Supermassive primordial black holes from QCD axion bubbles

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To build the model of primordial origin of SMBH which is consistent with observations

Backgrounds

Supermassive Black Hole (SMBH)

• SMBH= $\mathcal{O}(10^6) M_{\odot}$ black holes, which are frequently observed at the center of galaxy.

• Quite large SMBHs (e.g. $10^{7-9} M_{\odot}$) are observed at high red shift (e.g. $z \sim 7 - 10$)

or

- non-standard BH origin: PBH
- non-standard BH growth: super-Eddington accretion

Primordial Black Hole (PBH)

• Hypothetical black hole which is formed from overdense region in the early universe.

• Lots of motivations: DM, GW source, SMBH seed, etc.

• Formation condition: Their density contrast exceeds some threshold. [B. J. Carr(1975), Harada et. al.(2022)]

$$\delta = \frac{\rho - \rho_{BG}}{\rho_{BG}} > \mathcal{O}(1)$$



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energy density : \rho
BG energy density : \rho_{BG}
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Constraints on PBH

• Simplest model: PBH formation from inflationary density fluctuations





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Constraints on PBH



Overview of the Model

PBH Formation from QCD Axion Bubbles Previous study[N. Kitajima & F. Takahashi(2020)]





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① During inflation, axion field acquires quantum fluctuations as a spectator field.

2 Axion acquires a temporal potential and starts oscillation.

field value settles down to the minima



PBH Formation from QCD Axion Bubbles

③ Around the QCD phase transition, axion acquires its mass thanks to the non-perturbative QCD effect.

$$V_{\text{QCD}}(\phi) = m_a^2(T) f_a^2 \left(1 - \cos \frac{\phi}{f_a} \right)$$

rare & overdense axion bubble

homogeneous & background dark matter



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Details of the model

Dark Matter(DM) Abundance Previous study [N. Kitajima & F. Takahashi (2020)]

Axion oscillation starts

$$m_a(T_{\rm osc}) = 3H(T_{\rm osc})$$

- Axion number density. $n_a(T_{\rm osc}) \simeq \frac{1}{2} m_a(T_{\rm osc}) \phi_{\rm osc}^2$
- To account for the all DM abundance, we set

$$\frac{\phi_{\min}^{(0)}}{f_a} = 4.3 \times 10^{-3} \left(\frac{g_{\rm osc}}{60}\right)^{0.21}$$











Abundance of PBHs Previous study[N. Kitajima & F. Takahashi(2020)]

• Axion decay constant f_a \longrightarrow PBH mass range

• PBH model for SMBH seed • $f_a = 10^{16} \text{ GeV}$

Mass spectrum with a peak
 monochromatic mass approximation





Isocurvature Perturbations Our work[JCAP10(2023)049]

- PBH clustering
 - Isocurvature perturbation



Physical distance

• CMB constraint on isocurvature perturbation





Angular Correlation Functions of SMBH Previous study[**T. Shinohara et.al. (2023)**]

- New observational constraint: Angular correlation function of SMBH.
- The angular correlation function $w(x) = \left\langle \Delta_{\text{PBH}}(0,0) \Delta_{\text{PBH}}(\theta,\varphi) \right\rangle$

where

 $\Delta_{\text{PBH}} = \text{fluctuation of 2D number density}$ $\mathbf{x} = (r, \theta, \varphi)$

• Much larger angular correlation than the observational upper limit.

 $w(0.24^{\circ}) \sim 10^{6-7} \gg w_{\text{upper}}^{(\text{obs})}(0.24) = 5.37$





Suppression of Isocurvature Perturbation Our work[JCAP05(2024)092]

- Idea: PQ-scalar rolling in the early stage of inflation $\Phi = |\Phi| e^{i\frac{\varphi}{f_a}}$
- Axion fluctuation is suppressed for large $|\Phi|$



Modified Model Our work[JCAP05(2024)092]

Assumption: \bullet

> PQ-scalar potential at $|\Phi| \gtrsim f_a$ \simeq the Hubble-induced mass term

$$V(|\Phi|) \simeq \frac{1}{2} c_I H_{inf}^2 |\Phi|^2, c_I$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{EOM}} |\Phi| = |\Phi_*| e^{-\lambda H_{\text{inf}}(t-t_*)},$$
$$\lambda = \frac{3}{2} \left(1 \pm \sqrt{1 - \frac{4}{9}} \right)$$







Suppression of Isocurvature Perturbation Our work[JCAP05(2024)092]



The observational constraint is $0.45 \leq \lambda$.

Angular Correlation Function of PBH Our work[JCAP05(2024)092]



The observational constraint is $\lambda \leq 0.8$.



• PBH model with large inflationary density fluctuation is strongly constrained by CMB μ -distortion, in the mass region of SMBH seeds.

• To avoid the constraint, PBH formation from axion bubbles is proposed but its spatial distribution has strong observational constraints.

• Our modified model can explain primordial origin of SMBH without any violation of the observational constraints.

Thank you for your attention.