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Scalar Dark Matter

(see arxiv paper by Khmelnitsky + Rubakov 1309.5888)

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Calculating $T_{\mu\nu}$, we find

$$T_{00} \equiv \rho = \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi_0^2 + \mathcal{O}(v^2 \langle \rho \rangle).$$

If we assume the scalar field makes up the local dark matter density, we can find its amplitude:

$$\frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi_0^2 = \rho_{DM} \rightarrow \phi_0 = \sqrt{\frac{2 \rho_{DM}}{m^2}} \sim 10^{-9} M_{Pl} \left(\frac{10^{-22} \text{ eV}}{m} \right)$$

The spatial components T_{ij} are oscillatory at leading order

$$T_{ij} = -\frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi_0^2 \cos(2mt + 2kx + 2\beta) \delta_{ij} \equiv p \delta_{ij}$$

$\langle p_{ij} \rangle_t = 0$, average $\rightarrow 0$ on times long compared to oscillation time

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$$ds^2 = (1 + 2\bar{\Phi}(x,t))dt^2 - (1 - 2\bar{\Psi}(x,t))\delta_{ij}dx^i dx^j$$

where $\bar{\Phi}, \bar{\Psi} \ll 1$.

Consider expanding $\bar{\Psi}$ in components with different frequencies,

$$\bar{\Psi}(\vec{x}, t) = \Psi_0 + \Psi_c(\vec{x}) \cos(2mt + 2kx) + \Psi_s(\vec{x}) \sin(2mt + 2kx)$$

The 00 component of the Einstein eqn gives

$$\nabla^2 \bar{\Phi} = 4\pi G \rho_{DM}$$

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$$-6\ddot{\Psi} + 2\nabla^2(\Psi - \Phi) = 8\pi G T_{kk} = 24\pi G p(x,t)$$

Using the above, the time-independent gravitational potentials are equal: $\Psi_0 = \Phi_0$.

We also find $\Psi_s \approx 0$

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where ν_0 is the emission frequency at the pulsar.

At leading order in the DM velocity, the fractional frequency change is just the difference in gravitational potential at the earth & at pulsar:

$$\frac{\nu(t) - \nu_0}{\nu_0} \approx \psi(x, t) - \psi(x_p, t')$$

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where D is the distance to the pulsar, taking into account the finite speed for propagation of the pulse.

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$$R(t) = \int \psi_c [\cos(2mt + 2\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}_e + 2\beta_e) - \cos(2m(t - D) + 2\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}_p + 2\beta_p)]$$

signal: $R(t) \sim \frac{\psi_c}{m} \sin \left(mD + k(\vec{x}_e - \vec{x}_p) + \beta_e - \beta_p \right)$

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