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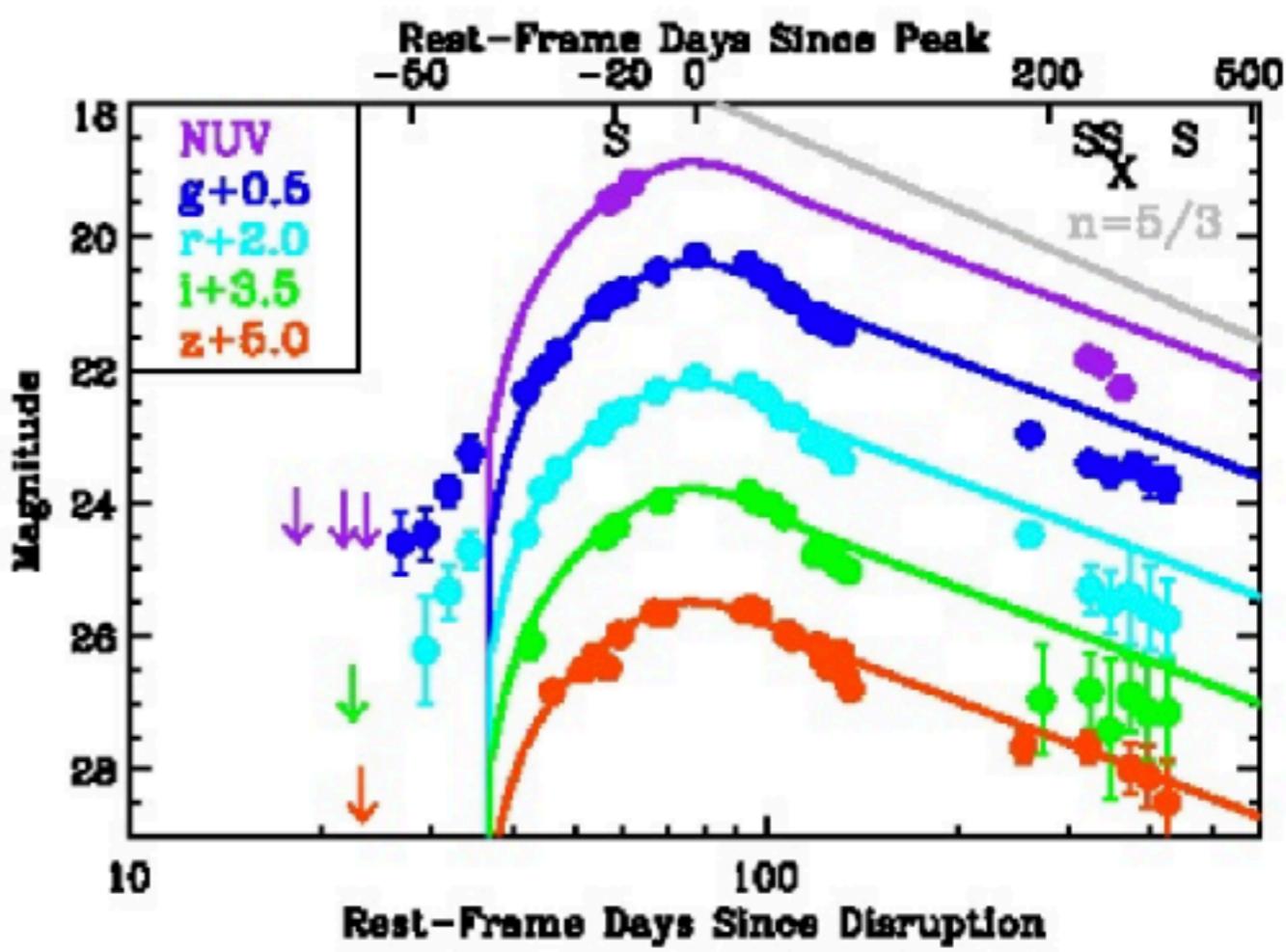
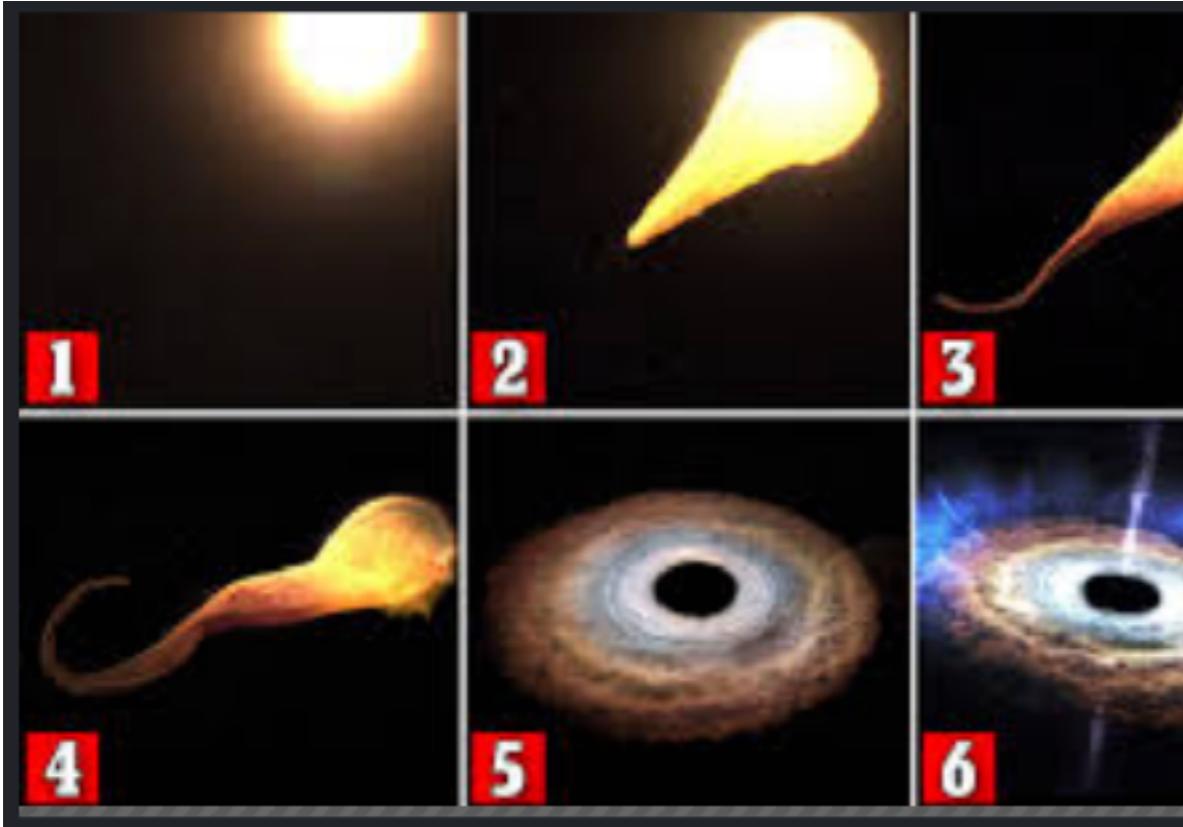
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# **Tidal-disruption Events**

# Tidal disruption events

An ultraviolet-optical flare  
from the tidal disruption  
of a helium rich stellar core



# **General relativity: recap**

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## General Relativity and Quantum Cosmology

# Lecture Notes on General Relativity

Sean M. Carroll

(Submitted on 3 Dec 1997)

These notes represent approximately one semester's worth of lectures on introductory general relativity for beginning graduate students in physics. Topics include manifolds, Riemannian geometry, Einstein's equations, and three applications: gravitational radiation, black holes, and cosmology.

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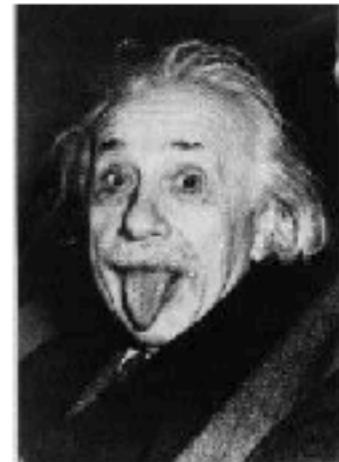


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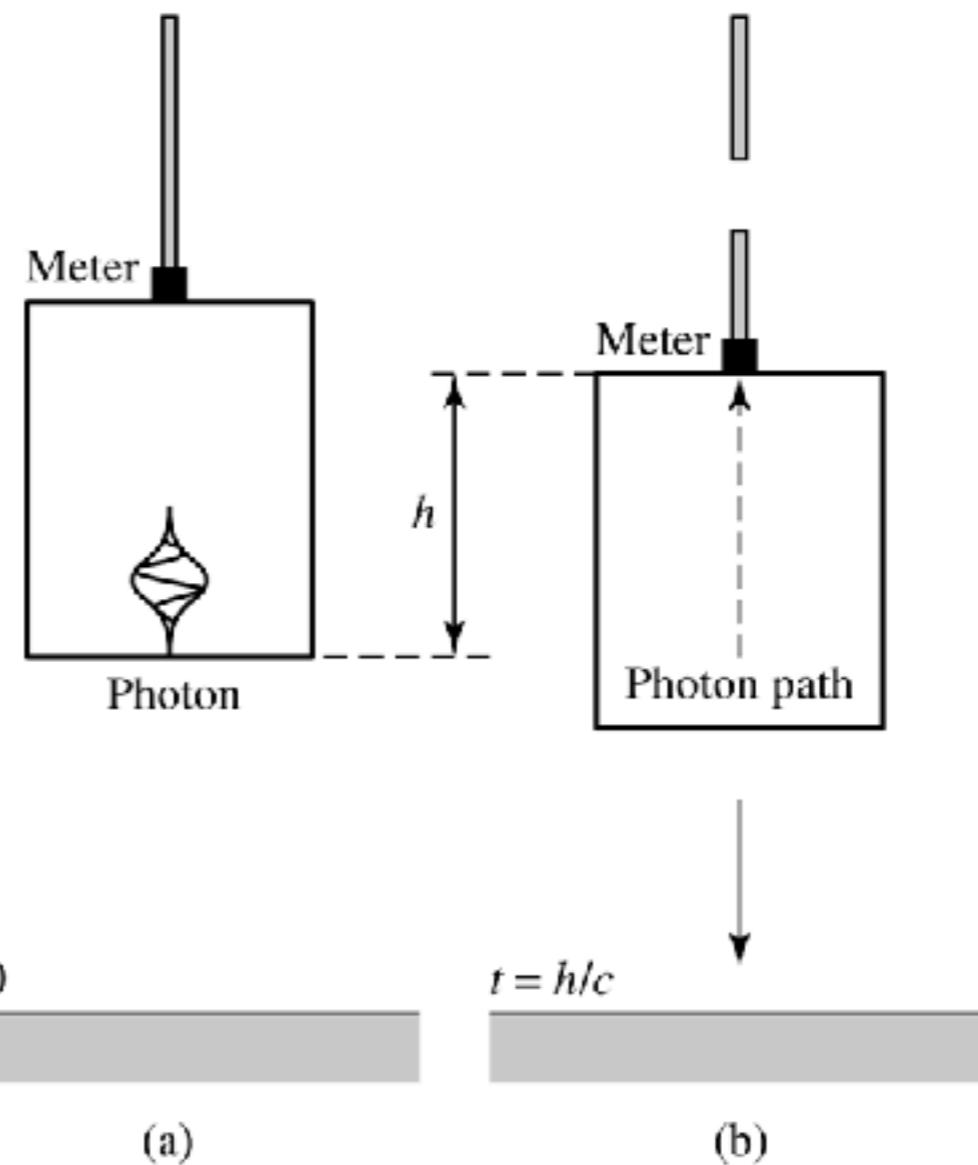
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# Gravitational redshift

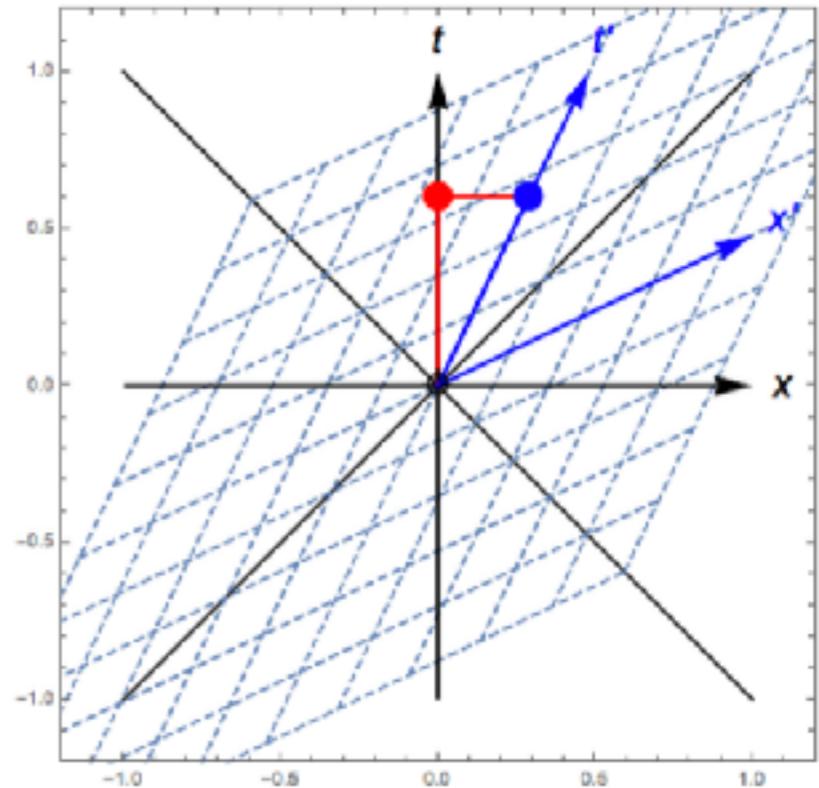
$$\frac{\Delta v}{v_0} = -\frac{v}{c} = -\frac{gh}{c^2}.$$



# Redshift in Special Relativity

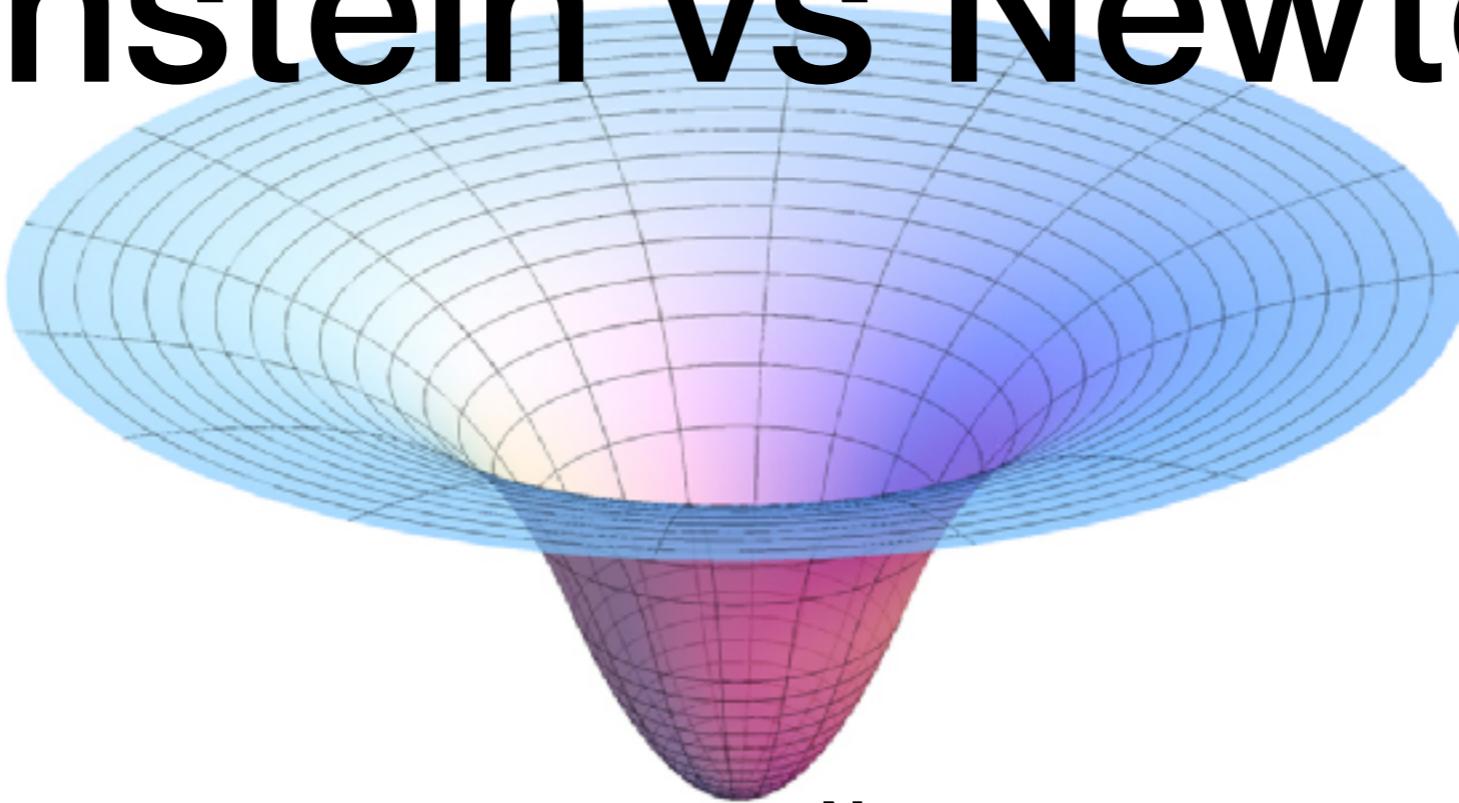
$$\Lambda^{\mu}_{\nu} = \begin{bmatrix} \gamma & -\gamma\beta & 0 & 0 \\ -\gamma\beta & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$p = (p^0, p^1, p^2, p^3) = \left( \frac{E}{c}, p_x, p_y, p_z \right)$$



- (1) Find the four-momentum
- (2) Multiple by the Lorentz matrix
- (3) Get the new four-momentum
- (4) Take the first element -> Energy

# Einstein vs Newton



Einstein

Newton

**Field Equation**

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

**Metric**

$$g_{mn} = \text{diag}(1 + 2U, -1 + 2U, -1 + 2U, -1 + 2U).$$

**Geodesics equation**

$$\frac{d^2x^\mu}{ds^2} + \Gamma^\mu{}_{\alpha\beta} \frac{dx^\alpha}{ds} \frac{dx^\beta}{ds} = 0$$

**Poisson Equation**

$$\nabla^2 \phi = 4\pi G \rho.$$

**Gravitational potential**

$$U = -GM / c^2r.$$

**Newton's law**

$$\mathbf{F} = m \frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = m\mathbf{a},$$

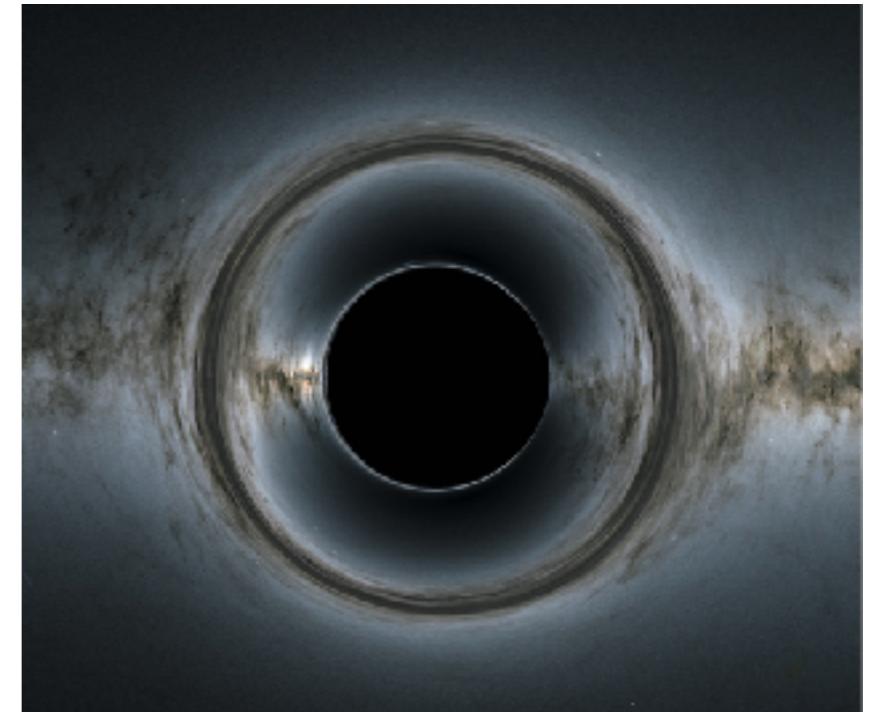
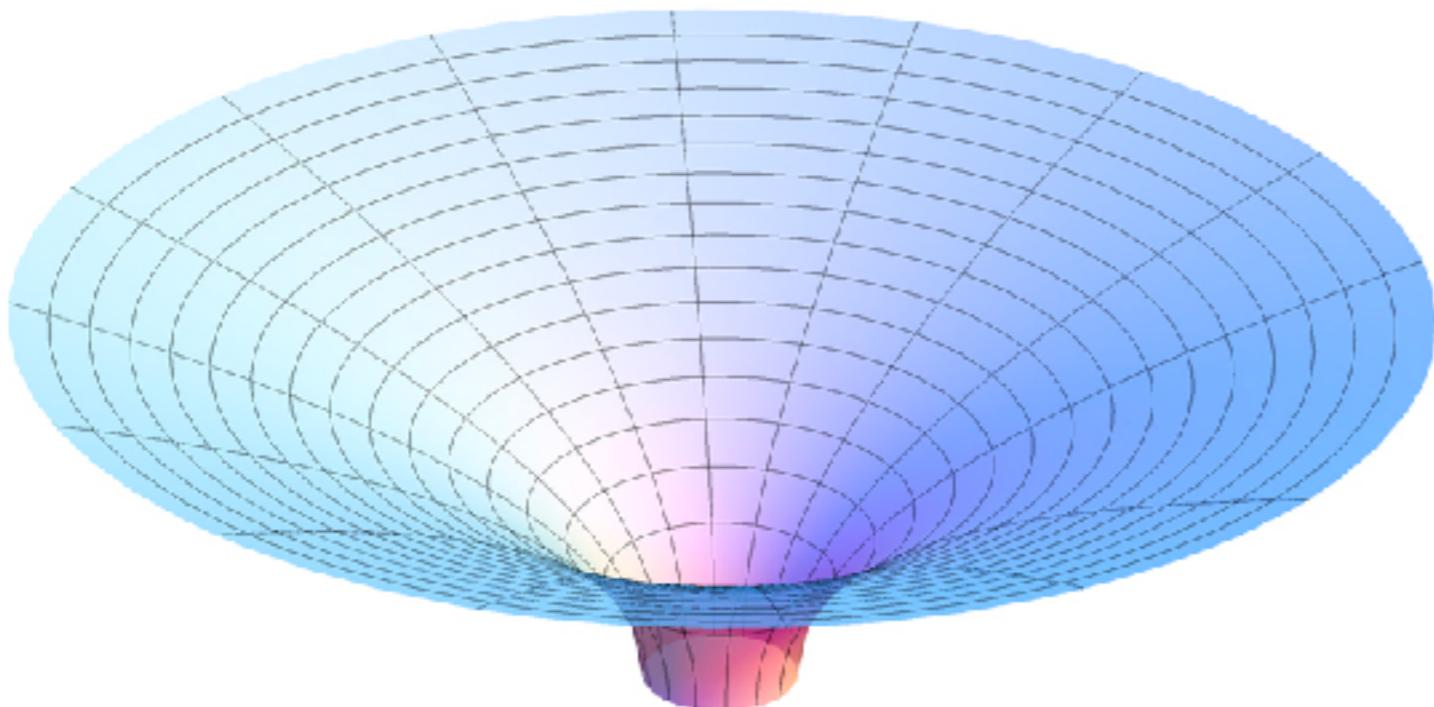
# Schwarzschild Solution (Black Holes)

In Schwarzschild coordinates  $(t, r, \theta, \phi)$  the Schwarzschild metric (or equivalently, the [line element](#) for proper time) has the form

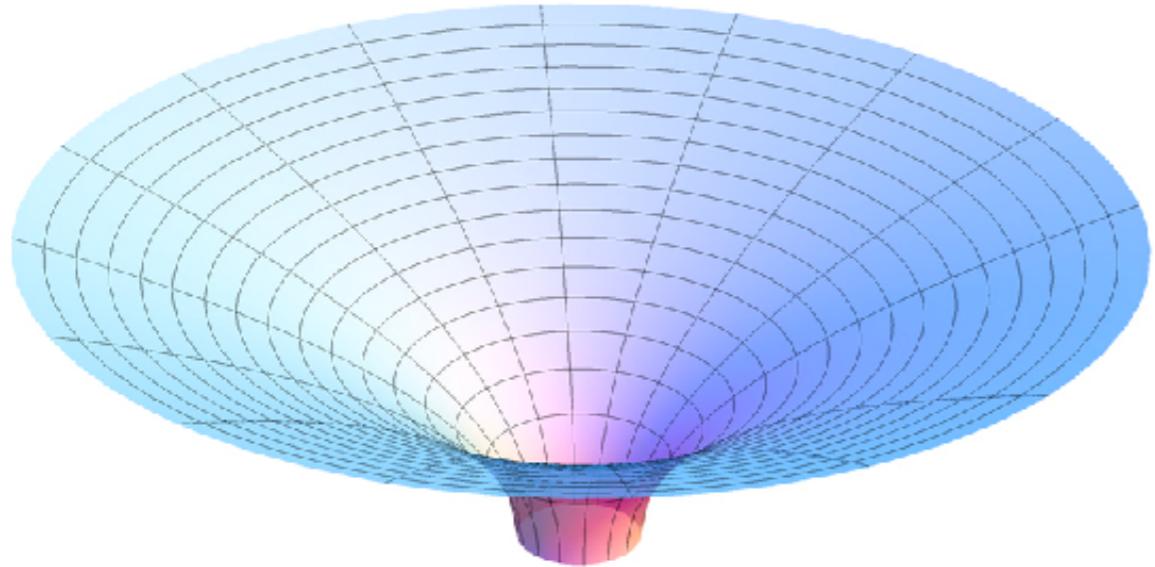
$$g = -c^2 d\tau^2 = -\left(1 - \frac{r_s}{r}\right)c^2 dt^2 + \left(1 - \frac{r_s}{r}\right)^{-1} dr^2 + r^2 g_\Omega,$$

$$R^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} = \frac{12G^2 M^2}{r^6}.$$

$$g_\Omega = (d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\varphi^2) \quad r_s = \frac{2GM}{c^2}$$



# Photos travel to event horizon



**Photons have  $ds^2 = 0$**

$$ds^2 = 0 = - \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right) dt^2 + \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right)^{-1} dr^2 ,$$

$$\frac{dt}{dr} = \pm \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r}\right)^{-1} .$$

$$ds^2 = -(1 - 2m/r)dt^2 + (1 - 2m/r)^{-1}dr^2 + r^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2) .$$

# Metric of curved space-time

- Cartesian

- $ds^2 = dx^2 + dy^2$

- $ds^2 = dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2$

- Curved

- $ds^2 = dr^2 + r^2 f(r) d\theta^2$

- Special Relativity

- $ds^2 = -dt^2 + dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2$

- Curved e.g. around a black hole

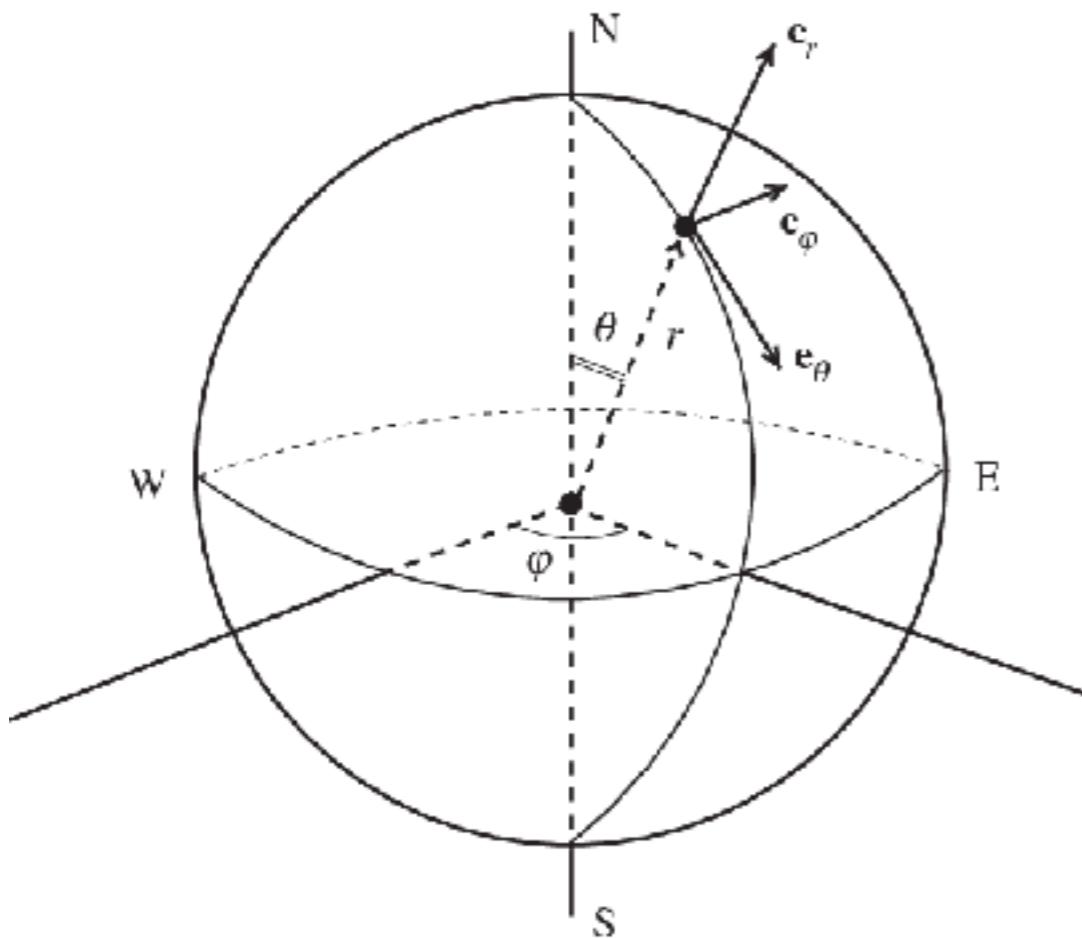
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where  $g_\Omega$  is the metric on the two sphere, i.e.  $g_\Omega = (d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\varphi^2)$ .

# Local coordinates

$$ds^2(S_R^2) = R^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2) \equiv R^2 d\Omega^2 .$$

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$$E_1 = R^{-1}\partial_\theta \quad , \quad E_2 = (R \sin \theta)^{-1}\partial_\phi \quad ,$$

# Raising and lowering indices

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## Vectors (order-1 tensors) [edit]

Multiplying by the *contravariant* metric tensor  $g^{ij}$  and contracting produces another tensor with an upper index:

$$g^{ij} A_j = B^i ,$$

The same base symbol is typically used to denote this new tensor, and repositioning the index is typically understood in this context to refer to this new tensor, and is called *raising the index*, which would be written

$$g^{ij} A_j = A^i .$$

Similarly, multiplying by the *covariant* metric tensor and contracting *lowers* an index (with the same understanding about the reuse of the base symbol):

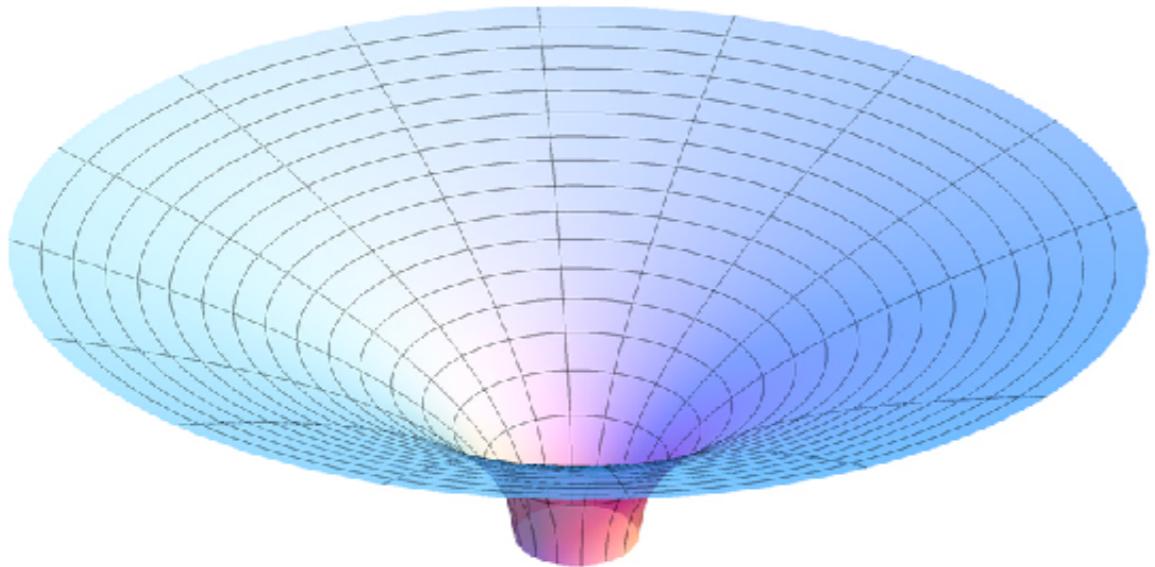
$$g_{ij} A^j = A_i .$$

The form  $g_{ij}$  need not be nonsingular to lower an index, but to get the inverse (and thus raise an index) it must be nonsingular.

Raising and then lowering the same index (or conversely) are inverse operations, which is reflected in the covariant and contravariant metric tensors being inverse to each other:

$$g^{ij} g_{jk} = g_{kj} g^{ji} = \delta^i{}_k = \delta_k{}^i$$

# Local coordinates



$$ds^2 = -(1 - 2m/r)dt^2 + (1 - 2m/r)^{-1}dr^2 + r^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2) .$$

$$(e^0, e^1, e^2, e^3) = \left( (1 - \frac{2m}{r})^{1/2} dt, (1 - \frac{2m}{r})^{-1/2} dr, rd\theta, r \sin \theta d\phi \right) \quad (4.136)$$

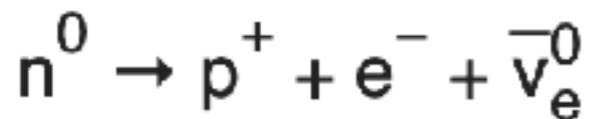
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Redshift :  $(1 - 2m/r)^{1/2}$

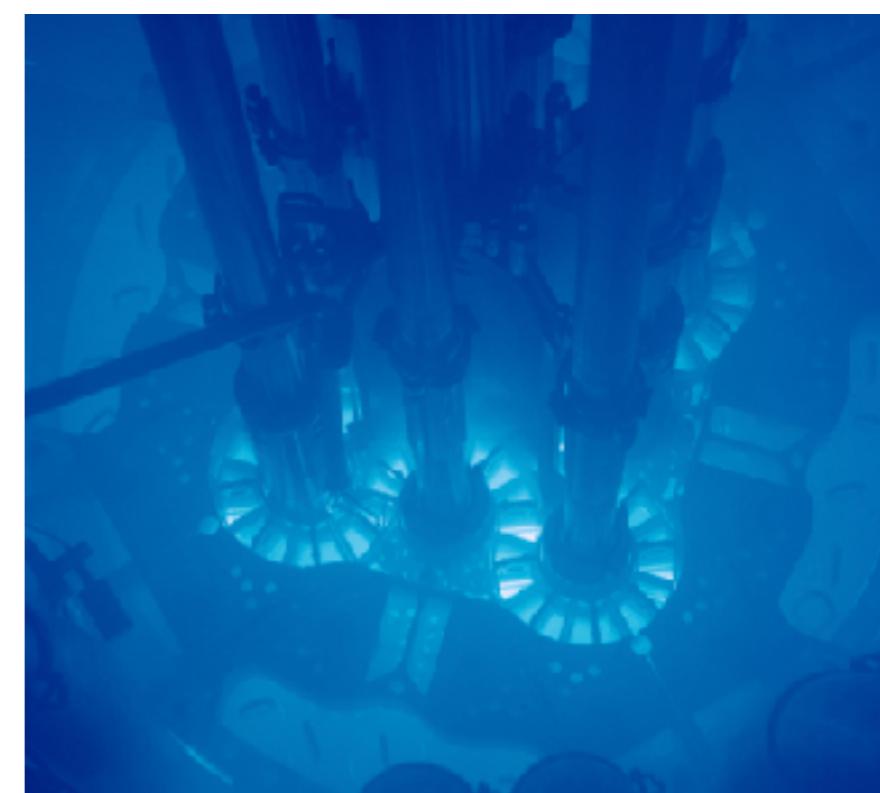
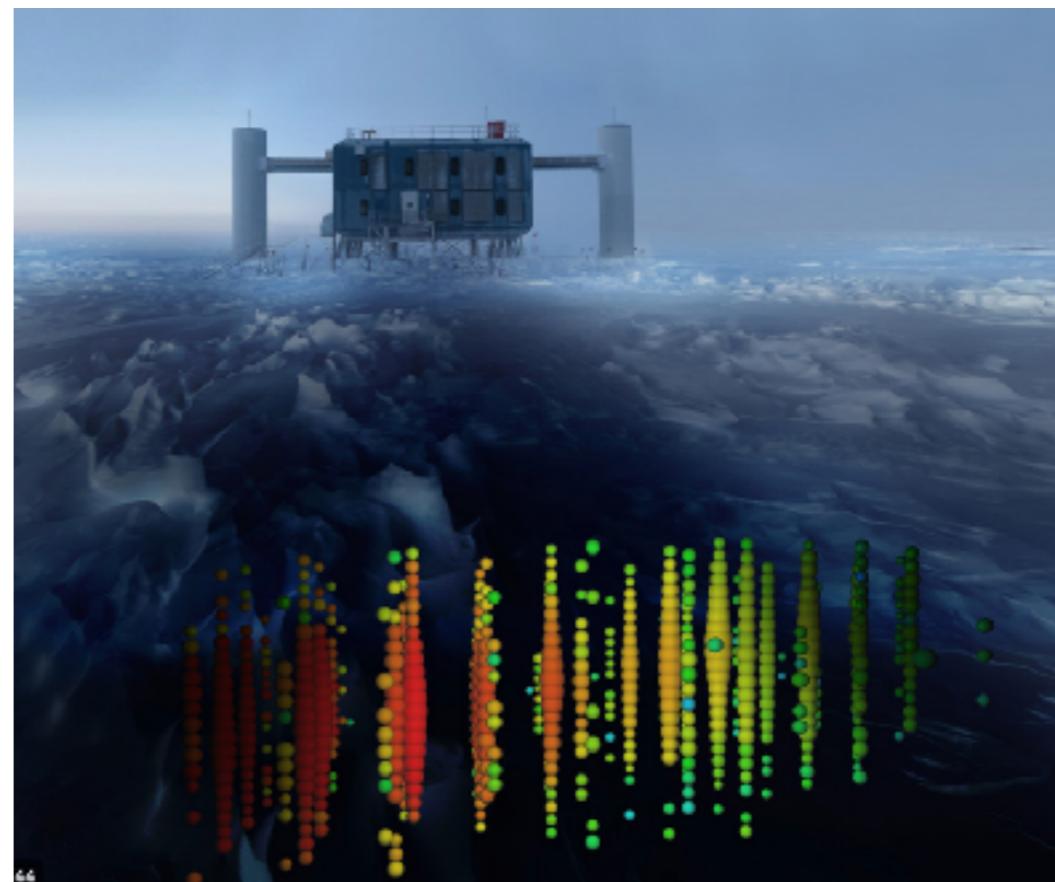
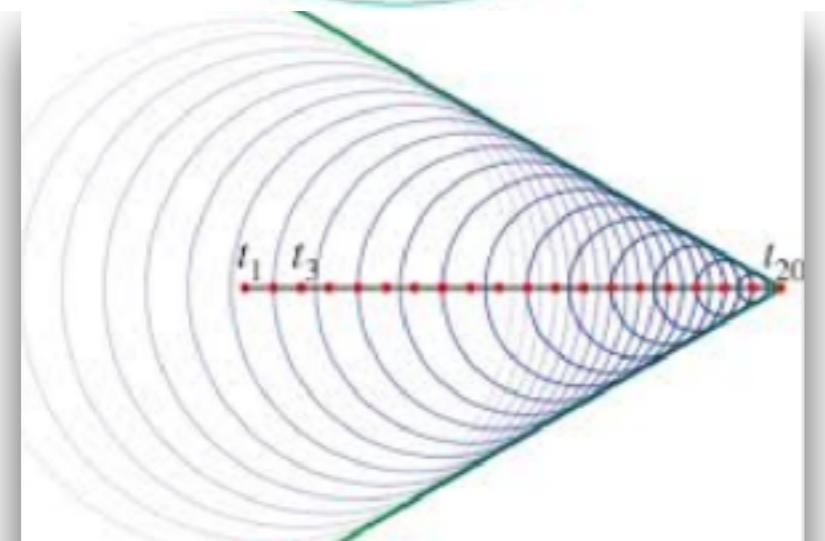
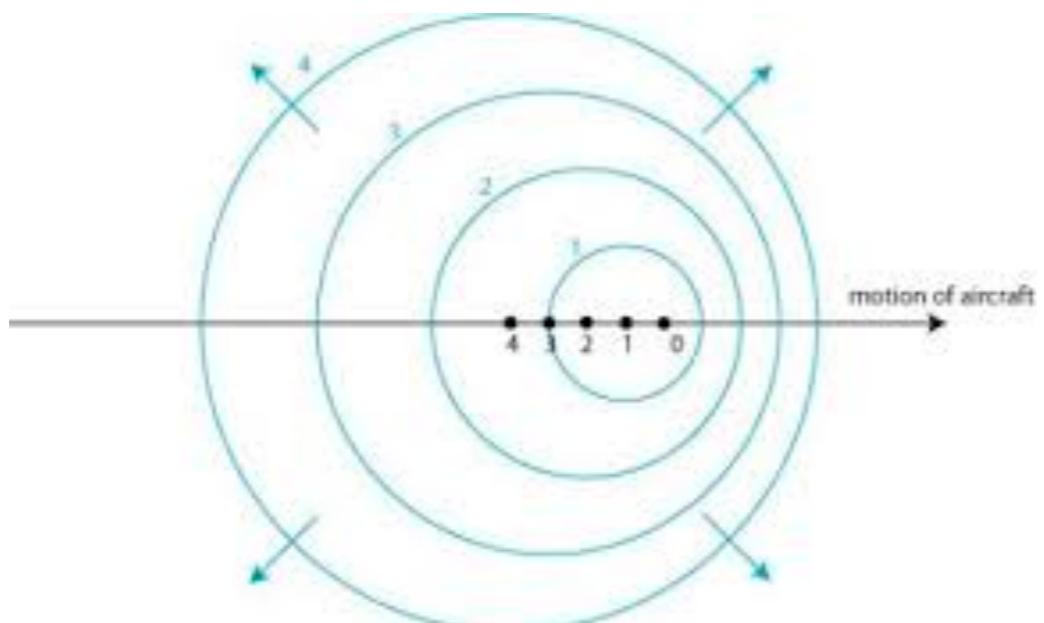
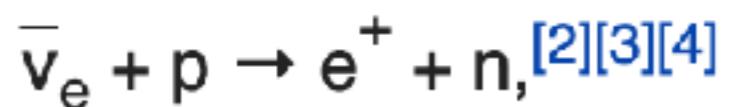
# **The quantum limit of General Relativity**

# ICECUBE Neutrino Experiment

Beta decay



Inverse decay

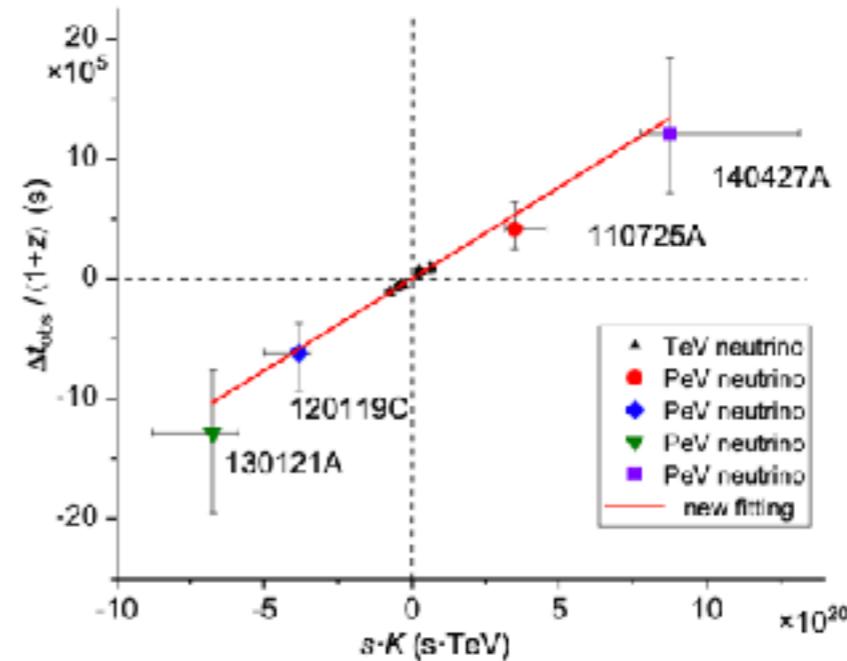


# Superluminal neutrino?

Superluminal Neutrino

$$\delta t/t = \delta v/v$$

Superluminal Neutrino



$$(\delta v/v) \approx f(E/E_{\text{planck}}) \approx A_1 \times (E/E_{\text{planck}} + \dots)$$

Note:

$$1 E_P \approx 1.956 \times 10^9 \text{ J} \approx 1.2209 \times 10^{19} \text{ GeV}$$

$$E_P = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar c^5}{G}},$$

Enter values, hit a button

69.6	H <sub>0</sub>
0.286	Omega <sub>M</sub>
1	z
Open	Flat
0.714	Omega <sub>vac</sub>
General	

**Open** sets Omega<sub>vac</sub> = 0 giving an open Universe [if you entered Omega<sub>M</sub> < 1]

**Flat** sets Omega<sub>vac</sub> = 1-Omega<sub>M</sub> giving a flat Universe.

**General** uses the Omega<sub>vac</sub> that you entered.

[Source](#) for the default parameters.

For H<sub>0</sub> = 69.6, Omega<sub>M</sub> = 0.286, Omega<sub>vac</sub> = 0.714, z = 1.000

- It is now 13.721 Gyr since the Big Bang.
- The age at redshift z was 5.903 Gyr.
- The [light travel time](#) was 7.817 Gyr.
- The [comoving radial distance](#), which goes into Hubble's law, is 3350.7 Mpc or 10.928 Gly.
- The comoving volume within redshift z is 157.569 Gpc<sup>3</sup>.
- The [angular size distance D<sub>A</sub>](#) is 1675.3 Mpc or 5.4642 Gly.
- This gives a scale of 8.122 kpc/".
- The [luminosity distance D<sub>L</sub>](#) is 6701.2 Mpc or 21.857 Gly.

1 Gly = 1,000,000,000 light years or 9.461\*10<sup>26</sup> cm.

1 Gyr = 1,000,000,000 years.

1 Mpc = 1,000,000 parsecs = 3.08568\*10<sup>24</sup> cm, or 3,261,566 light years.

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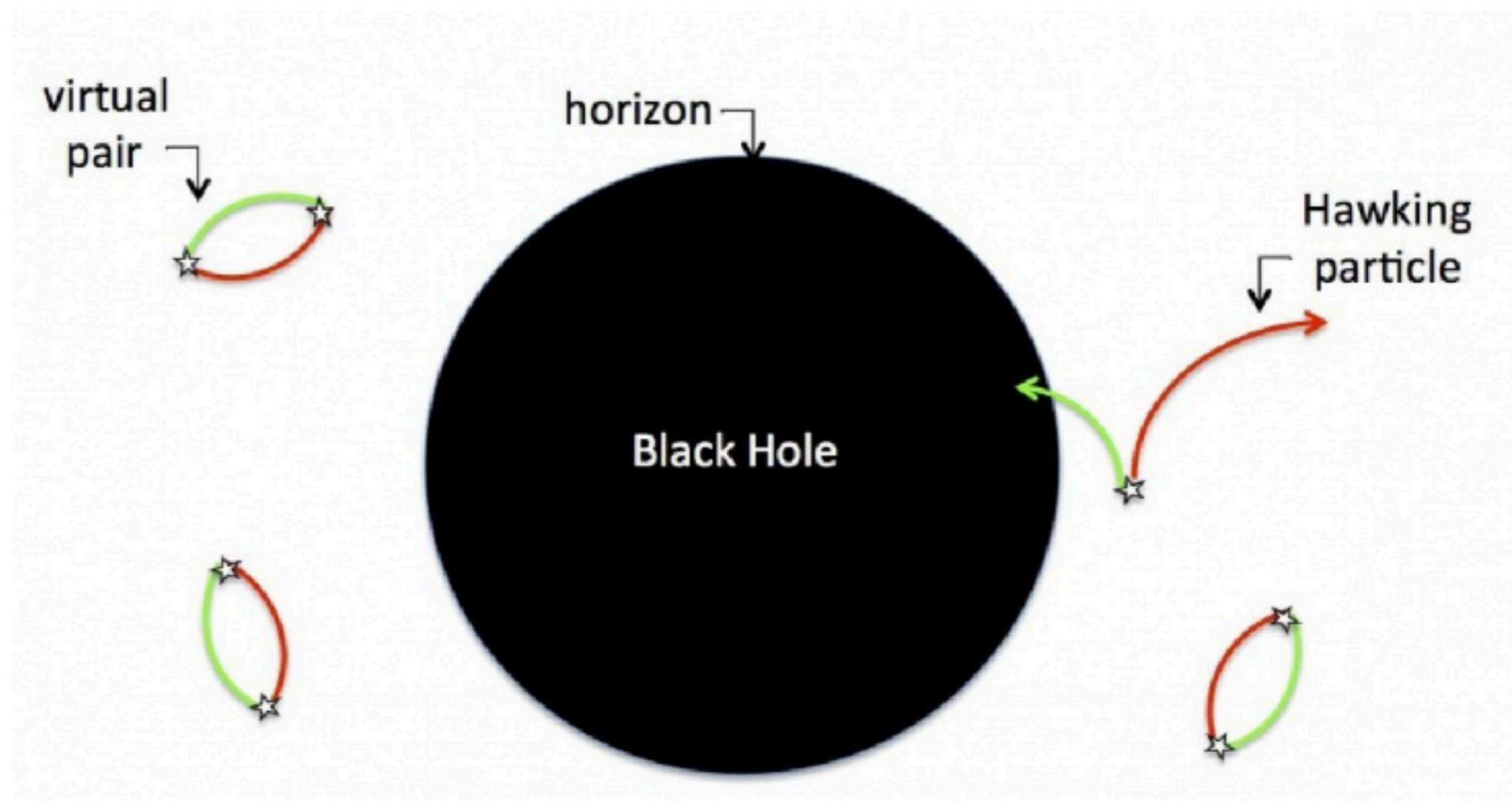
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# Hawking radiation



Hawking radiation

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# Unruh effect

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The Unruh effect was first described by Stephen Fulling in 1973, [Paul Davies](#) in 1975 and [W. G. Unruh](#) in 1976.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)

$$k_B T = \frac{\hbar a}{2\pi c}.$$

## Other implications [edit]

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The Unruh effect would also cause the decay rate of accelerating particles to differ from inertial particles. Stable particles like the electron could have nonzero transition rates to higher mass states when accelerating at a high enough rate.[\[10\]](#)[\[11\]](#)[\[12\]](#)

# Hawking radiation

## Discovery [edit]

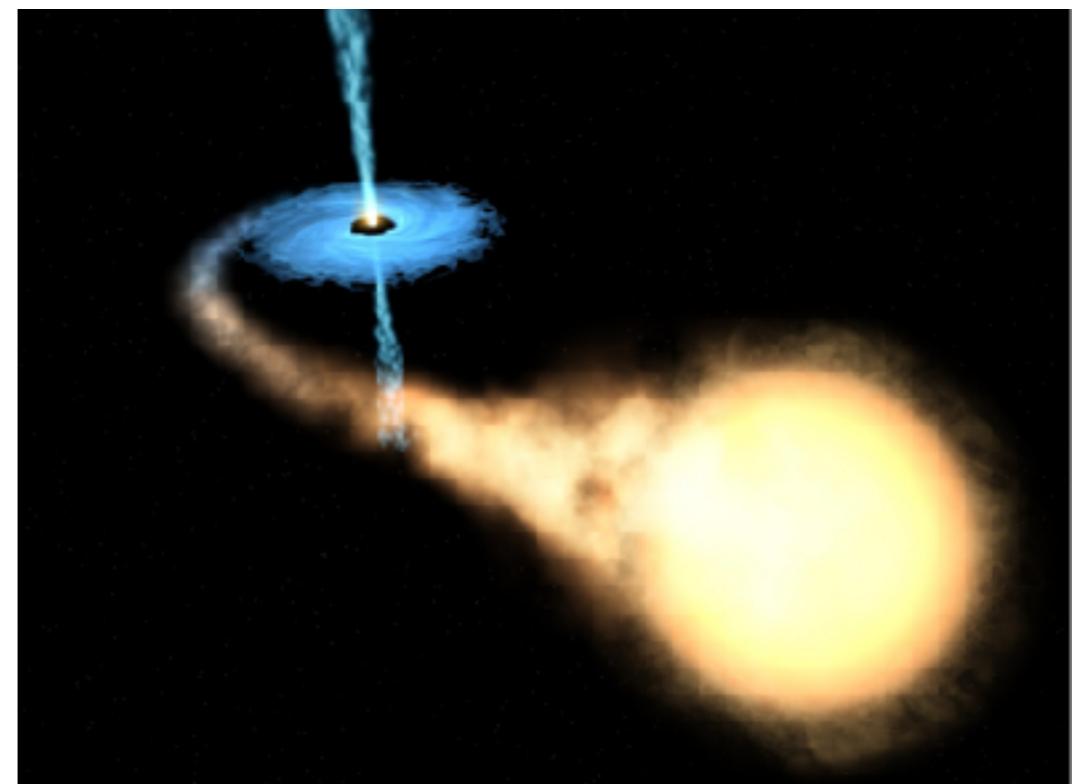
Hawking's discovery followed a visit to Moscow in 1973 where the Soviet scientists [Yakov Zel'dovich](#) and [Alexei Starobinsky](#) convinced him that rotating [black holes](#) ought to create and emit particles. When Hawking did the calculation, he found to his surprise that even non-rotating black holes produce radiation.<sup>[10]</sup>

$$T = \frac{\hbar c^3}{8 \pi G k_B M} \approx 1.227 \times 10^{23} \text{ K} \cdot \text{kg} \times \frac{1}{M} = 6.169 \times 10^{-8} \text{ K} \times \frac{M_\odot}{M},$$



# **Binary star evolution & Compact stars**

# Accretion disk theory



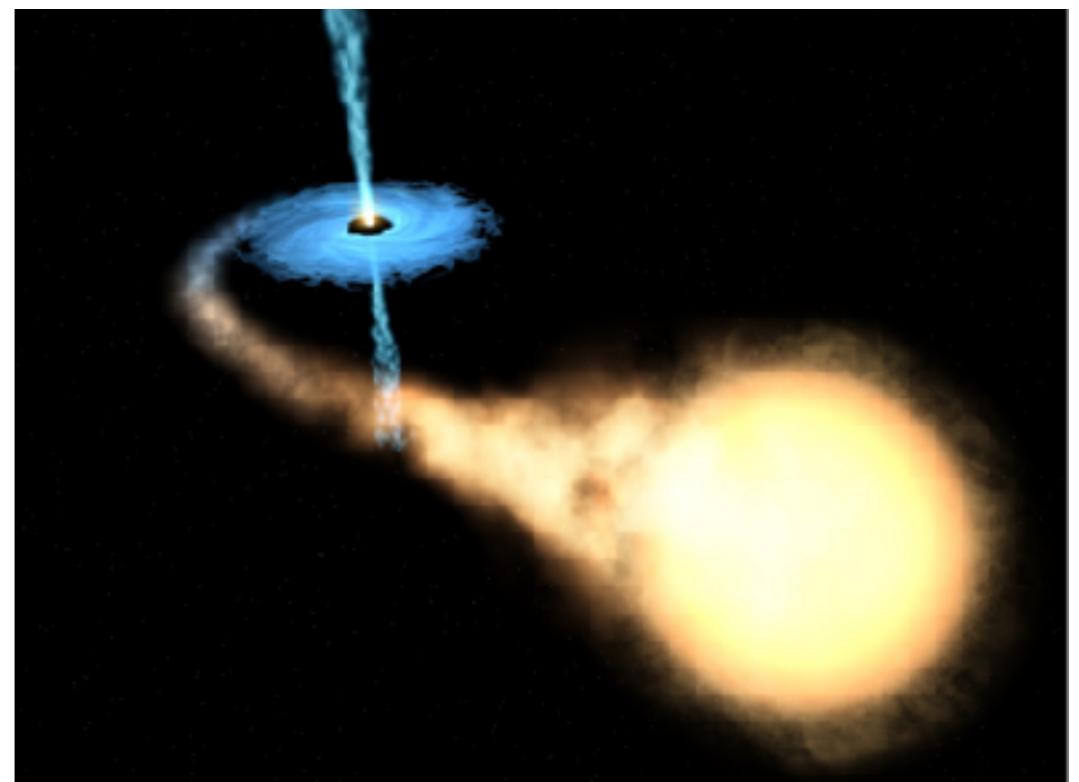
# Accretion disk theory

Rashid  
Sunyaev

Physics researcher



Rashid Alievich Sunyaev is a Soviet and Russian astrophysicist of Tatar descent. He was educated at the Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology. He became a professor at MIPT in 1974. [Wikipedia](#)





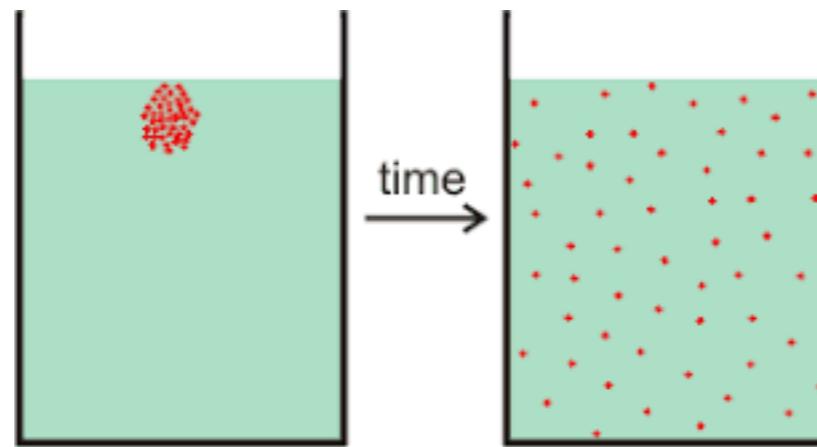
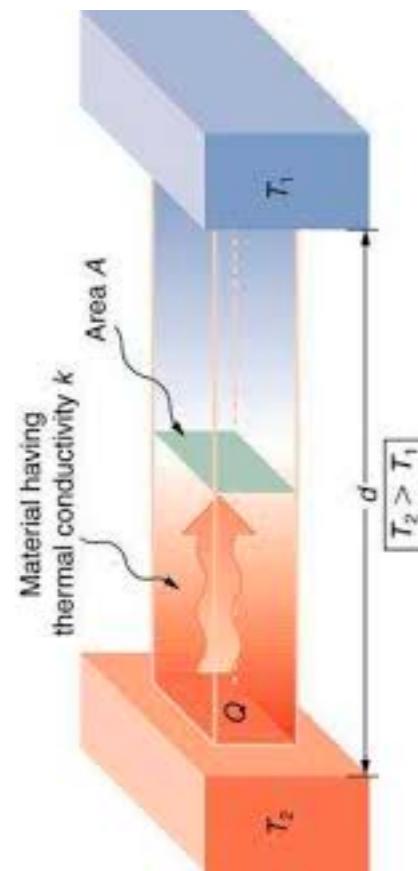


# Heat conduction

$$\frac{\partial \Theta}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 \Theta}{\partial x^2},$$



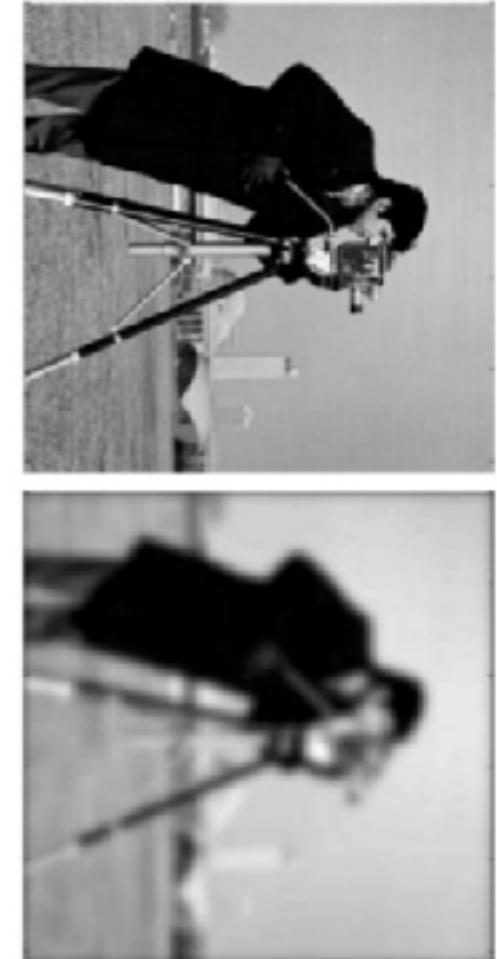
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Heat conduction

Chemical diffusion

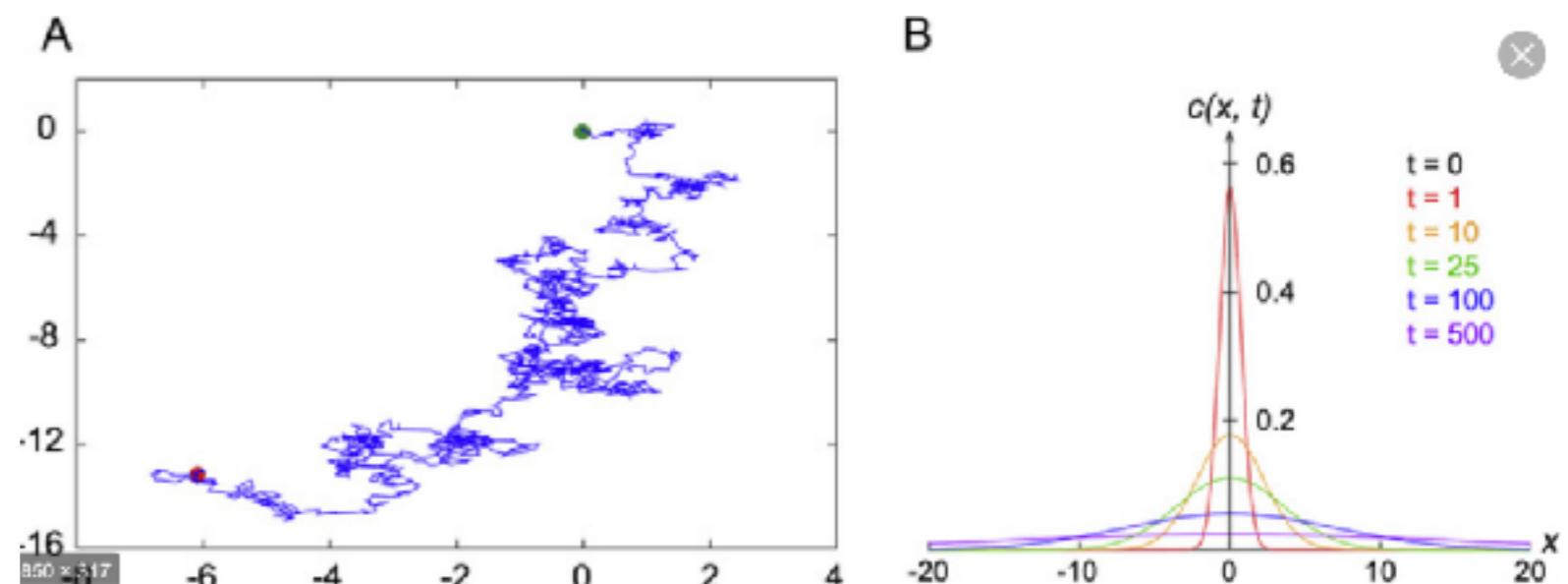
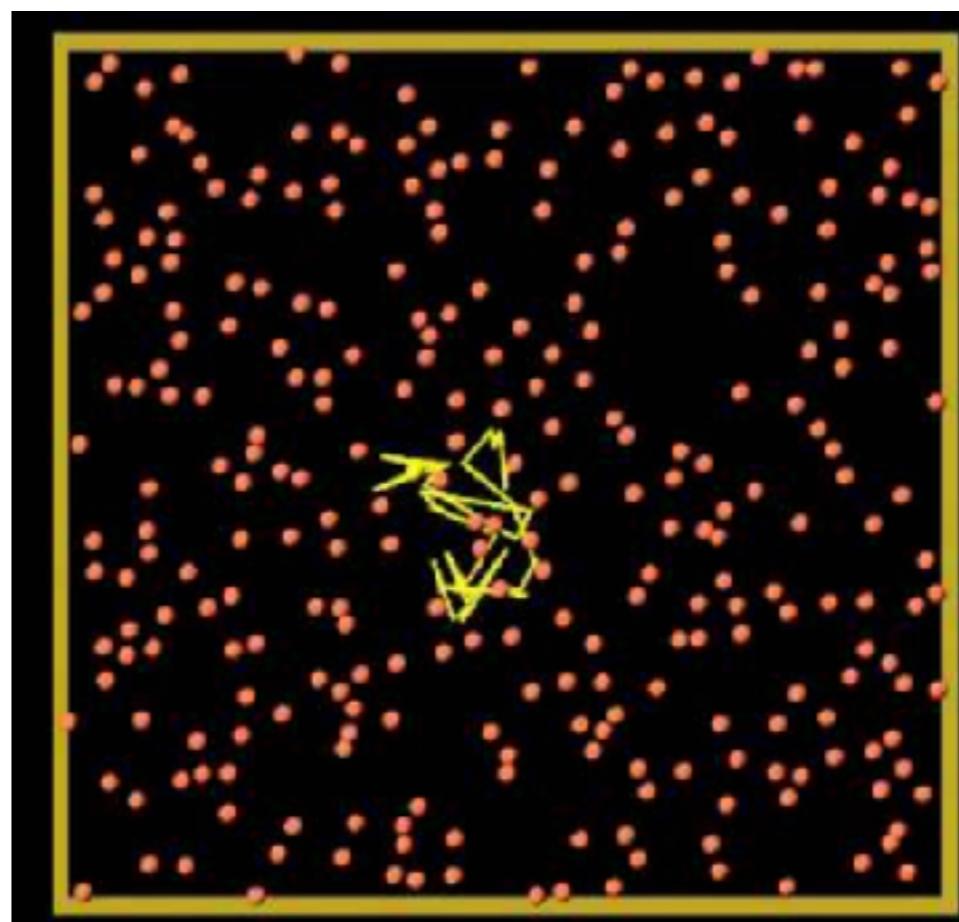
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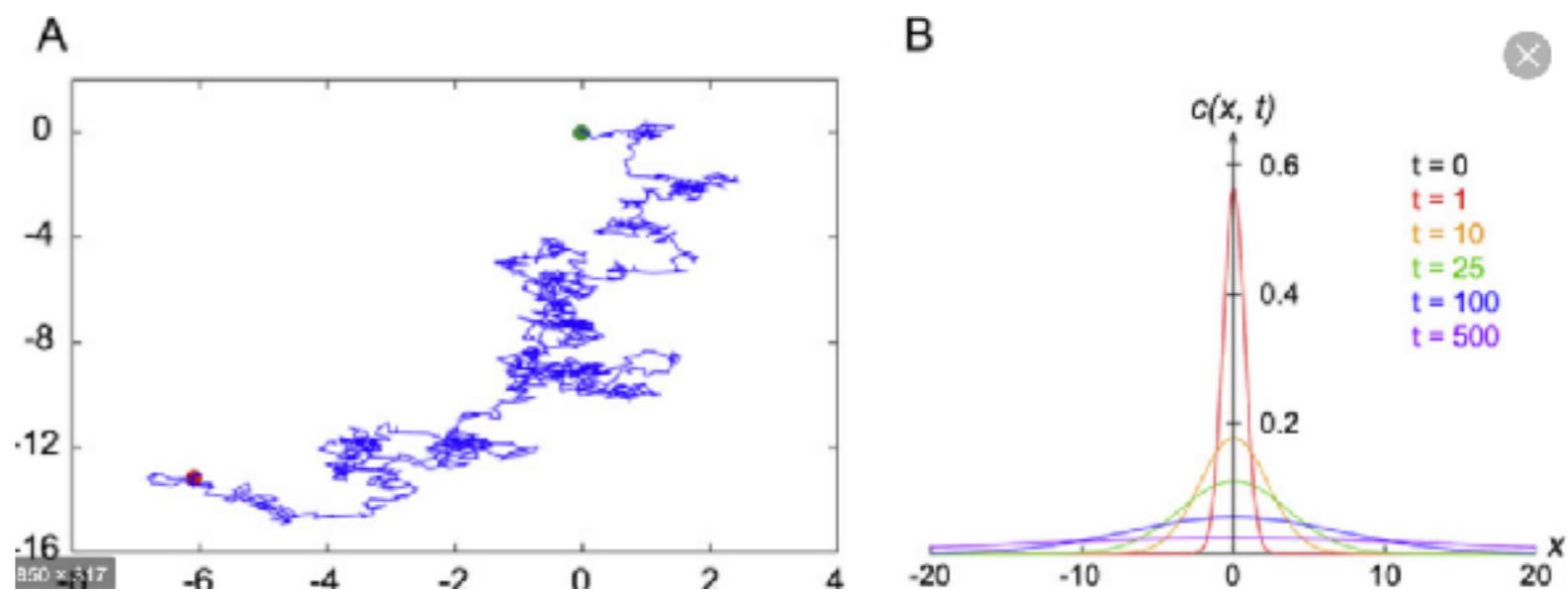
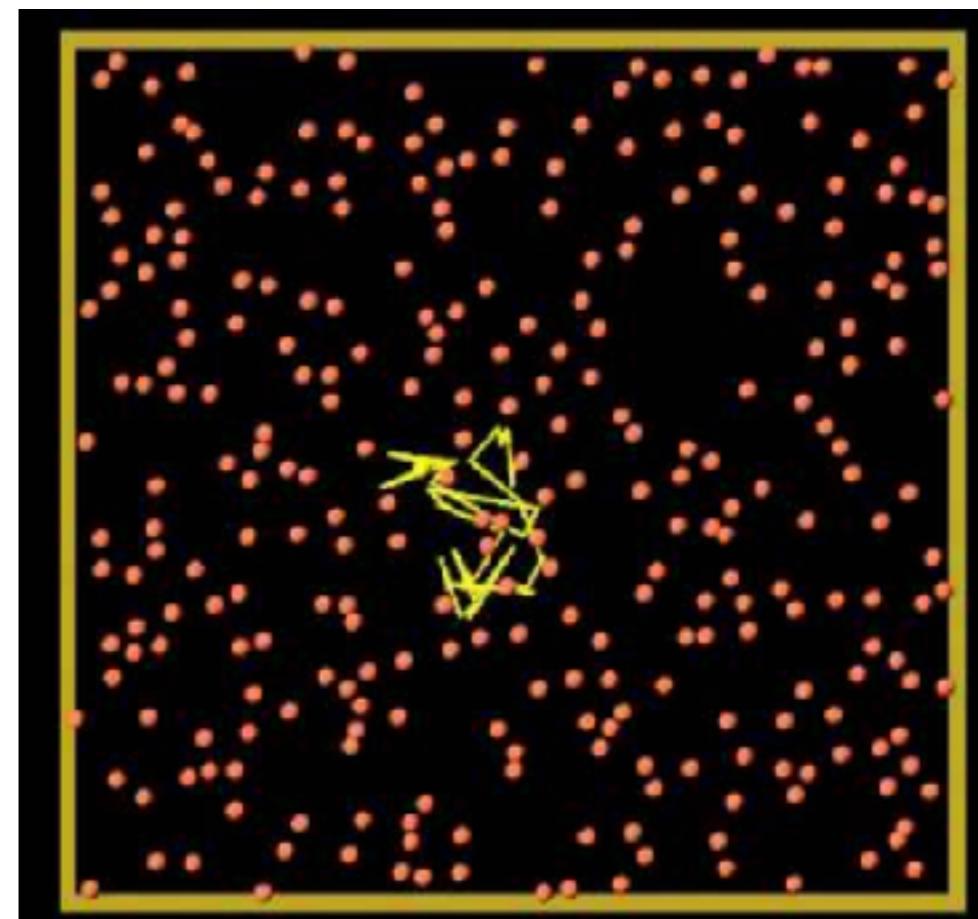
# Mean free path

Vacuum range	Pressure in hPa (mbar)	Pressure in mmHg (Torr)	number density (Molecules / cm <sup>3</sup> )	number density (Molecules / m <sup>3</sup> )	Mean free path <small>nm</small>
Ambient pressure	1013	759.8	$2.7 \times 10^{19}$	$2.7 \times 10^{25}$	68 nm <sup>[2]</sup>
Low vacuum	300 – 1	220 – $8 \times 10^{-1}$	$10^{19} – 10^{16}$	$10^{25} – 10^{22}$	0.1 – 100 μm
Medium vacuum	$1 – 10^{-3}$	$8 \times 10^{-1} – 8 \times 10^{-4}$	$10^{16} – 10^{13}$	$10^{22} – 10^{19}$	0.1 – 100 mm
High vacuum	$10^{-3} – 10^{-7}$	$8 \times 10^{-4} – 8 \times 10^{-8}$	$10^{13} – 10^9$	$10^{19} – 10^{15}$	10 cm – 1 km
Ultra-high vacuum	$10^{-7} – 10^{-12}$	$8 \times 10^{-8} – 8 \times 10^{-13}$	$10^9 – 10^4$	$10^{15} – 10^{10}$	1 km – $10^5$ km
Extremely high vacuum	$< 10^{-12}$	$< 8 \times 10^{-13}$	$< 10^4$	$< 10^{10}$	$> 10^5$ km

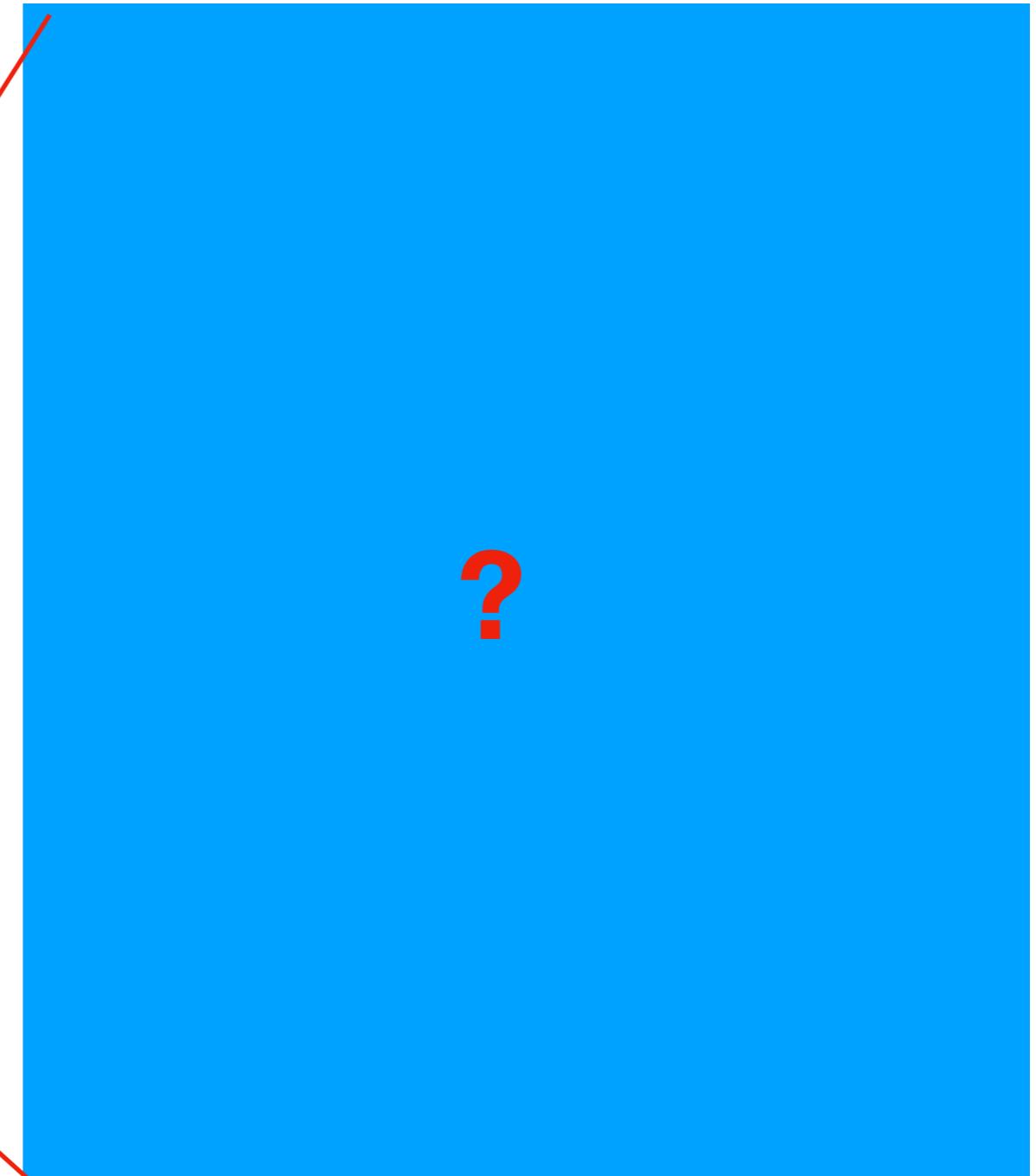
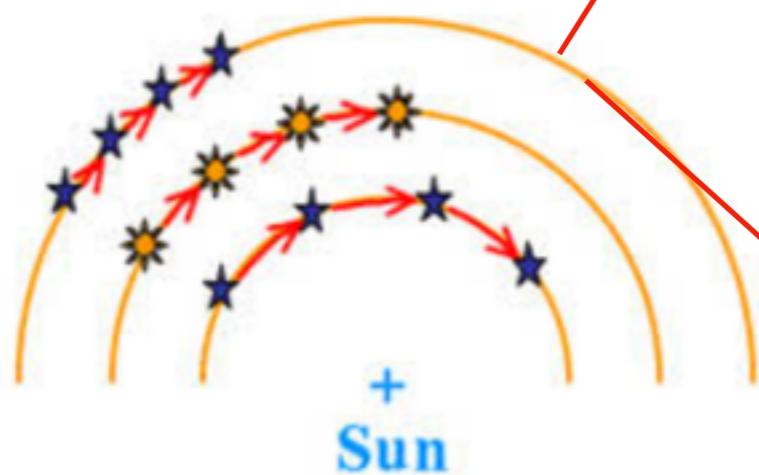
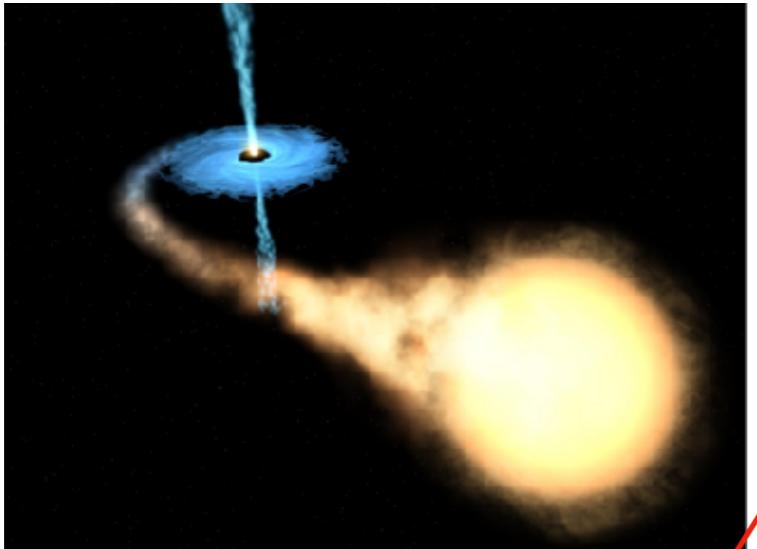
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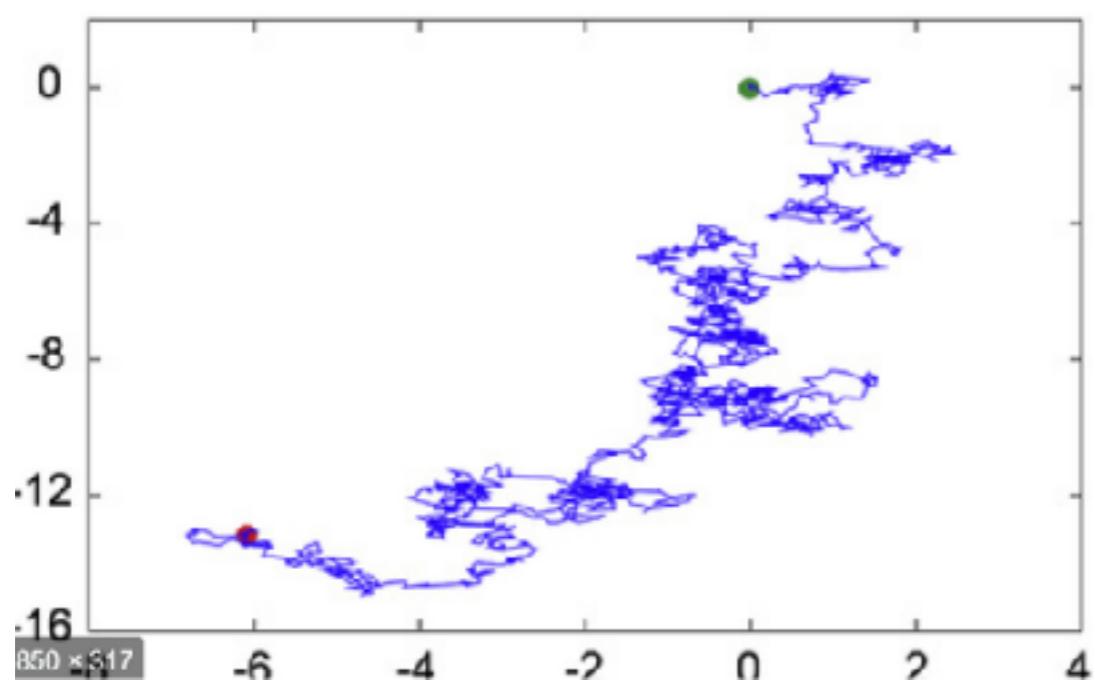
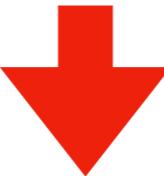
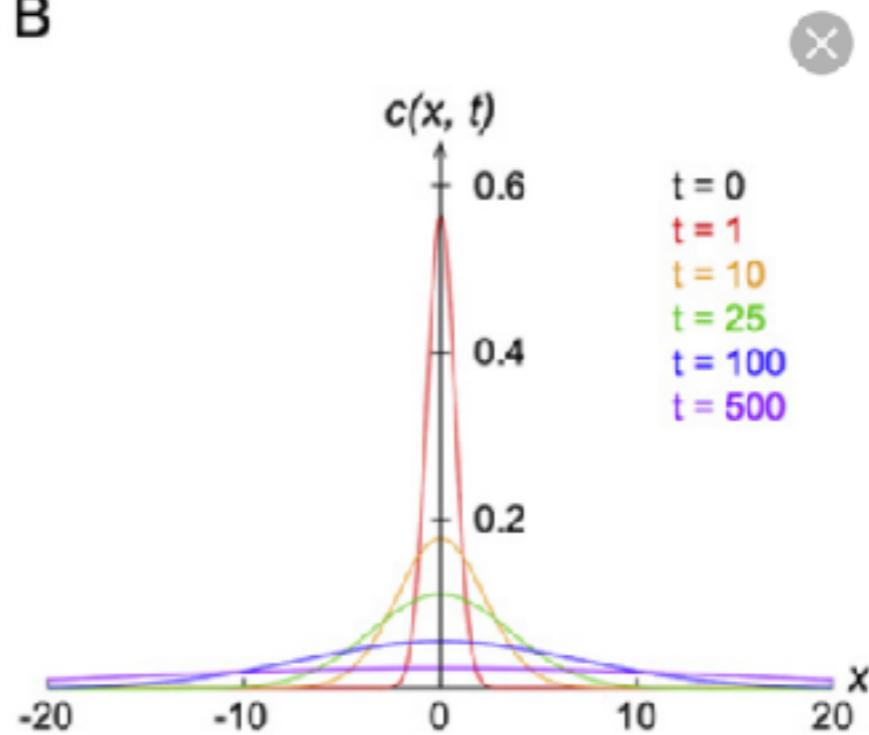
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$$D = \lambda_{\text{mpf}} v$$

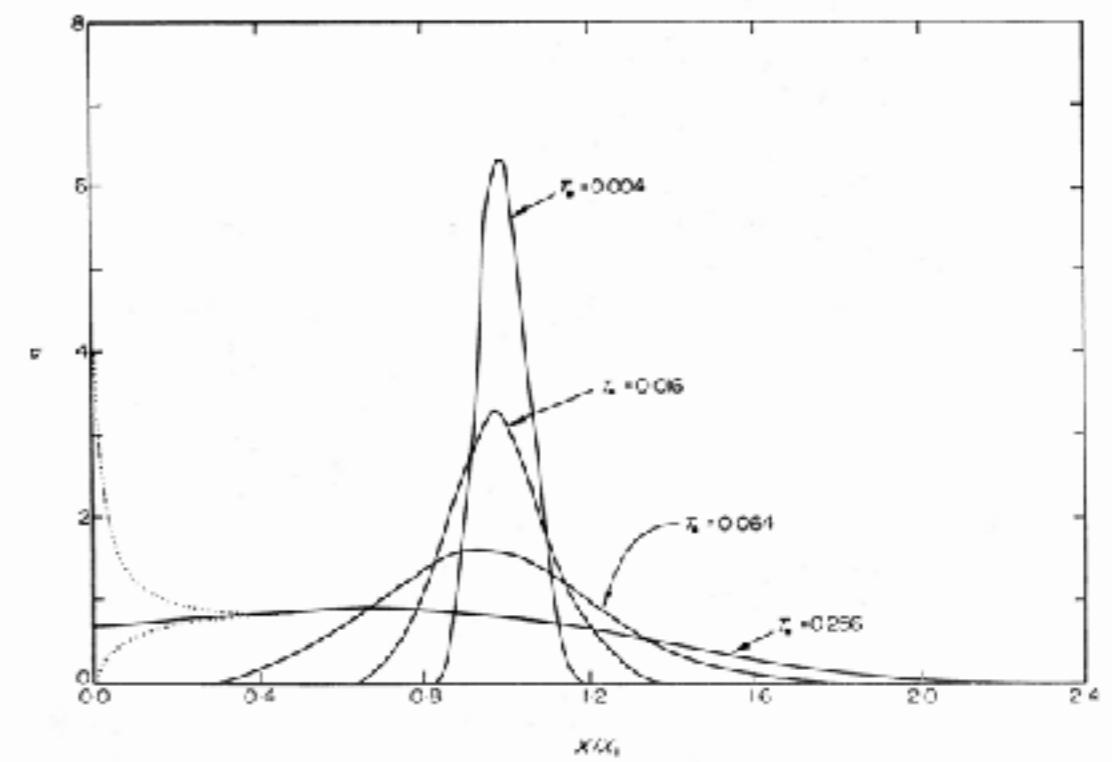
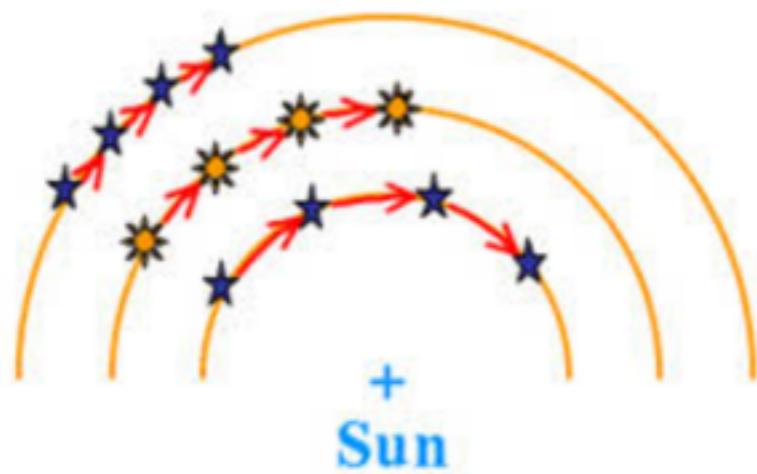
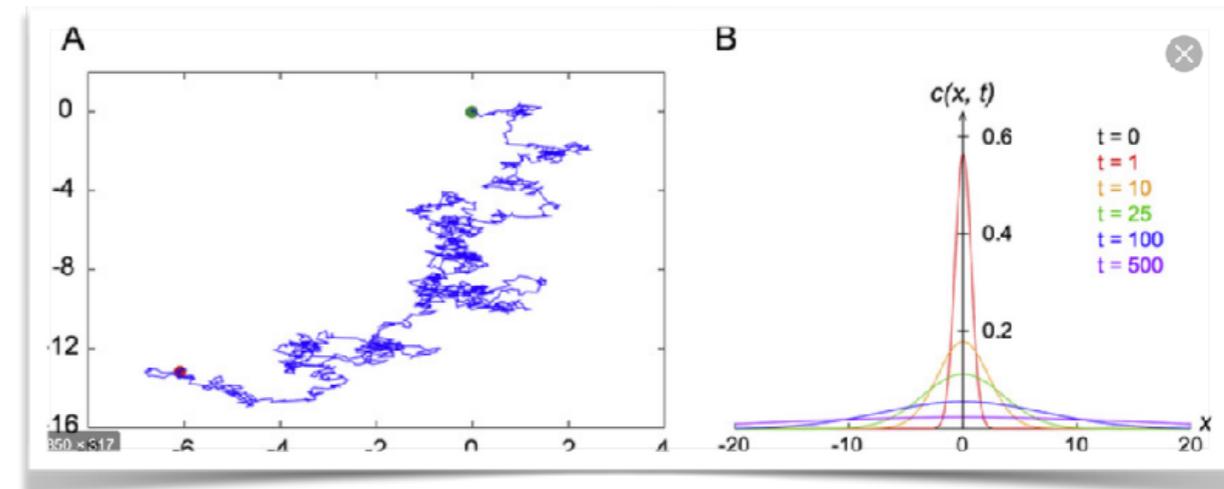
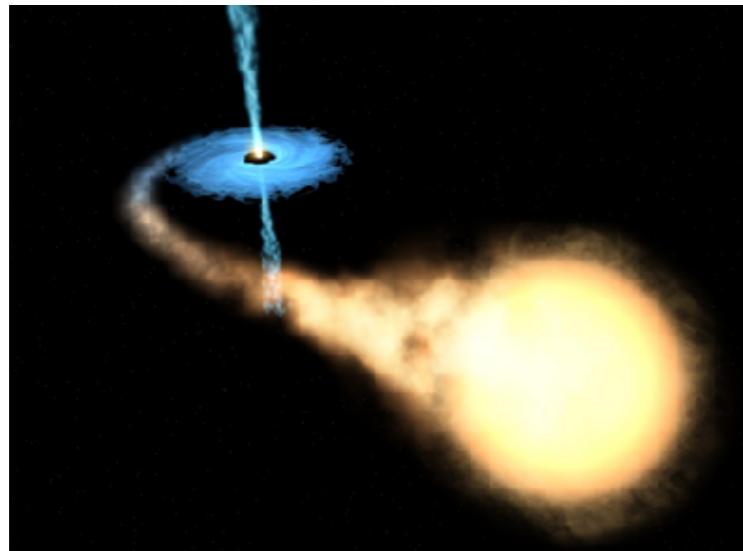


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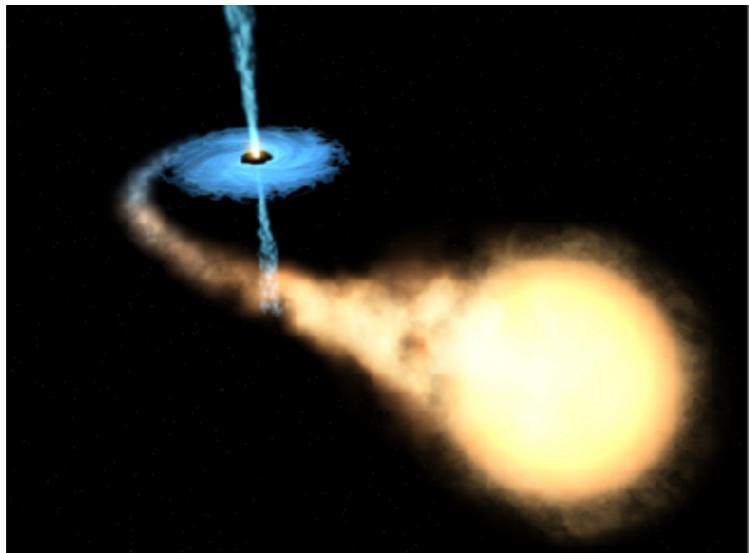


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# Accretion disk



# Accretion disk



$$t \approx \frac{x^2}{2D}$$



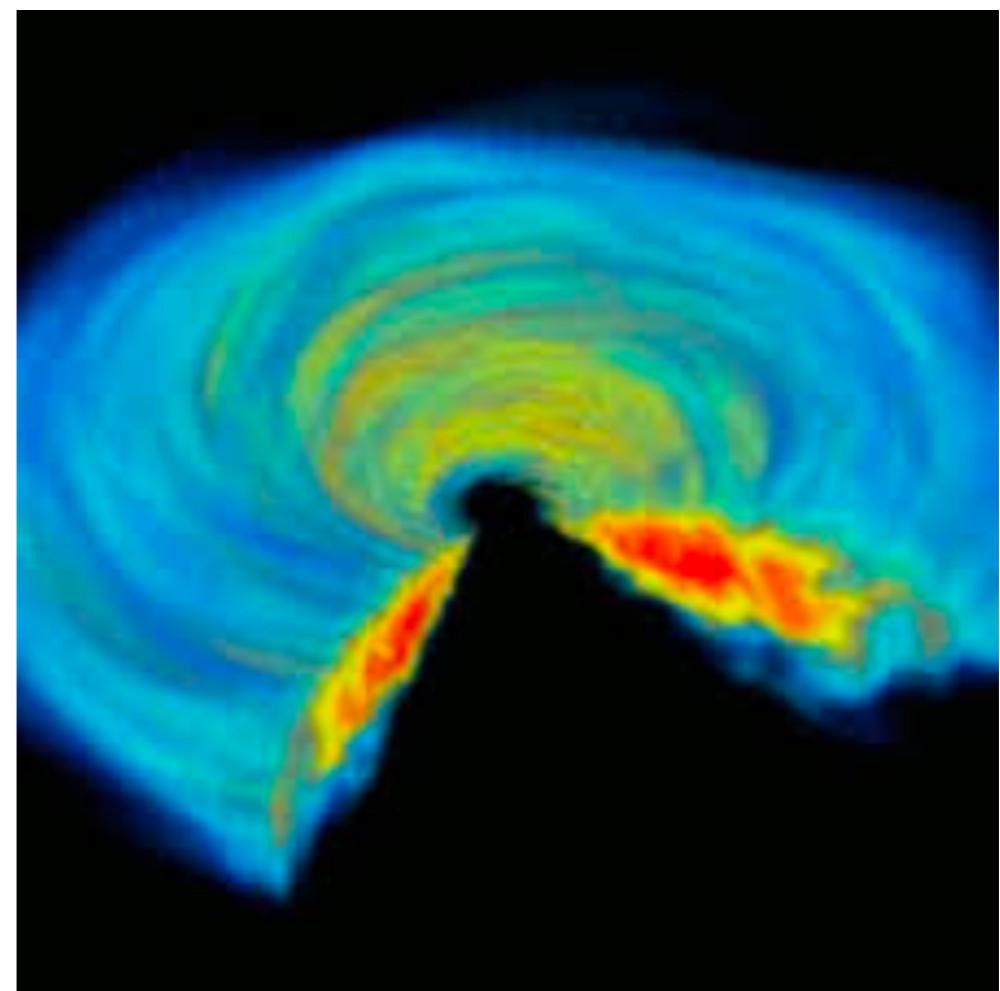
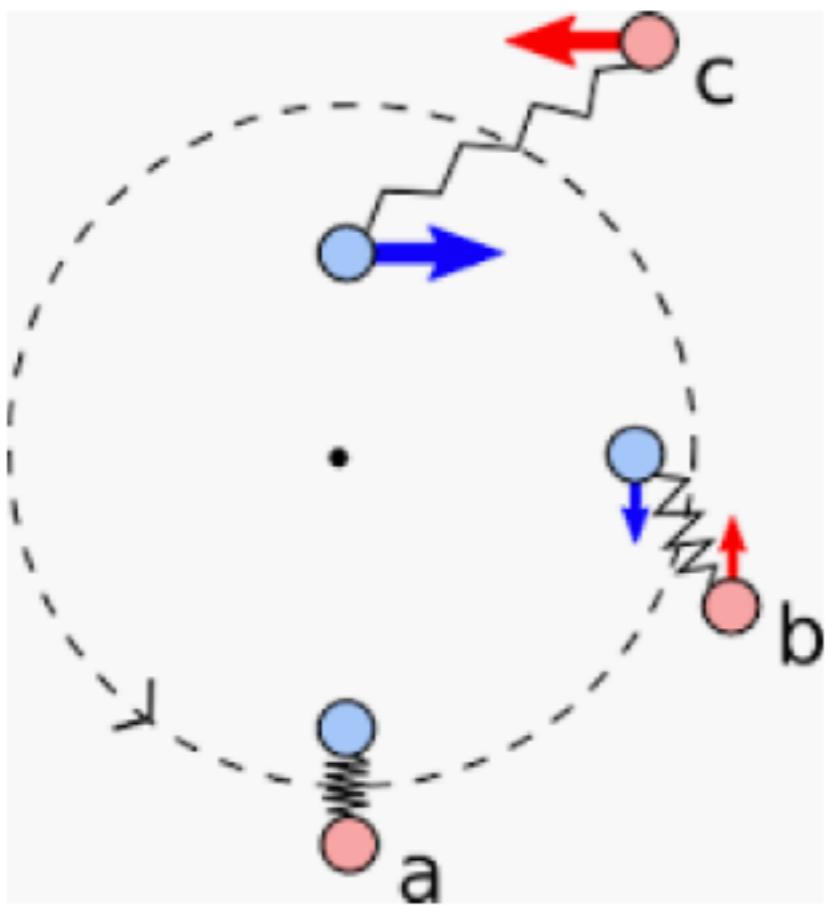
$$\lambda_{\text{mfp}} \rightarrow H$$

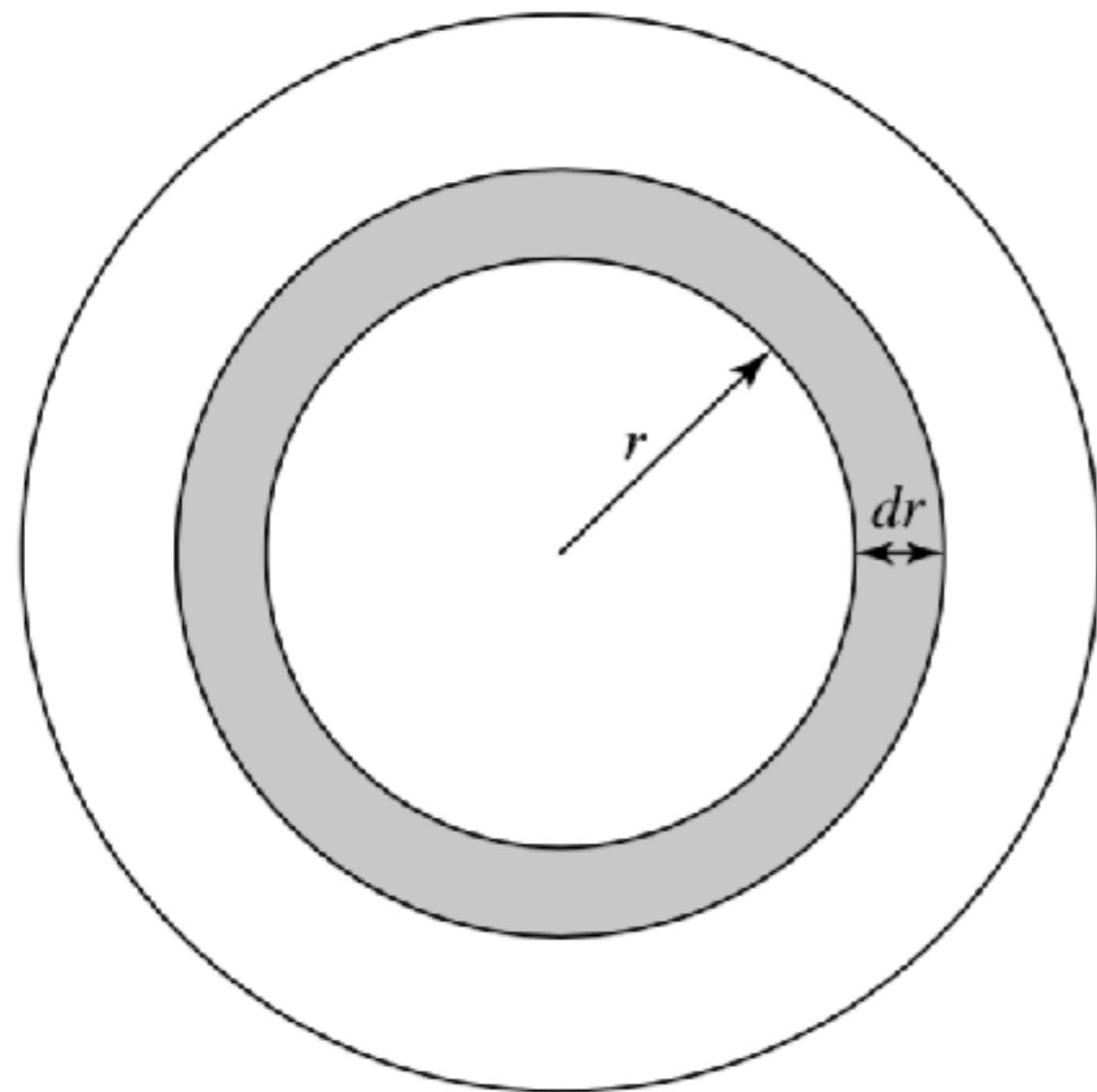
$$\nu = \alpha c_s H$$

**Larger Viscosity-> Faster Evolution**

**Mechanism: MRI Instability**

# Accretion disk: transfer of angular momentum





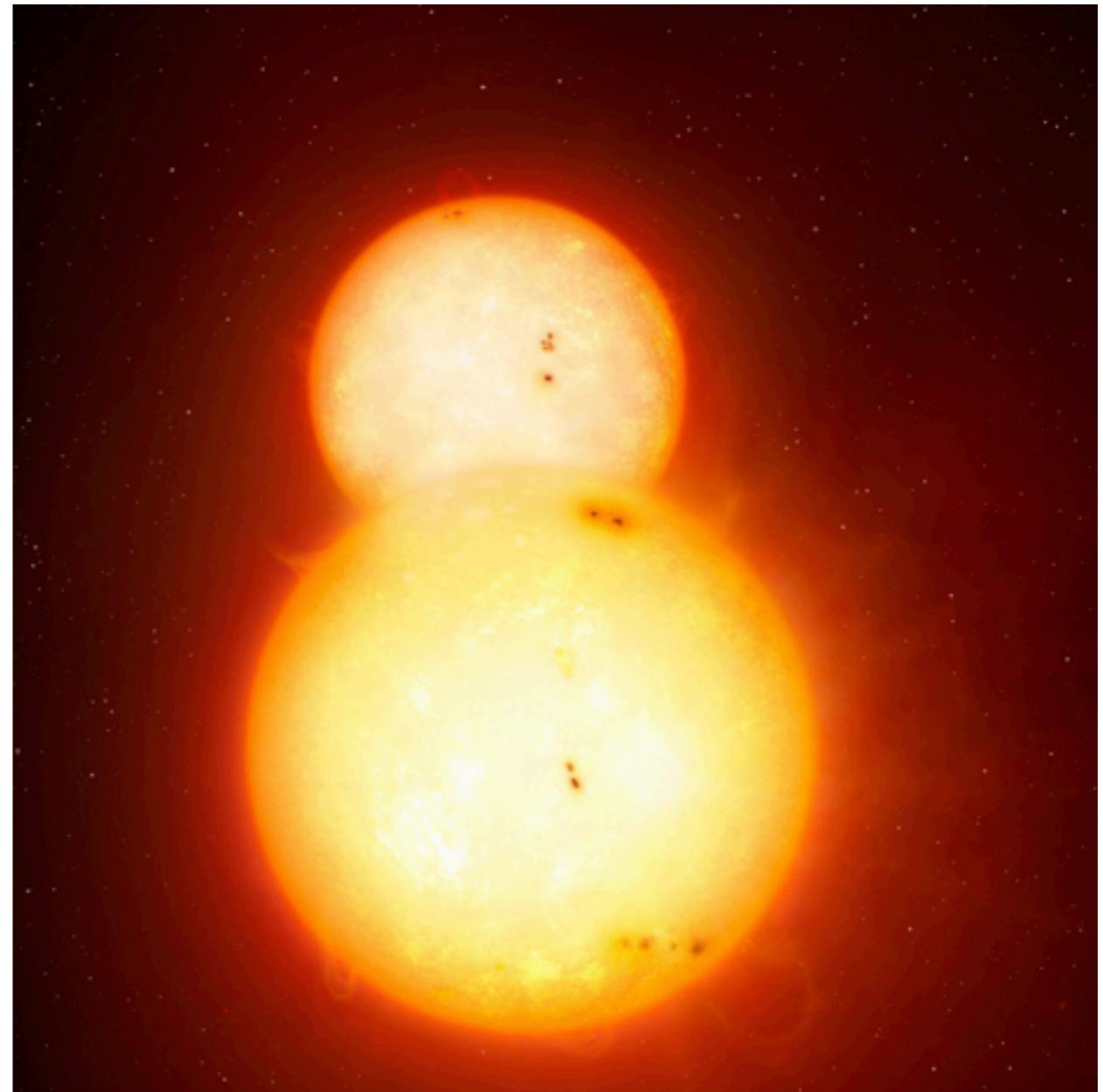
$$dL_{\text{ring}} = dE = G \frac{M_1 \dot{M} t}{2r^2} dr.$$

$$dL_{\text{ring}} = 4\pi r \sigma T^4 dr$$

$$= G \frac{M_1 \dot{M}}{2r^2} dr$$

$$T = \left( \frac{GM\dot{M}}{8\pi\sigma R^3} \right)^{1/4} \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)^{3/4}.$$

# Binary stars



白黄色：老年恒星

蓝色：年轻恒星

红色：大质量星的电离区

黑色：冷气体

A detailed image of a spiral galaxy, likely the Milky Way, showing its spiral arms and central bulge. The image is overlaid with a color-coded legend in the upper left corner. White and yellow stars represent 'elder stars' (老年恒星). Blue stars represent 'young stars' (年轻恒星). Red areas along the spiral arms represent 'ionization zones of massive stars' (大质量星的电离区). Black regions represent 'cold gas' (冷气体). The central bulge is bright yellow and white.

漩涡星系中的恒星形成

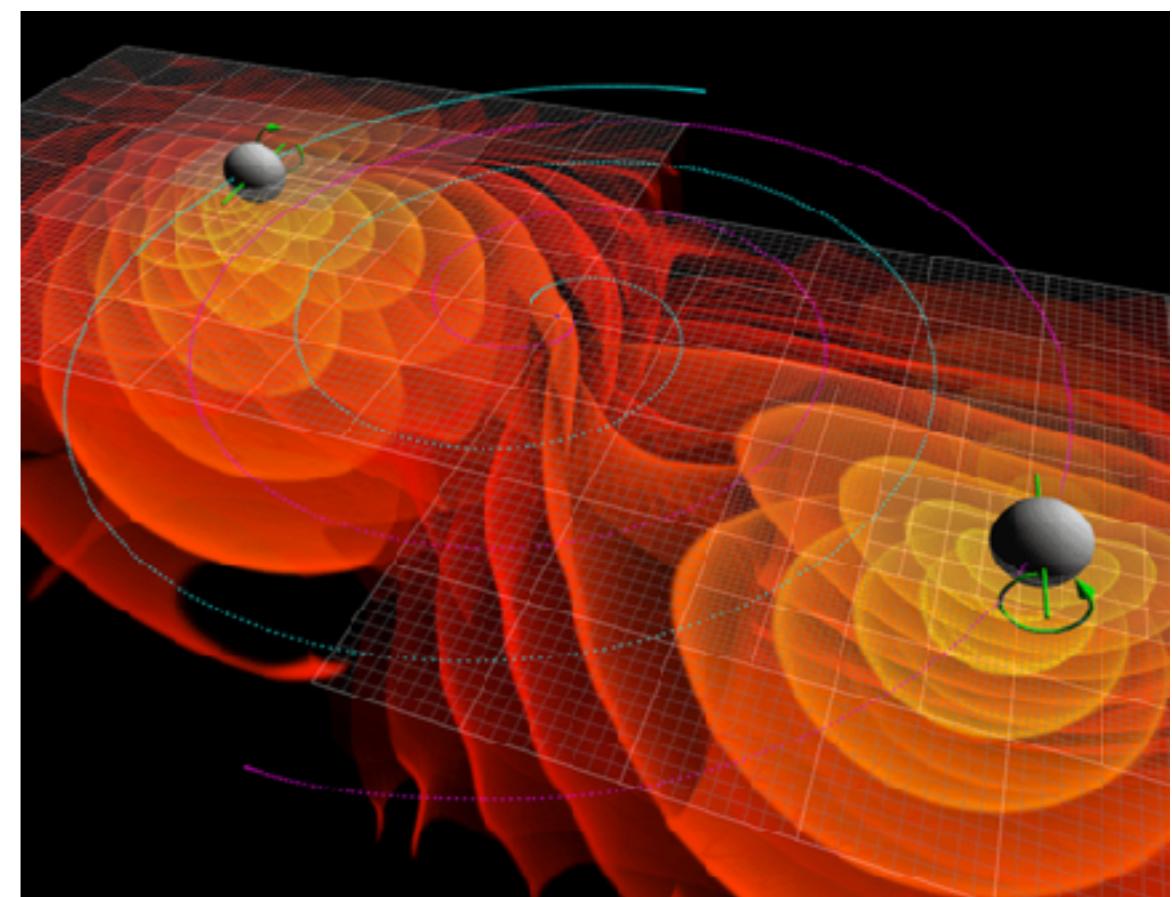
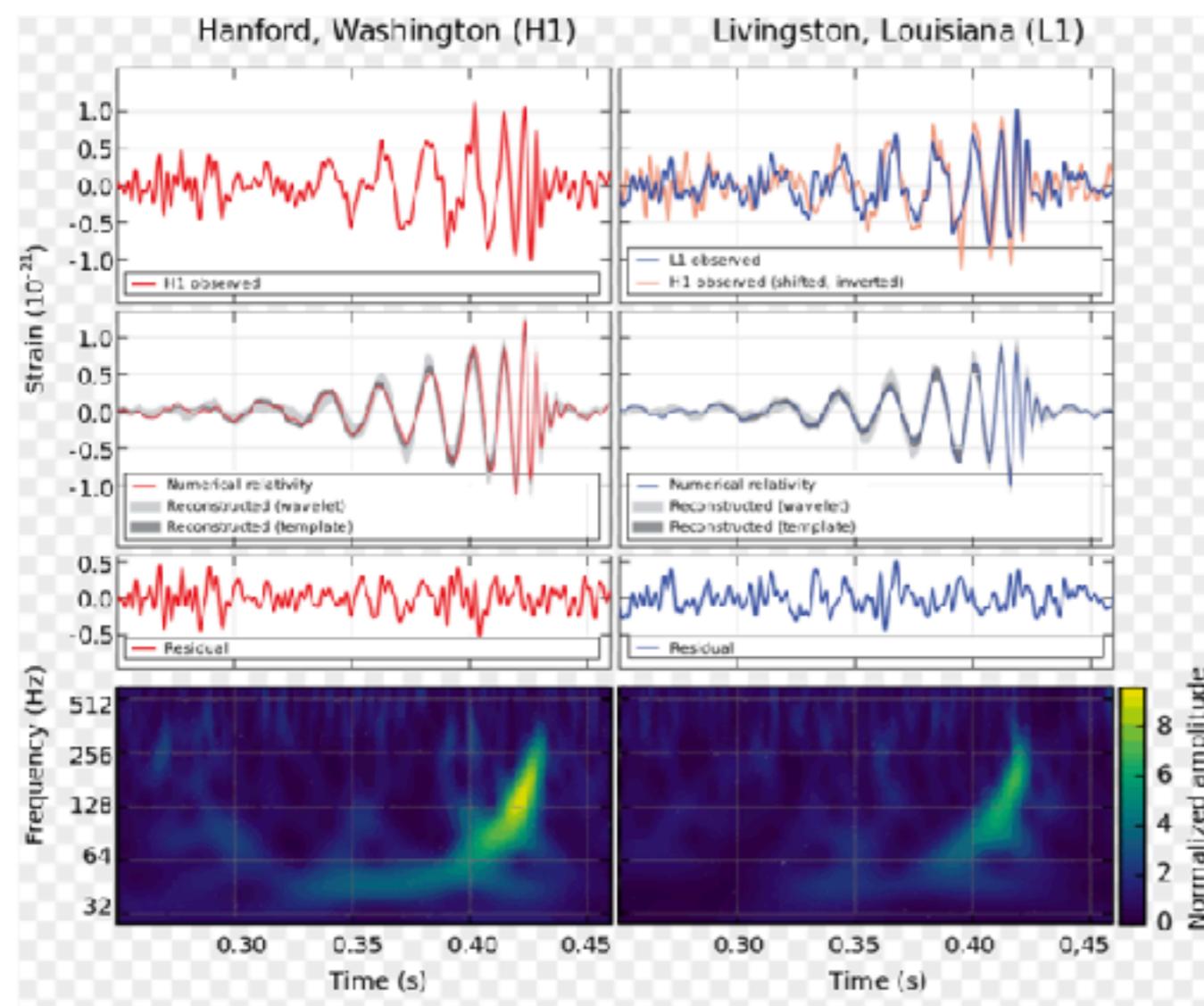
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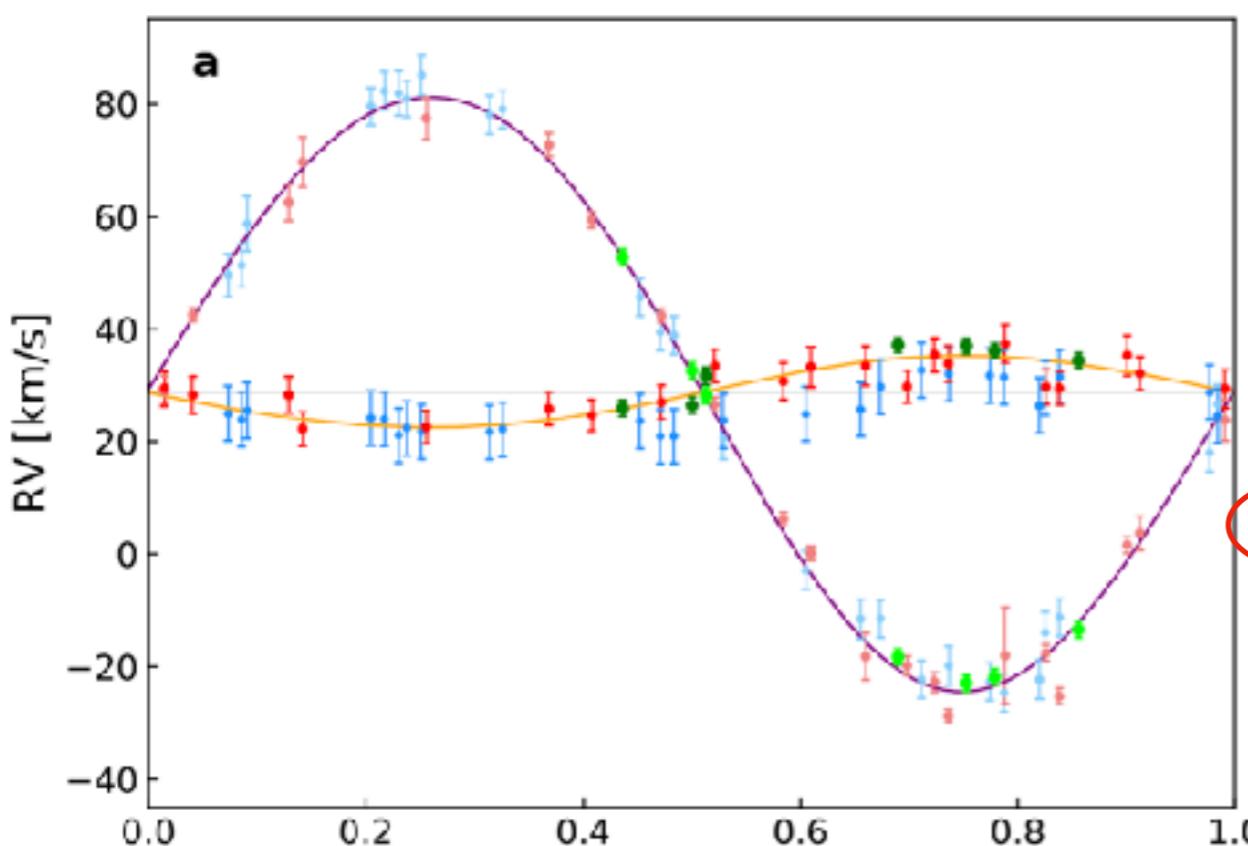
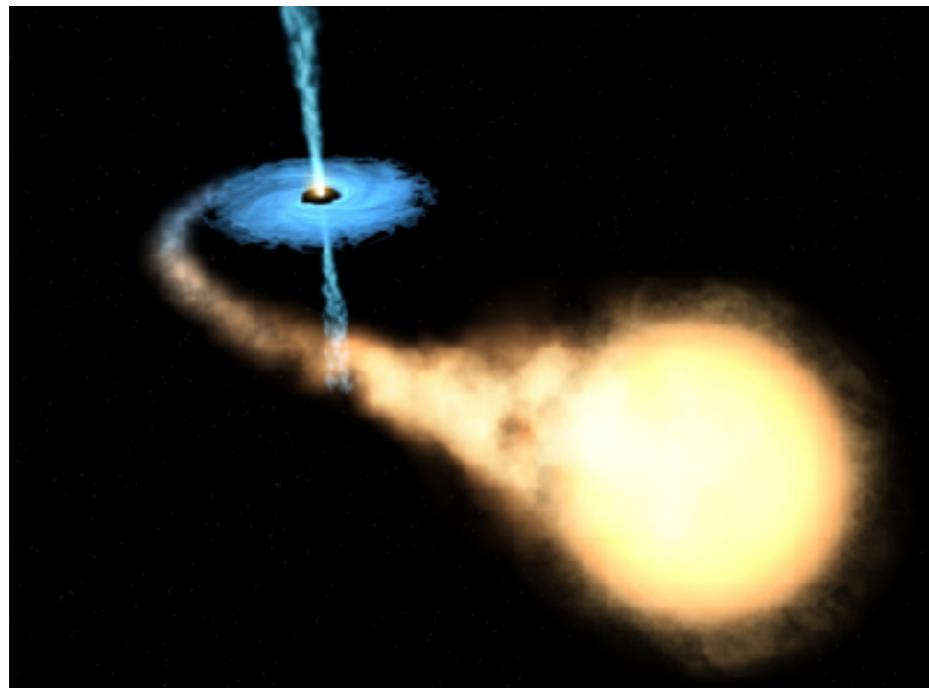
# Binary stars

# A wide star-black-hole binary system from radial-velocity measurements



two black holes with masses of  $35_{+5}$  times and  $30_{+3}$  – $4$  times the mass of the Sun (in the source frame),

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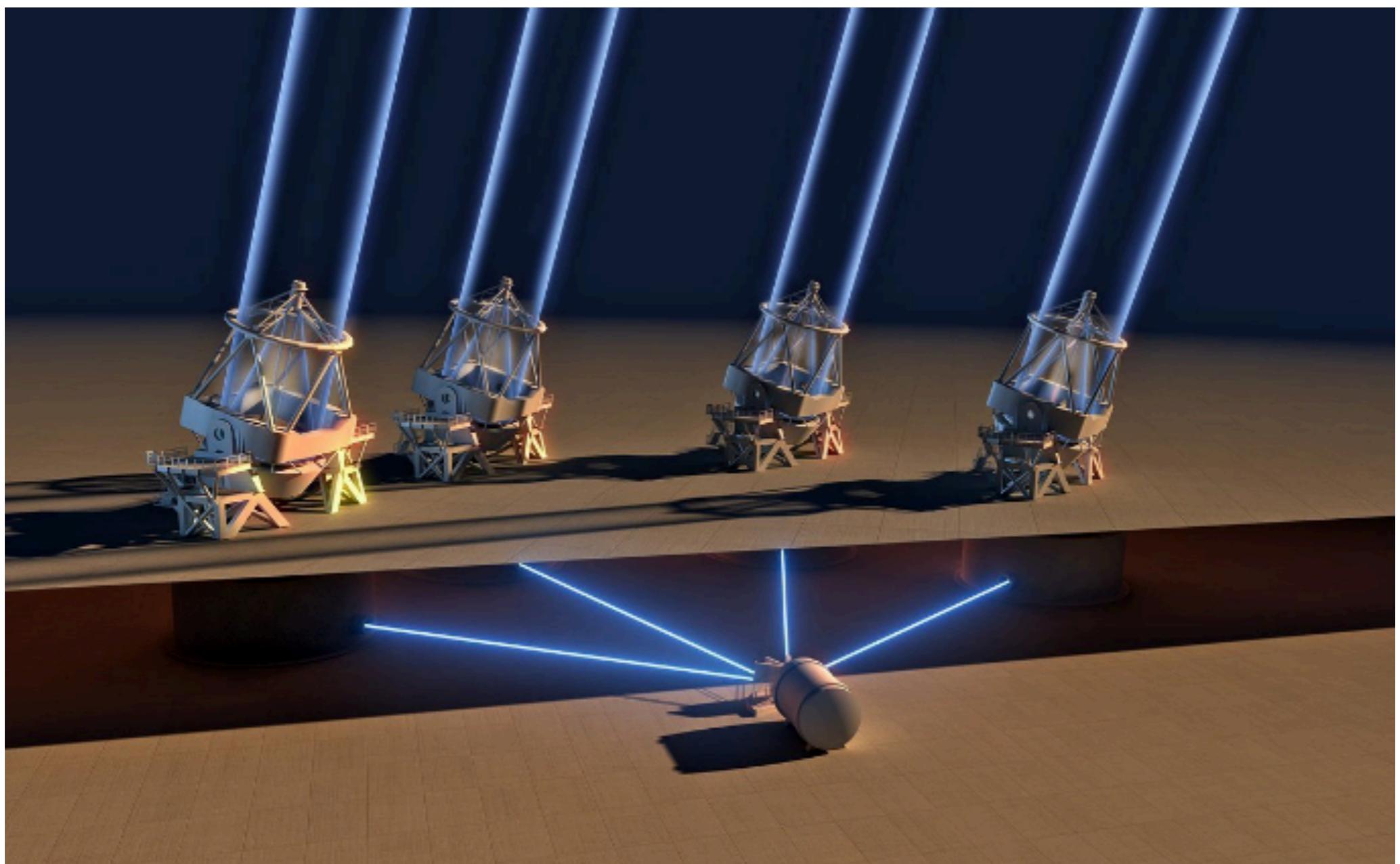


which is a B-type star, taken over two years. We find that the motion of the B-star and an accompanying H $\alpha$  emission line require the presence of a dark companion with a mass of

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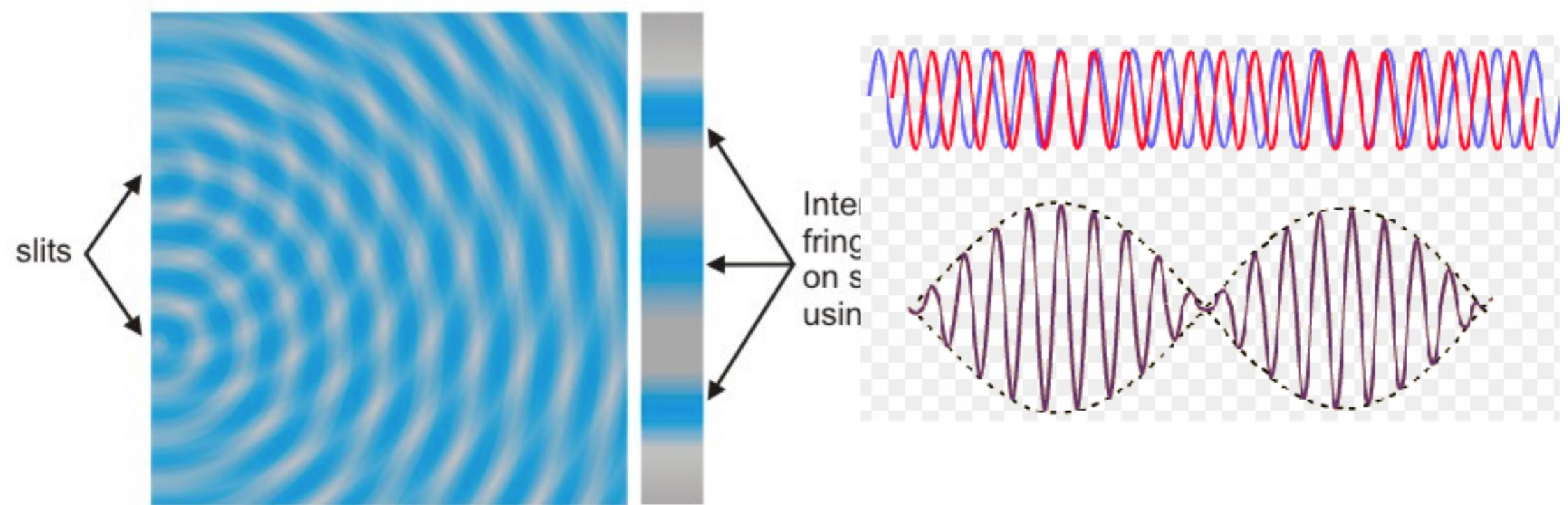
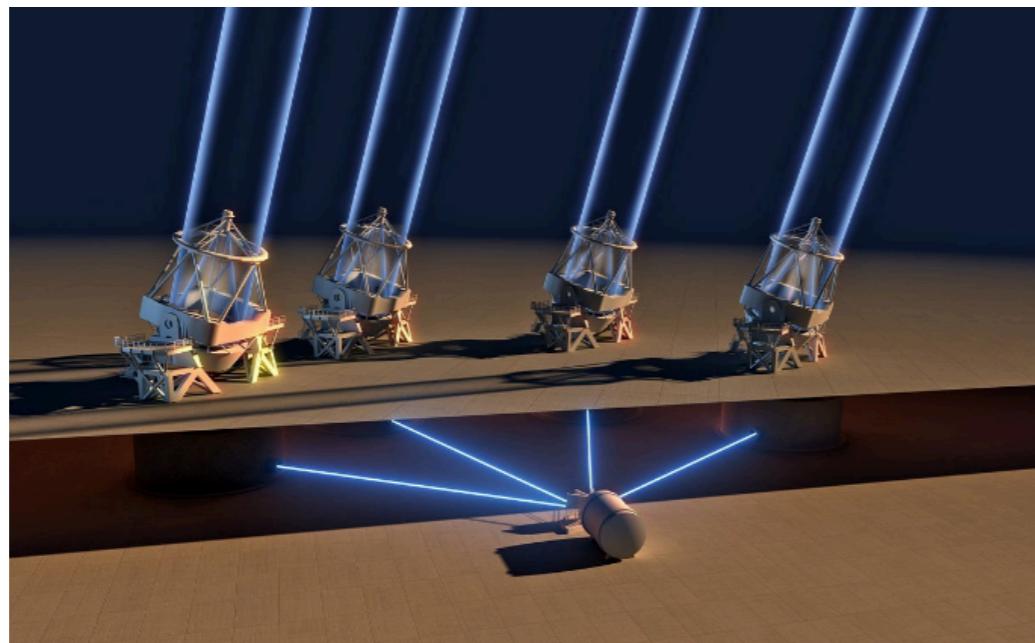
$68^{+11}_{-13} M_{\odot}$ , which can only be a black hole. The long orbital period of 78.9 days shows that this is a wide binary system. The gravitational wave experiments have detected similarly massive black holes<sup>7,8</sup>, but forming such massive ones in a high-metallicity environment would be extremely challenging to current stellar evolution theories<sup>9–11</sup>.

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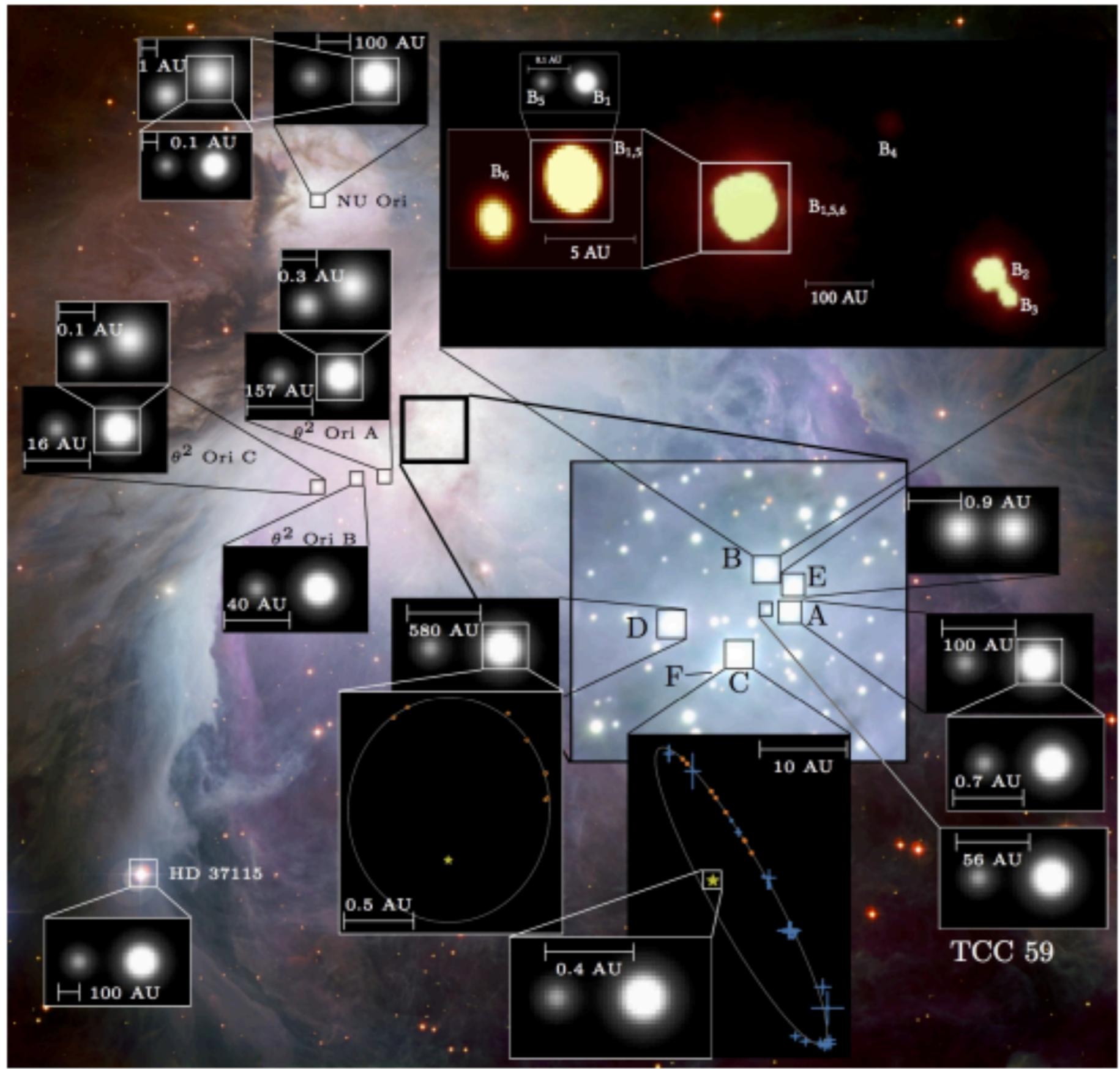


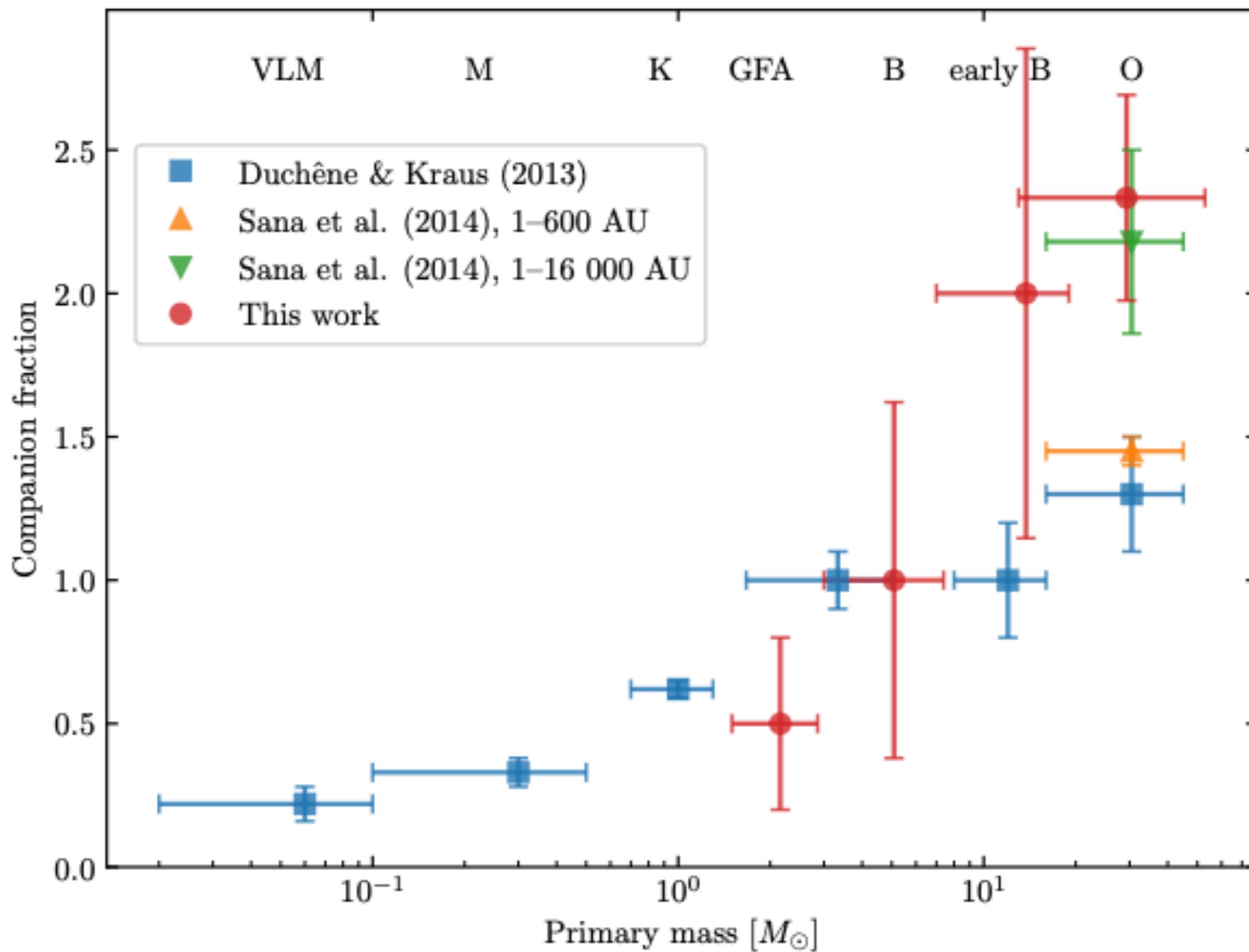


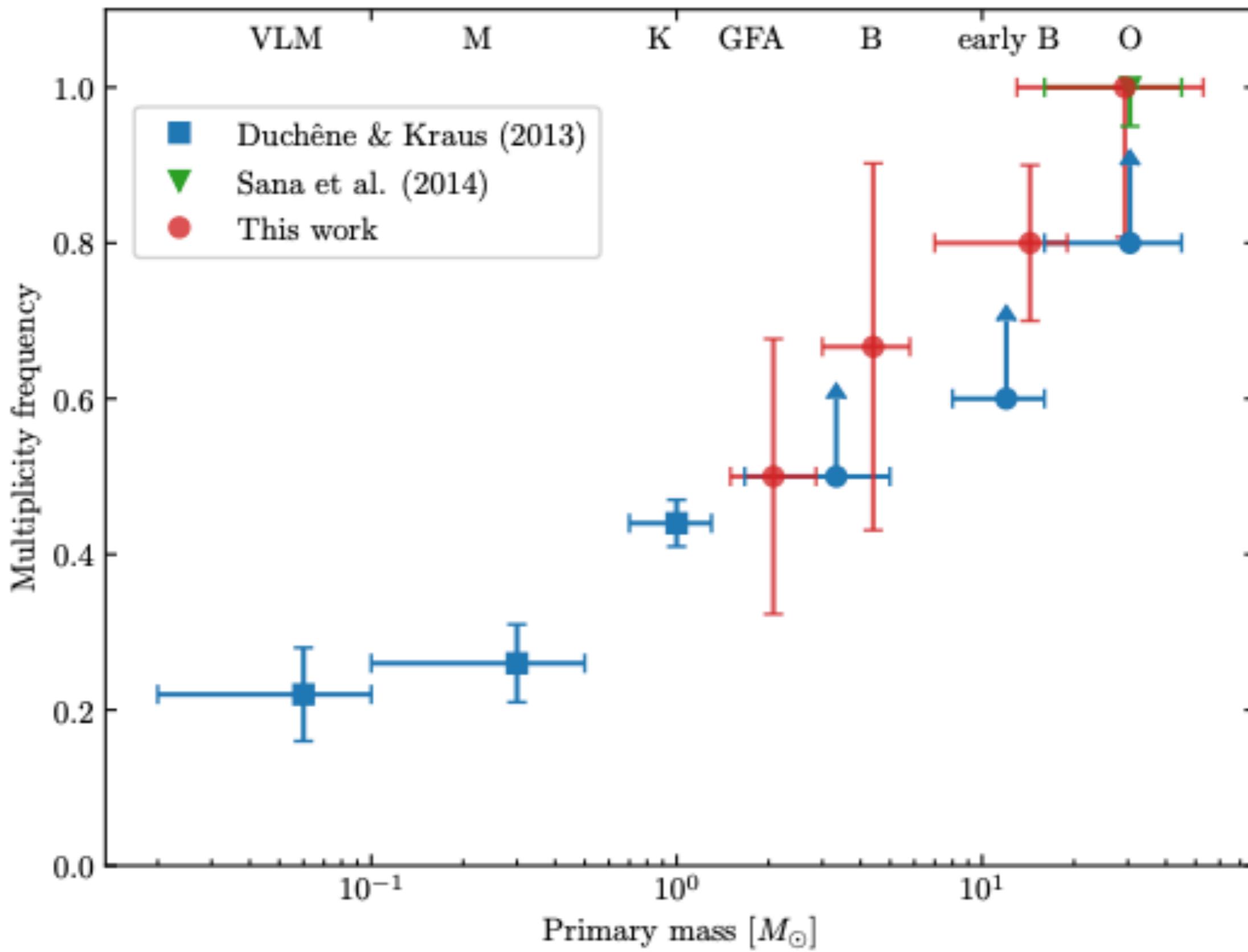
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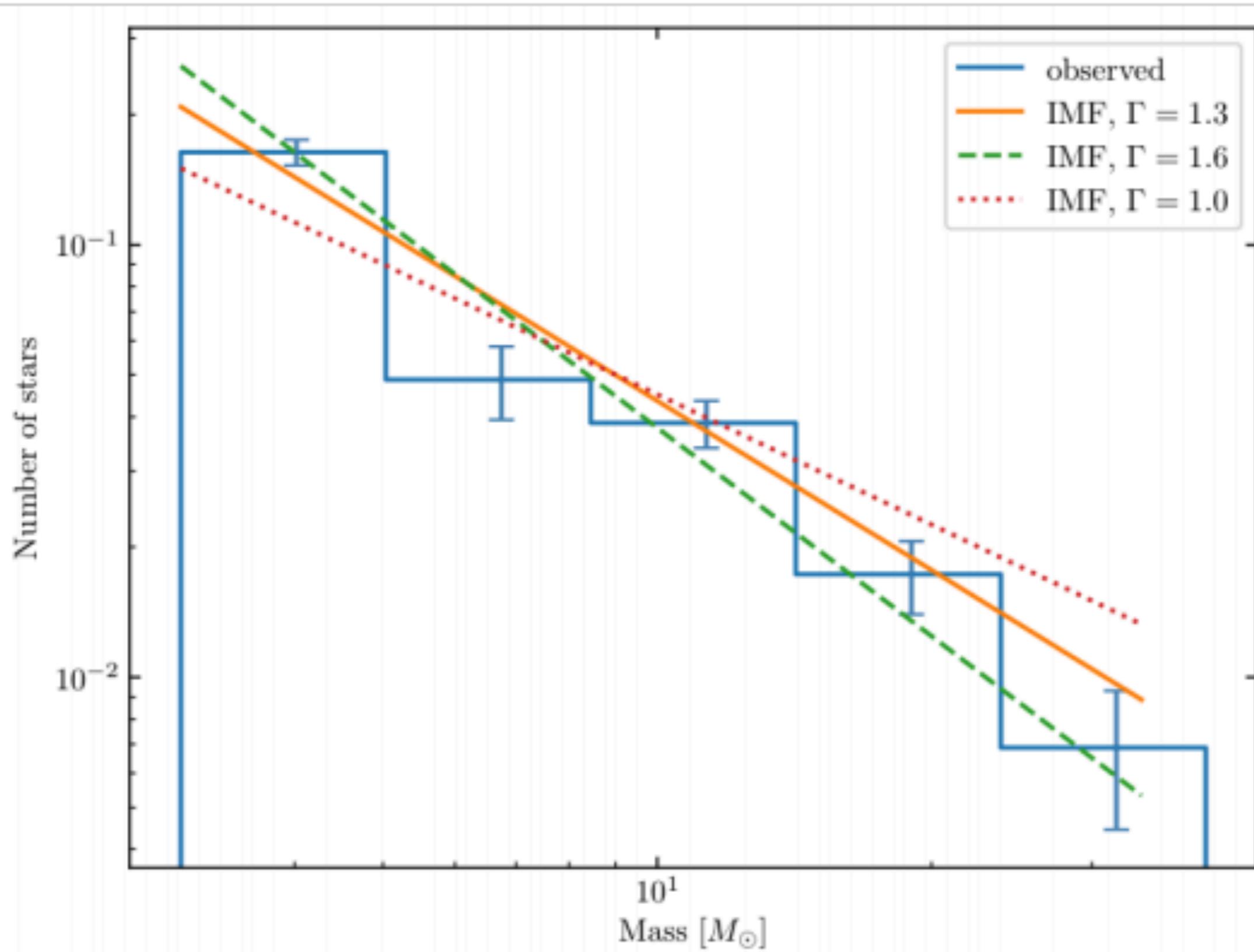
# Multiple Star Systems in the Orion Nebula

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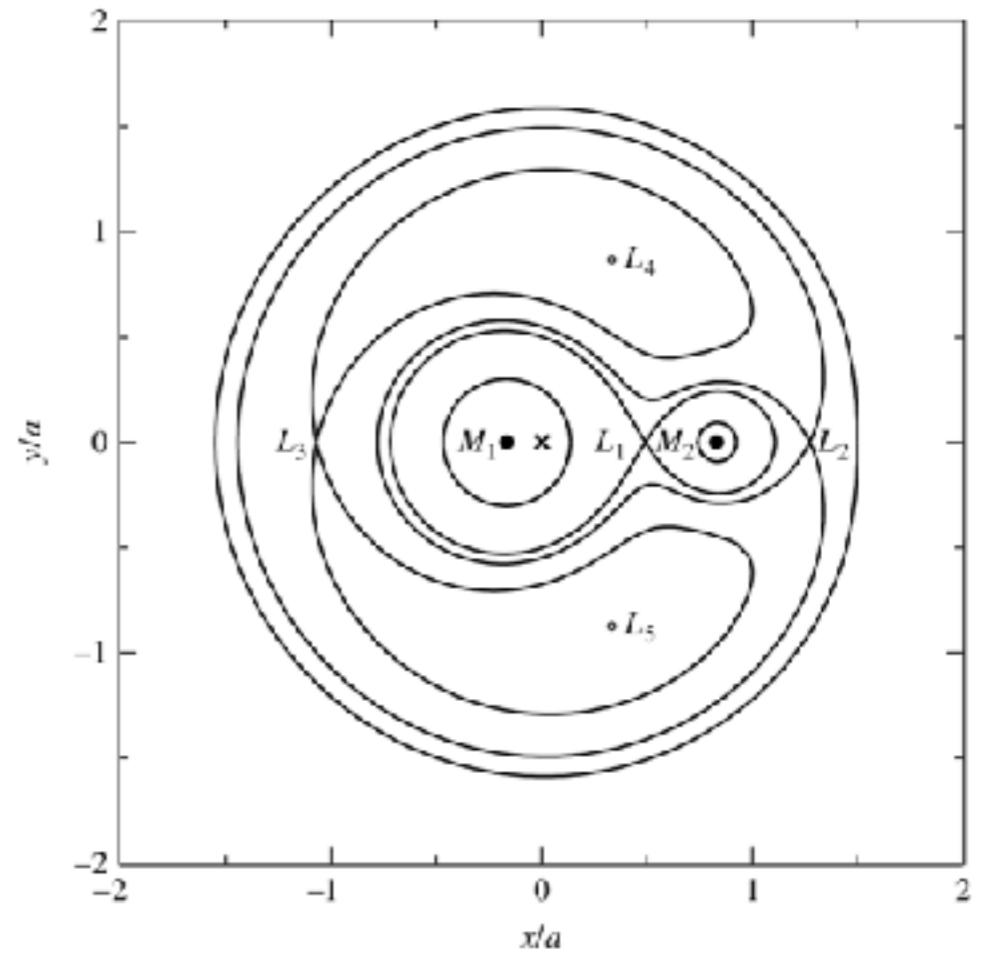
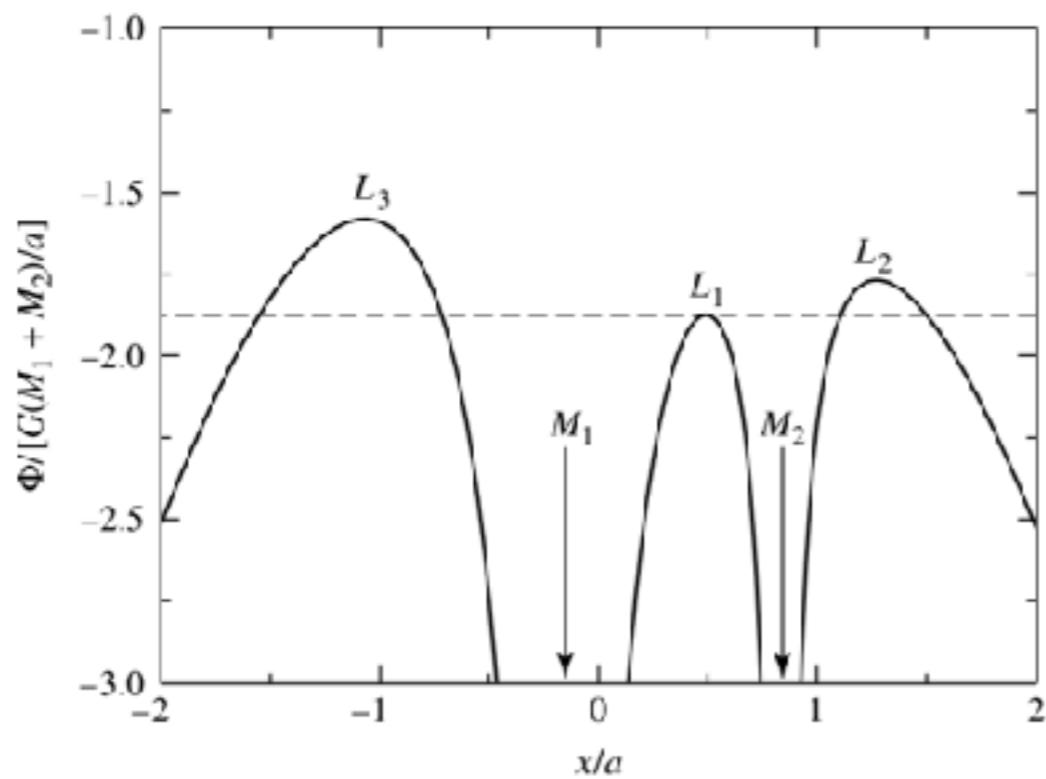




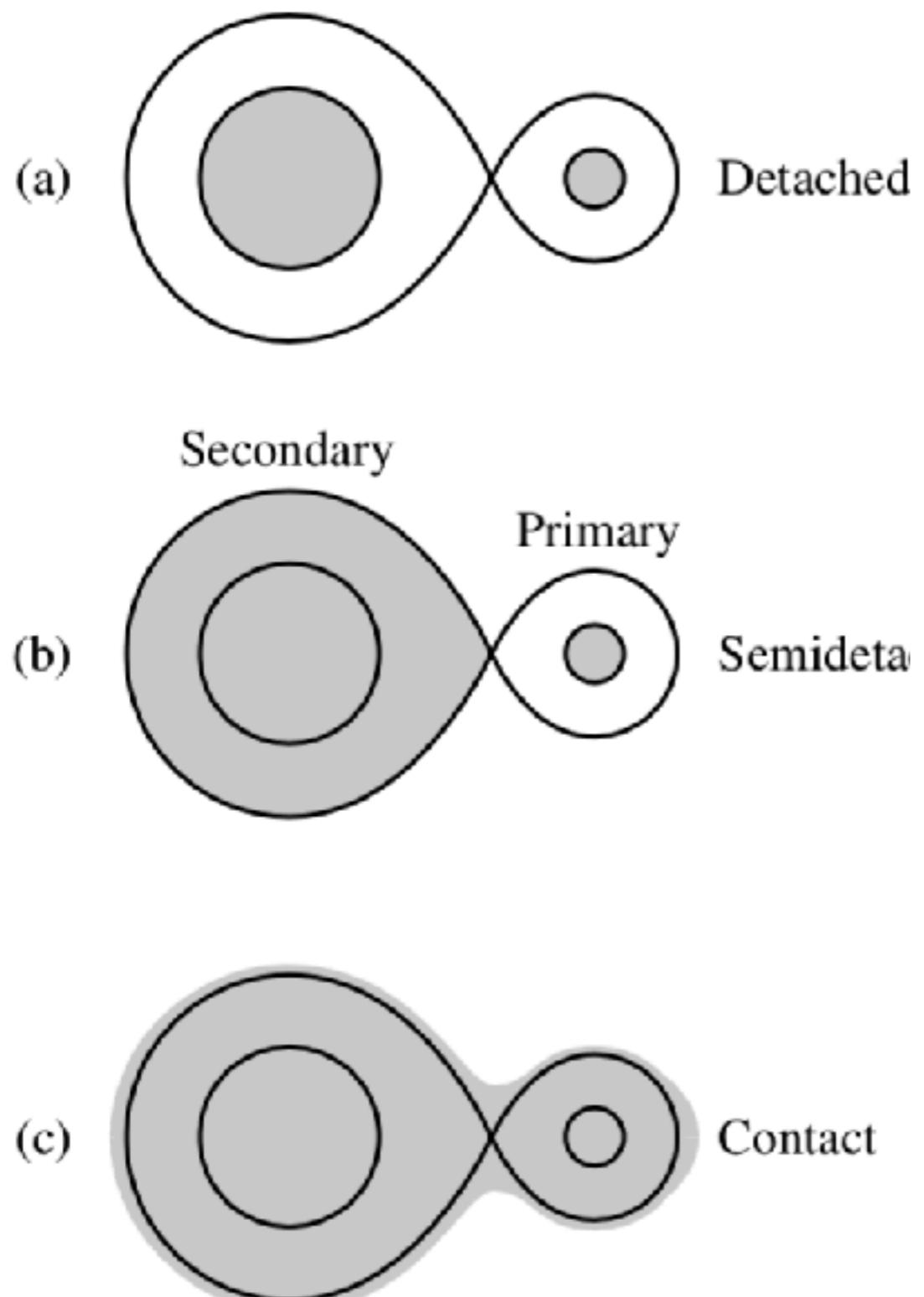


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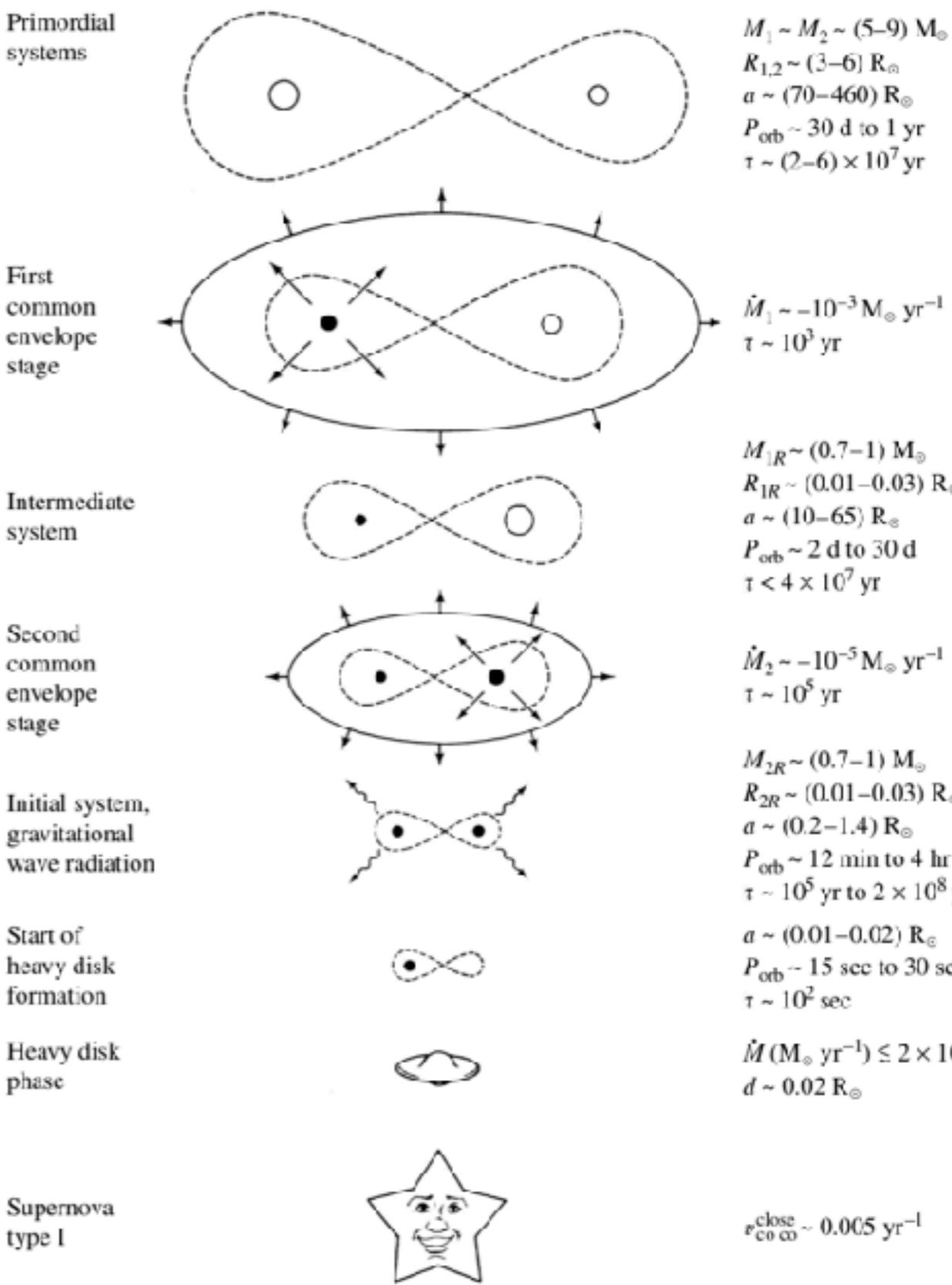
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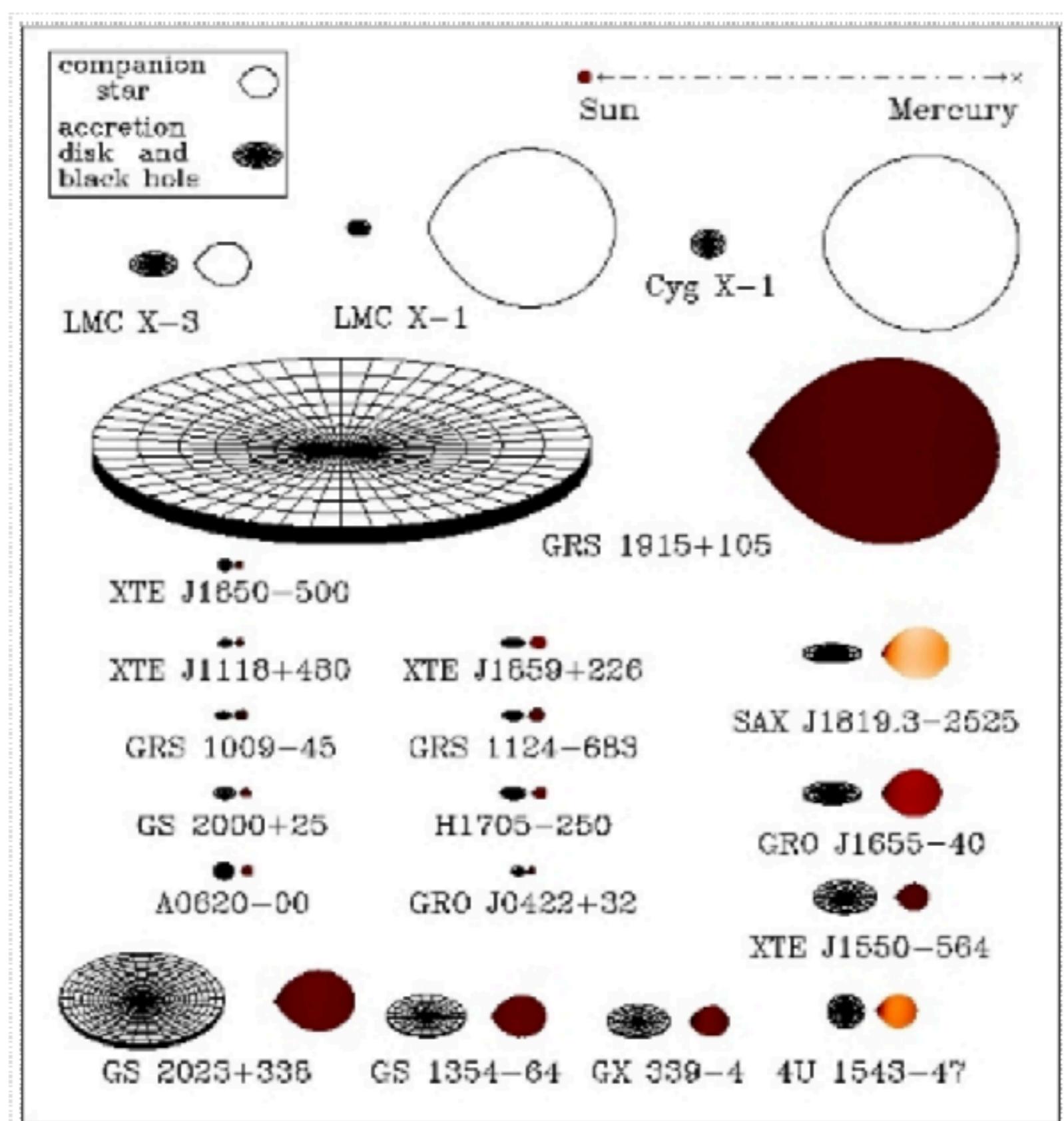


$$\Phi = -G \left( \frac{M_1}{s_1} + \frac{M_2}{s_2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \omega^2 r^2.$$

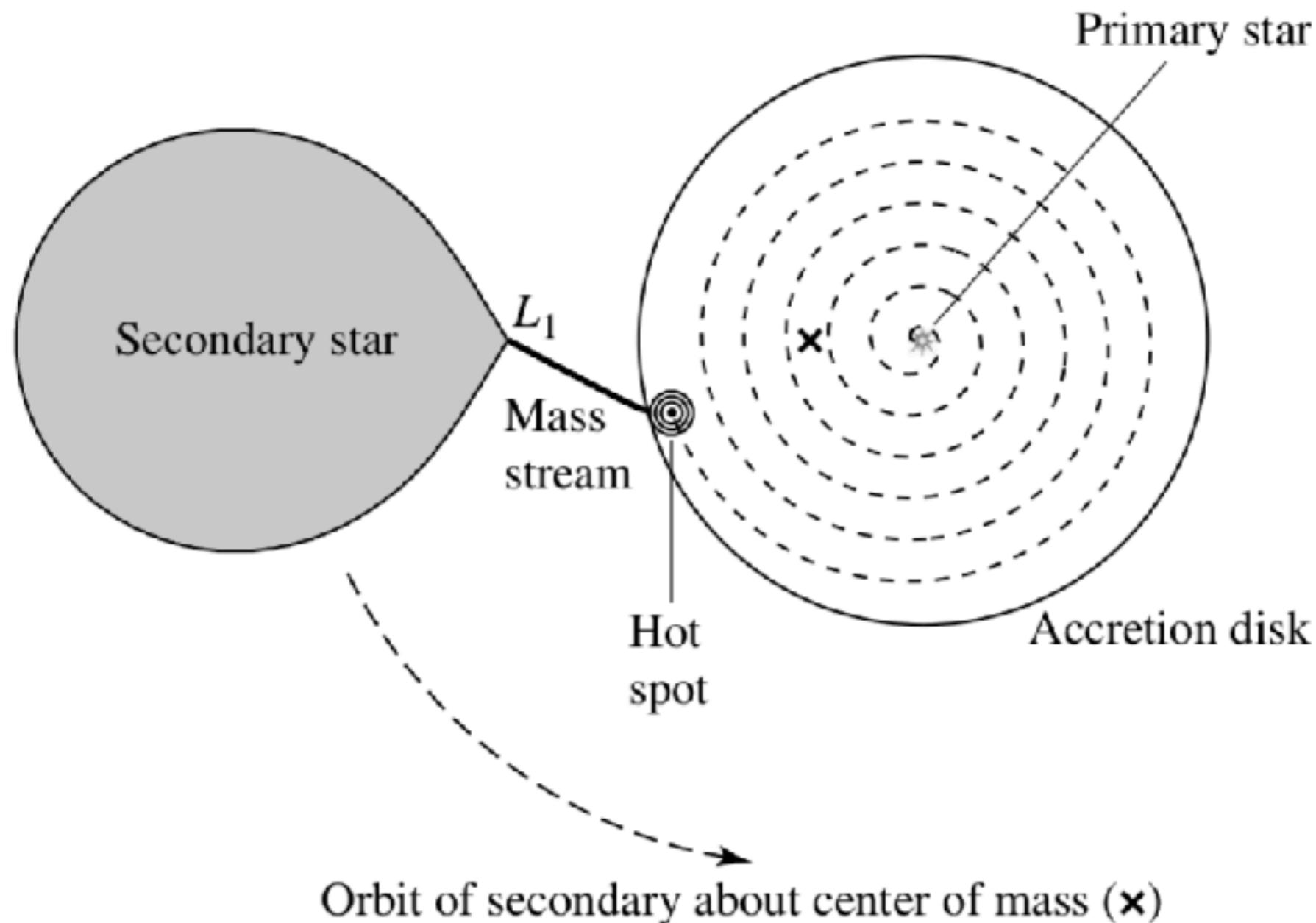


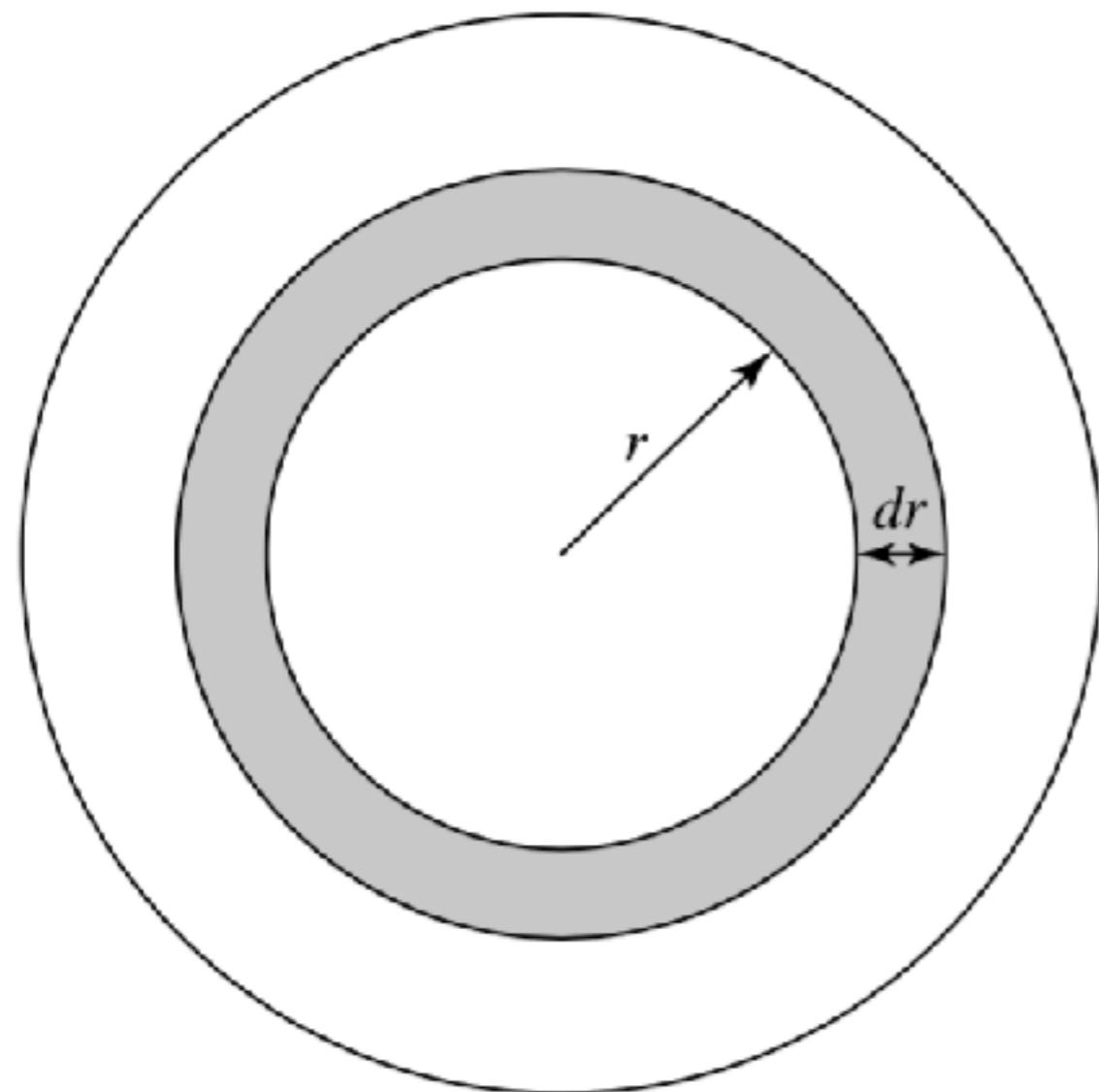
### Close Binary Star Systems





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$$dL_{\text{ring}} = dE = G \frac{M_1 \dot{M} t}{2r^2} dr.$$

$$dL_{\text{ring}} = 4\pi r \sigma T^4 dr$$

$$= G \frac{M_1 \dot{M}}{2r^2} dr$$

$$T = \left( \frac{GM\dot{M}}{8\pi\sigma R^3} \right)^{1/4} \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)^{3/4}.$$

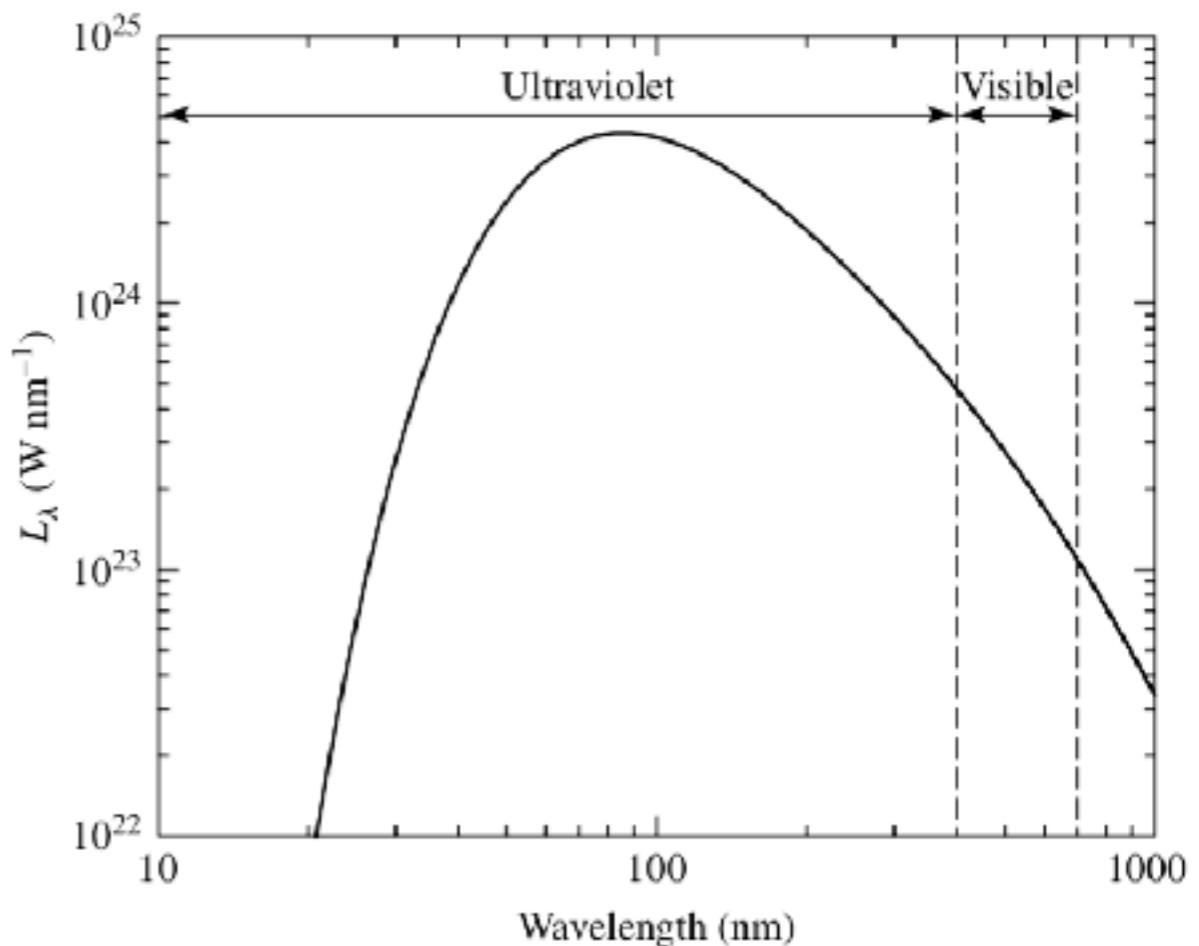
## ■ WHITE DWARFS IN SEMIDETACHED BINARIES



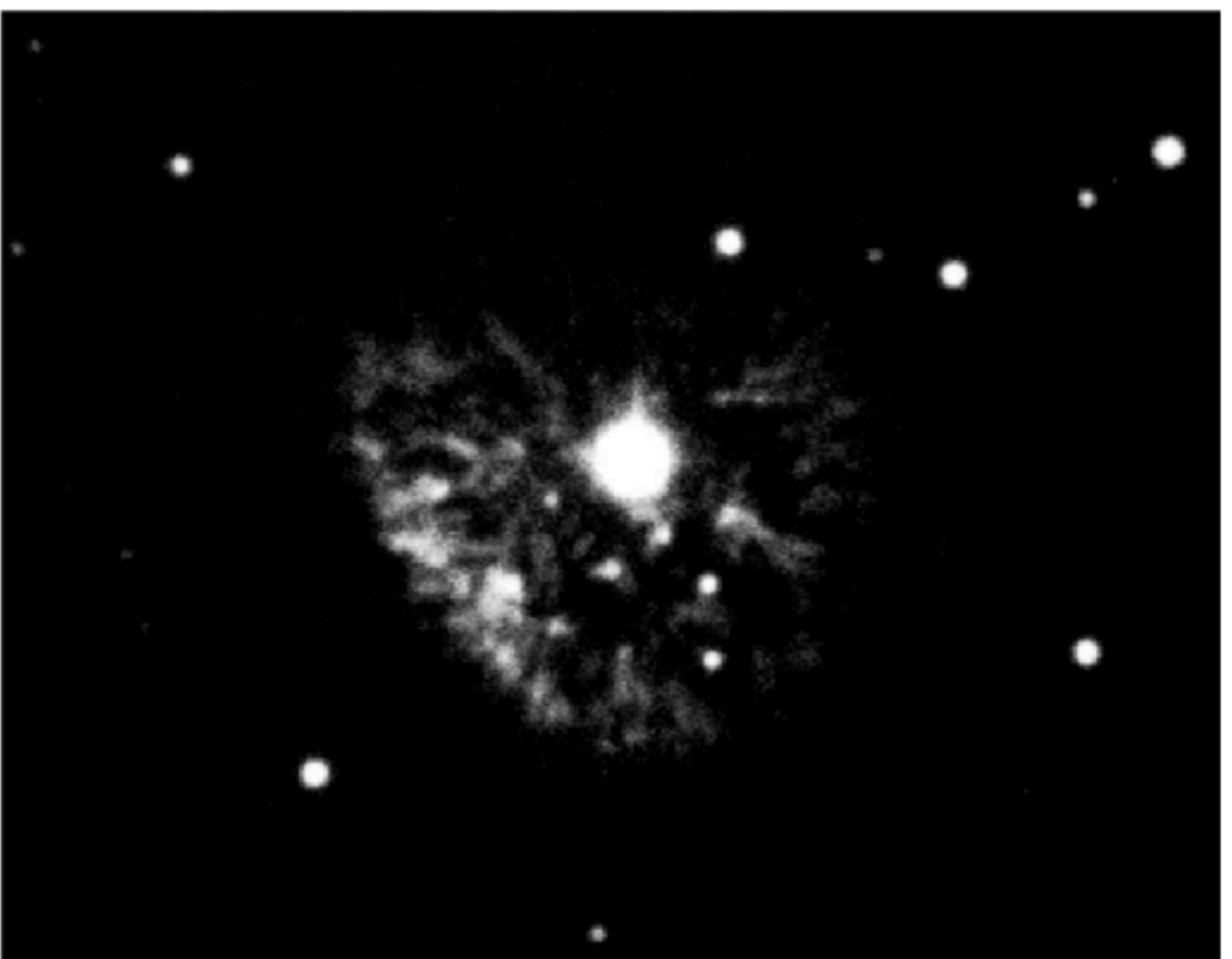
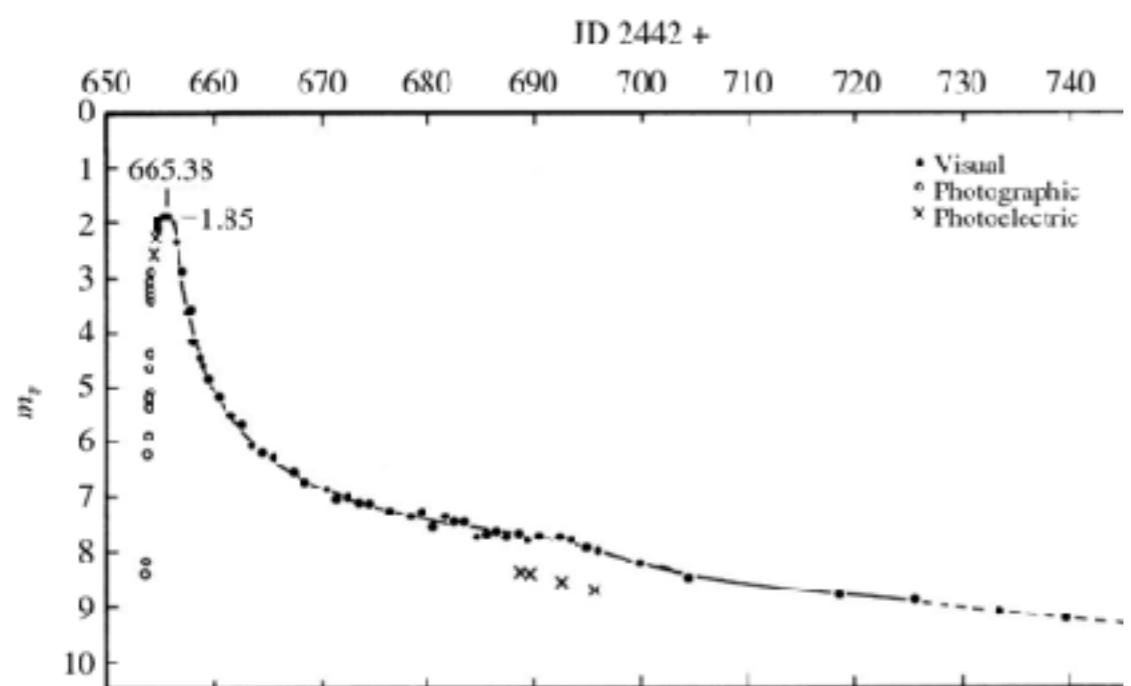
$$L_{\text{disk}} = G \frac{M \dot{M}}{2R}$$

$$T_{\text{max}} = 0.488 \left( \frac{3GM\dot{M}}{8\pi\sigma R^3} \right)^{1/4} = 4.4 \times 10^4$$

$\dot{M} \approx 10^{12} - 10^{13} \text{ kg s}^{-1} \approx 10^{-11} - 10^{-10} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ ,

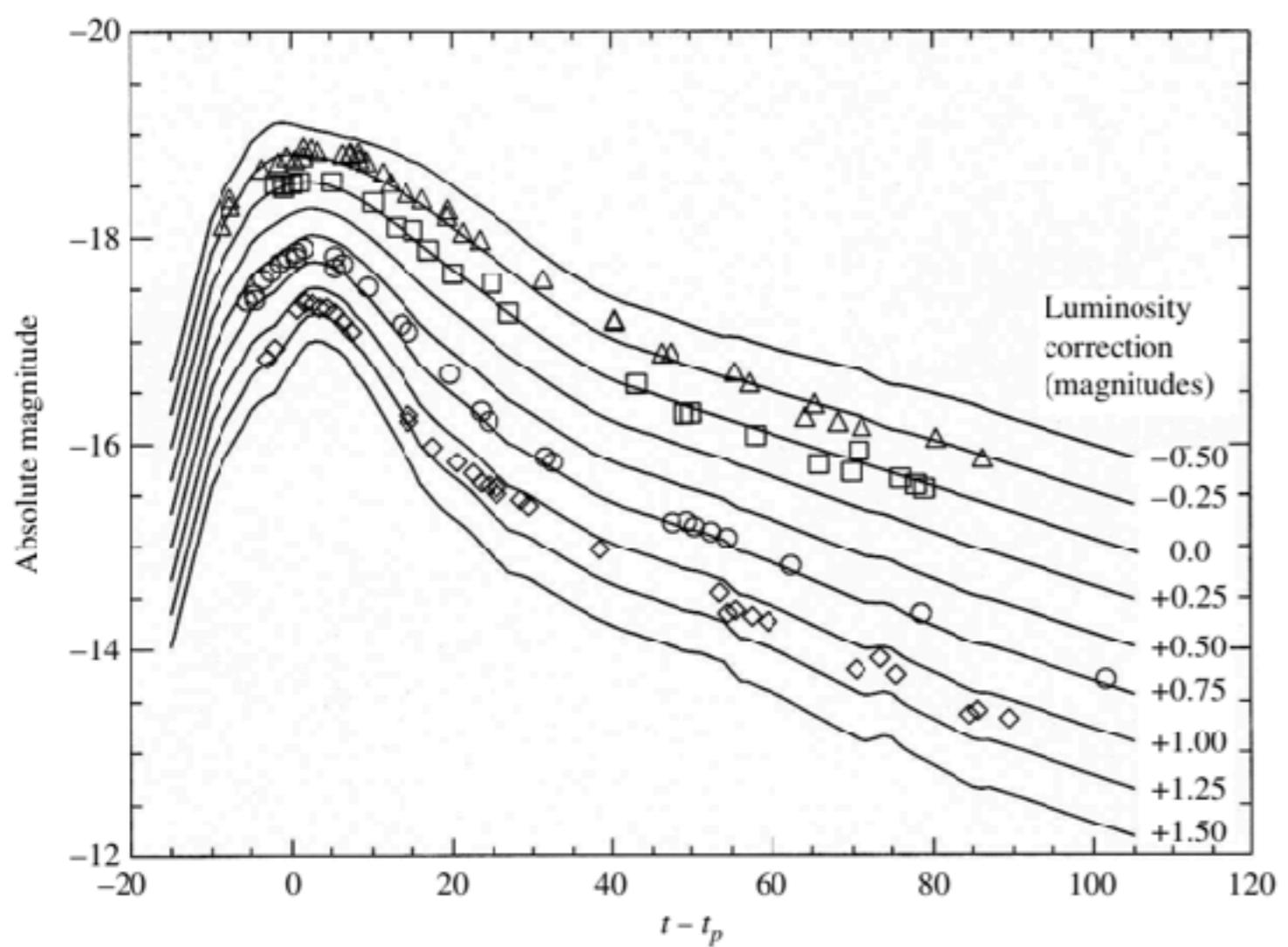


# Thermonuclear Burning



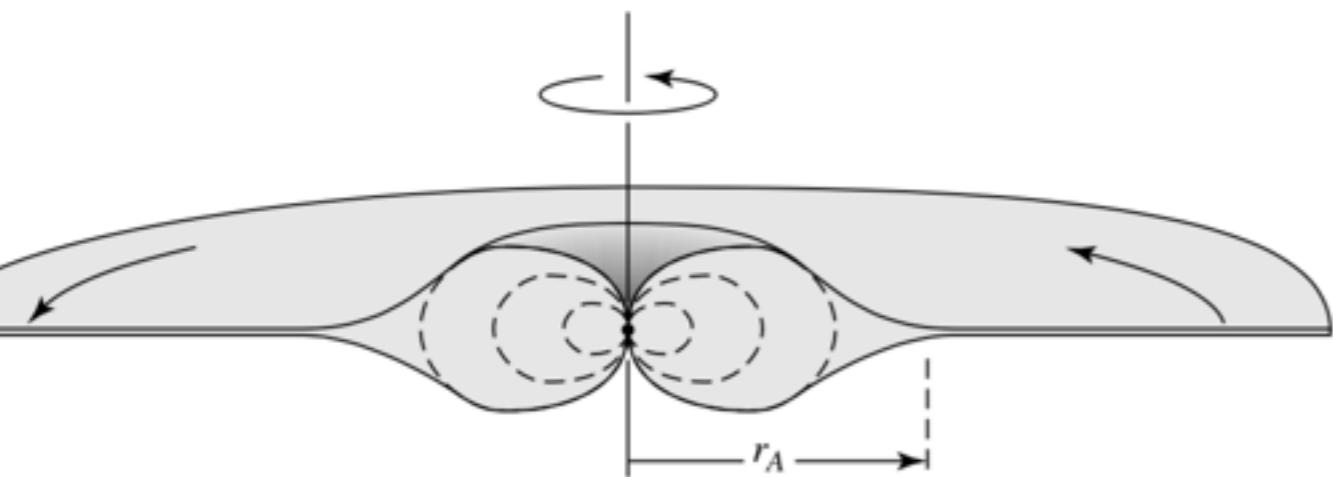
# Models of Type Ia Supernovae

$$\langle M_B \rangle \simeq \langle M_V \rangle \simeq -19.3 \pm 0.03,$$



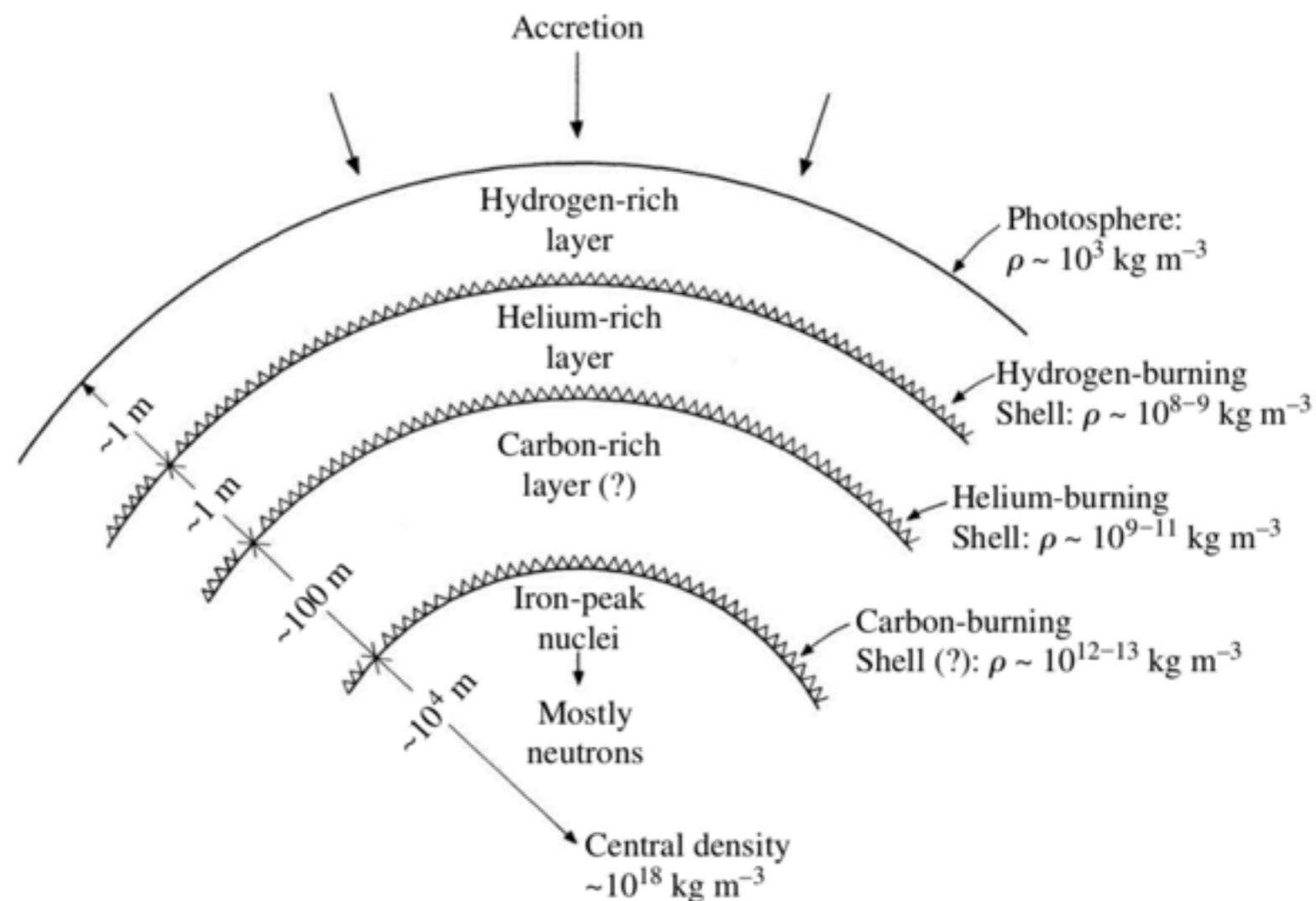
# Binary X-Ray Pulsars

$$B(r) = B_s \left( \frac{R}{r} \right)^3,$$



Further confirmation that most X-ray pulsars are accreting neutron stars comes from the observation that the periods of these objects are slowly decreasing. As time passes, they

# X-ray burst: low-B Neutron star



**FIGURE 25** Surface layers on an accreting neutron star. (Figure adapted from Joss, *Comments Astrophys.*, 8, 109, 1979.)