Electroweak axion string and superconductivity

1. Introduction

DFSZ axion model: two Higgs doublets + singlet scalar

- provides QCD axion resolving strong CP. (NGB of $U(1)_{PO}$).
- requires 2HDM and is testable by, e.g., ILC. (HPNP!)
- predicts a string-like soliton called axion string due to $U(1)_{PO}$.

We found a novel type of axion string, which has a special property, superconductivity.

2. Setup

$$-\mathscr{L}_{mix} = \left(\kappa S^2 H_1^{\dagger} H_2 + h.c.\right) + \kappa_{1S} |H_1|^2 |S|^2 + \kappa_{2S} |H_2|^2 |S|^2$$

	H_1	H_2	S
$SU(2)_W$	2	2	1
$U(1)_Y$	1	1	0
$U(1)_{\rm PQ}$	1	-1	1

 $\langle S \rangle = v_{PQ} \simeq 10^{9-12} \,\text{GeV} \longrightarrow \text{SSB of } U(1)_{PQ} \text{ and axion appears.}$ $\langle H_1 \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v_1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \langle H_2 \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow SU(2)_W \times U(1)_Y \to U(1)_{EM}$

$$v_{EW}^2 = 2(v_1^2 + v_2^2) \simeq (246 \,\text{GeV})^2$$



3.Electroweak axion string

- High temperature: $v_{EW} \ll T \lesssim v_{PQ} \rightarrow$ ordinary axion string
- Low temperature: $T \lesssim v_{EW} \rightarrow Electroweak axion string (new!)$



string and break $U(1)_{\rm EM}$ sym! \rightarrow superconducting string

4. Discussion

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- The string is a stable solution of EOM in some parameter space.
- Large amount of electric current can flow on the string.
- \rightarrow Y-junction is formed with probability 1/2 when the strings collide.

The standard cosmological scenario for the strings might breakdown!

Outlook: new constraint on DFSZ model?



