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Where are we? ✓

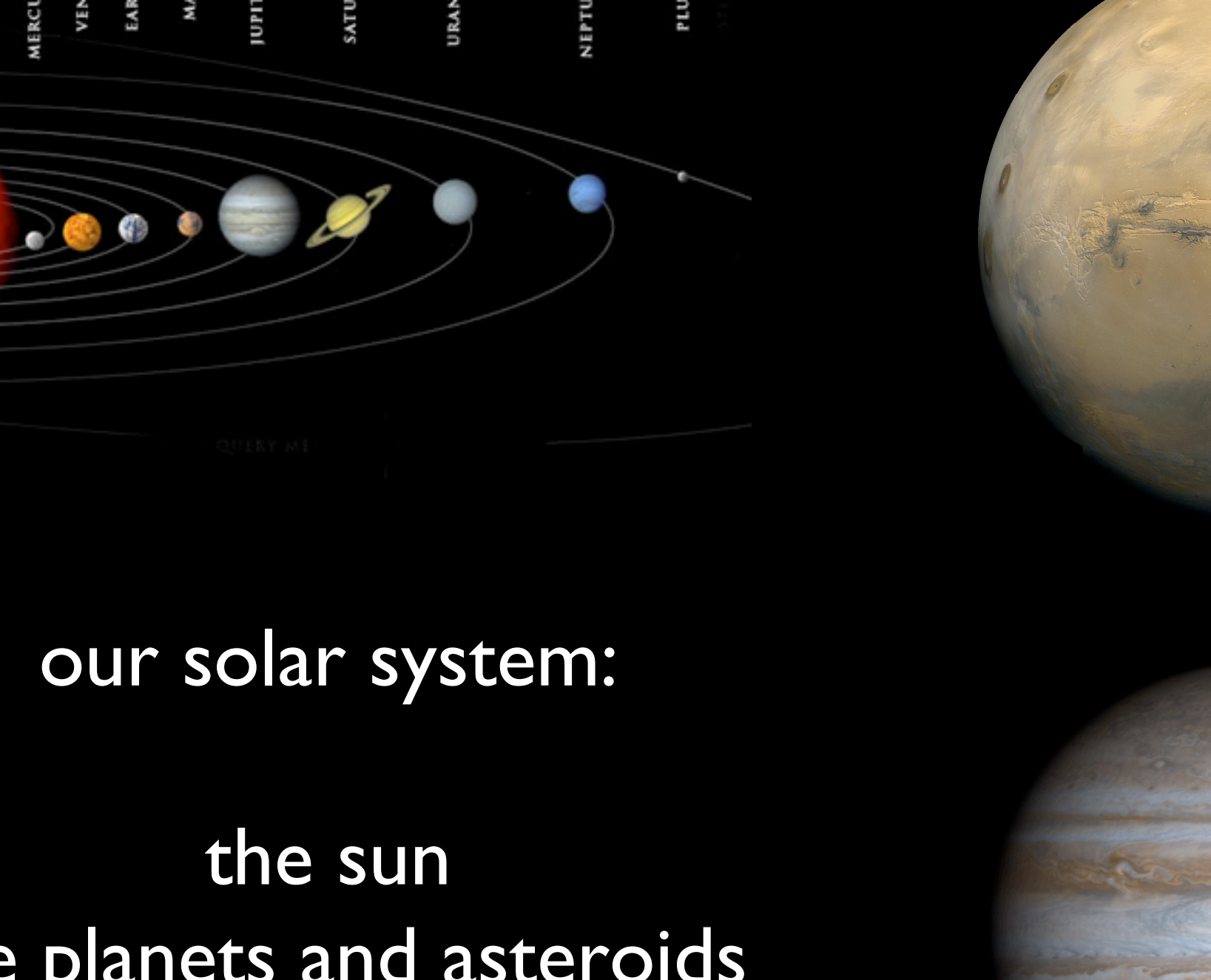
How did we get here? ✓

Why do astronomers drink so much coffee?

Today:

cap

How do we learn about the universe?



our solar system:

the sun

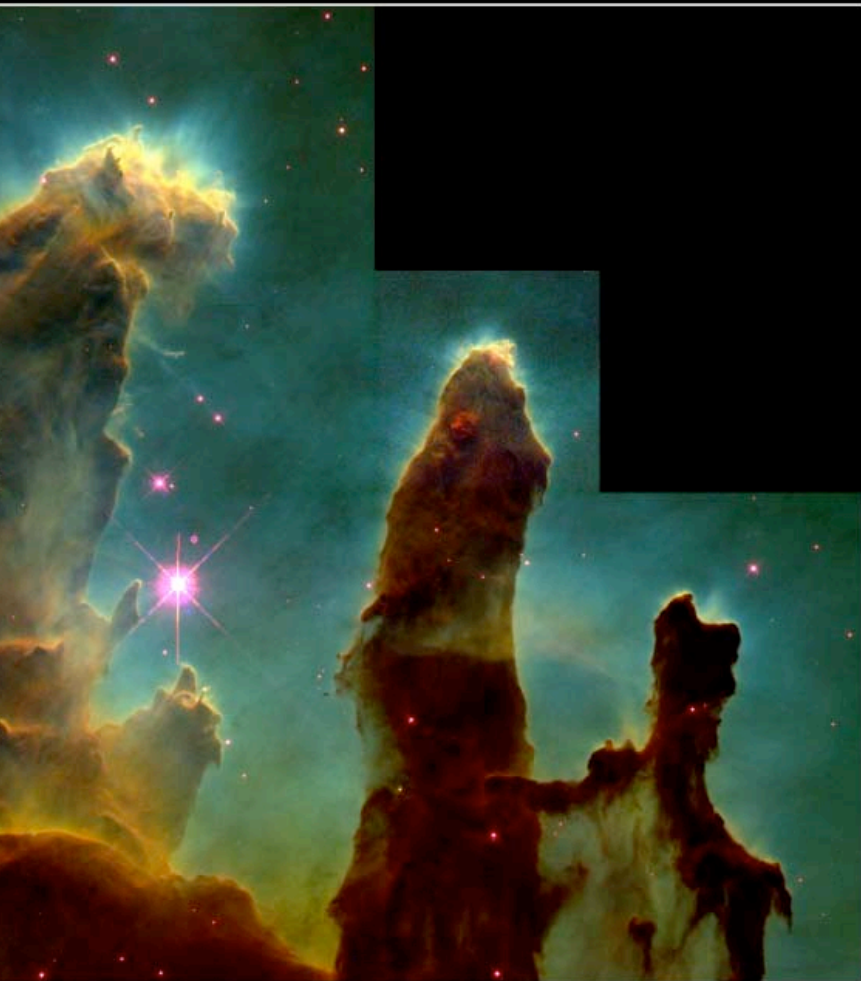
the planets and asteroids



a collection of billions of stars
(including our Sun)



also inside our own galaxy: neb




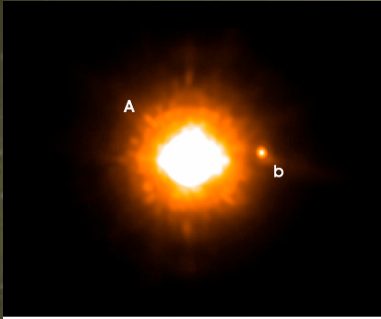
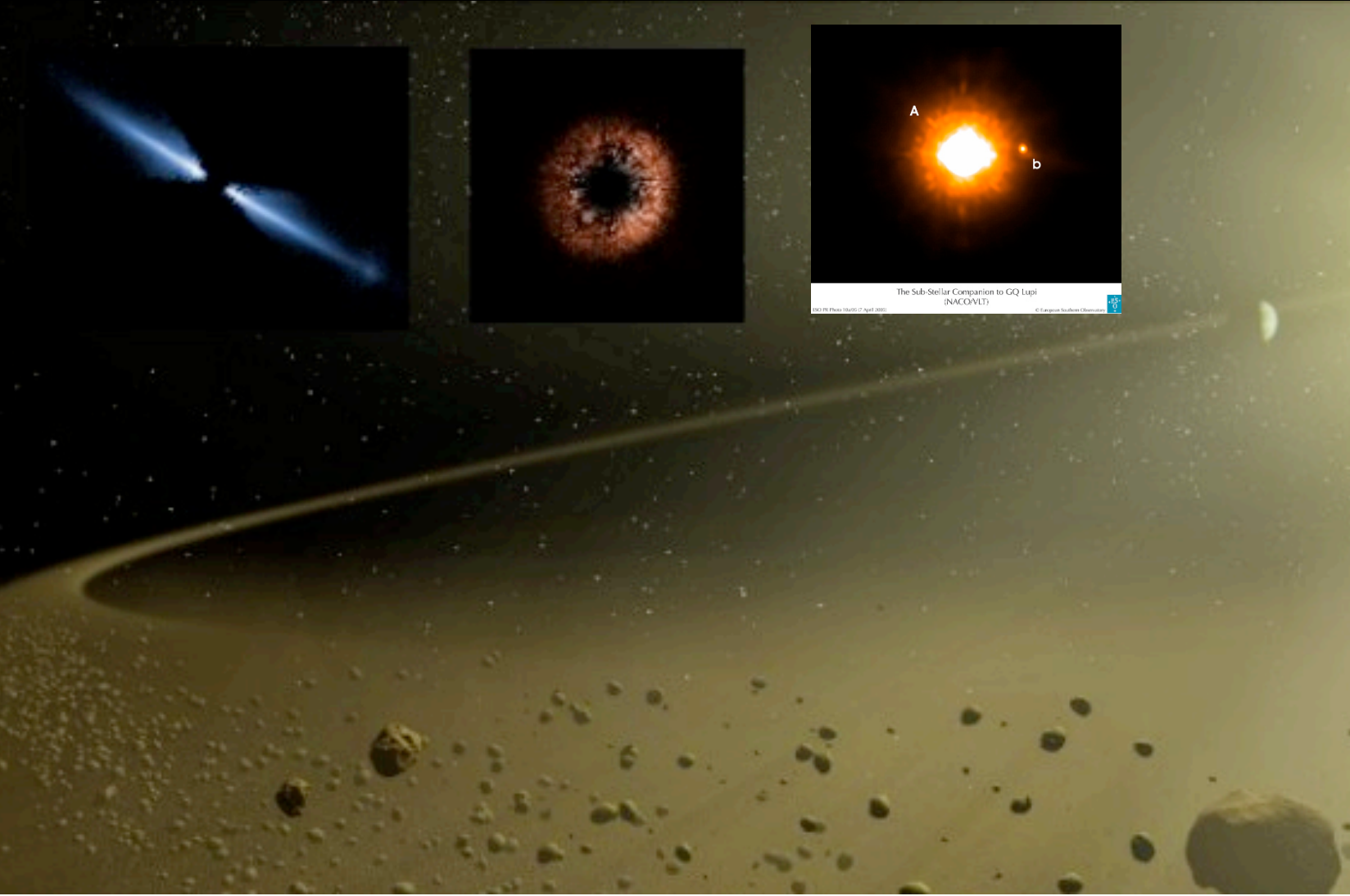
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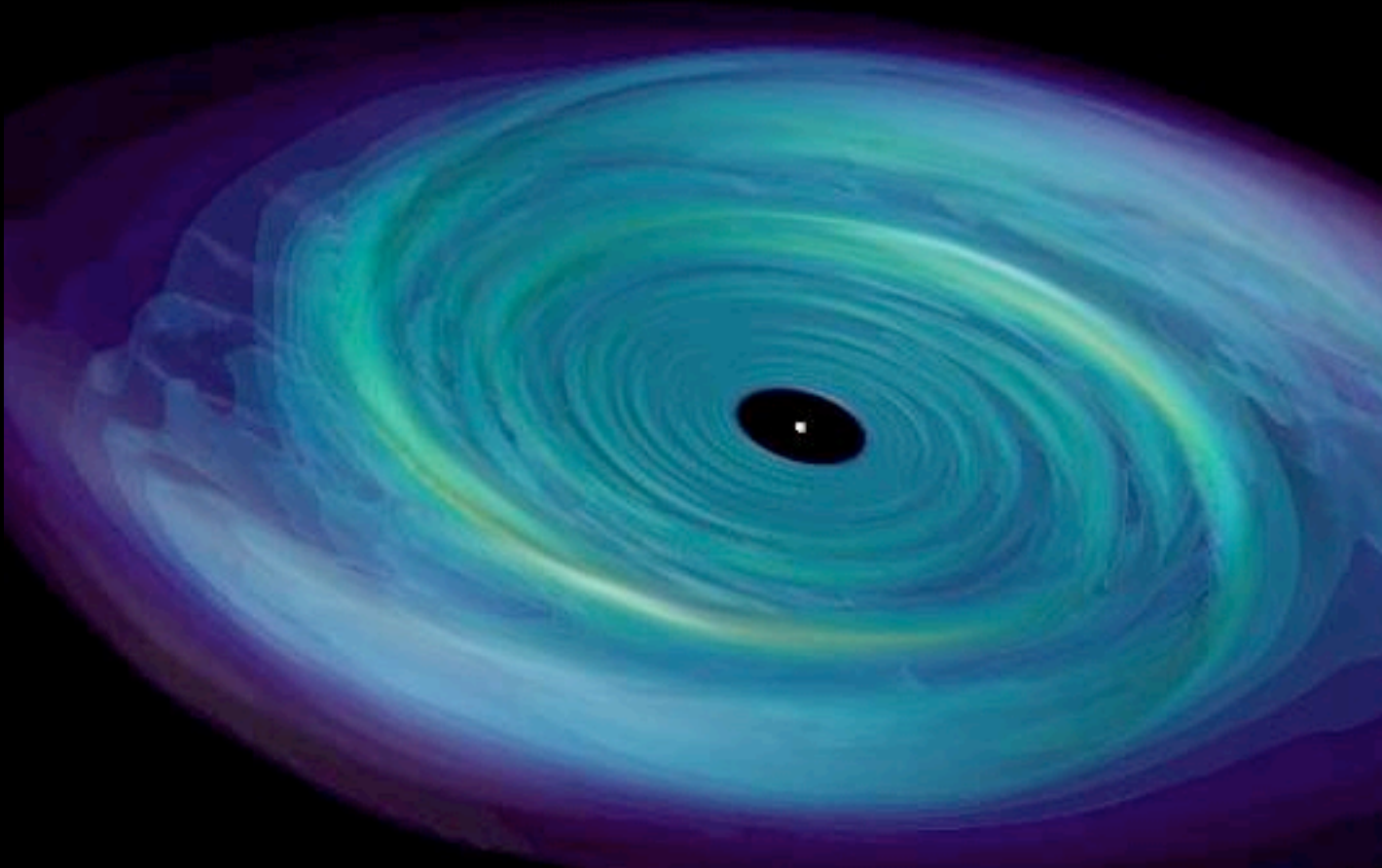


Mosaic of The Crab Nebula  HUBBLESITE.org



The Sub-Stellar Companion to GQ Lup
(NACO/VLT)
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and black holes ...

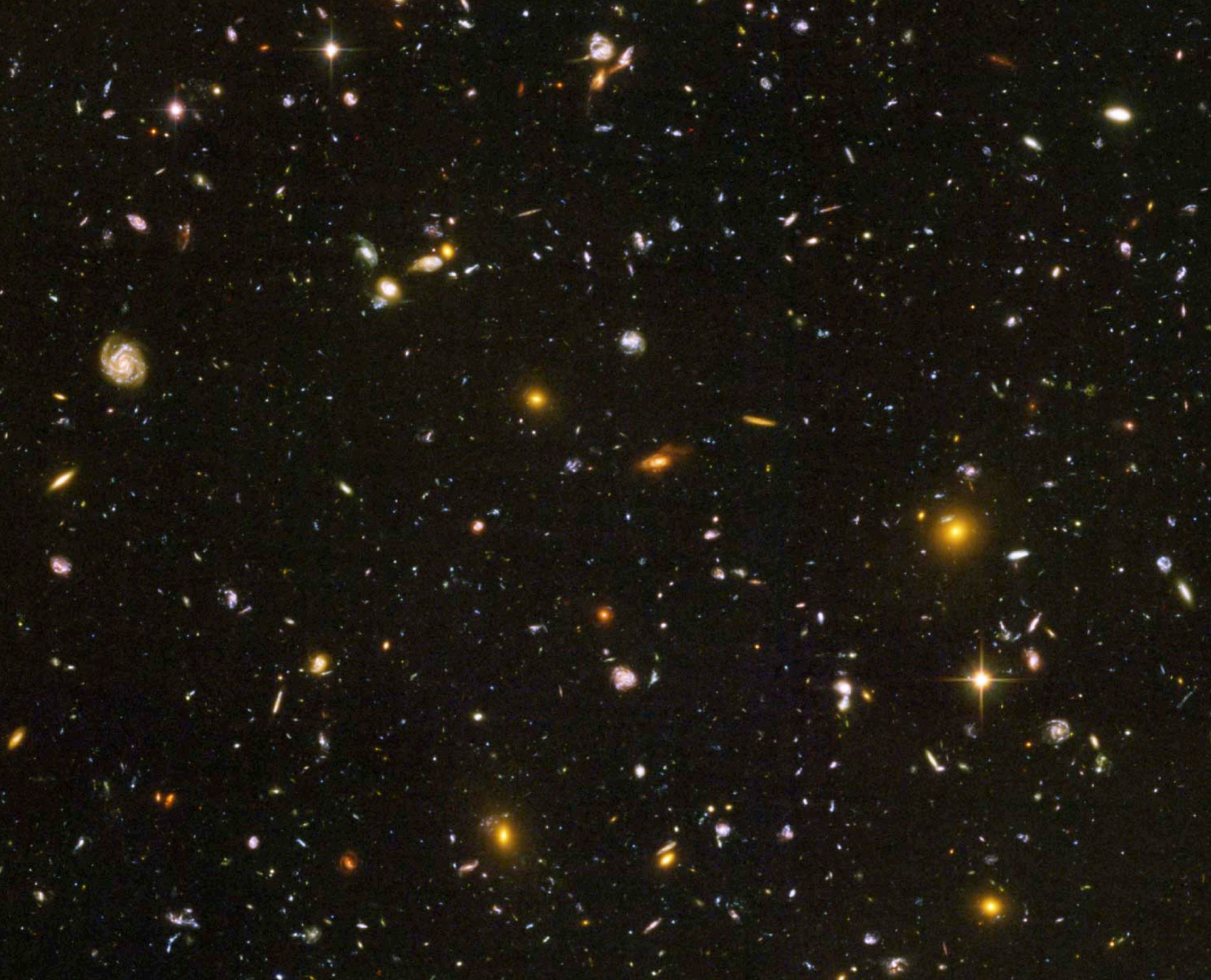


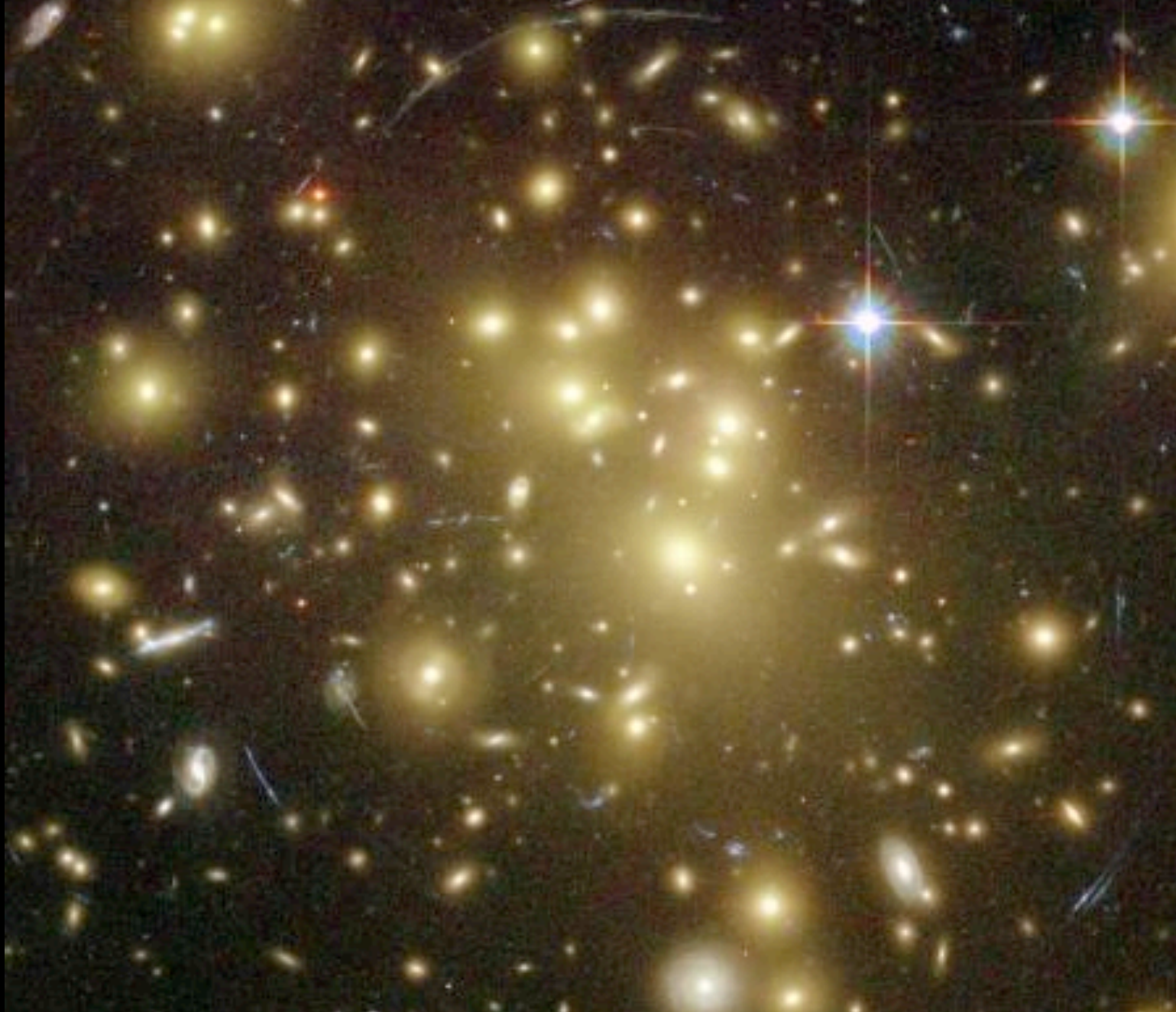
a bit further out ...



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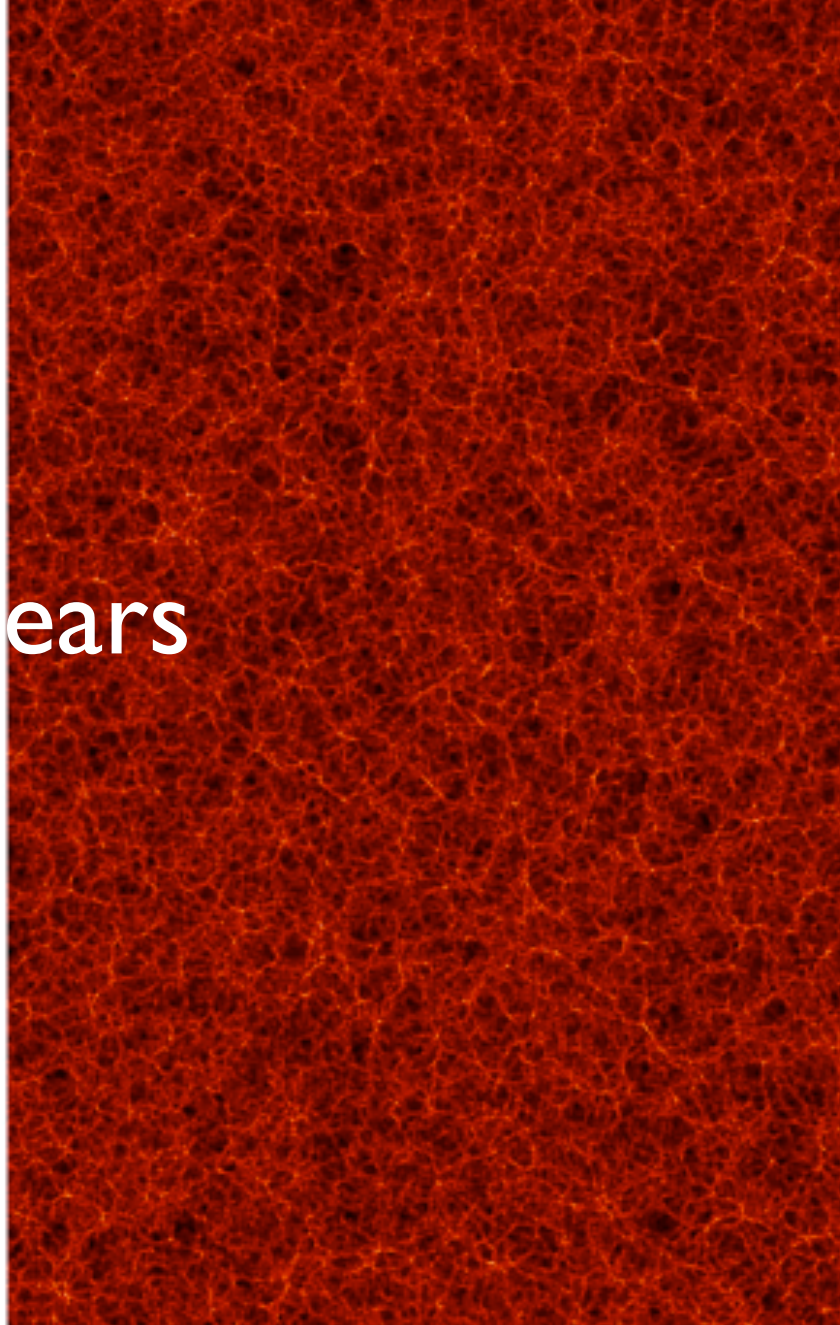




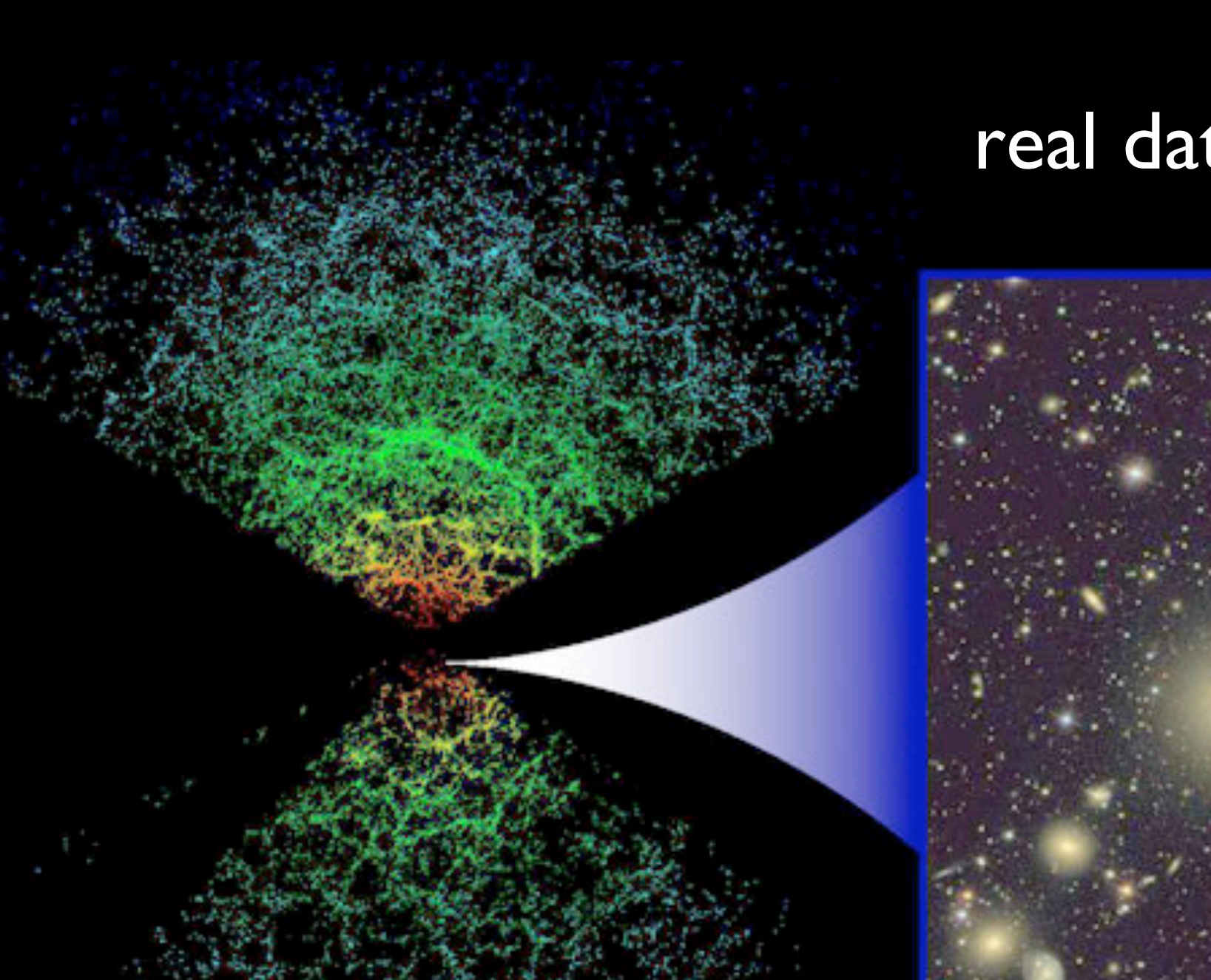
At the largest scales
the universe is
uniform

100 000 000 light years

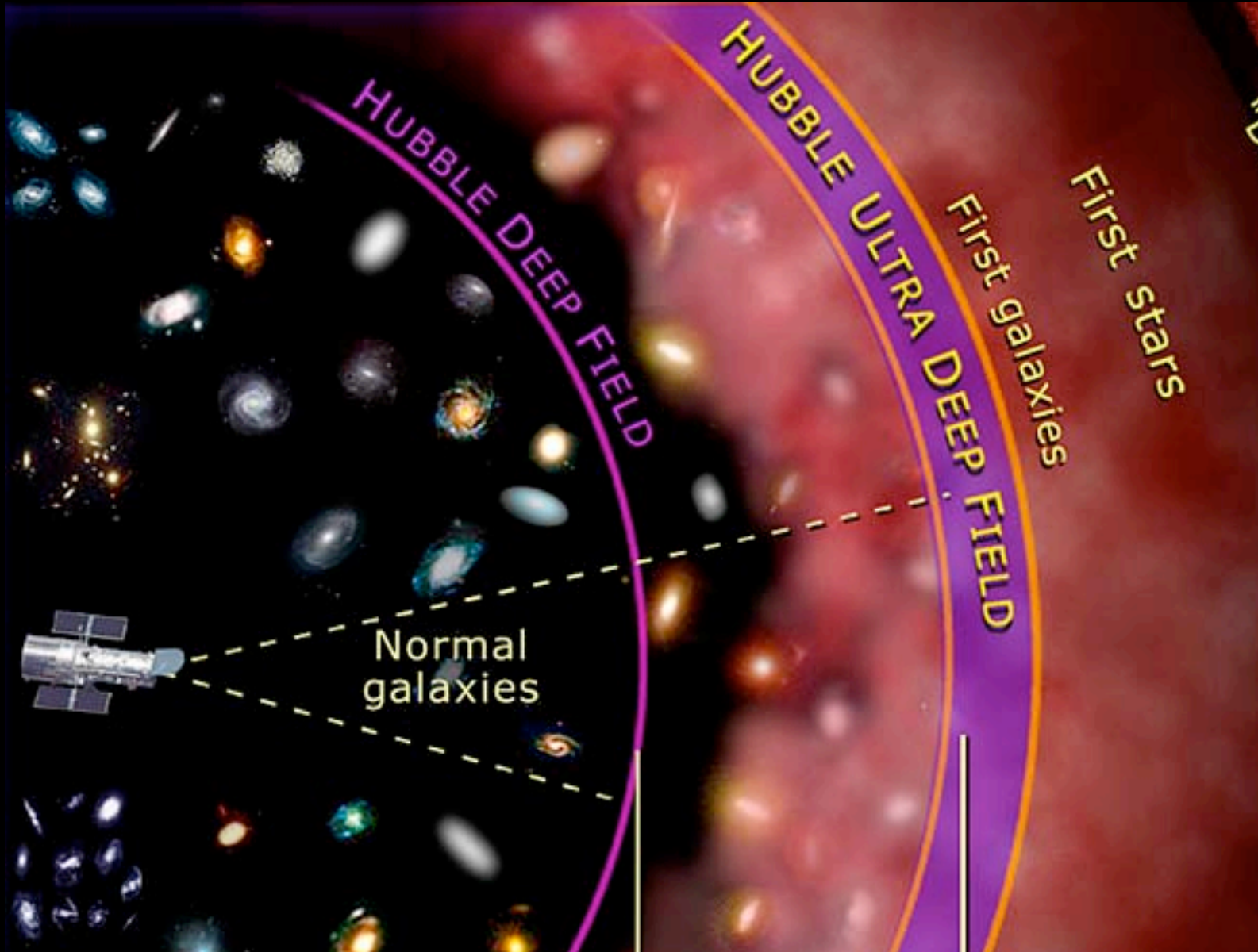
1 light year =
10 million million km



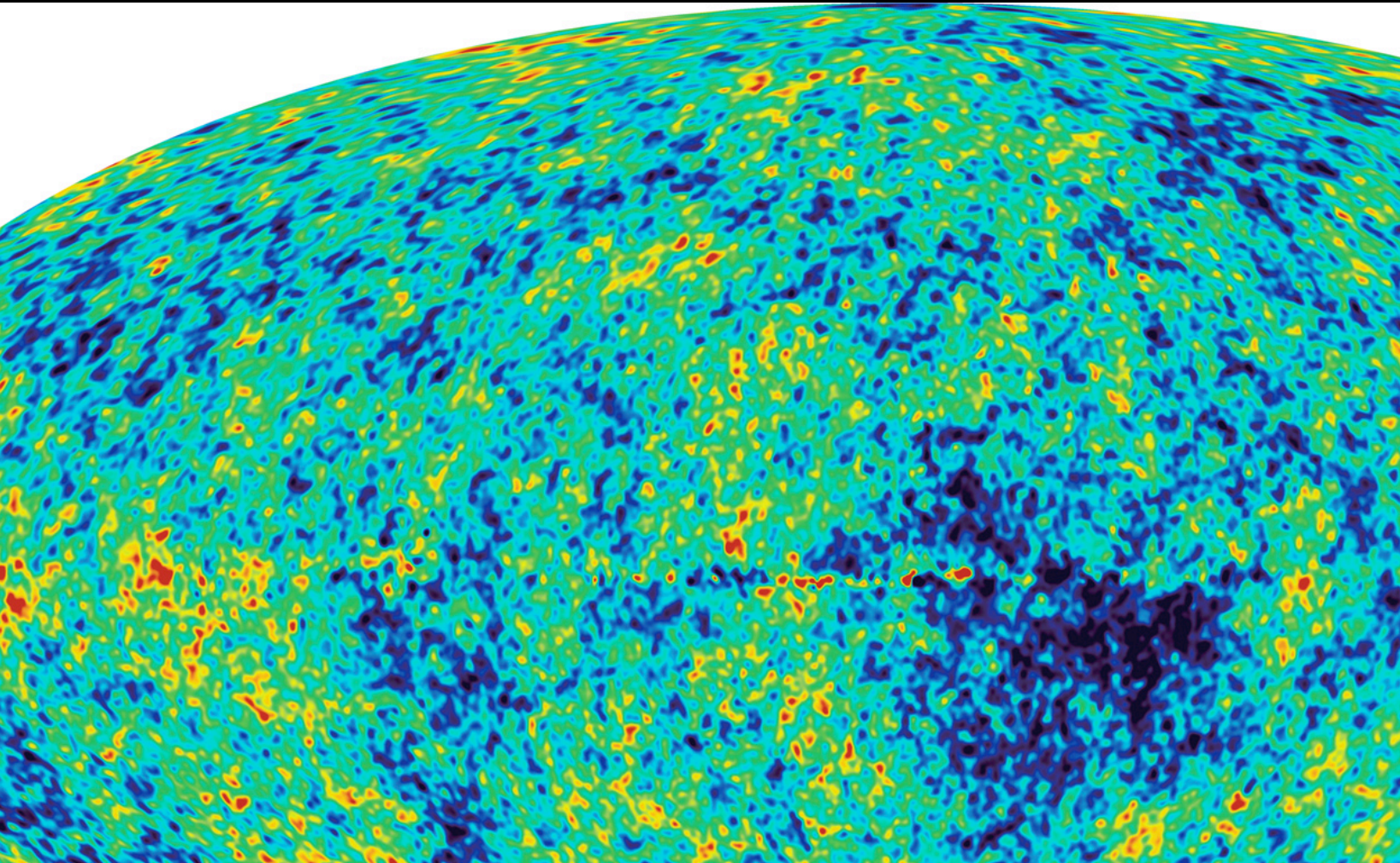
real data



a brief history of the universe



the cosmic microwave background
(When the universe was 300 000 ye



THE ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM

Penetrates
Earth
Atmosphere?



Wavelength
(meters)



About the size of...



Frequency
(Hz)



mini 8m



Mauna

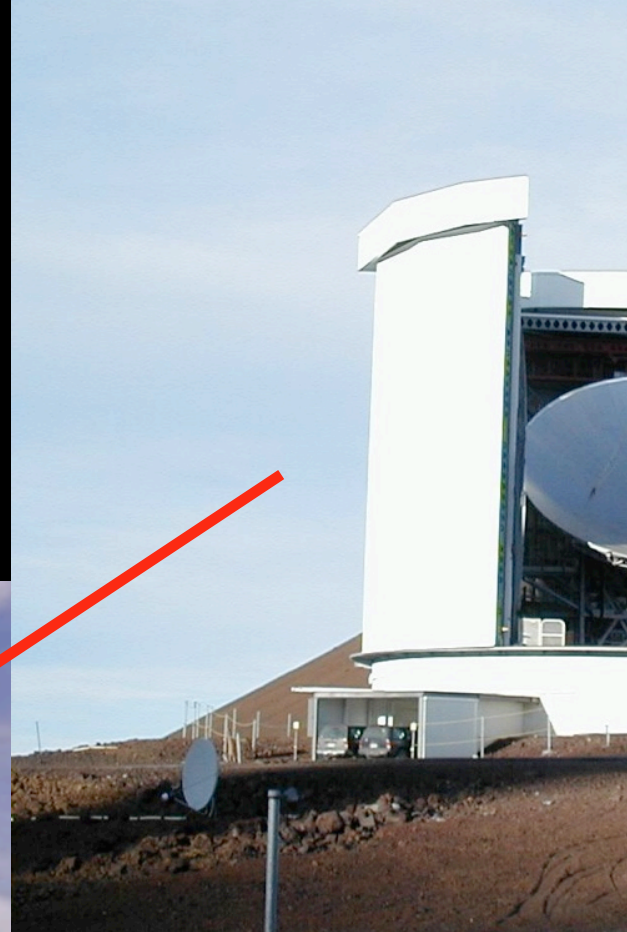




The Spitzer Infrared Space Telescope



James Clerk Maxwell millimeter Telescope



radio arrays

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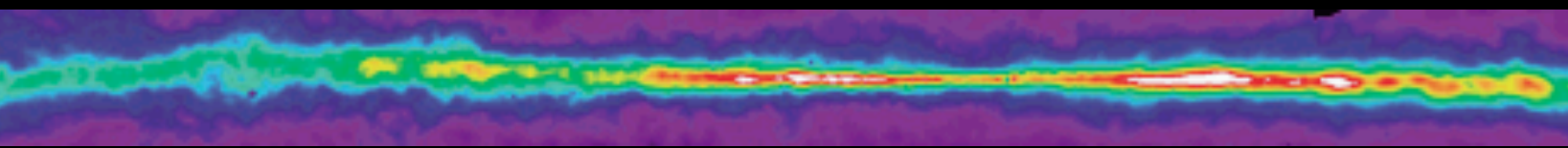


Very

the Milky Way

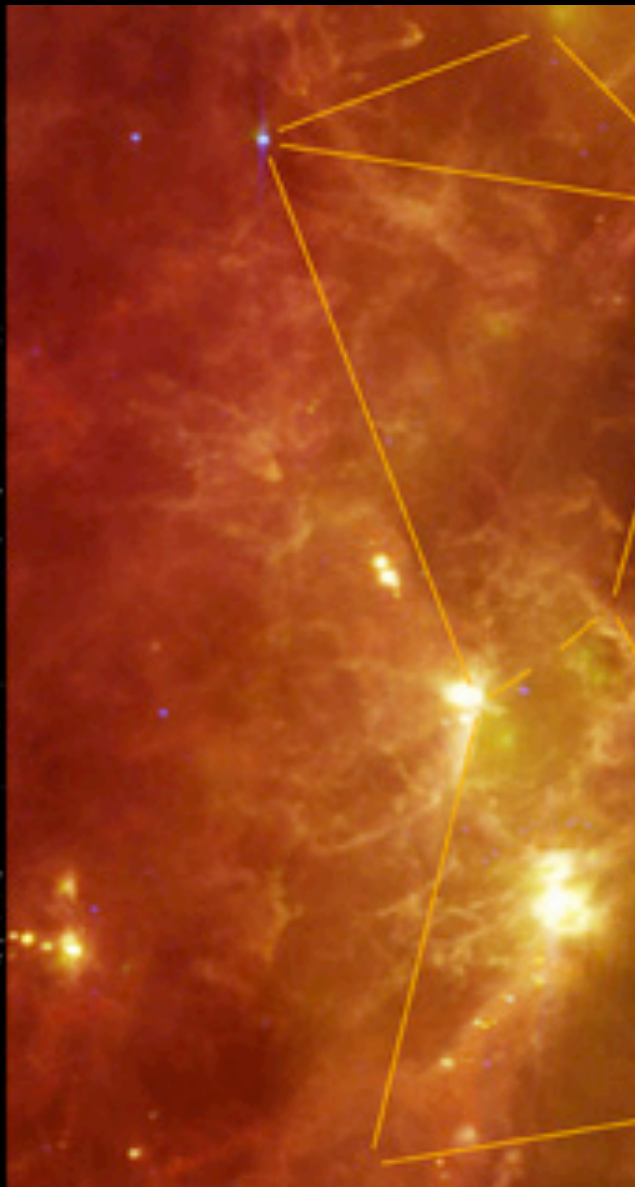
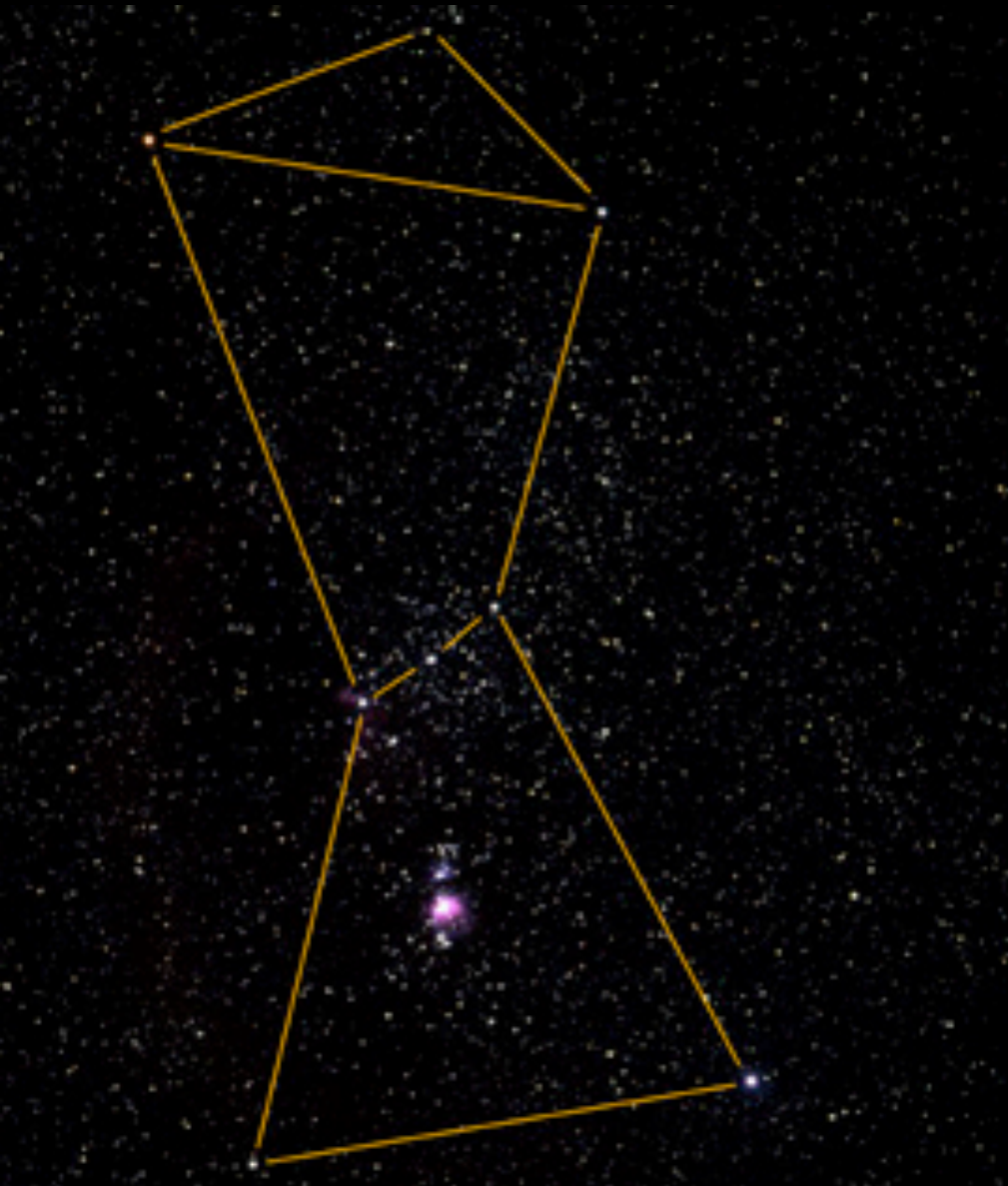


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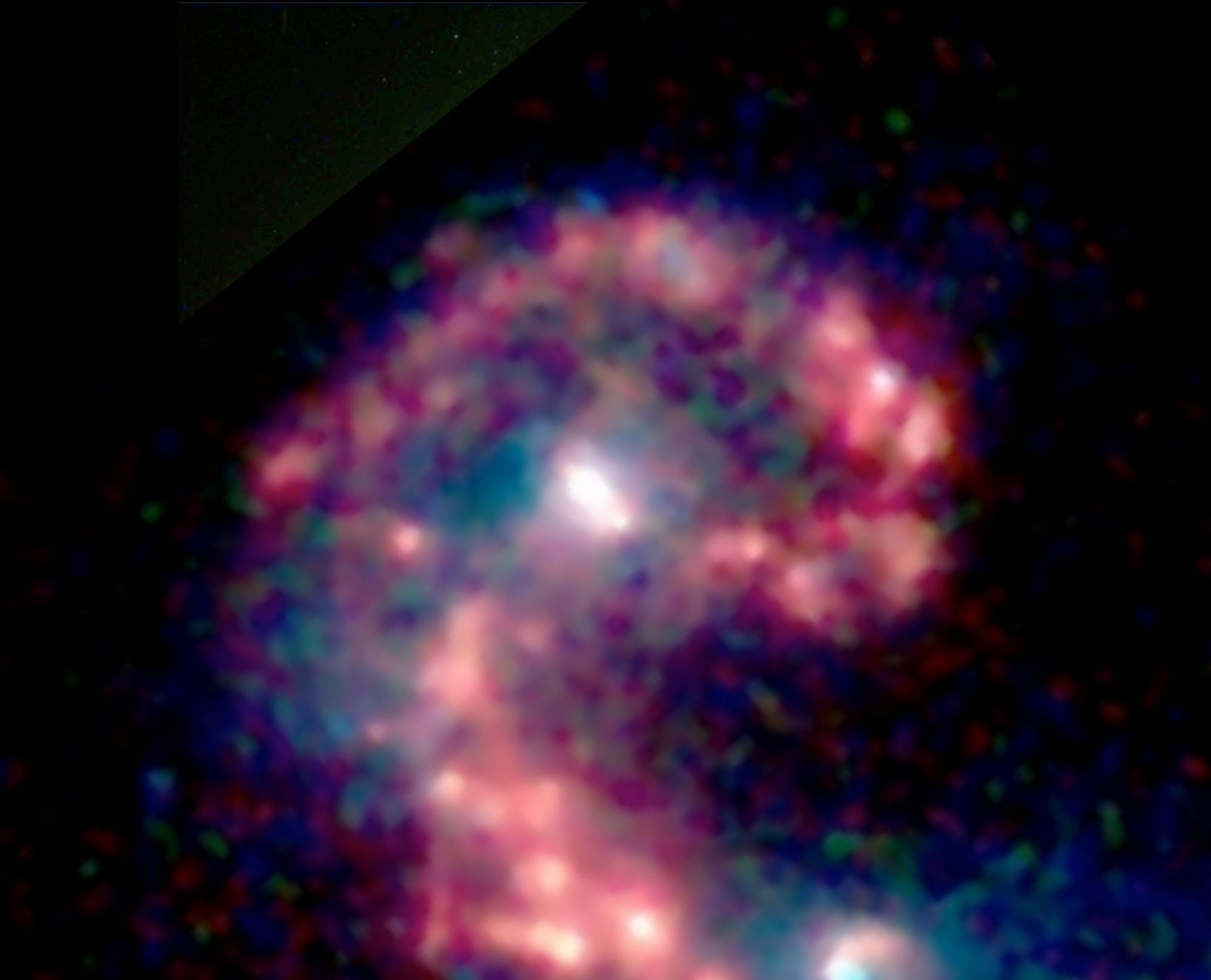


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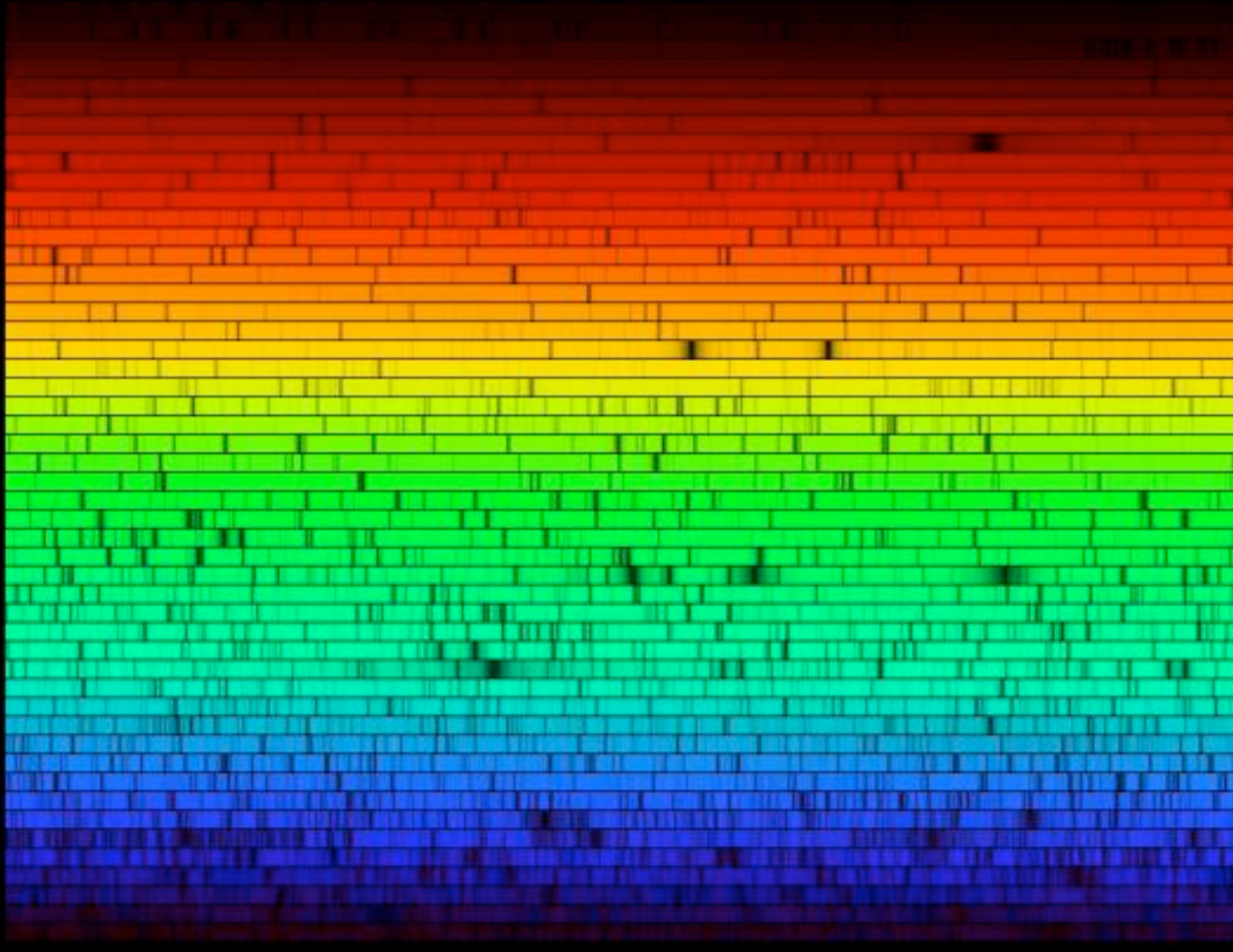




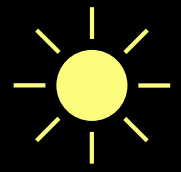




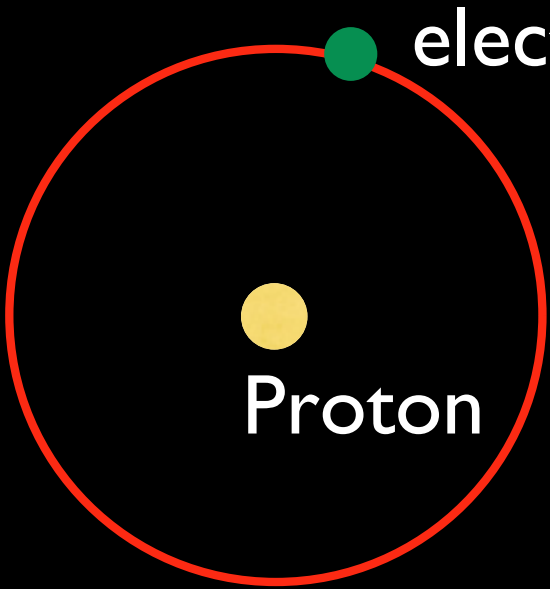
spectrum of the sun



Hydrogen atom



incoming light

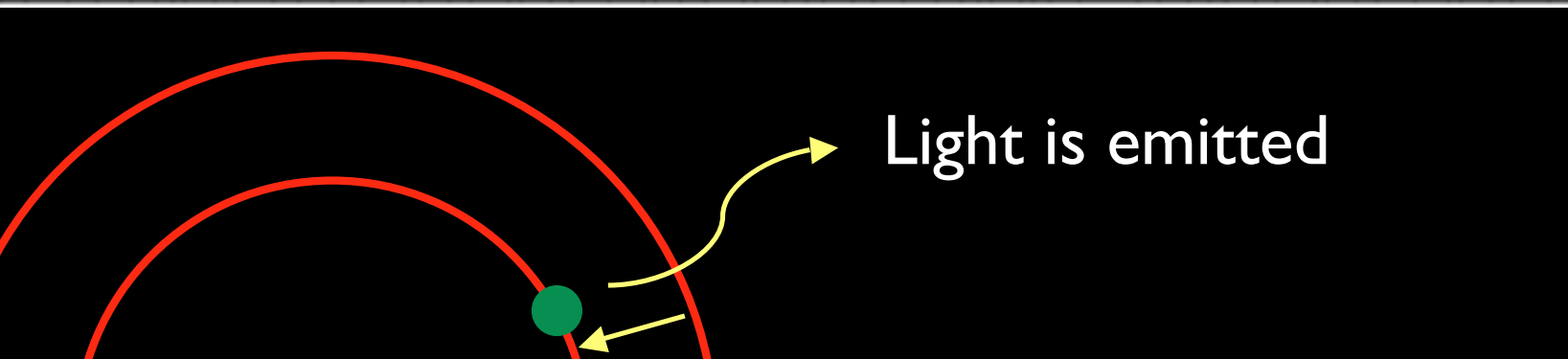
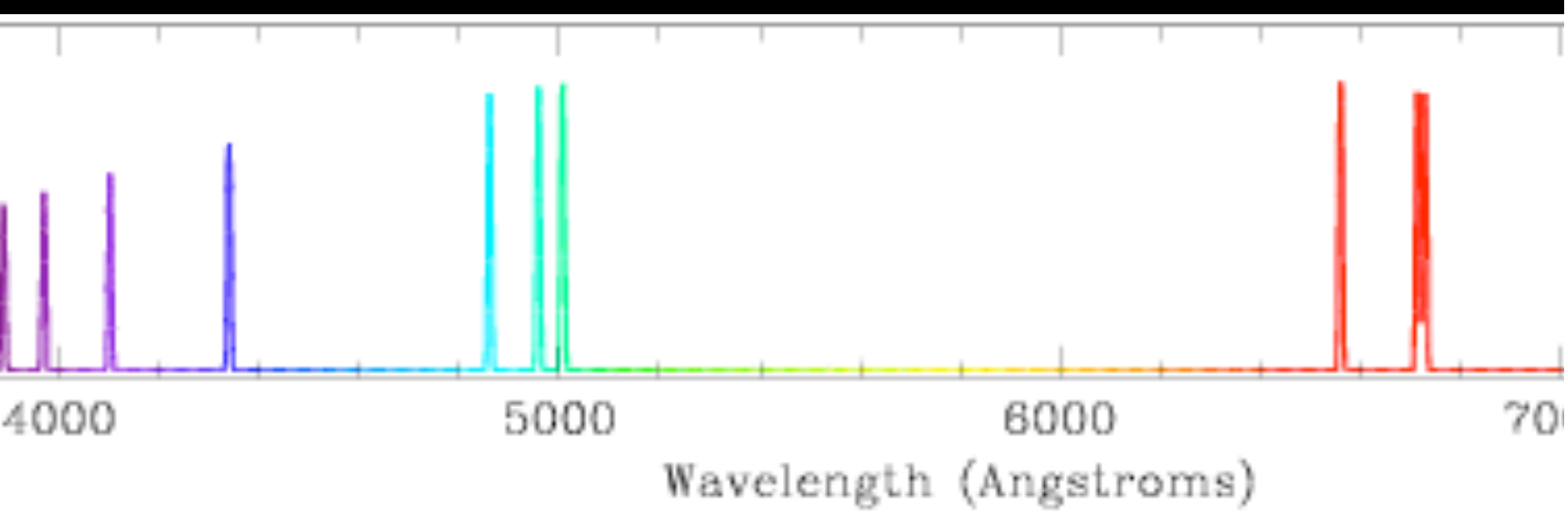


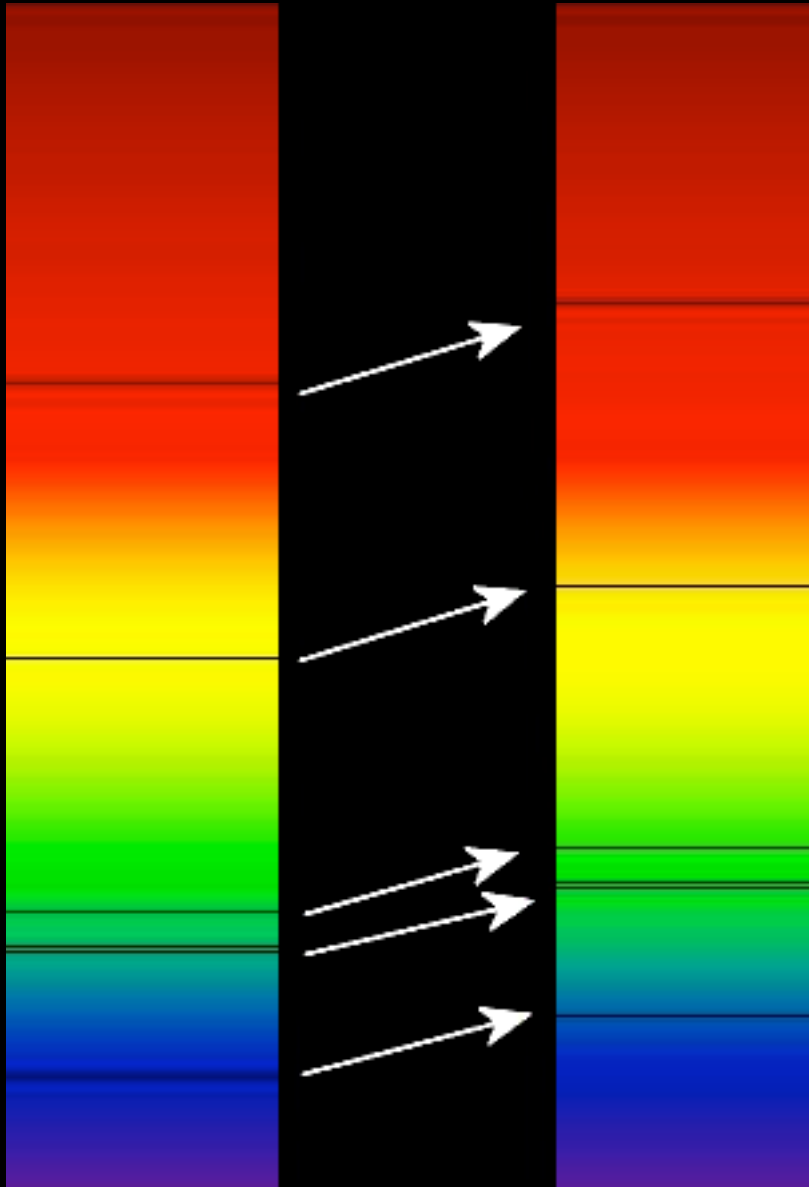
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Proton

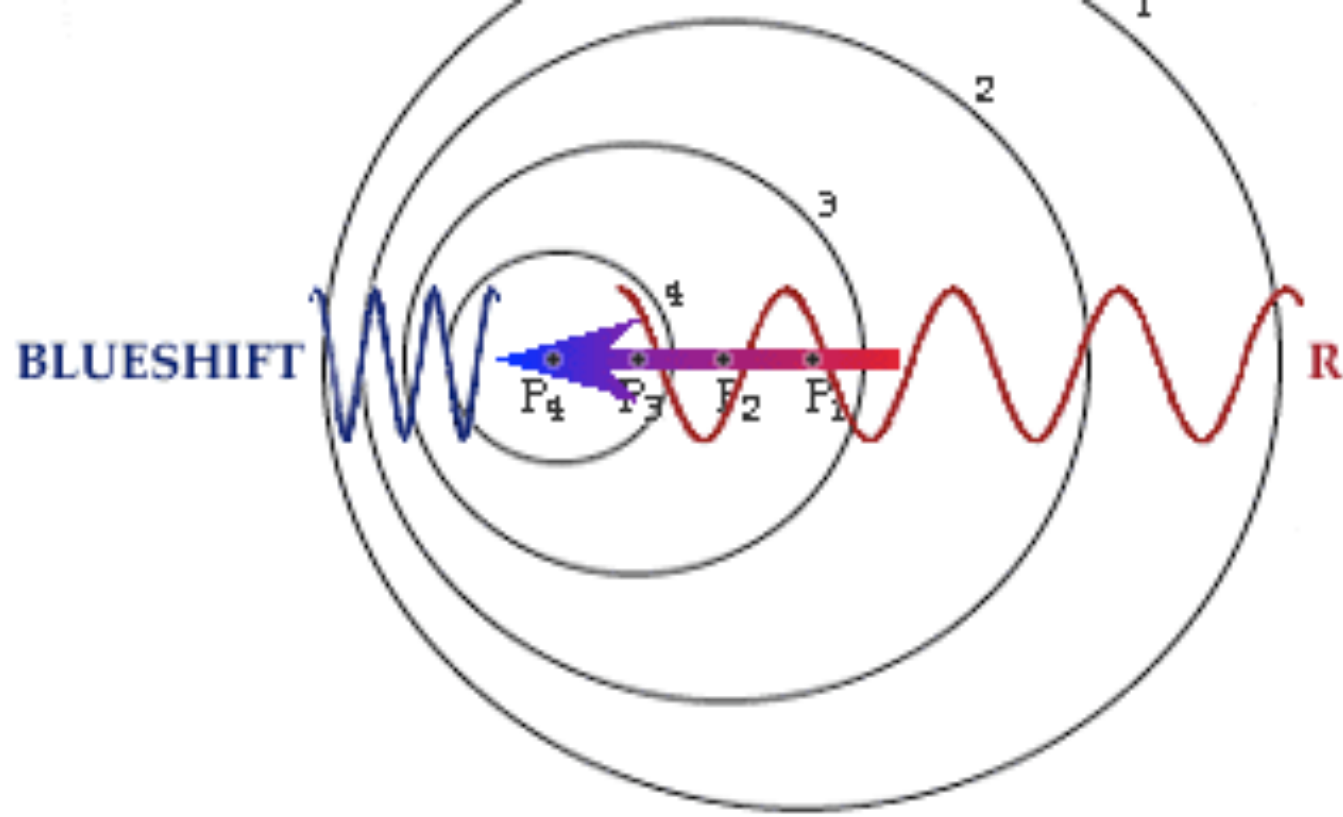
low energy state







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