

Title: What can we learn from elastic scattering of Cosmological Gravitational Wave Background? - VIRTUAL

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Abstract: The current progress in gravitational wave detection opened a new exciting window in cosmology. It is natural to ask ourselves how we can best use this new tool to explore physics beyond the standard model. With this idea in mind, my collaborators and I asked what we could learn from Cosmological Gravitational Wave Backgrounds if they were to be detected to a certain accuracy. By drawing comparison to the cosmic microwave background, we investigate the impact of elastic scattering on any cosmological background. Specifically, we focus on quantifying spectral distortions in the energy density spectrum of CGWB attributed to interaction with beyond-the-standard-model particles. We will also explore the effect that elastic scattering of graviton of Primordial Black holes would have on CGWB in the regime where PBHs account for all the dark matter.

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An SZ-Like Effect on Cosmological Gravitational Wave Backgrounds

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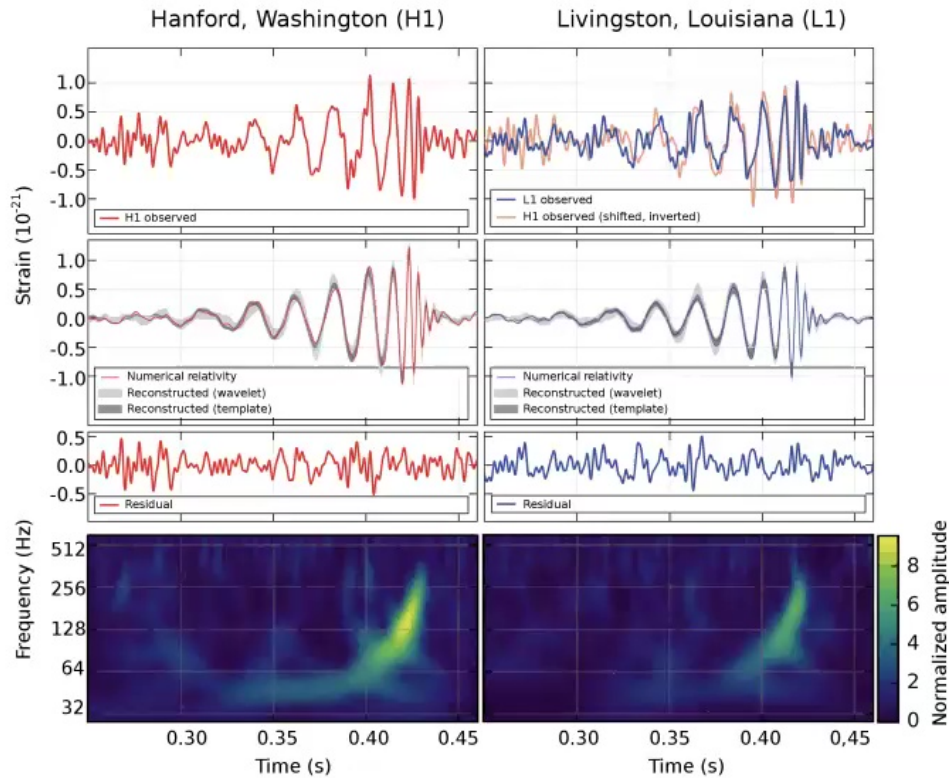


Elastic Scattering of Cosmological Gravitational Wave Backgrounds: Primordial Black Holes and Stellar Objects

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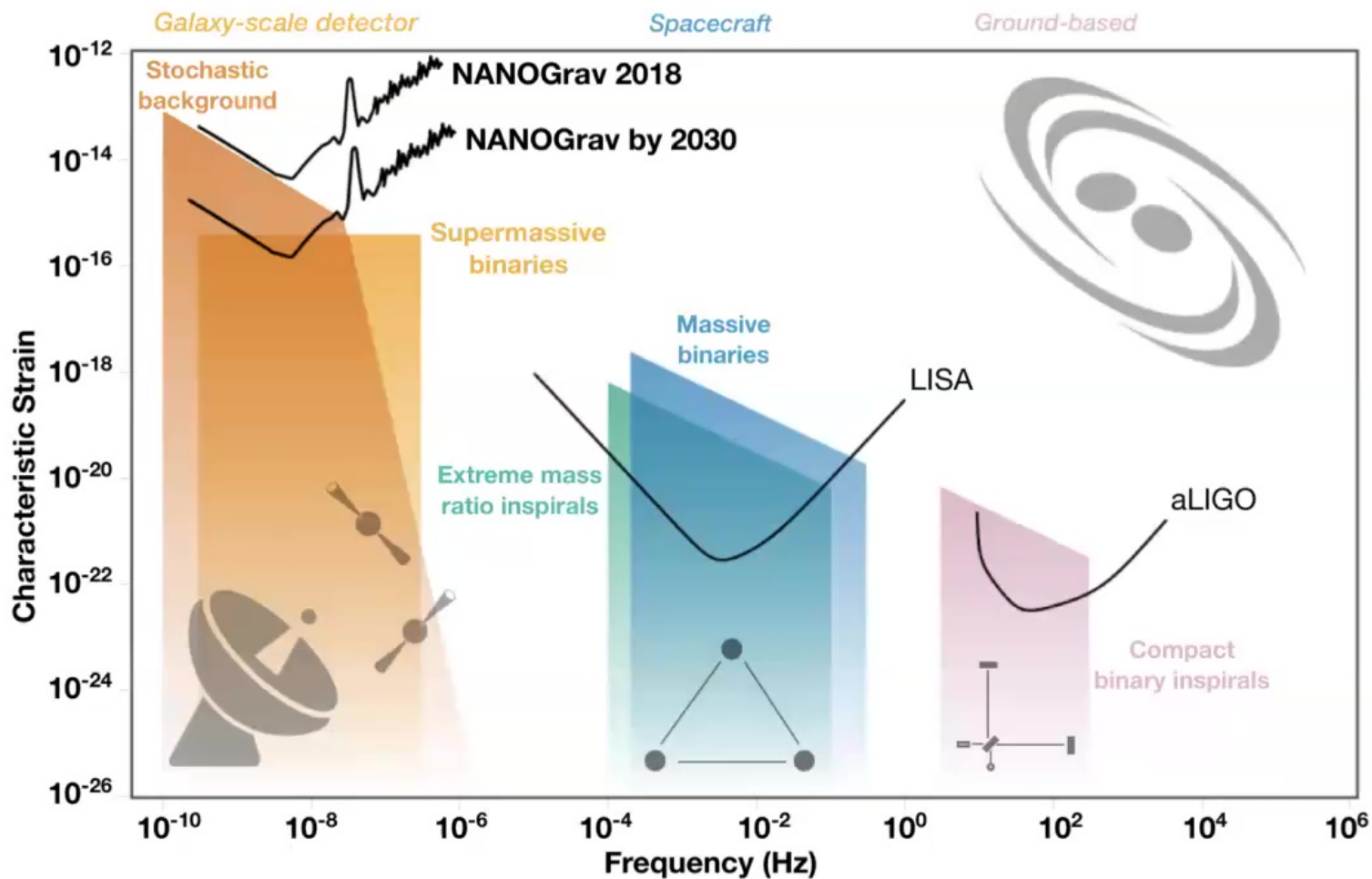
Gravitational Wave Detectors



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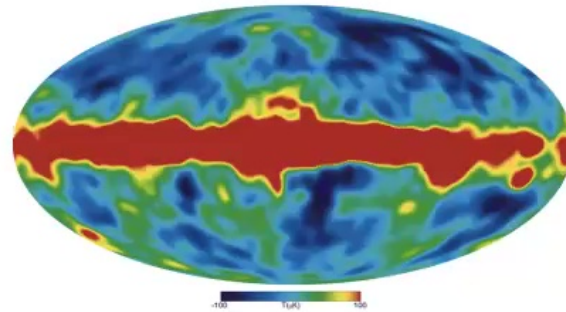
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State of Gravitational Wave Detectors

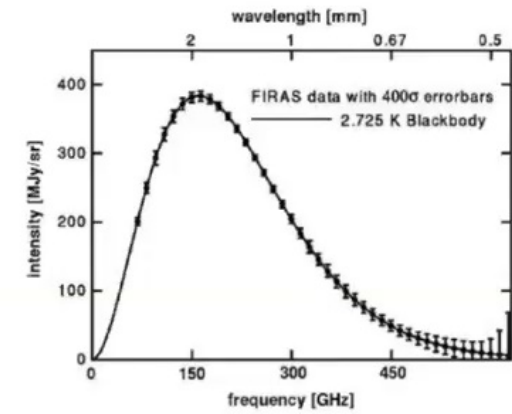


A Long Way to go

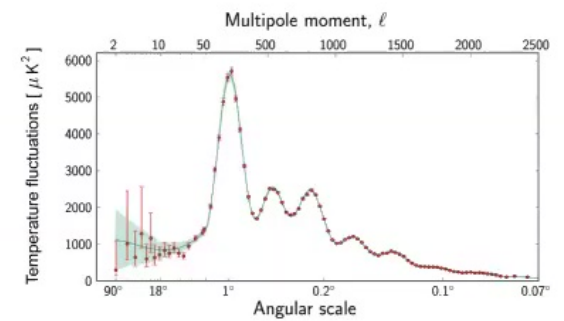
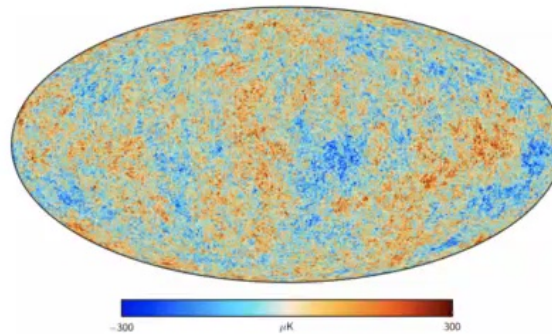
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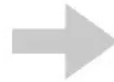
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Stochastic Gravitational Wave Backgrounds

(Emerges from the incoherent superposition of a large number of astrophysical or cosmological sources)

- Stationarity : $\langle \tilde{h}_A^*(\nu) \tilde{h}_B(\nu') \rangle \propto \delta(\nu - \nu')$.
- Gaussianity : All n-point correlators are or can be reduced to sums and products of the 2-point correlation function.
- Isotropy : $\langle \tilde{h}_A^*(\nu, \hat{\mathbf{n}}) \tilde{h}_B(\nu', \hat{\mathbf{n}}') \rangle \propto \delta^2(\hat{\mathbf{n}}, \hat{\mathbf{n}}')$.
- Polarization : $\langle \tilde{h}_A^*(\nu, \hat{\mathbf{n}}) \tilde{h}_B(\nu', \hat{\mathbf{n}}') \rangle \propto \delta_{AB}$



$$\langle \tilde{h}_A^*(\nu, \hat{\mathbf{n}}) \tilde{h}_B(\nu', \hat{\mathbf{n}}') \rangle = \delta(\nu - \nu') \frac{\delta^2(\hat{\mathbf{n}}, \hat{\mathbf{n}}')}{4\pi} \delta_{AB} \frac{S_h(\nu)}{2}$$

- Spectral density for the fractional density :

$$\Omega_{\text{GW}}(\nu) = \frac{1}{\rho_c} \frac{d\rho_{\text{GW}}}{d \log \nu} = \frac{(2\pi)^2}{3H_0^2} \nu^3 S_h(\nu)$$

Stochastic Gravitational Wave Backgrounds

- Linearized perturbations around the conformal FLRW spacetime in the synchronous gauge

$$ds^2 = a^2(\eta)[-d\eta^2 + (\delta_{ij} + h_{ij}^{TT}) dr^i dr^j]$$

- Equation of motion for the metric perturbation

$$h_{ij}''^{TT}(\mathbf{r}, \eta) + 2\mathcal{H}h_{ij}'^{TT}(\mathbf{r}, \eta) - \nabla^2 h_{ij}^{TT}(\mathbf{r}, \eta) = 0.$$

- In Fourier space

$$\tilde{h}_A'' + 2\mathcal{H}\tilde{h}_A' + k^2\tilde{h}_A = 0.$$

- **Primordial** spectrum

$$\mathcal{P}(k) = A_T(k_*) \left(\frac{k}{k_*}\right)^{n_T}$$

Stochastic Gravitational Wave Backgrounds

Connection with the primordial background

- Observables of interest

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- Primordial vs present day

$$\Omega_{\text{GW}}(\nu) = |\mathcal{T}_{\text{GW}}(\nu)|^2 \Omega_{\text{GW}}^P(\nu, z)$$

$$\Omega_{\text{GW}}(\nu) = \frac{\pi^2}{3H_0^2} \nu^2 |\mathcal{T}_{\text{GW}}(\nu)|^2 \mathcal{P}(\nu)$$

$$\Omega_{\text{GW}}(\nu) = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \frac{(4\pi)^2}{H_0^2} \nu^4 n(\nu)$$

Production Mechanisms

Cosmological sources

- Inflation
- Phase transition
- Topological defects
- Cosmic strings

Caldwell, R., Cui, Y., Guo, HK. et al. *Gen Relativ Gravit* **54**, 156 (2022)

Kosowsky, Turner, and Watkins *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **69**, 2026 – 1992

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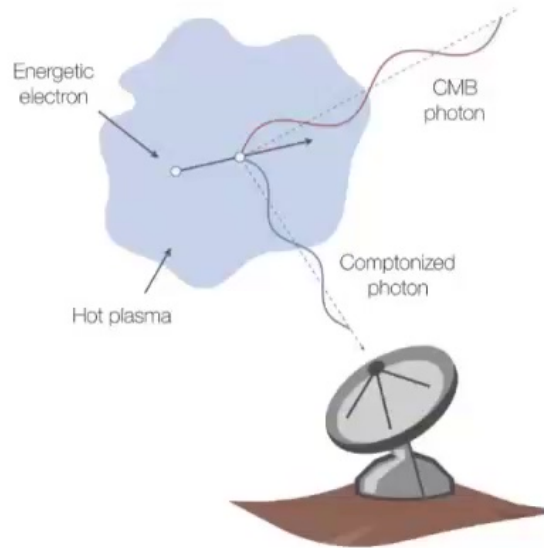
Astrophysical Contamination

- Binary Black holes
- Binary Neutron stars
- Super massive Black holes in galactic nuclei
- Binary stars in the galaxy

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Sunyaev Zeldovich Effect

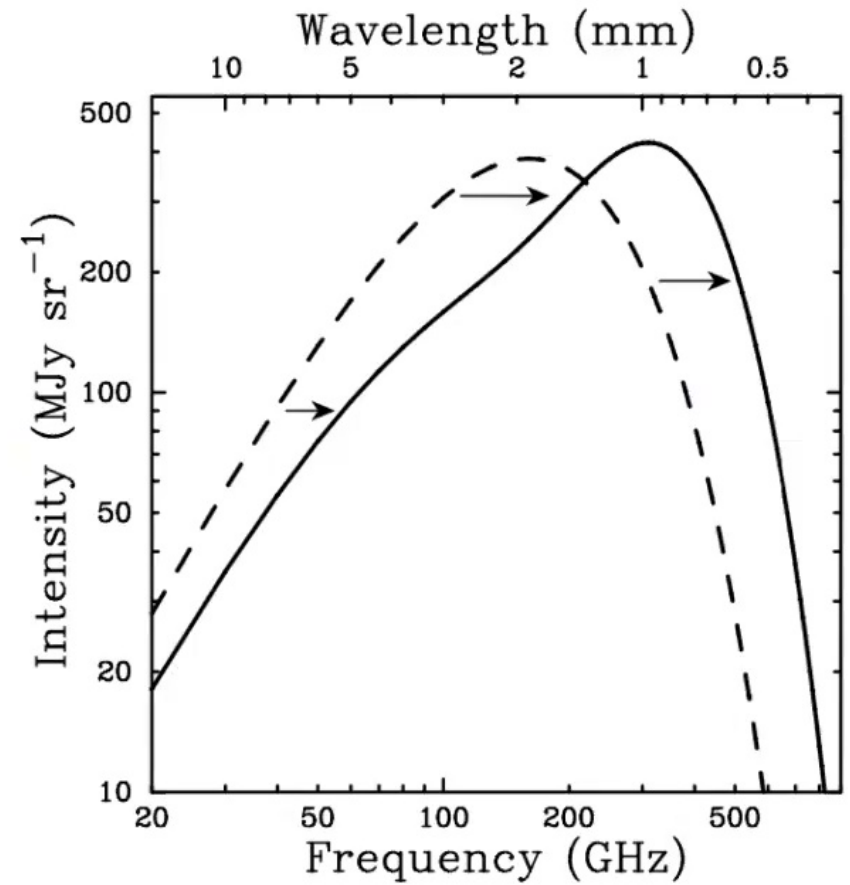


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o Distortion on the CMB by solving the Kompaneets equations

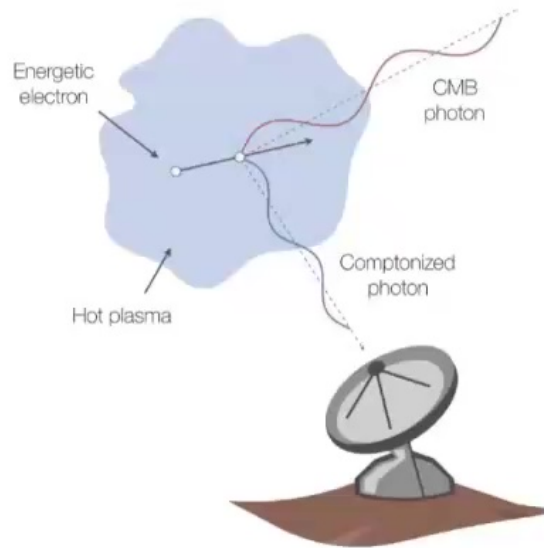
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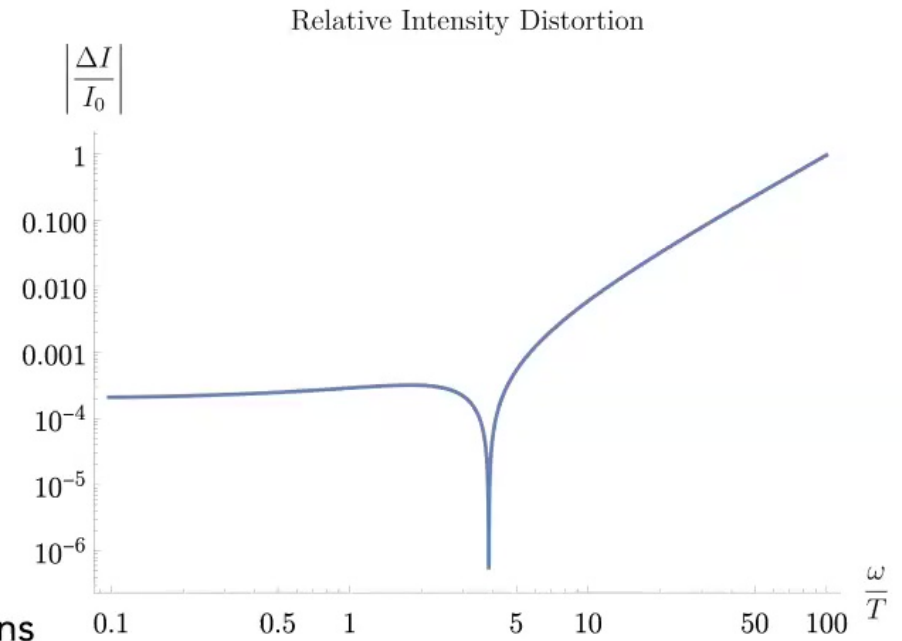


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Kompaneets Equations

- The relaxation of a photon bath to thermal equilibrium via Compton scattering with electrons

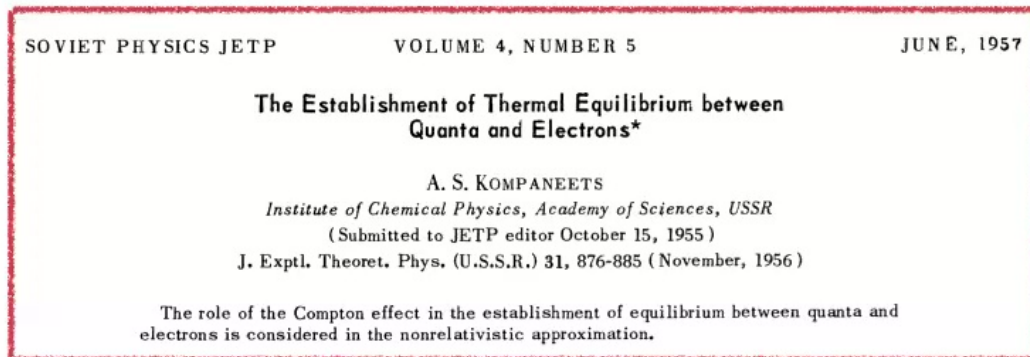
$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} = \frac{k_B T_e}{m_e c^2} \frac{n_e \sigma_e}{c} (x_e)^4 \left(\frac{\partial n}{\partial x_e} + n + n^2 \right)$$

- Stimulated emission

Affects the photons distribution $n(\mathbf{k}, t)$

- Compton scattering

Affects the photons+electrons distribution $n(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{k}; t)$



Kompaneets Equations

- Expressed as a function of a dimensionless parameter y

In the limit of small x_e

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{x_e^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_e} x_e^4 \left(\frac{\partial n}{\partial x_e} + \cancel{n} + \cancel{n^2} \right) \quad \text{with} \quad y = \frac{k_B T_e}{m_e c^2} \frac{ct}{\lambda_e} = \int \underbrace{n_e \sigma_T dl}_{\text{Optical depth}} \frac{k_B T_e}{m_e c^2}$$

- At low optical depth and low temperature i.e. when y is small

$$\Delta n = xy \frac{e^x}{(e^x - 1)^2} (x \coth(x/2) - 4)$$

SZ Effect

Kompaneets Equations

o Master equation for photons and electrons :

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{k}; t) = \int d^3\mathbf{p}' d^3\mathbf{k}' \{ n(\mathbf{p}', \mathbf{k}'; t) w(p', k' \rightarrow p, k) (1 + n(\mathbf{k}, t)) - n(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{k}; t) w(p, k \rightarrow p', k') (1 + n(\mathbf{k}', t)) \}$$

Non covariant transition rate

o Transition rate :

$$w(p, k \rightarrow p', k') d^3\mathbf{p}' d^3\mathbf{k}' = \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{k}) d\Omega c \left(1 - \frac{\mathbf{v}}{c} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} \right)$$

Differential Compton cross section

Kompaneets Equations

- Electrons are in thermal equilibrium
- Photons are soft i.e $\hbar\omega \ll m_e c^2$ but $\hbar\omega \sim k_B T_e$
- Electrons are non relativistic ie $|\mathbf{p}| \ll m_e c$

Assumptions

○ Master equation

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} = [\partial_x n + n(1+n)]I_1 + \left[\frac{1}{2} \partial_{xx} n + (1+n) \left(\frac{n}{2} + \partial_x n \right) \right] I_2$$

with

$$I_\ell(x) = c \int d^3\mathbf{p} d\Omega \left(1 - \frac{\mathbf{v}}{c} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}} \right) \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \mathcal{N}_{eq}(|\mathbf{p}|) \Delta^\ell$$

where $\Delta = (x' - x) = \frac{\hbar(\omega' - \omega)}{k_B T}$

↪ Momentum distribution of electrons

Gravitational SZ Effect

- Cosmic Microwave Background
- Photon Electron Compton scattering
- Solve the Kompaneets equations

- Cosmic Gravitational Wave Backgrounds
- Graviton BSM particle Compton scattering
- Solve the Gravitational Kompaneets equations

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Much bigger effect for PBHs !!!!!

Gravitational Kompaneets Equations

- BSM particles are in thermal equilibrium
- Gravitons are soft i.e. $\hbar\omega \ll m c^2$ but $\hbar\omega \sim k_B T$
- BSM particles are non relativistic i.e. $|\mathbf{p}| \ll m c$

Assumptions

- Compton scattering
- Stimulated emission

S. Boughn and T. Rothman Class.Quant.Grav. 23 (2006) 5839-5852

Master equation

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} = \frac{J_2(x, \lambda; s)}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\frac{\partial n}{\partial x} + n(1+n) \right] + \left(J_1(x, \lambda; s) + \frac{J_2(x, \lambda; s)}{2} \right) \left[\frac{\partial n}{\partial x} + n(1+n) \right]$$

with

$$J_\ell(x, \lambda; s) = 2\pi \int_{\theta_{\min}(\lambda)}^{\theta_{\max}} \sin \theta d\theta \int d^3\mathbf{p} \left(1 - \frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}}{m} \right) \frac{d\sigma_s(\mathbf{p}, x, \theta)}{d\theta} \mathcal{N}_{\text{eq}}(\mathbf{p}) \Delta^\ell(x, \theta)$$

Momentum distribution of BSM particles

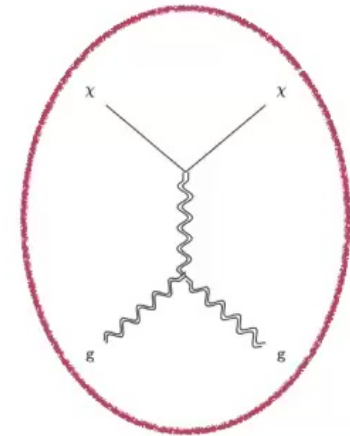
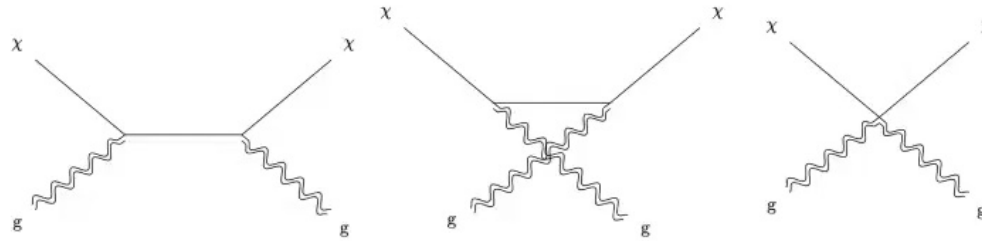
$$\frac{n_\chi}{(2\pi m T)^{3/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2mT}\right) d^3\mathbf{p}$$

GR as an EFT

- Unique theory of a massless spin 2 particle
- EFT is a valid description for low Energy phenomenon below the Planck scale

GR as an EFT

○ Graviton scattering



Forward Scattering limit

$$t \equiv -(\vec{k} - \vec{k}')^2 \sim 0$$

Regularization

$$\bar{\square} h_{\mu\nu} + 2\bar{R}_{\mu\alpha\nu\beta} h^{\alpha\beta} = 0$$

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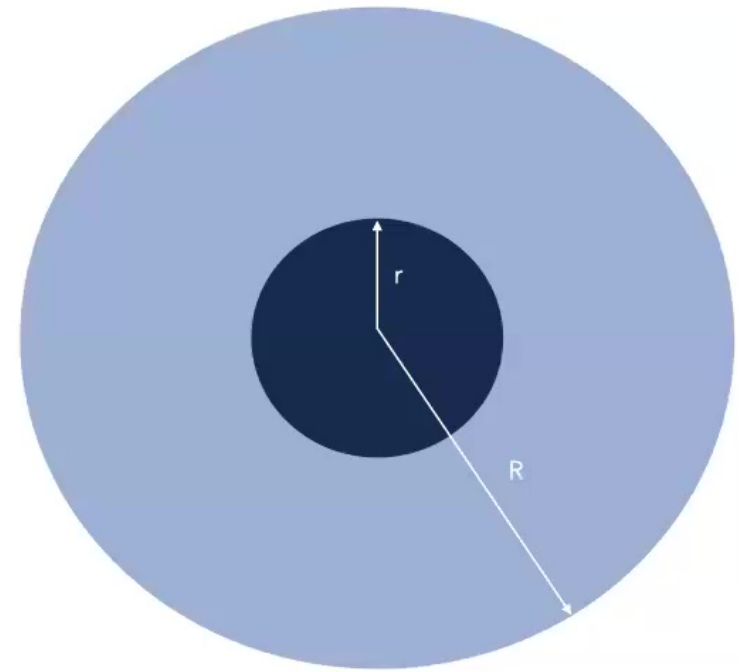
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The vicinity of an object can be described by a Schwarzschild metric

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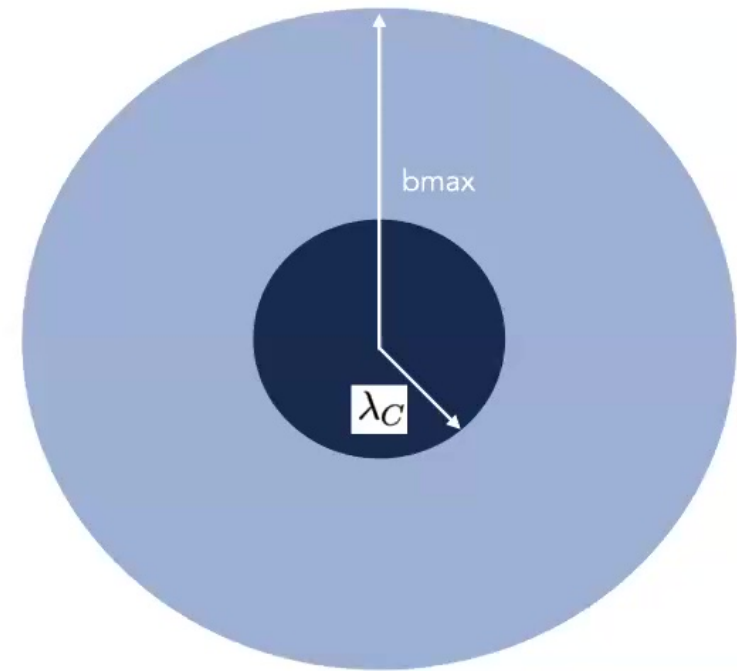
Regularization

A more pertinent length scale is the Compton wavelength :

$$\frac{r_s}{\lambda_C} \sim \frac{m^2}{M_{\text{Pl}}^2}$$

Thus, we set the minimum angle at:

$$\theta_{\min} = \frac{\lambda_C}{b_{\max}} = \left(\frac{2Gm}{\lambda_{\text{GO}}} \right)^{2/3} \frac{1}{Gm^2}$$



Gravitational Kompaneets Equations

○ Problems :

IR divergences (similar as the Coulomb divergences)

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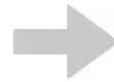
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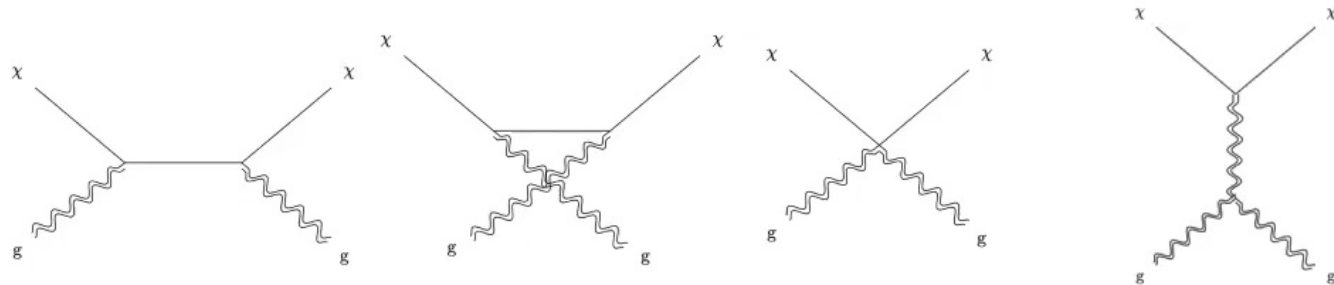
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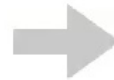
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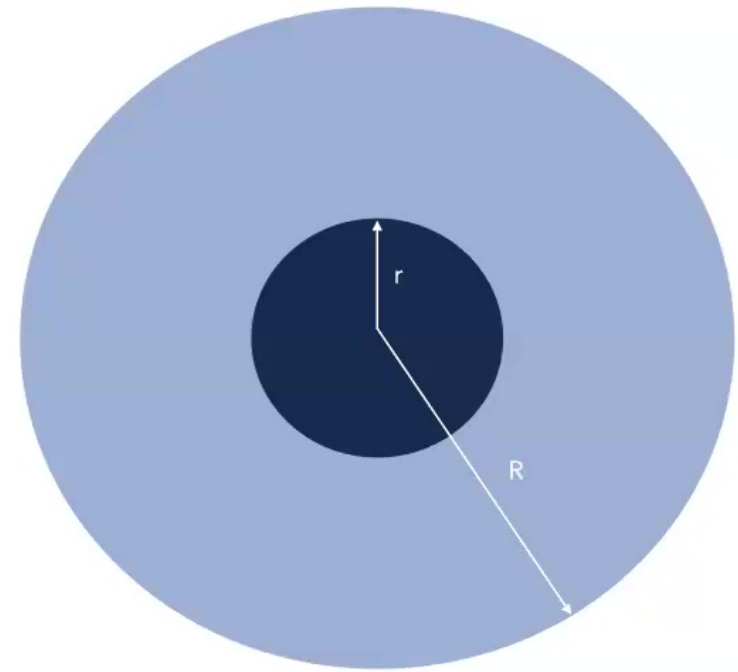
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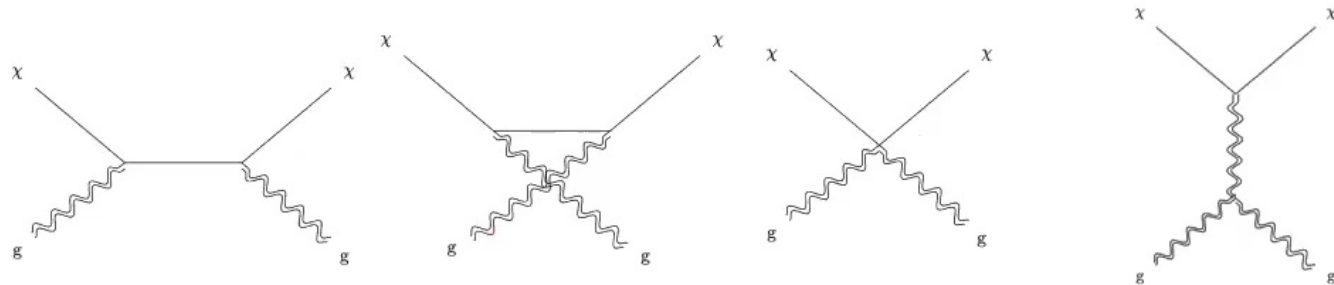
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Solving the Gravitational SZ effect

o In the case of single field inflation : $n(x) = A_T x^\alpha$ $\alpha = -2$

o Master equation :

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} = A_T(k_*) \left[J_1(x, \lambda; s) + \frac{J_2(x, \lambda; s)}{2} + \frac{\alpha \overbrace{(J_1(x, \lambda; s) + J_2(x, \lambda; s))}^{\text{Average energy transferred}}}{x} + \frac{\alpha(\alpha - 1) \overbrace{J_2(x, \lambda; s)}^{\text{Average energy}^2 \text{ transferred}}}{2x^2} \right] x^\alpha$$

$$+ A_T^2(k_*) \left(J_1(x, \lambda; s) + \frac{J_2(x, \lambda; s)}{2} + \frac{\alpha J_2(x, \lambda; s)}{x} \right) x^{2\alpha},$$

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Maxwell Boltzman momentum distribution

$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{p}) \, d^3\mathbf{p} = \mathcal{N}_{\text{eq}}(|\mathbf{p}|) \, d^3\mathbf{p} = \frac{n_\chi}{(2\pi mT)^{3/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2mT}\right) d^3\mathbf{p}$$

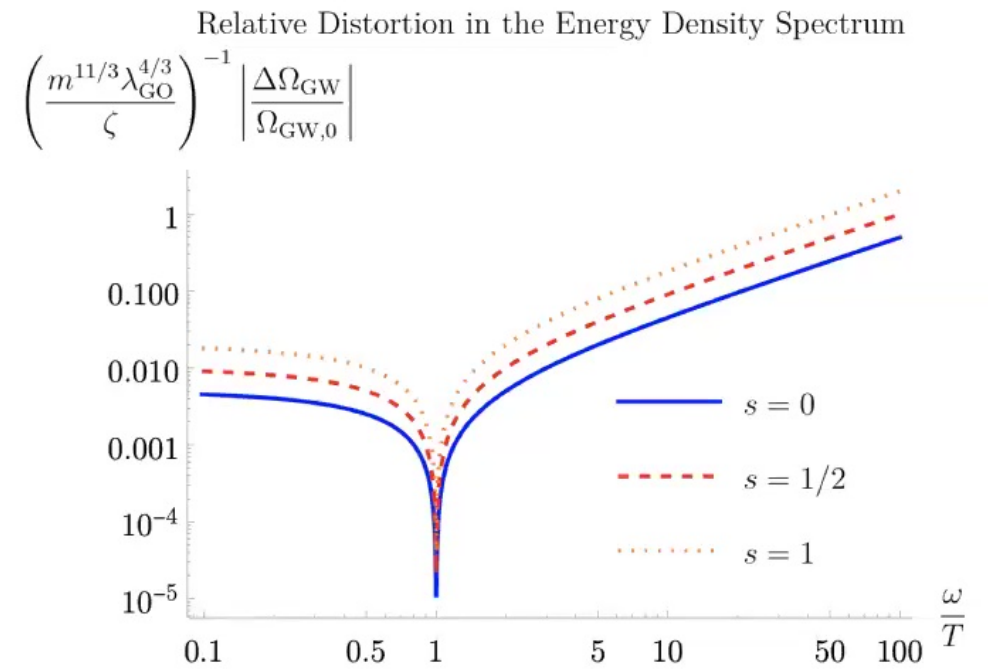
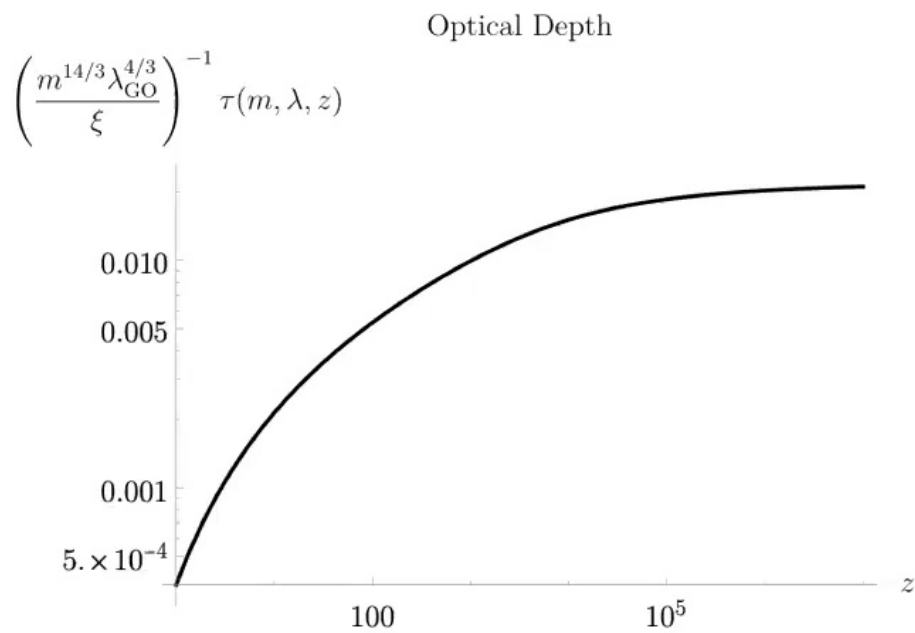
Solving the Gravitational SZ effect

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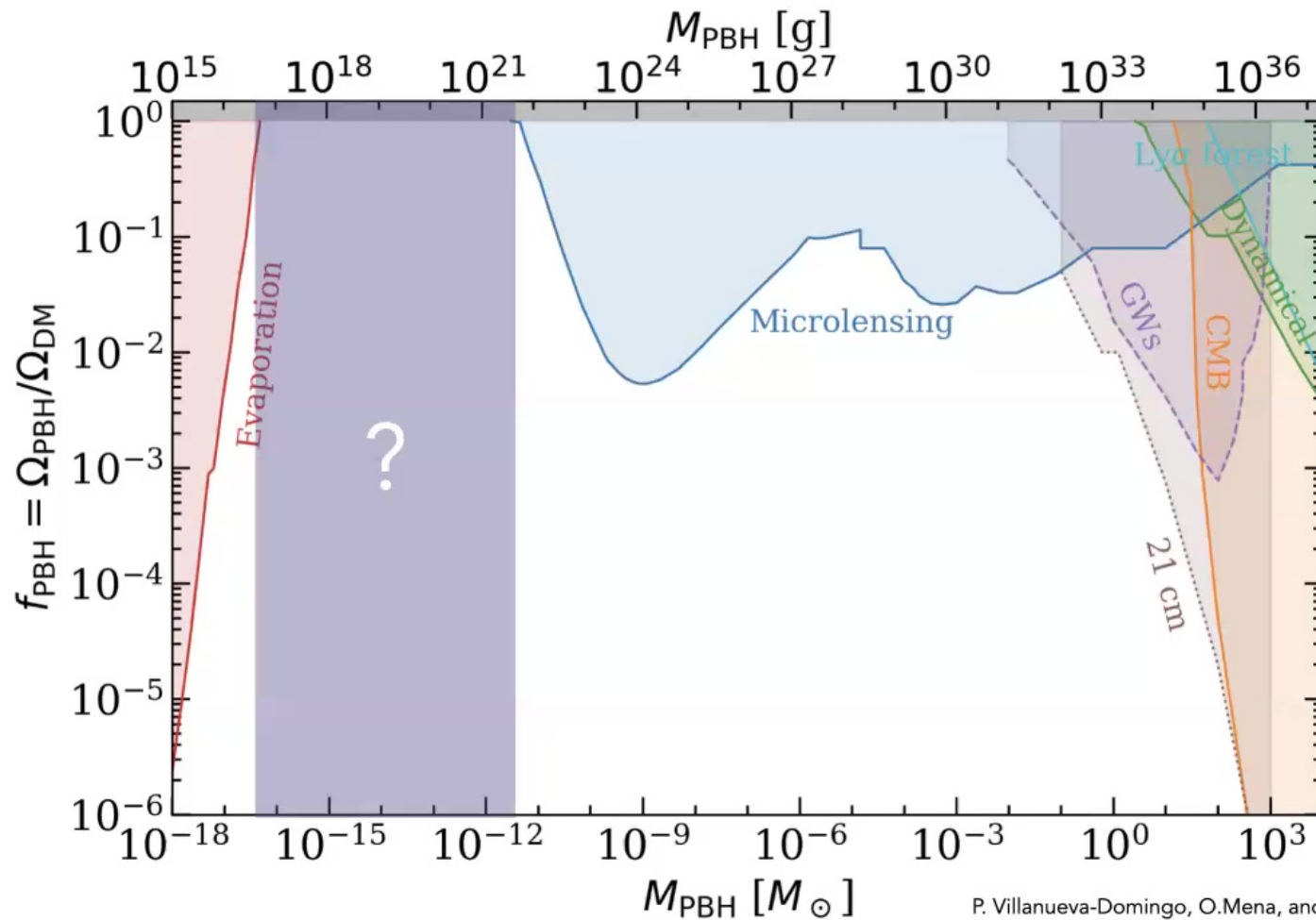
$$\Delta n(x, z; s) = y \frac{16}{\pi} \left(\frac{H}{M_{\text{Pl}}} \right)^2 \left[\tilde{J}_1(x, \lambda; s) + \frac{1}{2} \tilde{J}_2(x, \lambda; s) - \frac{2(\tilde{J}_1(x, \lambda; s) + \tilde{J}_2(x, \lambda; s))}{x} + \frac{3\tilde{J}_2(x, \lambda; s)}{x^2} \right] x^{-2}$$

$$\frac{\Delta \Omega_{\text{GW}}(x, z; s)}{\Omega_{\text{GW},0}(x, z)} = \frac{12\pi (G^5 m^{11} \lambda_{\text{GO}}^4)^{1/3} H_0 T \Omega_\chi}{\Omega_M^{1/2}} g(x, z; s) = \frac{m^{11/3} \lambda_{\text{GO}}^{4/3}}{\zeta} g(x, z; s)$$

Results : BSM particles $m = 10 \text{ TeV}$



PBHs as a Dark Matter Candidate



P. Villanueva-Domingo, O.Mena, and S.Palomares-Ruiz 2021

PBHs

Non thermal \longrightarrow What temperature should we consider? \longrightarrow What mass distribution should we consider?

$$\mathcal{N}(M, \mathbf{v}) = \sigma(M_H) \exp\left(-\frac{\delta_c^2}{2\sigma^2(M_H)}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{\mathbf{v}^2}{2\sigma_v^2}\right)$$

Press-Schechter mass distribution

Monochromatic mass distribution

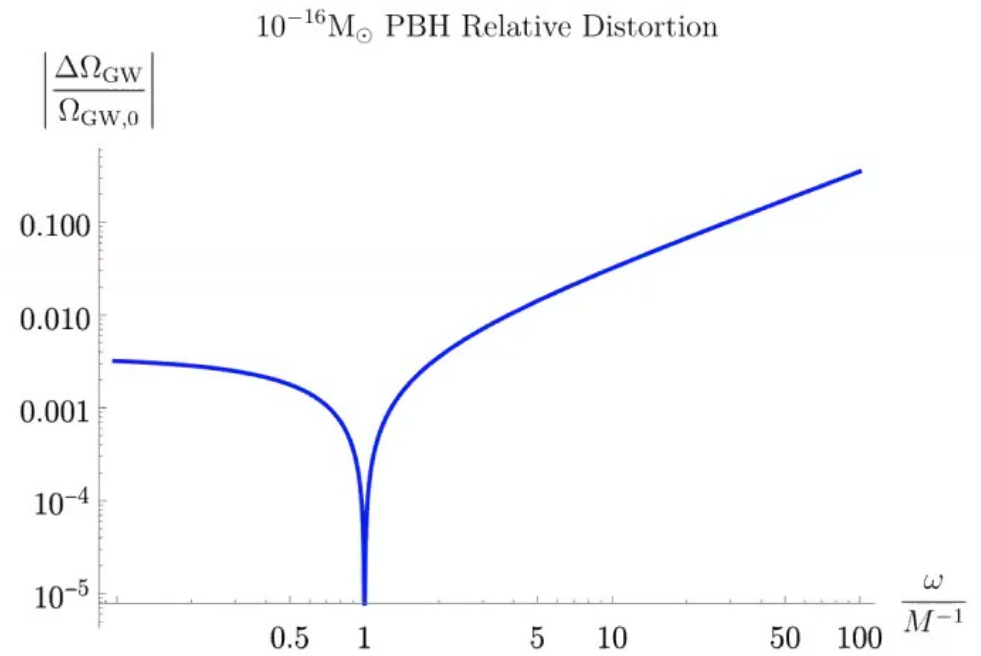
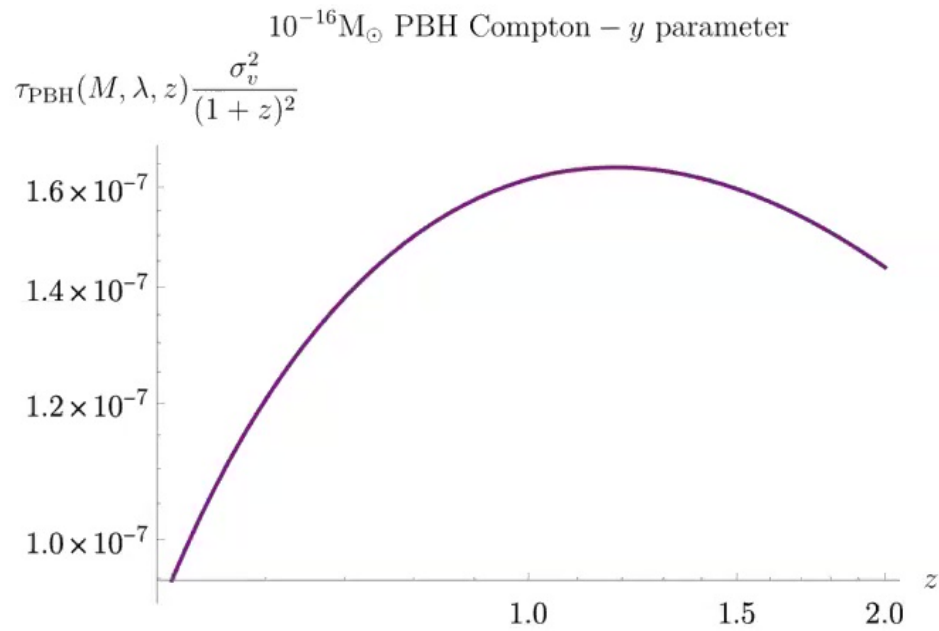
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$$\text{Hawking Temperature: } T_H \equiv (8\pi GM)^{-1}$$

For PBHs with a mass $M = 10^{-16} M_\odot$

It corresponds to a temperature $T_H \sim \mathcal{O}(\text{keV})$

Results : PBHs



Enhancement

From PBHs as single “particles” to PBHs clusters

N : number of PBHs that the GW “sees”

The mass is increased by: $M \rightarrow NM$

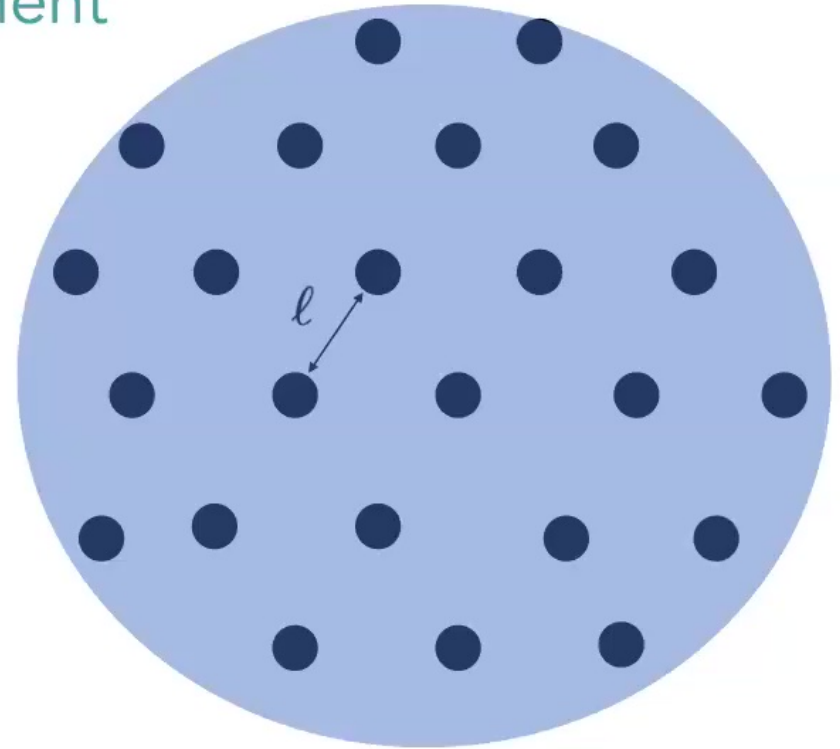
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The average spacing is $\ell = \left(\frac{M}{\rho_{\text{CDM}}}\right)^{1/3} \simeq 10^{-3} \text{ pc}$

Coherent enhancement factor

(With $\lambda_{\text{GO}} = 0.1 \text{ pc}$)

$$N = \frac{\lambda_{\text{GO}}}{\ell} \simeq 70$$



The spectral distortion goes from

0.3% \longrightarrow 5%

Gravitational Kompaneets Equations

- BSM particles are in thermal equilibrium
- Gravitons are soft i.e. $\hbar\omega \ll m c^2$ but $\hbar\omega \sim k_B T$
- BSM particles are non relativistic i.e. $|\mathbf{p}| \ll m c$

Assumptions

- Compton scattering
- Stimulated emission

S. Boughn and T. Rothman Class.Quant.Grav. 23 (2006) 5839-5852

Master equation

$$\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} = \frac{J_2(x, \lambda; s)}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left[\frac{\partial n}{\partial x} + n(1+n) \right] + \left(J_1(x, \lambda; s) + \frac{J_2(x, \lambda; s)}{2} \right) \left[\frac{\partial n}{\partial x} + n(1+n) \right]$$

with

$$J_\ell(x, \lambda; s) = 2\pi \int_{\theta_{\min}(\lambda)}^{\theta_{\max}} \sin \theta d\theta \int d^3\mathbf{p} \left(1 - \frac{\mathbf{p} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}}{m} \right) \frac{d\sigma_s(\mathbf{p}, x, \theta)}{d\theta} \mathcal{N}_{\text{eq}}(\mathbf{p}) \Delta^\ell(x, \theta)$$

Momentum distribution of BSM particles

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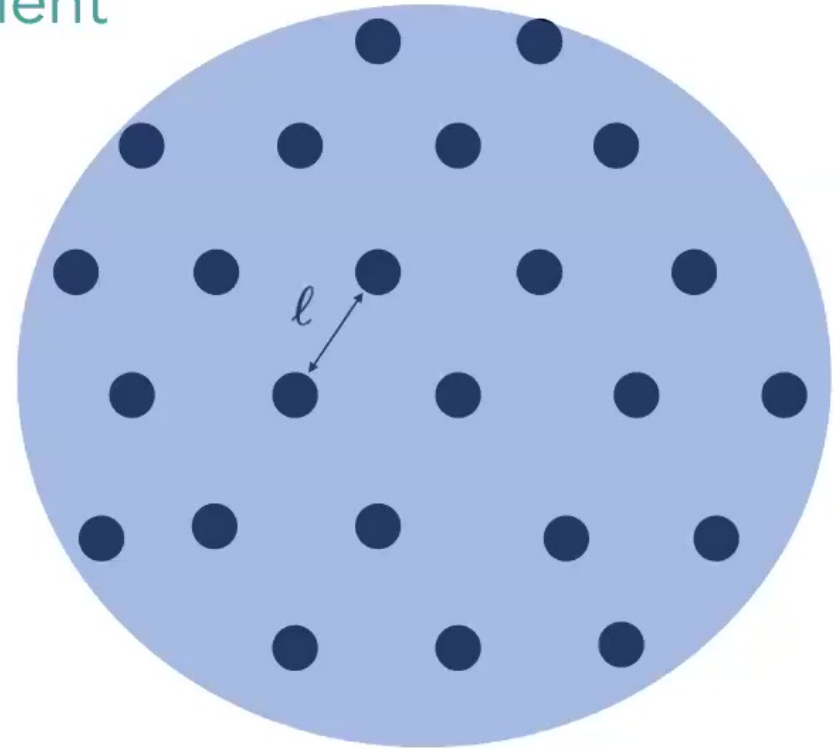
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Future Directions

- Explore different CGWB sources
- Address the cutoff issue
- Look at astrophysical events
- DM composites
- Expands the formalism to other interaction processes

Thank you