Constraining ~10Msun primordial black holes with HSC microlensing search of M31 stars (S18B-093I – S21B?)

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Primordial black hole (PBH)

black hole









- Black holes can be formed in the early universe (Hawking)
- PBH, if formed, acts as a collision-less dark matter (so can explain all DM)
- If we find any black hole with ~1Msun, it is a direct evidence of PBH!
- HSC microlensing is very powerful to search for PBHs (already ~140 citations of Niikura et al. 2019)



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PBH microlensing on M31 star

- PBH = a viable dark matter candidate
- Lensed images can't be resolved with optical resolution (~10⁻⁸ arcsec) ⇒ only light curve is a signal
- Huge volume
- MW/M31 halo ~ 10¹²Msun (we assumed NFW models)
- PBH has a peculiar velocity of ~200km/s
- Need to monitor brightness of the same star as a function of "time" (time domain astronomy)

$$R_E = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi G M_{\rm PBH} d(1 - d/d_s)}{c^2}}$$



Pixel lensing: analysis pipeline already developed

Niikura + in press

Fluxes from multiple stars are overlapped at each position





S18-093I: Observation strategy

- ~5 × 90 sec exposures in each HSC run of June Feb each year, both g and r bands (g, r bands needed for testing achromatic nature of microlensing)
- Monitoring HSC obs. of M31 over 3 years (lost some months in S18B semester due to the earthquake/power outage)
- Request <5 nights (S18B S21B) in total (incl. weather factor)





Event rate per **3yr-obs. time** and per **a single star** in M31 for **a given timescale of light curve** (we monitor ~10⁸ stars in M31 thanks to FoV and depth of HSC/Subaru)

Expected PBH constraint



Summary

- The coming semesters (S19A/B) are critical
- Request to carry out our observation in each of June 2019 – Feb 2020 runs
 - So far Nov/Dec in 2018 and May, June & Sep in 2019 observations
 - Just received the S19A Sep data (thank you)
 - We are now working on the data
- A discovery potential (if we find PBH microlensing, it is a big discovery)
- Legacy value of this dataset
 - Deliver a catalog of variable star candidates in M31 (nova, RR-Lyrae, RCB-type stars, ...)

Exploring **primordial black holes** with HSC observation of Andromeda Galaxy (M31)

Initiated by MT's daily conversation with Hitoshi and Masahiro (Kawasaki)

- In the northern hemisphere (not accessible from VST, DES, LSST)
- Large spiral galaxy
- HSC FoV ~ entire M31
- ~770kpc (μ~24.4), reachable distance (not too far)!

Primordial Black Hole (PBH) $M_{PBH} [M_{\odot}]$ 10^{-15} $M_{PBH} [M_{\odot}]$ 10^{-5} 10^{0}

- Can be formed in the early universe (Zel'dovich & Novikov67; Hawking1971); not from any astrophysical processes
- A viable candidate of (cold) DM
- Progenitor of LIGO GW binary BHs? (Sasaki, Suyama, Tanaka & Yokoyama, PRL 2016)

 $M_{\rm PBH} \sim 10^{24} {\rm g} \sim M_H @ T \sim 10 {\rm TeV}$



PBH microlensing on M31 star

Cumulative optical depth of PBH microlensing for a single star in M31





Event rate per unit obs. time and per a single star in M31 for a given timescale of light curve (we monitored ~10⁸ stars)

One real candidate of microlensing ...?

