

自希格斯玻色子发现后,标准模型预言的粒子都已被找到。然而近些年来,在实验中发现越来越 多与标准模型不符合的迹象,例如中微子质量、轻子味道普适性破坏以及CDF实验测量W玻色子质量反 常等问题。这些"乌云"催促我们去寻找标准模型之外的新物理。高能物理界提出了各种不同的未来 实验项目,例如基于LHC对撞机的升级计划(HL-LHC、HE-LHC)、未来环形对撞机(FCC、SPPC)、国 际直线对撞机(ILC)、紧凑型直线对撞机(CLIC)、环形正负电子对撞机(CEPC)、缪子对撞机 (MuC)、电子-缪子乃至电子-中微子对撞机等。

本论坛目的在于为高能物理工作者提供平台交流其在高能物理前沿的进展与经验,包括但不限于对撞机技术、软件模拟、物理分析等,同时也为高年级本科生及研究生提供接触高能物理前沿的机会。

报告题目: Opening up window of post-inflationary QCD axion

The QCD axion cosmology depends crucially on whether the QCD axion is present during inflation or not. We point out that contrary to the standard criterion, the Peccei-Quinn (PQ) symmetry could remain unbroken during inflation, even when the axion decay constant, f_a , is (much) above the inflationary Hubble scale, H_I . This is achieved through the heavy-lifting of the PQ scalar field due to its leading nonrenormalizable interaction with the inflaton, encoded in a high-dimensional operator which respects the approximate shift symmetry of the inflaton. The mechanism opens up a new window for the post-inflationary QCD axion and significantly enlarges the parameter space, in which the QCD axion dark matter with $f_a > H_I$ could be compatible with high-scale inflation and free from constraints on axion isocurvature perturbations. There also exist non-derivative couplings, which still keep the inflaton shift symmetry breaking under control, to achieve the heavy-lifting of the PQ field during inflation. Additionally, by introducing an early matter domination era, more parameter space of high f_a could yield the observed DM abundance.



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