







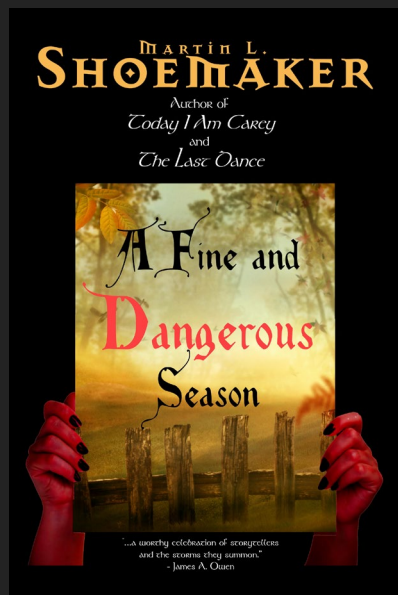
What's Up There?

Things to See in Space

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Some of My Books





If This is the Last Slide We See...

My slides are available online.
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Your questions aren't.

You're more important than me,
and your questions are more important than
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Ask! Object! Disagree! Participate!
Please!



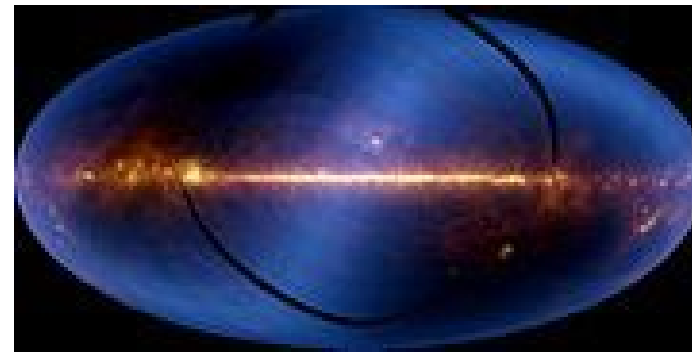
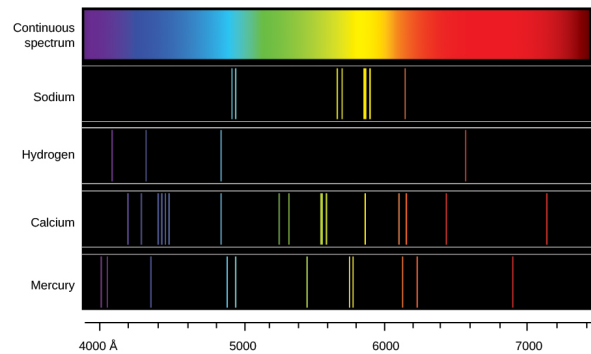
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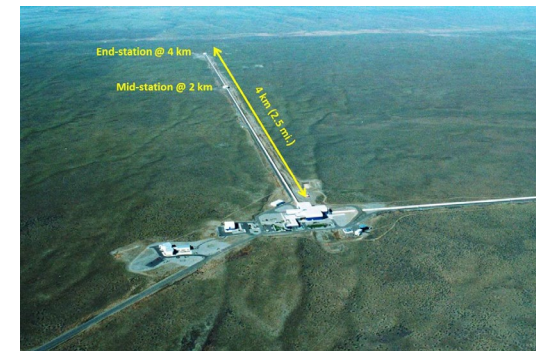
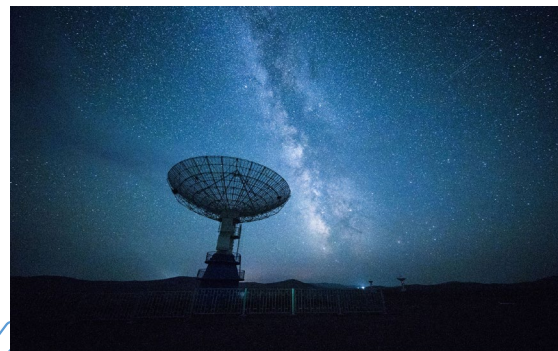
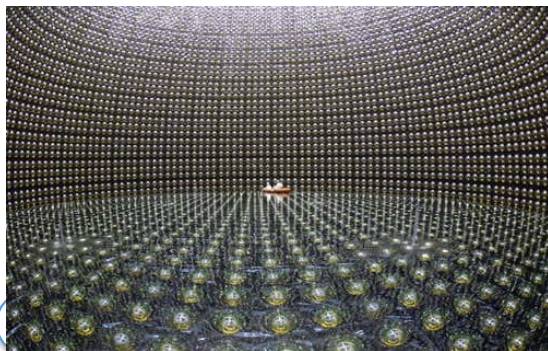
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- The universe is pretty!
- The universe is awesome!
- The universe is inspiring!
- The universe is scary!
- The universe is educational!
- The universe is a frontier!
- The universe is a clock!
- The universe is a calendar!

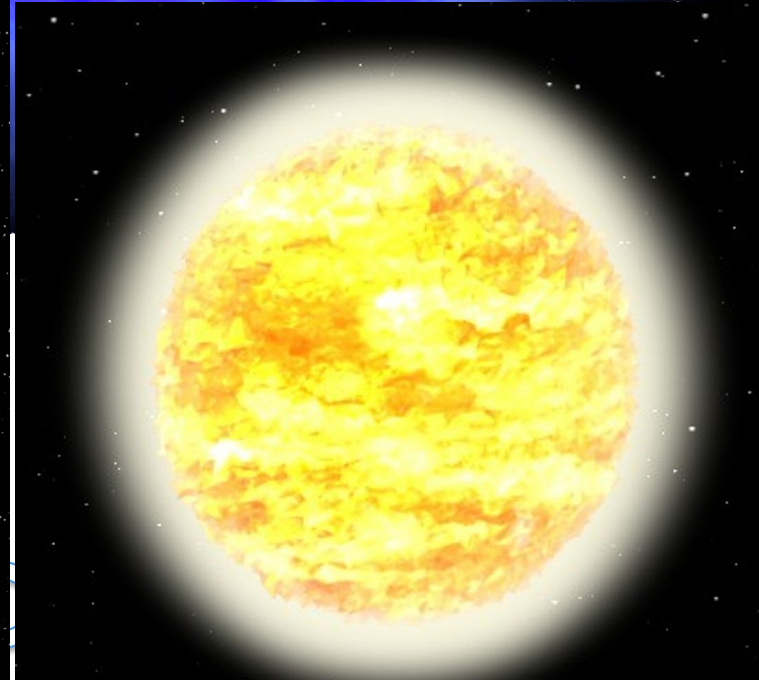
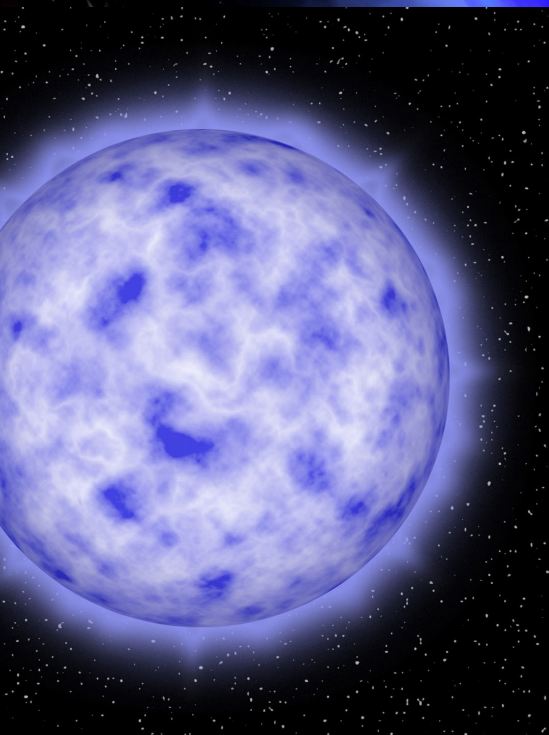
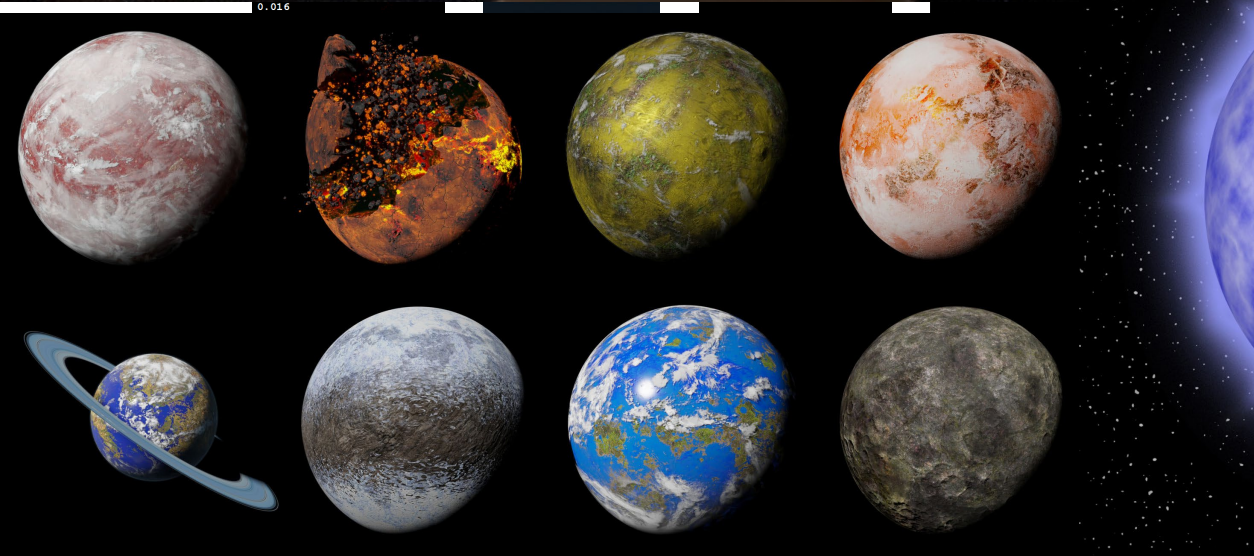
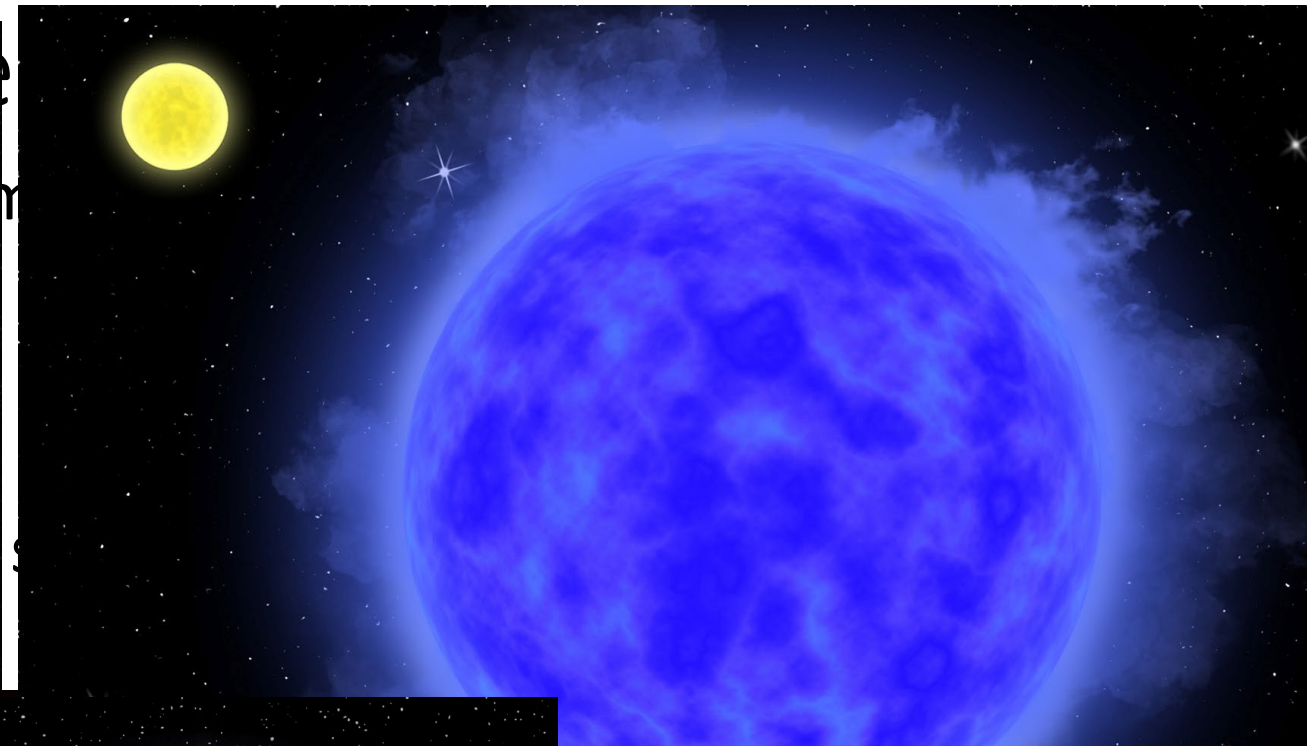




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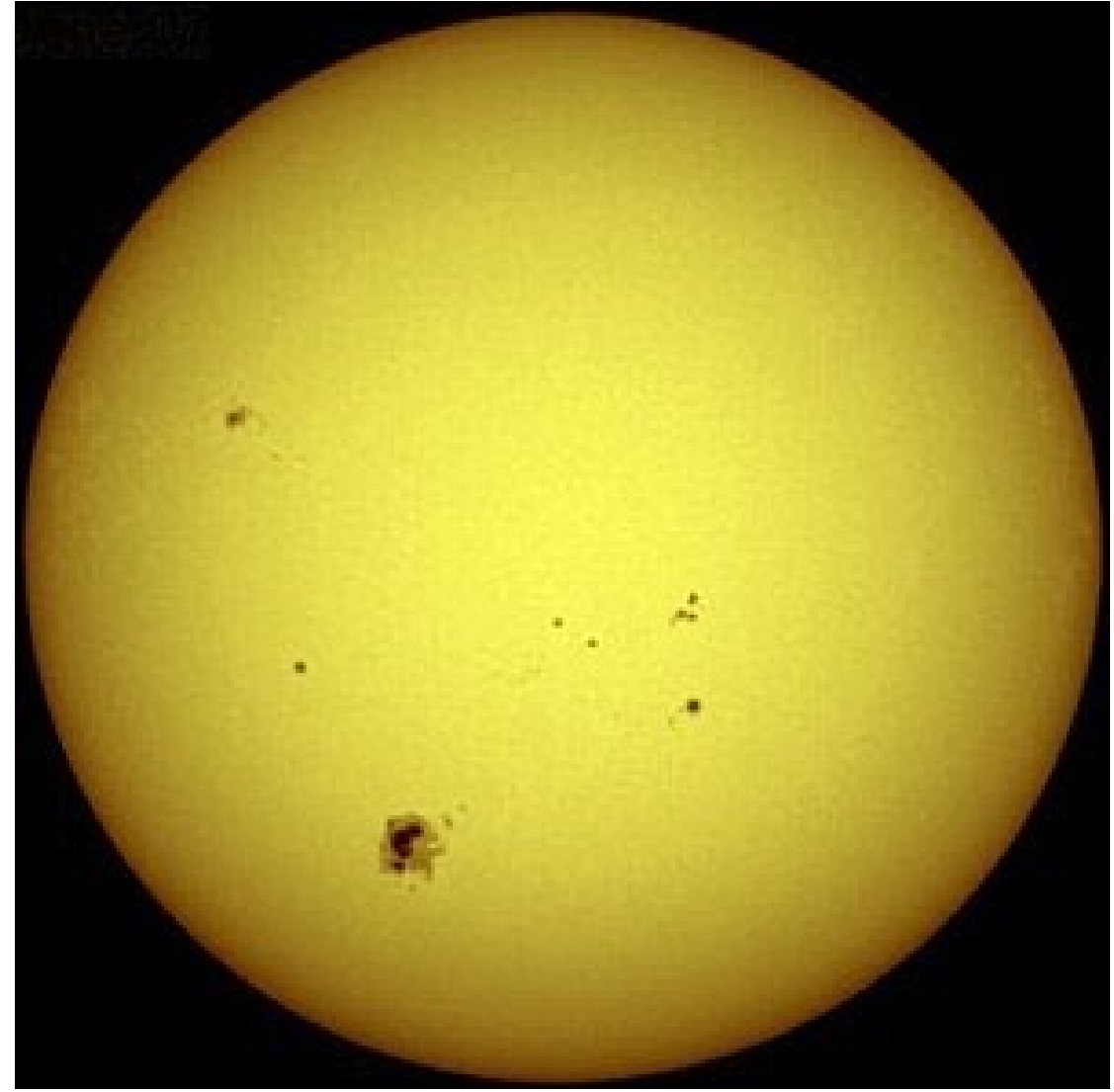
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That Big Yellow Thing in the Sky

The Sun, a.k.a. Sol

- Nearest star.
- 93 million miles/150 million km/1 Astronomical Unit (AU).
- 1.39 million km across (109 Earths).
- 1.3 million Earths in volume.
- 5,700-5 million degrees Kelvin at surface.
- Sunspots.
- Solar flares.
- The Solar Wind.
- Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs).



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Earth and Our Atmosphere

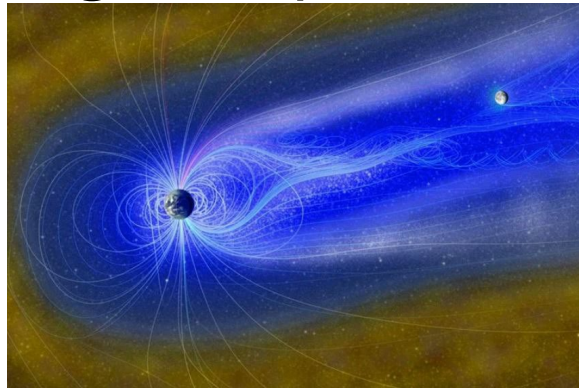
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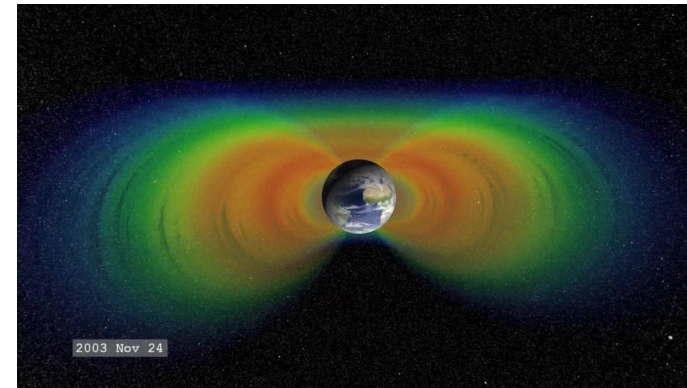
- Auroras.



- Magnetosphere.



- Van Allen Radiation Belts.



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LEO: Low Earth Orbit

- 200-1,600 km
- Travel time: 8 to 9 minutes.
 - But then why does it take so long to reach the ISS??
- Light Speed: 0.005 seconds.



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Geosynchronous

- 35,786 km
- Travel time: 5.25 hours
- Light Speed: 0.12 seconds



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The Moon

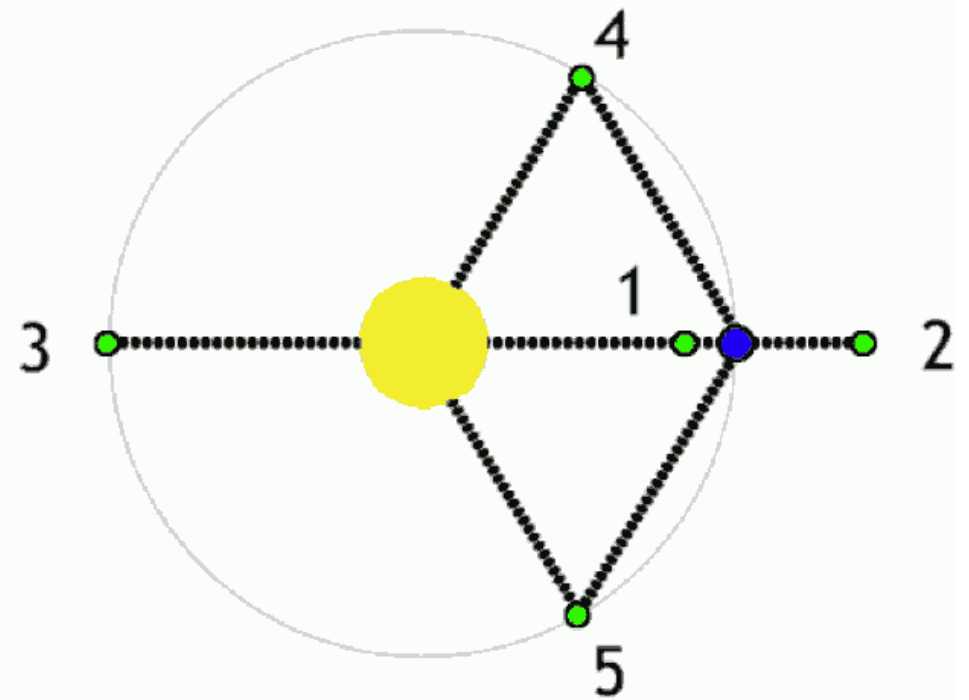
- a.k.a. Luna.
- 384,399 km from Earth.
- Travel time: 3 days
- Light speed: 1.255 seconds
- Our only natural satellite.
- Radius: 1,737.4 km (0.2727 Earth radius).
- Orbital period: 29.53 days.



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Lagrange points

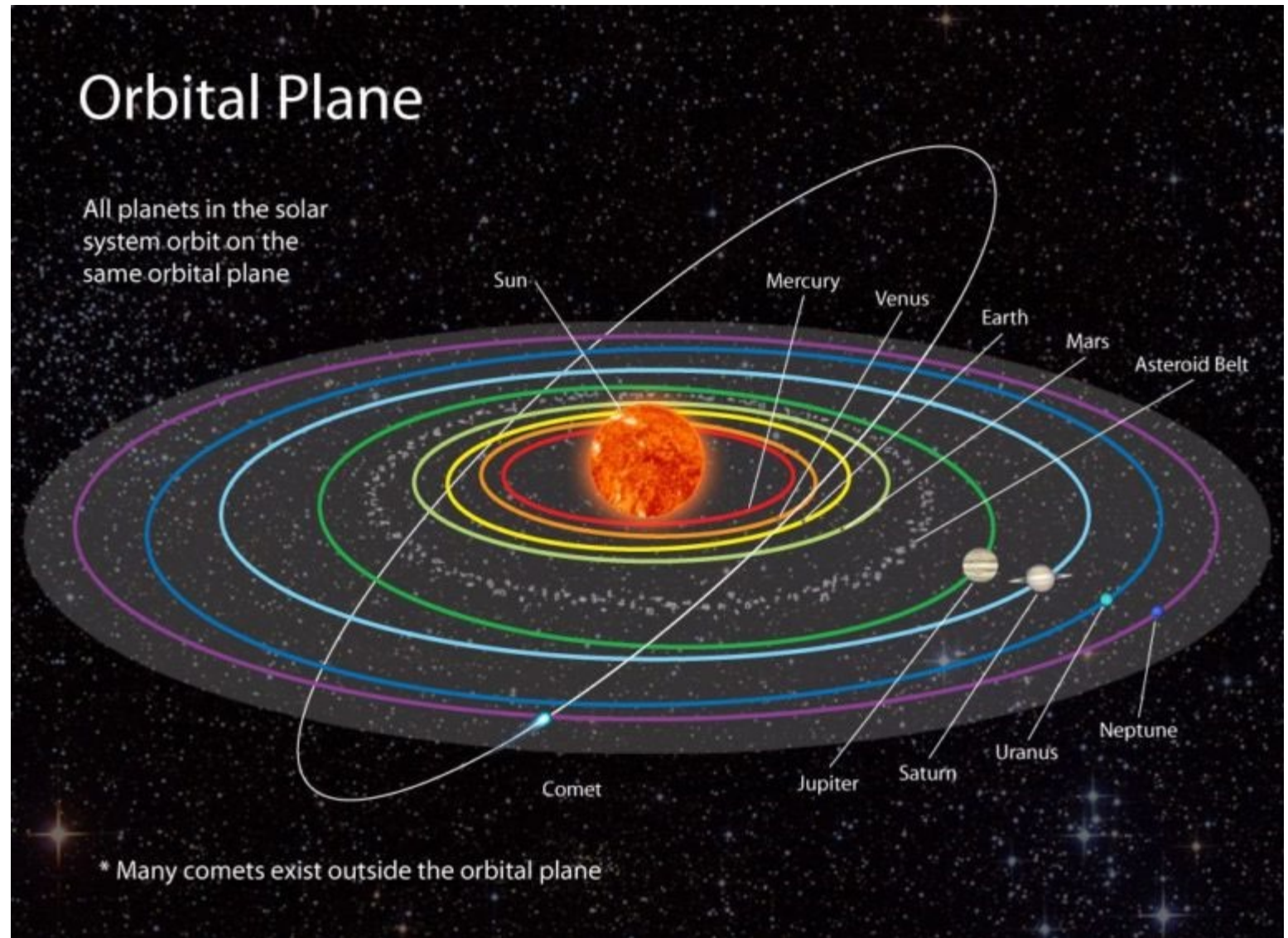
- Gravitationally stable points.
 - 1, 2, 3: Semi-stable.
 - 4, 5: Fully stable.
- Dust clouds in 4 and 5.
- Asteroids may cluster in these.



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Planets

- Large bodies.
 - Rocky spheres.
 - Gas Giants.
 - Ice Giants.
- Orbit the Sun.



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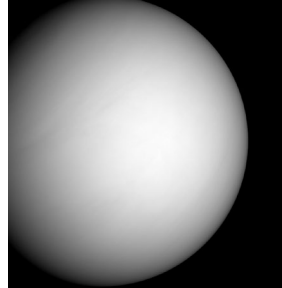
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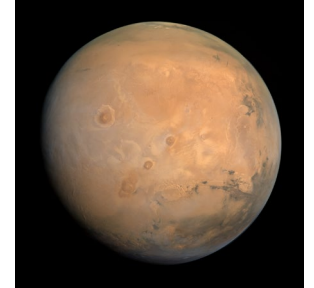
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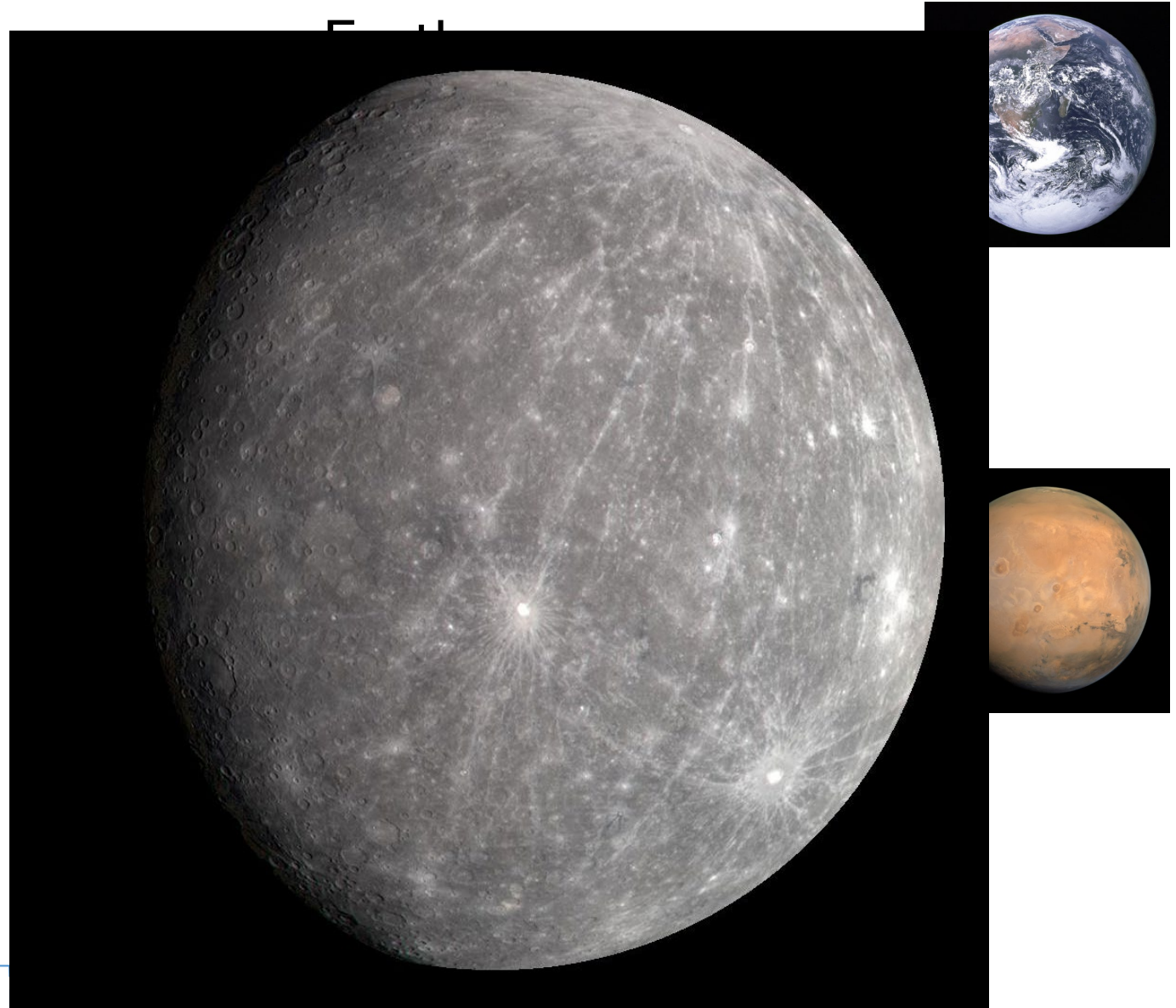
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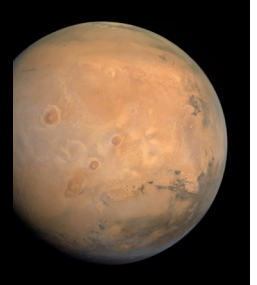
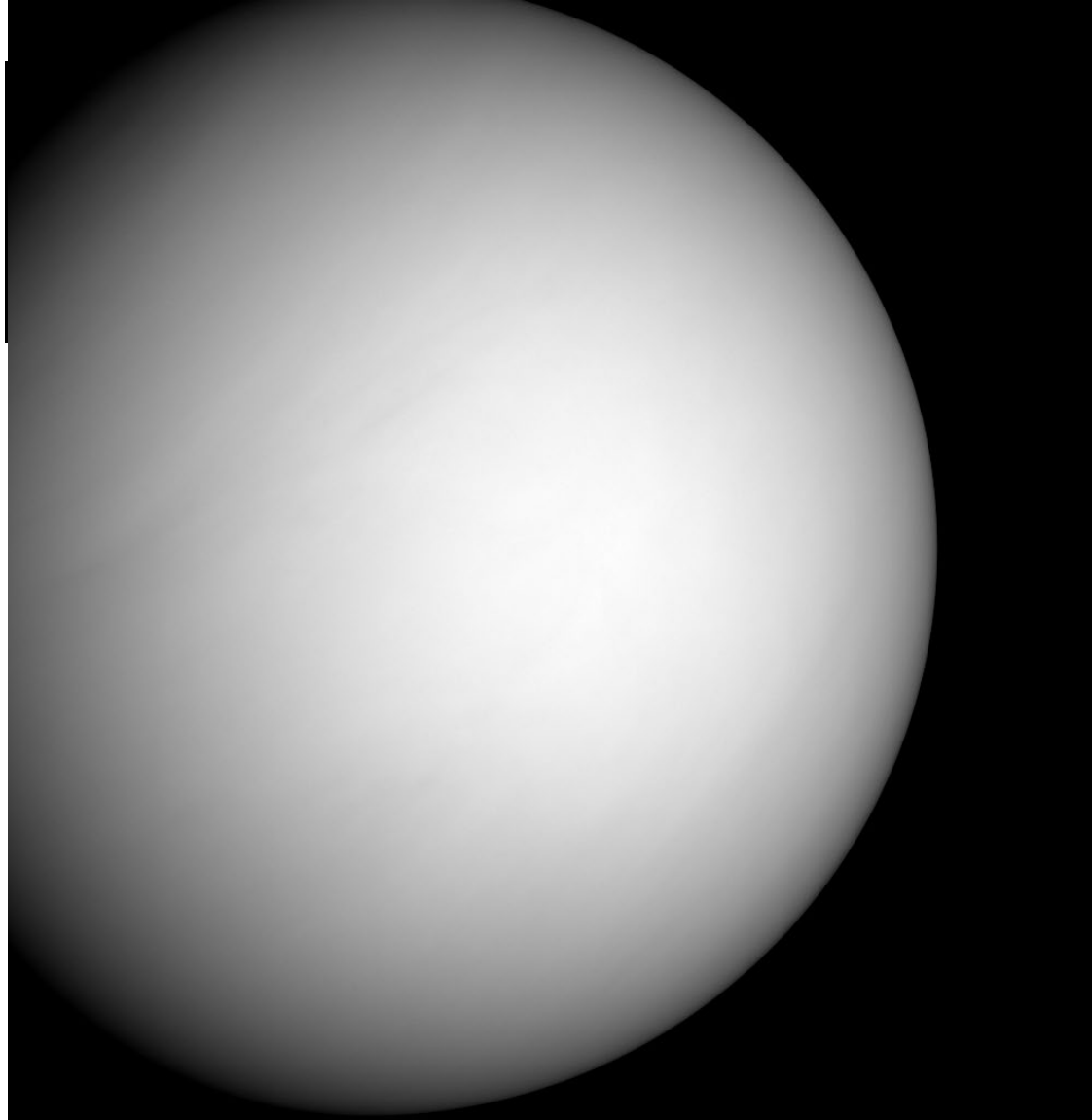
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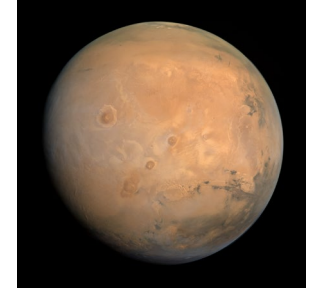


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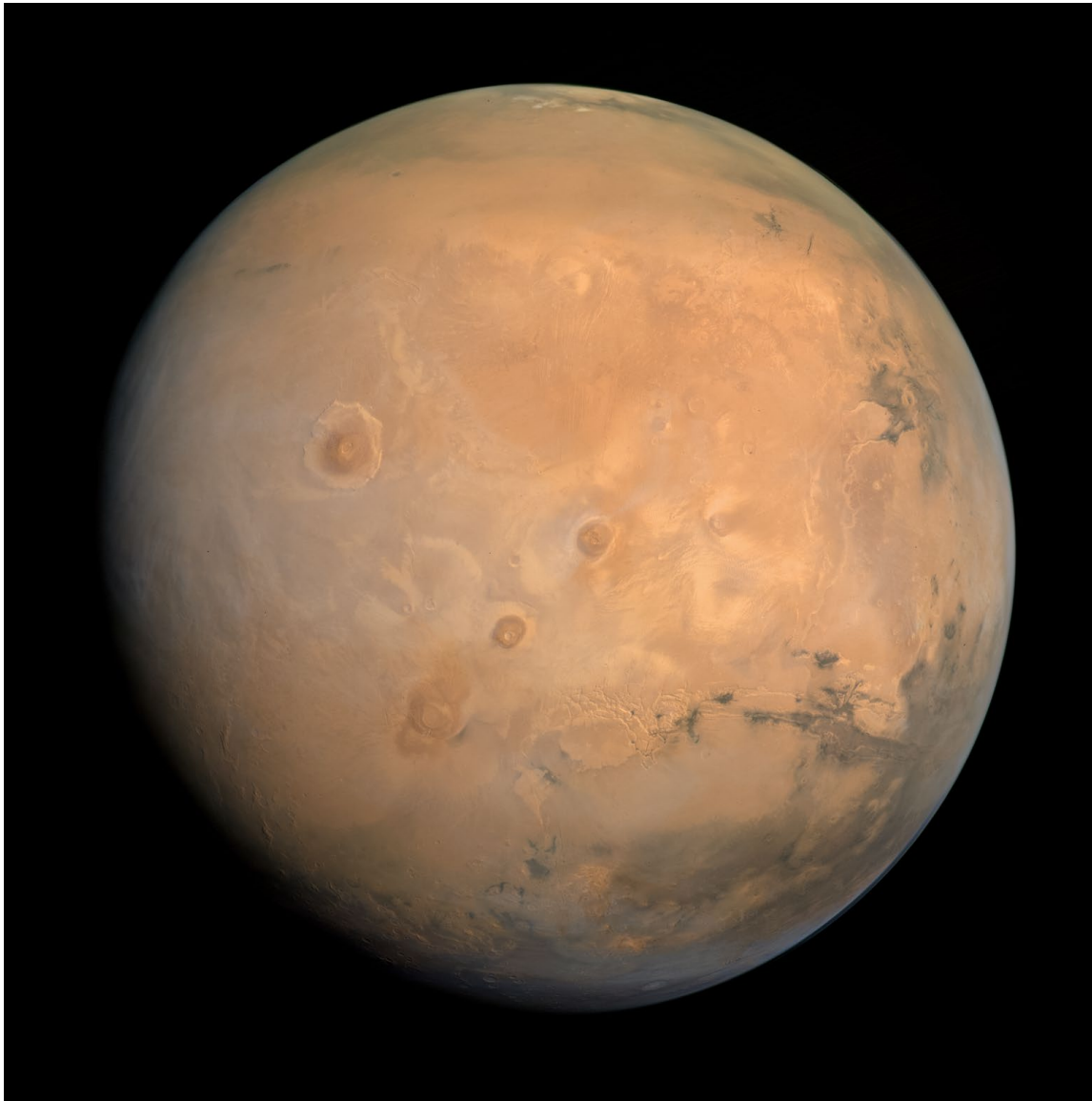
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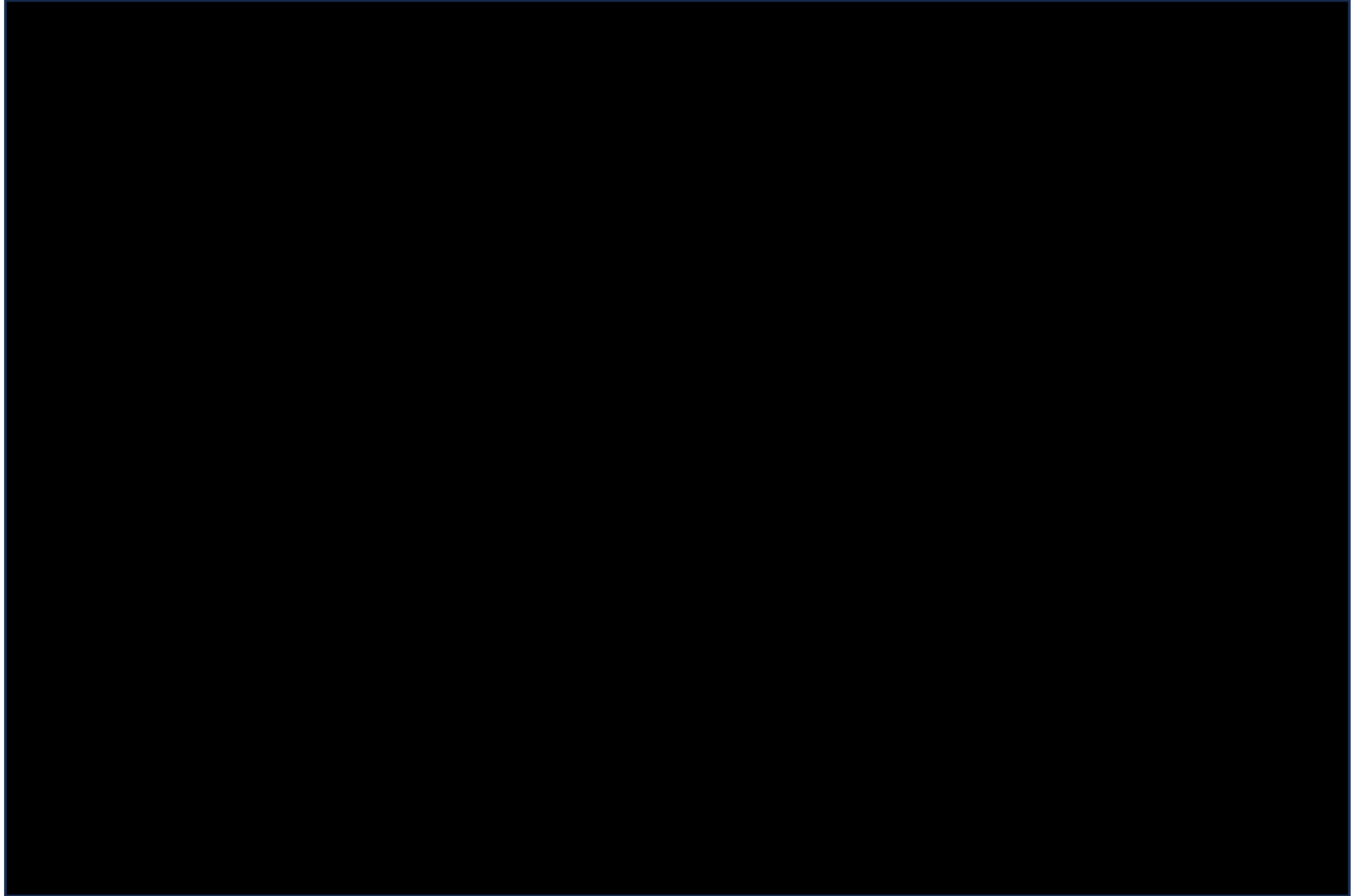


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Asteroid Belt



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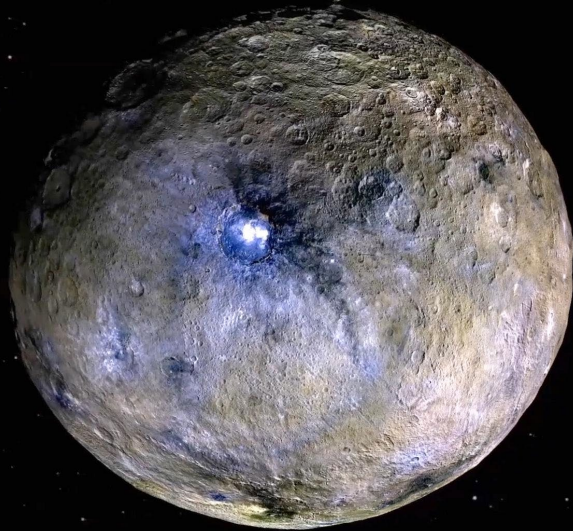
Asteroid Belt

- Sizes range from dust to dwarf planets.
 - Smallest detectable: 10 meters.
 - Largest detectable: 940 km.
- Average separation: 965,000 km.
 - 2.5 times the distance from the Earth to the Moon.

Asteroid Belt

- Ceres.

- First known and largest asteroid.
- Radius: 469.7 km.
- “Year”: 1,680 days.



- Vesta

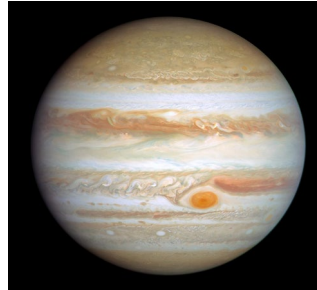
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- Radius: 262 km.
- “Year”: 1,325.86 days.



The Outer Planets

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- Gas Giant.
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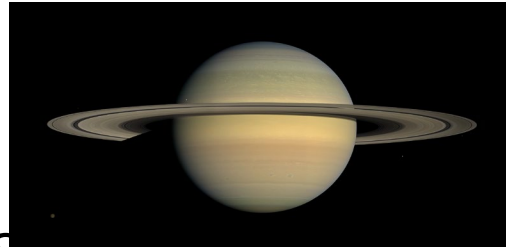
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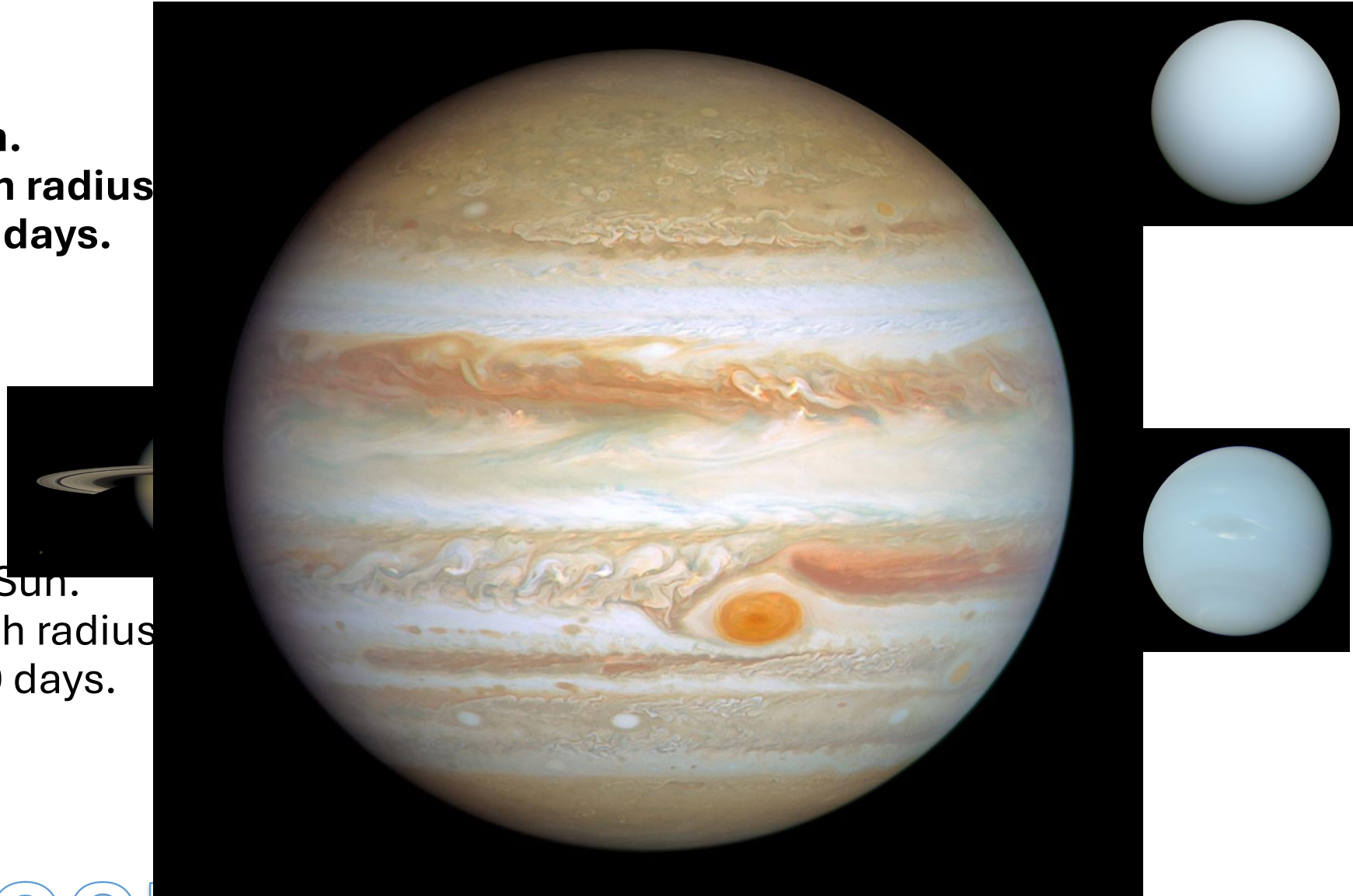
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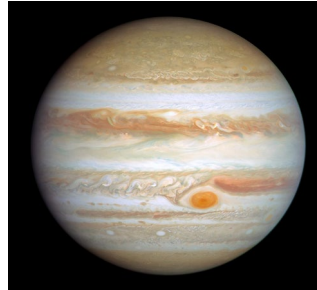


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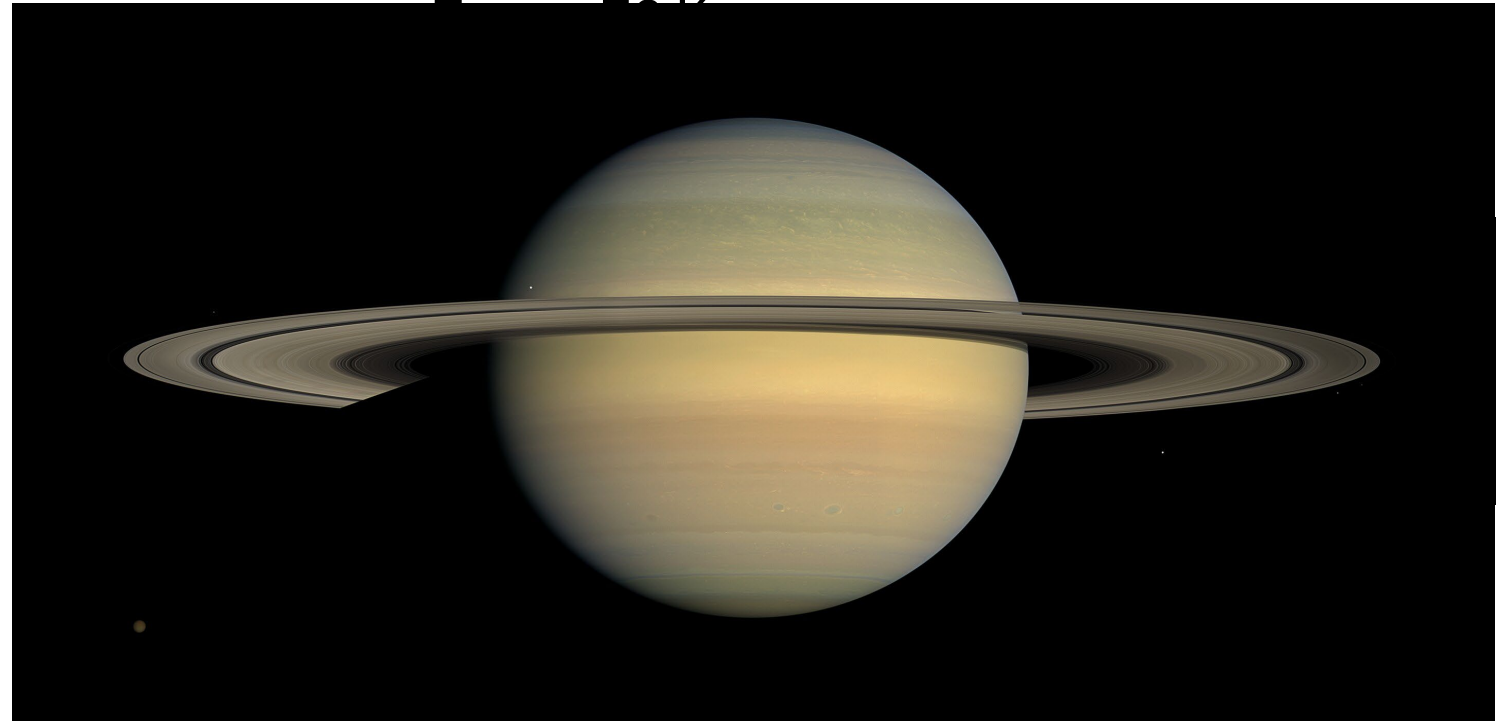
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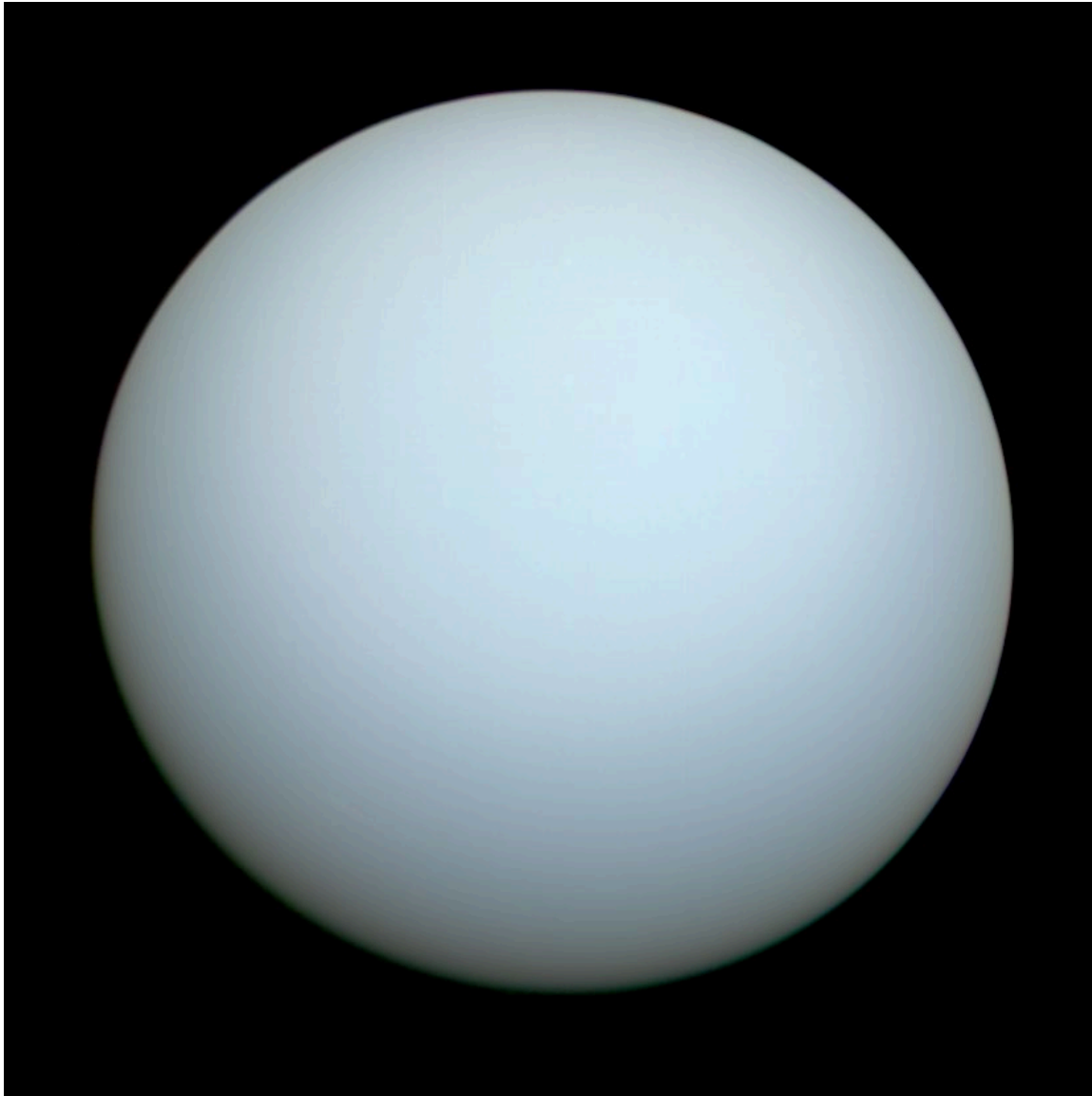
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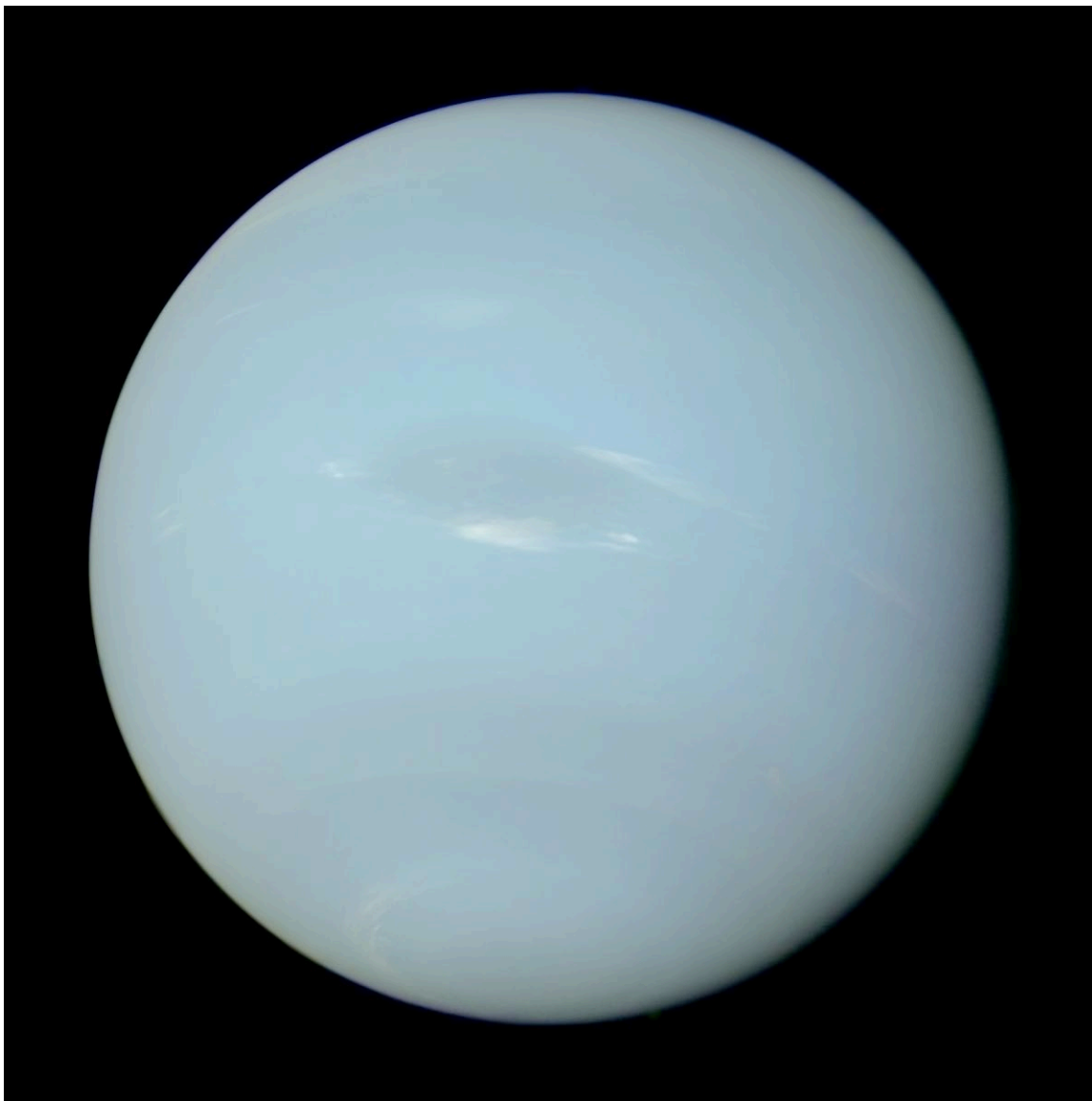
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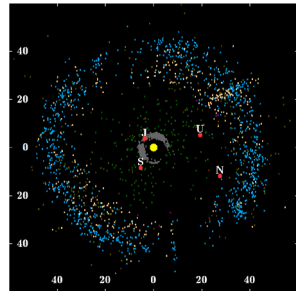
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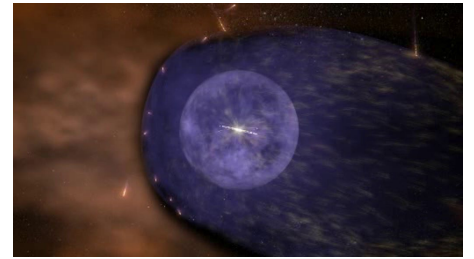
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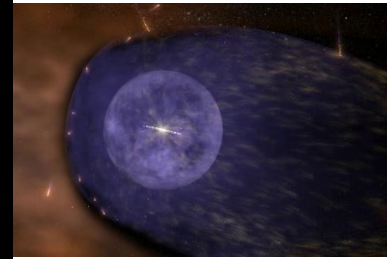
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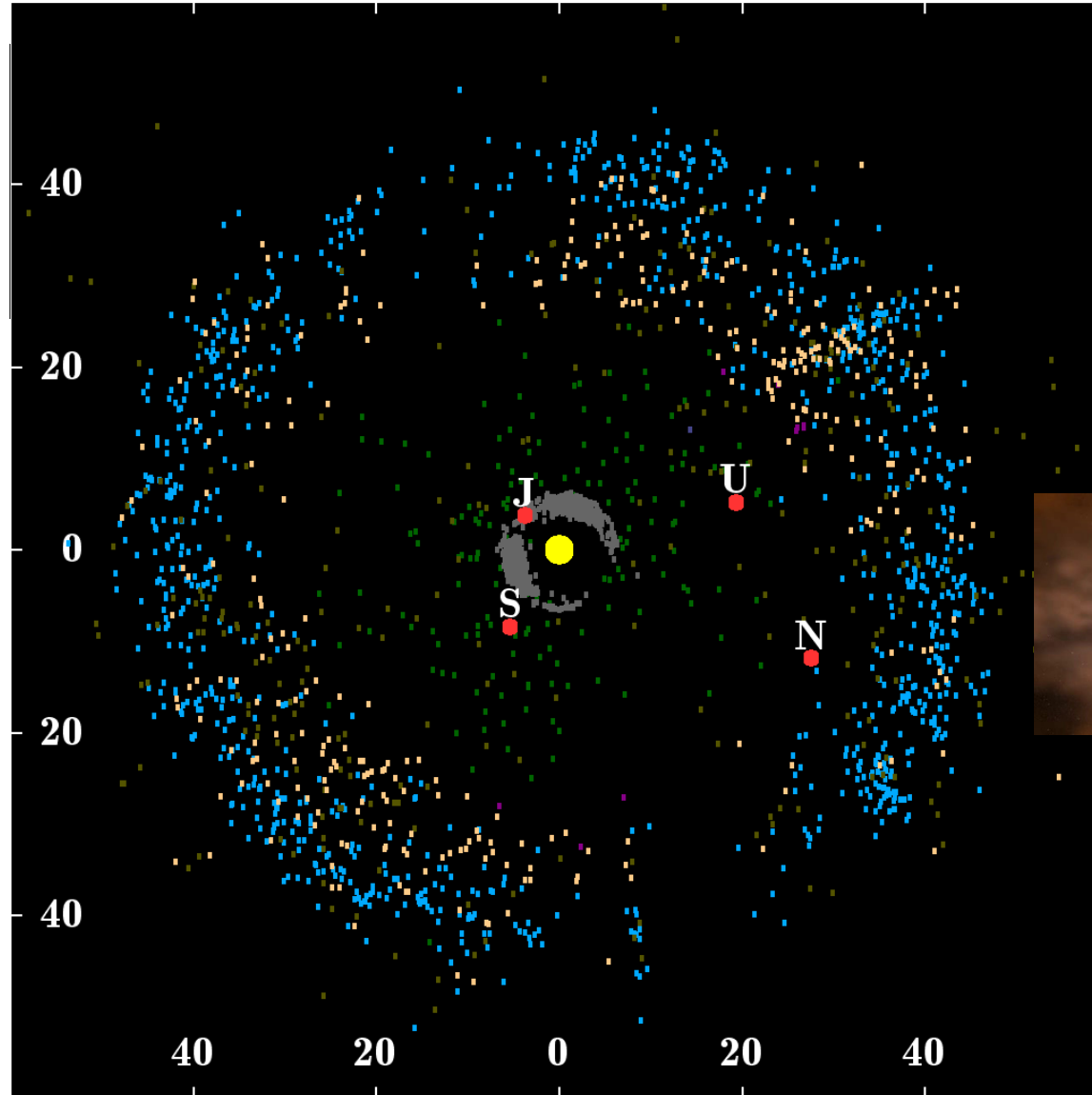
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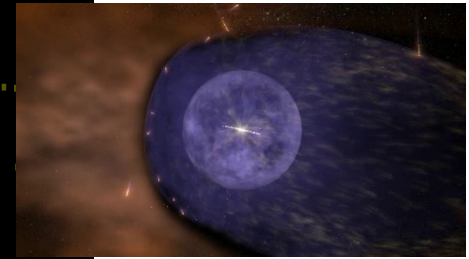
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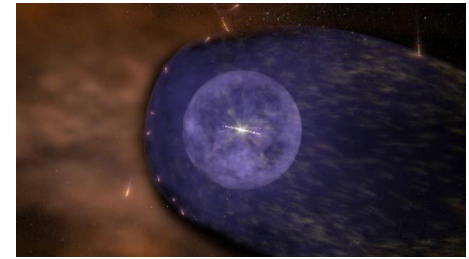


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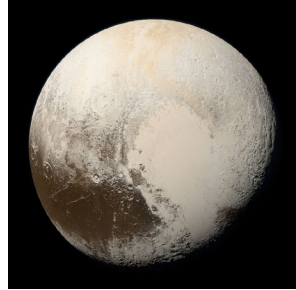


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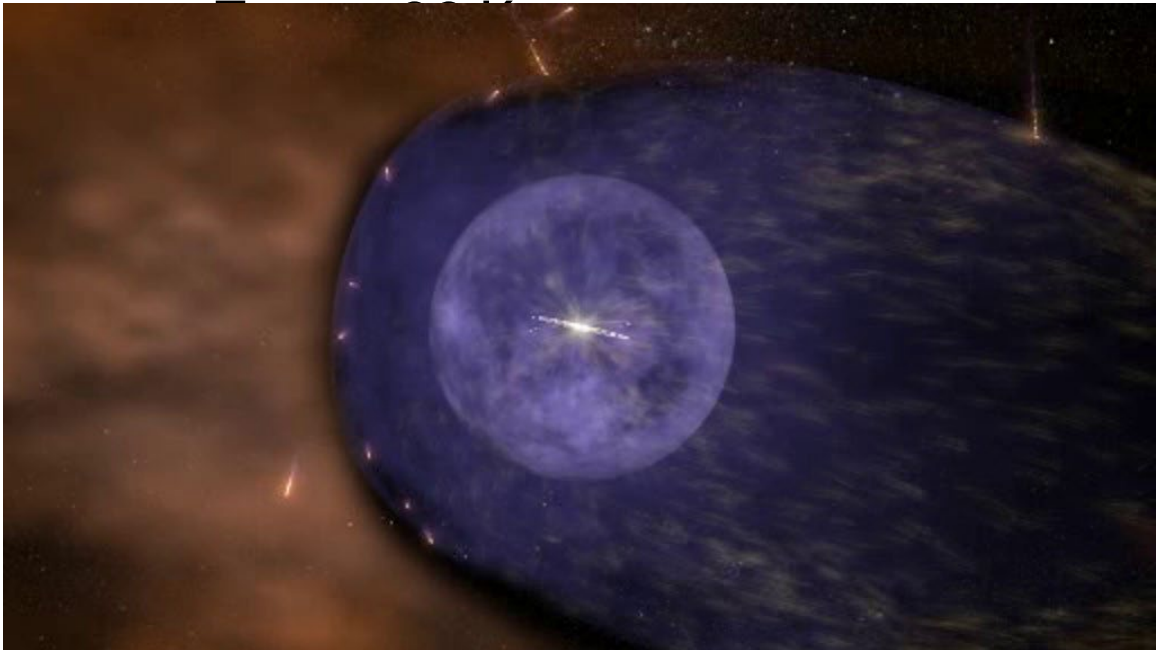
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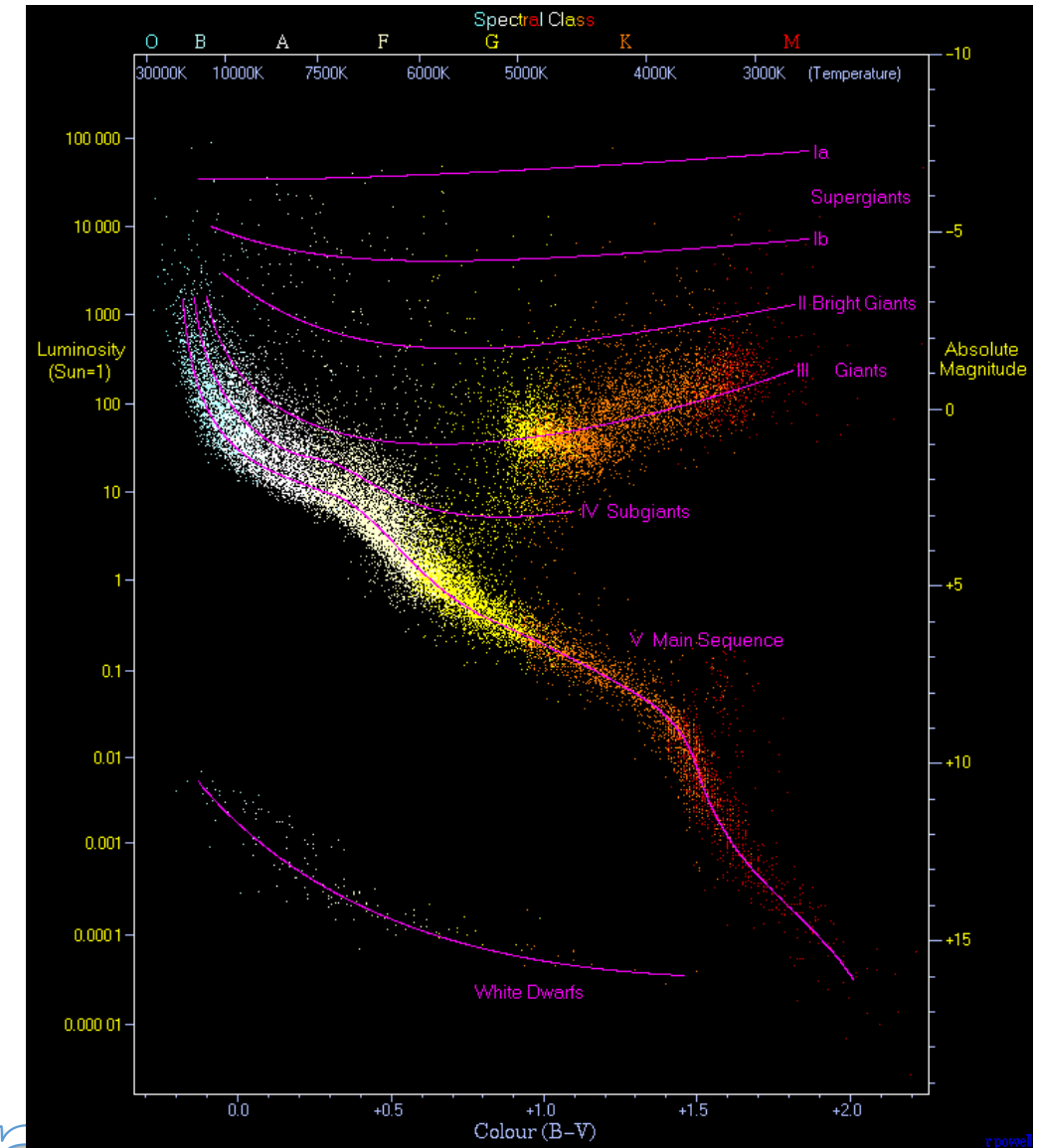
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Stars and Stellar Evolution

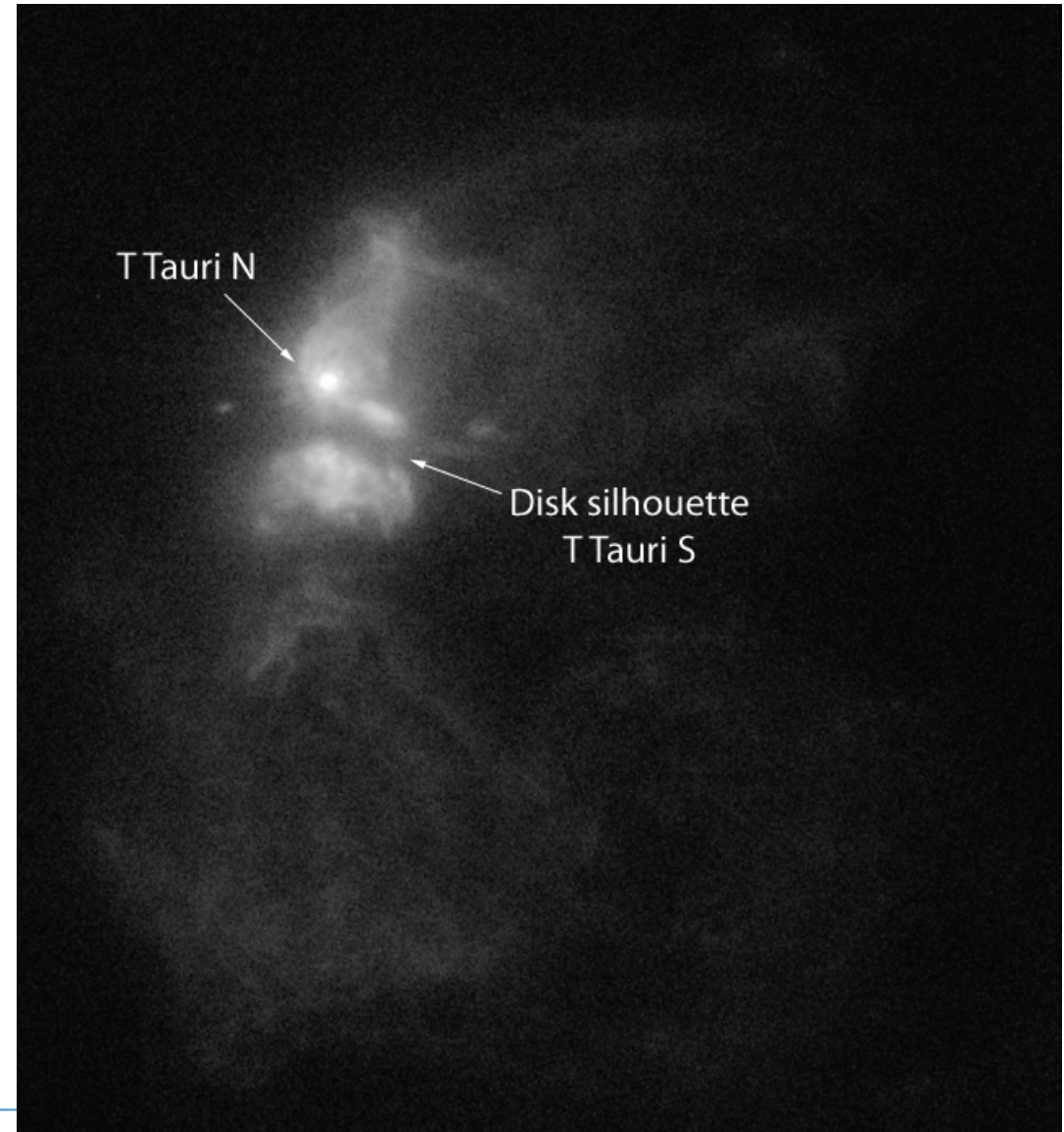
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Hertzsprung-Russell diagram

Stars and Stellar Evolution: Protostars

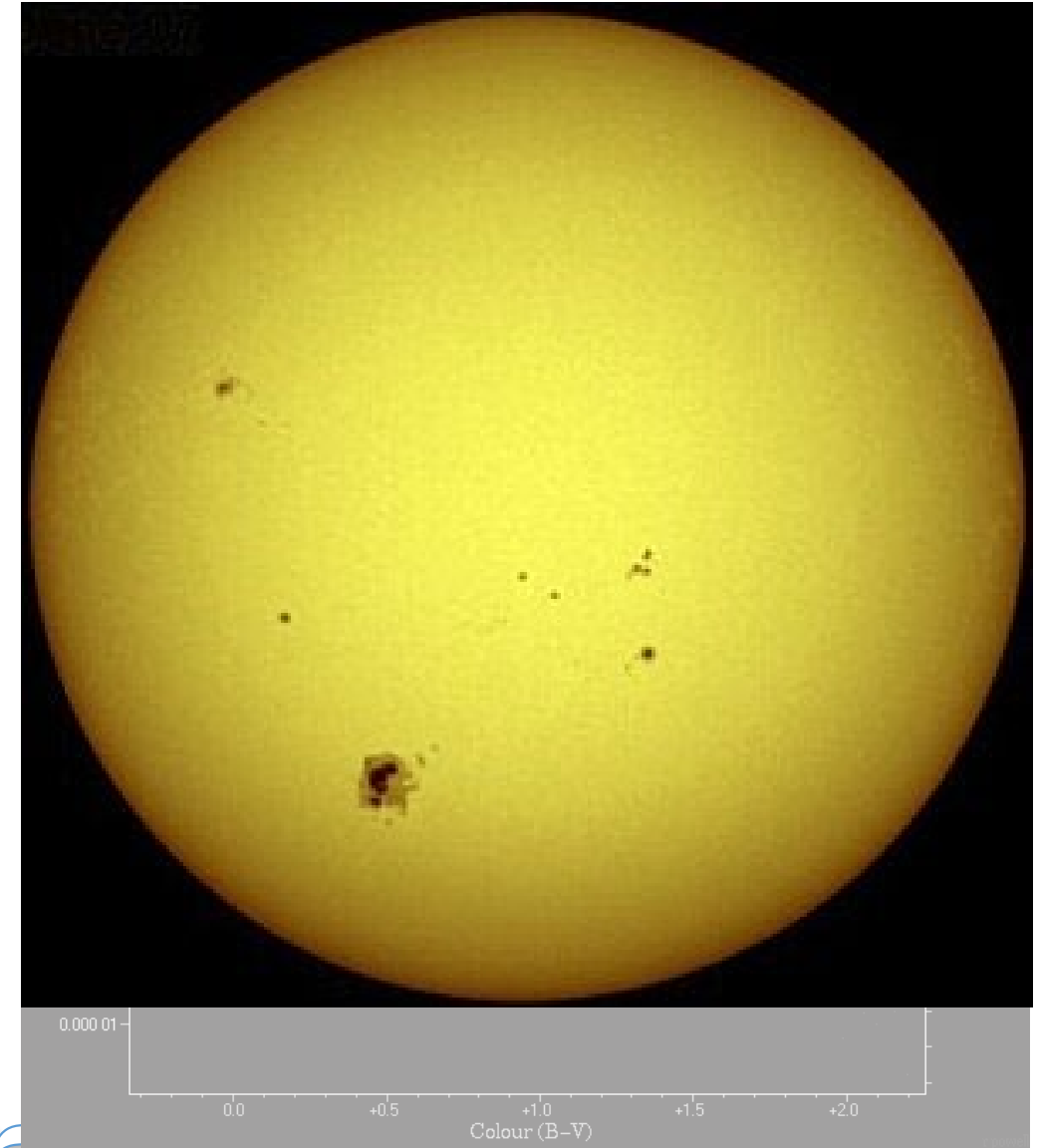
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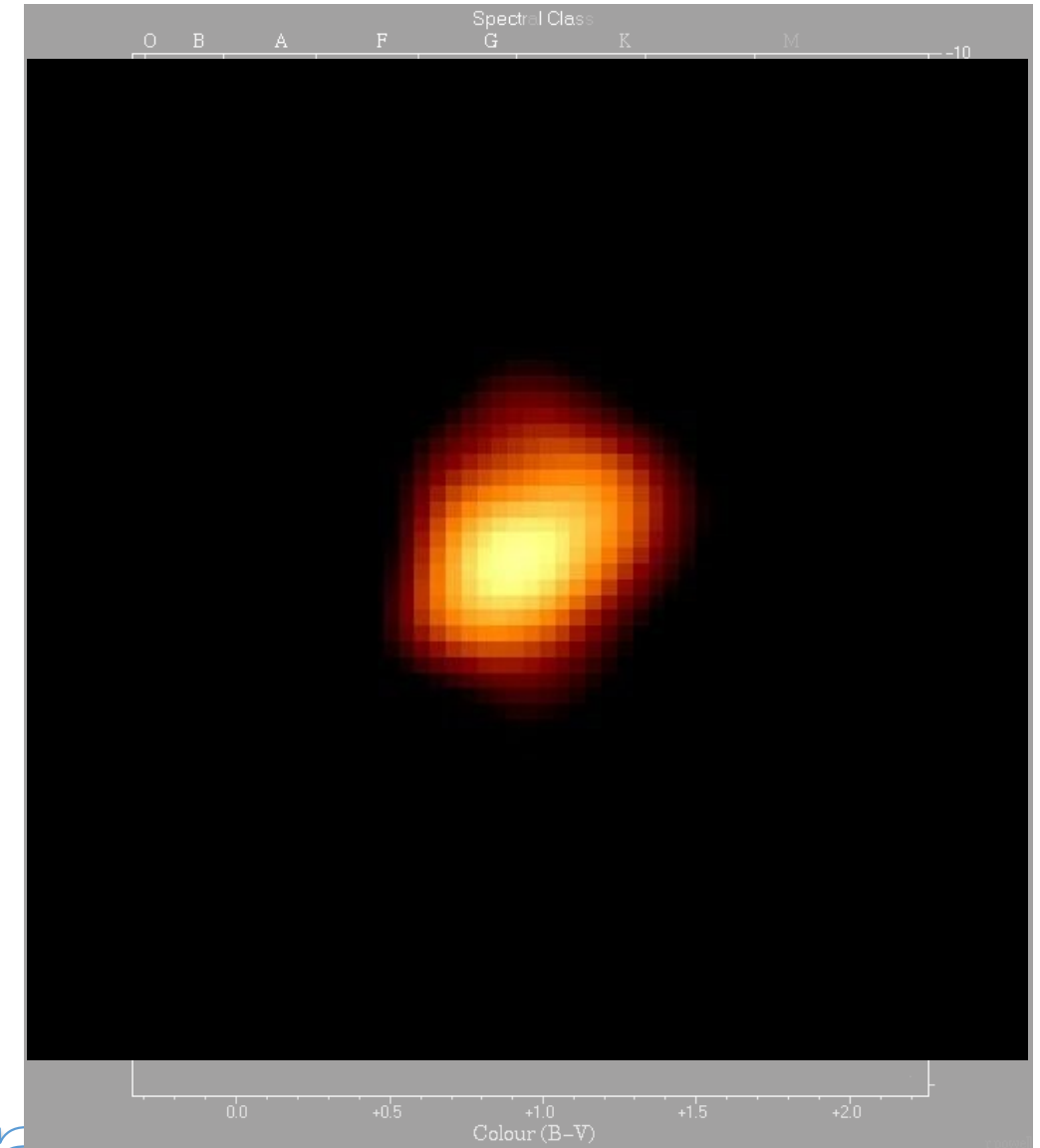
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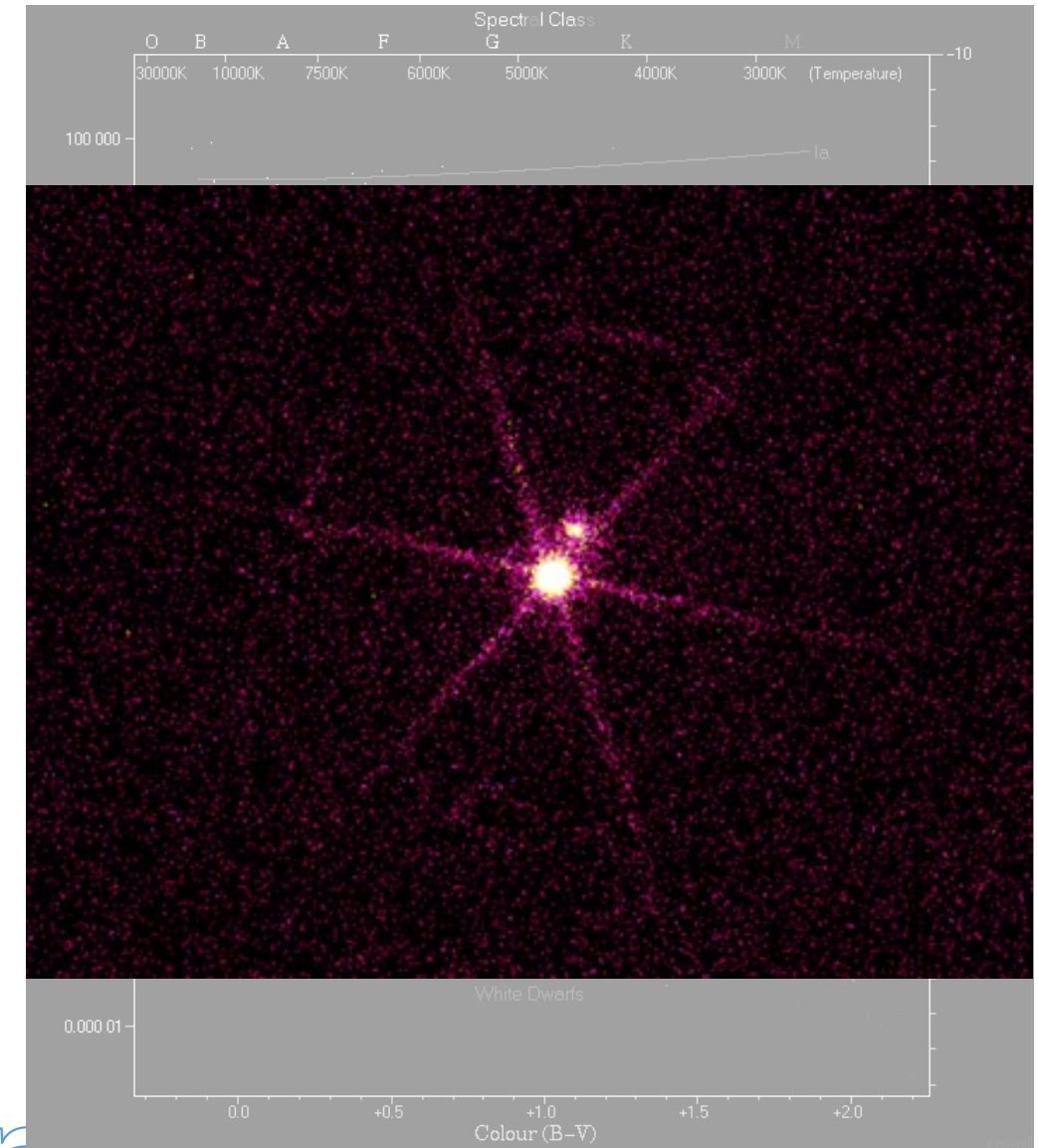
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Arcturus: A Red Giant

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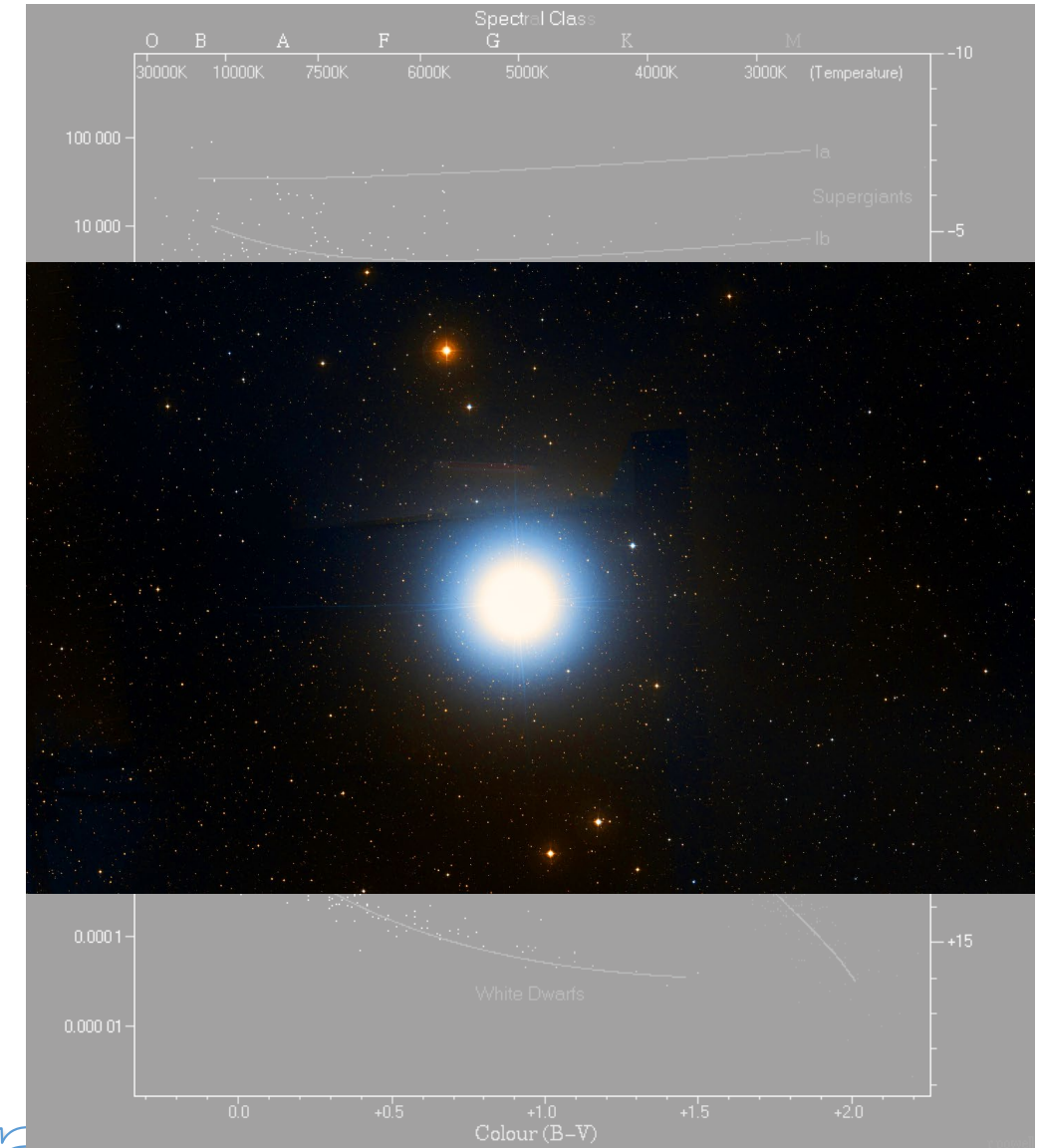
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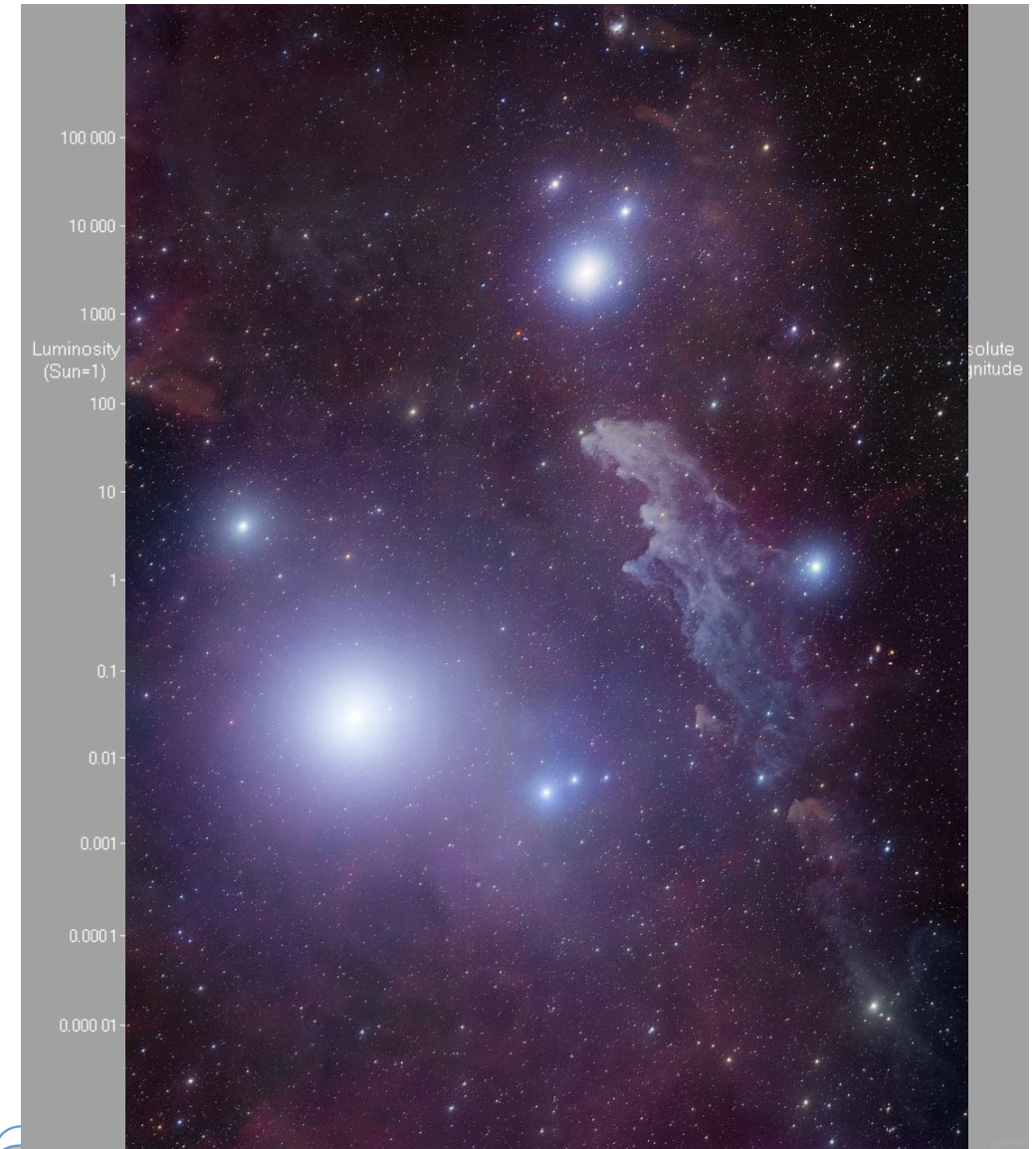
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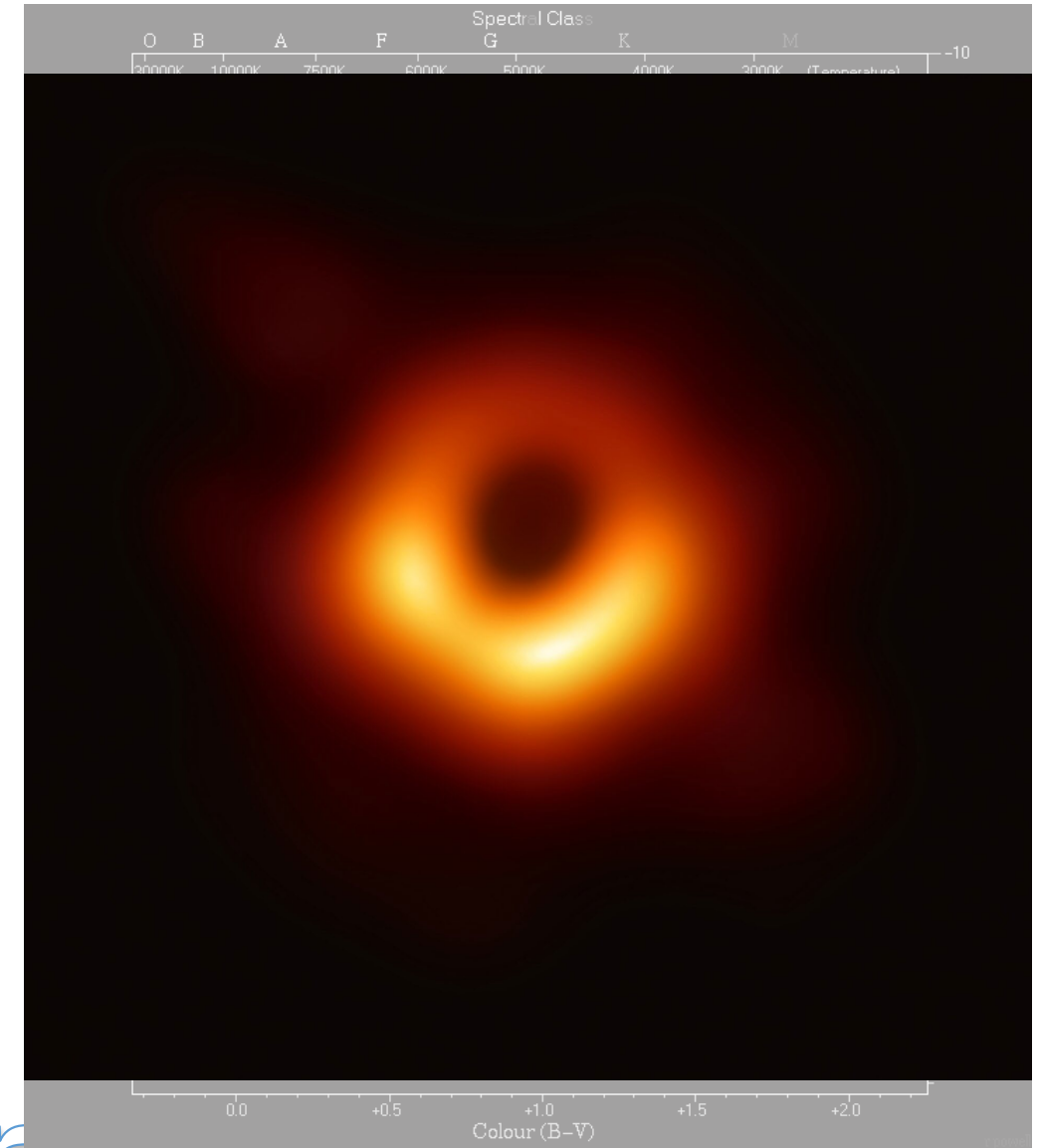
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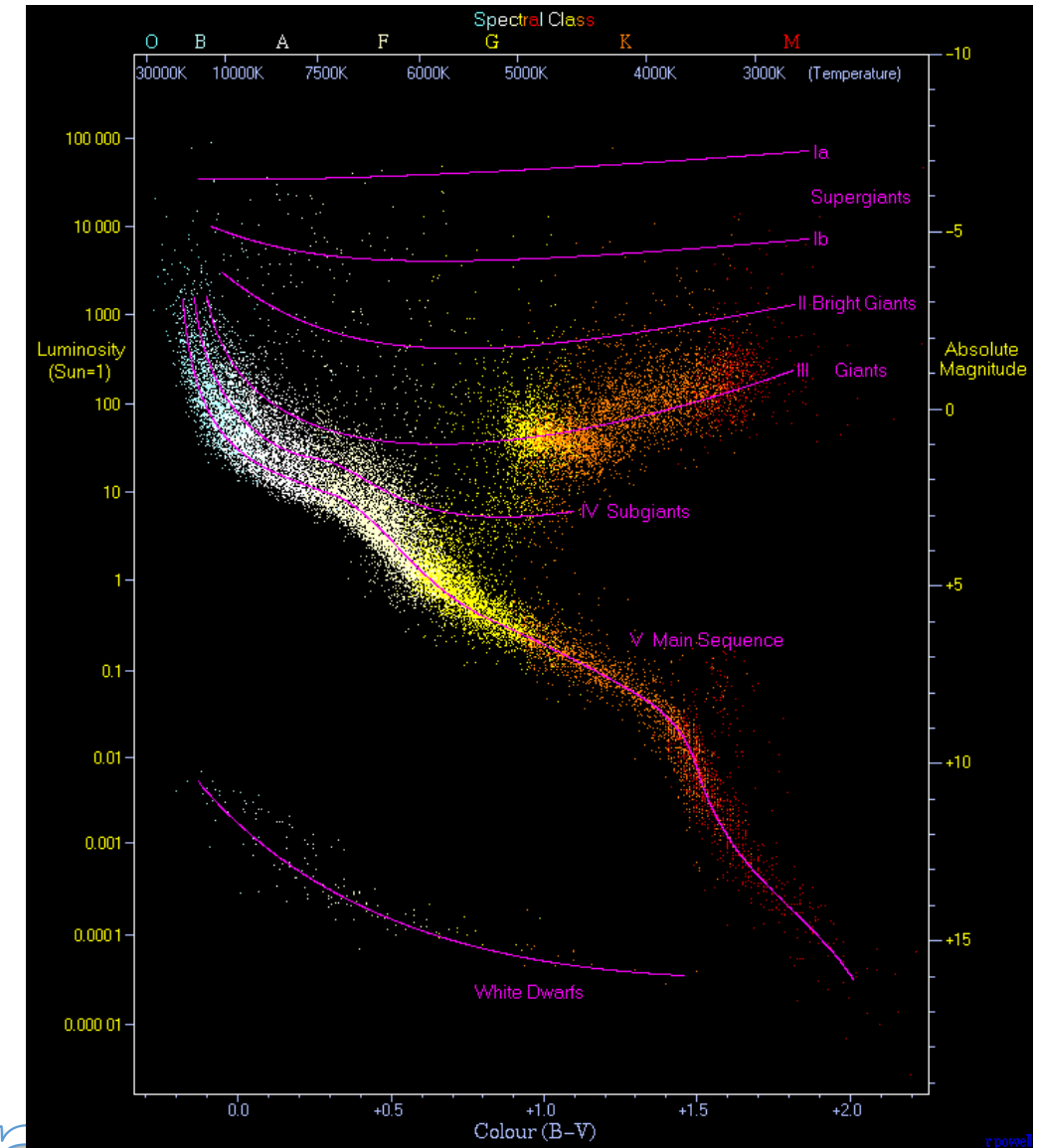
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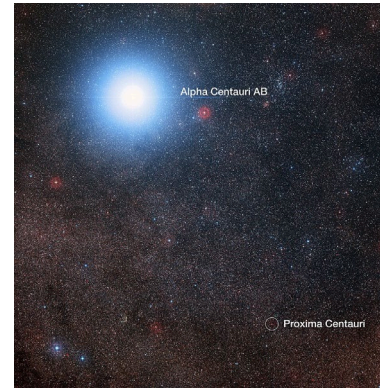
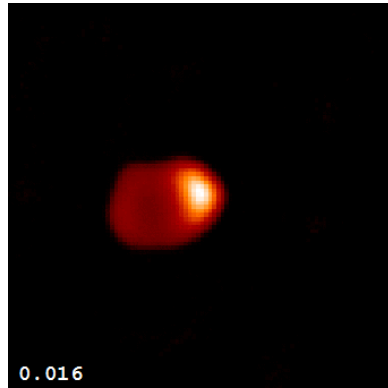
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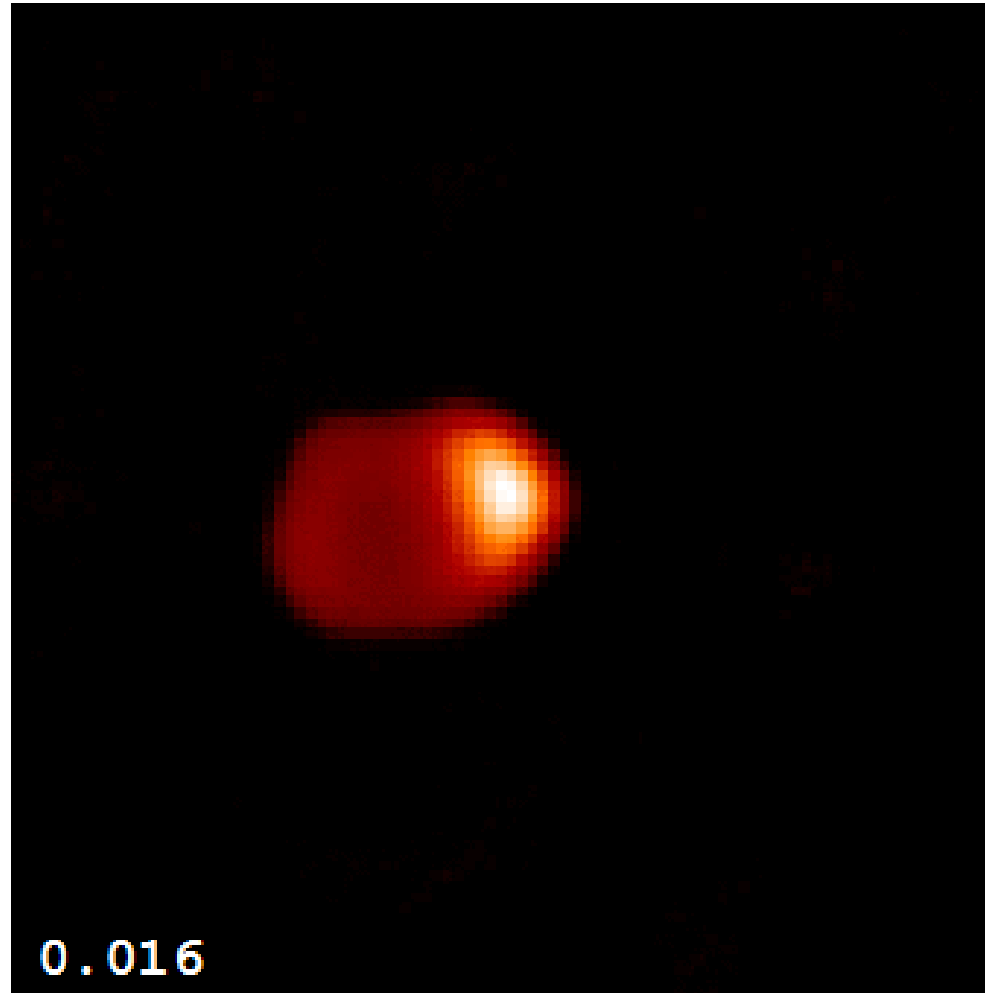
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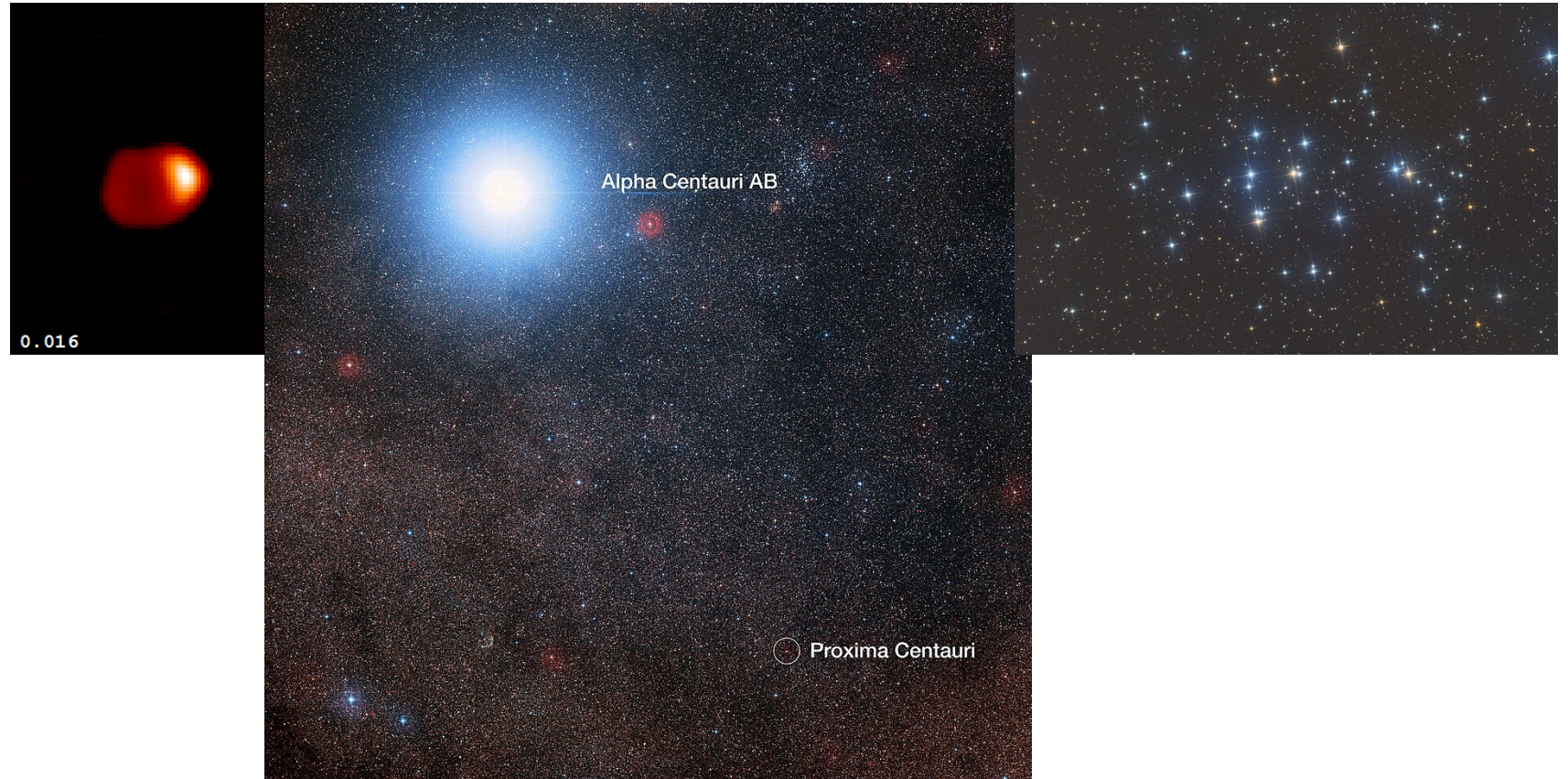
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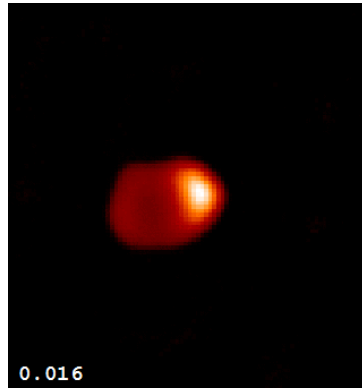
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- Planets orbiting other stars.
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Nebulae: Clouds of Dust and Gas

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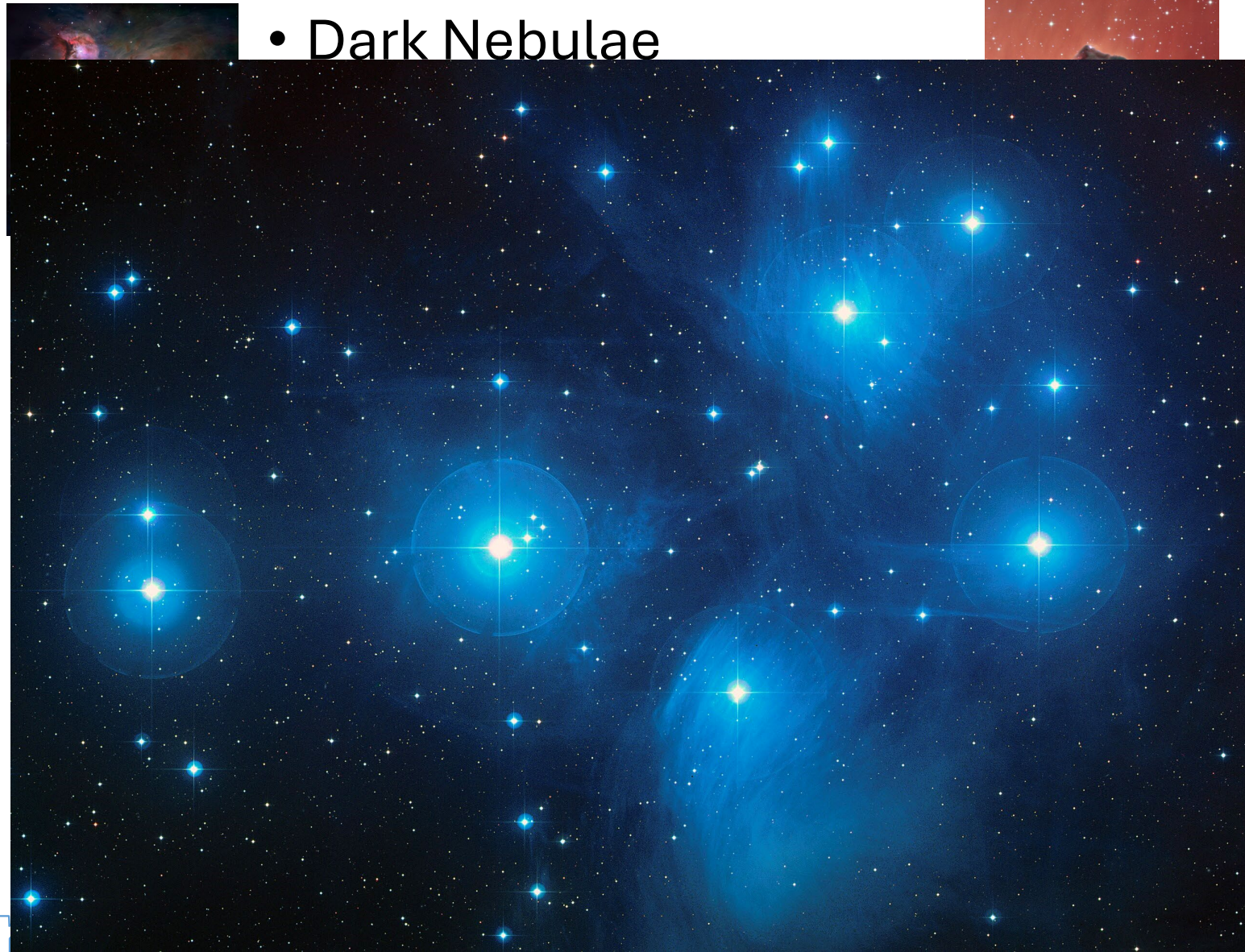


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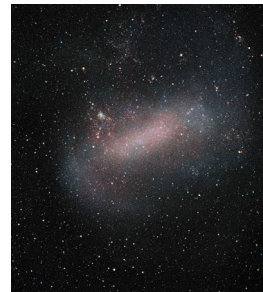
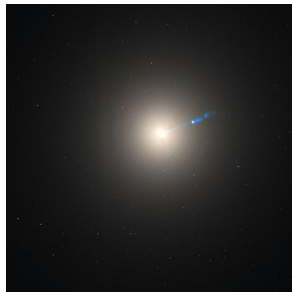
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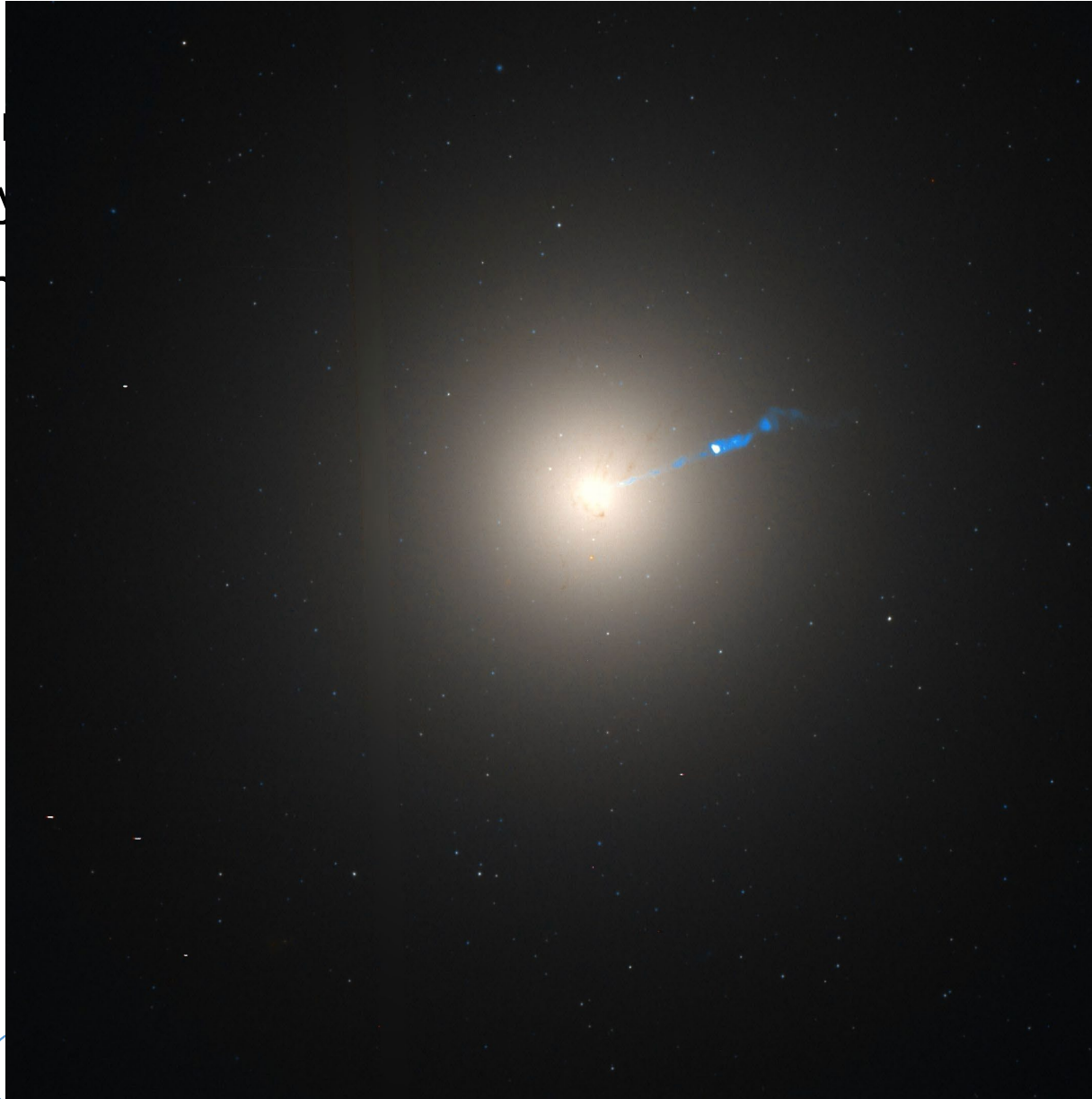
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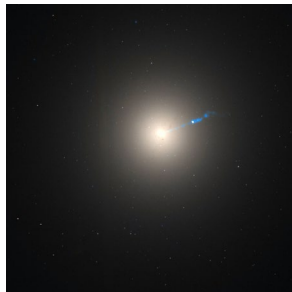
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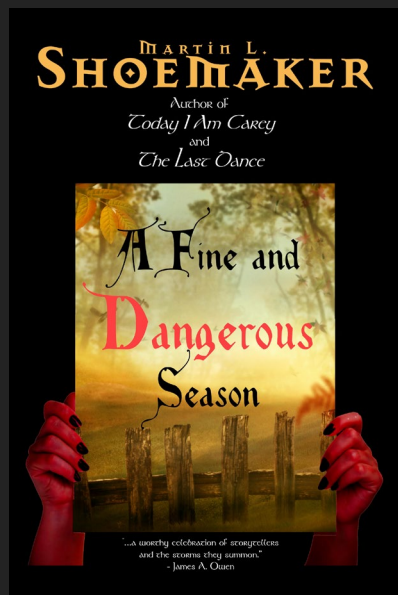


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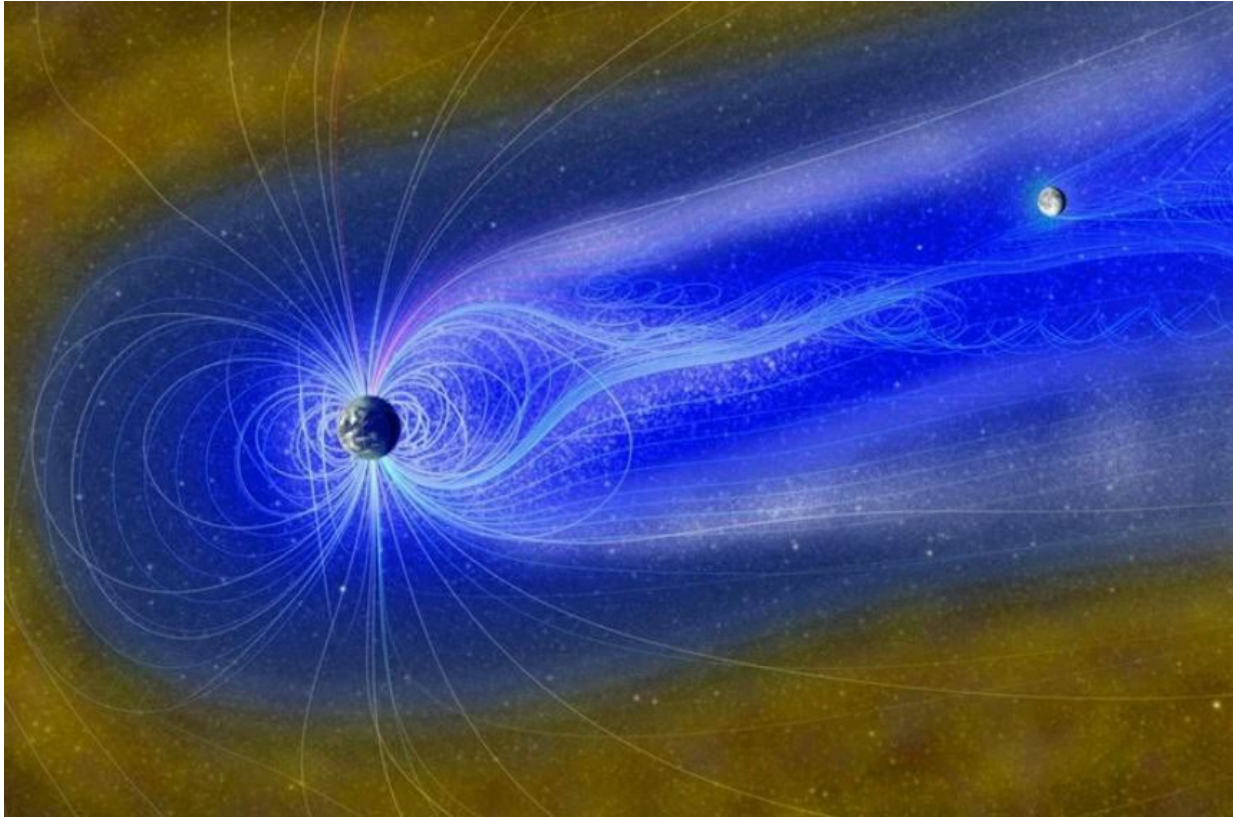


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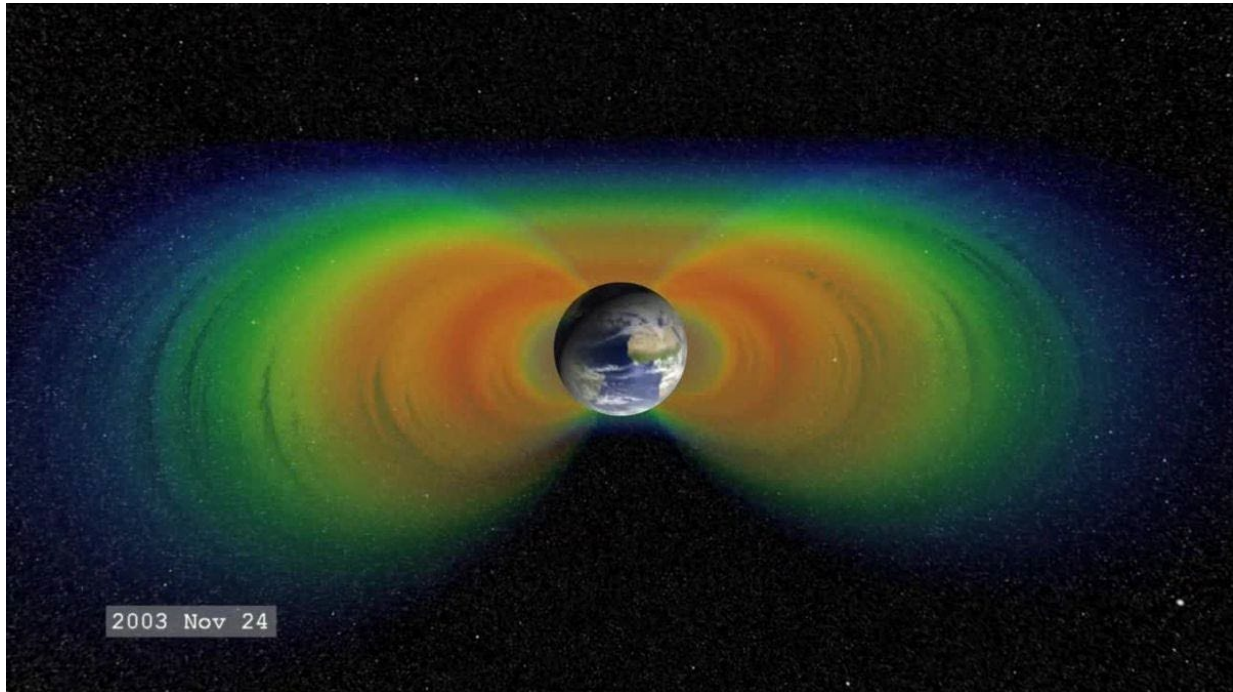
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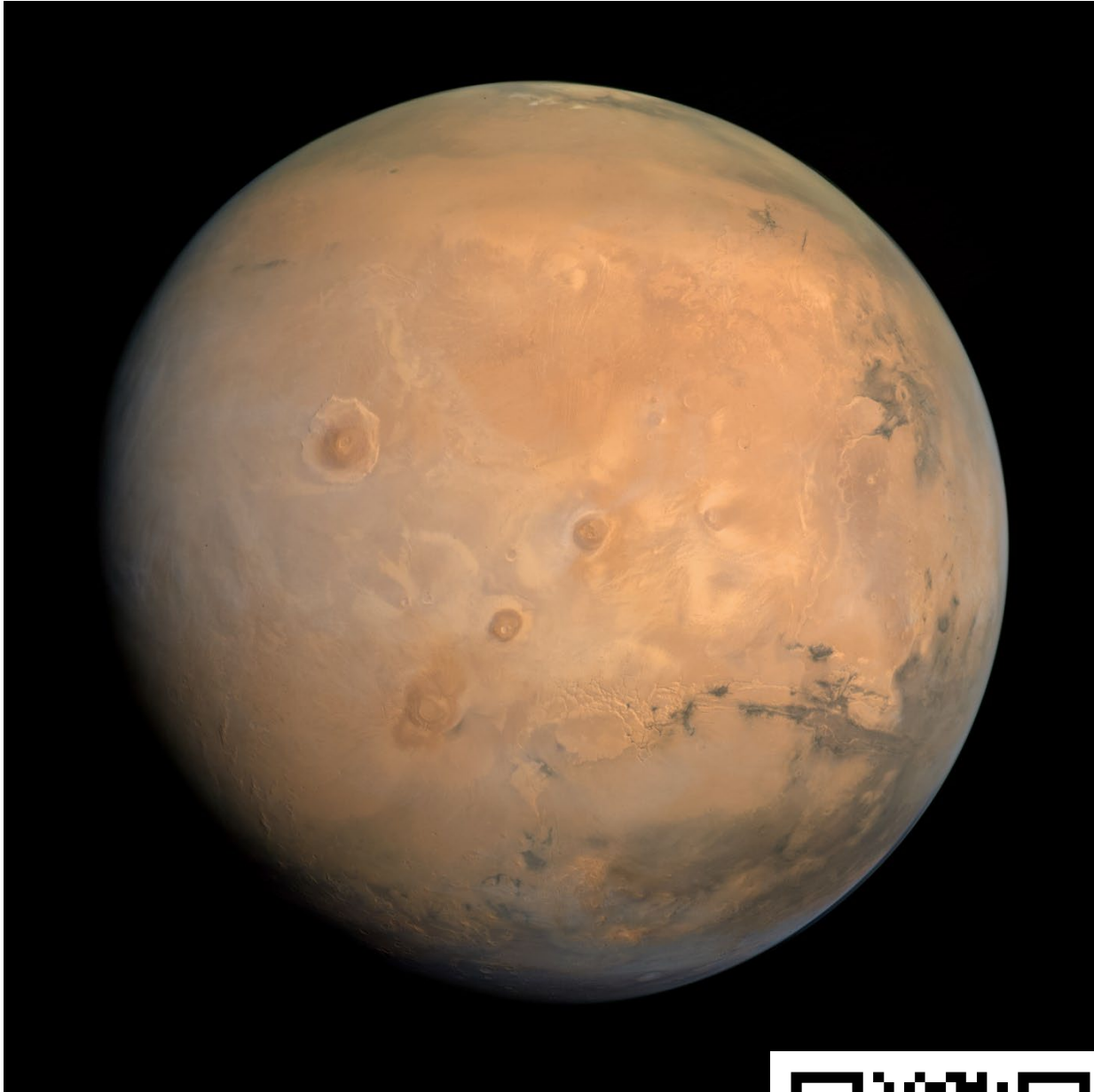


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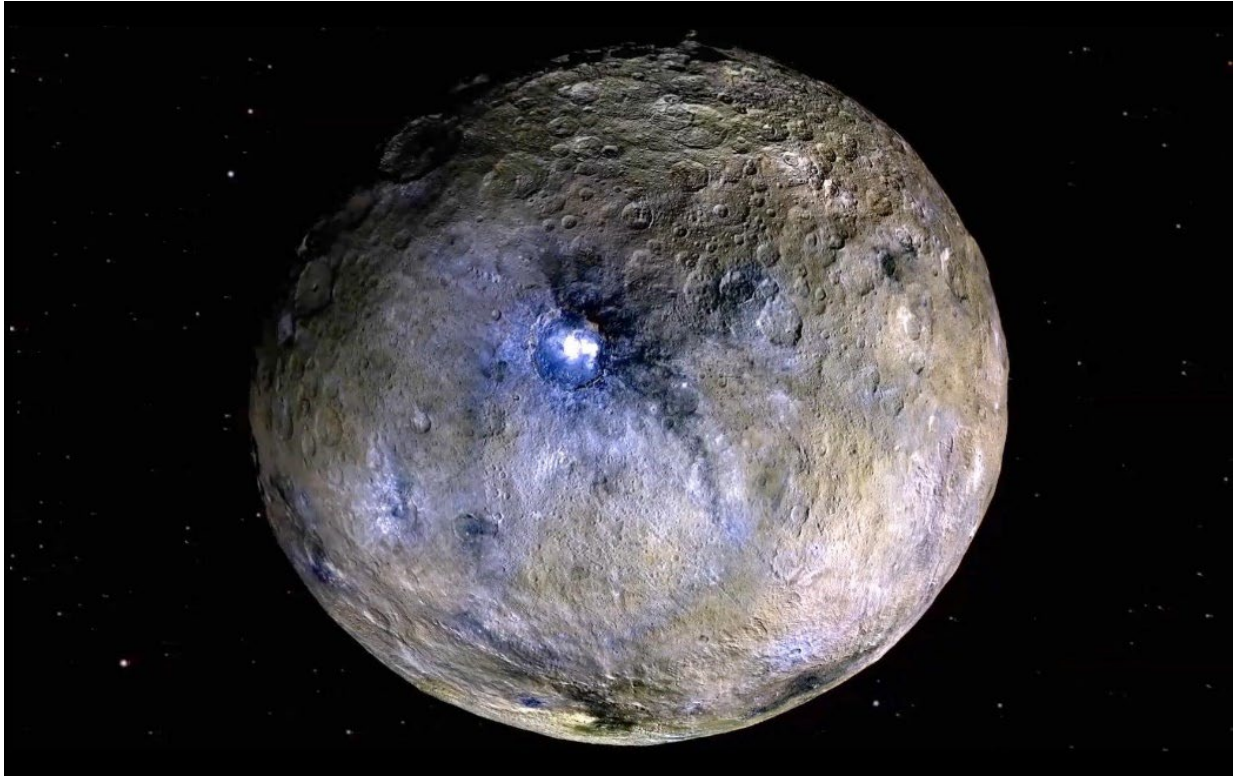


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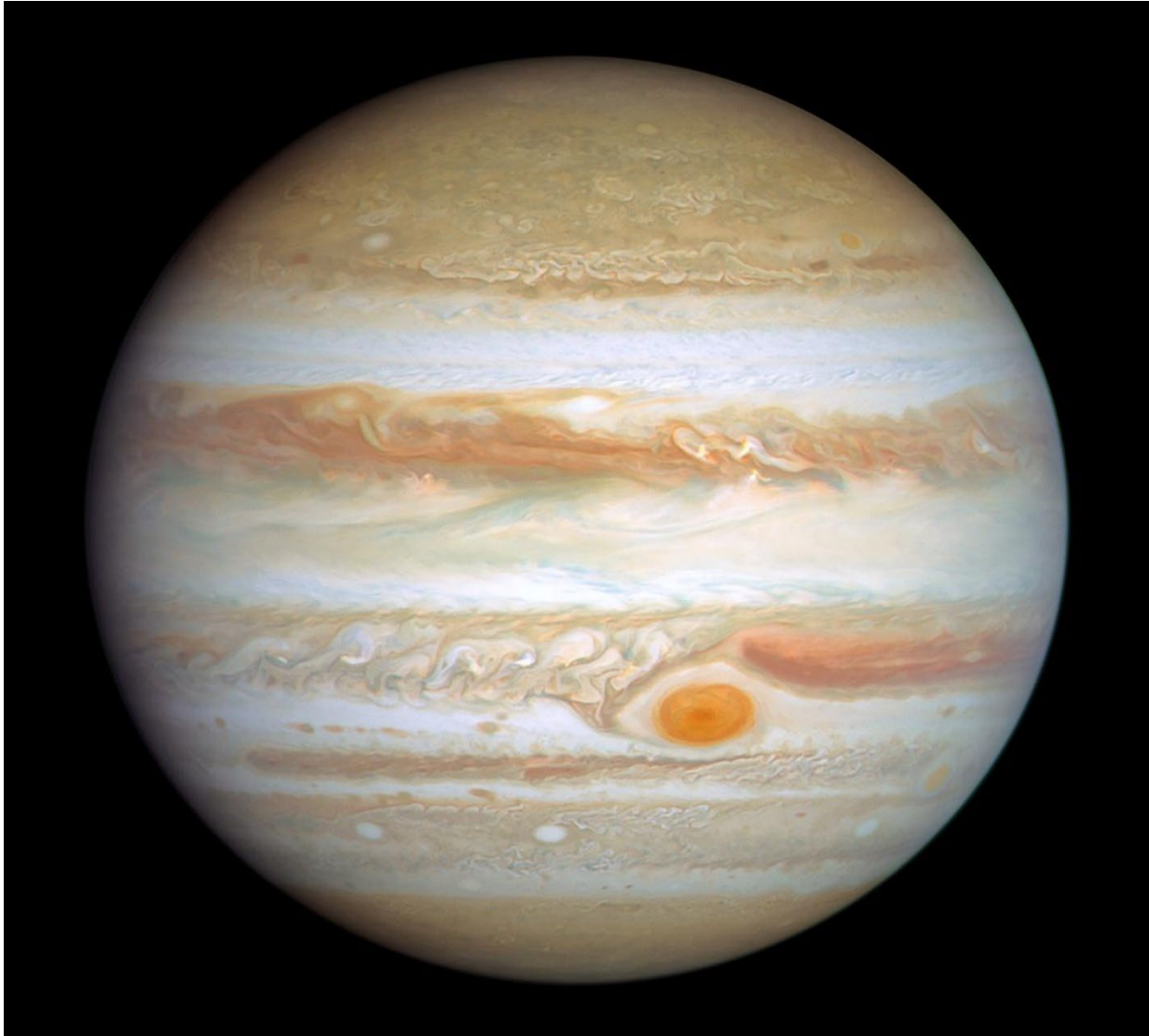


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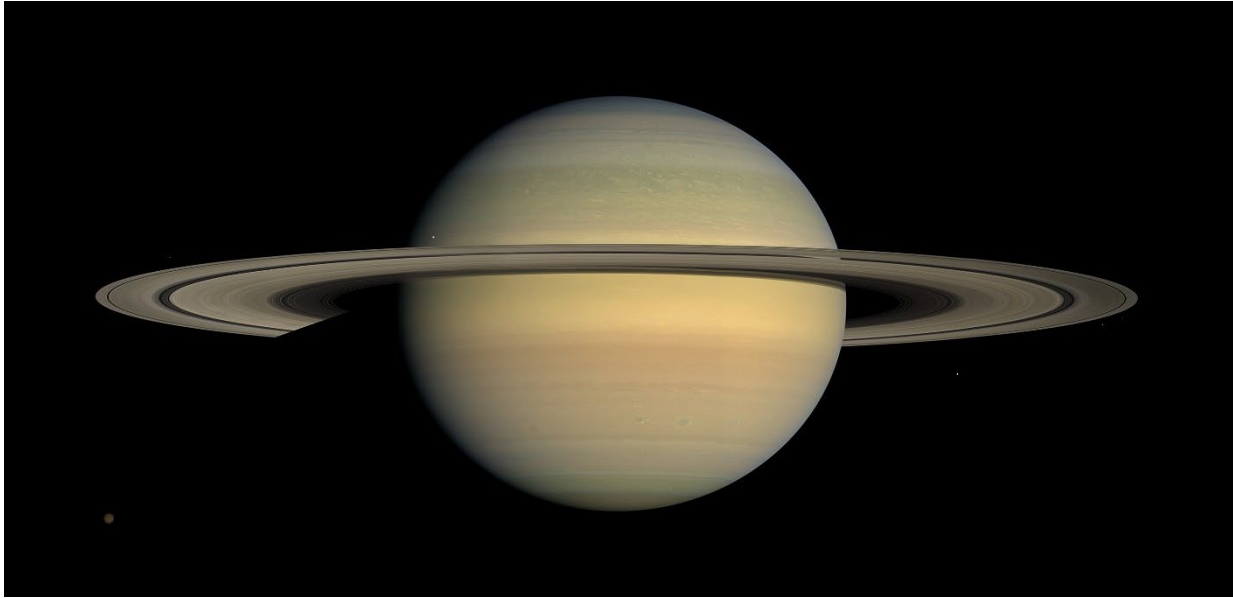


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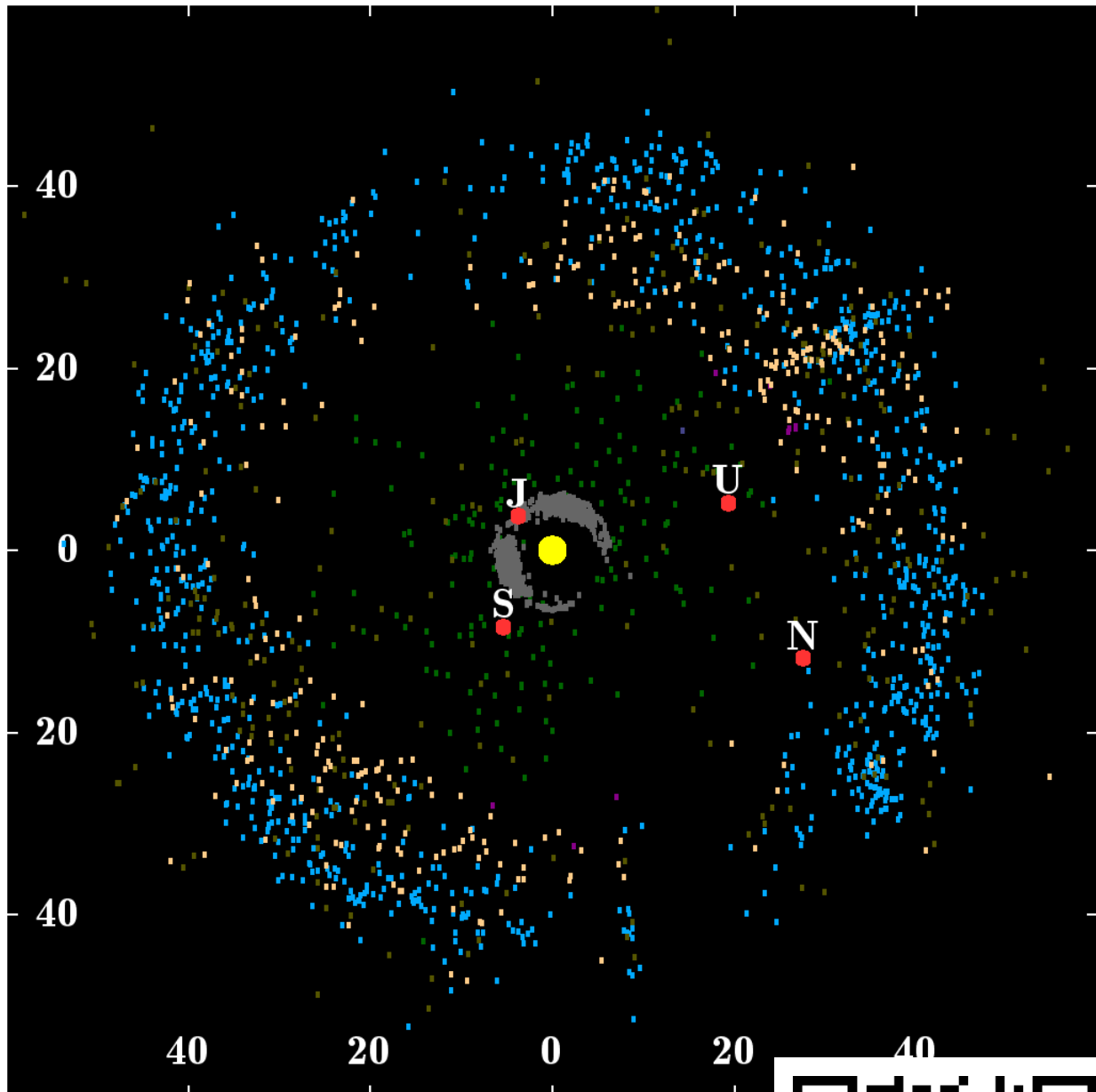


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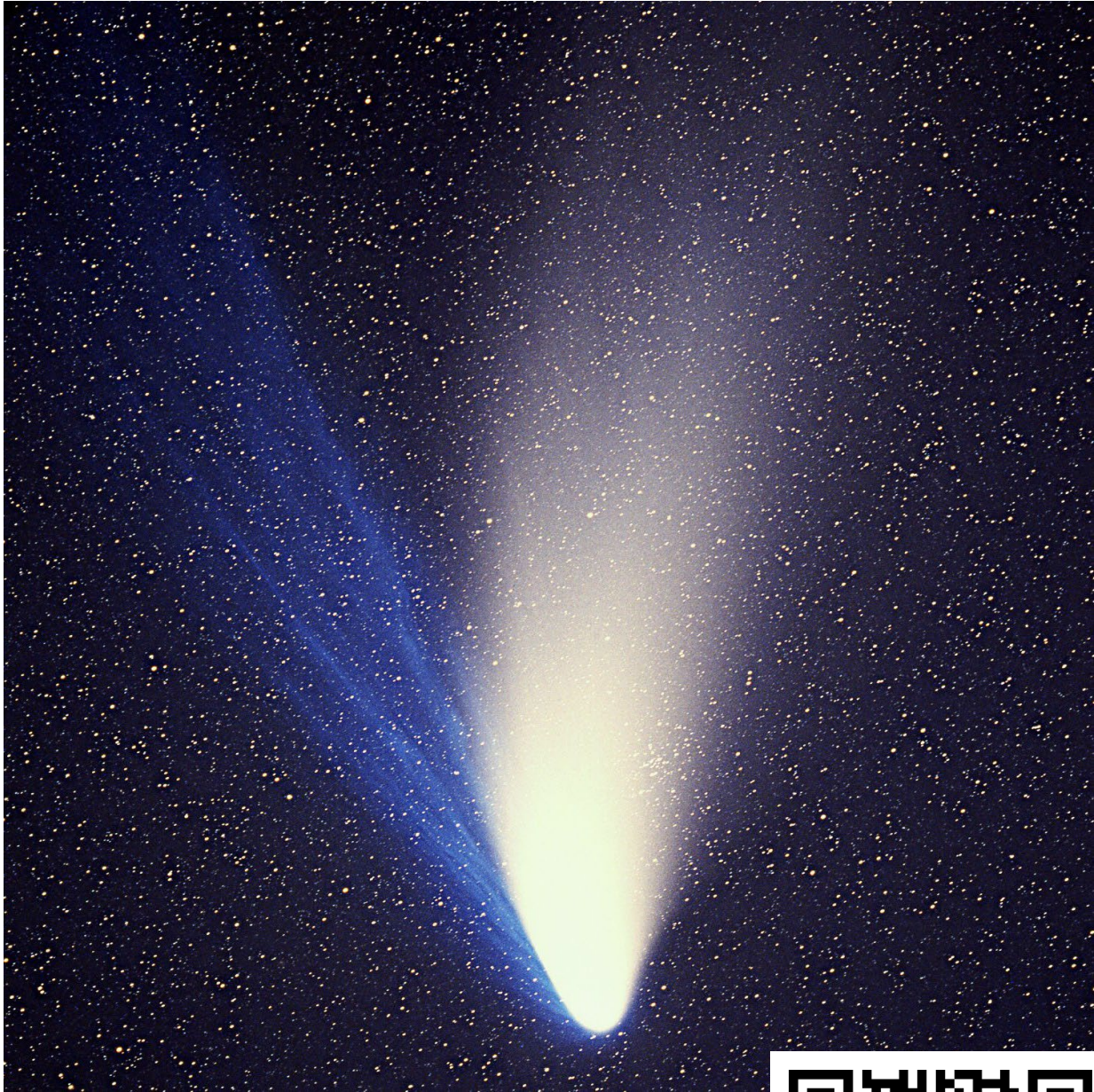


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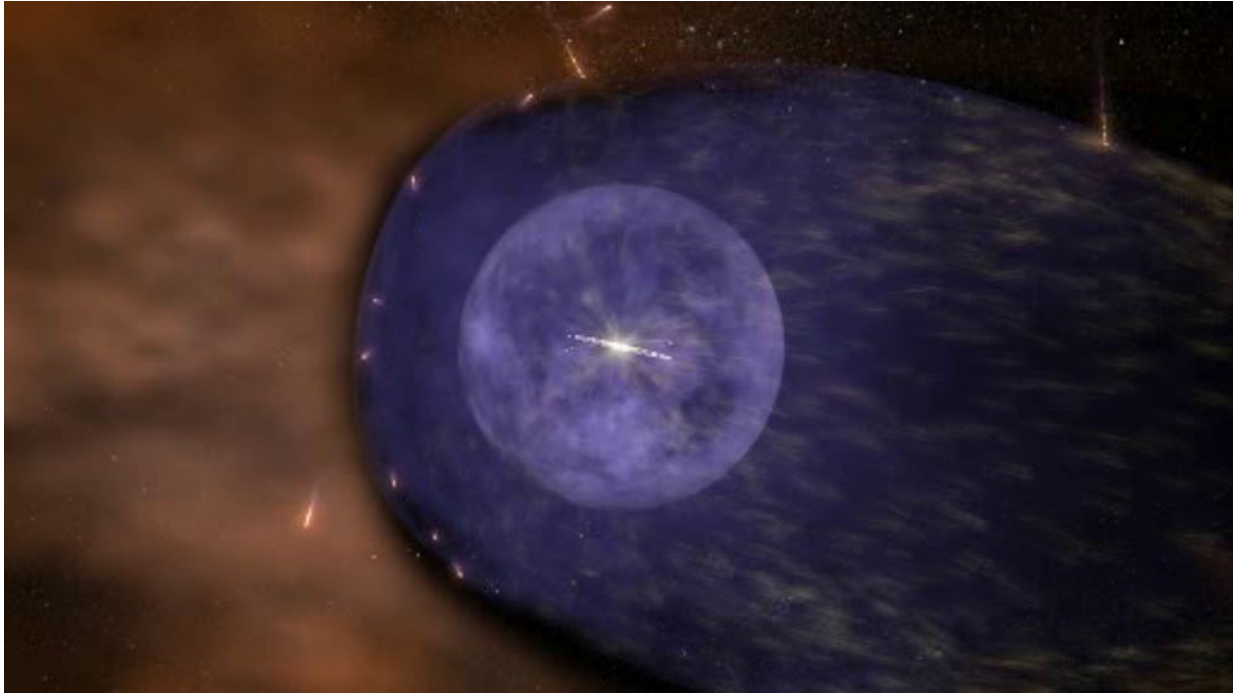


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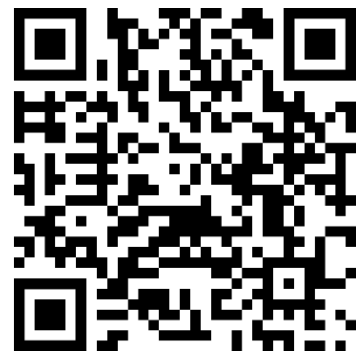
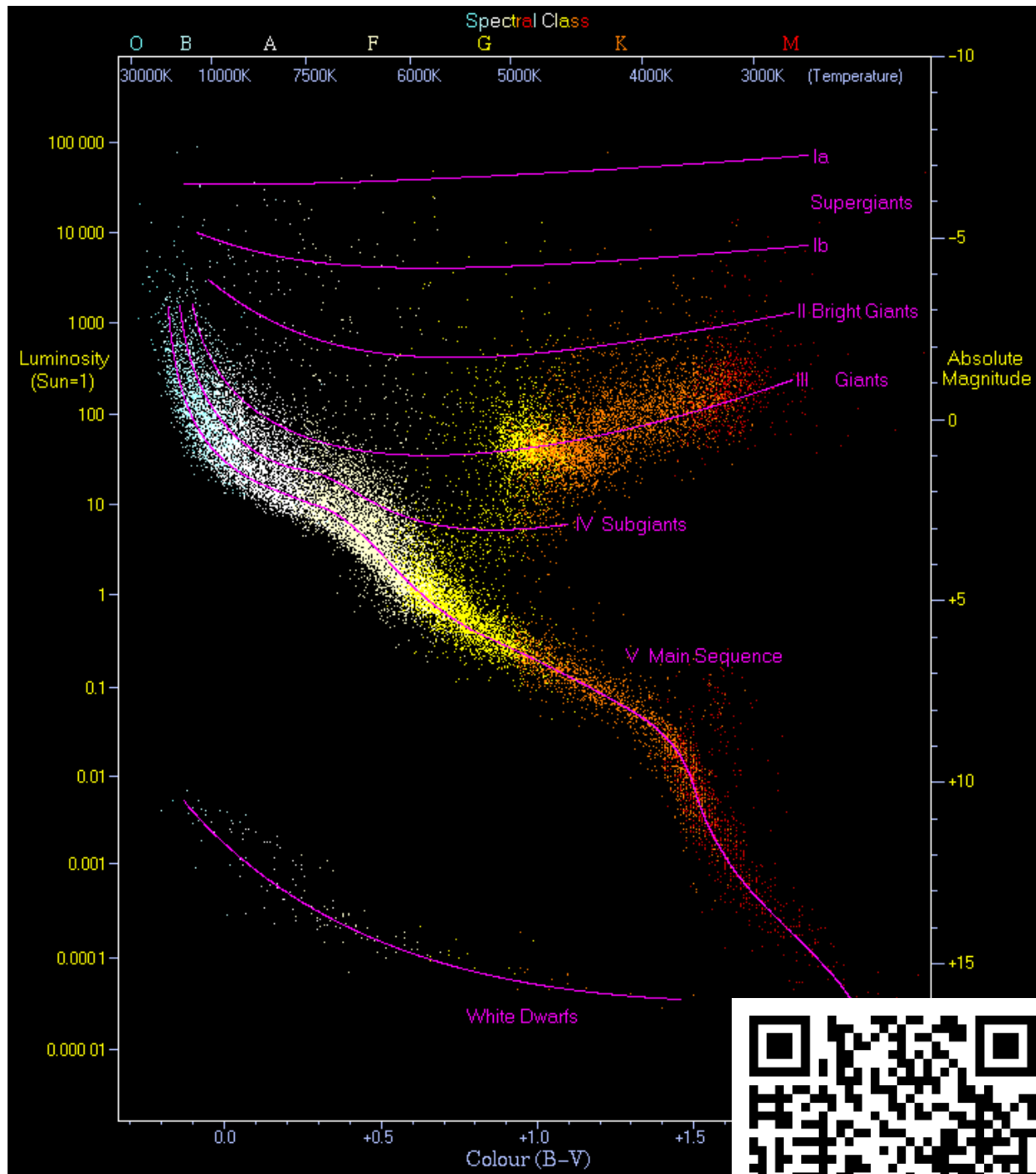


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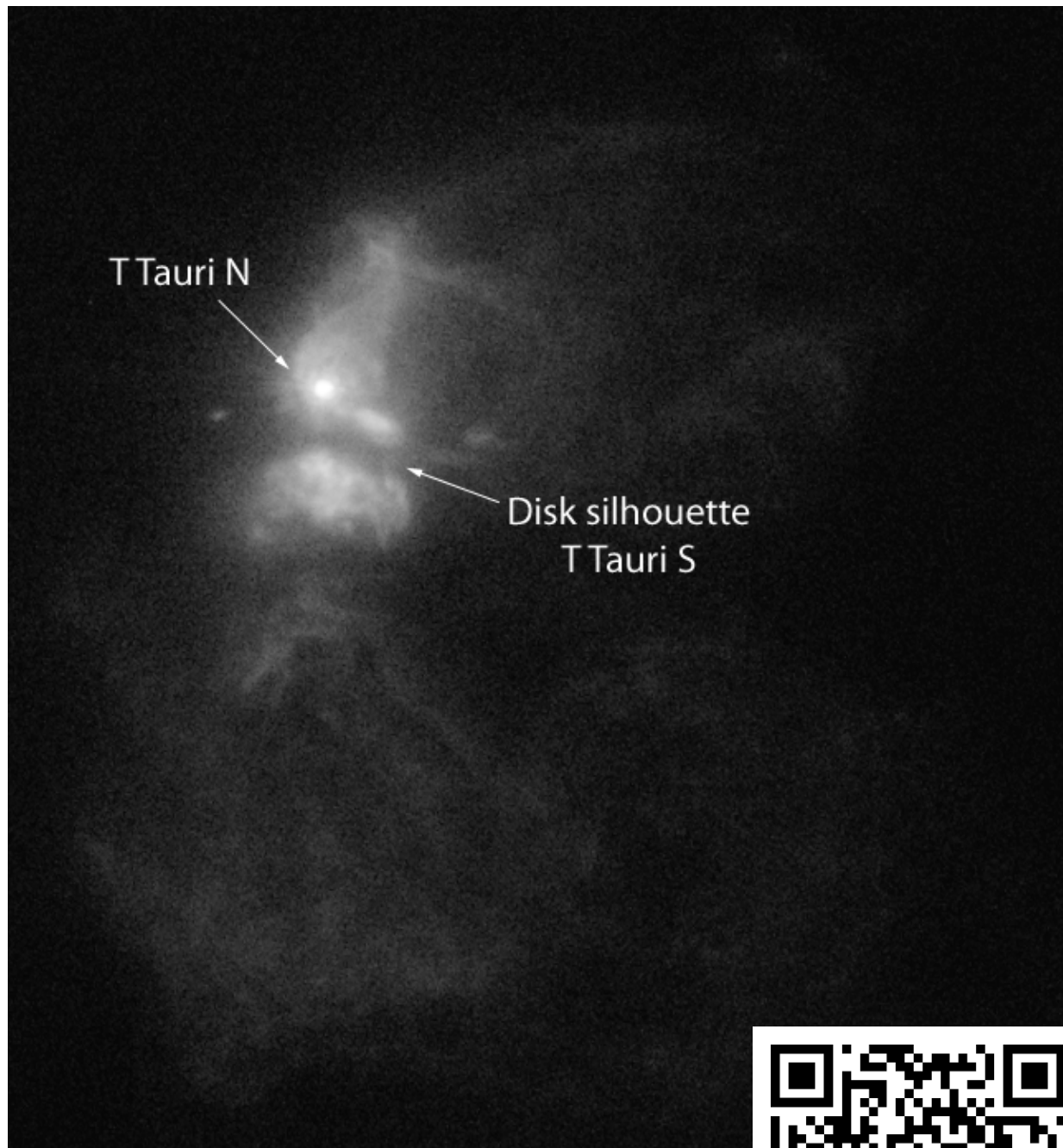


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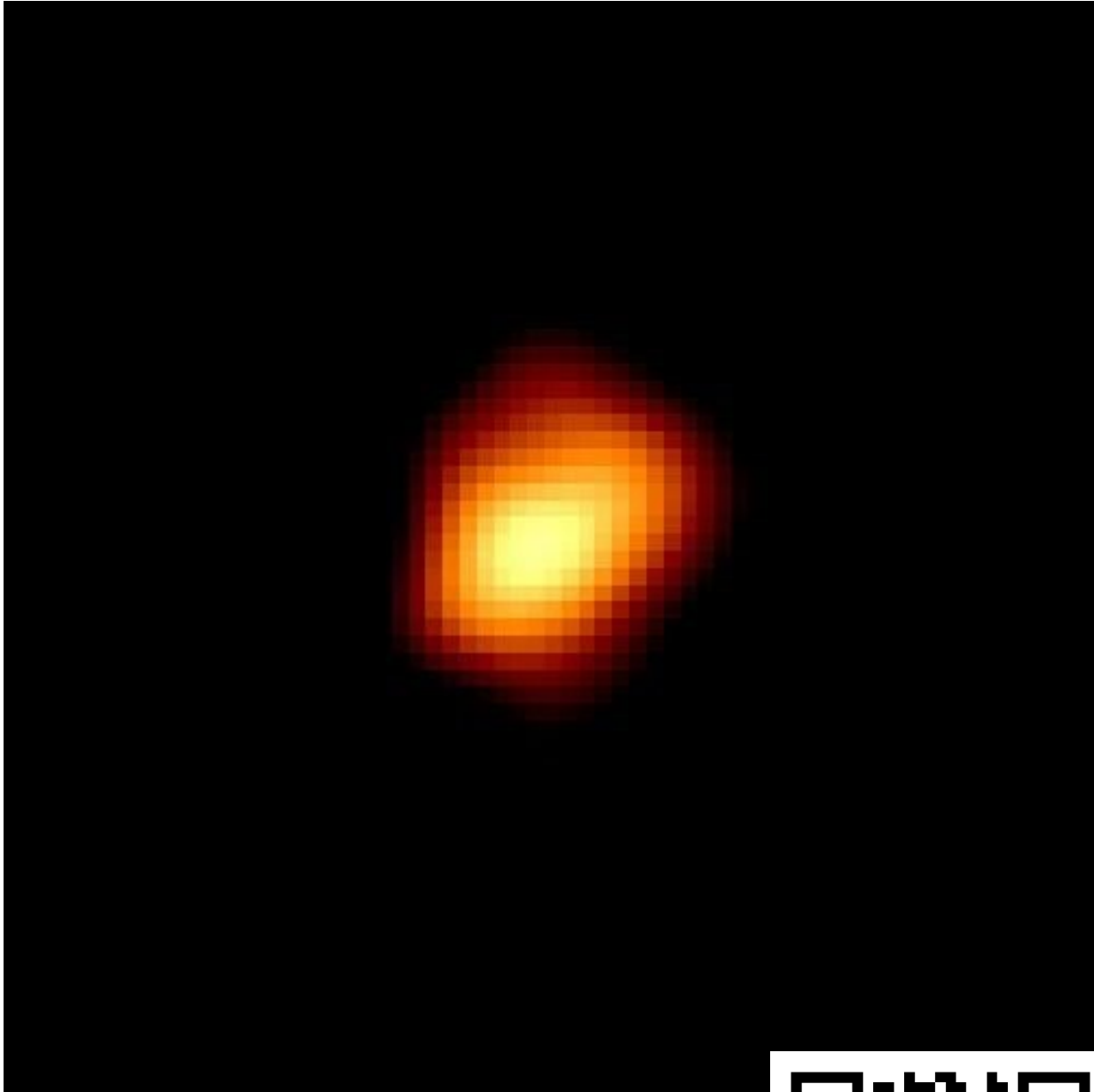
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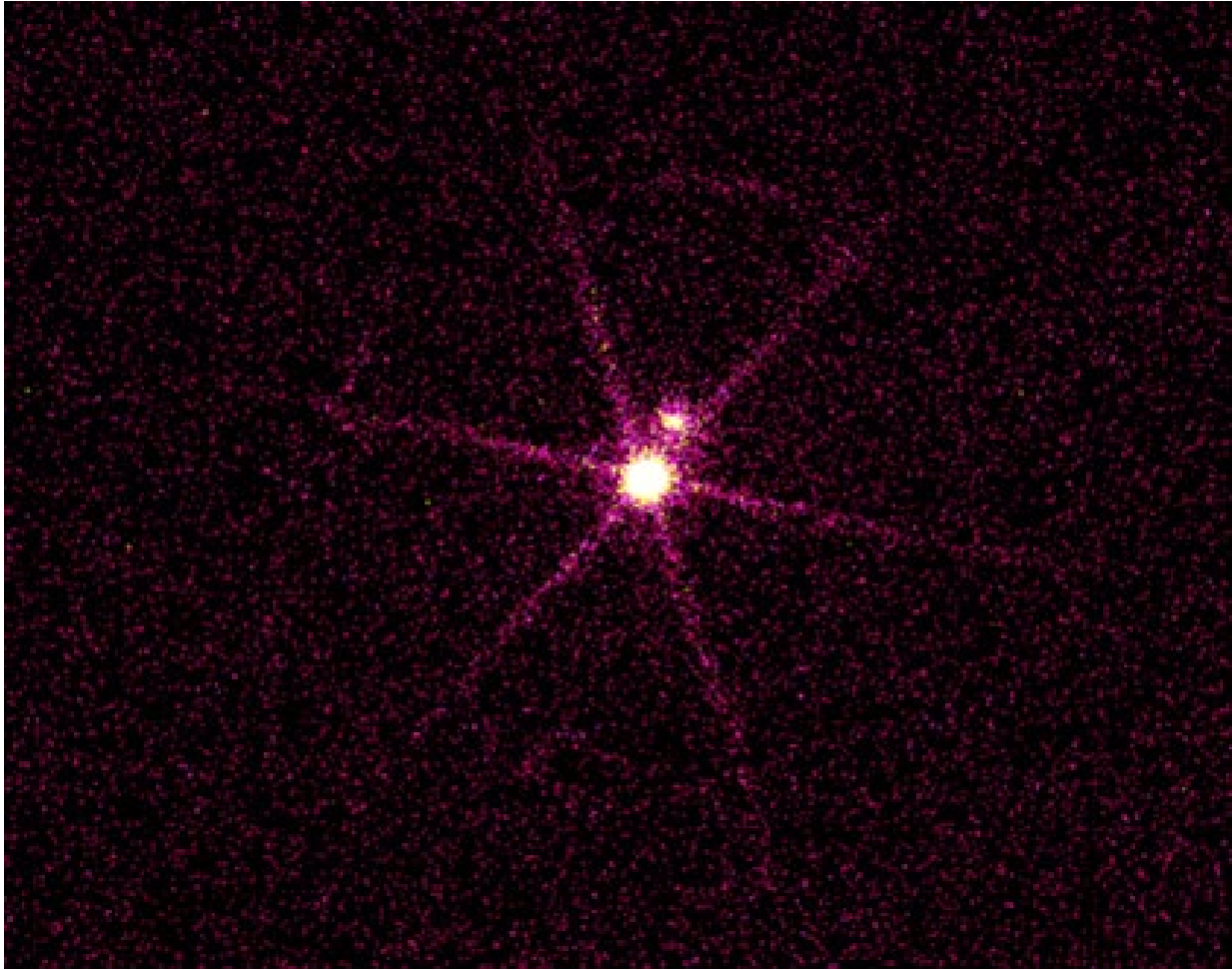


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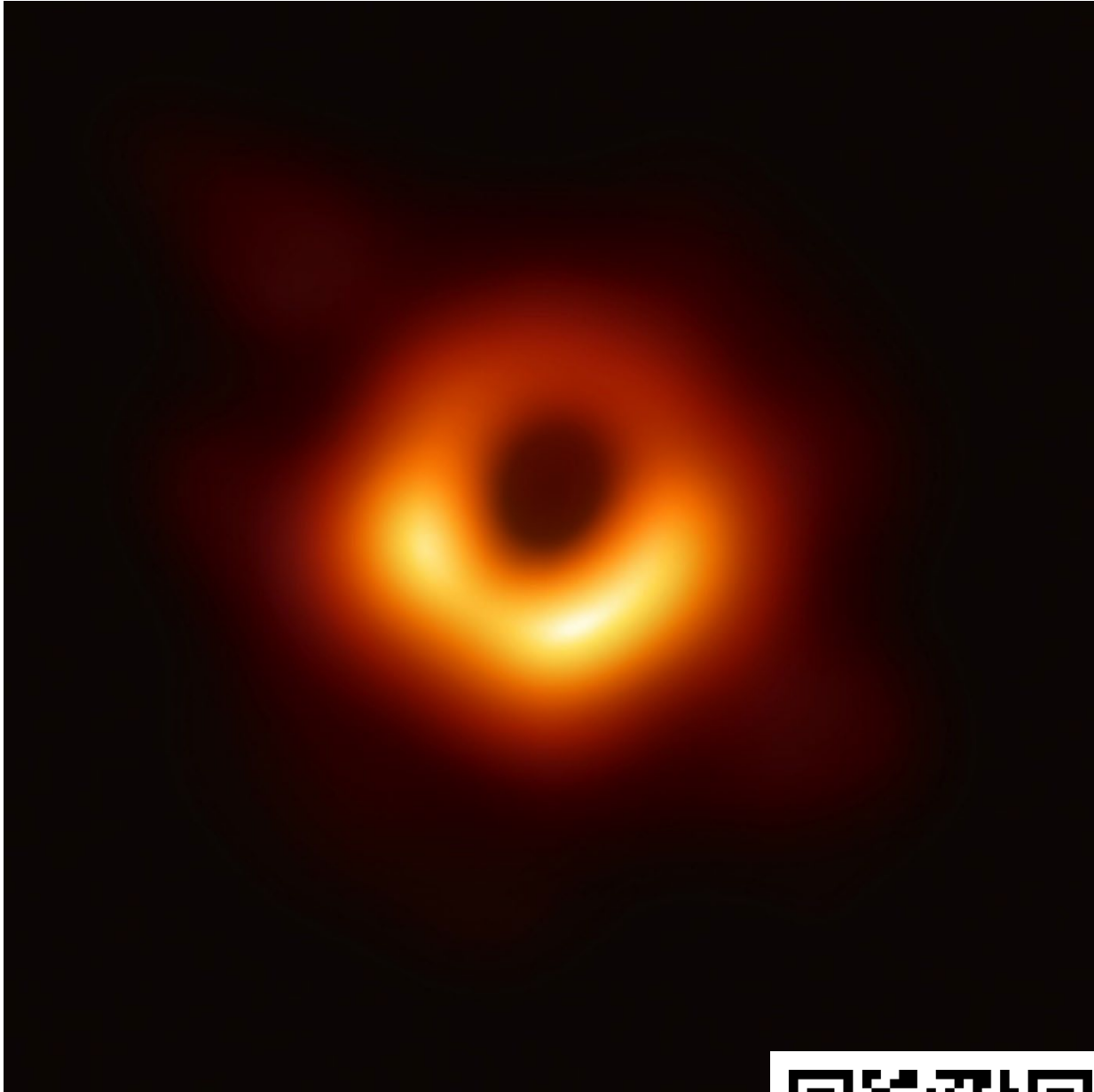


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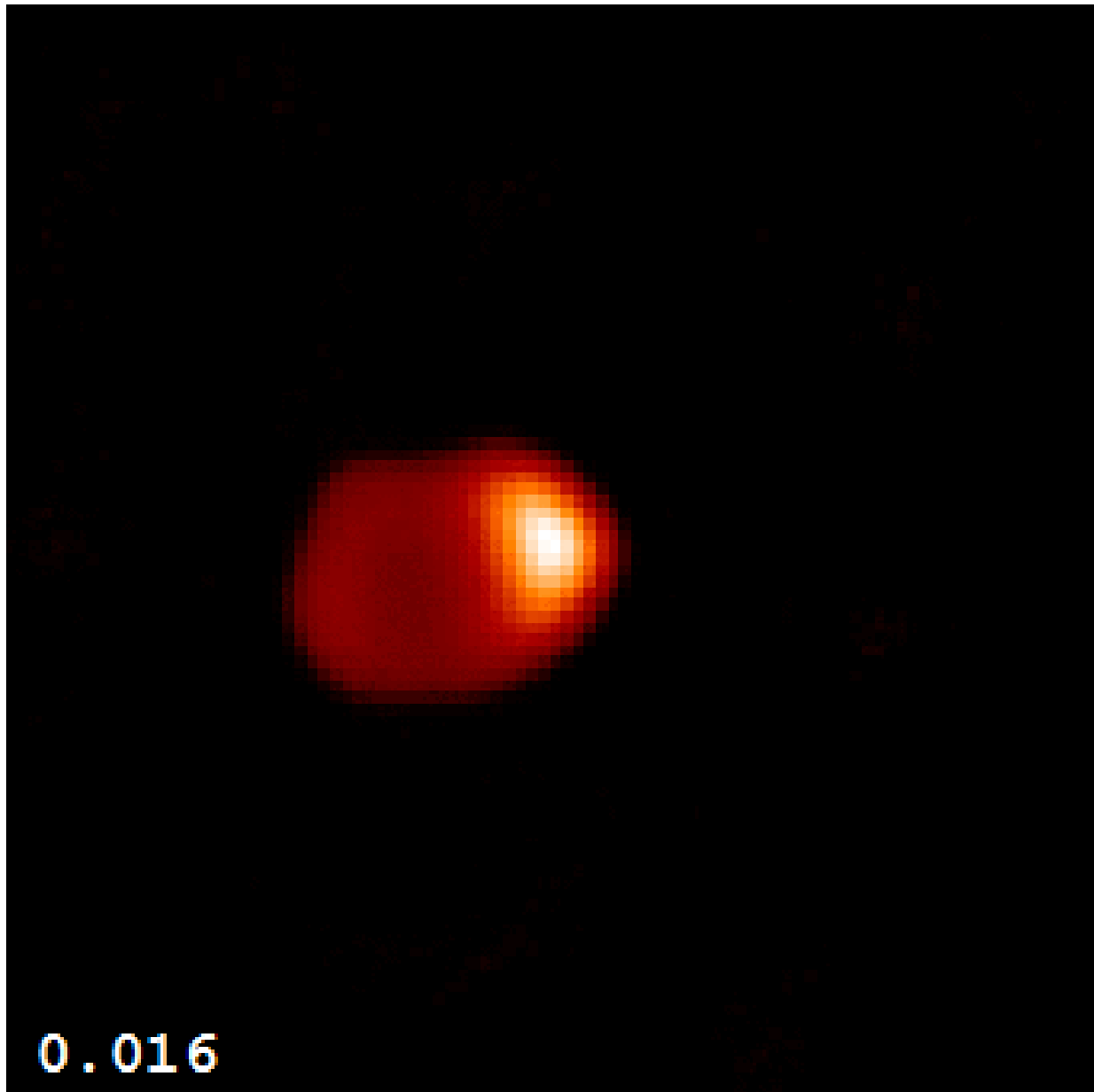


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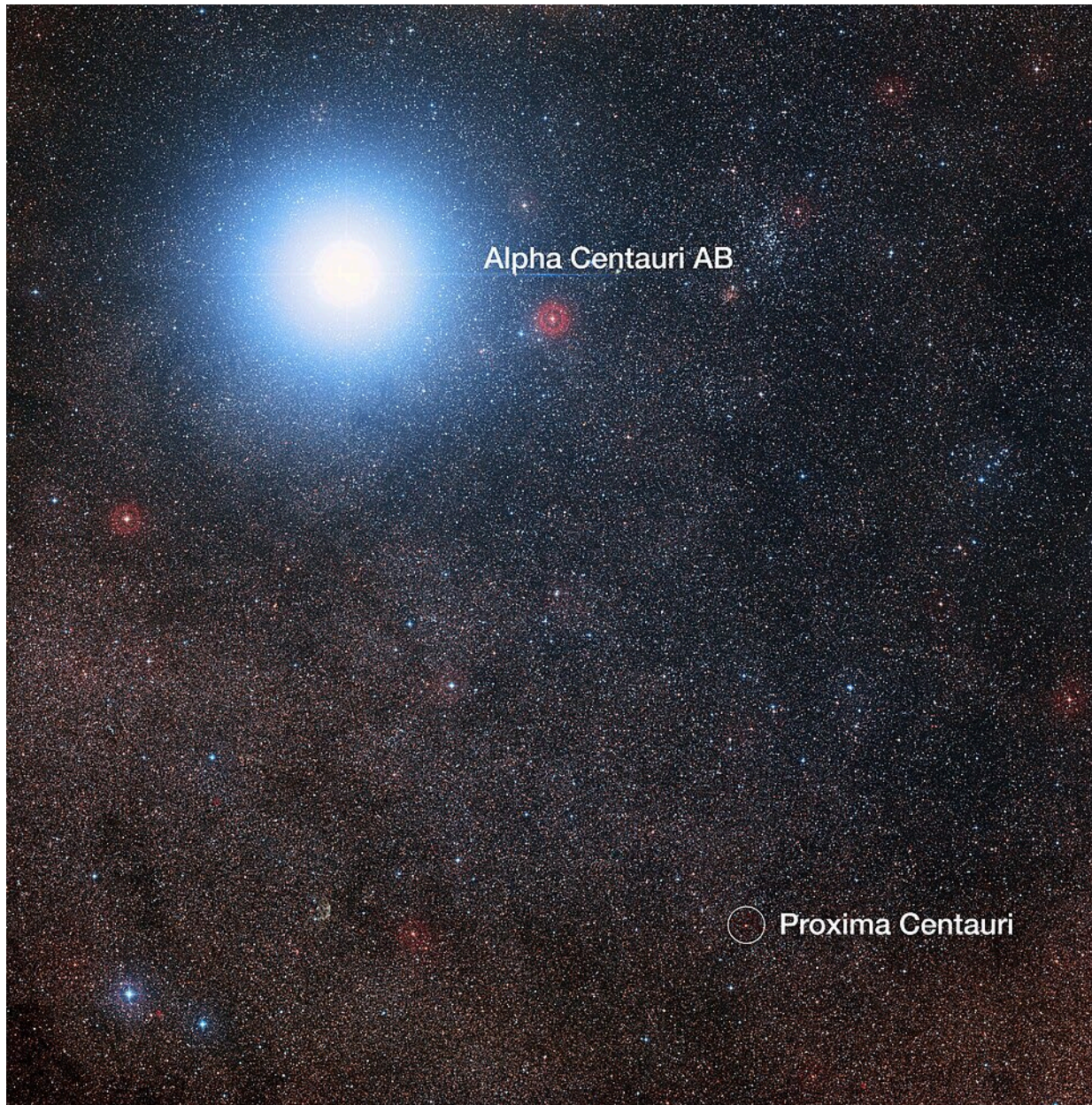
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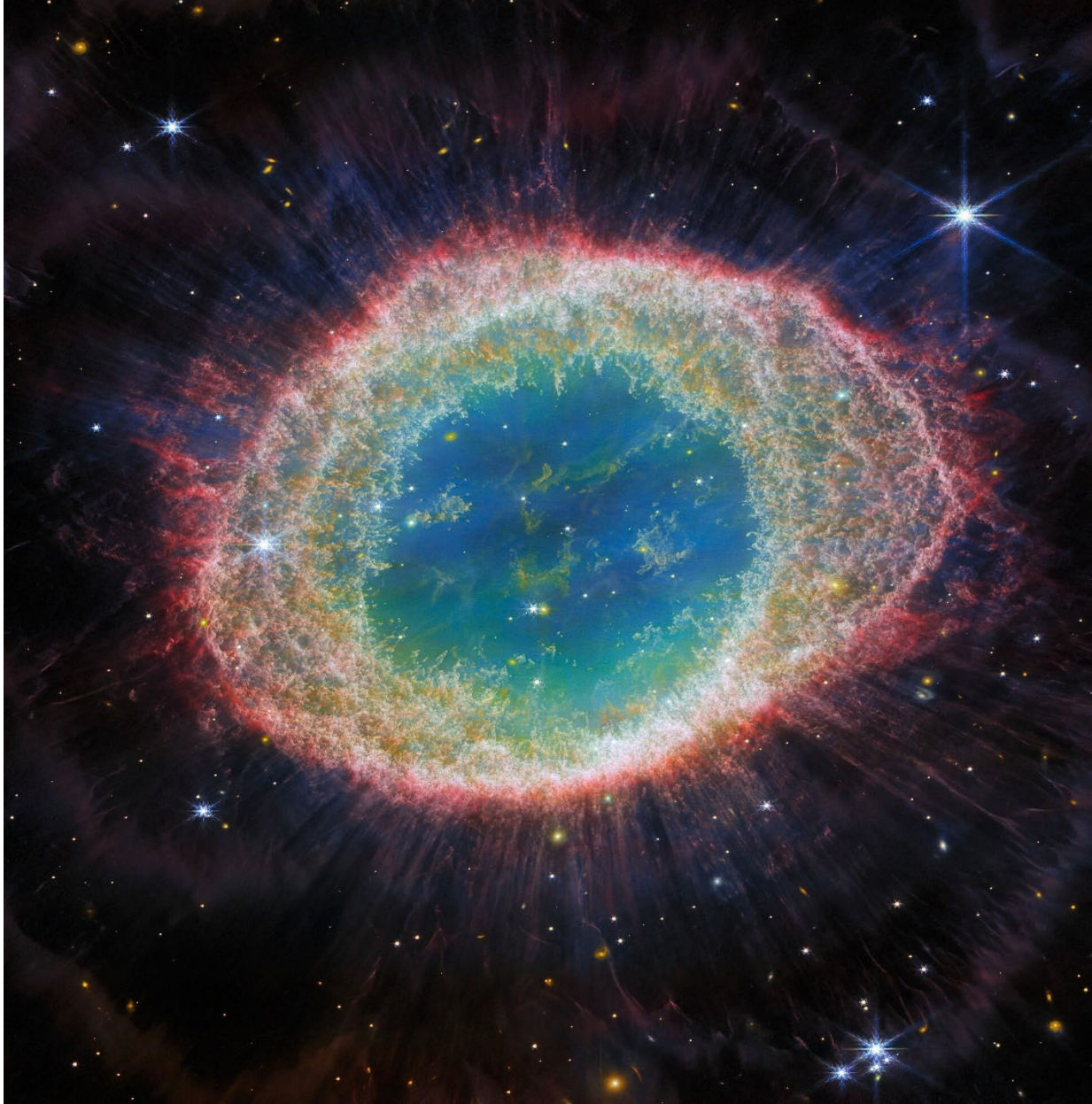
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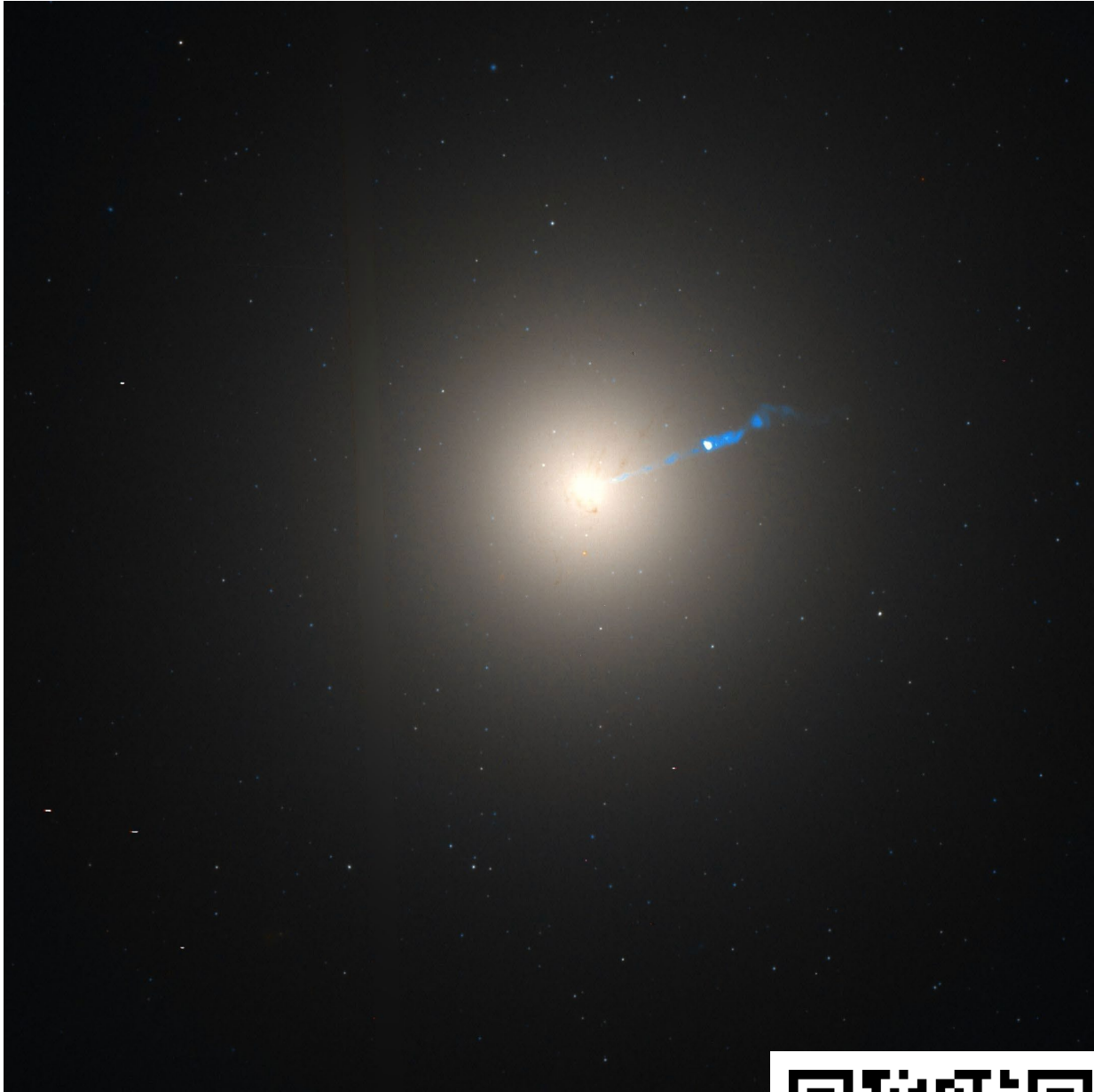


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