Accidental Dark matter in gauge theories



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Introduction

Dark Matter paradigm

Astrophysical and cosmological evidence for DM : $\Omega_{\rm DM} \approx 0.26$



DM properties

- neutral
- stable (or $au_{
 m DM} \gg t_{
 m U}$)
- cold (non-relativistic at structure formation time)
- weakly interacting with the Standard model particles

None of the Standard Model particles is a good DM candidate: **physics Beyond the Standard Model is required**!

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- **③** Higher dimensional operators can break the accidental symmetries but are suppressed by powers of $\Lambda_{\rm UV} \Rightarrow \tau_{\rm DM} \gg t_U$.

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• Group charge conjugation: $\mathcal{G} \to -\mathcal{G}^*$, $\phi \to \phi^*$, ... \mathcal{Z}_2 symmetry of the SU(*N*) Lagrangian. It can be extended to SO and Sp groups. DM is the lightest \mathcal{Z}_2 -odd state.

DM thermal production: freeze out

DM is kept in thermal equilibrium with the SM thermal bath by annihilation processes with interaction rate

$$\Gamma_{\rm int} = n_{\rm DM} \langle \sigma v \rangle$$

The Universe is expanding with rate $H \sim T^2/M_{\rm Pl}.$

When
$$\Gamma_{\rm int} \lesssim H$$
 (at $T_{\rm dec} \lesssim m_{\rm DM}$) DM decouples.



• DM (number/entropy) density

$$Y_{\rm DM} \equiv n_{\rm DM}/s \sim 1/T_{
m dec} M_{
m Pl} \langle \sigma v \rangle.$$

DM relic abundance

$$\Omega_{
m DM} h^2 = 0.12 { imes} (m_{
m DM} / 0.4 \ {
m eV}) Y_{
m DM}.$$



Scalar gauge dynamics and Dark Matter

D. Buttazzo, L. Di Luzio, G. L., A. Strumia, and D. Teresi [JHEP 1910, 1907.11228 (2019)]

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G. L. and J.-W. Wang [JHEP 2006, 2004.03299 (2020)]

The model(s)

Dark sector

- a new dark-gauge group $G = \{ SU(N), SO(N), Sp(N) \}$
- \bullet a scalar field ${\mathcal S}$ in the fundamental representation of G and singlet of the SM gauge group

The most general renormalizable Lagrangian is

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{L} &= \mathcal{L}_{\rm SM} - \frac{1}{4} \mathcal{G}^{A}_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{G}^{A\mu\nu} + |\mathcal{D}_{\mu}\mathcal{S}|^2 - V_{\mathcal{S}} \\ V_{\mathcal{S}} &= -M_{\mathcal{S}}^2 |\mathcal{S}|^2 + \lambda_{\mathcal{S}} |\mathcal{S}|^4 - \lambda_{H\mathcal{S}} |\mathcal{H}|^2 |\mathcal{S}|^2 \end{split}$$

The Higgs portal connects the Dark sector within the SM We work under the additional assumption of scale invariance which leads to a more predictive model ($M_S^2 = 0$).

Phases of the theory

The model admits two apparently different phases

- Higgs phase: the scalar field gets a vev ⟨S⟩ = w.
 SSB of the gauge group G → H which (if Non-Abelian) confines at Λ_H.
 (Scale invariance ⇒ symmetry breaking à *la* Coleman-Weinberg.)
- **Confined phase:** we have $\langle S \rangle = 0$ but scalar condensates $\langle S^{\dagger}S \rangle$ form. The gauge group *G* confines at some Λ_G (analogous to QCD).

Fradkin-Shenker theorem: from SU(2) duality...

Fradkin, Shenker et al. proved that for SU(2) gauge group the two phases are smoothly connected and share the same spectrum of asymptotic particles and same accidental global symmetries.

Can we generalize this statement?

...to general dualities?

We claim a *duality* among the two phases based on the one-to-one mapping of

the asymptotic states

• the accidental symmetries

Generalization of Fradkin-Shenker theorem to $\{SU(N), SO(N), Sp(N)\}$ gauge groups (it works also for G_2 .)

Group	Higgs phase	Condensed phase	
$SU(N) \rightarrow SU(N - 1)$	$\overset{s}{z_{\mu}}_{\epsilon_{\mathcal{N}-1}}$	$S^{\dagger}S$ $S^{\dagger}D_{\mu}S$ $\epsilon_{N}S^{N}$	
	AA dAAA	GG dGGG	
$\mathrm{SO}(\mathcal{N}) \to \mathrm{SO}(\mathcal{N}-1)$	$ \begin{array}{c} & s \\ \epsilon_{\mathcal{N}-1}\mathcal{A}\dots\mathcal{A} (\text{for odd } \mathcal{N}) \\ \epsilon_{\mathcal{N}-1}\mathcal{W}\mathcal{A}\dots\mathcal{A} (\text{for even } \mathcal{N}) \\ & \mathcal{A}\mathcal{A} \end{array} $	$S^{I}S$ $\epsilon_{N}SGG$ (for odd N) $\epsilon_{N}GG$ (for even N) gg	
$\operatorname{Sp}(\mathcal{N}) \to \operatorname{Sp}(\mathcal{N}-2)$	$s, \mathcal{X}^{\dagger}\mathcal{X} \ \mathcal{Z}_{\mu}, \mathcal{X}^{\dagger}\mathcal{D}_{\mu}\mathcal{X} \ \mathcal{W}_{\mu}, \mathcal{X}^{T}\gamma_{\mathcal{N}-2}\mathcal{D}_{\mu}\mathcal{X} \ \mathcal{A}\mathcal{A}$	$egin{array}{c} \mathcal{S}^{\dagger}\mathcal{S} & & \\ \mathcal{S}^{\dagger}\mathcal{D}_{\mu}\mathcal{S} & & \\ \mathcal{S}^{T}\gamma_{\mathcal{N}}\mathcal{D}_{\mu}\mathcal{S} & & \\ \mathcal{G}\mathcal{G} & & \\ \end{array}$	
$G_2 \rightarrow SU(3)$	s Re WWW AA	S ^T S SSS,SGGG GG	

Further study is required to confirm the claim (ex: lattice computations...)

Accidental composite DM in scalar gauge theories

 $G \stackrel{\langle \mathcal{S} \rangle = w}{\to} H: \text{ spectrum } \begin{cases} \text{massless vectors } \mathcal{A} \\ \text{massive vectors } m_{\mathcal{W}} \sim \mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{DC}} w \\ \text{a light scalar } \mathfrak{s} \end{cases}$

H confines at Λ_{DC} : the acceptable asymptotic states are singlet of *H*. Most of them are composite particles (baryons, mesons, glue-balls,...)

One of more of them is stable because of accidental symmetries \rightarrow Dark Matter.

DM is a composite particle with mass $m_{\rm DM} \sim \max\{\Lambda_{
m DC}, m_{\cal W}\}$

Group	Global symmetry	DM candidate	DM Annihilation
SU(<i>N</i>)	U(1)	Baryon $\epsilon S^{\mathcal{N}} \cong \mathcal{W}^n$	Bohr-like – $1/\Lambda_{ m DC}^2$
	Charge conjugation	Glue-balls $d\mathcal{G}\mathcal{G}\mathcal{G}\cong d\mathcal{A}\mathcal{A}\mathcal{A}$	$1/\Lambda_{ m DC}^2$
$\mathrm{SO}(N_{\mathrm{even}})$	group parity	1-ball $\epsilon \mathcal{G}^{N/2} \cong \mathcal{WA}^{(n-1)/2}$	$1/\Lambda_{ m DC}^2$
$SO(N_{odd})$	group parity	0-ball $\epsilon \mathcal{SG}^{(N-1)/2}\cong \mathcal{A}^{n/2}$	$1/\Lambda_{ m DC}^2$
Sp(N)	U(1)	Meson $S\gamma S \cong W, XX$	Perturbative

DM production

DM is produced thermally with

$$\langle \sigma v \rangle_{\rm ann} \approx \begin{cases} 1/\Lambda_{
m DC}^2 & \text{if } \Lambda_{
m DC} \gg M_W \\ 1/lpha_{
m DC} M_W^2 & \text{if } \Lambda_{
m DC} \ll M_W \end{cases}$$



SO(4)



DM phenomenology

Elastic scattering of DM on target nuclei. Tree level exchange of \mathfrak{s} and SM Higgs *h*.

$$\sigma_{\rm SI} \propto \frac{N^2 m_N^4 g_{\rm DC}^2 v^2 \lambda_{HS}}{M_h^4 M_{\mathfrak{s}}^4}$$





The light scalar \mathfrak{s} can be produced at colliders through the Higgs portal.

$$\frac{\sigma_{\mathfrak{s}}}{\sigma_{h}} \propto \frac{\left(4\pi\right)^{4} \lambda_{HS}^{3}}{\mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{DC}}^{8}}$$

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An high-quality axion model

M. Ardu, L. Di Luzio, G. L., A. Strumia, D. Teresi and J.-W. Wang [2007.12663 (2020)]

Axion overview

- CP-violation in QCD $\mathcal{L}_{QCD} \supset \theta G \tilde{G} \rightarrow$ neutron EDM $d_n \propto \theta$ but $d_n^{exp} < 10^{-26} e \cdot \text{ cm} \Rightarrow |\theta| \lesssim 10^{-10} \Rightarrow$ Strong CP-problem
- **Peccei-Quinn** solution : a new chiral $U(1)_{PQ}$ global symmetry spontaneously broken (at f_a) and anomalous.
 - new light pseudoscalar particle, the axion, Goldstone of ${\rm U}(1)_{\mathsf{PQ}}$
 - the axion potential $V_{\rm QCD}(a) \sim \Lambda_{\rm QCD}^4 \cos(a/f_a + \theta)$ is minimized for

$$\langle a/f_a \rangle_{\rm QCD} + \theta = 0 \Rightarrow$$
 no CP violation!

- $\bullet\,$ New Physics (e.g gravity) breaks $\,{\rm U}(1)_{PQ}$ in the UV
 - extra contribution $\Delta V_{\rm UV}(a) \Rightarrow$ new minimum at $\langle a/f_a \rangle_{\rm UV}$
 - We must assure $\langle a/f_a \rangle_{\rm UV} + \theta \lesssim 10^{-10} \Rightarrow$ PQ-quality problem

We parametrize NP as non-renormalizable operators suppressed by $\Lambda_{\rm UV}=\textit{M}_{\rm Pl}$

The model

- SU(N) gauge group with a scalar field S in the symmetric representation (singlet under SM)
- $\bullet\,$ new fermions provide an accidental $\,{\rm U}(1)_{\rm PQ}$ symmetry at renormalizable level
- $\langle S \rangle$ breaks $\mathrm{SU}(\mathcal{N}) \times \mathrm{U}(1)_{\mathrm{PQ}} \to \mathrm{SO}(\mathcal{N})$
- axion field $\mathcal{S} \sim (w + \mathfrak{s}) e^{i a / f_a}$ with $f_a = w / \sqrt{2 \mathcal{N}}$
- $\bullet\,$ an accidental $\,{\rm SU}$ group parity is preserved by $\,{\rm SO}$ dynamics

Field	Lorentz	Gauge symmetries				Global aco	cidental sy	mmetries
name	spin	U(1) _Y	$SU(2)_L$	$SU(3)_c$	$\mathrm{SU}(\mathcal{N})$	$\mathrm{U}(1)_{\mathrm{PQ}}$	$\mathrm{U}(1)_\mathcal{Q}$	$\mathrm{U}(1)_{\mathscr{L}}$
S	0	0	1	1	$\mathcal{N}\mathcal{N}$	+1	0	0
Q_L	1/2	$+Y_Q$	1	3	\mathcal{N}	+1/2	$^{+1}$	0
Q_R	1/2	$-Y_Q$	1	3	\mathcal{N}	+1/2	-1	0
$\mathscr{L}^{1,2,3}_L$	1/2	$+Y_{\mathscr{L}}$	1	1	$\bar{\mathcal{N}}$	-1/2	0	+1
$\mathscr{L}^{1,2,3}_R$	1/2	$-Y_{\mathscr{L}}$	1	1	$\bar{\mathcal{N}}$	-1/2	0	$^{-1}$

Constraints

- The first U(1)_{PQ}-breaking operator arises at dimension N: det S. ΔV_{UV}(a) ~ Λ⁴_{UV} (^{f_a}/_{Λ_{UV}})^N cos(^a/_{2f_a}) PQ-quality problem solved if f_a ≤ ^{Λ_{UV}}/_{√N} (<sup>Λ_{QCD}/_{Λ_{UV}})^{4/N} × 10^{-10/N}
 Colored relics (Q fermions) must decay before BBN
 </sup>
- No Landau Poles below $M_{\rm Pl}$



 $SU(N) \rightarrow SO(N)$

PQ scale f_a in GeV

DM phenomenology

The model predicts multicomponent DM

- axions produced though the vacuum realignment mechanism
- composite bound states (glue-balls) odd under the accidental group parity are produced with thermal abundance set by $\langle \sigma v \rangle_{ann} \sim 1/\Lambda_{SO}^2$





Axion-photons coupling

$$\mathcal{L}_{ ext{eff}} = rac{lpha_{ ext{em}} C_{a\gamma}}{8\pi f_a} a F^{\mu
u} ilde{F}_{\mu
u}$$
 $C_{a\gamma} = 6(Y_Q^2 - Y_{\mathscr{L}}^2) - 1.92(4)$

Y_L = 0 is needed to avoid charged relics;
 Y_Q = ^{{{2,-1,-4}}}/₃ is required to allow Q decays (avoid colored relics).



Conclusions

Concluding remarks

- A new dark gauge sector provides a set of accidental global symmetries which lead to automatically stable DM candidates;
- we claimed a duality among the Higgs/confined phases of scalar gauge theories with a fundamental scalar. These models also provide accidental composite DM.
- a SU(N) gauge model with one scalar field and new fermions provides accidental PQ symmetry automatically preserved by higher dimensional operators as well as multicomponent DM.

Backup slide: Higher-order representations

The claimed duality holds for scalars in the fundamental representation.

What about higher order representations?

We considered a scalar field in a two-index representation (symmetric, antisymmetric, adjoint) of G.

Stable DW caldudates in the Higgsed phase. 50(77)						
Unbroke	en phase	Broken phase: perturbative			Broken condensed	
scalar	accidental	unbroken	accidental	massive	massive	Dark
rep S	global	gauge ${\cal H}$	global ${\cal H}$	vectors	scalars	Matter
symmetric	U(1) -	${ m SU}(\mathcal{N}-1)$	U(1)	W, Z	$\mathfrak{s}, ilde{\mathcal{S}}$	$\mathcal{B} \sim \mathcal{W}^{\mathcal{N}-1}$, $ ilde{\mathcal{S}}$
symmetric $O(1)_S$	SO(N)	$\mathcal{P}_{U}, \mathcal{C}$	W	$\mathfrak{a},\mathfrak{s}, ilde{\mathcal{S}}$	$\mathfrak{a} + 0$ -ball if \mathcal{N} even	
		$SU(\mathcal{N}-2)\otimes SU(2)$	U(1)	\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{Z}	$\mathfrak{s}, ilde{\mathcal{S}}$	$\mathcal{B} \sim \mathcal{W}^{\mathcal{N}-2}$; $\mathcal{B}\mathcal{B} \sim \mathcal{W}^{2(\mathcal{N}-2)}$
antisymm $\mathrm{U}(1)_\mathcal{S}$	$S_{P}(\mathcal{N})$	С	W	$\mathfrak{a},\mathfrak{s},\mathcal{S}$	a	
		$\operatorname{Sp}(\mathcal{N}-1)$	C, U(1)	$\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{X}$	$\mathfrak{s}, \mathcal{S}$	$\mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{M} \sim \mathcal{X} \gamma_{\mathcal{N}-1} \mathcal{X}$
adjoint	-	$SU(N - 1) \otimes U(1)$	-	\mathcal{W}^{\pm}	$\mathfrak{s}, \tilde{\mathcal{S}}$	$\mathcal{B} \sim \mathcal{W}^{\mathcal{N}-1}$

Stable DM candidates in the Higgsed phase: $SU(\mathcal{N})$

Stable DM candidates in the confined phase: ${ m SU}(\mathcal{N})$				
Representation	$\mathrm{SU}(\mathcal{N})$ even	$\mathrm{SU}(\mathcal{N})$ odd even		
symmetric	$\epsilon(\mathcal{GS})^{\mathcal{N}/2}$, $\epsilon\epsilon\mathcal{S}^{\mathcal{N}}$	$\epsilon \epsilon S^N$		
anti-symmetric	$\epsilon S^{\mathcal{N}/2}, \epsilon \epsilon S^{\mathcal{N}}$	$\epsilon\epsilon S^N$		
adjoint	_	-		

We found no general dualities!

Backup slide: axion cosmology

$$\ddot{a} + 3H\dot{a} + m_a^2 a = 0$$

- early times $T \gg m_a$: the axion field is frozen at constant value $a_{
 m in} = f_a heta_{
 m in}$
- late times $T \lesssim m_a$: the axion oscillates toward the minimum of its potential with frequency $\omega_a = m_a \rightarrow \text{cold dark matter}$ equation of state

$$\frac{\Omega_{a}h^{2}}{0.12} \approx \theta_{\rm in}^{2} \left(\frac{f_{a}}{2.0 \times 10^{11}\,{\rm GeV}}\right)^{7/6}$$

