

# Introduction to Astronomy

## AA 201

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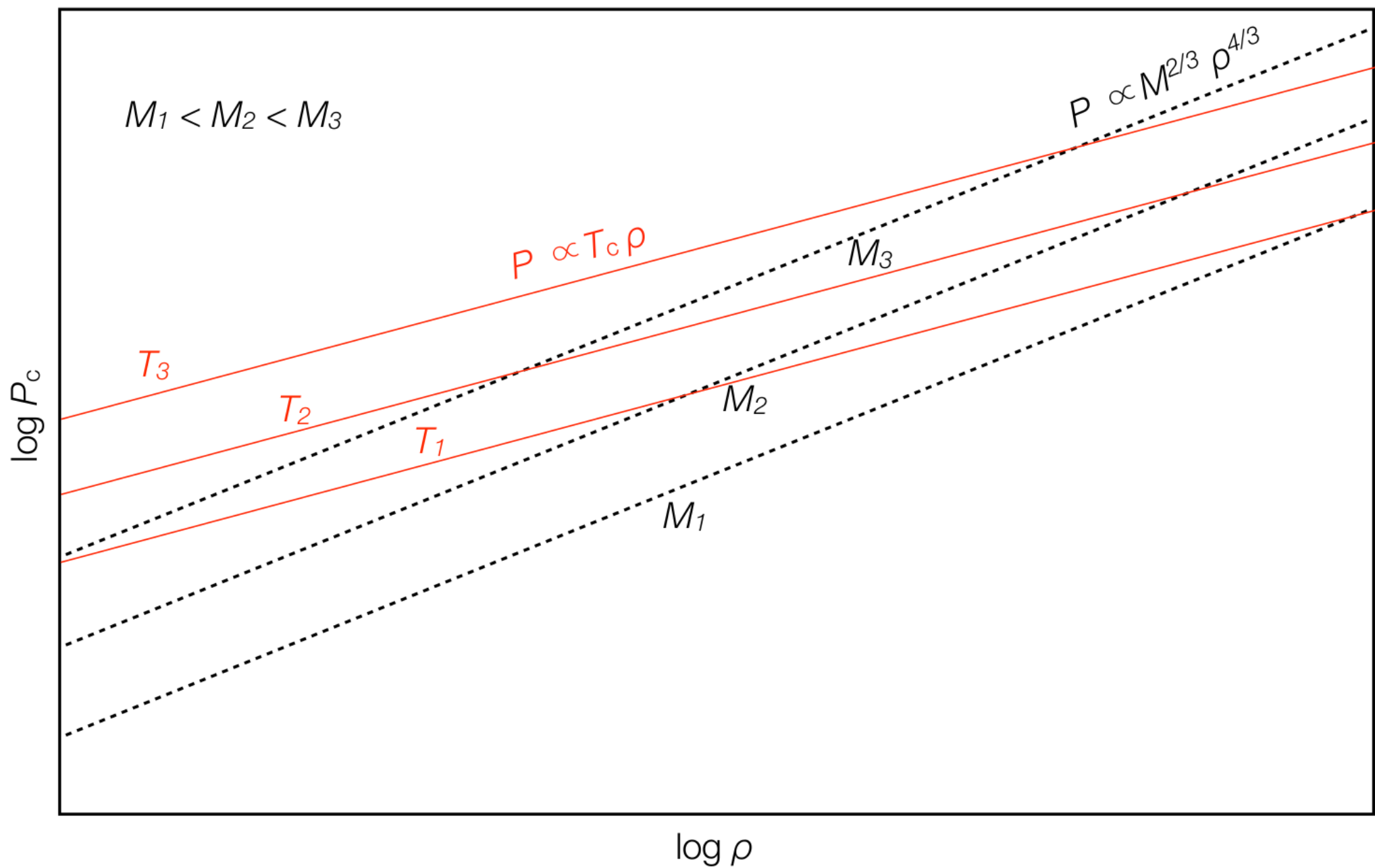
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# What happens after a star finishes of its fuel?

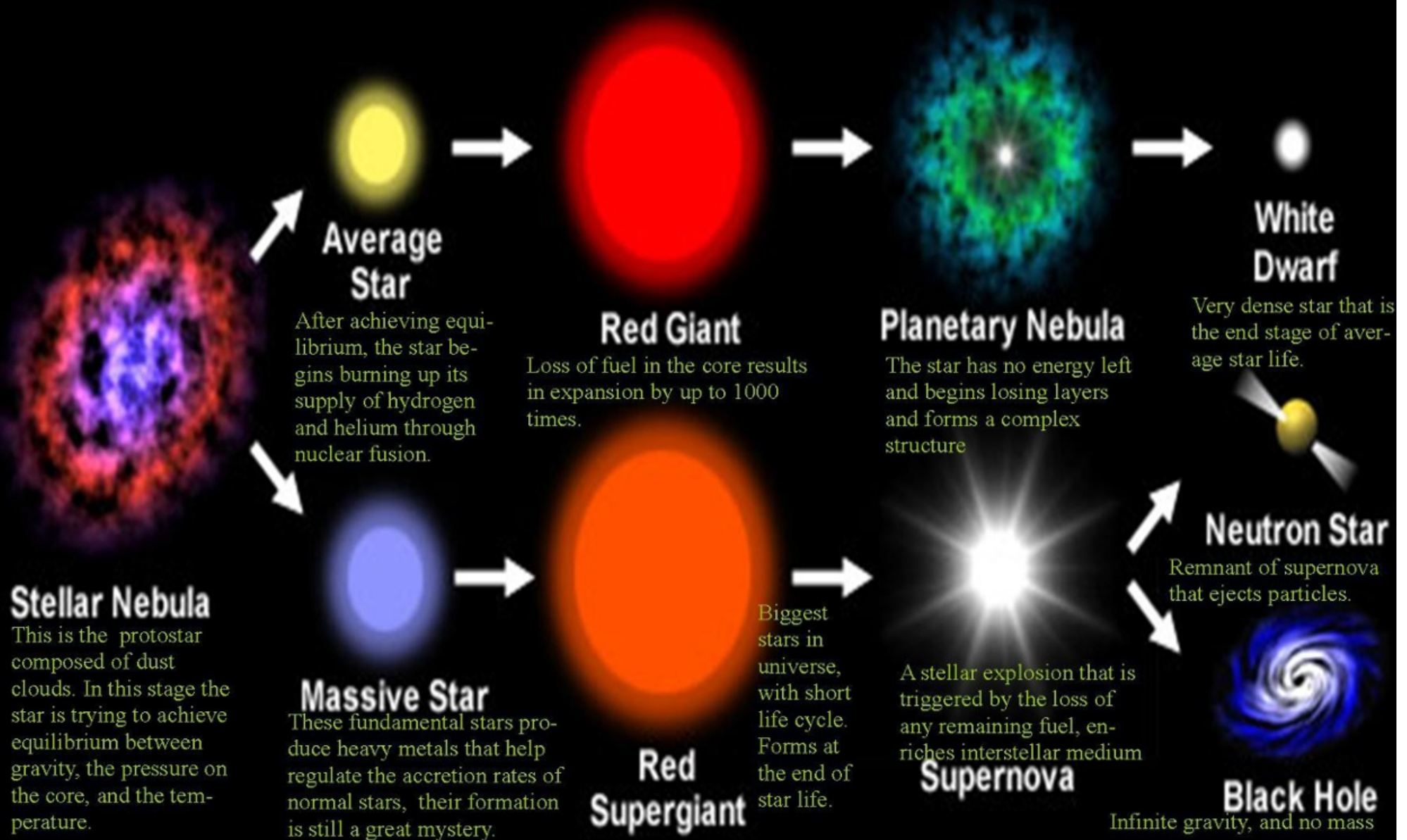
- As we have seen before, the (main-sequence) lifetime of a star depends on its mass.
- Subsequently, depending on the original mass, a number of outcomes are possible

Progenitor Mass	Outcome
$<0.5 M_{\text{solar}}$	$T_{\text{ms}} < \text{age of universe}$
$0.5 M_{\text{solar}} < M < 8 M_{\text{solar}}$	WD + planetary nebula
$8 M_{\text{solar}} < M < 20 M_{\text{solar}}$	Core-collapse+SN Neutron star
$M > 20 M_{\text{solar}}$	Core-collapse+SN Black hole

# Life Cycle of a Star

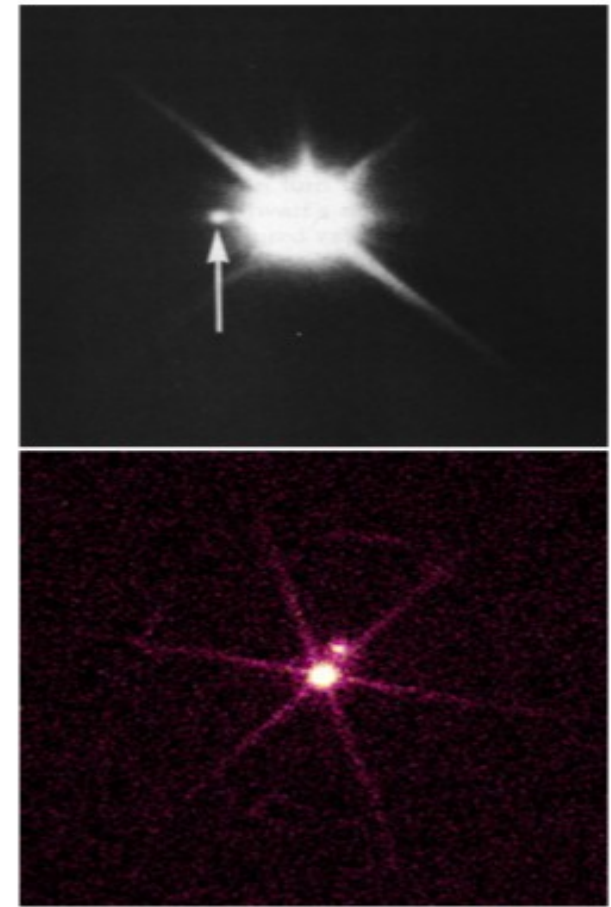
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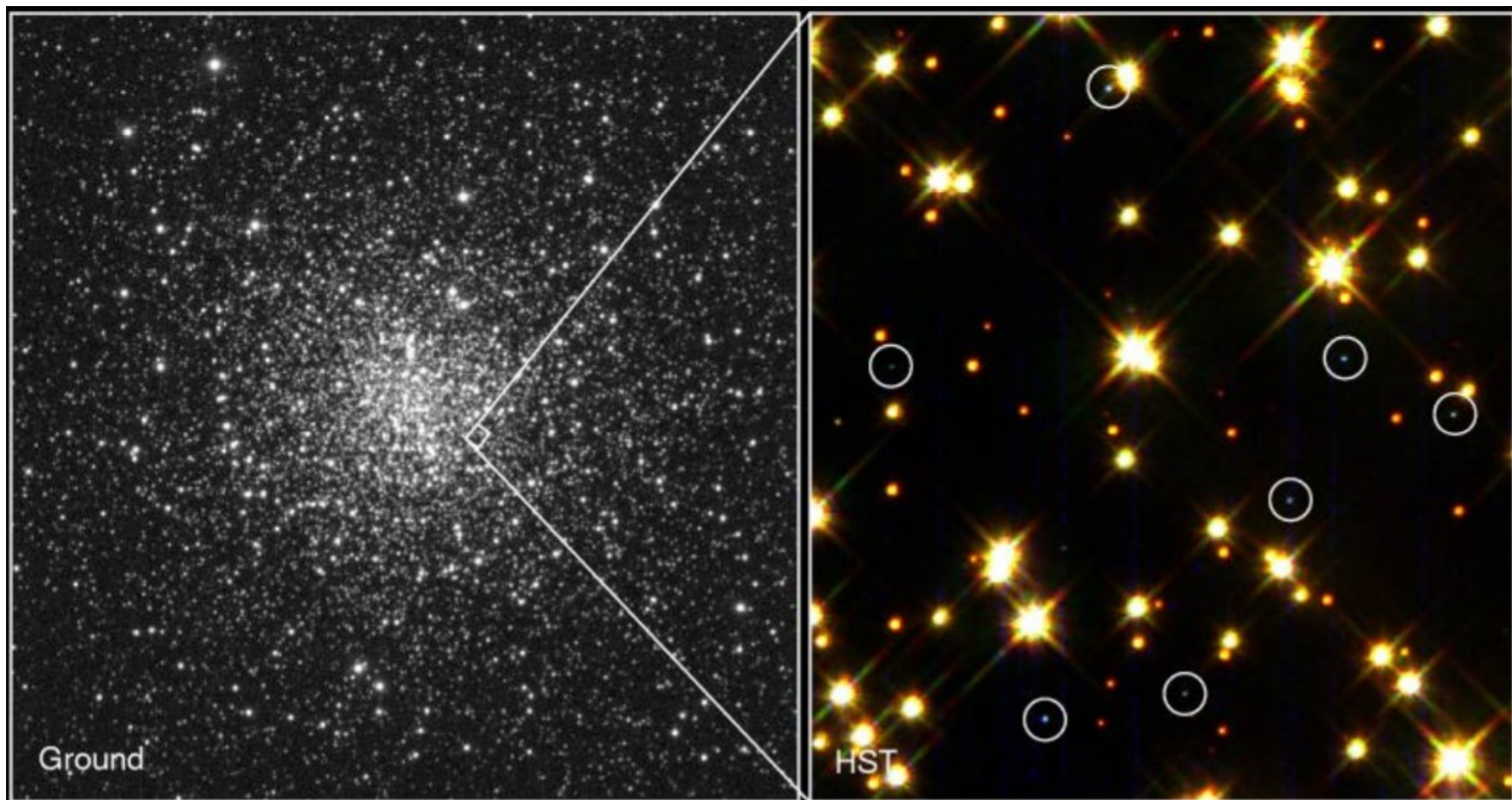
# Sirius B: first evidence

- First white dwarf discovered
- Mass from orbital effect of Sirius A (brightest)
  - $M_B \sim 1.05 M_{\text{solar}}$
- 1000 times fainter than Sirius A but hotter!
- $R \sim 5.5 \times 10^6 \text{ m} = 0.008 R_{\text{solar}}$
- Density  $\sim 10^9 \text{ kg/m}^3$
- Mixture of Carbon-Oxygen



Optical (top) and X-ray (bottom) images of Sirius A and B, which are an A-type star and a white dwarf. The optical image is dominated by the main sequence star, the X-ray image by the white dwarf.





## White Dwarf Stars in M4

PRC95-32 · ST ScI OPO · August 28, 1995 · H. Bond (ST ScI), NASA

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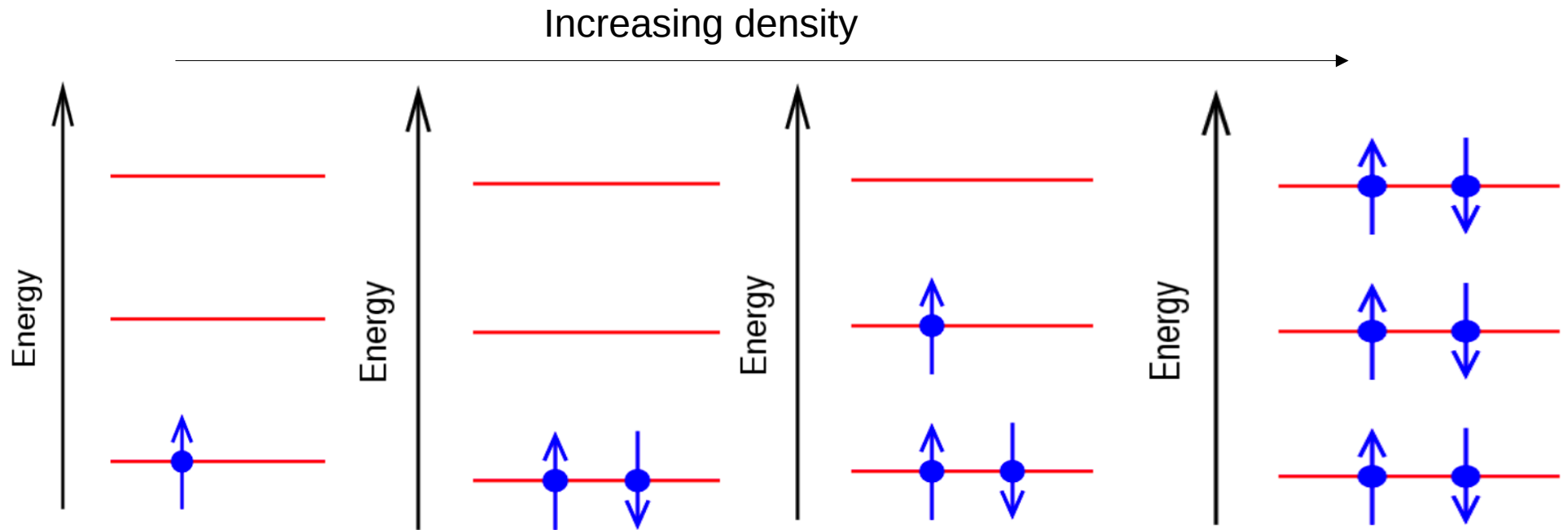
# What powers these objects?

- Reminder: Gravitational pressure balanced by thermal pressure of gas heated by fusion
- Here → Degeneracy pressure
- As star collapses → density increases → quantum mechanical effects becomes important

# Degeneracy pressure

- Pauli exclusion principle
- For fermions, at least one quantum number must be different
- Quantum numbers: position, momentum, angular momentum, spin
- For normal gas density low, available phase space is large . But when density high  $\rightarrow$  phase space low  $\rightarrow$  exclusion principle becomes important

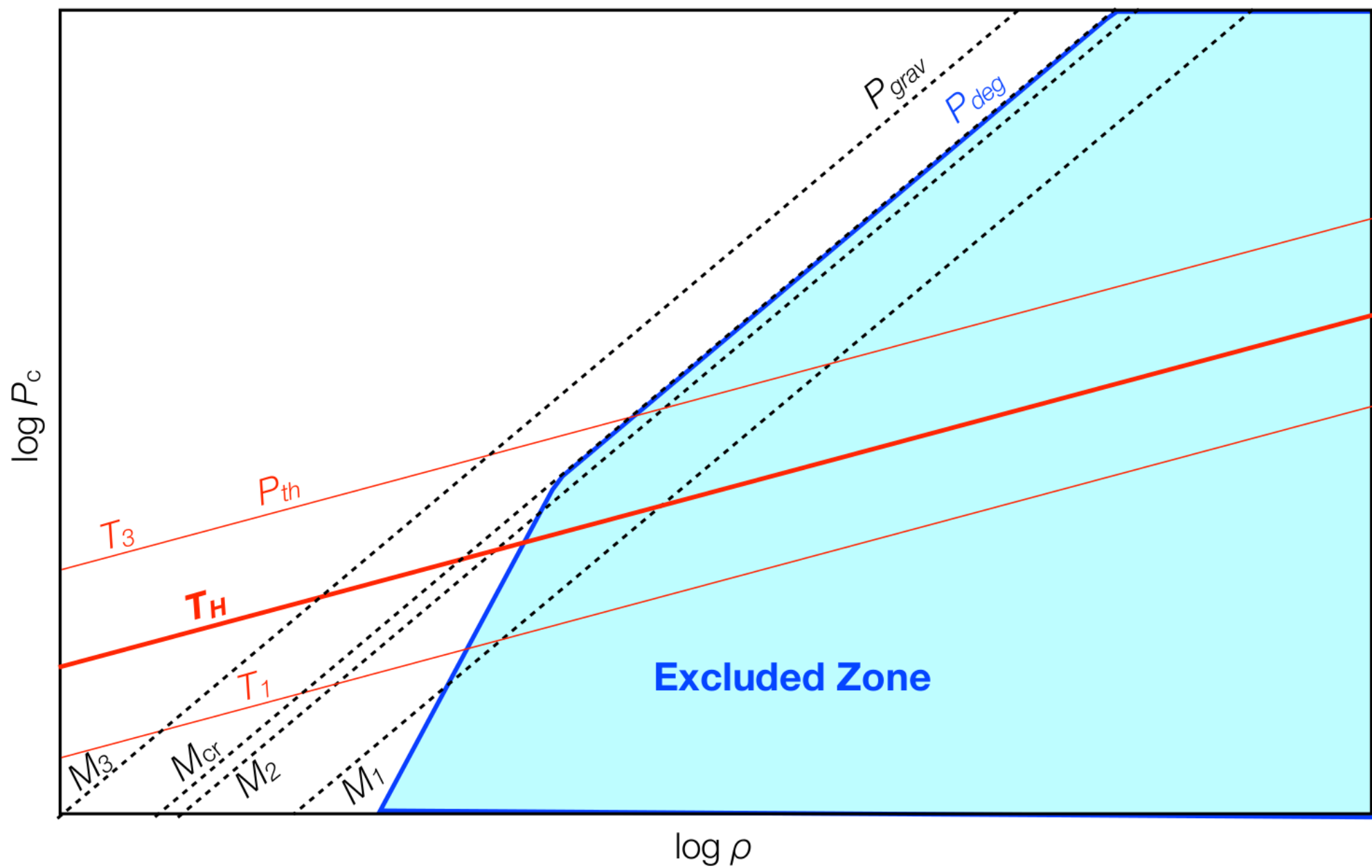




In degenerate electron gas, the electrons have much higher energy than thermal gas at the same temperature

# White dwarfs

- Mass  $\sim 0.8 M_{\text{solar}}$
- Radius  $\sim$  radius of earth
- Either He or C-O depending on progenitor
- Density  $\sim 10^6 \text{ g/cm}^3$  .
- Temperature interior  $\sim 10^7 \text{ K}$
- Maximum possible mass:  $1.44 M_{\text{solar}}$ 
  - Chandrasekhar limit!!
  - Relativistic degenerate gas behavior makes WD unstable
  - $P \sim \rho^{4/3}$



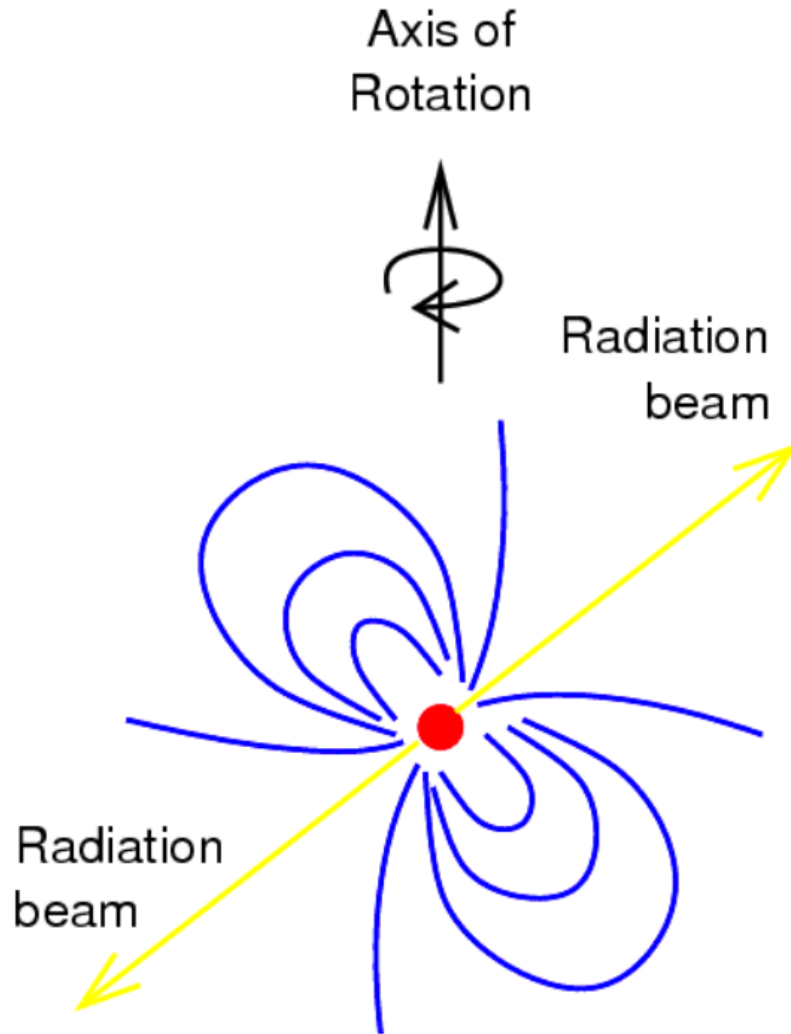
# Neutron Stars

- What happens when core crosses Chandrasekhar limit? → Collapse
- High densities favour
  - $p + e^- \rightarrow n + \nu_e$
- Gravity balanced by degenerate neutrons (similar to degenerate electrons for WD)
- Typical density  $\sim 10^{14} \text{ g/cm}^3$
- Mass  $\sim 1.4 - 3 M_{\text{solar}}$
- Radius  $\sim 10 \text{ km}$
- Core material exotic displaying superconductivity and superfluidity at high temperatures  
→ nature not understood!

# Neutron Stars

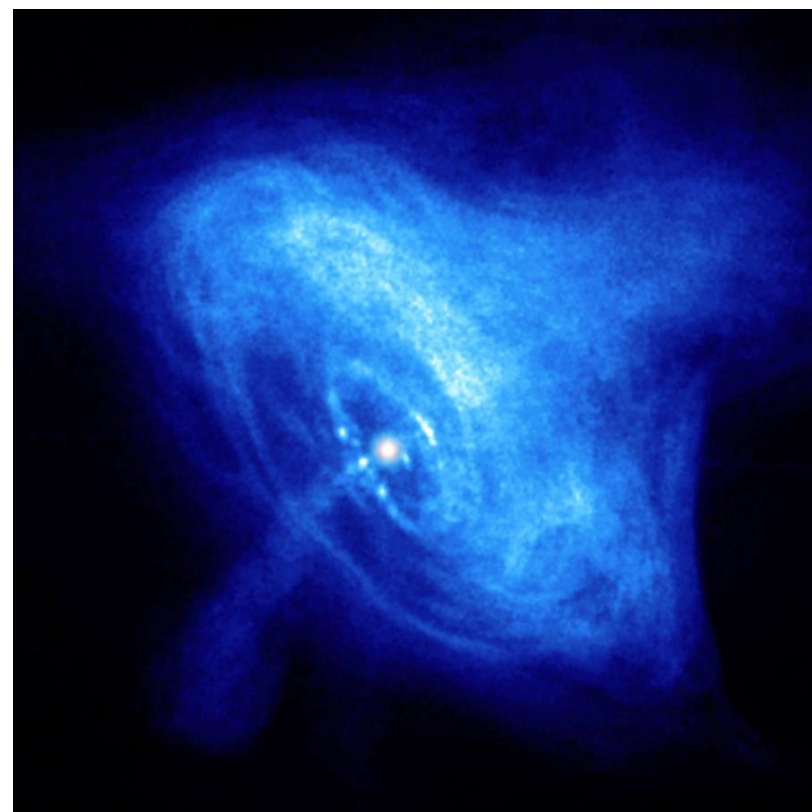
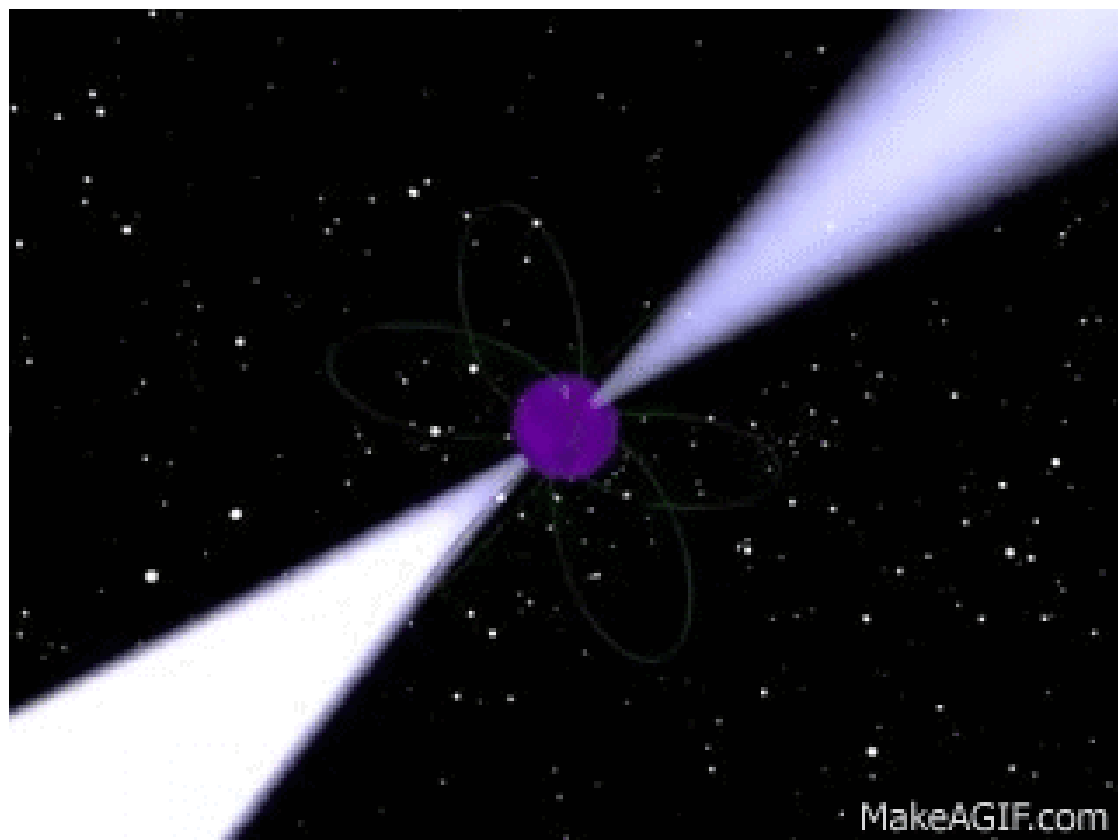
- Angular momentum conserved during collapse
- $MR^2 \Omega = \text{constant}$
- $M_{\text{NS}} = M_{\text{before}} = M_{\text{core}}$
- $\Omega_{\text{NS}} = (R_{\text{before}}/R_{\text{NS}})^2 \Omega_{\text{before}}$
- Extremely Fast Rotators!!
- $R_{\text{before}} = 7 \times 10^5 \text{ km}$  ;  $R_{\text{NS}} = 10 \text{ km}$ ;  $P_{\text{before}} = 27 \text{ d}$ ;  $P_{\text{NS}} = 0.001 \text{ s}$

# Pulsars



- Fast rotating neutron star with strong magnetic fields
- Lighthouse effect
- $B \sim 10^{12} - 10^{13} \text{ G}$  ( $10^{13}$  times geomagnetic field)
- Spin  $\sim \text{ms} - 10 \text{ s}$
- Magnetic flux is conserved
  - $BR^2 = \text{constant}$

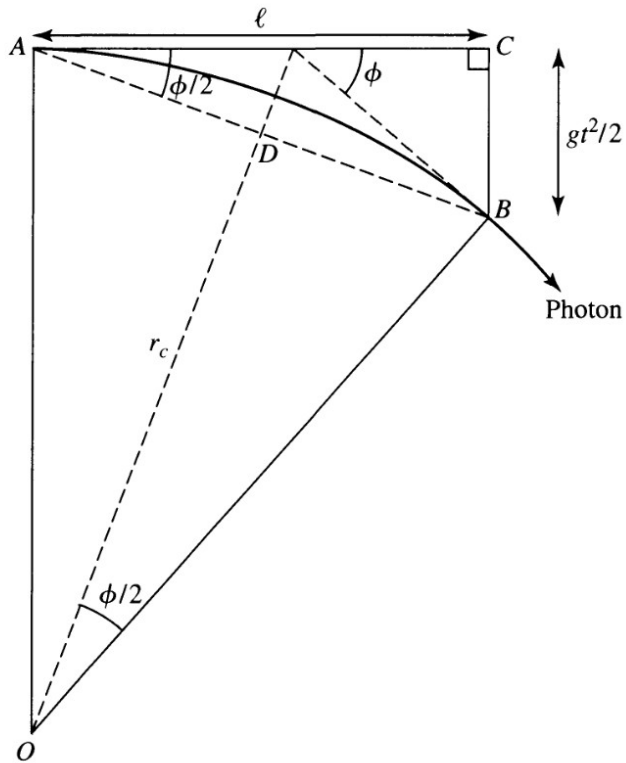




# Black Holes

- Core  $> 3 M_{\text{solar}}$   $\Rightarrow$  Gravity wins
- Light emitted cannot escape gravitational attraction
- Escape velocity = velocity of light  
→ Schwarzschild radius

# Near the blackhole



Light Bending

$$\frac{\nu_{\infty}}{\nu_0} = \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r_0 c^2}\right)^{1/2}.$$

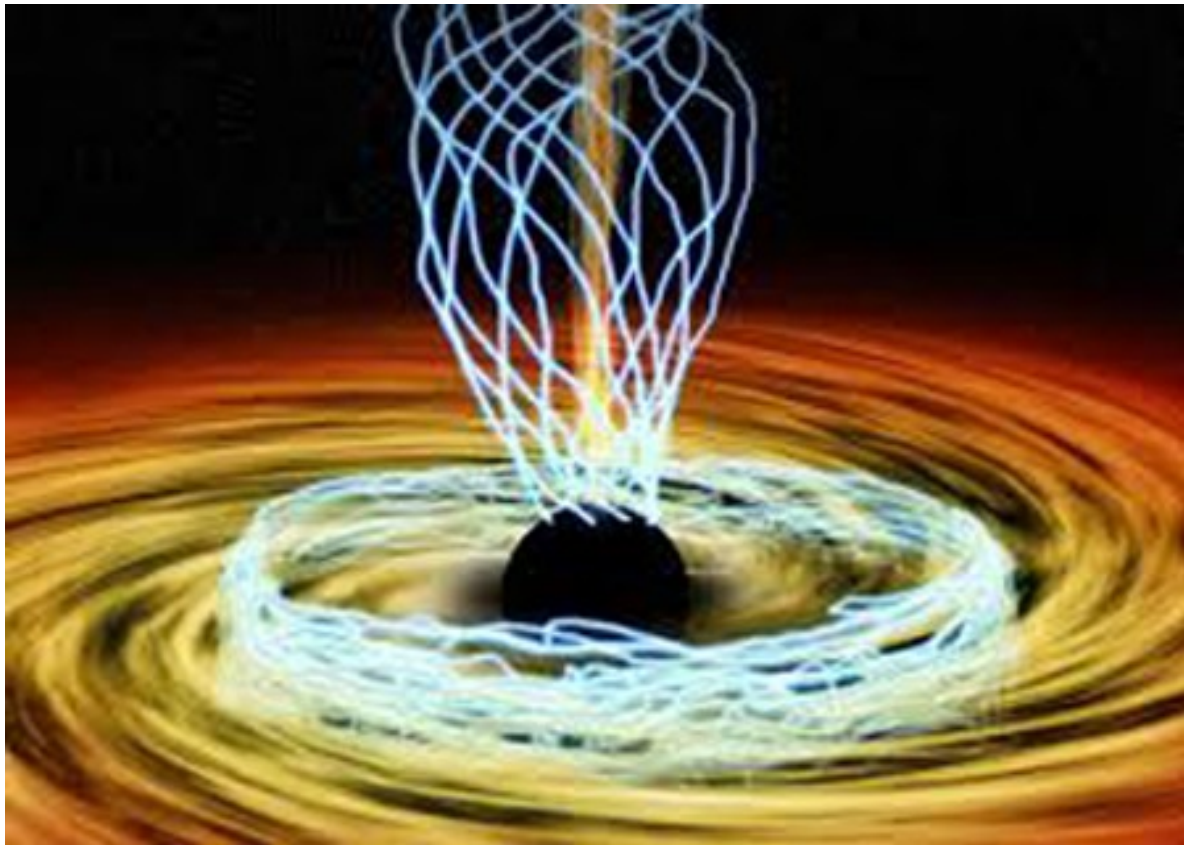
$$\begin{aligned} z &= \frac{\lambda_{\infty} - \lambda_0}{\lambda_0} = \frac{\nu_0}{\nu_{\infty}} - 1 \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r_0 c^2}\right)^{-1/2} - 1 \\ &\simeq \frac{GM}{r_0 c^2}, \end{aligned}$$

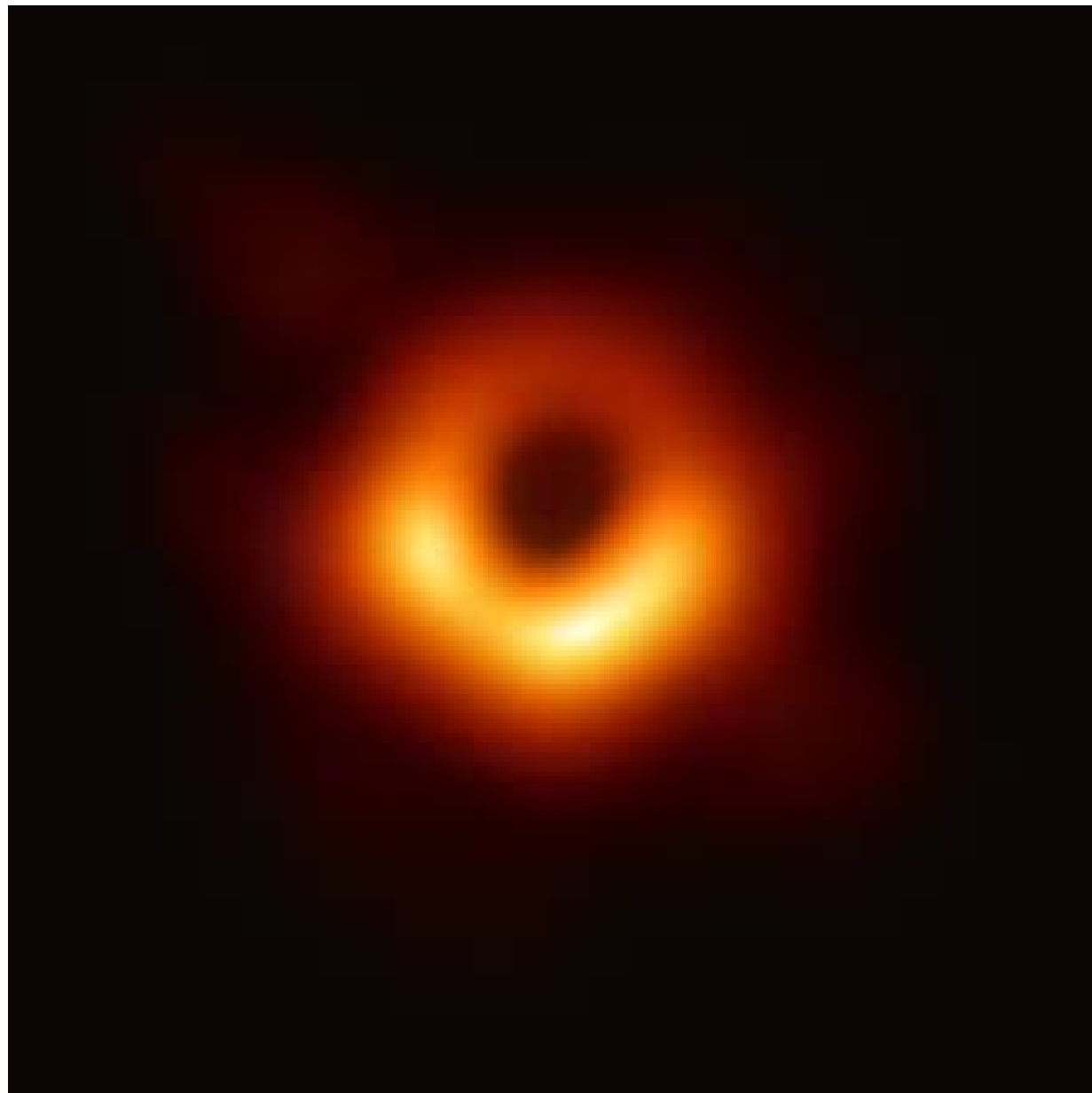
Gravitaional reshift

$$\frac{\Delta t_0}{\Delta t_{\infty}} = \frac{\nu_{\infty}}{\nu_0} = \left(1 - \frac{2GM}{r_0 c^2}\right)^{1/2}.$$

Times slows down!

Principle of equivalence











# Summarising

- Most of the matter orbits a BH before slowly inspiralling in
- After falling loses history
- No hair theorem → all you need is M, S, Q
- Mass → 2 distinct classes (missing link?)
- Tidal effects will distort any rigid body before falling
- Light bending
- Time dilation
- Strong source of gravity and high energy radiation
- Every galaxy has BH at centre
- More exotic Stuff
  - Fate of a black hole
  - Wormholes



# The Origin of the Solar System Elements

1 H	big bang fusion 					cosmic ray fission 					2 He																							
3 Li	4 Be	merging neutron stars 					exploding massive stars 					5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne																	
11 Na	12 Mg	dying low mass stars 					exploding white dwarfs 					13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar																	
19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr																	
37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe																	
55 Cs	56 Ba		72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn																	
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