## The Secret Life of Primordial Black Holes

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I. Primordial Black Holes and Dark Matter

II. Halos around Primordial Black Holes

III. Anomalous Orbits in our Solar System





**Black Holes Exist** 



Lower mass for an Astrophysical Black Hole  $\sim M_{\odot}$ .



### **Primordial Black Holes**

Primordial Black Hole (PBH) first proposed in:

Hypothesis is that **PBH form from fluctuations** in the Early Universe if sufficiently dense.

SOVIET ASTRONOMY - AJ VOL. 10, NO. 4 JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1967

#### THE HYPOTHESIS OF CORES RETARDED DURING EXPANSION AND THE HOT COSMOLOGICAL MODEL Ya. B. Zel'dovich and I. D. Novikov

Translated from Astronomicheskii Zhurnal, Vol. 43, No. 4, pp. 758-760, July-August, 1966 Original article submitted March 14, 1966

Rich literature of possible formation scenarios, many tied to specific models of cosmology.

Also, a possible **dark matter candidate** if they account for the full present day abundance:



Mon. Not. R. astr. Soc. (1971) 152, 75–78.				
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	Stephen Hawking			
	(Communicated by M. J. Rees)			
	(Received 1970 November 9)			





I. PBH and Dark Matter

#### **Limits on Primordial Black Holes** M<sub>PBH</sub> [g] 4 10<sup>27</sup> 10<sup>24</sup> 10<sup>15</sup> 10<sup>21</sup> 10<sup>30</sup> $10^{18}$ 10<sup>33</sup> 1036 $10^{0}$ Jan be 100% of dark matter $10^{-1}$ GNS Microlensing $f_{PBH} = \Omega_{PBH} / \Omega_{DM}$ $10^{-2}$ CMB $10^{-3}$ 21 $10^{-4}$ cm Earth Jupiter Sun Pluto 951 Gaspra Halley Comet $10^{-6}_{10^{-18}}$ $10^{-15}$ $10^{-6}$ $10^{-12}$ $10^{-9}$ $10^{-3}$ 100 10<sup>3</sup> $M_{\rm PBH} [M_{\odot}]$ Villanueva-Domingo 2103.12087

#### **Limits on Primordial Black Holes**



**The OGLE Excess** 

Indeed, there is a tentative unexplained excess in microlensing events seen by the OGLE telescope consistent indicative of PBH population with

 $M \in [0.5M_{\oplus}, 20M_{\oplus}]$ ;  $f_{\text{PBH}} \in [0.005, 0.1]$ 





### **II. Signals for Primordial Black Holes**

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 with  $x^{-1} \propto T \propto v^2$ 

s-wave:  $\sigma_s \neq 0$  then for  $\Omega_{pDM} = \Omega_{DM} \approx 0.26$ . need  $\sigma_s \sim 3 \times 10^{-26} \text{cm}^3/\text{s}$ p-wave:  $\sigma_s = 0$  and  $\sigma_p \neq 0$  implies  $\langle \sigma v \rangle \propto v^2$ d-wave:  $\sigma_d$  is the leading term; implies  $\langle \sigma v \rangle \propto v^4$ 





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Evaluate in **light/intermediate/heavy** regime:

$$M_{\bullet} \leq M_{1} \sim 3 \times 10^{-10} M_{\odot} \left(\frac{100 \text{ GeV}}{m_{\chi}}\right)^{3} \left(\frac{10^{4}}{x_{\text{kd}}}\right)^{3/2} \qquad M_{\bullet} > M_{2} \sim 3 \times 10^{-3} M_{\odot} \left(\frac{100 \text{ GeV}}{m_{\chi}}\right)^{2} \left(\frac{10^{4}}{x_{\text{kd}}}\right)^{1/2}$$

$$\rho_{\text{light}}(\mathbf{r}) \propto \begin{cases} r^{-3/4} & r < r_{A} \\ r^{-3/2} & r_{A} < r < r_{T} \\ 0 & r_{T} < r \end{cases} \qquad \rho_{\text{heavy}}(\mathbf{r}) \propto \begin{cases} r^{-3/2} & r < r_{C} \\ r^{-9/4} & r_{C} < r < r_{T} \\ 0 & r_{T} < r \end{cases}$$

For an intermediate mass PBH (assuming halo evolution only due to gravity) an example halo **density profile** is:





Diagram shows the scaling for different PBH masses at different scales.

II. Signals from PBH

Other phenomena can alter this picture. For instance particle dark matter **annihilations will deplete the centre** which is high density.

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Density core cuts out some scaling. For the *s*-wave case:



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Suppose stars form a regular square lattice with  $l = 10^{-2}$  pc spacings, then closest encounter:

$$d \sim \frac{l}{\sqrt{N}} = 10^{-6} \mathrm{pc.}$$

By  $\bigstar$  it follows that the **terminal radius** for the PBH halo is:

$$r_T(\text{bulge}) \sim d\left(\frac{M_{\text{halo}}}{2M_{\odot}}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \sim 10^{-6} \text{pc}\left(\frac{d}{10^{-6} \text{ pc}}\right) \left(\frac{M_{\text{halo}}}{1M_{\odot}}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \qquad r_T(\text{disk}) \sim 10^{-3} \text{pc}\left(\frac{d}{10^{-3} \text{ pc}}\right) \left(\frac{M_{\text{halo}}}{1M_{\odot}}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

### **Halo Stripping**

Stripping will alter the halo, assuming PBH in the bulge:  $r_T$ (bulge) ~ d



**Extragalactic**  $\gamma$ -ray sources may not have been significantly stripped, leads to stronger limits.

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#### Fermi Extragalactic Flux

Compare the estimated flux to the **Fermi-LAT observations** of extragalactic  $\gamma$ -rays.

Find the maximum PBH abundance  $f_{\text{PBH}} < f_{\text{MAX}}$  such that do not exceed  $\gamma$ -ray background.



#### **Limits on Annihilations around PBH**

Plot  $f_{\text{MAX}}$  such that  $f_{\text{PBH}} < f_{\text{MAX}}$  as function of PBH mass  $M_{\bullet}$  for s/p/d wave annihilating DM:



For *p*-wave this assumes *s*-wave contribution is exactly zero (see paper for full case).



### **High Inclination TNOs**







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### **Unexpected Objects**

Neptune predicted in 1846 from irregularities in the orbit of Uranus.



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Batygin, et al [arXiv:1902.10103].

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OGLE microlensing hinting at PBH with  $M \in [0.5M_{\oplus}, 20M_{\oplus}]$  $f_{\rm PBH} \in [0.005, 0.1]$ 

Remarkable coincidence of masses!

Could there be an "OGLE" PBH captured in our Solar System?







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$$n_{\rm BH} \sim 35 {\rm pc}^{-3} \left(\frac{f_{\rm BH}}{0.05}\right) \left(\frac{5M_{\oplus}}{M_{\rm BH}}\right)$$

Roughly ~35 PBH per star in our region of the galaxy.

### Catching a PBH

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Relative capture rate:  $\frac{\Gamma_{\rm BH}}{\Gamma_{\rm FFP}} \sim \frac{n_{\rm BH}}{n_{\rm FFP}} \left(\frac{\sigma_{\rm FFP}}{\sigma_{\rm BH}}\right)^3$ 

Goulinski and Ribak [1705.10332].

where  $\sigma$  are the velocity dispersions for each set of objects.

If we find that  $\frac{\Gamma_{BH}}{\Gamma_{FFP}} \ll 1$  then the PBH hypothesis dead by Occam's razor.



The PBH velocity distribution is taken to be the same as the dark matter velocity dispersion  $\sigma_{PBH} \sim 160$  km/s and recall for OGLE PBH:

Drukier, Freese, and Spergel, Phys. Rev. D 33 (1986) 3495.

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Putting this together for "OGLE" PBH one estimates that

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Thus we need not immediately discard the prospect of PBH capture.

Scholtz & Unwin, PRL 125 (2020) 5, 051103

Since  $f_{PBH} \neq 1$  we require some particle dark matter.

To evade detection we consider Freeze-in dark matter. The relic density scales as

 $\Omega_{\rm DM} \propto m Y_{\rm FI} \propto \lambda^2$ 



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The coupling g is largely unfixed.

The photon flux from annihilation in a distribution a distance *r*<sub>9</sub> from Earth:

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The smallest detectable in 8 year FERMI-LAT catalog was J2143.0-5501 with

$$\begin{split} \Phi_{\gamma} &= 8.8 \times 10^{-12} \mathrm{photons/cm}^{2} / \mathrm{s} \\ \text{Since} \quad \Gamma &= 4\pi \int r^{2} \mathrm{d}r \left(\frac{\rho(r)}{m}\right)^{2} \langle \sigma v \rangle \text{ , this implies a limit:} \\ \langle \sigma v \rangle &< 5.1 \times 10^{-56} \mathrm{cm}^{3} / \mathrm{s} \left(\frac{m}{100 \mathrm{GeV}}\right)^{2} \end{split}$$
  
And satisfied in freeze-in model:  $\langle \sigma v \rangle_{\mathrm{ch}} \simeq 1.3 \times 10^{-56} \mathrm{cm}^{3} / \mathrm{s} \times \left(\frac{g}{10^{-2}}\right)^{2} \end{split}$ 

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Searching for Black Holes in the Outer Solar System with LSST

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Figure 2. LSST detection rate per year as a function of the BH distance from the Sun (in AU), for  $q \sim 3.7$ ,  $q \sim 3.5$ , and a broken power-law transition between the two slopes at impactor size  $r \sim 10$  m. The range of possible Planet Nine distances are shown for reference. The dotted lines correspond to  $M_{BH} \sim 10 M_{\oplus}$  and the solid lines to  $M_{BH} \sim 5 M_{\oplus}$ .

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Breakthrough Starshot Project

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Breakthrough Starshot aims to use lasers to accelerate gram mass spacecraft to 0.2c

Aim is to reach study nearby stars and exoplanets.

Studying **small deviations** of craft in path through solar system can constrain new large bodies.

Already studies of **Cassini**, **Pioneer**, **Voyager** place limits on the Planet 9 orbit

Holman, Payne 2016 AJ 152 94 Standish 1993 AJ 105 5

Care is needed with **noise** from density and magnetic fluctuations at edge of Solar System



Hoang & Loeb (2020) AJ. Lett., 895, L35,

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### Conclusions

Primordial Black Holes are fascinating hypothetical astrophysical bodies.Scenarios with both particle dark matter and PBH can have enhanced signals.There is tentative evidence from TNO orbits for an extra body orbiting the sun.Detection of a PBH would give insights on cosmology & fundamental physics.Many upcoming experiments will continue the search for PBH.



New Scientist. 31 March 2021

#### Future Limits on PBH



Extra Slides

#### Mixed s-wave/p-wave

In *p*-wave model, one expects the *s*-wave channel is non-zero but negligible at freeze-out.

$$\langle \sigma v \rangle = \sigma_s + \sigma_p \frac{3}{2x} + \sigma_d \frac{15}{8x^2} + \cdots$$

For *p*-wave processes to be **dominant at freeze-out** one requires a suppression of order

$${\cal F}\equiv\sigma_s/\sigma_p\lesssim {\cal O}(10^{-3})$$

Simple models can readily give suppressions of

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{loop}} \sim g^2 / 16\pi^2 \sim 10^{-3} \left(\frac{g}{0.5}\right)^2 \qquad \qquad \mathcal{F}_{\text{chiral}} \sim \left(\frac{m}{m_{\chi}}\right)^2 \sim 10^{-6} \left(\frac{10^{-3}}{m_{\chi}/m}\right)^2$$

Suppression factors also arise when  $2 \rightarrow 2$  is *p*-wave but  $2 \rightarrow 3$  is s-wave, recall *d*-wave case, also for *p*-wave model:



Bell et al. 1705.01105

#### Mixed s-wave/p-wave

The dark matter velocity in the halo is not the velocity at freeze-out, but velocity varies within halo

$$v(r) = \sqrt{rac{G}{r}(M_{ullet} + M_{ ext{halo}}(r))}$$

Thus cross section varies with radius, plateau indicates s-wave dominance.

Implies at some critical radius expect dominant process to switch from s-wave to p-wave.



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Accordingly, realistic *p*-wave models have **limits far closer to s-wave** models.



Solid:  $\mathcal{F} = 10^{-3}$ , Dotted: s-wave, Dashed p-wave.

#### Annihilation Rate

Redshift dependance of  $\hat{\Gamma}_{\bullet}$  can complicated.

Comes from fact that over time  $\rho = \rho(z)$  changes due to annihilations

Similarly stripping events occur over time.

Thus the halos evolve. For different scenarios redshift dependance changes.

Parameterise  $\hat{\Gamma}_{\bullet} = \Gamma_{\bullet}(h(z))^x$  where  $h = H(z)/H_0$  and x is to be determined.

For light and heavy PBH one has

$$\hat{\Gamma}^L_{ullet} \propto egin{cases} 1+\mathcal{O}(\log[h(z)]) & s{-}\mathrm{wave} \ h^{2/5}(z) & p{-}\mathrm{wave} \ h^{4/7}(z) & d{-}\mathrm{wave} \end{cases} \quad \hat{\Gamma}^H_{ullet} \propto egin{cases} h^{2/3}(z) & s{-}\mathrm{wave} \ h^{10/13}(z) & p{-}\mathrm{wave} \ h^{14/17}(z) & d{-}\mathrm{wave} \end{cases}$$

#### **Optical Depth**

Optical depth parameterises absorption at different redshifts



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Energy Spectrum

For quarks and leptons, energy spectrum can be parameterised

$$x^{1.5} \frac{\mathrm{d}N_{\gamma}}{\mathrm{d}x} = a_1 \exp\left(-b_1 x^{n_1} - b_2 x^{n_2} - \frac{c_1}{x^{d_1}} + \frac{c_2}{x^{d_2}}\right) + q \, x^{1.5} \ln\left[p(1-x)\right] \frac{x^2 - 2x + 2}{x}$$

#### Fitting from Pythia:

	WIMP mass (GeV)	$b_1$	$n_1$	$n_2$	$c_1$	$d_1$	p	]
	50	19.5	6.48	0.710	0.365	0.393	57.8	
	100	17.1	5.80	0.695	0.403	0.360	138	
	200	13.1	5.01	0.680	0.415	0.340	281	
	500	8.76	4.04	0.660	0.431	0.319	623	
	1000	6.00	3.36	0.647	0.447	0.305	1030	
	2000	4.60	2.85	0.640	0.460	0.294	1620	
	5000	3.00	2.26	0.634	0.479	0.280	2670	
	8000	2.35	2.00	0.629	0.490	0.274	3790	
$a_1 =$	$a_1 = 10.0 ; b_2 = 11.0 ; c_2 = 0.0151 ; d_2 = 0.550 ; q = 2.60 \cdot 10^{-4}$							

Table XXII: b quark:  $b_1$ ,  $n_1$ ,  $n_2$ ,  $c_1$ ,  $d_1$  and p parameters corresponding to expression (6) in the  $b\bar{b}$  channel for different WIMP masses. Mass independent parameters in (6) for this channel are presented at the bottom of the table.

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### **Prospect of Nearby PBH**

Recall for the OGLE PBH population  $M \in [0.5M_{\oplus}, 20M_{\oplus}]; f_{\text{PBH}} \in [0.005, 0.1]$ 

The number of nearby PBH was: 
$$n_{\rm BH} \sim 35 {\rm pc}^{-3} \left(\frac{f_{\rm BH}}{0.05}\right) \left(\frac{5M_{\oplus}}{M_{\rm BH}}\right)$$

Ignoring OGLE excess, the value could be much higher:



#### **PBH** Formation

For PBH formation, require densities at least the mean inside the BH horizon  $\rho_c \sim \rho_S = M_{\text{PBH}}/(4\pi R_S^3/3)$  $\sim 10^{18} (M/M_{\odot})^{-2} \text{ g cm}^{-3}$ 

The mass of the resulting PBHs should be of the order of the horizon mass at that time i.e., the mass within a region of the size of the Hubble horizon

$$M_{\rm PBH} \sim M_{\rm H} = \frac{4}{3} \,\bar{\rho} \left(\frac{c}{H}\right)^3 = \frac{c^3}{2 \, GH} \sim 10^{15} \,\mathrm{g} \,\left(\frac{t}{10^{-23} \mathrm{s}}\right)$$

Since the PBH mass is roughly the horizon mass, fluctuations entering the horizon can collapse into PBHs.



FIG. 1: Sketch of the formation of PBHs from overdensities for three different successive moments. When fluctuations larger than a critical threshold  $\delta_c \sim c_s^2$  enter the horizon, i.e., their wavelength  $\lambda = 2\pi/k$  (which characterizes the size of the perturbation) is of the order of the Hubble horizon  $(aH)^{-1}$ , the overdense region collapses and a PBH is produced.

#### Extra Slide: PBH Halo

Mass enclosed at given radius.

Fractional mass loss due to annihilations.

