Connection to Dark Matter

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Predicted GW spectra - Recap



From a simulation by Weir et. al.



LISA working group 1512.06239 Update: 1910.13125

$$h^2\Omega_{
m GW}(f)\equiv h^2rac{f}{
ho_c}rac{d
ho_{
m GW}}{df}$$

Three contributions

- Scalar field contribution
- Sound waves in the plasma
- Magnetohydrodynamic Turbulence.

The spectra depend on the macroscopic properties

- Latent heat α
- Timescale of the transition β^{-1}
- The Hubble scale (or almost equivalently T_n)
- The wall velocity vw

These are all calculable from microphysics (although v_w is technically challenging).

We can calculate these quantities and then match onto results from simulations/semi-analytic studies.

If enough of a plasma is present - Bodeker, Moore 1703.08215

- Runaway wall is prevented by $P_{
 m LO} \sim T^2 \Delta M^2$ or $P_{
 m NLO} \sim \gamma g^2 T^3 \Delta M$
- Scalar field contribution is suppressed.

Having the predicted spectra and future experiments in mind...

We now need a strong PT!

We want to know which particle physics models will have been tested by LISA in 2040 say.

EW phase transition



- Csikor, Fodor, Heitger, hep-ph/9809291,



D'Onofrio, Rummukainen 1508.07161

SM with $m_h = 125$ GeV predicts a crossover. Nevertheless, only the minimum (VEV) of the potential, and the 2nd derivative there (m_h) , is known.

Strong EW phase transition

- BSM physics can give a strong EWPT.
- Attractive scenario: EWBG.
- However, EWBG requires a subsonic wall. This leads to some tension with the very strong PTs which lead to GWs detectable at LISA. 5/47

QCD confinement



Similarly the QCD phase transition in the SM is a crossover.

Phase Transitions in a Dark Sector

- We introduce some new fields as a solution to the DM puzzle.
- Additional scalar fields may result in a dark phase transition.
- The phase transition can actually be closely tied to the relic abundance.

The idea here is to explore the feasibility of using GWs to detect SSB in a dark matter sector.

I will discuss three examples:

- I. $SU(2)_D$ Vector DM and associated Phase Transition.
- II. $SU(2)_D$ Vector DM with a classically scale invariant potential.
- III. Supercooled Composite DM from a Confining Phase Transition.
- The first two examples serve as a case study for GWs from DM.
- The last example, which has a natural realisation in the composite Higgs, shows some novel results (work in progress).

Part I.

$SU(2)_D$ Vector Dark Matter

A simple DM model - Hambye 0811.0172

The Model: $SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \times SU(2)_D$

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -rac{1}{4} \mathcal{F}_D \cdot \mathcal{F}_D + (\mathcal{D}H_D)^\dagger (\mathcal{D}H_D) - \mu_2^2 H_D^\dagger H_D - \lambda_\eta (H_D^\dagger H_D)^2 - \lambda_{h\eta} H_D^\dagger H_D H^\dagger H_D$$

Custodial SO(3) symmetry

Dark gauge bosons, A, are stable and form the DM!

Standard Freezeout

Relic abundance for $m_A \gg m_{h_D}$

$$g_D pprox 0.9 imes \sqrt{rac{m_A}{1~{
m TeV}}}$$

Gauge coupling g_D

- Determines relic abundance.
- Generates a thermal barrier \rightarrow first order PT.

Close link between parameters determing $\Omega_{\rm DM}$ and SSB \rightarrow Test using GWs!

But first let us check the experimental constraints on the model

Direct Detection - Limit on Mixing

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LHC constraints - Limit on Mixing

 $heta \lesssim \mathcal{O}(0.1)$

Let us now turn to the phase transition.

Reminder:

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Finite temperature effective potential

$$V_{\text{eff}} = V_{\text{tree}}(\phi) + V_1^0(\phi) + V_1^T(\phi, T) + V_{\text{Daisy}}(\phi, T)$$

Thermal Contribution

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2\pi^2}{T^4} V_1^{T}(\phi, T) &= \int_0^\infty y^2 \mathrm{Log} \left(1 - e^{-\sqrt{y^2 + m_i^2(\phi)/T^2}} \right) \mathrm{d}y \\ &\approx -\frac{\pi^4}{45} + \frac{\pi^2 m^2}{12T^2} - \frac{\pi m^3}{6T^3} - \frac{m^4}{32T^4} \mathrm{Ln} \left(\frac{m^2}{220T^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Calculation of the GW spectrum

Euclidean Action

$$S_3 = 4\pi \int r^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{d\phi_i}{dr} \right)^2 + \Delta V(\phi, \eta, T) \right) dr$$

Nucleation when $\Gamma/V \sim T^4 e^{-S_3/T} \sim H^4$.

Calculation of the GW spectrum

Find the latent heat and timescale of the PT

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{\rho_{\rm rad}} \left(1 - T \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \right) \left(V[\phi_0, \eta_0] - V[\phi_n, \eta_n] \right) \Big|_{T_n}$$
$$\beta = -\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{S_3}{T} \right) = H T_n \frac{d}{dT} \left(\frac{S_3}{T} \right) \Big|_{T_n}$$

Detectability of the signal

Astro Foregrounds: Farmer, Phinney '03, Regimbau '11, Rosado '11

Aside: Shape Reconstruction

The SNR above is for power-law backgrounds.

With stronger signals also the shape can be reconstructed. Caprini et al. 1906.09244

Results

LISA can test only limited parameter space of standard, polynomial type, potentials. BBO can do somewhat better. But we are really after a scenario which generically returns a lot of supercooling.

Part II.

 $SU(2)_D$ Vector Dark Matter with a Classically Scale Invariant Potential.

The Model:
$$SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \times SU(2)_D$$

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{1}{4} F_D \cdot F_D + (\mathcal{D}H_D)^{\dagger} (\mathcal{D}H_D) - \frac{\mu^2 H_D^{\dagger} H_D}{\mu^2 H_D^{\dagger} H_D} - \lambda_\eta (H_D^{\dagger} H_D)^2 - \lambda_{h\eta} H_D^{\dagger} H_D H^{\dagger} H_D$$

- Hambye, Strumia 1306.2329, - Hambye, Strumia, Teresi 1805.01473

Radiative Symmetry Breaking

We start with a classically scale invariant theory

The dark gauge coupling drives the exotic quartic negative in the IR

$$\beta_{\lambda_{\eta}} = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \left(\frac{9}{8} g_D^4 - 9 g_D^2 \lambda_{\eta} + 2\lambda_{h\eta}^2 + 24\lambda_{\eta}^2 \right)$$

- This signals radiative symmetry breaking Coleman, E. Weinberg '73
- The potential is approximated in the flat direction in field space - Gildener, S. Weinberg '76

Classically Scale Invariant Potential

- Hambye, Strumia 1306.2329

Potential at T = 0

$$V_1^0(\eta) \simeq rac{9g_D^4\eta^4}{512\pi^2} \, \left({
m Ln}\left[rac{\eta}{v_\eta}
ight] - rac{1}{4}
ight) + \Lambda_{CC}^4$$

The thermal contribution of the gauge bosons is added to this. The EW Higgs mass is generated through the portal. Universe becomes vacuum dominated before PT, i.e. $\Lambda_{CC}^4 > g_* \pi^2 T^4/30$.

Taking into account QCD

If $T_n \lesssim \Lambda_{QCD}$, QCD confinement must be taken into account.

- When QCD confines a mass scale enters the potential.
- EW Symmetry is broken by the quark condensate.
- The Higgs gets a VEV $\langle h \rangle \sim \Lambda_{\rm QCD}$ induced by $y_t h \langle \overline{t_L} t_R \rangle$. - Witten '81
- This gives a mass term $V_{\rm eff} \supset -\lambda_{h\eta} \Lambda^2_{QCD} \eta^2$.
- The thermal barrier disappears at $T \sim m_h \Lambda_{QCD}/m_A$.
 - Iso, Serpico, Shimada 1704.04955

DM relic density

Super-cool DM - Hambye, Strumia, Teresi 1805.01473

$$\begin{split} Y_{\rm DM}|_{\rm super-cool} &= Y_{\rm DM}^{\rm eq} \frac{T_{\rm RH}}{T_{\rm infl}} \left(\frac{T_{\rm n}}{T_{\rm infl}}\right)^3 \\ Y_{\rm DM}|_{\rm sub-thermal} &= M_{\rm Pl} M_{\rm DM} \langle \sigma_{\rm ann} v_{\rm rel} \rangle \sqrt{\frac{\pi g_*}{45}} \int_{z_{\rm RH}}^{\infty} \frac{dz}{z^2} Y_{\rm eq}^2 \end{split}$$

DM relic density

DM and PT possibilities

• Regime (i): standard freeze-out.

(ia).
$$T_n > \Lambda_{\rm QCD}$$
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(ib). ${\cal T}_n < \Lambda_{\rm QCD}.$ (QCD effects must be added to $V_{\rm eff}.)$

• Regime (ii): super-cool DM.

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(iib). ${\cal T}_n < \Lambda_{\rm QCD}.$ (QCD effects must be added to $V_{\rm eff}.)$

Regime (ia) and (iia) are amenable for testing using GWs!

- \bullet With massless quarks QCD PT is first order at ${\it T} \sim \Lambda_{QCD}:$ GW signal
 - Helmboldt, Kubo, van der Woude 1904.07891
- However inflation continues until $T \sim m_h \Lambda_{QCD}/m_A$ \rightarrow suppresses signal.
- $SU(2)_D$ PT is also first order.
- But due to mass term $V_{\rm eff} \supset -\lambda_{h\eta} \Lambda^2_{QCD} \eta^2$ signal is weak.

So we focus on $T_n > \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ instead.

GW signal Regime (ia) - Standard Freezeout

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GW signal Regime (iia) - Super-cool DM

Super-cool DM

$$Y_{\mathrm{DM}}|_{\mathrm{super-cool}} = Y_{\mathrm{DM}}^{\mathrm{eq}} rac{T_{\mathrm{RH}}}{T_{\mathrm{infl}}} \left(rac{T_{\mathrm{end}}}{T_{\mathrm{infl}}}
ight)^3$$

Here $g_D \simeq 1$ and $m_A \gtrsim 370$ TeV.

GW signal Regime (iia) - Super-cool DM

We correct for the period of matter domination after the PT.

$$f_{
m peak}
ightarrow \left(rac{T_{
m RH}}{T_{
m infl}}
ight)^{1/3} f_{
m peak} \qquad \Omega_{
m GW}
ightarrow \left(rac{T_{
m RH}}{T_{
m infl}}
ight)^{4/3} \Omega_{
m GW}$$

Peak Frequency Regime (iia) - Super-cool DM

Key prediction of the model

We find the peak frequency here is $\sim 10^{-2}$ Hz almost independent of m_A .

Caveat: calculation can be improved as the running of g_D potentially important.

If nucleation rate is low, we can form bubbles which never meet.

If nucleation grows enough, sufficient bubbles to meet will nucleate. 34/47

In the classically scale invariant potential we have a slow transition but an exponentially growing nucleation rate.

We can explicitly check the volume of false vacuum decreases and the bubbles will percolate.

$$P(T) \equiv e^{-I(T)} \lesssim 1/e \implies I(T) = \frac{4\pi}{3} \int_{t_c}^t dt' \Gamma(t') a(t')^3 r(t,t')^3 \gtrsim 1$$
$$\frac{1}{H \mathcal{V}_{\text{false}}} \frac{d\mathcal{V}_{\text{false}}}{dt} = 3 + T \frac{dI}{dT} \lesssim -1.$$

Also see Ellis, Lewicki, No 1809.08242 Ellis, Lewicki, No, Vaskonen 1903.09642

Part III.

Supercooled Composite DM from a Confining Phase Transition.

All results here are preliminary. Digitize the plots at your own risk. IB, Yann Gouttenoire, Filippo Sala, Geraldine Servant arXiv:2ymm.nnnnn

Assume for now

- The strong sector could arises from some SU(N).
- Strong sector confines at a scale f.
- Along with the gluons there are a number of massless quarks.
- The DM is a hadron stable due to some underlying global symmetry of one of its constituent quarks.*
- The DM is a composite state with $m_{\rm DM} \sim f$.

* In analogy with proton/antiproton stability or K mesons which would be stable in the absence of strangeness violating weak interactions.

Quark Confinement

Now consider if the strong sector phase transition is supercooled.

Cornell potential at large distances*

$$E_{q\bar{q}} pprox f^2 \langle d_c
angle pprox rac{f^2}{T_{
m nuc}} \left(rac{\gamma_{
m cw}}{\gamma_{
m wp}}
ight)^{1/3} pprox \left(rac{f^3}{T_{
m nuc}}
ight)^{1/2}$$

* Cf lattice QCD: compared to the confining distance of 1 fm, this has been tested out to 3 fm. Here we extrapolate further. $^{39/47}$

DM from string breaking

The quarks are diluted by the supercooling to

$$Y_{\mathrm{q}}^{\mathrm{SC}} = Y_{\mathrm{q}}^{\mathrm{eq}} \left(rac{\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{nuc}}}{\mathcal{T}_{\mathrm{start}}}
ight)^{3} \, .$$

2 The gluons and quarks can enter the bubbles when

$$\gamma_{\rm wp} \gtrsim \left(\frac{f}{T}\right)^{3/2}$$

which can easily be achieved in a supercooled transition.

• The string hadronization yields an additional number of DM particles

$$N_{
m string}^{
m DM} \sim rac{r \, E_{qar q}}{f}$$

where r is a model dependent branching fraction.

OM again possibly reaches kinetic equilibrium with thermal bath following reheating. work in progress – further hadronization (?).

The string branching fraction

• If DM is a heavy resonance - additional suppression.

Thermal Model - Chliapnikov, Phys. Lett. B462, 341 (1999) $\langle r \rangle \propto (2J+1) \text{Exp} \left[-\frac{M}{f} \right]$

- Alternatively if $m_{\rm DM} \approx f$ we may have democratic production $r \sim 10^{-2} 10^{-1}$.
- An $\mathcal{O}(1)$ fraction of $E_{q\bar{q}}$ also ends up in kinetic energy.

The DM Yield

Here we assume $T_{\rm start} = 10^{-2} m_{\rm DM}$ and $\langle \sigma v \rangle = 100/m_{\rm DM}^2$.

Composite Higgs Scenario

- Possible solution to the hierarchy problem.
- Here we assume the DM is also composite.
- Along with the Higgs, the theory contains the Dilaton
 a pNGB of the scale symmetry.
- The dilaton acts as a portal because it couples to the SM particles and to DM.
- For example, the DM can annihilate through the dilaton into the SM.
 - Bai et al. 0909.1319, Blum et al. 1410.1873, Efrati et al. 1410.2225

Composite Higgs with a Light Dilaton

A light dilaton arises if the beta function of the strong sector is small when the theory confines.

This implies strong supercooling.

Supercooled composite DM and composite Higgs

The composite DM confines upon entering the bubbles.

The light dilaton portal gives an interplay of direct, indirect, and gravitational wave signatures! For colliders: see Ahmed, Mariotti, Najjari (to appear).

GW signature

No precise prediction is available for this model yet. But as it relies on supercooling, we expect some sizable GW spectrum.

Summary

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- Extensively studied the PTs for spin-one DM as a case study for sensitivity of future GW observatories to DM models.
- LISA, which will launch in 2034, will test scenarios with significant supercooling. ET also has some sensitivity.
- Work is underway in studying the novel aspects of supercooled composite DM.
- This has a direct realisation in composite Higgs models, which are tied to the hierarchy problem, and offer a variety of other pheno.

The terms of the one-loop effective potential

Effective Potential

$$V_{\text{eff}} = V_{\text{tree}}(\phi) + V_1^0(\phi) + V_1^T(\phi, T) + V_{\text{Daisy}}(\phi, T)$$

$$V_1^{0}(\phi) = \sum_{i} \frac{g_i(-1)^F}{64\pi^2} \left\{ m_i^4(\phi) \left(\text{Log}\left[\frac{m_i^2(\phi)}{m_i^2(v)}\right] - \frac{3}{2} \right) + 2m_i^2(\phi)m_i^2(v) \right\}$$

$$V_1^T(\phi, T) = \sum_i \frac{g_i(-1)^F T^4}{2\pi^2} \times \int_0^\infty y^2 \operatorname{Log}\left(1 - (-1)^F e^{-\sqrt{y^2 + m_i^2(\phi)/T^2}}\right) dy$$

$$V_{\text{Daisy}}^{\phi}(\phi, T) = \frac{T}{12\pi} \Big\{ m_{\phi}^{3}(\phi) - \big[m_{\phi}^{2}(\phi) + \Pi_{\phi}(\phi, T) \big]^{3/2} \Big\}$$

Dark Running - Including All Coupligns

$$\frac{dg_D}{d\ln(\mu)} = \frac{g_D^3}{(4\pi)^2} \left(-\frac{22}{3} + \frac{1}{6} \right)$$

Quick review of future experimental prospects

LISA Pathfinder. 3/12/15 - 30/6/17

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Editors' Suggestion

Featured in Physics

Beyond the Required LISA Free-Fall Performance: New LISA Pathfinder Results down to 20 $\mu \rm Hz$

Proposal submitted to ESA - 1702.00786. Planned launch: 2034.

Underground LISA

Could be built in Sardinia or in Belgium. The belgian site has particularly good rock.

Big Bang Observer: a super LISA

- Currently this is a largely virtual experiment.
- However, it seems sensible to consider the possibility of post-LISA GW observatories with better sensitivity in the frequency range spanning the LISA and LIGO bands.
- The sensitivity curve has been calculated using a six satellite configuration. Thrane, Romano 1310.5300

Two big discoveries in the past decade

2012. Discovery of the Brout Englert Higgs boson

2016. Direct Detection of Gravitational Waves

Let us merge the two ideas.

Gravitational Waves from an early Universe Phase Transition

Actually already done by Witten '84, Hogan '86, ... PHYSICAL REVIEW D VOLUME 30, NUMBER 2 Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey 08540 (Received 9 April 1984)

- Symmetry is typically restored at high T.
- Violent events (e.g. cosmological phase transitions) produce gravitational waves.

Gravitational Waves from an early Universe Phase Transition

From a simulation by Weir et. al.

Since then

- Detected Higgs and GWs.
- Quantitative understanding of the predicted GW spectra has improved.
- IISA pathfinder has successfully flown.
- G Concrete future proposals such as LISA have been developed.