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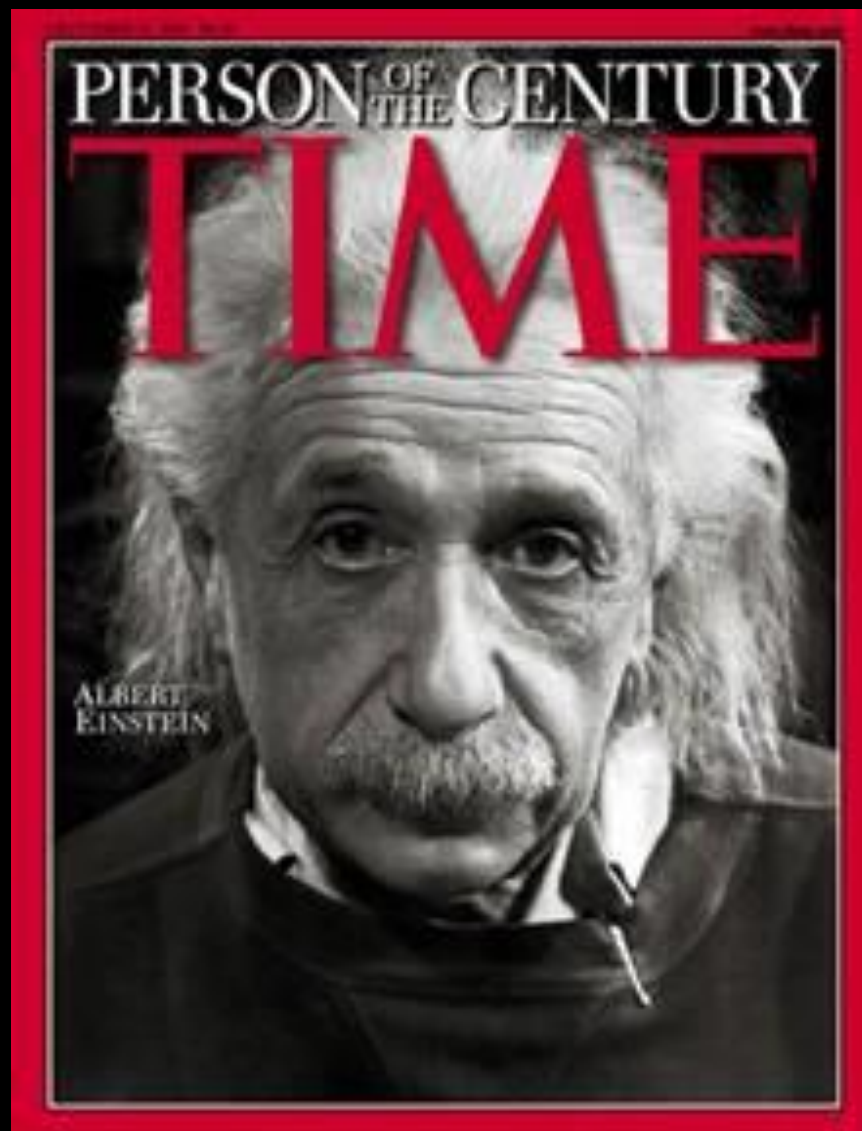
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Of the 100 chosen, [Albert Einstein](#) was chosen as the Person of the Century, on the grounds that he was the preeminent scientist in a century dominated by science. The editors of *Time* believed the 20th century "will be remembered foremost for its science and technology", and Einstein "serves as a symbol of all the scientists—such as [Fermi](#), [Heisenberg](#), [Bohr](#), [Richard Feynman](#), ...who built upon his work".<sup>[1]</sup>

## The Person of the Century Poll Results

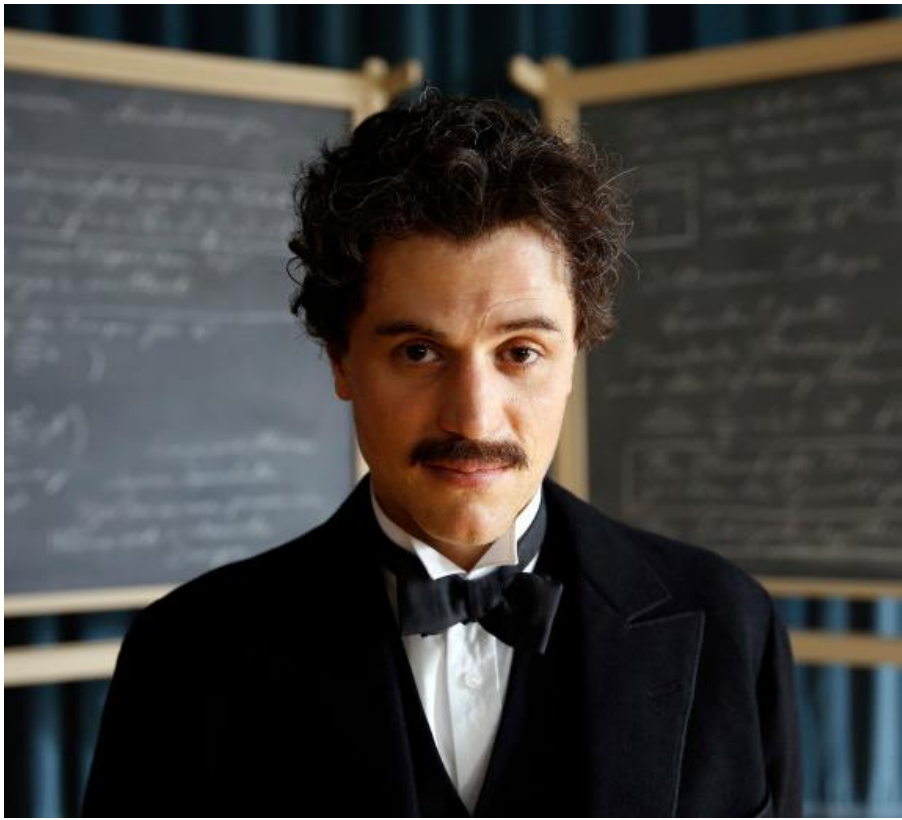
**TIME's Person of the Century** is that person who, for better or worse, most influenced the course of history over the past 100 years. Using that criteria, **TIME's** editors named the iconic and transforming scientist, **Albert Einstein**, as **Person of the Century**.

The Person of the Century poll is now closed. The ranking below reflects the status of nominees as of **January 19, 2000**, the last day of voting.

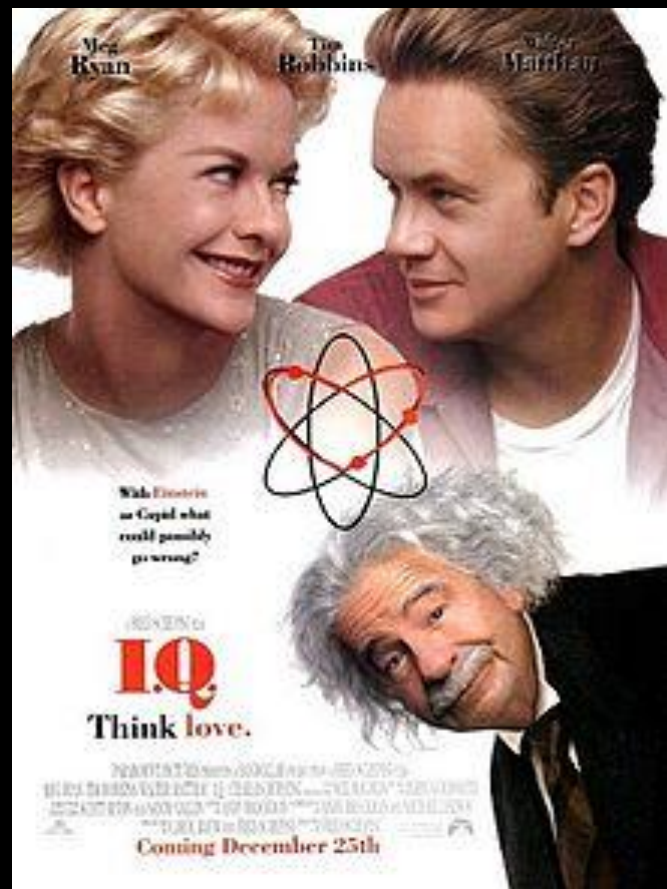
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6	Martin Luther King	8.40	382159
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8	Gordon B. Hinckley	5.62	256077
9	Mohandas Gandhi	3.61	164281
10	Ronald Reagan	1.78	81368
11	John Lennon	1.41	64295
12	American GI	1.35	61836
13	Henry Ford	1.22	55696
14	Mother Teresa	1.11	50770
15	Madonna	0.85	38696
16	Winston Churchill	0.83	37930
17	Linus Torvalds	0.53	24146
18	Nelson Mandela	0.47	21640
19	Princess Diana	0.36	16481
20	Pope Paul VI	0.34	15812

*From Time magazine's website*











## *Einstein's Miraculous Year*

- Relativity
- Atomic physics
- Quantum physics

# Einstein's Relativity



“You can’t tell if  
you’re moving”

# Einstein's Relativity



“You can't tell if  
you're moving”



Viewed from the red car's rest frame



# Einstein's Relativity



“You can't tell if you're moving”



Viewed from the blue car's rest frame

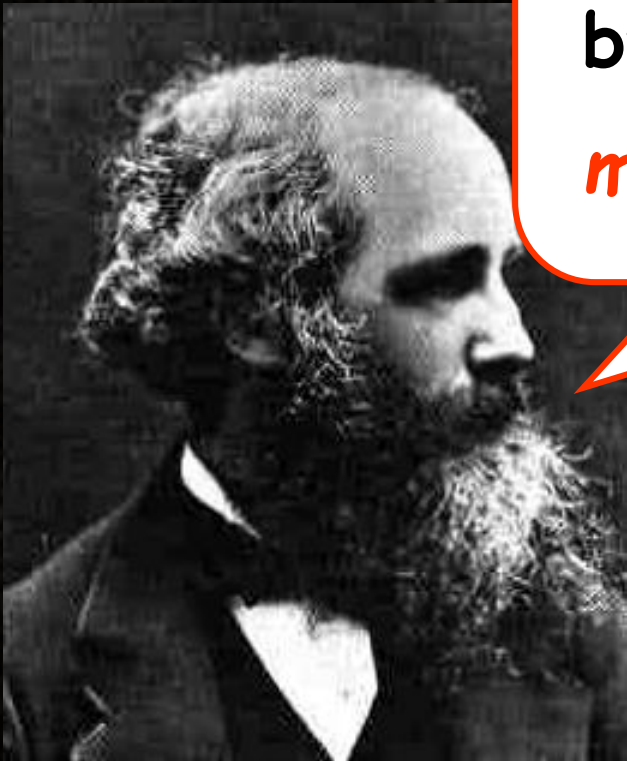
# Einstein's Relativity



“What time does Oxford  
reach this train?”

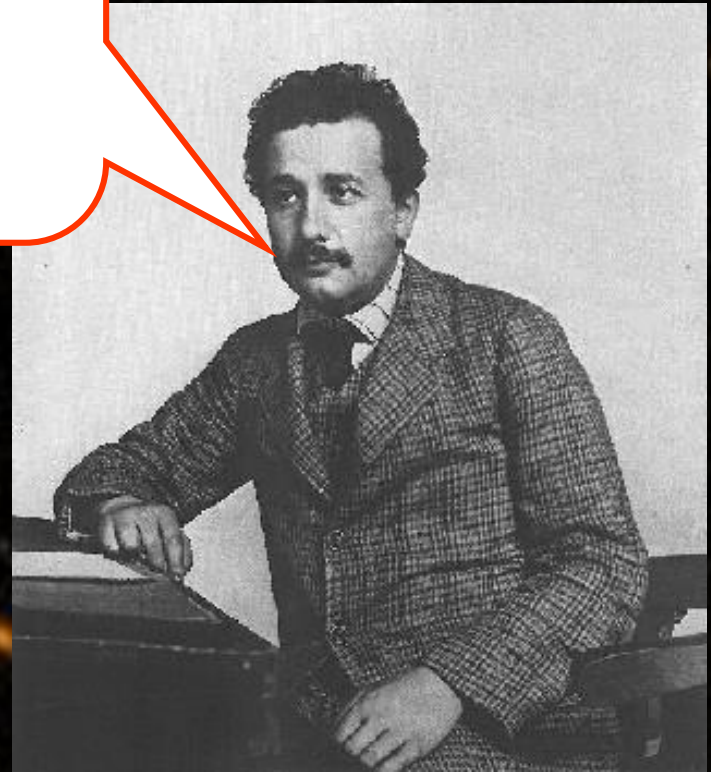
# James Clerk Maxwell's theory of light

Light is a *wave* caused by varying *electric* and *magnetic* fields

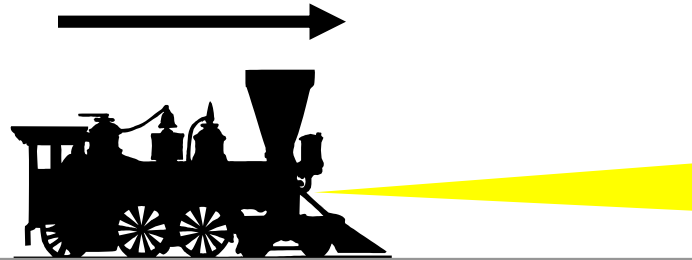




But what if I travelled  
*alongside* a light  
beam? Would it still  
wave?



50mph



In Einstein's relativity, the speed of light is *unchanged* by the motion of the train

ON THE ELECTRODYNAMICS OF MOVING BODIES

BY A. EINSTEIN

June 30, 1905

It is known that Maxwell's electrodynamics—as usually understood at the present time—when applied to moving bodies, leads to asymmetries which do not appear to be inherent in the phenomena. Take, for example, the reciprocal electrodynamic action of a magnet and a conductor. The observable phenomenon here depends only on the relative motion of the conductor and the magnet, whereas the customary view draws a sharp distinction between the two cases in which either the one or the other of these bodies is in motion. For if the magnet is in motion and the conductor at rest, there arises in the neighbourhood of the magnet an electric field with a certain definite energy, producing a current at the places where parts of the conductor are situated. But if the magnet is stationary and the conductor in motion, no electric field arises in the neighbourhood of the magnet. In the conductor, however, we find an electromotive force, to which in itself there is no corresponding energy, but which gives rise—assuming equality of relative motion in the two cases discussed—to electric currents of the same path and intensity as those produced by the electric forces in the former case.

Examples of this sort, together with the unsuccessful attempts to discover any motion of the earth relatively to the "light medium," suggest that the phenomena of electrodynamics as well as of mechanics possess no properties corresponding to the idea of absolute rest. They suggest rather that, as has already been shown to the first order of small quantities, the same laws of electrodynamics and optics will be valid for all frames of reference for which the equations of mechanics hold good.<sup>1</sup> We will raise this conjecture (the purport of which will hereafter be called the "Principle of Relativity") to the status of a postulate, and also introduce another postulate, which is only apparently irreconcilable with the former, namely, that light is always propagated in empty space with a definite velocity  $c$  which is independent of the state of motion of the emitting body. These two postulates suffice for the attainment of a simple and consistent theory of the electrodynamics of moving bodies based on Maxwell's theory for stationary bodies. The introduction of a "luminiferous ether" will prove to be superfluous inasmuch as the view here to be developed will not require an "absolutely stationary space" provided with special properties, nor

<sup>1</sup>The preceding memoir by Lorentz was not at this time known to the author.

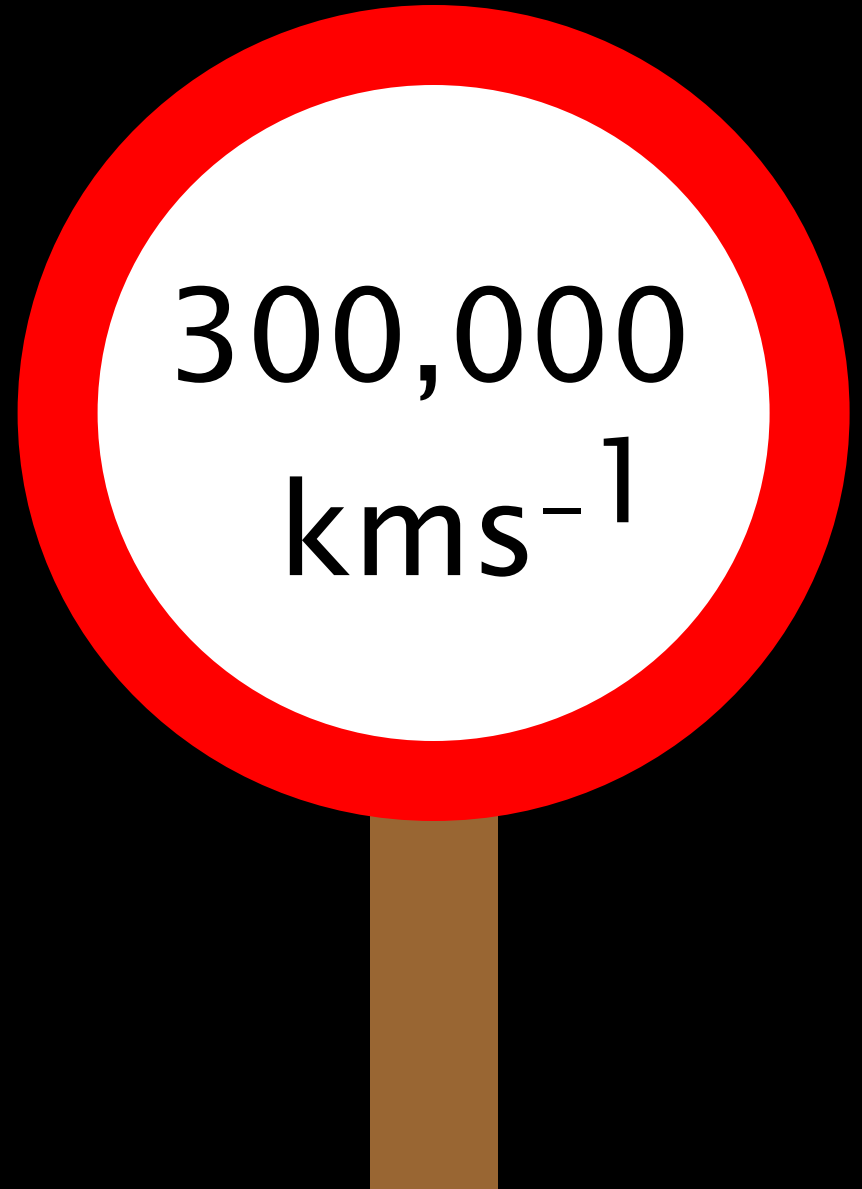
- Measurements of space and time are **relative** and depend on our motion
- Unified **spacetime** - only measurements of the **spacetime** interval are invariant
- Equivalence of **matter** and **energy**

$$E = mc^2$$





# Einstein's Relativity





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TO THE GALAXY**  
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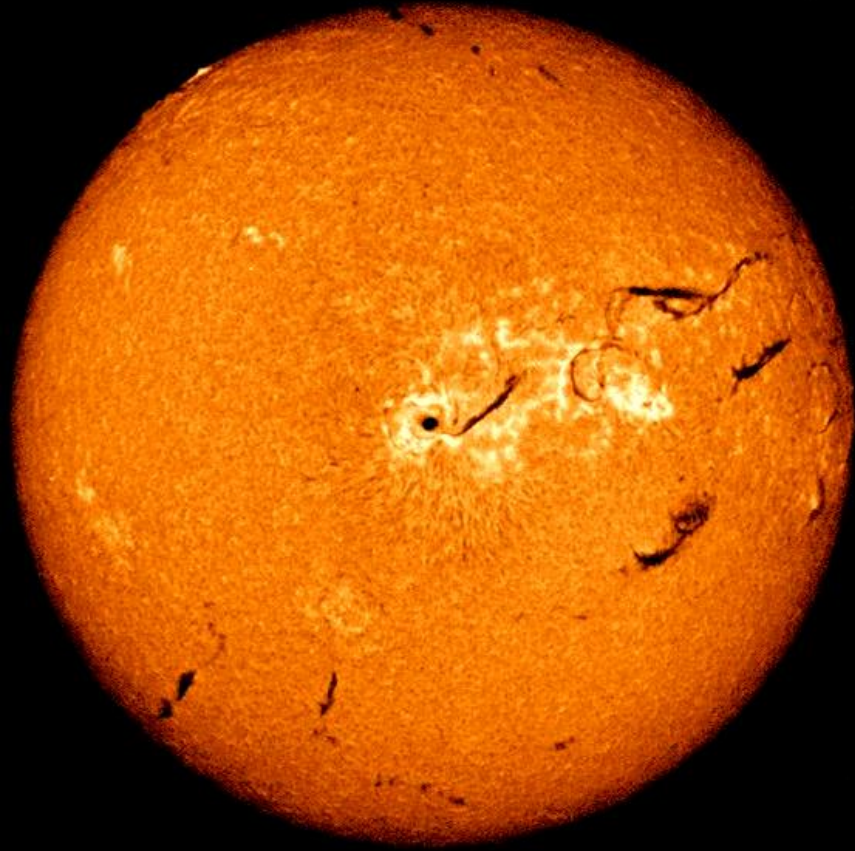


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The distance from the Earth to the Sun is **150 million km**.

It takes sunlight more than **eight minutes** to travel this distance.

The light from the *next* nearest star, Alpha Centauri, takes more than **four years** to reach the Earth.

# THE MILKY WAY

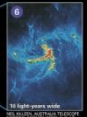
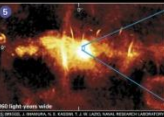
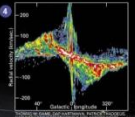
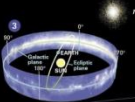
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

Home galaxy of Earth, the Milky Way is a spiral-shaped system of a few hundred billion stars. Bright regions of recently formed stars highlight its arms, while older stars explode or expel their outer layers as beautiful planetary nebulae, then fade away and die. A thick swarm of orange and red stars marks the galactic bulge, encapsulating the star-packed galactic center. At its core may lie a black hole, a region so dense that not even light can escape its gravitational pull. All objects in the Milky Way orbit the galactic center, much like planets in Earth's solar system revolve around the sun. But the scale is staggering: Light from a star at one edge of the galaxy takes about 100,000 years to reach the opposite side.



### GUIDE TO THE GALAXY

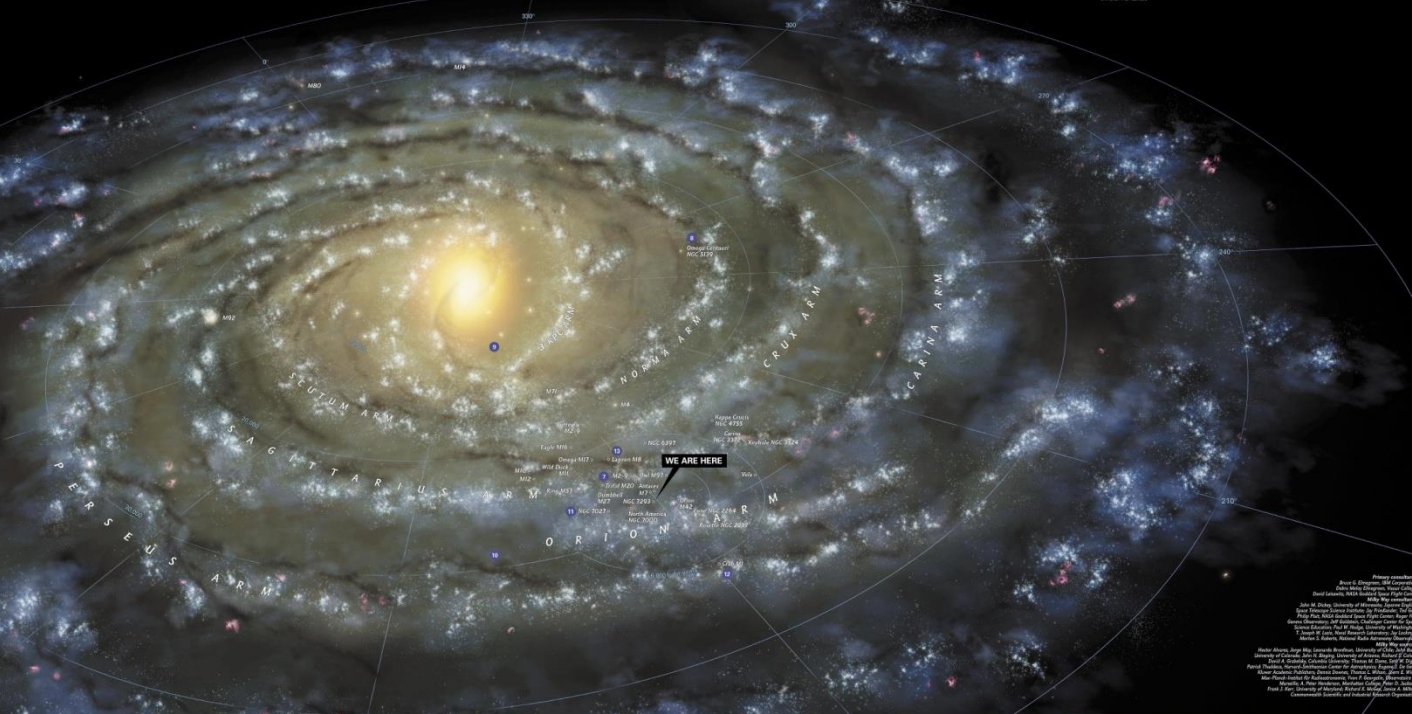
- 1 Far beyond the galactic disk, far from the position of the sun, stars and globular clusters wander the galaxy's halo. Regions of dark matter—seen but felt through its gravitational effects—extend beyond that.
- 2 The dust clouds at the center of the galaxy obscure the light of stars.
- 3 Earth's orbit around the sun lies at a severe angle to the galactic plane.
- 4 A view of the Milky Way, which from our position in the far galactic disk appears as a fuzzy band of light, infrared cameras can see through the dust to reveal the galaxy's structure.



### A TURBULENT HEART

- 4 A graph based on a radio wave survey reveals the whorlward motion of molecular gas in the inner part of our galaxy. Gas moving away from Earth flops back and toward Earth (bottom half). The densest gas appears where it has slowed down.
- 5 Massive amounts of energy are released near the center of the Milky Way, producing

electrons that race along magnetic field lines, illuminating remnants of stellar explosions. Probing even closer into the core, a radio image details a swirl of hot gas that is falling toward what may be a black hole some 2.6 million times as massive as the sun.



This computer-generated image of the Milky Way—the perspective of a 5.2 light-years-distant point of view—incorporates the actual positions of hundreds of thousands of stars and nebulae.

- Globular star cluster
- Interstellar gas and dust
- Nebula
- Nuclear star region (see inset)
- Molecular cloud
- Galactic bulge or center (outer ring region)

Reference systems for galaxies, nebulae, and star clusters:

- Galactic Center
- Sun
- Earth
- Galactic Center
- Galactic Center

### PLANETARY NEBULA M2-9



Exotic kaleidoscopes of the Milky Way, colorful nebulae and star clusters are found throughout Earth's galaxy. Even a single star may eventually produce a nebula of expanding gas and dust that will expand out into space. These clouds, known as planetary nebulae, are common among planetary systems. In the case of the Planetary Nebula M2-9 (above), the star and its gas and dust were transformed into a ring and two lobes.

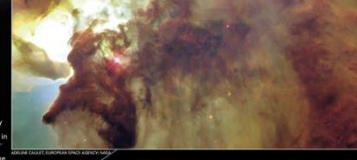
cloud seems to have a dense core. The million-year-old cloud is packed into a globular shape, resembling a top. Other objects among planetary systems, such as the Planetary Nebula M2-9 (above), are formed at different times, most are older

retires, however, every star that enters the cluster is about the same age. Millions of years older than our 4.5-billion-year-old sun.

orbit. Light from the hot star is absorbed by the dust, heating it to glowing. This dust, in turn, radiates light in the infrared. The data is then processed into a color image. The central star of M2-9 is a red giant star, which is about 100 times as large as the sun. They speak in an assortment of languages. In the case of M2-9, the star is a red giant, which is about 100 times as large as the sun. They speak in an assortment of languages. In the case of M2-9, the star is a red giant, which is about 100 times as large as the sun.

evolving stars may have shaped this surprising pattern. When a massive star comes to the end of its life, its outer layers collapse and then rebound in a brief, powerful explosion, or supernova. The Chinese called these celestial fireworks "guest stars" and recorded some such events in the past. In 2004, a supernova was recorded in the Large Magellanic Cloud (above right), 180,000 light years from

### LAGOON NEBULA

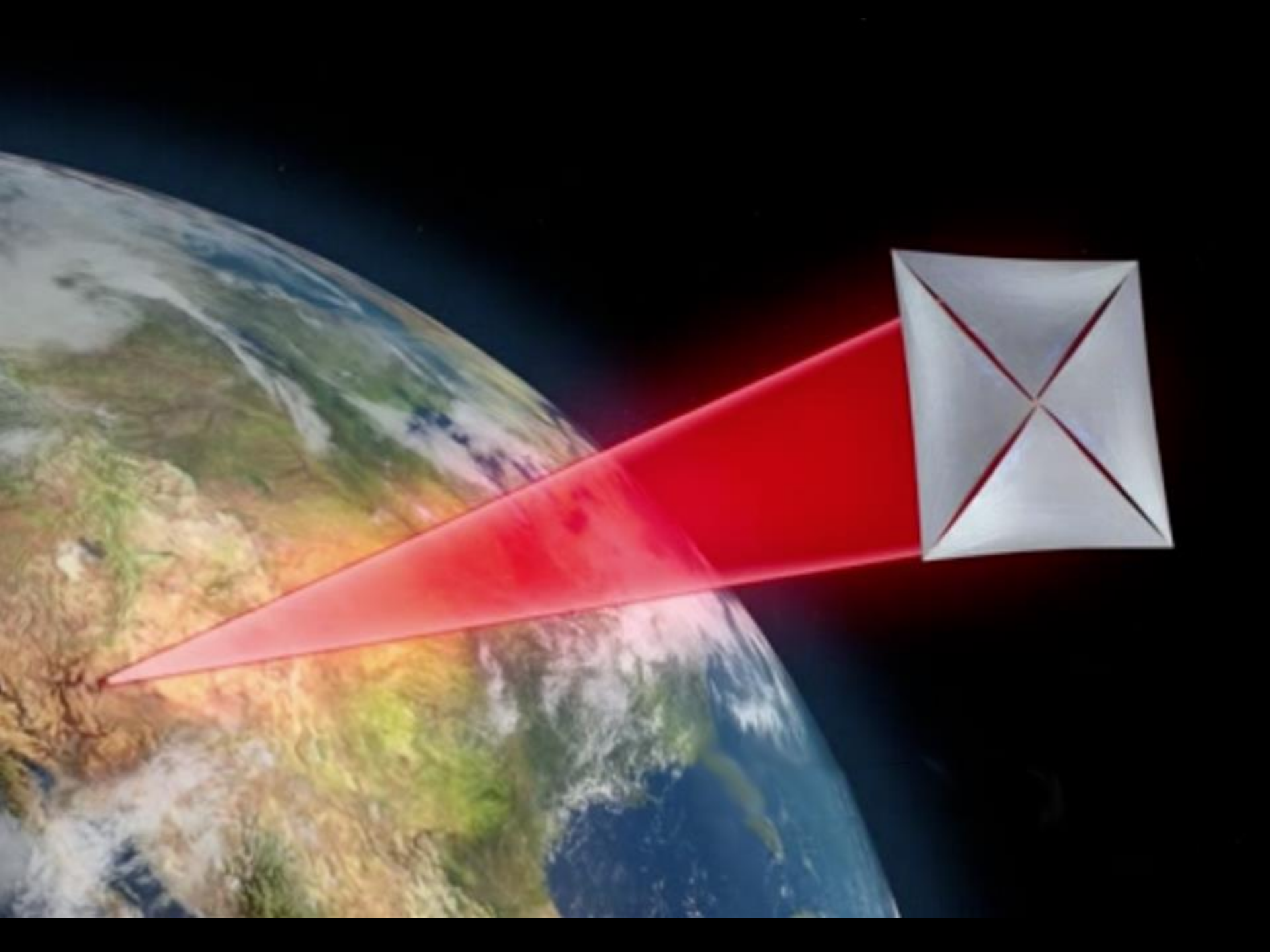


With new tools, astronomers are unraveling the nature of the Milky Way and measuring distances to stars and nebulae with greater accuracy. One such tool is the Hipparcos satellite, which did the Milky Way from its first place? How and where did the stars form? How many more planets could there be? How do they form? Do they have? Do they have? Do they have?

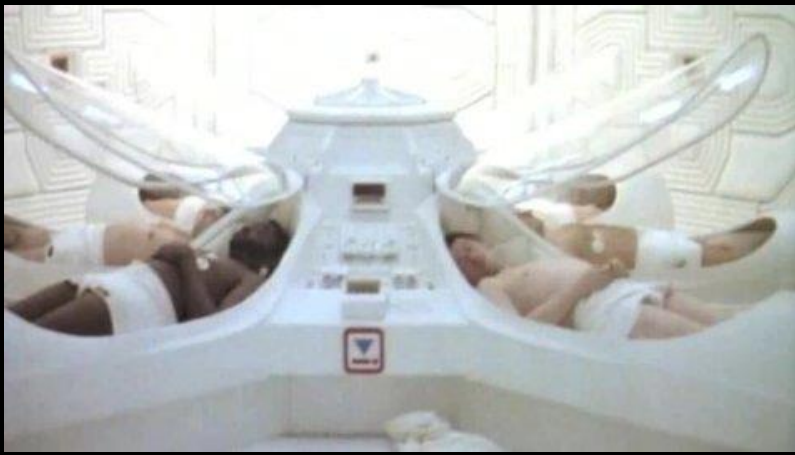


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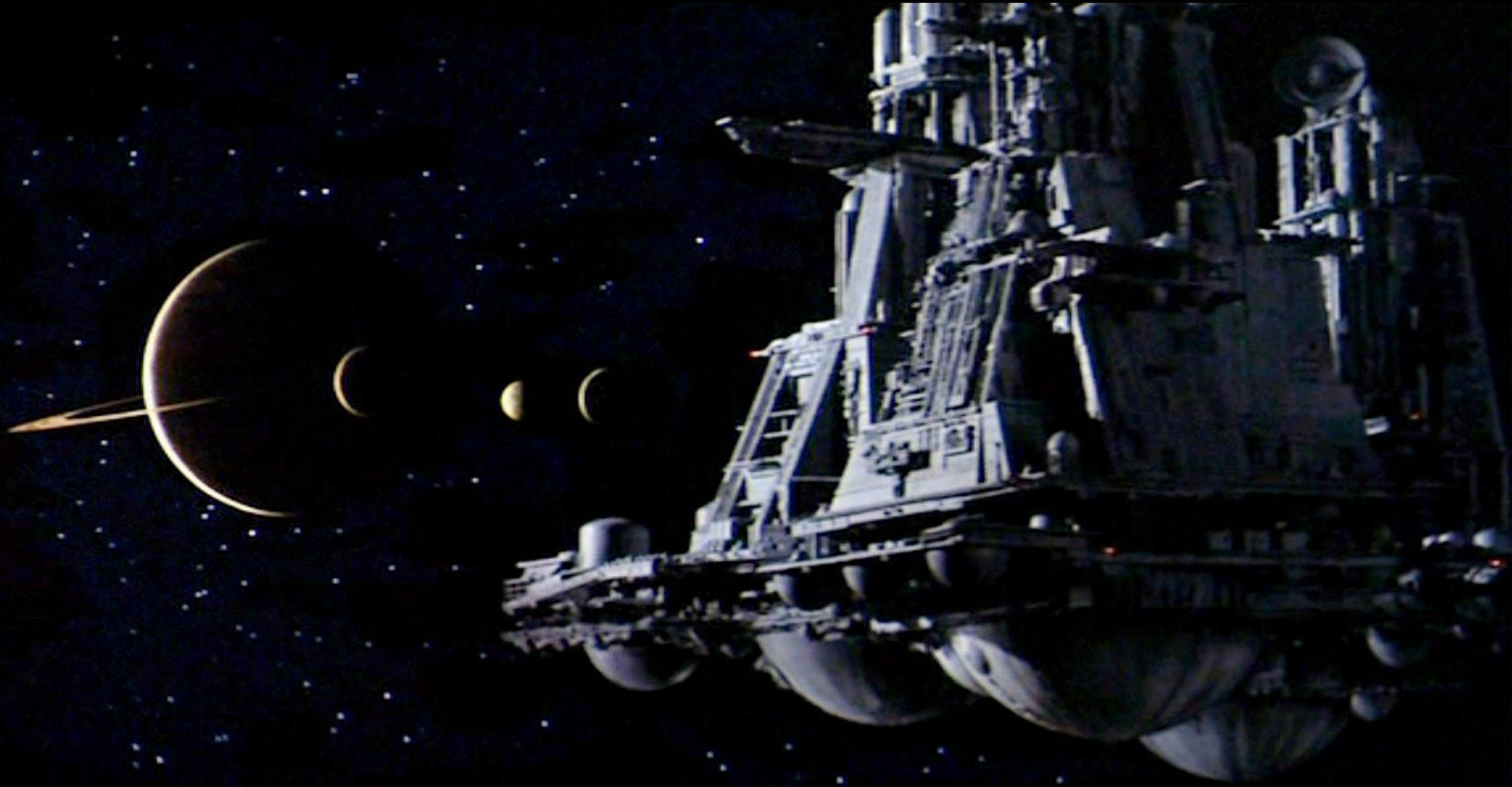


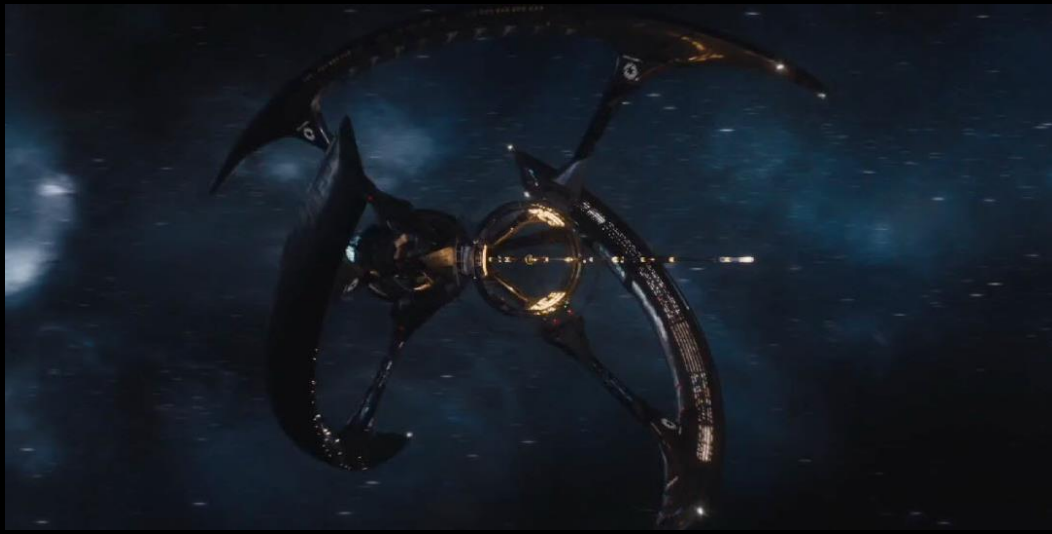






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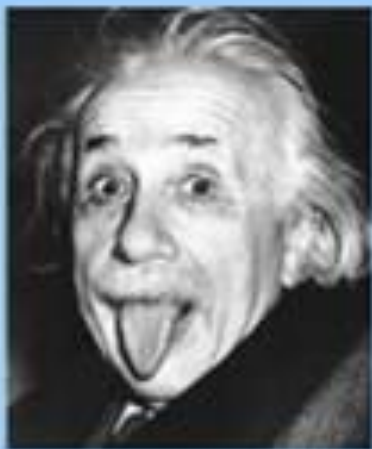












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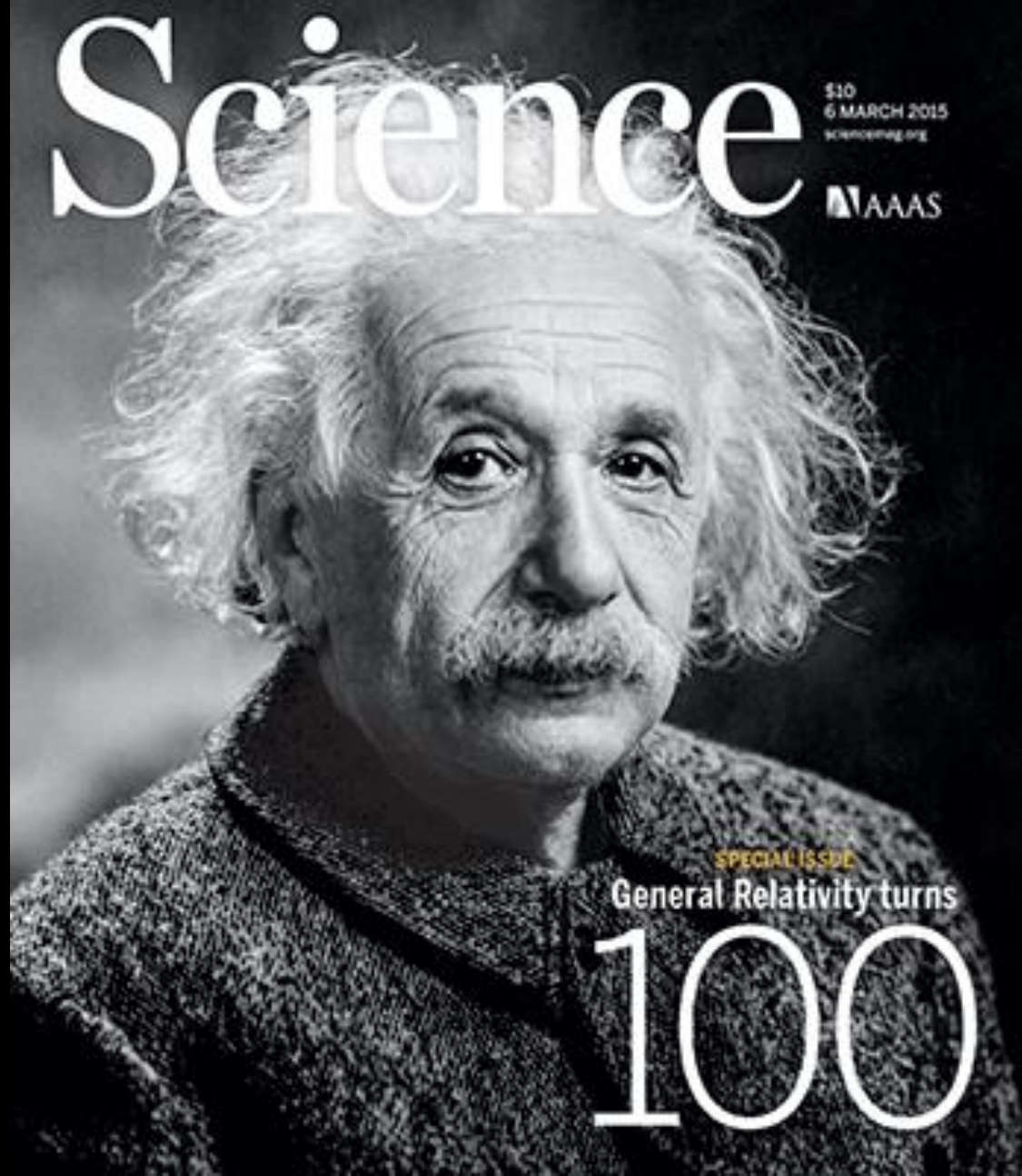
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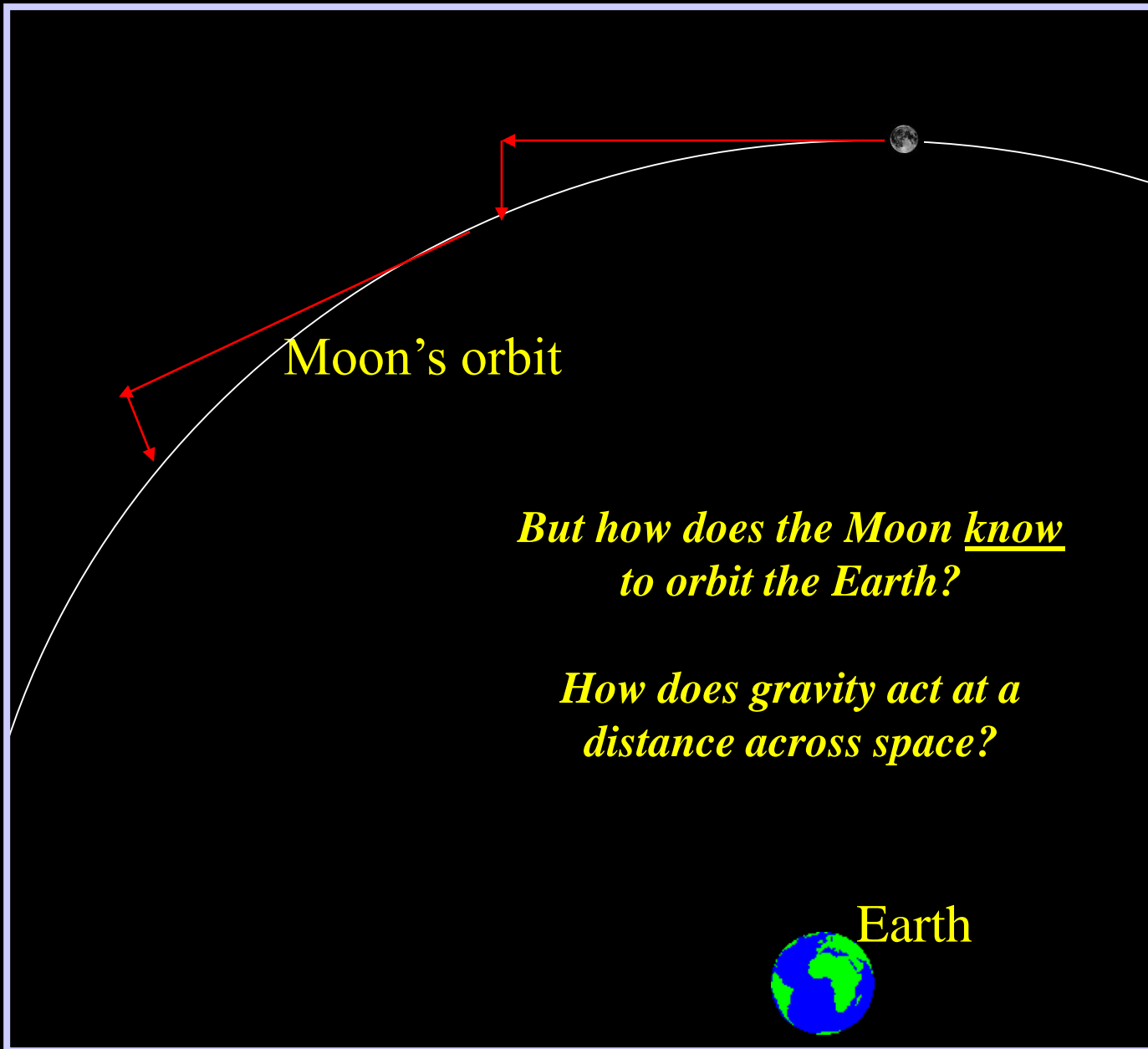
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General Relativity turns

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Moon's orbit

*But how does the Moon know  
to orbit the Earth?*

*How does gravity act at a  
distance across space?*

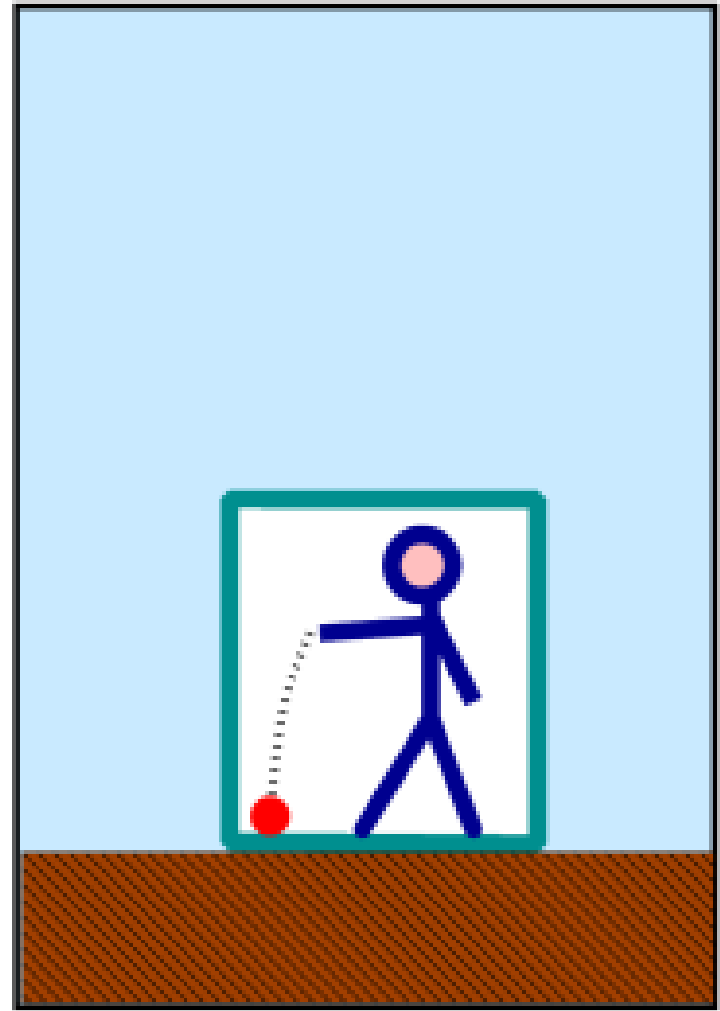
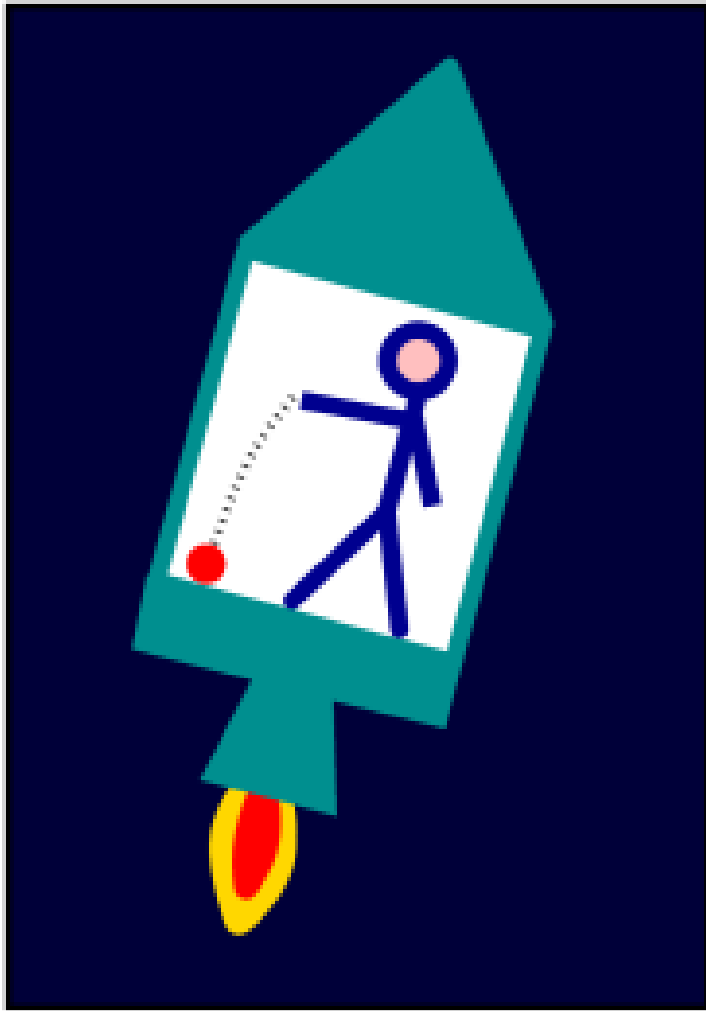
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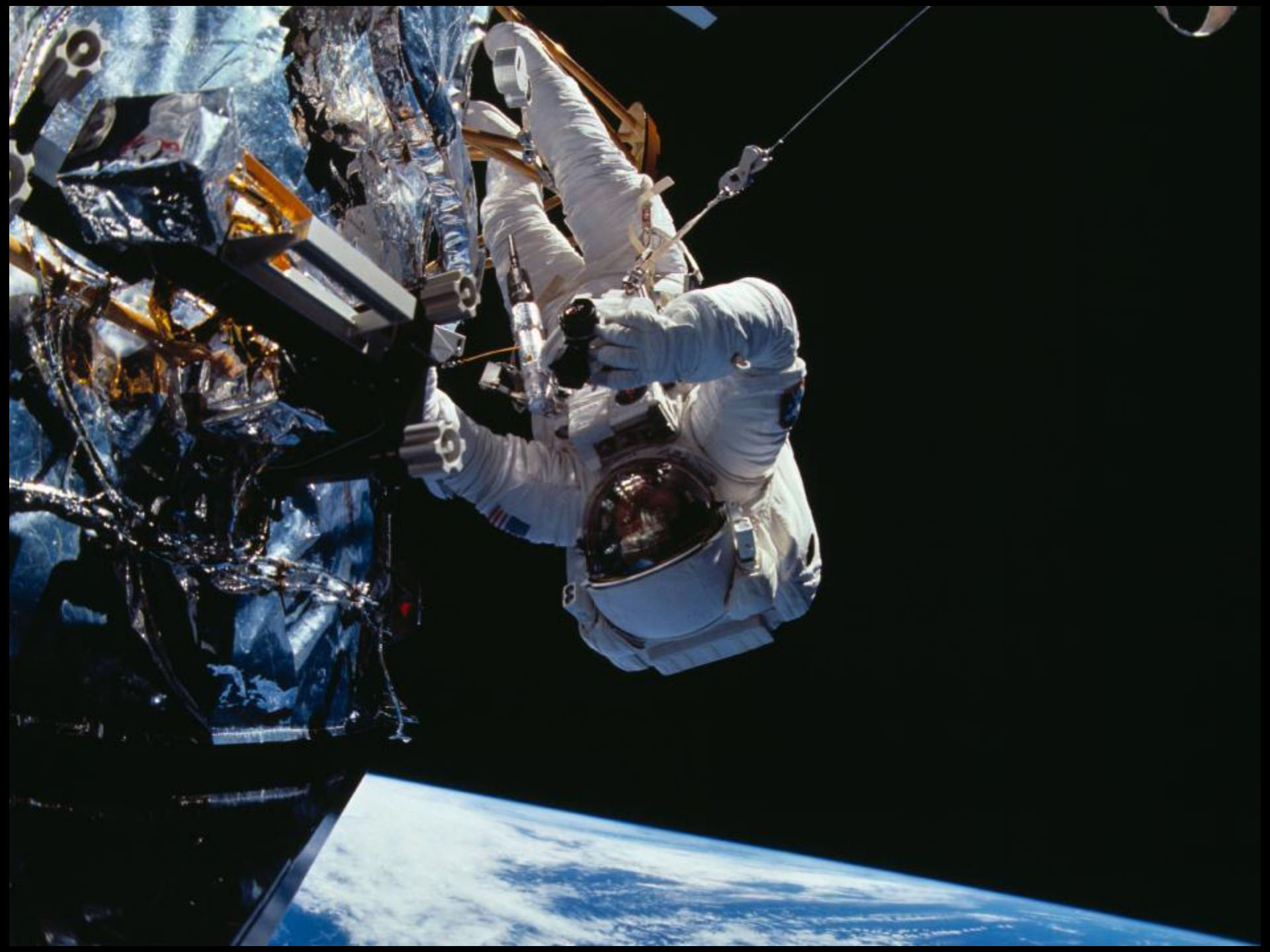


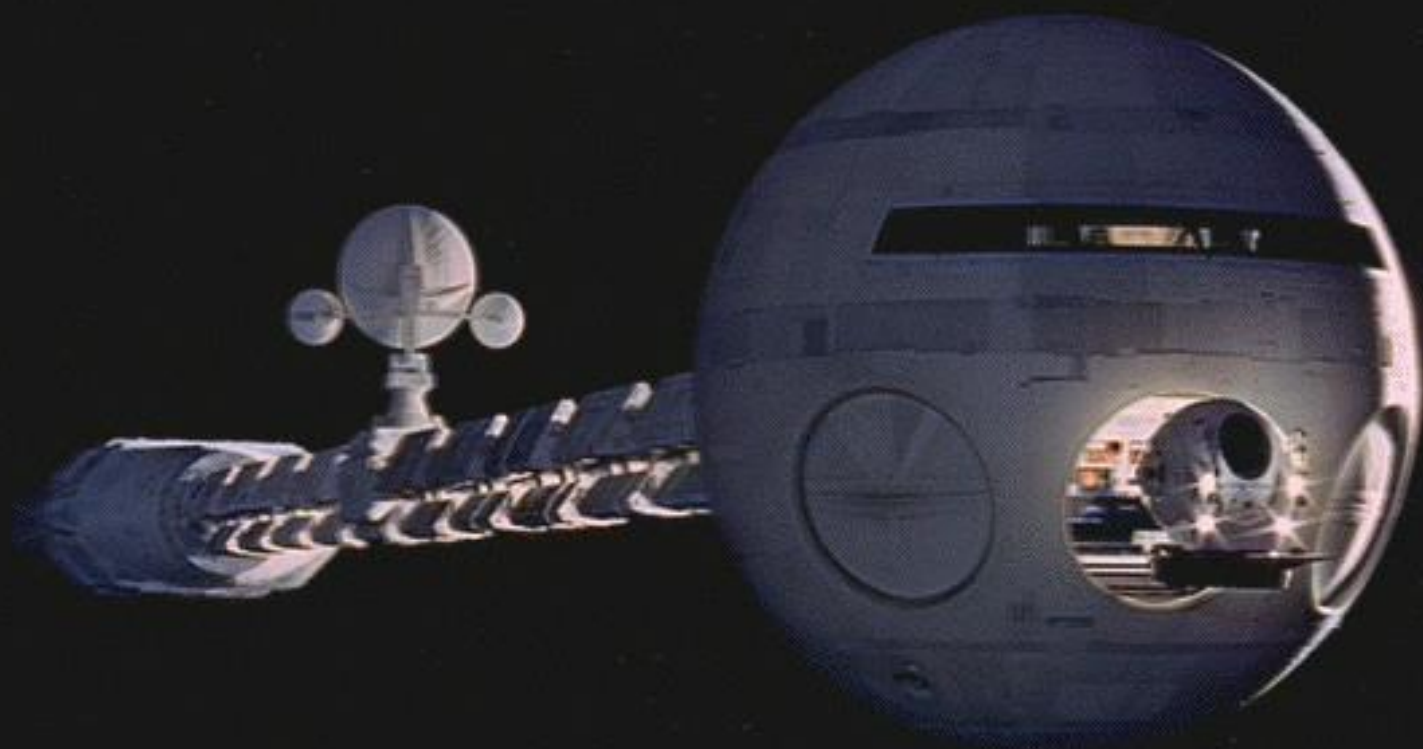
# The Equivalence Principle

Einstein (1907)

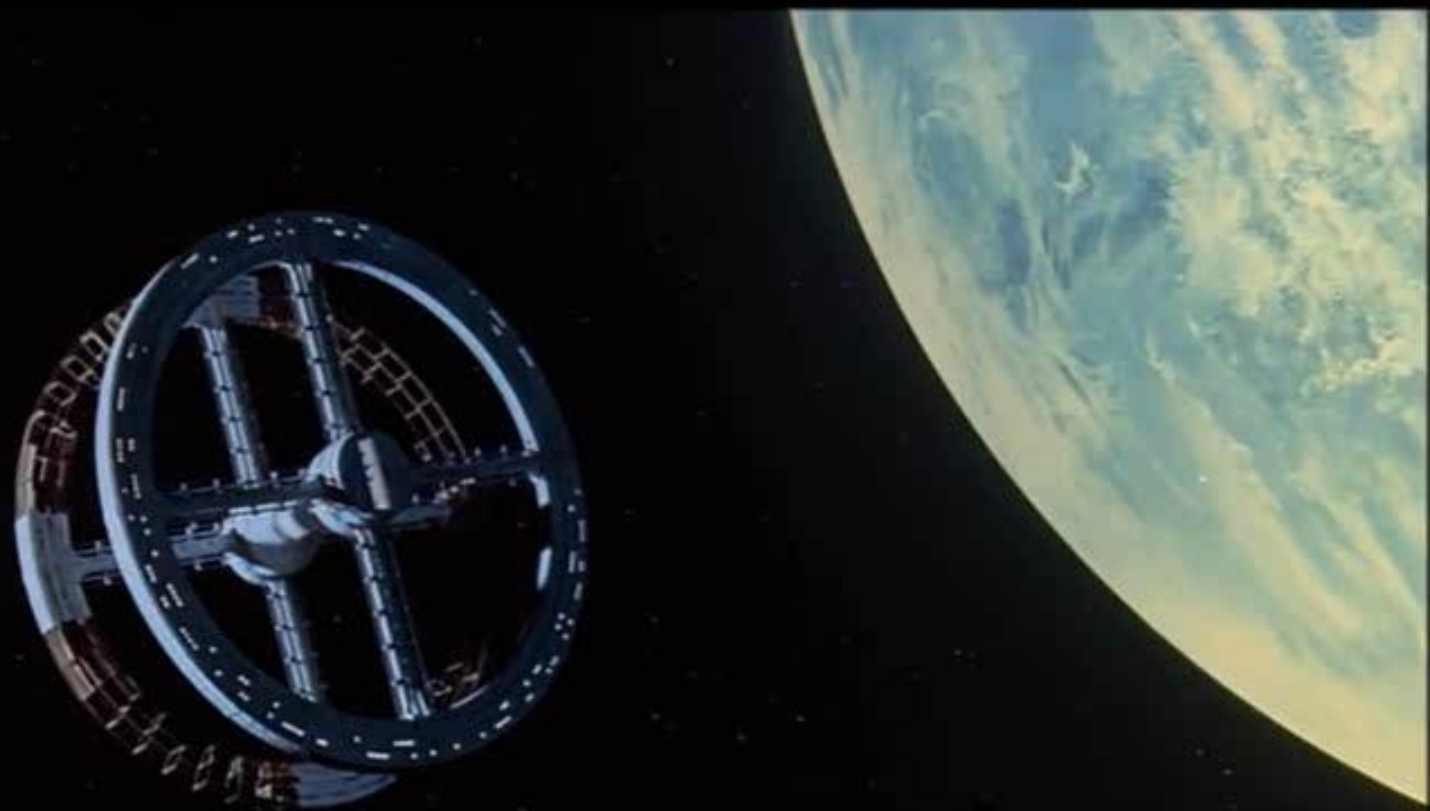


Acceleration due to **motion** and due to **gravity** are equivalent



















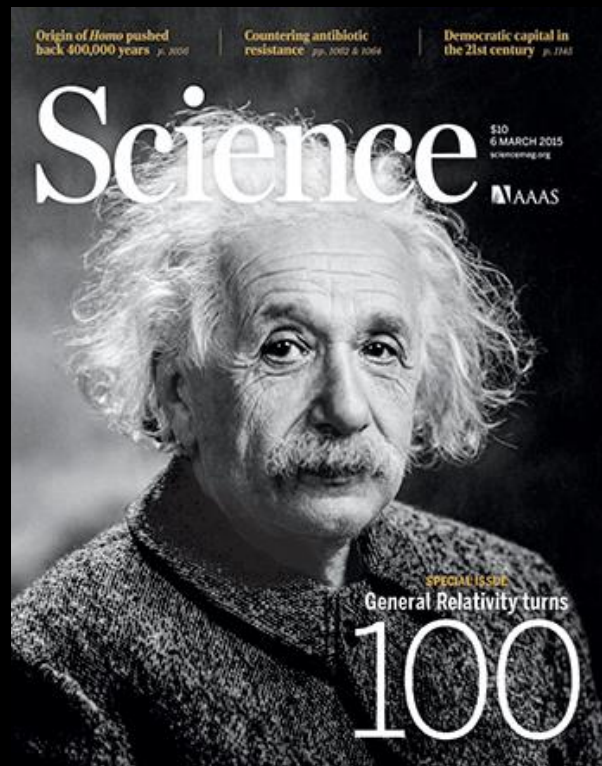
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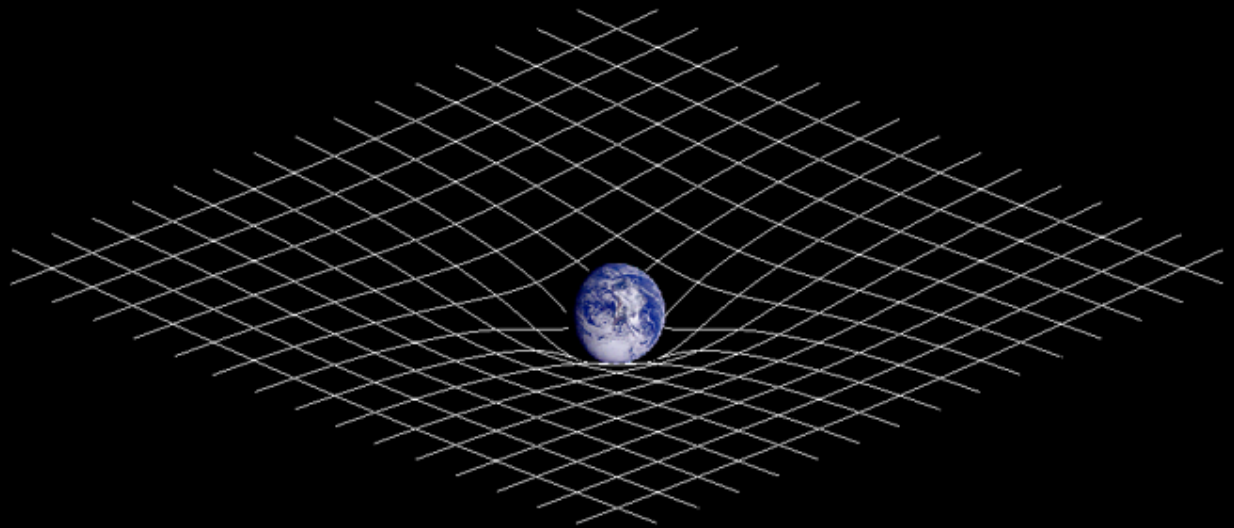
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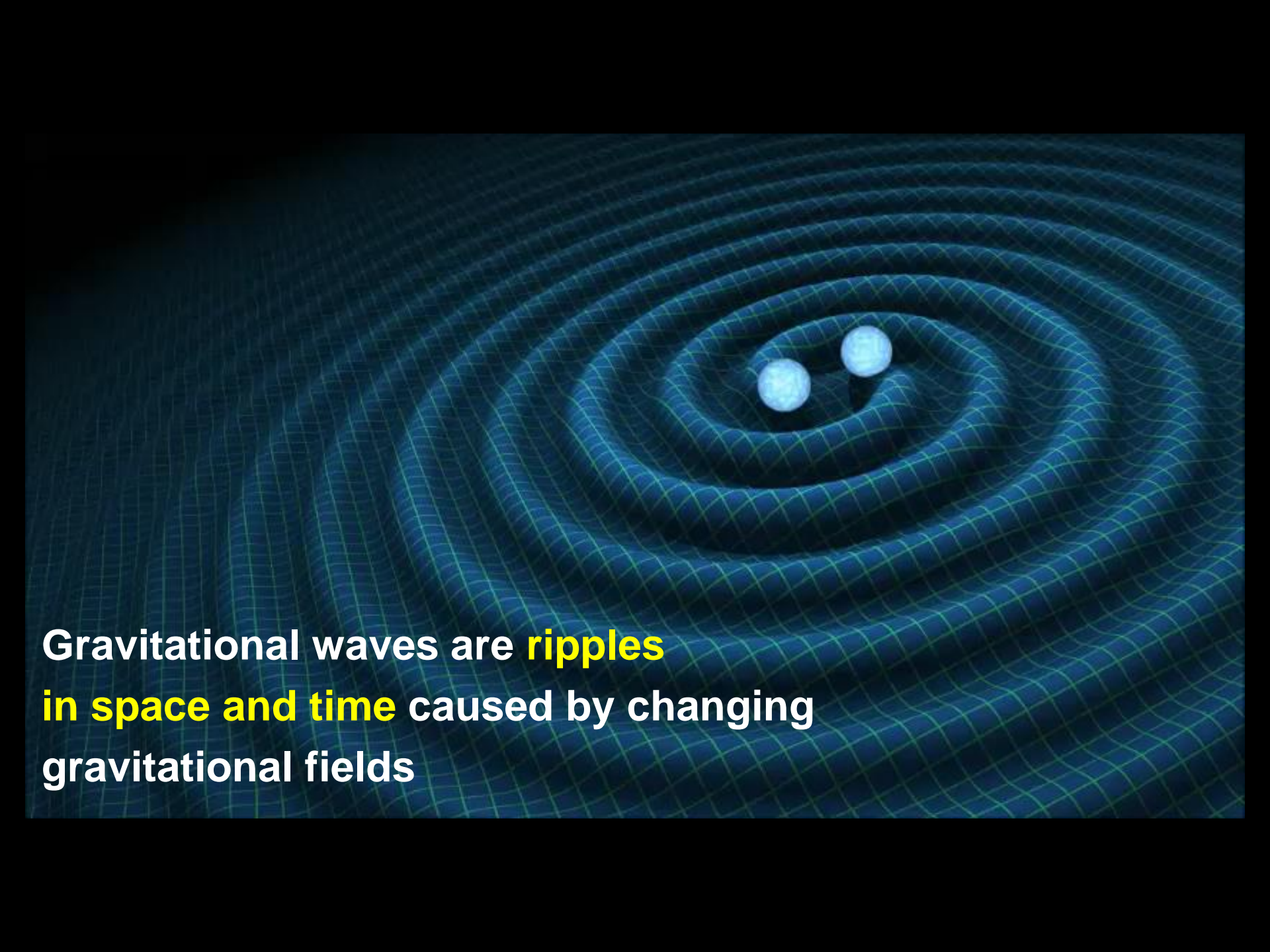
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*“Spacetime tells matter how to move,  
and matter tells spacetime how to curve”*

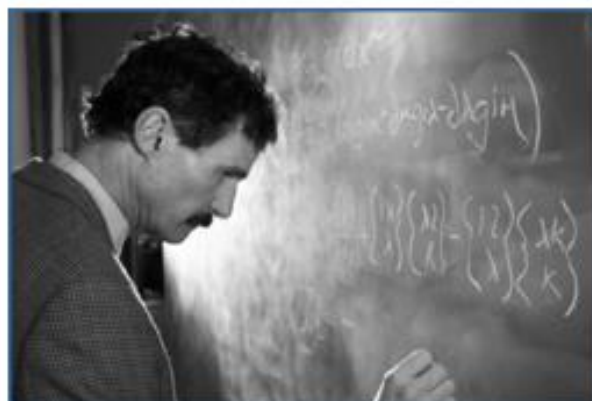
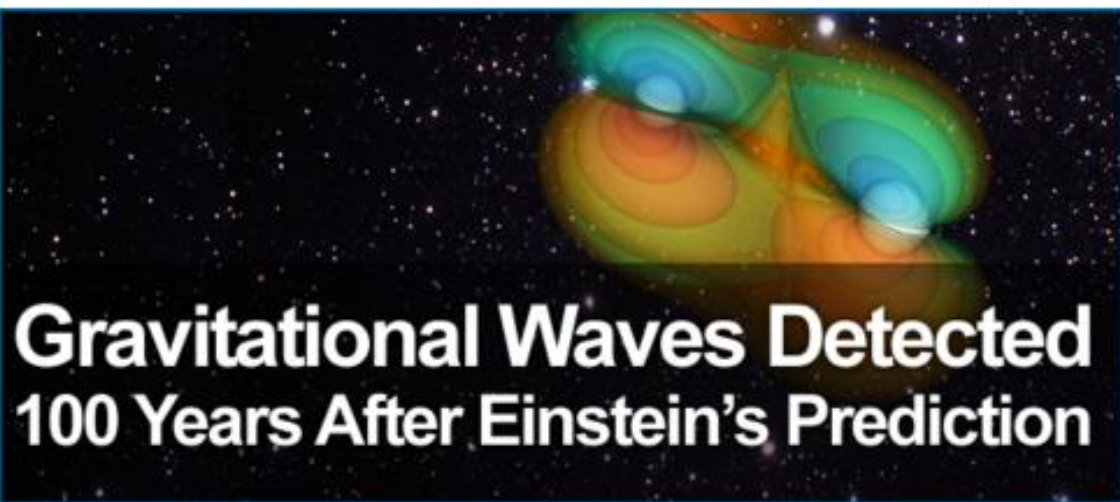


A 3D visualization of a gravitational well. The background is a dark blue grid representing space-time. In the center, two white spheres are positioned, creating a deep well. Concentric ripples emanate from the spheres, representing gravitational waves. The ripples are depicted as a series of concentric, slightly raised and lowered areas in the grid, moving outwards from the spheres.

Gravitational waves are **ripples**  
**in space and time** caused by changing  
gravitational fields



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Collaboration



**"LIGO, the Path to Detection":**  
Watch the trailer for this new film.

## NEWS

- Feb 24, 2016 [LIGO members to testify on the discovery at US Congress](#)
- Feb 17, 2016 [LIGO-India approved](#)
- Feb 12, 2016 [White House Congratulates the LIGO Team](#)

## PRESS RELEASE

Feb 11, 2016  
[Gravitational Waves Detected 100 Years After Einstein's Prediction](#)

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BBH?  
**Binary Black Hole Merger**  
 (Probably)

**Unequal Masses**  
 We can't be sure what the lighter object is - it's either the lightest black hole we've ever observed, or possibly the heaviest neutron star.

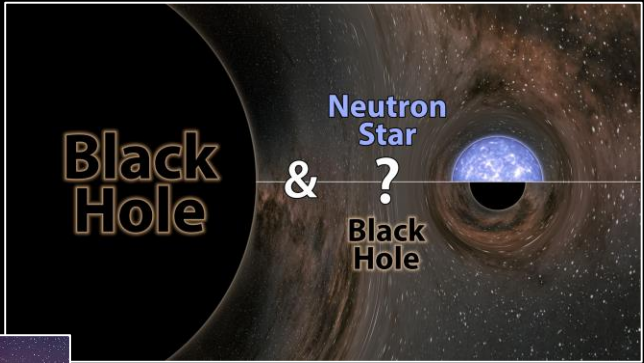
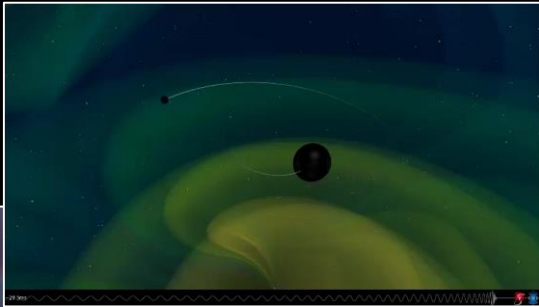
There is an almost one-fold difference between the two objects' masses.

**GW190814**

**Higher Harmonics**

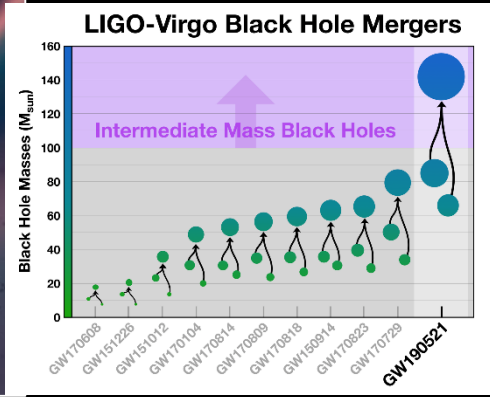
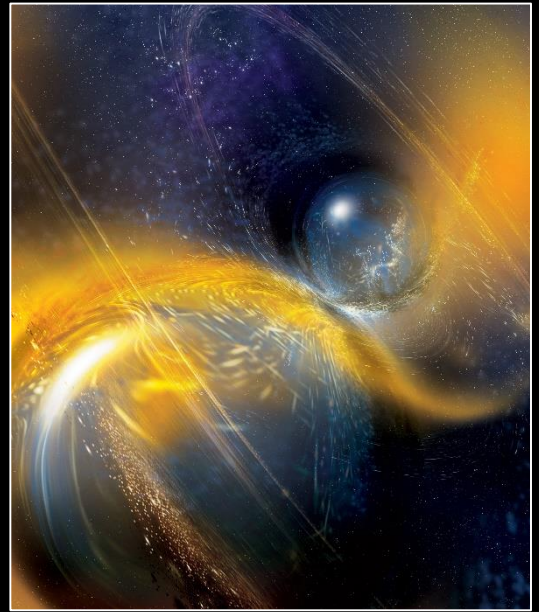
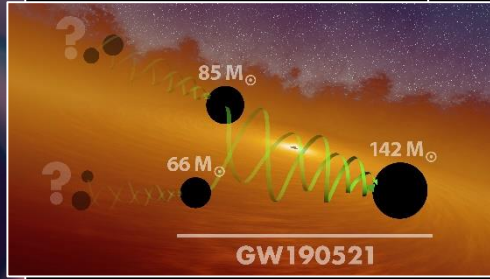
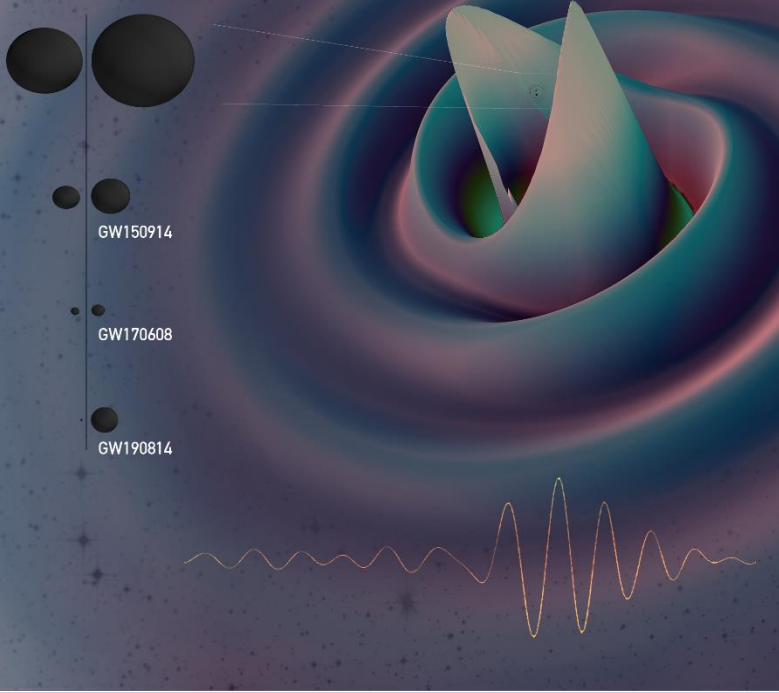
This event allowed the hum of higher harmonics to be measured in the signal. These allow new tests of General Relativity.

Everything continues to be consistent with Einstein's theory following these tests.



**GW190521**

Most massive binary black hole merger



GW150914

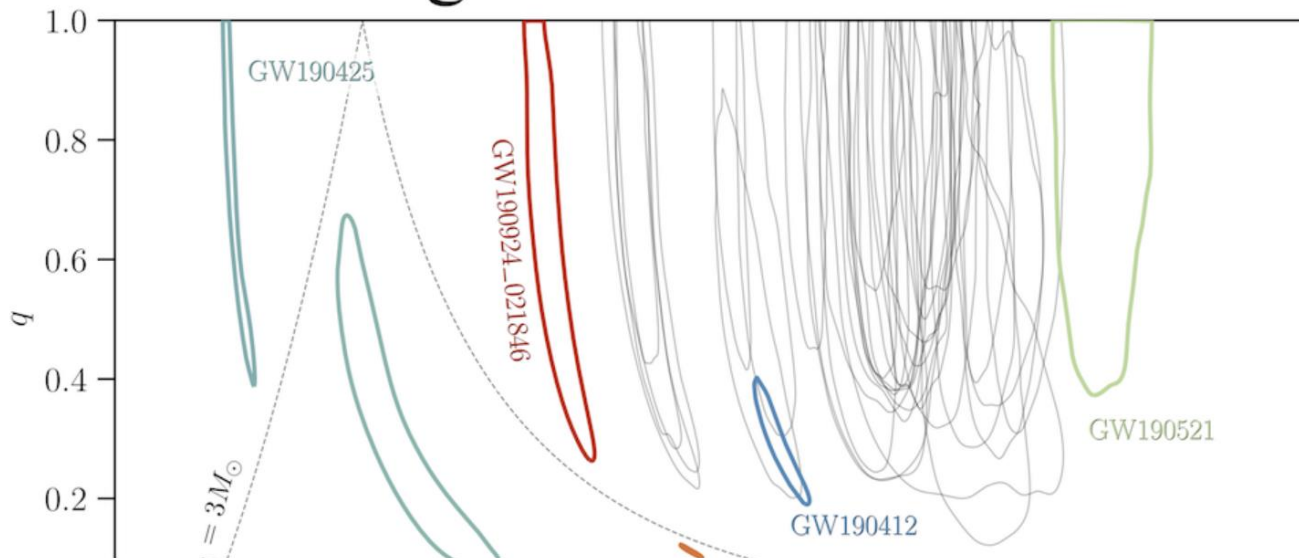
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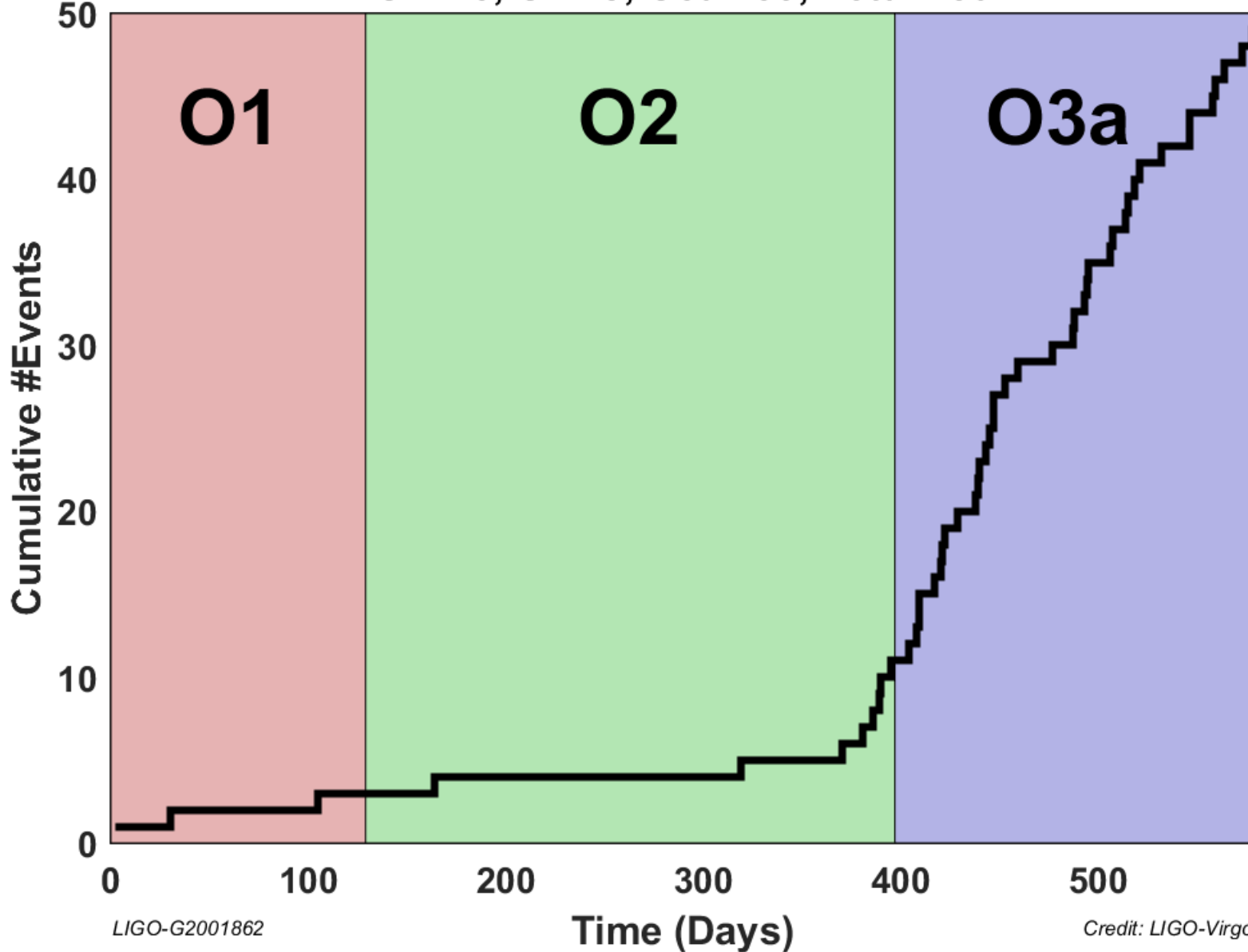


# LIGO/Virgo release new catalog of gravitational-wave events



# Cumulative Count of Events

O1 = 3, O2 = 8, O3a = 39, Total = 50





# LIGO/Virgo O1 - O3a

Time: -0.30 seconds



# 2017 NOBEL PRIZE IN PHYSICS



Rainer Weiss  
Barry C. Barish  
Kip S. Thorne

*"for decisive contributions to the LIGO detector and the observation of gravitational waves"*

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The 2017 winners of the @NobelPrize in Physics: @LIGO pioneers Rai Weiss, Kip Thorne and Barry Barish. Watch their lectures online at [youtube.com/watch?v=scVyxV...](https://youtube.com/watch?v=scVyxV...)



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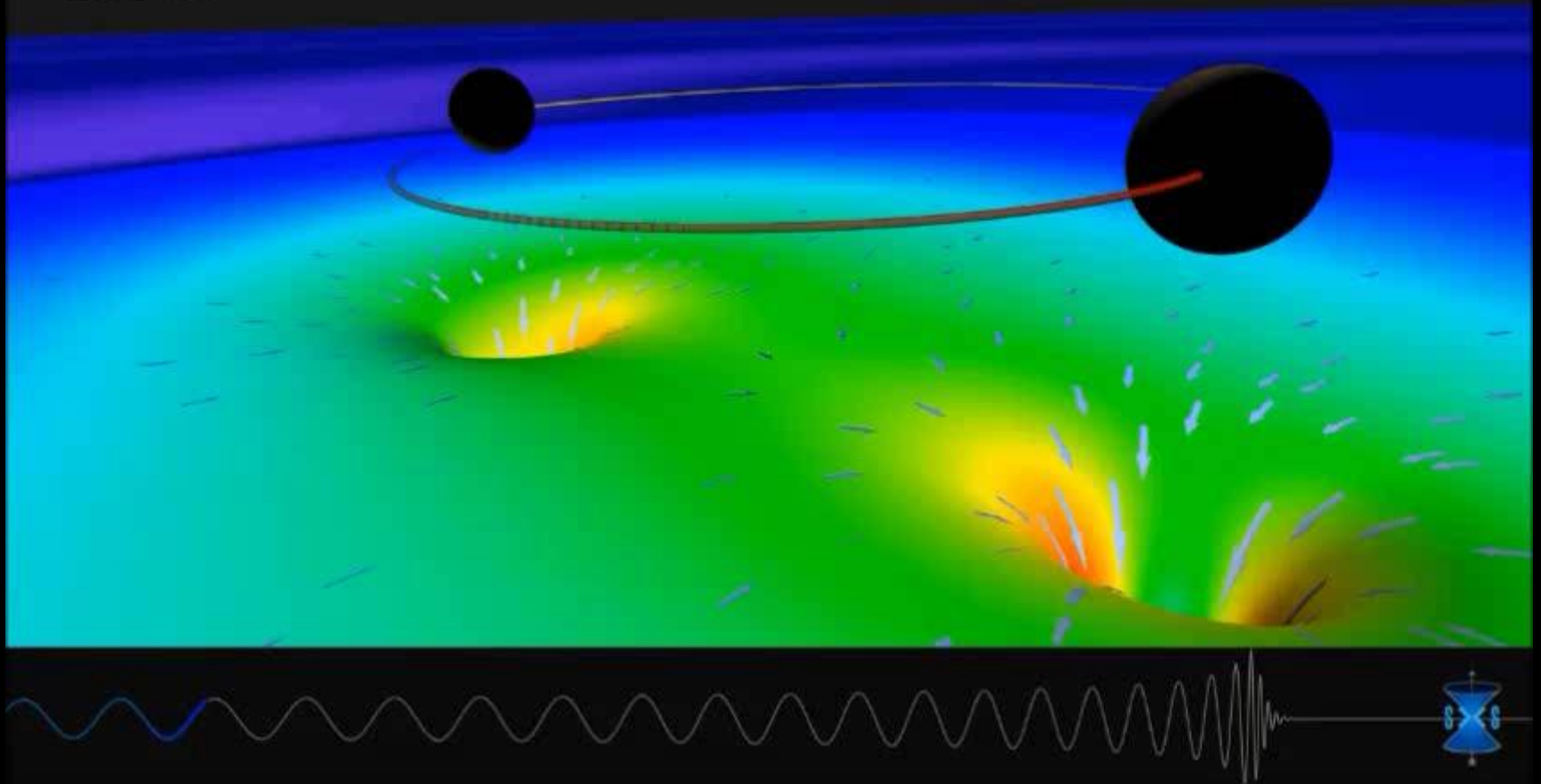
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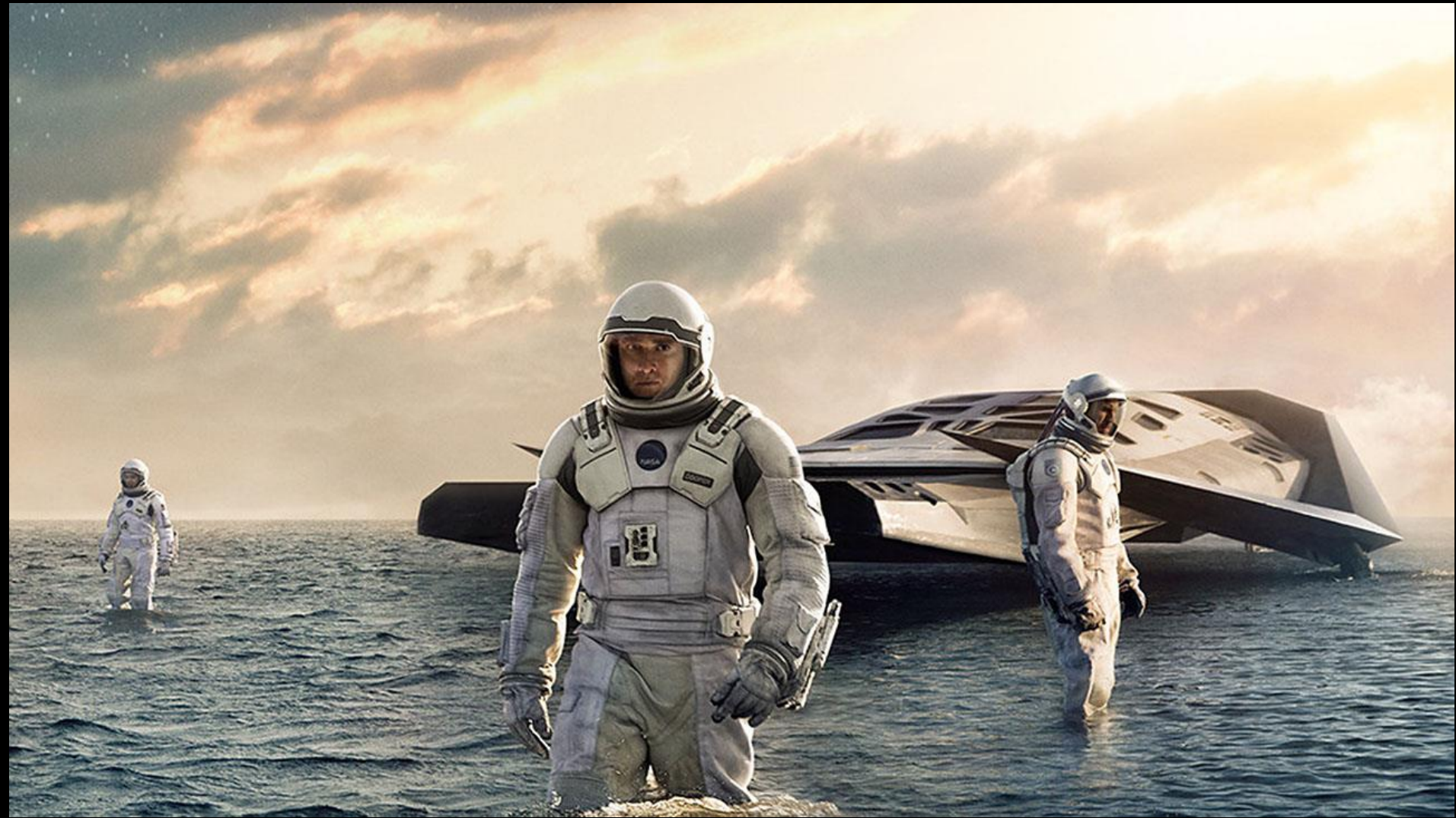
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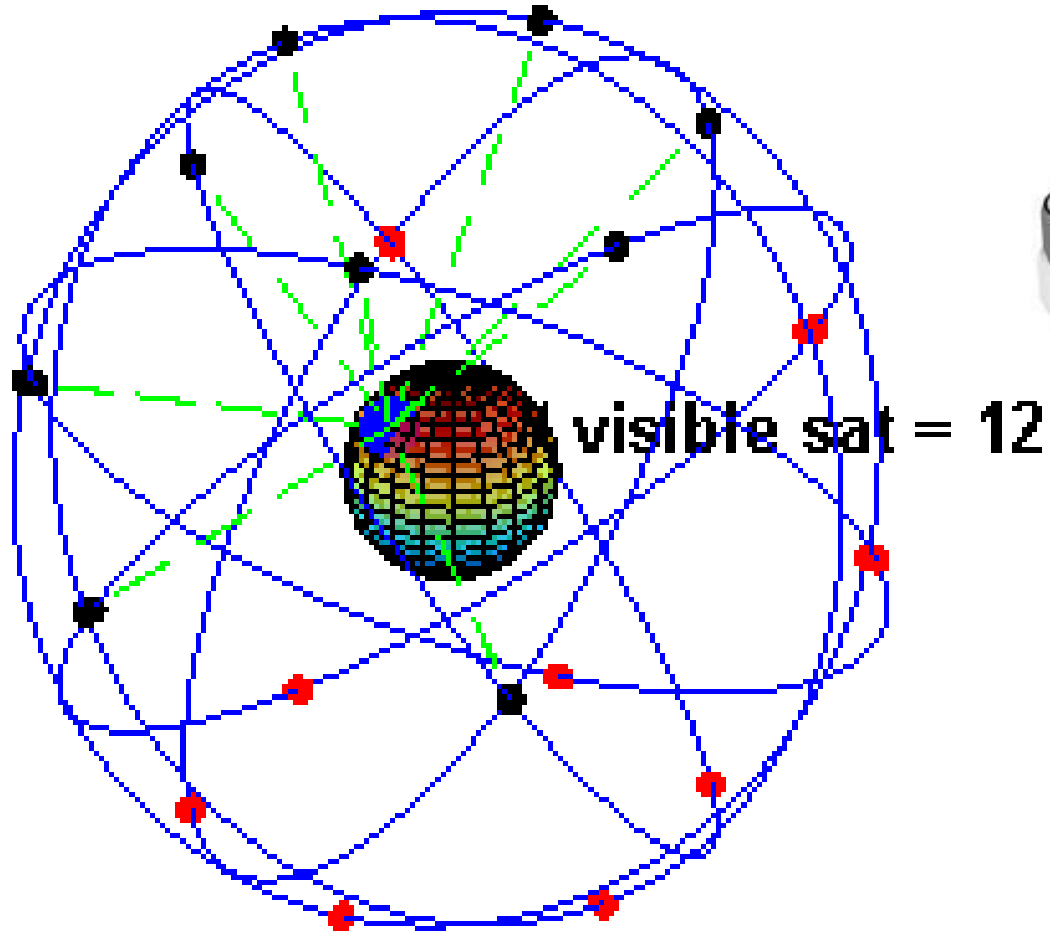








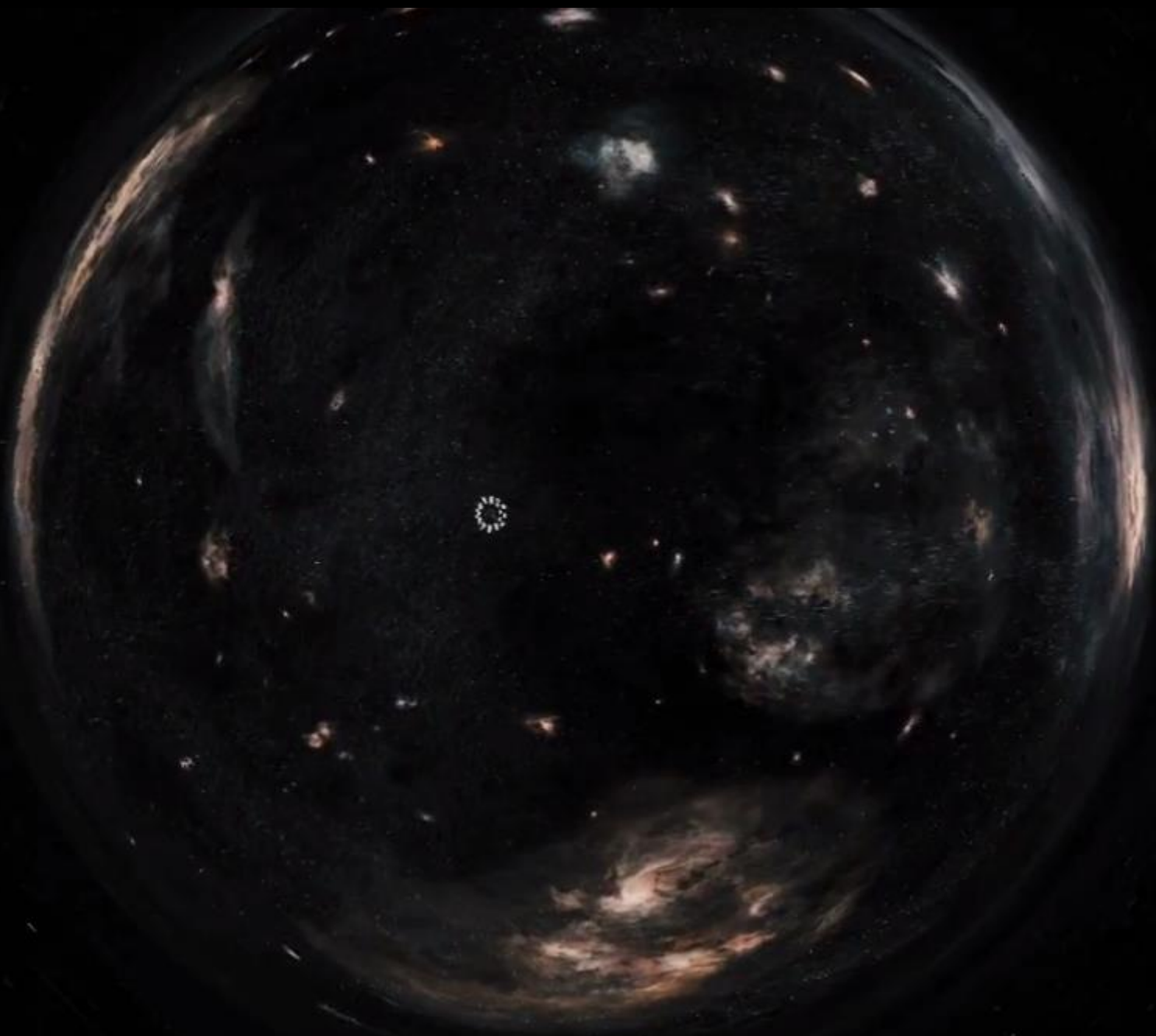








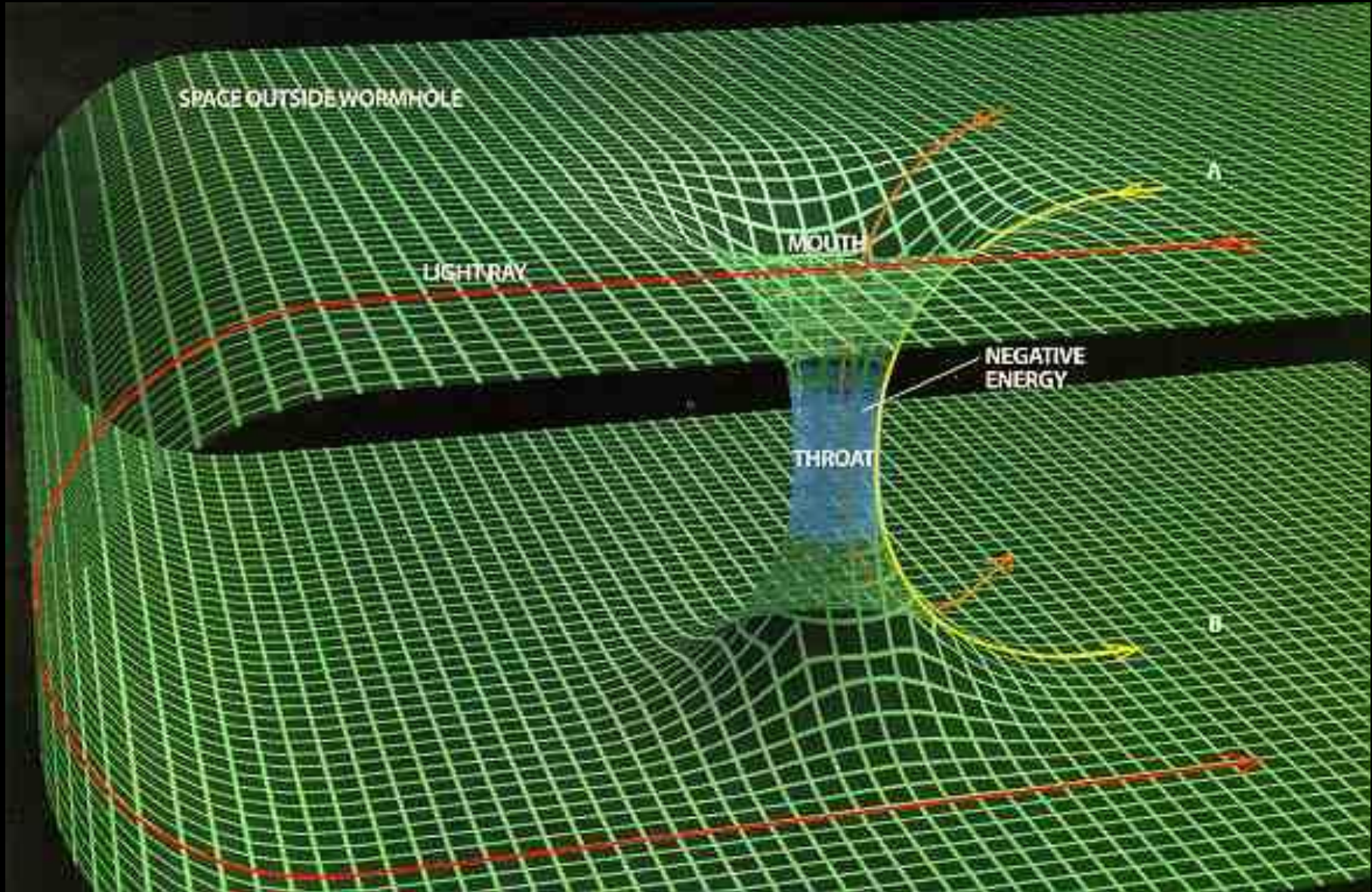












SPACE OUTSIDE WORMHOLE

LIGHTRAY

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NEGATIVE ENERGY

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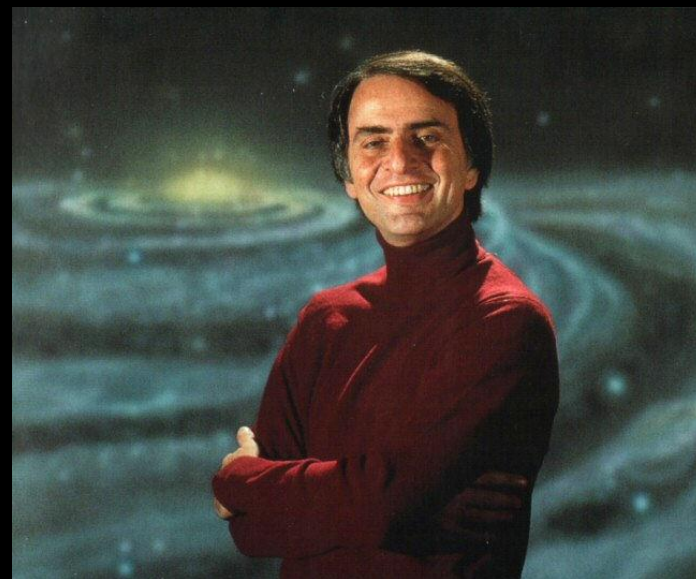
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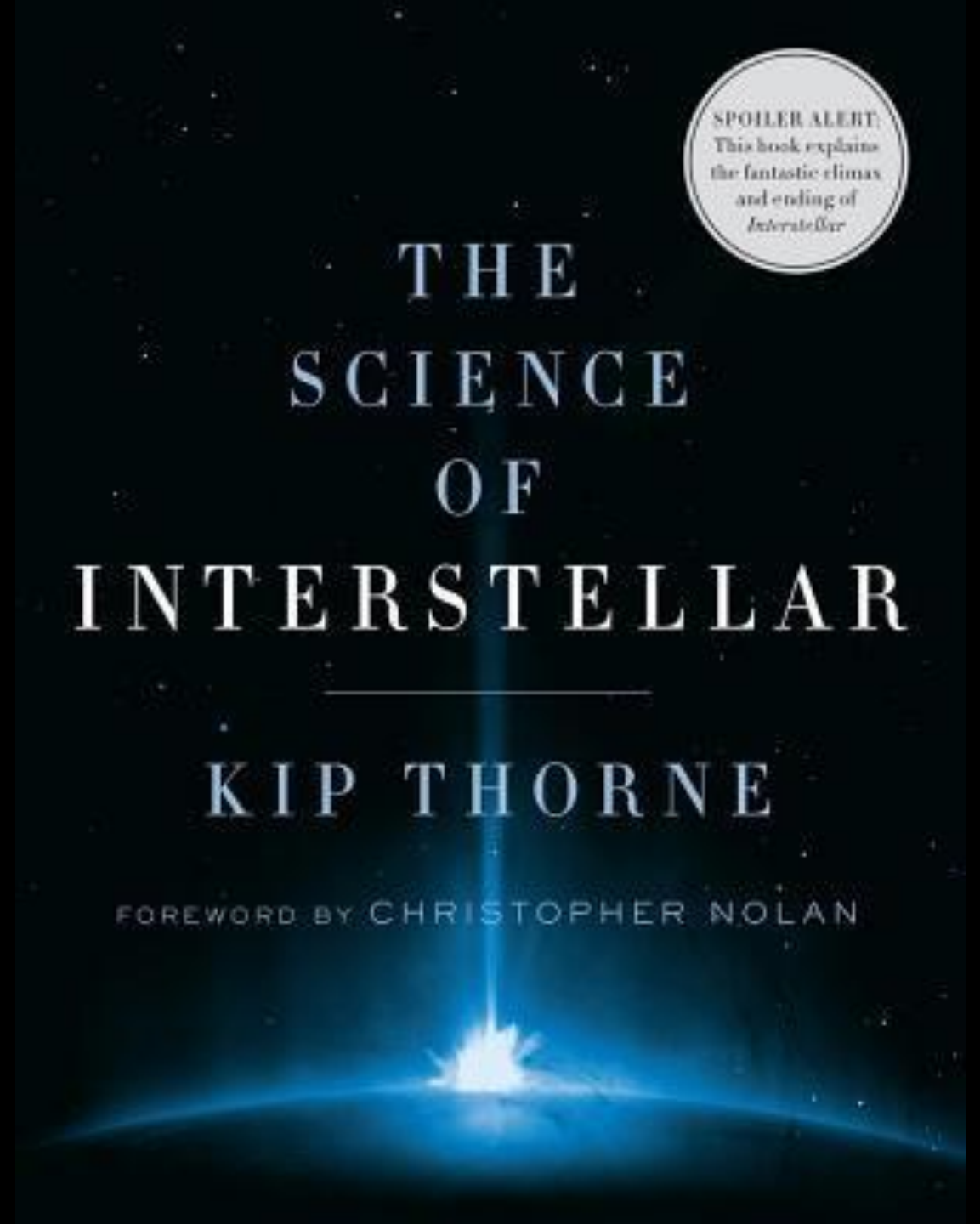
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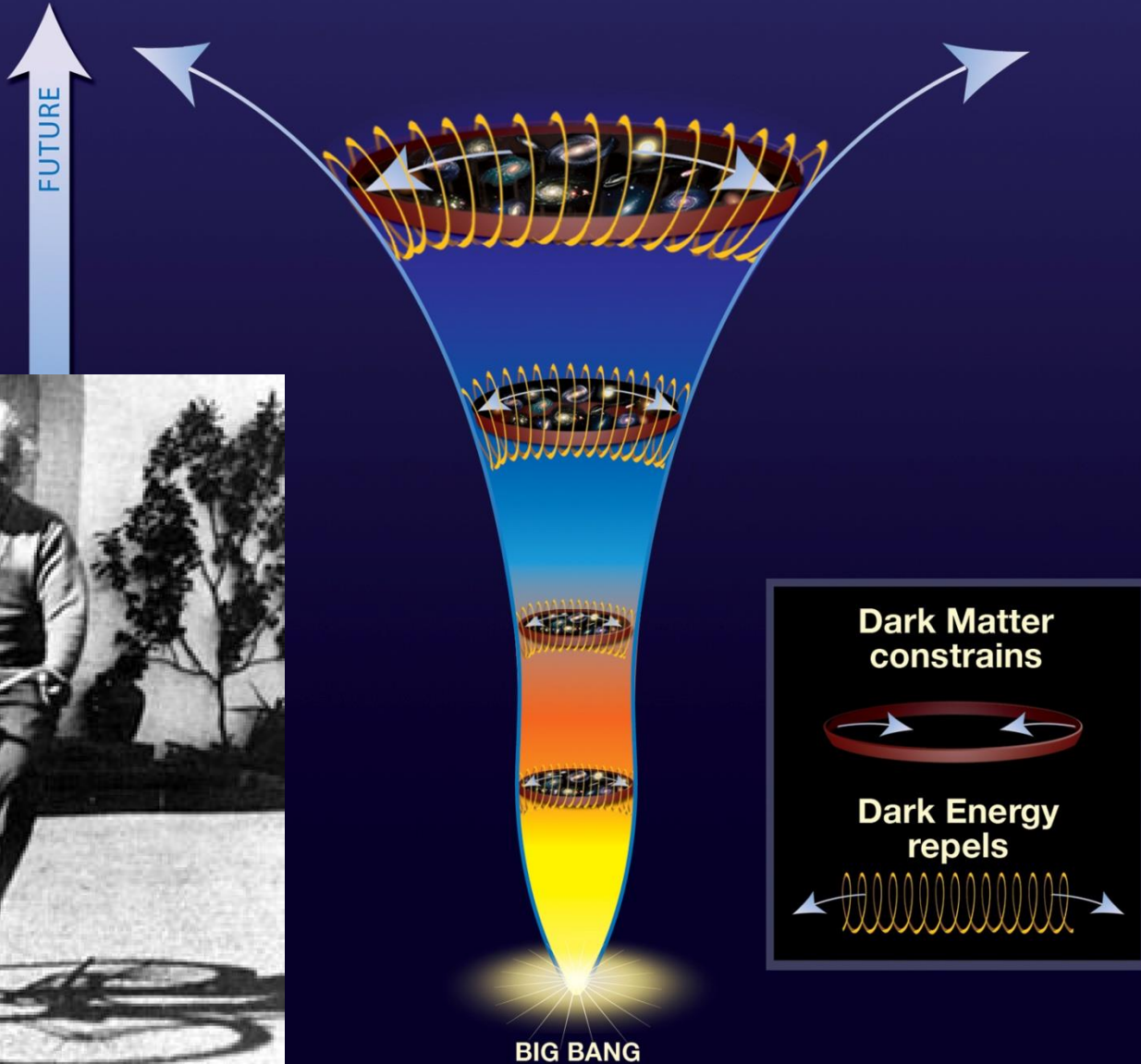
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# Cosmic tug of war

The force of dark energy surpasses that of dark matter as time progresses.













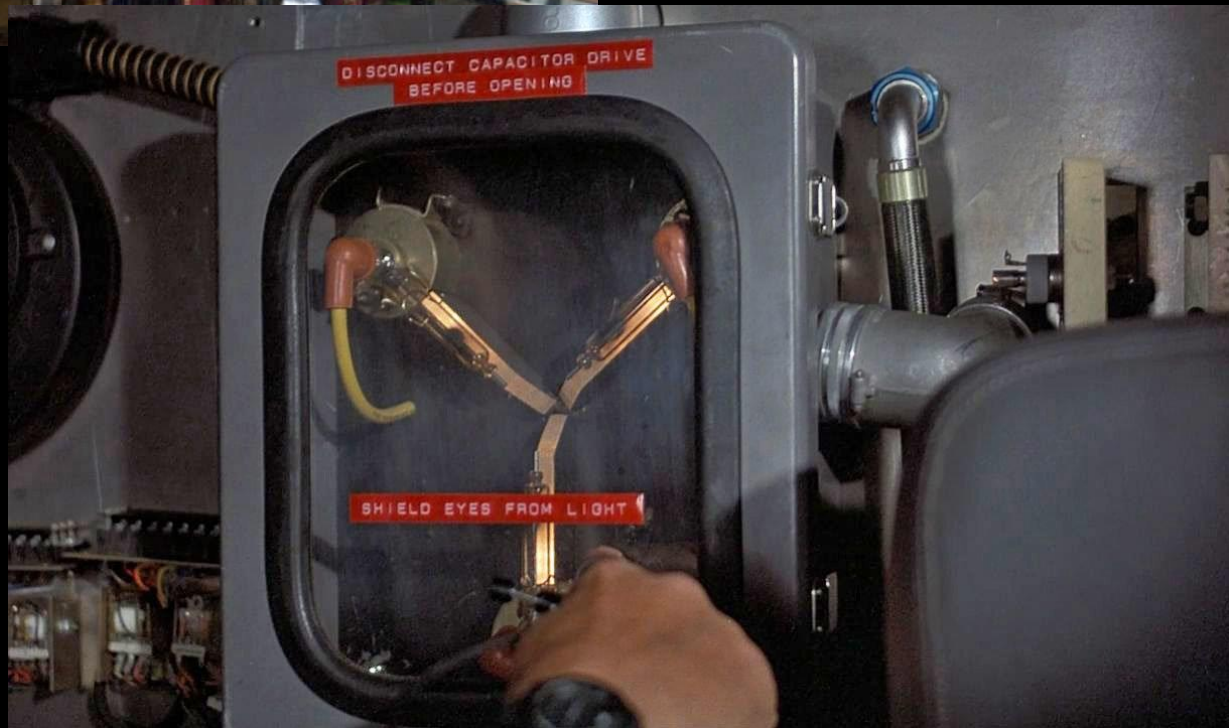


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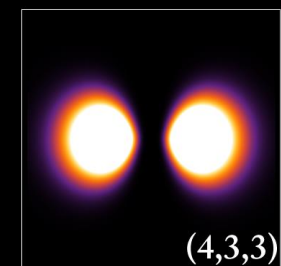
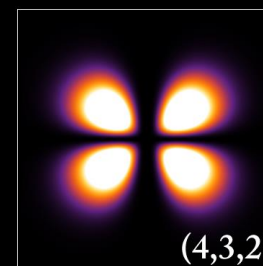
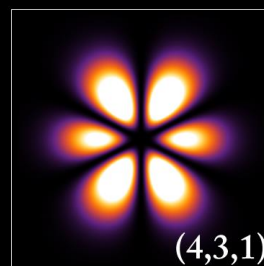
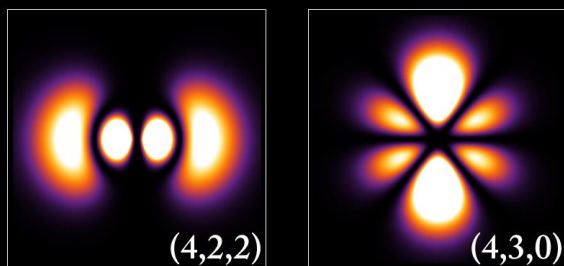
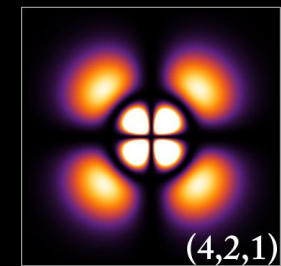
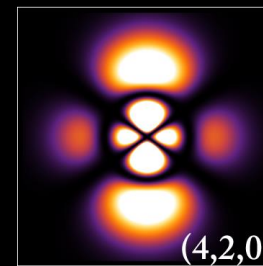
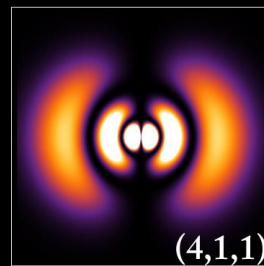
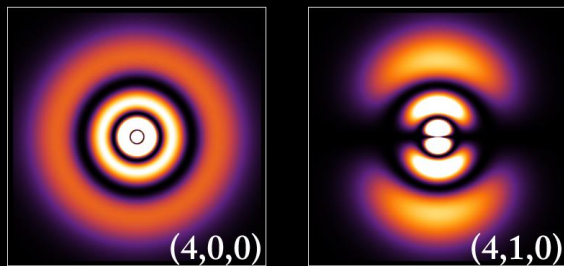
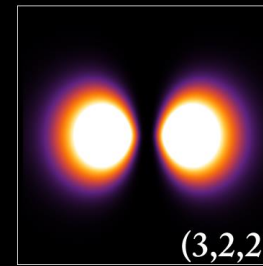
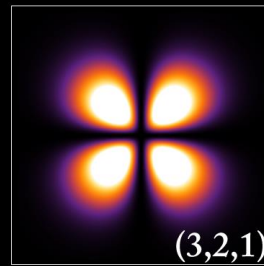
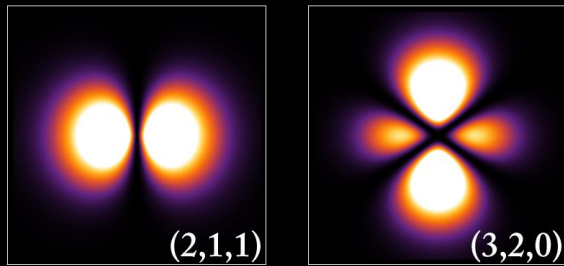
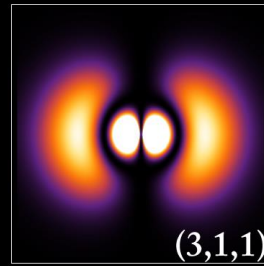
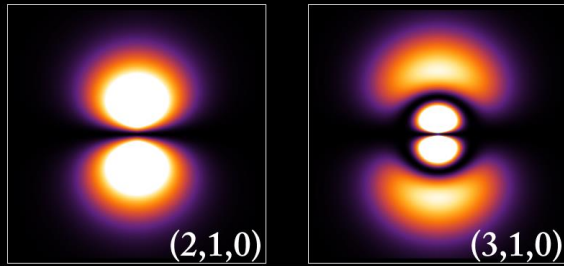
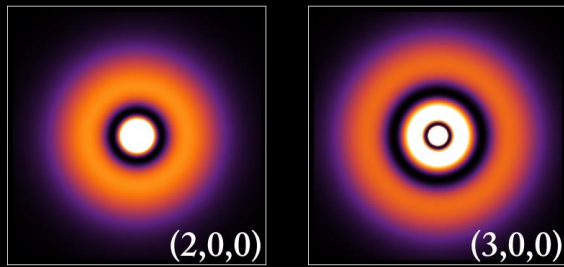




# Hydrogen Wave Function

Probability density plots.

$$\psi_{nlm}(r, \vartheta, \varphi) = \sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{na_0}\right)^3 \frac{(n-l-1)!}{2n[(n+l)!]}} e^{-\rho/2} \rho^l L_{n-l-1}^{2l+1}(\rho) \cdot Y_{lm}(\vartheta, \varphi)$$





Do you know how fast you were going!?

No, but I know where I am.

# Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle



The precision of measurements in a quantum system is limited *in principle*

$$\Delta p \Delta x \sim \hbar$$



Position and momentum are *complementary* properties: the action of measurement determines which of the two properties the quantum system possesses





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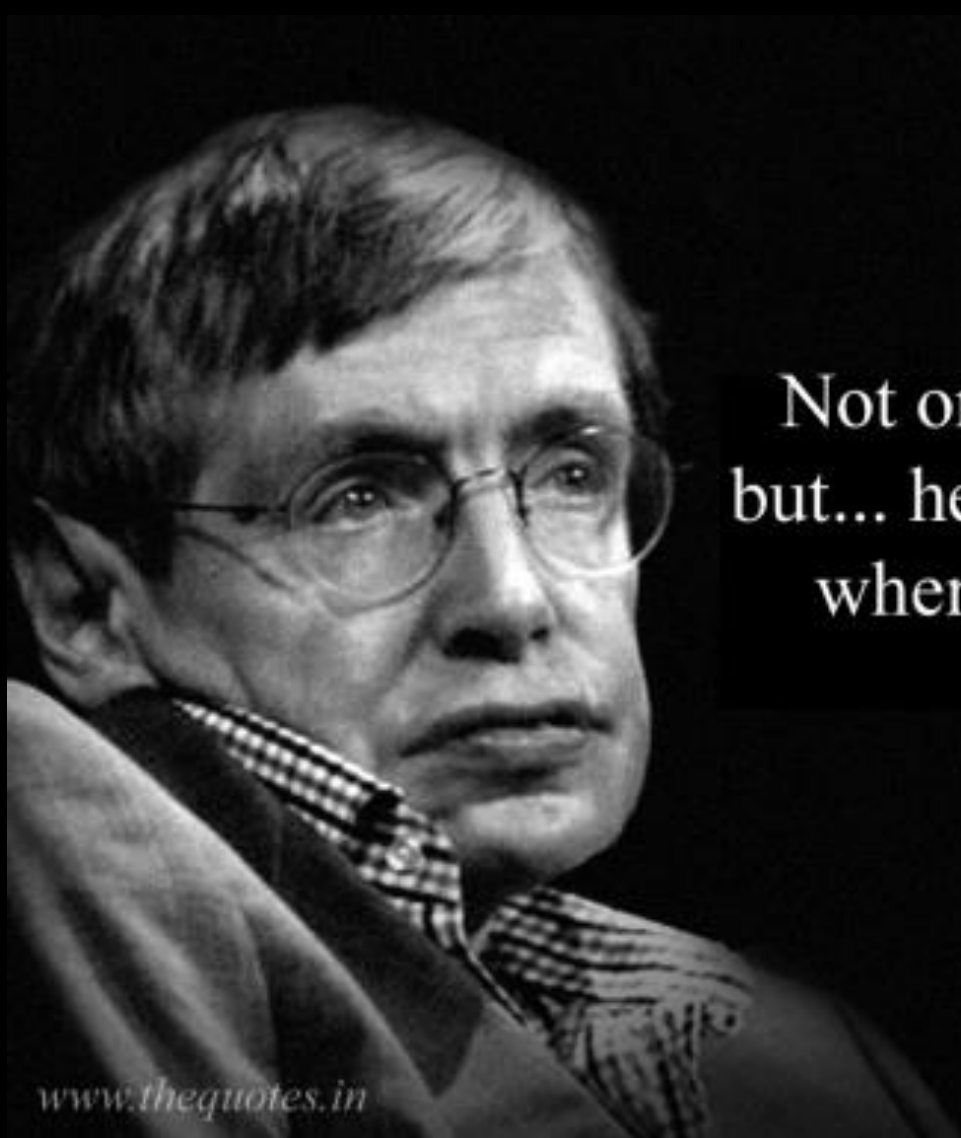
Scientist and Two Colleagues  
Find It Is Not 'Complete'  
Even Though 'Correct.'

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SEE FULLER ONE POSSIBLE

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Believe a Whole Description of  
'the Physical Reality' Can Be  
Provided Eventually.

A black and white portrait of Stephen Hawking, wearing his characteristic glasses and a checkered shirt, looking slightly to the right. The background is dark.

Not only does God play dice,  
but... he sometimes throws them  
where they cannot be seen.

*Stephen Hawking*















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