# **Supermassive Stars and Black Hole Seeds**

- a narrow mass range with triple trouble
- -dark sector production of SMBH seeds

## Focus Week on Primordial Black Holes

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Network for Neutrinos, Nuclear Astrophysics, and Symmetries (N3AS) First, let's consider possible dark sector physics, including that involving *neutrinos* . . .

There has long been speculation about low energy scale vacuum phase transitions as a way to generate neutrino masses – which are small!

Neutrino anomalies . . . *are there any*?

If so, or if there are outstanding cosmological issues Involving the neutrino sector, then new physics is at play.

Some of these ideas involve cosmic vacuum phase transitions.



**miniBooNE:** near maximal vacuum active-sterile neutrino mixing at mass-squared difference  $\delta m^2 \sim 1 \text{ eV}^2$  ??

# The Sterile Neutrino from **HELL**



## The possible ways out of this dilemma are intriguing!



A net lepton number  $L_{\nu_{\alpha}} \geq 10^{-4}$  residing in any of the active neutrino species (Abazajian, Bell, Fuller, Wong 2006; Chu & Cirelli 2006)

— interestingly in the range of what we would need to drive resonant sterile neutrino dark matter production for a sterile neutrino with rest mass  $m_s \sim 10 \text{ keV}$ .

But possible troubles with BBN,  $N_{\text{eff}}$ ,  $\sum m_{\nu}$  for  $m_s > 0.6 \,\text{eV}^2$  – see N. Saviano et al. 2017 – but need full 4X4 analysis

Low inflation re-heat temperature (e.g., Gabriel, Palmerez-Reiz, Pascoli 2004)



Non-standard ("secret") sterile neutrino interactions Hannestad et al. 2013; Mirizzi et al. 2013; others

see especially B. Dasgupta & J. Kopp "Cosmologically safe eV-scale sterile neutrinos and improved dark matter structures" Phys. Rev. Lett. **112**, 031803 (2014).

A whole new sterile neutrino self-interacting sector? Other steriles? Interaction with dark matter, whatever that is?

*see also* L. Johns & G. M. Fuller PRD **100**, 023533 (2019) See J. Cherry, A. Friedland, I. Shoemaker arXiv:1411.1071 – opacity for PeV/ICECUBE neutrinos, engineers dark matter self-interaction; Low energy-scale cosmic vacuum phase transitions can:

- (1) Create non-gaussian density fluctuations post recombination
- (2) Convert early-dark-energy (EDE) into radiation

Here we consider a late phase transition, perhaps associated with a symmetry breaking event associated with neutrino mass or other neutrino properties

E. W. Kolb & Y. Wang PRD 45, 4421 (1992)
J. A. Frieman, C. T. Hill, R. Watkins, PRD 46, 1226 (1992)
C. T. Hill, D. N. Schramm, J. N. Fry Comments Nucl. Part. Sci. 19, 25 (1990)
G. M. Fuller, D. N. Schramm, PRD 45, 2595 (1992)

Nucleation of phase, bubble dynamics: S. Coleman PRD **15**, 2929 (1977) C. J. Hogan, Phys. Lett. **133B**, 172 (1983)

Binding, *The Wasserman Mechanism*:
I. Wasserman Phys. Rev. Lett. **57**, 2234 (1986)
A. Patwardhan & GMF PRD **90**, 063009 (2014)

Nucleation scale for first order vacuum phase transitions. Typical bubble size at bubble percolation:  $\delta H^{-1}$ , where  $\delta$  is a fraction of the Hubble length  $H^{-1}$ 

$$\delta \approx \left[4B_1 \,\ln\frac{m_{\rm pl}}{T_{\rm c}}\right]^{-1}$$

where  $T_c$  is the critical temperature and  $B_1$  is the logarithmic derivative of the nucleating action in units of the cosmological time t. We use  $B_1 = 1$  here.

We consider a range  $T_{\rm c} \sim 0.01 - 0.1 \, {\rm eV}$ .

This implies  $\delta \sim 1/300B_1 \sim 10^{-3}$ , or about  $\sim 10^8$  or  $10^9$  bubbles per horizon, with a spatial extent of each bubble  $R_f \equiv \delta H_c^{-1} \sim \left[4B_1 \ln \frac{m_{\rm pl}}{T_c}\right]^{-1} \left[\frac{8\pi}{3m_{\rm pl}^2} \rho_c\right]^{-1/2}$ 

This implies a total mass enclosed within the bubble  $M_f \approx (4/3)\pi R_f^3 \rho_{\rm NR,onset}$ , so the upper limit to the total mass in these bubbles is  $M_f \sim 5 \times 10^8 \,\rm M_{\odot}$  to  $\sim 3 \times 10^{11} \,\rm M_{\odot}$ 

In practice, only a fraction of this mass may become gravitationally bound.







bubbles of the broken phase nucleate, detonate into the unbroken phase, sweeping up the vacuum energy onto the bubble walls. When the walls collide this swept up energy is radiated as relativistic "radiation", effecting binding of the bubble region

### **Energetics of fluctuation binding**

kinetic energy must go to zero to attain binding , and this happens only if the total energy intersects the potential energy  $E_{grav}$  curve (solid line)





Contours of fluctuation "Halting Times" (labeled in GYR) for ranges of EDE and  $T_c$ 

Left and right plots correspond to comoving shells with 0.1 and 0.5 times the nucleation scale, respectively.



Halting times for different mass scales, with various parameters

- Lower critical temperatures and higher vacuum energy densities favor imply stronger binding



Contours of early vacuum energy closure fraction at photon decoupling



Contours of closure fraction at the current epoch of the "leftover" radiation from bubble collisions

Shaded region disfavored by current observational data



Contours of early vacuum energy closure fraction at the onset of the phase transition, i.e., at  $T=T_c$ 



Evolution of the closure fraction contributions in standard LCDM cosmology:

Solid, dashed, dotted lines are for nonrelativistic, relativistic, and vacuum energy densities, respectively. (Neutrinos taken as massless here.)



Evolution of energy densities (as labeled) as a function of redshift (1+z)

Calculated with Tc=0.05 eV and  $\rho_{\text{vac}}$  = 76 GeV cm^-3



Gravitational potential  $\phi(z)$  (dotted line) of individual fluctuations generated in our model at different redshifts along theline of sight , along with integrated Sachs-Wolfe effect  $\Delta \phi(z)$  (solid curve) that a photon passing through these fluctuations would experience. Here we take T<sub>c</sub>=0.05 eV and  $\rho_{vac}$  = 76 GeV cm<sup>-3</sup>

Knowing the fluctuation size  $R_f$  we can estimate the number of fluctuations along the photon trajectory as  $N \sim d_A(z)/R_f$ . This is  $N \sim 10^4$  for  $z_c \sim 100$ . Then the net ISW effect experienced by a photon can be bounded using

$$\frac{\Delta T}{T} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{\Delta T}{T}(z_i) < N \times \max\left\{\Delta \phi(z)\right\}$$



contours of angular scale in today's sky (in arcminutes) corresponding to nucleation scale

Reconciling different Hubble parameters at CMB decoupling and later with a little extra radiation energy density

- sterile neutrino decay, see G. Gelmini, A. Kusenko, V. Takhistov, arXiv:1906.10136
- EDE from massive neutrinos becoming nonrelativistic
   J. Sakstein & M. Trodden arXiv:1911.1176
- Strong neutrino self-interactions C. D. Kreisch, Cyr-Racine, O. Dor arXiv:1902.08261

Etc.

Here we consider late phase transition conversion of EDE (early vacuum energy) to radiation as a solution A. Patwardhan & G. M. Fuller, *Physical Review* D 90, 063009 (2014).

Contours of Hubble parameter,  $H_0$ , in km s<sup>-1</sup> Mpc<sup>-1</sup>, for Early-Dark-Energy and Vacuum Phase Transition critical temperature



A. Patwardhan & G. M. Fuller, *Physical Review* D **90**, 063009 (2014).

Contours of Hubble parameter,  $H_{2.36}$ , in km s<sup>-1</sup> Mpc<sup>-1</sup>, for Early-Dark-Energy and Vacuum Phase Transition critical temperature



Calculated in our late phase transition models for redshift z = 2.36

### The Hubble parameter can be measured at higher redshift:

-shaded region is significantly at odds (>  $3\sigma$ ) with result in A. Font-Ribera et al. JCAP **05**, 027 (2014) (dashed line at 242 km s<sup>-1</sup> Mpc<sup>-1</sup> is the 95% confidence limit in that work)

Along the way, these vacuum phase transitions generate nonlinear regime density fluctuations that may produce primordial metallicity supermassive stars – these quickly collapse to supermassive black holes.

Or do they?

# Primordial Supermassive Stars

They collapse to supermassive black holes . . . . Are there signatures?

whenever the pressure support for the star is from particles moving near the speed of light the star is "trembling on the verge of instability"

$\frac{\text{MASS}}{\text{in } M_{\odot}}$	Main Seq. Entropy per baryon $s/k_{\rm B}$	Collapse Entropy per baryon $s/k_{\rm B}$	Iron core mass ${ m in}~{ m M}_{\odot}$	Instability Mechanism	Fraction of rest mass radiated as neutrinos	Neutrino Trapping / Thermal equilibrium
10 to ~ 100	~ 10	~ 1	~ 1.4	Electron capture / Feynman- Chandrasekhar G.R. instab.	∼ 10% Iron core mass	Yes
~ 100 to ~ 10 <sup>4</sup>	~ 100	~ 100	NONE	$e^{\pm}$ pair instability	~ 10% C/O burning core	Yes
~ 10 <sup>4</sup> to ~ 10 <sup>8</sup>	~ 1000 no main seq.	~ 1000	NONE	Feynman- Chandrasekhar G.R. Instability	~ 1%	Νο





These stars go unstable as a result of the Feynman-Chandrasekhar General Relativistic instability and (for zero initial metals) collapse to a black hole.

This collapse is non-homologous on account of prodigious neutrino-pair production/loss. Fuller, Woosley, Weaver Ap. J., 307, 675 (1986)

The star largely is transparent to neutrinos until a trapped surface forms.

### **Nuclear Evolution**

Primordial metallicity SMS initially will burn hydrogen via the pp-chain. The big ones will suffer the GR instability at or near the onset of collapse.

During the collapse there is a race on: Will the collapsing core get to high enough density so that the triple alpha process can generate enough carbon to enable hydrogen burning on the CNO cycle, and break-out into the *rp*-process, before the core builds up a huge in-fall kinetic energy debt and neutrino losses become prodigious?

Fraction of rest mass released in hydrogen burning: roughly 1%

Fraction of rest mass released in helium burning and subsequent burning with heavier ions: more like 0.1%



- \* High entropy means that these objects are radiation/ $e^{\pm}$ -pair dominated
- \* Neutrino pairs produced copiously via  $e^- + e^+ \rightarrow \nu + \bar{\nu}$

\* Neutrino energy emission rate scales as **nine** power of temperature,  $\sim T^9$ , meaning that most of the neutrino radiation comes out just before black hole formation.

\* Stars with homologous core masses  $M_{\rm HC} < 5 \times 10^4 \,\rm M_{\odot}$  will have neutrino mean free paths smaller than the core size and therefor trap neutrinos via scattering – lower neutrino emission over a longer time scale.

\* Stars with homologous core masses  $M_{\rm HC} > 5 \times 10^5 \,\rm M_{\odot}$  will not get hot enough to radiate a significant fraction of the star's rest mass before they become black holes. But . . . k-J. Chen, A. Heger, S. E. Woosley, A. Almgren, D. Whalen, J. Johnson, Astrophys. J. 790:162 (6pp) (2014)

Suggest that primordial metallicity stars with masses 55,000 solar masses will explode via "explosive" helium burning

Seb Tawa & GMF cannot reproduce this, but stars in a narrow range of mass around this value *are* in triple trouble! (M4 = M/10,000 solar masses)



#### Figure 6.9: Nuclear Energy Generation and Neutrino Luminosity at the GRI.

Various energy generation/loss rates at the GRI (left vertical axis) as a function of stellar mass.  $\dot{E}_C$  is the energy generation rate of a star only fusing  $3\alpha \longrightarrow {}^{12}C$ .  $\dot{E}_{Fe}$  is the energy generation rate of a star fusing  ${}^{4}He$  straight to  ${}^{56}Fe$ . The bump around  $M_4 = 7$  is a numerical artifact of the interpolation scheme. Both assume  $\mu = \frac{4}{3}$  (mass fraction of  ${}^{4}He = 1$ ). Neutrino luminosities are calculated using the fits in [60]. The energy generation rate required to support the star against gravity is  $L_{Edd} + L\nu$  (green + black). A SMS with mass  $\leq 4M_4$ , will produce enough energy through triple- $\alpha$  fusion to support the star against gravity. If the star is to explode, it must reach instability before this point, while still being hot enough to fuse  ${}^{4}He$  ( $T_8 \geq 1 \longrightarrow M_4 \leq 9$ , see fig. 8.11), and while still containing enough  ${}^{1}H$  for the star to be primarily supported by the CNO process. Note that EPPI boundary is a 'soft' boundary, and that the  $L\nu$ ,  $pair \approx L_{Edd}$  is a very good proxy for the location of the EPPI. If temperatures exceed  $T_8 \approx 5$ , the star won't be able to explode, as most of the energy generated will be lost in neutrinos.



another handle on collapse of SMS to Black Holes: Gravitational wave "memory signal" from accompanying neutrino burst

Jung-Tsung Li, GMF, C. T. Kishimoto, PRD 98, 023002 (2018)

Neutrino/antineutrino energy spectra resulting from electron/positron annihilation in a plasma with temperature *T* 

### **Ratio of fluxes:**

 $\frac{\varphi_{\nu_e\bar{\nu}_e}}{\varphi_{\nu_\mu\bar{\nu}_\mu}}\approx\frac{5}{1}$ 

Why? electron flavor neutrinos have both neutral and charged current production channels; mu and tau flavor neutrinos produced only in the neutral current channel





X. Shi & G. M. Fuller, Astrophys. J. 503, 307 (1998).

### Linear memory

- The non-oscillatory piece in the waveform.
- The source consists of several freely moving objects -- gravitationally unbound to each other.
- A few examples of linear memory
  - 1. Hyperbolic binary stars (bremsstrahlung) [Turner 1977; Kovacs & Thorne 1978]
  - 2. Matter or neutrinos ejected from supernova [Epstein 1978; Muller & Jenka 1997]
  - 3. Gamma ray bursts [Sago et al. 2014]



### The gravitational-wave with "memory"

- Non-oscillating part in the waveform
- Produce **permanent** changes in the separation of free-fall test masses.
- Initial strain h<sup>TT</sup><sub>ij</sub>=0 before the signal arrives; and non-zero strain h<sup>TT</sup><sub>ij</sub>≠0 after the signal has passed:

$$\Delta h^{\rm mem} = h(t \to \infty) - h(t \to -\infty)$$

• Leave a DC (constant) offset on the strain after the burst has passed by.



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<u>Cosmological test of gravity with polarizations of stochastic gravitational waves</u> <u>around 0.1-1 Hz - Nishizawa, Atsushi *et al.* Phys.Rev. D81 (2010) 104043 arXiv:0911.0525 [gr-gc]</u>

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DECIGO constellation concept~\cite{Sato:DECIGO2009}

![](_page_33_Figure_4.jpeg)

### Left:

Adhikari, Rana X Rev.Mod.Phys. 86 (2014) 121 arXiv:1305.5188 [gr-qc] LIGO-P1200121

### Right:

https://arxiver.wordpress.com/2016/10/27/detecting-the-gravitational-wave-background-from-primordial-black-hole-dark-matter-cea/#jp-carousel-203276

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