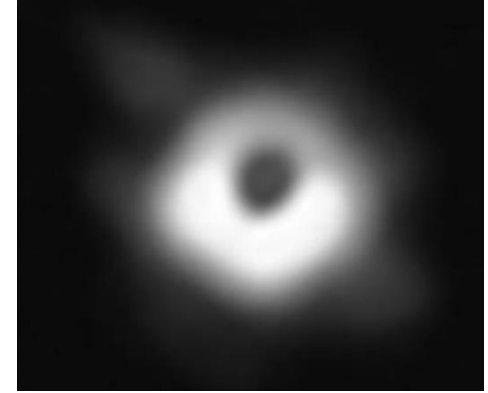




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ALMA -- Atacama Large Terahertz(mm) Array



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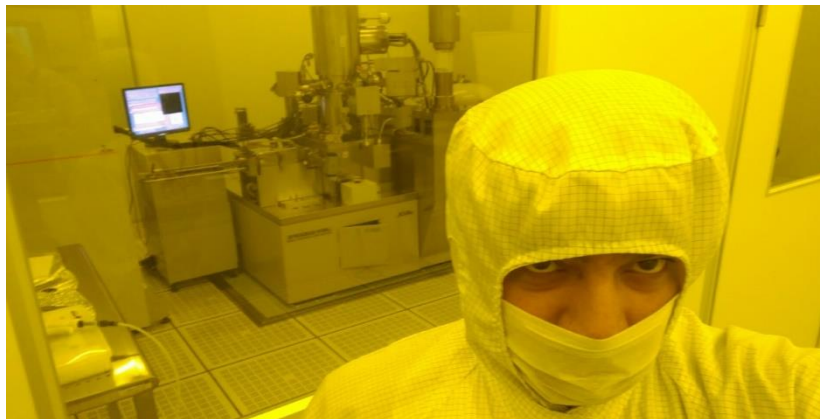
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- Hawking Radiation
- Einstein's Theories of Relativity
- Quantum loop theory, String theory overcome singularity
- Special Relativity
- Space Travel Near Black Holes
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- Summary , References



Worked THz ALMA → joined Chalmers Lab JPL & OSL



Research paper on THz for ALMA

Quadrature Waveguide Coupler with H-plane Horn Antenna at 2.5 THz

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The Atacama Large Millimetre/Submillimeter Array (ALMA), the most extensive astronomical undertaking to date, is a visionary telescope comprised of 66 high-precision antennas. Situated at an elevation of 5000 metres in northern Chile, the Chajnantor Plateau houses this revolutionary telescope. ALMA is a single telescope of revolutionary design, composed initially of 66 high-precision antennas and operating at wavelengths of 0.32 to 3.6 mm. Its main 12-metre array has fifty antennas, each measuring 12 metres in diameter, which together act as a single telescope—an interferometer. An additional compact array of four 12-metre and twelve 7-metre antennas complements this.

This paper talks about a waveguide structure that has a $450 \mu\text{m} \times 90 \mu\text{m}$ quadrature waveguide coupler and a 2.5 THz H-plane Horn antenna. The coupler has a bandwidth of 3 dB. Analyse the quadrature waveguide losses while integrating the H-plane horn antenna and manipulating the skin depth thickness. It is applicable to balanced amplifiers, sideband-separating mixers, THz-balanced heterodyne receivers, power combiners, and dividers. By employing the FEM method and HFSS simulation, the design was optimised.

Radio astronomy receiver for 70-90 GHz HEMT amplifier vs. SIS mixer frontend

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Abstract:- In this paper I compare performance of HEMT's amplifier and SIS Mixer for Radio Astronomy receiver at 70 to 90 GHz. The mixer noise temperature when using SSB, DSB, 2SSB, (Side-band) Modulation Technique and also compare Orthogonal mode for Dual Polarization

Introduction:-

HEMT:-

High electron mobility transistor (HEMT) was invented in 1980 by Mimura et al [1]. The Narrow bandgap HEMT is mainly utilized in low noise and low power applications. The most distinctive properties of HEMTs are their maximum frequency of oscillation F_{max} and noise figure. The highest ever achieved F_{max} among all types of transistors is based on 35 nm InGaAs/InAlAs/InP HEMT, and it is above 1 THz [2]. It also provides very high cutoff frequency and cutoff frequency more than 560 GHz is reported [3]. The noise figure provided by HEMTs is the lowest in microwave and millimeter-wave region with respect to other transistors. For instance minimum noise figure of 1.2-1.3 dB at 90 GHz can be obtained based on 150 nm InAlAs/InGaAs HEMT [4], which is excellent for radio space astronomy as amplifiers [5].

SIS:-

SIS (Superconductor-insulator-superconductor) a theory of superconductivity developed by Bardeen, Cooper, and Schrieffer in 1957. A SIS junction consists of two superconductors separated by a very thin (only several atoms thick) layer of insulator, typically an oxide. The three layers combination is referred to as a trilayer because they are usually made without breaking the vacuum [6]. The SIS junctions is limited to the high frequency side by gap frequency [7]. The sensitivity of SIS mixers is excellent among all type of submm mixers in their frequency range. The extensively used superconducting material in SIS junctions is Nb and aluminum oxides, e.g. Al_2O_3 , AlO etc. [6] for insulator. Nb has a transition temperature of about 9.6 K, and SIS devices based on it must be used at temperatures below 5 K. SIS junctions that are made of these materials are said to as Nb-AlOx-Nb junctions. The performance of an SIS mixer is limited by the gap frequency $F = 4\Delta/h$ which is about 1200 GHz for Nb-AlOx-Nb junctions. More than 1200 GHz, the conversion efficiency of SIS mixers degrades rapidly and other mixing principles or superconducting materials with higher energy gaps must be used. There is one more frequency limitations comes from the RF loss in superconducting microstrip lines above a frequency

limit of $F = 2\Delta/h$. Above that frequency it becomes more difficult to compensate for the SIS junctions' geometric capacitance by using superconducting microstrip lines. The way to reduce the influence of the junction's capacitance is to use higher current densities. This would require a very small area junctions in order to keep reasonable value of RA . Electron beam pattern definition can than be used to make an efficient SIS mixer for frequencies above 1 THz.

Sideband:-

1.SSB:-

The concept of single side-band (SSB) that if you don't need two side-bands (LSB,USB) and get rid of one. To make that happen, you need to add a component to your system that removes the extra side-band. That component is called a band pass filter. Band pass filter remove the lower side-band (LSB) and the carrier from the spectrum. The remainder is transmitted. The receiver in a SSB system has its own carrier signal (from a local oscillator) that is puts back in. By eliminating the duplicated side-band and carrier from transmission, the bandwidth has been reduced by half. The formula for predicting bandwidth in a SSB system is $BW = f_m$, where f_m is the maximum modulating frequency used. By reducing the bandwidth transmitted, you may put double the number of channels (or stations) in the same frequency band.

SSB cuts the bandwidth in half and improves the efficiency to nearly 100%. You must add a band pass filter to the transmitter and a local oscillator to the receiver to make a conventional system into SSB.

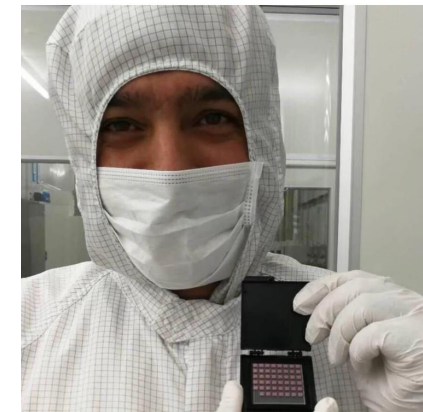
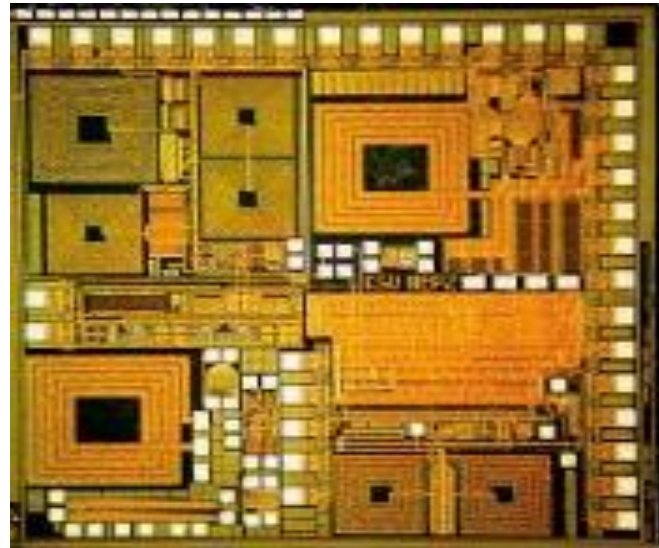
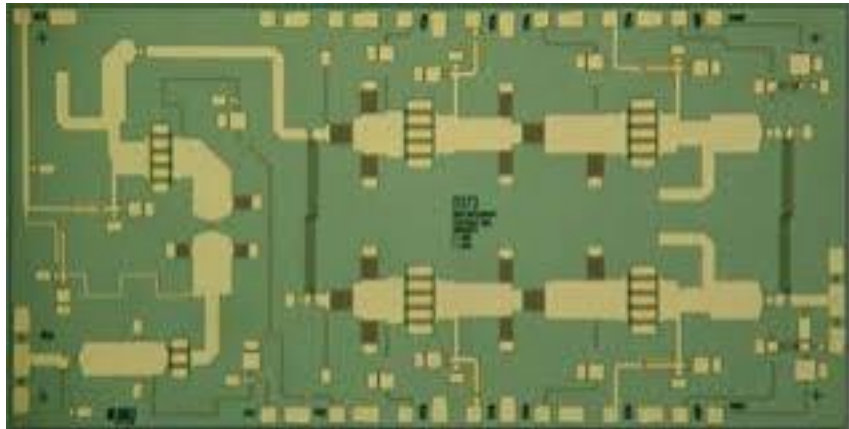
2.DSB:-

In Double Sideband communication both sidebands are transmitted. This requires twice the bandwidth $BW = 2f_m$ and power of transmitting just one of the sidebands, but involves less complex transmitters and receivers.



Background Silicon Valley

CTO: Chinese silicon valley → Hengtong 7th largest company
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Total Artificial Heart



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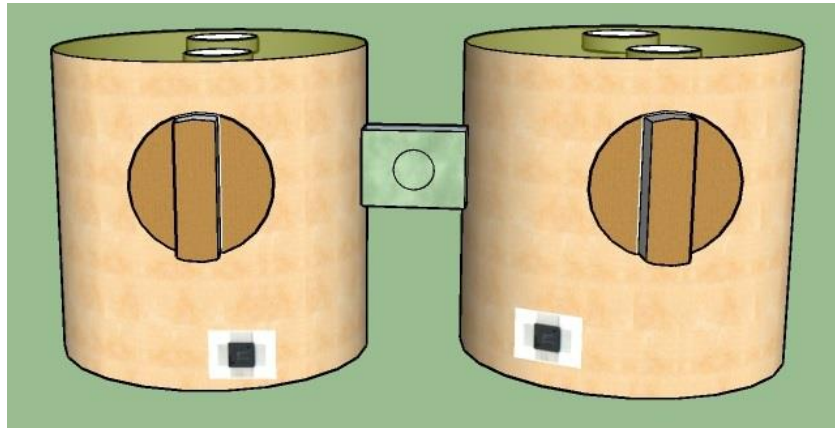
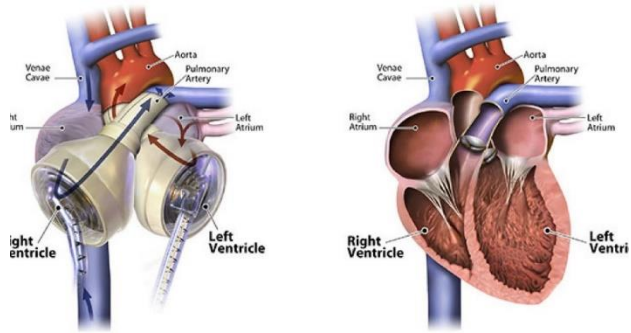
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Total Artificial Heart

Total Artificial Heart: State-of-the-art

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A review is conducted of contemporary iterations of entire artificial pulsating hearts, including Syncardia, Abiocoar, Upplysning Robotics (memma), and Carmat. There is a thorough examination of these devices' technical features, taking into account their common flaws for artificial pulsating hearts: lower dependability and limited usefulness because of the large size of the implantable module. The Carmat total artificial heart, which is presently undergoing clinical trials and partially resolves these issues, is thoroughly examined.

Introduction

The primary objective during the early stages of mechanical circulatory support (MCS) development was to replicate the physiological processes of the heart through the implementation of flexible diaphragms and unidirectional valves. Steel pulsating machines, including the entirely artificial heart Liotta-Heart and Jarvik 7, were the consequence of this development. Although the implantation process was fruitful, the utilisation of these devices was constrained by their substantial dimensions and inadequate dependability resulting from the multitude of mobile components [1-4].

Current frontrunners in the treatment of heart failure that have achieved the highest level of clinical success and are extensively implemented are third-generation circulatory support devices known as constant flow rotary pumps [1, 2, 5]. However, there are still potential applications for total artificial hearts (TAH), including the rescue of patients experiencing cardiogenic shock in the event that heart transplantation fails, specifically when there is an urgent need for hemodynamic recovery [6]. Additionally, TAH implantation offers a superior six-month survival rate in comparison to the circulatory support apparatus for both ventricles of the heart [7].

This analysis will provide a state-of-the-art description of pulsating MCS systems intended for total myocardial replacement. A summary of the characteristics and features of these devices is provided in Table 1.

Syncardia Total Artificial Heart

For the replacement of both ventricles of the heart, the Syncardia device (SynCardia Systems, USA), a pulsating total artificial heart, is the most prevalent MCS system variant. It measures 400 ml in volume and 160 g in weight [8]. For a bridge to transplant (2004) and voluntary implantation in patients who have been denied a heart transplant (2012), it has received approval from the FDA [6].

The artificial heart is comprised of the subsequent elements: autonomous left and right polyurethane ventricles, each with a volume of 70 ml (see Figure 1), and a transducer control cable that links the ventricles to an external pneumatic compressor [6, 9].

Directional blood flow is provided by two Medtronic-Hall single-leaf mechanical valves (27 mm inlet valves and 25 mm outflow valves) in each artificial ventricle [6, 11].

The main unit is composed of thermoplastic polyurethane IsoPlast. In order to construct the ventricular chambers, successive layers of polyurethane with varying hardnesses are poured. The ventricle is composed of two distinct sections.

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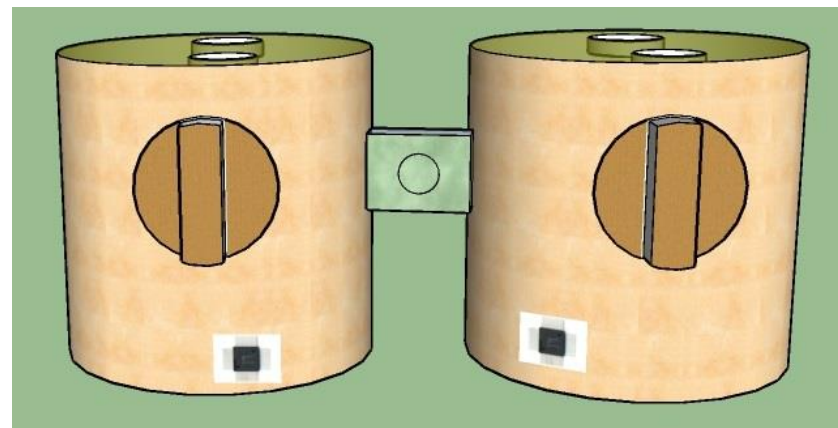
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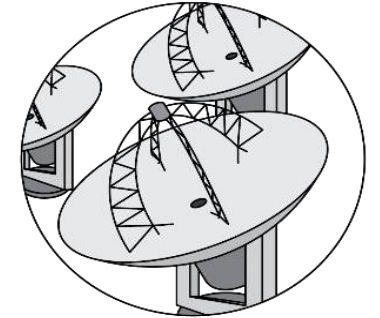
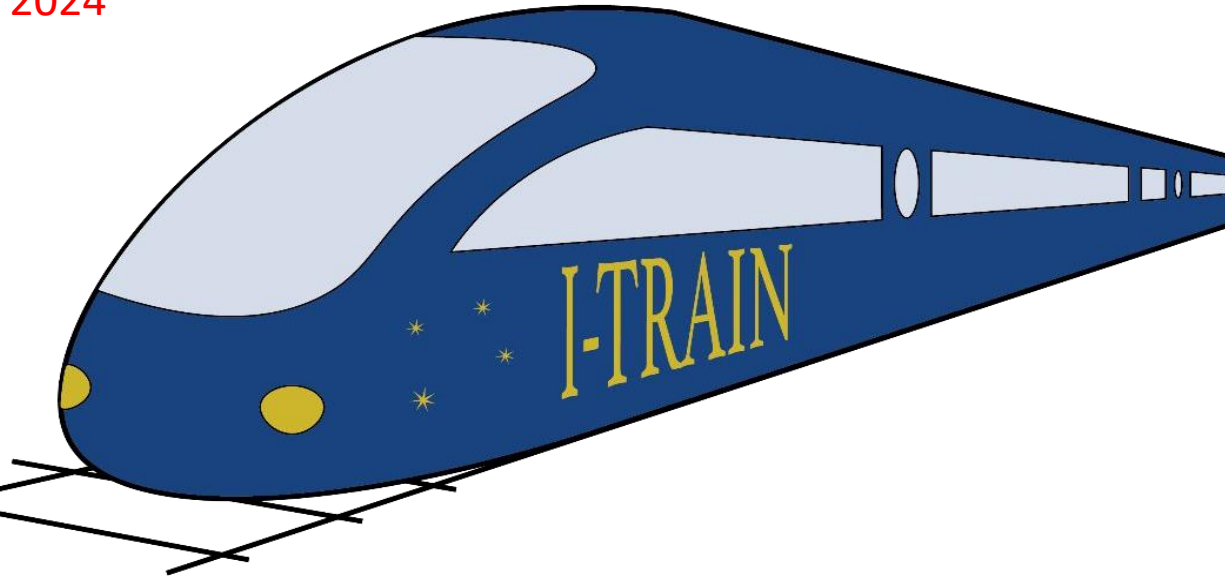
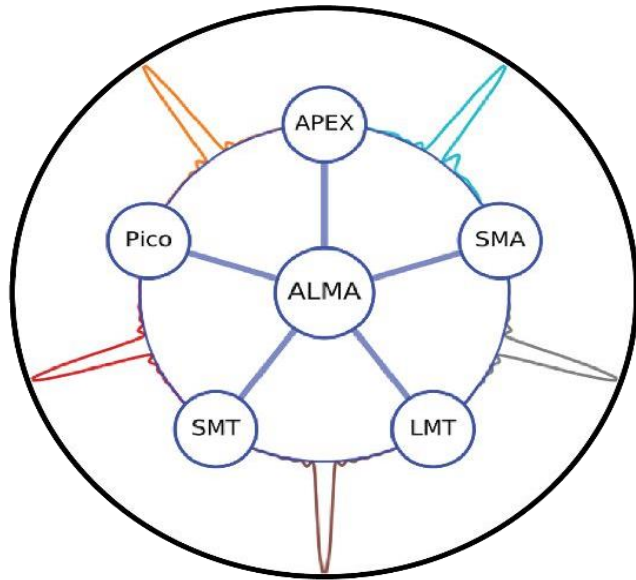
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ALMA Extension VLBI: Science and Proposals

Frequency Band → 6 & 3

Deadline → 31 January , 25 April 2024



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ALMA Extension → Black Hole mmVLBI

mm VLBI science: First black hole images

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Black hole imaging at event horizon scales

Magnetic fields near event horizon

Study accretion disk physics

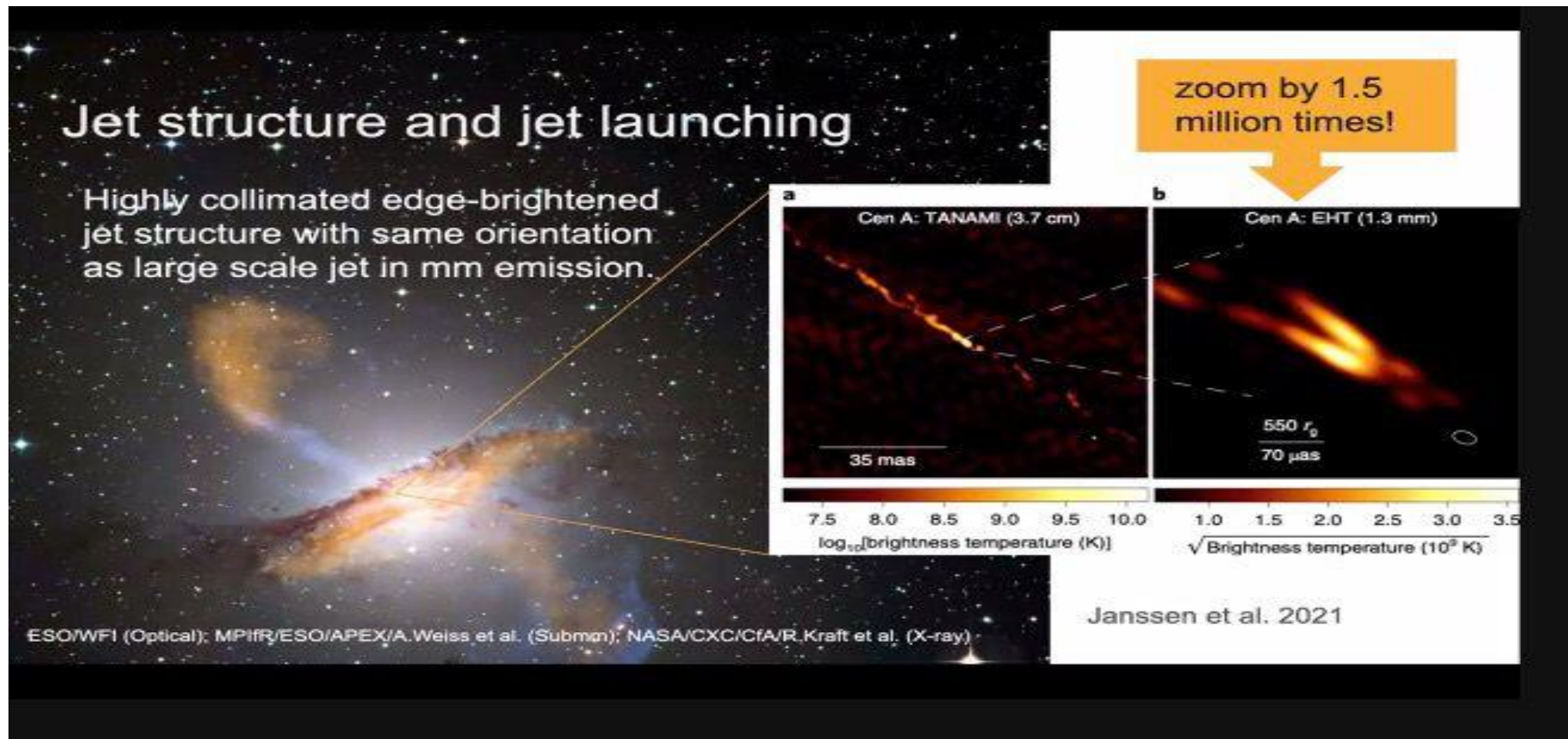
Gravitational physics

Sgr A*



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ALMA Extension → Jet structure and jet launching



THz Advantages

1. Strong interactions with Mater – All states
2. Significant Penetration in some materials
3. Naturally occurring spectral signatures
4. Natural Frequency for femtosecond probing
5. Very high sensitivity for signal detector
6. Aperture Advantages over millimeter
7. Non-Inoizing Radiation
8. Low Tolerance Optics
9. Huge Available Bandwidth
10. Untapped Potential



THz Constraints

1. High Material Losses – Metals and dielectrics
2. Poor Atmospheric Transmission
3. Noise Background Limited Signal Detection
4. Few Natural Resonances except in low pressure gases
5. Poor Contrast/ Huge Speckle Ratio
6. Millimeter-Scale Focus at Best
7. Large Apertures Required
8. Serious Guide Media Dispersion and Losses
9. \$\$\$\$\$ For Components/Instruments



Traditional THz Applications

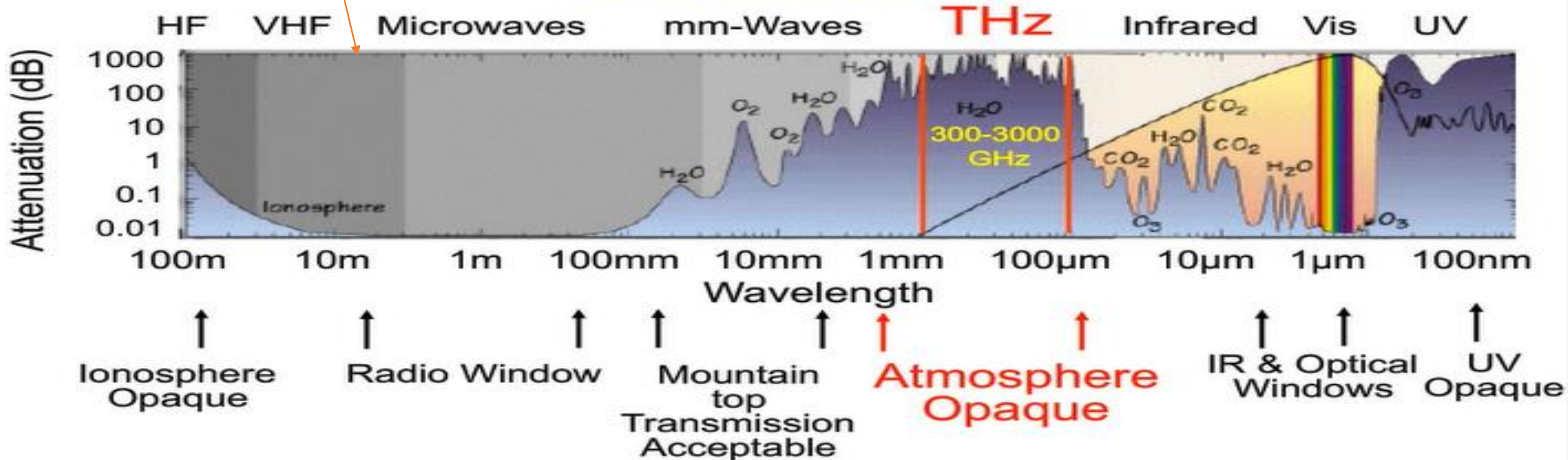
1. Space Science: Astrophysics, Earth, Planets, Comets and Asteroids
2. Plasma Diagnostics
3. Non Destructive Evaluation (Assorted niches)
4. Gas Spectroscopy and Quantum Physics
5. Ultrafast Chemistry and Nonlinear Optoelectronics
(Since Thz Time Domain Systems – Late 1980S)



0.3 to 3THz Bands & Atmospheric Transmission

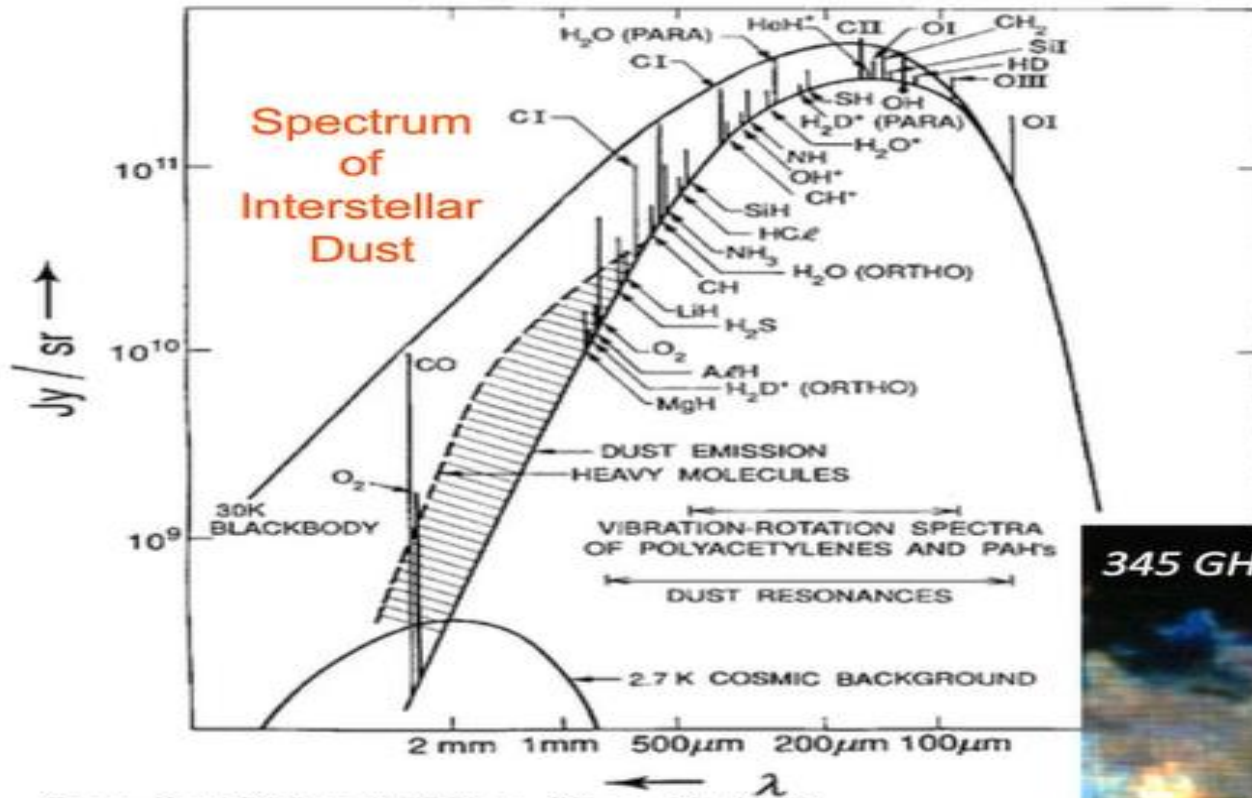
- Gases in the earth's atmosphere absorb electromagnetic radiation to the Most wavelengths from space do not reach the ground.
- Visible light, most radio waves, and some infrared penetrate the atmosphere.
- Through atmospheric windows, wavelength regions of high transparency
- Lack of atmospheric windows at other wavelengths is the reason for astronomers placing telescopes In space

NASA's interest in the THz bands is due to measurements of unique spectral features in the Earth, planetary and small body atmospheres, as well as interstellar and intragalactic space. Strong water and oxygen absorption in the atmosphere make high altitude platforms essential for good seeing

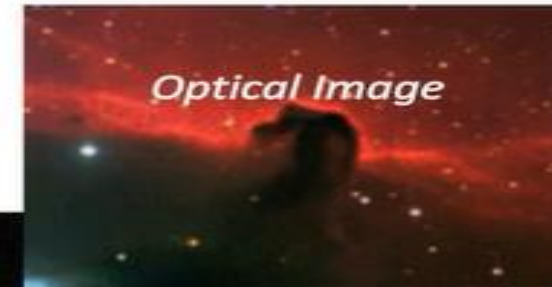


Astrophysics Drivers for THz sensors

THz is the primary freq. for line and continuum radiation from cool (5-100 K) gas (atoms and molecules) and dust.



Useful for Studying Stellar and Galactic Constituents and Evolution, Cosmology, Dust & Gas Chemistry, Cosmic Background Physics.



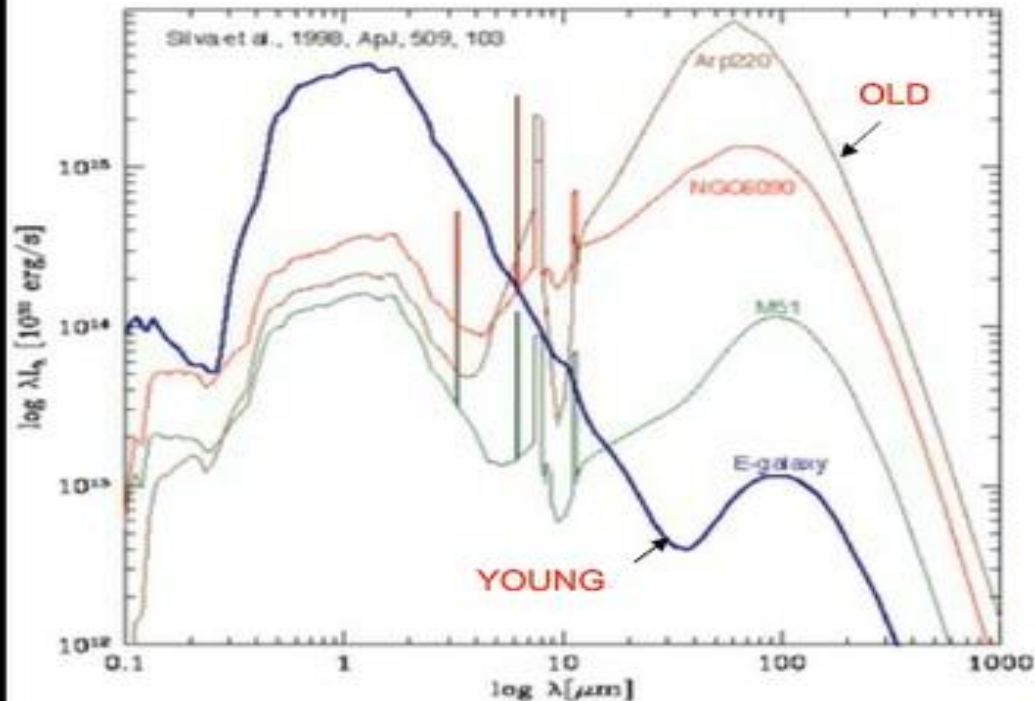
CO J=3-2 image taken with the SuperCam, 64 pixel, heterodyne array receiver mounted on the APEX telescope in northern Chile. Courtesy Chris Walker, Univ. of Arizona.

(From: Tom Phillips, IEEE Proc., 80, no. 11, 1992)

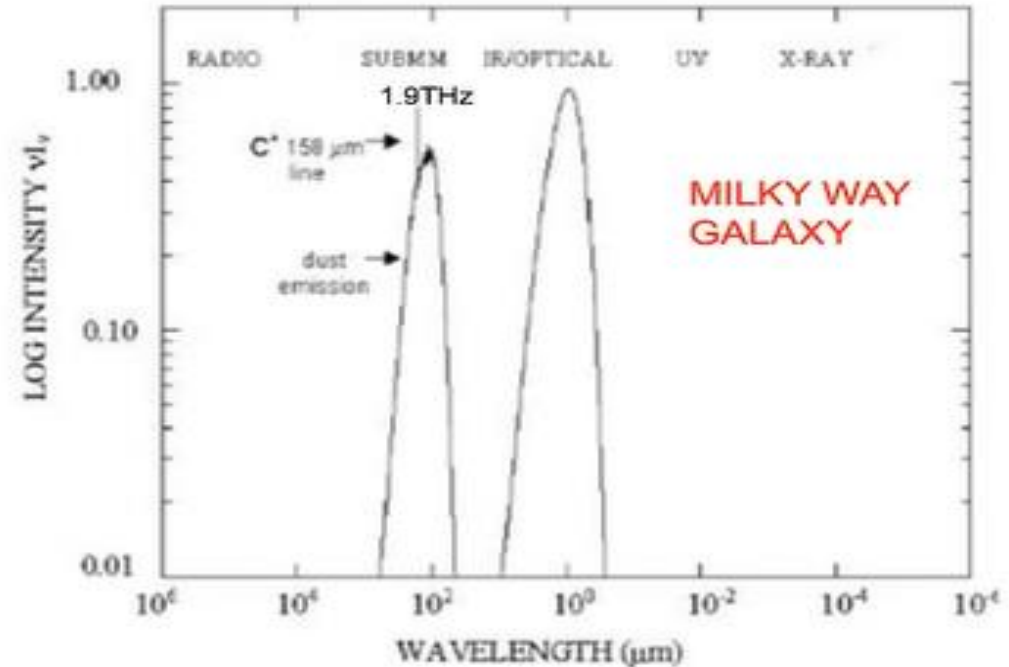


Galactic Emission at THz Frequencies

Half the luminosity and 98% of the photons released since the Big Bang fall into the Submillimeter and Far IR regions!



Energy output vs. wavelength for galaxies of ascending ages showing advantages of THz detection for probing the early universe
(Courtesy Bill Langer – Herschel Sp. Obs.)



Spectrum of Milky Way galaxy showing luminous power output vs. wavelength. Almost 50% of the power is emitted at THz frequencies!
(From Dave Leisawitz, SPIE Proc., 4013, Mar 2000)

THz Telescope

ASTROPHYSICS

Herschel Space Telescope was launched in May 2009 by the European Space Agency after a 24 year development phase, more than \$1.5 Billion dollars, and literally hundreds of astronomers and engineers working around the globe.

Major drivers are cosmic dust, star formation, galactic evolution and cosmology

98% of all photons we measure in the universe fall into the THz regime!

Eleven astrophysics missions with THz sensors have flown since 1978!

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PLANETS & COMETS

MIRO on Rosetta

Planetary remote sensing (also comets and asteroids), like Earth sensing, is a very strong driver for passive and perhaps even active THz spectroscopy.

Can detect water, CO, methanol, & many other gaseous species...

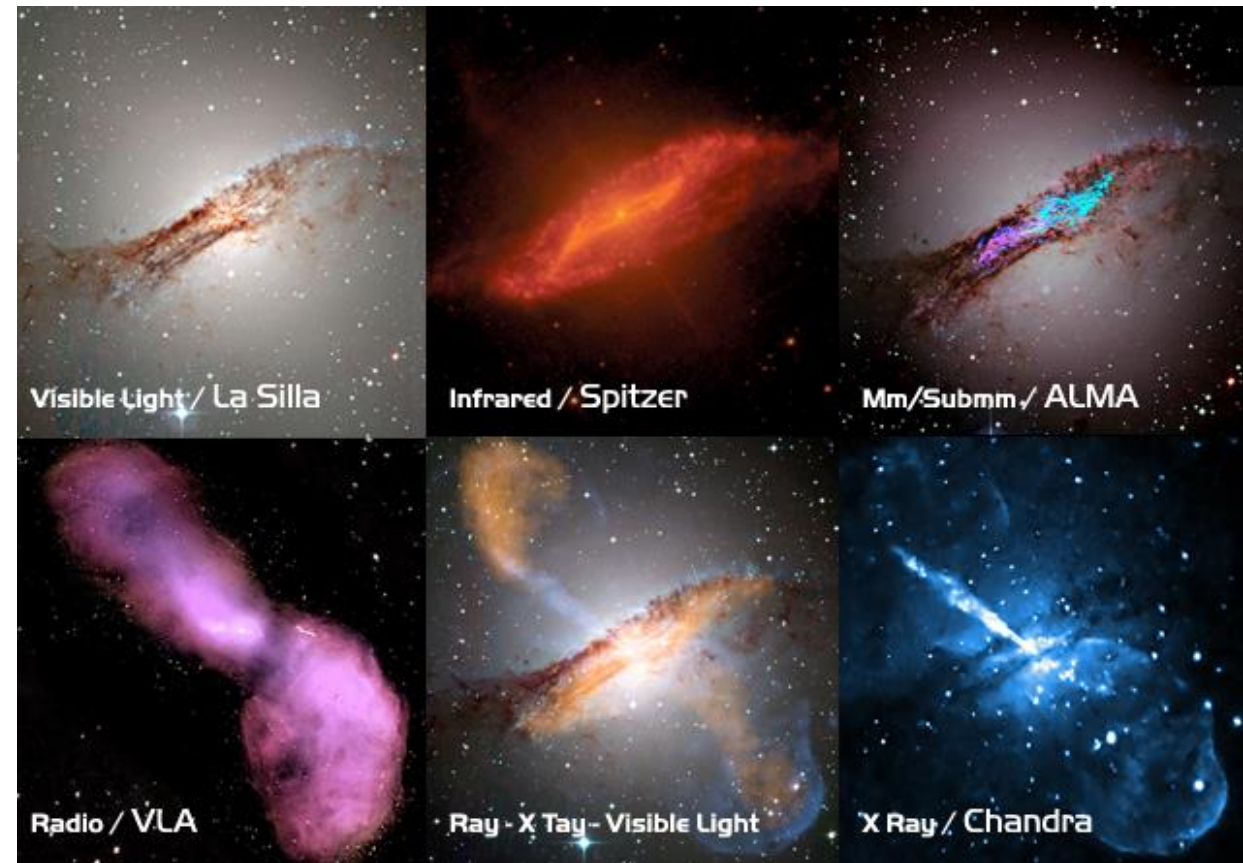
Only one THz planetary mission has launched to date: MIRO (comet sounder), in 2004, but many more are in current, and will be in future, launch queues.

Although space applications are “niche” the funding levels are consistent with the largest worldwide investments in technology and science.

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Types of Telescopes

- Optical Telescopes
- Ultraviolet and X-Ray
- Space-Based Astronomy → Hubble
- Infrared Telescope
- Radio Astronomy
- Interferometry
→ The Alma Array



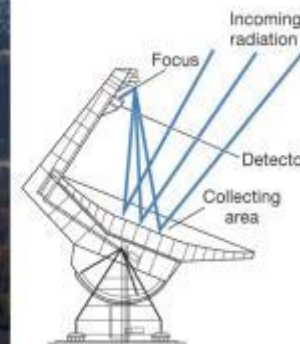
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Radio telescopes

- **Similar to optical reflecting telescopes**
- **Prime focus**
- **High sensitive (with shorter wavelength); can be made very large**



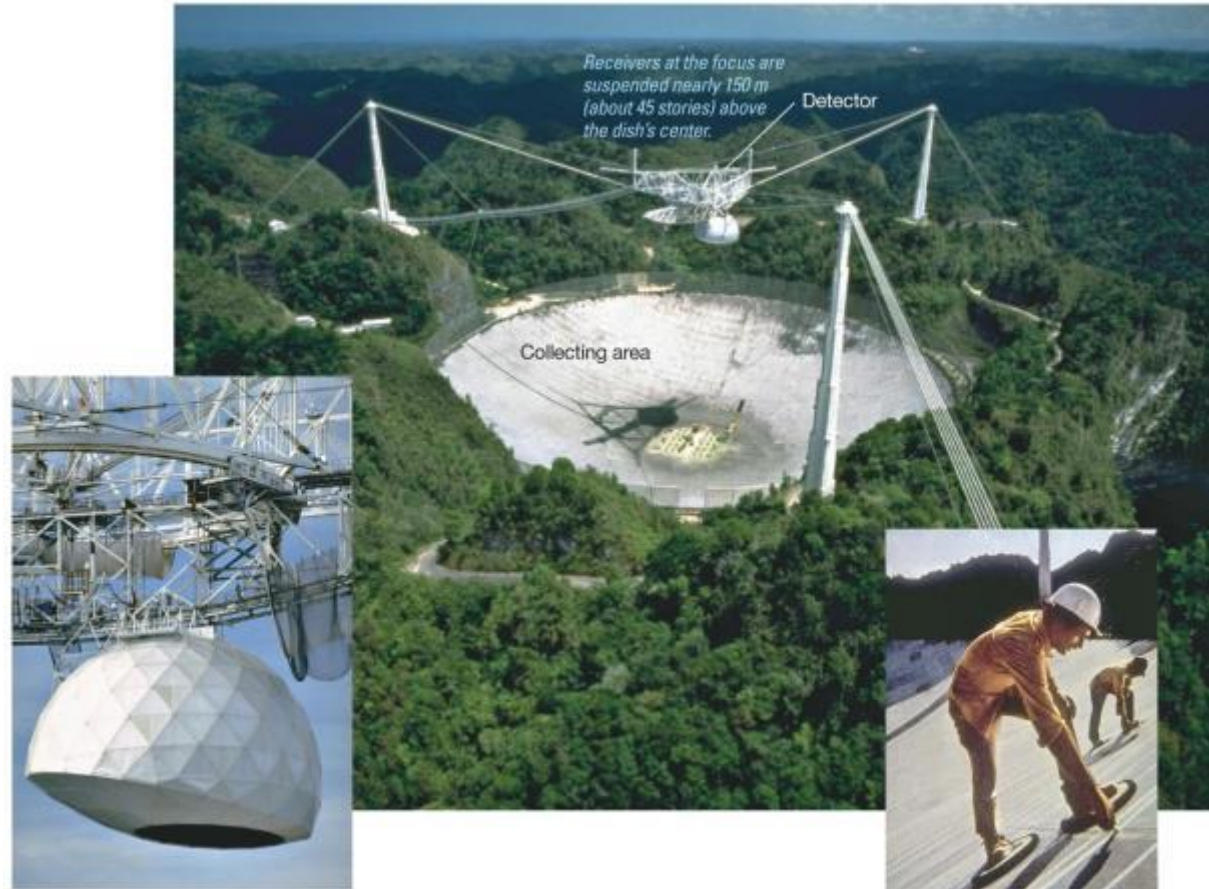
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Largest radio telescope is the 300-m dish at Arecibo

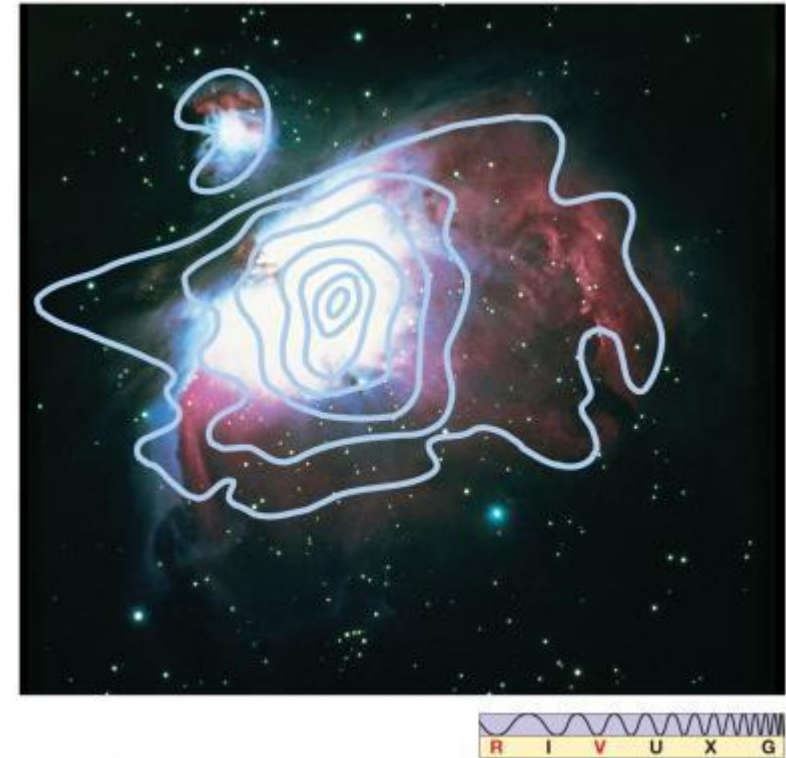


Radio Astronomy

Longer wavelength means poor angular resolution

Advantages of radio astronomy:

- Can observe **24 hours a day**
- Clouds, rain, and snow don't interfere
- Observations at an entirely different frequency; get totally different information



Interferometry

Interferometry:

- **Combines information from several widely spread radio telescopes as if it came from a single dish**
- **Resolution will be that of dish whose diameter = largest separation between dishes**



(a)



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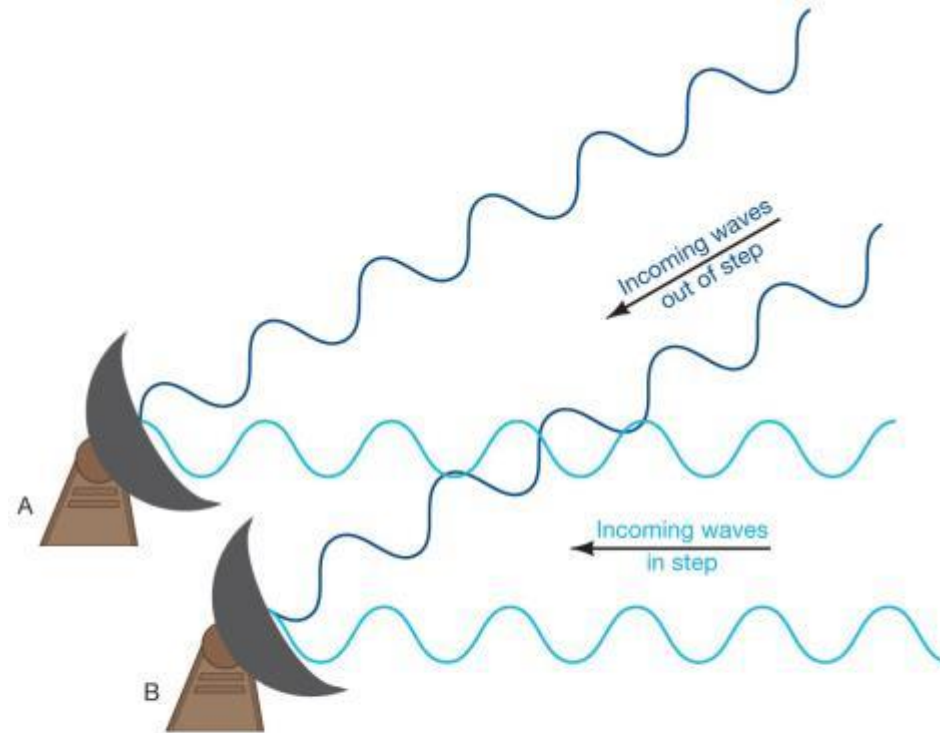
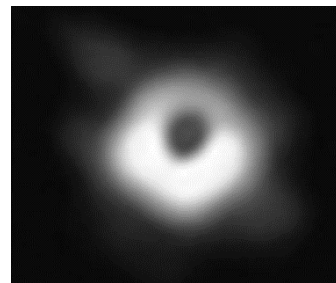
Interferometry




Interferometry involves combining signals from two receivers; the amount of interference depends on the direction of the signal

$$D = \frac{\lambda}{\theta} = \frac{0.877\text{mm}}{2 * 10^{-9}} = 30,407 \text{ km}$$

M87 = $2 * 10^{-9}$ Angular Resolution

$$\theta = \frac{\lambda}{B}$$

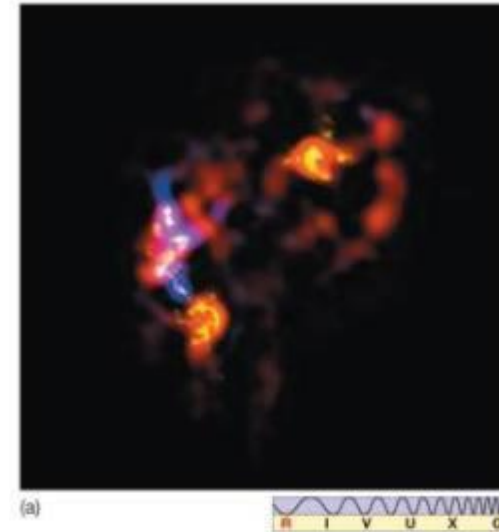


- A  Waves arrive out of step
- B  = destructive interference
- A  Waves arrive in step
- B  = constructive interference

Interferometry

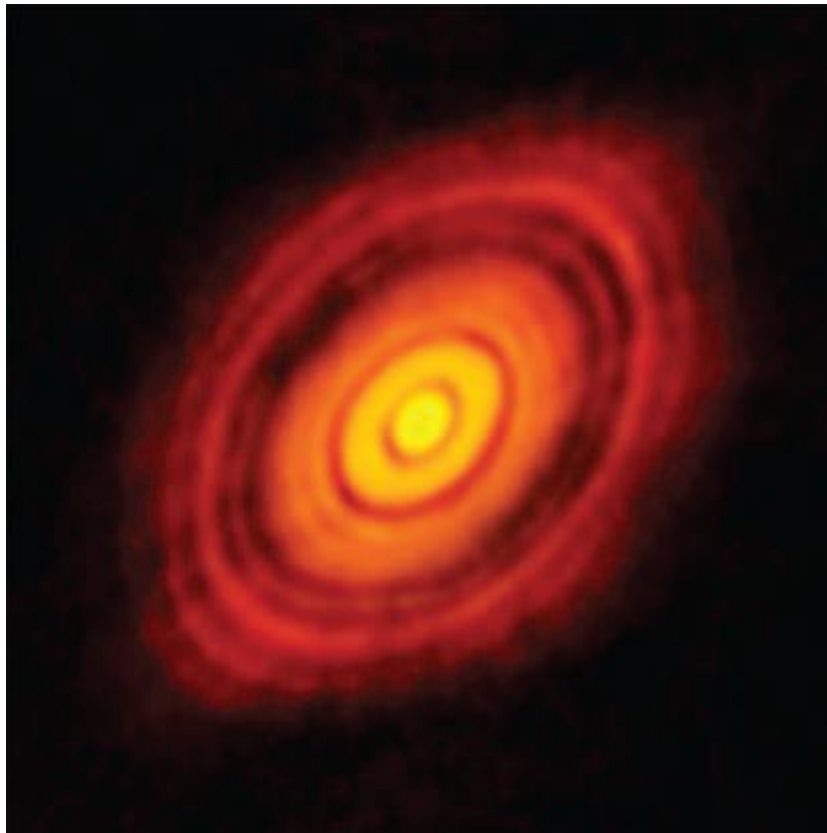
Can get radio images whose resolution is close to optical

Interferometry can also be done with visible light but is much more difficult due to shorter wavelengths



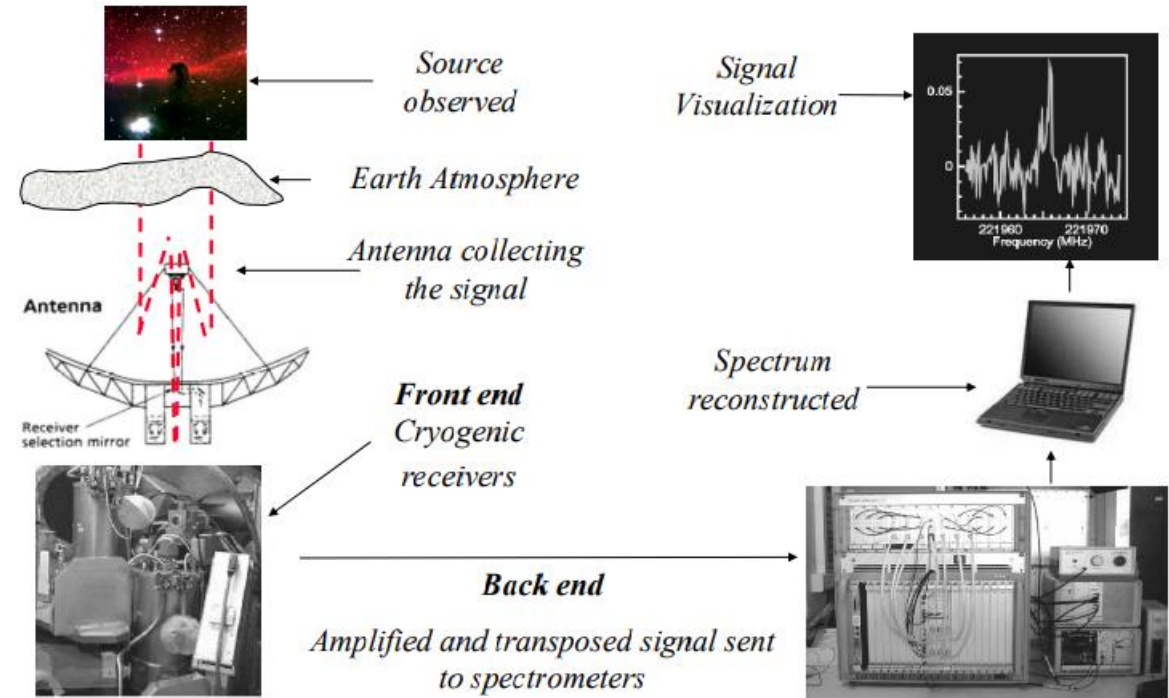
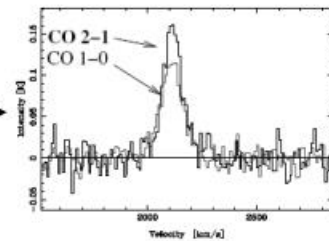
The ALMA Array

This image shows a protoplanetary disk surrounding the star HL Tauri.

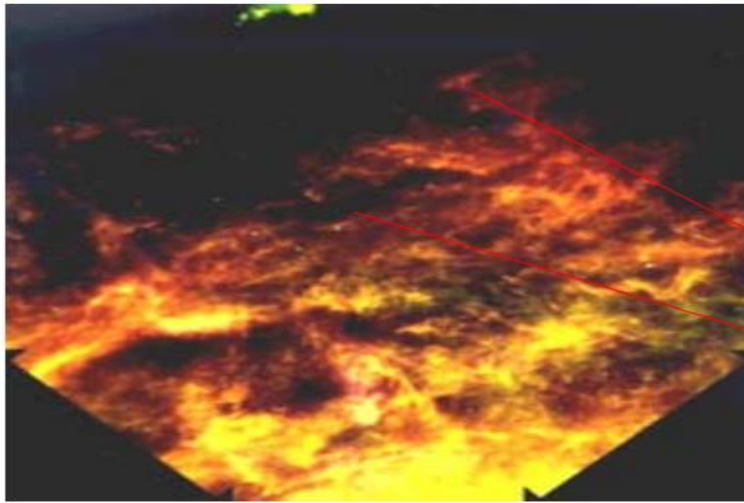


Radio astronomy is a subfield of astronomy that studies celestial objects at radio frequencies. The first detection of radio waves from an astronomical object was in 1933,

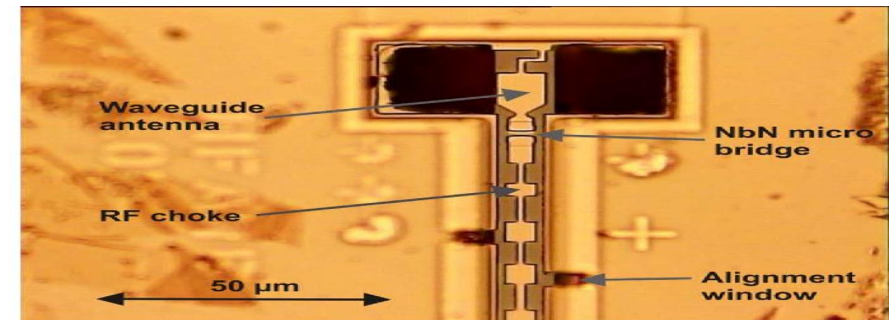
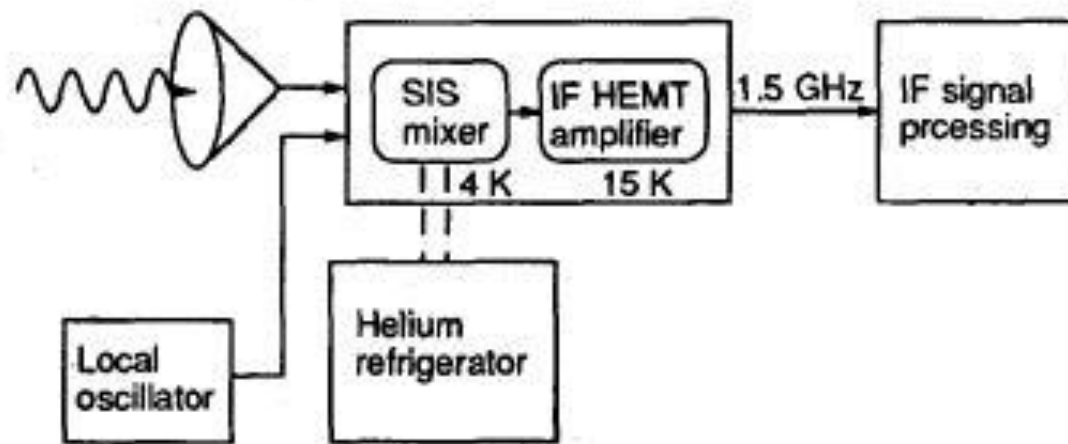
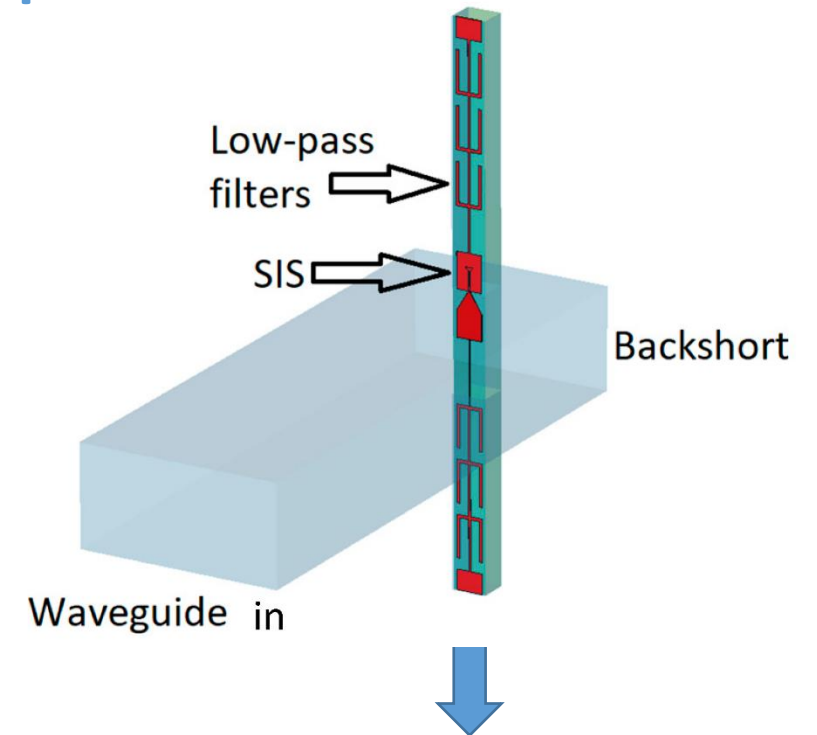
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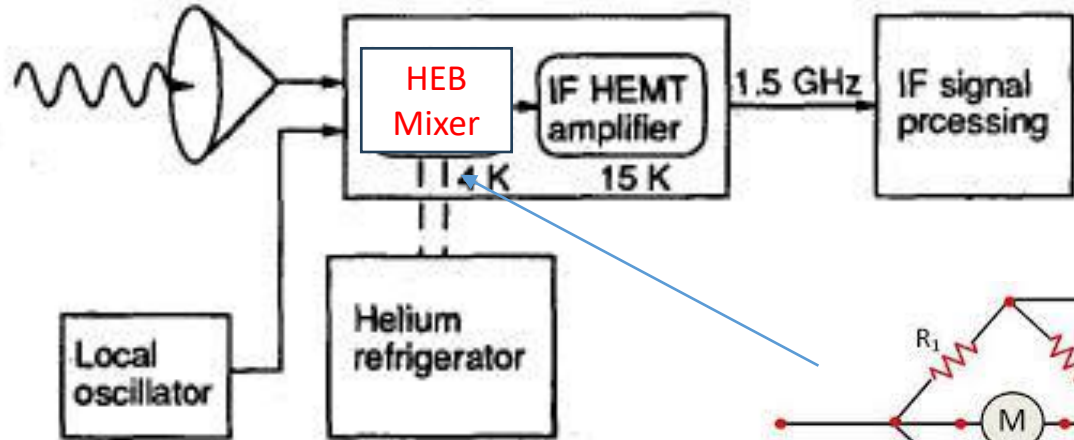
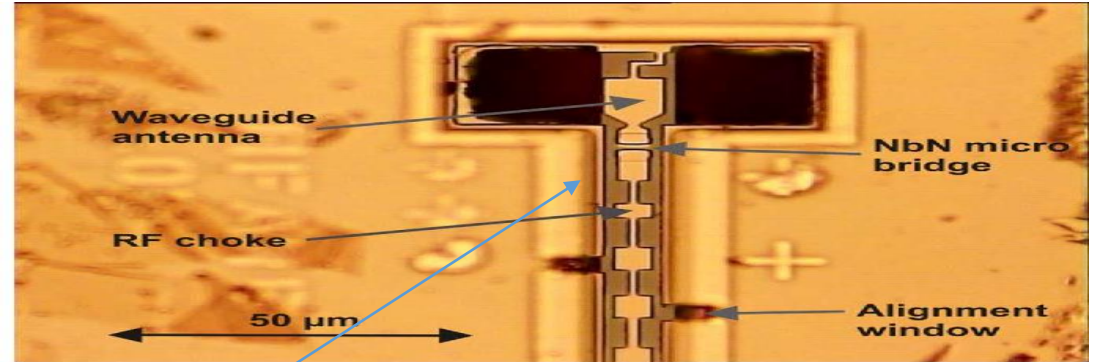
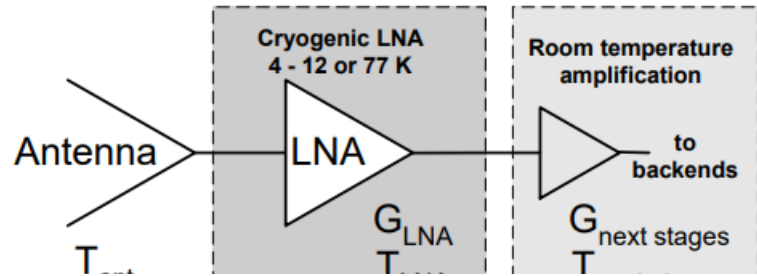


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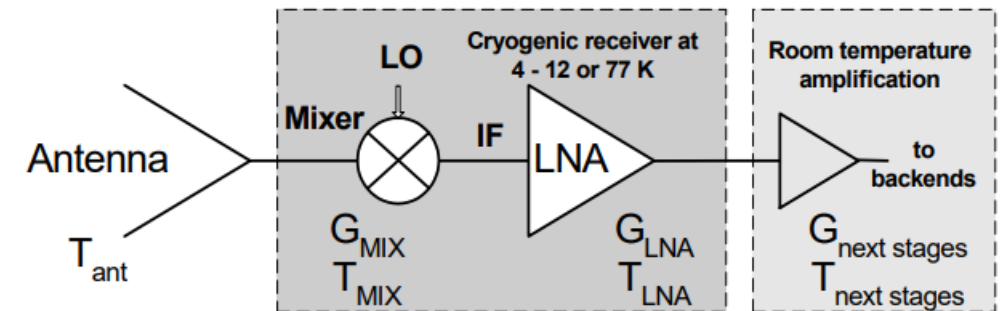
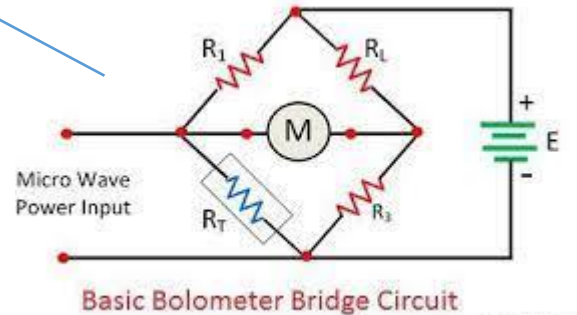


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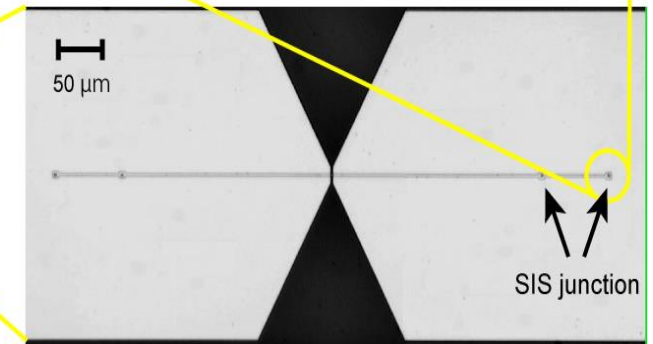
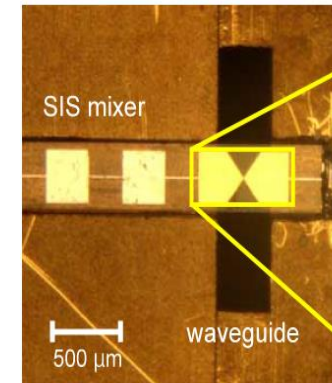
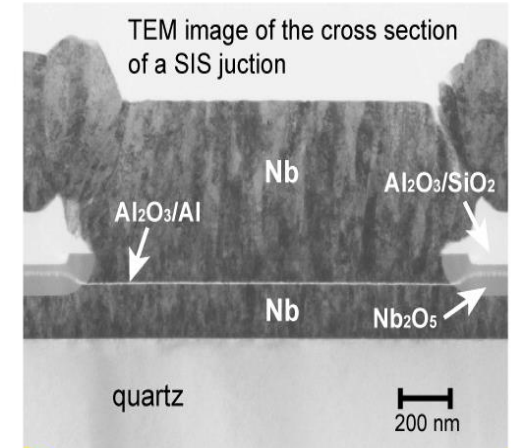
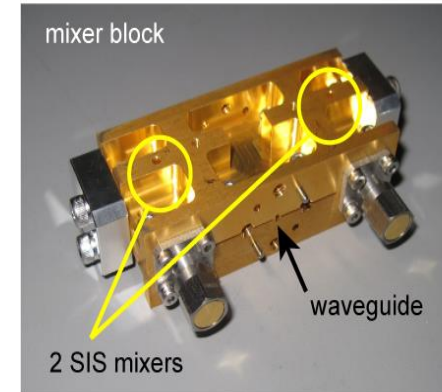
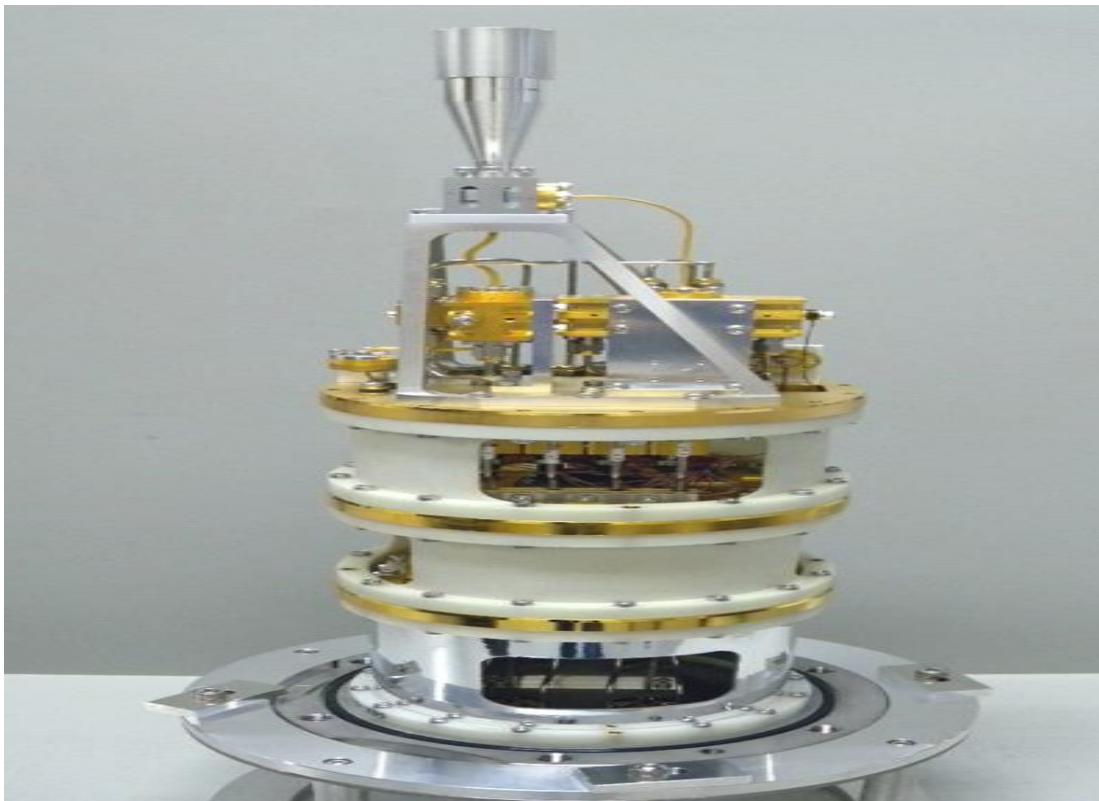
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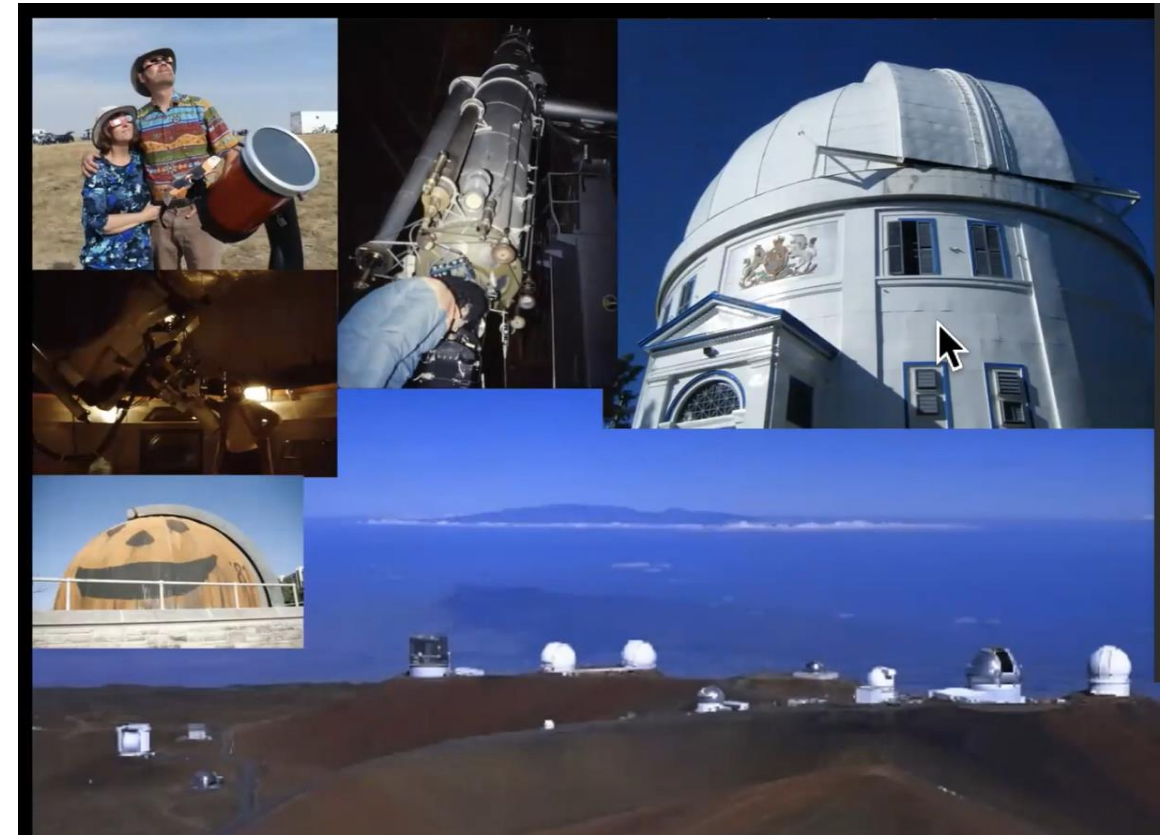


Radio Astronomy System Submm/mm , Receiver



Why we need Radio Astronomy

The stunning images taken by optical instruments like the iconic Hubble Space Telescope are famous the world over, but there are many details they cannot see. Radio astronomy reveals parts of the invisible sky. By detecting radio waves emitted by a wide range of astronomical objects and phenomena, radio telescopes provide a totally different view of our Universe.

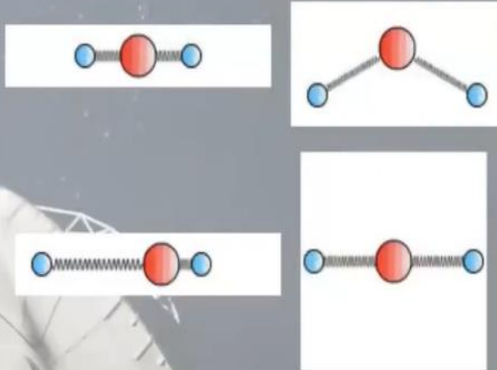


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So what is it used for?

- Study Cold Dust & Molecules

- Where the material is.
- How much there is.
- What it's made of.
- How it's moving.
- Its temperature.
- Its chemistry.



Spectral line mm VLBI: a new ALMA capability!

Maser transitions within ALMA Bands for VLBI (1,3,6,7)

H₂O masers include: 96, 268, 321, 325 GHz

SiO masers include: 43, 86, 215, 258, 301, 344 GHz

HCN masers include: 89 GHz

CH₃OH masers include: 44, 95, 217, 230, 349 GHz

→ But do check the tuning compatibility of the other antennas in the array

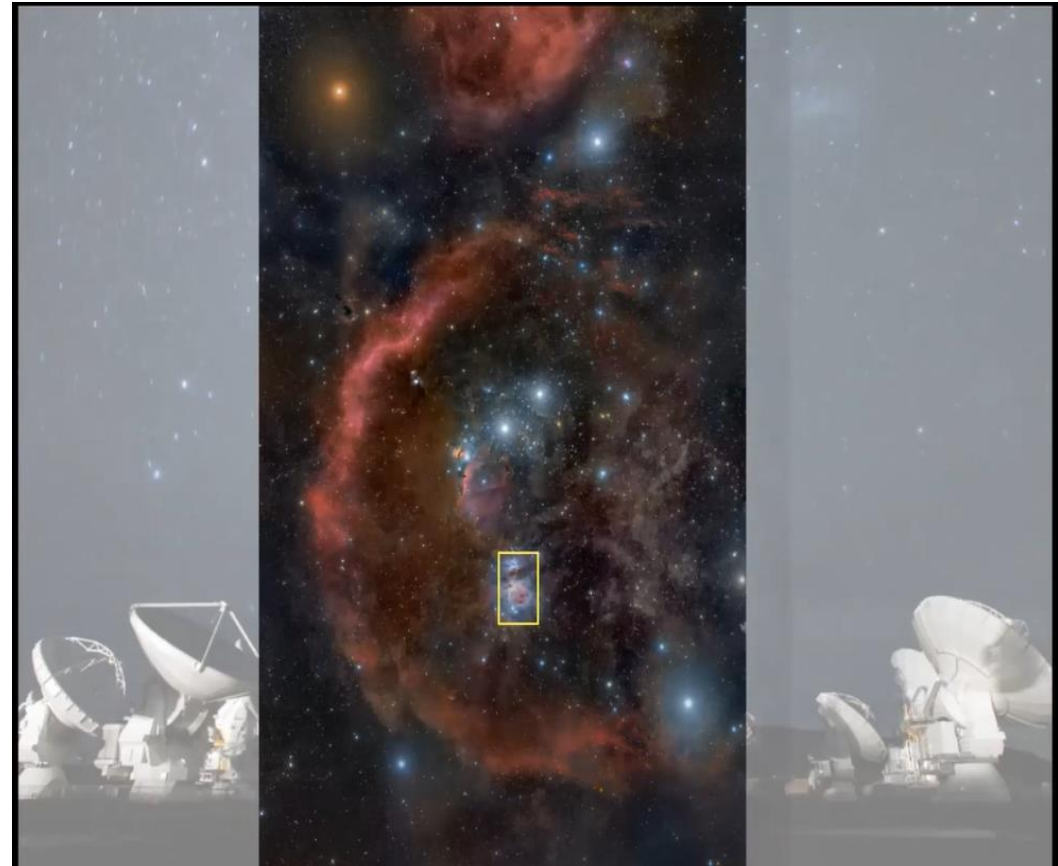
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nebula of orion

Hydrogen gas release by stars by inside region, new star gass

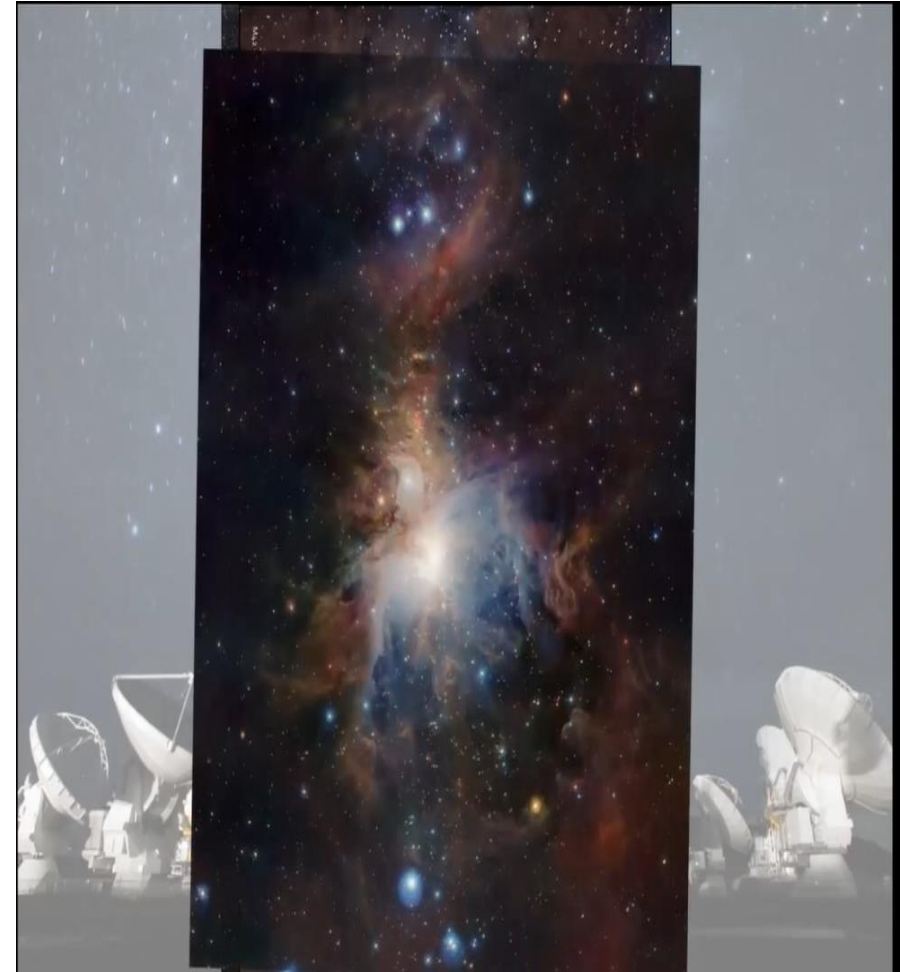
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Orion constellation



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Optical vs infrared

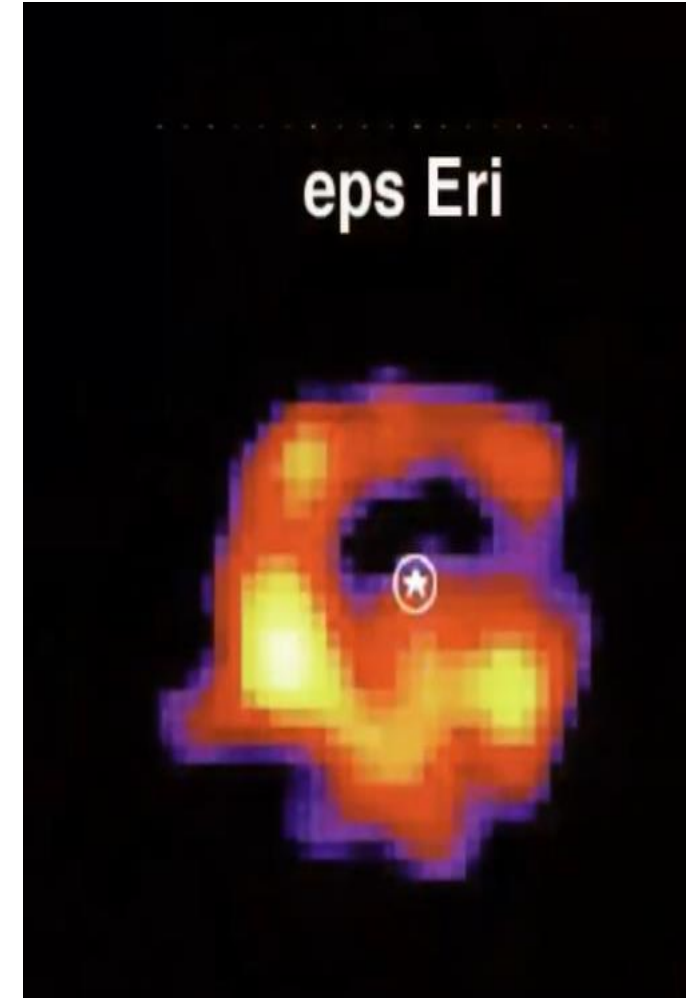


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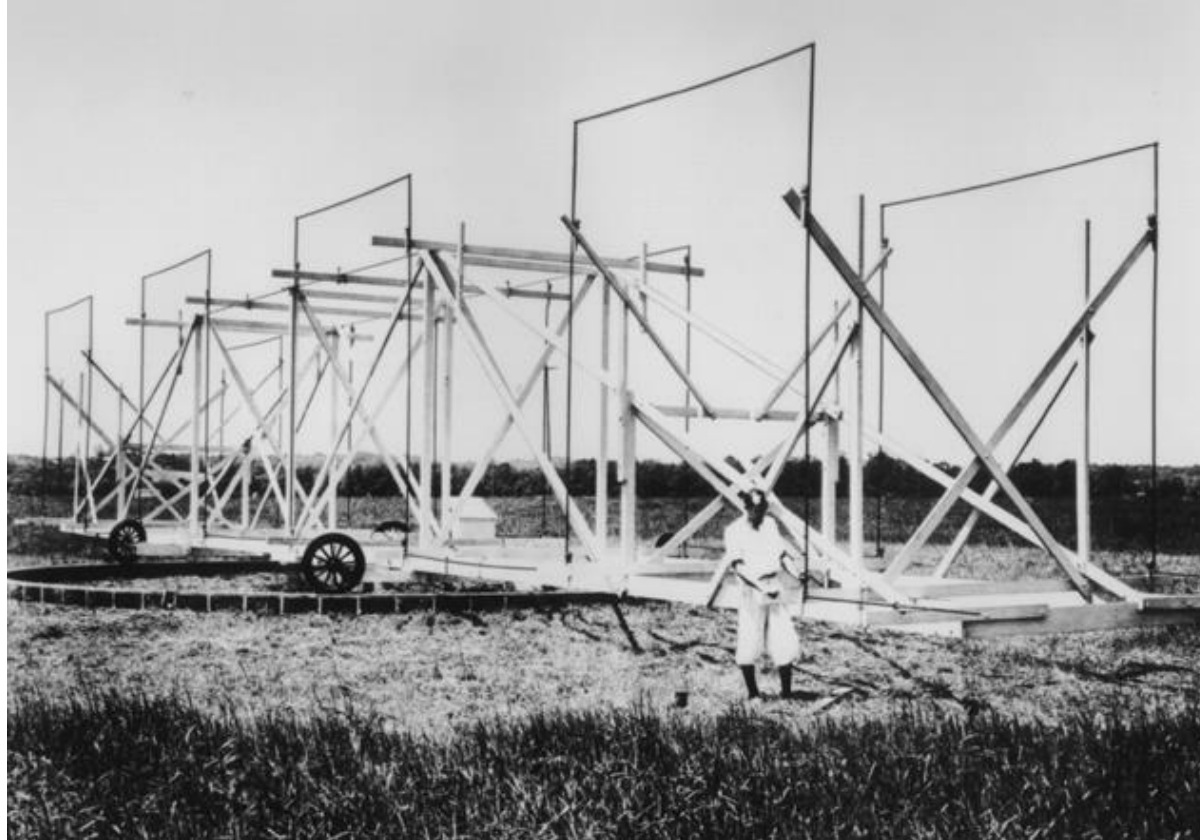
Radio to study cold gas we see gas and dust

10 light year away disk of dust, debris disk comet collision





Radioastronomy: A brief history



In 1933vKarl Guthe Jansky proved it was possible to **capture** certain bands of **electromagnetic radiation coming from the Universe** with antennas similar to those used in radio transmission.

Later in 1937, **Grote Reber**, another American engineer, **built the first parabolic radio telescope** in order to capture and register radio wave signals originating from the Universe.

In 1938 Reber was able to detect radio wave emissions from the **Milky Way**.

Jansky antenna carousel, which he designed to capture 20.5-MHz frequency radio waves (a wave length of around 14.5 meters). The antenna is mounted on a rotating platform allowing it to turn in any direction.

Credit: NRAO-Green Bank

The History of ALMA

In the 1980s the international scientific community developed an interest in creating a radio telescope that could capture, at high resolutions, millimetric and sub-millimetric radio bands.

In 1995 the European Organization for Astronomical Research in the Southern Hemisphere (ESO), the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO) of the United States and the National Astronomical Observatory of Japan (NAOJ) began to carry out atmospheric trials in the Atacama desert.

Four years later, **in 1999, the three observatories signed a cooperation agreement to install ALMA in Chile.**

Another six years passed and in October **2005, the foundations were laid on the Chajnantor Plateau,** initiating construction of the ALMA observatory.



Testing at the Chajnantor Plateau.

Credit: ALMA (ESO/NAOJ/NRAO), NAOJ.

The soul of ALMA



The people who work at ALMA represent more than **20 nationalities and the most diverse cultures, languages and professions.**

In addition, there are thousands of people from distant universities, institutes, laboratories and companies who collaborate to make the world's largest and most powerful radio astronomy telescope a reality.

Everyone contributes scientific experience, new designs and groundbreaking technological developments.

Working with ALMA components at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory in the United Kingdom, 2004.

Credit: ALMA (ESO/NAOJ/NRAO), H. Zodet, ESO.

ALMA operation

In 2013 ALMA's 66 antennas fully operational. This mean a huge leap forward in astronomical terms, since **ALMA will have a sensitivity and spectral resolution 100 times greater sensibility than its predecessors** in millimeter and sub-millimeter waves.

As has happened with the great telescopes that have preceded it, **ALMA will allow us to see things in the Universe of which we aren't yet aware.**



Group of antennas at Chajnantor Plateau, 2011.

Credit: ALMA (ESO/NAOJ/NRAO), J. Guarda.

ALMA Receivers Bands

ALMA Band	Wavelength coverage (mm)	Noise Temperature (K) Specification	Frequency (GHz)	Produced by	Receiver Technology	First light
1	6–8.6	32	35 – 50	ASIAA (Taiwan) / NAOJ (Japan)	HEMT	2021
2	2.6–4.5	47	67 – 116	OSO (Sweden) / NOVA (Netherlands) / INAF (Italy) / NAOJ (Japan)	HEMT	TBD
3	2.6–3.6	60	84 – 116	HIA (Canada)	SIS	2009
4	1.8–2.4	82	125 – 163	NAOJ (Japan)	SIS	2013
5	1.4–1.8	105	163 – 211	OSO (Sweden) / NOVA (Netherlands)	SIS	2016
6	1.1–1.4	136	211 – 275	NRAO (US)	SIS	2009
7	0.8–1.1	219	275 – 373	IRAM (France)	SIS	2009
8	0.6–0.8	292	385 – 500	NAOJ (Japan)	SIS	2013
9	0.4–0.5	261	602 – 720	NOVA (Netherlands)	SIS	2011
10	0.3–0.4	344	787 – 950	NAOJ (Japan)	SIS	2012



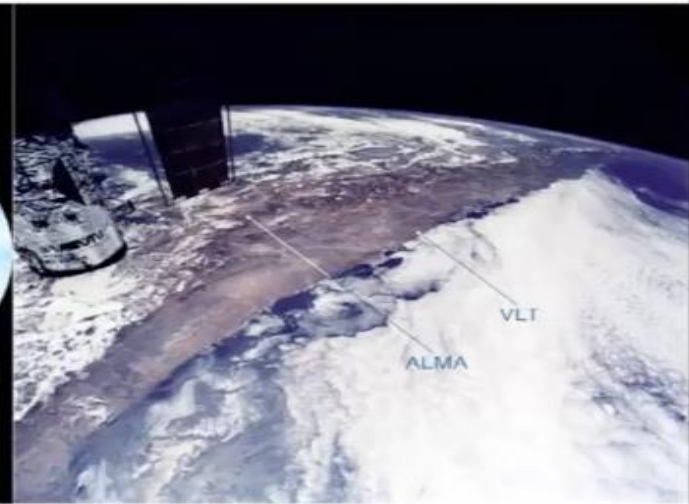
Why Chile?



- The Earth's atmosphere and the water vapor it contains absorbs the sub/mm radiation
- Facilities operating at sub/mm wavelengths need to be located at high altitude and in dry places



Aqua Satellite: Observing the Earth's water cycle;
Cloud coverage averaged over 13 years



The ALMA Array

The ALMA Array is a set of 66 radio antennae located in northern Chile, which detect radiation with wavelengths between 0.3 mm and 10 mm. The antennae are mobile, allowing excellent resolution.



Why is ALMA is so Powerful?

- ✦ Because it is located 5,000 meters above sea level on the Chajnantor Plateau in the Atacama Desert.
- ✦ The **altitude and aridity** make it an exceptional site for astronomical observation.
- ✦ The **minimal amount of water vapor** at the site provides the **transparency needed** for the antennas to capture millimetric radio wavelengths without distortion.



ALMA is the highest-altitude land-based observatory.

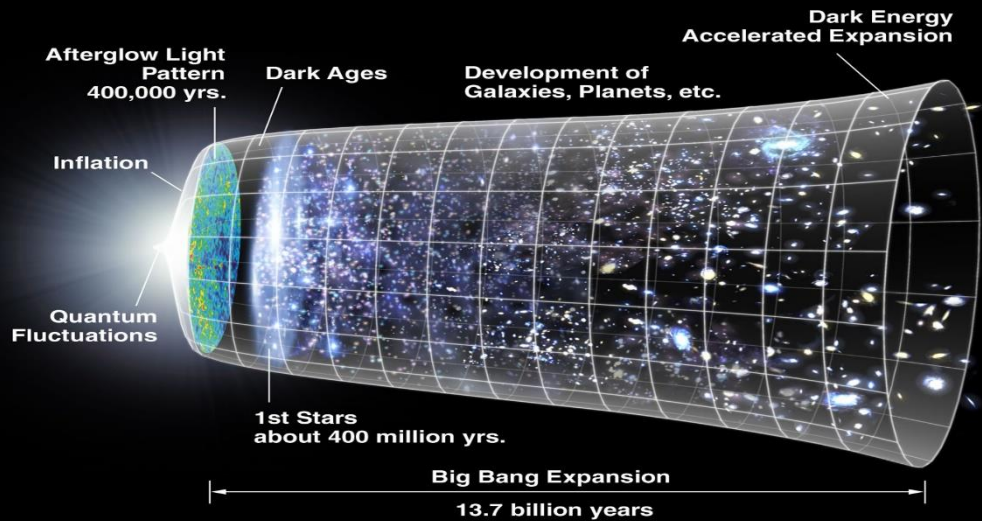
Credit: ALMA (ESO/NAOJ/NRAO).

Astronomy: Observation today

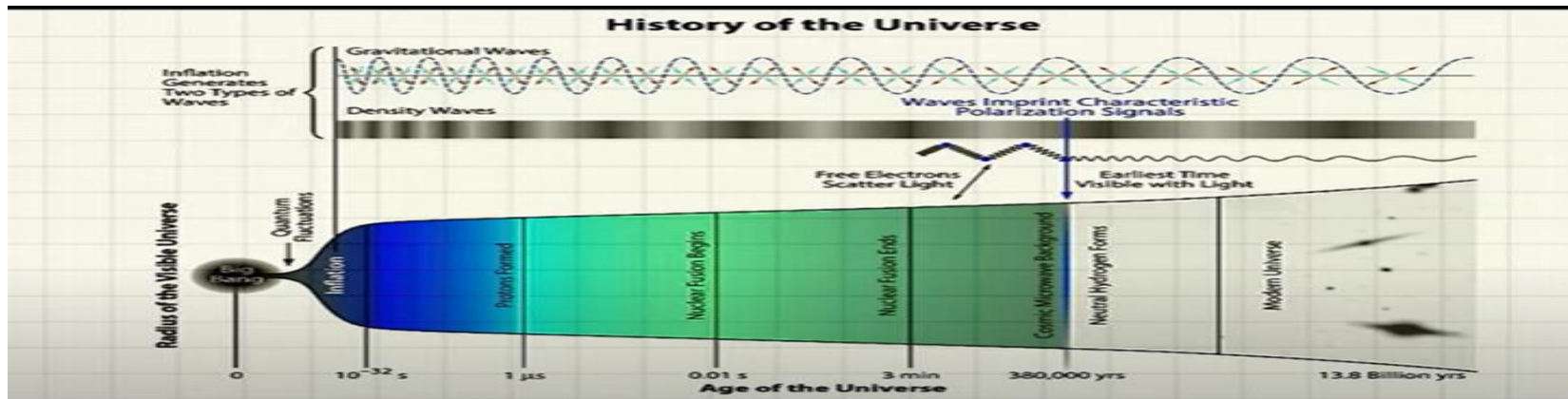
Now we also know that warm, cold and dark matter exist thanks to the measurement of a wide range of wavelengths emitted throughout the Universe.

Even after centuries of astronomical observation, scientists today know little about what the Universe is made up of.

ALMA's study of cold matter permits the observation of "old" planets and galaxies too faint to be detected by optical telescopes, allowing us to learn about the early Universe.



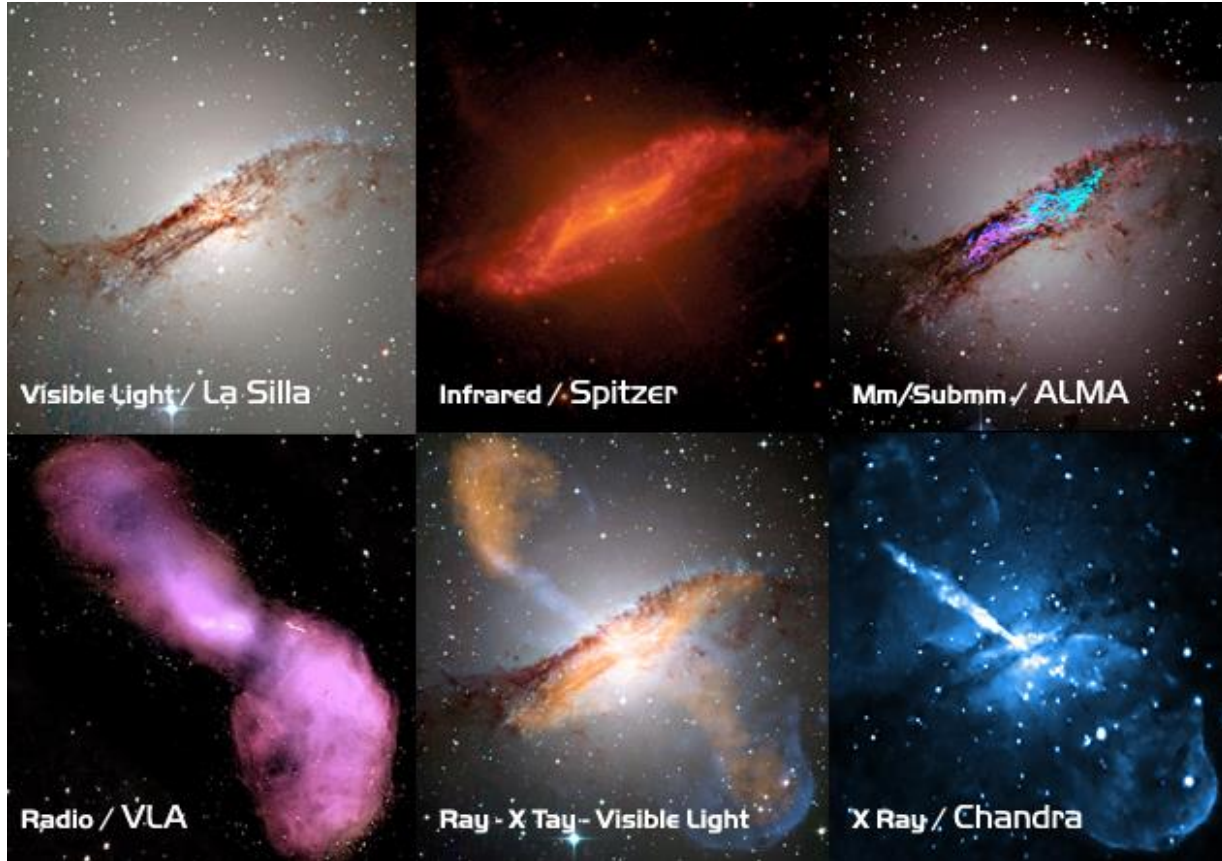
NASA/WMAP Science Team



Universe expansion since the Big Bang.

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What we can see in universe today



Scientific technological development today allows scientists to design equipment that **can capture a wider range of wavelengths.**

- ✦ **Optical telescopes**, which observe the light of the stars and hot gas emission.
 - ✦ **Ultraviolet and X-Ray** observatories that study very hot gas and ultra energetic emission.
 - ✦ **Infrared light** observatories that study warm and hot dust.
 - ✦ **Radio telescopes** that capture radio emissions from warm and cold matter.
- ALMA observes millimetric and submillimetric radio wavelengths.**

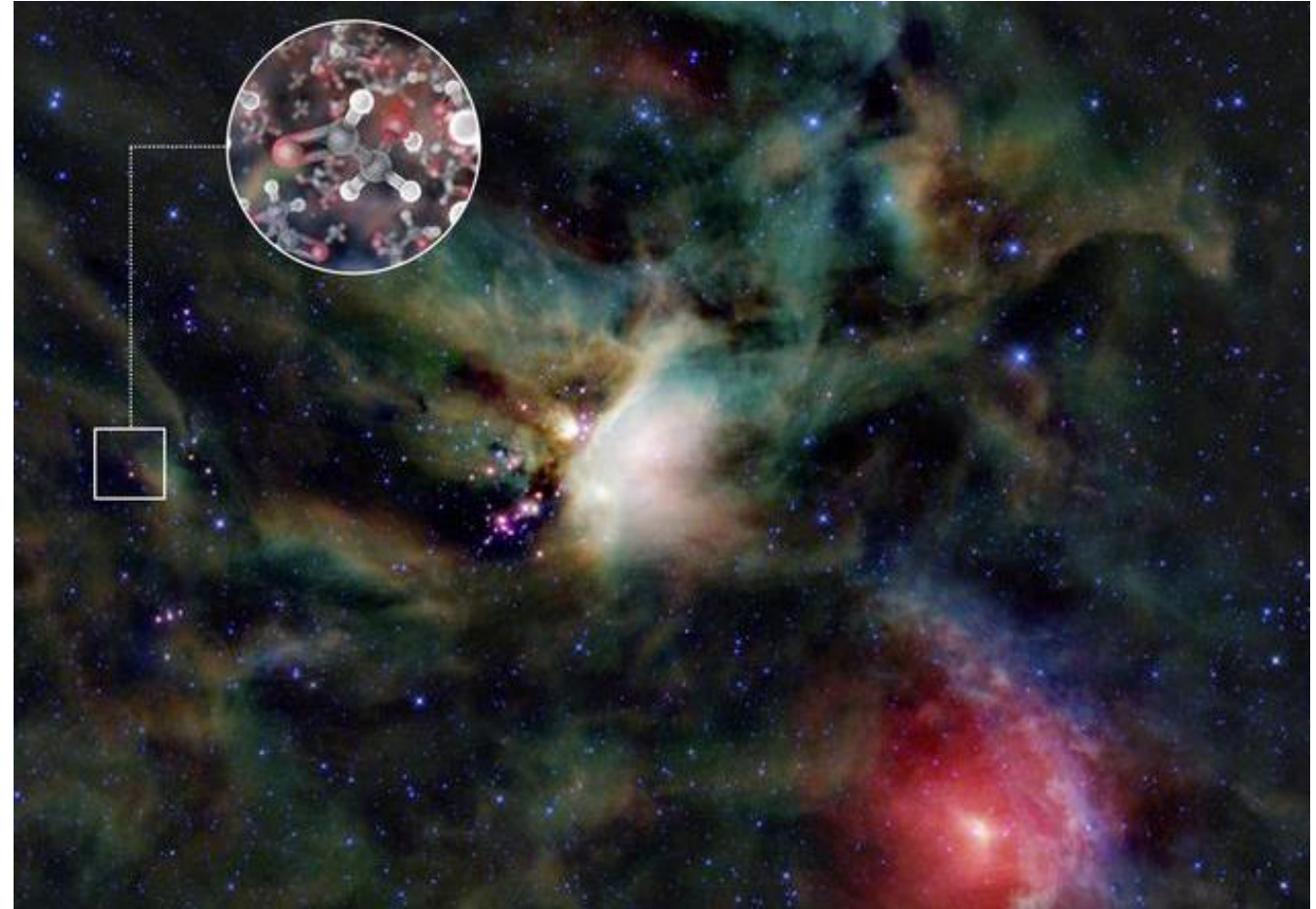
View of Centaurus A galaxy in radio wavelength from VLA radio telescope.

Credit: VLA radio telescope.

What ALMA can see

By observing millimetric wavelengths, ALMA can see the so called “*Cold Universe*”, where planets and galaxies are formed. ALMA has an unprecedented capability for discovering the **presence and distribution of molecules in space** and can observe, with high resolution, masses of cold and warm gas around protoplanets. By observing the “*invisible*” ALMA can see **our sun in detail** and capture light emitted by particles rather than light reflected by them.

Thus, ALMA opens up innumerable **possibilities for astronomical research**, from the discovery of new interstellar molecules to the mysteries of our cosmic origins.



Combined view of the dust ring around the bright star Fomalhaut from the ALMA observatory and Hubble telescope, 2012.

Credit: ALMA (ESO/NAOJ/NRAO) / NASA / ESA.

How does an ALMA antenna work?



Antenna diagram, 2012.

Credit: ALMA (ESO/NAOJ/NRAO).

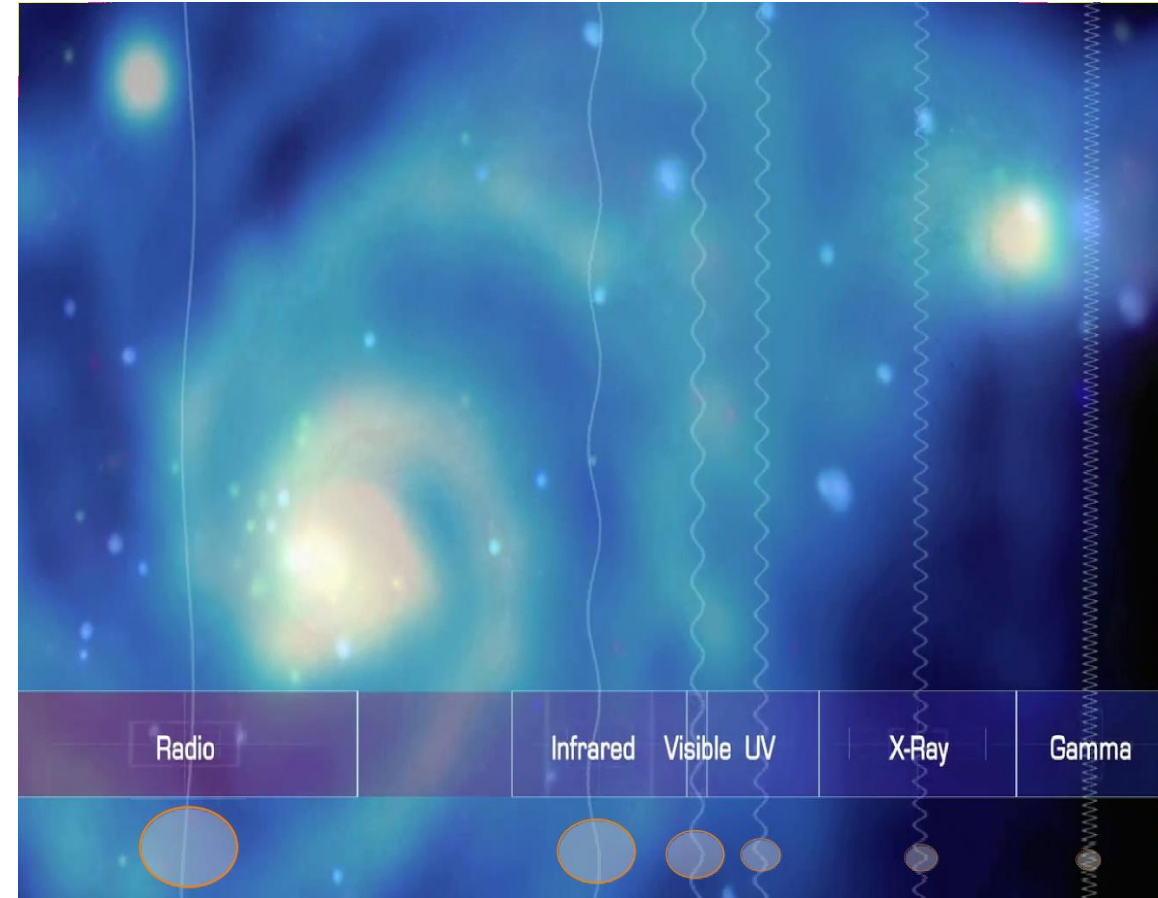
Most antennas used in radio astronomy have a **reflective surface that is parabolic in shape**. Because of its geometric characteristics a **parabolic antenna can efficiently capture signals** that reach its surface and direct them to a single point known as the **focal point**. The **wavelengths** concentrated at the focal point **are channeled to band receptors** located behind the antenna, at the so-called **front end**, where **signals are amplified and digitized** so they can be processed.

Resolution

A telescope's capacity to capture details depends on two things;

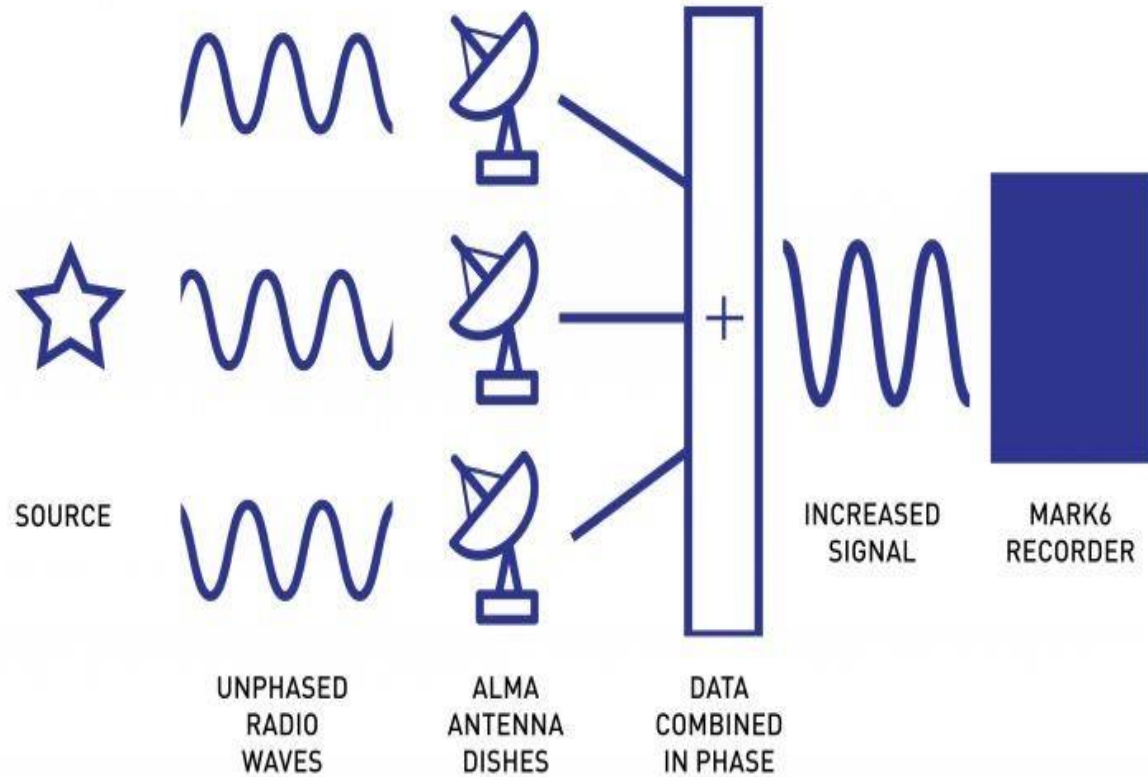
- * The **diameter** of the collecting surface.
- * The color or **wavelength** of the light it captures.
The greater the wavelength to be captured, the greater the diameter must be.

In order to observe with the sharpness of the human eye, a **radio telescope such as ALMA needs to be at least 500 times wider than the human eye.** The construction of such an enormous antenna, however, is impossible. The scientific community has solved this problem through **Interferometry.**



*The resolution depends on the diameter of the collecting surface.
Credit: ALMA (ESO/NAOJ/NRAO).*

Interferometry



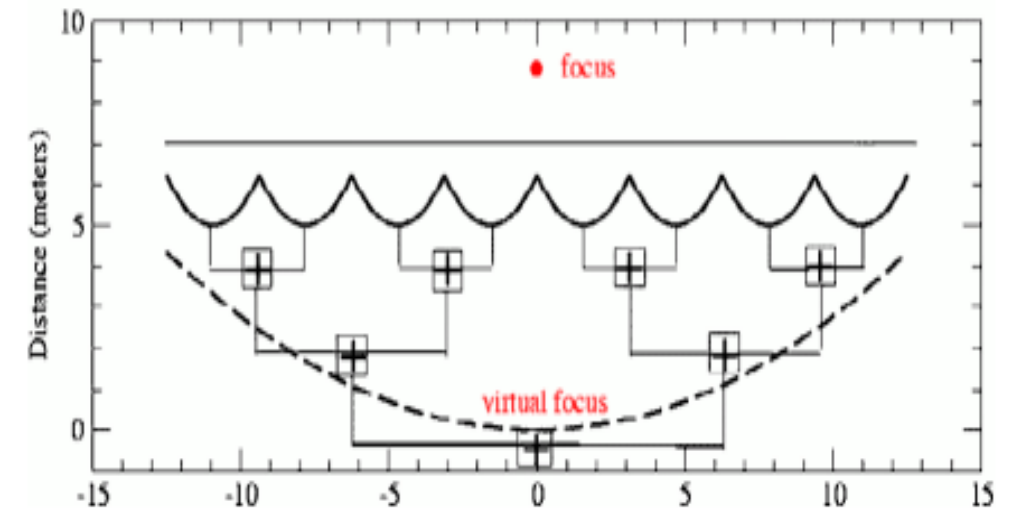
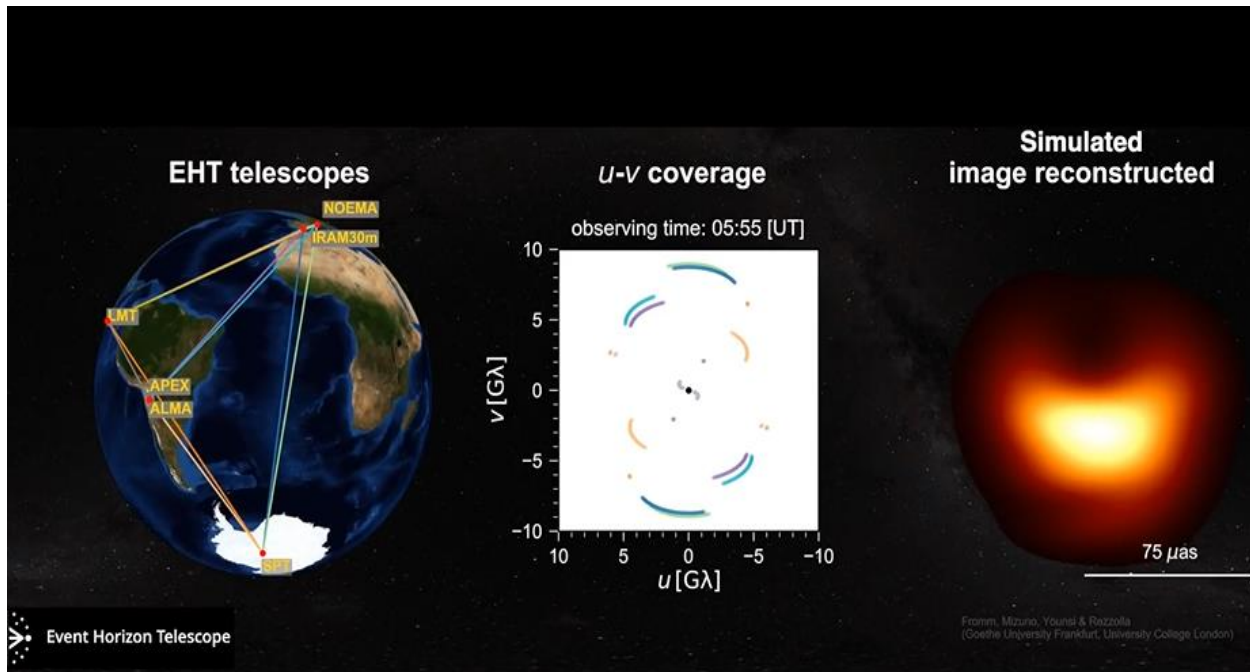
*Interferometer diagram, 2012.
Credit: ALMA (ESO/NAOJ/NRAO)*

The surface of an antenna is made up of **various panels**, and the antenna would still work if one of the panels were missing.

It is possible to **group together multiple antennas** inside a large, defined surface area, where **each antenna acts as a panel** within this “*virtual antenna*”. When a **group of antennas is synchronized to observe the same object** and the signals captured by each one are then directed, simultaneously, to a single **focal plane**, an image is obtained that is equivalent in resolution to an image obtained by a single antenna equal in diameter to the group of antennas. The **66 antennas at ALMA**, located on the Chajnantor Plateau, **will form a radio interferometer with a maximum diameter of 16 kilometers**.

Aperture Synthesis

- If the source emission is unchanging, there is no need to measure all the pairs at one time
- One could imagine sequentially combining pairs of signals. For N sub-apertures there will be $N(N-1)/2$ pairs to combine
 - Adding together all the terms effectively “synthesizes” one measurement taken with a large filled-aperture telescope
 - Can synthesize apertures much larger than can be constructed as a filled aperture, giving very good spatial resolution



ALMA's Interferometry by Martin Ryle

The technique of **Interferometry**, invented by the British astronomer Martin Ryle in the 1950s, not only allows for a greater diameter but also **enables redistribution of the antennas depending on the resolution** required for each observation.

✦ The **more details** that are needed, the **greater the diameter** over which the antennas will be distributed for greater resolution.

✦ If greater **amplitude** is needed, the **antennas will be grouped together in smaller-diameter** groups, in order to cover larger portions of the sky.

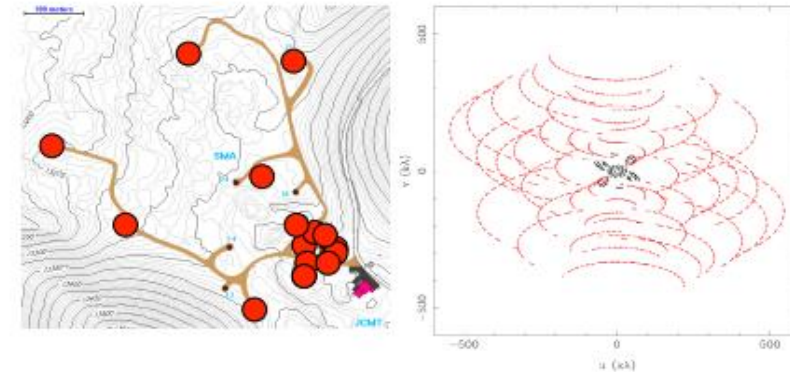
ALMA has two transporters that can move the antennas for the diameter requirements of each observation.

Aperture Synthesis

- sample $V(u,v)$ at enough points to synthesize the equivalent large aperture of size (u_{\max}, v_{\max})
 - 1 pair of telescopes \rightarrow 1 (u,v) sample at a time
 - N telescopes \rightarrow number of samples = $N(N-1)/2$
 - fill in (u,v) plane by making use of Earth rotation: Martin Ryle, 1974 Nobel Prize in Physics
 - reconfigure physical layout of N telescopes for more



Sir Martin Ryle
1918-1984

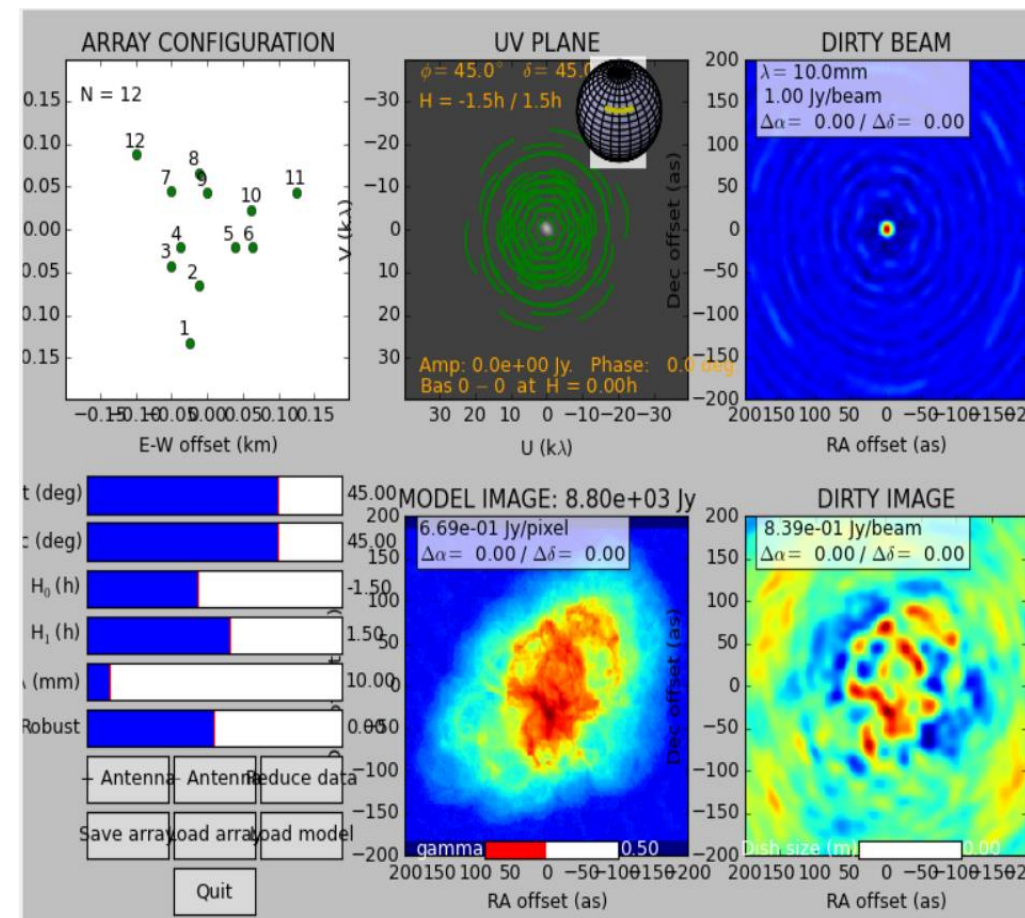
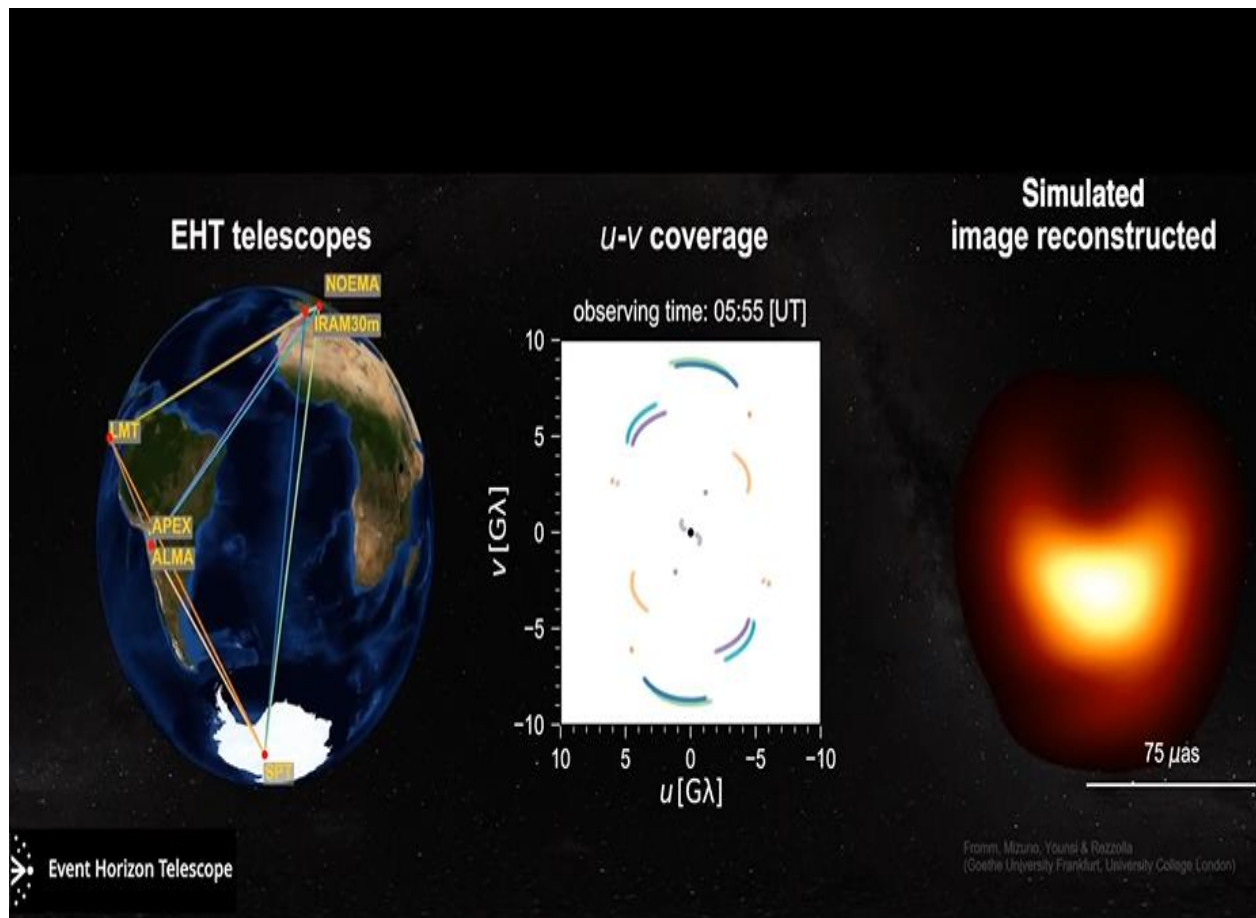


2 configurations
of 8 SMA antennas
345 GHz
Dec = -24 deg

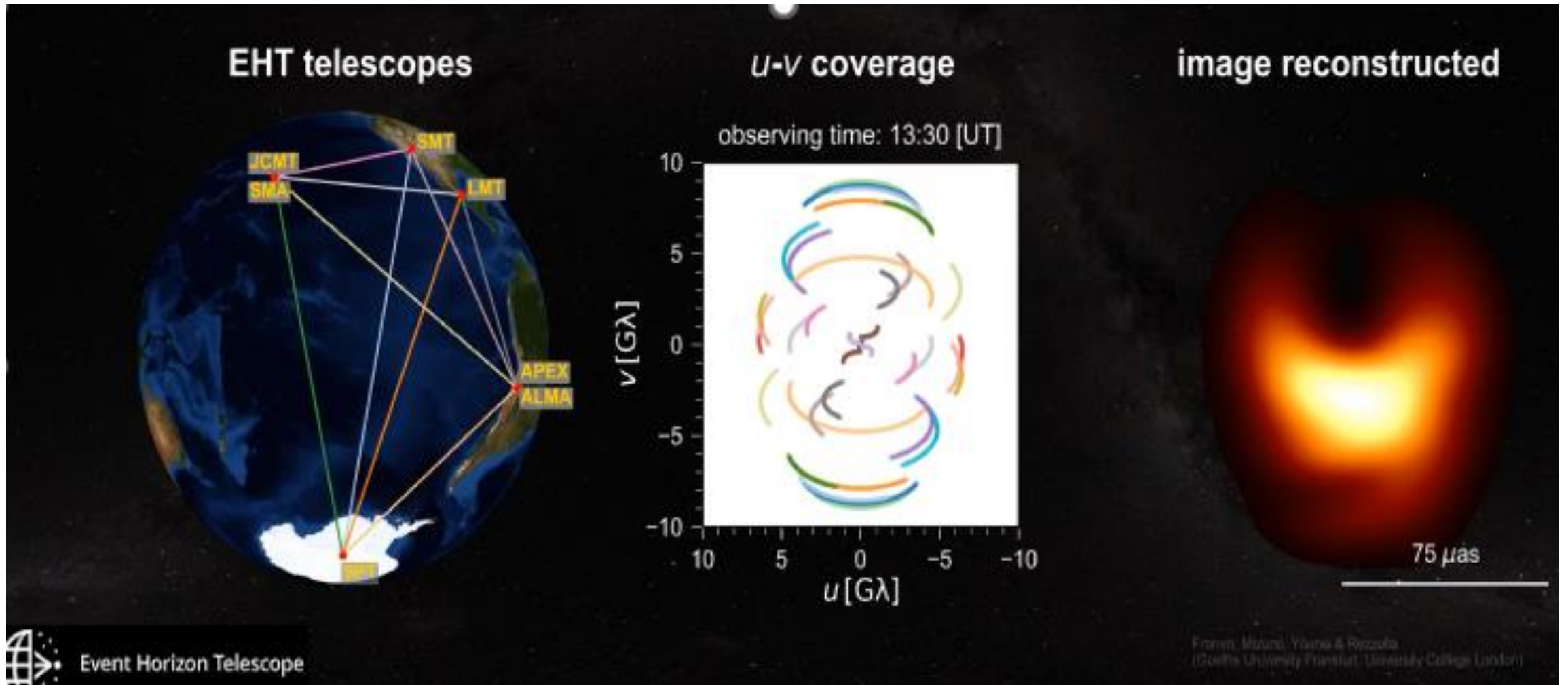
Artist's conception of the extended array of antennas at ALMA.

Credit: ALMA (ESO/NAOJ/NRAO).

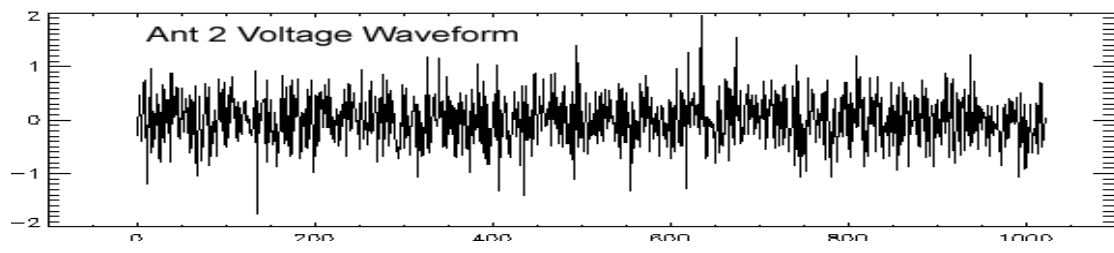
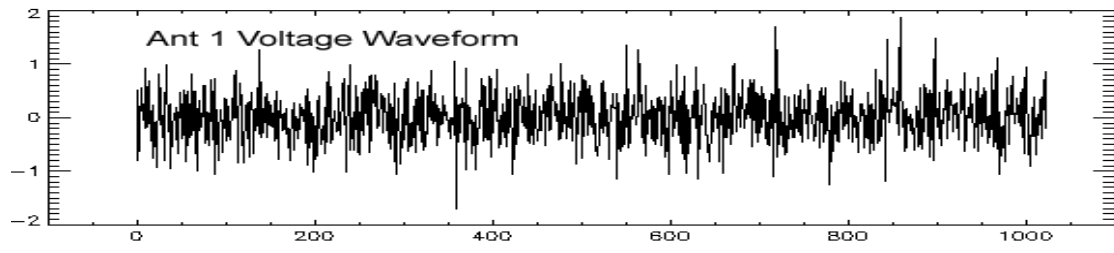
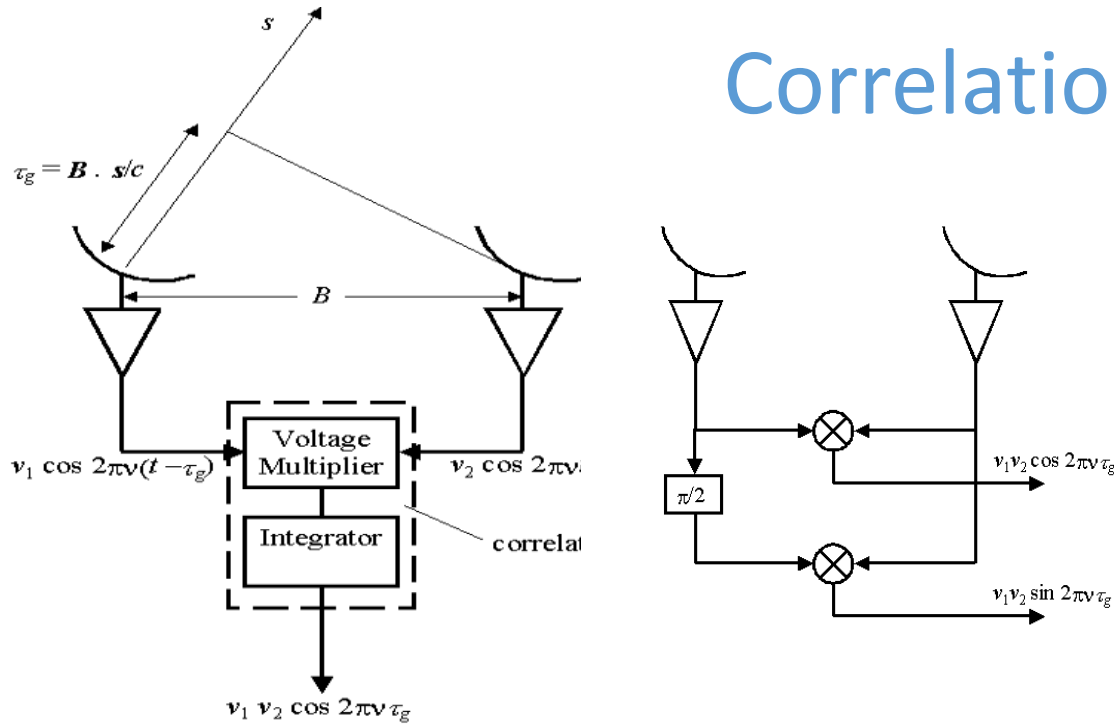
Aperture Synthesis



Aperture synthesis

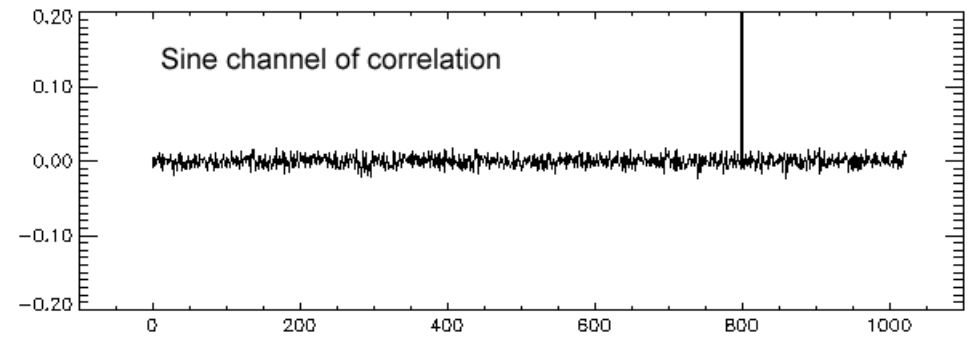
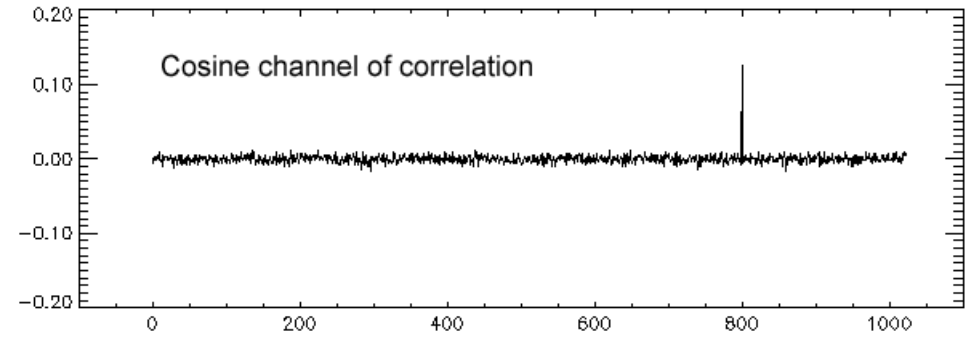


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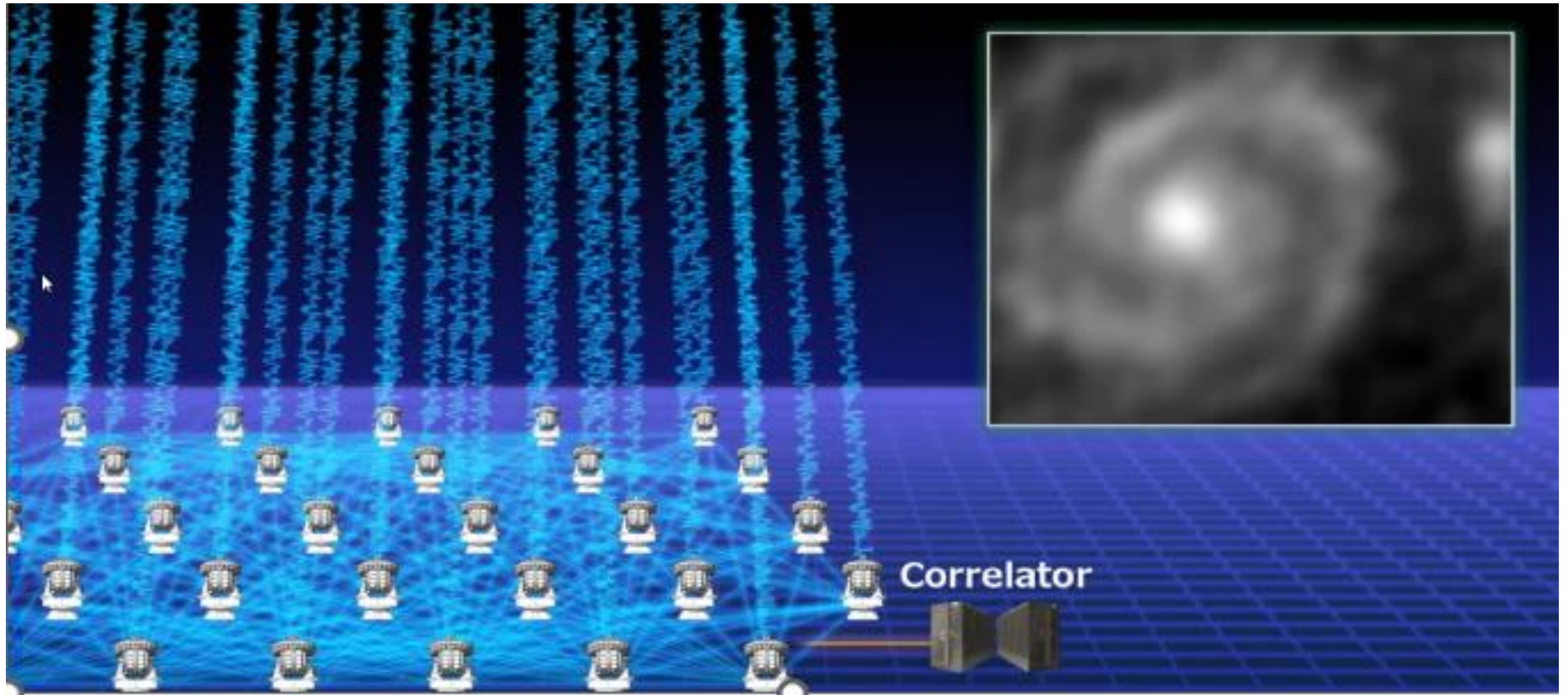


The IF signal from each receiver looks like a noise signal. Part of the waveform is really signal from the source, and part of it (perhaps the largest part) is noise. If both signal and noise look the same, how do we tell the difference? The essential point is that source signal will be correlated between the two antennas, while the (locally generated) noise signal will not. This is illustrated with the simulated waveforms from two antennas, below:

A major refinement is to use a second correlator, and shift one of the signals by $\pi/2$, so that both sine and cosine components are measured simultaneously, as shown below.

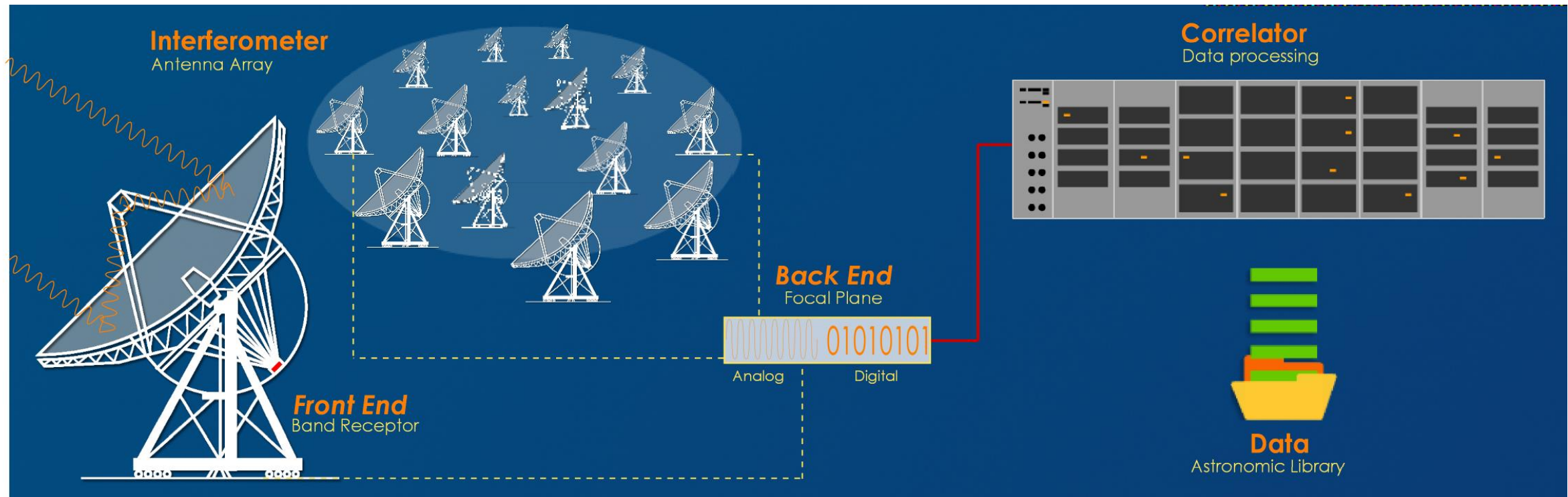


ALMA's Imaging Correlator → Video



How ALMA translate wavelengths into images?

Each antenna has a *front end*, where **band receptors convert wavelengths into electrical signals** to be sent to the *back end*, a complex and accurate electronic system where **the signals are digitized and synchronized** and then sent, via fiber optics, to a central computer known as the **Correlator**.



ALMA operations diagram.
Credit: ALMA (ESO/NAOJ/NRAO).

How can we observe through ALMA?

Each year scientists compete for observation time by presenting proposals that are evaluated on the basis of scientific merit.

Priority will be given to projects from the countries that finance ALMA: North America (USA and Canada), East Asia (Japan and Taiwan), 14 European countries and Brazil. Chile, as the host nation, is entitled to 10% of the overall observation time.

Those astronomers whose proposals are admitted don't have to travel to ALMA to carry out observations; instead, they will have remote and exclusive access to the data gathered.

ALMA has an exclusive software structure that allows astronomers to do many things, from generating the astronomical project to receiving the data for the observational proposal.

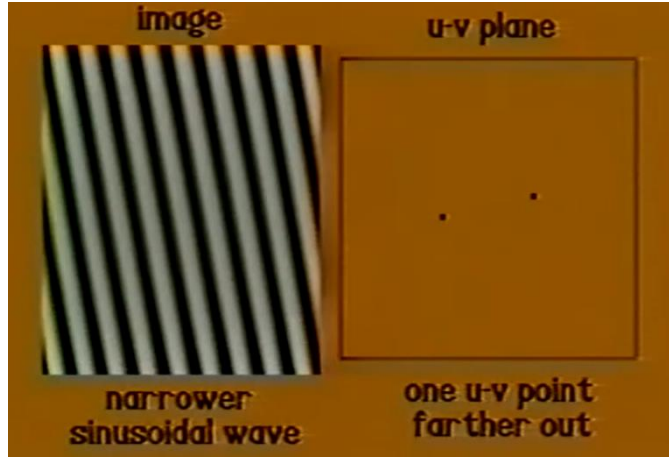


Scientists examining ALMA data.

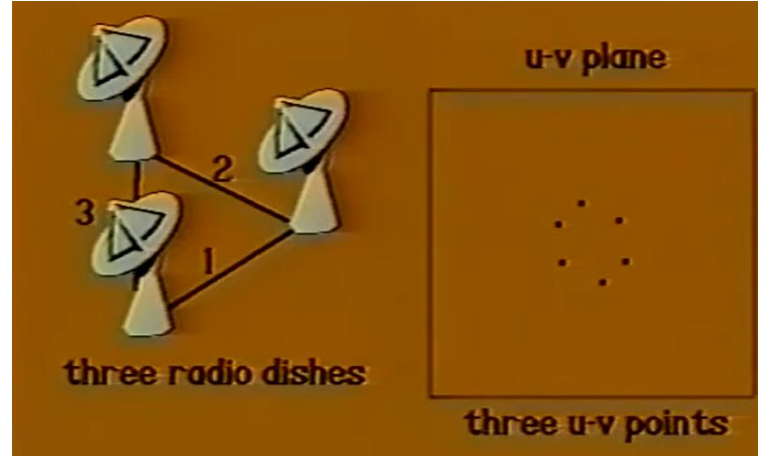
Credit: NAOJ

Summary Interferometry

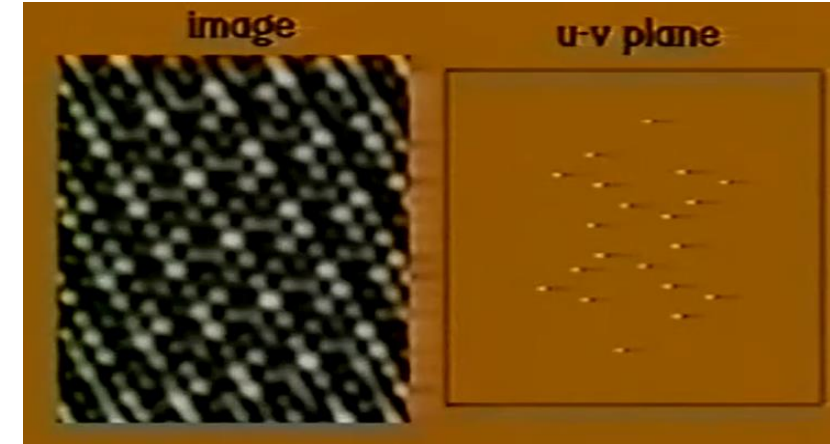
One Antenna FT plan



Aperture Synthesis VLBI,
Three antenna 6 Points FT



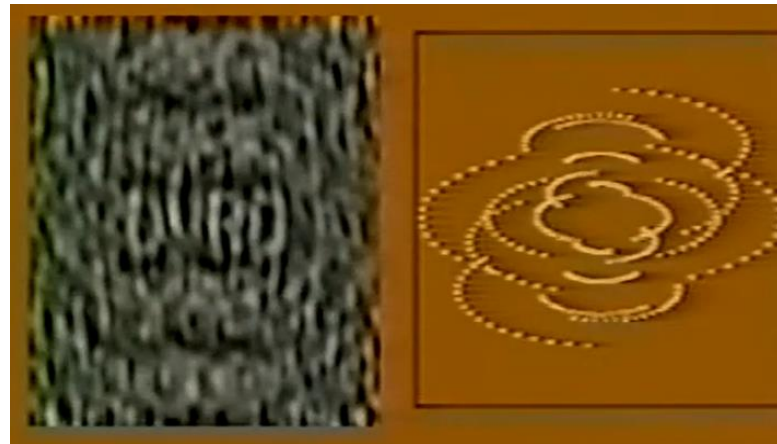
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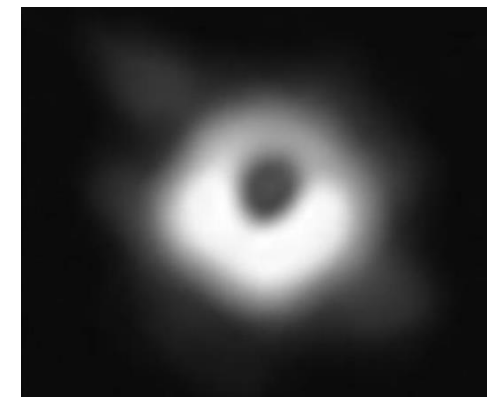
Aperture Synthesis & Rotation



Aperture Synthesis/Fourier Synthesis & Rotation



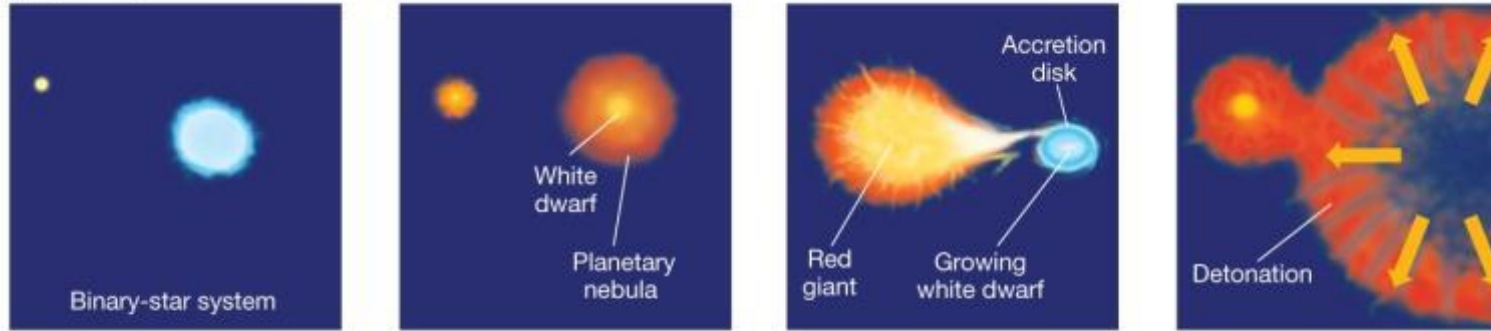
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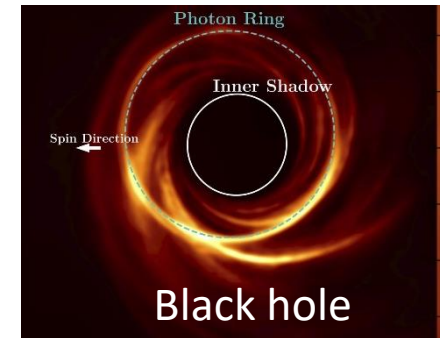
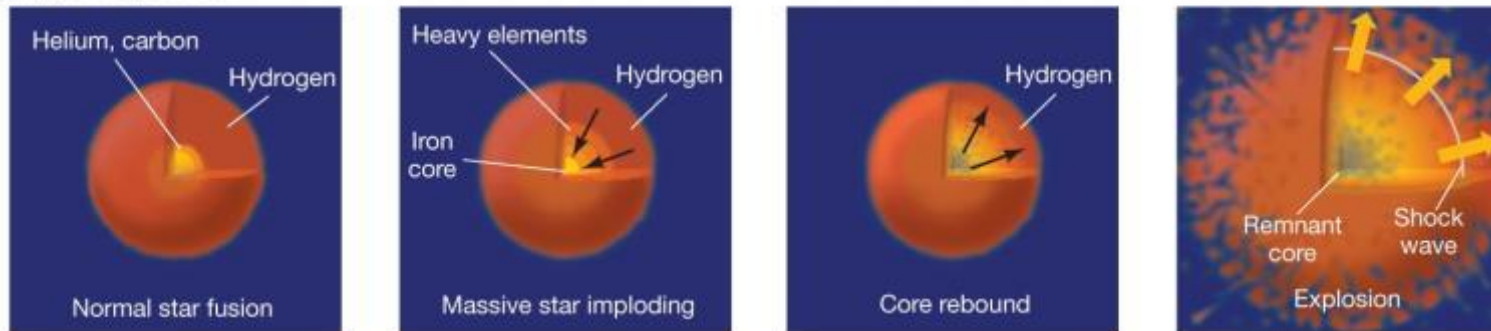
Supernovae Type I , II

This graphic illustrates the two different types of supernovae:

(a) Type I Supernova



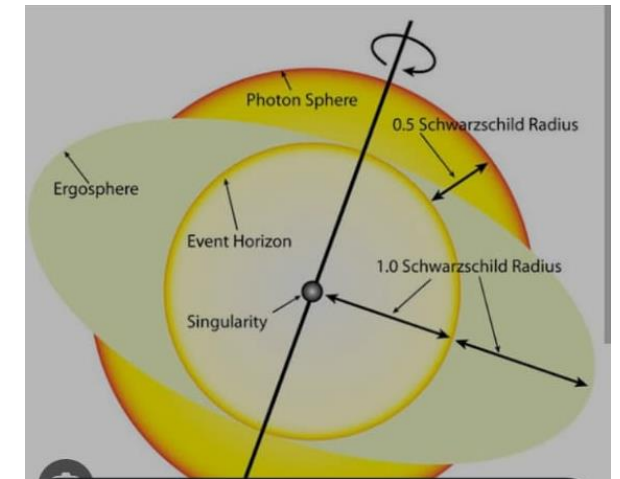
(b) Type II Supernova



Black Holes

The mass of a neutron star cannot exceed about 3 solar masses. If a core remnant is more massive than that, nothing will stop its collapse, and it will become smaller and smaller and denser and denser.

Eventually, the gravitational force is so intense that even light cannot escape. The remnant has become a black hole.

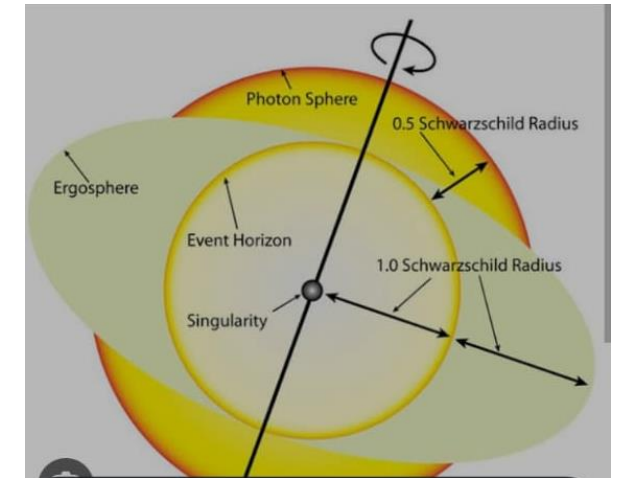


Black Holes

The radius at which the escape speed from the black hole equals the speed of light is called the Schwarzschild radius.

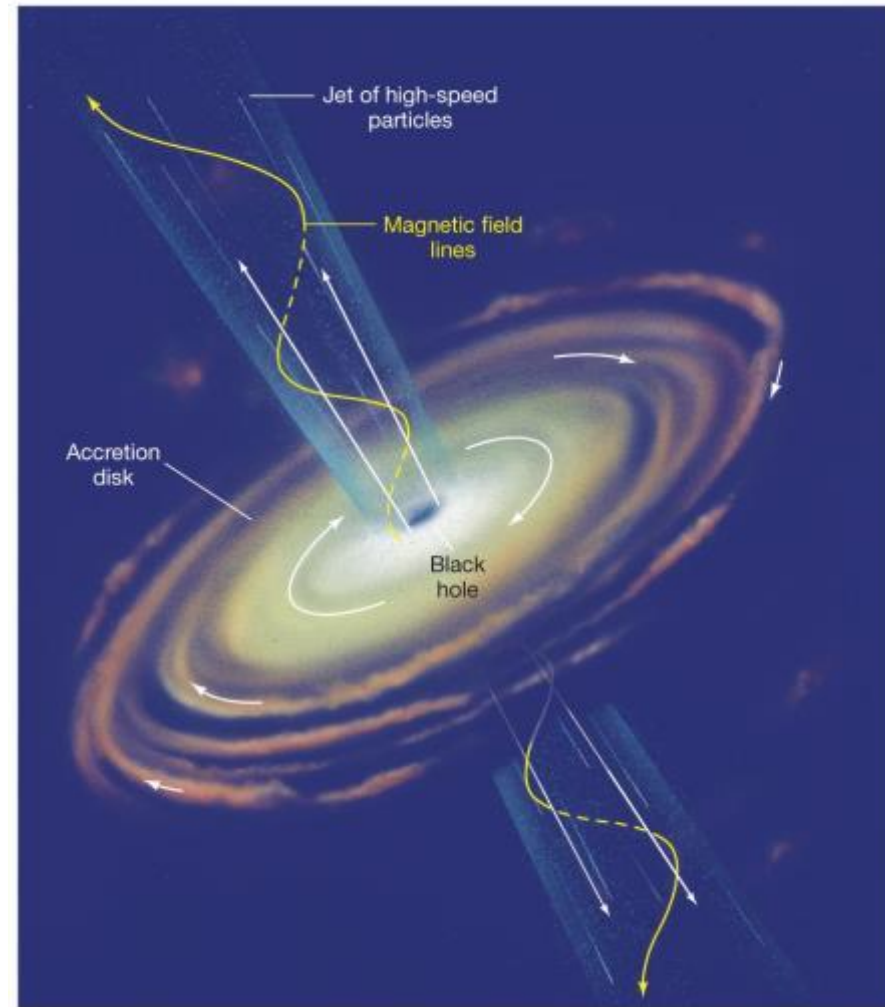
The Earth's Schwarzschild radius is about a centimeter; the Sun's is about 3 km.

Once the black hole has collapsed, the Schwarzschild radius takes on another meaning—it is the event horizon. Nothing within the event horizon can escape the black hole.



The Central Engine of an Active Galaxy

This is the leading theory for the energy source in an active galactic nucleus: a **black hole**, surrounded by an **accretion disk**. The **strong magnetic field lines** around the black hole channel particles into **jets** perpendicular to the magnetic axis.



The Central Engine of an Active Galaxy

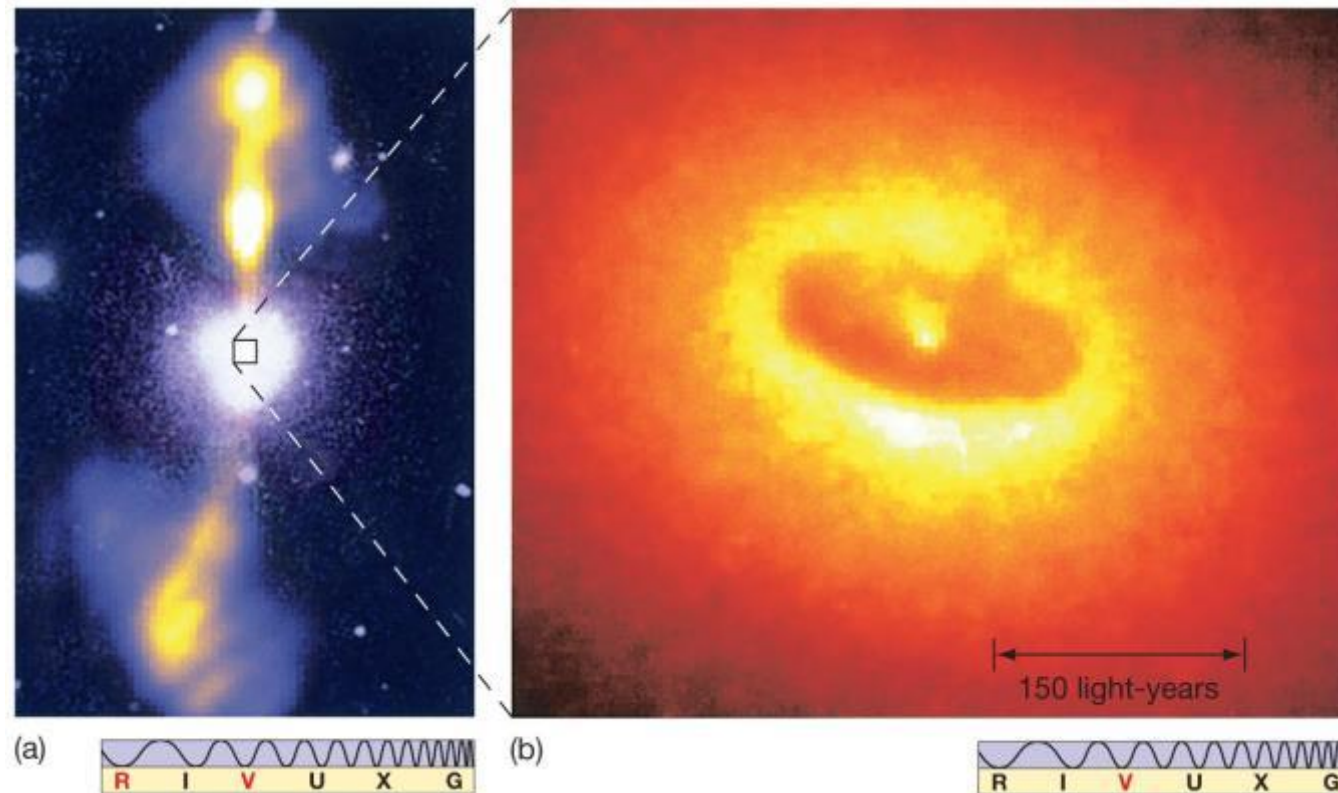
In an active galaxy, the central black hole may be **billions** of solar masses.

The accretion disk is whole clouds of interstellar gas and dust; they may radiate away as much as **10–20%** of their mass before disappearing.



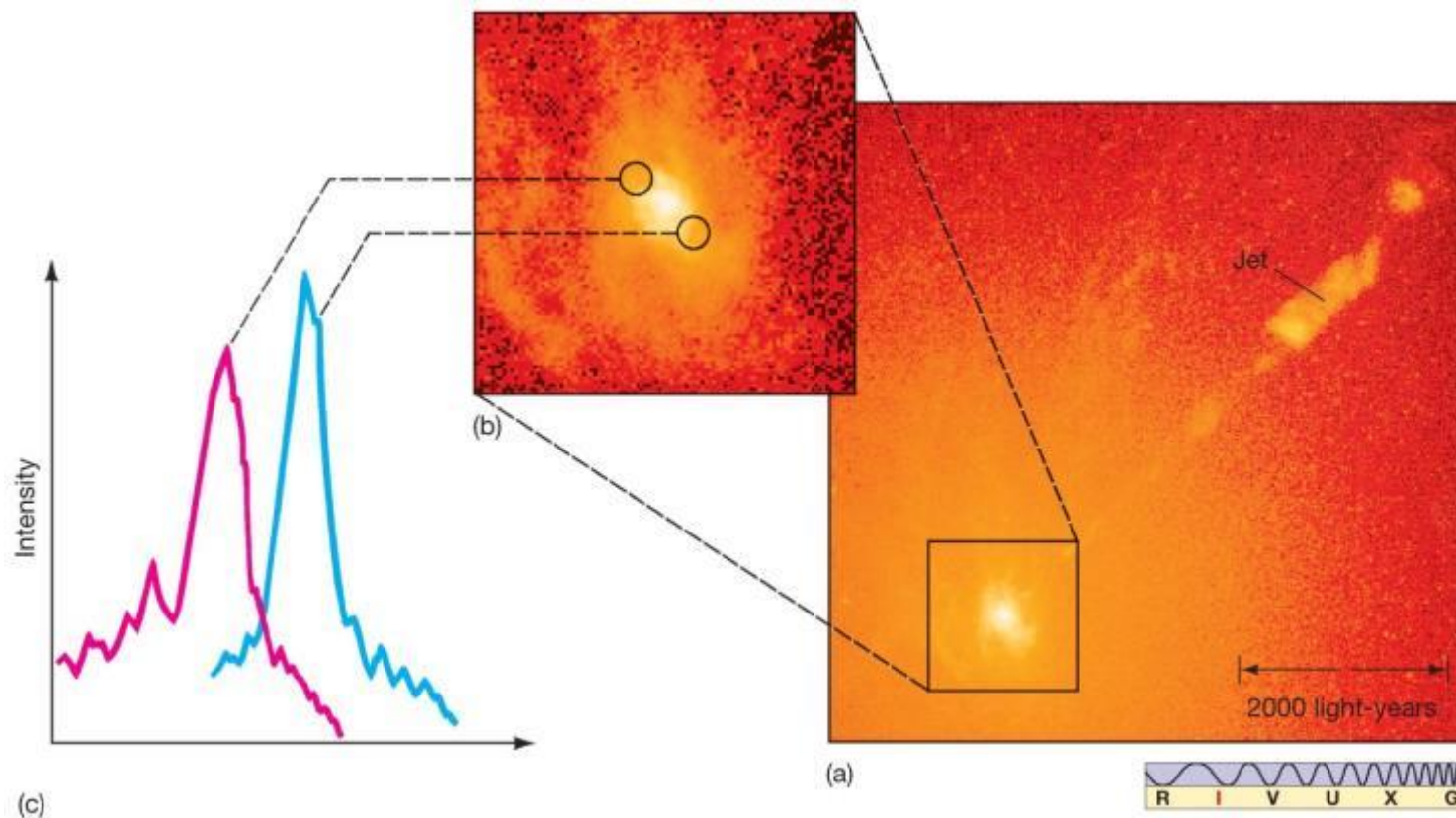
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This pair of images shows evidence for a black hole at the center of NGC 4261.



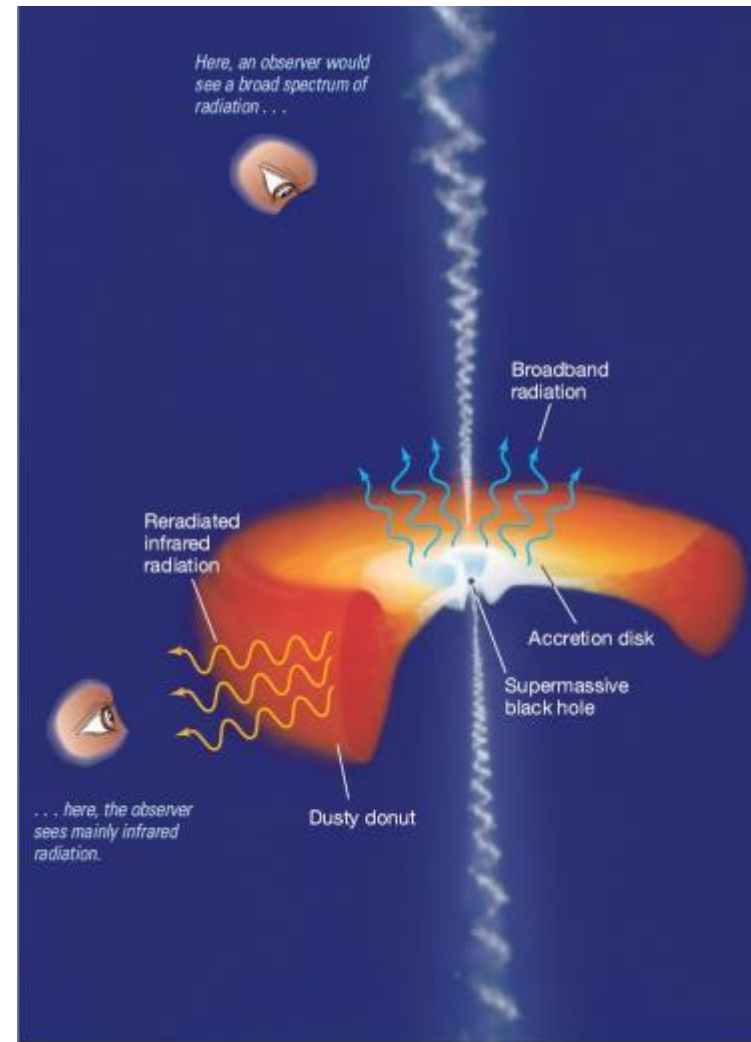
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The central portion of M87 shows rapid motion and jets characteristic of material surrounding a black hole.



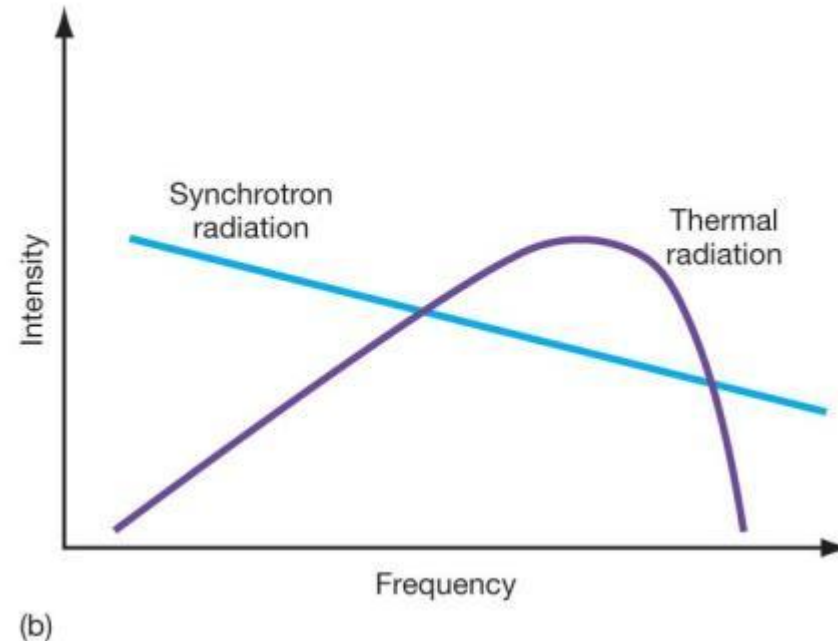
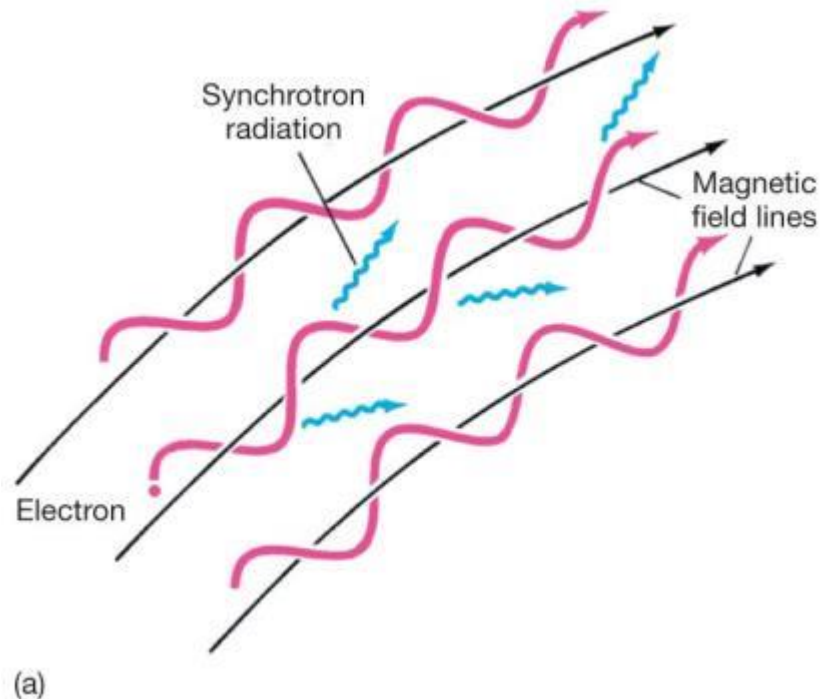
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One might expect the radiation to be mostly X-rays and gamma rays, but apparently it is often **“reprocessed”** in the dense clouds around the black hole and reemitted at longer wavelengths.



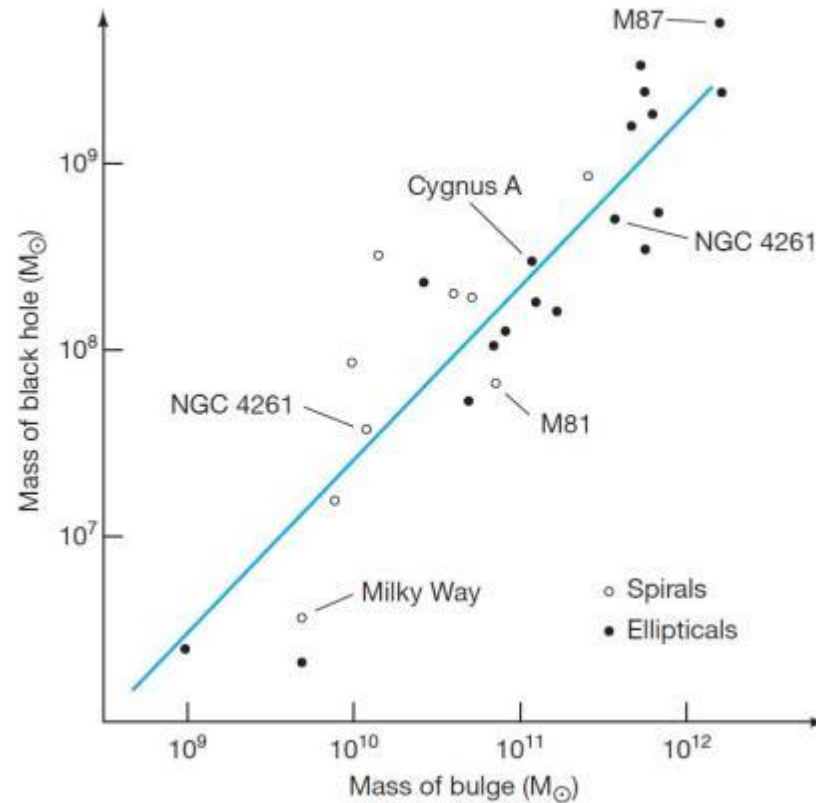
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Particles will emit **synchrotron radiation** as they spiral along the magnetic field lines; this radiation is decidedly **nonstellar**.



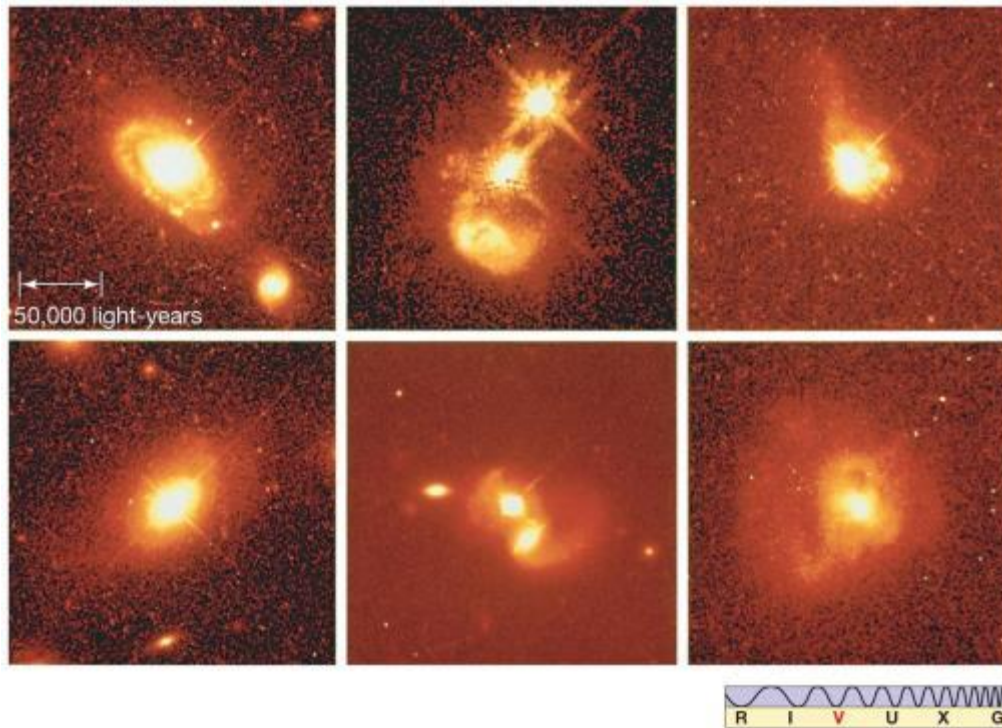
Black Holes in Galaxies

The mass of the central black hole is well correlated with the mass of the galactic bulge, for those galaxies where both have been measured.



Black Holes in Galaxies

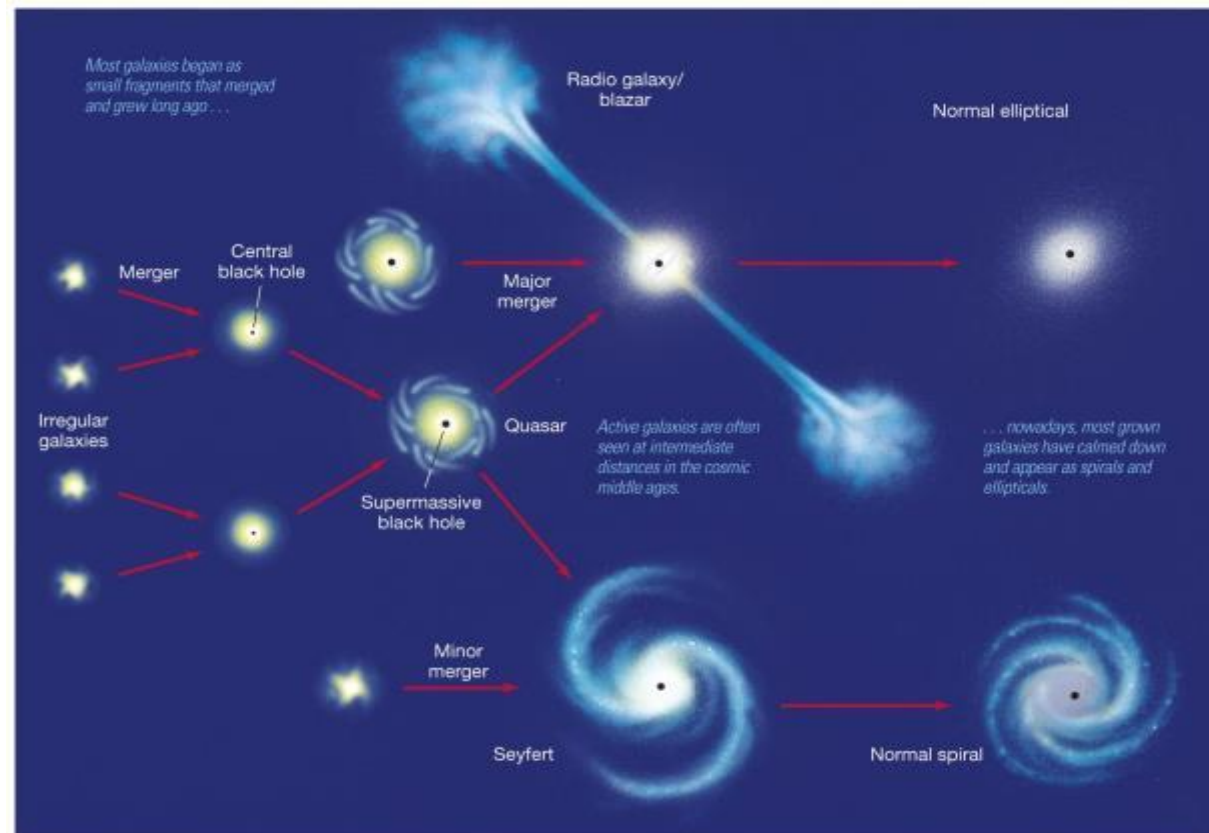
The quasars we see are very distant, meaning they existed a long time ago. Therefore, they may represent an early stage in galaxy development.



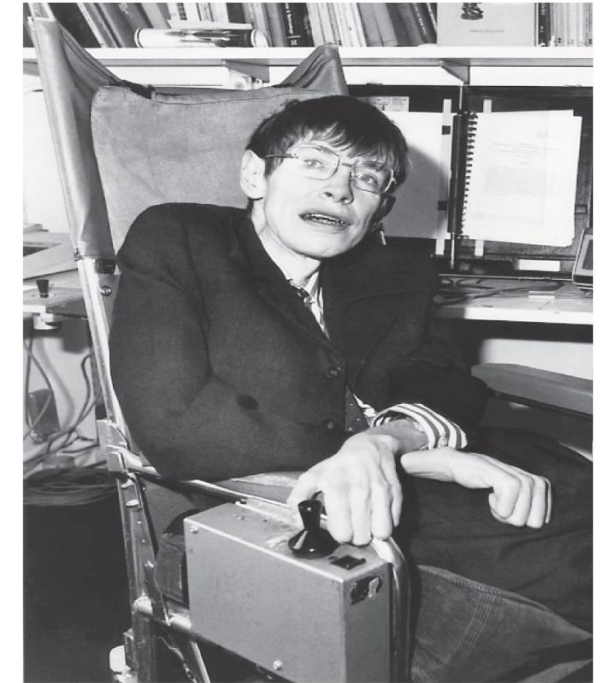
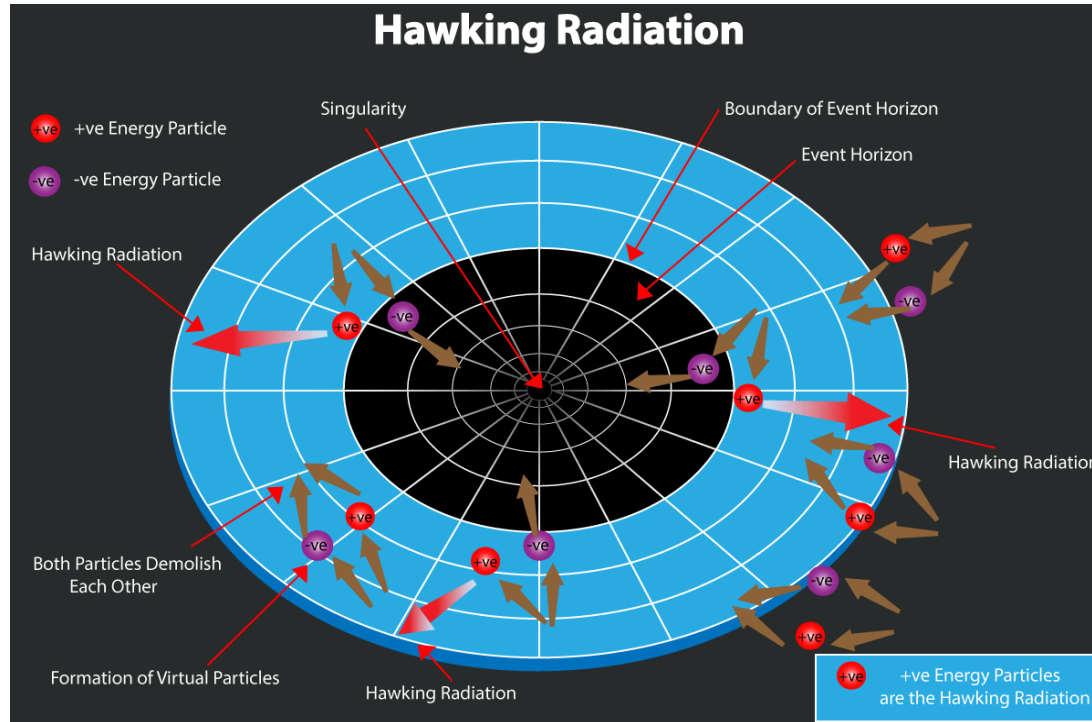
The quasars in this image are shown with their host galaxies; many appear to be involved in collisions.

Black Holes in Galaxies

This figure shows how galaxies may have evolved, from early irregulars through active galaxies to the normal ellipticals and spirals we see today.



No Hair Theorem → Hawking Radiation



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- MASS
- SPIN
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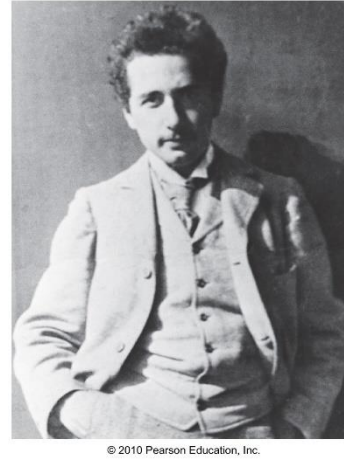
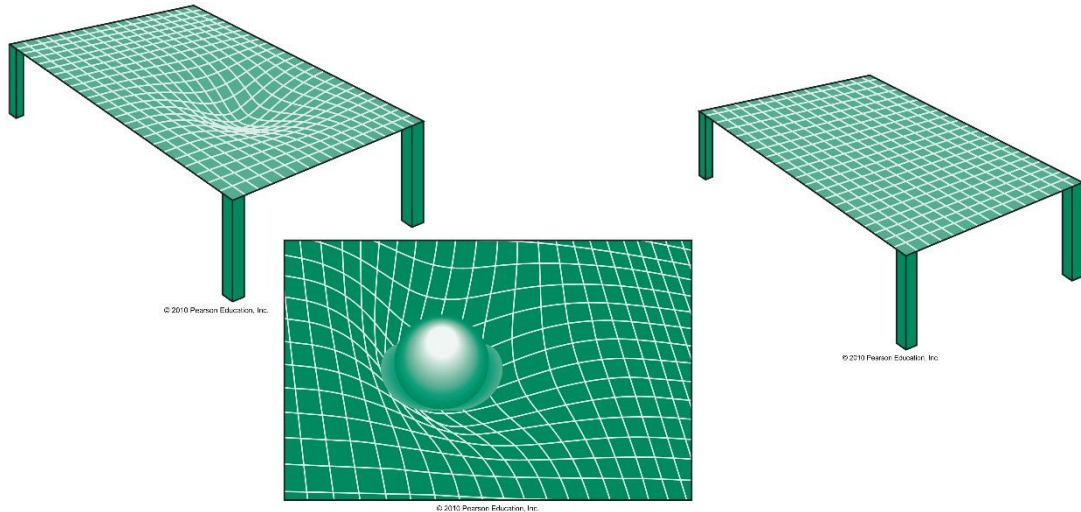
Black Holes ain't so black, They Glow in a sky like coals
In a sky and they radiate. And so overtime, they loose energy
And mass and ultimately disappear over a huge time scales.

→ By Hawking

$$T_H = \frac{\hbar c^3}{8\pi G k_B M}$$



General theory of relativity formula



Schwarzschild's Solution to Einstein's Equations

$$ds^2 = -\left(1 - \frac{R_s}{r}\right) c^2 dt^2 + \frac{1}{\left(1 - \frac{R_s}{r}\right)} dr^2 + r^2 (d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2)$$

Time Dilation (pointing to $c^2 dt^2$)
 Radial Length Contraction (pointing to $\frac{1}{(1 - \frac{R_s}{r})} dr^2$)
 Invariant Line Element (pointing to ds^2)

Schwarzschild Radius

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

Time dilation due to gravity is weaker than time dilation due to velocity
 Earth's time runs slow from the Perspective of Astronaut
 Clocks on international space station run slightly faster compared to clock on earth

Density of matter and energy

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

geometry of space and time

"Space-time tells matter how to move.
 Matter tell space-time how to curve."
 John Wheeler (American physicist)

Riemann Curvature Tensor $R^{\alpha}_{\beta\gamma\delta}$
 Ricci Curvature Tensor $R_{\mu\nu}$
 Ricci Curvature Scalar R

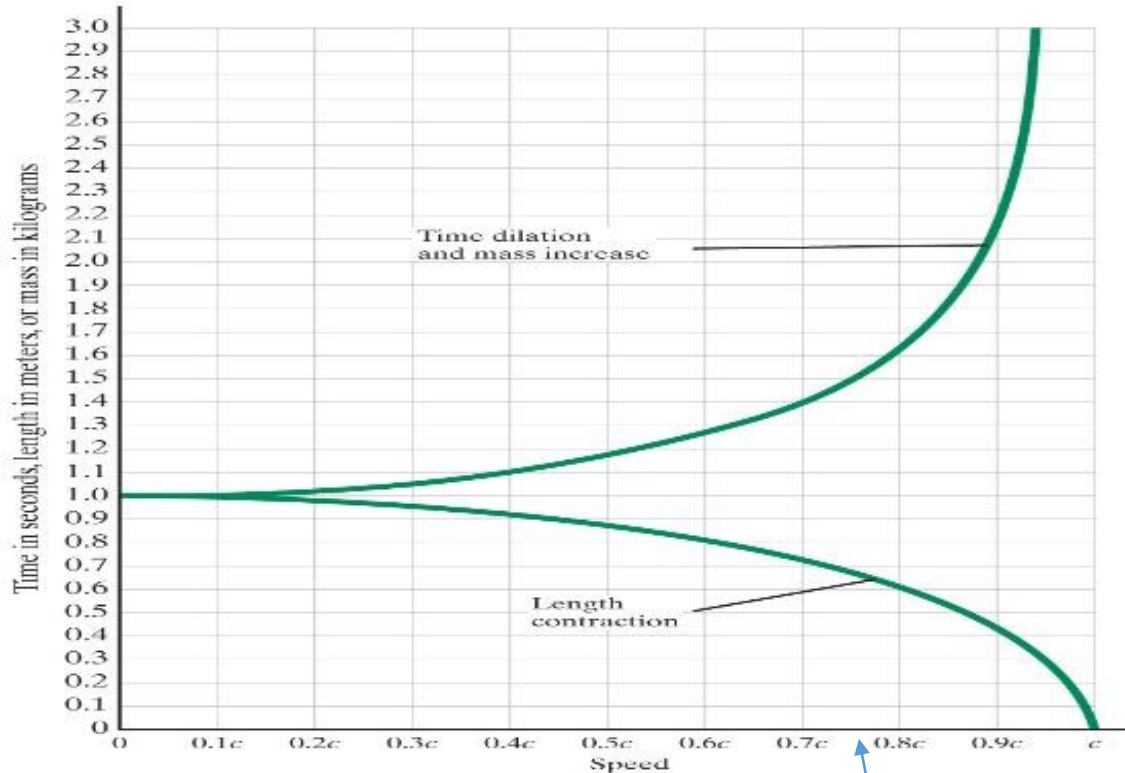
He provided the first exact solution to the Einstein field equations of general relativity,----Karl Schwarzschild



Solve Relativity → Quantum Loop Gravity, String Theory



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Special Relativity

Constraints

Black Holes, Wormholes, Dark matter, Singularity infinity if $1 - R_s/r = 1$ and time stop

Solution

No singularity → Quantum Loop gravity
String Theory → Define as Surface BH

$$S_{BH} = \frac{1}{4} \frac{\text{Horizon area}}{\text{Planck area}}$$

geometry of space and time

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

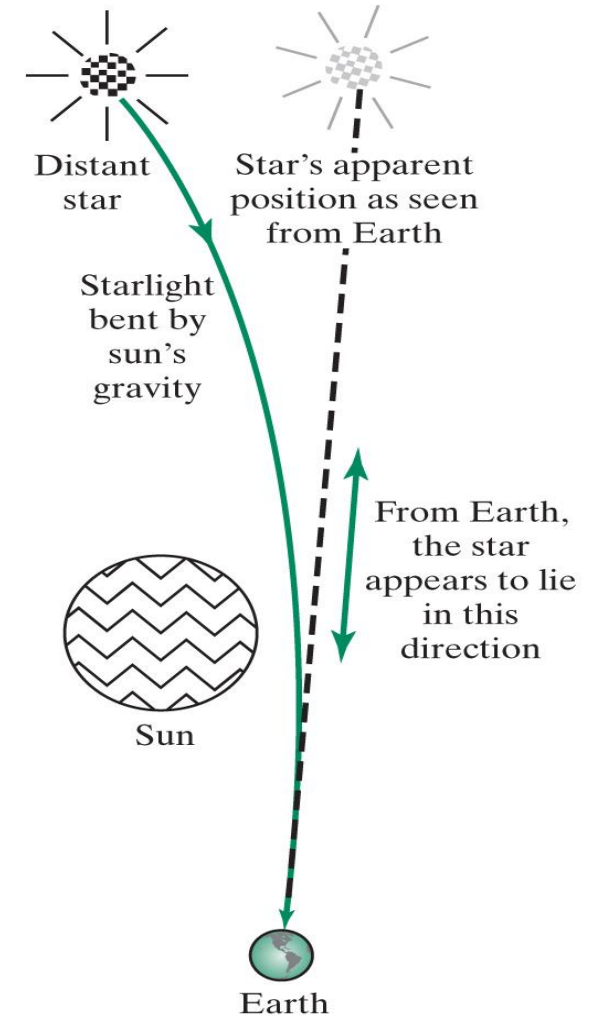
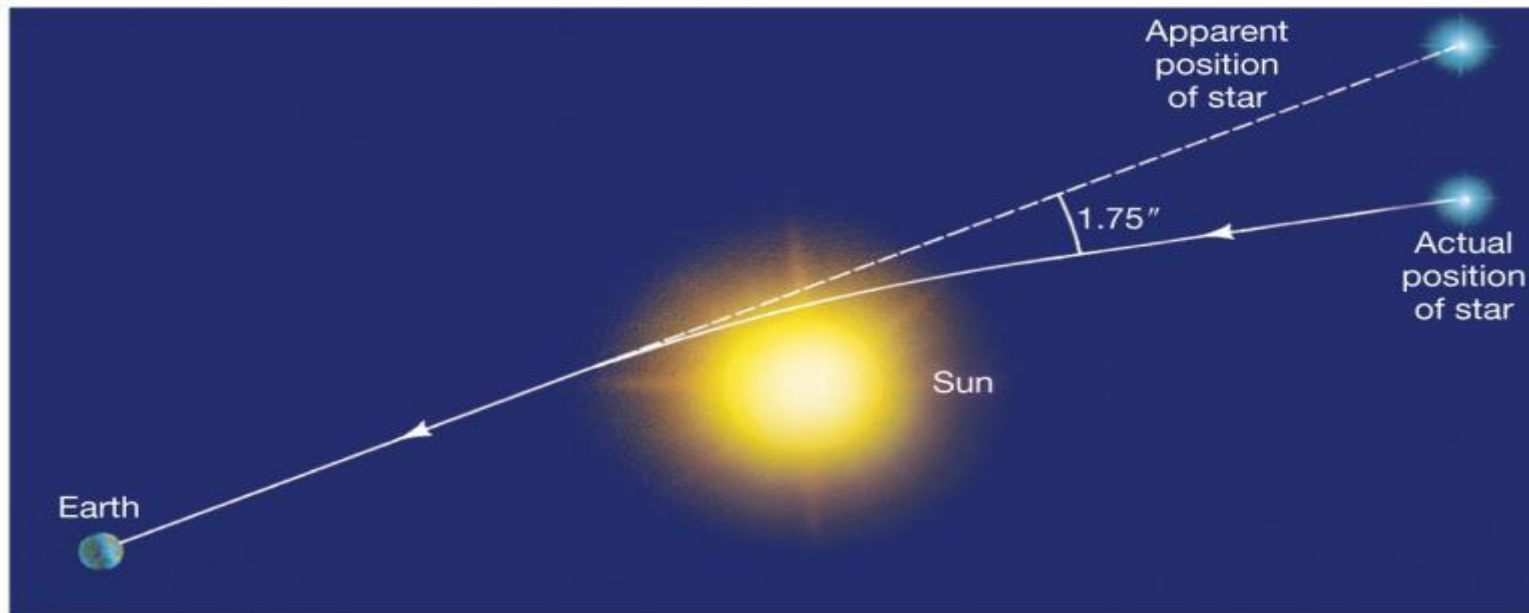
Density of matter and energy

In physics, string theory is a theoretical framework in which the point-like particles of particle physics are replaced by one-dimensional objects called strings.



More Precisely Tests of General Relativity

Deflection of starlight by the Sun's gravity was measured during the solar eclipse of 1919; the results agreed with the predictions of general relativity.

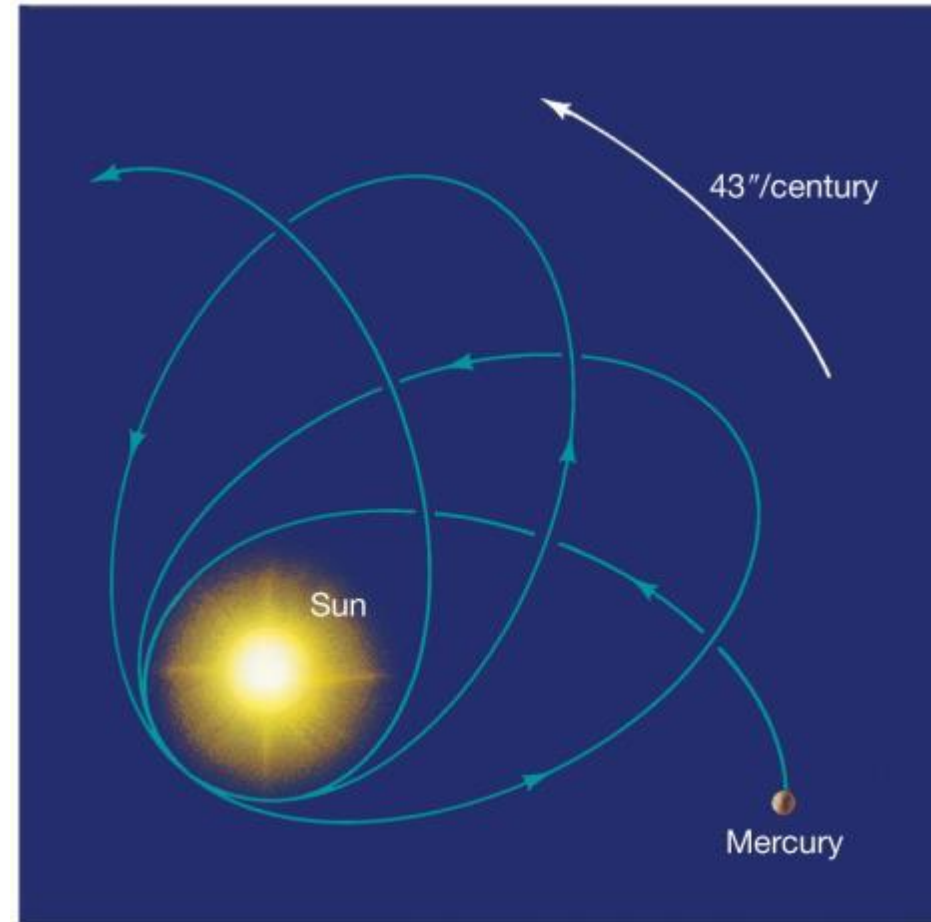


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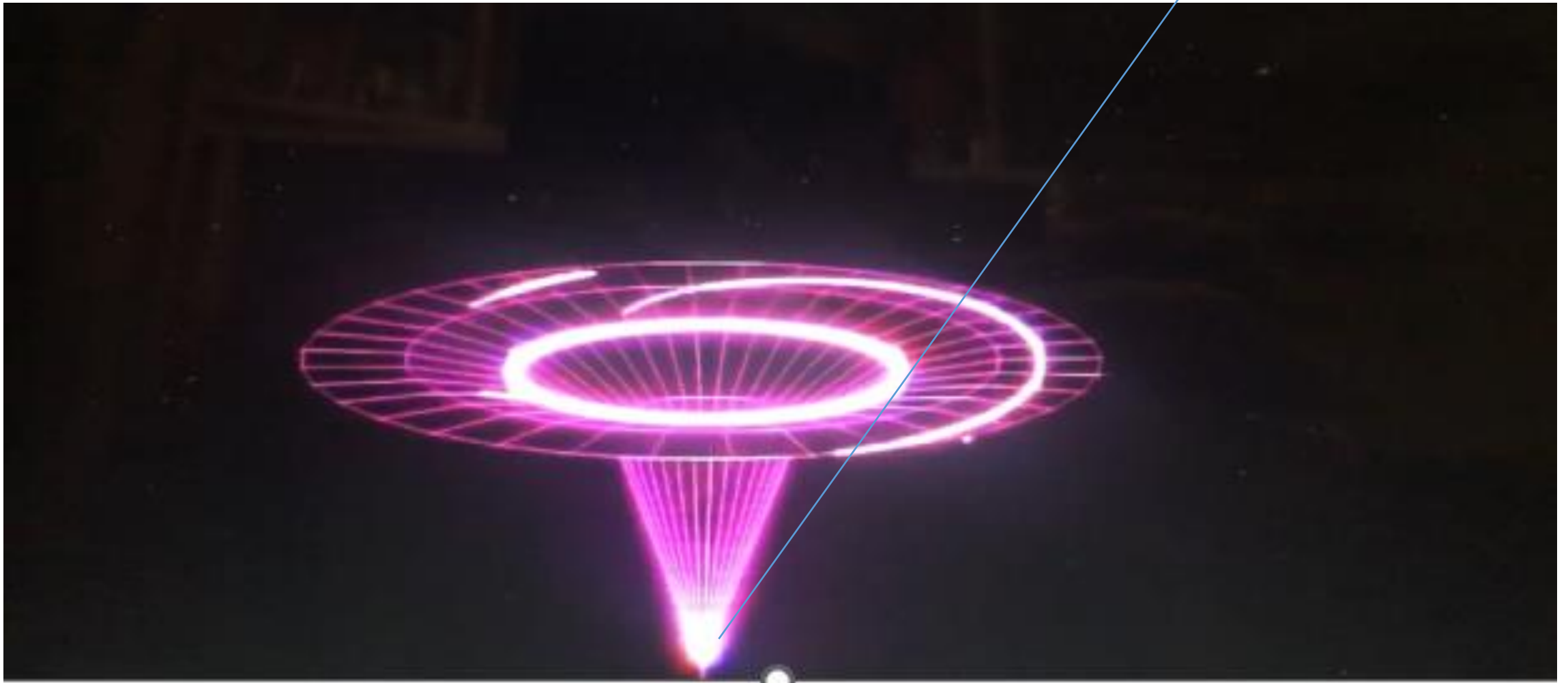
Einstein predicted that light should be bent by gravity. Sir Arthur Eddington led an expedition to photograph the 1919 Total Eclipse of the Sun. The photographs revealed stars whose light had passed near to the Sun. Their positions showed that the light had been bent exactly as Einstein had predicted.

More Precisely, Tests of General Relativity

Another prediction—the orbit of Mercury should precess due to general relativistic effects near the Sun; again, the measurement agreed with the prediction.



General theory of relativity, Singularity

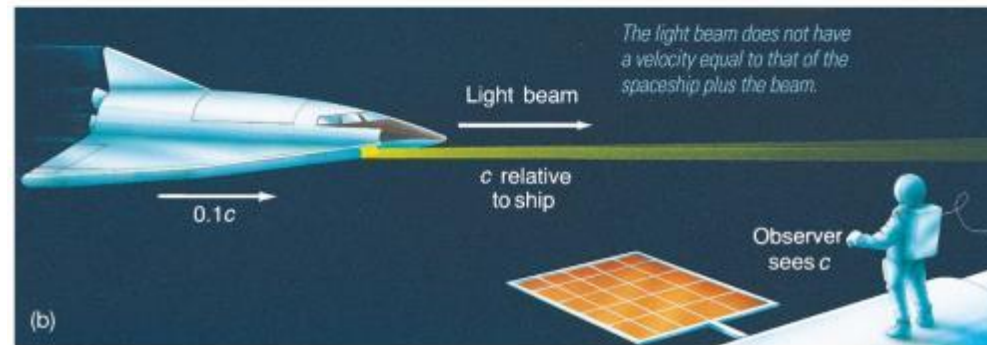
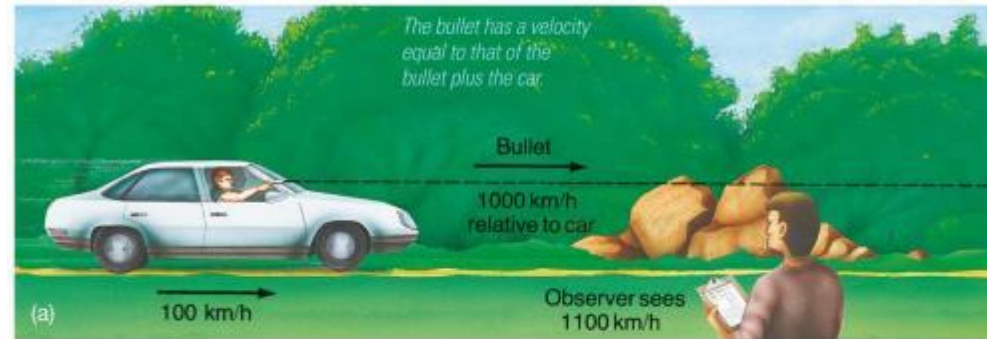


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Einstein's Theories of Relativity

Special relativity:

1. The speed of light is the maximum possible speed, and it is always measured to have the same value by all observers:



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Einstein's Theories of Relativity

Special relativity (cont.):

2. There is no absolute frame of reference, and no absolute state of rest.

3. Space and time are not independent but are unified as spacetime.



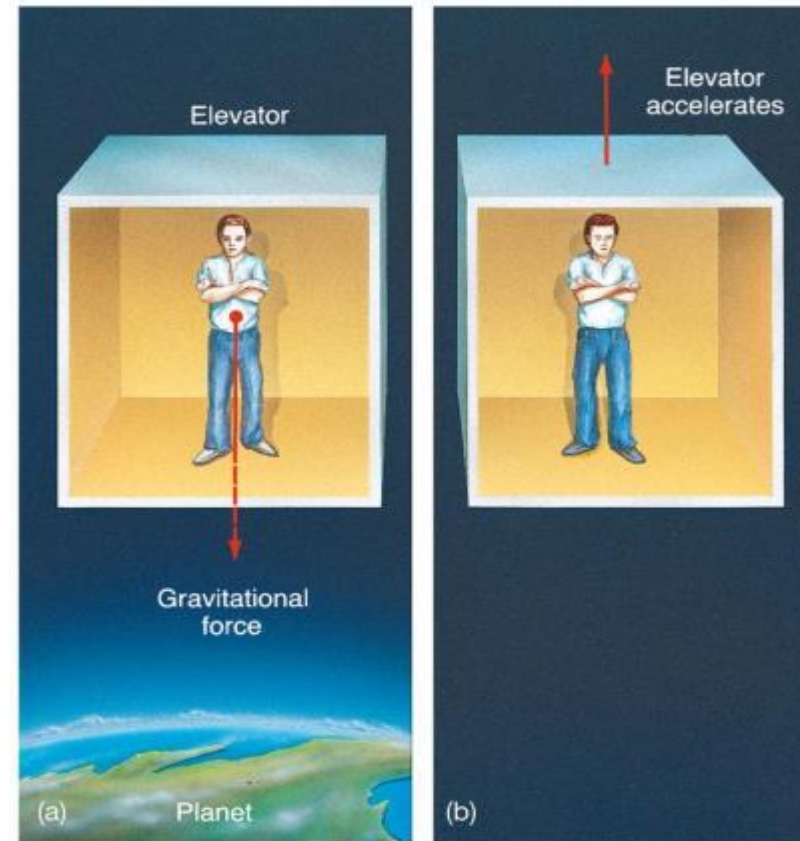
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Einstein's Theories of Relativity

General relativity:

It is impossible to tell from within a closed system whether one is in a gravitational field or accelerating.

A person inside a windowless elevator could not distinguish between these two cases.

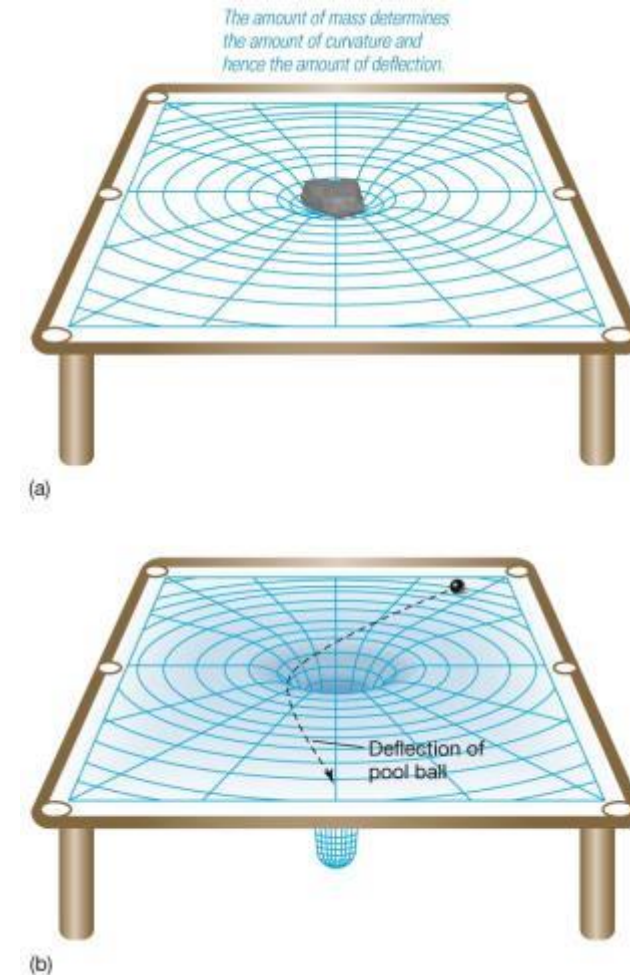


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Einstein's Theories of Relativity

Matter tends to warp spacetime, and in doing so redefines straight lines (the path a light beam would take):

A black hole occurs when the “indentation” caused by the mass of the hole becomes infinitely deep.



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Special Relativity

In the late 19th century, Michelson and Morley did an experiment to measure the variation in the speed of light with respect to the direction of the Earth's motion around the Sun.

They found no variation—light always traveled at the same speed. This later became the foundation of special relativity.

Taking the speed of light to be constant leads to some counterintuitive effects—length contraction, time dilation, the relativity of simultaneity, and the mass equivalent of energy.



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Space Travel Near Black Holes

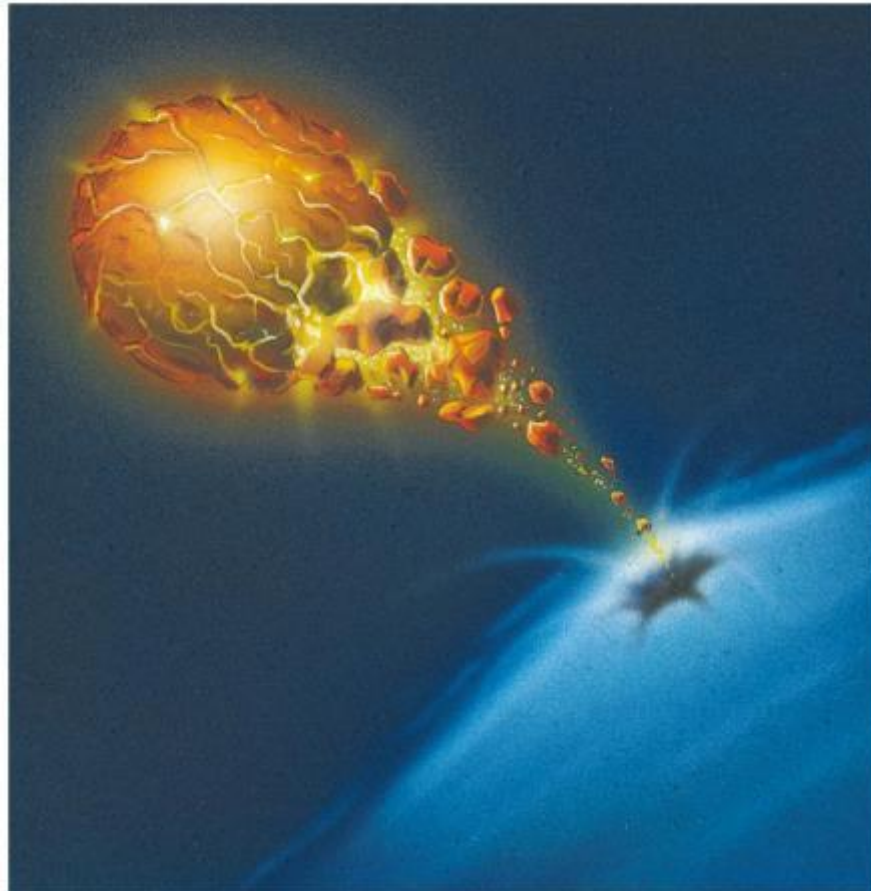
The gravitational effects of a black hole are unnoticeable outside of a few Schwarzschild radii—black holes do not “suck in” material any more than an extended mass would.



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Space Travel Near Black Holes

Matter encountering a black hole will experience enormous tidal forces that will both heat it enough to radiate and tear it apart:



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Space Travel Near Black Holes

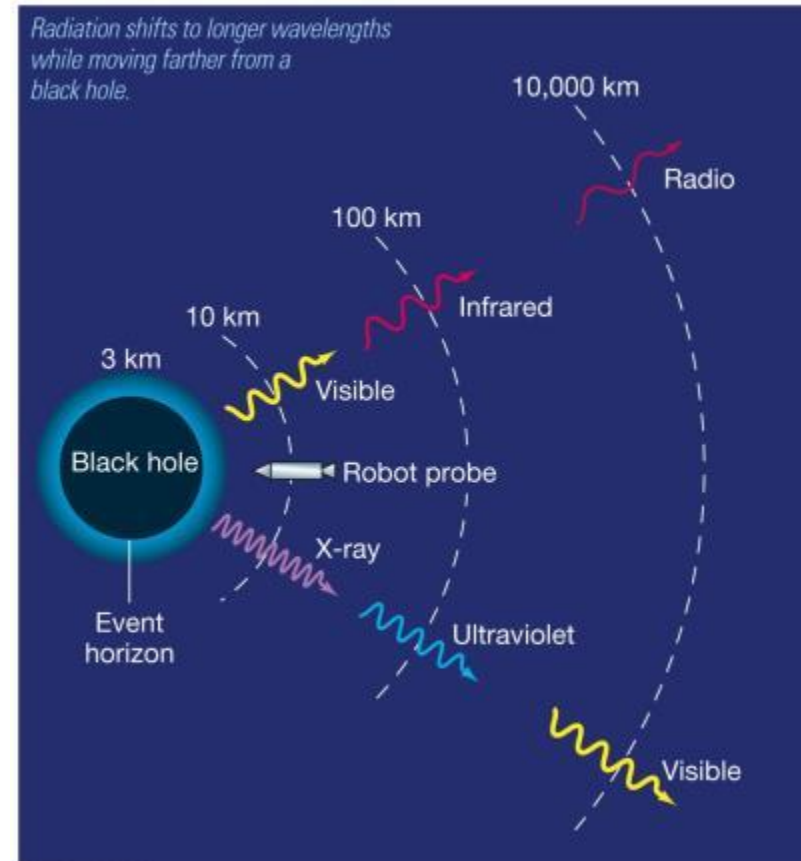
A probe nearing the **event horizon** of a black hole will be seen by observers as experiencing a dramatic **redshift** as it gets closer, so that time appears to be going more and more **slowly** as it approaches the event horizon. This is called a **gravitational redshift**—it is not due to motion, but to the large gravitational fields present. The probe, however, does not experience any such shifts; time would appear **normal** to anyone inside.



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Space Travel Near Black Holes

Similarly, a photon escaping from the vicinity of a black hole will use up a lot of energy doing so; it cannot slow down, but its wavelength gets longer and longer



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Space Travel Near Black Holes

What's **inside** a black hole?

No one knows, of course; present theory predicts that the mass collapses until its radius is **zero** and its density is **infinite**, but it is unlikely that this actually happens.

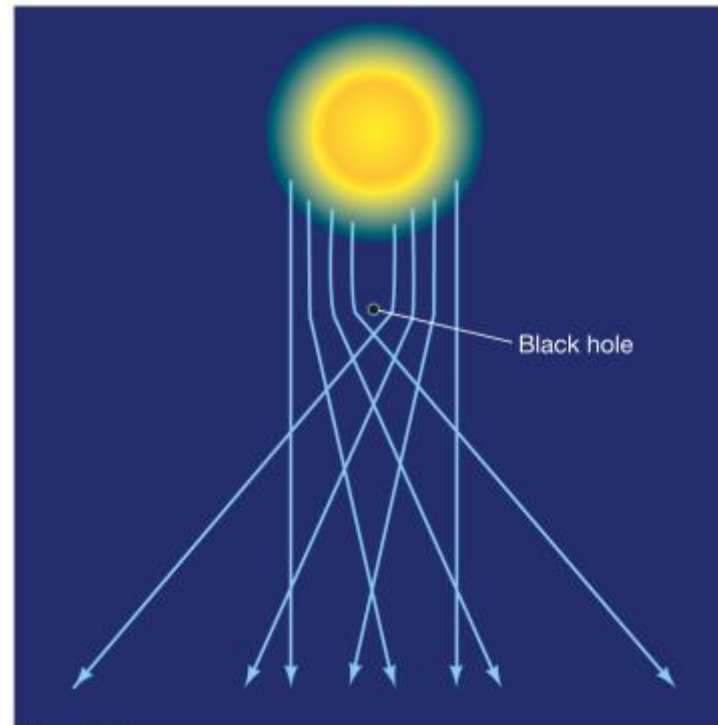
Until we learn more about what happens in **such extreme conditions**, the interiors of black holes will remain a mystery.



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Observational Evidence for Black Holes

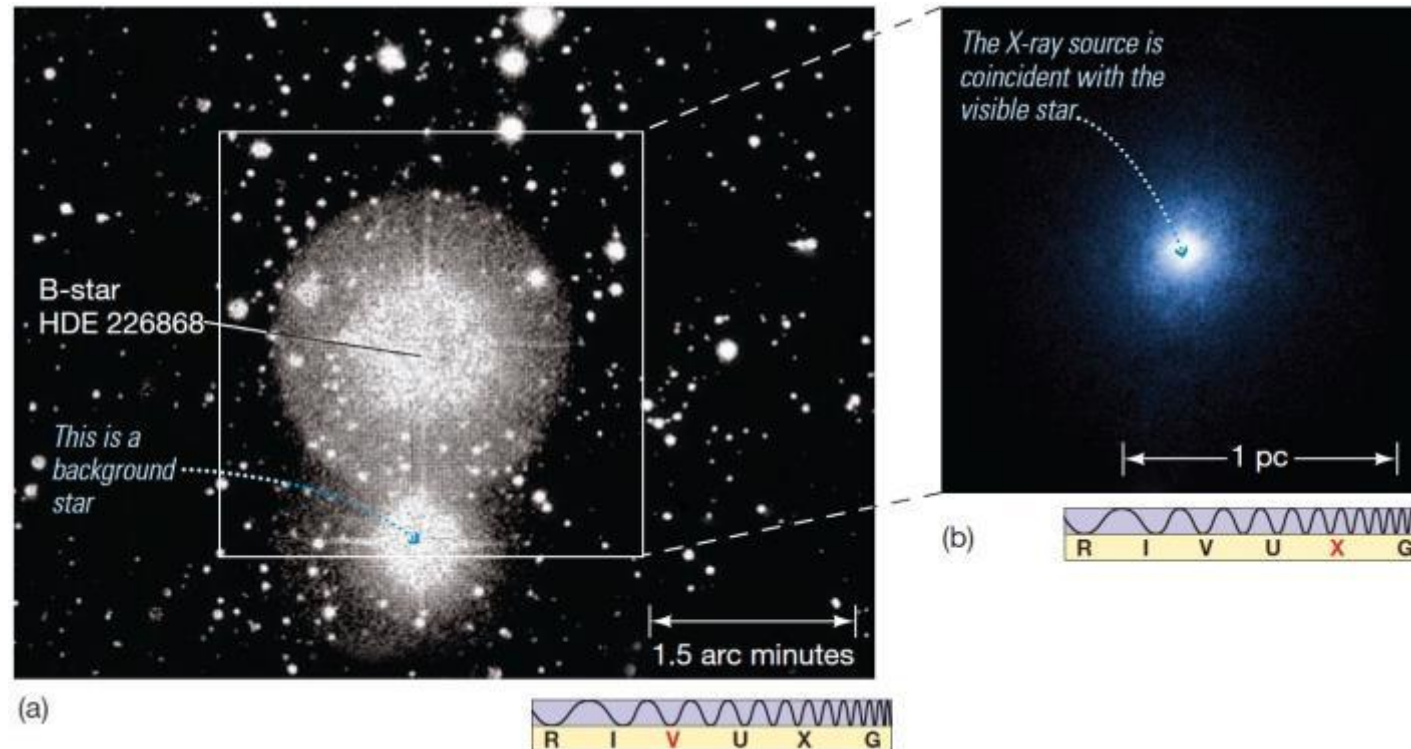
Black holes cannot be observed directly, as their gravitational fields will cause light to bend around them.



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Observational Evidence for Black Holes

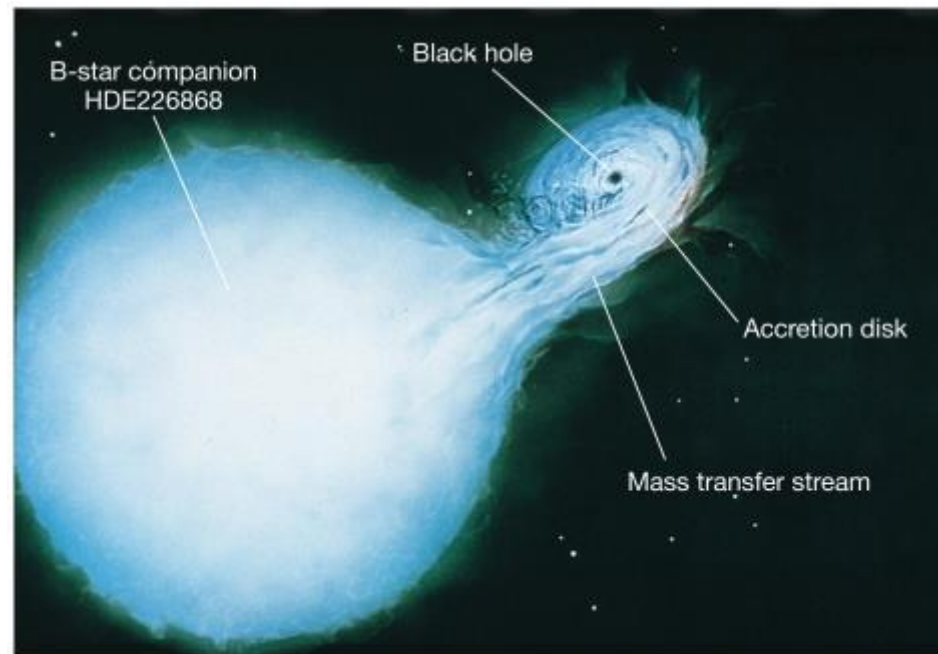
This bright star has an unseen companion that is a strong X-ray emitter called Cygnus X-1, which is thought to be a black hole:



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Observational Evidence for Black Holes

The existence of black-hole binary partners for ordinary stars can be inferred by the effect the holes have on the star's orbit, or by radiation from infalling matter.



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Observational Evidence for Black Holes

Cygnus X-1 is a very strong black-hole candidate:

- **Its visible partner is about 25 solar masses.**
- **The system's total mass is about 35 solar masses, so the X-ray source must be about 10 solar masses.**
- **Hot gas appears to be flowing from the visible star to an unseen companion.**
- **Short time-scale variations indicate that the source must be very small.**

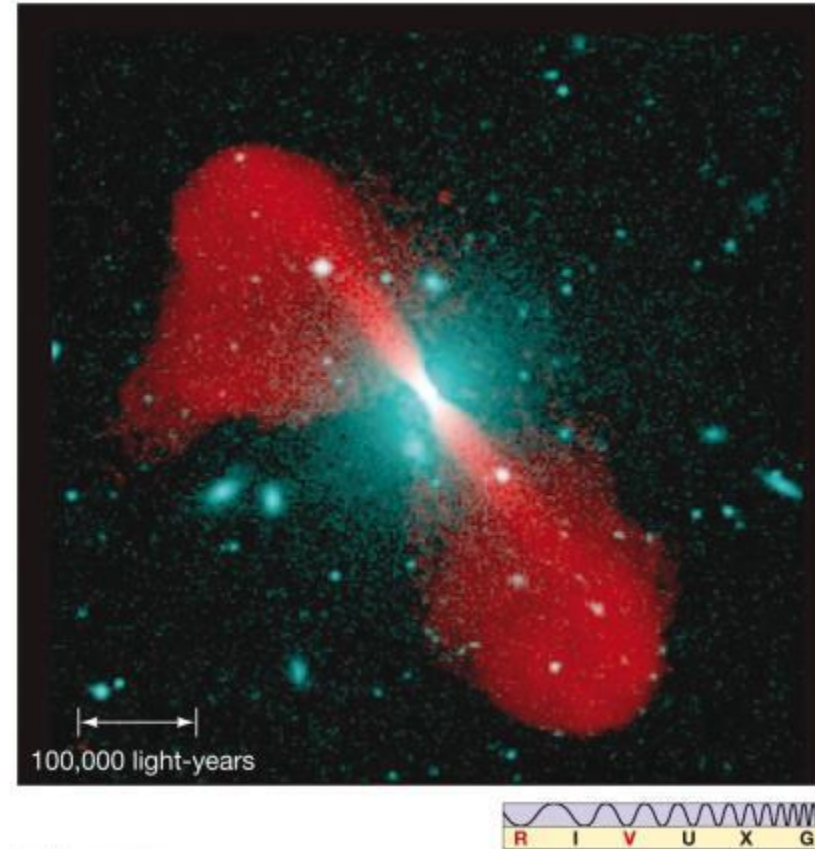


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Observational Evidence for Black Holes

There are several other black-hole candidates as well, with characteristics similar to those of Cygnus X-1.

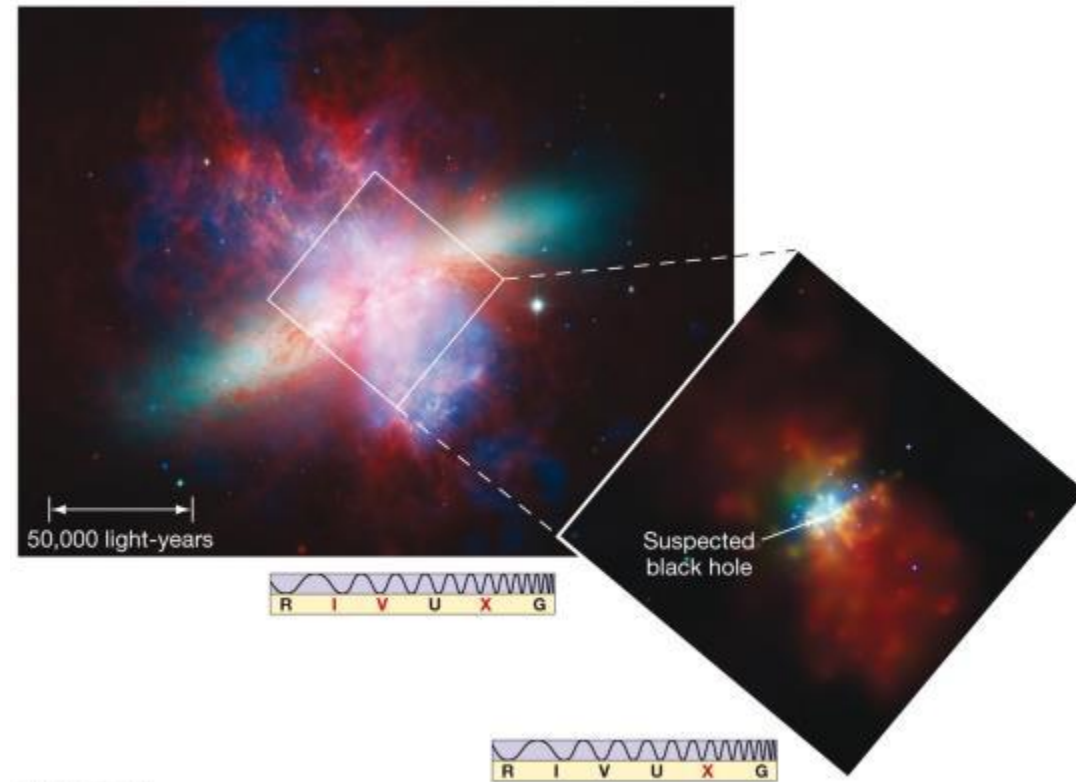
The centers of many galaxies contain supermassive black holes—about 1 million solar masses.



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Observational Evidence for Black Holes

Recently, evidence for intermediate-mass black holes has been found; these are about 100–1000 solar masses. Their origin is not well understood.



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Gravitational Waves: A New Window on the Universe

General relativity predicts that orbiting objects should lose energy by emitting gravitational radiation. The amount of energy is tiny, and these waves are very difficult to detect.

A neutron-star binary system has been observed (two neutron stars); the orbits of the stars are slowing at just the rate predicted if gravity waves are carrying off the lost energy.



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Gravitational Waves: A New Window on the Universe

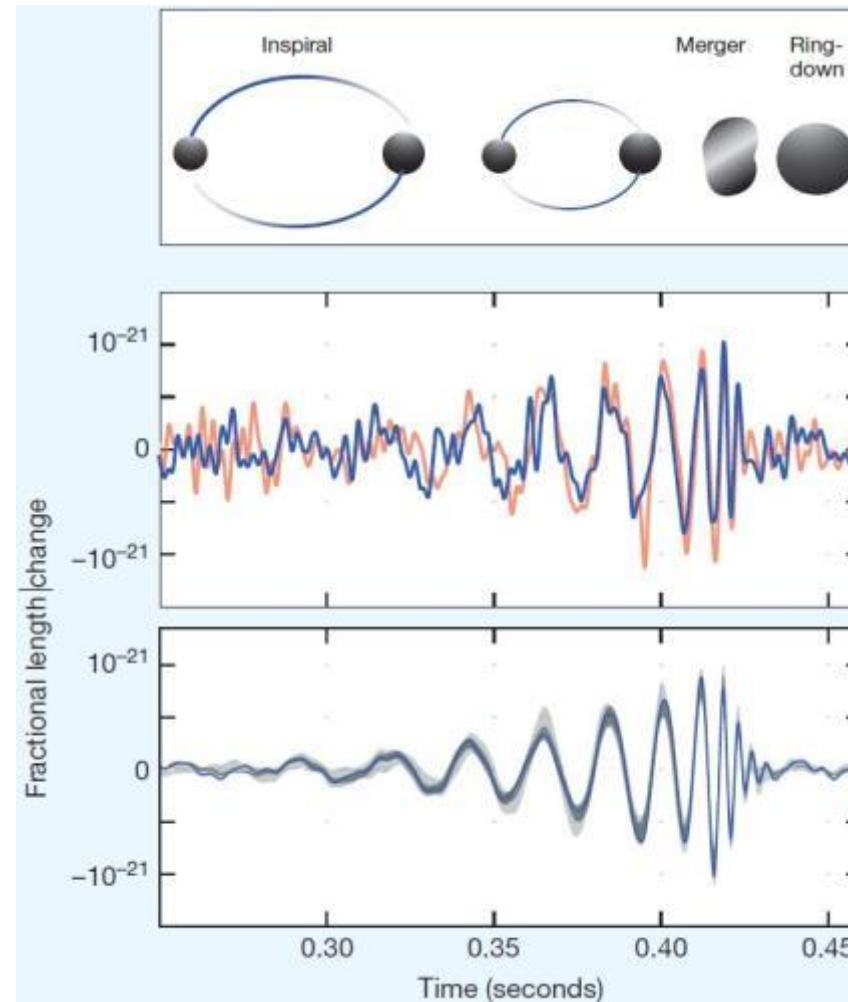
This figure shows part of *LIGO*, the *Laser Interferometric Gravity-wave Observatory*, designed to detect gravitational waves. It has been operating since 2003.



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Gravitational Waves: A New Window on the Universe

In September 2015, LIGO first observed gravitational waves from a merger of two black holes.



Roy Kerr

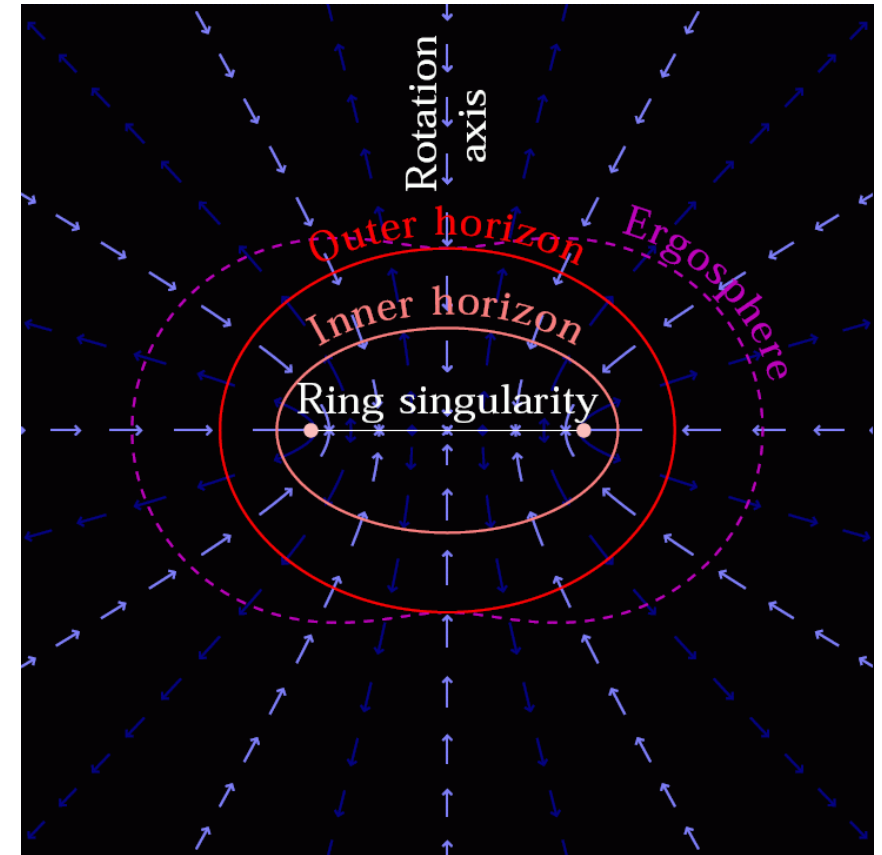
Single point Singularity does not exist

Ring Singularity

Mass does not on single point but
Depend on ring motion

Kerr Newman black hole with Spin
equation use for imaging

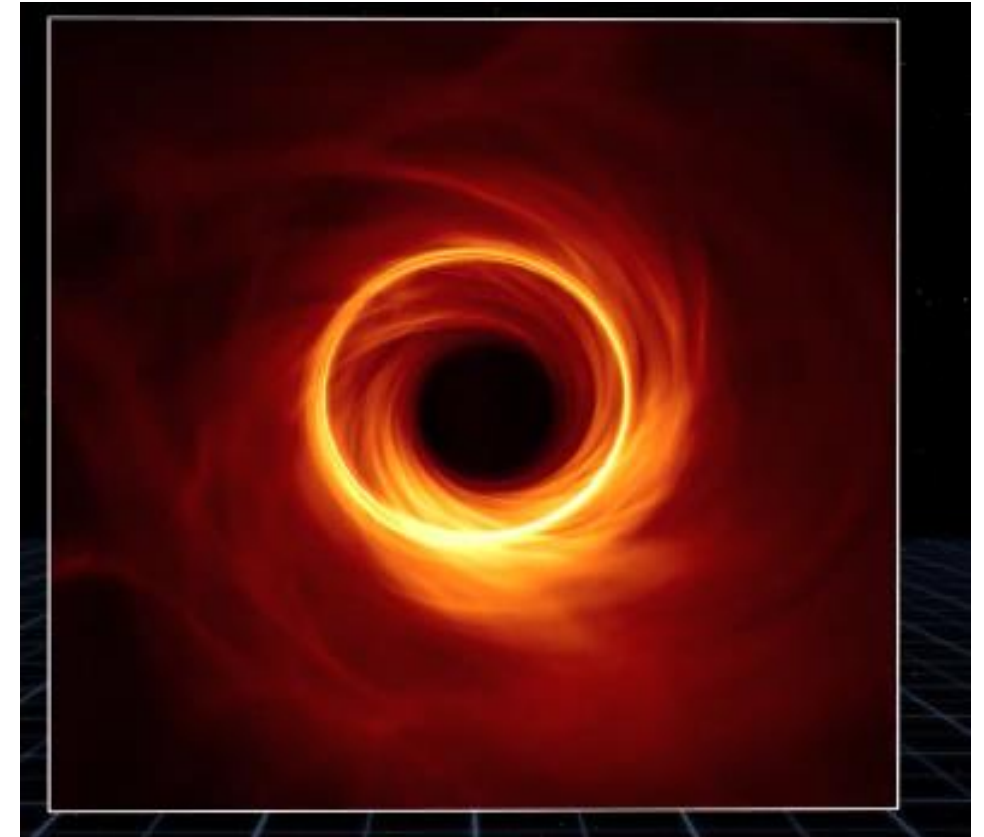
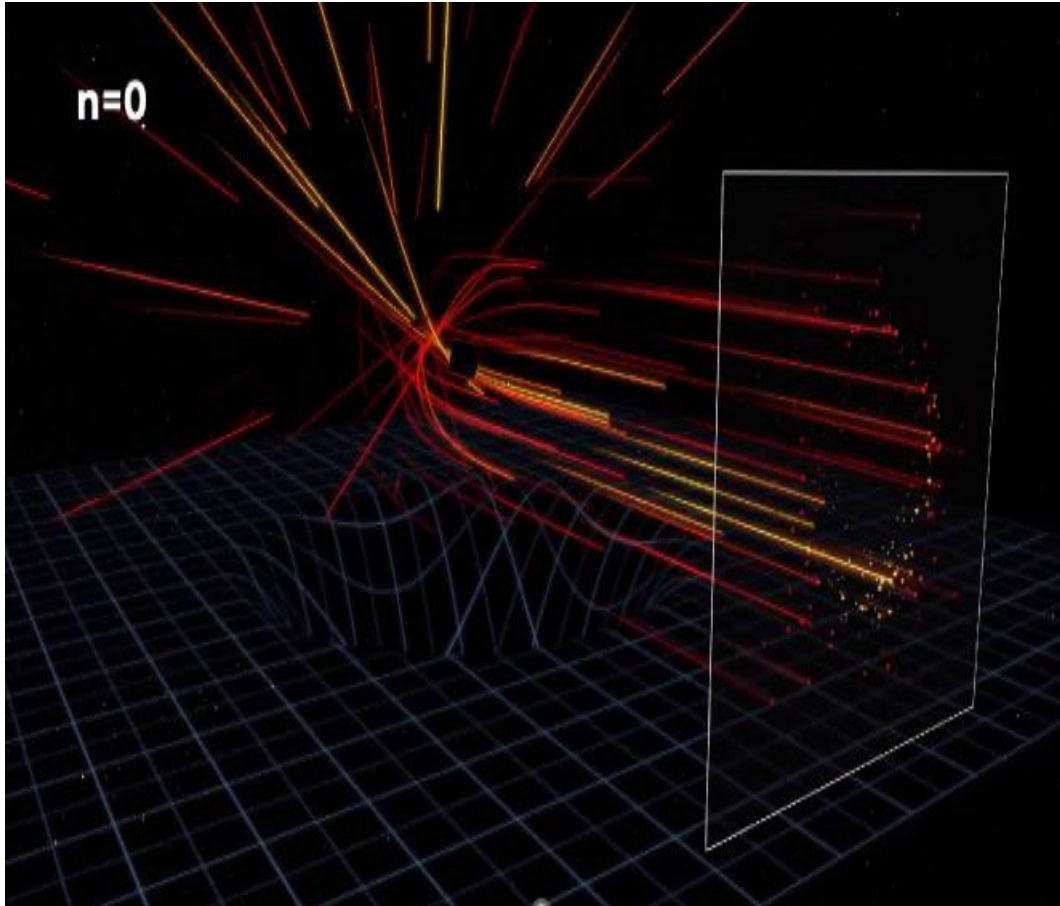
$$ds^2 = -\frac{\Delta_r}{\rho^2} \left[\frac{dt}{I} - \frac{a \sin^2 \theta d\phi}{I} \right]^2 + \frac{\Delta_\theta \sin^2 \theta}{I^2} \left[\frac{adt}{\rho} - \frac{(r^2 + a^2) d\phi}{\rho} \right]^2 + \rho^2 \left(\frac{dr^2}{\Delta_r} + \frac{d\theta^2}{\Delta_\theta} \right)$$



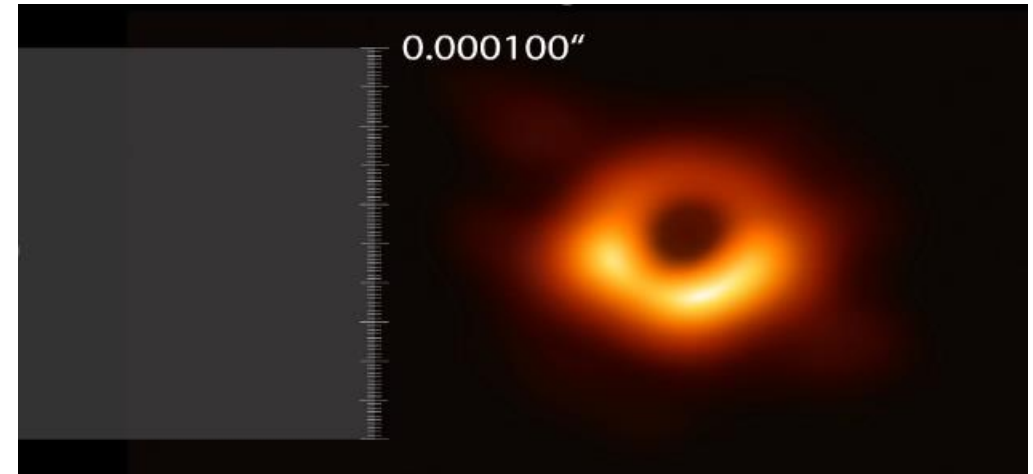
Black hole M87 imaging by Interferometry



Black hole & General relativity Light bend



Black hole M87 images with Jet

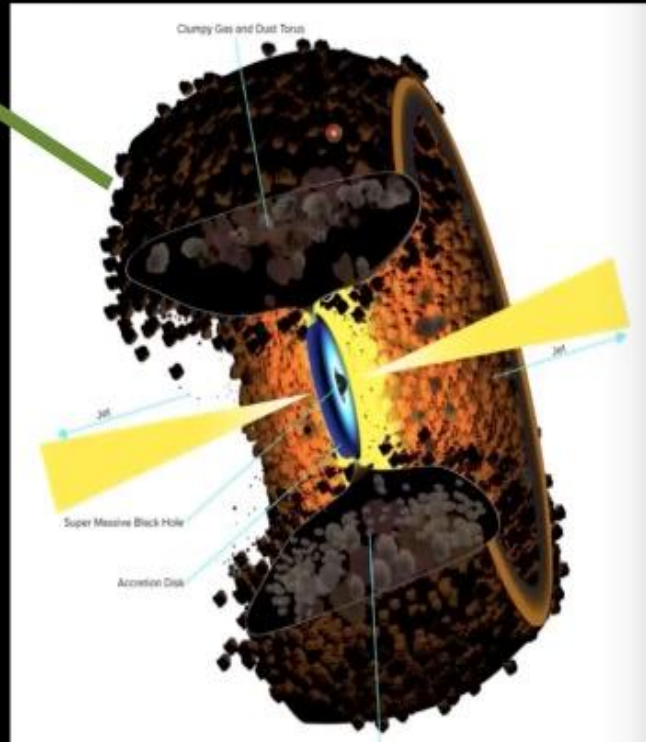


Band 3 GMVA, 4 GBPS 1 SPW 128 MHz Dual pol,
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EHTC

Why?

SGRA*	$4.02 \cdot 10^6 M_{\odot}$	$40 \mu\text{AS}$
M87*	$3.5-6.2 \cdot 10^9 M_{\odot}$	$21-38 \mu\text{AS}$



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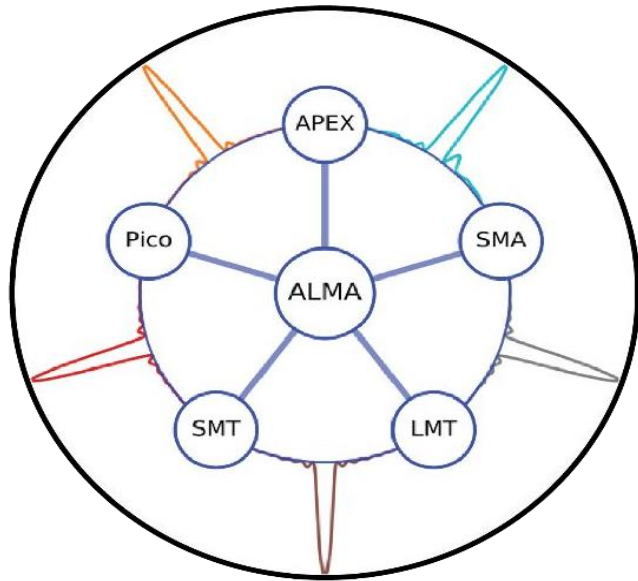
GMVA - Global Millimeter VLBI Array (3mm)



EHTC - Event Horizon Telescope Consortium (1.3mm)



EHTC



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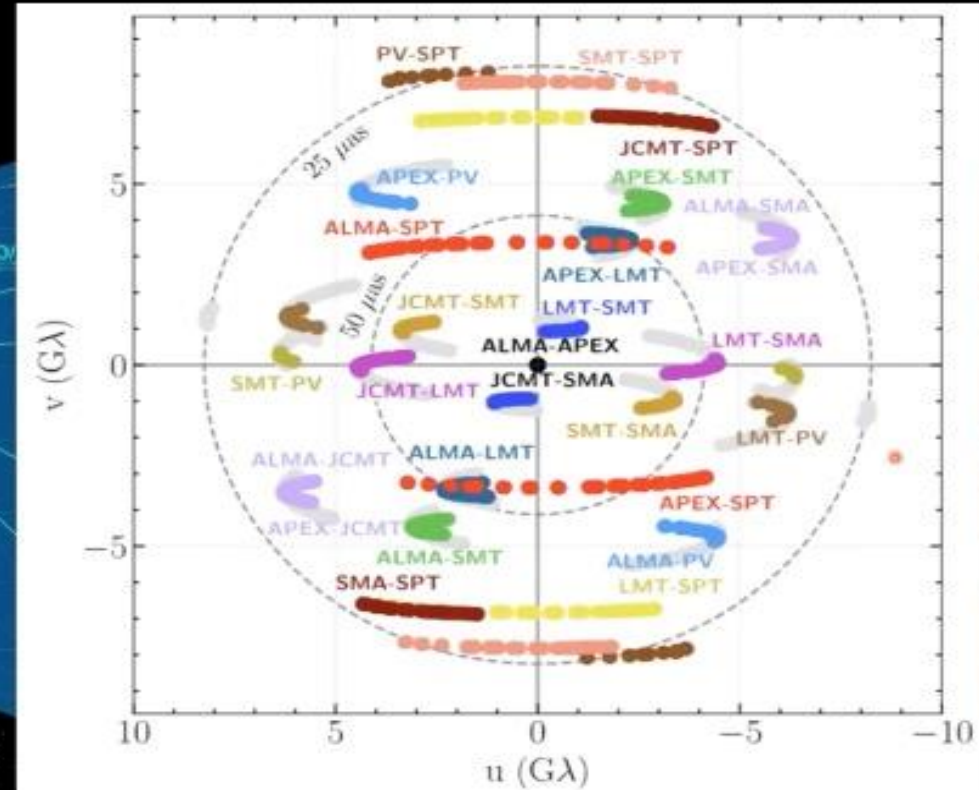
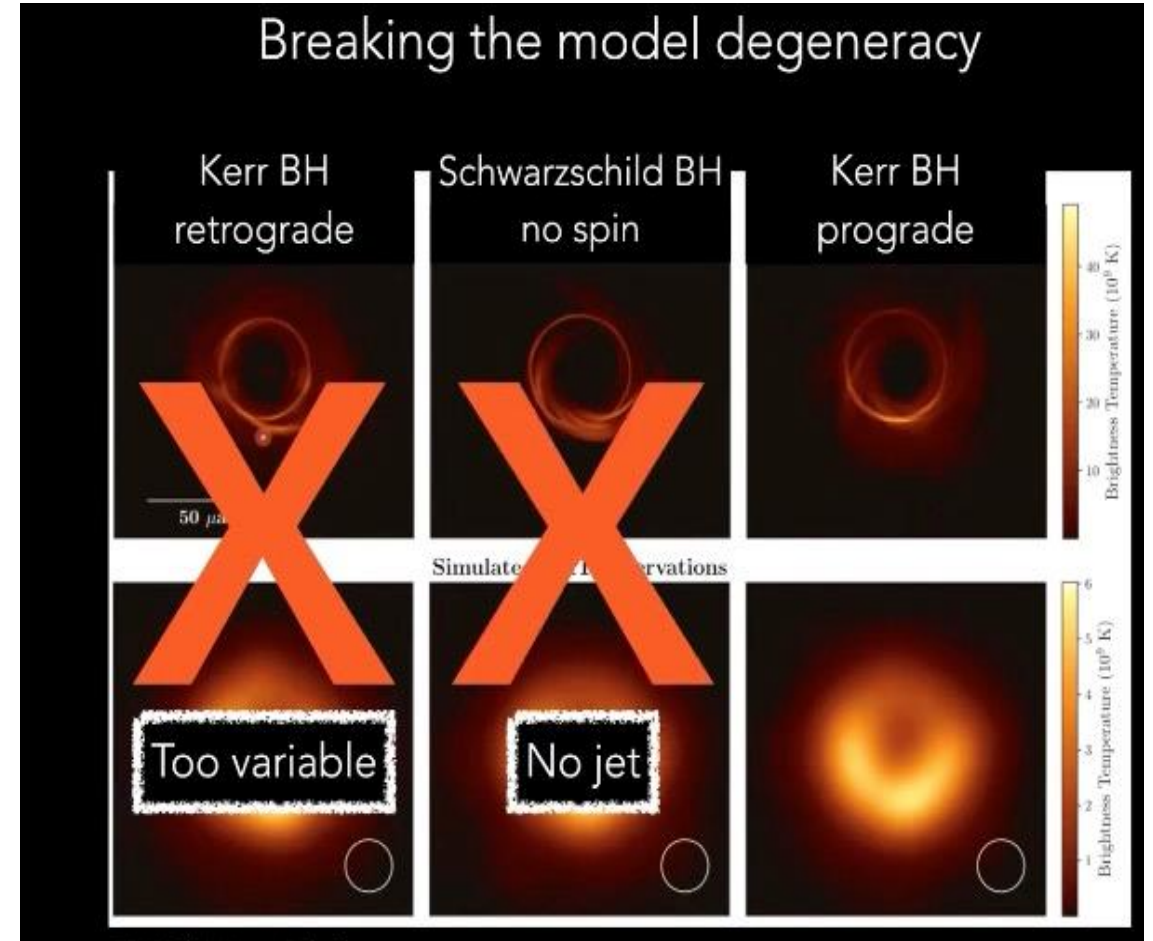
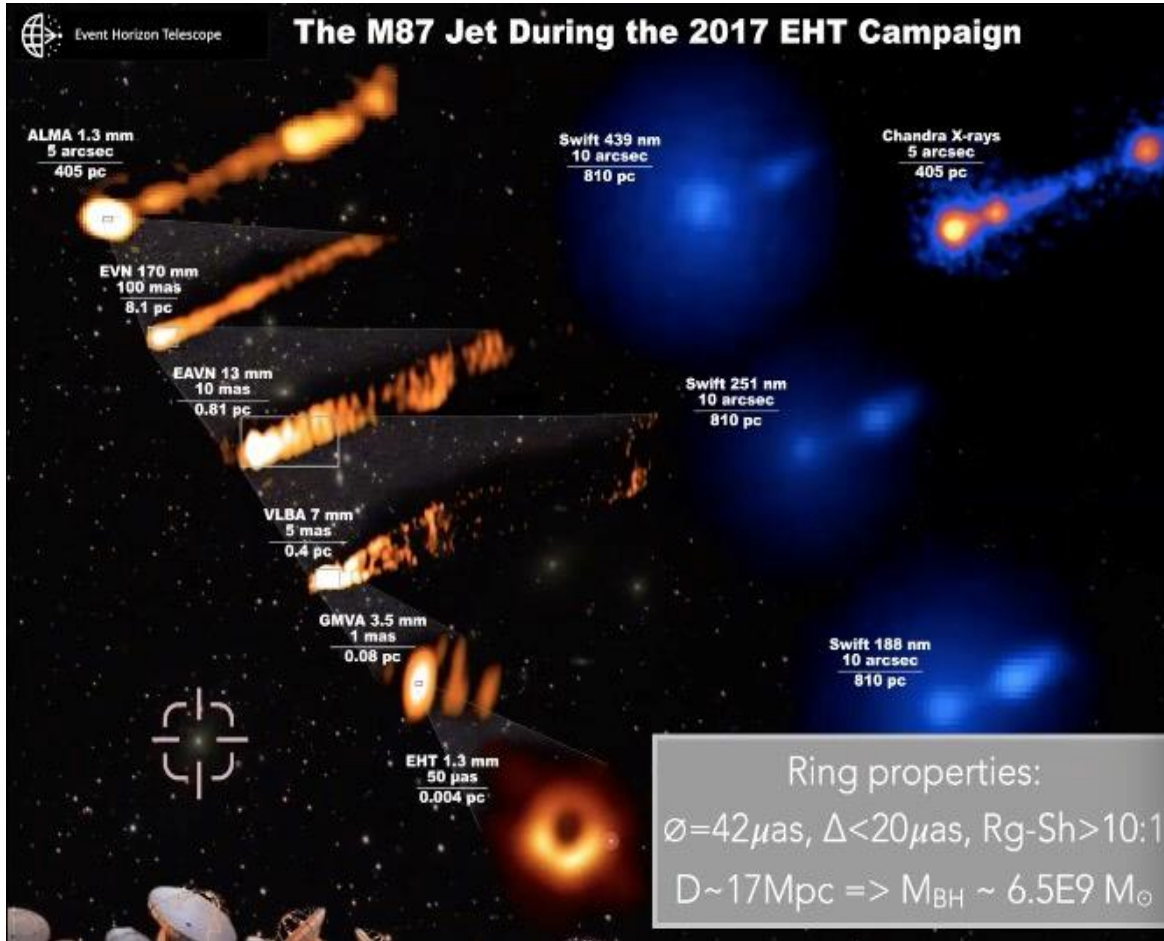


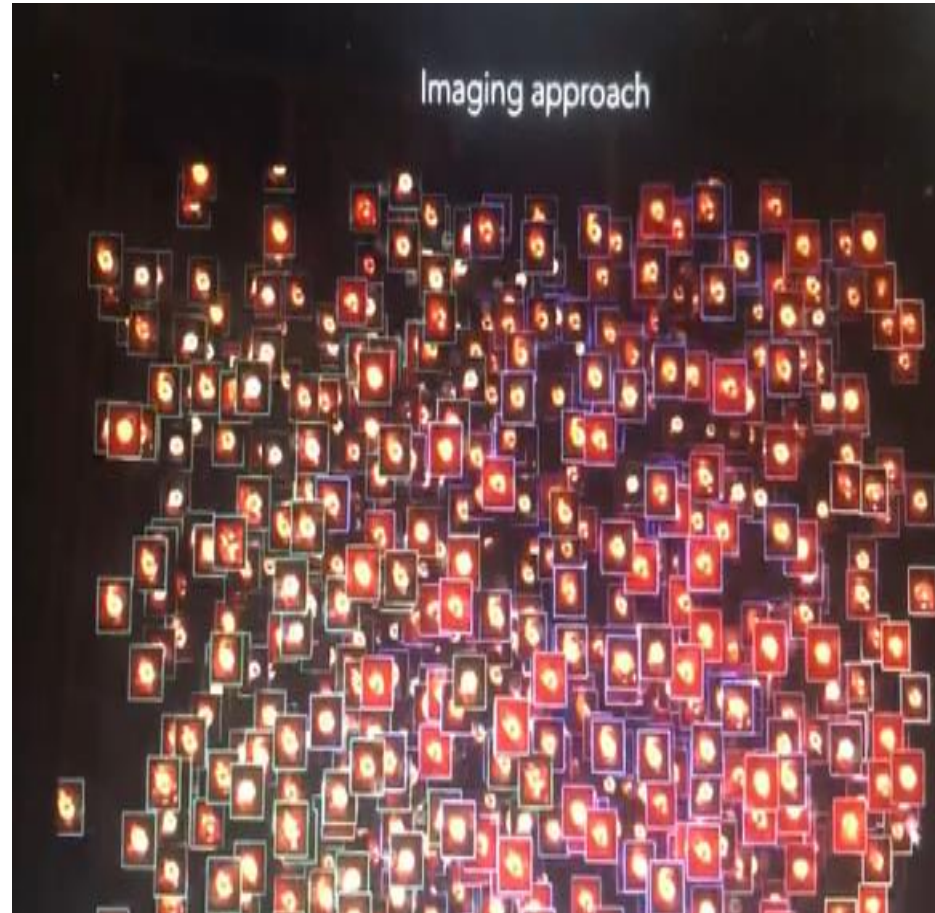
Figure 18. Aggregate baseline coverage for EHT observations of 3C 279 in 2017 April. The coverage of M87 is shown in light gray for comparison.

EHTC - Event Horizon Telescope Consortium (1.3mm)

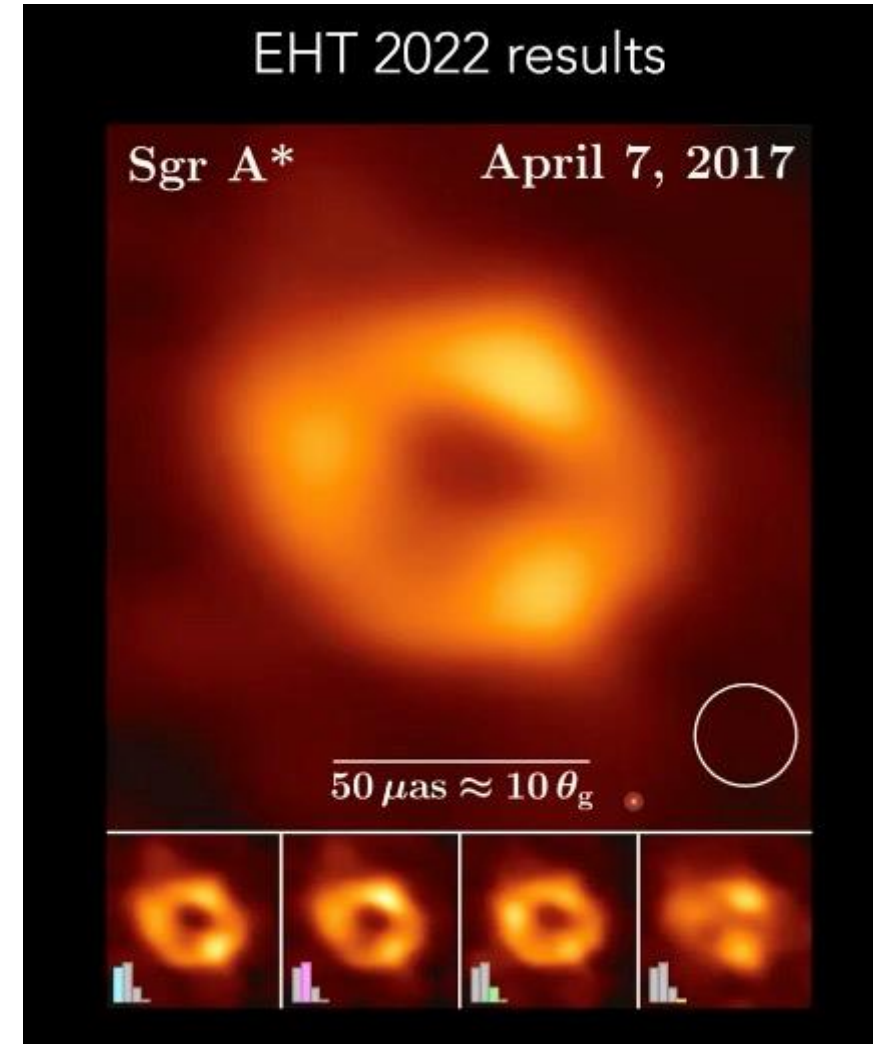
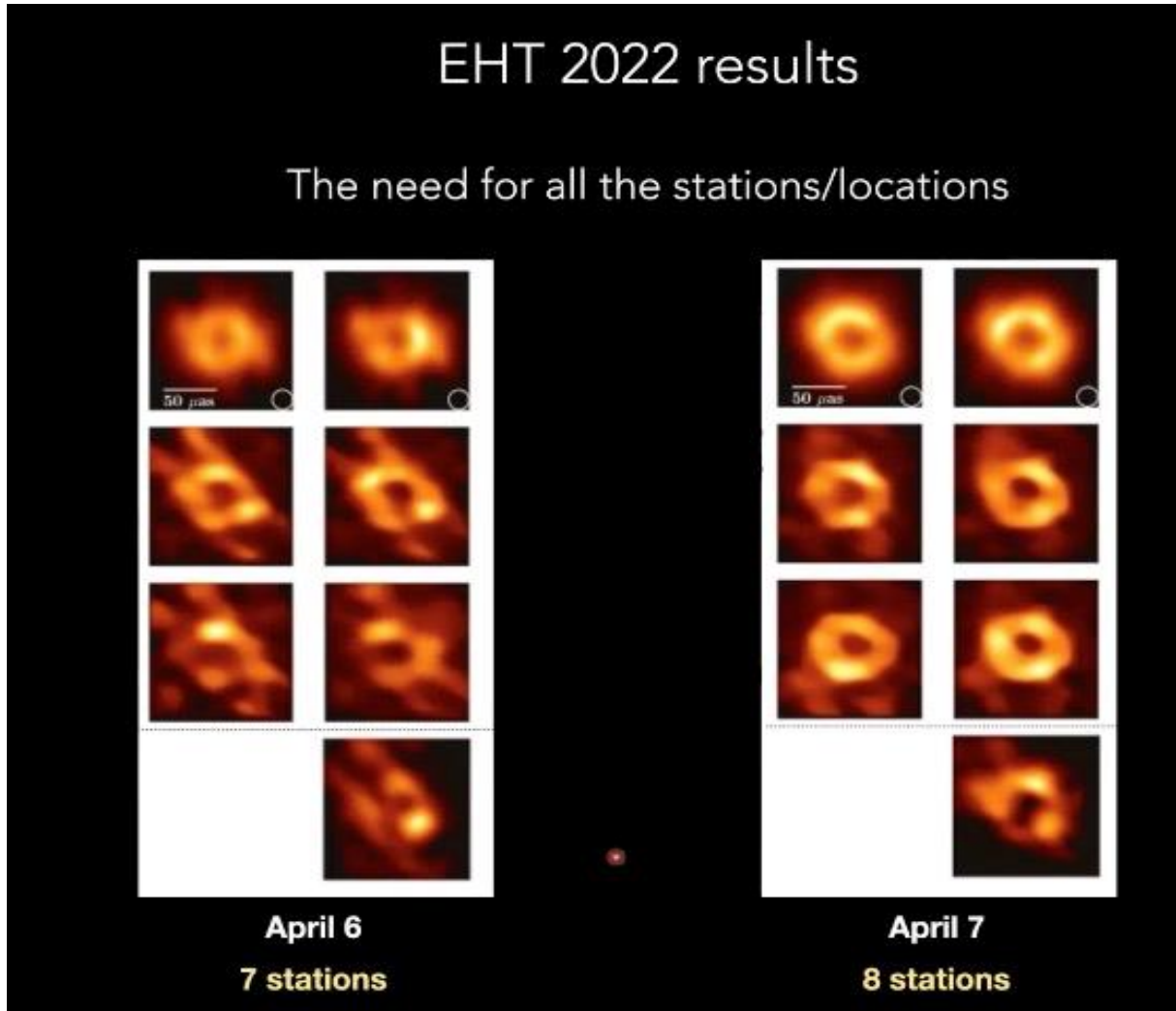
Black hole M87– breaking the model Kerr black hole metric → model Spin



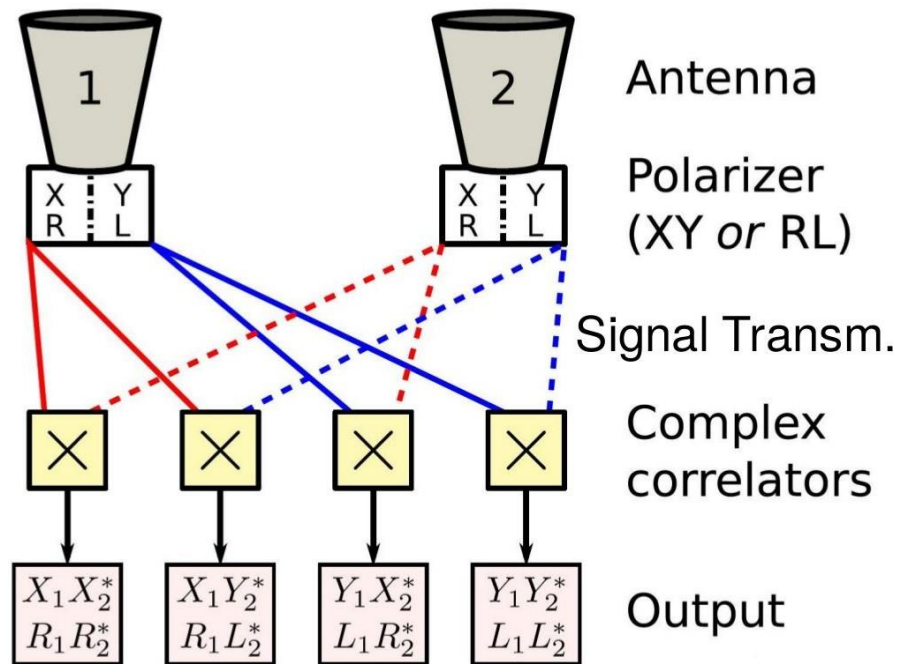
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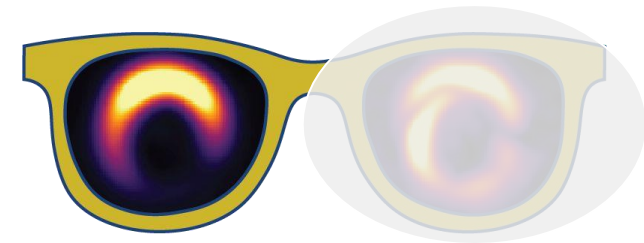
Average image Black hole Sgr A*



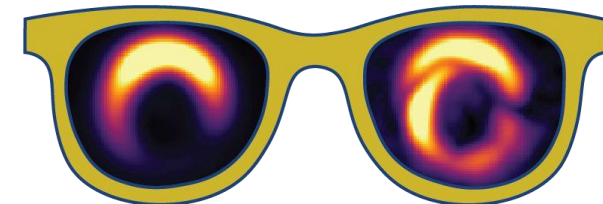
Interferometric polarization observations



- single mode only **XX**
- dual mode only **XX** and **YY** are registered → Stokes I only



- full polarization mode the four correlations **XX YY YX XY** are saved



Interferometric polarization observations

$$I = \frac{1}{2}(XX + YY)$$

$$Q = \frac{1}{2}(XX - YY)$$

$$U = \frac{1}{2}(XY + YX)$$

$$V = \frac{1}{2}(XY - YX)$$

In an ideal world we would get

- total intensity ---> Stokes I
- circular polarization ---> Stokes V
- linear polarization
- EVPA → electric vector polarization angle

$$PI = \sqrt{Q^2 + U^2}$$

$$\tan 2\chi = \frac{U}{Q}$$



Imaging & polarization for M87 & Sgr A*

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First M87 Event Horizon Telescope Results. VII. Polarization of the Ring

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Abstract

In 2017 April, the Event Horizon Telescope (EHT) observed the near-horizon region around the supermassive black hole at the core of the M87 galaxy. These 1.3 mm wavelength observations revealed a compact asymmetric ring-like source morphology. This structure originates from synchrotron emission produced by relativistic plasma located in the immediate vicinity of the black hole. Here we present the corresponding linear-polarimetric EHT images of the center of M87. We find that only a part of the ring is significantly polarized. The resolved fractional linear polarization has a maximum located in the southwest part of the ring, where it rises to the level of $\sim 15\%$. The polarization position angles are arranged in a nearly azimuthal pattern. We perform quantitative measurements of relevant polarimetric properties of the compact emission and find evidence for the temporal evolution of the polarized source structure over one week of EHT observations. The details of the polarimetric data reduction and calibration methodology are provided. We carry out the data analysis using multiple independent imaging and modeling techniques, each of which is validated against a suite of synthetic data sets. The gross polarimetric structure and its apparent evolution with time are insensitive to the method used to reconstruct the image. These polarimetric images carry information about the structure of the magnetic fields responsible for the synchrotron emission. Their physical interpretation is discussed in an accompanying publication.

Unified Astronomy Thesaurus concepts: Polarimetry (1278); Radio interferometry (1346); Very long baseline interferometry (1769); Supermassive black holes (1663); Active galactic nuclei (16); Low-luminosity active galactic nuclei (2033); Astronomy data modeling (1859); Galaxy accretion disks (562); Galaxies: individual: M87

1. Introduction

The Event Horizon Telescope (EHT) Collaboration has recently reported the first images of the event-horizon-scale structure around the supermassive black hole in the core of the massive elliptical galaxy M87, one of its two main targets.¹⁰⁰ The EHT images of M87's core at 230 GHz (1.3 mm wavelength) revealed a ring-like structure whose diameter of $42 \mu\text{as}$, brightness temperature, shape, and asymmetry are interpreted as synchrotron emission from relativistic electrons gyrating around magnetic field lines in close vicinity to the event horizon. We have described the details of the EHT's instrumentation, data calibration pipelines, data analyses and imaging procedures, and the theoretical interpretation of these first images in a series of publications (Event Horizon Telescope Collaboration et al. 2019a, 2019b, 2019c, 2019d, 2019e, 2019f, hereafter Papers I, II, III, IV, V, VI, respectively).

In this Letter, we present the first *polarimetric* analysis of the 2017 EHT observations of M87 and the first images of the linearly polarized radiation surrounding the M87 black hole shadow. These polarimetric images provide essential new information about the

structure of magnetic field lines near the event horizon of M87's central supermassive black hole, and they put tight constraints on the theoretical interpretations of the nature of the ring and of relativistic jet-launching theories. The theoretical implications of these images and the constraints that they place on the magnetic field structure and accretion state of the black hole are discussed in an accompanying work (Event Horizon Telescope Collaboration et al. 2021, hereafter Paper VIII). Readers interested in the details of the data reduction, methodology, and validation can find a detailed index of this Letter in Section 1.2. Readers primarily interested in the results may skip directly to Section 5 and to subsequent discussion and conclusions in Section 6.

1.1. Previous Polarimetric Observations of the M87 Jet

The giant elliptical galaxy Messier 87 (M87, NGC 4486) is the central member of the Virgo cluster of galaxies and hosts a low-luminosity radio source (Virgo A, 3C 274, B1228+126). M87 is nearby and bright, and at its center is one of the best-studied active galactic nuclei (AGNs). M87 was the first galaxy in which an extragalactic jet (first described as a "narrow ray") extending from the nucleus was discovered (Curry 1918). This kiloparsec-scale jet is visible, with remarkably similar morphology, at all wavelengths from radio to X-ray. The optical radiation from the jet on kpc scales was found to be linearly polarized by Baade (1956), which was confirmed by Hiltner (1959), suggesting that the emission mechanism is synchrotron radiation.

The central engine that powers the jet contains one of the most massive black holes known, measured from the central stellar velocity dispersion (Gebhardt et al. 2011; $M = (6.6 \pm 0.4) \times 10^7 M_\odot$) and directly from the size of the observed emitting

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¹²⁹ The other primary target being the black hole in Sgr A* in the center of the Milky Way.

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Abstract

Event Horizon Telescope (EHT) observations at 230 GHz have now imaged polarized emission around the supermassive black hole in M87 on event-horizon scales. This polarized synchrotron radiation probes the structure of magnetic fields and the plasma properties near the black hole. Here we compare the resolved polarization structure of magnetic fields by the EHT, along with simultaneous unresolved observations with the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array, to expectations from theoretical models. The low fractional linear polarization in the resolved image suggests that the polarization is scrambled on scales smaller than the EHT beam, which we attribute to Faraday rotation internal to the emission region. We estimate the average density $n_e \sim 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, magnetic field strength $B \sim 1\text{--}30 \text{ G}$, and electron temperature $T_e \sim (1\text{--}12) \times 10^{10} \text{ K}$ of the radiating plasma in a simple one-zone emission model. We show that the net azimuthal linear polarization pattern may result from organized, poloidal magnetic fields in the emission region. In a quantitative comparison with a large library of simulated polarimetric images from general relativistic magnetohydrodynamic (GRMHD) simulations, we identify a subset of physical models that can explain critical features of the polarimetric EHT observations while producing a relativistic jet of sufficient power. The consistent GRMHD models are all of magnetically arrested accretion disks, where near-horizon magnetic fields are dynamically important. We use the models to infer a mass accretion rate onto the black hole in M87 of $(3\text{--}20) \times 10^{-5} M_\odot \text{ yr}^{-1}$.

Unified Astronomy Thesaurus concepts: Accretion (14); Black holes (162); Event horizons (479); Jets (870); Kerr black holes (886); Magnetic fields (994); Magnetohydrodynamics (1964); Plasma astrophysics (1261); Polarimetry (1278); Radiative transfer (1335); Radio jets (1347); Relativistic jets (1390)

1. Introduction

The Event Horizon Telescope (EHT) Collaboration has recently published total intensity images of event-horizon-scale emission around the supermassive black hole in the core of the M87 galaxy (M87*; Event Horizon Telescope Collaboration et al. 2019a, 2019b, 2019c, 2019d, hereafter EHTC I, EHTC II, EHTC III, EHTC IV). The data reveal a $42 \pm 3 \mu\text{as}$ diameter ring-like structure that is broadly consistent with the shadow of a black hole as predicted by Einstein's Theory of General Relativity (Event Horizon Telescope Collaboration et al. 2019e, 2019f; hereafter EHTC V, EHTC VI). The brightness temperature of the ring at 230 GHz ($\geq 10^{10} \text{ K}$) is naturally explained by synchrotron emission from relativistic electrons gyrating around magnetic field lines. The ring brightness asymmetry results from light bending and Doppler beaming due to relativistic rotation of the matter around the black hole.

M87* is best known for launching a kpc-scale FR-I type relativistic jet, whose kinetic power is estimated to be $\sim 10^{44}\text{--}10^{45} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$ (e.g., Stavwarz et al. 2006; Gasperin et al. 2012). The structure of the relativistic jet has been resolved and

studied at radio to X-ray wavelengths (e.g., Di Matteo et al. 2003; Harris et al. 2009; Kim et al. 2018; Walker et al. 2018).

The published EHT image of M87* together with multi-wavelength observations are consistent with the picture that the supermassive black hole in M87 is surrounded by a relativistically hot, magnetized plasma (Rees et al. 1982; Narayan & Yi 1995; Narayan et al. 1995; Yuan & Narayan 2014; Reynolds et al. 1996; Yuan et al. 2002; Di Matteo et al. 2003). However, it is not clear whether the compact ring emission is produced by plasma that is inflowing (in a thick accretion flow), outflowing (at the jet base or in a wind), or both. Furthermore, the total intensity EHT observations also could not constrain the structure of magnetic fields in the observed emission region. In order to find out which physical scenario is realized in M87*, additional information is necessary.

Event Horizon Telescope Collaboration et al. (2021, hereafter EHTC VII) reports new results from the polarimetric EHT 2017 observations of M87*. The polarimetric images of M87* are reproduced in Figure 1. These images reveal that a significant fraction of the ring emission is linearly polarized, as expected for synchrotron radiation. The EHT polarimetric measurements are consistent with unresolved observations of the radio core at the same frequency with the Submillimeter Array (SMA; Kuo et al. 2014) and the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA; Goddi et al. 2021). They also provide a detailed view of the polarized emission region on event-horizon scales near the black hole. Polarized synchrotron radiation traces the underlying magnetic field

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