

# Day 3

- Gravitational-wave concepts (with Dr. Jocelyn Read)
- Special guest: Haroon Khan (NASA)
- Choose one head-on collision on binary black holes and start the calculation



# Two kinds of time travel

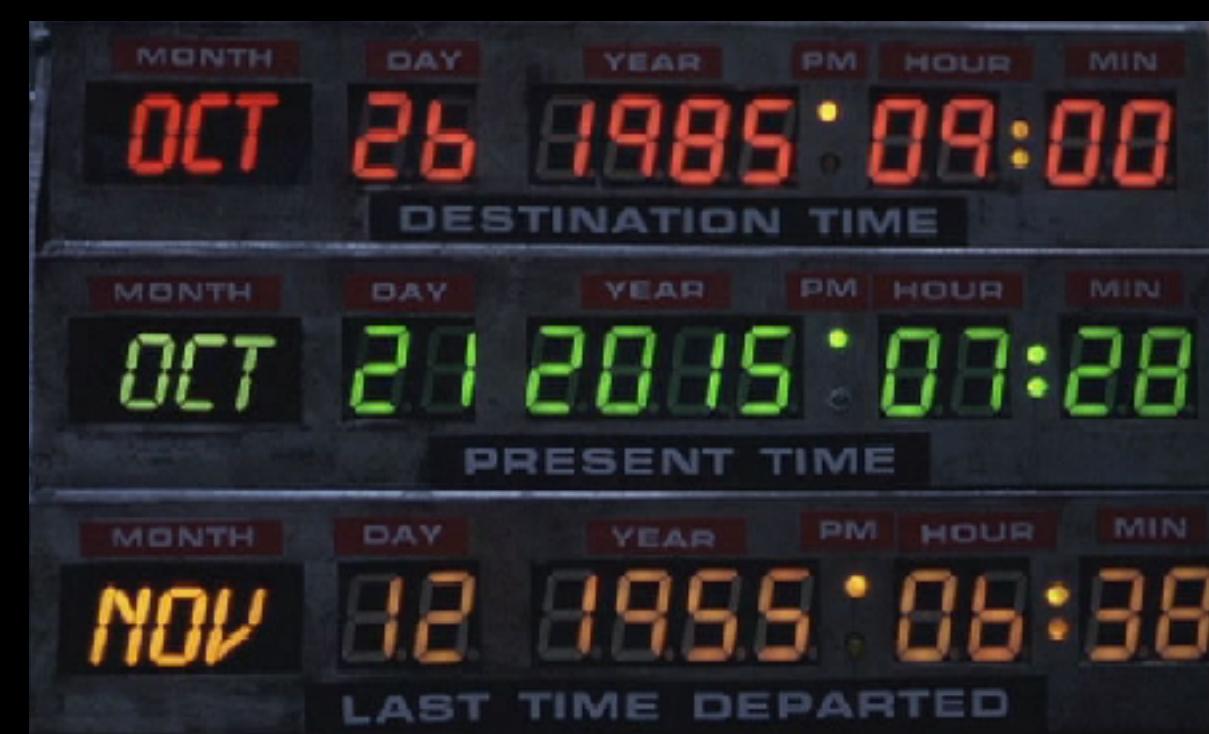
- Travel from the present to...



The future

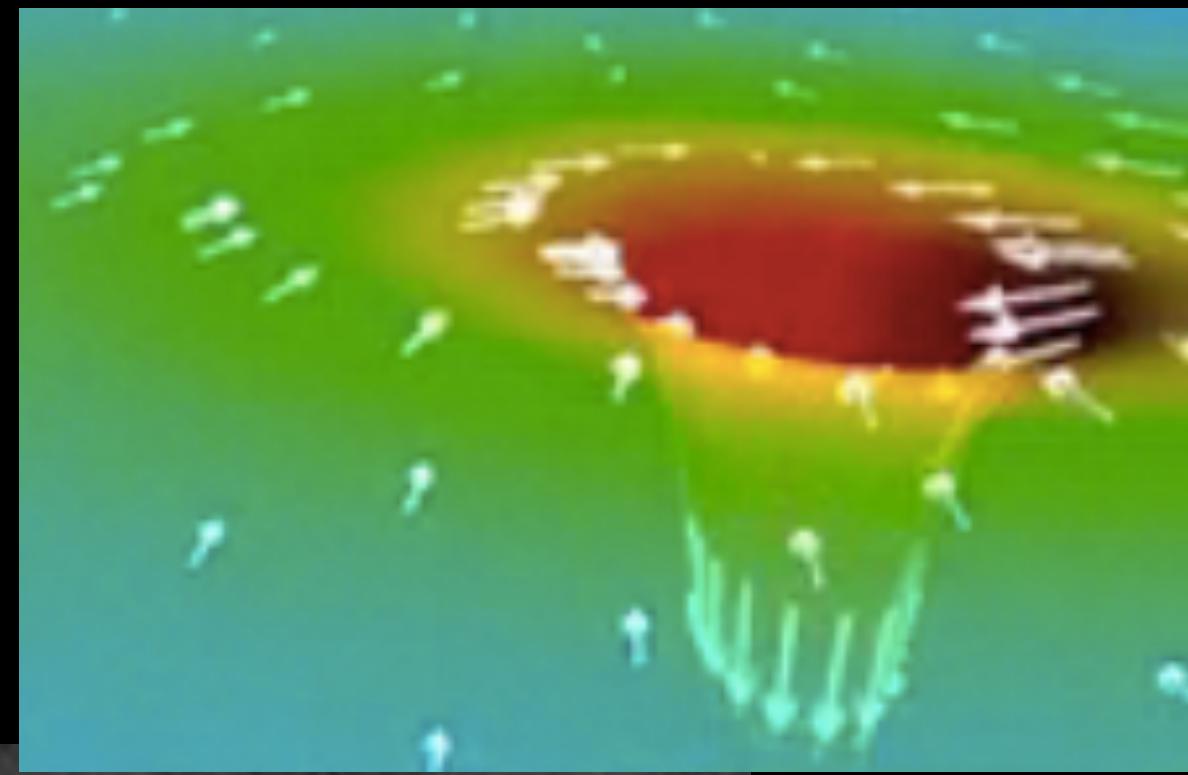


The past

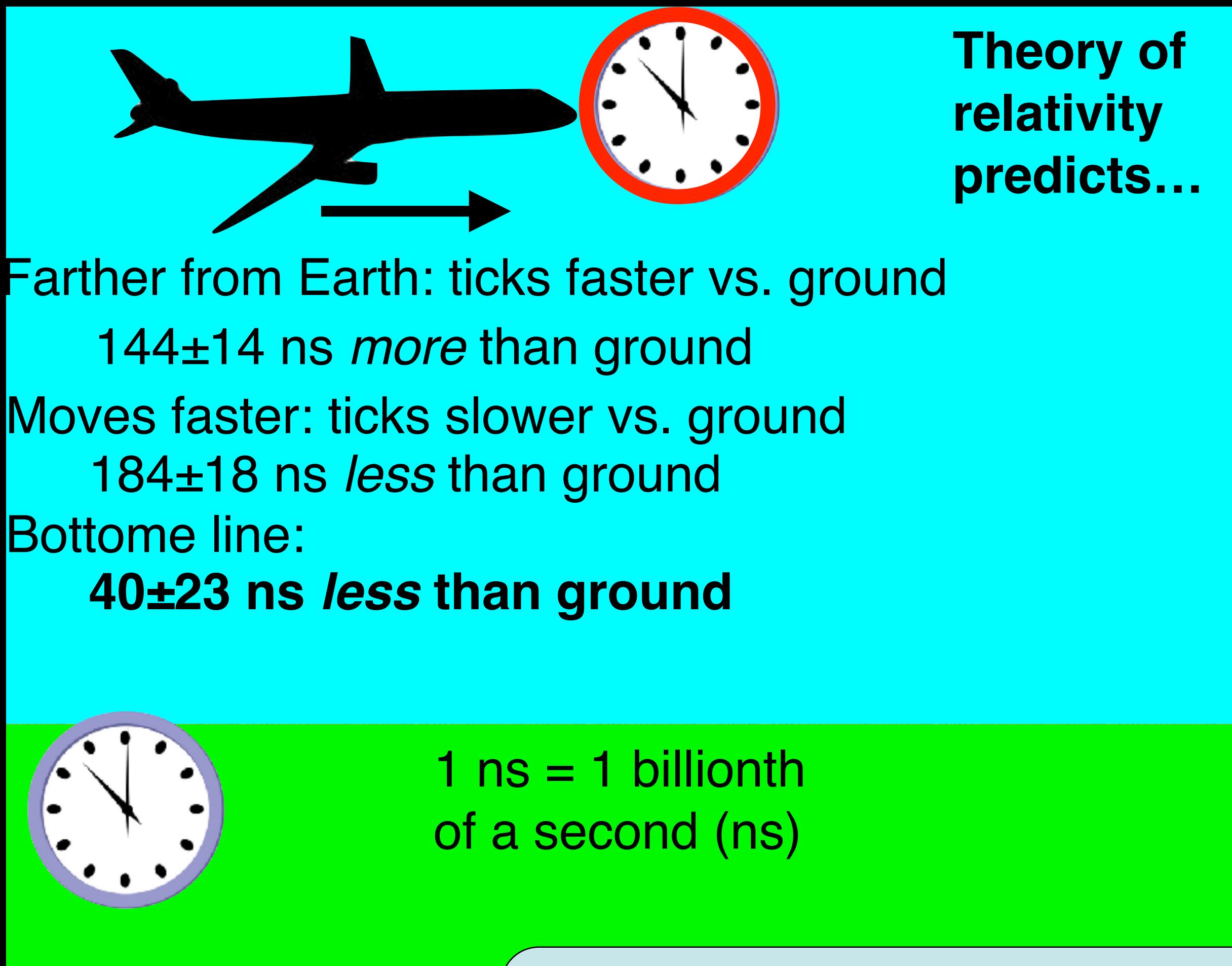


# Forward time travel

- Make your time flow slower
  - Move closer to massive object
  - Move faster
- Hafele & Keating 1971
  - Fly plane clock around world
  - Compare with ground clock before, after flight



# Forward time travel in 1971



Clock & passengers went  $59\pm10$  billionths of a second into the future!



# Time travel in “Interstellar”

## Black hole “Gargantua”

Mass: 100 000 000 ☀

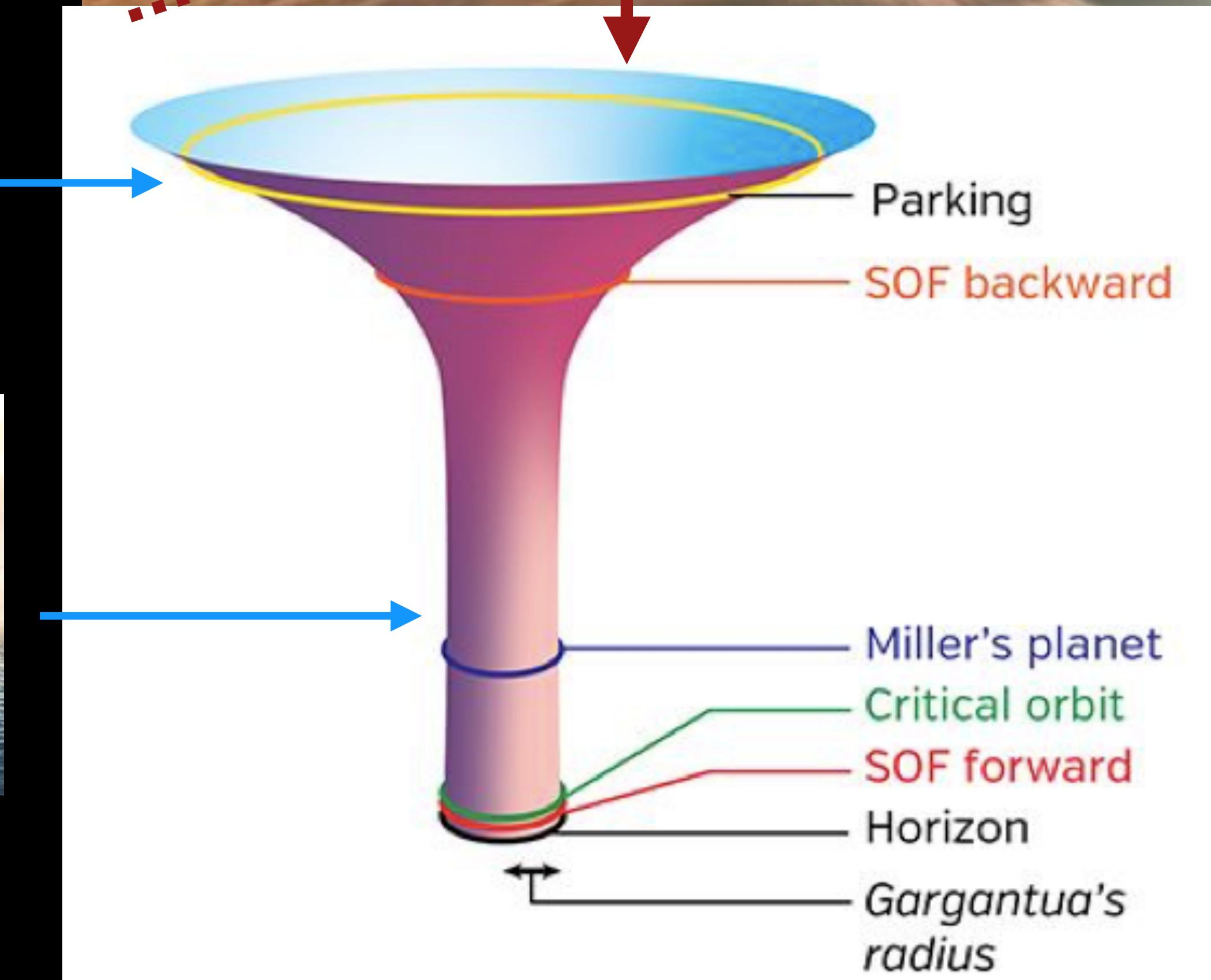
Spin: 99.999999999999% max

7 years



1 hour

Miller’s  
Planet

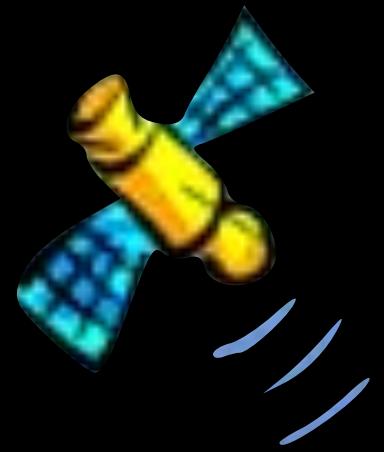


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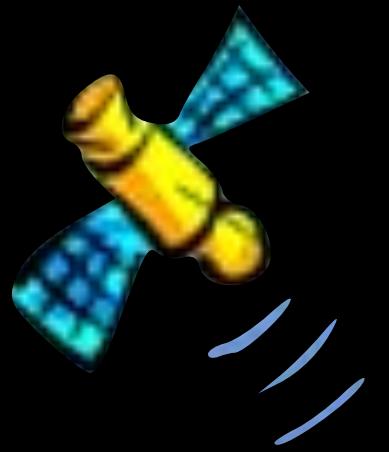
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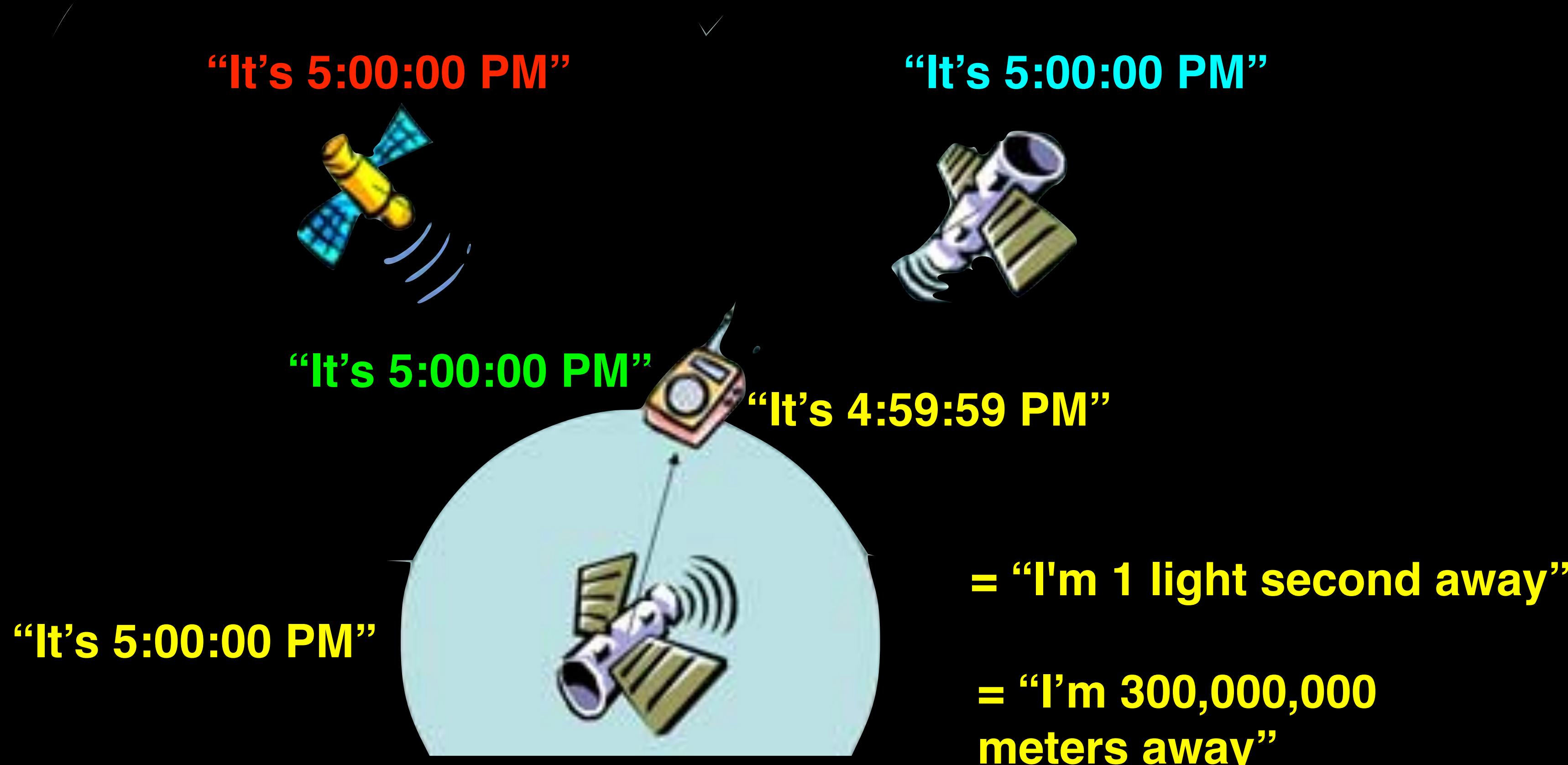


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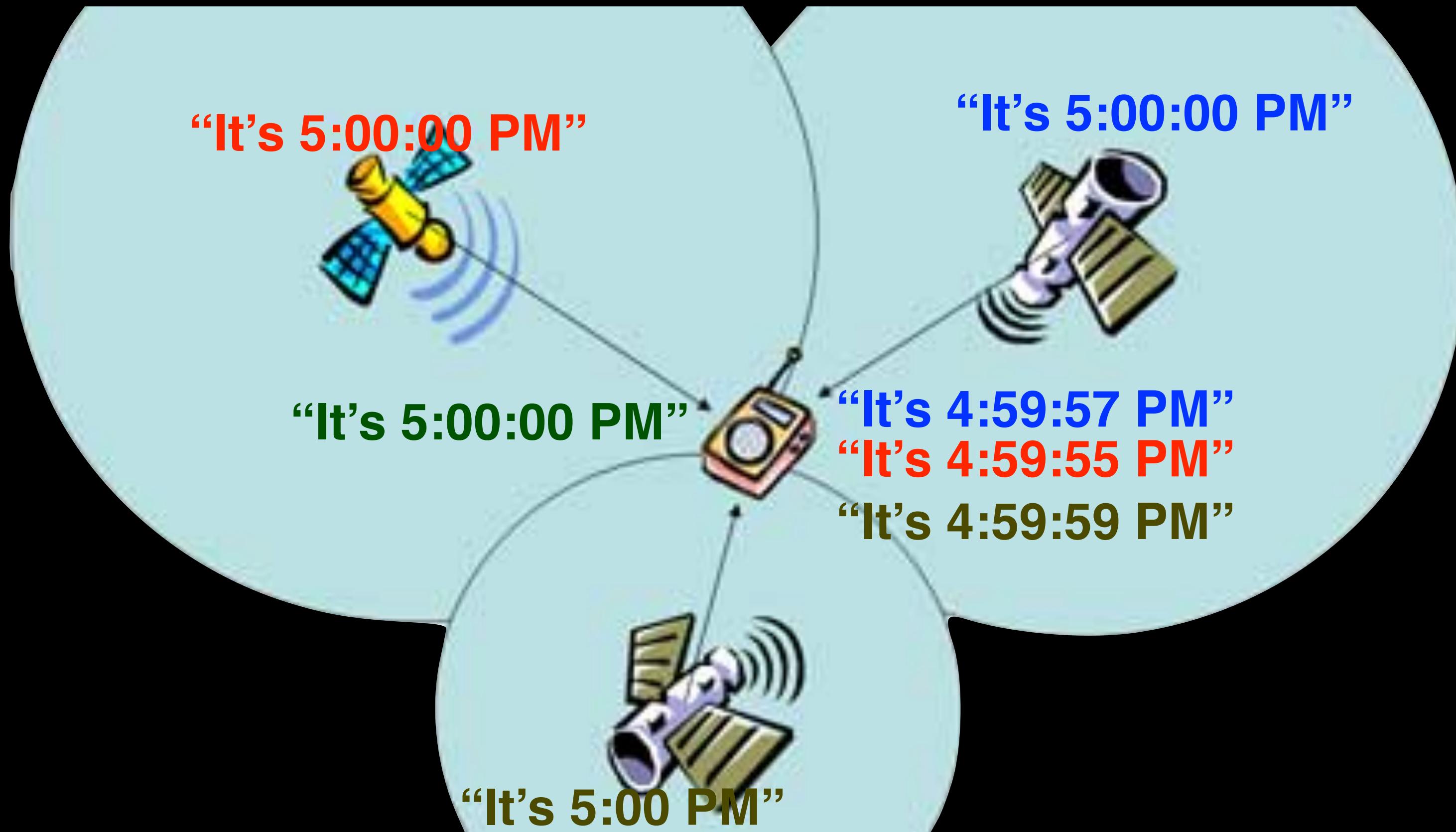
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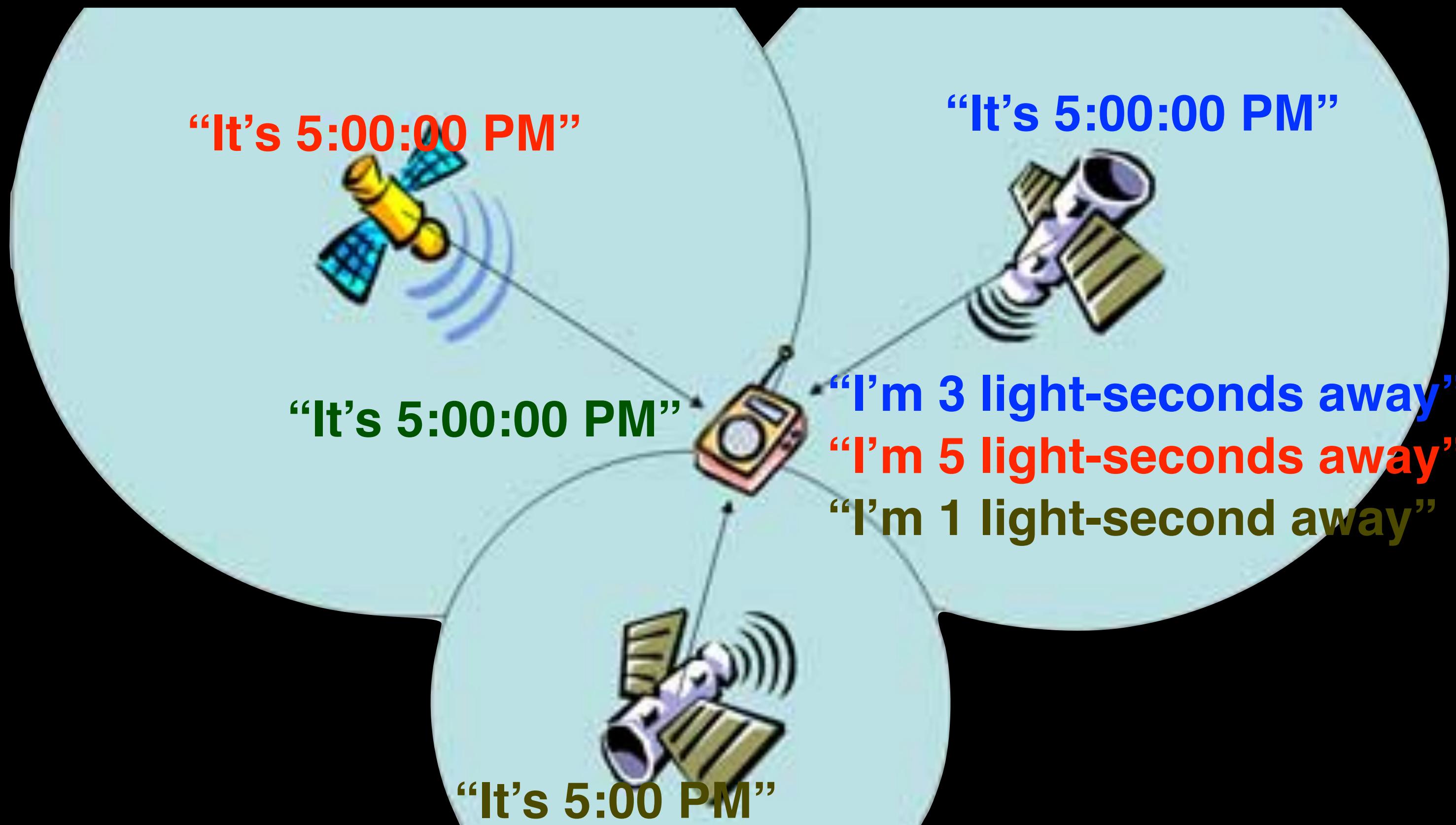
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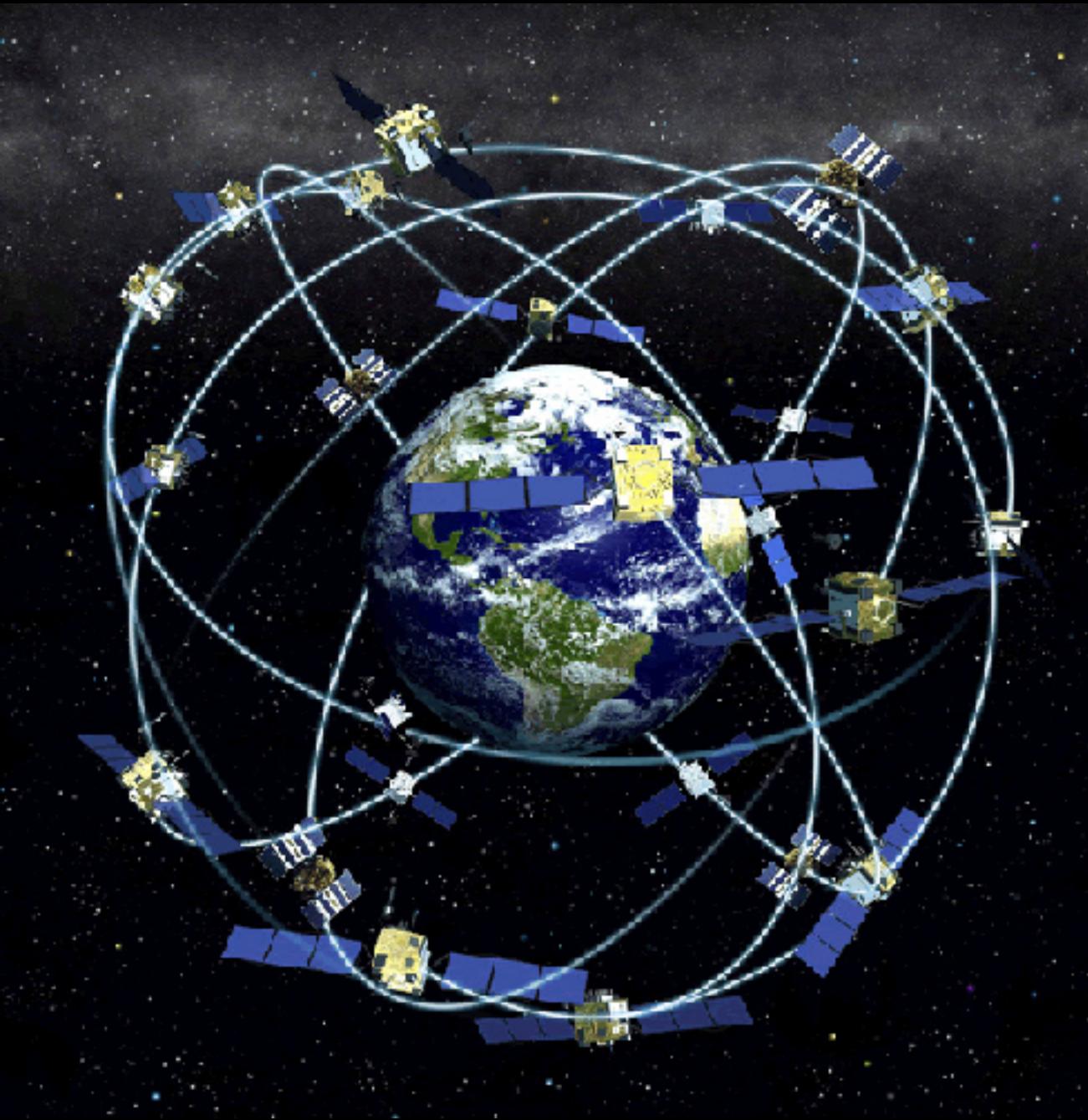
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# GPS & forward time travel

- GPS must account for both “time travel” effects



Goal: position accuracy of about 2 m

**Light travels 2 m in about 7 ns**

**So clocks really give time to ns precision:  
“It's 4:59:59.123456789 PM”**

**That's no problem for atomic clocks, but...**

**Satellite clocks are higher, moving: tick differently!**

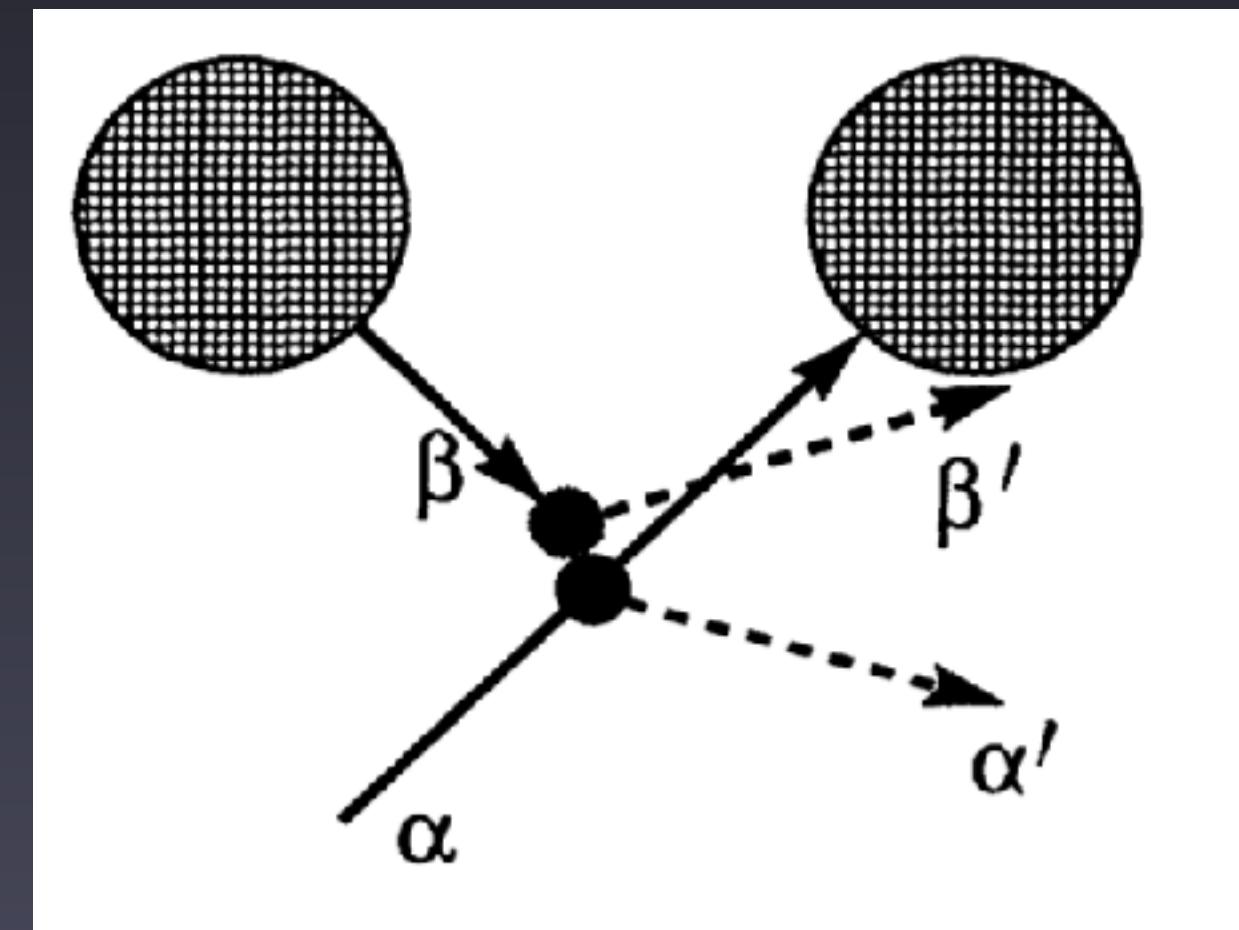
**Ignore this, and errors start to build up,  
exceeding 2 m in less than a minute**

# Backward time travel

- “Matricide paradox”
  - Go back in time and prevent yourself from being born?
- “Billiard ball paradox” (Polchinski, 1988)
  - Can ball go back in time & collide with itself, preventing itself from going back in time?
  - Echeverria, Klinkhammer, and Thorne [EKT], 1991

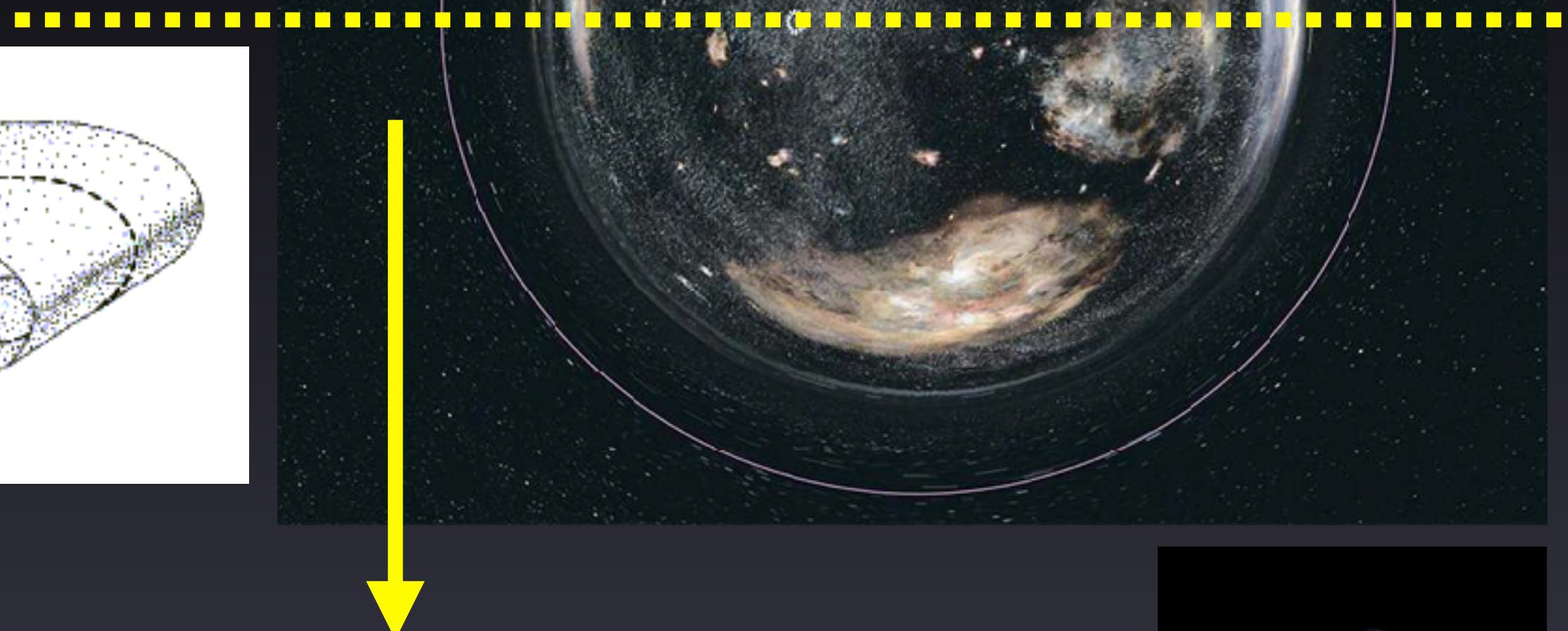
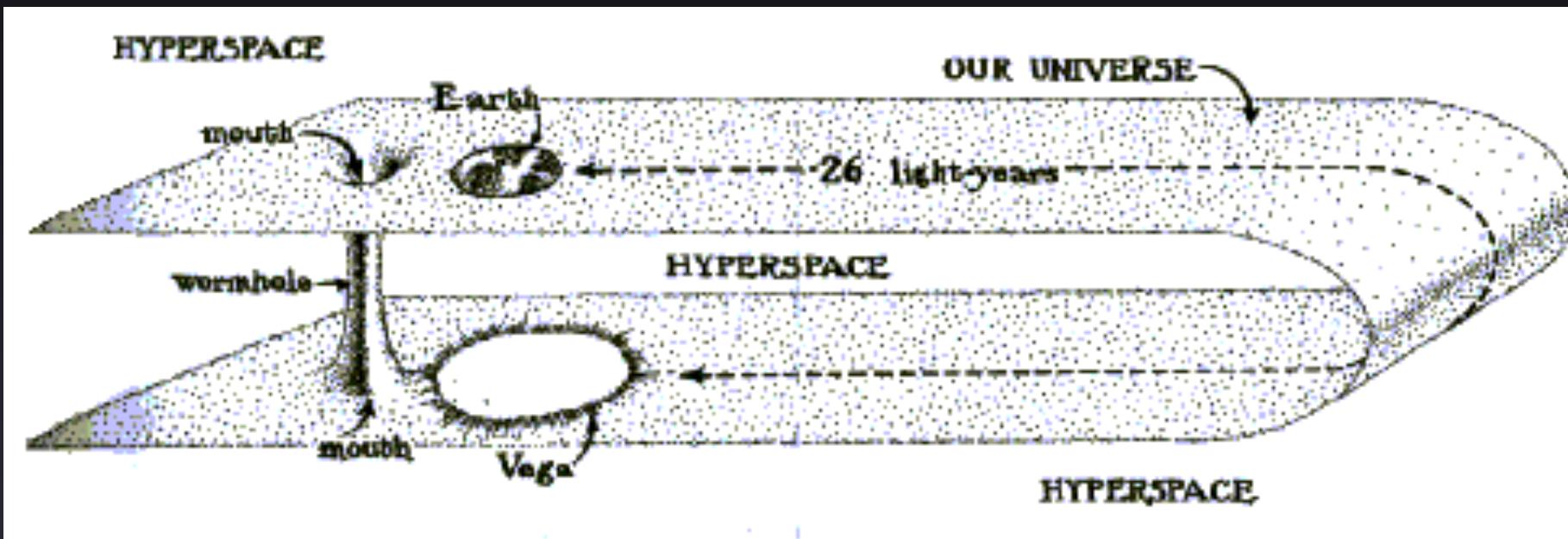


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# Wormhole in “Interstellar”

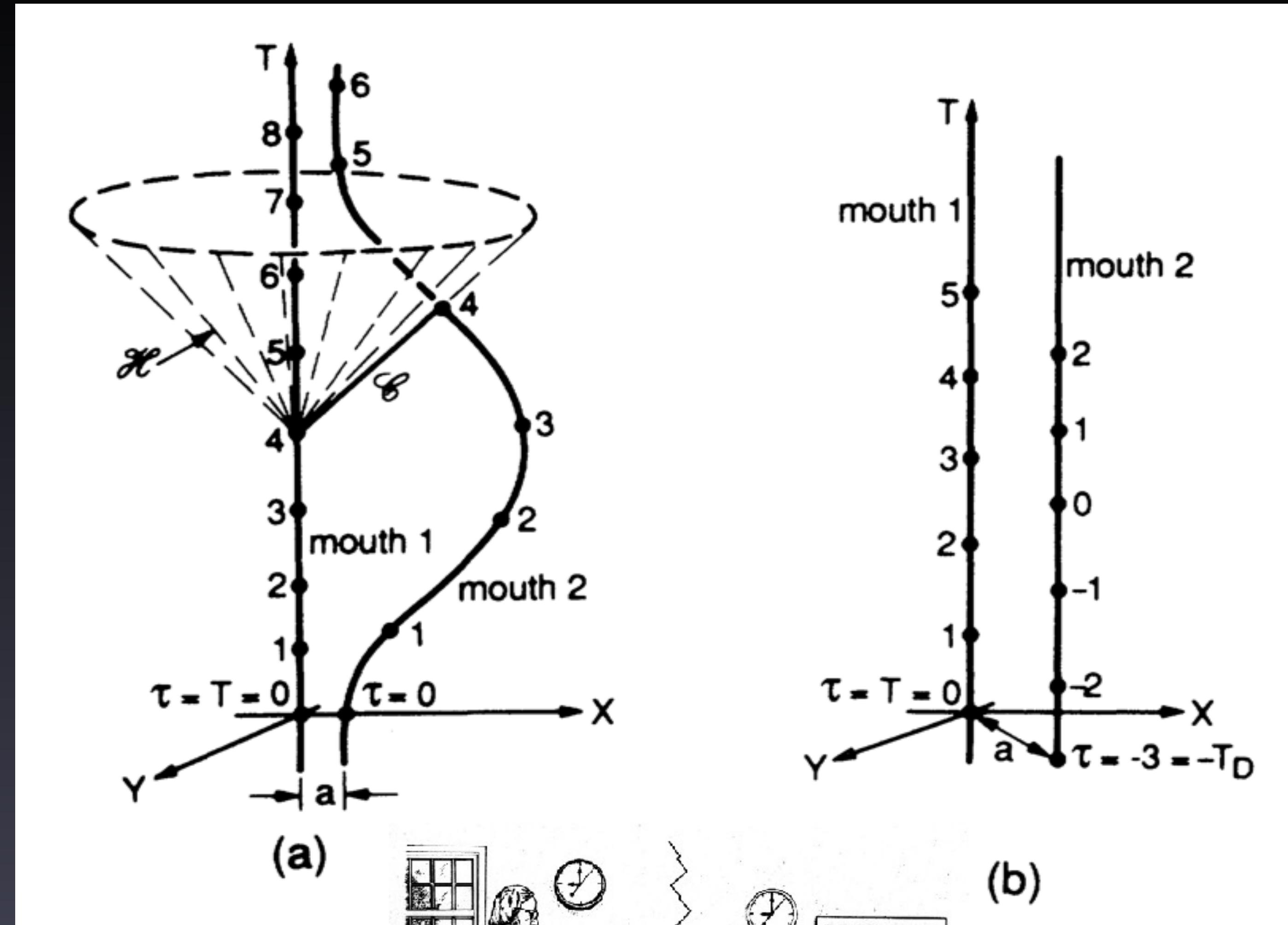
- Connect distant parts of universe



- Wormholes probably can't exist
  - Require “negative mass” to avoid collapsing
- Can be used to make a time machine



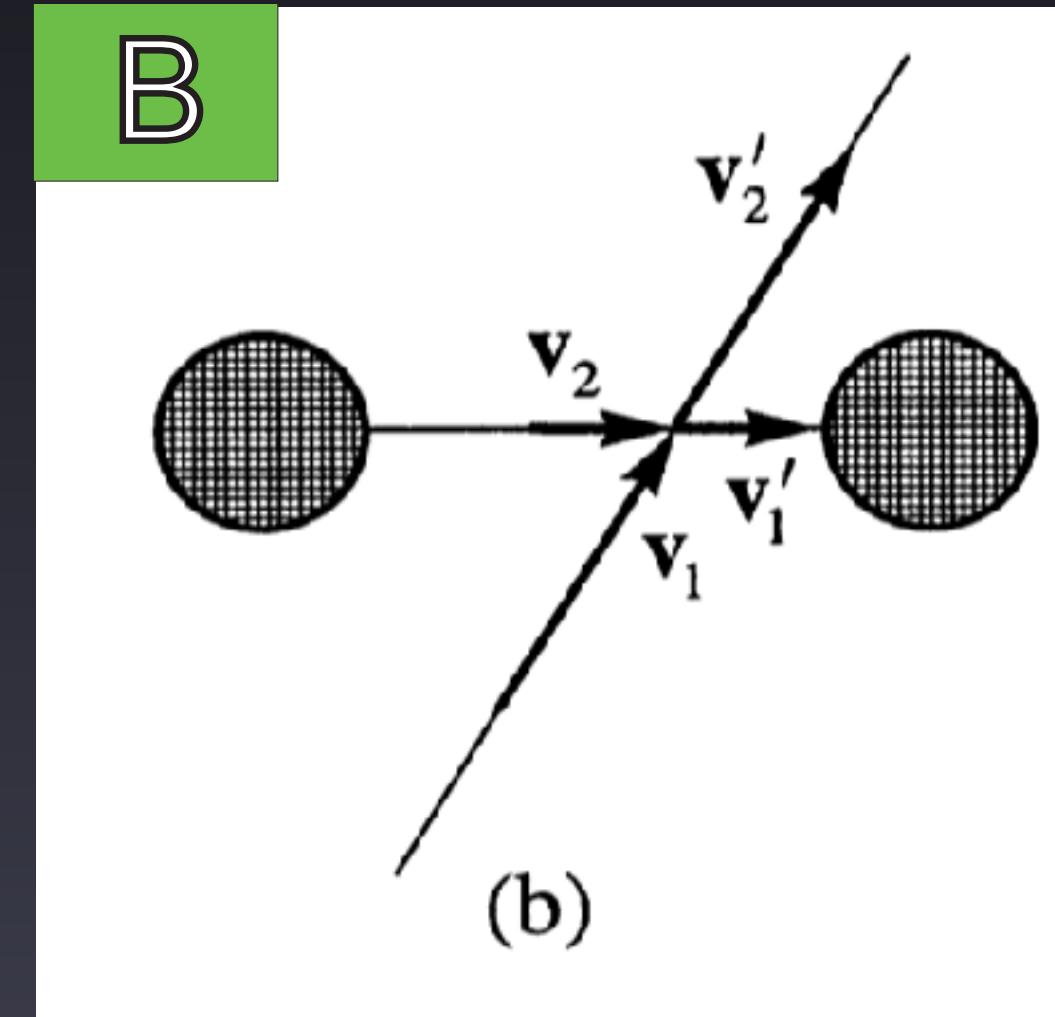
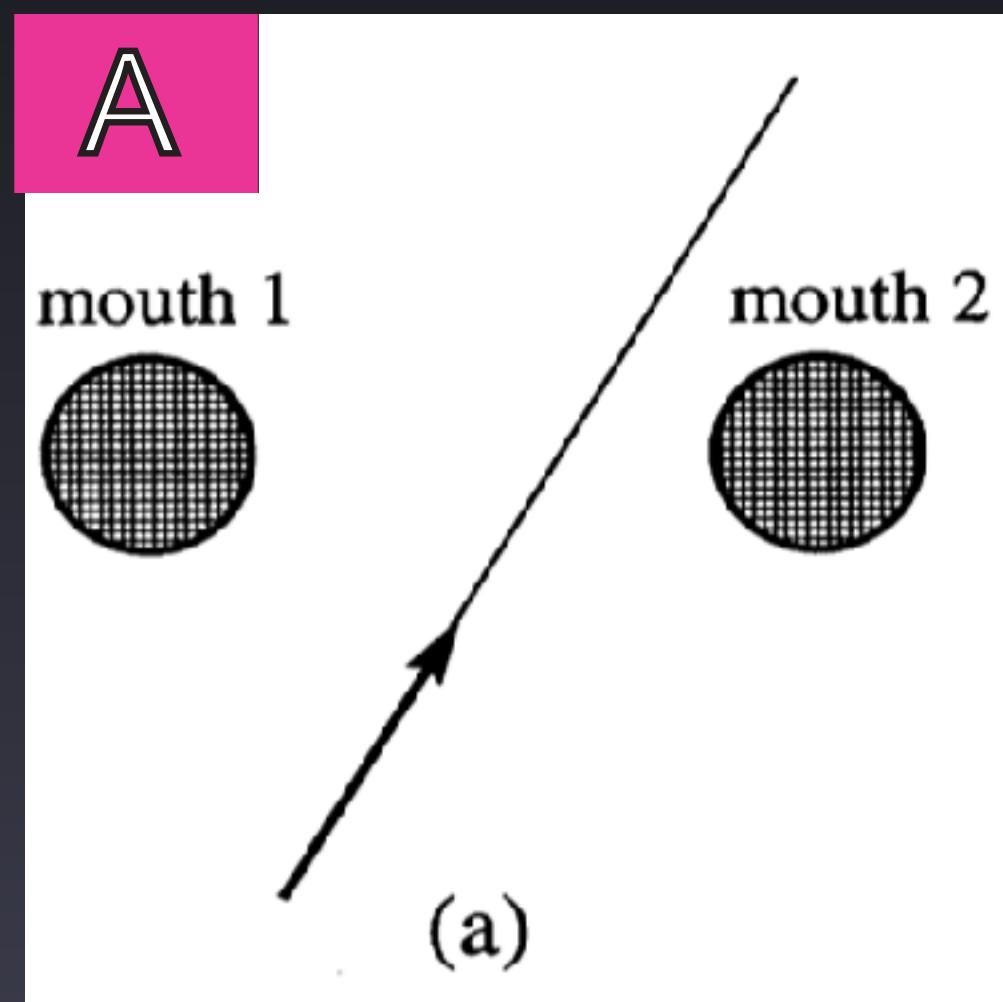
# “Time machine” spacetimes



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# What do you think?

- A billiard ball begins with initial velocity  $\mathbf{v}_1$ , heading between the two mouths of the time machine. Aside from the time machine, Newton's laws of motion apply. What happens?



C Can't say:  
both A and B  
satisfy  
Newton's  
laws of  
motion



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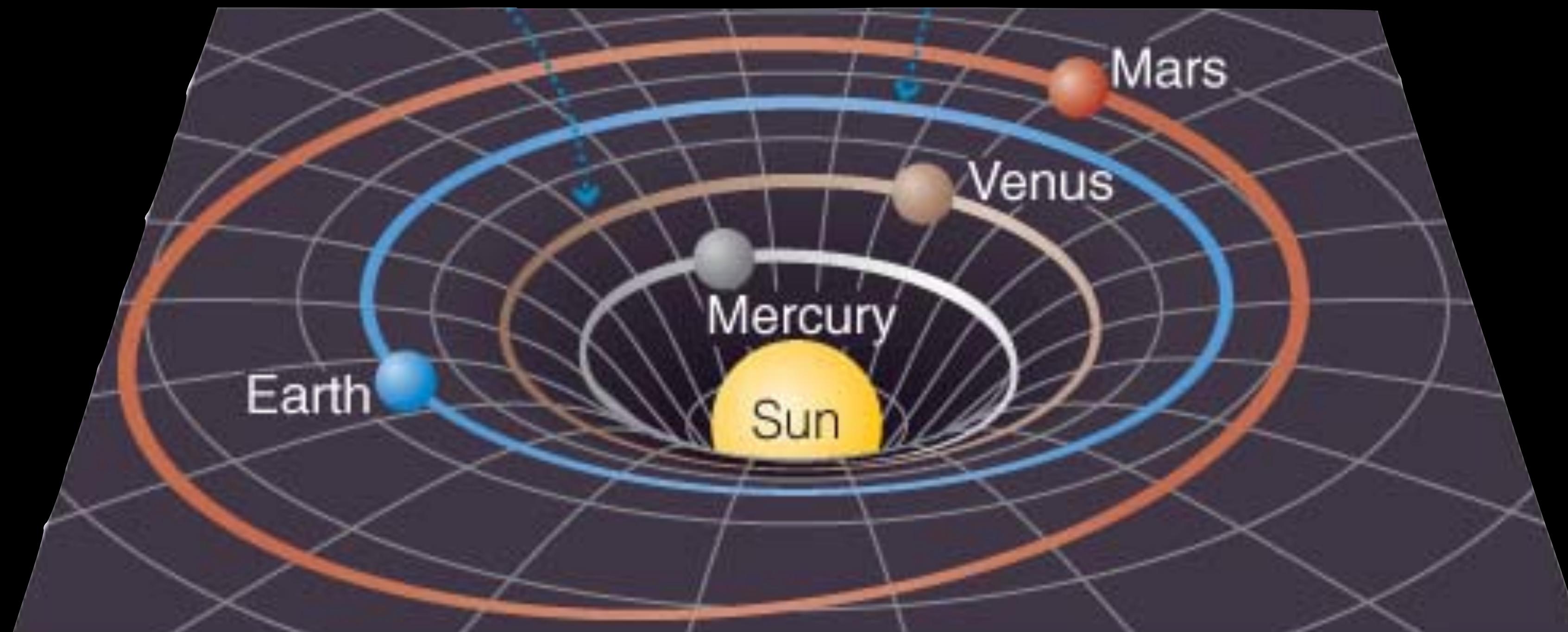
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scontrol show jobid -dd YOUR_JOB_ID  
ShowQueue
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# Curved spacetime

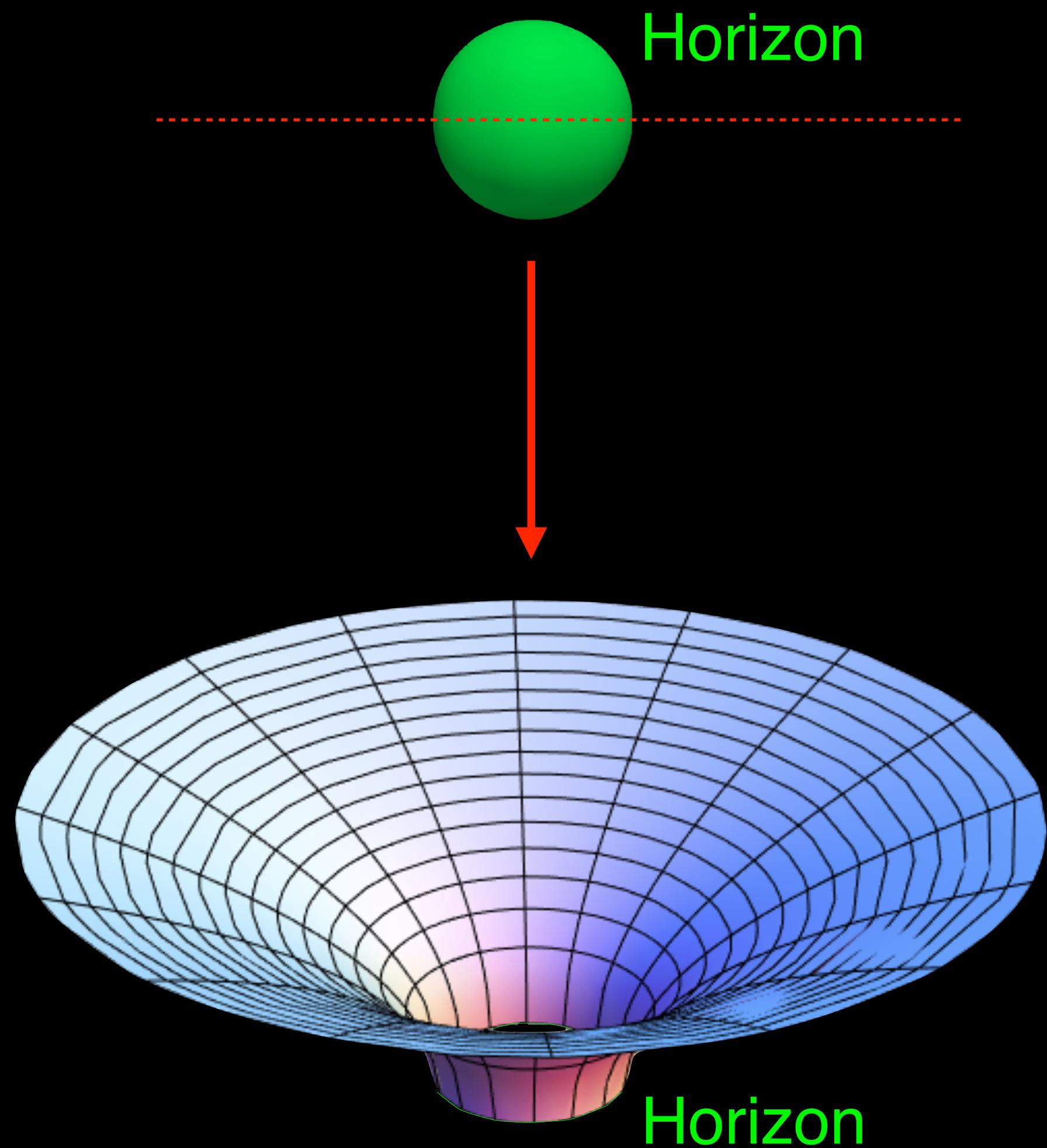
“Matter tells spacetime how to curve and space-time tells matter how to move.”

- John Wheeler



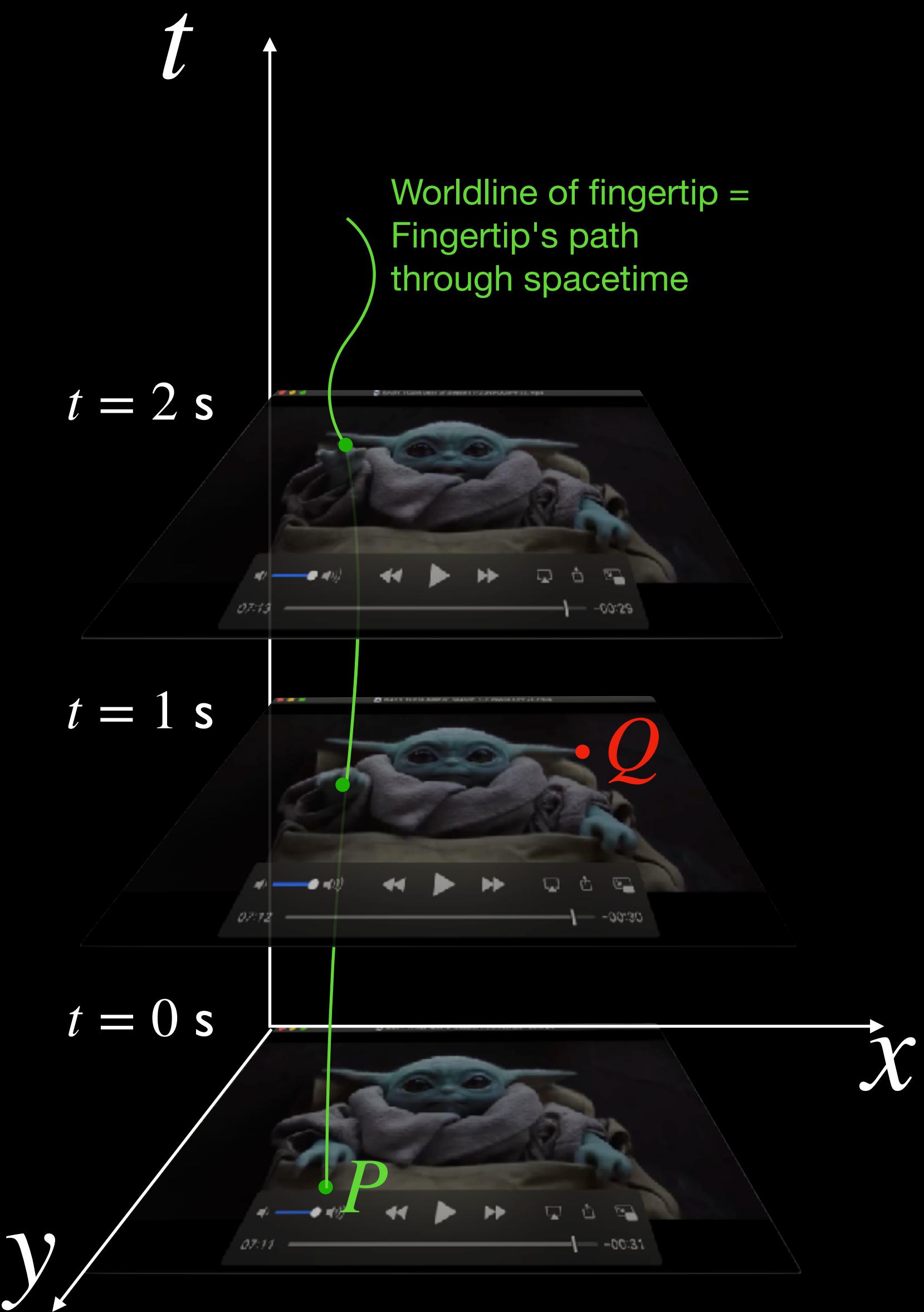
# Extremely curved spacetime: black holes

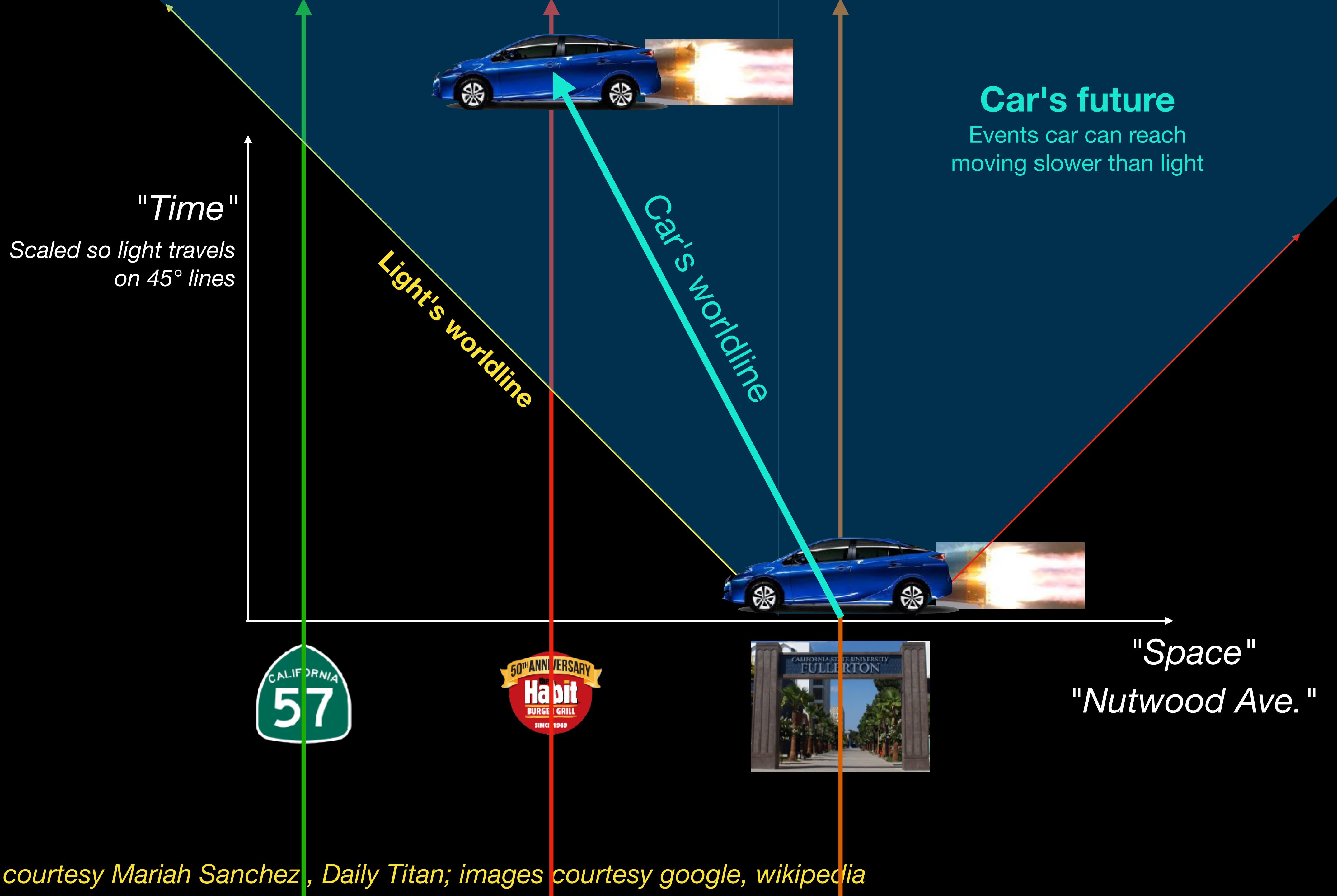
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  - Nothing (even light) can escape from inside hole's **horizon** (surface)
  - Singularity inside horizon: *infinitely* strong gravity
- Formed when the most massive stars die



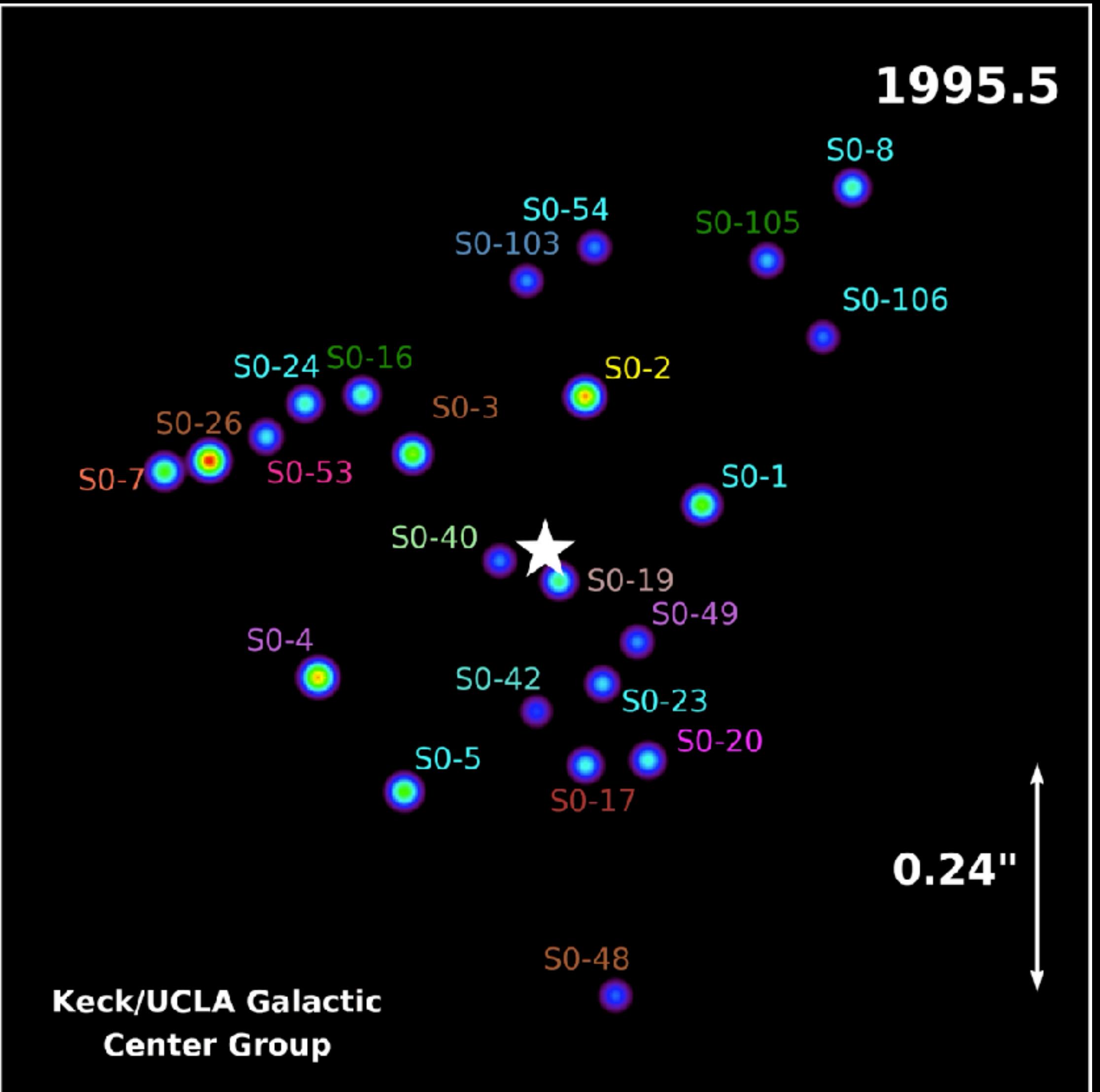
# What is spacetime?

- 3 dimensions of space + 1 dimension of time
- Event = a specific place at a specific time

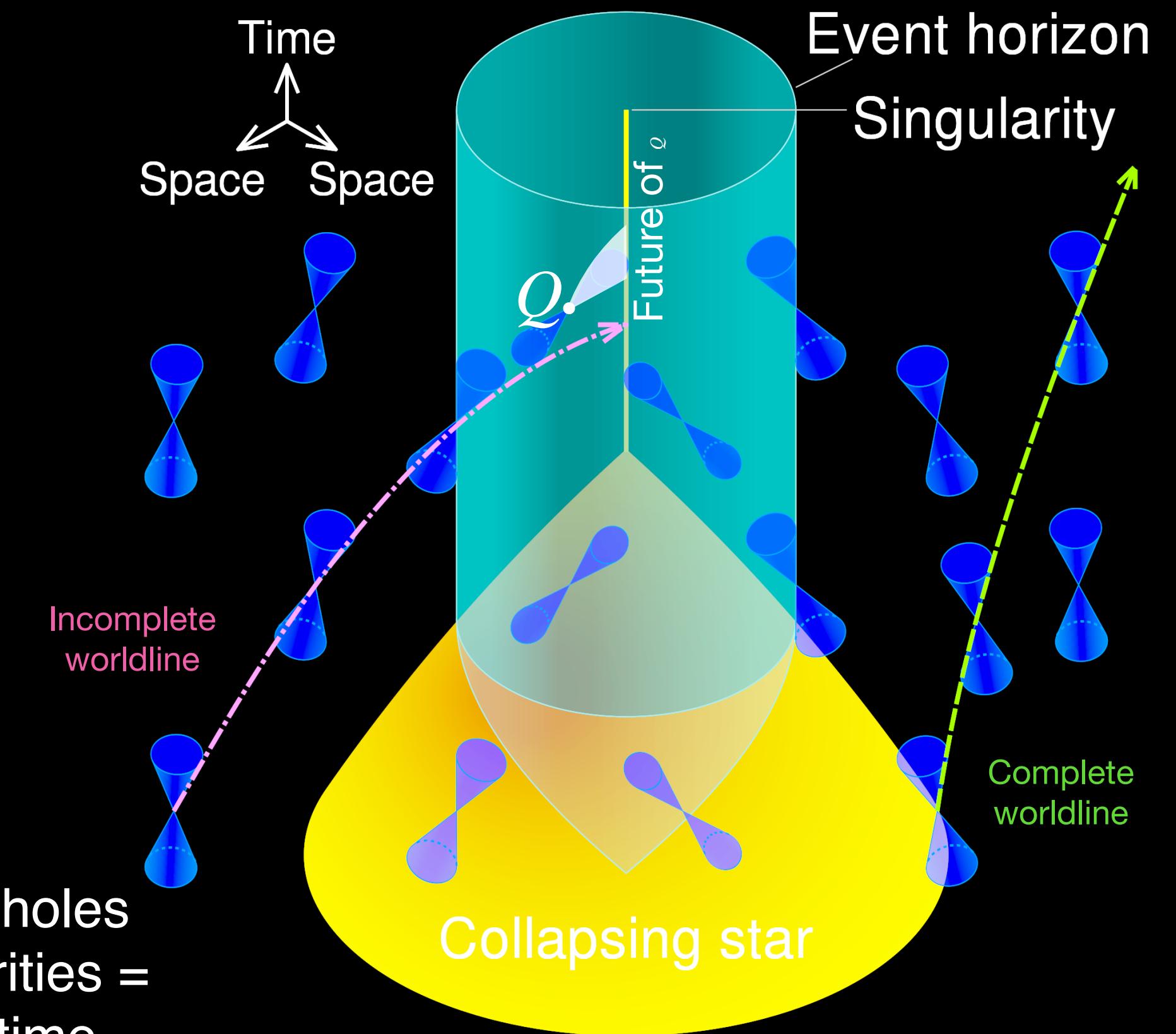




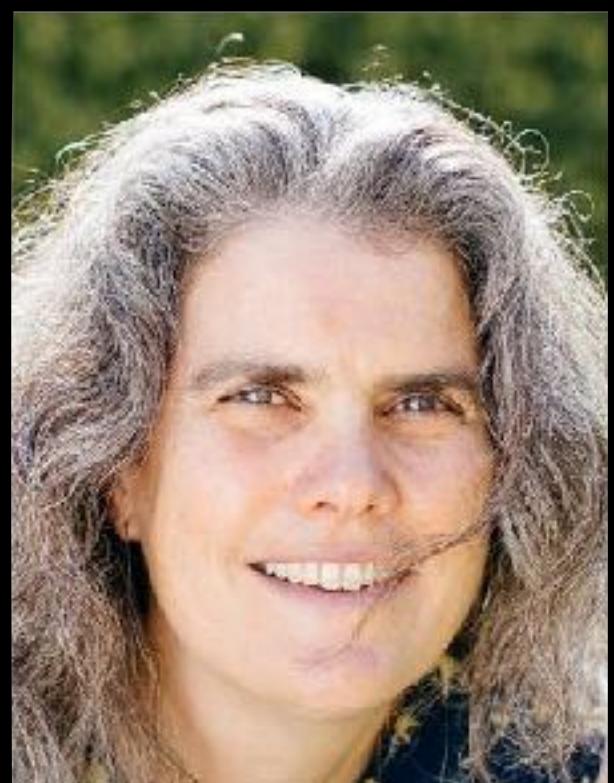
# 2020 Nobel Prize in Physics



Genzel & Ghez (local at UCLA): there's a black hole at the center of our galaxy



Reinhard  
Genzel



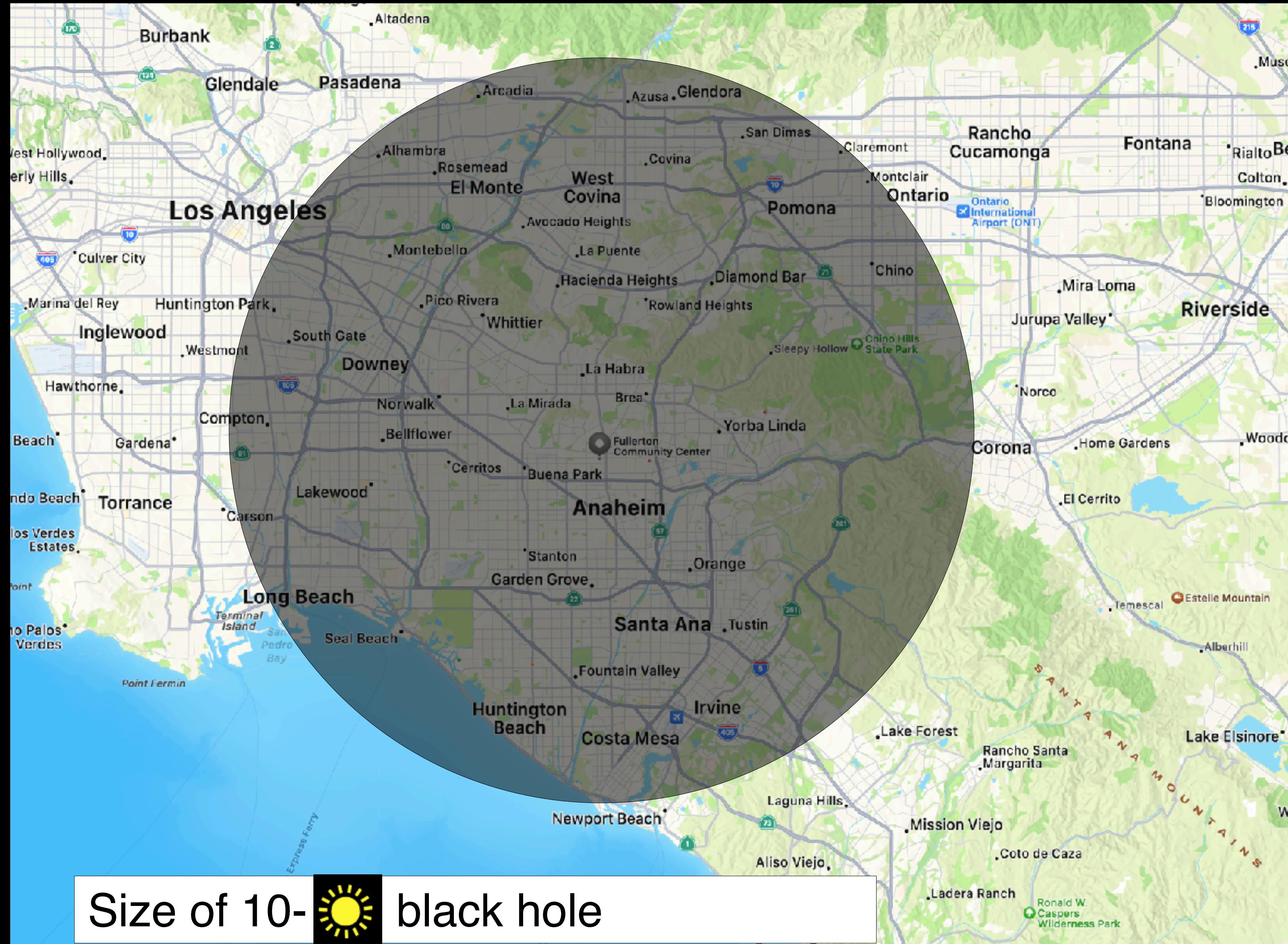
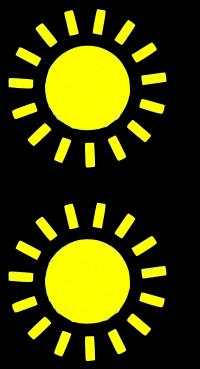
Andrea  
Ghez



Roger  
Penrose

# How big are black holes?

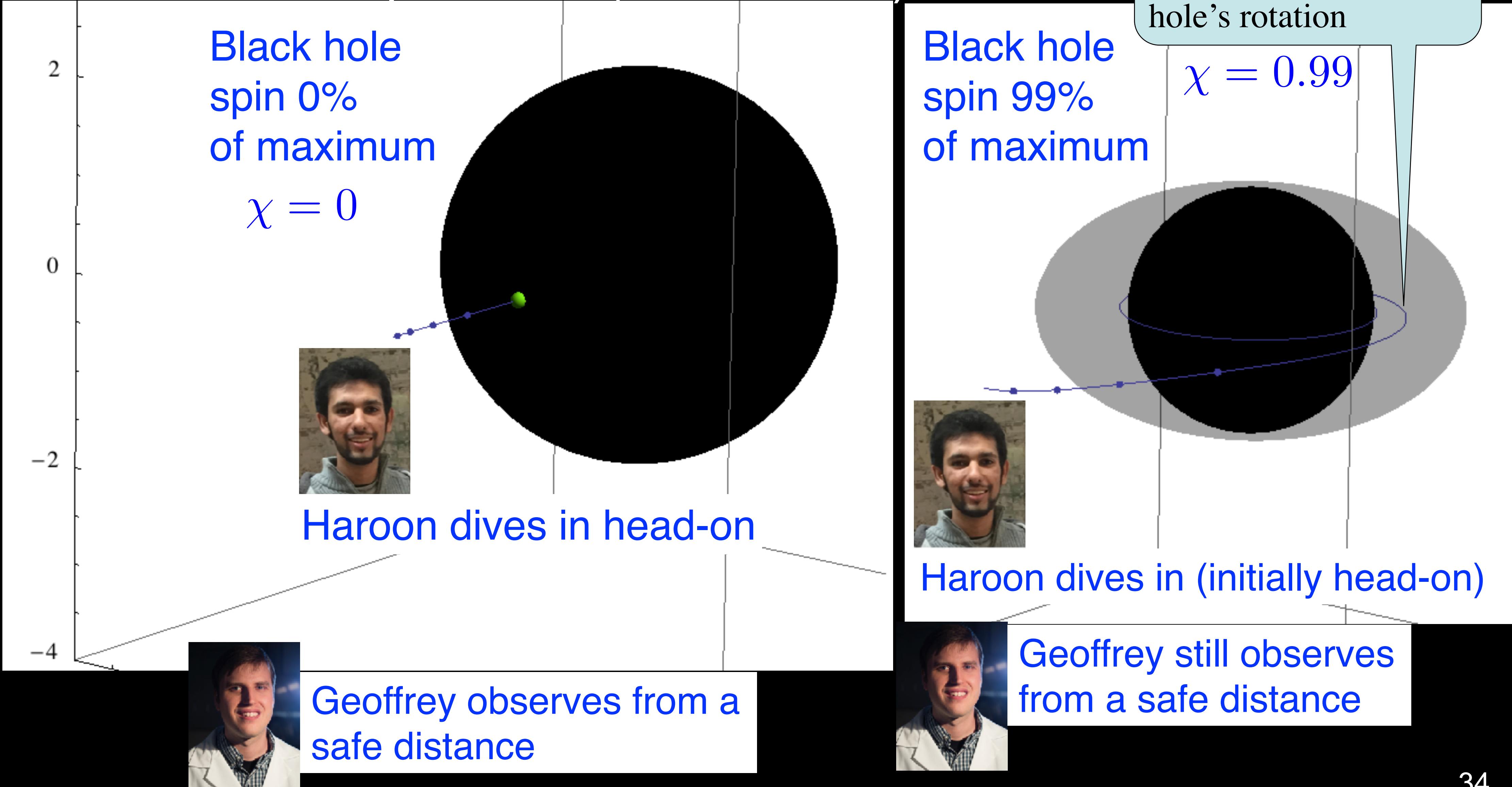
- Mass: huge!
  - Two kinds
  - 3 to  $\sim$ 100
  - Millions+
- Radius: small!



*Map courtesy  
Apple maps*

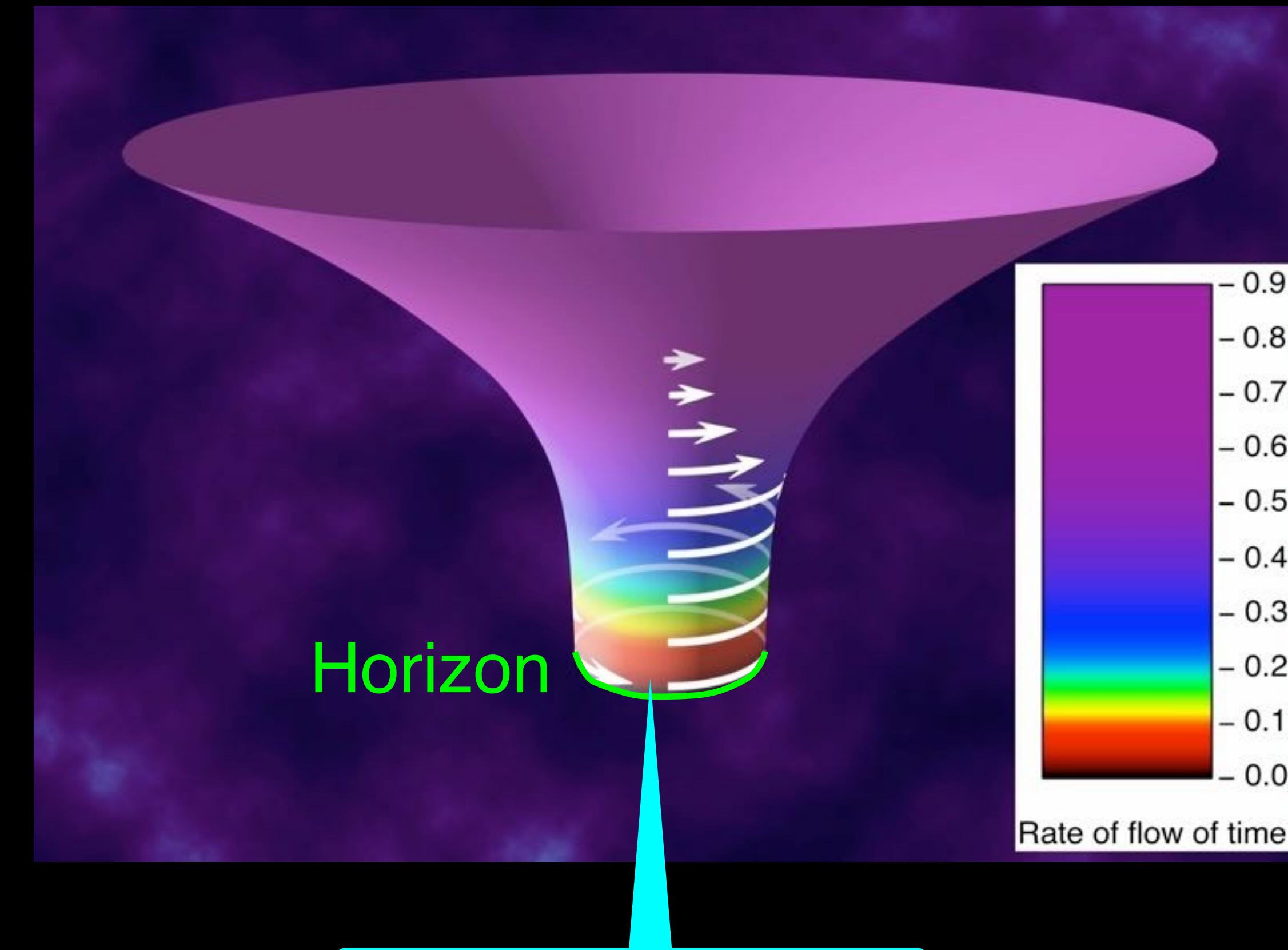
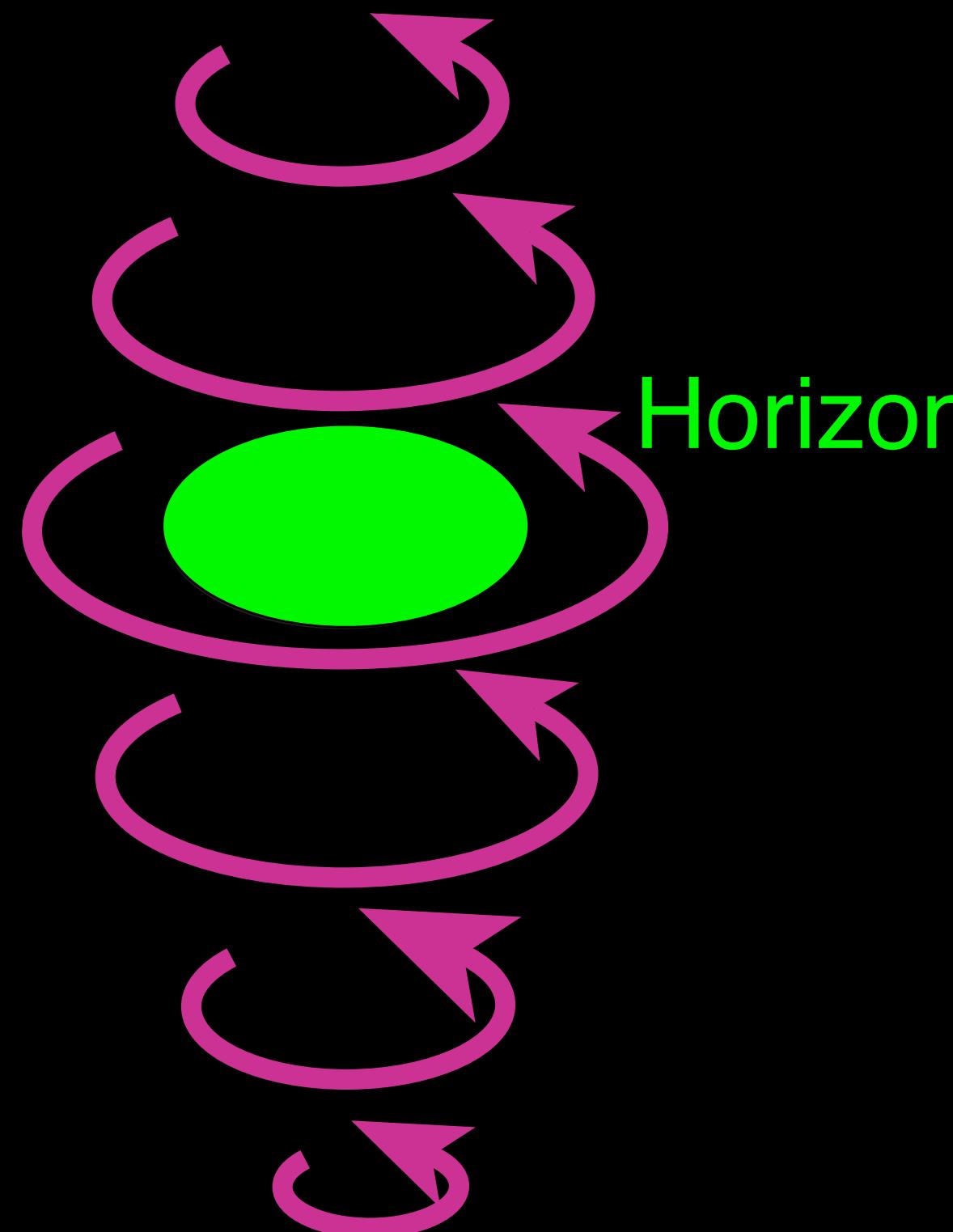
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- An experiment (not to scale)



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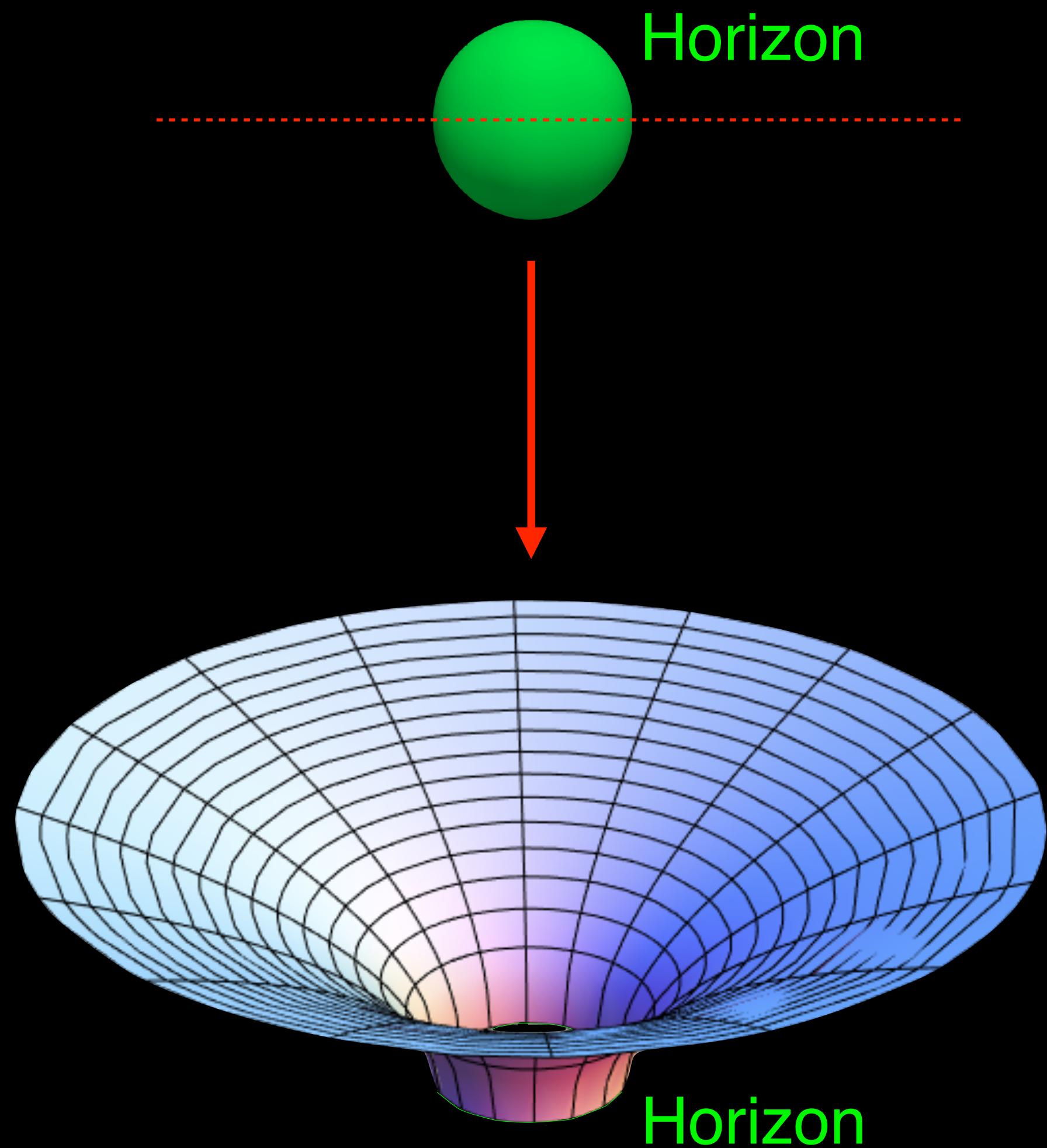
- Whirl space like a tornado

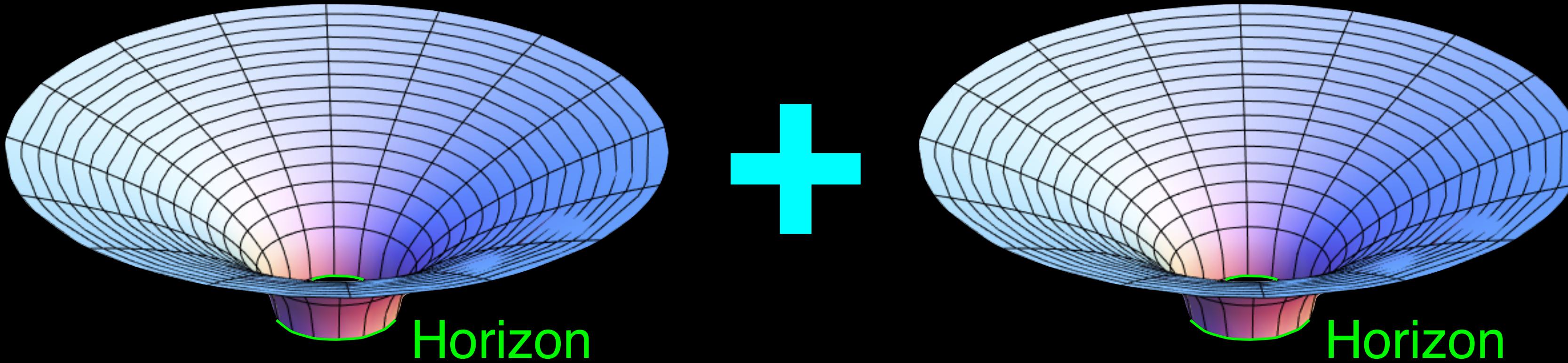


Time flows slowly  
near horizon

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# Linear and nonlinear physics

- **Linear**

- Whole is sum of parts
  - Example: sound in this room
  - Total sound = sum of individual sounds

Single black hole



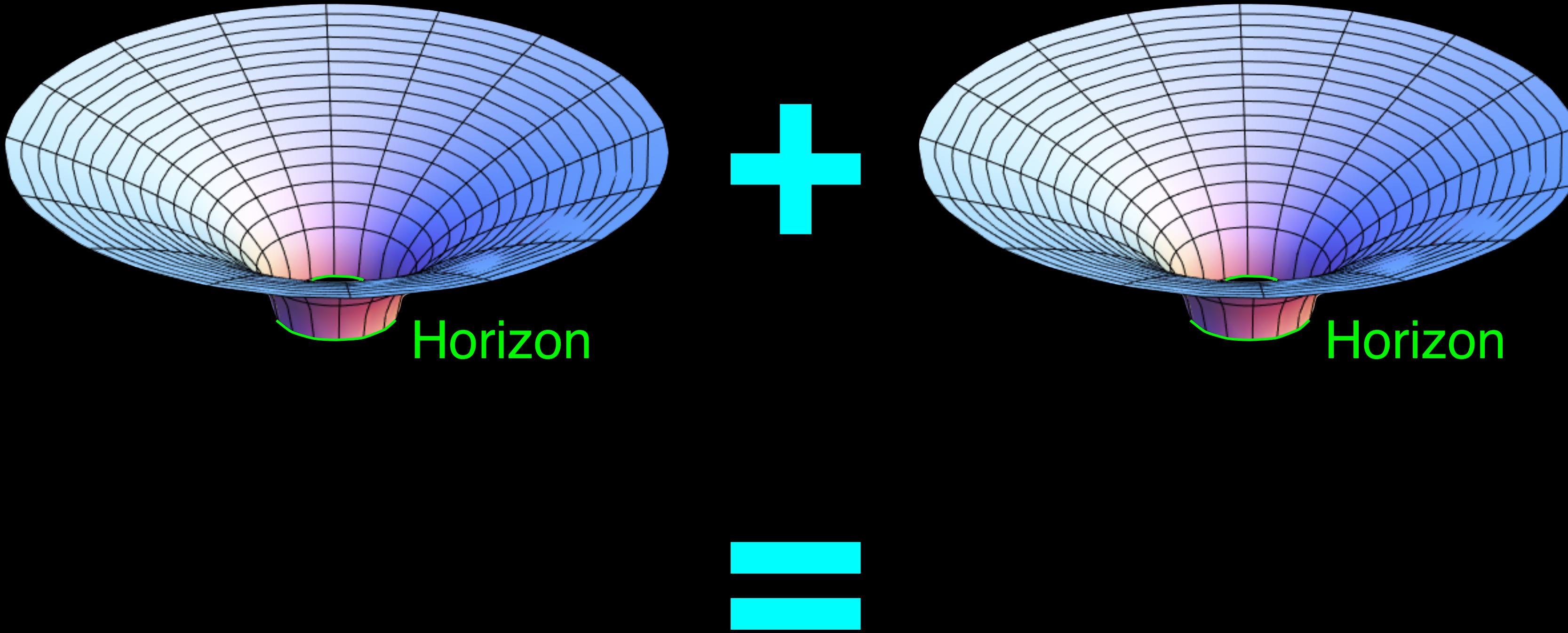
- **Nonlinear**

- Whole is more than sum of parts
  - Example: water + wind
  - Example: two black holes
  - Need supercomputers to predict

Colliding black holes



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Merging black holes &  
gravitational waves

By CSUF Undergrad  
Nick Demos  
(now MIT PhD student)



SXS Collaboration: “Calculation of warped spacetime consistent with GW170104 (zoomed)”

# 3+1 decomposition

Split spacetime into set of spaces



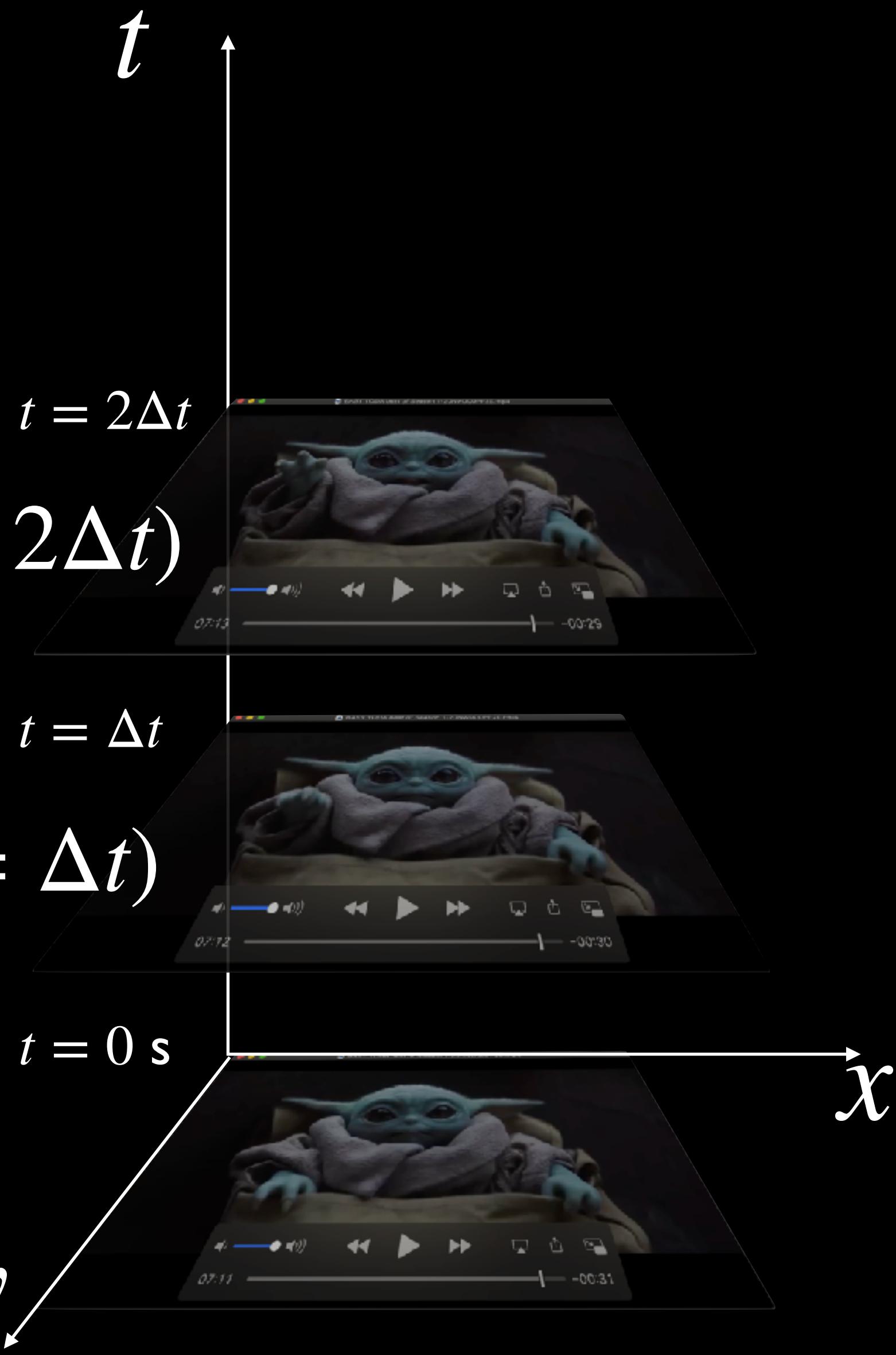
Goal: evolve  
(constraint-  
satisfying)  
spacetime  
metric  $g_{ab}$

Spacetime metric =  
measure of distance  
between events in  
spacetime

Spacetime

metric  $g_{ab}(t = 0)$

$y$



# Solving Einstein's equations in vacuum

Goal: solve  $G_{\mu\nu} = 0$  for spacetime metric  $g_{ab}$

- Split spacetime into space + time

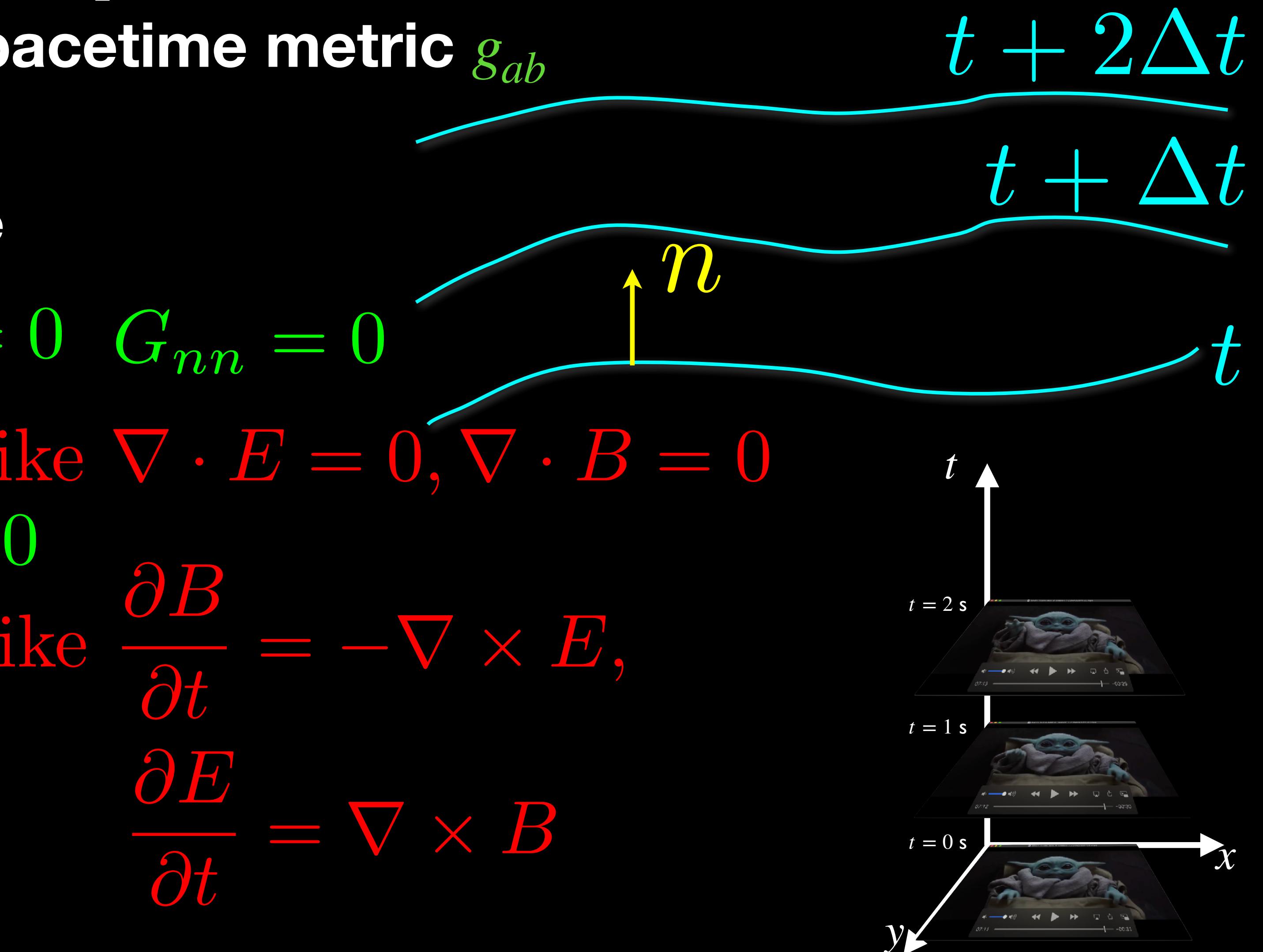
- Constraint equations  $G_{nj} = 0$   $G_{nn} = 0$
- Solve to create initial data like  $\nabla \cdot E = 0, \nabla \cdot B = 0$

- Evolution equations  $G_{ij} = 0$

- Constraints must stay satisfied

- Step 1: Step forward in time

- Step 2: Repeat step 1 (a lot)



# The actual equations we solve

$$\begin{aligned}
& \partial_t g_{ab} - (1 + \gamma_1) \beta^k \partial_k g_{ab} = -\alpha \Pi_{ab} - \gamma_1 \beta^i \Phi_{iab}, \\
& \partial_t \Pi_{ab} - \beta^k \partial_k \Pi_{ab} + \alpha \gamma^{ki} \partial_k \Phi_{iab} - \gamma_1 \gamma_2 \beta^k \partial_k g_{ab} \\
& \quad = 2\alpha g^{cd} (\gamma^{ij} \Phi_{ica} \Phi_{jdb} - \Pi_{ca} \Pi_{db} - g^{ef} \Gamma_{ace} \Gamma_{bdf}) \\
& \quad - 2\alpha \nabla_{(a} H_{b)} - \frac{1}{2} \alpha n^c n^d \Pi_{cd} \Pi_{ab} - \alpha n^c \Pi_{ci} \gamma^{ij} \Phi_{jab} \\
& \quad + \alpha \gamma_0 (2\delta^c_{(a} n_{b)} - (1 + \gamma_3) g_{ab} n^c) \mathcal{C}_c \\
& \quad + 2\gamma_4 \alpha \Pi_{ab} n^c \mathcal{C}_c \\
& \quad - \gamma_5 \alpha n^c \mathcal{C}_c \left( \frac{\mathcal{C}_a \mathcal{C}_b - \frac{1}{2} g_{ab} \mathcal{C}_d \mathcal{C}^d}{\epsilon_5 + 2n^d \mathcal{C}_d n^e \mathcal{C}_e + \mathcal{C}_d \mathcal{C}^d} \right) \\
& \quad - \gamma_1 \gamma_2 \beta^i \Phi_{iab} \\
& \quad - 16\pi \alpha \left( T_{ab} - \frac{1}{2} g_{ab} T^c{}_c \right), \\
& \partial_t \Phi_{iab} - \beta^k \partial_k \Phi_{iab} + \alpha \partial_i \Pi_{ab} - \alpha \gamma_2 \partial_i g_{ab} \\
& \quad = \frac{1}{2} \alpha n^c n^d \Phi_{icd} \Pi_{ab} + \alpha \gamma^{jk} n^c \Phi_{ijc} \Phi_{kab} \\
& \quad - \alpha \gamma_2 \Phi_{iab},
\end{aligned}$$

**Evolution equations**     $u_\alpha = \{g_{ab}, \Pi_{ab}, \Phi_{iab}\}$

$$\partial_t u_\alpha + \partial_i F_\alpha^i + B_{\alpha\beta}^i \partial_i u_\beta - S_\alpha = 0.$$

$$C_a = H_a + g^{ij} \Phi_{ija} + t^b \Pi_{ba} - \frac{1}{2} g_a^i \psi^{bc} \Phi_{ibc} - \frac{1}{2} t_a \psi^{bc} \Pi_{bc}$$

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C_{ia} \equiv & g^{jk} \partial_j \Phi_{ika} - \frac{1}{2} g_a^j \psi^{cd} \partial_j \Phi_{icd} + t^b \partial_i \Pi_{ba} - \frac{1}{2} t_a \psi^{cd} \partial_i \Pi_{cd} \\
& + \partial_i H_a + \frac{1}{2} g_a^j \Phi_{jcd} \Phi_{ief} \psi^{ce} \psi^{df} + \frac{1}{2} g^{jk} \Phi_{jcd} \Phi_{ike} \psi^{cd} t^e t_a \\
& - g^{jk} g^{mn} \Phi_{jma} \Phi_{ikn} + \frac{1}{2} \Phi_{icd} \Pi_{be} t_a \left( \psi^{cb} \psi^{de} + \frac{1}{2} \psi^{be} t^c t^d \right) \\
& - \Phi_{icd} \Pi_{ba} t^c \left( \psi^{bd} + \frac{1}{2} t^b t^d \right) + \frac{1}{2} \gamma_2 (t_a \psi^{cd} - 2\delta_a^c t^d) C_{icd}
\end{aligned}$$

$$C_{iab} = \partial_i g_{ab} - \Phi_{iab}$$

$$C_{ijab} = 2\partial_{[i} \Phi_{j]ab}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{F}_a \equiv & \frac{1}{2} g_a^i \psi^{bc} \partial_i \Pi_{bc} - g^{ij} \partial_i \Pi_{ja} - g^{ij} t^b \partial_i \Phi_{jba} + \frac{1}{2} t_a \psi^{bc} g^{ij} \partial_i \Phi_{jbc} \\
& + t_a g^{ij} \partial_i H_j + g_a^i \Phi_{ijb} g^{jk} \Phi_{kcd} \psi^{bd} t^c - \frac{1}{2} g_a^i \Phi_{ijb} g^{jk} \Phi_{kcd} \psi^{cd} t^b \\
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& + g_a^i \Phi_{icd} \Pi_{be} t^c t^b \psi^{de} - g^{ij} \Phi_{iba} t^b \Pi_{je} t^e - \frac{1}{2} g^{ij} \Phi_{icd} t^c t^d \Pi_{ja} \\
& - g^{ij} H_i \Phi_{jba} t^b + g_a^i \Phi_{icd} H_b \psi^{bc} t^d + \gamma_2 (g^{id} \mathcal{C}_{ida} - \frac{1}{2} g_a^i \psi^{cd} \mathcal{C}_{icd}) \\
& + \frac{1}{2} t_a \Pi_{cd} \psi^{cd} H_b t^b - t_a g^{ij} \Phi_{ijc} H_d \psi^{cd} + \frac{1}{2} t_a g^{ij} H_i \Phi_{jcd} \psi^{cd} \\
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\end{aligned}$$

$$H_a = g_{ab} \partial^c \partial_c x^b$$

$a, b, \dots$  =  
spacetime  
indices  $t, x, y, z$

$i, j, \dots$  =  
spatial indices  
 $x, y, z$

$\alpha, \beta, \dots$  =  
equation  
indices  
 $\mathcal{C}_a, \Pi_{ab}, \Phi_{iab}$

Sum over  
repeated  
indices

**Constraint equations**

$$G = c = 1$$

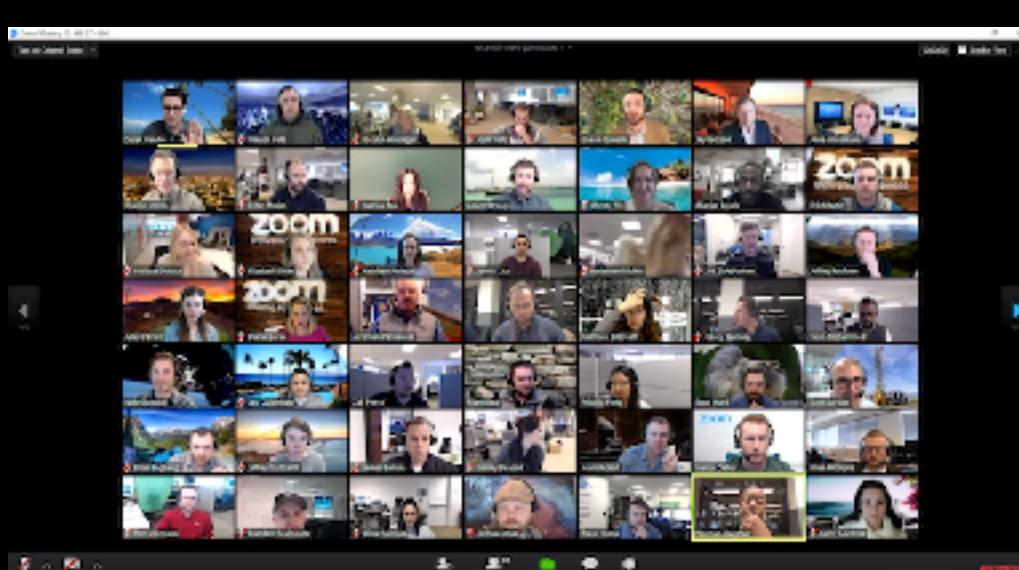
# SpECTRE

- Open, next-gen. NR code
  - Discontinuous Galerkin (DG)
  - Task-based parallelism

SpEC

Home-grown

Cores run same code on different parts of grid



Many sync points

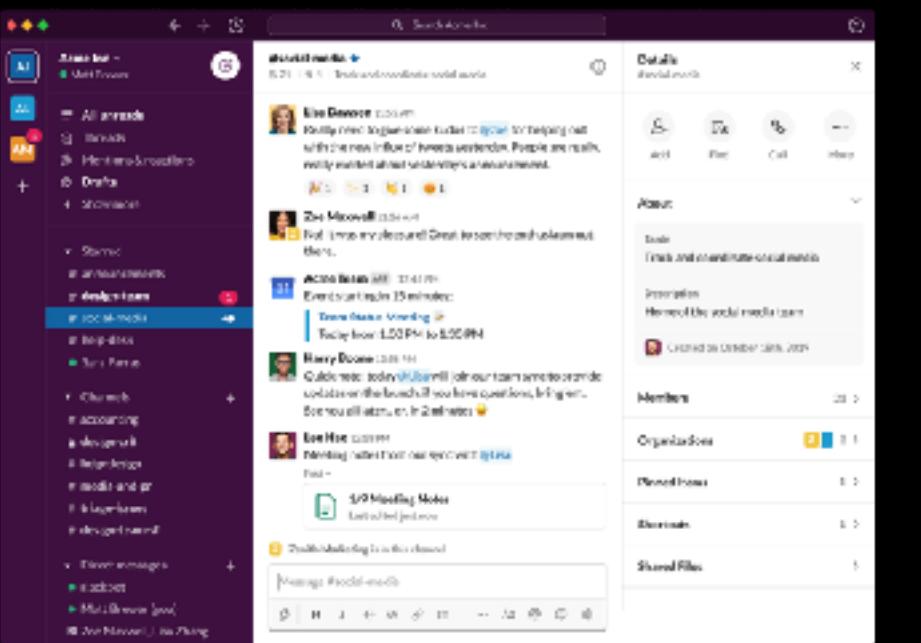
**Scales to 50 cores**

SpECTRE

charm++

[charm.cs.illinois.edu](http://charm.cs.illinois.edu)

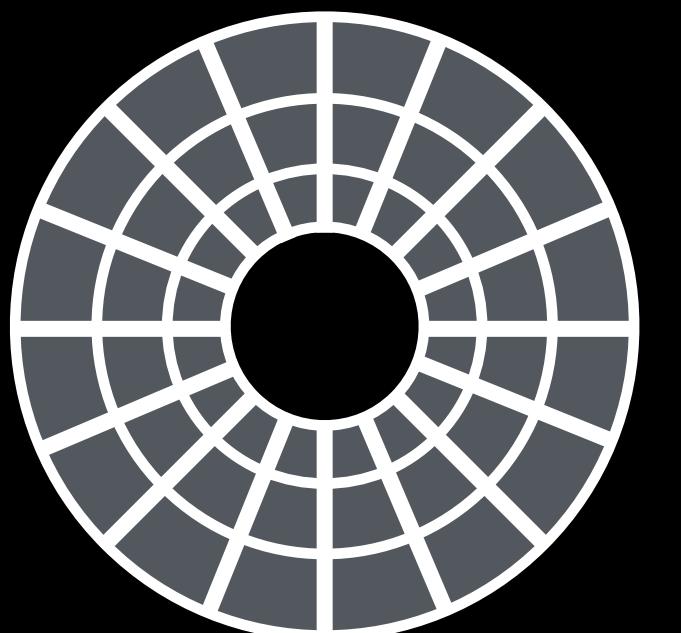
Cores ask scheduler for tasks from queue



Few sync points

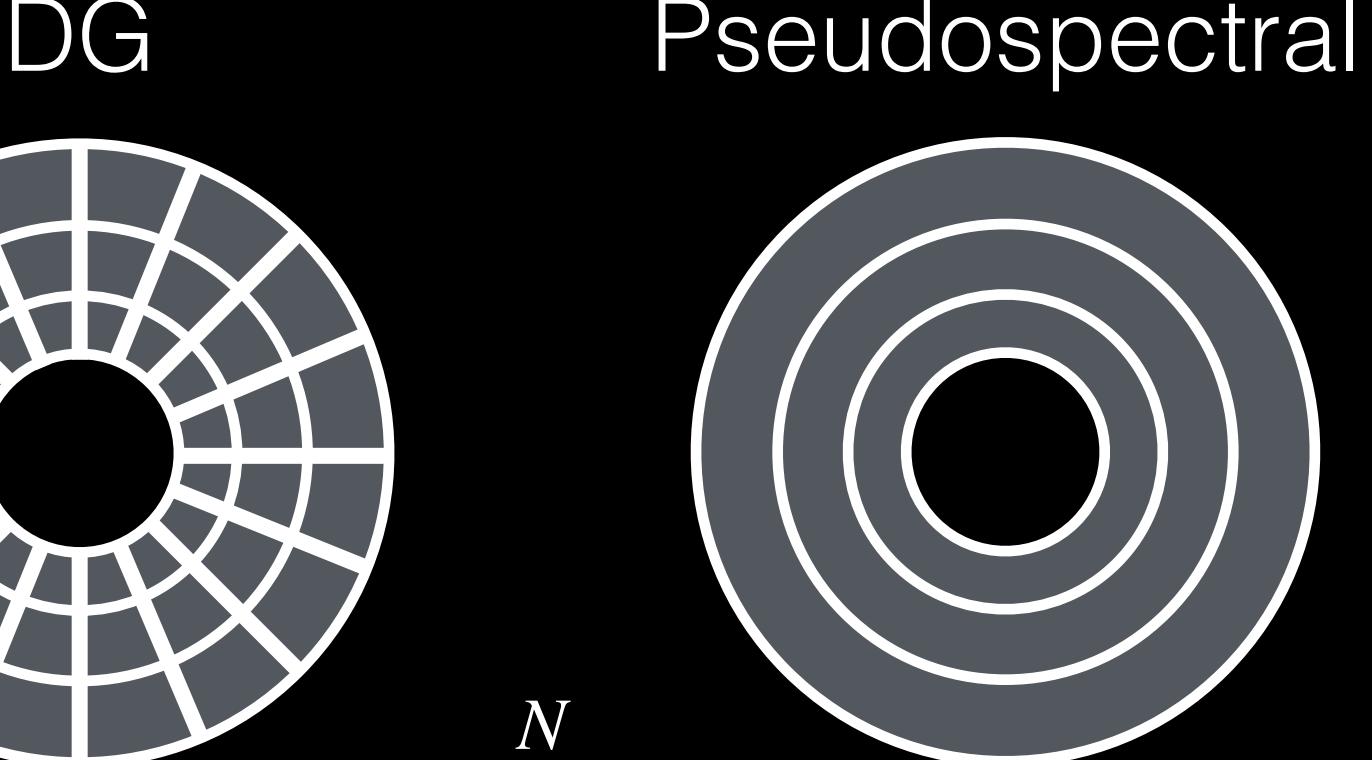
**Scales to 100k cores**

DG

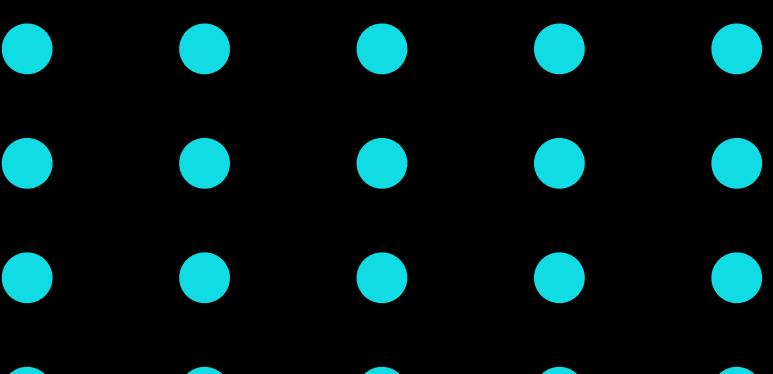


$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^N a_n \phi(x)$$

Smaller  $N$   
more cells



Bigger  $N$   
fewer cells



$x_{n-1}$   $x_n$   $x_{n+1}$

Values at  
grid points

Shocks

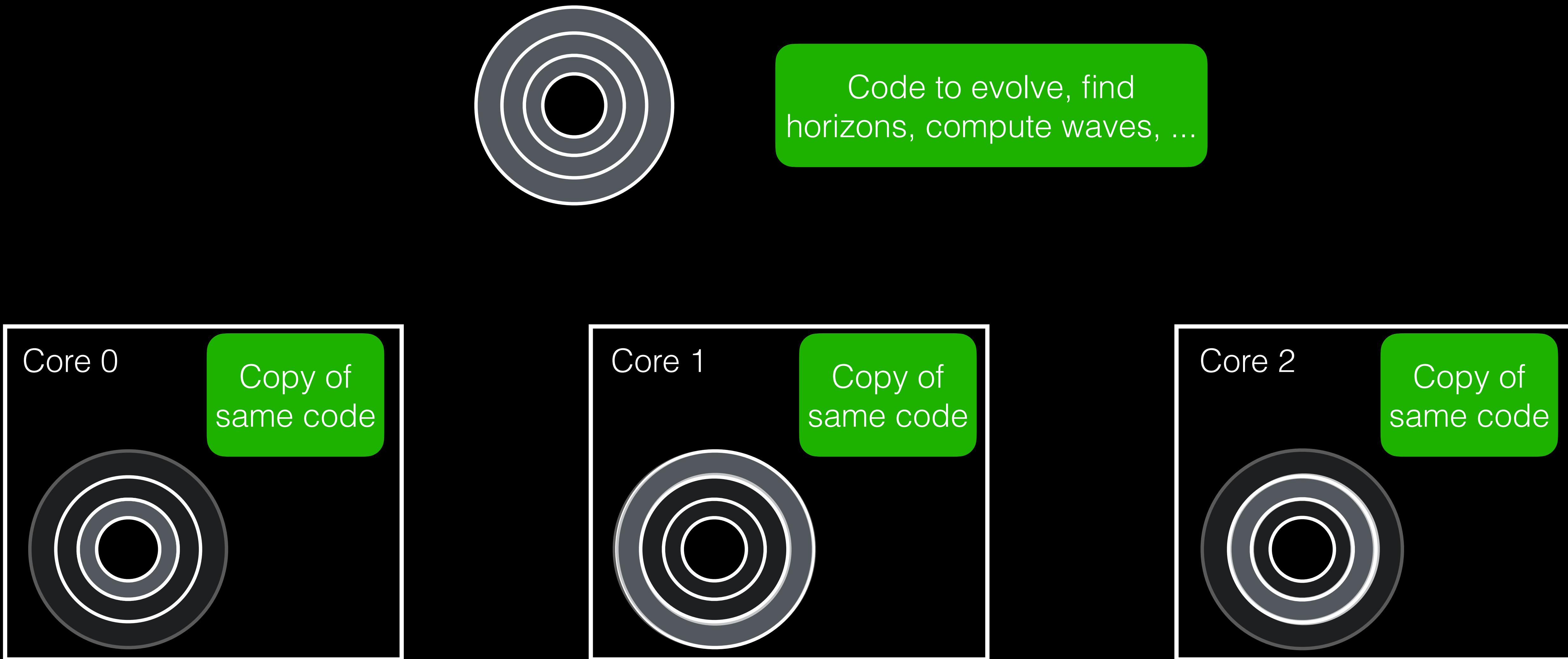
Polynomial  
convergence

Wide stencils  
*High communication  
on many CPUs*

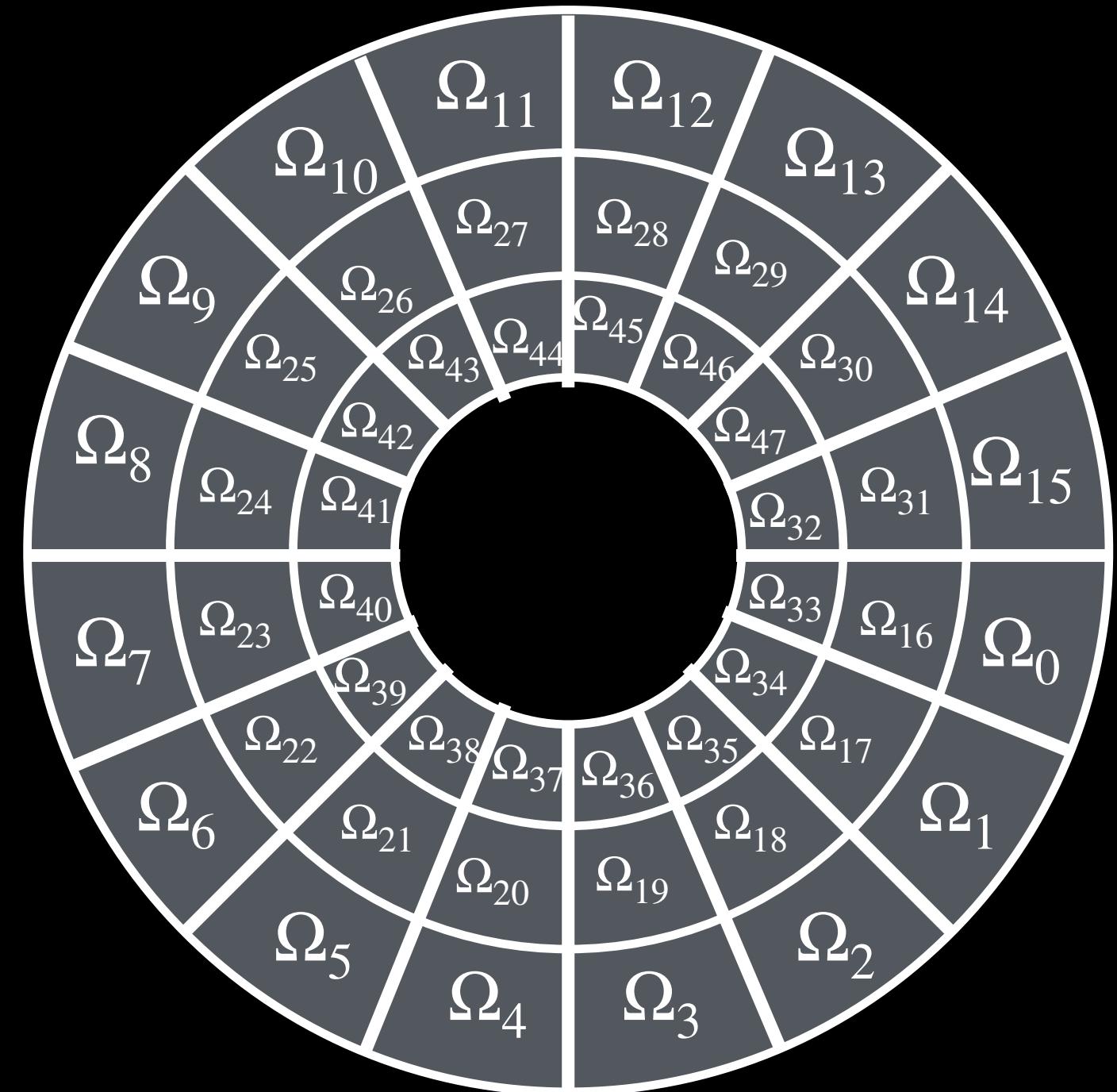
Exponential convergence  
*when solution smooth*

Analytic high-order derivatives

# Data parallelism

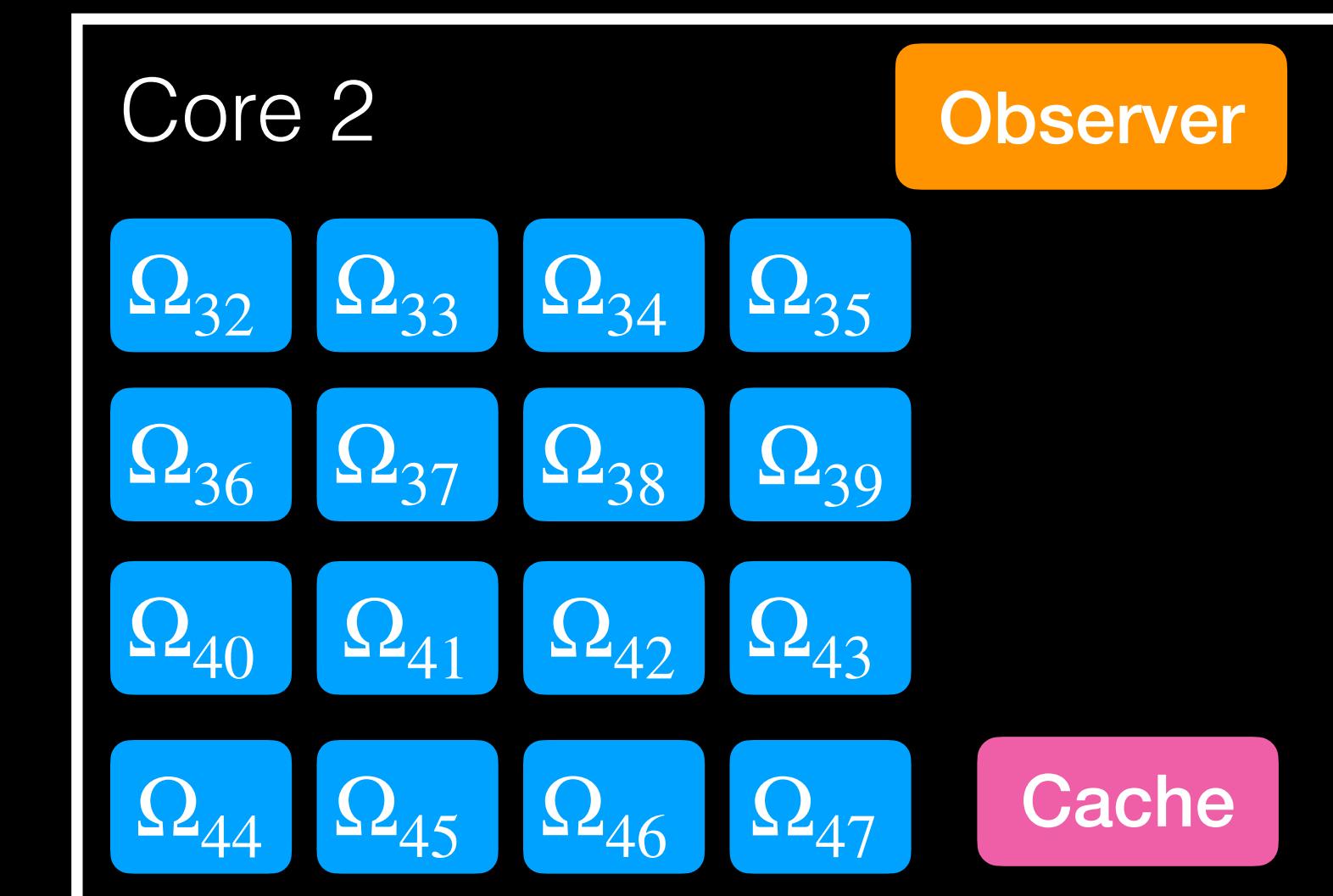
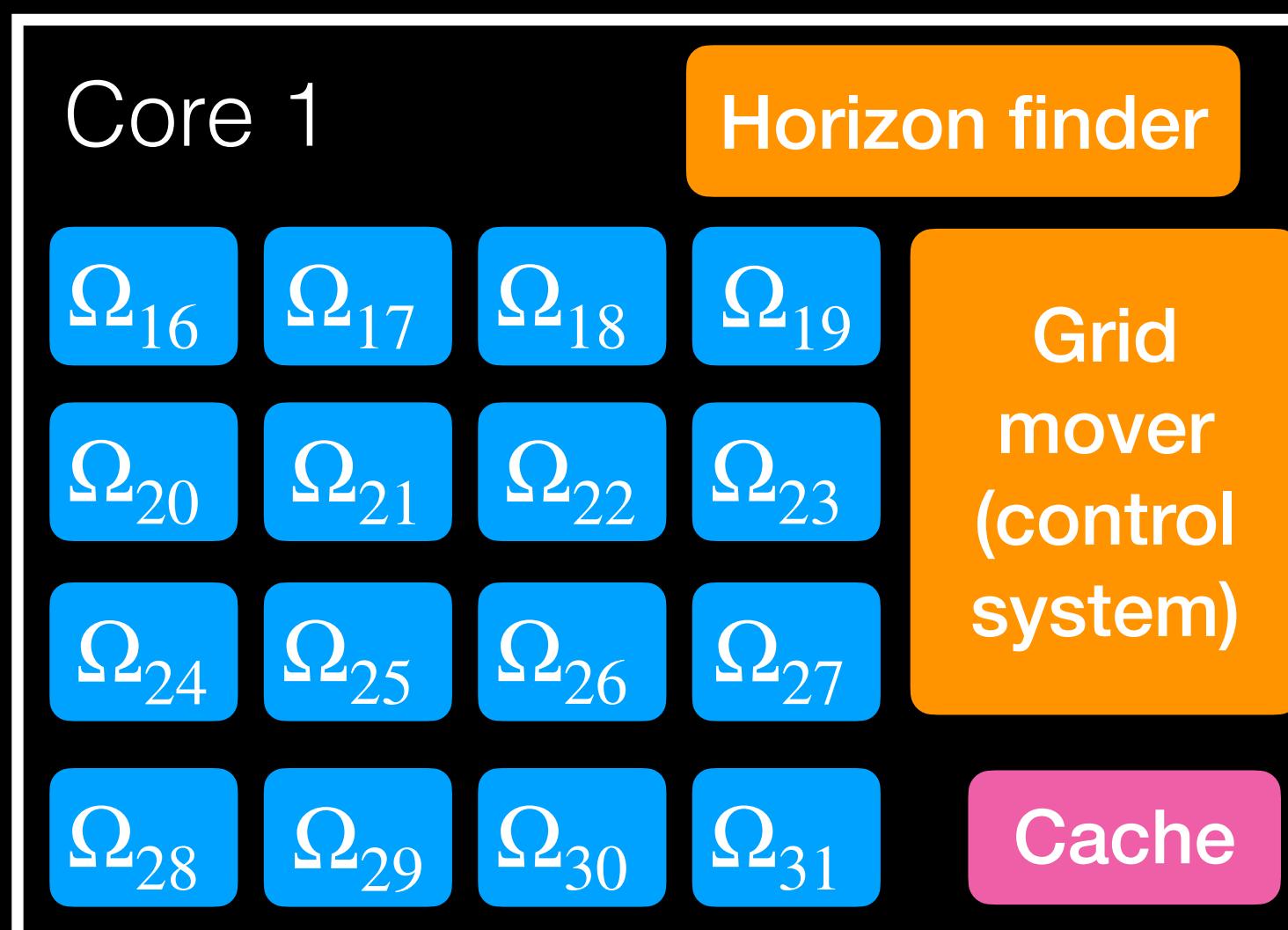
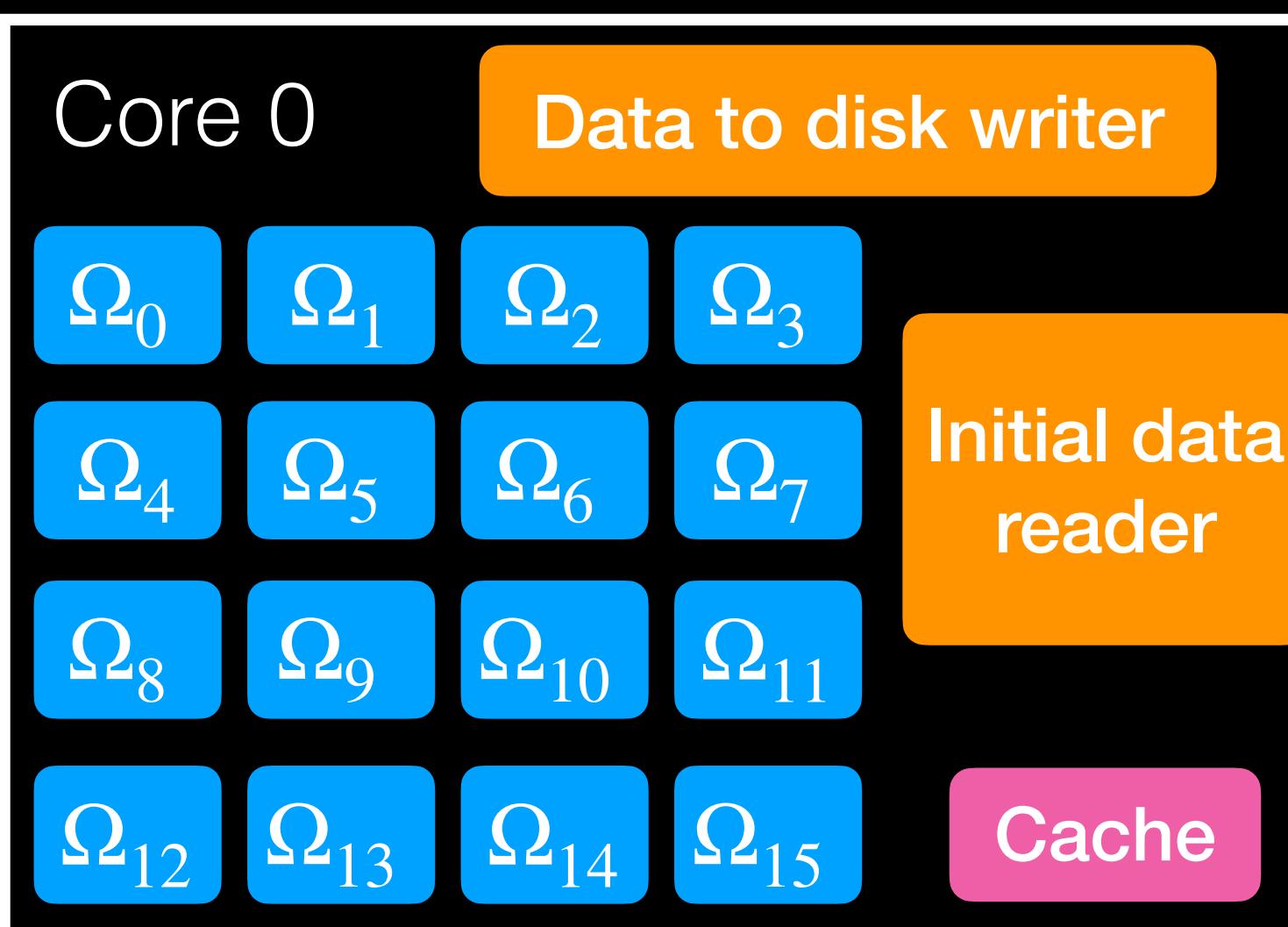


# Task parallelism



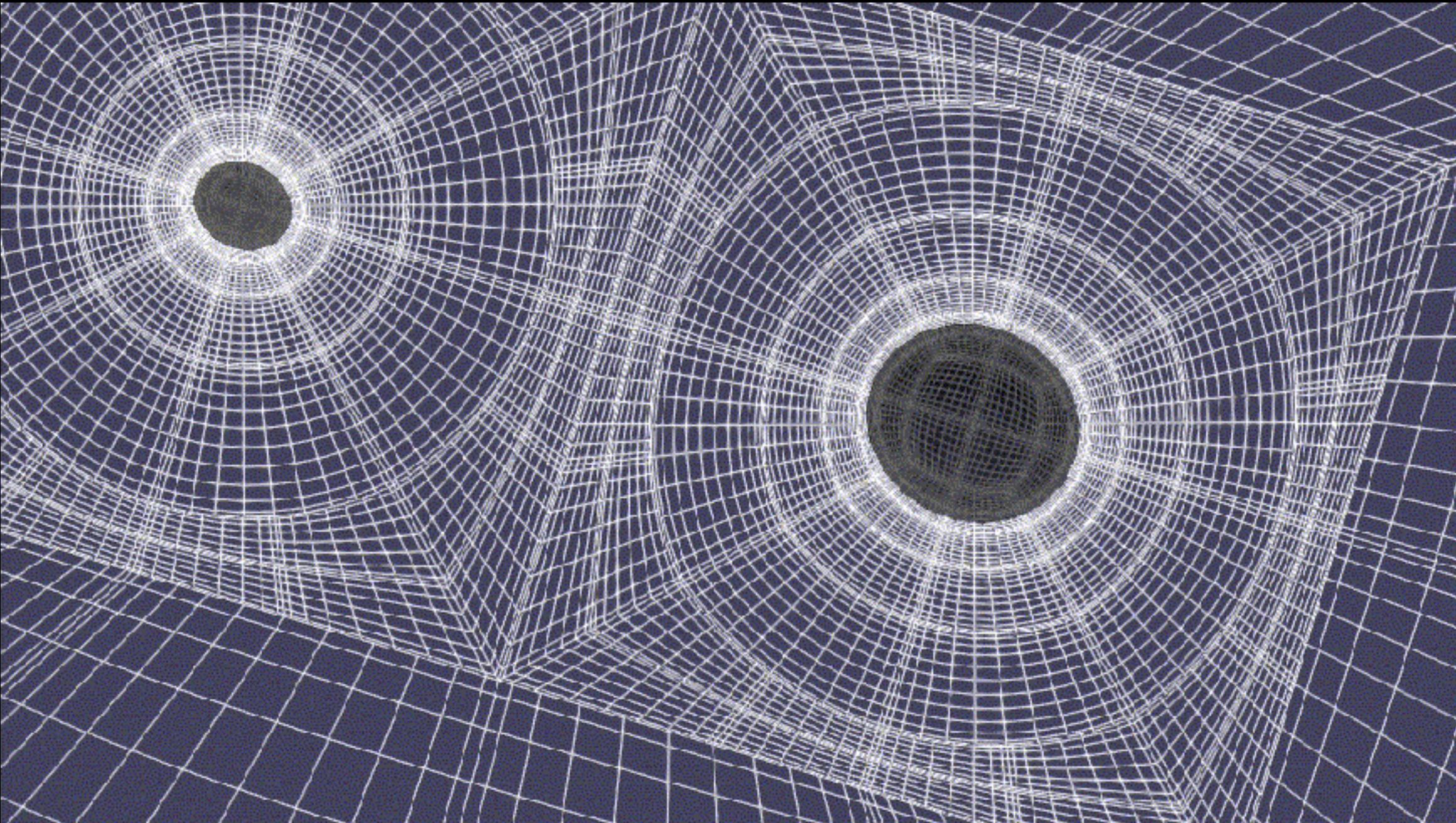
- = array parallel component
- = singleton parallel component
- = global cache

**Parallel component**  
= "actor" that knows things, does things  
**Singleton component**  
= "distributed object"  
= charm++ chare



# Moving mesh

- Deform, move mesh with grid velocity
  - Track black holes, ensuring singularities remain excised, horizon exteriors not excised



Animation courtesy [Kyle Nelli](#)

# Day 3

- Gravitational-wave concepts (with Dr. Jocelyn Read)
- Special guest: Haroon Khan (NASA)
- Choose one head-on collision on binary black holes and start the calculation



# Two kinds of time travel

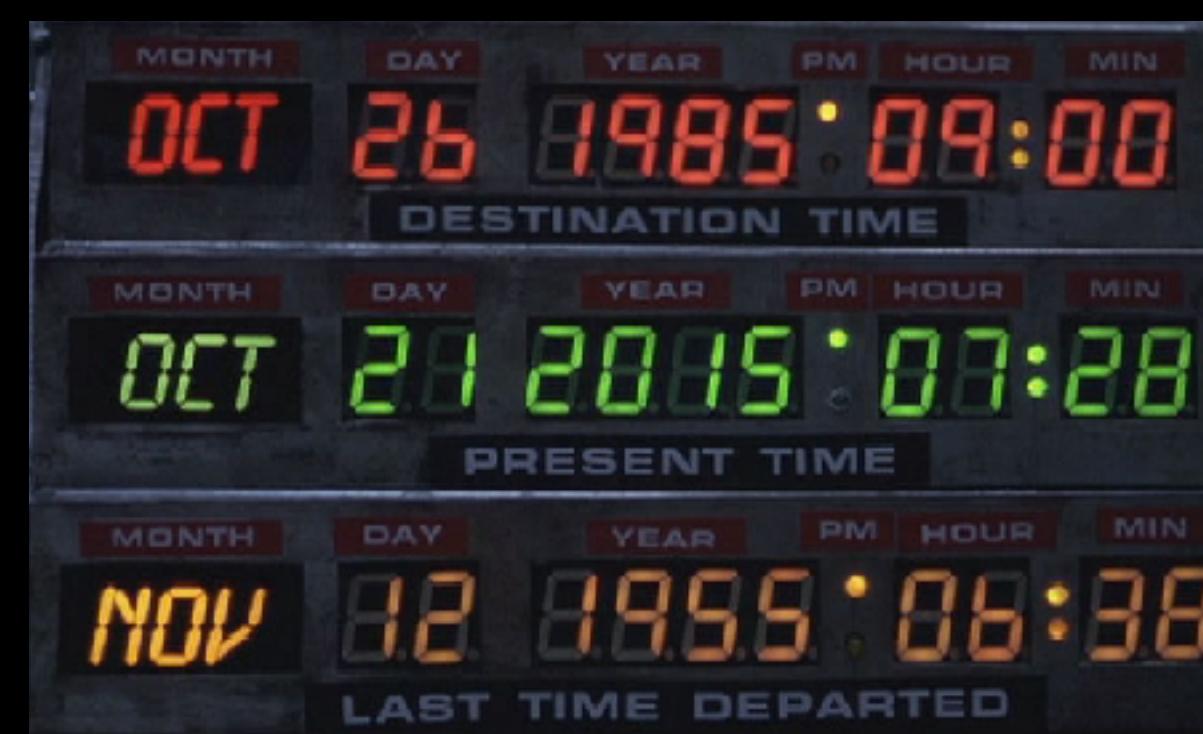
- Travel from the present to...



The future

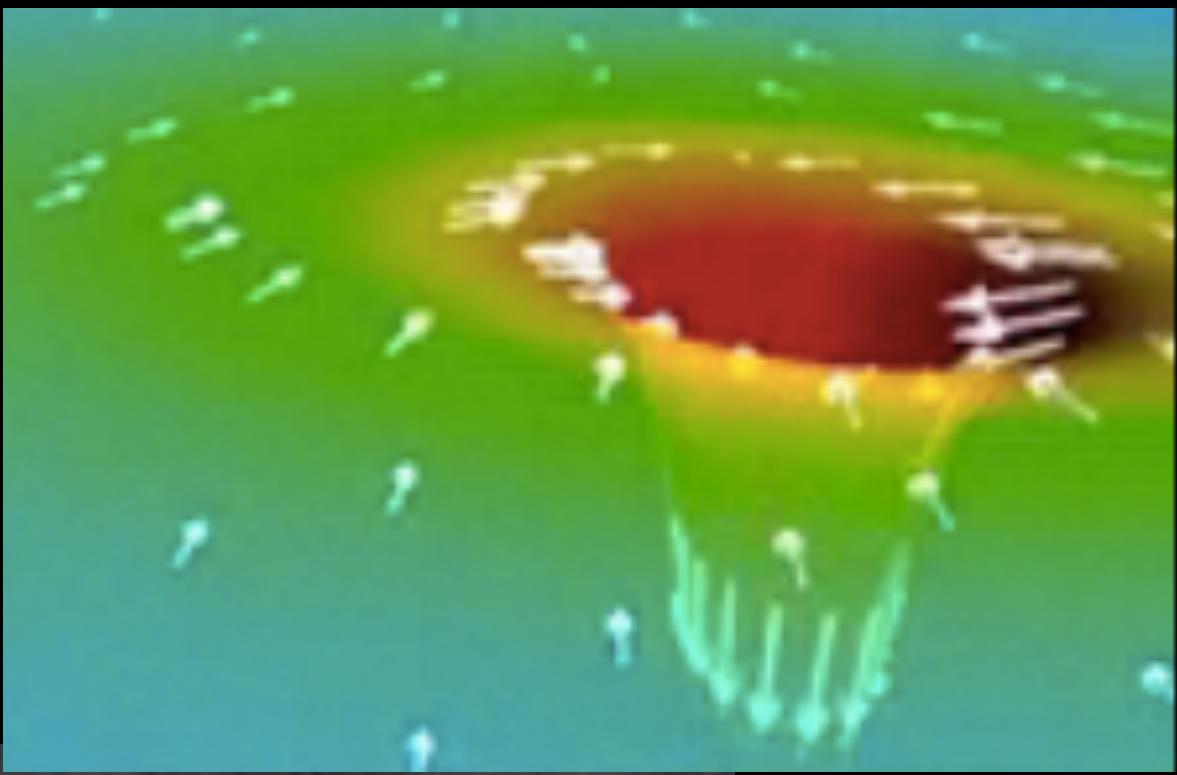


The past

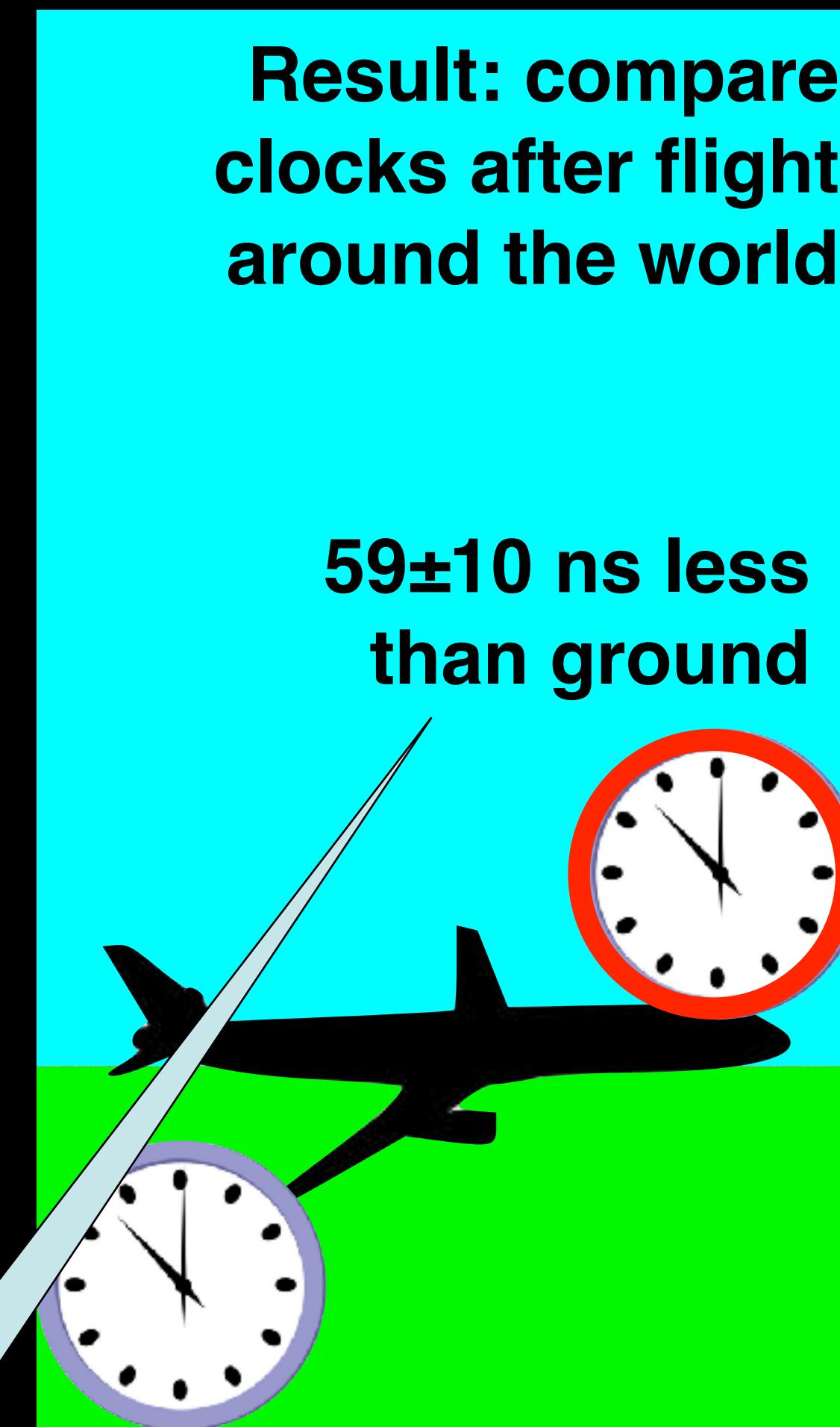
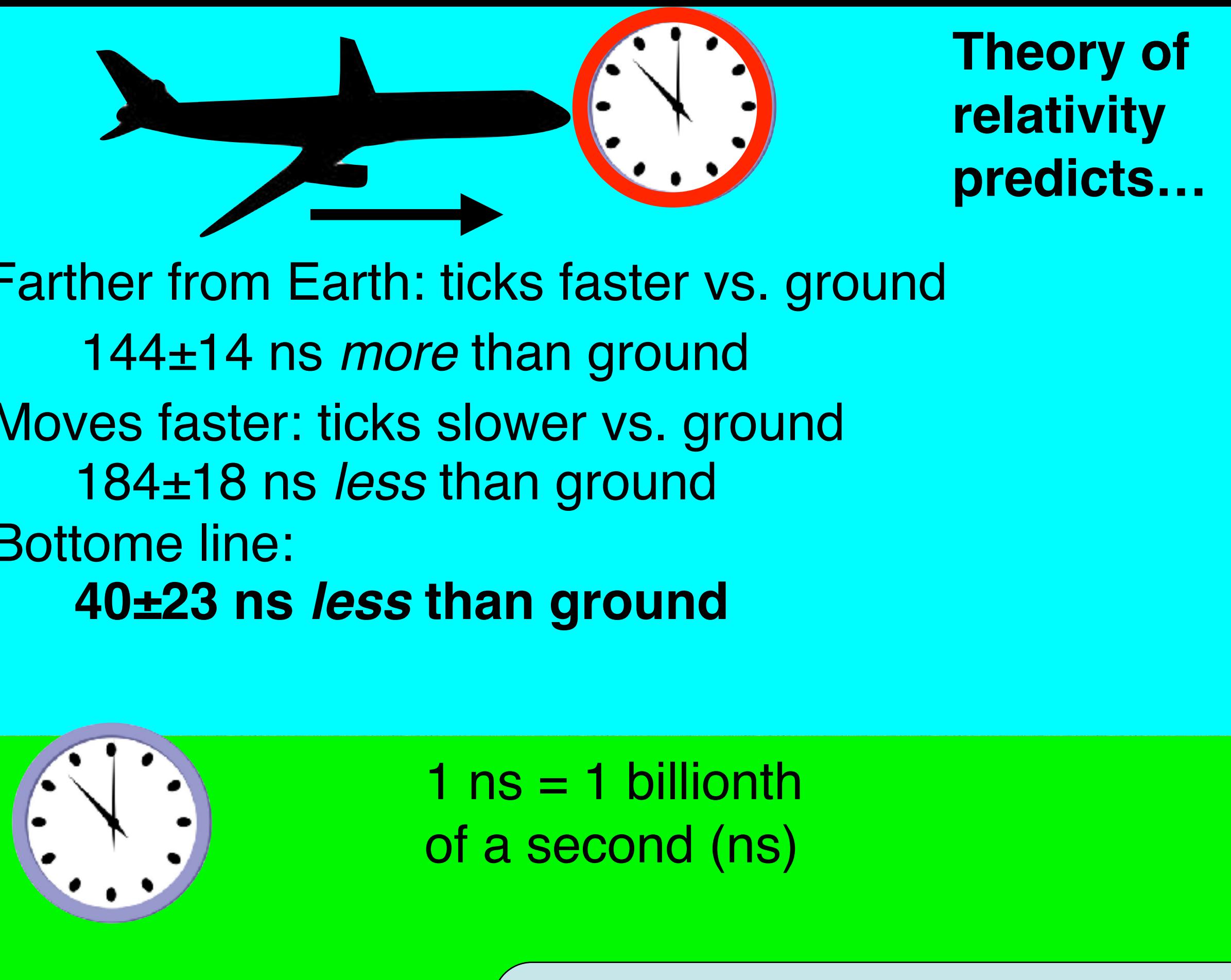


# Forward time travel

- Make your time flow slower
  - Move closer to massive object
  - Move faster
- Hafele & Keating 1971
  - Fly plane clock around world
  - Compare with ground clock before, after flight



# Forward time travel in 1971



Clock & passengers went  
59±10 billionths of a  
second into the future!

# Time travel in “Interstellar”

## Black hole “Gargantua”

Mass: 100 000 000 ☀

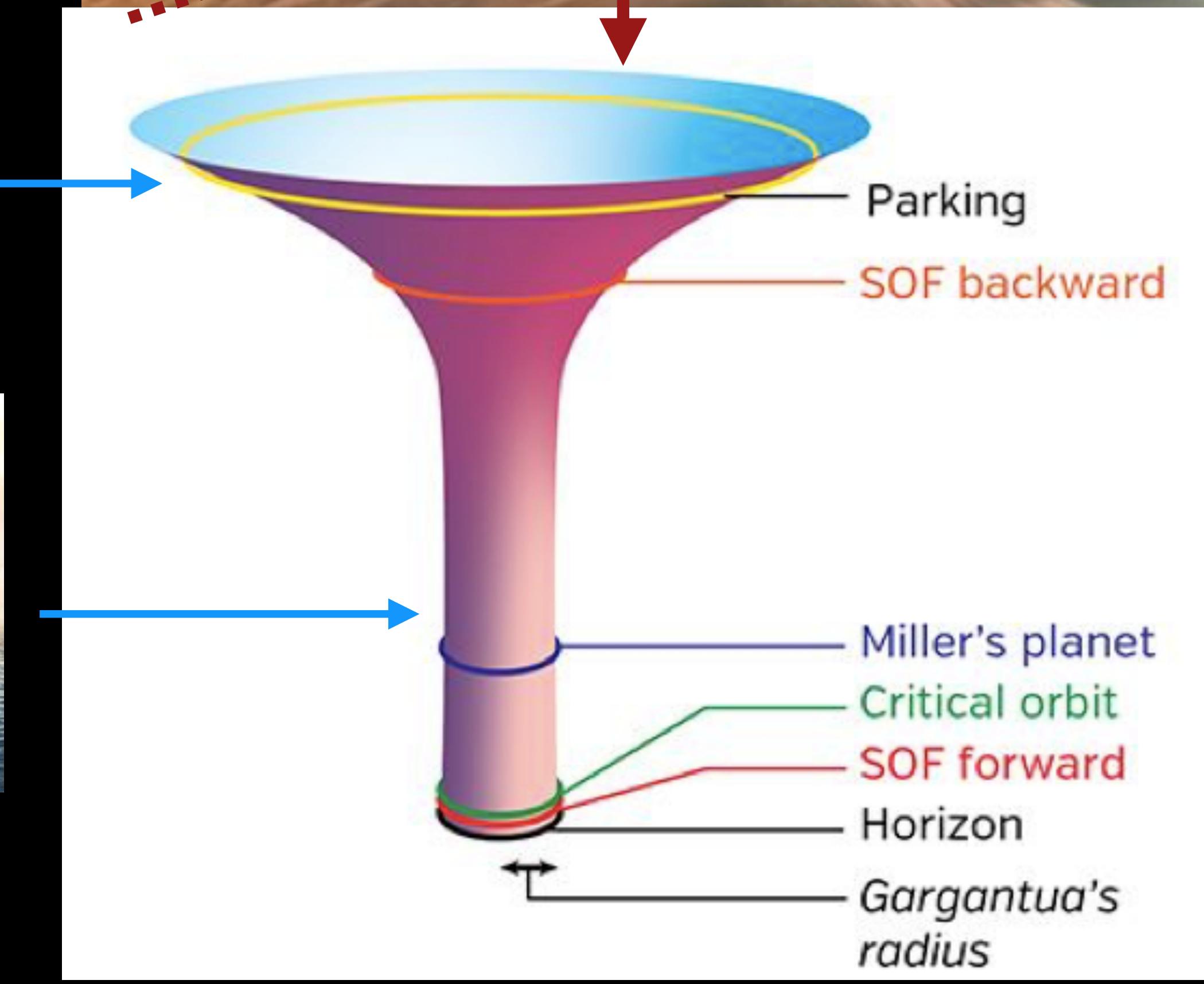
Spin: 99.999999999999% max

7 years



1 hour

Miller’s  
Planet

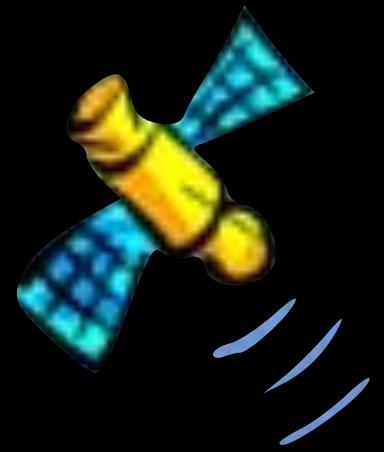


Images courtesy Kip Thorne, Paramount

# GPS

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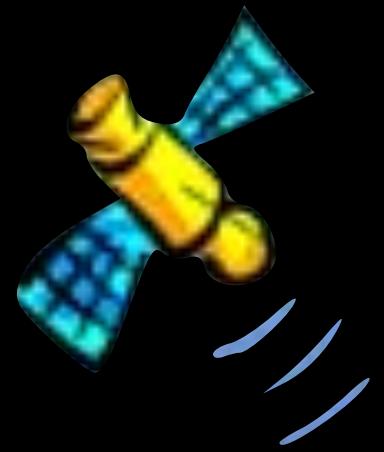
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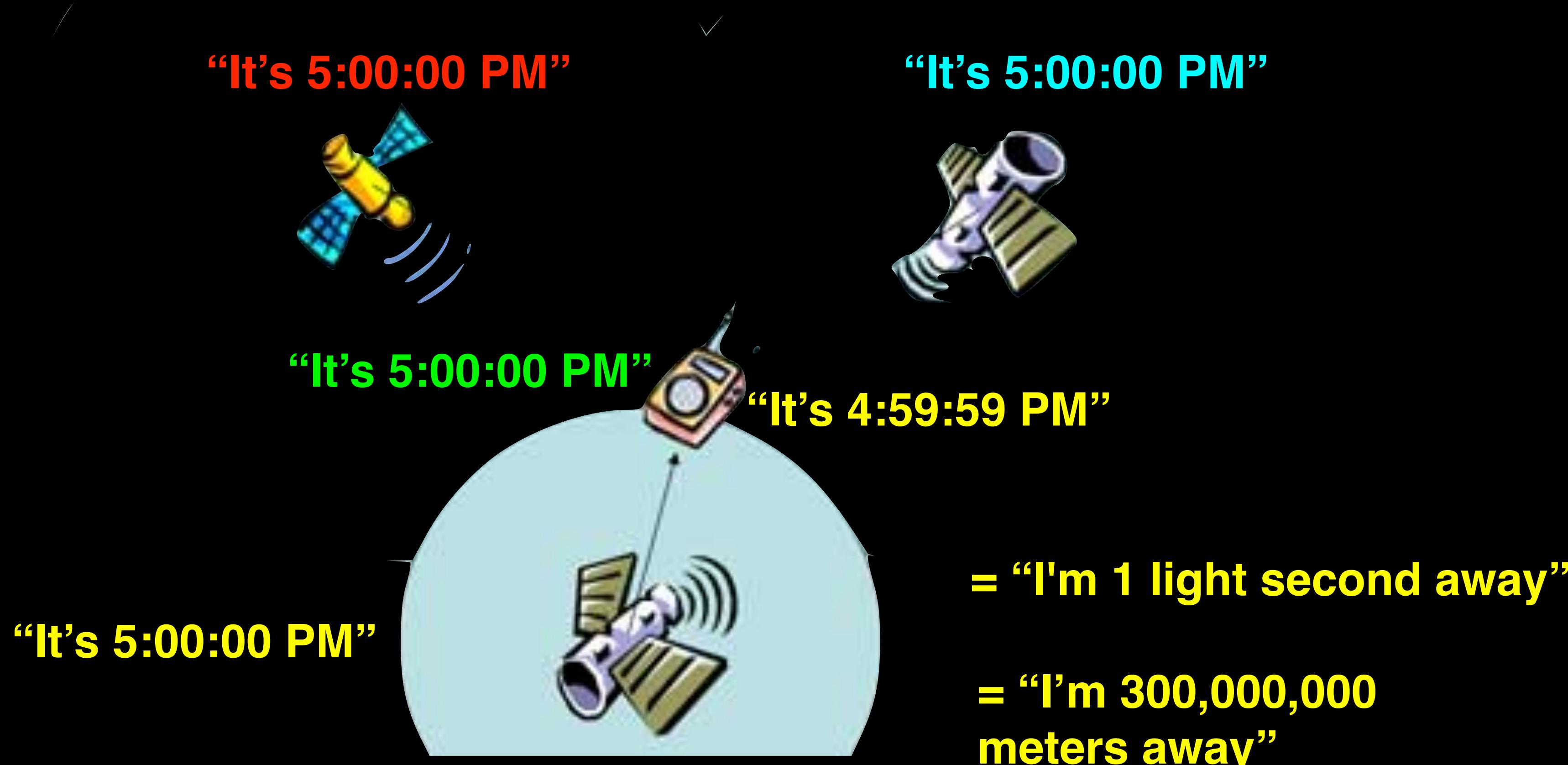


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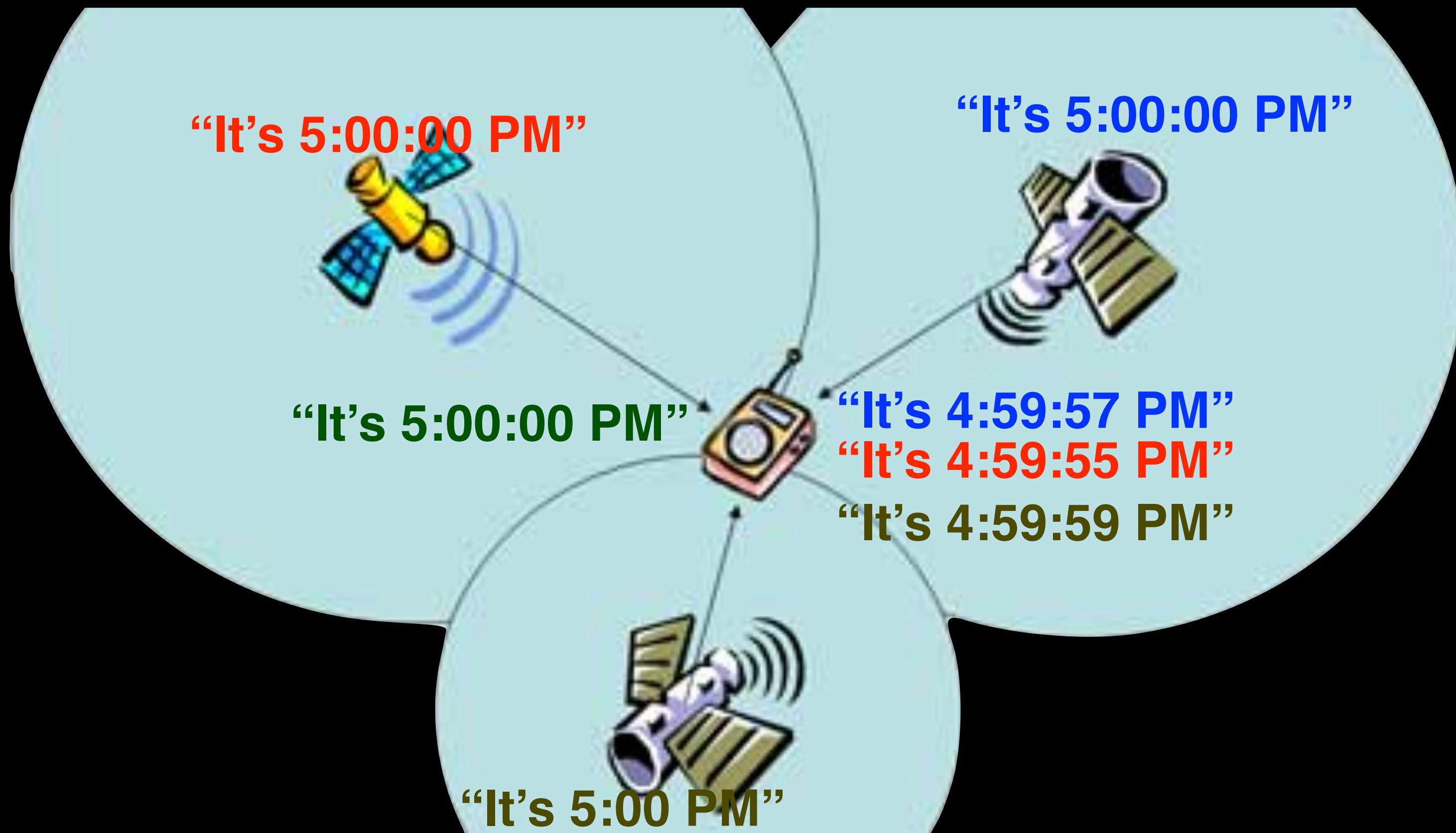
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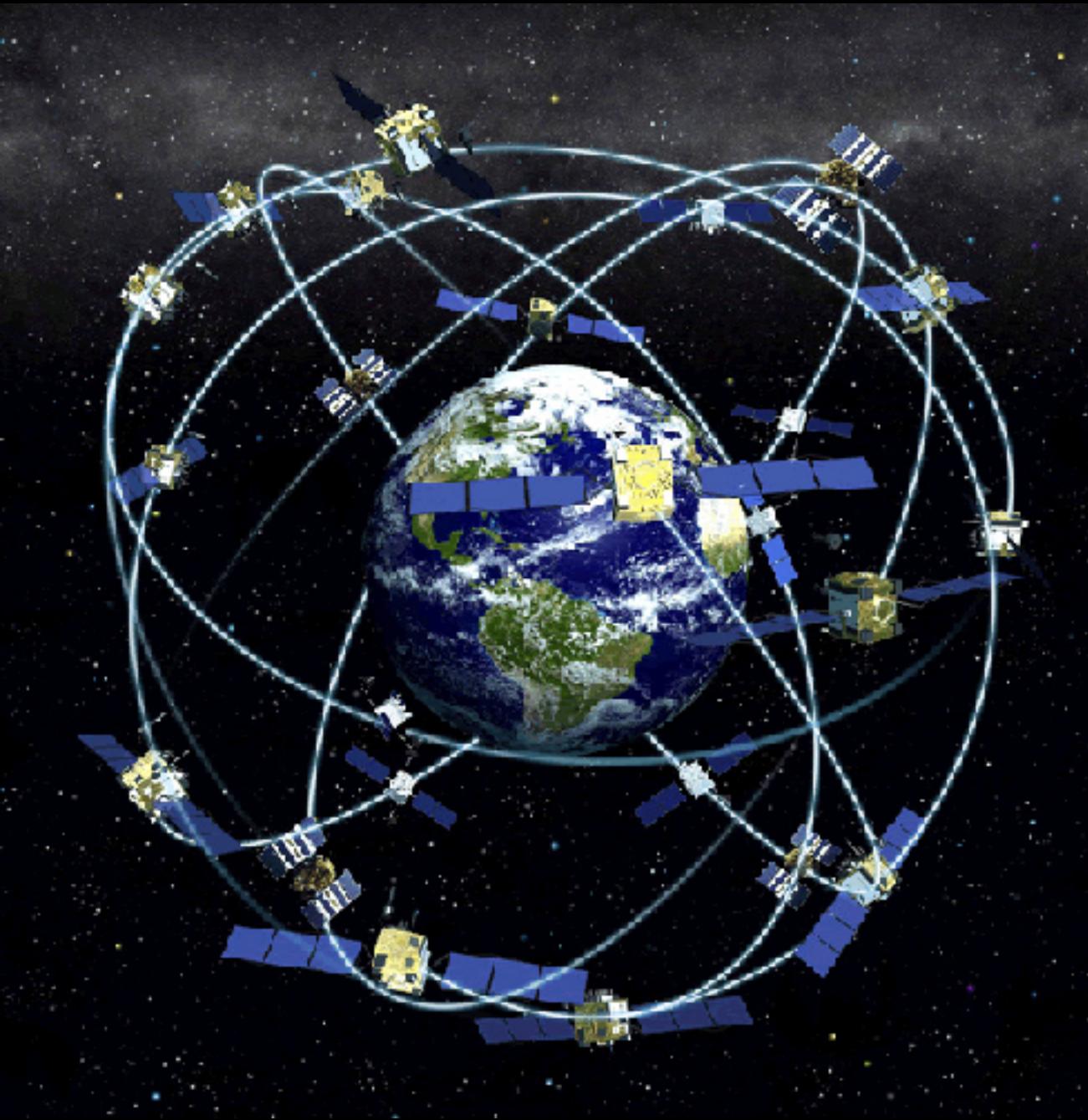
# GPS

- How does GPS work?



# GPS & forward time travel

- GPS must account for both “time travel” effects



Goal: position accuracy of about 2 m

**Light travels 2 m in about 7 ns**

**So clocks really give time to ns precision:  
“It's 4:59:59.123456789 PM”**

**That's no problem for atomic clocks, but...**

**Satellite clocks are higher, moving: tick differently!**

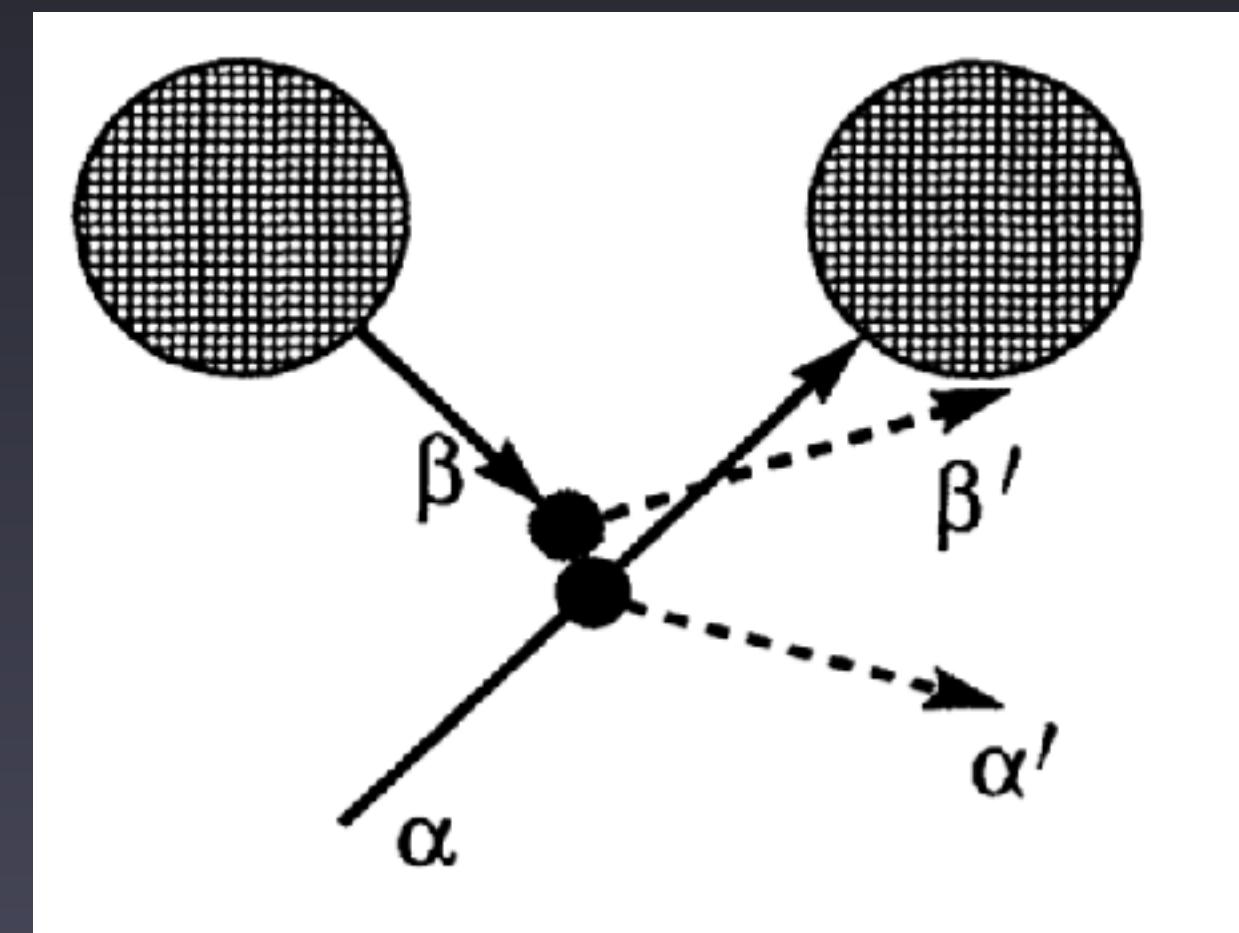
**Ignore this, and errors start to build up,  
exceeding 2 m in less than a minute**

# Backward time travel

- “Matricide paradox”
  - Go back in time and prevent yourself from being born?
- “Billiard ball paradox” (Polchinski, 1988)
  - Can ball go back in time & collide with itself, preventing itself from going back in time?
  - Echeverria, Klinkhammer, and Thorne [EKT], 1991

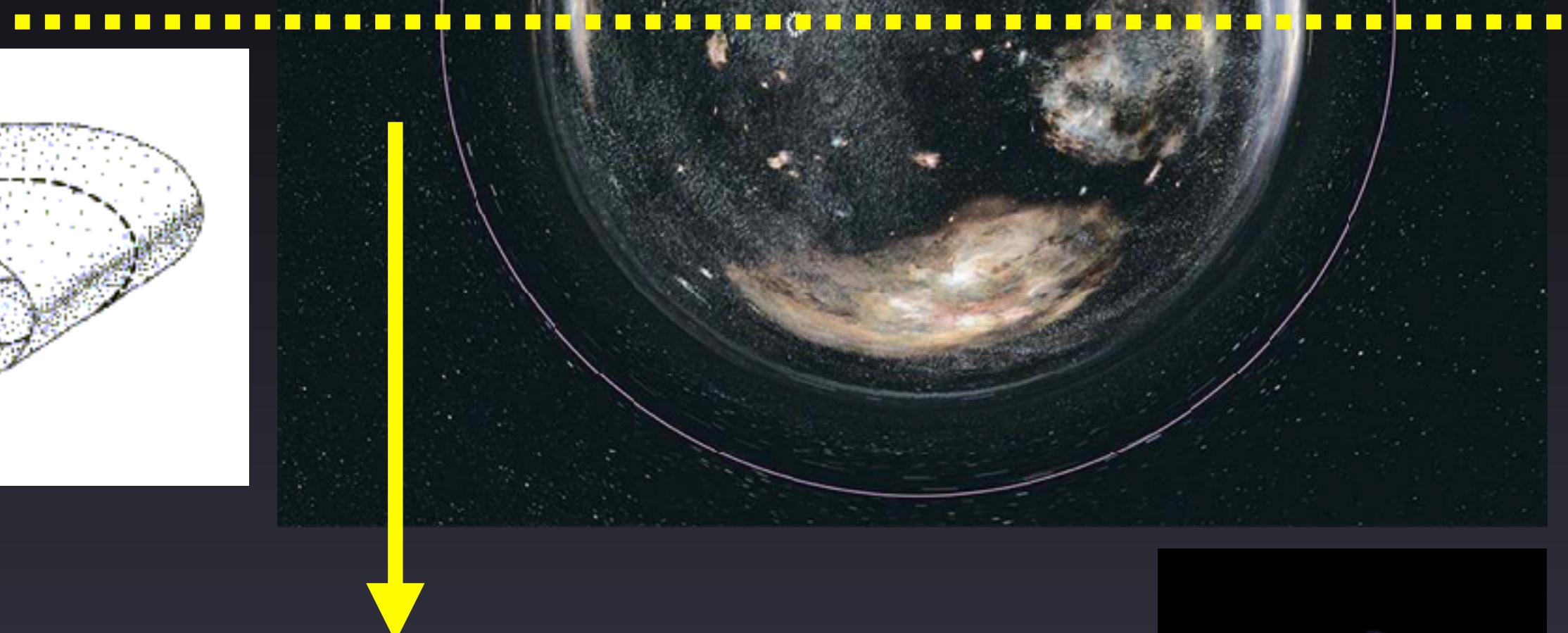
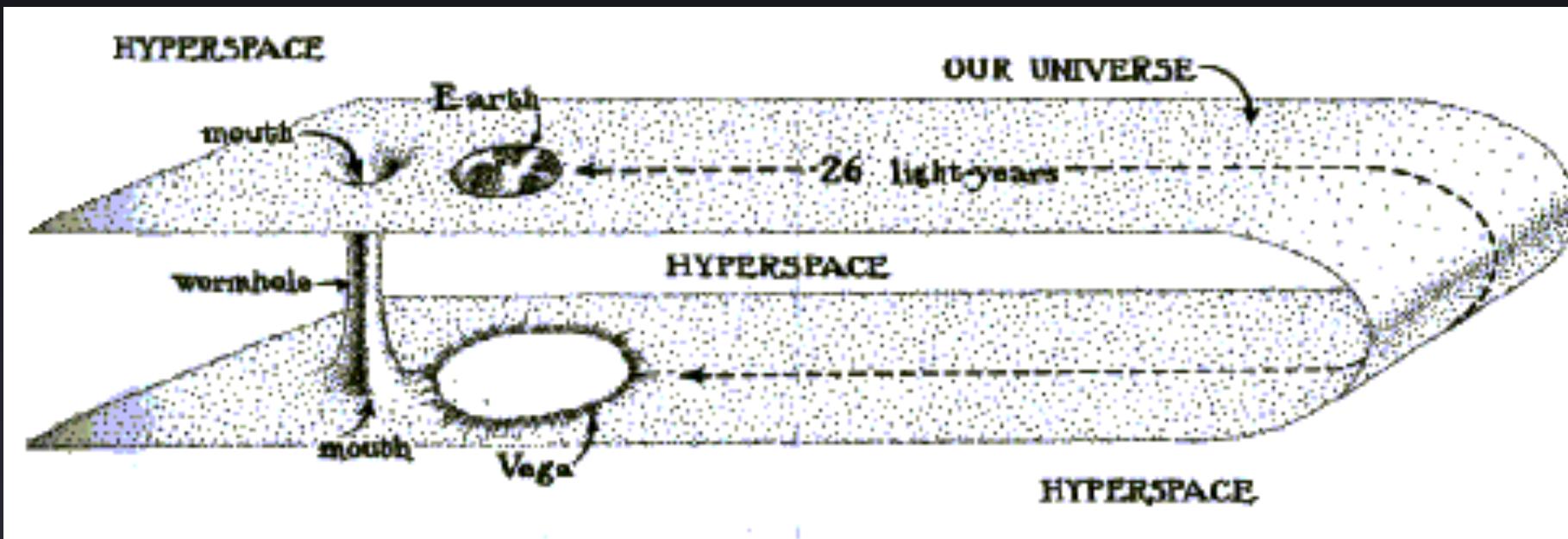


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# Wormhole in “Interstellar”

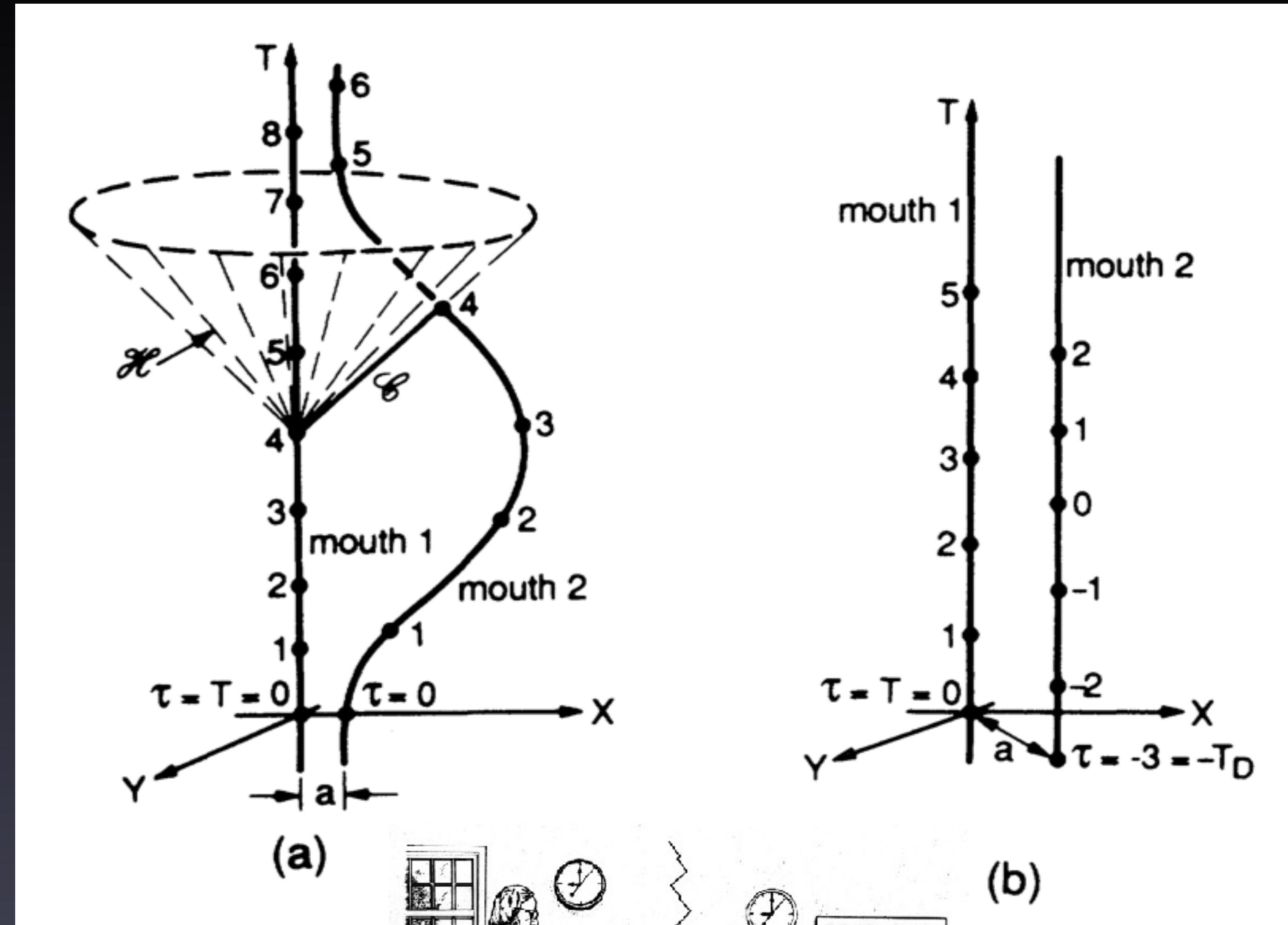
- Connect distant parts of universe



- Wormholes probably can't exist
  - Require “negative mass” to avoid collapsing
- Can be used to make a time machine



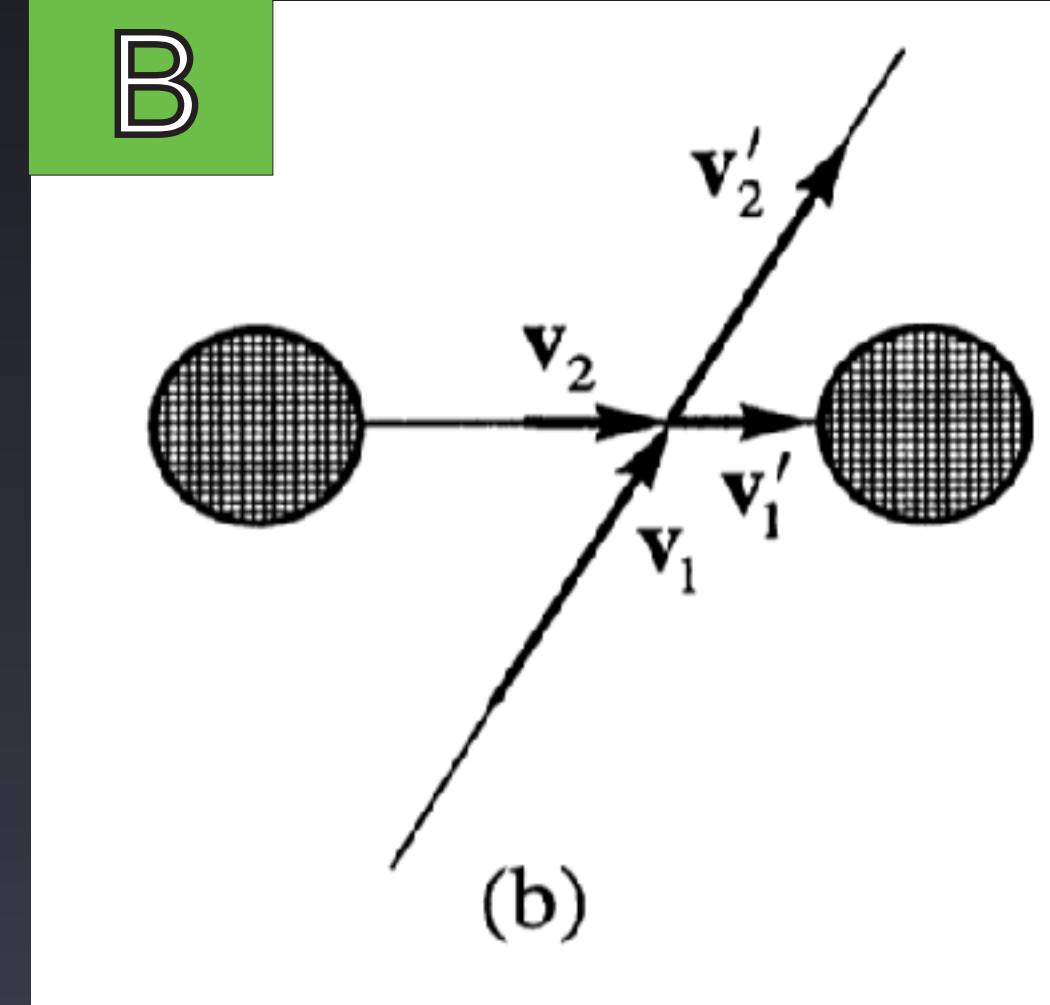
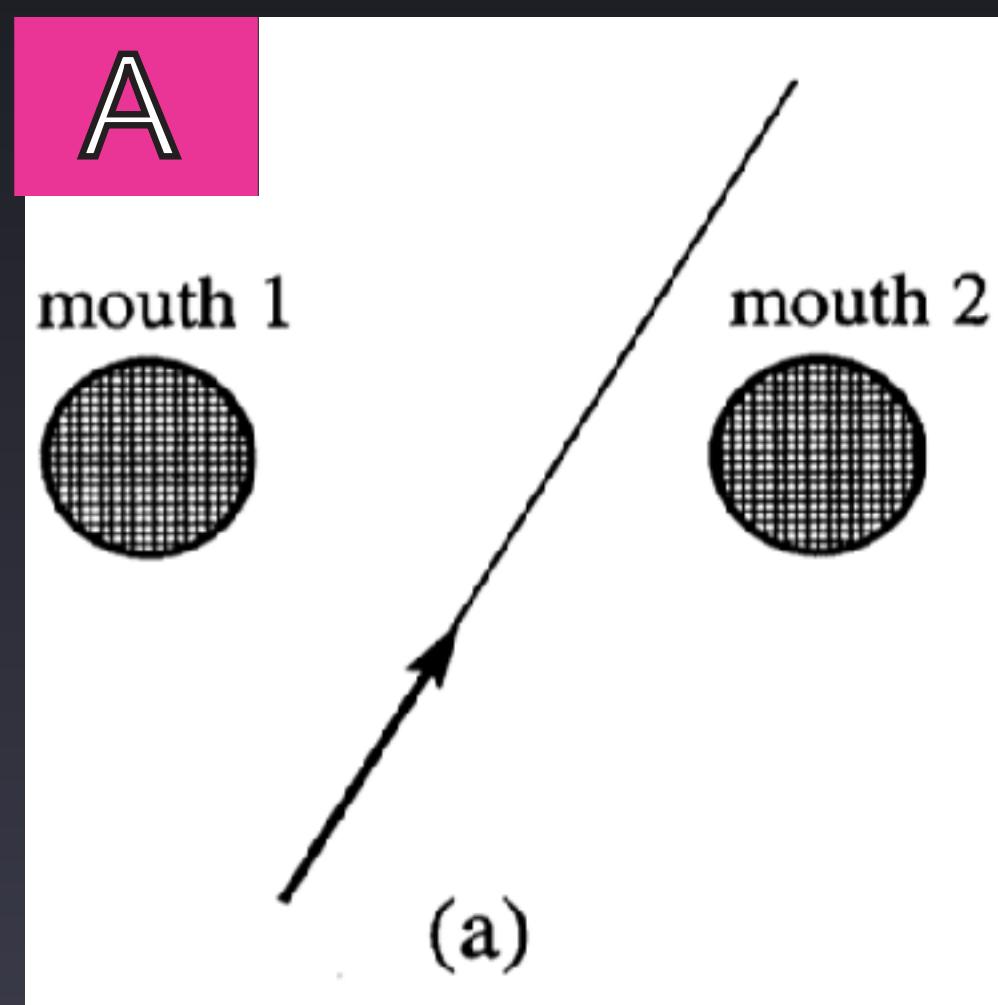
# “Time machine” spacetimes



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# What do you think?

- A billiard ball begins with initial velocity  $\mathbf{v}_1$ , heading between the two mouths of the time machine. Aside from the time machine, Newton's laws of motion apply. What happens?



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Can't say:  
both A and B  
satisfy  
Newton's  
laws of  
motion



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nano Ev/DoMultipleRuns.input
# my MaxLev = 1
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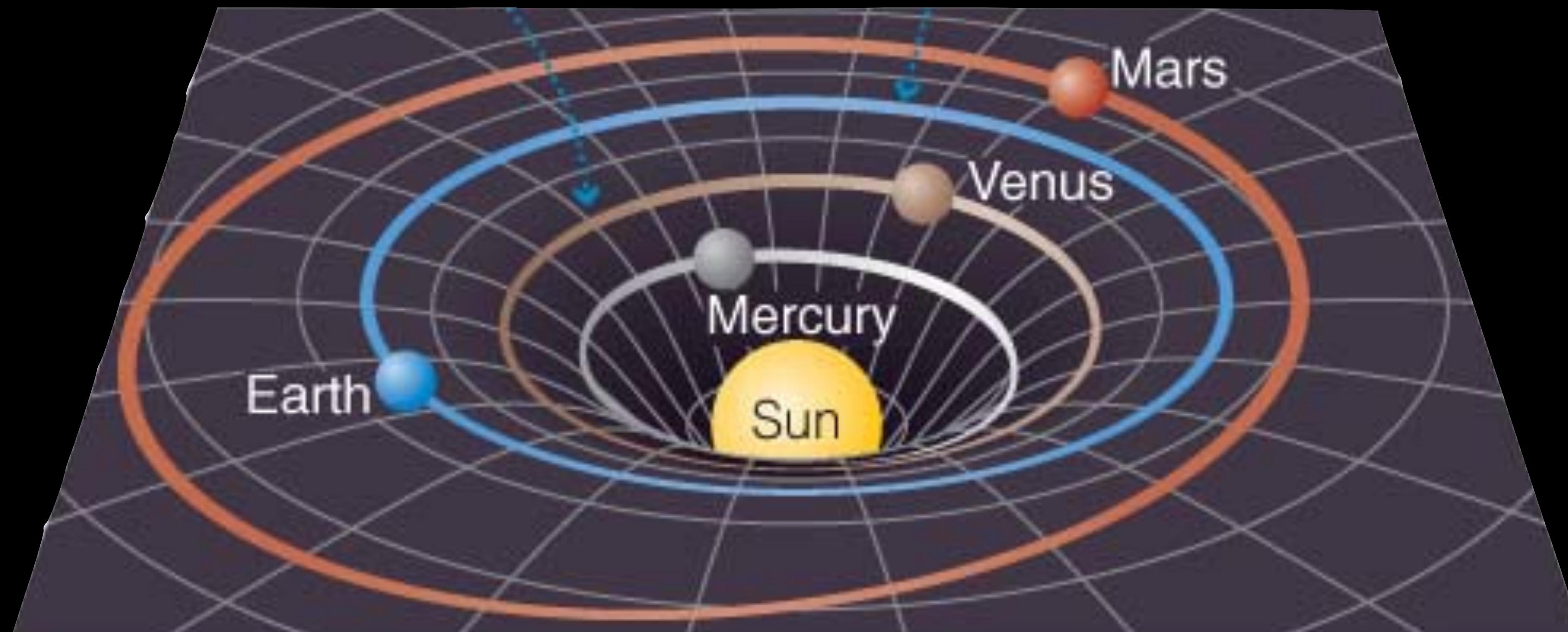
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squeue  
scontrol show jobid -dd YOUR_JOB_ID  
ShowQueue
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# Curved spacetime

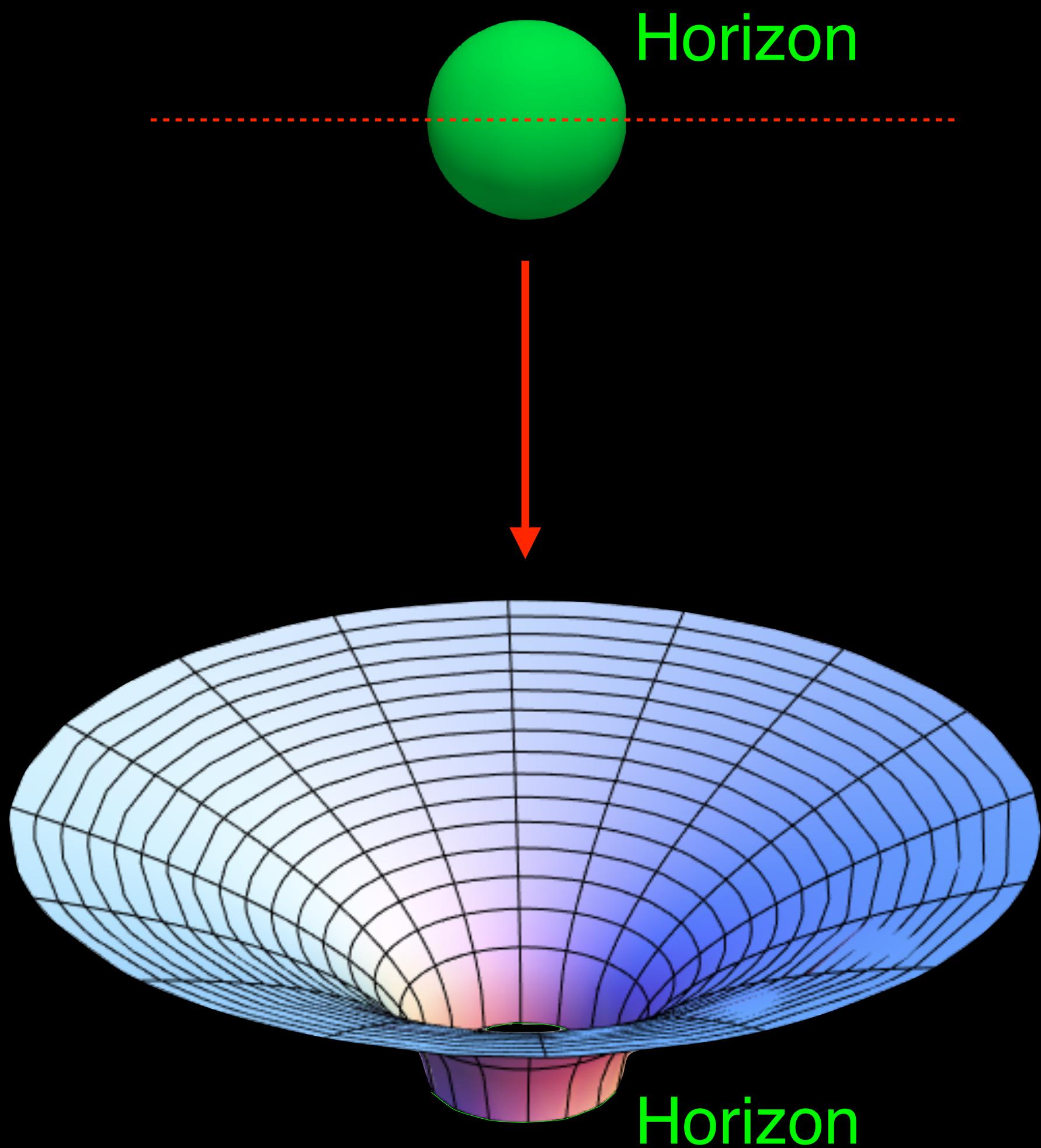
“Matter tells spacetime how to curve and space-time tells matter how to move.”

- John Wheeler



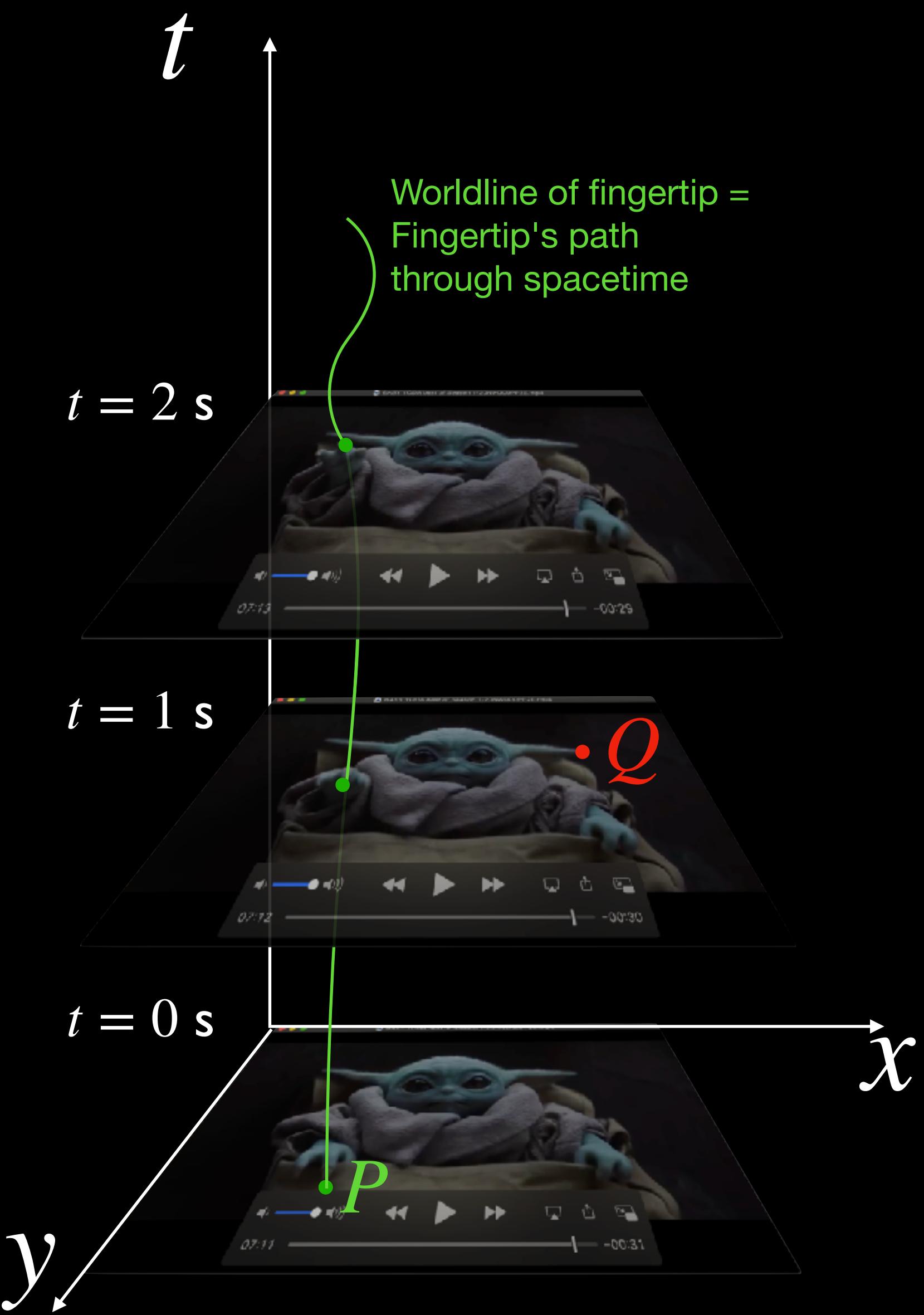
# Extremely curved spacetime: black holes

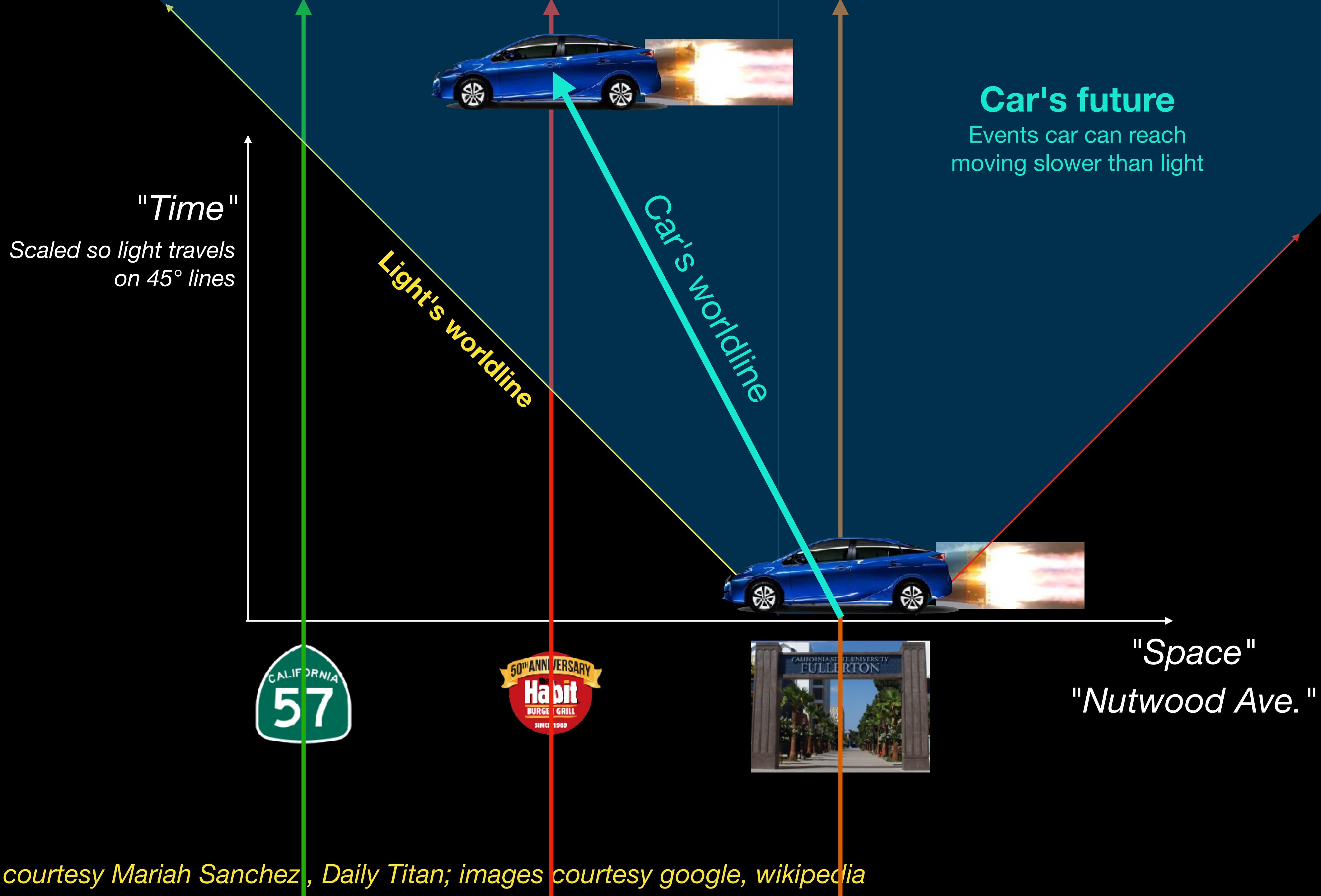
- Gravity so strong...
  - Nothing (even light) can escape from inside hole's **horizon** (surface)
  - Singularity inside horizon: *infinitely* strong gravity
- Formed when the most massive stars die



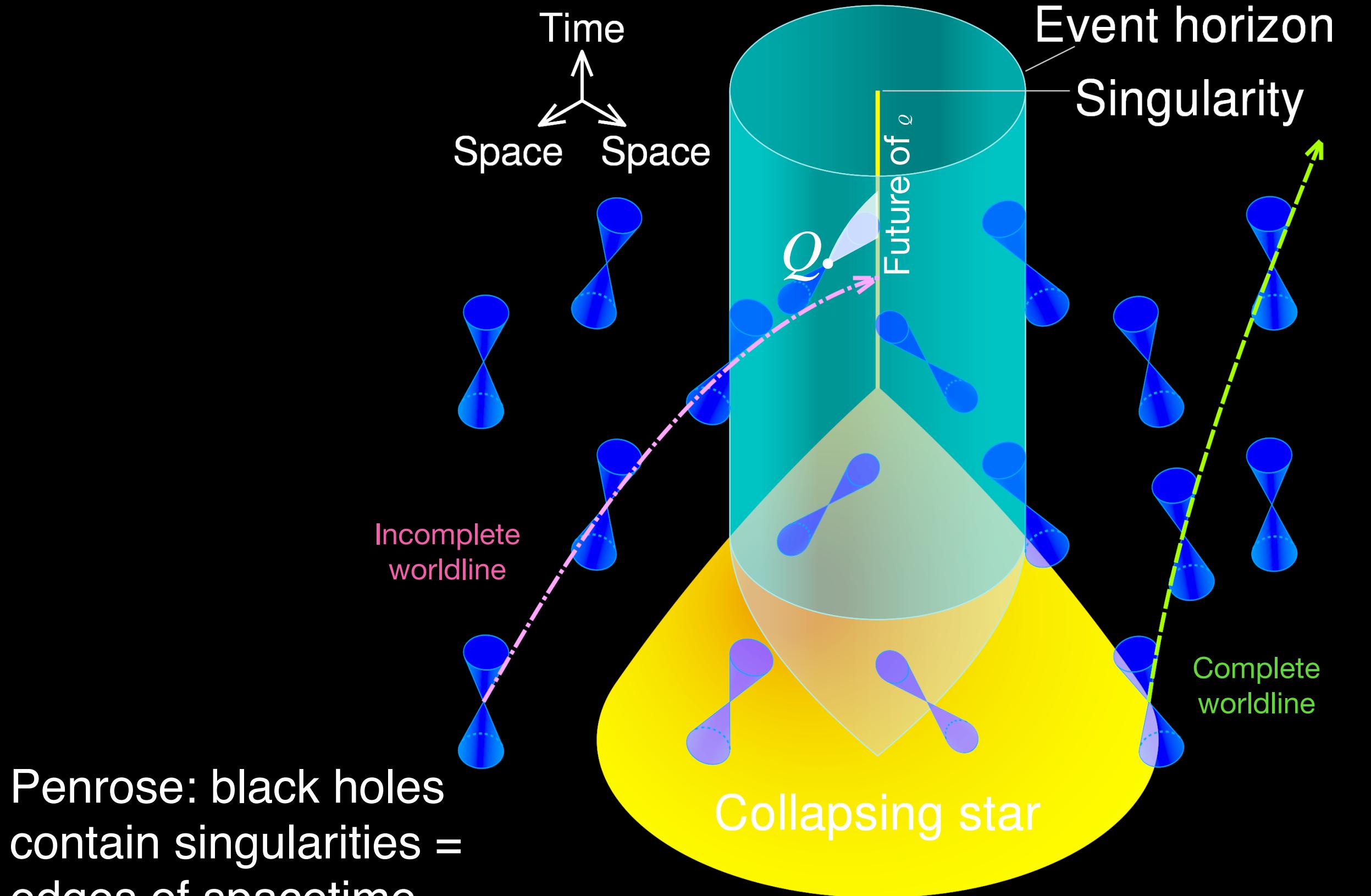
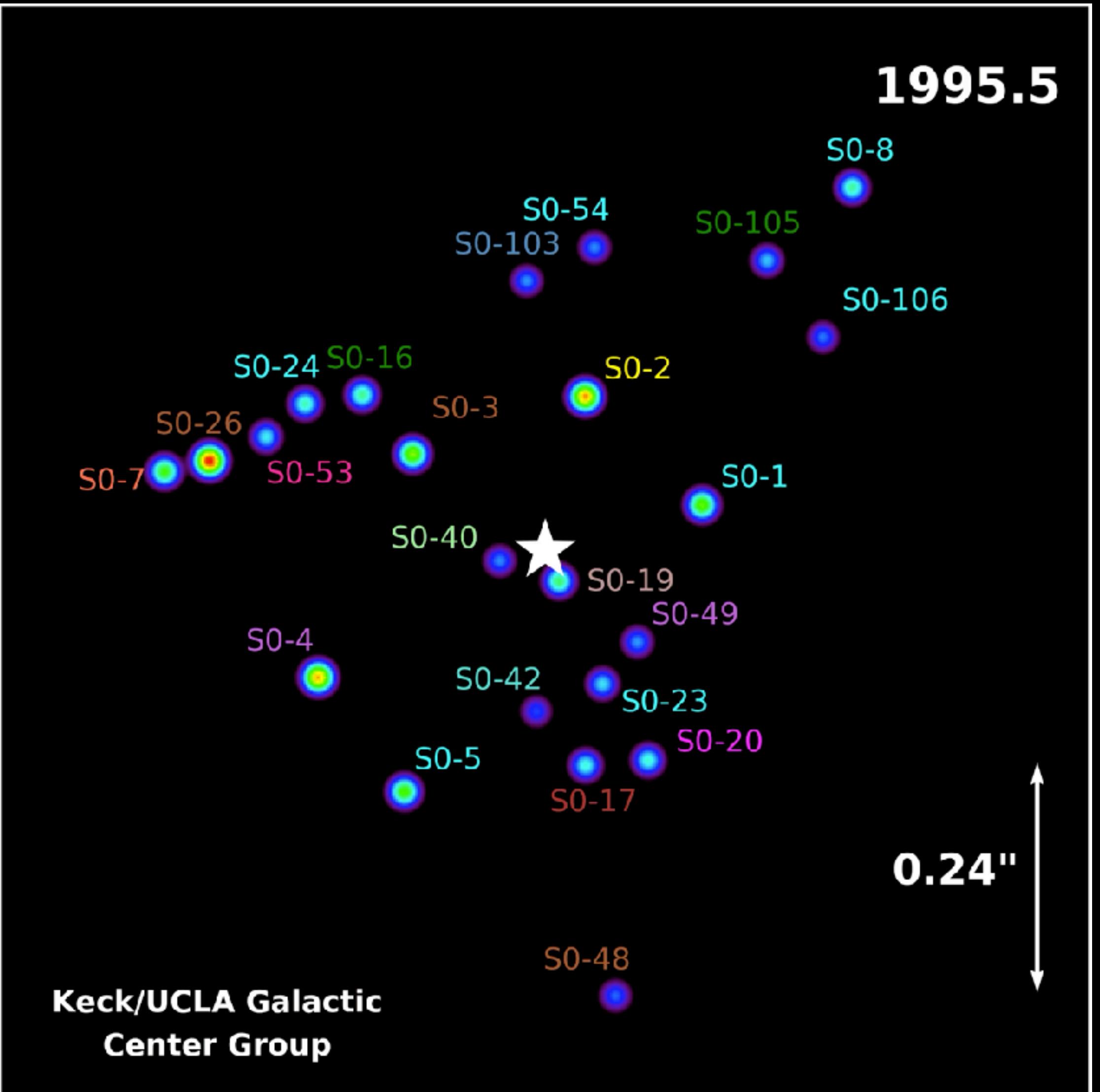
# What is spacetime?

- 3 dimensions of space + 1 dimension of time
- Event = a specific place at a specific time





# 2020 Nobel Prize in Physics



Reinhard  
Genzel

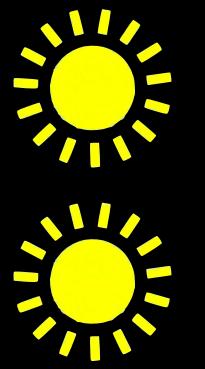
Andrea  
Ghez

Roger  
Penrose

Genzel & Ghez (local at UCLA): there's a black hole at the center of our galaxy

# How big are black holes?

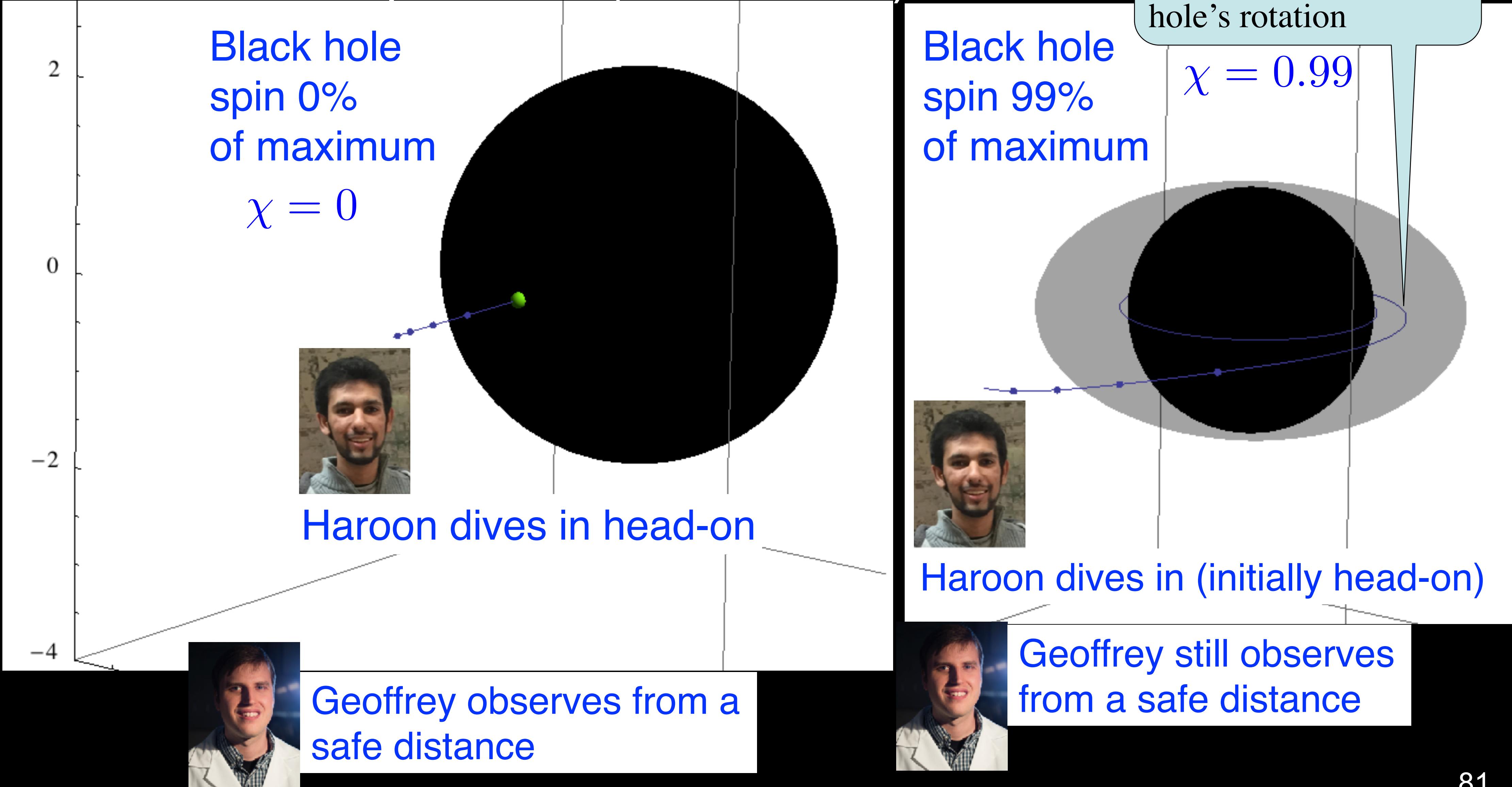
- Mass: huge!
  - Two kinds
  - 3 to  $\sim$ 100
  - Millions+
- Radius: small!



*Map courtesy  
Apple maps*

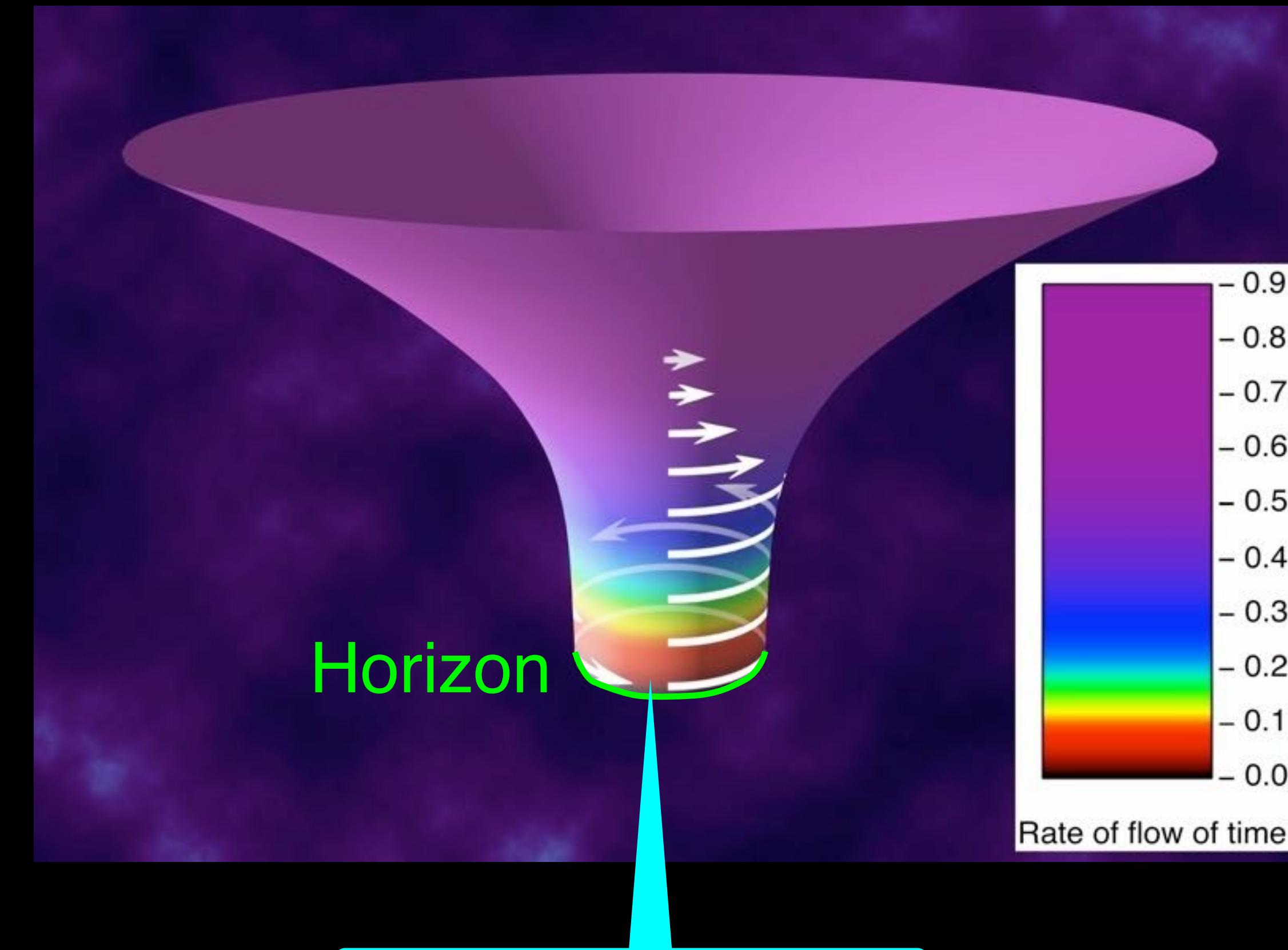
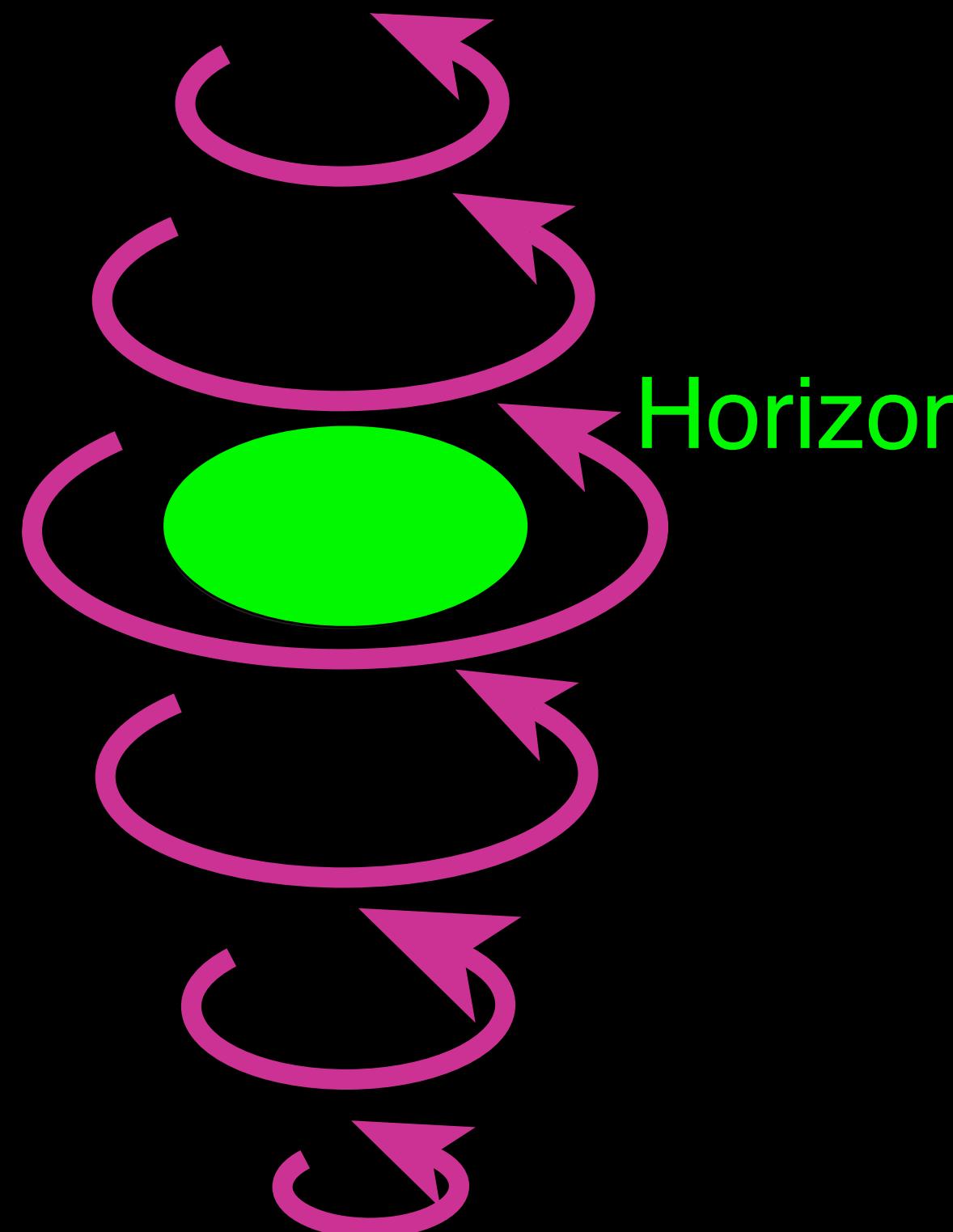
# Black holes rotate and warp time

- An experiment (not to scale)



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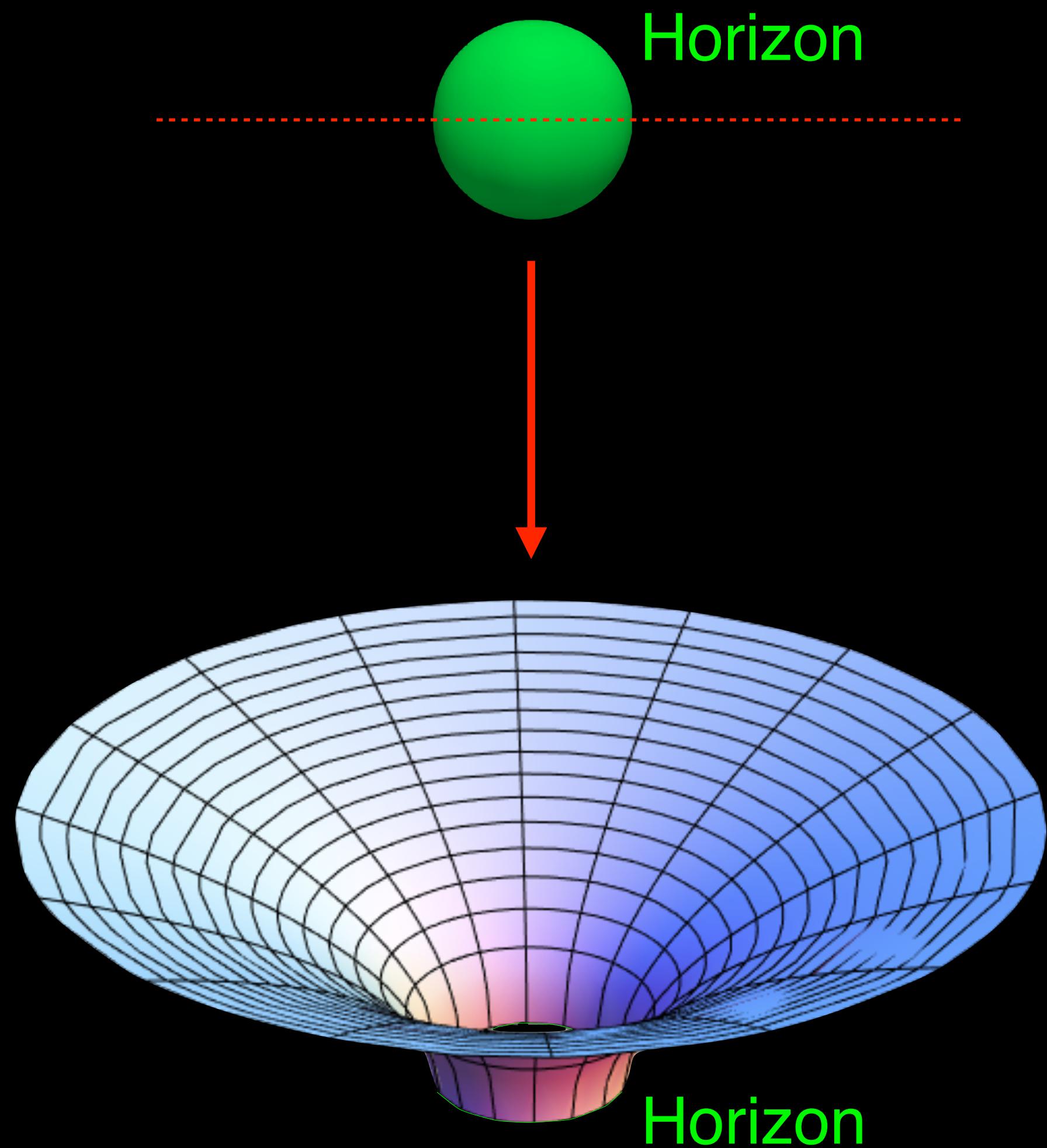
- Whirl space like a tornado

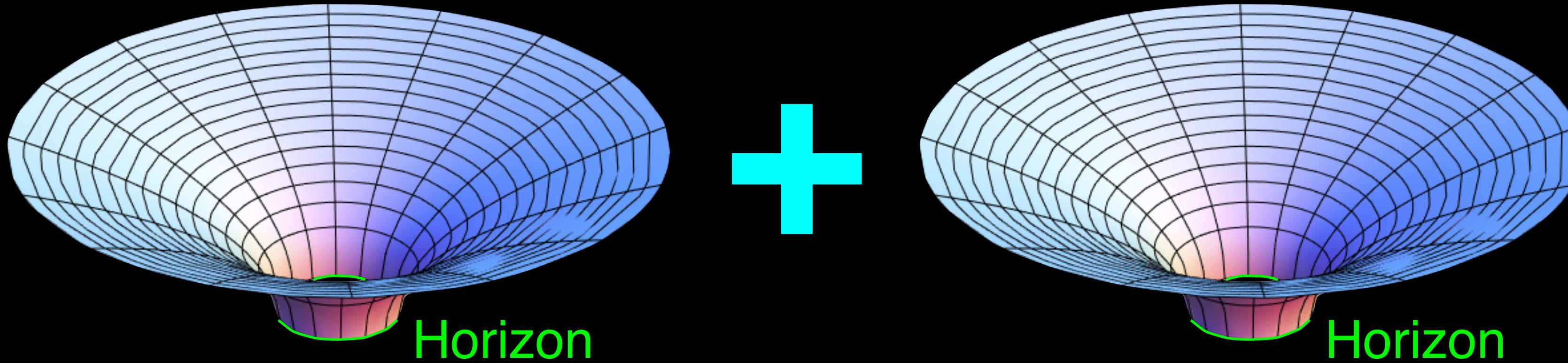


Time flows slowly  
near horizon

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# Linear and nonlinear physics

- **Linear**

- Whole is sum of parts
  - Example: sound in this room
  - Total sound = sum of individual sounds

Single black hole



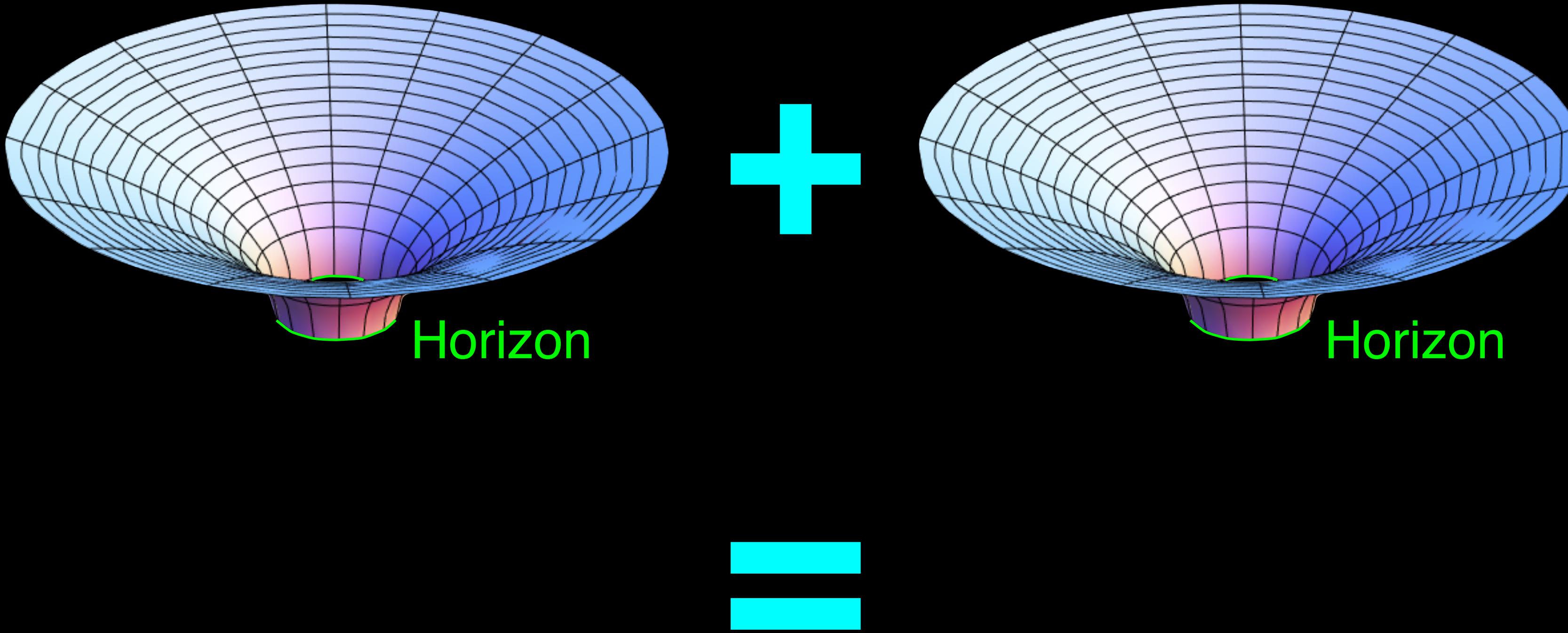
- **Nonlinear**

- Whole is more than sum of parts
  - Example: water + wind
  - Example: two black holes
  - Need supercomputers to predict

Colliding black holes



*Images courtesy Kip Thorne*



**Merging black holes &  
gravitational waves**

By CSUF Undergrad  
Nick Demos  
(now MIT PhD student)



SXS Collaboration: “Calculation of warped spacetime consistent with GW170104 (zoomed)”

# 3+1 decomposition

Split spacetime into set of spaces



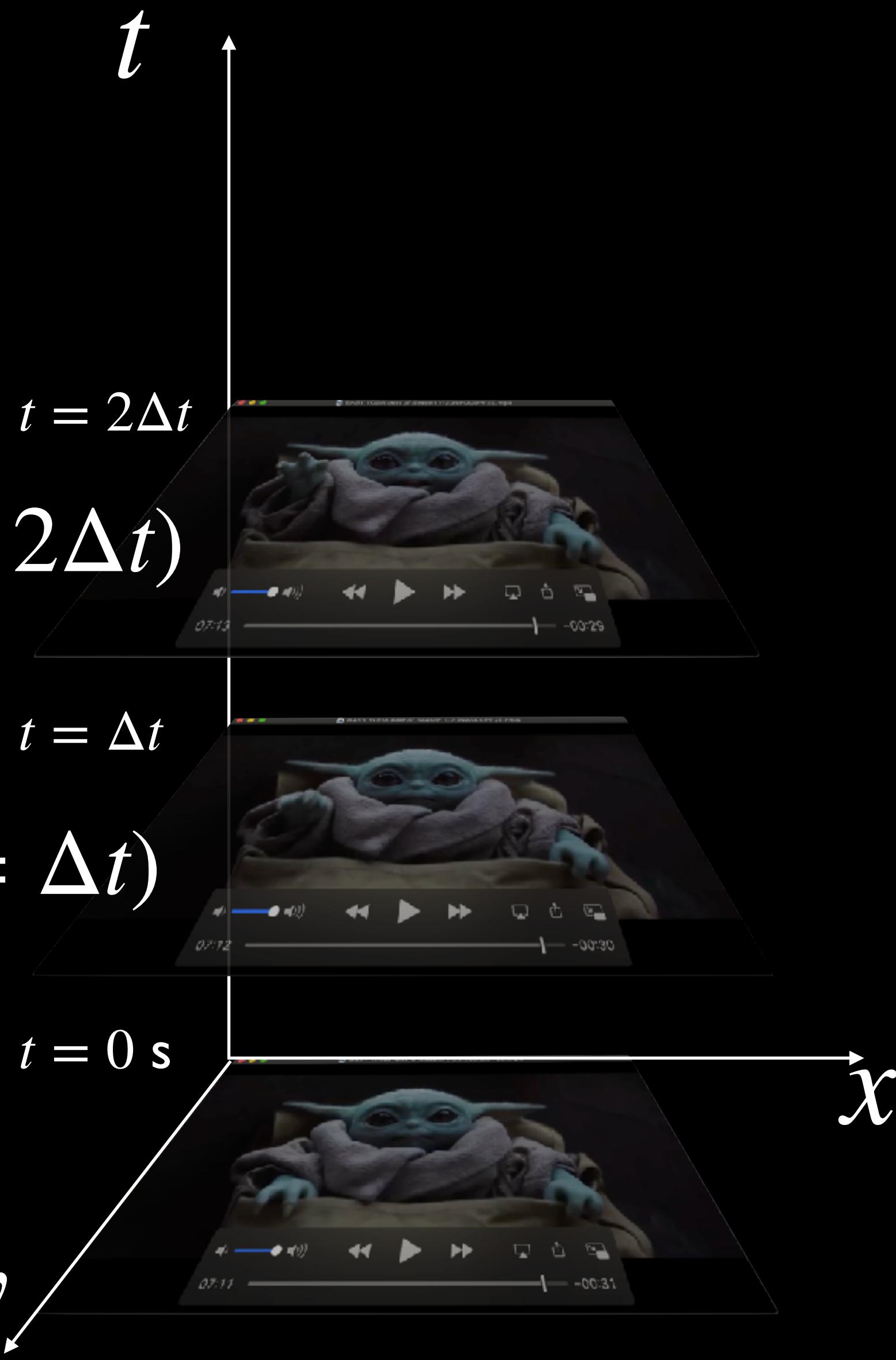
Goal: evolve  
(constraint-  
satisfying)  
spacetime  
metric  $g_{ab}$

Spacetime metric =  
measure of distance  
between events in  
spacetime

Spacetime

metric  $g_{ab}(t = 0)$

$y$



# Solving Einstein's equations in vacuum

Goal: solve  $G_{\mu\nu} = 0$  for spacetime metric  $g_{ab}$

- Split spacetime into space + time

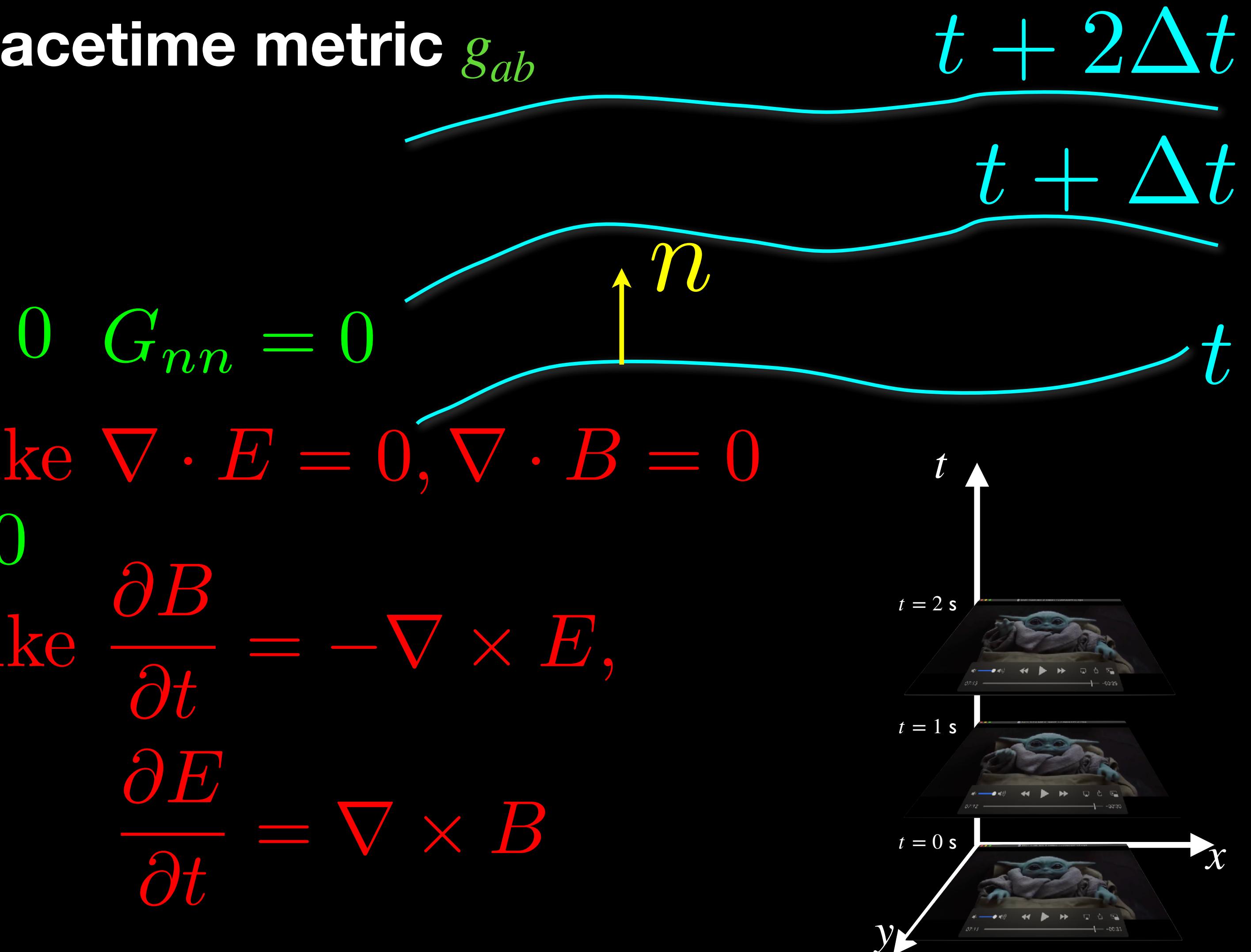
- Constraint equations  $G_{nj} = 0$   $G_{nn} = 0$
- Solve to create initial data like  $\nabla \cdot E = 0, \nabla \cdot B = 0$

- Evolution equations  $G_{ij} = 0$

- Constraints must stay satisfied

- Step 1: Step forward in time

- Step 2: Repeat step 1 (a lot)



# The actual equations we solve

$$\begin{aligned}
& \partial_t g_{ab} - (1 + \gamma_1) \beta^k \partial_k g_{ab} = -\alpha \Pi_{ab} - \gamma_1 \beta^i \Phi_{iab}, \\
& \partial_t \Pi_{ab} - \beta^k \partial_k \Pi_{ab} + \alpha \gamma^{ki} \partial_k \Phi_{iab} - \gamma_1 \gamma_2 \beta^k \partial_k g_{ab} \\
& \quad = 2\alpha g^{cd} (\gamma^{ij} \Phi_{ica} \Phi_{jdb} - \Pi_{ca} \Pi_{db} - g^{ef} \Gamma_{ace} \Gamma_{bdf}) \\
& \quad - 2\alpha \nabla_{(a} H_{b)} - \frac{1}{2} \alpha n^c n^d \Pi_{cd} \Pi_{ab} - \alpha n^c \Pi_{ci} \gamma^{ij} \Phi_{jab} \\
& \quad + \alpha \gamma_0 (2\delta^c_{(a} n_{b)} - (1 + \gamma_3) g_{ab} n^c) \mathcal{C}_c \\
& \quad + 2\gamma_4 \alpha \Pi_{ab} n^c \mathcal{C}_c \\
& \quad - \gamma_5 \alpha n^c \mathcal{C}_c \left( \frac{\mathcal{C}_a \mathcal{C}_b - \frac{1}{2} g_{ab} \mathcal{C}_d \mathcal{C}^d}{\epsilon_5 + 2n^d \mathcal{C}_d n^e \mathcal{C}_e + \mathcal{C}_d \mathcal{C}^d} \right) \\
& \quad - \gamma_1 \gamma_2 \beta^i \Phi_{iab} \\
& \quad - 16\pi \alpha \left( T_{ab} - \frac{1}{2} g_{ab} T^c{}_c \right), \\
& \partial_t \Phi_{iab} - \beta^k \partial_k \Phi_{iab} + \alpha \partial_i \Pi_{ab} - \alpha \gamma_2 \partial_i g_{ab} \\
& \quad = \frac{1}{2} \alpha n^c n^d \Phi_{icd} \Pi_{ab} + \alpha \gamma^{jk} n^c \Phi_{ijc} \Phi_{kab} \\
& \quad - \alpha \gamma_2 \Phi_{iab},
\end{aligned}$$

**Evolution equations**     $u_\alpha = \{g_{ab}, \Pi_{ab}, \Phi_{iab}\}$

$$\partial_t u_\alpha + \partial_i F_\alpha^i + B_{\alpha\beta}^i \partial_i u_\beta - S_\alpha = 0.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
C_a &= H_a + g^{ij} \Phi_{ija} + t^b \Pi_{ba} - \frac{1}{2} g_a^i \psi^{bc} \Phi_{ibc} - \frac{1}{2} t_a \psi^{bc} \Pi_{bc} \\
C_{ia} &\equiv g^{jk} \partial_j \Phi_{ika} - \frac{1}{2} g_a^j \psi^{cd} \partial_j \Phi_{icd} + t^b \partial_i \Pi_{ba} - \frac{1}{2} t_a \psi^{cd} \partial_i \Pi_{cd} \\
&\quad + \partial_i H_a + \frac{1}{2} g_a^j \Phi_{jcd} \Phi_{ief} \psi^{ce} \psi^{df} + \frac{1}{2} g^{jk} \Phi_{jcd} \Phi_{ike} \psi^{cd} t^e t_a \\
&\quad - g^{jk} g^{mn} \Phi_{jma} \Phi_{ikn} + \frac{1}{2} \Phi_{icd} \Pi_{be} t_a \left( \psi^{cb} \psi^{de} + \frac{1}{2} \psi^{be} t^c t^d \right) \\
&\quad - \Phi_{icd} \Pi_{ba} t^c \left( \psi^{bd} + \frac{1}{2} t^b t^d \right) + \frac{1}{2} \gamma_2 (t_a \psi^{cd} - 2\delta_a^c t^d) C_{icd} \\
C_{iab} &= \partial_i g_{ab} - \Phi_{iab} \\
C_{ijab} &= 2\partial_{[i} \Phi_{j]ab} \\
\mathcal{F}_a &\equiv \frac{1}{2} g_a^i \psi^{bc} \partial_i \Pi_{bc} - g^{ij} \partial_i \Pi_{ja} - g^{ij} t^b \partial_i \Phi_{jba} + \frac{1}{2} t_a \psi^{bc} g^{ij} \partial_i \Phi_{jbc} \\
&\quad + t_a g^{ij} \partial_i H_j + g_a^i \Phi_{ijb} g^{jk} \Phi_{kcd} \psi^{bd} t^c - \frac{1}{2} g_a^i \Phi_{ijb} g^{jk} \Phi_{kcd} \psi^{cd} t^b \\
&\quad - g_a^i t^b \partial_i H_b + g^{ij} \Phi_{icd} \Phi_{jba} \psi^{bc} t^d - \frac{1}{2} t_a g^{ij} g^{mn} \Phi_{imc} \Phi_{njd} \psi^{cd} \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{4} t_a g^{ij} \Phi_{icd} \Phi_{jbe} \psi^{cb} \psi^{de} + \frac{1}{4} t_a \Pi_{cd} \Pi_{be} \psi^{cb} \psi^{de} - g^{ij} H_i \Pi_{ja} \\
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&\quad + \frac{1}{2} t_a \Pi_{cd} \psi^{cd} H_b t^b - t_a g^{ij} \Phi_{ijc} H_d \psi^{cd} + \frac{1}{2} t_a g^{ij} H_i \Phi_{jcd} \psi^{cd} \\
&\quad - 16\pi t^a T_{ab}
\end{aligned}$$

**Constraint equations**

$$H_a = g_{ab} \partial^c \partial_c x^b$$

$a, b, \dots =$   
spacetime  
indices  $t, x, y, z$

$i, j, \dots =$   
spatial indices  
 $x, y, z$

$\alpha, \beta, \dots =$   
equation  
indices  
 $g_{ab}, \Pi_{ab}, \Phi_{iab}$

Sum over  
repeated  
indices

$$G = c = 1$$

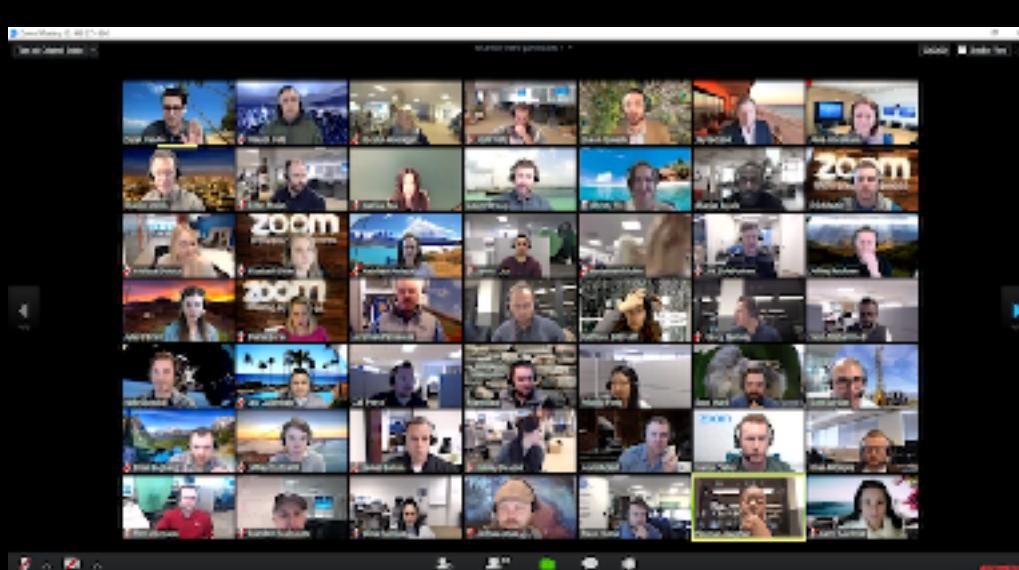
# SpECTRE

- Open, next-gen. NR code
  - Discontinuous Galerkin (DG)
  - Task-based parallelism

SpEC

Home-grown

Cores run same code on different parts of grid



Many sync points

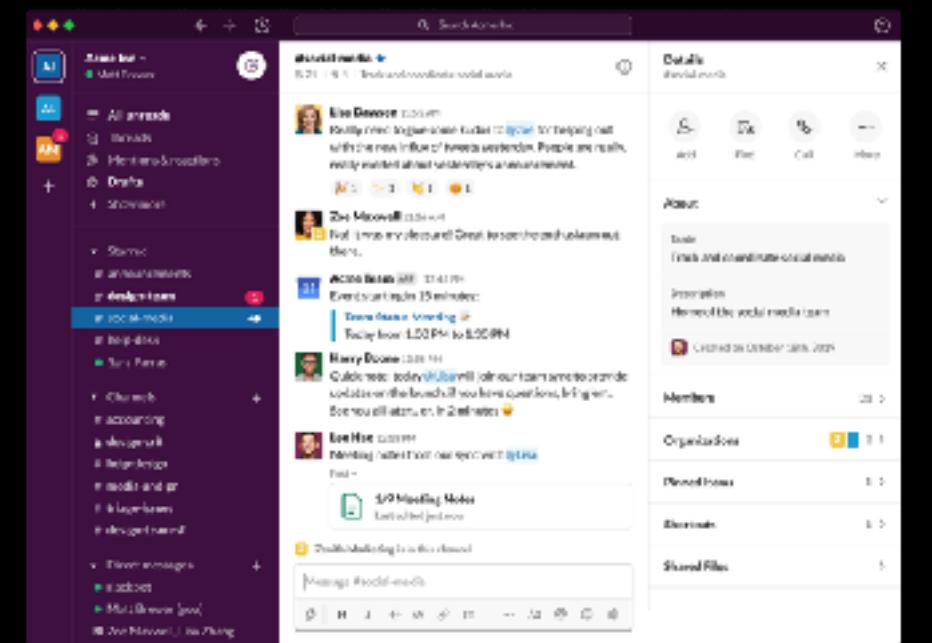
Scales to 50 cores

SpECTRE

charm++

[charm.cs.illinois.edu](http://charm.cs.illinois.edu)

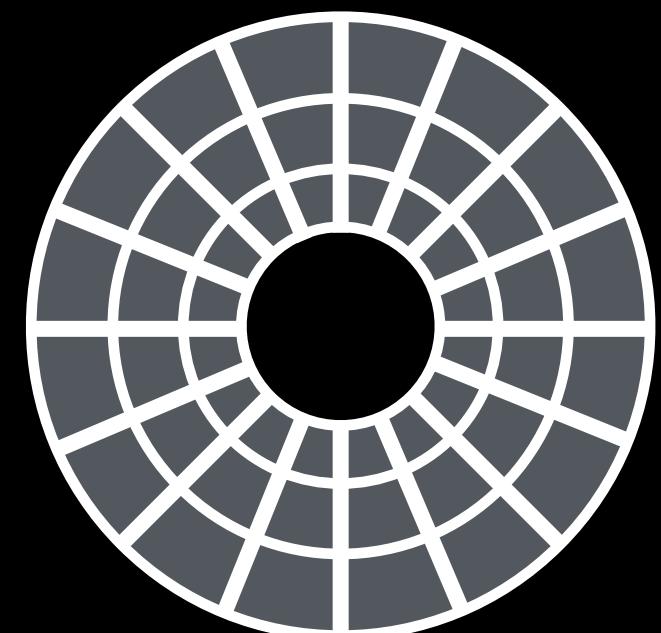
Cores ask scheduler for tasks from queue



Few sync points

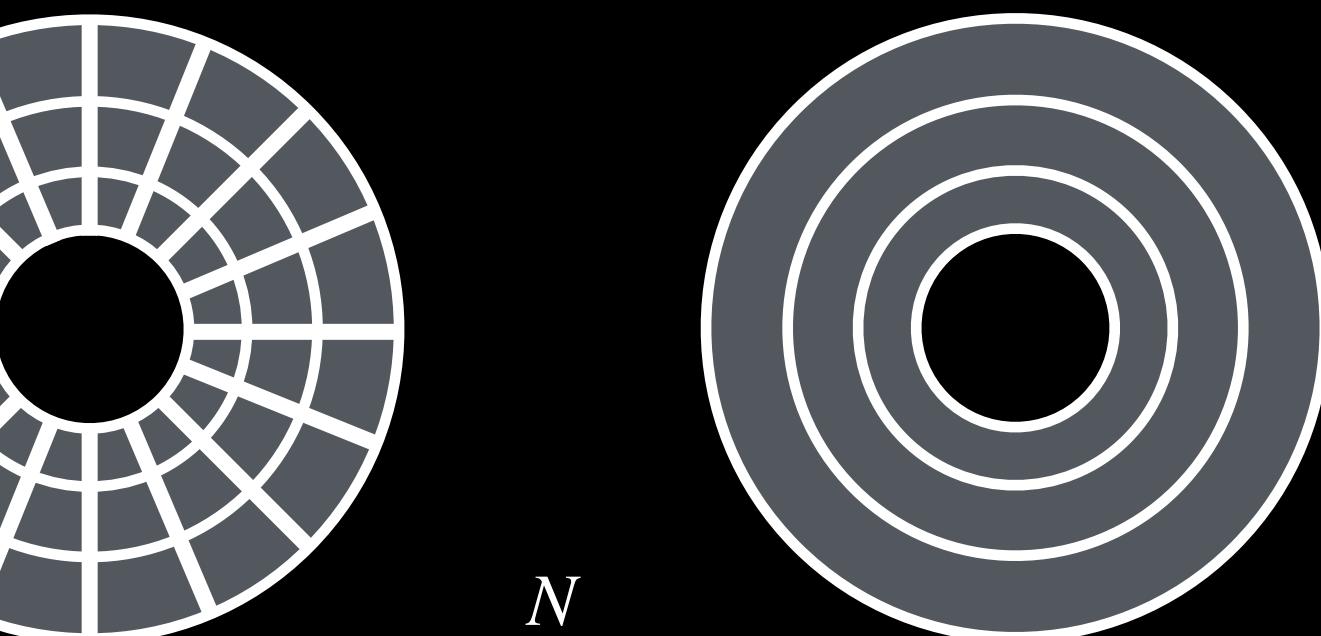
Scales to 100k cores

DG

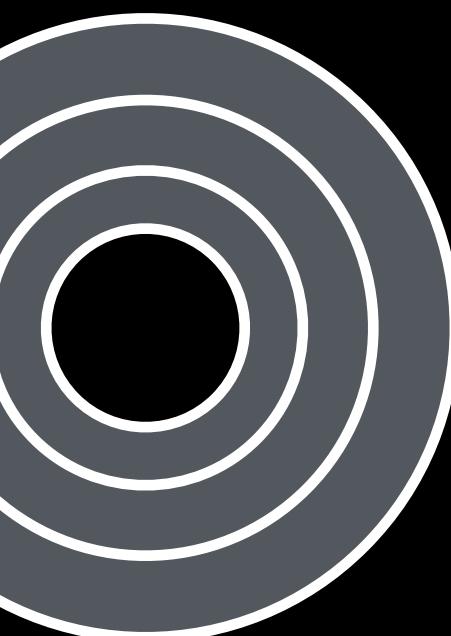


$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^N a_n \phi(x)$$

Smaller  $N$   
more cells



Bigger  $N$   
fewer cells



$$\begin{matrix} & & & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ & & & \end{matrix}$$

$x_{n-1} \quad x_n \quad x_{n+1}$

Values at  
grid points

Shocks

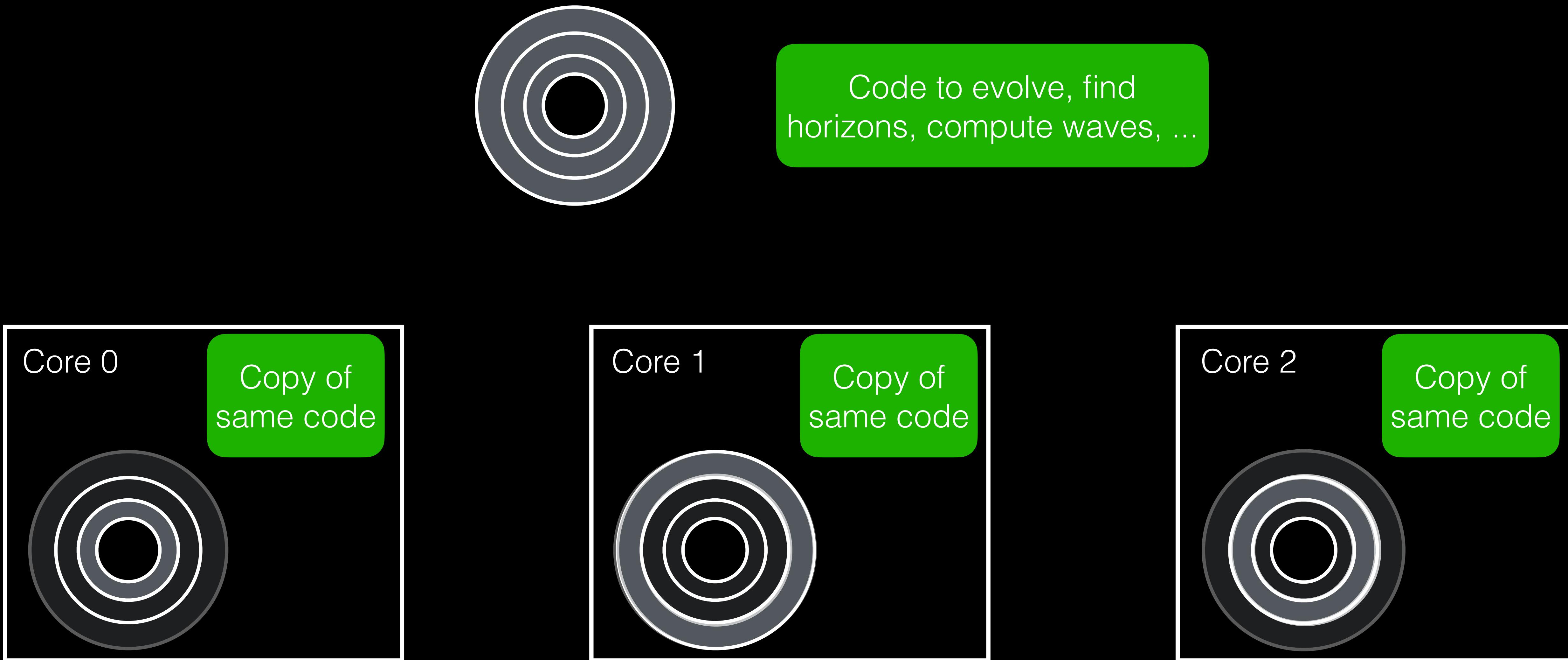
Polynomial  
convergence

Wide stencils  
*High communication  
on many CPUs*

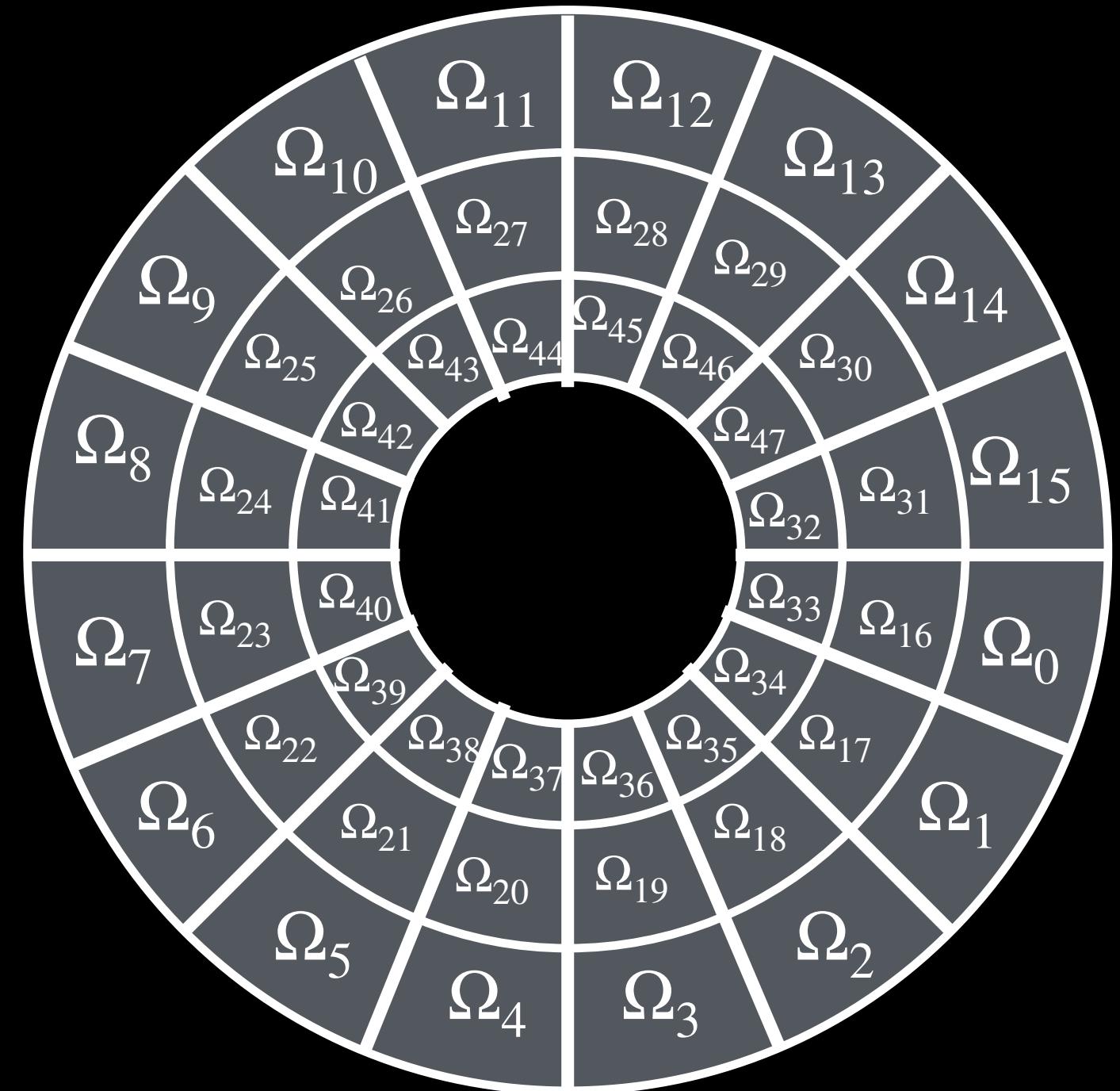
Exponential convergence  
*when solution smooth*

Analytic high-order derivatives

# Data parallelism

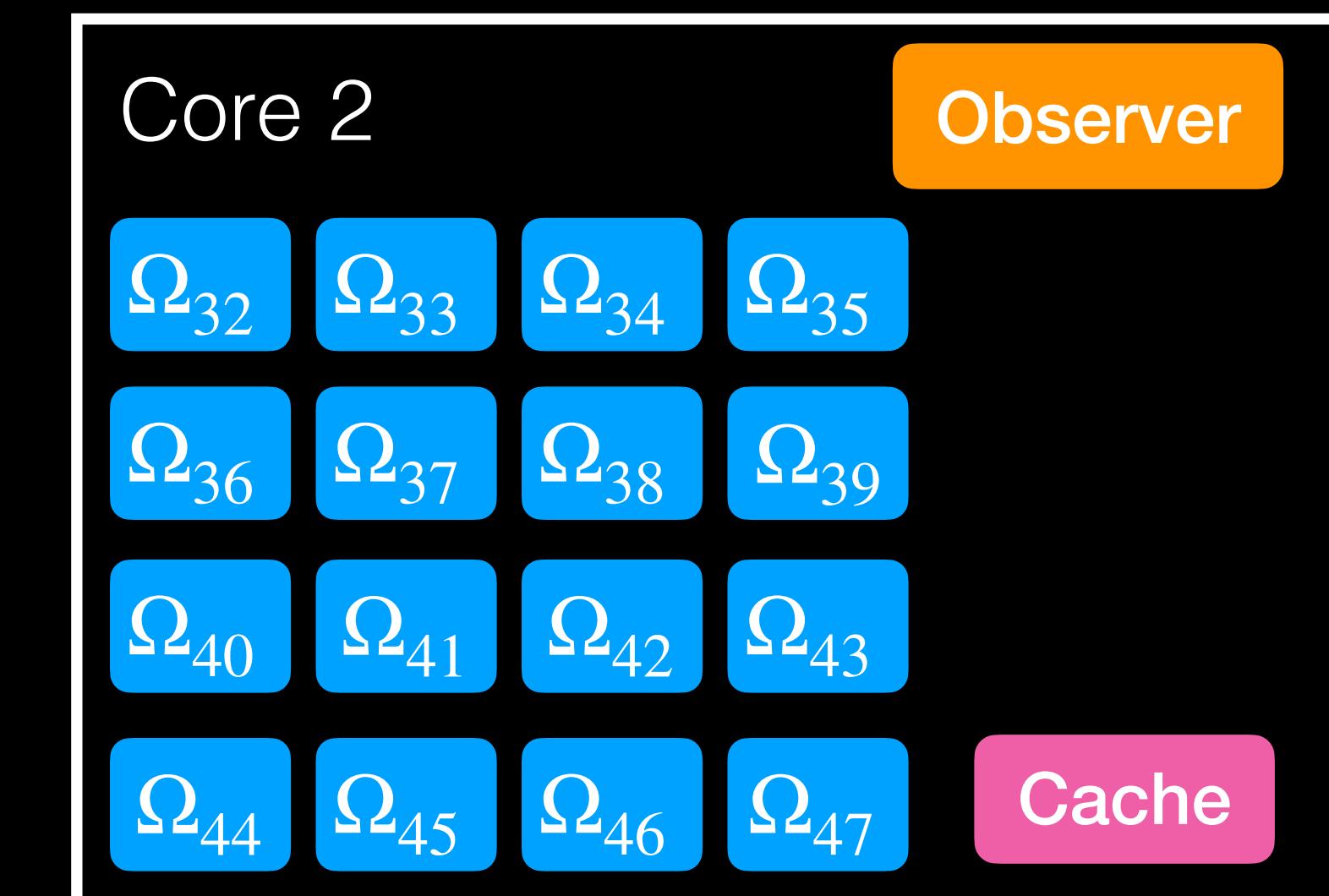
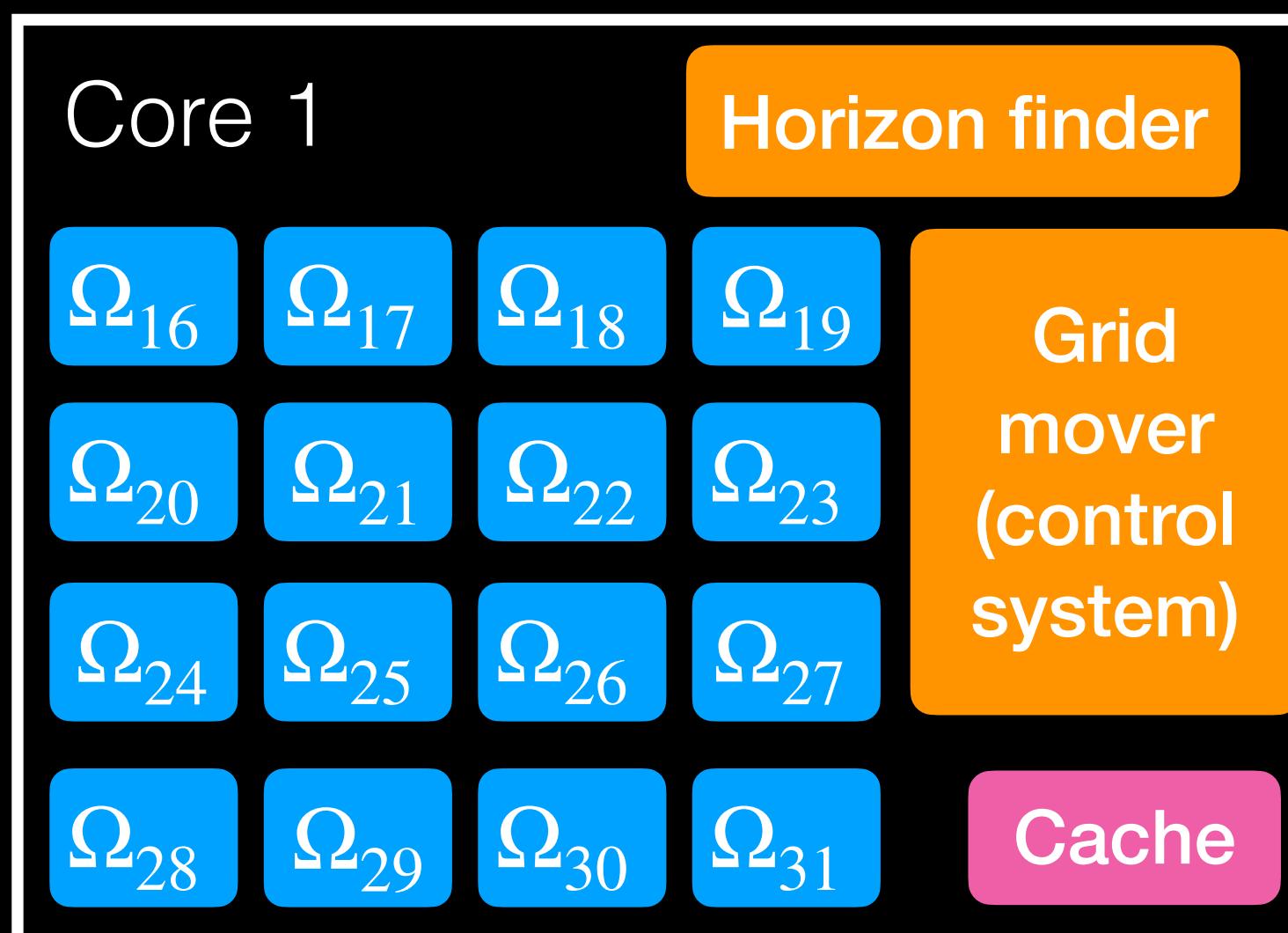
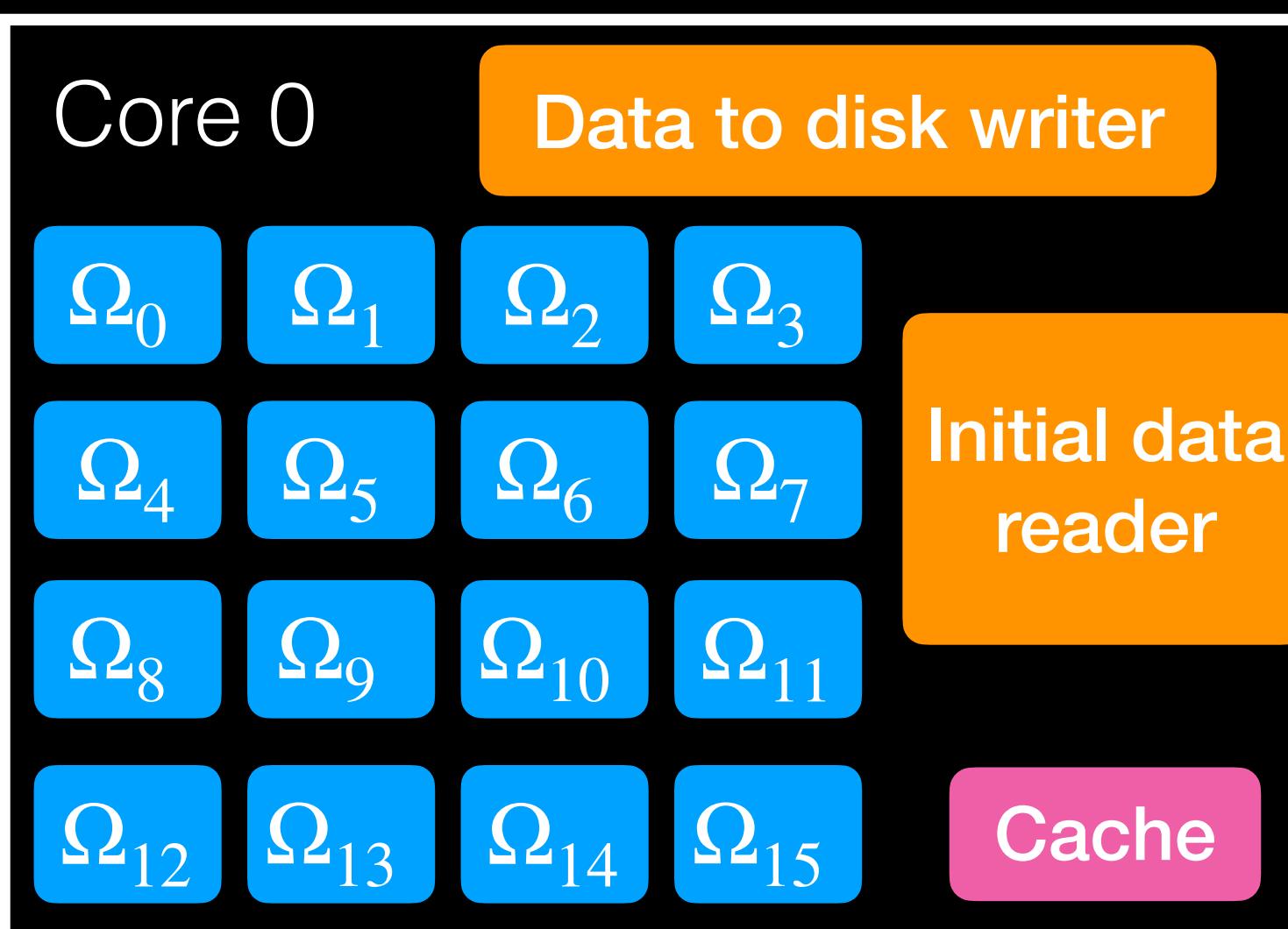


# Task parallelism



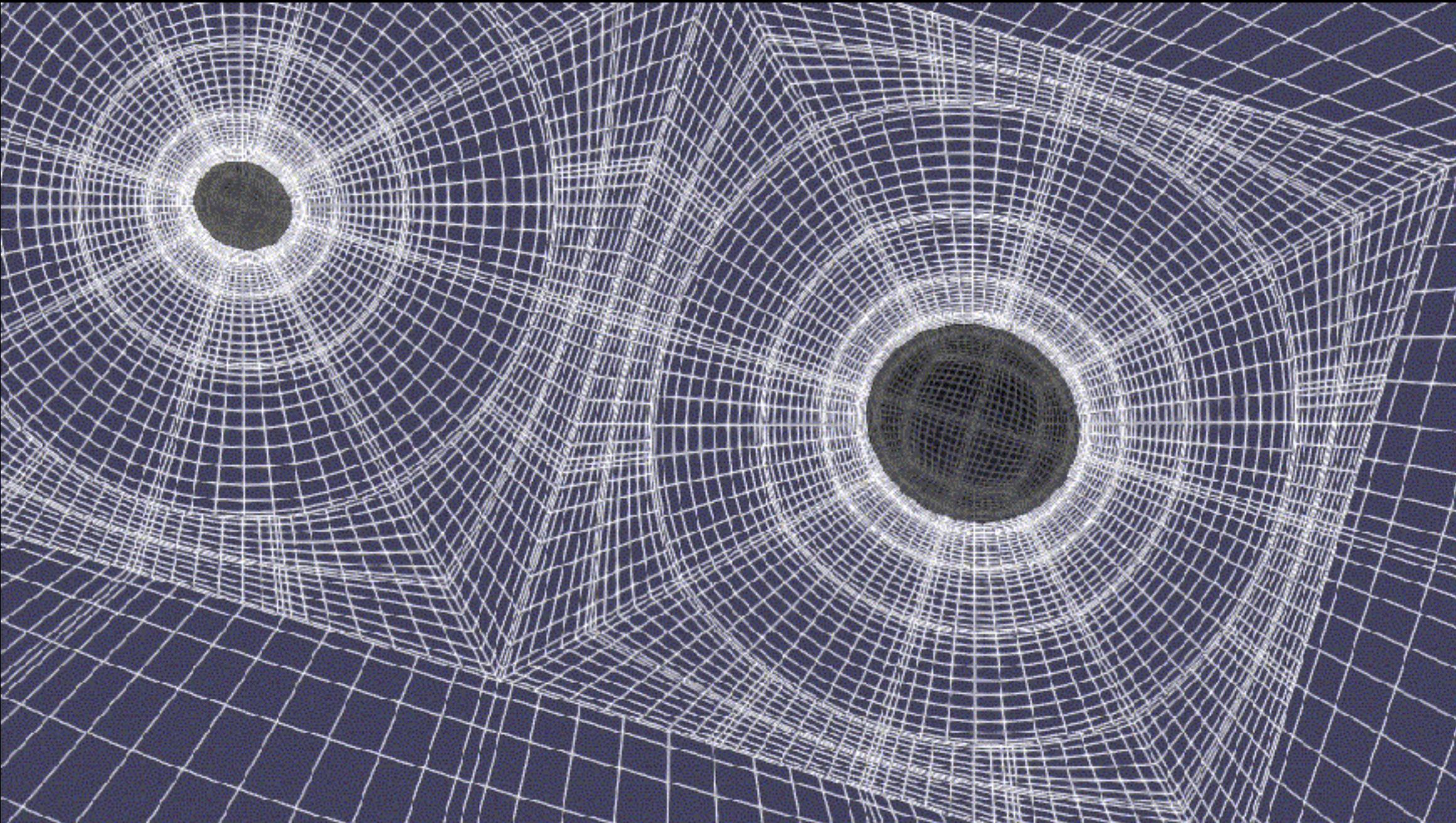
- = array parallel component
- = singleton parallel component
- = global cache

**Parallel component**  
 = "actor" that knows things, does things  
 = "distributed object"  
 = charm++ chare



# Moving mesh

- Deform, move mesh with grid velocity
  - Track black holes, ensuring singularities remain excised, horizon exteriors not excised



Animation courtesy Kyle Nelli