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Evaporating primordial black holes, the string axiverse, and hot dark radiation

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A new way to probe the total number of ALPs with m < few MeV through the spin distribution of PBHs that are evaporating today!



The String Axiverse

Scalar field with a shift symmetry in 4D No mass terms by perturbative effects Mass is generated by non-perturbative effects

String theory: $E \downarrow \rightarrow SM + \mathcal{G} \rightarrow 10D (4 \text{ s-t} + 6 \text{ compactified})$

Compactified extra dimensions are the key concept for the Axiverse!



6 extra d + many ways to compactify = $(N_a \sim [100-10^5])$

Primordial BH

- PBHs are BHs formed in the early Universe
- Through the gravitational collapse of **overdensities** in the **cosmic plasma**
- Masses can be several orders of magnitude below the solar mass



 $M \sim 10^{12}$ kg evaporates enough to show changes in a_* in presence of many scalars. (T > few MeV)

Radiation Dominated Era \rightarrow small spin (percent level).

Early Matter Dominated Era → Nearly extremal

Spacetime before and after the formation of an horizon (Hawking 1975)

In a (1+1)D s-t:
$$n_{\omega} = \frac{1}{(e^{\frac{2\omega\pi}{\kappa}} - 1)}$$
, $T_{H} = \frac{\kappa}{2\pi}$
In a 4D s-t: $\nabla^{\mu} \nabla_{\mu} \Phi = 0 \Rightarrow \cdots \Rightarrow \left(\frac{d^{2}}{dx^{2}} + \omega^{2} - V(r)\right) \psi(r) = 0$





BH geometry acts as a potential barrier that filters Hawking radiation.





Radial Teukolsky Equation:

$$\Delta^{-s} \frac{d}{dr} \left(\Delta^{s+1} \frac{dR}{dr} \right) + \left(\frac{K^2 - 2is(r-M)K}{\Delta} + 4is\omega r - \lambda \right) R = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \Gamma^s_{l,m}(\omega)$$

$$\forall \exists \text{ field \& mode:} \quad n_{l,m}^{s}(\omega) = \frac{\Gamma_{l,m}^{s}(\omega)}{(e^{\frac{2k\pi}{\kappa}} - 1)} \qquad \kappa = \frac{\sqrt{1 - a_{*}^{2}}}{2}r_{*} \qquad k = \omega - m\Omega_{H}$$
Page ('74 - '76)
Hiskock et al ('98)
Mass & angular momentum:
$$\begin{pmatrix} f_{s} \\ g_{s} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{p,l,m} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma_{l,m}^{s}(\omega)}{(e^{\frac{2k\pi}{\kappa}} \pm 1)} \binom{x}{m a_{*}^{-1}} dx \qquad x = \omega M$$

$$y = -\ln[a_{*}] \quad z = -\ln[M/M_{i}] \quad \tau = -M_{i}^{3}t \qquad Page ('74 - ?76) \\ Hiskock et al ('98) \\ \frac{dz}{dy} = \frac{1}{h} = \frac{f}{g - 2f} \qquad \frac{d\tau}{dy} = \frac{e^{3z}}{g - 2f} \qquad \frac{da_{*}}{dt} = \frac{-a_{*}hf}{M^{3}} \qquad s = 0 \\ s = 1/2 \\ s = 3/2 \\ s = 2 \\ 0.4 \qquad 0.6 \qquad 0.8 \qquad 1.0$$

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A BH is not evaporating through only one field!!!

 $f_{tot} = n_0 f_0 + n_{1/2} f_{1/2} + n_1 f_1 + n_{3/2} f_{3/2} + n_2 f_2$ $g_{tot} = n_0 g_0 + n_{1/2} g_{1/2} + n_1 g_1 + n_{3/2} g_{3/2} + n_2 g_2$

Evaporating BH: $M \downarrow \& T_{H} \uparrow \rightarrow$ emitted particle set changes!!!

Particles emission with $m > T_{H}$ is exponentially suppressed

Approximation: particles are considered massless for $m < T_{H}$ and are otherwise absent from the emission spectrum.

Set up of our description



String Axiverse $\rightarrow N_a$ scalars field in addition to the SM particles and the graviton.

Axiverse fingerprint in PBHs evaporation



Present PBH spin, a_{*0} , as a function of their present mass, M_0 , for an initial population with spin $a_* = 0.01$ and varying mass. Curves labeled by number of light ALPs. 10

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ALPs \rightarrow cosmological and astrophysical effects \rightarrow signatures of individual axions (mass ranges), not of the whole 'string axiverse'.

The **PBH spin distribution** from **evaporation** process in the presence of **many light scalar** fields **cannot**, to our knowledge, be **mimicked** by other processes \rightarrow **unique signature** of an **underlying theory** with a large number of light scalars.

Hot Dark Radiation

Integrated flux of ALPs from a single PBH in the relevant PBH spin range $\sim 3 \times 10^{22} N_a (10^{10}/M) s^{-1}$

- → Reasonable N_a → Hawking luminosity is ALPs dominated
- → Hot $(10^{10} \text{kg} \rightarrow \text{T}_{\text{H}} \sim 1 \text{ GeV})$
- \rightarrow Dark to the SM
- → Not red-shifted (It is now evaporating)

→ Usual constraints (BBN, CMB...) do not apply → potentially the present ALPs hot 'dark-radiation' $\rho > \rho_{CMB}$.

Detection of background energetic dark axions is a striking signal for both axiverse physics and the existence of Hawking evaporating PBHs.

References

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We show that primordial black holes (PBHs) develop non-negligible spins through Hawking emission of the large number of axion-like particles generically present in string theory compactifications. This is because scalars can be emitted in the monopole mode (l = 0), where no angular momentum is removed from the BH, so a sufficiently large number of scalars can compensate for the spin-down produced by fermion, gauge boson, and graviton emission. The resulting characteristic spin distributions for 10^8 - 10^{12} kg PBHs could potentially be measured by future gamma-ray observatories, provided that the PBH abundance is not too small. This yields a unique probe of the total number of light scalars in the fundamental theory, independent of how weakly they interact with known matter. The present local energy density of hot, MeV-TeV, axions produced by this Hawking emission can possibly exceed $\rho_{\rm CMB}$. Evaporation constraints on PBHs are also somewhat weakened.

Superstring theory is one of the leading candidates for a fundamental theory combining quantum gravity and Light string axions can have a wide range of cosmological and astrophysical effects, e.g. steps in the matter

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Thanks for your attention!!!

