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On the importance of gravitational collapse in astrophysics

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Gravitational collapse to a rotating black hole is a common and recurrent feature of the dynamics of compact stars. I will discuss several examples of this process and the implications they have in potentially explaining some of the most dramatic and puzzling processes in astrophysics.

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