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structure and evolution of the universe

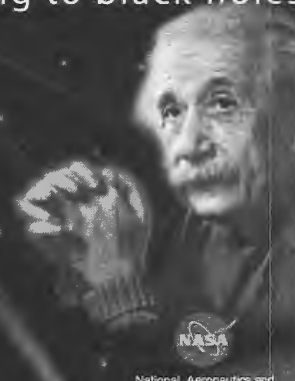
BEYOND EINSTEIN:

from the big bang to black holes

WHAT POWERED THE BIG BANG?

WHAT HAPPENS AT THE EDGE OF A BLACK HOLE?

WHAT IS DARK ENERGY?



NASA
National Aeronautics and Space Administration

SEU Science

... accretion disks, Big Bang, black holes, cosmic magnetic fields, cosmic rays, dark energy, dark matter, extreme environments, gamma-ray bursts, jets, large-scale structure, microwave background, neutron stars, nucleosynthesis, relativity, supernovae, ...

10⁻²⁵ cm (UHE Cosmic Rays) to 10¹⁵ cm (Gravitational wave)

Great Decade:

CMB fluctuations (COBE, BOOMERanG, MAXIMA, MAP, ...)
Gamma-Ray Bursts (CGRO, HETE-2, Swift, Glast, ...)
Ubiquity of black holes (Chandra, ASCA, HST, ...)

Top priority: Answer the most profound question raised, but not answered, by Einstein.

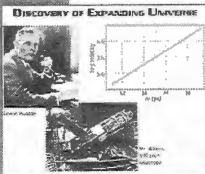
Einstein's Predictions

Three startling predictions of Einstein's relativity:

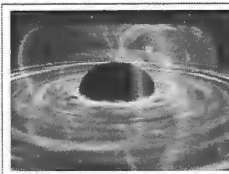
- The expansion of the Universe (from a big bang)
- Black holes
- Dark energy acting against the pull of gravity

Observations confirm these predictions ...

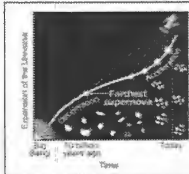
... the last only four years ago



Hubble discovered the expanding Universe in 1929



Black holes found in our Galaxy and at the center of quasars over the past three decades



Evidence for an accelerating Universe was observed in 1998

Completing Einstein's Legacy

Einstein's legacy is incomplete, his theory fails to explain the underlying physics of the very phenomena his work predicted

BIG BANG

What powered the Big Bang?

BLACK HOLES

What happens at the edge of a Black Hole?

DARK ENERGY

What is the mysterious Dark Energy pulling the Universe apart?

Beyond Einstein will employ a series of missions linked by powerful new technologies and common science goals to answer these questions ...

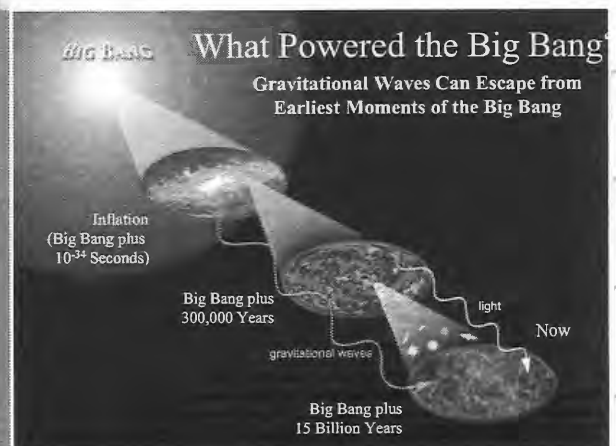
... and launch the revolution of the 21st century

Realizing Science Beyond Einstein

Three inter-linked elements that work together:

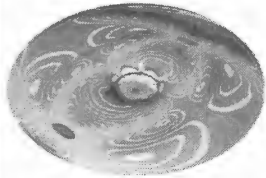
1. **Einstein Great Observatories** providing breakthrough increases in capabilities to address all Beyond Einstein science:
 - LISA: Gravitational waves from merging black holes and the early Universe
 - Constellation-X: Spectroscopy close to the event horizon of black holes and place constraints on dark side of the Universe
2. **Einstein Probes** to address focused science objectives:
 - Determine the nature of the Dark Energy
 - Search for the signature of inflation in the microwave background
 - Take a census of Black Holes of all sizes in the local Universe
3. **A technology program, theoretical studies and an education program** to inspire future generations of scientists and engineers towards the vision:
 - Directly detect the gravitational waves emitted during the Big Bang
 - Image and resolve the event horizon of a Black Hole

What Powered the Big Bang?



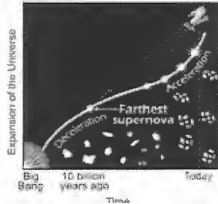
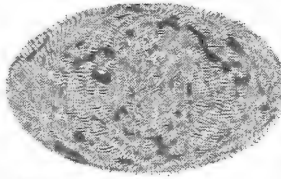
What Powered the Big Bang?

Gravitational waves leave a distinctive imprint on polarization pattern of CMB



Gravitational waves from inflation and phase transition may be detected directly

Vacuum energy powered inflation-some form of it may be the "dark energy"



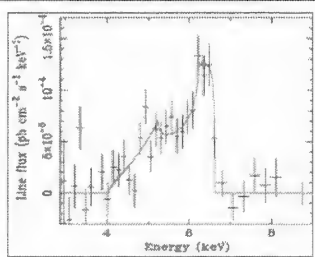
What Happens at the Edge of a Black Hole?

Black holes are ubiquitous in the Universe

Close to a black hole event horizon, extreme distortions of space & time predicted by Einstein can be observed

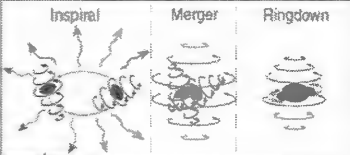
Chandra Deep Image

What Happens at the Edge of a Black Hole?



X-Ray Spectroscopy

- Japan-US ASCA satellite discovered iron lines near the event horizon of a black hole
- Line exhibits a strong redshift and provides a unique probe of the inner regions of black holes



Gravitational Radiation

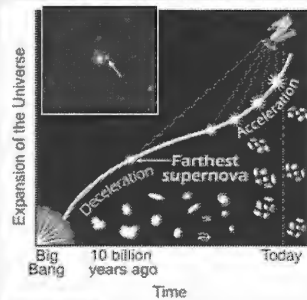
- Black hole binaries produce gravitational waves in all phases of their evolution
- Test of GR in all three phases

What is the Dark Energy?

Einstein introduced the Cosmological Constant to explain what was then thought to be a static Universe, "my biggest mistake . . ."

A surprising recent discovery has been the discovery that the expansion of the Universe is accelerating.

Implies the existence of *dark energy* that makes up 70% of the Universe



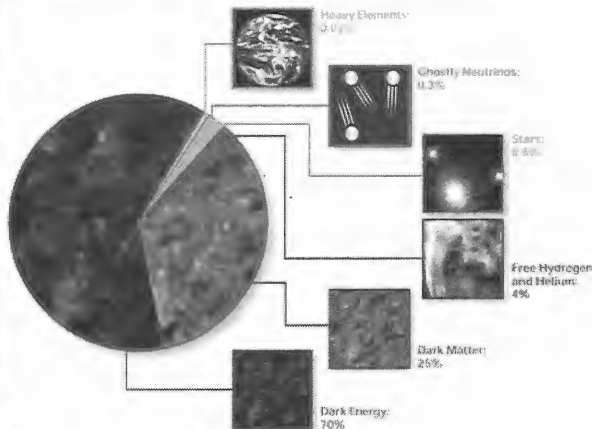
Dark Energy maybe related to Einstein's Cosmological Constant; its nature is a mystery.

Solving this mystery may revolutionize physics . . .

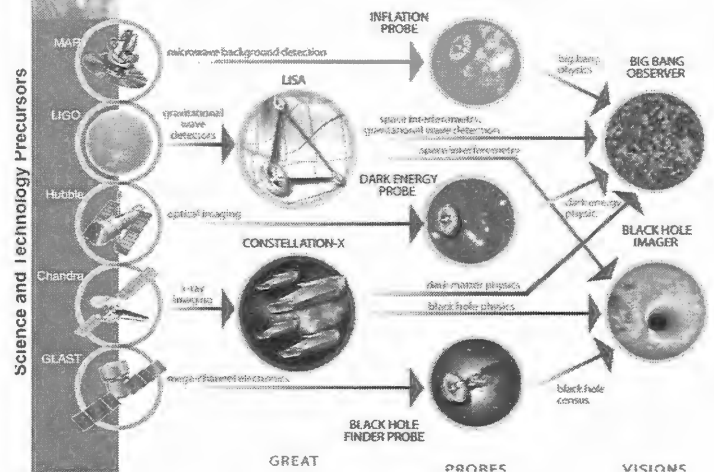


What is the Dark Energy?

We do not know what 95% of the universe is made of!



Beyond Einstein Program



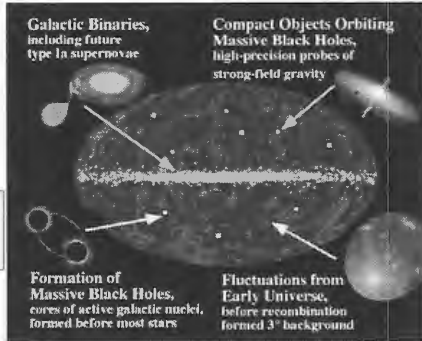
Gravitational Wave Astronomy



Black holes, neutron stars, and white dwarfs orbiting each other emit gravitational waves



Gravitational radiation from black hole mergers can be used to test General Relativity



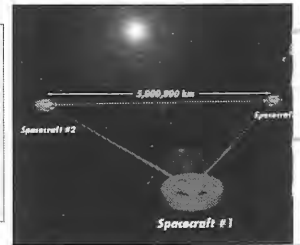
The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeing new landscapes, but in having new eyes. - Marcel Proust

Laser Interferometer Space Antenna (LISA)

Joint ESA-NASA project

LISA uses a laser based Michelson interferometer to monitor the separation between proof masses in separate spacecraft

- Three spacecraft separated by 5 million km
- Each spacecraft includes two freely falling test masses with drag free operation
- Distance **changes** measured with precision of 4 ppm RMS over 100 seconds



Flight demonstration of disturbance reduction system ST-7 on ESA SMART-2 mission in 2006



micro-newt thrusters



LISA, the first space-based gravitational wave antenna, was given strong endorsement by US National Academy of Sciences McKee-Taylor and Turner Committee Reports

Image a Black Hole!

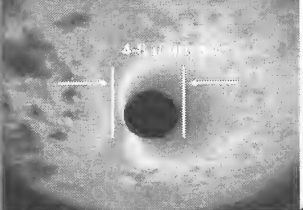


Hubble, Chandra, and other observatories are showing black holes are common place in the Universe

Black holes provide a unique laboratory to test Einstein's theory of gravity



Black Hole Imager
0.1 micro arc sec resolution



A future black hole imager with a resolution one million times Hubble will observe the effects Einstein predicted

X-ray emission from close to the event horizon provides a powerful probe

Constellation-X



Use X-ray spectroscopy to observe



- Black holes:
 - Probe close to the event horizon
 - Evolution with redshift
- Dark side of the Universe:
 - Clusters of galaxies and large-scale structure
- Production and recycling of the elements
 - Supernovae and interstellar medium

- 25-100 times sensitivity gain for high resolution spectroscopy in the 0.25 to 10 keV band
- Four satellites at L2 operating as one with advanced X-ray spectrometers

Enable high resolution spectroscopy of faint X-ray sources

Constellation-X given strong endorsement by US National Academy of Sciences

Einstein Probes



Three focused missions, each designed to address a single high priority science question

- Priority and science topic determined via NASA strategic planning process, using National Academy recommendations
 - Dark Energy Probe
 - Inflation Probe
 - Black Hole Finder Probe
- Competed Principal Investigator missions
 - Implementation approach determined by peer review
 - Launched every 3-4 years
 - \$350-500M class missions



National Research Council Endorsements



Astronomy & Astrophysics in the New Millennium
2001 Decadal Survey (McKee-Taylor)

Major Initiatives:

1. NGST
2. Constellation-X Observatory
3. Terrestrial Planet Finder
4. Single Aperture Far Infrared Observatory

Moderate Initiatives

1. Gamma-ray Large Area Space Telescope
2. Laser Interferometer Space Antenna
3. Solar Dynamics Observatory
4. Energetic X-Ray Imaging Survey Telescope
5. Advanced Radio Interferometry Between Space & Earth

National Research Council Endorsements

Connecting Quarks with the Cosmos
2002 (Turner) Not a priority list.

- Measure the polarization of the CMB
- Determine the properties of dark energy
- Use space to probe basic laws of physics (Con-X, LISA)
- (Highest energy cosmic rays)
- (High-energy-density physics)
- (Interagency Initiative)
- (Neutrino masses)



Beyond Einstein Timeline

- Timeline Changed with FY'05 Budget
- LISA Launch NET 2012
- Constellation-X Launch NET 2016
- Einstein probes Deferred
- Technology Efforts Continue
- Beyond Einstein Foundation Science Program Continues



Education and Public Outreach

Big Bang and black holes capture the imagination and can be used to teach physical science at all levels

Beyond Einstein will address the national education priority by inspiring future generations of scientists and engineers, as only NASA can . . .



The 21st Century



How did the Universe begin? Does time have beginning & an end? Does space have edges? The questions are as old as human curiosity. But the answers have always seemed beyond the reach of science. . .

until now!

