Multi-messenger avenues towards Primordial Black Hole detection





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Outline

(1) Detecting black holes in the Milky Way

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Based on: F.Scarcella, D.Gaggero et al. 2012.10421 (MNRAS),

* F.Scarcella, D.Gaggero, J. Garcia-Bellido PoS ICRC2021 (2021) 565

(2) Detecting black holes at cosmological distances

Gravitational waves

Based on:
Master thesis, Cristina Fernandez

- Master thesis, Tania Franco
- F.Scarcella, D.Gaggero et al. 2205.02639



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Detecting BHs in the Milky Way

BH expected to *accrete gas* from *dense clouds*

- Non-thermal radiation (X-ray/radio)
- Large population of PBHs + clouds at GC
- Channel used to set bound on PBH abundance Manshanden et al. 1812.07967
- No accreting isolated BH identified so far



Goals

- ➡ Robustness of bound wrt *astrophysical uncertainties*
- → Dependence bound on the *PBH model (mass function)*

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Expected number of visible sources

Semi-analytic study of impact of uncertainties on the predictions

 $N^{\text{sources}}(\phi^*) = N^{\text{tot}} \int_{\phi(v_{\text{BH}}, M, d, \{p_i\}) > \phi^*} P(v_{\text{BH}}) P(M) P(r) P(n) \, \mathrm{d}v_{\text{BH}} \, \mathrm{d}M \, \mathrm{d}r \, \mathrm{d}n$

Modelling the *BH population*:

- Spatial distribution (NFW)
- Velocity distribution (MB)
- Mass distribution

• Temperature *of ionised 'bubble'* (c_s^{in})

Modelling the *molecular clouds*:

• Density distribution $P(n) \propto n^{-\beta}$

Ferrière et al: 0702532



Results: number of X-ray sources (monochromatic)



 $f_{\rm PBH} = 1$

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- → Useful channel to *constrain PBH abundance* above $\sim 10 M_{\odot}$
- → *Large uncertainties* for PBH mass $\sim 1 M_{\odot}$
- ➡ Uncertainties *reflected on multimodal mass function*

Caveats

- ➡ PBH *spatial distribution* (correlation with cloud positions, *clusters*)
- ➡ PBH velocity dispersion

Prospects

- → Identification of sources as BH *dedicated multi-wavelength analysis*
- → Identification of sources as *PBH or ABH challenging*



Black hole mergers at high redshift

Based on 2205.02639 with M. Martinelli, N. Hogg, P. Fleury, D. Gaggero, B. Kavanagh



GWTC-3 Catalog







Clean channel: high redshift (*no astrophysical* background)

Prospects for the Einstein Telescope

<u>Can we identify primordial black holes with *future gravitational wave observatories*?</u>

0.6

 $M = 30 M_{\odot}$

 10^{0}

 \boldsymbol{z}

 $R_{\text{det}}(z) = f_{\text{det}}(z) \frac{\mathscr{R}(z)}{1+z} \frac{\mathrm{d}V_{\text{c}}}{\mathrm{d}z}$

 10^{1}



Forecast for Einstein telescope to asses:

- ability to *detect* PBH
- ability to measure PBH abundance

Simulate PBH merger events and *detector's response*

 10^{2}



ET mock data generation

gitlab.com/matmartinelli/darksirens

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Data analysis - 1

``Cut-and-count''

- *Divide data in two bins*, evaluate $N_>$: # events with $z > z^*$
- Generate catalogs for *different values of* f_{PBH} , evaluate $N_{>}$
- Compare with null hypothesis: *ABH only* data set $\rightarrow N_{>} = 1 \pm 1.7$



⇒ Smallest detectable fraction (3 σ): $f_{\text{PBH}} \approx 10^{-5} \rightarrow N_{>} = 16 \pm 5$

Data analysis - 2

• Unbinned likelihood - probability of a set of observed events

$$\mathscr{L}(f_{\text{PBH}} | \mathscr{D}) = \frac{\bar{N}_{\text{obs}}(f_{\text{PBH}})^{N_{\text{obs}}} e^{-\bar{N}_{\text{obs}}(f_{\text{PBH}})}}{N_{\text{obs}}!} \times \prod_{i=1, N_{\text{obs}}} p(D_i | f_{\text{PBH}})$$

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- ► Future GW observatories: powerful tool to identify PBH signal
- → Measure PBHs in *abundance as small as* $f_{\text{PBH}} \approx 10^{-5}$

Caveats

- → *Signal* modelling (mass function, initial clustering, ...)
- ➡ Astrophysical *background* (pop III stars)

Provided a *public tool* for generation of GW mock data

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Thank you

