Hunt for light primordial black hole dark matter with UHF-GWs



Advent of gravitational waves

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Masses in the Stellar Graveyard



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Compact object masses. Each circle represents a different compact object and the vertical scale indicates the mass as a multiple of the mass of our Sun. Blue circles represent black holes and orange circles represent neutron stars. Half-blue / half-orange mixed circles are compact objects whose classification is uncertain.

GW spectrum



- CMB scales: inflation $(10^{-18} \text{ Hz} \le f \le 10^{-16} \text{ Hz})$
- PTA scales: supermassive BH mergers, cosmic strings, ...
- LISA scales: galactic compact binaries, supermassive BH mergers, extreme mass ratio inspirals, phase transitions, cosmic strings, ...
- LIGO scales: BH/NS binaries, phase transitions, GW bursts, ...

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- Stochastic signal: superposition of independent signals emitted by a huge number of uncorrelated regions
 - Homogeneous and isotropic
 - Unpolarized
 - Gaussian

Amplitude of cosmological signals

 $h_0^2 \Omega_{\rm ow}^{\rm BBN} \sim 10^{-6}$

$$h_c \simeq 1.3 \times 10^{-21} \left(\frac{1 \text{ kHz}}{f}\right) \sqrt{h_0^2 \Omega_{gw}(f)}$$

BBN bound $h_c \lesssim 3 \times 10^{-24} \left(\frac{1 \text{ kHz}}{f}\right)$

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f_0	h_c
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GHz	3×10^{-30}

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Late Universe

General properties

- Coherent signals are possible
- Strain: $h_c \lesssim 10^{-20}$
- Frequency: $f \gtrsim 10 \,\mathrm{kHz} \leftrightarrow \mathrm{BSM}$ physics

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 $\frac{\delta \rho}{\rho} \gtrsim 0.3$

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[Hutsi et al., 2021]

 S_2 : effect of successive disruption of binaries that populate PBH clusters

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characteristic size of a region containing at least a merger event per year

Assumption: narrow PBH mass distribution

PBH inspiral transient signal

- GW signal from a BH inspiral $h_0 = \frac{4}{d_L} (Gm_c)^{5/3} (\pi f)^{2/3}$ $h_i(t) = h_0 F_i(\theta) G_i(t) \simeq 9.77 \times 10^{-34} \left(\frac{f}{1 \text{ GHz}}\right)^{2/3} \left(\frac{m_{\text{PBH}}}{10^{-12} M_{\odot}}\right)^{5/3} \left(\frac{d_L}{1 \text{ kpc}}\right)^{-1}$ $i = +, \times m_c = \frac{(m_1 m_2)^{3/5}}{(m_1 + m_2)^{1/5}}$
- Can the signal be considered approximately monochromatic?

$$N = \frac{f^2}{\dot{f}} \simeq 2.16 \times 10^6 \left(\frac{f}{\text{GHz}}\right)^{-\frac{5}{3}} \left(\frac{m_{\text{PBH}}}{10^{-9} M_{\odot}}\right)^{-\frac{5}{3}} \longrightarrow \text{number of cycles a binary spends at a given frequency}$$

• Time to merger

$$\tau(f) \approx 83 \sec\left(\frac{m_{\rm PBH}}{10^{-12} M_{\odot}}\right)^{-5/3} \left(\frac{f}{\rm GHz}\right)^{-8/3}$$

$m_{\rm PBH}$	$\tau(1\mathrm{GHz})$	$\tau(0.1 \mathrm{GHz}) - \tau(1 \mathrm{GHz})$
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 $m_{\rm PBH}$

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 $\begin{array}{c} z \\ GW \\ \swarrow \\ L \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} EM \\ GW \\ GW \\ GW \\ \end{array} \\ \end{array}$

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 Not possible to detect the chirp phase of light PBHs

$$\Delta t \sim \mathcal{O}(1) \times \frac{1}{f_{\rm ISCO}} \lesssim 10^{-8} \, {\rm sec}$$

Ideal sources:

- superradiance
- early inspiral phase of PBHs
- stochastic backgrounds

 Limitation: coherence between GW and EM requires

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DMR	$B = 4 \mathrm{T}$	$Vol = 100 \mathrm{m}^3$	$f \subset (0.1 \div 30) \mathrm{MHz}$		
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SQMS	$B = 5 \mathrm{T}$	Vol = 100 L	T = 1 K	$Q = 10^{6}$	$f \subset (1 \div 2) \operatorname{GHz}$

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