
BLACK HOLES
Gravity's Relentless Pull
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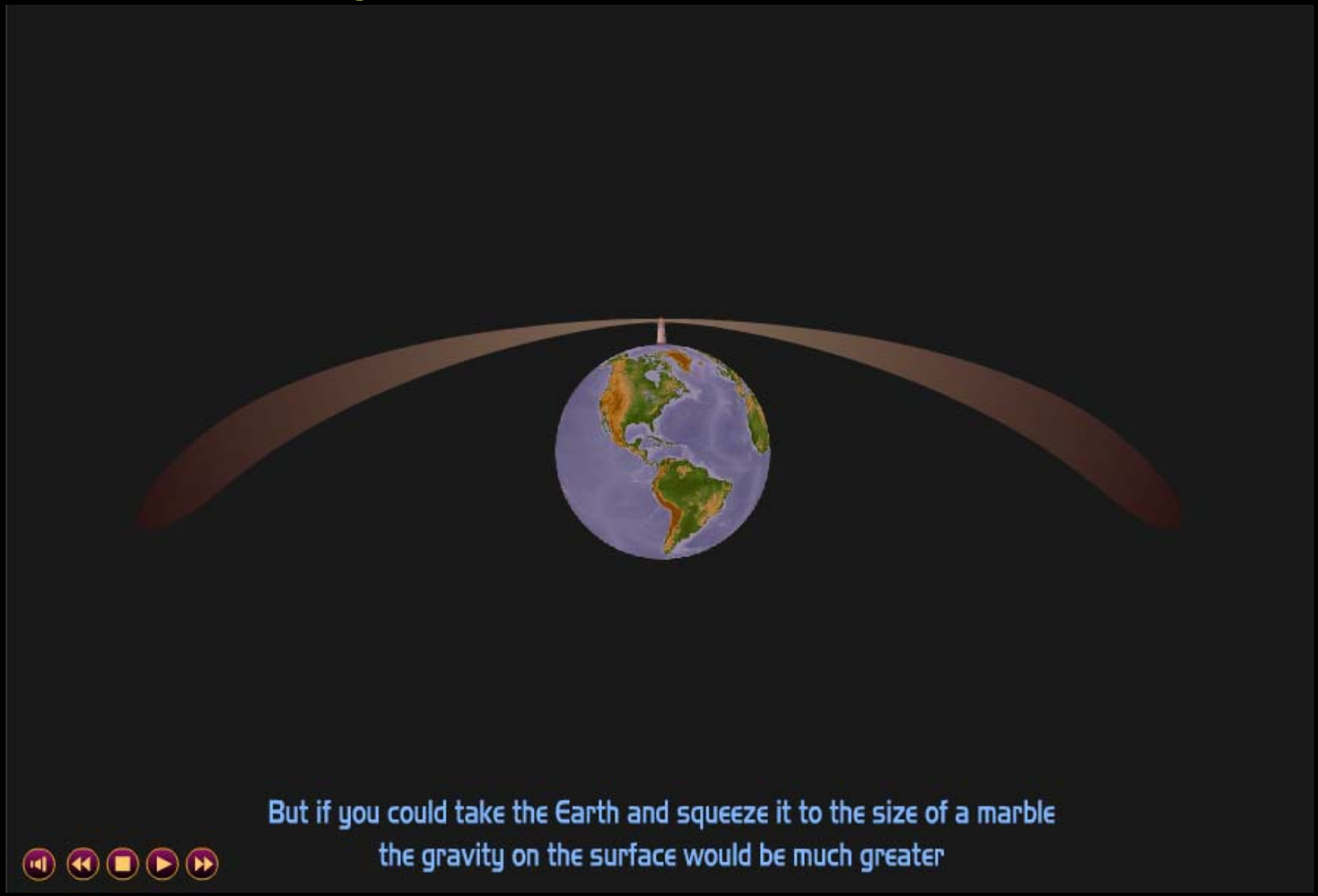
Black Holes

- Most extreme objects in the Universe
  - Of considerable interest to the public
  - Large demand for information
- Many questions and misconceptions
  - “do they really exist?”
  - “giant vacuum cleaners?”
  - “danger to earth?”
- Excellent topic to teach concepts of basic physics
  - Observations, hypothesis testing, scientific method
  - Scale and content of the Universe
  - Light
  - Gravity

Resources

- Interactive, Multi-Media web site developed at STScI
  http://hubblesite.org/go/blackholes
  - Top Prize & Physics Category winner Pirelli Awards
  - Finalist NSF Science & Engineering Visualization challenge
- (Free) Kiosk Software for Informal Education Institutions
  http://hubblesource.stsci.edu/exhibits/components/kiosk
  - Honorary mention American Association of Museums MUSE Awards

Introductory Animation



Finding the Invisible

The Voyage


Smallville Planetarium: SPECIAL FEATURE
BLACK HOLES: Gravity's Relentless Pull
Finding the Invisible
The Voyage
Up Close and Personal
99.999.....95%
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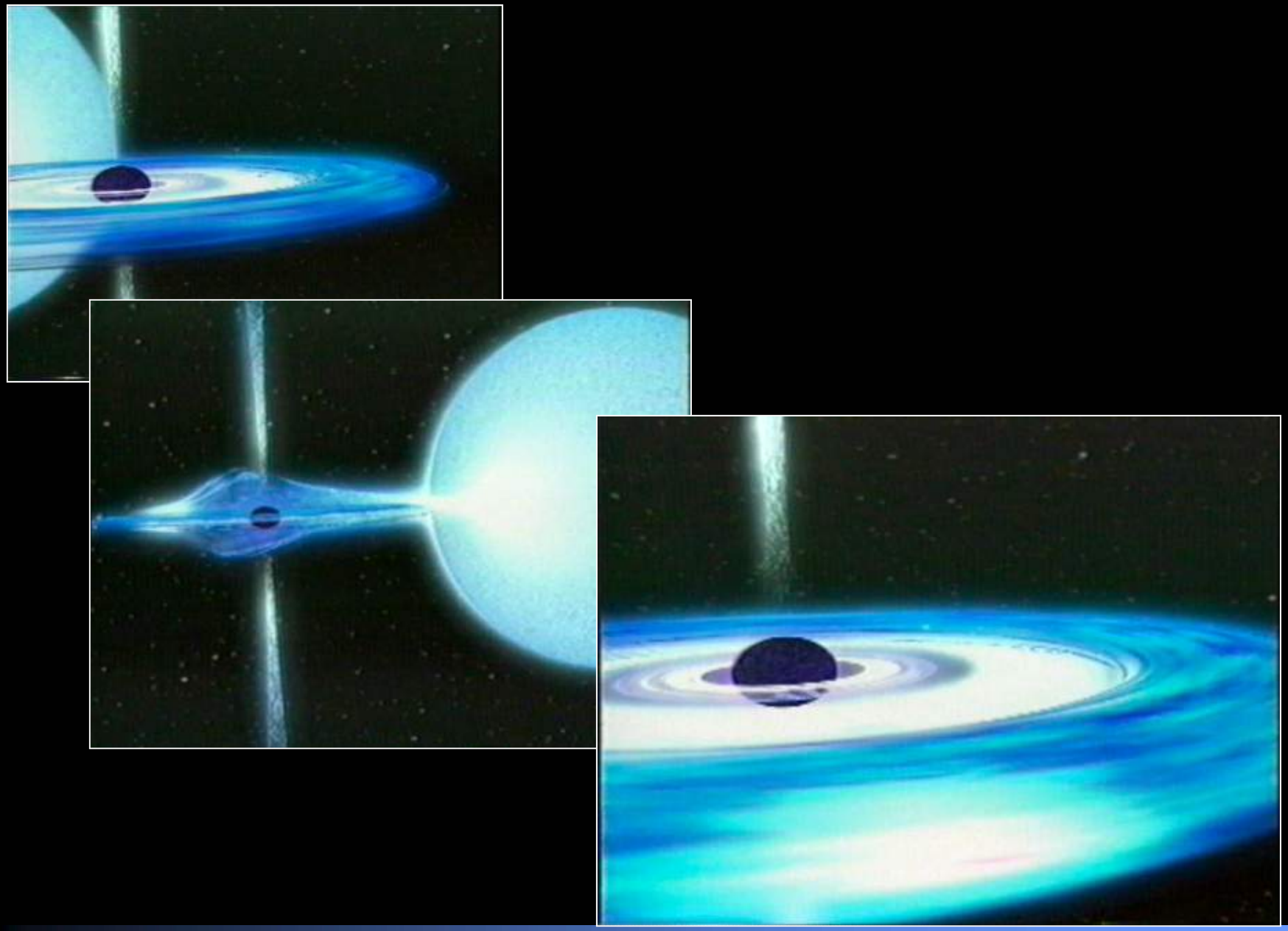
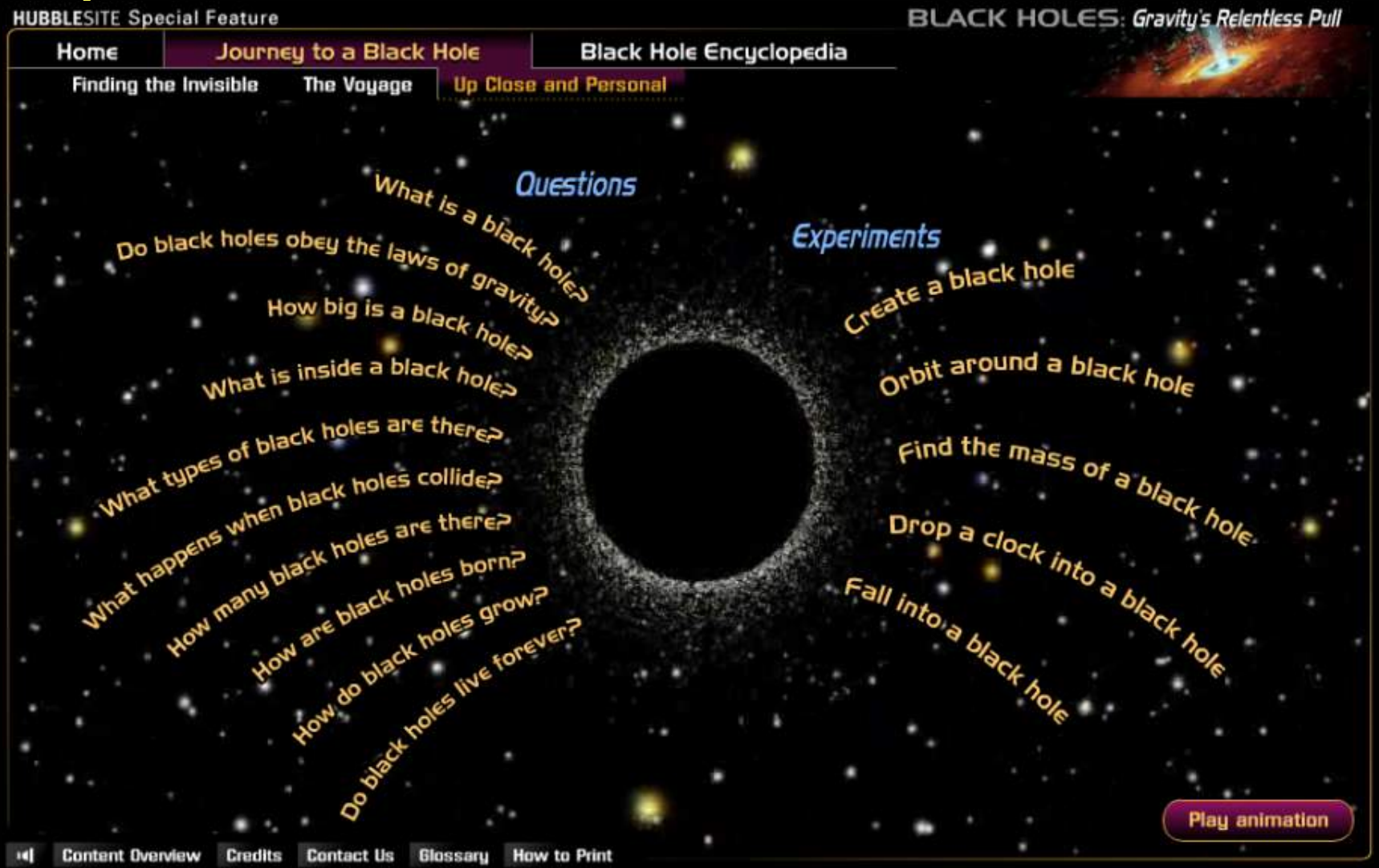
99.9995%
90%
Lightspeed
Speed
1 million
10,000
1000
1
Light Years
Distance from Earth
Welcome to your interstellar spacecraft. To begin your journey to the black hole, you must first escape Earth's gravity. Please select a speed.
75 m.p.h.
717 m.p.h. (the speed of sound)
25,000 m.p.h.
Start Over
Credits



Up Close and Personal



Experiments