The dark matter distribution around the super-massive BH and its impact on the LIGO event rate

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Velocity dependent cross-sections

If the amplitude for the process

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does not have singularities in momentum space, then the usual partial wave expansion gives:

$$\sigma v_{\rm rel} = a + b v_{\rm rel}^2 + \dots$$

If *a* is suppressed, the velocity dependence cannot be ignored.

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Additional sources of non-analyticity in generic particle physics models arise due to the presence of resonances, ...

The dark matter annihilation rate

FF & D. Hunter, JCAP 09 (2013) 005

The DM pair annihilation occurs with a probability per unit time

$$\mathrm{d}\Gamma_{2\chi}=\mathrm{d}\sigma\times\Phi_{2\chi},$$

where $\Phi_{2\chi}$ is the flux of either initial particle at the position of the other one

$$\Phi_{2\chi} = u_{\chi} n_{\chi} = u_{\chi} \frac{\rho_{\chi}}{m_{\chi}},$$

and the relative velocity

$$u_{\chi} = \frac{\sqrt{(p_1 \cdot p_2)^2 - m_{\chi}^4}}{E_1 E_2}$$

reduces to $u_{\chi} = 2 |\mathbf{v}| = v_{rel}$ in the center of mass frame when the two annihilating particles are identical.

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$$\Phi_{\gamma} = \frac{N_{\gamma} \langle \sigma v \rangle}{8\pi m_{\chi}^2} \underbrace{\int_{los} \mathrm{d} l \rho_{\chi}^2}_{J}.$$

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A. Drukier, K. Freese & D. Spergel, PRD 33 (1986) 3495

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Over the years, the density profile was modified to better fit the results of N-body simulations (NFW, ...) and the J-factor was accordingly updated. *But, the MB velocity distribution continued to be used.*



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Holmberg in 1941 used light to mimic gravitational interactions. His analog computer calculation scales $\propto N$ (compare with $N \log N$ in modern hierarchical tree methods).

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Lattanzi & Silk, PRD79 (2009) 083523

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P-wave analysis

The position independent MB distribution is an *accident* of the SIS profile. For any other density profile we expect a position dependent velocity distribution, which is not of MB type.



Robertson & Zentner PRD 79 (2009) 083525

Consistent velocity distribution

For a spherical system confined by a known gravitational potential ψ we can find a unique isotropic distribution function using Eddington's result:

$$f(\mathcal{E}) = rac{1}{\sqrt{8}\pi^2} \int_0^{\mathcal{E}} rac{\mathrm{d}\Psi}{\sqrt{\mathcal{E}} - \Psi} rac{\mathrm{d}^2
ho}{\mathrm{d}\Psi^2}.$$

- $\psi \equiv -\Phi$ is the relative gravitational potential.
- $\mathcal{E} = \psi v^2/2$ is the relative energy.
- ρ is the known density distribution (e.g. from simulations).

Catena & Ullio, JCAP 05 (2012) 005

Example: NFW

$$\rho_{\rm NFW} = \frac{\rho_0}{\frac{r}{a}\left(1+\frac{r}{a}\right)^2} = \frac{M_{\rm vir}}{4\pi r_{\rm vir}^3} \frac{1}{g_{\rm NFW}(c)} \times \underbrace{\frac{1}{\underbrace{cx(1+cx)^2}}}_{\equiv \tilde{\rho}_{\rm NFW}},$$

where $x \equiv r/r_{vir}$. Solving Poison's equation one finds the associated gravitational potential:

$$ilde{\psi}_{\mathrm{NFW}} = rac{\log(1+cx)}{c^3 g_{\mathrm{NFW}}(c)x}.$$

Since the potential has a maximum at $\tilde{\psi}(0)$, there is a maximum velocity of any bound particle.





The galactic velocity distribution



At large distances it can be approximated by a MB shape. However, as we move towards the center, the distribution shifts to lower values of the velocity and is highly non-gaussian.

The relative velocity distribution

The yield from DM annihilations depends on the *relative* velocity distribution:

 $P_{x}(v_{1}) P_{x}(v_{2}) d^{3}v_{1} d^{3}v_{2} = P_{x}(v_{cm} + v_{rel}/2) P_{x}(v_{cm} - v_{rel}/2) d^{3}v_{cm} d^{3}v_{cm$

integrated over the center of mass velocity. Moreover, since $\tilde{f} = \tilde{f}(v^2)$ at any point in the halo, the individual velocity distributions only depend on the combinations:

$$\boldsymbol{P_{\boldsymbol{x}}}\left(\boldsymbol{v}_{1,2}^{2}\right) = \boldsymbol{P_{\boldsymbol{x}}}\left(\boldsymbol{v}_{cm}^{2} + \boldsymbol{v}_{rel}^{2}/4 \pm \boldsymbol{v}_{cm}\boldsymbol{v}_{relz}\right),$$

where *z* is the cosine of the angle between the relative and the center of mass velocities.





After all this work we have all the ingredients to calculate fluxes with a consistent velocity distribution.



Annihilation fluxes can be significantly enhanced in comparison to the usual MB expectation. The presence of baryons, however, reduces the boost. Dwarf spheroidals have large M/L ratios with little baryon content, which makes them optimal targets for indirect detection.

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Recent studies have found large boost factors in several dwarfs if DM annihilation is Sommerfeld enhanced. The ordering in terms of J is not preserved.

Body et al., PRD 95 (2017); Bergstrom, Catena, et al 1712.03188







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These processes are not universal!

The DM spike



Adiabatic growth of a BH



Adiabatic invariants

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- NR: Take into account particles trapped inside the event horizon by modifying boundary conditions in an *ad hoc* manner: L ≥ 2cR_S.

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DM density



FF, A Medeiros & C Will, 1707.06302

Spike comparison



Limits from dwarf spheroidals



Gonzalez-Morales, Profumo & Queiroz, 1406.2424

The diffuse γ -ray background



Belikov & Silk, 1312.0007

The gravitational potential



S stars



Genzel, Eisenhauer & Gillessen, RMP 82, 3221 (2013)

Tests of the no-hair theorem



$$Q_2 = -J^2/m$$

Future directions

- Improved observations with Einstein Telescope.
- Spikes in PBH
- Implications for LIGO

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LIGO/VIRGO

Black Holes of Known Mass



Could they be be primordial? Is DM made (partly) of PBHs?



Ali-Haïmoud, Kovetz & Kamionkowski, 1709.06576

PBHs from axions?

- Most inflationary mechanisms for PBH formation require an ad hoc feature in the scalar potential.
- PBHs could also be formed during phase transitions in the early universe.

Could PBHs be related to axions?

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- Axionic strings form first at the PQ phase transition $T_{PQ} \sim f_a$.
- Strings evolve entering the scaling regime, ρ_s ~ μ_sH², and keep radiating axions.
- As the universe cools down and approaches T_{QCD}, gauge instantons generate a periodic potential for the axion. This potential leads to the formation of domain walls.

$N_{\rm DW} > 1$

There are N_{DW} domain walls attached to every string, each one pulling in a different direction. The network can actually be stable, and dominate the universe.



T. Hiramatsu, et al., JCAP 1301 (2013) 001

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T. Vachaspati, 1706.03868

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It is crucial that the annihilation of the network proceeds slowly. The result is a universe with DM made of a mixture of BHs and a smooth component.

FF, Massó, Panico, Pujolàs & Rompineve, in progress

Pair formation

Most of the BH pairs that merge today form in the early universe, deep in the radiation era. Pairs form due to the chance proximity of PHB pairs and merge on a time-scale:

$$t_{merge} = \frac{3c^5}{170G_N^3} \frac{a^4(1-e^2)^{7/2}}{M_{pbh}^3}$$

Several processes (torques due to other BHs, encounters with other BHs, DM spikes around PBHs, ...) influence the merger rate that is measured by LIGO.

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Kavanagh, Gaggero & Bertone, 1805.09034

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► The SMBH could greatly enhance the event rate.

Nishikawa et al. 1708.08449

The formation cross-section has a steep velocity dependence and phase-space details could matter.



Binaries formed in the early universe still provide the dominant contribution, but dynamical friction effects could alter the balance.

Conclusions

- Taking into account the full phase-space structure of the DM distribution is crucial to obtain realistic indirect detection fluxes.
- The distribution close to the galactic center is dramatically altered by the presence of a SMBH that creates a spike. General relativistic calculations confirm early Newtonian estimates.
- The spike enhances the contribution of binary mergers formed in virialized structures to the observed gravitational wave events.
- Scenarios that predict the formation of PBHs generally feature mixed BH-smooth DM distributions with a rich phenomenology that we are just starting to survey.