

The Fantastical Discoveries of Astronomy made possible by the Wonderful Properties of II-VI Materials

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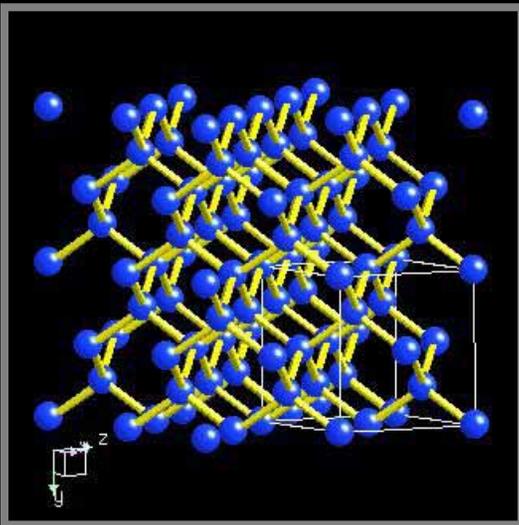
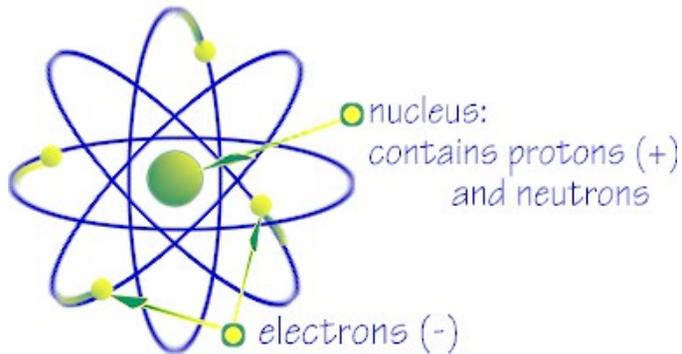
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Crystals are excellent detectors of light

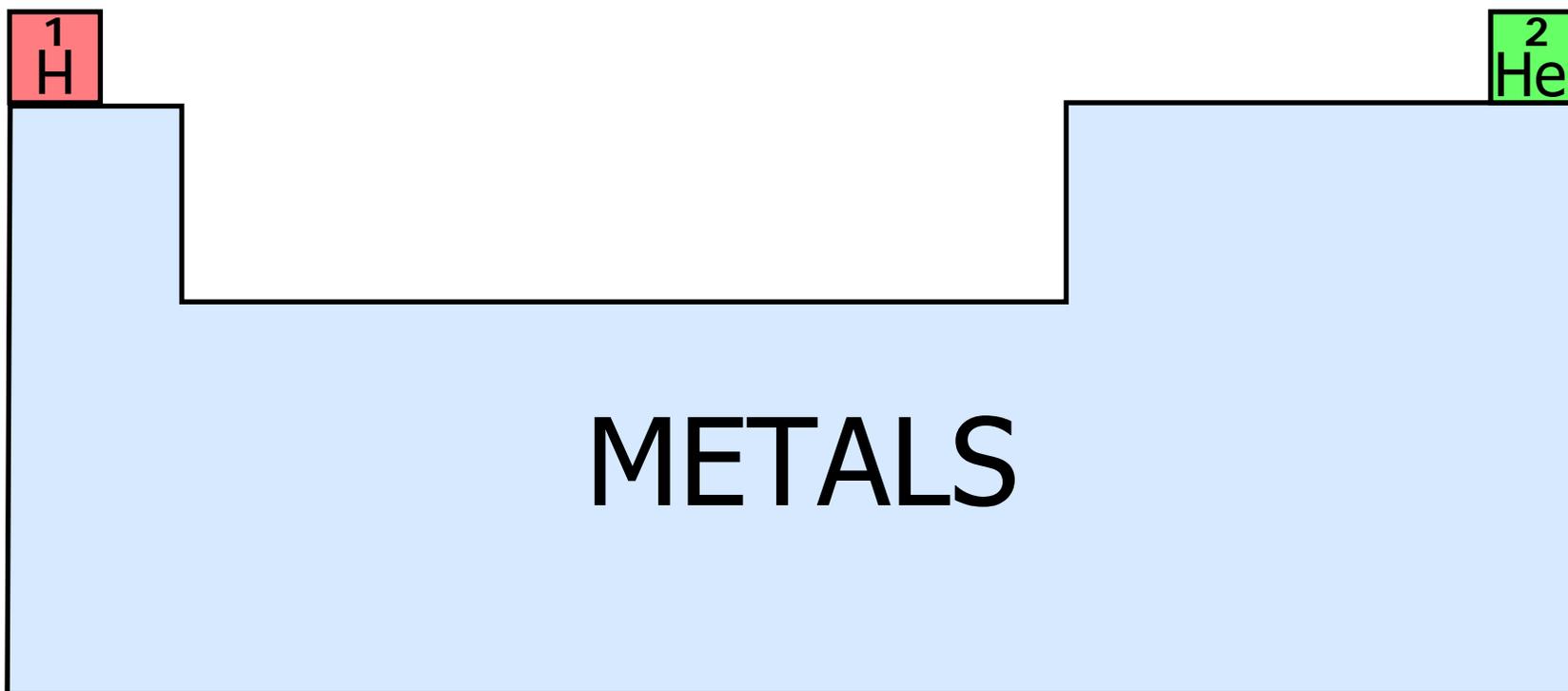
Structure of An Atom



Silicon crystal lattice

- Simple model of atom
 - Protons (+) and neutrons in the nucleus with electrons (-) orbiting
- Electrons are trapped in the crystal lattice
 - by electric field of protons
- Light energy (or thermal energy) can free an electron from the grip of the protons, allowing the electron to roam about the crystal
 - creates an “electron-hole” pair.
- The photocharge can be collected and amplified, so that light is detected
- The photon energy required to free an electron depends on the material.

The Astronomer's Periodic Table



Periodic Table

1 H Hydrogen 1.0																	2 He Helium 4.0
3 Li Lithium 6.9	4 Be Beryllium 9.0											5 B Boron 10.8	6 C Carbon 12.0	7 N Nitrogen 14.0	8 O Oxygen 16.0	9 F Fluorine 19.0	10 Ne Neon 20.2
11 Na Sodium 23.0	12 Mg Magnesium 9.0											13 Al Aluminum 27.0	14 Si Silicon 28.1	15 P Phosphorus 31.0	16 S Sulfur 32.1	17 Cl Chlorine 35.5	18 Ar Argon 40.0
19 K Potassium 39.1	20 Ca Calcium 40.2	21 Sc Scandium 45.0	22 Ti Titanium 47.9	23 V Vanadium 50.9	24 Cr Chromium 52.0	25 Mn Manganese 54.9	26 Fe Iron 55.9	27 Co Cobalt 58.9	28 Ni Nickel 58.7	29 Cu Copper 63.5	30 Zn Zinc 65.4	31 Ga Gallium 69.7	32 Ge Germanium 72.6	33 As Arsenic 74.9	34 Se Selenium 79.0	35 Br Bromine 79.9	36 Kr Krypton 83.8
37 Rb Rubidium 85.5	38 Sr Strontium 87.6	39 Y Yttrium 88.9	40 Zr Zirconium 91.2	41 Nb Niobium 92.9	42 Mo Molybdenum 95.9	43 Tc Technetium 99	44 Ru Ruthenium 101.0	45 Rh Rhodium 102.9	46 Pd Palladium 106.4	47 Ag Silver 107.9	48 Cd Cadmium 112.4	49 In Indium 114.8	50 Sn Tin 118.7	51 Sb Antimony 121.8	52 Te Tellurium 127.6	53 I Iodine 126.9	54 Xe Xenon 131.3
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Types of Elements Key:

- Alkali metals
- Alkaline earth metals
- Transition metals
- Lanthanides
- Actinides
- Poor metals
- Semi-metals
- Non-metals
- Noble gases

57 La Lanthanum 138.9	58 Ce Cerium 140.1	59 Pr Praseodymium 140.9	60 Nd Neodymium 144.2	61 Pm Promethium 147.0	62 Sm Samarium 150.4	63 Eu Europium 152.0	64 Gd Gadolinium 157.3	65 Tb Terbium 158.9	66 Dy Dysprosium 162.5	67 Ho Holmium 164.9	68 Er Erbium 167.3	69 Tm Thulium 168.9	70 Yb Ytterbium 173.0	71 Lu Lutetium 175.0
89 Ac Actinium 132.9	90 Th Thorium 232.0	91 Pa Protactinium 231.0	92 U Uranium 238.0	93 Np Neptunium 237.0	94 Pu Plutonium 242.0	95 Am Americium 243.0	96 Cm Curium 247.0	97 Bk Berkelium 247.0	98 Cf Californium 251.0	99 Es Einsteinium 254.0	100 Fm Fermium 253.0	101 Md Mendelevium 258.0	102 No Nobelium 254.0	103 Lr Lawrencium 257.0

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Detector Families

- Si** - IV semiconductor
- HgCdTe** - II-VI semiconductor
- InGaAs & InSb** - III-V semiconductors
- InAs + GaSb** - III-V Type 2

Strained Layer Superlattice (SLS)

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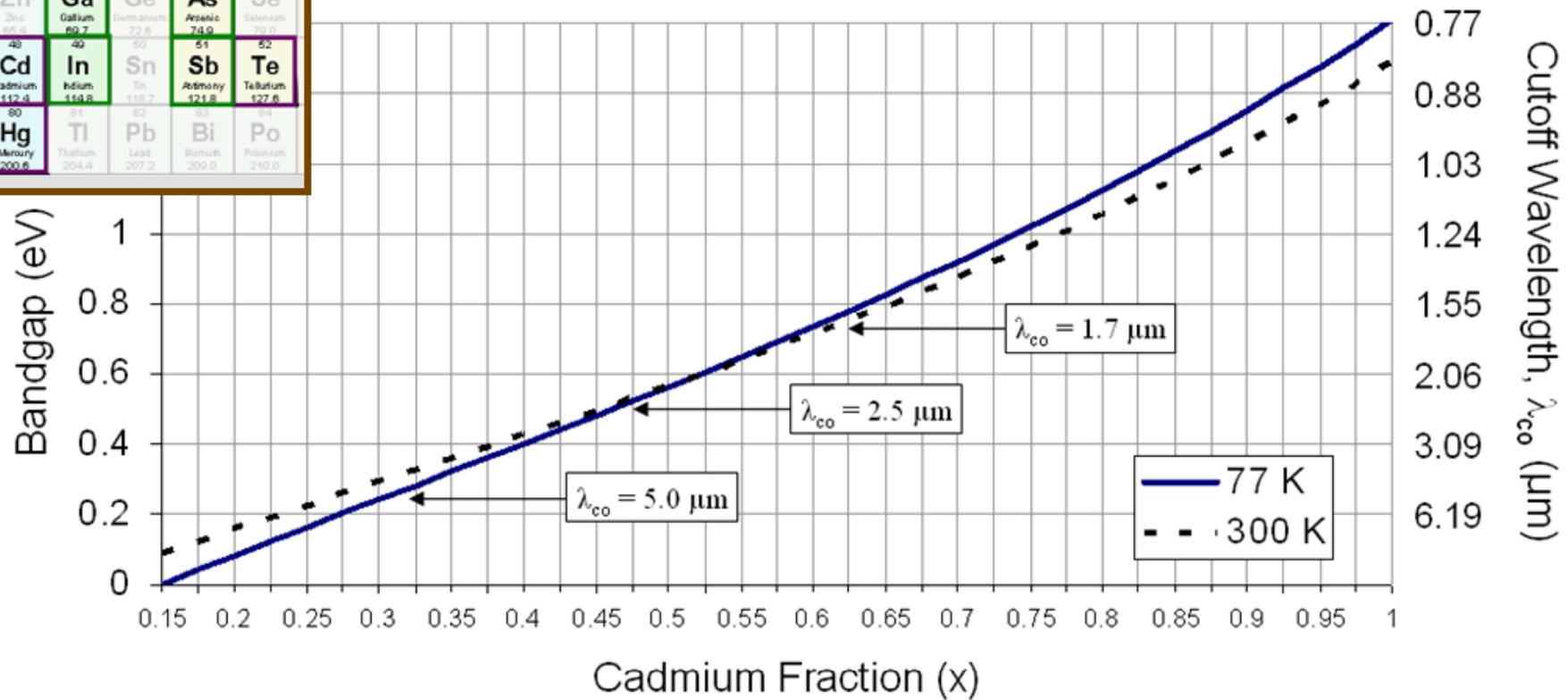
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- earth metals
- transition metals
- non-metals
- metalloids
- noble gases
- lanthanides
- actinides
- variable metals
- non-metals
- noble gases

Tunable Wavelength: Valuable property of HgCdTe

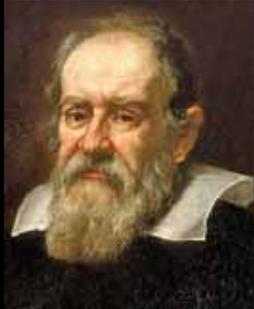
$\text{Hg}_{1-x}\text{Cd}_x\text{Te}$ Modify ratio of Mercury and Cadmium to “tune” the bandgap energy

II		III		IV		V		VI	
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Bandgap and Cutoff Wavelength as function of Cadmium Fraction (x)



The Golden Age of Astronomy



Galileo Galilei and 2 cm refractor (1609)



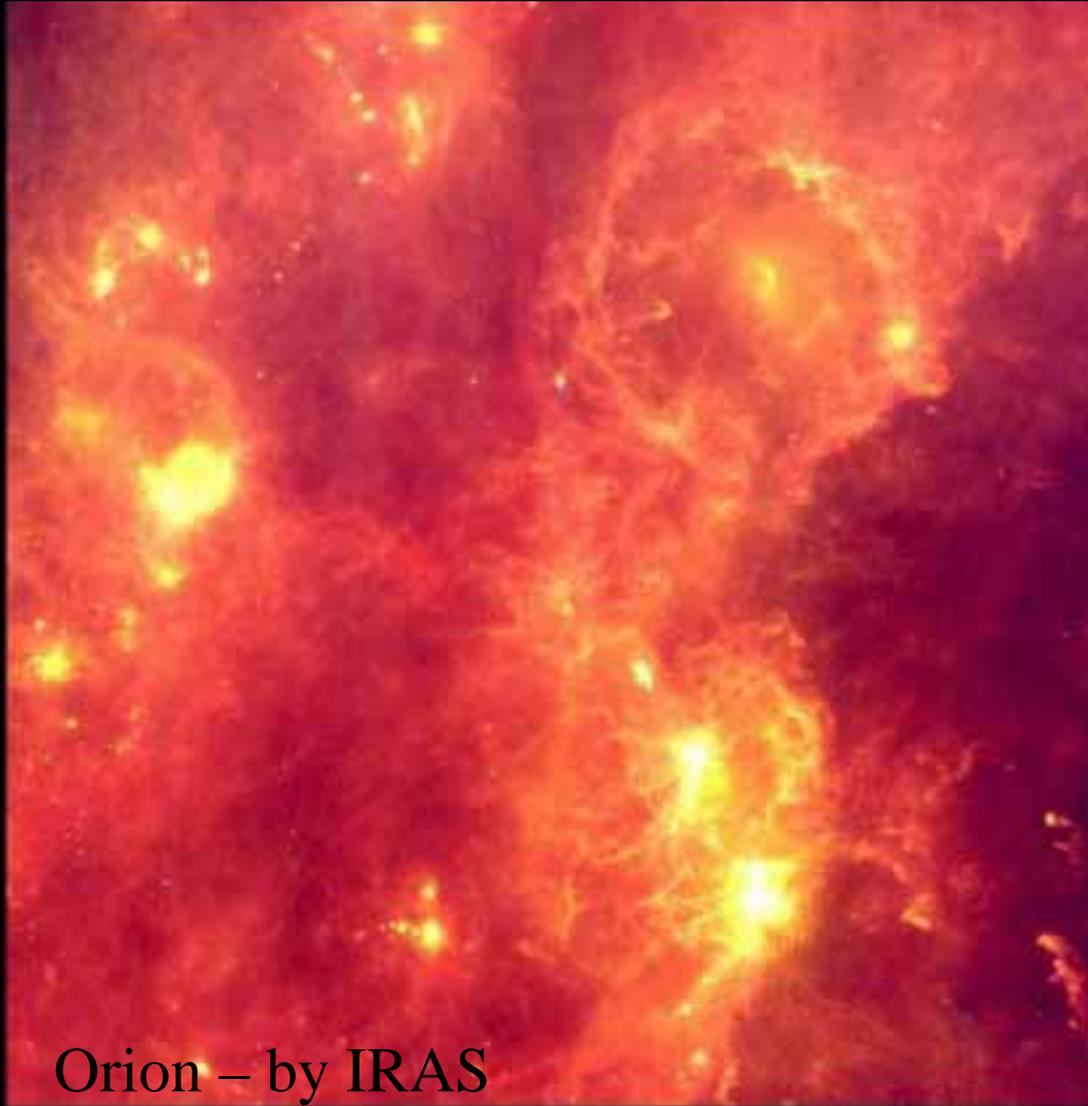
Hubble Space Telescope
• 2.4 meter



European Southern Observatory
Paranal Observatory

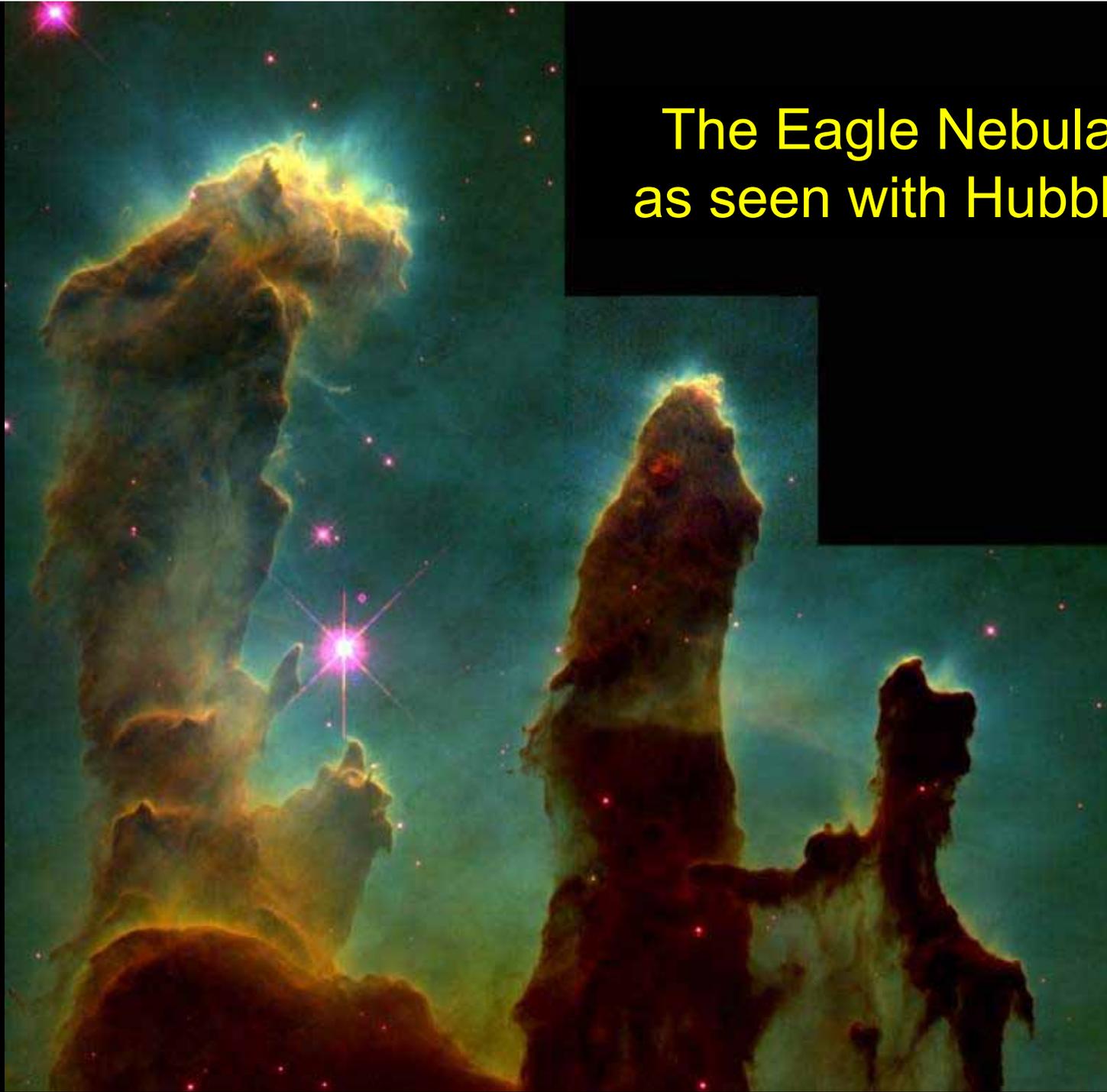
- Four 8.2 meter telescopes
- Four 1.8 meter auxiliary telescopes
- 4 meter infrared survey telescope
- 2.6 meter optical survey telescope

Orion – In visible and infrared light



Orion – by IRAS

The Eagle Nebula
as seen with Hubble



This is an infrared image of the Eagle Nebula. The image shows a dense field of stars in various colors, including blue, yellow, and red. Dark, silhouetted structures of interstellar dust are visible against the starry background, forming the characteristic 'Pillars of Creation' shape. The overall scene is a rich, multi-colored star field.

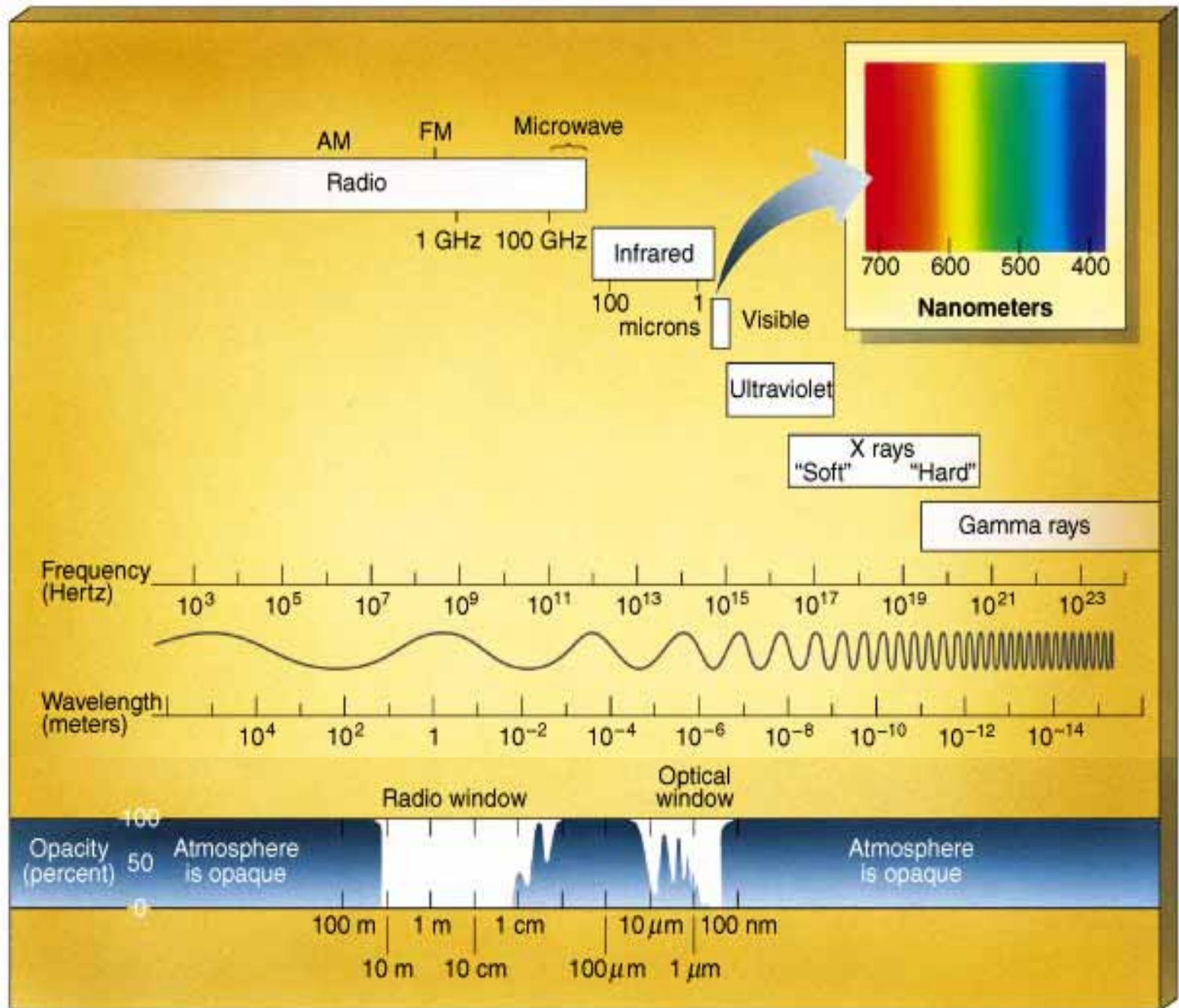
The Eagle Nebula
as seen in the infrared

M. J. McCaughrean and M. Andersen, 1994

European Southern Observatory

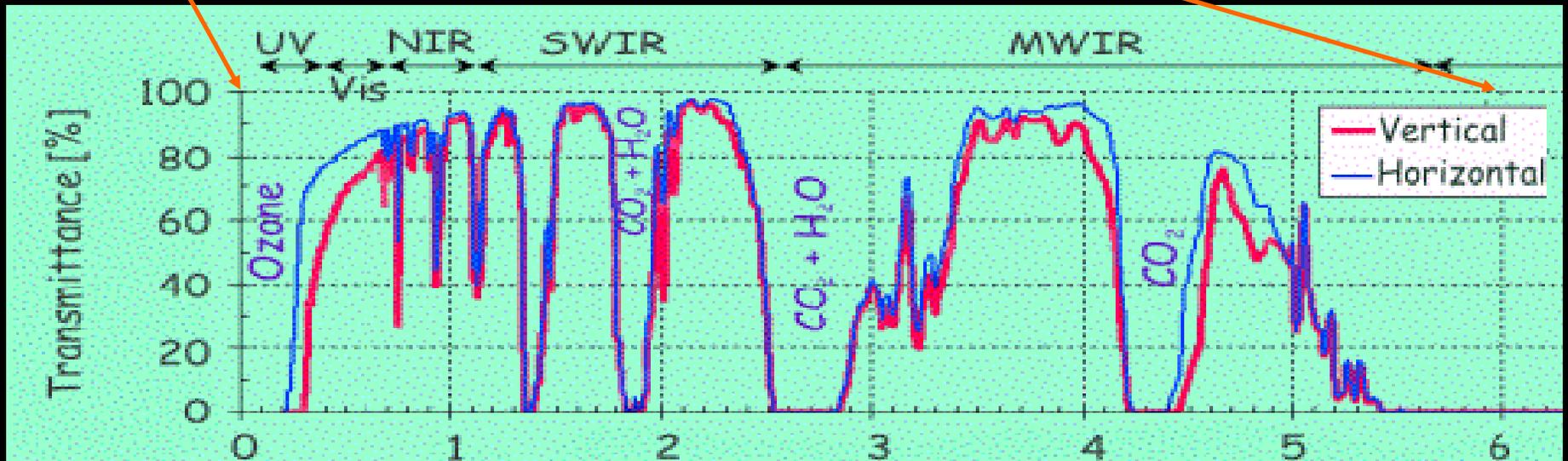
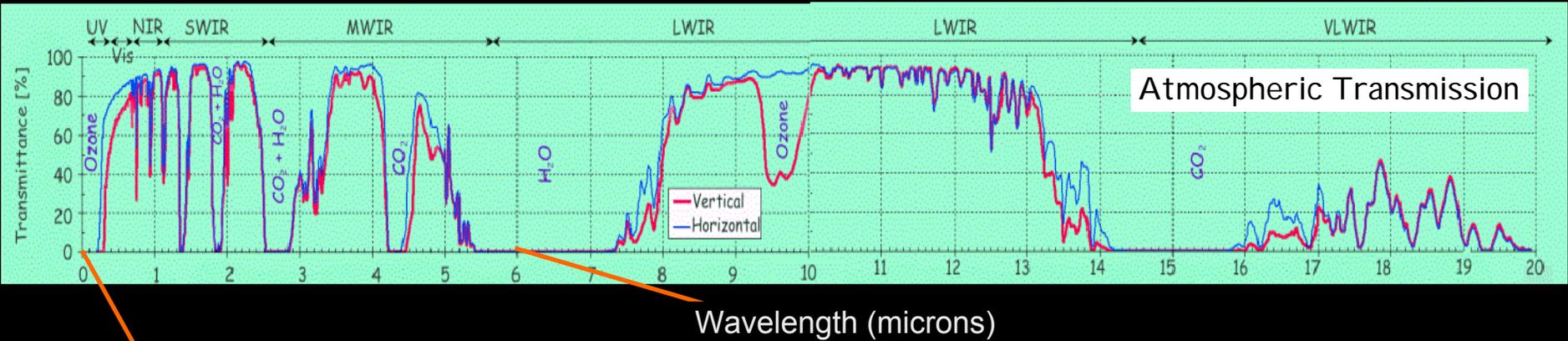
- 8.2 meter telescope





Atmospheric transmission

Not all of the light gets through atmosphere to ground-based telescopes



Common Astronomical Filters

J

1.1-1.4

H

1.5-1.8

K

2.0-2.4

L

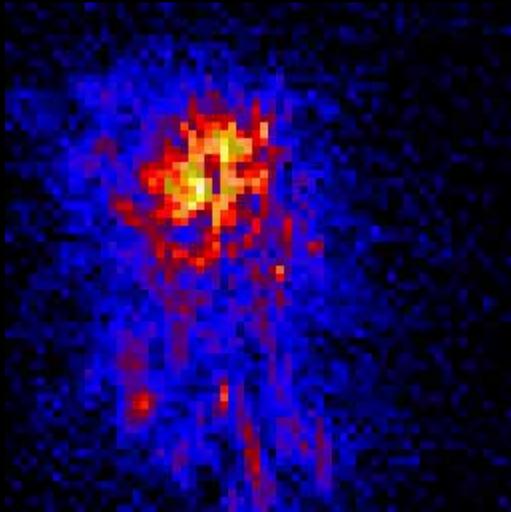
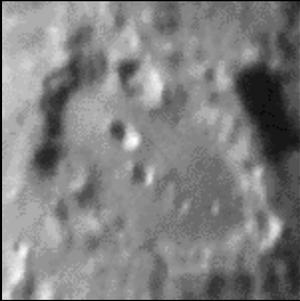
3.0-4.0

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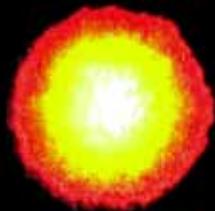
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Atmospheric Blurring

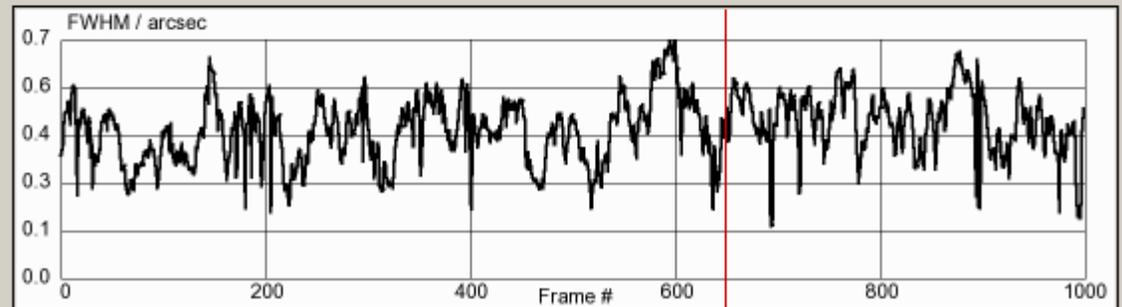
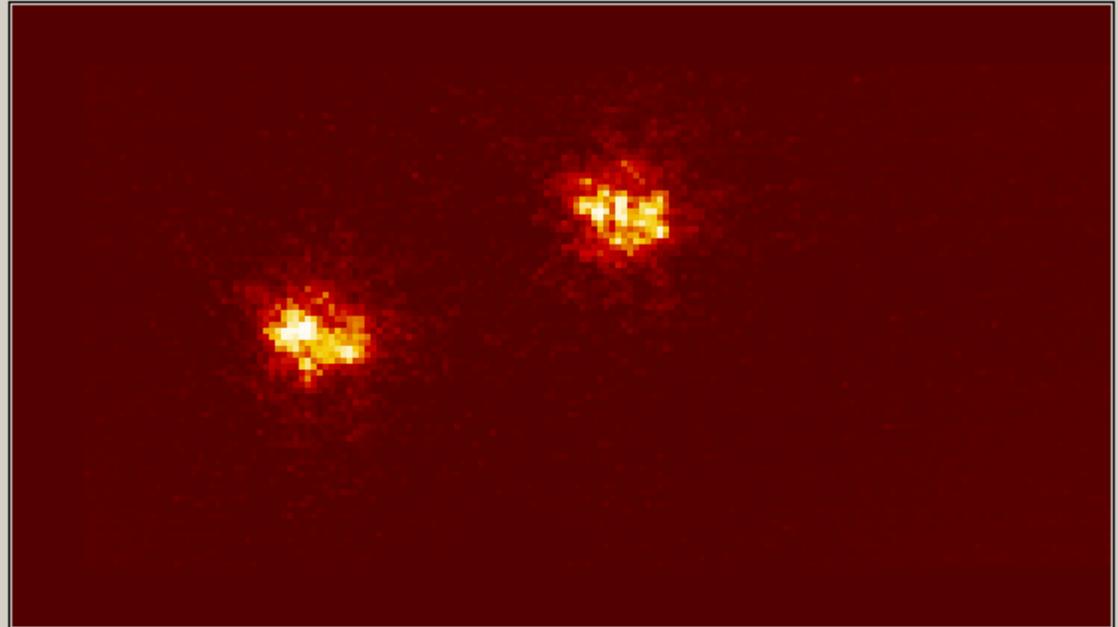
The bane of ground-based astronomy



Long exposure image
is called the “seeing disk”

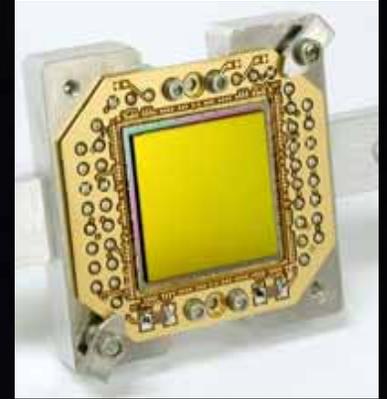


Long exposure image



Binary star pair 100 Her, 14 arc sec separation ($V_{\text{mag}} = 6.0$)
10 msec frame time

- Quantum Efficiency = 85-90%
- Dark current (145K) = 0.02 e-/pix/sec
- Readout noise = 25 e- (single CDS)



Infrared Detector

- 1024×1024 pixels
- 18 μm pitch
- 1.7 μm cutoff HgCdTe
- Substrate-removed

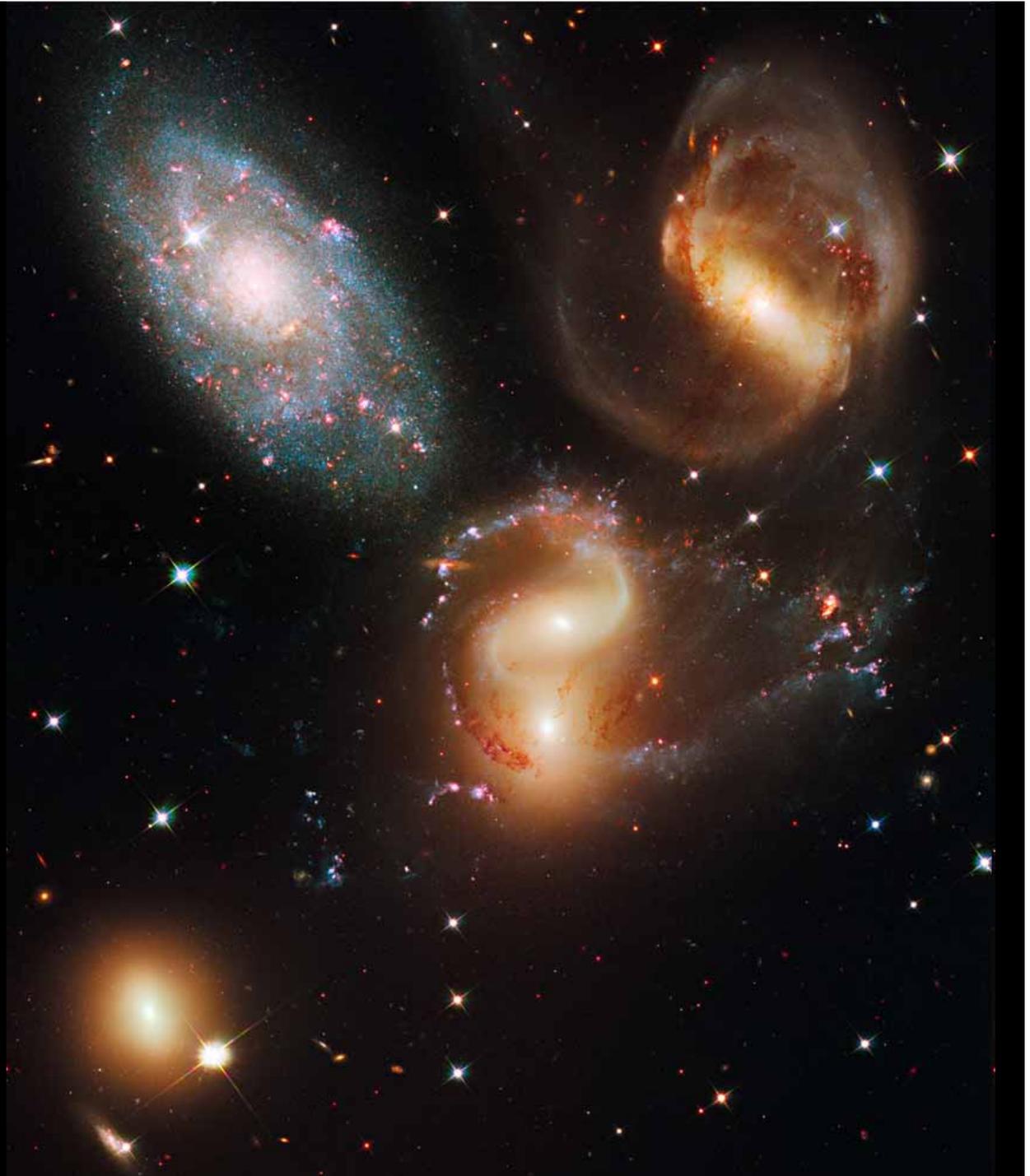


Hubble Space Telescope



Stephan's Quintet

WFC3



Hubble Ultra Deep Field IR / WFC3

87 hour total exposure

1.05 μm (Y)

1.25 μm (J)

1.60 μm (H)

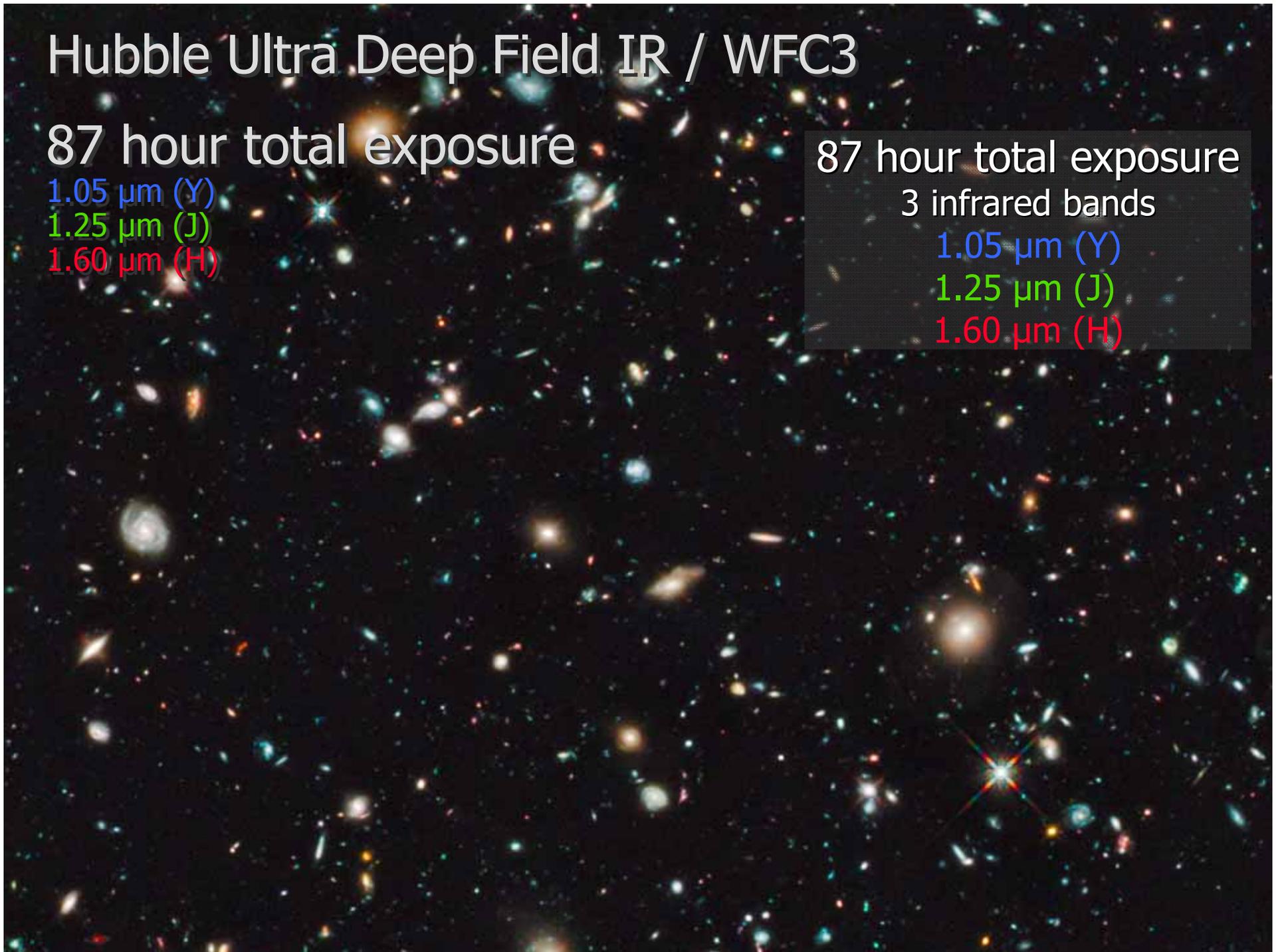
87 hour total exposure

3 infrared bands

1.05 μm (Y)

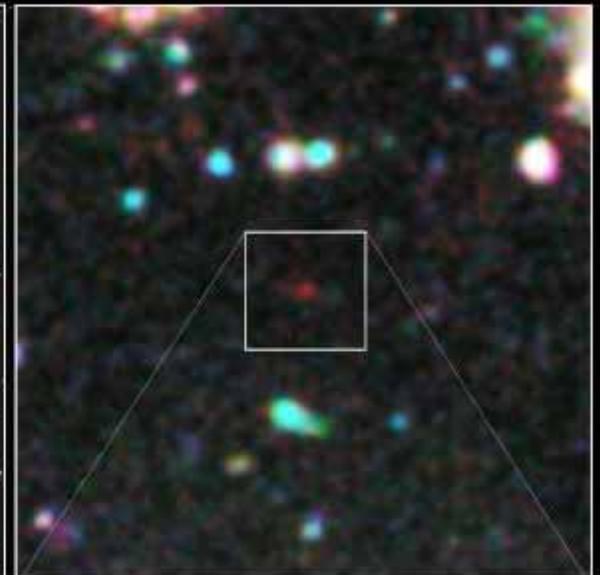
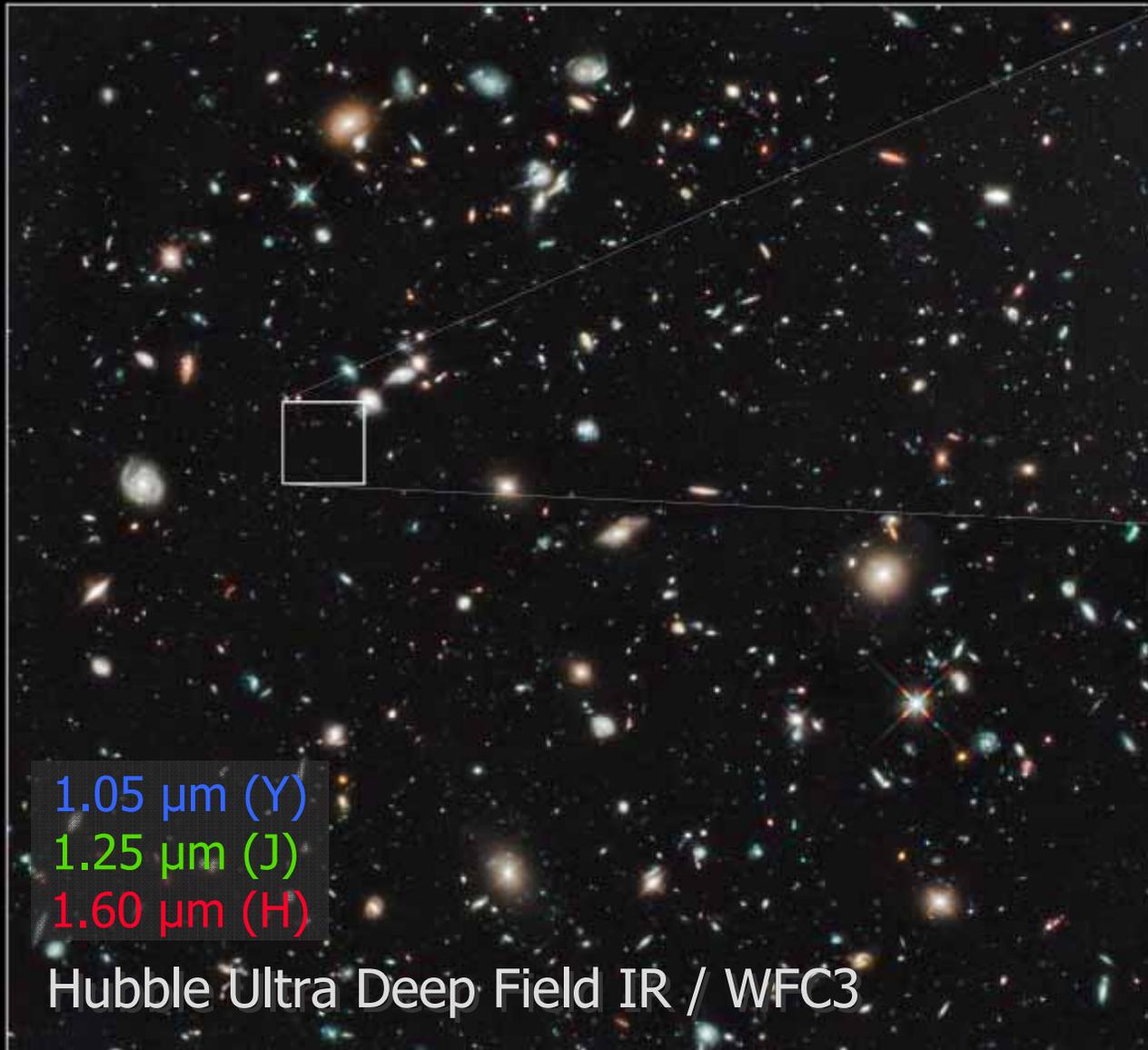
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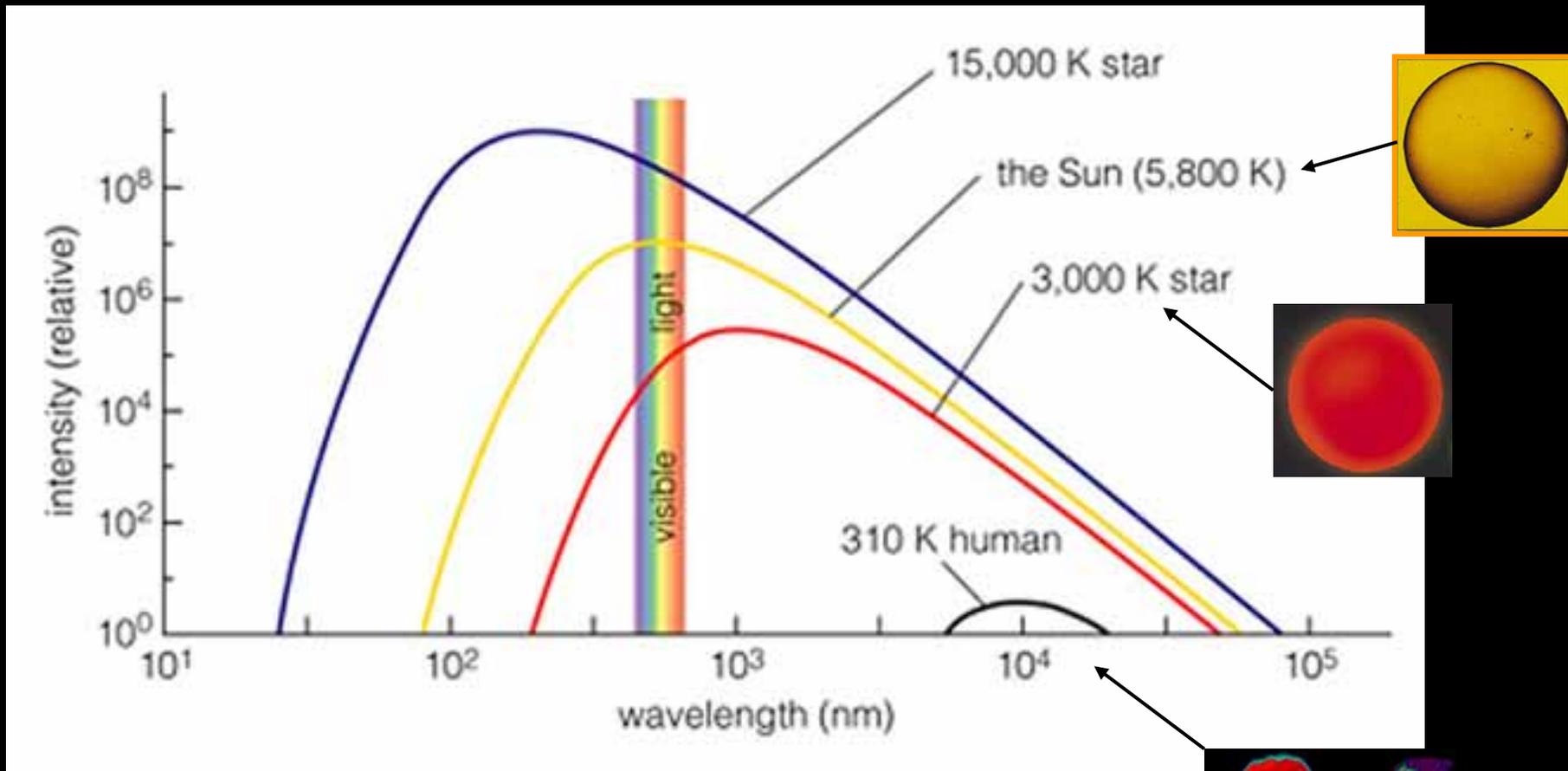


Most distant galaxy yet seen

Light travelled for 13.2 billion years to reach the Earth



Thermal Radiation



Ultraviolet

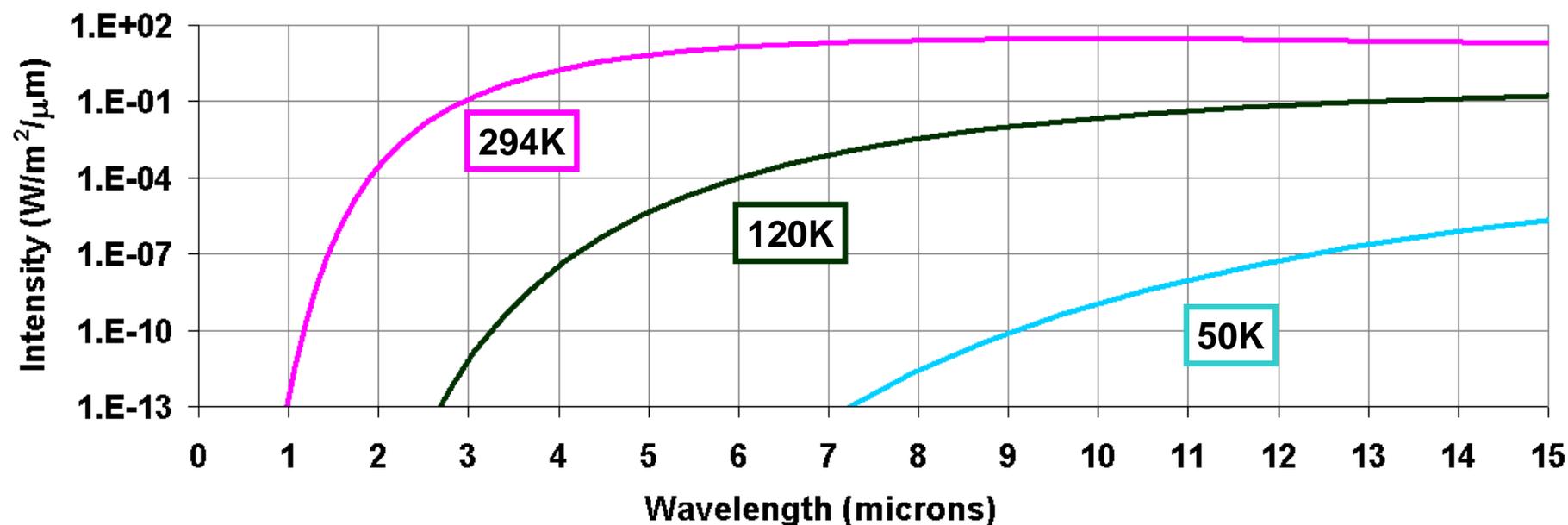


Infrared





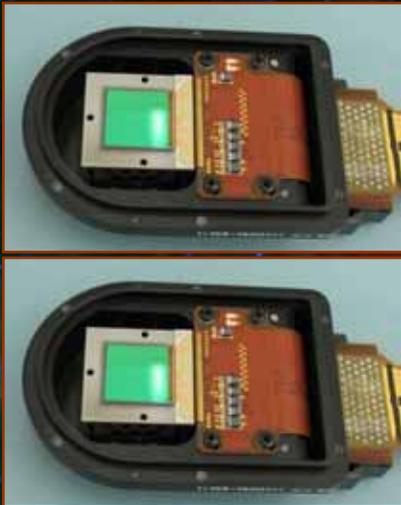
Thermal Radiation



Hubble Space Telescope 2.4-m primary mirror is kept at 70 °F (21C, 294K)

Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer (WISE)

HgCdTe arrays for 2 of 4 infrared bands



Two
1024×1024 pixel
infrared arrays
3.4 and 4.6 μm bands



Determining Asteroid Sizes

High Albedo
"Chalk"



Low Albedo
"Charcoal"

Visible Light



Brightness alone does not correspond to size

Infrared Light



Brightness corresponds to size

High Albedo
"Chalk"

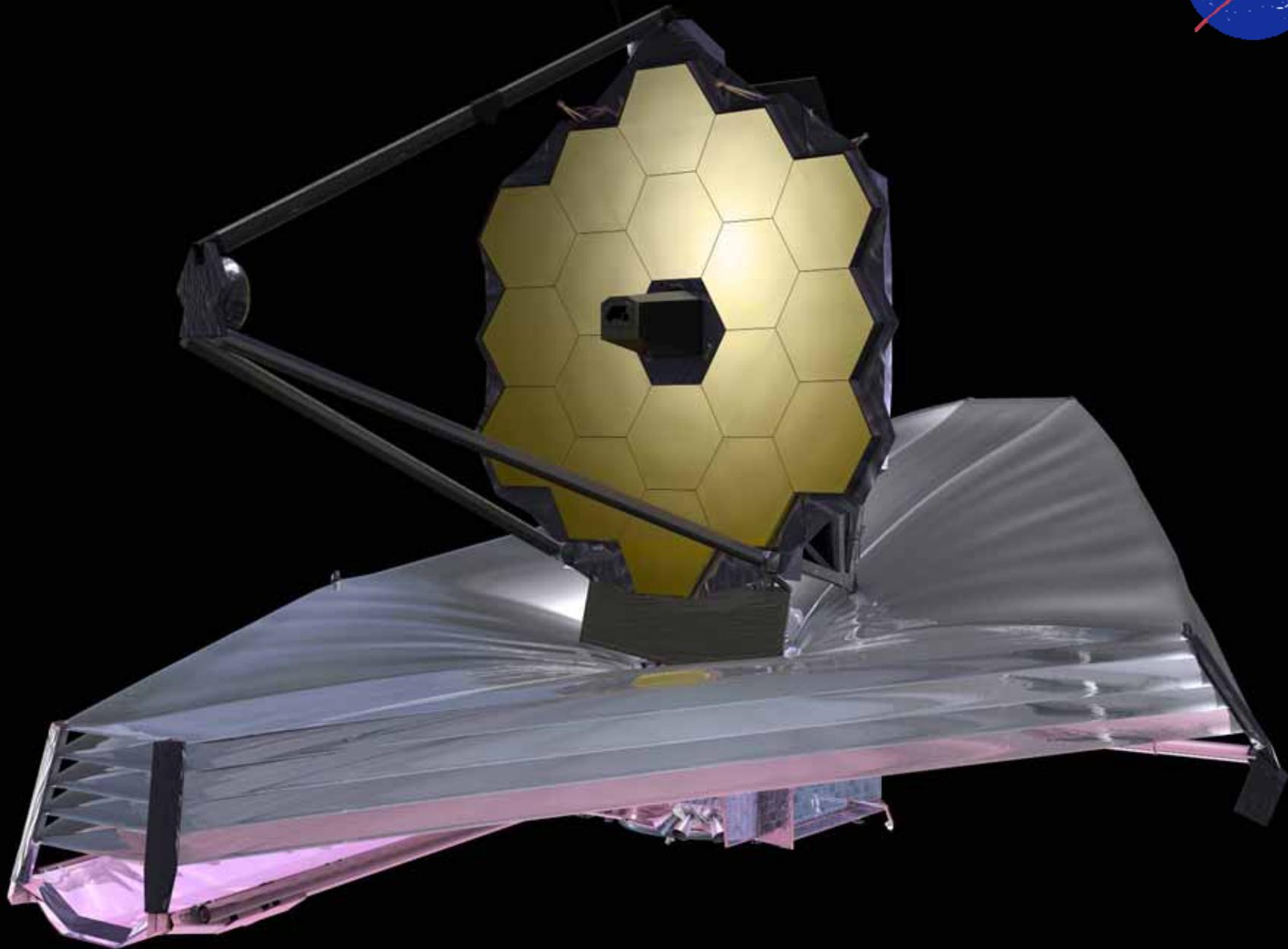


Low Albedo
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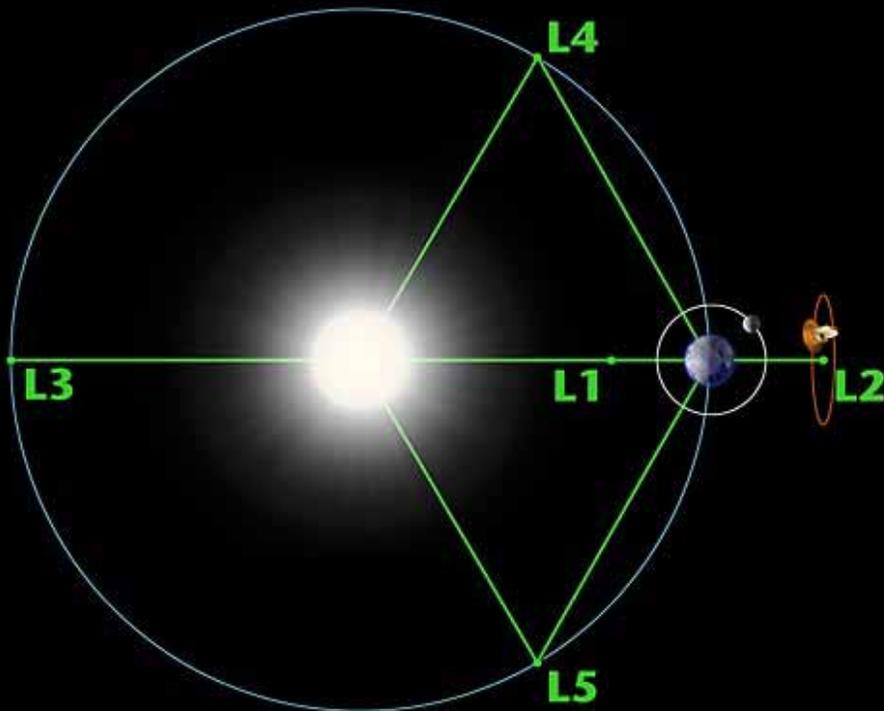
29 September 2011 Press Release

James Webb Space Telescope (JWST)



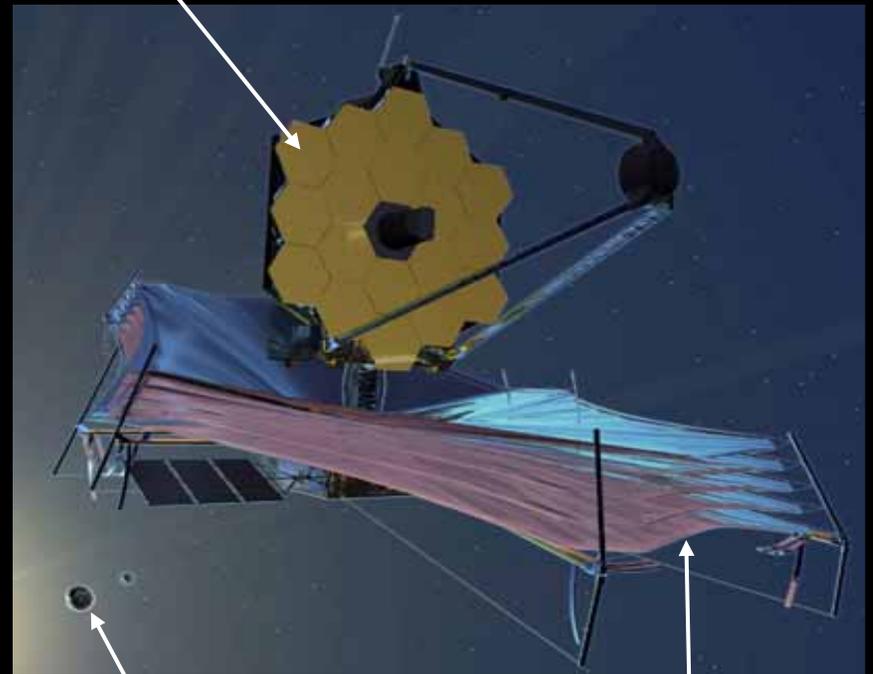
Lagrange Point 2 (L2)

Optimal Location for Infrared Space Telescope



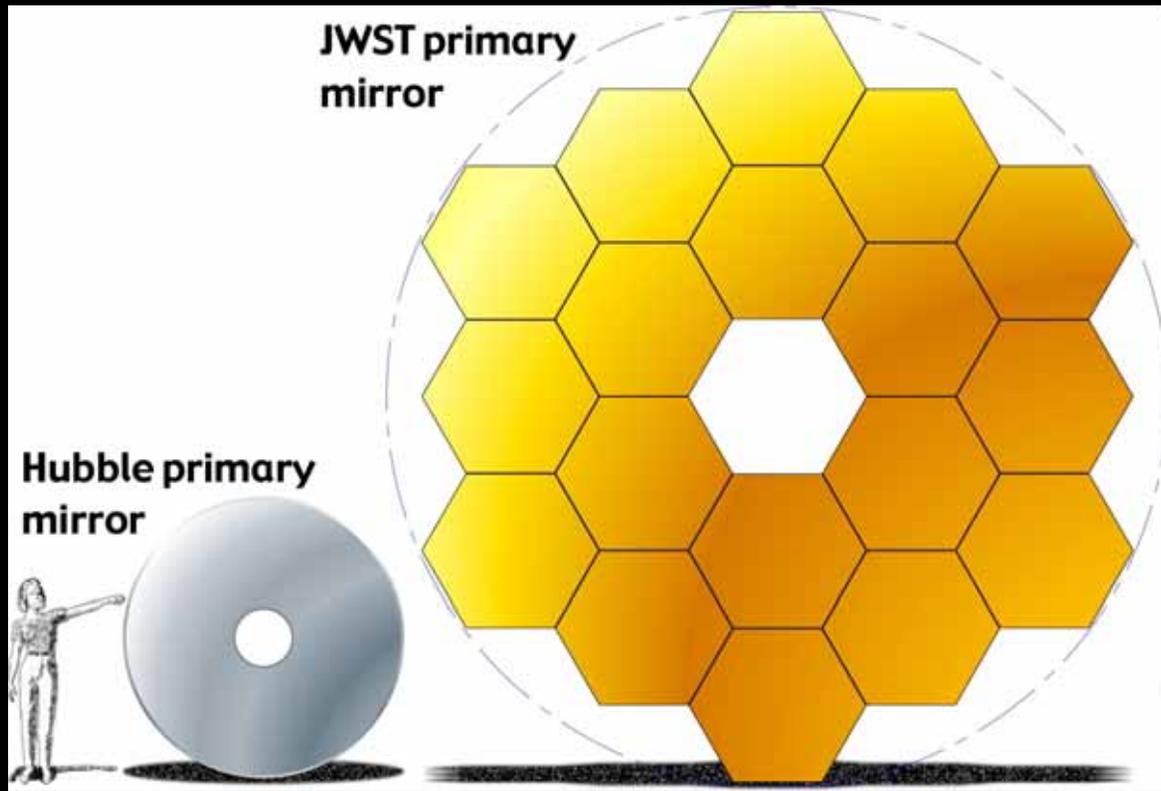
Lagrange Points of the Earth-Sun system
(not drawn to scale!)

6.5-m mirror



Earth

sunshield



294 K

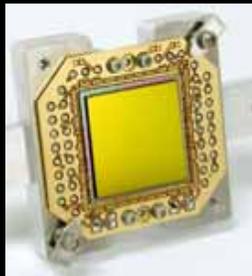
Mirror Temp.

50 K

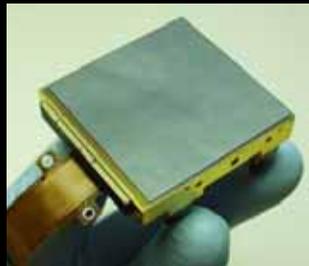
1 Mpixel

Pixels

63 Mpixel

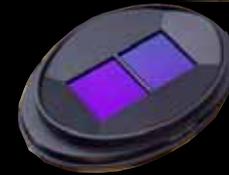


1 H1R
1024×1024



15 H2RG
2048×2048

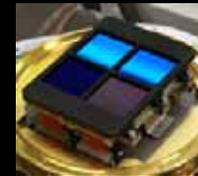
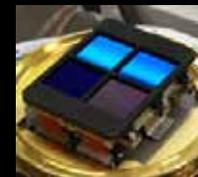
JWST II-VI Sensors



NIRSpec
(Near Infrared Spectrograph)
<6 e- noise for 1000 sec exposure

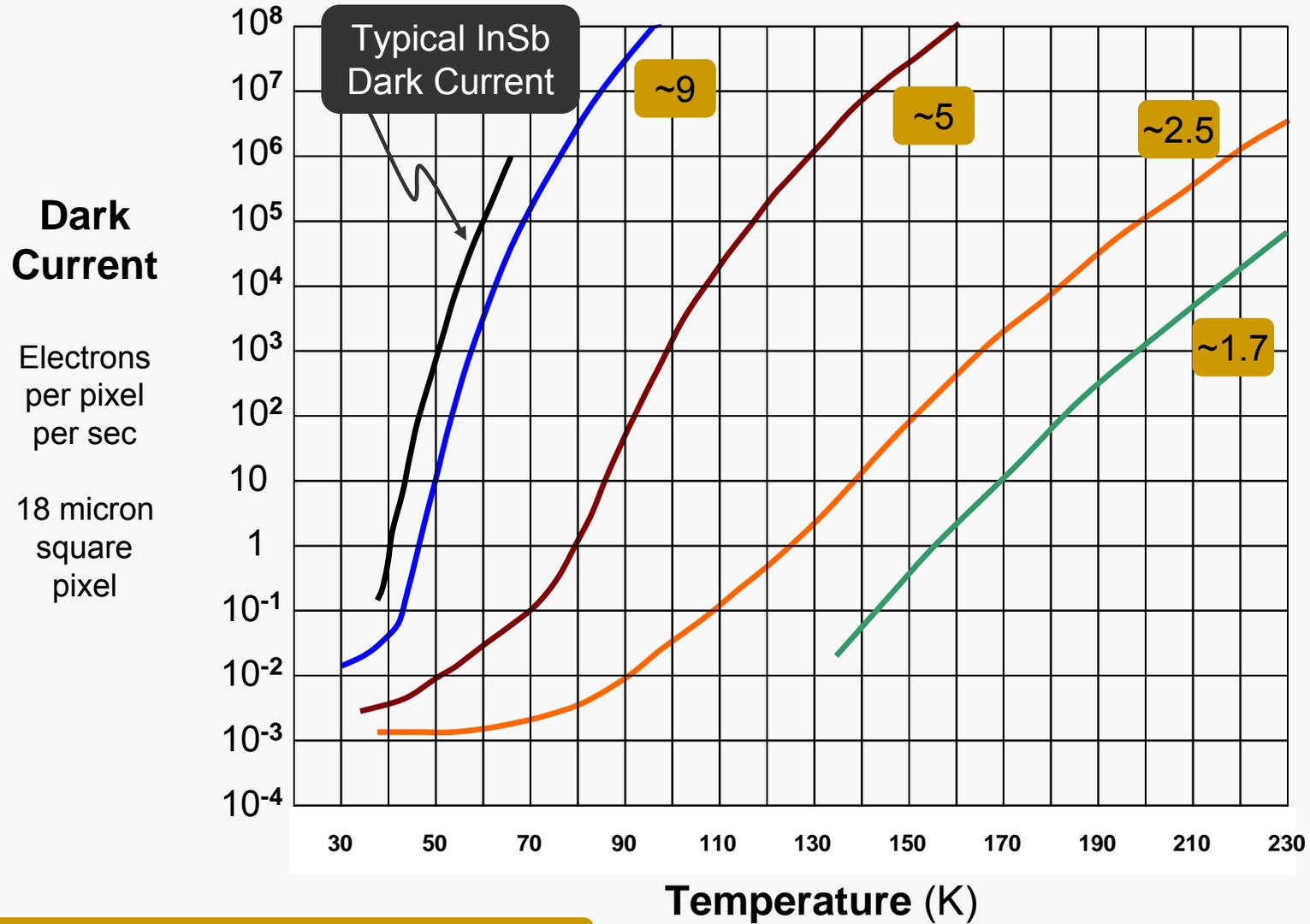


FGS
(Fine Guidance Sensors)



NIRCam
(Near Infrared Camera)

Dark Current of HgCdTe Detectors

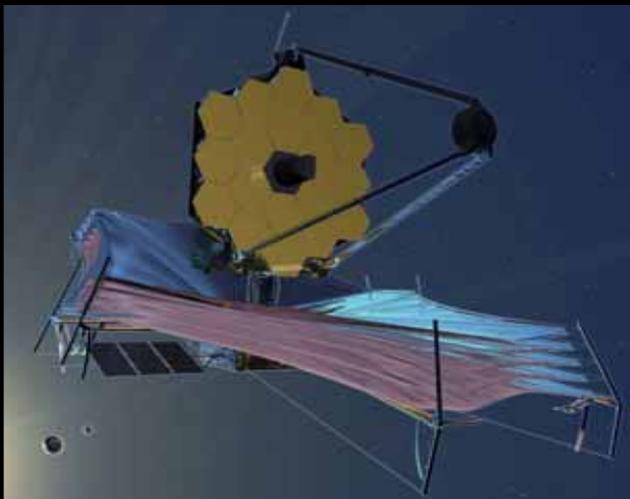
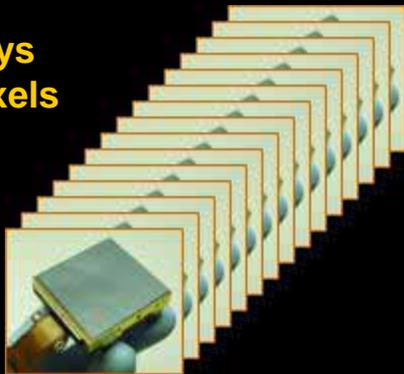


HgCdTe cutoff wavelength (microns)

An electron-volt (eV) is extremely small

WFC3/IR

15 H2RG
2K×2K arrays
63 million pixels

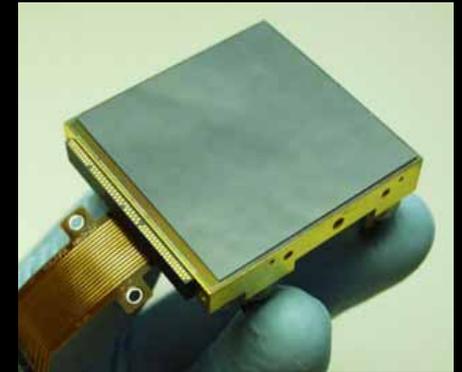
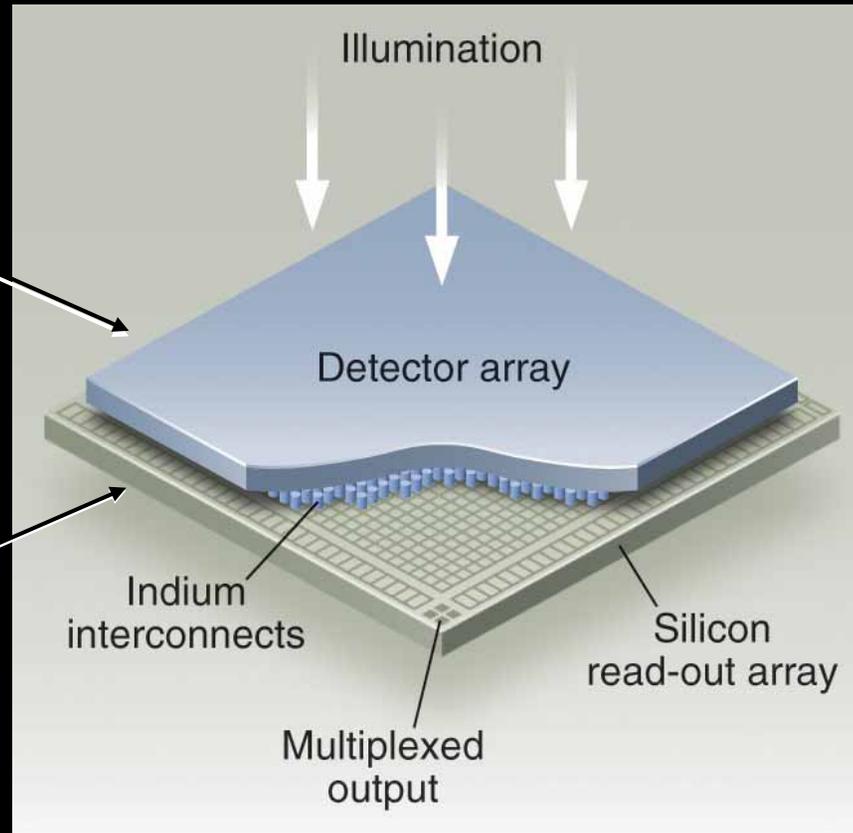
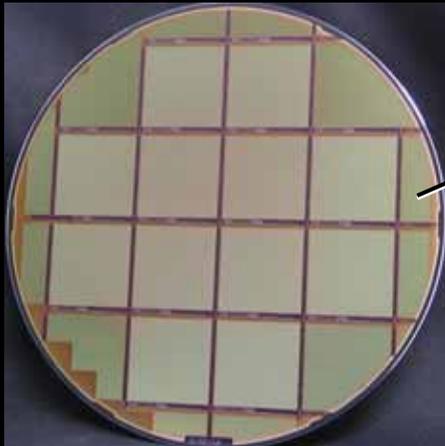


- The energy of a photon is **VERY** small
 - Energy of SWIR (2.5 μm) photon is 0.5 eV
- In 5 years, JWST will take ~1 million images
 - Total # SWIR photons detected $\approx 3.6 \times 10^{16}$
 - Total energy detected $\approx 1.8 \times 10^{16}$ eV
- Drop peanut M&M[®] candy (~2g) from height of 15 cm (~6 inches)
 - Potential energy $\approx 1.8 \times 10^{16}$ eV

15 cm peanut M&M[®] drop is equal to the energy detected during 5 year operation of the James Webb Space Telescope!



Hybrid CMOS Infrared Imaging Sensors

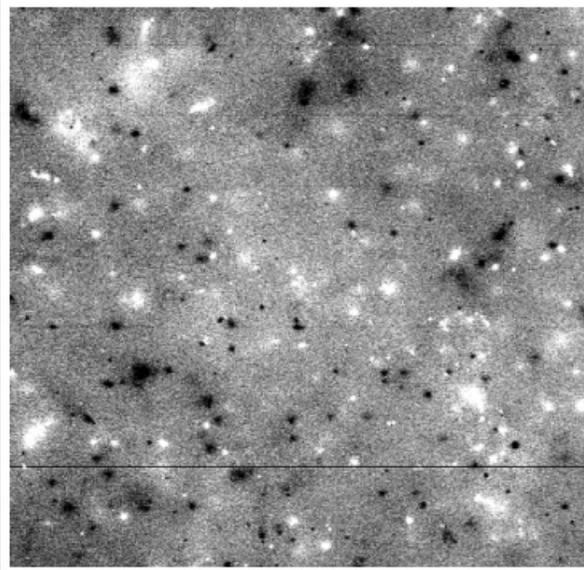


Three Key Technologies

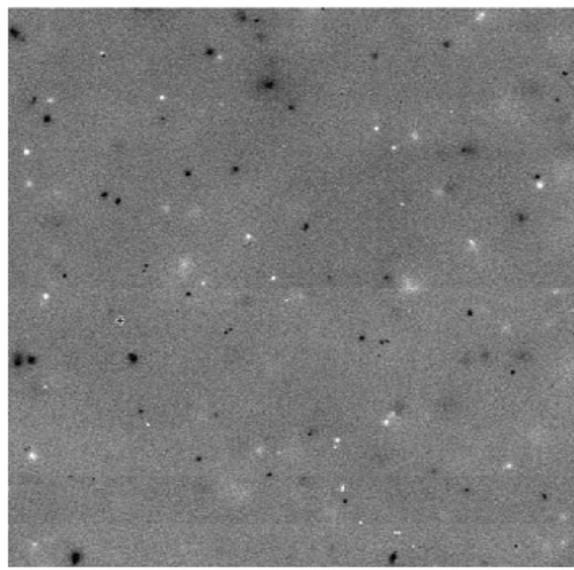
- Growth and processing of the HgCdTe detector layer
- Design and fabrication of the CMOS readout integrated circuit (ROIC)
- Hybridization of the detector layer to the CMOS ROIC

Cosmic Rays and Substrate Removal

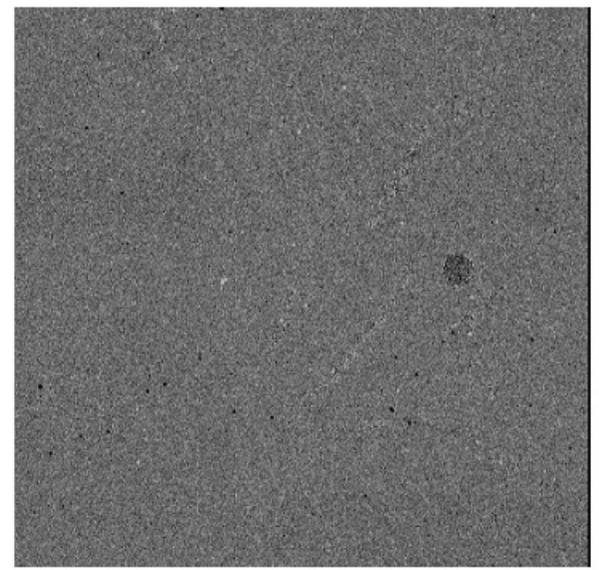
- Cosmic ray events produce clouds of detected signal due to particle-induced flashes of infrared light in the CdZnTe substrate
- Removal of the substrate eliminates the effect



2.5 μm cutoff, substrate **on**



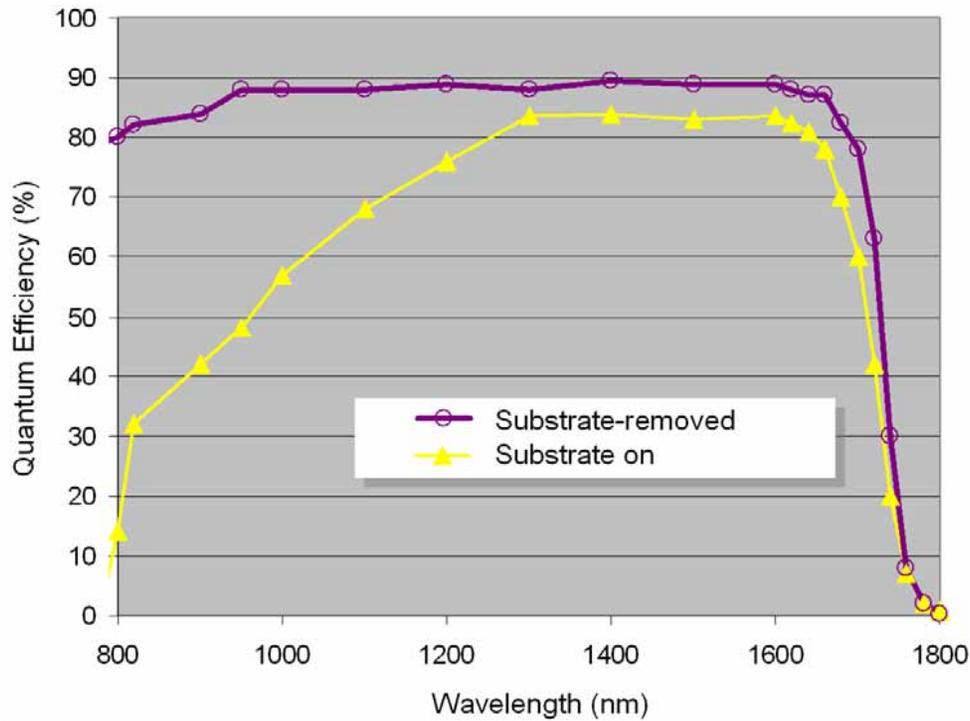
1.7 μm cutoff, substrate **on**



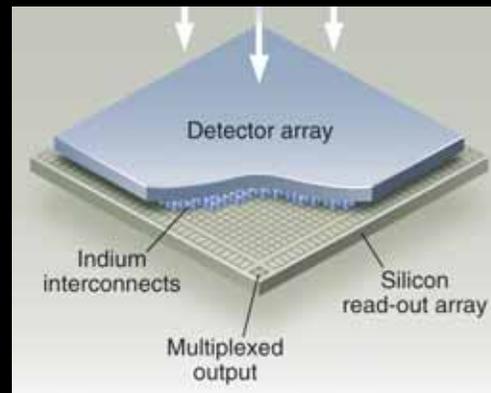
1.7 μm cutoff, substrate **off**

Substrate Removal allows HgCdTe to detect UV and Visible Light

Quantum Efficiency of 1.7 micron HgCdTe at 145K

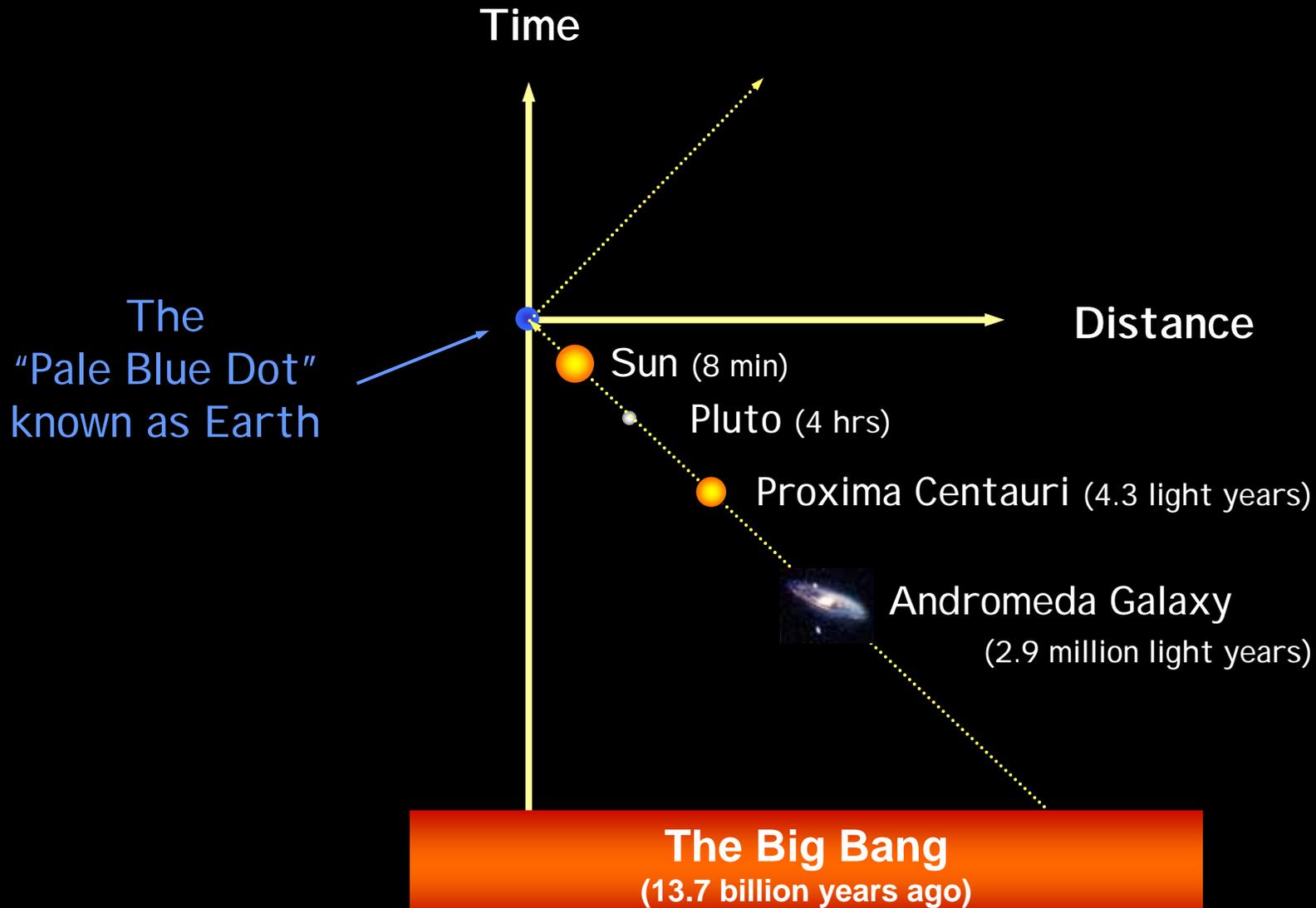


Quantum Efficiency of 2.3 micron HgCdTe



Astronomy is a Time Machine

Thank heavens for the finite speed of light





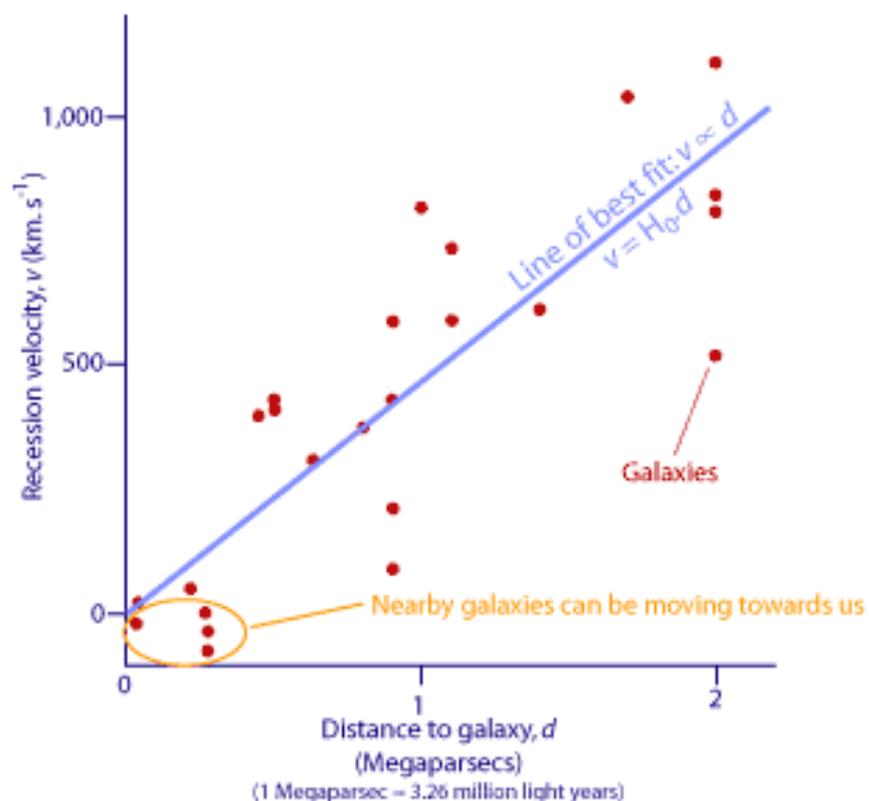
Edwin Hubble
1889 – 1953

Worked at Mt. Wilson
1919 - 1953

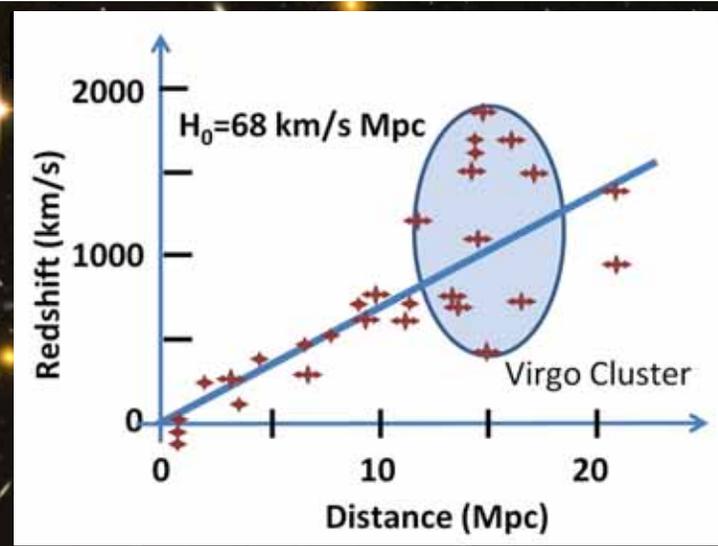


Mt Wilson 100-inch telescope
(completed 1916)

Hubble's Plot of Galaxy Velocity & Distance



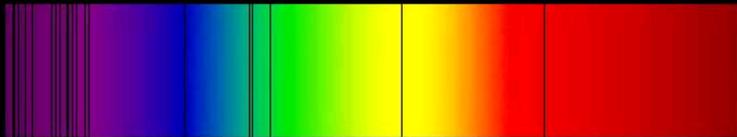
Albert Einstein & Edwin Hubble
Mt. Wilson 100-inch telescope
(1931)



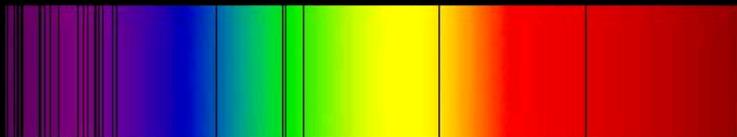
Redshift (z) due to Expansion of the Universe

$$z = \frac{\lambda_{\text{obsv}} - \lambda_{\text{emit}}}{\lambda_{\text{emit}}}$$

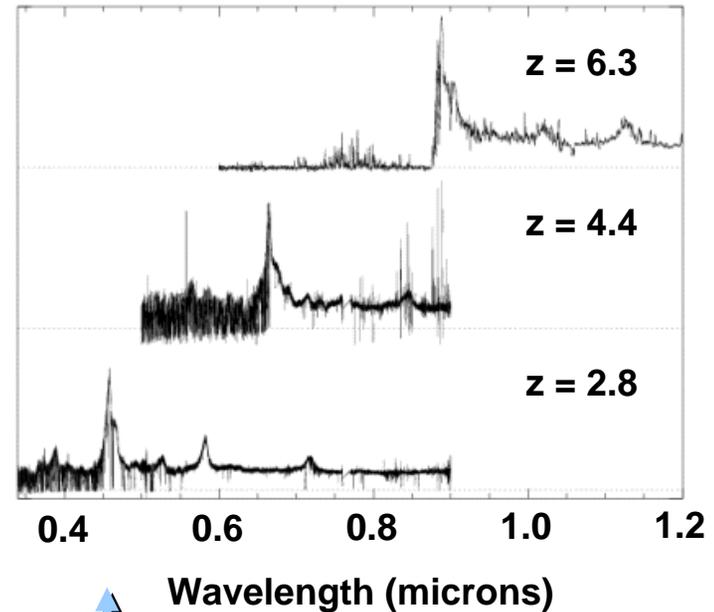
Absorption Lines from our Sun



Absorption Lines from a supercluster of galaxies, BAS11
 $v = 0.07c$, $d = 1$ billion light years

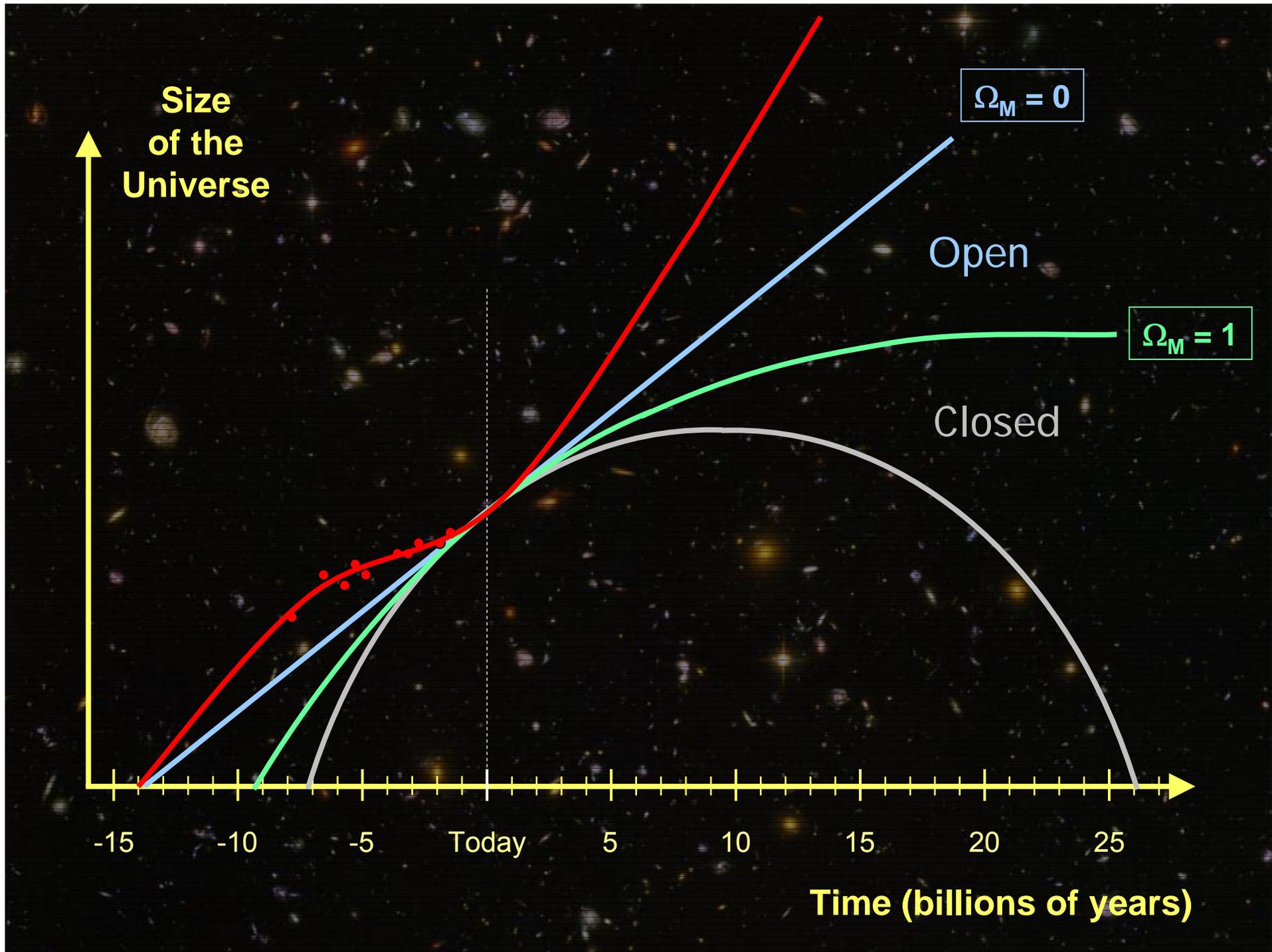


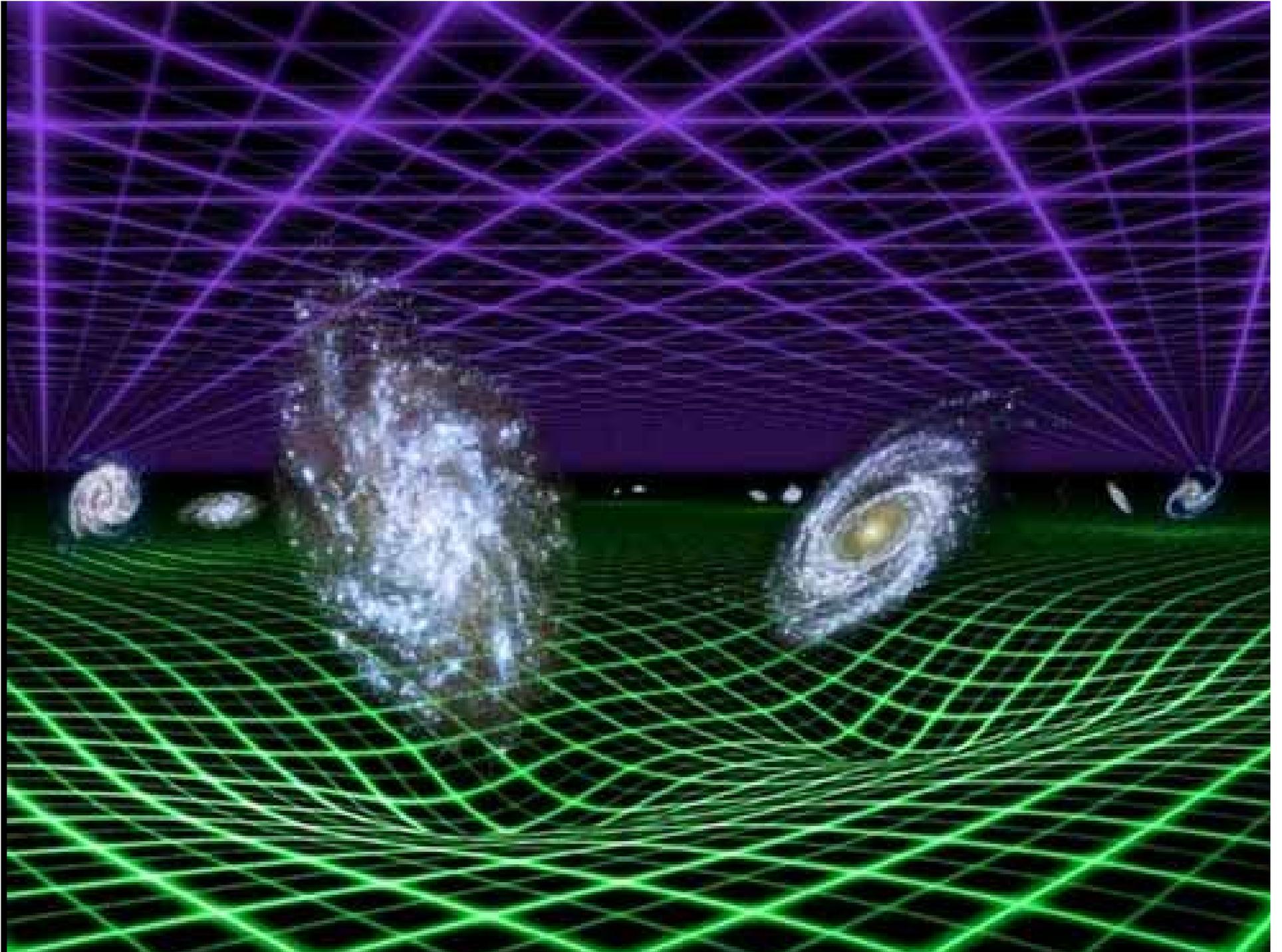
Cosmological Redshift of Quasar Spectra



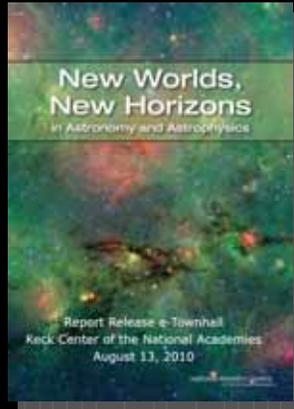
Lyman Alpha emission of hydrogen
1216Å in rest frame

The distant universe is an infrared universe

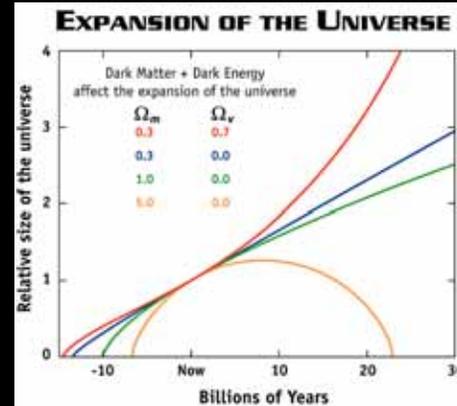




Dark Energy Missions



The Decadal Review ranked Dark Energy as the #1 priority for NASA's next major space astronomy mission



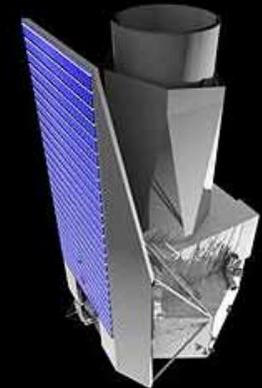
2011 Nobel Prize in Physics



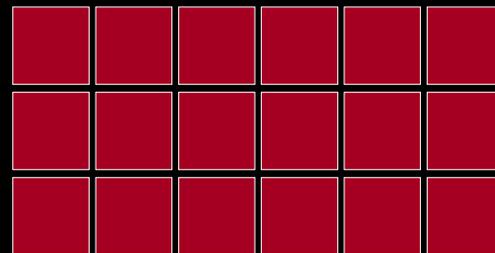
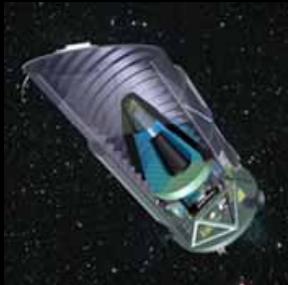
Euclid dark energy mission



- **Euclid selected by ESA for 2019 launch!**
- **Teledyne's H2RG IR detector and SIDECAR ASIC are baseline for the infrared instrument**



WFIRST – Wide Field Infrared Survey Telescope



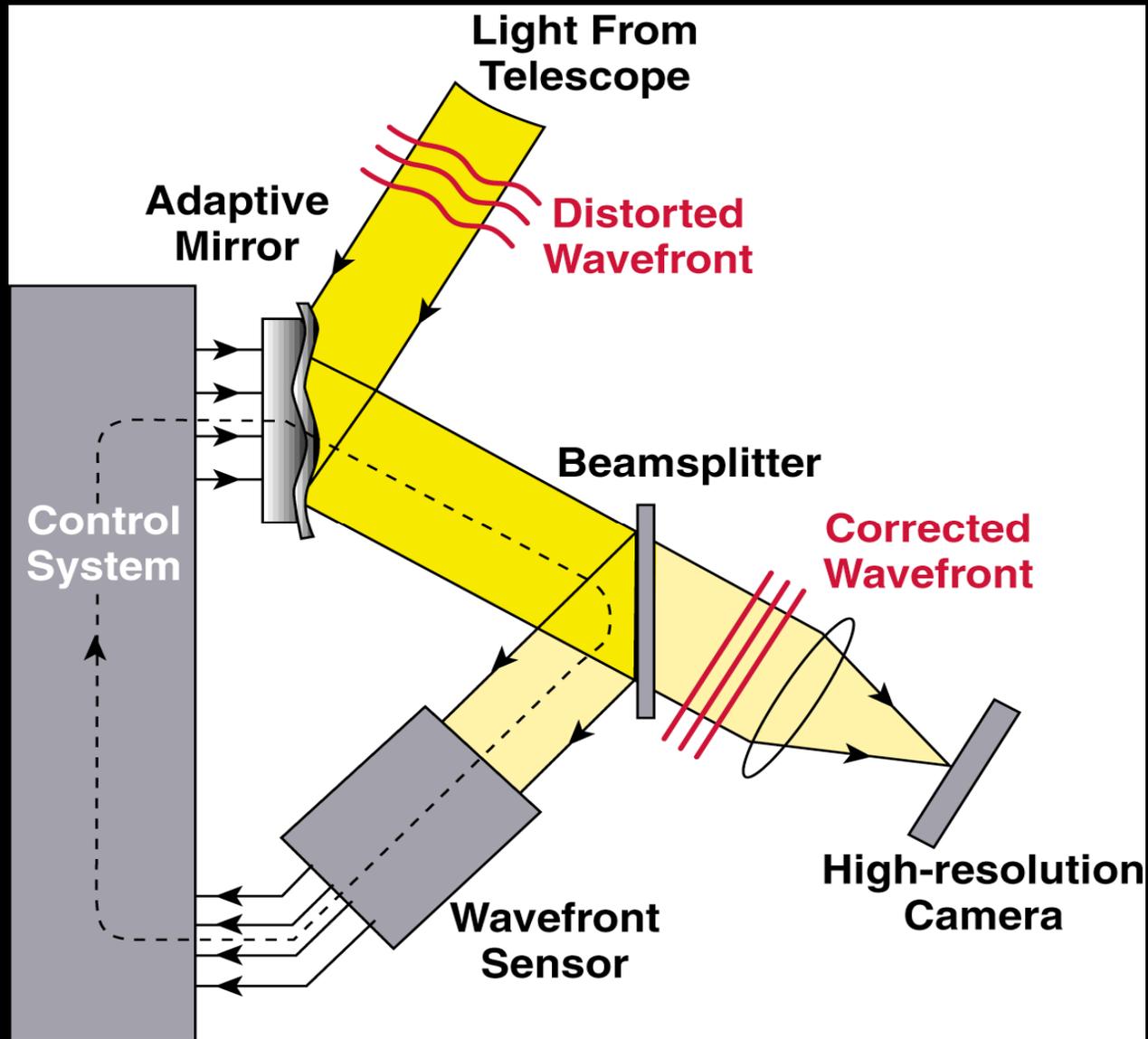
Eighteen
2K×2K arrays
75 Mpixel mosaic



Mauna Kea, Hawai'i
The Northern Hemisphere's best astronomical site

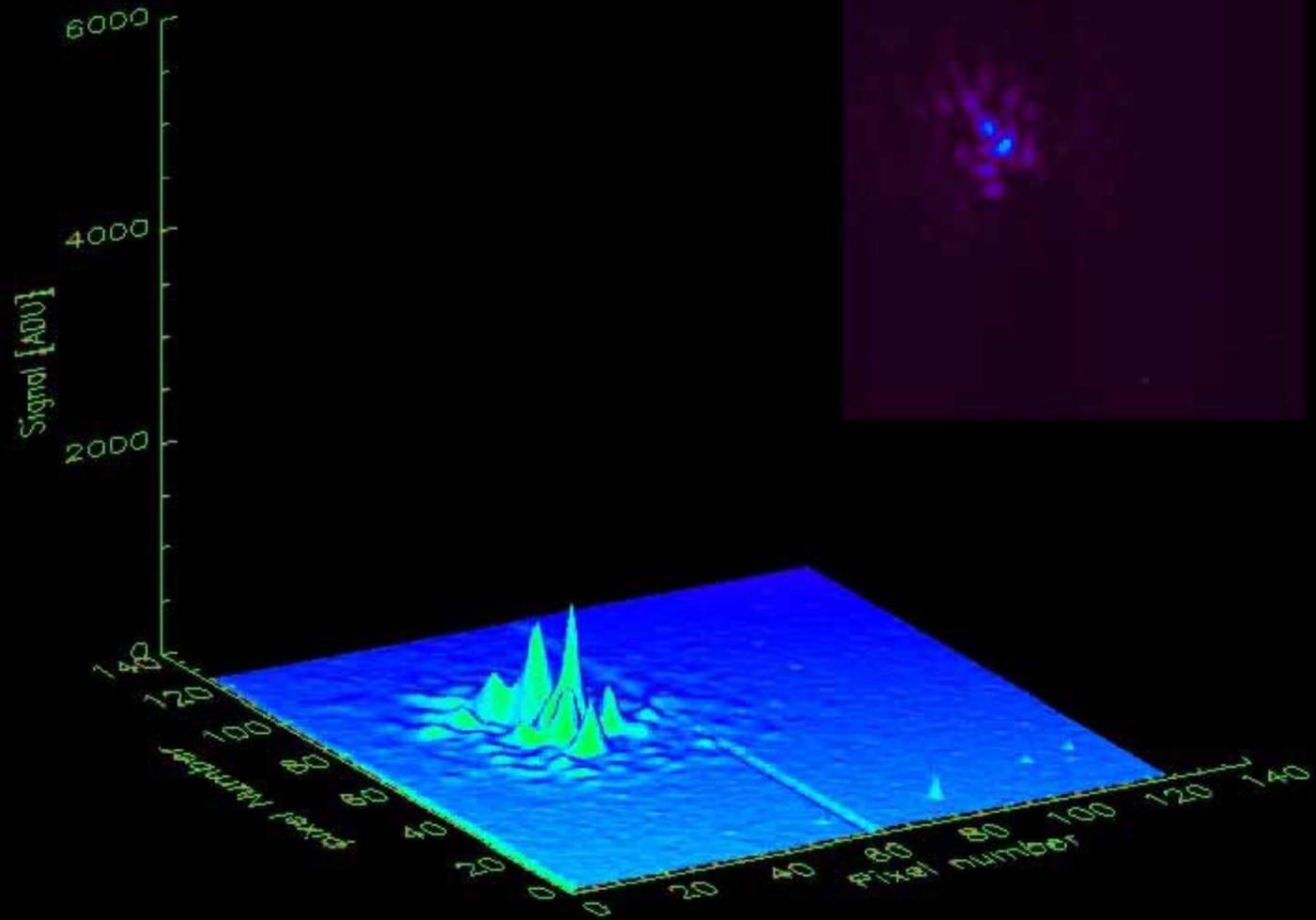


Simplified AO system diagram



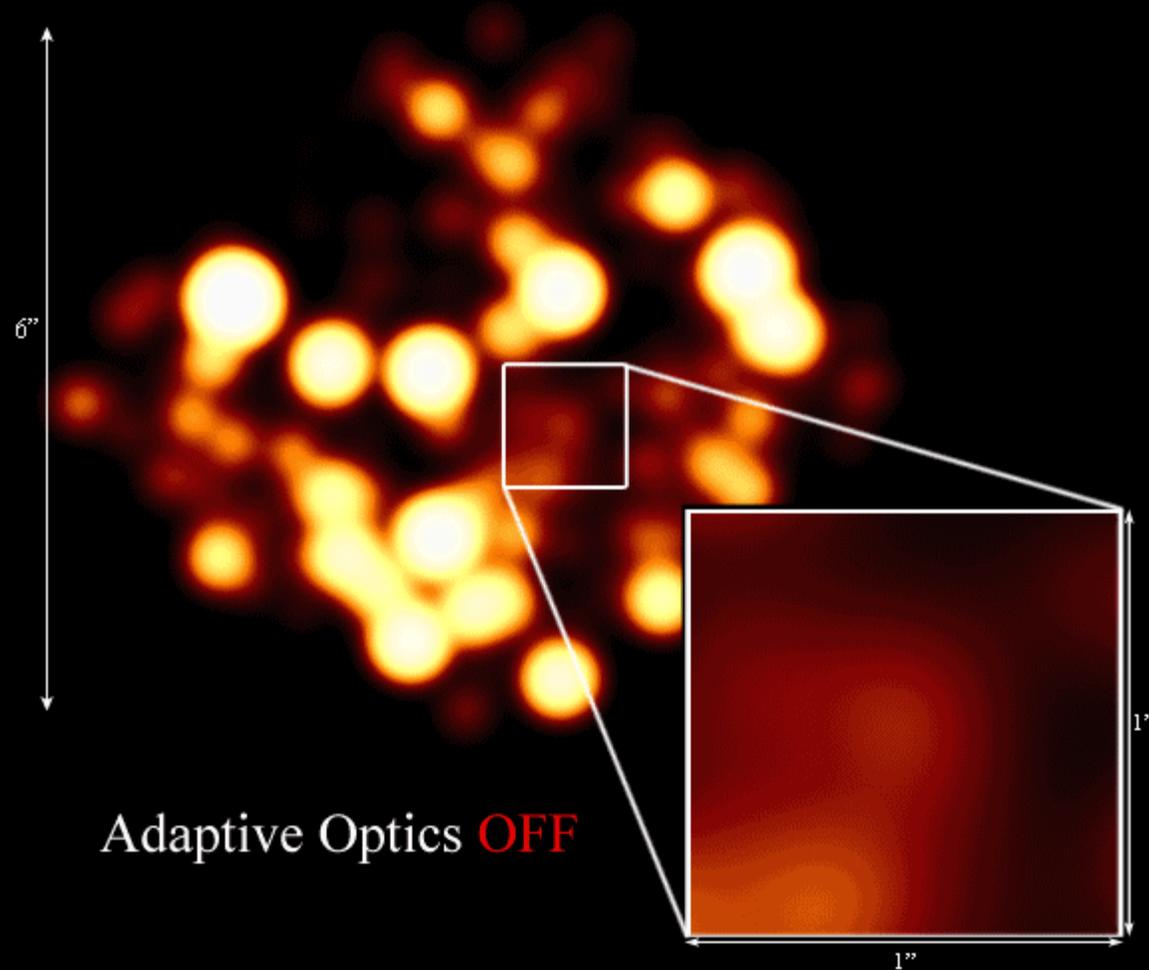


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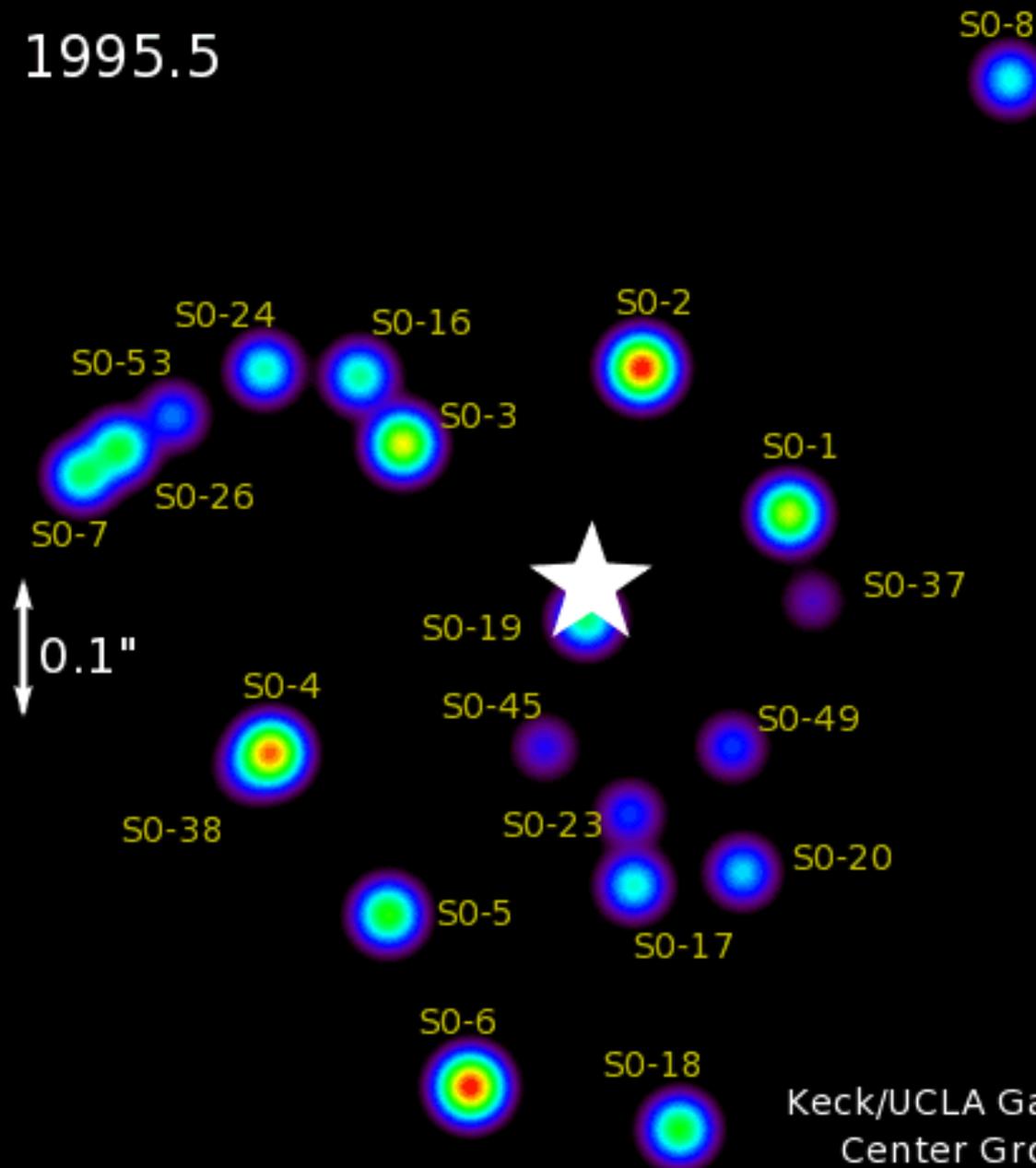


Imaging the galactic center

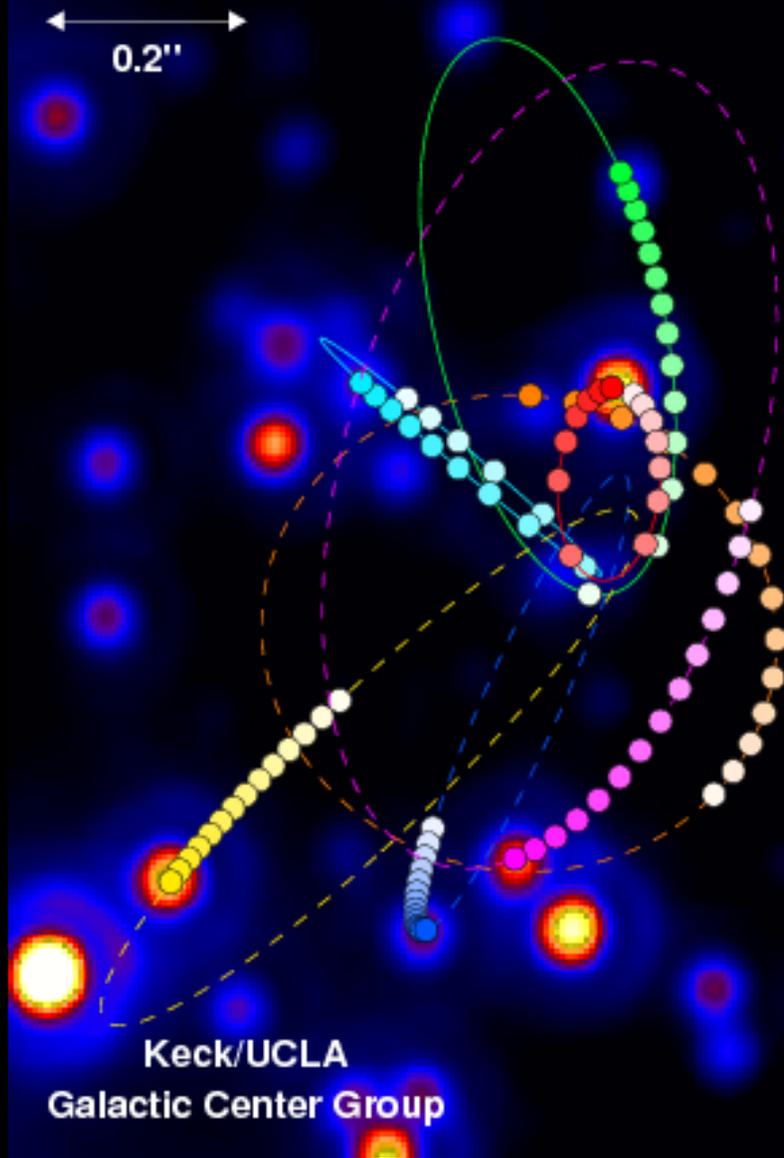
The Galactic Center at 2.2 microns



1995.5



Keck/UCLA Galactic
Center Group



Andrea Ghez
University of California,
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Reinhard Genzel
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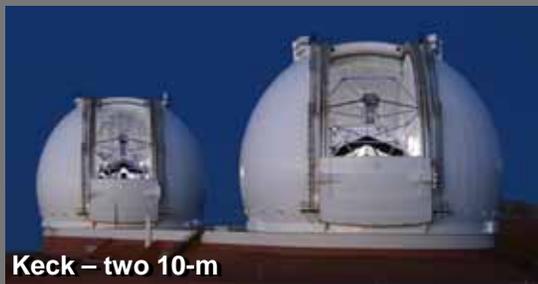
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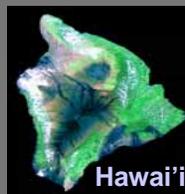


Mass of black hole at center of the Milky Way = 4.1 ± 0.6 million solar masses

2011 - 17 telescopes with 6.5-meter aperture or larger



Keck – two 10-m



Hawai'i



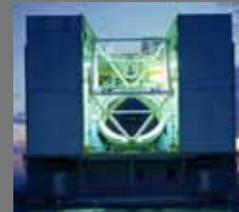
HET 9.2-m (effective)



Texas



LBT – twin 8.4-m



MMT 6.5-m



Arizona



Grantecan 10.4-m



Canary Islands



Subaru 8.2-m



Gemini 8-m



ESO VLT – four 8.2-m



Gemini 8-m



Chile



Carnegie Magellan – two 6.5-m

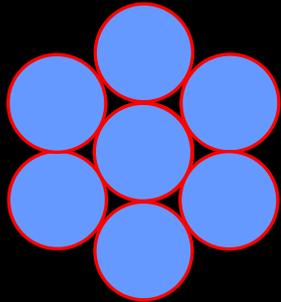
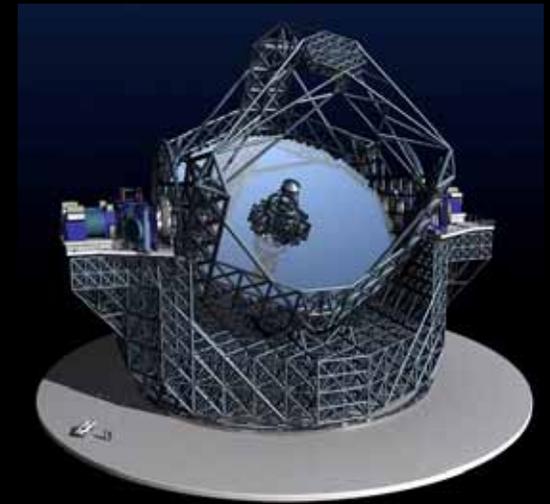
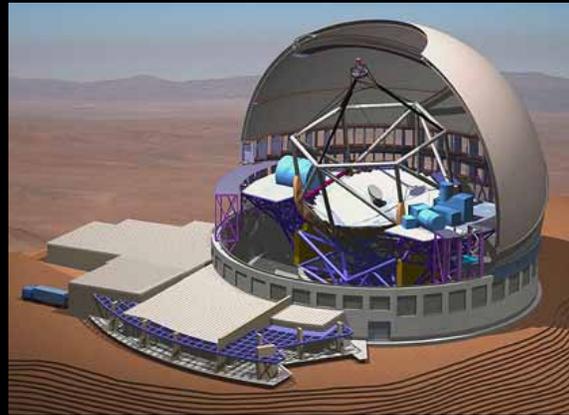


SALT 10-m (eff.)



South Africa

The era of the Extremely Large Telescopes (ELTs) is imminent



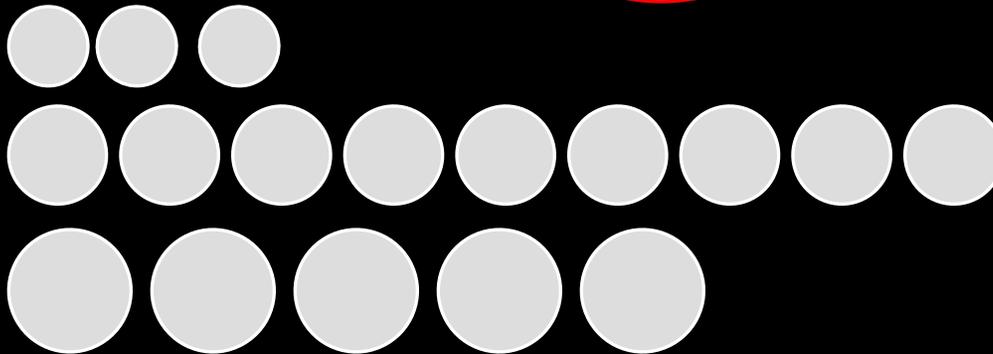
Giant Magellan
Telescope
GMT
24.5-m
359 m²

Thirty Meter
Telescope
TMT
30-m
707 m²

European Extremely
Large Telescope
E-ELT
39-m
1194 m²

Existing Large
Telescopes
944 m² of
collecting area

- 3 6.5-m
- 9 8-m
- 5 10-m



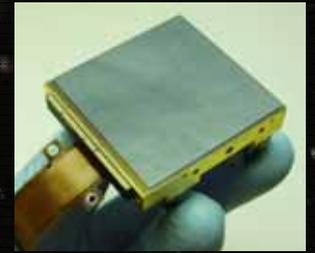
HgCdTe Sensors for Astronomy

State-of-the-art

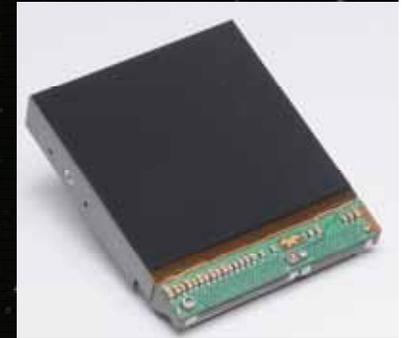
- Large format
 - 2048×2048 pixels is standard
 - 4096×4096 pixels is in development
- Quantum efficiency
 - 70-90% over wide bandpass; UV through infrared
- Noise
 - Dark current can be made negligible with cooling
 - Readout noise as low as 2-3 electrons with multiple sampling
 - Dynamic range (full well / total noise) of ~10,000 for the best sensors



Raytheon VIRGO 2Kx2K



Teledyne H2RG 2Kx2K

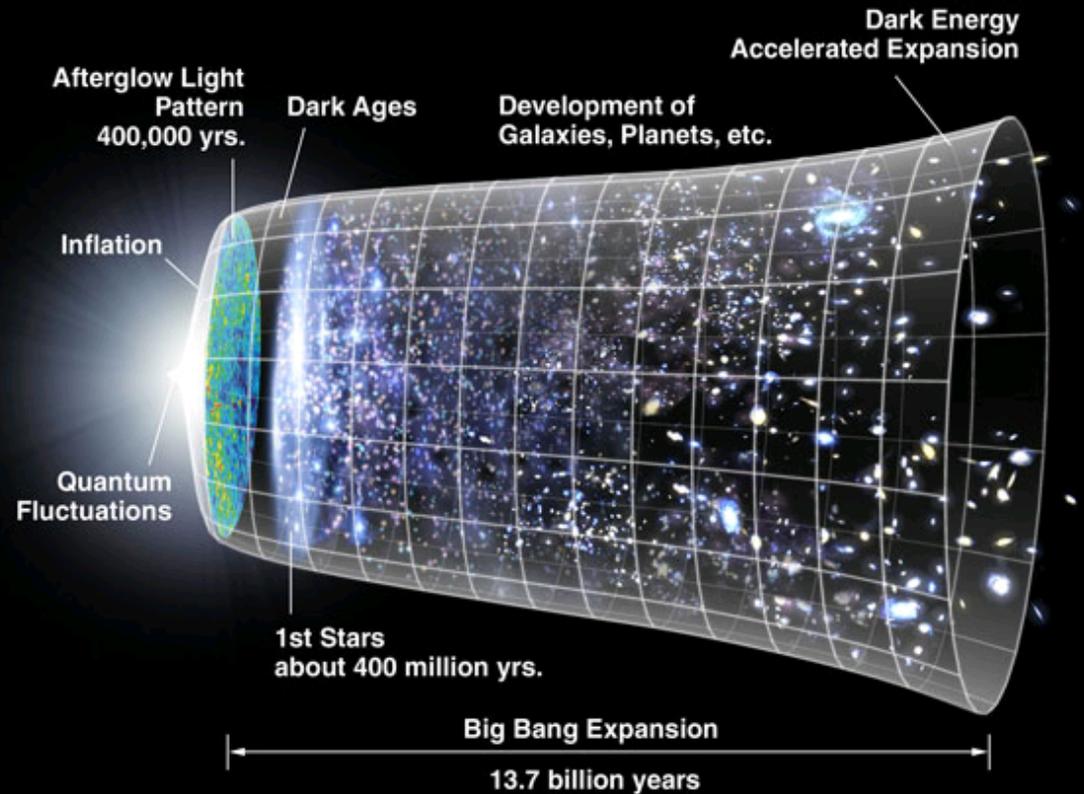


Teledyne H4RG-15 4Kx4K

- What astronomers want to be improved in HgCdTe sensors
 - Latency / Persistence: 0.1% degrades science
 - Operability: 95% to 99% specs set by cost
 - LWIR Producibility: LWIR more difficult, with lower yield
 - High speed, low noise: 500 Hz frame rate, 128², 3 e- noise
 - Cost: IR detectors are ~10× visible CCDs

Future Astronomy Discoveries to be made by II-VI materials

- Understand the end of the dark ages
- Determine how galaxies evolve
- Solve the mysteries of dark matter and dark energy



- Find and study planets in the habitable zone around other stars



- Find the killer asteroid before it hits the Earth !



Thank you for your attention



Teledyne

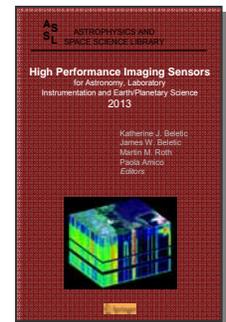
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- Status and plans for astronomical facilities and instrumentation (ground & space)
- Laboratory instrumentation (physical chemistry, synchrotrons, etc.)
- Earth and Planetary Science missions and instrumentation
- Detector materials (from Si and HgCdTe to strained layer superlattices)
- Sensor architectures – CCD, monolithic CMOS, hybrid CMOS
- Sensor electronics; Sensor packaging and mosaics
- Sensor testing and characterization



- No parallel sessions; poster pops ensure visibility for all papers
- Workshop proceedings distributed in electronic and hardcover versions
- Group activities: Galileo Museum visit, Florence walking tour, Workshop receptions & dinners, catered lunches
- Guest program: Experience the culture of Tuscany; join group activities
- Workshop attendance limited; early registration is recommended

Host Organizations

