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Black holes are objects whose existence follow from general relativity. The gravity of a black hole keeps everything caught that once passed the event horizon. An approximate application of quantum mechanics yield that black holes slowly vaporize, but with paradox consequences. A complete quantum theory on graviation would be needed, in order to describe black holes self-consistently. Some researchers follow the idea, that the quantum effect of vacuum polarisation is sufficent to prevent the formation of a black hole and forming a "black star" instead. This concept of a black star and other dark stellar objects are the topic of this lecture.