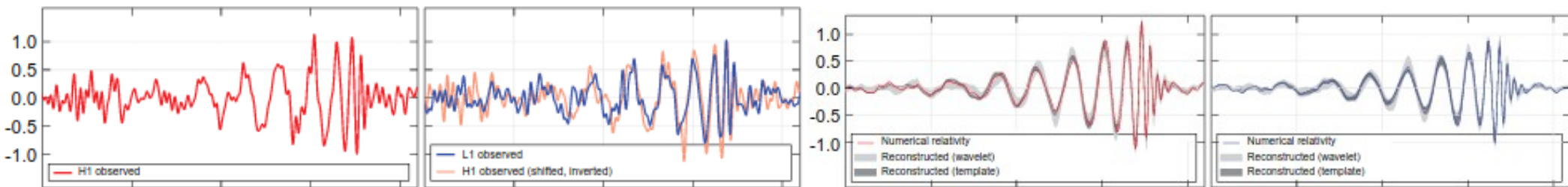


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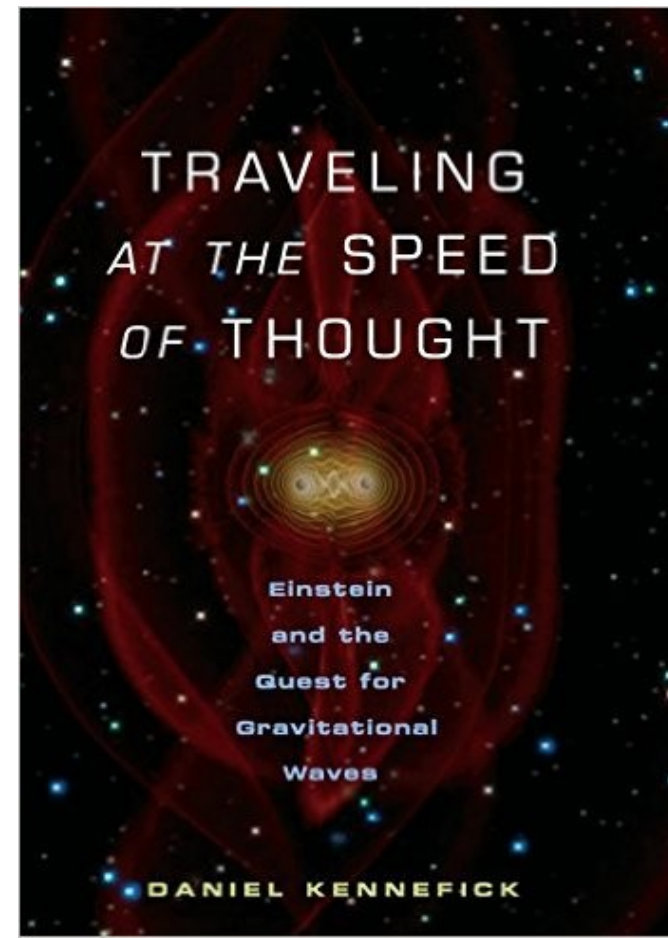
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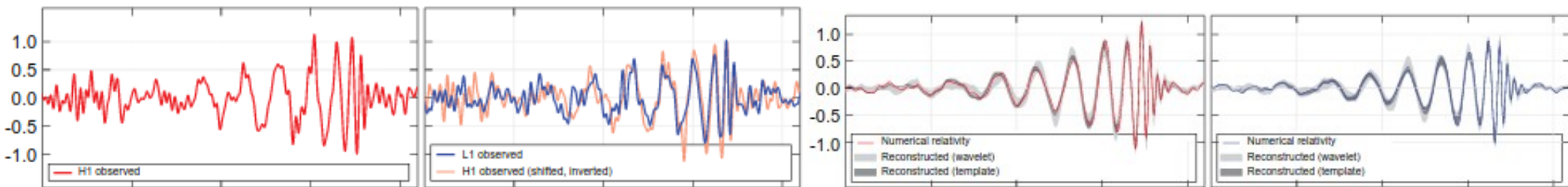


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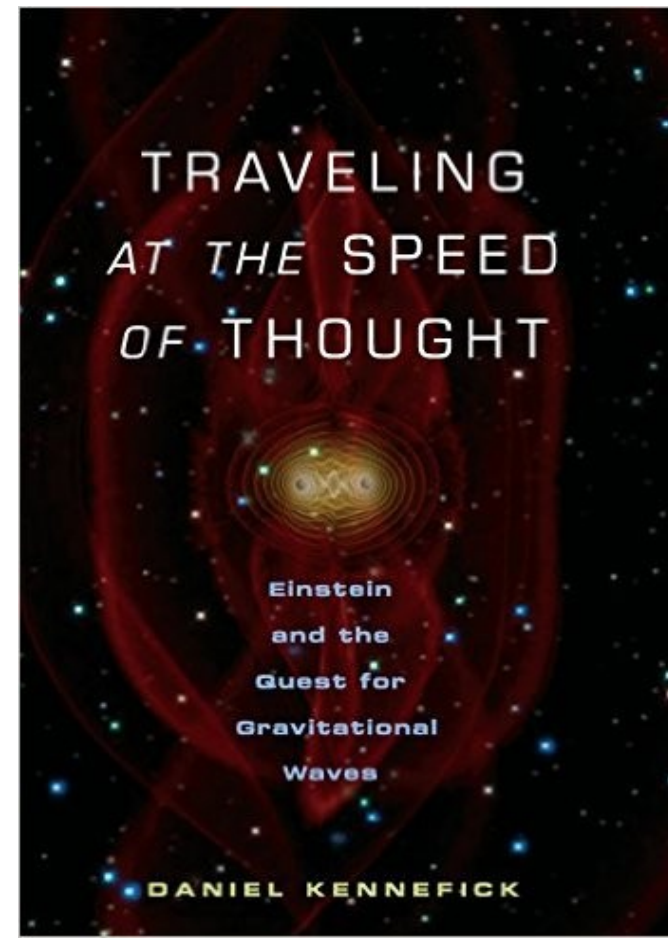




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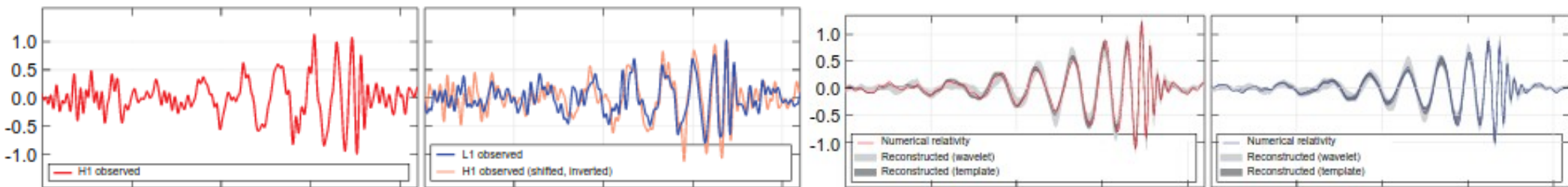
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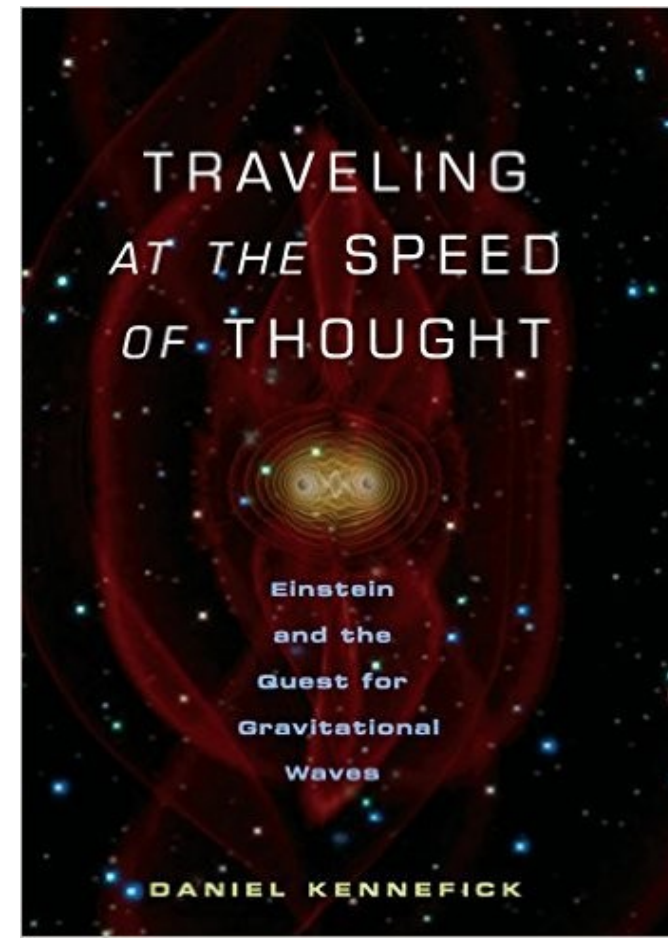


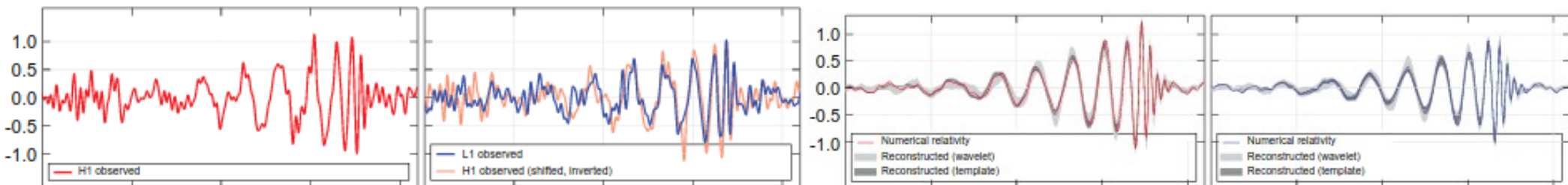
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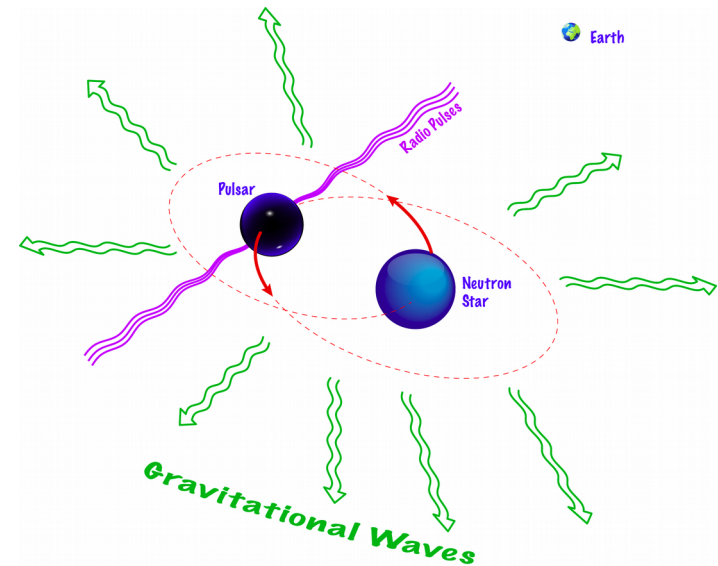
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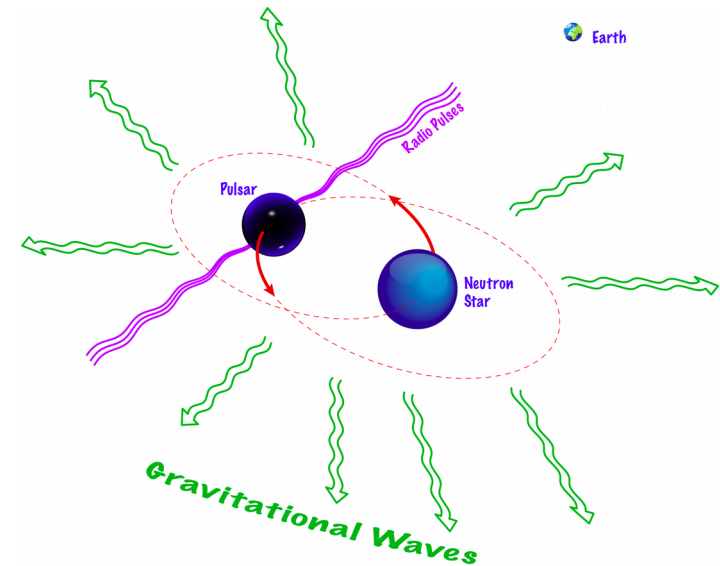
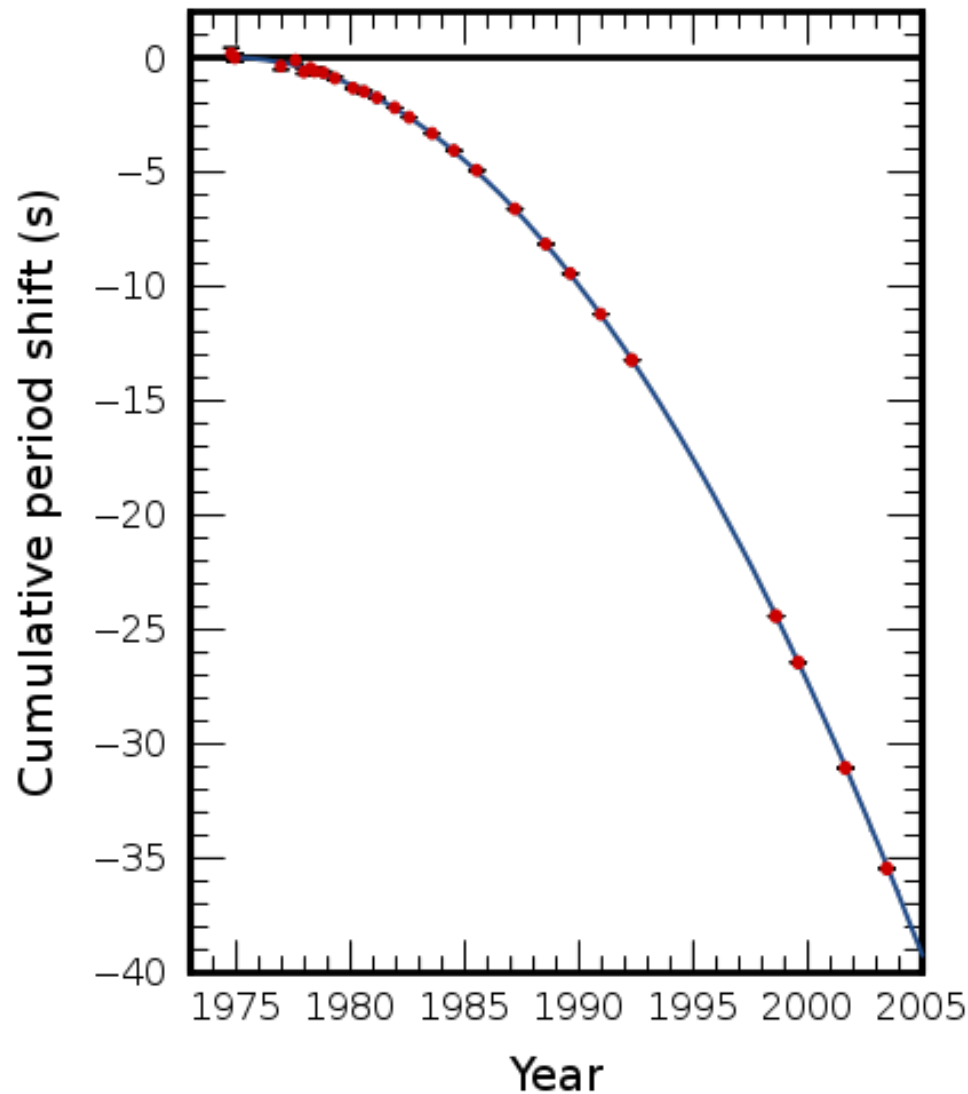
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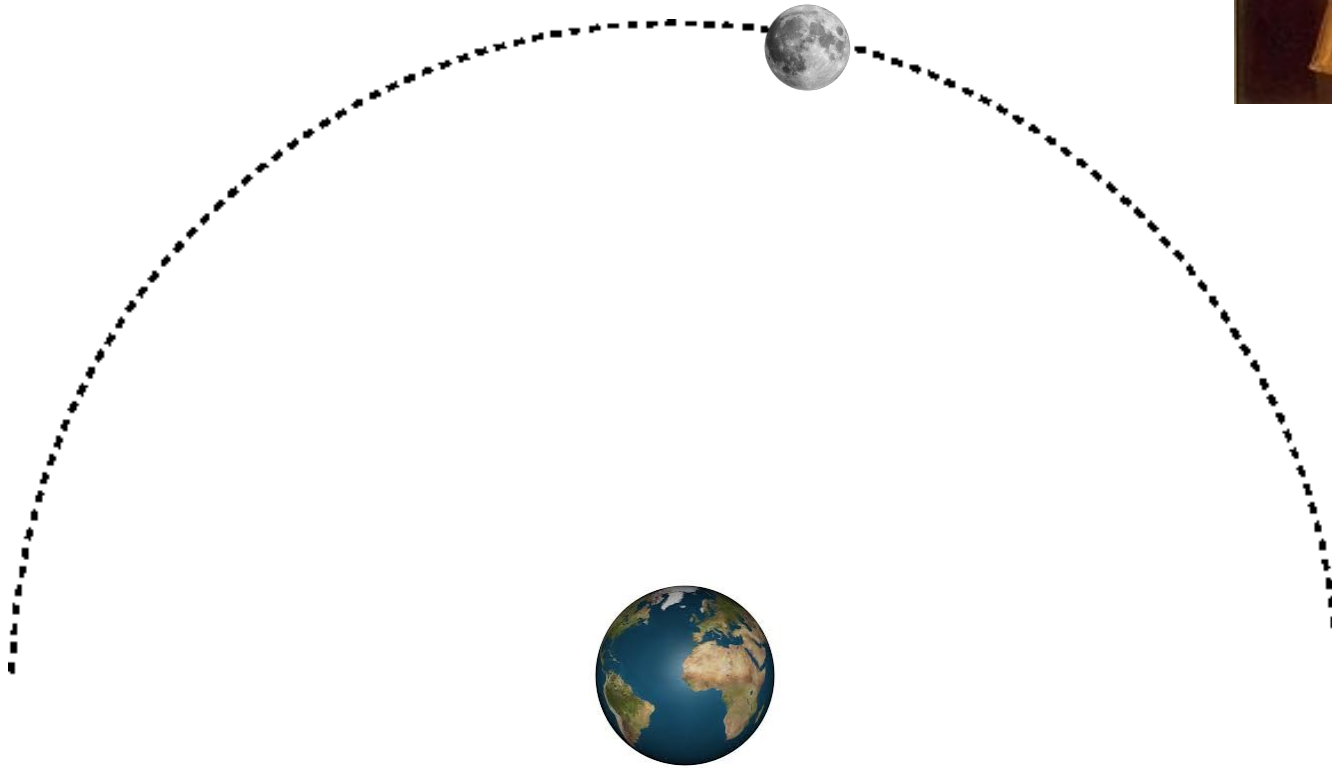
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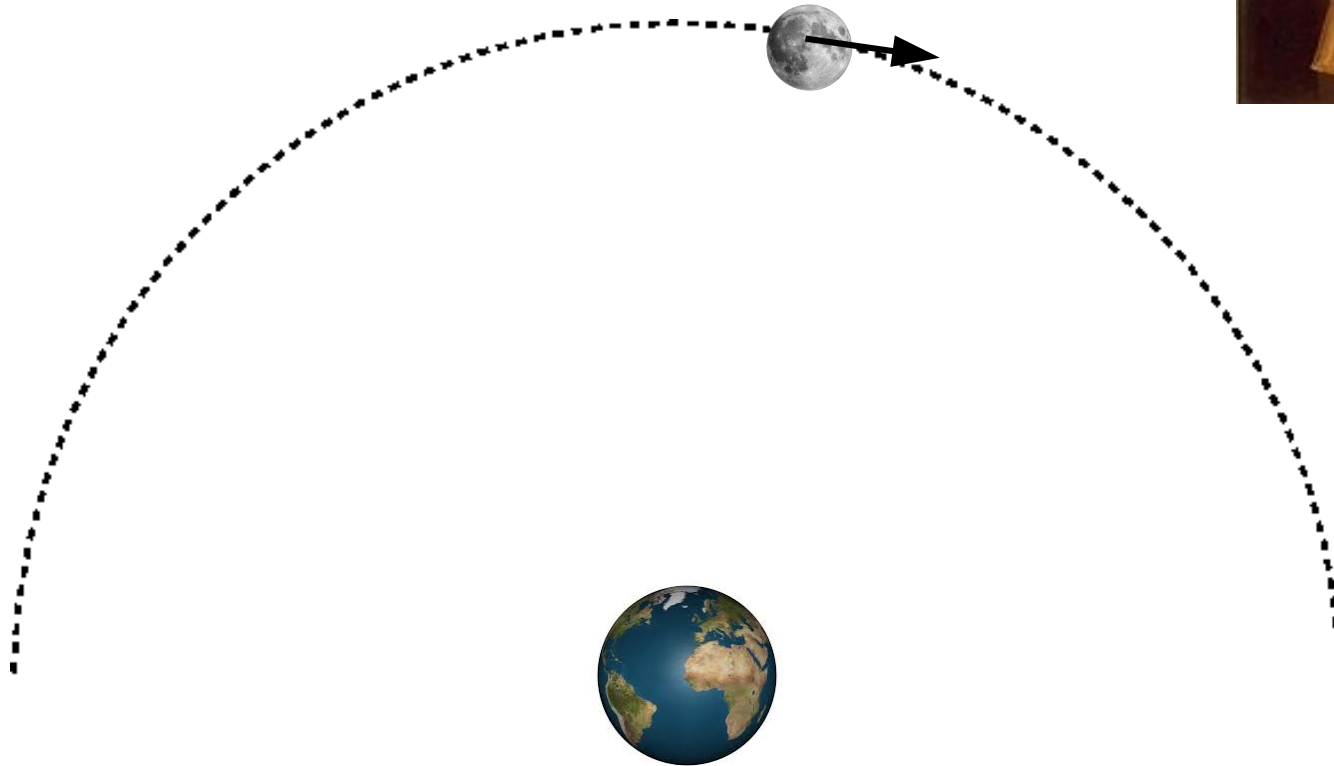
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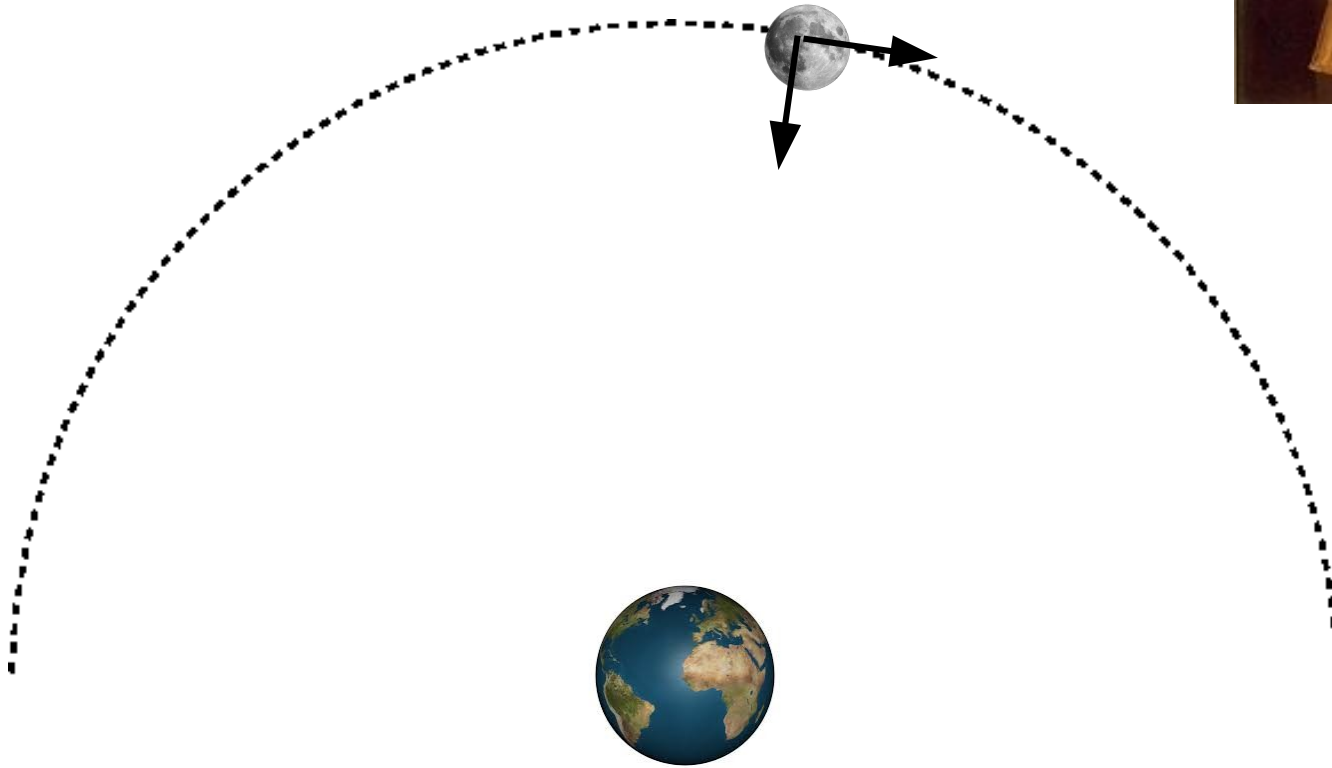
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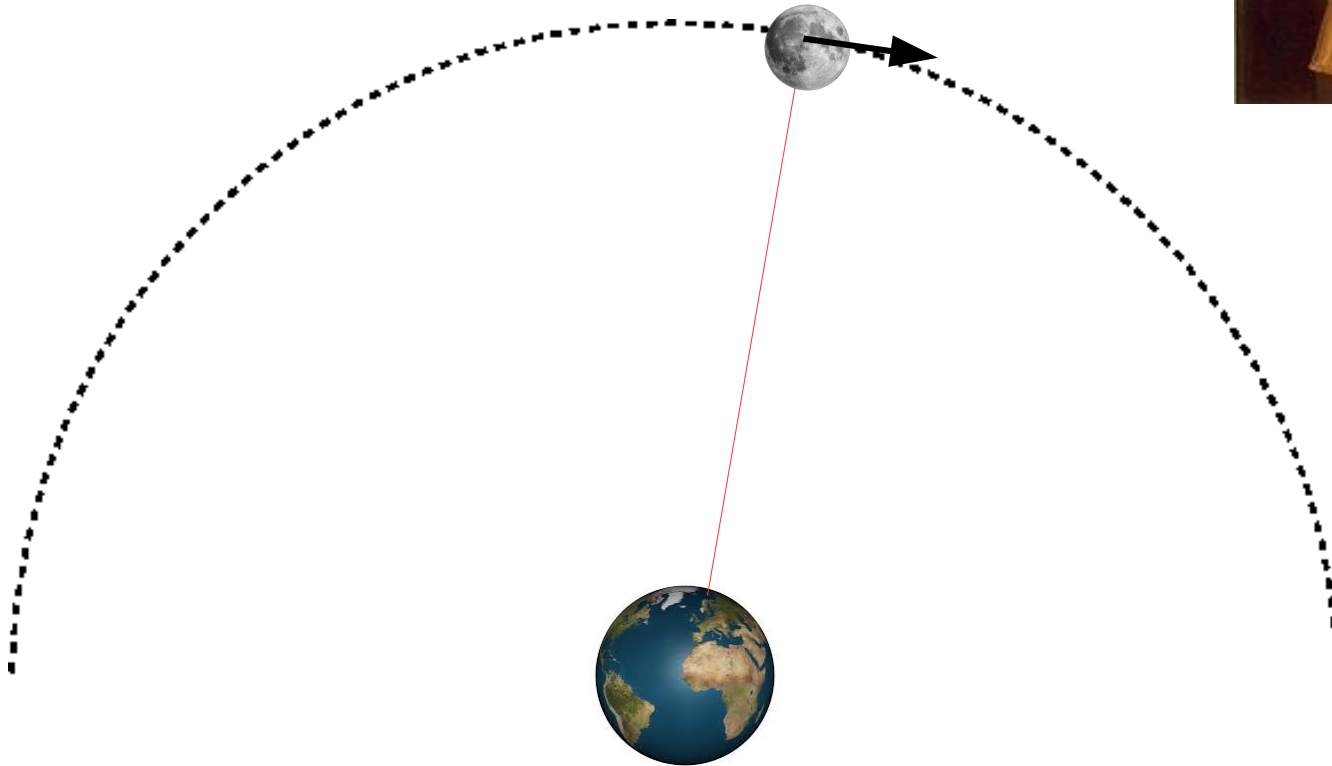
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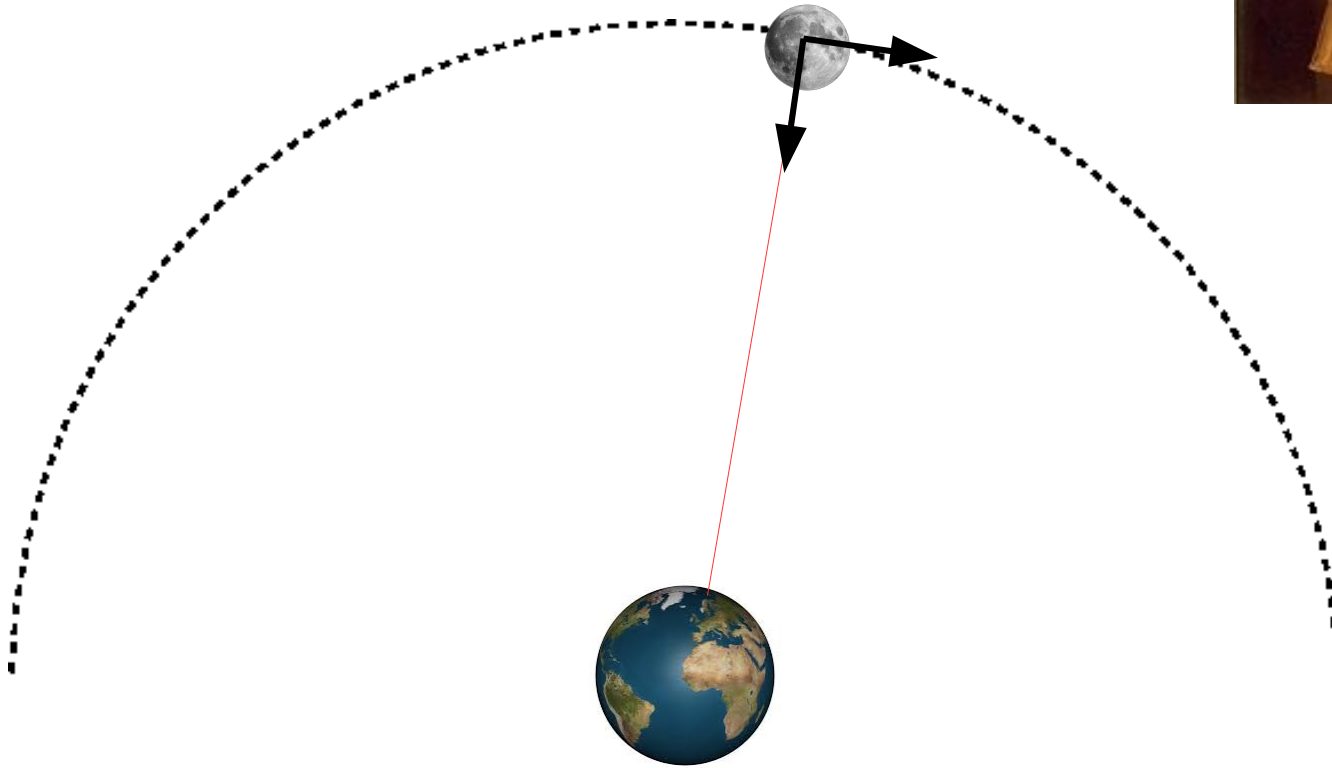
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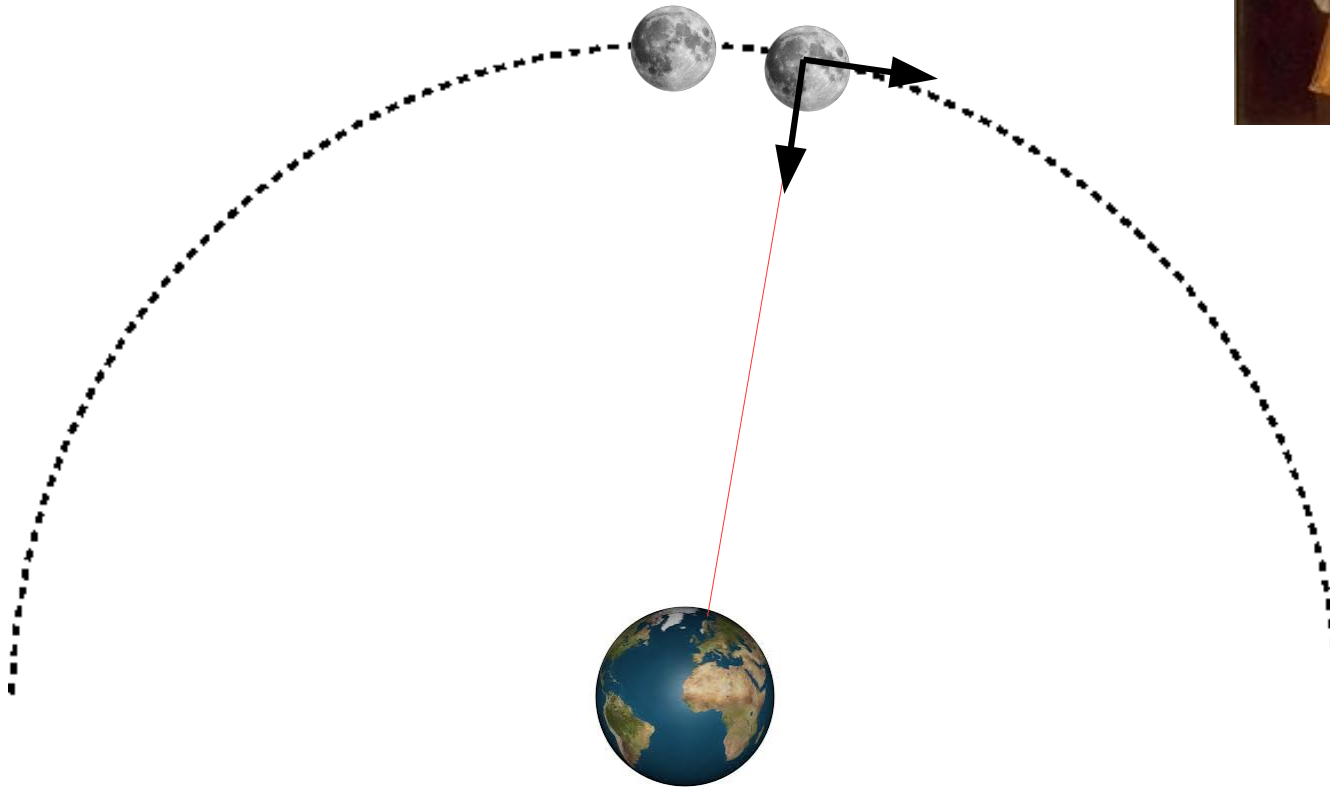
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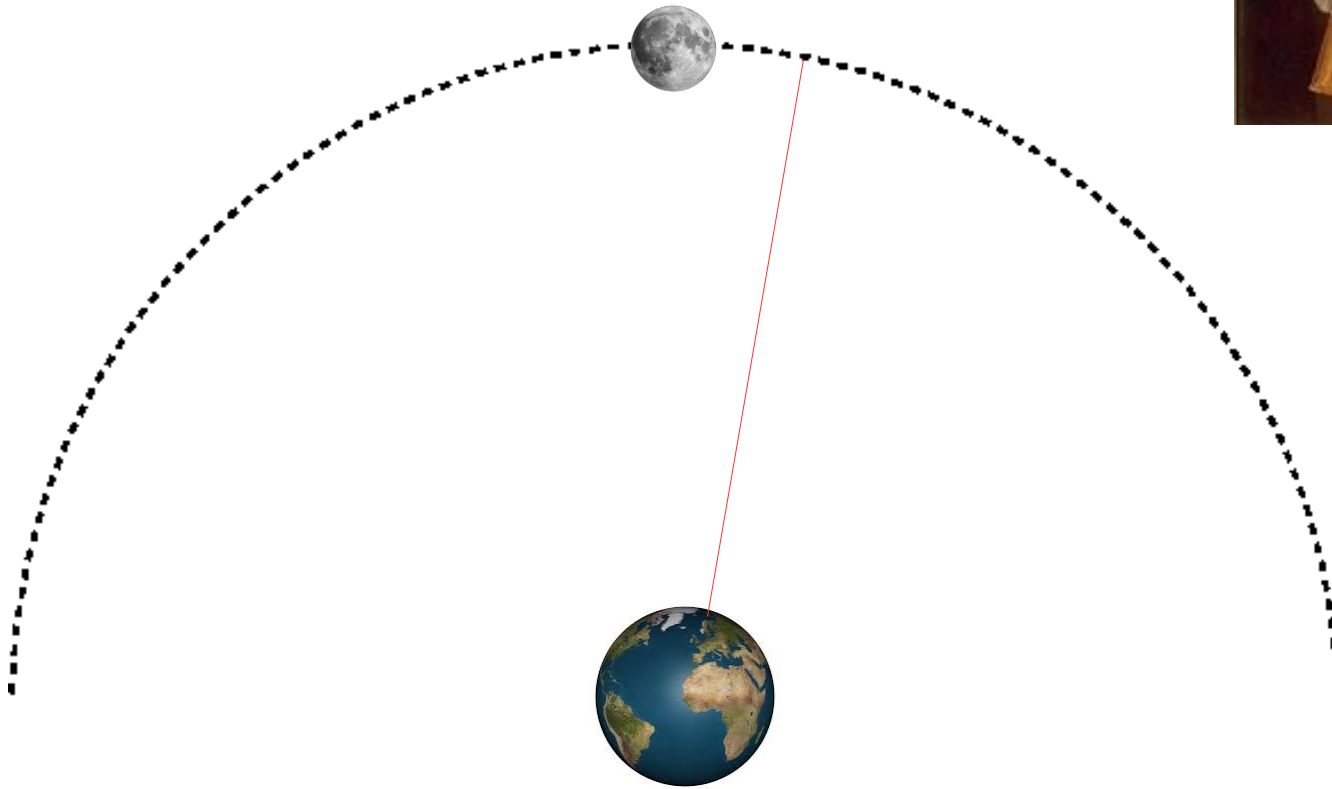
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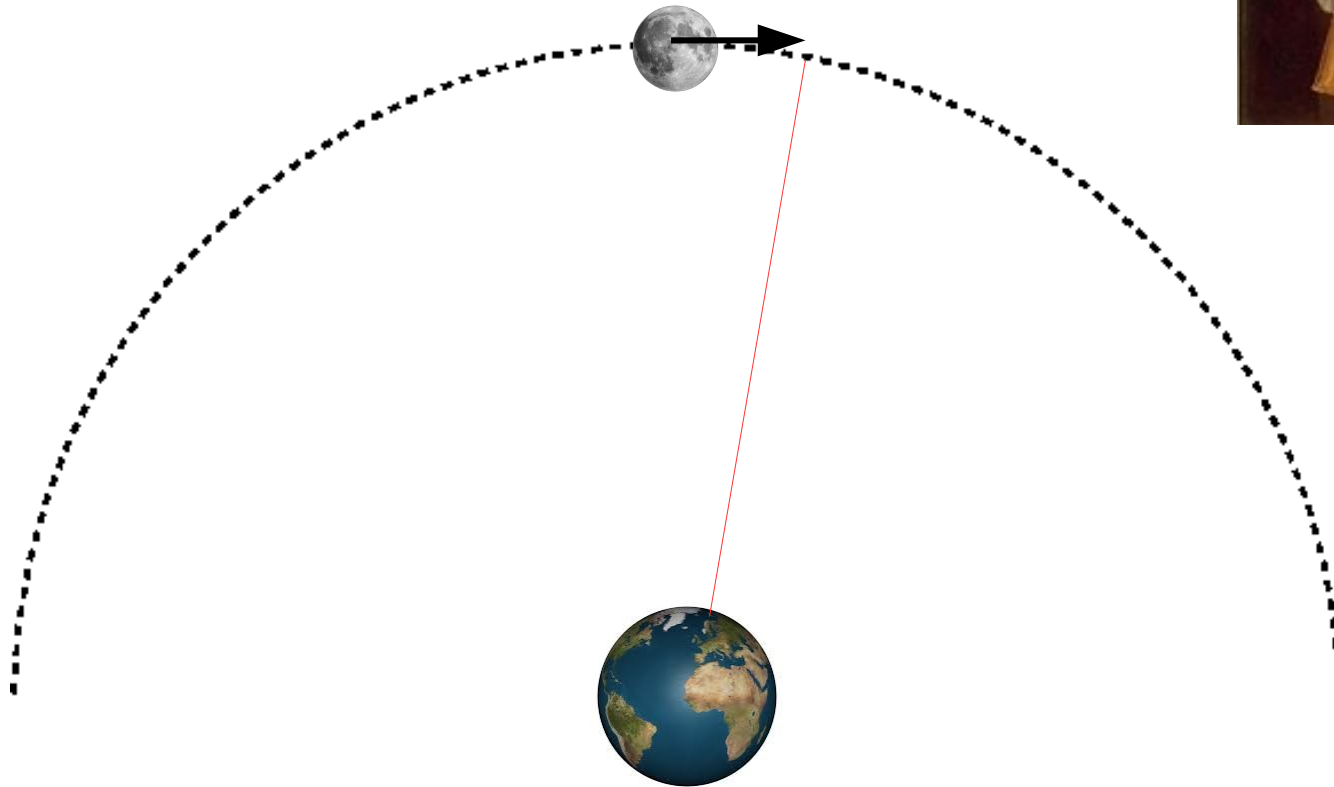
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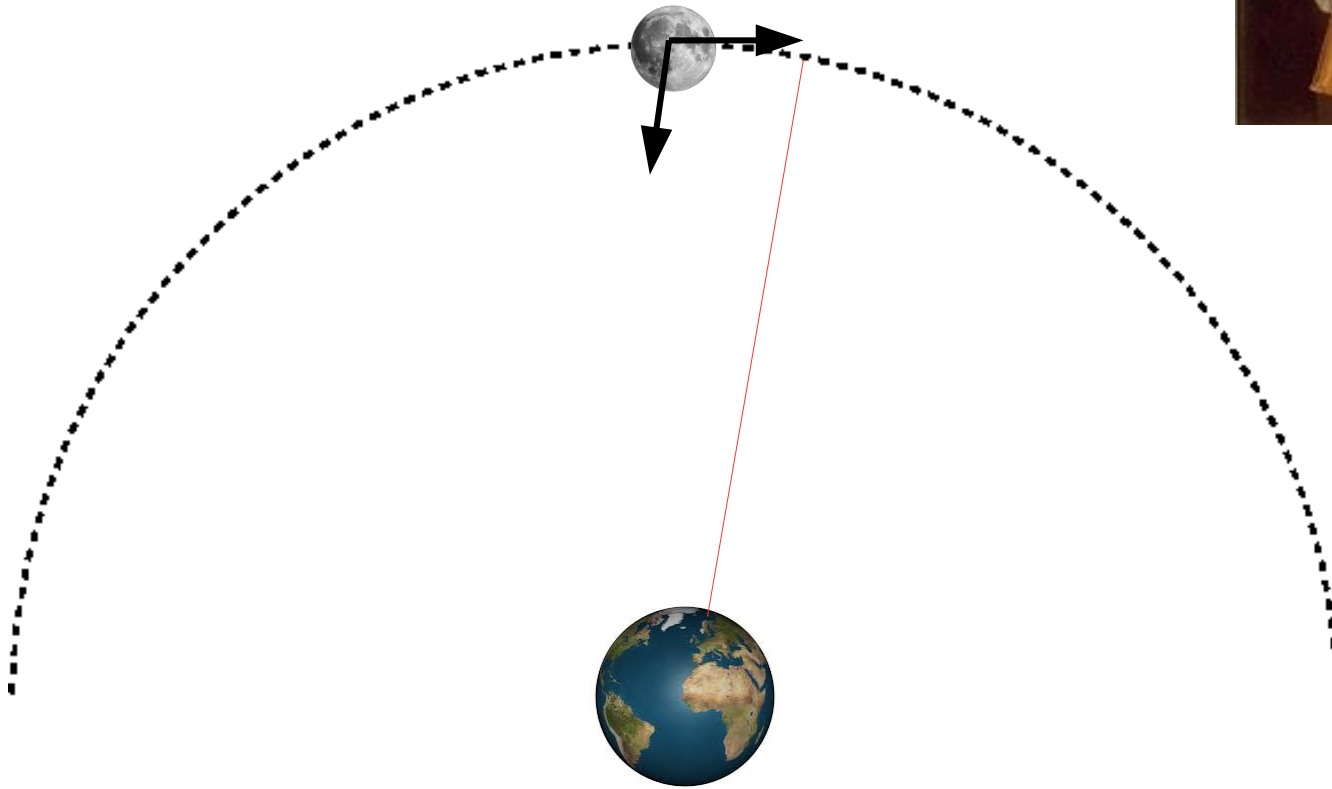
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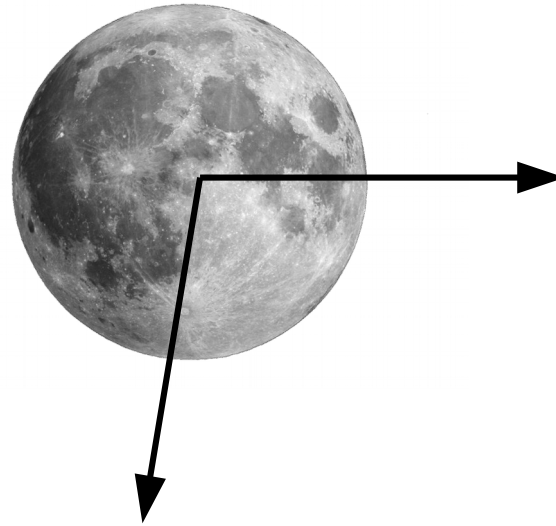
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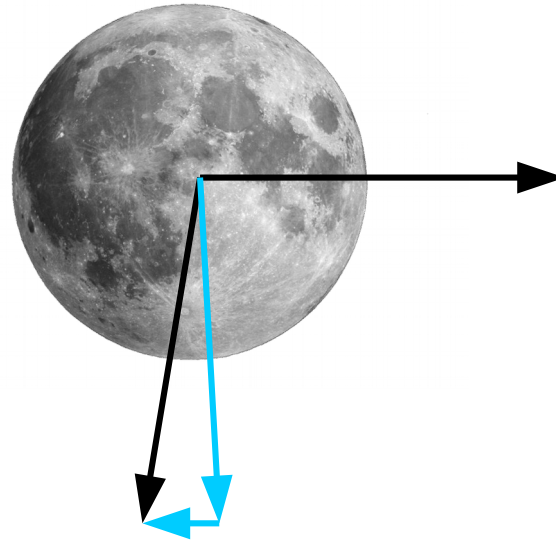
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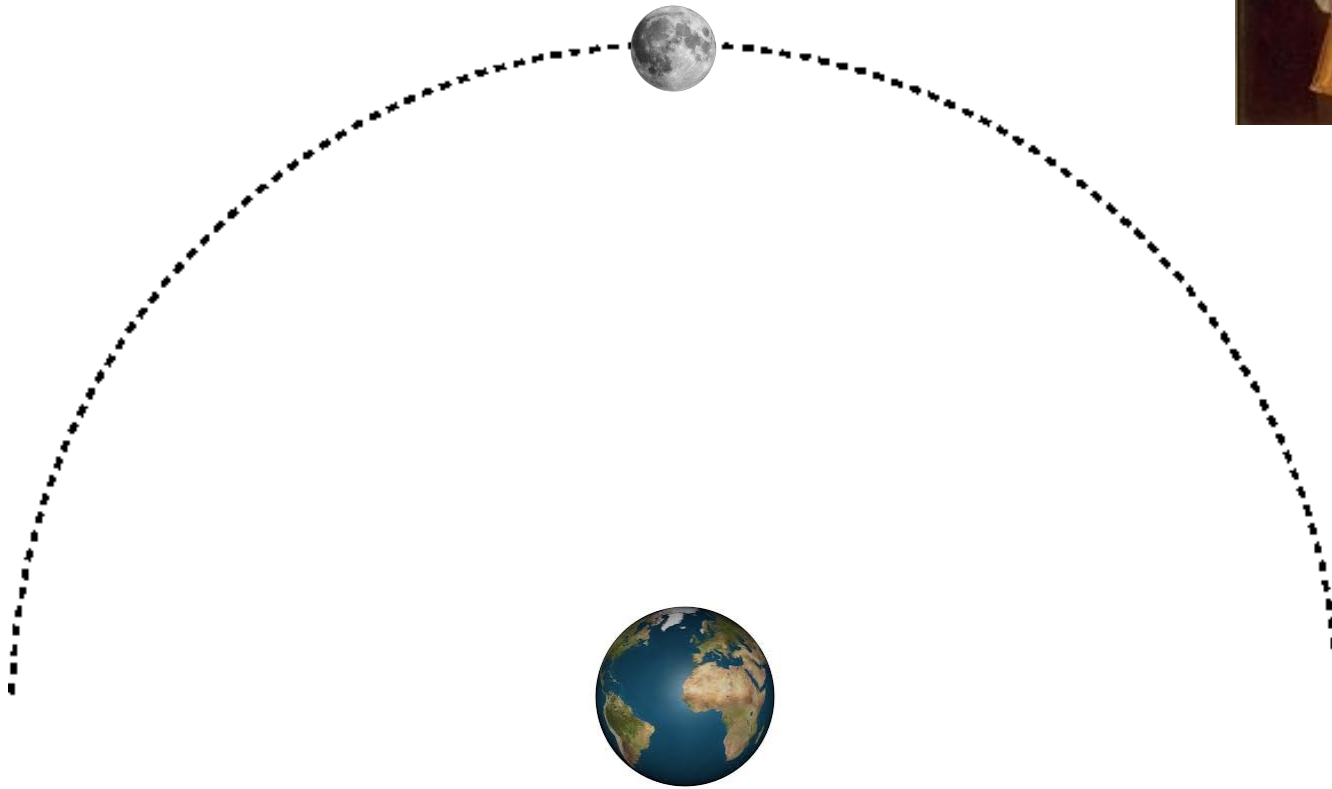
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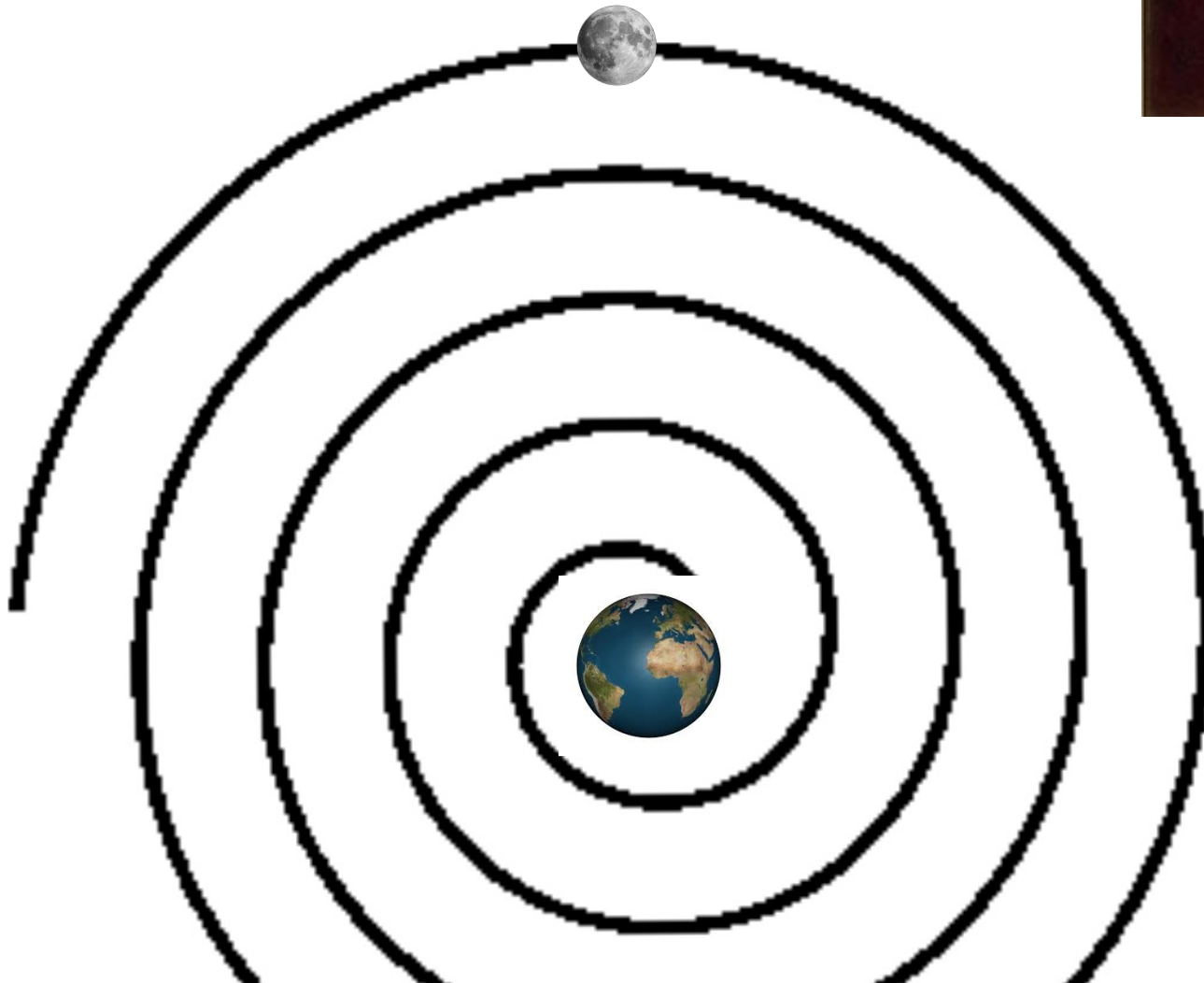
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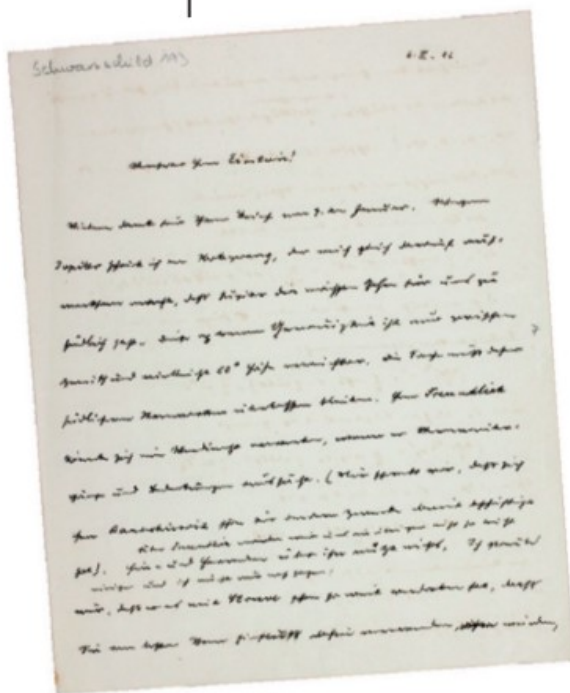
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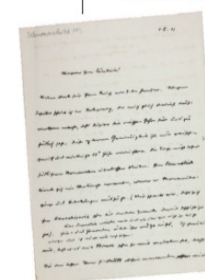
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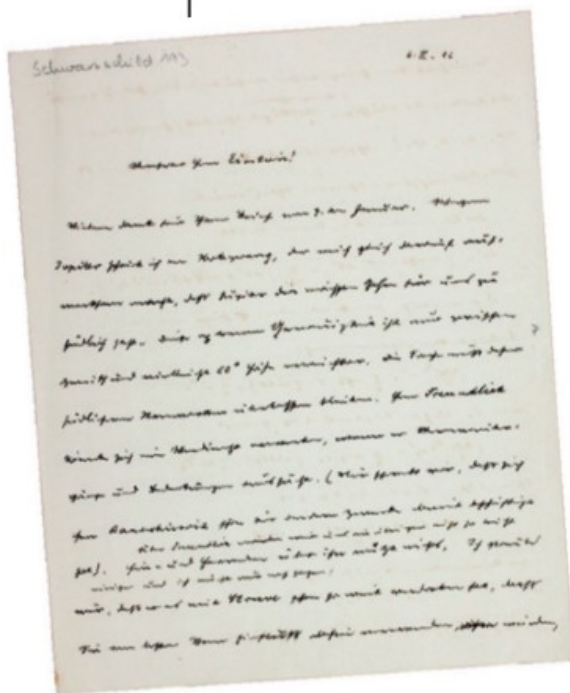
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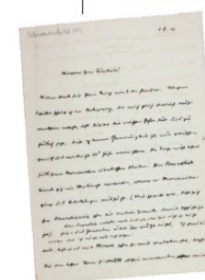
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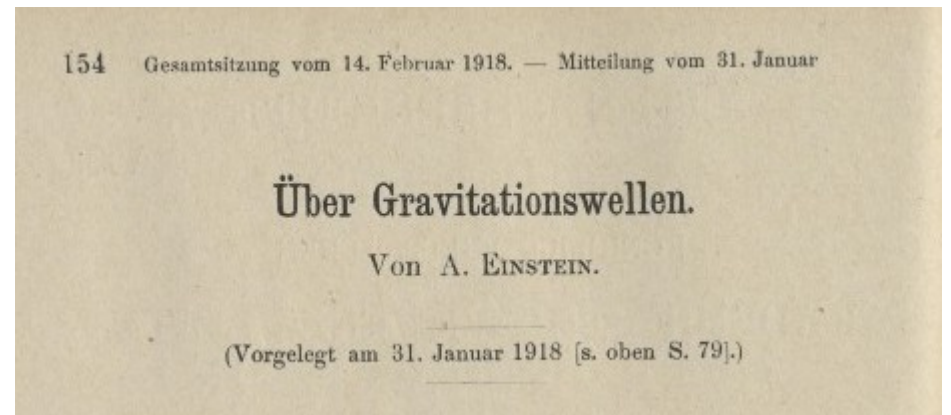
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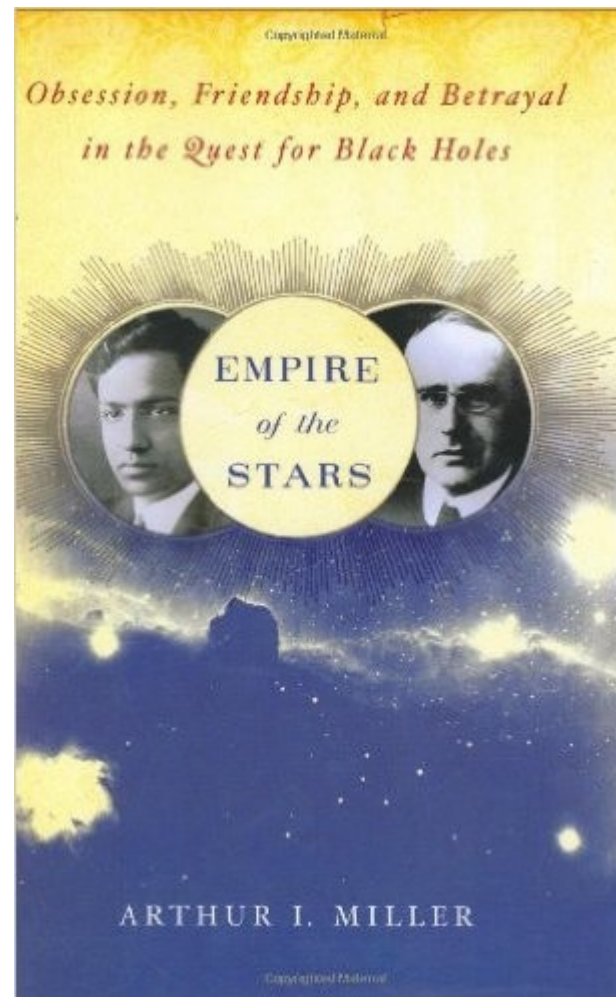
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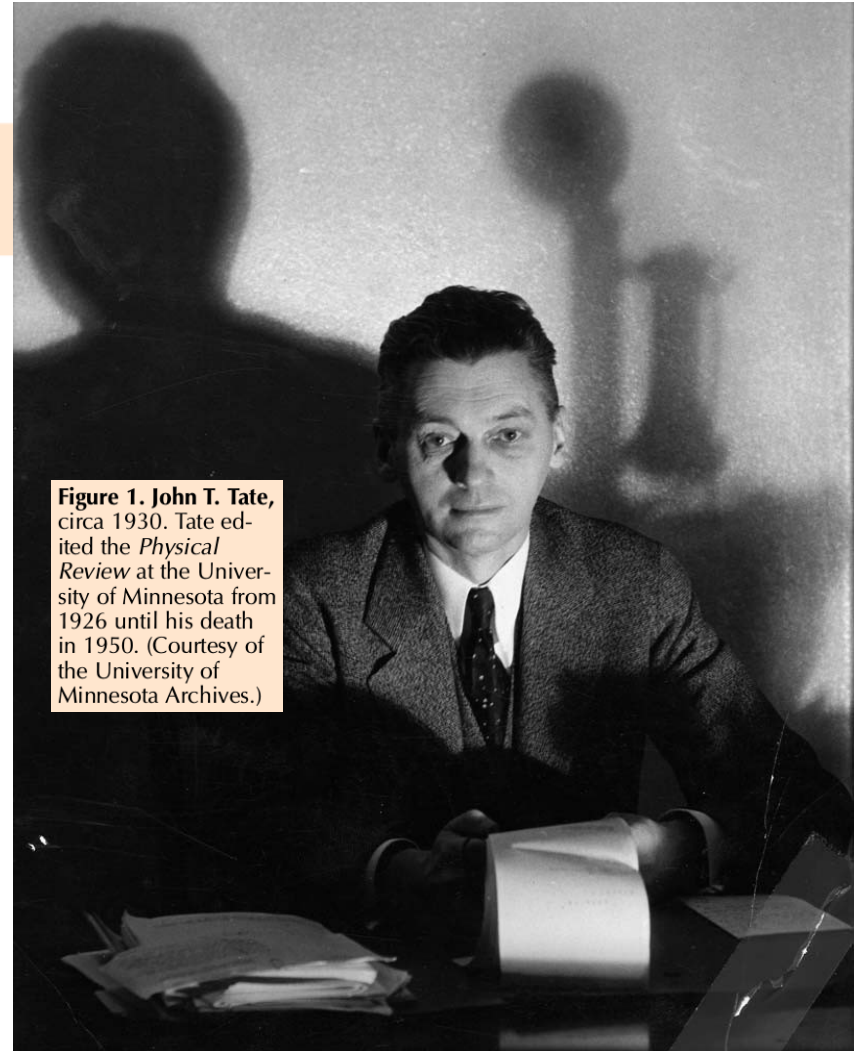


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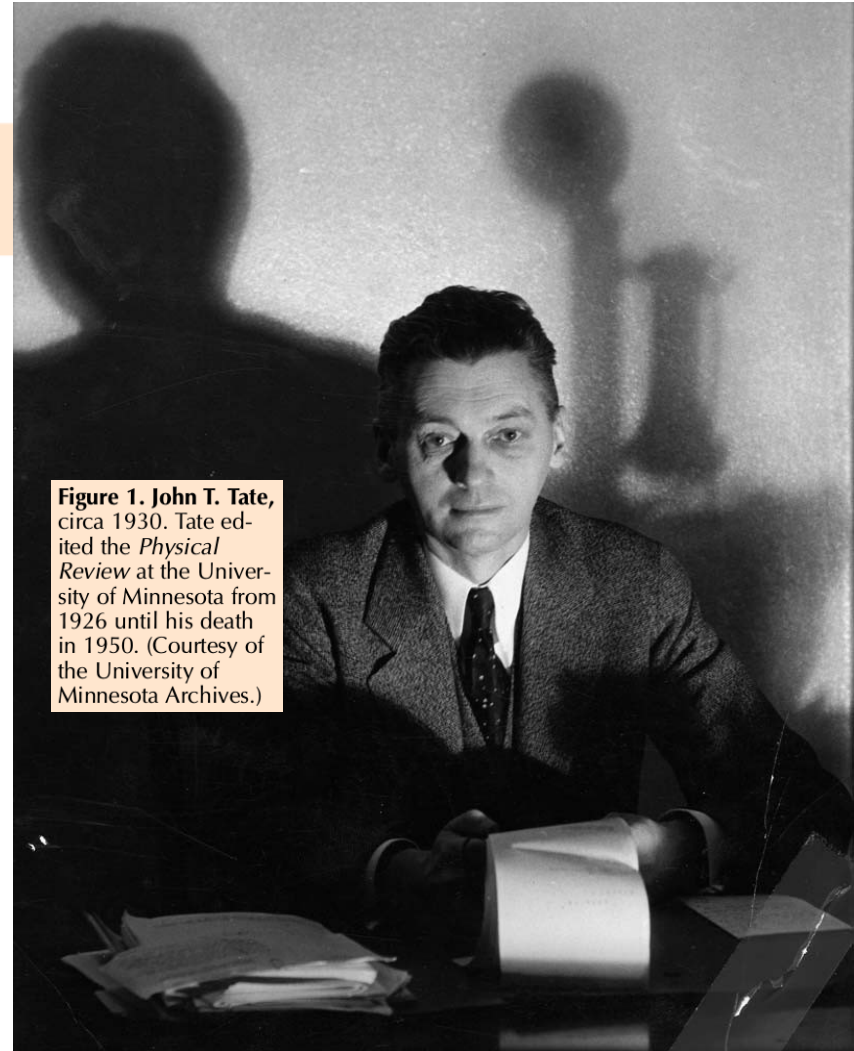


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Guido Beck (August 29, 1903 – October 21, 1988) was a [physicist](#) born in what was then the town of [Reichenberg](#) in the [Kingdom of Bohemia](#) ([Austria-Hungary](#)), and is now [Liberec](#) in the [Czech Republic](#). He studied physics in [Vienna](#) and received his doctorate in 1925, under [Hans Thirring](#). He worked in [Leipzig](#) in 1928 as an assistant to [Werner Heisenberg](#). A combination of the troubled political climate of Europe in the 1930s, his own restlessness, and the [Nazi](#) persecutions in [Germany](#), made the Jewish-born Beck a traveler in those years. Until 1935 he worked in [Cambridge](#) with Ernest Rutherford, [Copenhagen](#), [Prague](#), [United States](#) and [Japan](#).

In 1935, Beck was invited to work in the [Soviet Union](#) by Head of the Institute of Physics, Odessa University [Yelpidifor Anempodistovich Kirillov](#). At the [Odessa University](#) Beck head of the Department of Theoretical Physics and gave a course of theoretical physics in German; lectures were simultaneously translated into Ukrainian by assistant Yu.G. Vekshtein. In 1936-1937 Beck head of the department of theoretical mechanics at the [Institute of Water Transport Engineers](#) in [Odessa](#). Four of his Odessa students - VV Malyarov, MM Alperin, GV Skrotskii and PE Nemirovsky - became professors in Odessa and [Moscow](#).

In 1937, Guido Beck moved to [France](#), where he was imprisoned when World War II broke out. In 1941, he fled to [Portugal](#), and in 1943 he emigrated to [Argentina](#).

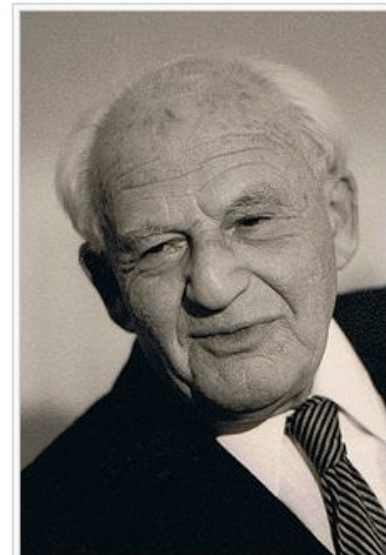
In Argentina, he was instrumental in training several Argentinian physicists, including [José Antonio Balseiro](#), and had a profound impact in developing physics in Argentina. He moved once more, this time to [Brazil](#), in 1951, where his influence in developing physics was also great.

He was called back to Argentina in 1962, after the death of Balseiro, and continued his work at the [Instituto Balseiro](#).

In 1975, he returned to Brazil, and worked in the [Centro Brasileiro de Pesquisas Físicas](#) (CBPF).

Apart from his influence as a teacher in [South America](#) he contributed to a theory of beta-decay, which was later superseded by a more complete theory by [Fermi](#). He was a friend of the famous writer [Ernesto Sabato](#).

He died in a car accident in [Rio de Janeiro](#) in 1988.



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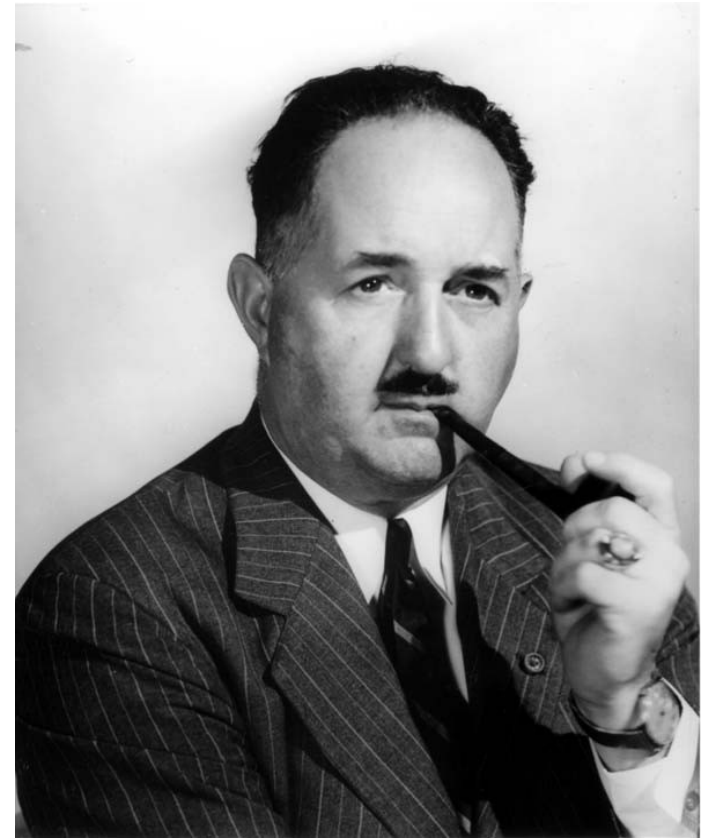
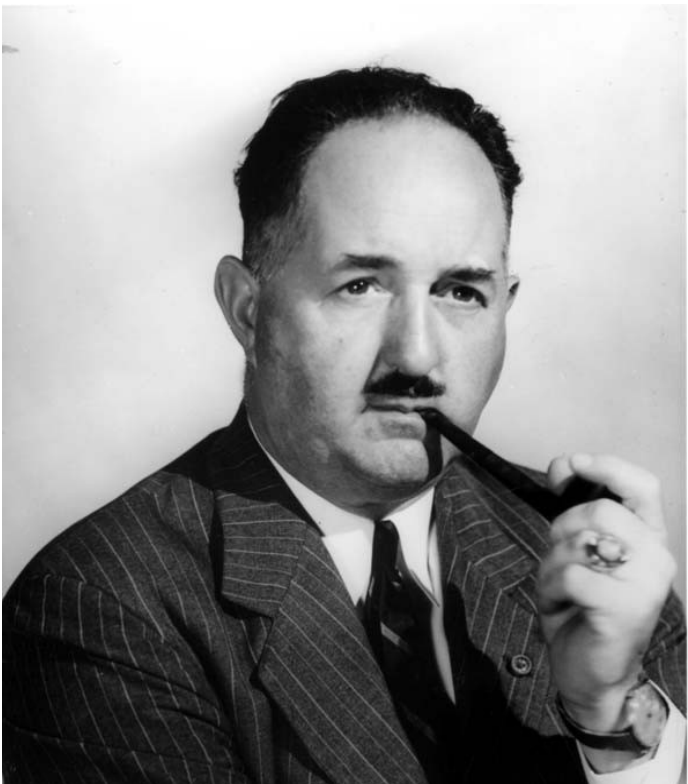


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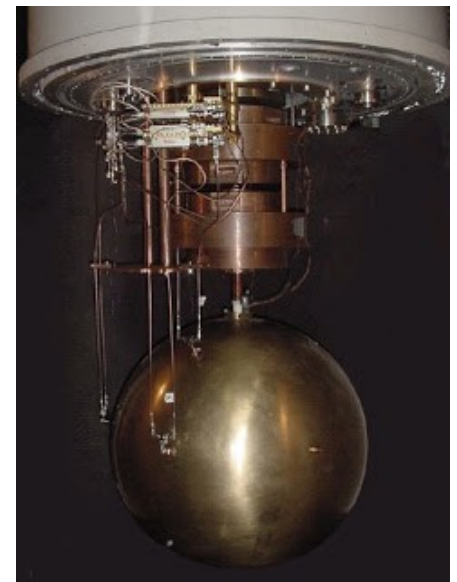
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Inside scoop ... Nobel prize is coming someone's way 🎉🎉



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Hi all, the LIGO rumour seems real, and will apparently come out in Nature Feb 11 (no doubt with press release), so keep your eyes out for it.

Spies who have seen the paper say they have seen gravitational waves from a binary black hole merger. they claim that the two detectors detected it consistent with it moving at speed c given the distance between them, and quote an equivalent 5.1 sigma detection. the bh masses were 36 and 29 solar masses initially and 62 at the end. Apparently the signal is spectacular and they even see the ring-down to kerr at the end.

Woohoo! (I hope)



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On September 14, 2015 at 09:50:45 UTC the two detectors of the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory simultaneously observed a transient gravitational-wave signal. The signal sweeps upwards in frequency from 35 to 250 Hz with a peak gravitational-wave strain of 1.0×10^{-21} . It matches the waveform predicted by general relativity for the inspiral and merger of a pair of black holes and the ringdown of the resulting single black hole. The signal was observed with a matched-filter signal-to-noise ratio of 24 and a false alarm rate estimated to be less than 1 event per 203 000 years, equivalent to a significance greater than 5.1σ . The source lies at a luminosity distance of 410_{-180}^{+160} Mpc corresponding to a redshift $z = 0.09_{-0.04}^{+0.03}$. In the source frame, the initial black hole masses are $36_{-4}^{+5} M_{\odot}$ and $29_{-4}^{+4} M_{\odot}$, and the final black hole mass is $62_{-4}^{+4} M_{\odot}$, with $3.0_{-0.5}^{+0.5} M_{\odot} c^2$ radiated in gravitational waves. All uncertainties define 90% credible intervals. These observations demonstrate the existence of binary stellar-mass black hole systems. This is the first direct detection of gravitational waves and the first observation of a binary black hole merger.

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Primary black hole mass	$36_{-4}^{+5} M_{\odot}$
Secondary black hole mass	$29_{-4}^{+4} M_{\odot}$
Final black hole mass	$62_{-4}^{+4} M_{\odot}$
Final black hole spin	$0.67_{-0.07}^{+0.05}$
Luminosity distance	410_{-180}^{+160} Mpc
Source redshift z	$0.09_{-0.04}^{+0.03}$

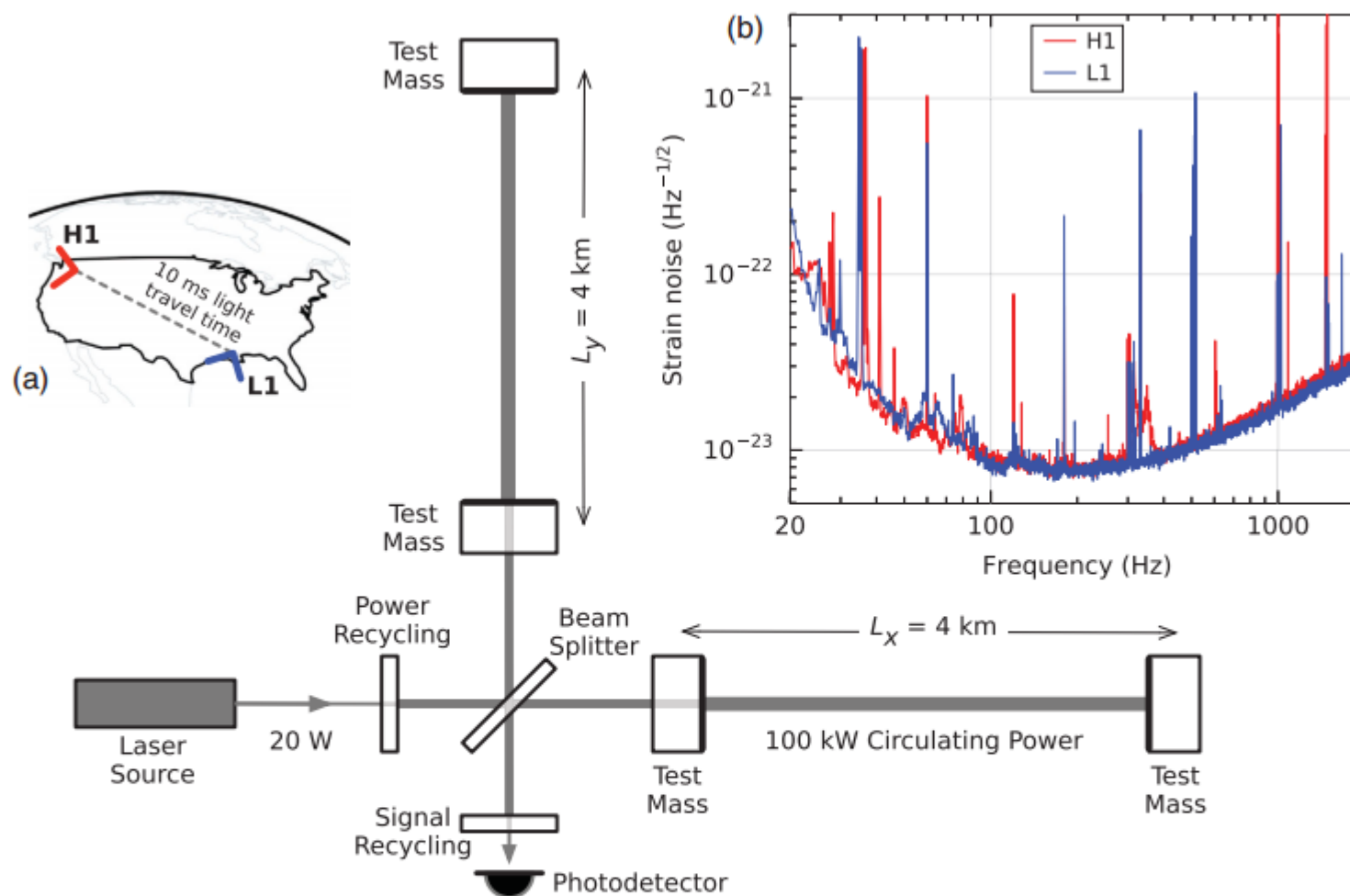


FIG. 3. Simplified diagram of an Advanced LIGO detector (not to scale). A gravitational wave propagating orthogonally to the detector plane and linearly polarized parallel to the 4-km optical cavities will have the effect of lengthening one 4-km arm and shortening the other during one half-cycle of the wave; these length changes are reversed during the other half-cycle. The output photodetector records these differential cavity length variations. While a detector's directional response is maximal for this case, it is still significant for most other angles of incidence or polarizations (gravitational waves propagate freely through the Earth). *Inset (a)*: Location and orientation of the LIGO detectors at Hanford, WA (H1) and Livingston, LA (L1). *Inset (b)*: The instrument noise for each detector near the time of the signal detection; this is an amplitude spectral density, expressed in terms of equivalent gravitational-wave strain amplitude. The sensitivity is limited by photon shot noise at frequencies above 150 Hz, and by a superposition of other noise sources at lower frequencies [47]. Narrow-band features include calibration lines (33–38, 330, and 1080 Hz), vibrational modes of suspension fibers (500 Hz and harmonics), and 60 Hz electric power grid harmonics.

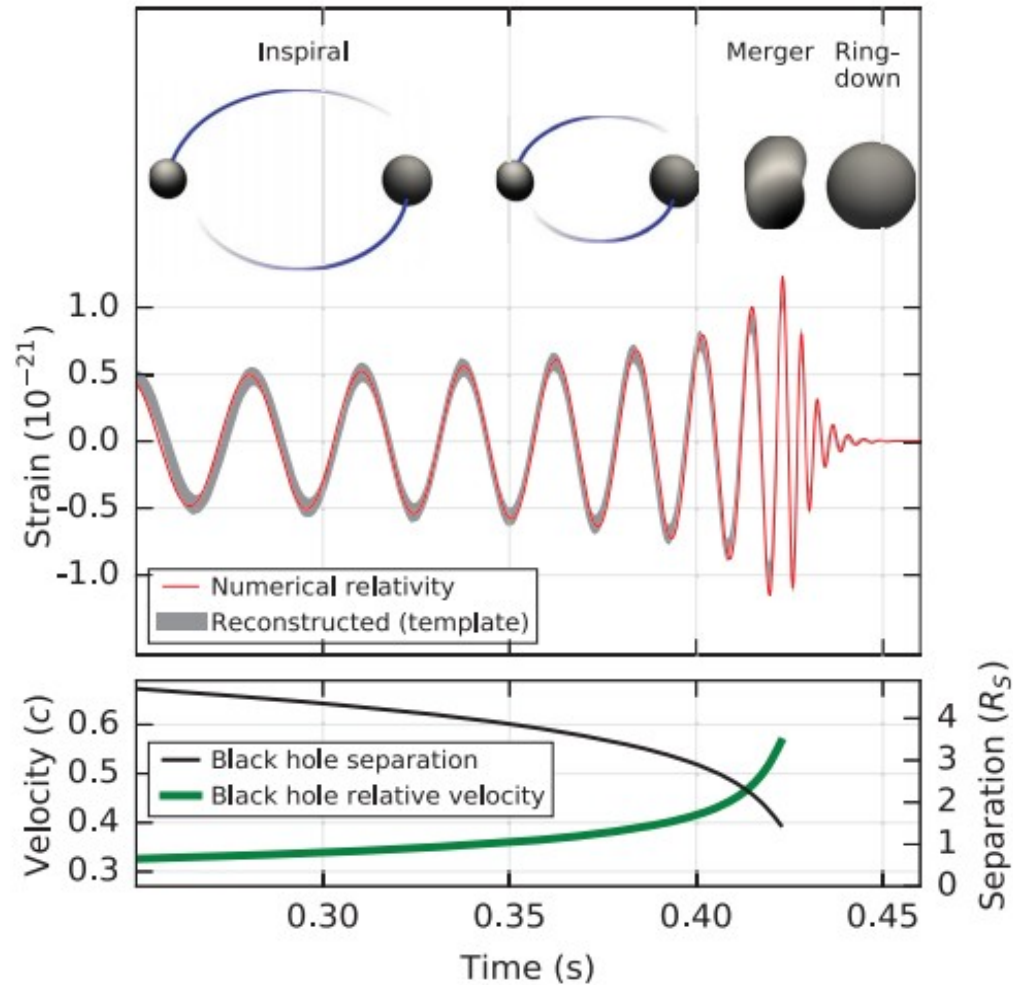
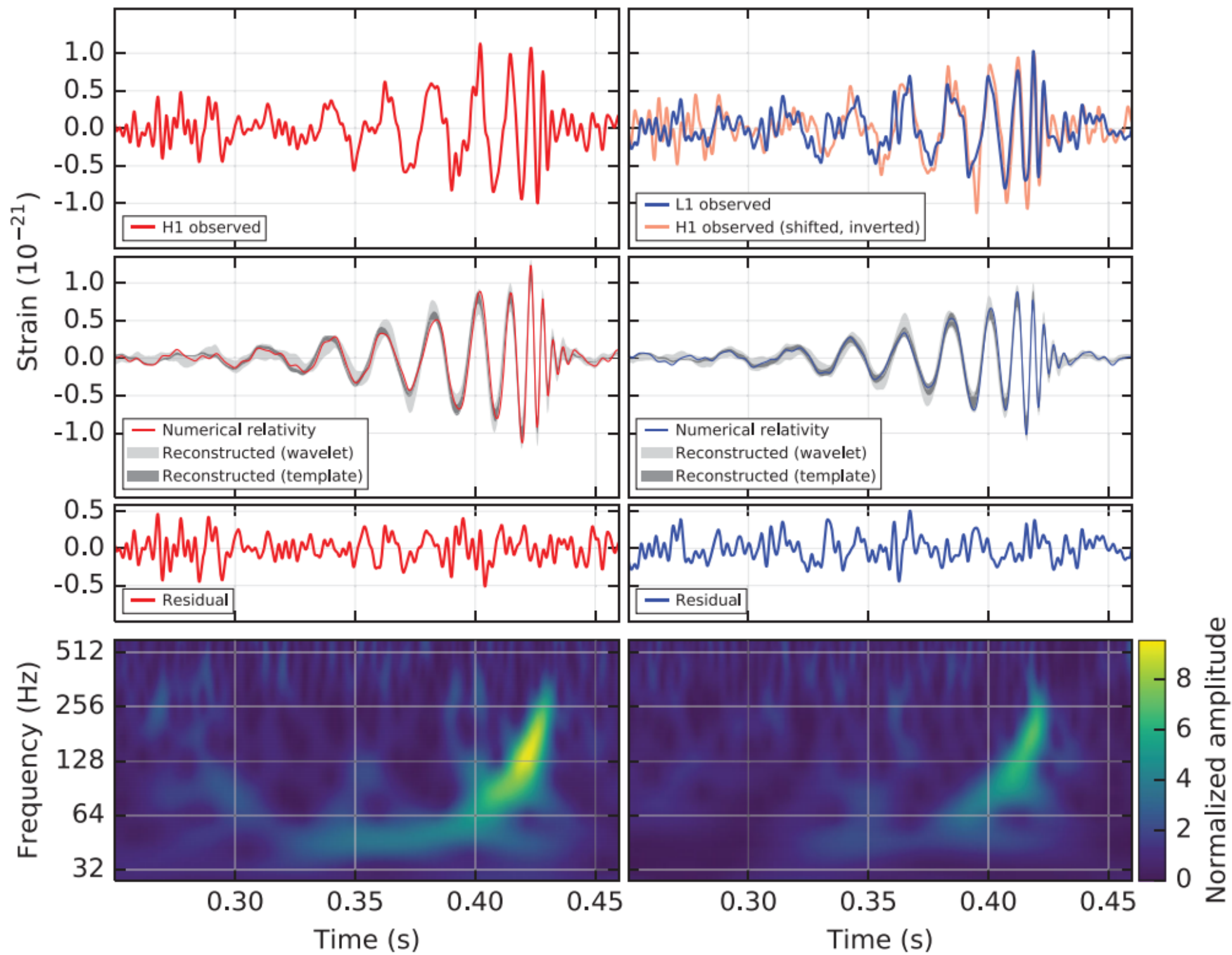


FIG. 2. *Top:* Estimated gravitational-wave strain amplitude from GW150914 projected onto H1. This shows the full bandwidth of the waveforms, without the filtering used for Fig. 1. The inset images show numerical relativity models of the black hole horizons as the black holes coalesce. *Bottom:* The Keplerian effective black hole separation in units of Schwarzschild radii ($R_S = 2GM/c^2$) and the effective relative velocity given by the post-Newtonian parameter $v/c = (GM\pi f/c^3)^{1/3}$, where f is the gravitational-wave frequency calculated with numerical relativity and M is the total mass (value from Table I).

Hanford, Washington (H1)

Livingston, Louisiana (L1)



Electromagnetic Counterparts to Black Hole Mergers Detected by LIGO

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Mergers of stellar-mass black holes (BHs), such as GW150914 observed by LIGO, are not expected to have electromagnetic counterparts. However, the Fermi GBM detector identified a gamma-ray transient 0.4 s after the gravitational wave (GW) signal GW150914 with consistent sky localization. I show that the two signals might be related if the BH binary detected by LIGO originated from two clumps in a dumbbell configuration that formed when the core of a rapidly rotating massive star collapsed. In that case, the BH binary merger was followed by a gamma-ray burst (GRB) from a jet that originated in the accretion flow around the remnant BH. A future detection of a GRB afterglow could be used to determine the redshift and precise localization of the source. A population of standard GW sirens with GRB redshifts would provide a new approach for precise measurements of cosmological distances as a function of redshift.

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The observation of gravitational waves from the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) event GW150914 may be used to constrain the possibility of Lorentz violation in graviton propagation, and the observation by the Fermi Gamma-Ray Burst Monitor of a transient source in apparent coincidence may be used to constrain the difference between the velocities of light and gravitational waves: $c_g - c_\gamma < 10^{-17}$.

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