Black Holes' Dark Dress

The impact of local Dark Matter halos on the mergers of primordial black hole binaries

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arXiv:1805.09034, PRD 98, 023536 (2018) **BJK,** Daniele Gaggero & Gianfranco Bertone

Could the observed LIGO events be due to merging Primordial Black Holes (PBHs)?

How do local Dark Matter (DM) halos affect the merger rate of PBHs?

Movies at tinyurl.com/DESYDarkDress

Primordial Black Holes



Life of a PBH binary

PBH binaries form predominantly from 'nearby' PBH pairs in the Early Universe:



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PBH Binary Population

Randomly distributed (unclustered) PBHs

Angular momentum set by torques from smooth density perturbations and *all other PBHs*

Close, eccentric binaries merge today:

$$t_{\rm merge} = \frac{3 c^5}{170 G_N^3} \frac{a^4 j^7}{M_{\rm PBH}^3}$$
$$i = \sqrt{1 - e^2}$$

$$\mathcal{R}(t_{\rm merge}) = \frac{1}{2} n_{\rm PBH} P(t_{\rm merge})$$



[Ali-Haïmoud et al., 1709.06576, **BJK**, Gaggero & Bertone, 1805.09034]

Merger rate estimate



Solar mass PBHs should only be a sub-dominant (%-level) contribution to the DM density in the Universe

[Ali-Haïmoud et al., 1709.06576, **BJK**, Gaggero & Bertone, 1805.09034]

Caveats

- Survival
- Clustering
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- Dark Matter



Do these binaries survive for the age of the Universe?

Smooth density perturbations and close encounters are unlikely to disrupt the binaries

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How does the distribution of PBHs affect the merger rate?

See Paul Depta's talk (which we just watched)

[1805.05912, 1807.02084, 1808.05910 and others]

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Does baryonic accretion disrupt the binary?

Some simulations have been performed, but the effects are still unclear (especially for highly eccentric binaries)

[0909.1738, 0805.3408, astro-ph/0607467, 1703.03913]

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Do local Dark Matter halos disrupt PBH binaries?

Dynamical friction as the PBHs move through DM halos may affect the orbital properties... PBHs seed the formation of `local' DM halos:



 $R_{\rm tr}(z) = 0.0063 \left(\frac{M_{\rm PBH}}{M_{\odot}}\right) \left(\frac{1+z_{\rm eq}}{1+z}\right) {\rm pc} \qquad \rho(r) \propto r^{-3/2}$

By matter-radiation equality, $M_{\rm halo} \sim M_{\rm PBH}$

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[astro-ph/0608642, 0706.0864, 1712.05421]

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Life of a *dressed* PBH binary



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Interpreting the simulations





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Interpreting the simulations





Calculating the final merger rate

$$j = \sqrt{1 - e^2}$$



Limits from LIGO



Caveats (once again)



Bounds from merging PBHs are being placed on a more and more solid footing!

A little more work is still needed...

Many PBH binaries can be formed in the early Universe

Their mergers could be observable by LIGO today

Local DM halos affect the size and shape of PBH binaries but (surprisingly) have only a small effect on their merger rate

LIGO bounds set the strongest constraints on 10 - 300 Solar Mass PBHs, at the sub-percent level

Can Dark Matter influence other systems and their GW signals?

Movies and code available at github.com/bradkav/BlackHolesDarkDress



Primordial Black Holes (PBHs) could form at $z \gg 10^6$ from:

- Collapse of large density perturbations
- Cosmic String Loops
- Bubble collisions
- . . .

A sign of New Physics and a probe of the early universe. A possible contribution to Dark Matter?

[Y. B. Zel'dovich and I. D. Novikov, Soviet Astronomy 10, 602 (1967)]
 [S. Hawking, Mon. Not. R. Astron. Soc. 152, 75 (1971)]
 [Carr and Hawking, MNRAS 168 (1974)]
 [Garcia-Bellido, Linde & Wands, astro-ph/9605094]
 [Green, 1403.1198]
 [Sasaki et al, 1801.05235]



Binary Evolution



Remapping the semi-major axis



Extended mass functions

LIGO O1 Limit -



"Old" merger rate calculation à la Sasaki et al., but picture doesn't change too much...

[See also 1801.10327]



Simulation Details

ErrTolForceAcc	10^{-5}		
ErrTolIntAccuracy	10^{-3}		
MaxTimestep [yr]	10^{-2}		
$\ell_{\rm soft}$ (PBH) [pc]	10^{-7}		
$M_{ m PBH} =$	$1M_{\odot}$	$30M_{\odot}$	$1000M_{\odot}$
$\ell_{\rm soft}$ (DM, low-res) [pc]	$2 imes 10^{-6}$	10^{-5}	5×10^{-5}
$\ell_{\rm soft}$ (DM, high-res) [pc]	2×10^{-7}	10^{-6}	$5 imes 10^{-6}$

TABLE I. Summary of Gadget-2 parameters. The parameters ErrTolForceAcc and ErrTolIntAccuracy control the accuracy of force calculation and time integration respectively. We also specify the softening lengths ℓ_{soft} of the simulations, as described in the text. Low-resolution simulations contain roughly 10⁴ DM particles per halo, while high-resolution simulations use a multi-mass scheme with roughly 4×10^4 DM particles in total per halo.

For 'high-resolution' simulations, we use a multi-mass scheme in which the DM halo is composed of 4 different masses of pseudo-particles.

Each simulation takes ~ 3000 CPU-hours, with very poor scaling with N_{CPU}

Part II: A closer look to merger rates

A) Binaries formed in the early Universe



 If most of the DM is made of PBHs, most pairs decouple from the Hubble flow and form a binary deep in the radiation era.

 If f < 0.01, only rare pairs with small separation form binary systems. B) Binaries formed after close encounters within a DM halo



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