

# ALP dark matter and Early Universe dynamics of PQ field

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  - before the phase transition:  $S = 0$ ,  $\theta$  undefined
  - just after phase transition:  
 $S = f_a$   
**flat stochastic distribution of  $\theta$  with  $\langle \delta\theta^2 \rangle = \frac{\pi^2}{3}$**
  - isocurvature white noise  
but only on scales smaller than the Hubble radius when the axion field starts to oscillate



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PQ-like field has nontrivial dynamics **during and after** inflation

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Bounds on isocurvature perturbations lead to very strong upper bounds on some couplings

e.g. kinetic misalignment:  $10^{-36} \lesssim \lambda_\Phi \lesssim 10^{-22} \lll 1$

If  $\lambda_\Phi \lll 1$  one should consider corrections

- radiative
- thermal
- geometric (curvature of space-time)

We use Coleman-Weinberg (CW) potential adopting Gildener-Weinberg approach

The PQ scalar  $\Phi$  couples to some scalars  $\phi_i$  and some fermions  $\psi_j$

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \sum_i \left( \frac{1}{2} m_i^2 \phi_i^2 + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_i |\Phi|^2 \phi_i^2 \right) + \sum_j y_j \Phi \bar{\psi}_j \psi_j$$

which gives the CW potential

$$V = \frac{1}{64\pi^2} \left\{ \sum_i M_{\phi_i}^4 \left[ \ln \left( \frac{M_{\phi_i}^2}{\mu^2} \right) - \frac{3}{2} \right] - 4 \sum_j M_{\psi_j}^4 \left[ \ln \left( \frac{M_{\psi_j}^2}{\mu^2} \right) - \frac{3}{2} \right] \right\}$$

$$M_{\phi_i}^2 = m_i^2 + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_i S^2 \quad M_{\psi_j}^2 = \frac{1}{2} y_j^2 S^2$$

$\mu$  – scale at which running PQ self-coupling vanishes:  $\lambda_\Phi(\mu) = 0$

**Bosonic contribution must dominate for large values of  $S$**



- **Simple model:**

$N_f$  fermions  $\psi_j$  and  $4N_f$  scalars  $\phi_i$  with

$$y_j = y, \quad m_i = m, \quad \lambda_i = \lambda$$

( $\lambda$  should not be confused with  $\lambda_\Phi$ )

and  $y^2 = (1 - \delta)\lambda$  with  $0 \leq \delta \leq 1$

$$V_{\text{CW}}(S) \approx \frac{N_f}{16\pi^2} \left\{ \left( m^2 + \frac{1}{2}\lambda S^2 \right)^2 \left[ \ln \left( \frac{m^2 + \frac{1}{2}\lambda S^2}{\mu^2} \right) - \frac{3}{2} \right] - \frac{1}{4}(1 - \delta)^2 \lambda^2 S^4 \left[ \ln \left( \frac{(1 - \delta)\lambda S^2}{2\mu^2} \right) - \frac{3}{2} \right] \right\}$$

- **SUSY limit:**  $m \rightarrow 0$  and  $\delta \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow V_{\text{CW}} \rightarrow 0$
- **quasi-SUSY** when  $\delta \ll 1$

## CW potential in curved space-time

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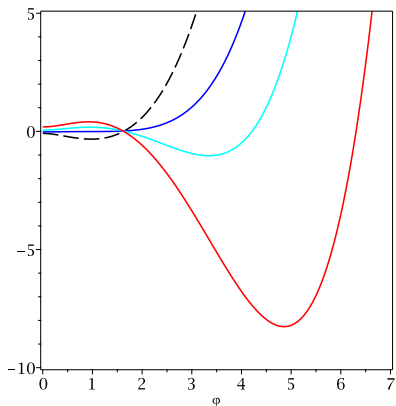
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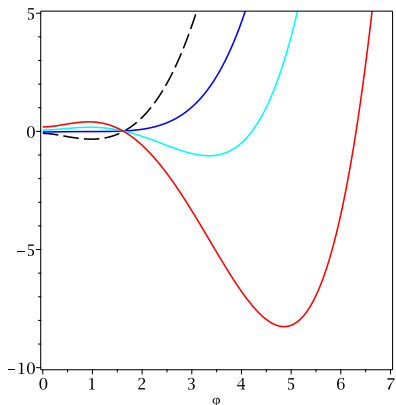
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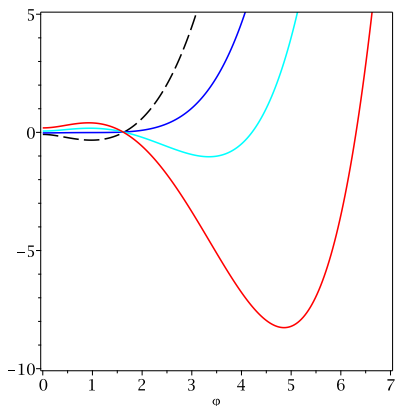
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For some time PQ field is almost constant due to Hubble friction

When the Hubble parameter drops to approximately  $H_i \approx m_S^{\text{eff}}/3$ ,  $S$  starts to oscillate.



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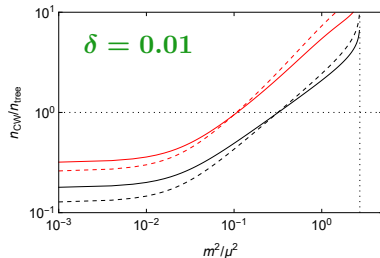
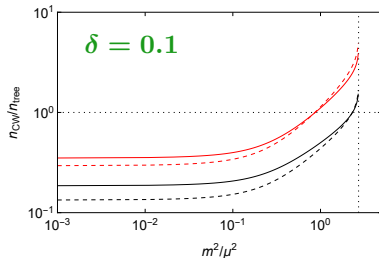
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Different corrections to the simple potential may play – sometimes very important – role

# Axion relic density – radiative correction

Radiative corrections may change the amount for worm axions by a factor of a few



$$H_I/\mu = 5$$

$$H_I/\mu = 10^3$$

axions produced after (solid) or before (dashed) end of reheating

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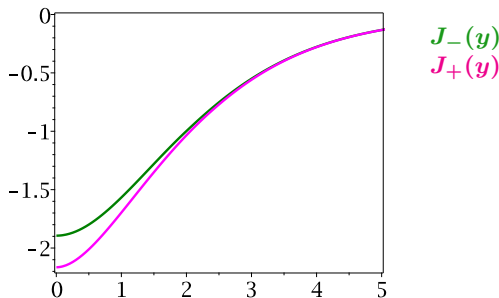
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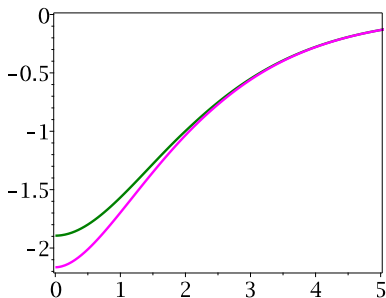
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thermal correction to the saxion effective mass may be written as

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Saxion field starts to oscillate when  $H$  drops below  $H_i \approx \frac{1}{3} m_S^{\text{eff}}$

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- If saxion effective mass is dominated by the thermal contribution

$$H_i^{(T)} \approx \begin{cases} \frac{\sqrt{5}}{144\sqrt{\pi^3 g_*}} n_{\text{eff}} \lambda M_{\text{Pl}} & \text{after reheating} \\ \sqrt[6]{\frac{5}{g_*}} \frac{\sqrt[3]{12}}{72\sqrt{\pi}} (n_{\text{eff}} \lambda)^{2/3} T_{\text{RH}}^{2/3} M_{\text{Pl}}^{1/3} & \text{during reheating} \end{cases}$$

after (during) reheating if  $T_{\text{RH}}$  is bigger (smaller) than  $\sqrt{\frac{5n_{\text{eff}}\lambda}{96\pi^3 g_*}} M_{\text{Pl}}$

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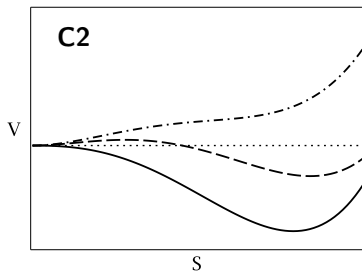
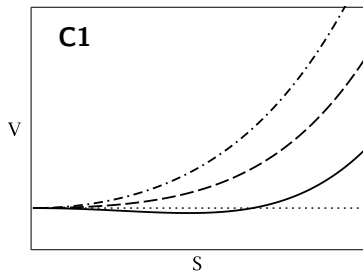
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- Resonant production delayed at least until temperature drops below  $\tilde{T}$  at which thermal mass domination fades away
- How much has the amplitude of saxion oscillations  $A_S$  decreased till such time?
- Production of cold and warm axions depends strongly on  $A_S(\tilde{T})/S_{\min}$   
rough estimate  $\frac{A_S(\tilde{T})}{S_{\min}} \approx \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda\delta}} \frac{m}{\mu} \frac{H_I}{10^{18}\text{GeV}}\right)$   
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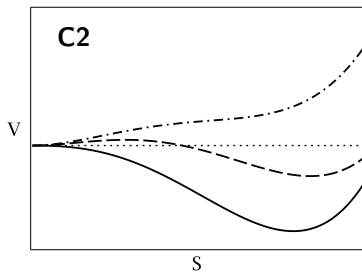
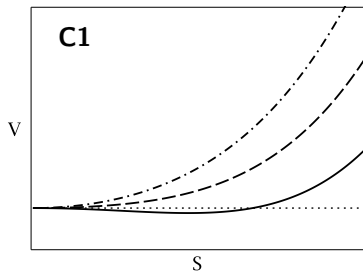
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- **scenario C:**  $A_S(\tilde{T}) \ll S_{\min}$ :
  - Tachyonic instability important Felder et al 2000
  - Dynamics may “forget” the initial value  $\theta_i$ 
    - if so the situation is similar to the “classical window”: relic density of cold axions depends on stochastic processes **after inflation**  
 $\langle \delta\theta^2 \rangle = \frac{\pi^2}{3}$ , white noise isocurvature perturbations at low scales

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- **scenario D: early thermalization**

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depends quite strongly on many details of a model

# Axion relic density

	$\lambda$	$\delta$	$\frac{m}{\mu}$	$\mu$ [GeV]	$H_I$ [GeV]	$n/T^3$ <i>CW</i>	$n/T^3$ <i>CW+G</i>	$n/T^3$ <i>CW+T</i>	$n/T^3$ <i>CW+T+G</i>
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P <sub>2</sub>	$10^{-7}$	0.1	0.1	$10^{10}$	$10^{13}$	34	195	$4.33 \cdot 10^5$	$3.18 \cdot 10^5$
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P <sub>8</sub>	$10^{-7}$	0.03	0.5	$10^{11}$	$10^{13}$	84	690	$1.9 \cdot 10^3$	$3.0 \cdot 10^3$
P <sub>9</sub>	$10^{-7}$	0.01	0.5	$10^{11}$	$10^{13}$	160	2000	$1.2 \cdot 10^3$	$8.9 \cdot 10^3$
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# Axion relic density

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P <sub>1</sub>	$10^{-7}$	0.1	0.1	$10^9$	$10^{11}$	0.042	0.2	$4.57 \cdot 10^5$	$4.57 \cdot 10^5$
P <sub>2</sub>	$10^{-7}$	0.1	0.1	$10^{10}$	$10^{13}$	34	195	$4.33 \cdot 10^5$	$3.18 \cdot 10^5$
P <sub>3</sub>	$10^{-7}$	0.1	0.1	$10^{12}$	$10^{13}$	56	223	$4.28 \cdot 10^5$	$3.04 \cdot 10^5$
P <sub>4</sub>	$10^{-7}$	0.1	0.1	$10^{11}$	$10^{13}$	41.6	206	$4.3 \cdot 10^5$	$3.1 \cdot 10^5$
P <sub>5</sub>	$10^{-7}$	0.1	0.5	$10^{11}$	$10^{13}$	41.9	207	$5.0 \cdot 10^3$	$2.2 \cdot 10^3$
P <sub>6</sub>	$10^{-7}$	0.1	0.7	$10^{11}$	$10^{13}$	42.0	207	95	5.9
P <sub>7</sub>	$10^{-7}$	0.1	0.8	$10^{11}$	$10^{13}$	42.0	207	0	0
P <sub>8</sub>	$10^{-7}$	0.03	0.5	$10^{11}$	$10^{13}$	84	690	$1.9 \cdot 10^3$	$3.0 \cdot 10^3$
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$n_{CW+G} > n_{CW}$  (bigger change for smaller  $\delta$ )

# Axion relic density

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scenario B:  $n_{CW+T} > n_{CW}$ ,  $n_{CW+T+G} > n_{CW+T}$

# Axion relic density

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scenarios **C1**  $\rightarrow$  **C2**:  $n_{CW+T+G} < n_{CW+T}$

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Approximate analytical calculations give the following leading dependence on the parameters

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{n_{CW}}{T^3} &\propto \delta^{-5/8} \lambda^{-5/4} H_I^{3/2} \\ \frac{n_{CW+G}}{T^3} &\propto \delta^{-1} \lambda^{-5/4} H_I^{3/2} \\ \frac{n_{CW+T}}{T^3}, \frac{n_{CW+T+G}}{T^3} &\propto \lambda^{-1/2} \left(\frac{m}{\mu}\right)^{-2}\end{aligned}$$

- Peccei-Quinn field with non-trivial dynamics during and after inflation must have extremely small self-coupling
- Corrections to its potential may be crucial
  - radiative, thermal, geometric
- During inflation
  - saxion potential has (second) minimum at  $S \gg f_a$
  - $\langle S_i \rangle$ ,  $\langle \theta_i \rangle$ ,  $\langle \delta S_i^2 \rangle$ ,  $\langle \delta \theta_i^2 \rangle$  determined by stochastic processes
  - but  $\langle S_i \rangle$  close to the position of the minimum at  $S \gg f_a$
- After inflation
  - thermal corrections very important for the evolution of saxion field
  - evolution of  $S$  and production of particles via parametric resonance or tachyonic instability depend quite strongly on details of a model
- Relic abundance of axions (also model-dependent)
  - contribution to WDM may vary by many orders of magnitude
  - contribution to CDM may be stochastic or not
  - isocurvature perturbations may be standard (generated during inflation) or may have the form of white noise at small scales
- Numerical simulations necessary to get precise predictions