Primordial Black Holes as Dark Matter

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Black Holes Definitively Exist, Central in Astronomy



Sgr A* Milky Way





BH binary merger





Primordial Black Holes (PBHs)



In early Universe, just roughly take scoop of ~ 50% overdensity to make BH



PBHs as dark matter

... a *"Standard Model"* candidate, but benefits from beyond SM physics



PBHs conceptually distinct from particle dark matter

Very active rapidly developing field, hard to cover everything in half-hour...selective topics



Many great contributions are from UCLA Dark Matter 2023 participants





"Standard" PBH Formation

• Big perturbations ($\delta \sim 1$) enter horizon \rightarrow collapse [Carr, Kawasaki, Sasaki, Riotto...]

$$M_H \approx \frac{c^3 t}{G} = 10^{15} \,\mathrm{g}\left(\frac{t}{10^{-23} \,\mathrm{s}}\right)$$

- Need to tune inflaton potential
 → sensitive to restrictions on field behavior
 - Example: "string swampland conjectures" [Kawasaki, VT, PRD, (2018) 1810.02547]

Very many PBH formation scenarios...



In early Universe, attractively self-interacting scalar fields can fragment into solitonic "lumps"

Jeans fragmentation analogy (massive molecular Galactic Center clouds)



oscillon fragmentation (string moduli fields)



[Antusch+, 2017]

In many theories inflaton can break to oscillons \rightarrow decays result in dramatically enhanced GWs

→ <u>new route to probe inflationary physics independent of CMB !</u>



~ Old GW results

[Lozanov, VT, Phys.Rev.Lett. (accepted), (2022) 2204.07152]

scalar fragmentation



PBHs peaked in mass + big spin possible

inflaton oscillons [Cotner, Kusenko, VT, PRD, (2018) 1801.03321; Cotner, Kusenko, Sasaki, VT, JCAP, (2019) 1907.10613]

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vacuum bubble "multiverse"



PBHs broadly distributed in mass

see also [Deng, Vilenkin, Sasaki...] [Kusenko, Sasaki, Sugiyama, Takada, VT, Vitagliano, *Phys.Rev.Lett.*, (2020) 2001.09160]



PBH DM from bubble multiverse consistent with detected HSC event

[Kusenko, Sasaki, Sugiyama, Takada, VT, Vitagliano, Phys.Rev.Lett., (2020) 2001.09160]

• Generalized model explains many observables simultaneously (DM, LIGO, SMBH seeds...)



• Will be <u>definitively</u> tested with new HSC data !

[Kusenko, Sasaki, Sugiyama, Takada, VT, Vitagliano, Phys.Rev.Lett., (2020) 2001.09160]

Strong force could be very different in early Universe, with high-T QCD phase transition [lpek, Tait, 2018]

PBHs from high-T QCD transition <u>CAN</u> be all of DM & associated GWs explain NANOGrav excess → very different from ~solar-mass PBHs associated with SM QCD transition, *cannot* be all DM



[Lu, VT, Fuller, (2022) 2212.00156]

Making Gold with Tiny DM PBHs

- Can asteroid-mass PBH DM in open window help solve major puzzles?
- Origin of heavy elements (gold) major long-standing problem
 - → neutron star mergers great, but might not be enough e.g. [Kobayashi+, 2020]



- <u>Elegant solution</u>: asteroid-mass PBHs making DM captured by neutron stars, small PBHs eat & explode them
 - \rightarrow "r-process nucleosynthesis" factories

...need more simulations

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capture

[Fuller, Kusenko, VT, Phys.Rev.Lett., (2017) 1704.01129] + Viewpoint Highlight by H.-T. Janka

Neutron Stars (+ White Dwarfs) as PBH Laboratories



[Fuller, Kusenko, VT, Phys.Rev.Lett., (2017) 1704.01129; VT, PLB, (2017) 1707.05849; VT, PLB, (2017) 1710.09458]

Transmuted Solar-Mass BH Mergers



[VT, PLB, (2017) 1707.05849]

Origin of Solar-mass Black Holes

• Solar-mass (~1-2.5 M^o) BHs unexpected in astrophysics

→ PBHs ? particle DM accumulation? [Reddy, Baryakhtar, Capela, Tinyakov, Yu, Kouvaris...]

- LIGO detected candidate event [Abbott+, ApJL, 2020...] ...how to tell BH origin ?
- Solution: transmuted BHs from PBHs (or particle) DM eating NSs follow NS mass distribution





Large (> 1.5 M^o) candidates unlikely to be from DM-NS interactions!

[VT+, *Phys.Rev.Lett.*, (2020) 2008.12780] (follow up: [Dasgupta+, 2020])

Cosmological Lensing, A Novel Test of Dressed PBHs

Stellar-mass PBHs relevant for LIGO can only comprise subdominant DM
 → engulfed in massive halo dress of primary DM (e.g. axions) [Mack+, 2007; Ricotti+, 2008]

* PBHs incompatible with annihilating WIMPs [Lacki, Beacom, ApJL, 2010; ...]

- Strong cosmological lensing (e.g. FRBs) can directly test !
- Already start exploring regions with CHIME FRB data, method applicable to other lenses



[Oguri, VT, Kohri, (2022) 2208.05957]

Are Intermediate-mass BHs Primordial ?

- GW190521 event ~ 150 M^o merger mass [Abbott+, PRL, 2020], first definitive IMBH detection
- New general cosmology-independent observable: interactions and *heating* of gas
- Gas heating mechanisms:
 - gravitational drag (dynamical friction)
 - accretion disk photons
 - accretion outflows / winds
- Great testing site: dwarf galaxies (Leo T)



[Lu, **VT**, Gelmini, Hayashi, Inoue, Kusenko, *ApJ Lett.*, (2020) 2007.02213; **VT**, Lu, Gelmini, Hayashi, Inoue, Kusenko, *JCAP*, (2021) 2105.06099]

PBH Outflow Winds and Jets

• Outflow winds and powerful jets (especially important for spinning PBH) expected to deposit efficiently significant energy via shock heating $L \sim \epsilon \dot{M}$



[VT, Lu, Murase, Inoue, Gelmini, MNRAS Lett., (2021) 2111.08699]

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What's Next ?

... broad brush questions on some key aspects

- What are exact PBH predictions from different formation scenarios, can we classify them?
- What different PBH features and connections to major puzzles are possible?
- What are regimes of validity, limitations of existing constraints?
- What are signatures from mixed DM scenarios with PBHs, if PBHs are subdominant DM?
- What are most promising approaches to explore open PBH DM parameter window(s)?
- What are best observables for distinguishing PBHs with e.g. astrophysical BHs ?
- Lots of upcoming astrophysical data and already hints exist, especially in GWs...

When can we say we found PBHs?

Summary

- PBHs ~ "Standard Model" dark matter, distinct from particle candidates
- Renaissance in the field, special synergy with multi-messenger astro breakthroughs
- Can generically appear in many models, with distinct features
- Connections with long-standing puzzles and numerous signatures

Could be already lurking in data $! \rightarrow$ essential to confront new observations



