

SHORT CRUISE THROUGH THE UNIVERSE



1cm × 1cm



10cm × 10cm



100cm × 100cm



10m × 10m



100m × 100m



1km × 1km



1km × 1km



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10km × 10km



100km × 100km



1000km × 1000km



10000km × 10000km



$100.000\text{km} \times 100.000\text{km}$



400.000km × 400.000km



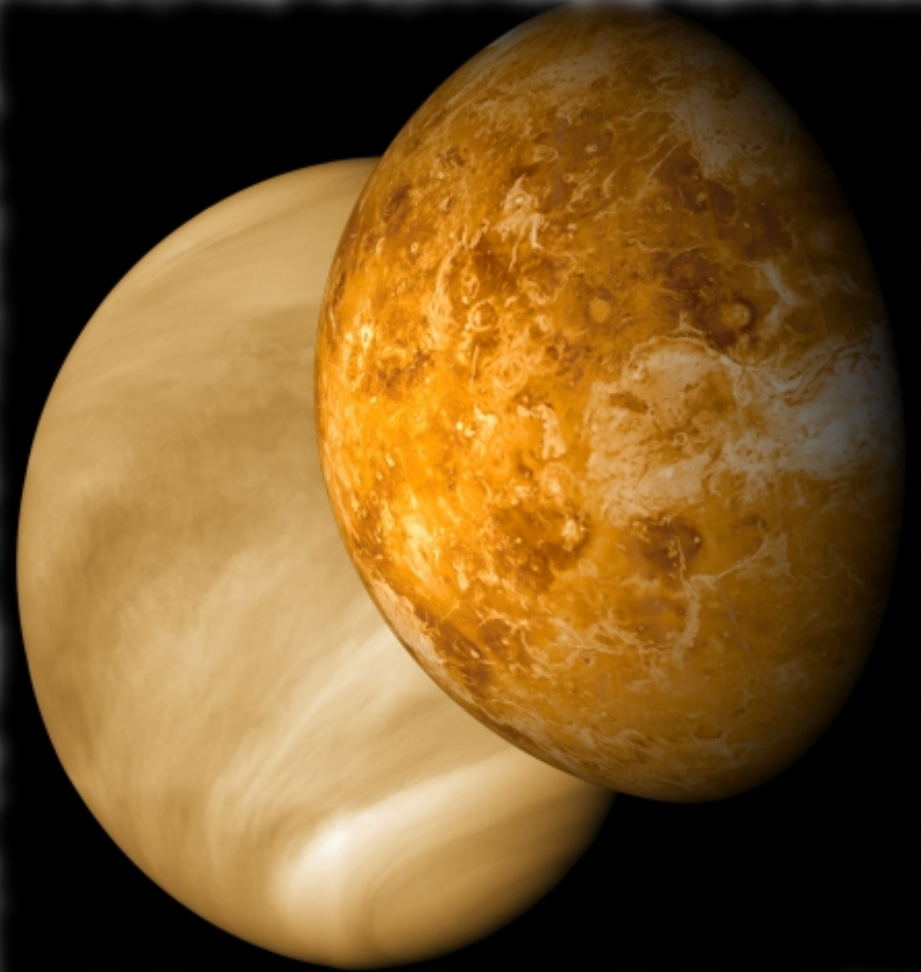
$1.000.000\text{km} \times 1.000.000\text{km}$



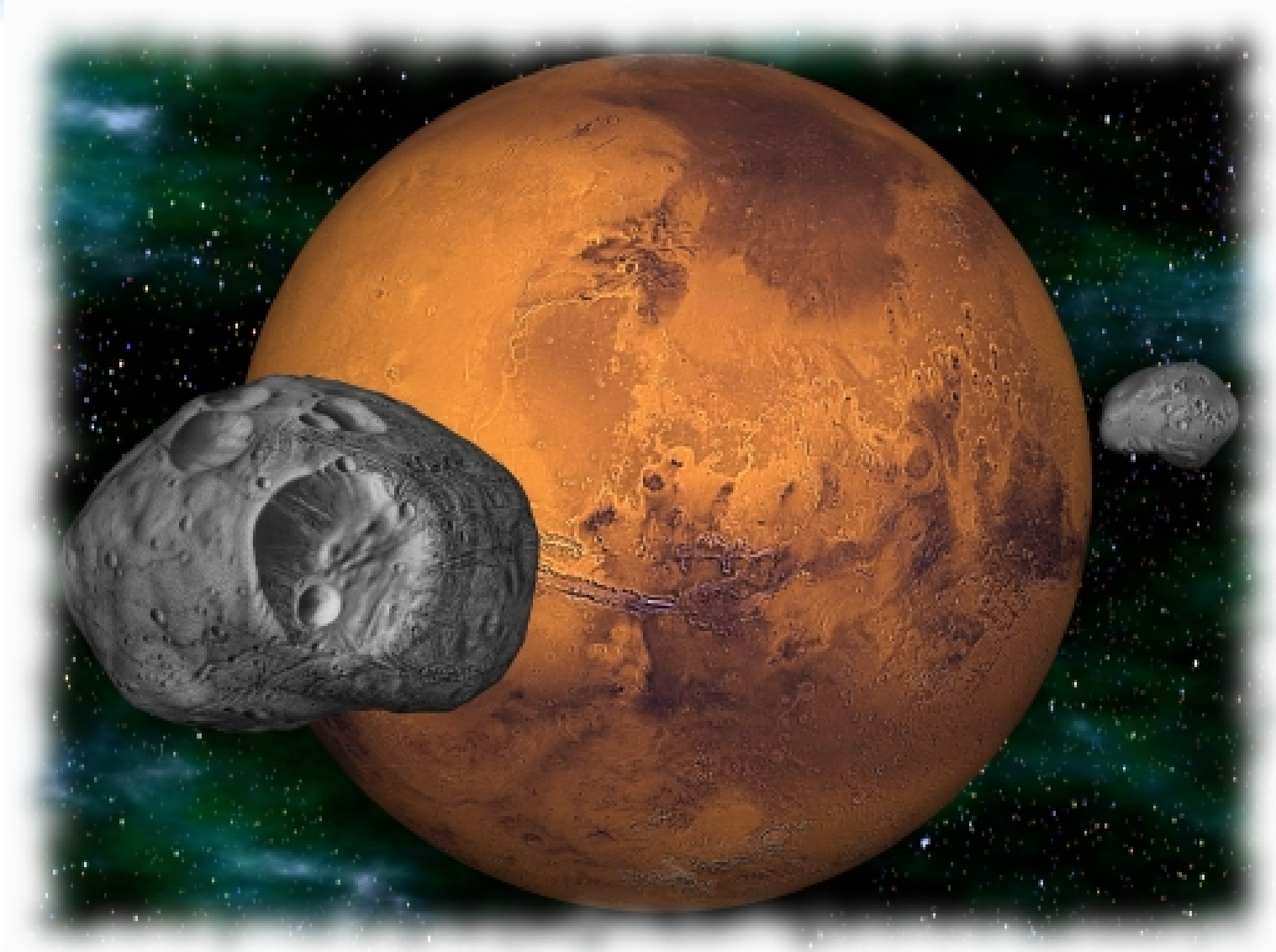
$10.000.000\text{km} \times 10.000.000\text{km}$



100.000.000km × 100.000.000km

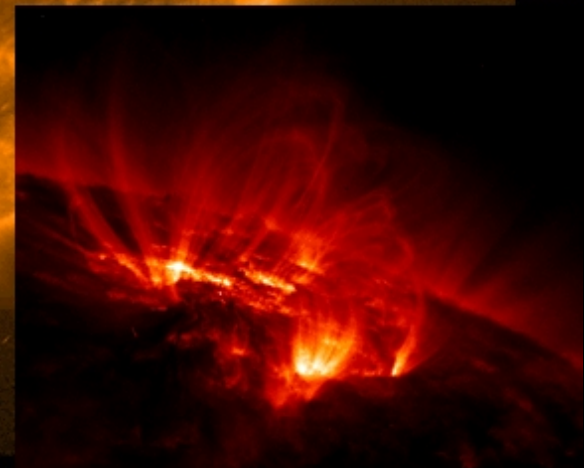


100.000.000km × 100.000.000km

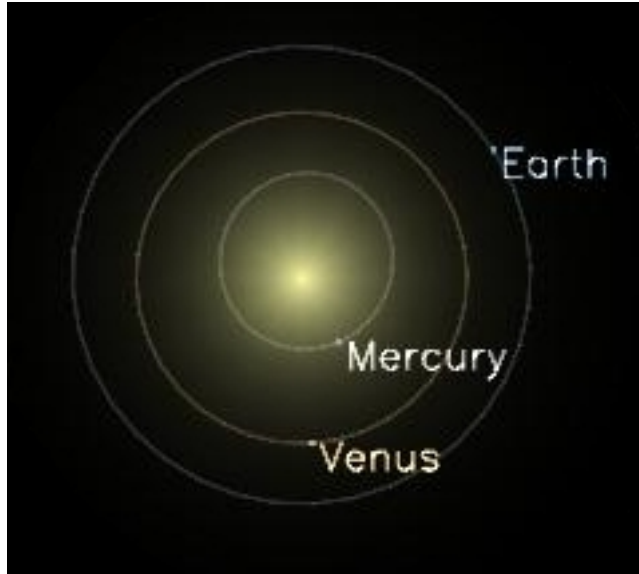


$150.000.000\text{km} \times 150.000.000\text{km}$

$150.000.000\text{km} = 1 \text{ astronomical unit}$



1 au × 1 au



Mercury: 0.4 astronomical units
Venus: 0.7 astronomical units
Earth: 1.0 astronomical units

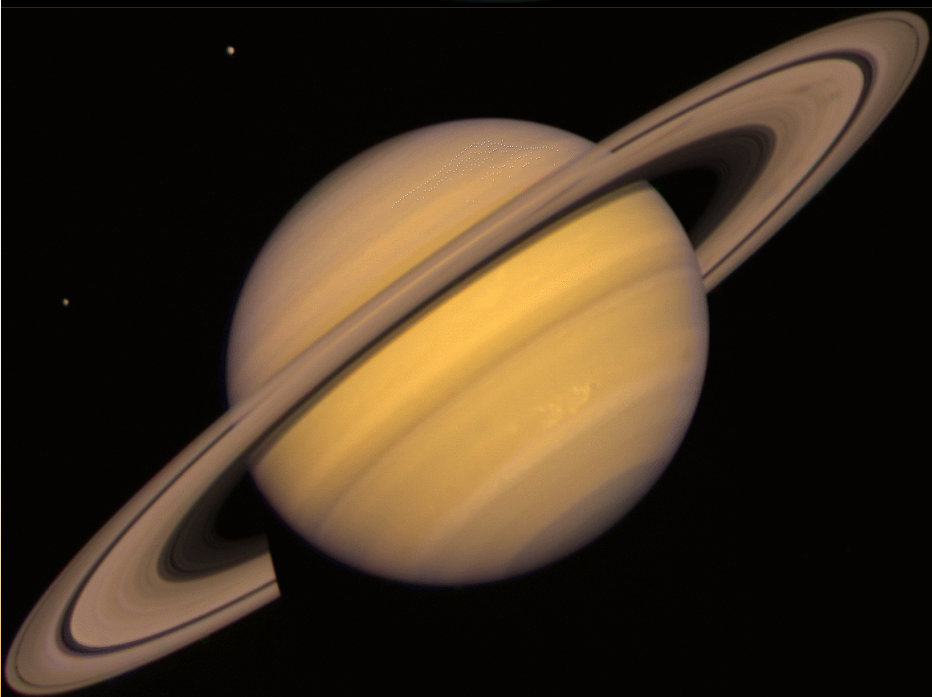
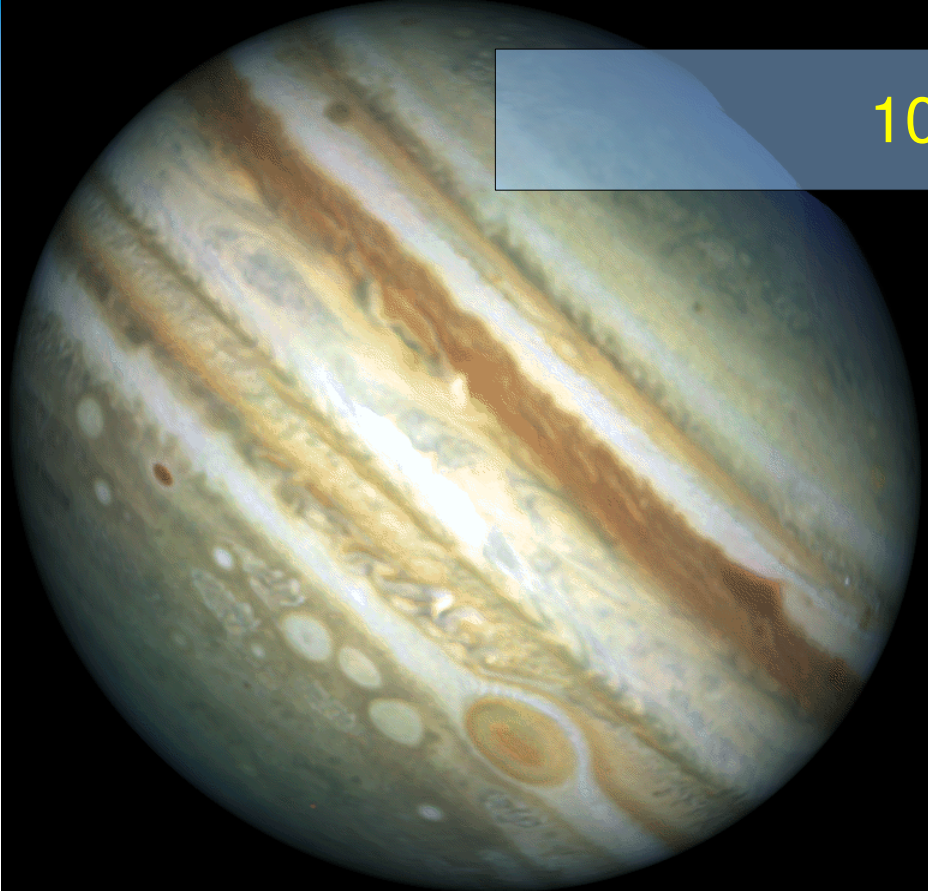
Reality check: 1 au is 1.500.000.000.000-times larger than the ring



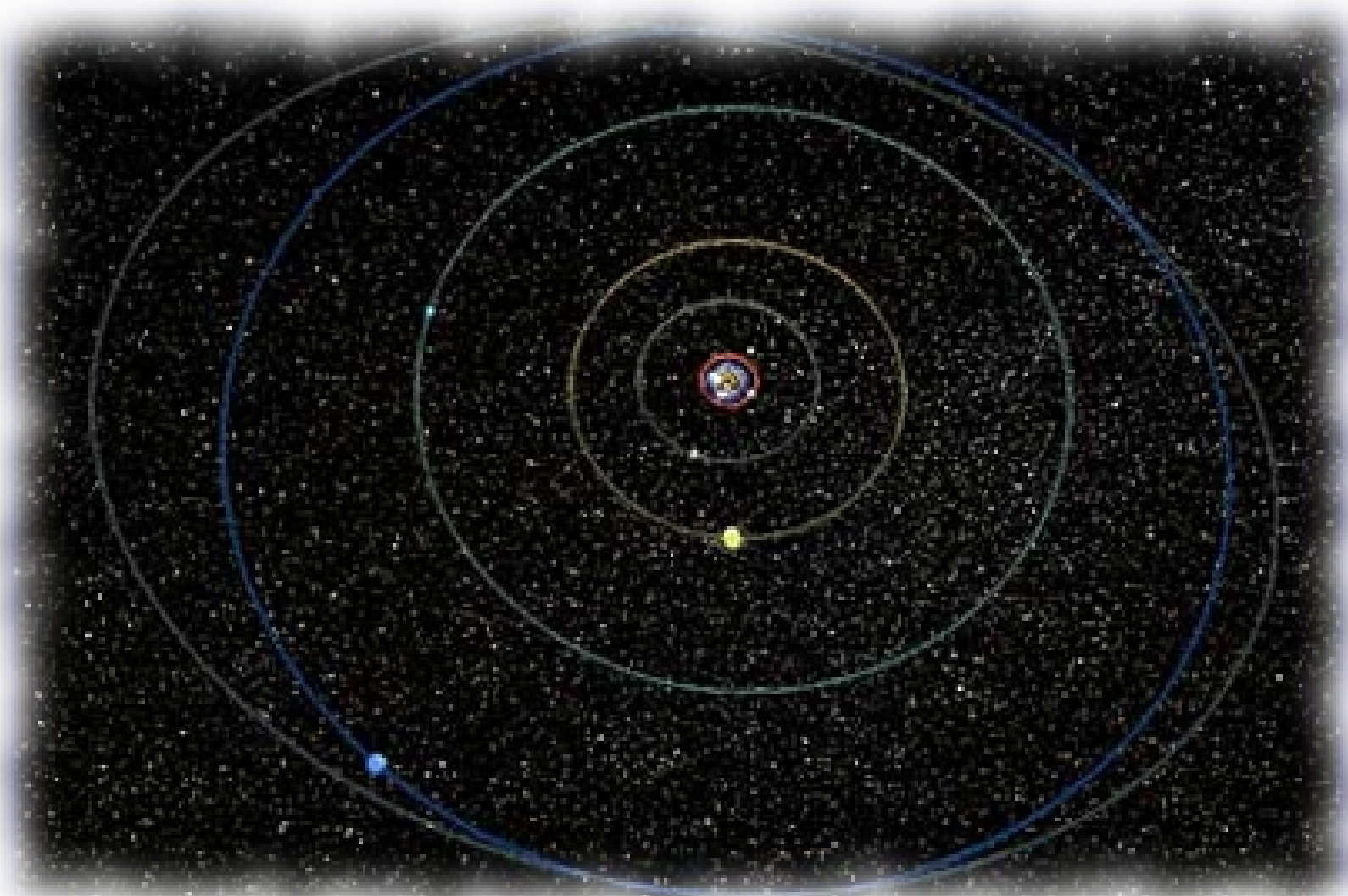
10 au × 10 au



10 au × 10 au



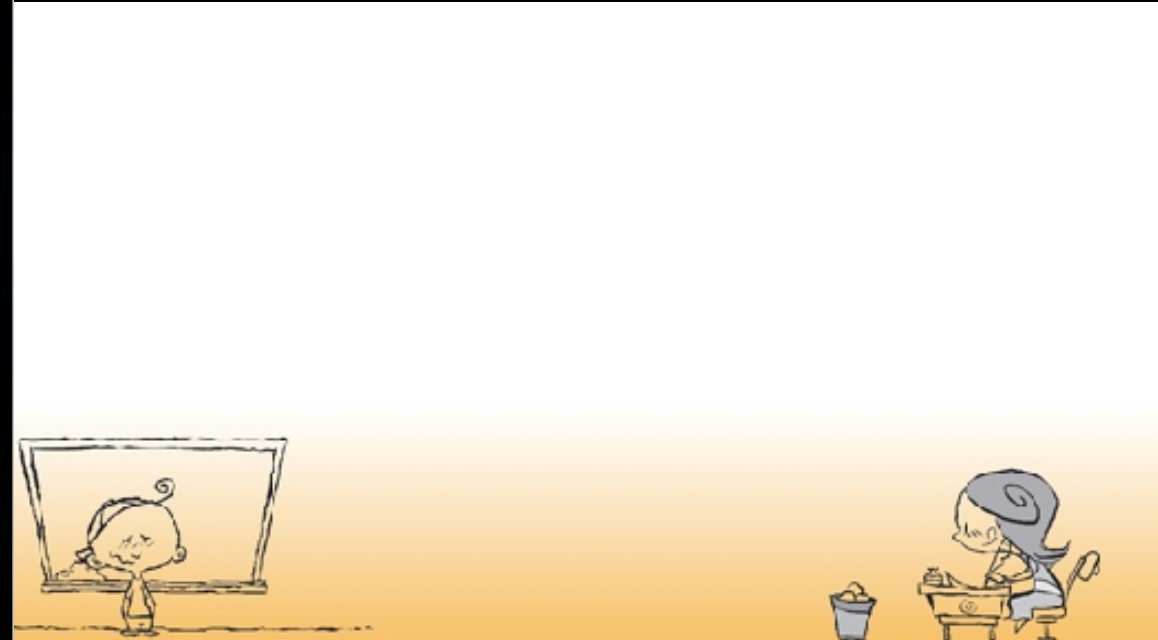
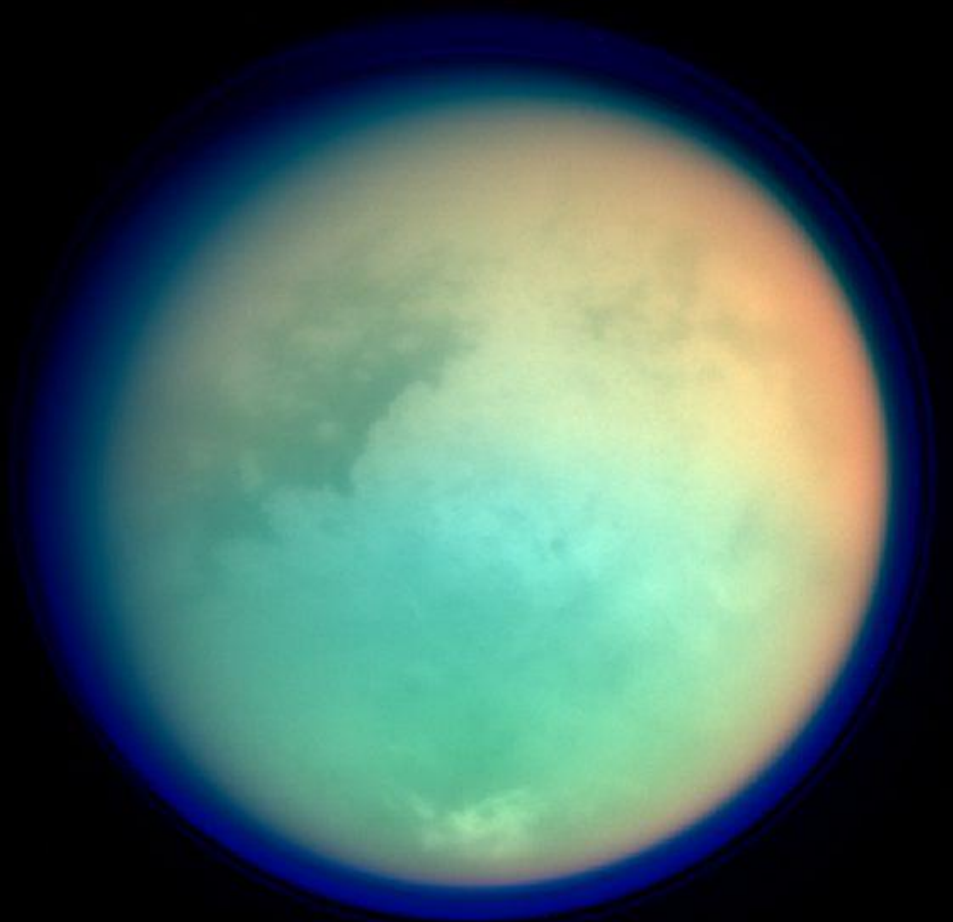
50 au × 50 au



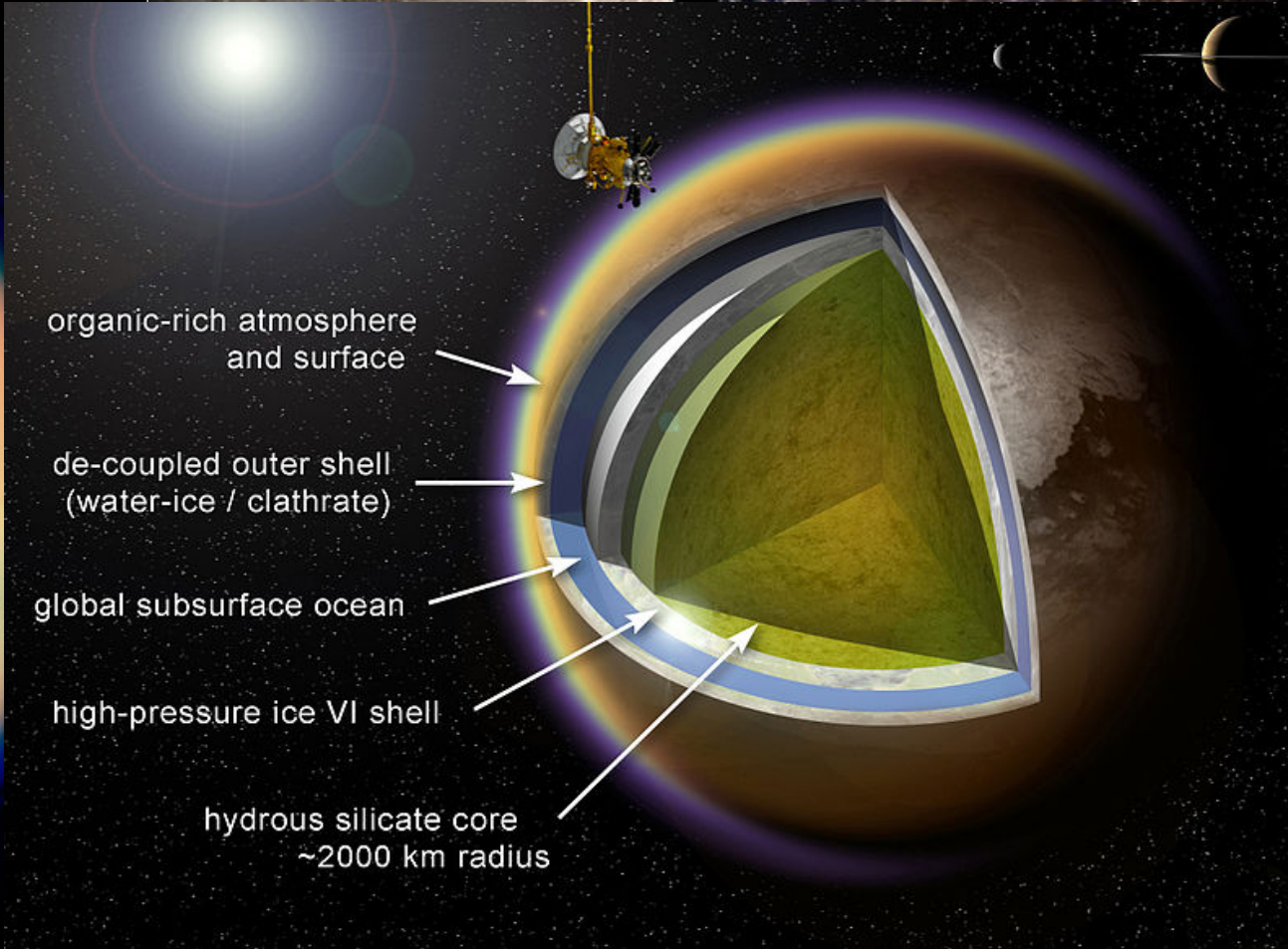
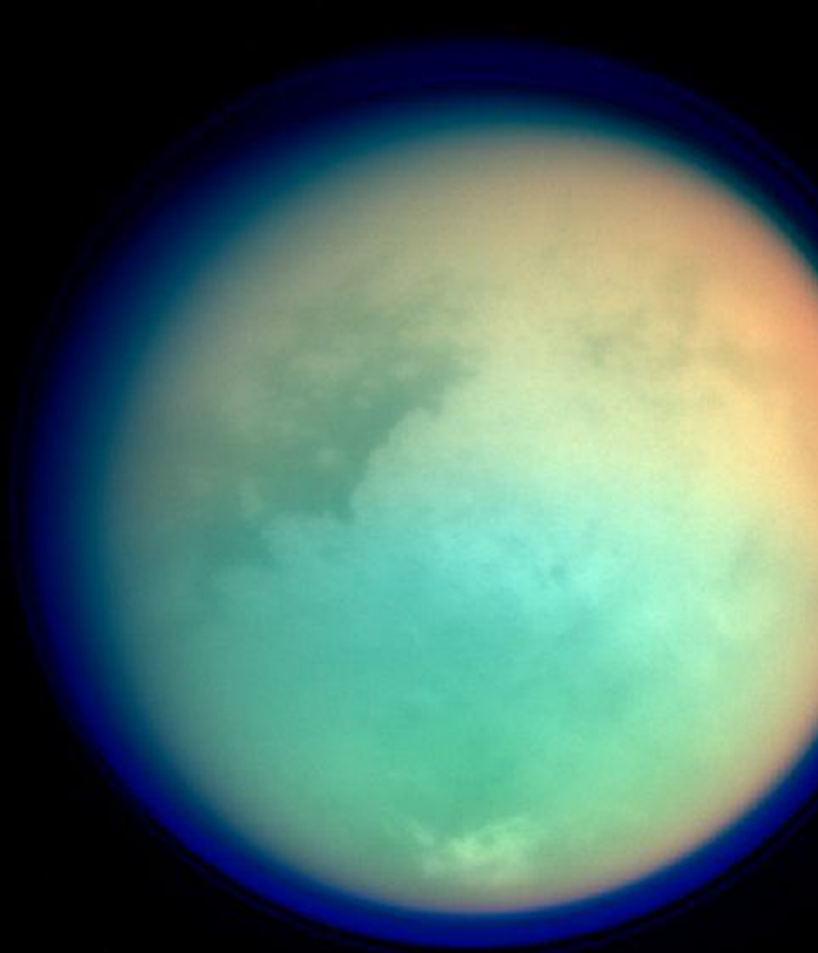
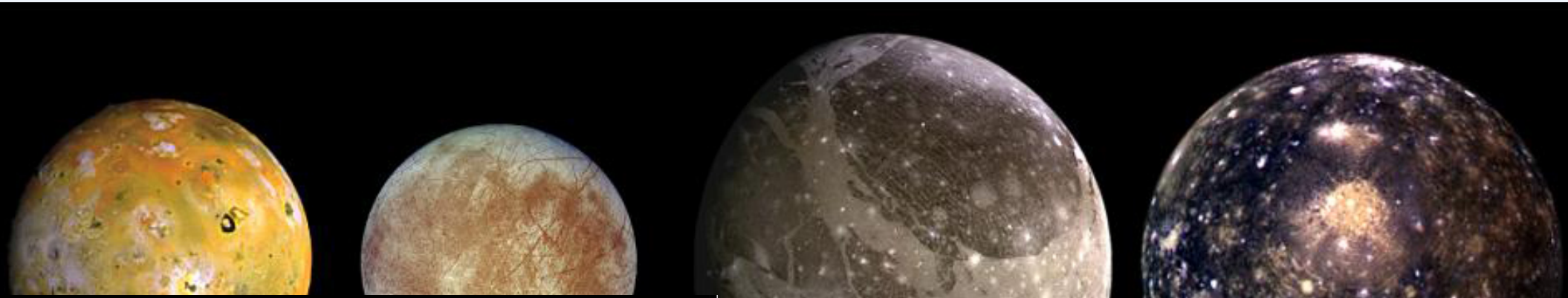
Moons



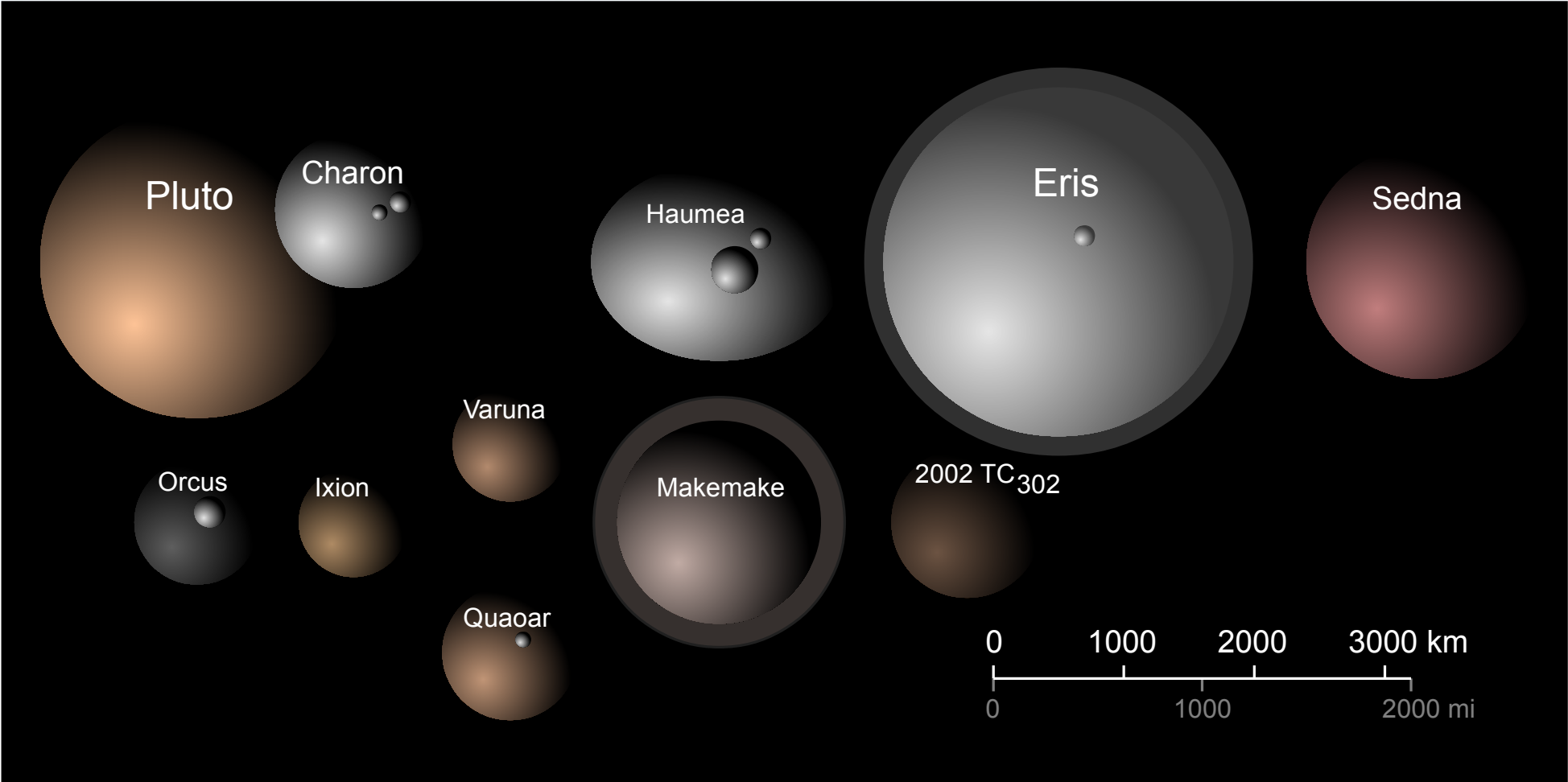
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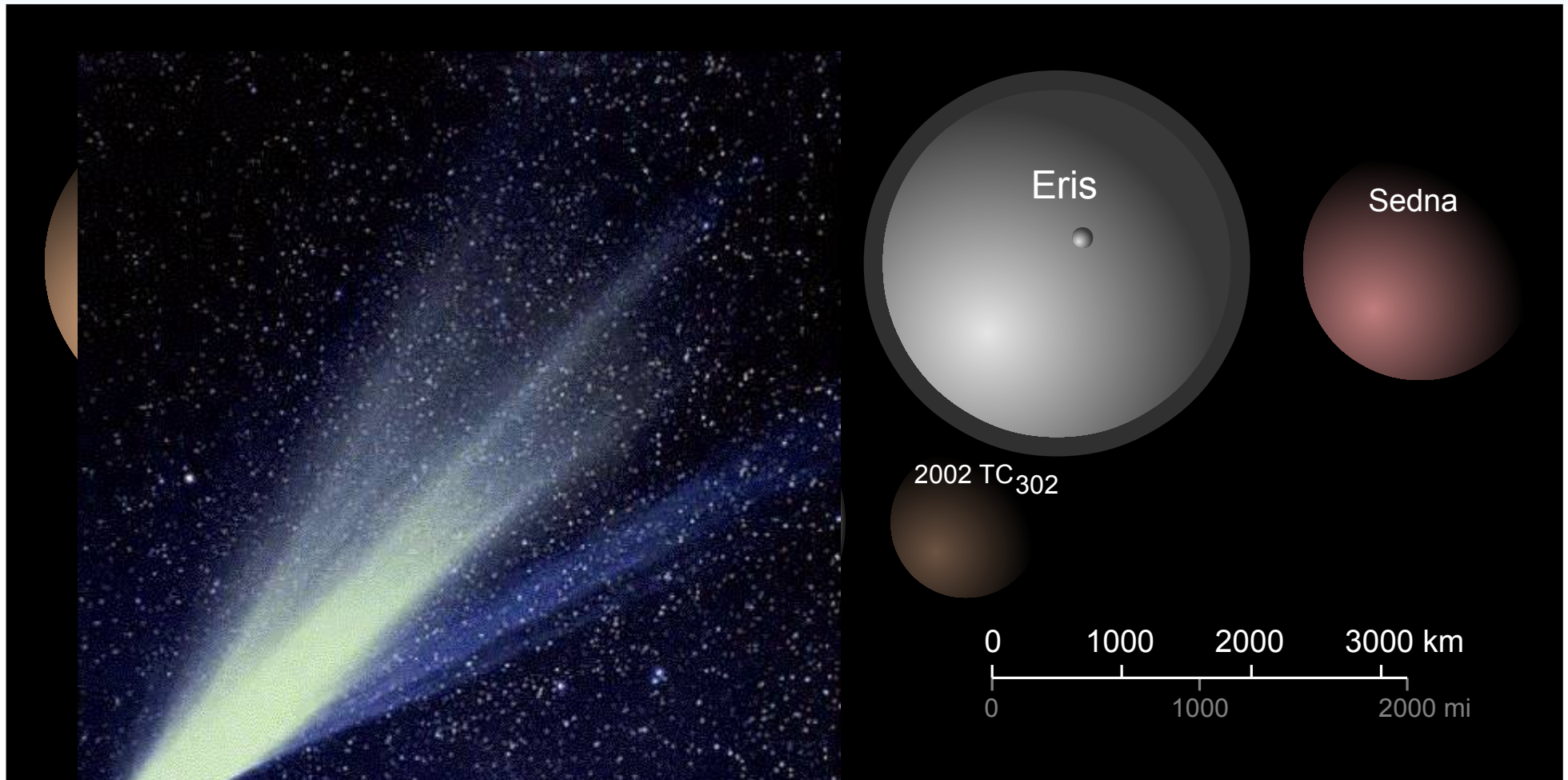
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Minor bodies



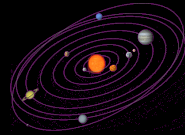
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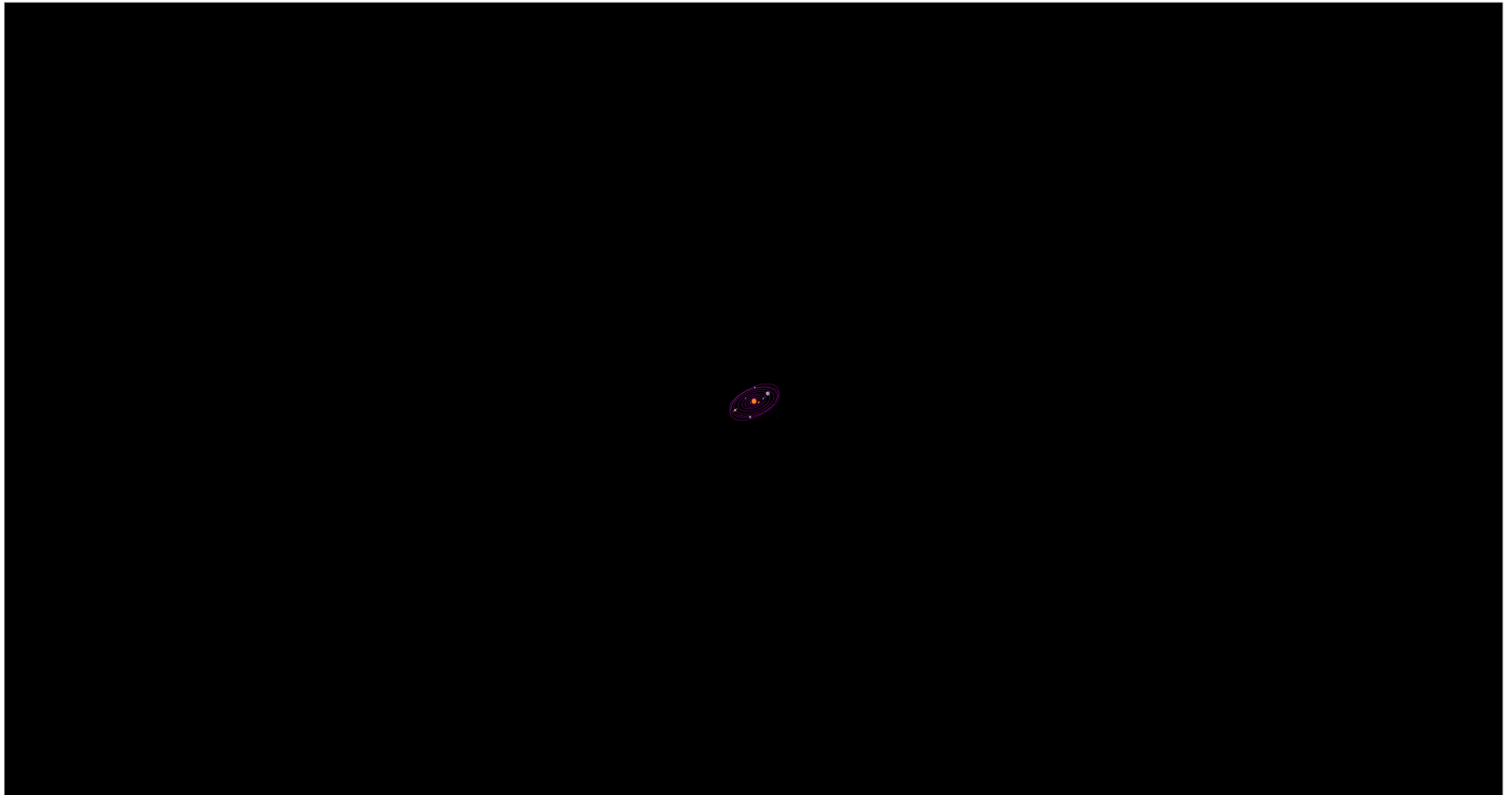
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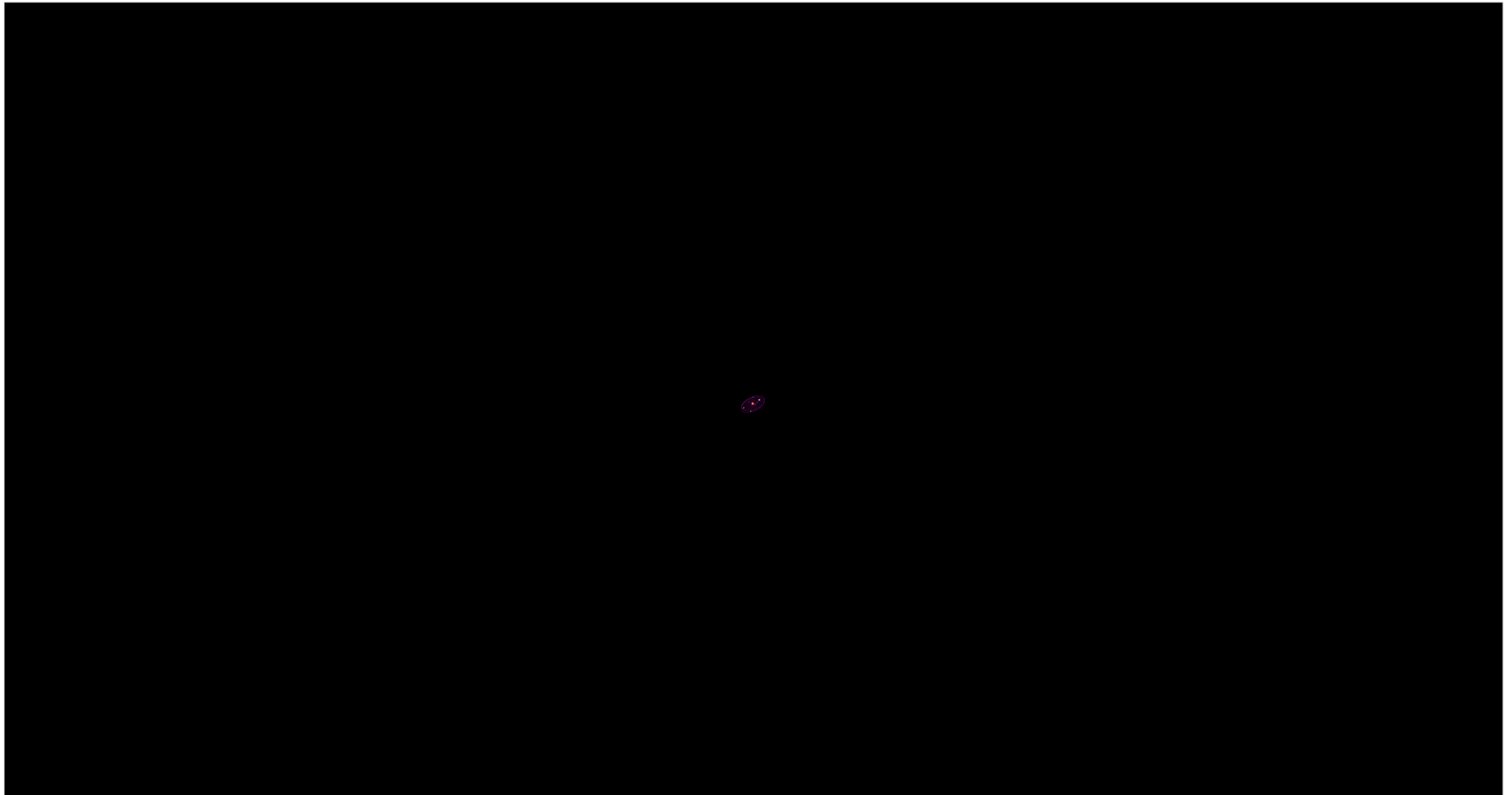
1000 au \times 1000 au



10.000 au \times 10.000 au



100.000 au \times 100.000 au



5 light years \times 5 light years

Only now have we reached the closest star, Proxima!

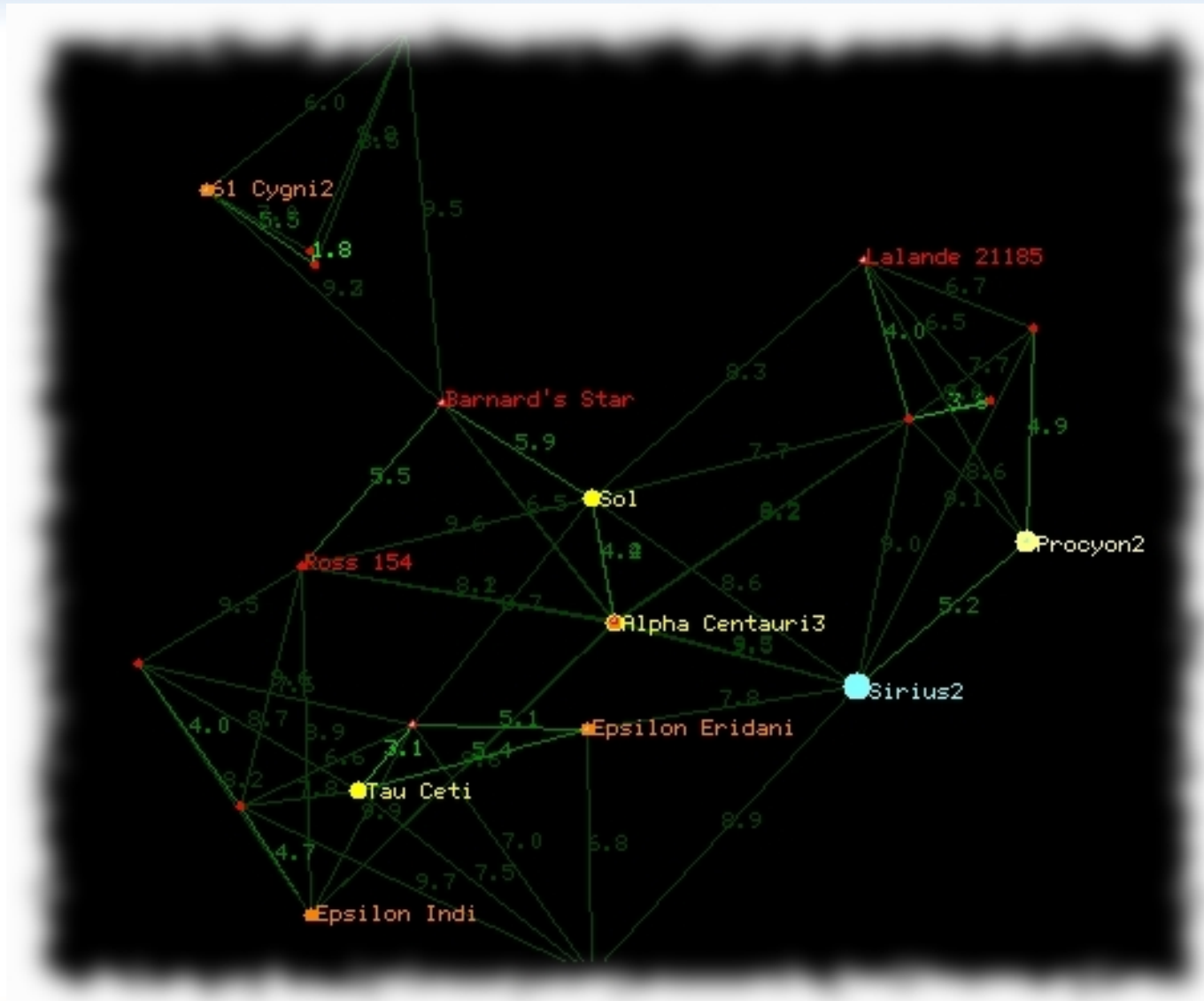
1 light year: distance travelled by light in 1 year

$$1 \text{ ly} = 9.47 \times 10^{12} \text{ km} = 63.115 \text{ au}$$

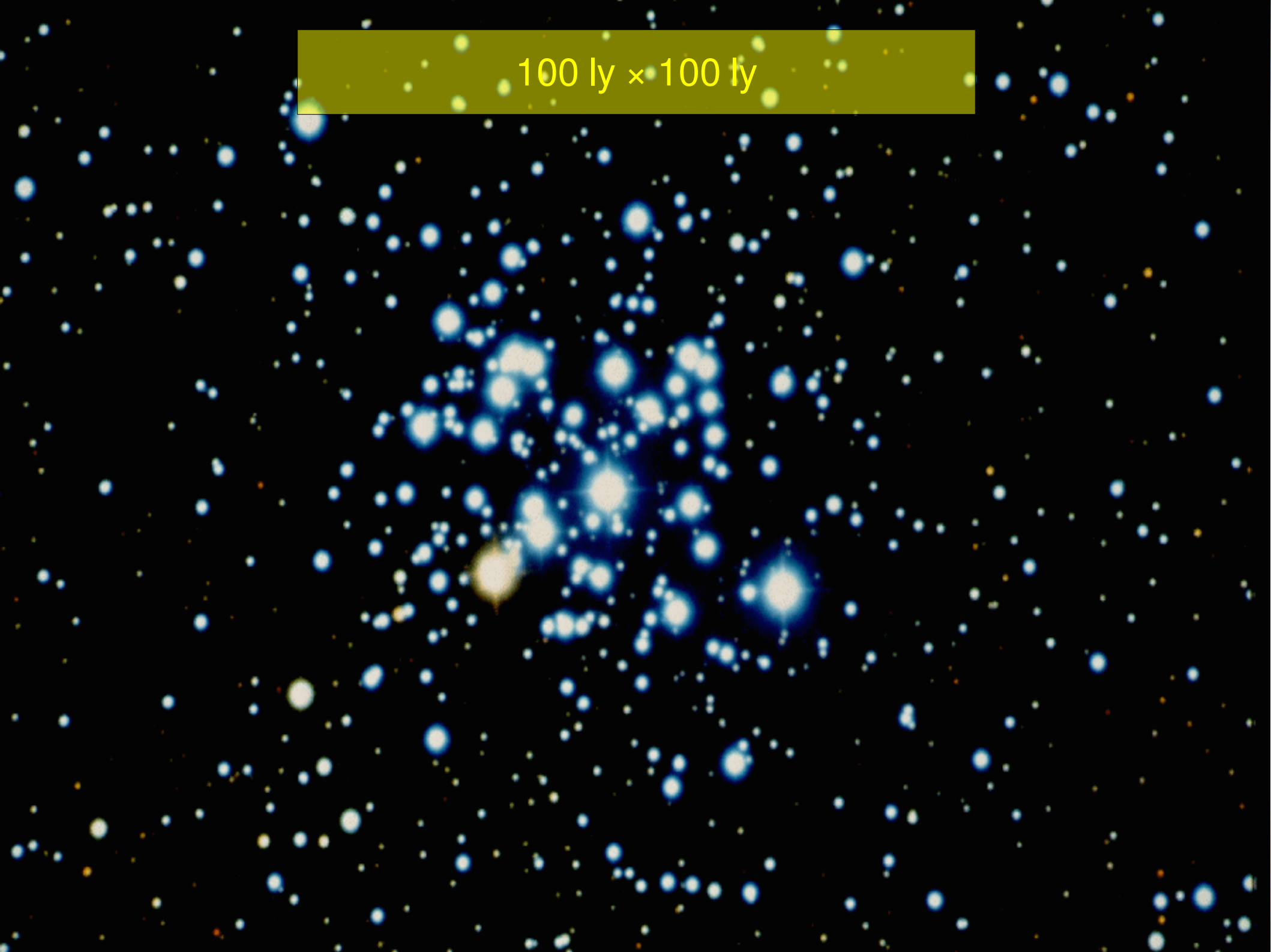
Proxima is the closest star to the Sun; it can be found in the Centaurus constellation, being part of a triple star system. Unfortunately, we can't see Proxima from the northern hemisphere.



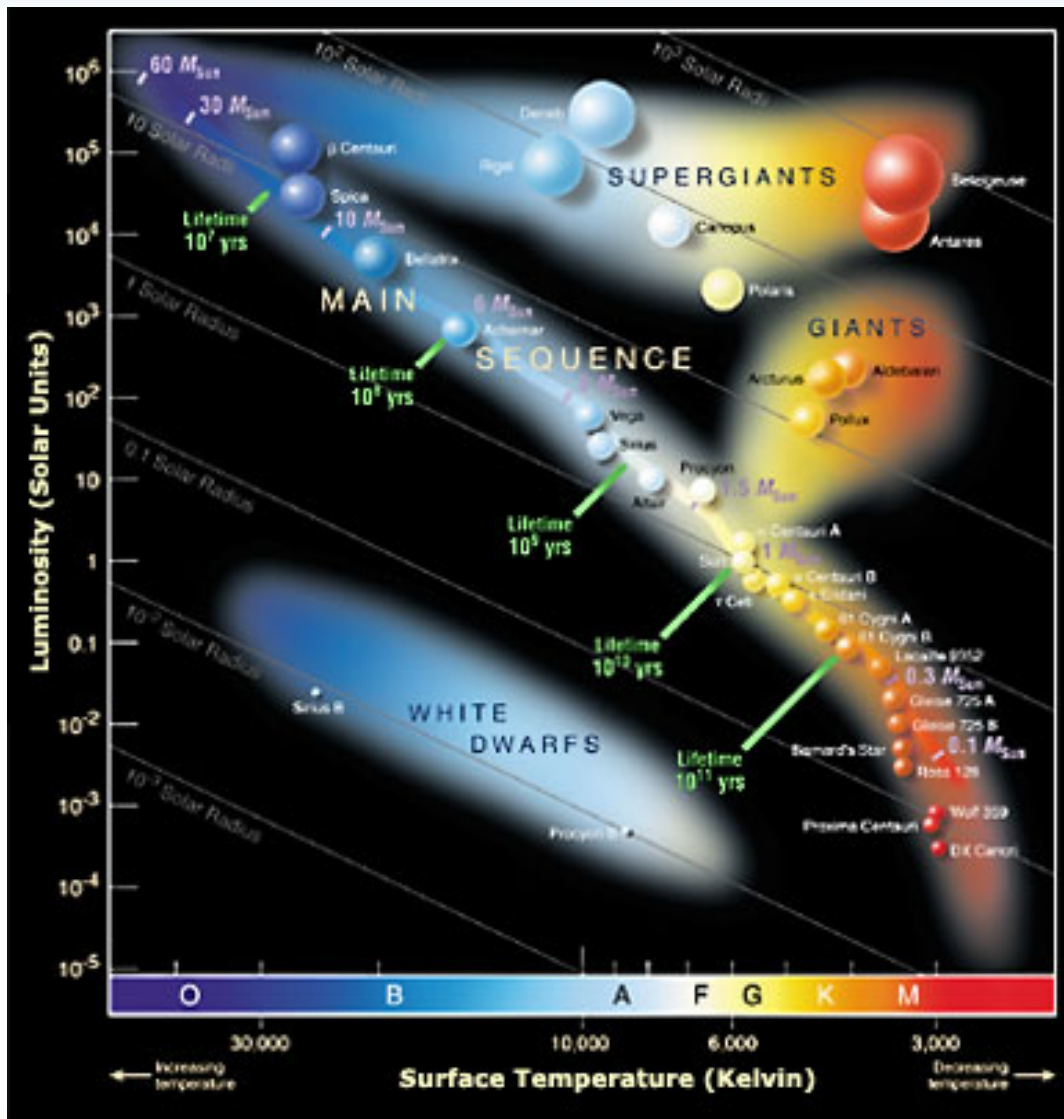
10 ly × 10 ly



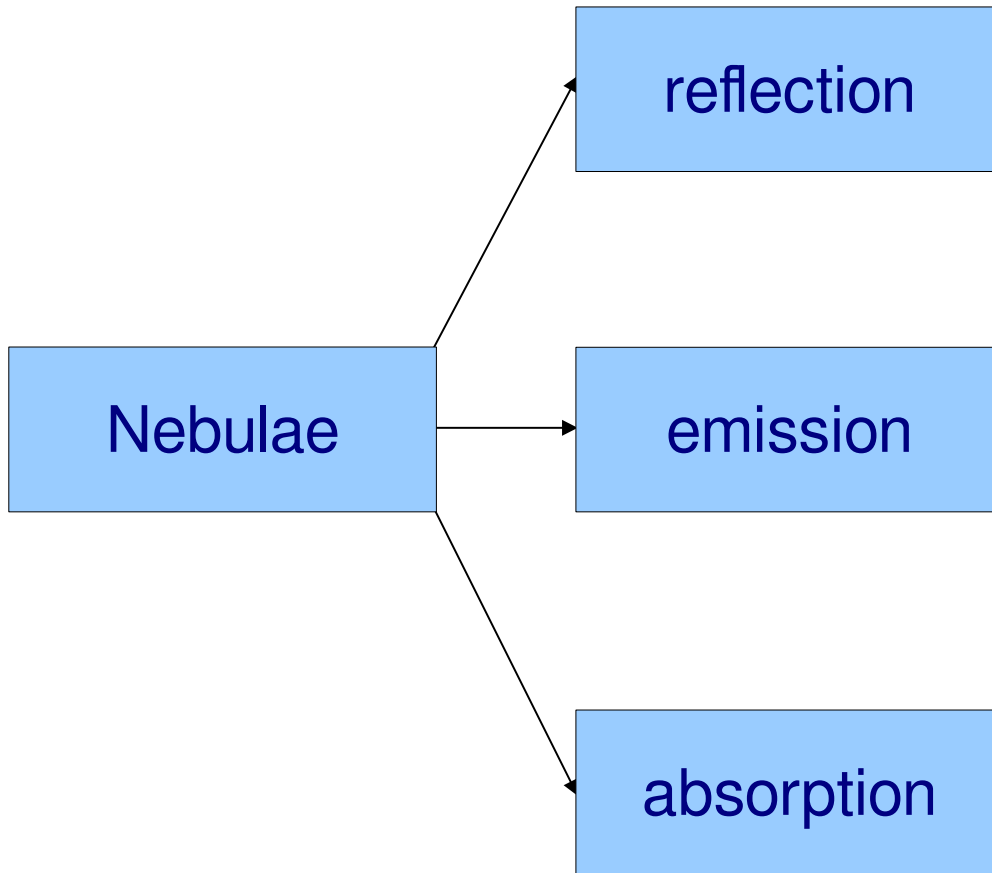
100 ly \times 100 ly



Space is a colorful world!



1000 ly × 1000 ly



1000 ly × 1000 ly



Nebulae

planetary



10.000 ly \times 10.000 ly



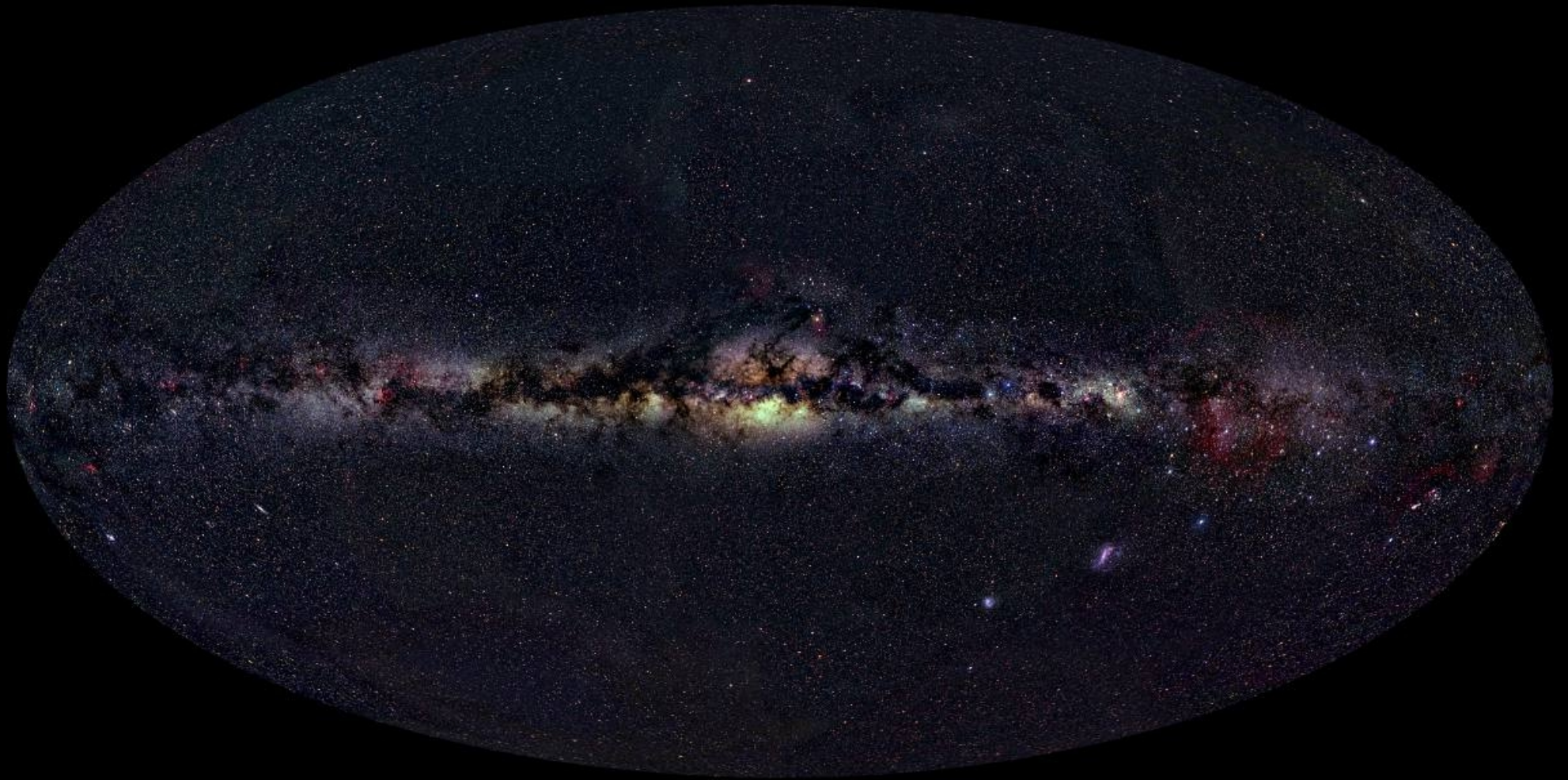
10.000 ly × 10.000 ly

Open clusters in the disk of the Galaxy



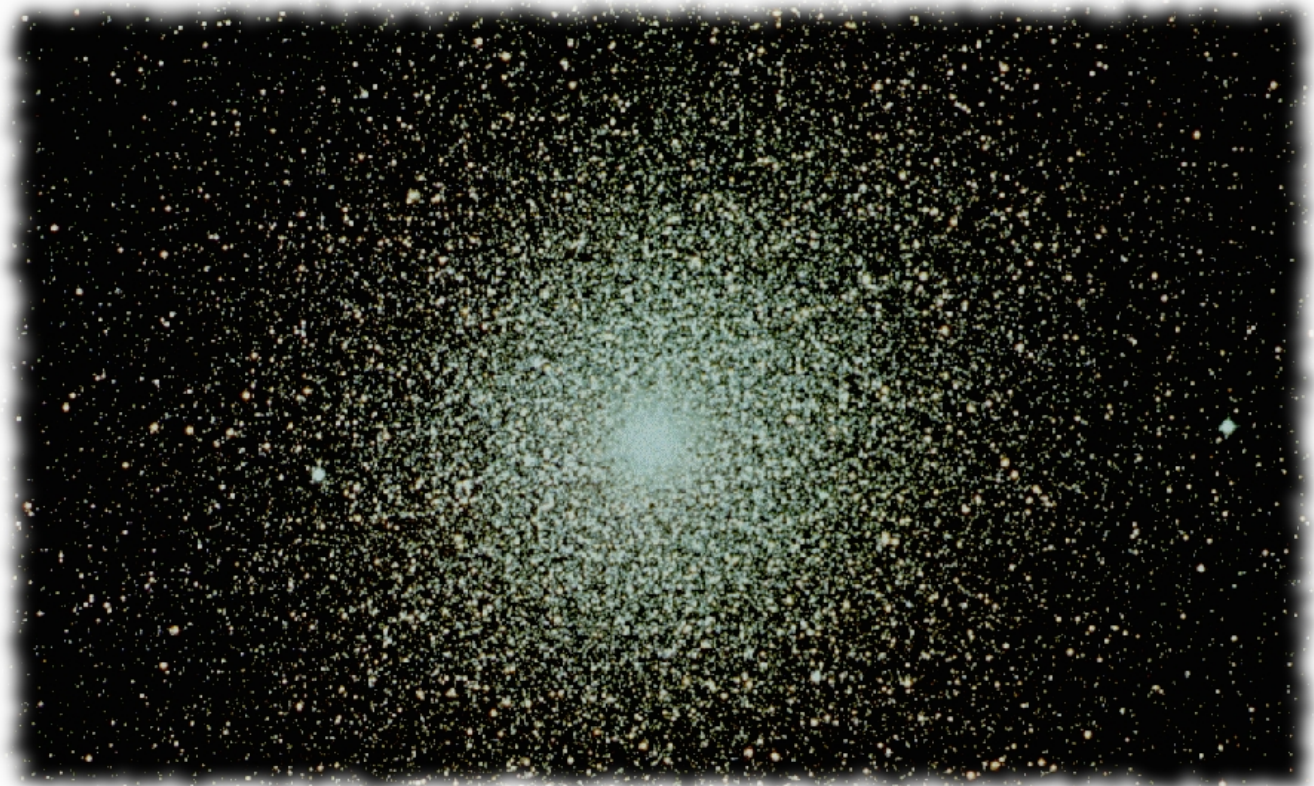
100.000 ly × 100.000 ly

Our Galaxy, the Milky way

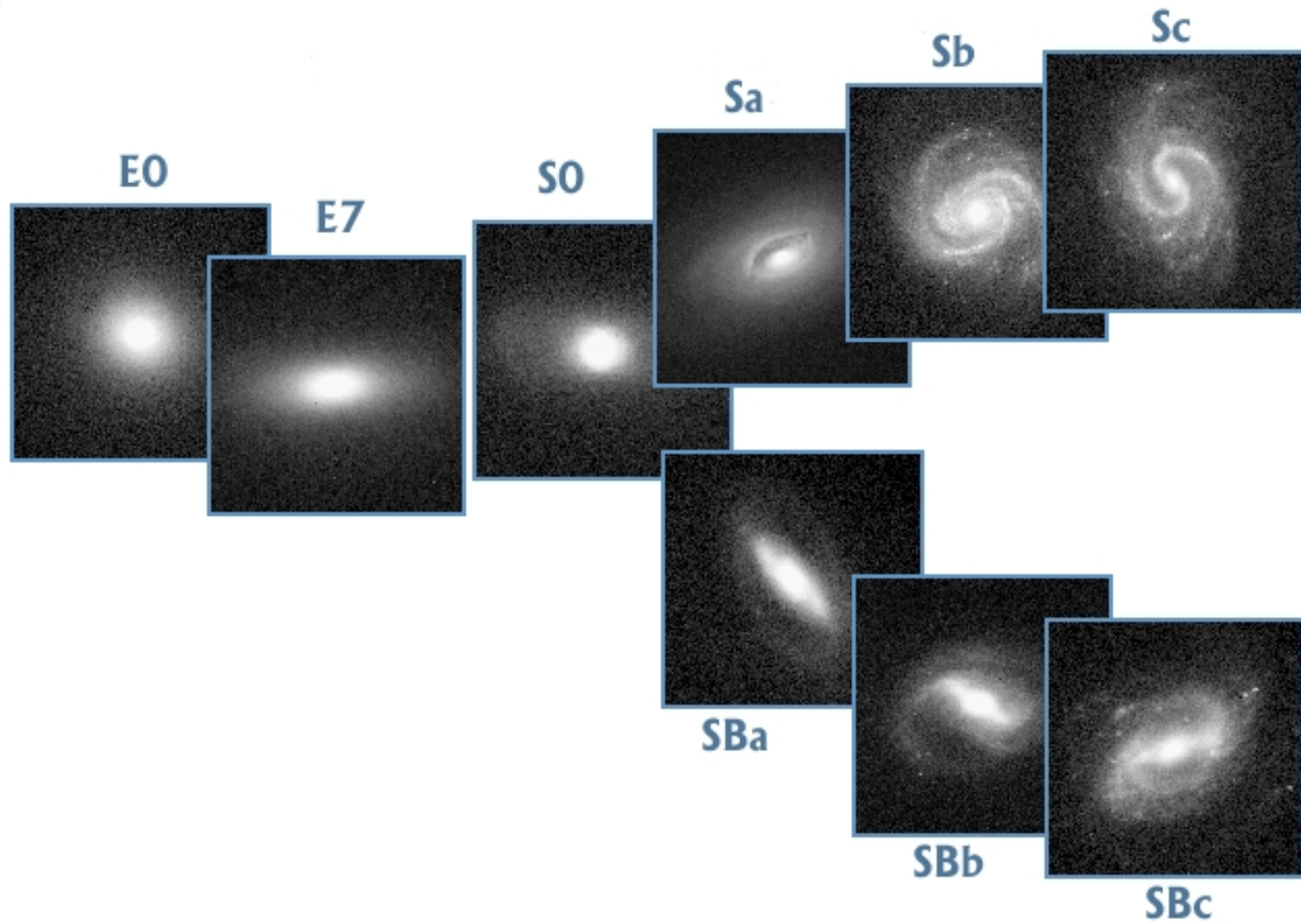


100.000 ly × 100.000 ly

Globular clusters in the Galaxy halo



100.000 ly × 100.000 ly



1 Mpc \times 1 Mpc



1 parsec: distance at which we would see Earth's orbit at the 1" angle.

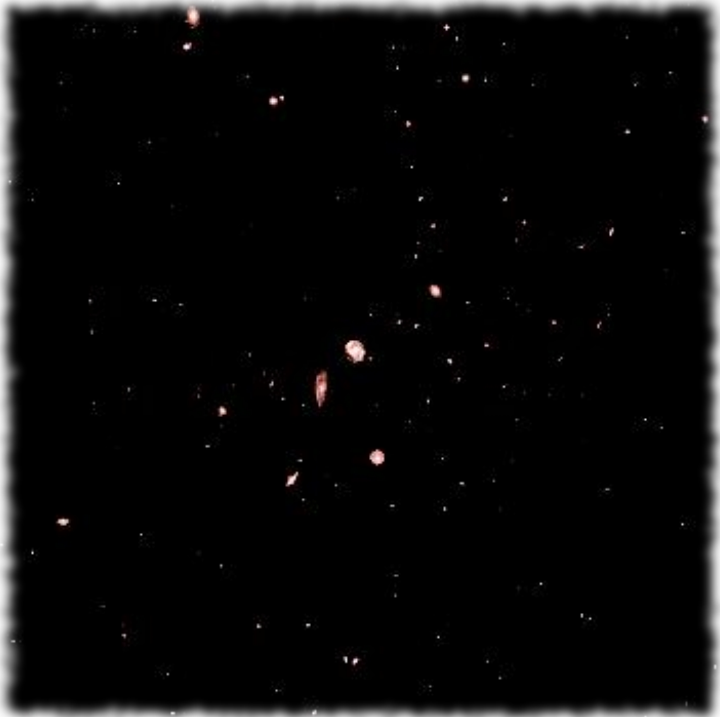
$$1 \text{ pc} = 3.26 \text{ ly} = 3.09 \times 10^{13} \text{ km} = 205.755 \text{ au}$$



10 Mpc \times 10 Mpc



100 Mpc \times 100 Mpc



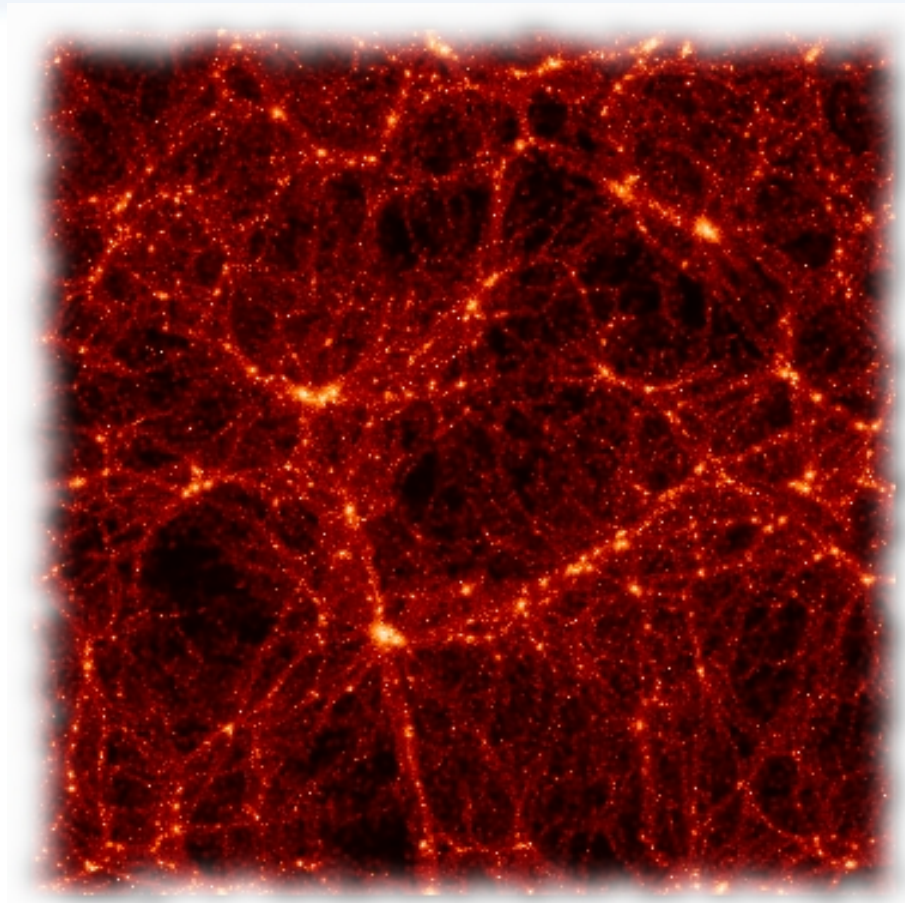
Clusters and hyperclusters of galaxies



Gravitational lensing



4 Gpc × 4 Gpc



Galaxy filaments are thus larger than a ring about
10.000.000.000.000.000.000.000.000.000 (10²⁸) times!



QUESTIONS?

