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## Introduction

#### Axiverse

#### QCD axion

- QCD axion was introduced to solve the Strong CP problem.
- It is one of the candidates of dark matter.

#### String axions

Arvanitaki, Dimopoulos, Dubvosky, Kaloper, March-Russel, PRD81 (2010), 123530.

- String theory predicts the existence of 10-100 axion-like massive scalar fields.
- There are various expected phenomena of string axions.



#### Axion field around a rotating black hole

 Axion field forms a cloud around a rotating BH and extract energy of the BH by "superradiant instability".



Arvanitaki, Dimopoulos, Dubvosky, Kaloper, March-Russel, PRD81 (2010), 123530. Arvanitaki and Dubovsky, PRD83 (2011), 044026.







#### Nonlinear effect

• Typically, the potential of axion field becomes periodic

$$V = f_a^2 \mu^2 [1 - \cos(\Phi/f_a)]$$

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$$-\mu^2\sin\varphi = 0$$

$$\varphi \equiv \frac{\Phi}{f_a}$$

c.f., QCD axion

PQ phase transitionQCD phase transitionU(I)PQ symmetry  $\Rightarrow$ Potential becomes like a wine<br/>bottle $\Rightarrow$ Z(N) symmetry



### Bosenova in condensed matter physics

http://spot.colorado.edu/~cwieman/Bosenova.html



#### What we would like to do

 We would like to study the phenomena caused by axion cloud generated by the superradiant instability around a rotating black hole.

 In particular, we study numerically whether "Bosenova" happens when the nonlinear interaction becomes important.

• We adopt the background spacetime as the Kerr spacetime, and solve the axion field as a test field.

### Simulations

### Typical two simulations

Does the bosenova really happen?

#### Numerical simulation

Sine-Gordon equation

$$\nabla^2 \varphi - \mu^2 \sin \varphi = 0$$

Setup  $a/M = 0.99, M\mu = 0.4$ 

As the initial condition, we choose the bound state of the Klein-Gordon field of the l = m = 1 mode.



	Initial peak value	$E/[(f_a/M_p)^2M]$
(A)	0.6	1370
(B)	0.7	1862



#### Simulation (A)





#### Simulation (B)



### Simulation (B)

Energy distribution



### Simulations

- Typical two simulations
- Does the bosenova really happen?

### Does bosenova really happen?





### Discussions

- \* Effective theory
- Gravitational waves

Effective theory (r)  
• Action 
$$\hat{s} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (\nabla \varphi)^2 - \mu^2 \left( \frac{\varphi^2}{2} + \hat{v}_{NL}(\varphi) \right) \right],$$
  
• Non-relativistic approximation  
 $\varphi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\mu}} \left( e^{-i\mu t} \psi + e^{i\mu t} \psi^* \right)$   
 $\hat{S}_{NR} = \int d^4x \left[ \frac{i}{2} \left( \psi^* \dot{\psi} - \psi \dot{\psi}^* \right) - \frac{1}{2\mu} \partial_i \psi \partial_i \psi^* + \frac{\alpha_g}{r} \psi^* \psi - \mu^2 \tilde{U}_{NL}(|\psi|^2/\mu) \right]$   
 $\tilde{U}_{NL}(x) = -\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1/2)^n}{(n!)^2} x^n.$   
• Approximate the axion cloud as a Gaussian wavepacket  
 $\psi = A(t, r, \nu) e^{iS(t, r, \nu) + im\phi}$  ( $\nu = \cos\theta$ )  
 $A(t, r, \nu) \approx A_0 \exp \left[ -\frac{(r - r_p)^2}{4\delta_r r_p^2} - \frac{(\nu - \nu_p)^2}{4\delta_\nu} \right],$   
 $S(t, r, \nu) \approx S_0(t) + p(t)(r - r_p) + P(t)(r - r_p)^2 + \pi_\nu(t)(\nu - \nu_p)^2 + \cdots,$ 



#### Small oscillations

• Oscillation around a equilibrium point  $\Delta q_i = (\Delta \delta_r, \Delta \delta_\nu, \alpha_g \mu \Delta r_p)$ 

$$-\frac{d^2(\Delta q_i)}{dt^2} = -\sum_j \omega_{ij} \Delta q_j$$

Oscillation frequencies

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### Discussions

- Axion cloud model
- Gravitational waves

#### GWs emitted in the bosenova (rough estimate)







#### Summary

- We developed a reliable code and numerically studied the behaviour of axion field around a rotating black hole.
- The nonlinear effect enhances the rate of superradiant instability when the amplitude is not very large.
- The bosenova collapse would happen as a result of superradiant instability.

### Ongoing studies

- Calculation of the gravitational waves emitted in bosenova.
- The case where axions couple to magnetic fields.



### Superradiant instability

#### Massive scalar fields around a Kerr BH

Metric

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$$ds^{2} = -\left(\frac{\Delta - a^{2}\sin^{2}\theta}{\Sigma}\right)dt^{2} - \frac{2a\sin^{2}\theta(r^{2} + a^{2} - \Delta)}{\Sigma}dtd\phi$$
$$+ \left[\frac{(r^{2} + a^{2})^{2} - \Delta a^{2}\sin^{2}\theta}{\Sigma}\right]\sin^{2}\theta d\phi^{2} + \frac{\Sigma}{\Delta}dr^{2} + \Sigma d\theta^{2}$$
$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{1}{2} + a^{2}\cos^{2}\theta,$$
$$\Delta_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{1}{2} + a^{2} - 2Mr.$$

Massive scalar field

• Lagrangian density

$$\mathcal{L} = -\sqrt{-g} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} g^{ab} \nabla_a \Phi \nabla_b \Phi + U(\Phi) \end{bmatrix}, \quad U(\Phi) = \frac{1}{2} \mu^2 f_a^2 \sin^2(\Phi/f_a)$$
$$\simeq \frac{1}{2} \mu^2 \Phi^2$$
Klein-Gordon equation 
$$\nabla^2 \Phi - U'(\Phi) = 0$$

#### Massive scalar field around a Kerr BH

Separation of variables 
$$\Phi = e^{-i\omega t} R(r) S(\theta) e^{im\phi}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sin\theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \sin\theta \frac{dS}{d\theta} + \left[ -k^2 a^2 \cos^2\theta - \frac{m^2}{\sin^2\theta} + E_{lm} \right] S = 0$$
$$\frac{d}{dr} \Delta \frac{dR}{dr} + \left[ \frac{K^2}{\Delta} - \lambda_{lm} - \mu^2 r^2 \right] R = 0$$

$$K = (r^{2} + a^{2})\omega - am$$
$$k^{2} = \mu^{2} - \omega^{2}$$
$$\lambda_{lm} = E_{lm} + a^{2}\omega^{2} - 2am\omega$$

### Massive scalar field around a Kerr BH $\frac{d}{dr}\Delta\frac{dR}{dr} + \left[\frac{K^2}{\Lambda} - \lambda_{lm} - \mu^2 r^2\right]R = 0$ • distant region $R \sim r^{-1 \pm \frac{\mu^2 - 2\omega^2}{k}} \exp(\pm kr)$ $k = \sqrt{\mu^2 - \omega^2}$ $R \sim e^{\pm i\omega_* r_*} \qquad \qquad \omega_* = \omega - \Omega_H m$ near horizon (tortoise coordinate) $r_*$ $dr_* = \frac{r^2 + a^2}{\Lambda} dr$ $P^{\mu} = -T^{\mu}_{\ \nu}\xi^{\nu}$ Energy flux $-P_{r_*} = \nabla_{r_*} \Phi \nabla_t \Phi \propto (\omega - \Omega_H m) \omega$

If  $\omega < \Omega_H m$ , negative energy falls into the black hole



superradiance





#### Qualitative discussion on "Bosenova"

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Arvanitaki and Dubovsky, PRD83 (2011), 044026.

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{1}{2} g^{ab} \nabla_a \Phi \nabla_b \Phi + U(\Phi) \right]$$

 $U(\Phi) = \frac{1}{2}\mu^2 f_a^2 \sin^2(\Phi/f_a)$ 

Nonrelativistic approximation

$$\Phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\mu}} \left( e^{-i\mu t} \psi + e^{i\mu t} \psi^* \right)$$

$$S = \int d^4x \left[ i\Psi^* \partial_t \psi - \frac{1}{2\mu} \partial_i \psi \partial_i \psi - \mu V_N \psi^* \psi + \frac{1}{16f_a^2} (\psi^* \psi)^2 \right]$$

• Effective potential  $V(r) \approx N \frac{l(l+1)+1}{2\mu r^2} - \frac{NM\mu}{r} - \frac{N^2}{32\pi f_a^2 r^3} = \int_{-1}^{1} \int_{-1}^$ 







### Numerical solution in the ZAMO coordinates

![](_page_43_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### Second difficulty

ZAMO coordinates become more and more distorted in the time evolution

![](_page_44_Figure_2.jpeg)

![](_page_45_Figure_0.jpeg)

#### Our 3D code

- Space direction : 6th-order finite discretization
- Time direction : 4th-order Runge-Kutta

Grid size:  

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta r_* &= 0.5 \quad (M = 1) \\ \Delta \theta &= \Delta \phi = \pi/30 \end{aligned}$$
Courant number:  

$$C &= \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta r_*} = \frac{1}{20} \end{aligned}$$

- Pure ingoing BC at the inner boundary, Fixed BC at the outer boundary
- Pullback: 7th-order Lagrange interpolation

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![](_page_48_Figure_0.jpeg)

### Comparison with BEC

### Action

Saito and Ueda, PRA63 (2001), 043601

BEC

Action

$$S = N\hbar \int d^3x dt \left[ i\psi^* \dot{\psi} + \frac{1}{2}\psi^* \nabla^2 \psi - \frac{r^2}{2}\psi^* \psi - \frac{g}{2}(\psi^* \psi)^2 \right]$$

$$i\dot{\psi}=-\frac{1}{2}\nabla^2\psi+\frac{r^2}{2}\psi+g|\psi|^2\psi$$

Gross-Pitaevskii equation

- BH-axion
  - Action

$$\hat{S} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (\nabla \varphi)^2 - \mu^2 \left( \frac{\varphi^2}{2} + \hat{U}_{\rm NL}(\varphi) \right) \right],$$

Non-relativistic approximation

$$\varphi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\mu}} \left( e^{-i\mu t} \psi + e^{i\mu t} \psi^* \right)$$

$$\begin{split} \hat{S}_{\rm NR} &= \int d^4x \left[ \frac{i}{2} \left( \psi^* \dot{\psi} - \psi \dot{\psi}^* \right) - \frac{1}{2\mu} \partial_i \psi \partial_i \psi^* \right. \\ &\left. + \frac{\alpha_g}{r} \psi^* \psi - \mu^2 \tilde{U}_{\rm NL}(|\psi|^2/\mu) \right] \end{split}$$

$$\tilde{U}_{\rm NL}(x) = -\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1/2)^n}{(n!)^2} x^n.$$

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![](_page_52_Figure_0.jpeg)

### Green's function analysis

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#### Green's function approach (1)

- Approximation  $\varphi(x) = \varphi_0(x) + \Delta \varphi, \qquad \varphi_0 = 2 \operatorname{Re} \left[ e^{(\gamma - i\omega_0)t} P(r) S_1^1(\cos \theta) e^{i\phi} \right],$  $O(\varphi_0^4)$  is ignored
- Equation

$$(\nabla^2 - \mu^2)\Delta\varphi = J(\varphi_0) := -\frac{\mu^2}{6}\varphi_0^3$$

Green's function

$$(\nabla^2 - \mu^2)_{x'} G(x, x') = \delta^4(x, x')$$

Formal solution

$$\Delta\varphi(x) = \int_{D'} d^4x' \sqrt{-g(x')} G(x, x') J(\varphi_0(x'))$$

![](_page_55_Picture_8.jpeg)

#### Green's function approach (2)

Constructing the Green's function

$$G(x,x') = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \sum_{\ell,m} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega G_{\ell m}^{\omega}(r,r') e^{-i\omega(t-t')+im(\phi-\phi')} S_{\ell}^{m}(\cos\theta) \bar{S}_{\ell}^{m}(\cos\theta'),$$
  
$$G_{\ell m}^{\omega}(r,r') = \frac{1}{W_{\ell m\omega}} \left[ \theta(r-r') R_{\ell m\omega}^{+}(r) R_{\ell m\omega}^{-}(r') + \theta(r'-r) R_{\ell m\omega}^{-}(r) R_{\ell m\omega}^{+}(r') \right],$$

• Radial function  $k = \sqrt{\omega^2 - \mu^2}, \operatorname{Im}[k] \ge 0$ 

$$\begin{aligned} R^+_{\ell m \omega} &\simeq \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} C^+_{\ell m \omega} e^{ikr}/r, & r \to \infty; \\ A^+_{\ell m \omega} e^{i\tilde{\omega}r_*} + B^+_{\ell m \omega} e^{-i\tilde{\omega}r_*}, & r \simeq r_+, \end{array} \right. \\ R^-_{\ell m \omega} &\simeq \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} A^-_{\ell m \omega} e^{-ikr}/r + B^-_{\ell m \omega} e^{ikr}/r, & r \to \infty; \\ C^-_{\ell m \omega} e^{-i\tilde{\omega}r_*}, & r \simeq r_+, \end{array} \right. \end{aligned}$$

$$W(R^{-}, R^{+}) = 2i\tilde{\omega}(r_{+}^{2} + a^{2})C_{\ell m\omega}^{-}A_{\ell m\omega}^{+} = 2ikC_{\ell m\omega}^{+}A_{\ell m\omega}^{-}$$

BH  
$$r_{*}=const.$$
  
 $r_{*}=u$   
 $i^{+}$   
 $u=const.$   
 $t=0$   
 $i^{0}$   
 $i^{0}$   
 $i^{0}$   
 $i^{0}$   
 $i^{-}$ 

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