

# IDPASC PhD Students Workshop

Rotating clumps of scalar field  
dark matter

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## Motivation

We have **strong evidence** in favor of the **existence** of a scalar field (Higgs boson);

Scalar fields appear as **fundamental elements** of a number of theories, from **extensions of well known setups**, as the Standard Models of Particles and Cosmology, or as part of **String Theory**; [Hu+, 2000] [Peccei&Quinn, 1977]

[Svrcek&Witten, 2006]

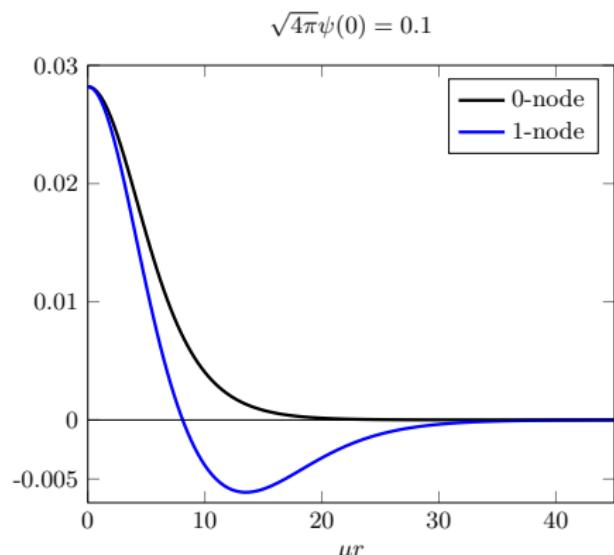
Some of these scalar fields are predicted to be **ultra light** -  $[10^{-33}, 10^{-10}]$  eV - and to interact very weakly with the SM; [Arvanitaki+, 2010] [Hui+, 2017]

## Boson stars

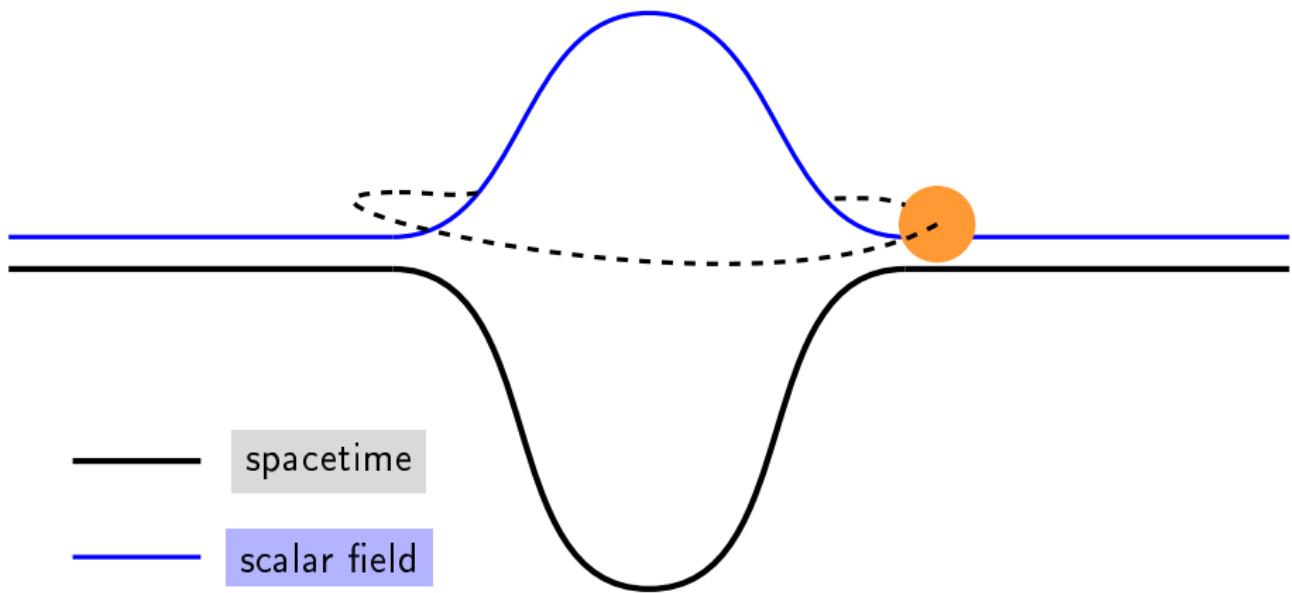
$$R_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2}Rg_{\alpha\beta} = 8\pi G T_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{scalar field}}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}} (\sqrt{-g} g^{\alpha\beta} \Phi_{,\alpha})_{,\beta} - \mu^2 \Phi = 0$$

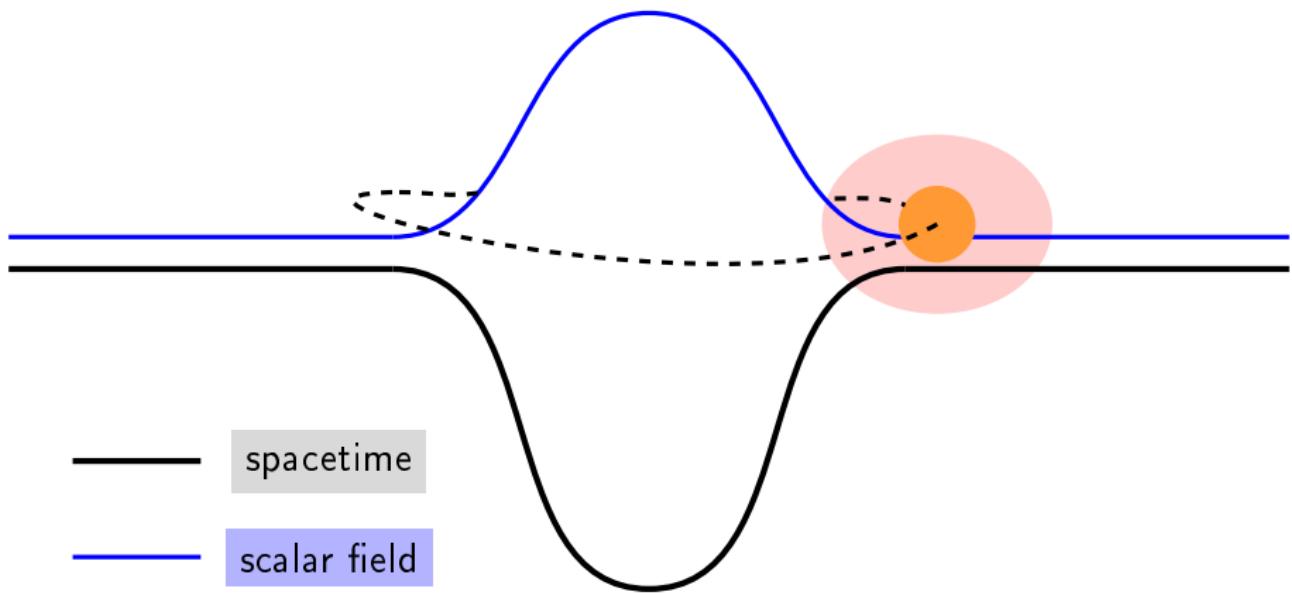
$$\Phi = \exp(-i\omega t)\psi(r)$$



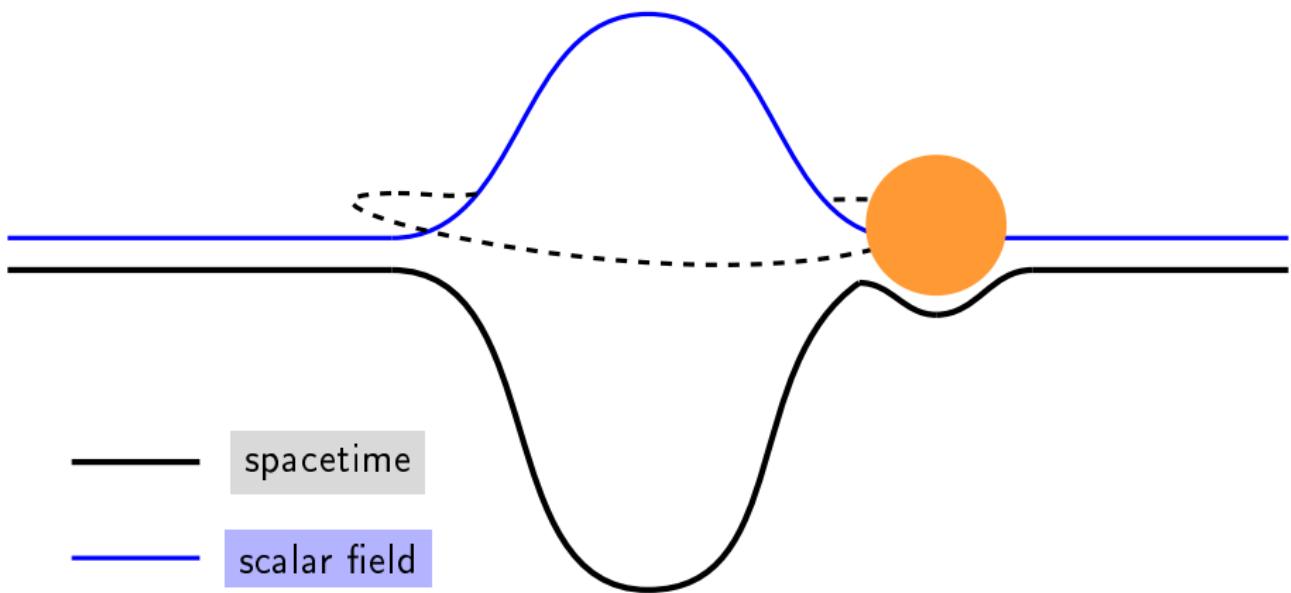
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# The Newtonian limit: Schrodinger-Poisson equations

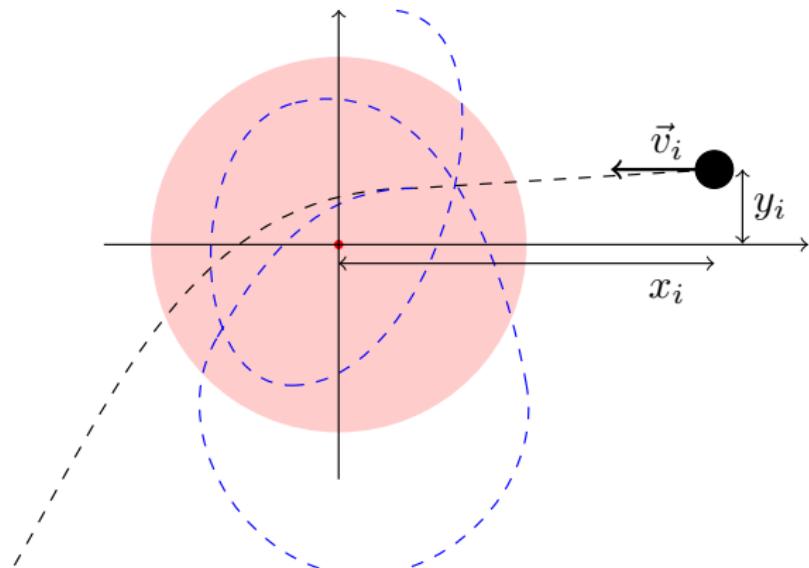
$$R_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2} R g_{\alpha\beta} = 8\pi G (T_{\alpha\beta}^S + T_{\alpha\beta}^P)$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}} (\sqrt{-g} g^{\alpha\beta} \Phi_{,\alpha})_{,\beta} - m_s^2 \Phi = 0,$$

$$\Phi = \exp(-im_S t) \psi(t, \vec{x}), \quad \begin{cases} g_{00} \sim -1 + 2U \\ g_{0j} \sim 0 \\ g_{jk} \sim (1 + 2U) \delta_{jk} \end{cases}$$

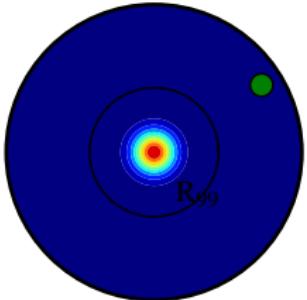
$$\begin{cases} i\partial_t \psi + \frac{1}{2m_S} \nabla^2 \psi + \frac{m_S}{\hbar} U \psi = 0 \\ \nabla^2 U = -4\pi \left( m_P \delta^{(3)}(x - x_P) + m_S^2 |\Phi|^2 \right) \end{cases}$$

# Penetrating a weak-field boson star

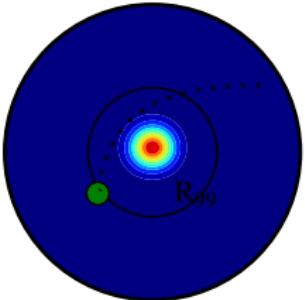


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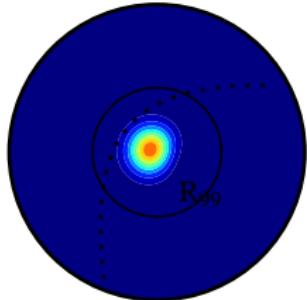
$t = 0.00$



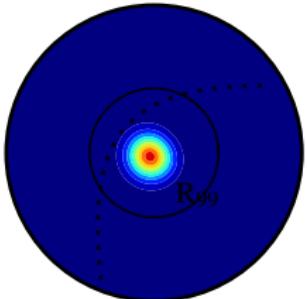
$t = 17.00$



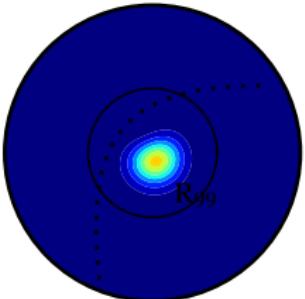
$t = 44.00$



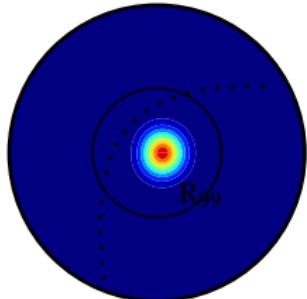
$t = 55.00$



$t = 75.00$

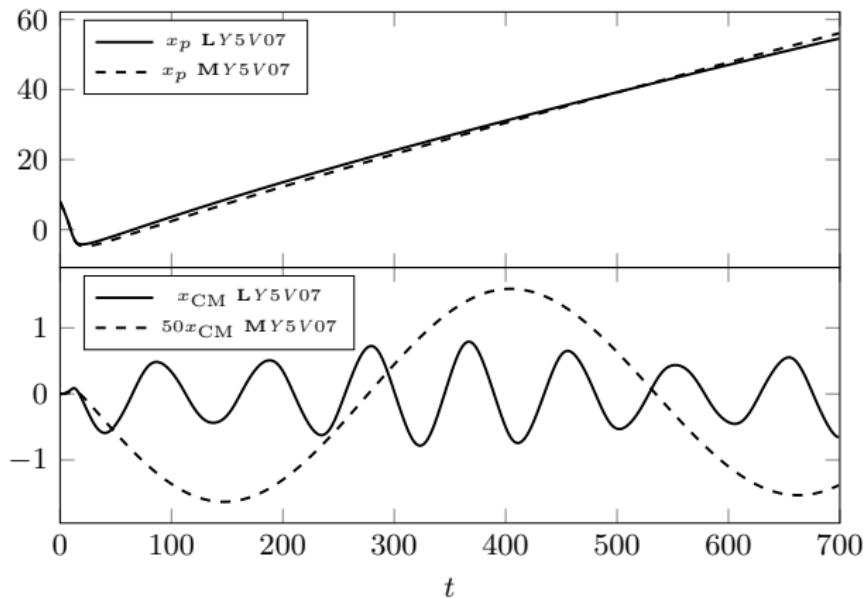


$t = 93.00$

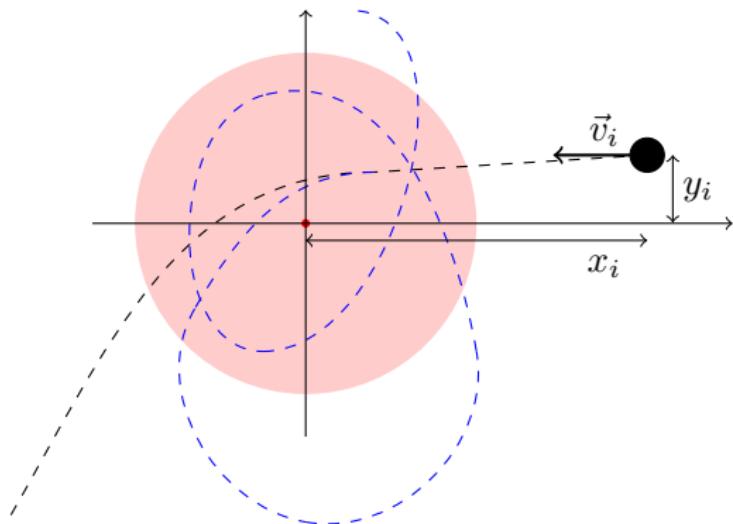


## Rotating clumps of scalar field – center-of-mass

$$\vec{r}_{CM} = \frac{\int \rho_f(\vec{r}) \vec{r} d^3r}{\int \rho_f(\vec{r}) d^3r},$$



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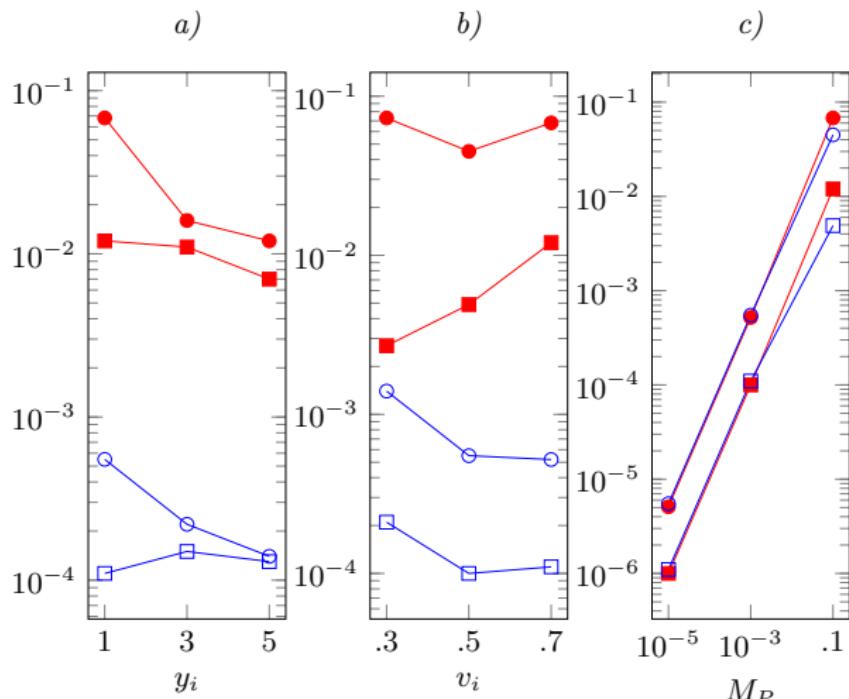
$$\frac{\vec{F}_f}{m_P} \equiv \vec{f}_f$$

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$$\vec{a} = \left[ \frac{d^2 r}{dt^2} - r \left( \frac{d\phi}{dt} \right)^2 \right] \hat{r} + \left[ r \frac{d^2 \phi}{dt^2} + 2 \frac{dr}{dt} \frac{d\phi}{dt} \right] \hat{\phi} v$$

# Gravitational friction

$$-\langle f_f^r \rangle \sim \alpha_r m_P, \quad -\left\langle f_f^\phi \right\rangle \sim \alpha_\phi m_P,$$



1. Scalar field may be responsible for the development of structures of astrophysical relevance;
2. The scalar field structures react to the presence of the orbiting stars, developing long-lived rotating clumps;
3. The reaction of the scalar field to the presence of orbiting bodies gives rise to a friction force that is proportional to the square of the body's mass.

Thanks for the attention!