

Beyond the shadow

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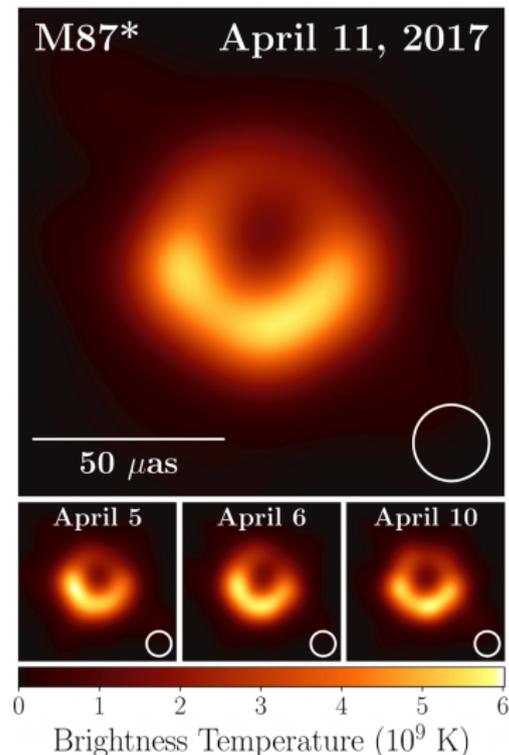
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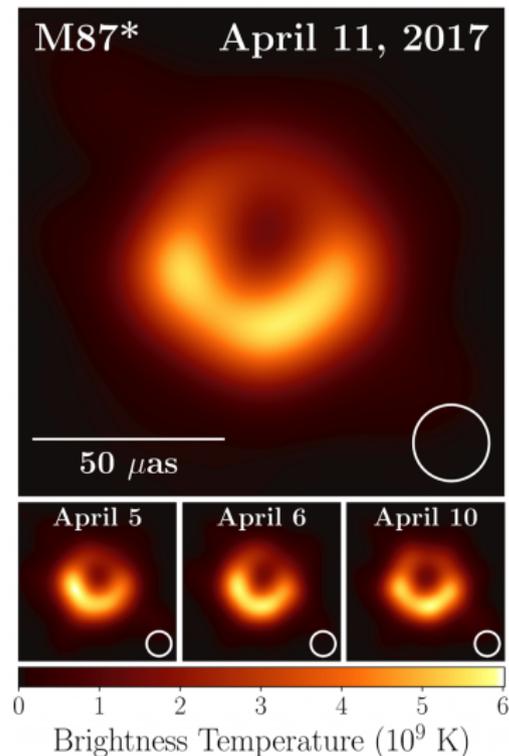


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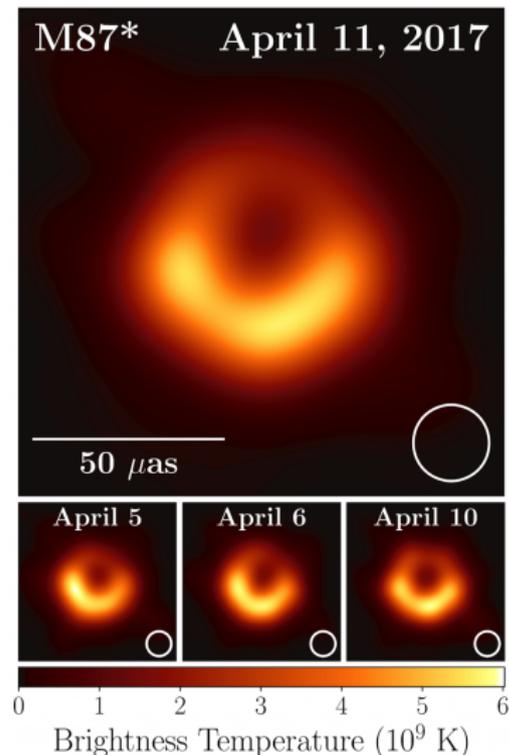


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At the same time, it is more difficult to rule out alternatives to black holes in GR, because a shadow can be produced by any compact object with a spacetime characterized by unstable circular photon orbits (Mizuno et al. 2018). Indeed, while the Kerr metric remains a solution in some alternative theories of gravity (Barausse & Sotiriou 2008; Psaltis et al. 2008), non-Kerr black hole solutions do exist in a variety of such modified theories (Berti et al. 2015). Furthermore, exotic alternatives to black holes, such as naked singularities (Shaikh et al. 2019), boson stars (Kaup 1968; Liebling & Palenzuela 2012), and gravastars (Mazur & Mottola 2004; Chirenti & Rezzolla 2007), are admissible solutions within GR and provide concrete, albeit contrived, models. Some of such exotic compact objects can already be shown to be incompatible with our observations given our maximum mass prior. For example, the shadows of naked singularities associated with Kerr spacetimes with $|a_*| > 1$ are substantially smaller and very asymmetric compared to those of Kerr black holes (Bambi & Freese 2009).

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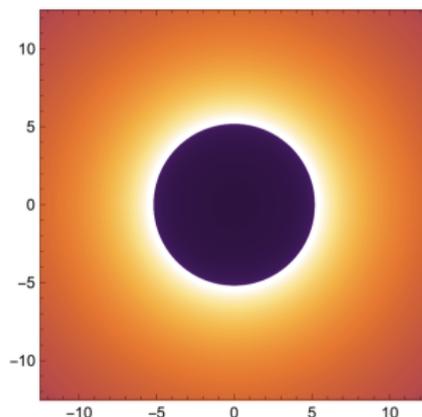
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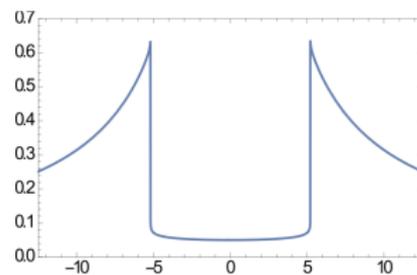
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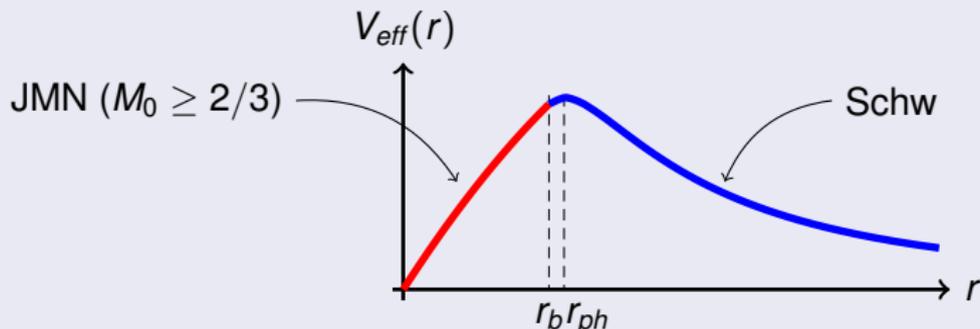
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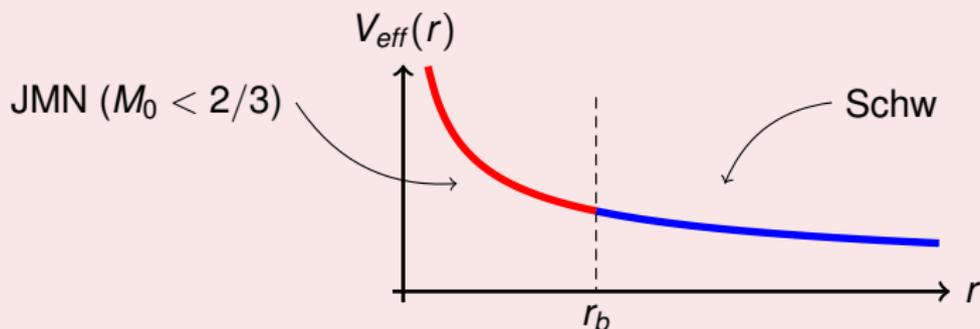
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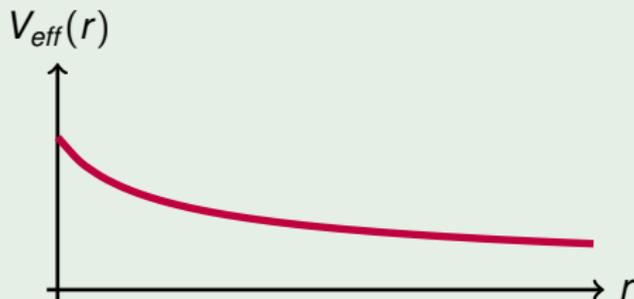
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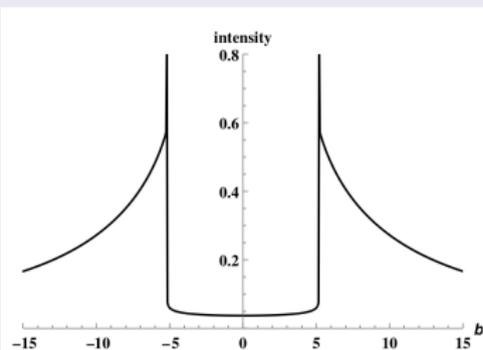
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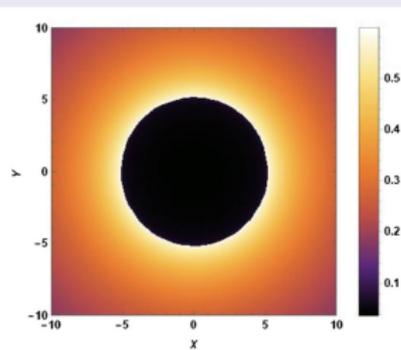
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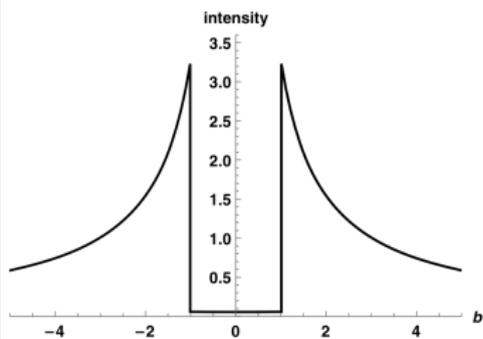
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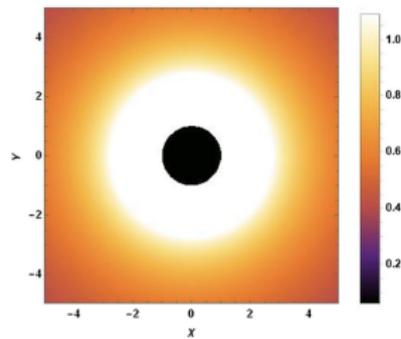
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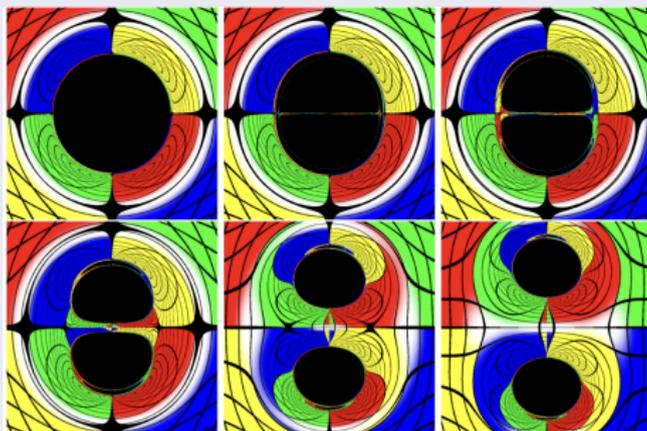
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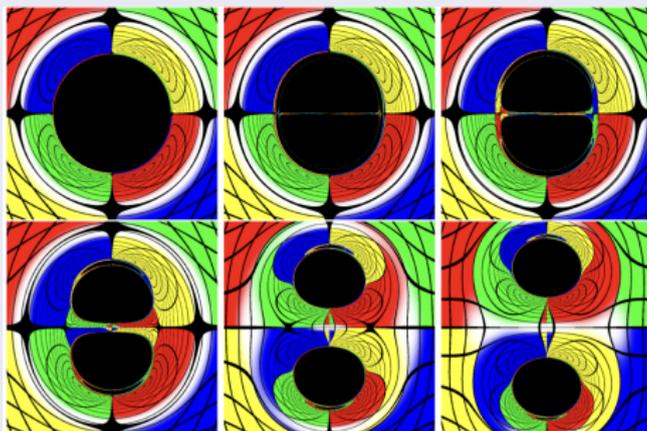


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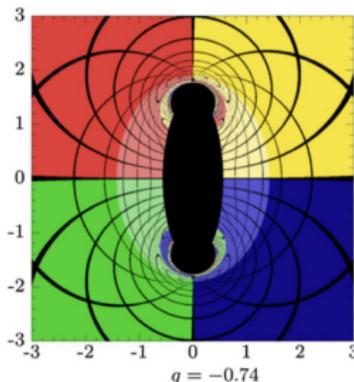
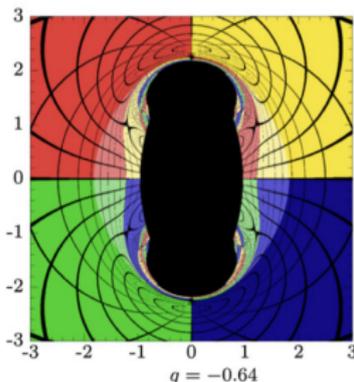
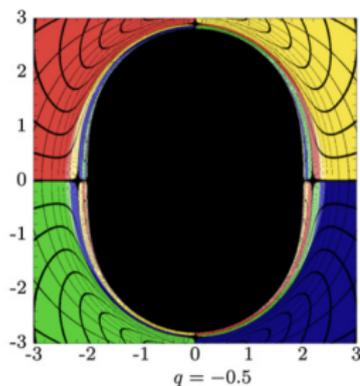
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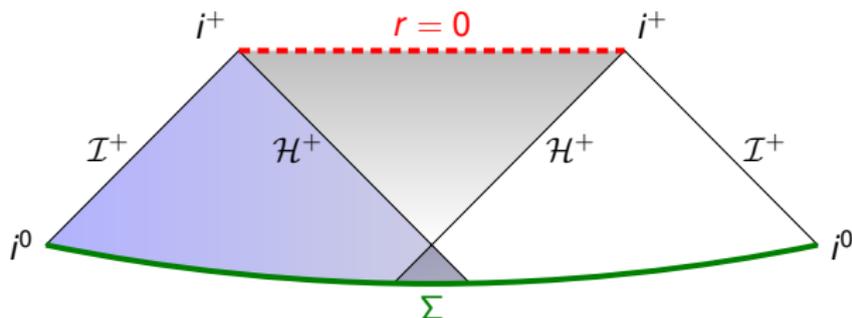
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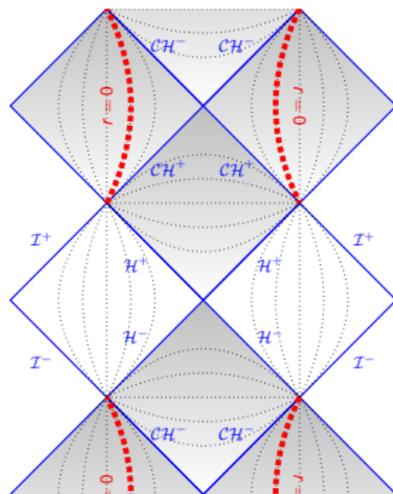
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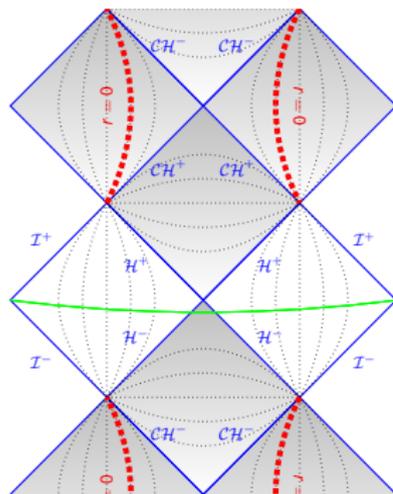
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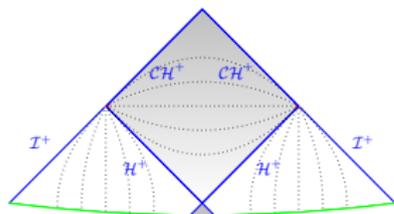
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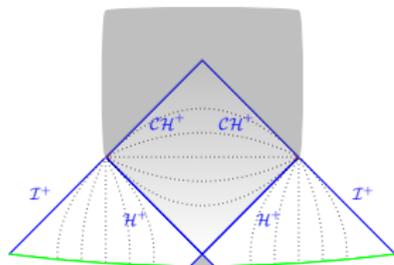
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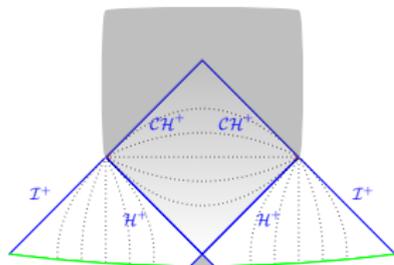
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