

# Black Holes

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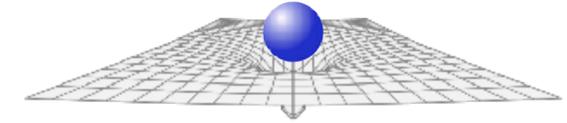
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**golden age** of black  
hole (astro)physics

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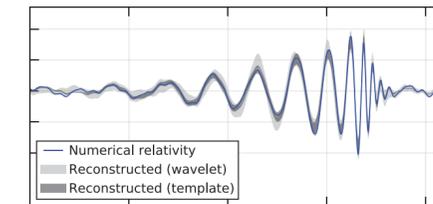
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# Lagrangian for standard model of particle physics

http://www.symmetrymagazine.org/article/the-deconstructed-standard-model-equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\frac{1}{2}\partial_\nu g_\mu^a \partial_\nu g_\mu^a - g_s f^{abc} \partial_\mu g_\nu^a g_\mu^b g_\nu^c - \frac{1}{4}g_s^2 f^{abc} f^{ade} g_\mu^b g_\nu^c g_\mu^d g_\nu^e + \\
 & \frac{1}{2}ig_s^2 (\bar{q}_i^\sigma \gamma^\mu q_j^\sigma) g_\mu^a + \bar{G}^a \partial^2 G^a + g_s f^{abc} \partial_\mu \bar{G}^a G^b g_\mu^c - \partial_\nu W_\mu^+ \partial_\nu W_\mu^- - \\
 & M^2 W_\mu^+ W_\mu^- - \frac{1}{2}\partial_\nu Z_\mu^0 \partial_\nu Z_\mu^0 - \frac{1}{2c_w^2} M^2 Z_\mu^0 Z_\mu^0 - \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu A_\nu \partial_\mu A_\nu - \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu H \partial_\mu H - \\
 & \frac{1}{2}m_h^2 H^2 - \partial_\mu \phi^+ \partial_\mu \phi^- - M^2 \phi^+ \phi^- - \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu \phi^0 \partial_\mu \phi^0 - \frac{1}{2c_w^2} M \phi^0 \phi^0 - \beta_h \left[ \frac{2M^2}{g^2} + \right. \\
 & \left. \frac{2M}{g} H + \frac{1}{2}(H^2 + \phi^0 \phi^0 + 2\phi^+ \phi^-) \right] + \frac{2M^4}{g^2} \alpha_h - igc_w [\partial_\nu Z_\mu^0 (W_\mu^+ W_\nu^- - \\
 & W_\nu^+ W_\mu^-) - Z_\nu^0 (W_\mu^+ \partial_\nu W_\mu^- - W_\mu^- \partial_\nu W_\mu^+) + Z_\mu^0 (W_\nu^+ \partial_\nu W_\mu^- - \\
 & W_\nu^- \partial_\nu W_\mu^+)] - igs_w [\partial_\nu A_\mu (W_\mu^+ W_\nu^- - W_\nu^+ W_\mu^-) - A_\nu (W_\mu^+ \partial_\nu W_\mu^- - \\
 & W_\mu^- \partial_\nu W_\mu^+) + A_\mu (W_\nu^+ \partial_\nu W_\mu^- - W_\nu^- \partial_\nu W_\mu^+)] - \frac{1}{2}g^2 W_\mu^+ W_\mu^- W_\nu^+ W_\nu^- + \\
 & \frac{1}{2}g^2 W_\mu^+ W_\nu^- W_\mu^+ W_\nu^- + g^2 c_w^2 (Z_\mu^0 W_\mu^+ Z_\nu^0 W_\nu^- - Z_\mu^0 Z_\nu^0 W_\mu^+ W_\nu^-) + \\
 & g^2 s_w^2 (A_\mu W_\mu^+ A_\nu W_\nu^- - A_\mu A_\nu W_\mu^+ W_\nu^-) + g^2 s_w c_w [A_\mu Z_\nu^0 (W_\mu^+ W_\nu^- - \\
 & W_\nu^+ W_\mu^-) - 2A_\mu Z_\mu^0 W_\nu^+ W_\nu^-] - g\alpha [H^3 + H\phi^0 \phi^0 + 2H\phi^+ \phi^-] - \\
 & \frac{1}{8}g^2 \alpha_h [H^4 + (\phi^0)^4 + 4(\phi^+ \phi^-)^2 + 4(\phi^0)^2 \phi^+ \phi^- + 4H^2 \phi^+ \phi^- + 2(\phi^0)^2 H^2] - \\
 & gMW_\mu^+ W_\mu^- H - \frac{1}{2}g\frac{M}{c_w^2} Z_\mu^0 Z_\mu^0 H - \frac{1}{2}ig[W_\mu^+ (\phi^0 \partial_\mu \phi^- - \phi^- \partial_\mu \phi^0) - \\
 & W_\mu^- (\phi^0 \partial_\mu \phi^+ - \phi^+ \partial_\mu \phi^0)] + \frac{1}{2}g[W_\mu^+ (H\partial_\mu \phi^- - \phi^- \partial_\mu H) - W_\mu^- (H\partial_\mu \phi^+ - \\
 & \phi^+ \partial_\mu H)] + \frac{1}{2}g\frac{1}{c_w} (Z_\mu^0 (H\partial_\mu \phi^0 - \phi^0 \partial_\mu H) - ig\frac{s_w^2}{c_w} MZ_\mu^0 (W_\mu^+ \phi^- - W_\mu^- \phi^+) + \\
 & igs_w MA_\mu (W_\mu^+ \phi^- - W_\mu^- \phi^+) - ig\frac{1-2c_w^2}{2c_w} Z_\mu^0 (\phi^+ \partial_\mu \phi^- - \phi^- \partial_\mu \phi^+) + \\
 & igs_w A_\mu (\phi^+ \partial_\mu \phi^- - \phi^- \partial_\mu \phi^+) - \frac{1}{4}g^2 W_\mu^+ W_\mu^- [H^2 + (\phi^0)^2 + 2\phi^+ \phi^-] - \\
 & \frac{1}{4}g^2 \frac{1}{c_w^2} Z_\mu^0 Z_\mu^0 [H^2 + (\phi^0)^2 + 2(2s_w^2 - 1)\phi^+ \phi^-] - \frac{1}{2}g^2 \frac{s_w^2}{c_w} Z_\mu^0 \phi^0 (W_\mu^+ \phi^- + \\
 & W_\mu^- \phi^+) - \frac{1}{2}ig^2 \frac{s_w^2}{c_w} Z_\mu^0 H (W_\mu^+ \phi^- - W_\mu^- \phi^+) + \frac{1}{2}g^2 s_w A_\mu \phi^0 (W_\mu^+ \phi^- + \\
 & W_\mu^- \phi^+) + \frac{1}{2}ig^2 s_w A_\mu H (W_\mu^+ \phi^- - W_\mu^- \phi^+) - g^2 \frac{s_w}{c_w} (2c_w^2 - 1) Z_\mu^0 A_\mu \phi^+ \phi^- - \\
 & g^1 s_w^2 A_\mu A_\mu \phi^+ \phi^- - \bar{e}^\lambda (\gamma \partial + m_e^\lambda) e^\lambda - \bar{\nu}^\lambda \gamma \partial \nu^\lambda - \bar{u}_j^\lambda (\gamma \partial + m_u^\lambda) u_j^\lambda - \\
 & \bar{d}_j^\lambda (\gamma \partial + m_d^\lambda) d_j^\lambda + igs_w A_\mu [-(\bar{e}^\lambda \gamma^\mu e^\lambda) + \frac{2}{3}(\bar{u}_j^\lambda \gamma^\mu u_j^\lambda) - \frac{1}{3}(\bar{d}_j^\lambda \gamma^\mu d_j^\lambda)] + \\
 & \frac{ig}{4c_w} Z_\mu^0 [(\bar{\nu}^\lambda \gamma^\mu (1 + \gamma^5) \nu^\lambda) + (\bar{e}^\lambda \gamma^\mu (4s_w^2 - 1 - \gamma^5) e^\lambda) + (\bar{u}_j^\lambda \gamma^\mu (\frac{4}{3}s_w^2 - \\
 & 1 - \gamma^5) u_j^\lambda) + (\bar{d}_j^\lambda \gamma^\mu (1 - \frac{8}{3}s_w^2 - \gamma^5) d_j^\lambda)] + \frac{ig}{2\sqrt{2}} W_\mu^+ [(\bar{\nu}^\lambda \gamma^\mu (1 + \gamma^5) e^\lambda) + \\
 & (\bar{u}_j^\lambda \gamma^\mu (1 + \gamma^5) C_{\lambda\kappa} d_j^\kappa)] + \frac{ig}{2\sqrt{2}} W_\mu^- [(\bar{e}^\lambda \gamma^\mu (1 + \gamma^5) \nu^\lambda) + (\bar{d}_j^\kappa C_{\lambda\kappa}^\dagger \gamma^\mu (1 + \\
 & \gamma^5) u_j^\lambda)] + \frac{ig}{2\sqrt{2}} \frac{m_e^\lambda}{M} [-\phi^+ (\bar{\nu}^\lambda (1 - \gamma^5) e^\lambda) + \phi^- (\bar{e}^\lambda (1 + \gamma^5) \nu^\lambda)] - \\
 & \frac{g}{2} \frac{m_d^\lambda}{M} [H(\bar{e}^\lambda e^\lambda) + i\phi^0 (\bar{e}^\lambda \gamma^5 e^\lambda)] + \frac{ig}{2M\sqrt{2}} \phi^+ [-m_d^\kappa (\bar{u}_j^\lambda C_{\lambda\kappa} (1 - \gamma^5) d_j^\kappa) + \\
 & m_u^\lambda (\bar{u}_j^\lambda C_{\lambda\kappa} (1 + \gamma^5) d_j^\kappa) + \frac{ig}{2M\sqrt{2}} \phi^- [m_d^\lambda (\bar{d}_j^\lambda C_{\lambda\kappa}^\dagger (1 + \gamma^5) u_j^\kappa) - m_u^\kappa (\bar{d}_j^\lambda C_{\lambda\kappa}^\dagger (1 - \\
 & \gamma^5) u_j^\kappa) - \frac{g}{2} \frac{m_u^\lambda}{M} H(\bar{u}_j^\lambda u_j^\lambda) - \frac{g}{2} \frac{m_d^\lambda}{M} H(\bar{d}_j^\lambda d_j^\lambda) + \frac{ig}{2} \frac{m_u^\lambda}{M} \phi^0 (\bar{u}_j^\lambda \gamma^5 u_j^\lambda) - \\
 & \frac{ig}{2} \frac{m_d^\lambda}{M} \phi^0 (\bar{d}_j^\lambda \gamma^5 d_j^\lambda) + \bar{X}^+ (\partial^2 - M^2) X^+ + \bar{X}^- (\partial^2 - M^2) X^- + \bar{X}^0 (\partial^2 - \\
 & \frac{M^2}{c_w^2}) X^0 + \bar{Y} \partial^2 Y + igc_w W_\mu^+ (\partial_\mu \bar{X}^0 X^- - \partial_\mu \bar{X}^+ X^0) + igs_w W_\mu^+ (\partial_\mu \bar{Y} X^- -
 \end{aligned}$$

gluon (strong force)

W and Z bosons (weak force)

action

$$S = \int \mathcal{L} \sqrt{-g} d^4x$$

Lagrange equations

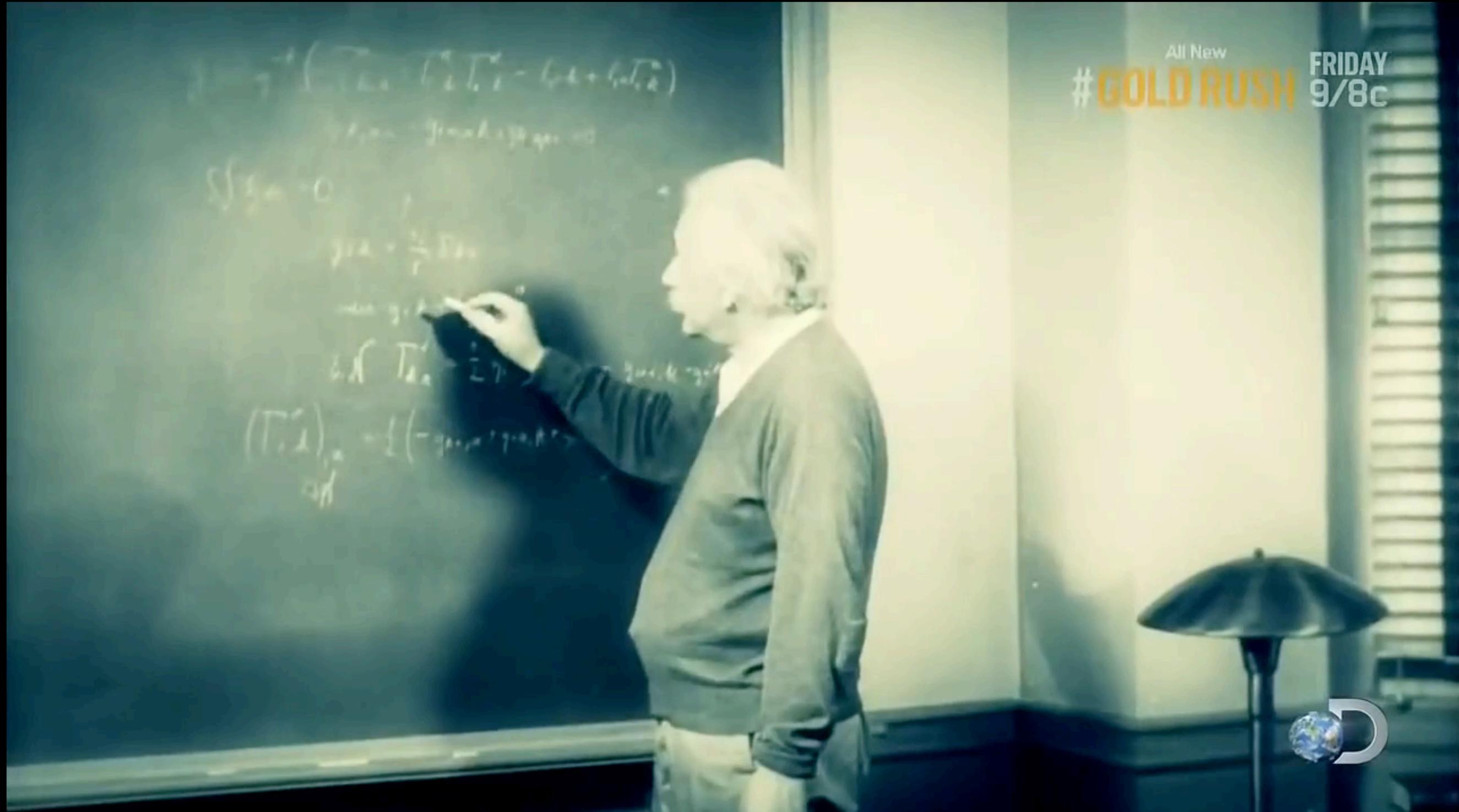
$$\frac{\delta S}{\delta \phi} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi} - \partial_\mu \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial_\mu \phi)} \right) + \dots = 0$$

weak interactions + Higgs

Higgs ghosts

Faddeev-Popov ghosts

# Basic idea of general relativity: GRAVITY = SPACETIME CURVATURE



# A general relativity primer

Einstein's field equation

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T_{\mu\nu}$$

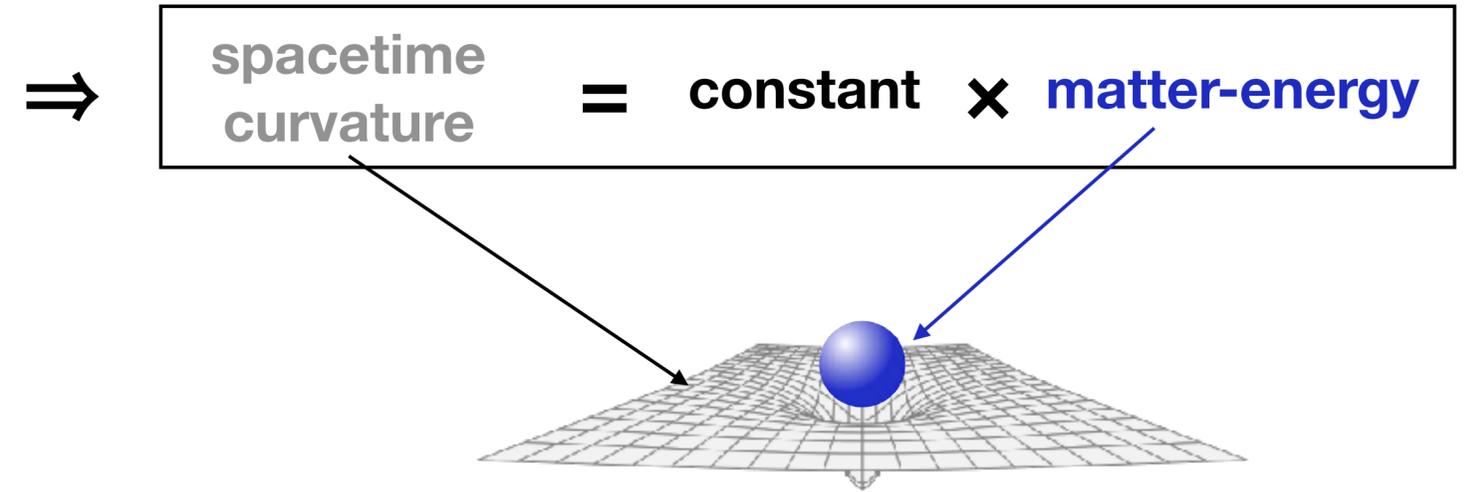
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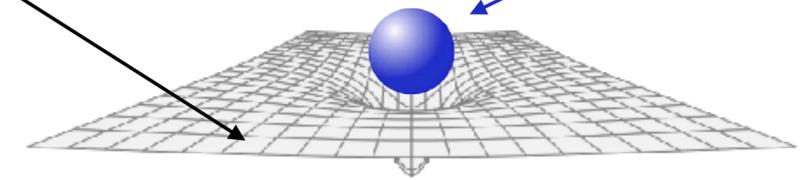
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$\Rightarrow$  spacetime curvature = constant  $\times$  matter-energy



Solution to field equation gives

$$g_{\mu\nu} \quad ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu}dx^\mu dx^\nu$$

Metric      Line element



Newtonian analogue

$$\nabla^2 \phi = 4\pi G \rho \quad \text{Poisson equation}$$

For a free particle:

$$\delta S = 0 \rightarrow \frac{d^2 x^\mu}{d\tau^2} + \Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^\mu \frac{dx^\alpha}{d\tau} \frac{dx^\beta}{d\tau} = 0$$

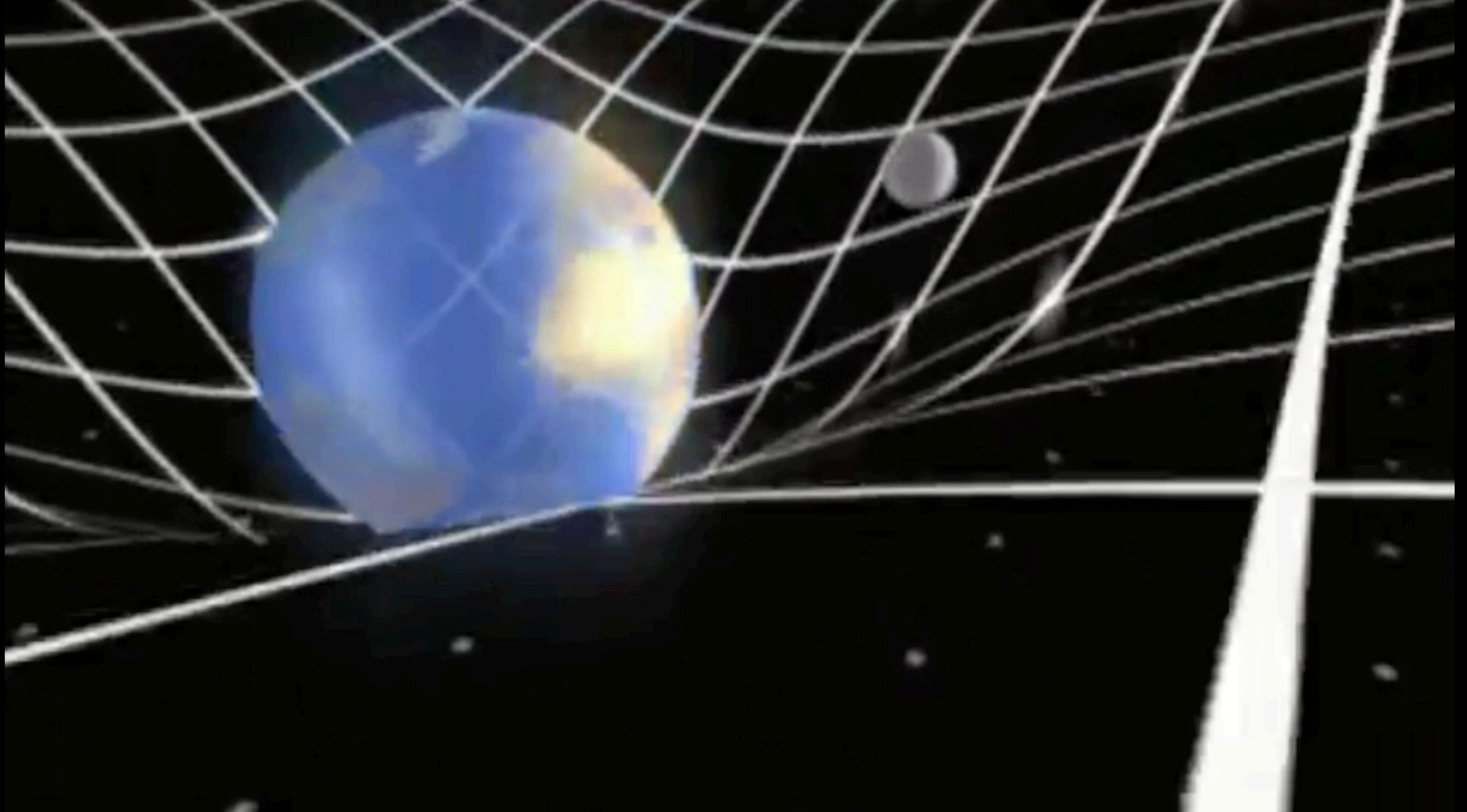
Geodesic equation



Gravity visualized: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MTY1Kje0yLg&list>



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*The Elegant Universe. Nova / PBS*

# A concise tutorial on general relativity

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## General relativity primer

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In this tutorial article the physical ideas underlying general relativity theory are discussed and the basic mathematical techniques (tensor calculus, Riemann curvature) needed to describe them are developed. The general relativity field equations are presented and are used in several applications including a discussion of black holes.

## I. INTRODUCTION

### A. Purpose and outline

Special relativity theory (SRT) is a part of the intellectual toolbox of all physicists and a feature of the physicist's education even at the undergraduate level. The novel concepts of SRT, so shocking in 1905, hold no special terror now. The same, regrettably, cannot be said for the general relativity theory (GRT), Einstein's relativistic theory of gravity. The imagery of space-time curvature, and such exotica as black holes, give GRT such a recondite aura that it is too often regarded as hopelessly mystical, even by students and teachers who accept quantum mechanics as a perfectly reasonable description of the world. It is my goal in this article to show that this viewpoint on GRT is unjustified, that relativistic gravity is intuitively accessible and that space-time curvature is a natural conceptual basis for it. More specifically this article presents the mathematical and

Clearly in a small article covering a large subject, sacrifices must be made. The most regrettable sacrifice will be the omission of all but a cursory discussion of the stress-energy tensor, the "source" of the gravitational field. Also omitted will be many mathematical details, some of them formal and elegant, some of them tricky and technical, some of them useful for reducing very difficult calculations to merely difficult ones. Missing too will be most of the applications of GRT to problems of current interest. A useful discussion is given, however, of that aspect of GRT that stimulates the most interest and confusion: black holes.

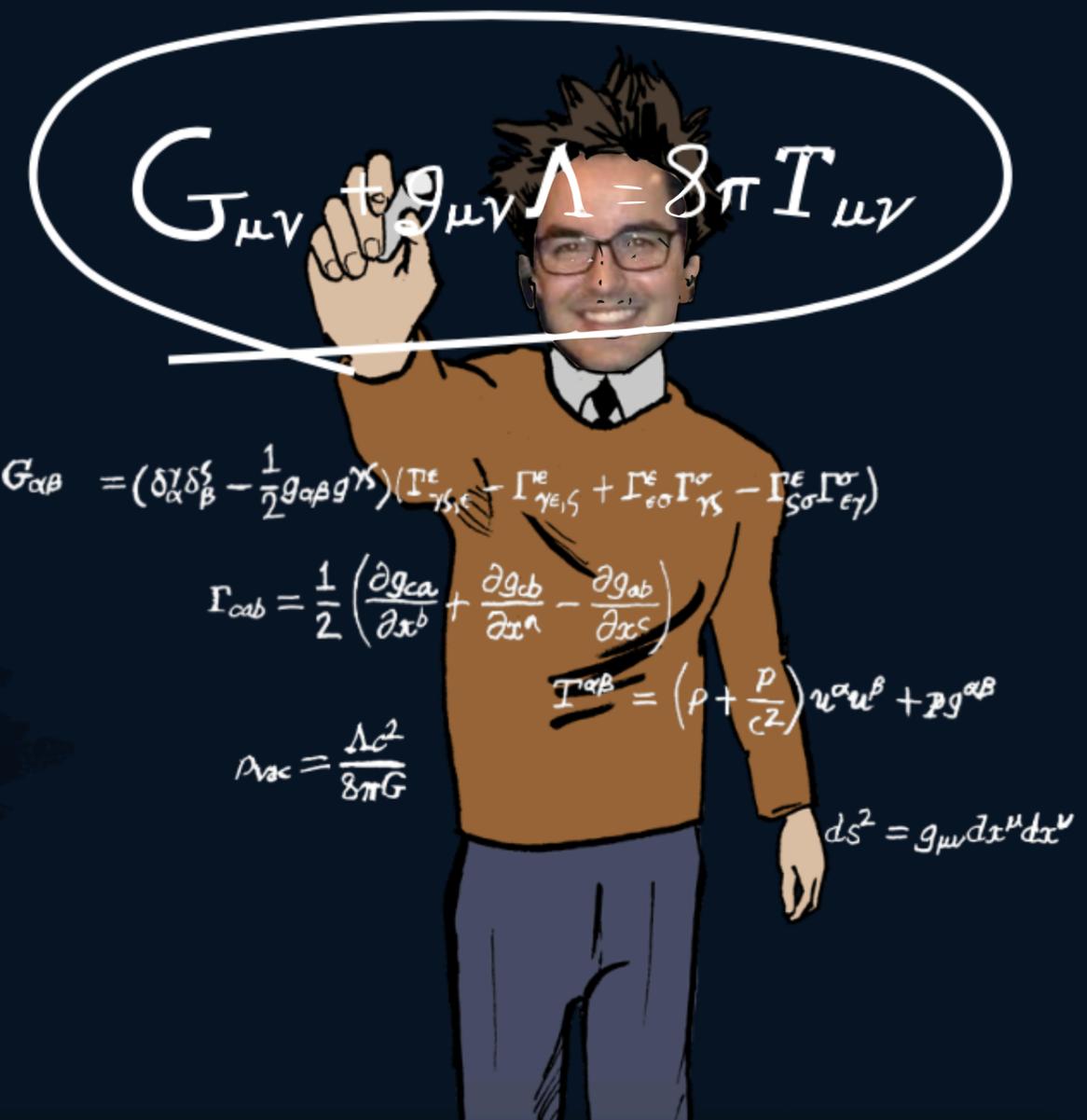
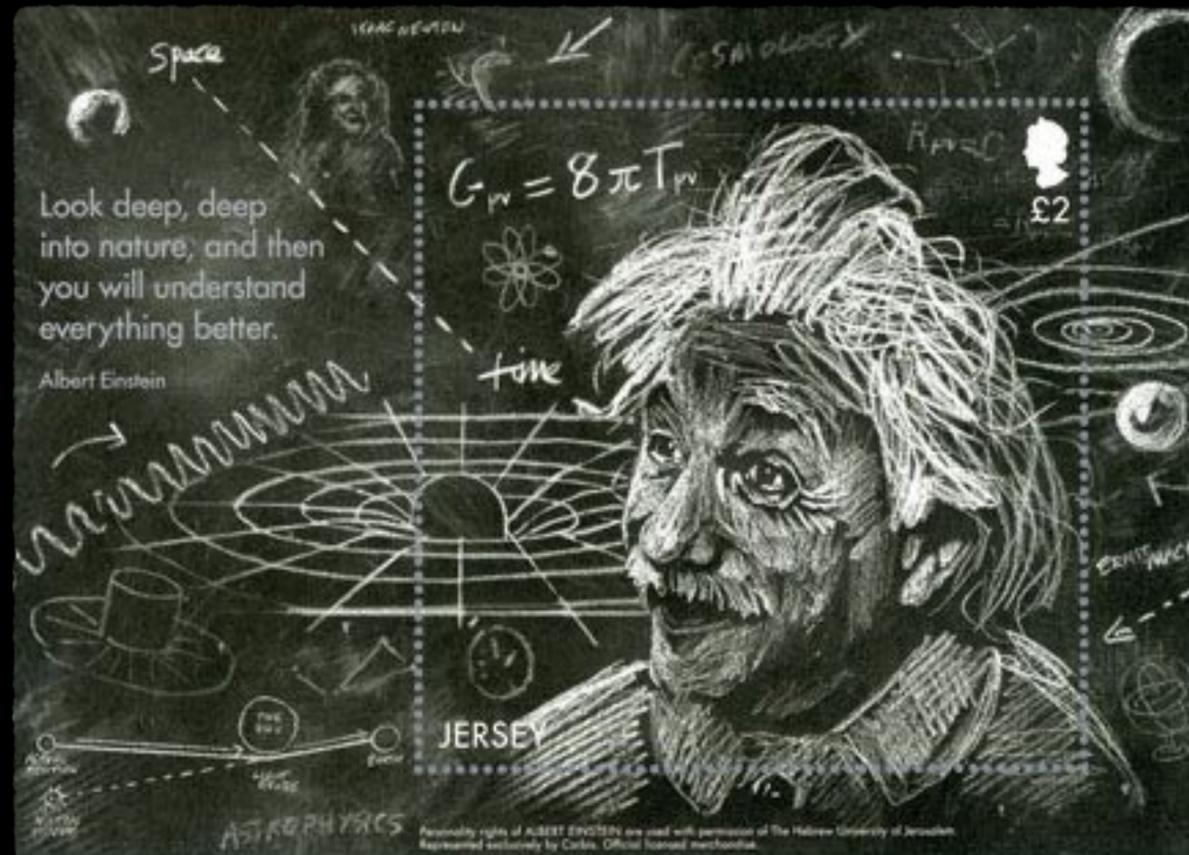
I assume that the reader comes to this article with two prerequisites: First, a familiarity is required with partial differential equations and their application in physics, as would certainly result from, say, a junior- or senior-level course in electrodynamics. Experience with partial differential equations will be necessary for an appreciation of the meaning of the GRT field equations; specific techniques

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## Relatividade geral e aplicações

### astrofísicas

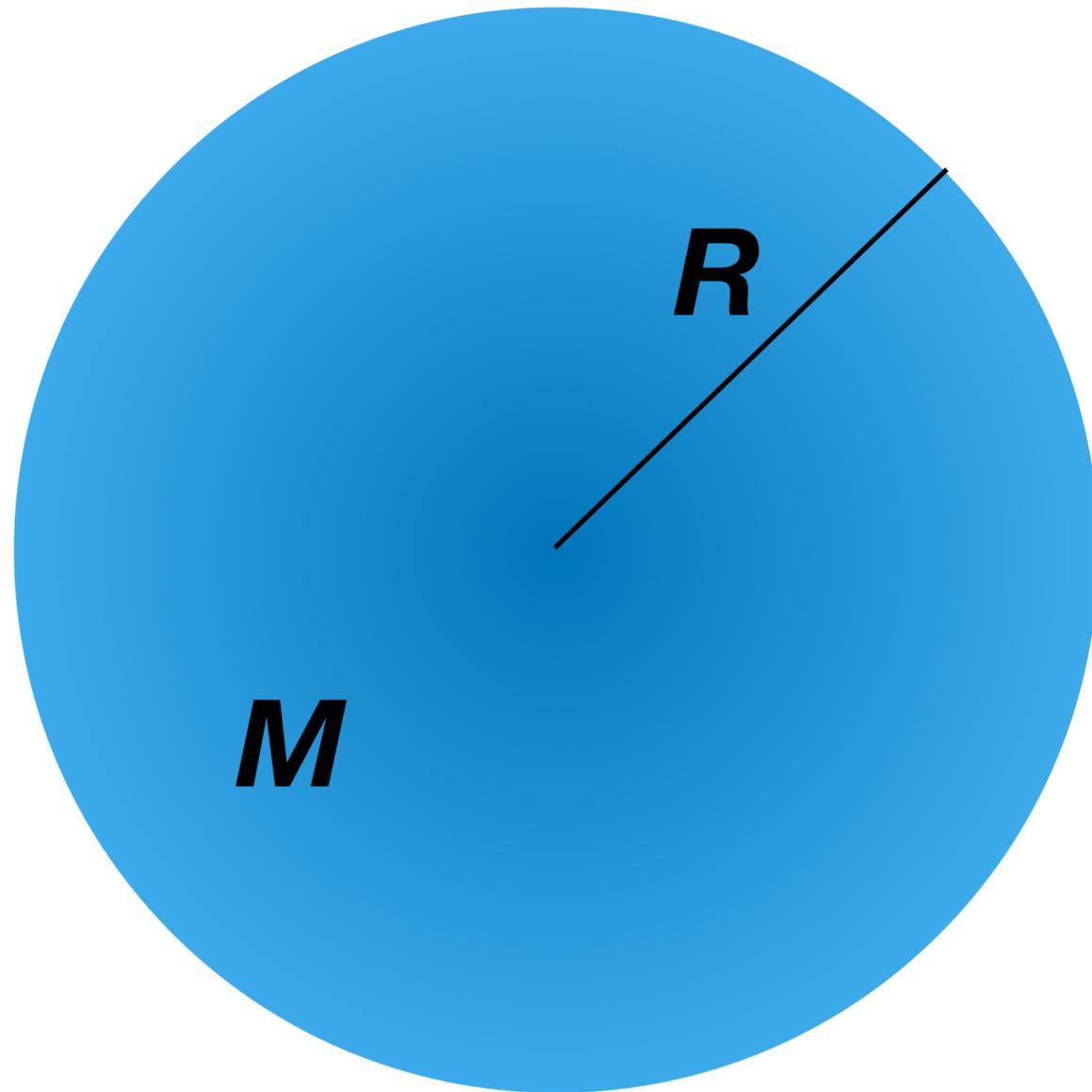
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# O que é um buraco negro?

**Definição: Objeto com gravidade tão forte que nada consegue escapar, nem mesmo a luz**

**Pergunta: Dada um objeto de massa  $M$ , qual o raio dentro do qual ele se torna um buraco negro?**



$$v_{\text{esc}} = \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{R}}$$

velocidade de escape  
na superfície



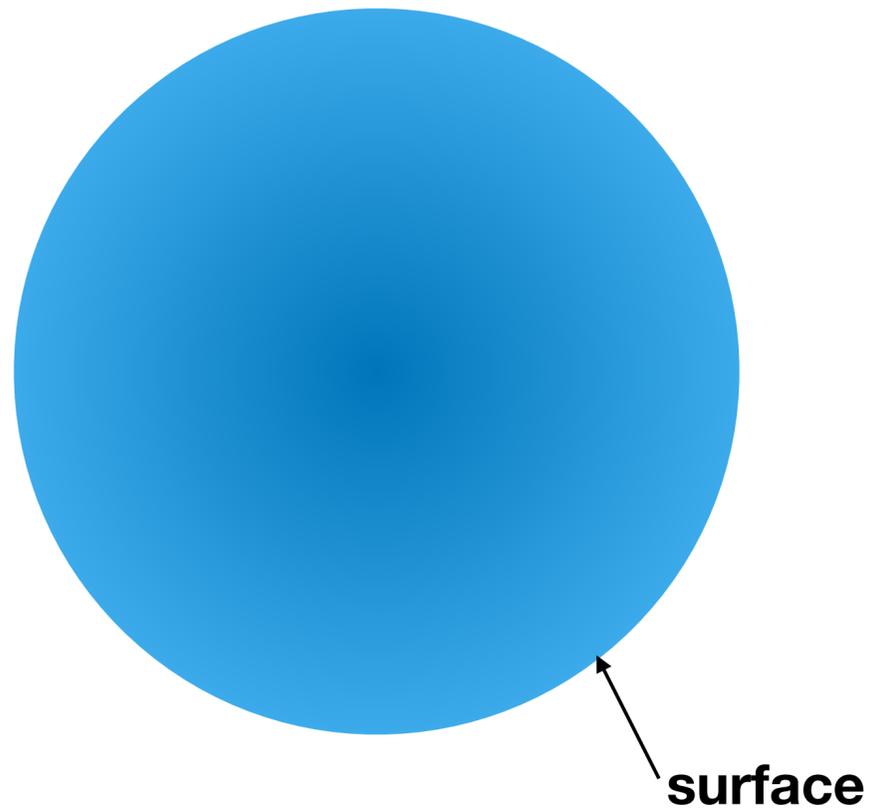
Raio de um buraco negro:

$$R_S = \frac{2GM}{c^2}$$

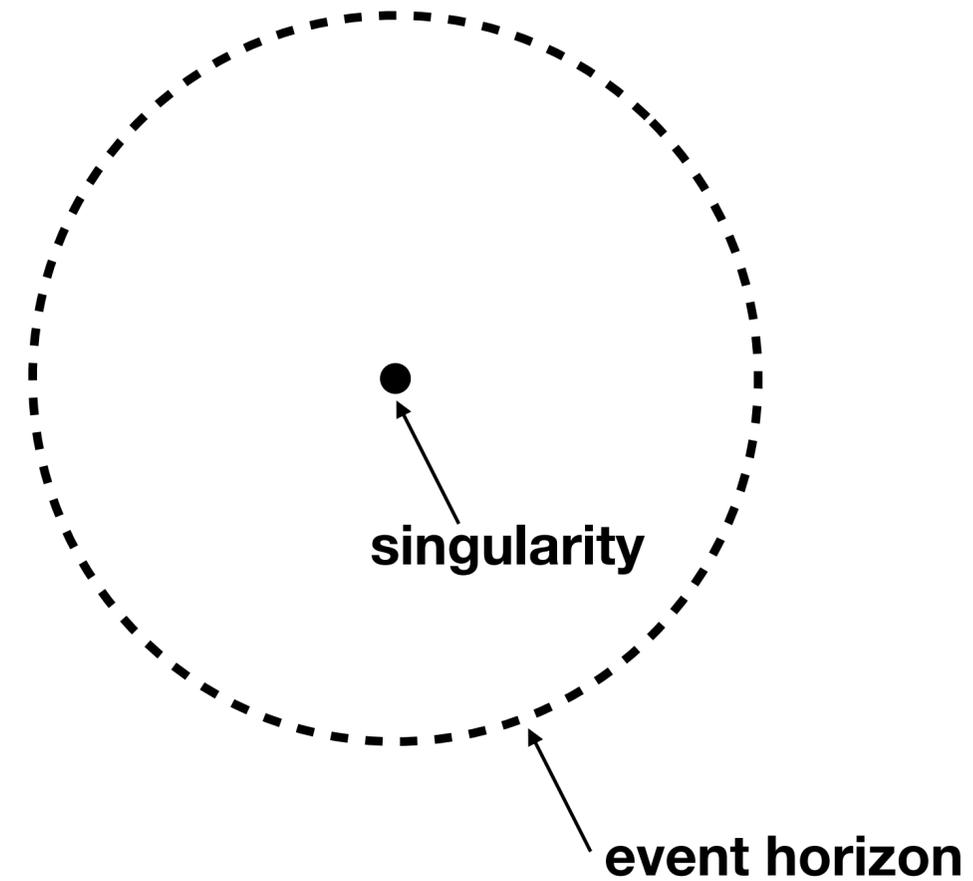
“raio de Schwarzschild”

# What is a black hole? Remarkable prediction of general relativity

**Normal object**



**Black hole**



# *Event horizon: one-way membrane, matter/energy can fall in, but nothing gets out*

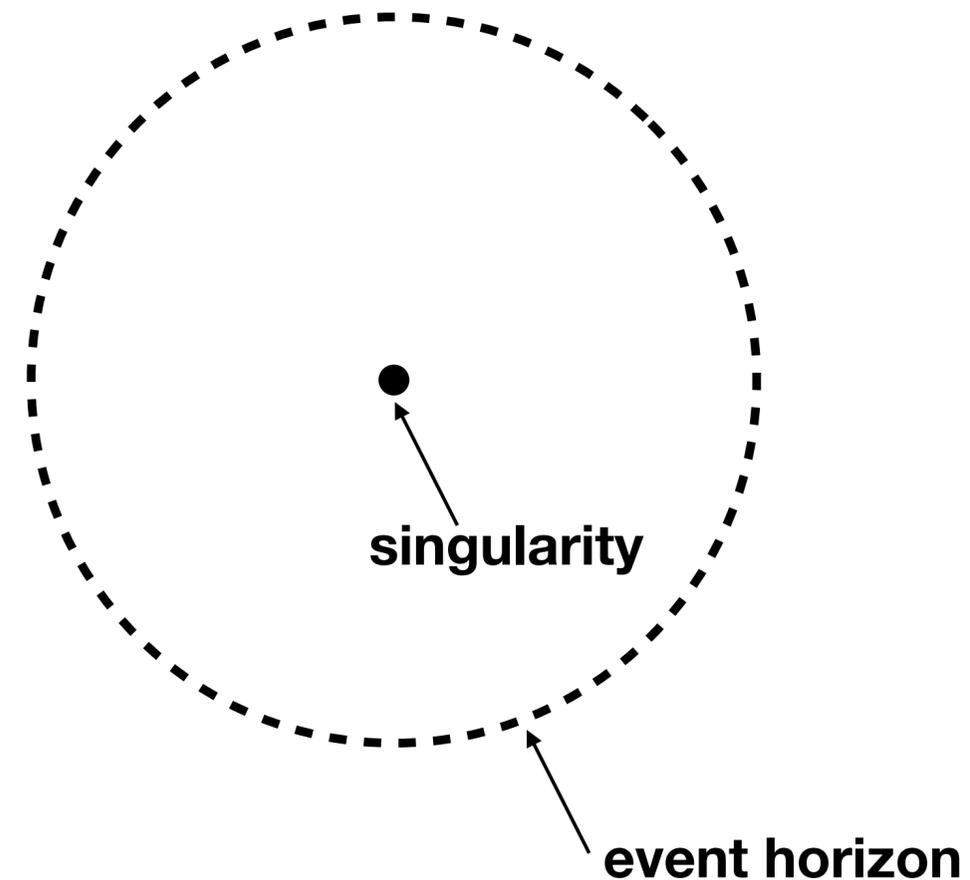
**Region inside event horizon  
causally cut-off from outside**

**Radius of event horizon:**

$$R_S = \frac{2GM}{c^2} = 2.95 \left( \frac{M}{M_\odot} \right) \text{ km}$$

**Schwarzschild radius**

**Black hole**



# What is a black hole



**Massive, compact  
astronomical object:  
gravity so strong that it  
traps all that fall inside  
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***Once inside, nothing  
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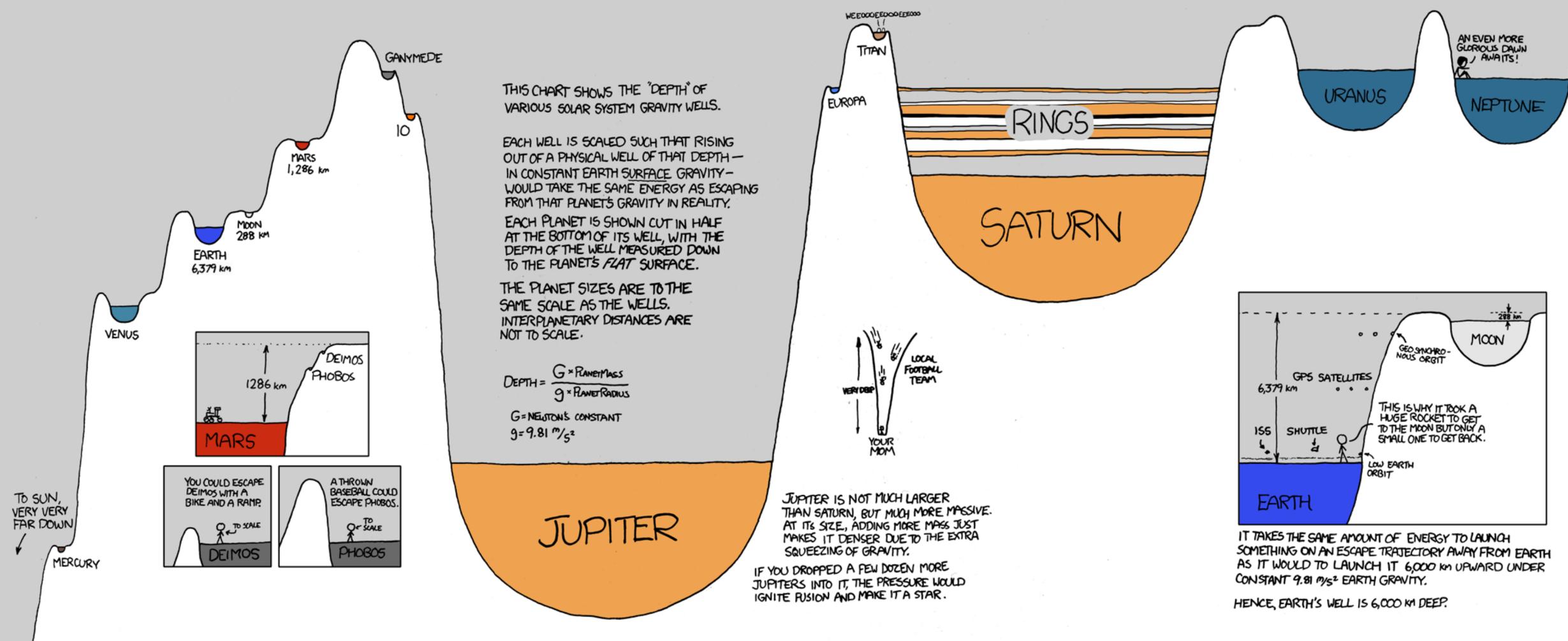
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# GRAVITY WELLS

SCALED TO EARTH SURFACE GRAVITY

<https://xkcd.com/681/>



TO SUN,  
FAR DOWN

VENUS

EARTH  
6,379 KM

MOON  
288 KM

MARS  
1,286 km

GANYMEDE

IO

MERCURY

# GRAVITY WELLS

SCALED TO EARTH SURFACE GRAVITY

THIS CHART SHOWS THE "DEPTH" OF VARIOUS SOLAR SYSTEM GRAVITY WELLS.

EACH WELL IS SCALED SUCH THAT RISING OUT OF A PHYSICAL WELL OF THAT DEPTH — IN CONSTANT EARTH SURFACE GRAVITY — WOULD TAKE THE SAME ENERGY AS ESCAPING FROM THAT PLANET'S GRAVITY IN REALITY.

EACH PLANET IS SHOWN CUT IN HALF AT THE BOTTOM OF ITS WELL, WITH THE DEPTH OF THE WELL MEASURED DOWN TO THE PLANET'S FLAT SURFACE.

THE PLANET SIZES ARE TO THE SAME SCALE AS THE WELLS. INTERPLANETARY DISTANCES ARE NOT TO SCALE.

$$\text{DEPTH} = \frac{G \times \text{PLANET MASS}}{g \times \text{PLANET RADIUS}}$$

G = NEWTON'S CONSTANT  
g = 9.81 m/s<sup>2</sup>

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DEPTH  
GRAVITY  
WELL

MERCURY



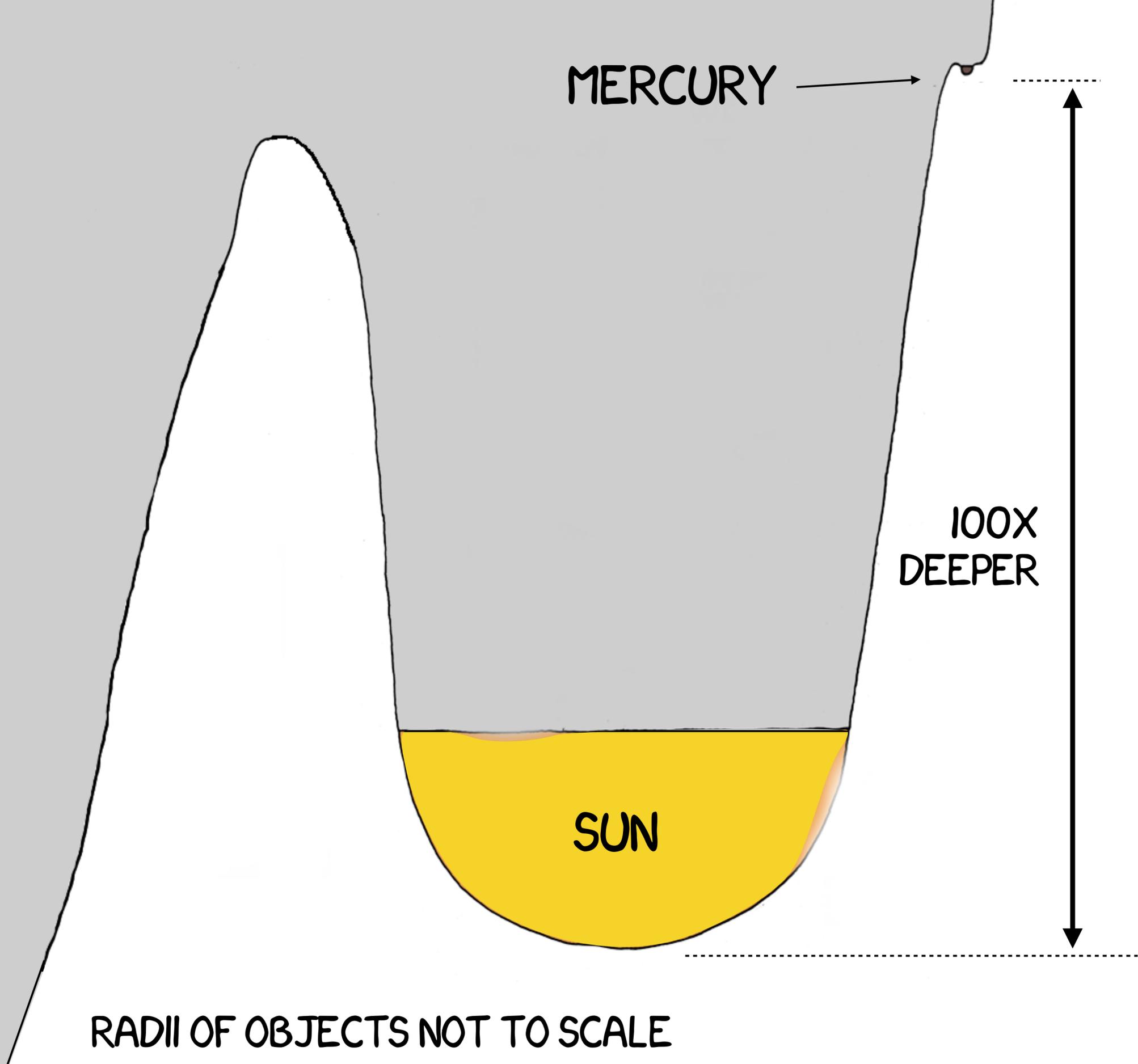
TO BLACK  
HOLE, VERY  
VERY FAR  
DOWN



100X  
DEEPER

SUN

RADII OF OBJECTS NOT TO SCALE



# BLACK HOLES HAVE DEEP, RELATIVISTIC GRAVITY WELLS

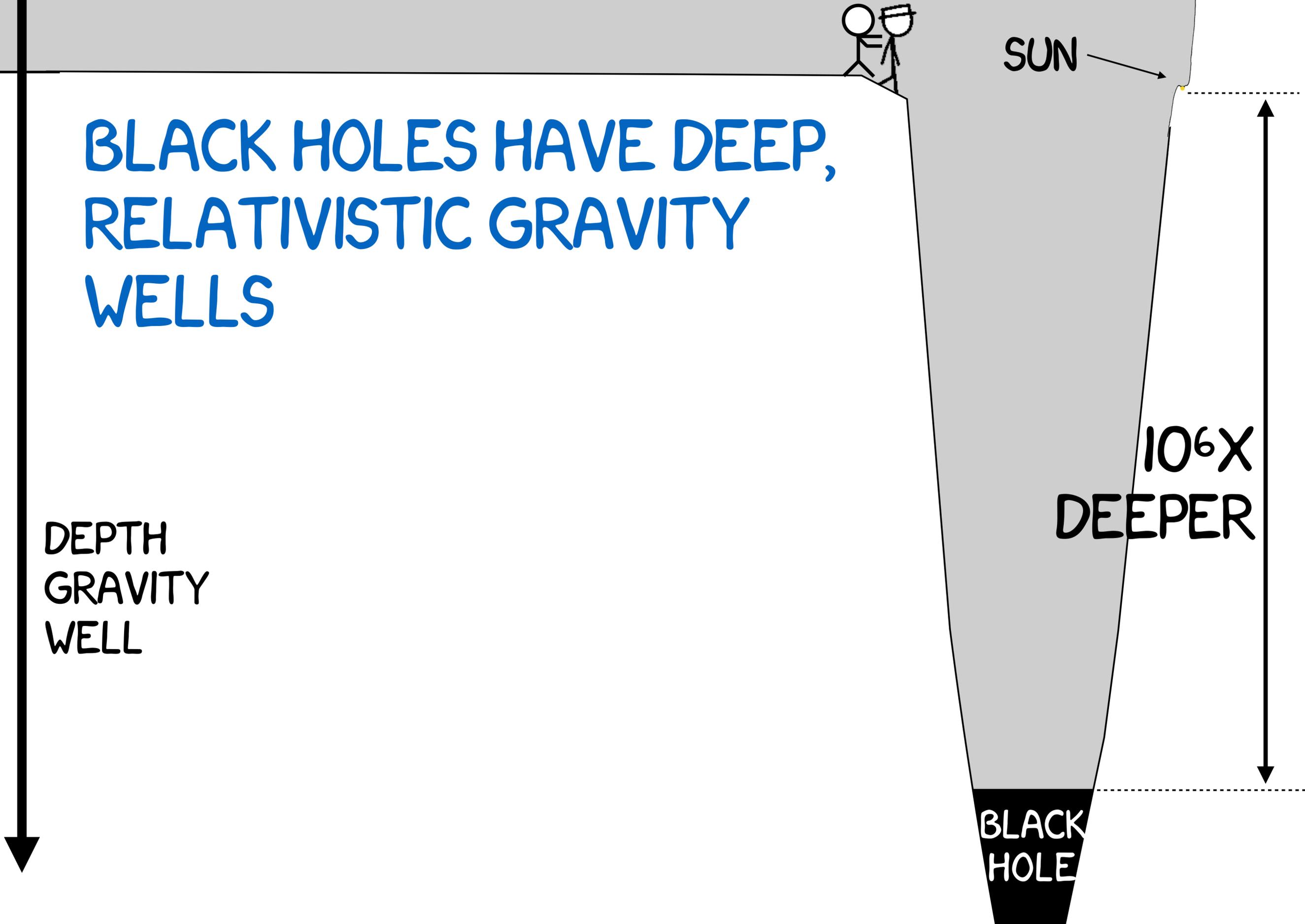
DEPTH  
GRAVITY  
WELL



SUN

$10^6$ X  
DEEPER

BLACK  
HOLE



# Classical vs quantum black holes

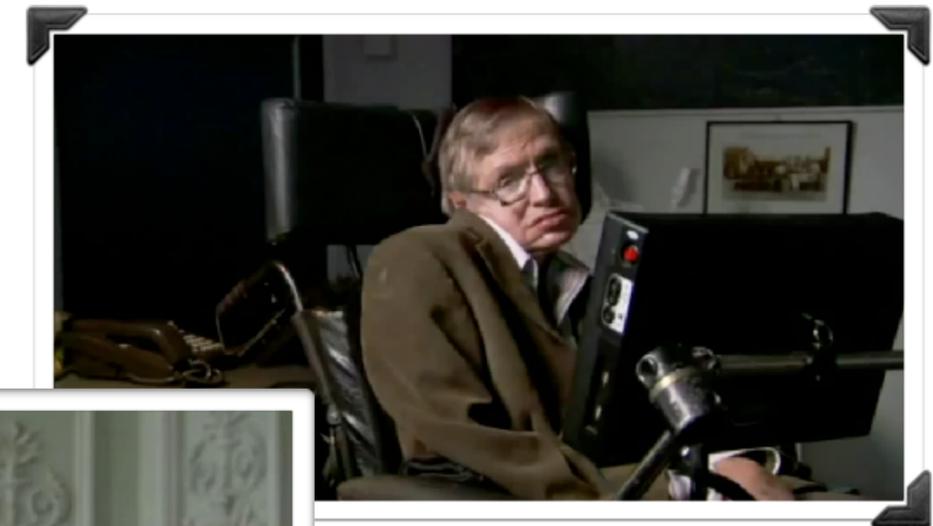
**Black holes from general relativity are classical objects**

**Quantum BHs: need quantum gravity theory**

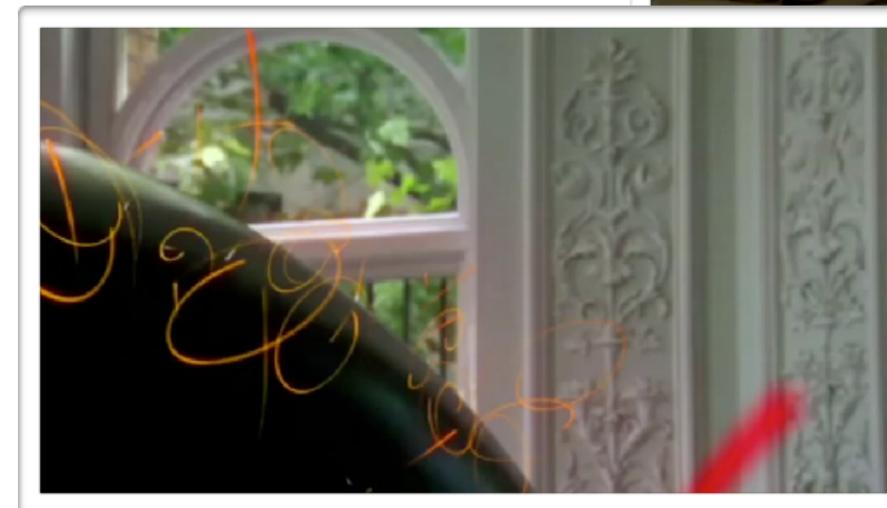
**Quantum BHs have weird properties:**

- **Hawking radiation**
- **Information paradox**

**Will not talk about them**



Credit: BBC



**Chandra Deep Field South**  
**81 days of exposure**



**Luo+16**

# How massive can a black hole be?

**BHs with  $M \gtrsim 3 M_{\text{sun}}$  form naturally by gravitational collapse of massive stars**

**No other stable equilibrium available at these masses**



# Two populations of black holes

## Supermassive

$10^6$ - $10^{10}$  solar masses

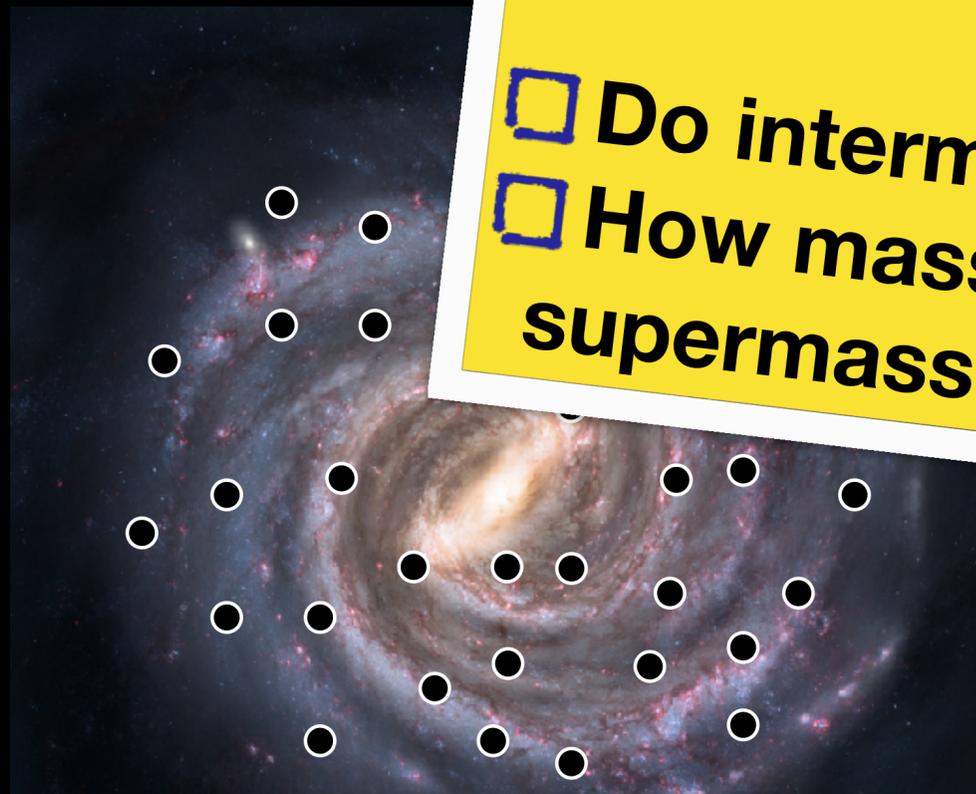
one in every galactic nucleus



## Stellar

5-60 solar masses

$\sim 10^7$  per galaxy



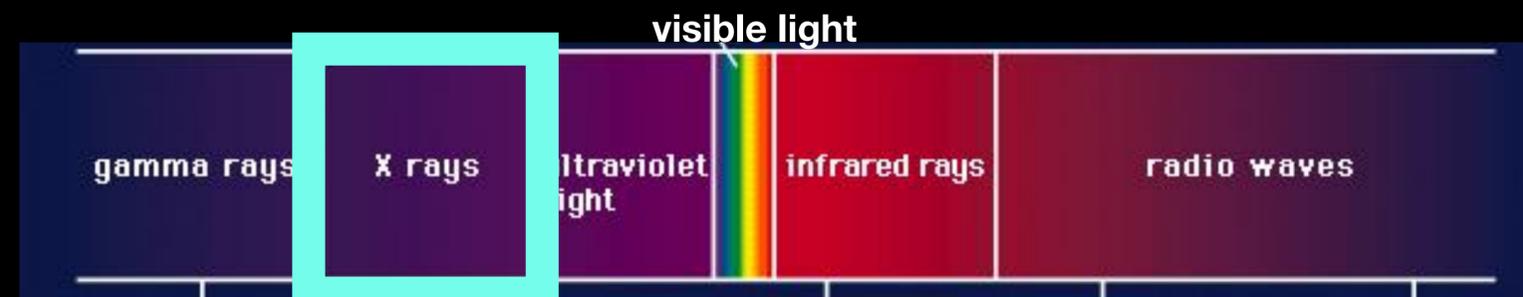
- Open question:
- Do intermediate-mass BHs exist?
  - How massive are the initial seeds of supermassive BHs?

# X-ray binaries, $M \sim 5-20 M_{\text{sun}}$

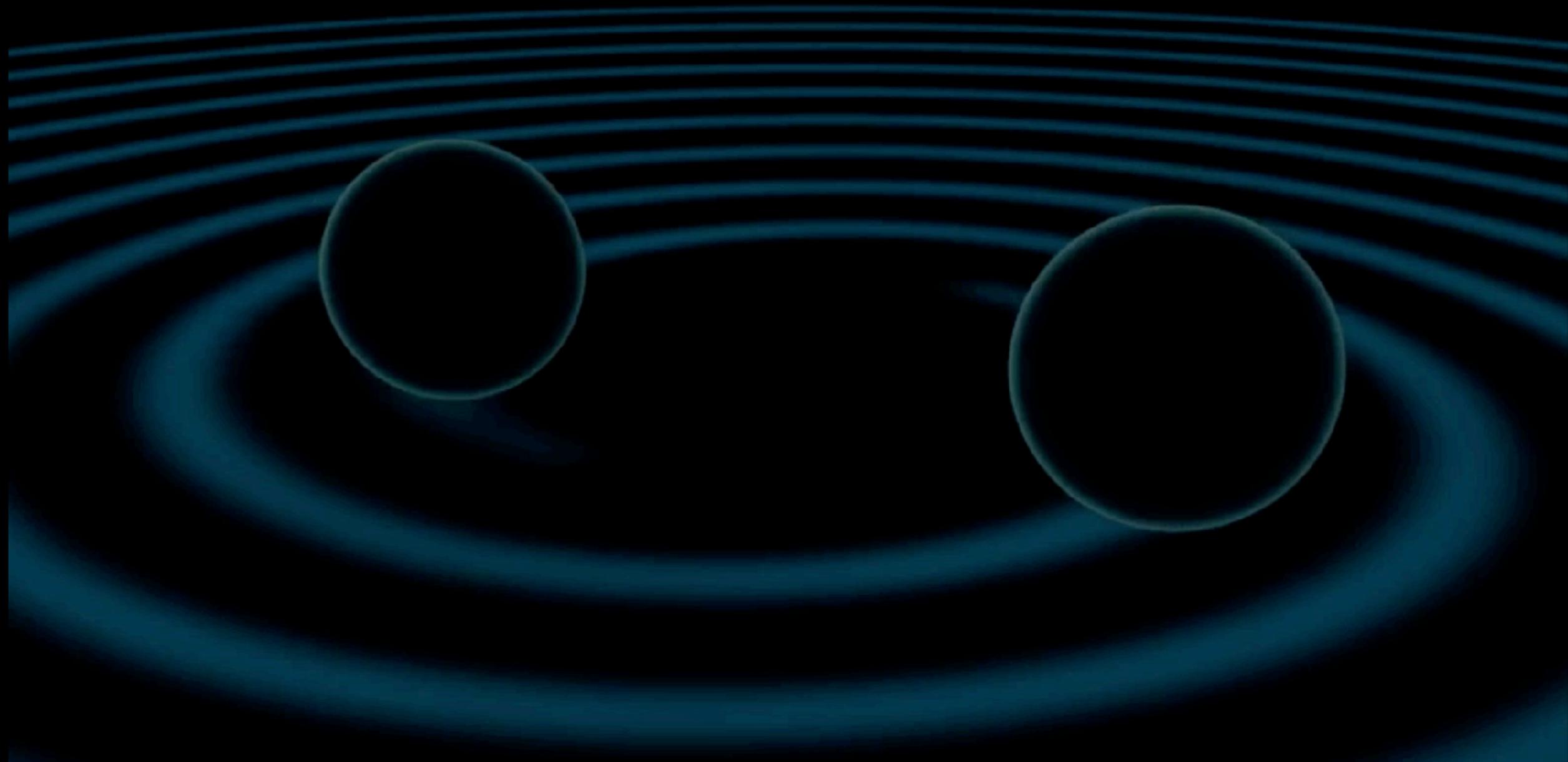
XRBs show dramatic state transitions, whose origin is unknown

$10^7$  XRBs per galaxy

Credit: NASA GSFC; Britannica



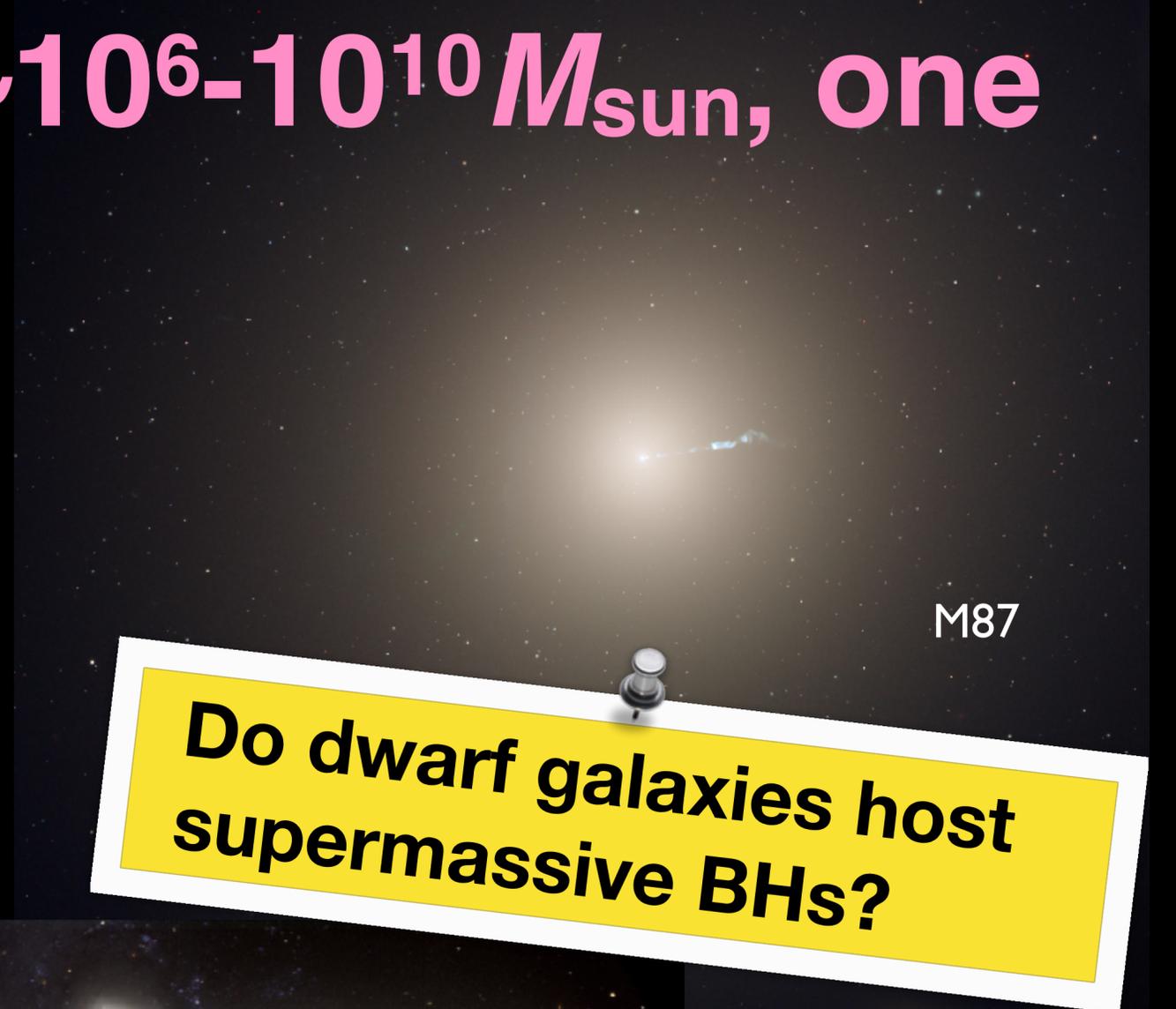
# GW150914: $M \sim 20-60 M_{\text{sun}}$



# Supermassive BHs have $M \sim 10^6 - 10^{10} M_{\text{sun}}$ , one in every galactic nuclei

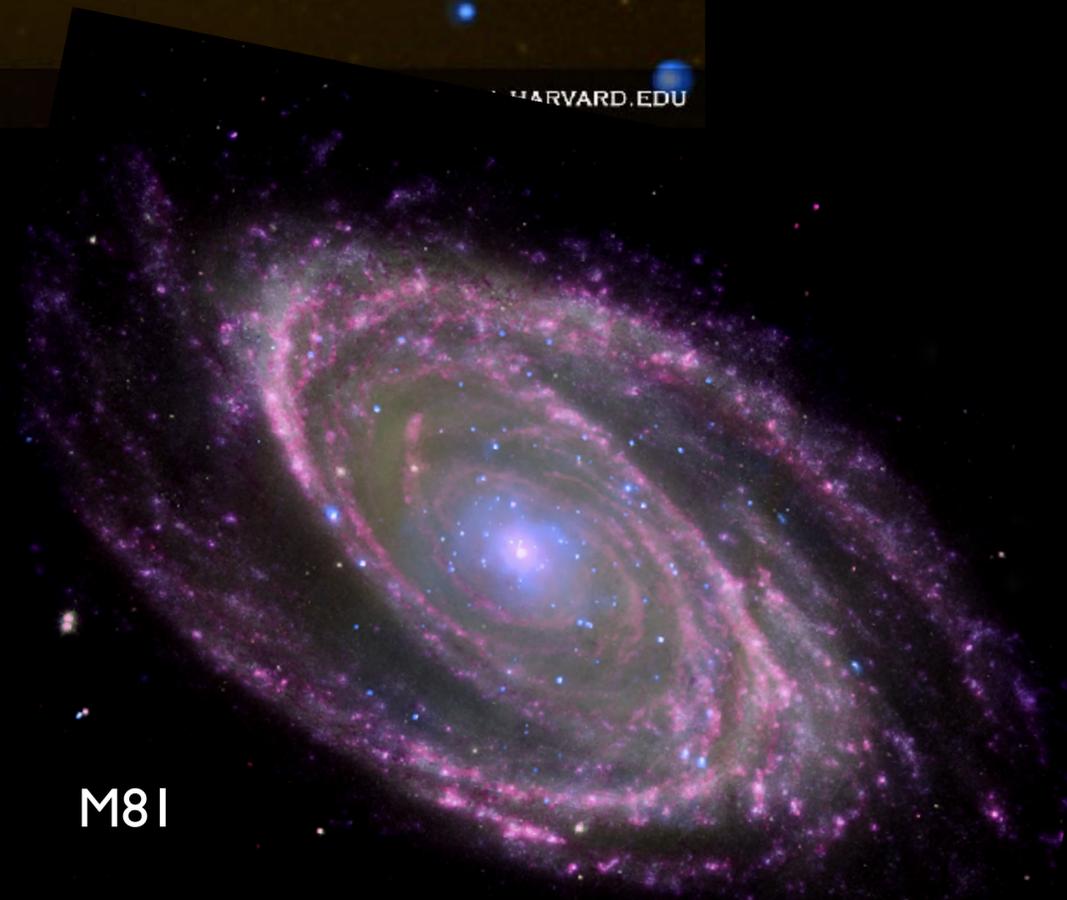


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**Do dwarf galaxies host supermassive BHs?**



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Credit: NASA, HST, CXC



NGC 1097

visible light



# How do we know they are black holes?

**Criteria used to identify astrophysical BHs**

- **Must be compact: radius  $<$  few  $R_s$**
- **Must be massive:  $M >$  several  $M_{\text{sun}}$ , too massive to be a neutron star ( $M_{\text{ns,crit}} \leq M_{\text{sun}}$ )**

**These are strong reasons for BH candidates**

**It is possible to empirically prove the existence of event horizons**



**Prove that BHs have event horizons (soon: Event Horizon Telescope)**

# Black holes are the most perfect macroscopic objects in the universe

Made only of spacetime warpage

Mass  $M$   $R_s = \frac{2GM}{c^2}$

Spin: angular momentum  $J$   $J = a GM^2/c$   
 $0 \leq |a| \leq 1$

~~Charge  $Q$~~

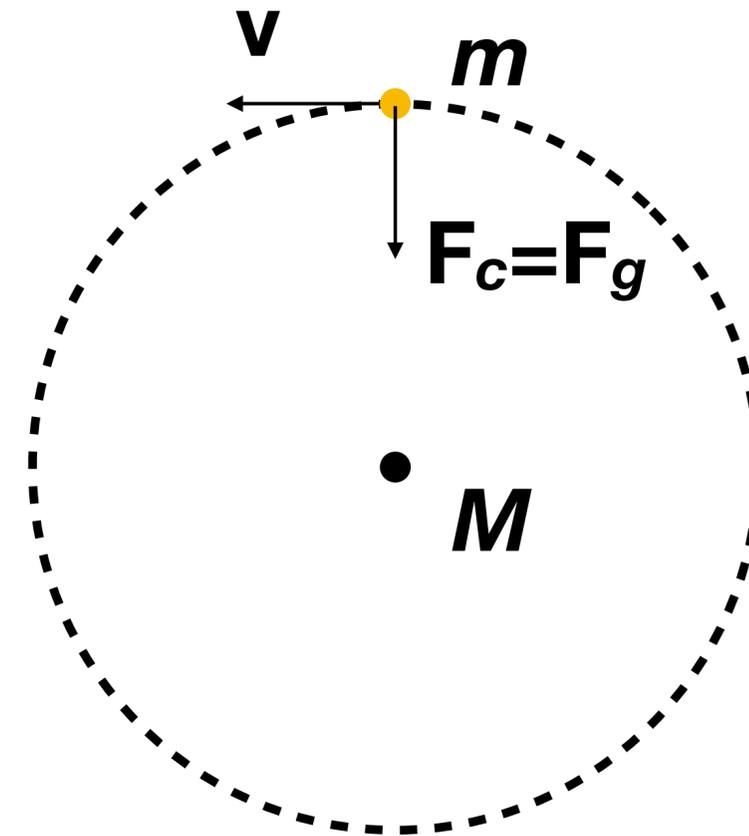
A black hole has no-hair (no-hair theorem)

# Measuring mass in astronomy

Best mass estimates are *dynamical*

**Test particle in circular orbit**

$$F_g = F_c \Rightarrow \frac{GMm}{r^2} = \frac{mv^2}{r}$$
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{M = \frac{v^2 r}{G}}$$



**Alternatively, Kepler's third law**

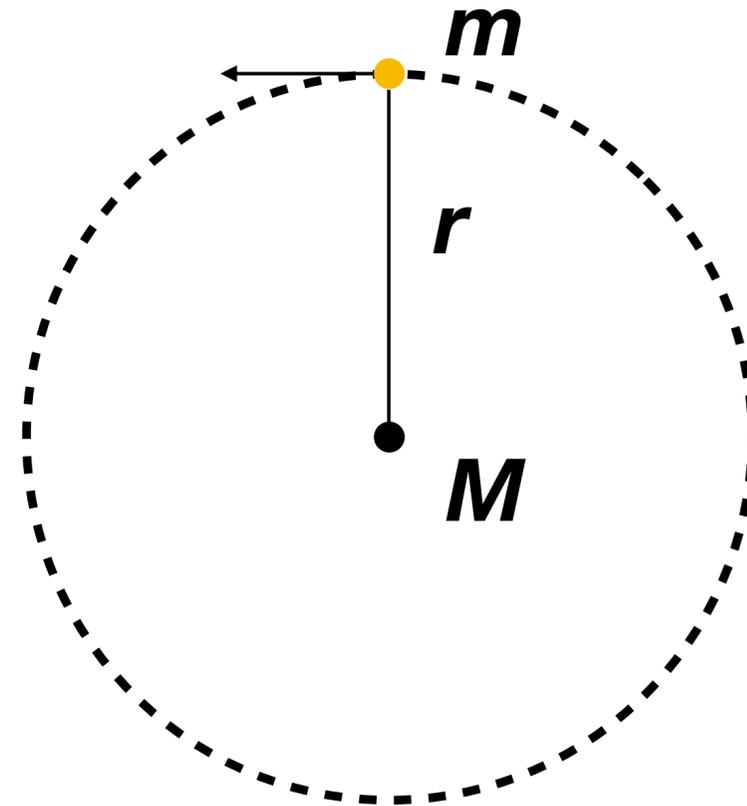
$$\frac{P^2}{r^3} = \frac{4\pi^2}{G(M + m)} \Rightarrow \boxed{M \approx \frac{4\pi^2 r^3}{GP^2}}$$

# Exercise

Suppose a star is measured in a circular orbit with  $P=15$  years and  $r=1000$  au. Compute  $M$ .

$$M \approx \frac{4\pi^2 r^3}{GP^2}$$

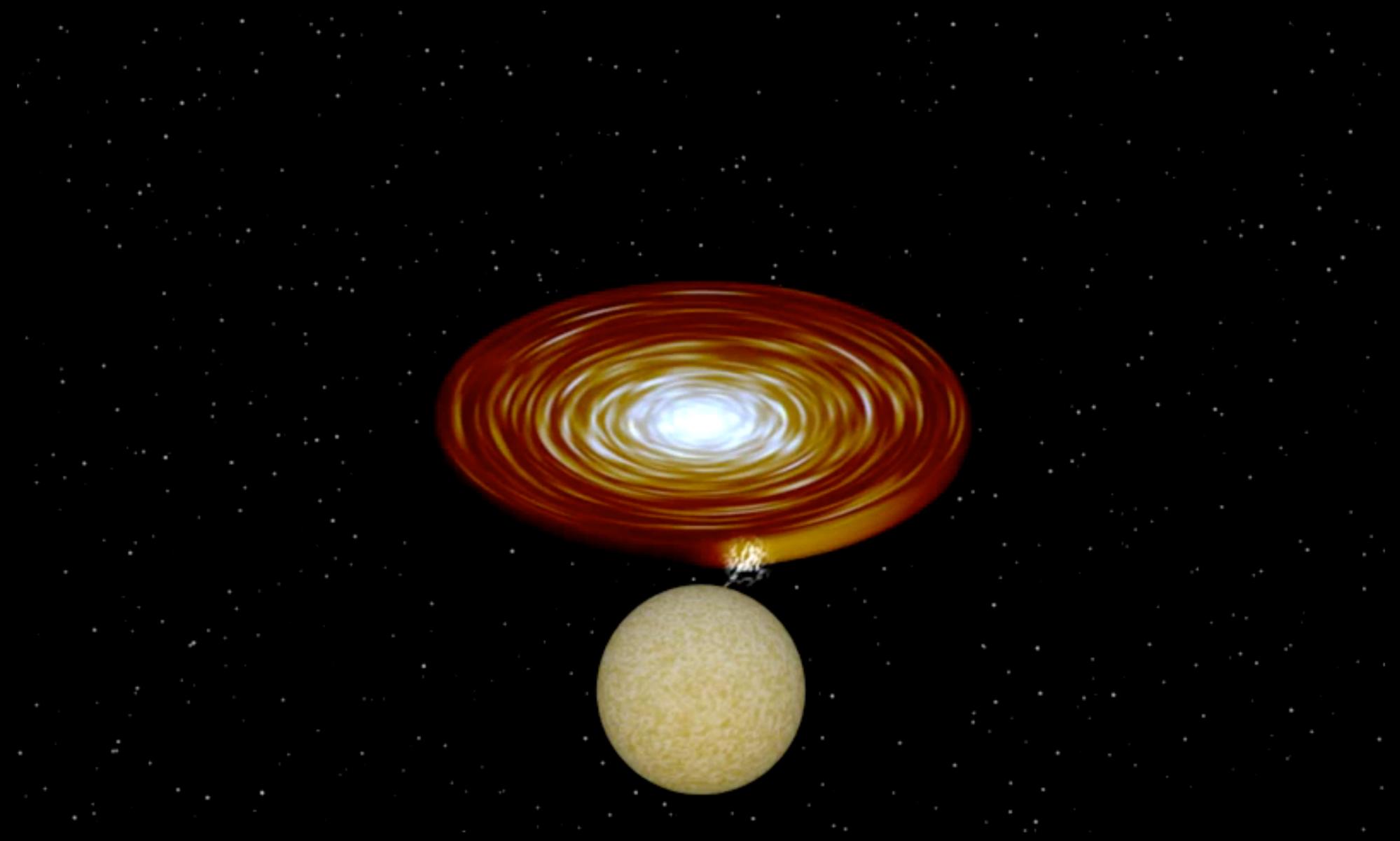
Kepler's third law



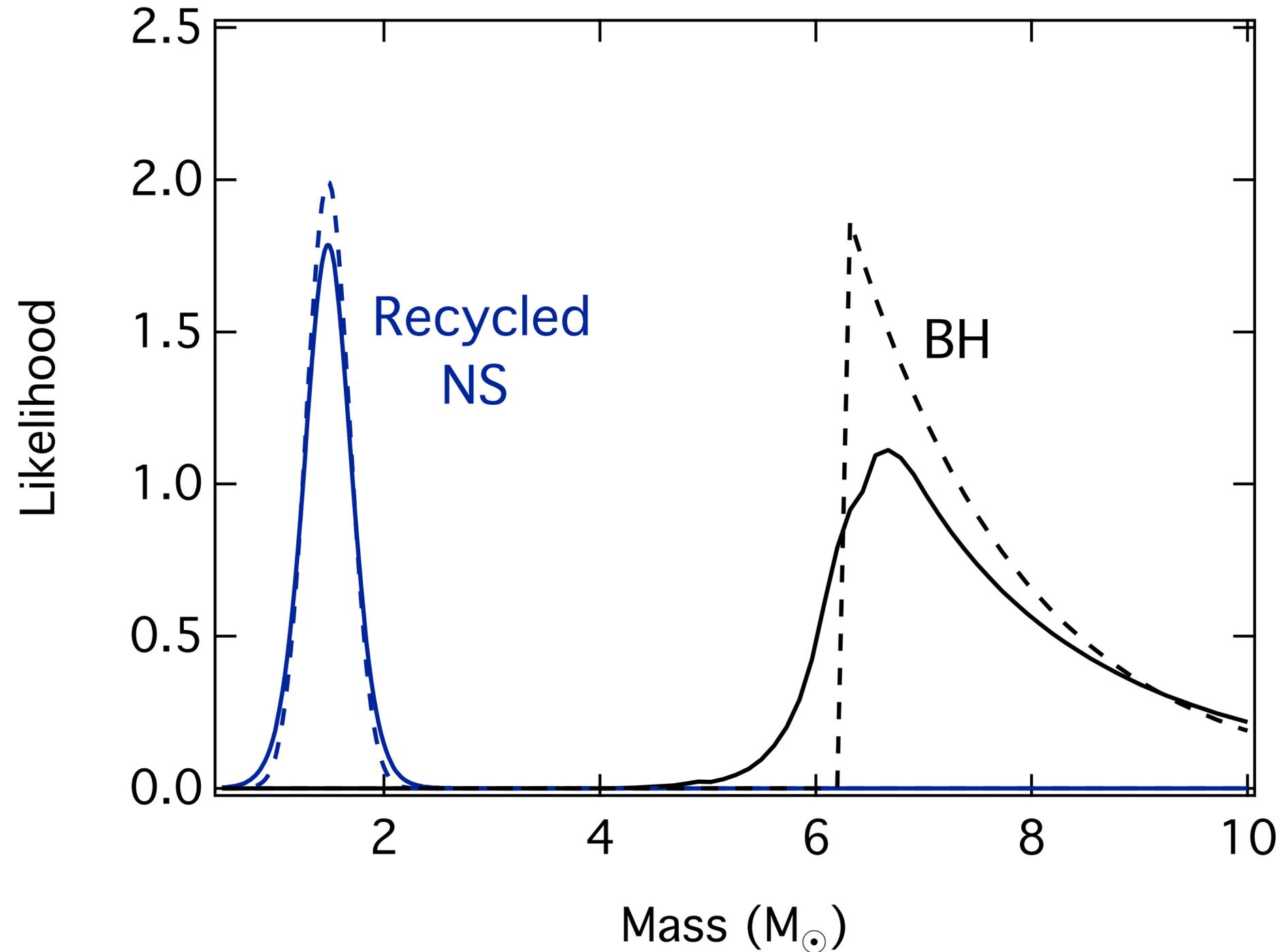
$$1 \text{ au} = 1.5\text{E}11 \text{ m}$$

$$G = 6.67\text{E}-11 \text{ N m}^2/\text{kg}^2$$

$$M_{\text{sun}} = 2\text{E}30 \text{ kg}$$



# Distribution of masses of neutron stars and stellar mass black holes



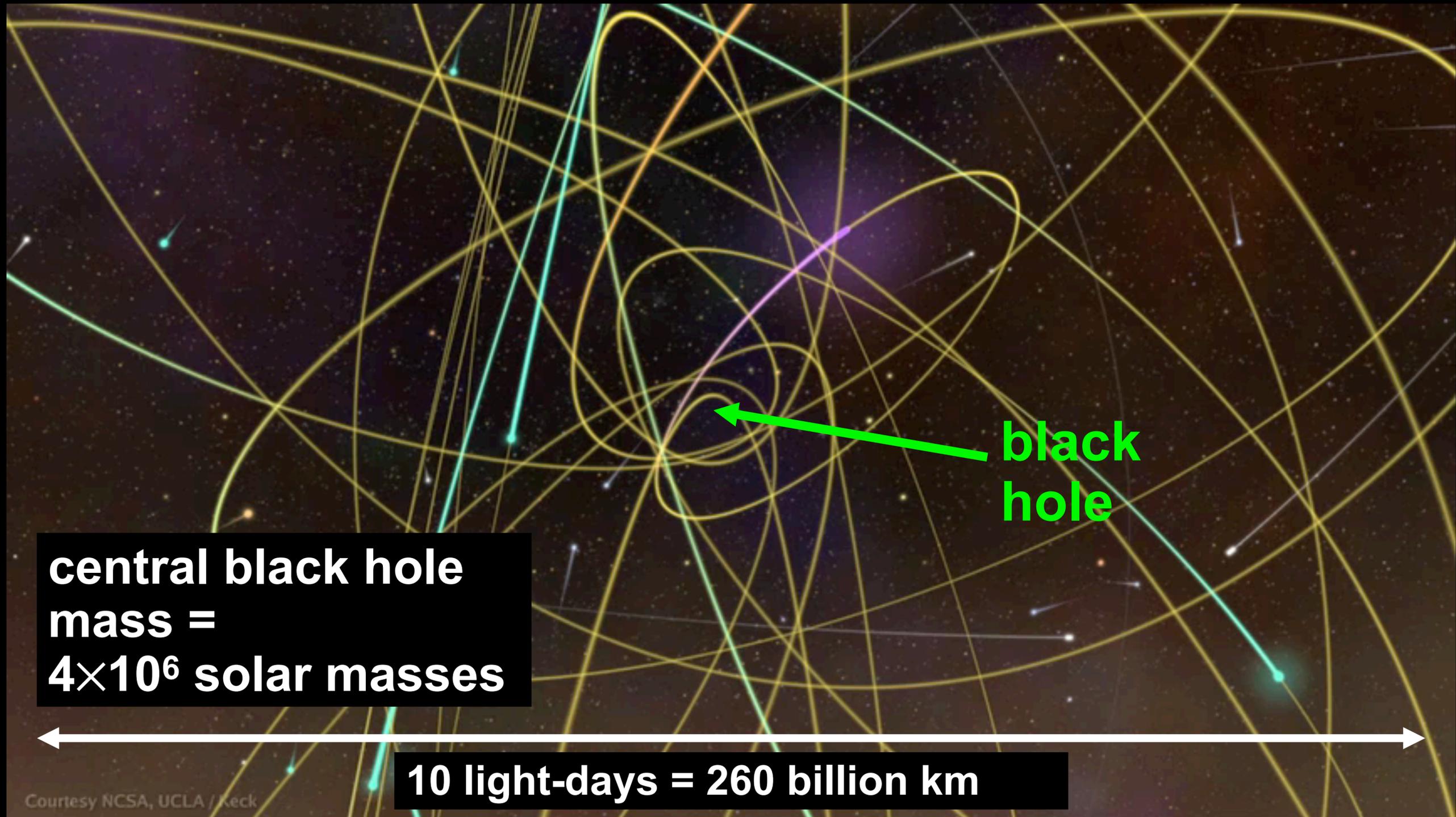
**Sagitário A\***  
**Massa =  $4 \times 10^6 M_{\text{Sun}}$**

Sistema  
Solar



# Journey to Sagittarius A\*: the supermassive black hole at the center of the Milky Way





# How to measure black hole spin?

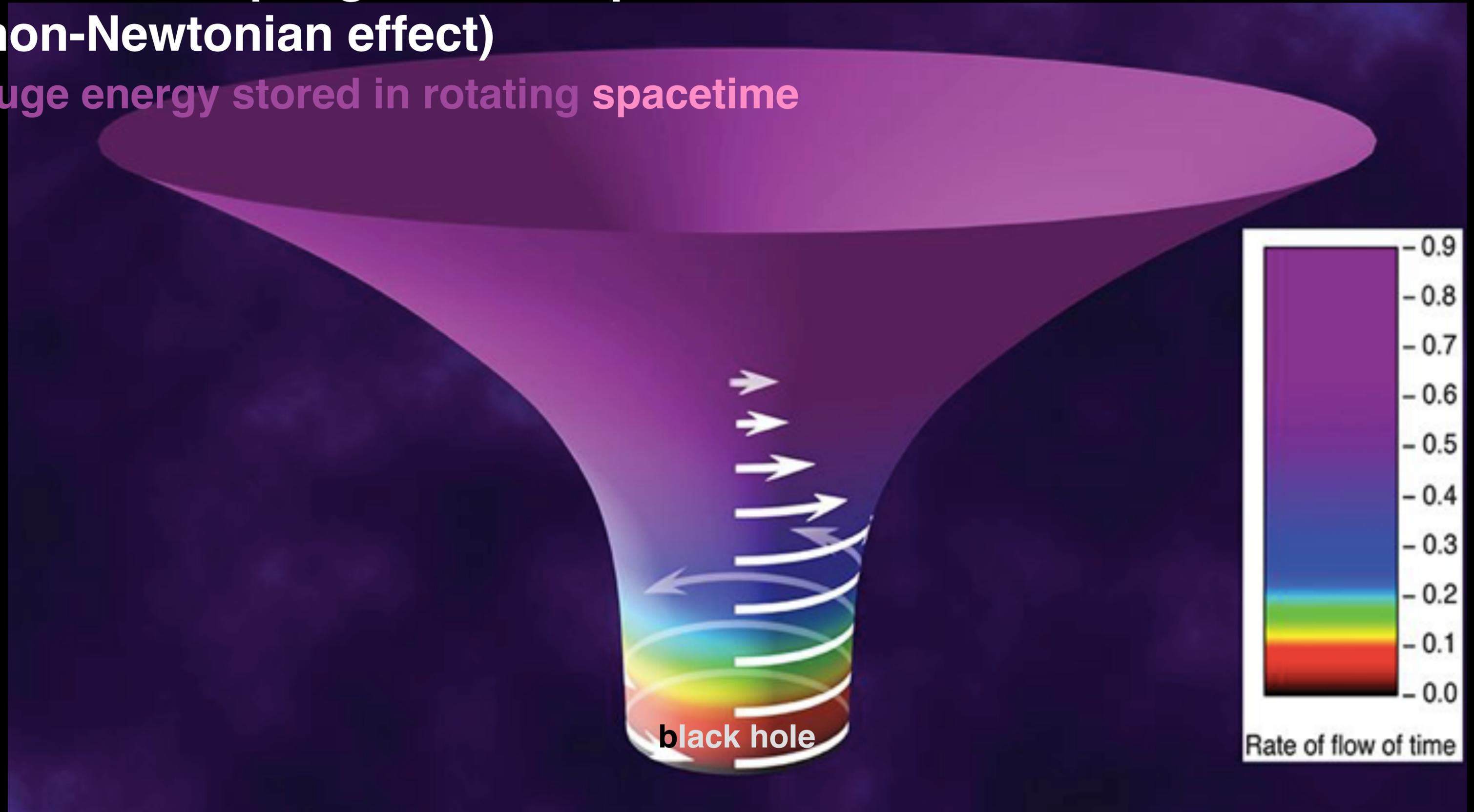
if  $t > 40'$ :  
skip

$$J = \frac{aGM^2}{c}$$

$$0 \leq |a| \leq 1$$

# Black hole spin generates spacetime whirlwind (non-Newtonian effect)

Huge energy stored in rotating spacetime





How to reliably  
measure black  
hole spin?

spinning  
BH

**How do we observe  
black holes?**





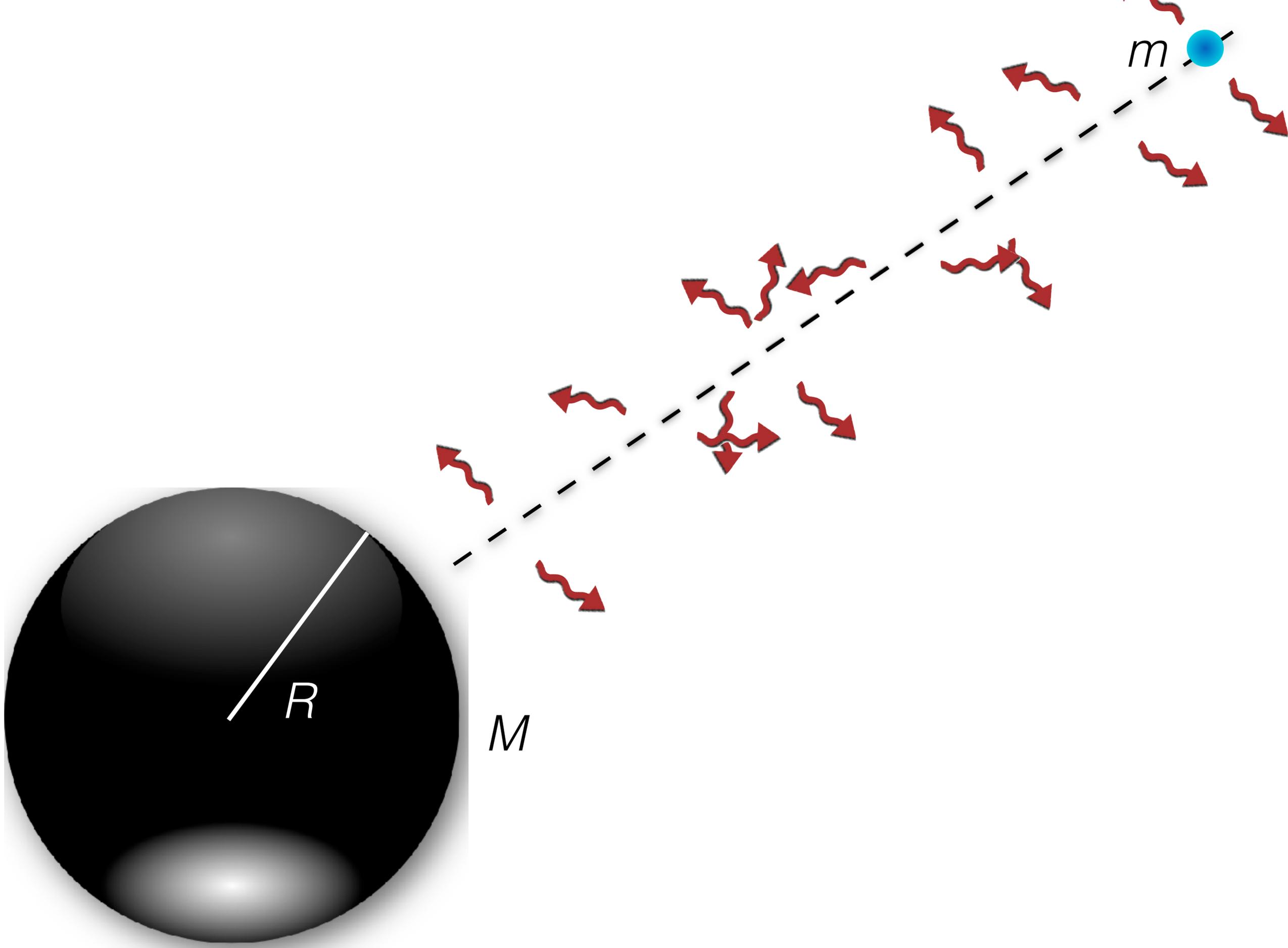
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# Black holes surrounded by accretion disks, release enormous amounts of light



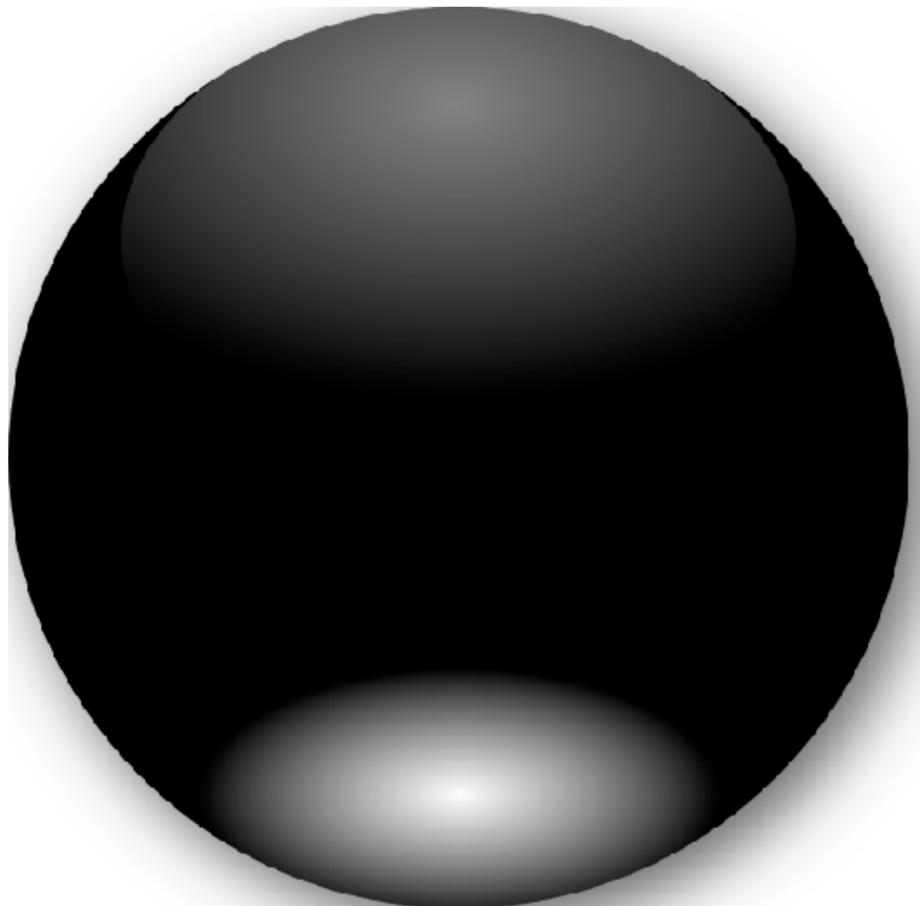
How efficient is the release of light?



**Energy released:**  $U = \frac{GMm}{R}$

**Luminosity:**  $L = \dot{U} = \frac{GM\dot{m}}{R} \Rightarrow L = \eta\dot{m}c^2$

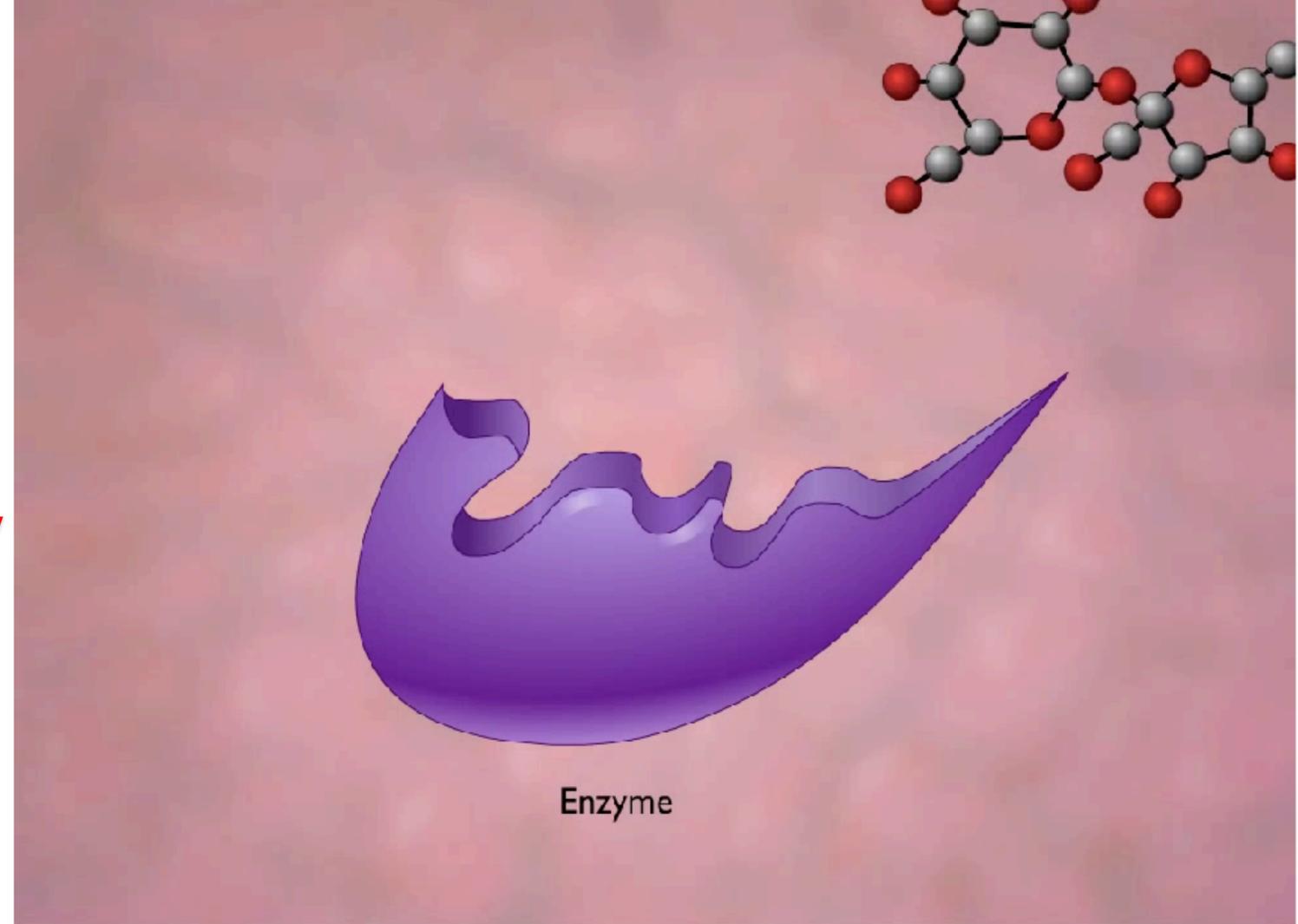
**Radiative efficiency:**  $\eta \propto M/R$



**For black holes:**  $\eta \sim 10-40\%$

**Sugar (sucrose)  $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$**

**1g  $\rightarrow$  4 kcal = 16.2 kJ =  $1e23$  eV**



$$\eta = \frac{E}{mc^2} = \frac{1.6 \times 10^{11} \text{ erg}}{9 \times 10^{20} \text{ erg}} = 2 \times 10^{-10}$$

# Itaipu Dam – 14 GW

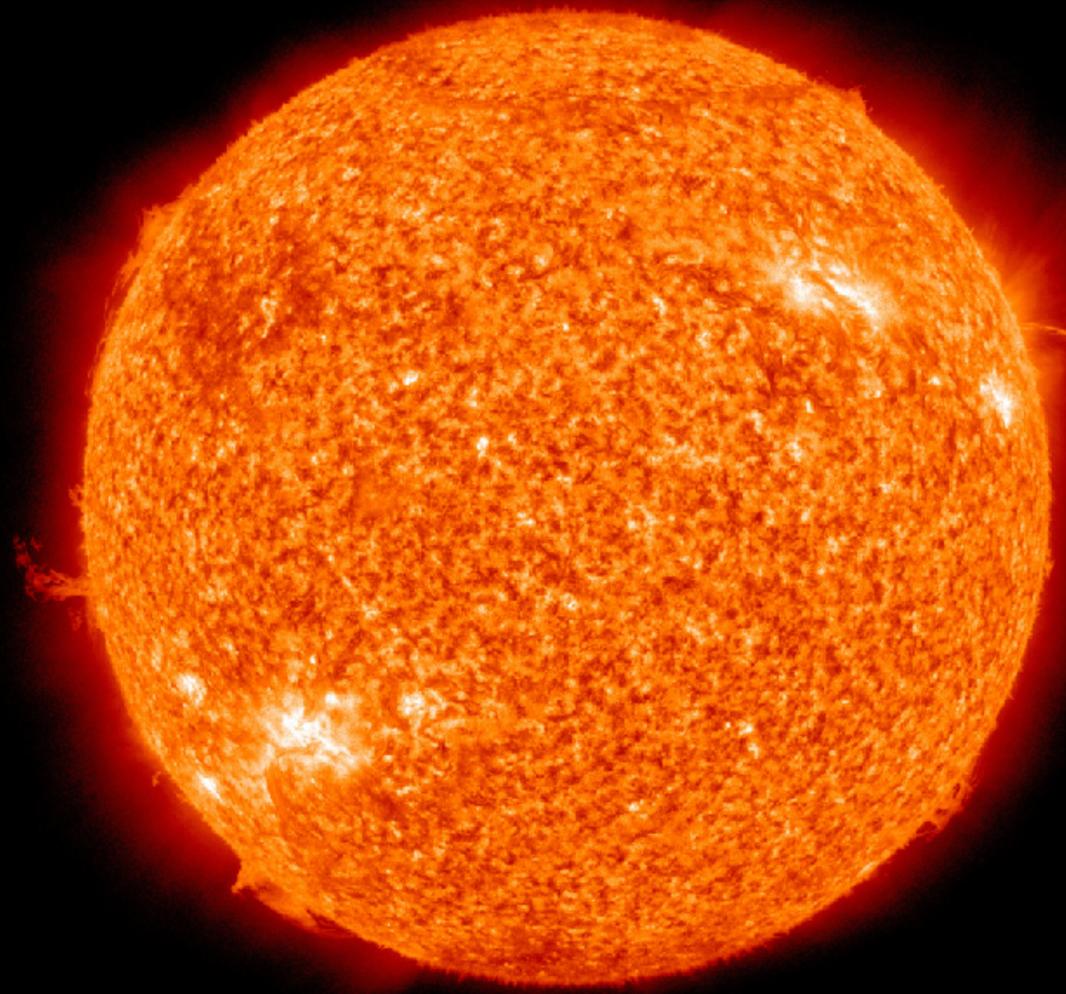


$$\eta = \frac{mgh}{mc^2} = 10^{-14} \left( \frac{h}{100 \text{ m}} \right)$$



$$\eta = \frac{mv^2}{2mc^2} \sim 10^{-14} \left( \frac{v}{200 \text{ km/h}} \right)^2$$

# Nuclear fusion



Tsar bomba

$$\eta = 0.008 \times 0.1 \sim 8 \times 10^{-4}$$

# Black holes surrounded by accretion disks, release enormous amounts of light

Most efficient radiators in the universe

Radiative efficiency:

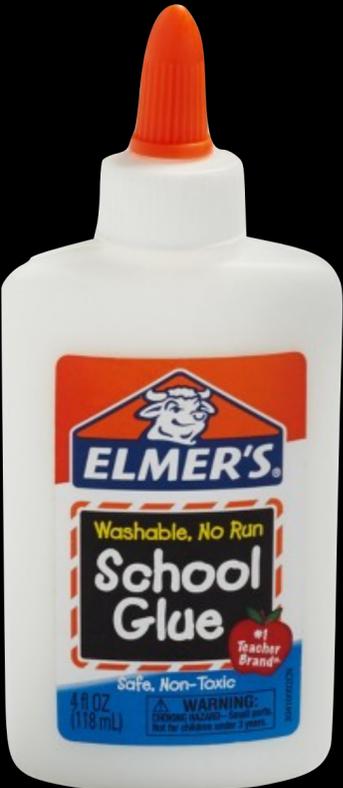
$$\eta_{\text{rad}} = \frac{E_{\text{out}}^{\text{rad}}}{E_{\text{in}}^{\text{gas}}} = 10 - 40\%$$

*100x more efficient than nuclear fusion!*

Radiate across all electromagnetic spectrum!



# Back-of-the-envelope estimate of accretion disk luminosity



*L ~ 10<sup>10</sup> L<sub>sun</sub>  
 ~ 1 M<sub>Earth</sub> c<sup>2</sup>  
 every 3 hours*

**BLACK HOLE MASS**  
 $M = 10^8 M_{\odot}$

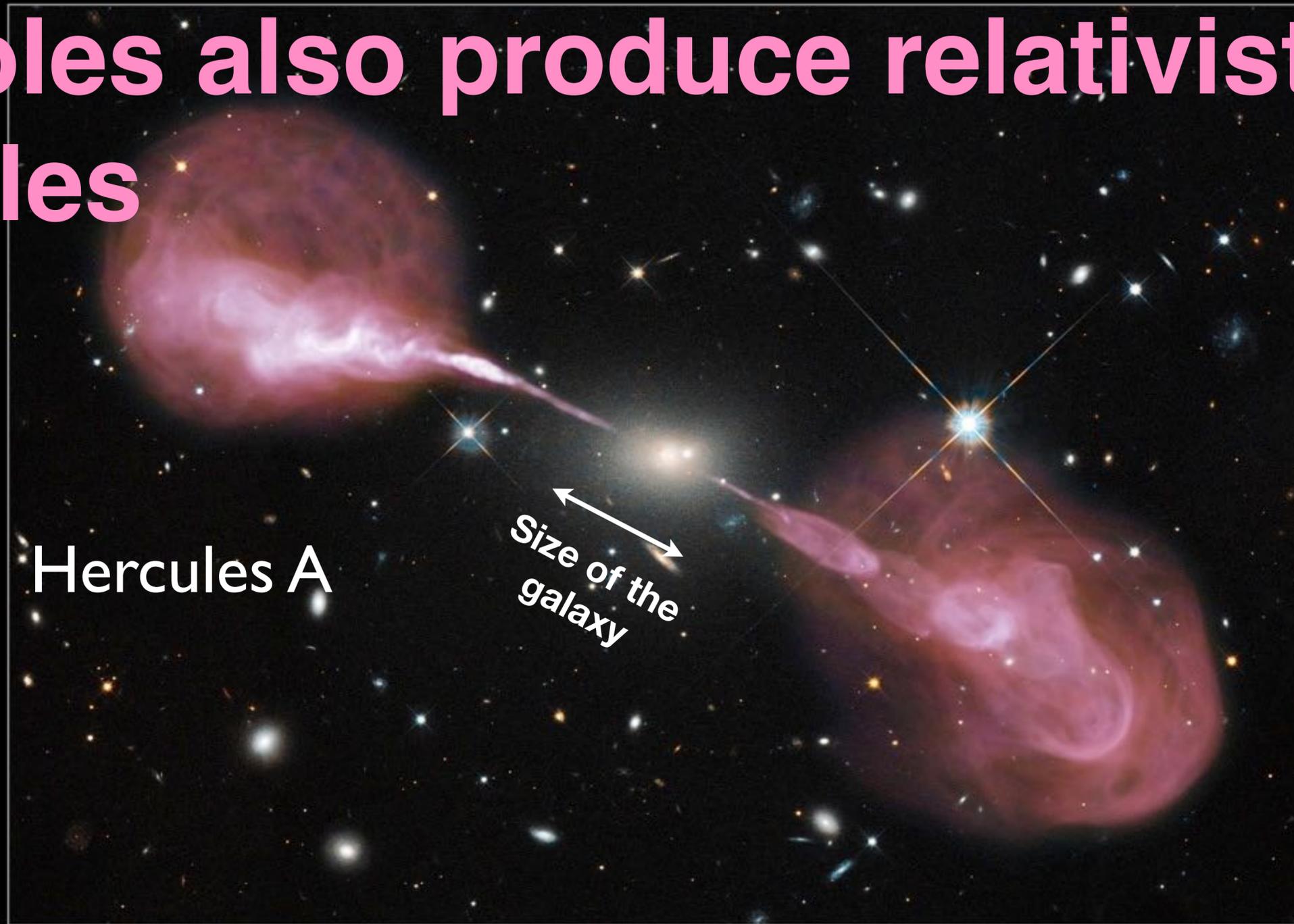
**MASS SUPPLY TO BLACK HOLE**  
 $m = 1 M_{\oplus}$

**FREE-FALL TIMESCALE**  
 $t_{\text{ff}} = \sqrt{\frac{2r^3}{GM}}$

**MASS ACCRETION RATE**  
 $\dot{m} \sim m/t_{\text{ff}} = 10^{24} \text{ g s}^{-1}$   
MASS OF ALL WATER ON EARTH

**LUMINOSITY**  
 $L \sim 0.1 \dot{m} c^2 \sim 10^{44} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$

# Black holes also produce relativistic jets of particles

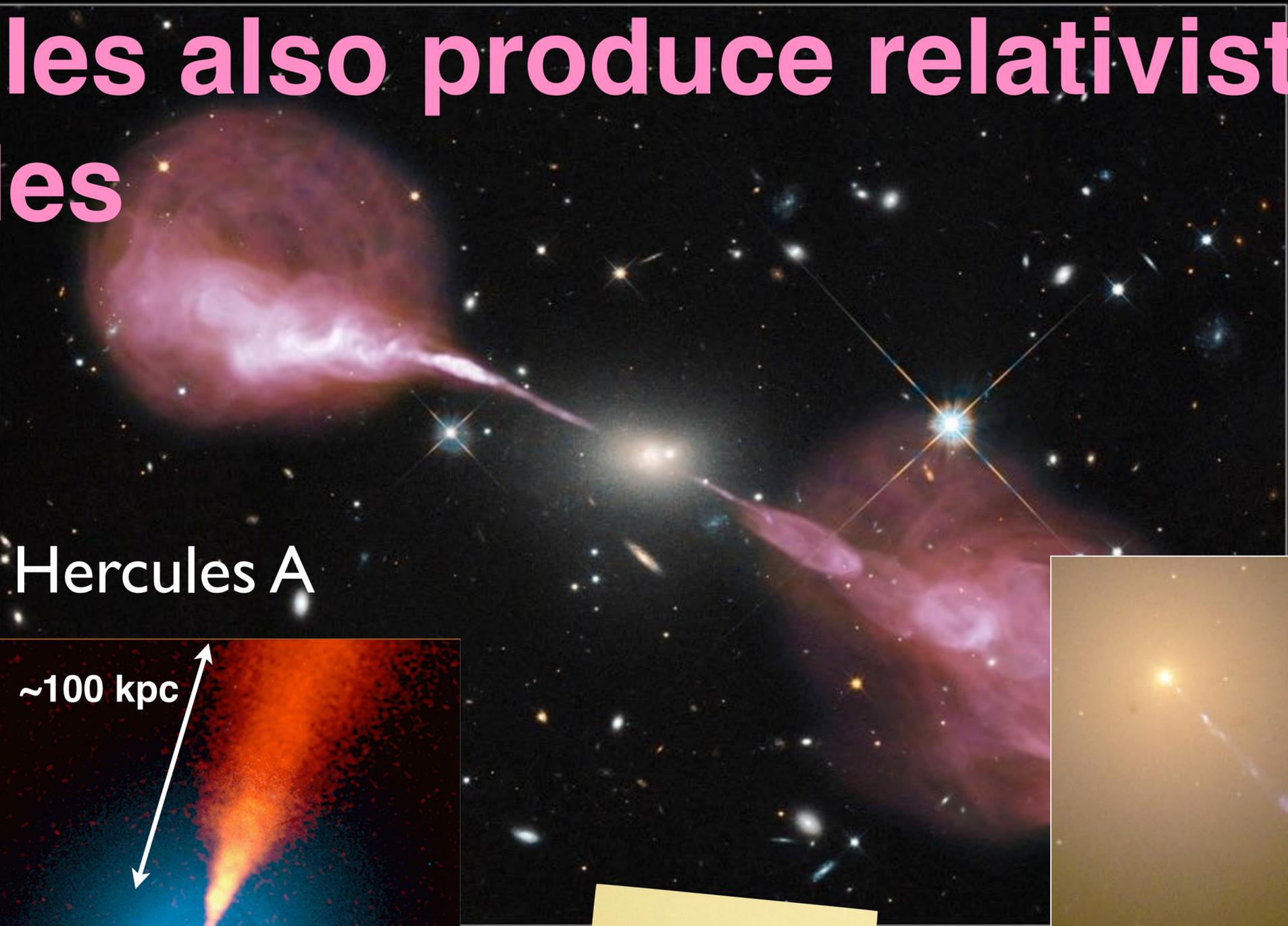


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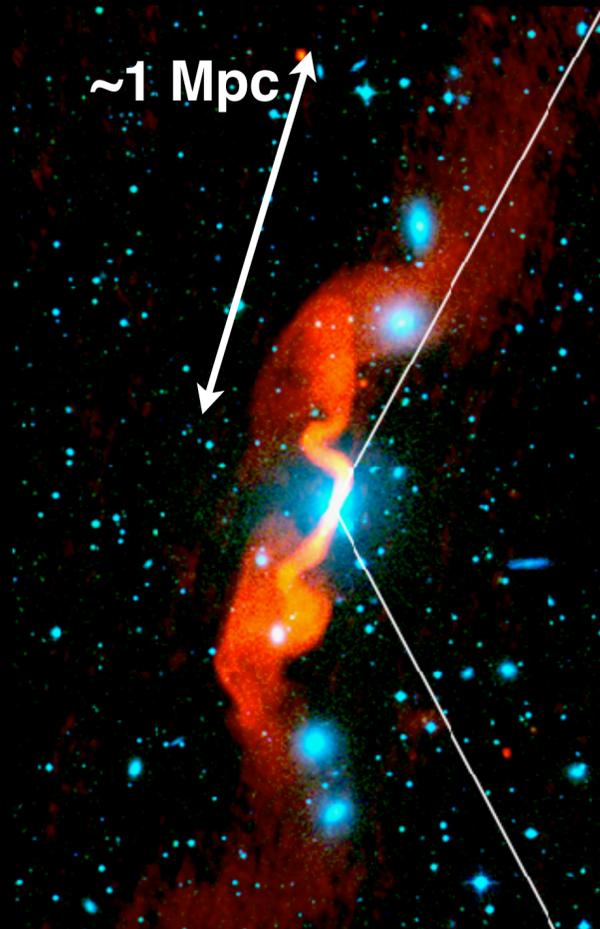
Size of the galaxy

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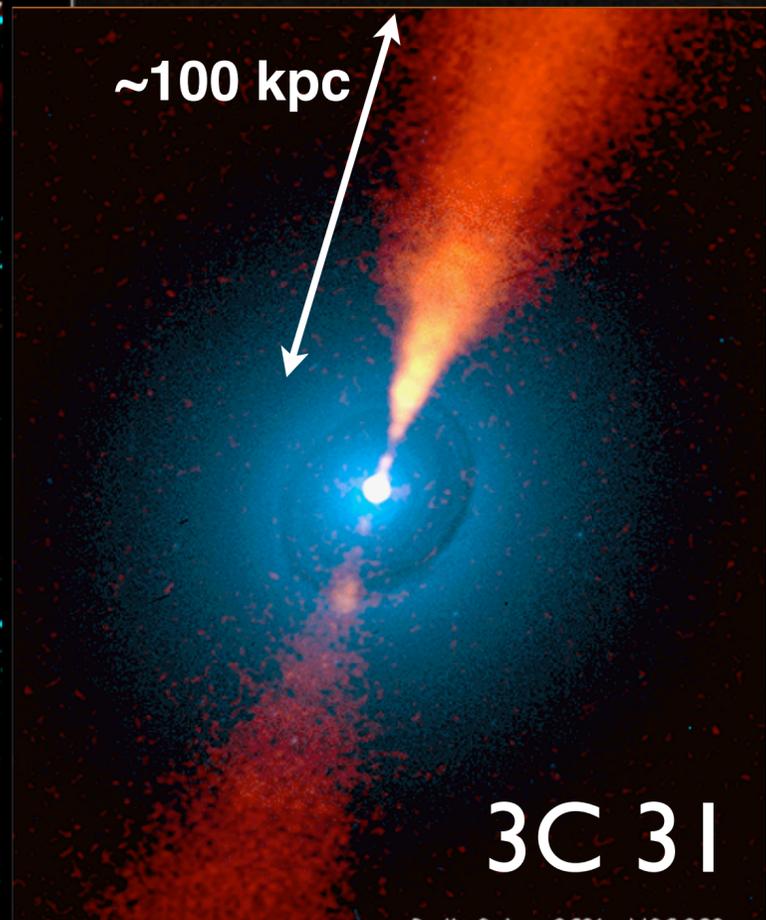
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~1 Mpc



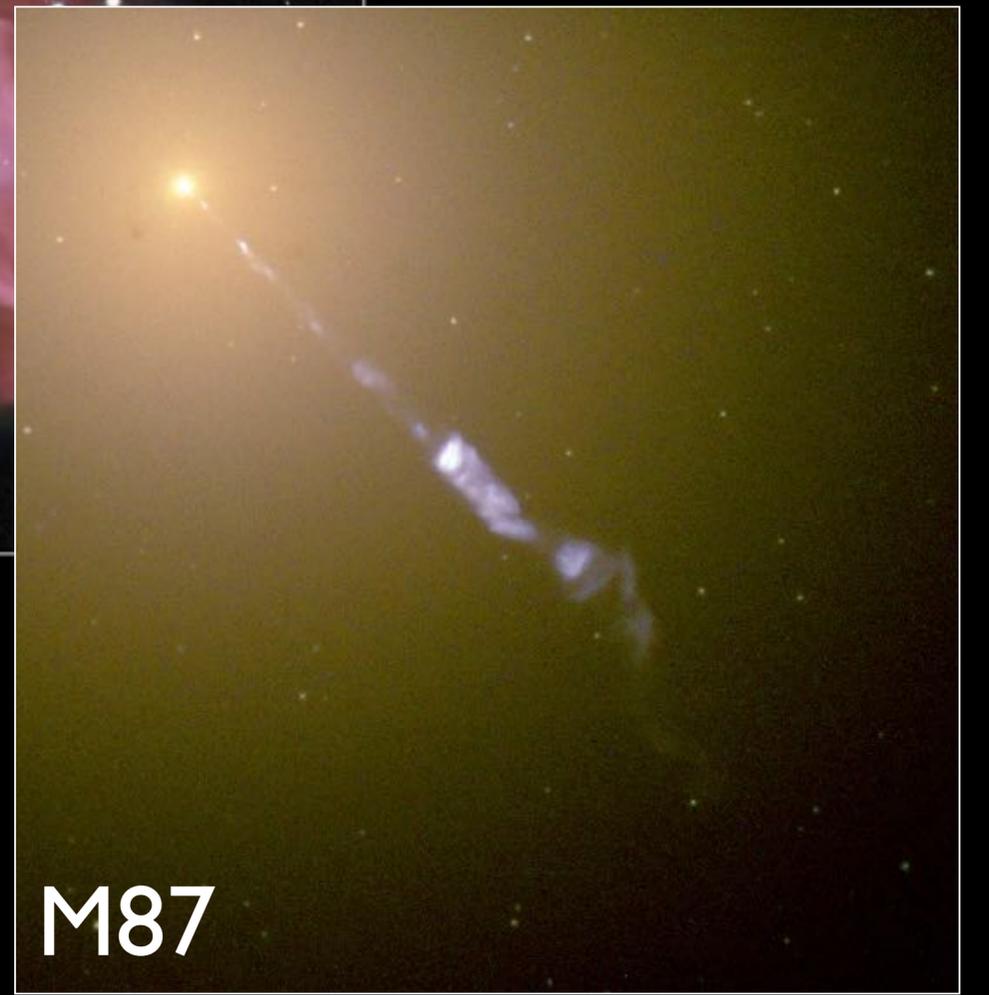
~100 kpc

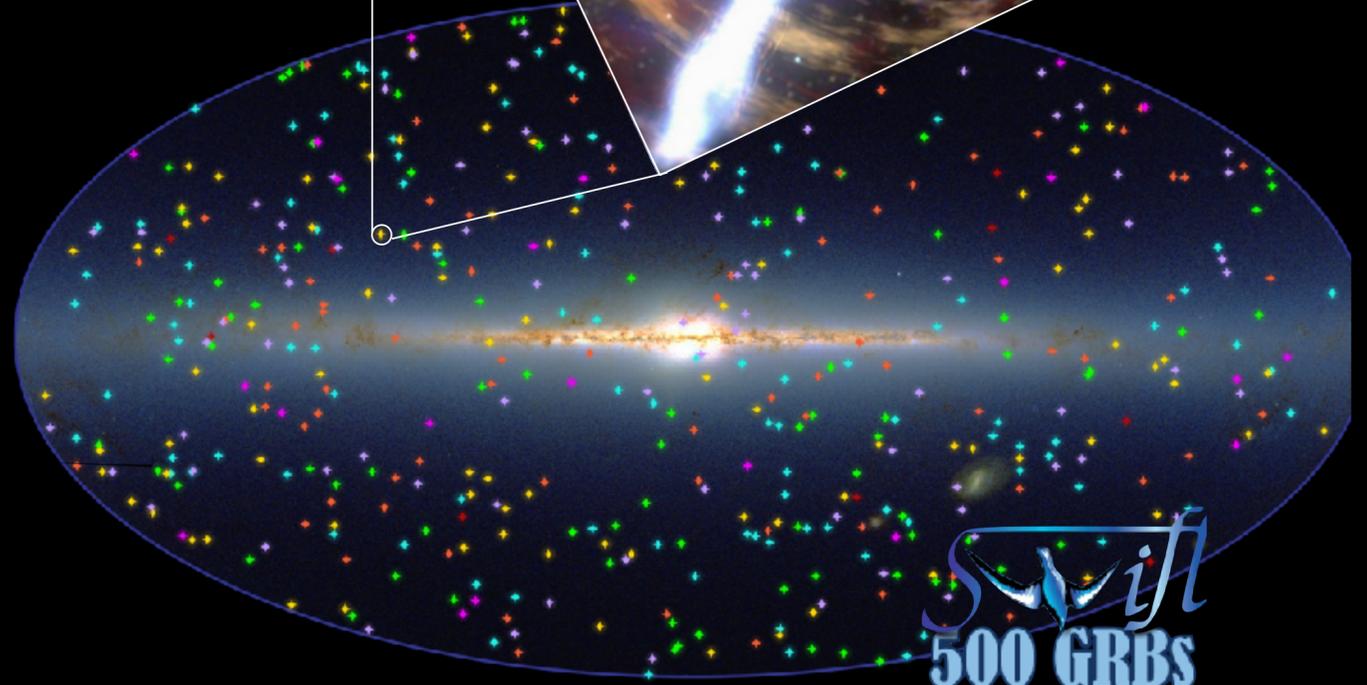
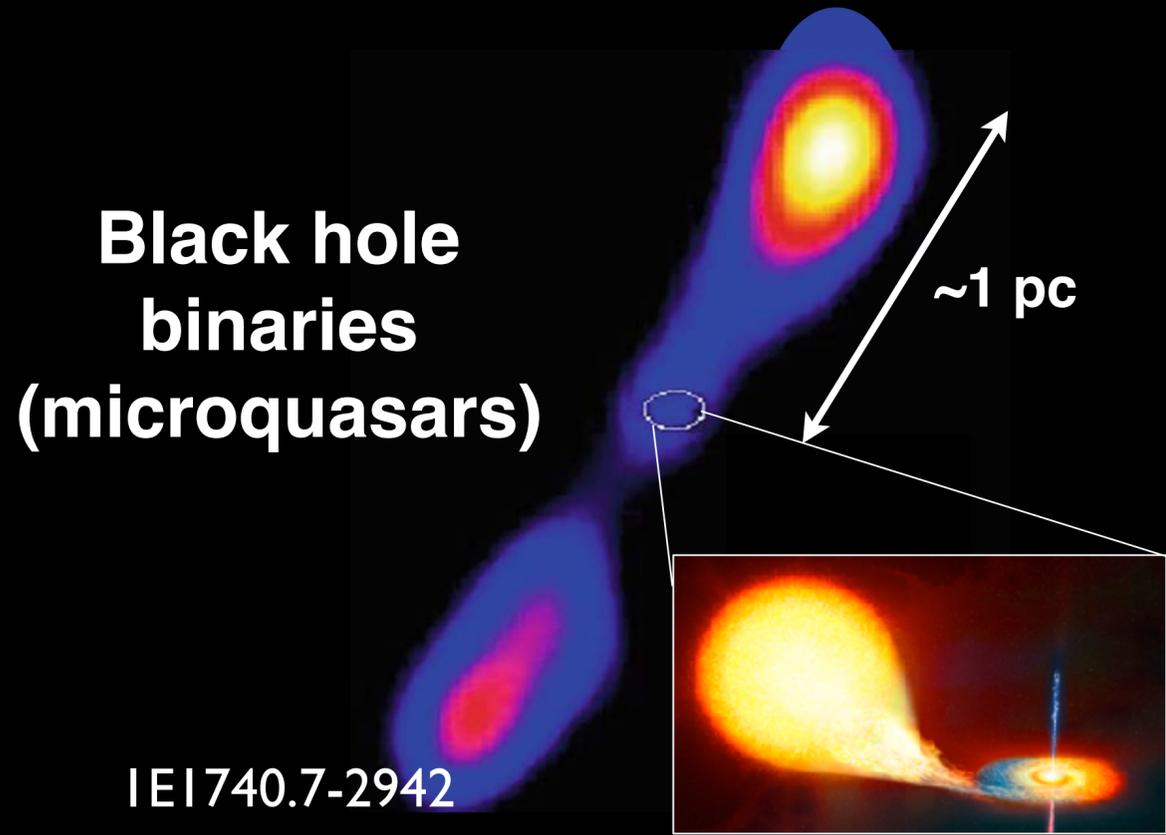
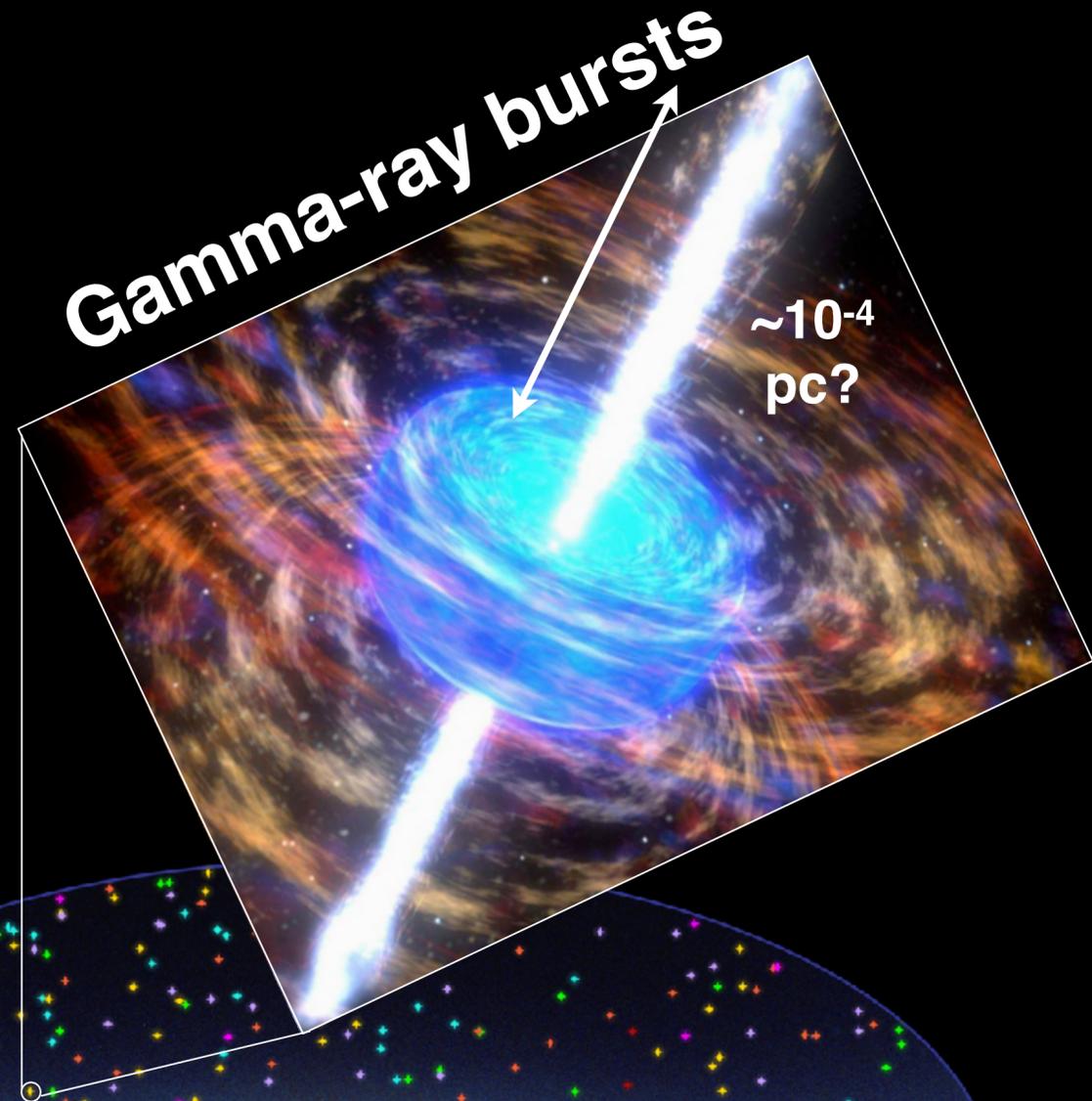
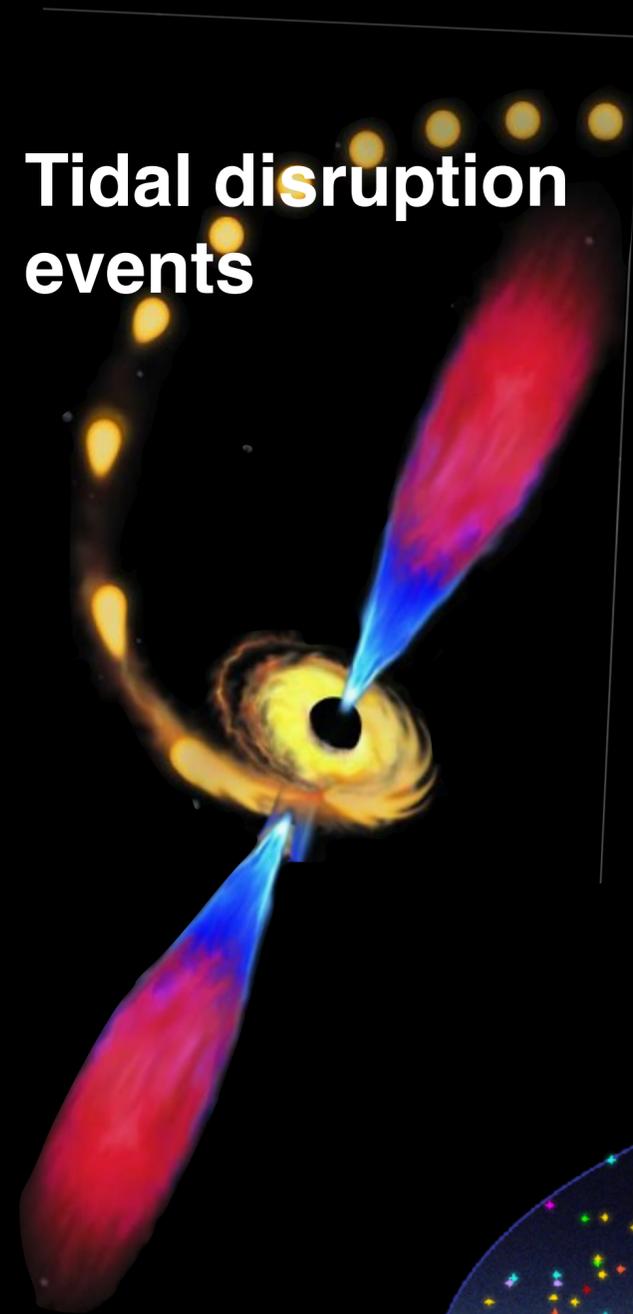
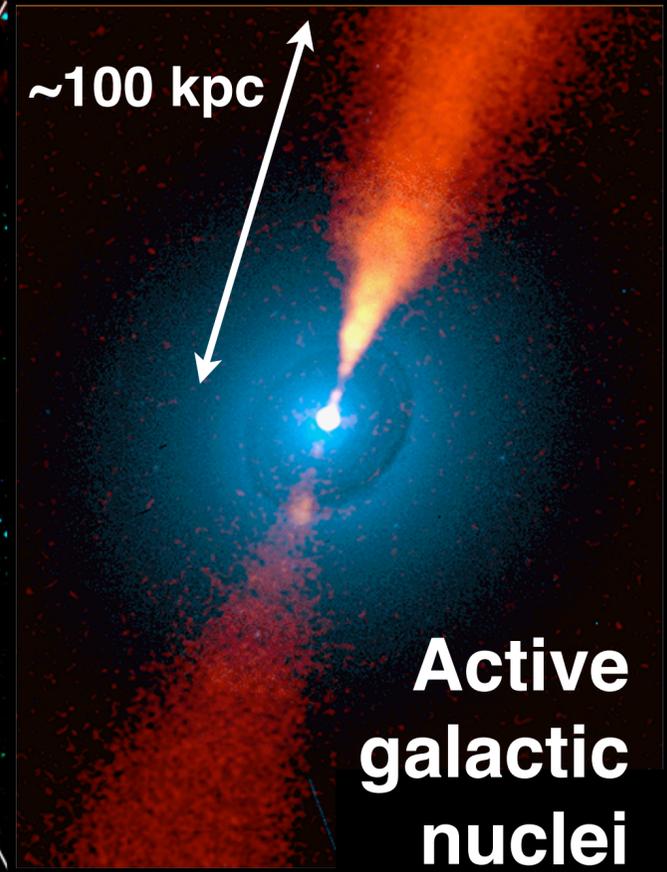
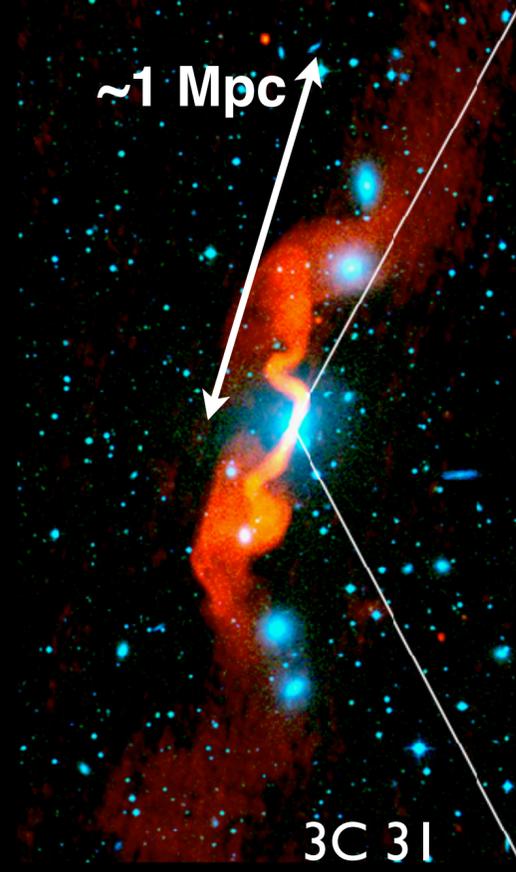


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*Cosmic particle accelerators!*

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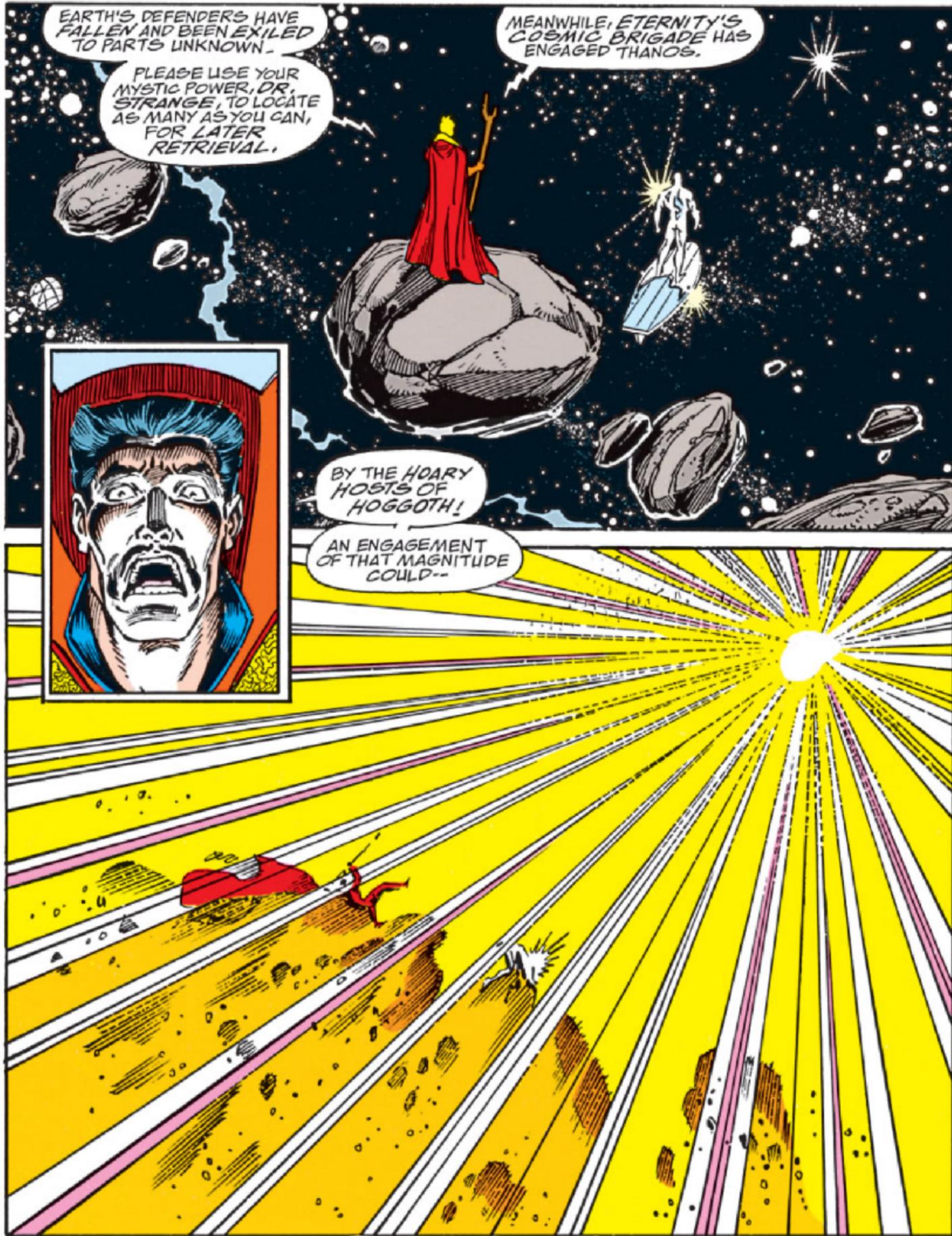
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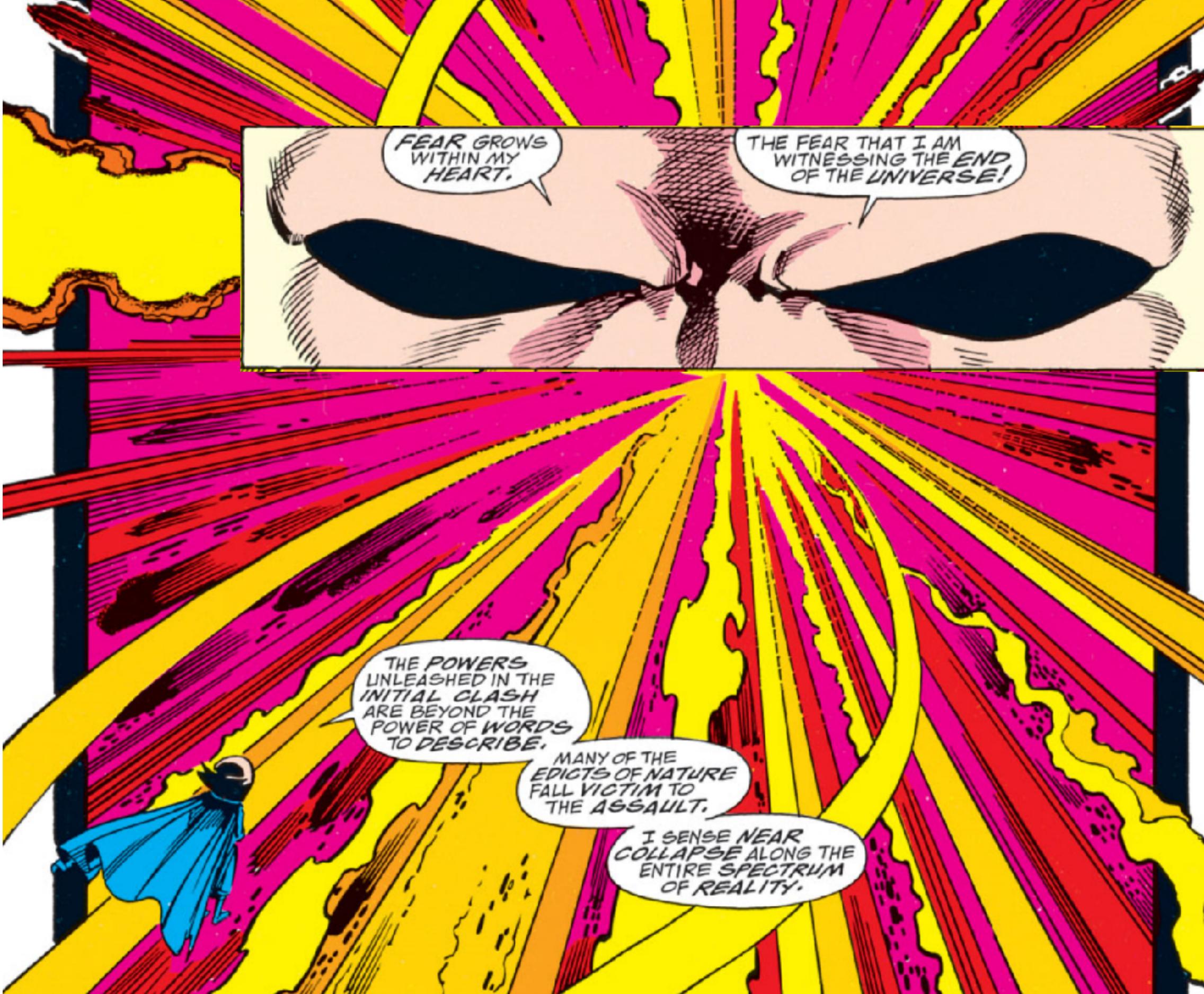
PLEASE USE YOUR  
MYSTIC POWER, DR.  
STRANGE, TO LOCATE  
AS MANY AS YOU CAN,  
FOR LATER  
RETRIEVAL.

MEANWHILE, ETERNITY'S  
COSMIC BRIGADE HAS  
ENGAGED THANOS.

BY THE HOARY  
HOSTS OF  
HOGGOTH!

AN ENGAGEMENT  
OF THAT MAGNITUDE  
COULD--





FEAR GROWS  
WITHIN MY  
HEART.

THE FEAR THAT I AM  
WITNESSING THE END  
OF THE UNIVERSE!

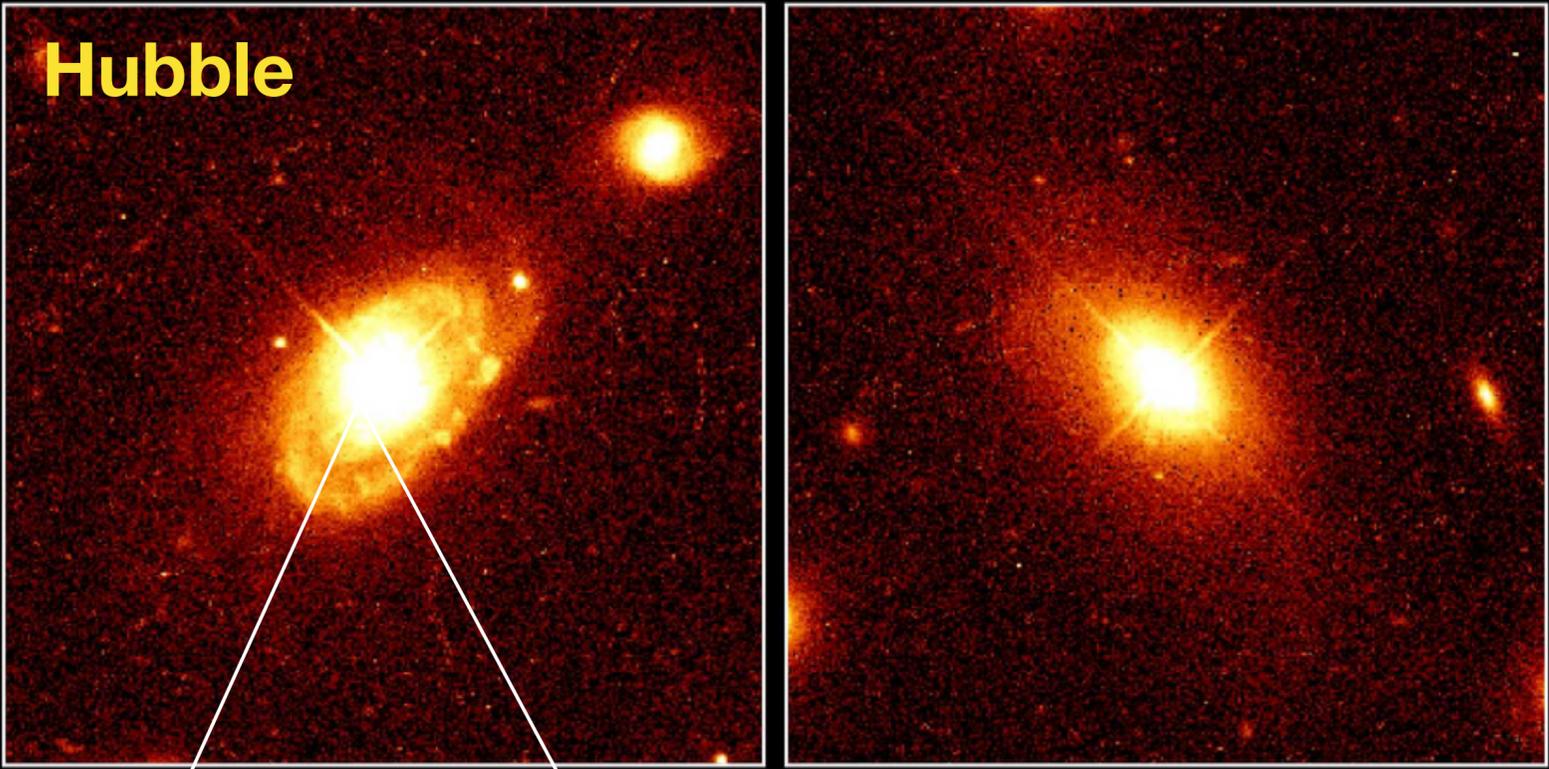
THE POWERS  
UNLEASHED IN THE  
INITIAL CLASH  
ARE BEYOND THE  
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TO DESCRIBE.

MANY OF THE  
EDICTS OF NATURE  
FALL VICTIM TO  
THE ASSAULT.

I SENSE NEAR  
COLLAPSE ALONG THE  
ENTIRE SPECTRUM  
OF REALITY.

# Quasars: $L \sim 10^{45}$ erg/s

distance = 5 billion ly



Hubble

Bahcall+1997



# Collision of neutron stars:

converted 5% of  $M_{\text{sun}}c^2$  into  
GWs and light

distance = 130 million ly



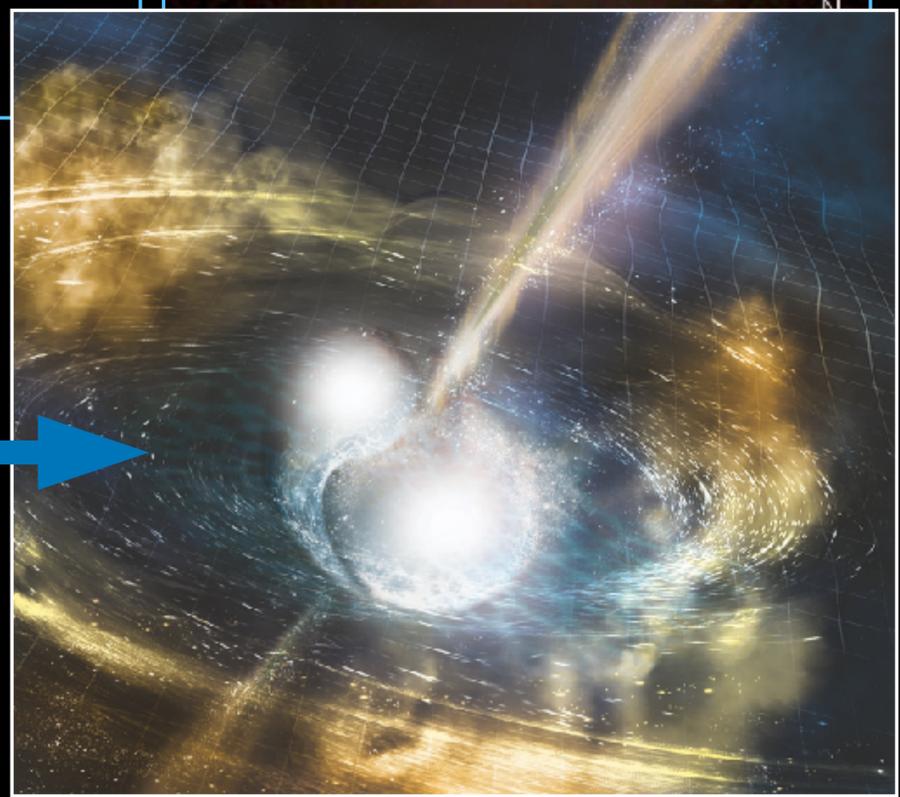
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GW170817  
DECcam observation  
(0.5-1.5 days post merger)



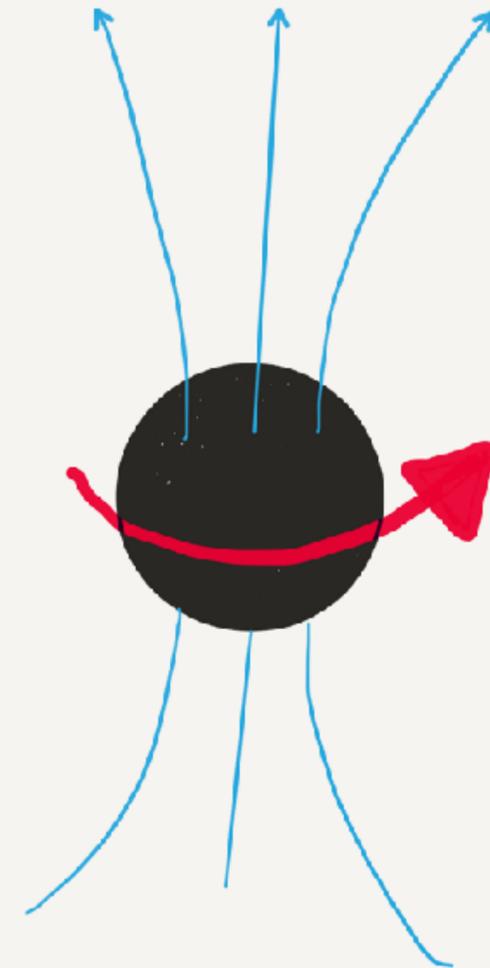
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# How are relativistic jets produced by black holes?

**Conjecture: from spinning black holes**

**Growing evidence that this is correct**

- Theory/simulations**
- Observations (?)**



# Penrose process: Spinning black hole has free energy that can be extracted

Penrose 1969

Rotational energy of spacetime  
(frame dragging)

Thought experiment by Penrose that demonstrates the principle, probably not important in astrophysics

But *magnetized* accretion disks is promising

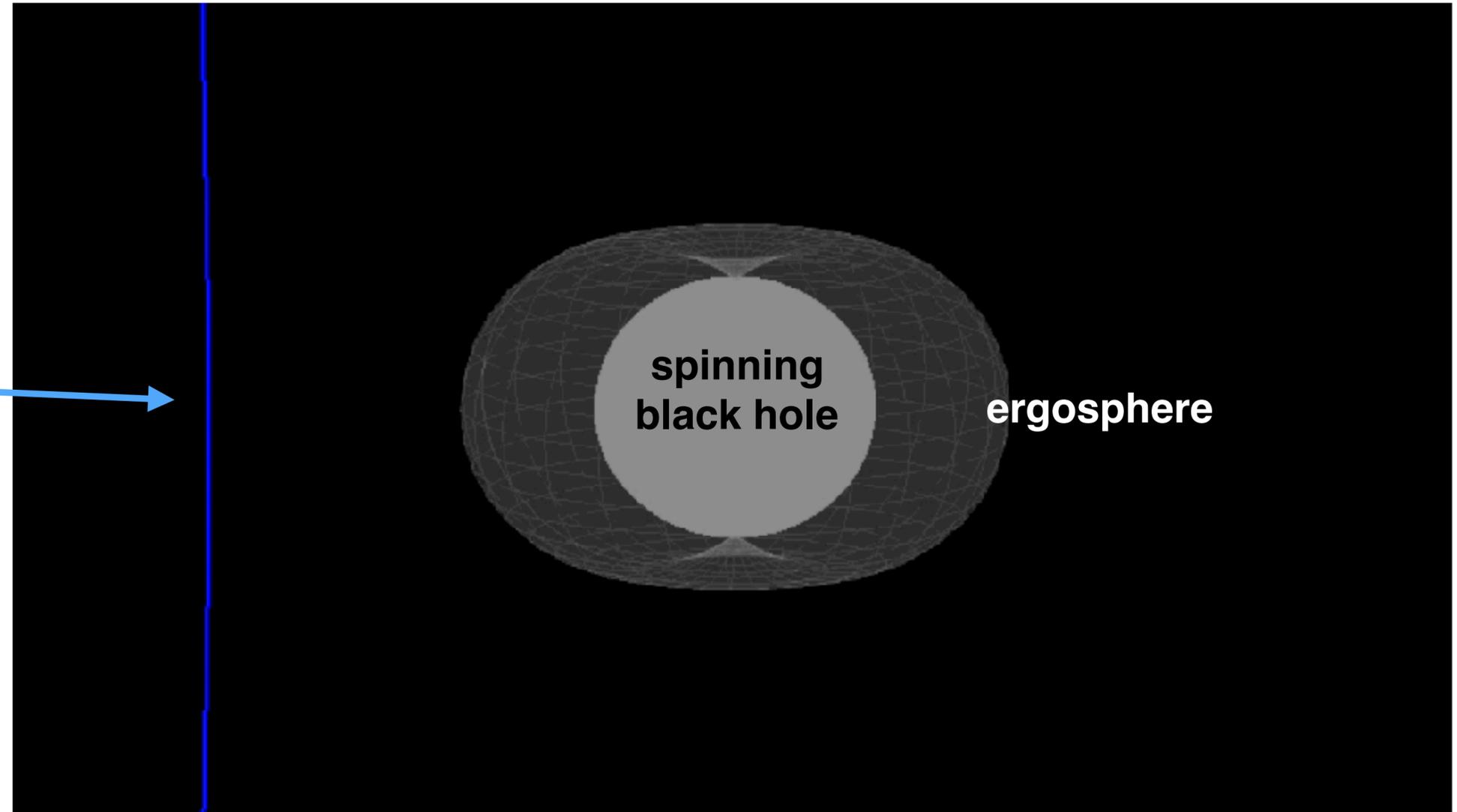
Ruffini & Wilson 1975; Blandford & Znajek 1977



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9MHuhcFQsBg>

# Toy model for jet production from black hole: rotation + accretion + $\vec{B}$

magnetic flux tube



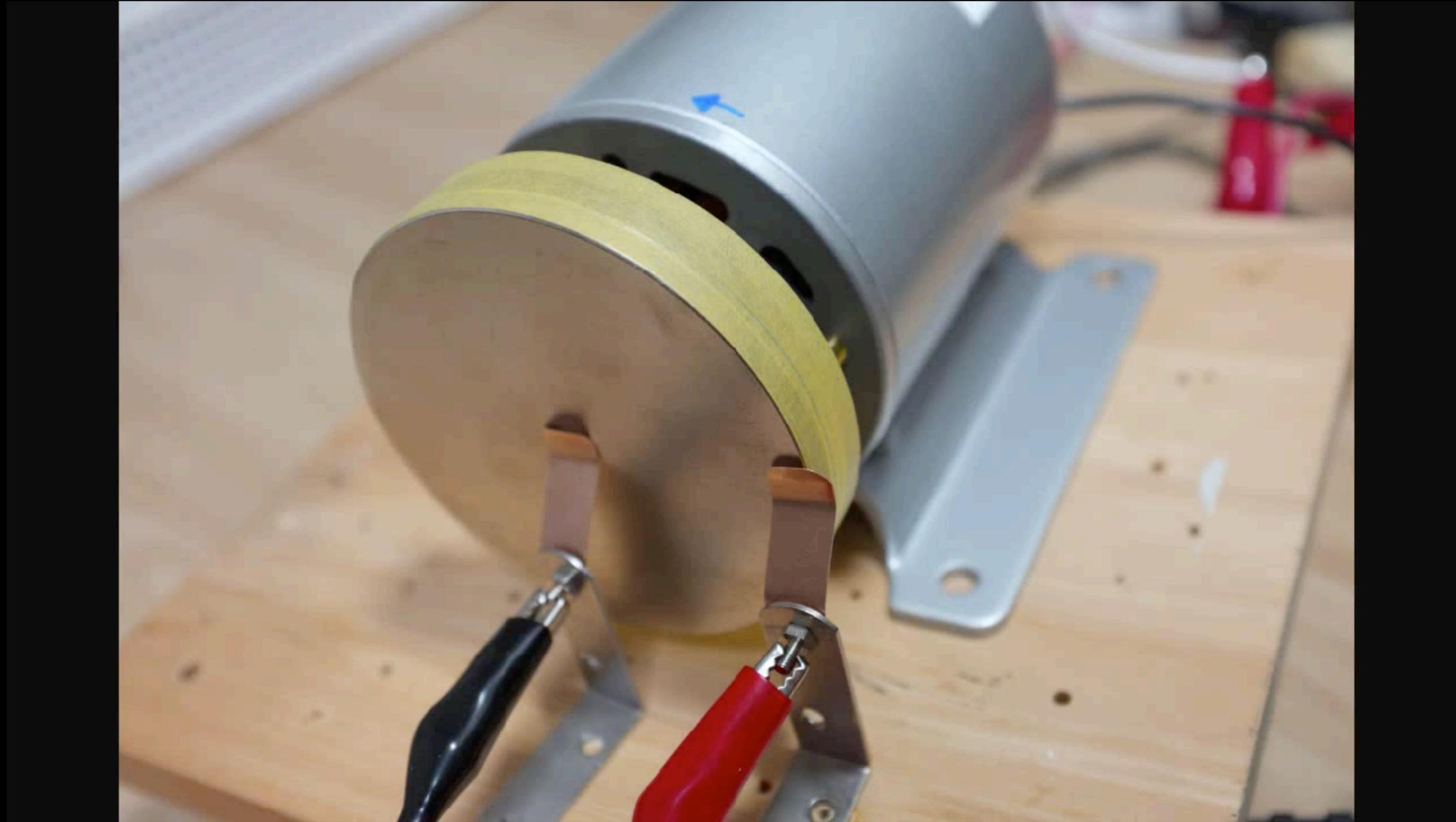
## Blandford-Znajek mechanism:

$$\text{Jet power} \propto \left( \frac{a\Phi_h}{M} \right)^2 \sim a^2 \dot{M} c^2$$

**spin**  $\nearrow$   $a$   $\nwarrow$  **magnetic flux**  $\Phi_h$

Blandford &  
Znajek 77;  
Komissarov+;  
Nemmen+07;  
Tchekhovskoy+

# How to make a black hole jet at home: Homopolar generator



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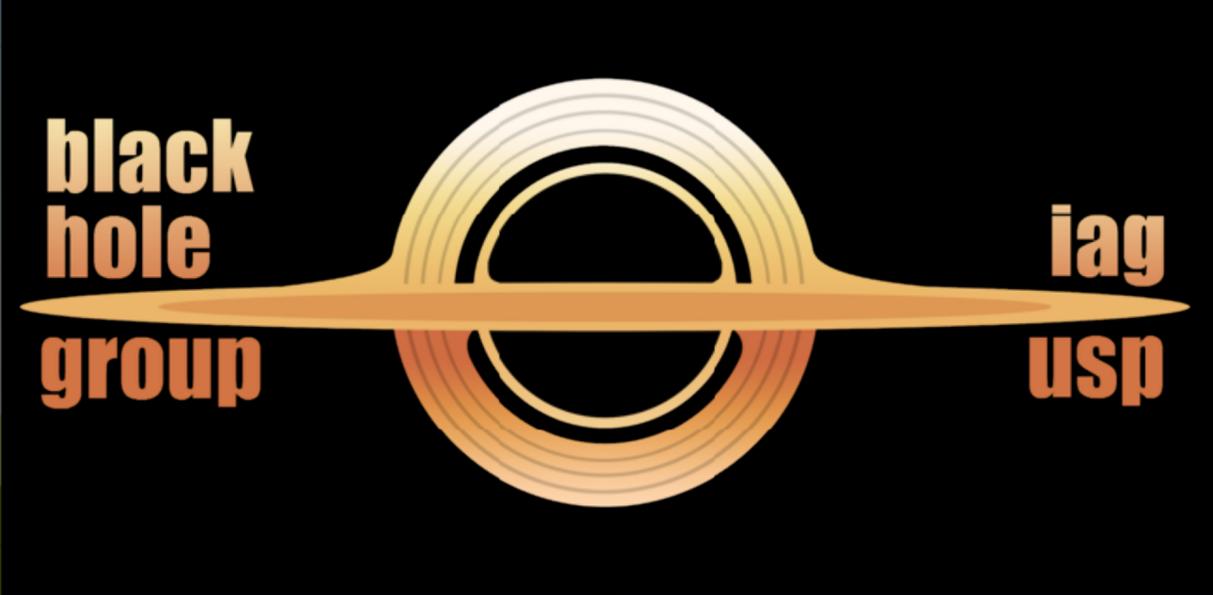


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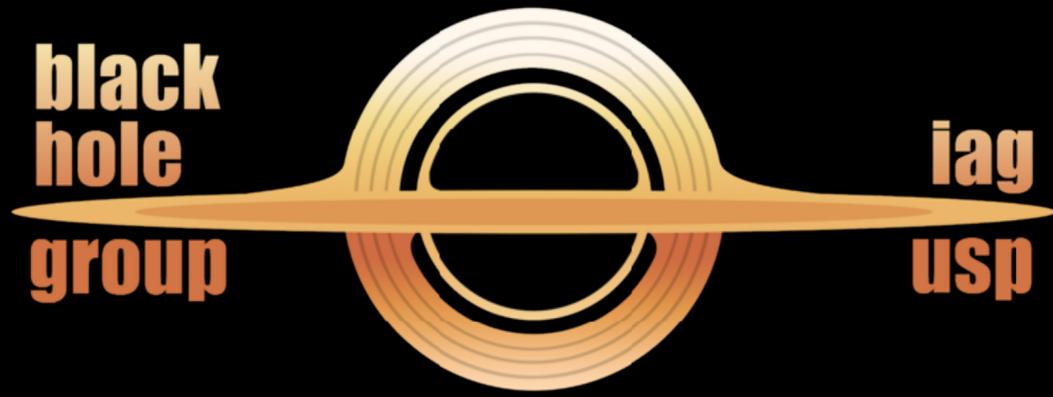
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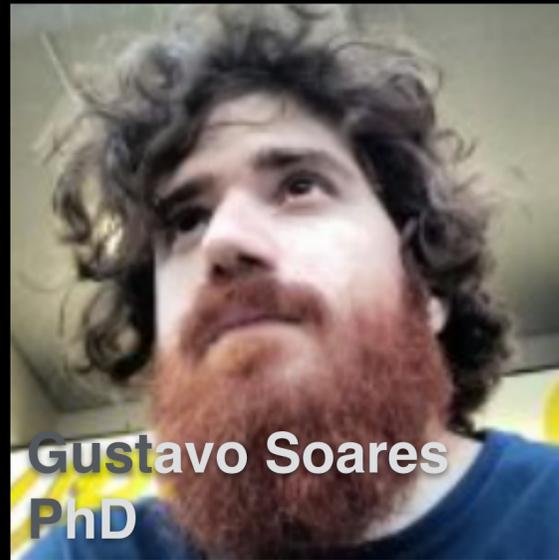
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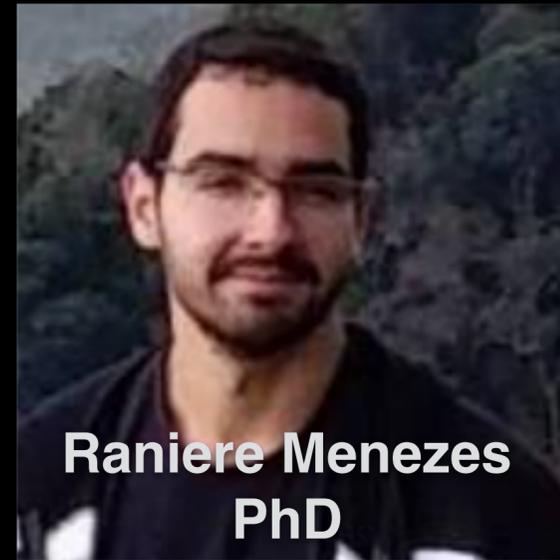
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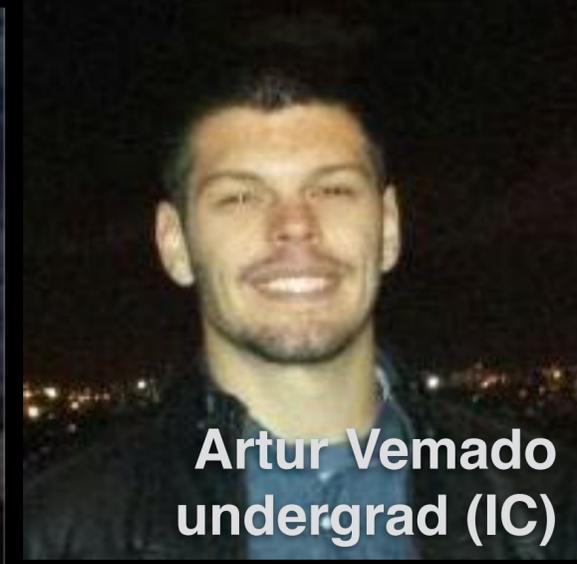
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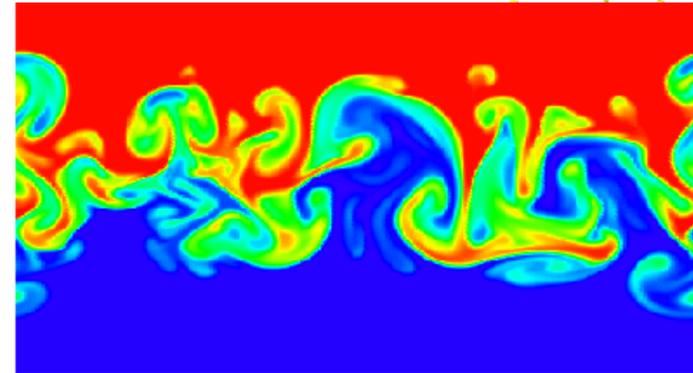
# Virtual laboratory of numerical relativistic astrophysics

“Weather forecast for black holes”

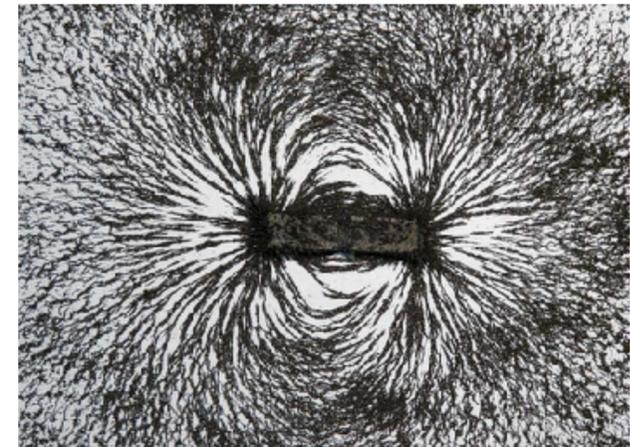
Gravity: general relativity



Gas (plasma)



Electromagnetic fields



# Required physics: Fluid dynamics + electrodynamics

## Fluid dynamics conservation equations

**Mass**  $\frac{D\rho}{Dt} + \rho \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$

**Momentum**  $\rho \frac{D\mathbf{v}}{Dt} = -\nabla p - \rho \nabla \phi + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{T}$

**Energy**  $\rho \frac{D(e/\rho)}{Dt} = -p \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{T}^2 / \mu -$   
 $- \nabla \cdot \mathbf{F}_{\text{rad}} - \nabla \cdot \mathbf{q}$

**Plus:** \* equation of state

## Maxwell equations

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{J} + \mu_0 \epsilon_0 \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t}$$

# Equations of general relativistic magnetohydrodynamics

Conservation of

**Particle number**  $\nabla_{\nu}(\rho u^{\nu}) = 0$

**Energy-momentum**  $\nabla_{\nu}T^{\mu\nu} = 0$

**Maxwell equations**  $\nabla_{\nu} * F^{\mu\nu} = 0$

$$\nabla_{\nu} F^{\mu\nu} = -J^{\mu}$$

**Plus:**

- \* equation of state
- \* ideal MHD condition
- \* Kerr metric

$$p = (\Gamma - 1)\rho\epsilon$$

$$F^{\mu\nu}u_{\nu} = 0$$

$$ds^2 = -\alpha^2 dt^2 + \gamma_{ij}(dx^i + \beta^i dt)(dx^j + \beta^j dt)$$

$$T_{\text{fluid}}^{\mu\nu} = (\rho + u + p)u^{\mu}u^{\nu} + pg^{\mu\nu}$$

$$T_{\text{EM}}^{\mu\nu} = F^{\mu\alpha}F^{\nu}_{\alpha} - \frac{1}{4}g^{\mu\nu}F_{\alpha\beta}F^{\alpha\beta}$$

# Global, general relativistic MHD (GRMHD) simulations of gas around spinning BHs

HARM code + MPI + 3D = **HARMPI**

Gammie+03; Tchekhovskoy

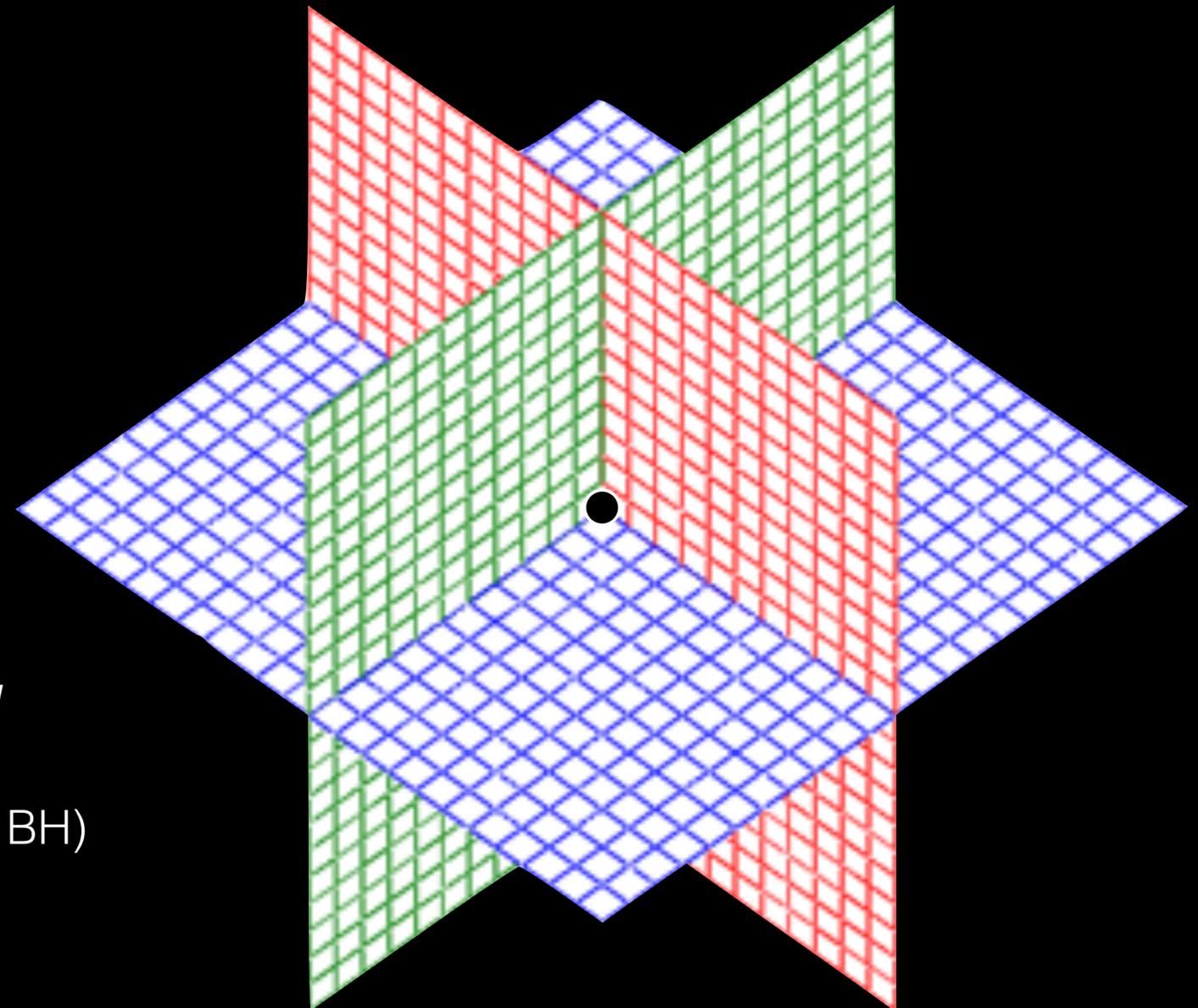
3D computational mesh

$256 \times 256 \times 64$   
 $r \quad \theta \quad \phi$

$4 \times 10^6$  resolution elements

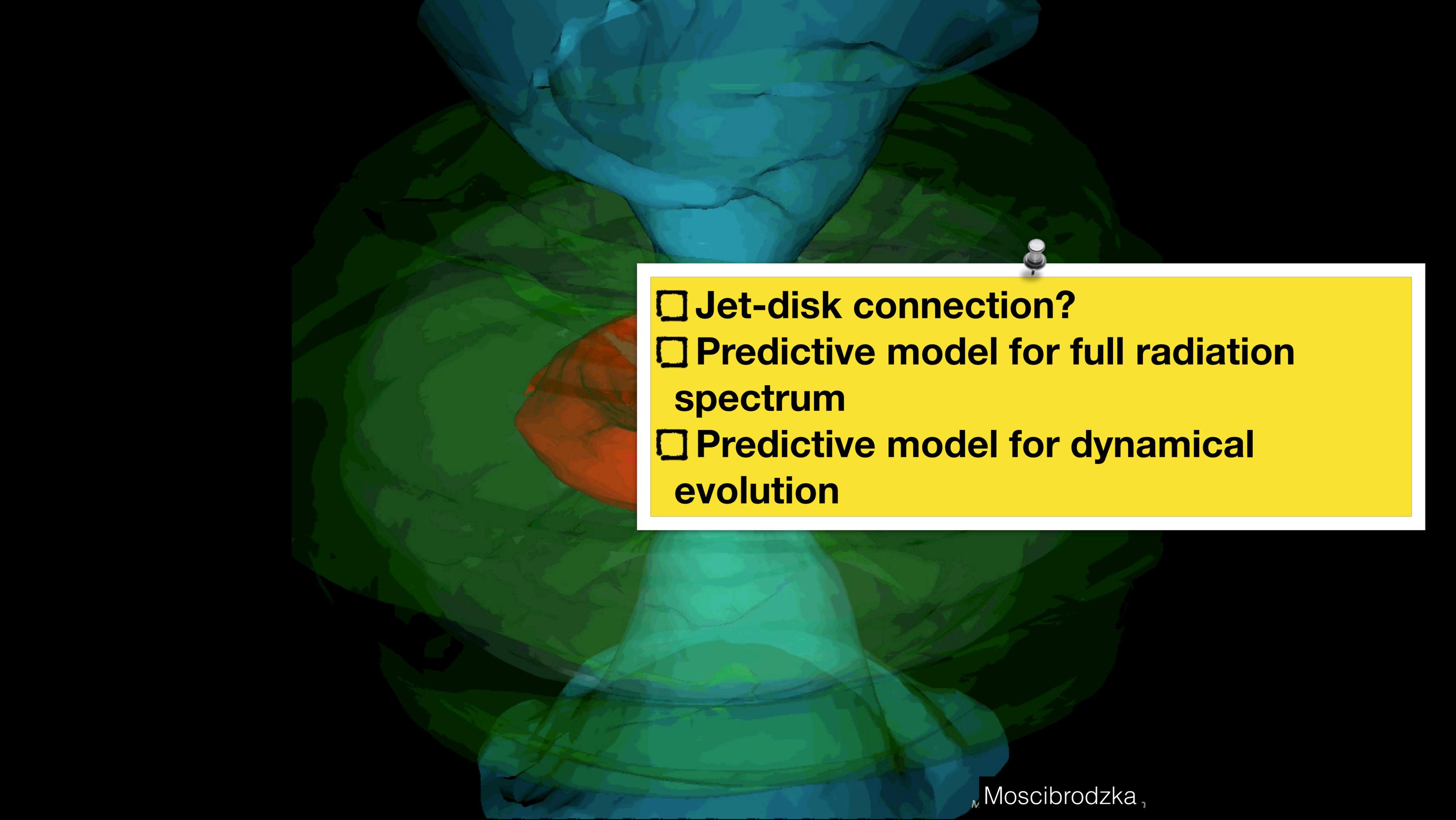
Need to evolve to  $t > 15000 M$

(4 yrs for a  $10^9 M$  BH)



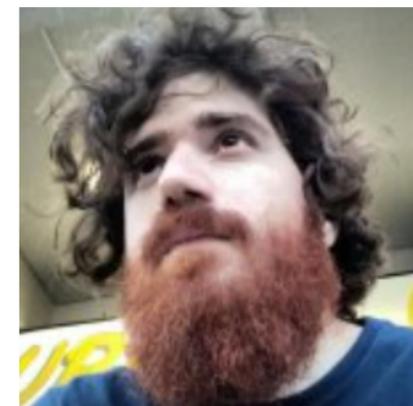
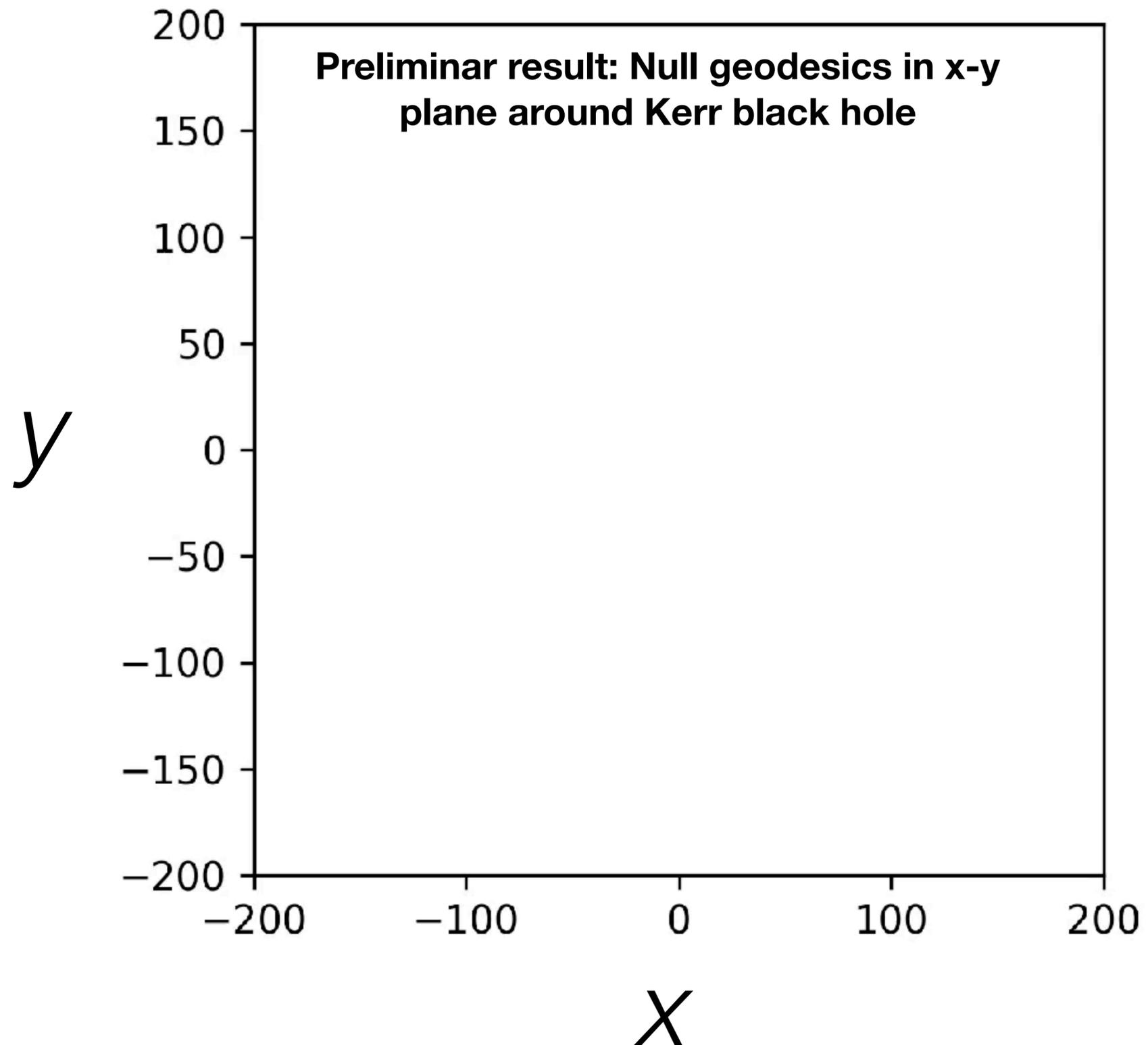
# Black hole weather forecast



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- A 3D visualization of a galaxy, likely a Seyfert galaxy, showing a central red core and blue jets. A yellow box with a white border is overlaid on the image, containing a checklist of three items. A small silver pushpin is visible at the top right corner of the yellow box.
- Jet-disk connection?
  - Predictive model for full radiation spectrum
  - Predictive model for dynamical evolution

# We are starting to treat the radiation from these systems

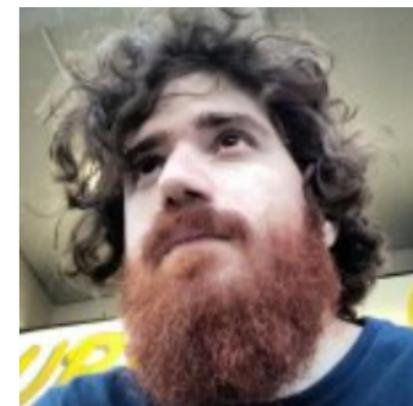
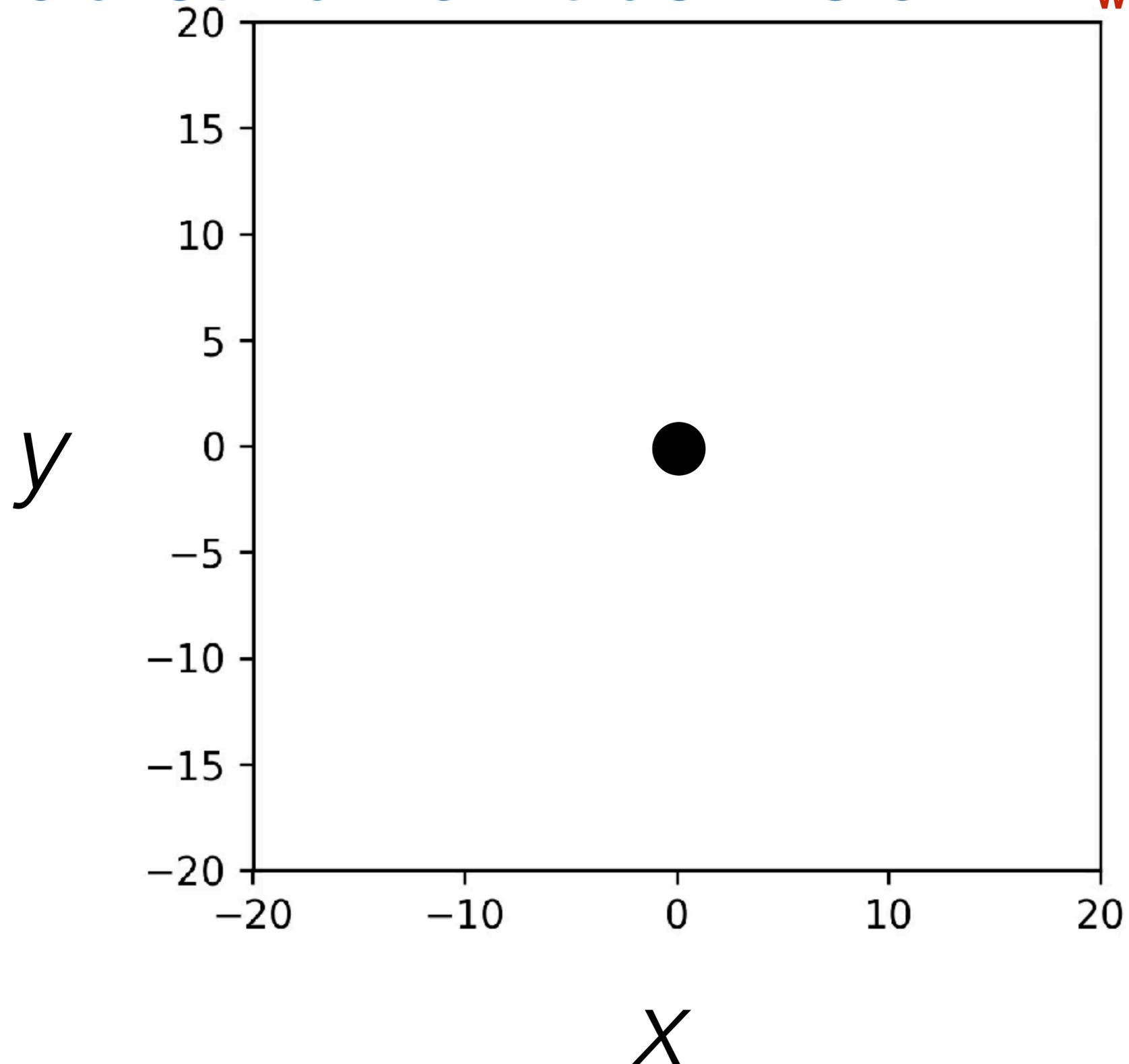
Work in progress



PHD, GUSTAVO SOARES

# Preliminary result: Null geodesics in $x$ - $y$ plane around Kerr black hole

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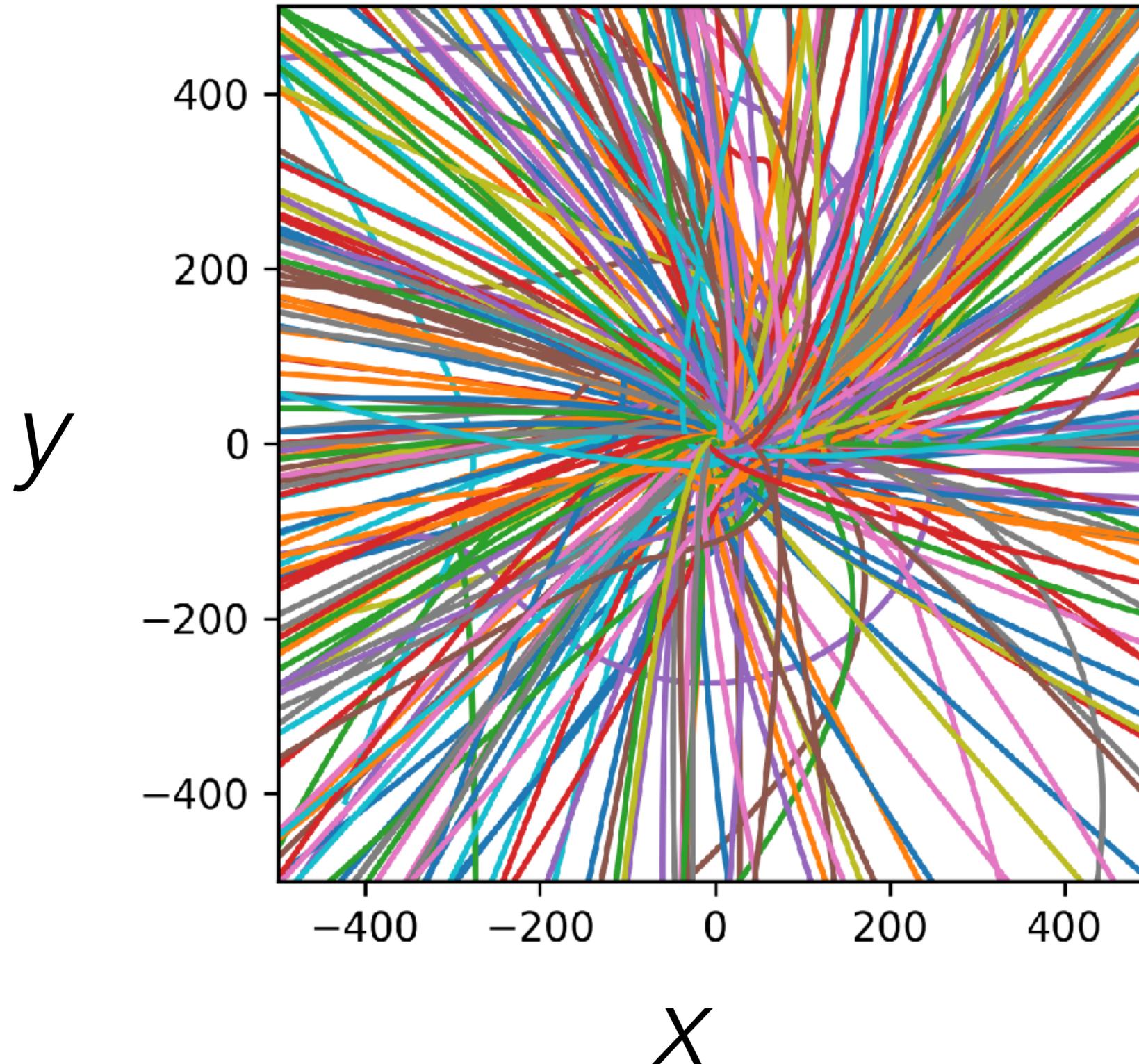


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Units of  $GM/c^2$

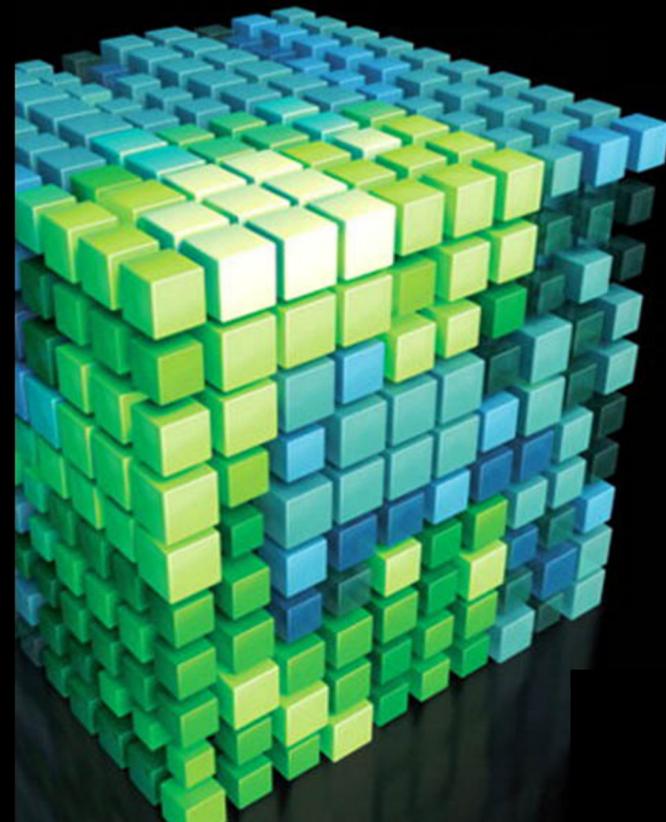
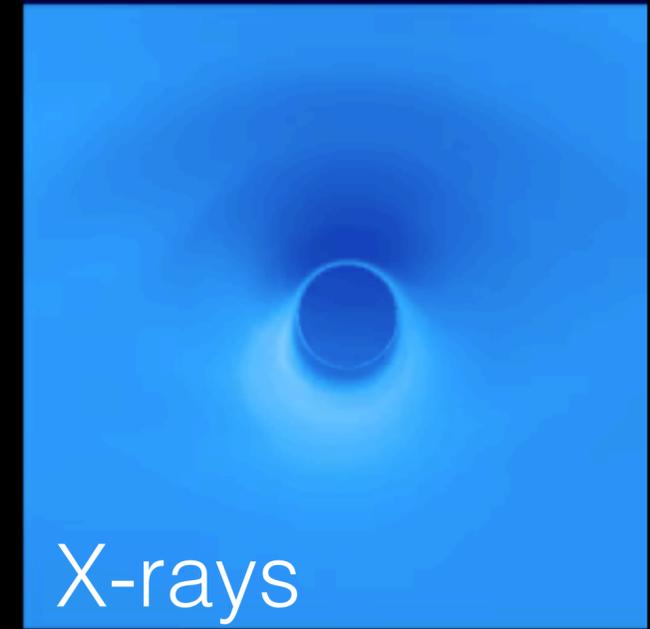
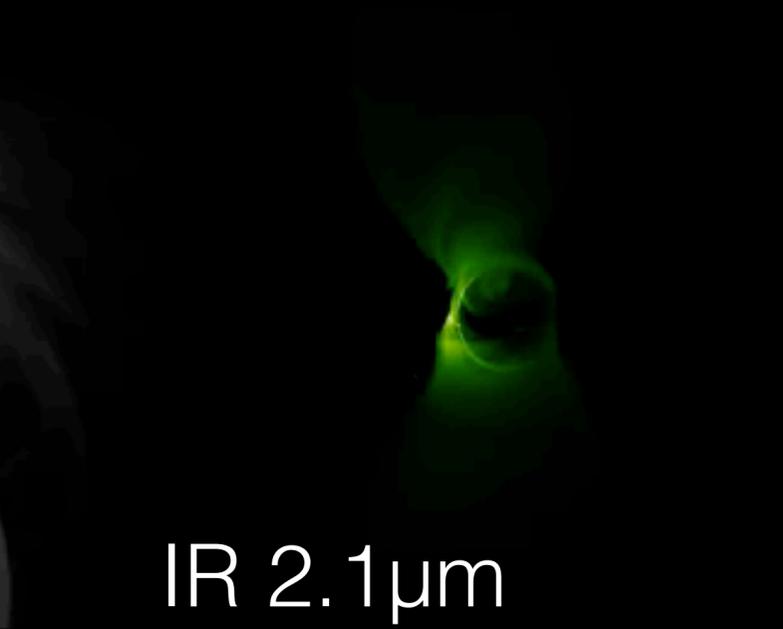
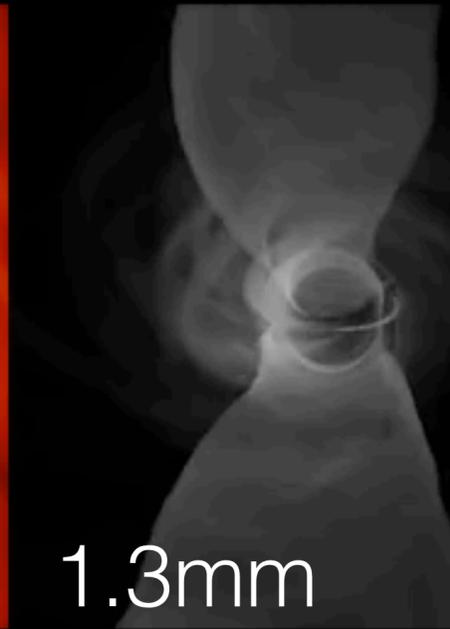
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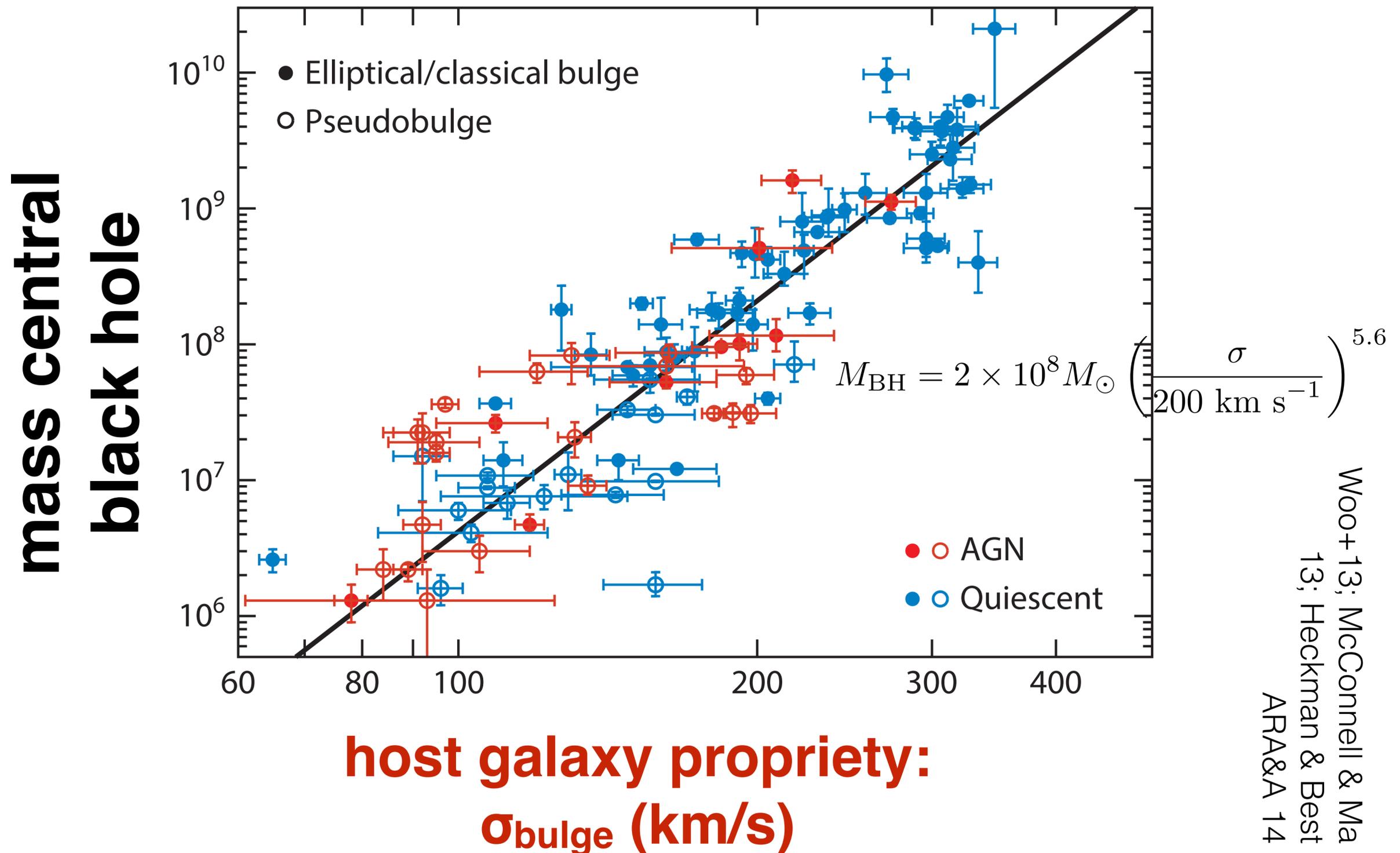
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# Future: Radiative transfer and GPU-accelerated ray tracing in BH spacetimes



# Remarkable connection between central black holes and host galaxies: the $M$ - $\sigma$ relation

Fundamental link between BH growth and galaxy evolution



# Why are black holes and host galaxies connected?

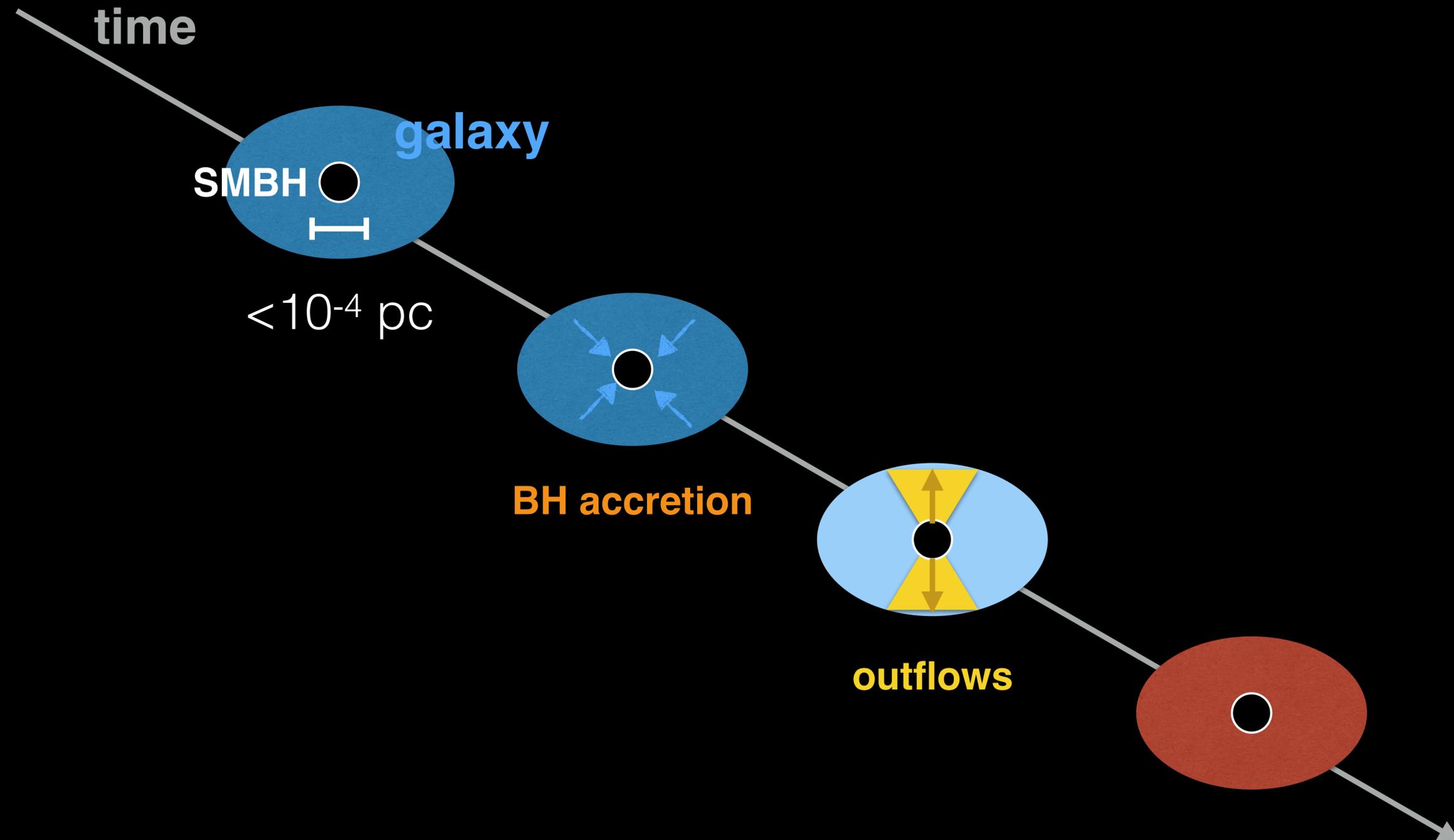
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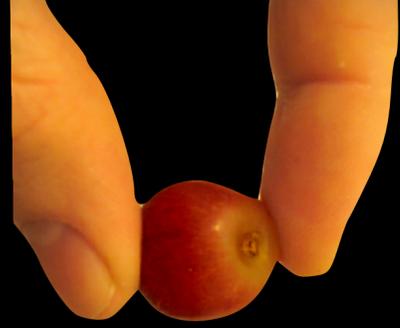


Grapefruit 



# Energy release from supermassive BHs impact large scale structure formation (“AGN feedback”)

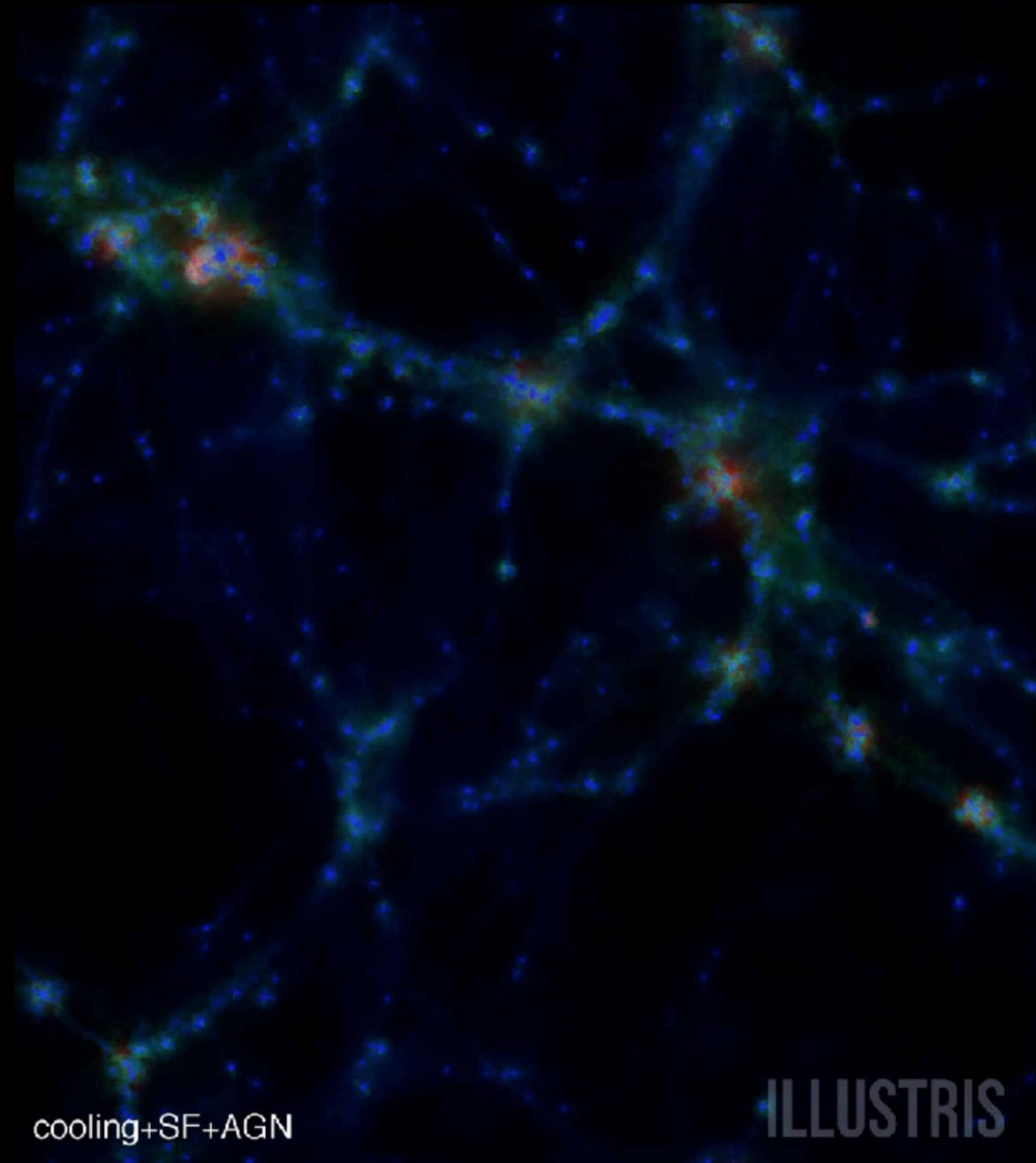




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- A large, high-resolution image of the Earth from space, showing the Western Hemisphere. The continents of North and South America are clearly visible. A small silver pushpin is stuck into the top center of the Earth image, with its head resting on the surface. A yellow rectangular box with a white border is pinned to the pushpin, containing two questions.
- How do supermassive black holes affect their host galaxies?
  - What is their cosmological evolution?

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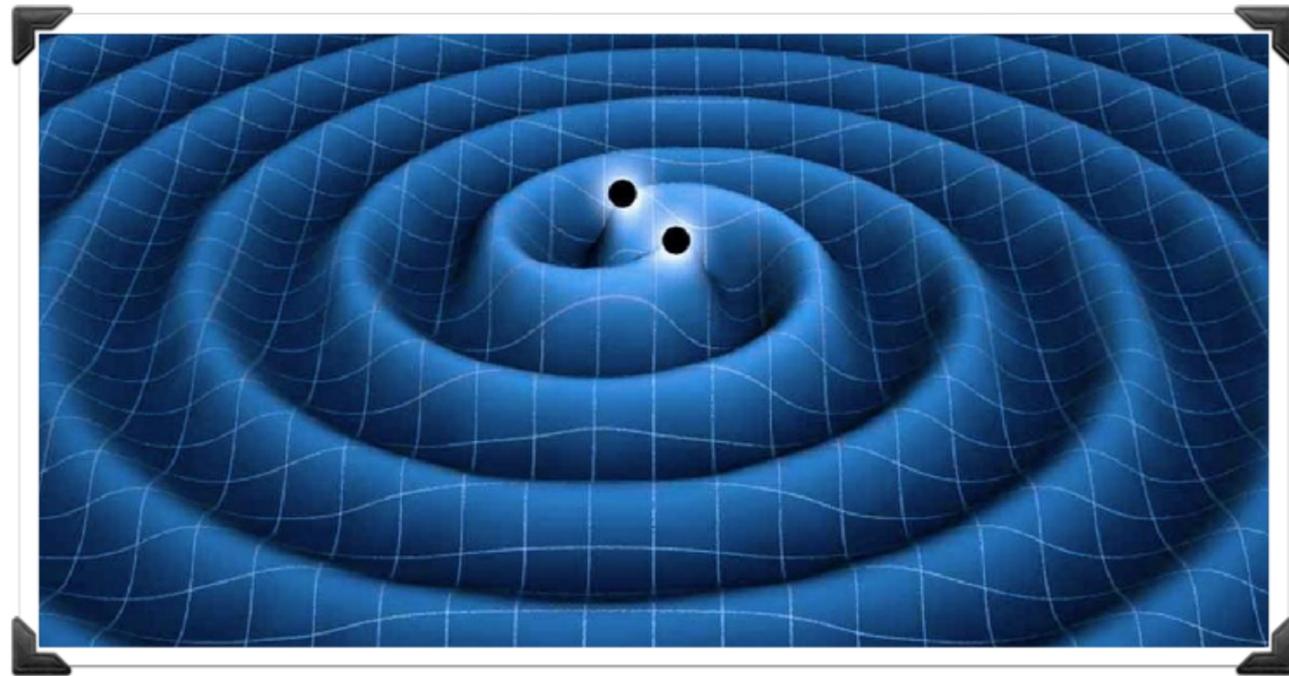
10 Mpc



“BH explosions”  
in the simulation

Fabian 12 ARAA; Tombesi+15 Nature;  
Cheung+16 Nature; Vogelsberger+14 Nature

# Gravitational waves

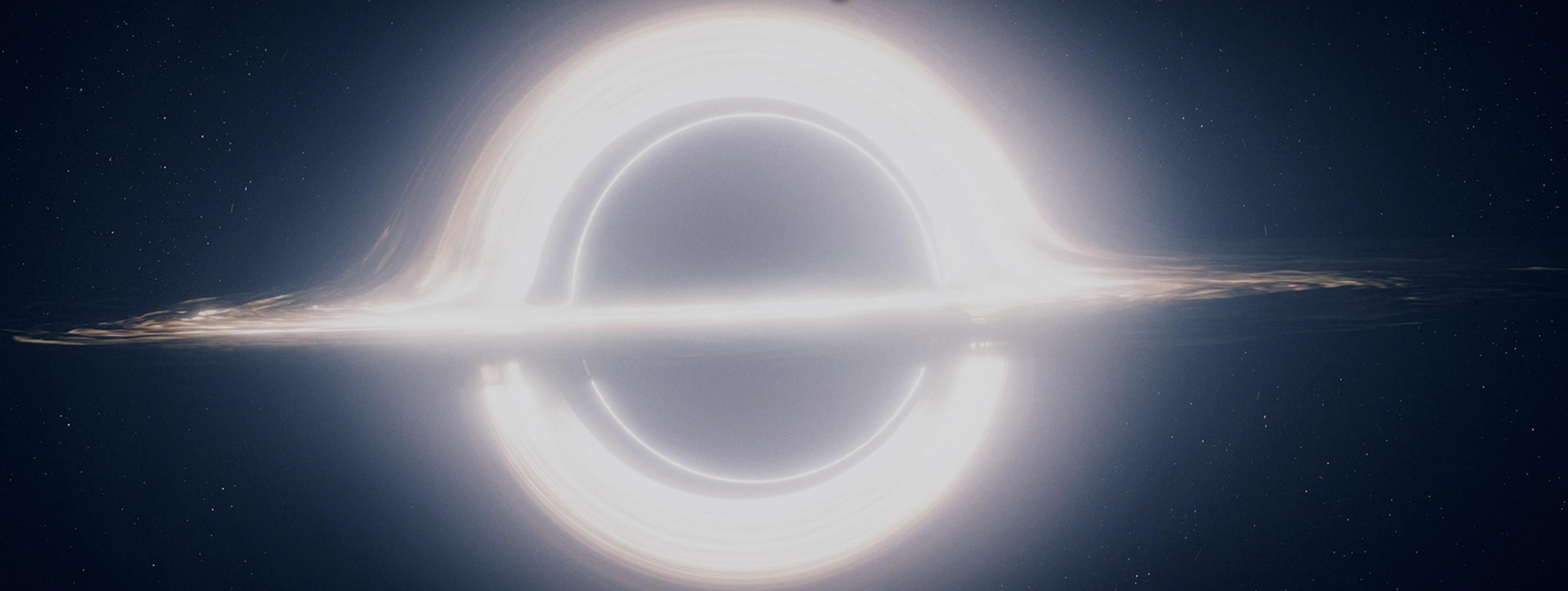


open GWs for undergrads.key

# Attaining the impossible: first image of an event horizon just around the corner



# Goal of Event Horizon Telescope



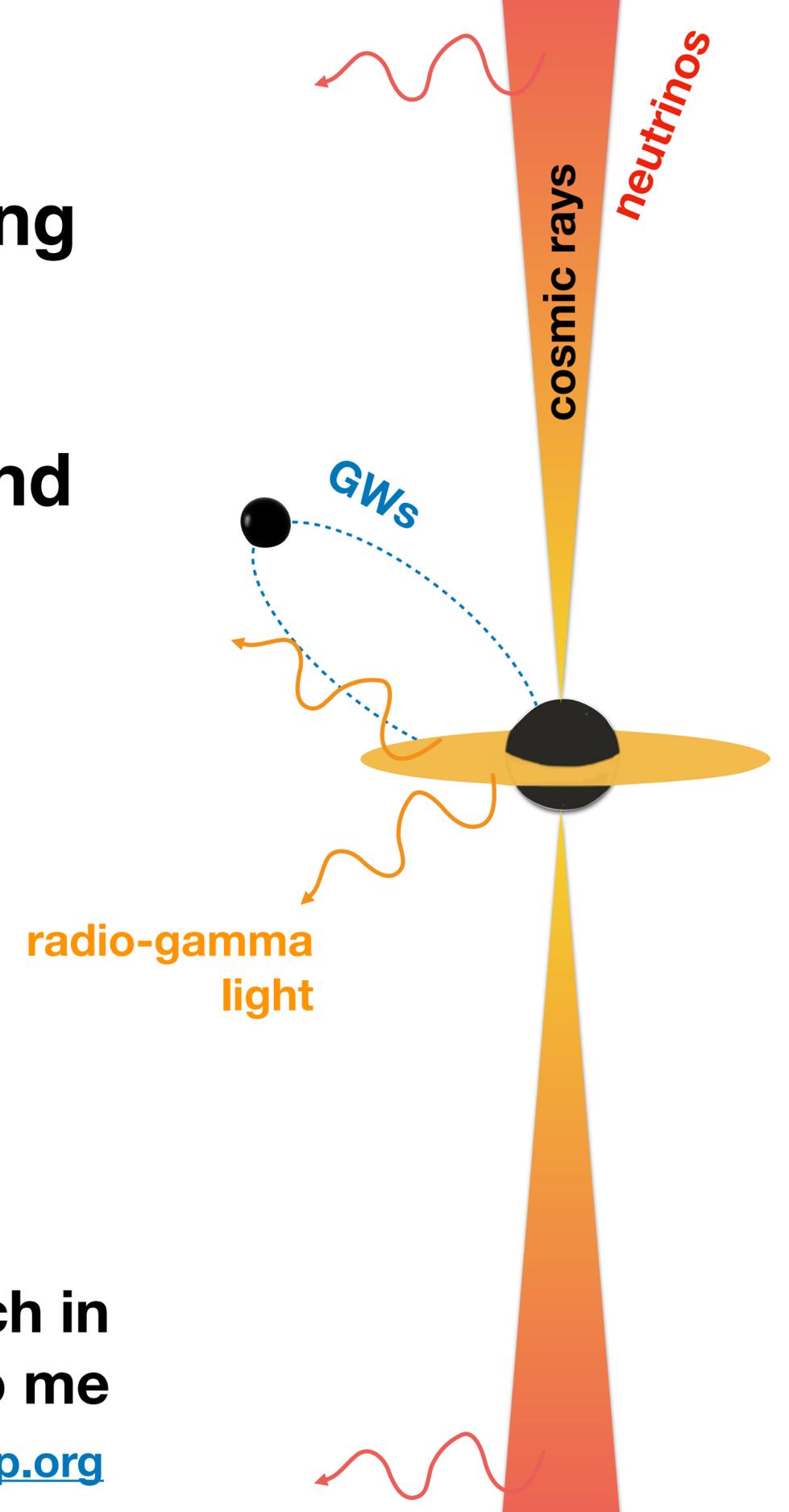
# Summary: Black holes

- **Black holes: collapsed objects from which nothing can escape (once inside)**
- **Astrophysical labs of general relativity, fluid dynamics and electrodynamics that can't be found on Earth**
- ★ **Brightest systems in the universe**
- ★ **Important for galaxy formation/evolution**
- ★ **Cosmic particle accelerators**
- ★ **Sources of gravitational waves**

Soon: first  
image of a  
black hole

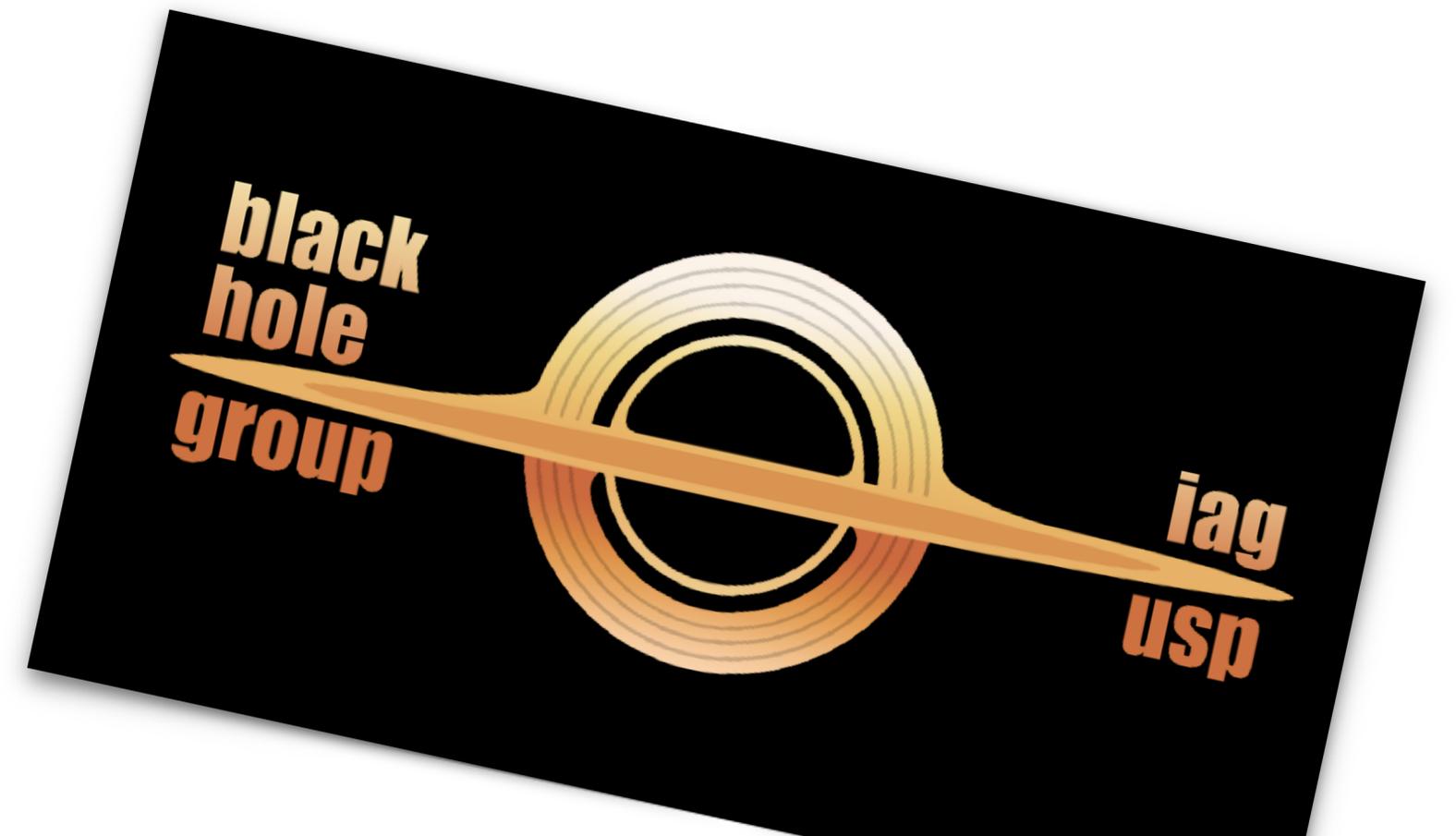
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these topics, please talk to me

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Quiz time!

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