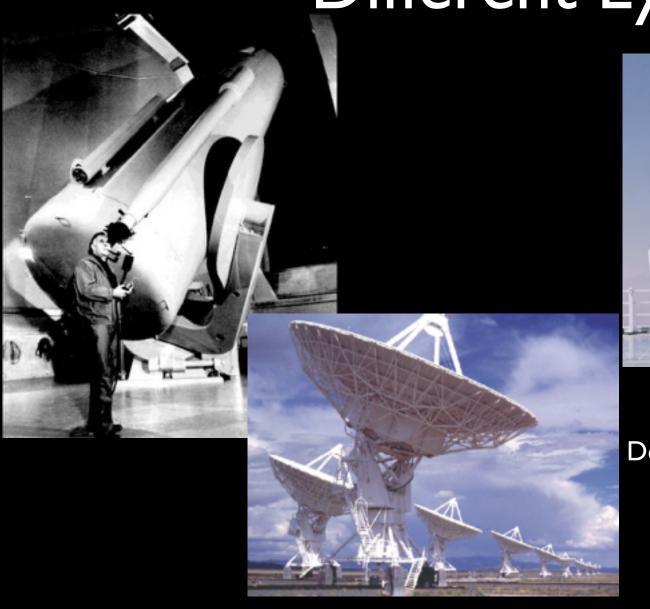
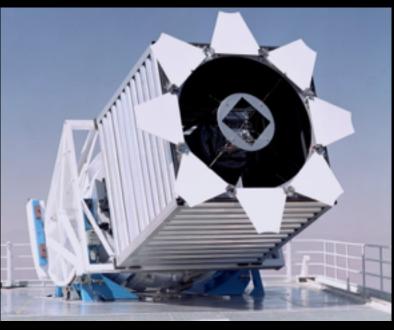
Galaxies Through Many Different Eyes





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But first, open up your computers!

(activity time!)

https://goo.gl/vbNShL

How is this galaxy...

M87, 10x the mass of the Milky Way



...related to this galaxy?



Small Magellenic Cloud, I/100 the size of the Milky Way



And how do you use telescopes to figure it out?



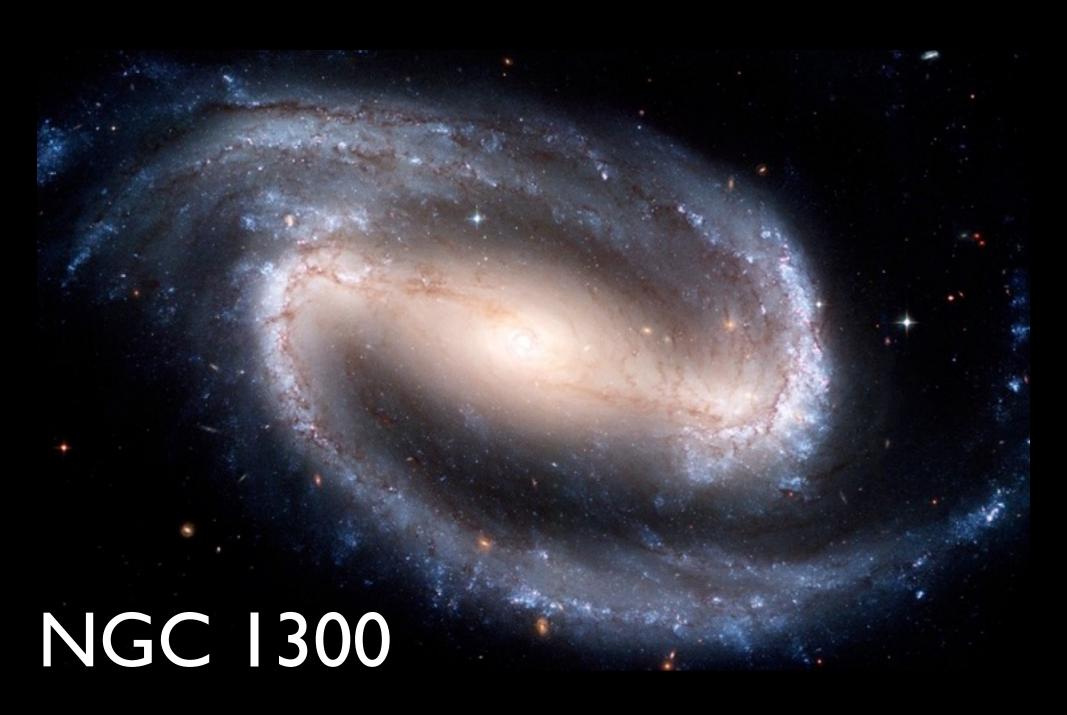
A menagerie of galaxies

Disc and Spiral Galaxies



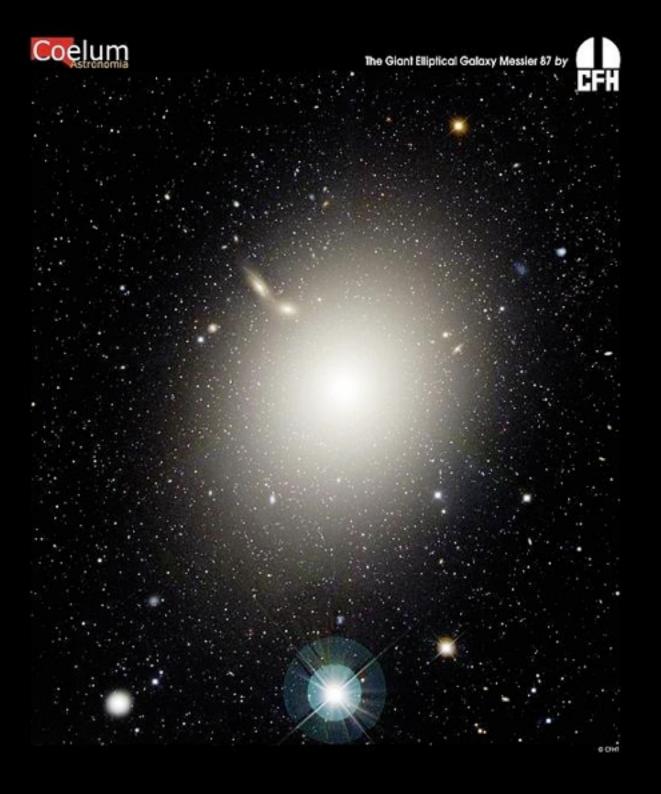


Barred spirals

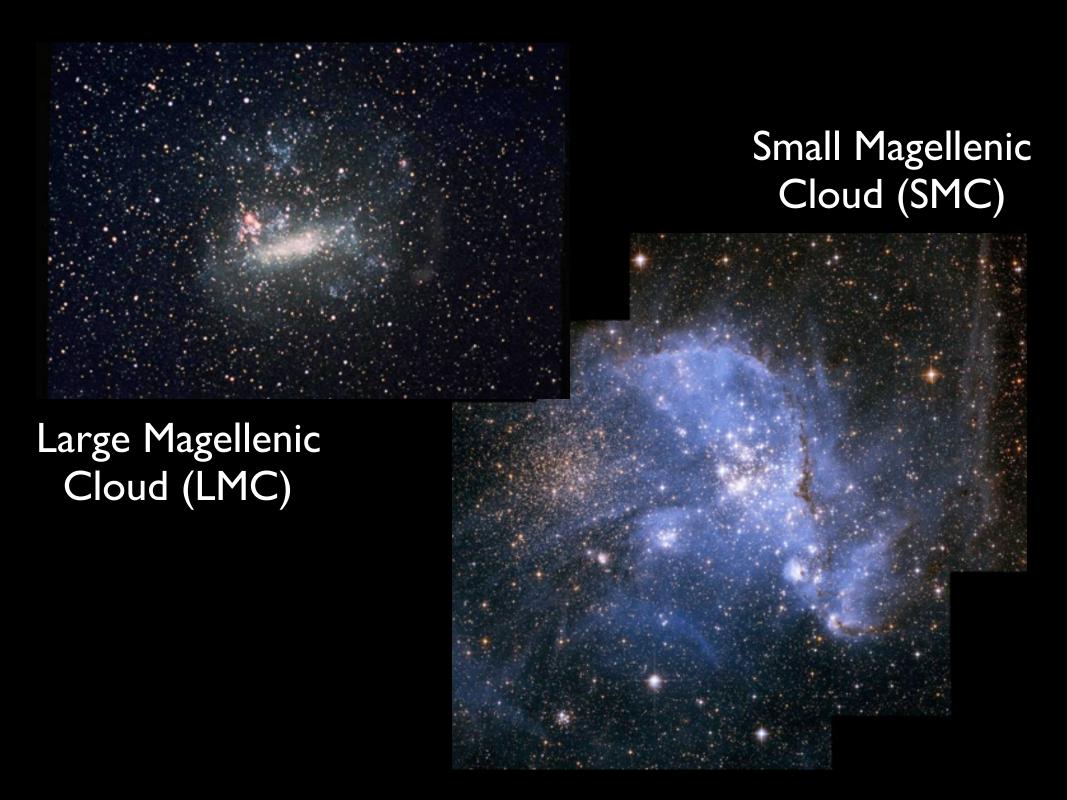


Elliptical galaxies

M87 (NGC 4486)



Dwarf galaxies



NGC 147

Merging galaxies

"The Mice" (NGC 4676)



Galaxy evolution over cosmic time



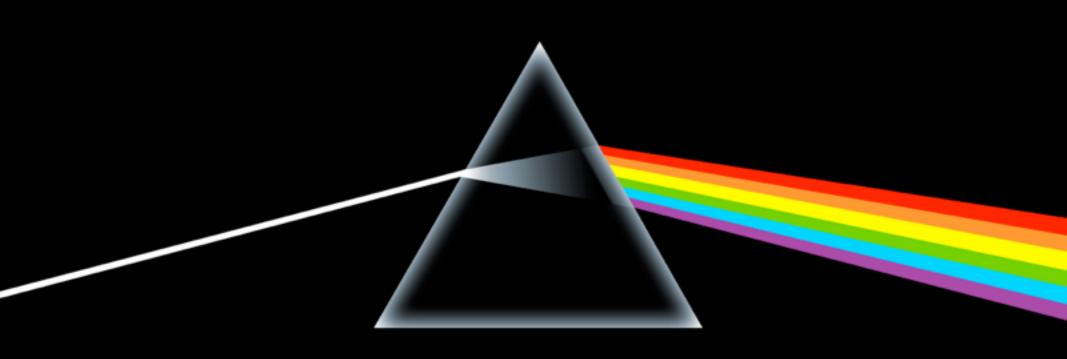
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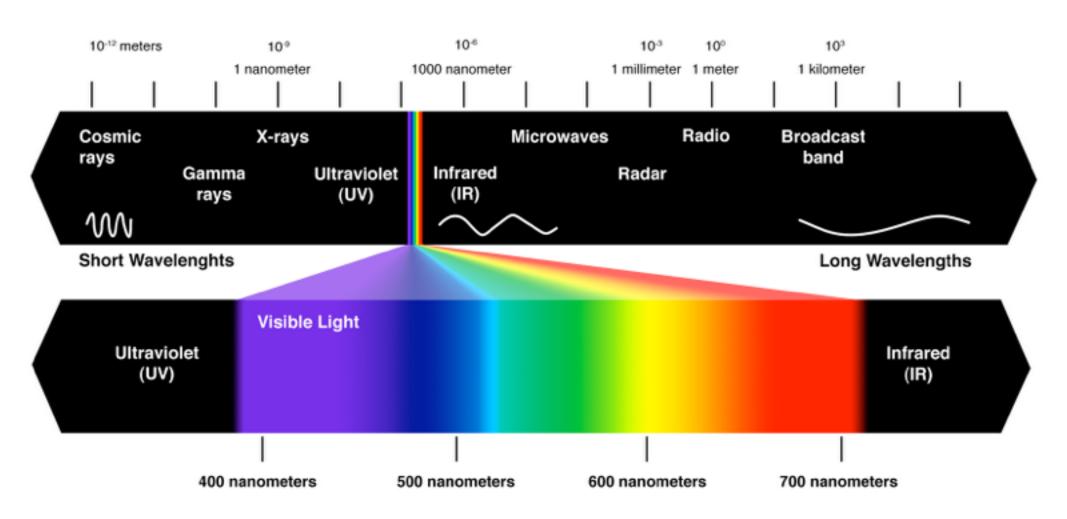
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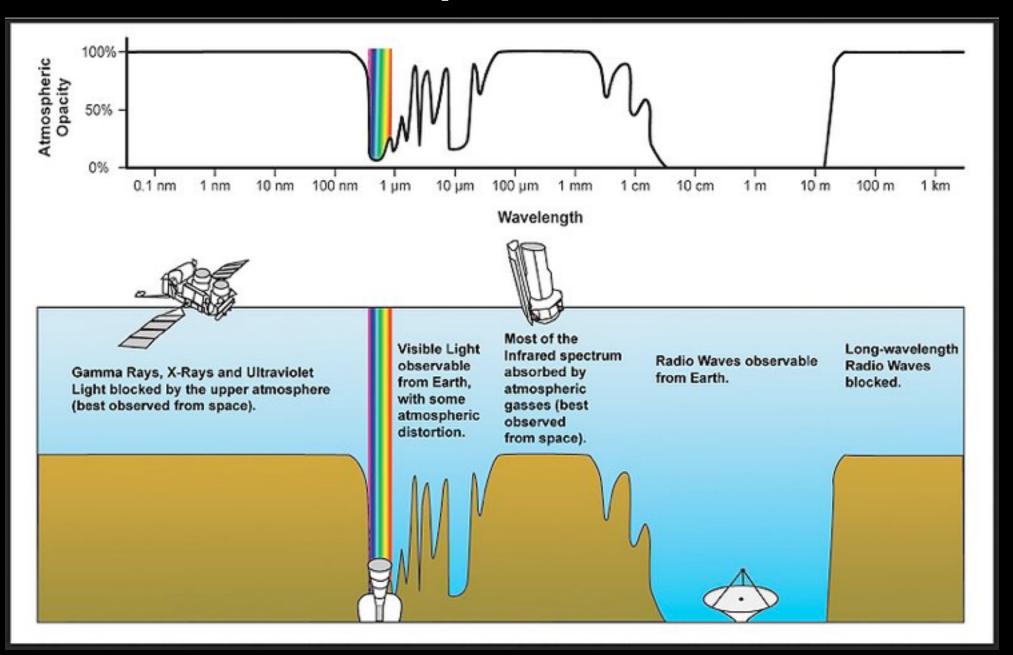
Electromagnetic Spectrum



Electromagnetic spectrum



The "atmospheric window"



A multitude of telescopes

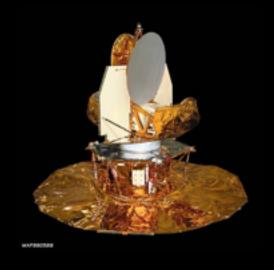
Radio: > mm wavelengths (roughly)













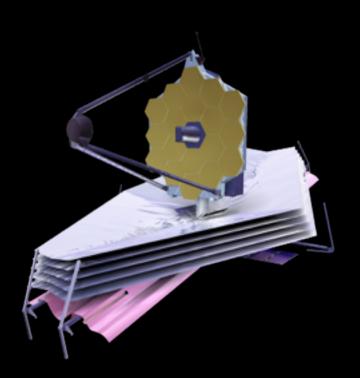


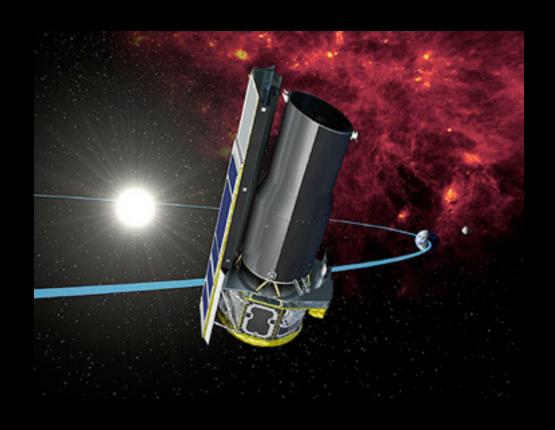
Microwave I mm - I m



Infrared light 800 nm - 300 µm (I-400 Thz)





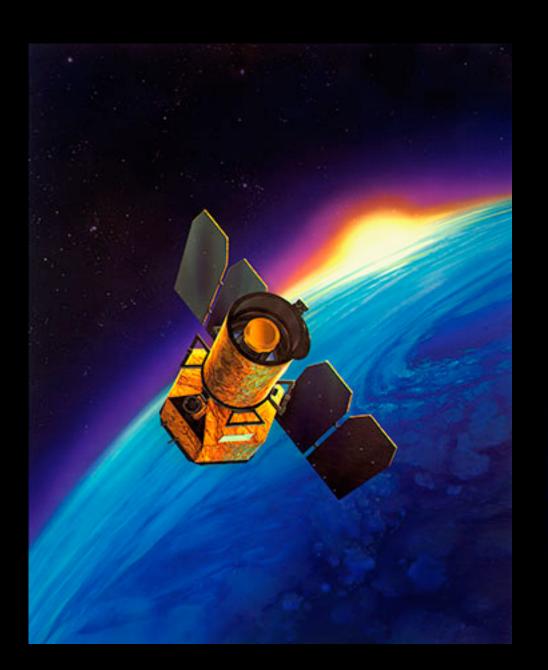




Optical light ~400-800 nm (800-400 Thz)



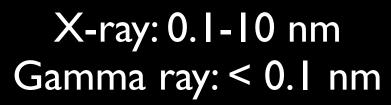




Ultraviolet 10 nm - 400 nm

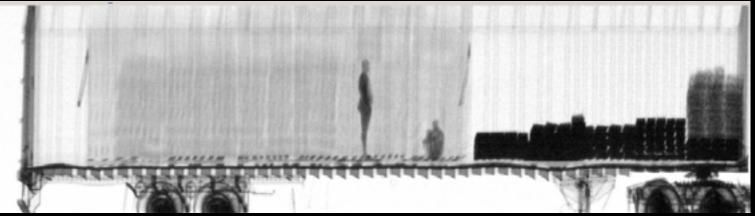












And now for some examples!

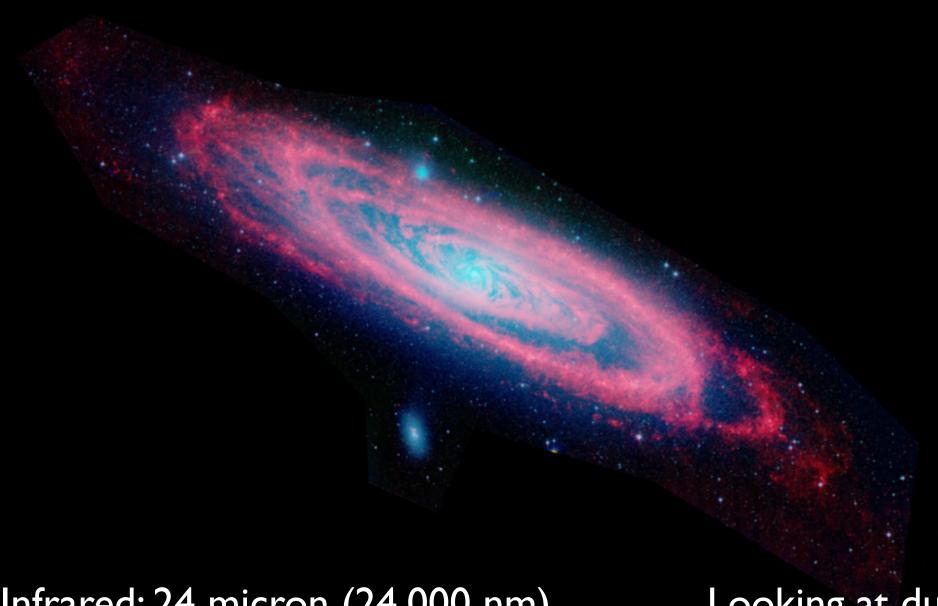
The Andromeda Galaxy



Optical (400-800 nm)

Sees starlight!

The Andromeda Galaxy



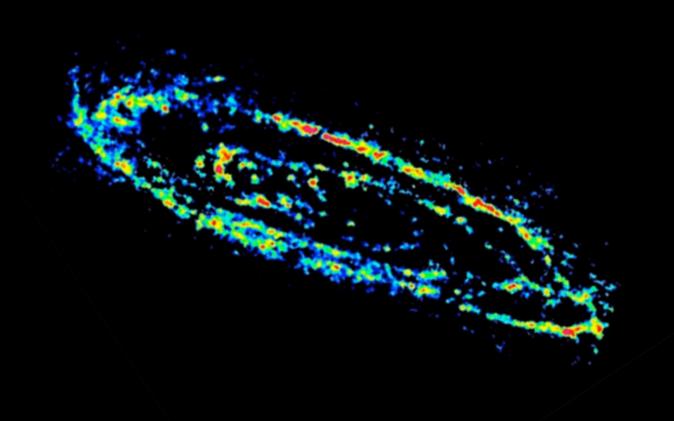
Infrared: 24 micron (24,000 nm)

Looking at dust!

The Andromeda Galaxy

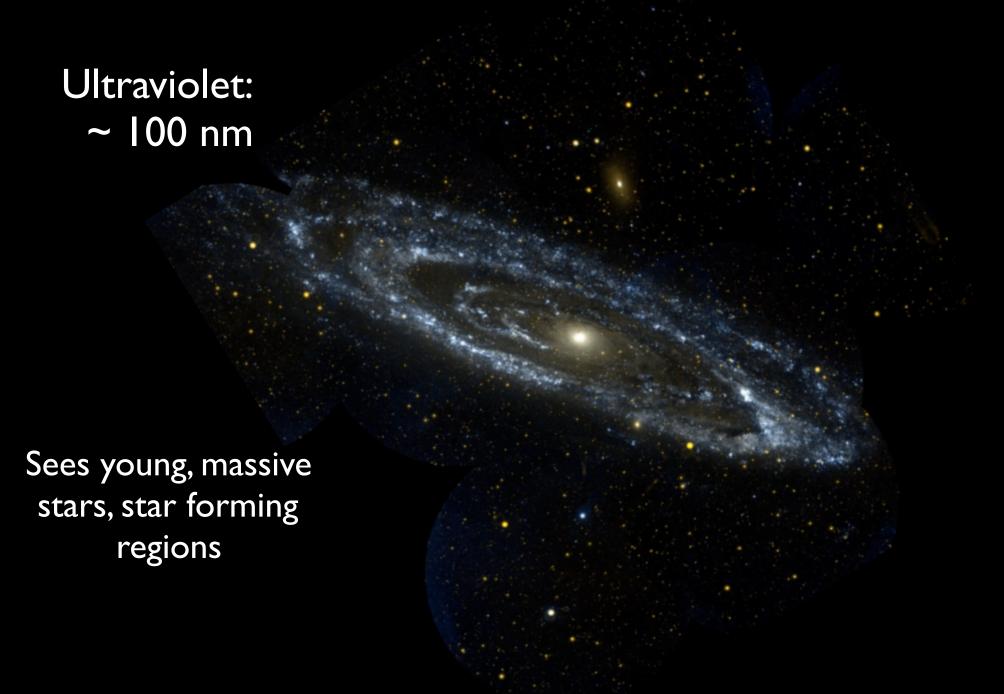
Radio: 21 cm (210,000,000 nm)

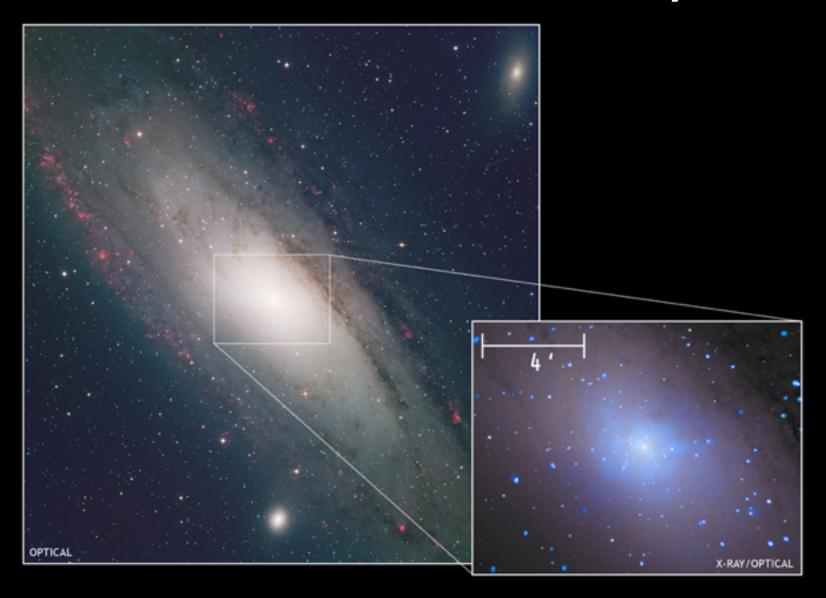
See neutral hydrogen!



Radio: 2.6 mm (2,600,000 nm)

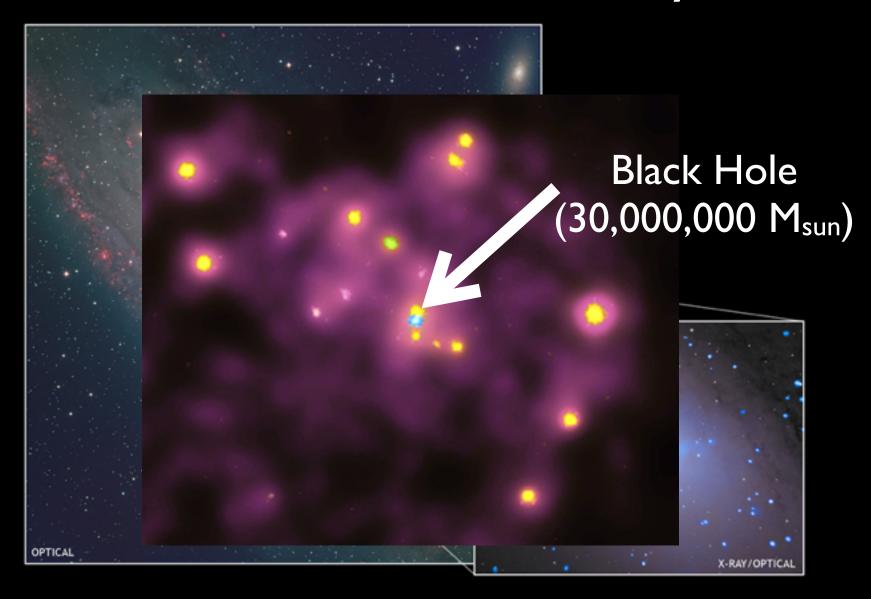
Sees CO/cold gas





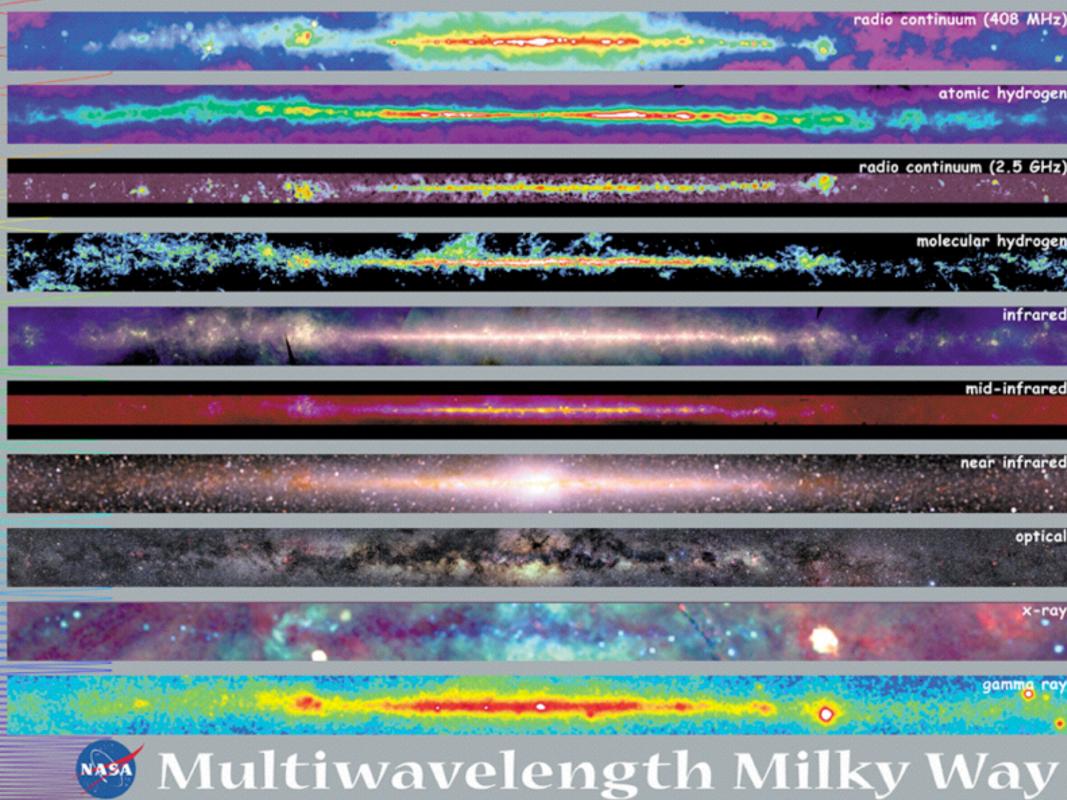
X-ray: approx. I nm

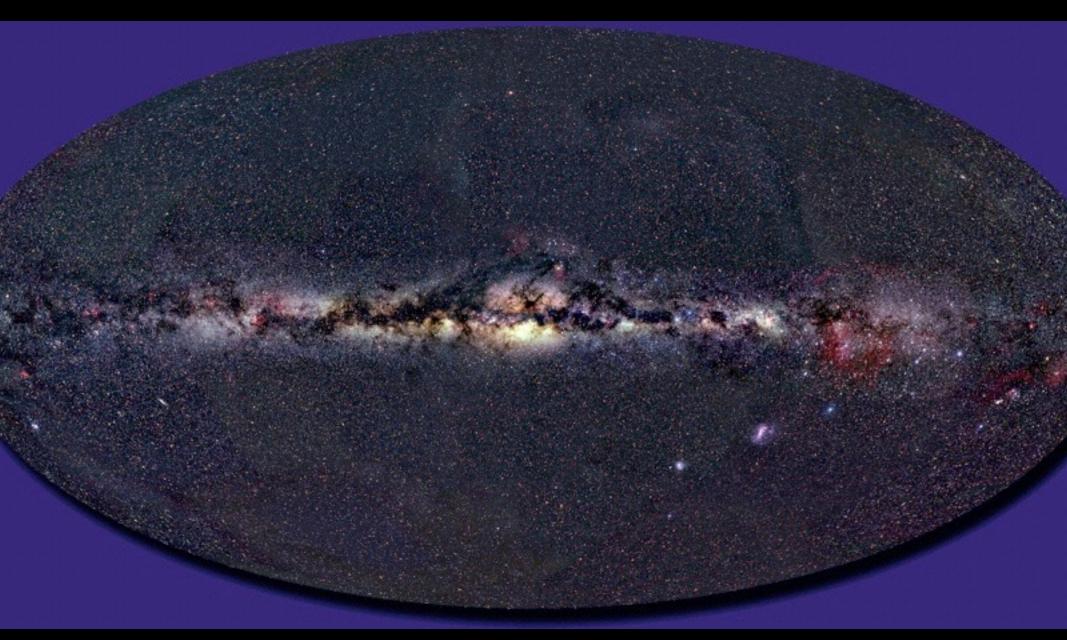
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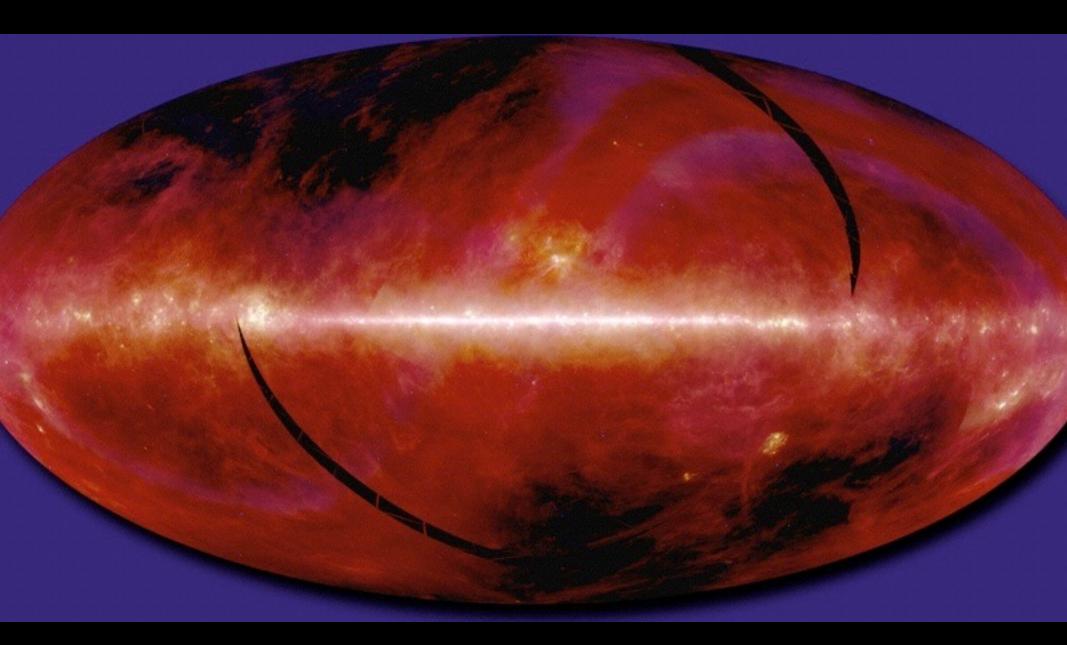
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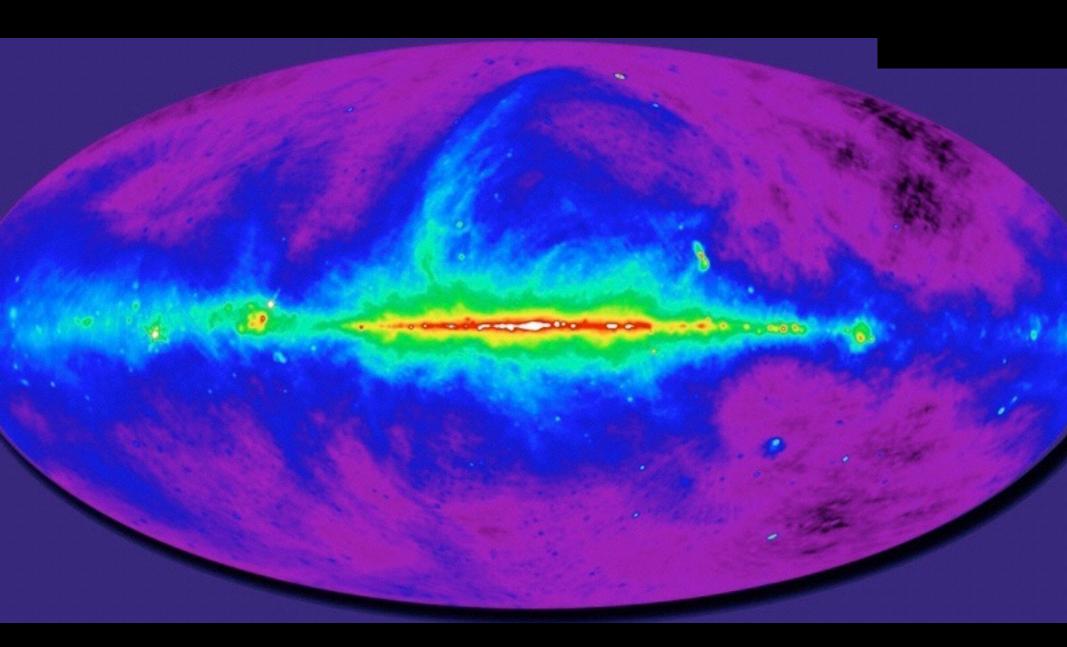


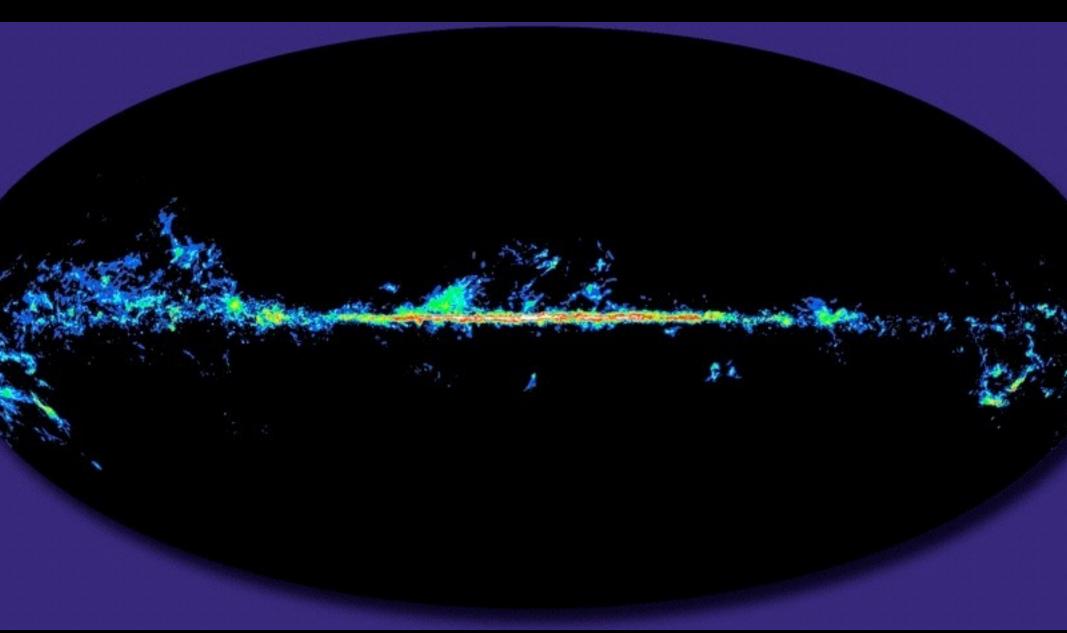




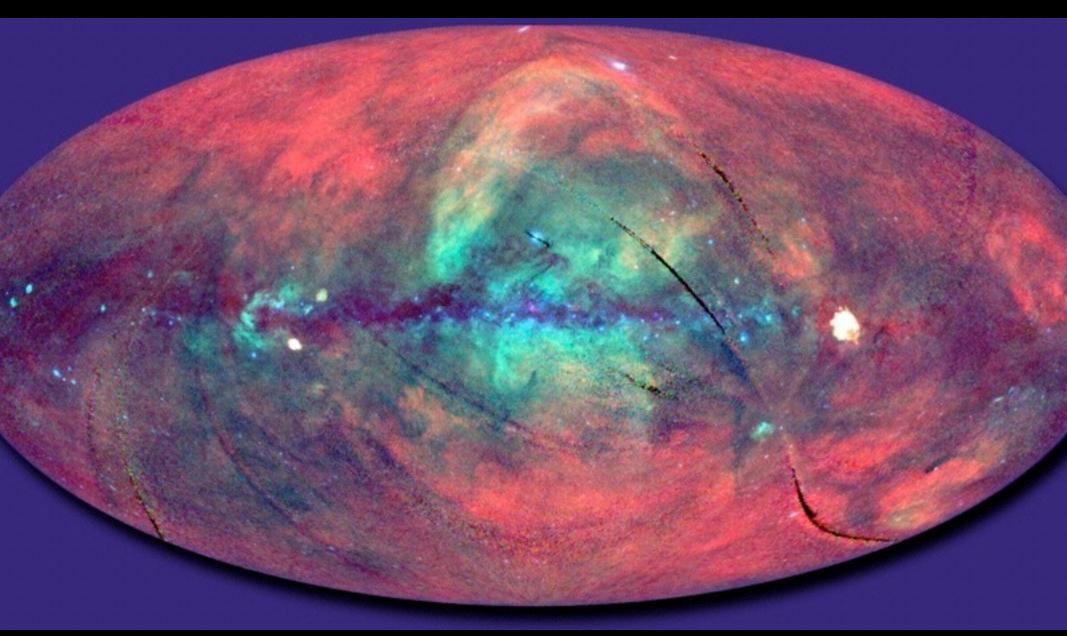
Near Infrared

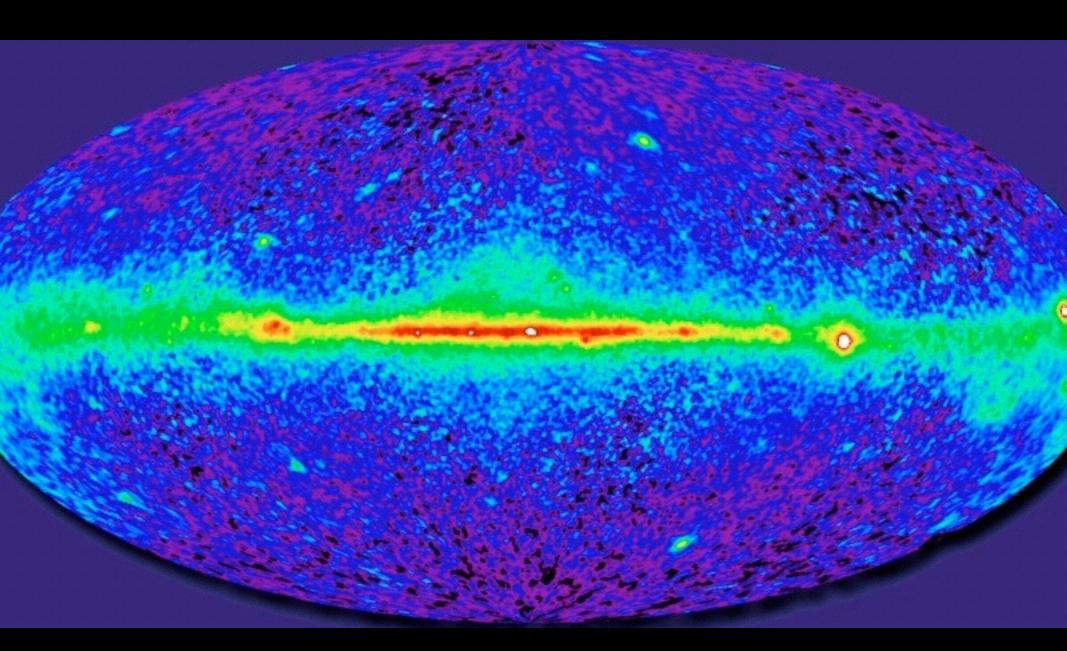


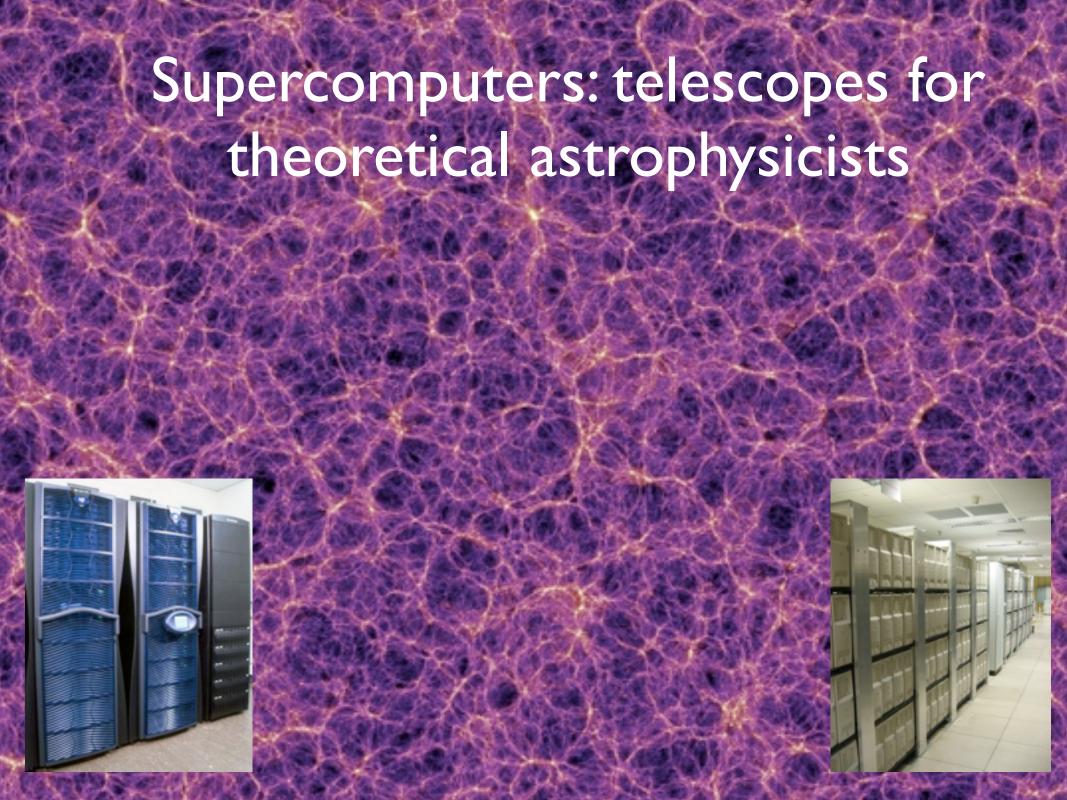




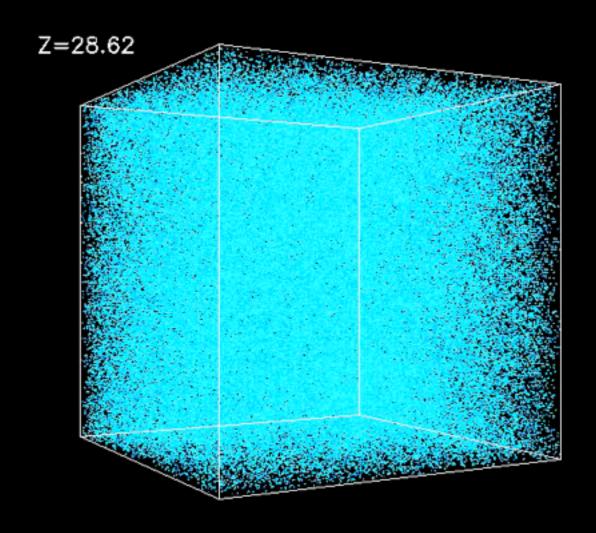
Radio - 118 Ghz





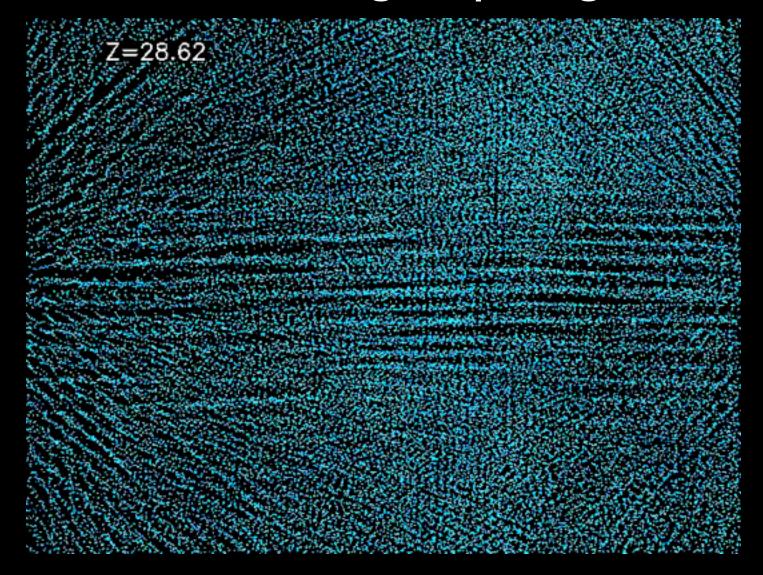


Formation of cosmological structure



box size = 140 million light years across start at t ~ 1 million years ABB, end at present day

Formation of a group of galaxies



Field of view = 14 million LY across Final object = the Local Group (roughly)

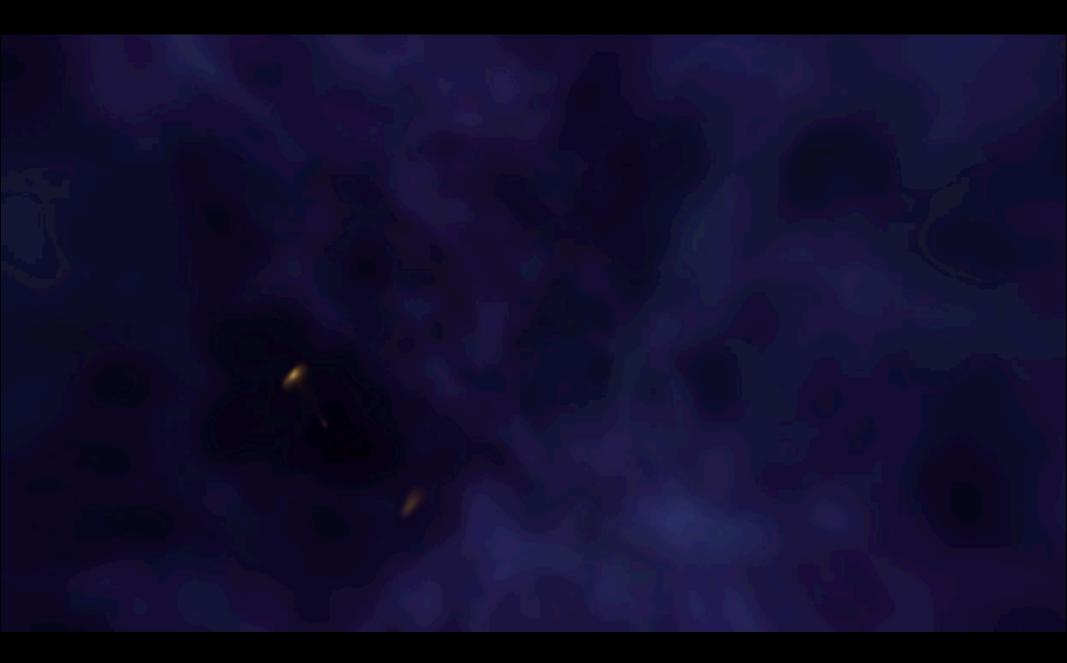


0.0 Gyr

Movie c/o
Phil Hopkins,
CalTech

Stars

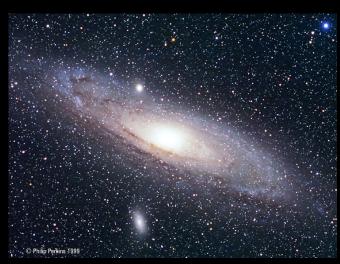
Galaxy formation - closeup



So, what did we learn?

Galaxies come in many shapes and sizes, and have wildly different properties



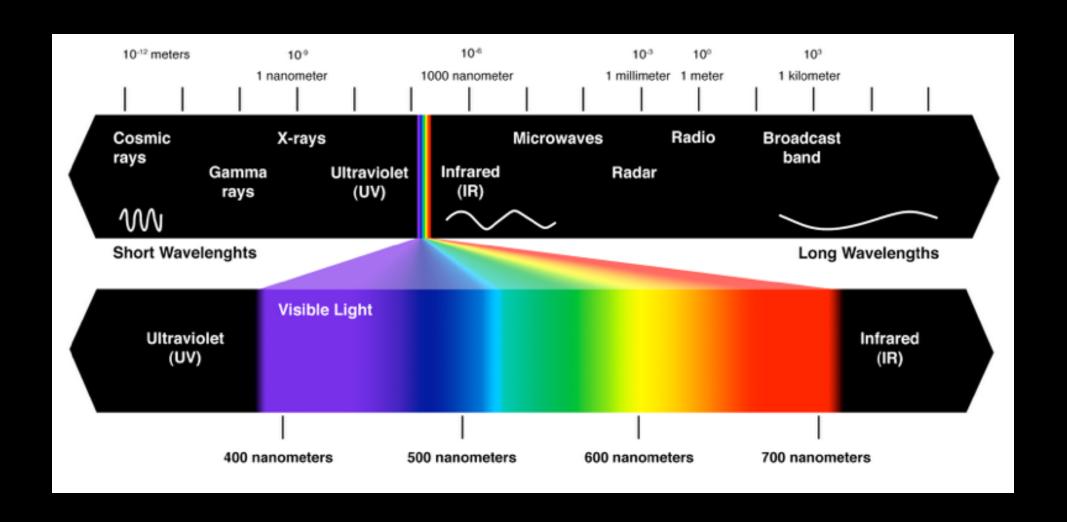






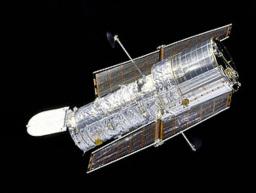


 The light that we can see with our eyes is only a small part of the electromagnetic spectrum...

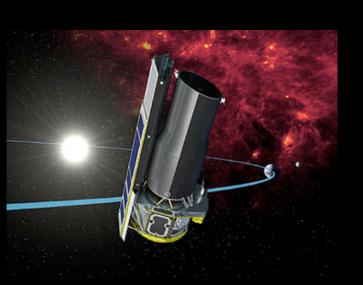


 Astronomers have constructed telescopes that can see at many different wavelengths, from radio through gamma ray





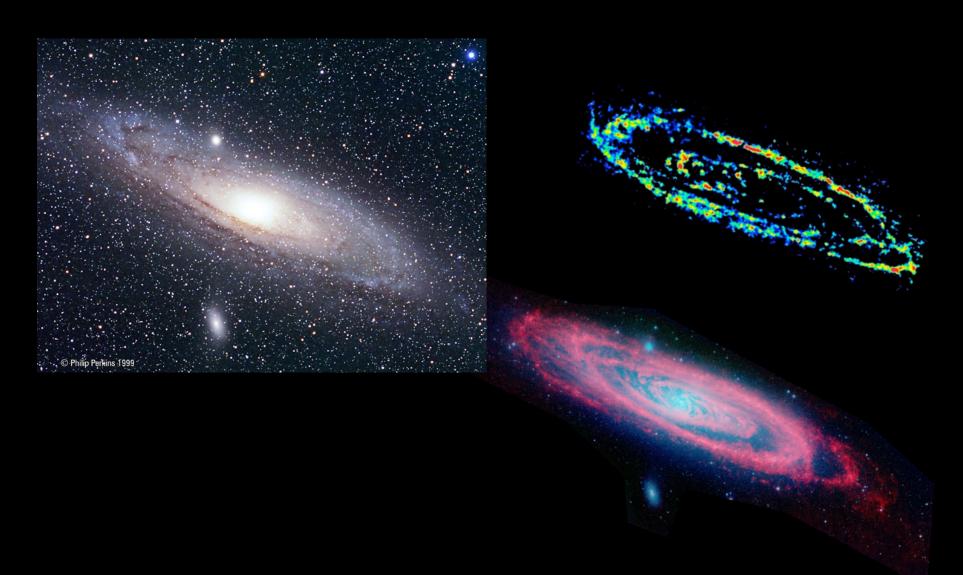








 and looking at a galaxy over the whole spectrum of light teaches us important things about how galaxies form and what they're made out of!

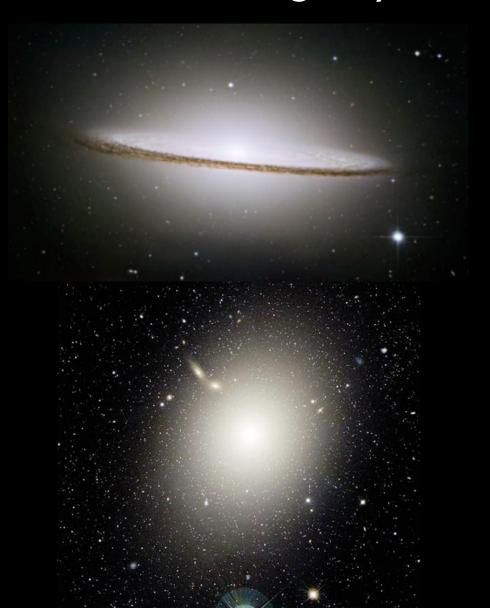


 We can also use supercomputers as 'theoretical telescopes' to probe how galaxies form!



 Using these tools, we have discovered that the different types of galaxies - disc, spiral, dwarf, elliptical - are phases in the evolution of a galaxy!





Questions?

