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... and often imply physics at low energies



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$$\theta_{\text{QCD}} \in (-\pi, \pi)$$

arg det $\mathcal{M}_q \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$?



Prediction:

$$d_n \sim 10^{-15} \theta \,\mathrm{ecm}$$

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Free parameter -

The QCD induced potential is minimized for ...

$$\theta_{\rm eff} = \theta + \frac{\langle a \rangle}{f_a} = 0$$





Mass

$$m_a \simeq m_\pi \frac{f_\pi}{f_a} \simeq 6 \text{ meV} \frac{10^9 \text{GeV}}{f_a}$$

Bare models



























Typical from Nambu-Goldstone Bosons





Cosmology















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WISPy Dark matter is generically COLD!



In the simplest ALP/HP models:

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recall $\rho_{\text{CDM}} = 1.17(6) \frac{\text{keV}}{\text{cm}^3}$

The most important factor is the initial amplitude it requires physics at <u>very high energies</u> at play

(Detecting WISPy DM opens a window to HEP!!!) in a sense...

But this model is not very testable... unless

- Isocurvature perturbations
- ALPs form a BECs through gravity int. (Sikivie's 2009)
And they imprint ISOCURVATURE perturbations



One more level of complication

Consider an ALP with a two photon coupling

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{free}} + \frac{g}{4} F_{\mu\nu} \widetilde{F}^{\mu\nu} \phi \qquad g \equiv \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \frac{1}{f_{\phi}} \mathcal{N} \qquad \mathcal{N} \sim O(1)$$

Since the coupling is 1/f and the v.e.v. is O(f) we can relate the DM abundance with coupling

$$\phi_0 \in (-\pi f_\phi, \pi f_\phi) \qquad \qquad \phi_0 < \frac{\alpha \mathcal{N}}{2} \frac{1}{g}$$

$$\rho_{\phi,0} \lesssim 1.17 \,\frac{\text{keV}}{\text{cm}^3} \times \sqrt{\frac{m_{\phi}}{\text{eV}}} \left(\frac{0.8 \times 10^{-14} \,\text{GeV}^{-1}}{g}\right)^2 \mathcal{FN}^2,$$



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And they are radiated from stars

And CAST and SUMICO do not see them

Experiments looking for solar axions (see later) didn't found a trace so far...

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How small can be m_1 ??

If we want the ALP to behave as CDM after standard Matter-Radiation equality $T_{
m eq} \sim 1.3\,{
m eV}$

$$m_0 > m_1 > 3H_{\rm eq} = 1.8 \times 10^{-27} \,\mathrm{eV}$$

It is however to saturate this bound

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It is however kind of difficult to build such models

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Thermalization of ALP CDM I

Primakoff process very effective at high T ...

 $\frac{\Gamma}{H} \propto g^2 m_{\rm Pl} T$

If ALP energy $E_a \sim T$

When ALP energies $E_a = m_a \ll T$ the COM energy is not sufficient to produce a plasmon!

$$s = m_e^2 + m_a^2 + 2E_e m_a > (m_e + m_\gamma)^2$$

$$E_e > \frac{2m_e m_\gamma + m_\gamma^2}{2m_a} \gg T$$

Exponentially suppressed!

Thermalization of ALP CDM II

$$\Gamma_{\phi C} \sim g^2 T^3 \frac{m_{\phi}}{\langle \Gamma_C \rangle}$$
 To still find a suppression $\sim \frac{m_a}{T}$

which makes it irrelevant in the region shown :-)

$$\phi F \widetilde{F} \sim (\partial_{\mu} \phi) K^{\mu} = m_{\phi} K_0$$

Primordial Magnetic fields trigger $\phi \leftrightarrow \vec{E}$

$$\mathcal{L} \ni \frac{g}{4} F_{\mu\nu} \widetilde{F}^{\mu\nu} \phi = -g \vec{\mathbf{B}} \cdot \vec{\mathbf{E}} \phi = (gB) E_{||} \phi$$

And Electric fields are amazingly damped, due to the huge conductivity of the primordial plasma

$$\sigma \sim \frac{T}{\alpha}$$

However, the conductivity also enters into the mixing matrix... and highly suppresses mixing

$$M^{2} = \begin{pmatrix} im_{\phi}\sigma & gBm_{\phi} \\ gBm_{\phi} & m_{\phi}^{2} \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \theta_{\text{eff}} \sim \frac{(2gBm_{\phi}^{2})^{2}}{(m_{\phi}^{2} - \omega_{\text{P}}^{2})^{2} + (m_{\phi}^{2}\sigma)^{2}}$$

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but very big fields (or very primordial) required

Laboratory

Laboratory Experiments

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Cavity experiments looking for ALP CDM

based on $\phi \leftrightarrow \vec{E}$ mixing in a magnetic field (detect a tiny electric field, oscillating at fixed frequency $\omega \simeq m_{\phi}$)

- ADMX, ADMX-II, and HF (Yale)
- Proposed at DESY, CERN
- IAXO
- UWA

They seem too few for such a wealth of possibilities !!!!!!!!!

Axion Bounds and Searches

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Much longer experiments + 2nd resonant cavity ${\rm O(100\ m)} \qquad Q\sim 10^5$

Two competing groups: ALPS II @ DESY vs. Fermilab
Other experiments are sensible to ALPs

- International Solar observatory
 - B's of order 5 T,
 - L= 20 m
 - Zero backgrounds

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Kinetic mixing is the most relevant interaction at low energies

 $\mathcal{L}_I = -\frac{1}{2}\chi F_{\mu\nu}B^{\mu\nu}$

Size of kinetic mixing

Natural size: radiative correction

$$\chi \sim \frac{eg_h}{16\pi^2} \log \frac{m}{\mu} \sim 10^{-3}$$

natural value not soooo small!

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- The initial value of amplitude is not bounded!
- No phase transitions (no CSs, DWs ... well...)
- HPs mix directly with Photons (no need for B) (resonance transitions can evaporate HP CDM)
- Small E field in the universe
- ADMX-lie exps. do not need B field



WISPy Dark matter: Example II (Hidden Photon)

Nelson & Scholtz, Arias et al.



- Extensions of the SM might well accommodate WISPs

The Strong CP problem cries for an axion

- Cosmology cries for WISPs!

Dark Matter, (Dark Radiation, Dark Energy)

- WISPs can be searched experimentally

<u>New Axion/ALP/HP cold dark matter experiments !!!</u> Next generation experiments (ALPS II, IAXO)