Primordial black holes as dark matter candidates: closing the remaining mass window

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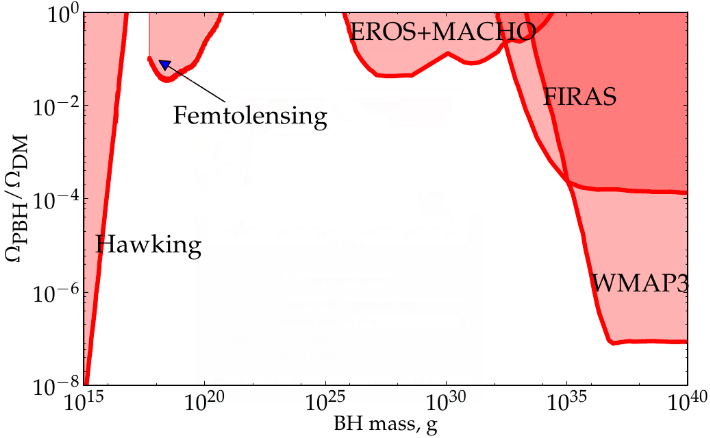

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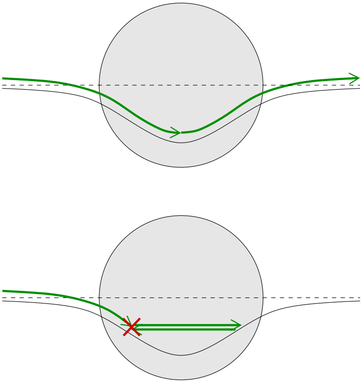

- For capture the energy loss is required
- In case of PBH, the energy loss occurs due to dynamical friction and accretion of star matter onto the PBH
- Total energy loss is

$$E_{loss} = \frac{4 m_{BH}^2 M_*}{M_{Pl}^4 R_*^2} \left\langle \frac{\ln \Lambda}{v^2} \right\rangle$$

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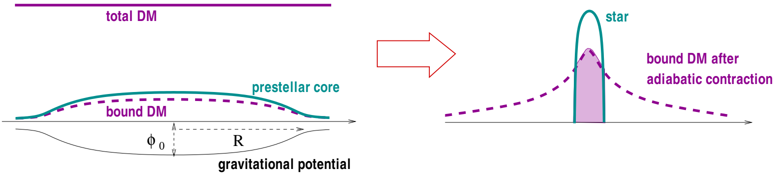

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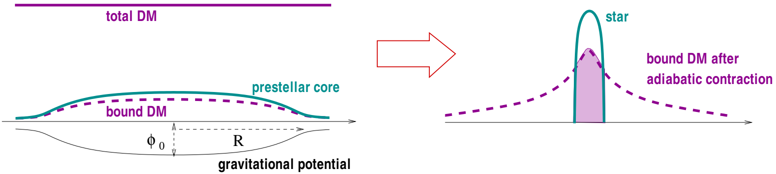

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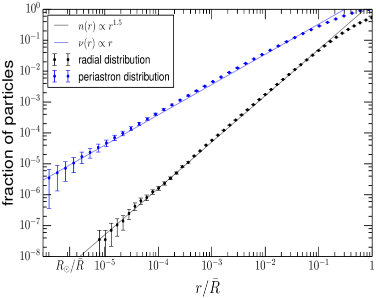
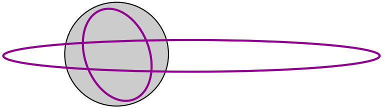


- Number of particles within r,

$$n(r) \propto r^{3/2}$$

- Number of particles with periastron $< r$,

$$\nu(r) \propto r$$



Time scales

- Two stages
  - When PBH is mostly outside the star

$$\tau_1 \simeq \frac{\sqrt{r_{max}}R_*^2 v_{esc}^2}{G\sqrt{R_g}m_{BH}\ln\Lambda} \sim 2\times 10^8\mathrm{yr}\left(\frac{10^{22}\mathrm{g}}{m_{BH}}\right)$$

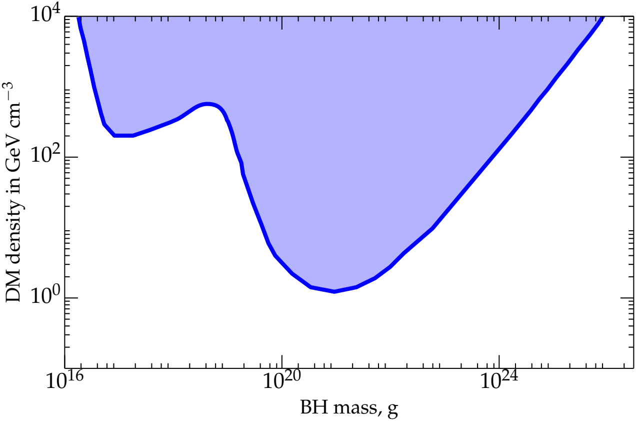
  - When PBH is completely inside the star: numerical calculation in a realistic density profile. Rough estimate:

$$\tau_2 \sim 10^2\frac{M_*^{3/2}}{2\pi\sqrt{G}\rho(0)m_{BH}R_*^{3/2}\ln\Lambda}$$

  - $\Longrightarrow$ Insufficient time at small m_{BH}

RESULTING CONSTRAINTS

Assuming DM velocity dispersion $v = 7$ km/s



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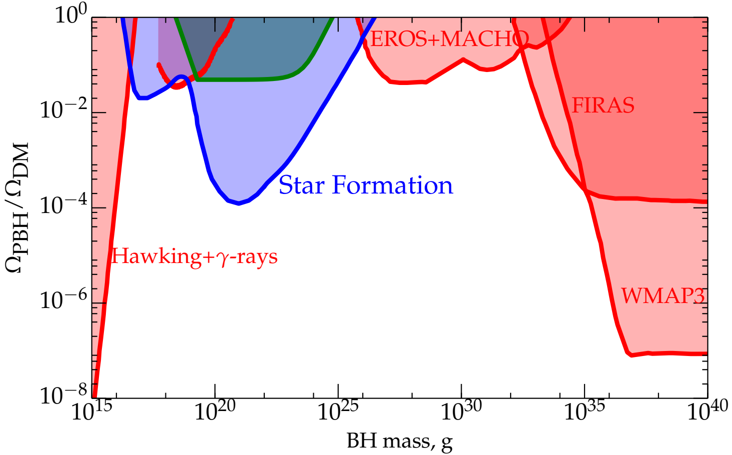

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