

Jingle bell rock

The 12 Astronomy Highlights of Christmas

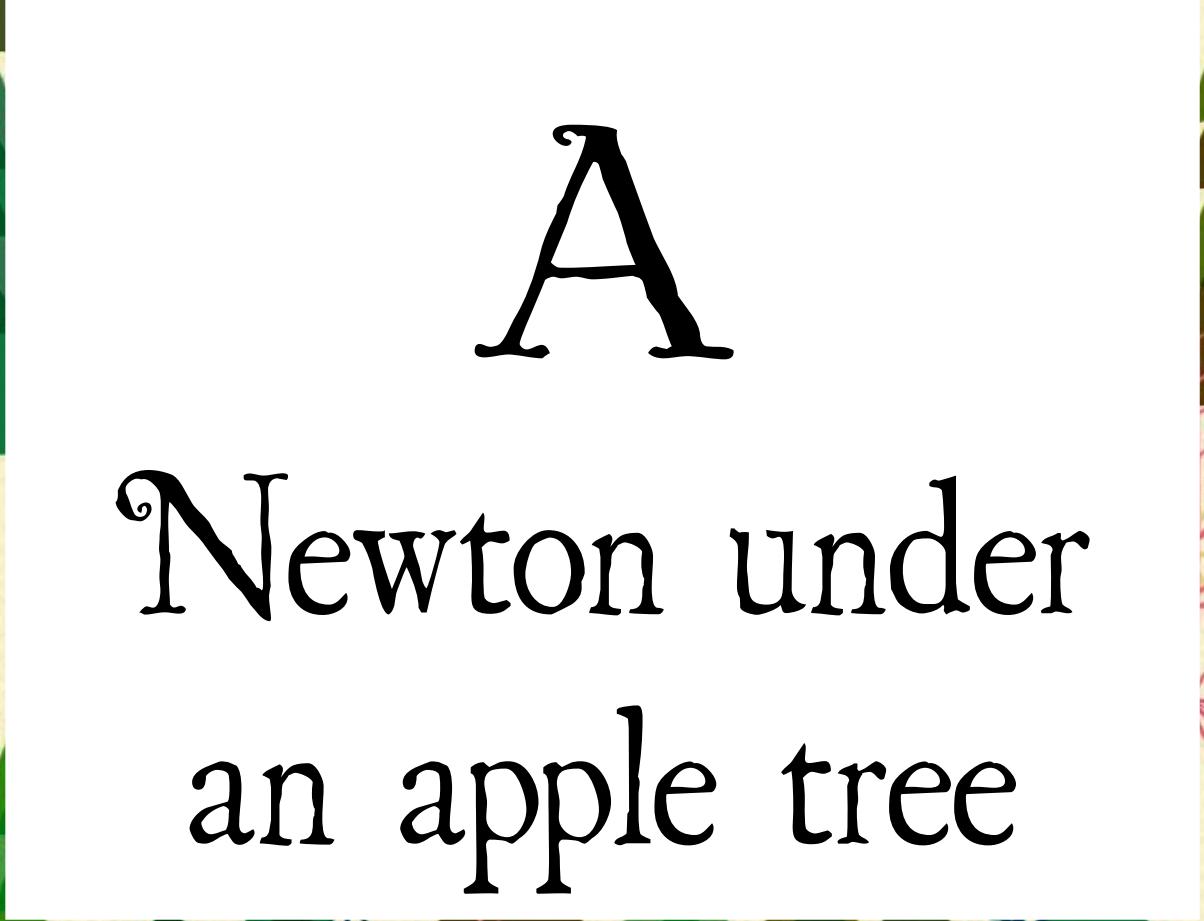
Christopher Berry, Keelia Scott &
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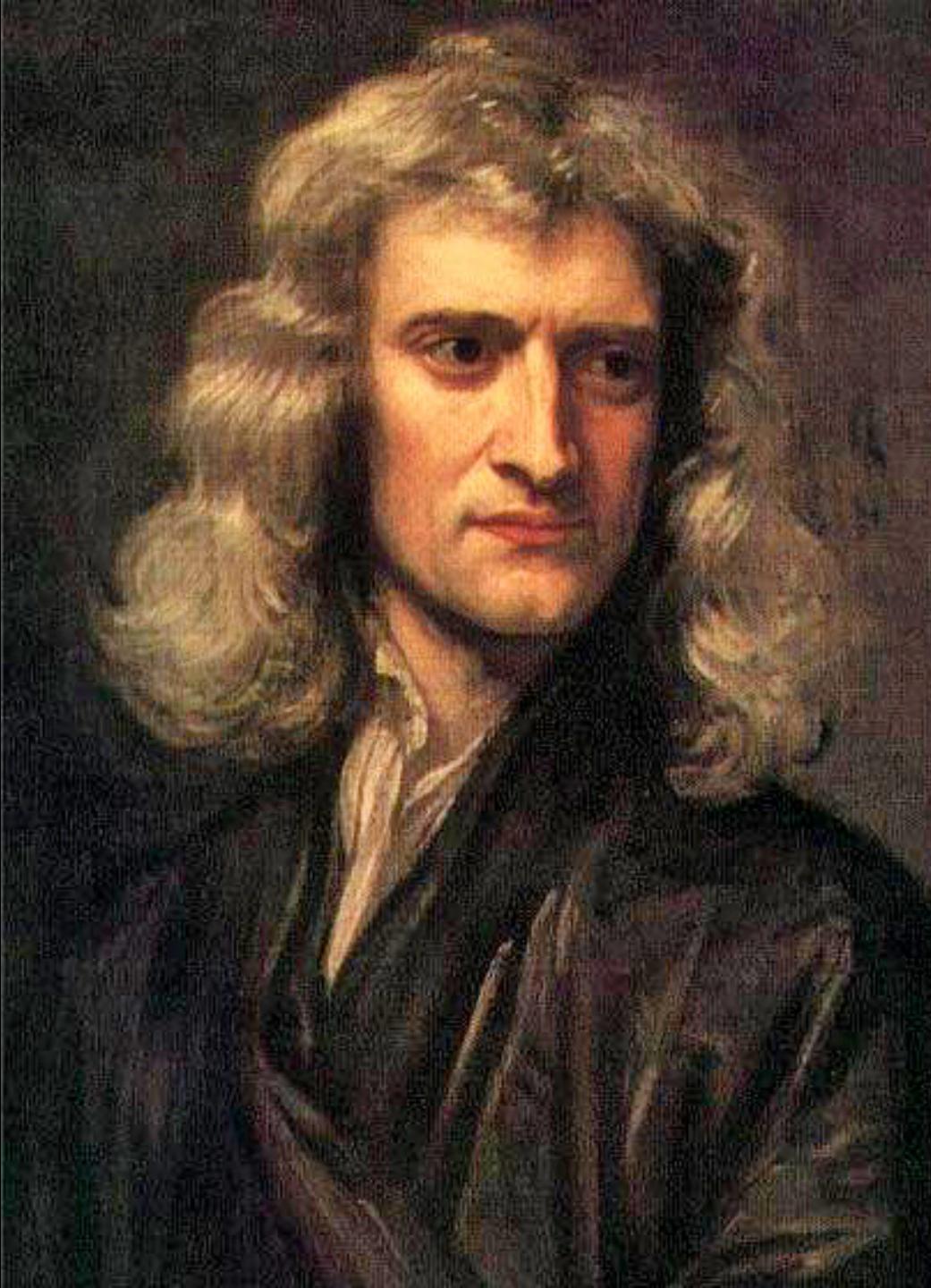
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On the *n*th day of Christmas an
Astronomer gave to me....



A Newton under an apple tree



Credit:
Gottfried Knelle/
Plymouth Estate

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Daniel Berehulak/
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Credit:
The Royal Society

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clear nights
observing



Credit: University of
Birmingham Observatory



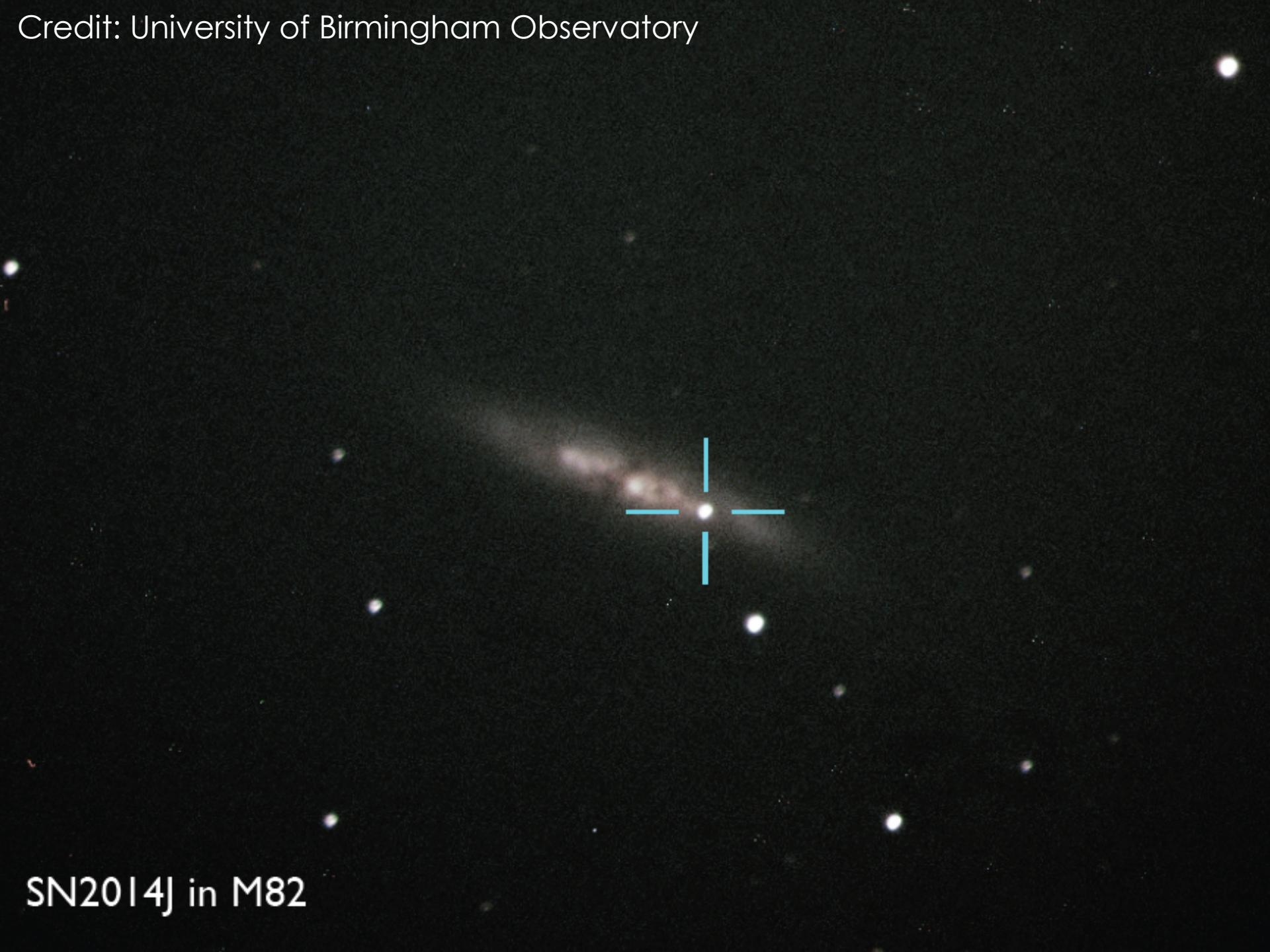


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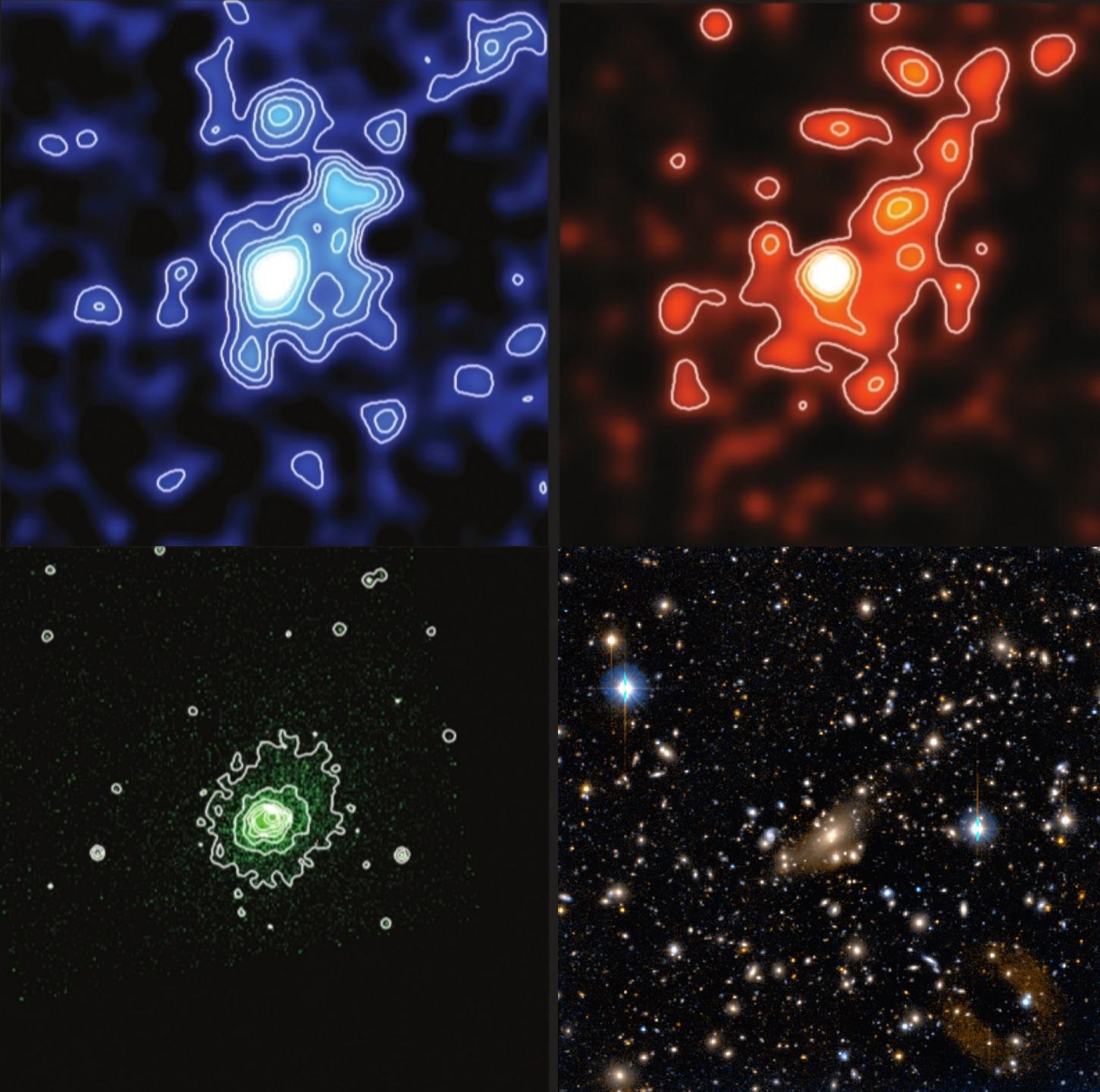
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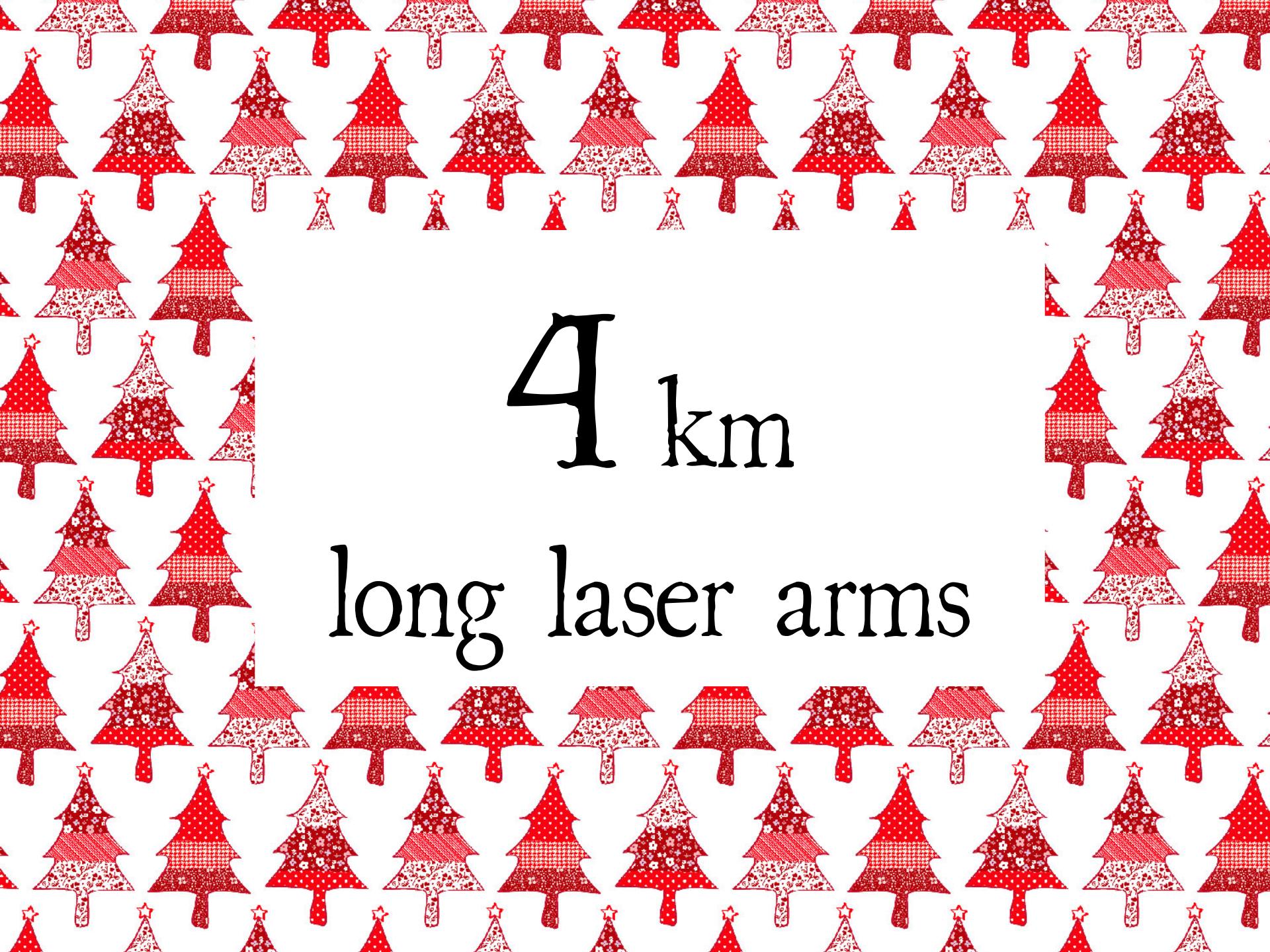
SN2014J in M82

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components of a
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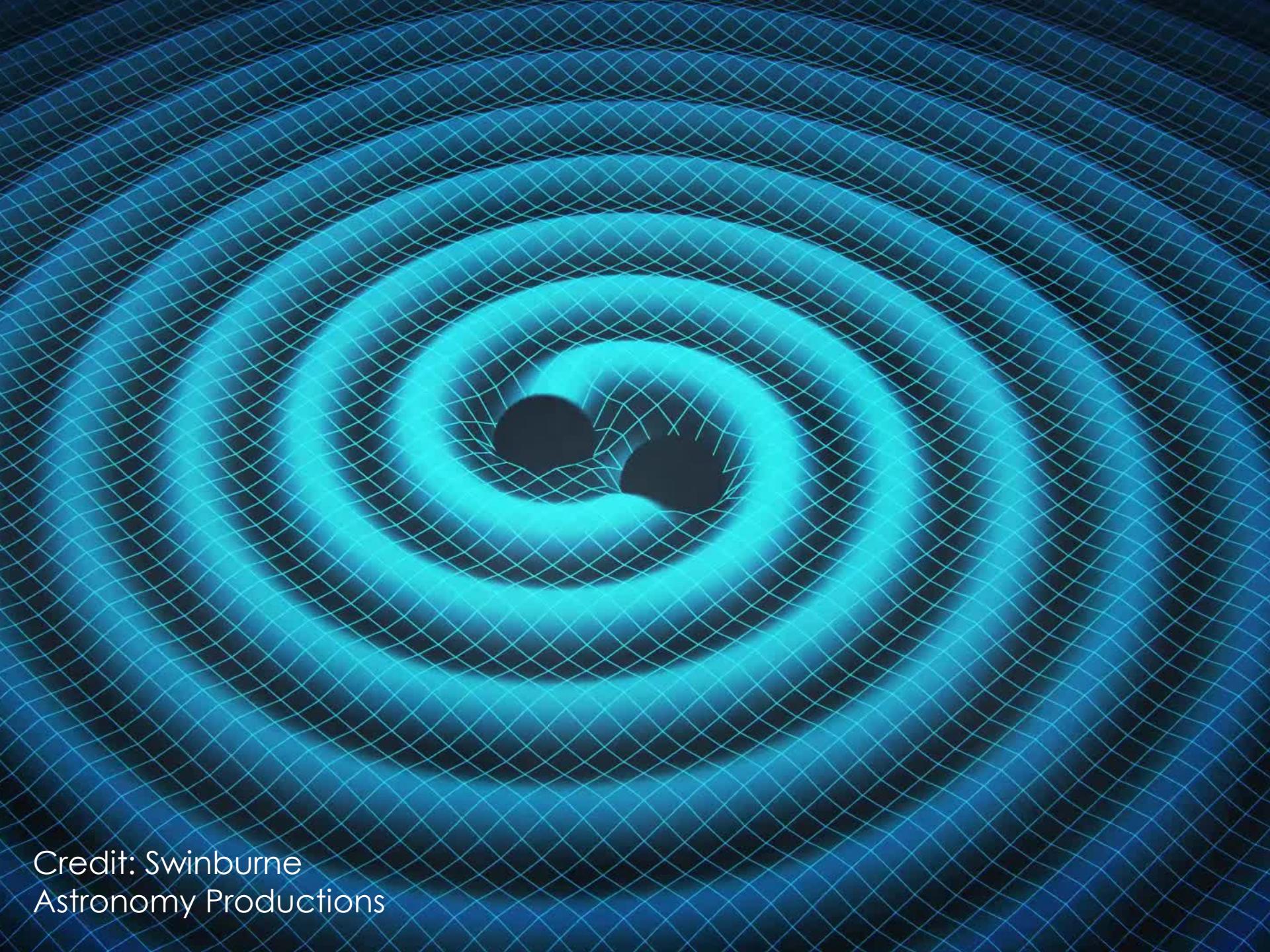
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Chandra/
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Telescope/
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4 km
long laser arms



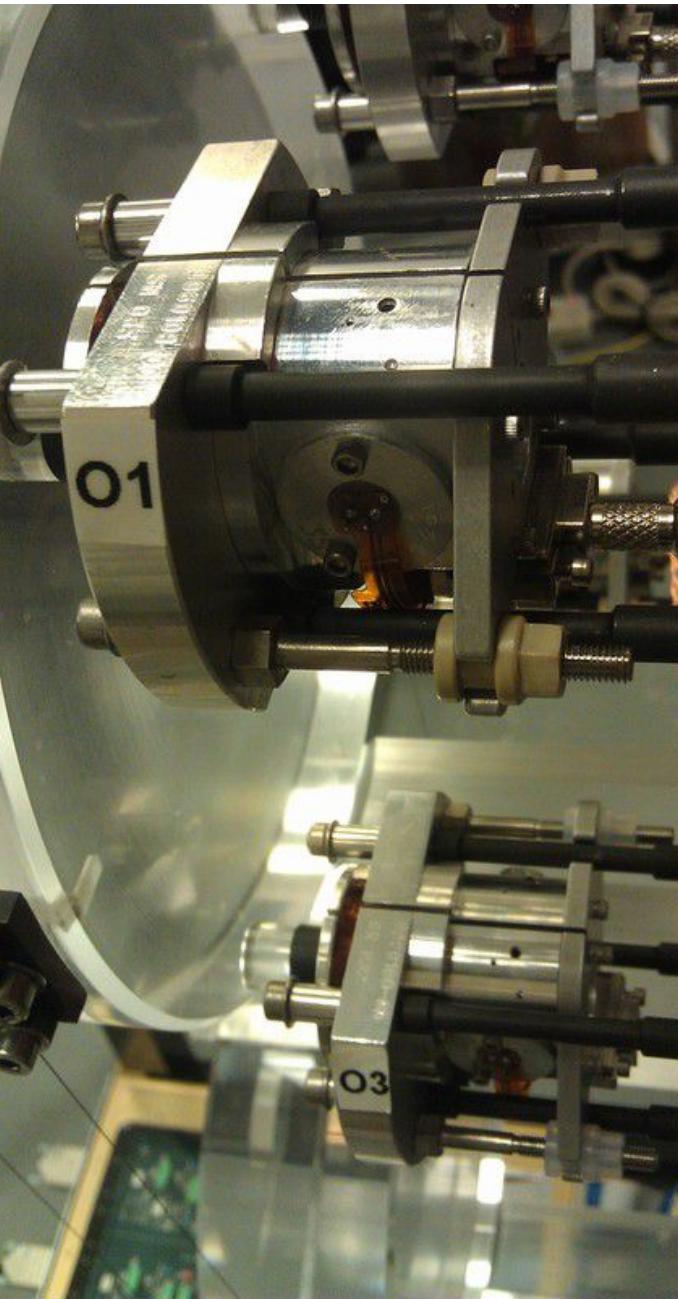
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Astronomy Productions



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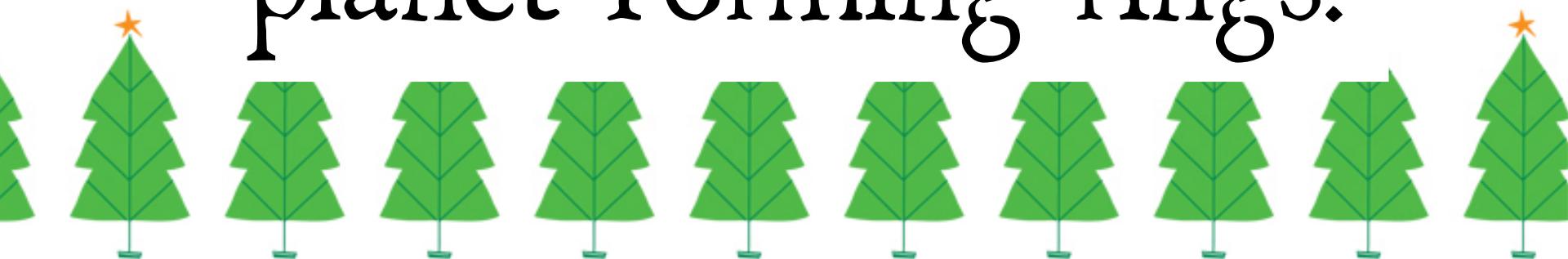
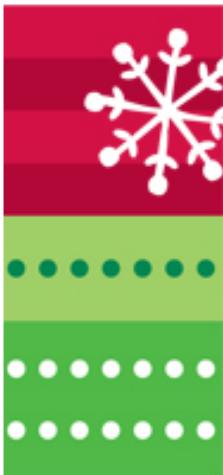


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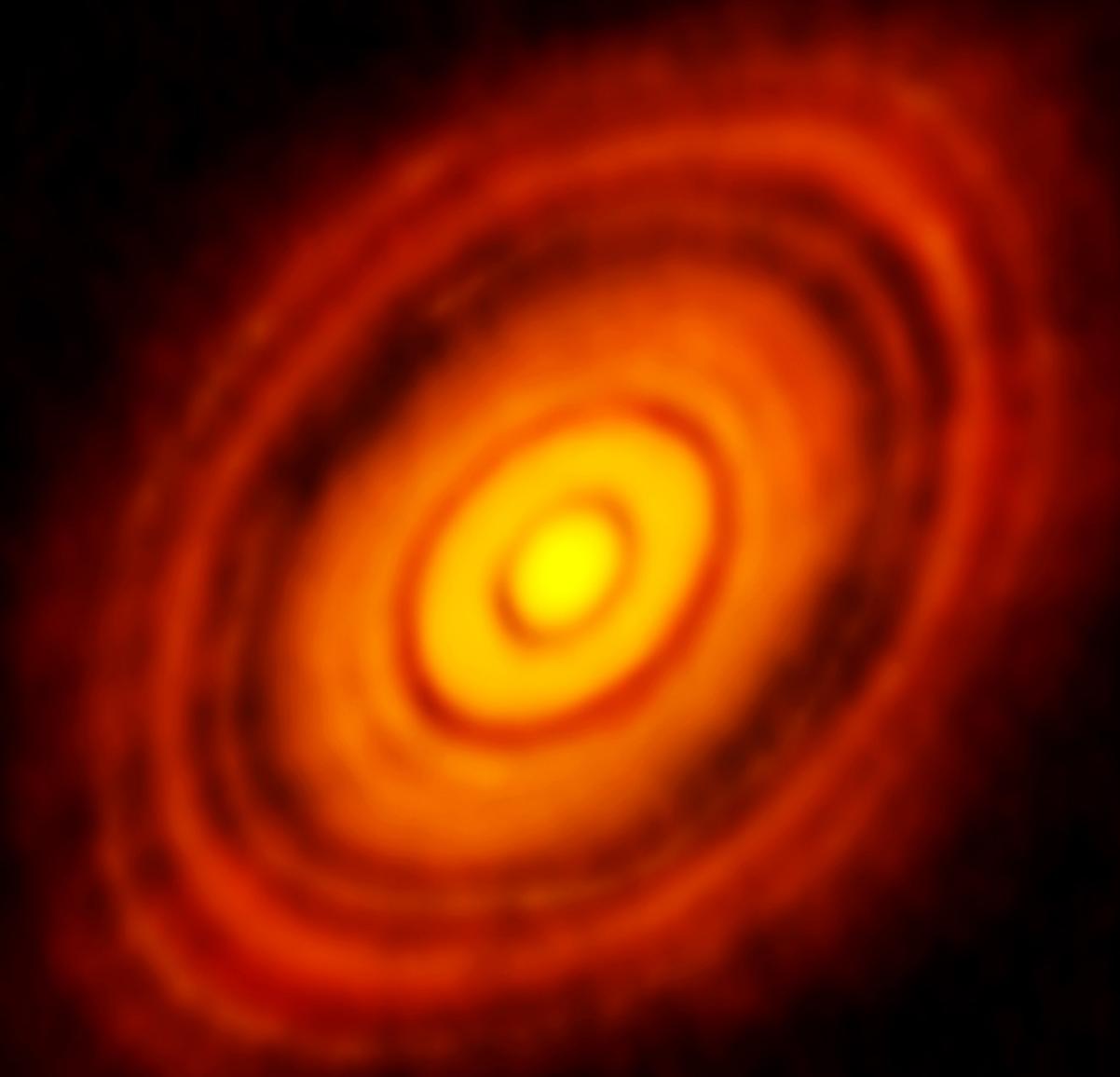


5 (or more)

planet-forming rings!



Credit: C. Brogan, B. Saxton/ALMA



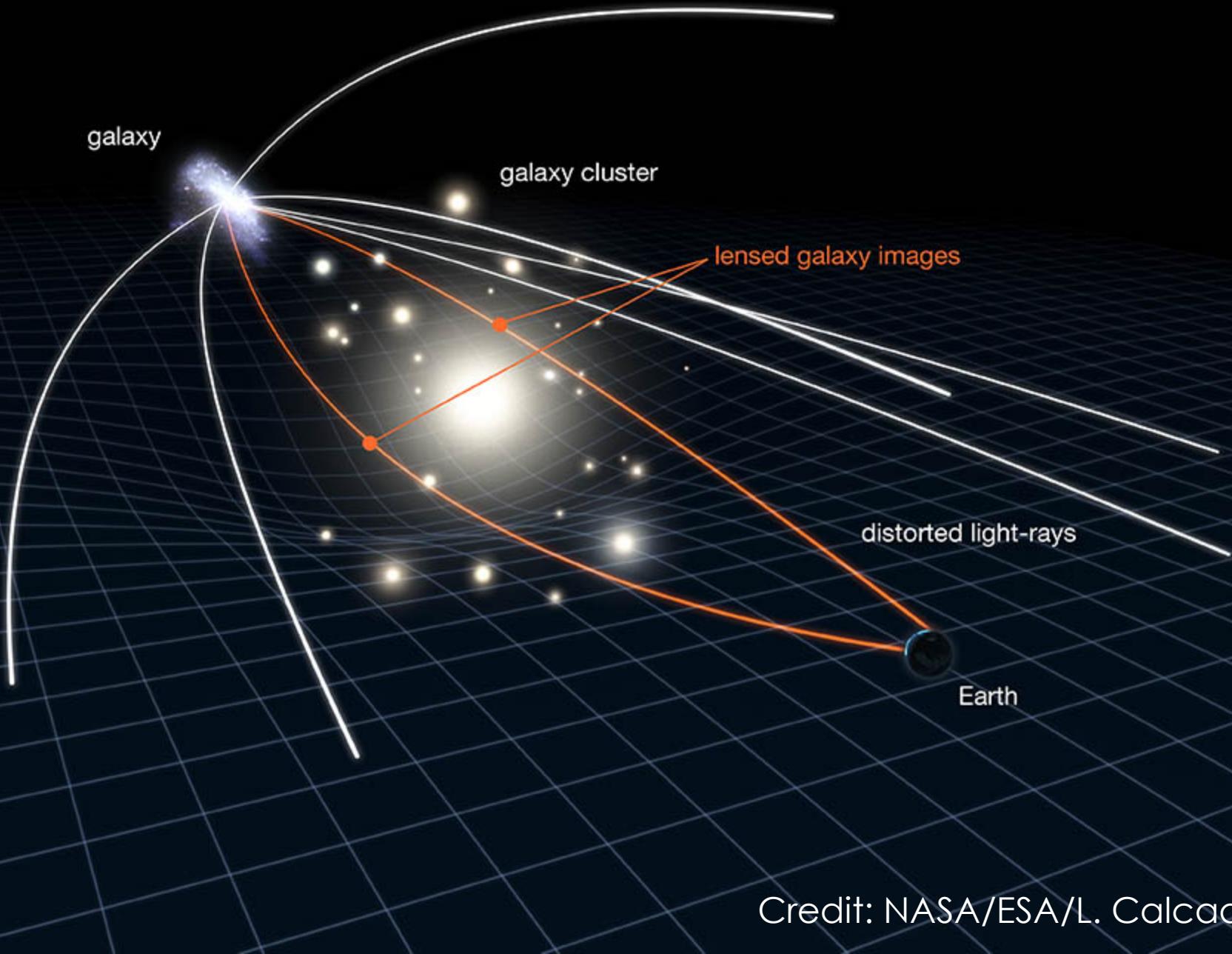
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Frontier Fields



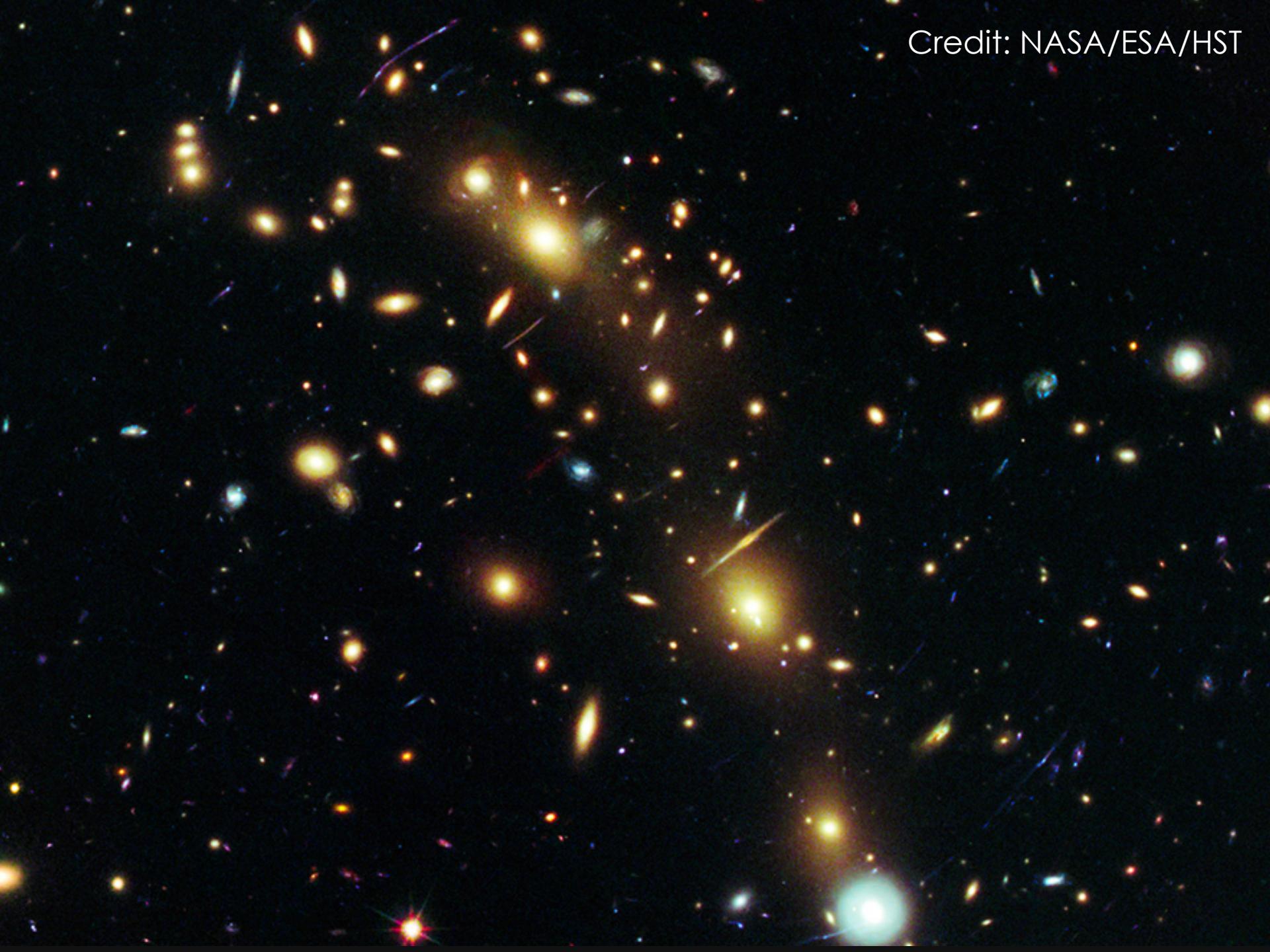
Pushing the limits
of the Hubble Space Telescope

Credit: NASA/Frontier Fields



Credit: NASA/ESA/L. Calcada

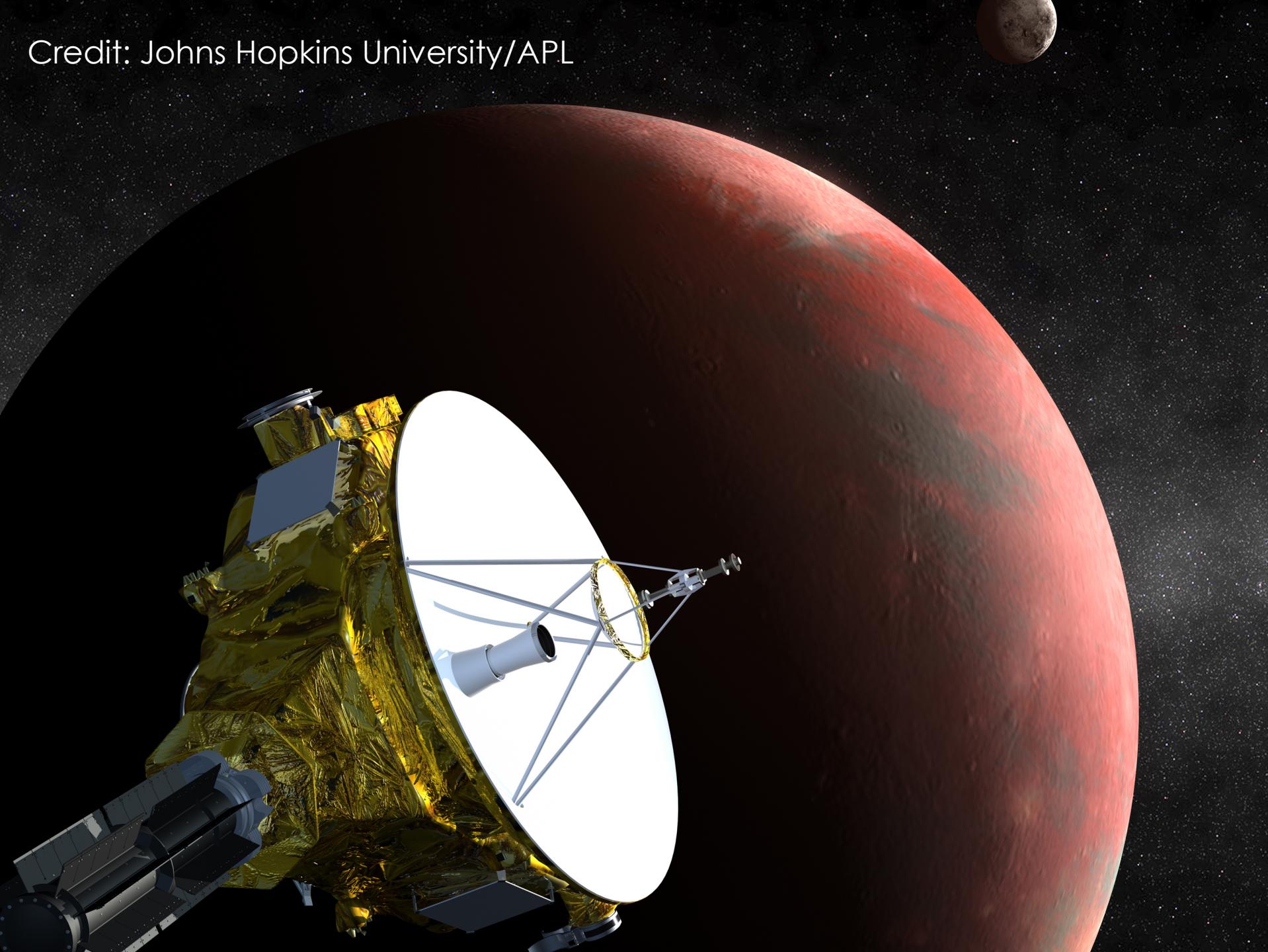
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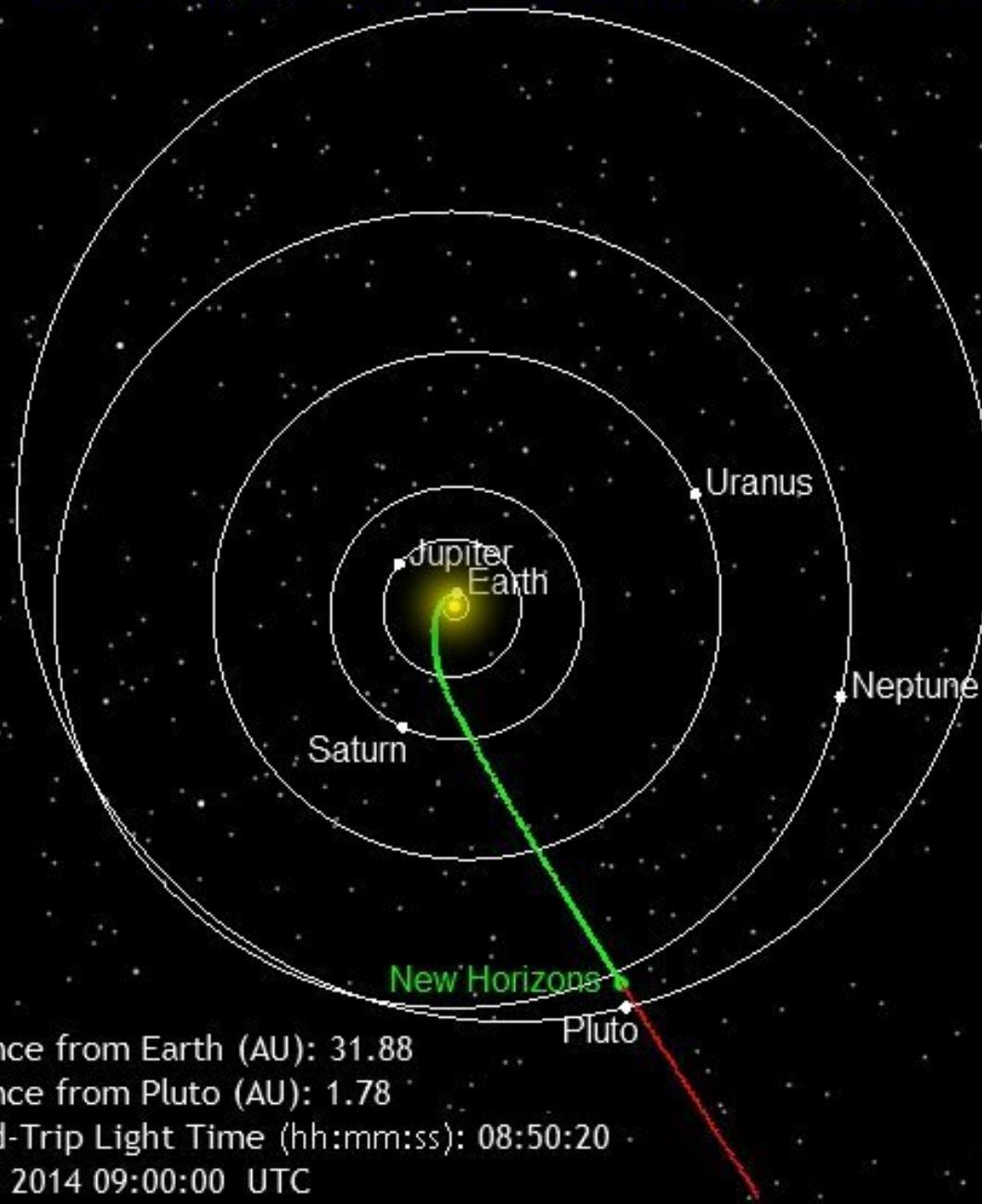
F months
until New
Horizons

Credit: Johns Hopkins University/APL



New Horizons Full Trajectory - Overhead View

Distance from Sun (AU): 31.05 Heliocentric Velocity (km/s): 14.64



Distance from Earth (AU): 31.88

Distance from Pluto (AU): 1.78

Round-Trip Light Time (hh:mm:ss): 08:50:20

3 Dec 2014 09:00:00 UTC

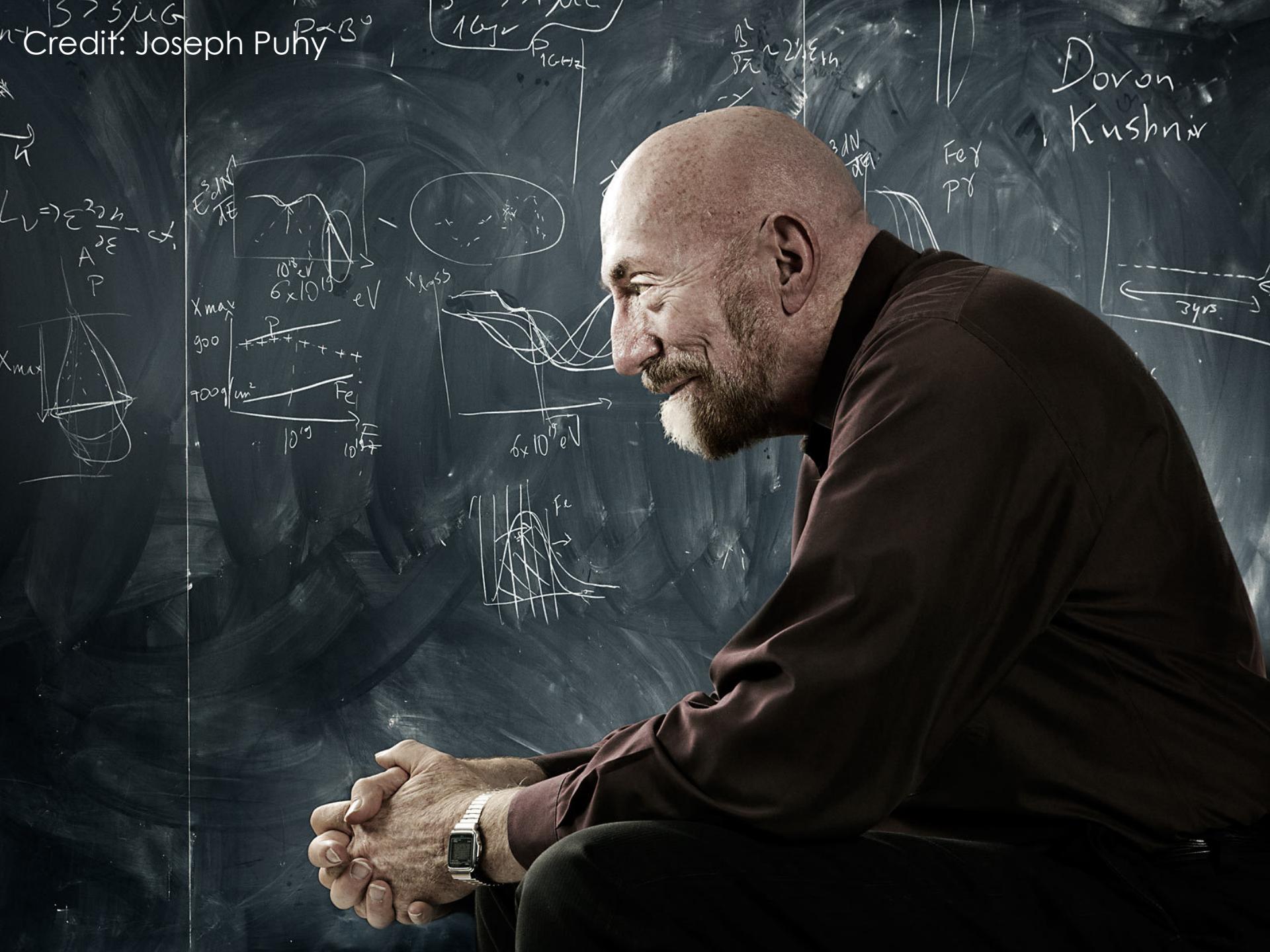
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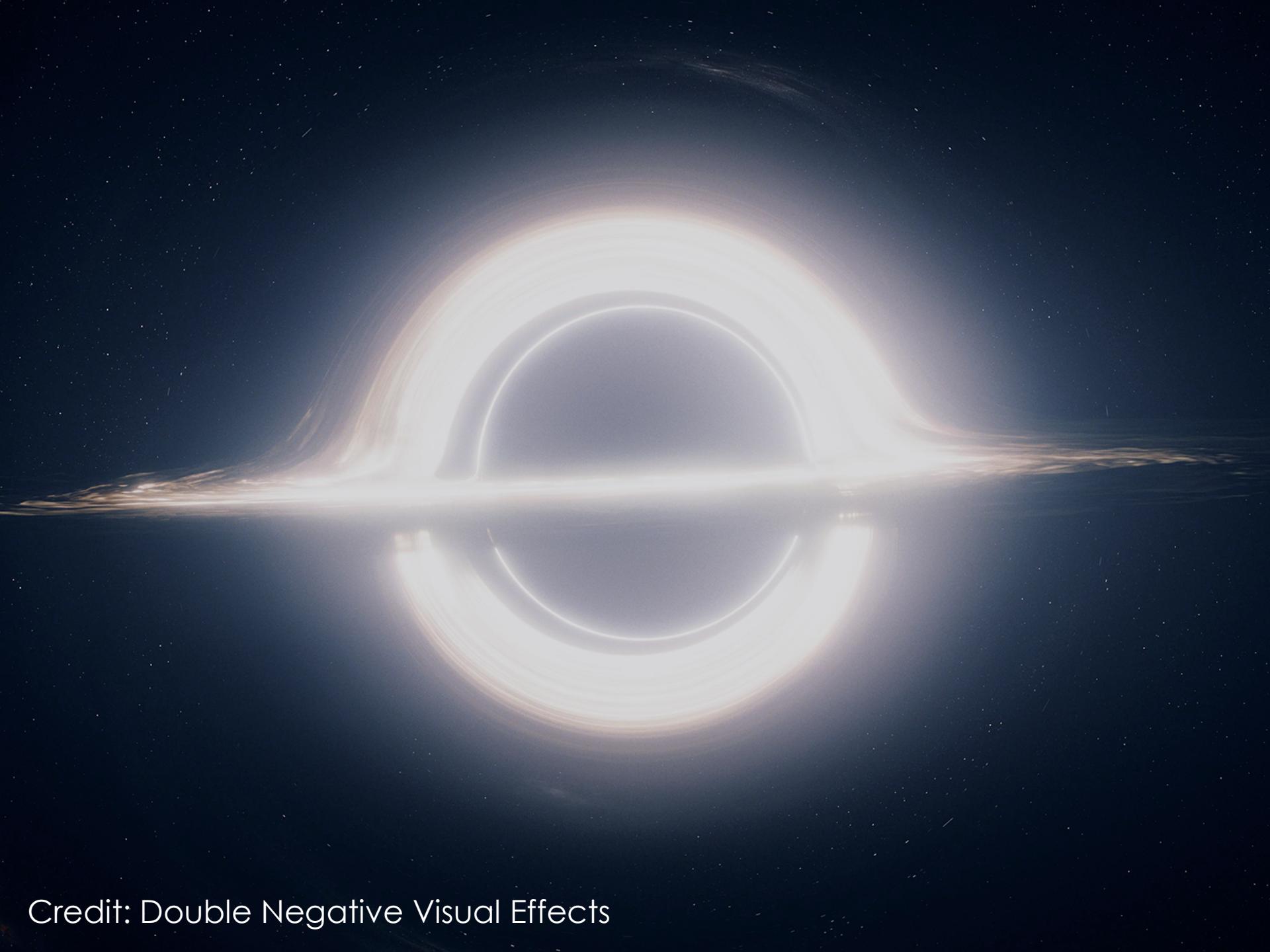
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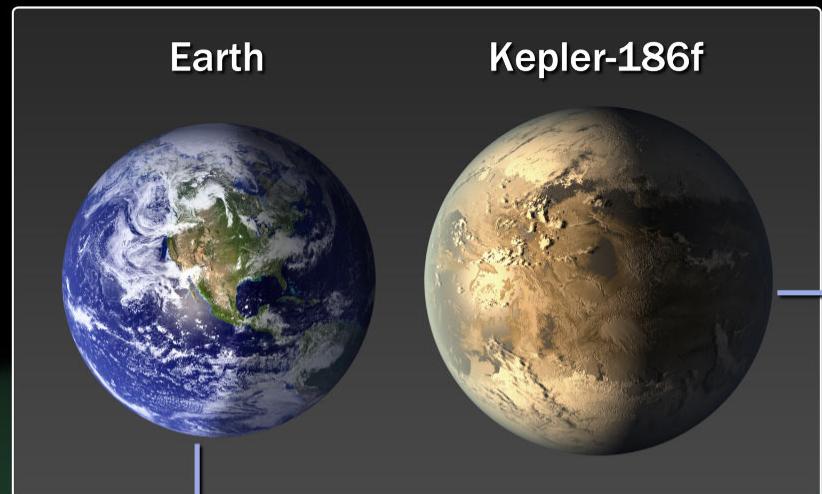




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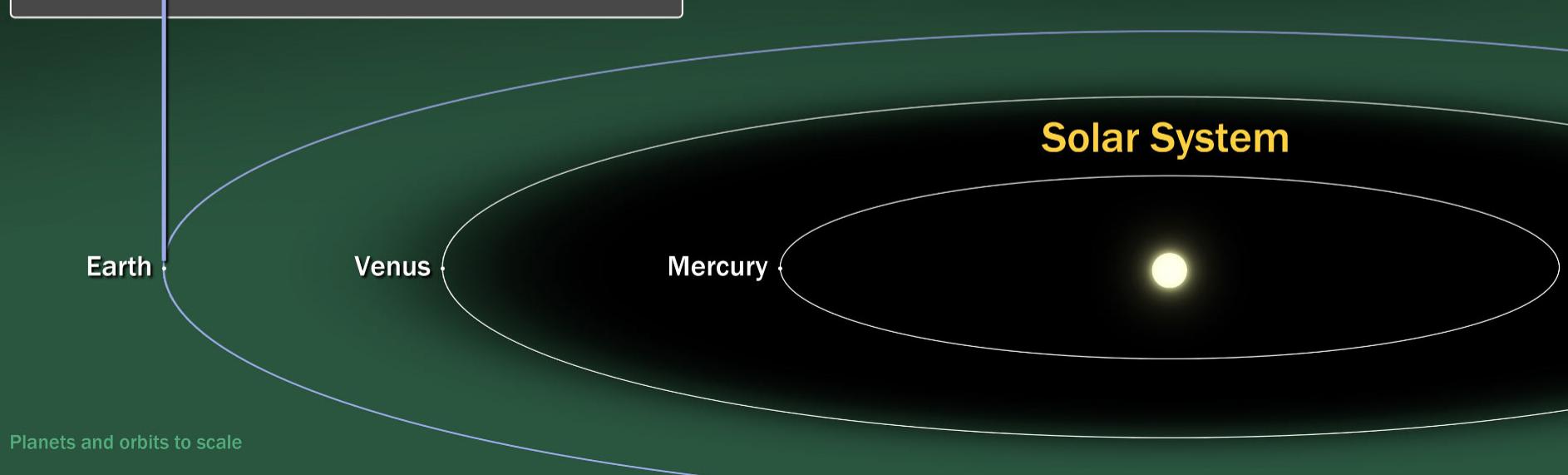
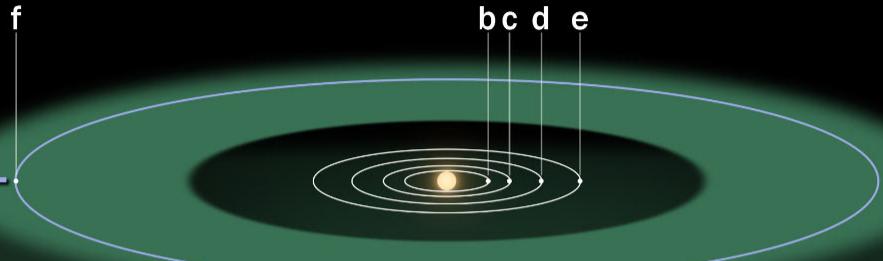
Kepler exoplanets



Earth

Kepler-186f

Kepler-186 System



Planets and orbits to scale

Solar System

Credit: NASA Ames/SETI Institute/JPL-CalTech

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lunar orbits

Credit: NASA



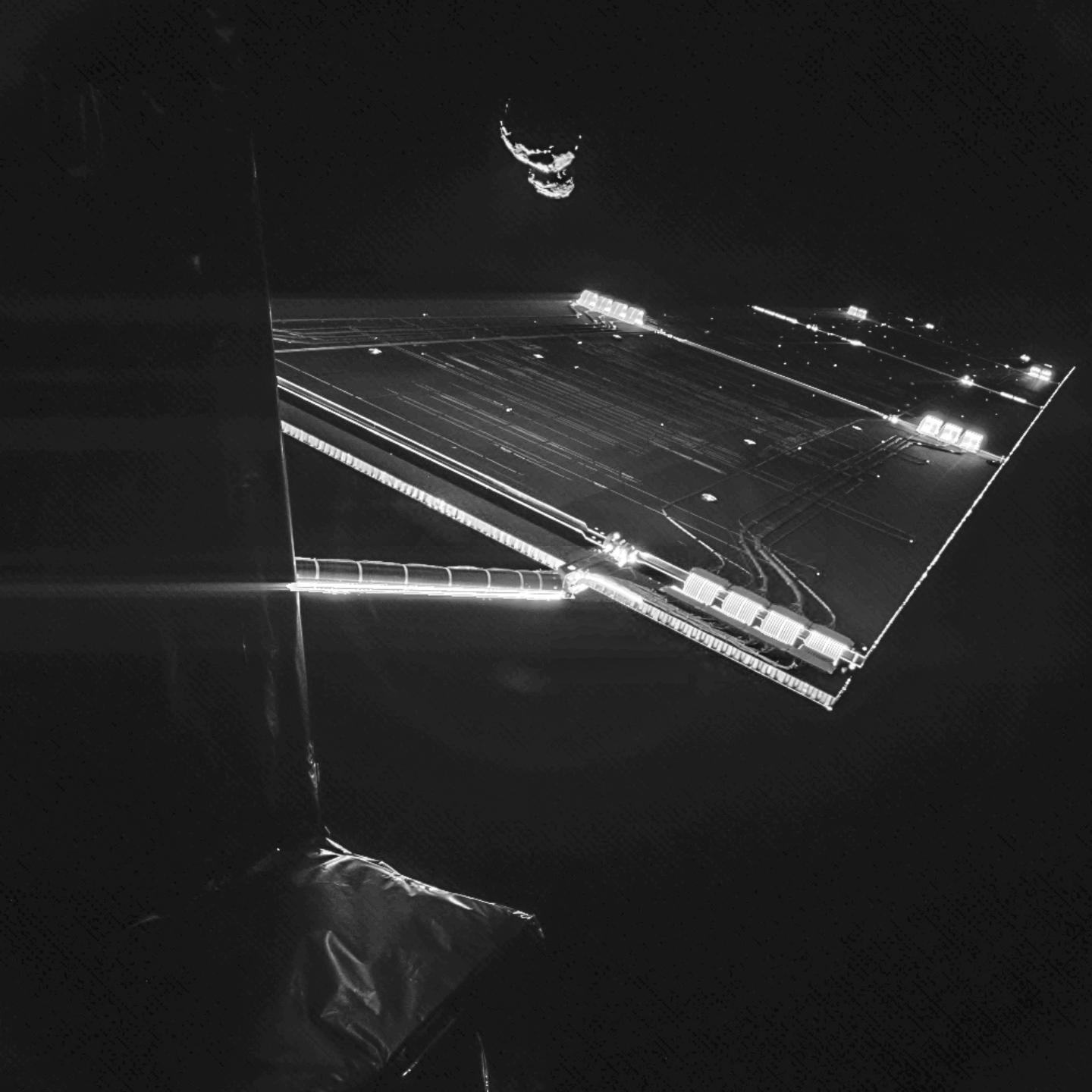
James Lovell Jr.,
William Anders
& Frank Borman



Credit: NASA



11 (10 3/4)
years for
Rosetta

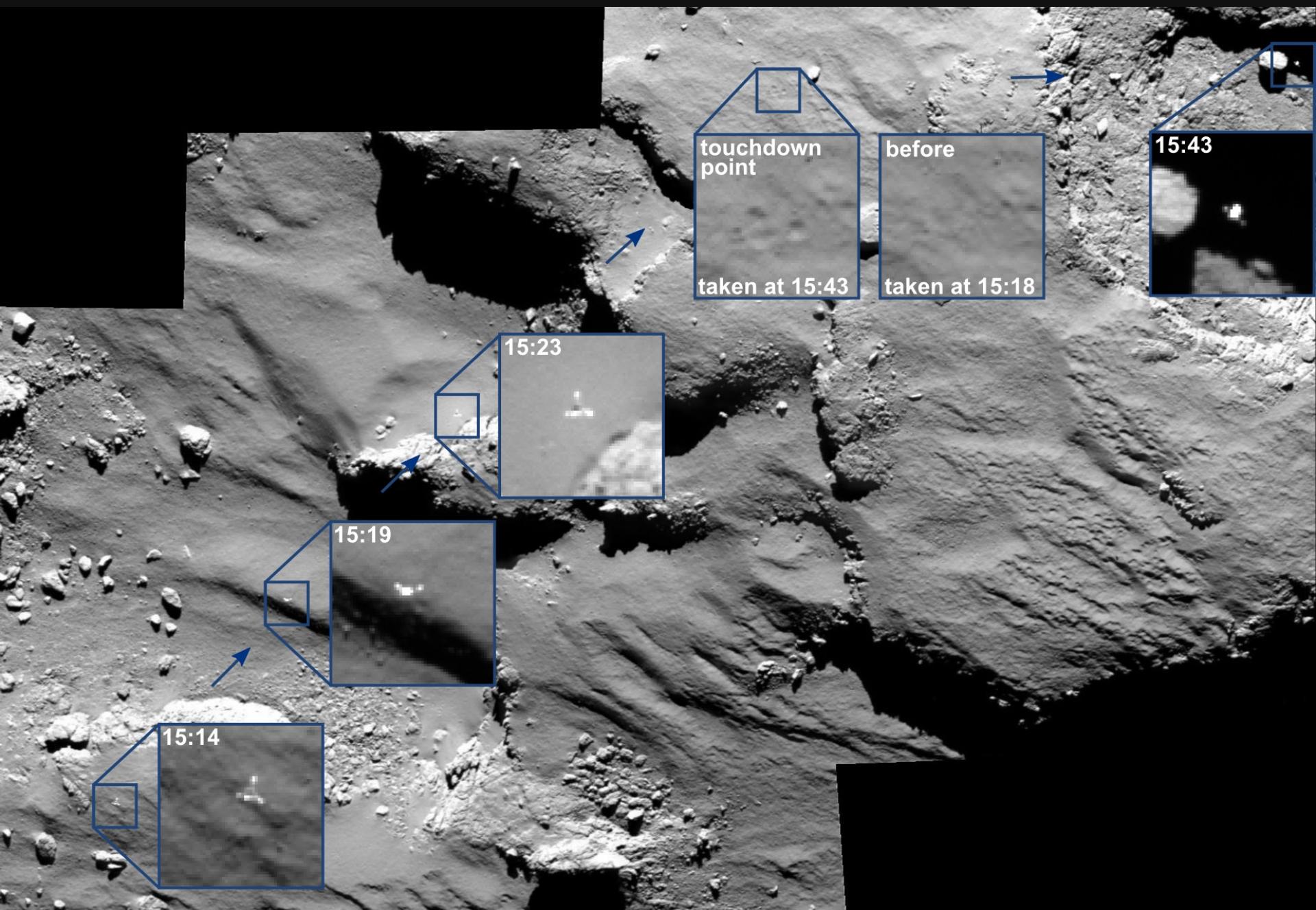


Credit:
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Philae/CIVA

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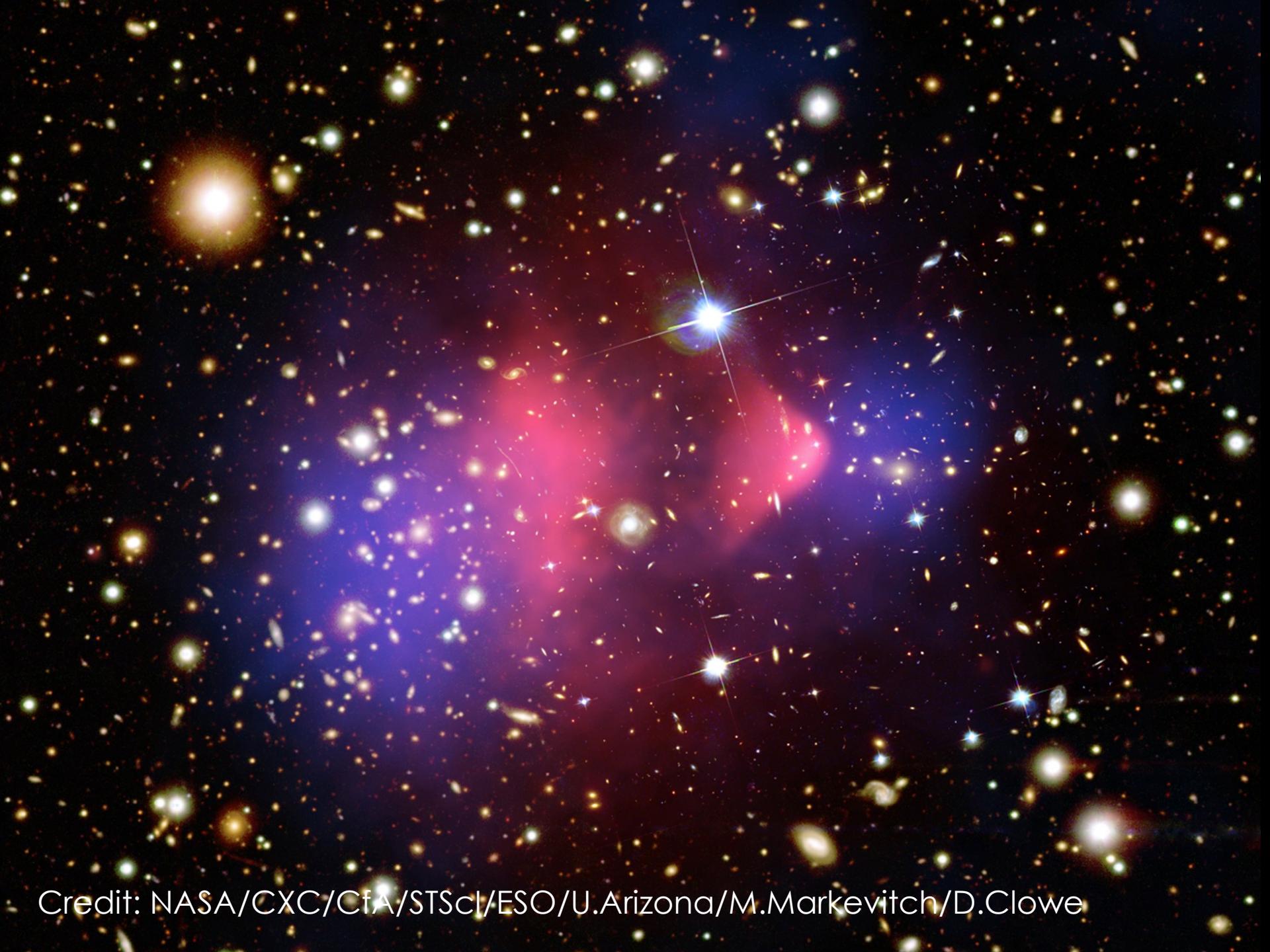
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12 (plus)
galaxies in a
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Credit: NASA/CXC/CfA/STScI/ESO/U.Arizona/M.Markevitch/D.Clowe

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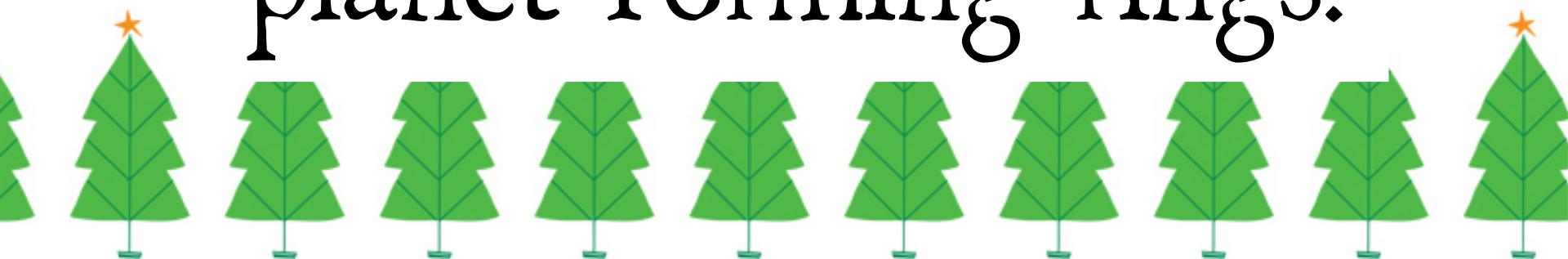
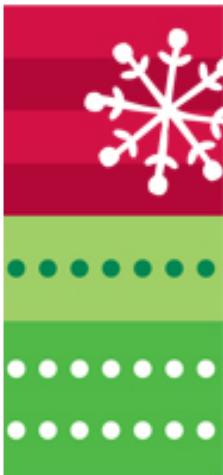
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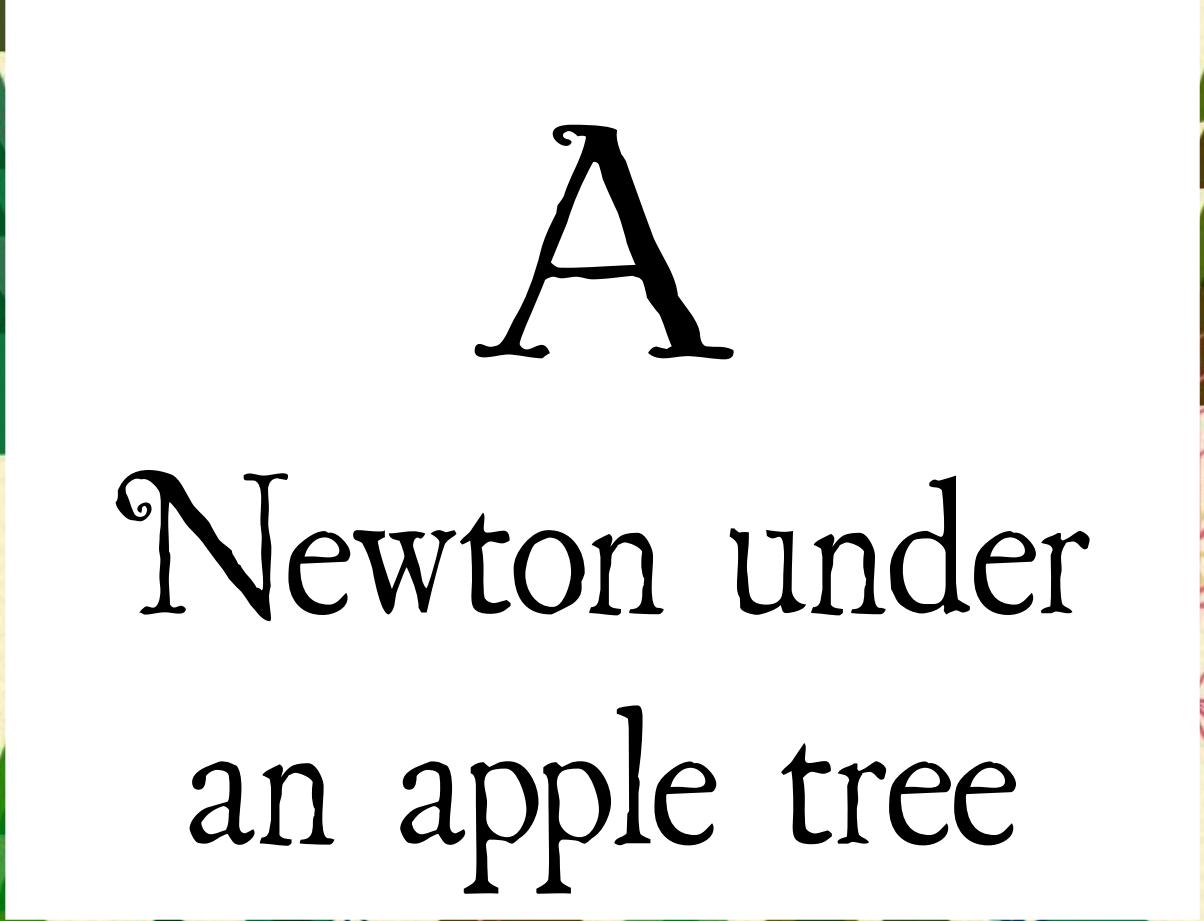
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Season's Greetings!

