

# Primordial black holes in an astrophysical context

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## Fundamental questions about primordial black holes

- When and how are they form?
- When and how can we infer their existence?
- Is dark matter primordial black holes?

## What would it take to establish their existence?

- Direct observation (e.g., gravitational waves)
- Indirect observation (e.g., effects in the early universe, CMB, energetic backgrounds, lensing, stellar dynamics, merger rates, etc...)

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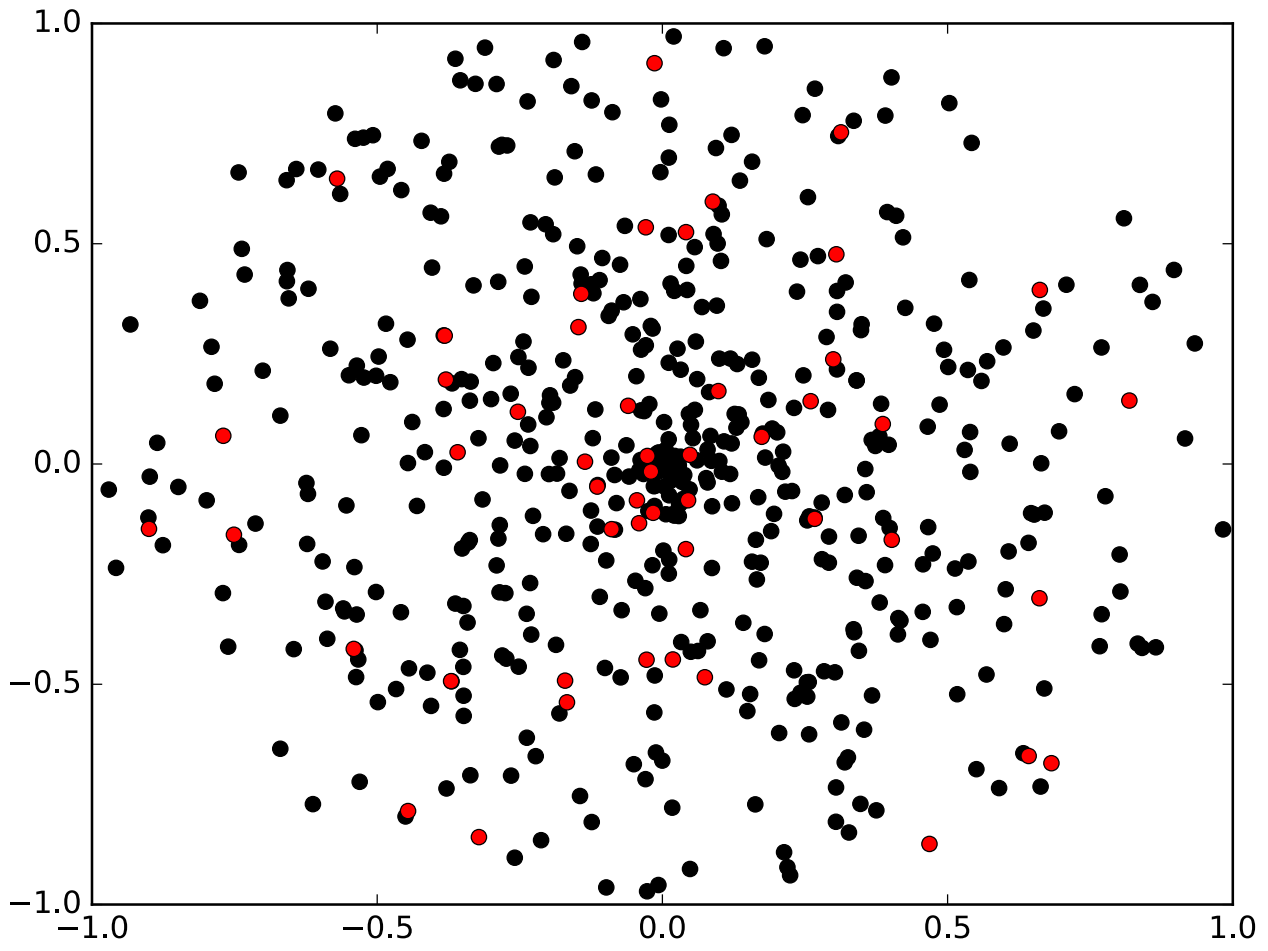
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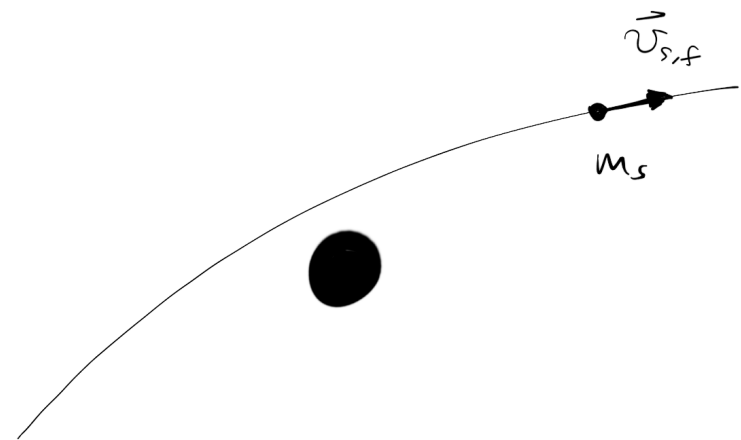
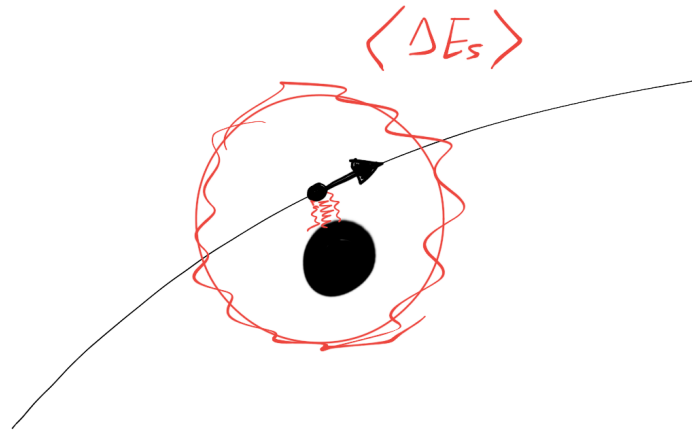
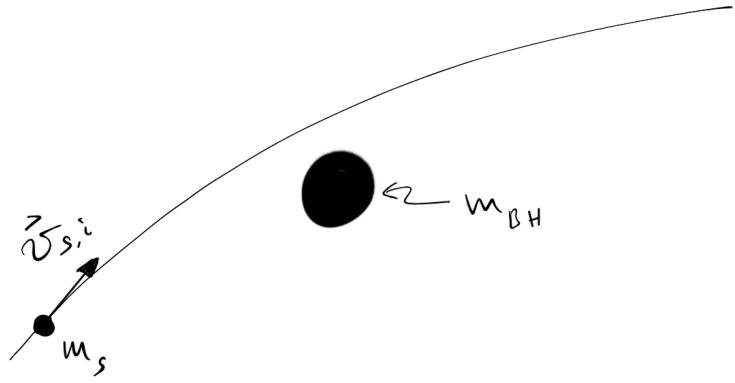
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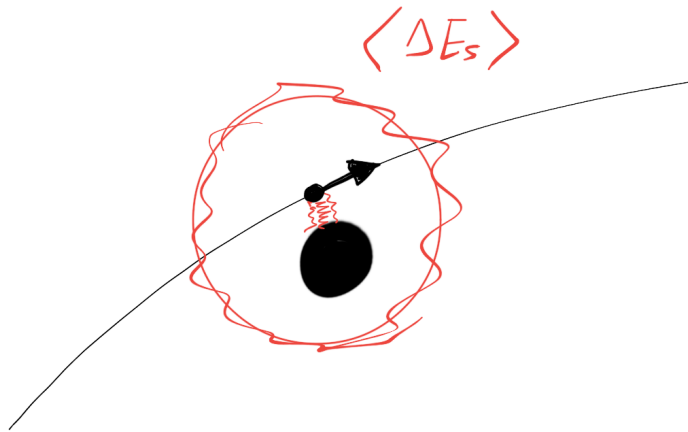
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# Dwarf galaxies: **Primordial black hole** dominated systems with few stars







Single interaction

$$\langle \Delta E \rangle_s \sim \frac{m_{\text{BH}} n_{\text{BH}}}{v_s} f \left( \frac{m_s}{m_{\text{BH}}} \right)$$

Mean change of KE

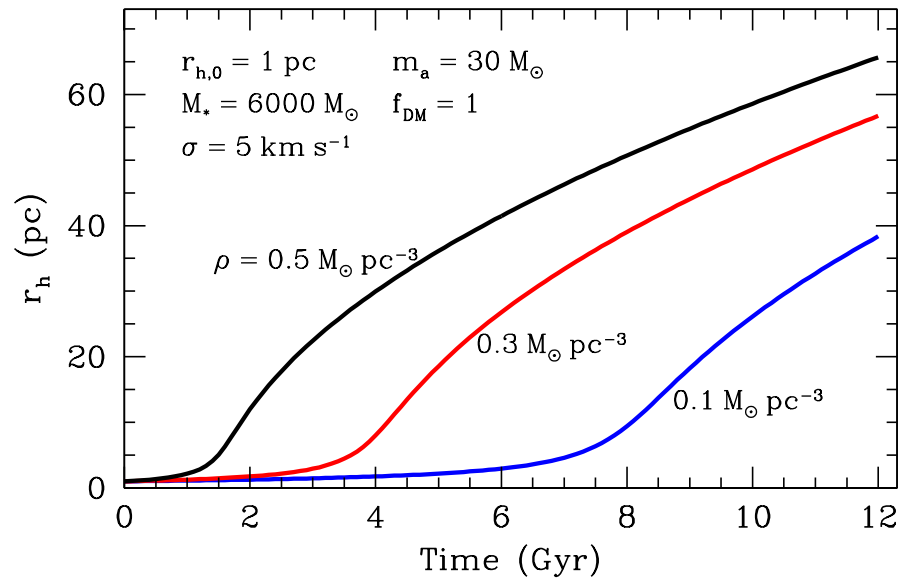
$$\frac{dE_s}{dt} \sim \frac{m_s \rho_{\text{BH}}}{\sigma^3} [m_{\text{BH}} \langle v_{\text{BH}}^2 \rangle - m_s \langle v_s^2 \rangle]$$

# Eridanus II

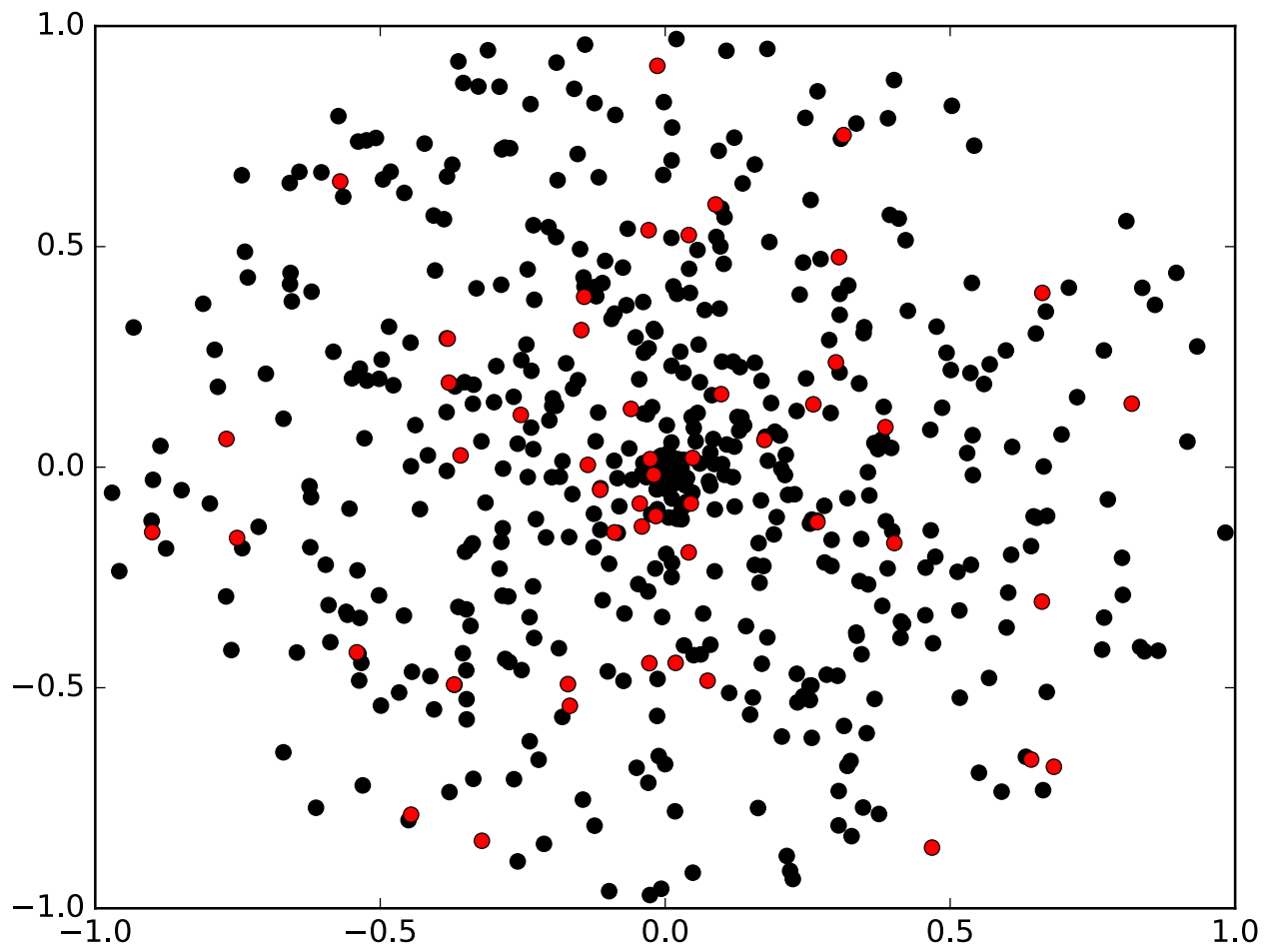
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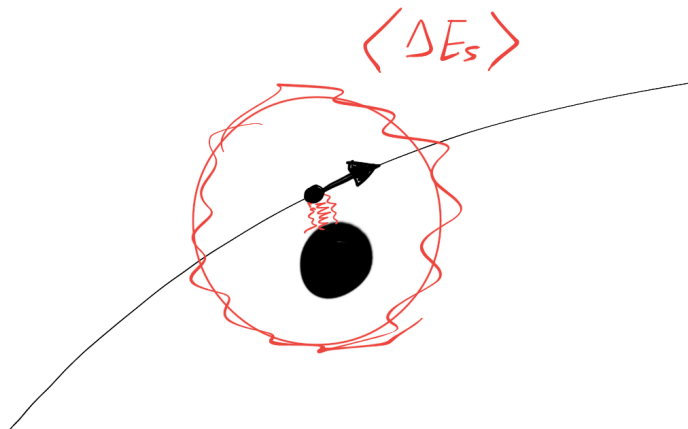
Dark matter distribution unknown

Use 1/2-light radius of the central cluster only









Time over which equipartition takes place

$$t_r = \frac{E_s}{dE_s/dt}$$

**Dwarfs with smallest relaxation time**

## Segue 1

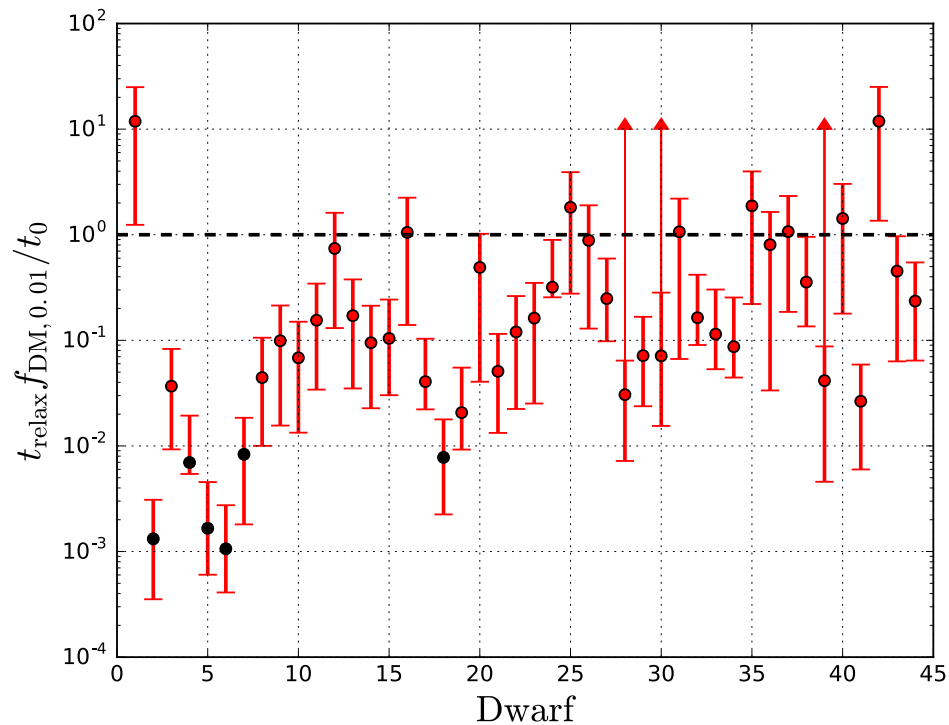
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Segue II

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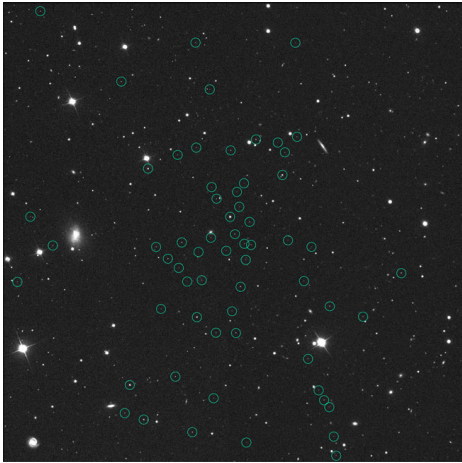
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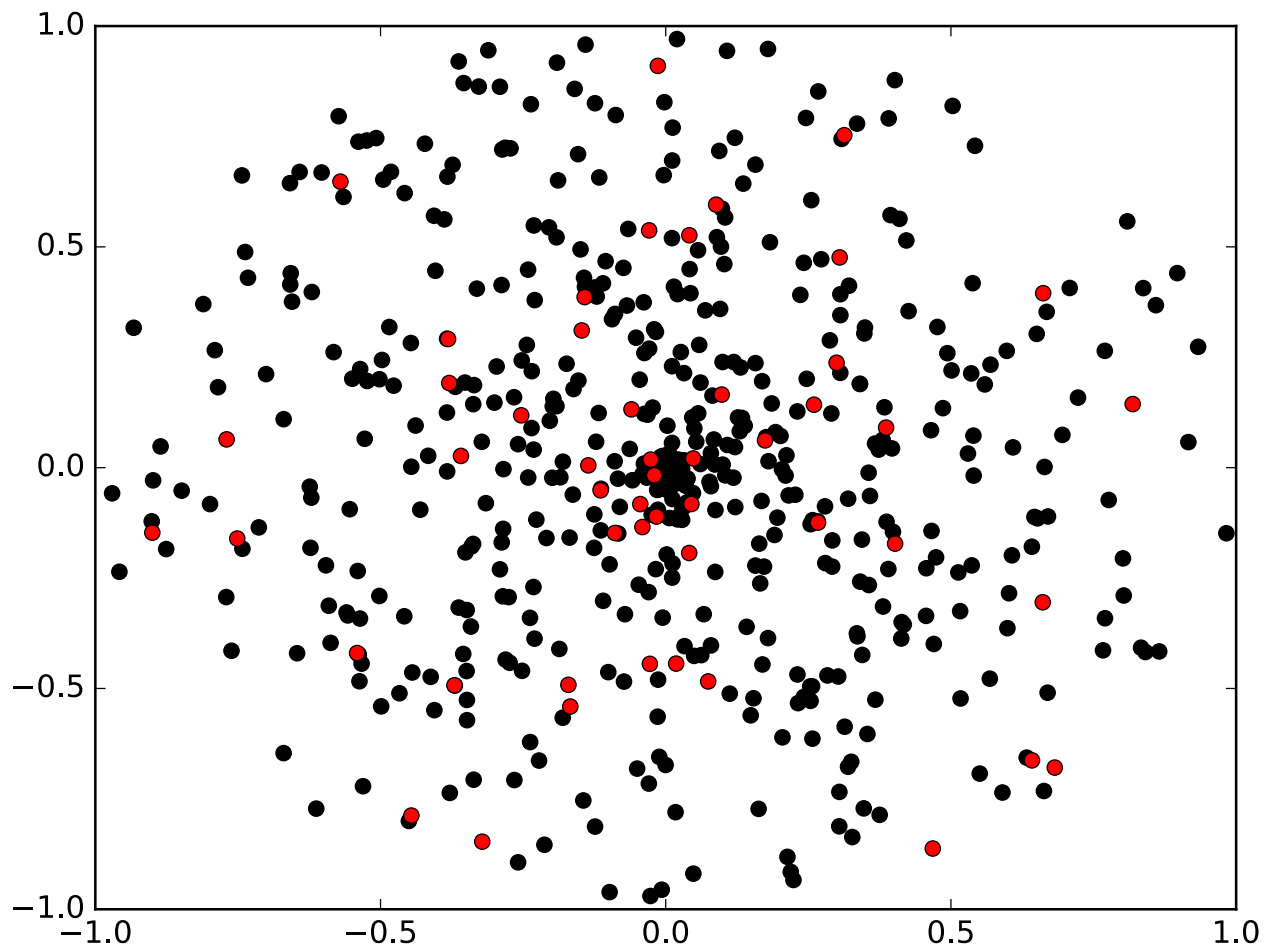
## A COMPLETE SPECTROSCOPIC SURVEY OF THE MILKY WAY SATELLITE SEGUE 1: THE DARKEST GALAXY\*

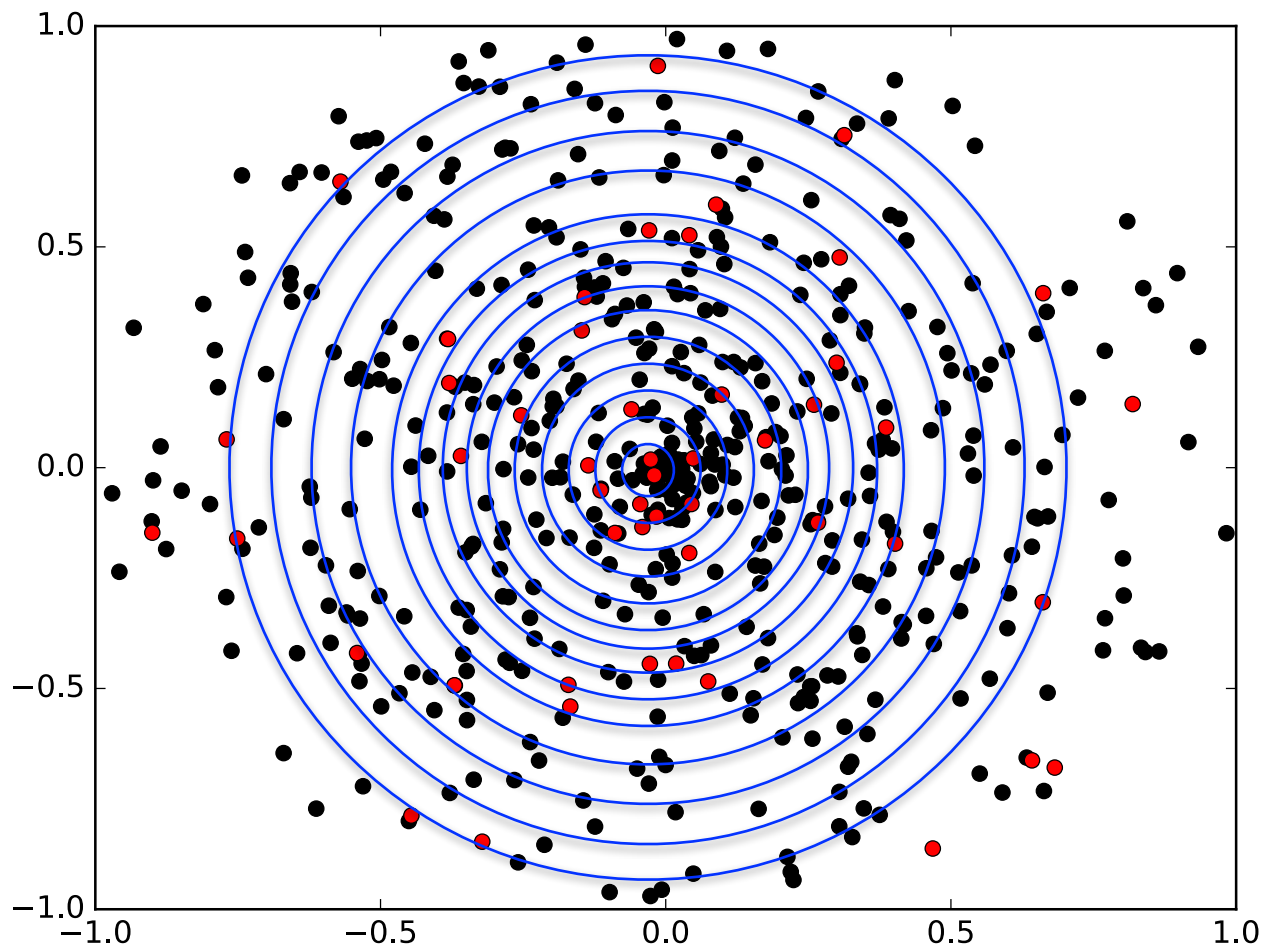
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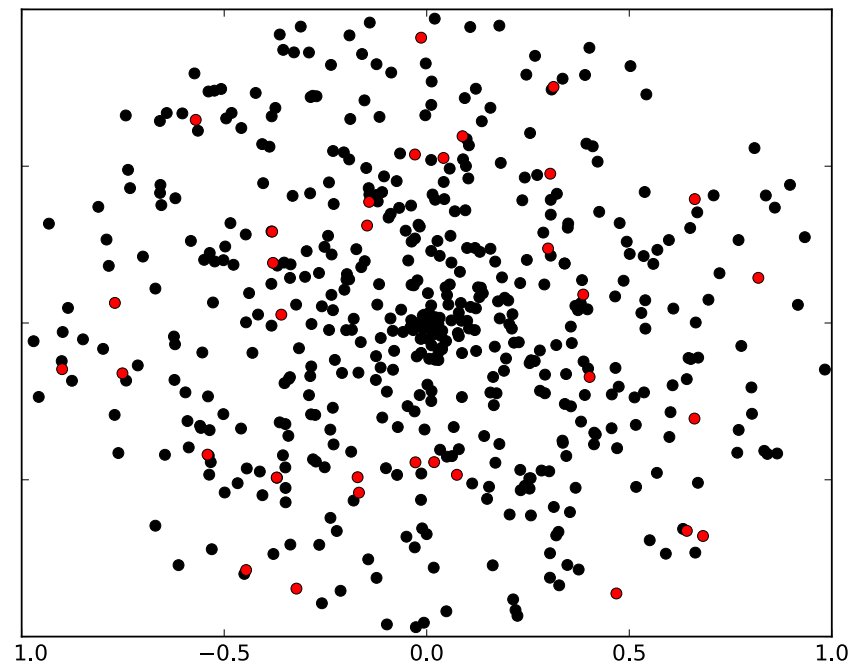
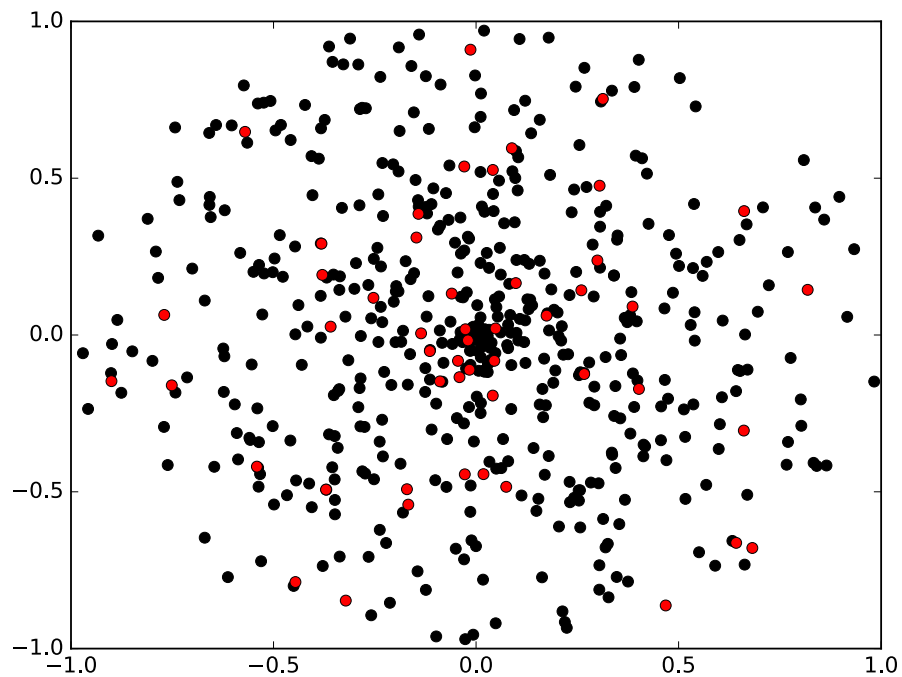
## DWARF GALAXY ANNIHILATION AND DECAY EMISSION PROFILES FOR DARK MATTER EXPERIMENTS

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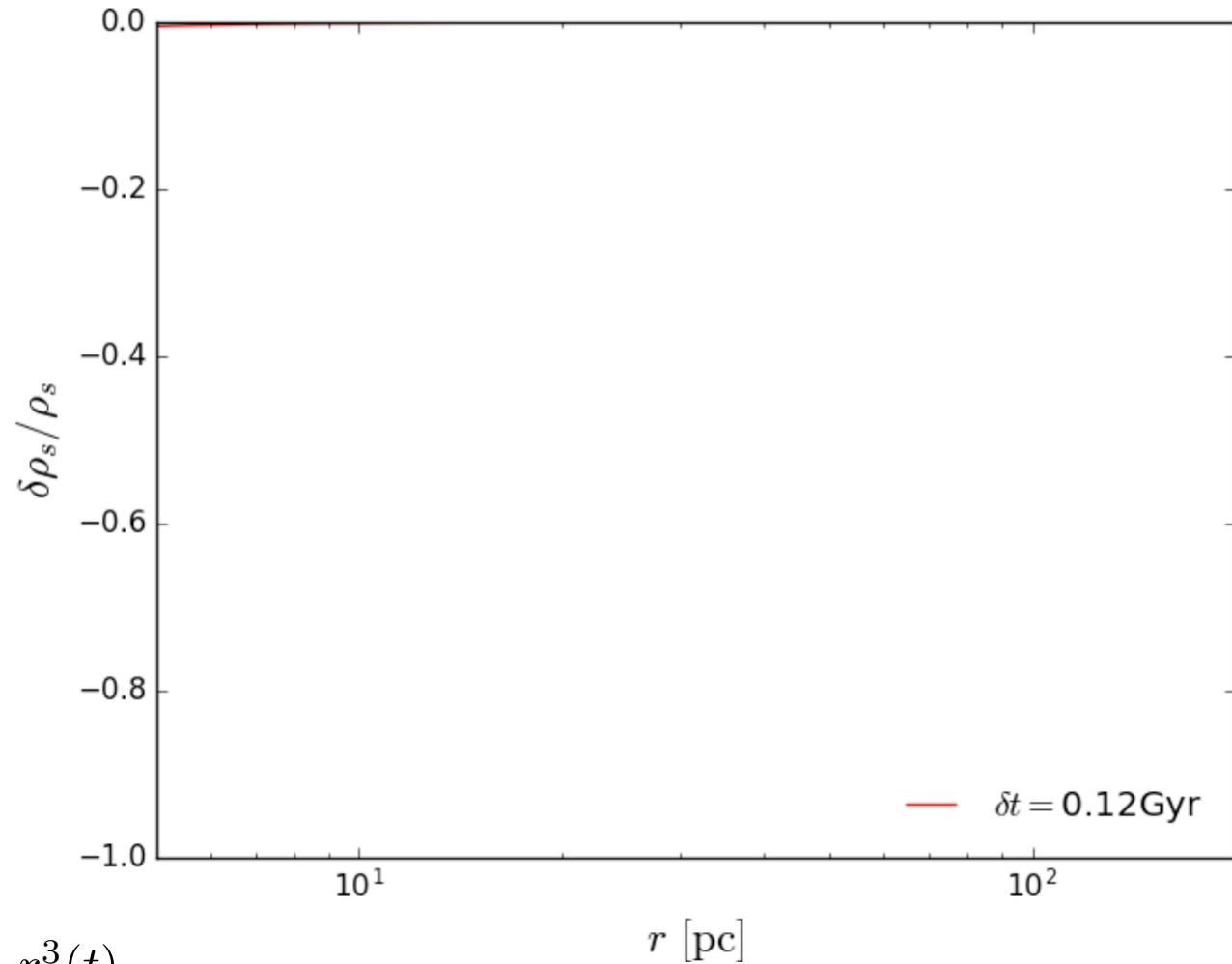




Equipartition leads to the depletion of stars from the center of the dwarf

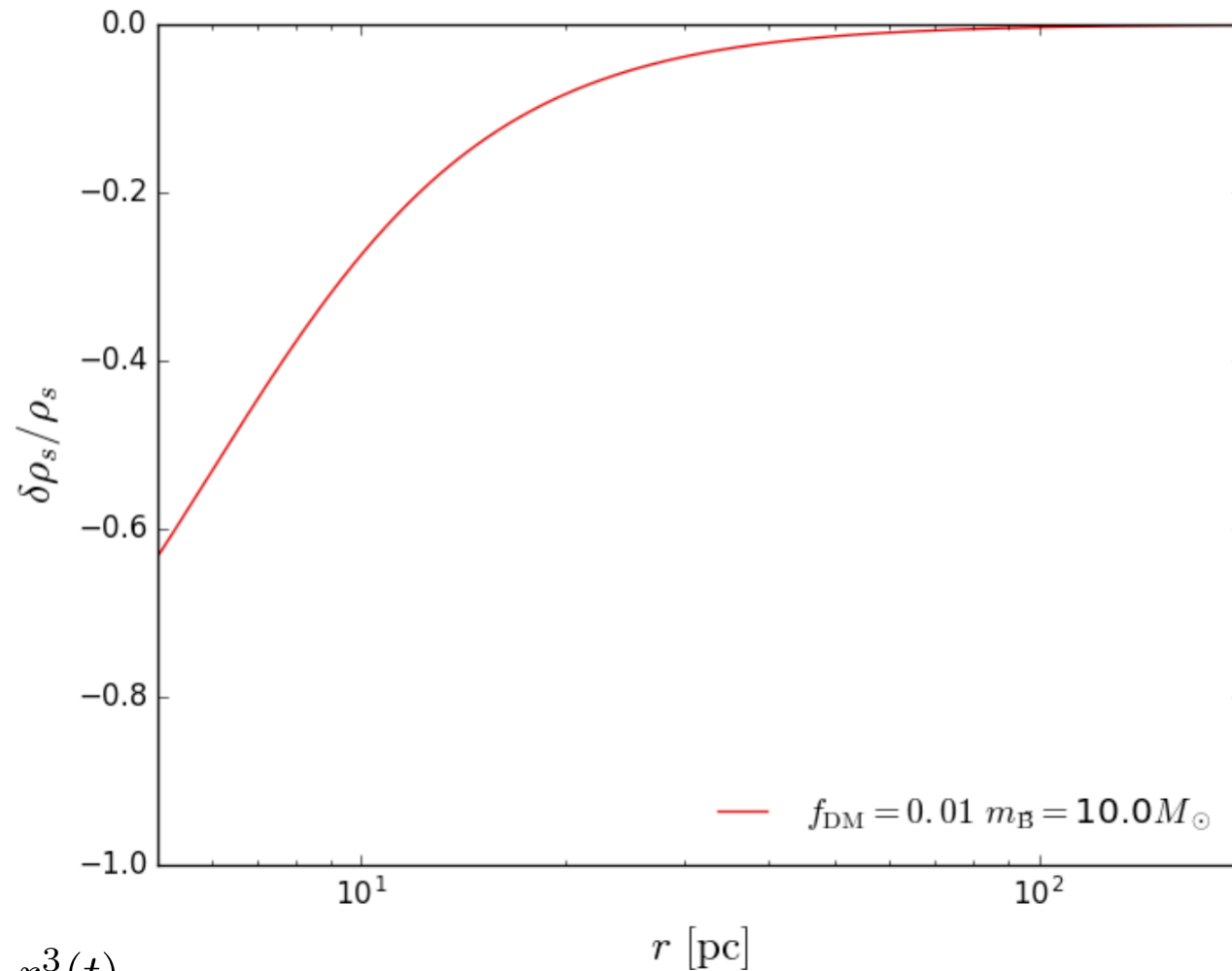


Evolution of density profile when 1% of dark matter is in 20 solar mass black holes



$$\frac{\delta\rho_s}{\rho_s} = \frac{r^3(t)}{r^3(0)} - 1$$

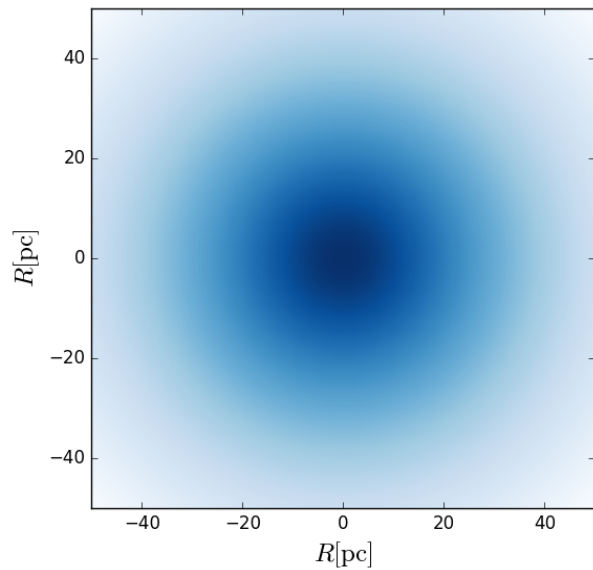
## Evolution of density profile over 12 Gigayears



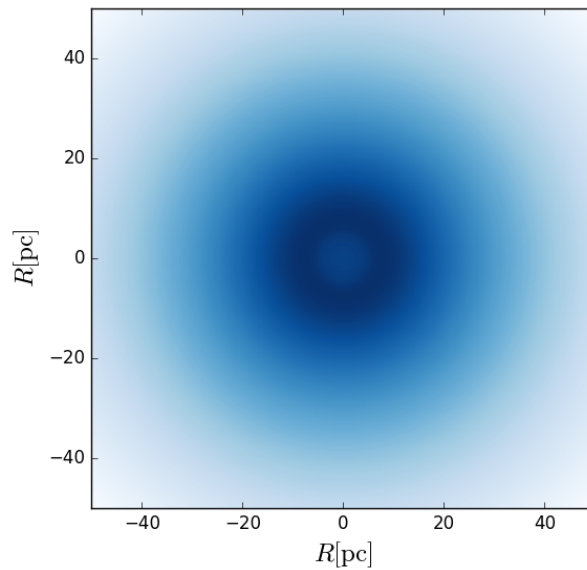
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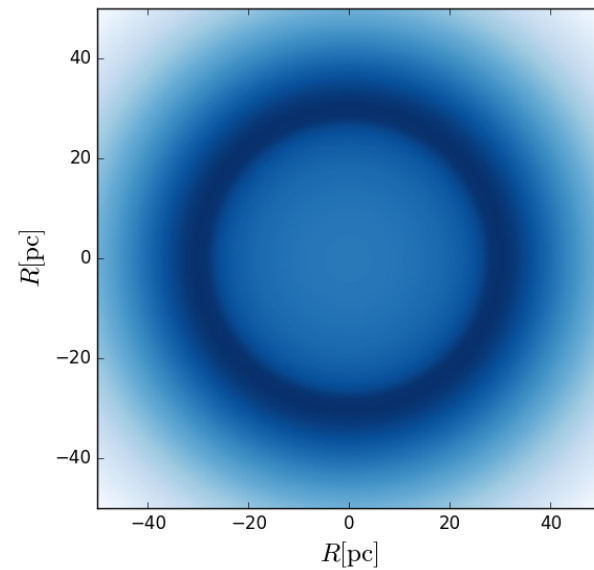
No black holes



1% dark matter in  
10 solar mass black holes



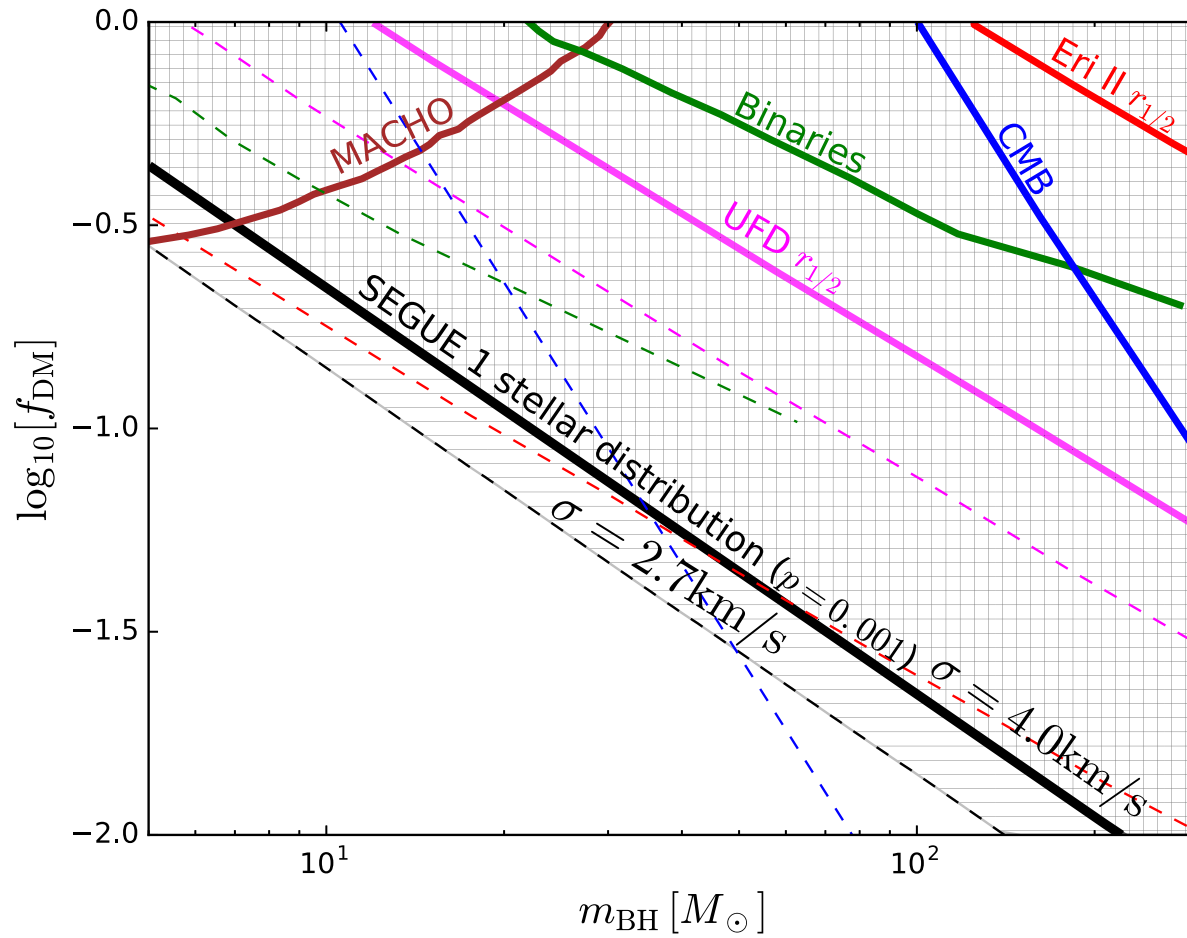
10% of dark matter in  
30 solar mass black holes



Both of these consistent with current observations

Ruled out

# Primordial black hole constraints from the whole stellar population of Segue 1

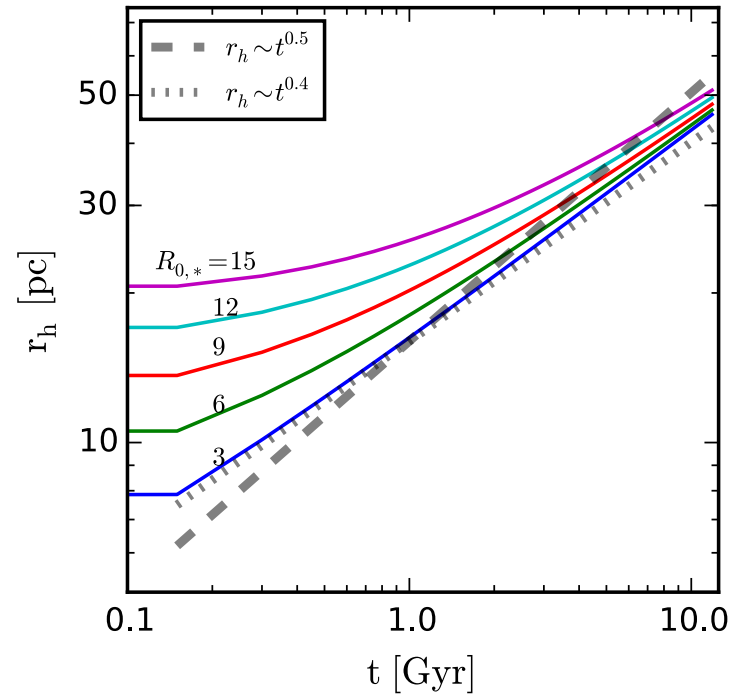
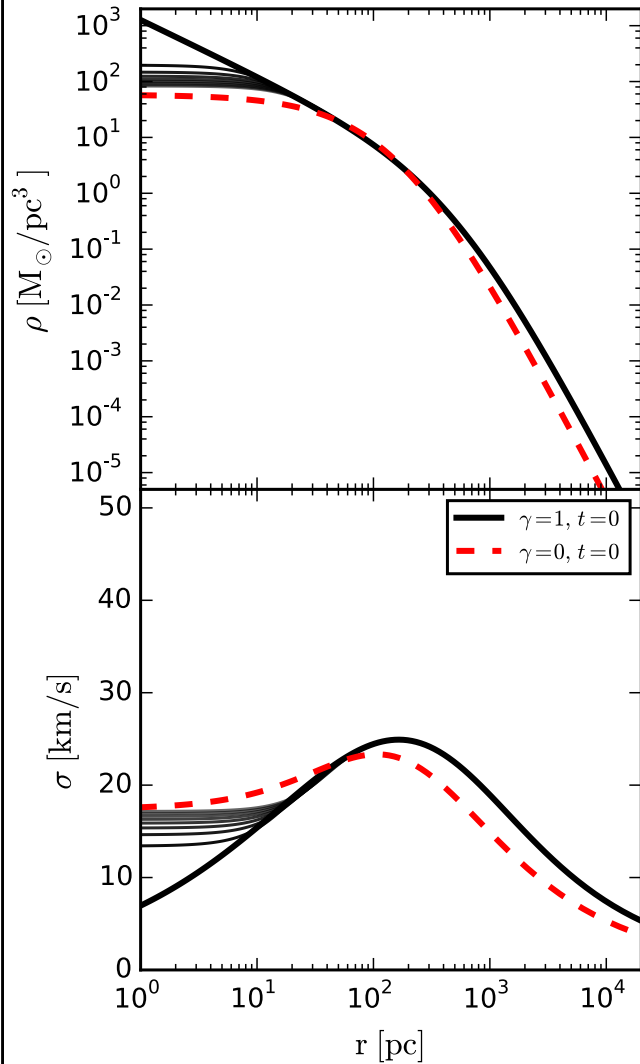


# Fokker-Planck treatment of the same problem

1. [arXiv:1710.05032 \[pdf, other\]](#)

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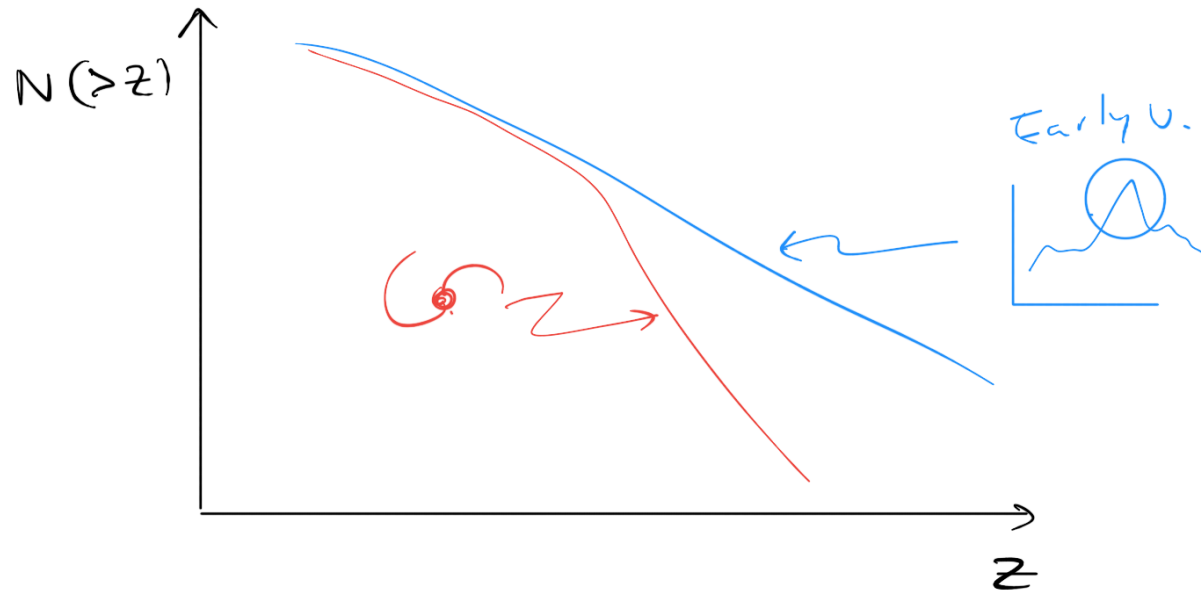
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$$\mathcal{N}(> z) = \int_z^\infty \frac{d\mathcal{R}}{dz} dz$$

How many DM  
Halos

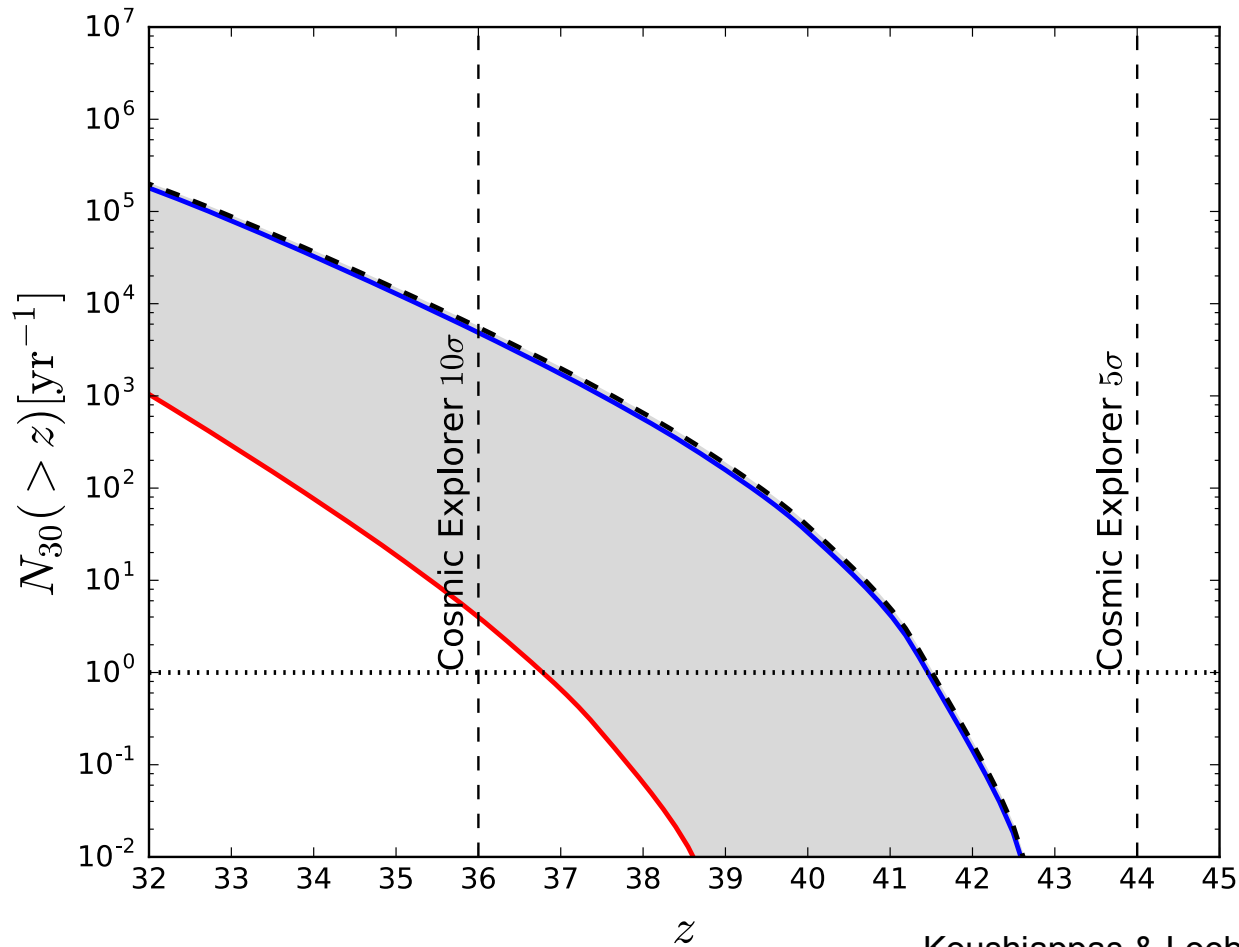
Rate of gas inflow

Fraction of gas that  
cools to form black  
holes

# Rate of black hole merger events

Define maximum redshift

$$\mathcal{N}(z = z_{\max}) = 1 \text{ yr}^{-1}$$

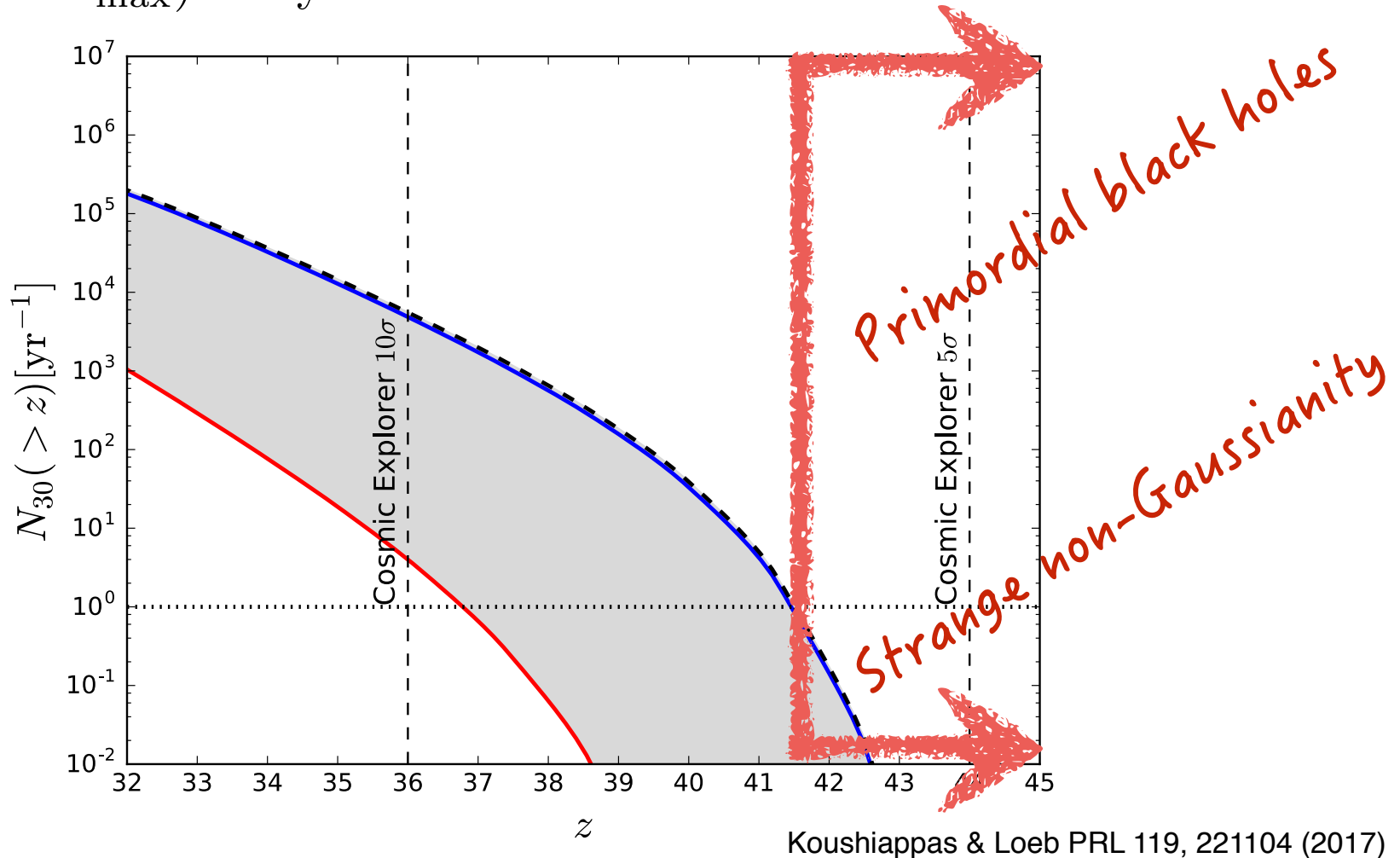




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## Four things to take away

1. Black holes as dark matter lead to a depletion of stars in the center and the appearance of a ring in the projected stellar surface density profile.
2. Current observations rule out the possibility that more than 4% of the dark matter is composed of black holes with mass of few tens of solar masses.
3. Next generation of large aperture telescopes could improve these constraints.
4. Event rate of more than 1 per year from redshifts greater than  $\sim 40$  must be due to either primordial black holes or some strange non-gaussianity.