

Scientist of the Week

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Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar

Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar was an astrophysicist. Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar was born on October 19, 1910 in Lahore, British India (now Pakistan.) He began his Physics degree when he was just 14.

Between the ages of 18 and 28 (1929 to 1939) Chandrasekhar was intensely interested in the physics of stars – astrophysics.

He discovered that massive stars can collapse under their own gravity to reach enormous or even infinite densities. Today we call these collapsed stars black holes.

