

# *The axion vs the* **WIMP**

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1. an axion review
  - why the axion in particle physics?
  - put an (invisible) axion: astrophysical constraints
  - the axion in cosmology: *COLD* Dark Matter
2. how to distinguish **the axion vs the WIMP?**
  - direct detection
  - non-linear structure formation : ingredients, scenarios ...and things to do?
3. (what we did) [arXiv:1307.8024](https://arxiv.org/abs/1307.8024) with M Elmer

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Pospelov, Ritz

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$\Rightarrow$  **solution**: add fields, such that “generalised” chiral rotns ( $\equiv$  PQ sym) are a sym of classical theory.

## To build an (Invisible) axion model

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1. aim to obtain a “Peccei-Quinn” symmetry = a global symmetry of the classical Lagrangian, broken by colour anomalies ( $\simeq$  some generalisation of chiral rotns)
2. for instance (SVZ), add a gauge-singlet scalar with  $Q_{PQ} = 2$  and SU(2) singlet quarks  $\Psi_{L,R}$  with  $Q_{PQ} = \pm 1$ , so

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \partial_\mu \Phi^\dagger \partial^\mu \Phi + i\bar{\Psi} \not{D} \Psi + \{\lambda \Phi \bar{\Psi} \Psi + h.c.\} + V(\Phi)$$

3. arrange to break the PQ sym spontaneously, at high scale, such that all new particles are heavy except the goldstone = axion
4. so can rotate  $\theta$  to the phase of  $\Phi$ ...which is a dynamical field...who will get a mass and want to sit at zero.

...so if CDM is an oscillating axion field, the nedm oscillates at  $m_a \sim 10^{10} \text{ s}^{-1}$

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$\Rightarrow$  only new particle at low-energy is the (pseudo-) goldstone  $a$

mixes to pion :  $m_a \sim \frac{m_\pi f_\pi}{f_{PQ}} \simeq 6 \times 10^{-5} \frac{10^{11} \text{ GeV}}{f_{PQ}} \text{ eV}$

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couplings to SM  $\propto \frac{1}{f_{PQ}} \propto m_a$

always to gluons  $\Leftrightarrow$  nucleon

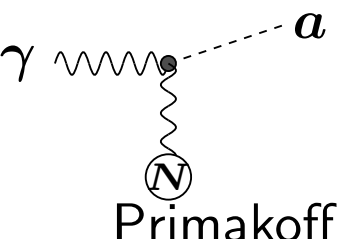
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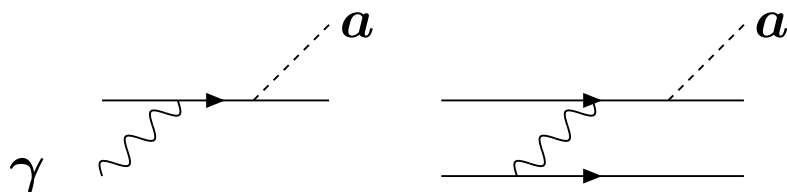
generically  $\sim \frac{\alpha}{\pi f_{PQ}}$  to  $2\gamma$  (triangle, and mixing with  $\pi$ )

# Astrophysical bounds

Raffelt...

axion light and (feebly) coupled to SM  $\propto \frac{1}{f_{PQ}} \propto m_a$

$\Rightarrow$  produce in sun, He-burning stars( $g_{ae}$ ), supernovae( $g_{aN}$ )... 



Primakoff

(axion couplings to  $e$  vs  $N$  vary across models by  $\sim 10$ )

upper bound on coupling to avoid rapid stellar energy loss:

$$m_a \lesssim 10^{-2} \text{ eV}$$

$$(f_{PQ} \gtrsim 10^9 \text{ GeV})$$

# *the axion as Cold Dark Matter*

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2. it grows density fluctuations like CDM
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## Relate $\langle a_0 \rangle$ to $f_{PQ}$ ? When was inflation?

### Scenario 1: PQPT before inflation

no:  $a_0$  random ( $10^{-7} f_{PQ}$  ok...so any  $m_a \lesssim 10^{-2}$  eV ok...)

But, also  $\delta a/a \sim H_I / (2\pi f_{PQ})$ , gives isocurvature  $\delta\rho/\rho$ ,

Planck  $\Rightarrow H_I \lesssim 10^7 \sqrt{f/10^{12}}$  GeV, or non-canonical kin.terms for  $a...$

### Scenario 2: PQPT after inflation

yes:  $\langle a_0^2 \rangle_U \text{ today} \sim \pi^2 f_{PQ}^2 / 3$

density today higher for smaller mass  $\Rightarrow$  correct  $\Omega$  for  $m_a \gtrsim 10^{-5}$  eV)

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## Another contribution to CDM (if PQPT after inflation): cold axion particles

1. Suppose inflation before Peccei-Quinn Phase Trans.

avoid CMB bounds on isocurvature fluctuations  
obtain varying axion field across the U

2. then at PQPT  $\Phi \rightarrow f_{PQ} e^{ia/f_{PQ}}$

\*  $a$  random in each horizon...

\* ...one string/horizon

3. QCD Phase Transition ( $T \sim 200$  MeV):

\* strings go away (radiate cold axion particles,  $\vec{p} \sim H \lesssim 10^{-6} m_a$ )

Hiramatsu et al 1012.5502

if PQPT after inflation  $\Rightarrow$  CDM = oscillating axion field + cold particles

# Axion density fluctuations

1. has adiabatic density fluctuations inherited from surroundings at the QCDPT

2. on LSS scales, have same linear growth equations as in WIMPs

Ratra, Hwang+Noh

3. (very) small scale differences....

- there is pressure and Jeans length  $\sim 1/\sqrt{H(t)m_a}$  (and funny  $c_s$  on smaller scales?)

- if PQPT after inflation,  $a$  random from one horizon to next, so  $\delta\rho_a/\rho_a \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$  on QCDPT horizon scale (5km then, 0.1 pc today)... axion “miniclusters”

Hogan,Rees

4. the axion field does not turn into particles by parametric resonance

Kolb,Singh,Srednicki

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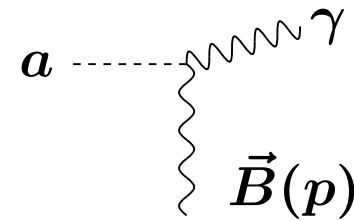
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$$\frac{a}{f_{PQ}} F \tilde{F} \sim a \vec{\gamma} \cdot \frac{\vec{B} \omega \gamma}{f_{PQ}} \sim$$



not seen an axion (or a WIMP?) yet

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...there is diverse literature...

### Sikivie:

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## Sacha's translation dictionary and assumptions

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## Parenthese: what is a Bose Einstein condensate? (I don't know. Please tell me if you do!)

*Is a BE condensate just a (non-relativistic) charge-carrying classical field?  
Or as well as being “coherent”, should the modes be concentrated around a  $\vec{p}$  ?*

1. in equilibrium stat mech: bosons pile into the  $\vec{p} = 0$  mode
2. in equilibrium Finite Temp FT: a phase transition  $\leftrightarrow$  form a vev  
store a density of conserved charge in a homogeneous + isotropic classical field
3. for alkali gases in atomic traps: coherent collective behaviour (all the same  $\vec{p}$  ;  
but not necc  $\vec{p} = 0$ )

? Axions are effectively non-interacting, so whether the classical field is a superposition of BE condensates, or a BE condensate...is the same?

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**hypothesis 2** structure formation cares about  $T^{\mu\nu}$ .

⇒ axions are *simple*: free scalar field, and/or non-rel. particles, coupled to gravity.  
gravity is classical, cosmology is  $\mathcal{O}(G_N)$

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post scriptum: NB all these calns done for the field

(for PQPT after inflation,  $k \sim H_{QCDPT} < 10^{-6} m_a$ )

but no need to thermalise field modes ; field is a BE condensate!

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## back to Sikivie's scenario:

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...sure, lab BECs have vortices, but they have self-interactions...

Rindler-Daller+Shapiro study a rotating galactic halo formed of classical scalar field. They show that for sufficiently strong  $\lambda\phi^4$ , with sufficient angular momentum, it is energetically favourable to form a vortex.  $\lambda \sim m_a^2/f_{PQ}^2 \lesssim 10^{-40}$  is too small.

# *What we did*

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... non-linear...can obtain time evolution of number of axions of momentum  $q$ :

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2. Or (what we did), get Eqns of motion for a fluid with scalar perturbations

$$\ddot{\delta} + 2H\dot{\delta} - 4\pi\rho\delta + \frac{c_s^2}{R^2(t)}\nabla^2\delta = 0$$

can solve (in fourier space); gives evolution of axion density fluctuations.

**Our Interpretation:** 1. and 2. describe the same physics. The gravitational interaction rate of 1. includes the growth of inhomogeneities given by 2.

But “include”  $\neq$  “is” : could *part* of the gravitational interactions be thermalising the axions? But this needs a bath/fluctuations to sum??  $\Rightarrow$  find some entropy?

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3. match axion in perturbed  $U$  onto imperfect fluid in FRW:

$$T^i_j(\vec{x}, t) = -\frac{(1 + 2\phi)}{R^2(t)} \partial_i \phi \partial_j \phi = -\eta(t) (\partial_j U^i(\vec{x}, t) + \partial^i U_j(\vec{x}, t))$$

$\eta =$  viscosity,  $U = 4$ -velocity. An imperfect fluid can grow density fluctuations, but contains dissipation...

4. estimate a dissipation scale:

$<$  the Jeans length  $1/\sqrt{m_a H}$ , distance below which fluctuations oscillate due to axion pressure

## summary ...about our caln

Some doubts about gravitational thermalisation in Sikivie's scenario: it remains to be shown that the gravitational interaction rate of axions is a thermalisation rate:

leading order classical equations (no entropy generation?) expand the U and grow density fluctuations in axions

If gravity grows density fluctuations *and* thermalises, then there should be entropy production: we found some dissipative gravitational interactions, but suppressed by  $p_a^2/m_a^2 \dots$

Probably “gravitational thermalisation” of the axion field is a red herring anyway: not need to “thermalise” the field, its already a Bose Einstein condensate, or superposition thereof

## Summary (review of well-known things)

The CPV  $\theta$  parameter of QCD can be replaced by a light scalar field  $\Leftrightarrow$  the *axion!*

The axion coupling to SM  $\propto m_a$ , so for  $m_a \lesssim 10^{-2}$  eV, axion emission does not cool stars too fast.

Non-thermal production mechanisms in cosmology allow the axion to be a viable *Cold* DM candidate:

- \* redshifts like CDM
- \* grow density fluctuations like CDM

## Summary: to distinguish axions from WIMPs?

**direct detection:** find WIMPs or axions in terrestrial searches (CAST, ADMX...)

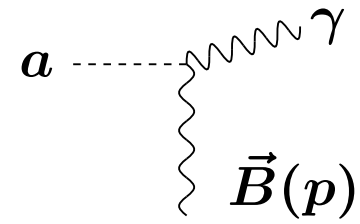
### structure formation:

- axions redshift like WIMPs
- density fluctuations grow the same in linear regime
- + *are axions different from WIMPs during non-linear structure formation ?*
  - difficult dynamics : ask a N-body friend to write an axion code
  - simple theory : free scalar (field and/or particles) coupled to gravity  
many interesting analytic proposals...vortices, caustics (Sikivie)...lots to do :)

...can gravity move axions between field and particles?  
(interesting because  $T_{\mu\nu}$  is different I think)

Backup

# Direct detection (of axions)



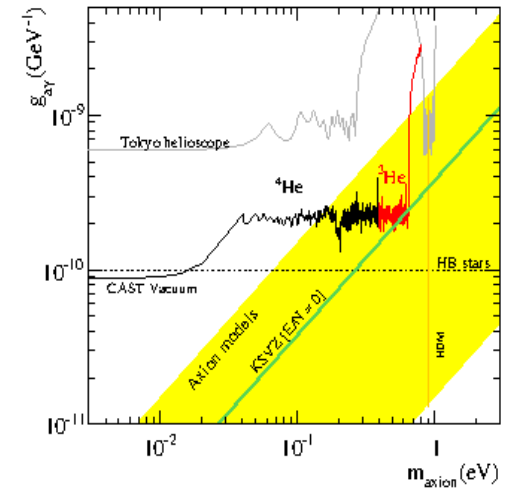
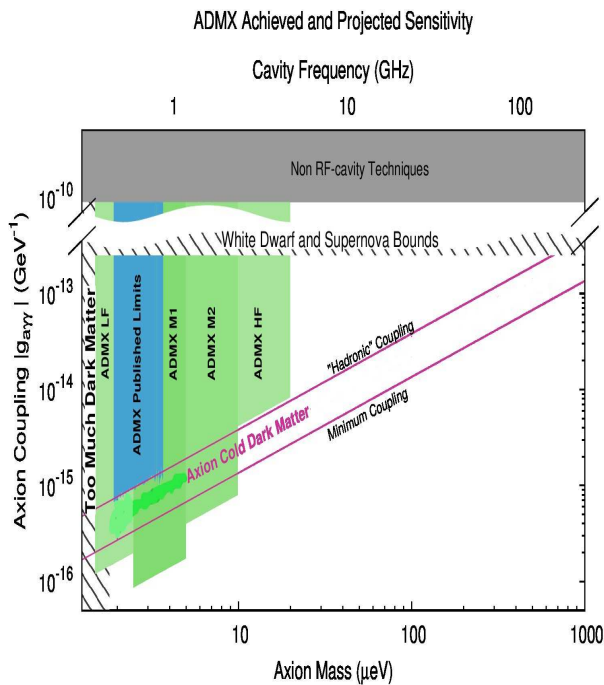
1.  $a \rightarrow \gamma$  conversion in  $\vec{B}$  field. (with gradient, to transfer correct  $\vec{p}$ ...a diff  $\vec{B}$  for each  $m_a$ )

(a) CernAxionSolarTel: LHC magnet, points at sun, convert solar  $a$  to  $\gamma$ s (also Sumico)

(b) ADMX: dark matter axions ( $E_\gamma \sim m_a \sim$  microwave)

2. spherical mirror in  $\vec{B}$  field:  $a$  convert in  $\vec{B}$  to  $\gamma$  focused by mirror= antennae

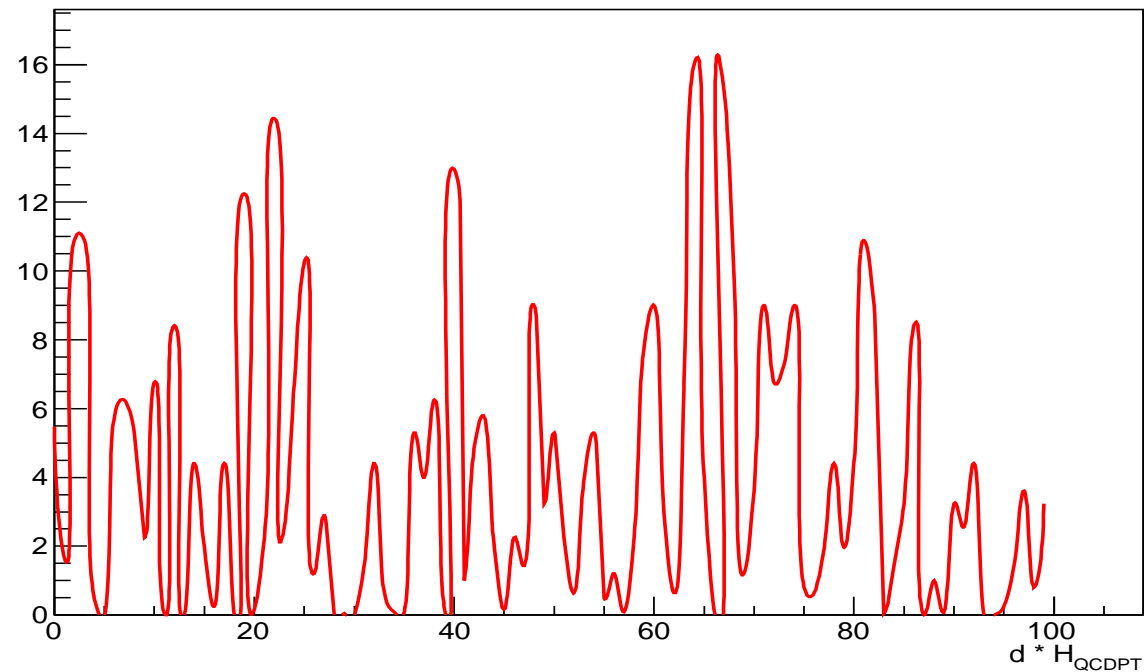
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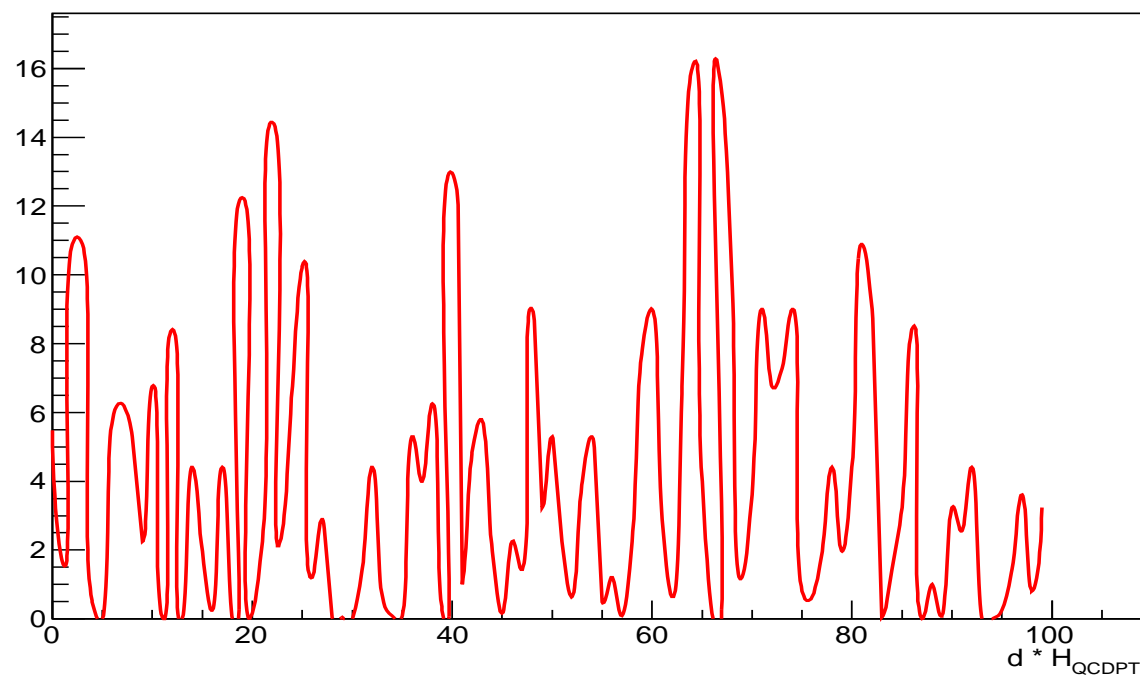
$\Rightarrow$  its *not* a spatially homogeneous distribution of particles various momenta



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But how can axions form a *homogeneous-on-QCD-horizon-scale* bose-einstein condensate = zero mode of field? ??

$v = H_{QCDPT}/m_a \lesssim 10^{-6}c$ ...not “free-stream” QCD-horizon distance before  $t_{eq}$ :

$$d(t) = \int^t \frac{H_{QCDPT}}{m_a R(t')} dt' \sim \frac{H_{QCDPT}}{m_a} \frac{1}{H(t)R(t)} = \frac{R(t)}{m_a} \ll \frac{R(t)}{H_{QCDPT}}$$

(RD U,  $R(t) = 1 @ QCDPT$ )

## The (beautiful) calculation of Saikawa and Yamaguchi

Suppose PQ PT after inflation. The classical axion field can be represented as a coherent state of axion particles (of momentum  $\lesssim H_{QCDPT}$ ).

QFT rate for axions (momentum  $\vec{k}$ ) to emit gravitons:

$$i\frac{\partial \hat{n}_k}{\partial t} = [\hat{H}_{int}, \hat{n}_k] \simeq \frac{G_E}{H(t)^2} \rho_a^2 \gg H(t) n_k$$

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(evaluated in coherent state  $\Leftrightarrow$  classical field caln.)

Sikivie interprets as gravitational thermalisation rate: hugely occupied low- $\vec{p}$  modes, equilibrium after  $T_\gamma \lesssim \text{keV}$ ,  $\rightarrow$  BE condensate.

But are some of those gravitons expanding the U, and some growing fluctuations?

*Why is that a thermalisation rate??*

## thermalisation in closed unitary systems?

$$\text{entropy} = \sum_{\text{states } s} P_s \ln P_s \quad \text{increases}$$

- unitary evolution creates no entropy  $\Leftrightarrow$  *NO* entropy generation in closed systems  
... *BUT*... can calculate “effective” thermalisation: a subset of observables evolve towards equilibrium expectations  
 $\Rightarrow$  the “rest” of the system is the bath??
- ex: couple two SHOs. Solve one, substitute into Eqns of second, and find dissipation.
- ... $K - \bar{K}$  evolution is non-unitary, because not also follow  $2\pi$   $3\pi$  states...

?  $\Rightarrow$  divide axions+gravity into

1. U expansion + structure growth
2. other fluctuations which are the bath?

## gravity and the second law

1. undergraduate memories say that gravitational collapse of a gas cloud to a star respects the second law...
2. story of  $\Omega_{baryon} = 1$  U
  - (a) quasi-homogeneous dust clouds collapse
  - (b) ...generations of stars, supernovae, black holes...
  - (c) ... .. proton decays...
  - (d) venerable homogeneous and isotropic U full of photons and gravitons
3. so gravitational thermalisation of axions will happen.  
But does it happen before the U a year old?

## Particles vs fields

Develop field operator

$$\hat{a}(t, \vec{x}) = \frac{1}{[R(t)L]^{3/2}} \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \left\{ \hat{b}_{\vec{k}} \frac{\chi(t)}{\sqrt{2\omega}} e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} + \hat{b}_{\vec{k}}^\dagger \frac{\chi^*(t)}{\sqrt{2\omega}} e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} \right\}$$

then write the coherent state:

$$|a(\vec{x}, t)\rangle \propto \exp \left\{ \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} a(\vec{p}, t) b_{\vec{p}}^\dagger \right\} |0\rangle$$

which satisfies  $\hat{b}_{\vec{q}} |a(\vec{x}, t)\rangle = a(\vec{q}, t) |a(\vec{x}, t)\rangle$  (can check  $\hat{b}_{\vec{q}} \{1 + \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} a(\vec{p}, t) b_{\vec{p}}^\dagger\} |0\rangle = a(\vec{q}, t) |0\rangle$ )

where the classical field is

$$a(t, \vec{x}) = \frac{1}{[R(t)L]^{3/2}} \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \left\{ a(\vec{k}, t) \frac{\chi(t)}{\sqrt{2\omega}} e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} + a^*(\vec{q}, t) \frac{\chi^*(t)}{\sqrt{2\omega}} e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} \right\}$$

## What is quantum?

Classical = saddle-point configurations of the path integral

⇒ attribute dimensions to fields/parameters  $\ni$  [action]=  $E \cdot t$ , and no  $\hbar$  in selected classical limit (this is *not* unique)

Summary: particles or fields can be obtained in a “classical” (= no  $\hbar$ ) limit. However,  $\hbar$  is differently distributed in the Lagrangian in the two limits, so to get from one to another requires  $\hbar$ ...

in particular, to define a number of quanta, in the field picture, requires  $\hbar$ .

## ex 1: massive scalar electrodynamics

$$\mathcal{L} = (D_\mu \phi)^\dagger D^\mu \phi - \tilde{m}^2 \phi^\dagger \phi - \frac{1}{4} F F \quad , \quad D_\mu = \partial_\mu - i\tilde{e}A_\mu$$

Classical field limit:  $[\phi, A] = \sqrt{E/L}$ ,  $[m] = 1/L$ ,  $[\tilde{e}] = 1/\sqrt{EL}$ .

No  $\hbar$  in classical EoM. OK that  $[m^2] = 1/L^2$  because gravity couples to the stress-energy tensor, function of the fields.

If in Maxwells Eqns, want  $j^0 = i\tilde{e}(\dot{\phi}^\dagger \phi - \phi^\dagger \dot{\phi})$  to be  $eN/V$ , then need number of charge-carrying quanta  $\Rightarrow e = \tilde{e}\hbar$ .

De même, if classically  $m$  a particle mass, need  $m = \tilde{m}\hbar$ .

ex 2: the SHO Hamiltonian is (no  $\hbar$ )

$$H = \frac{1}{2m} P^2 + \frac{m\nu^2}{2} X^2$$

where  $\nu$  is the oscillator frequency.

But to *quantise*, = introduce creation and annihilation ops, requires  $\hbar$ .

To write the total energy as  $\omega(N + 1/2)$ , requires  $\hbar$  to convert frequency to energy  $\omega = \hbar\nu$ , and downstairs in the defn of  $N$ , because its the number of *quanta*.

## Sikivie's scenario—some questions and guesses

### 1. at $T_\gamma \sim \text{keV}$ , “gravitational thermalisation” of axions drives them to a Bose-Einstein Condensate

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- which axions (field or particles) ?  
ESTY, S+Y consider the axion field
- what is grav thermalisation?  
ESTY, S+Y: grav interactions of axions  
SD+ME: entropy-producing grav interactions
- what is a BEC? /when does a classical field support vortices?  
DRS: classical field supports vortices for ranges of mass, coupling, not including axion.

### 2. BEC can support vortices, which allow caustics in the galactic DM distribution $\Leftrightarrow$ axion DM signature?

BEC galactic halos:  
Rindler-Daller+Shapiro

- how do galaxies form in a “BEC” (?does it stay a “BEC”?)?
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