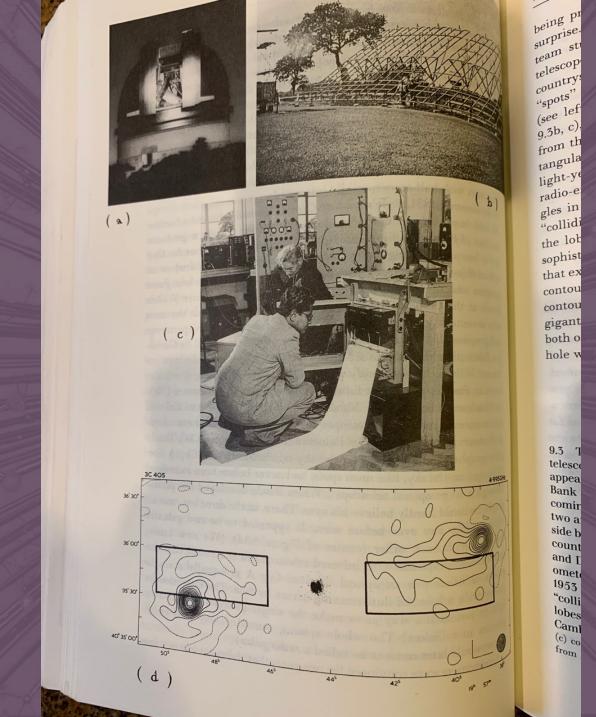


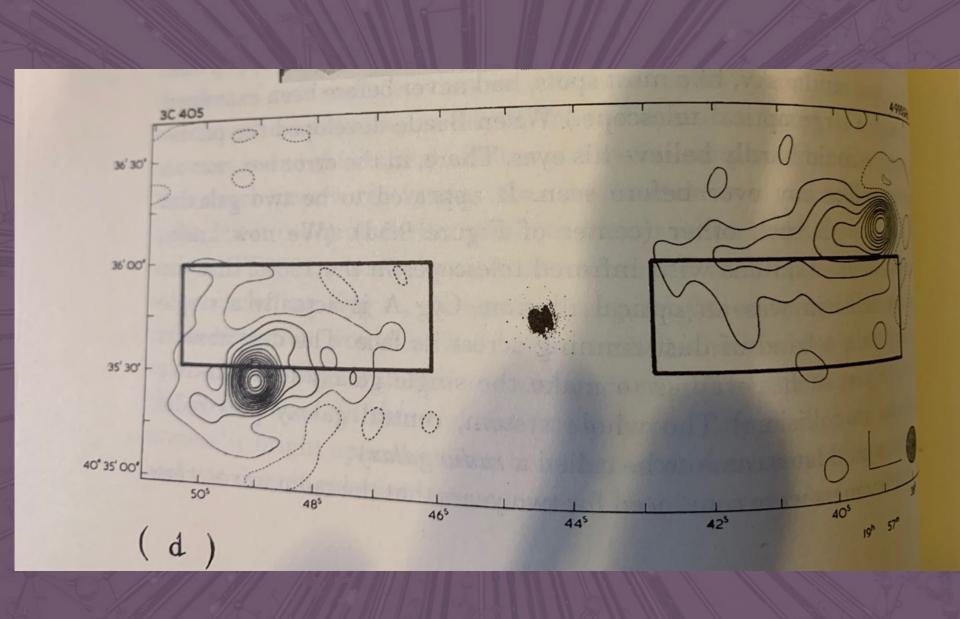
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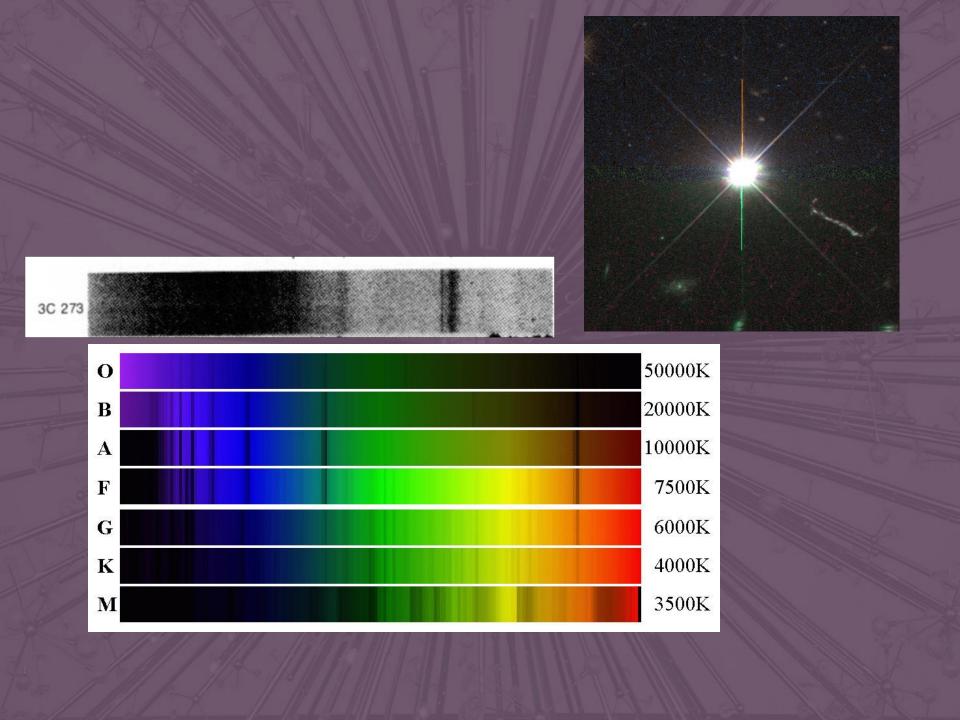


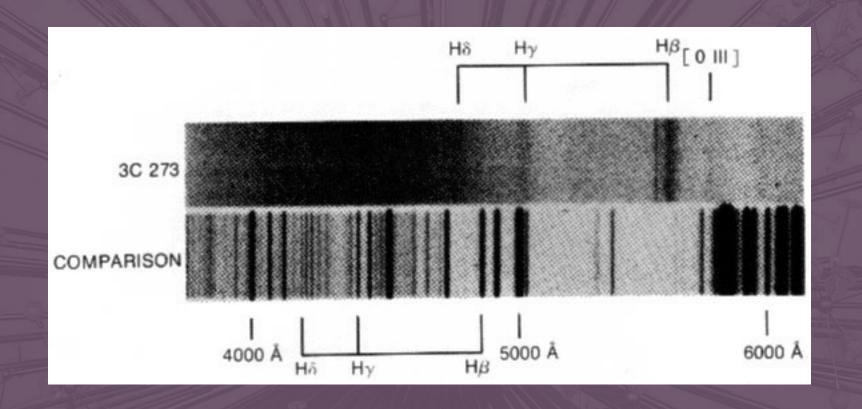


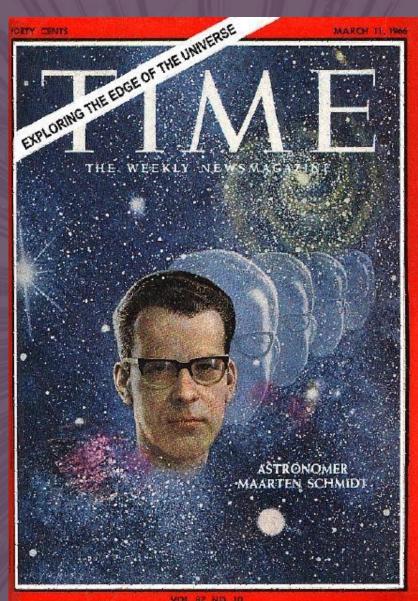
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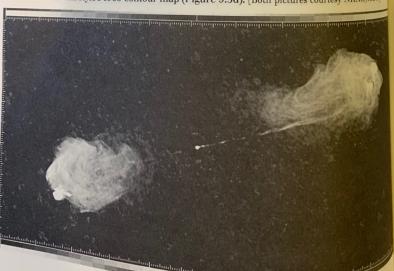




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9.5 Top: The VLA radio interferometer on the plains of St. Augustin in New Mexico. Bottom: A picture of the radio emission from the radio galaxy Cygnus A made with the VLA by R. A. Perley, J.W. Dreyer, and J.J. Cowan. The jet that feets the right-hand radio lobe is quite clear; the jet feeding the left lobe is much fainter. Notice the enormous improvement in resolution of this radio-wave picture compared with Reber's 1944 contour map which did not show the double lobes at all (Figure 9.1d), and with Jennison and Das Gupta's 1955 radio map which barely revealed the existence of the lobes (two rectangles in Figure 9.3d) and with Ryle's 1969 contour map (Figure 9.3d). [Both pictures courtesy NRAO/AUL]



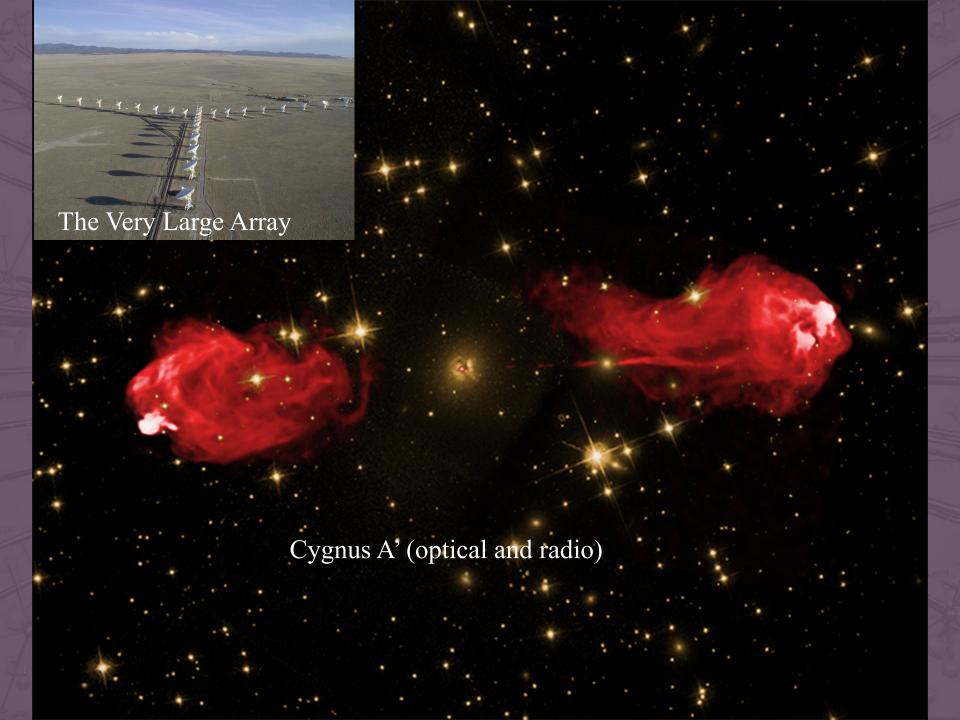
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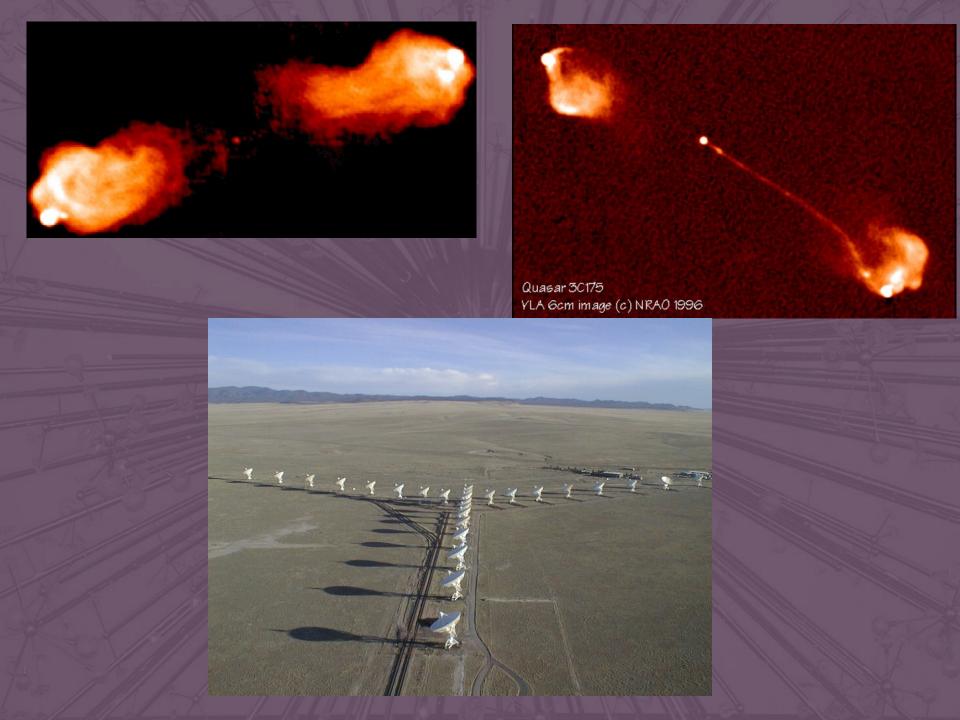
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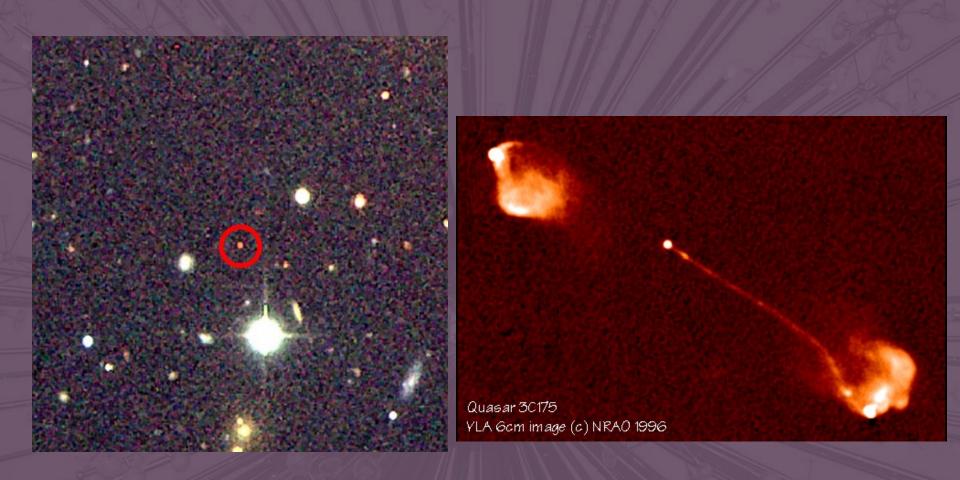
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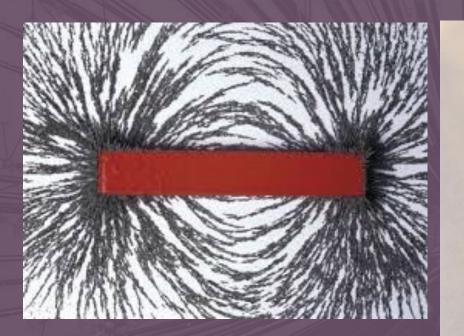
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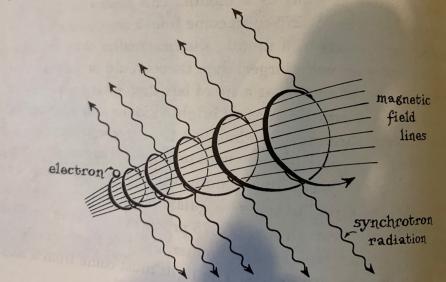


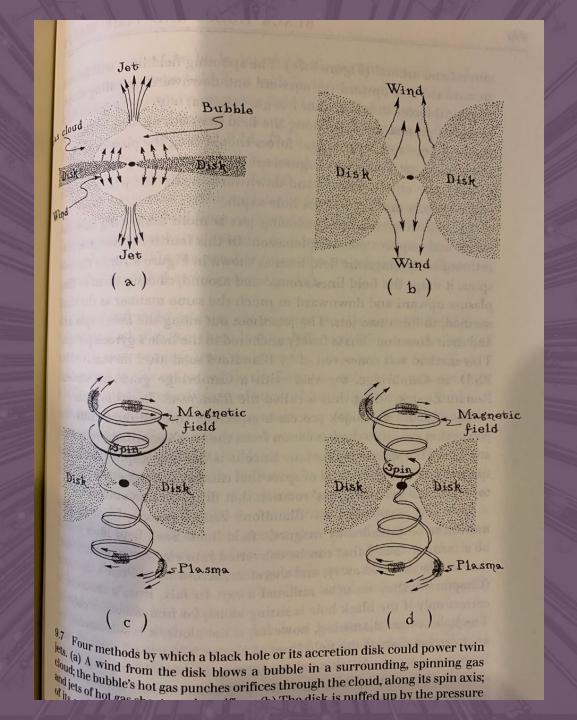


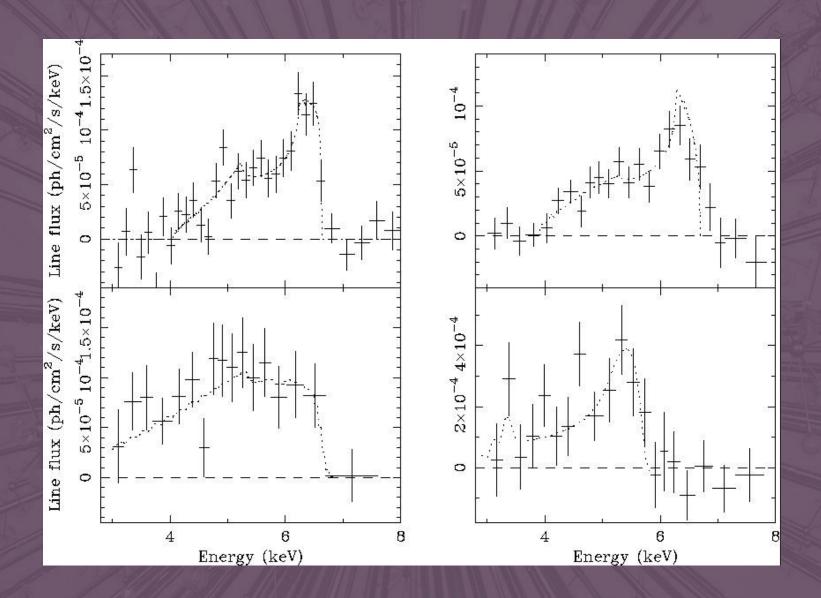
Quasi-stellar Radio Source (Quasar)



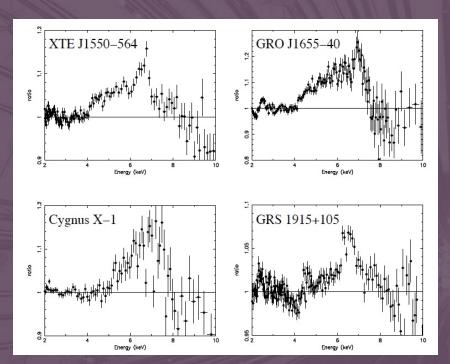
9.4 Cosmic radio waves are produced by near-light-speed electrons that spin around and around in magnetic fields. The magnetic field forces an electron's spiral instead of moving on a straight line, and the electron's spiraling motion produces the radio waves.

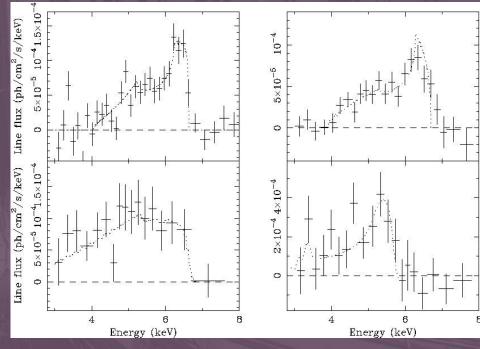






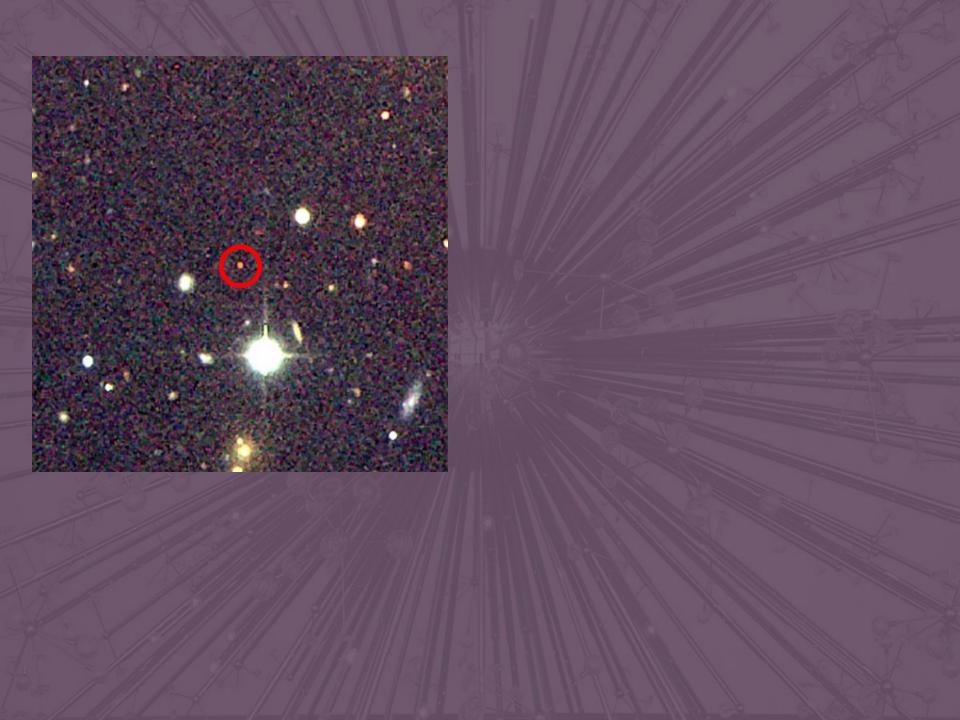
X-ray iron lines from nearby quasars

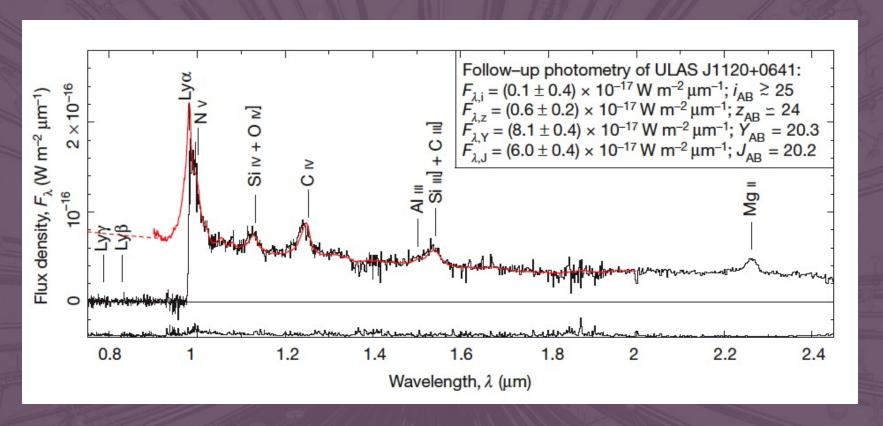




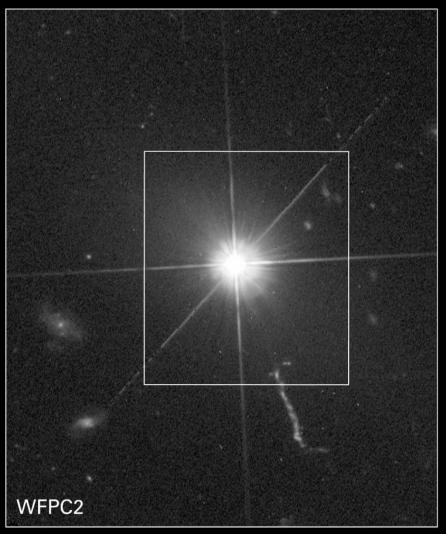
Stellar mass black holes in the Milky Way

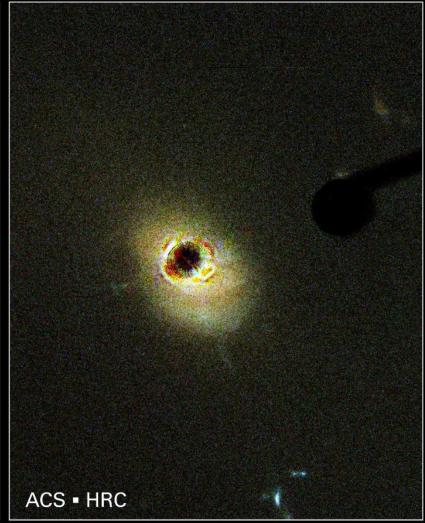
Supermassive black holes in nearby quasars



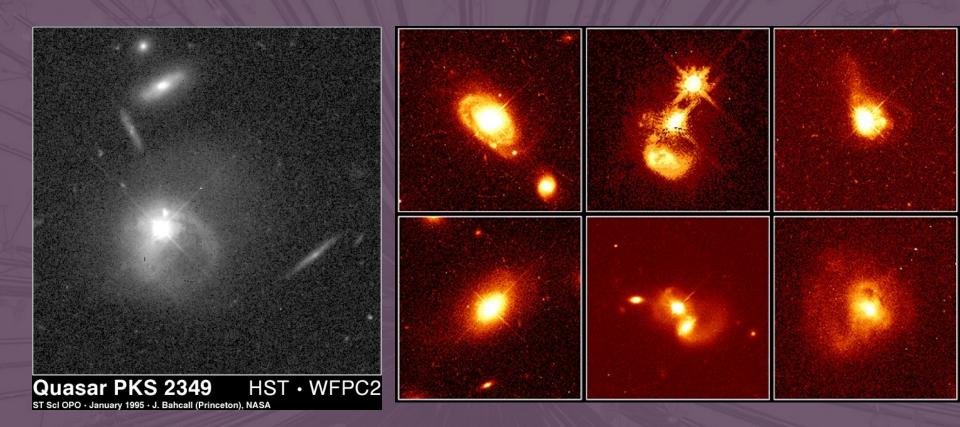


One of the most distant known quasars. Its light was emitted when the universe was 800 million years old (compared to 14 billion today), and expansion of the universe has stretched the wavelengths by a factor of 8.





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