

# Monsters in Space and Time: Black Holes



QUATUOR  
ELEMENTA

IGNIS



AER



AQUA



TERRA



QUATUOR  
ANNI TEM-  
PESTATES

VER



ESTIVUS



AUTUMNUS



HYEM



NOVA TOTIUS TERRARUM ORBIS GEOGRAPHICA AC HYDROGRAPHICA TABULA auct. Guiljelm. Blaeuw.







Stars with Astrospheres



Stars with Planets

10 Light years



Local Cloud

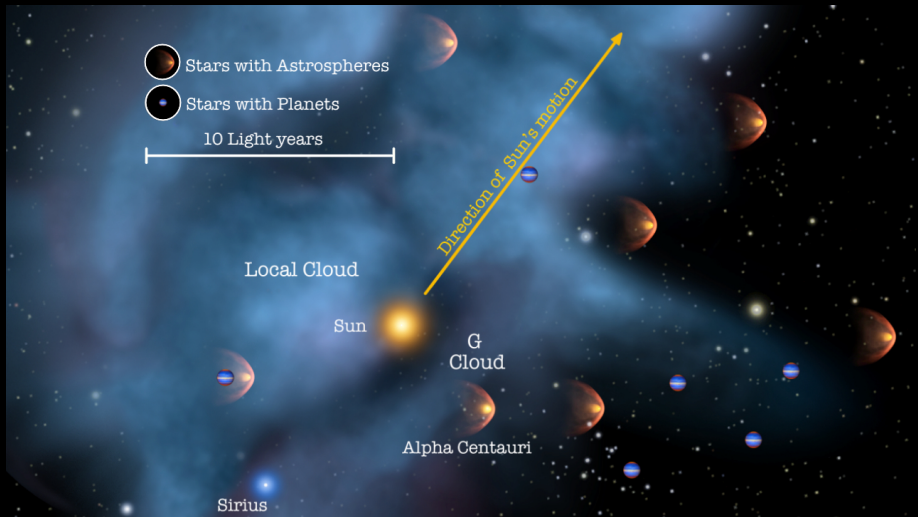
Sun

G  
Cloud

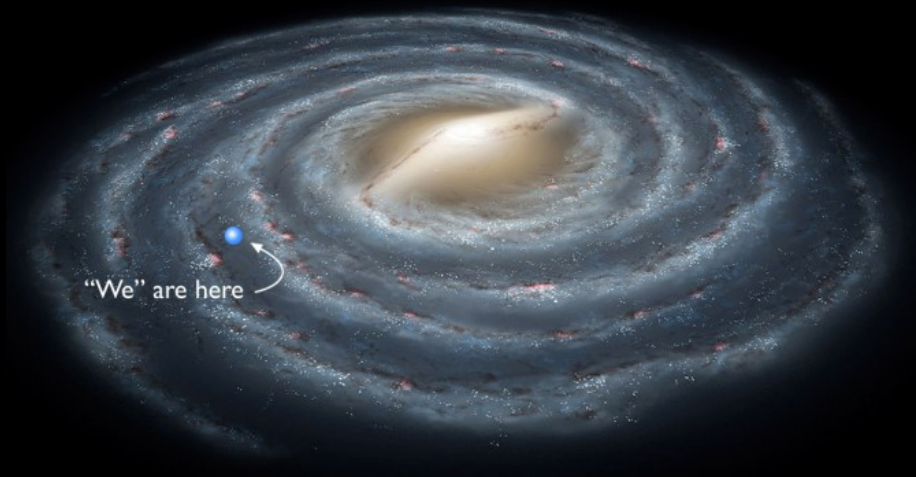
Alpha Centauri

Sirius

Direction of Sun's motion

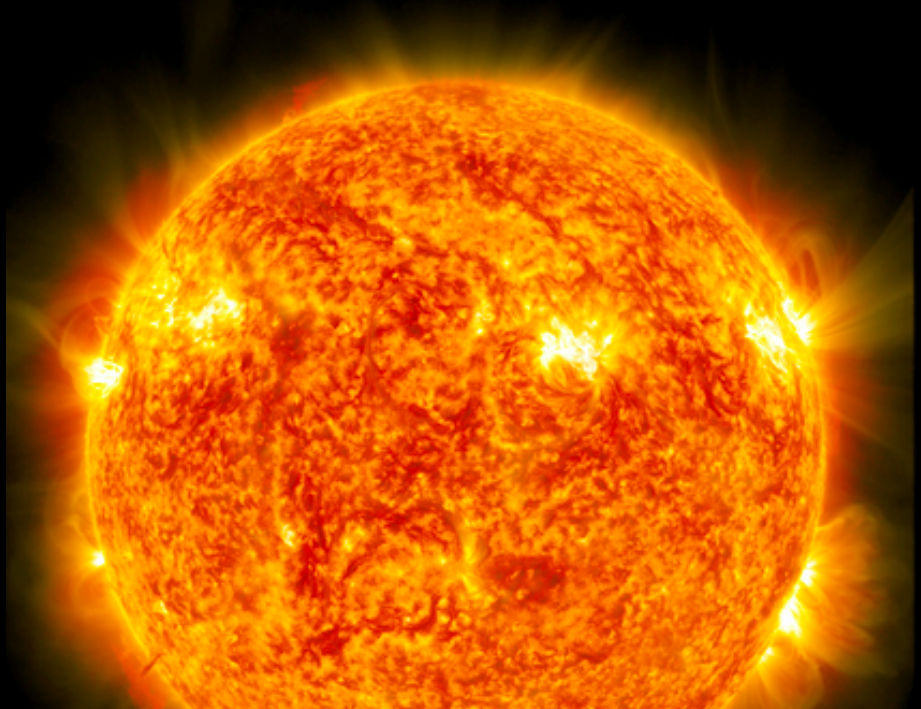


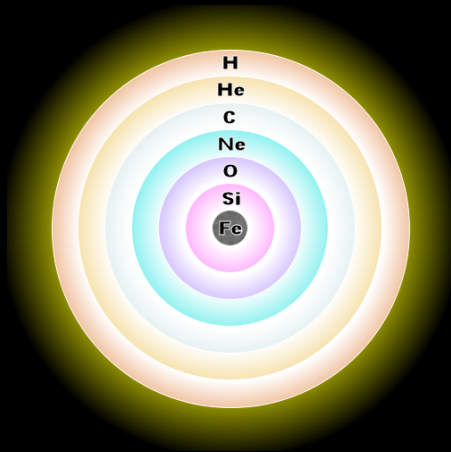




"We" are here

How do Black Holes form?





- Fusion ( $\text{H} \rightarrow \text{He}$ ):  $\sim 1$  Gyr
- $\text{He} \rightarrow \text{C}$ : 100 Myr
- $\text{C} \rightarrow \text{Ne}$ : 1000 yr
- $\text{Ne} \rightarrow \text{O}$ : 1 yr
- $\text{O} \rightarrow \text{Si}$ : 6 mo
- $\text{Si} \rightarrow \text{Fe}$ : 1 day

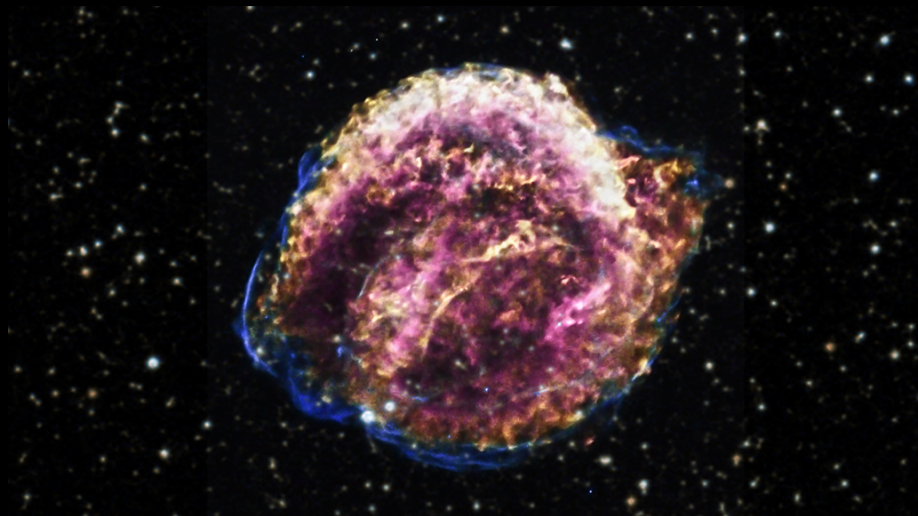


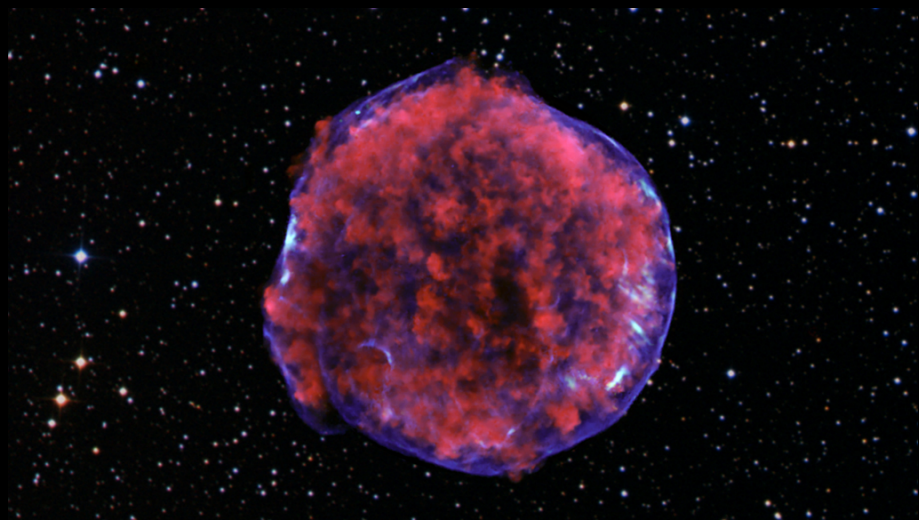


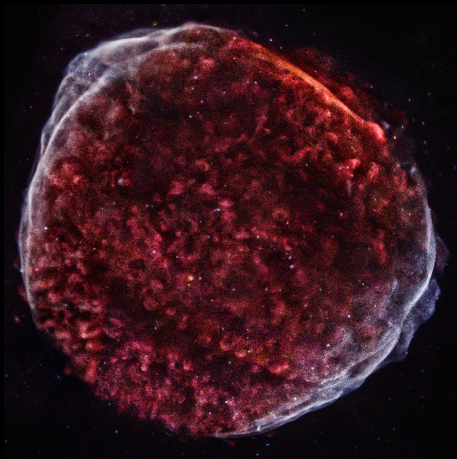
ESA/Hubble (L. Calçada)

Cr

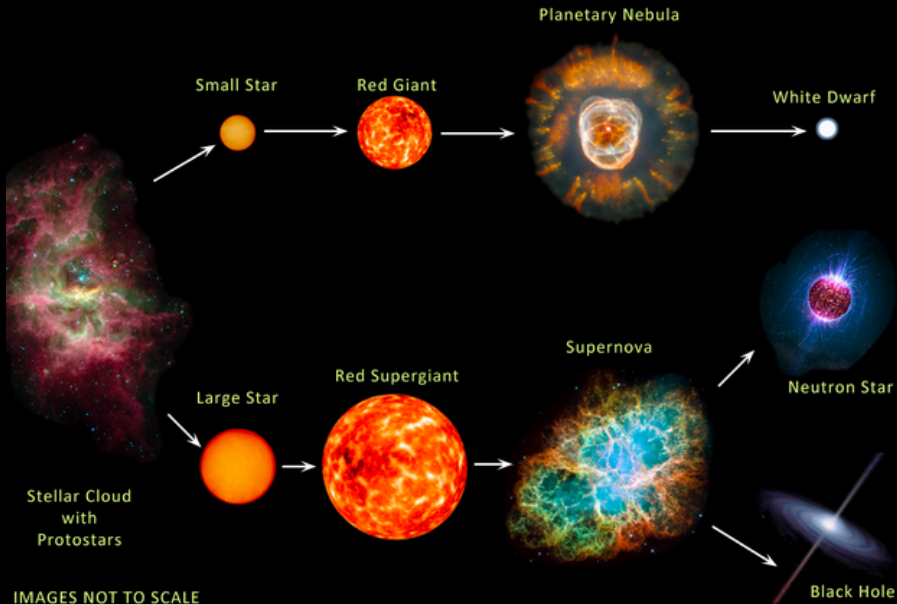




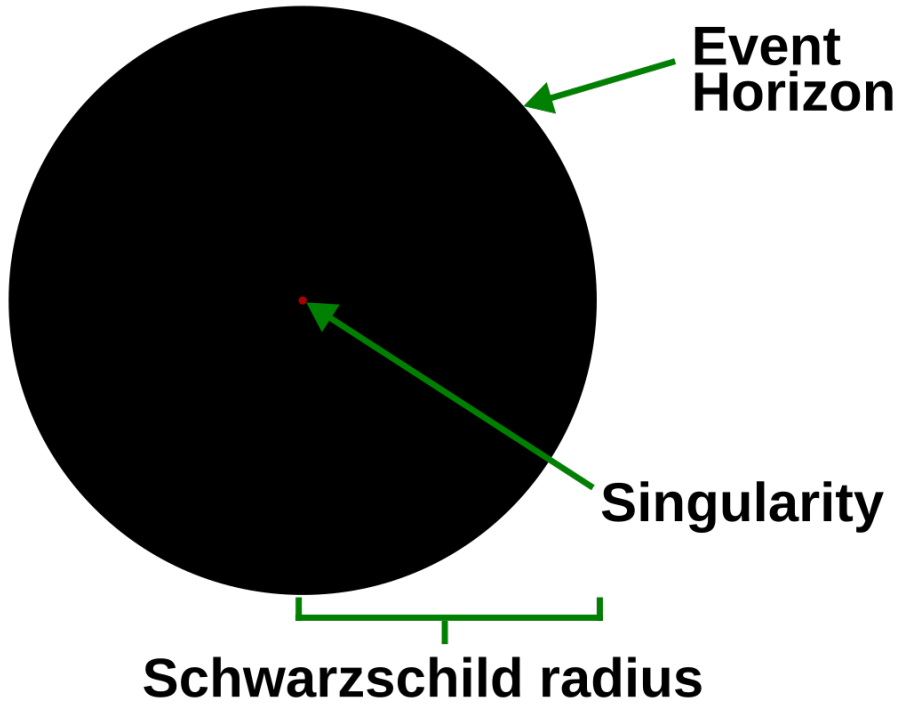




## EVOLUTION OF STARS

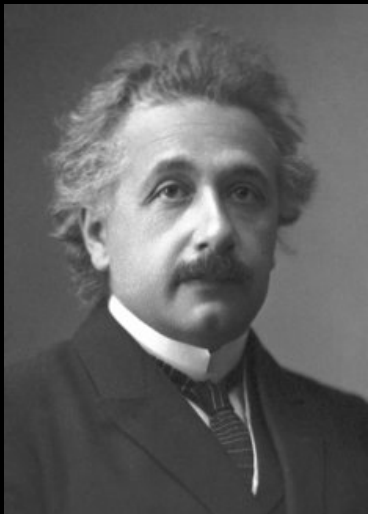


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Who studies black holes?





Albert Einstein: Theory of General Relativity (1915)

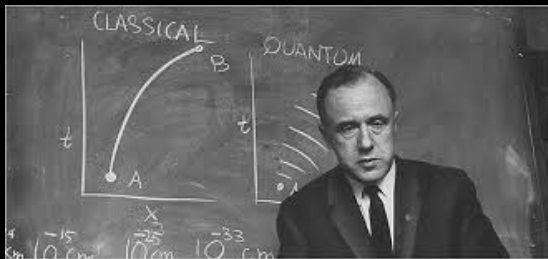
$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R = 0$$



Karl Schwarzschild: First Solution to GR equations (1916)



Roger Penrose: Black Hole Solutions are real! (1965)  
Nobel Prize 2020



John Wheeler: coined the term “Black Hole” (1967)



Ann Ewing: coined the term “Black Hole” (1964)



??? : coined the term “Black Hole” (????)

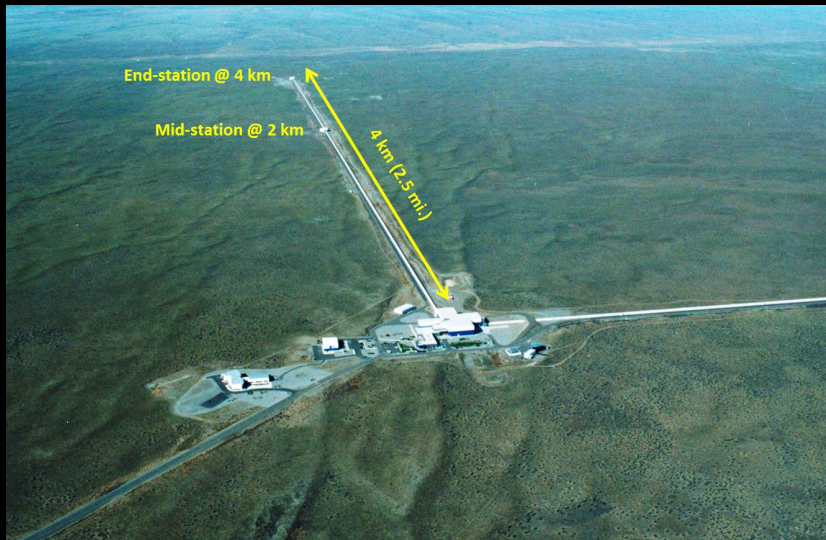




Stephen Hawking: Black Holes are *not really* black (1974)



Andrea Ghez & Reinhard Genzel: Observations of Sgr A\* with ESO/Keck  
(from 1996)  
Nobel Prize 2020



LIGO collaboration: Measured gravitational waves from BH-collisions  
(2016)  
(Nobel Prize 2017)



Event Horizon Telescope (EHT): First “Photograph” of a Black Hole  
(April 19, 2019)