

Cosmology in a Universe with Complex Scalar-Field Dark Matter

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OUTLINE

- Dark Matter Candidate: Complex Scalar Field Dark Matter (SFDM, or BEC SFDM)
- ASFDM Cosmology: Observational Constraints
- Stochastic Gravitational-Wave Background (SGWB) from Inflation: Amplification in ΛSFDM
- Prediction of Detectability of the Inflationary SGWB by Advanced LIGO/Virgo

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→ complex SFDM is *asymmetric* dark matter

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SFDM has 3 phases

Einstein + Klein-Gordon \Rightarrow

$$(p / \rho)_{SFDM} = w(t)$$

- (1) Late: w=0
 (Non-relativistic matter)
- (2) Intermediate: w=1/3 (Radiationlike)
- (3) Early: w=1 (Stiff)
- (1) + (2) \Rightarrow Just like \land CDM
- but (3) $\Rightarrow \Omega_{SFDM} \rightarrow 1$ as $a \rightarrow 0$
 - ⇒ Stiff-SFDM-dominated early Universe



ASFDM: the Universe has 6 eras



ASFDM Model Parameters

• SFDM particle parameters: m, $\lambda/(mc^2)^2$ $\lambda/(mc^2)^2 = 1 \times 10^{-18} \text{ eV}^{-1} \text{ cm}^3 \implies l_{SI} \approx 0.8 kpc$

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

- Global U(1) symmetry \Rightarrow Charge (particle number density) conservation $Q \equiv n - \overline{n} = \rho_{SFDM,0} / (mc^2)$ ($\overline{n} = 0$)
- BEC \implies Classical field description
- Tensor-to-scalar ratio: $r = A_T/A_S$ $H_{inf} = \frac{\pi M_{pl}}{\hbar} \sqrt{rA_s}$

Reheat temperature: Treheat

inflationary paradigm

Stochastic Gravitational-Wave Background from Inflation



 $\Delta_{h,init}^2(k) = A_T(k/k_*)^{n_t}$

Single-field slow-roll inflation

- r > 0.001
- Consistency relation $n_t = -r/8$

Subhorizon inflationary SGWB energy density spectrum:

$$\Omega_{GW}(k,a) = \frac{\Delta_{h,init}^2(k)}{12} \left(\frac{kc}{aH}\right)^2 T_h(k,a),$$

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• 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

Klein-Gordon Equation

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

conformal time: $d\tau \equiv dt / a(t)$

 $\frac{\hbar^2}{2mc^2}\ddot{\psi} + 3\frac{\hbar^2}{2mc^2}\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\dot{\psi} + \frac{1}{2}mc^2\psi + \lambda|\psi|^2\psi = 0,$

ρ_{GW} (t): Tensor Mode Perturbations in the ΛSFDM Universe

Tensor mode equation of motion in Fourier space:

$$h_k''(\tau) + 2 \frac{a'(\tau)}{a(\tau)} h_k'(\tau) + k^2 h_k(\tau) = 0$$

GW spectrum vs. k at scale factor a(t):

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• In subhorizon limit, different modes contribute to ρ_{GW} (t) according to the expansion phase during which they re-entered the horizon, how many e-foldings elapse in each phase since horizon crossing, and the initial power spectrum: $\Delta_{h,\text{init}}^2(k) \simeq k^0$

w = 0 (reheating era)
$$\bigstar$$
 $\Omega^{m}_{GW}(k,\tau) \simeq \frac{\Delta^{2}_{h,\text{init}}(k)}{24} \cdot \frac{9}{4} \frac{1}{(k\tau)^{2}}$, Red tilt

w = 1 (stiff-SFDM-dominated) era $\leftarrow \rightarrow$

$$\Omega_{\rm GW}^{\rm stiff}(k,\tau) \simeq \frac{\Delta_{h,{\rm init}}^2(k)}{24} \cdot \frac{8}{\pi} k \tau$$
, Blue tilt

w = 1/3 (radiation-dominated era) $\leftarrow \rightarrow$

$$\Omega_{\mathrm{GW}}^{\mathrm{rad}}(k,\tau) \simeq rac{\Delta_{h,\mathrm{init}}^2(k)}{24}.$$

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FIG. 13. Left: Tensor perturbations for different k modes, as they reenter the horizon during reheating (with w = 0) at different times. At $\tau/\tau_{\text{reheat}} = 1$, the reheating era gives rise to the stiff era. The tensor modes (strains) are normalized over their initial amplitude $h_{k,\text{init}}$ for each k. Right: The exact solution for $\Omega_{\text{GW}}(k, \tau)$ as a function of $k\tau$ (solid curve), as well as the respective asymptotic expressions (with the superhorizon and subhorizon as dotted and dashed lines, respectively), for a reheating era with w = 0. Ω_{GW} is normalized over $\Delta_{h,\text{init}}^2/24$.

Example: Tensor modes of different k that re-enter horizon during the reheating era : w = 0

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Matter-radiation equality: z_{eq}

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

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Zeq = 3365 +/- 44 (68% C.L.)



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SGWB measured by laser interferometers:

 $\Omega_{GW}(f)$ at a=1

- LIGO can detect ΛSFDM-amplified inflationary SGWB for a range of SFDM parameters (m, λ) that satisfy cosmological constraints, for values of tensor-to-scalar ratio r currently allowed by CMB expmnt and a large range of reheat temperatures T_{reheat}.
- For given r and λ/(mc²)², the marginally-allowed model for each T_{reheat} has the smallest m that satisfies cosmological constraints and maximizes the present energy density of the SGWB for that T_{reheat}
- SGWB is then maximally *detectable* for T_{reheat} values for which modes that re-enter horizon when reheating ends have frequencies today inside LIGO sensitive band.
- GW experiments can already place a new kind of cosmological constraint on SFDM!

scale factor at horizon re-entry for modes of frequency f today



Example 1 prediction for aLIGO/Virgo





Spoiler alert! Upper limit from O1 data excludes this example case at 95% CL (1612.02029)



 \Rightarrow The Age of Dark Matter Search by GW Detection has Begun!

Example 2 prediction for aLIGO/Virgo



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Summary

(A) Complex SFDM has stiff and radiation-like relativistic phases

→ Increases the expansion rate of the early universe

(B) Stiff-SFDM-dominated era amplifies SGWB from inflation

Subhorizon tensor modes contribute a radiation-like energy density to the background universe
 Further increases the expansion rate during the radiation-dominated era

(A) + (B) → Cosmological Constraints on SFDM Particle Parameters

• Observational constraints on N_{eff} and $z_{eq} \rightarrow$ constraints on allowed range of (m, λ)

$$2.3 \times 10^{-18} \,\mathrm{eV^{-1} \, cm^3} \le \frac{\lambda}{(\mathrm{mc}^2)^2} \le 4.1 \times 10^{-17} \,\mathrm{eV^{-1} \, cm^3},$$

$$m_{\min} \simeq (5 \times 10^{-21} \text{ eV}/c^2) \times \begin{cases} \frac{T_{\text{reheat}}}{10^3 \text{ GeV}} \sqrt{\frac{r}{0.01}}, & T_{\text{reheat}} \gtrsim 10^3 \text{ GeV}, \\ 1, & T_{\text{reheat}} < 10^3 \text{ GeV}. \end{cases}$$

Summary (cont.)

Stiff-SFDM-dominated era amplifies SGWB from inflation -> GWs detectable!

ASFDM predicts 2-parameter broken power-law SGWB spectrum

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

Expected SNR depends on the position of fpeak relative to LIGO band

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 - ⇒ e.g. For marginally-allowed models with r=0.01 and $\lambda/(mc^2)^2 = 1 \times 10^{-18} eV^{-1} cm^3$,

 $8.75 \times 10^3 < T_{reheat}$ (GeV) $< 1.7 \times 10^5$ is excluded at 95 CL by LIGO O1 data.

- But for the same illustrative family, 3σ detection by O5 data (in 2022) is possible for 600 < T_{reheat} (GeV) < 10⁷ GeV.
- ➡ GW experiments can already place a new kind of cosmological constraint on
- SGWB (inflation + ΛSFDM) can exceed that from unresolved BH and NS mergers!

Summary (cont.)

Q: What happens to ΛSFDM if N_{eff, BBN} = N_{eff, standard} = 3.046 is someday favored by abundance measurements?

A: Upper limit on $\Delta N_{eff, BBN}$ remains, but lower limit is relaxed

→ allows $\lambda \rightarrow 0$ limit (i.e. SFDM non-self-interacting), since SFDM then has no radiation-like (w = 1/3) intermediate phase

→ SFDM transitions directly from stiff (w = 1) to matter-like (w = 0)

But stiff phase must still end before BBN > m > m_{min}

$$m_{\rm min} \simeq (5 \times 10^{-21} \text{ eV}/c^2) \times \begin{cases} \frac{T_{\rm reheat}}{10^3 \text{ GeV}} \sqrt{\frac{r}{0.01}}, & T_{\rm reheat} \gtrsim 10^3 \text{ GeV}, \\ 1, & T_{\rm reheat} < 10^3 \text{ GeV}. \end{cases}$$

AND even if $\lambda \rightarrow 0$, ΛSFDM stiff phase amplifies the inflationary SGWB enough to be detectable!!