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Gravitational wave forest from string axiverse

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I.Soda & Y.U.(1710.00305)

Kitajima, Soda & Y.U. (1807.07037)

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Axions (or ALPs) from string theory



ex. Large Volume Scenario

Conlon et al. (05)

Predicts light mass axions



Scalar potential of axion

continuous shift sym. $\phi \rightarrow \phi + 2\pi n/f$ NP effects $\phi \rightarrow \phi + c$ $n \in \mathbf{Z}$ e.g. instanton effects $V(\phi) \sim \Lambda^4 \cos \phi/f$ Are you sure with $\cos\phi/f$? - Dilute instanton gas approximation for $\phi/f << 1$ $V(\phi) \propto \phi^2$ for $\phi/f \ge 1$ $\cos\phi/f$? Witten(79, 80) SU(N) in large N $f_{\rm eff} \propto N$ Plateau structure Dubovski et al. (11), Yamazaki & Yonekura(17), … $V(\phi) = M^4 \left[1 - \frac{1}{(1 + (\phi/F)^2)^p} \right]$

Scalar potential of axion



iii) Superposition of multiple cosine terms

Plateau phenomenology



Search for string axiverse

Soda & Y.U.(17) Kitajima, Soda & Y.U.(18)

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Normalization

Neglect back-reaction on geometry

 \rightarrow Axion's dynamics is independent of (m, f)

$$\partial_t^2 \phi + 3H \partial_t \phi - \frac{\partial^2}{a^2} \phi + V_{,\phi} = 0 \qquad a \propto t^p, \ H = \frac{p}{t}$$
$$\int \tilde{x}^\mu \equiv m x^\mu \qquad \tilde{\phi} \equiv \frac{\phi}{f} \qquad V(\phi) = (mf)^2 \tilde{V}(\tilde{\phi}), \qquad \tilde{\phi} \equiv \frac{\phi}{f}$$
$$\partial_{\tilde{t}}^2 \tilde{\phi} + \frac{3p}{\tilde{t}} \partial_{\tilde{t}} \tilde{\phi} - \frac{\partial_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}}^2}{a^2} \tilde{\phi} + \tilde{V}_{,\tilde{\phi}} = 0$$

Evolution of *k*=0 mode

$$\begin{split} \psi &\equiv a^{3/2} \tilde{\phi} & \frac{m}{H} = \frac{mt}{p} \sim \tilde{t} \\ & \frac{d^2}{d\tilde{t}^2} \psi + \left[\frac{(**)}{\tilde{t}^2} + \frac{\tilde{V}_{,\tilde{\phi}}}{\tilde{\phi}} \right] \psi = 0 & (**) : O(1) \text{ number} \\ & >> \quad \text{slow-roll} \\ & \sim \quad \text{onset of oscillation} \\ & << \quad \text{oscillation} \\ & \text{e.g. } V \propto \varphi^2 \rightarrow \psi \sim \cos mt \\ & \text{if initially } \left| \frac{\tilde{V}_{,\tilde{\phi}}}{\tilde{\phi}} \right| <<1, \quad \tilde{t}_{osc} \sim \frac{m}{H_{osc}} \gg 1 \quad \text{ delayed oscillation} \\ & \text{Plateau condition, } \tilde{V} \text{ shallower than } \tilde{\phi}^2 \end{split}$$

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Linear analysis

Linearized KG eq. in FRW universe (w/ k/aH << 1)

$$\frac{d^2}{d\tilde{t}^2} \chi_k + \omega_k^2 \chi_k = 0 \qquad \chi_k \equiv a^{3/2} \frac{\delta \phi_k}{f}$$
$$\omega_k^2 \equiv \left(\frac{k}{ma}\right)^2 + \tilde{V}_{\tilde{\phi}\tilde{\phi}}$$

see e.g. Johnson & Kamíonkowskí (08) for analyses w/metric perturbations

3 phases for axions in plateau

(1) Slowly rolling down in $\tilde{V}_{\tilde{\phi}\tilde{\phi}} < 0$

Tachyonic inst. $\frac{k}{am} \leq \sqrt{|\tilde{V}_{\tilde{\phi}\tilde{\phi}}|}$

(2) Oscillation between

$$\widetilde{V}_{\widetilde{\phi}\widetilde{\phi}} < 0 \quad \longleftarrow \quad \widetilde{V}_{\widetilde{\phi}\widetilde{\phi}} > 0$$

continues long

(3) Oscillation in $\tilde{V}_{\tilde{\phi}\tilde{\phi}} > 0$ $\tilde{V} = \frac{\tilde{\phi}^2}{2} + \frac{\lambda}{4!}\tilde{\phi}^4 + O(\tilde{\phi}^4)$ corrections sustainable Narrow res.

Soda & Y.U.(17)

Instability in phase 2

$$\tilde{V}_{\tilde{\phi}\tilde{\phi}} < 0 \quad \longleftarrow \quad \tilde{V}_{\tilde{\phi}\tilde{\phi}} > 0$$

$$\frac{d^2}{d\tilde{t}^2}\,\chi_k + \omega_k^2\,\,\chi_k = 0$$

$$\omega_k^2 \equiv \left(\frac{k}{ma}\right)^2 + \tilde{V}_{\tilde{\phi}\tilde{\phi}}$$

peak at k ≠0

Broad res.? Tachyonic inst. like phase 1?

- Tachyonic instability $\frac{k}{am} \leq \sqrt{|\tilde{V}_{\tilde{\phi}\tilde{\phi}}|}$
- "some advantage" for larger k

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 k_{peak}

 $\tilde{V}_{\tilde{z}\tilde{z}}^{(\text{plat})}$

Broad res.? Tachyonic inst. like phase 1?

- Tachyonic instability $\frac{k}{am} \leq \sqrt{|\tilde{V}_{\tilde{\phi}\tilde{\phi}}|}$
- To shorten (2), larger k

Two instabilities for plateau axion

Kitajima, Soda & Y.U. (18)

Narrow res. dominant

Flapping res. dominant

- broader peak
- Much more efficient

Lattice simulation

Kitajima, Soda & Y.U. (18)

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(b) $c = 2, \phi_i = 2f$

Narrow res. dominant Phase 2: Short Flapping res. dominant Phase 2: Long

Lattice simulation N_{grid}=(256)³

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GW spectrum

 $f = 10^{16} \text{ GeV}, c = 5 \text{ and } \phi_i = 3f$

to evaluate the present value, x Ω_r

e.g. GWs emitted during radiation domination

$$\nu_{0} = \frac{\kappa m}{2\pi} \times \left(\frac{\rho_{\rm r,0}}{\rho_{\rm r,\,em}}\right)^{1/4} \simeq 0.78 \,\mathrm{nHz} \,\kappa \left(\frac{m}{H_{\rm em}}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{m}{10^{-12} \rm eV}\right)^{1/2}$$

GW forest

Axions from string theory

e.g., Svrcek & Witten (06)

GWs from axion DM

or lower frequency btwn CMB & PTAs?

c = 5 and $\phi_i = 2f$.

(c)

New window of axions in plateau

Theory side

Various instabilities for scalar fields who are initially located at plateau region.

Keys: Delayed oscillation, Flapping term (Phase 2)

Phenomenology side

Predicts bGWs at various frequencies, multi-band obs.?

GWs from axion DM: sweet spot is btwn CMB & PTAs.