Ruth Gregory: Primordial Black Holes and Higgs Vacuum Decay

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The recent discovery of the Higgs and its mass suggests that our vacuum may by metastable. I will review how we calculate the probability of vacuum decay and discuss how black holes alter this rate. This leads to a constraint either on primordial black hole formation or the Higgs potential.