

Thermal Dark Matter and Primordial Black Holes

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It is quite conceivable that cosmology may give rise to appreciable populations of both particle dark matter and primordial black holes (PBH) with the combined mass density providing the observationally inferred value $\Omega_{\text{DM}} \approx 0.26$. However, previous studies have highlighted that scenarios with both particle dark matter and PBH are strongly excluded γ -ray limits assuming particle dark matter with a velocity independent thermal cross section $\langle\sigma v\rangle \sim 3 \times 10^{-26} \text{cm}^3/\text{s}$, as is the case for classic WIMP dark matter. Here we extend these existing studies on s-wave annihilating particle dark matter to ascertain the limits from diffuse γ -rays on velocity dependent annihilations which are p-wave with $\langle\sigma v\rangle \propto v^2$ or d-wave with $\langle\sigma v\rangle \propto v^4$. Furthermore, we highlight that even if the freeze-out process is p-wave it is relatively common for (loop/phase-space) suppressed s-wave processes to actually provide the leading contributions to the experimentally constrained γ -ray flux from the PBH halo.

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