ASTR 1040: Accel Intro Astron 2

Stars & Galaxies

Two merging galaxies
HST: NGC2207 / IC2163

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Tues/Thur 11:00am, Duane G-130

Lecture 1 16 Jan 2018

Detailed course syllabus passed out

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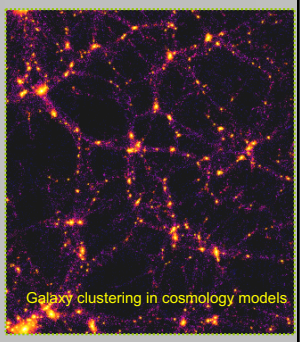
Who SHOULD take this course?

- Astronomy/Astrophysics, Physics & Engineering majors
- with prereq ASTR 1030
- Moderate amounts of quantitative work (algebra)
- with prereq/coreq MATH 1300 or APPM 1350



Galaxy clustering in cosmology models

Beginning of Today's Class

- Course goals
- Course overview
- Course information
- Introduction: Sizes and Scales

The Pleiades cluster: "Seven Sisters"

Course Goals

Develop a broad view of what we think we know about the universe

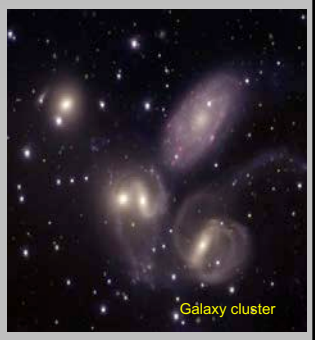
Understand the forces that shape the universe and its history

Appreciate the beauty and richness of what goes on

Quintuplet galaxy cluster

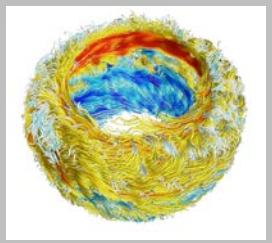
Course Goals (more general)

- Learn critical thinking skills
  - how to think, reason, and argue scientifically, using logic, observation, and evidence
- Understand how we know what we know about the universe
  - and what we don't yet know!
- Gain knowledge and appreciation of the scope, scale, and phenomena of the physical universe



Galaxy cluster

Who am I …



Theoretical astrophysics: Stellar convection and magnetism

Who are you…

- Introduce yourself to 2 neighbors:
  - –Trade names, hometowns, interests, etc.
  - –Why are you taking this course?
  - –What topics do you most want to learn about in this class?
- We'll try to get to know you throughout the semester but you can help by…
  - –Asking questions
  - –Answering questions
  - –Coming to see us in office hours
  - –Volunteering for demos

Course Information

COURSE PRIMARY WEB PAGE:
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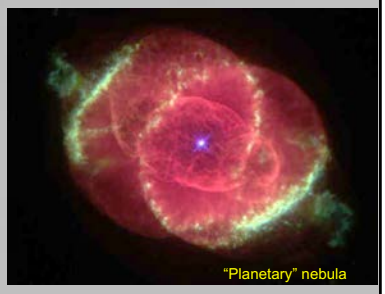
Can find info on all assigments (passed out in class), course calendar, lecture notes, reading schedule

Grading is shown on course D2L site – many active links

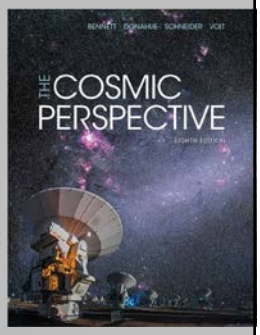

"Planetary" nebula

Required Text or eText

The Cosmic Perspective
by Bennett et al. 2017 8th ed

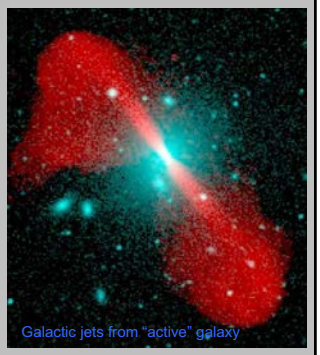
Includes:
Access code for website
www.masteringastronomy.com
Go there to set up your own MA account! Most homeworks need it

You will *need to link* to our course there: ASTR1040TOOMRE2018A
(see syllabus, complete by Thursday)



How to succeed in this course

- *GOT TO PUT IN THE TIME:*
  4 credits at CU →
  6 to 10 hours outside of classroom (no kidding)
- Read sections *BEFORE* discussion in class (secrets of memory)
- Come see us during office hours!


Galactic jets from "active" galaxy

Important classroom policies

- Working together on homework is encouraged, *BUT:*
- Your answers must be in your own words -- copies will be awarded split credit
- Cite sources on all write-ups
- Web submissions must be done independently
- Using another person's clicker is cheating
- *Students are expected to follow the CU Honor Code*

Read all course information in your syllabus handout (after class)!

Three in-class mid-term exams (m/c, short essay, qualitative analysis): 45%
Homeworks (weekly): 20%
Final exam: 25%
Clickers + discussion contributions + observing: 10%

There are no make-up exams or late turn-ins

i-clickers (radio frequency)

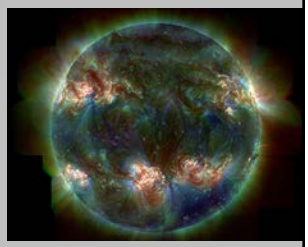
- Required -- bring to each class and recitation!
- Register clicker to your CU login name by Thurs class (by logging into MyCUInfo site, go to student tab, or our D2L course site)
- Used for reading quizzes, in-class discussion questions, feedback

Observatory Nights

- Starting Thur 25 Jan at 7:30pm, then about every ten days (7 in all) – *go to at least one session by signup*
- *Sommers-Bausch Observatory* (next to Fiske): two new 20" + 24" telescopes

Got Questions?

- Textbook?
- Clickers?
- Office Hours?
- Exam Policy?
- MasteringAstronomy?
- Observing Nights?



Syllabus or course main website
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Recitations

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- We have five *weekly 50 min recitations (assigned)*:
- ***Peri Johnson:*** Tues 3pm (D-318); Wed 11am (E-126); Wed Noon (E-126)
- ***Ryan Horton:*** Wed 1pm (D-318); Wed 2pm (E-126)
- These are a *crucial part* of the course

Electronic Device Policy

- Turn off your phones.

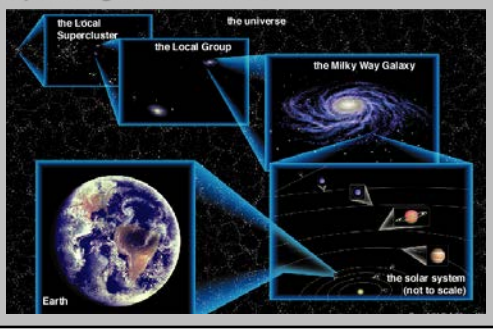
- If your wish to takes notes on a laptop or tablet, please sit on the left-hand side of the room.

Course Overview

What we will study

Sizes and Scales

- Vast range of *SIZES and SCALES*, finding our way through the universe



Light (Electromagnetic Radiation)

- *What is light?*
- *How do we use it to find out what and where things are?*
- *Waves vs particles*

Telescopes (Tools of the Trade)

Our Nearest Star : The Sun

Star in middle of its life on MS

STELLAR Birth and Life

STARS of very many sizes and colors

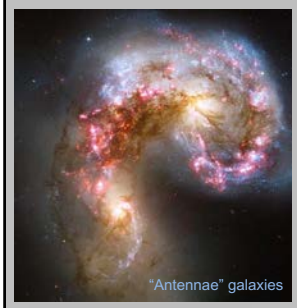
Evolution path and color / brightness Depends on MASS

STAR DEATH: white dwarfs, supernovae, neutron stars, black holes

OUR GALAXY : The Milky Way

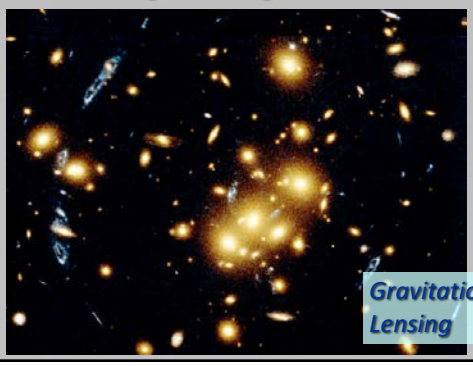
Exploring a Universe of GALAXIES

GALACTIC evolution

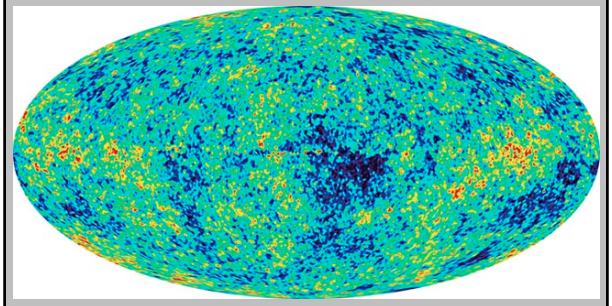


Galaxy collisions, quasars

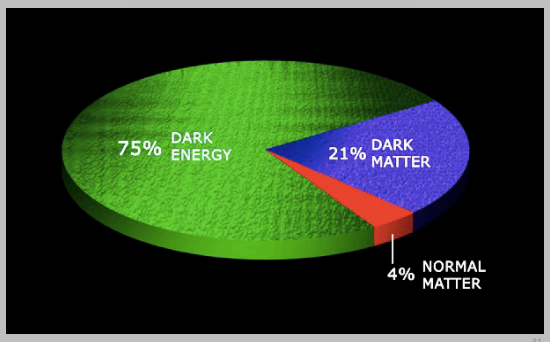
Dark matter and lensing of background galaxies



BIG BANG beginning



Dark Matter, Dark Energy and the Fate of Universe



What this course is NOT?

Astronomy is not Astrology!!!

What this course is NOT?

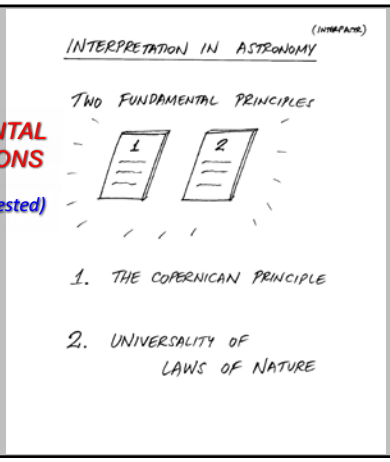
Memorizing Constellations

Topics for Today and Thursday

- Nature of astronomy as a science
- Scientific method: we observe, hypothesize, test its predictions, maybe fix it and try again
- Mystery of planetary orbits: gravity makes you move on ellipses (..Kepler, Newton)
- Light as waves (and as particles)
- Special colors of light associated with each element

FUNDAMENTAL ASSUMPTIONS

(always being tested)



(INTERFACE)

INTERPRETATION IN ASTRONOMY

TWO FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

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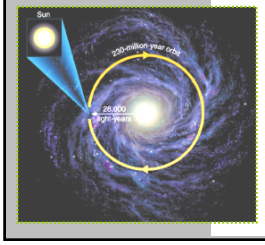
1. THE COPERNICAN PRINCIPLE
2. UNIVERSALITY OF LAWS OF NATURE

COPERNICAN PRINCIPLE

Copernicus (1473-1543)



THE COPERNICAN PRINCIPLE

Original Form:
EARTH NOT AT CENTER OF SOLAR SYSTEM

More General:
NOTHING SPECIAL ABOUT LOCATION OF ...
...EARTH IN SOLAR SYSTEM (16th - 17th C)
... SOLAR SYSTEM IN MILKY WAY GALAXY (SHAPLEY 1915-1919)
... M.W. GALAXY IN UNIVERSE (HUBBLE 1923)

Practical Implications for Astronomy:
ANYTHING OBSERVED ONCE PROBABLY OCCURS ELSEWHERE IN UNIVERSE

Thus, expect to find ...
... OTHER SUNS (STARS)
... OTHER MILKY WAYS (GALAXIES)
... OTHER PLANETARY SYSTEMS (?)
... OTHER LIFE FORMS (?)

UNIVERSALITY OF `LAWS'

ATOMS BEHAVE THE SAME EVERYWHERE

(we hope, and keep testing !)

GRAVITY ACTS EVERYWHERE

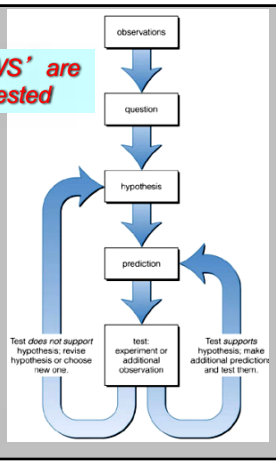
UNIVERSALITY OF LAWS OF NATURE

SAME GENERAL LAWS APPLY EVERYWHERE IN UNIVERSE

Examples:

- PROTONS AND ELECTRONS ON EARTH SAME AS THOSE ON SUN
- ATOMS OF DIFFERENT ELEMENTS THE SAME EVERYWHERE
- MOON ORBITING EARTH OBEYS SAME RULES OR " = " STAR ORBITING ANOTHER STAR
- GRAVITY HOLDS TOGETHER .... STAR ... GALAXY ... CLUSTER OF GALAXIES ... ACCORDING TO ONE LAW

SCIENTIFIC `LAWS' are constantly being tested



Sec 3.4: Nature of Science

FOUR FUNDAMENTAL FORCES

At work everywhere, "Universal" – we assume and test

FOUR TYPES OF FORCES IN NATURE

1. GRAVITY
   WEAKEST, BUT DOMINATES UNIVERSE
2. ELECTROMAGNETIC (EM)
3. STRONG NUCLEAR
   100 x EM, BUT ONLY IN NUCLEUS OF ATOM
4. WEAK NUCLEAR
   1/1000 x EM, ONLY IN ATOMIC NUCLEUS

For Thurs class meeting, read/review:

How to Succeed in this course, p. xxiv+

- Chapter 1, all *(Our Place in Universe)*
- Review *Basic Astronomical* terms, p. 6
- Chap 3, sec 3.3, 3.4 *(Kepler, Nature of Science)*
- Chap 4, read all *(Making Sense of Universe)*
- Begin reading Chap 5, carefully *(Light and Matter)*
- You can get a copy of these slides after class from course website (can be helpful)

Mastering Astronomy (MA) + homeworks

- **Online MA Assignment (HW # 0) available NOW**
  Walks you through how to submit all the assignments and MA resources available, and some review of concepts (good practice, extra credit)
  Complete by Tues Jan 23, 6pm
- **Homework # 1 on "Light & Spectroscopy"** now available for pickup, *involves both MA portion and written portion, to be turned in by Thur Jan 25 class*
- **Get your MA account set up asap, linking to "ASTR1040TOOMRE2018A" -- your MA account from 1030 should carry over -- see our syllabus or go to our D2L site if need further instructions or help**