

Formation and Abundance of Primordial Black Holes

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PBHs: Introduction

- **Primordial Black Holes (PBHs)** [**Hawking** (1971)] could form from the collapse of cosmological perturbation during the radiation dominated era.
- **PBHs** can in principle span a large wide range of masses and if not evaporated ($M > 10^{15} \text{ g}$) are interesting candidates for dark matter, intermediate mass black holes and the seeds of supermassive black holes.
- I study **PBH formation in spherical symmetry** solving the combined set of Einstein + hydro equations putting initial conditions in the cosmic time slicing.

$$ds^2 = -A^2(r, t)dt^2 + B^2(r, t)dr^2 + R^2(r, t)d\Omega^2$$

$$U(r, t) := \frac{1}{A} \partial_t R \quad \Gamma(r, t) = \frac{1}{B} \partial_r R$$

$$M(r, t) = \int_0^R 4\pi R^2 \rho dR \quad \Gamma^2 = 1 + U^2 - \frac{2M}{R}$$

$$\text{In radiation: } p(r, t) = \frac{1}{3} \rho(r, t)$$

Trapping Horizons

Expansion of **ingoing/outgoing** null-rays :

$$k^a/l^a = \left(\frac{1}{A}, \pm \frac{1}{B}, 0, 0 \right) \implies \theta_{\pm} = h^{cd} \nabla_c k_d = \frac{2}{R} (U \pm \Gamma)$$

$$h_{ab} = g_{ab} + \frac{1}{2}(k_a l_b + l_a k_b) \qquad k^a l_a = -2$$

Black Hole / Cosmological horizon : $\theta_{\pm} = 0 \implies \frac{1}{A} \frac{dR}{dt} \Big|_{\pm} = 0 \implies \Gamma^2 = U^2$

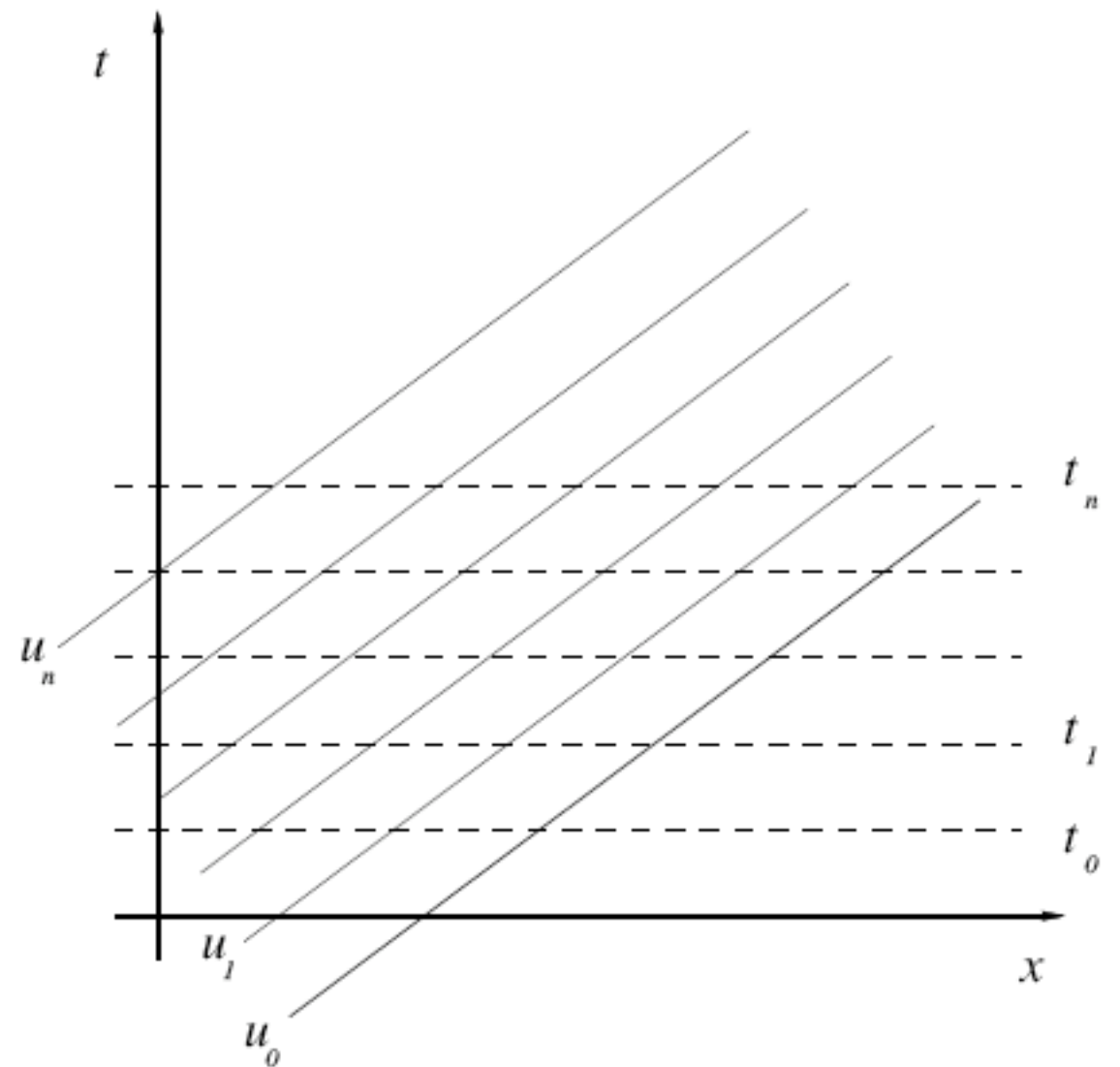
$$R(r, t) = 2M(r, t)$$

The horizon condition is independent of the slicing and holds also within a non-vacuum moving medium

The so-called **apparent horizon** of a black hole (which is a future trapping horizon) is the **outermost trapped surface for outgoing radial null rays** while the **trapping horizon for an expanding universe** (which is a past trapping horizon) is foliated by the innermost anti-trapped surfaces for ingoing radial null rays.

Numerical Results: the method

- My simulations are performed using a **Lagrangian spherically symmetric GR hydro code with an adaptive grid (AMR)**.
- We set initial conditions using a **cosmic time coordinate t** .
- We transfer those onto a **null foliation** of the space time, then evolved using an **observer time coordinate u** .
- The formation of a PBH is seen by a **distant external observer** (the singularity is hidden by the asymptotic formation of the apparent horizon).



$$ds^2 = -A^2 dt^2 + B^2 dr^2 + R^2 d\Omega^2$$

COSMIC TIME

$$Gdu = Adt - Bdr$$

NULL TIME

$$ds^2 = -G^2 du^2 - 2GBdrdu + R^2 d\Omega^2$$

$$D_t \equiv \frac{1}{A} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)_r \quad D_r \equiv \frac{1}{B} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right)_t$$

$$D_t \equiv \frac{1}{G} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial u} \right)_r \quad D_k = D_r + D_t$$

$$D_t U = - \left[\frac{\Gamma}{\rho + p} D_r p + \frac{M}{R^2} + 4\pi R p \right]$$

$$D_t U = - \frac{1}{1 - c_s^2} \left[\frac{\Gamma}{\rho + p} D_k p + \frac{M}{R^2} + 4\pi R p + c_s^2 \left(D_k U + \frac{2U\Gamma}{R} \right) \right]$$

$$D_t \rho_0 = - \frac{\rho_0}{\Gamma R^2} D_r (R^2 U)$$

$$D_t \rho_0 = - \frac{\rho_0}{\Gamma} \left[D_t U - D_k U - \frac{2U\Gamma}{R} \right]$$

$$D_t \rho = \frac{\rho + p}{\rho_0} D_t \rho_0$$

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$$D_t M = -4\pi R^2 U p$$

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$$D_r A = - \frac{A}{\rho + p} D_r$$

$$D_k \left[\frac{\Gamma + U}{G} \right] = - \frac{4\pi R}{G} (\rho + p)$$

$$D_r M = 4\pi R^2 \Gamma \rho$$

$$D_k M = 4\pi R^2 (\rho \Gamma - p U)$$

$$\Gamma^2 = 1 + U^2 - \frac{2M}{R}$$

$$\Gamma^2 = D_k R - U = 1 + U^2 - \frac{2M}{R}$$

Equation of State

energy density: $\rho = \rho_0(1 + e)$

pressure: $p = (\gamma - 1)\rho_0 e$

rest mass density

adiabatic index - particle degree of freedom

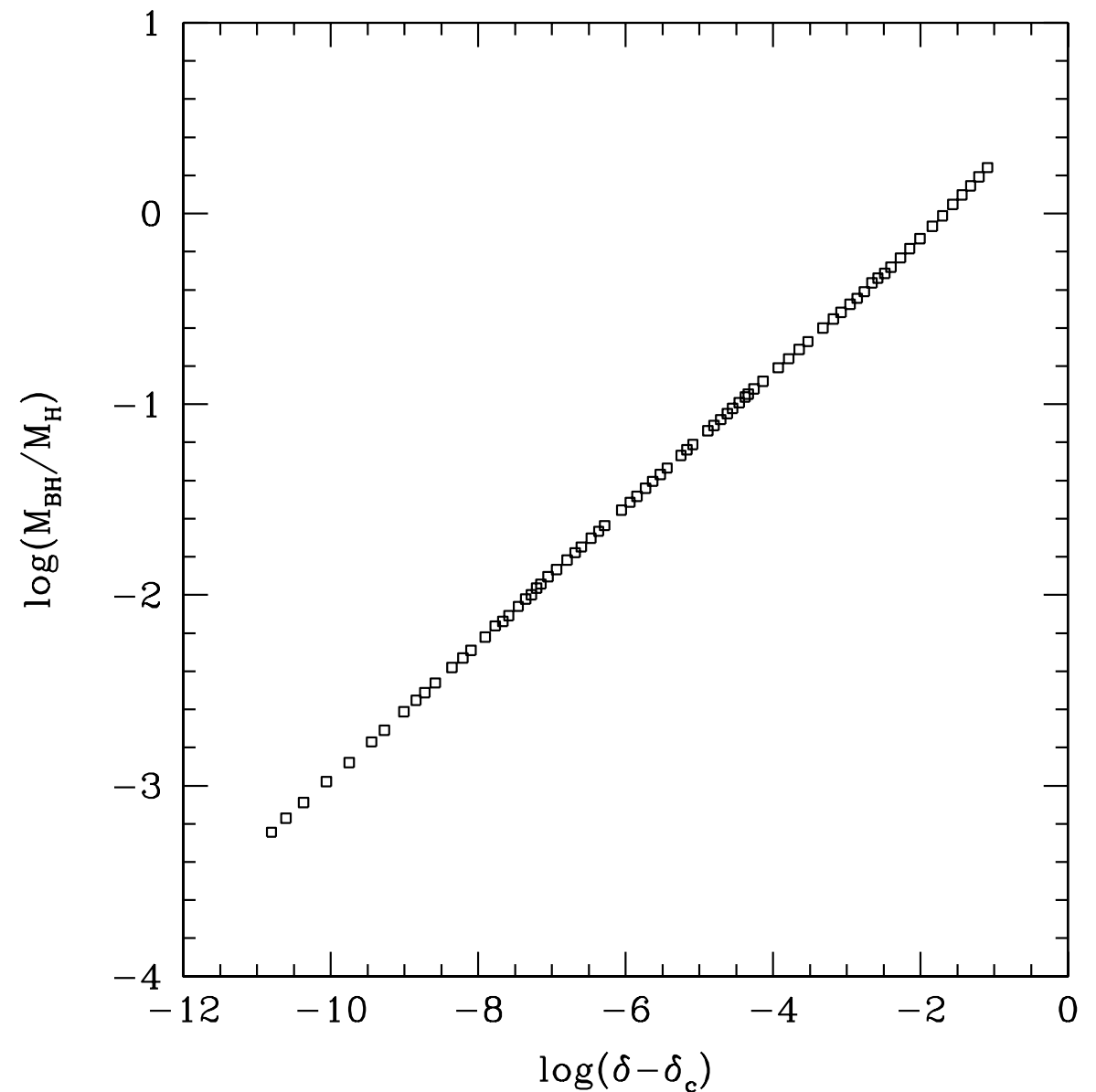
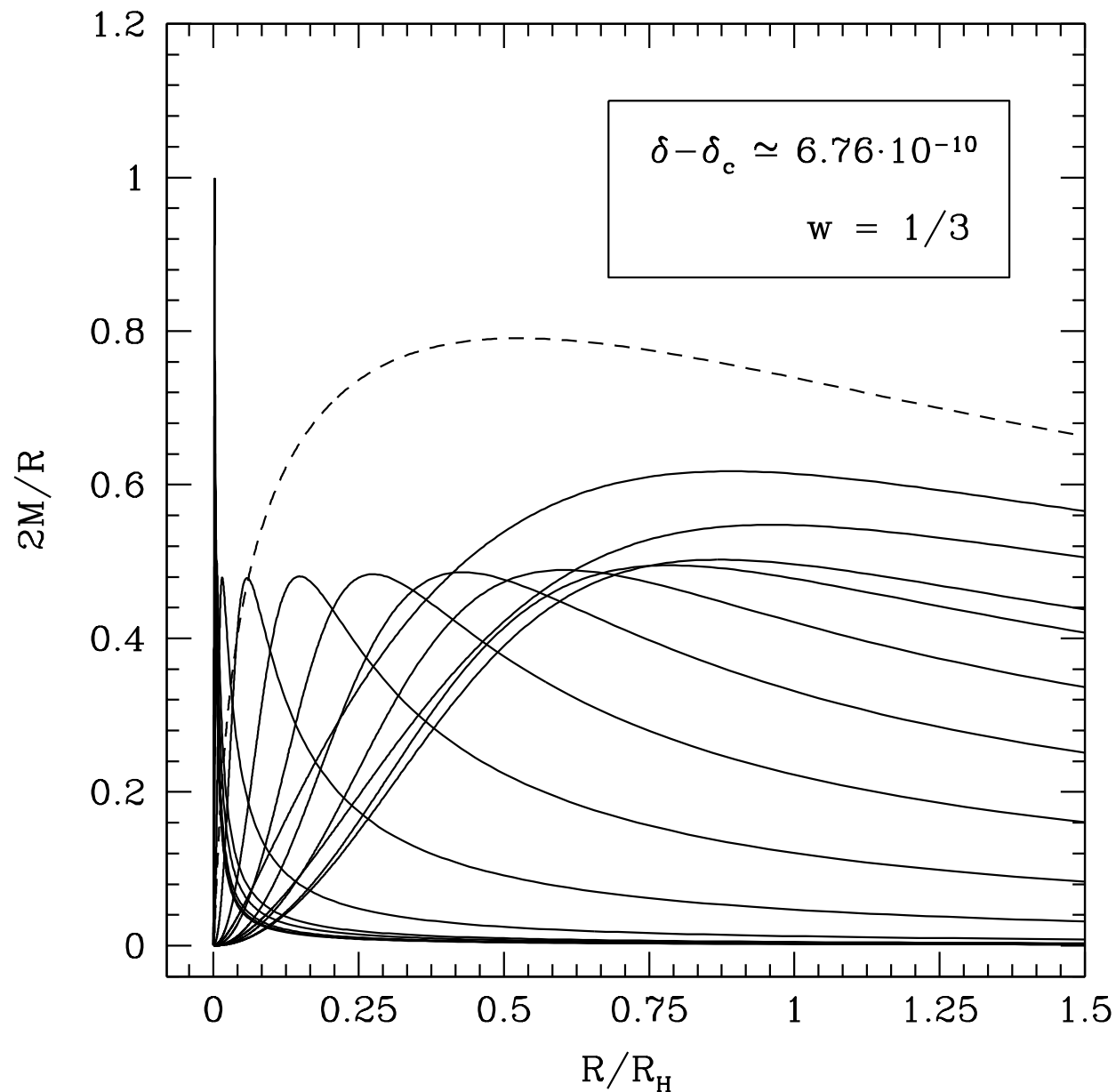
specific internal energy (velocity dispersion)

- Barotropic fluid (no rest mass density): $p = w\rho$ with $w \in [0, 1]$
 - radiation dominated era: $w = 1/3$ RADIATION ($\gamma = 4/3$)
 - matter dominated era: $w = 0$ DUST ($\gamma = 1$)
- Polytropic fluid: $p = K(s)\rho_0^\gamma$ ($\gamma = 5/3, 4/3, 2$)
 - If the fluid is adiabatic (no entropy change): $K(s) = K$ (constant)

Numerical Results: PBH formation/bounce

$$R(r, t) = 2M(r, t)$$

$$M_{PBH} = \mathcal{K}(\delta - \delta_c)^\gamma M_H$$



IM, Miller, Rezzolla Polnarev - (2005-2013)

Curvature profile & quasi homogenous solution

- The asymptotic metric ($t \longrightarrow 0$), describing super-horizon cosmological perturbations in the comoving synchronous gauge can be written as:

$$ds^2 \simeq -dt^2 + a^2(t) \left[\frac{1}{1 - K(\tilde{r})\tilde{r}^2} d\tilde{r}^2 + \tilde{r}^2 d\Omega^2 \right]$$

$$ds^2 \simeq -dt^2 + a^2(t)e^{2\zeta(r)} [dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2]$$

- In the “linear regime” of cosmological perturbations, adiabatic perturbations on super horizon scales can be described by a time independent curvature profile using the **quasi-homogeneous / gradient expansion approach**.

$$\boxed{K(\tilde{r})\tilde{r}^2 = -r\zeta'(r) [2 + r\zeta'(r)]} \quad \tilde{r} = re^{\zeta(r)}$$

- The zero-order perturbation in the curvature is related to the first non zero order perturbation in the metric/hydro variable.

$$\Gamma^2 = 1 + U^2 - \frac{2M}{R} = 1 - K(\tilde{r})\tilde{r}^2 = [1 + r\zeta'(r)]^2$$

PBH Threshold

$$\frac{\delta\rho}{\rho_b} = \left(\frac{1}{aH}\right)^2 \frac{3(1+w)}{5+3w} \left[K(\tilde{r}) + \frac{\tilde{r}}{3} K'(\tilde{r}) \right]$$

$$\frac{\delta\rho}{\rho_b} = - \left(\frac{1}{aH}\right)^2 \frac{2(1+w)}{5+3w} \left[\nabla^2 \zeta(r) + \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \zeta(r))^2 \right] e^{-2\zeta(r)}$$

$$\mathcal{C} := \frac{2[M(r, t) - M_b(r, t)]}{R(r, t)} = -\frac{3(1+w)}{5+3w} r \zeta'(r) [2 + r \zeta'(r)] = \frac{3(1+w)}{5+3w} K(\tilde{r}) \tilde{r}^2$$

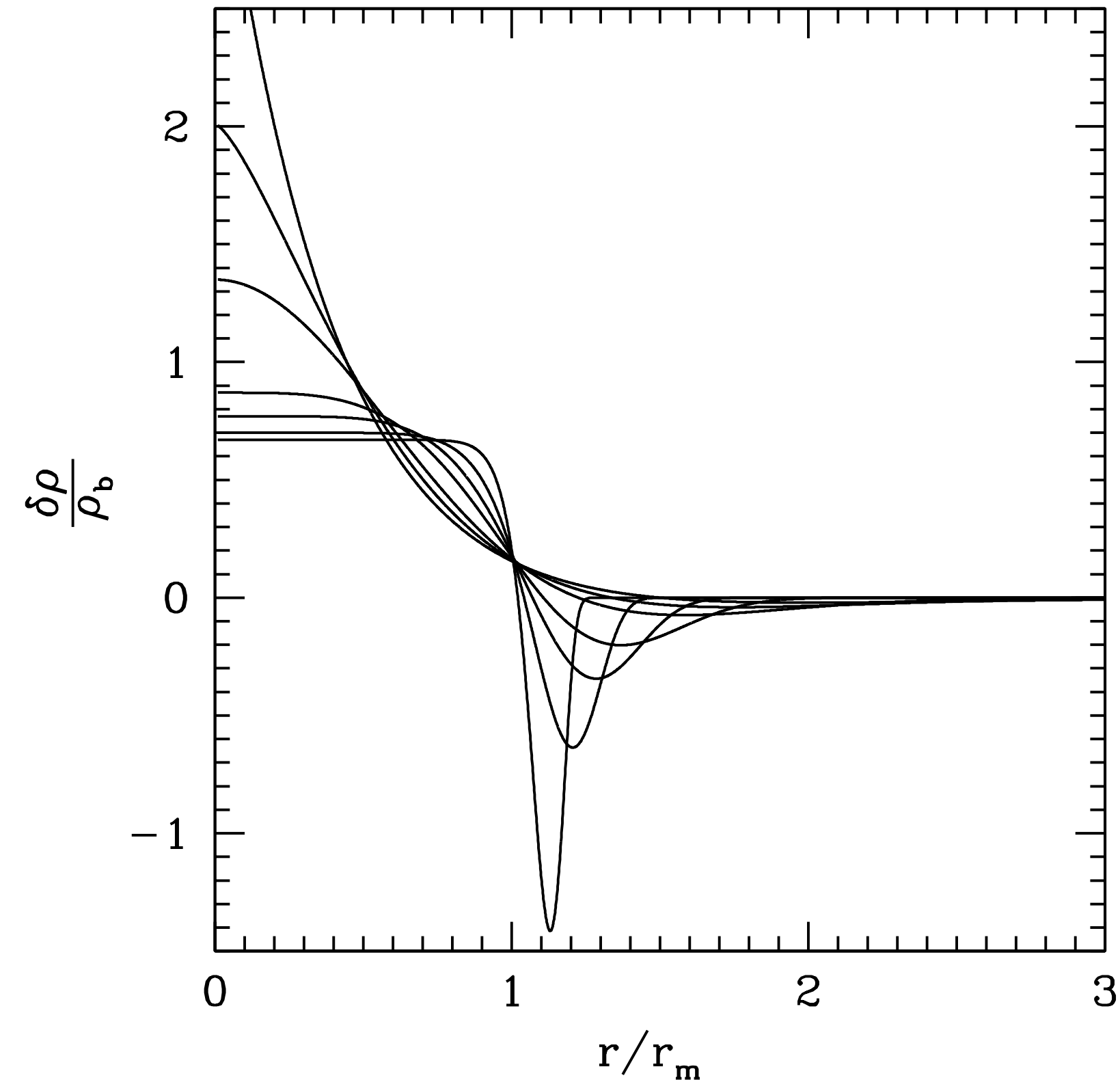
- The typical scale of the perturbation is identified as the location where the perturbation reaches its maximum compactness.

$$r_m : C'(r_m) = 0 \qquad \delta(r_m, t_H) := \frac{1}{V_b} \int_0^{r_m} 4\pi \frac{\delta\rho}{\rho_b} r^2 dr = \mathcal{C}(r_m)$$

- The perturbation amplitude can be measured as the mass excess within a characteristic scale at “horizon crossing time”, independent from the curvature profile.

$$\delta(r_m, t_H) = 3 \frac{\delta\rho}{\rho_b}(r_m, t_H)$$

$$K(r) = \mathcal{A} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{\alpha} \left(\frac{\tilde{r}}{\tilde{r}_m} \right)^{2\alpha} \right] \Rightarrow \frac{\delta \rho}{\rho_b} = \frac{\delta \rho_0}{\rho_b} \left[1 - \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{\tilde{r}}{\tilde{r}_m} \right)^{2\alpha} \right] \left[-\frac{1}{\alpha} \left(\frac{\tilde{r}}{\tilde{r}_m} \right)^{2\alpha} \right]$$



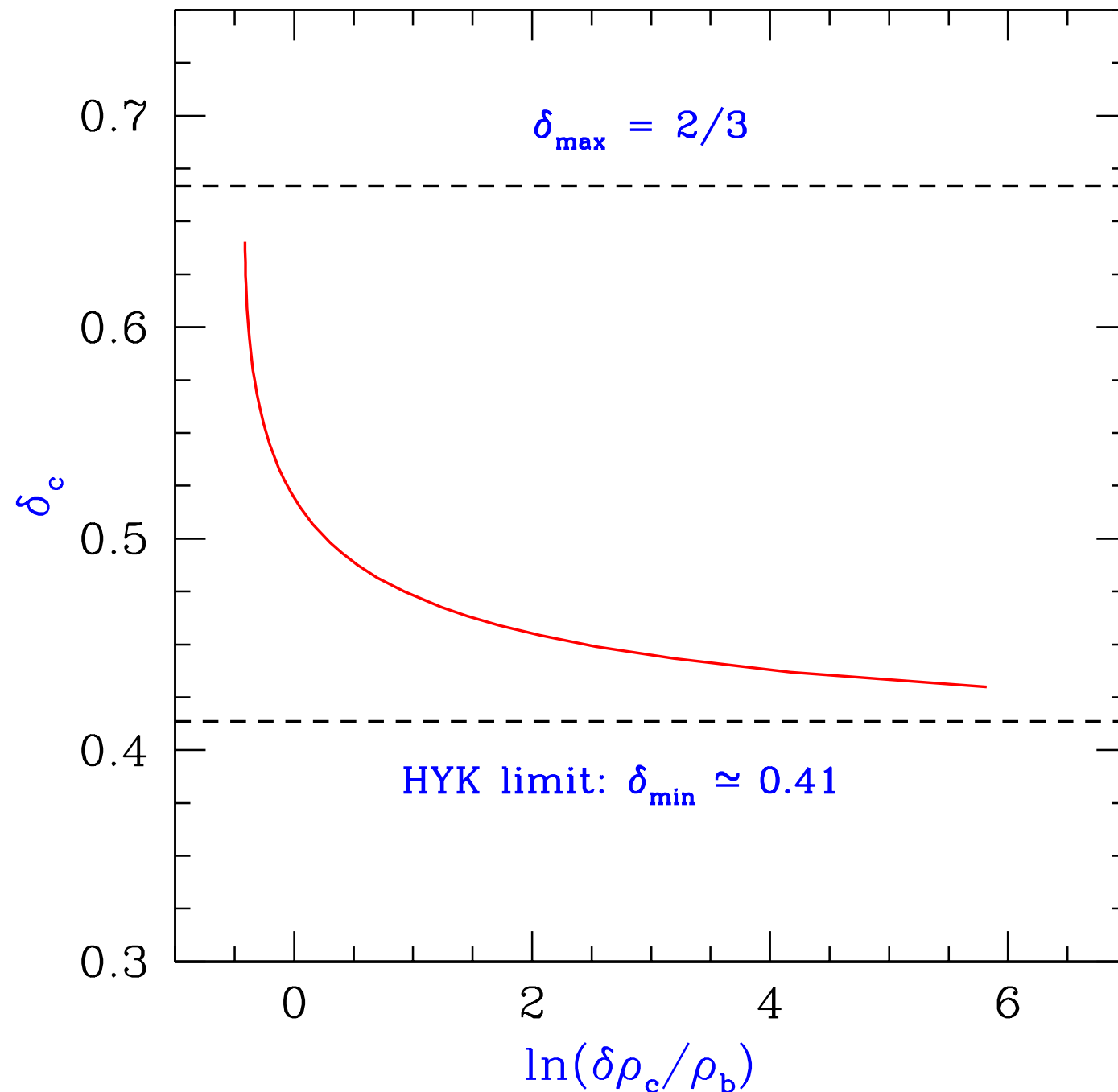
Profile Steepness

$$\alpha = -\frac{\mathcal{C}''(\tilde{r}_m) \tilde{r}_m^2}{4\delta_m}$$

$$\frac{\tilde{r}_0}{\tilde{r}_m} = \left(\frac{3}{2} \right)^{1/2\alpha} \geq 1$$

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PBH threshold and peak amplitude



$$\frac{\delta\rho_0}{\rho_b} = e^{1/\alpha} \delta_m$$

$$0.41 \lesssim \delta_c \leq \frac{2}{3} \quad \frac{\delta\rho}{\rho_b} \geq \frac{2}{3}$$

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$$\delta_c \simeq \frac{4}{15} e^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}} \frac{\alpha^{1-\frac{5}{2\alpha}}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{5}{2\alpha}\right) - \Gamma\left(\frac{5}{2\alpha}, \frac{1}{\alpha}\right)}$$

Escrivá, Germani, Sheth - arXiv (2019)

PBH abundance (using peak theory)

- Mean initial energy density profile: $\frac{\delta\rho}{\rho_b}(r, t) = \frac{\delta\rho}{\rho_b}(0, t) \frac{\xi^{(2)}(r, t)}{\xi^{(2)}(r, 0)}$
- Two point correlation function: $\xi^{(2)}(r, t) = \frac{1}{2\pi^2 \times (2\pi)^3} \int dk k^2 \frac{\sin(kr)}{kr} P_\Delta(k, t)$
- PBH Abundance: $\beta_f \simeq \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \mathcal{K} \left(\frac{k_*}{a_m H_m} \right)^3 \sigma_0^\gamma \nu_c^{1-\gamma} \gamma^{\gamma+1/2} e^{-\frac{\nu_c^2}{2}}$
- Critical parameter: $\nu_c \equiv \frac{1}{\sigma_0} \frac{\delta\rho_{0c}}{\rho_b} \gg 1, \quad \frac{\delta\rho_{0c}}{\rho_b}, \sigma_0 \propto \frac{1}{a^2 H^2}$
- Moments of the power spectrum: $\sigma_j^2(t) \equiv \int \frac{k^2 dk}{2\pi^2} P_\Delta(k, t) k^{2j}, \quad k_* \equiv \frac{\sigma_1}{\sqrt{3}\sigma_0}$

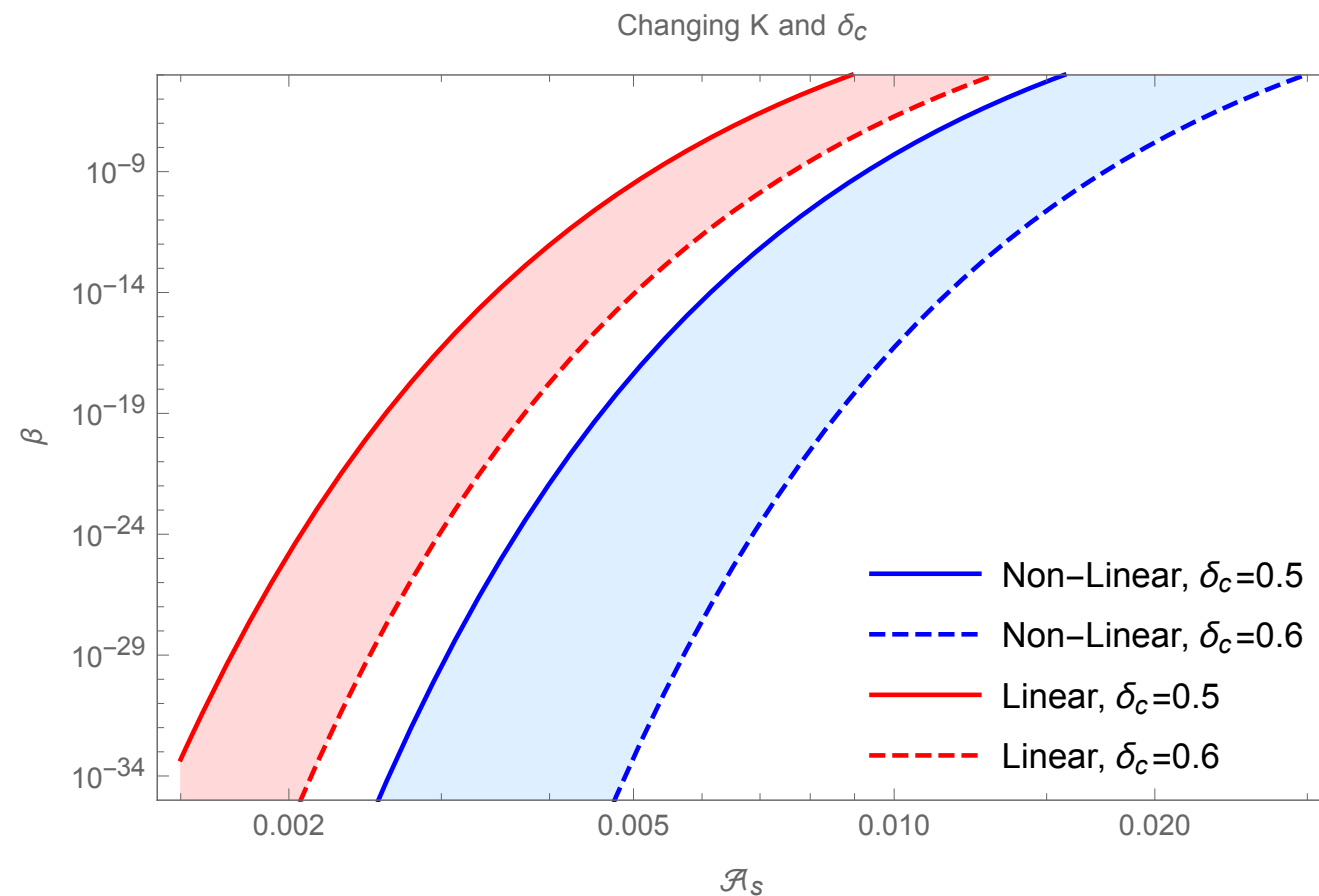
Primordial power spectrum / PBHs as dark matter

- Power spectrum of cosmological perturbations: $\mathcal{P}(k) = \mathcal{P}_{CMB} + \mathcal{P}_0 e^{-\frac{(k-k_p)^2}{2\sigma_{\mathcal{P}}^2}}$
- In the limit of a **broad/narrow peak** of the power spectrum:

$$\delta_c \simeq 0.51, \quad \frac{\delta\rho_{0c}}{\rho_b} \simeq 1.25$$

- If $M_{PBH} \sim 10^{16}g$ are Dark Matter $\Rightarrow \beta_f \simeq 10^{-8} \sqrt{\frac{M_{PBH}}{M_{\odot}}} \simeq 10^{-16}$
- **Narrow peak:** $\frac{k_p}{\sigma_{\mathcal{P}}} \gg 1 \Rightarrow \nu_c \simeq 0.22 \sqrt{\frac{k_p}{\sigma_{\mathcal{P}} \mathcal{P}_0}} \Rightarrow \mathcal{P}_0 \sim 7 \times 10^{-4} \frac{k_p}{\sigma_{\mathcal{P}}} \gg 10^{-3}$
- **Broad peak:** $\frac{k_p}{\sigma_{\mathcal{P}}} \ll 1 \Rightarrow \nu_c \simeq 0.46(\mathcal{P}_0)^{-1/2} \Rightarrow \mathcal{P}_0 \sim 3 \times 10^{-3}$
- **Press-Schechter approach** (neglecting the shape): $\nu_c \simeq \frac{9}{4} \frac{\delta_c}{\sqrt{\mathcal{P}_0}} \Rightarrow \mathcal{P}_0 \sim 1$

Power spectrum constraints are weakened by a factor ~ 2



Delta function power spectrum
S.Young, IM, C.Byrnes JCAP (2019)

- In order to generate the same number of PBHs when taking the non-linear (NL) relation into account, compared to the linear relation, the power spectrum amplitude needs to increase

$$\delta = \delta_l \left(1 - \frac{3}{8} \delta_l \right)$$

$$\delta_l = -\frac{4}{3} r_m \zeta'(r_m)$$

$$1.5 \lesssim \frac{\mathcal{P}_{0_{NL}}}{\mathcal{P}_{0_L}} = \frac{16 \left(1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{3}{2} \delta_c} \right)^2}{9 \delta_c^2} \lesssim 4$$

- For the typical value of $\delta_c \sim 0.55$, power spectrum constraints are weakened by a factor of 2

Non-Linearities & Non-Gaussianities

In general for a peaked power spectrum considering the 3-point correlation function of the power spectrum, one gets:

$$\frac{\delta\rho(r)}{\rho_b} = \frac{\nu}{\sigma} \left[\xi^{(2)}(r) + \frac{\nu}{2\sigma} \xi^{(3)}(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_2) + \frac{\nu^2}{6\sigma^2} \xi^{(4)}(\vec{x}_1, \vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_2, \vec{x}_2) + \dots \right] \exp \left(- \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} (\nu\sigma)^n \xi^{(n)}(0)/n! \right)$$

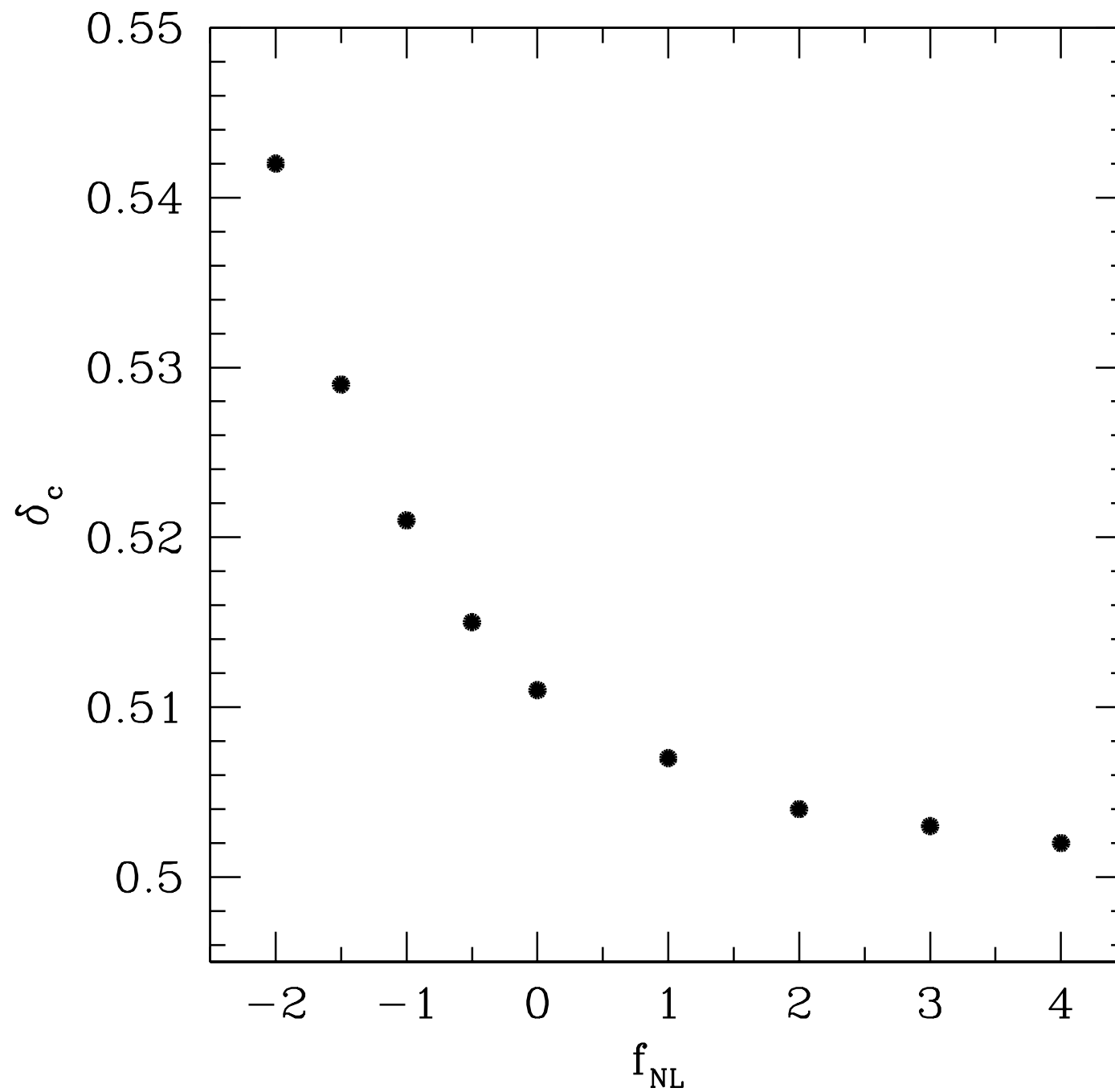
$$\frac{\delta\rho}{\rho_b}(x) = \frac{\delta\rho_{0G}}{\rho_b} \left[\frac{\sin x}{x} + \frac{1}{x_{m_G}^2} \frac{\delta\rho_{0G}}{\rho_b} \mathcal{F}(x) \right] \quad x \equiv k_p r$$

$$\mathcal{F}(x) \equiv \frac{27}{2} \left[\mathcal{F}_1(x) + \frac{3}{5} f_{NL} \mathcal{F}_2(x) \right] \quad \mathcal{F}(0) = \frac{27}{2} \left(1 + \frac{3}{5} f_{NL} \right) \quad \mathcal{P}_0 = \frac{A}{k_p^2}$$

$$\nu = \frac{9}{8} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi A} x_{m_G}^2} \frac{\delta\rho_{0G}}{\rho_b} \quad \frac{\delta\rho_0}{\rho_b} = \frac{\delta\rho_{0G}}{\rho_b} \left[1 + \frac{27}{2x_{m_G}^2} \frac{\delta\rho_{0G}}{\rho_b} \right] \exp \left[- \frac{1}{2\pi A} \left(\frac{9}{4x_{m_G}^2} \frac{\delta\rho_{0G}}{\rho_b} \right)^3 \right]$$

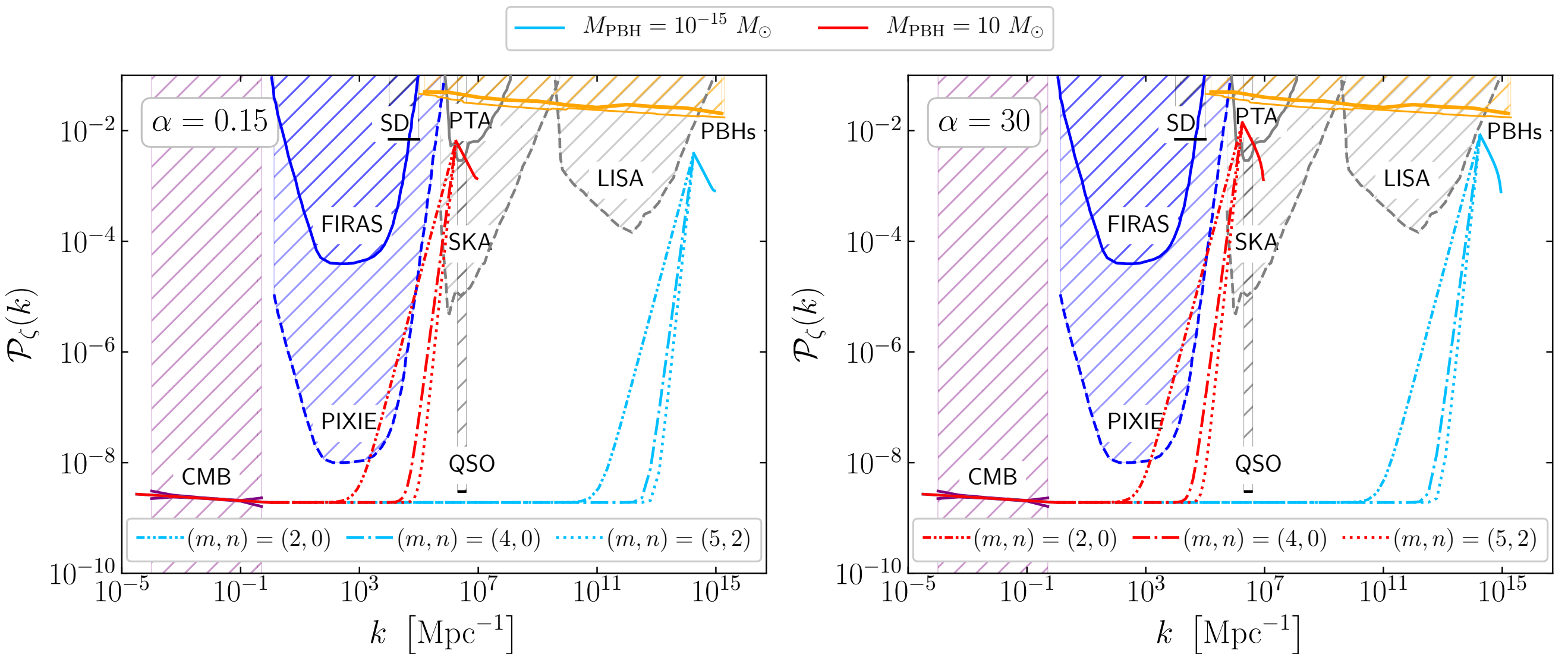
A. Kehagias, IM, A. Riotto JCAP (2019)

Non Gaussian Threshold



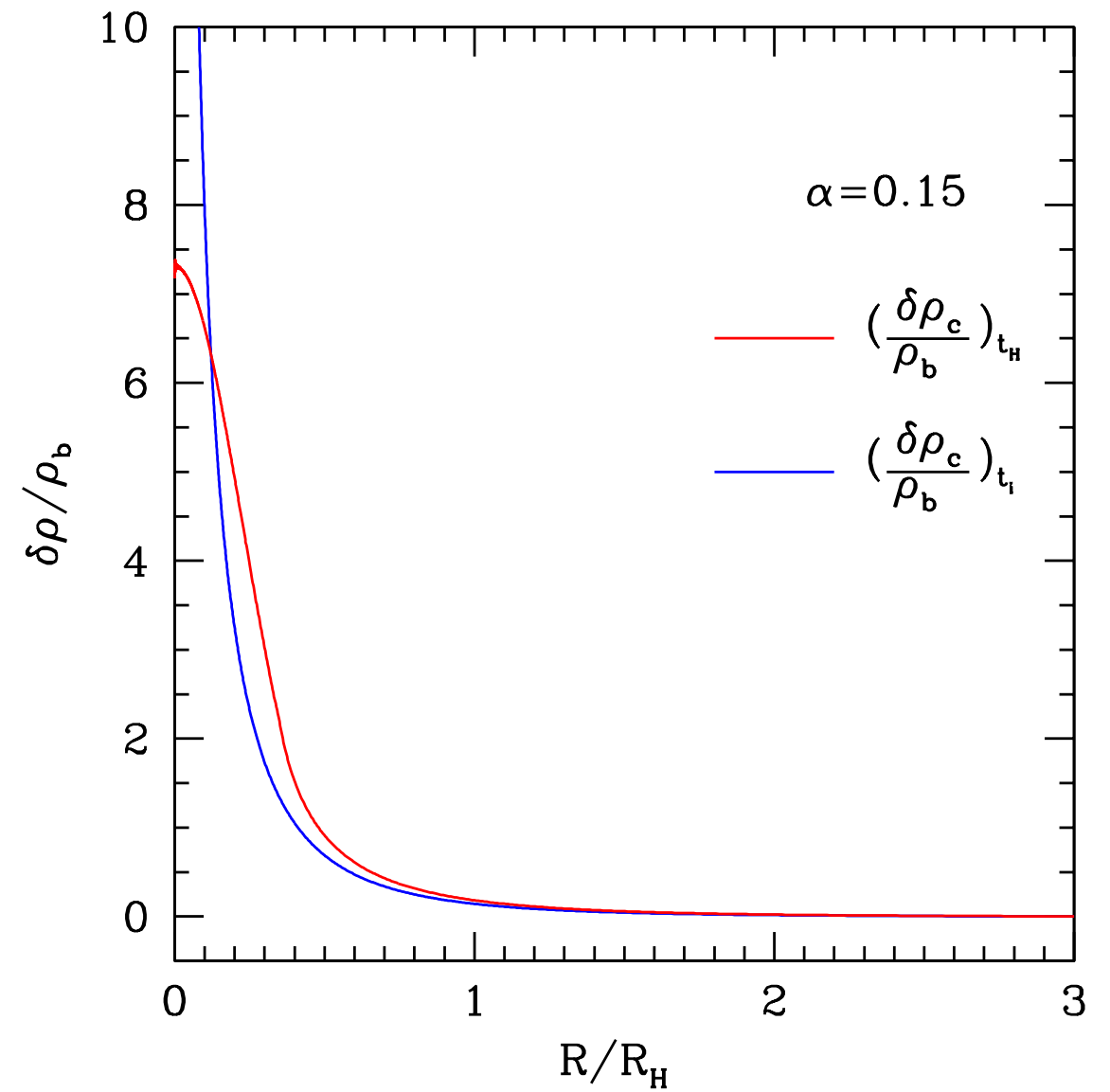
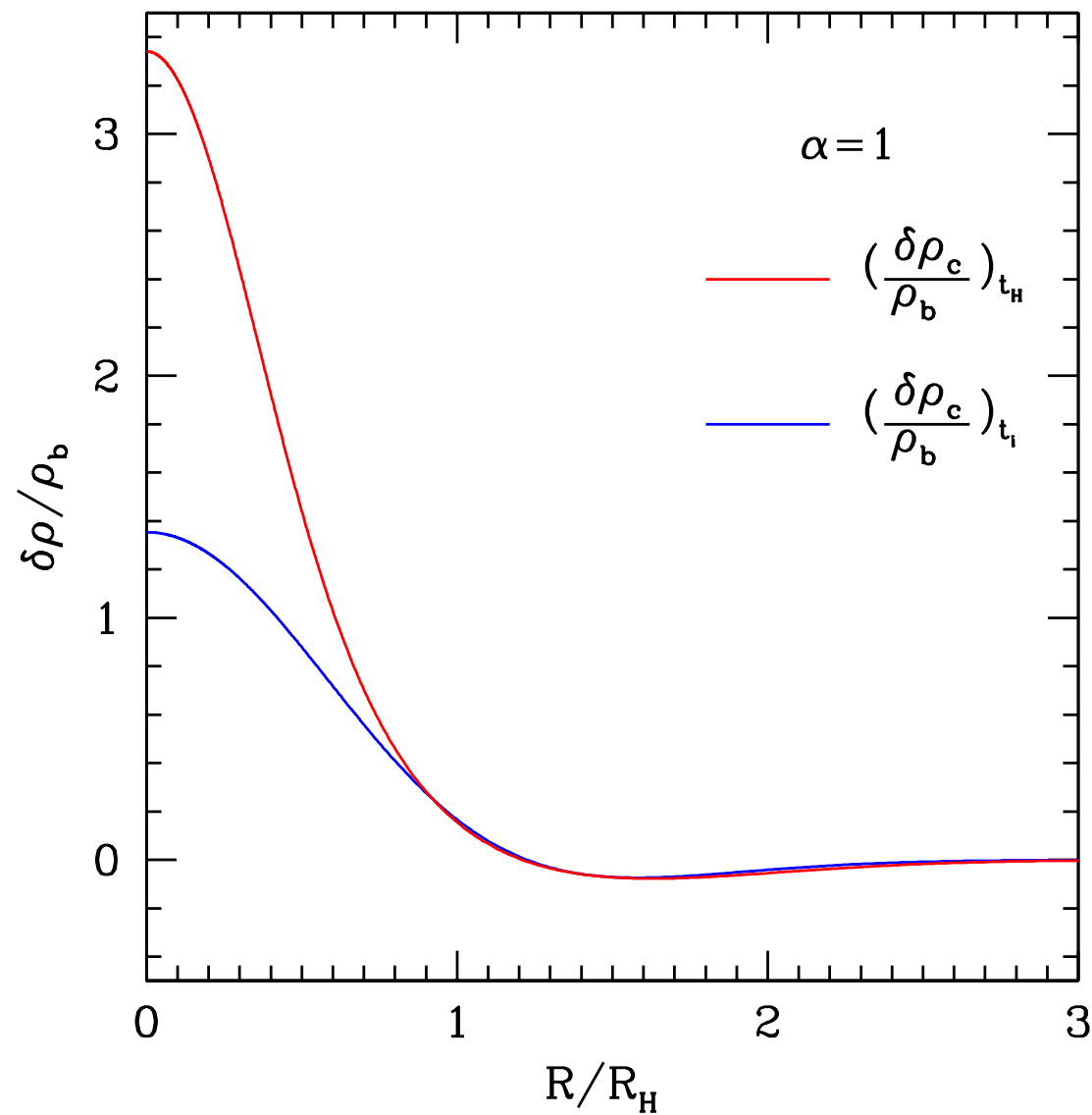
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PBHs as Dark Matter (reconstructing the power spectrum)

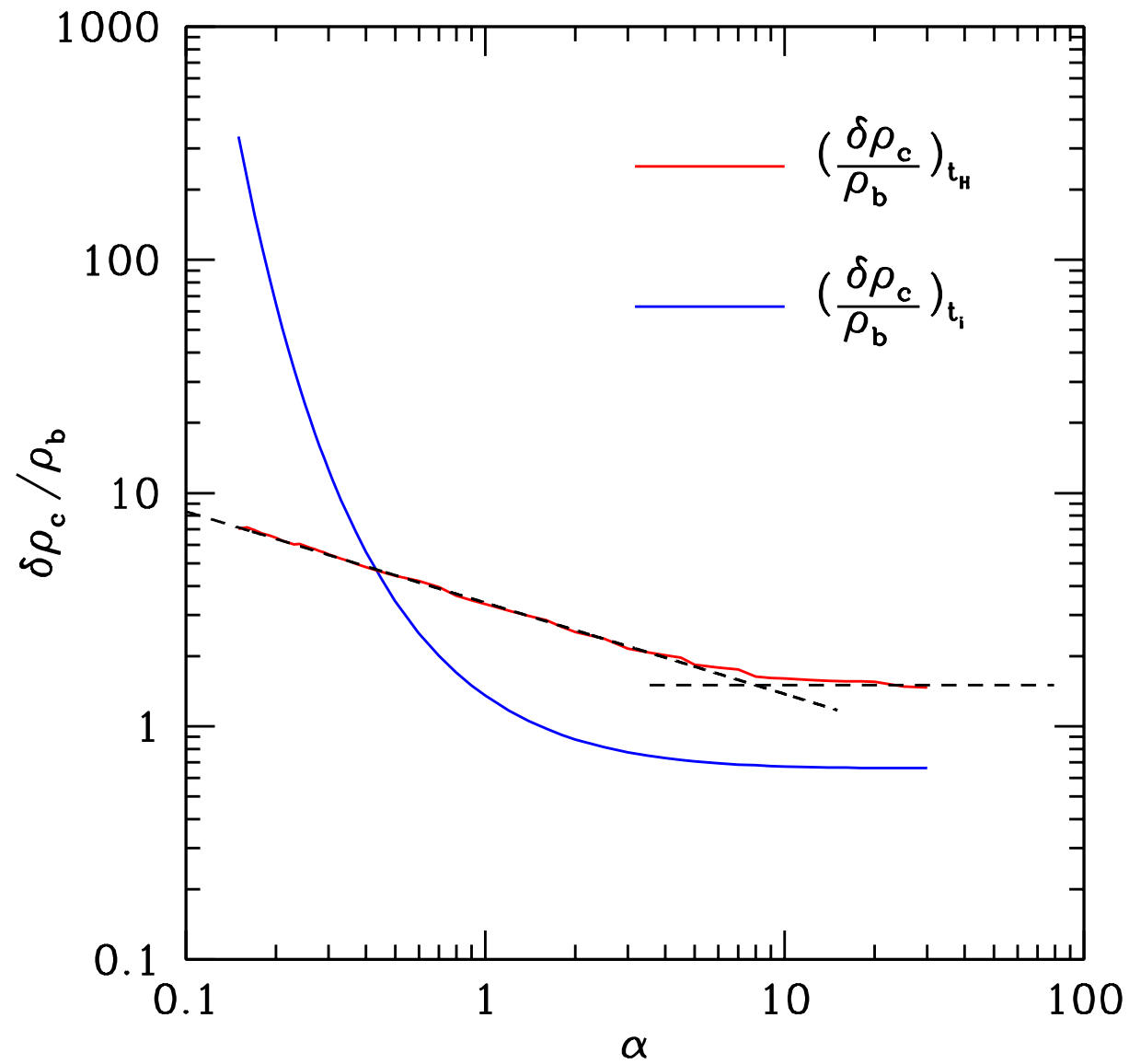


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Non linear Horizon crossing (work in progress)

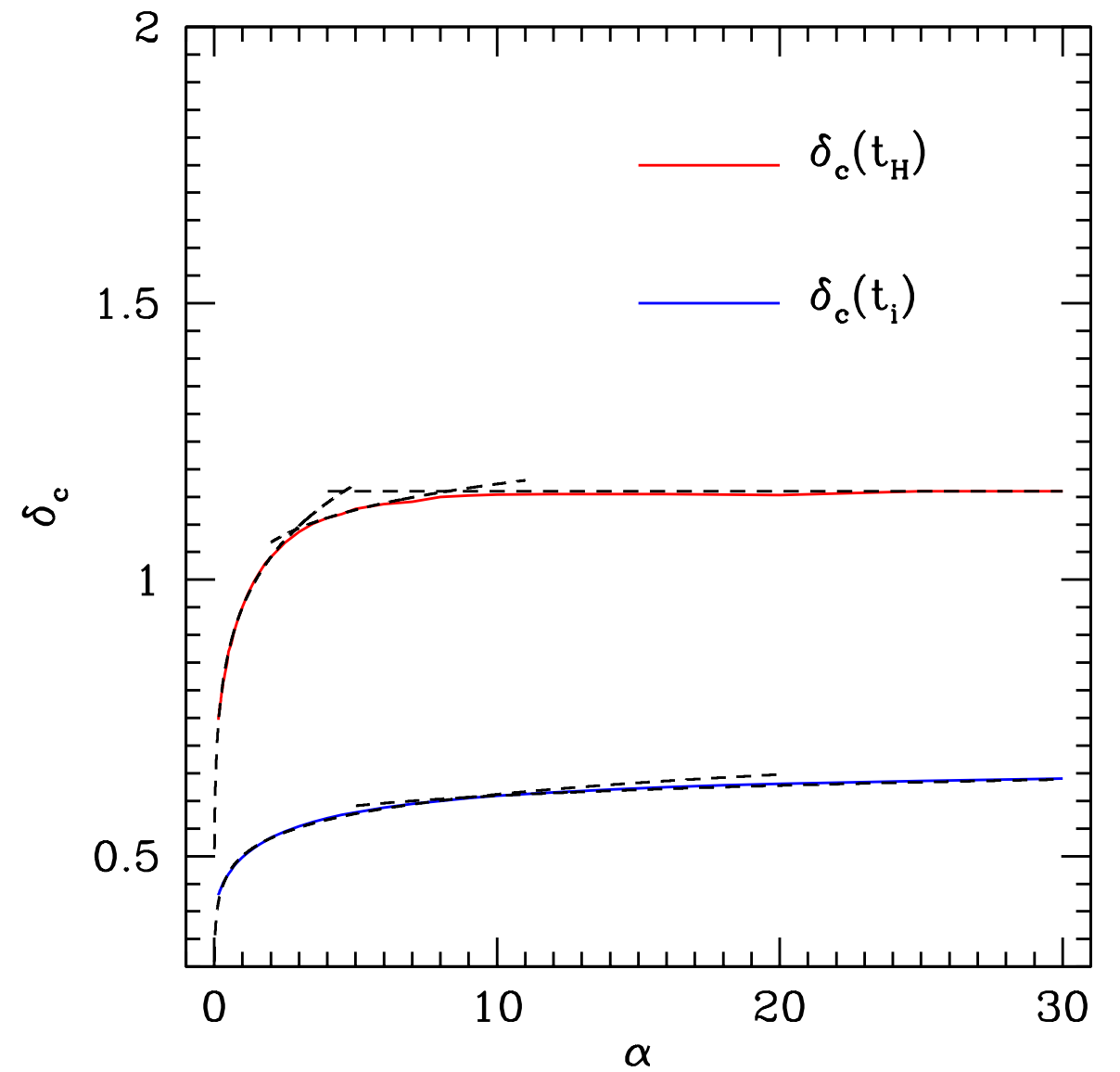


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$$\left. \frac{\delta \rho_c}{\rho_b} \right|_{t_i} = e^{1/\alpha} \delta_c(t_i)$$

$$\left. \frac{\delta \rho_c}{\rho_b} \right|_{t_H} \simeq \begin{cases} 10^{0.53-0.17 \ln(\alpha)} & \alpha \lesssim 8 \\ 1.5 & \alpha \gtrsim 8 \end{cases}$$



$$\delta_c(t_i) \simeq \begin{cases} \alpha^{0.046} - 0.5 & \alpha \lesssim 9 \\ \alpha^{0.025} - 0.45 & \alpha \gtrsim 9 \end{cases}$$

$$\delta_c(t_H) \simeq \begin{cases} \alpha^{0.125} - 0.5 & \alpha \lesssim 2.85 \\ \alpha^{0.06} + 0.025 & 2.85 \lesssim \alpha \lesssim 8.25 \\ 1.16 & \alpha \gtrsim 8.25 \end{cases}$$

Conclusions

- **There is no universal threshold for PBH formation.** The curvature profile (pressure gradients) play a key role determining the particular value of the threshold. This can be related to the morphology of the power spectrum of cosmological perturbations.
- **PBH formation is characterised by non linear curvature profile**, the linear approximation does not gives accurate results.
- **The threshold**, and the correspondent smooth peak amplitude, **computed at horizon crossing**, are important quantities to compute **PBH abundance**. These are affected by **non Gaussian statistics** (*Germani & Sheth 2020*).
- The abundance of PBHs is exponentially sensitive to the threshold of the energy density. **The shape of the peak of the power spectrum is very important.**
- The value of averaged **threshold seems to be quite solid with respect to non-linearities and non-Gaussianities(?)** (non linear effects to be investigated more).
- A **large enough feature of the power spectrum** on small scales (large k) could account for **an important component of dark matter in PBHs**.