Imprint of inflationary gravitational waves and WIMP dark matter in pulsar timing array data



Theory meets Experiment

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The dance of supermassive black holes....





Several early Universe physics....



Can be strongly connected with Particle physics... Sourced by tensor perturbations

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Injection of entropy into the thermal bath...



• Can be based on any Abelian extension of the SM.



$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm DM} = i \overline{\chi} \mathcal{D}(q_{\chi}) \chi - m_{\chi} \overline{\chi} \chi.$$
$$\mathcal{D}(q_{\chi}) \chi = \gamma^{\mu} \left(\partial_{\mu} + i g_{\rm BL} \, q_{\chi} \, Z_{\rm BL\mu} \right) \chi$$

Boltzmann equations :

$$\frac{dE_{\chi}}{da} = \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle_{\chi}}{Ha^4} \left((E_{\chi}^{eq})^2 - E_{\chi}^2 \right) , \qquad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{n} \, \mathbf{a}^3 \qquad \frac{dE_{N_1}}{da} = \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle_{N_1}}{Ha^4} \left((E_{N_1}^{eq})^2 - E_{N_1}^2 \right) - \frac{\Gamma_{N_1}}{Ha} E_{N_1} , \qquad (2)$$

$$\frac{dT}{da} = \left(1 + \frac{T}{3g_{*s}}\frac{dg_{*s}}{dT}\right)^{-1} \left[-\frac{T}{a} + \frac{\Gamma_{N_1}M_{N_1}}{3H s a^4}E_{N_1}\right].$$
 (3)



Evolution of the background:



DM phenomenology

• DM relic : [relativistic freeze-out]

$$\Omega_{\chi}h^2 = 2.745 \times 10^8 \times m_{\chi} \times \frac{0.278}{g_{*s}(x_f)} \times \frac{3 g_{\chi}}{4}.$$

Required entropy injection

$$S = \frac{\Omega_{\chi} h^2}{0.12} \qquad \text{Diluter properties}$$
$$S \simeq \left[2.95 \times \left(\frac{2\pi^2 g_* (T_{N_1})}{45} \right)^{1/3} \frac{(rM_{N_1})^{4/3}}{(\Gamma_{N_1} M_P)^{2/3}} \right]^{3/4}$$

• Assuming instantaneous decay of N_1 ($\Gamma_{N_1} = H$) :

$$T_{N_1} \simeq 3.104 \times 10^{-10} \left(\frac{M_{N_1}}{m_{\chi}} \right) \simeq T_{R_2}.$$

Connected with DM phenomenology

Impact on inflationary GW?





$$T_T^2(\tau_0, k) = F(k)T_1^2(\zeta_{eq})T_2^2(\zeta_{N_1})T_3^2(\zeta_{N_1R})T_2^2(\zeta_R), \quad \zeta_i \equiv k/k_i$$

Implications for Nanograv

Peak frequencies

- Evidence of GW background at nHz frequencies by PTAs.
- Possible source: Inflationary GW with a blue tilt.
- Low reheat temperature unless different post-inflationary cosmology.
- Connection with Dark Matter (or may be some other) particle physics scenarios, with characteristic GW spectra at higher frequencies.
- Miracle-less WIMP: naturally leads to such a non-standard postinflationary epoch, testable at LIGO 05.
- Other complementary probes in particle physics experiments: KATRIN, NDBD.
- Sub-dominant GW from cosmic strings also present in the setup.
- A detailed analysis for astrophysical foregrounds, multiband analysis, anisotropy signatures...

THANK YOU GRACIAS!

Questions?

BACK-UP

$$F(k) = \Omega_m^2 \left(\frac{g_*(T_{k,\text{in}})}{g_{*0}}\right) \left(\frac{g_{*s0}}{g_{*s}(T_{k,\text{in}})}\right)^{4/3} \left(\frac{3j_1(k\tau_0)}{k\tau_0}\right)^2.$$

$$\begin{split} T_1^2(\zeta) &= 1 + 1.57\zeta + 3.42\zeta^2, \\ T_2^2(\zeta) &= \left(1 - 0.22\zeta^{1.5} + 0.65\zeta^2\right)^{-1}, \\ T_3^2(\zeta) &= 1 + 0.59\zeta + 0.65\zeta^2, \end{split}$$

$$\rho_{\rm GW} = \frac{1}{32\pi G} \int \frac{dk}{k} \left(\frac{k}{a}\right)^2 T_T^2(\tau, k) P_T(k),$$