Primordial Black Holes and Gravitational Waves in a stiff pre-BBN epoch

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• Aim

 \bullet The effect of a modified evolution during stiff-domination 1/3 < w < 1 on PBH formation.

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$$\begin{split} M(k) = & \left(\frac{\gamma}{2G}\right) \left(2 \times \frac{\pi^2 g_*^{\rm eq}}{30}\right)^{\frac{1}{3w+1}} \left(\frac{8\pi G}{3}\right)^{\frac{1}{3w+1}} \left(\frac{g_s(T_{\rm eq})}{g_s(T_1)}\right)^{\frac{3w-1}{3(3w+1)}} \\ & \times (a_{\rm eq}T_{\rm eq})^{\frac{3(1+w)}{3w+1}} T_1^{-\frac{3w-1}{3w+1}} k^{-\frac{3(1+w)}{3w+1}} \end{split}$$



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PBH Abundance: Relevant Quantities

- Critical density contrast: $\delta_c = rac{3(1+w)}{(5+3w)} \sin^2\left(rac{\pi\sqrt{w}}{1+3w}
 ight)$
- $\bullet\,$ Fraction of the Horizon mass going into PBH: $\gamma=0.2$
- Mass fraction:

$$\begin{split} \beta(M) &\equiv \frac{1}{\rho_{\rm tot}} \frac{d\rho_{\rm PBH(M)}}{d\ln M} = 2 \int_{\zeta_c}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma(M)} e^{-\frac{\zeta^2}{2\sigma(M)^2}} d\zeta = {\rm erfc}\bigg(\frac{\zeta_c}{\sqrt{2}\sigma(M)}\bigg) \\ \zeta_c &= \frac{(5+3w)}{2(1+w)} \delta_c: \ {\rm critical \ value \ of \ curvature \ perturbation.} \\ \sigma(M): \ {\rm variance \ of \ density \ contrast.} \end{split}$$

• Abundance: Fraction of PBH of a particular mass M as DM: $\overline{f_{\mathrm{PBH}}(M)}\equiv rac{\Omega_{\mathrm{PBH}}(M)}{\Omega_{\mathrm{eder}}}$

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• Total abundance: Fraction of total PBH as DM: $f_{\text{PBH}}^{\text{tot}} \equiv \frac{\Omega_{\text{PBH}}}{\Omega_{cdm}} = \int f_{\text{PBH}}(M) d \ln M.$

Dynamics of PBH formation

Energy density during a single additional pre-BBN epoch:

$$\rho(T) = \left(\frac{3}{8\pi G}\right) \left(\frac{\gamma}{2G}\right)^2 M^{-2} = \frac{\pi^2}{30} g_*(T_1) \left(\frac{g_s(T)}{g_s(T_1)}\right)^{1+w} \left(\frac{T}{T_1}\right)^{3(1+w)} T_1^4$$

• PBH of mass M is formed at temperature T. At formation, $\frac{\rho_{\text{PBH}}(M)}{\rho_T} = \gamma \beta(M)$.

$$f_{\rm PBH}(M) = \gamma \beta(M) \left(\frac{g_s(T)}{g_s(T_1)}\right)^w \left(\frac{g_s(T_1)}{g_s(T_{\rm eq})}\right) \left(\frac{T}{T_1}\right)^{3w} \left(\frac{T_1}{T_{\rm eq}}\right) \left(\frac{\Omega_m h^2}{\Omega_c h^2}\right)$$

- $f_{\rm PBH}^{\rm tot} = \int f_{\rm PBH}(M) d\ln M$.
- Gain over PBH formation at radiation domination:

$$g_f \equiv \frac{f_{\rm PBH}(M)}{f_{\rm PBH}^{\rm rad}(M)} \simeq \frac{\beta(M)}{\beta^{\rm rad}(M)} \left(\frac{T}{T_1}\right)^{3w-1} > 1.$$

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Results: Analysis with different power spectra

- 1. Scale-independent power spectrum: $P_{\zeta}(k) = A_s \left(\frac{k}{k_*}\right)^{n_s 1} + P_p \Theta(k k_p)$: better understanding of the gain due to w > 1/3
- 2. Broken Power Law:

$$P_{\zeta}(k) = A_s \left(\frac{k}{k_*}\right)^{n_s - 1} + P_p \left(\frac{k}{k_p}\right)^m \quad k < k_p,$$
$$= A_s \left(\frac{k}{k_*}\right)^{n_s - 1} + P_p \left(\frac{k}{k_p}\right)^{-n} \quad k \ge k_p$$

• 3. Gaussian Power Spectrum: $P_{\zeta}(k) = A_s \left(\frac{k}{k_*}\right)^{n_s - 1} + P_p \exp\left[-\frac{(N_k - N_p)^2}{2\sigma_p^2}\right].$

- 2 and 3 are theoretically motivated, e.g. Hybrid inflation leads to power 3.
- Analysis done for $k_p \sim 10^6 M pc^{-1}$ (near solar mass PBH) and $k_p \sim 10^{12} M pc^{-1}$ (frequency corresponds to LISA; $M \simeq 10^{-10} M_{\odot}$ where $f_{\text{PBH}}^{\text{tot}} = 1$ still allowed).

Power spectra



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k_p		Scale-inv P_p	Broken Power Law P_p	Gaussian P_p
$10^{6} M p c^{-1}$	RD	0.021	0.0275	0.025
$10^{6} M p c^{-1}$	w = 1	0.0048	0.015	0.0129
$10^{12} Mpc^{-1}$	RD			0.0163
$10^{12} M pc^{-1}$	w = 1	0.0048	0.0069	0.0067

for comparison, check 1812.11011

PBH Total Abundance



Gravitational Waves

 Modified evolution of the background affects the evolution of the modes that enter during *w*-domination → modifies the source-free GW (1st order in perturbation).

$$\begin{split} \Omega_{\rm GW}^0(k) &= \frac{\Omega_{\rm rad}^{(0)}}{12\pi^2} \bigg(\frac{g_{*,k}}{g_{s,k}}\bigg) \bigg(\frac{g_{s,0}}{g_{s,k}}\bigg)^{4/3} \bigg(\frac{H_{\rm inf}}{M_{\rm Pl}}\bigg)^2 \frac{\Gamma^2(\alpha+1/2)}{2^{2(1-\alpha)}\alpha^{2\alpha}\Gamma^2(3/2)} \mathcal{W}(\kappa) \kappa^{2(1-\alpha)} \\ \text{where } \alpha &= \frac{2}{1+3w} \text{ and } \kappa = \frac{k}{k(T_1)} = \frac{f}{f(T_1)}. \end{split}$$



Second order GW

- 1st order scalar perturbations are source for 2nd order tensor perturbations.
- Difference between sourced GW in radiation epoch and kination w = 1 epoch: first order scalar transfer functions $\Phi(p, \eta) = \frac{1}{2 + (k/n)^{3/2}}$; second order tensor transfer

functions
$$t(k,\eta) = \left(\frac{k(T_1)}{k}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{k_{eq}}{k(T_1)}\right) a_{eq}$$
; evolution of source $\mathcal{S} \sim a^{-8}$.



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