Primordial Black Hole Dark Matter

New Venues in Formation and Detection.

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PBH DM

- Black holes
 - \circ astrophysical \rightarrow old stars
 - $\circ \quad primordial \rightarrow early \ Universe \ [Zeldovich, Novikov, 1967; Hawking, 1971; Carr, Hawking, 1974]$

- Why get excited about PBH DM ?
 - no signs of particle DM
 - O GW astronomy [Sasaki, Thorne+, 1997; Bird+, 2016; Garcia-Bellido+, 2015...]
 - already appear in standard cosmology (but unlikely)
 - generic in many BSM models
 - help solve astronomy puzzles (e.g. seed massive BHs)

[Kawasaki, Kusenko, Yanagida, 2012]

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- Need to tune inflaton potential
- Sensitive to restrictions on scalar field behavior
 - Example: "string swampland conjectures" [Kawasaki, VT, 2018]

PBH formation: matter-dominated era

• In MD perturbations grow $\delta \sim a(t)$, even small ones can become large

- Simple general mechanism: scalar field fragmentation
 - A: spectator field (charged: Q-balls)

[Cotner, Kusenko, PRL 2016]

• **B**: inflating field (real: oscillons)

[Cotner, Kusenko, VT, PRD 2018]

Basic idea

- after inflation oscillating field breaks apart
- statistics govern lump distribution (big lumps \rightarrow big fluctuations)
- \circ region densities grow with time \rightarrow some collapse to BH

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[Cotner, Kusenko, VT, PRD 2018]

* New analytic tools to streamline fragmentation computations to be released soon [Cotner, Kusenko, VT, prep.] How to test open parameter space?

Compact stars as PBH laboratories

- PBHs can be effectively captured by NS or WD in DM-rich environments (e.g. Galactic Center)
- Captured PBH settle and grow inside, destroying the star host

→ r-process nucleosynthesis, 511 keV, FRBs
 [Fuller, Kusenko, VT, PRL 2017]
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 \rightarrow solar-mass BHs, GRBs, microquasars [VT, PLB 2017; VT, 2017]



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- Matter exceeds escape velocity at equator
 → neutron-rich ejecta

R-process: nucleosynthesis



- Neutrons *r*apidly captured before β -decay
- Dominant producer of heavy astro-elements
- Need neutron-rich setting, site unknown
 - SN? problem (neutrinos)
 - NS-NS? Make all? (evolution, kilonova)

Image: Los Alamos, Nuclear Data Group

R-process: observations

• Milky Way (total) $\sim 10^4 M_{\odot}$

• Ultra-faint dwarfs (UFDs): 1 (Reticulum II) out of 10 shows large abundance

 \rightarrow consistent with "rare event" [Ji+, Nature 2016]

R-process: PBH-NS

• PBH-NS emits $\sim 0.1 M_{\odot}$ (10x as NS-NS!)

 Consistent with abundances in Milky Way & UFDs



[Fuller, Kusenko, VT, PRL 2017]

PBH-NS laboratories: long kilonova

• Kilonova: afterglow from ejecta radioactive decays

- PBH-NS vs. mergers
 - \circ more ejecta \rightarrow longer kilonova
 - no merger GWs



PBH-NS laboratories: FRBs

- Fast Radio Bursts
 - origin unknown
 - ~100 found, 1 repeater

 Release of NS magnetic field energy on PBH-NS consumption timescales (ms)
 → non-repeating FRB



[Fuller, Kusenko, VT, PRL 2017]

PBH-NS laboratories: 511 keV

Galactic Center 511 keV γ-rays

- consistent with e+ annihilation
- e+ origin unknown
- need e+ production rate 10^{50} /yr
- need e+ energies < 3 MeV
- Temperatures & production rates from PBH-NS ejecta consistent with GC signal
- 511 keV signal discovered in Reticulum II [Siegert+, 2016]
 → strengthens connection



PBH-NS/WD laboratories: solar-mass BHs

- No astrophysical BHs ≤ 2M₀
- PBH + NS/WD
 → "transmuted" solar-mass BHs
- New "transmuted" binary signals (e.g. double kilonova)
- Evade constraints on solar-mass PBHs



[VT, PLB 2017]

PBH-NS laboratories: GRBs

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• GRB jet formation



[VT, 2017]

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• Continuous relativistic jet microquasar



PBH-NS/WD laboratories: jet positrons



High-E positrons from PBH-GRB jets can contribute to excess
 → astro-DM connection

[VT, 2017]

Where do we stand?

• Renaissance era in PBH research

 \rightarrow strong synergy with emerging field of multi-messenger astronomy

- Simple general formation mechanism: scalar field fragmentation
- Compact stars as PBH laboratories
 - probe open parameter space
 - many novel astrophysical signatures
 - possible solutions to astronomy puzzles

Another Excitement

Positrons and 511 keV emission as tracers of neutron star mergers

[Fuller, Kusenko, Radice, VT, 2018]

After merger, expanding ejecta heated by nuclear processes to O(MeV)
 → thermal equilibrium population of e+e-



• Some positrons escape, annihilate \rightarrow 511 keV signal

A new multi-messenger signal component of <u>ALL</u> NS-NS/NS-BH mergers

 new tracer of merger history

Rates match observation of 511 keV signal from GC

• 511 keV signal discovered in Reticulum II [Siegert+, 2016] → confirms connection

• Doesn't rely on "new" hypothetical physics !!!