

Re: black hole information loss?

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"Zachary Uram" <netrek@gmail.com> wrote in message
news:ecfa260c.0408021652.404b0cdb@posting.google.com...
| I was listening to the radio and heard that Stephen Hawking, in a
| paper presented at the 17th Conference on Gravity, has apparently
| reversed his position on the question of information loss in black
| holes. IIRC he believed information was irrevocably lost once it
| passed the event horizon but now he believes it survives later on in
| some nebulous 'form' as the black hole slowly disintegrates. I wasn't
| sure if he meant that ALL black holes will die in this way or if the
| 'information' emitted is meaningful in any way. What does this imply
| for the 2nd law of thermodynamics and entropy in the universe? How is
| this 'information' loss different from Hawking Radiation? Does anyone
| agree/disagree with Hawking's latest position?

Well now, I've recently reversed my position that that bright green flying
elephants give birth to live young. They lay eggs.

Is there any way to test if he is correct?

Sure... find a black hole and run some experiments. While you are about it,
could you find me a pregnant bright green flying elephant please? :-)

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Regards,
| Zach