

# Implications of the cosmic birefringence measurement for the axion dark matter search

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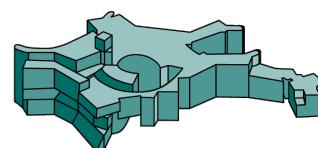
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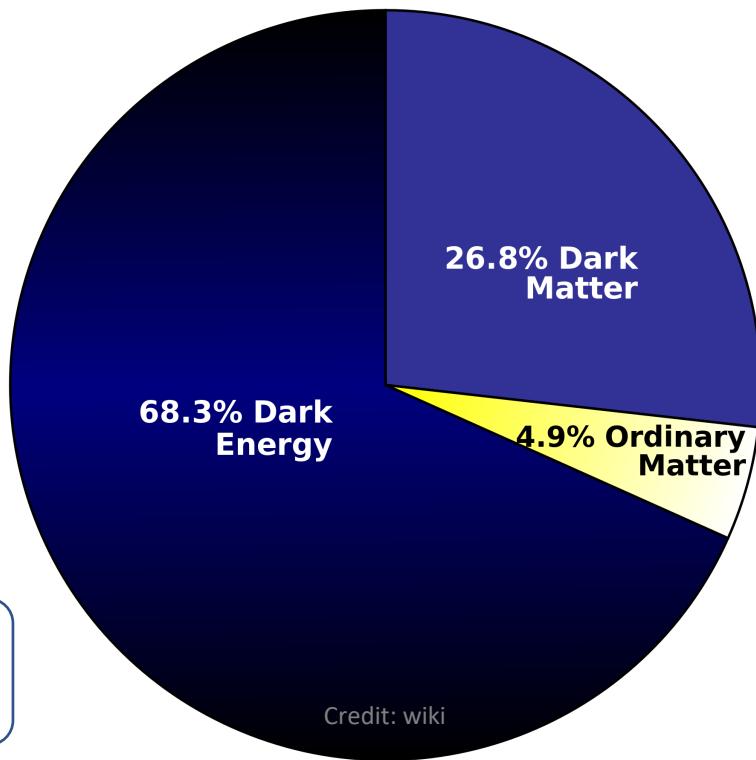


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# Dark sectors in our universe



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Cosmological Constant?  
Quintessence?



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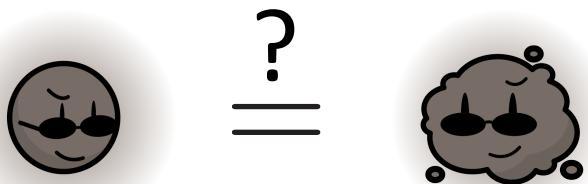
WIMP?  
Axion?  
MACHO?  
PBHs?

We know only 5 % in our universe!

# Question

Are these sectors independent components?

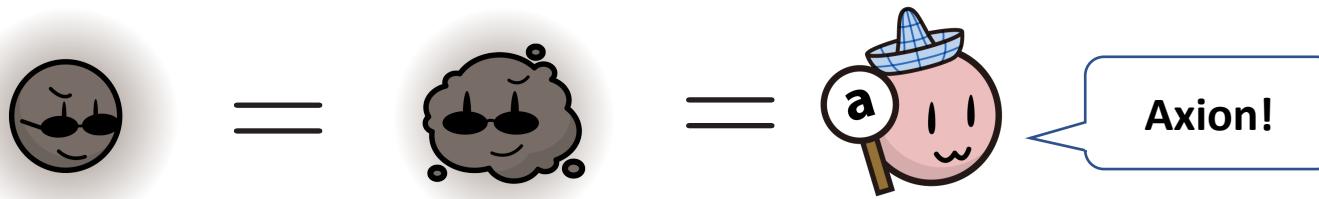
What if they are related by a common origin?



Unified models for dark matter and dark energy have been developed

- **Generalized Chaplygin gas:** *Bento, Bertolami & Sen (2002); Makler, Oliveira, Waga (2003); ...*
- **k-essence:** *Scherrer (2004); Giannakis & Hu (2005); ...*
- **Fast transition models:** *Bruni, Lazkoz & Fernandez (2013); Leanizbarrutia, Fernandez & Tereno (2017); ...*
- ...

# Overview of this talk

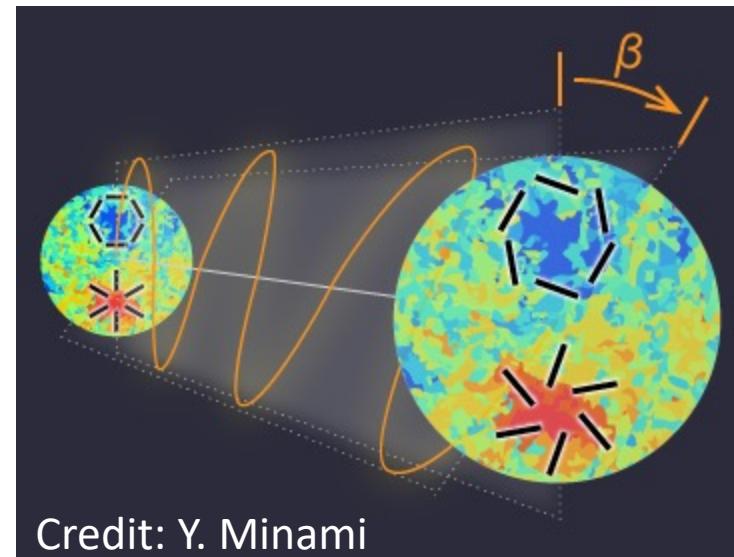


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- Axion can be a candidate for both dark matter and dark energy

## Motivation

- ✓ The constraints on this scenario are potentially connected by the measurement of cosmic birefringence effect in CMB!
- ✓ We can do a complementary search between CMB observations (axion dark energy) and resonant cavity experiments (axion dark matter)



# Photon's birefringence by axion

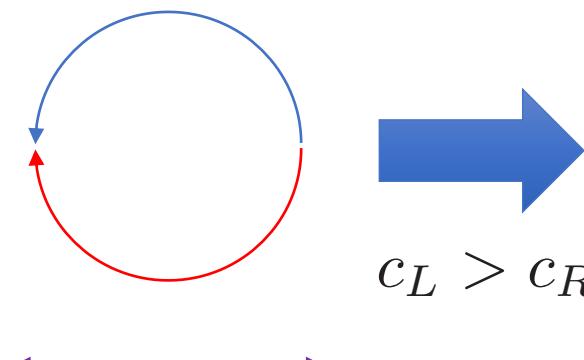
*Carroll, Field & Jackiw (1990); Harari & Sikivie (1992); Carroll (1998); ...*

**Axion behaves as a birefringent material in our universe**

- Axion differentiates the phase velocities of circular-polarized photon

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{1}{4} g_{a\gamma} \varphi F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}, \quad F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu$$

Dispersion relation:  $\ddot{A}_k^{L/R} + \omega_{L/R}^2 A_k^{L/R} = 0, \quad c_{L/R} \equiv \frac{\omega_{L/R}}{k} = \sqrt{1 \pm \frac{g_{a\gamma} \dot{\varphi}}{k}}$



$$c_L > c_R$$

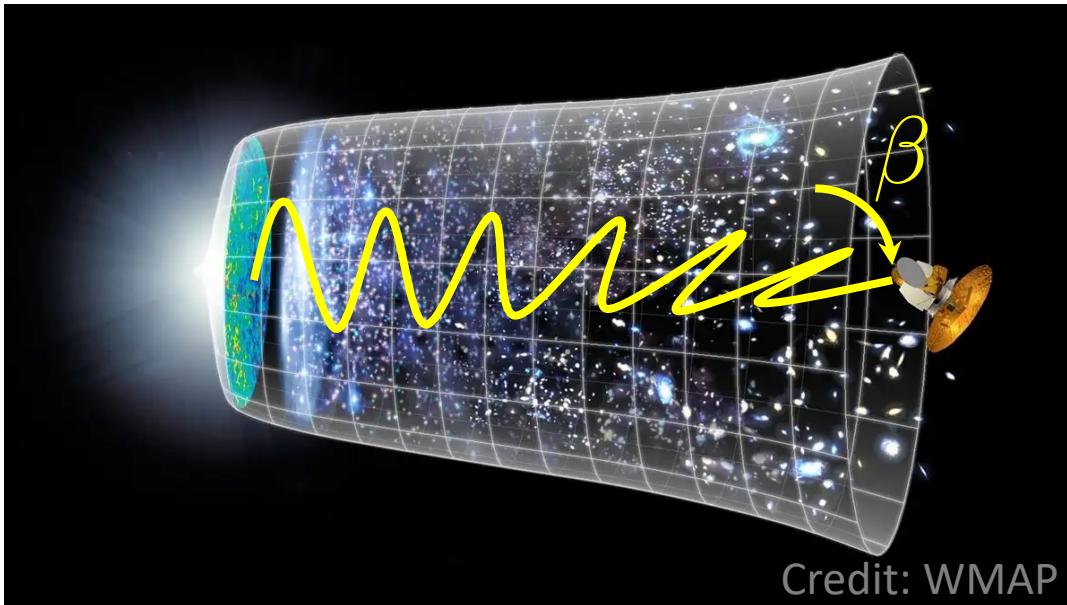
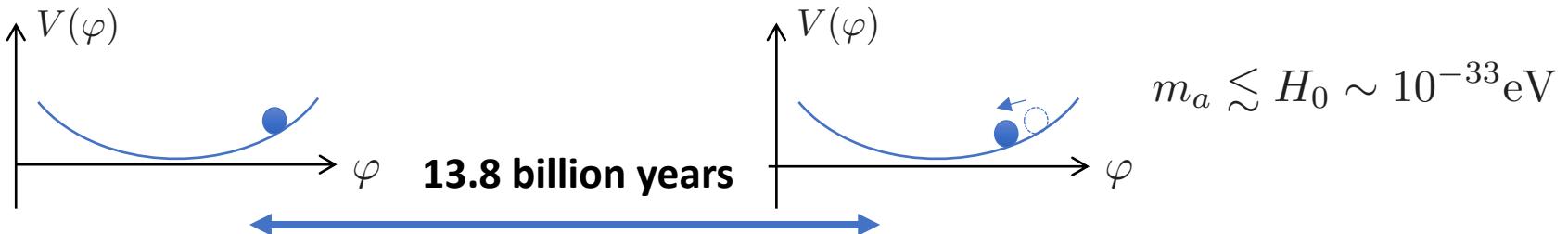


→ leading to the rotation of linear-polarization direction

# CMB Birefringence by axion DE

(Fukugita & Yanagida (1994); Friemann+ (1995); J.E.Kim+ (1999); ...)

- Axion with mass smaller than current Hubble scale behaves as a dark energy



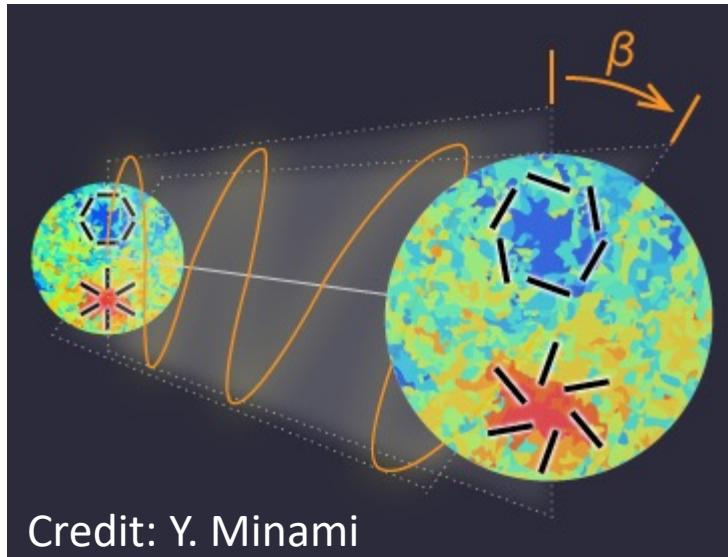
- If axion is responsible for dark energy, it makes the polarization plane of CMB rotate from the last-scattering-surface

Rotation angle:

$$\beta = \frac{g_{\phi\gamma}}{2} \Delta\phi \equiv \frac{g_{\phi\gamma}}{2} (\phi_0 - \langle \phi_{\text{LSS}} \rangle)$$

# Generation EB correlation function

*Lue, Wang & Kamionkowski (1999); Feng+ (2005,2006); Liu, Lee & Ng (2006); ...*



Parity-violating interaction

$$\text{e.g. } \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = \frac{1}{4} g_{a\gamma} \varphi F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$

produces the parity-odd EB correlation

$$C_{\ell}^{EB,o} = \frac{1}{2} \sin(4\beta) \left( C_{\ell}^{EE,\text{CMB}} - C_{\ell}^{BB,\text{CMB}} \right)$$

↑ measured value

$$+ \cos(4\beta) C_{\ell}^{EB,\text{CMB}}$$

↑ usually assume 0

**History of measurements (WMAP, Planck, ACT,...)**

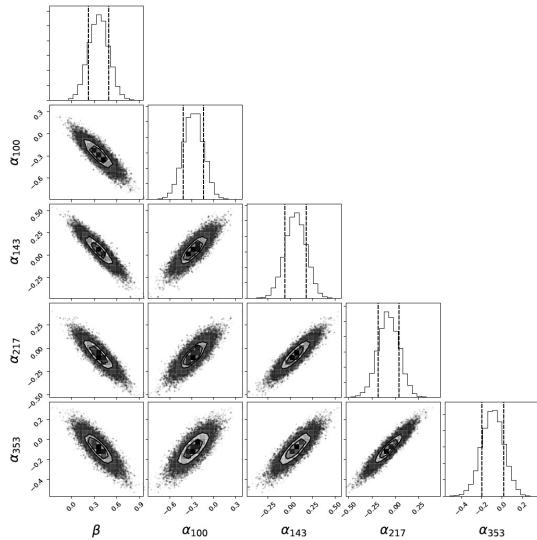
Non-zero  $\langle EB \rangle$  has been detected.

But, not reliable estimates due to the miscalibration of instrumental angle  $\alpha$ .

# Foreground-based calibration

Minami & Komatsu (2020);

calibrate  $\alpha$  by using the polarized emission from the galactic foregrounds and measures the intrinsic birefringence angle  $\beta$  by Planck 2018 PR3 data



Angles	Results (deg)
$\beta$	$0.35 \pm 0.14$
$\alpha_{100}$	$-0.28 \pm 0.13$
$\alpha_{143}$	$0.07 \pm 0.12$
$\alpha_{217}$	$-0.07 \pm 0.11$
$\alpha_{353}$	$-0.09 \pm 0.11$

$$\beta = 0.35 \pm 0.14 \text{ deg } (2.4\sigma)$$

**Diego-Palazuelos+ (2022)**

$$\beta = 0.36 \pm 0.11 \text{ deg } (3.3\sigma)$$

**Update! (PR4 data):**

# Implication for the axion search

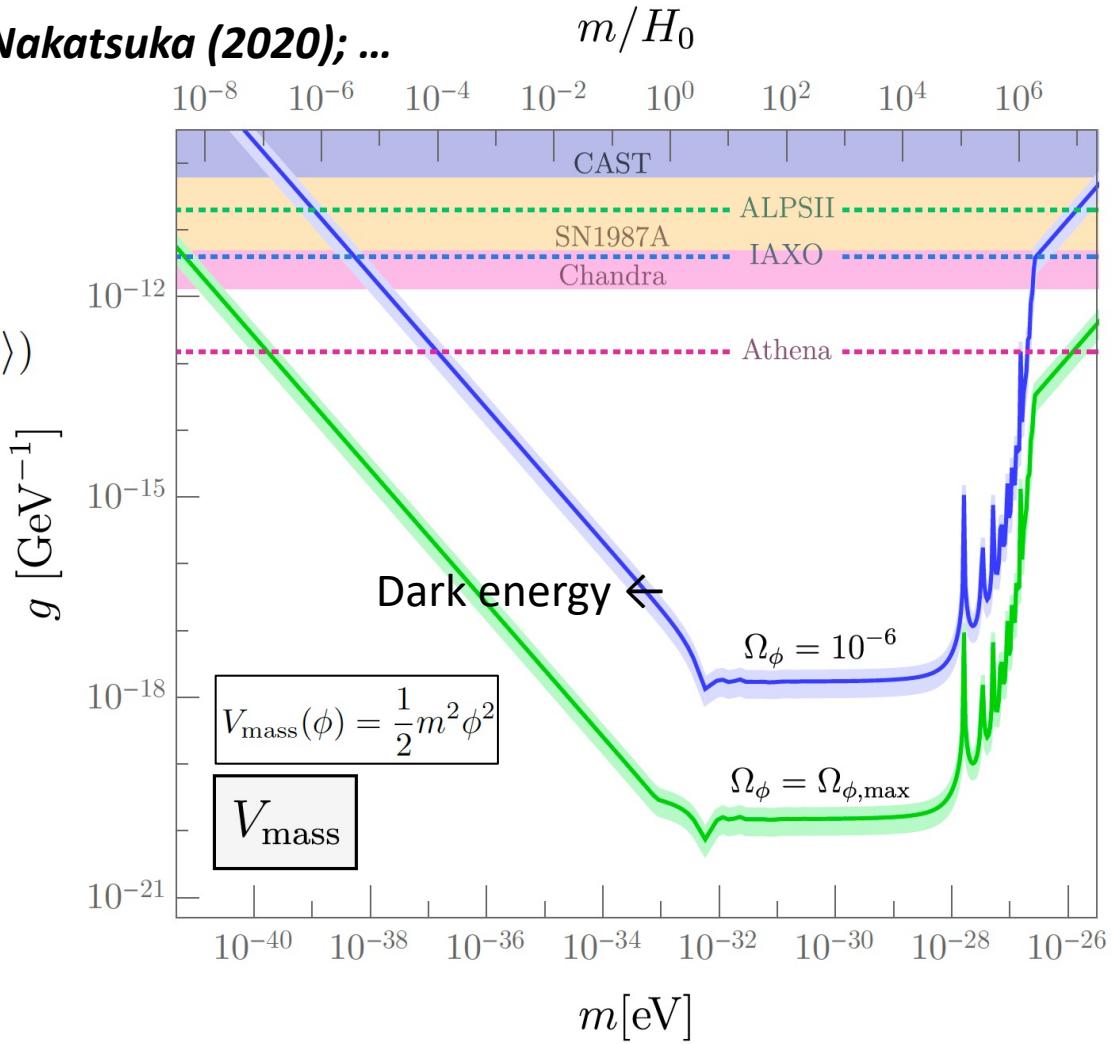
Fujita, Minami, Murai & Nakatsuka (2020); ...

- From this relationship

$$\beta = \frac{g_{\phi\gamma}}{2} \Delta\phi \equiv \frac{g_{\phi\gamma}}{2} (\phi_0 - \langle \phi_{\text{LSS}} \rangle)$$

we can constrain the parameter space of axion-photon coupling w.r.t. axion mass

- Support the presence of axion as dark energy

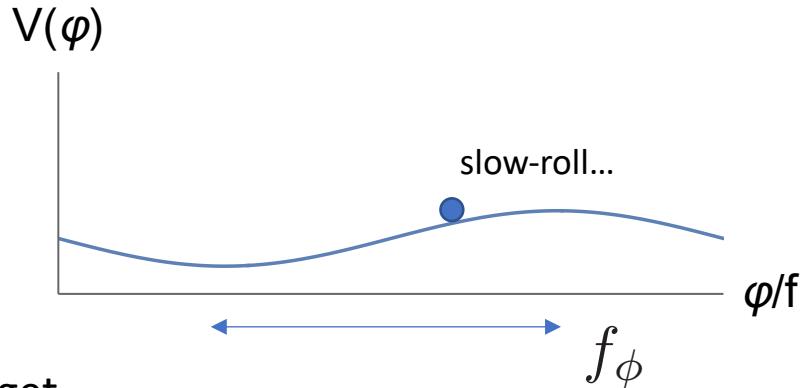


# Some issues of single-field model

Friemann+ (1995); ...

- Consider a **nearly flat** axion cosine potential

$$V(\phi) = m_\phi^2 f_\phi^2 \left[ 1 - \cos \left( \frac{\phi}{f_\phi} \right) \right]$$



- To satisfy the constraint on EoS parameter, we get

$$f_\phi \simeq 14 M_{\text{Pl}} \left( \frac{\Omega_\phi}{0.69} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{m_\phi/H_0}{0.1} \right)^{-1} > M_{\text{Pl}}$$

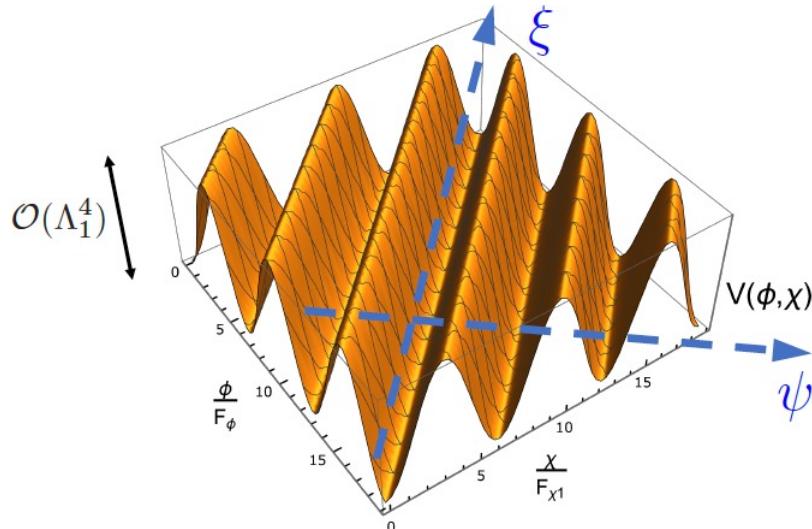
requires a **super-Planckian** decay constant or a fine-tuning of initial axion displacement

- To get the measured  $\beta$ , a **large anomaly coefficient** is required

$$g_{\phi\gamma} = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \frac{c_{\phi\gamma}}{f_\phi} \quad |c_{\phi\gamma}| \simeq 7.5 \times 10^3 \left( \frac{\beta}{0.35 \text{deg}} \right) \left( \frac{m_\phi/H_0}{0.1} \right)^{-2} \gg 1$$

# Two-fields axion model

*Kim (1999)(2000), ...  
Kim, Nilles & Peloso (2005), ...*



## Potential

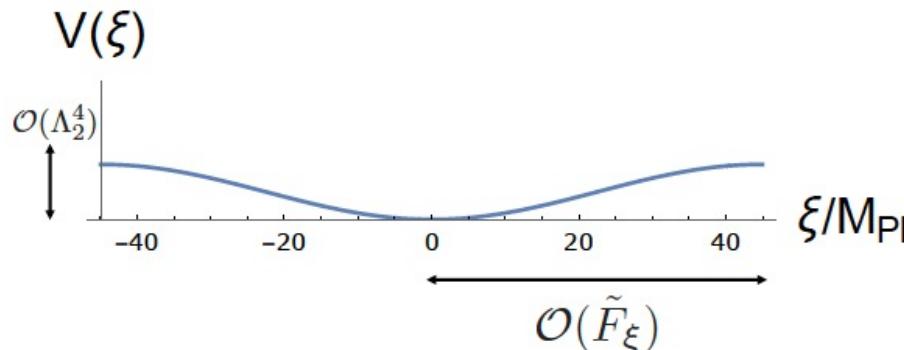
$$V(\phi, \chi) = \Lambda_1^4 \left[ 1 - \cos \left( \frac{\phi}{F_{\phi 1}} + \frac{\chi}{F_{\chi 1}} \right) \right] + \Lambda_2^4 \left[ 1 - \cos \left( \frac{\phi}{F_{\phi 2}} + \frac{\chi}{F_{\chi 2}} \right) \right]$$

$$(\Lambda_1^4 \gg \Lambda_2^4, F_i < M_{Pl})$$

$$\xi = \frac{F_\phi}{\sqrt{F_\phi^2 + F_{\chi 1}^2}} \phi - \frac{F_{\chi 1}}{\sqrt{F_\phi^2 + F_{\chi 1}^2}} \chi, \quad \psi = -\frac{F_{\chi 1}}{\sqrt{F_\phi^2 + F_{\chi 1}^2}} \phi - \frac{F_\phi}{\sqrt{F_\phi^2 + F_{\chi 1}^2}} \chi$$

- Nearly-flat direction can be realized by an alignment of the **multiple axion potentials**:

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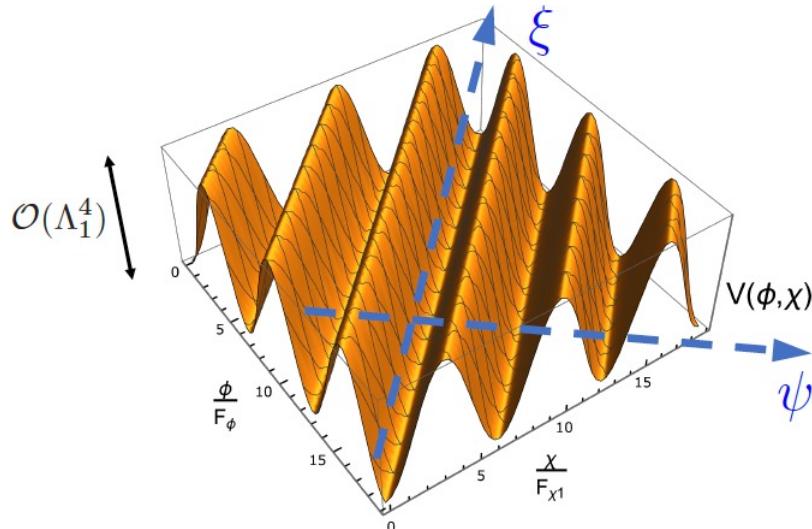


## Effective field range of axion

$$\tilde{F}_\xi = \frac{\sqrt{F_\phi^2 + F_{\chi 1}^2}}{\epsilon} \gg M_{Pl}$$

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Linear combinations of two-fields provide two (nearly) massless & massive fields

Dark energy



Dark matter



# Introduce axion-photon couplings

*Obata (2021)*

- The interactions of photon to the (original) axion fields are given by

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{\alpha}{8\pi} \left( \frac{\phi}{F_{\phi\gamma}} + \frac{\chi}{F_{\chi\gamma}} \right) F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$

- In terms of  $(\psi, \xi)$ , the effective coupling constants are obtained:

$$\boxed{g_{\xi\gamma} = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \frac{c_{\xi\gamma}}{\tilde{F}_\xi}, \quad c_{\xi\gamma} \equiv \frac{1}{\epsilon} \left( \frac{F_\phi}{F_{\phi\gamma}} - \frac{F_{\chi 1}}{F_{\chi\gamma}} \right), \\ g_{\psi\gamma} = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \frac{c_{\psi\gamma}}{\tilde{F}_\psi}, \quad c_{\psi\gamma} \equiv - \left( \frac{F_\phi}{F_{\chi\gamma}} + \frac{F_{\chi 1}}{F_{\phi\gamma}} \right) \frac{F_\phi F_{\chi 1}}{F_\phi^2 + F_{\chi 1}^2}}$$

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- $g_{\xi\gamma}$  (dark energy) is fixed by the measured birefringence angle  $\beta = 0.35 \pm 0.14$

→ the parameter space of  $g_{\psi\gamma}$  (dark matter) is also constrained

# Parameter Search (1)

➤ (Effective) axion DE field range:  $\tilde{F}_\xi \simeq 14M_{\text{Pl}} \left( \frac{\Omega_\phi}{0.69} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{m_\phi/H_0}{0.1} \right)^{-1}$

leads to the tuning of the small misalignment parameter:

$$\epsilon \simeq 7.0 \times 10^{-2} \frac{\sqrt{F_\phi^2 + F_{\chi^1}^2}}{M_{\text{Pl}}} \left( \frac{\Omega_\xi}{0.69} \right)^{-1/2} \left( \frac{m_\xi/H_0}{0.1} \right)$$

➤ Birefringence condition:  $|c_{\xi\gamma}| \simeq 7.5 \times 10^3 \left( \frac{\beta}{0.35\text{deg}} \right) \left( \frac{m_\xi/H_0}{0.1} \right)^{-2}$

leads to the condition of the ratio of decay constants:

$$\left| \frac{F_\phi}{F_{\phi\gamma}} - \frac{F_{\chi^1}}{F_{\chi\gamma}} \right| \simeq 5.2 \times 10^2 \frac{\sqrt{F_\phi^2 + F_{\chi^1}^2}}{M_{\text{Pl}}} \left( \frac{\beta}{0.35\text{deg}} \right) \left( \frac{\Omega_\xi}{0.69} \right)^{-1/2} \left( \frac{m_\xi/H_0}{0.1} \right)^{-1}$$

# Parameter Search (2)

- Axion DM abundance by misalignment production:  $\Omega_\psi \simeq \frac{1}{6} \left( \frac{\tilde{F}_\psi}{M_{\text{Pl}}} \right)^2 (9\Omega_r)^{3/4} \left( \frac{m_\psi}{H_0} \right)^{1/2}$

leads to the condition of axion DM decay constant:

*Marsh & Ferreira (2010);*

$$\tilde{F}_\psi \simeq 3.8 \times 10^{-2} M_{\text{Pl}} \left( \frac{\Omega_\psi}{0.31} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{m_\psi}{10^{-22} \text{eV}} \right)^{-1/4}$$

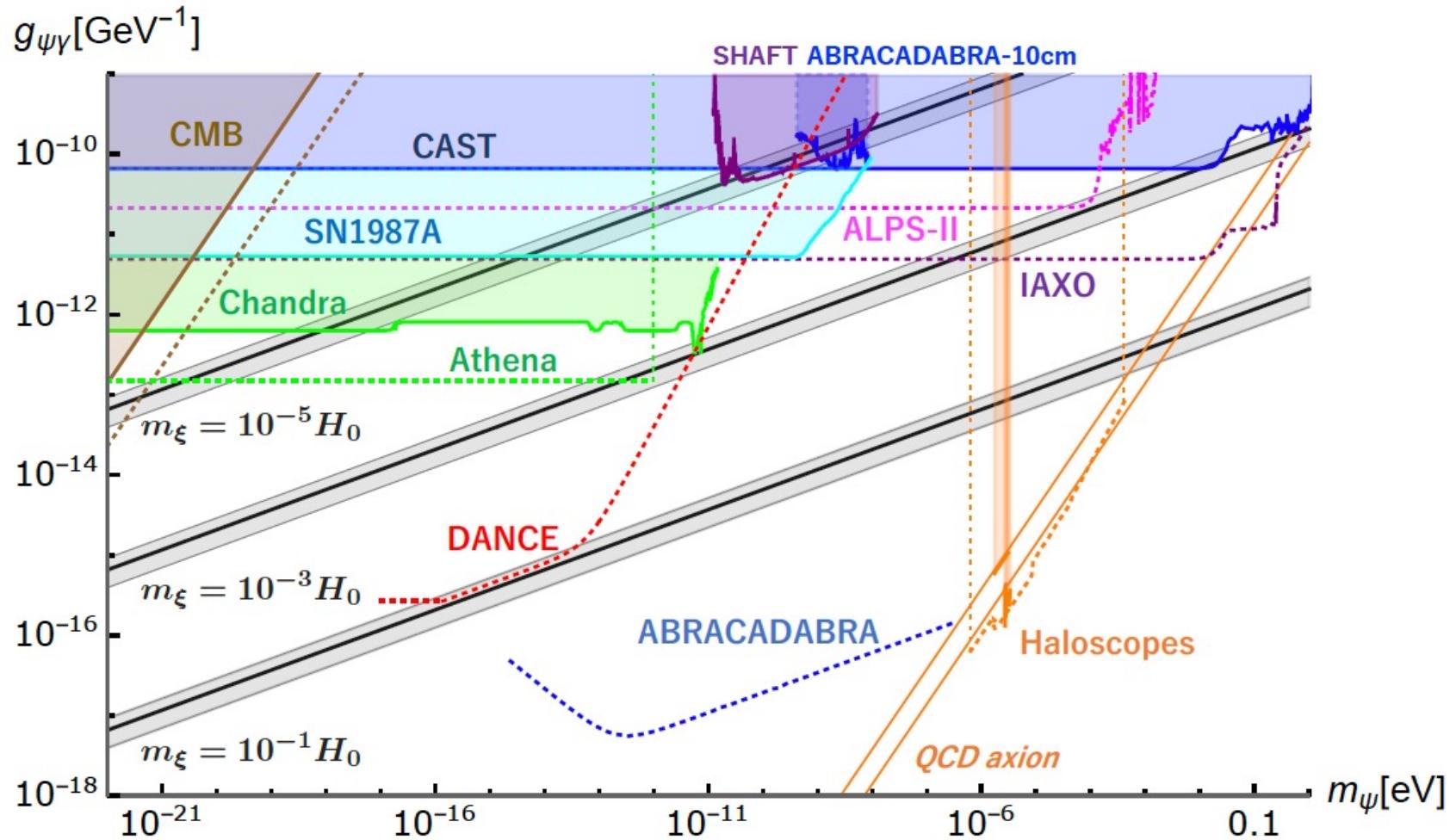
- The axion DM-photon coupling constant is obtained by:

$$g_{\psi\gamma} = \frac{\alpha}{2\pi} \frac{c_{\psi\gamma}}{\tilde{F}_\psi}, \quad c_{\psi\gamma} \equiv - \left( \frac{F_\phi}{F_{\chi\gamma}} + \frac{F_{\chi 1}}{F_{\phi\gamma}} \right) \frac{F_\phi F_{\chi 1}}{F_\phi^2 + F_{\chi 1}^2}$$

$$|g_{\psi\gamma}| \simeq 6.6 \times 10^{-18} \text{ GeV}^{-1} \frac{F_{\chi 1}}{M_{\text{Pl}}} \left( \frac{\Omega_\xi}{0.69} \right)^{-1/2} \left( \frac{\Omega_\psi}{0.31} \right)^{-1/2} \\ \times \left( \frac{\beta}{0.35 \text{deg}} \right) \left( \frac{m_\xi/H_0}{0.1} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{m_\psi}{10^{-22} \text{eV}} \right)^{1/4}.$$

(assuming the region  $F_\phi \ll F_{\chi 1}, F_{\chi 1} \ll F_{\chi\gamma}$ )

# Parameter space of axion DM



# Summary & Outlook

- Axion is one of the promising candidates for the dark sector of our universe.
- Photon's birefringence measurements potentially develop a new frontier of the axion search! (b01, b06)
- A recent measurement of CMB birefringence gives us a tantalizing hint for the axion physics, especially for the axion as dark energy.
- Based on a multiple axion scenario, this observable can connect the constraints on axion as dark energy and dark matter.
- Extensions of this scenario to more generic ones? (e.g. N-field, kinetic mixings, ...)