Blowtorch of the Gods: EHT Imaging of the Blazar 3C 279

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M87

42 µas $M_{BH} = 6.5 + - 0.7 \times 10^9 M_{sun}$

First Image of a Black Hole



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The Submillimeter Array







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The Largest Black Holes on the Sky









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Jet in 3C 279

39 kpc

Sgr A*

	Black Hole Mass (M _{sun})	4.1 x 10 ⁶
	Redshift	
	Distance (Angular diameter)	8.0 kpc
	Length Scale at 20 µas	0.2 AU ~2 R _S
	X-ray Luminosity (erg s ⁻¹)	10 ³⁵
Ever	Jet Inclination Angle	?

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M87	3C279
6.5 x 10 ⁹	8 x 10 ⁸
0.00428	0.536
17 Mpc	1.4 Gpc
0.0017 pc ~2 R _S	0.13 pc ~1700 R _S
4 x 10 ⁴⁰	1046
17 deg	~2 deg



A Highly Variable Source





BU Blazar Group: Marscher et al

A Dynamic Jet

15 GHz VLBA MOJAVE Program Lister et al



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3C 279 λ1.3 mm 11 Apr 2017

50 µas

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Time Variable Structure





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Daily Images

Relative Motions



Alternate Models of Motion





Superluminal Motion

ID	β_{app} (C)	θ (°)	Γ	δ
Curved jet case ^a				
C0-1	16^{+3}_{-2}	≤ 1.5	≥ 20	≥ 32
C0-2	20 ± 1	≤ 2.9	≥ 20	≥ 20
C1-0/1/2	$(13 - 15) \pm 2$	$\geq 6-8$	≥ 20	$\leq 5 - 7$
Straight jet case ^b				
C1-0/1/2	$(13 - 15) \pm 2$	2	16 – 17	24 – 25

$$\Gamma > 20 \rightarrow v > 0.998 c$$

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Superluminal Motion Demo





Superluminal Motion Distribution







Historical Jet Bending

Models for the Bend





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Jet Simulation









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Strong Evidence for a Black Hole







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Schwarzschild Precession



GRAVITY Collaboration 2020

MM VLBI Imaging of Sgr A*



Doeleman et al 2008











The Current State of the Art



Issaoun et al 2019

EHT Polarization of Sgr A*



Johnson et al 2015

EHT Campaigns

	<2017	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Stations	SMT, CARMA, SMA, JCMT APEX	SPT, ALMA, APEX, SMA, JCMT, LMT, SMT, PV	SPT, ALMA, APEX, SMA, JCMT, LMT, SMT, PV, GLT	SPT, ALMA, APEX, SMA, JCMT, LMT, SMT, PV, GLT	SPT, ALMA, APEX, SMA, JCMT, LMT, SMT, PV, GLT, KP, NOEMA	SPT, ALM APEX, SN JCMT, LM SMT, PV, GLT, KP, NOEMA
Bandwidth		32 Gbps	64 Gbps	64 Gbps	64 Gbps	64 Gbps
Results	3 (f) Argunda to the second s					



EHT Future

- Sgr A*!
- Polarimetry
- AGN, Pulsars
- 2018 & 2021 Epochs
- Multi-wavelength Data
- Movies
- Higher image fidelity
- More sources

