Detecting Axion-Like Particles with Primordial Black Holes

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Primordial black holes can be produced in the early universe.



- Origin of PBHs related to interesting cosmology models.
- PBHs can be macroscopic dark matter candidates.
- Hawking temperature is higher when PBH is light.
- Different observation channels including Hawking radiation and GWs.

Primordial Black Holes



evaporation, lensing, gravitational waves, dynamical effects, accretion, CMB distortion, large scale structure Particle production around horizon due to tidal force:

$$\frac{\partial N_i}{\partial E_i \partial t} = \frac{g_i}{2\pi} \frac{\Gamma_i}{e^{E_i/T_{\text{PBH}}} \pm 1}$$

BH Hawking temperature:
$$T_{\text{PBH}} = \frac{1}{8\pi G M_{\text{PBH}}} \simeq 10.5 \left(\frac{10^{15} \text{ g}}{M_{\text{PBH}}}\right) \text{ MeV}$$

Asteroid-mass PBHs are Hawking evaporating at O(MeV) energy.



We can use gamma-ray to constrain PBHs as (fraction of) DM:



A. Coogan, L. Morrison, S. Profumo, 2010.04797

Future MeV Sky



• Covers gamma-ray energy $0.1 \text{ MeV} \lesssim E_{\gamma} \lesssim 100 \text{ MeV}$



e-Astrogam, 1611.02232

 Corresponds to the Hawking temperature of PBHs

 $10^{14} \text{ g} \lesssim M_{\text{PBH}} \lesssim 10^{17} \text{ g}$

Gamma-ray and GWs

GWs are generated by curvature perturbations at PBH formation.

Multi-messenger observations of gamma-ray and GWs to study asteroid-mass PBH DM.



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parameter fit to the curvature perturbations responsible for PBH formation

$$P_{\zeta}(k) = \frac{A}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(\log k - \log k_p)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$



Multi-messenger observation can test PBH DM abundance and cosmic origin

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BSM with **PBHs**

Hawking radiation production rate:

$$\frac{\partial N_i}{\partial E_i \partial t} = \frac{g_i}{2\pi} \frac{\Gamma_i}{e^{E_i/T_{\text{PBH}}} \pm 1}$$

• particle mass kinematically allowed $m_i \lesssim E_i \lesssim T_{\text{PBH}}$

Asteroid-mass PBHs can produce MeV or lighter BSM particles as well

- production via gravity only depends on degree of freedom g_i , not coupling BH Hawking radiation is another channel to produce new particles
- Γ_i contains the graybody factor for the re-absorption of low energy particles

• If exists an Axion-Like-Particle in the particle spectrum

$$\mathcal{L}_{a\gamma\gamma} \supset \frac{1}{2} \partial_{\mu} a \, \partial^{\mu} a - \frac{1}{2} m_a^2 a_a^2 + \frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}}{4} a F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$

light pseudoscalar couples to photon



• Gamma-ray spectrum is modified by ALPs



Gamma-ray spectrum, SM (purple) vs. SM+ALP (red, green, blue).



the $a \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ decay generates a double-peak feature

ALP parameter space

ALP parameter space that can be probed with PBHs.

GC Gamma-ray search

Gamma-ray spectrum from galactic center, PBH mass and abundance $M_{\rm PBH} = 10^{15}$ g, $f_{\rm PBH} = 10^{-8}$.

Discovery of PBHs

PBH constraint depends on theory assumptions of Hawking radiation spectrum.

Previous sensitivity is assuming only SM particles are produced by PBHs.

Discovery of PBHs

When ALPs are produced with the SM particles, the gamma-ray signal is enhanced.

PBH constraints are stronger if ALP exists.

Identification of ALPs

If $f_{\rm PBH}$ is larger than the detection limit, enough statistics to distinguish the ALP.

We will be able to know if ALP exists from the shape of gamma-ray spectrum.

On the $f_{\rm PBH}$ vs. m_a plane, the shaded regions show the range of ALP mass that can be probed with PBHs of different masses.

axion superradiance

Light axions can be produced by Kerr BH via superradiance when $\omega_a < m \, \Omega$

The rotational energy of a PBH is **depleted** into the axion cloud

 Ω : BH angular velocity *m*: azimuthal quantum number

rotating PBH superradiance non-rotating PBH

- Correlate extra-galactic gamma-rays at different redshift
- · Correlate Hawking radiation with superradiance axion cloud decay

[James B. Dent, Bhaskar Dutta, <u>TX</u>, in progress]

Summary

- Asteroid-mass PBHs can make up (fraction of) DM. The MeV gamma-ray signals from Hawking radiation process can be used to probe PBHs. Multimessenger observation with GWs provides more information about PBHs.
- Hawking radiation is via gravity. PBHs can produce new particles efficiently as long as the new particles are not too heavier than the Hawking temperature.
- We show gamma-ray spectrum analysis can be used to detect ALPs produced by PBHs and decay into photons.

If we do detect Hawking radiation in the future, we can use the radiation spectrum to probe both PBHs and BSM degrees of freedom that could have been produced via Hawking radiation.

Thank you!

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Degeneracy in Gamma-ray spectrum

PBH mass function

The PBH mass functions are very different in order to mimic the gamma-ray spectrum with an extended mass function

can be tested with GWs

choose ALP case spectrum as true model (\star), perform fitting (3σ) with ALP and SM model assumptions

