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BLACK HOLES I (136.028)

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Location: SEM 3rd floor, yellow tower (FH)

Time: 9:00-11:00, Tuesday (starting October 3)

Summary:

Black holes have advanced to the forefront of current research in various disciplines: besides the obvious ones, general relativity, mathematical physics and astrophysics, also string theory, quantum chromodynamics, cosmology, computational physics, quantum gravity and even part of condensed matter physics devote a significant fraction of their resources to the study of black holes. It is thus both a fascinating and timely subject to investigate.

The main purpose of this lecture is a comprehensive introduction to black hole physics.

Contents:

- History of black holes
- Phenomenology of and experiments with black holes
- Gravitational collapse and Chandrasekhar limit
- Metric and geodesic equation
- Geodesics for Schwarzschild black holes
- Curvature and basics of differential geometry
- Hilbert action and Einstein equations
- Spherically symmetric black holes and Birkhoff theorem
- Rotating black holes: the Kerr solution
- Geodesics for Kerr black holes
- Accretion disks and black hole observations
- Black hole analogs in condensed matter physics



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