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Evolution of low-mass stars

$M=0.08$ to $0.4 M_{\text{sol}}$

- Called red dwarfs
- All H is fused into He
- Convection
- Life time > trillion years
- Most common type of stars (85%)

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Intermediate mass stars $M=0.4$ to $8 M_{\text{sol}}$

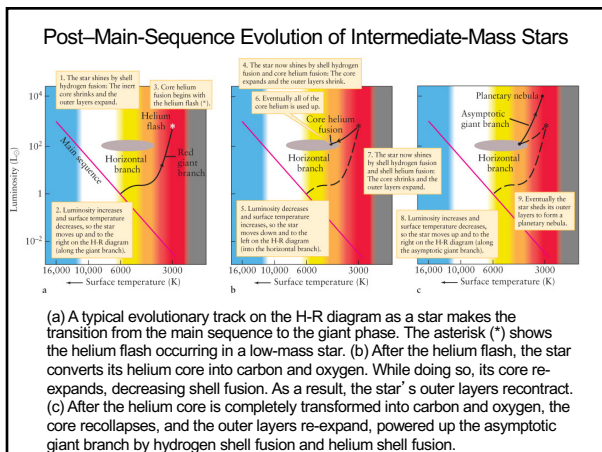
- Our sun is an intermediate mass star
- $4\text{H} \rightarrow \text{He} + \gamma + \nu$
- $3\text{He} \rightarrow \text{C} + \gamma$
- $\text{C} + \text{He} \rightarrow \text{O} + \gamma$

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High-mass stars $M=8$ to $\sim 50 M_{\text{sol}}$

- Fusion till Fe is produced
- Core contraction, bounce, explosion as a supernova

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Electron degeneracy pressure

- The He-rich core of a low-mass giant is supported by electron degeneracy pressure. It is based on the:
 - Pauli exclusion principle: Two identical particles cannot exist at the same place at the same time
 - Electron degenerate pressure does not change with temperature

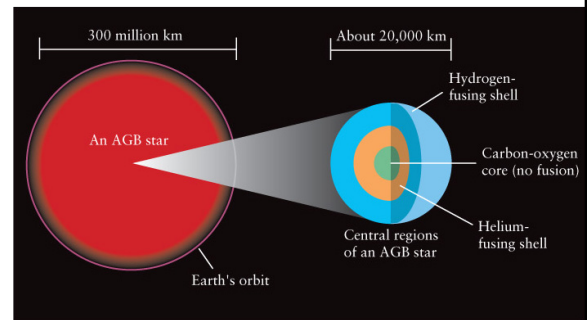
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Helium flash

- Helium flash: He fusion at 100 Mill K.
- T increases but pressure constant.
- Fusion reactions on runaway for few hours.
- Luminosity increases enormously.
- When 350 Mill K is reached, He not degenerate anymore. Normal safety valve in place again.

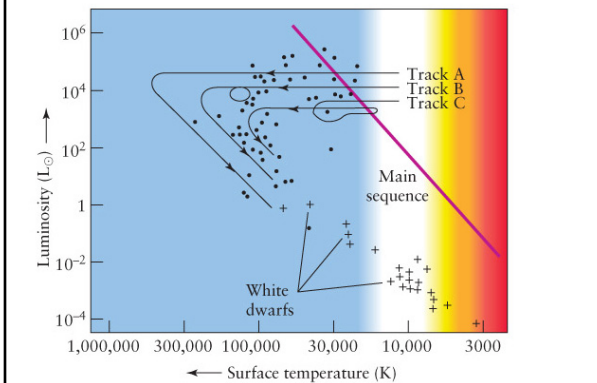
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The Structure of an Old Intermediate-Mass Star



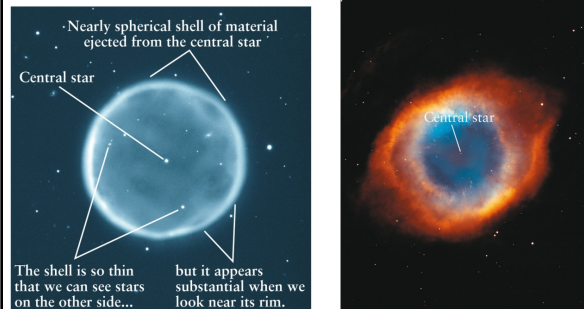
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Evolution from Supergiants to White Dwarfs



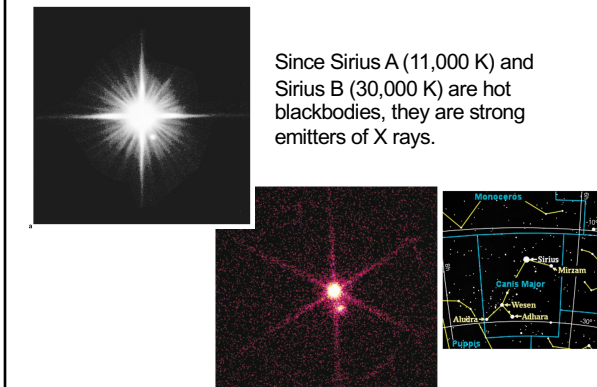
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Some Shapes of Planetary Nebulae



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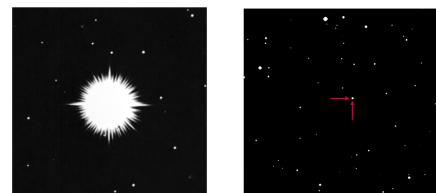
Sirius and Its White Dwarf Companion



Since Sirius A (11,000 K) and Sirius B (30,000 K) are hot blackbodies, they are strong emitters of X rays.

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Nova Herculis 1934



These two pictures show a nova (a) shortly after peak brightness as a magnitude -3 star and (b) 2 months later, when it had faded to magnitude +12. Novae are named after the constellation and year in which they appear.

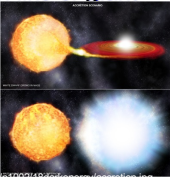
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Two principally different kinds of SNe


- **Type Ia supernovae**

Thermonuclear detonation of a white dwarf (WD) in a binary system

1) WD accretes material from sun-like or giant companion, reaches Chandrasekhar M_{sol} and detonates

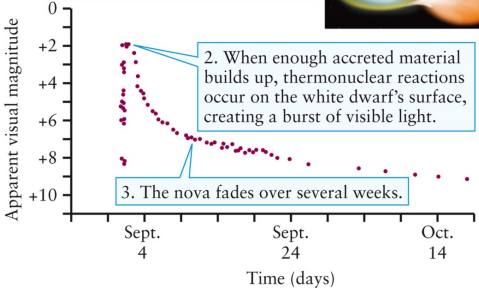


2) WD cannibalizes second WD and detonates



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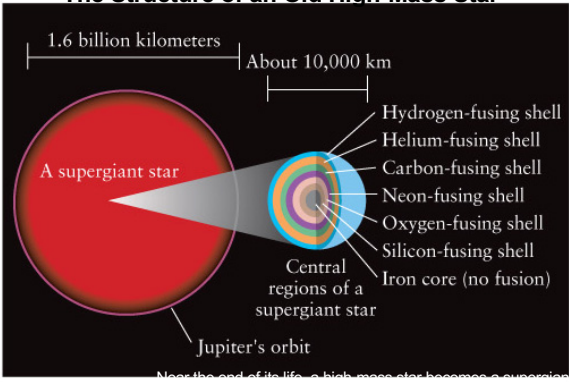
The Light Curve of a Nova



1. Material from a star accretes onto a companion white dwarf.
2. When enough accreted material builds up, thermonuclear reactions occur on the white dwarf's surface, creating a burst of visible light.
3. The nova fades over several weeks.

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The Structure of an Old High-Mass Star



1.6 billion kilometers

About 10,000 km

A supergiant star

Hydrogen-fusing shell

Helium-fusing shell

Carbon-fusing shell

Neon-fusing shell

Oxygen-fusing shell

Silicon-fusing shell

Iron core (no fusion)

Central regions of a supergiant star

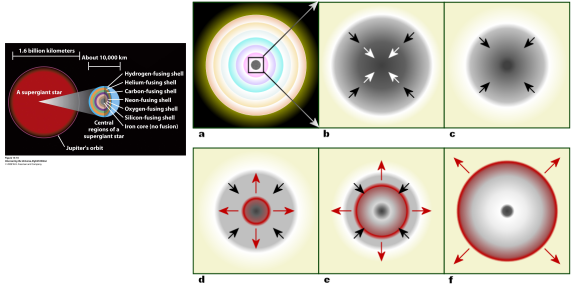
Jupiter's orbit

Near the end of its life, a high-mass star becomes a supergiant.

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2) Type II supernovae and other types (core collapse of a massive star)

- Core collapse of a massive star



1.8 Billion Miles

About 10,000 km

Hydrogen-fusing shell

Helium-fusing shell

Carbon-fusing shell

Neon-fusing shell

Oxygen-fusing shell

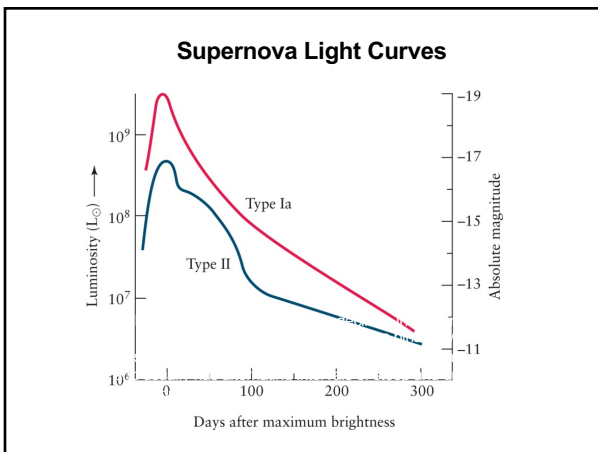
Silicon-fusing shell

Iron core (no fusion)

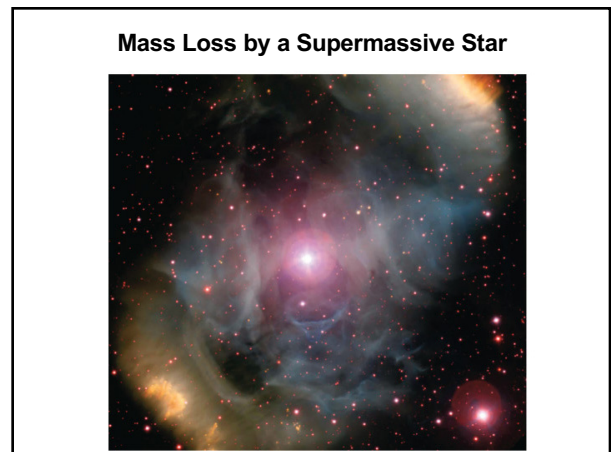
Central regions of supergiant star

Jupiter's orbit

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TABLE 11-1 Evolutionary Stages of a 25-M_⊙ Star

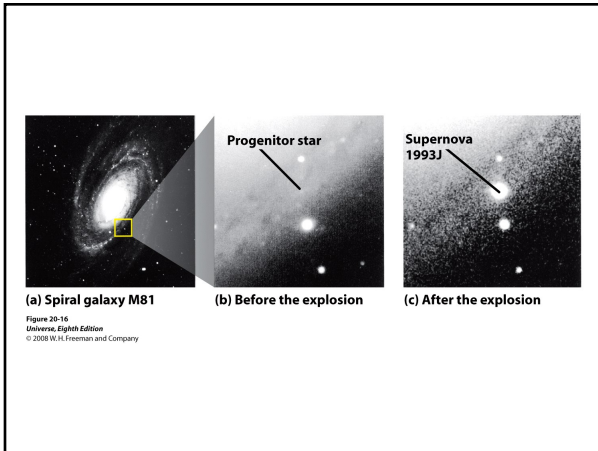
Stage	Central temperature (K)	Central density (kg/m ³)	Duration of stage
Hydrogen fusion	4×10^7	5×10^3	7×10^6 years
Helium fusion	2×10^8	7×10^5	5×10^5 years
Carbon fusion	6×10^8	2×10^8	600 years
Neon fusion	1.2×10^9	4×10^9	1 year
Oxygen fusion	1.5×10^9	1×10^{10}	6 months
Silicon fusion	2.7×10^9	3×10^{10}	1 day
Core collapse	5.4×10^9	3×10^{12}	0.2 second
Core bounce	2.3×10^{10}	4×10^{17}	milliseconds
Supernova explosion	about 10^9	varies	hours

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Supernovae Proceed Irregularly

Images (a) and (b) are computer simulations showing the chaotic flow of gas deep inside the star as it begins to explode as a supernova. This uneven flow helps account for the globs of iron and other heavy elements emitted from deep inside, as well as the lopsided distribution of all elements in the supernova remnant, as shown in (c), (d), and (e). These three pictures are X-ray images of supernova remnant Cassiopeia A taken by *Chandra* at different wavelengths.

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Movie of SN1993J

15 mas
50,000 AU

Explosion Center

from $t = 50\text{d}$ ($r=200\text{ AU}$) to $t = 22\text{ yr}$ ($r=40,000\text{ AU}$)

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Evolution of SN1986J

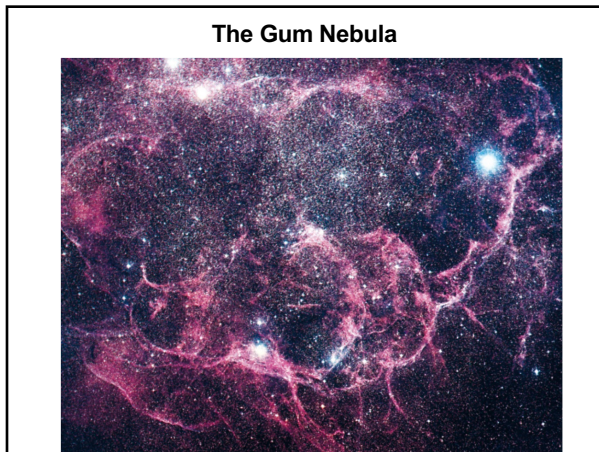
NGC 891

Youngest Neutron Star or Black Hole with $200 L_{\text{Crab}}$?
Or dense shell condensation?

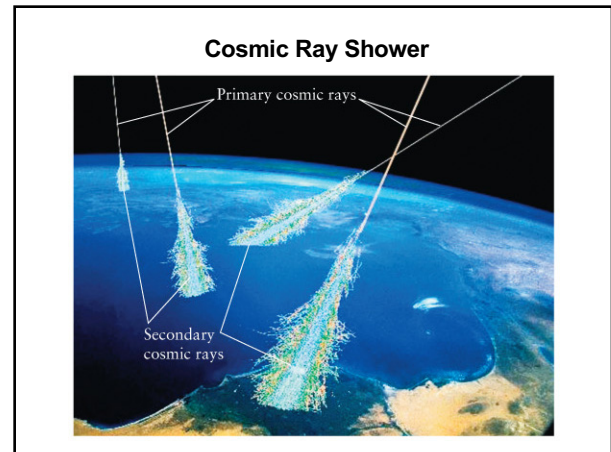
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from $t = 3\text{ yr}$ to $t = 25\text{ yr}$

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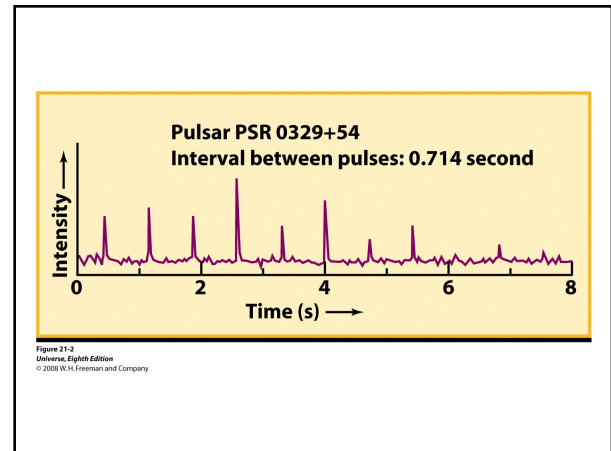
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Why a pulsar must be a neutron star

- Radius of neutron star: 10 km
- Circumference of neutron star: ~60 km
- Fastest rotation from pulse period: 700/s
- Surface rotation speed: 42,000 km/s
- Escape velocity from WD: 1,500 km/s
- Escape velocity from NS: 150,000 km/s

→ **Everything less compact than a NS would disintegrate**

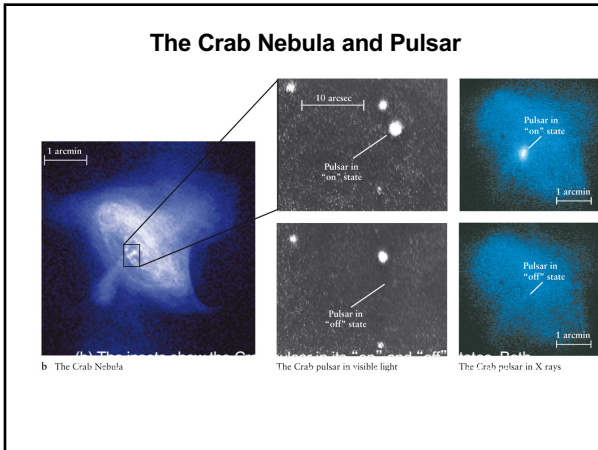
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Escape velocity

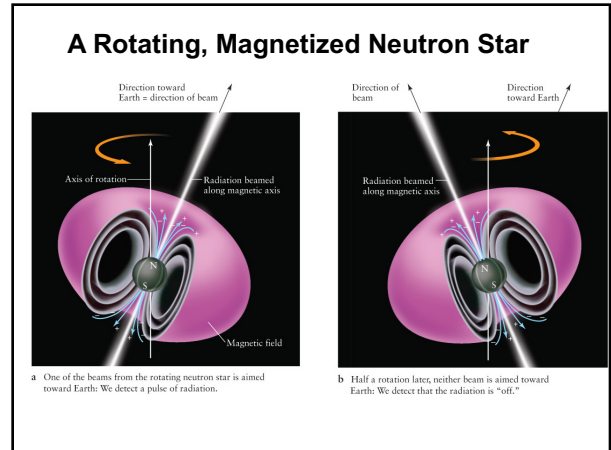
- The velocity that must be acquired by a body to just escape, i.e., to have zero total energy, is called the *escape velocity*. By setting $E_k + E_p = 0$, we find:

$$v_{\text{escape}}^2 = 2 G m / r$$

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The relativity theories

- Special relativity (1905)
- General relativity (1916)

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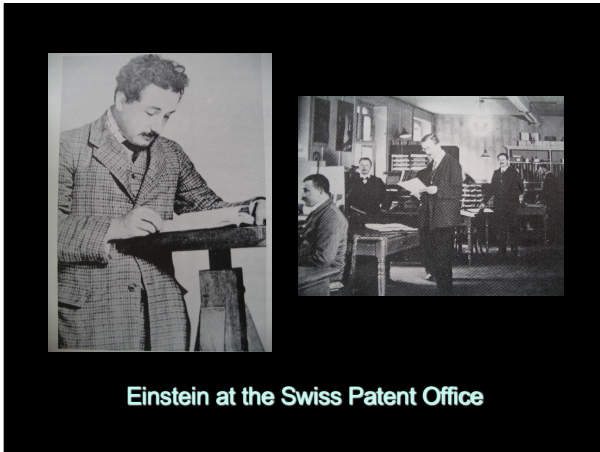
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Einstein at the Swiss Patent Office

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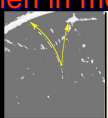
1905 - Miraculous Year "A storm broke loose in my mind"

- Einstein wrote three fundamental papers.
 - ➔ The 1st paper claimed that light must sometimes behave like a stream of particles with discrete energies, **"quanta."**
 - ➔ The 2nd paper offered an experimental test for the theory of heat. **Atoms do exist!**
 - ➔ The 3rd paper addressed a central puzzle for physicists of the day – the connection between electromagnetic theory and ordinary motion – and solved it using the **"principle of relativity."**

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Special Relativity

- 1905
- The laws of physics are the same for all inertial observers
- $c = \text{constant}$
- ➔ Clocks slow down when in motion
- ➔ Objects contract when in motion
- ➔ $E = mc^2$
- ➔ Spacetime



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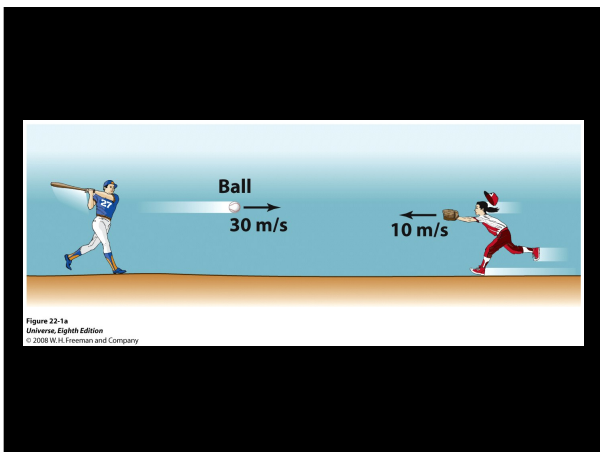
Einstein's list of conditions to his wife Mileva before they separated in 1914



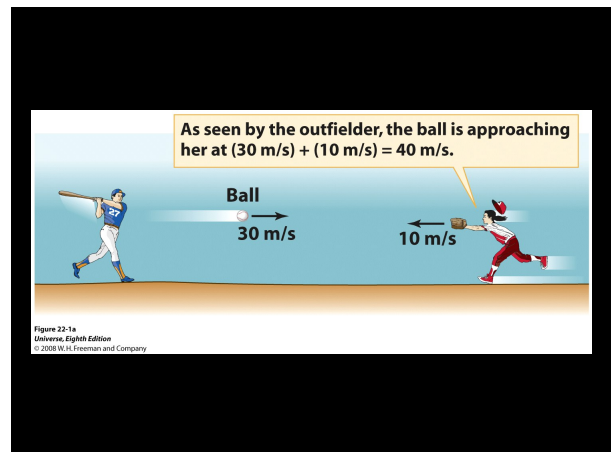
Mileva with Eduard and Hans Albert 1914

"You make sure ... that I receive my three meals regularly in my room. You are neither to expect intimacy nor to reproach me in any way."

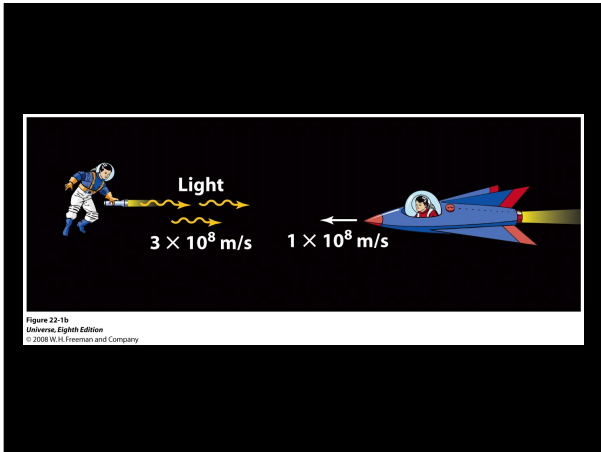
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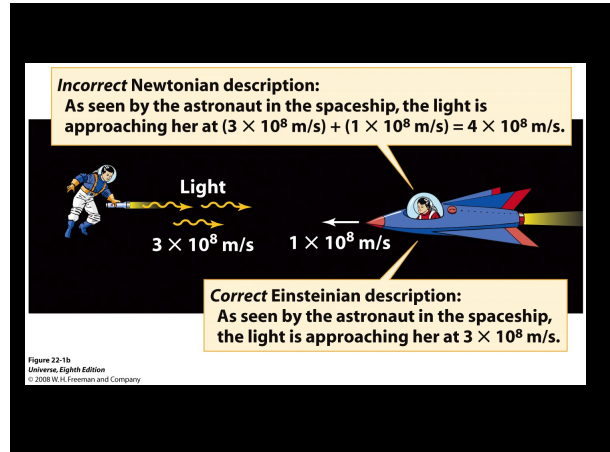
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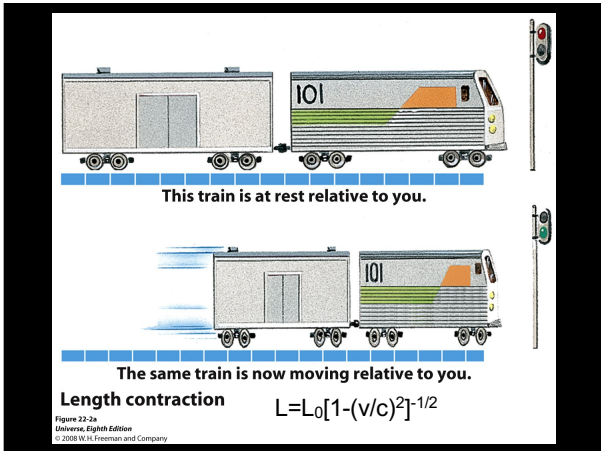
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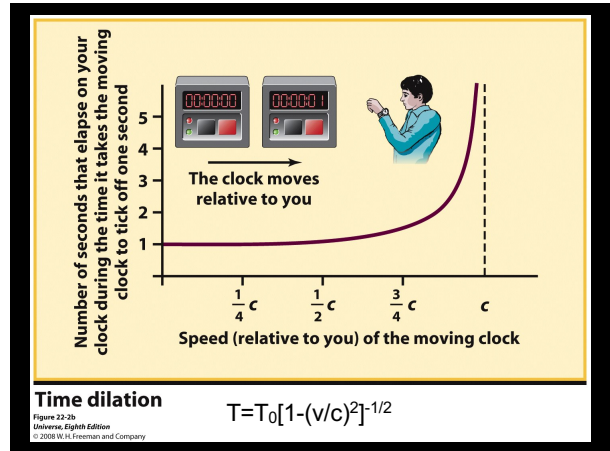
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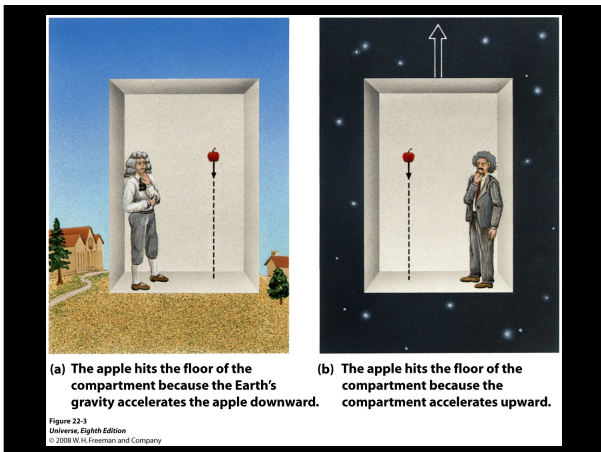
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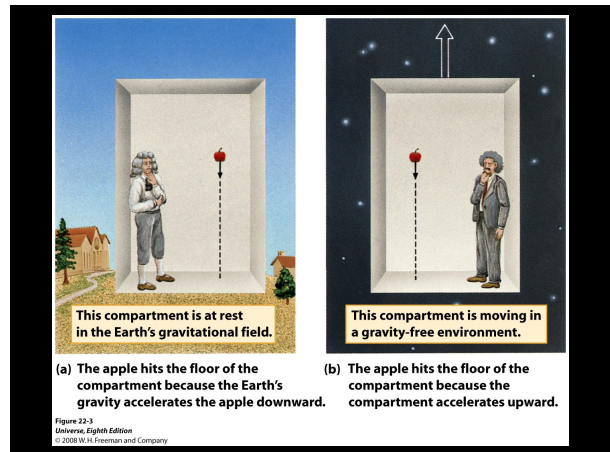
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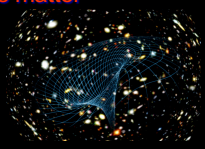
General Relativity

- 1916
- Special relativity + gravitation

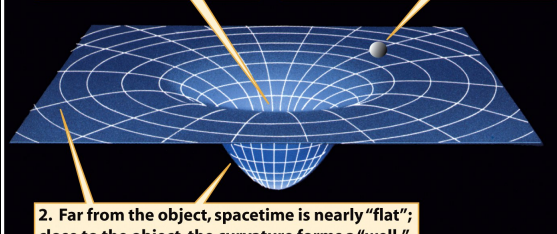
➔ Curved and twisted spacetime
 $G_{\mu\nu} - \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} = -8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}$

➔ Matter and energy tell spacetime how to curve and spacetime tells matter how to move

➔ Big Bang, black holes, the Universe



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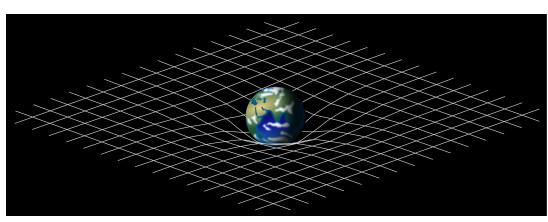


1. A massive object curves the spacetime around us.
2. Far from the object, spacetime is nearly "flat"; close to the object, the curvature forms a "well."
3. In Einstein's picture of gravity other objects sense the curvature and are drawn into the "well."

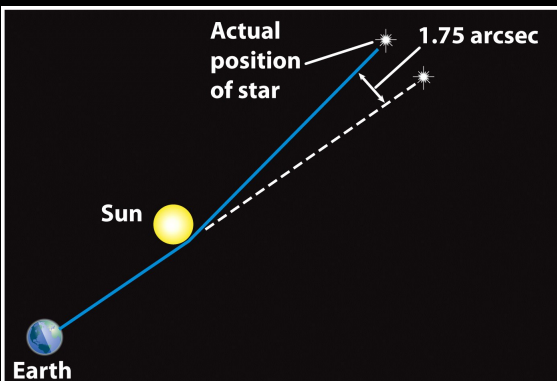
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Gravity distorts spacetime



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Actual position of star

1.75 arcsec

Sun

Earth

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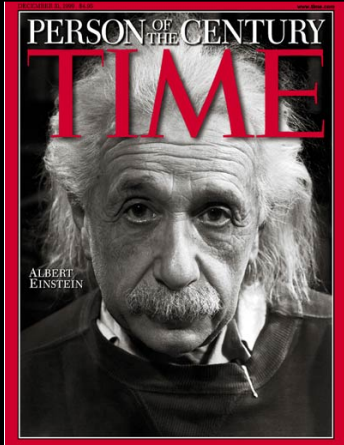
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Einstein's first visit to the United States, in 1921
 "I feel like a prima donna"

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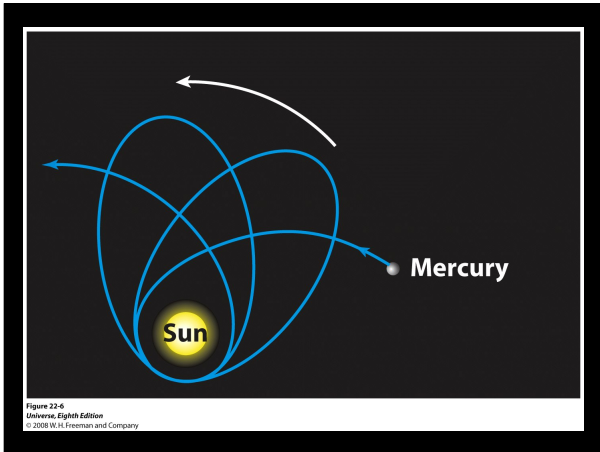


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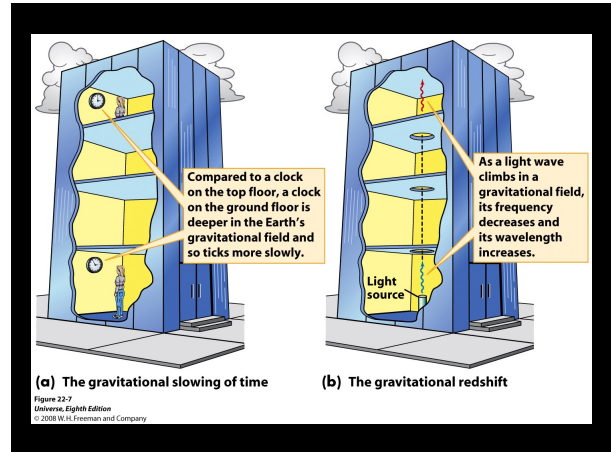
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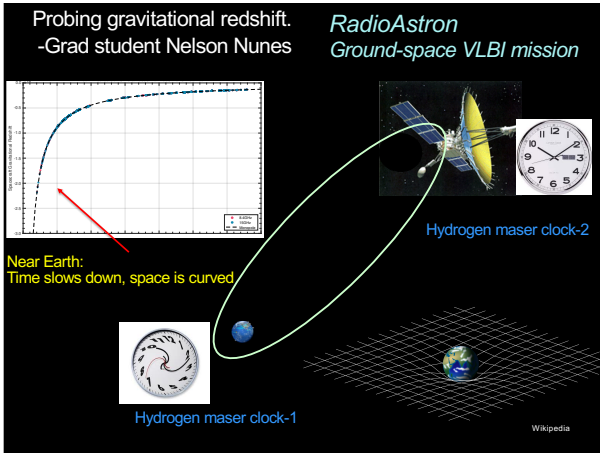
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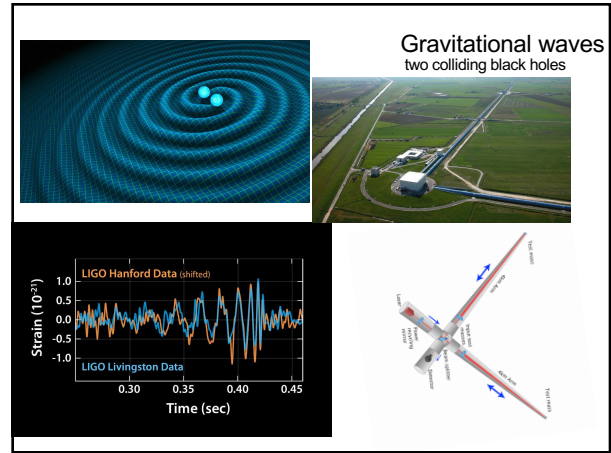
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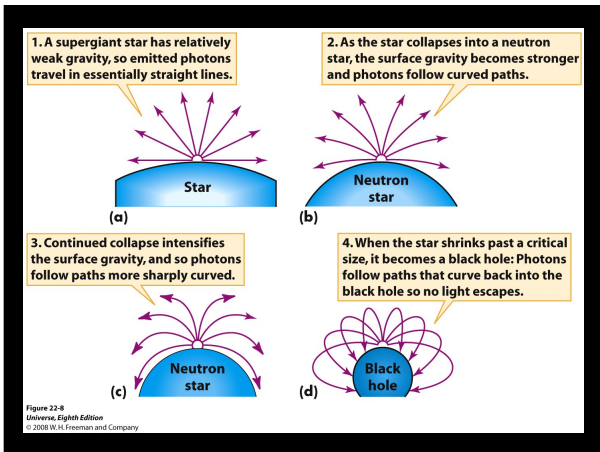
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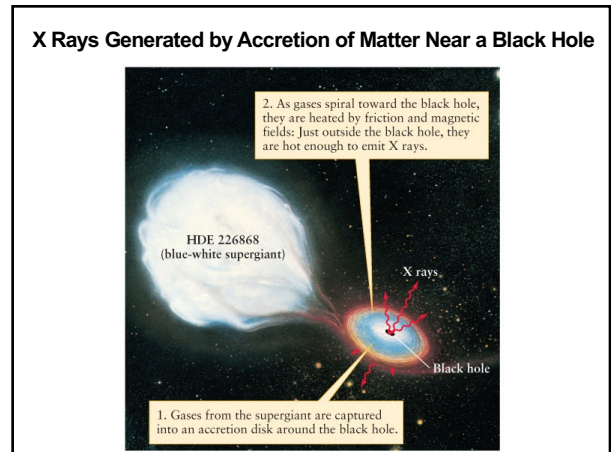
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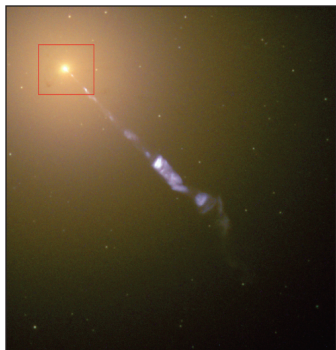


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Supermassive Black Hole in the galaxy M87

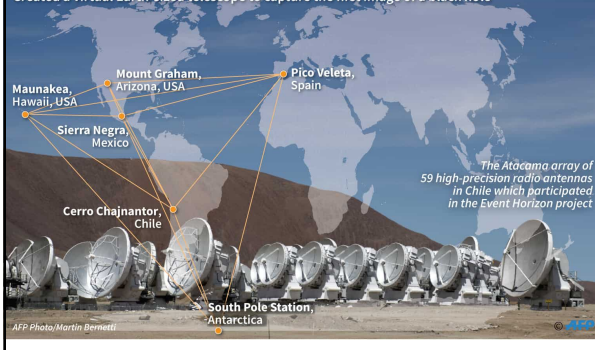


The bright region in the center of galaxy M87 has stars and gas held in tight orbits by a black hole. M87's bright nucleus (center of the region in the white box) is only about the size of the solar system but it pulls on the nearby stars with so much force that astronomers calculate that it is a 6-billion-solar-mass black hole. One of the bright jets of gas shooting out perpendicular to the black hole's accretion disk is also visible.

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The Event Horizon Telescope network

Created a virtual Earth-sized telescope to capture the first image of a black hole

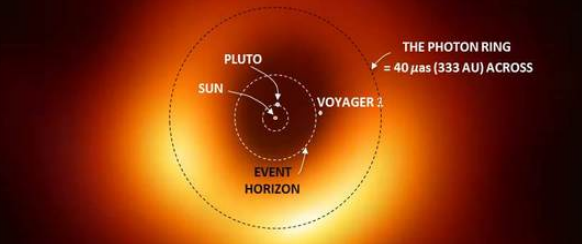


The Atacama array of 59 high-precision radio antennas in Chile which participated in the Event Horizon project

AFP Photo, Martin Bennett

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First image of a black hole – Center of M87



THE PHOTON RING
= 40 μ as (333 AU) ACROSS


PLUTO
SUN
VOYAGER 2
EVENT HORIZON

Radius of the event horizon:
 $R_s = \frac{2GM}{c^2}$ M: mass of black hole (Schwarzschild radius)

Eventhorizontelescope.org

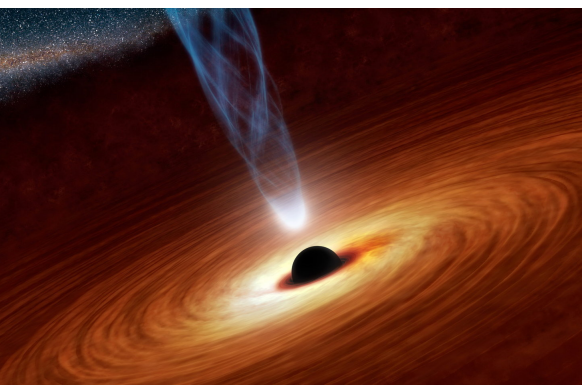
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Magnetic field orientation around the black hole event horizon
24 March 2021



EHT collaboration

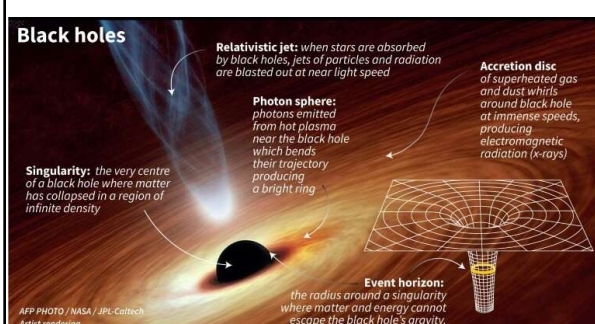
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Black holes



Relativistic jet: when stars are absorbed by black holes, jets of particles and radiation are blasted out at near light speed

Photon sphere: photons emitted from hot plasma near the black hole which bends their trajectory producing a bright ring

Accretion disc: of superheated gas and dust whirls around black hole at immense speeds, producing electromagnetic radiation (x-rays)

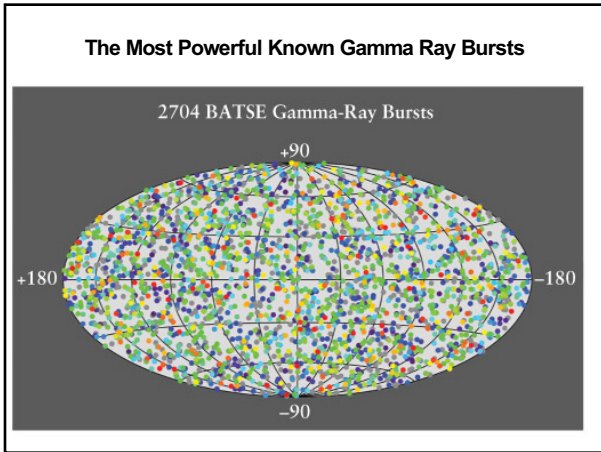
Singularity: the very centre of a black hole where matter has collapsed in a region of infinite density

Event horizon: the radius around a singularity where matter and energy cannot escape the black hole's gravity. The point of no return.

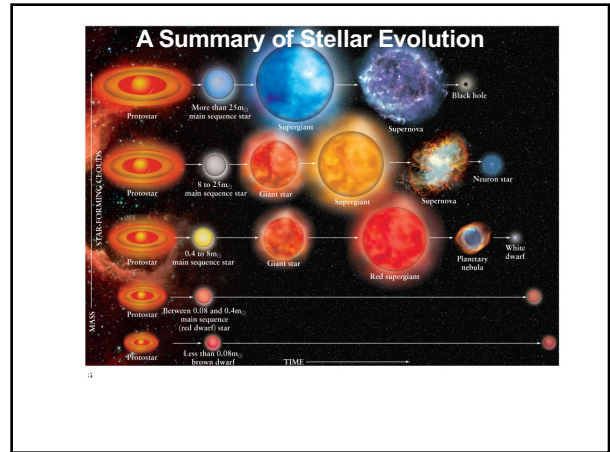
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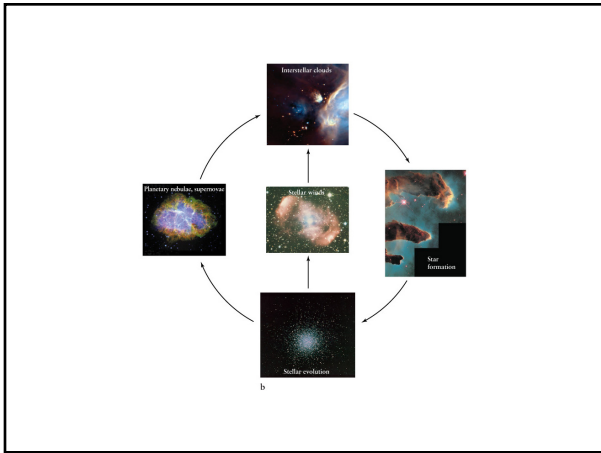
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