



- **Laboratory of astronomical technologies**

- **CUPANI GUIDO e CESCUTTI GABRIELE**

- **with the important contribution by
GIULIA IAFRATE
for the experiences in
Basovizza**

when??

Plan of the lectures

Today 23 February Cescutti (14-17)

Tomorrow 24 February ?? Cescutti (15:30-17?)

Thursday 14-16 Cupani

Monday Cescutti 3h

Tuesday Cescutti 3h (not always)

Thursday Cupani 2h

(24 Cupani e 48 Cescutti)

Cars????

**Subjects of my lectures
(exercises)**

**Intro su Observational Astronomy
Optics and Telescopes
Coordinates
Photometry
Spectrometry
Stellar observations**

Detectors e data reduction (Cupani)

2	Lezione introduttiva ed inizio Ottica
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2	Ottica
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3	Ottica conclusione
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2	Aberrazioni ottiche
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3	Visita alle infrastrutture dell'Osservatorio di Basovizza
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2	Fine aberrazioni ottiche e inizio configurazione telescopi
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3	Telescopi conclusione e esercizi su SIMBAD e SAGA
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2	Esercizi con SAGA e TOPCAT
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3	Caratteristiche delle luce + topcat
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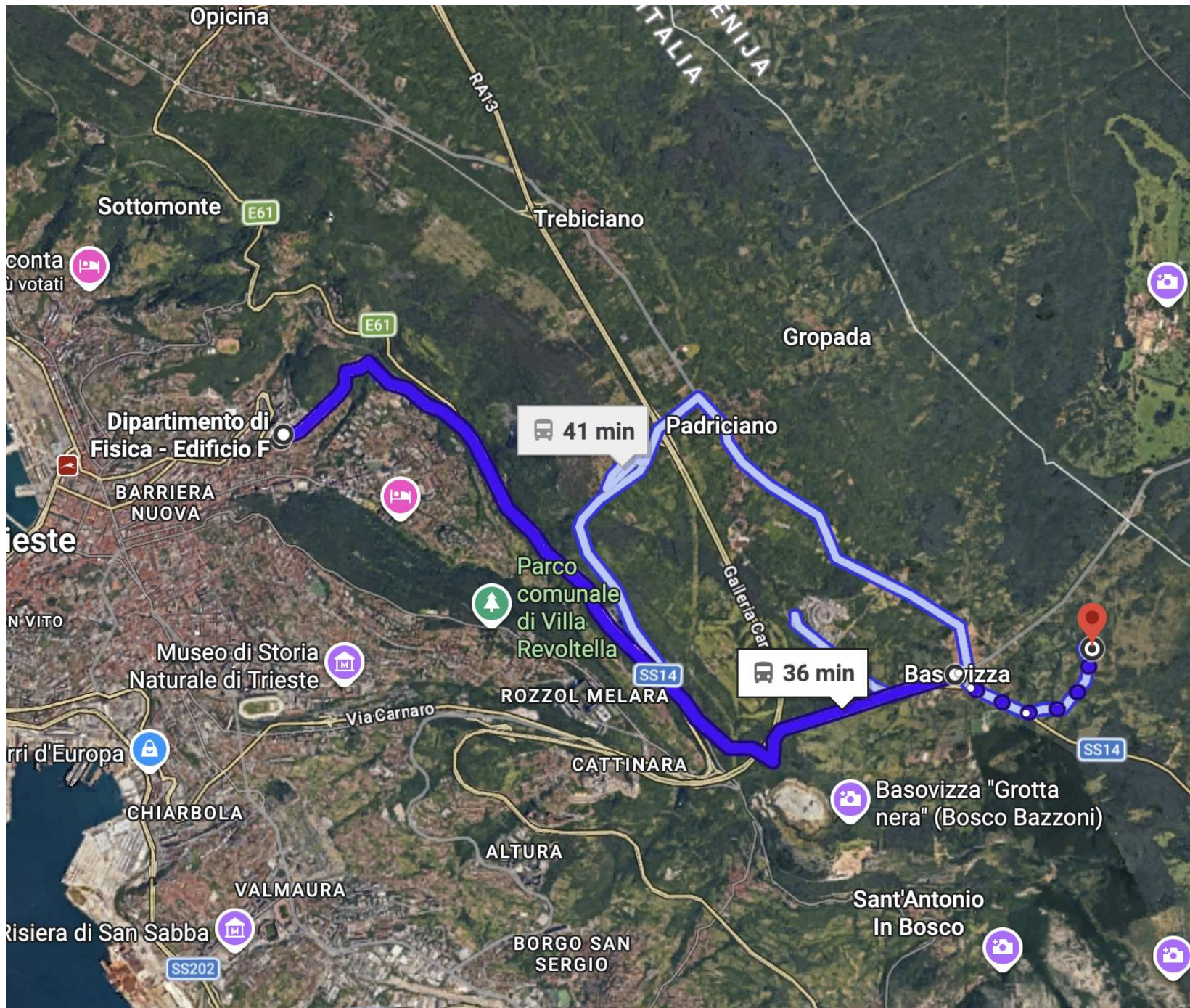
2	Osservazioni in Basovizza
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2	Ricerca di stella variabile
2	Verifica delle stelle variabile e ricerca su GAIA DR3
2	Ricerca dinamica in stelle dell'alone
3	Uso di GAIA DR3
2	Approfondimento su Diffrazione
2	Spettri stellari e formazione di righe di assorbimento
3	Installazione ed utilizzo di Astrocook
3	Analisi spettro di una stella del sample MINCE I
2	Analisi spettro di una stella del sample MINCE II
3	Conclusione lavoro su stella MINCE

List of emails for prof. Cupani

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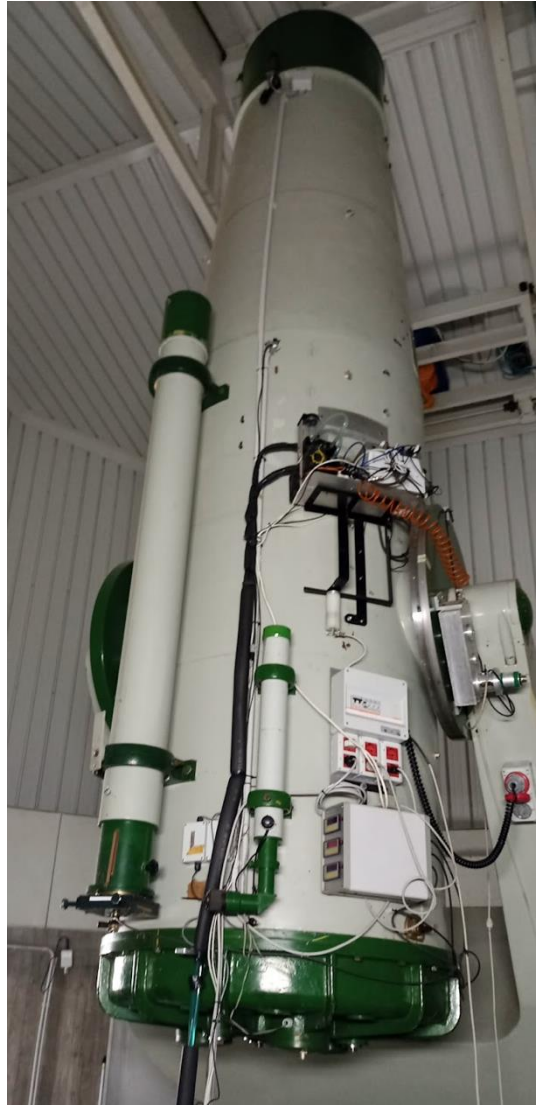




Asiago!

end of July/ August







Final Exam:

Discussion on an astrophysical paper and
preparation of an observational proposal
(+ questions connected or not)

All requested exercises done (that may also be
discussed)

More or less whenever you want
(but finding both me and Cupani...
maybe we will put some dates)

Observational Astronomy

An Introduction



Learning Objectives

- ◆ Beginnings of modern observational astronomy at **optical** wavelengths.
- ◆ The electromagnetic window:
Causes of scattering or absorption of electromagnetic radiation by the Earth's atmosphere
- ◆ Beginnings of modern observational astronomy at other wavelengths:
 2. **Radio**
 3. **X-ray**
 4. **γ -ray**
 5. **Ultraviolet**
 6. **Infrared**

Gravitational Waves

Beginnings of Modern Observational Astronomy

- ◆ In 1608, two spectacle makers* in Netherlands, one of whom was Hans Lippershey (born in Germany, lived in the Netherlands), filed for a patent for a “Dutch perspective glass.” Neither was granted a patent. Nevertheless, because Lippershey was able to financially exploit his invention to the Dutch military, he is widely credited for inventing the telescope.

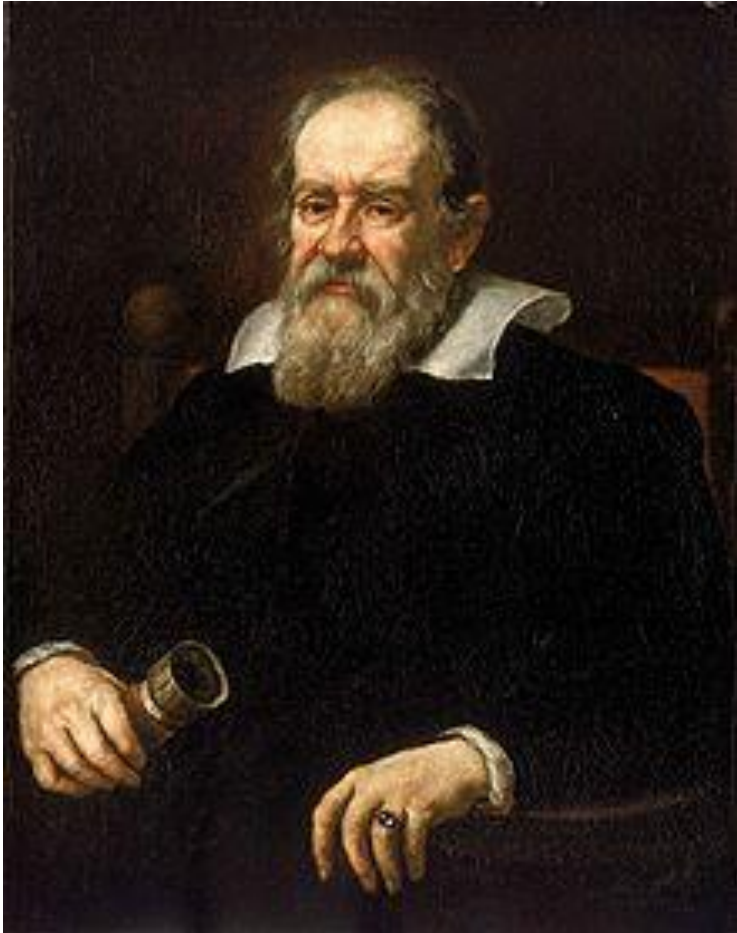


Early depiction of a "Dutch telescope" from 1624.

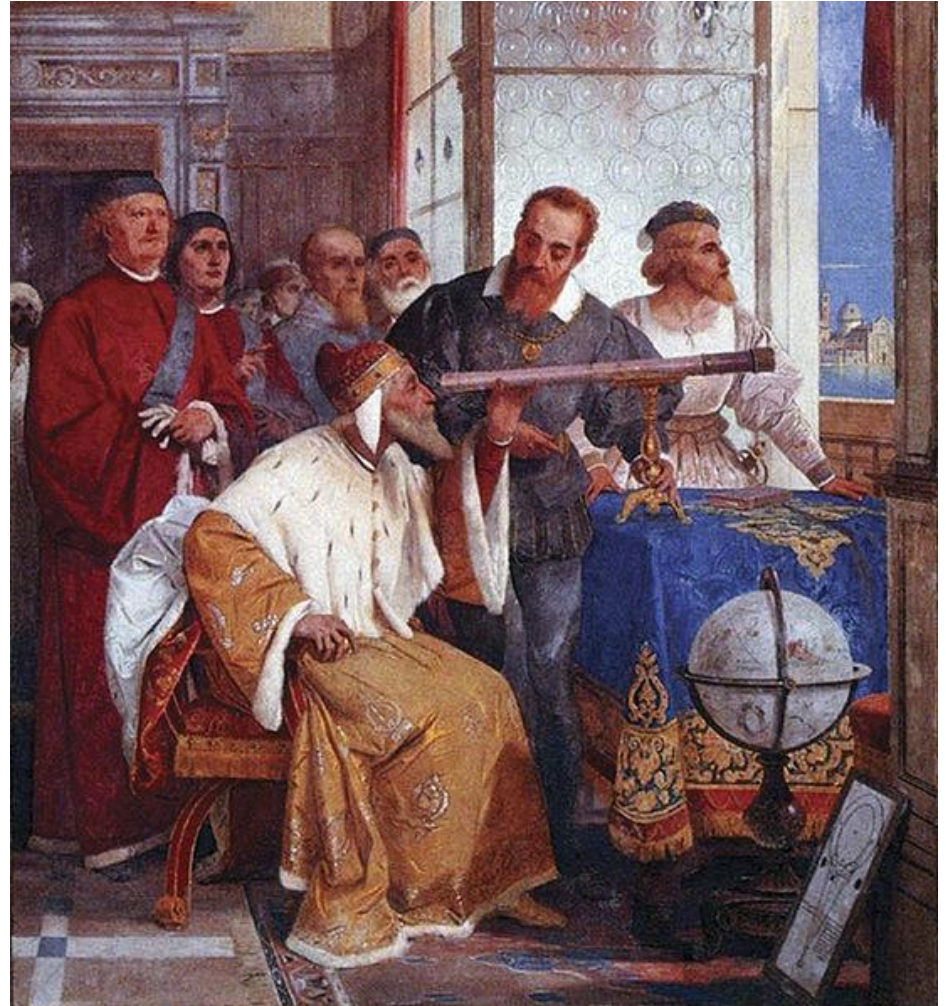
*The spectacle industry started in Venice and Florence (Italy) in the thirteenth century, and later expanded to the Netherlands and Germany.

Beginnings of Modern Observational Astronomy

- ◆ In 1609, Galileo Galilei, an Italian scientist, improved on Lippershey's design to build a telescope to observe the heavens for the first time.



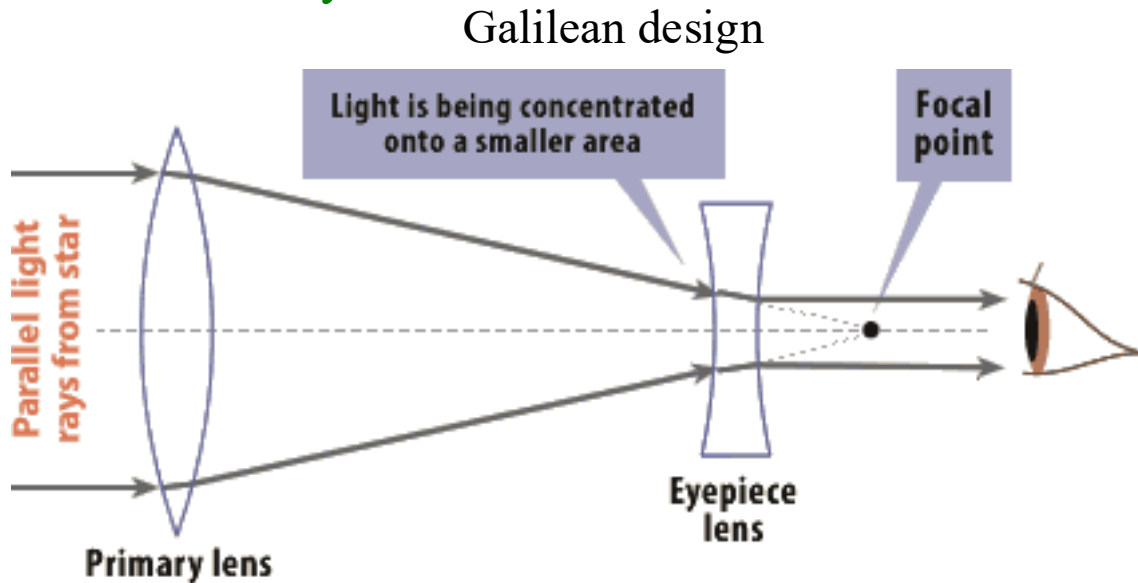
Galileo Galilei, 1564-1642



Galilei showing the Chief Magistrate of Venice how to use the telescope.

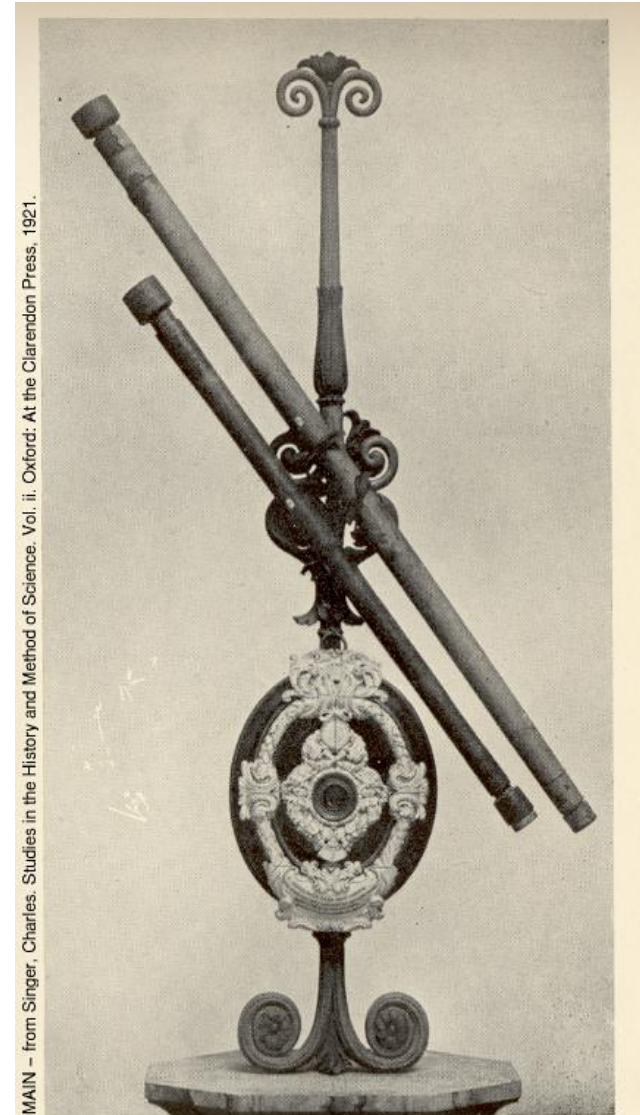
Beginnings of Modern Observational Astronomy

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- ◆ Galileo's observations of the heavens revolutionized astronomy. **In what ways are the telescope superior to the naked eye?**



This **convex** spherical lens (called the primary lens) collected and concentrated the light ...

... and this **concave** eyepiece lens made the concentrated light rays parallel again.



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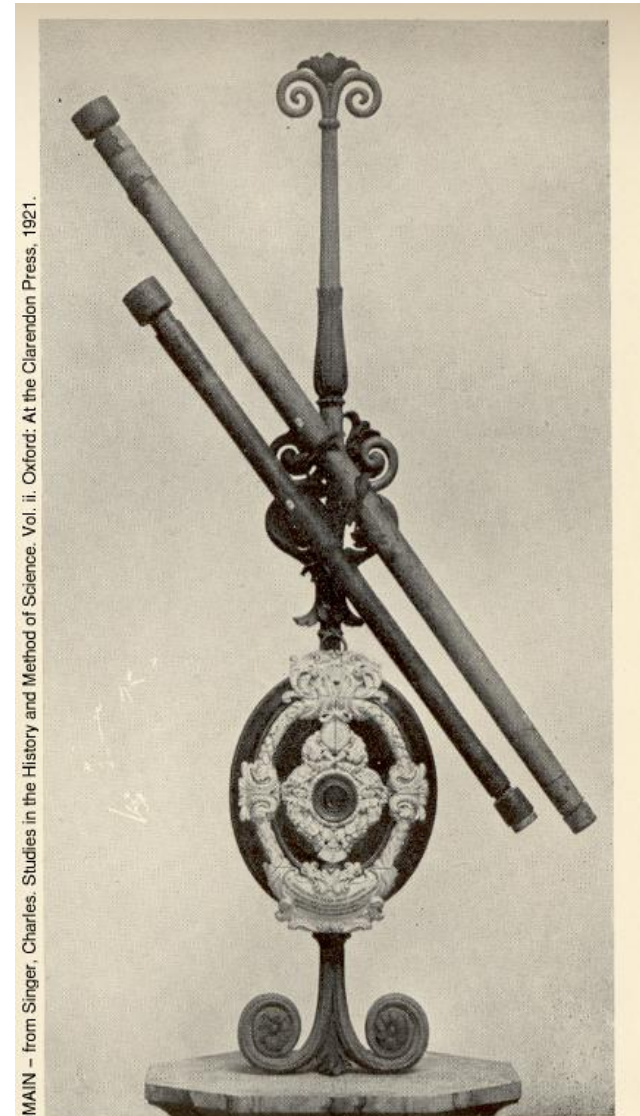
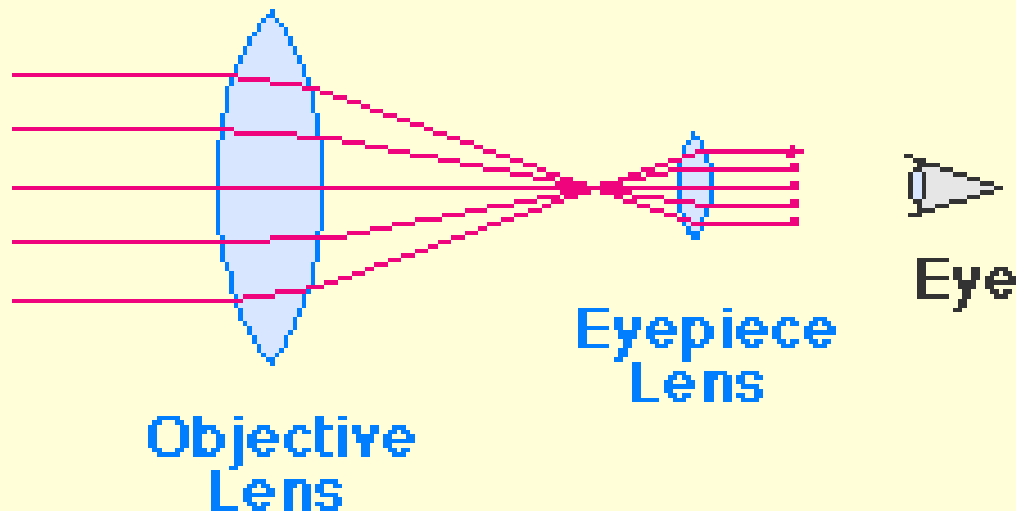
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Modern design

Refracting Telescope



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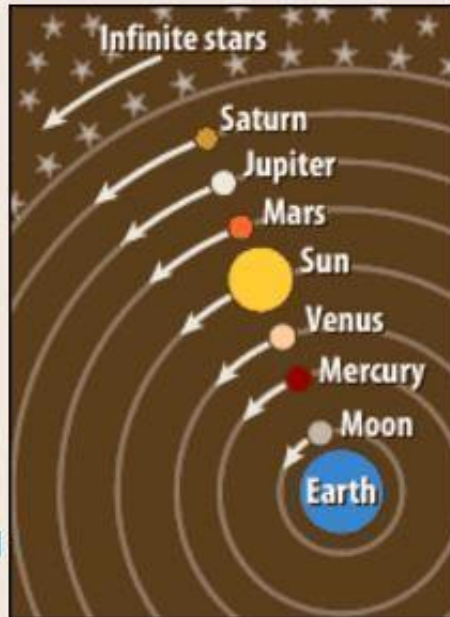
Beginnings of Modern Observational Astronomy

- ◆ At the time of Galileo, there were two hypotheses for the motion of the heavens based on (naked eye) astronomical observations:

Ptolemy's model: "Earth-centered," or "geocentric"

Ptolemy thought that all celestial objects – including the planets, Sun, Moon, and stars – orbited Earth. Earth, in the center of the universe, did not move at all.

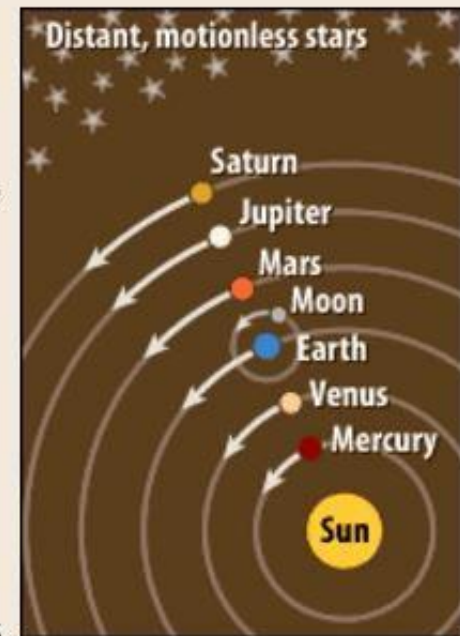
NOTE: The outer planets, like Uranus and Neptune, are missing from both charts because they had not been discovered at the time. The planets are lined up to make the charts easy to read; they never line up this way in nature.

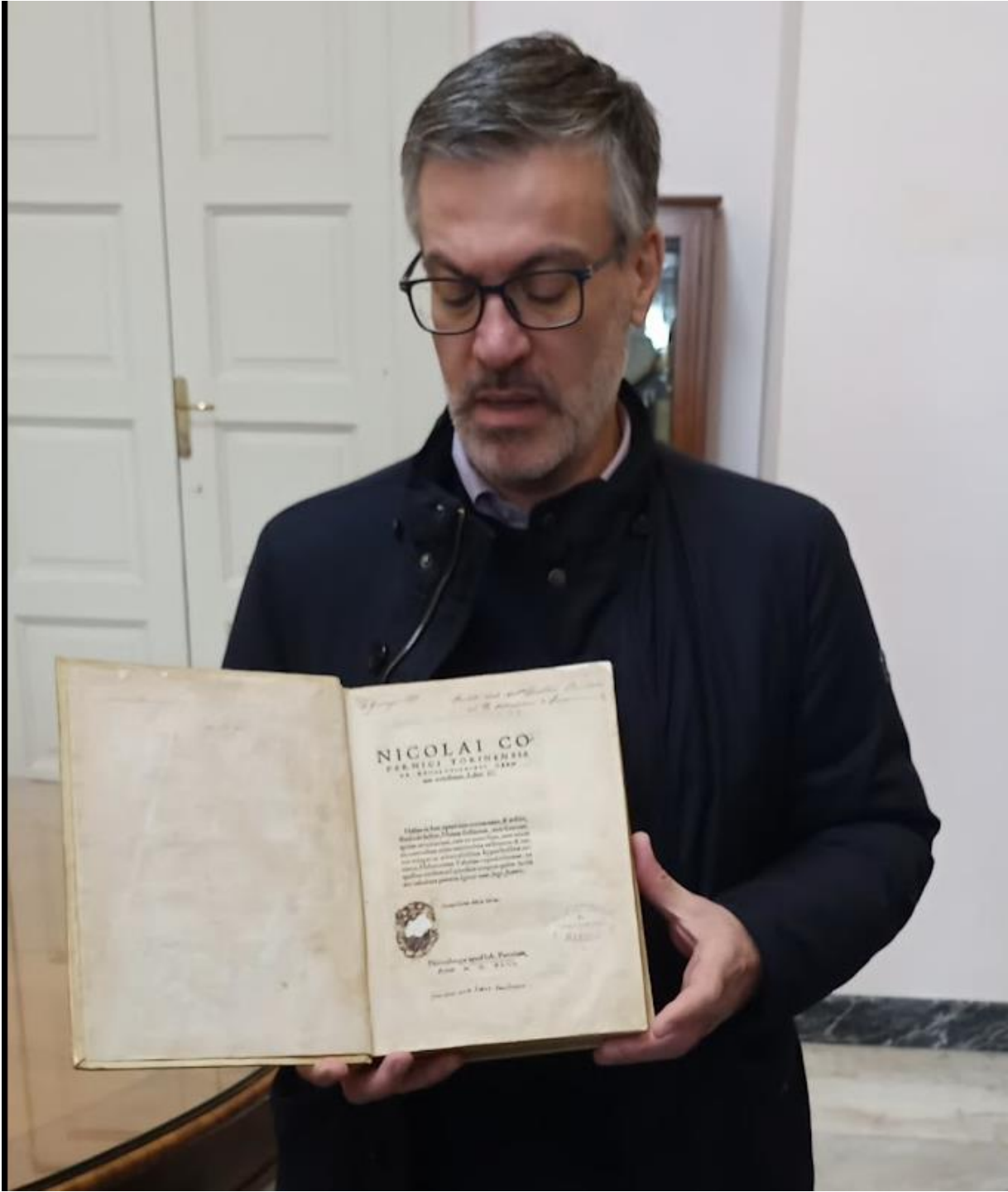


Copernicus' model: "Sun-centered," or "heliocentric"

Copernicus thought that the planets orbited the Sun, and that the Moon orbited Earth. The Sun, in the center of the universe, did not move, nor did the stars.

Copernicus was correct about some things, but wrong about others. The Sun is not in the center of the universe, and it does move, as do the stars. Also, both Copernicus and Ptolemy thought the orbits of the planets were circular, but we now know they are elliptical.





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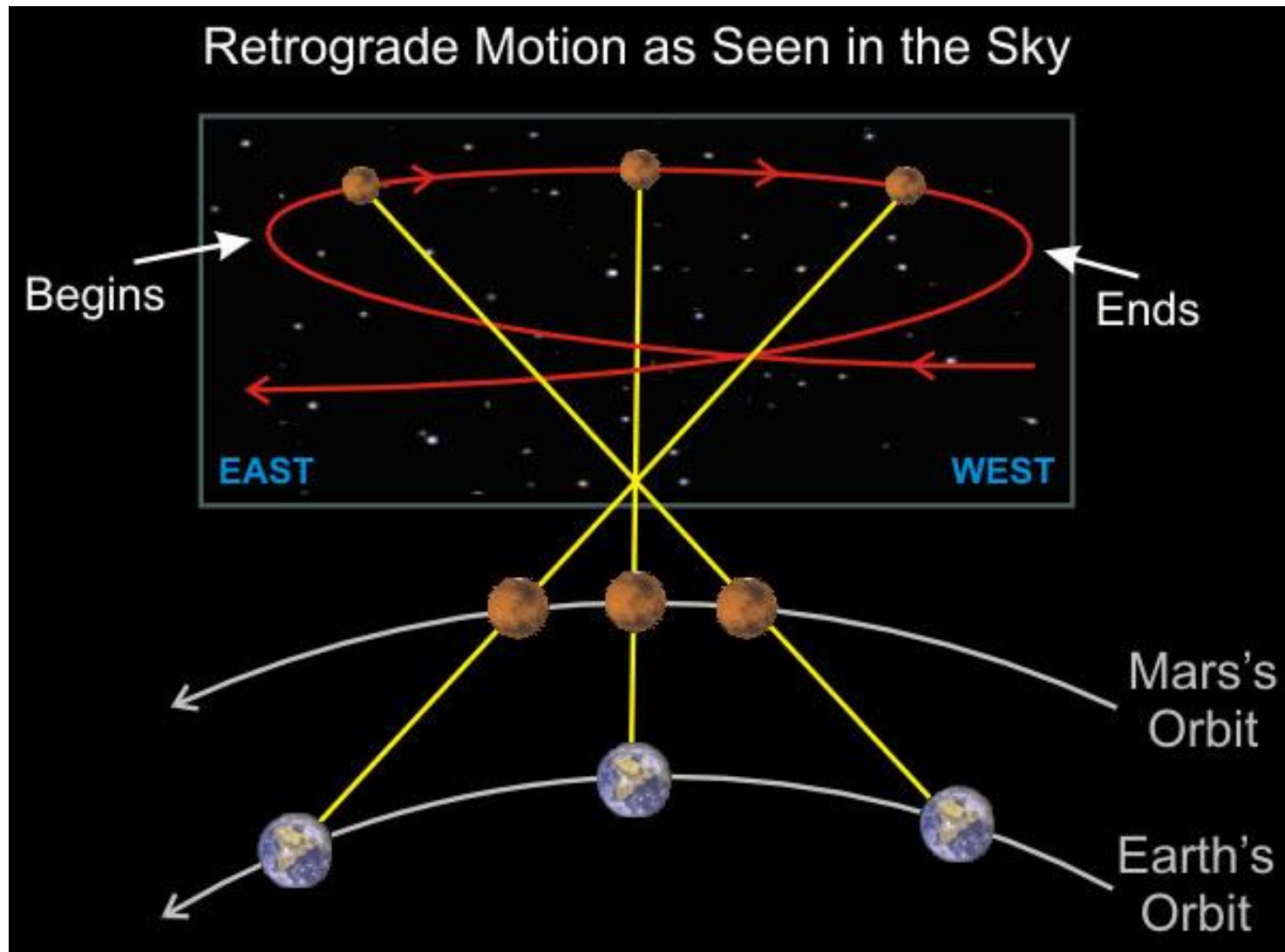
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deniq; locum Mercurius tenet, octuaginta dierum spacio circa
currens. In medio uero omnium residet Sol. Quis enim in hoc



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neret, quam unde totum simul possit illuminare. Siquidem non
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ait, maximā Luna cū terra cognationē habet. Concipit interea à
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Beginnings of Modern Observational Astronomy

- ◆ How to explain retrograde motion in the Ptolemaic universe?

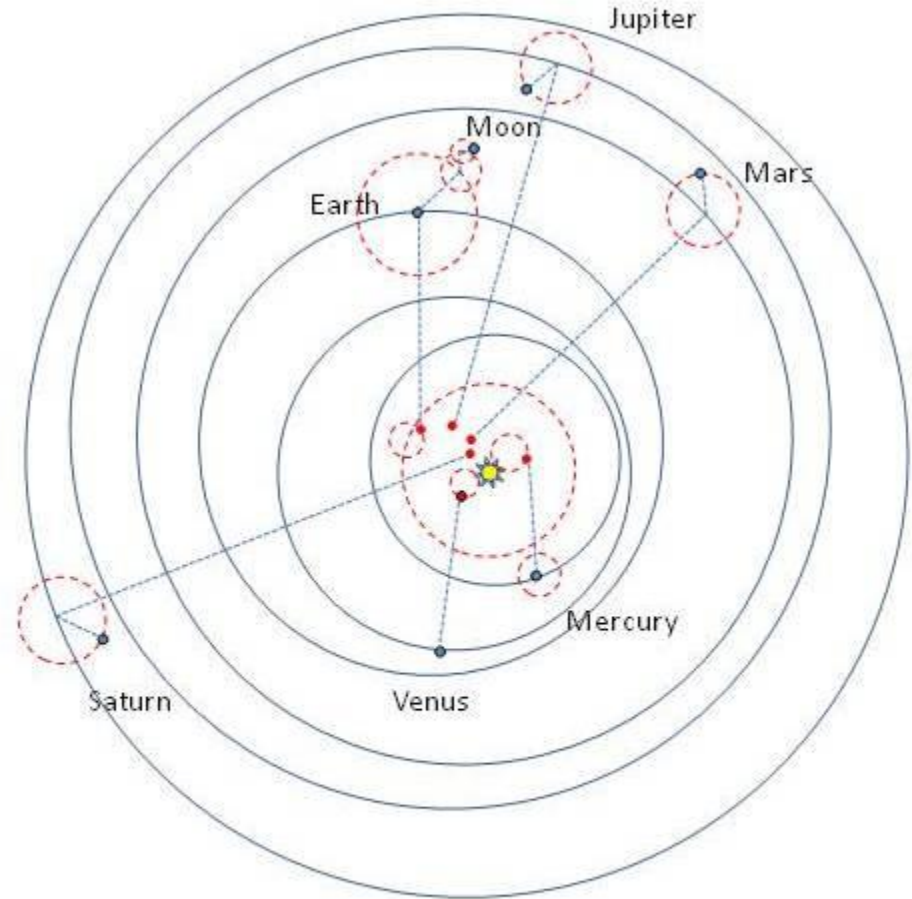


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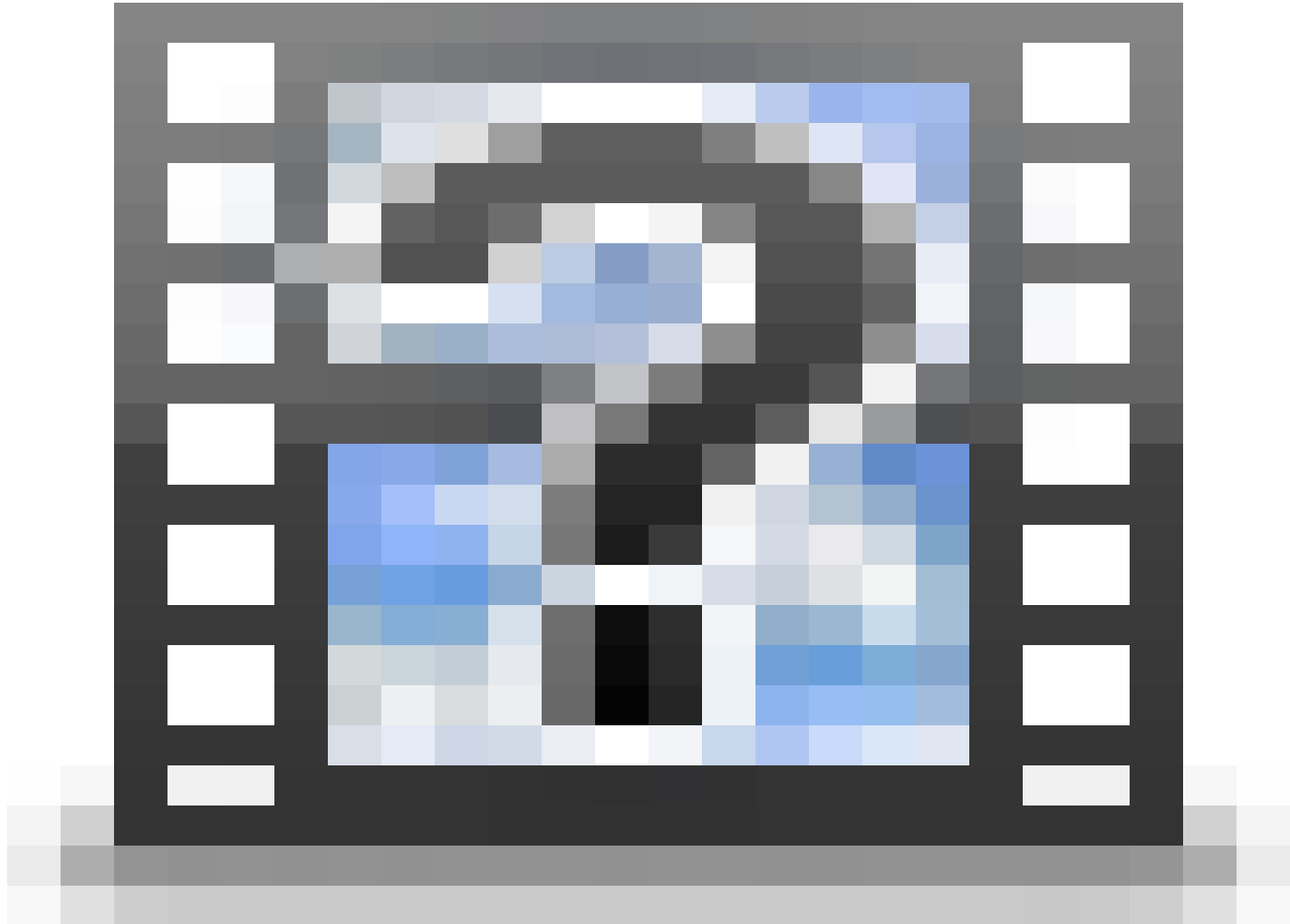
Ptolemaic Model



Copernican Model

Beginnings of Modern Observational Astronomy

- ◆ Ptolemaic view of planetary motions sought to explain retrograde motion (for all the planets) in a geocentric view of the heavens.



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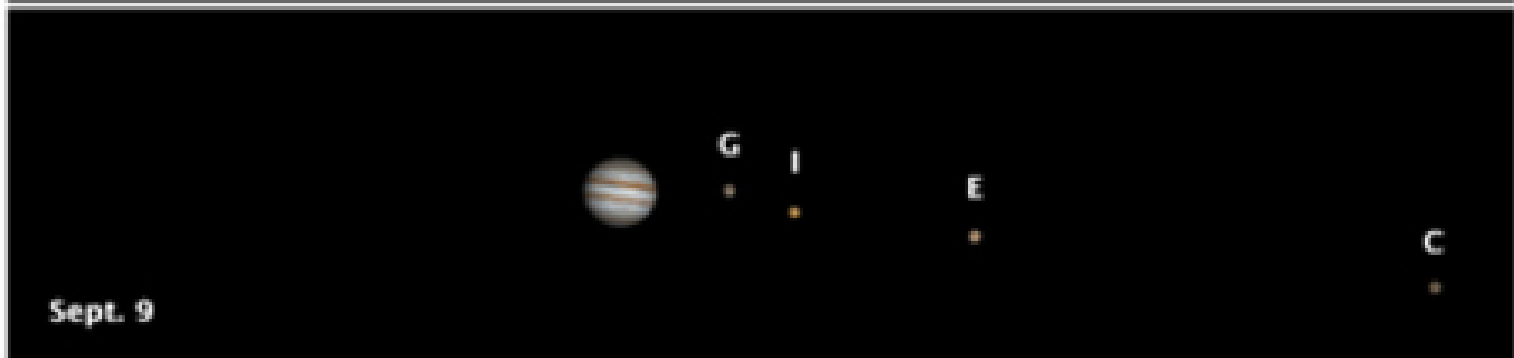
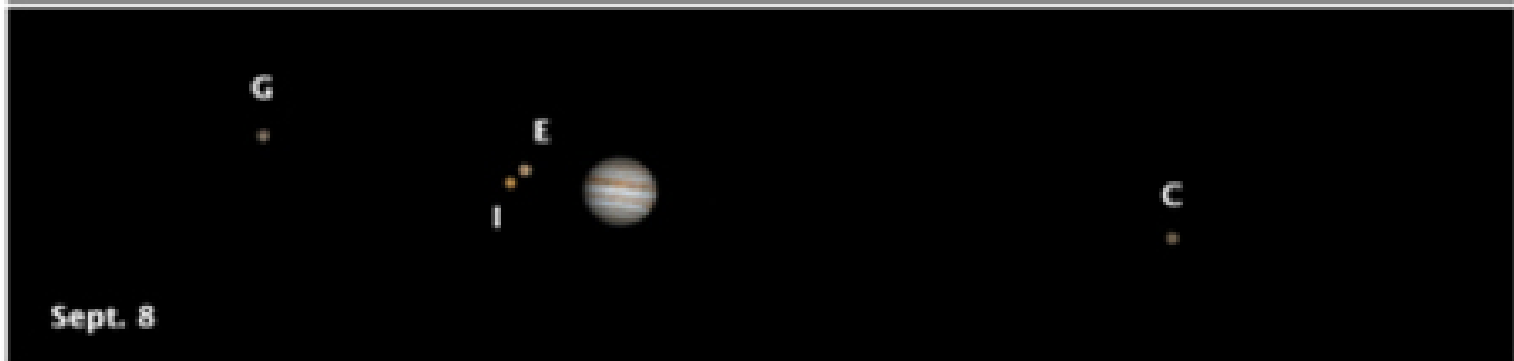
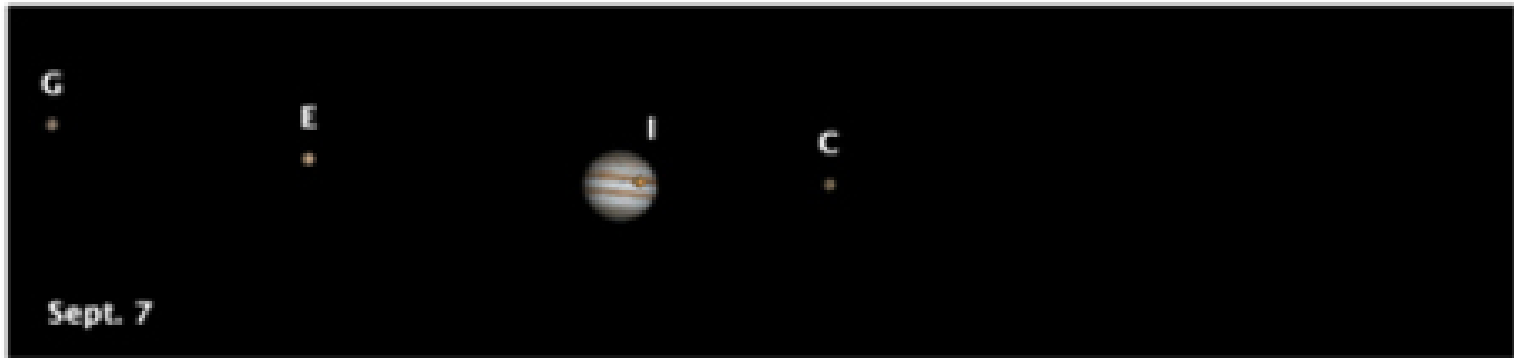
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Moons of Jupiter



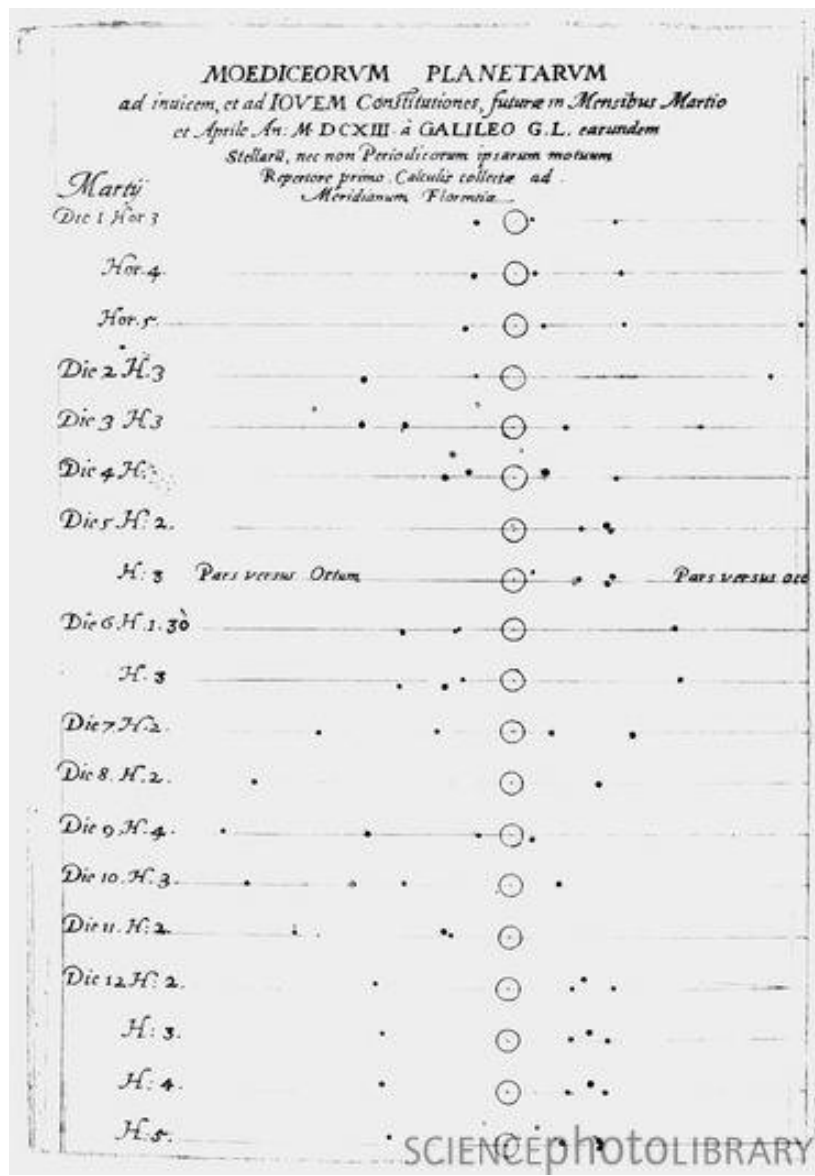
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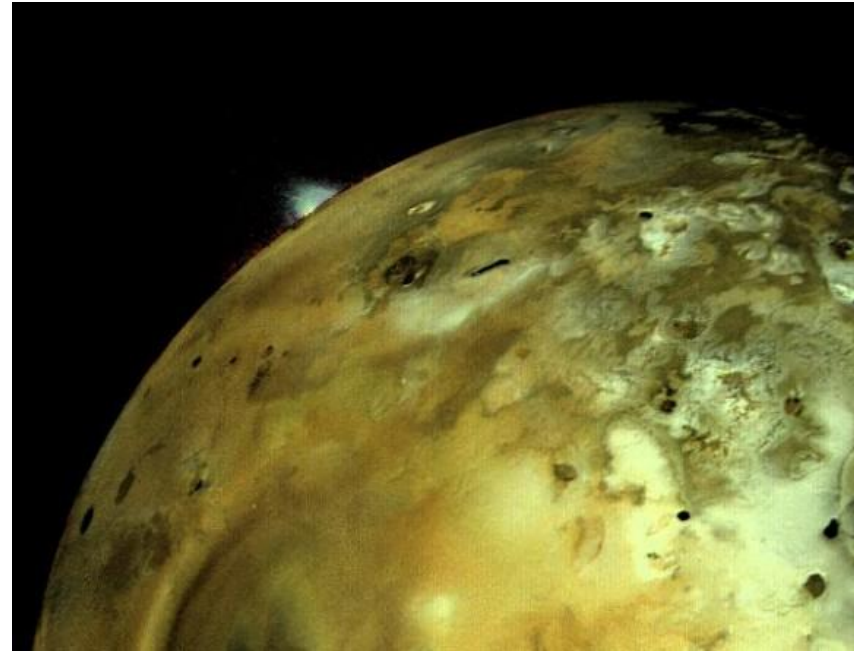
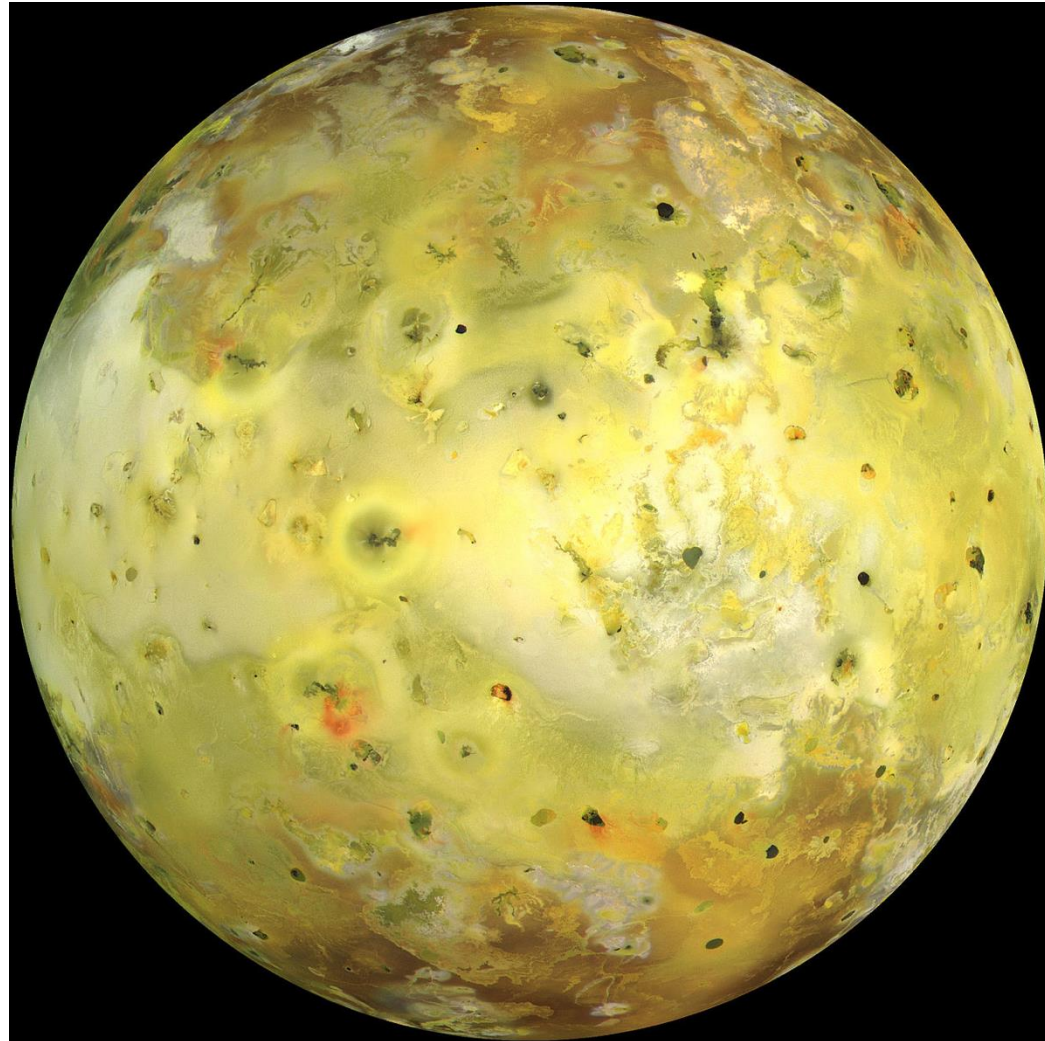
- ◆ Galileo's written record of his discovery of Jupiter's moons. In Latin, Die means day and Hora means hour.



Beginnings of Modern Observational Astronomy

- ◆ Io was the first body outside the Earth discovered to have active volcanoes. **What powers the volcanoes of Io?**

Io

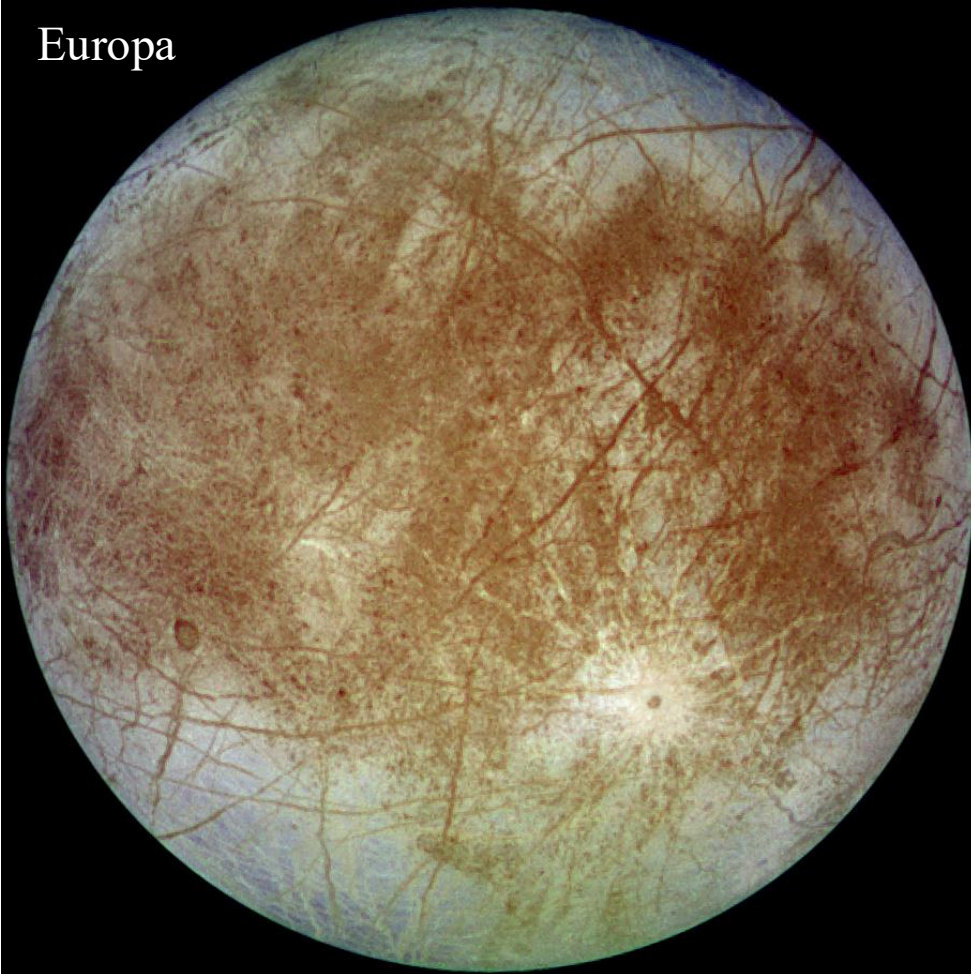


Voyager 1 acquired this image of Io on March 4, 1979. An enormous volcanic explosion can be seen silhouetted against dark space over Io's bright limb. Credit: NASA/JPL.

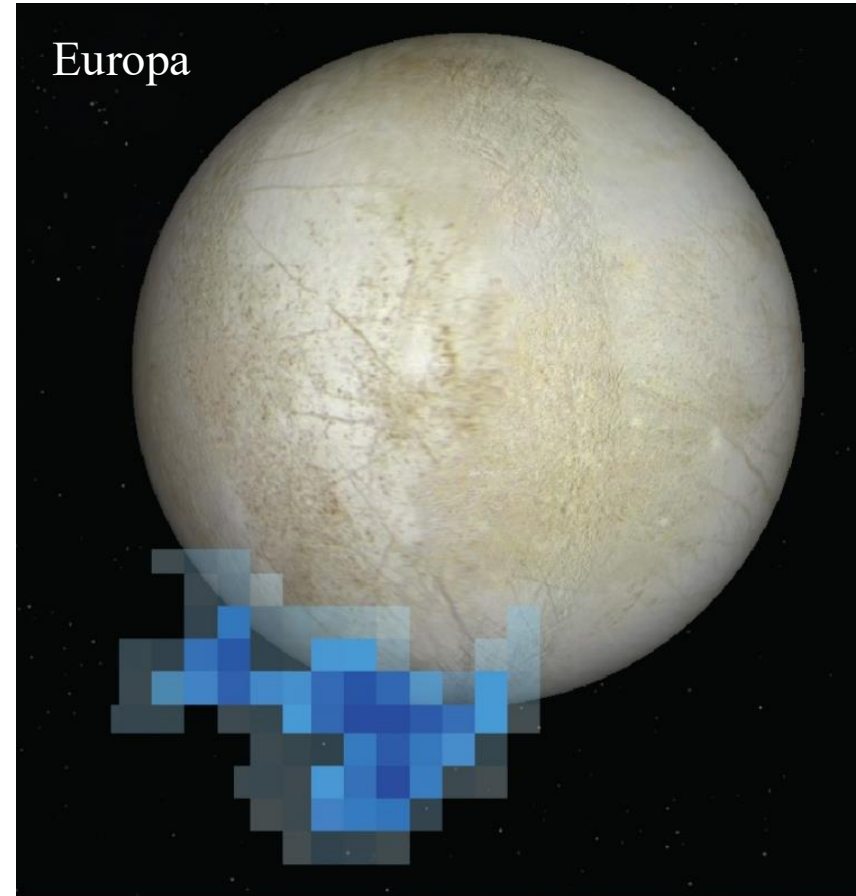
Beginnings of Modern Observational Astronomy

- ◆ Europa, covered by ice, is thought to have a liquid ocean. The graphic on the right shows the location of water vapor detected over Europa's south pole in observations taken by NASA's Hubble Space Telescope (HST) in December 2012. This is the first strong evidence of water plumes erupting off Europa's surface.

Europa



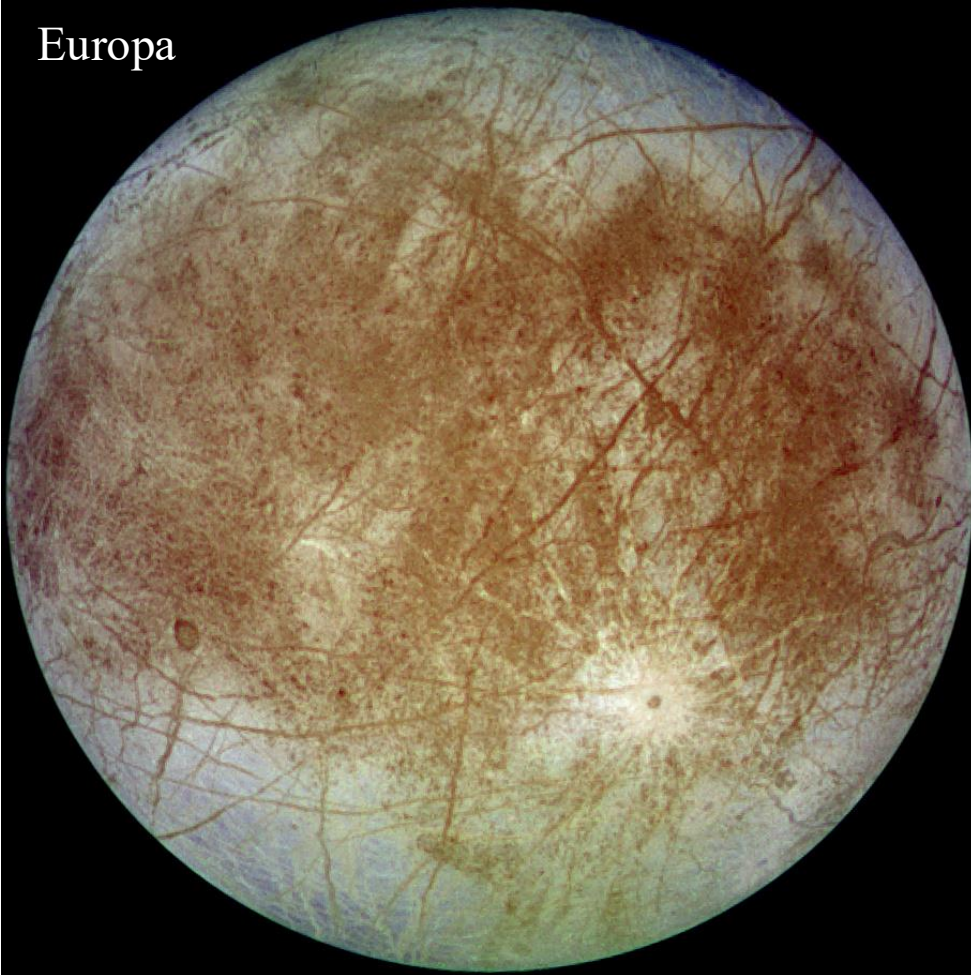
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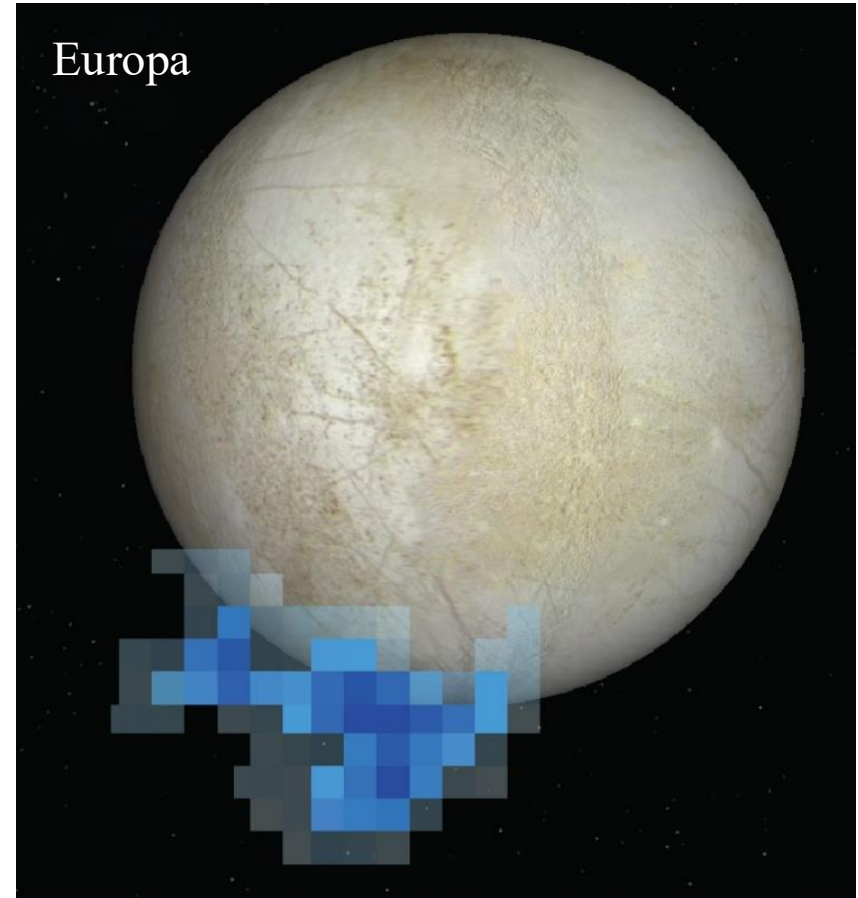
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- ◆ The HST did not actually photograph water plumes, but detected emission lines from oxygen and hydrogen in the plume. Charged particles moving at high speeds in Jupiter's magnetic field strike and dissociate water molecules in the plume, resulting in excited hydrogen and oxygen atoms.

Europa



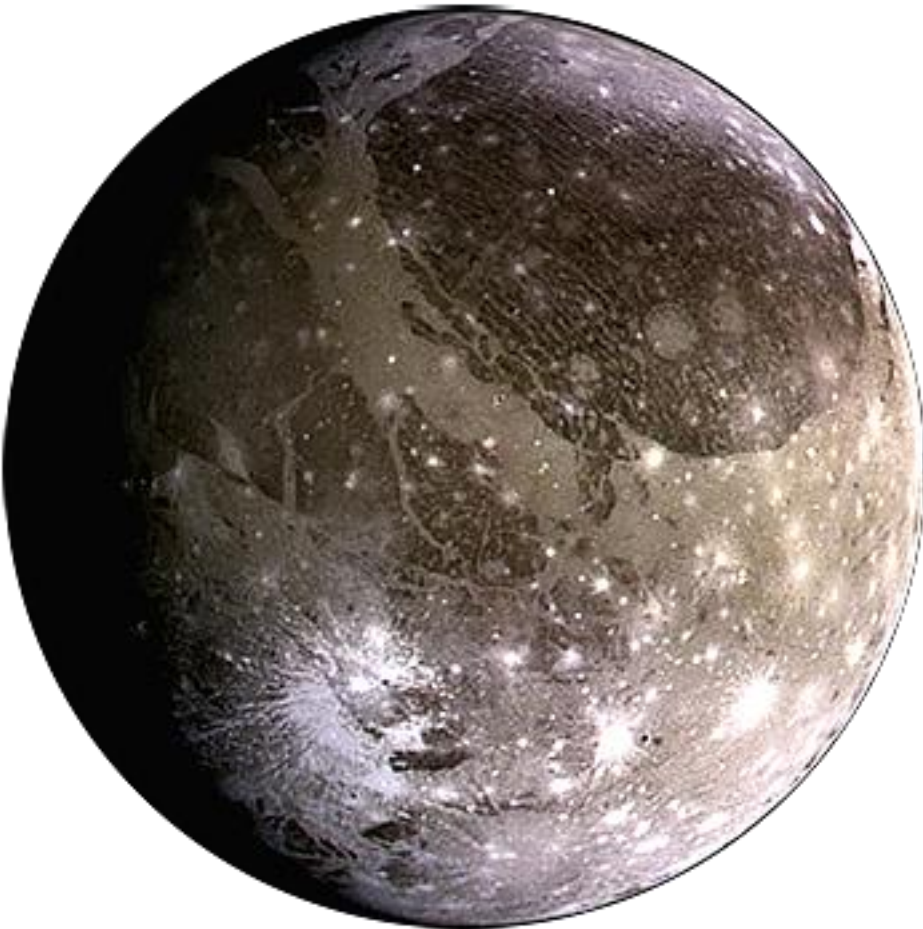
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Beginnings of Modern Observational Astronomy

- ◆ Ganymede, the largest moon in the Solar System, and Callisto. Both bear scars from bombardment by asteroids and comets thought to have occurred about 4 billion years ago. Like Europa, Ganymede also is thought to have a liquid ocean.

Ganymede



Callisto



Beginnings of Modern Observational Astronomy

- ◆ Galileo discovered the four largest moons of Jupiter; i.e., heavenly bodies that revolved around Jupiter. **Why were these moons not previously discovered?**

Assignment Question.

Moons of Jupiter

Apparent magnitude of Jupiter's moons during opposition

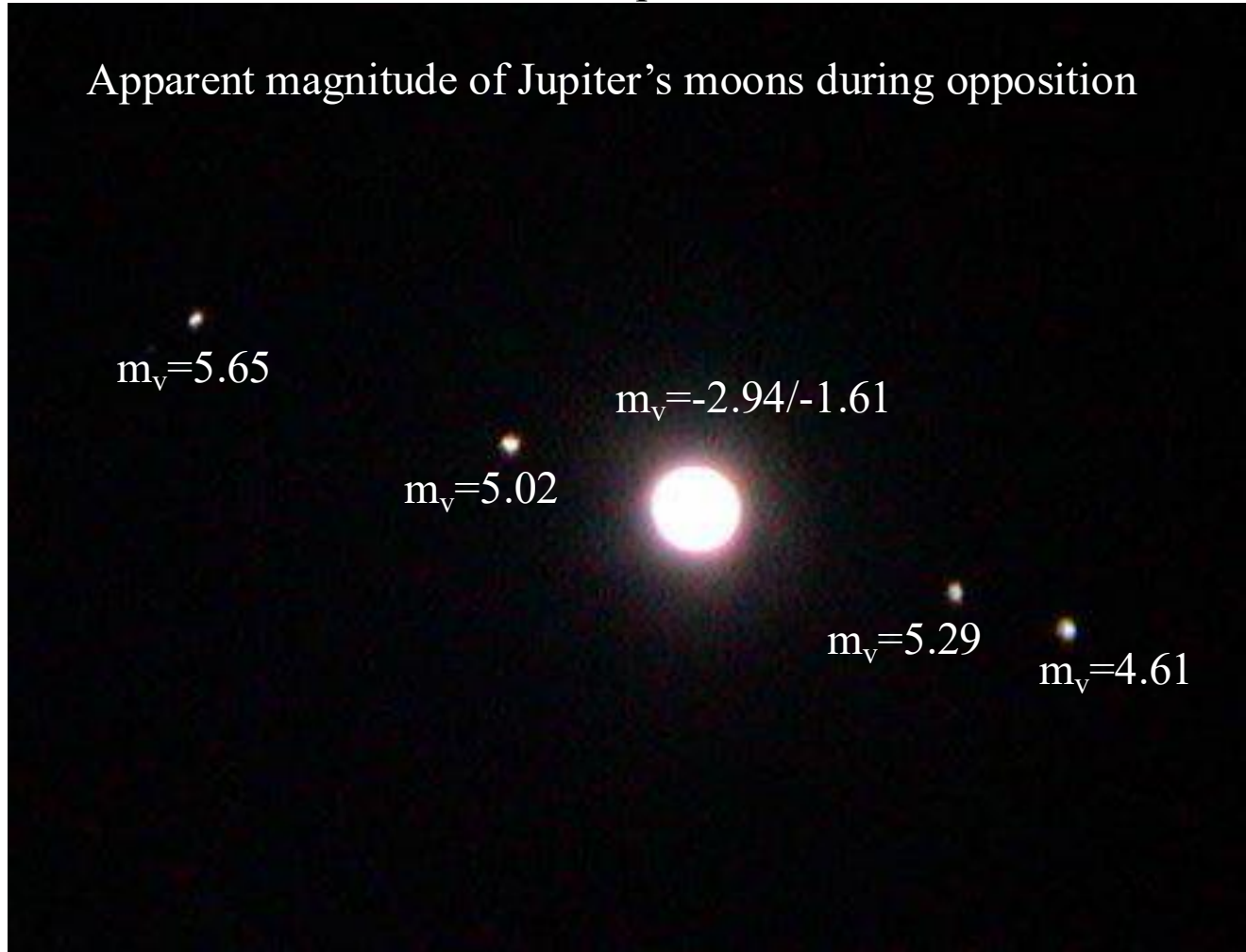
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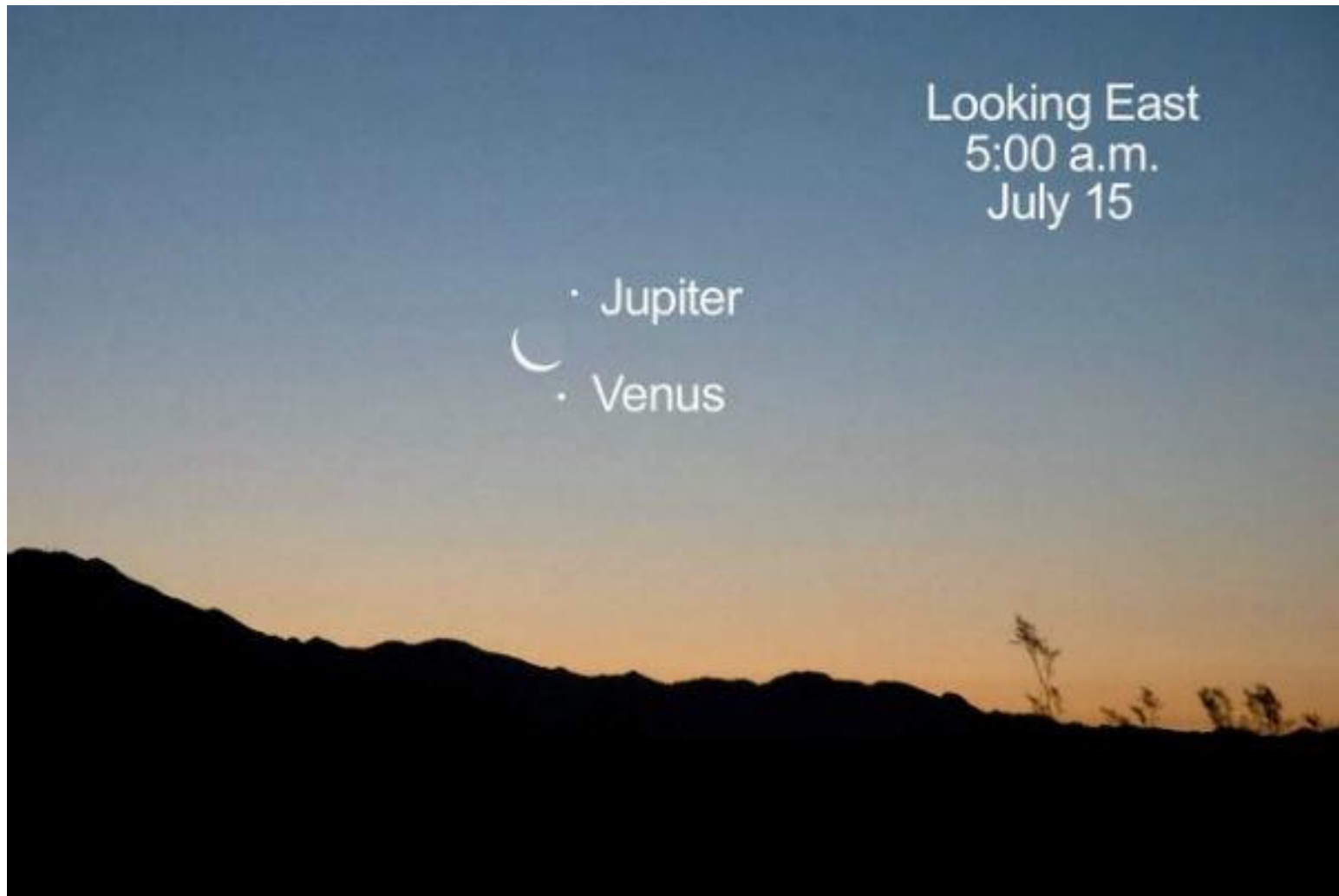
$m_v=5.29$

$m_v=4.61$



Beginnings of Modern Observational Astronomy

- ◆ Venus can be seen in the morning or evening sky, with apparent magnitudes ranging from about -4.9 (crescent) to -3.8 (full). The angular diameter of Venus ranges from about $9''.6$ to $66''.0$.





Beginnings of Modern Observational Astronomy

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Phases of Venus January thru May 2012

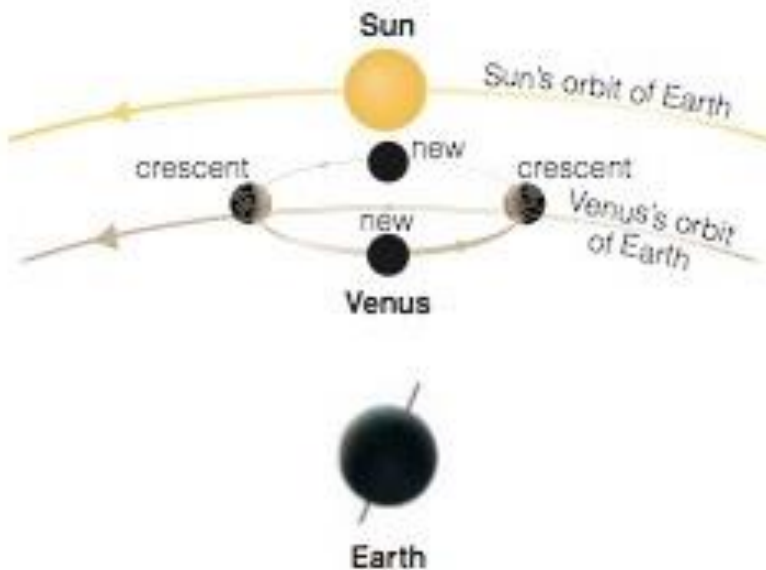


Jan. 17th	Mar. 08th	Mar. 19th	Apr. 11th	May 04th	May 12th	May 20th	May 23rd
78.4 % Ilum.	60.3 % Ilum.	55.0 % Ilum.	41.6 % Ilum.	23.4 % Ilum.	16.8 % Ilum.	7.8 % Ilum.	5.9 % Ilum.
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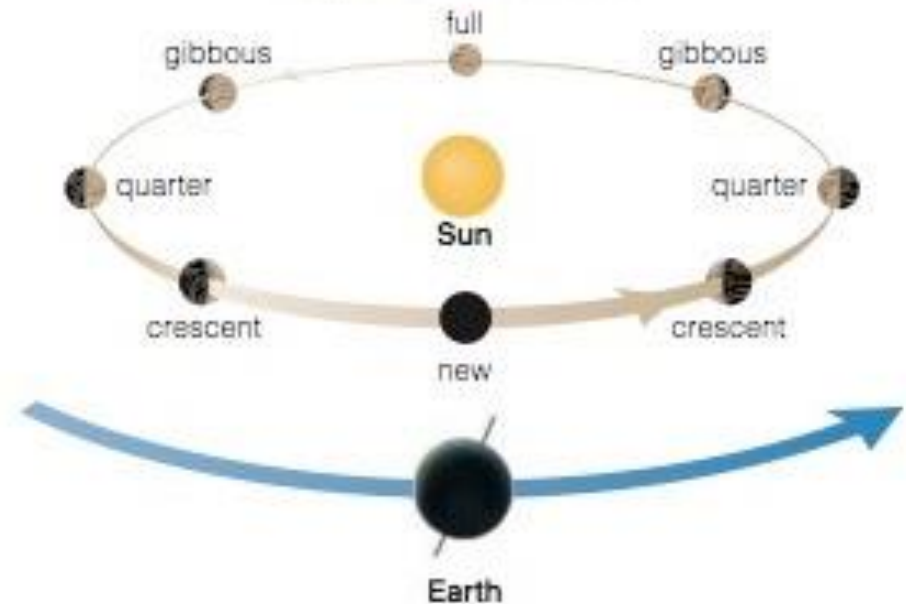
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Ptolemaic View of Venus

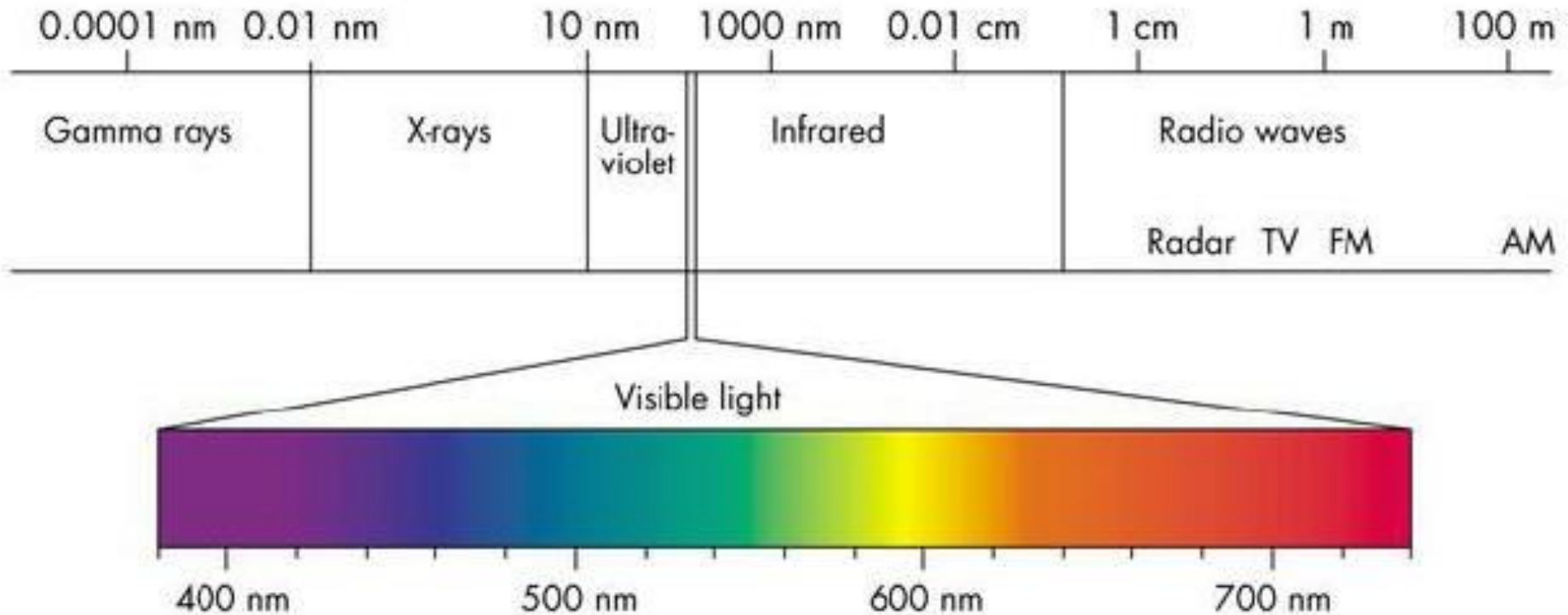


Copernican View of Venus



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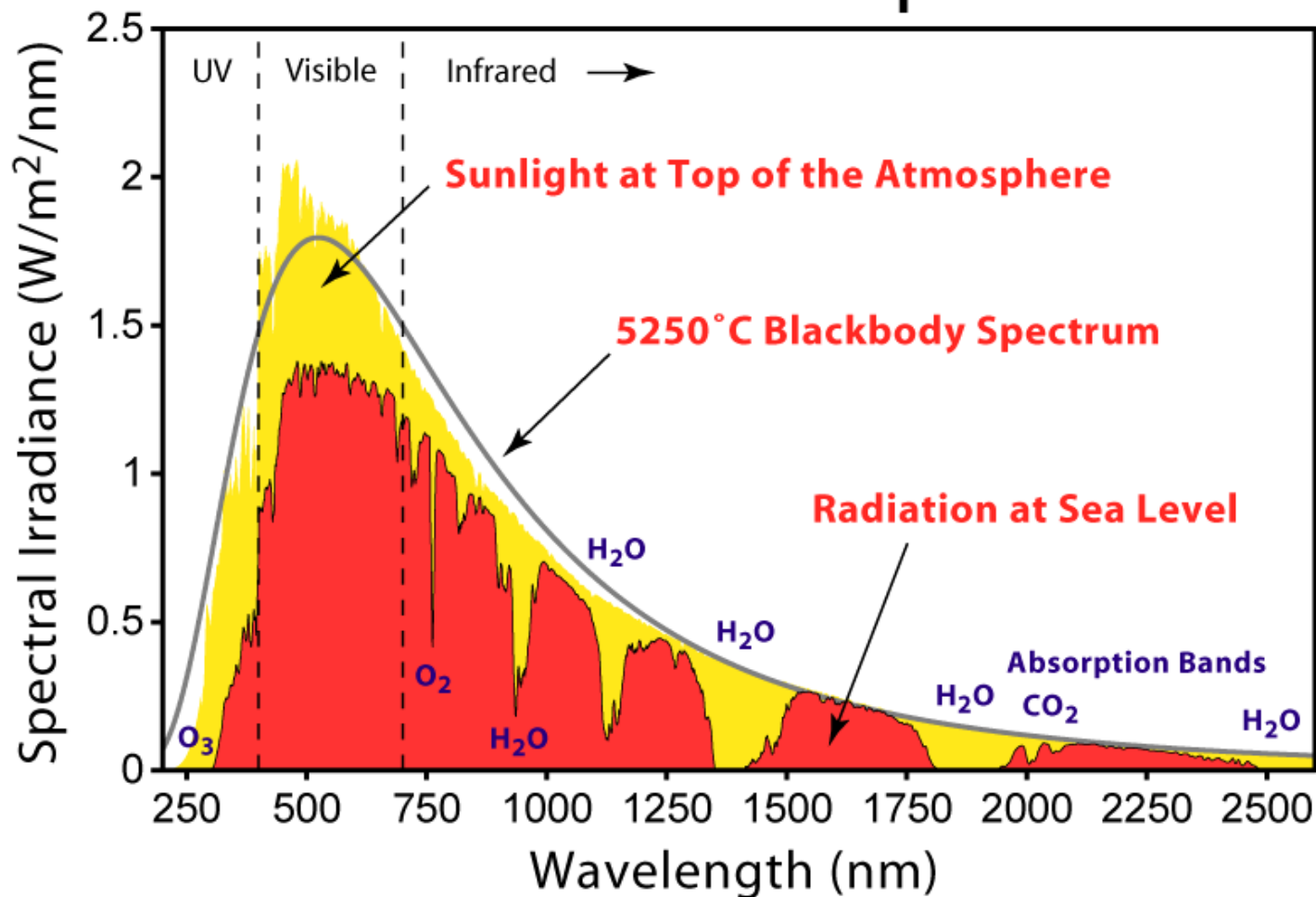
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Solar Radiation

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Solar Radiation Spectrum

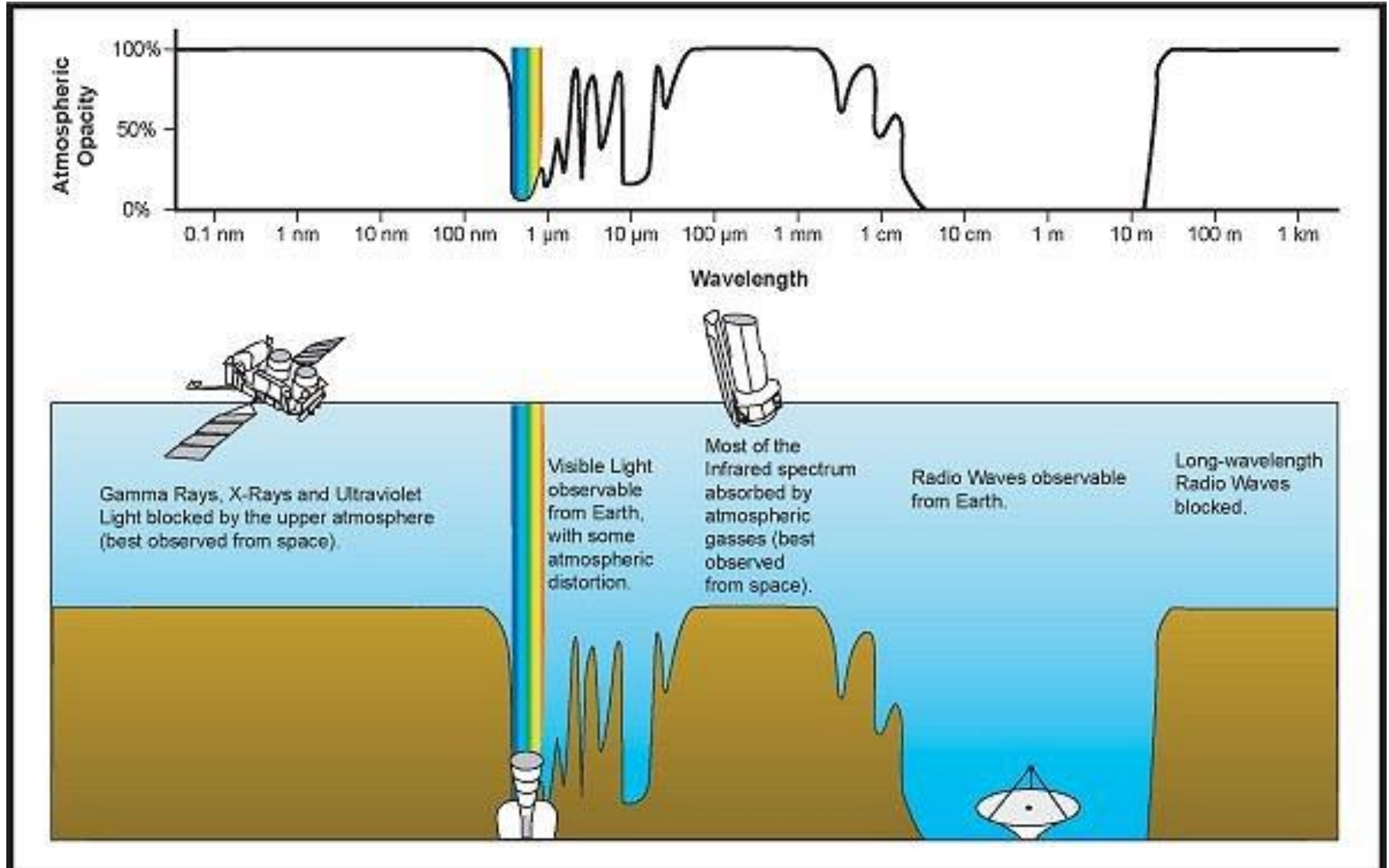


Learning Objectives

- ◆ Beginnings of modern observational astronomy at optical wavelengths.
- ◆ The electromagnetic window:
 - Causes of scattering or absorption of electromagnetic radiation by the Earth's atmosphere
- ◆ Beginnings of modern observational astronomy at other wavelengths:
 2. Radio
 3. X-ray
 4. γ -ray
 5. Ultraviolet
 6. Infrared
 7. Gravitational Waves

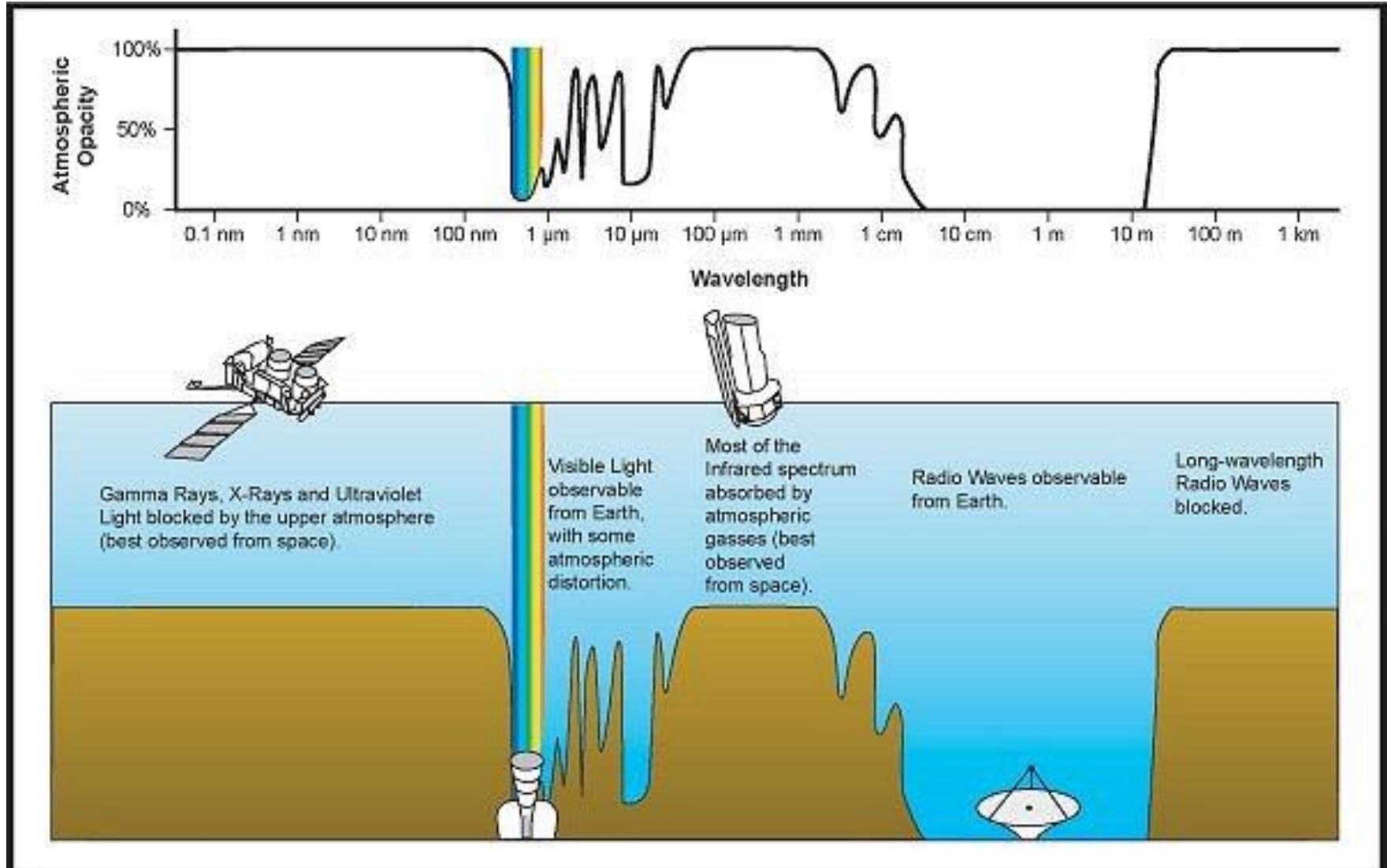
Absorption by Earth's Atmosphere

- ◆ Absorption by the Earth's atmosphere (as measured at sea level) throughout the electromagnetic spectrum.



Absorption by Earth's Atmosphere

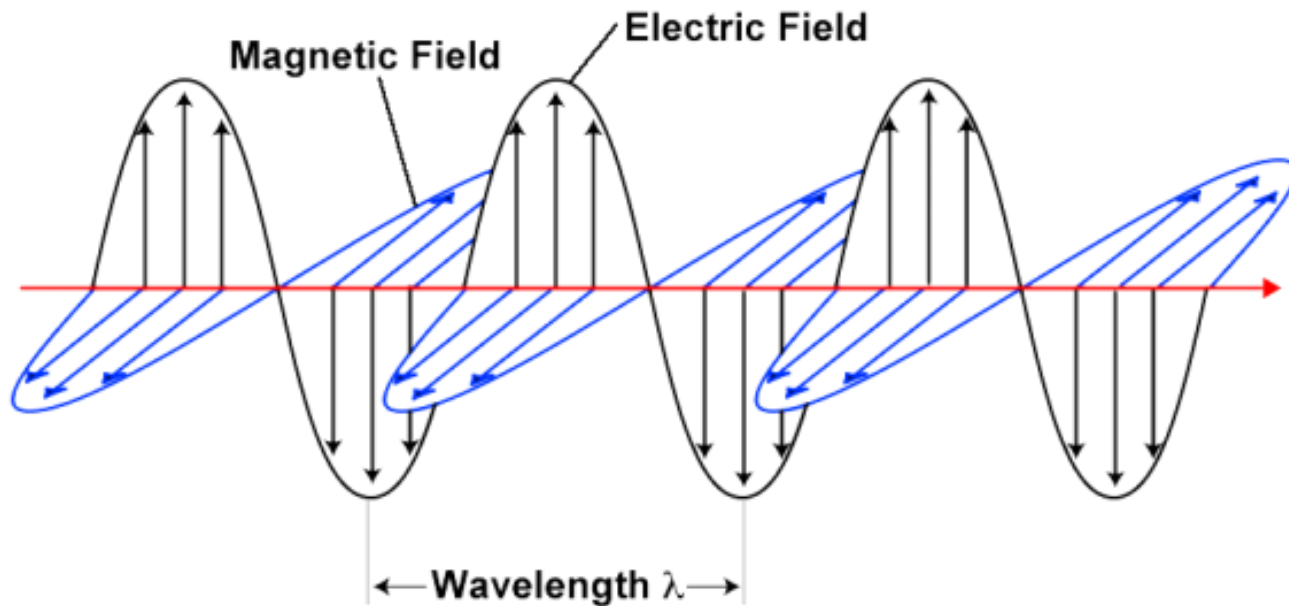
- ◆ Why does the Earth's atmosphere block or absorb electromagnetic radiation at long radio wavelengths (>10 m)?



Absorption by Earth's Atmosphere

- ◆ Electromagnetic waves – light – has both electric and magnetic field components, which stand in a fixed ratio of intensity to each other, and which oscillate in phase perpendicular to each other and perpendicular to the direction of energy and wave propagation.

Electromagnetic Waves

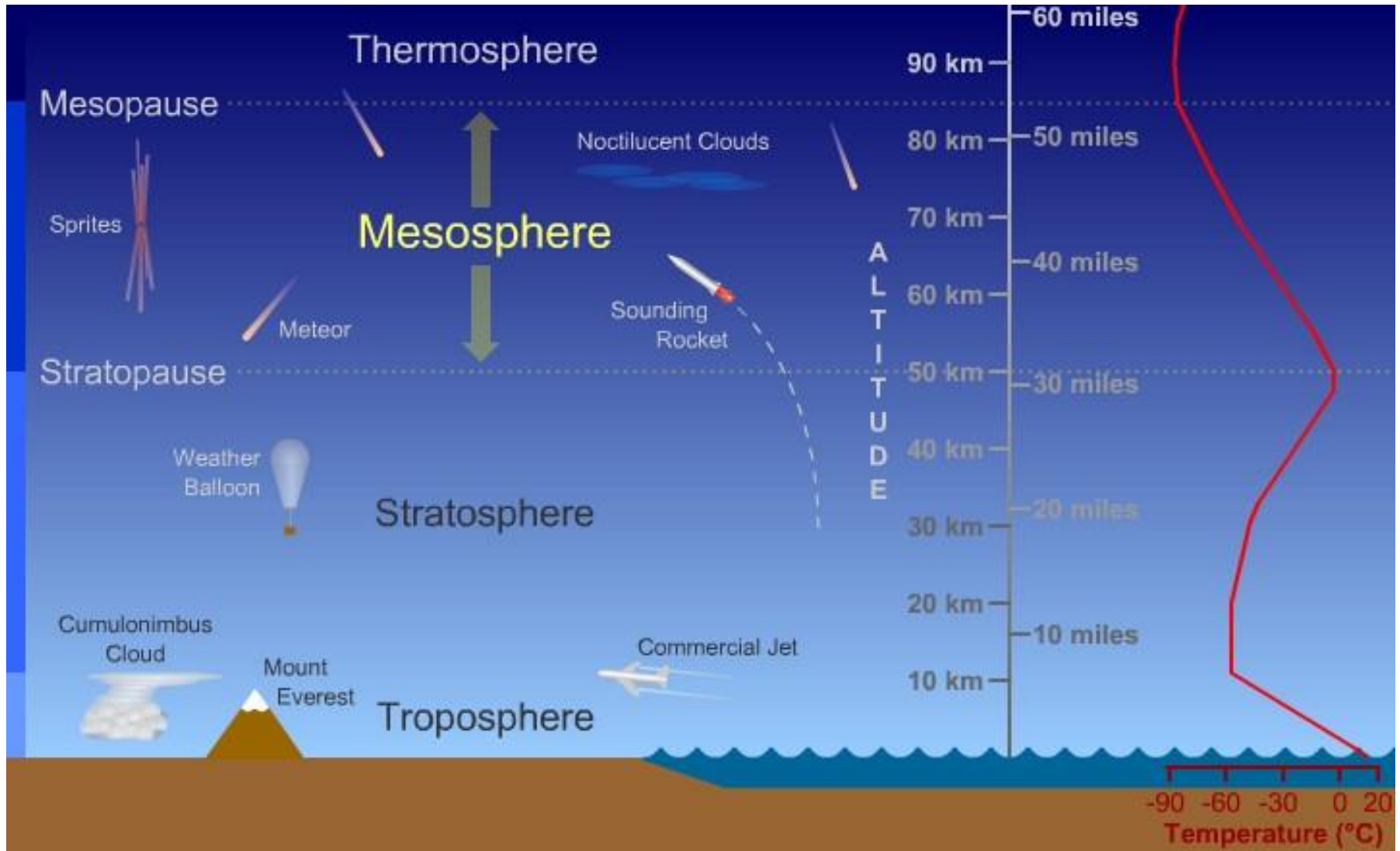


The wave is traveling in this direction



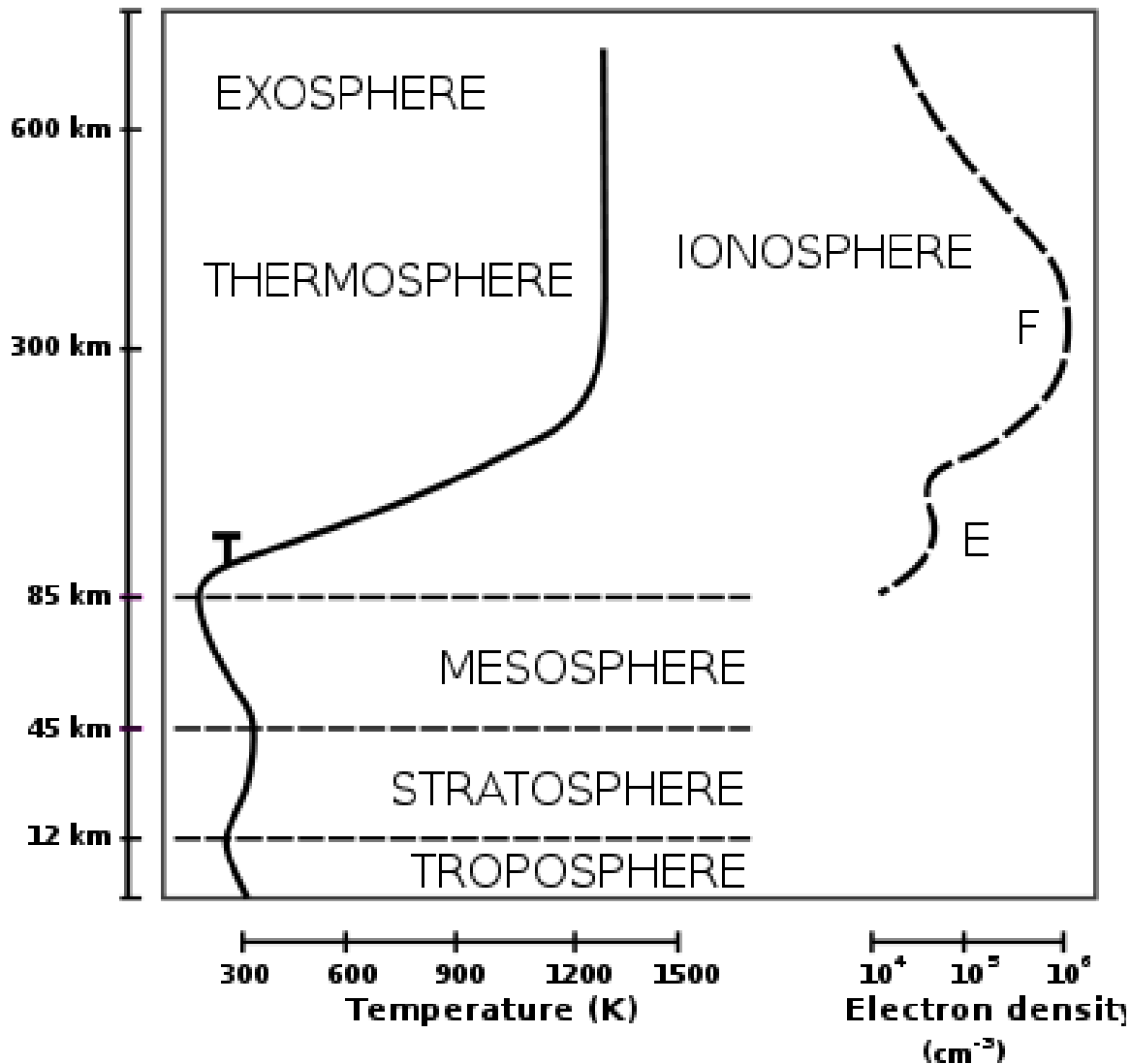
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- ◆ A schematic of the lower portion of the Earth's atmosphere.



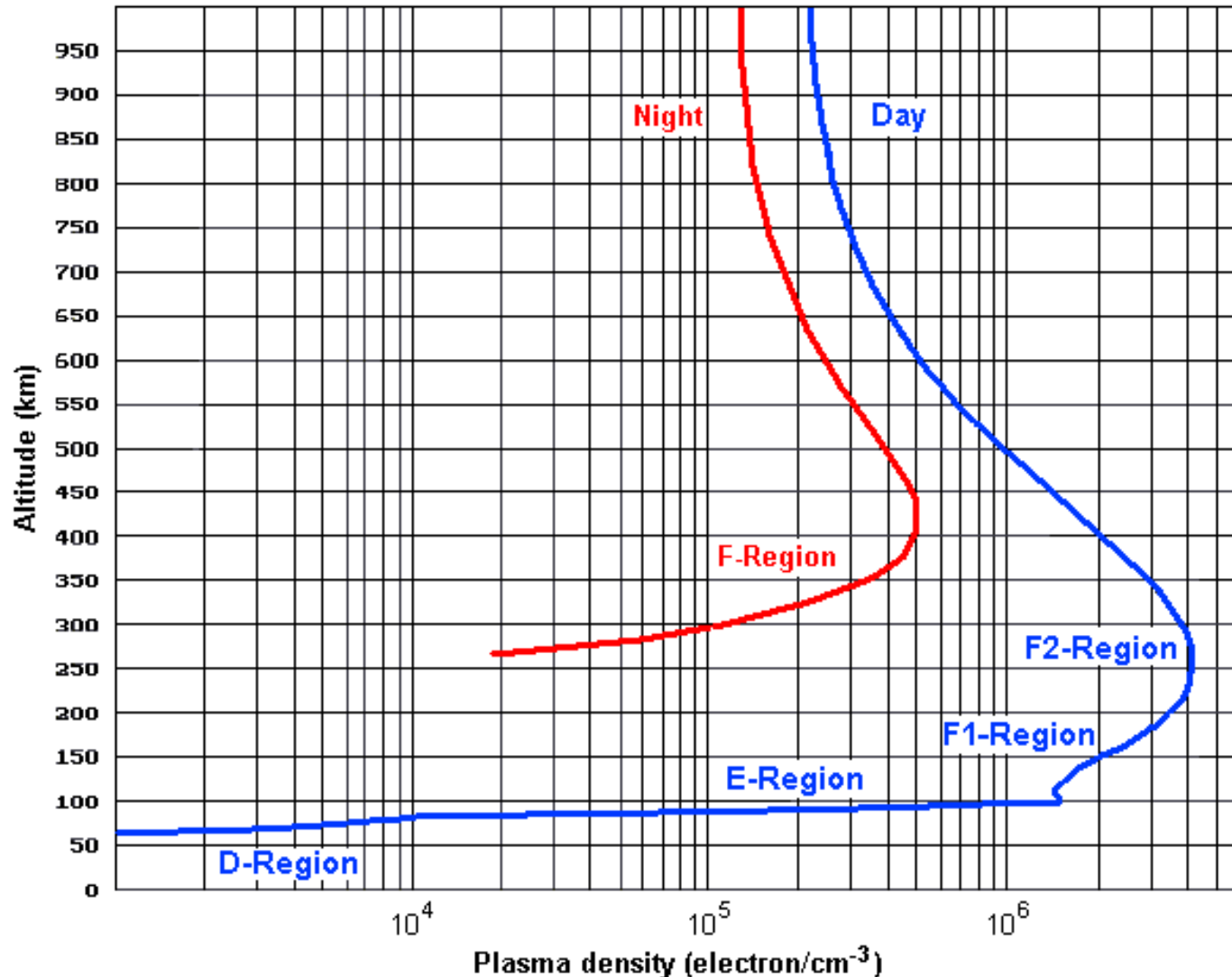
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- ◆ The ionosphere comprises a part of the mesosphere, the entire thermosphere, and a part of the exosphere, spanning altitudes of about 85-600 km. Notice that the ionosphere is highly ionized (hence its name).



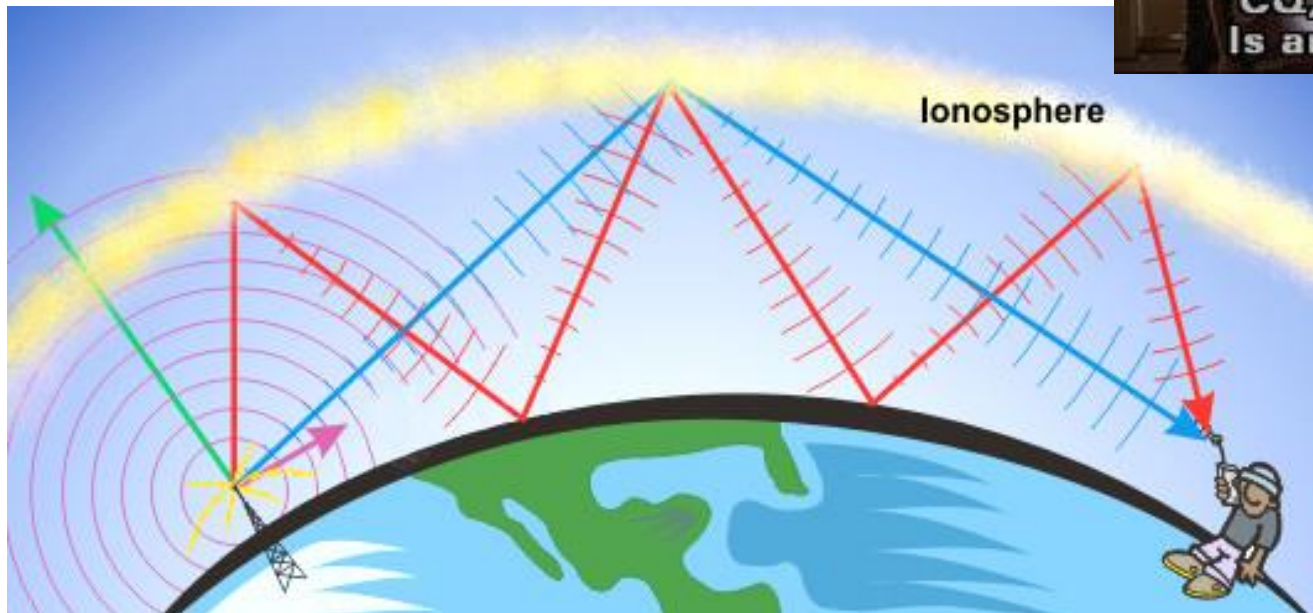
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- ◆ What is responsible for ionizing atoms/molecules in the ionosphere to produce ions and free electrons?



Absorption by Earth's Atmosphere

- ◆ Radio waves at wavelengths >10 m reflected by free electrons in the Earth's ionosphere, but why? This effect is used for ground communication at long radio wavelengths (e.g., amateur or ham radio).

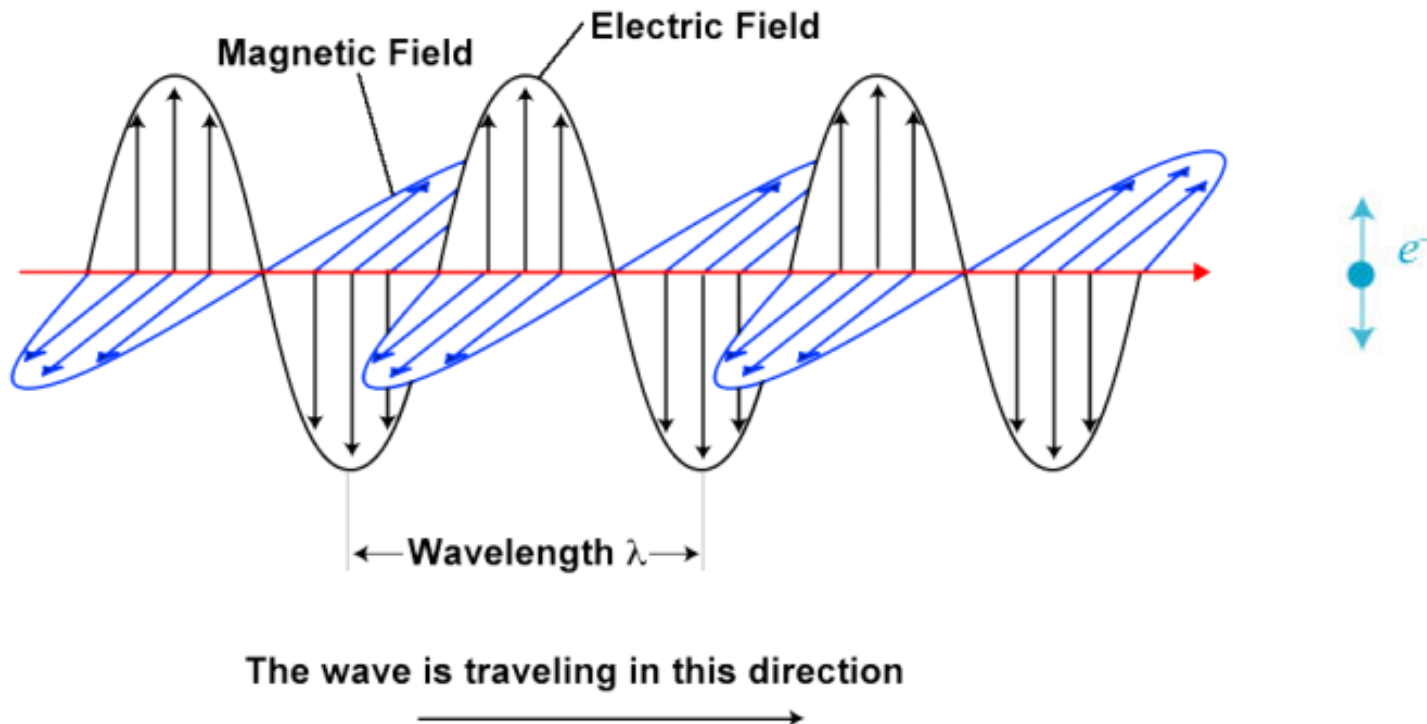


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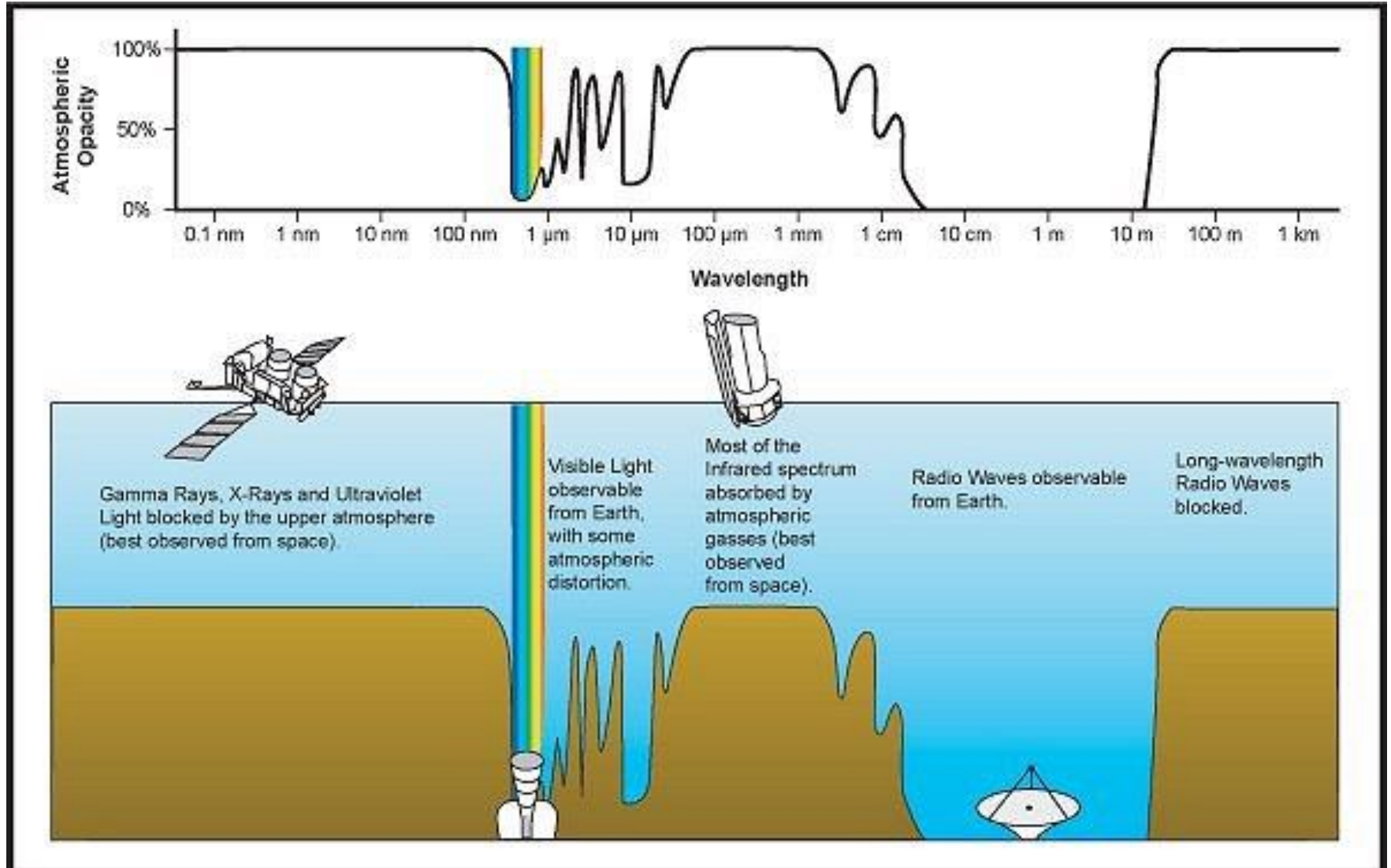
$$\omega_{pe} = \sqrt{\frac{n_e e^2}{m^* \epsilon_0}}, [\text{rad/s}]$$

Electromagnetic Waves



Absorption by Earth's Atmosphere

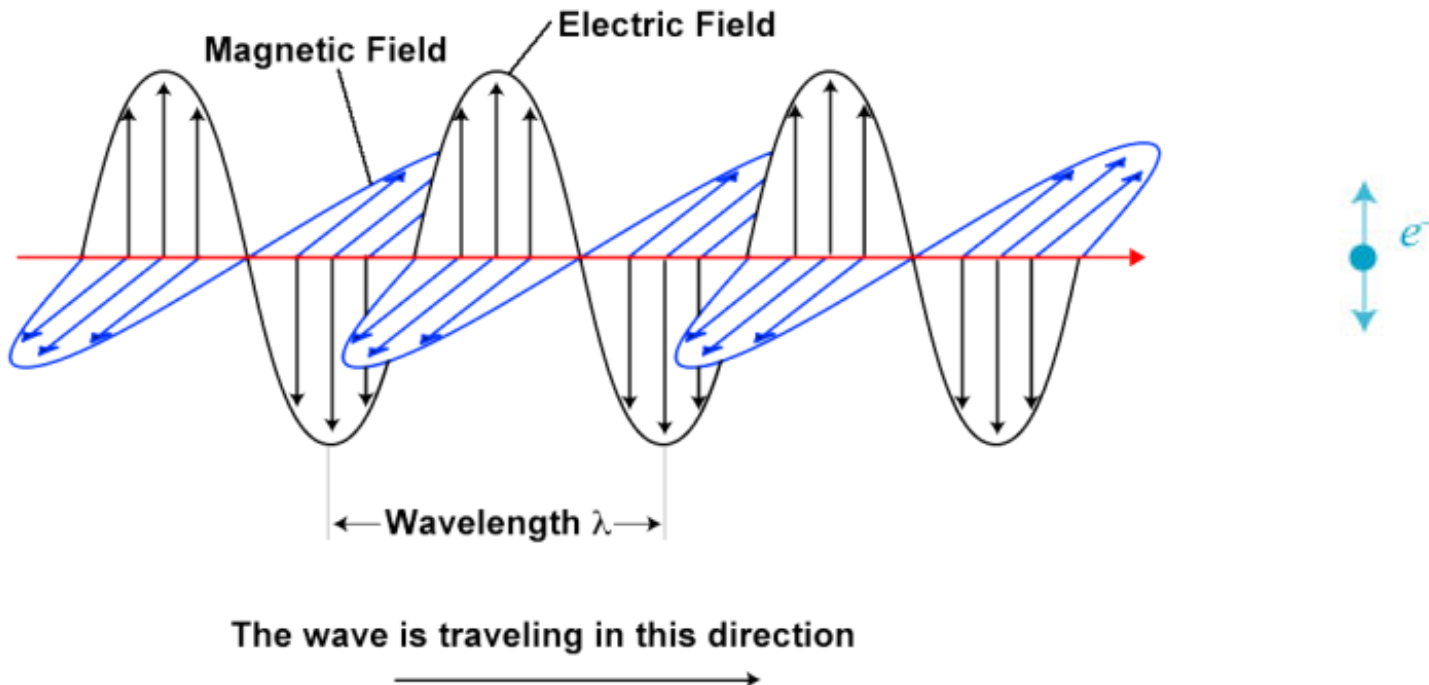
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Absorption by Earth's Atmosphere

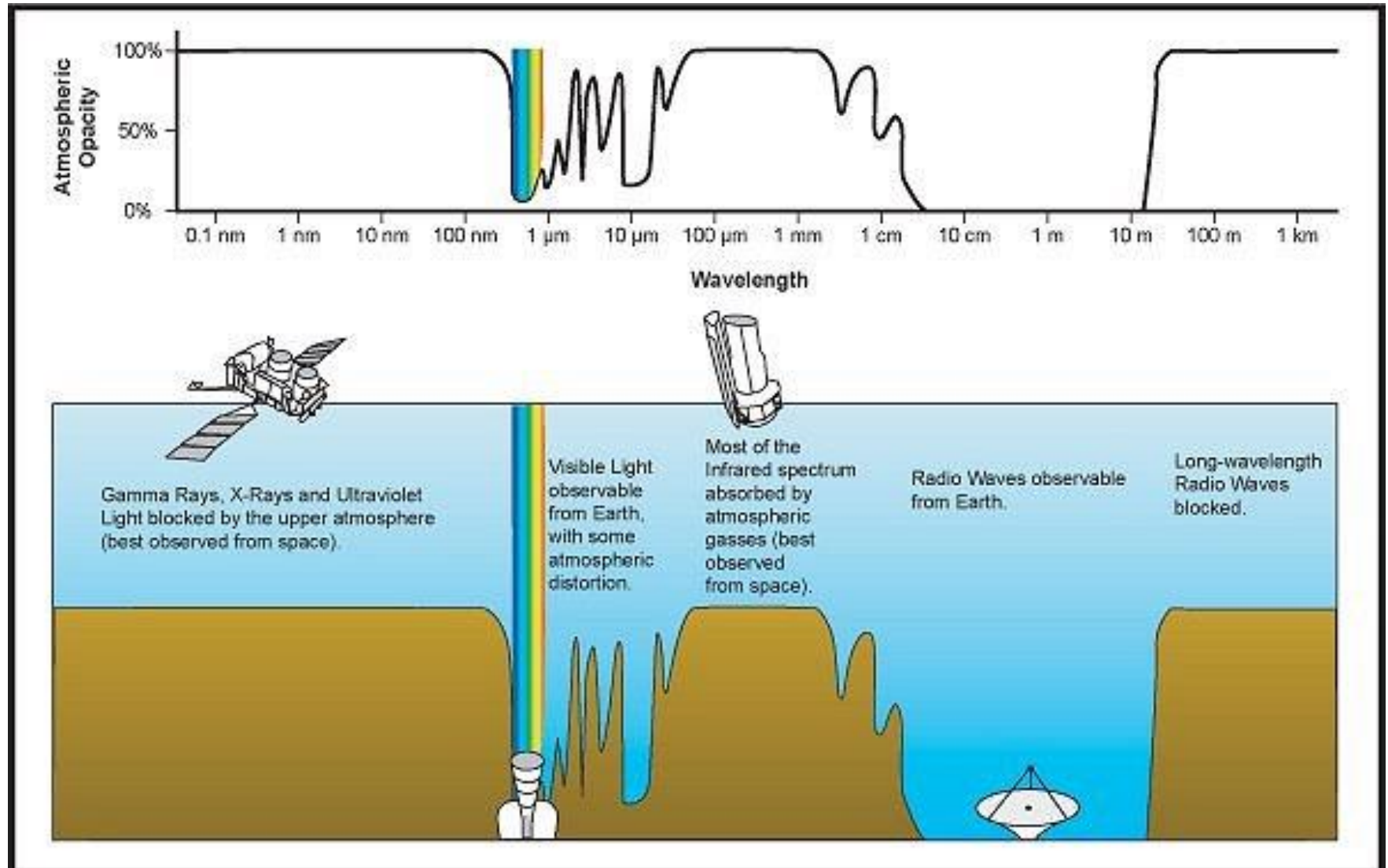
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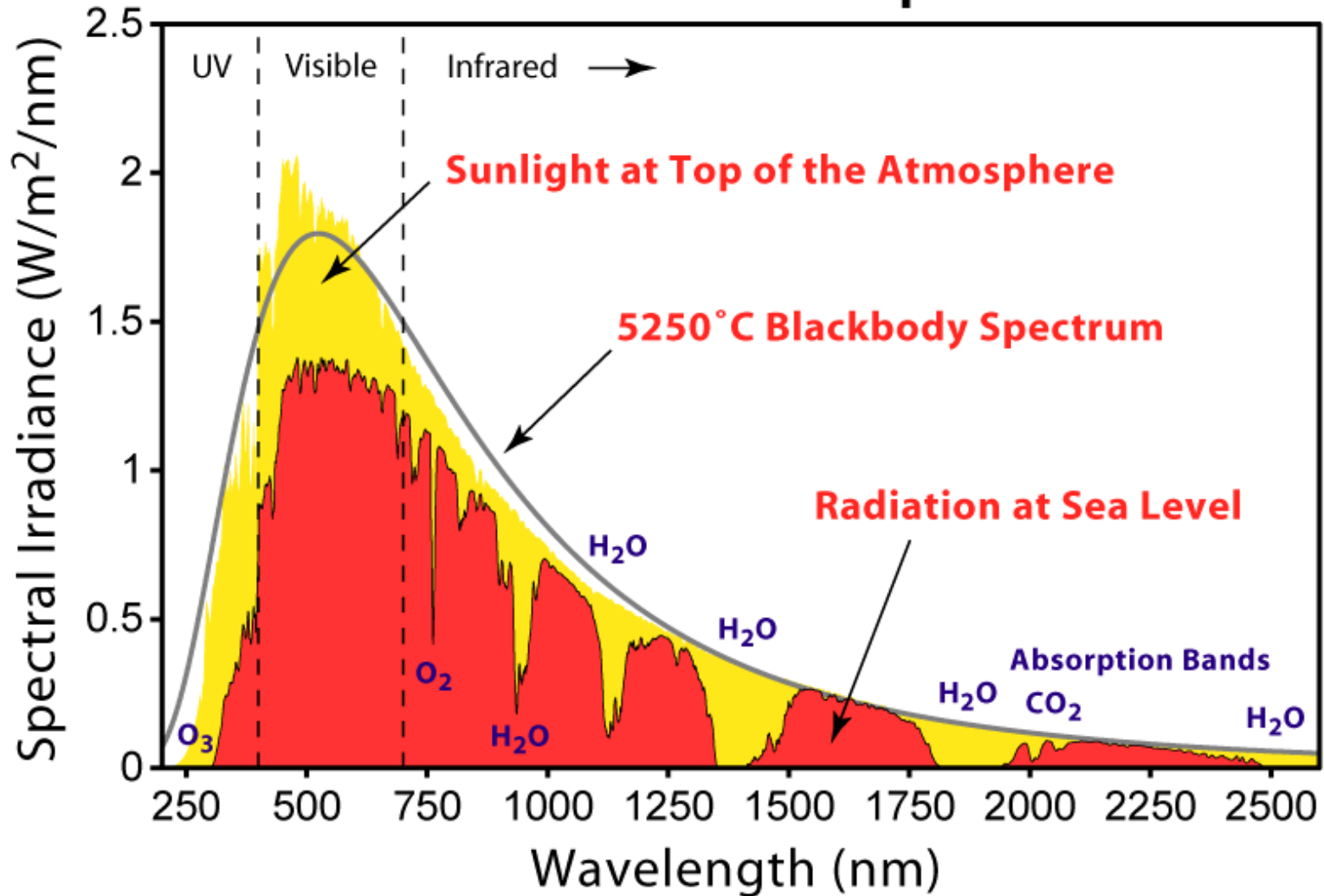
Absorption by Earth's Atmosphere

- ◆ Why does the Earth's atmosphere block or absorb electromagnetic radiation at very short radio and infrared wavelengths?

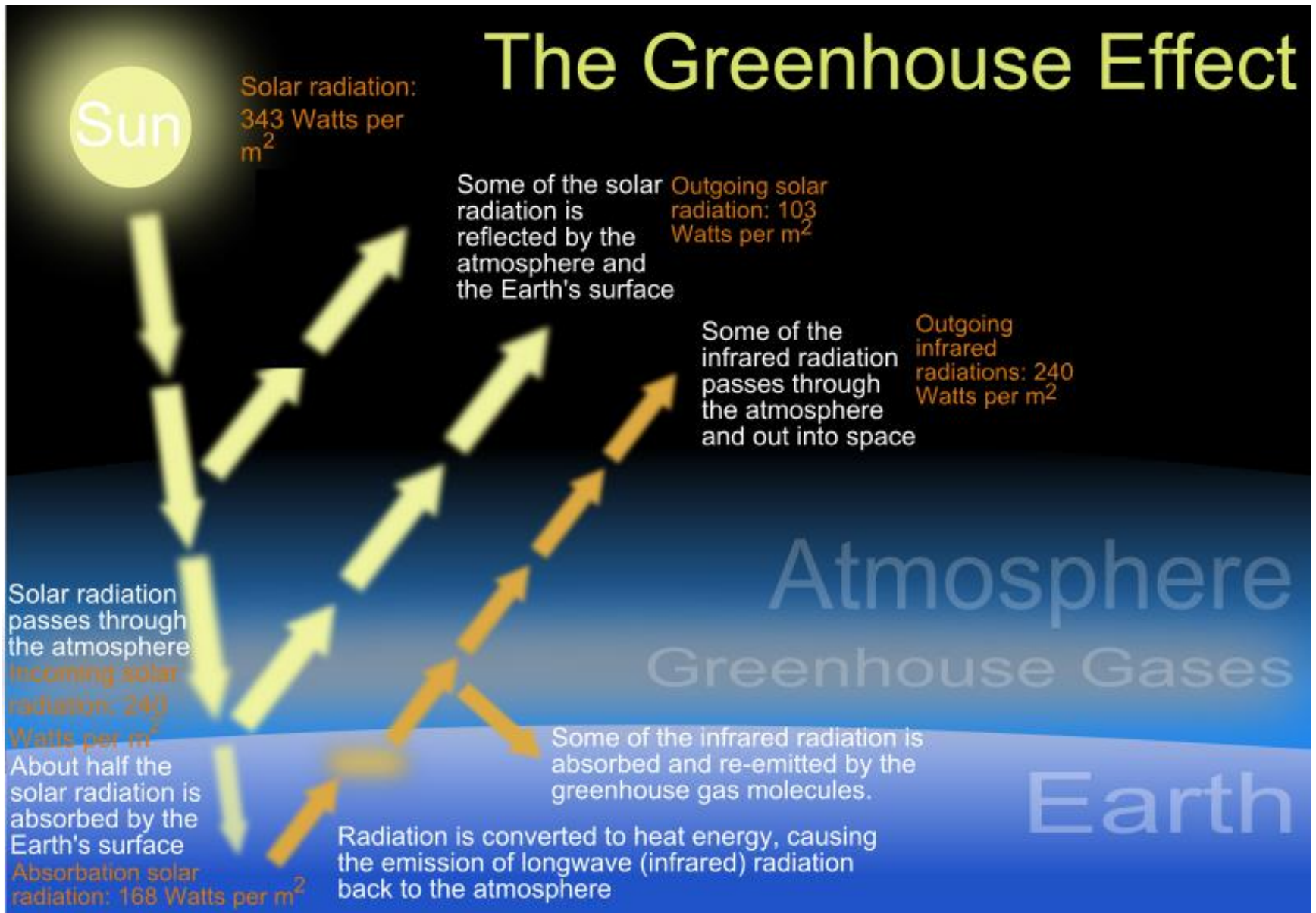


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Solar Radiation Spectrum



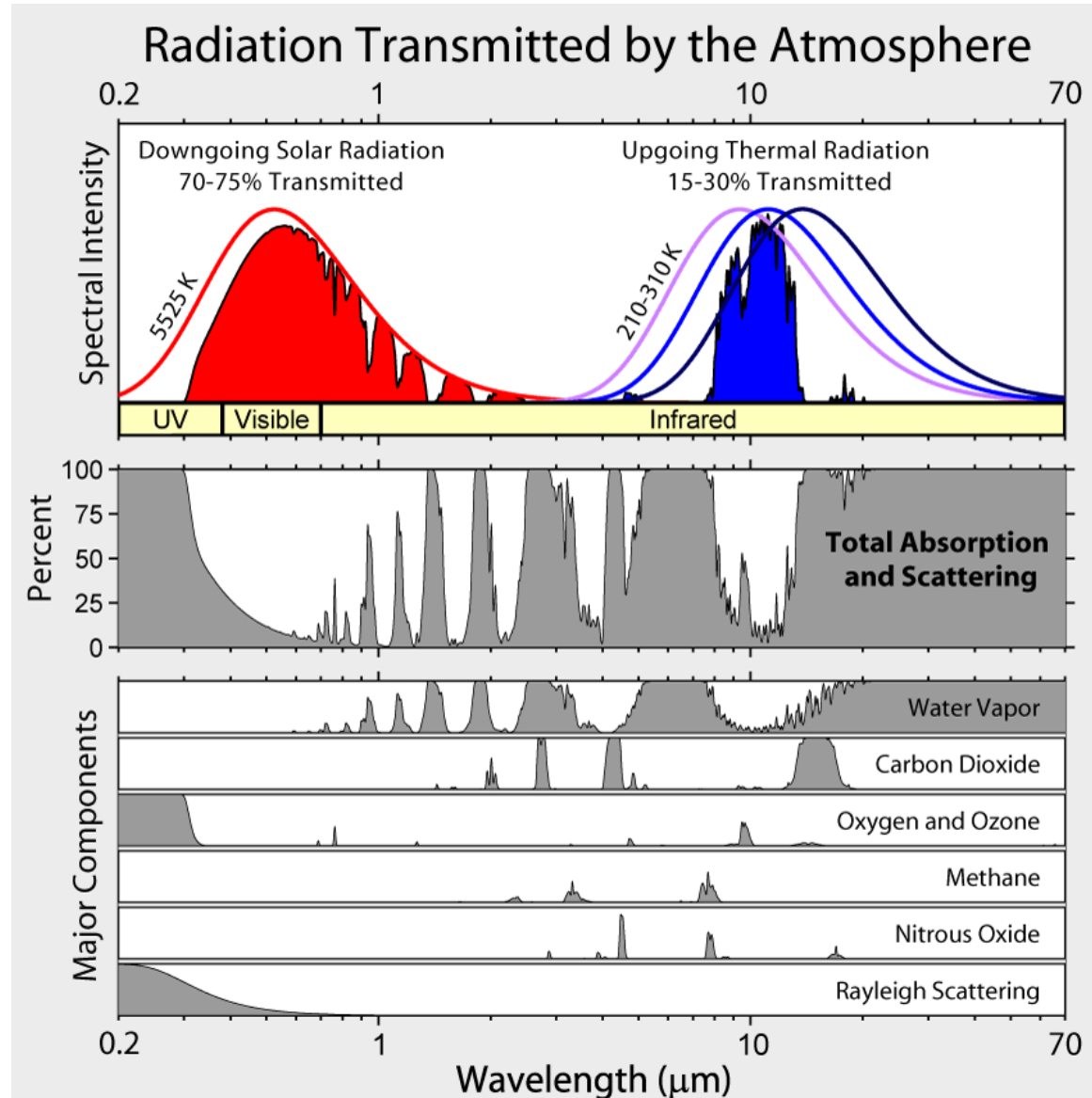
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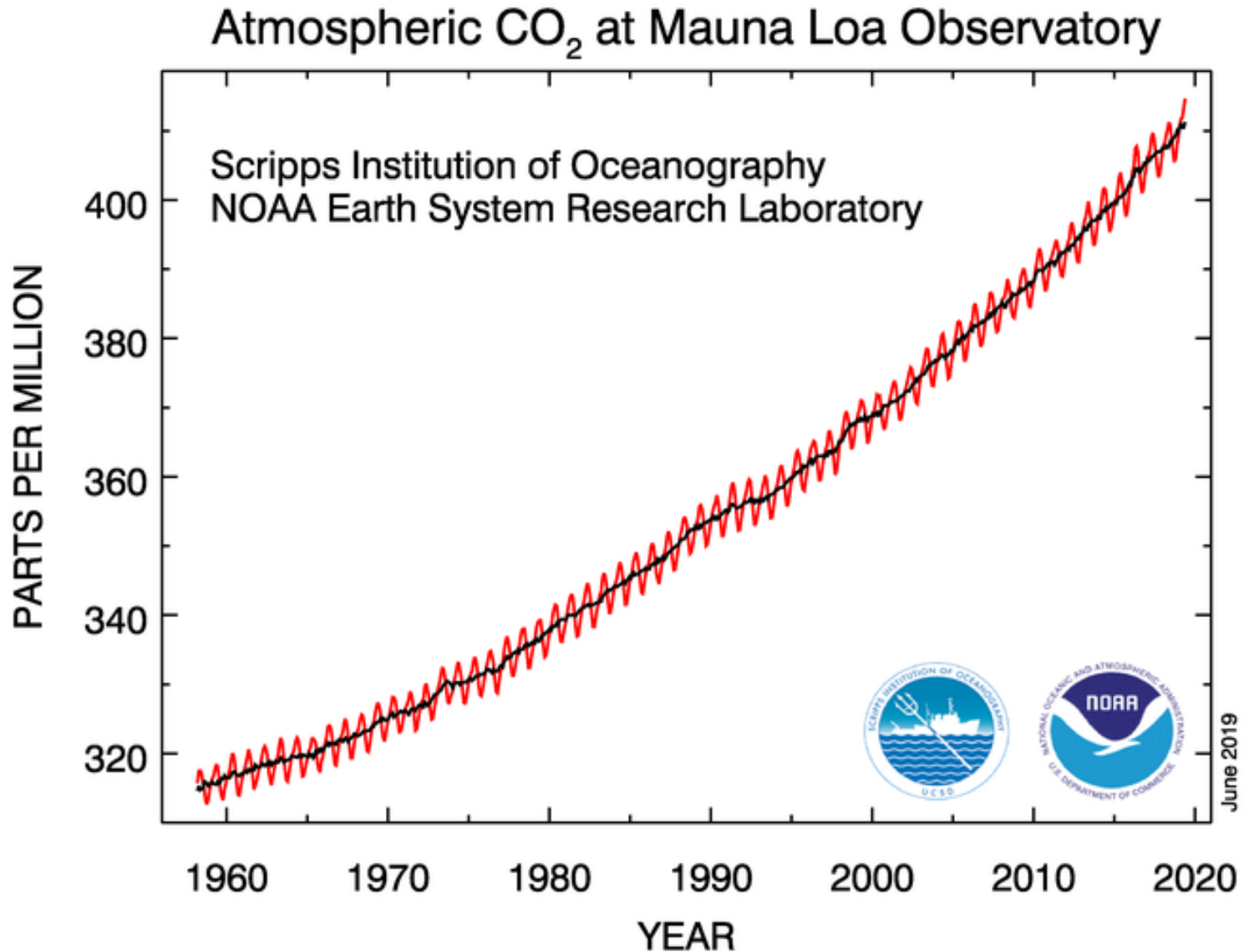
- ◆ Gases responsible for the Greenhouse effect.
- ◆ Water vapor and carbon dioxide responsible for bulk of absorption at infrared wavelengths. Methane is a particular powerful greenhouse gas, responsible for ~25% of manmade global warming.

Why? Assignment Question.



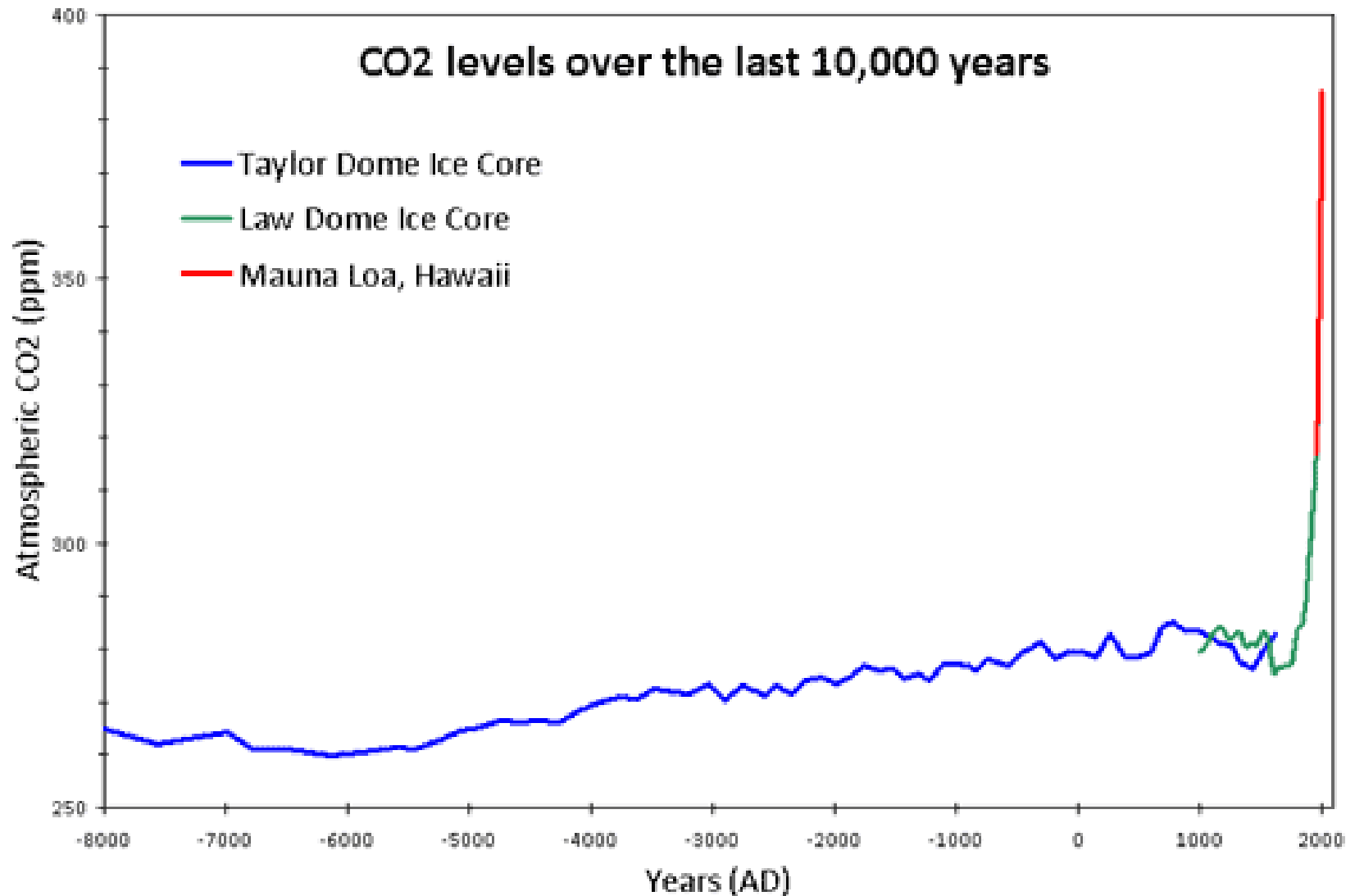
Absorption by Earth's Atmosphere

- ◆ Rising concentration of CO₂ in the Earth's atmosphere.



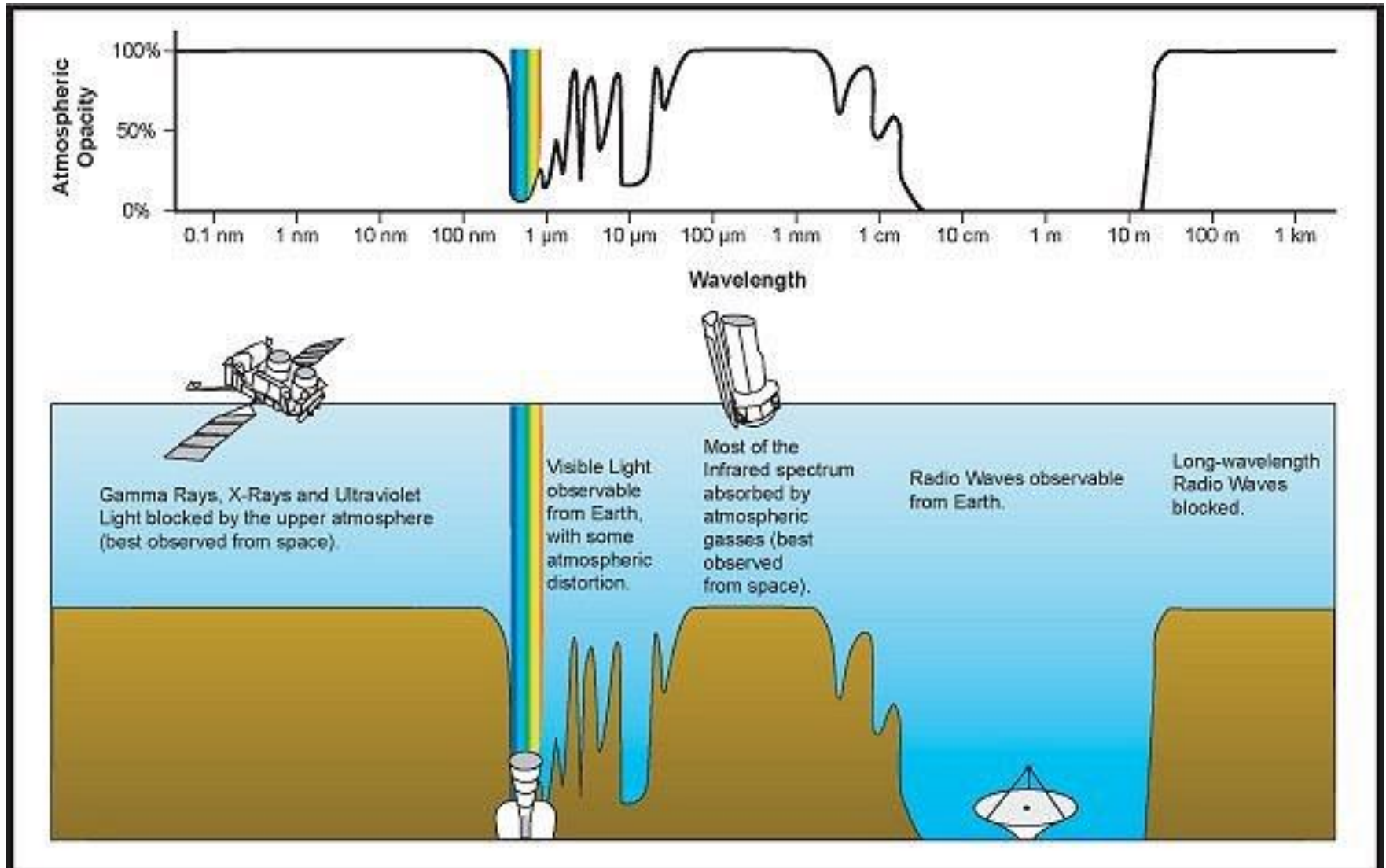
Absorption by Earth's Atmosphere

- ◆ Alarming rise in concentration of CO₂ in the Earth's atmosphere since industrial age.

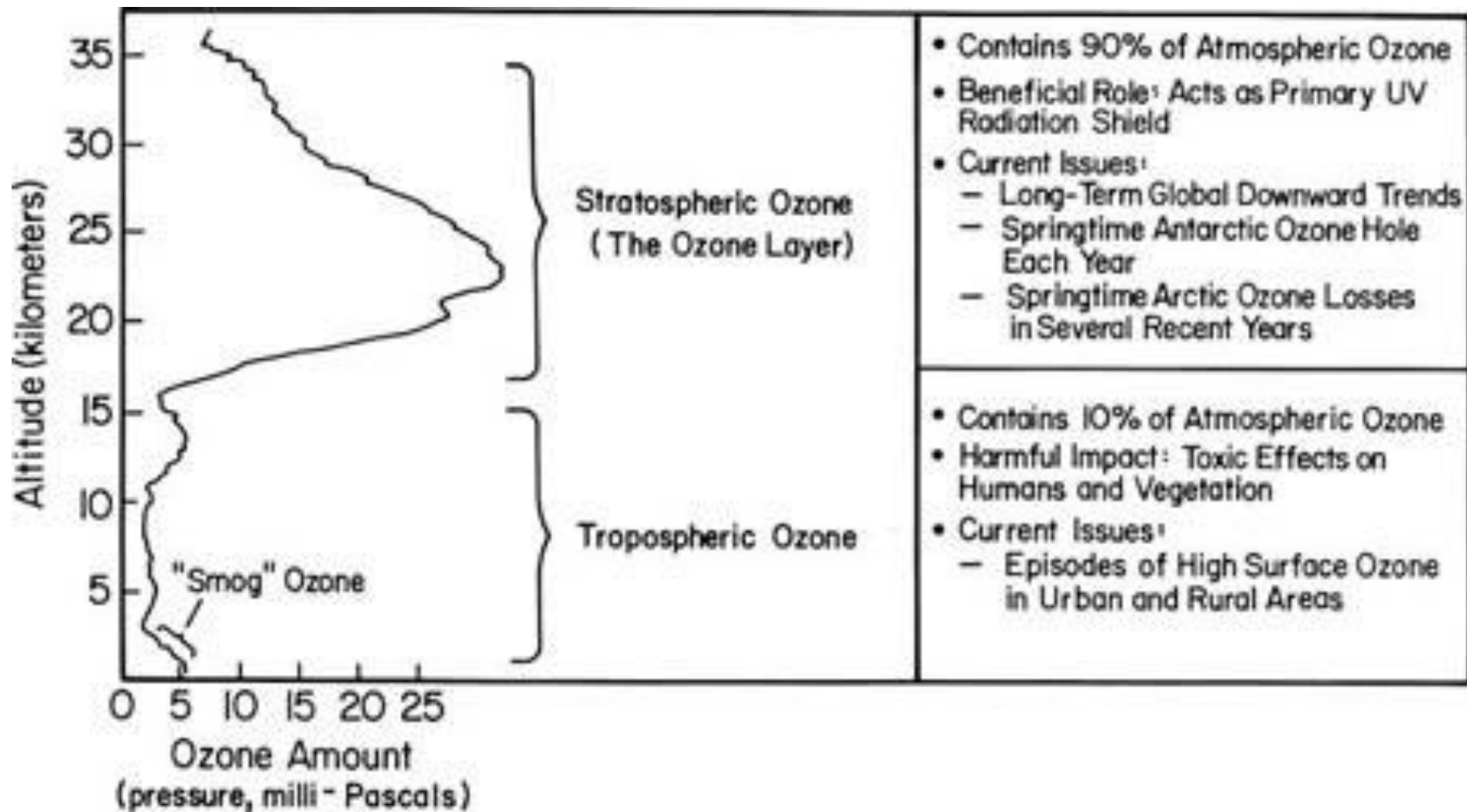


Absorption by Earth's Atmosphere

- ◆ Why does the Earth's atmosphere block or absorb electromagnetic radiation at ultraviolet wavelengths?

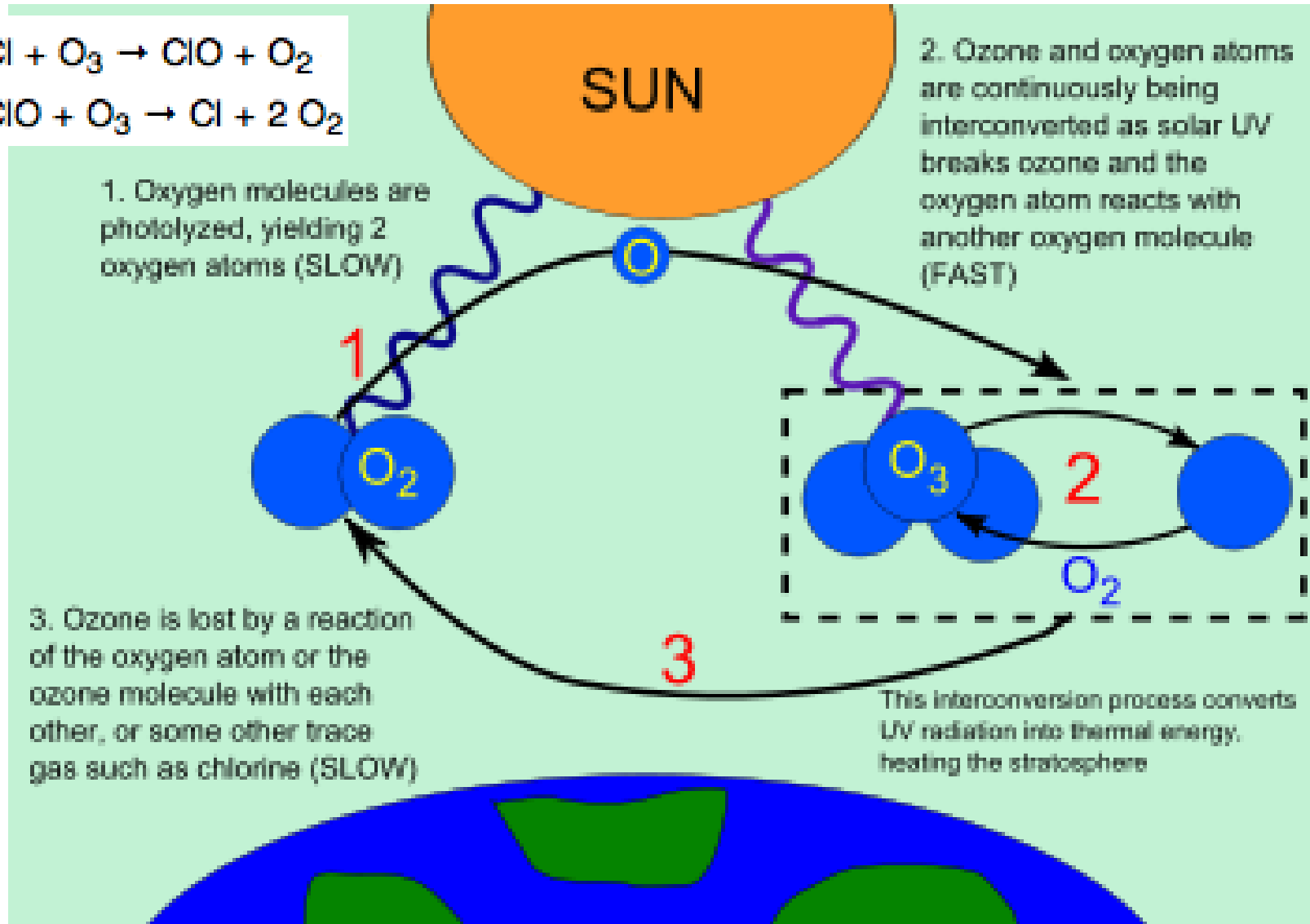


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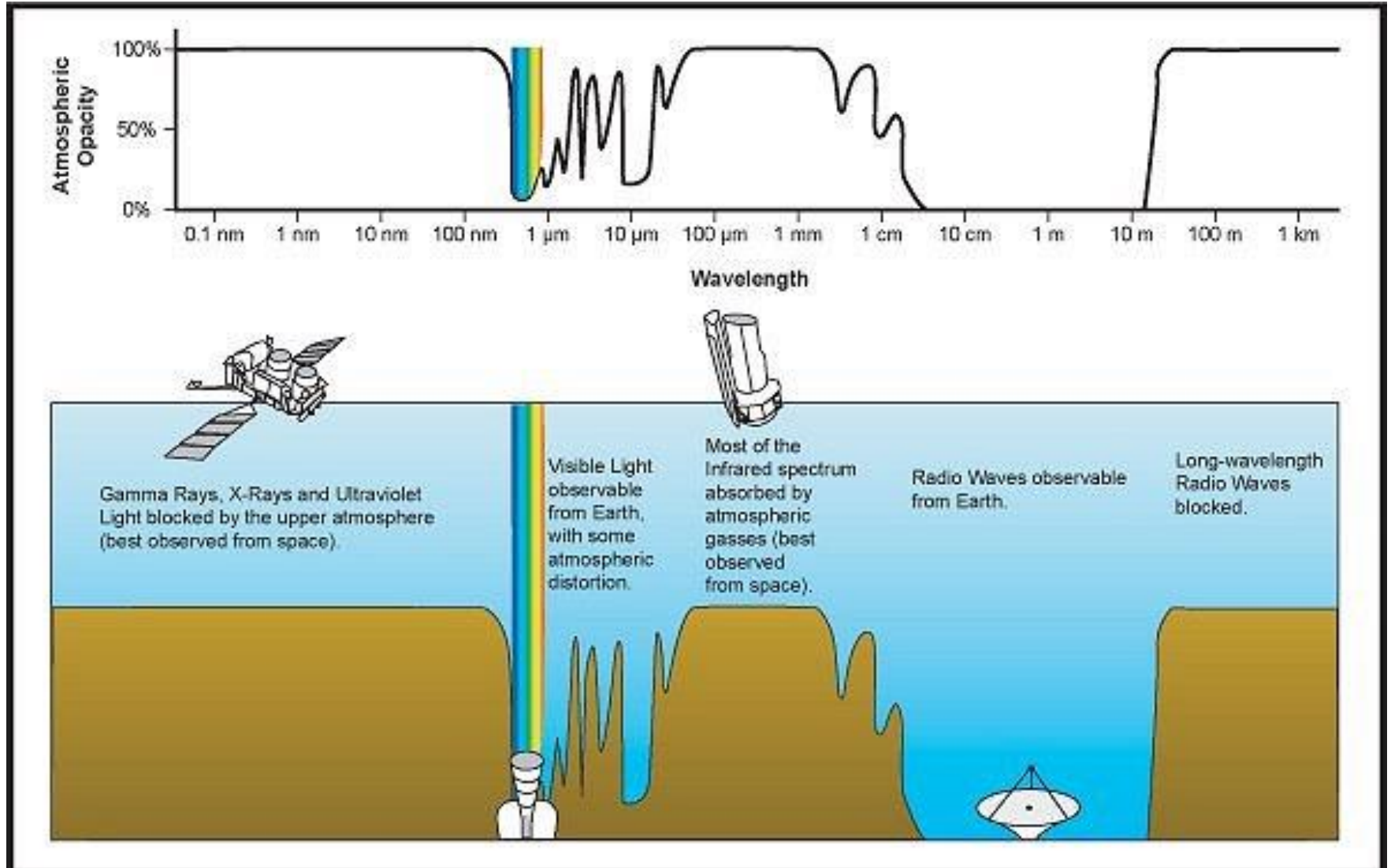
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Absorption by Earth's Atmosphere

- ◆ Why does the Earth's atmosphere block or absorb electromagnetic radiation at X-ray and γ -ray wavelengths?



Absorption by Earth's Atmosphere

X-ray photon

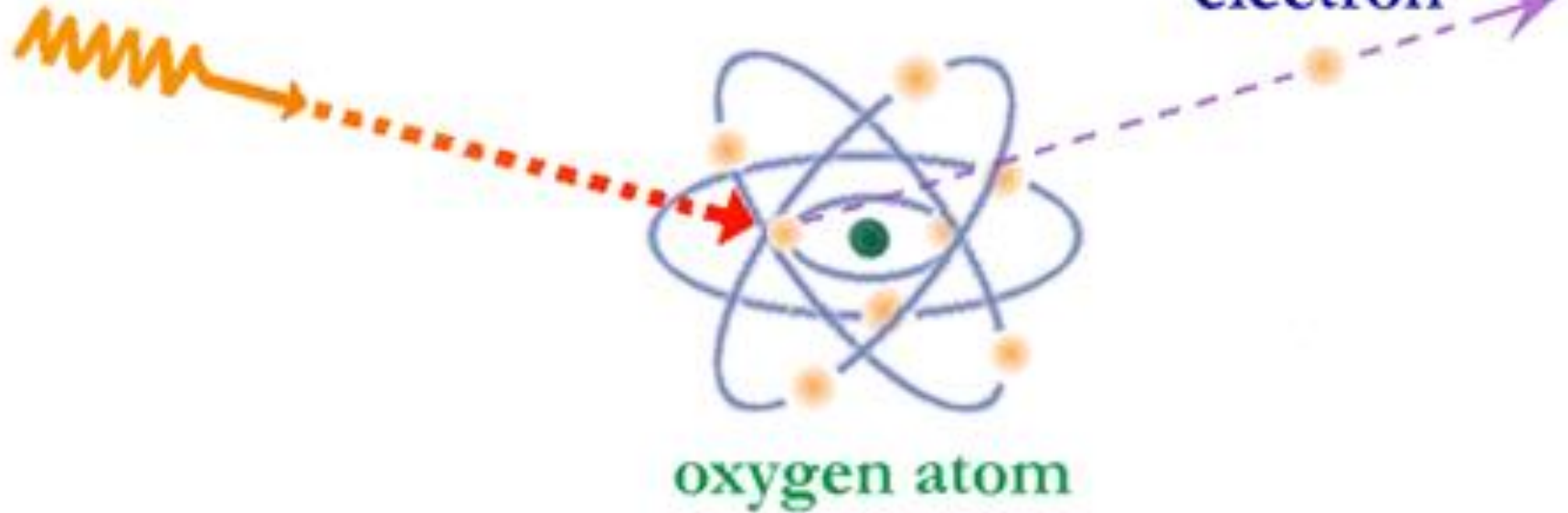


PHOTO-ELECTRIC ABSORPTION

Lezioni:

Aula D on Monday and Tuesday (if)

Aula B on Thursday

Basovizza:

Giulia Iafrate not available until 15th of March

16-17 Marzo visit to the infrastructures

We keep in touch ...

Learning Objectives

- ◆ Beginnings of modern observational astronomy at optical wavelengths.
- ◆ The electromagnetic window:
 - Causes of scattering or absorption of electromagnetic radiation by the Earth's atmosphere
- ◆ Beginnings of modern observational astronomy at other wavelengths:
 2. Radio
 3. X-ray
 4. γ -ray
 5. Ultraviolet
 6. Infrared
 7. Gravitational Waves and ...?

Beginnings of Radio Astronomy

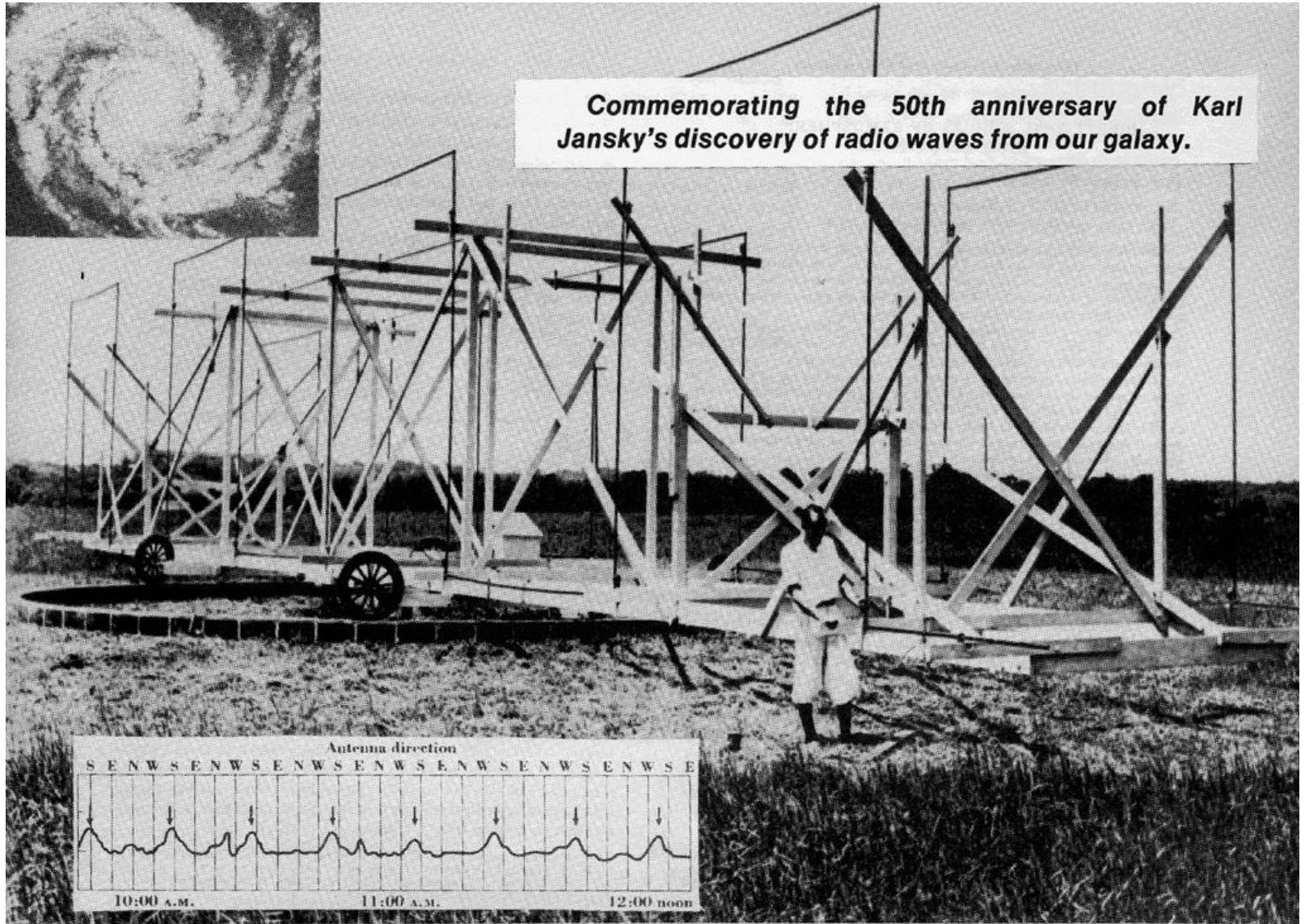
- ◆ In 1895, Marconi built a wireless system capable of transmitting and receiving signals at long distances.
- ◆ In 1928, Karl Guthe Jansky, trained as a radio engineer, was employed at the Bell Telephone Laboratories to investigate sources of static that might interfere with radio voice transmissions. In 1932, he built an antenna operating at a radio frequency of 20.5 MHz (wavelength of 14.6 m) for this study.

Full-size replica of Jansky's antenna



Karl Jansky, 1905-1950

Beginnings of Radio Astronomy



Karl Jansky and his "merry-go-round" antenna — the first radio telescope with record of hiss noise he detected from our galaxy as indicated by small bumps, one for each revolution of the antenna every 20 minutes.

Beginnings of Radio Astronomy

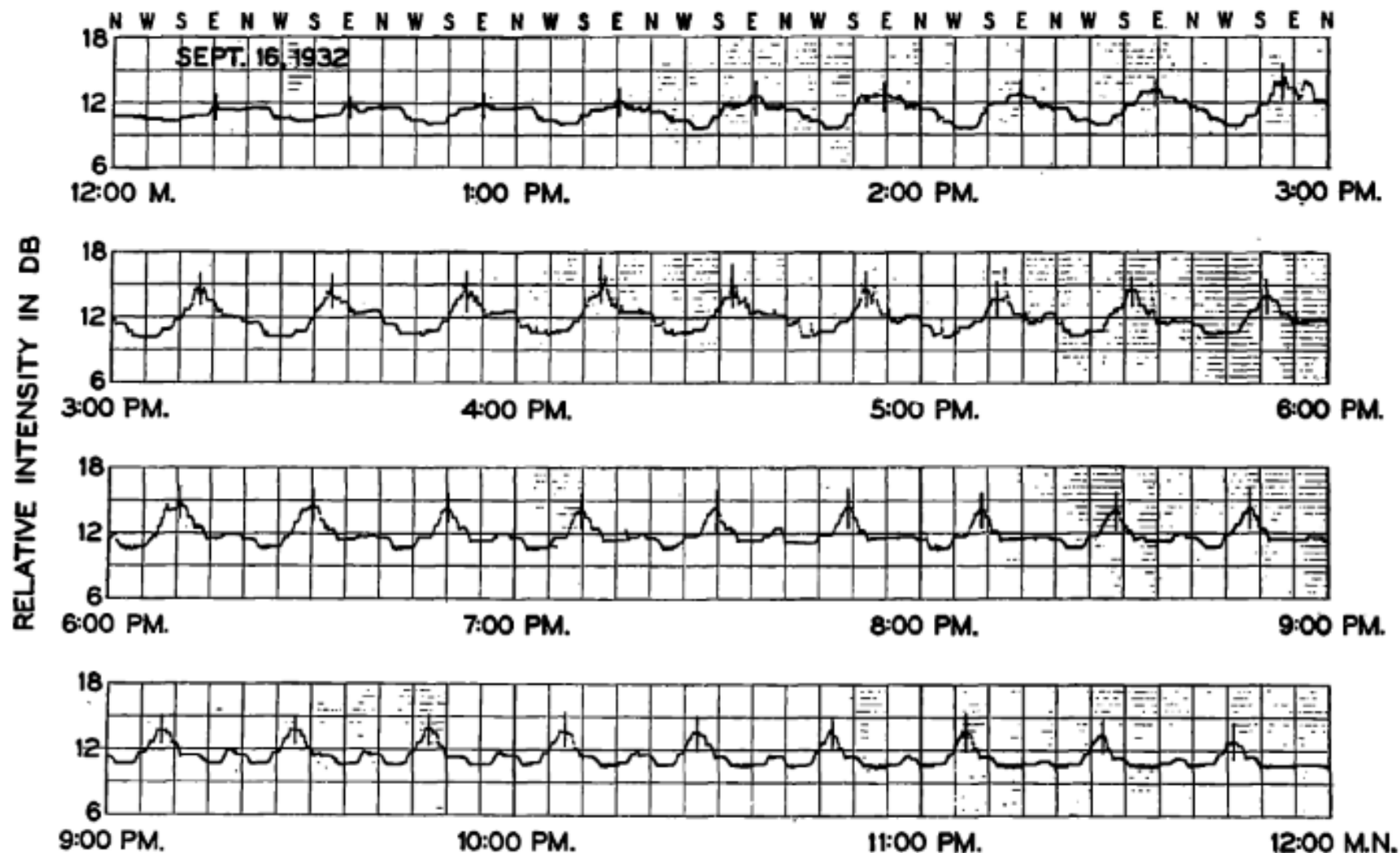
- ◆ Jansky detected static from nearby and distant thunderstorms, together with a persistent faint hiss of unknown origin.
- ◆ Jansky found that the intensity of the faint hiss rose and fell once a day, with maximum intensity coinciding with the position of the Sun. He therefore surmized that the source of the faint hiss was the Sun.
- ◆ After a few months, however, Jansky found that the position of maximum intensity moved away from the Sun and the time of maximum intensity repeated every 23 hours 56 minutes (the sidereal period) rather than 24 hours.
- ◆ By 1933, Jansky had concluded that the signal was coming from our own Milky Way galaxy and was strongest in the direction of the Galactic center.

The Sun is the brightest radio source in the daytime sky over a broad range of wavelengths. At 20 MHz, however, the Galactic center is usually brighter, especially at solar minimum as was the case in 1932/1933.



Beginnings of Radio Astronomy

- ◆ Jansky's original recordings.

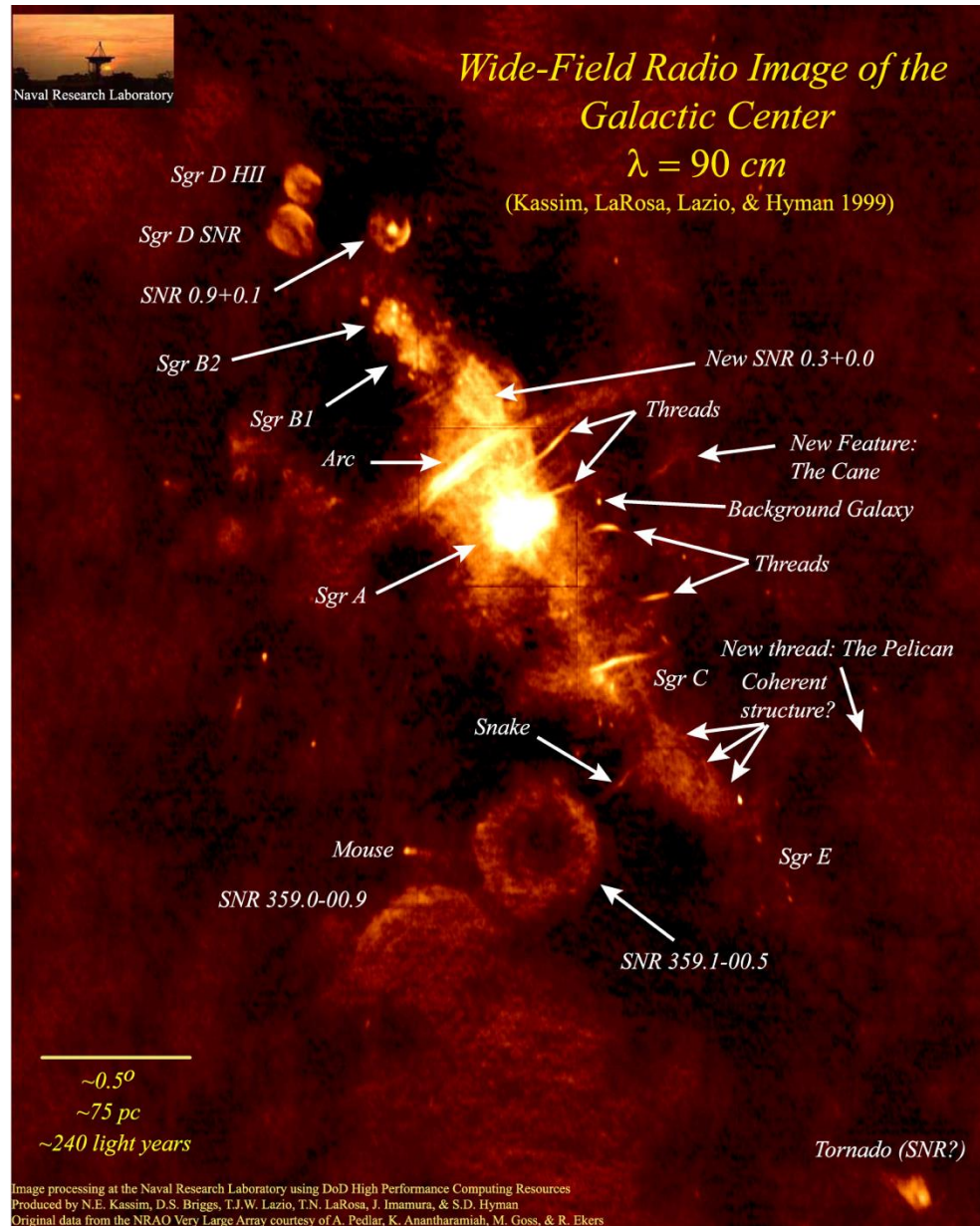
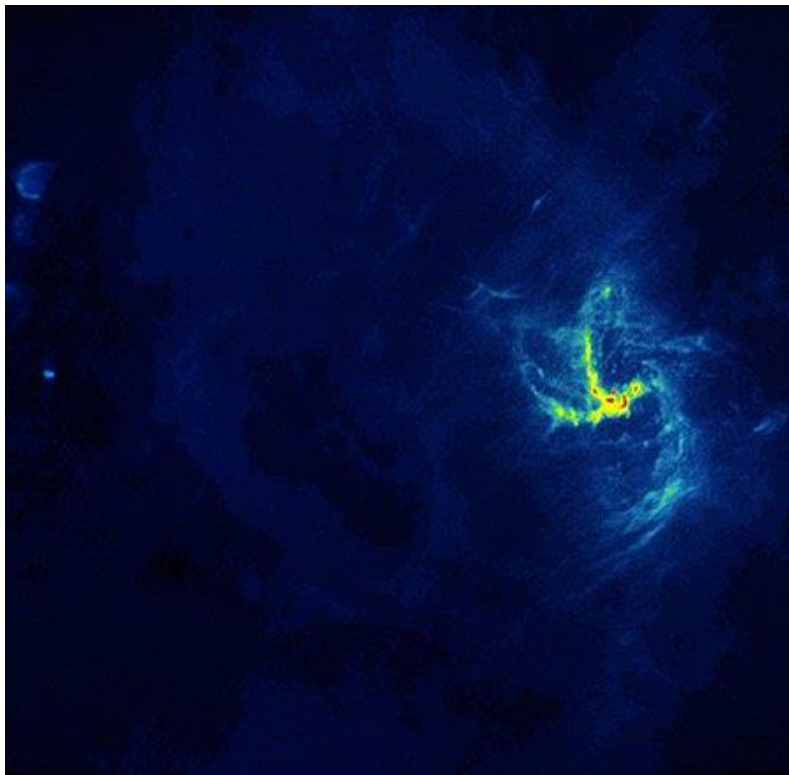


SAMPLE RECORD OF WAVES OF INTERSTELLAR ORIGIN.

Beginnings of Radio Astronomy

- ◆ An image towards the center of our Galaxy at a radio wavelength of 90 cm. The supermassive black hole at the Galactic center is located within Sgr A.

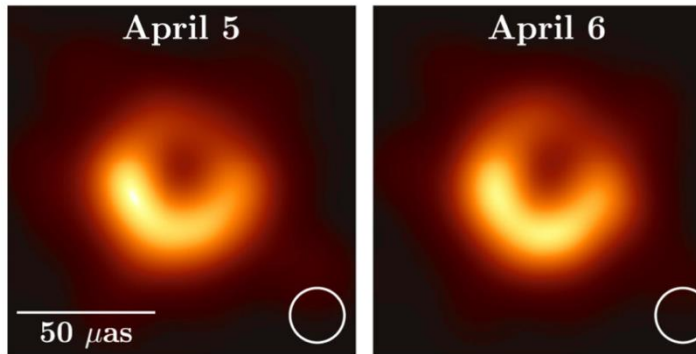
Closeup of Sgr A



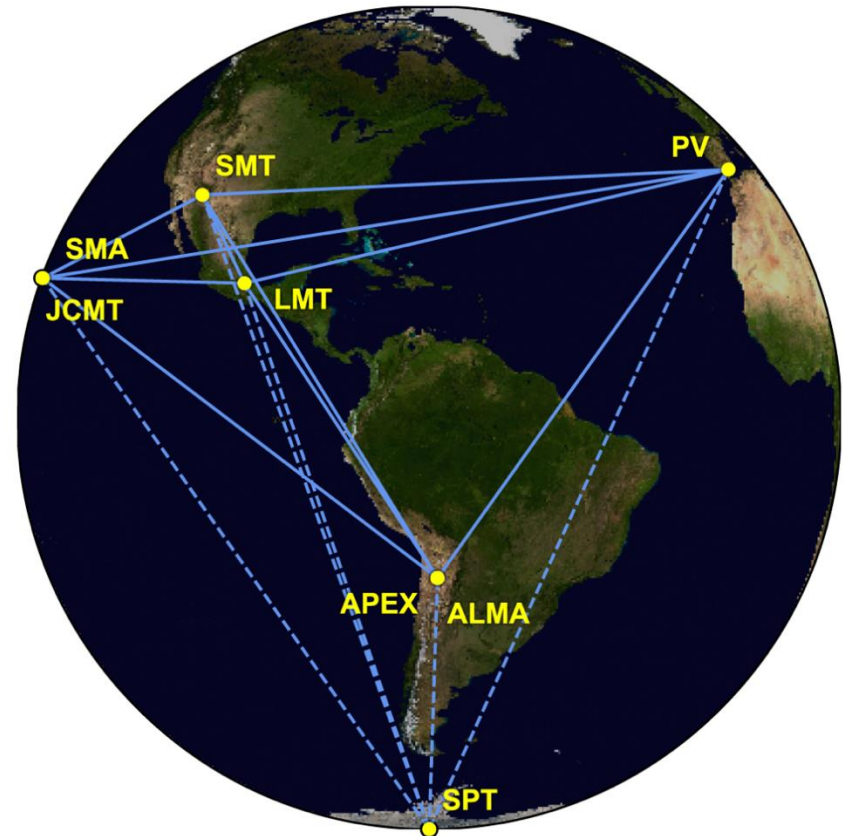
Event Horizon Telescope

The Event Horizon Telescope (EHT) Collaboration is a group of observatories united to image the emission around supermassive black holes.

In 2019, the EHT produced iconic images of the emission around the black hole in M87. The images showed a ring, as predicted by general relativity. The size of the ring indicates that the black hole has a mass that is 6.5 billion times that of the Sun. The images provide evidence that the structure of the emission in M87 changed over the course of six days of observing.



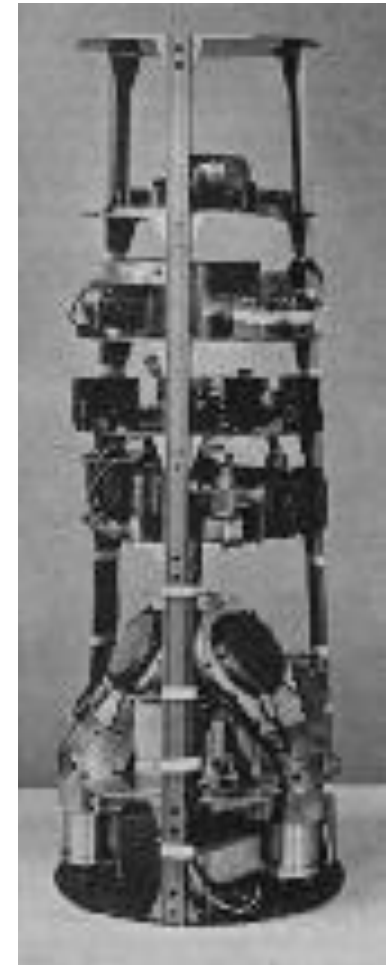
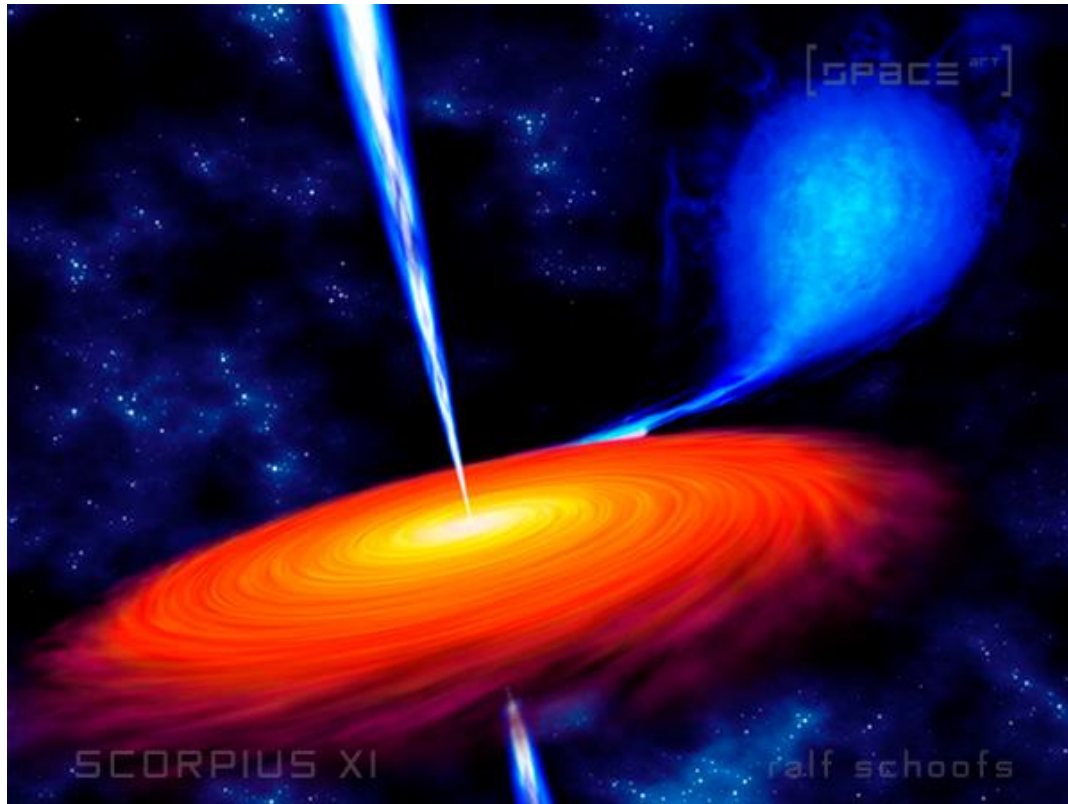
Images of M87 obtained by the Event Horizon Telescope Collaboration



Event Horizon Telescope observations were made by observations around the globe; data was sent to MIT Haystack Observatory and the Max-Planck-Institut für Radioastronomie for correlation

Beginnings of X-ray Astronomy

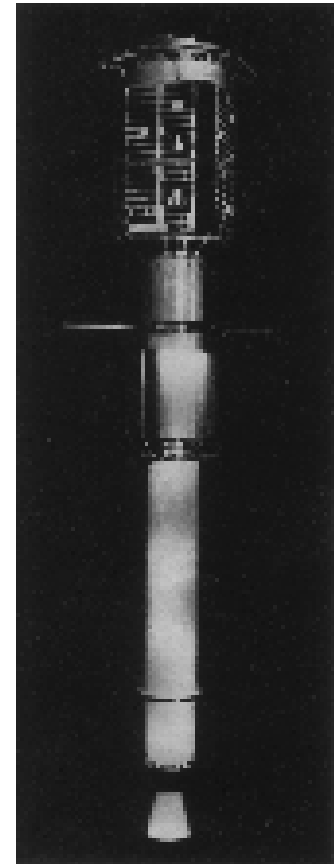
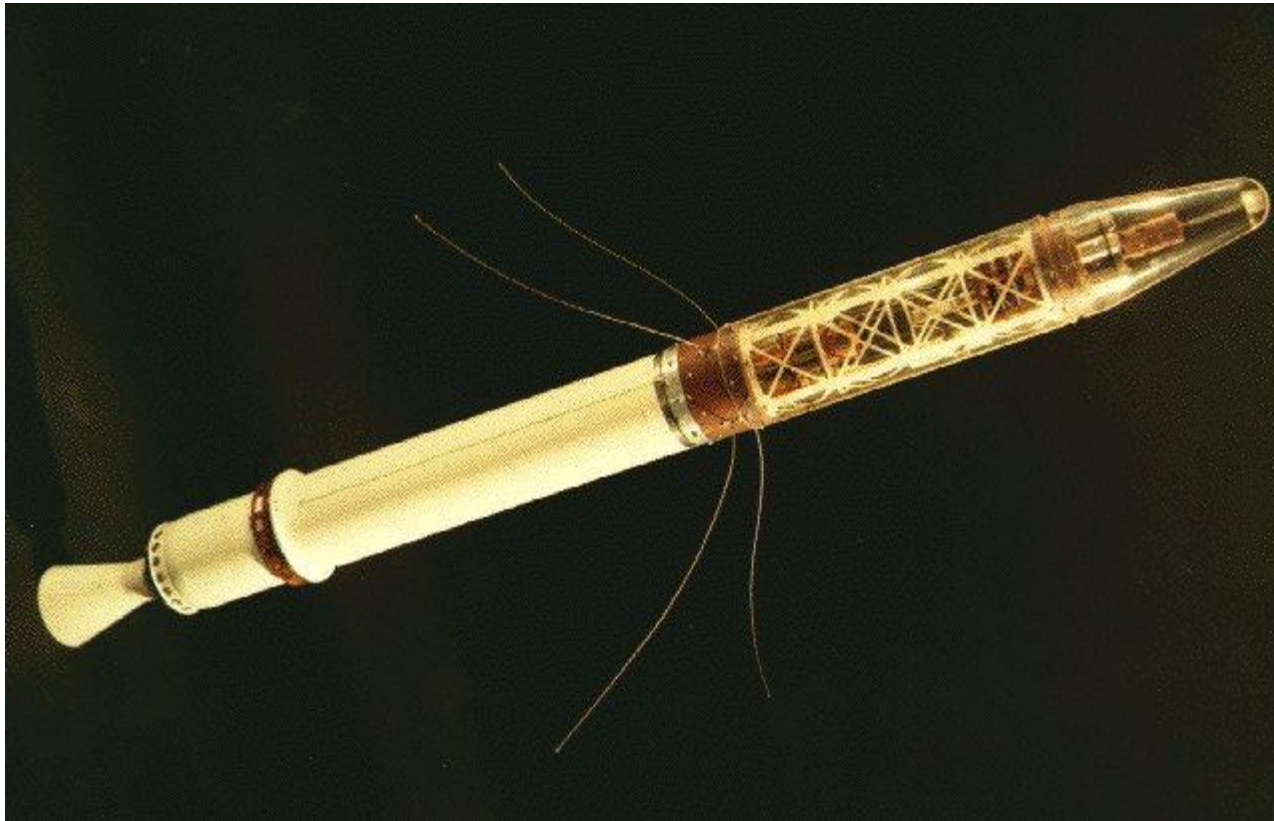
- ◆ The first rocket flight to detect an astronomical source in X-rays, the Sun, occurred in 1949.
- ◆ The first rocket flight to detect an extrasolar astronomical source, Scorpius X-1, occurred in 1962. Scorpius X-1 is now known to be a neutron star accreting from a low-mass main-sequence star.



Experimental Package on the Aerobee rocket launch of June 1962

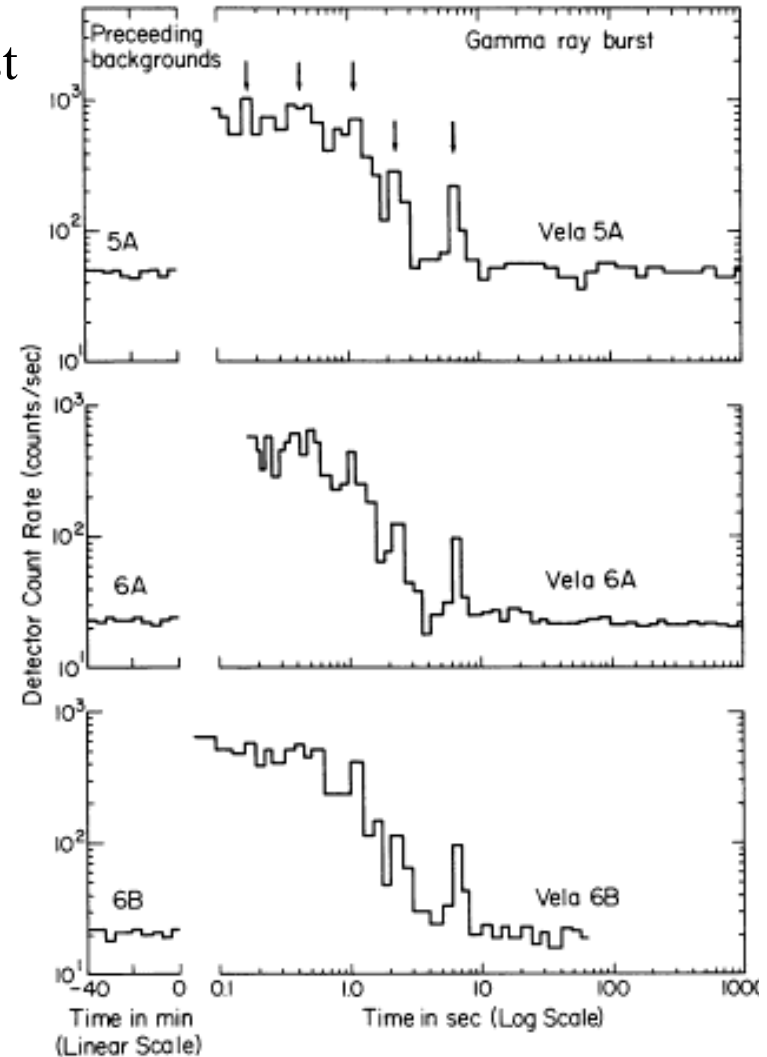
Beginnings of γ -ray Astronomy

- ◆ The USA satellite program began with the Explorer series of satellites, with Explorer 1 launched in 1954.
- ◆ Explorer 11, launched in 1961, carried the first γ -ray telescope into space. During its 7-month lifespan, it detected a total of 22 γ -ray photons.



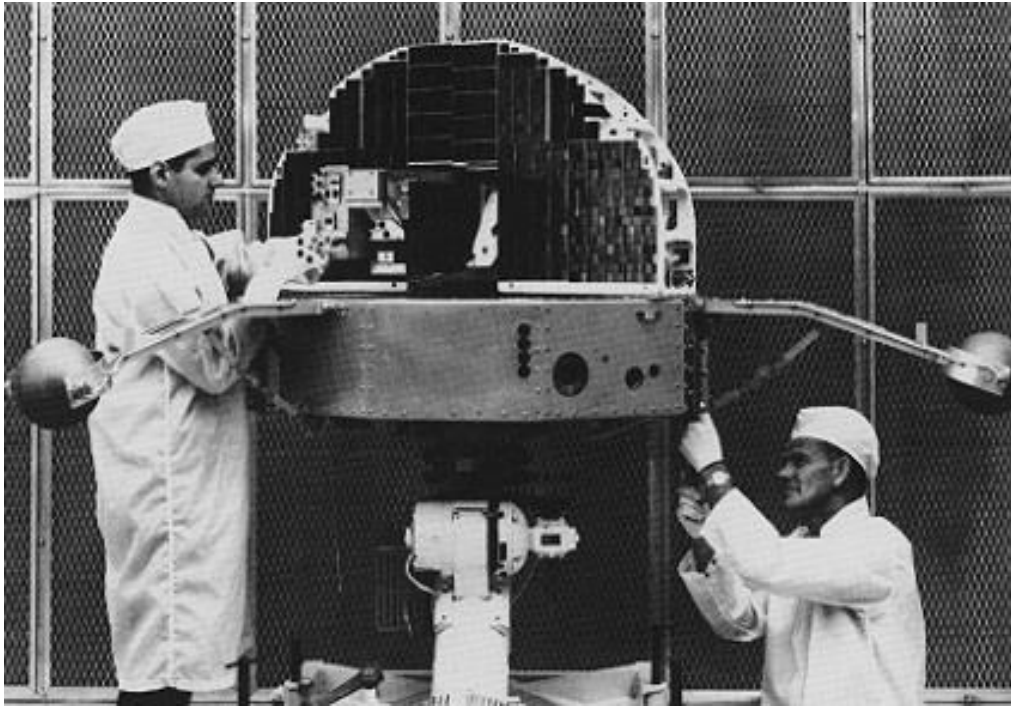
Beginnings of γ -ray Astronomy

- ◆ Vela was the name of a group of satellites developed by the USA to monitor compliance with the 1963 Partial Test Ban Treaty by the Soviet Union and other nuclear-capable states. It means *vigil* or "watch" in Spanish.
- ◆ Serendipitously, the Vela satellites were the first devices ever to detect cosmic γ -ray bursts.



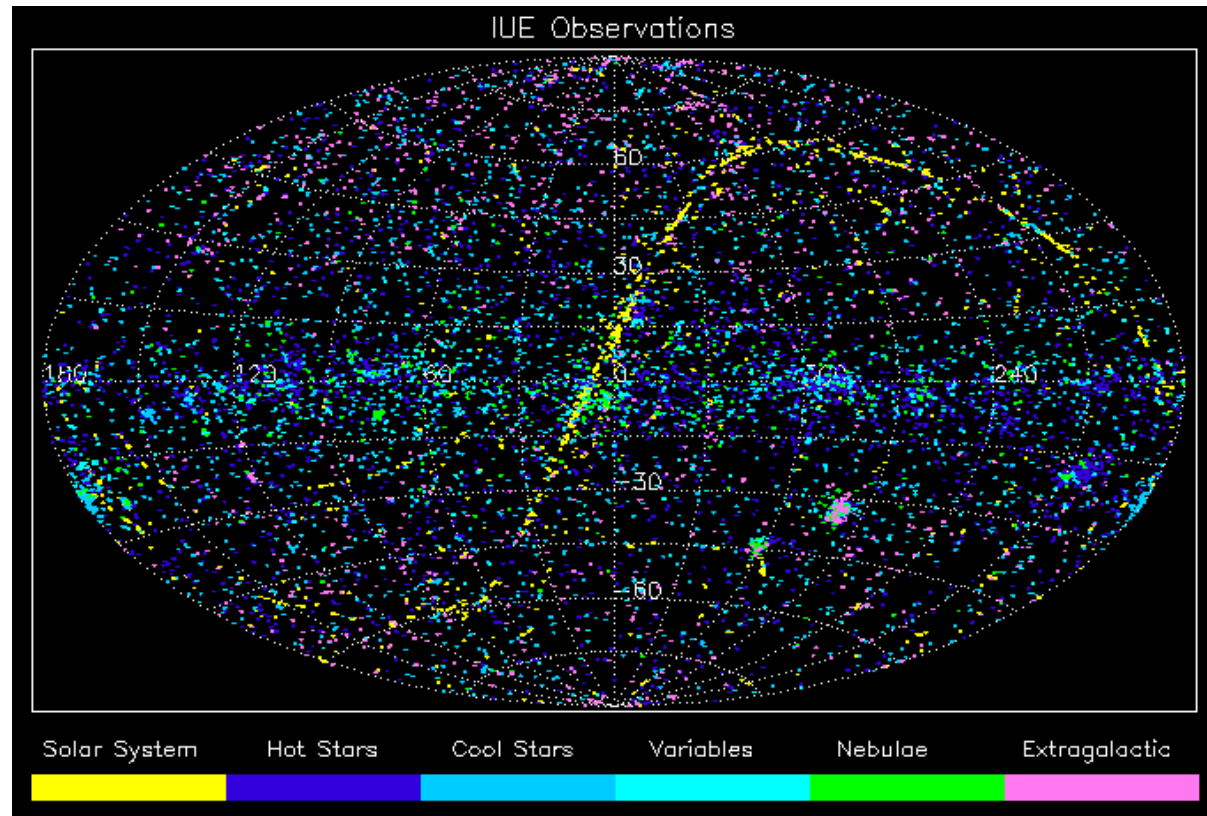
Beginnings of Ultraviolet Astronomy

- ◆ The Orbiting Solar Observatory (OSO) Program was a series of nine NASA satellites primarily intended to study the Sun. These satellites were launched between 1962 and 1975.



Beginnings of Ultraviolet Astronomy

- ◆ The International Ultraviolet Explorer (IUE), launched in 1978, was designed to take ultraviolet spectra. The original minimum mission lifetime was 3 years, but the satellite operated for nearly two decades before being switched off in 1996 for budgetary reasons while still functioning at near original efficiency.



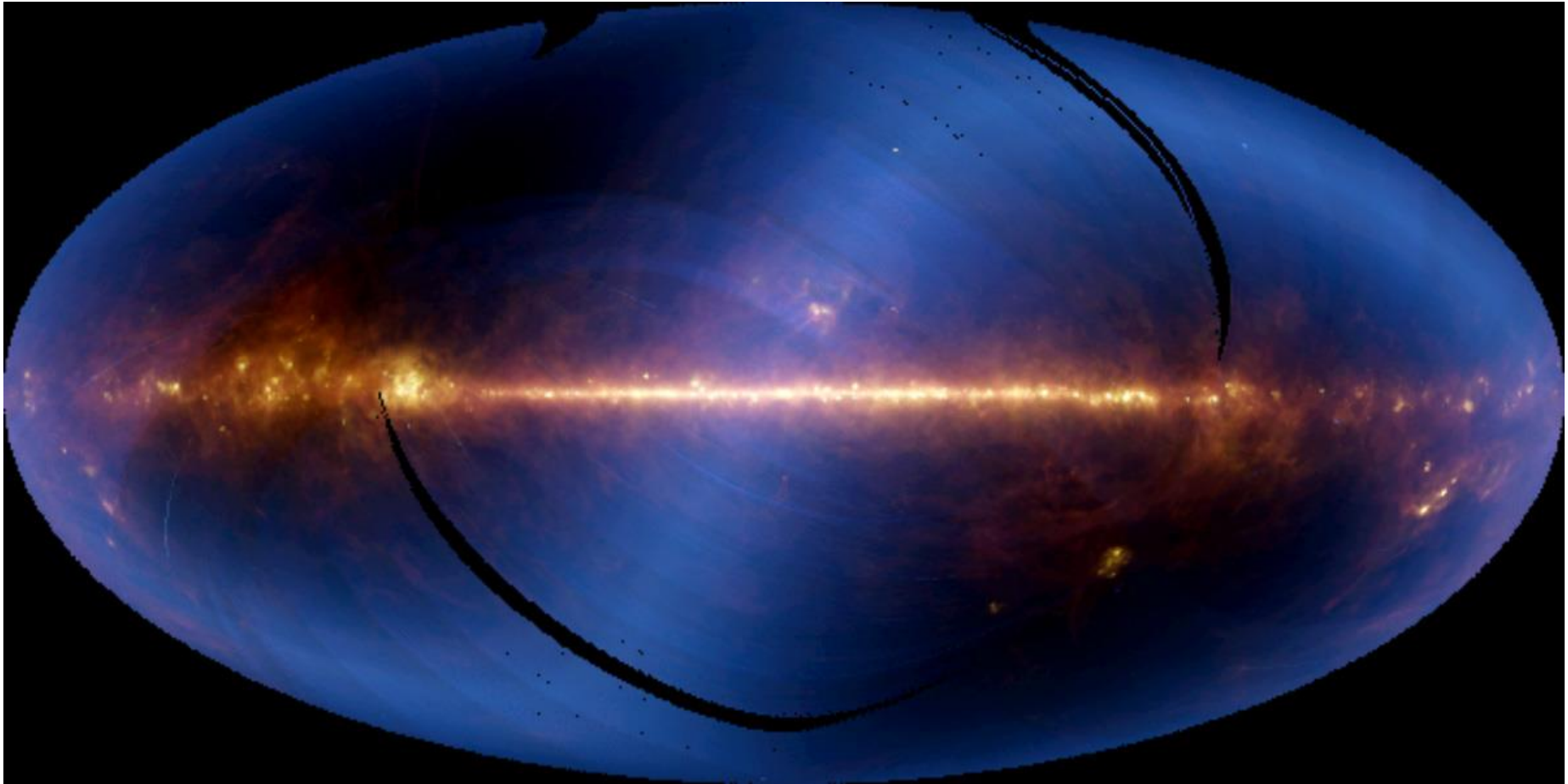
Infrared Astronomy

- ◆ Launched in 1983, the InfraRed Astronomical Satellite (IRAS) was the first infrared telescope in space.
- ◆ IRAS comprised a 60-cm telescope operating at 12, 25, 50, and 100 μm with a field of view of 63.6 arcmin and angular resolutions ranging from 25" to 100".
- ◆ IRAS made the first all-sky survey at infrared wavelengths.



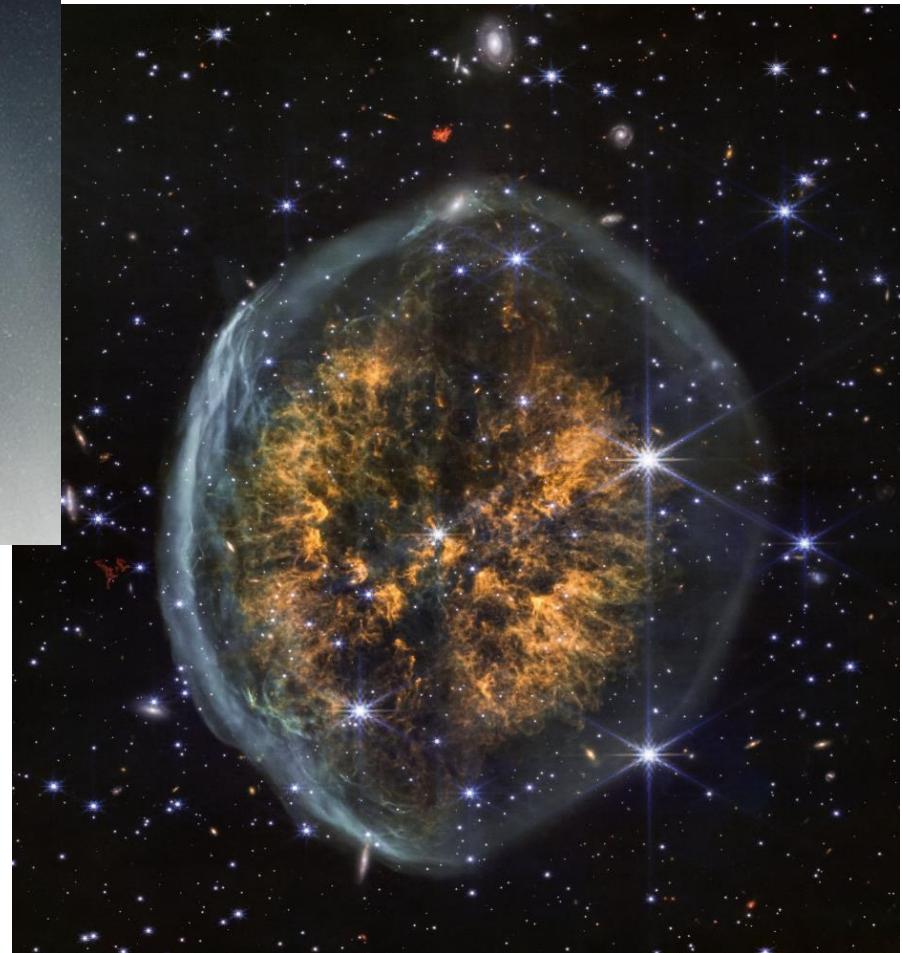
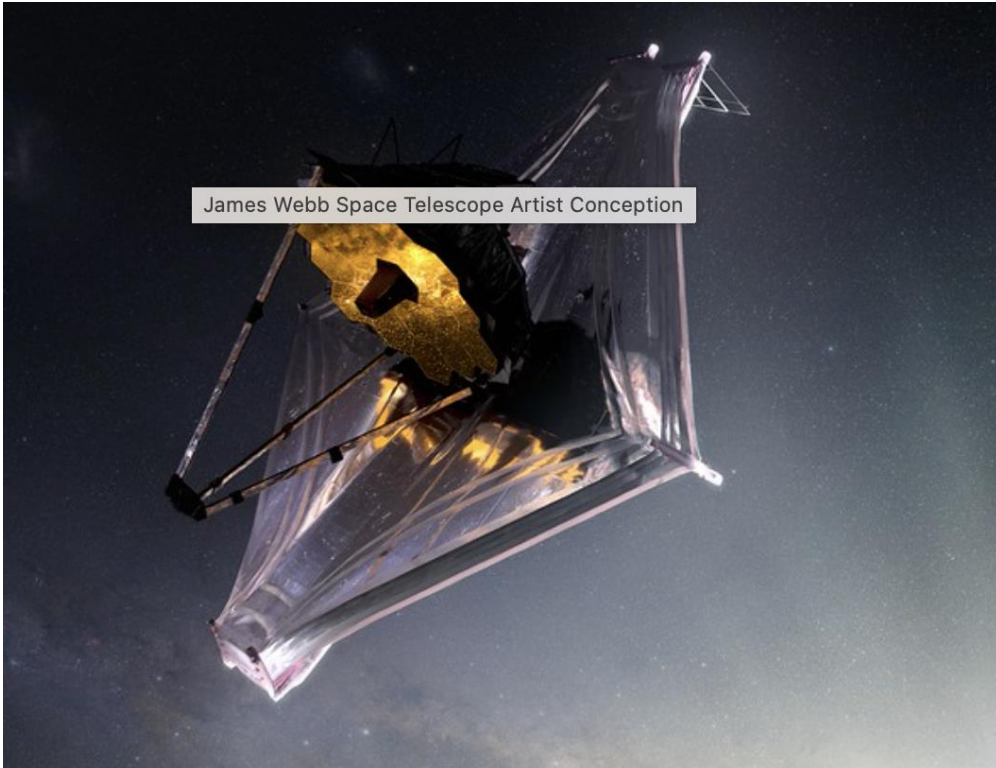
Infrared Astronomy

- ◆ IRAS all-sky image with emissions at 12 μm in blue, 60 μm in green, and 100 μm in red. Hazy horizontal S-shaped structure is zodiacal dust (in the plane of the Solar System). Black stripes are regions of the sky not scanned.



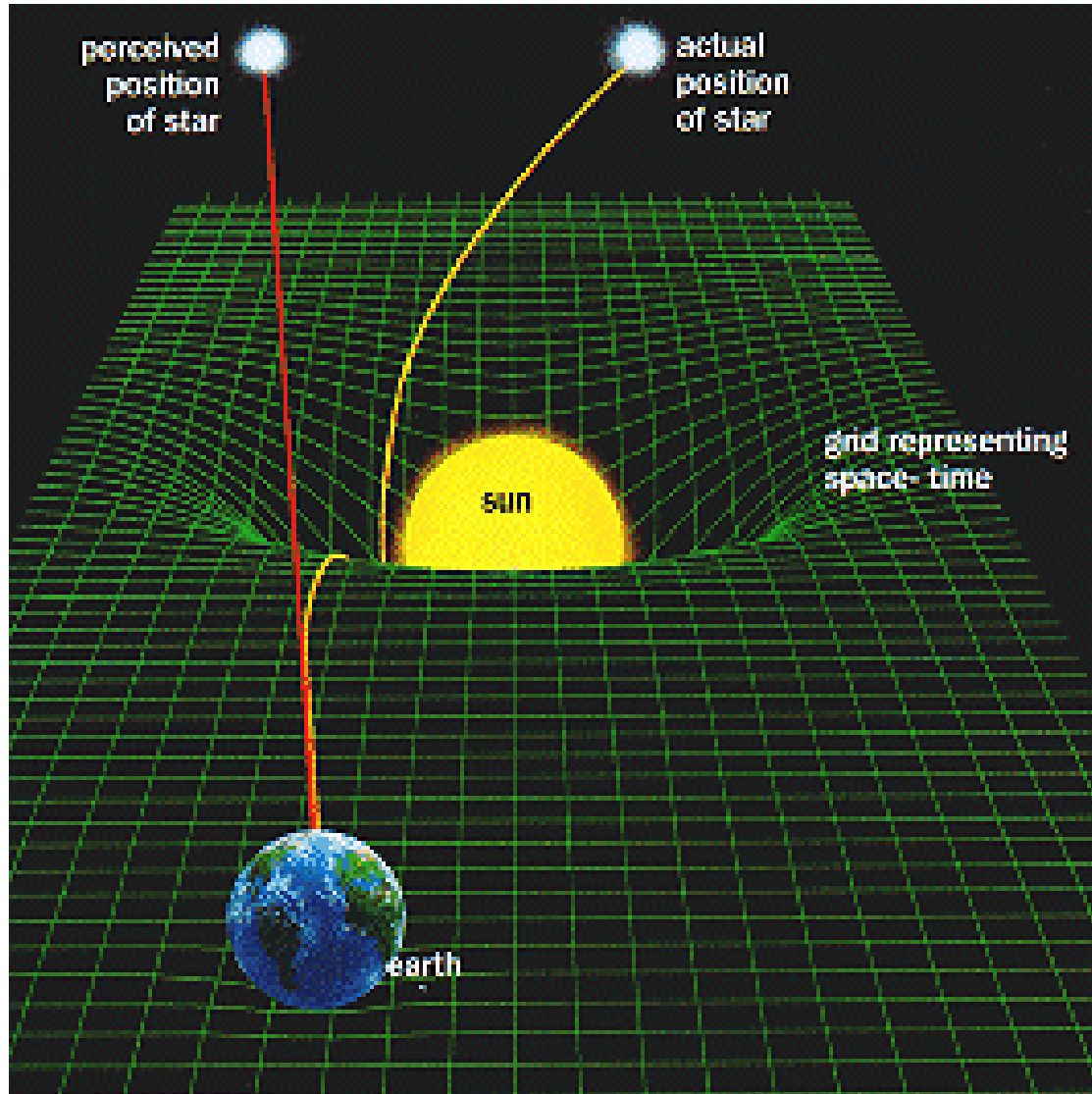
James Webb Space Telescope

James Webb Space Telescope Artist Conception



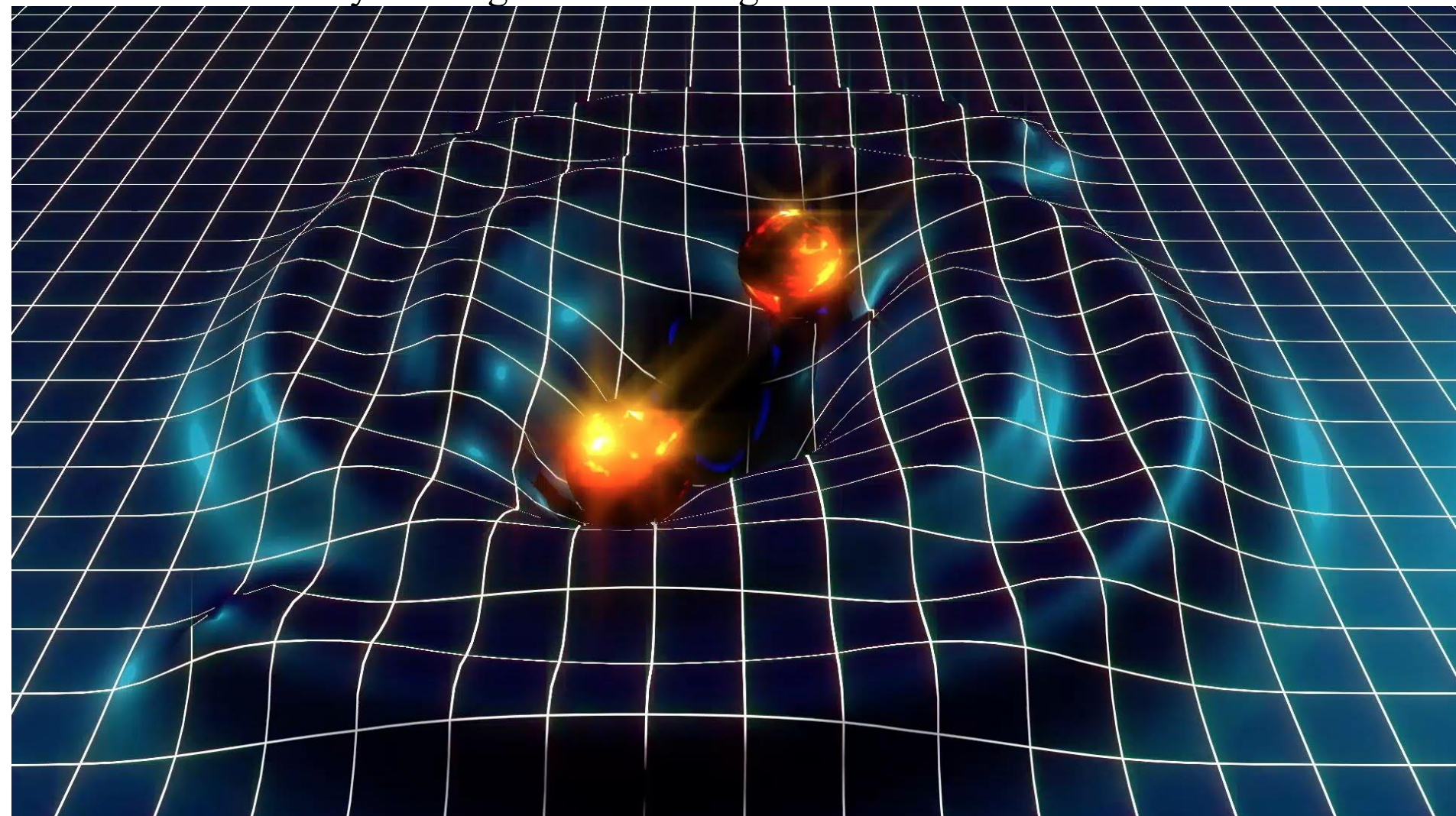
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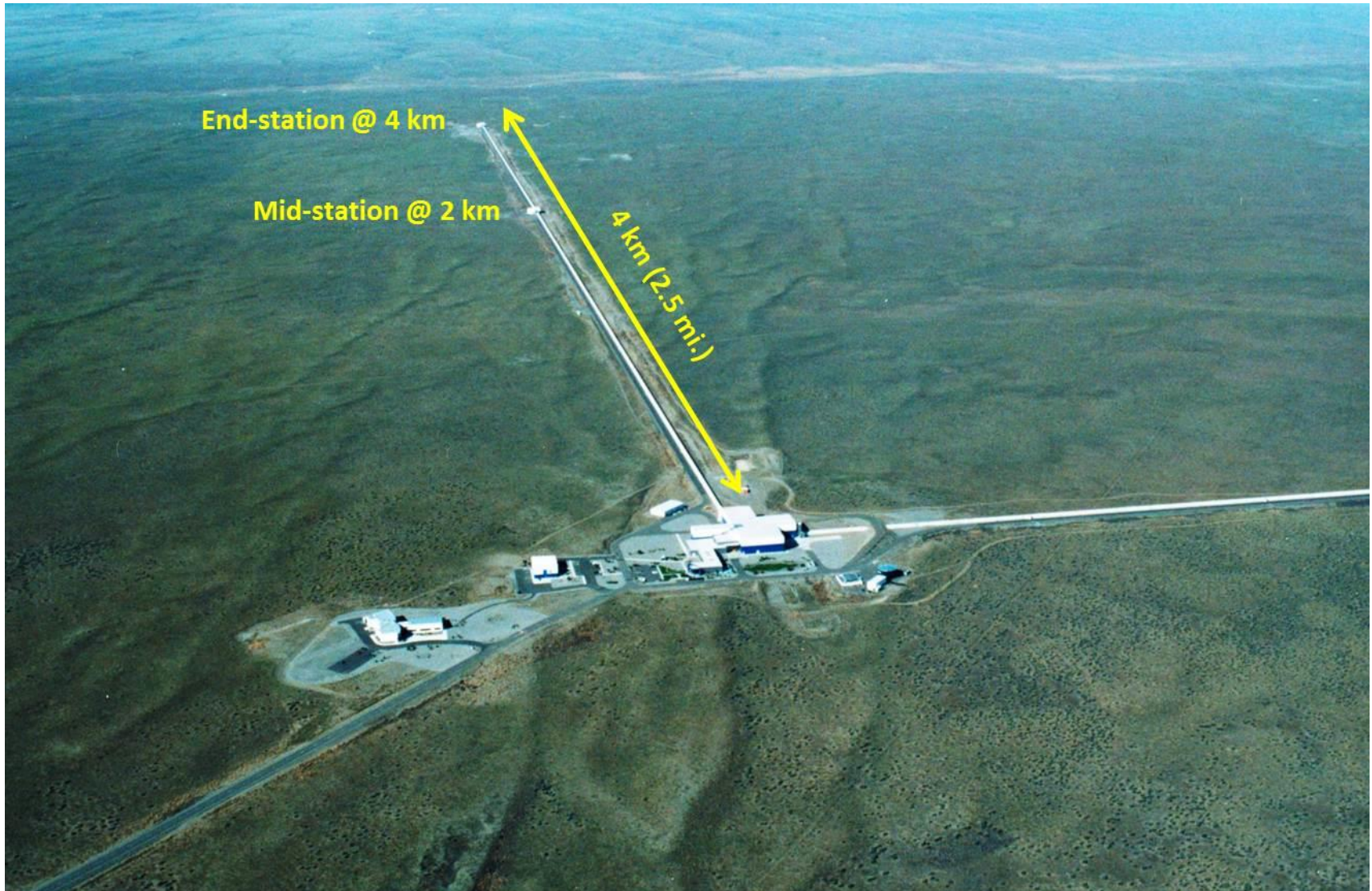
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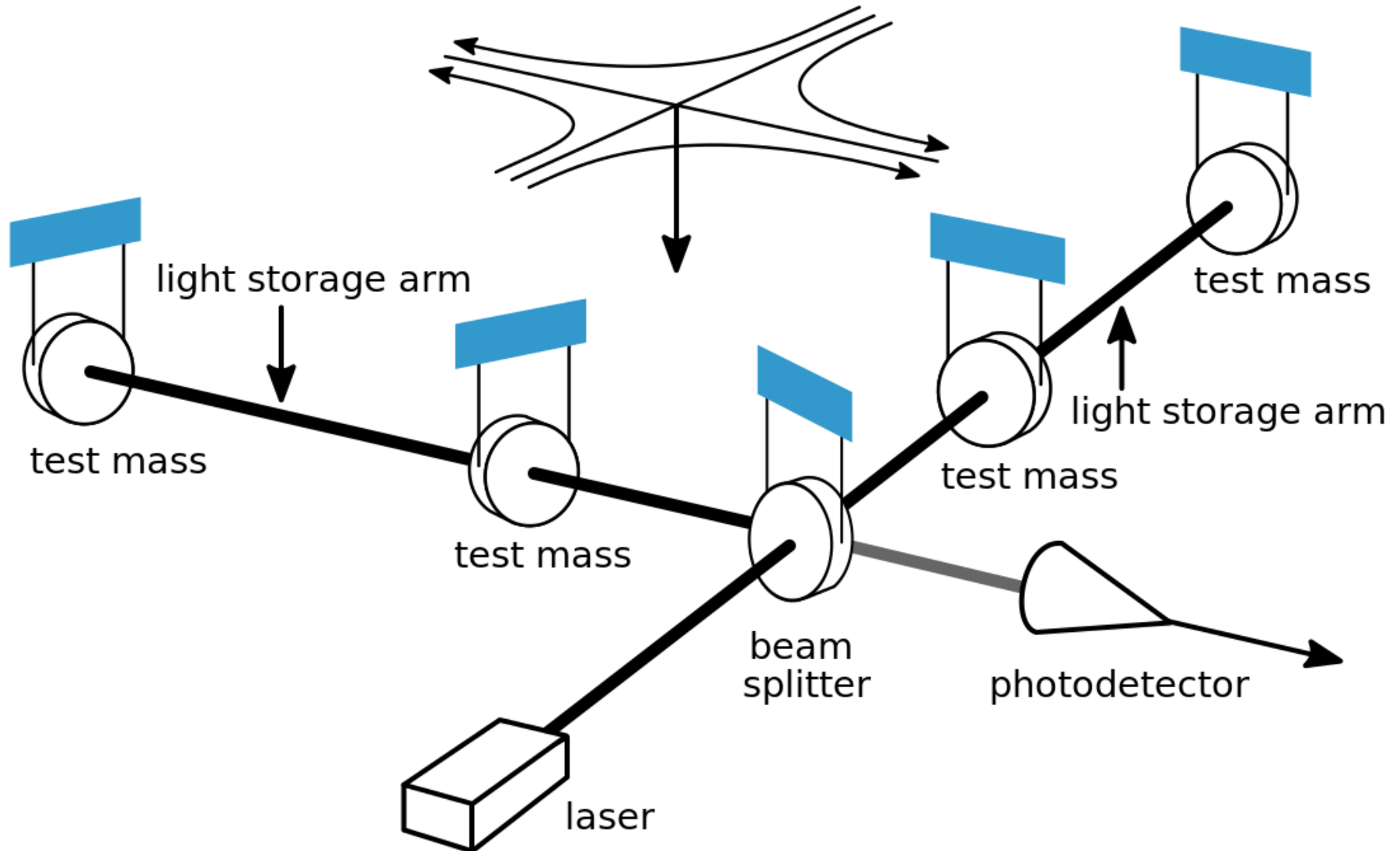
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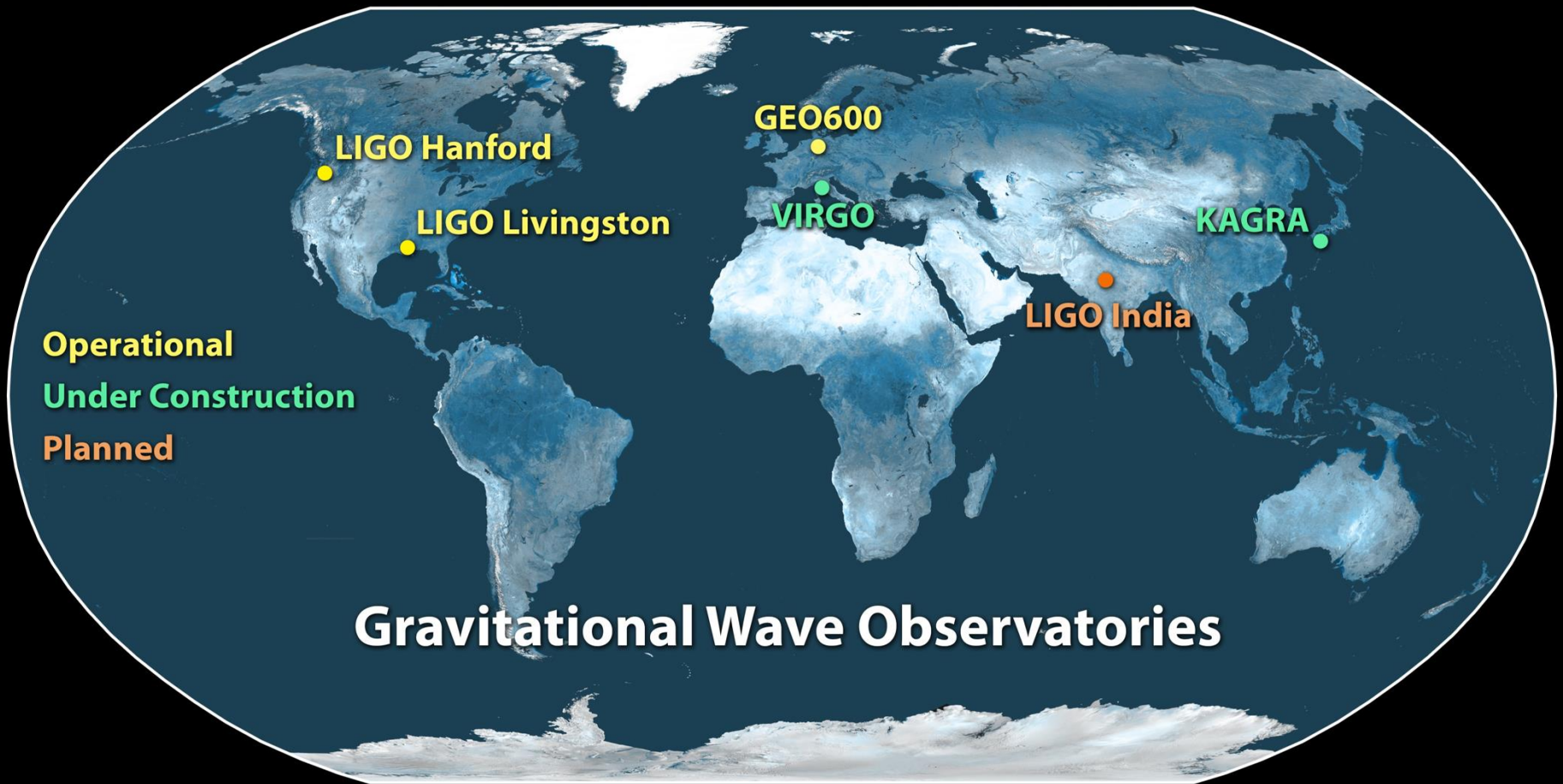
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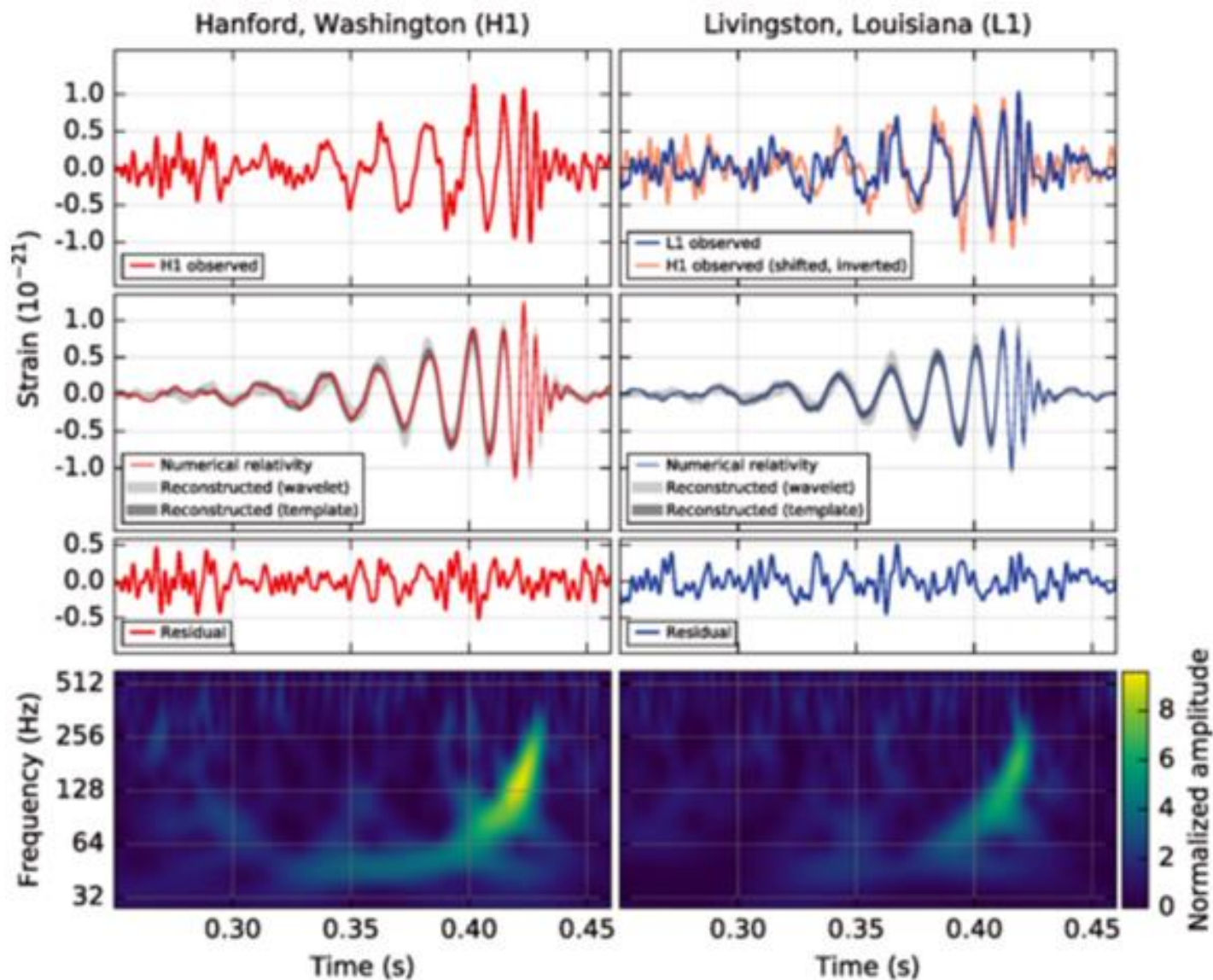
Gravitational Waves

- ◆ LIGO is located at Hanford, Washington, and Livingston, Louisiana.



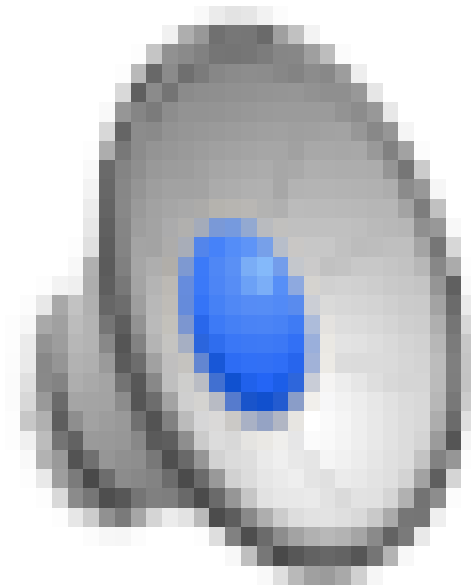
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- ◆ First detected event (14 Sep 2015). Strain = $\Delta L/L$, where L is the arm length.



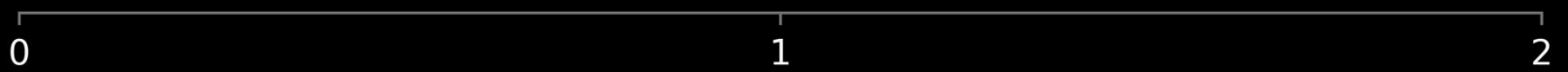
Gravitational Waves

- ◆ Sound corresponding to waveform of gravitational wave, first two animations at original frequency and next two animations at a higher frequency more audible to human ear, and then repeated.

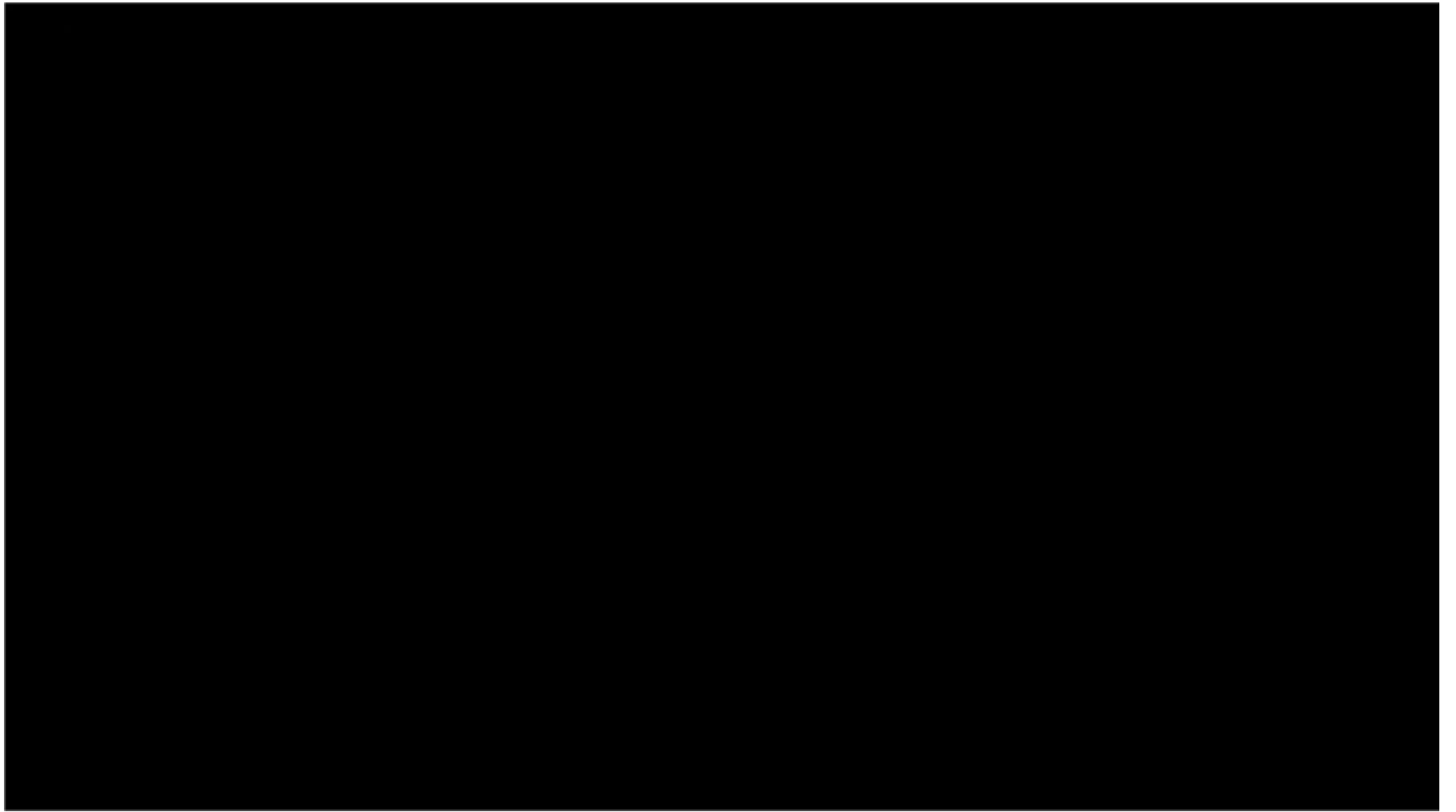


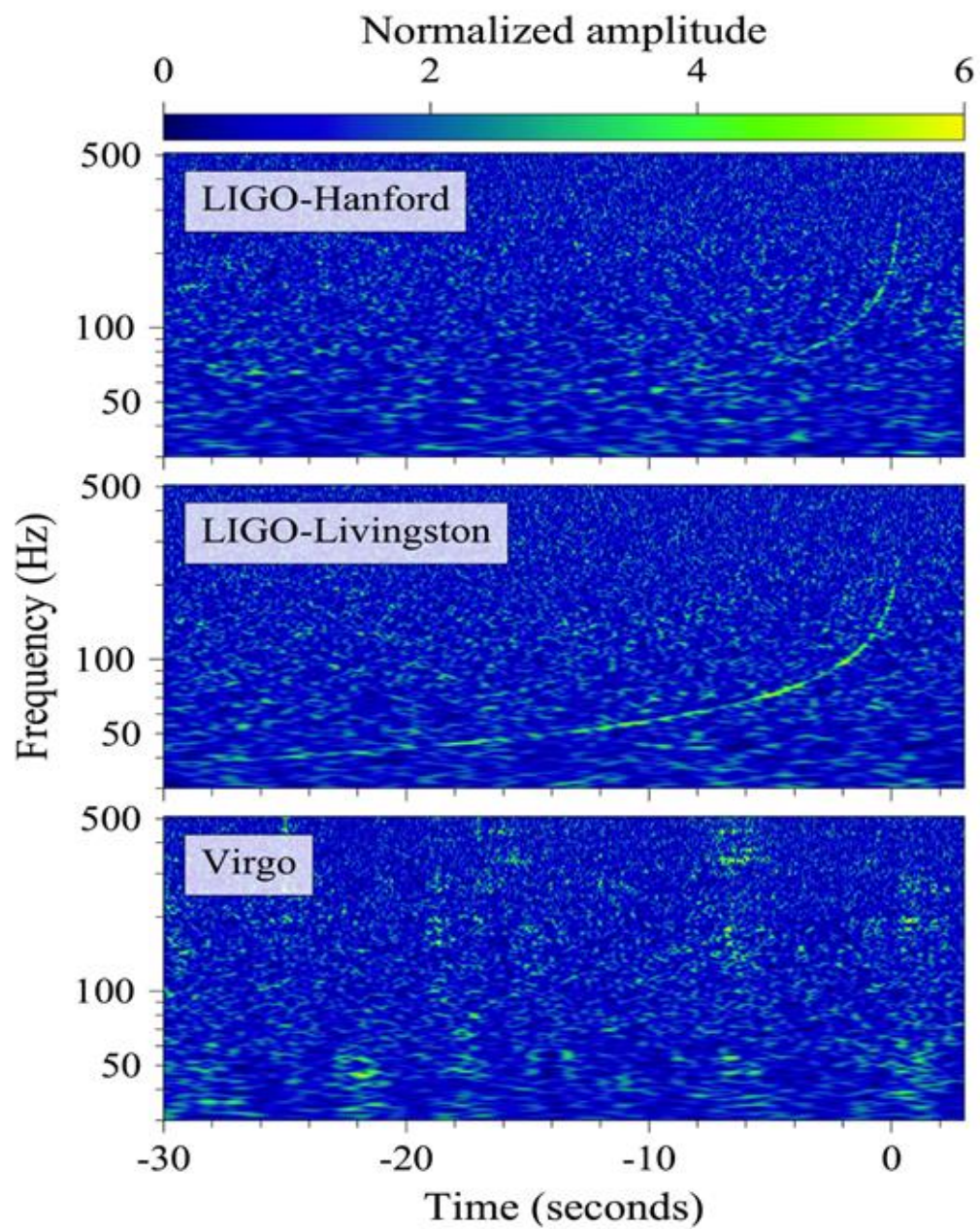


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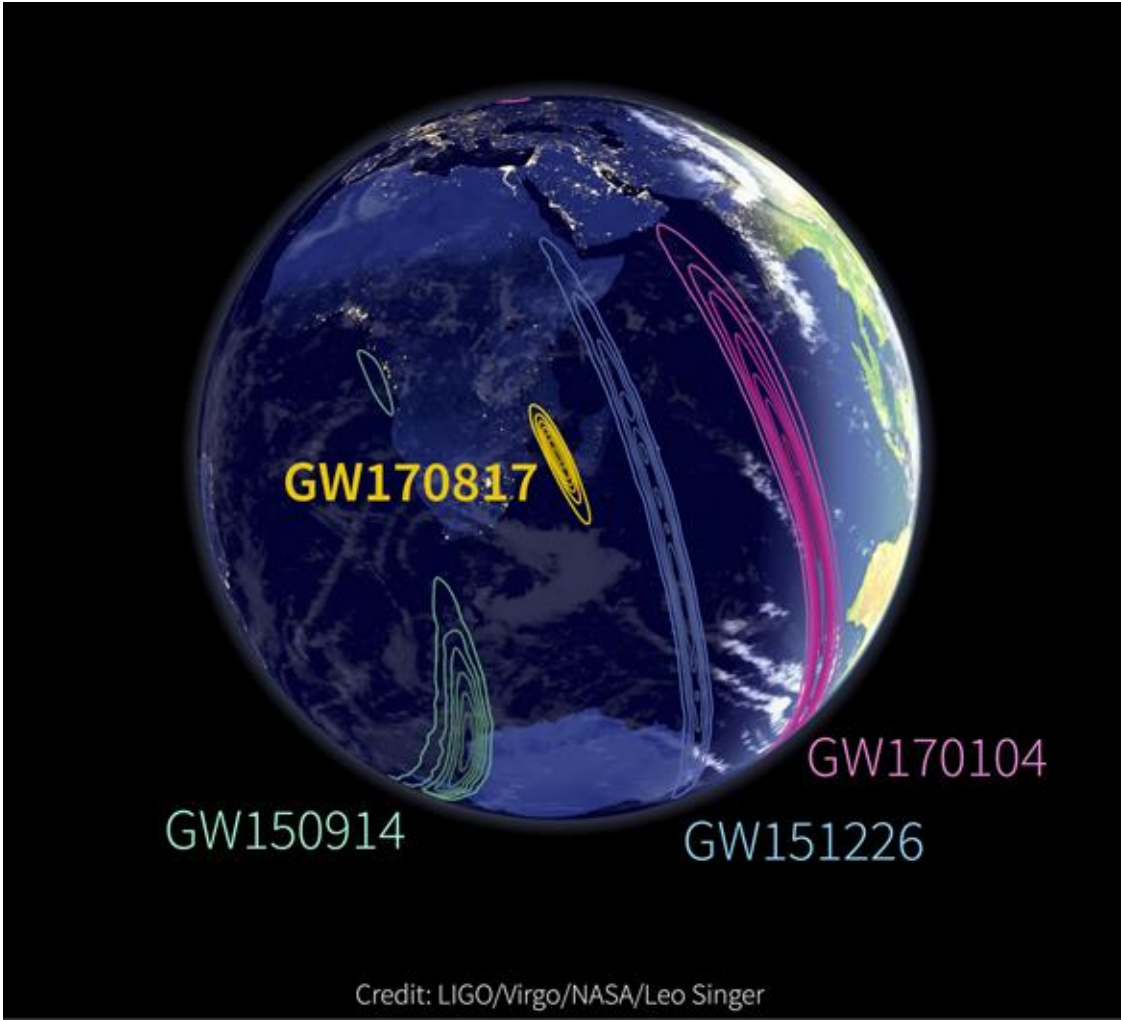
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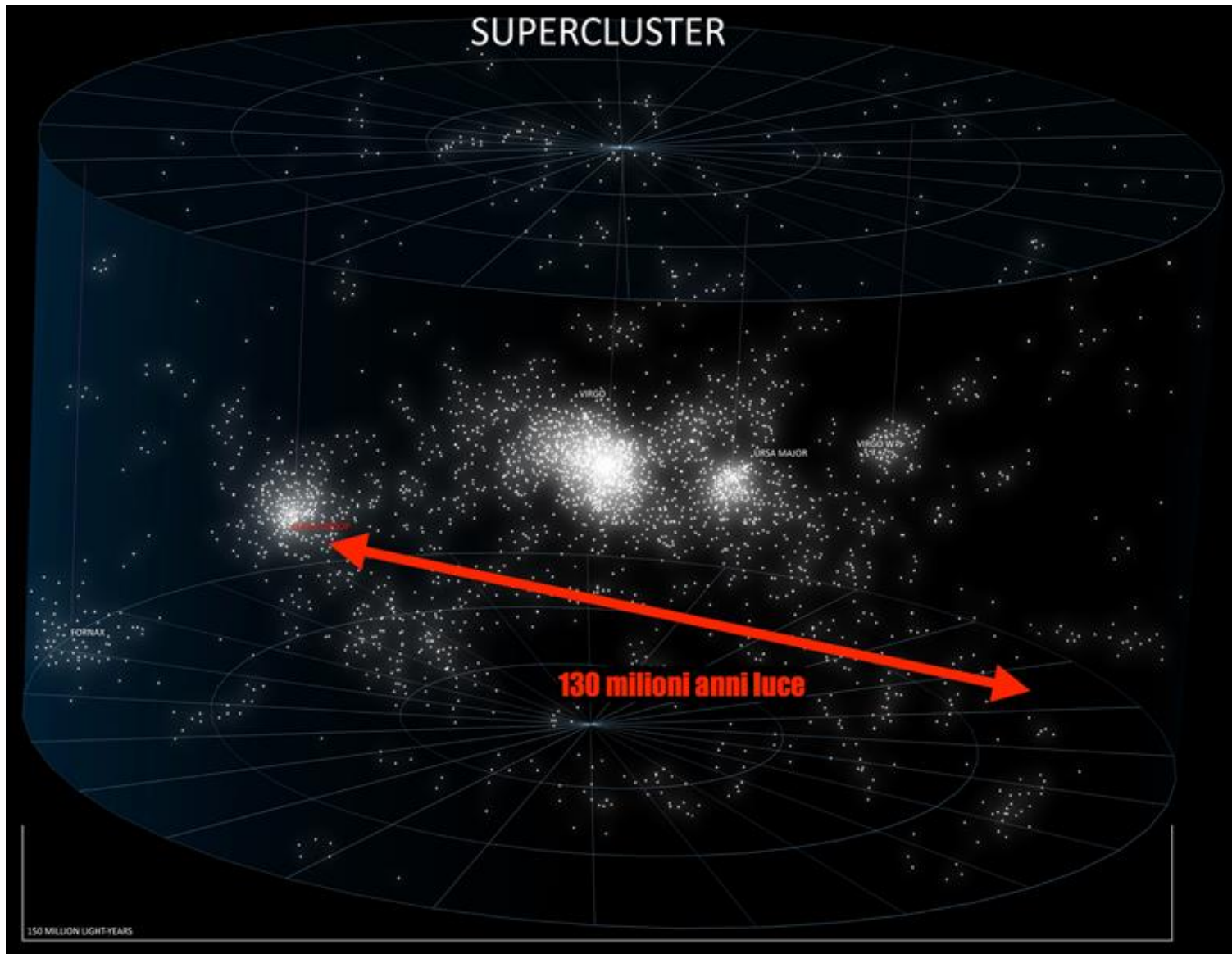
LIGO Hanford

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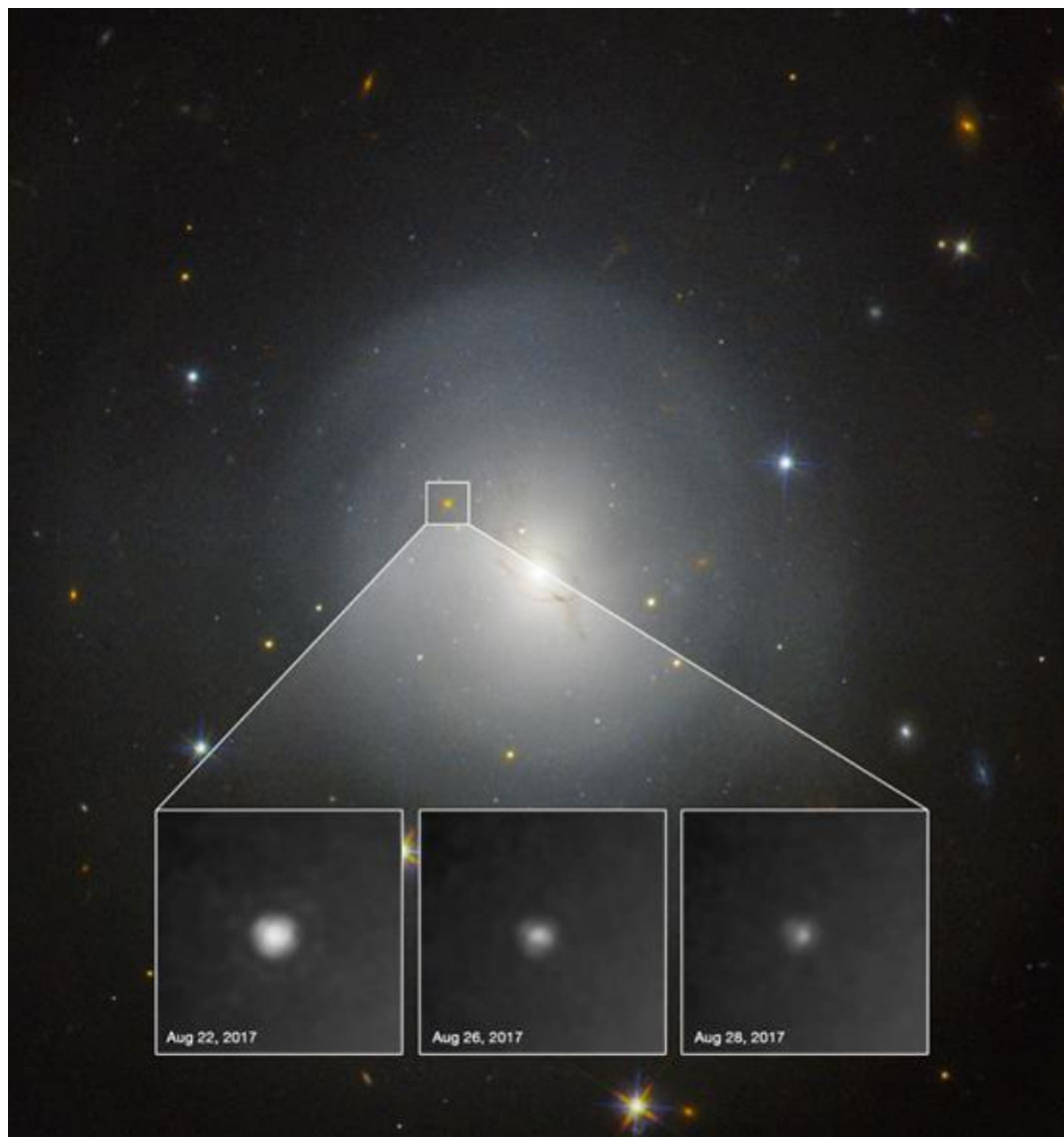
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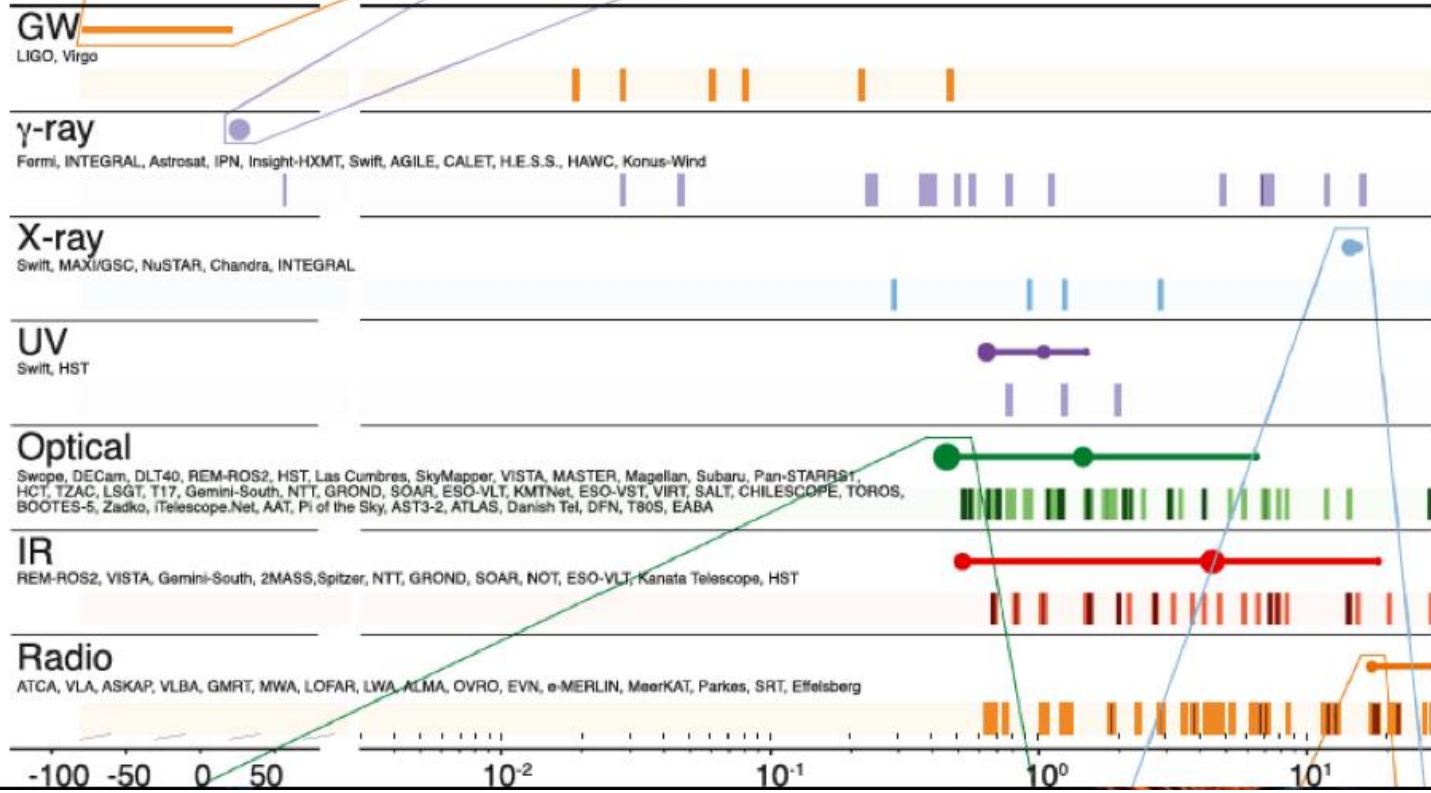
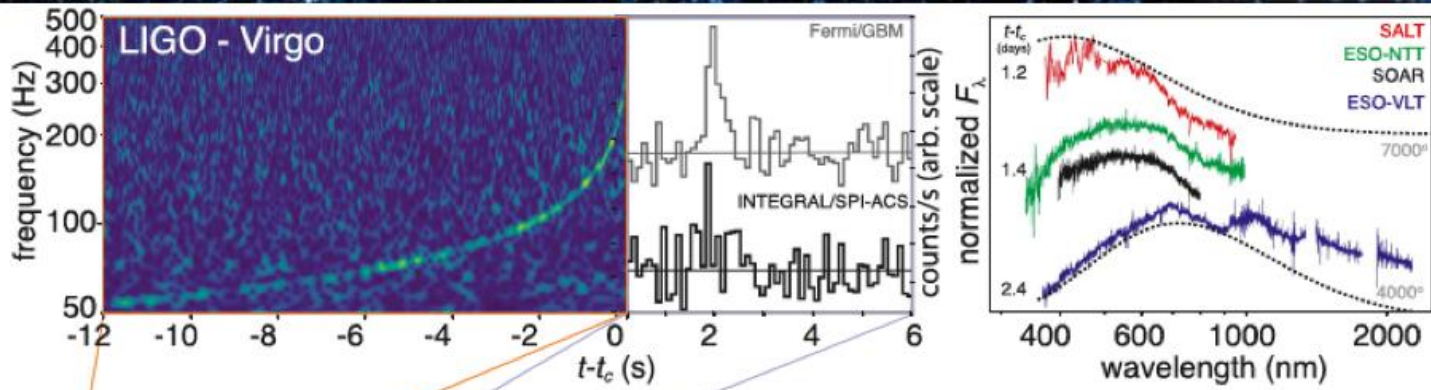


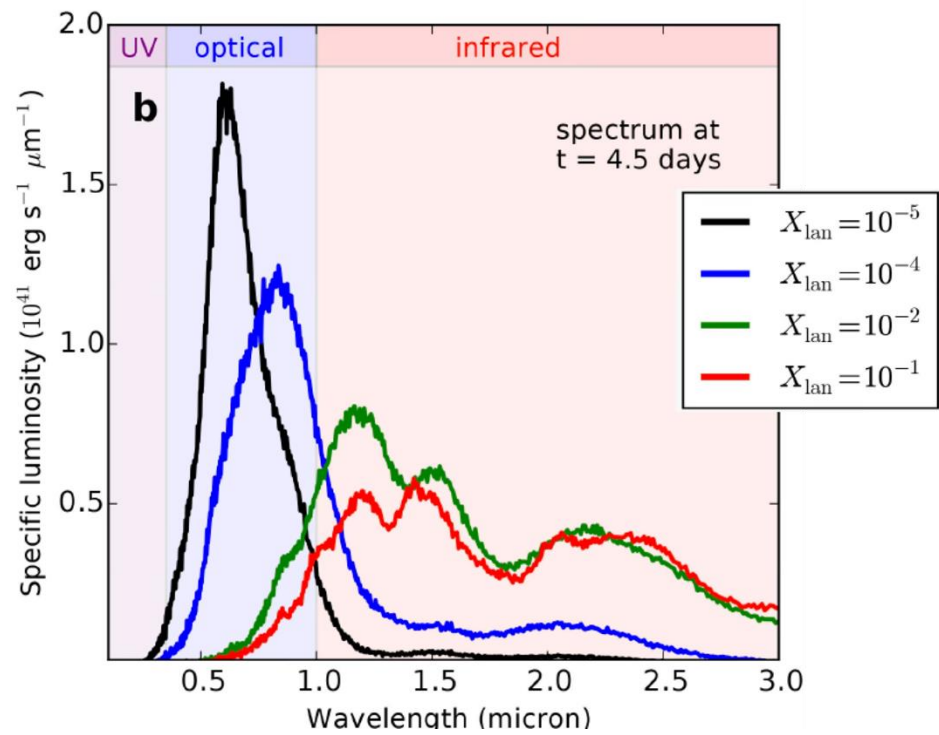
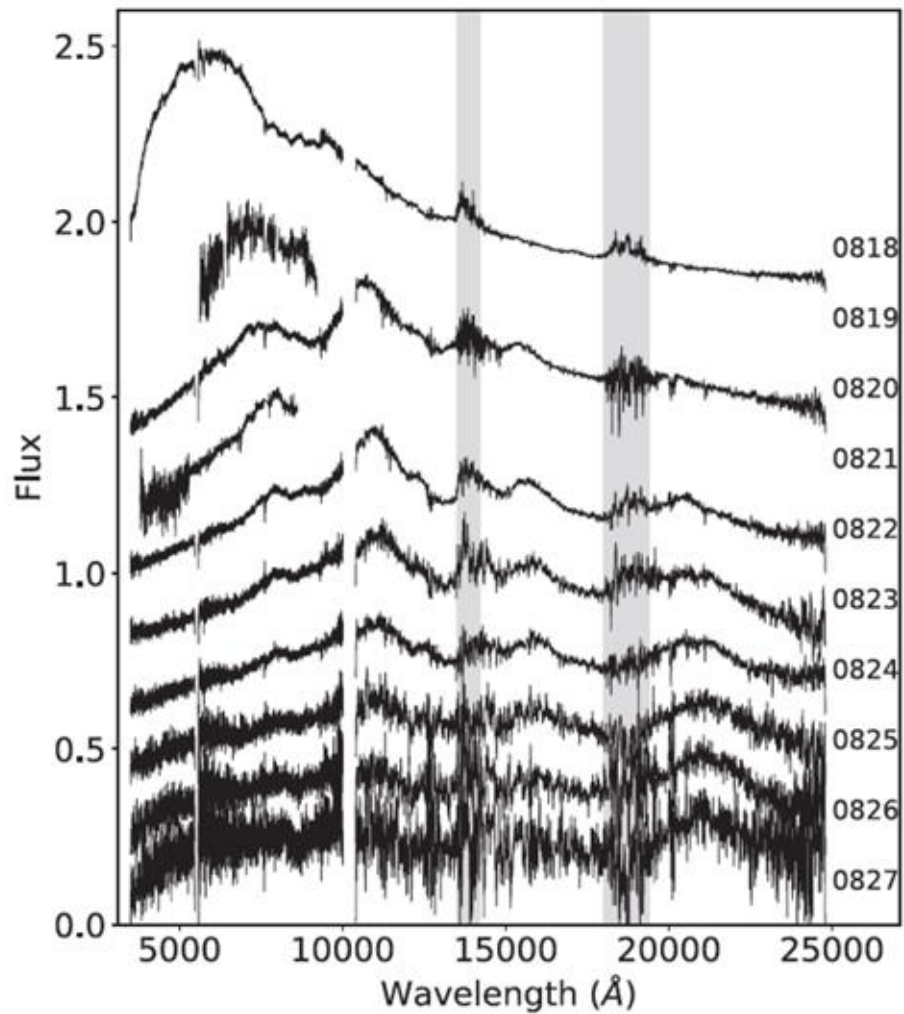
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