

Relativistic Astrophysics

相对论天体物理

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**Course, textbook,
etc...**

星际介质与恒星形成

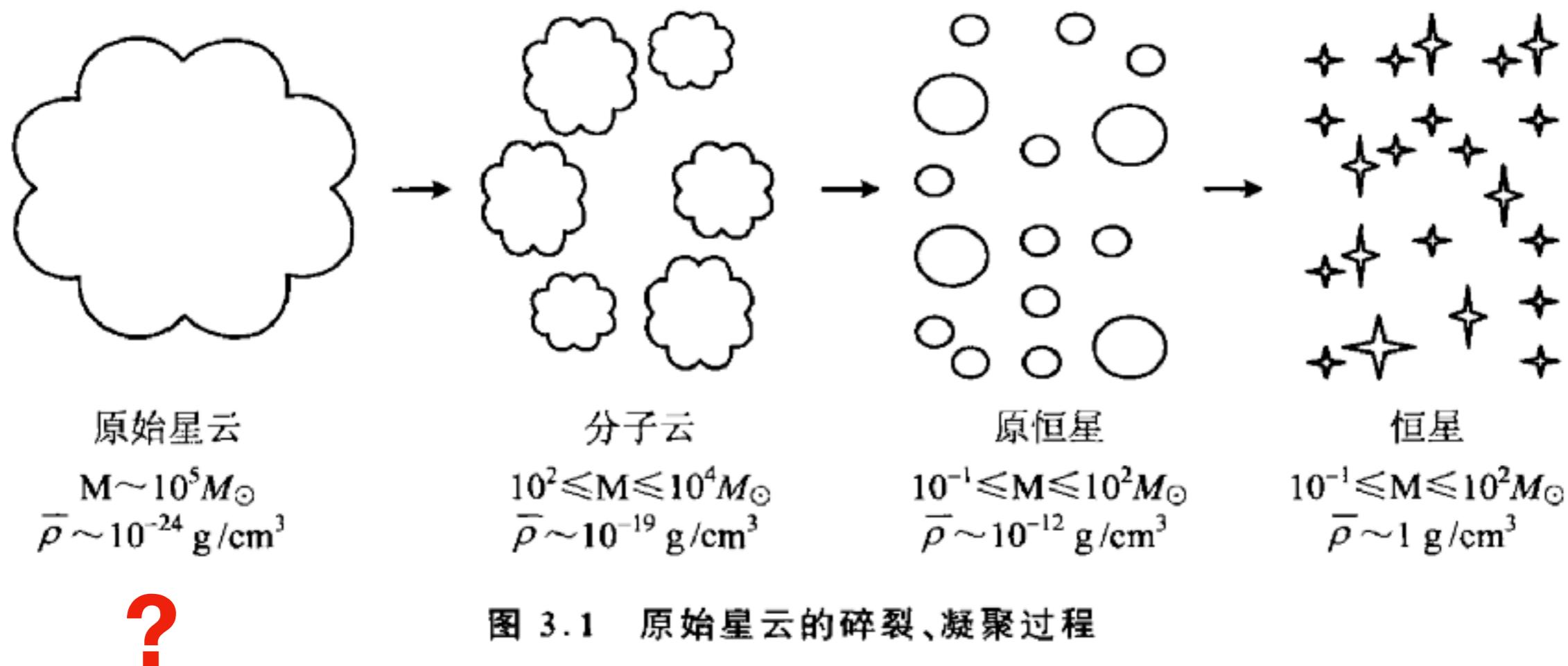


图 3.1 原始星云的碎裂、凝聚过程

宇宙膨胀得较快,这样核合成开始时剩下的中子就较多,从而产生较多的氦,与观测到的氦丰度不符。再有, G 变大时引力增强,行星就靠近太阳,行星的公转周期就会变短;反之, G 变小时,公转周期就会变长。行星的公转周期有没有变化,可以同原子钟来进行比较,因为原子钟的走时与万有引力无关。利用雷达信号从水星和金星表面的反射并用原子钟测时,可以精确测定它们的绕日轨道周期,这样得到的 G 的变化率是

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PROBLEM SET

1 In 1672, an international effort was made to measure the parallax angle of Mars at the time of opposition, when it was closest to Earth; see the below figure.

- Consider two observers who are separated by a baseline equal to Earth's diameter. If the difference in their measurements of Mars's angular position is $33.6''$, what is the distance between Earth and Mars at the time of opposition? Express your answer both in units of m and in AU.
- If the distance to Mars is to be measured to within 10%, how closely must the clocks used by the two observers be synchronized? *Hint:* Ignore the rotation of Earth. The average orbital velocities of Earth and Mars are 29.79 km s^{-1} and 24.13 km s^{-1} , respectively.

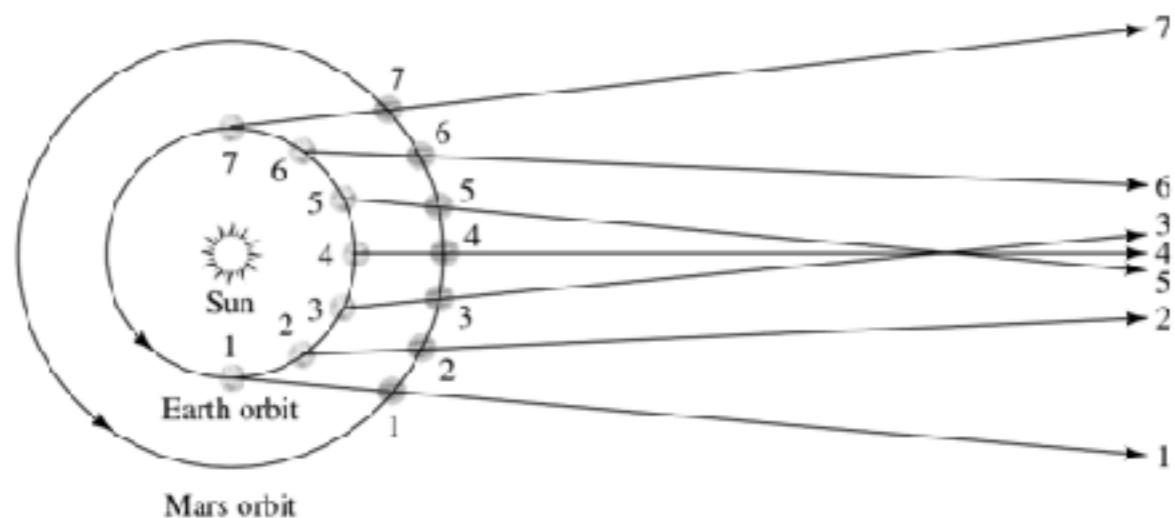


FIGURE The retrograde motion of Mars as described by the Copernican model. Note that the lines of sight from Earth to Mars cross for positions 3, 4, and 5. This effect, combined with the slightly differing planes of the two orbits result in retrograde paths near opposition.

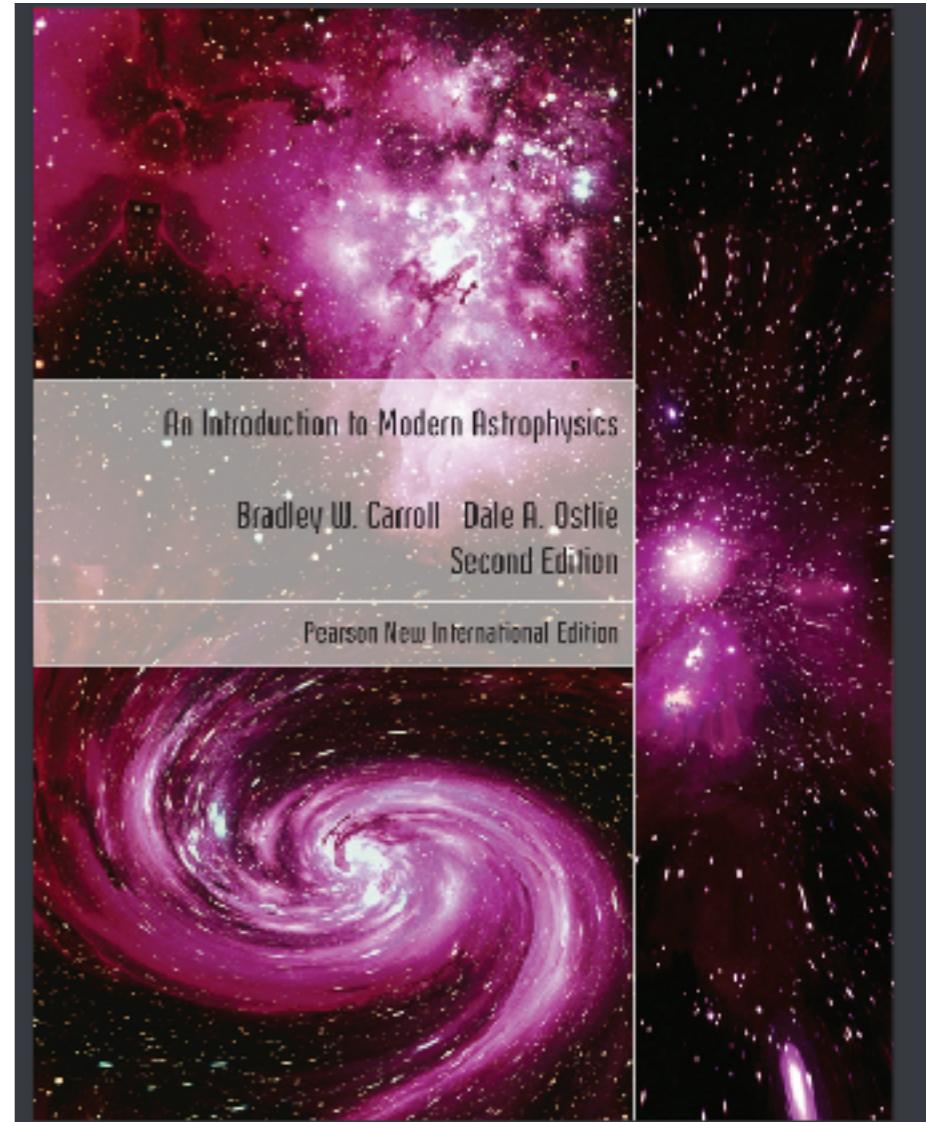
2 At what distance from a 100-W light bulb is the radiant flux equal to the solar irradiance?

3 The parallax angle for Sirius is $0.379''$.

- Find the distance to Sirius in units of (i) parsecs; (ii) light-years; (iii) AU; (iv) m.
- Determine the distance modulus for Sirius.

4 Using the information in Example 6.1 and Problem 3, determine the absolute bolometric magnitude of Sirius and compare it with that of the Sun. What is the ratio of Sirius's luminosity to that of the Sun?

5 (a) The Hipparcos Space Astrometry Mission was able to measure parallax angles down to nearly $0.001''$. To get a sense of that level of resolution, how far from a dime would you need to be to observe it subtending an angle of $0.001''$? (The diameter of a dime is approximately 1.9 cm.)



Part 1 – Planck Scale and Spacetime Bubble

Fundamental physics

Planck constant:

$$h = 6.626\ 070\ 15 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s.}$$

$$E = hf.$$

Uncertainty Principle:

Position-Momentum

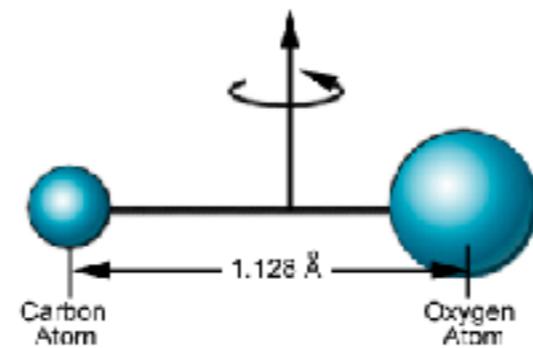
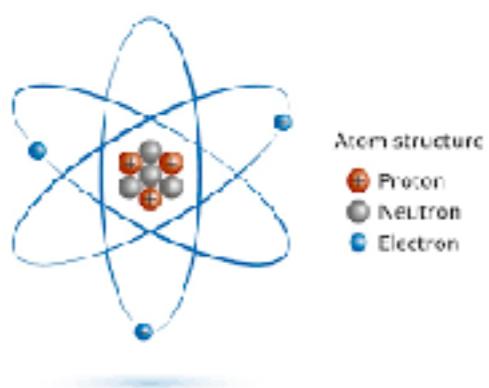
$$\Delta x \Delta p_x \geq \frac{\hbar}{2},$$

Angular momentum

$$I\omega^2 = h\omega$$

Energy-time

$$\delta E \delta t \approx h$$

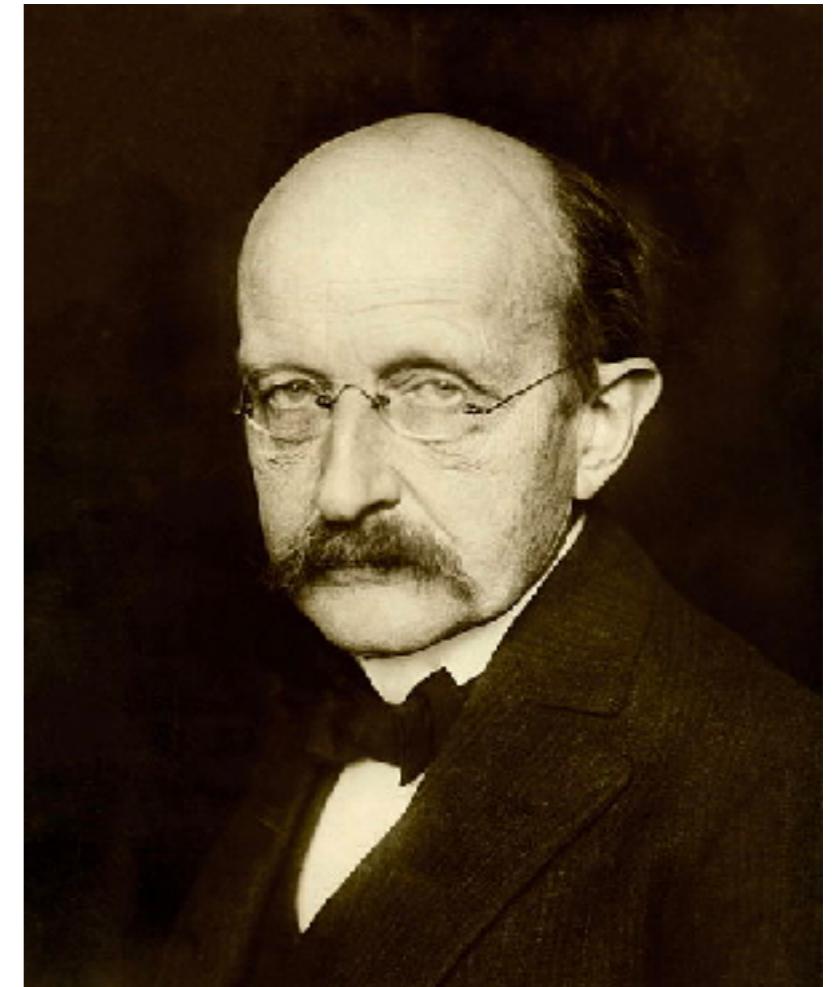
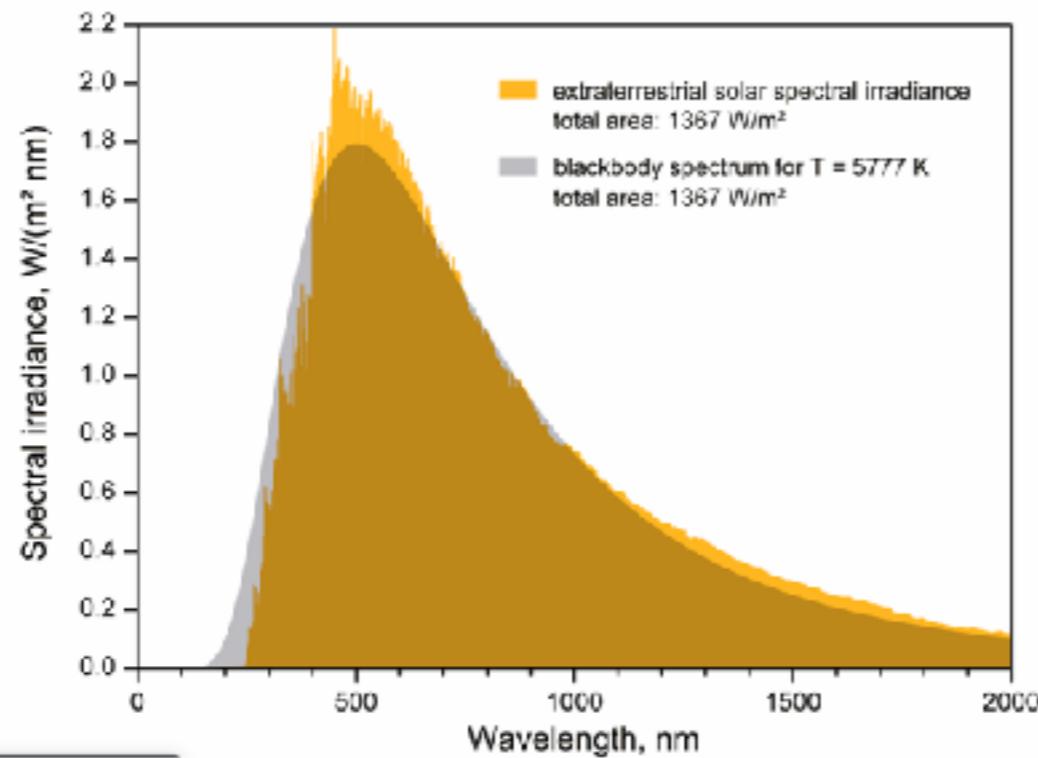


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About lectures....

12.1 Planck's early career

Max Planck was typically straightforward and honest about his early career, as can be learned from his short scientific autobiography.¹ He studied under Helmholtz and Kirchhoff in Berlin, but in his own words

I must confess that the lectures of these men netted me no perceptible gain. It was obvious that Helmholtz never prepared his lectures properly... Kirchhoff was the very opposite... but it would sound like a memorised text, dry and monotonous.

Helmholz: 亥姆霍兹

Kirchhoff: 基尔霍夫

Planck Scale

Size of a black hole:

$$r_{\text{BH}} = Gm/c^2$$

Energy:

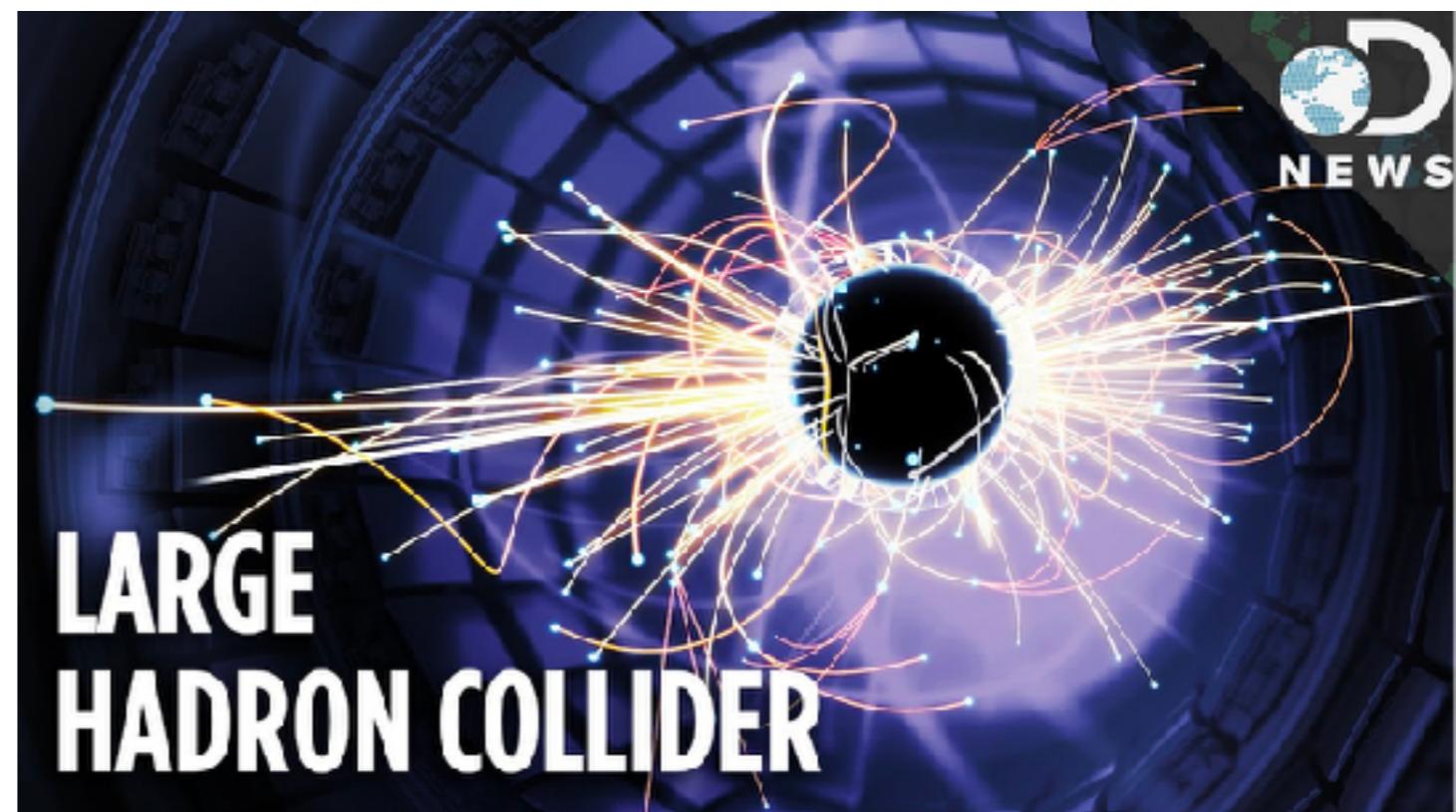
$$E = mc^2$$

Quantum Effect:

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{mc},$$

Table 2: Base Planck units

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Planck mass	Mass (M)	$m_P = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar c}{G}}$	$2.176\ 435(24) \times 10^{-8} \text{ kg}$ ^[7]
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Table 6: How Planck units simplify the key equations of physics

	SI form	Nondimensionalized form
Newton's law of universal gravitation	$F = G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$	$F = \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^2}$
Einstein field equations in general relativity	$G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi \frac{G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}$	$G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi T_{\mu\nu}$
Mass–energy equivalence in special relativity	$E = mc^2$	$E = m$
Energy–momentum relation	$E^2 = m^2 c^4 + p^2 c^2$	$E^2 = m^2 + p^2$
Thermal energy per particle per degree of freedom	$E = \frac{1}{2} k_B T$	$E = \frac{1}{2} T$
Boltzmann's entropy formula	$S = k_B \ln \Omega$	$S = \ln \Omega$

Natural units

- Fundamental constants

Table 1: Dimensional universal physical constants :

Constant	Symbol	Dimension
Speed of light in vacuum	c	$L T^{-1}$
Gravitational constant	G	$L^3 M^{-1} T^{-2}$
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$$l_P = c t_P$$

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α_G is typically defined^[citation needed] in terms of the gravitational attraction between two electrons. More precisely,

$$\alpha_G = \frac{Gm_e^2}{\hbar c} = \left(\frac{m_e}{m_P}\right)^2 \approx 1.7518 \times 10^{-45}$$

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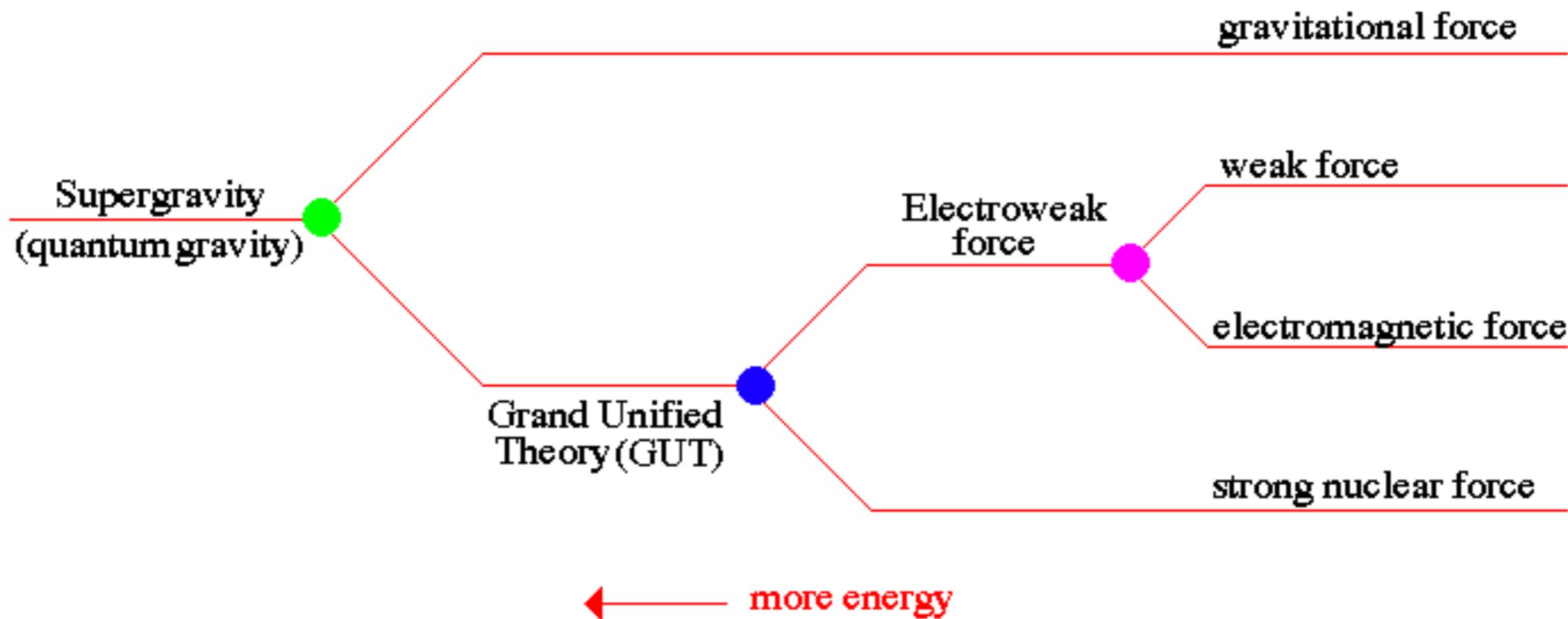
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Unification

all the forces of Nature should be capable of being described by a single theory. But only at high energies should the behavior of the forces combine, this is called unification

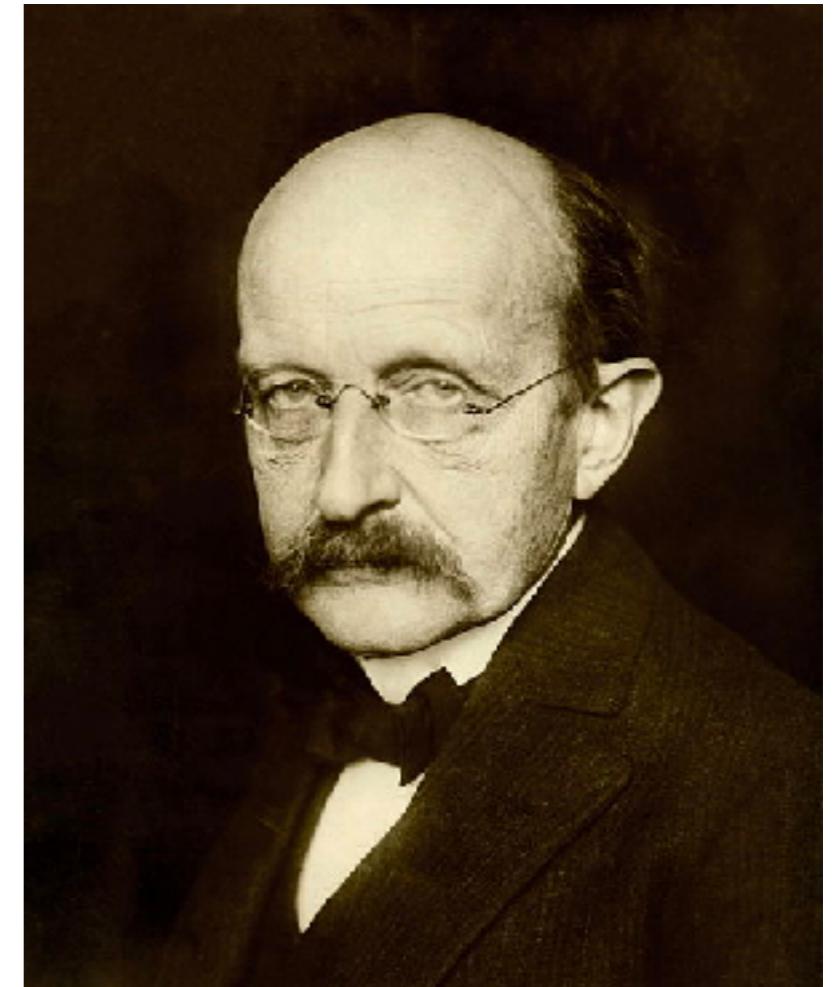
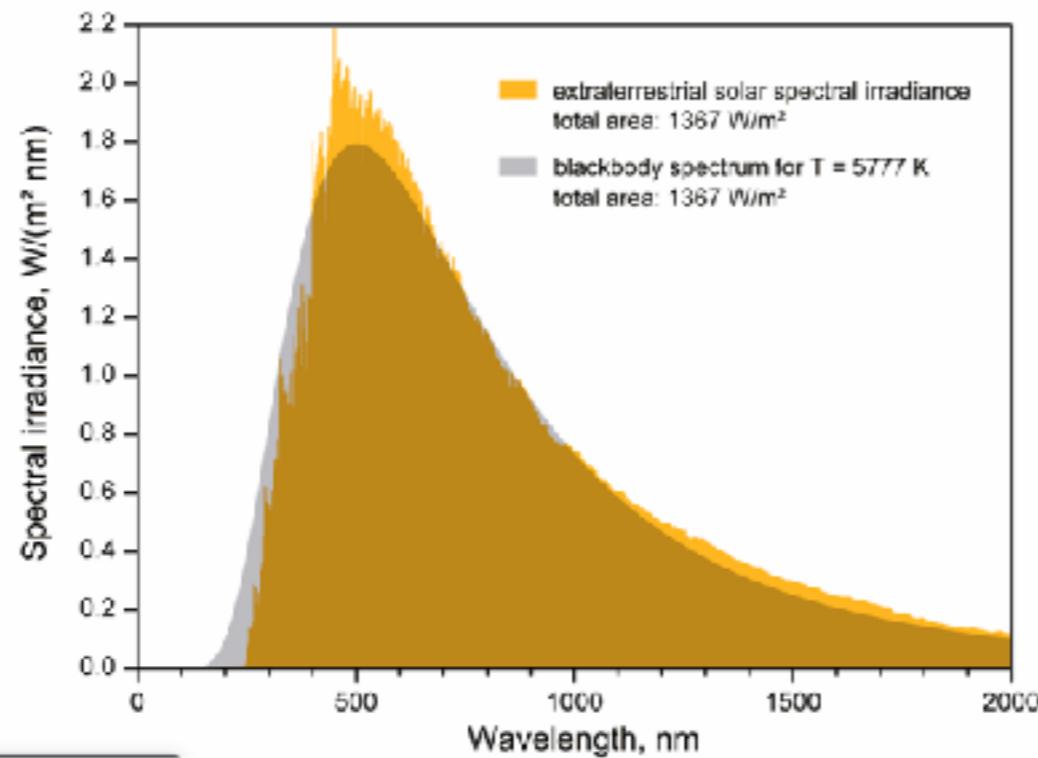


before the unification point, the forces are indistinguishable and have symmetry. After the unification point, the forces act differently and the symmetry is broken.

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Summary

- Everything you can measure is dimensionless
- Planck Units: Key to Blackbody radiation
- Planck Units: Limit of physics

Part 2 – WD, NS and Chandrasekhar Mass

Chandrasekhar Mass

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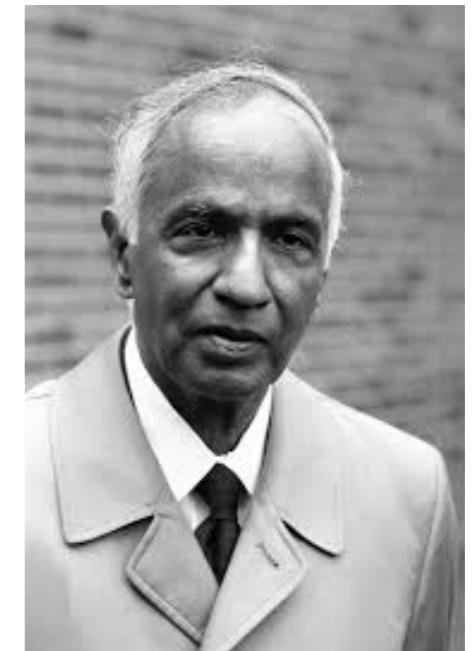
$$\frac{M_{\text{Pl}}^3}{m_H^2}$$



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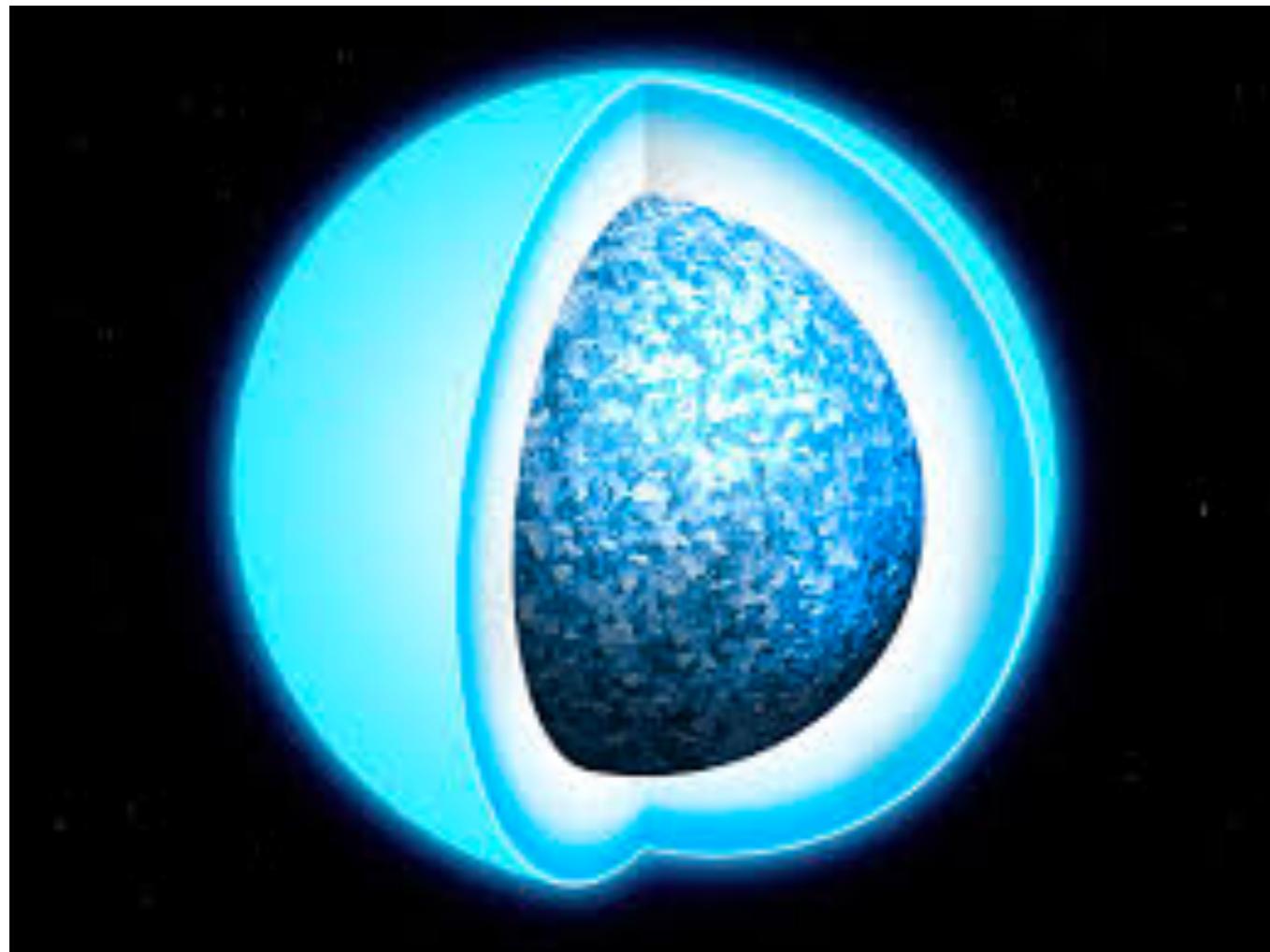
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discovered in separate papers published by [Wilhelm Anderson](#) and E. C. Stoner in [1929](#). The limit was initially ignored by the community of scientists because such a limit would logically require the existence of [black holes](#), which were considered a scientific impossibility at the time.

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Part 2.1 – WD, NS and Chandrasekhar Mass

Chandrasekhar Mass



Gravity:

$$E = Gm^2/r$$

**Electron
Energy Momentum:**

$$E^2 = (pc)^2 + (m_0c^2)^2$$

- (1) Stability of star
- (2) NS vs. WD
- (3) Limiting mass

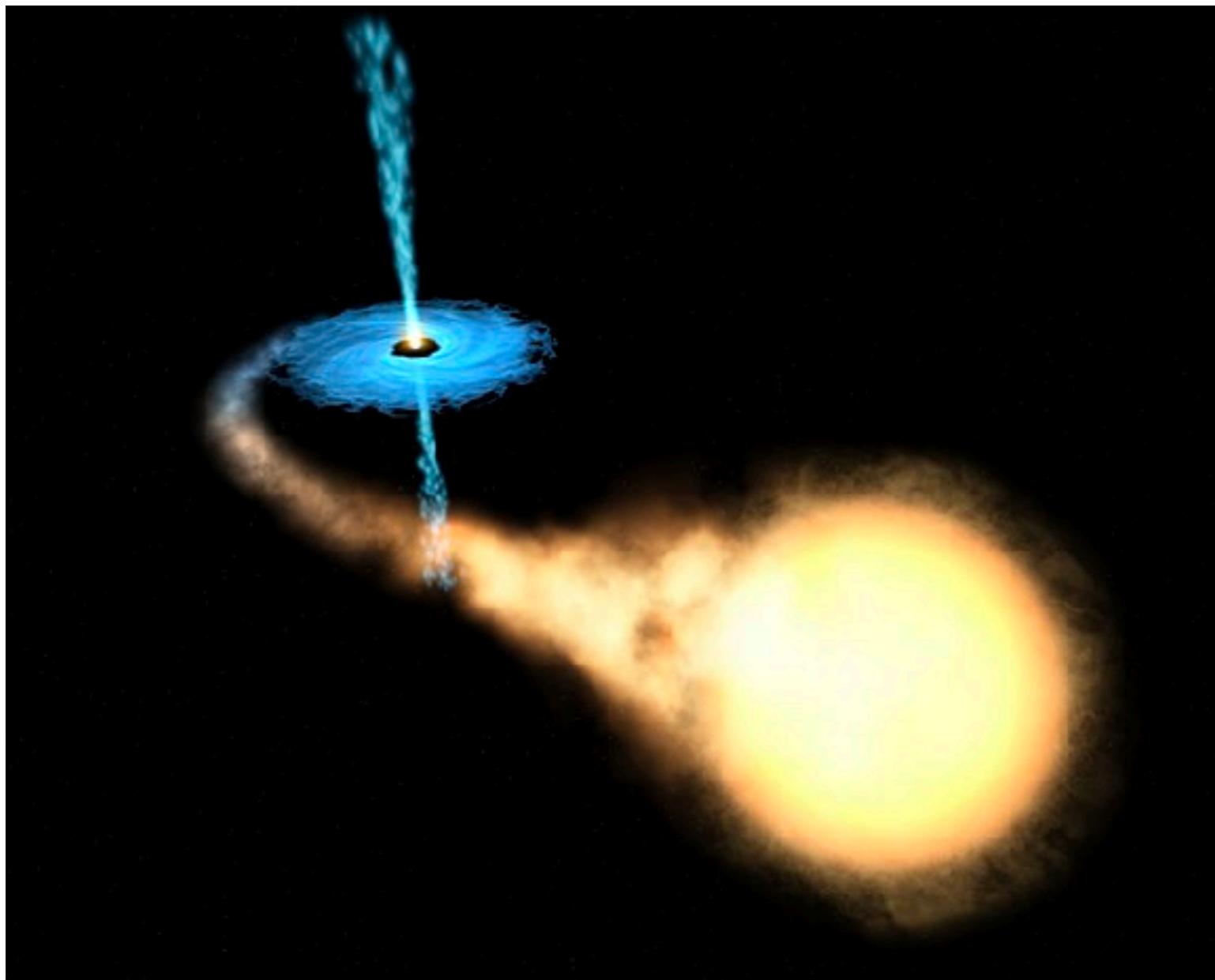
WD & NS

- Basic ingredients
 - Gravity, show that $p \sim \rho^{5/3}$
 - Degenerate Fermi gas
 - Assuming $n \sim (1/\delta x)^* 3$
 - Show that
 - Relativistic $E^2 = (pc)^2 + (m_0 c^2)^2$
 - non-relativistic $p \sim \rho^{5/3}$
 - Explain why NS have a higher density compared to ND

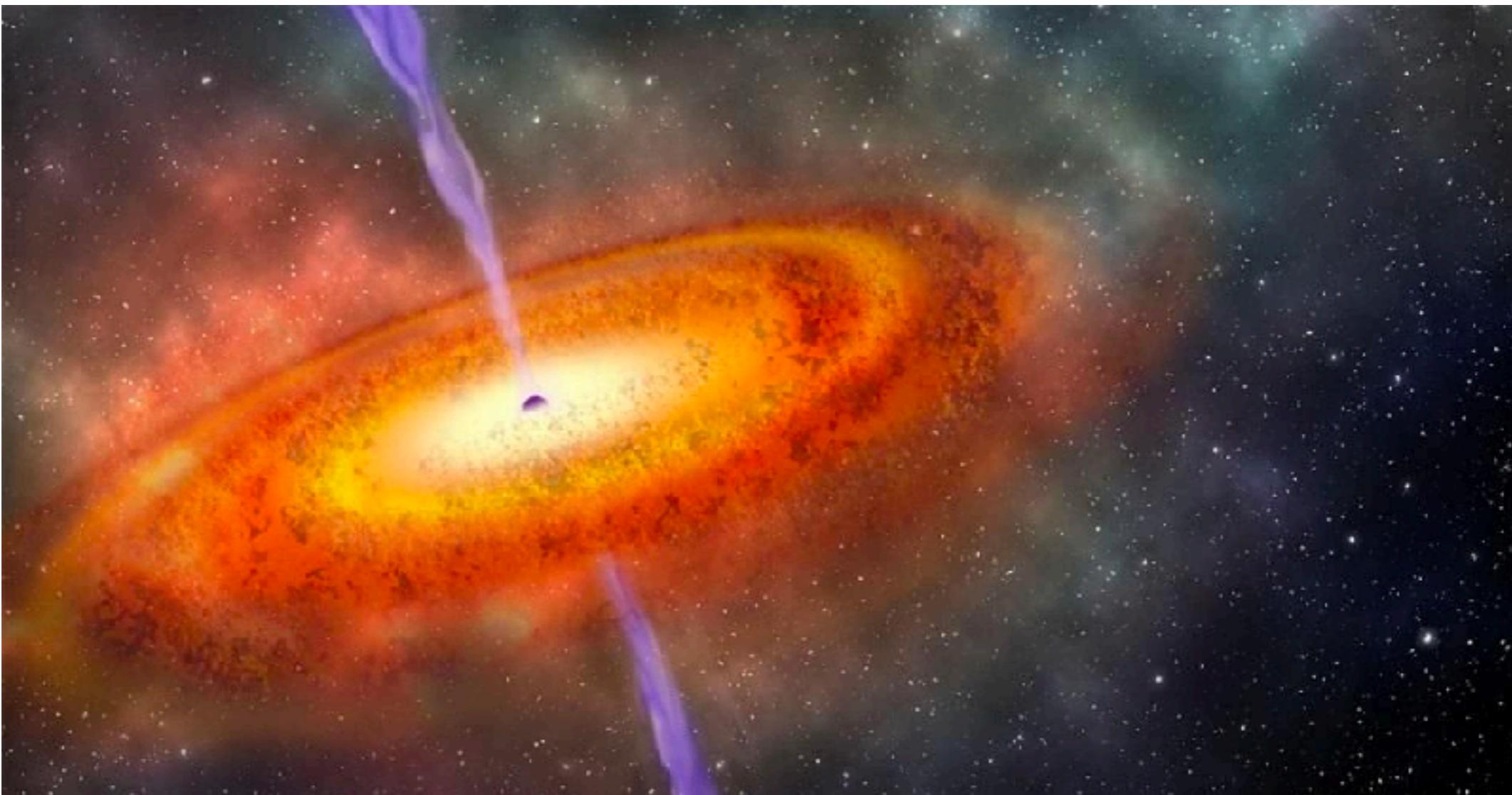
Part 3 – Black holes

Part 3.1 – Black hole mass

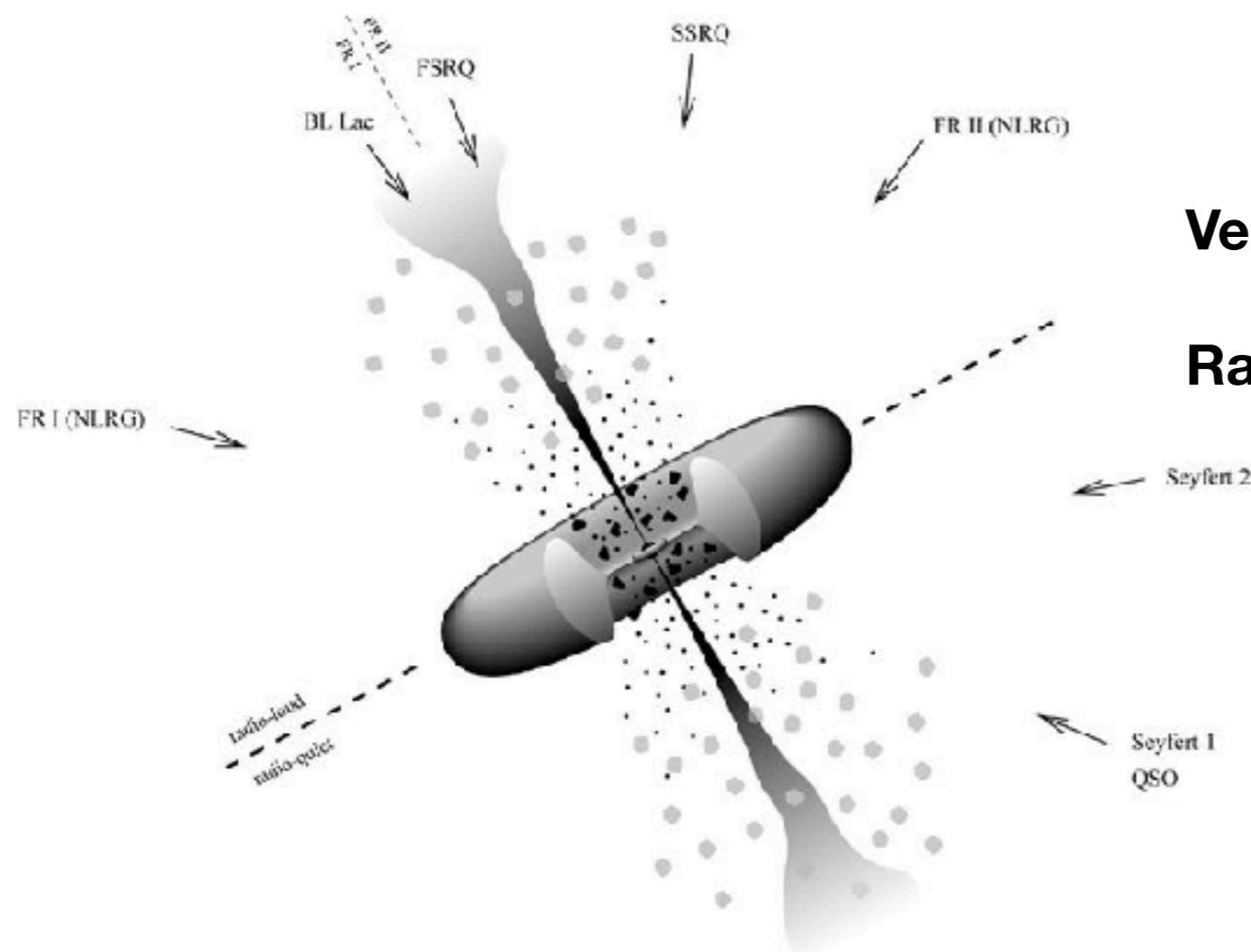
Stellar-Mass Black Hole



Supermassive Black Hole



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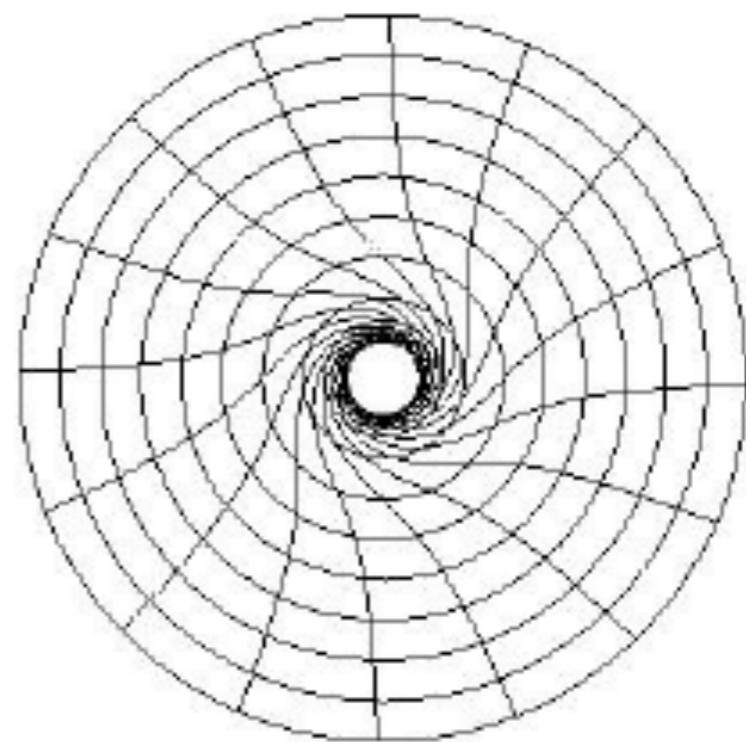
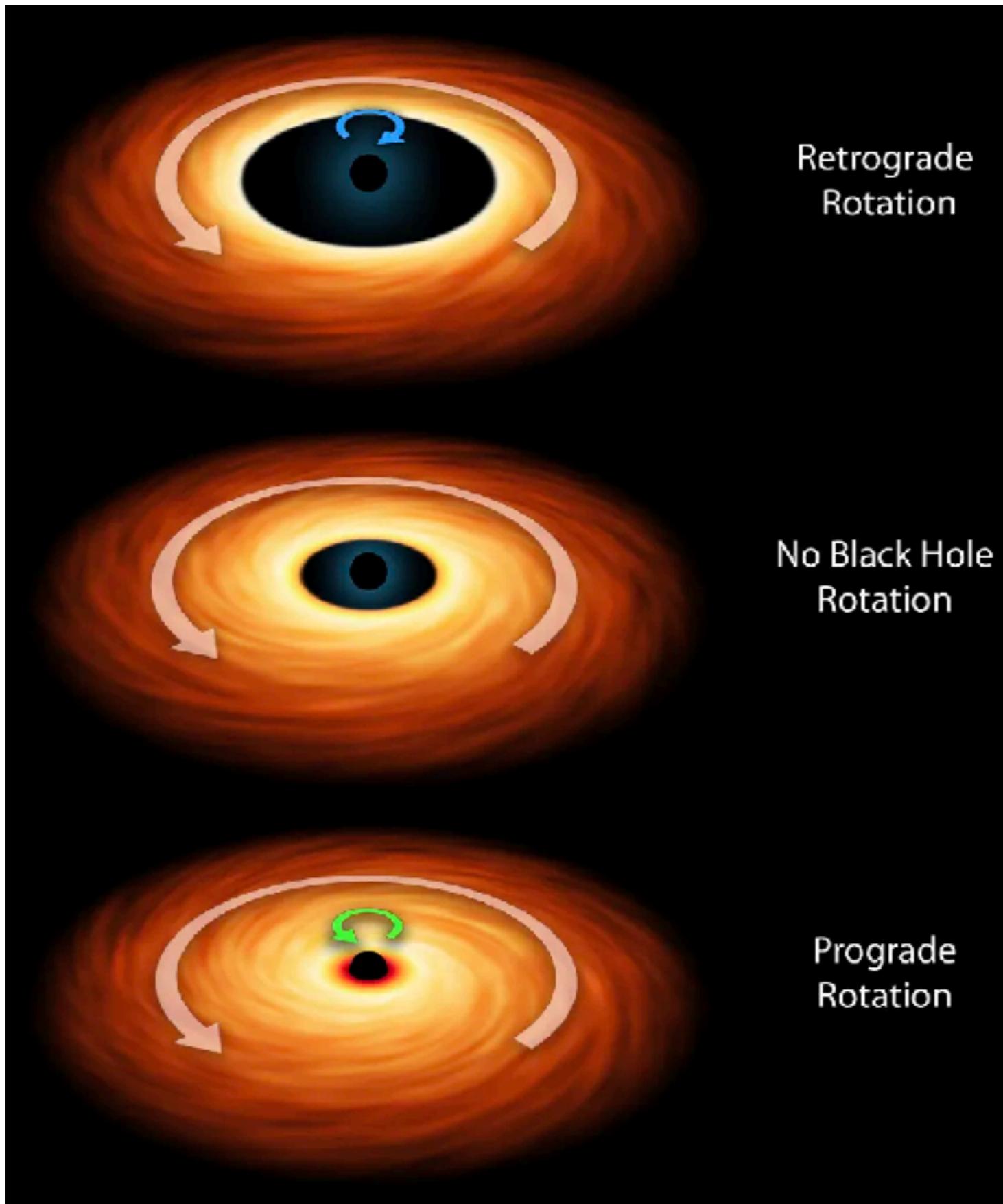
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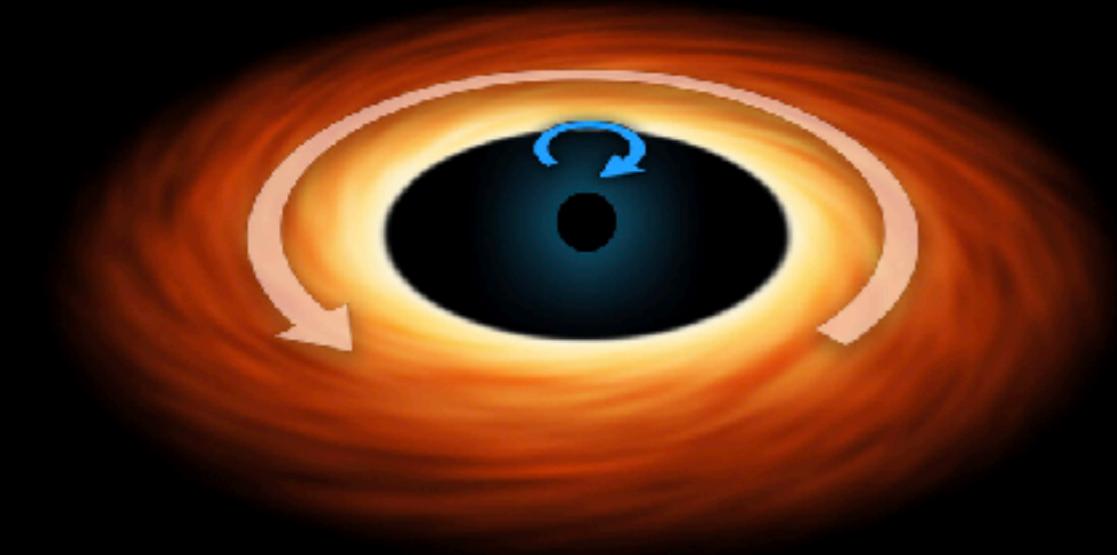
Radius:

- (1) Ionisation equilibrium
- (2) Reverberation mapping

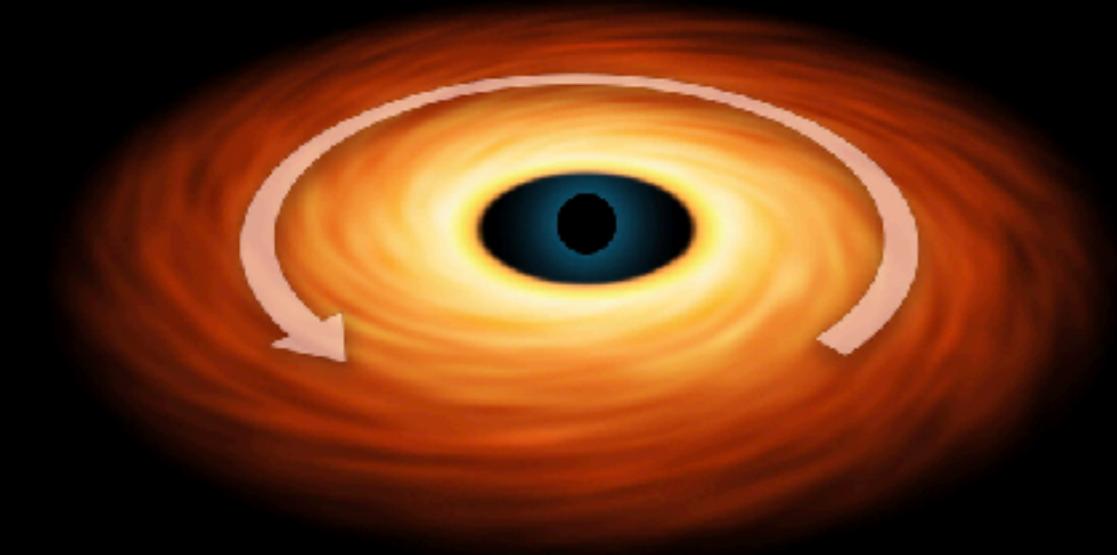
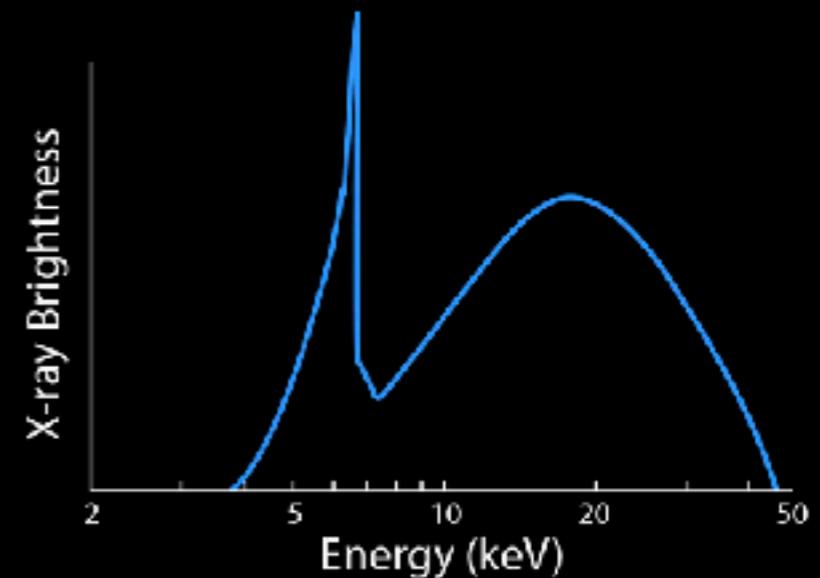
Part 3.2 – Black hole spin

Spinning black hole distorts space-time

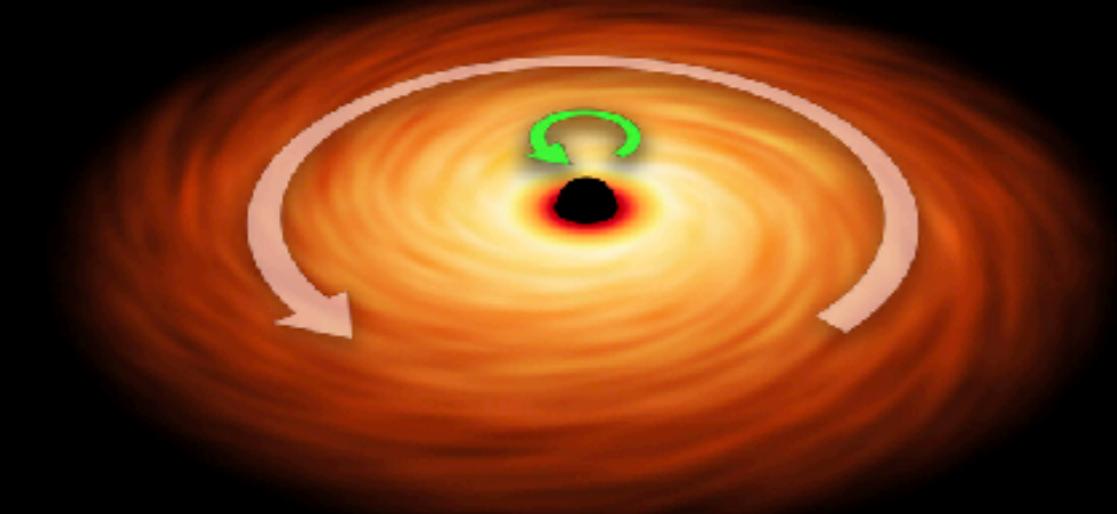
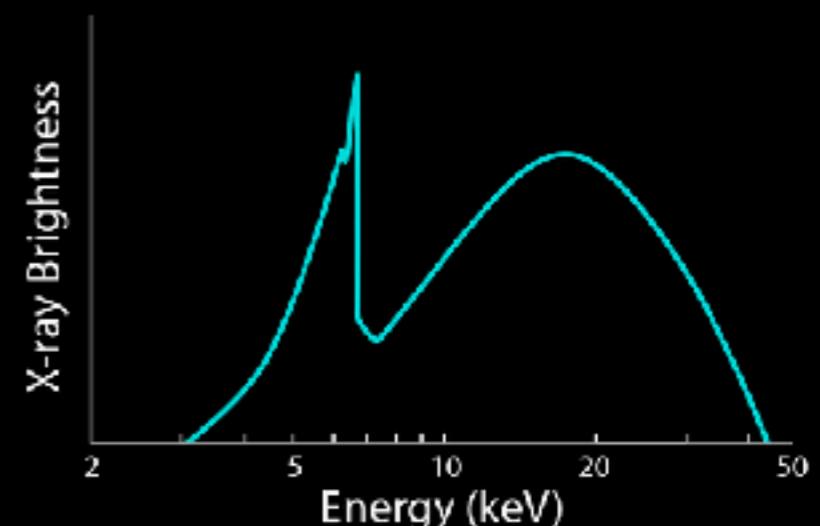




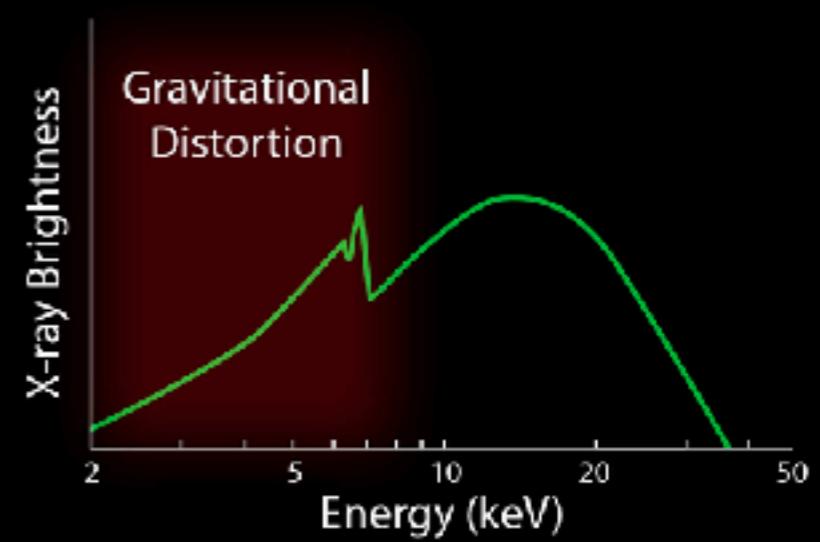
Retrograde
Rotation



No Black Hole
Rotation



Prograde
Rotation



Part 3.2 – Tidal disruption events

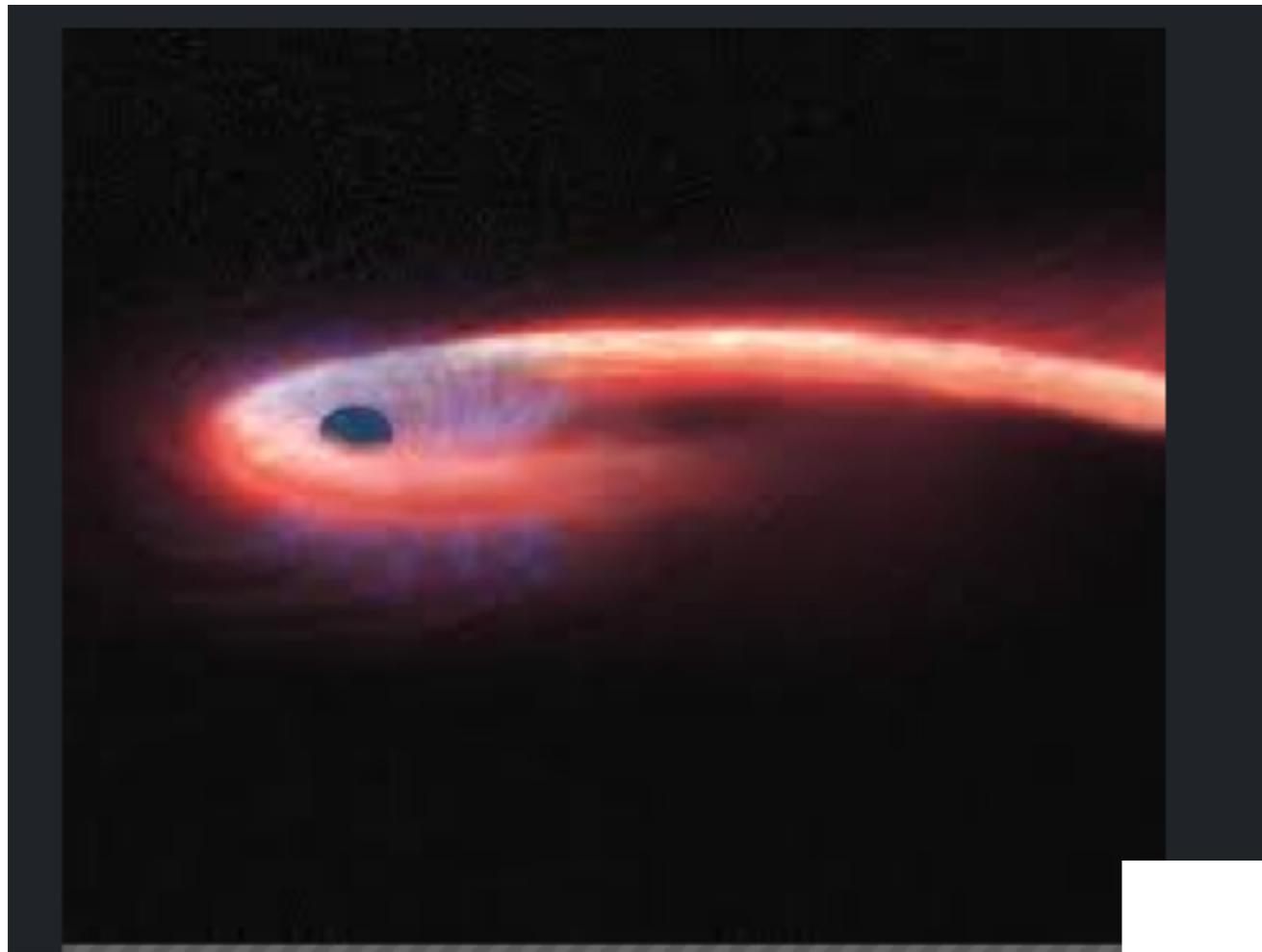
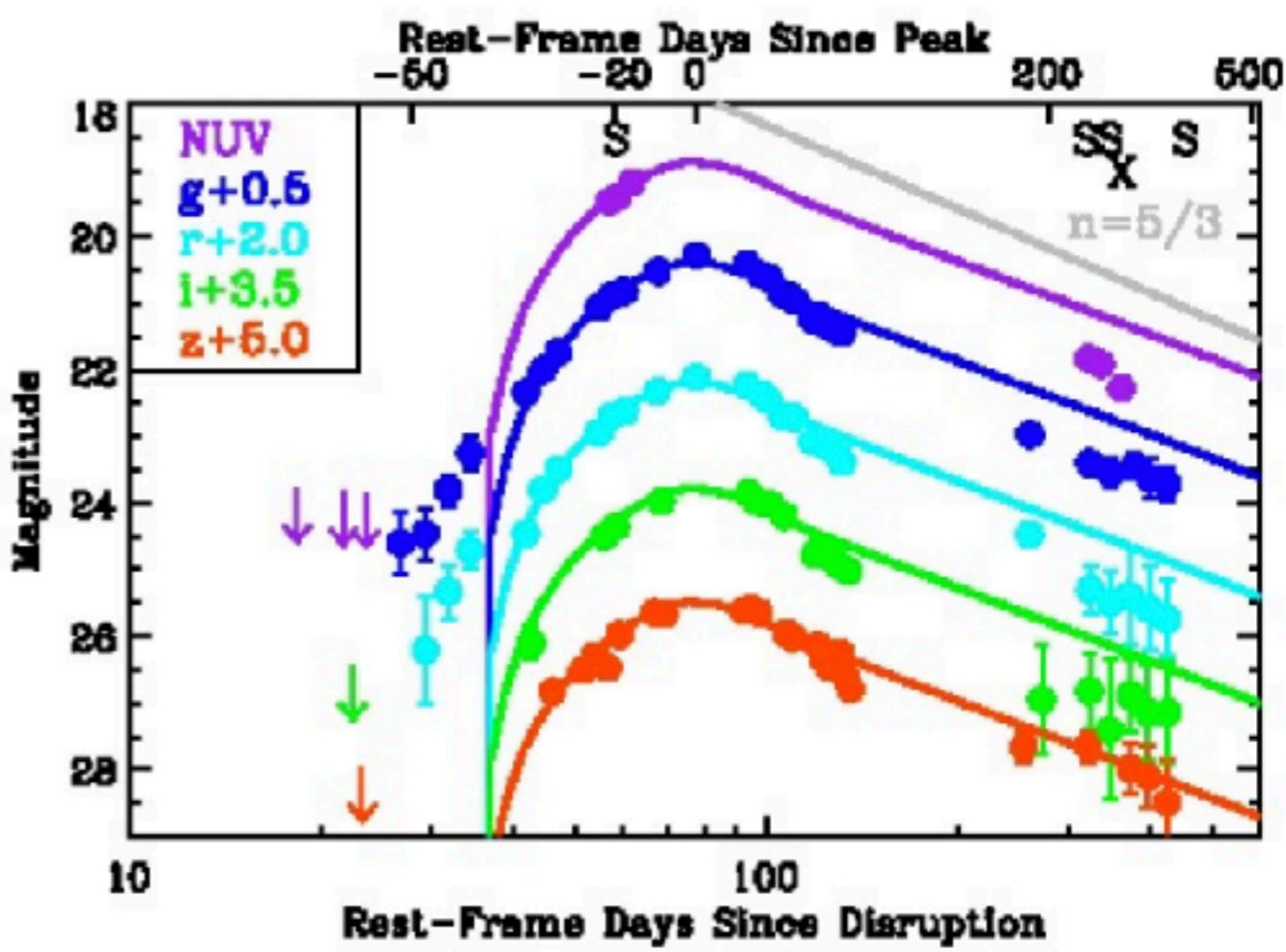
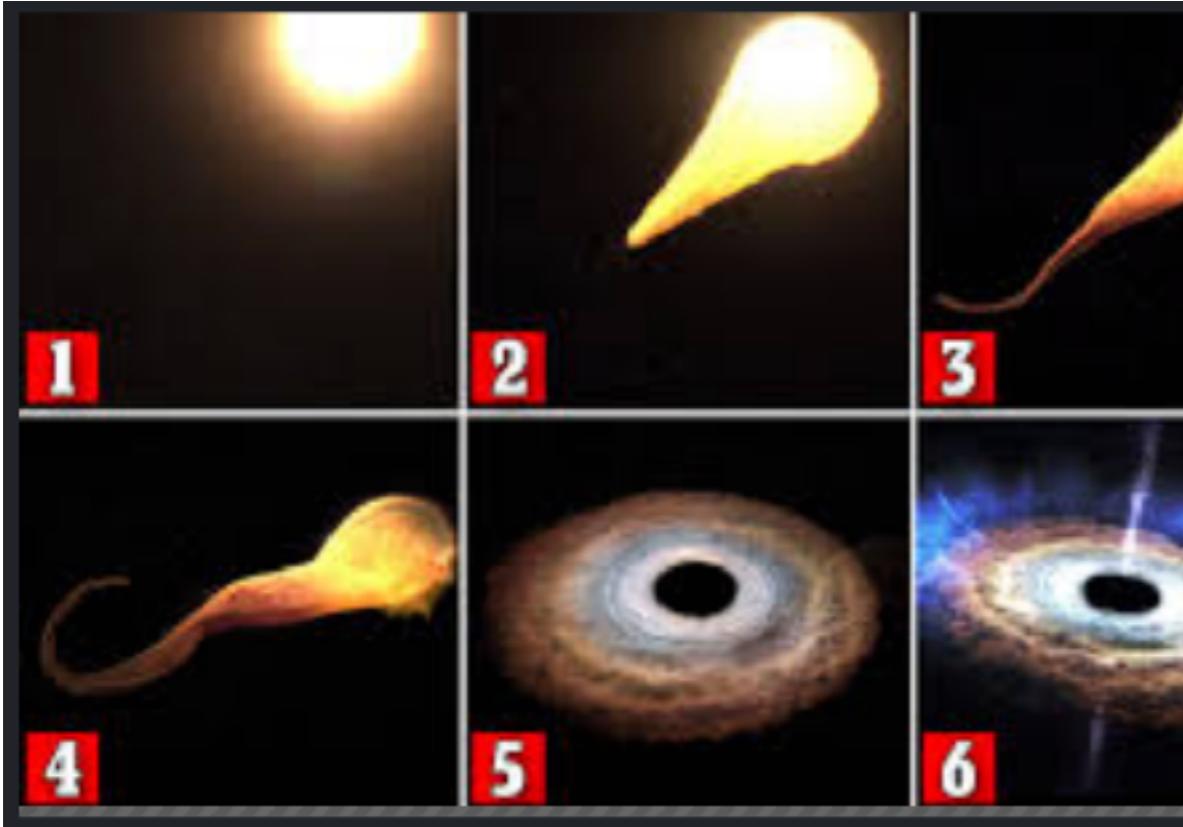
Tidal force

Measurement of tidal force?



Tidal disruption events

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



Part 4 – Relativity

Part 4.1 – History

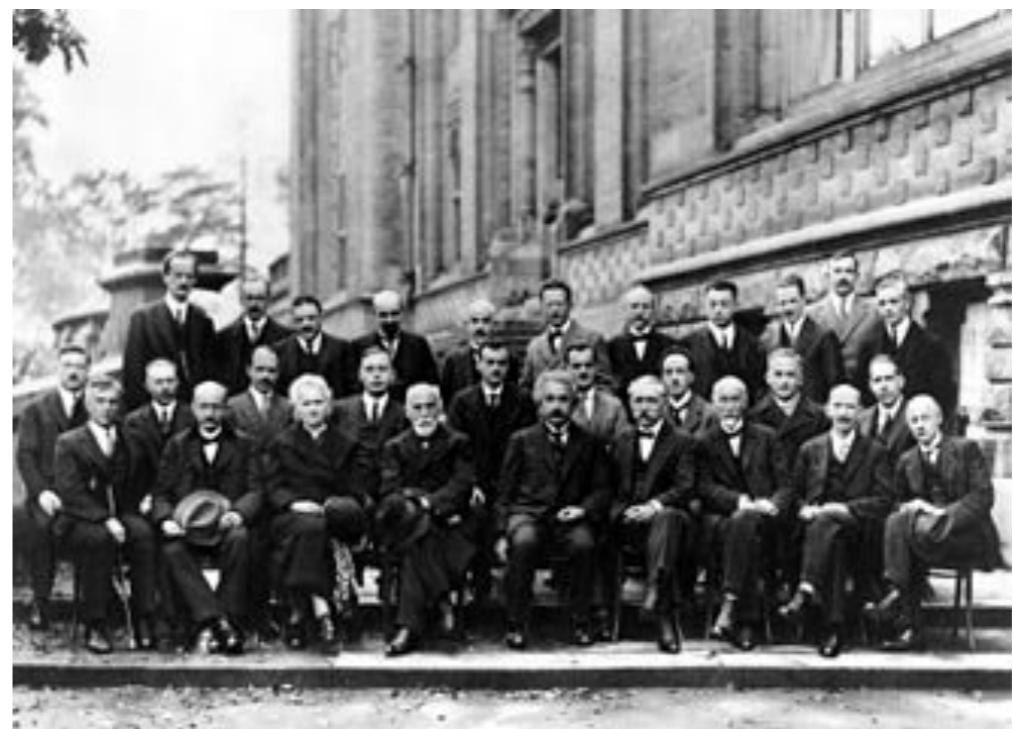
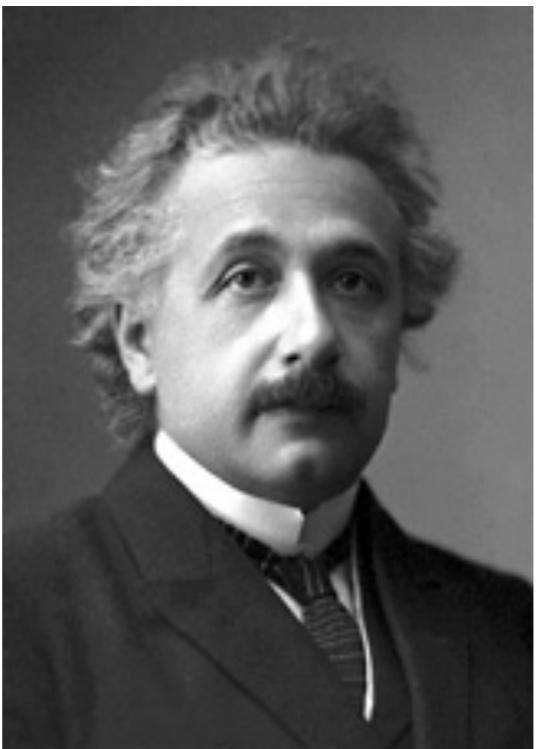
World Year of Physics 2005

- Microscopic
 - Photoelectric effect
 - Brownian motion
- General Relativity



Einstein's special theory of relativity heralded a new kind of physics, one that digressed from the classical mechanics that had been derived from Newton's calculus.

— from Wikipedia



- Physical review in 1902
 - On the Specific Heat of **Supercooled Water**
 - The Penetration of Totally Reflected Light into the **Rarer Medium**
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 - The Invisibility of **Transparent Objects**
- *On the Electrodynamics of **Moving Bodies***

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What they actually do?

- Ernst Mach, [Henri Poincaré](#), David Hume , [Karl Pearson](#), John Stuart Mill ``A System of Logic'', Spinoza, ``Ethics'', and Don Quixote
- Karl Pearson, *The Grammar of Science*
- Henri Poincaré, ...



- *Karl Pearson.*
- Mathematical statistics, biometrics, meteorology, theories of social Darwinism and eugenics.
- 1857 – 1936
- Contributions:
 - PCA, chi-squared test
 - ~ 100 publication first authors
 - Writings about physical science

The grammar of science

- Relativity of motion to a **frame of reference** (fixed stars)
- **Equivalence of "matter" and energy**
- ***Physics as geometry***
- the non-existence of the ether
- *the importance of creative imagination rather than mere fact-gathering*
- fourth dimension

The grammar of science

- First published 1892
- Ideas comes from his 10 years teaching
- Author is an idealist (唯心主义)
 - ...science is in reality a classification and analysis of the contents of the mind...

Sense-impression

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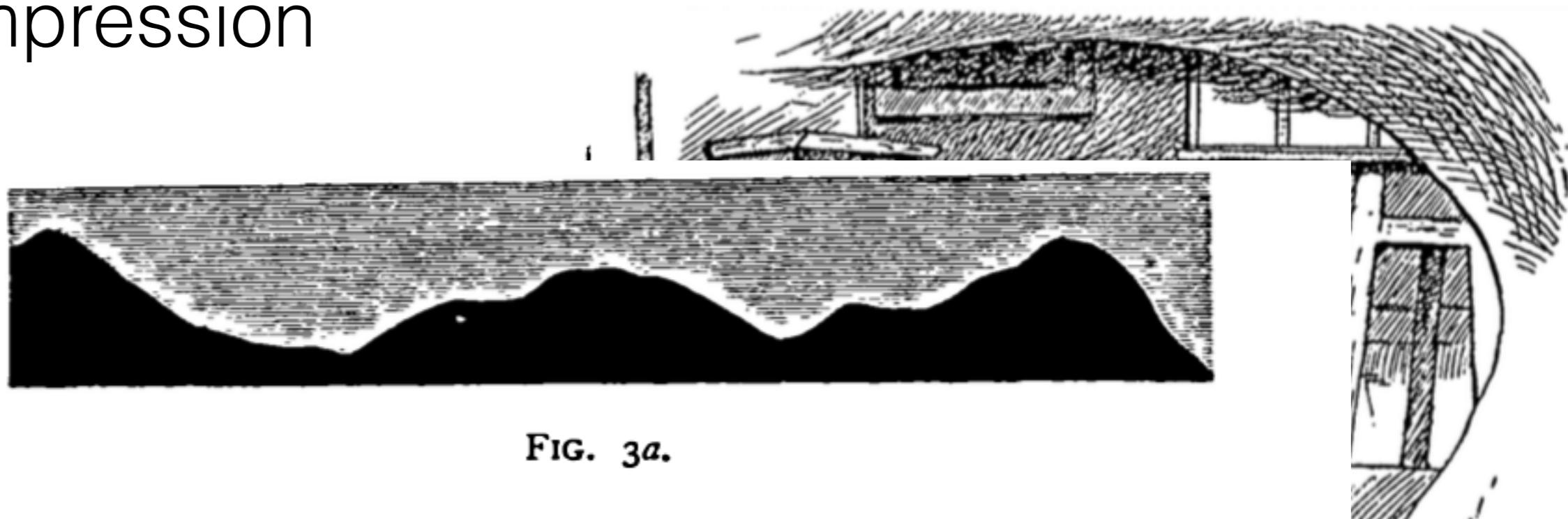


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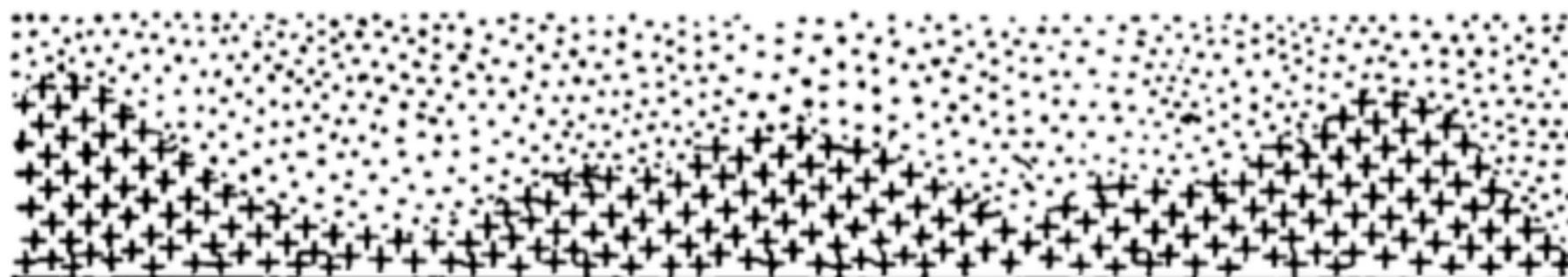


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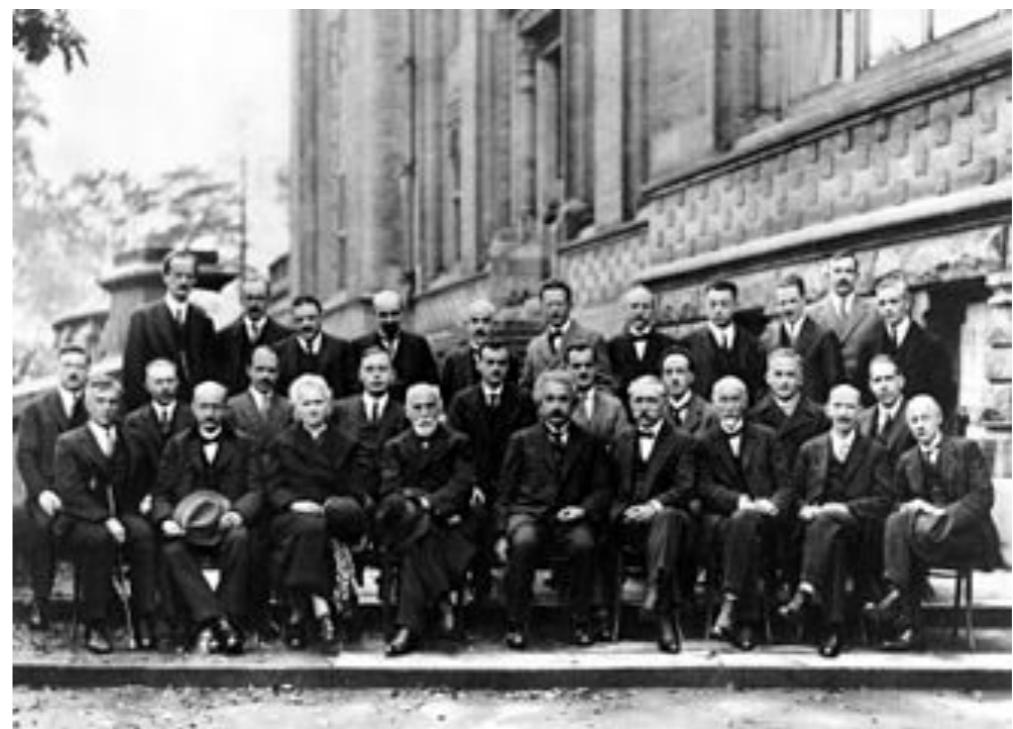
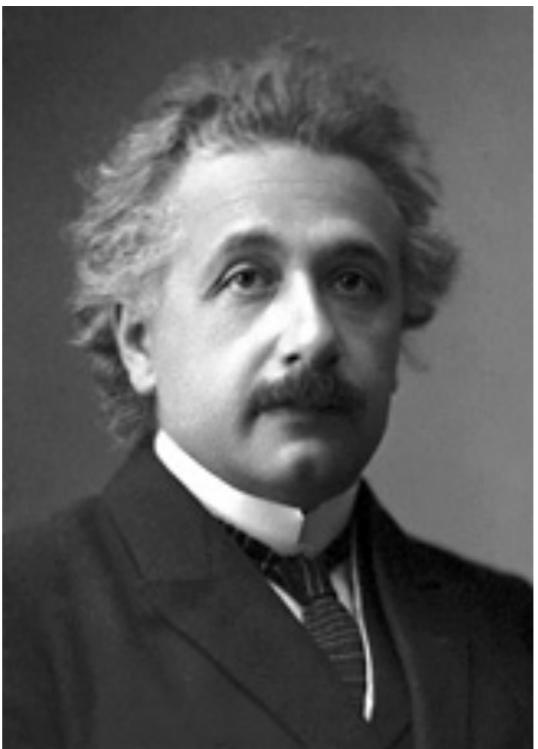
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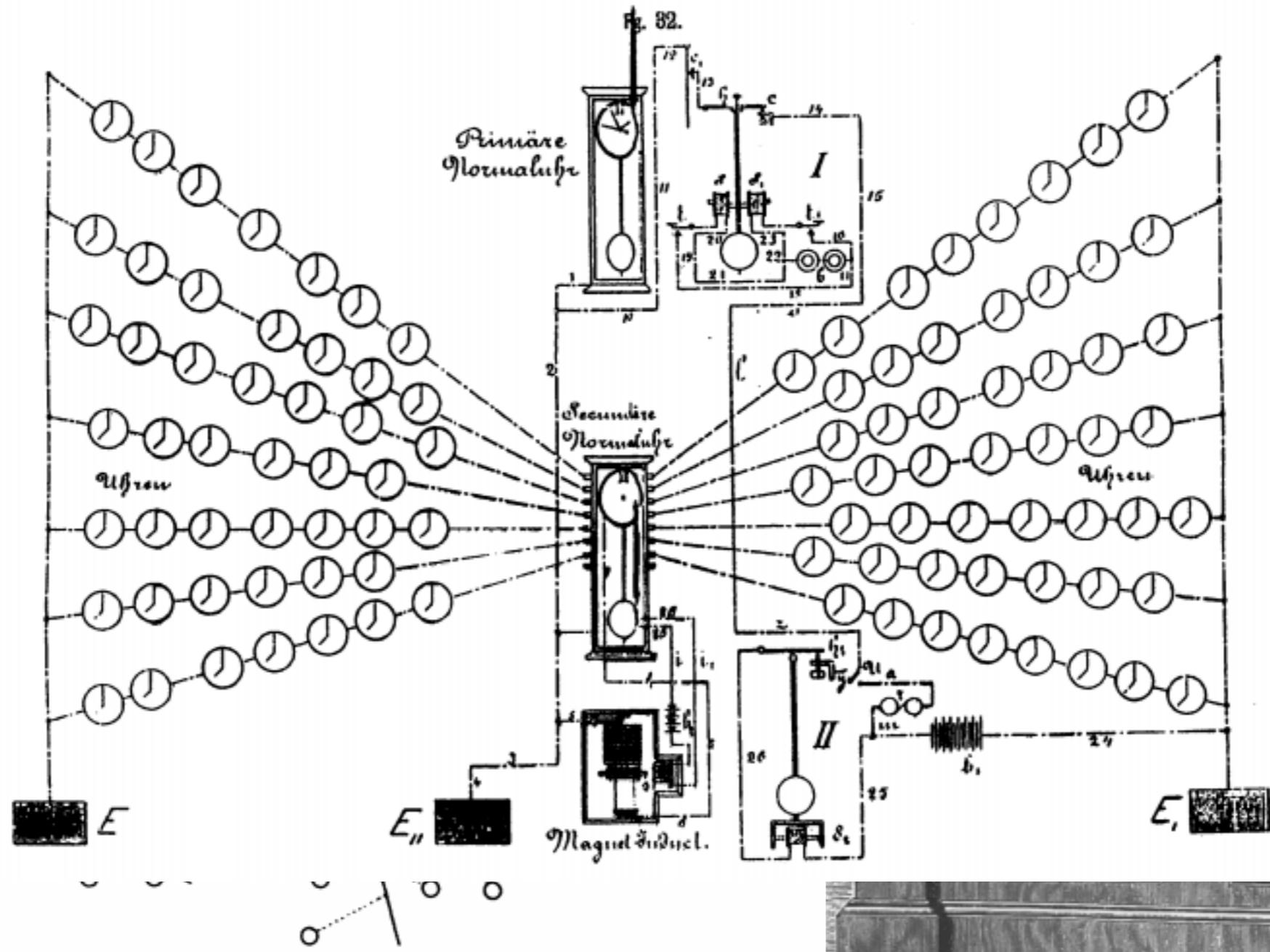
Matter is a primary conception of human mind (Pearson)

*... Matter only as that which may have energy
communicated to it from other matter ..*

*Energy, we know only as that which in all natural
phenomena is continually passing from one portion of
matter to another*

*... no hope, the only way to understand energy is through
matter*





Conclusions

- Genera relativity
 - Philosophy of Karl Pearson
 - Synchronising clocks (patent office)
 - Friends & Competitors

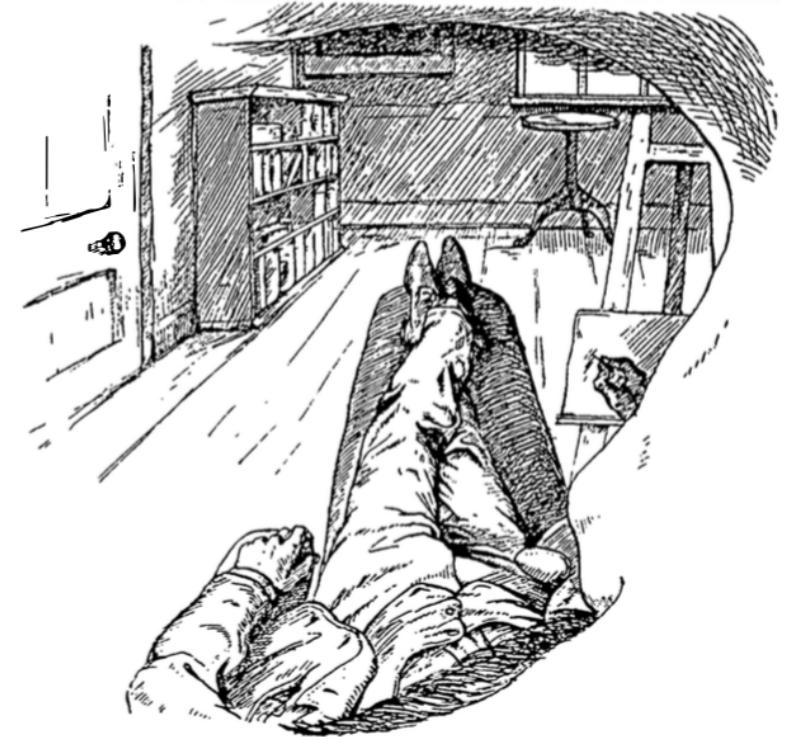
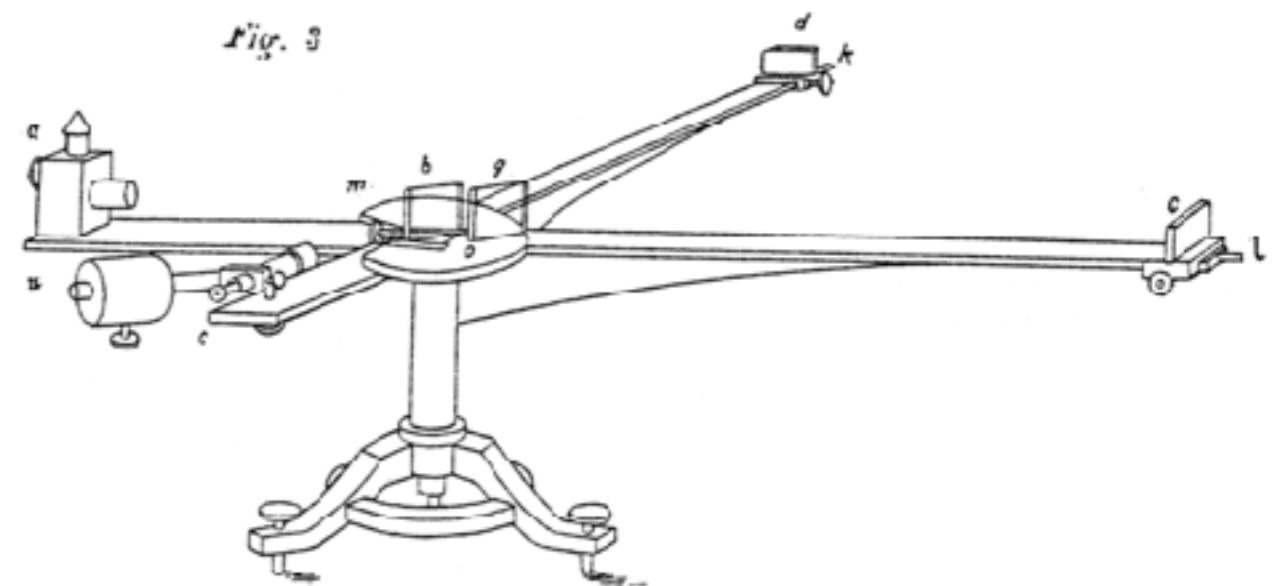
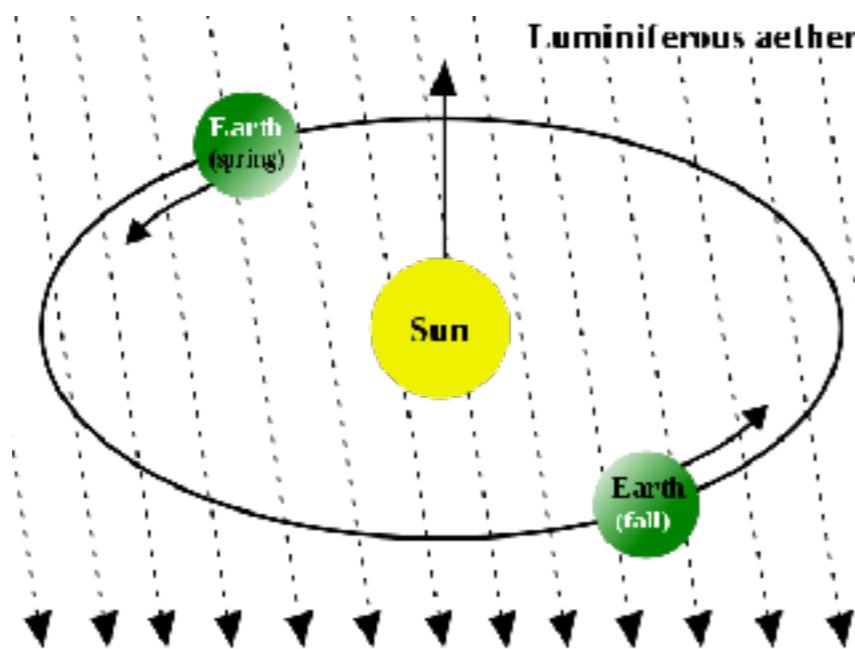
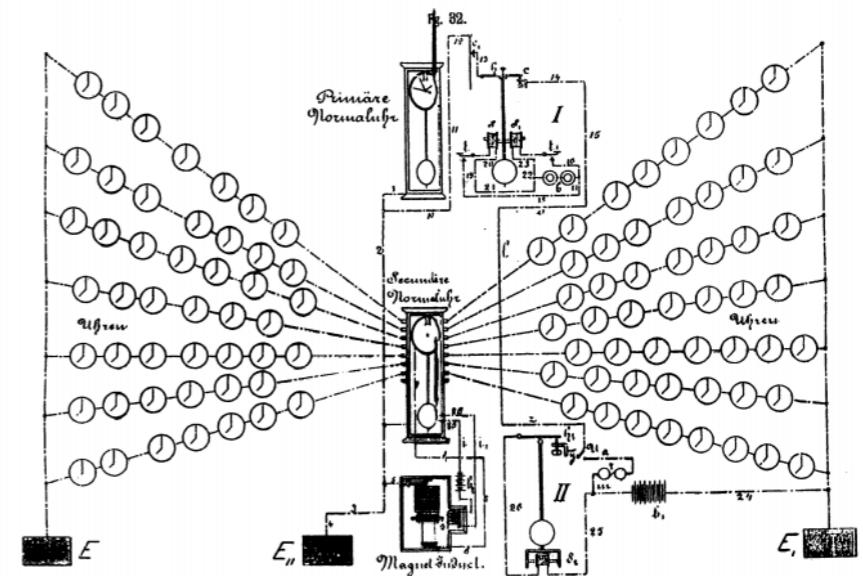


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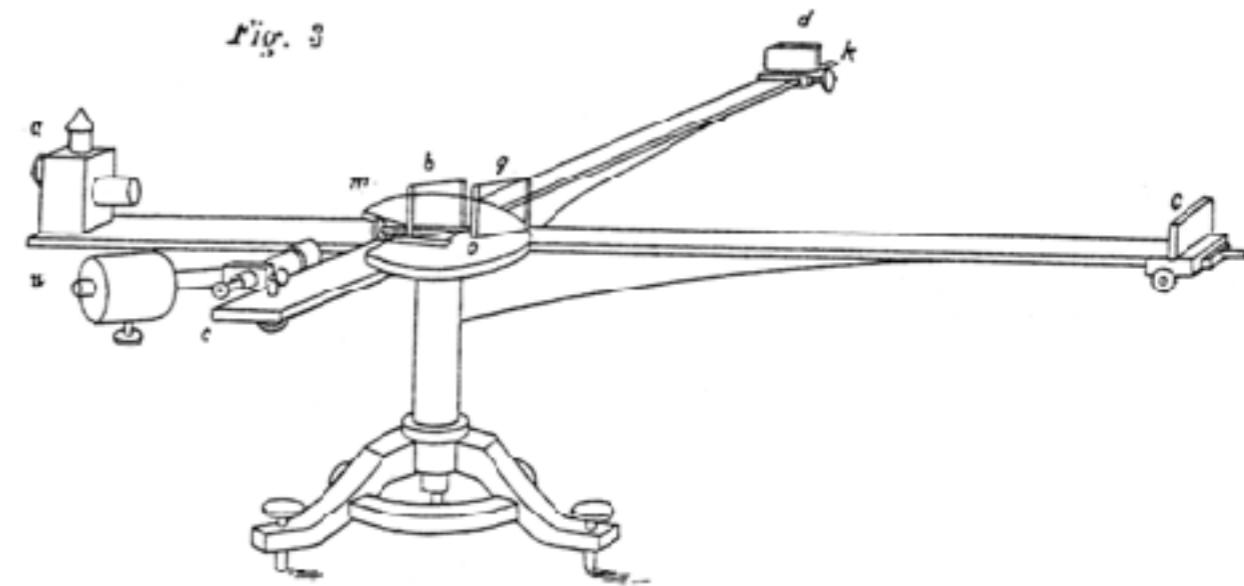
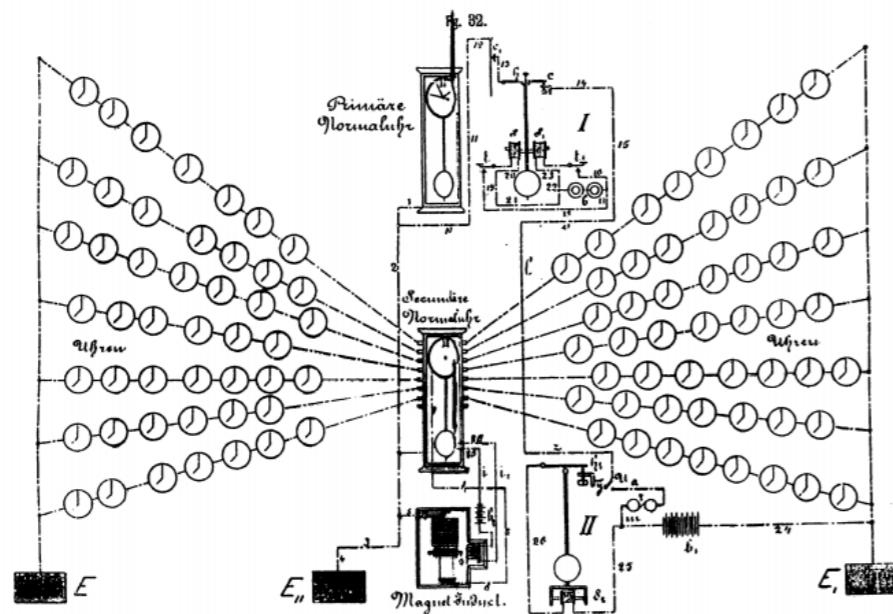
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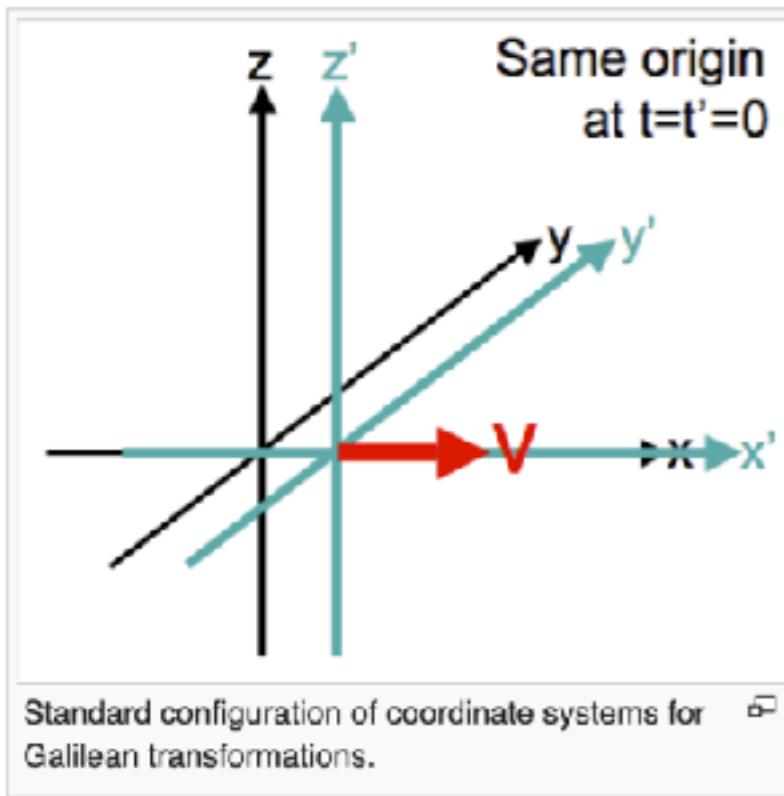
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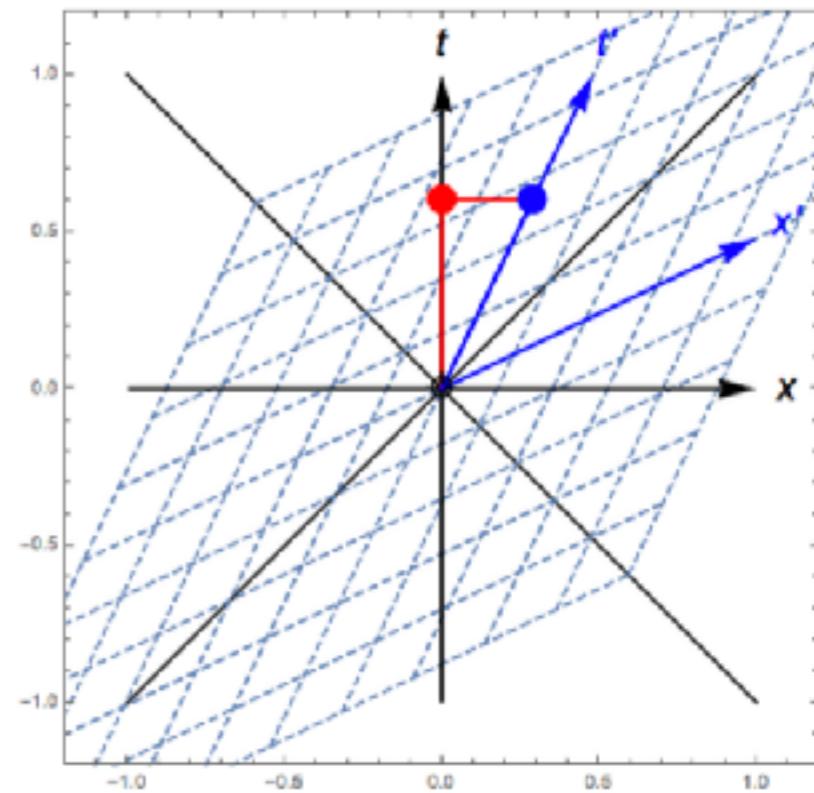
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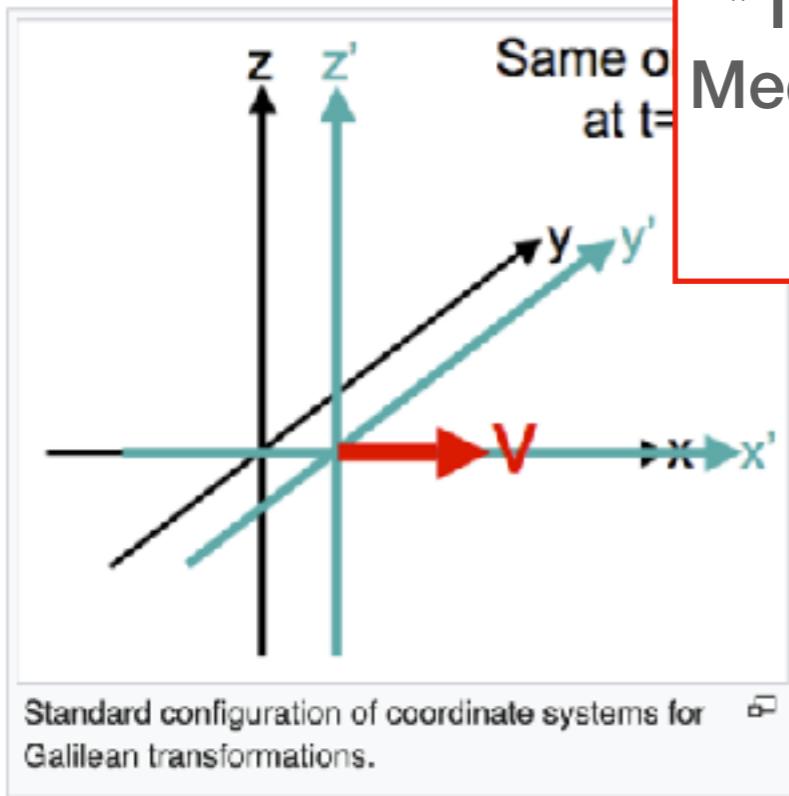
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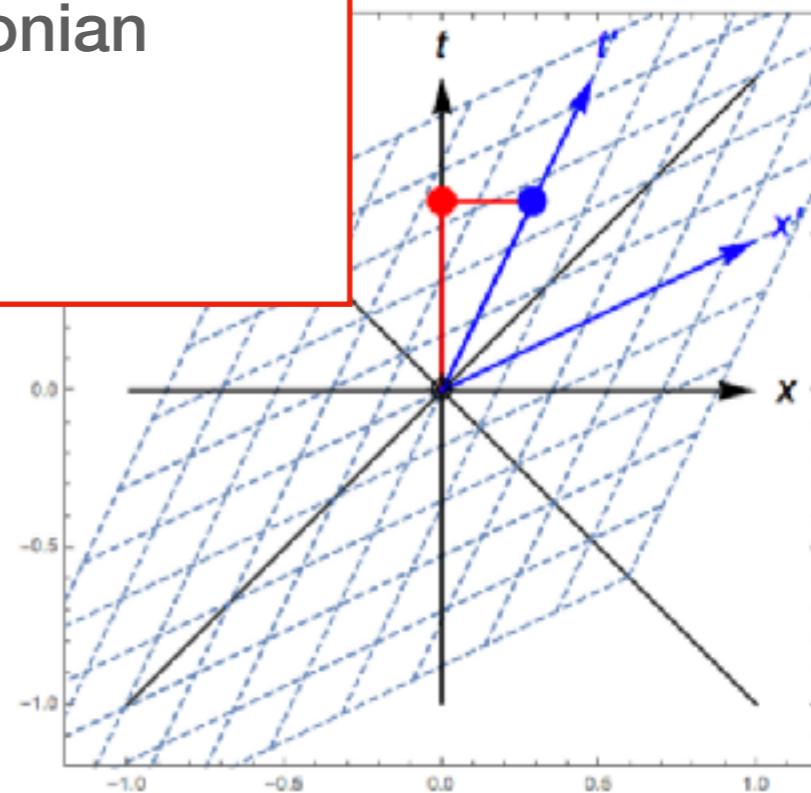


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Motivations:

- Speed of light is constant
 - * Experiments
 - * Predicted by Maxwell Eqs.
 - * Impossible in Newtonian Mechanism



Rotation

$$R_x(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ 0 & \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \quad R_y(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & 0 & \sin \theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin \theta & 0 & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \quad R_z(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Lorentz Transform – Rotation of Space-time

$$\begin{pmatrix} ct' \\ x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma & -\beta\gamma & 0 & 0 \\ -\beta\gamma & \gamma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} ct \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma ct - \gamma \beta x \\ \gamma x - \beta \gamma ct \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix}.$$

Minkowski Space-time

Hermann Minkowski



Born	22 June 1864 Aleksotas, Kovno Governorate, Russian Empire (now in Kaunas, Lithuania)
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Work on relativity [edit]

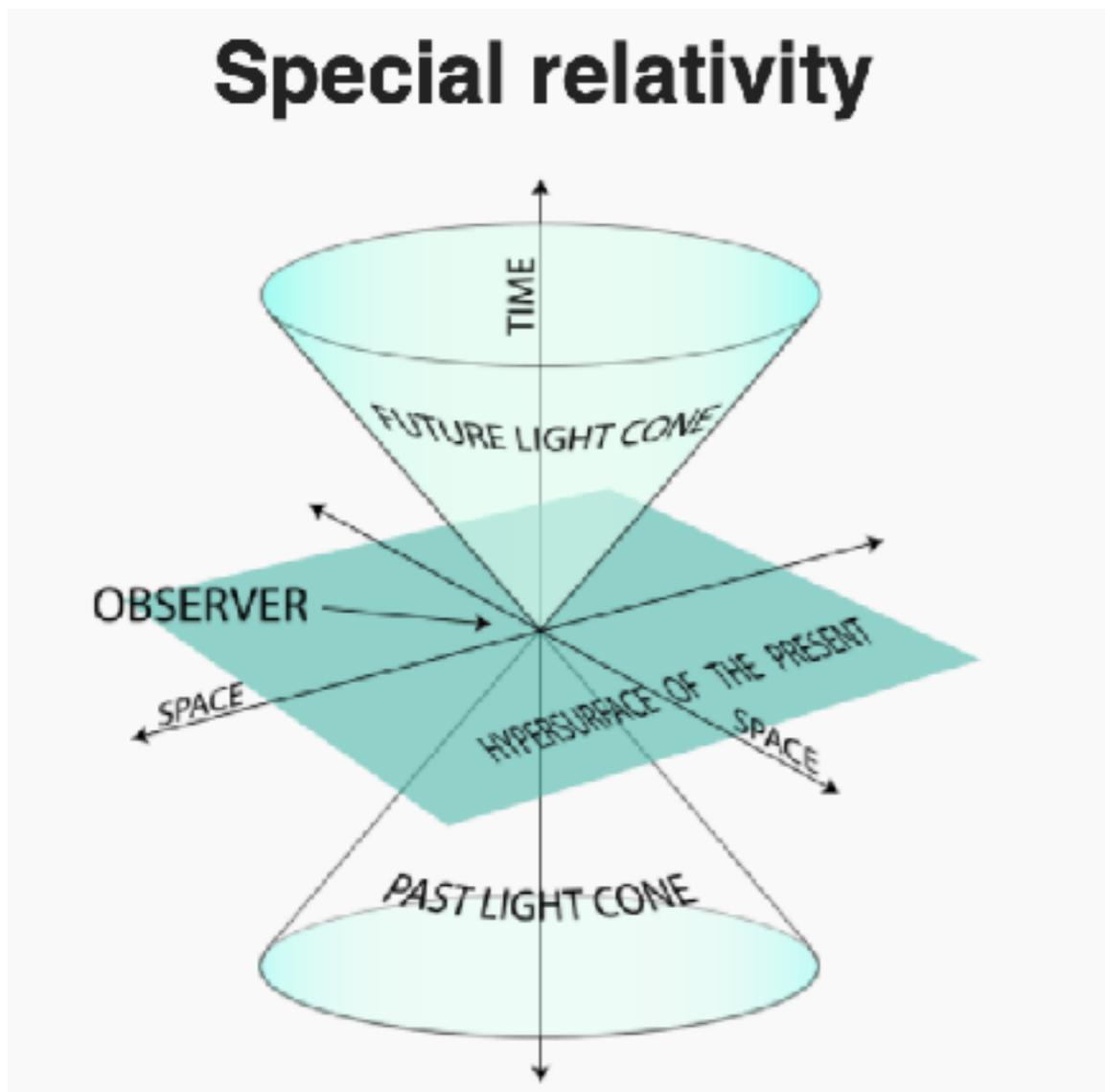
Further information: [Minkowski space](#) and [Minkowski diagram](#)

By 1908 Minkowski realized that the [special theory of relativity](#), introduced by his former student [Albert Einstein](#) in 1905 and based on the previous work of [Lorentz](#) and [Poincaré](#), could best be understood in a four-dimensional space, since known as the "[Minkowski spacetime](#)", in which [time](#) and [space](#) are not separated entities but intermingled in a four-dimensional [space-time](#), and in which the [Lorentz geometry](#) of special relativity can be effectively represented using the invariant interval $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - c^2 t^2$ (see [History of special relativity](#)).

The mathematical basis of Minkowski space can also be found in the [hyperboloid model](#) of hyperbolic space already known in the 19th century, because isometries (or motions) in hyperbolic space can be related to Lorentz transformations, which included contributions of [Wilhelm Killing](#) (1880, 1885), [Henri Poincaré](#) (1881), [Homersham Cox](#) (1881), [Alexander Macfarlane](#) (1894) and others (see [History of Lorentz transformations](#)).

Minkowski Space-time

Proper time (原时：测试粒子的时钟)

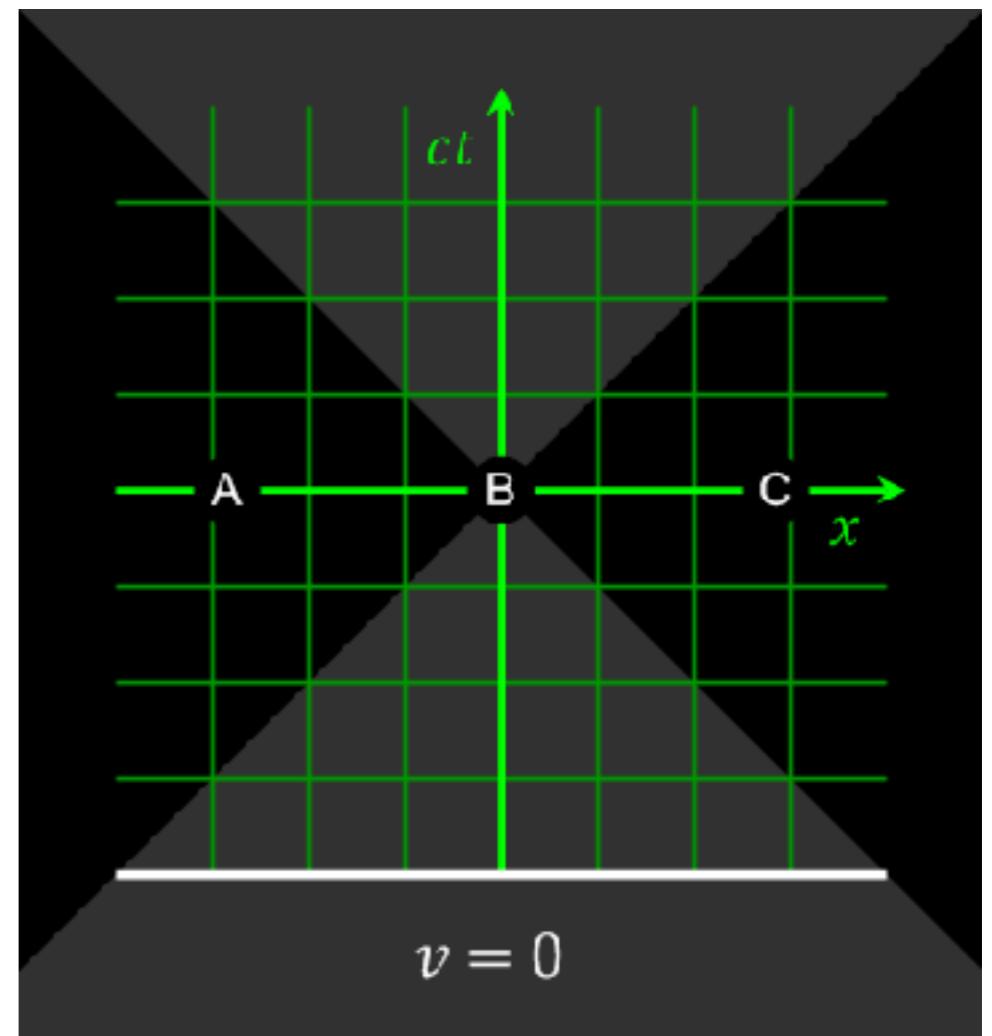
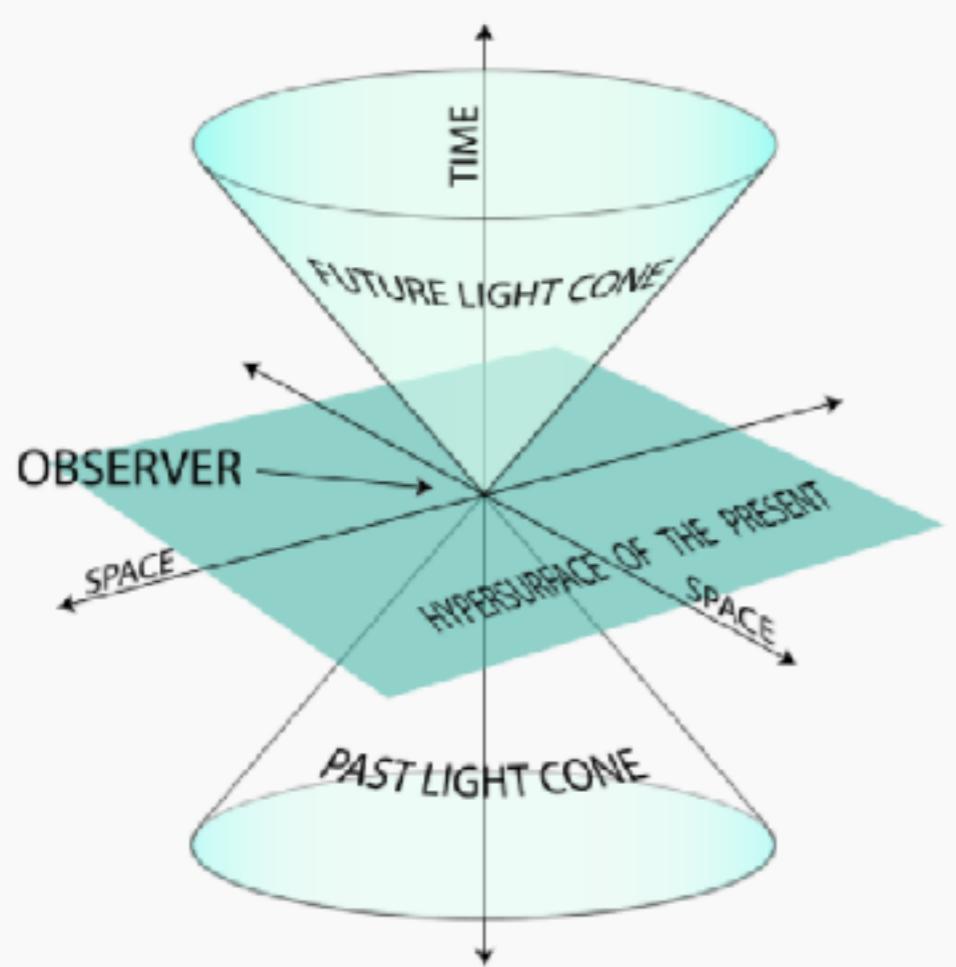


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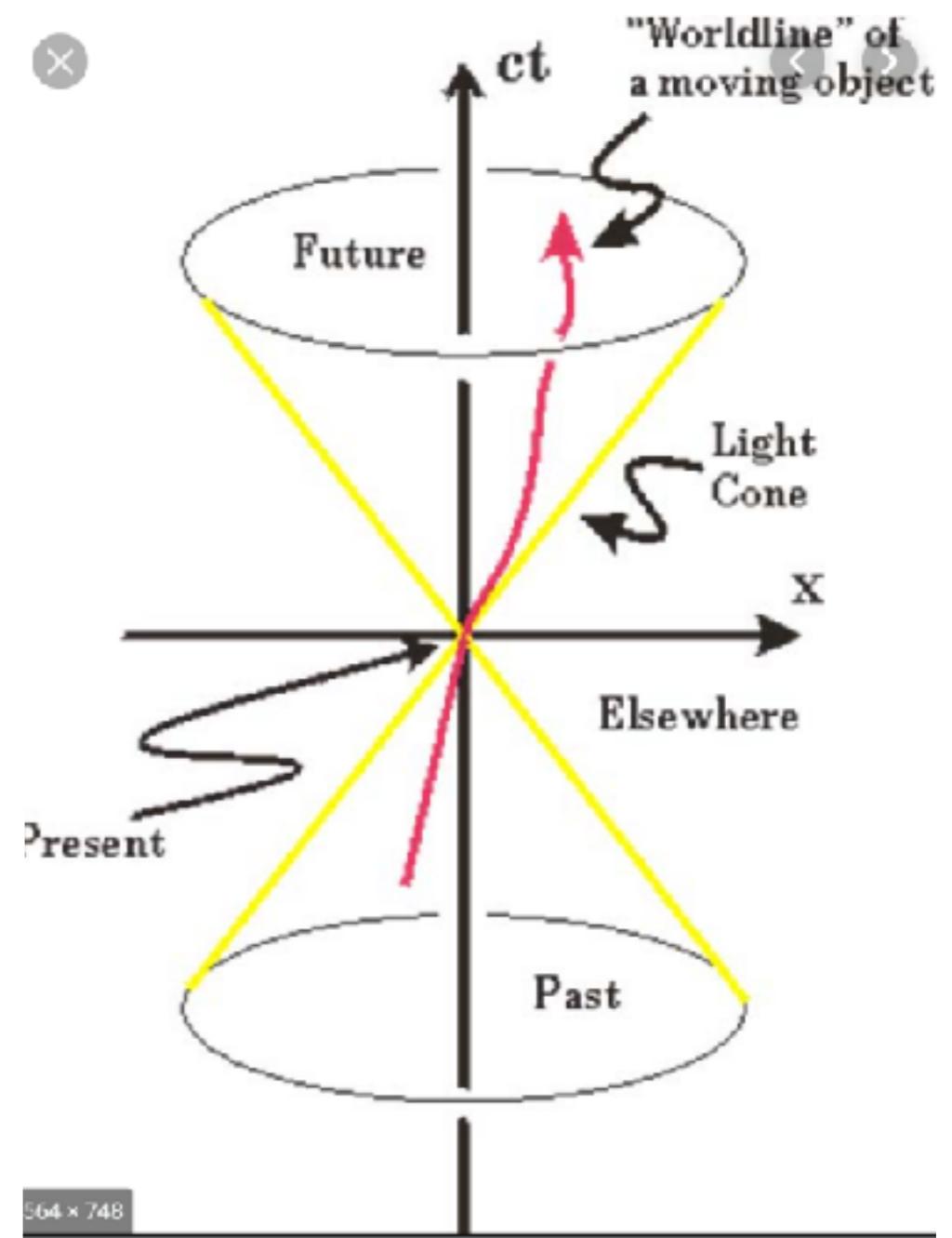


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Special relativity



$$\begin{aligned}
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 &= \int_P \sqrt{dt^2 - \frac{dx^2}{c^2} - \frac{dy^2}{c^2} - \frac{dz^2}{c^2}} \\
 &= \int \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{c^2} \left[\left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{dz}{dt} \right)^2 \right]} dt \\
 &= \int \sqrt{1 - \frac{v(t)^2}{c^2}} dt = \int \frac{dt}{\gamma(t)},
 \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$



Special Relativity

- Effect of special relativity

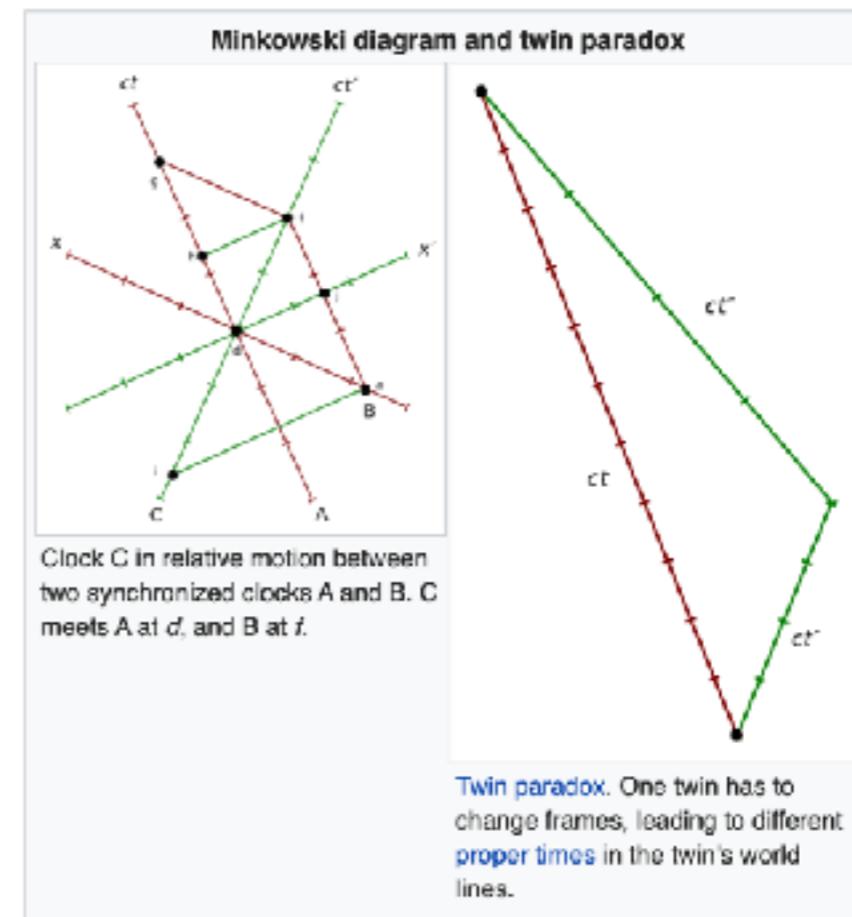
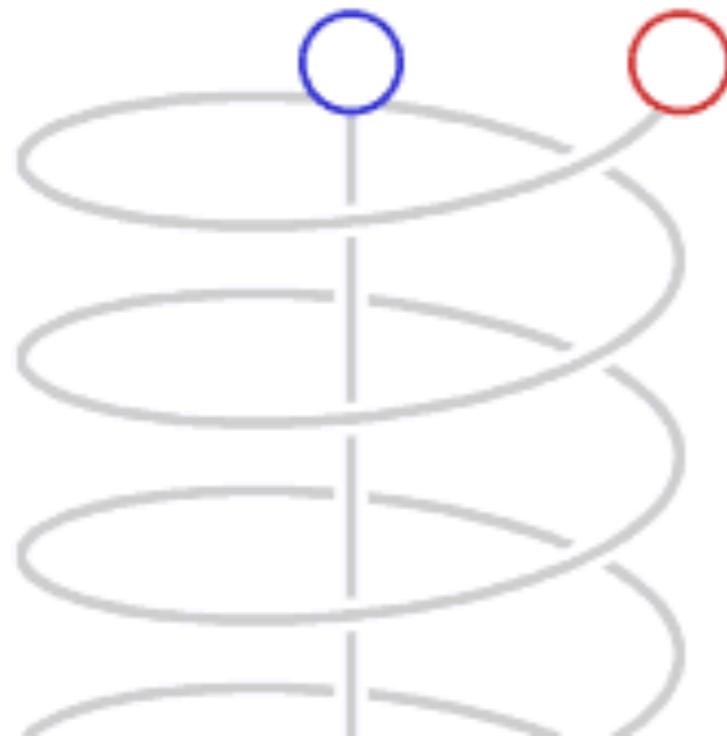
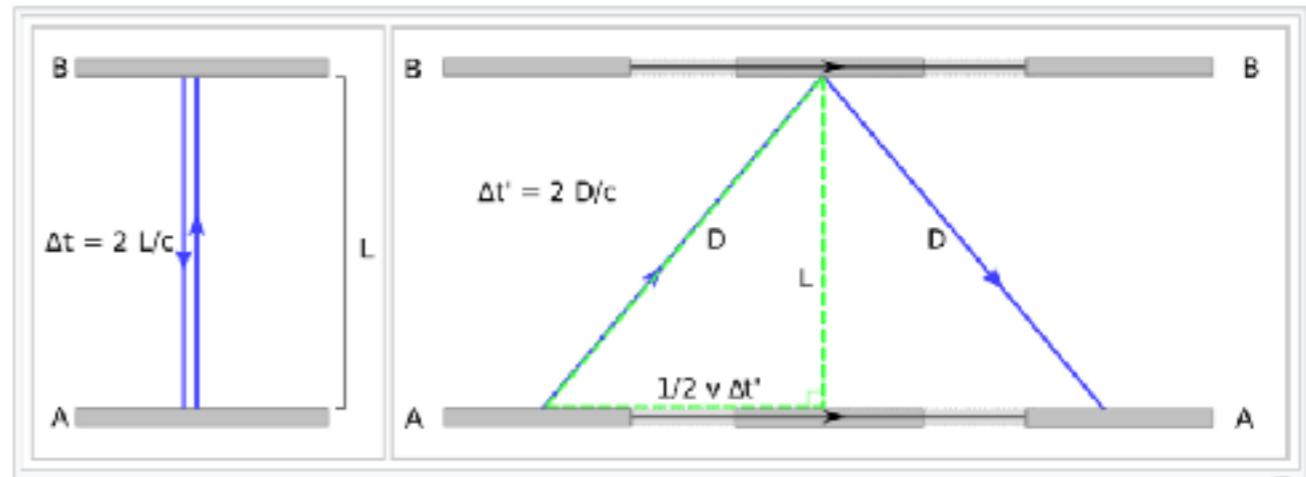
- **Time dilation**

$$\Delta t' = \gamma \Delta t = \frac{\Delta t}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$$

- Relativistic Beaming

Time dilation (时钟变慢)

$$\Delta t' = \frac{\Delta t}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}},$$



Experiment evidences

- Moving clocks
- Particle Decay
- Neutrino(中微子) oscillation and mass

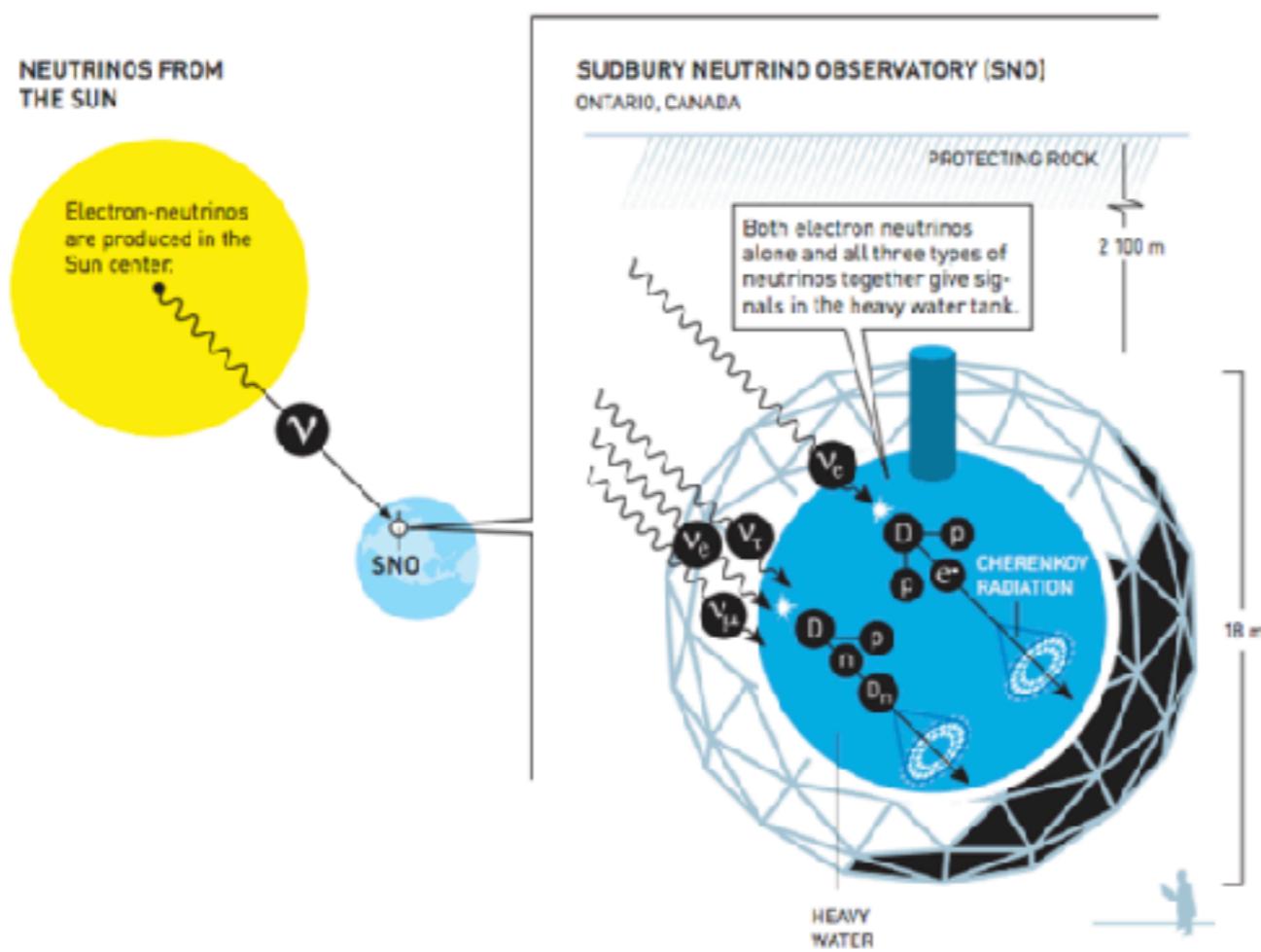
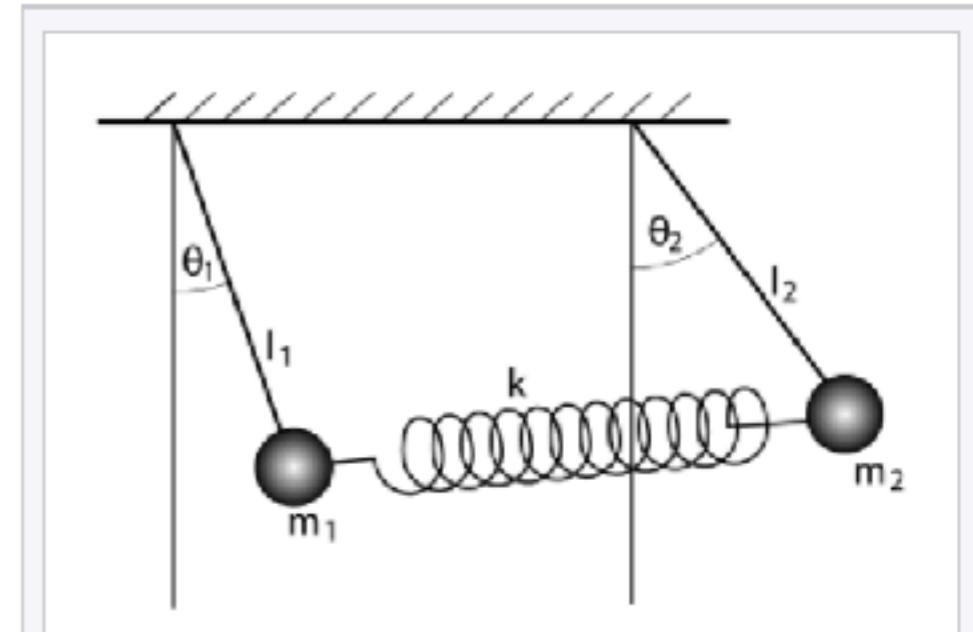
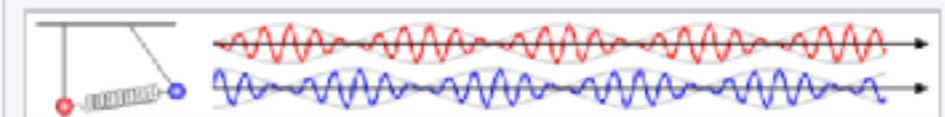


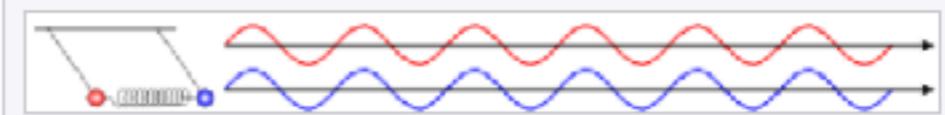
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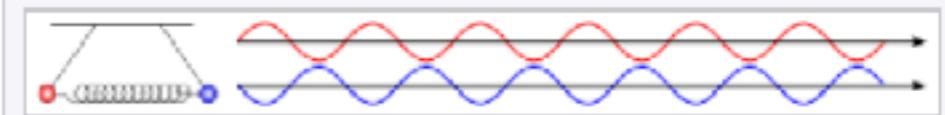
Spring-coupled pendulums



Time evolution of the pendulums



Lower frequency normal mode



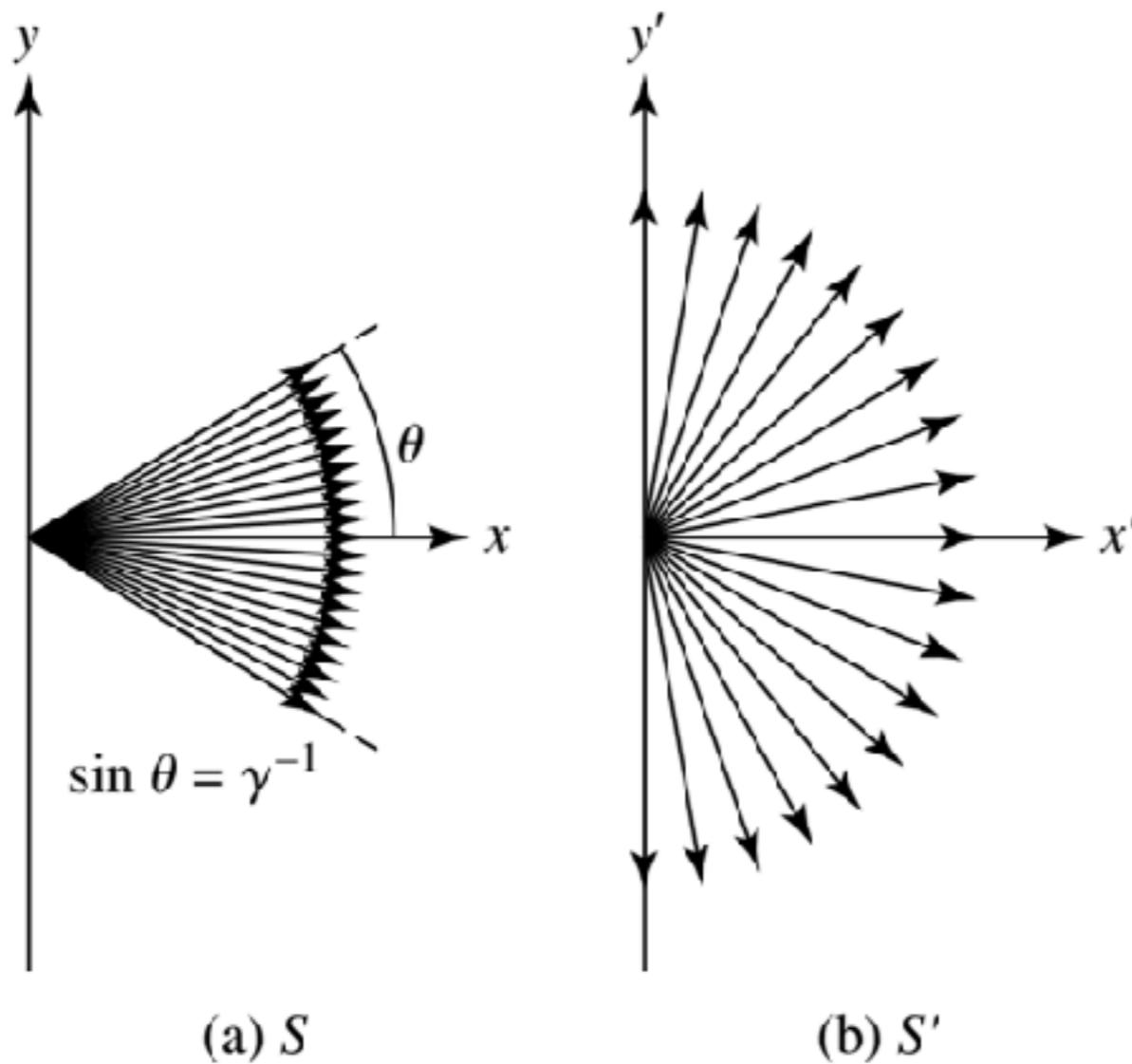
Higher frequency normal mode

Special Relativity

- Effect of special relativity
 - Time dilation
 - **Relativistic Beaming**

Relativistic Beaming

$$\sin \theta = \frac{v_y}{v} = \sqrt{1 - u^2/c^2} = \gamma^{-1},$$



relativistic beta

$$\beta = \frac{v_j}{c}$$

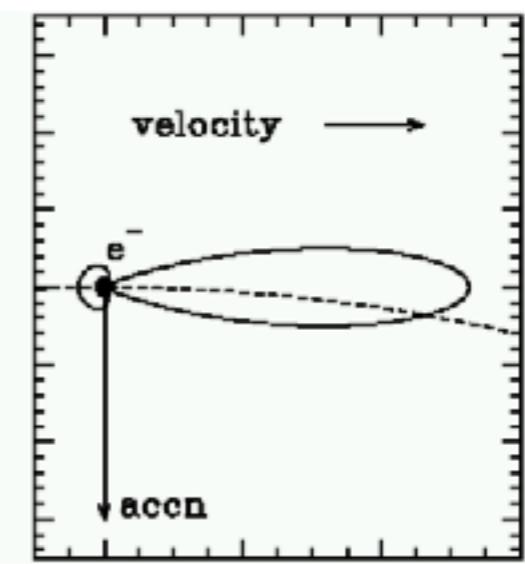
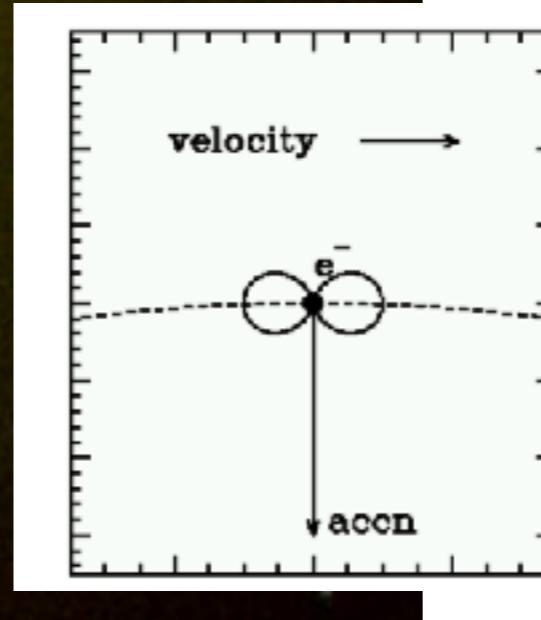
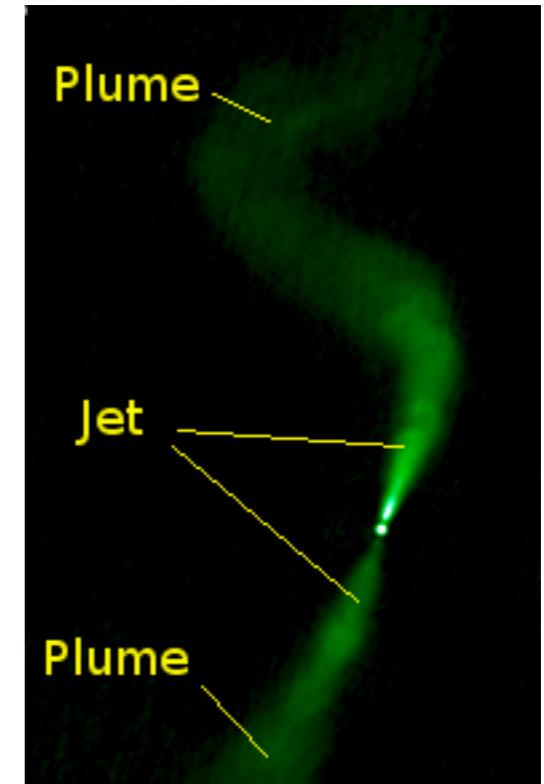
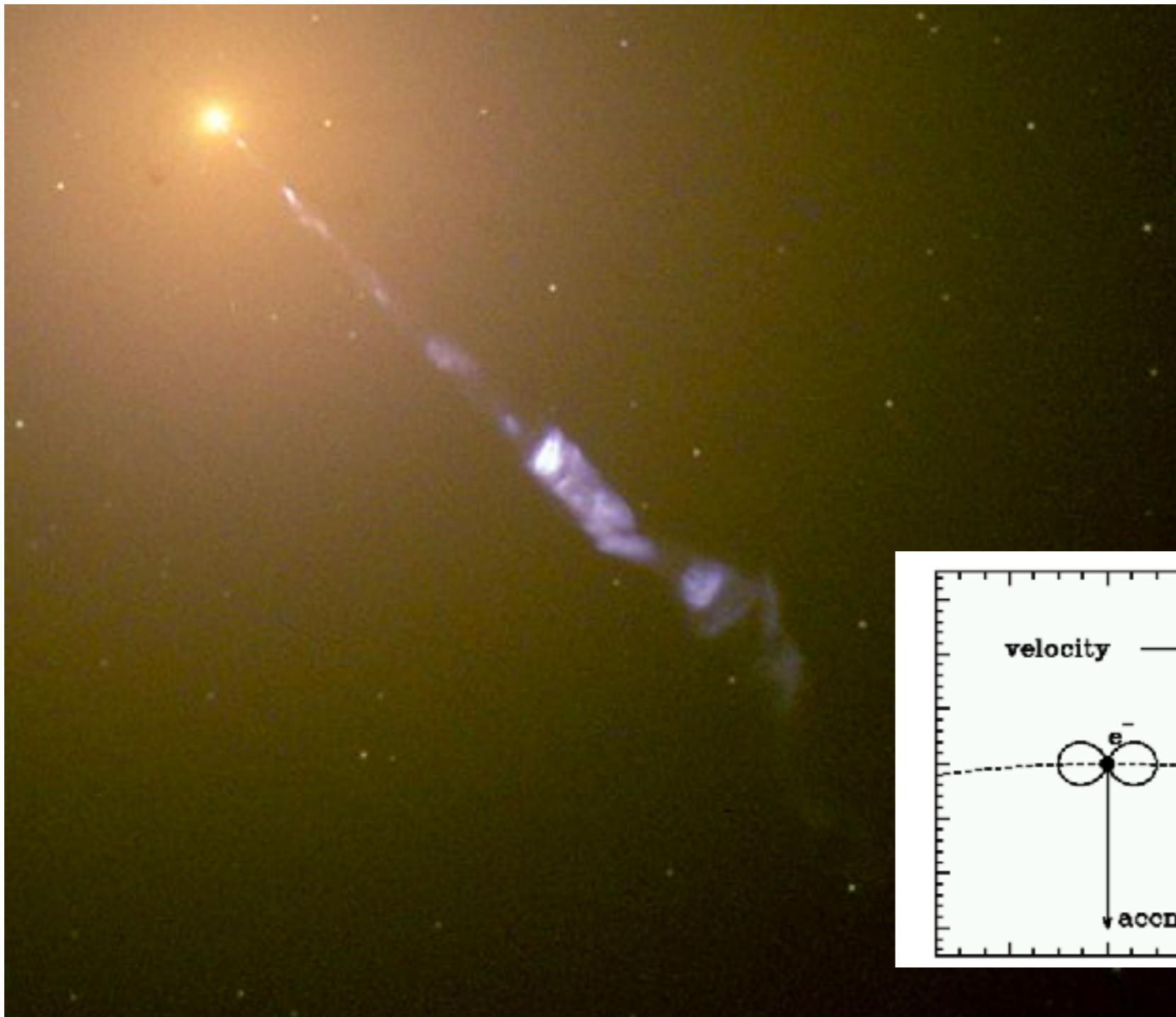
Lorentz factor

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}}$$

Doppler factor

$$D = \frac{1}{\gamma(1 - \beta \cos \theta)}$$

Relativistic Beaming



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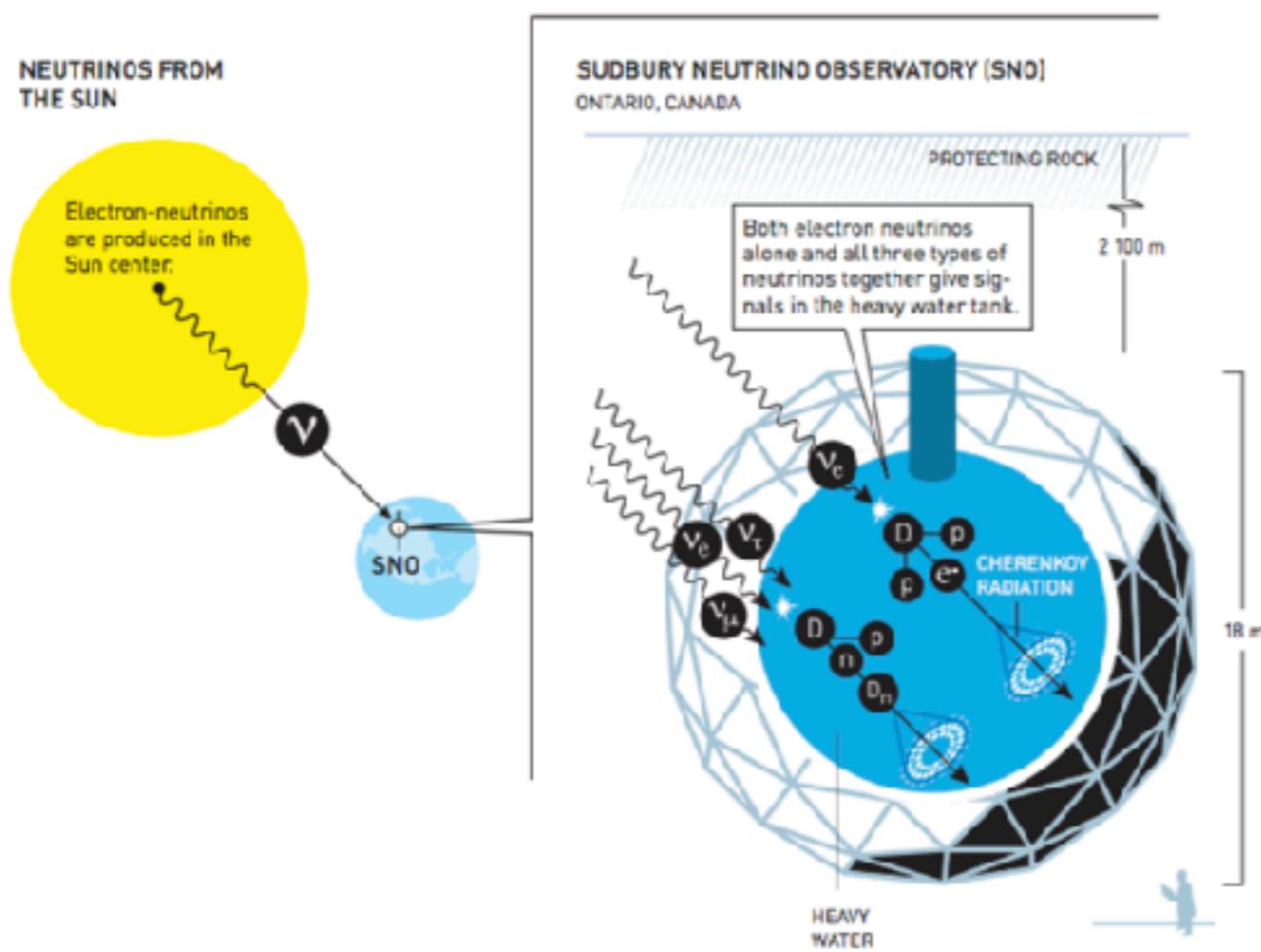
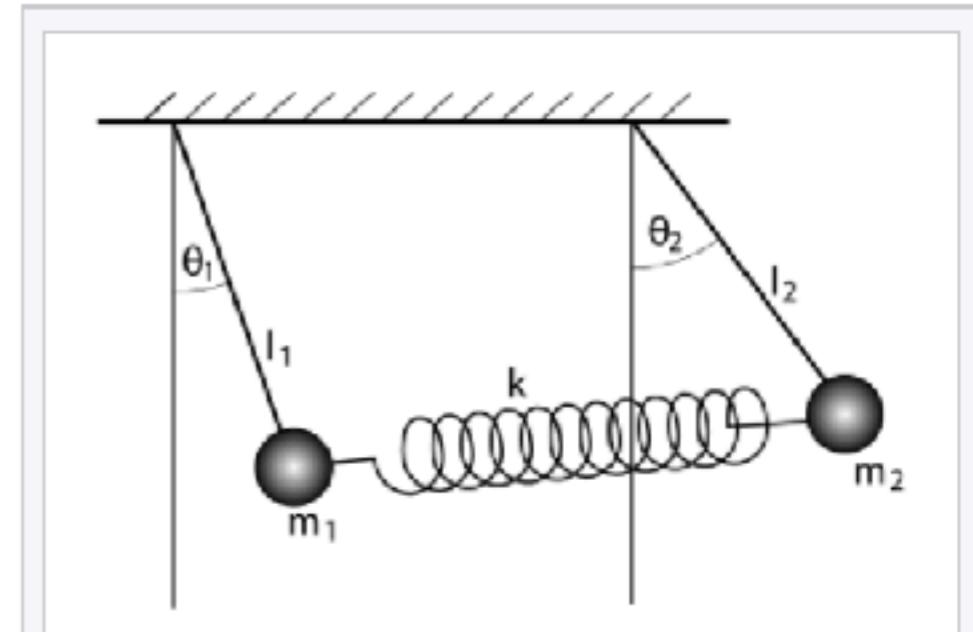
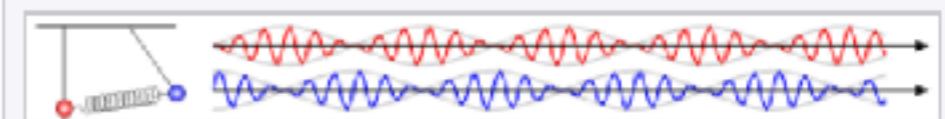


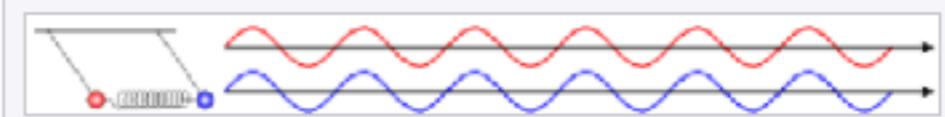
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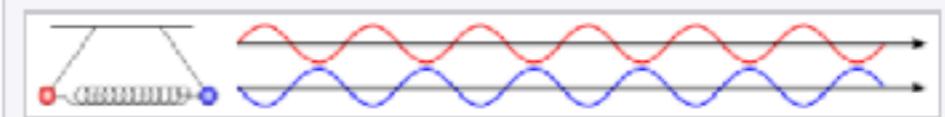
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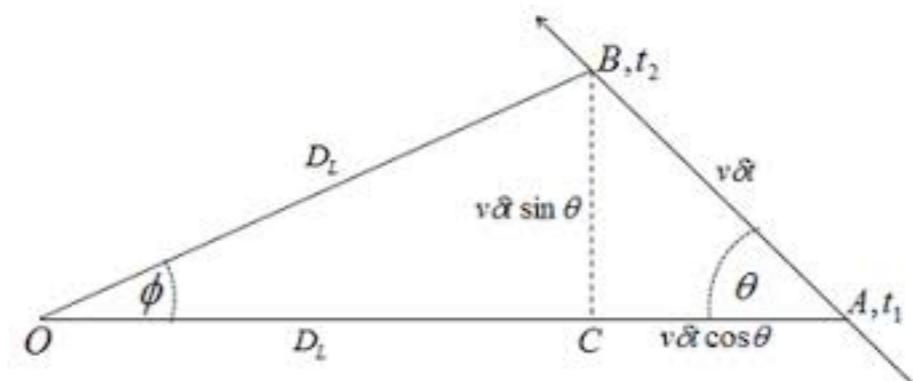
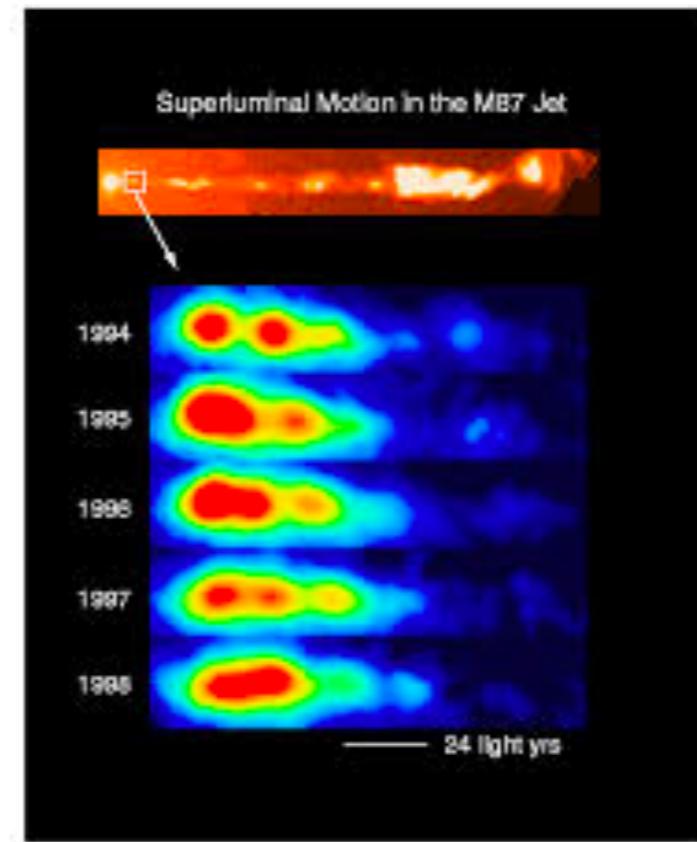
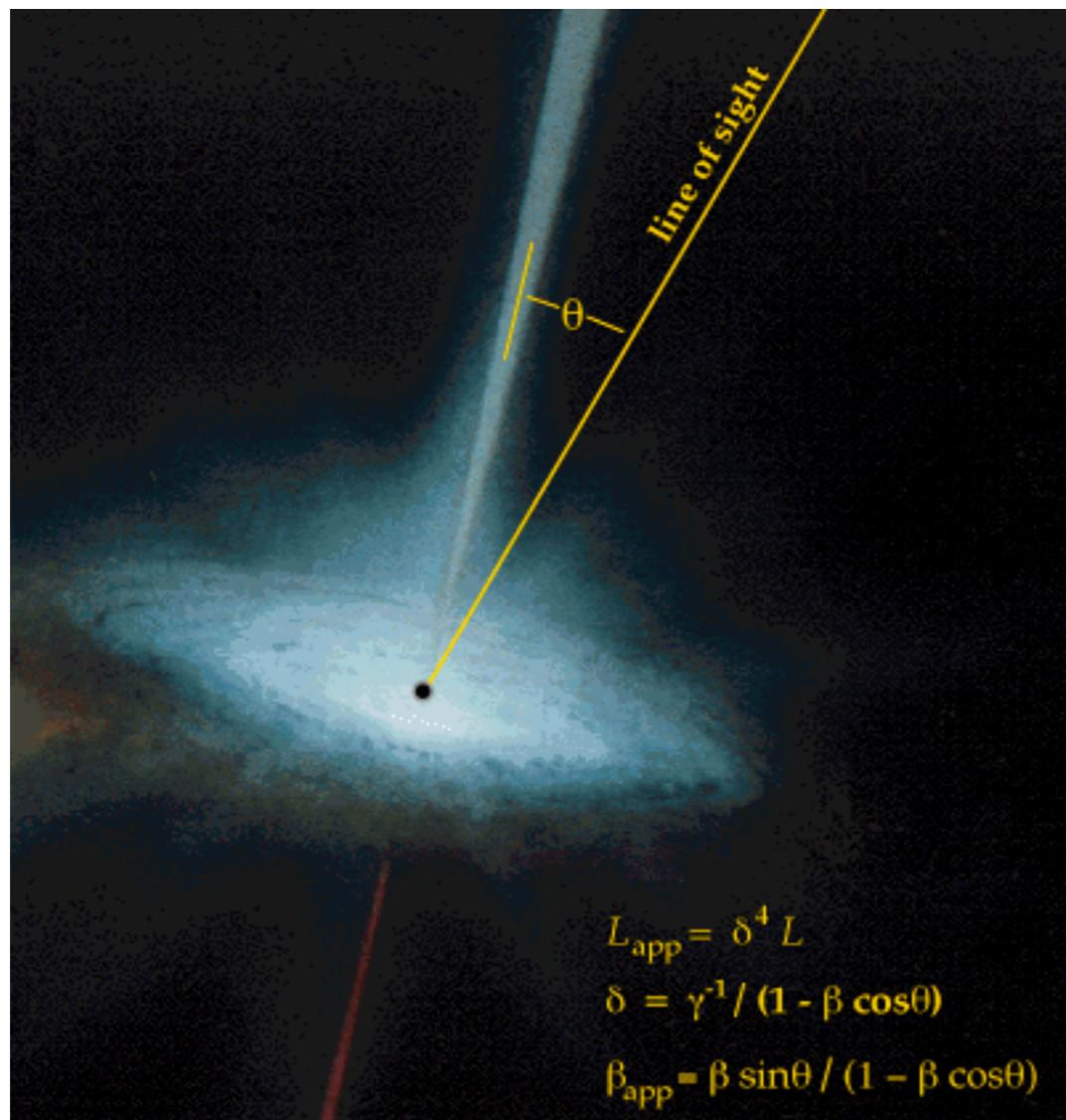


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Higher frequency normal mode

Superluminal Motion



Part 4.2 Differential Geometry & General relativity

注意：广义相对论不完整

- 没有讲的
 - 坐标系的建立和规范不变性。
 - 参考系的建立 (**Definition of reference frames in GR**)
 - 仿射联络 (Christoffel symbols and the metric)

General Relativity

What is gravity?

Before GR

From this postulate, he derived the time-dilation formula in a gravitational field

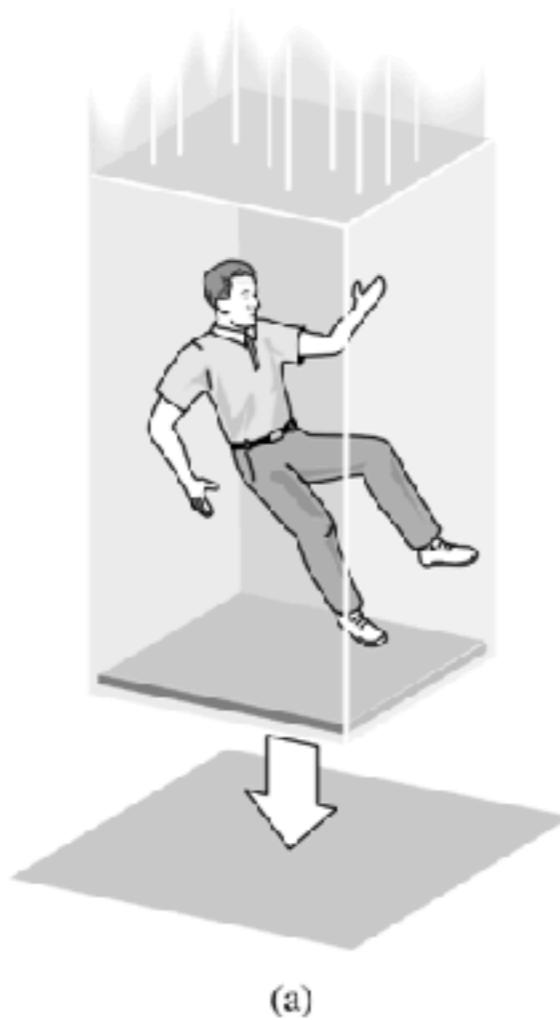
$$dt = d\tau \left(1 + \frac{\Phi}{c^2} \right), \quad (17.1)$$

where Φ is the gravitational potential, τ is the proper time and t is the time measured at zero potential. Then, applying Maxwell's equations to the propagation of light in a gravitational potential, he found that the equations are form-invariant provided the speed of light varies in the radial direction as

$$c(r) = c \left[1 + \frac{\Phi(r)}{c^2} \right], \quad (17.2)$$

Gravity changes light speed...

General relativity



(a)

(b)

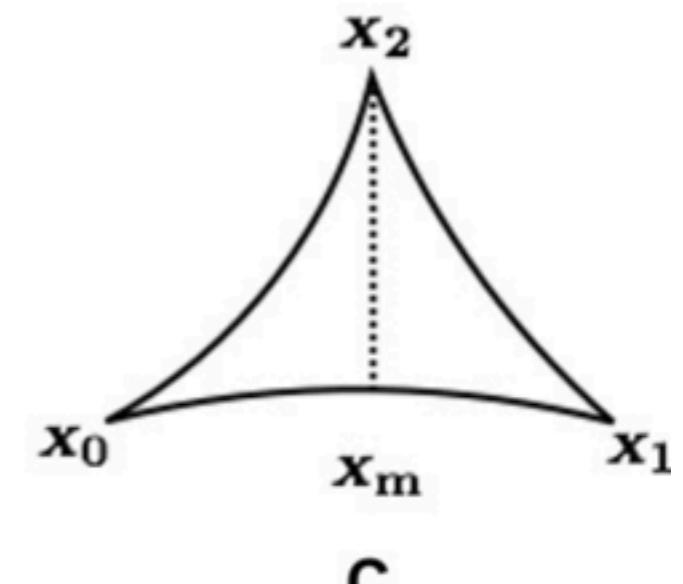
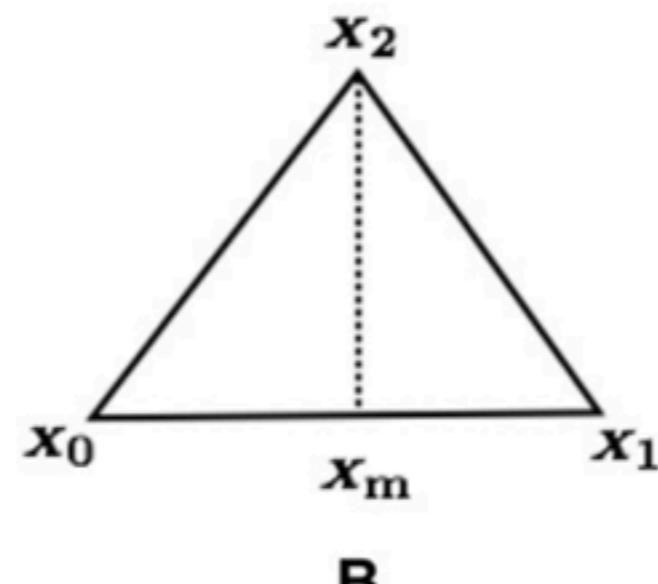
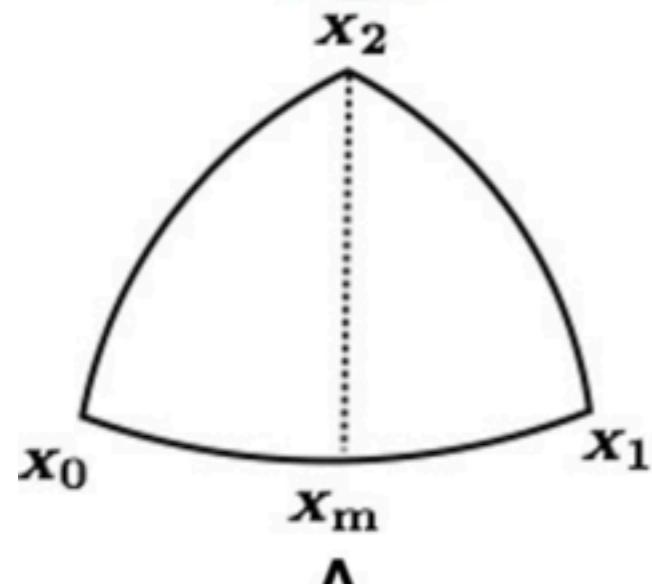
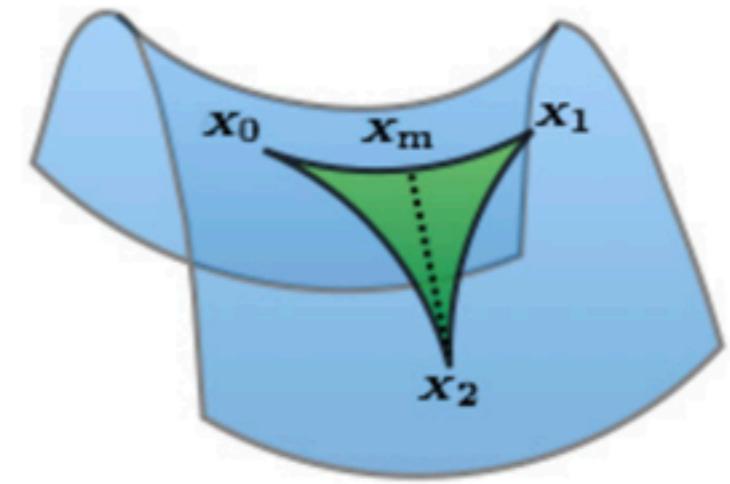
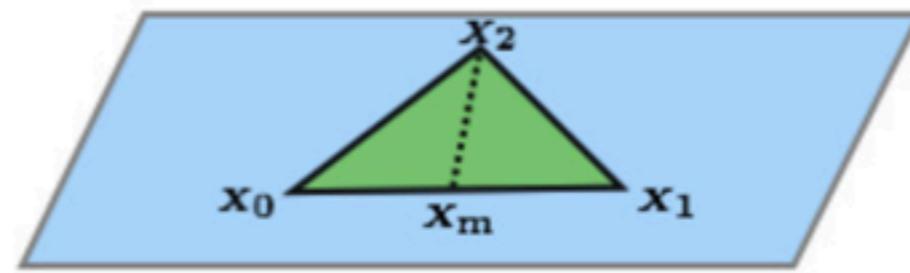
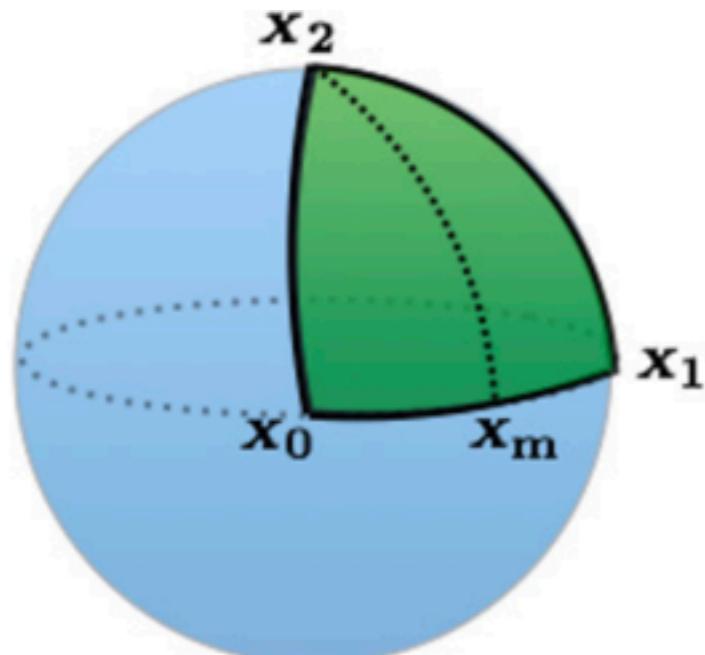


Albert Einstein at his lectern at the Federal Office for Intellectual Property in 1904.

In the same lecture, he remarks

I was sitting in a chair in the patent office in Bern when all of a sudden a thought occurred to me: 'If a person falls freely he will not feel his own weight.' I was startled. This simple thought made a deep impression upon me. It impelled me towards a theory of gravitation.

Differential Geometry (微分几何): theory about curved surfaces



Curvature (曲率)

Positive (+)

Flat

Negative (+-)

Hermann Minkowski



Minkowski Space-time

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Four velocity

$$dx^\mu = (dt, dx, dy, dz)$$

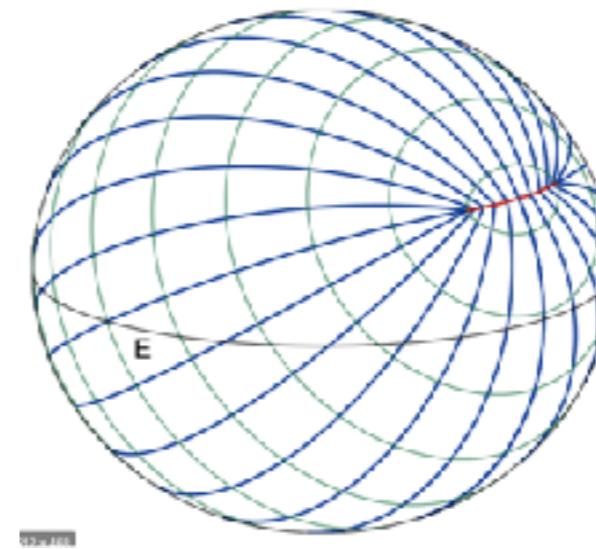
$$\eta = \pm \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

General relativity: statements

- Spacetime is curved
- Particle movements follows geodesics (测地线, 短程线)

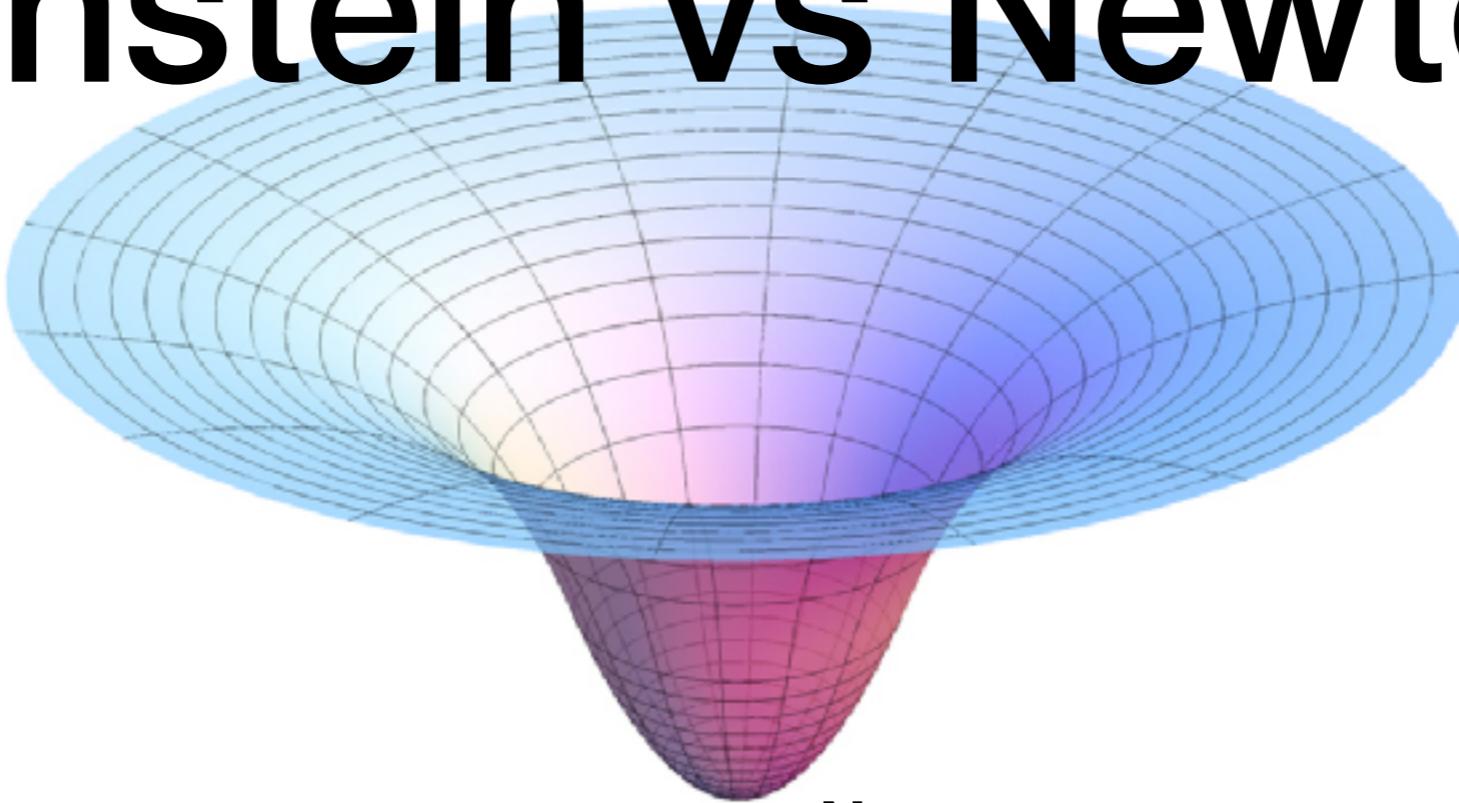
$$\frac{d^2 x^\mu}{ds^2} + \Gamma^\mu{}_{\alpha\beta} \frac{dx^\alpha}{ds} \frac{dx^\beta}{ds} = 0$$

Photons: $ds^2 = 0$



- The geometry of spacetime is determined by the Field Equation

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

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

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

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

3.1 The metric tensor

Consider the representation of two vectors \vec{A} and \vec{B} on the basis $\{\vec{e}_\alpha\}$ of some frame \mathcal{O} :

$$\vec{A} = A^\alpha \vec{e}_\alpha, \quad \vec{B} = B^\beta \vec{e}_\beta.$$

Their scalar product is

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = (A^\alpha \vec{e}_\alpha) \cdot (B^\beta \vec{e}_\beta).$$

(Note the importance of using *different* indices α and β to distinguish the first summation from the second.) Following Exer. 34, § 2.9, we can rewrite this as

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = A^\alpha B^\beta (\vec{e}_\alpha \cdot \vec{e}_\beta),$$

which, by Eq. (2.27), is

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = A^\alpha B^\beta \eta_{\alpha\beta}. \tag{3.1}$$

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

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

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

Einstein Field Equation

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

$R_{\mu\nu}$ is the *Ricci curvature tensor*

R is the *scalar curvature*

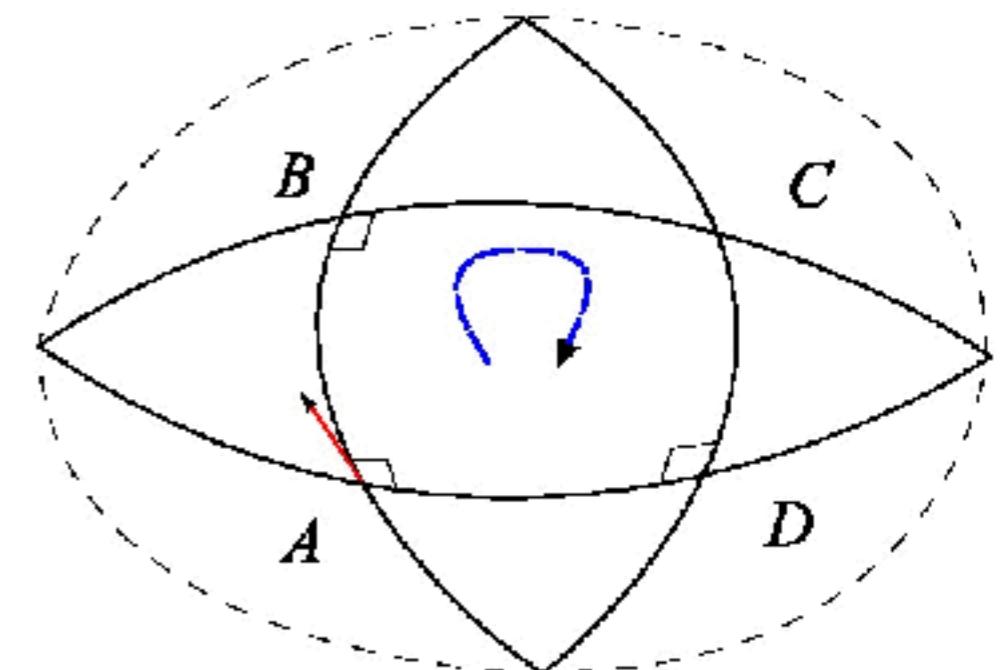
$g_{\mu\nu}$ is the *metric tensor*

Λ is the *cosmological constant*

$T_{\mu\nu}$ is the *stress-energy tensor*

Curvature of Spacetime ~ Matter

$R_{\mu\nu} (g_{\mu\nu})$



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Curvature of Spacetime \sim Matter

$c^{-2} \cdot (\text{energy density})$	T^{00}	$T^{01} \quad T^{02} \quad T^{03}$	momentum density
	T^{10}	$T^{11} \quad T^{12} \quad T^{13}$	shear stress
	T^{20}	$T^{21} \quad T^{22} \quad T^{23}$	pressure
	T^{30}	$T^{31} \quad T^{32} \quad T^{33}$	
			momentum density
			momentum flux

Derivation

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

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~~Λ is the cosmological constant~~

$T_{\mu\nu}$ is the stress-energy tensor

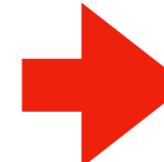
Curvature of Spacetime \sim Matter



$$G^{\alpha\beta} \equiv R^{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2}g^{\alpha\beta}R$$

$$G^{\alpha\beta}_{;\beta} = 0.$$

$$T^{\alpha\beta}_{;\beta} \equiv 0, \quad ?$$



$$G^{\alpha\beta} = 8\pi T^{\alpha\beta}$$

Einstein was not alone

"Outline of a Generalized Theory of Relativity and of a Theory of Gravitation"

Einstein: Physics

Grossman: Mathematics



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Marcel Grossmann (left) and Michele Besso (right), university friends made important contributions to general relativity.

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Michel Janssen & Jürgen Renn

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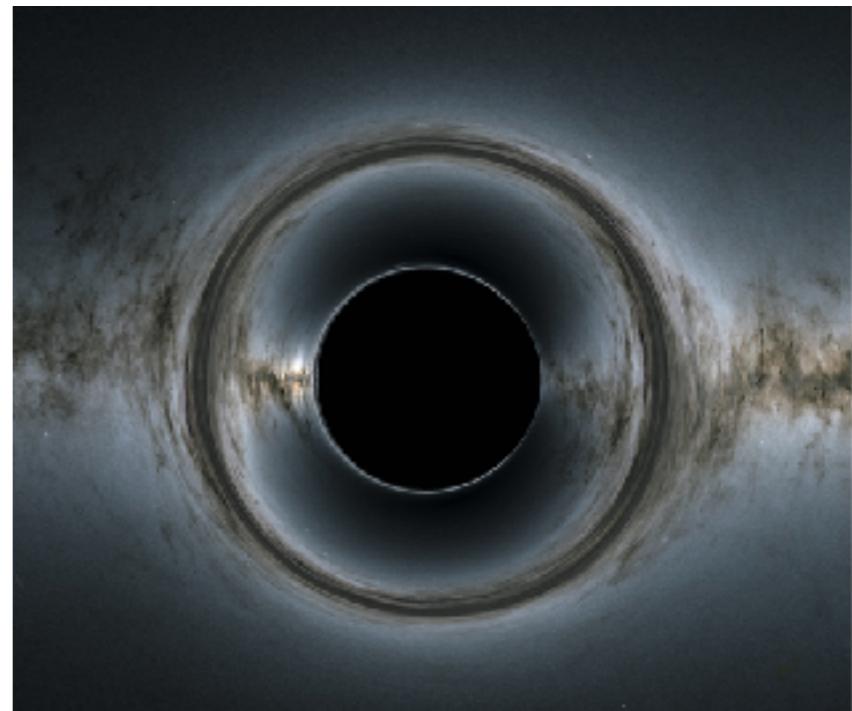
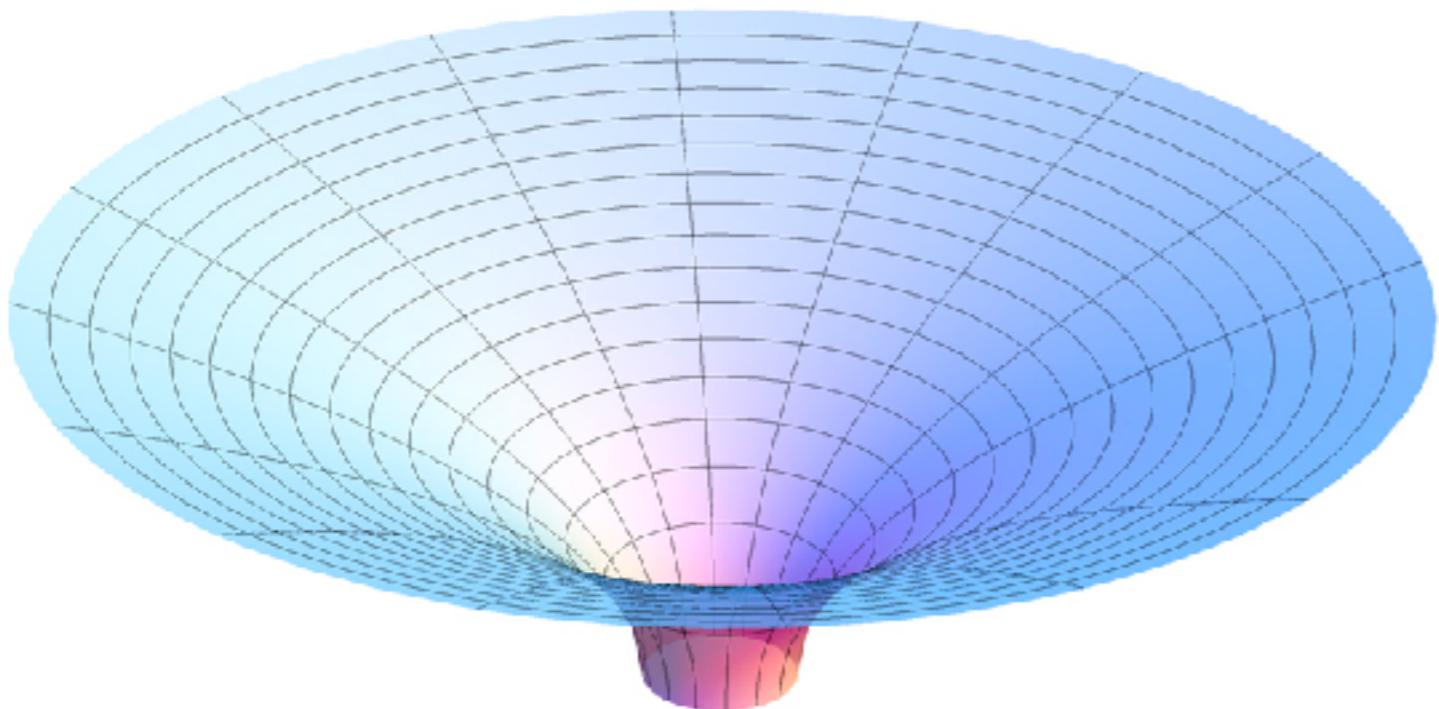
PHYSICS 210		GENERAL RELATIVITY		EINSTEIN SUMMATION	$dx'^a = \sum_{b=1}^n \frac{\partial x'^a}{\partial x^b} dx^b$	$dx'^a = \frac{\partial x'^a}{\partial x^b} dx^b$	REPEATED UP & DOWN INDEX → SUM OVER IT
JACOBIAN MATRIX	$[J] = \left[\frac{\partial x'^a}{\partial x^b} \right]$	$J' \cdot dx^i(\vec{x}') = \left \frac{\partial x'^a}{\partial x^b} \right $	$J = \left \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x'^b} \right = 1/J'$	DUMMY INDICES	$\frac{\partial x'^a}{\partial x^b} dx^b = \frac{\partial x'^a}{\partial x^c} dx^c$	CONTRA-HIGH CO - LOW	
KRONECKER DELTA	$\delta_a^b = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a=b \\ 0 & \text{if } a \neq b \end{cases}$	$\frac{\partial x'^a}{\partial x^b} = \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x^b} = \delta_a^b$	COTRAVARIANT RANK 1 TENSOR	$x'^a = \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x'^b} x^b$	COVARIANT RANK 1 TENSOR	$x_a = \frac{\partial x^b}{\partial x'^a} x_b$	
CONTRAVARIANT RANK 2 TENSOR	$x'^{ab} = \frac{\partial x'^a}{\partial x^c} \frac{\partial x'^b}{\partial x^d} x^{cd}$	COVARIANT RANK 2 TENSOR	$x'_{ab} = \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x'^b} \frac{\partial x^d}{\partial x'^b} x_{ad}$	MIXED TENSOR	$x'_{bc} = \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x'^b} \frac{\partial x^e}{\partial x'^c} x^{de}$		
SYMMETRIC RANK 2 TENSOR	$x_{ab} = x_{ba}$	ANTISYMMETRIC	$x_{ab} = -x_{ba}$	SYM. PART	$x_{ab} = \frac{1}{2}(x_{ab} + x_{ba})$	ANTI PART	$x_{ab} = \frac{1}{2}(x_{ab} - x_{ba})$
SYMMETRIC	$x_{(a_1 a_2 \dots a_r)} = \frac{1}{r!} (\text{sum over all permutations of the indices } a_1 \text{ to } a_r)$	ANTI	$x_{[a_1 a_2 \dots a_r]} = \frac{1}{r!} (\text{alternating sum over all permutations of the indices } a_1 \text{ to } a_r)$				
ANTI RANK 3	$x_{[abc]} = \frac{1}{3}(x_{abc} - x_{acb} + x_{bac} - x_{bca} + x_{cab} - x_{bac})$	$x_{acd} = \delta_a^b x_{bcd}$	$\delta_a^b = \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x^b} \frac{\partial x^c}{\partial x^b}$				
INDEX FREE CONTRA VECTOR FIELDS	$\partial_a = \frac{\partial}{\partial x^a}$	$X = X^a \partial_a$	$X_f = (X^a \partial_a)f = X^a (\partial_a f)$	$X^a \partial_a = X^a \partial_a$	COORDINATE INDEPENDENT		
COMMUTATOR LIE BRACKET	$[X, Y] = XY - YX$	MIXED PARTIALS	$L[X, Y] = Z$	$[X, Y]^a = Z^a = X^b \partial_b Y^a - Y^b \partial_b X^a$	$[X, Y]^a = 0$	$[X, Y] = [Y, X]$	
PARTIAL DERIV. OF A TENSOR	$\partial_b X^a = \frac{\partial X^a}{\partial x^b} = X^a_{;b}$	NOTA TENSOR	$\partial_a X'^a = \frac{\partial X'^a}{\partial x^b} \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x^c} \partial_a x^b + \frac{\partial^2 X'^a}{\partial x^b \partial x^c} \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x^c} x^b$	WIE DERIVATIVE			
$L_X Y^a = [X, Y]^a = X^b \partial_b Y^a - Y^b \partial_b X^a$	$L_X Y_a = X^b \partial_b Y_a + Y_b \partial_a X^b$	$L_X T_{abc}^{...} = X^c \partial_a T_{abc}^{...} - T_{b...} \partial_a X^a - \dots + T_{c...} \partial_a X^a - \dots$					
COVARIANT DERIVATIVE	$\nabla_c X^a = \partial_c X^a + \Gamma_{bc}^a X^b$	$\nabla_c X_a = \partial_a X_a - T_{ac}^b X_b$	$\nabla_c T_{b...}^{...} = \partial_c T_{b...}^{...} + \Gamma_{dc}^a T_{b...}^{da} + \dots - T_{bc}^d \partial_d X^a - \dots$				
AFFINE CONNECTION	$T_{bc}^{;a} = \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x^c} \frac{\partial x^b}{\partial x^d} T^{;d} - \frac{\partial x^d}{\partial x^b} \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x^c} T^{;d}$	$T_{bc}^{;a} = \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x^d} \frac{\partial x^c}{\partial x^b} \frac{\partial x^d}{\partial x^c} \Gamma_{ab}^d + \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x^d} \frac{\partial^2 x^d}{\partial x^b \partial x^c} \Gamma_{ab}^d$	$\nabla_a \phi = \partial_a \phi$				
TORSION TENSOR	$T_{bc}^a = \Gamma_{bc}^a - \Gamma_{cb}^a$	TORSION FREE $T_{bc}^a = 0$	$\Gamma_{bc}^a = \Gamma_{cb}^a$	AFFINE GEODESICS	$\nabla_X T_b^{...} = X^c \nabla_c T_b^{...}$	$\frac{D}{Du} T_b^a = \nabla_X T_b^a$	
$\frac{dx^a}{du} = X^a$	$\frac{D}{Du} \left(\frac{dx^a}{du} \right) = \lambda(u) \frac{dx^a}{du} \Leftrightarrow \nabla_X X^a = \lambda X^a$	$\frac{d^2 x^a}{du^2} + \Gamma_{bc}^a \frac{dx^b}{du} \frac{dx^c}{du} = \lambda \frac{dx^a}{du}$	GEODESIC EQUATION	$\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow u$ is an affine parameter			
RIEMANN TENSOR	$R_{bcd}^a = \partial_c \Gamma_{bd}^a - \partial_d \Gamma_{bc}^a + \Gamma_{bd}^a \Gamma_{ec}^a - \Gamma_{bc}^a \Gamma_{ed}^a$	$\nabla_{[c} \nabla_{d]} X^a = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla_c \nabla_d X^a - \nabla_d \nabla_c X^a) = \frac{1}{2} R_{bcd}^a X^b$					
THE METRIC	$ds^2 = g_{ab} dx^a dx^b$	$g = \det(g_{ab})$	$g_{ab} g^{bc} = \delta_a^c$	RAISING ↓ LOWERING ↑	$g_{ab} T_{....}^{....} = T_{....}^{....}$	$g^{ab} T_{....}^{....} = T_{....}^{....}$	
CHRISTOFFEL SYMBOL	$\Gamma_{bc}^a = \frac{1}{2} g^{ad} (\partial_b g_{dc} + \partial_c g_{db} - \partial_d g_{bc})$	$\nabla_c g_{ab} = 0$	$\nabla_c g^{ab} = 0$	$\nabla_c \delta_h^a = 0$	$\nabla_c g = 0$	$\partial_a g_{bc} = 0$	
$\nabla_c g_{ab} = \partial_c g_{ab} - \Gamma_{ac}^d g_{db} - \Gamma_{bc}^d g_{ad} = 0$	$\partial_c g_{ab} = \Gamma_{ac}^d g_{db} + \Gamma_{bc}^d g_{ad} = 0$	$R_{bcd}^a = -R_{bdc}^a$	$R_{bcd}^a + R_{bad}^a + R_{abd}^a = 0$				
$R_{abcd} = -R_{bacd} = -R_{badc} = R_{dabc}$	$R_{abcd} + R_{badc} + R_{dabc} = 0$	BIANCHI IDENTITIES	$\nabla_a R_{debc} + \nabla_c R_{deab} + \nabla_b R_{deac} = 0$				
RICCI TENSOR	$R_{ab} = R_{ac,b}^c = g^{cd} R_{dabc}$	RICCI SCALAR	$R = g^{ab} R_{ab}$	EINSTEIN TENSOR	$G_{ab} = R_{ab} - \frac{1}{2} g_{ab} R$	CONTRACTED BIANCHI IDENTITIES	$\nabla_b G_a^b = 0$
DIMENSION n	$n=1 R_{abcd}=0$	$n=1 R_{abcd} + 1 \text{ indep. comp.} \sim R$	$n=3 R_{abcd} \Rightarrow 6 \text{ indep. comp.} \sim R_{ab}$	$n=4 R_{abcd} \Rightarrow 20 \text{ comp.}$			
n=4 - 10 from R_{ab} - 10 from Weyl Tensor		WEYL TENSOR	$R_{abcd} = R_{abdc} + \frac{1}{n-2} (3 R_{ab} R_{cd} + 3 R_{ac} R_{bd} - 3 R_{ad} R_{bc}) + \frac{R}{(n-2)(n-1)} (g_{ab} g_{cd} - g_{ad} g_{bc})$				
$\frac{1}{2} (g_{abcd} - g_{abdc} + g_{acbd} - g_{acdb} + g_{adbc} - g_{adcb}) R$			SAME SYMMETRIES AS R_{abcd}	$C_{bad}^a = 0$			
FLAT METRIC ↔ $R_{abcd}^a = 0$	CONFORMAL METRICS	$\tilde{g}_{ab} = \Omega^2 g_{ab}$	CONF. FLAT METRIC	$\tilde{g}_{ab} = -\Omega^2 \gamma_{ab}$	MINKOWSKI METRIC	CONF. FLAT METRIC ↔ C_{ab}^a	
TENSOR DENSITIES	$J = \left \frac{\partial x^a}{\partial x'^b} \right $	$\tilde{J}_{b...}^{....} = J^a \frac{\partial x'^a}{\partial x^b} \dots \frac{\partial x'^d}{\partial x^c} \dots \tilde{J}_{d...}^{....}$	$\nabla_c \tilde{J}_{b...}^{....} = \text{TERMS} - W \tilde{J}_{dc}^a \tilde{J}_{b...}^{....}$			VECTOR DENSITY INT. W	
LEVI-CIVITA	$\epsilon_{ab...}^{abcd} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{even perm. of } abcd \\ -1 & \text{odd perm. of } abcd \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$	$\frac{1}{4!} \det \tilde{J}_{b...}^{....} \epsilon_{ab...}^{abcd} \tilde{J}_{c...}^{....} \tilde{J}_{d...}^{....}$	$\epsilon^{a_1 a_2 \dots a_{n-1} a_n} \epsilon^{b_1 b_2 \dots b_{n-1} b_n}$	$\epsilon^{a_1 a_2 \dots a_{n-1} a_n} \epsilon^{b_1 b_2 \dots b_{n-1} b_n}$	$\epsilon^{a_1 a_2 \dots a_{n-1} a_n} \epsilon^{b_1 b_2 \dots b_{n-1} b_n}$	CAFE W=1 csa	
GENERALIZED	$\epsilon_{ab...}^{abcd} = \begin{cases} 1 & a, b, c, d \text{ odd} \\ -1 & a, b, c, d \text{ even} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$	$\frac{1}{4!} \det \tilde{J}_{b...}^{....} \epsilon_{ab...}^{abcd} \tilde{J}_{c...}^{....} \tilde{J}_{d...}^{....}$	$\epsilon^{a_1 a_2 \dots a_{n-1} a_n} \epsilon^{b_1 b_2 \dots b_{n-1} b_n}$	$\epsilon^{a_1 a_2 \dots a_{n-1} a_n} \epsilon^{b_1 b_2 \dots b_{n-1} b_n}$	$\epsilon^{a_1 a_2 \dots a_{n-1} a_n} \epsilon^{b_1 b_2 \dots b_{n-1} b_n}$	$\epsilon^{a_1 a_2 \dots a_{n-1} a_n} \epsilon^{b_1 b_2 \dots b_{n-1} b_n}$	
KRONECKER-Delta	$\delta_{ab} = \begin{cases} 1 & a=b \\ -1 & a \neq b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$	$\delta_{ab} = \begin{cases} S_1 & a=b \\ S_2 & a \neq b \end{cases}$	$\delta_{abc} = \begin{cases} S_3 & a=b \\ S_4 & a \neq b \\ S_5 & a \neq c \\ S_6 & a \neq b \neq c \end{cases}$	$\epsilon^{a_1 a_2 \dots a_{n-1} a_n} \epsilon^{b_1 b_2 \dots b_{n-1} b_n}$	$\epsilon^{a_1 a_2 \dots a_{n-1} a_n} \epsilon^{b_1 b_2 \dots b_{n-1} b_n}$	$\epsilon^{a_1 a_2 \dots a_{n-1} a_n} \epsilon^{b_1 b_2 \dots b_{n-1} b_n}$	
METRIC DET.	$g = g^{ab} g_{ab}$	$\det g = \prod_{a=1}^n \det S_a$	$\det g = \prod_{a=1}^n \det S_a$	$\det g = \prod_{a=1}^n \det S_a$	$\det g = \prod_{a=1}^n \det S_a$	$\det g = \prod_{a=1}^n \det S_a$	
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Schwarzschild Solution (Black Holes)

In Schwarzschild coordinates (t, r, θ, ϕ) the Schwarzschild metric (or equivalently, the [line element](#) for proper time) has the form

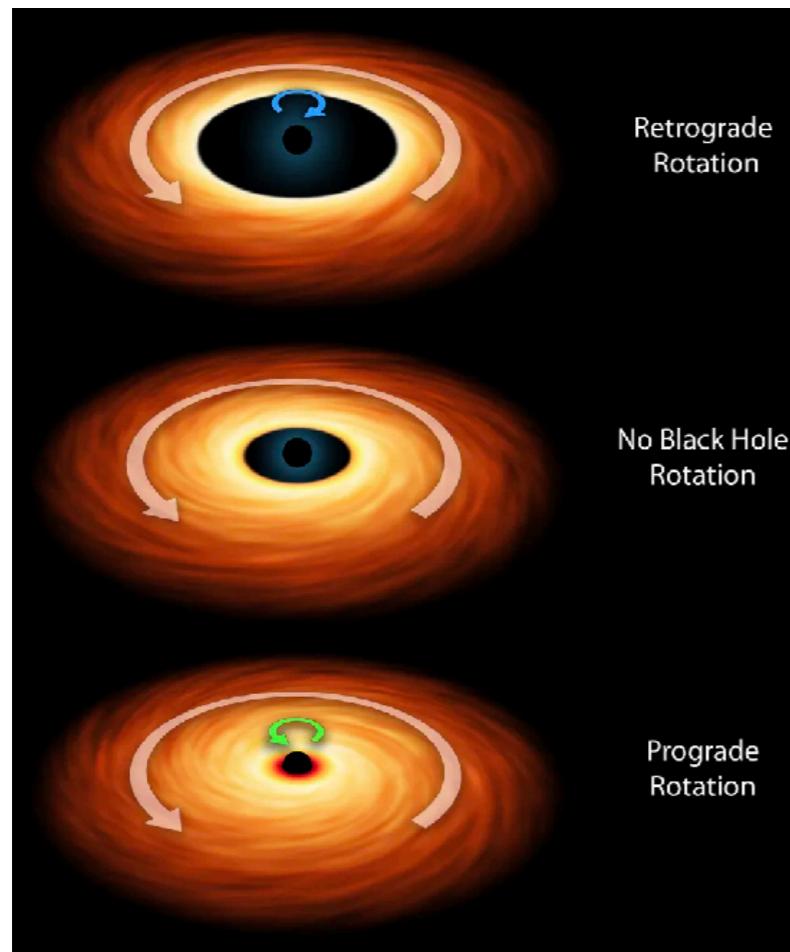
$$g = -c^2 d\tau^2 = -\left(1 - \frac{r_s}{r}\right)c^2 dt^2 + \left(1 - \frac{r_s}{r}\right)^{-1} dr^2 + r^2 g_\Omega,$$

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

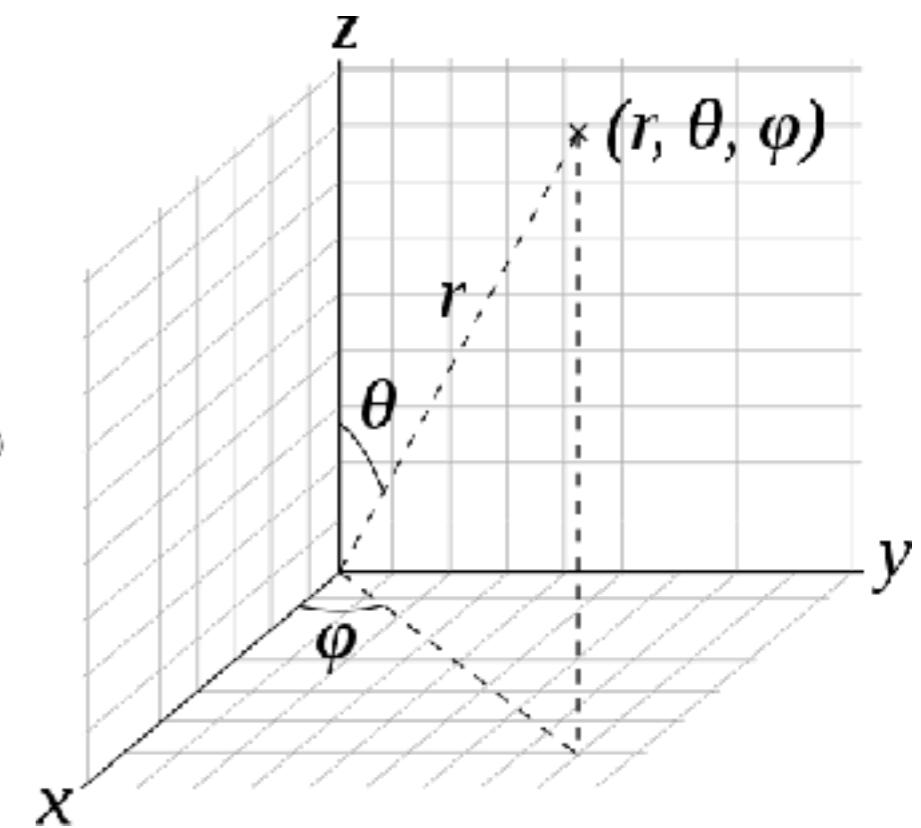
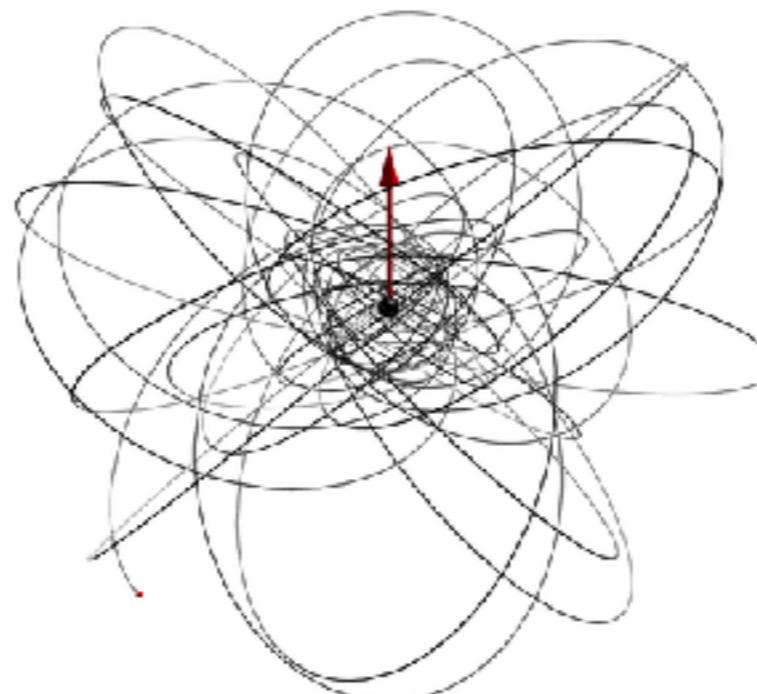


Kerr Solutions (Rotating Black Holes)

$$g^{\mu\nu} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\nu} = \frac{1}{c^2 \Delta} \left(r^2 + a^2 + \frac{r_s r a^2}{\Sigma} \sin^2 \theta \right) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right)^2 + \frac{2r_s r a}{c \Sigma \Delta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$$
$$- \frac{1}{\Delta \sin^2 \theta} \left(1 - \frac{r_s r}{\Sigma} \right) \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \right)^2 - \frac{\Delta}{\Sigma} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{\Sigma} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right)^2$$



Frame-dragging



Robertson-Walker (Cosmology)

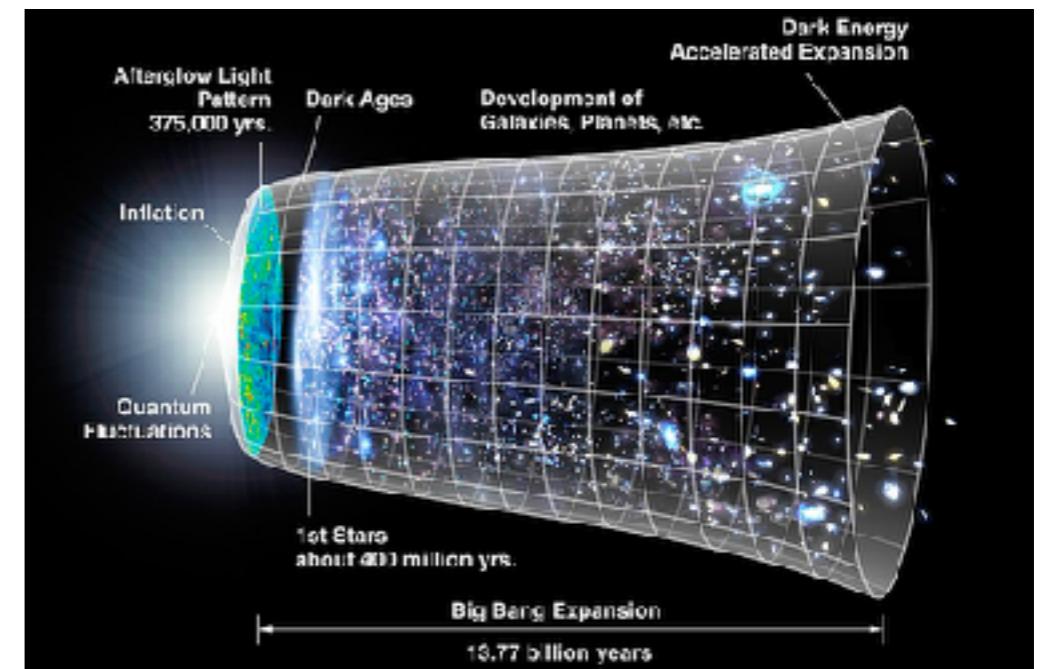
Friedmann–Lemaître–Robertson–Walker metric

$$-c^2 d\tau^2 = -c^2 dt^2 + a(t)^2 d\Sigma^2$$

$$d\Sigma^2 = \frac{dr^2}{1 - kr^2} + r^2 d\Omega^2, \quad \text{where } d\Omega^2 = d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2.$$

$$\left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 + \frac{kc^2}{a^2} - \frac{\Lambda c^2}{3} = \frac{8\pi G}{3}\rho$$

$$2\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} + \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 + \frac{kc^2}{a^2} - \frac{\Lambda c^2}{3} = -\frac{8\pi G}{c^2}p.$$



Relativistic Effects

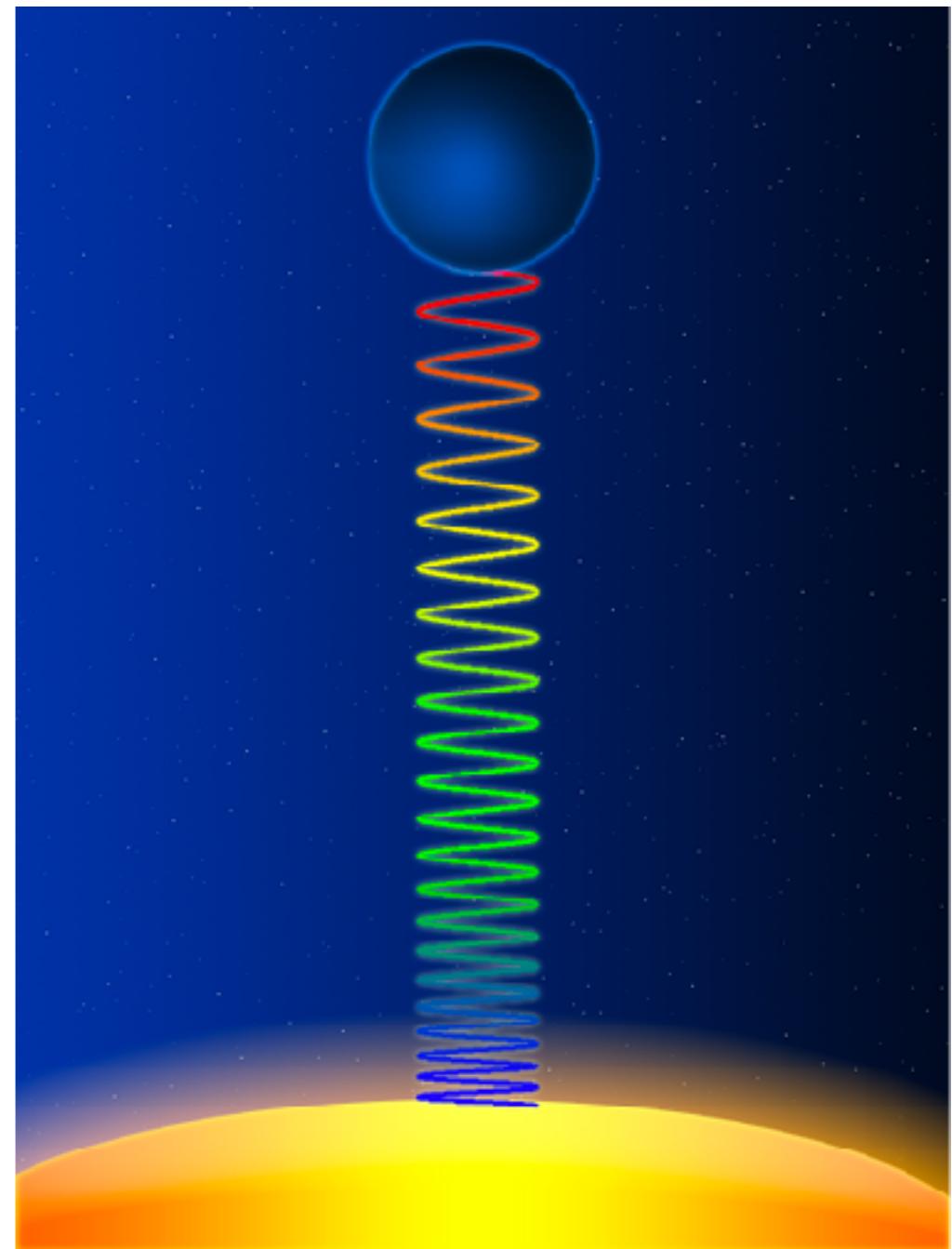
Gravitational redshift

Redshift (红移)

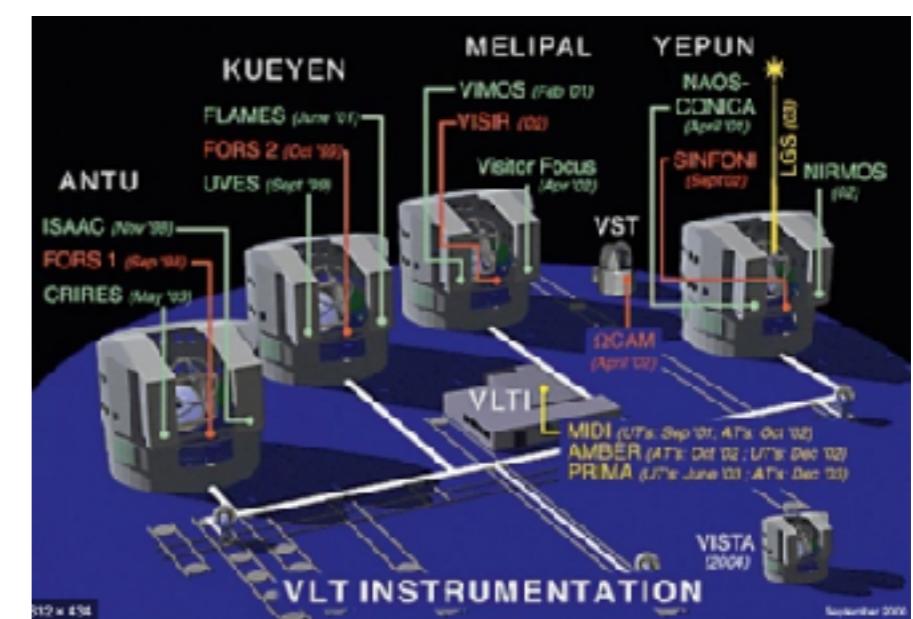
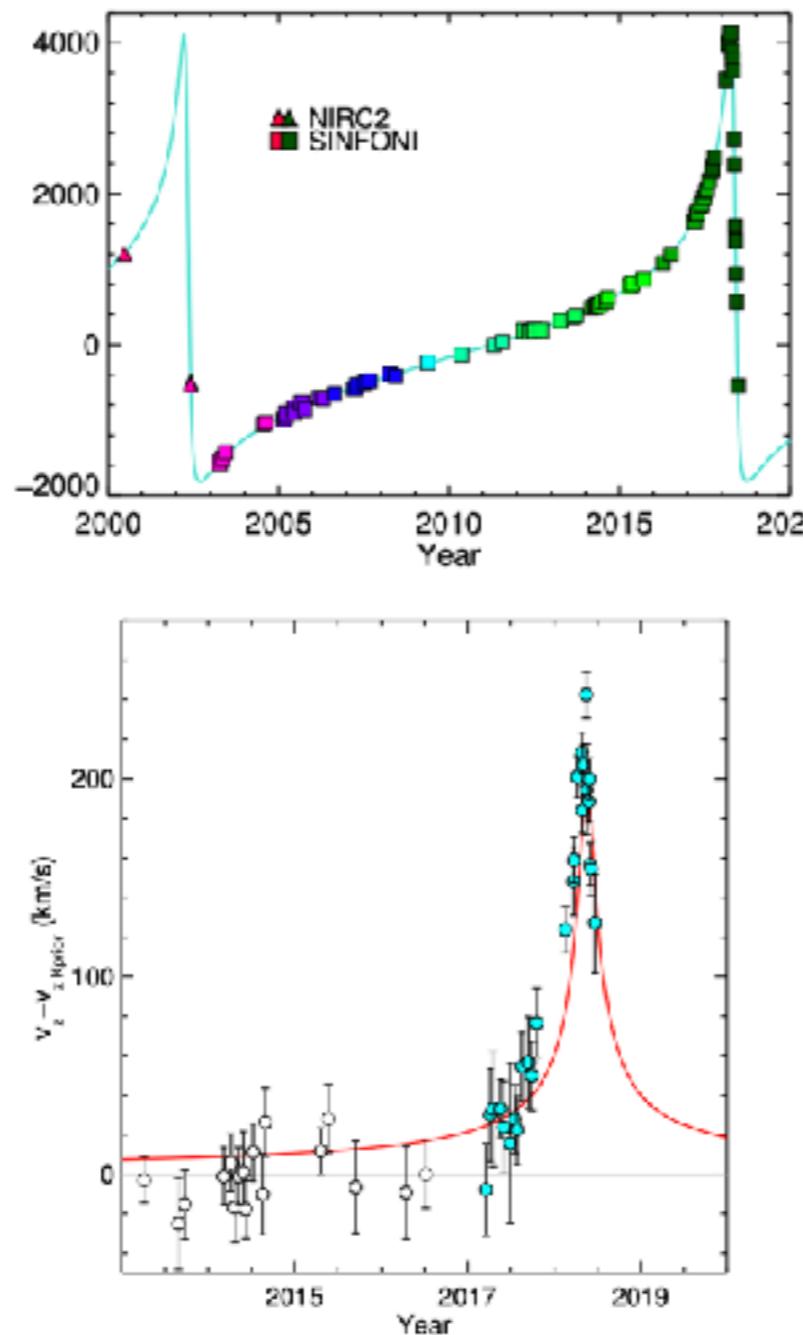
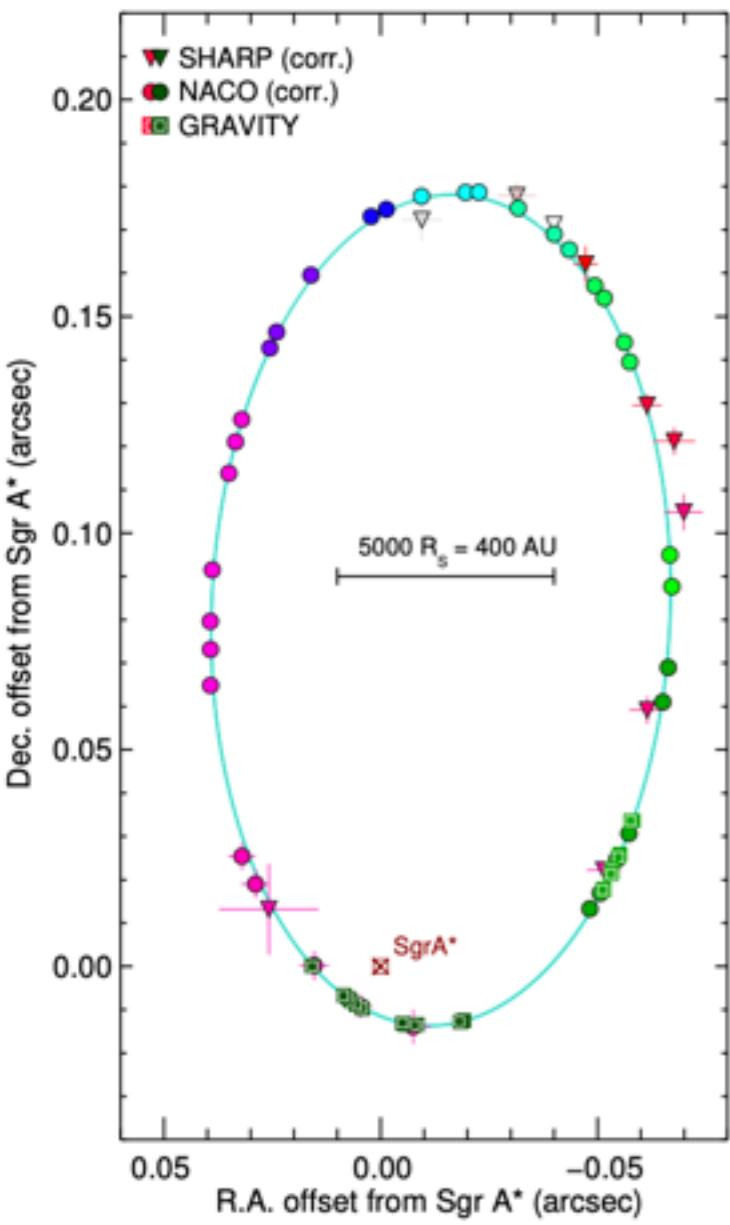
$$\frac{\lambda_\infty}{\lambda_e} = \left(1 - \frac{r_s}{R_e}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}},$$

Time dilation (时钟变慢)

$$t_0 = t_f \sqrt{1 - \frac{2GM}{rc^2}} = t_f \sqrt{1 - \frac{r_s}{r}}$$

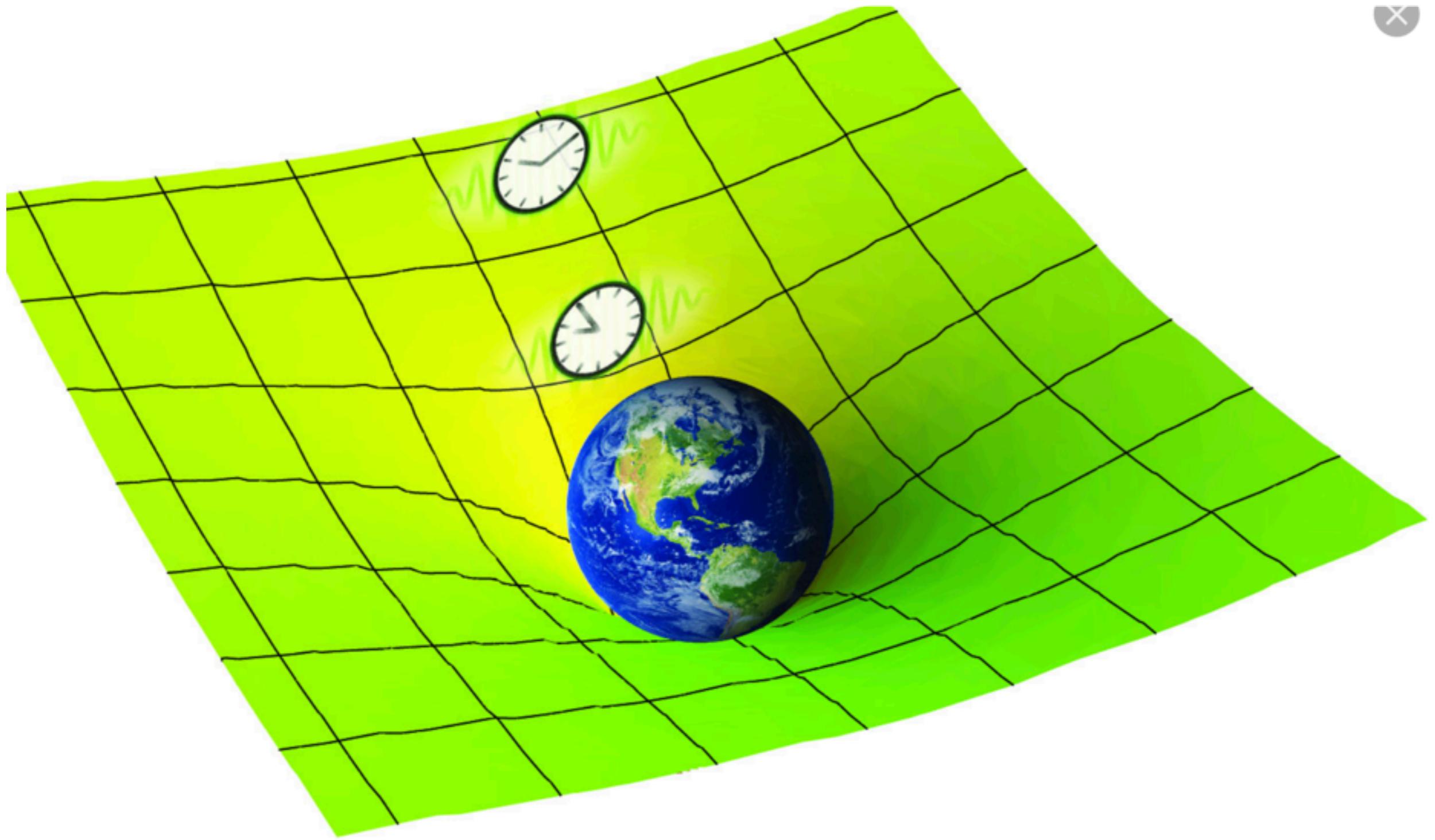


Gravitational redshift – Observation



Gravitational time dilation (引力时间延迟)

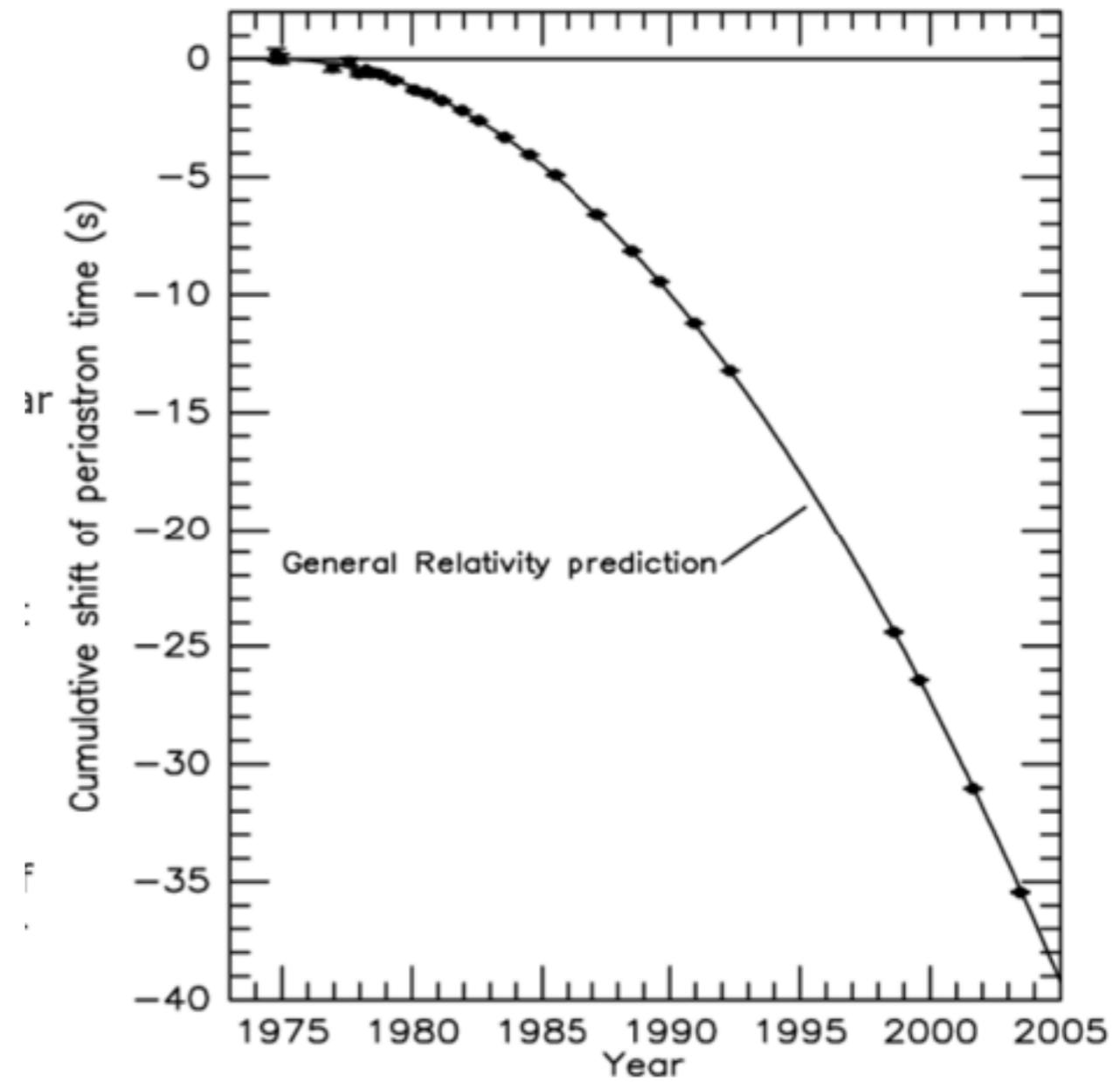
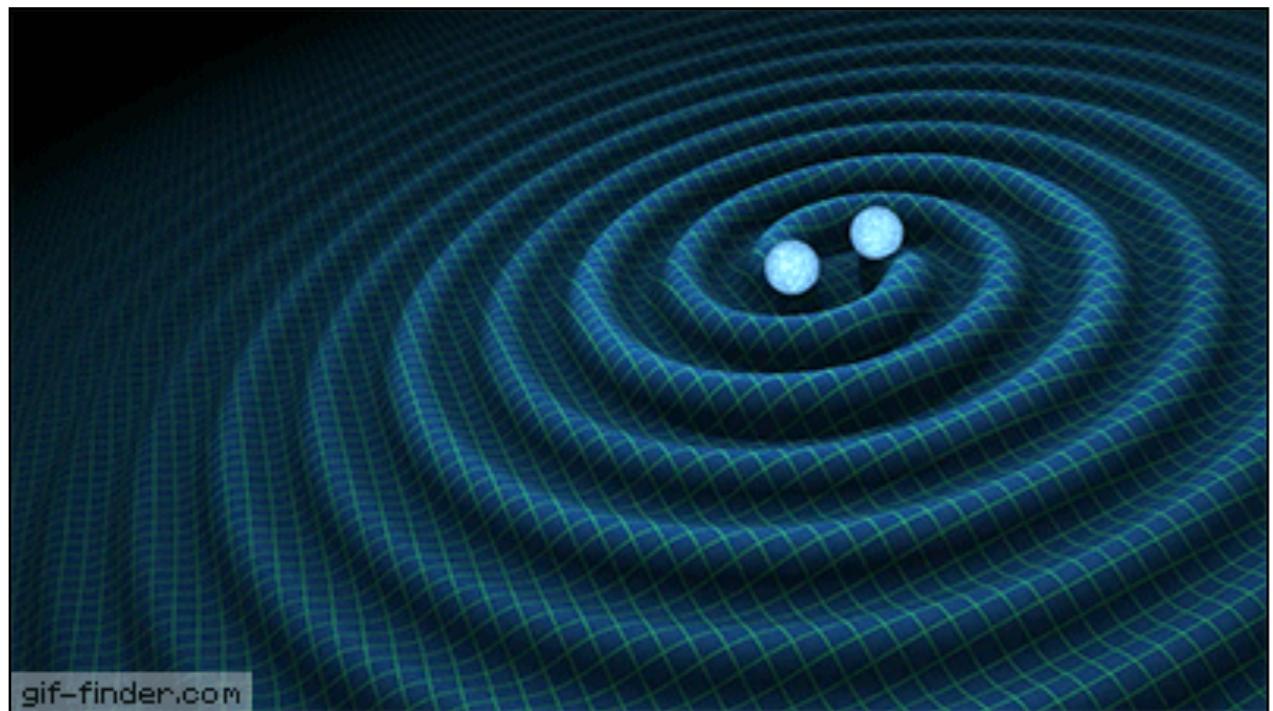
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Part 5 Gravitational Wave

Gravitational wave radiation

Energy loss and orbital decay



Hulse and Taylor 1975.

Gravitational wave

Measuring gravitational wave

Amplitude of Gravitational Wave

$$h = \frac{\delta l}{l}$$

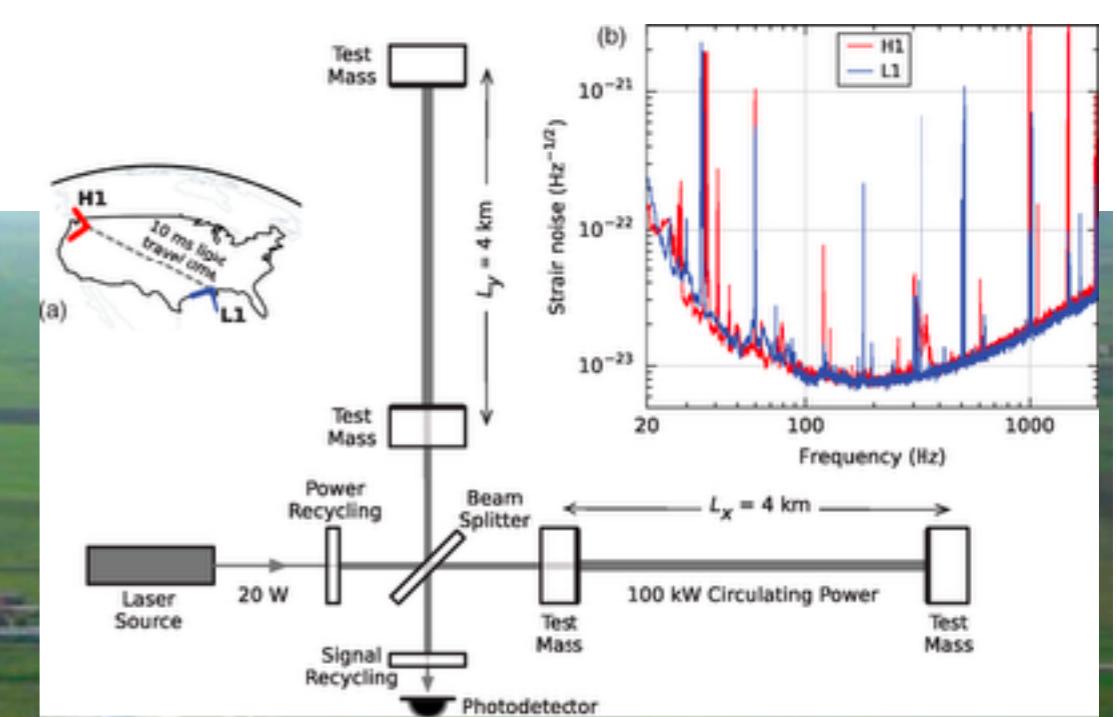
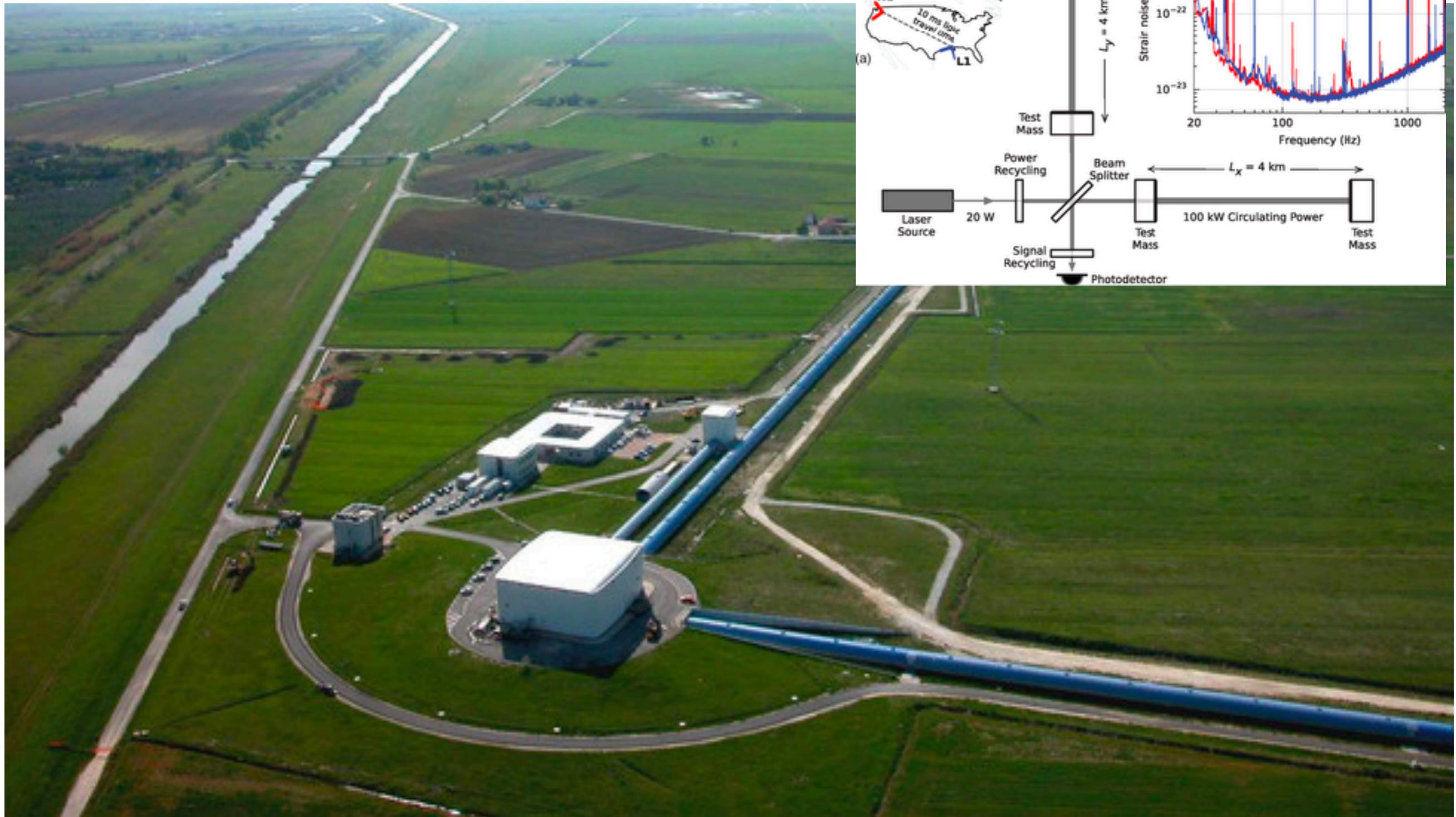
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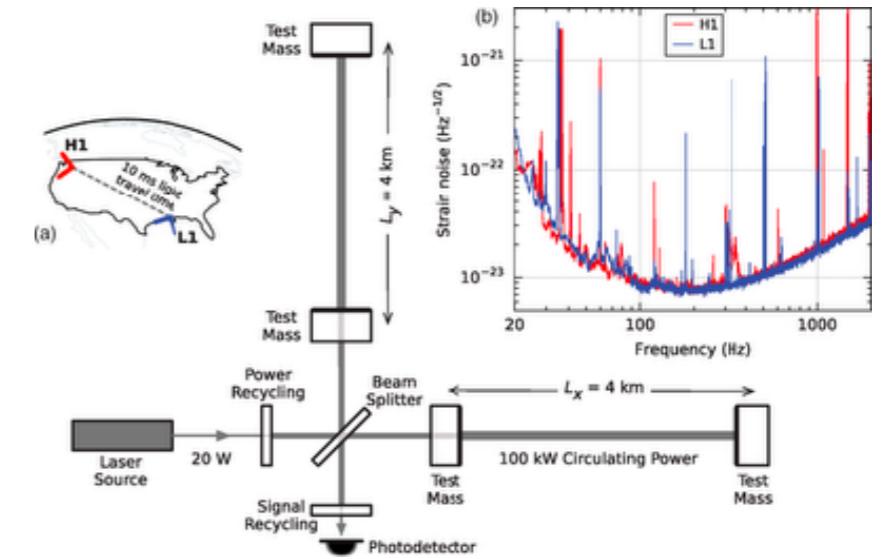
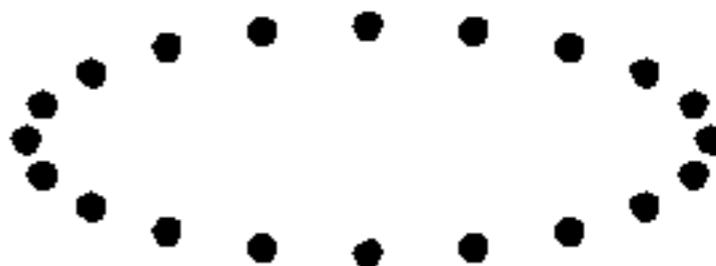
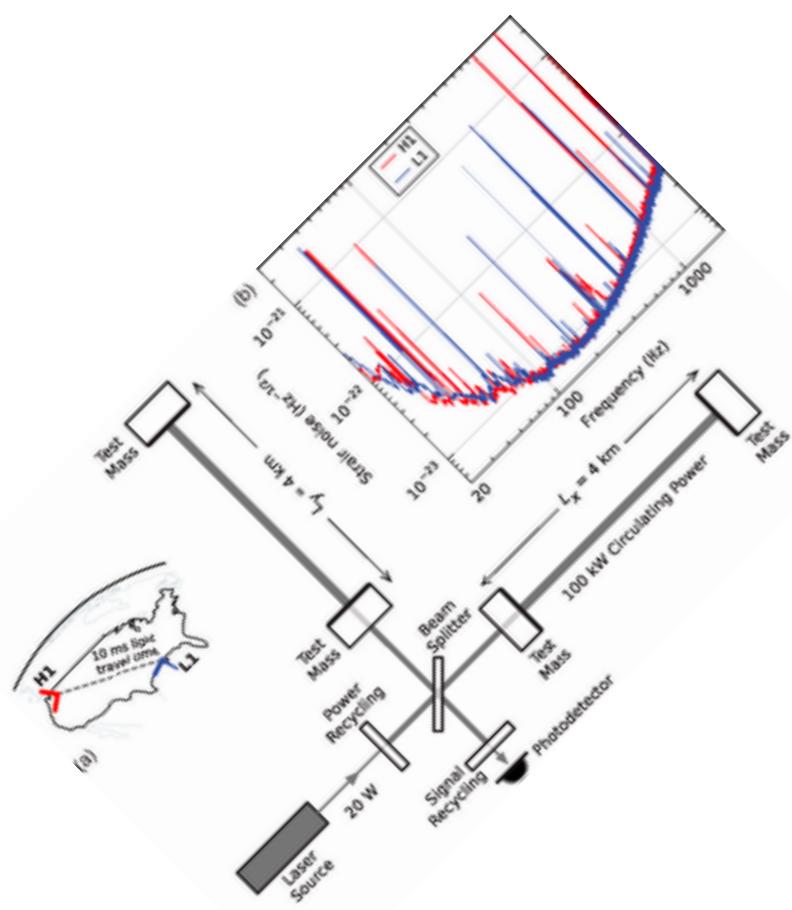
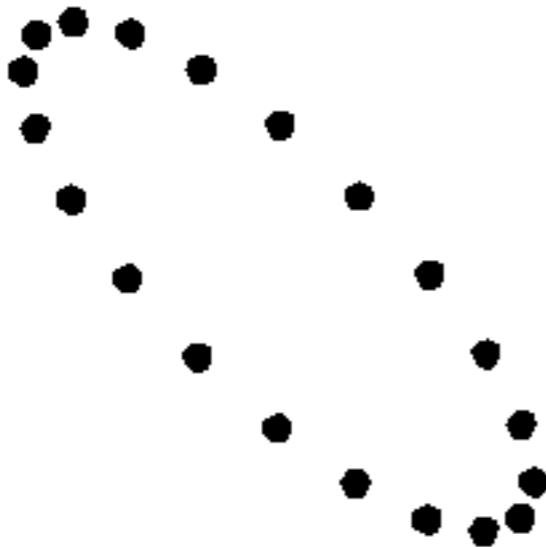
$$h = \frac{2G}{c^4} \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial^2 Q}{\partial t^2}$$

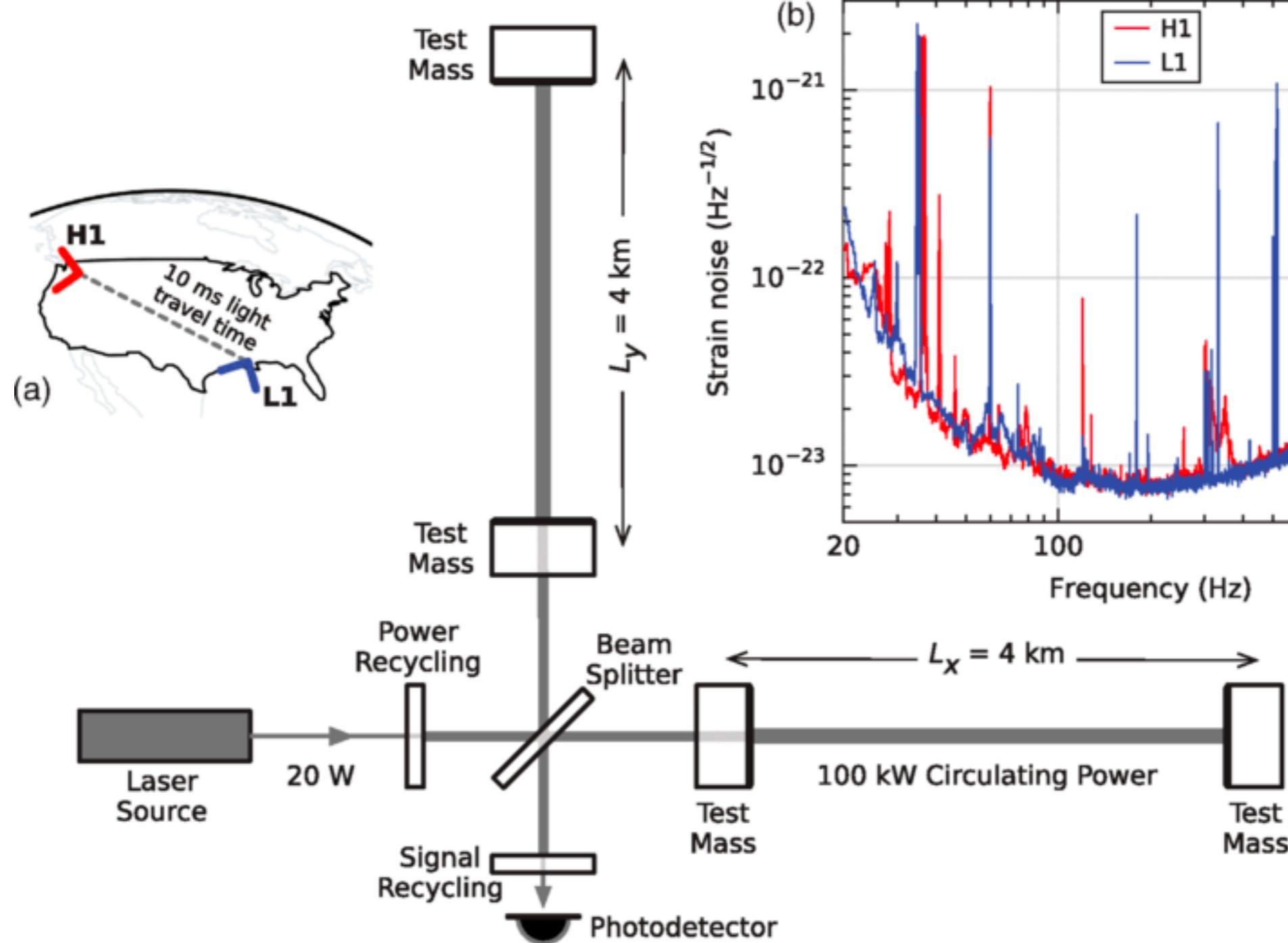
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Part 5.1 LIGO Observatory

Part 5.2 Squeezed Laser and Nobel Prize







LIGO Observatory

- 1970s Early work on gravitational-wave detection by laser interferometers
- 1999 LIGO inauguration ceremony
- 2006 LIGO design sensitivity achieved.
- 2010 Initial LIGO operations conclude; Advanced LIGO installation begins at the observatories.
- 2014 Advanced LIGO installation complete (Squeezed Laser)
- Sept 14, 2015 Advanced LIGO detects gravitational waves from collision of two black holes
- Aug 14, 2017 Gravitational waves from a binary black hole merger observed by LIGO and Virgo



Fundamental physics

Planck constant:

$$h = 6.626\ 070\ 15 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s.}$$

$$E = h f.$$

Uncertainty Principle:

Position-Momentum

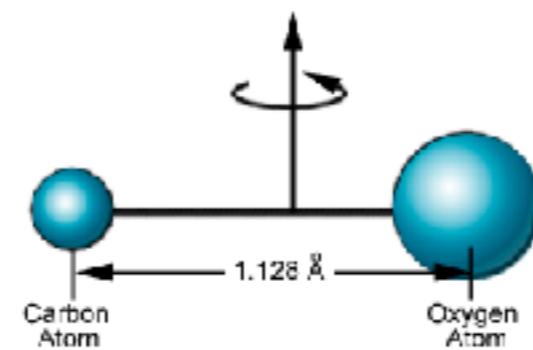
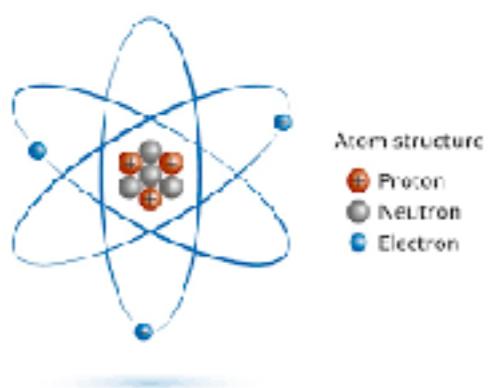
$$\Delta x \Delta p_x \geq \frac{\hbar}{2},$$

Angular momentum

$$I\omega^2 = h\omega$$

Energy-time

$$\delta E \delta t \approx h$$



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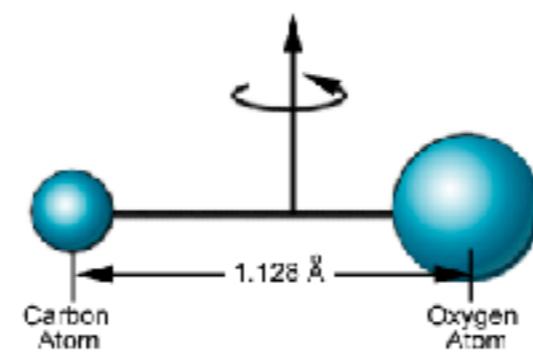
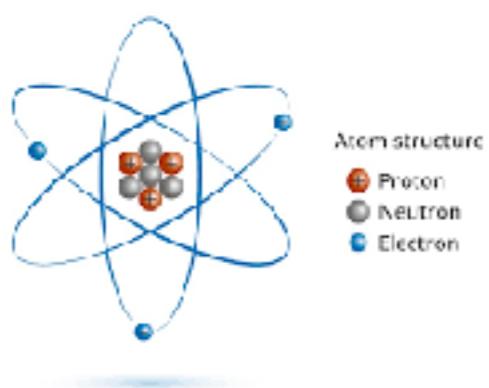
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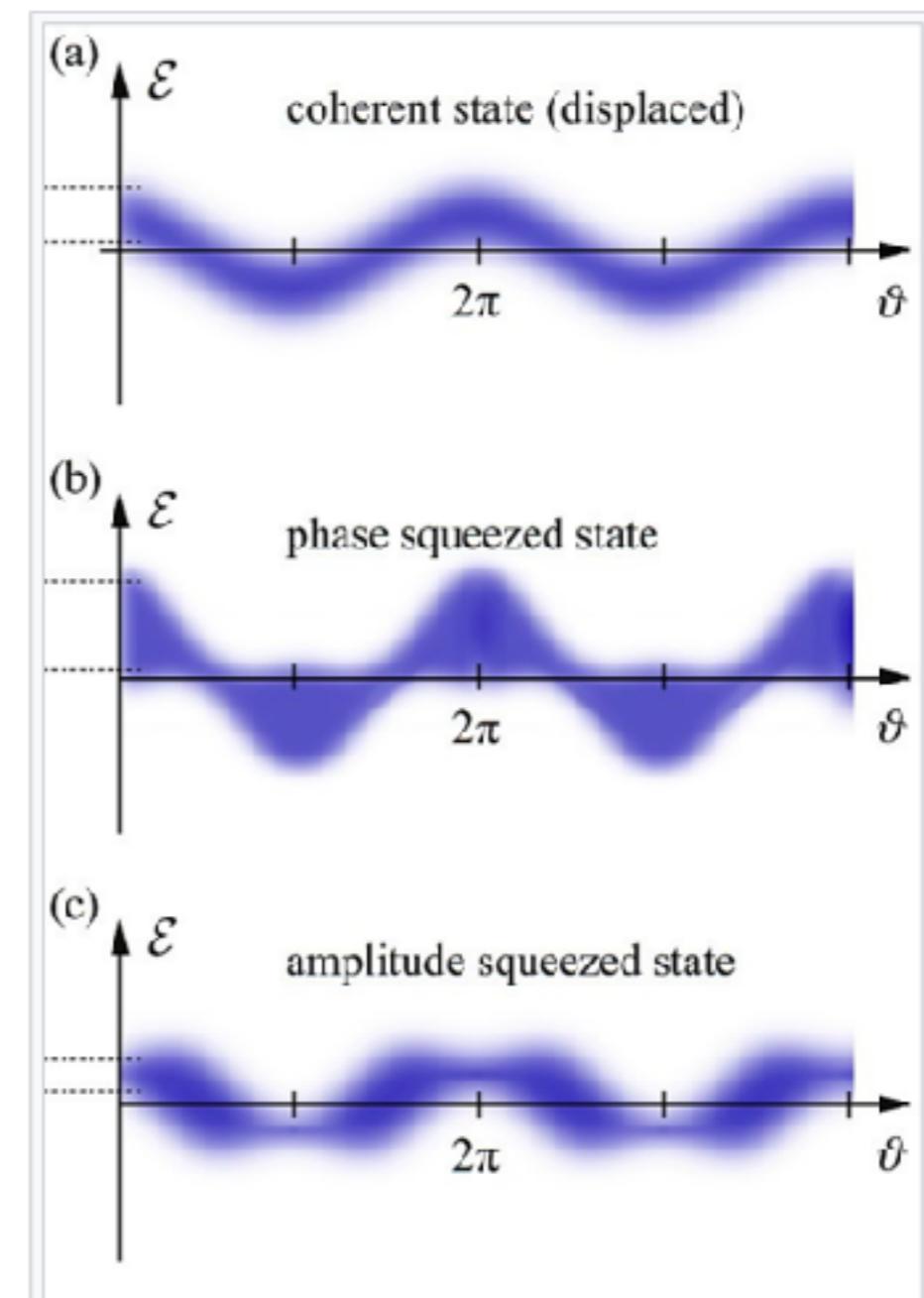
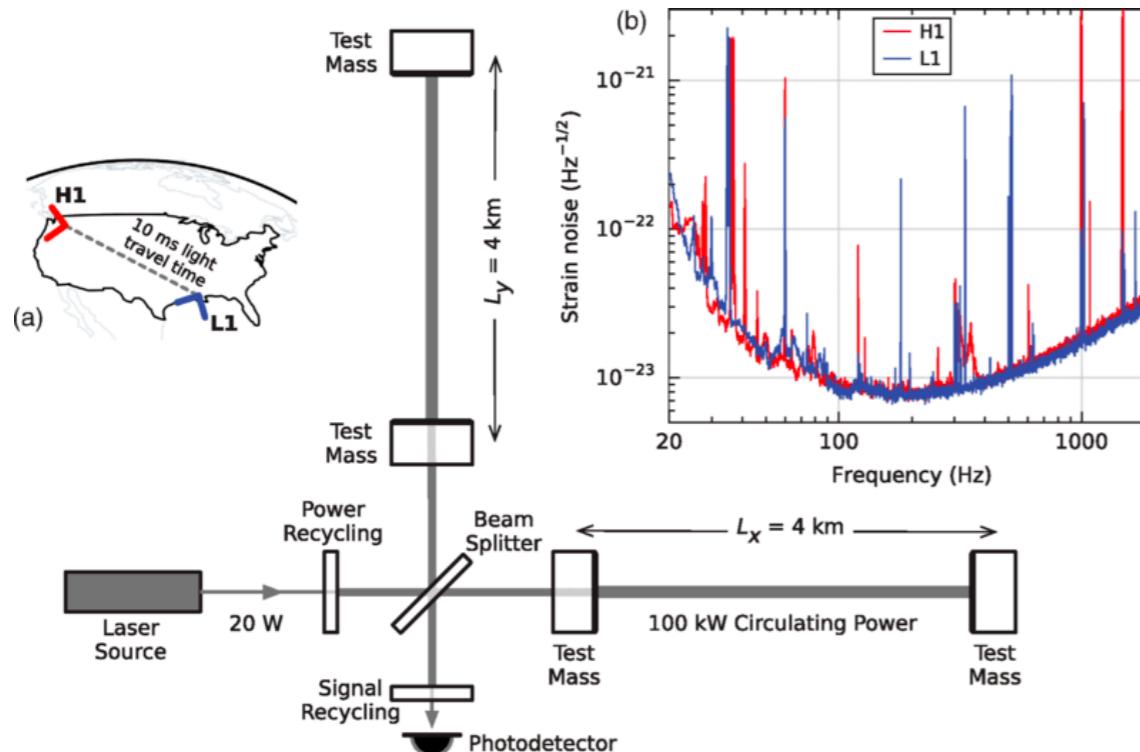
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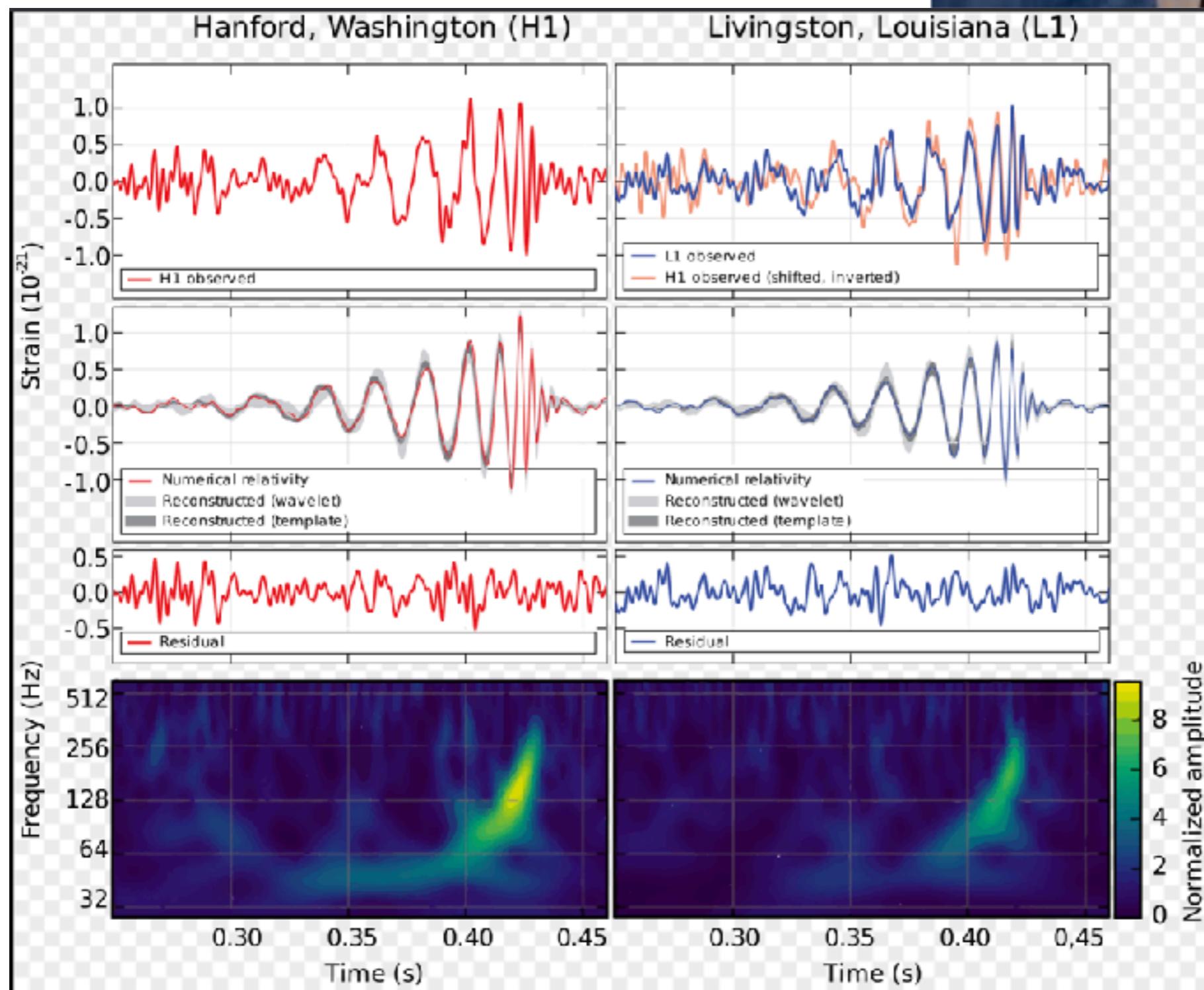


Phase-amplitude uncertainty

Squeezed states of light



Gravitational Wave Detection



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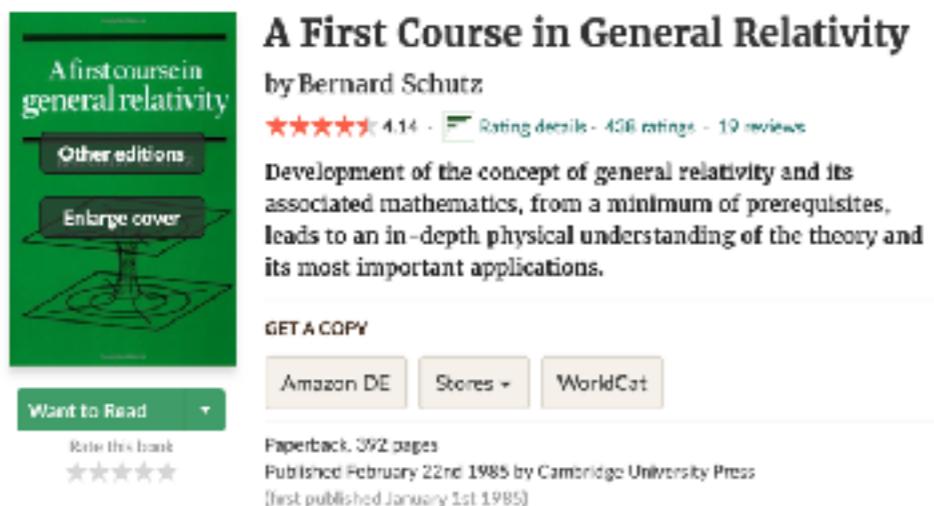
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Chandrasekhar limit

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The **Chandrasekhar limit** (*/tʃʌndrəsɛkhar/*) is the maximum mass of a [stable white dwarf star](#). The currently accepted value of the Chandrasekhar limit is about $1.4 M_{\odot}$ (2.765×10^{30} kg).^{[1][2][3]}

White dwarfs resist [gravitational collapse](#) primarily through [electron degeneracy pressure](#) (compare [main sequence stars](#), which resist collapse through [thermal pressure](#)). The Chandrasekhar limit is the mass above which electron degeneracy pressure in the star's core is insufficient to balance the star's own gravitational self-attraction. Consequently, a white dwarf with a mass greater than the limit is subject to further gravitational collapse, [evolving](#) into a different type of [stellar remnant](#), such as a [neutron star](#) or [black hole](#). Those with masses under the limit remain stable as white dwarfs.^[4]

The limit was named after [Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar](#), an Indian [astrophysicist](#) who improved upon the accuracy of the calculation in 1930, at the age of 20, in [India](#) by calculating the limit for a polytrope model of a star in hydrostatic equilibrium, and comparing his limit to the earlier limit found by [E. C. Stoner](#) for a uniform density star. Importantly, the existence of a limit, based on the conceptual breakthrough of combining relativity with Fermi degeneracy, was indeed first established in separate papers published by [Wilhelm Anderson](#) and E. C. Stoner in 1929. The limit was initially ignored by the community of scientists because such a limit would logically require the existence of [black holes](#), which were considered a scientific impossibility at the time. That the roles of Stoner and Anderson are often forgotten in the astronomy community has been noted.^{[5][6]}