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# Dark matter as a complex scalar field: new cosmological constraints and detectability by LIGO

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# **Scalar Field Dark Matter: Cold Dark Matter Variant**



Cold Dark Matter (CDM) candidates

- Standard CDM: WIMP, QCD Axion, etc.
- Scalar Field Dark Matter

#### Small-Scale Problems:

Discrepancies between dark matter simulations and observations on sub-halo scales

- Missing satellites
- Cuspy Core
- Too big to fail



Boylan-Kolchin et. al. 2012

#### Motivation for Scalar Field Dark Matter (SFDM):

alternative DM candidate to explain discrepancies

SFDM: Ultra-light (m  $\ll$  10<sup>-5</sup> eV), "cold" bosons (T  $\eqsim$  0) in an (effective) classical field description

#### **Astrophysics motiv':**

Suppression of DM clustering below a scale compatible with observations Suppression of central DM densities in galaxies to explain cored density profiles in DM-dominated (dwarf) galaxies

Accomplish all this, even if we never detect DM

#### **Particle physics motiv':**

Ultra-light bosons in extensions of the SM, e.g.

(a multitude of) axion-like particles ("string axiverse")),

other extra-dimensional cosmologies (akin to KK modes),

pseudo-Nambu-Goldstone bosons (upon symmetry breaking in early Universe)

#### Scalar Field Dark Matter (SFDM), aka Bose-Einstein Condensed Cold Dark Matter (BEC-CDM)

- Particles created with low entropy per particle → BEC
  → classical field Lagrangian for the DM condensate ("order parameter")
- complex scalar field  $\psi = |\psi| e^{i\theta} \rightarrow U(1)$  symmetry: charge conservation

$$\mathscr{L} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \psi^* \partial_\nu \psi - V(\psi)$$

units:  $[L] = [eV/cm^3], [\Psi] = cm^{-3/2}, (+,-,-,-)$ 

- assume no coupling to the SM within this EFT description
- choice of V( $\psi$ ) and initial conditions determine i) the evolution of SFDM, hence the evolution of the background Universe ii) suppression of small-scale structure for L < L<sub>SFDM</sub> with L<sub>SFDM</sub> = max{ $\lambda_{deB}$ , l<sub>SI</sub>}

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choice of potential V: (rest-mass) quadratic term, (mc<sup>2</sup>/2)  $|\psi|^2$  $(\rightarrow \text{CDM-like in late Universe}),$ plus a possible repulsive self-interaction,  $(\lambda/2)$   $|\psi|^4$  $(\rightarrow$  radiation-like in early Universe)  $\rightarrow$  fundamental SFDM parameters: m and  $\lambda$ **Initial condition:** 

conserved charge Q of SFDM determines energy density of DM today large-Q limit "spintessence":  $\rho_{SFDM.0} = Qmc^2$ 

 $\lambda = \hat{\lambda} \frac{\hbar^3}{m^2 c}$ 

(a version of "asymmetric DM")

$$\rho_{SFDM,0} = n_{SFDM,0} mc^2 = \Omega_{DM} \rho_{crit,0}$$

#### **Equations of motion**

Klein-Gordon equation for the SFDM field  $\psi$  .....

$$g^{\mu\nu}\partial_{\mu}\partial_{\nu}\psi - g^{\mu\nu}\Gamma^{\sigma}_{\ \mu\nu}\partial_{\sigma}\psi + \frac{m^{2}c^{2}}{\hbar^{2}}\psi + \frac{2\lambda m}{\hbar^{2}}|\psi|^{2}\psi = 0$$

...which evolves in a classical GR background

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T_{\mu\nu}$$

# Well into the matter-dominated era, they simplify to ...

nonlinear Schrödinger-Poisson system

$$i\hbar\frac{\partial\psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\Delta\psi + \lambda|\psi|^2\psi + m\Phi\psi$$
$$\Delta\Phi = 4\pi Gm|\psi|^2$$

#### **Numbers for SFDM parameters**

"Typical" numbers of models:

**QCD axion:**  $m \simeq 6 \times 10^{-6} \text{ eV} \frac{10^{12} \text{ GeV}}{f}$   $10^9 \le f \le 10^{12} \text{ GeV}$ 

(attractive) SI usually neglected:  $\lambda \sim 10^{-57}$ 

 $\lambda = \hat{\lambda} \frac{\hbar^3}{m^2 c}$ 

ultra-light axion-like particles:  $m \sim (10^{-33} - 1) \text{ eV}$ , f unknown, but reasons for f  $\sim 10^{16} \text{ GeV}$ 

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(other) bosons for DM:  $m \sim (10^{-27} - 1) \text{ eV}$ ,

SI usually neglected, but we don't: (positive)  $\lambda \sim 10^{-93}$  -  $10^{-83}$ 

For the latter two: Jeans/virial scale can extend to galactic scales ~ kpc !

	Halo mass $[M_{\odot}]$	Size [kpc]	Boson mass [eV]
Milky Way (MW)	$10^{12}$	100	$1.066 \cdot 10^{-25}$
Dwarf galaxy (DG)	10 <sup>10</sup>	10	$3.371 \cdot 10^{-24}$
Dwarf spheroidal (dSph)	$10^{8}$	1	$1.066 \cdot 10^{-22}$
Minihalo (MH)	$10^{6}$	0.1	$3.371 \cdot 10^{-21}$

TRD, Shapiro (1209.1835)

Jeans / virial scales bounded from below by

• no self-interaction:  $L_{deB} \leq R \rightarrow m \geq m_{H}$  (Heisenberg uncertainty "pressure")

$$m_H := \frac{\hbar}{R^2 (\pi G \bar{\rho})^{1/2}} = 1.066 \cdot 10^{-22} \left(\frac{R}{1 \text{ kpc}}\right)^{-1/2} \left(\frac{M}{10^8 M_{\odot}}\right)^{-1/2} \text{eV}$$

• or else gravity is balanced by a *positive* self-interaction coupling:

 $L_{deB} << R \rightarrow m >> m_{H}$  and  $\lambda >> \lambda_{H}$  (self-interaction "pressure")

$$\lambda_H := \frac{\hbar^2}{2\bar{\rho}R^2} = 2.252 \cdot 10^{-62} \left(\frac{R}{1 \text{ kpc}}\right) \left(\frac{M}{10^8 M_{\odot}}\right)^{-1} \text{ eV cm}^3$$

#### **ASFDM Model** (2014) + GW (2016)

**2014:** take the same cosmic inventory as the basic ACDM model, except that CDM is replaced by SFDM  $\rightarrow$  ASFDM (1310.6061, PRD 89, 083536 (2014)) 2016: add stochastic GW background (SGWB) from inflation self-consistently to it (1611.07961) $\Omega_{\rm m} = \Omega_{\rm h} + \Omega_{\rm c}$ 

Cosmological parameters from Planck 2013/2015

(assume SM neutrinos massless 
$$\Omega_{\Lambda} = 1 - \Omega_{m} - \Omega_{r}$$
 (2014)

 $\Omega_{\Lambda} = 1 - \Omega_{m} - \Omega_{r} - \Omega_{GW} (2016)$  SFDM particle parameters: m, λ/(mc<sup>2</sup>)<sup>2</sup>  $\lambda/(mc^2)^2 = 1 \times 10^{-18} \text{ eV}^{-1} \text{ cm}^3 \implies l_{st} \approx 0.8 kpc$ 

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \psi^* \partial_\nu \psi - \frac{1}{2} mc^2 |\psi|^2 - \frac{\lambda}{2} |\psi|^4,$$

Global U(1) symmetry  $\Rightarrow$  Charge (particle number density) conservation  $Q \equiv n - \overline{n} = \rho_{SFDM,0} / (mc^2)$ 

- Tensor-to-scalar ratio: r
- Reheating temperature: T<sub>reheat</sub> •

## **Holistic Evolution of the ASFDM Universe**

Friedmann equation

$$H^{2}(t) \equiv \left(\frac{\mathrm{d}a/\mathrm{d}t}{a}\right)^{2} = \begin{cases} H_{\mathrm{inf}}^{2}, & a < a_{\mathrm{inf}}, \\ H_{\mathrm{inf}}^{2} \left(\frac{a_{\mathrm{inf}}}{a(t)}\right)^{3}, & a_{\mathrm{inf}} < a < a_{\mathrm{reheat}}, \\ \frac{8\pi G}{3c^{2}} \left[\rho_{r}(t) + \rho_{b}(t) + \rho_{\Lambda}(t) + \rho_{\mathrm{SFDM}}(t) + \rho_{\mathrm{GW}}(t)\right], & a > a_{\mathrm{reheat}}, \end{cases}$$

SGWB contribution to the expansion history *self-consistently* included

$$\Omega_{\rm GW}(k,a) \equiv \frac{\mathrm{d}\Omega_{\rm GW}(a)}{\mathrm{d}\ln k} = \frac{1}{\rho_{\rm crit}(a)} \frac{\mathrm{d}\rho_{\rm GW}(a)}{\mathrm{d}\ln k}$$
$$= \frac{\Delta_h^2(k,a)c^2}{24a^2H^2(a)} \left( \left| \frac{h'_k(a(\tau))}{h_k(a(\tau))} \right|^2 + k^2 \right)$$

Klein-Gordon Equation

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**g.** 
$$\omega = \frac{mc^2}{\hbar} \sqrt{1 + \frac{2\lambda}{mc^2} |\psi|^2}$$

"easier"

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Behavior is determined by choice of initial conditions !



differently !

#### "spintessence" SFDM with repulsive SI has 3 phases



- Stiff-SFDM-dominated early Universe
- $\rightarrow$  additional N<sub>eff</sub> during (1) and (2)
- $\rightarrow$  amplifies primordial GWs from inflation during (1)



**ASFDM+SGWB:** the Universe has 6 eras

## Cosmological evolution in an FLRW Universe of real vs. complex SFDM

Li,TRD,Shapiro (1310.6061)



Magaña, Matos (2012)



 $(m, \lambda)_{\text{fiducial}} = (3 \times 10^{-21} \text{ eV/c}^2, 1.8 \times 10^{-59} \text{ eV cm}^3)$ 

Limiting the duration of the stiff phase after reheating and before BBN constrains SFDM parameters via their contribution to  $N_{\text{eff}}$ 

- for given r: the smaller the DM mass, the later must reheating occur
- Matter-radiation equality:

$$1 + z_{\rm eq} \equiv \frac{1}{a_{\rm eq}} = \frac{\Omega_b h^2 + \Omega_c h^2}{\Omega_r h^2 + \Omega_{\rm GW} h^2}$$

• N<sub>eff</sub> during BBN:

$$\frac{\Delta N_{\rm eff,BBN}(a)}{N_{\rm eff,standard}} = \frac{\Omega_{\rm SFDM}(a) + \Omega_{\rm GW}(a)}{\Omega_{\nu}(a)}$$



Cosmological Constraints on the SFDM parameters



#### enhanced signal of inflationary SGWB due to DM !

Any grav.waves which enter horizon while the background

EOS obeys w > 1/3 amplifies  $\Omega_{GW}$ ! (Grishtshuk, Giovannini, Boyle, .....)

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**ASFDM predicts 2-parameter broken power-law spectrum at high frequencies:** 

$$\Omega_{GW}(f) = \Omega_{GW,peak} \times \begin{cases} f / f_{peak}, & f \leq f_{peak} \\ \frac{9\pi}{64} (f / f_{peak})^{-2}, & f > f_{peak} \end{cases}$$



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NEW upper limit from O1 excludes this example case at 95% CL → The Age of DM Search/Constraints by GW Detection has begun !

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Current limits: O1 from LIGO (1612.02029)



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# Conclusions: SFDM is a good DM candidate

- may resolve small-scale problems of CDM *structure formation*
- rich variety of models allows non-standard *expansion histories* in the early Universe: particle parameters are constrained by the CMB, BBN, other PTs, primordial GWs from inflation (SGWB)
- puts into reach the possible detection of the inflationary SGWB:
  a wide range of DM particle parameters and reheat temperatures can be already tested by aLIGO/VIRGO O1 run, and more with O5 !
  (some examples are already ruled out from O1)
  - → ongoing/upcoming GW laser interferometer experiments can detect/constrain DM !