

Axion Weak Leaks: Dark matter driven inspirals

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Outline

- Axions, the string axiverse and black holes
- What happens to BHs and their motion?
- BH+Fields and Einstein's field equations
- Axion weak leaks. The imprints on binaries
- Final remarks



Axions and the string axiverse

(Arvanitaki et al. 2009, Ferreira 2021)

- Axions arise as a possible solution for the Strong CP problem in the SM.
- As a consequence we have a ultralight (pseudoscalars) with mass

$$m_a \approx 6 \times 10^{-10} \left(\frac{10^{16} \text{GeV}}{f_a} \right) \text{eV}.$$

- From KK mechanisms from string theory, we also expect ultralight bosons down to Hubble scale $\approx 10^{-33}$ eV.
- These particles are good candidates for *dark matter*.

Why is that important for BHs?

(Teukolsky&Press 1974, Brito, Cardoso & Pani 2020)

- Rotating BHs and superradiance.
- A BH in a bottle: **BH bomb**.
- The natural confinement: massive fields.
- A rule of thumb: $r_h \sim \lambda_c$, which leads to

$$m_b \sim 5.6 \times 10^{-11} \left(\frac{M_{\odot}}{M}\right) \text{eV}.$$

No SM particle has that!



Black holes and revelations (of axions)

(Brito, Cardoso & Pani 2014, Arvanitaki, Baryakhtar and Baryakhtar 2015, East 2018,...)



Condensation of axions: Boson stars

(Palenzuela 2023 for a review, ...)



We have a lot of BS in the Symposium. \bigcirc

What to expect when moving through

Traykova et al. 2021, Vicente and Cardoso 2022, Traykova et al. 2023

$$\dot{E}_{\rm BH} = \frac{\pi\hbar\omega n}{\mu k_{\infty}} \sum_{\ell,m} (2\ell+1) \frac{(\ell-m)!}{(\ell+m)!} (\operatorname{Ps}_{\ell}^{m})^{2} \left(1 - \left|\frac{R}{I}\right|^{2}\right).$$

$$P_{S}^{i}(t') = \int_{S_{t'}} dV_{3} T^{\alpha i} N_{\alpha}.$$

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$$\boldsymbol{F}' = -\frac{4\pi M^{2} \rho \boldsymbol{v}}{v^{3}} \log\left(\sqrt{1 + \frac{b_{\max}^{2}}{(M/v^{2})^{2}}}\right)$$



What to expect when binaries move through

Baumann, Chia, and Porto 2019, Berti et al. 2019, Tomaselli et al. 2024, Bošković et al. 2024,...



Masses in the Stellar Graveyard

LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA Black Holes LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA Neutron Stars



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What do we aim to solve: Axion weak leaks



Black hole + cloud with a companion



Parasitic BH in a BS with a companion

Einstein's field equations

$$G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi T_{\mu\nu}, \qquad \Box_g \Phi = \frac{\partial V}{\partial \Phi^*}$$

$$T_{\mu\nu} \equiv T^{\Phi}_{\mu\nu} + T^{\rm m}_{\mu\nu}$$

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For details, see *Duque, Macedo, Vicente, and Cardoso (2024)* 2312.06767v2

For the background

BH+Clouds

• Background metric is Schwarzschild

$$A = B = 1 - \frac{2M}{r}.$$

• The field around the background is the spherical ground state:

$$\phi_0 \approx C e^{-M\mu^2 r} e^{-2i\mu M \log\left(1 - \frac{2M}{r}\right)}.$$

BH+BS

• We take a PN approach to compute the metric potentials and the field from a known configuration

$$A = \left(1 - \frac{2M_{\rm BH}}{r}\right) e^{2U(r)},$$

$$\phi_0 = \left(1 - \frac{2M_{\rm BH}}{r}\right)^{-2i\mu M_{\rm BH}} \tilde{\phi}_0(r),$$

$$m(r) = M_{\rm BH} + 4\pi\mu^2 \int_{r_i}^r dr' r'^2 |\phi_0(r')|^2$$

In some regimes, the results are consistente with a superposition.

Computing the fluxes

$$\begin{split} \text{Energy flux} & \text{Noether flux} \\ \dot{E}_L^S &= -\sigma_L \lim_{r \to r_L} r^2 \sqrt{AB} \int \mathrm{d}\Omega \, T_{tr}^S & \dot{Q}_L &= \sigma_L \lim_{r \to r_L} r^2 \sqrt{\frac{A}{B}} \int \mathrm{d}\Omega \, J_Q^r \end{split}$$

S stands for Φ or *g*.

The rate of change in the orbital energy is

$${}^{\ell} \dot{\varepsilon}_{\mathrm{p,L}}^{\Phi} \approx -\frac{{}^{\ell} \dot{E}_{L}^{\Phi} - {}^{\ell} \dot{Q}_{L} \omega}{m_{p}}, \quad {}^{\ell} \dot{\varepsilon}_{\mathrm{p,L}}^{g} = -\frac{{}^{\ell} \dot{E}_{L}^{g}}{m_{p}}.$$

Let's test first with a supermassive BS



Parasitic black holes



Axion dominating the flux

Black hole + spherical bosonic cloud



Final remarks

- Ultralight fields are found everywhere **beyond the SM physics**.
- Due to superadiance, they have a profound impact in astrophysical BHs and the formation of structures.
- The Evolution of binaries in these environments can be **potentially tested in future GW observatories**.
- A large fraction of the energy is due to axions... It *really leaks*.

Thank you!







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