

Cold birth and bright death of Bose stars



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DL, A.G. Panin, I.I. Tkachev, [arXiv:1804.05857](#)

[arXiv:2004.05179](#)

Light bosonic (ALP) dark matter

- Fits into the galaxy:

$$(mv)^{-1} \lesssim R \quad \Rightarrow \quad m \gtrsim 10^{-22} \text{ eV}$$

$\ll$ in kinetic regime

- Can be only bosonic:

$$f \sim \frac{\rho/m}{(mv)^3} \gtrsim 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad m \lesssim 10^2 \text{ eV}$$

$\gg$ for classical field

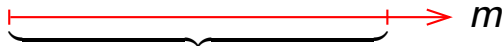
- Forms BE condensate:

$$(mv)^{-1} > n^{-1/3} \quad \Rightarrow \quad m \lesssim 10^2 \text{ eV}$$

(Fuzzy DM)

10^{-22} eV

10^2 eV



Interaction $\Rightarrow$ Bose condensation!

Fornax dwarf galaxy



parameters are known!

$$\rho \sim 0.1 M_{\odot}/\text{pc}^3$$

$$R \sim \text{kpc}$$

$$v \sim 10 \text{ km/s}$$

Do they interact strongly enough?

Answer: YES,
gravitationally!

- ① $f \gg 1 \Rightarrow$ classical field $\mathbf{a}(t, \mathbf{x})$

$$\square \mathbf{a} + m^2 \mathbf{a} - m^2 \mathbf{a}^3 / 6f_a^2 + \dots = 0$$

self-interaction

- ② $v \ll 1 \Rightarrow$ nonrelativistic axions $E_a \approx m$

$$\mathbf{a} = f_a \psi(t, \mathbf{x}) e^{-imt} / \sqrt{2} + \text{h.c.}$$

$$\partial_{t,\mathbf{x}} \psi \ll m\psi$$

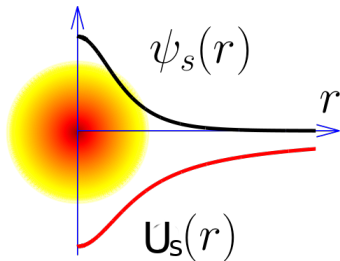


$$i\partial_t \psi = -\Delta \psi / 2m + mU\psi - \cancel{mg_a^2 |\psi|^2 \psi / 8}$$

- ③ Newtonian gravity: $U(t, \mathbf{x}) \ll 1$

$$\Delta U = 4\pi G m^2 f_a^2 |\psi|^2$$

Scrödinger-Poisson system: $\psi(t, \mathbf{x})$, $U(t, \mathbf{x})$



Stationary solutions of SP system

- $\psi = \psi_s(\mathbf{r}) e^{-i\omega_s t}$



Ground state of U

- $U = U_s(r)$ — potential of ψ_s

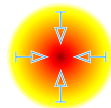
- $\omega_s < 0$ — binding energy

- $M = M(\omega_s)$ — only parameter

Ruffini, Bonazzola '69; Tkachev '86

Properties:

- ① Bose star = BE condensate in state $\psi_s(\mathbf{r})$
 - ② Attractive self-interaction: $-g_4^2 < 0$
 Large mass: $M > M_{cr} = 10 f_a M_{pl} / m g_4$
- } $\Rightarrow$ collapse



Brute-force simulation

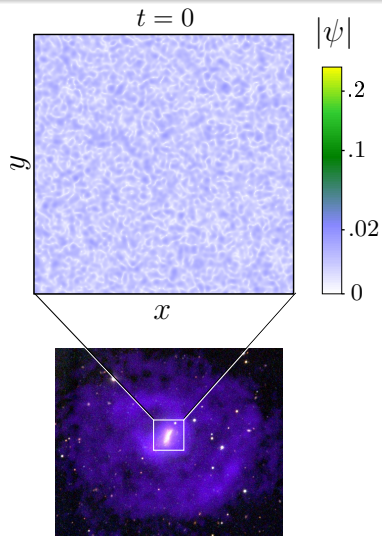
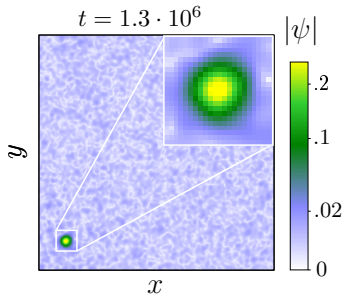
- $t = 0$: Virialized initial state:

$$\psi_{\mathbf{p}} \propto \underbrace{e^{-\mathbf{p}^2/2(mv_0)^2}}_{\text{momentum distribution}} \times \underbrace{e^{iA_{\mathbf{p}}}}_{\text{random phases}}$$

Kinetic regime:

$$l_{\text{coh}} \sim (mv_0)^{-1} \ll R$$

- Numerical evolution $\Rightarrow$



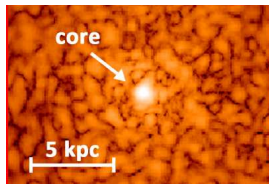
Virialized halo

DL, Panin, Tkachev '18

Unsatisfactory description?

Many simulations:

- Fuzzy DM in dwarf galaxies, $m \sim 10^{-22}$ eV
Schive et al '14; Veltmaat et al '18
- QCD axions in miniclusters, $m \sim 10^{-5}$ eV
Eggemeier, Niemeyer '19



What is wrong?

- 1 Hard to simulate: $mvR \gg 1$
- 2 No analytic estimates!
- 3 No prediction for $f_p(x)$

Solution: Kinetic description at $mvR \gg 1$

- 1 Occupation numbers $\leftrightarrow$ Wigner distribution

$$f_{\mathbf{p}}(t, \mathbf{x}) = \int d^3\mathbf{y} e^{-i\mathbf{p}\mathbf{y}} \langle \psi(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}/2) \psi^*(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}/2) \rangle$$

- 2 Bogolyubov chain of equations

SP system: $i\partial_t \psi = -\cancel{\Delta} \psi / 2m + \underbrace{U\psi}_{G\psi \cancel{\Delta}^1 |\psi|^2} \leftarrow \text{short notations}$

- 3 Perturbative approximation

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- 2 Bogolyubov chain of equations + perturbative expansion

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~~$\vdots$~~

- 3 Perturbative approximation

$$\langle \psi^* \psi \psi^* \psi \rangle = \underbrace{\langle \psi^* \psi \rangle \langle \psi^* \psi \rangle}_{\text{Free field}} + \underbrace{\langle \psi^* \psi \psi^* \psi \rangle_{conn}}_{\text{Interaction: } O(G)}$$

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Landau kinetic equation

$$\partial_t f_{\mathbf{p}} + \frac{\mathbf{p}}{m} \nabla_x f_{\mathbf{p}} - m \nabla_x \bar{U} \nabla_p f_{\mathbf{p}} + \underbrace{\text{terms}}_{(t\text{-reversal})} = \underbrace{\text{St } f_{\mathbf{p}}}_{f_{\mathbf{p}}^3} \sim \frac{f_{\mathbf{p}}}{\tau_{gr}}$$

Bose amplification

relaxation time

Time to Bose star formation:

cf. Landau, Lifshitz, X

$$\tau_{gr} = \frac{b\sqrt{2}}{12\pi^3} \frac{m^3 v^6}{G^2 \Lambda \rho^2} = \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{\underbrace{\sigma_{gr} f_{\mathbf{p}} v n}_{\text{kinetic}}} \simeq \frac{R}{v} (Rmv)^3$$

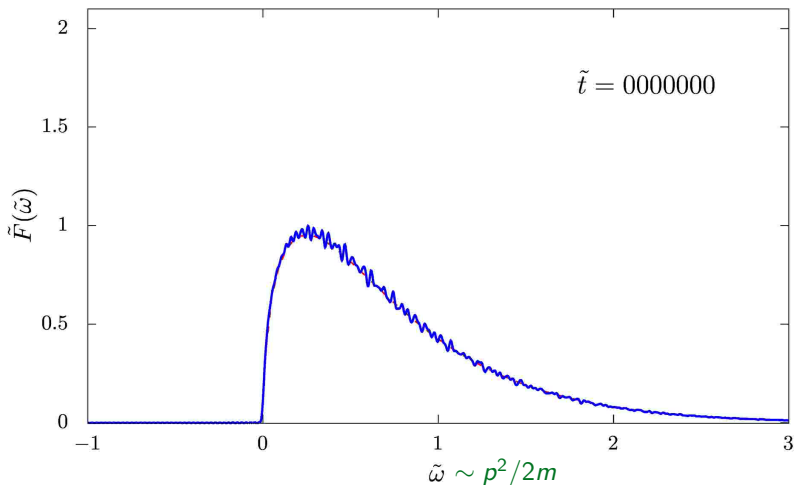
$\Lambda = \log(mvR)$ — Coulomb logarithm

In minicluster/galaxy:

- $\tau_{gr} \gg R/v \leftarrow$ free-fall time
- $Rmv \sim 1$ — condense immediately!
correct for Fuzzy DM & QCD axions

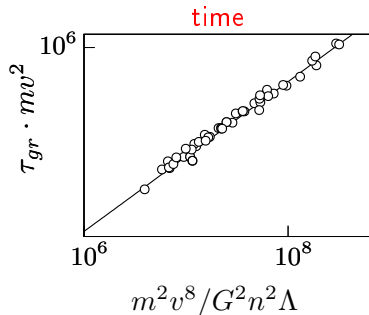
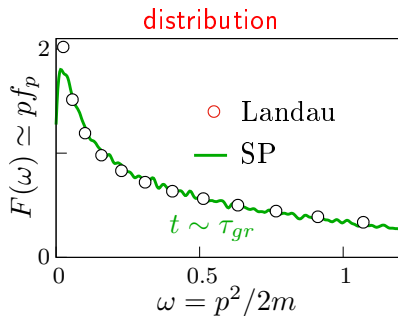
Distribution function in simulation

$$\underbrace{F(\omega, t)}_{pf_p} \equiv \frac{dN}{d\omega} = \int d^3\mathbf{x} \, dt_1 \, \psi^*(t, \mathbf{x}) \psi(t + t_1, \mathbf{x}) e^{i\omega t_1 - t_1^2/\tau_1^2}$$



Testing kinetic equation

- Solve Landau Eq. numerically!



One parameter to fit: $\Lambda = \log(mvL) + a \leftarrow$ correction

$$a \approx 5$$

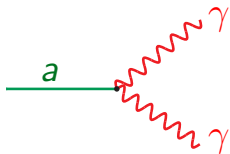
- We understand kinetic mechanism well
- Fuzzy DM in Dwarf galaxies
QCD axions in miniclusters } $\tau_{gr} \sim R/v \leftarrow$ fast formation
- Still, prediction: $m \gtrsim 10^{-20}$ eV $\Rightarrow \tau_{gr} > 10^{10}$ yr
in dwarf galaxies
- Q: How do Bose stars grow?
- Q: Other kinetic processes?

Eggemeier, Niemeyer '20

Veltmaat, Schwabe, Niemeyer '20

ALP: Interaction with photons

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = \frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}}{4} \underset{\text{pseudoscalar}}{\mathbf{a}} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}}{4} \underset{\text{scalar}}{\mathbf{a}} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}$$



For QCD axions

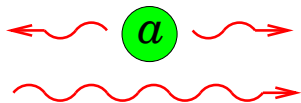
- “Simple” models:

$$g_{a\gamma\gamma} \sim \frac{\alpha}{2\pi f_a} \lesssim f_a^{-1} \quad \text{KSVZ, DFSZ} \quad \text{unitarity}$$

- “Clockwork”: $g_{a\gamma\gamma} \gg f_a^{-1}$

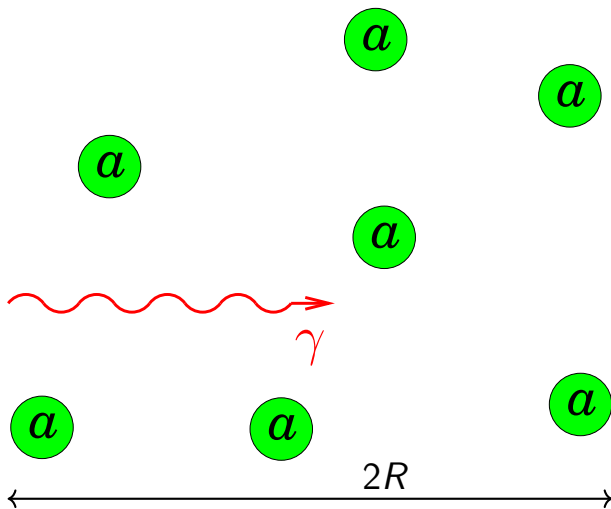


Spontaneous decay

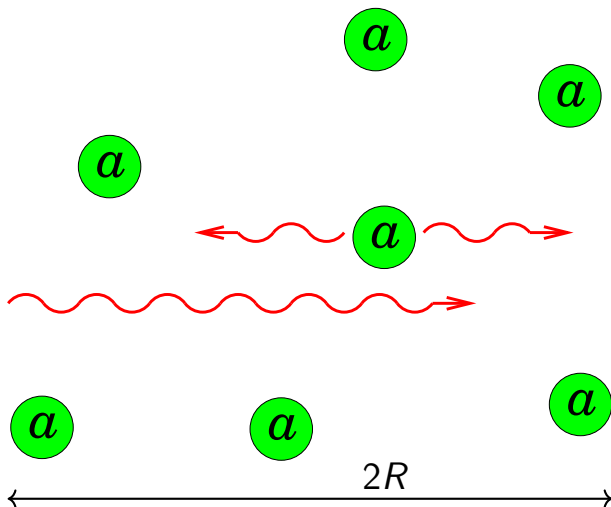


Stimulated decay

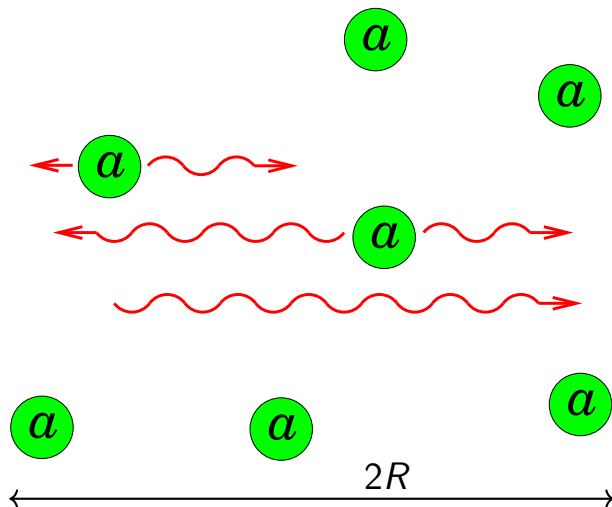
Parametric resonance: $a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ avalanche



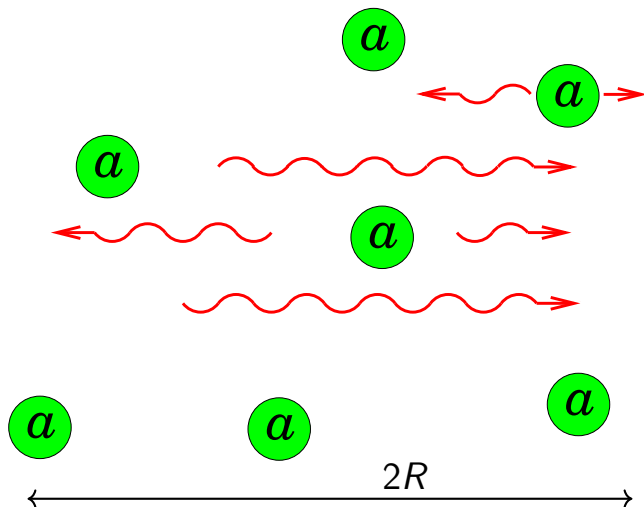
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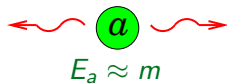
Condition: at least one axion decay due to γ

Tkachev '87; Riotto, Tkachev '00; Hertzberg, Schiappacasse '18

Simple equations for photons

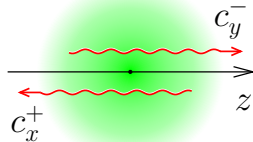
$$\partial_\mu (F_{\mu\nu} + g_{a\gamma\gamma} a \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}) = 0$$

1 Nonrelativistic axions:



$$\gamma : E_\gamma \sim p_\gamma \sim m/2$$

$$E_a \approx m$$



$$A_i = \underbrace{c_i^+(t, x) e^{im(z+t)/2}}_{\text{left-moving}} + \underbrace{c_i^-(t, x) e^{im(z-t)/2}}_{\text{right-moving}} + \text{h.c.}$$

$$\partial_t c_x^+ = \partial_z c_x^+ + ig_{a\gamma\gamma} f_a m \psi^* c_y^- / 2^{3/2}$$

$$\partial_t c_y^- = -\partial_z c_y^- - ig_{a\gamma\gamma} f_a m \psi c_x^+ / 2^{3/2}$$

$$\leftarrow \partial_{t,x} c_i^\pm \ll m c_i^\pm$$

left $\leftrightarrow$ right

2 Quasi-stationary approximation:

3 Boundary conditions:

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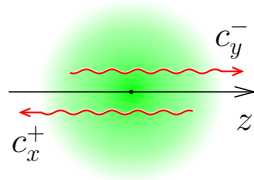
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2 Quasi-stationary approximation:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} t_\gamma & \ll & t_a \\ \wr & & \wr \\ R & & R/v \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_i^\pm \propto e^{\int^t \mu(t') dt'} \\ vR^{-1} \ll \mu \ll R^{-1} \end{cases} \quad \text{(start of resonance)}$$

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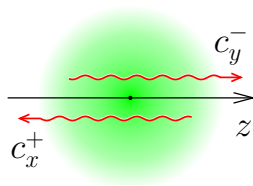
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2 Quasi-stationary approximation: $vR^{-1} \ll \mu \ll R^{-1}$

3 Boundary conditions: $c_i^\pm \rightarrow 0$ as $z \rightarrow \pm\infty$ (see the figure)

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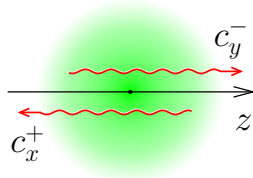


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$$A_i = \int d\mathbf{n}_z c_i^{(\mathbf{n}_z)}(\mathbf{x}) e^{\int^t \mu dt' + im(\mathbf{n}_z \mathbf{x} + t)/2} + \text{h.c.}$$

Welcome to Quantum Mechanics!

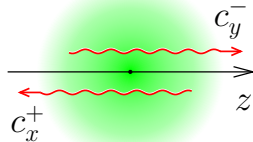
Static coherent axions (Bose stars)

$$\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{0}, \quad \mu \ll R^{-1}$$

1 Analytic solution for any ψ !

$$\left. \begin{aligned} c_x^+ &= A e^{\mu z} \cos D(z) \\ c_y^- &= -iA e^{-\mu z} \sin D(z) \end{aligned} \right\} \times e^{\int^t \mu dt}$$

$$D(z) = g_{a\gamma\gamma} f_a m 2^{-3/2} \int_{-\infty}^z \psi dz'$$



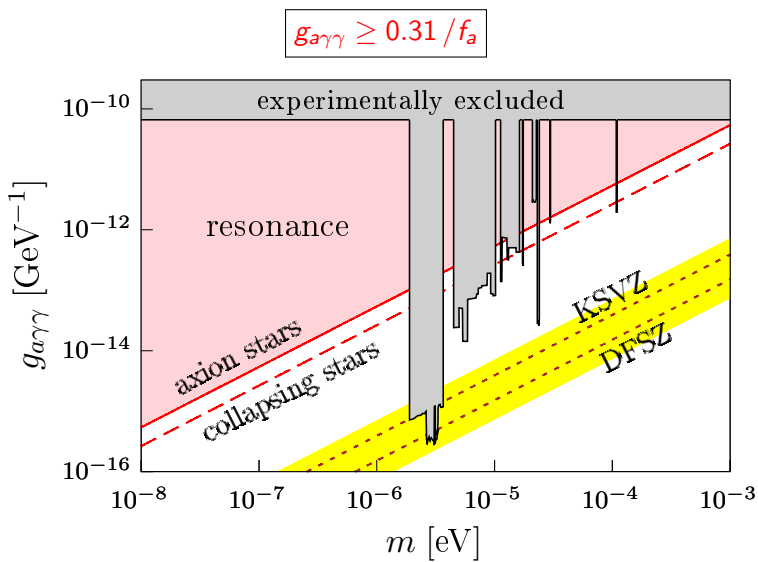
2 Growth exponent: $\mu = \frac{D(+\infty) - \pi/2}{\int dz \sin[2D(z)]}$

3 Condition for resonance: $D(+\infty) \geq \pi/2$

Need massive Bose stars! $M \geq M_0 = 7.66 M_{pl} / (m g_{a\gamma\gamma})$

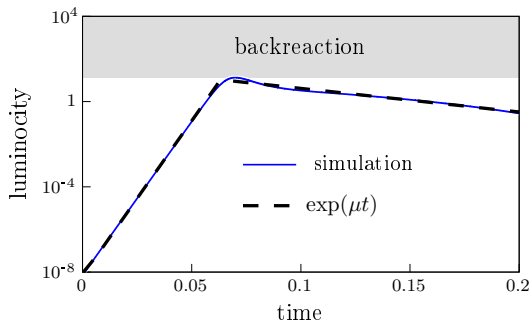
4 QCD axions: $M \leq M_{cr} \Rightarrow g_{a\gamma\gamma} \geq 0.31 / f_a$ or collapse

Exclusion plot for QCD axions



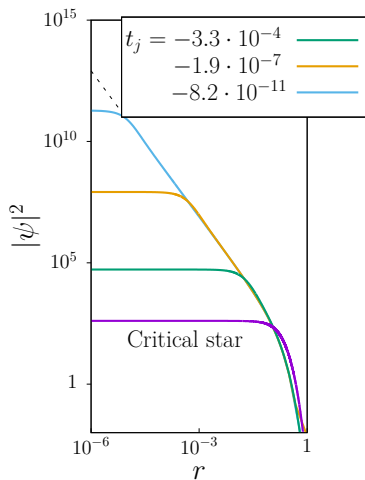
Hertzberg, Schiappacasse '18; DL, Panin, Tkachev '18

- Solve eqs. for $\mathbf{a}(t, \mathbf{r})$, $A_\mu(t, \mathbf{x})$
 - sph-symmetric general
- Compare with analytics



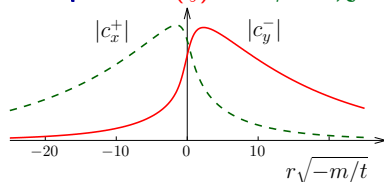
$$\mu = \frac{D(+\infty) - \pi/2}{\int dz \sin[2D(z)]} = 0.197 \frac{m^2}{M_{pl}^2} (M - M_0)$$

Attractive ψ^4 self-interaction $\Rightarrow$ self-similar collapse (Bosenova)



$$|\psi(\mathbf{r}, t)| = \underbrace{\chi_*}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{universal}}} \underbrace{(r\sqrt{-m/t})}_{\zeta} / (mrg_4)$$

① Compute $c^\pm(\zeta)$ for $\psi \propto \chi_*$

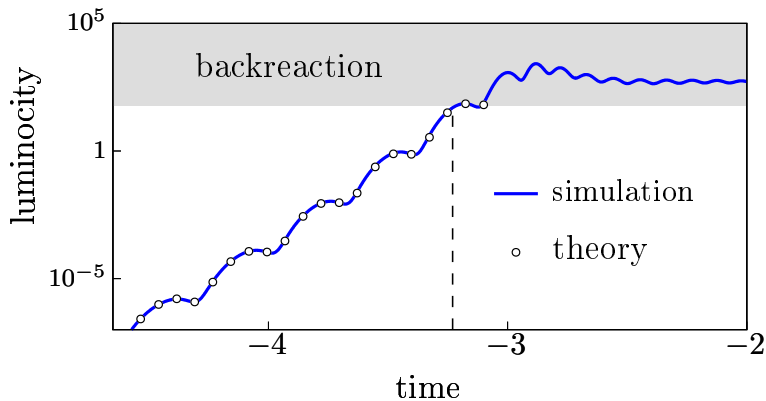


Two modes!

② $\text{Re } \mu > 0 \Rightarrow g_{a\gamma\gamma} \geq 0.15 / f_a$
QCD axions ($\times 2$)

Resonance in collapsing star: numerical simulation

$$\mu = \tilde{\mu} \sqrt{-m/t}$$



Simulation of collapsing star

DL, Panin, Tkachev '20

We described:

- Simple equations for **photons** & **axions** @ $v \ll 1$

$$\left. \begin{array}{c} \text{eikonal} \\ + \\ \text{quasi-stationary} \end{array} \right\} \text{ approximations } \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Spectral problem} \\ \left[\hat{H} - \mu \right] \begin{pmatrix} c_x^+ \\ c_y^- \end{pmatrix} = 0 \\ \text{Like in QM!} \end{array} \right.$$

- **Analytic solutions** $\Rightarrow$ **exact results for Bose stars**

Applications: (see *DL, Panin, Tkachev '20*)

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1 Two stars

Resonance is easier: $2D(\infty) \geq \pi/2$

But: $v \lesssim (mR)^{-1}$, $L > R$

2 Diffuse axions

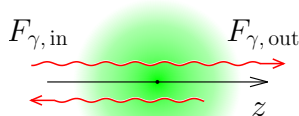
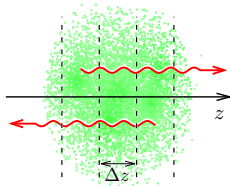
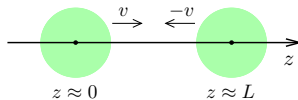
Coarse-graining $\Rightarrow$ kinetic eq. for n_γ

$$D_{\text{diff}} \equiv \frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2}{8} \int \rho(z) I_{\text{coh}}(z) dz \geq 1$$

3 Radio amplification, $\omega_\gamma \approx m/2$:

$F_{\gamma, \text{out}} = F_{\gamma, \text{in}} / \cos^2 D$ — Bose star
(dominant if $\rho_{\text{stars}} / \rho_{\text{diffuse}} > 10^{-4}$)

$F_{\gamma, \text{out}} = F_{\gamma, \text{in}} / (1 - D_{\text{diff}})$ — diffuse axions





Thank you!