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Primordial Black Holes from Inflation

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PBH formation

- conventional scenario -

originally proposed by Hawking ('71)





Conventional PBH formation in a nutshell

- Primordial Black Holes (PBHs) are those formed in the very early universe, conventionally when the universe was radiation-dominated.
- Presumably they originate from a large positive curvature perturbation produced during inflation (which hence should be a rare event).
- For a BH to form during radiation dominance, the perturbation must be O(1) on the Hubble horizon scale.

$$M_{\text{PBH}} \sim M_{\text{horizon}}$$

 $\sim \left(\frac{100 \text{MeV}}{T}\right)^2 M_{\odot} \sim \left(\frac{\ell}{1 \text{pc}}\right)^2 M_{\odot}$



comoving length ($\propto a$)

β : fraction of ρ that turns into PBHs

for Gaussian probability distribution



• When $\sigma_M \ll \Delta c$, β can be approximated by exponential:

$$\beta \approx \sqrt{2/\pi} \frac{\sigma(M)}{\Delta_c} \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta_c^2}{2\sigma(M)^2}\right) \quad \Delta_c \equiv \left(\frac{\delta\rho_c}{\rho}\right)_{\text{crit Carr, ApJ 201, 1 (1975), ...}}$$

- Recent studies indicates enhanced production: $\Delta_c \sim 0.2$ Using peak theory Yoo, Harada, Garriga & Kohri, 1805.03946
- Criterion using compaction function (C~GM/R) may be more relevant Musco, De Luca, Franciolini & Riotto, 2011.03014

• Non-Gaussianity may significantly affect β



Inflation models

Model 1a: two-field inflation

Pi, Zhang, Huang & MS, 1712.09896



- Field χ plays the role of inflaton at the 2nd stage.



• 2-stage model can produce a sharp peak from the transition

• non-Gaussianity is small in most 2-stage models.





Fully non-Gaussian curvature perturbation

$$e^{4\zeta} - \left[\frac{4r}{3+r}\left(1 + \frac{\delta\chi}{\chi}\right)^2\right]e^{\zeta} + \left[\frac{3r-3}{3+r}\right] = 0$$

MS, Valiviita & Wands, astro-ph/0607627

 ζ = curvature perturbation on uniform density slices

 $r = \rho_{\chi}/\rho_{\text{tot}}$ at epoch of curvaton decay

 PBH formation is fully non-perturbatively non-Gaussian: criterion ζ > ζ_{cr}~0.5 gives a highly nonlinear expression in δ ≡δχ/χ

$$\Delta(\mathbf{R}) : \delta \rho / \rho$$
smoothed over
comoving scale R
$$\Delta(\mathbf{R}) \approx \frac{4k_*^2 R^2}{9} \zeta(\mathbf{R})$$
for spectrum peaked at $k = k_*$

• Power spectrum is well approximated by that of $\delta \chi^2$ for r <<1.

Pi & MS, 2112.12680

$$P_{\delta\chi}(k_*) \longrightarrow \zeta = \frac{\delta\chi}{\chi} + \frac{3}{4r} \left(\frac{\delta\chi}{\chi}\right)^2 \text{ for } r <<1 \longrightarrow P_{\zeta}(k_*)$$

perturbative approximation is valid



Pi & MS, 2211.13932

Model 2b: Amplification by Upward Step

- One Small Step for an Inflaton, One Giant Leap for Inflation -

Cai, Ma, MS, Wang & Zhou, 2112.13836



non-perturbative non-Gaussianity at tail of distribution

• perturbative non-Gaussianity is small if $-h \equiv \frac{6\sqrt{2}\varepsilon_V}{1-1} \ll 1$

$$\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}_G + \frac{|h|}{4} \mathcal{R}_G^2 + \frac{|h|^2}{8} \mathcal{R}_G^3 + \cdots \qquad \Longrightarrow \qquad \mathcal{P}(k) \approx \mathcal{P}_G(k)$$

power spectrum is given by Gaussian part

tail of distribution is extremely non-Gaussian





unusual type of field space trajectories



PBH formation during inflation

 $V(\phi)$

 ΔV

$$\mathcal{R} \simeq \frac{2}{|h|} \left(1 - \sqrt{1 - |h| \mathcal{R}_G} \right)$$
 PDF cutoff at $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}_{\text{cut}} \equiv \frac{2}{|h|}$

 \Rightarrow trajectories that can't climb the step



region stuck at $\phi = \phi_c$ will become PBH!

 $\Delta \phi = \frac{\Delta V}{V'} = \frac{\Delta V/V}{\sqrt{2\epsilon}}$ $\Delta n \simeq \frac{\Delta \phi}{|\pi_{sr}|} = \frac{\Delta V/V}{\pi_{sr}^2}$

 π_d

 Δn

of e-folds region A expands

region A expands until $V(\phi)$ surrounding it becomes smaller than $V(\phi_A)=V_0$

$$M_{
m BH}\simeq H^{-1}e^{3\Delta n}$$



Model 4: PBH-as-MVP scenario

PBH formation during inflation due to vacuum tunneling (not from curvature perturbation)

Garriga, Vilenkin & Zhang, 1512.01819, Deng & Vilenkin, 1710.02865,...

example:



Mass function

Kusenko, MS, Sugiyama, Takada, Takhistov & Vitagliano, 2001.09160



Implications to GW cosmology?

 $M \gg M_2 \cdots$ SMBHs

induced GWs



GWs can test PBH scenario!



 PBHs = LV BHs scenario is already constrained by NANOGrav(PTA)
 Cai, Pi, Wang & Yang 1907.06372

iGWs in non-minimal curvaton model



summary

- various inflation models can lead to PBH formation
- late stage of inflation can be probed by PBHs and the associated secondary/induced GWs
- PBHs may be formed during inflation
- PBHs may play central roles in GW cosmology