Boltzmann or Bogoliubov? A Case of Gravitational Higgs Production

Is the Higgs Condensate or Fluctuation?

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1. Introduction

Higgs Phase Transition

Higgs Potential $V(\Phi)$



- We live in the broken phase
- Should have been broken since before BBN
- Perhaps symmetric phase above T_{EW}
- ► $V(\Phi) = V_{T=0}(\Phi) + V_T(\Phi)$ seems good approximation during RD
- But, how about before RD epoch?
- Was the universe in the broken phase or symmetric phase during and after inflation?

EWSB in Two Ways during Inflation



[from Zimmermann group at Toront U.]

- Primordial Higgs condensate
- Exists before/during inflation



- Stochastic Higgs fluctuation
- Excited during inflation

Both characterized by $\langle |\Phi|^2 \rangle \neq 0$; can we distinguish the difference?

2. Condensate or Fluctuation?

Setup

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\mathcal{L}_{\text{grav}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{inf}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{Higgs}} \right],$$

Inflaton sector:

$$V(\phi)$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$M_P$$

$$\phi$$

$$M_P$$

$$T\text{-model:}$$

$$V(\phi) = 6\lambda_{\phi}M_P^4 \tanh^2\left(\frac{\phi}{\sqrt{6M_P}}\right)$$

$$\lambda_{\phi} \simeq 10^{-11} \Rightarrow m_{\phi} \simeq 10^{13} \text{ GeV}$$

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{L}_{\inf} &= \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_{\mu} \phi \partial_{\nu} \phi - V(\phi) \\ \mathcal{L}_{\mathsf{Higgs}} &= g^{\mu\nu} (D_{\mu} \Phi)^{\dagger} (D_{\nu} \Phi) - V(\Phi) \end{cases}$$

Higgs sector:

 Consider the simplest (negligible non-minimal coupling)

$$V(\Phi) = -\mu^2 |\Phi|^2 + \lambda (\Phi^{\dagger} \Phi)^2,$$
$$\Phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \chi_1 + i\chi_2 \\ \chi_3 + i\chi_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

In what follows, we may replace

$$\Phi \to \chi/\sqrt{2}$$

without loss of generality

Primordial Higgs Condensate



- Suppose Higgs formed a Bose-Einstein condensate before/during inflation
- $\chi(t_{\text{ini}}) = \chi_0$ and zero momentum (no excitations)
- Follows equation of motion:

 $\ddot{\chi} + 3H\dot{\chi} + \partial_{\chi}V(\chi) = 0$

- $\blacktriangleright \langle \chi^2 \rangle_{\text{t-ave}} \neq 0$
- Phase space distribution:

$$f_{\rm cond}(p,t) = \frac{\rho_{\rm cond}(t)}{m_{\chi,\rm eff}} (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\vec{p})$$

Stochastic Higgs Fluctuation



- Suppose $\chi(t_{ini}) = 0$ (no condensate)
- ► Decompose $\chi = \overline{\chi} (IR) + \delta \chi (UV)$
- EoM becomes the Langevin Eq.:

$$\dot{\overline{\chi}}\simeq -\frac{\partial_{\overline{\chi}}V(\overline{\chi})}{3H}+f^{\delta\chi}$$

• $\delta\chi$ induces the Gaussian noise $f^{\delta\chi}$:

$$\langle f^{\delta\chi}(t_1)f^{\delta\chi}(t_2)\rangle = \frac{H_e^3}{4\pi^2}\delta(t_1 - t_2)$$

 \blacktriangleright For a sufficiently long time, $\overline{\chi}$ reaches

$$\langle \overline{\chi}^2 \rangle \sim \frac{H_e^2}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad m_{\chi, {\rm eff}}^2 \simeq 3 \lambda \langle \overline{\chi}^2 \rangle$$

Gravitational Particle Production from Inflaton Scattering



- Gravitational χ production during oscillation phase
- Phase space distribution:

 $f_{\chi}(k) \simeq \frac{9\pi}{64} \left(\frac{H_e}{m_{\phi}}\right)^3 \left(\frac{m_{\phi}}{k}\right)^{9/2} \\ \begin{cases} k : \text{comoving momentum} \\ p : \text{physical momentum} \\ p = k/a(t) \end{cases}$

• Energy conservation: $p = m_{\phi} \longleftrightarrow k = am_{\phi} > m_{\phi}$

Gravitational Particle Production from Phase Transition



- ▶ Particle production through abrupt phase transition (dS \rightarrow MD)
- Initial condition: Bunch-Davies vacuum (no particle)
- $\omega_{\chi}^{(dS)} \neq \omega_{\chi}^{(MD)}$, producing particles
- Phase space distribution:

$$f_{\chi}(k) \simeq \begin{cases} \frac{9}{64} \left(\frac{H_e}{k}\right)^6 & (k > k_*) \\ \frac{9}{32} \left(\frac{H_e}{m_{\chi,\text{eff}}}\right) \left(\frac{H_e}{k}\right)^3 & (k < k_*) \end{cases}$$
$$k_* = \left(\frac{H_e^2 m_{\chi,\text{eff}}}{2}\right)^{1/6}$$

• Only $k < H_e$ may be excited

Two Sources of Gravitational Particle Production



3. Phase Space Distribution and Higgs Decay

Phase Space Distribution

 $\langle |\Phi|^2 \rangle \neq 0$ in both cases, but $f_h(k)$ is very different:

Condensate:

$$\begin{split} f_h(p,t) &= \frac{\rho_{\rm cond}(t)}{m_{h,\rm eff}} (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\vec{p}) \\ m_{h,\rm eff} &\approx \sqrt{\lambda |\Phi_0|^2}, \quad \rho_{\rm cond}(t) \approx \begin{cases} \rho_{h,0} & (H > m_{h,\rm eff}) \\ \rho_{h,0}(a/a_{\rm osc})^{-4} & (H < m_{h,\rm eff}) \end{cases} \end{split}$$

Fluctuation:

$$\begin{split} f_{h}(p,t) &= f_{\mathsf{hard}}(p,t) + f_{\mathsf{sfot},\mathsf{R}}(p,t) + f_{\mathsf{soft},\mathsf{NR}}(p,t) \\ &\approx \begin{cases} \frac{9\pi}{64} \left(\frac{H_e}{m_{\phi}}\right)^3 \left(\frac{m_{\phi}}{k}\right)^{9/2} & (k > m_{\phi} \sim H_e) \\ \frac{9}{64} \left(\frac{H_e}{k}\right)^6 & (k > k_*) \\ \frac{9}{32} \left(\frac{H_e}{m_{\chi,\mathrm{eff}}}\right) \left(\frac{H_e}{k}\right)^3 & (k < k_*) \end{cases} \end{split}$$

Do they have any phenomenological implication?

Higgs Decay

• Suppose λ is a free parameter \Rightarrow When $m_{h,\text{eff}} > T_{\text{RH}}$, Higgs is very non-thermal • If $\sqrt{\lambda} \gtrsim g, y_t$, $h \rightarrow WW, ZZ, t\bar{t} \Rightarrow$ Take Γ_h as a free parameter

Condensate:

$$\dot{\rho}_h + 4H\rho_h = -\Gamma_h\rho_h \quad \Rightarrow \quad \rho_h(t) = \rho_{h,0} \left(\frac{a}{a_{\rm osc}}\right)^{-4} e^{-\Gamma_h t}$$

$$\bullet \text{ Decays away at } t_{\rm dec} = \Gamma_h^{-1} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{a_{\rm dec}}{a_e} \simeq \left(\frac{3H_e}{2\Gamma_h}\right)^{2/3}$$

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4. Summary

Summary and Outlook

EWSB by either the primordial Higgs condensate or the stochastic fluctuation

They may be distinguished by phase space distribution

• Higgs is non-thermal when $T_{\rm RH} < m_{h, {\rm eff}} \sim \sqrt{\lambda} H_e$

Demonstrated the perturbative Higgs decay as a possible application

Could be many implications (inf. models, thermal effect, DM, BAU, GWs, etc.)