

# Constraining PBH of asteroid masses from stars in dwarf galaxies

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# Primordial black holes

*Zel'dovich, Novikov, Astronomy 10 (1967) 602*

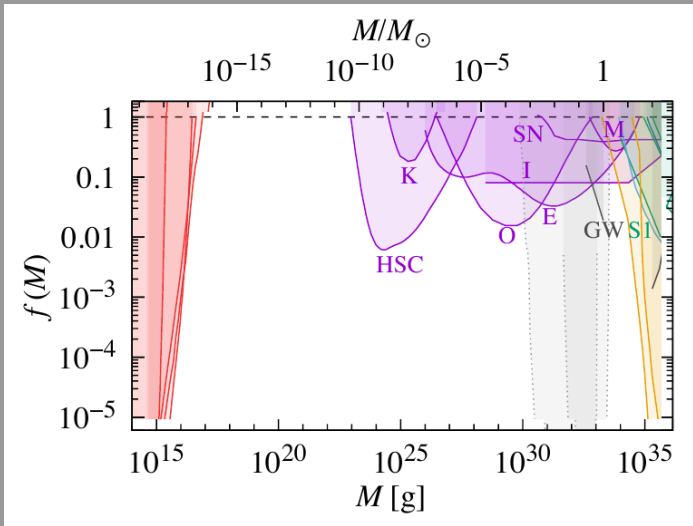
*Hawking, MNRAS 152 (1971) 75*

- BH may be produced in the early Universe in collapse of large matter fluctuations with masses ranging from  $M_{Pl}$  to tens of  $M_{\odot}$
- The total PBH abundance may typically be tuned to match all or a fraction of the total DM
- $\implies$  Attractive candidate for the DM as it requires no new stable particles
- May perhaps explain (some of) the LIGO-VIRGO merger events

# Existing constraints

Key question: can all of the DM be in PBH?

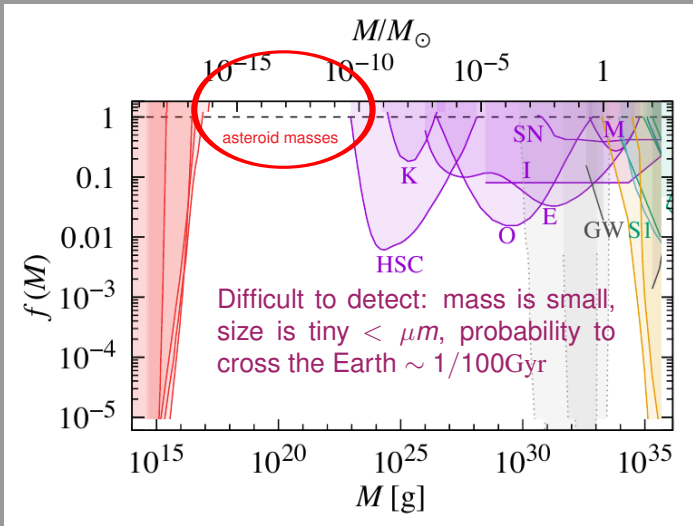
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# Constraints from capture of PBH by stars?

- In this mass range PBH abundance may be constrained from their capture by stars
- If a PBH is captured by a star it accretes the matter and eventually destroys the star  
⇒ A mere existence of stars may be used to constrain the PBH abundance.
- Previous studies concentrated on NS and WD because they capture PBH more easily.

*Capela, Pshirkov, PT, PRD87 (2013) 023507*

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*Capela, Pshirkov, PT, PRD90 (2014) 083507*

However, NS and WD themselves are much harder to observe.

- Here we focus on main sequence stars

# Destruction of ordinary stars by PBH

How fast an ordinary star gets destroyed by a PBH?

- Assume Bondi accretion (spherically symmetric inflow of gas). The Bondi rate is

$$\dot{m}_{\text{BH}} = \frac{4\pi\rho_* G^2 m_{\text{BH}}^2}{c_s^3}$$

- Accretion time

$$t_{\text{acc}} = \frac{c_s^3}{4\pi\rho_* G^2 m_{\text{BH}}} = 5 \times 10^6 \text{yr} \left( \frac{10^{20} \text{g}}{m_{\text{BH}}} \right) \Rightarrow \text{OK}$$

- Note:
  - initial stages are the longest
  - Bondi radius  $r_B = 2Gm/c_s^2 \sim 5 \times 10^{-3} \text{cm}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  gas approximation OK

# Capture of PBH in stars

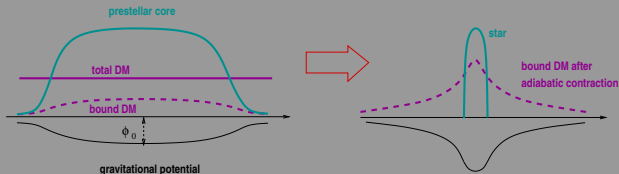
Basically, two different mechanisms:

- Capture during lifetime
  - only efficient for NS and WD
  - key quantity — energy loss by dynamical friction
- Capture at star formation
  - efficient for all stars
  - dominant in case of ordinary stars

# Capture at star formation

Capela, Pshirkov, PT, PRD87.023507, PRD90.083507

- The stars are formed in the collapse of giant molecular clouds. These clouds have some DM (PBH) density gravitationally bound to them with  $\rho_{\text{bound}} \propto \rho_{\text{DM}}/\sigma^3$ .
- Collapsing baryons gravitationally drag the DM along



- After contraction some PBH end up inside the star, and even more settle on star-crossing orbits
- The latter gradually lose energy and finally get captured as well.



# Simulation of capture

*Esser, PT, PRD 107(2023)10, 103052 [arXiv:2207.07412]*

## Two stages:

### A initial capture by adiabatic contraction

- simulated as in previous studies, except we accounted for the star density profile

### B sinking into newly formed star

- time constraint
- constraint from perturbers

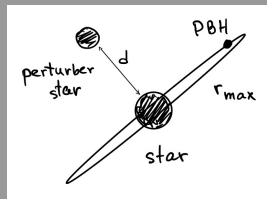
## A. Adiabatic contraction

- Baryons are contracted from a uniform sphere of  $R_c = 4300\text{AU}$  to the actual star density profile
- PBH trajectories are simulated one by one in the baryon gravitational field. Those with apastron  $< R_*$  are retained.
- The initial conditions of PBH uniformly sample the DM distribution. The sampled phase space:

$$r < 20R_C, \quad v < v_{\text{esc}} = \sqrt{3GM_{\odot}/R_C} = 0.79\text{km/s}$$

- The ambient DM distribution is assumed to be uniform in space with  $\rho = 100\text{GeV}/\text{cm}^3$  and Maxwellian in velocity with dispersion  $\sigma = 7\text{km/s}$  (reference parameters typical of dwarf galaxies).

## B. Sinking conditions



Each successful trajectory was checked for two extra conditions:

- *Cooling time.* Rough analytic estimate:

$$t_{\text{cool}} = \frac{\pi M_* R_*}{m_{\text{BH}} \ln \Lambda} \sqrt{\frac{r_{\text{max}}}{R_G}} \sim 10^{10} \text{yr} \sqrt{\frac{r_{\text{max}}}{100 \text{AU}}} \frac{10^{20} \text{g}}{m_{\text{BH}}}$$

Calculated numerically for each trajectory. Those with  $t_{\text{cool}} > 10^{10} \text{yr}$  were discarded.

- *Perturbations* by nearby stars are not too big,

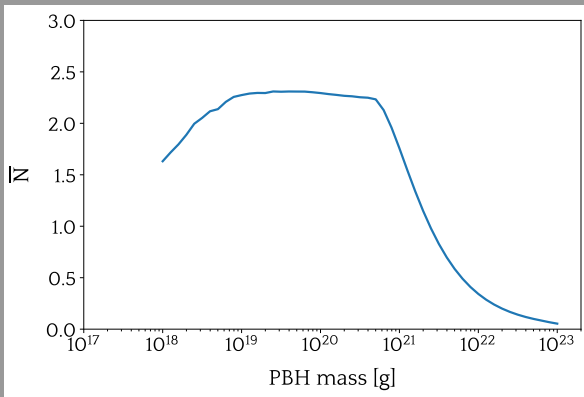
$$r_{\text{min}} = r_{\text{max}} \left( \frac{r_{\text{max}}}{d} \right)^6 < R_*,$$

otherwise the trajectory was discarded.

# Mean captured mass

From simulations:

- total DM mass in the sampled region of phase space
- fraction of successful (captured) trajectories  $\Rightarrow$  determine the mean captured number  $\bar{N} = \bar{M}/m_{\text{BH}}$
- Result for reference conditions, star of  $1M_{\odot}$ , all of DM is composed of PBH ( $f = 1$ ):



## Direct constraints

The probability to capture 0,1,2,.. PBH has the Poisson distribution with the mean  $\bar{N} = f\bar{M}/m_{\text{BH}}$ ,  $f$  being the PBH abundance. In an ensemble of stars, the fraction  $\xi$  of destroyed stars is therefore

$$\xi = 1 - \exp(-f\bar{M}/m_{\text{BH}})$$

Requiring that no more than given fraction  $\xi$  of stars is destroyed gives the constraint on the PBH fraction  $f$  in DM

$$f < \frac{m_{\text{BH}}}{\bar{M}} \ln \frac{1}{1 - \xi}$$

The max allowed fraction  $\xi$  has to come from observations. The smaller  $\xi$ , the stronger the constraints.

# Some observed dwarf galaxies

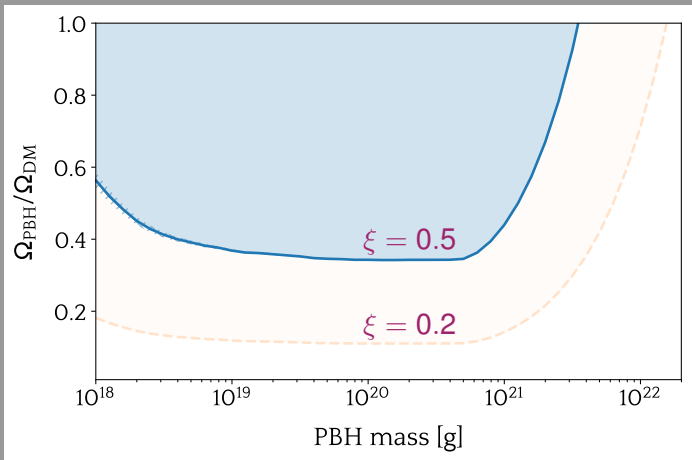
	$R_{1/2}$ [pc]	$\sigma$ [km/s]	$\rho_{\text{DM}}$ [GeV/cm <sup>3</sup> ]	$n_*$ [10 <sup>-3</sup> pc <sup>-3</sup> ]	$\eta$
Triangulum II	16	< 5.9	161	9.2	0.95
Tucana III	37	< 2.1	3.7	0.67	0.51
Draco II	19	< 10.2	343	2.6	0.39
Segue 1	24	6.4	85	2.1	0.39
Grus I	28	5.0	38	9.6	0.37

Here the merit factor

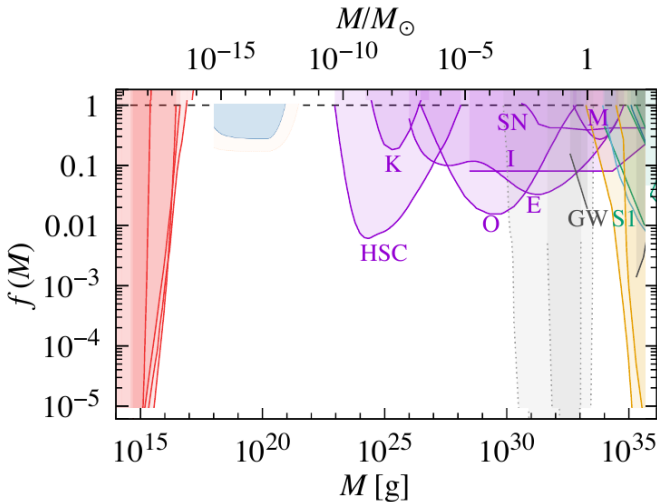
$$\eta = \frac{\rho_{\text{DM}}}{100 \text{ GeV/cm}^3} \left( \frac{7 \text{ km/s}}{\sqrt{2} \sigma} \right)^3$$

shows how the concrete galaxy is doing with respect to our reference values  $\rho = 100 \text{ GeV/cm}^3$  and  $\sigma = 7 \text{ km/s}$ .

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# STATISTICAL APPROACH

Constraining  
PBH of  
asteroid  
masses from  
stars in dwarf  
galaxies

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Introduction

Capture in  
stars

Constraints:  
simple  
estimate

Constraints:  
statistical  
approach

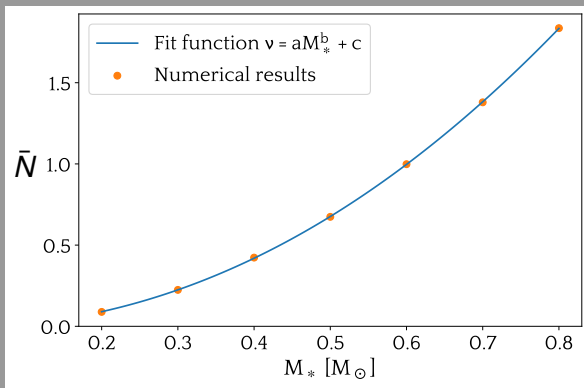
Summary

*De Rijcke, Esser, PT, MNRAS 529(2024)32*

- The fraction  $\xi$  of destroyed stars is difficult to know experimentally  $\implies$  a better observable is needed
- In many dwarf galaxies the star distribution in masses is (a) measured and (b) quantitatively modeled
- **Key point:** the probability of PBH capture depends on the star mass  $\implies$  the presence of PBH alters the star mass function.

This may be used to constrain the abundance of PBH

Mean PBH captured number  $\bar{N}$  as a function of the star mass, for  $m_{\text{BH}} \sim 10^{20}\text{g}$ :



⇒ PBHs preferentially destroy heavier stars

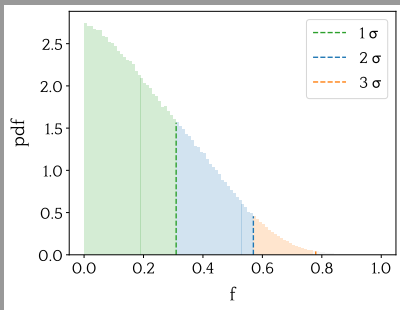
# Is this approach sensitive enough?

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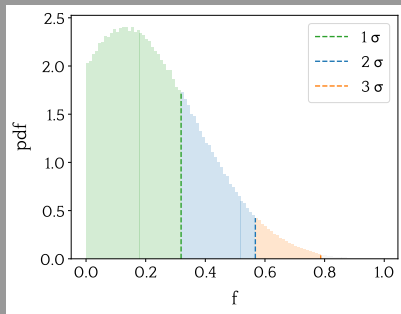
Make a numerical experiment:

- Generate a sample of stars that resembles the one observed in a typical dwarf galaxy: 1000 stars with masses  $(0.2 - 0.8)M_{\odot}$  distributed as observed ones. Pretend this is the real data.
- Take a model star mass function typically used in UFD population studies: broken power law or log-normal distribution. Add the modifications due to the destruction of stars by PBH, with the PBH fraction  $f$  a free parameter
- Run the Bayesian analysis to see how well the fraction  $f$  can be constrained from these “data”.

# Probability distribution marginalized over all parameters except $f$ :



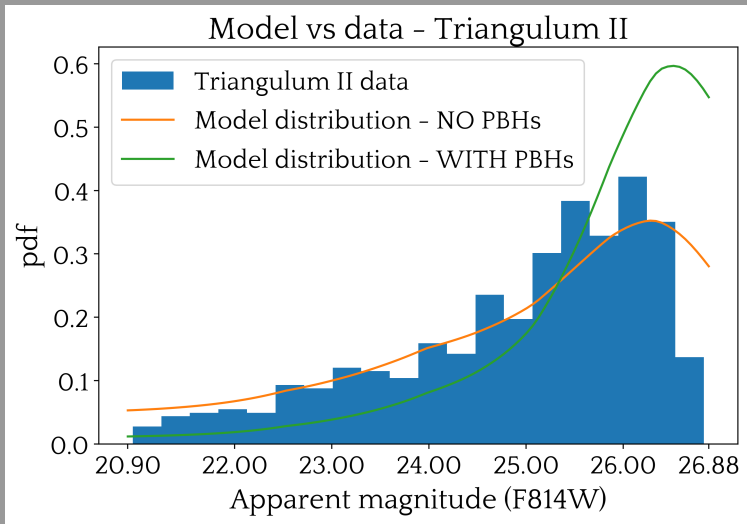
broken power law



log-normal

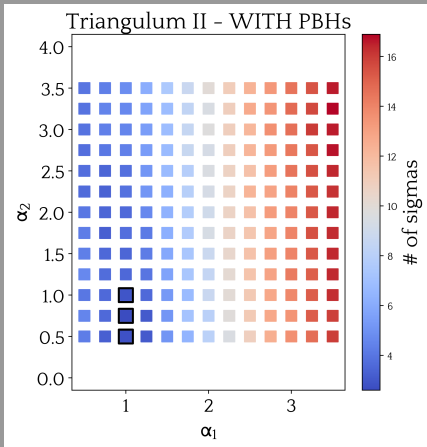
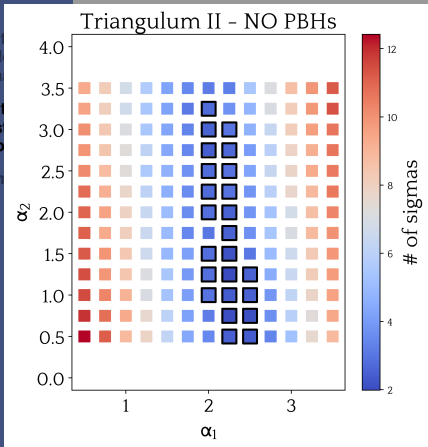
⇒ Looks promising!

# Applying to real data: Triangulum II



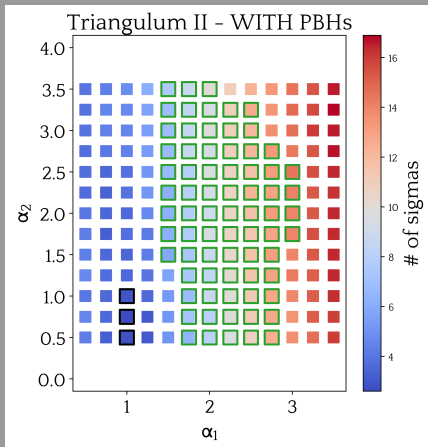
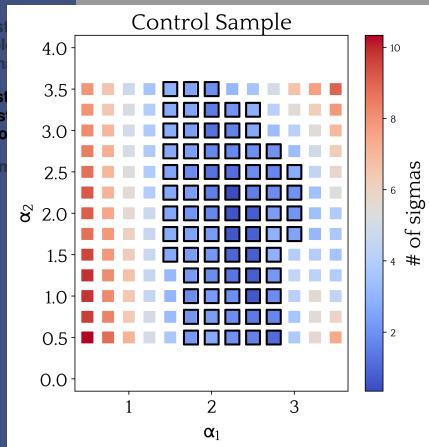
# Preliminary results

- Model: broken power law with slopes  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$ ; PBH fraction either  $f = 1$  or  $f = 0$ .
- KS test of mass distributions: model vs. data



## Control sample strategy

- There is data for several UFDs: Segue I, Triangulum II, Bootes I, Reticulum II and Ursa Major II (last 3 have small merit factor)
- $\Rightarrow$  map out allowed region of parameters



# Summary

- Constraints from capture of PBH in stars fall right in the unconstrained mass range
- Measurement of stellar mass function in many dwarf galaxies (already existing for several of them) may be sufficient to firmly exclude  $f = 1$  in some range of PBH masses.
- Quantitative analysis is in progress!