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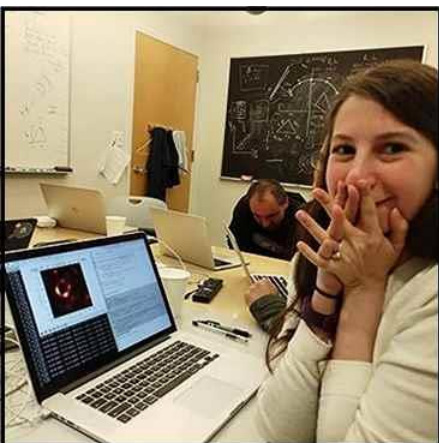
SCIENTISTS CREATE IMAGE OF BLACK HOLE!

Multiple Observers Work Together to Produce Image

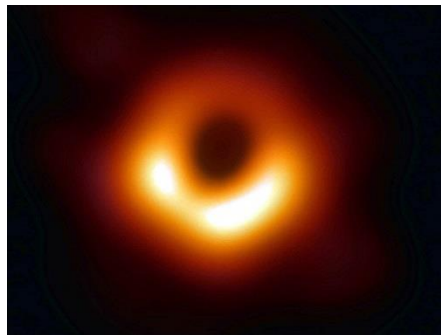
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WASHINGTON, DC ~ *Armed Freedom*
At 9:00 AM, April 10, the world got its first look at a black hole (*right*), confirming Einstein's 1915 calculations that predicted their existence.

Being female myself, I can't help but lift up the contributions of 29 year-old Katherine Bouman, who developed an algorithm that played a prominent role in creating the image. The role of women scientists in making important discoveries often gets lost. Hence this shout out to her.

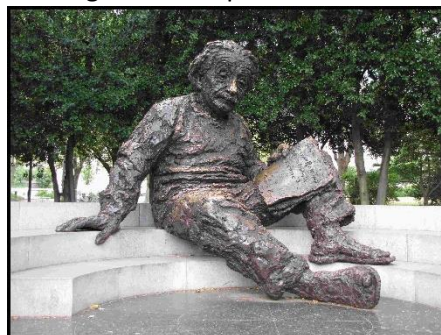


Post-doctoral researcher Katherine Bouman reacting to seeing the black hole for the first time that she helped to create. "No one algorithm or person made this image," she said. "It required the amazing talent of a team of scientists from around the globe and years of hard work to develop the instrument, data processing, imaging methods, and analysis techniques that were necessary to pull off this seemingly impossible feat."



Presumably formed by massive stars that eventually burn out and collapse in upon themselves, leaving an dense remainder of unimaginable gravitational pull. Thereafter they suck into themselves anything that comes crosses their "event horizon." That's the point of no return. Once a star has crossed it, inevitably it is captured and destroyed. From a black hole, not even light escapes.

I began to wonder if there were other black holes, nearer by, and asked my science reporter, Albert Einstein, to investigate. His report follows.



Well, Freedom, as you may know, black holes are distributed throughout the universe, living at the center

of all galaxies. Dr. Bouman and her fellow scientists found the black hole at the center of Messier 87, a supergiant elliptical galaxy 53 million light years away.

That means that the light that formed the new image left the black hole 53 million years ago, about the same time that bats were emerging on earth.

My algorithm has assembled an image (*below*) of a different kind of black hole, one for which those voracious flying rodents are, in fact, a good metaphor. One is *disturbingly* near.

"It, too, sucks. It sucks mightily. When any empirically demonstrable facts, and the virtues of idealism, integrity, patriotic duty, truthful speaking, justice-seeking, and honor get too near, they're drawn in and are destroyed. Anyone who loves all that should not get too close. Messier and messier events are on the horizon, Freedom. Look out!"

