

Day 3

- Gravitational-wave concepts (with Dr. Jocelyn Read)
- Special guest: Haroon Khan (NASA)
- Choose one head-on collision on binary black holes and start the calculation



Two kinds of time travel

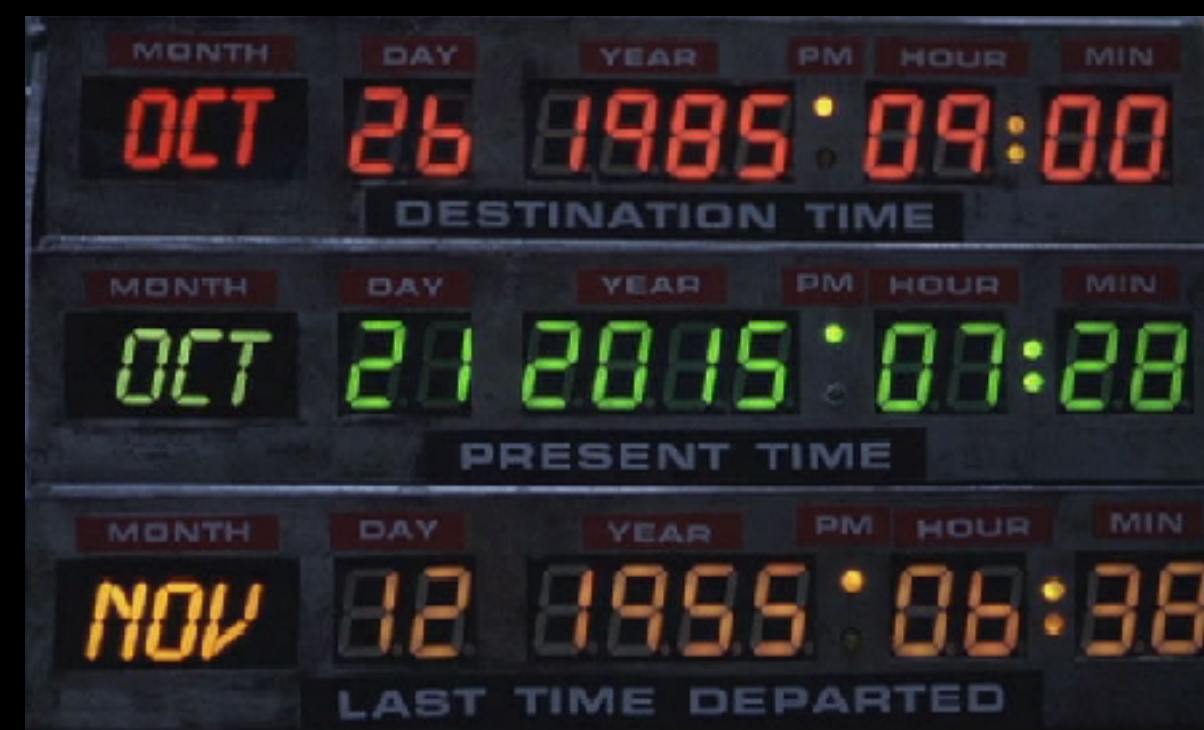
- Travel from the present to...



The future

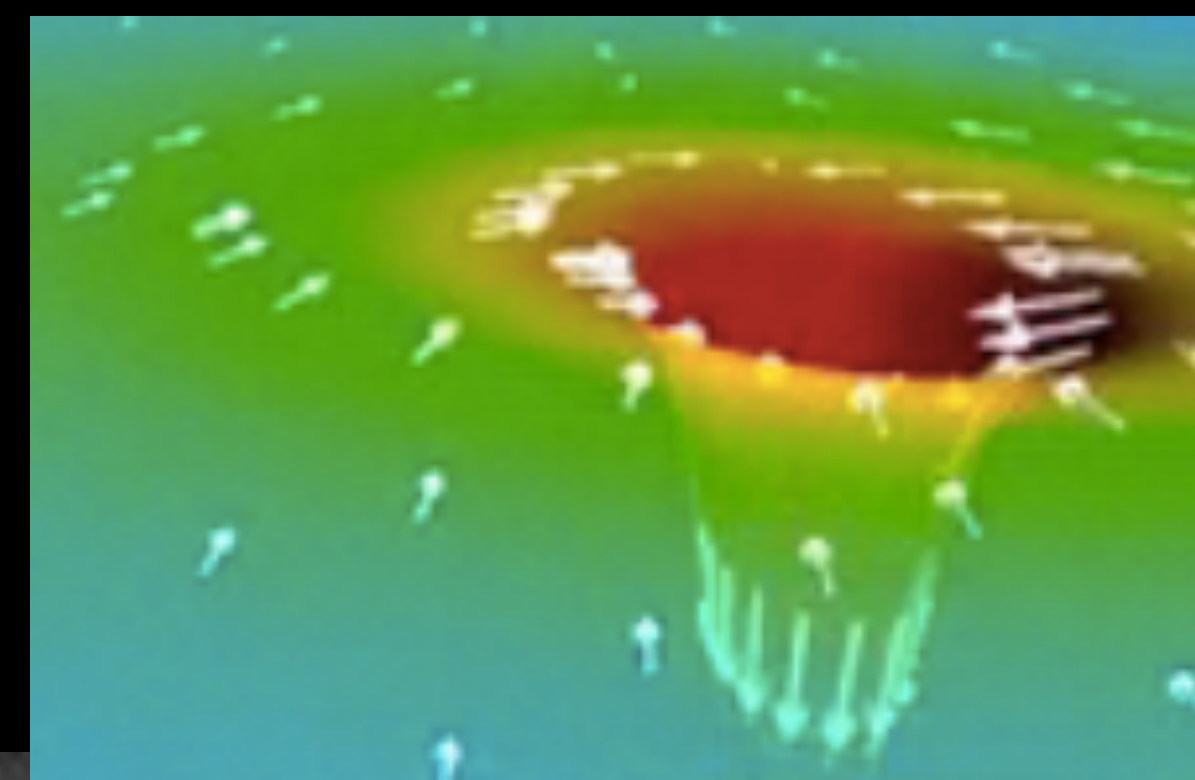


The past

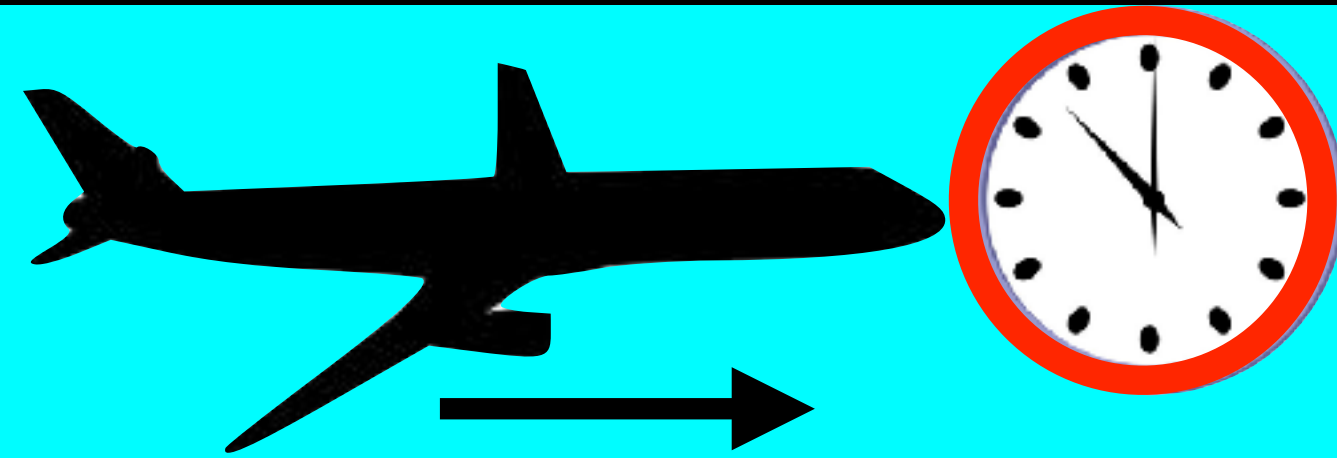


Forward time travel

- Make your time flow slower
 - Move closer to massive object
 - Move faster
- Hafele & Keating 1971
 - Fly plane clock around world
 - Compare with ground clock before, after flight



Forward time travel in 1971



Theory of relativity predicts...

Farther from Earth: ticks faster vs. ground

144 ± 14 ns *more* than ground

Moves faster: ticks slower vs. ground

184 ± 18 ns *less* than ground

Bottom line:

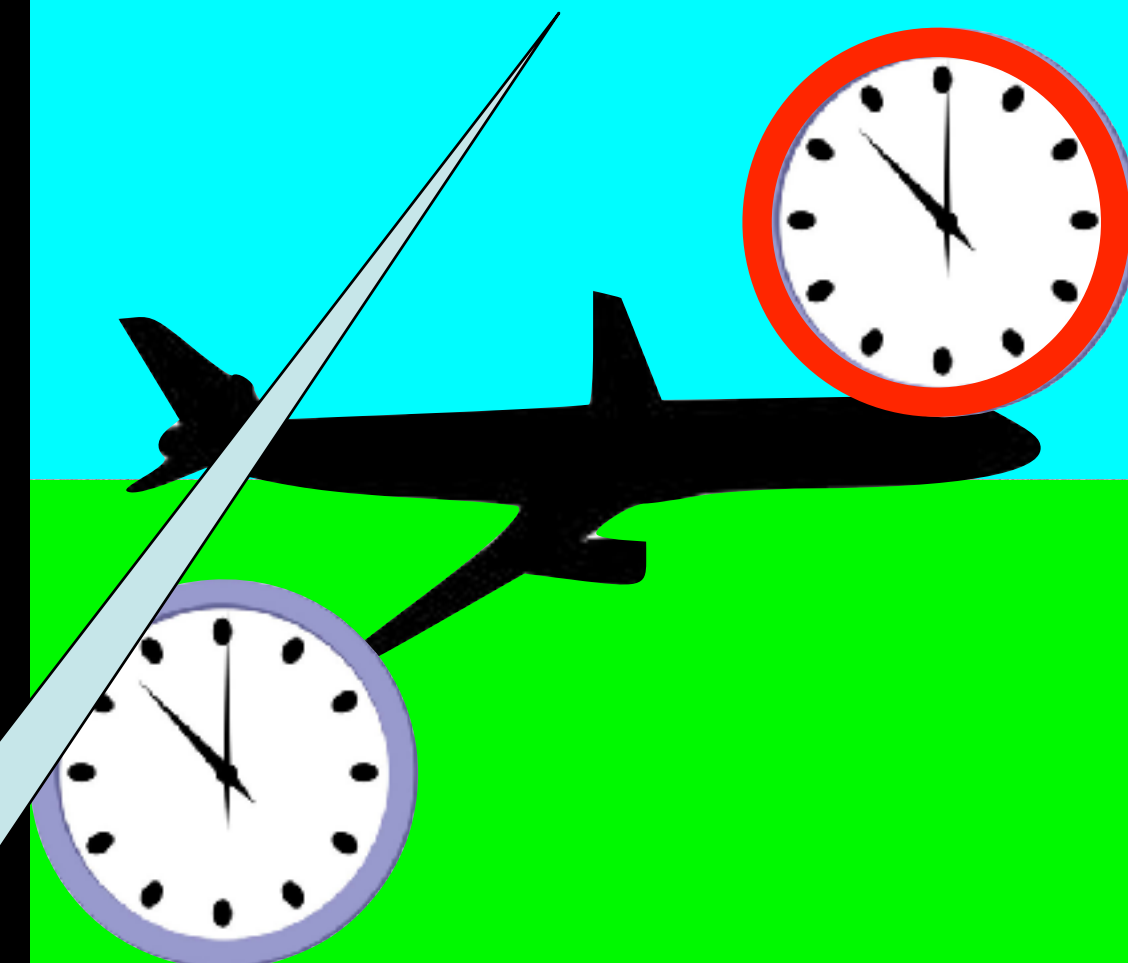
40 ± 23 ns *less* than ground



1 ns = 1 billionth of a second (ns)

Result: compare clocks after flight around the world

59 ± 10 ns less than ground



Clock & passengers went 59 ± 10 billionths of a second into the future!

Time travel in "Interstellar"

Black hole "Gargantua"

Mass: 100 000 000 
Spin: 99.9999999999999% max

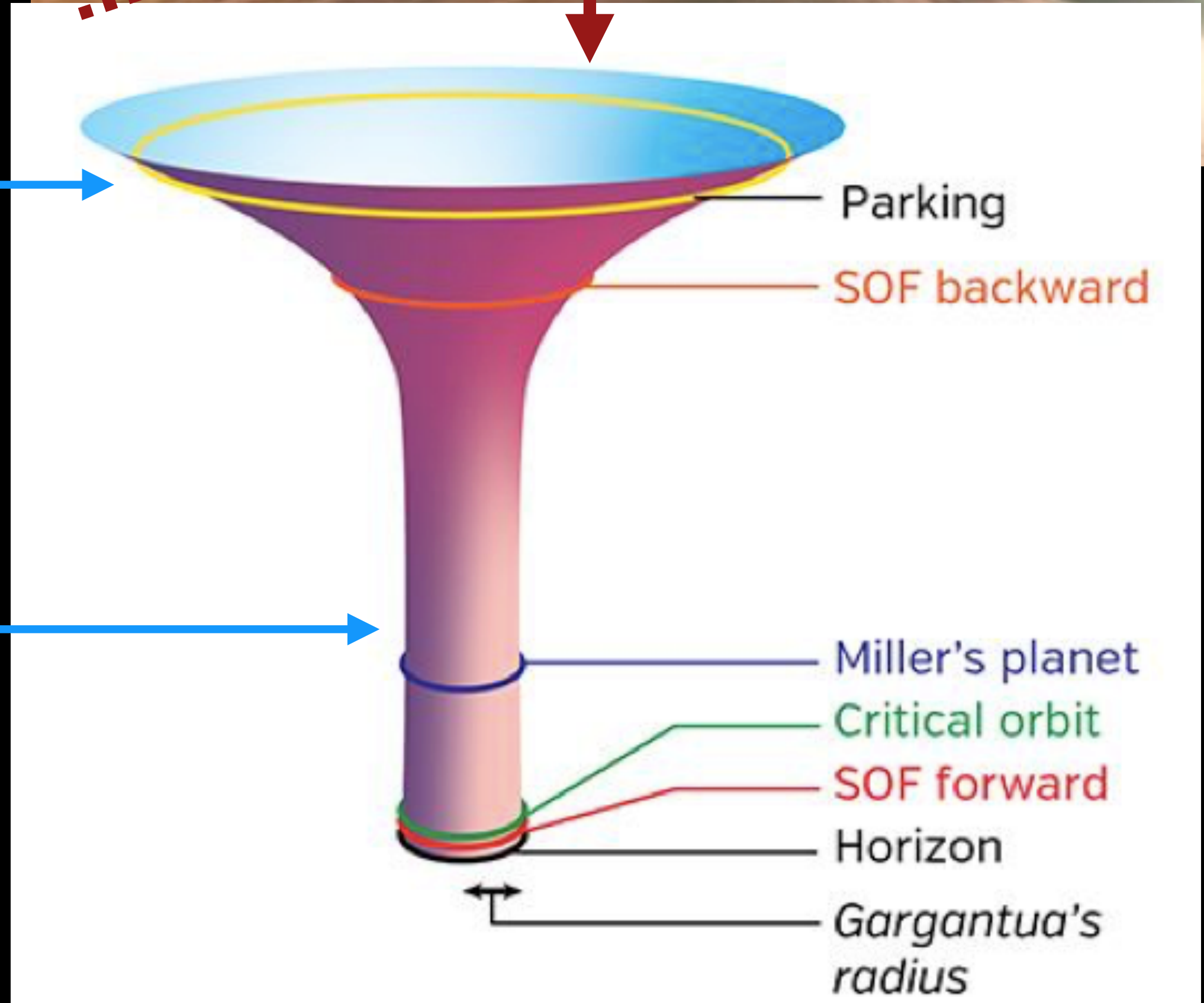
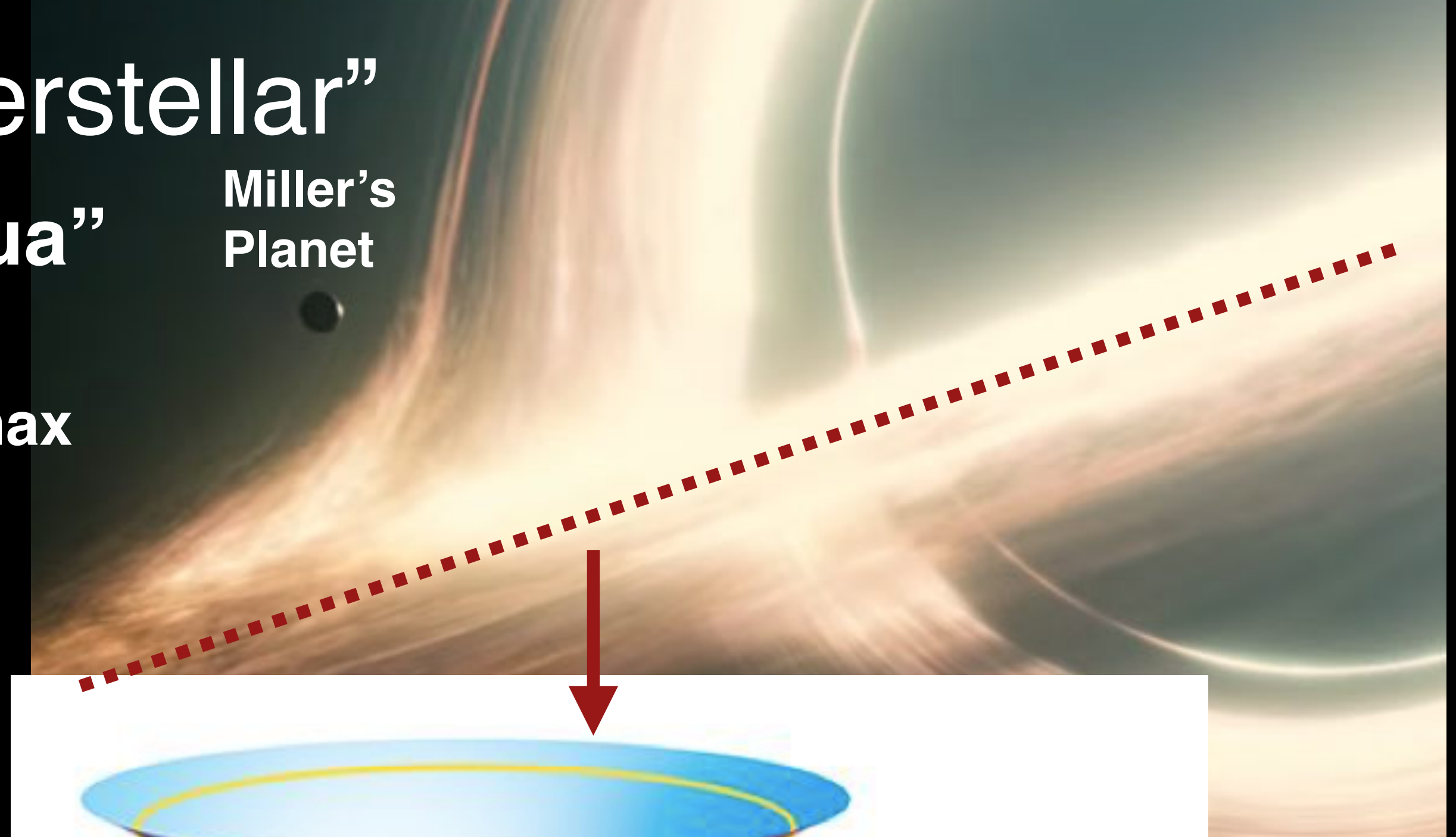
7 years



1 hour

Images courtesy Kip Thorne, Paramount

Miller's Planet



GPS

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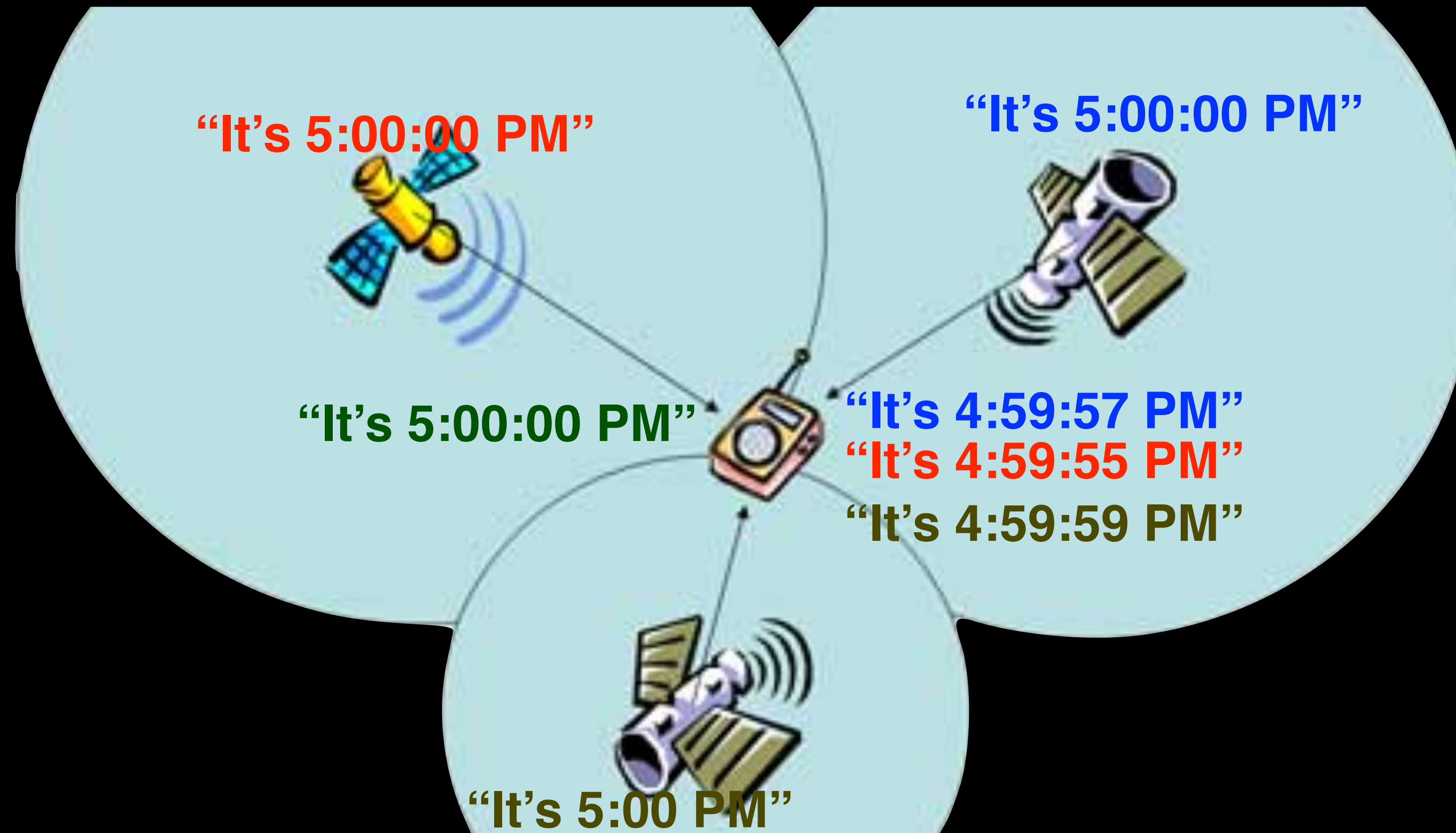
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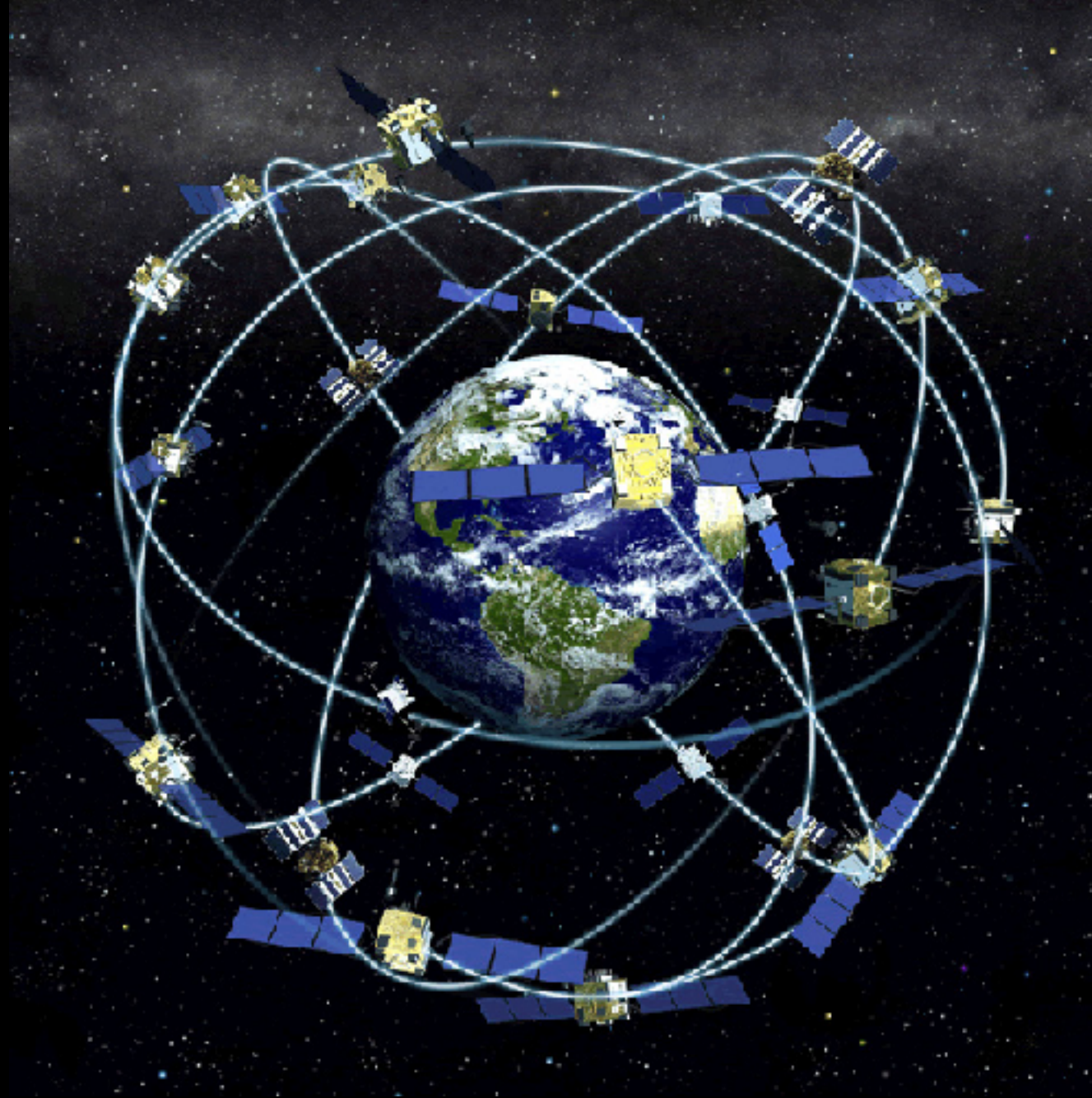
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GPS & forward time travel

- GPS must account for both “time travel” effects



Goal: position accuracy of about 2 m

Light travels 2 m in about 7 ns

**So clocks really give time to ns precision:
“It’s 4:59:59.123456789 PM”**

That’s no problem for atomic clocks, but...

Satellite clocks are higher, moving: tick differently!

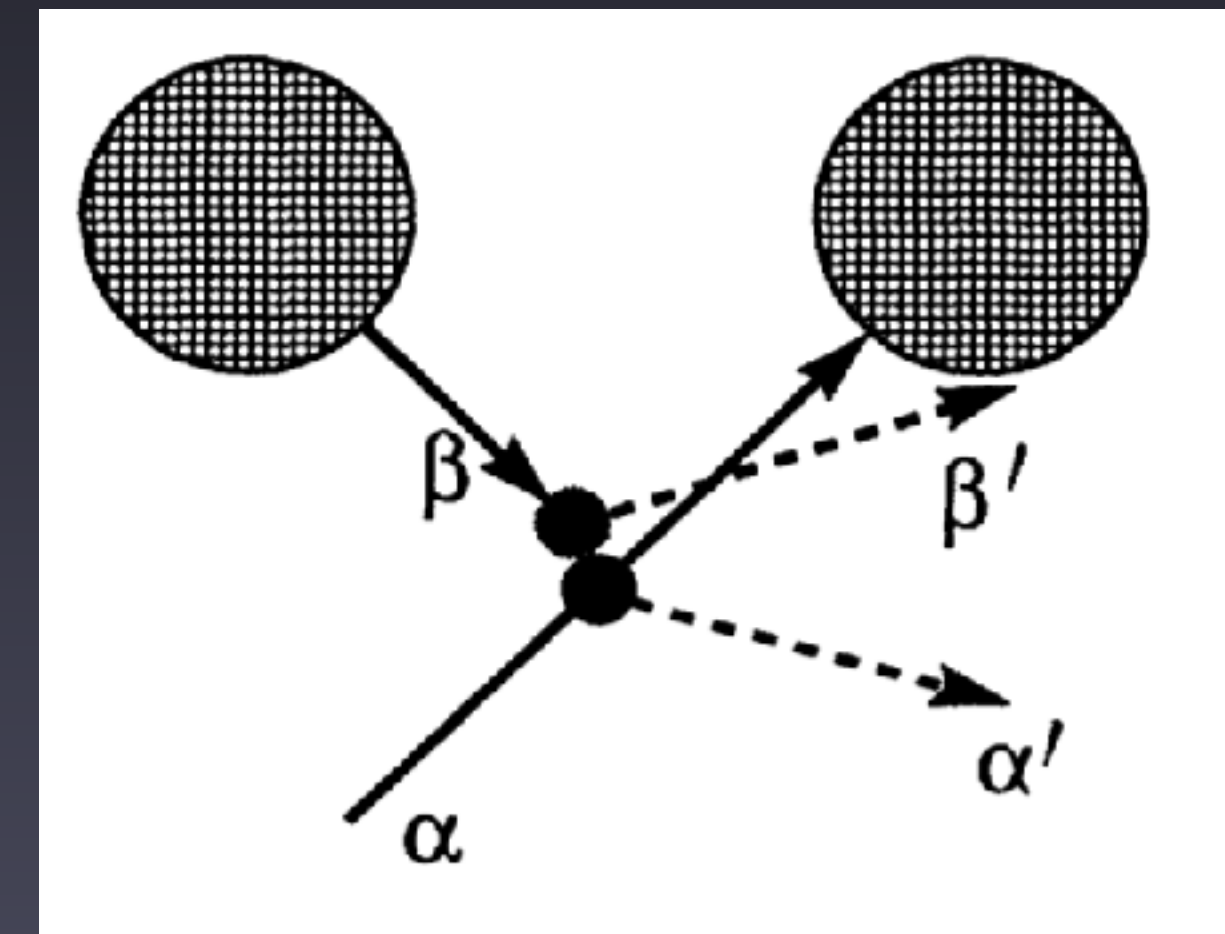
**Ignore this, and errors start to build up,
exceeding 2 m in less than a minute**

Backward time travel

- “Matricide paradox”
 - Go back in time and prevent yourself from being born?
- “Billiard ball paradox” (Polchinski, 1988)
 - Can ball go back in time & collide with itself, preventing itself from going back in time?
 - Echeverria, Klinkhammer, and Thorne [EKT], 1991

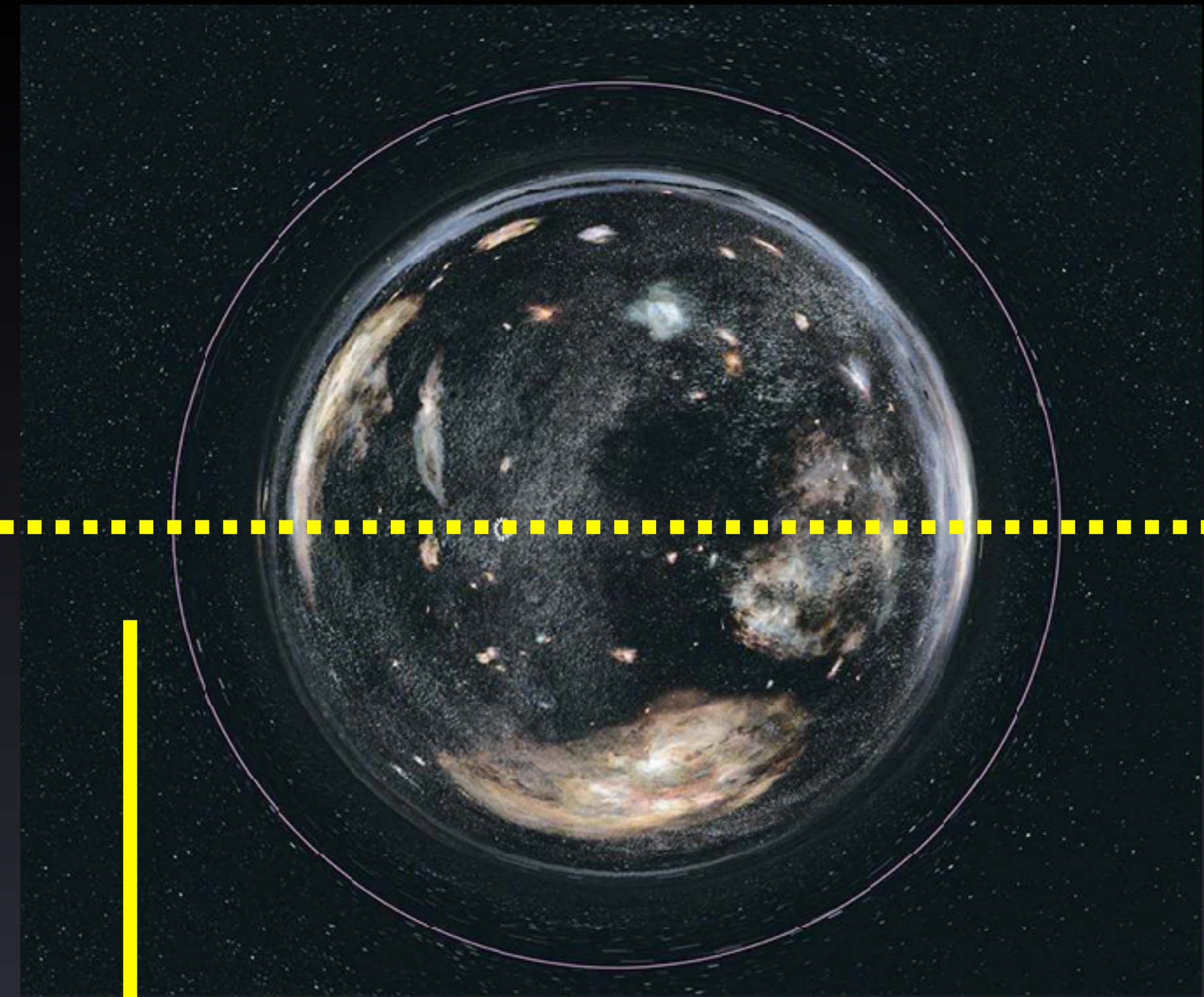
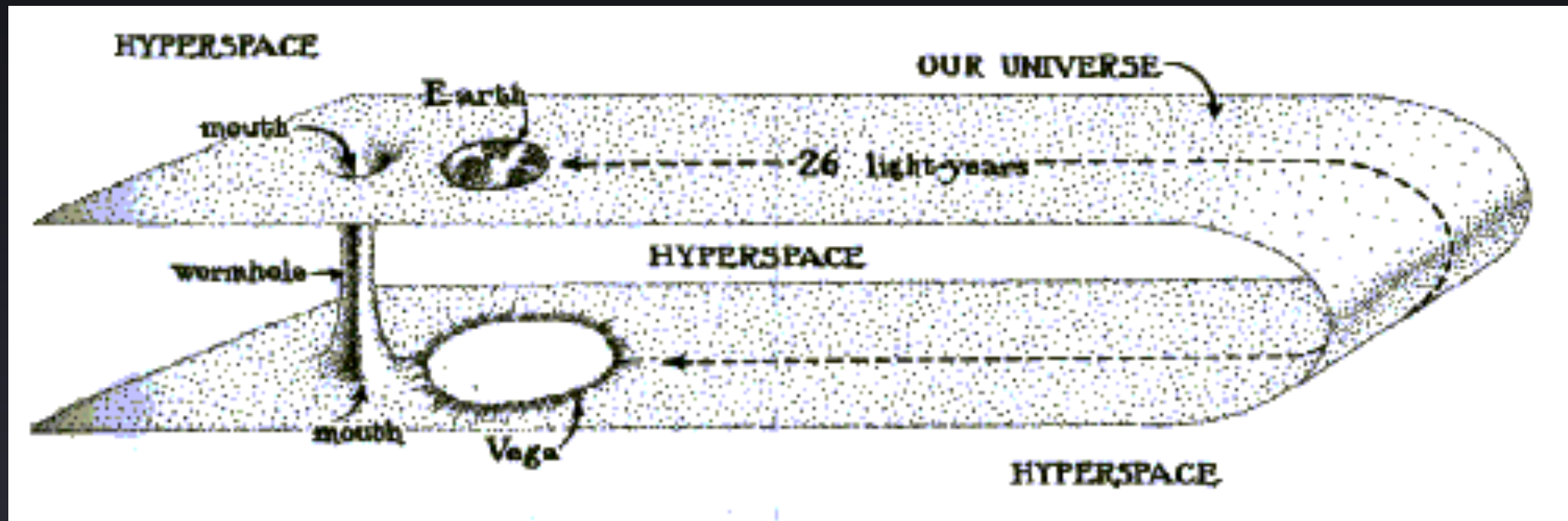


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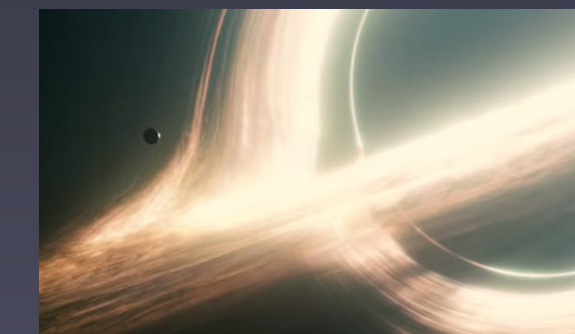
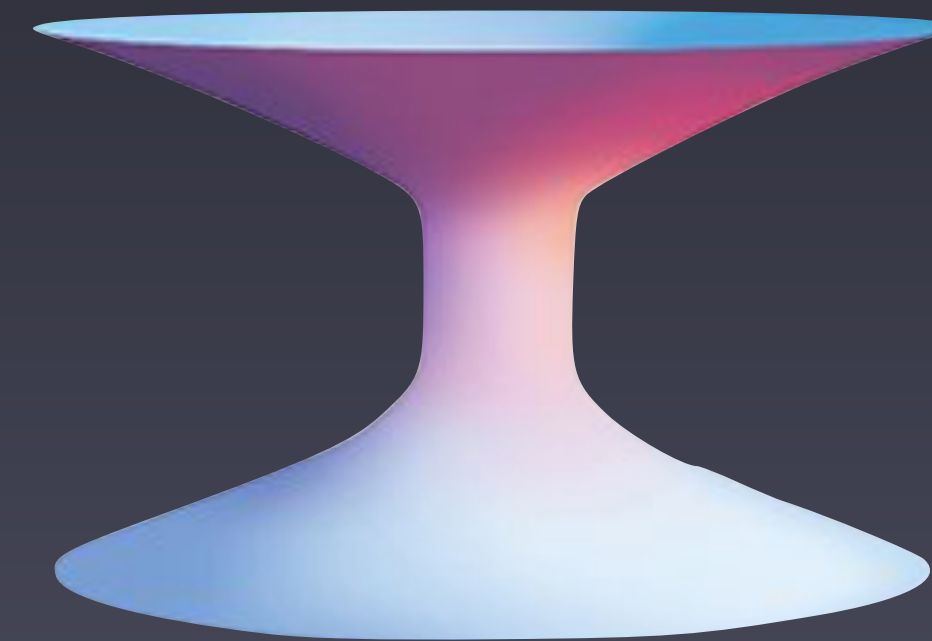


Wormhole in “Interstellar”

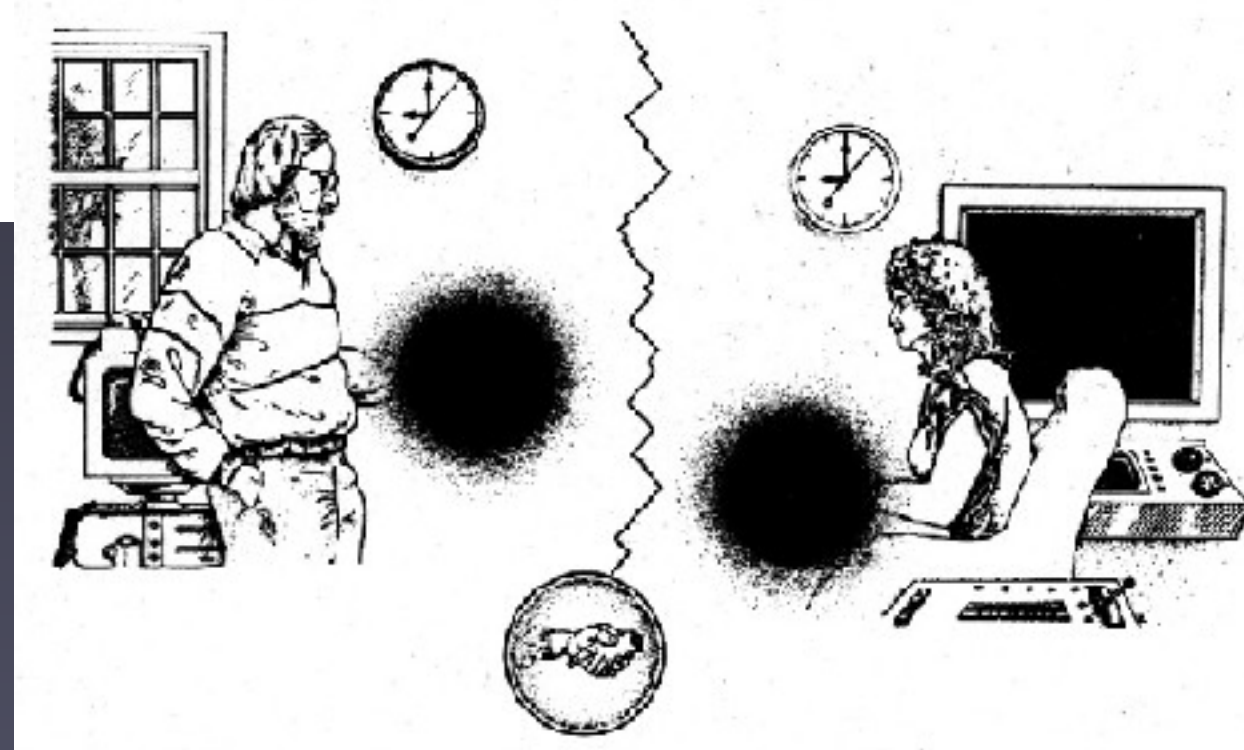
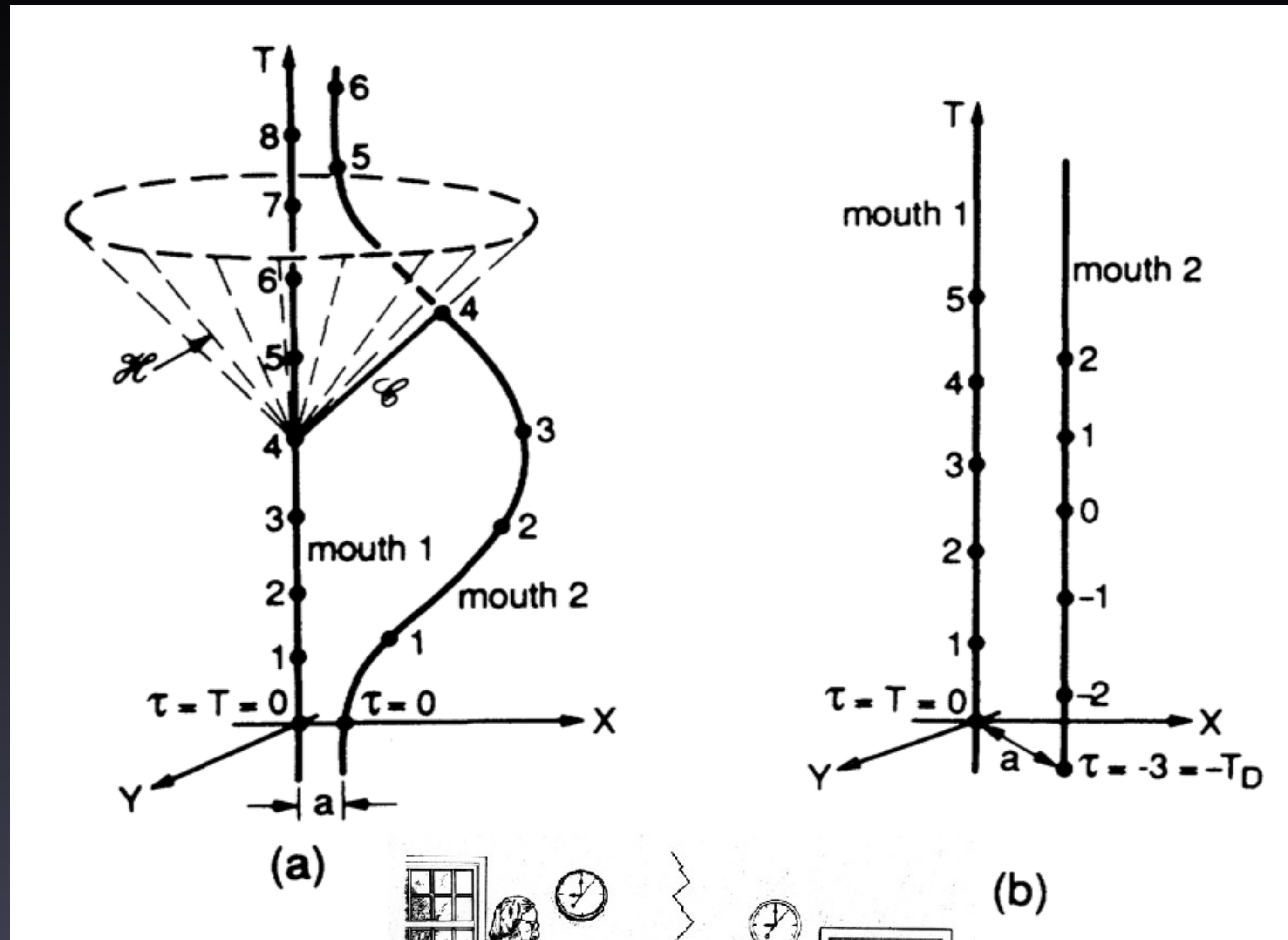
- Connect distant parts of universe



- Wormholes probably can't exist
 - Require “negative mass” to avoid collapsing
- Can be used to make a time machine

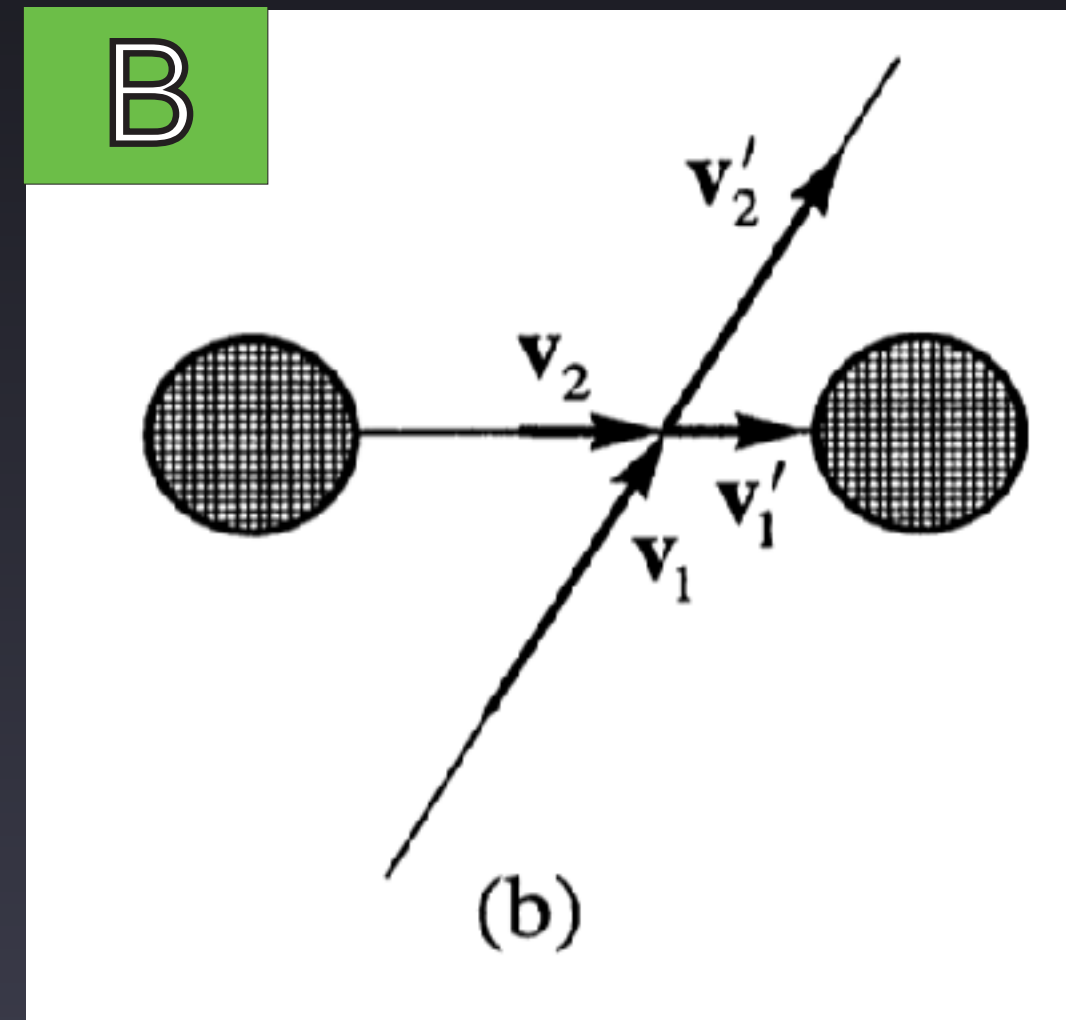
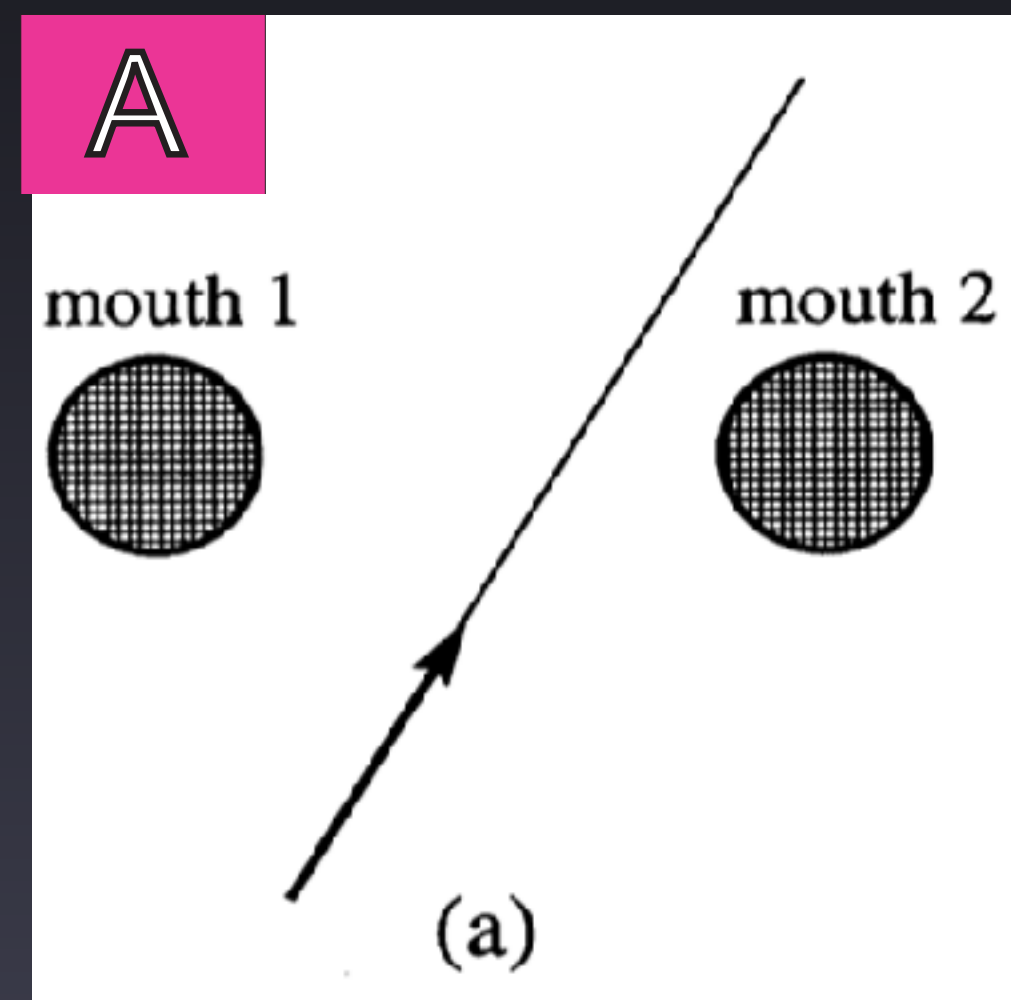


“Time machine” spacetimes



What do you think?

- A billiard ball begins with initial velocity v_1 , heading between the two mouths of the time machine. Aside from the time machine, Newton's laws of motion apply. What happens?



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Can't say:
both A and B
satisfy
Newton's
laws of
motion


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./StartJob.sh
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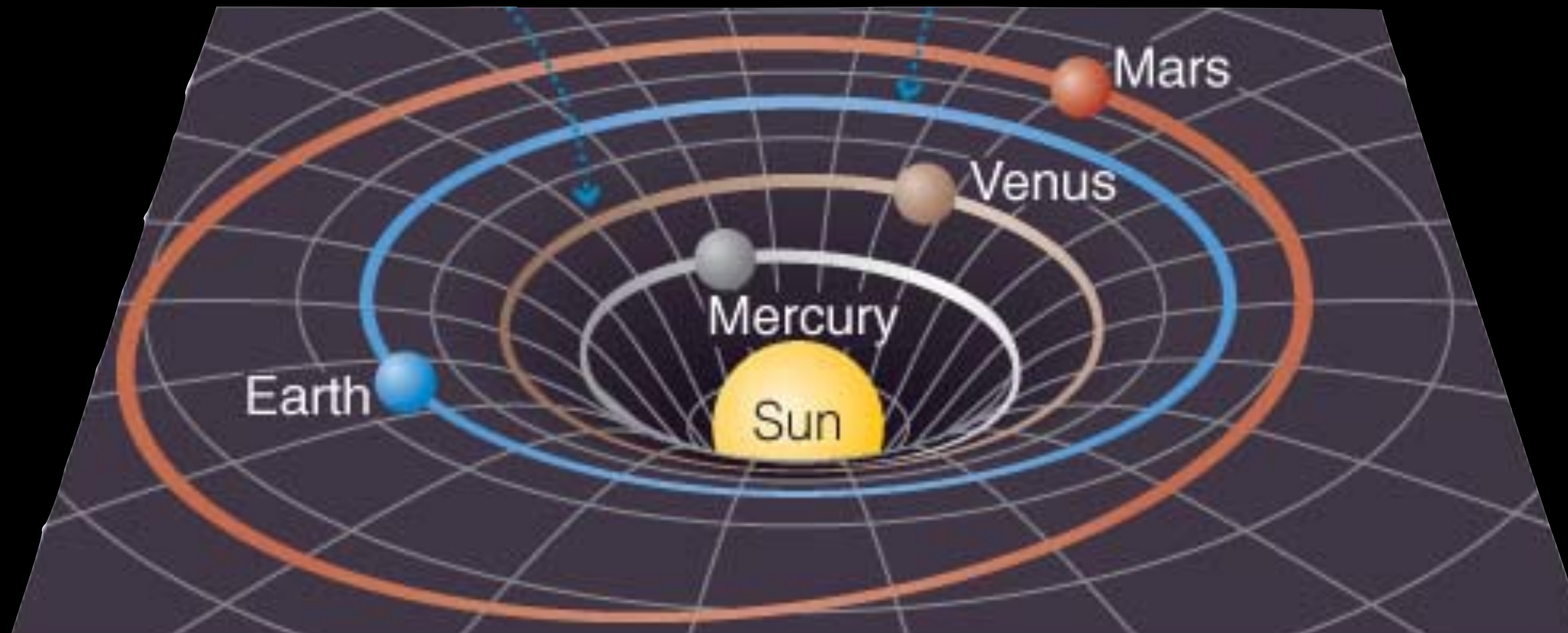
queue

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scontrol show jobid -dd YOUR_JOB_ID
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ShowQueue

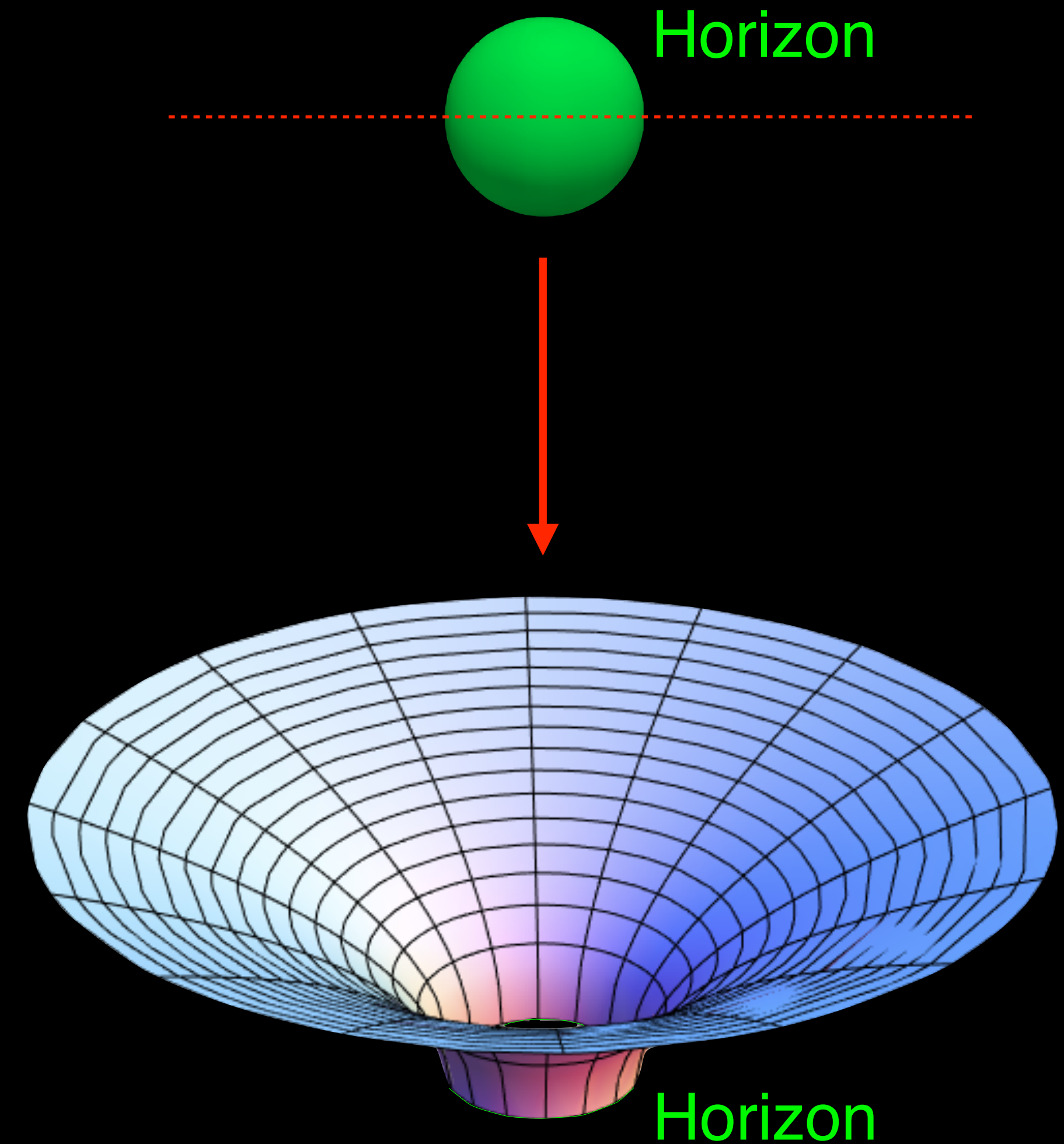
Curved spacetime

“Matter tells spacetime how to curve and space-time tells matter how to move.”
- John Wheeler



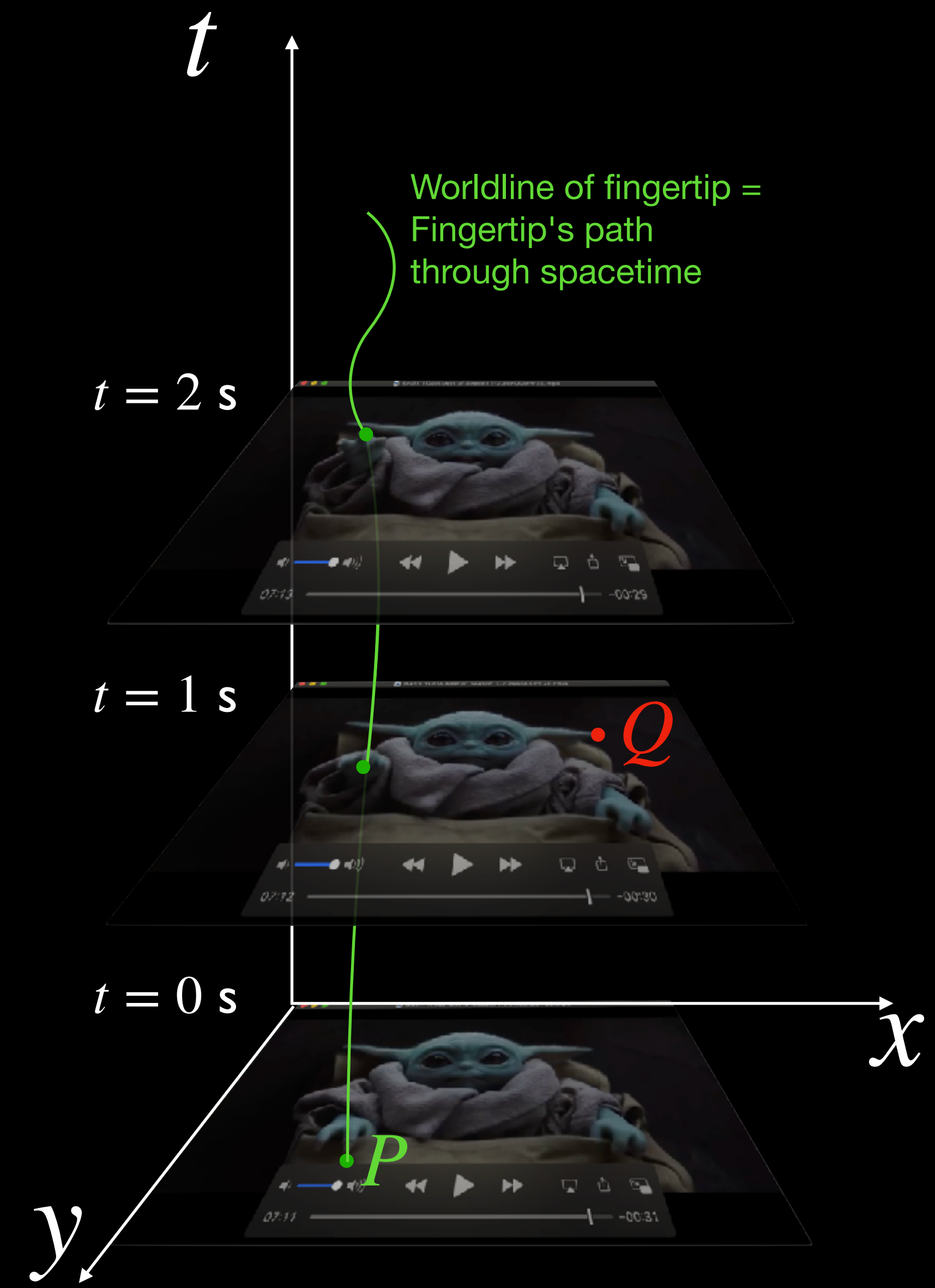
Extremely curved spacetime: black holes

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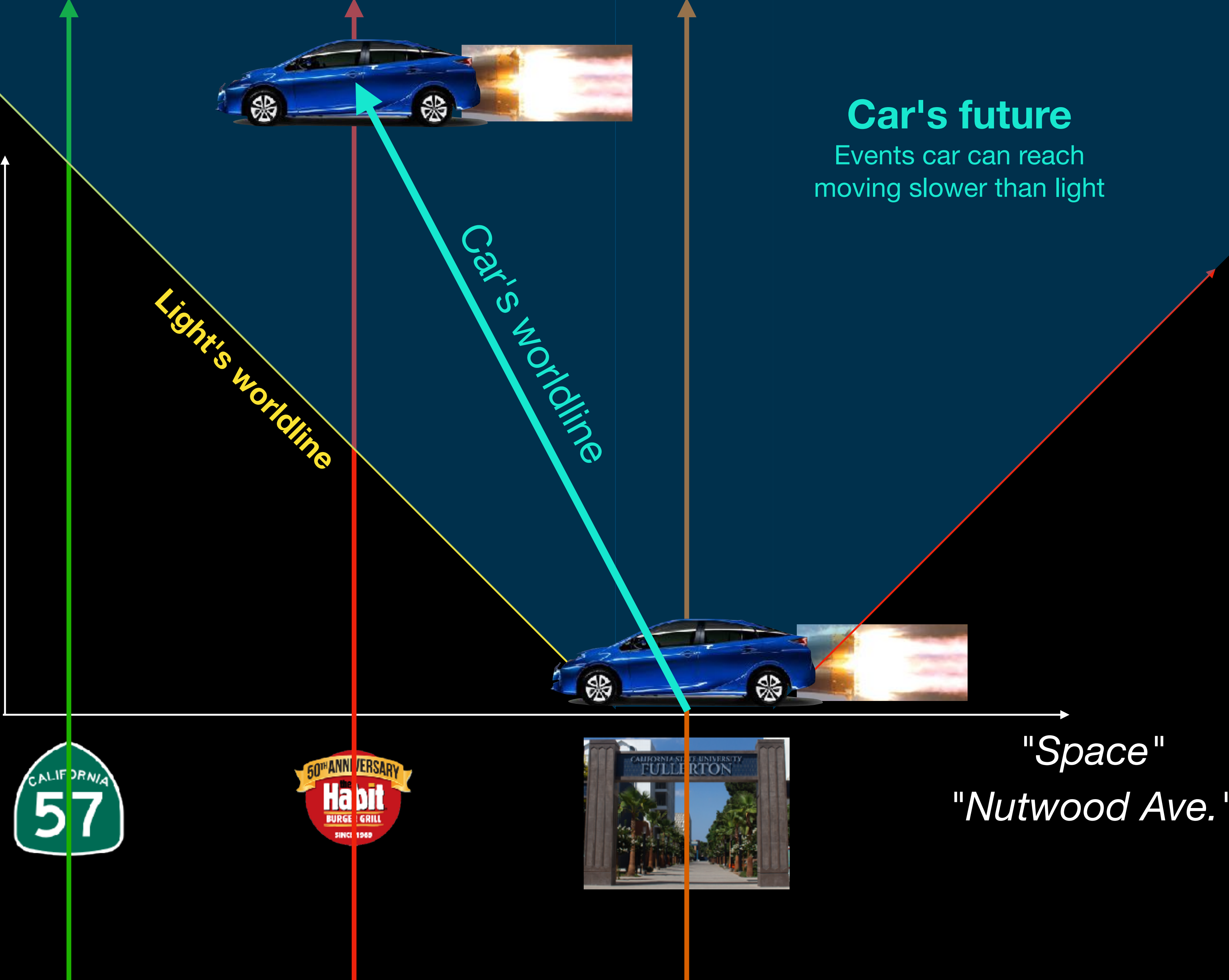


What is spacetime?

- 3 dimensions of space + 1 dimension of time
- **Event** = a specific place at a specific time



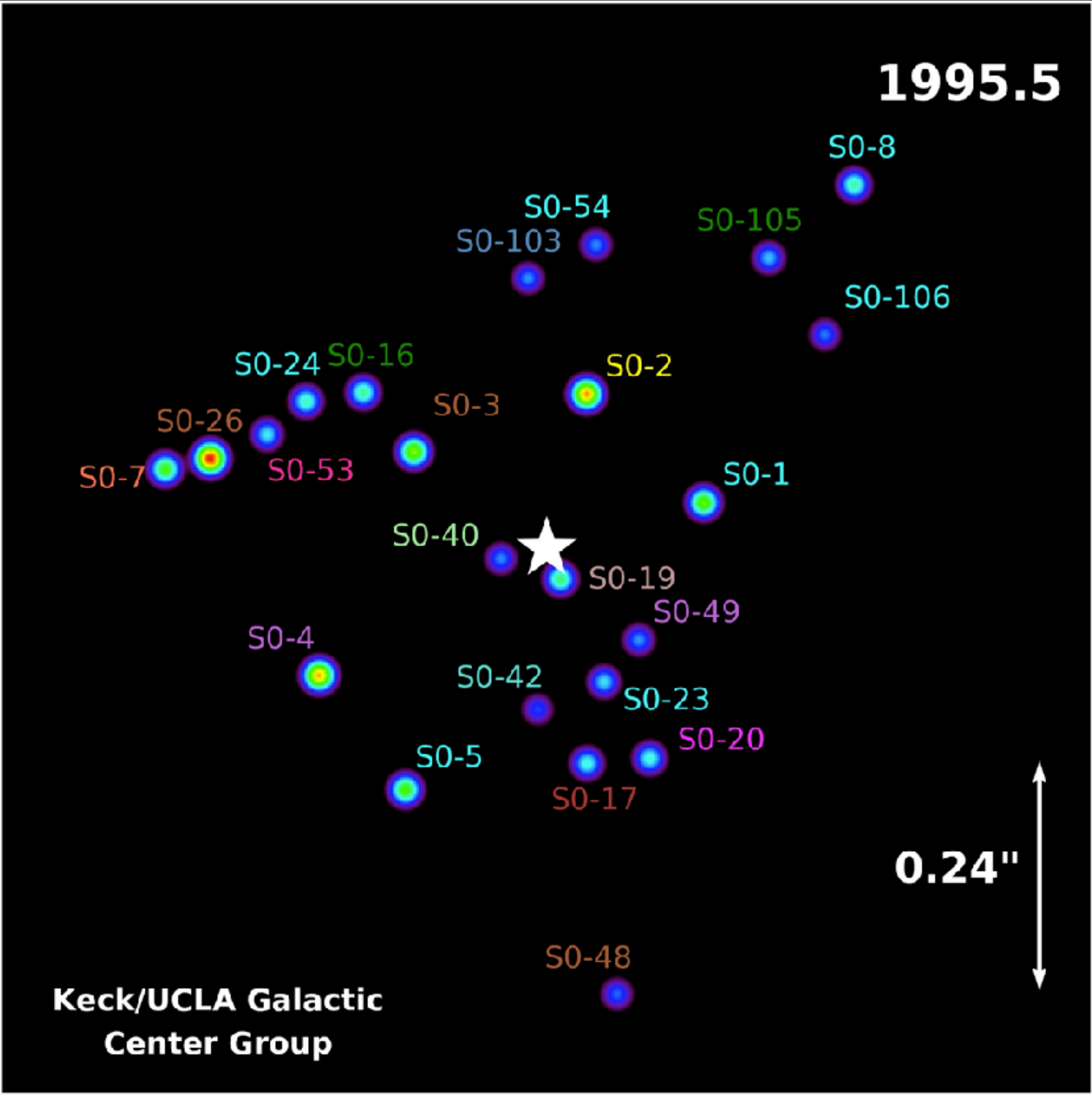
"Time"
Scaled so light travels
on 45° lines



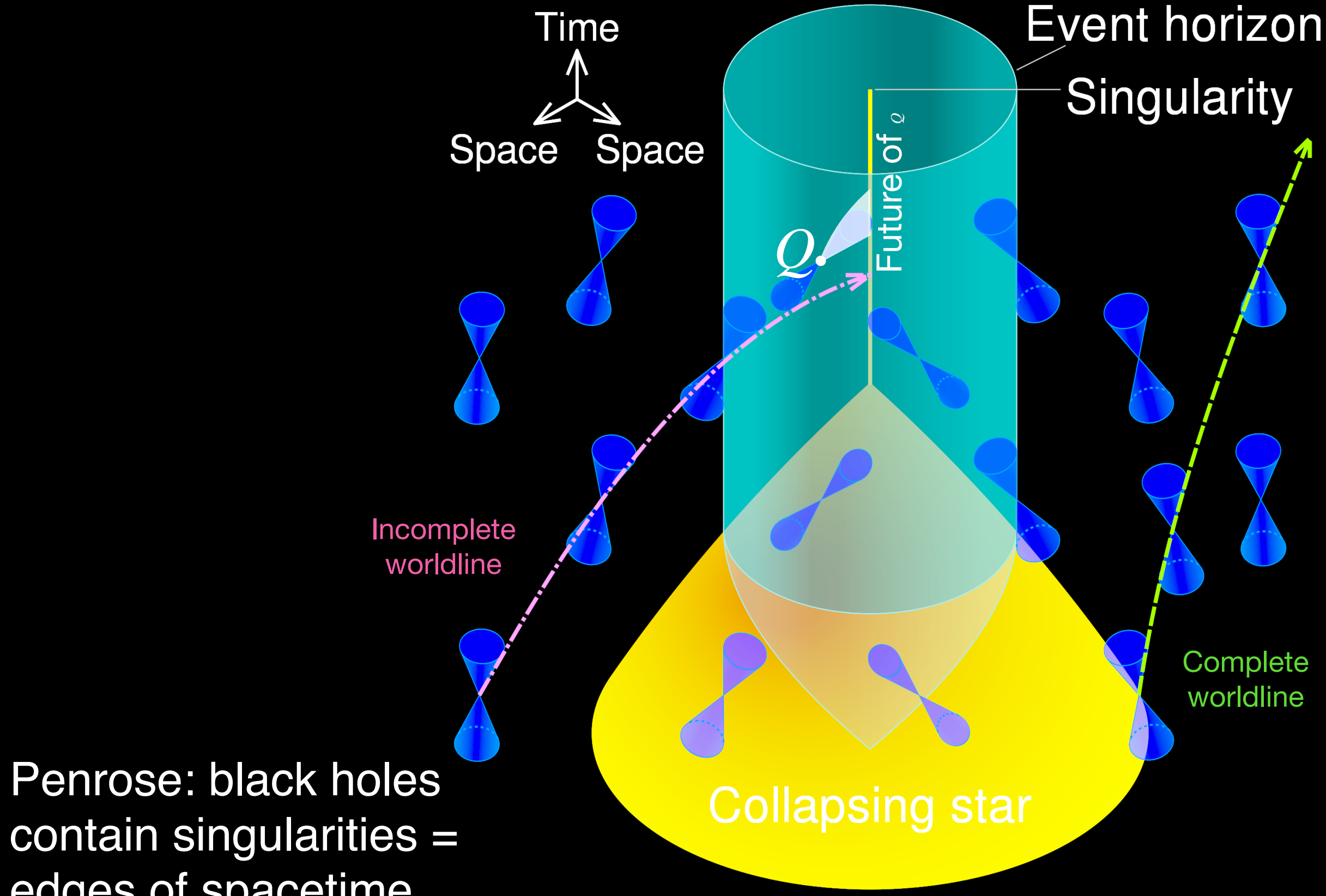
Car's future
Events car can reach
moving slower than light

"Space"
"Nutwood Ave."

2020 Nobel Prize in Physics



Genzel & Ghez (local at UCLA): there's a black hole at the center of our galaxy



Reinhard Genzel



Andrea Ghez



Roger Penrose

How big are black holes?

- Mass: huge!

 - Two kinds

 - 3 to ~100 

 - Millions+ 

- Radius: small!



*Images courtesy
wikipedia*

Size of earth-mass black hole



Size of 10-  black hole

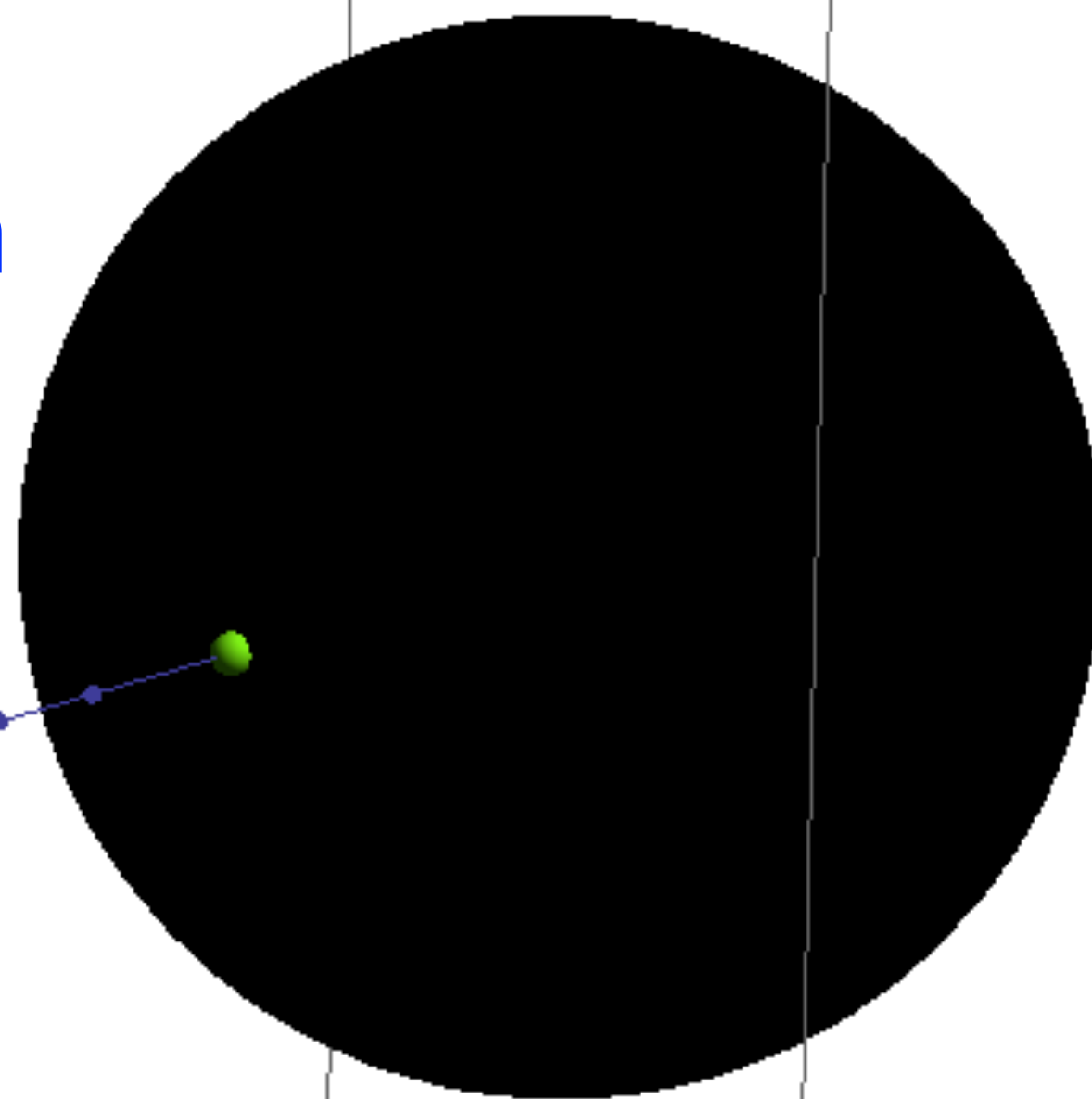
*Map courtesy
Apple maps*

Black holes rotate and warp time

- An experiment (not to scale)

Black hole spin 0% of maximum

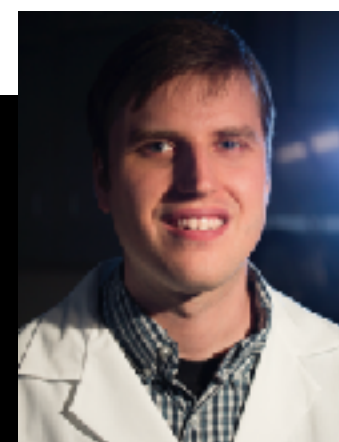
$$\chi = 0$$



Haroon dives in head-on

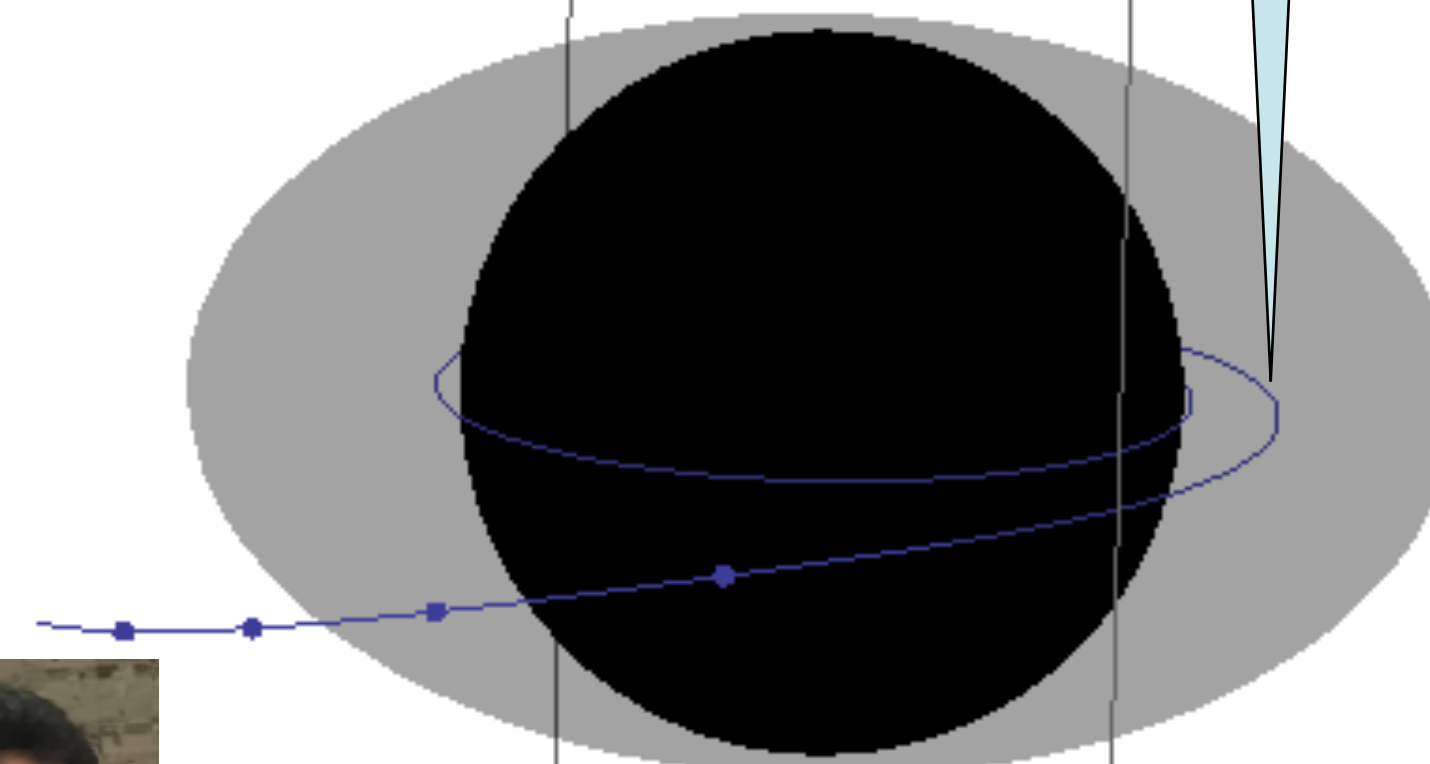


Geoffrey observes from a safe distance



Black hole spin 99% of maximum

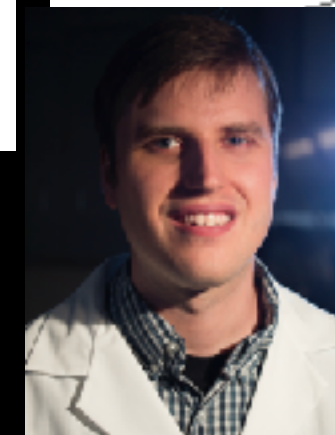
$$\chi = 0.99$$



Haroon dives in (initially head-on)



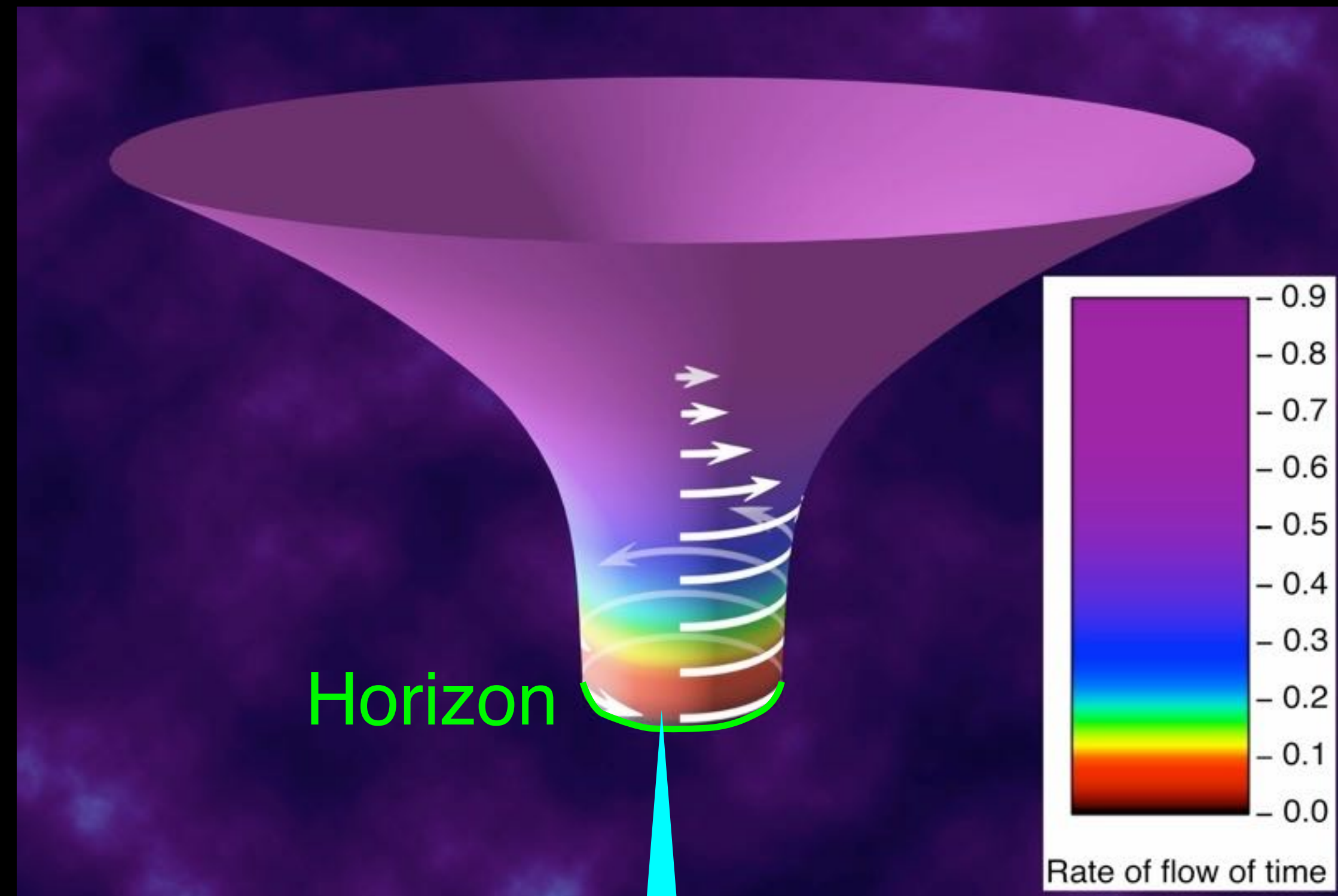
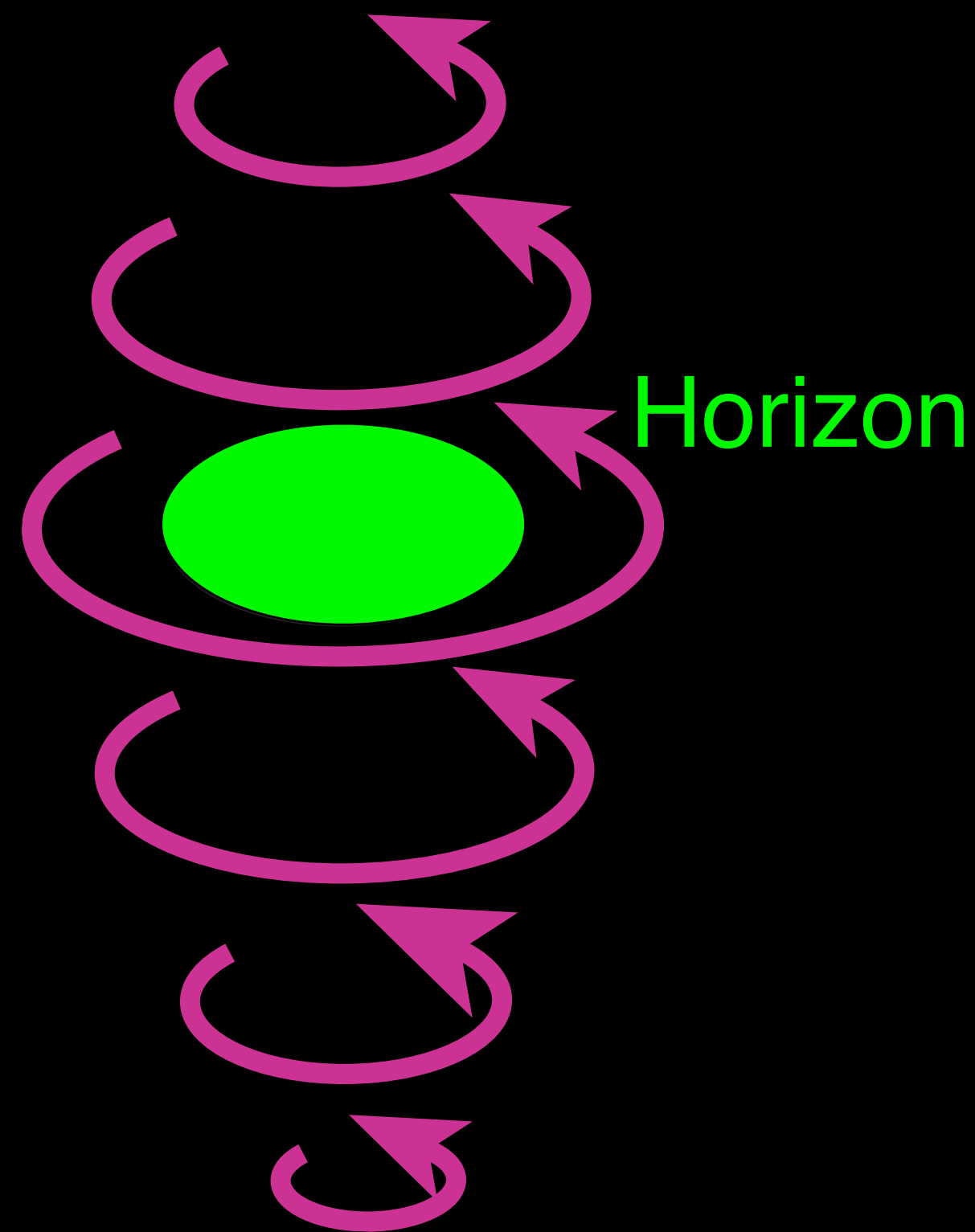
Geoffrey still observes from a safe distance



In gray region (“ergosphere”), impossible to avoid rotating around with hole’s rotation

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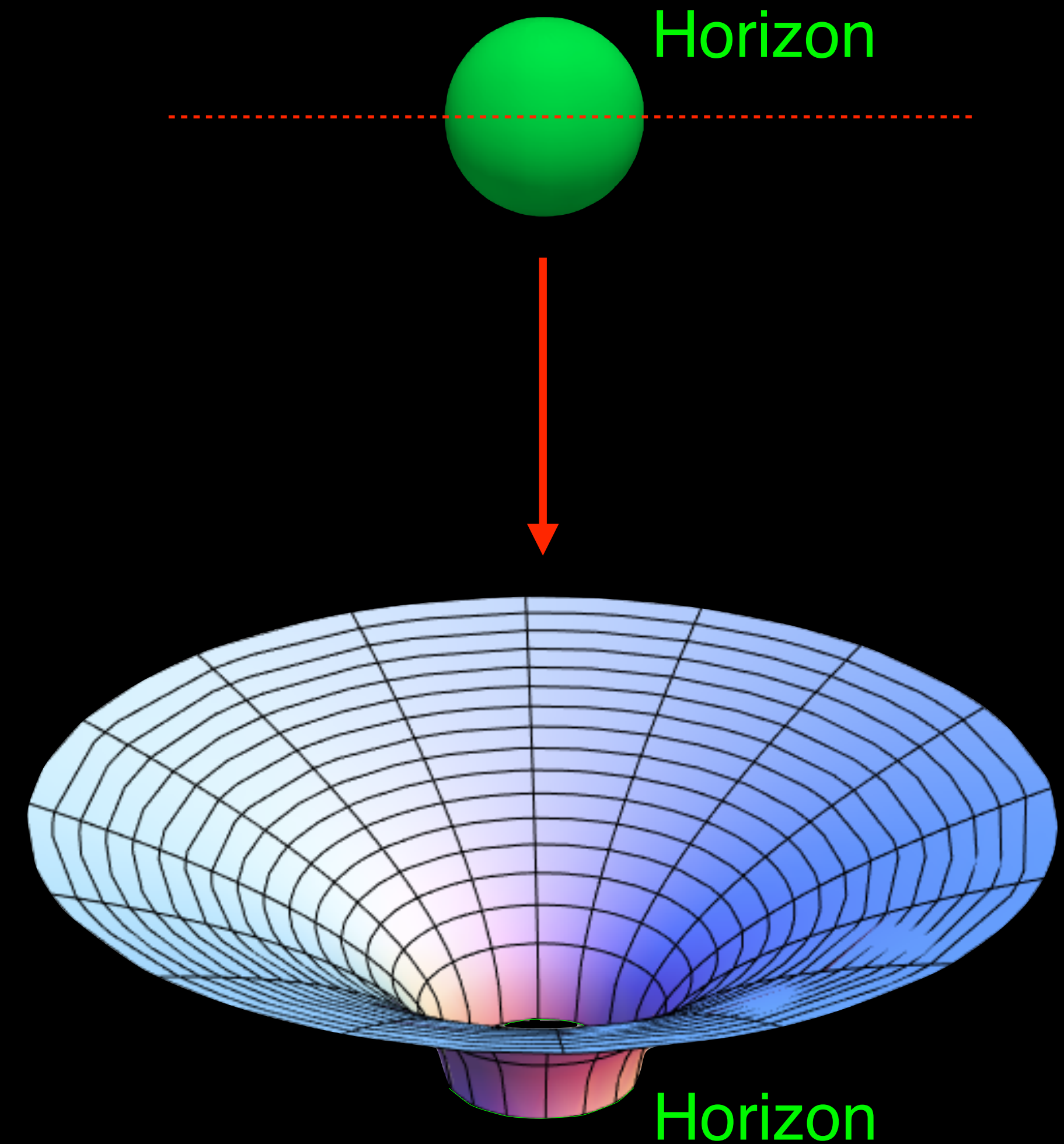
- Whirl space like a tornado

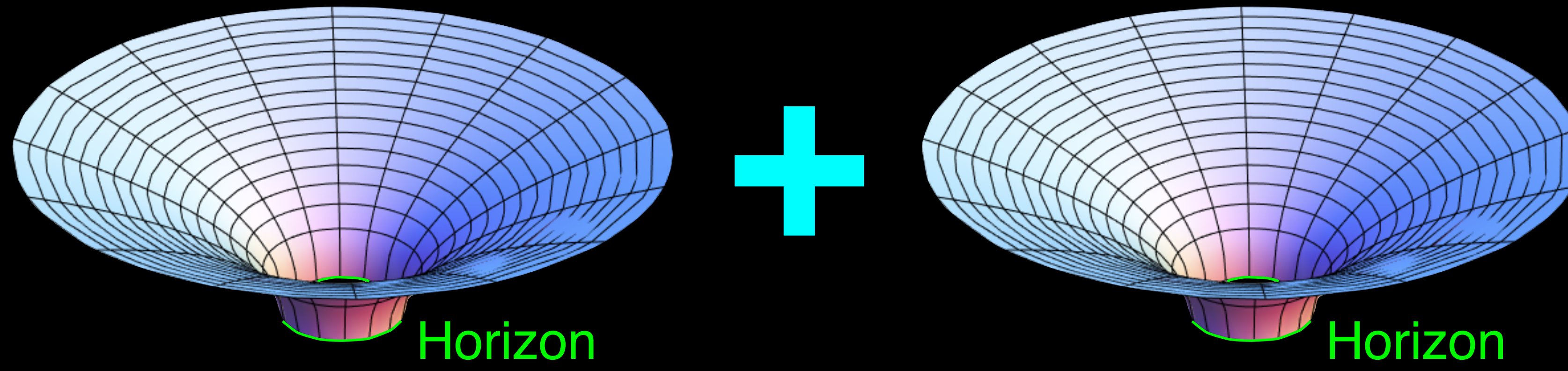


Time flows slowly
near horizon

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Linear and nonlinear physics

- **Linear**

- Whole is sum of parts
- Example: sound in this room
- Total sound = sum of individual sounds

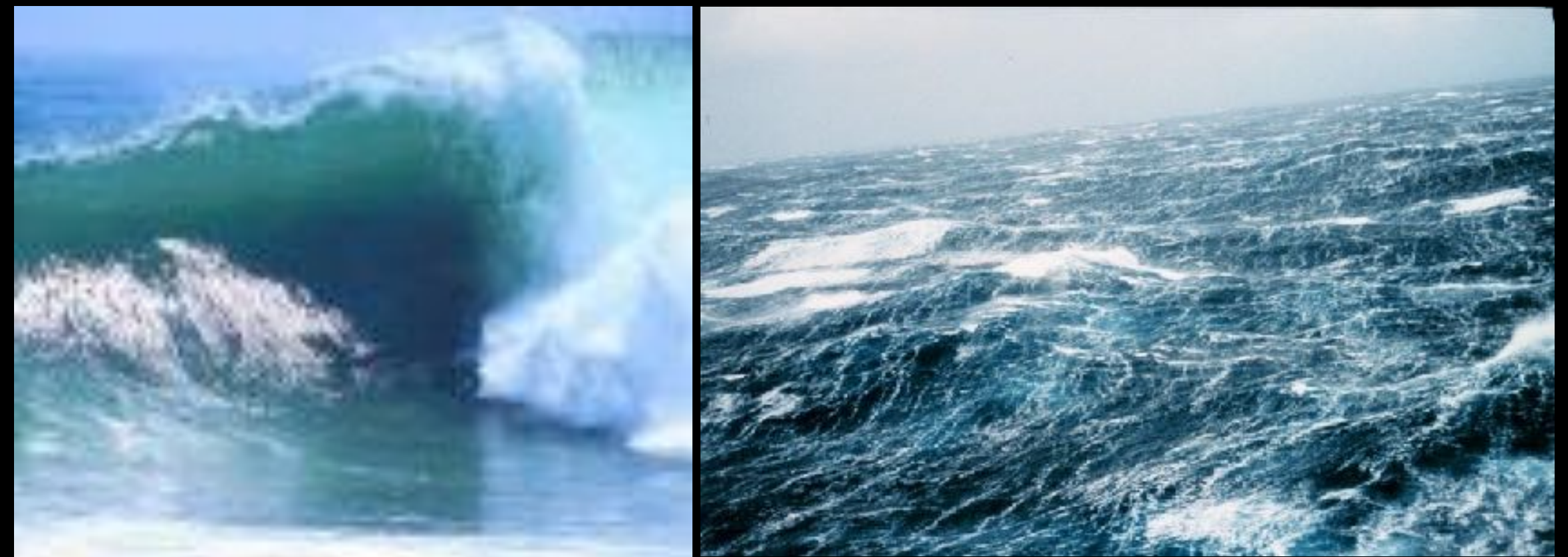
- **Nonlinear**

- Whole is more than sum of parts
- Example: water + wind
- Example: two black holes
- Need supercomputers to predict

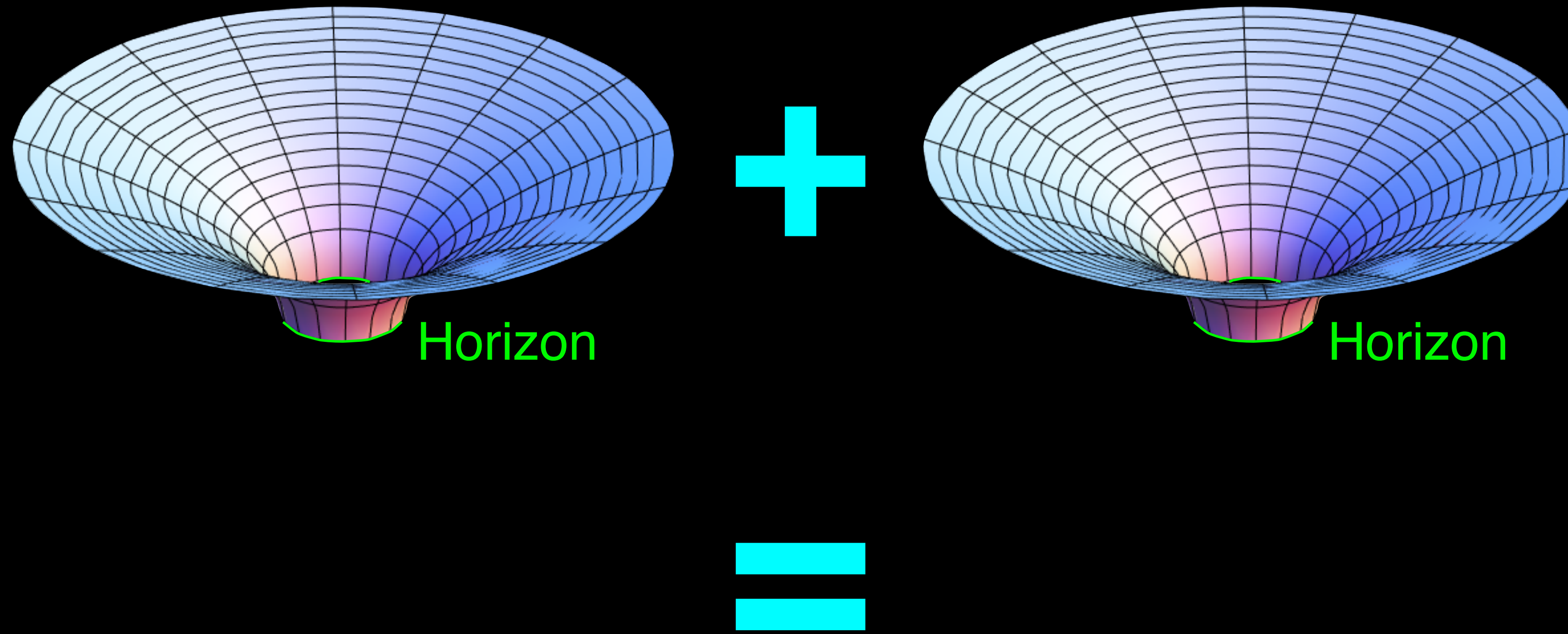
Single black hole



Colliding black holes



Images courtesy Kip Thorne



**Merging black holes &
gravitational waves**

By CSUF Undergrad
Nick Demos
(now MIT PhD student)



SXS Collaboration: "Calculation of warped spacetime consistent with GW170104 (zoomed)"



3+1 decomposition

Split spacetime into set of spaces

Spacetime metric =
measure of distance
between events in
spacetime

Goal: evolve
(constraint-
satisfying)
spacetime
metric g_{ab}

Spacetime
metric $g_{ab}(t = 0)$

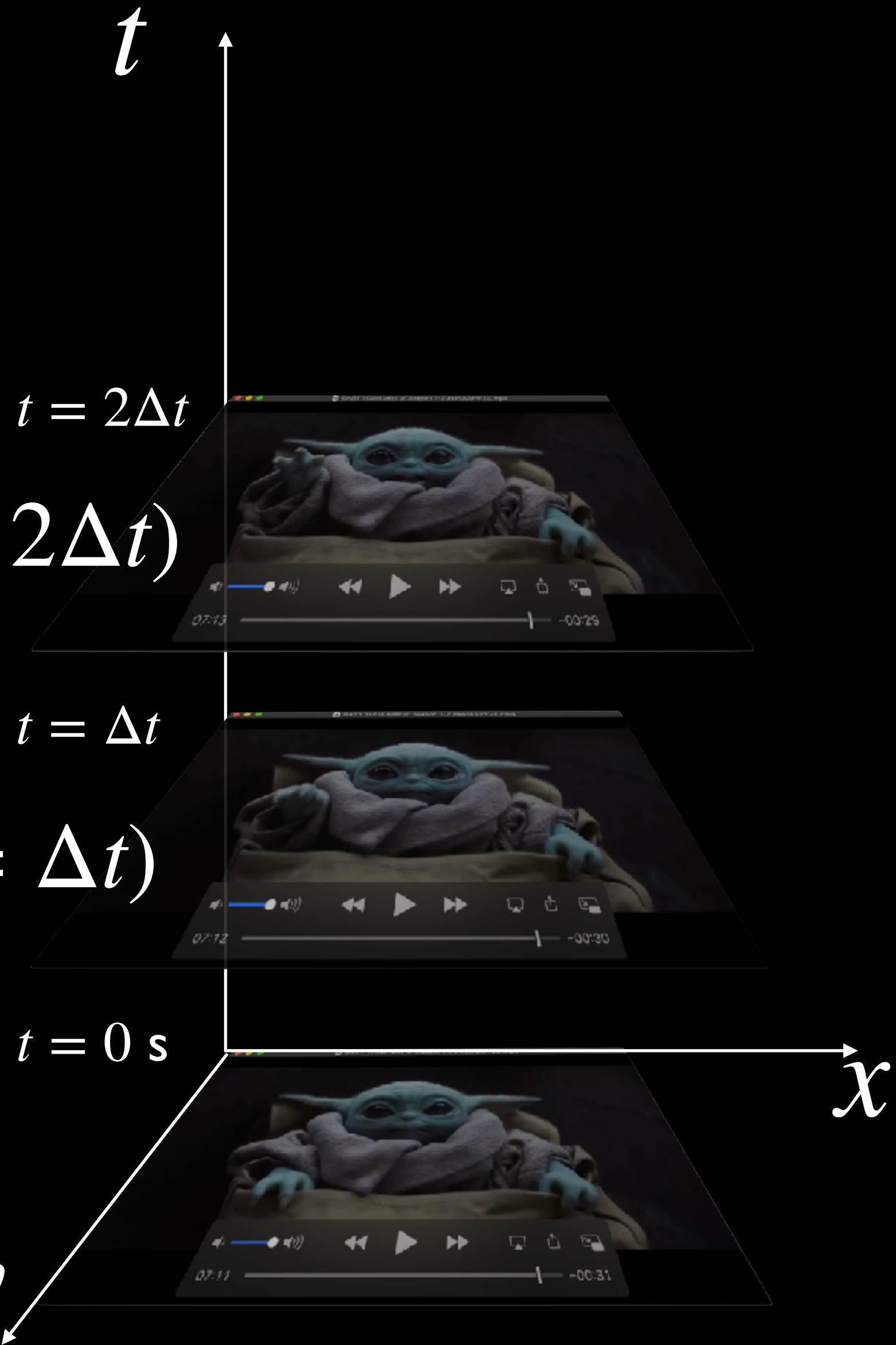
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$$t$$
$$\vec{x}$$
$$y$$


Solving Einstein's equations in vacuum

Goal: solve $G_{\mu\nu} = 0$ for spacetime metric g_{ab}

- Split spacetime into space + time

- Constraint equations $G_{nj} = 0$ $G_{nn} = 0$

- Solve to create initial data like $\nabla \cdot E = 0, \nabla \cdot B = 0$

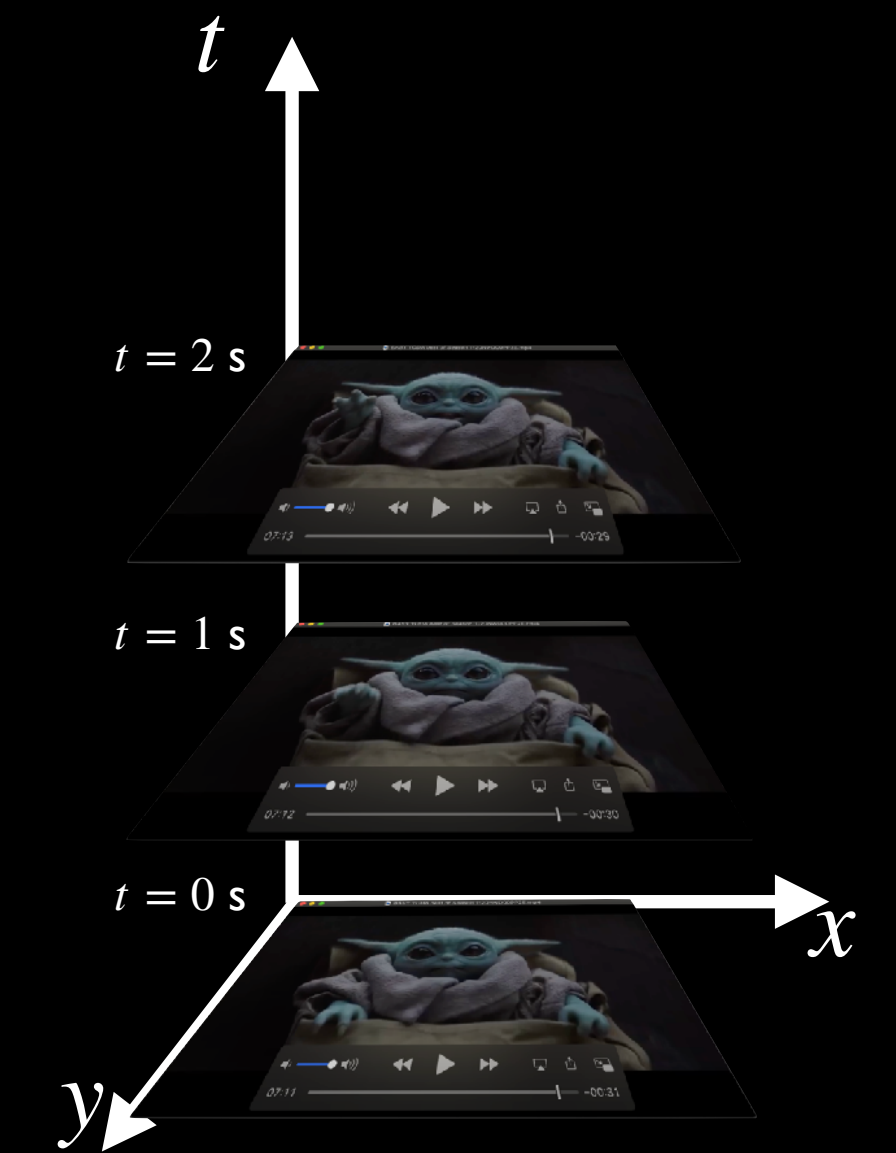
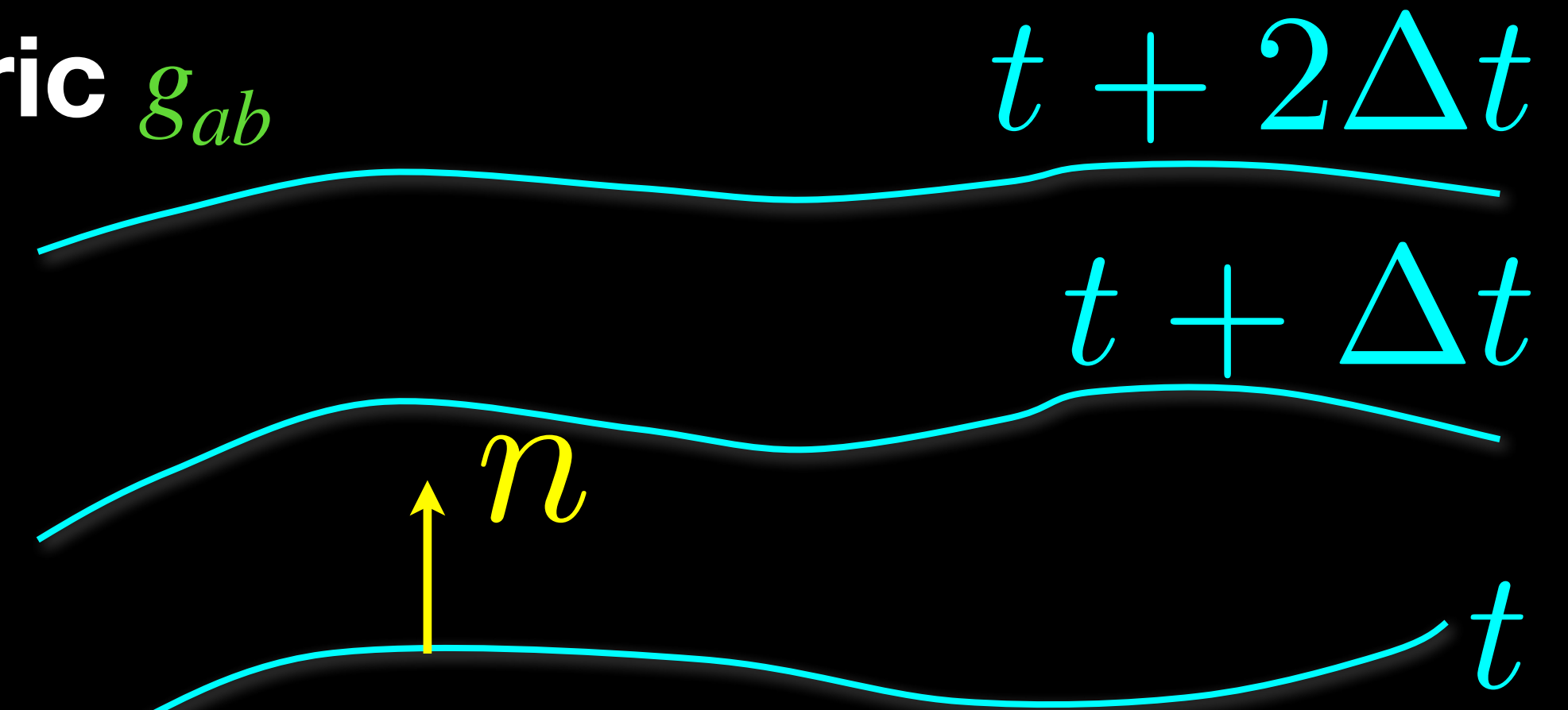
- Evolution equations $G_{ij} = 0$

- Constraints must stay satisfied

- Step 1: Step forward in time

- Step 2: Repeat step 1 (a lot)

like $\frac{\partial B}{\partial t} = -\nabla \times E,$
 $\frac{\partial E}{\partial t} = \nabla \times B$



The actual equations we solve

$$\begin{aligned}
 \partial_t g_{ab} - (1 + \gamma_1) \beta^k \partial_k g_{ab} &= -\alpha \Pi_{ab} - \gamma_1 \beta^i \Phi_{iab}, \\
 \partial_t \Pi_{ab} - \beta^k \partial_k \Pi_{ab} + \alpha \gamma^{ki} \partial_k \Phi_{iab} - \gamma_1 \gamma_2 \beta^k \partial_k g_{ab} \\
 &= 2\alpha g^{cd} (\gamma^{ij} \Phi_{ica} \Phi_{jdb} - \Pi_{ca} \Pi_{db} - g^{ef} \Gamma_{ace} \Gamma_{bdf}) \\
 &\quad - 2\alpha \nabla_{(a} H_{b)} - \frac{1}{2} \alpha n^c n^d \Pi_{cd} \Pi_{ab} - \alpha n^c \Pi_{ci} \gamma^{ij} \Phi_{jab} \\
 &\quad + \alpha \gamma_0 (2\delta^c_{(a} n_{b)} - (1 + \gamma_3) g_{ab} n^c) \mathcal{C}_c \\
 &\quad + 2\gamma_4 \alpha \Pi_{ab} n^c \mathcal{C}_c \\
 &\quad - \gamma_5 \alpha n^c \mathcal{C}_c \left(\frac{\mathcal{C}_a \mathcal{C}_b - \frac{1}{2} g_{ab} \mathcal{C}_d \mathcal{C}^d}{\epsilon_5 + 2n^d \mathcal{C}_d n^e \mathcal{C}_e + \mathcal{C}_d \mathcal{C}^d} \right) \\
 &\quad - \gamma_1 \gamma_2 \beta^i \Phi_{iab} \\
 &\quad - 16\pi\alpha \left(T_{ab} - \frac{1}{2} g_{ab} T^c_c \right), \\
 \partial_t \Phi_{iab} - \beta^k \partial_k \Phi_{iab} + \alpha \partial_i \Pi_{ab} - \alpha \gamma_2 \partial_i g_{ab} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \alpha n^c n^d \Phi_{icd} \Pi_{ab} + \alpha \gamma^{jk} n^c \Phi_{ijc} \Phi_{kab} \\
 &\quad - \alpha \gamma_2 \Phi_{iab},
 \end{aligned}$$

Evolution equations $u_\alpha = \{g_{ab}, \Pi_{ab}, \Phi_{iab}\}$

$$\partial_t u_\alpha + \partial_i F^i_\alpha + B^i_{\alpha\beta} \partial_i u_\beta - S_\alpha = 0.$$

$$C_a = H_a + g^{ij} \Phi_{ija} + t^b \Pi_{ba} - \frac{1}{2} g^i_a \psi^{bc} \Phi_{ibc} - \frac{1}{2} t_a \psi^{bc} \Pi_{bc}$$

$$H_a \equiv g_{ab} \partial^c \partial_c x^b$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_{ia} \equiv & g^{jk} \partial_j \Phi_{ika} - \frac{1}{2} g^j_a \psi^{cd} \partial_j \Phi_{icd} + t^b \partial_i \Pi_{ba} - \frac{1}{2} t_a \psi^{cd} \partial_i \Pi_{cd} \\
 & + \partial_i H_a + \frac{1}{2} g^j_a \Phi_{jcd} \Phi_{ief} \psi^{ce} \psi^{df} + \frac{1}{2} g^{jk} \Phi_{jcd} \Phi_{ike} \psi^{cd} t^e t_a \\
 & - g^{jk} g^{mn} \Phi_{jma} \Phi_{ikn} + \frac{1}{2} \Phi_{icd} \Pi_{be} t_a \left(\psi^{cb} \psi^{de} + \frac{1}{2} \psi^{be} t^c t^d \right) \\
 & - \Phi_{icd} \Pi_{ba} t^c \left(\psi^{bd} + \frac{1}{2} t^b t^d \right) + \frac{1}{2} \gamma_2 (t_a \psi^{cd} - 2\delta^c_a t^d) C_{icd}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$C_{iab} = \partial_i g_{ab} - \Phi_{iab}$$

$$C_{ijab} = 2\partial_{[i} \Phi_{j]ab}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{F}_a \equiv & \frac{1}{2} g^i_a \psi^{bc} \partial_i \Pi_{bc} - g^{ij} \partial_i \Pi_{ja} - g^{ij} t^b \partial_i \Phi_{jba} + \frac{1}{2} t_a \psi^{bc} g^{ij} \partial_i \Phi_{jbc} \\
 & + t_a g^{ij} \partial_i H_j + g^i_a \Phi_{ijb} g^{jk} \Phi_{kcd} \psi^{bd} t^c - \frac{1}{2} g^i_a \Phi_{ijb} g^{jk} \Phi_{kcd} \psi^{cd} t^b \\
 & - g^i_a t^b \partial_i H_b + g^{ij} \Phi_{icd} \Phi_{jba} \psi^{bc} t^d - \frac{1}{2} t_a g^{ij} g^{mn} \Phi_{imc} \Phi_{njd} \psi^{cd} \\
 & - \frac{1}{4} t_a g^{ij} \Phi_{icd} \Phi_{jbe} \psi^{cb} \psi^{de} + \frac{1}{4} t_a \Pi_{cd} \Pi_{be} \psi^{cb} \psi^{de} - g^{ij} H_i \Pi_{ja} \\
 & - t^b g^{ij} \Pi_{bi} \Pi_{ja} - \frac{1}{4} g^i_a \Phi_{icd} t^c t^d \Pi_{be} \psi^{be} + \frac{1}{2} t_a \Pi_{cd} \Pi_{be} \psi^{ce} t^d t^b \\
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 & - g^{ij} H_i \Phi_{jba} t^b + g^i_a \Phi_{icd} H_b \psi^{bc} t^d + \gamma_2 (g^{id} \mathcal{C}_{ida} - \frac{1}{2} g^i_a \psi^{cd} \mathcal{C}_{icd}) \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} t_a \Pi_{cd} \psi^{cd} H_b t^b - t_a g^{ij} \Phi_{ijc} H_d \psi^{cd} + \frac{1}{2} t_a g^{ij} H_i \Phi_{jcd} \psi^{cd} \\
 & - 16\pi t^a T_{ab}
 \end{aligned}$$

Constraint equations

$$G = C = 1$$

$a, b, \dots =$
spacetime
indices t, x, y, z

$i, j, \dots =$
spatial indices
 x, y, z

$\alpha, \beta, \dots =$
equation
indices
 $g_{ab}, \Pi_{ab}, \Phi_{iab}$

Sum over
repeated
indices

SpECTRE

- Open, next-gen. NR code
 - Discontinuous Galerkin (DG)
 - Task-based parallelism

SpEC

Home-grown

Cores run same code on different parts of grid

SpECTRE

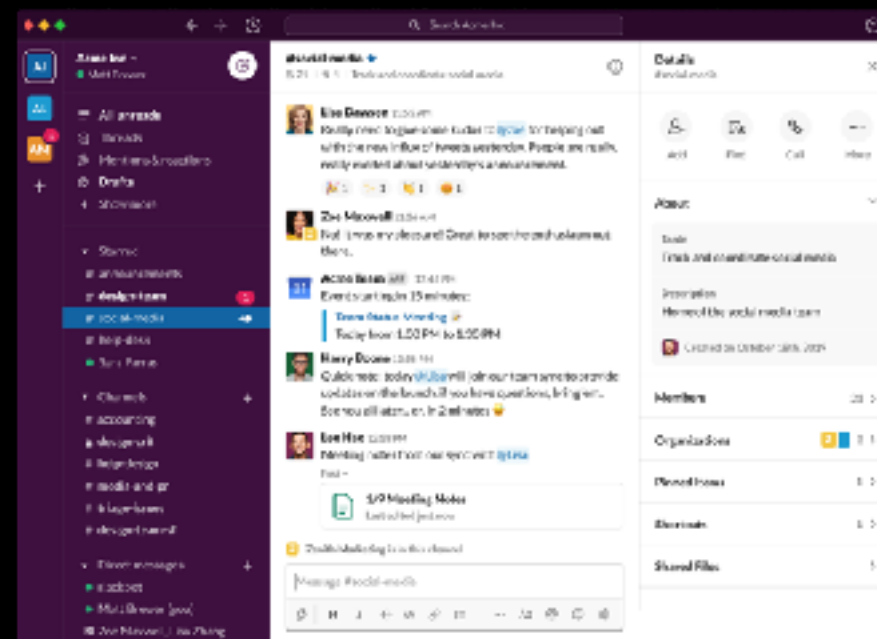
charm++
charm.cs.illinois.edu

Cores ask scheduler for tasks from queue



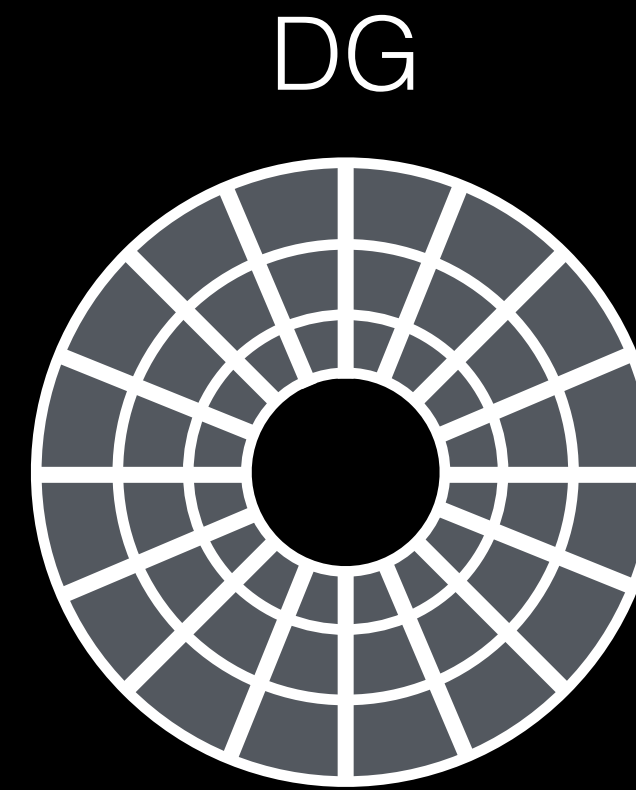
Many sync points

Scales to 50 cores



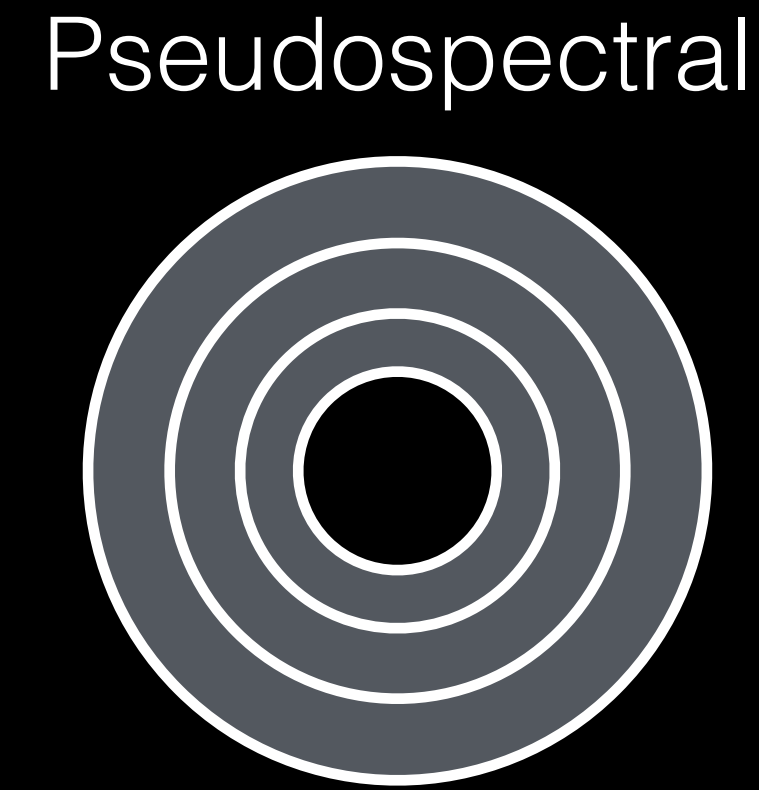
Few sync points

Scales to 100k cores



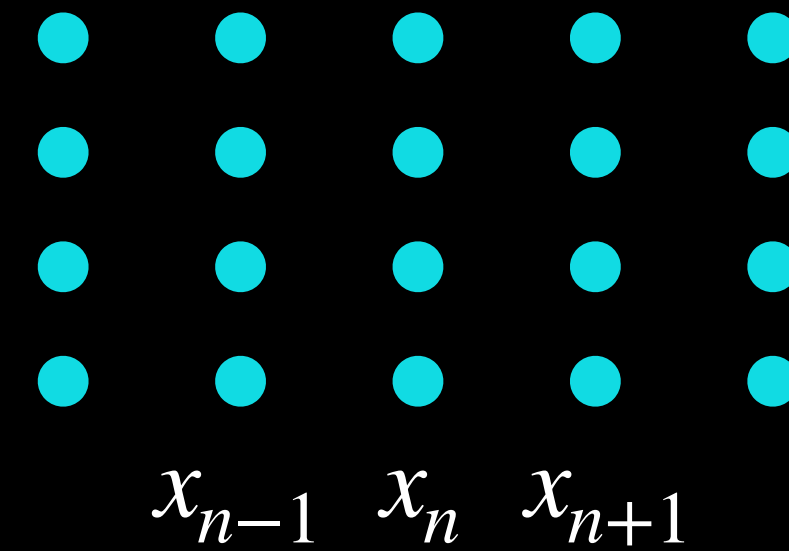
$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^N a_n \phi(x)$$

Smaller N
more cells



Bigger N
fewer cells

Finite Diff.



Values at grid points

Shocks

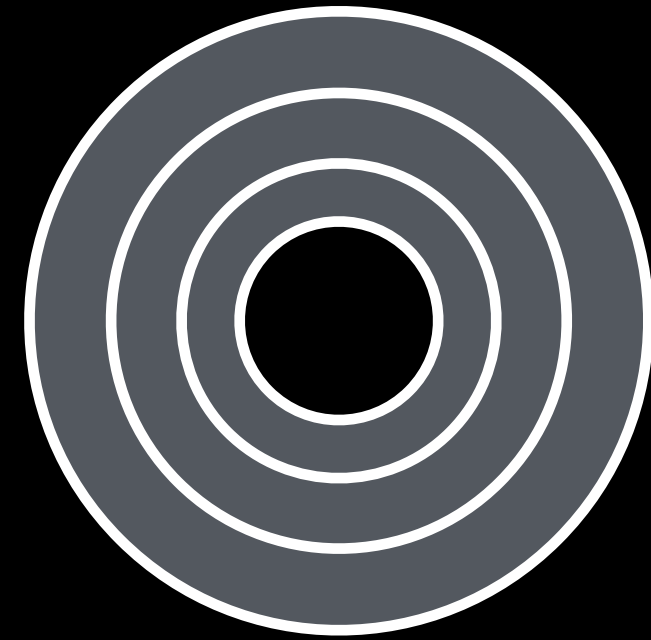
Polynomial convergence

Wide stencils
High communication on many CPUs

Exponential convergence when solution smooth

Analytic high-order derivatives

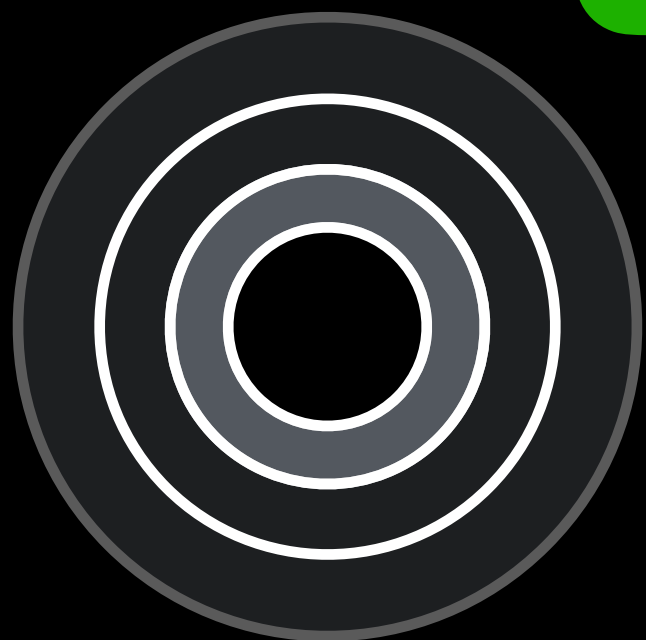
Data parallelism



Code to evolve, find horizons, compute waves, ...

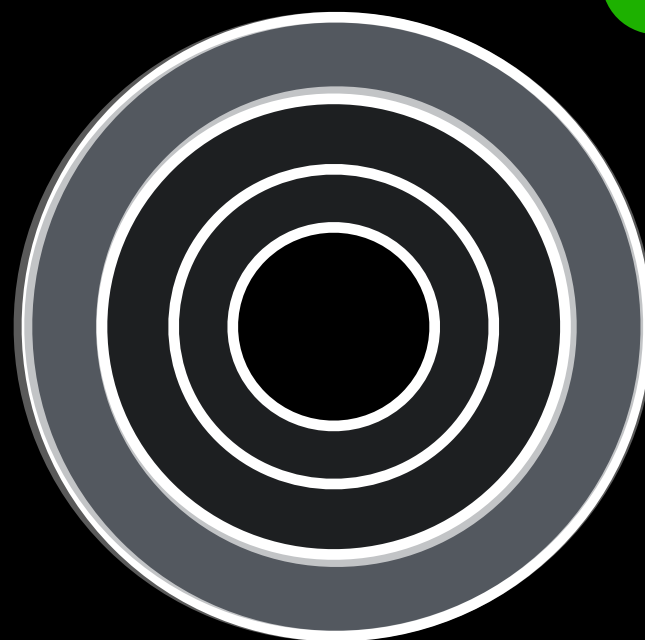
Core 0

Copy of same code



Core 1

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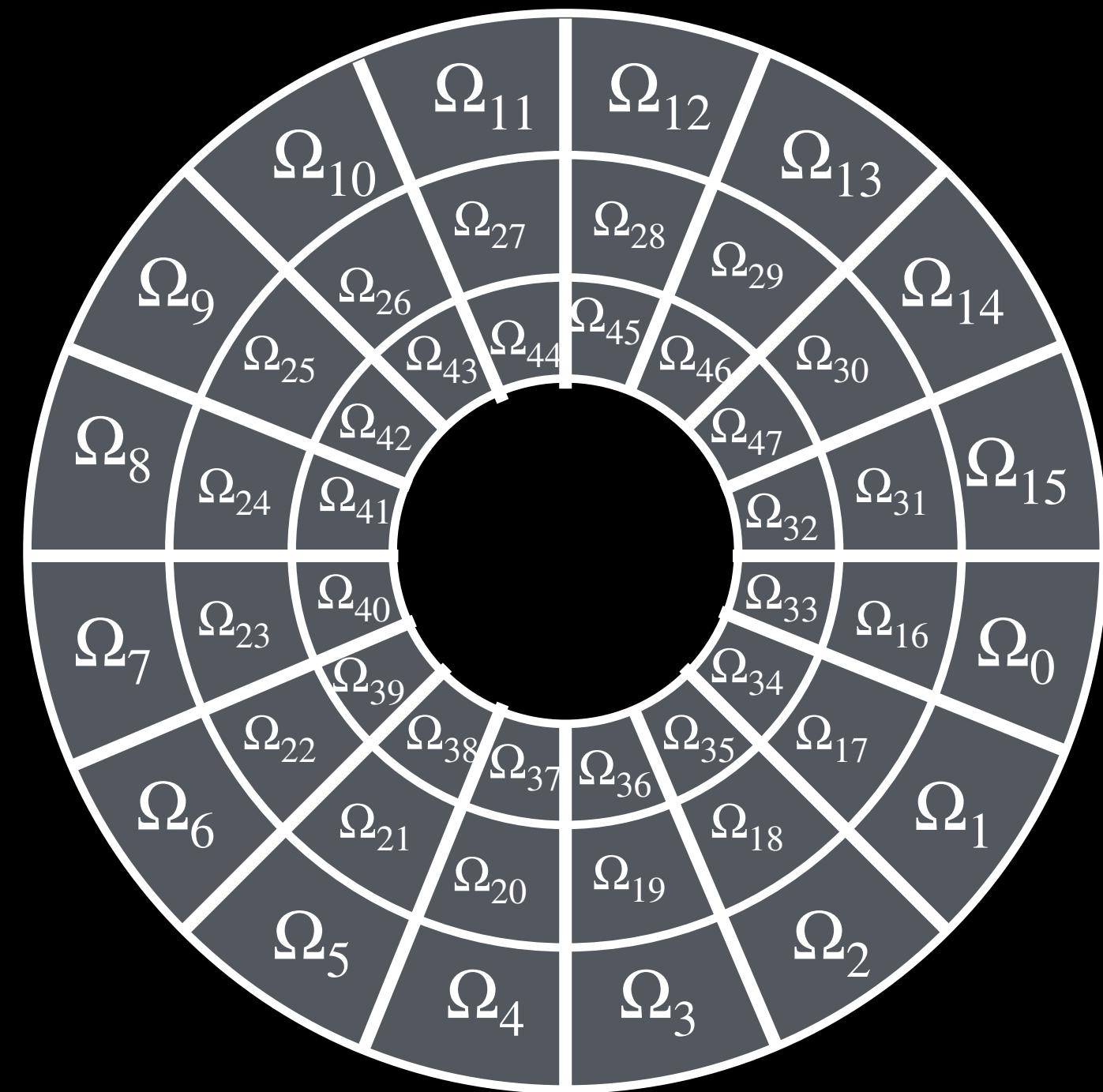


Core 2

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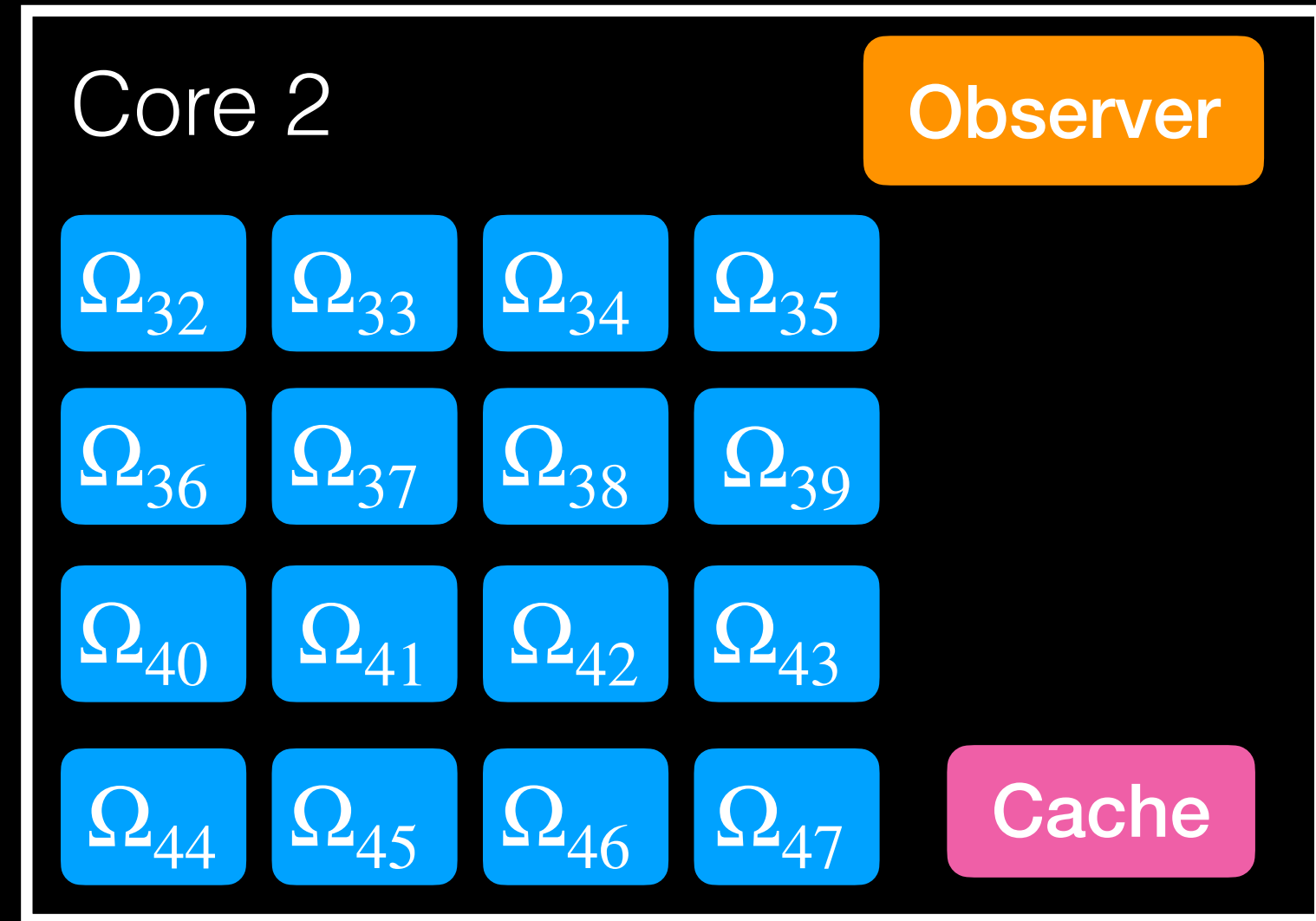
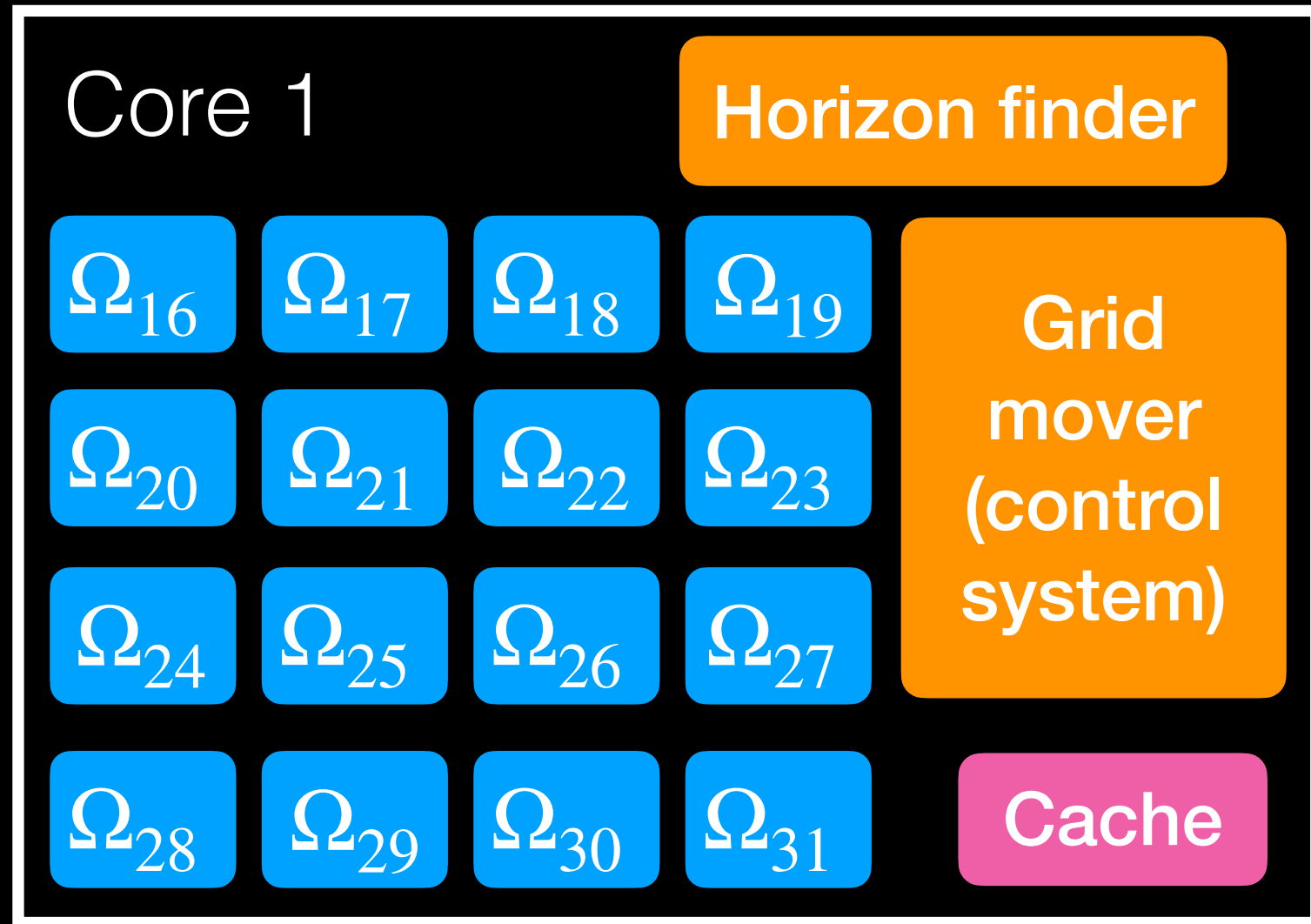
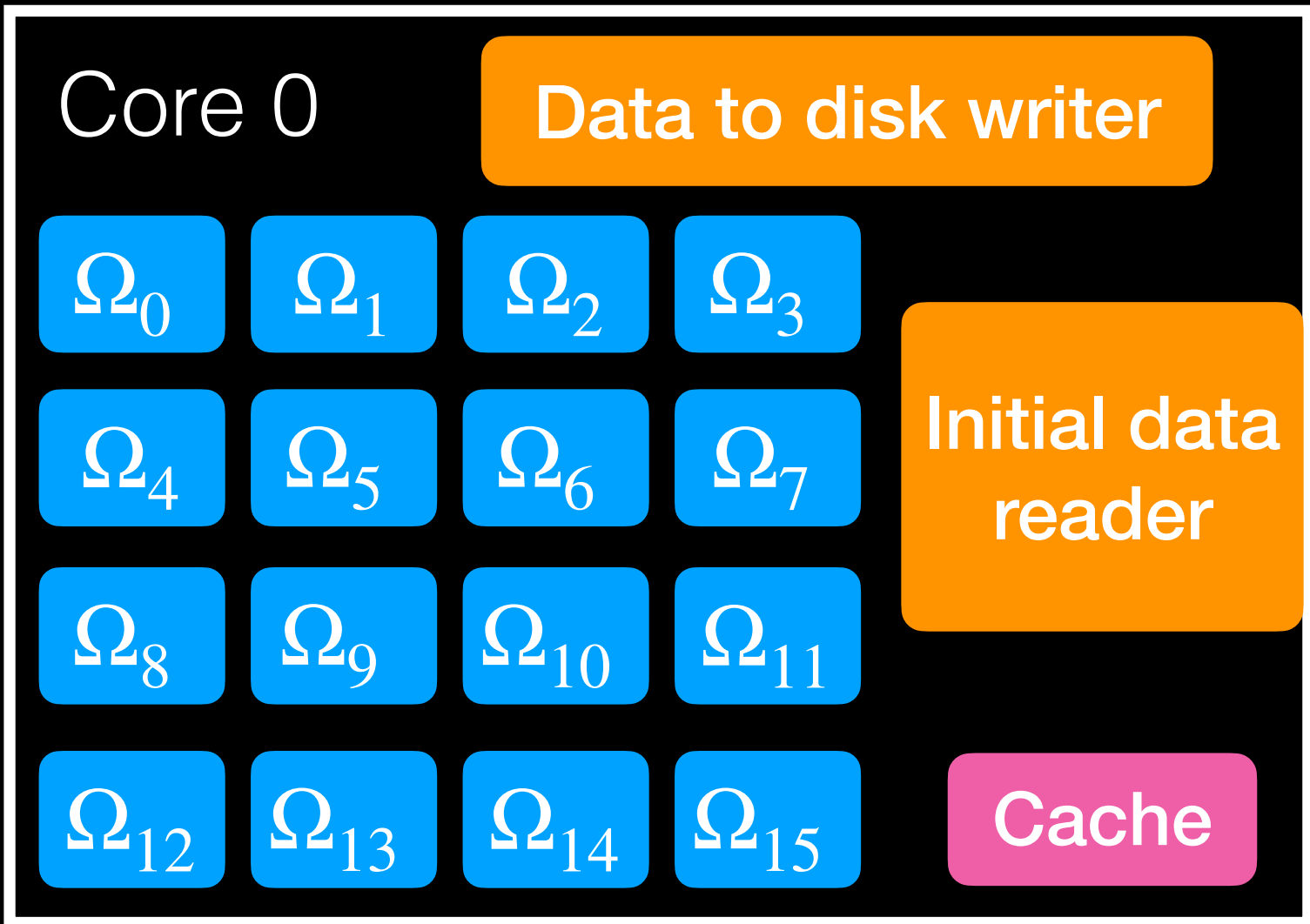


Task parallelism



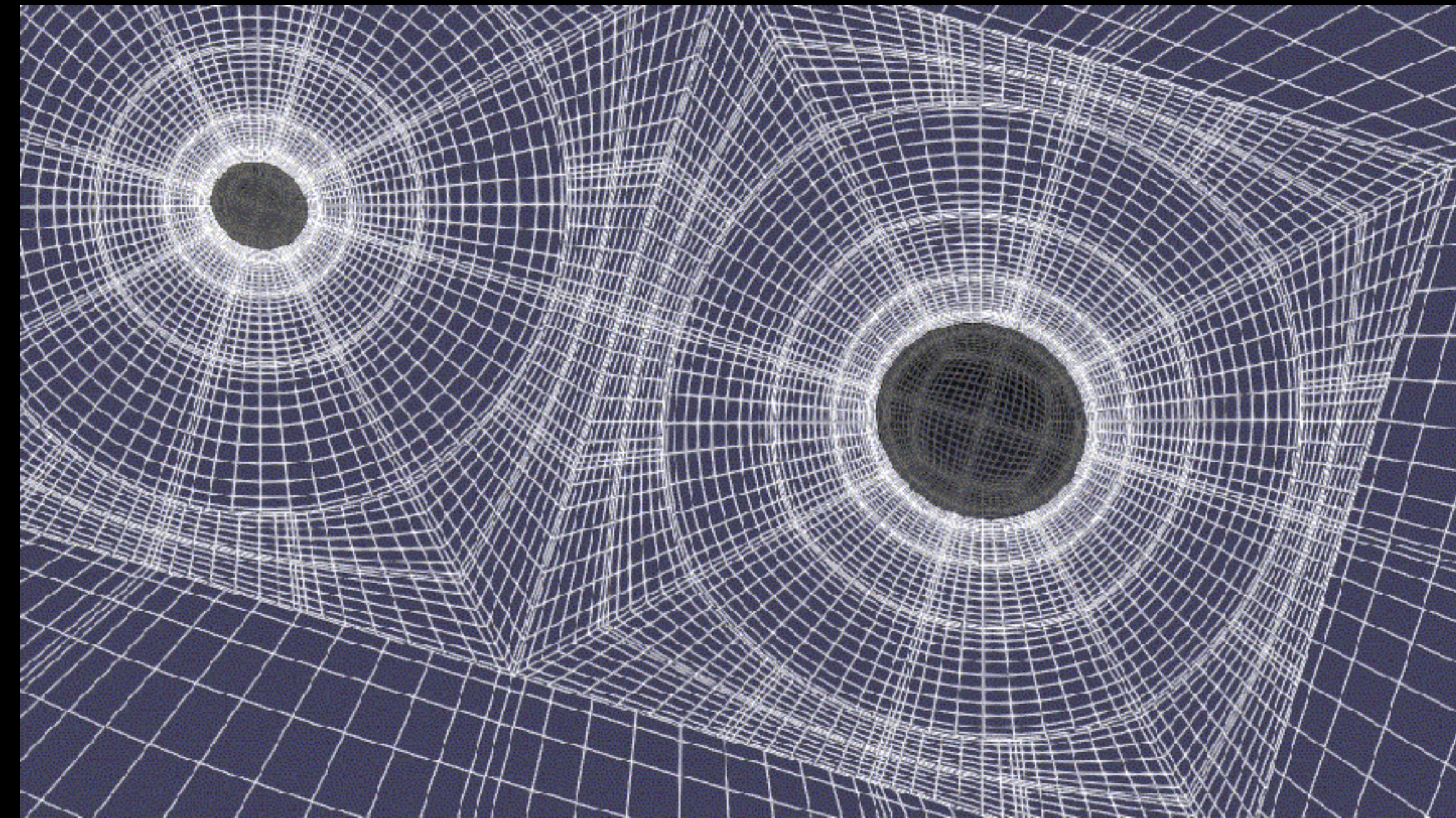
- = array parallel component
- = singleton parallel component
- = global cache

Parallel component
 = "actor" that knows things, does things
 = "distributed object"
 = charm++ chare



Moving mesh

- Deform, move mesh with grid velocity
 - Track black holes, ensuring singularities remain excised, horizon exteriors not excised



Animation courtesy Kyle Nelli

Day 3

- Gravitational-wave concepts (with Dr. Jocelyn Read)
- Special guest: Haroon Khan (NASA)
- Choose one head-on collision on binary black holes and start the calculation



Two kinds of time travel

- Travel from the present to...



The future

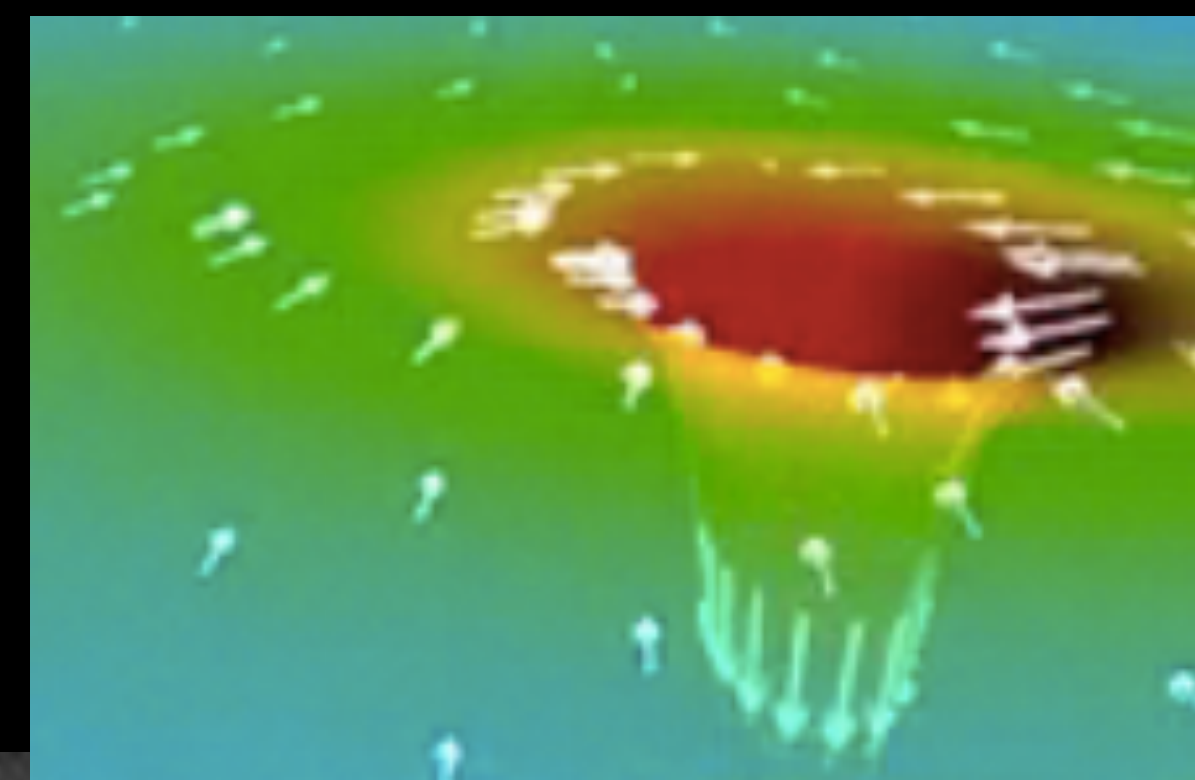


The past

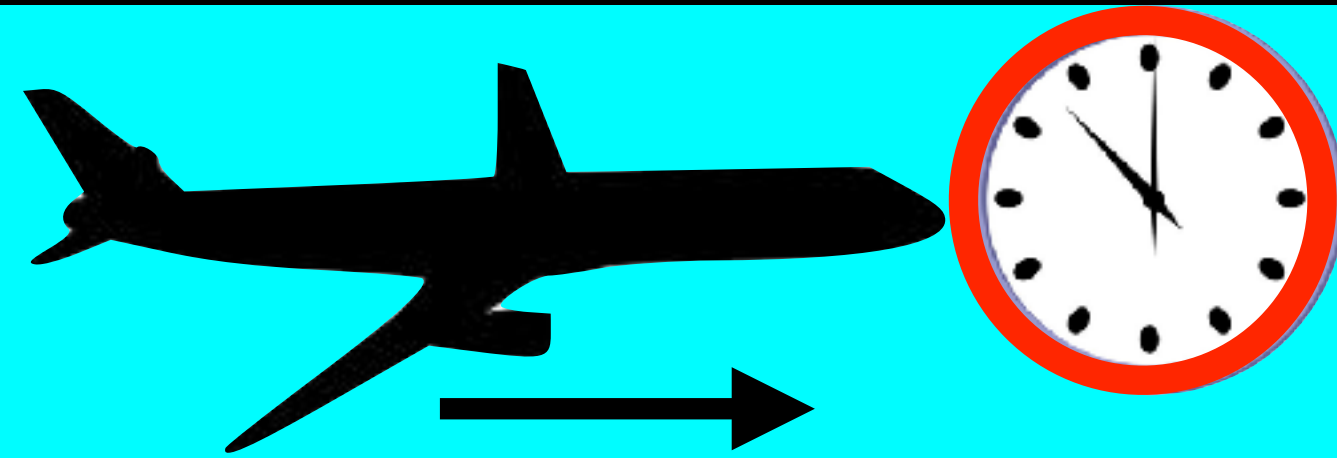


Forward time travel

- Make your time flow slower
 - Move closer to massive object
 - Move faster
- Hafele & Keating 1971
 - Fly plane clock around world
 - Compare with ground clock before, after flight



Forward time travel in 1971



Theory of relativity predicts...

Farther from Earth: ticks faster vs. ground

144 ± 14 ns *more* than ground

Moves faster: ticks slower vs. ground

184 ± 18 ns *less* than ground

Bottom line:

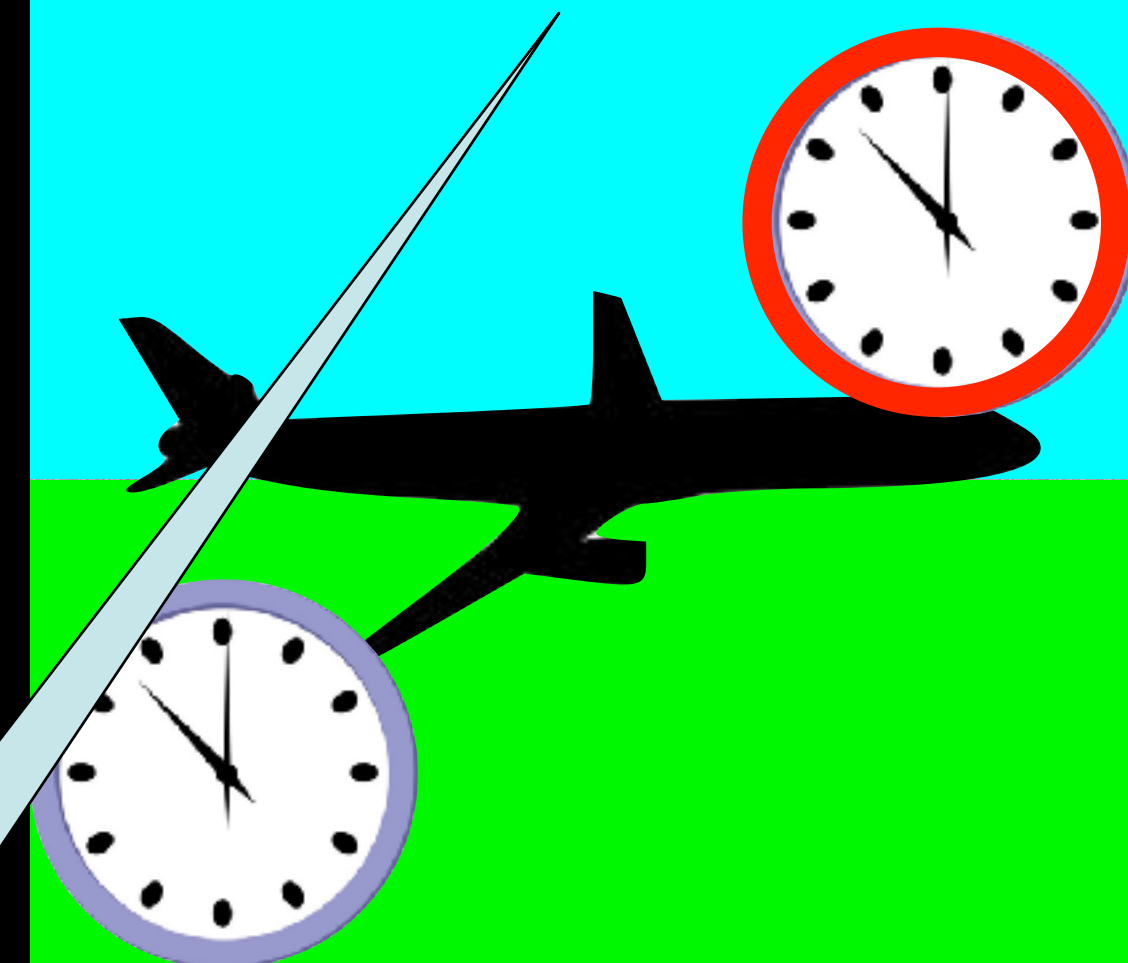
40 ± 23 ns *less* than ground



1 ns = 1 billionth of a second (ns)

Result: compare clocks after flight around the world

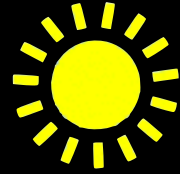
59 ± 10 ns less than ground



Clock & passengers went 59 ± 10 billionths of a second into the future!

Time travel in "Interstellar"

Black hole "Gargantua"

Mass: 100 000 000 
Spin: 99.9999999999999% max

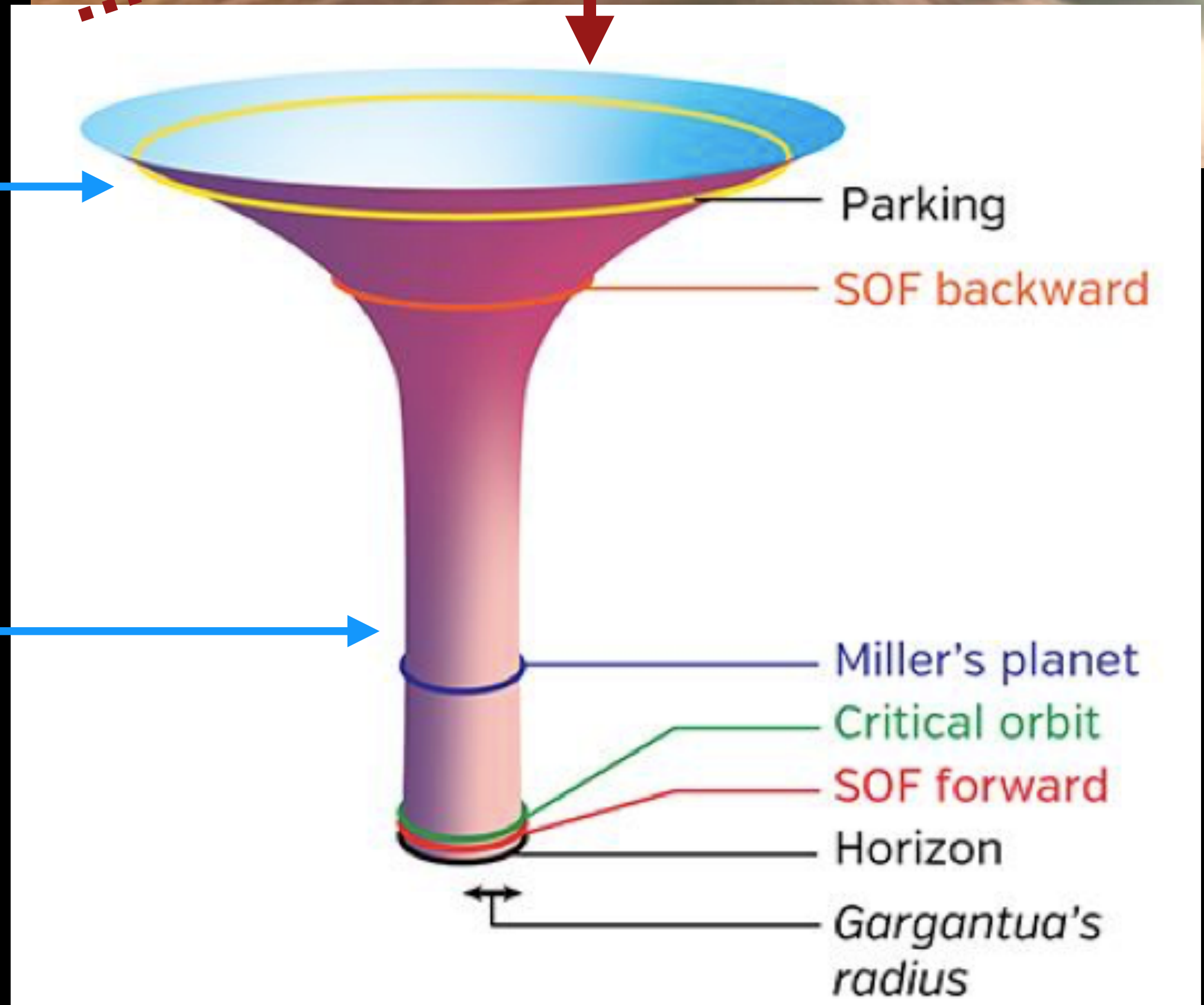
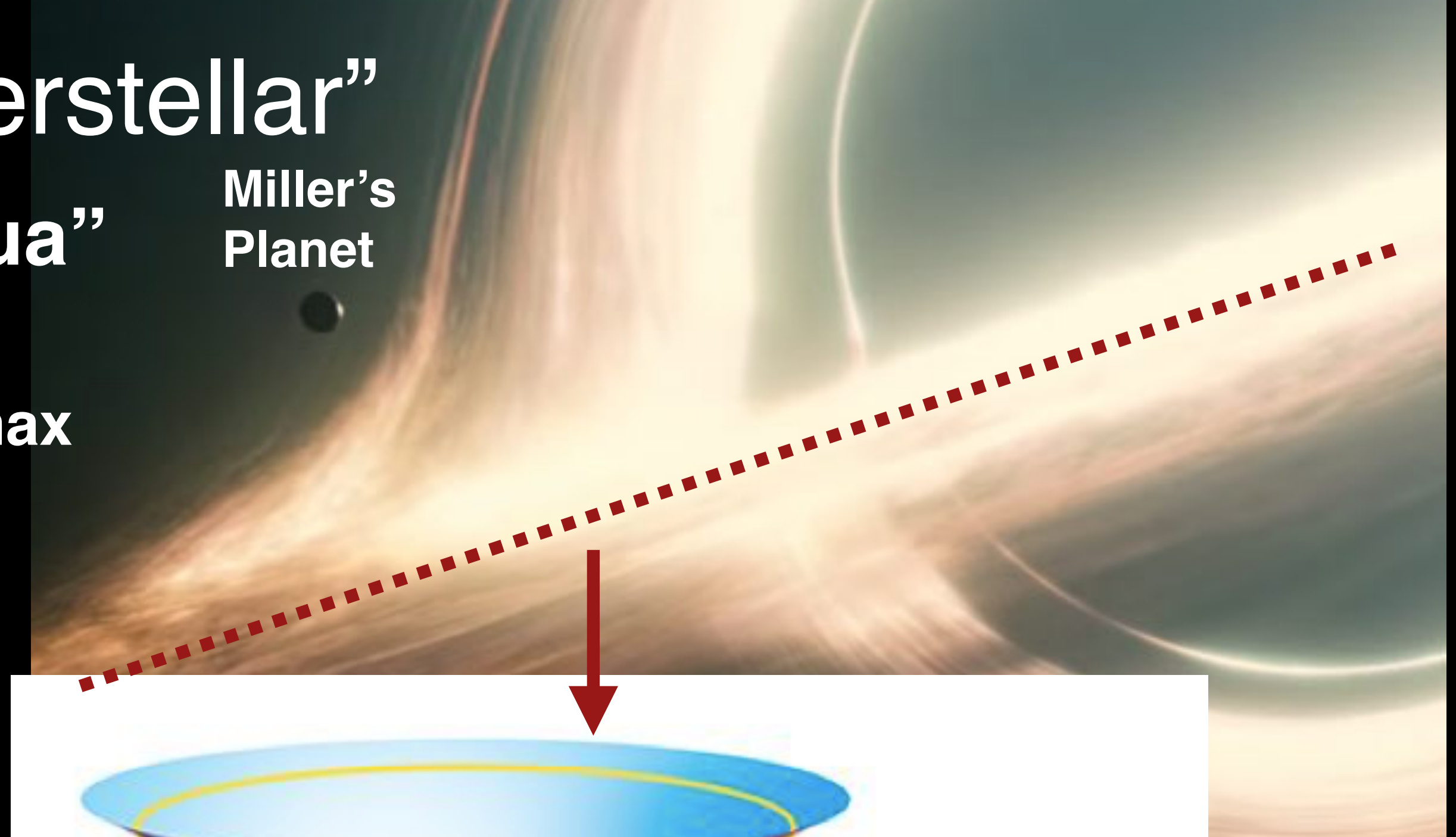
7 years



1 hour

Images courtesy Kip Thorne, Paramount

Miller's Planet



GPS

- How does GPS work?

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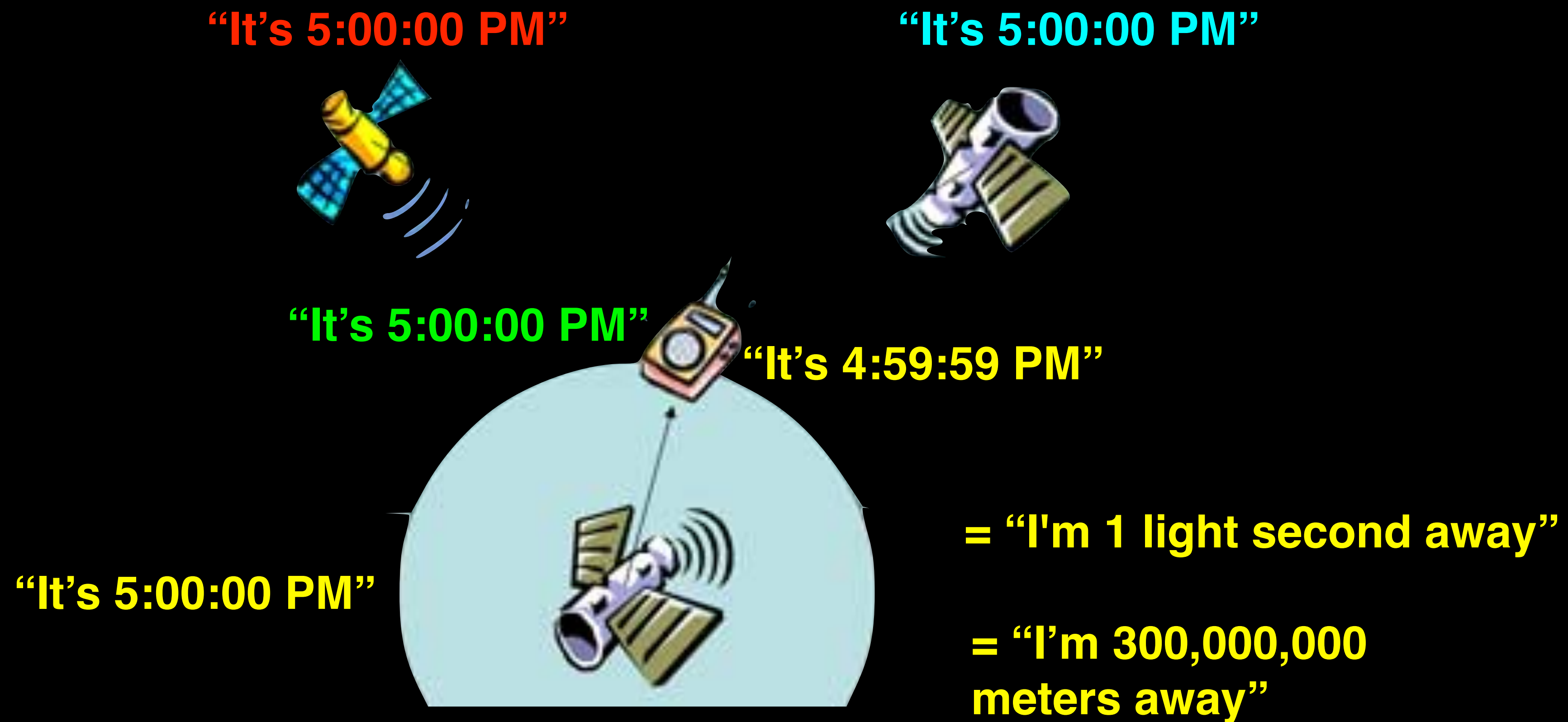


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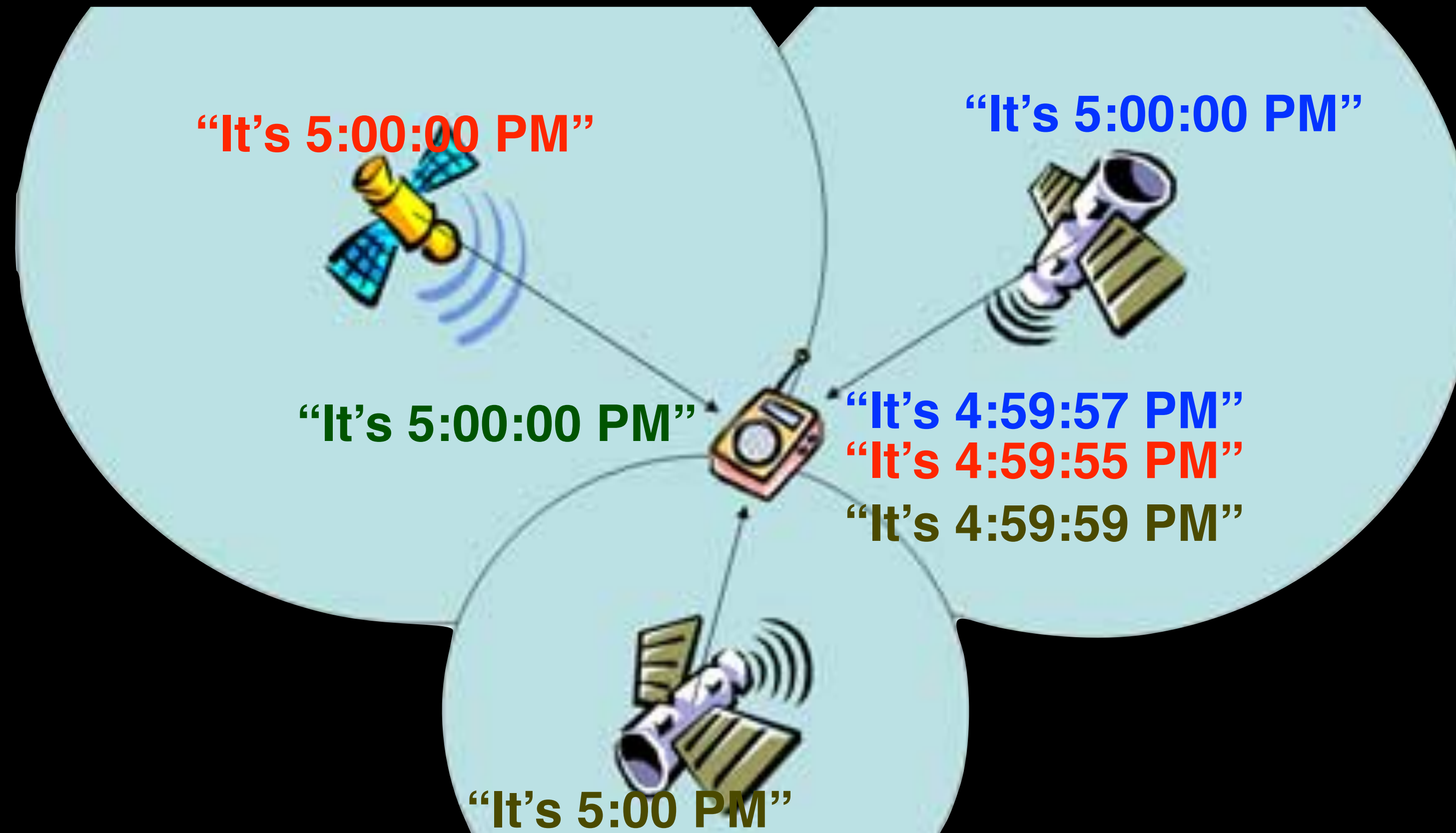
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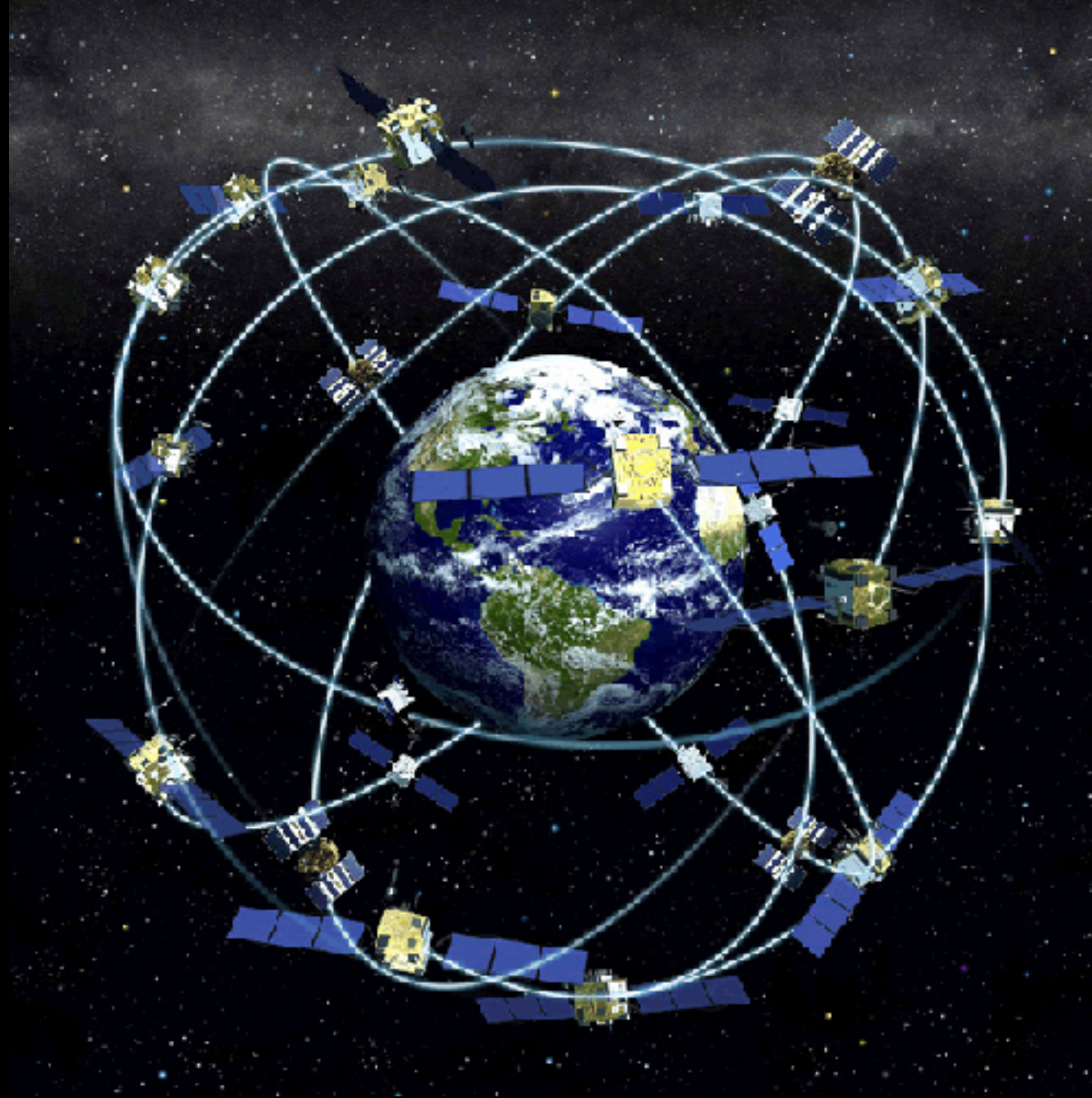
GPS

- How does GPS work?



GPS & forward time travel

- GPS must account for both “time travel” effects



Goal: position accuracy of about 2 m

Light travels 2 m in about 7 ns

**So clocks really give time to ns precision:
“It’s 4:59:59.123456789 PM”**

That’s no problem for atomic clocks, but...

Satellite clocks are higher, moving: tick differently!

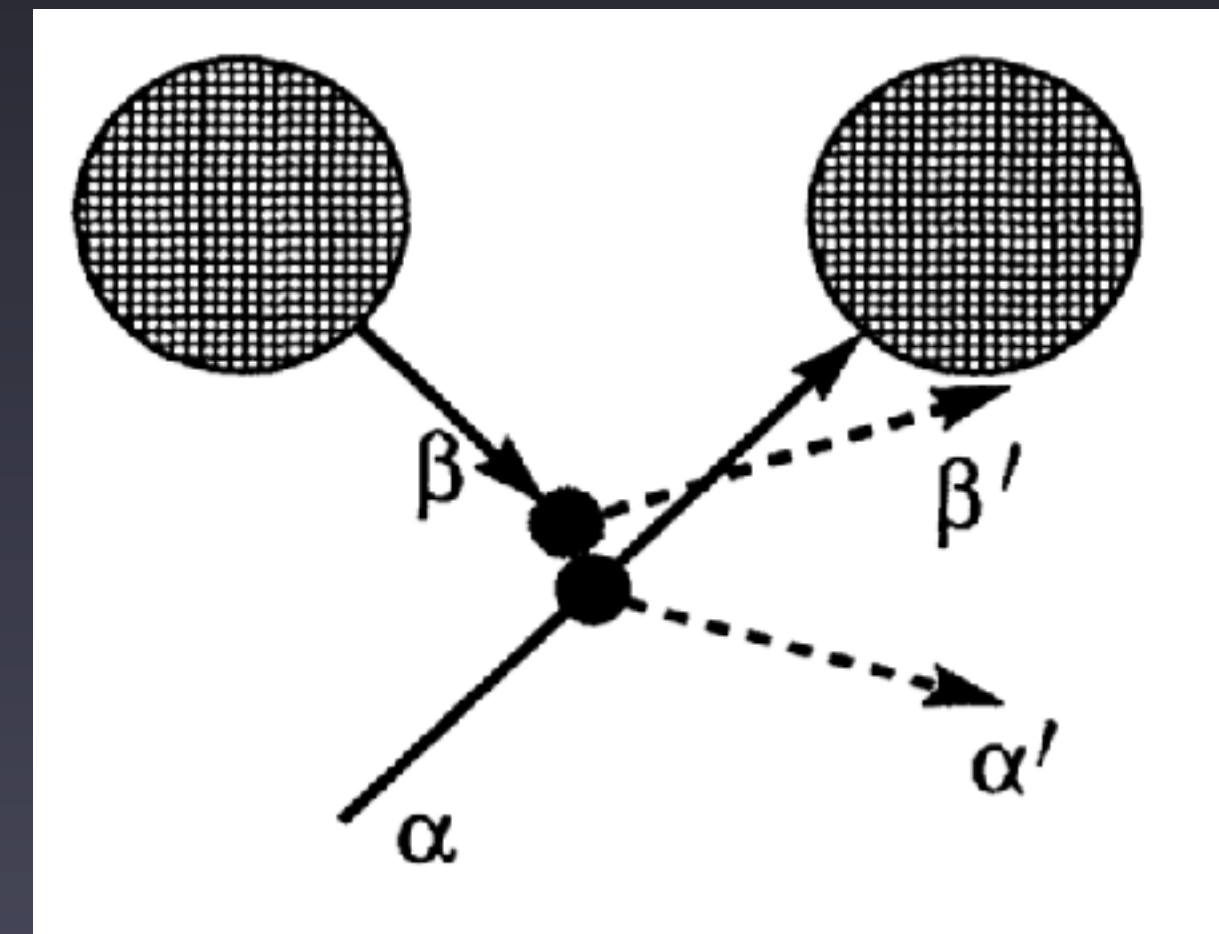
**Ignore this, and errors start to build up,
exceeding 2 m in less than a minute**

Backward time travel

- “Matricide paradox”
 - Go back in time and prevent yourself from being born?
- “Billiard ball paradox” (Polchinski, 1988)
 - Can ball go back in time & collide with itself, preventing itself from going back in time?
 - Echeverria, Klinkhammer, and Thorne [EKT], 1991

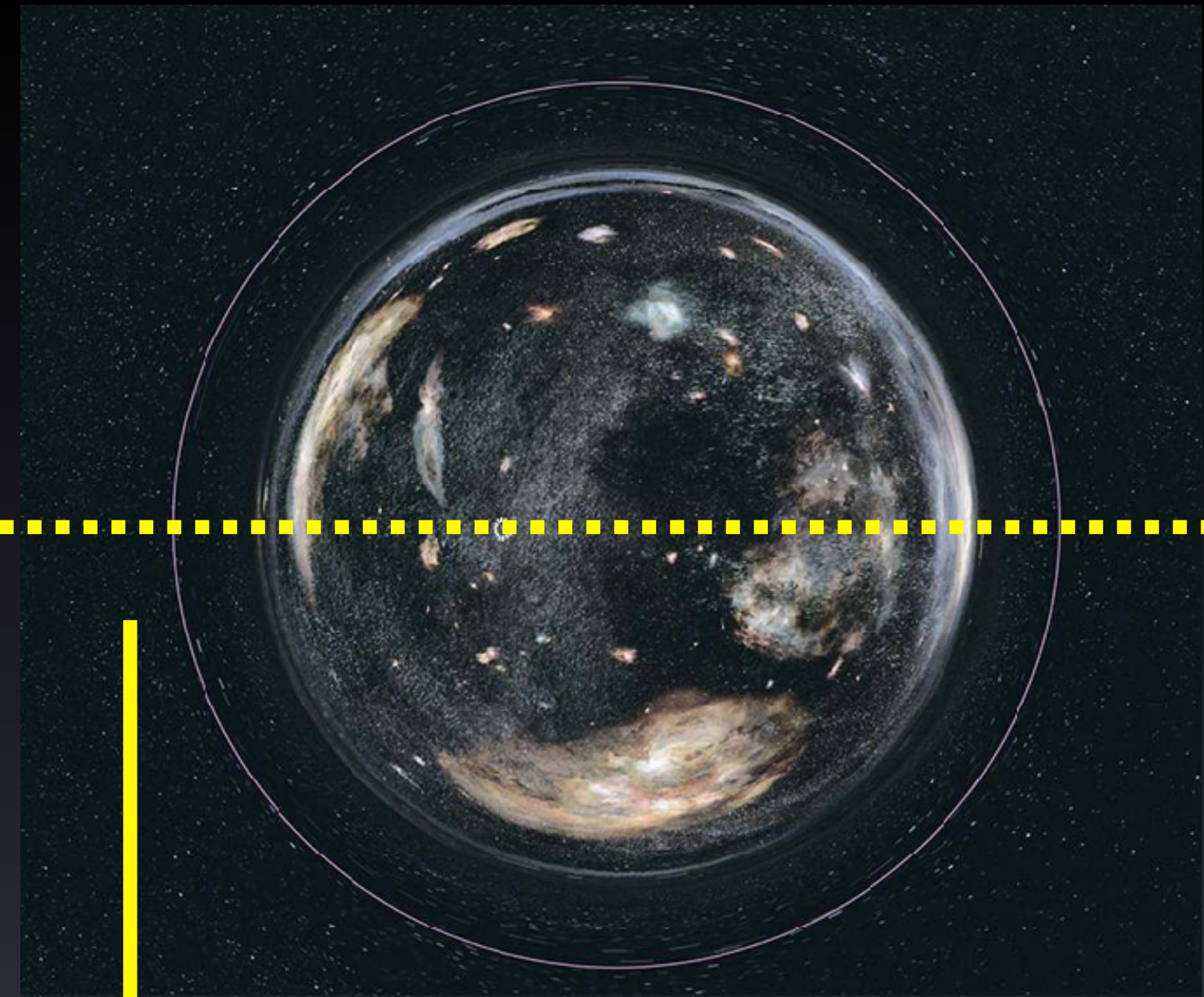
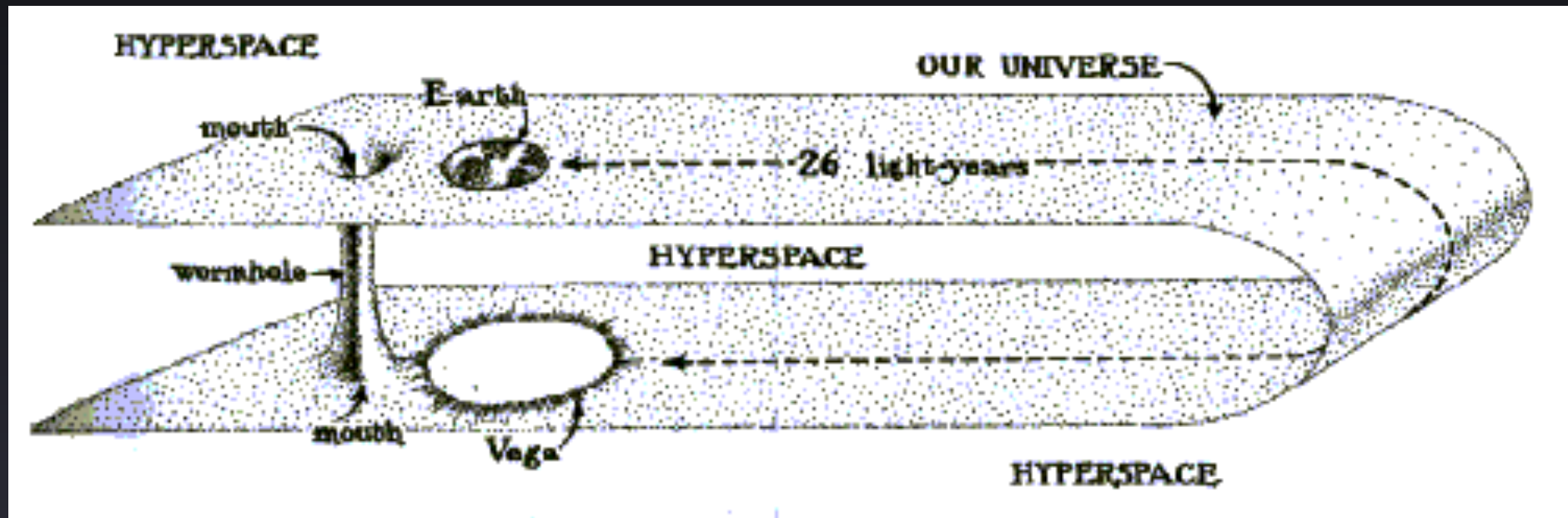


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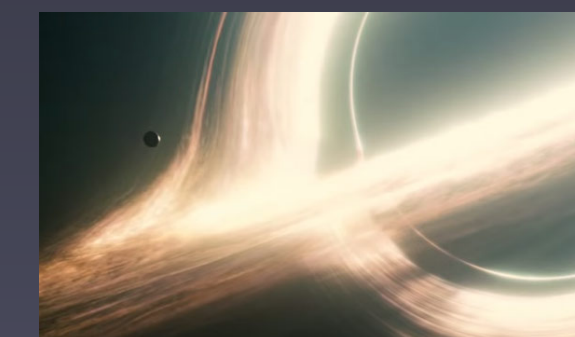
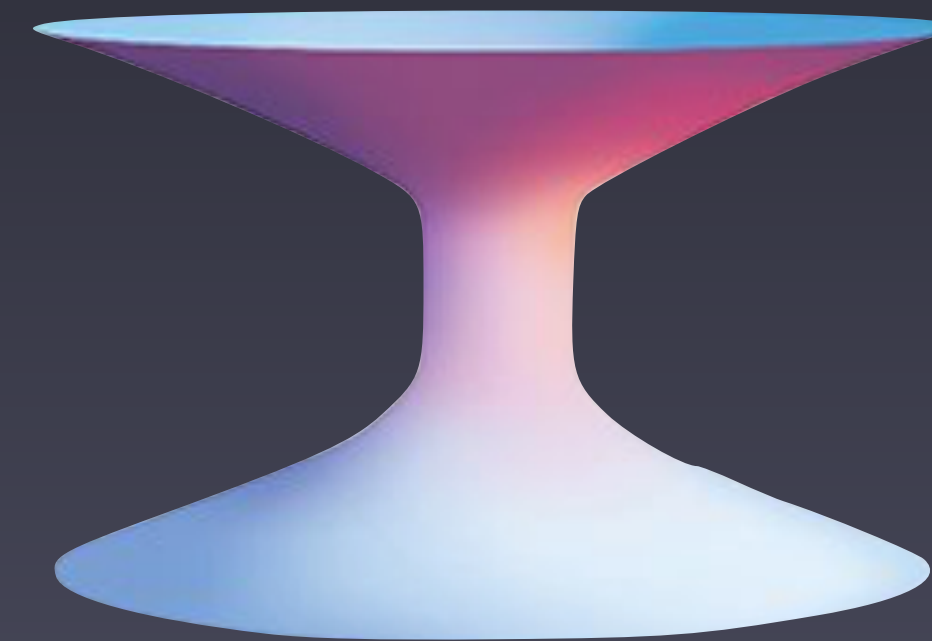


Wormhole in “Interstellar”

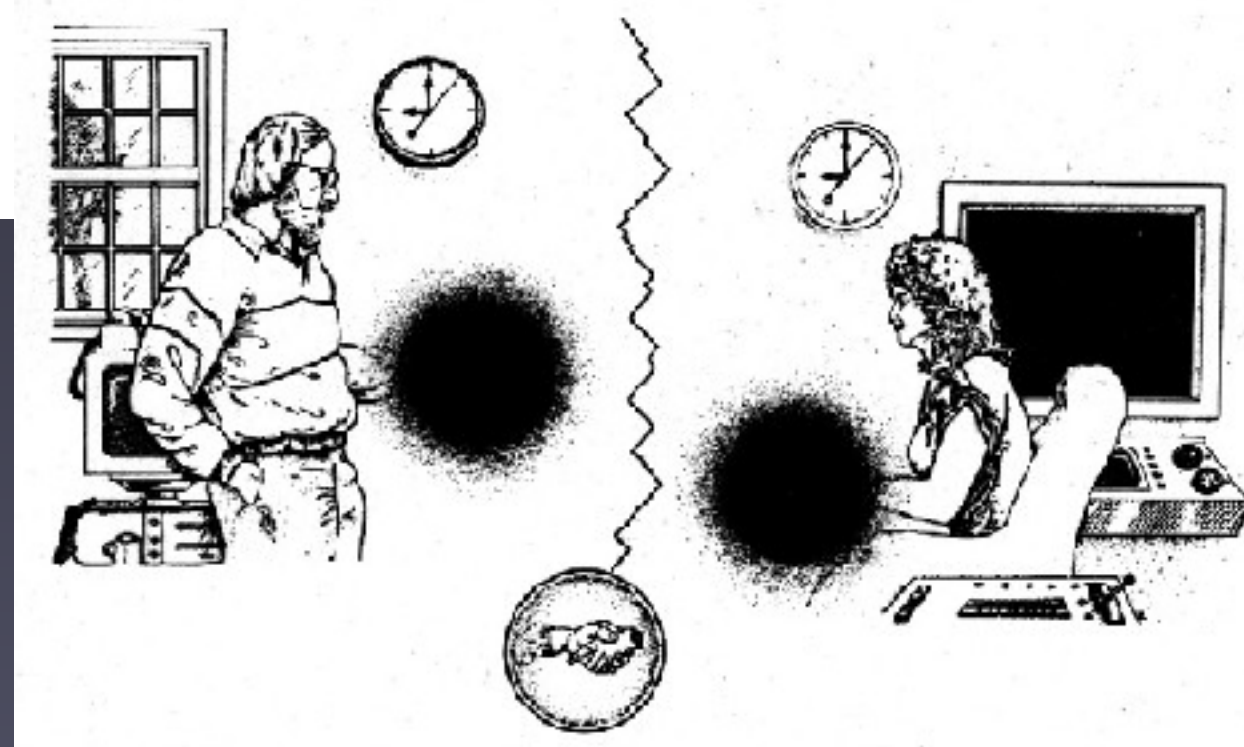
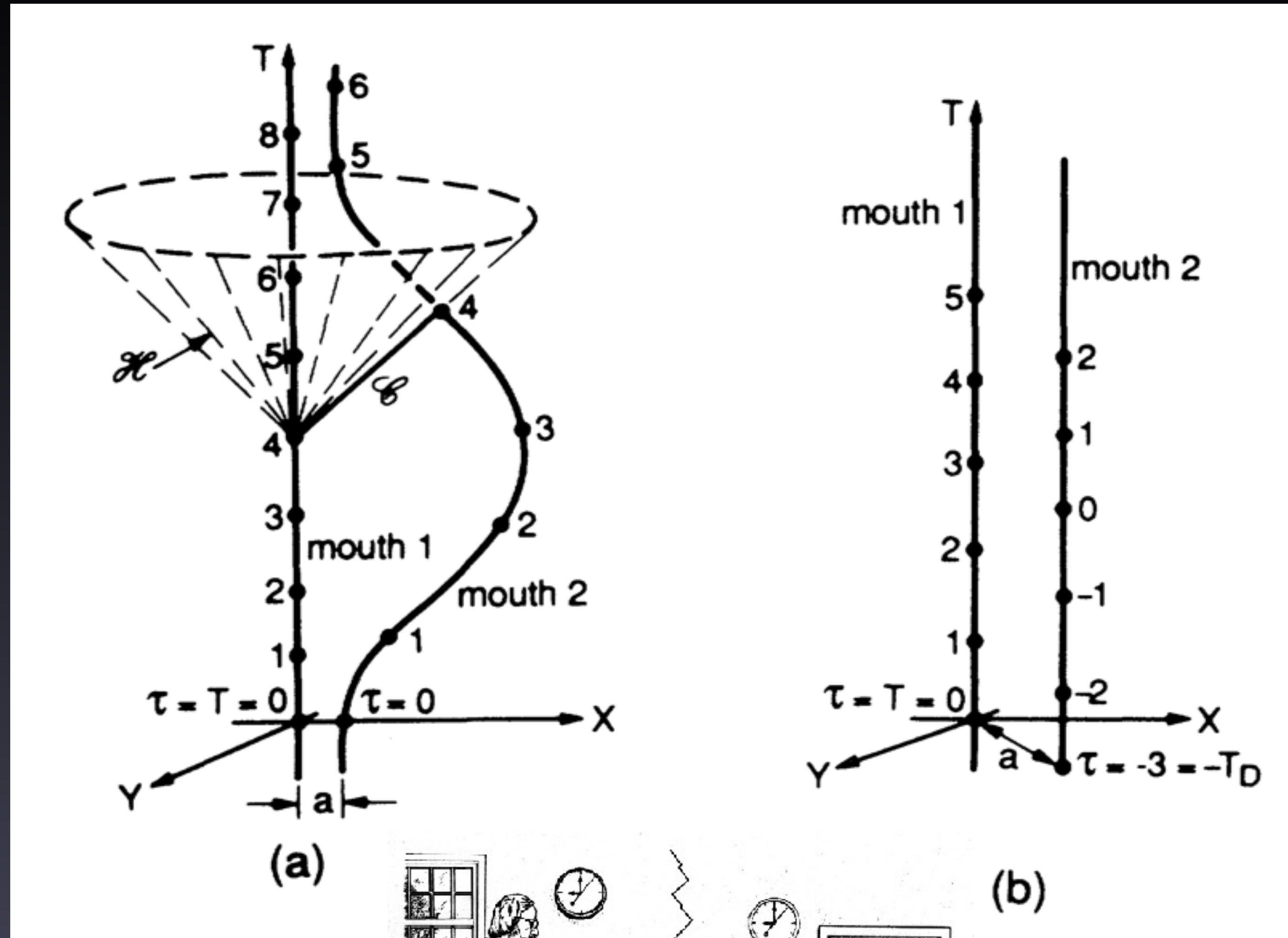
- Connect distant parts of universe



- Wormholes probably can't exist
 - Require “negative mass” to avoid collapsing
- Can be used to make a time machine

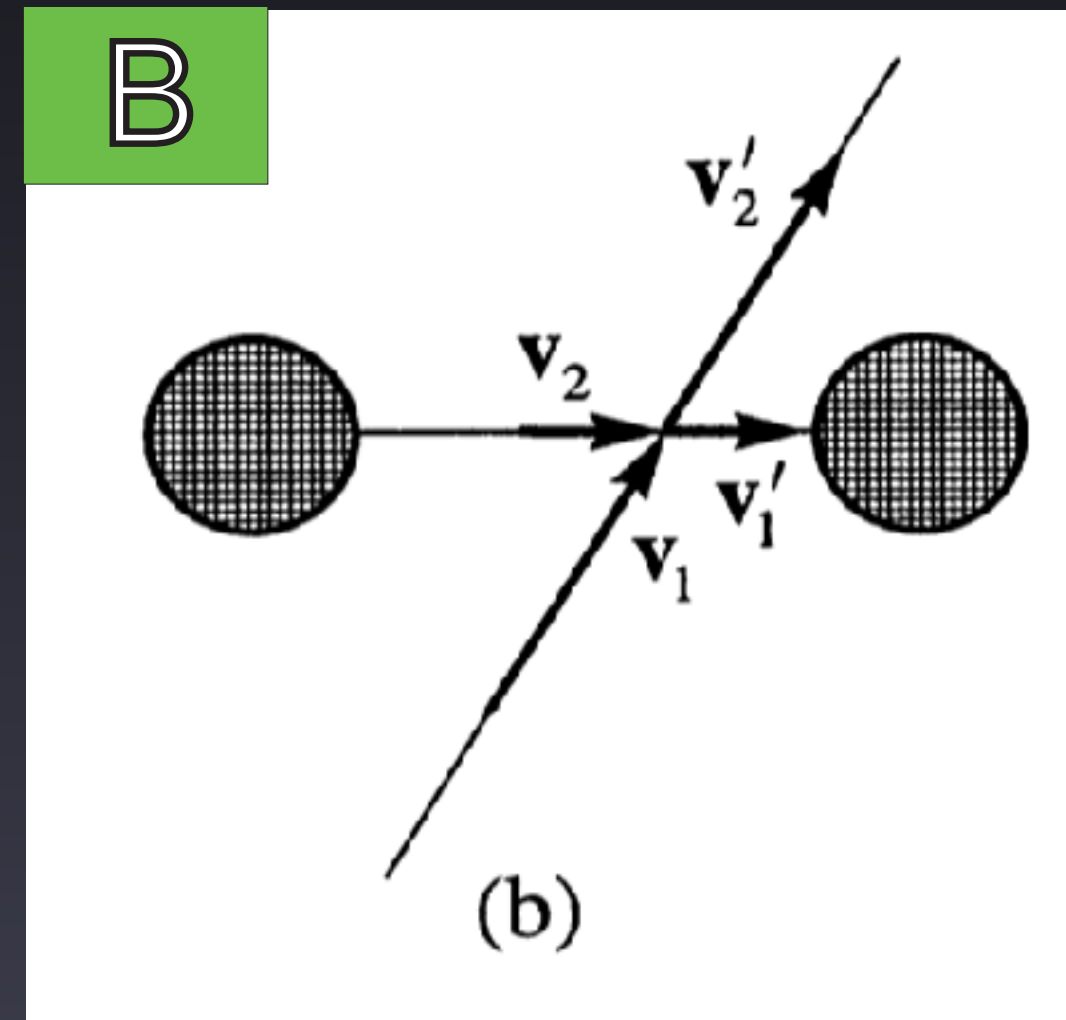
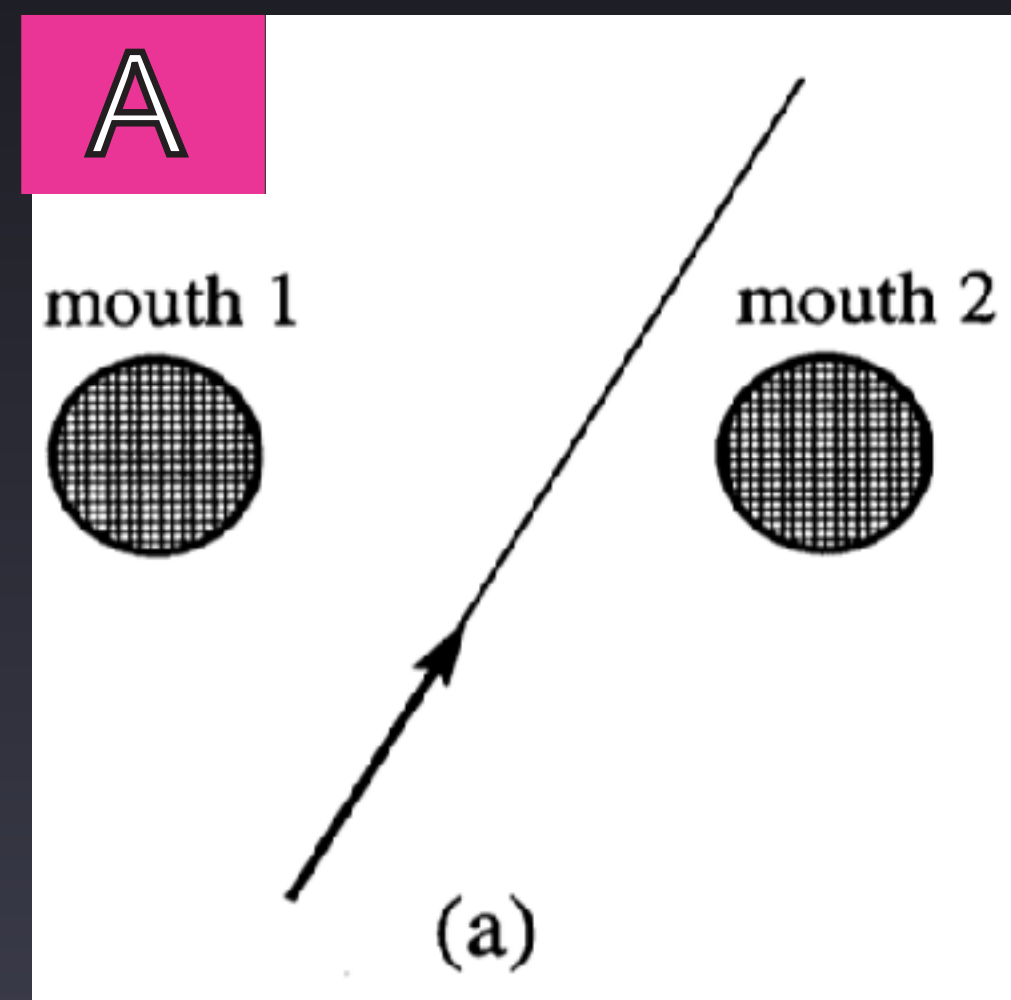


“Time machine” spacetimes



What do you think?

- A billiard ball begins with initial velocity v_1 , heading between the two mouths of the time machine. Aside from the time machine, Newton's laws of motion apply. What happens?



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Can't say:
both A and B
satisfy
Newton's
laws of
motion


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./StartJob.sh
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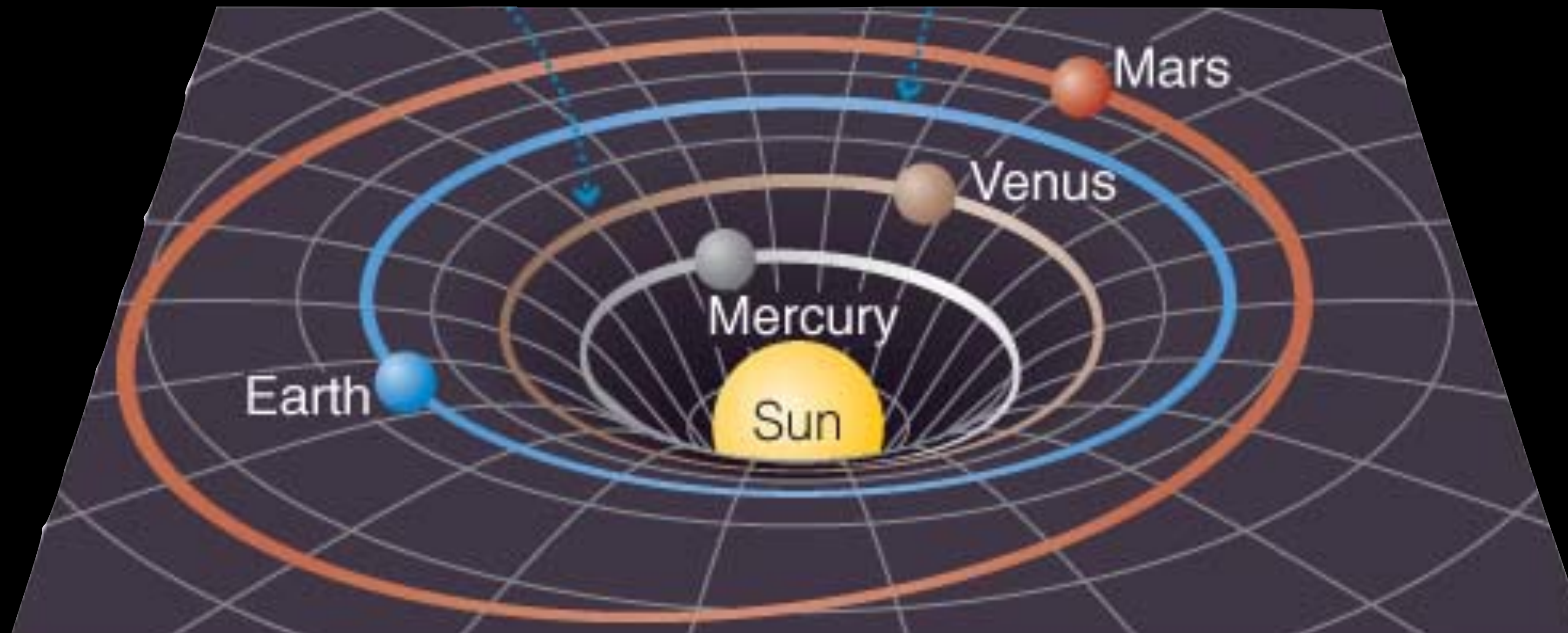
queue

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scontrol show jobid -dd YOUR_JOB_ID
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ShowQueue

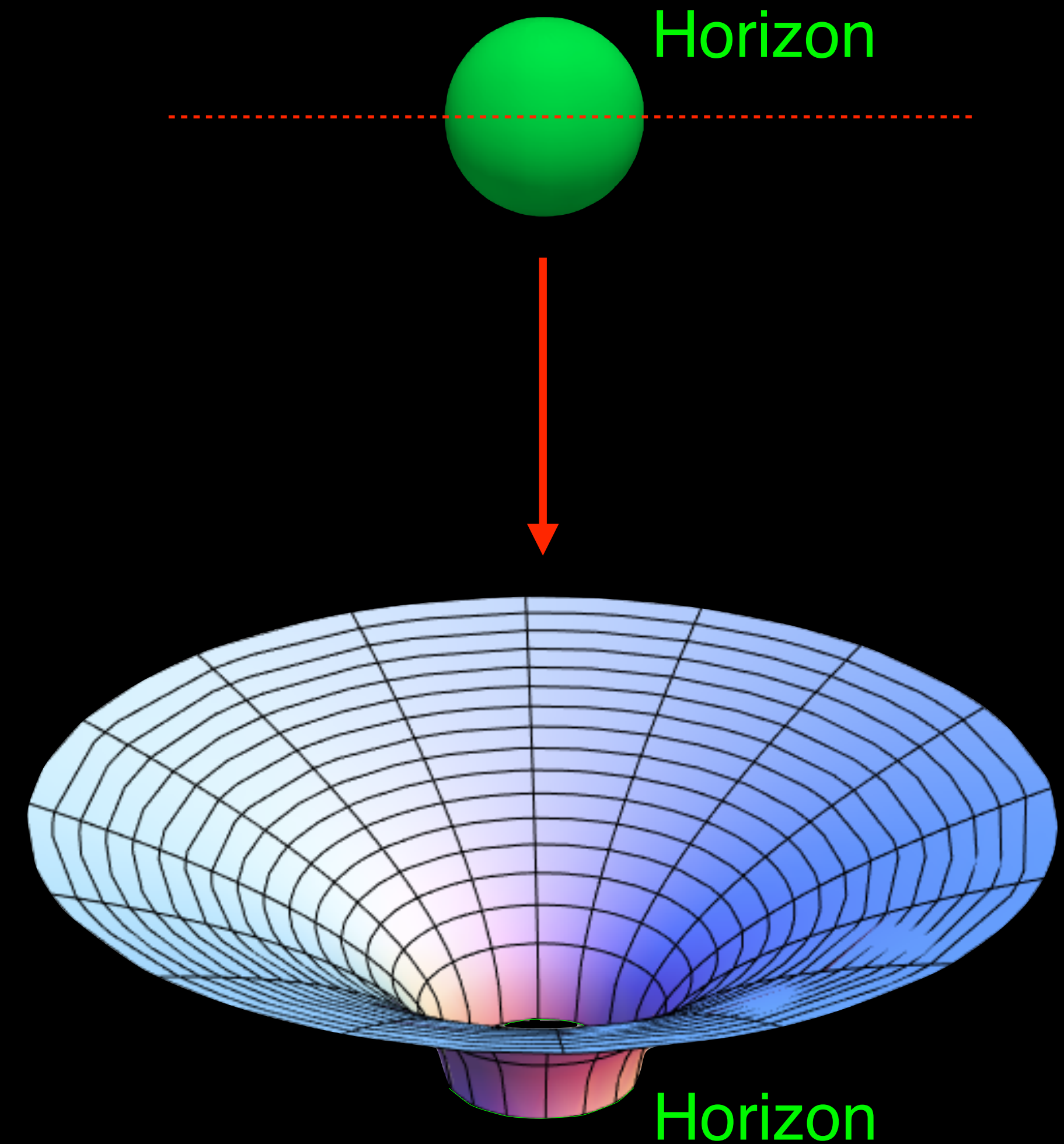
Curved spacetime

“Matter tells spacetime how to curve and space-time tells matter how to move.”
- John Wheeler



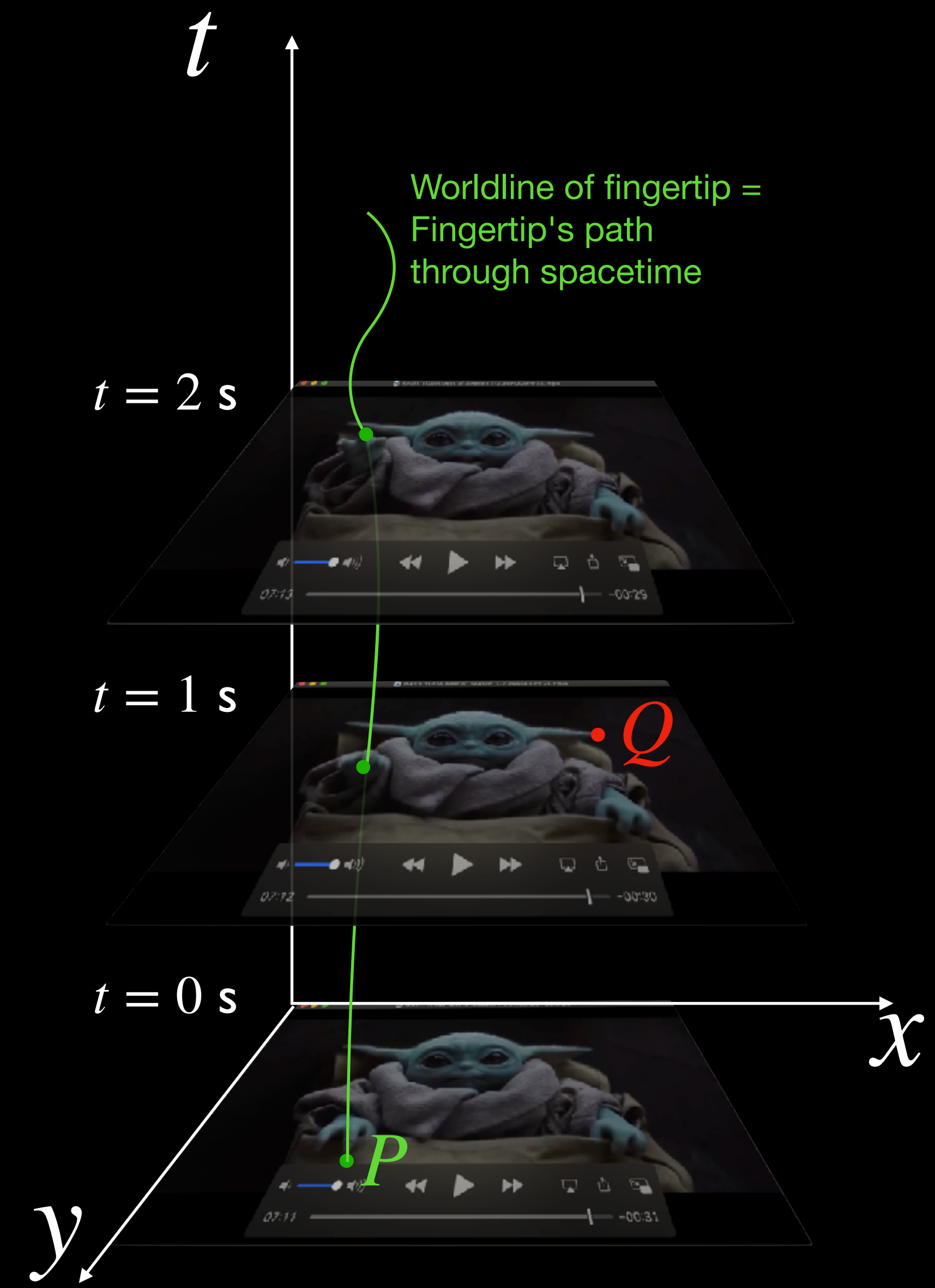
Extremely curved spacetime: black holes

- Gravity so strong...
- Nothing (even light) can escape from inside hole's **horizon** (surface)
- Singularity inside horizon: *infinitely* strong gravity
- Formed when the most massive stars die

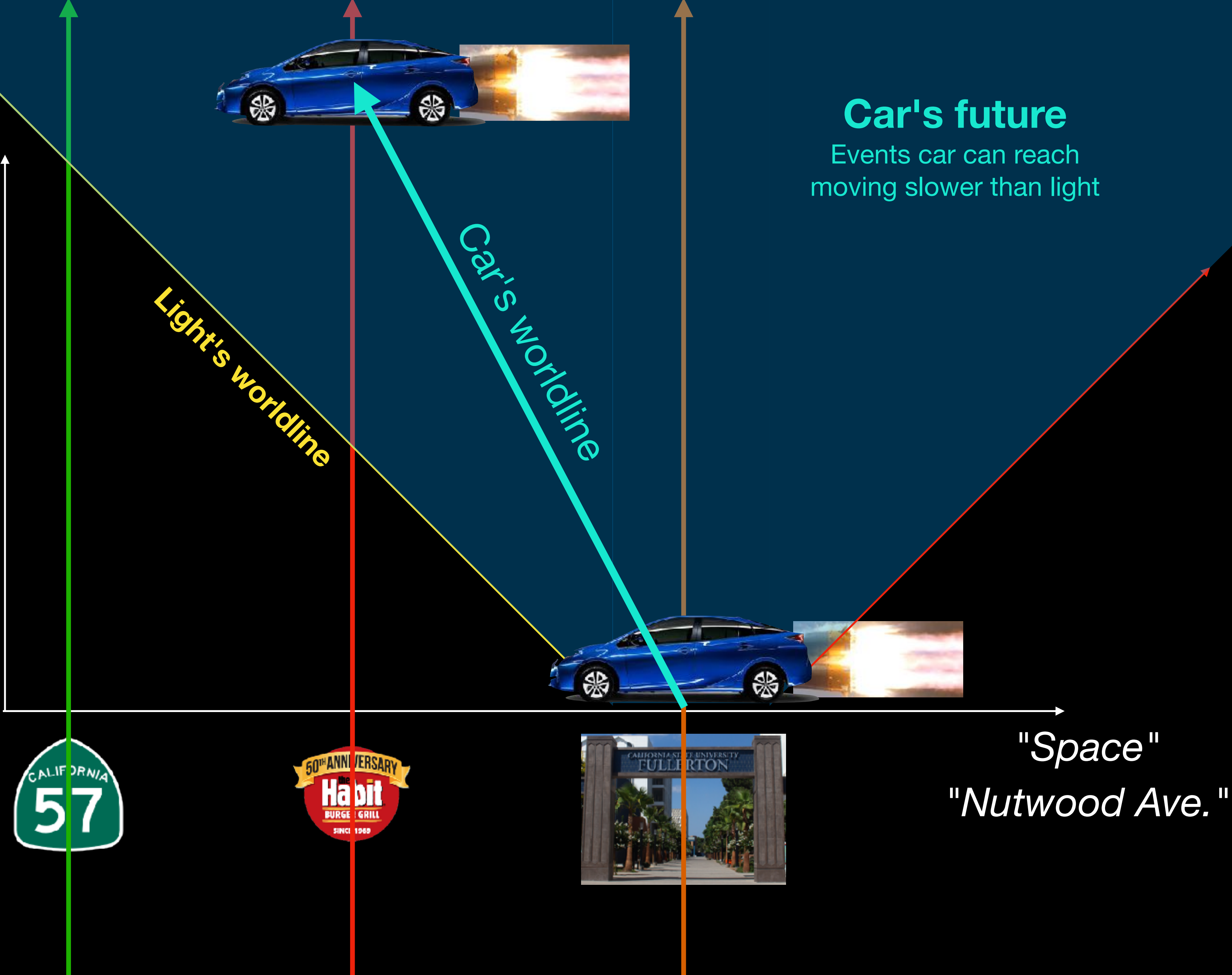


What is spacetime?

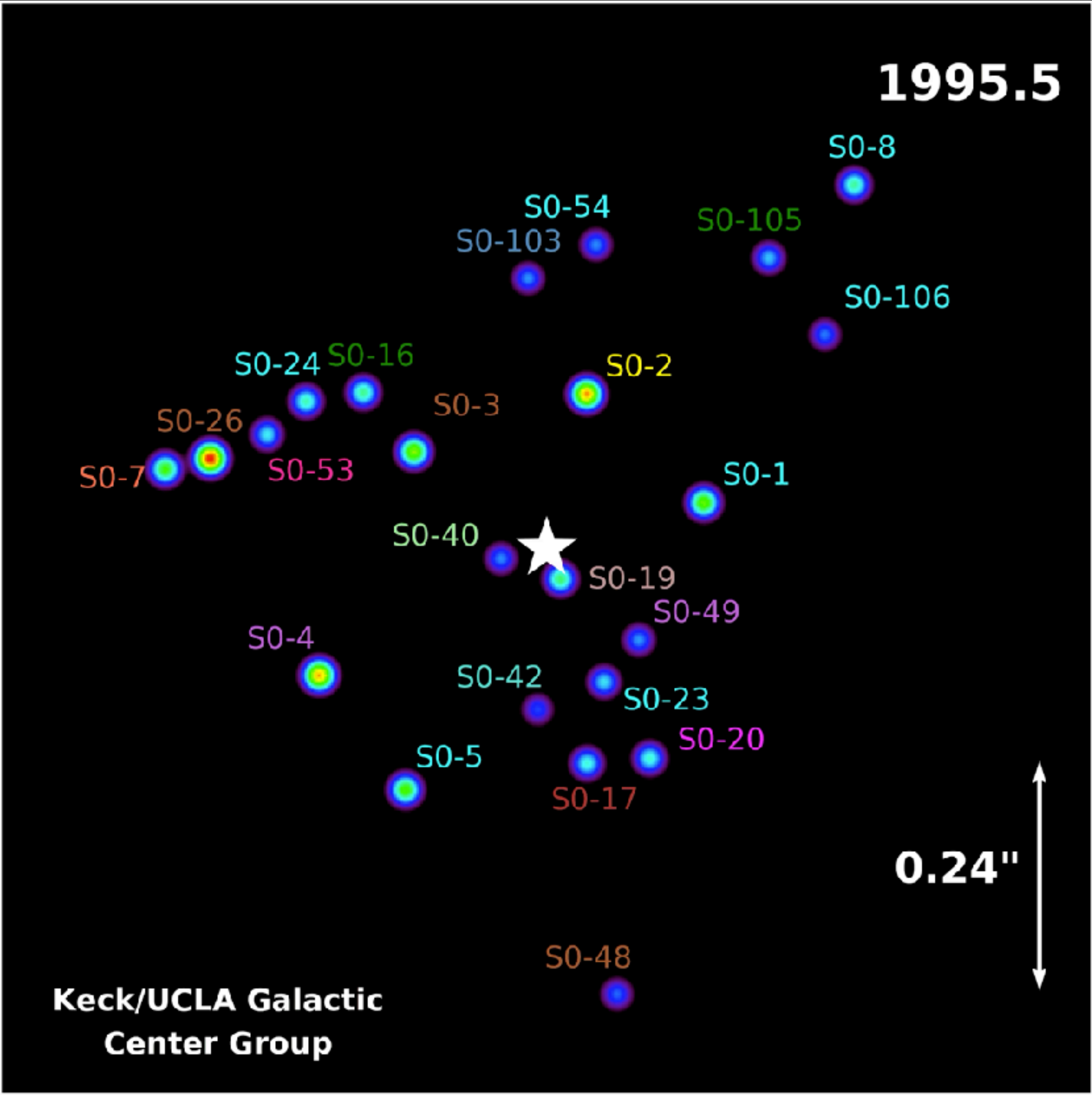
- 3 dimensions of space + 1 dimension of time
- **Event** = a specific place at a specific time



"Time"
Scaled so light travels
on 45° lines

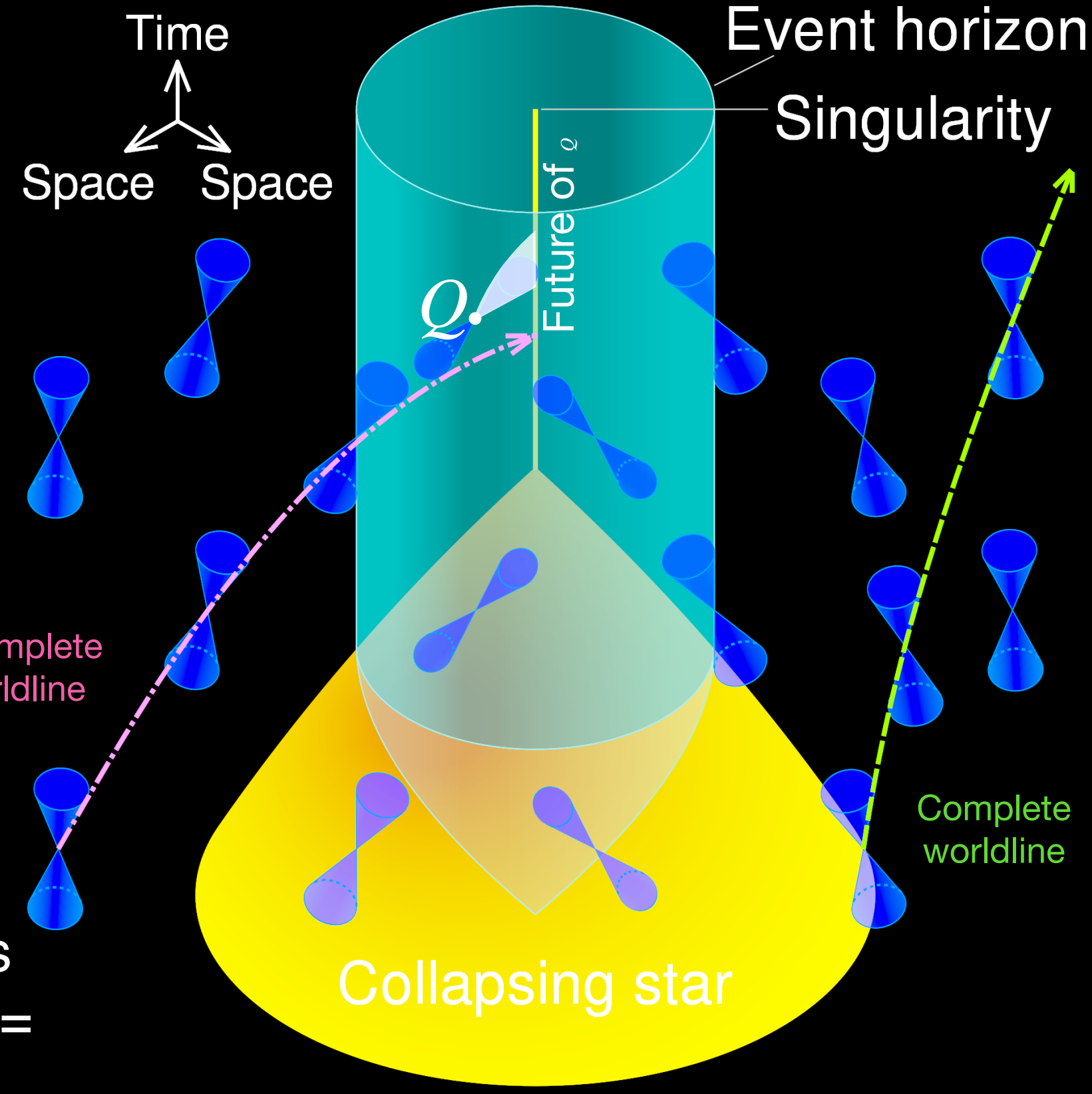


2020 Nobel Prize in Physics



Genzel & Ghez (local at UCLA): there's a black hole at the center of our galaxy

Penrose: black holes contain singularities = edges of spacetime



Reinhard Genzel



Andrea Ghez



Roger Penrose

How big are black holes?

- Mass: huge!

 - Two kinds

 - 3 to ~100 

 - Millions+ 

- Radius: small!



*Images courtesy
wikipedia*

Size of earth-mass black hole



Size of 10-  black hole

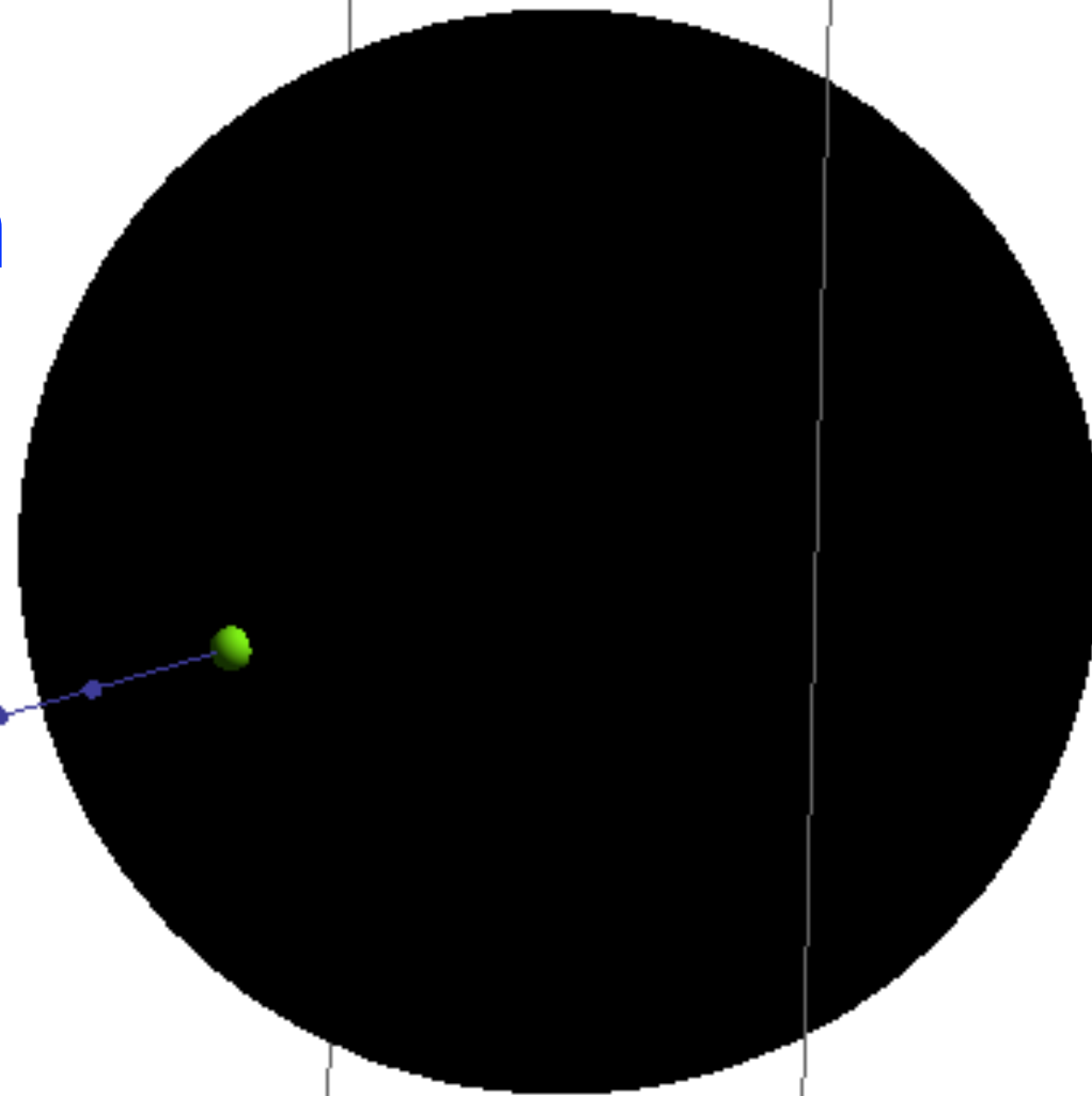
*Map courtesy
Apple maps*

Black holes rotate and warp time

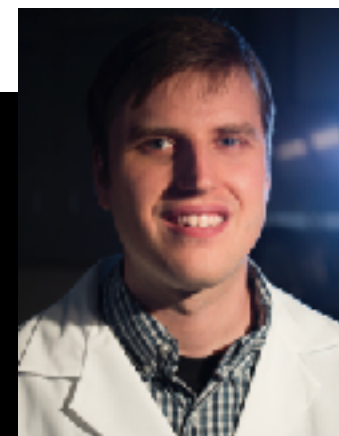
- An experiment (not to scale)

Black hole
spin 0%
of maximum

$$\chi = 0$$



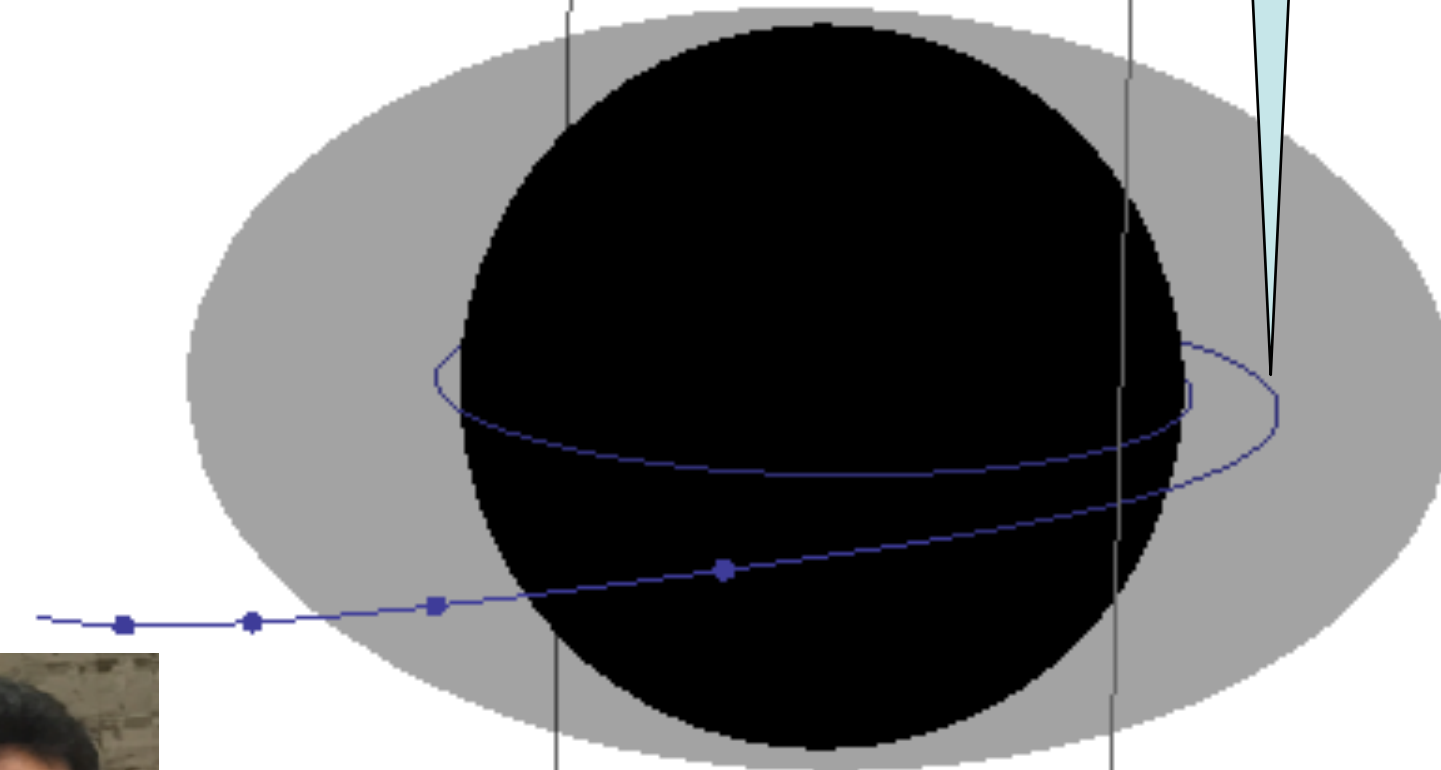
Haroon dives in head-on



Geoffrey observes from a
safe distance

Black hole
spin 99%
of maximum

$$\chi = 0.99$$



Haroon dives in (initially head-on)

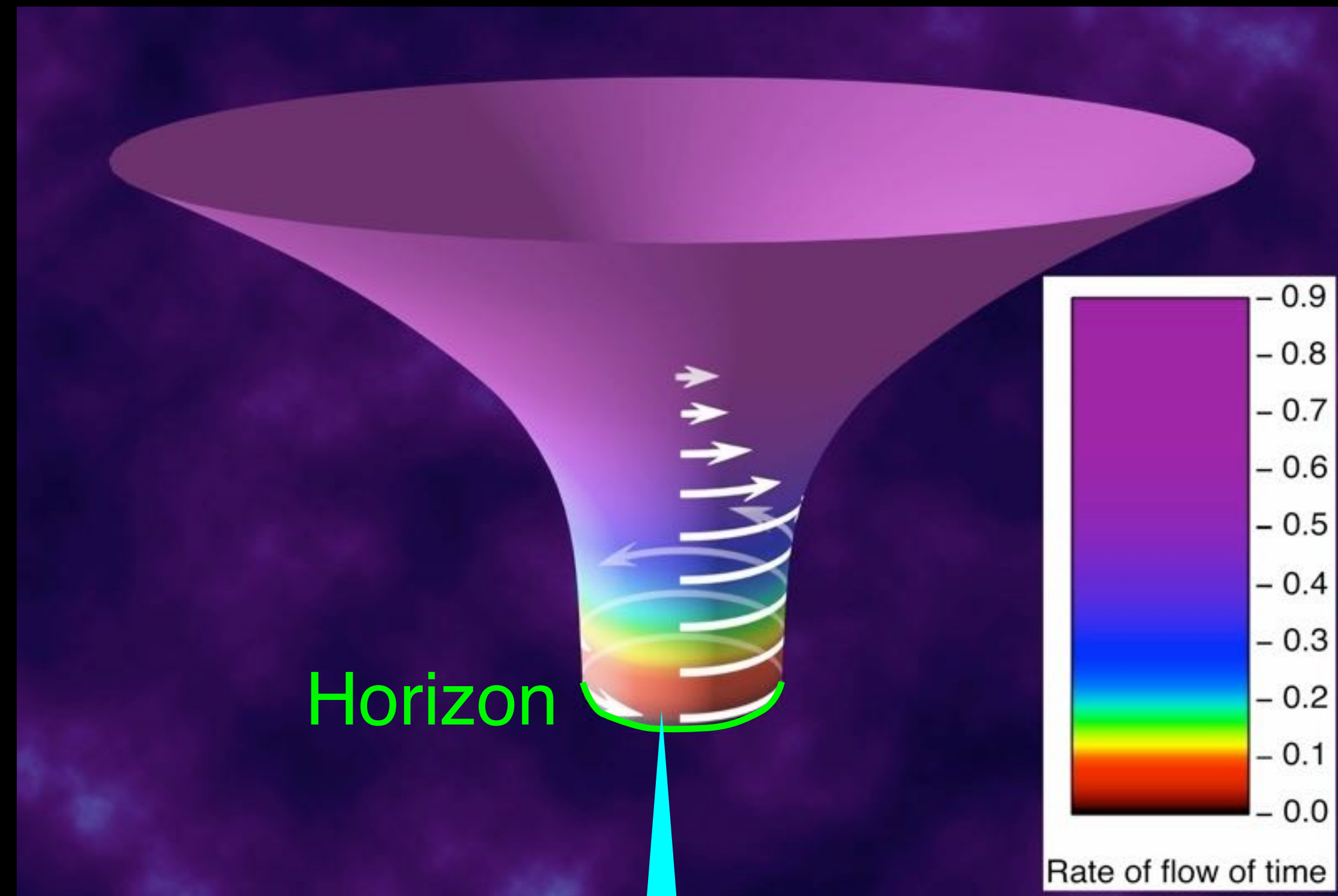
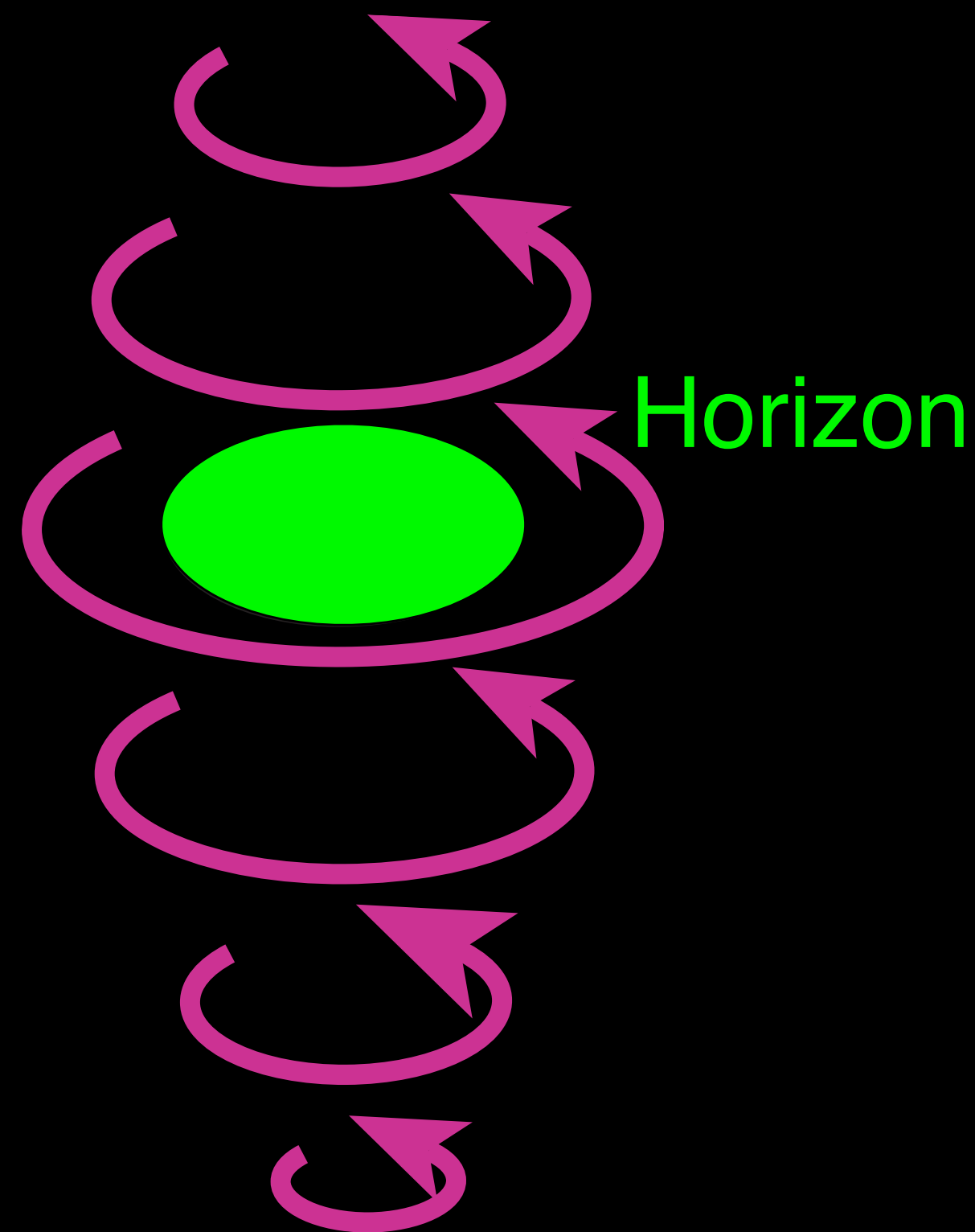


Geoffrey still observes
from a safe distance

In gray region
("ergosphere"),
impossible to avoid
rotating around with
hole's rotation

Black holes rotate and warp time

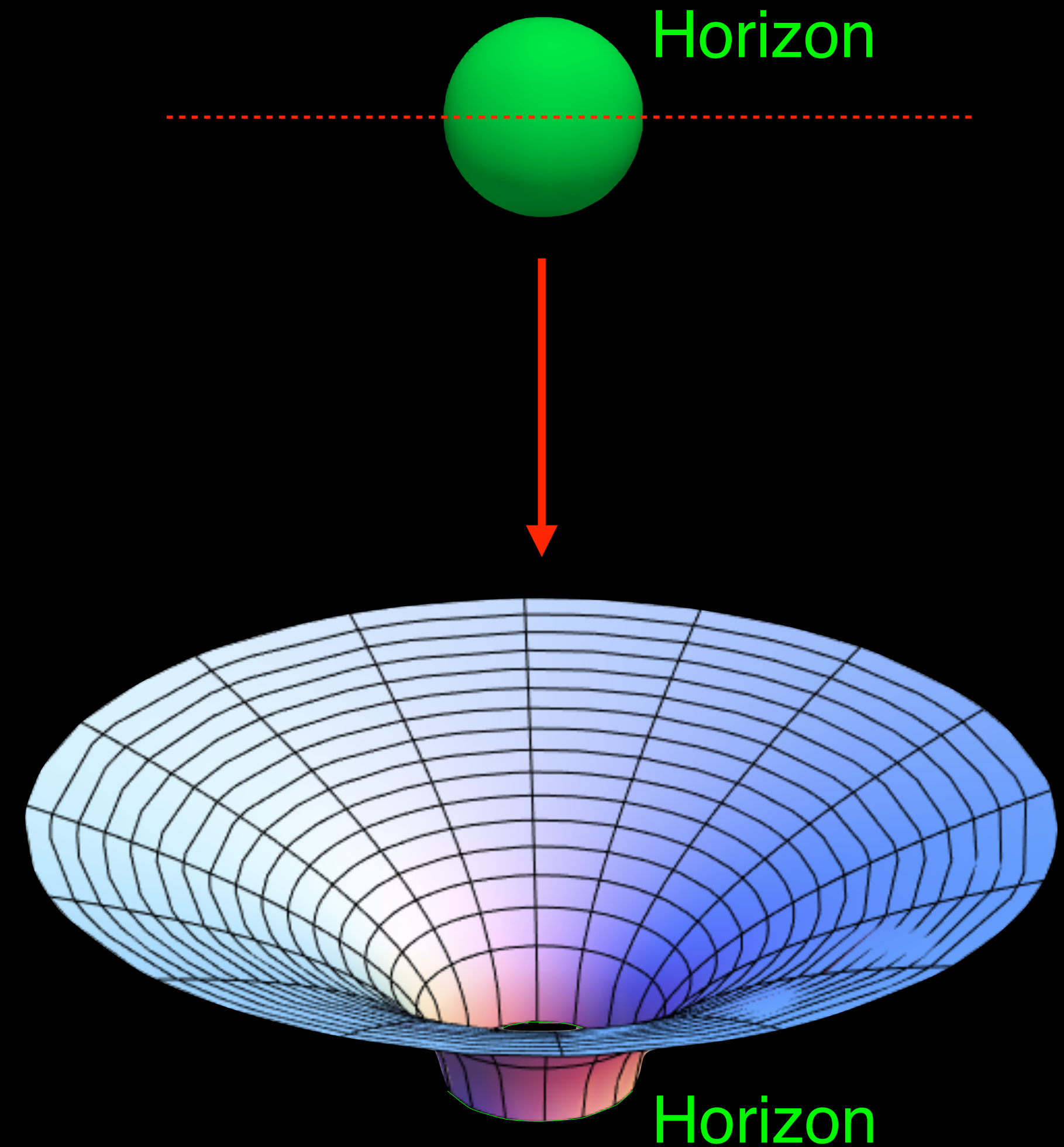
- Whirl space like a tornado

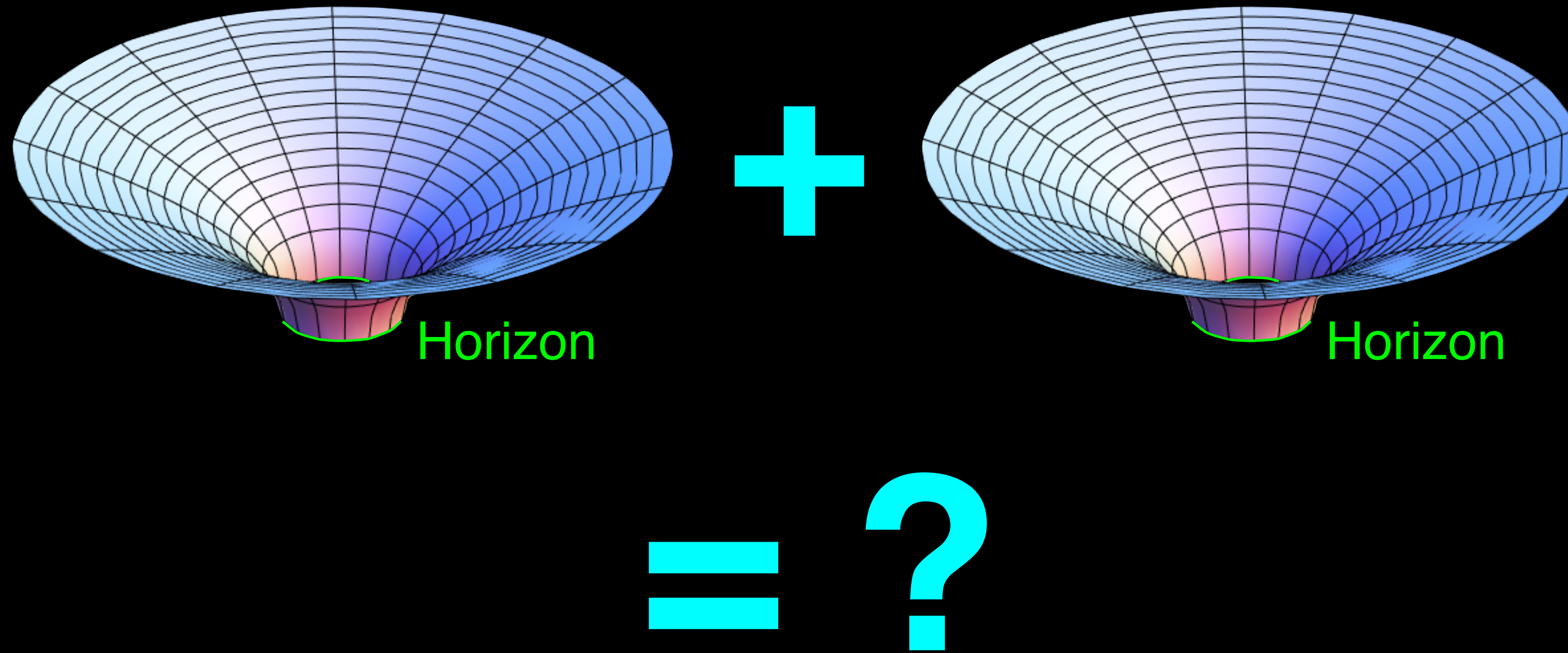


Time flows slowly
near horizon

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Linear and nonlinear physics

- **Linear**

- Whole is sum of parts
- Example: sound in this room
- Total sound = sum of individual sounds

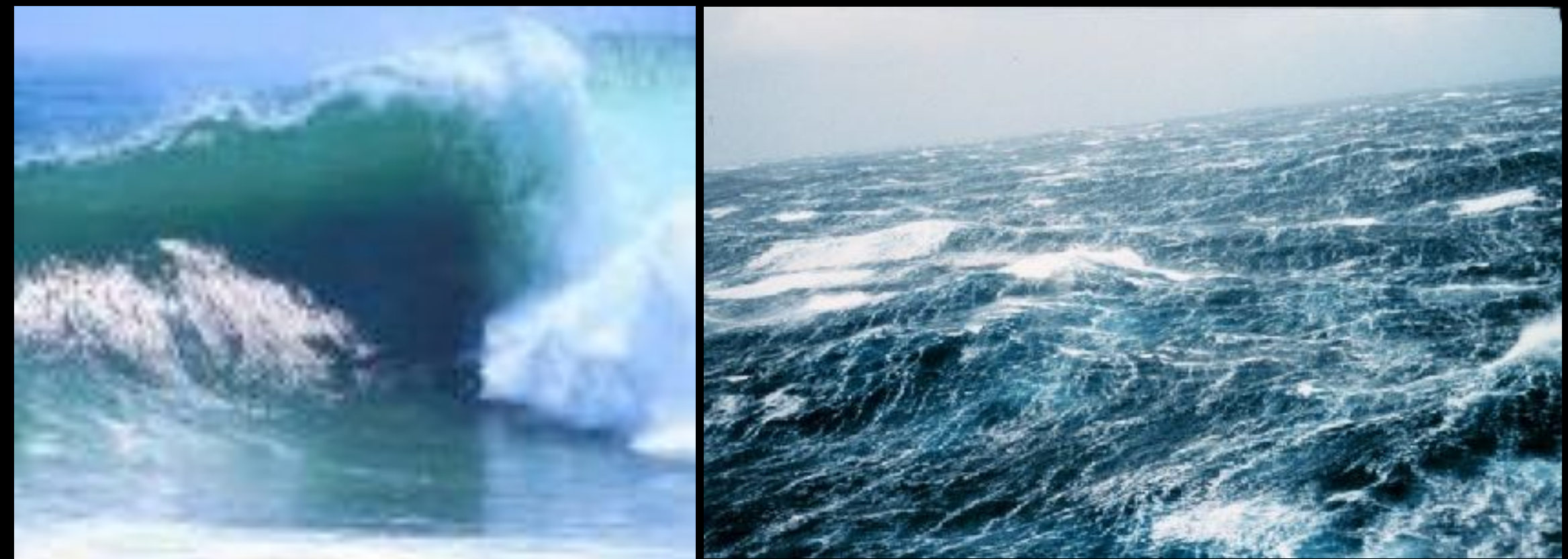
- **Nonlinear**

- Whole is more than sum of parts
- Example: water + wind
- Example: two black holes
- Need supercomputers to predict

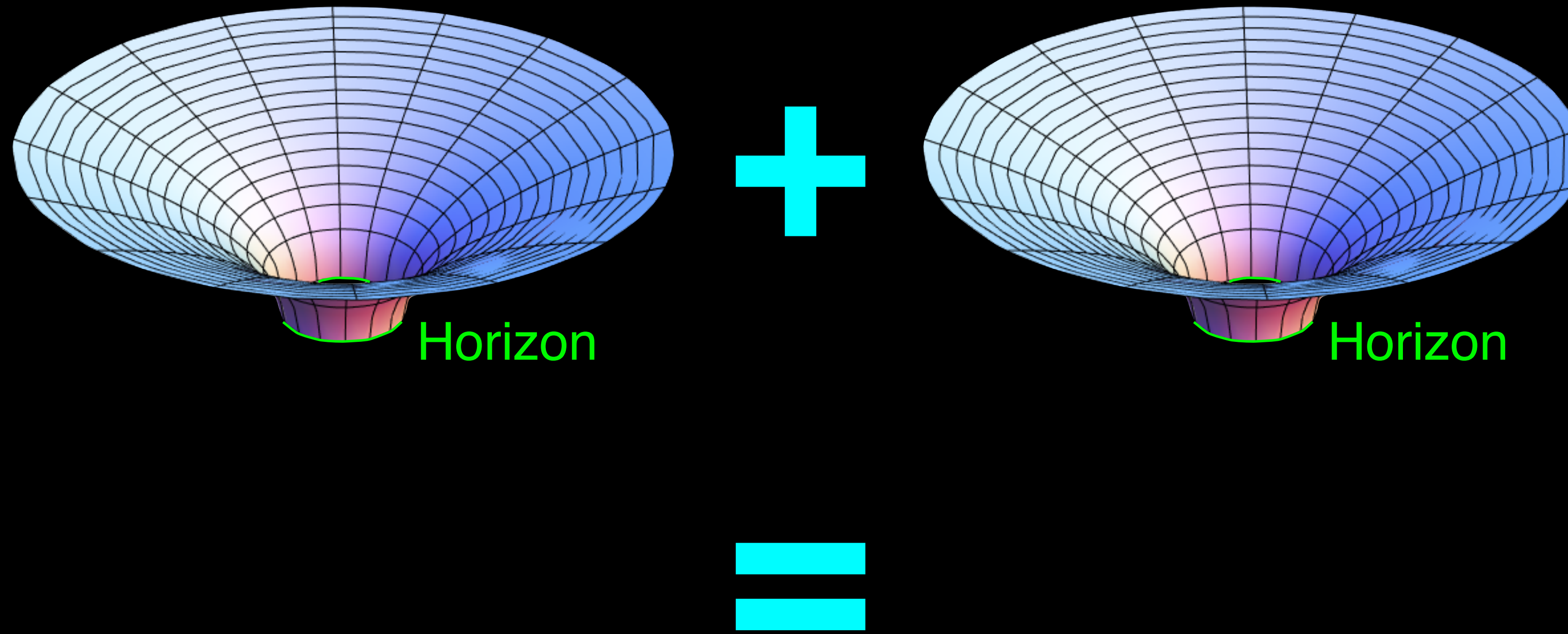
Single black hole



Colliding black holes



Images courtesy Kip Thorne



**Merging black holes &
gravitational waves**

By CSUF Undergrad
Nick Demos
(now MIT PhD student)



SXS Collaboration: "Calculation of warped spacetime consistent with GW170104 (zoomed)"



3+1 decomposition

Split spacetime into set of spaces

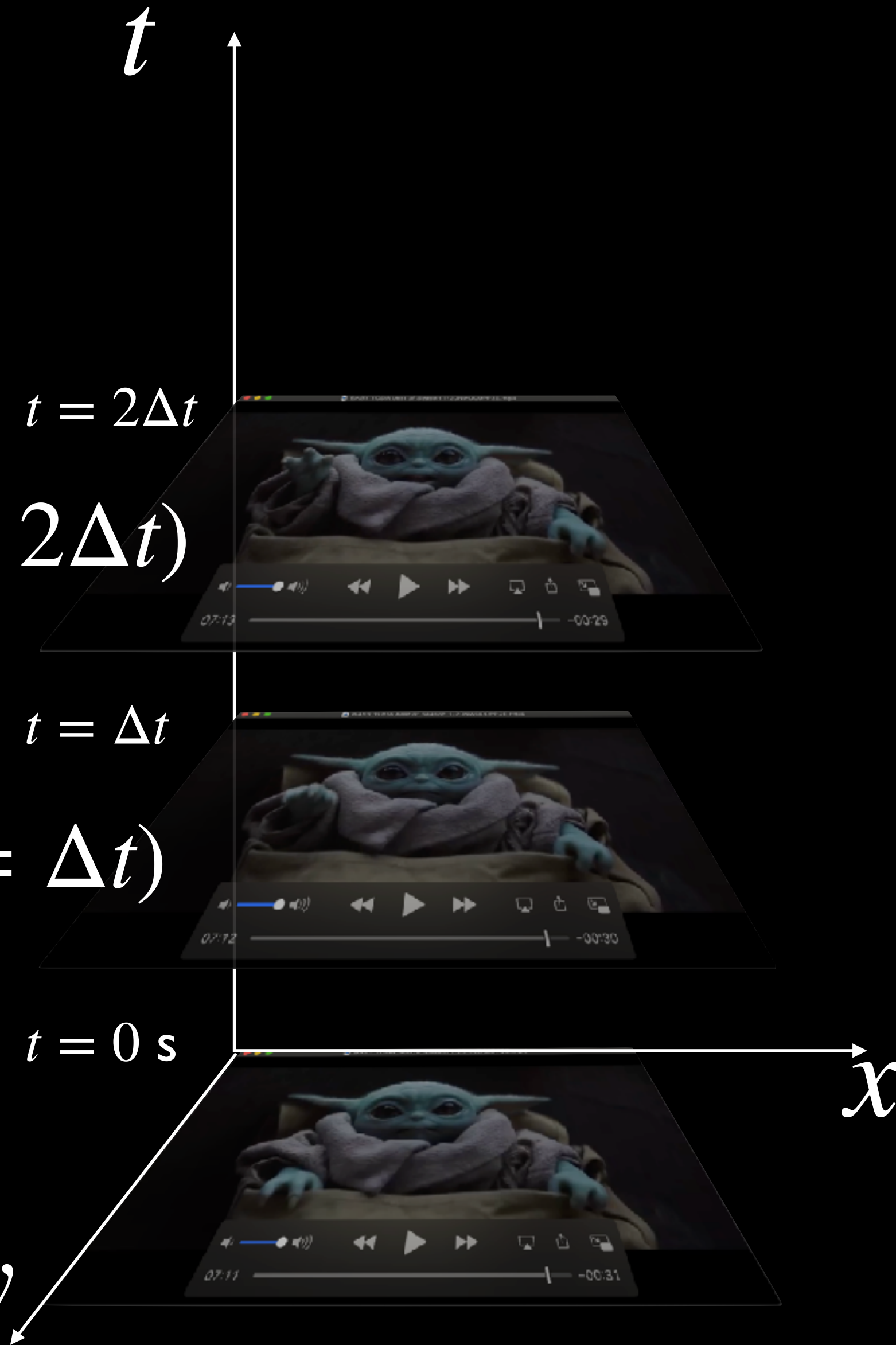
Spacetime metric =
measure of distance
between events in
spacetime

Goal: evolve
(constraint-
satisfying)
spacetime
metric g_{ab}

Spacetime
metric $g_{ab}(t = 0)$

$$g_{ab}(t = 2\Delta t)$$

$$g_{ab}(t = \Delta t)$$



Solving Einstein's equations in vacuum

Goal: solve $G_{\mu\nu} = 0$ for spacetime metric g_{ab}

- Split spacetime into space + time

- Constraint equations $G_{nj} = 0$ $G_{nn} = 0$

- Solve to create initial data like $\nabla \cdot E = 0, \nabla \cdot B = 0$

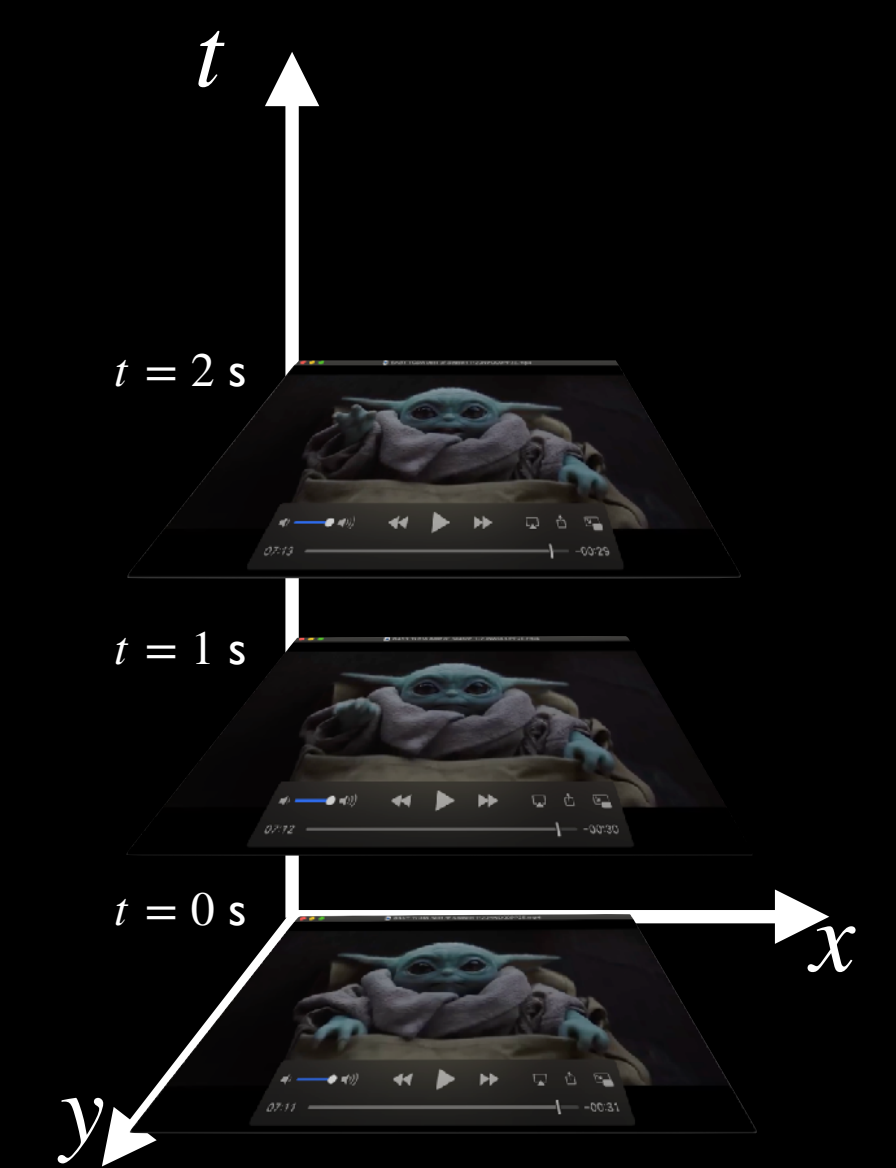
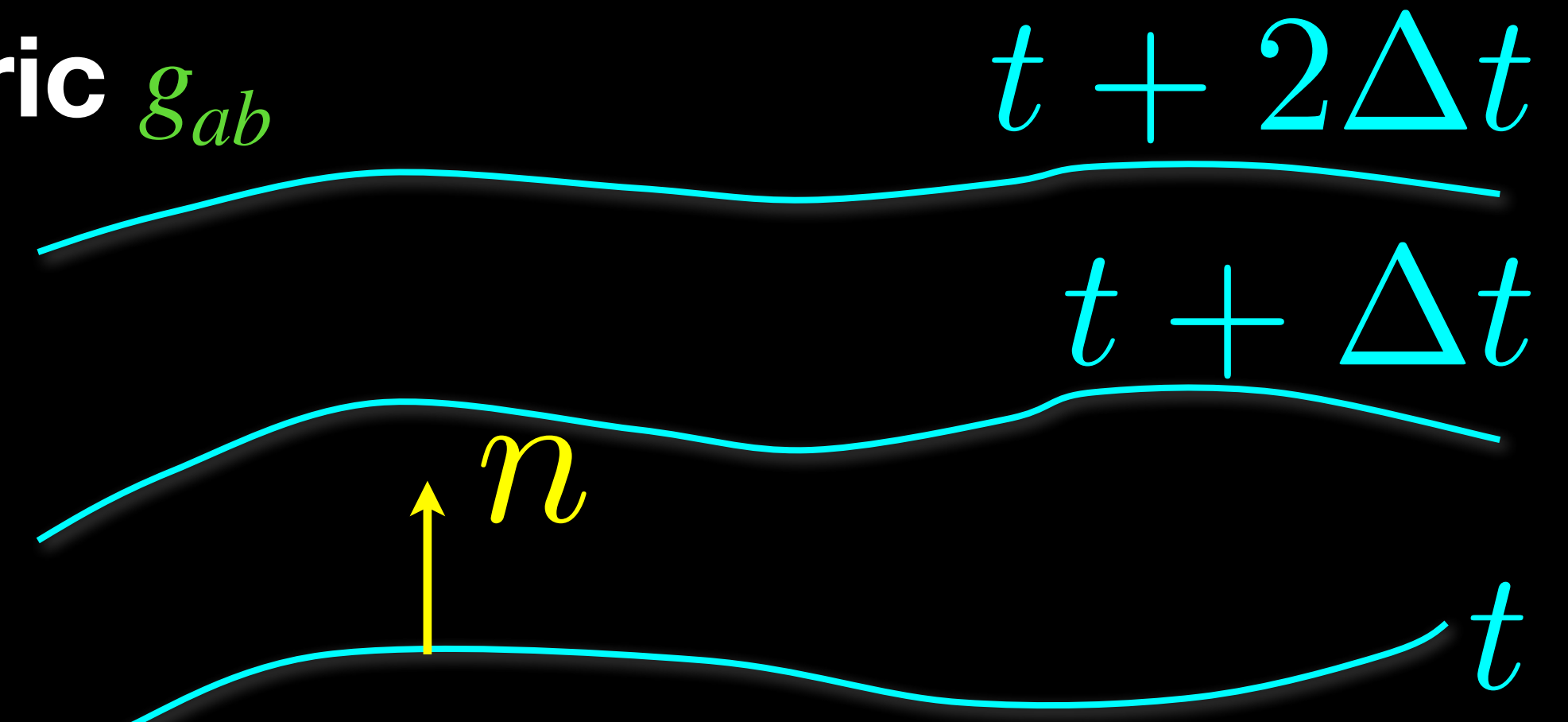
- Evolution equations $G_{ij} = 0$

- Constraints must stay satisfied

- Step 1: Step forward in time

- Step 2: Repeat step 1 (a lot)

like $\frac{\partial B}{\partial t} = -\nabla \times E,$
 $\frac{\partial E}{\partial t} = \nabla \times B$



The actual equations we solve

$$\begin{aligned}
 \partial_t g_{ab} - (1 + \gamma_1) \beta^k \partial_k g_{ab} &= -\alpha \Pi_{ab} - \gamma_1 \beta^i \Phi_{iab}, \\
 \partial_t \Pi_{ab} - \beta^k \partial_k \Pi_{ab} + \alpha \gamma^{ki} \partial_k \Phi_{iab} - \gamma_1 \gamma_2 \beta^k \partial_k g_{ab} \\
 &= 2\alpha g^{cd} (\gamma^{ij} \Phi_{ica} \Phi_{jdb} - \Pi_{ca} \Pi_{db} - g^{ef} \Gamma_{ace} \Gamma_{bdf}) \\
 &\quad - 2\alpha \nabla_{(a} H_{b)} - \frac{1}{2} \alpha n^c n^d \Pi_{cd} \Pi_{ab} - \alpha n^c \Pi_{ci} \gamma^{ij} \Phi_{jab} \\
 &\quad + \alpha \gamma_0 (2\delta^c_{(a} n_{b)} - (1 + \gamma_3) g_{ab} n^c) \mathcal{C}_c \\
 &\quad + 2\gamma_4 \alpha \Pi_{ab} n^c \mathcal{C}_c \\
 &\quad - \gamma_5 \alpha n^c \mathcal{C}_c \left(\frac{\mathcal{C}_a \mathcal{C}_b - \frac{1}{2} g_{ab} \mathcal{C}_d \mathcal{C}^d}{\epsilon_5 + 2n^d \mathcal{C}_d n^e \mathcal{C}_e + \mathcal{C}_d \mathcal{C}^d} \right) \\
 &\quad - \gamma_1 \gamma_2 \beta^i \Phi_{iab} \\
 &\quad - 16\pi\alpha \left(T_{ab} - \frac{1}{2} g_{ab} T^c_c \right), \\
 \partial_t \Phi_{iab} - \beta^k \partial_k \Phi_{iab} + \alpha \partial_i \Pi_{ab} - \alpha \gamma_2 \partial_i g_{ab} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \alpha n^c n^d \Phi_{icd} \Pi_{ab} + \alpha \gamma^{jk} n^c \Phi_{ijc} \Phi_{kab} \\
 &\quad - \alpha \gamma_2 \Phi_{iab},
 \end{aligned}$$

Evolution equations $u_\alpha = \{g_{ab}, \Pi_{ab}, \Phi_{iab}\}$

$$\partial_t u_\alpha + \partial_i F^i_\alpha + B^i_{\alpha\beta} \partial_i u_\beta - S_\alpha = 0.$$

$$C_a = H_a + g^{ij} \Phi_{ija} + t^b \Pi_{ba} - \frac{1}{2} g^i_a \psi^{bc} \Phi_{ibc} - \frac{1}{2} t_a \psi^{bc} \Pi_{bc}$$

$$H_a \equiv g_{ab} \partial^c \partial_c x^b$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_{ia} \equiv & g^{jk} \partial_j \Phi_{ika} - \frac{1}{2} g^j_a \psi^{cd} \partial_j \Phi_{icd} + t^b \partial_i \Pi_{ba} - \frac{1}{2} t_a \psi^{cd} \partial_i \Pi_{cd} \\
 & + \partial_i H_a + \frac{1}{2} g^j_a \Phi_{jcd} \Phi_{ief} \psi^{ce} \psi^{df} + \frac{1}{2} g^{jk} \Phi_{jcd} \Phi_{ike} \psi^{cd} t^e t_a \\
 & - g^{jk} g^{mn} \Phi_{jma} \Phi_{ikn} + \frac{1}{2} \Phi_{icd} \Pi_{be} t_a \left(\psi^{cb} \psi^{de} + \frac{1}{2} \psi^{be} t^c t^d \right) \\
 & - \Phi_{icd} \Pi_{ba} t^c \left(\psi^{bd} + \frac{1}{2} t^b t^d \right) + \frac{1}{2} \gamma_2 (t_a \psi^{cd} - 2\delta^c_a t^d) C_{icd}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$C_{iab} = \partial_i g_{ab} - \Phi_{iab}$$

$$C_{ijab} = 2\partial_{[i} \Phi_{j]ab}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{F}_a \equiv & \frac{1}{2} g^i_a \psi^{bc} \partial_i \Pi_{bc} - g^{ij} \partial_i \Pi_{ja} - g^{ij} t^b \partial_i \Phi_{jba} + \frac{1}{2} t_a \psi^{bc} g^{ij} \partial_i \Phi_{jbc} \\
 & + t_a g^{ij} \partial_i H_j + g^i_a \Phi_{ijb} g^{jk} \Phi_{kcd} \psi^{bd} t^c - \frac{1}{2} g^i_a \Phi_{ijb} g^{jk} \Phi_{kcd} \psi^{cd} t^b \\
 & - g^i_a t^b \partial_i H_b + g^{ij} \Phi_{icd} \Phi_{jba} \psi^{bc} t^d - \frac{1}{2} t_a g^{ij} g^{mn} \Phi_{imc} \Phi_{njd} \psi^{cd} \\
 & - \frac{1}{4} t_a g^{ij} \Phi_{icd} \Phi_{jbe} \psi^{cb} \psi^{de} + \frac{1}{4} t_a \Pi_{cd} \Pi_{be} \psi^{cb} \psi^{de} - g^{ij} H_i \Pi_{ja} \\
 & - t^b g^{ij} \Pi_{bi} \Pi_{ja} - \frac{1}{4} g^i_a \Phi_{icd} t^c t^d \Pi_{be} \psi^{be} + \frac{1}{2} t_a \Pi_{cd} \Pi_{be} \psi^{ce} t^d t^b \\
 & + g^i_a \Phi_{icd} \Pi_{be} t^c t^b \psi^{de} - g^{ij} \Phi_{iba} t^b \Pi_{je} t^e - \frac{1}{2} g^{ij} \Phi_{icd} t^c t^d \Pi_{ja} \\
 & - g^{ij} H_i \Phi_{jba} t^b + g^i_a \Phi_{icd} H_b \psi^{bc} t^d + \gamma_2 (g^{id} \mathcal{C}_{ida} - \frac{1}{2} g^i_a \psi^{cd} \mathcal{C}_{icd}) \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} t_a \Pi_{cd} \psi^{cd} H_b t^b - t_a g^{ij} \Phi_{ijc} H_d \psi^{cd} + \frac{1}{2} t_a g^{ij} H_i \Phi_{jcd} \psi^{cd} \\
 & - 16\pi t^a T_{ab}
 \end{aligned}$$

Constraint equations

$a, b, \dots =$
spacetime
indices t, x, y, z

$i, j, \dots =$
spatial indices
 x, y, z

$\alpha, \beta, \dots =$
equation
indices
 $g_{ab}, \Pi_{ab}, \Phi_{iab}$

Sum over
repeated
indices

$G = c = 1$

SpECTRE

- Open, next-gen. NR code
 - Discontinuous Galerkin (DG)
 - Task-based parallelism

SpEC

Home-grown

Cores run same code on different parts of grid

SpECTRE

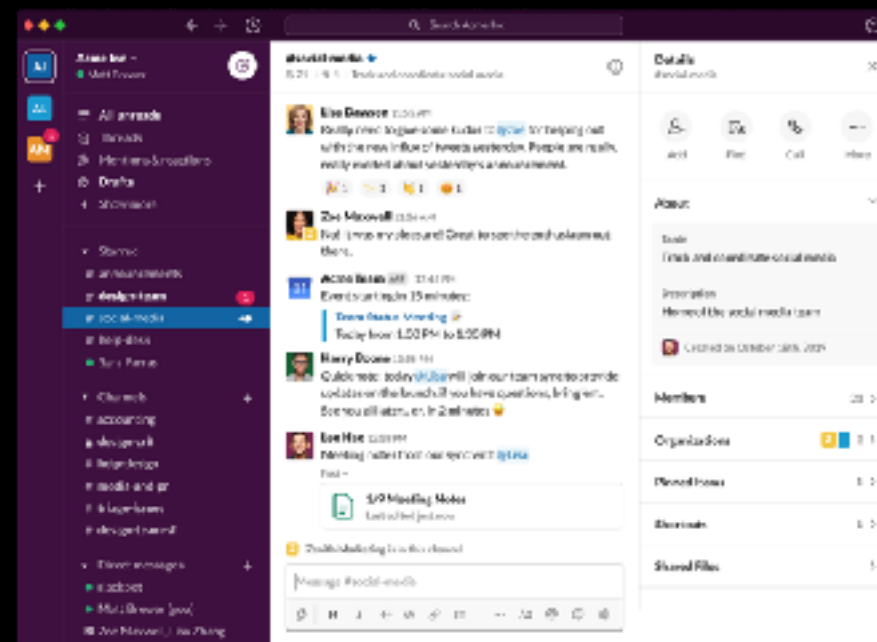
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Cores ask scheduler for tasks from queue



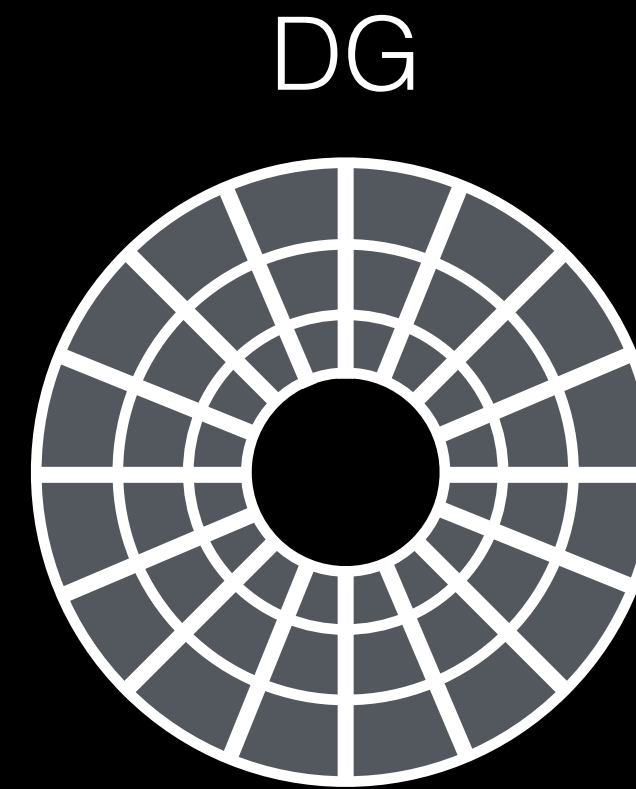
Many sync points

Scales to 50 cores



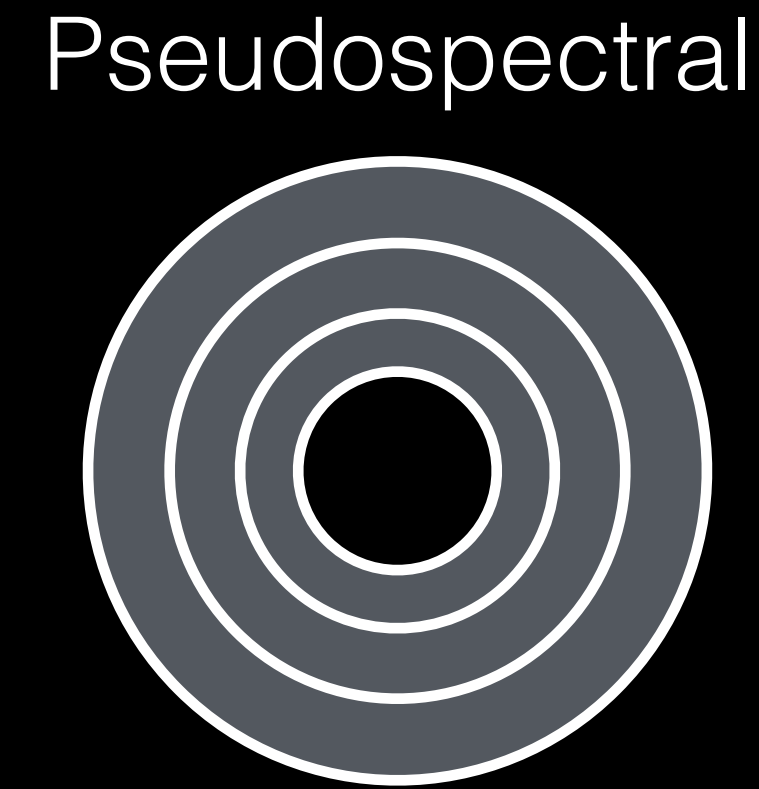
Few sync points

Scales to 100k cores



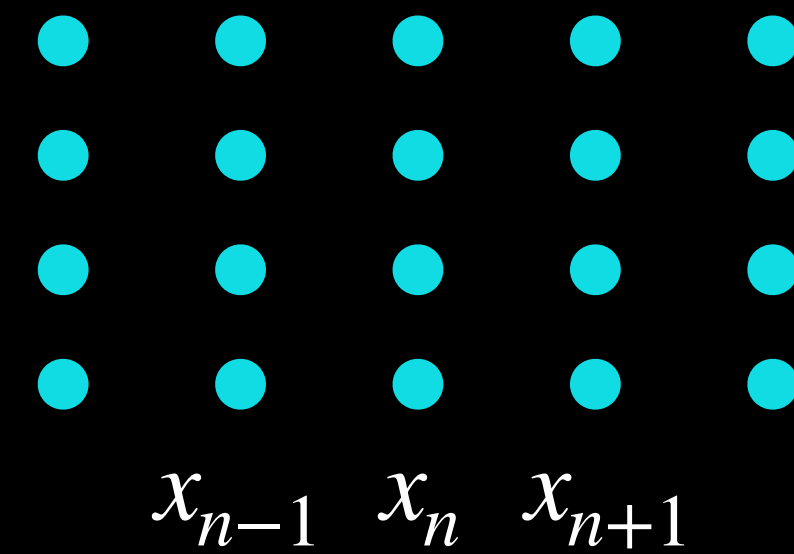
$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^N a_n \phi(x)$$

Smaller N
more cells



Bigger N
fewer cells

Finite Diff.



Values at
grid points

Shocks

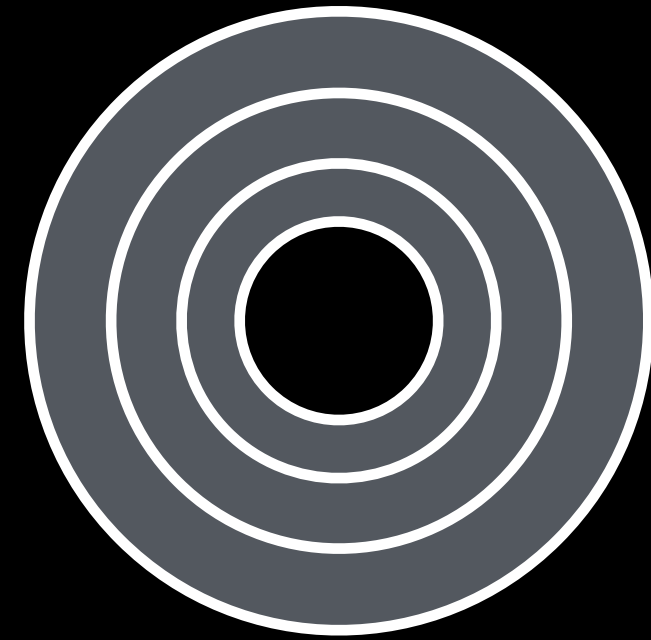
Polynomial
convergence

Wide stencils
*High communication
on many CPUs*

*Exponential convergence
when solution smooth*

Analytic high-order derivatives

Data parallelism



Code to evolve, find horizons, compute waves, ...

Core 0

Copy of same code



Core 1

Copy of same code

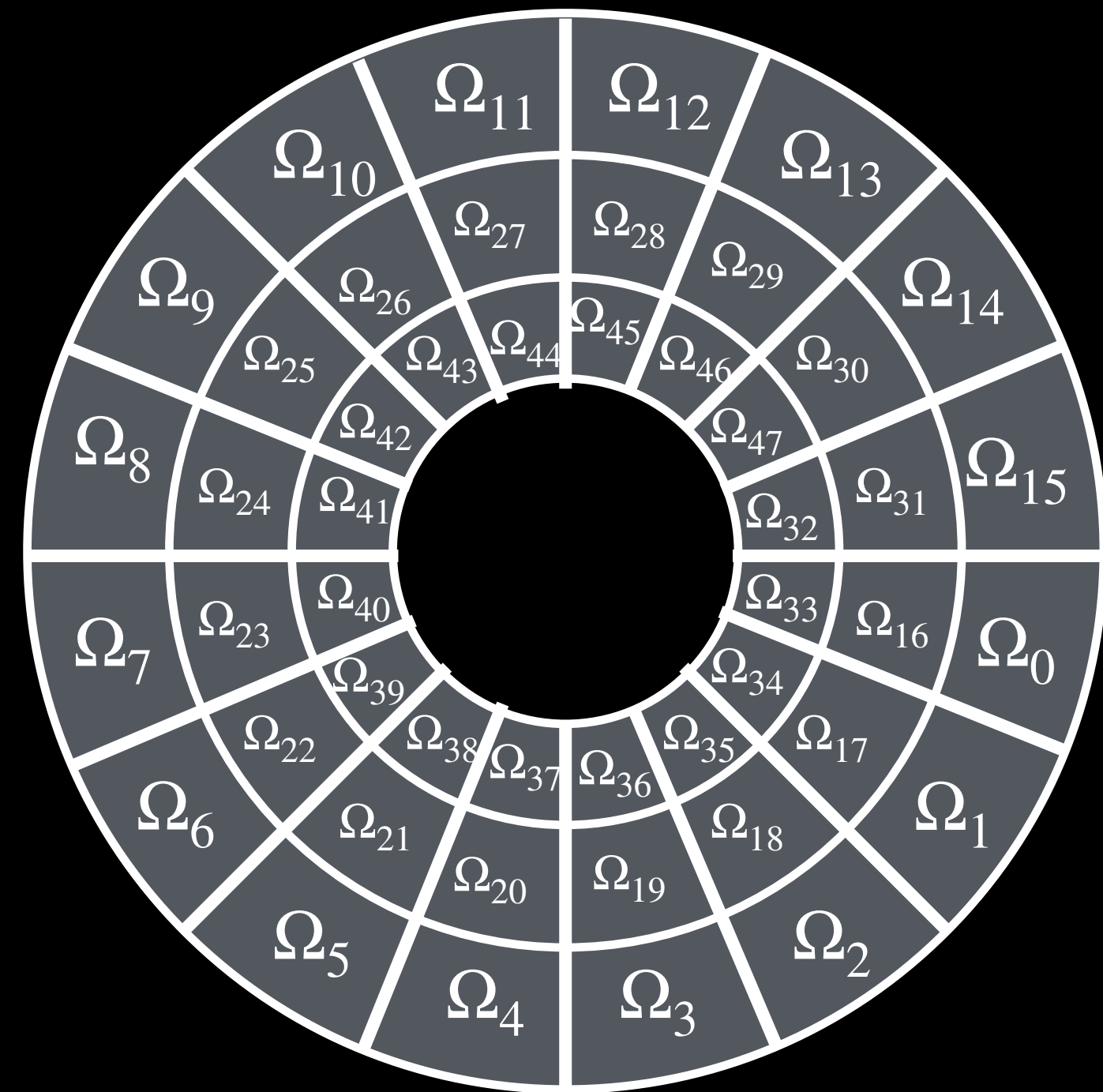


Core 2

Copy of same code

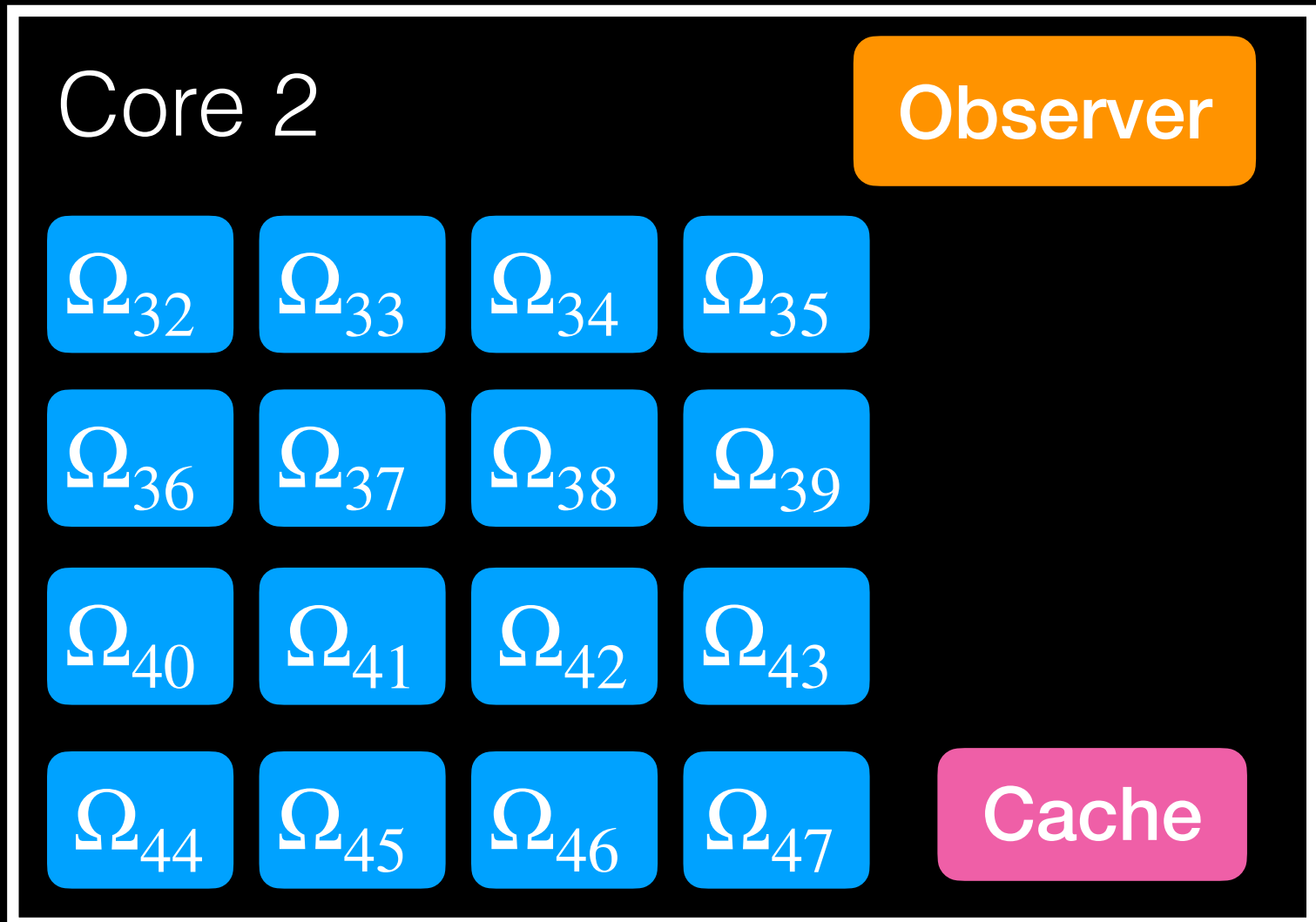
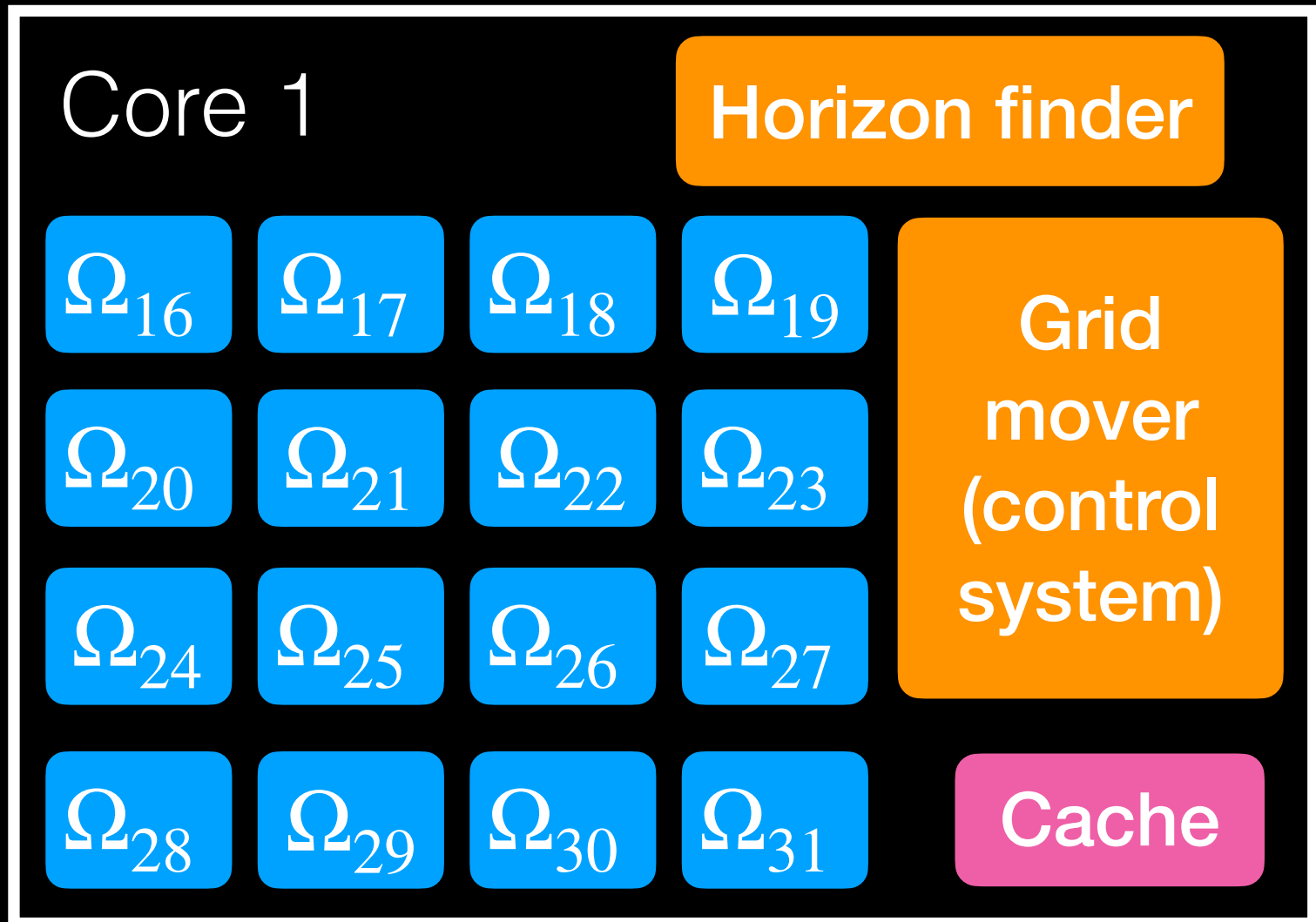
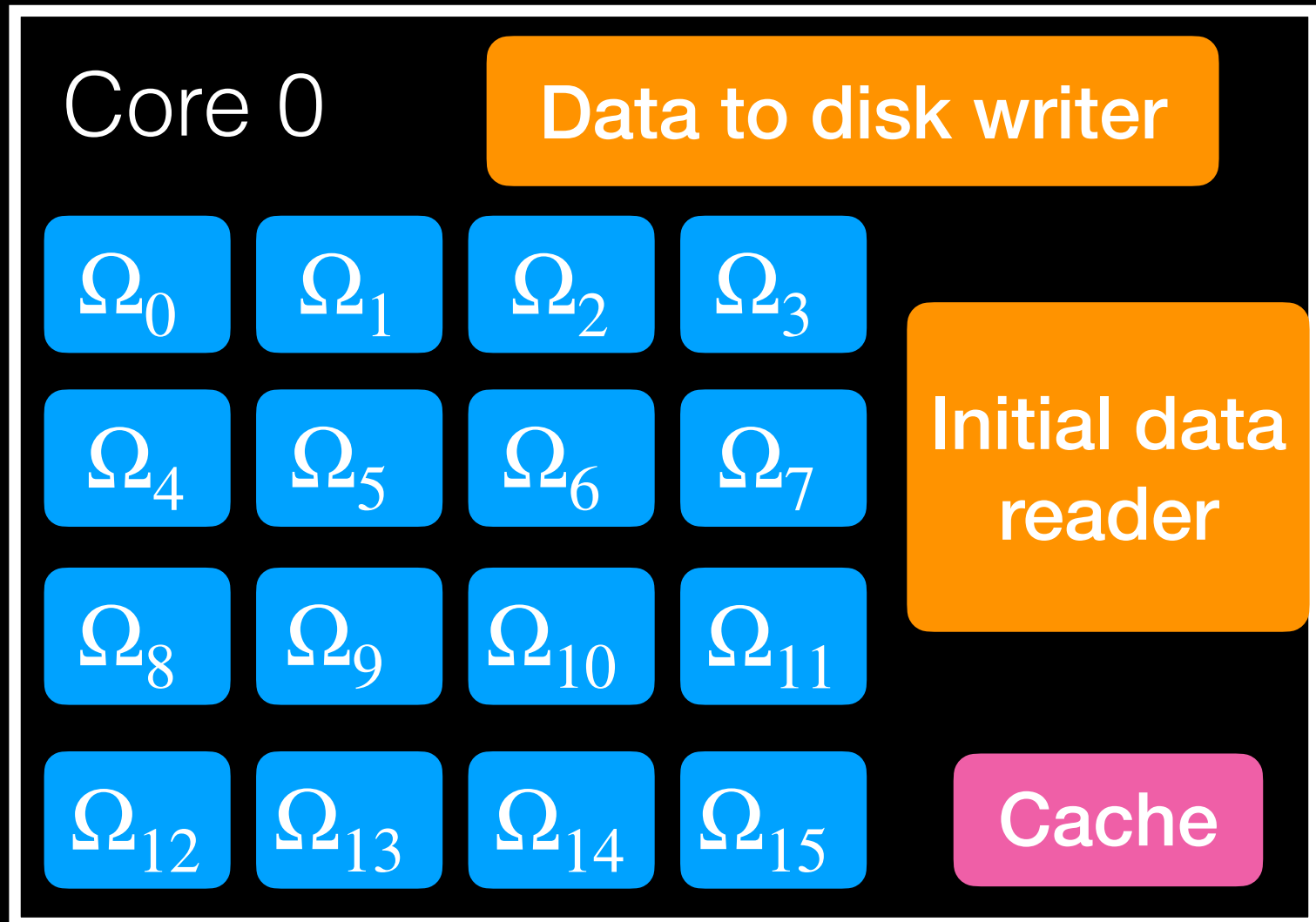


Task parallelism



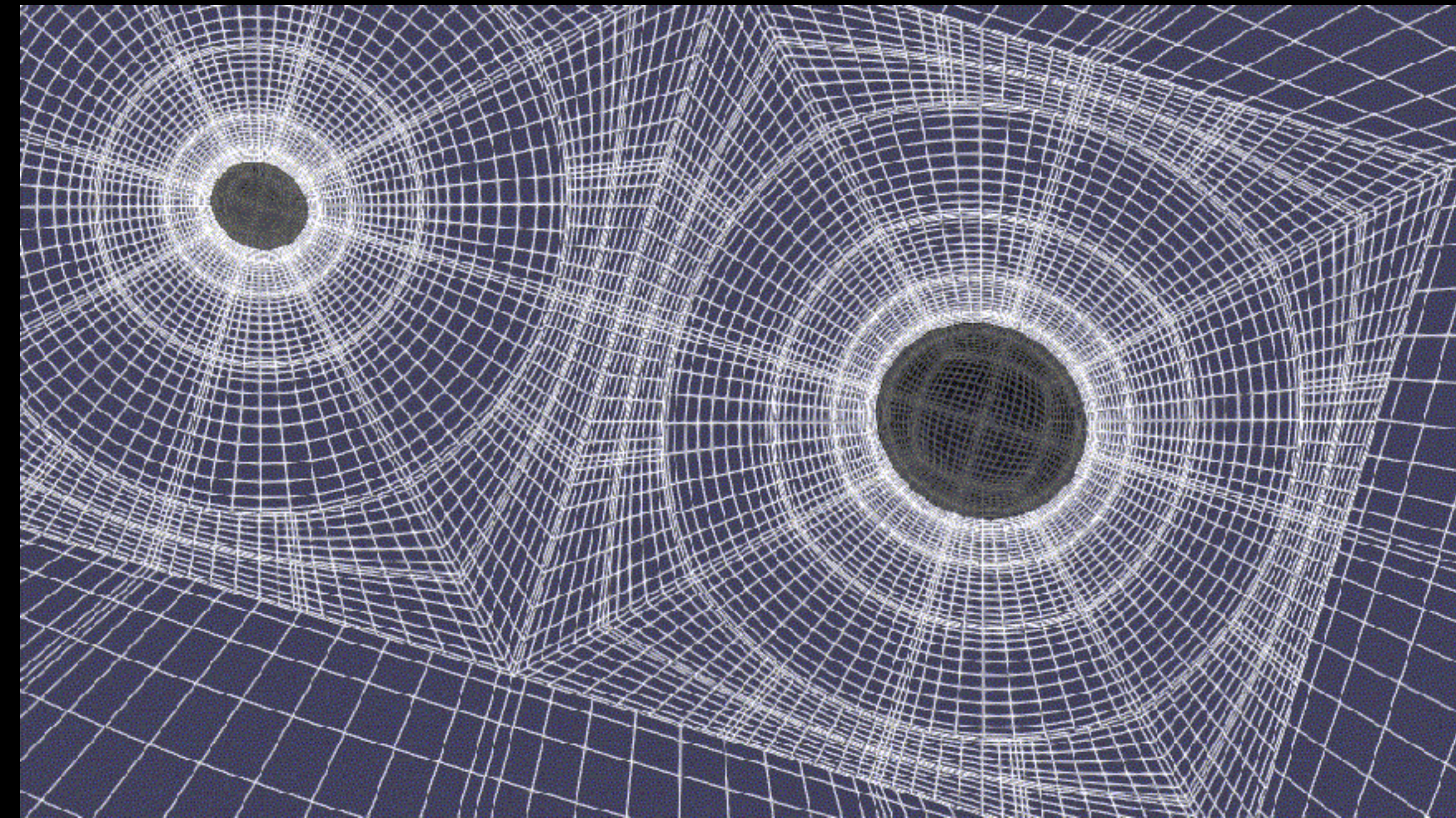
- = array parallel component
- = singleton parallel component
- = global cache

Parallel component
 = "actor" that knows things, does things
 = "distributed object"
 = charm++ chare



Moving mesh

- Deform, move mesh with grid velocity
 - Track black holes, ensuring singularities remain excised, horizon exteriors not excised



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