

A visualization of two black holes in the final stages of a merger. The black holes are represented as bright, glowing orange and yellow rings with dark centers, set against a background of swirling blue and purple light. The rings are tilted and appear to be pulling together, with a bridge of light between them. The overall scene is dynamic and energetic, capturing the intense gravitational forces at play.

5 THINGS
BLACK HOLES

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00:00:12,770 --> 00:00:09,549

[Music]

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00:00:16,790 --> 00:00:12,780

a black hole is a single point in space

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00:00:19,970 --> 00:00:16,800

that has a lot of mass one of the ways

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00:00:22,490 --> 00:00:19,980

that we look for black holes is to

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00:00:25,550 --> 00:00:22,500

develop new instruments and new

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00:00:28,250 --> 00:00:25,560

technologies that can try to search for

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00:00:33,410 --> 00:00:30,230

thank you

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00:00:36,590 --> 00:00:33,420

as we've observed black holes including

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00:00:38,770 --> 00:00:36,600

the the supermassive black hole in the

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00:00:41,330 --> 00:00:38,780

center of our galaxy

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00:00:44,690 --> 00:00:41,340

because it has such a strong gravity

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00:00:49,130 --> 00:00:44,700

because it has lots of mass stars will

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00:00:51,650 --> 00:00:49,140

orbit black holes and as stars get

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00:00:55,310 --> 00:00:51,660

closer and closer to the center of the

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00:00:58,610 --> 00:00:55,320

black hole as it crosses over the Event

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00:01:01,010 --> 00:00:58,620

Horizon what will happen is that the

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00:01:03,470 --> 00:01:01,020

material of these Stars will get

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00:01:06,950 --> 00:01:03,480

shredded apart because the gravitational

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00:01:09,649 --> 00:01:06,960

pull of a black hole is so strong that

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00:01:11,630 --> 00:01:09,659

the material of the Stars gets pulled

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00:01:14,510 --> 00:01:11,640

apart

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00:01:16,429 --> 00:01:14,520

but there is an event horizon which is

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00:01:19,310 --> 00:01:16,439

the point at which the black hole's

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00:01:21,890 --> 00:01:19,320

gravity starts to pull you so much

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00:01:24,410 --> 00:01:21,900

that you can't escape so as you approach

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00:01:26,030 --> 00:01:24,420

the black hole you'll feel its pull but

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00:01:28,490 --> 00:01:26,040

then as you get closer and closer and

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00:01:29,870 --> 00:01:28,500

closer towards the Event Horizon that's

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00:01:32,210 --> 00:01:29,880

the point of no return so you couldn't

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00:01:34,789 --> 00:01:32,220

escape past that

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00:01:37,609 --> 00:01:34,799

the easiest way to think of a black hole

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00:01:41,030 --> 00:01:37,619

is just like anything that has mass so

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00:01:43,249 --> 00:01:41,040

the Earth has mass and one of the

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00:01:45,170 --> 00:01:43,259

reasons that the moon orbits around the

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00:01:48,770 --> 00:01:45,180

earth is because the gravitational

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00:01:51,789 --> 00:01:48,780

attraction of these two massive bodies

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00:01:54,830 --> 00:01:51,799

um and so Earth is distorting the space

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00:01:57,830 --> 00:01:54,840

around the moon and so that's what keeps

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00:02:00,410 --> 00:01:57,840

the moon in orbit and so now take that

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00:02:03,950 --> 00:02:00,420

to an extreme so take something that's

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00:02:06,590 --> 00:02:03,960

as massive as the sun or as massive as a

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00:02:09,770 --> 00:02:06,600

Million Suns and put it at a single

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00:02:13,729 --> 00:02:09,780

point and that Distortion that you get

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00:02:17,110 --> 00:02:13,739

is coming from that amount of mass in a

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00:02:22,670 --> 00:02:18,949

foreign

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00:02:25,190 --> 00:02:22,680

black holes vary in size a lot we know

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00:02:27,890 --> 00:02:25,200

that black holes can be formed by

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00:02:30,770 --> 00:02:27,900

massive stars exploding and then

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00:02:33,350 --> 00:02:30,780

collapsing into the singular point and

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00:02:35,330 --> 00:02:33,360

those give us black holes that are about

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00:02:38,630 --> 00:02:35,340
the mass of the Sun so those are solar

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00:02:41,030 --> 00:02:38,640
mass black holes however we also know at

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00:02:43,850 --> 00:02:41,040
the center of galaxies like the Milky

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00:02:46,190 --> 00:02:43,860
Way There are super massive black holes

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00:02:49,369 --> 00:02:46,200
and these are millions or even billions

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00:02:53,030 --> 00:02:49,379
of times the mass of the Sun and how

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00:02:57,050 --> 00:02:53,040
these form is actually a mystery

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00:02:59,630 --> 00:02:57,060
studying black holes really gives us a

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00:03:03,410 --> 00:02:59,640
fundamental insight into how gravity

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00:03:06,770 --> 00:03:03,420
works because it's such a small physical

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00:03:10,550 --> 00:03:06,780
scale but it's a super massive object

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00:03:13,610 --> 00:03:10,560
and so understanding how black holes

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00:03:15,890 --> 00:03:13,620

work and the interactions of black holes

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00:03:18,110 --> 00:03:15,900

in in other parts of the universe really

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00:03:20,030 --> 00:03:18,120

give us a fundamental Insight that we

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00:03:22,850 --> 00:03:20,040

could then use to think about how our

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00:03:25,670 --> 00:03:22,860

own solar system works

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00:03:28,190 --> 00:03:25,680

and so if we can understand how black

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00:03:31,800 --> 00:03:28,200

holes work it'll give us a key to really