

PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

Tiny Stellar Islands in a Big Old Universe

Featuring Guest Speaker:
Trisha Ashley

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00:00:10,459 --> 00:00:06,320
alright it's 8 o'clock and we have a

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00:00:11,900 --> 00:00:10,469
nicely busy house so we'll start as I

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00:00:15,440 --> 00:00:11,910
said my name is Alex Lockwood I'm

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00:00:18,130 --> 00:00:15,450
replacing Frank summers this evening not

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00:00:23,090 --> 00:00:18,140
replacing trying to emulate his

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00:00:24,620 --> 00:00:23,100
magnificence and I'm just here to host

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00:00:28,040 --> 00:00:24,630
your evening the real star of the show

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00:00:30,859 --> 00:00:28,050
is dr. Ashley just a couple of

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00:00:33,260 --> 00:00:30,869
announcements as I mentioned if you're

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00:00:35,060 --> 00:00:33,270
interested in going to across the street

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00:00:37,400 --> 00:00:35,070
to the Johns Hopkins observatory and

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00:00:38,780 --> 00:00:37,410
looking through their telescope please

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00:00:42,440 --> 00:00:38,790

meet after the talk

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00:00:45,080 --> 00:00:42,450

up here at the podium we have a couple

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00:00:47,270 --> 00:00:45,090

of upcoming public lecture series the

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00:00:49,970 --> 00:00:47,280

public lecture series for September is

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00:00:53,180 --> 00:00:49,980

on September 3rd the topic is the

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00:00:55,400 --> 00:00:53,190

astronomers toolkit and the speaker is

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00:01:01,549 --> 00:00:55,410

another outreach scientist named dr.

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00:01:04,399 --> 00:01:01,559

Brandon Lawton yeah Brandon and then on

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00:01:07,250 --> 00:01:04,409

October the October public lecture is on

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00:01:10,160 --> 00:01:07,260

October 1st and the title is black holes

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00:01:13,370 --> 00:01:10,170

and gravitational waves which is very

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00:01:16,070 --> 00:01:13,380

cool and the speaker is from Johns

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00:01:18,440 --> 00:01:16,080

Hopkins his name is Emanuel Liberty

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00:01:19,700 --> 00:01:18,450

I may have butchered that but those are

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00:01:22,370 --> 00:01:19,710

the upcoming talks they're also

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00:01:27,050 --> 00:01:22,380

available online as is this recording

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00:01:30,200 --> 00:01:27,060

after after tonight so with that I would

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00:01:32,210 --> 00:01:30,210

like to introduce tonight's speaker dr.

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00:01:34,880 --> 00:01:32,220

Tricia Ashley got her bachelor's degree

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00:01:38,300 --> 00:01:34,890

in physics and astronomy from the Bryn

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00:01:40,399 --> 00:01:38,310

Mawr College in 2008 in 2014 she

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00:01:43,010 --> 00:01:40,409

received her PhD in physics from Florida

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00:01:45,170 --> 00:01:43,020

International University for her PhD

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00:01:48,440 --> 00:01:45,180

dissertation she studied star formation

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00:01:52,160 --> 00:01:48,450

in blue compact dwarf galaxies as part

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00:01:53,630 --> 00:01:52,170

of the research team little things she

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00:01:55,789 --> 00:01:53,640

has since worked on understanding the

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00:01:58,550 --> 00:01:55,799

gas content in isolated early type

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00:02:00,499 --> 00:01:58,560

galaxies as a postdoc at NASA Ames and

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00:02:01,870 --> 00:02:00,509

she's currently working as a postdoc at

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00:02:06,139 --> 00:02:01,880

the Space Telescope Science Institute

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00:02:07,999 --> 00:02:06,149

with Andy Fox here at Space Telescope's

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00:02:10,700 --> 00:02:08,009

she studies the Fermi bubbles and gas

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00:02:13,370 --> 00:02:10,710

flows into and from

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00:02:15,920 --> 00:02:13,380

the Milky Way she also spends time as an

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00:02:17,390 --> 00:02:15,930

organiser of astronomy on tap Baltimore

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00:02:19,700 --> 00:02:17,400

which I'm sure she'd be happy to answer

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00:02:21,860 --> 00:02:19,710

questions about an outreach program that

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00:02:23,870 --> 00:02:21,870
brings scientists to bars in Baltimore

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00:02:26,600 --> 00:02:23,880
to give fun and exciting talks about

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00:02:36,740 --> 00:02:26,610
space so please join me in a round of

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00:02:39,680 --> 00:02:36,750
applause welcome dr. Ashley okay can you

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00:02:42,320 --> 00:02:39,690
hear me good okay that was a great

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00:02:44,210 --> 00:02:42,330
introduction to my talk because it

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00:02:47,180 --> 00:02:44,220
actually now I can stick a few lines my

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00:02:50,810 --> 00:02:47,190
talk so today I'm going to talk to you

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00:02:53,240 --> 00:02:50,820
about dwarf galaxies but first as

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00:02:55,340 --> 00:02:53,250
mentioned earlier I actually wanted to

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00:02:57,050 --> 00:02:55,350
tell you where I got my passion for

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00:03:00,170 --> 00:02:57,060
dwarf galaxies and that was during my

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00:03:03,160 --> 00:03:00,180

dissertation because as mentioned I did

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00:03:05,750 --> 00:03:03,170

my dissertation work on dwarf galaxies

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00:03:08,300 --> 00:03:05,760

so this is a picture of me getting my

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00:03:12,530 --> 00:03:08,310

PhD this is one of my official photos

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00:03:14,240 --> 00:03:12,540

yes very nice and so I got my PhD

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00:03:16,130 --> 00:03:14,250

because I did that work on dwarf

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00:03:18,410 --> 00:03:16,140

galaxies but I want to take a minute to

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00:03:26,600 --> 00:03:18,420

analyze this photo because I'm a

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00:03:29,840 --> 00:03:26,610

scientist no but very close so this

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00:03:33,680 --> 00:03:29,850

picture I really believe is a graduation

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00:03:36,770 --> 00:03:33,690

photo level expert and the reason I

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00:03:41,449 --> 00:03:36,780

believe that is because one you got your

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00:03:42,800 --> 00:03:41,459

monocle - you have your pipe three most

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00:03:44,840 --> 00:03:42,810
of you may have missed it but you have

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00:03:48,260 --> 00:03:44,850
your flask strapped to your leg filled

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00:03:49,940 --> 00:03:48,270
with coffee of course and then finally

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00:03:53,840 --> 00:03:49,950
you have your family degree because of

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00:03:55,729 --> 00:03:53,850
real things in the mail so as mentioned

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00:03:57,440 --> 00:03:55,739
I got my PhD on this work and I've been

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00:03:59,990 --> 00:03:57,450
interested in it ever since and I

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00:04:02,720 --> 00:04:00,000
continue to work on it on the side but

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00:04:04,550 --> 00:04:02,730
before I introduced to George Gallup see

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00:04:07,520 --> 00:04:04,560
I want to first introduce to you your

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00:04:10,370 --> 00:04:07,530
own galaxy that you live in and that is

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00:04:14,150 --> 00:04:10,380
the Milky Way so this is a beautiful

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00:04:17,960 --> 00:04:14,160

picture taken of the night sky and if

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00:04:20,150 --> 00:04:17,970

you go out into a very dark place where

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00:04:22,790 --> 00:04:20,160

the nearest city is tens of miles away

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00:04:24,020 --> 00:04:22,800

and look up at the sky you might see

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00:04:26,210 --> 00:04:24,030

something like this

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00:04:28,820 --> 00:04:26,220

now it won't be this beautiful in color

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00:04:31,460 --> 00:04:28,830

it'll be mostly gray and white but it's

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00:04:34,010 --> 00:04:31,470

the same idea we're going down the

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00:04:37,100 --> 00:04:34,020

middle of this image you have the Milky

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00:04:39,560 --> 00:04:37,110

Way disk so this is a galaxy that you

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00:04:41,540 --> 00:04:39,570

all live in and you can see it

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00:04:45,320 --> 00:04:41,550

yourselves if you do go out to these

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very dark sky places now if you take a

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00:04:48,020 --> 00:04:47,220
bunch of images of the Milky Way from

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00:04:49,760 --> 00:04:48,030
Earth

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00:04:52,910 --> 00:04:49,770
and put them together you can get an

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00:04:57,350 --> 00:04:52,920
image like this where most of the light

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00:04:59,570 --> 00:04:57,360
is in this thin disc here and that's the

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00:05:03,080 --> 00:04:59,580
disc the main disk of our galaxy the

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00:05:06,409 --> 00:05:03,090
Milky Way so it's very thin and most of

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00:05:10,340 --> 00:05:06,419
that light is coming from stars in our

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00:05:13,940 --> 00:05:10,350
galaxy and so our galaxy is made up of

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00:05:16,040 --> 00:05:13,950
stars dust gas and dark matter all of

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00:05:19,430 --> 00:05:16,050
those things put together and it's this

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00:05:21,710 --> 00:05:19,440
little island of all of those things so

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00:05:27,650 --> 00:05:21,720

that's why I called dwarf galaxies

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00:05:32,030 --> 00:05:27,660

islands of stars now it looks very thin

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00:05:34,700 --> 00:05:32,040

in this picture oops blah we'll go back

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00:05:38,810 --> 00:05:34,710

well then there it is it looks very thin

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00:05:41,750 --> 00:05:38,820

in this picture that's because the main

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00:05:44,659 --> 00:05:41,760

disk of our galaxy is quite thin but

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00:05:46,550 --> 00:05:44,669

that's only our view from the earth what

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00:05:50,210 --> 00:05:46,560

does it look like when we leave the

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00:05:52,370 --> 00:05:50,220

earth and leave the galaxy and look back

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00:05:53,840 --> 00:05:52,380

at it well we can't actually do that

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00:05:57,170 --> 00:05:53,850

because we don't have the technology to

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00:05:59,900 --> 00:05:57,180

go that fast but with the data that

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00:06:01,490 --> 00:05:59,910

we've collected from the Milky Way we

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00:06:03,890 --> 00:06:01,500
can actually have an artist put together

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00:06:07,520 --> 00:06:03,900
a picture of what we think it looks like

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00:06:11,000 --> 00:06:07,530
if we were to leave the galaxy and go

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00:06:13,550 --> 00:06:11,010
look at it from above so this is what we

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00:06:16,580 --> 00:06:13,560
think it might look like where you're

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00:06:18,170 --> 00:06:16,590
here half about halfway between the

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00:06:20,960 --> 00:06:18,180
center of the galaxy in the outer edge

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00:06:22,430 --> 00:06:20,970
and we do want to be there we don't want

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00:06:24,020 --> 00:06:22,440
to be too close to the center because

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00:06:26,590 --> 00:06:24,030
too much is going on there it would be

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00:06:31,070 --> 00:06:26,600
very disastrous for us as a population

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00:06:32,600 --> 00:06:31,080
but you have a couple of features here

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00:06:35,510 --> 00:06:32,610

that I'd like to point out one it's not

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00:06:37,010 --> 00:06:35,520

thin anymore if we look down at it it's

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00:06:39,920 --> 00:06:37,020

this big round dish

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00:06:42,380 --> 00:06:39,930

so you can think of our galaxy as like a

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00:06:44,090 --> 00:06:42,390

thin plate it's not exactly shaped

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00:06:46,790 --> 00:06:44,100

exactly like a plate but it's pretty

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00:06:49,280 --> 00:06:46,800

much like one and then on top of that

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00:06:52,340 --> 00:06:49,290

you have these big beautiful spiraling

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00:06:54,680 --> 00:06:52,350

arms so astronomers look at galaxies

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00:06:56,360 --> 00:06:54,690

like this and they say oh it has

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00:06:58,220 --> 00:06:56,370

spiraling arms so we'll call that a

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00:07:01,340 --> 00:06:58,230

spiral galaxy because we're really good

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00:07:04,970 --> 00:07:01,350

at naming things so we live in a spiral

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00:07:08,210 --> 00:07:04,980

galaxy which is great and we have a

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00:07:10,280 --> 00:07:08,220

pretty good understanding of our no own

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00:07:11,990 --> 00:07:10,290

Milky Way for having lived in it we're

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00:07:13,550 --> 00:07:12,000

not we don't understand everything but

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00:07:16,220 --> 00:07:13,560

we're still studying a lot about it but

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00:07:18,620 --> 00:07:16,230

one thing we do know is that we are not

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00:07:21,620 --> 00:07:18,630

the only galaxies out there there are

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00:07:24,170 --> 00:07:21,630

lots of other galaxies and to prove this

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00:07:26,300 --> 00:07:24,180

point I have this beautiful image here

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00:07:27,980 --> 00:07:26,310

which is the Hubble Deep Field so this

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00:07:30,860 --> 00:07:27,990

is a very famous image and I'm gonna

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00:07:32,810 --> 00:07:30,870

explain why what they did was a bunch of

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00:07:36,440 --> 00:07:32,820

astronomers in the 1990s got together

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00:07:38,330 --> 00:07:36,450

and they said hey what would happen if

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00:07:40,490 --> 00:07:38,340

we take the Hubble Space Telescope our

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00:07:43,250 --> 00:07:40,500

most powerful optical telescope and

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00:07:46,400 --> 00:07:43,260

point it at a black part of this guy

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00:07:48,380 --> 00:07:46,410

like we don't see anything there nothing

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00:07:51,020 --> 00:07:48,390

what would happen if we just point it

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00:07:52,550 --> 00:07:51,030

there for a really long time and so a

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00:07:54,830 --> 00:07:52,560

bunch of other astronomers who had to

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00:07:57,830 --> 00:07:54,840

approve this plan said yeah why not go

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00:08:00,380 --> 00:07:57,840

for it so they spent 10 days in over a

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00:08:02,560 --> 00:08:00,390

hundred hours staring at this part of

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00:08:05,960 --> 00:08:02,570

the sky that was supposed to be empty

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00:08:09,710 --> 00:08:05,970
very small part of this guy yes correct

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00:08:11,840 --> 00:08:09,720
and they got this and this is a

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00:08:13,850 --> 00:08:11,850
beautiful image because aside from a few

179
00:08:16,700 --> 00:08:13,860
stars which you can tell have these

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00:08:18,620 --> 00:08:16,710
pointy features here so those are stars

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00:08:20,150 --> 00:08:18,630
in our own galaxy the Milky Way we can't

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00:08:22,000 --> 00:08:20,160
go out there and tell them to move so we

183
00:08:26,080 --> 00:08:22,010
just have to leave them in the image

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00:08:29,420 --> 00:08:26,090
everything in this image is a galaxy

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00:08:32,380 --> 00:08:29,430
there are almost 3000 galaxies in this

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00:08:34,640 --> 00:08:32,390
image and as you can tell from it

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00:08:37,130 --> 00:08:34,650
they're all different colors and

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00:08:39,740 --> 00:08:37,140

different shapes so there are lots of

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00:08:41,690 --> 00:08:39,750

types of galaxies out there and we are

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00:08:44,150 --> 00:08:41,700

definitely not the only galaxies so lots

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00:08:48,530 --> 00:08:44,160

of little islands of stars dust gas and

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00:08:50,060 --> 00:08:48,540

dark matter so I haven't talked much

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00:08:50,480 --> 00:08:50,070

about dwarf galaxies yet

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00:08:52,639 --> 00:08:50,490

let's do

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00:08:54,740 --> 00:08:52,649

that so this again is the artist

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00:08:56,660 --> 00:08:54,750

depiction of our own Milky Way and what

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00:08:58,610 --> 00:08:56,670

we think it looks like what happens if

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00:09:02,690 --> 00:08:58,620

we put outdoors galaxies next to it

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00:09:04,420 --> 00:09:02,700

Oh looks approximately like that tiny

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00:09:08,750 --> 00:09:04,430

little square up there in the top left

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00:09:13,670 --> 00:09:08,760
so it's quite small dwarf galaxies are

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00:09:15,680 --> 00:09:13,680
about 1/10 - down to about 125th the

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00:09:18,920 --> 00:09:15,690
size of a big spiral galaxy like our

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00:09:21,320 --> 00:09:18,930
Milky Way so they're very small so the

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00:09:23,630 --> 00:09:21,330
question becomes why do we care about

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00:09:27,800 --> 00:09:23,640
such tiny galaxies what's the point of

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00:09:30,639 --> 00:09:27,810
studying them well first off there are a

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00:09:33,019 --> 00:09:30,649
lot of them nearby us and so this image

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00:09:34,820 --> 00:09:33,029
even though a little bit hard to read it

210
00:09:37,550 --> 00:09:34,830
proves a-- where we have the Milky Way

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00:09:39,410 --> 00:09:37,560
in the center labeled in yellow and then

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00:09:41,120 --> 00:09:39,420
we have these two yellow labels here

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00:09:44,329 --> 00:09:41,130

which are the Andromeda galaxy in the

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00:09:48,500 --> 00:09:44,339

Triangulum galaxy so those galaxies in

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00:09:51,139 --> 00:09:48,510

yellow are nearest massive neighbors so

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00:09:54,350 --> 00:09:51,149

they're big galaxies everything else

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00:09:57,920 --> 00:09:54,360

here is labeled in light blue and those

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00:10:00,860 --> 00:09:57,930

are all dwarf galaxies there are about

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00:10:03,710 --> 00:10:00,870

last time I checked for tea or fuel

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00:10:06,019 --> 00:10:03,720

exceeds with a distance to the Milky Way

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00:10:10,550 --> 00:10:06,029

that is smaller than our distance to

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00:10:12,980 --> 00:10:10,560

Andromeda so 40 dwarf galaxies fit right

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00:10:15,380 --> 00:10:12,990

in here that's a lot of dwarf galaxies

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00:10:17,060 --> 00:10:15,390

so we want to understand where they came

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00:10:20,870 --> 00:10:17,070

from what they're doing and what we can

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00:10:23,660 --> 00:10:20,880

learn from them so one thing we can

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00:10:25,430 --> 00:10:23,670

learn from them is star formation we can

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00:10:28,160 --> 00:10:25,440

learn about star formation and how it

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00:10:30,829 --> 00:10:28,170

happened so this is an image not of

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00:10:32,269 --> 00:10:30,839

dwarf galaxies star formation or milky

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00:10:36,079 --> 00:10:32,279

way star formation this is for all

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00:10:38,120 --> 00:10:36,089

galaxies so we start off with some

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00:10:42,470 --> 00:10:38,130

really dense gas in the center in the

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00:10:46,310 --> 00:10:42,480

red here and then that dense gas can

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00:10:47,840 --> 00:10:46,320

collapse and form stars and then those

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00:10:50,180 --> 00:10:47,850

stars live out their lives is either

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00:10:53,120 --> 00:10:50,190

less massive stars or more massive stars

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00:10:56,569 --> 00:10:53,130

eventually die but the main point of

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00:10:59,269 --> 00:10:56,579

this image is that you need dense gas to

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00:11:03,140 --> 00:10:59,279

form stars and that's actually really

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hard to get in some galaxies we don't

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know how

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00:11:09,740 --> 00:11:06,030

gasps always gets to these dentinal

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00:11:11,960 --> 00:11:09,750

states and so we kind of understand how

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00:11:14,210 --> 00:11:11,970

that works in the milky way and I'm

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00:11:16,460 --> 00:11:14,220

gonna take a piece of a spiral arm to

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00:11:18,680 --> 00:11:16,470

show you that and I'm gonna blow it up

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00:11:21,440 --> 00:11:18,690

and we're gonna pretend like it it's a

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00:11:24,710 --> 00:11:21,450

traffic jam but in traffic jams and

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00:11:28,490 --> 00:11:24,720

galaxies you don't have cars and trucks

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00:11:31,220 --> 00:11:28,500
you have gas and stars so what happens

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00:11:34,490 --> 00:11:31,230
is the spiral arm comes sweeping through

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00:11:36,560 --> 00:11:34,500
the galaxy and the gas in the galaxy

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00:11:39,470 --> 00:11:36,570
gets caught up in the spiral arm like a

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00:11:41,930 --> 00:11:39,480
traffic jam and the gas starts bumping

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00:11:43,720 --> 00:11:41,940
into each other creating regions of high

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00:11:46,730 --> 00:11:43,730
density because it gets stirred up and

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00:11:50,990 --> 00:11:46,740
that high density gas can then collapse

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00:11:56,830 --> 00:11:51,000
and form stars so that's generally how

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00:12:00,770 --> 00:11:56,840
you get stars in a spiral galaxy but

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00:12:02,870 --> 00:12:00,780
dwarf galaxies don't have spiral arms so

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00:12:04,700 --> 00:12:02,880
they don't have this mechanism to kind

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00:12:07,850 --> 00:12:04,710

of stir up their gas and make regions of

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00:12:11,720 --> 00:12:07,860

high density so we want to understand

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00:12:15,320 --> 00:12:11,730

what causes their gas to get stirred up

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00:12:17,570 --> 00:12:15,330

enough in order to create stars and if

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00:12:19,730 --> 00:12:17,580

we do that then we have a more basic

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00:12:22,670 --> 00:12:19,740

understanding of how star formation can

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00:12:28,910 --> 00:12:22,680

happen without the aid of these extra

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00:12:31,130 --> 00:12:28,920

spiral arms so some galaxies some dwarf

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galaxies are really good at forming

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00:12:36,260 --> 00:12:34,260

stars and some are really bad so in

273

00:12:38,660 --> 00:12:36,270

these images I've taken their combined

274

00:12:41,150 --> 00:12:38,670

images where we've taken the Stars the

275

00:12:43,190 --> 00:12:41,160

old stars and the new stars and combined

276

00:12:45,860 --> 00:12:43,200

it with images of the gas so the gas is

277

00:12:47,270 --> 00:12:45,870

in red and the old stars are in green

278

00:12:51,050 --> 00:12:47,280

which you can see a little bit here in

279

00:12:53,660 --> 00:12:51,060

2d do to 16 and then new stars are the

280

00:12:56,140 --> 00:12:53,670

blue stars so those are little pops of

281

00:12:58,910 --> 00:12:56,150

blue you can see Indy do to 16 and

282

00:13:01,130 --> 00:12:58,920

notice to do to 16 doesn't have many

283

00:13:03,230 --> 00:13:01,140

pops of blue so it's not very good at

284

00:13:07,040 --> 00:13:03,240

forming stars right now it doesn't have

285

00:13:10,490 --> 00:13:07,050

many new stars whereas herre 36 on the

286

00:13:12,790 --> 00:13:10,500

right side has this bright white spot

287

00:13:15,920 --> 00:13:12,800

here where it's forming a ton of stars

288

00:13:17,689 --> 00:13:15,930

so it's very good at forming stars and

289

00:13:19,340 --> 00:13:17,699

we want to figure out why

290

00:13:20,960 --> 00:13:19,350

why are these dwarf galaxies so

291

00:13:23,119 --> 00:13:20,970

different what happened to one that

292

00:13:24,559 --> 00:13:23,129

didn't happen to the other to make it

293

00:13:29,569 --> 00:13:24,569

really good at forming stars are really

294

00:13:31,249 --> 00:13:29,579

bad at forming stars so I keep having

295

00:13:33,530 --> 00:13:31,259

this little symbol in the bottom right

296

00:13:35,599 --> 00:13:33,540

and as mentioned earlier little things

297

00:13:38,449 --> 00:13:35,609

as the research group that I belong to

298

00:13:40,579 --> 00:13:38,459

and I worked with for my dissertation so

299

00:13:43,849 --> 00:13:40,589

little things is actually great because

300

00:13:46,340 --> 00:13:43,859

it's an acronym and it's really fun to

301

00:13:48,289 --> 00:13:46,350

say out loud at once when you try to

302

00:13:50,869 --> 00:13:48,299

read out this acronym so where did it

303

00:13:53,900 --> 00:13:50,879

come from well first there was a group

304

00:13:57,169 --> 00:13:53,910

called things things was a group that

305

00:14:01,340 --> 00:13:57,179

studied things nearby us so they studied

306

00:14:04,629 --> 00:14:01,350

the gas and nearby massive galaxies and

307

00:14:08,539 --> 00:14:04,639

that gas is called atomic hydrogen or h1

308

00:14:11,780 --> 00:14:08,549

so their acronym is the h1 nearby

309

00:14:14,659 --> 00:14:11,790

galaxies survey or the gas nearby

310

00:14:17,059 --> 00:14:14,669

galaxies survey so that's simple kind of

311

00:14:19,549 --> 00:14:17,069

easy to remember right but then little

312

00:14:22,039 --> 00:14:19,559

things group came along and they said

313

00:14:24,739 --> 00:14:22,049

hey we want to do the same thing as

314

00:14:27,079 --> 00:14:24,749

things but we want to do it with smaller

315

00:14:29,659 --> 00:14:27,089

galaxies so we want to do it with little

316

00:14:31,999 --> 00:14:29,669

things so then they had to come up with

317

00:14:35,119 --> 00:14:32,009

an acronym that fit this of course like

318

00:14:38,269 --> 00:14:35,129

true astronomers and they got creative

319

00:14:41,059 --> 00:14:38,279

and now you're about to figure out why I

320

00:14:43,939 --> 00:14:41,069

don't ever say the full acronym out loud

321

00:14:46,400 --> 00:14:43,949

to many people it is the local irregular

322

00:14:50,629 --> 00:14:46,410

is that trace luminosity extremes the h1

323

00:14:53,749 --> 00:14:50,639

nearby galaxies surveys so just a little

324

00:14:56,119 --> 00:14:53,759

a great example of acronyms and

325

00:15:00,439 --> 00:14:56,129

astronomy and how far they can be taken

326

00:15:02,179 --> 00:15:00,449

so what did we do to get this data well

327

00:15:05,299 --> 00:15:02,189

we were looking mainly for the gas data

328

00:15:08,900 --> 00:15:05,309

and we took stellar data from other

329

00:15:10,879 --> 00:15:08,910

surveys and we got that gas data from

330

00:15:13,159 --> 00:15:10,889

The Very Large Array telescope and this

331

00:15:14,239 --> 00:15:13,169

is a beautiful picture of only part of

332

00:15:17,779 --> 00:15:14,249

that telescope

333

00:15:20,509 --> 00:15:17,789

there are actually 27 of these dishes

334

00:15:23,479 --> 00:15:20,519

that belong to this telescope and they

335

00:15:25,369 --> 00:15:23,489

together make one big telescope which is

336

00:15:26,899 --> 00:15:25,379

great because then you can move them

337

00:15:28,669 --> 00:15:26,909

closer together to make a small

338

00:15:31,060 --> 00:15:28,679

telescope or you can move them further

339

00:15:34,550 --> 00:15:31,070

apart to make a bigger telescope

340

00:15:37,730 --> 00:15:34,560

so this is a beautiful telescope which

341

00:15:39,320 --> 00:15:37,740

I've visited and we get the gas data

342

00:15:40,900 --> 00:15:39,330

from there here's me sitting on top of

343

00:15:44,210 --> 00:15:40,910

one of the dishes at the edge very

344

00:15:46,400 --> 00:15:44,220

perilous situation and then just to

345

00:15:48,410 --> 00:15:46,410

explain how big they are here's me way

346

00:15:50,660 --> 00:15:48,420

down at the bottom of one on the right

347

00:15:55,130 --> 00:15:50,670

side so these are giant dishes they're

348

00:15:56,660 --> 00:15:55,140

about 25 meters in diameter so that's

349

00:16:01,340 --> 00:15:56,670

how we got our data we got it from this

350

00:16:04,460 --> 00:16:01,350

telescope the gaseous data and we tried

351
00:16:06,590 --> 00:16:04,470
to understand what can help form stars

352
00:16:08,450 --> 00:16:06,600
in most of these galaxies and some other

353
00:16:11,390 --> 00:16:08,460
things but what I was mainly focused on

354
00:16:16,040 --> 00:16:11,400
is regulating star formation and dwarf

355
00:16:19,280 --> 00:16:16,050
galaxies so this is a list of just some

356
00:16:21,080 --> 00:16:19,290
of the ways you might be able to

357
00:16:22,550 --> 00:16:21,090
regulate star formation it's a long list

358
00:16:24,950 --> 00:16:22,560
you don't need to read it all go through

359
00:16:26,840 --> 00:16:24,960
some of them but in general it just

360
00:16:29,840 --> 00:16:26,850
gives you an idea of how many different

361
00:16:31,880 --> 00:16:29,850
ideas there are out there for forming

362
00:16:35,270 --> 00:16:31,890
stars and galaxies and we're trying to

363
00:16:38,480 --> 00:16:35,280

understand which galaxies might be doing

364

00:16:41,840 --> 00:16:38,490

these things so we're gonna focus on

365

00:16:43,850 --> 00:16:41,850

these for tonight and I did mention

366

00:16:45,260 --> 00:16:43,860

regulating star formation was my

367

00:16:48,140 --> 00:16:45,270

interest but really I was more

368

00:16:51,080 --> 00:16:48,150

interested in how galaxies can form more

369

00:16:52,640 --> 00:16:51,090

stars for tonight's talk so how do we

370

00:16:55,940 --> 00:16:52,650

get more of them now how do we get less

371

00:17:00,370 --> 00:16:55,950

of them so let's start off with our

372

00:17:05,320 --> 00:17:00,380

first way so you can have old stars

373

00:17:10,610 --> 00:17:08,180

well if we start off with a bunch of

374

00:17:13,880 --> 00:17:10,620

stars that have just formed okay these

375

00:17:16,970 --> 00:17:13,890

are the stars in the center in gas so

376

00:17:19,610 --> 00:17:16,980

the gas is the orange here so if these

377

00:17:22,550 --> 00:17:19,620

stars just formed they're giving off a

378

00:17:25,430 --> 00:17:22,560

lot of radiation if there are enough of

379

00:17:27,650 --> 00:17:25,440

them and when they give off all of this

380

00:17:30,020 --> 00:17:27,660

radiation we like to call them stellar

381

00:17:32,810 --> 00:17:30,030

winds that radiation is called a wind

382

00:17:35,840 --> 00:17:32,820

and what that wind or that radiation

383

00:17:40,790 --> 00:17:35,850

does is it keeps up the surrounding gas

384

00:17:42,650 --> 00:17:40,800

it also starts to push gas away from the

385

00:17:43,990 --> 00:17:42,660

stars because it's just radiation

386

00:17:48,250 --> 00:17:44,000

pushing away the gas

387

00:17:52,450 --> 00:17:48,260

rounds it and as it does it it creates a

388

00:17:55,360 --> 00:17:52,460

snowplow effect in the gas and remember

389

00:17:57,370 --> 00:17:55,370

we need dense gas to form stars so

390

00:18:00,430 --> 00:17:57,380

eventually these stars in the center

391

00:18:02,590 --> 00:18:00,440

will start to die off the really big

392

00:18:05,110 --> 00:18:02,600

ones and that radiation will calm down

393

00:18:07,750 --> 00:18:05,120

and so this dense gas which is kind of

394

00:18:11,620 --> 00:18:07,760

like a bubble around these stars now can

395

00:18:15,550 --> 00:18:11,630

start to cool and collapse and form new

396

00:18:17,830 --> 00:18:15,560

stars so that's how you can get new

397

00:18:22,620 --> 00:18:17,840

stars created by a bunch of old stars

398

00:18:25,630 --> 00:18:22,630

this snowplow effect in the gas so that

399

00:18:27,280 --> 00:18:25,640

does happen in some dwarf galaxies we

400

00:18:30,430 --> 00:18:27,290

think we see that and this is an image

401
00:18:34,780 --> 00:18:30,440
again some little things with galaxy IC

402
00:18:37,540 --> 00:18:34,790
1613 we're in red you have this

403
00:18:39,100 --> 00:18:37,550
beautiful gas and in the center you

404
00:18:42,520 --> 00:18:39,110
notice a bunch of green and those are

405
00:18:44,890 --> 00:18:42,530
our older stars and those older stars

406
00:18:46,900 --> 00:18:44,900
may have pushed out this gas because you

407
00:18:50,170 --> 00:18:46,910
don't see much red on top of the green

408
00:18:52,240 --> 00:18:50,180
here and given it that snowplow effect

409
00:18:55,690 --> 00:18:52,250
where now you see a bunch of blue or

410
00:18:58,630 --> 00:18:55,700
younger stars are forming in it so this

411
00:19:00,820 --> 00:18:58,640
is a beautiful nearby example of a

412
00:19:02,830 --> 00:19:00,830
galaxy that might be having the snowplow

413
00:19:05,560 --> 00:19:02,840

effect where older stars are forming new

414

00:19:08,950 --> 00:19:05,570

stars so what's our second way we're

415

00:19:12,010 --> 00:19:08,960

going to talk about so let's pump it up

416

00:19:15,040 --> 00:19:12,020

a notch let's go to gas consumption so

417

00:19:17,050 --> 00:19:15,050

galaxies eating gas this is a way you

418

00:19:21,310 --> 00:19:17,060

can get a lot of star formation all at

419

00:19:23,440 --> 00:19:21,320

once so this is an artist's image of

420

00:19:25,150 --> 00:19:23,450

that going on for a more massive galaxy

421

00:19:27,550 --> 00:19:25,160

but it still works for Dwarfs galaxies

422

00:19:30,310 --> 00:19:27,560

and with a lot of gas but we'll talk

423

00:19:33,040 --> 00:19:30,320

about little chunks of gas so the idea

424

00:19:36,790 --> 00:19:33,050

is you have a dwarf galaxy just sitting

425

00:19:39,970 --> 00:19:36,800

out there and some gas is nearby if that

426

00:19:42,220 --> 00:19:39,980

gas gets caught in the gravity of your

427

00:19:44,080 --> 00:19:42,230

galaxy it's gonna ram into the galaxy

428

00:19:45,910 --> 00:19:44,090

right because it wants to go towards the

429

00:19:49,510 --> 00:19:45,920

galaxy when it's gravitationally

430

00:19:52,419 --> 00:19:49,520

attracted and so as it comes ramming

431

00:19:55,419 --> 00:19:52,429

into the galaxy it's going to stir up

432

00:19:57,100 --> 00:19:55,429

all the gas already inside of the galaxy

433

00:20:00,039 --> 00:19:57,110

and on top of that

434

00:20:04,299 --> 00:20:00,049

it's providing fuel for future star

435

00:20:06,370 --> 00:20:04,309

formation because stars form from gas so

436

00:20:07,960 --> 00:20:06,380

you can get a burst of star formation

437

00:20:11,500 --> 00:20:07,970

and then you're on top of that giving it

438

00:20:14,980 --> 00:20:11,510

fuel for later star formation and we

439

00:20:17,440 --> 00:20:14,990

think we see that in sevens wiki 403 so

440

00:20:19,600 --> 00:20:17,450

on the left side here this is our galaxy

441

00:20:21,190 --> 00:20:19,610

sevens wiki 403 where I've combined the

442

00:20:23,410 --> 00:20:21,200

images of the stars and the gas again

443

00:20:25,830 --> 00:20:23,420

and you notice the bursts of star

444

00:20:28,240 --> 00:20:25,840

formation in the center of this one and

445

00:20:32,860 --> 00:20:28,250

then on the right side I've separated

446

00:20:35,950 --> 00:20:32,870

out just the gas in this galaxy so on

447

00:20:38,650 --> 00:20:35,960

the right side I have in gray contours

448

00:20:41,919 --> 00:20:38,660

here that's the gas that we think

449

00:20:45,669 --> 00:20:41,929

belongs to sevens with G 403 for the

450

00:20:49,870 --> 00:20:45,679

most part but we found this chunk of gas

451
00:20:52,650 --> 00:20:49,880
an orange that is moving differently

452
00:20:55,720 --> 00:20:52,660
than the rest of the gas in the galaxy

453
00:20:57,490 --> 00:20:55,730
so since it's moving so very differently

454
00:20:59,680 --> 00:20:57,500
from the rest of the gas we think this

455
00:21:03,340 --> 00:20:59,690
is a gas cloud that's coming crashing

456
00:21:05,230 --> 00:21:03,350
into the galaxy so this is an example of

457
00:21:07,720 --> 00:21:05,240
where they may be happening where this

458
00:21:10,630 --> 00:21:07,730
gas cloud is crashing into the galaxies

459
00:21:13,710 --> 00:21:10,640
stirring up the gas and then being maybe

460
00:21:16,090 --> 00:21:13,720
providing fuel for future star formation

461
00:21:20,380 --> 00:21:16,100
so that's a really cool example of where

462
00:21:22,180 --> 00:21:20,390
we think we see that now I keep

463
00:21:26,980 --> 00:21:22,190

mentioning all these names of galaxies

464

00:21:30,490 --> 00:21:26,990

IC 1613 D do 216 sevens wiki 403 what

465

00:21:32,140 --> 00:21:30,500

does that all mean well they're actually

466

00:21:35,530 --> 00:21:32,150

not that interesting of an answer their

467

00:21:40,539 --> 00:21:35,540

catalog names so for example seven

468

00:21:44,500 --> 00:21:40,549

Sookie 403 it's fritz zwicky's seventh

469

00:21:46,120 --> 00:21:44,510

catalog object zero four zero three not

470

00:21:47,710 --> 00:21:46,130

that interesting right well the reason I

471

00:21:50,320 --> 00:21:47,720

bring that up is because Fritz Zwicky

472

00:21:53,380 --> 00:21:50,330

is one of my pictorial heroes and what

473

00:21:56,110 --> 00:21:53,390

do I mean by that well he's really good

474

00:21:57,900 --> 00:21:56,120

at taking professional photos so I

475

00:22:01,000 --> 00:21:57,910

really believe that he has reached

476
00:22:02,380 --> 00:22:01,010
professional photo level experts so I'm

477
00:22:08,480 --> 00:22:02,390
going to be trying to reach this in my

478
00:22:10,310 --> 00:22:08,490
future career so just keep an eye out so

479
00:22:13,030 --> 00:22:10,320
what's our third way that we can do this

480
00:22:16,100 --> 00:22:13,040
well we can talk about interacting and

481
00:22:18,140 --> 00:22:16,110
merging dwarf galaxies we're here on the

482
00:22:19,940 --> 00:22:18,150
left we have some Zords that are

483
00:22:21,680 --> 00:22:19,950
momentarily interacting and then they

484
00:22:24,500 --> 00:22:21,690
let go and go off on their own ways and

485
00:22:27,049 --> 00:22:24,510
on the right we have some Zords that are

486
00:22:29,860 --> 00:22:27,059
merging to become a Megazord okay but

487
00:22:32,690 --> 00:22:29,870
what does that look like with galaxies

488
00:22:34,430 --> 00:22:32,700

well it looks something like this where

489

00:22:36,770 --> 00:22:34,440

this video I'm playing actually depicts

490

00:22:39,590 --> 00:22:36,780

maps of galaxies but that's okay

491

00:22:41,419 --> 00:22:39,600

works for dwarfs again and the Pops of

492

00:22:44,540 --> 00:22:41,429

blue that you can kind of see here our

493

00:22:46,820 --> 00:22:44,550

stars forming so as they pass by each

494

00:22:49,190 --> 00:22:46,830

other they're interacting and you see

495

00:22:50,840 --> 00:22:49,200

lots of pops of blue so lots of new

496

00:22:53,450 --> 00:22:50,850

stars forming so they're stirring up

497

00:22:54,620 --> 00:22:53,460

each other's gas gravitationally but

498

00:22:56,990 --> 00:22:54,630

they're caught in each other with

499

00:23:00,560 --> 00:22:57,000

gravity so they're eventually going to

500

00:23:03,650 --> 00:23:00,570

merge and as they merge you're going to

501
00:23:05,210 --> 00:23:03,660
see lots more pops of blue so as they're

502
00:23:07,730 --> 00:23:05,220
merging they're stirring up each other's

503
00:23:13,180 --> 00:23:07,740
gas a lot creating regions of high gas

504
00:23:17,090 --> 00:23:13,190
density which can then form stars but

505
00:23:19,310 --> 00:23:17,100
there is as we replay it I'm going to

506
00:23:23,660 --> 00:23:19,320
show you some signatures that

507
00:23:25,250 --> 00:23:23,670
astronomers look for when they are

508
00:23:28,280 --> 00:23:25,260
looking for these merging and

509
00:23:30,020 --> 00:23:28,290
interacting galaxies so as they interact

510
00:23:32,210 --> 00:23:30,030
they come close to each other and the

511
00:23:35,299 --> 00:23:32,220
galaxies on the right you're gonna see

512
00:23:38,690 --> 00:23:35,309
it change shape and when it changes

513
00:23:43,100 --> 00:23:38,700

shape it actually leaves these curved

514

00:23:46,549 --> 00:23:43,110

features behind and that's because the

515

00:23:49,790 --> 00:23:46,559

other galaxies it's gravity has ripped

516

00:23:53,060 --> 00:23:49,800

the stars off the outer edge and created

517

00:23:55,790 --> 00:23:53,070

these curved features so these are what

518

00:23:57,740 --> 00:23:55,800

we call tidal tails so that's something

519

00:24:02,390 --> 00:23:57,750

that astronomers look for when they're

520

00:24:05,120 --> 00:24:02,400

looking for interacting galaxies then if

521

00:24:08,180 --> 00:24:05,130

we want to look for merging galaxies

522

00:24:11,360 --> 00:24:08,190

like these to one thing we can look for

523

00:24:14,419 --> 00:24:11,370

is their centers so these two have very

524

00:24:19,040 --> 00:24:14,429

bright centers very bright cores we call

525

00:24:20,930 --> 00:24:19,050

them and as they merge you notice that

526
00:24:22,269 --> 00:24:20,940
they're bright cores don't merge

527
00:24:25,089 --> 00:24:22,279
immediately there's still

528
00:24:27,099 --> 00:24:25,099
visible for a while so if you see these

529
00:24:30,269 --> 00:24:27,109
two separate cords with a bunch of these

530
00:24:32,469 --> 00:24:30,279
titles tails or these pulled out stars

531
00:24:37,989 --> 00:24:32,479
then you know you have a merging

532
00:24:39,609 --> 00:24:37,999
galaxies situation so in Harrow 36 this

533
00:24:41,979 --> 00:24:39,619
galaxy I showed you earlier that's

534
00:24:44,950 --> 00:24:41,989
forming a ton of stars we think we see

535
00:24:46,690 --> 00:24:44,960
that so here on the left as the image I

536
00:24:49,899 --> 00:24:46,700
showed you before of the stars and the

537
00:24:52,119 --> 00:24:49,909
gas and red and the stars here in this

538
00:24:54,519 --> 00:24:52,129

bright white part are forming a lot of

539

00:24:57,820 --> 00:24:54,529

them and then on the right side have

540

00:25:00,519 --> 00:24:57,830

just pulled out the gas image so this is

541

00:25:02,739 --> 00:25:00,529

just the gas in the orange here and you

542

00:25:05,440 --> 00:25:02,749

can see going straight up there's this

543

00:25:09,070 --> 00:25:05,450

really thin feature and we think that's

544

00:25:12,999 --> 00:25:09,080

the title tail and then on top of that

545

00:25:15,940 --> 00:25:13,009

it's possible that this galaxy still has

546

00:25:17,649 --> 00:25:15,950

those two cores and it's gas visible so

547

00:25:20,680 --> 00:25:17,659

it's still settling down it's still

548

00:25:25,359 --> 00:25:20,690

mixing together so this is a possible

549

00:25:27,099 --> 00:25:25,369

example of a merged galaxy so what's our

550

00:25:29,430 --> 00:25:27,109

fourth way that we can get lots more

551
00:25:31,599 --> 00:25:29,440
stars and galaxies

552
00:25:38,279 --> 00:25:31,609
well that's through Ram pressure

553
00:25:44,950 --> 00:25:40,930
you have something very dramatic

554
00:25:48,639 --> 00:25:44,960
happening to your galaxy so the space

555
00:25:51,279 --> 00:25:48,649
between galaxies is not actually empty

556
00:25:53,259 --> 00:25:51,289
it's full of stuff stuff that galaxies

557
00:25:55,719 --> 00:25:53,269
expelled stuff that galaxies haven't

558
00:25:59,409 --> 00:25:55,729
eaten yet it's just a bunch of stuff out

559
00:26:01,719 --> 00:25:59,419
there and so if you get a galaxy like

560
00:26:05,379 --> 00:26:01,729
the one in the top left corner of this

561
00:26:09,219 --> 00:26:05,389
image here moving really fast through

562
00:26:11,649 --> 00:26:09,229
that stuff its gas is going to be ripped

563
00:26:13,749 --> 00:26:11,659

off it's just gonna be ripped straight

564

00:26:20,469 --> 00:26:13,759

off and that's the stripping part of

565

00:26:22,119 --> 00:26:20,479

this word or this phrase so as its when

566

00:26:24,609 --> 00:26:22,129

astronomers talk about Ram pressure

567

00:26:26,680 --> 00:26:24,619

stripping they don't typically talk

568

00:26:28,299 --> 00:26:26,690

about forming stars they talk about the

569

00:26:30,399 --> 00:26:28,309

death of the galaxies in terms of

570

00:26:33,269 --> 00:26:30,409

forming stars because you're ripping off

571

00:26:35,940 --> 00:26:33,279

all that fuel for star formation right

572

00:26:38,850 --> 00:26:35,950

but there

573

00:26:42,269 --> 00:26:38,860

a brief moment when this is happening to

574

00:26:45,539 --> 00:26:42,279

a galaxy where there's still gas left

575

00:26:48,539 --> 00:26:45,549

inside the galaxy and that gas is being

576
00:26:50,039 --> 00:26:48,549
stirred up a lot and so that gas that's

577
00:26:52,649 --> 00:26:50,049
being stirred up will start to form a

578
00:26:56,370 --> 00:26:52,659
lot of stars and so that's its kind of

579
00:27:00,870 --> 00:26:56,380
last burst of star formation before it

580
00:27:03,779 --> 00:27:00,880
dies well not really dies but you get

581
00:27:06,330 --> 00:27:03,789
the idea so this is a dramatic picture

582
00:27:08,370 --> 00:27:06,340
of that happening here and a very

583
00:27:10,230 --> 00:27:08,380
beautiful one with a massive galaxy

584
00:27:12,750 --> 00:27:10,240
that's moving towards the top left of

585
00:27:14,879 --> 00:27:12,760
this image and trailing behind it in

586
00:27:16,740 --> 00:27:14,889
this bluish purple color is a lot of its

587
00:27:18,350 --> 00:27:16,750
gas that's just being ripped straight

588
00:27:22,259 --> 00:27:18,360

out of it

589

00:27:26,129 --> 00:27:22,269

so with dwarf galaxies we might be

590

00:27:29,940 --> 00:27:26,139

seeing that in Markarian 178 here so

591

00:27:32,399 --> 00:27:29,950

this image on the left again is our gas

592

00:27:35,370 --> 00:27:32,409

in red and our oldest stars and green

593

00:27:37,259 --> 00:27:35,380

with our new stars in blue so there's a

594

00:27:41,820 --> 00:27:37,269

lot of star formation going on in the

595

00:27:43,919 --> 00:27:41,830

center of this galaxy but in this left

596

00:27:47,820 --> 00:27:43,929

image you notice that the red is kind of

597

00:27:50,789 --> 00:27:47,830

trailing off to this tip so that could

598

00:27:53,039 --> 00:27:50,799

be the gas that is being left behind by

599

00:27:55,230 --> 00:27:53,049

Ram pressure stripping if this galaxy is

600

00:27:57,509 --> 00:27:55,240

more moving towards the bottom left of

601
00:28:02,100 --> 00:27:57,519
this image so it's just being pulled

602
00:28:04,740 --> 00:28:02,110
straight off then on the right here I've

603
00:28:06,629 --> 00:28:04,750
taken two parts of this image I've taken

604
00:28:09,659 --> 00:28:06,639
the old stars which are in green here

605
00:28:11,789 --> 00:28:09,669
and I've taken the gas which is an

606
00:28:15,779 --> 00:28:11,799
orange so the old stars are these gray

607
00:28:18,570 --> 00:28:15,789
lines here and you notice that the stars

608
00:28:20,519 --> 00:28:18,580
the old stars don't have any gas

609
00:28:23,279 --> 00:28:20,529
covering them on the bottom left and

610
00:28:25,639 --> 00:28:23,289
that might be because that gas that used

611
00:28:28,710 --> 00:28:25,649
to be there has already been ripped off

612
00:28:31,350 --> 00:28:28,720
so this part which is forming a lot of

613
00:28:34,019 --> 00:28:31,360

stars in the middle is kind of the front

614

00:28:36,080 --> 00:28:34,029

of the galaxy that might be running into

615

00:28:38,669 --> 00:28:36,090

all of this stuff and being stirred up

616

00:28:41,399 --> 00:28:38,679

so this is a moment in this galaxy's

617

00:28:46,680 --> 00:28:41,409

life right before it may stop forming

618

00:28:48,720 --> 00:28:46,690

stars so we've gone through all

619

00:28:51,200 --> 00:28:48,730

these different ways that you can add

620

00:28:53,580 --> 00:28:51,210

more stars to your galaxy dwarf galaxies

621

00:28:55,080 --> 00:28:53,590

but there are plenty more you can feel

622

00:28:56,940 --> 00:28:55,090

free to ask me about them

623

00:28:58,050 --> 00:28:56,950

I've included one extra there but we

624

00:29:01,530 --> 00:28:58,060

definitely don't have time to go through

625

00:29:03,090 --> 00:29:01,540

that so I just want to leave you with a

626

00:29:06,980 --> 00:29:03,100

few thoughts to take home

627

00:29:09,360 --> 00:29:06,990

first of all dwarf galaxies are awesome

628

00:29:11,790 --> 00:29:09,370

second of all there are a lot of them

629

00:29:13,080 --> 00:29:11,800

nearby remember that image I showed you

630

00:29:17,280 --> 00:29:13,090

at the very beginning with all those

631

00:29:19,320 --> 00:29:17,290

blue labels also star formation and

632

00:29:20,670 --> 00:29:19,330

Joris galaxies can be triggered in a lot

633

00:29:22,800 --> 00:29:20,680

of different ways we didn't even go

634

00:29:26,700 --> 00:29:22,810

through probably half of the ideas out

635

00:29:28,470 --> 00:29:26,710

there and then last but not least Jewish

636

00:29:30,990 --> 00:29:28,480

galaxies can better help us better

637

00:29:33,420 --> 00:29:31,000

understand star formation in general

638

00:29:35,640 --> 00:29:33,430

because we don't have those big spiral

639

00:29:38,370 --> 00:29:35,650

arms helping us out so we have to figure

640

00:29:41,820 --> 00:29:38,380

out new and creative ways to get started

641

00:29:44,490 --> 00:29:41,830

to forming your galaxy I also wanted to

642

00:29:47,130 --> 00:29:44,500

just plug astronomy on tap Baltimore

643

00:29:50,130 --> 00:29:47,140

which was mentioned earlier we have

644

00:29:51,750 --> 00:29:50,140

bimonthly events last Wednesday of every

645

00:29:54,140 --> 00:29:51,760

month so if you can't get enough

646

00:29:58,080 --> 00:29:54,150

astronomy join us at declined of all

647

00:30:00,660 --> 00:29:58,090

down in Hamden and probably saying that

648

00:30:04,410 --> 00:30:00,670

name terribly wrong but dkd as most

649

00:30:06,570 --> 00:30:04,420

people know it and we sit in a bar and

650

00:30:08,760 --> 00:30:06,580

we have astronomers like myself get up

651
00:30:10,980 --> 00:30:08,770
and give you talks while you have a nice

652
00:30:14,340 --> 00:30:10,990
drink and relax so it's a really fun

653
00:30:16,260 --> 00:30:14,350
setting I heard they're just adding food

654
00:30:17,820 --> 00:30:16,270
to their menu if you want a snack well

655
00:30:20,220 --> 00:30:17,830
you listen to astronomy talks but our

656
00:30:22,350 --> 00:30:20,230
next phone will be in September 25th and

657
00:30:32,890 --> 00:30:22,360
we have a Facebook group so you can look

658
00:30:38,710 --> 00:30:35,549
[Applause]

659
00:30:42,070 --> 00:30:38,720
and I believe we have plenty of time for

660
00:30:44,500 --> 00:30:42,080
questions so alright we're waiting for

661
00:30:48,070 --> 00:30:44,510
the lovely cube so people online can

662
00:31:08,860 --> 00:30:48,080
hear us one second just Thomas is making

663
00:31:10,659 --> 00:31:08,870

his way down so my question has to do

664

00:31:13,810 --> 00:31:10,669

with black hole formation and dwarf

665

00:31:15,760 --> 00:31:13,820

galaxies I don't even know if any form

666

00:31:17,560 --> 00:31:15,770

or not but if they do can you speak a

667

00:31:19,840 --> 00:31:17,570

little bit about black hole formation

668

00:31:24,340 --> 00:31:19,850

yeah so this used to be a very touchy

669

00:31:28,960 --> 00:31:24,350

subject of mine oh no it's good now the

670

00:31:32,279 --> 00:31:28,970

so the idea that every galaxy has a

671

00:31:35,470 --> 00:31:32,289

supermassive black hole is not correct

672

00:31:38,620 --> 00:31:35,480

however dwarf galaxies can certainly

673

00:31:42,149 --> 00:31:38,630

form black holes there's a lot of recent

674

00:31:45,159 --> 00:31:42,159

research into going going into trying to

675

00:31:48,190 --> 00:31:45,169

see how many of them have what's called

676
00:31:50,980 --> 00:31:48,200
intermediate black mass black holes so a

677
00:31:55,690 --> 00:31:50,990
supermassive black hole I think is about

678
00:31:57,700 --> 00:31:55,700
a million times the mass of our Sun but

679
00:31:59,110 --> 00:31:57,710
an intermediate mass black hole can be

680
00:32:02,340 --> 00:31:59,120
anywhere from a hundred times the mass

681
00:32:05,080 --> 00:32:02,350
of our Sun to about a million and

682
00:32:07,510 --> 00:32:05,090
they're trying to figure that out

683
00:32:09,850 --> 00:32:07,520
because we believe that dwarf galaxies

684
00:32:11,980 --> 00:32:09,860
can merge or used to in the past merge

685
00:32:13,779 --> 00:32:11,990
together to become bigger galaxies

686
00:32:17,140 --> 00:32:13,789
something like direct galaxies used to

687
00:32:20,320 --> 00:32:17,150
do that and so they want to see if they

688
00:32:22,270 --> 00:32:20,330

have themselves these seeds of black

689

00:32:25,450 --> 00:32:22,280

holes to create a bigger supermassive

690

00:32:28,330 --> 00:32:25,460

black hole and there is some evidence

691

00:32:30,190 --> 00:32:28,340

for it but it's very recent research so

692

00:32:36,159 --> 00:32:30,200

I can't speak too much to the details of

693

00:32:38,730 --> 00:32:36,169

it what causes galaxies to move like

694

00:32:40,420 --> 00:32:38,740

propelled or something like that

695

00:32:43,390 --> 00:32:40,430

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696

00:32:46,000 --> 00:32:43,400

do you mean move in themselves or move

697

00:32:47,680 --> 00:32:46,010

amongst each other just moving like the

698

00:32:50,320 --> 00:32:47,690

crashing at each other and they're

699

00:32:52,720 --> 00:32:50,330

disappearing from one another and that

700

00:32:55,930 --> 00:32:52,730

momentum comes from when they were

701
00:32:58,900 --> 00:32:55,940
forming so it there's lots of reasons

702
00:33:01,390 --> 00:32:58,910
section so for example if there's a big

703
00:33:03,400 --> 00:33:01,400
cluster of galaxies their gravity of

704
00:33:05,070 --> 00:33:03,410
monks each other causes them to move

705
00:33:08,440 --> 00:33:05,080
around each other

706
00:33:10,570 --> 00:33:08,450
and when they were forming maybe that

707
00:33:12,220 --> 00:33:10,580
gas that they formed from in the star

708
00:33:14,860 --> 00:33:12,230
the dark matter that they're formed from

709
00:33:18,160 --> 00:33:14,870
may have been moving also so that all

710
00:33:20,560 --> 00:33:18,170
has to do with where they formed and how

711
00:33:25,300 --> 00:33:20,570
fast their stuff that would they form

712
00:33:30,330 --> 00:33:25,310
from was moving and also the expansion

713
00:33:35,440 --> 00:33:33,370

question about the age of dwarf galaxies

714

00:33:40,360 --> 00:33:35,450

are they generally younger or older than

715

00:33:43,810 --> 00:33:40,370

very very good question so people used

716

00:33:46,060 --> 00:33:43,820

to think that a lot of there is a subset

717

00:33:48,820 --> 00:33:46,070

of dwarf galaxies called blue compact

718

00:33:51,250 --> 00:33:48,830

dwarf galaxies that were very young and

719

00:33:53,260 --> 00:33:51,260

the reason they used to think that was

720

00:33:55,420 --> 00:33:53,270

because all we could see were their

721

00:33:58,390 --> 00:33:55,430

bright young stars because they had so

722

00:34:00,820 --> 00:33:58,400

many of them but eventually we found out

723

00:34:03,430 --> 00:34:00,830

they had this older stellar population

724

00:34:05,710 --> 00:34:03,440

that was just hiding behind these young

725

00:34:10,180 --> 00:34:05,720

stars so we think George galaxies

726

00:34:14,740 --> 00:34:10,190

generally tend to be older about you

727

00:34:17,169 --> 00:34:14,750

know as old as other galaxies but where

728

00:34:19,270 --> 00:34:17,179

there are a few galaxies that are young

729

00:34:21,220 --> 00:34:19,280

in this sense that they're they may be

730

00:34:24,399 --> 00:34:21,230

going through their first bursts of star

731

00:34:25,930 --> 00:34:24,409

formation so in that sense they're kind

732

00:34:29,169 --> 00:34:25,940

of young that they're just going through

733

00:34:31,330 --> 00:34:29,179

this first burst and you see dwarf

734

00:34:33,730 --> 00:34:31,340

galaxies mostly in the vicinity

735

00:34:36,250 --> 00:34:33,740

give me the further out you look do you

736

00:34:38,590 --> 00:34:36,260

still see the same frequency of them so

737

00:34:41,590 --> 00:34:38,600

it's actually hard to see them further

738

00:34:44,770 --> 00:34:41,600

out so we can't see them pretty far out

739

00:34:47,470 --> 00:34:44,780

but if you're talking cosmological

740

00:34:49,690 --> 00:34:47,480

distances which I do have some friends

741

00:34:51,280 --> 00:34:49,700

that work in that and we can't see them

742

00:34:54,109 --> 00:34:51,290

because they become too faint they're

743

00:34:56,960 --> 00:34:54,119

too dim we have a

744

00:35:01,299 --> 00:34:56,970

quick question online which anime is

745

00:35:03,079 --> 00:35:01,309

your animation from this is Cowboy Bebop

746

00:35:07,599 --> 00:35:03,089

Cowboy Bebop

747

00:35:13,279 --> 00:35:07,609

from the mushroom episode yeah I'm

748

00:35:15,170 --> 00:35:13,289

Edward a9 the you didn't mention the

749

00:35:19,630 --> 00:35:15,180

Magellanic Clouds are they considered

750

00:35:22,220 --> 00:35:19,640

Dwarfs I mean they're dwarf like that

751

00:35:25,130 --> 00:35:22,230

they're a little big but they are

752

00:35:27,950 --> 00:35:25,140

dwarfed within the limits of Dwarfs like

753

00:35:32,989 --> 00:35:27,960

sizes yeah so everything you talked

754

00:35:34,880 --> 00:35:32,999

about here would apply yeah yeah the

755

00:35:38,059 --> 00:35:34,890

Magellanic Clouds are a special case

756

00:35:43,120 --> 00:35:38,069

because they actually were in one of my

757

00:35:47,569 --> 00:35:43,130

images which is I said most of the light

758

00:35:49,940 --> 00:35:47,579

so the Magellanic Clouds are these two

759

00:35:51,920 --> 00:35:49,950

dots of light down here they're their

760

00:35:54,109 --> 00:35:51,930

special case because they're interacting

761

00:35:57,650 --> 00:35:54,119

with each other and the Milky Way so

762

00:36:00,380 --> 00:35:57,660

that interaction part of my talk does

763

00:36:02,420 --> 00:36:00,390

still work with them but it is a very

764

00:36:04,279 --> 00:36:02,430

complicated case because you have not

765

00:36:19,270 --> 00:36:04,289

only the milky way's gravity but each

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00:36:19,280 --> 00:36:28,000

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767

00:36:33,800 --> 00:36:30,860

so this greenery is the older stars that

768

00:36:36,170 --> 00:36:33,810

I mentioned before so the older stars

769

00:36:37,850 --> 00:36:36,180

are not covered by the red part here

770

00:36:39,920 --> 00:36:37,860

which is the gas which is why you can

771

00:36:43,190 --> 00:36:39,930

see them so well because that gas has

772

00:36:45,970 --> 00:36:43,200

been stripped away from them so the

773

00:36:51,050 --> 00:36:45,980

glass is that is that like hydrogen

774

00:36:52,910 --> 00:36:51,060

hydrogen it's atomic hydrogen yeah it's

775

00:36:55,210 --> 00:36:52,920

the most common element in the universe

776

00:36:57,950 --> 00:36:55,220

so that's why we try to look at it

777

00:37:00,890 --> 00:36:57,960

worked out see some matters countable of

778

00:37:03,110 --> 00:37:00,900

Eduardo Custer's little custody equally

779

00:37:05,690 --> 00:37:03,120

old but they're all uniformly shaped

780

00:37:07,250 --> 00:37:05,700

they're all circles all these galaxies

781

00:37:10,130 --> 00:37:07,260

are irregular shape

782

00:37:13,070 --> 00:37:10,140

well I why are the galaxies irregular

783

00:37:15,740 --> 00:37:13,080

shape yes good um they don't have the

784

00:37:17,180 --> 00:37:15,750

gravity to hold a regular shape do they

785

00:37:19,670 --> 00:37:17,190

have the same mass as a globular cluster

786

00:37:22,280 --> 00:37:19,680

which is regular shape well I'm not

787

00:37:23,750 --> 00:37:22,290

quite sure how globular clusters form

788

00:37:26,690 --> 00:37:23,760

but my understanding is they've been

789

00:37:28,670 --> 00:37:26,700

through quite a lot of gravitational

790

00:37:31,640 --> 00:37:28,680

interaction which tends to form those

791

00:37:35,030 --> 00:37:31,650

more ball-like shapes that you see and

792

00:37:38,180 --> 00:37:35,040

globba their clusters whereas these guys

793

00:37:39,950 --> 00:37:38,190

since they're their own entities if they

794

00:37:42,620 --> 00:37:39,960

were interacting a lot with other

795

00:37:44,870 --> 00:37:42,630

galaxies they might form that same type

796

00:37:47,600 --> 00:37:44,880

of ball or football shape which is

797

00:37:52,970 --> 00:37:47,610

called an elliptical dwarf galaxy it's

798

00:37:56,000 --> 00:37:52,980

another type of galaxy this green and

799

00:37:58,940 --> 00:37:56,010

blue eyes others false colors yes okay

800

00:38:02,450 --> 00:37:58,950

so I - the others

801
00:38:04,400 --> 00:38:02,460
there's been no reason to include it to

802
00:38:07,520 --> 00:38:04,410
introduce any complexity between the

803
00:38:09,350 --> 00:38:07,530
dark matter and the visible matter you

804
00:38:11,120 --> 00:38:09,360
just assumed it always goes along

805
00:38:13,250 --> 00:38:11,130
exactly with so we have collision

806
00:38:16,730 --> 00:38:13,260
I mean ask me have you ever has there

807
00:38:19,280 --> 00:38:16,740
been any work on showing that there is

808
00:38:21,320 --> 00:38:19,290
no complexity they just do you have to

809
00:38:25,020 --> 00:38:21,330
assume no complexity it's for the dark

810
00:38:27,180 --> 00:38:25,030
matter yeah so the dark matter

811
00:38:29,220 --> 00:38:27,190
my work I just assume it's their kind of

812
00:38:31,140 --> 00:38:29,230
doing its thing but we do actually have

813
00:38:33,720 --> 00:38:31,150

little things members that work on the

814

00:38:36,570 --> 00:38:33,730

dark matter specifically and the shape

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00:38:39,030 --> 00:38:36,580

of the dark matter and where it sits and

816

00:38:40,560 --> 00:38:39,040

that is very model dependent so there's

817

00:38:42,690 --> 00:38:40,570

still some ongoing work with dwarf

818

00:38:44,420 --> 00:38:42,700

galaxies in general trying to understand

819

00:38:47,670 --> 00:38:44,430

what their dark matter looks like and

820

00:38:50,280 --> 00:38:47,680

how the galaxies might sit in that

821

00:38:56,610 --> 00:38:50,290

potential while that gravity of the the

822

00:39:02,750 --> 00:38:56,620

Dark Matter we have another question on

823

00:39:05,180 --> 00:39:02,760

line what is the age of the Milky Way I

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00:39:11,820 --> 00:39:05,190

don't know

825

00:39:16,350 --> 00:39:11,830

very old can you go back to the Loki way

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00:39:24,330 --> 00:39:16,360

galaxy earth looking in and then to be

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00:39:26,760 --> 00:39:24,340

conceptual review I know it's a good

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00:39:29,100 --> 00:39:26,770

educated guess that the science thinks

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00:39:31,110 --> 00:39:29,110

that's what our galaxy looks like but

830

00:39:34,170 --> 00:39:31,120

when we look at the previous picture

831

00:39:37,200 --> 00:39:34,180

what data are they working on or

832

00:39:45,120 --> 00:39:37,210

collecting to guess that it looks like a

833

00:39:46,020 --> 00:39:45,130

barred spiral with orange must be some

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00:39:49,230 --> 00:39:46,030

work is with it

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00:39:51,300 --> 00:39:49,240

Gaia Survey so they're actually trying

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00:39:55,620 --> 00:39:51,310

to figure out exactly where stars are

837

00:39:58,740 --> 00:39:55,630

placed in our galaxy by measuring their

838

00:40:00,330 --> 00:39:58,750

distances and that's a lot of work and

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00:40:02,250 --> 00:40:00,340

it's very ongoing but there are also

840

00:40:04,500 --> 00:40:02,260

other types of measurements to measure

841

00:40:07,680 --> 00:40:04,510

the location of our spiral arms for

842

00:40:11,450 --> 00:40:07,690

example in my undergraduate I did some

843

00:40:16,650 --> 00:40:11,460

research with a professor who took

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00:40:19,260 --> 00:40:16,660

background objects so pulsars in our

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00:40:21,480 --> 00:40:19,270

caves and we measured how their light

846

00:40:23,580 --> 00:40:21,490

rotated and this is a very complicated

847

00:40:27,230 --> 00:40:23,590

concept which I could do an entire talk

848

00:40:30,090 --> 00:40:27,240

on by itself but essentially you measure

849

00:40:32,570 --> 00:40:30,100

the polarization so you know how your

850

00:40:34,770 --> 00:40:32,580

sunglasses are polarized if you take two

851
00:40:36,390 --> 00:40:34,780
sunglasses and you that are polarized

852
00:40:38,609 --> 00:40:36,400
and you put them next to each other

853
00:40:42,079 --> 00:40:38,619
they'll block out all the light so

854
00:40:47,809 --> 00:40:42,089
that's a linear polarization up and down

855
00:40:50,430 --> 00:40:47,819
so if you try and measure how that

856
00:40:52,680 --> 00:40:50,440
polarization changes you can figure out

857
00:40:56,459 --> 00:40:52,690
how much stuff is between you and that

858
00:40:58,589 --> 00:40:56,469
light and sorry this is like not the

859
00:41:04,829 --> 00:40:58,599
most satisfactory explanation I'm sure

860
00:41:06,390 --> 00:41:04,839
but it it's called it's the rotation of

861
00:41:07,890 --> 00:41:06,400
the polarization and what it does is

862
00:41:10,380 --> 00:41:07,900
tells you how much stuff as I see you

863
00:41:13,799 --> 00:41:10,390

can measure exactly where you think the

864

00:41:18,890 --> 00:41:13,809

spiral arms are in your galaxy and it's

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00:41:28,499 --> 00:41:22,739

you know they were able to from where

866

00:41:29,930 --> 00:41:28,509

that thing is they were able so they

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00:41:32,579 --> 00:41:29,940

were able to figure out what's between

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00:41:35,969 --> 00:41:32,589

that thing that we're looking at the

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00:41:38,009 --> 00:41:35,979

background source and us so they're able

870

00:41:43,859 --> 00:41:38,019

to figure out what's how much stuff is

871

00:41:46,920 --> 00:41:43,869

in between there yeah in looking at the

872

00:41:50,120 --> 00:41:46,930

dwarf galaxies how does the tip of one

873

00:41:52,920 --> 00:41:50,130

compare in size to the Milky Way galaxy

874

00:41:54,809 --> 00:41:52,930

how does the which one the dwarf

875

00:41:57,109 --> 00:41:54,819

galaxies how does the have it how much

876

00:42:00,749 --> 00:41:57,119

smaller would they be in the Milky Way

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00:42:04,799 --> 00:42:00,759

yeah so I put up one next to each other

878

00:42:07,109 --> 00:42:04,809

here so they're typically this dwarf

879

00:42:10,109 --> 00:42:07,119

galaxy here's one that I showed later on

880

00:42:11,700 --> 00:42:10,119

in my talk it's Markarian 178 the one

881

00:42:12,450 --> 00:42:11,710

that's possibly being Ram pressure

882

00:42:15,589 --> 00:42:12,460

stripping

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00:42:18,719 --> 00:42:15,599

they're typically considered to be about

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00:42:22,549 --> 00:42:18,729

125th the size of our Milky Way all the

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00:42:28,890 --> 00:42:22,559

way up to 1/10 the size of our Milky Way

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00:42:31,109 --> 00:42:28,900

thank you mm-hmm we have a question on

887

00:42:35,690 --> 00:42:31,119

line can you recommend some literature

888

00:42:40,019 --> 00:42:35,700

about Ram pressure stripping Alexei's Oh

889

00:42:43,140 --> 00:42:40,029

some literature so I must say I mostly

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00:42:46,860 --> 00:42:43,150

read journal articles and that is not

891

00:42:50,640 --> 00:42:46,870

literature that most people want to read

892

00:42:52,710 --> 00:42:50,650

I I will say actually that recently just

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00:42:55,620 --> 00:42:52,720

a few months ago we put out an article

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00:42:57,780 --> 00:42:55,630

on Webb telescope gorg talking about how

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00:43:01,650 --> 00:42:57,790

the James Webb Space Telescope will look

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00:43:03,180 --> 00:43:01,660

at these exact systems so for the person

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00:43:04,980 --> 00:43:03,190

online if you want to go to Webb

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00:43:08,220 --> 00:43:04,990

telescope org search Ram pressure

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00:43:10,200 --> 00:43:08,230

stripping Alexei's that will lead you

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00:43:18,300 --> 00:43:10,210

into a whole cornucopia of literature I

901
00:43:19,260 --> 00:43:18,310
believe I also need to read those you

902
00:43:26,070 --> 00:43:19,270
can feel free to ask me questions

903
00:43:28,410 --> 00:43:26,080
afterwards too so I remember from

904
00:43:31,200 --> 00:43:28,420
decades ago that the somebody thought

905
00:43:33,720 --> 00:43:31,210
that the Sun was between arms and this

906
00:43:37,020 --> 00:43:33,730
and you now know from this picture I can

907
00:43:39,480 --> 00:43:37,030
see that we're on the unarmed alright I

908
00:43:42,780 --> 00:43:39,490
think we're close to an arm the Orion

909
00:43:54,090 --> 00:43:42,790
spur I don't know if our faculty on I

910
00:43:55,590 --> 00:43:54,100
would have to look up that article we

911
00:43:57,870 --> 00:43:55,600
hear regularly about how hard it is to

912
00:43:59,280 --> 00:43:57,880
get time and Hubble in time how hard was

913
00:44:00,720 --> 00:43:59,290

the Very Large Array which I know is

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00:44:02,250 --> 00:44:00,730

looking for other things for you to get

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00:44:04,620 --> 00:44:02,260

time on when you were there oh

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00:44:10,440 --> 00:44:04,630

definitely not as hard as Hubble like

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00:44:13,800 --> 00:44:10,450

that so the VLA it's it's not easy to

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00:44:15,570 --> 00:44:13,810

get time on the VLA this is a beautiful

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00:44:18,950 --> 00:44:15,580

picture of it that I showed earlier

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00:44:21,960 --> 00:44:18,960

around but this is actually the VLA so

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00:44:24,330 --> 00:44:21,970

it is still difficult to get time on it

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00:44:26,550 --> 00:44:24,340

and the reason being especially because

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00:44:29,880 --> 00:44:26,560

they just upgraded it so they made it a

924

00:44:31,710 --> 00:44:29,890

little bit better and that everyone now

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00:44:35,700 --> 00:44:31,720

wants to use it because it's this big

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00:44:37,830 --> 00:44:35,710

better machine but I don't know how

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00:44:39,930 --> 00:44:37,840

oversubscribed it is I'd have to look up

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00:44:41,610 --> 00:44:39,940

those numbers for you but I have tried a

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00:44:49,520 --> 00:44:41,620

Hubble time and I find that's a lot

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00:45:06,070 --> 00:44:55,130

I think in general could we get an

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00:45:12,380 --> 00:45:10,340

if you've got that let me know yes happy

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00:45:13,790 --> 00:45:12,390

to do so that's actually why I'm all

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00:45:16,130 --> 00:45:13,800

dressed up today is because we had folks

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00:45:18,200 --> 00:45:16,140

from NASA headquarters come visit us and

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00:45:21,520 --> 00:45:18,210

we had to brief them on what we're doing

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00:45:24,890 --> 00:45:21,530

so the latest of the James Webb is that

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00:45:27,590 --> 00:45:24,900

as I think it was today

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00:45:28,670 --> 00:45:27,600

there was a successful deployment of the

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00:45:32,210 --> 00:45:28,680

secondary mirror

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00:45:33,410 --> 00:45:32,220

so they both the pieces of James Webb

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00:45:34,550 --> 00:45:33,420

you can look at the model over there

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00:45:35,930 --> 00:45:34,560

it's kind of turned on its side but

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00:45:38,270 --> 00:45:35,940

there's the top part which is the

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00:45:39,830 --> 00:45:38,280

optical element which has all of the

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00:45:41,390 --> 00:45:39,840

mirrors that gather the light and all of

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00:45:43,040 --> 00:45:41,400

the instruments that analyze the light

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00:45:45,200 --> 00:45:43,050

and then you have the bottom part which

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00:45:47,810 --> 00:45:45,210

is the Sun shield blocking the Sun and

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00:45:49,700 --> 00:45:47,820

all with its infrared radiation and the

950

00:45:52,100 --> 00:45:49,710

spacecraft and so currently both of

951
00:45:54,850 --> 00:45:52,110
those are two big pieces they're sitting

952
00:45:58,670 --> 00:45:54,860
in California at the Northrop Grumman

953
00:46:00,320 --> 00:45:58,680
facility and they just did a test where

954
00:46:01,700 --> 00:46:00,330
they're not together yet but they're

955
00:46:03,500 --> 00:46:01,710
talking to each other so they just said

956
00:46:06,140 --> 00:46:03,510
a test where they deployed successfully

957
00:46:07,730 --> 00:46:06,150
the secondary mirror and got everything

958
00:46:14,360 --> 00:46:07,740
working and weightless and all that

959
00:46:16,370 --> 00:46:14,370
stuff and to mean you and me in the next

960
00:46:20,060 --> 00:46:16,380
are we still recording maybe I should be

961
00:46:22,250 --> 00:46:20,070
more discreet we are in the process of

962
00:46:25,520 --> 00:46:22,260
integrating the two halves of the

963
00:46:29,180 --> 00:46:25,530

observatory so sometime in the next few

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00:46:30,740 --> 00:46:29,190

weeks we will be mating the the top half

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00:46:33,830 --> 00:46:30,750

and the bottom half of the observatory

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00:46:37,310 --> 00:46:33,840

that is the final integration step for

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00:46:39,470 --> 00:46:37,320

the observatory then they actually take

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00:46:41,360 --> 00:46:39,480

several weeks to connect all those wires

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00:46:45,050 --> 00:46:41,370

and make the big thing and the big thing

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00:46:47,060 --> 00:46:45,060

work nicely together and that's

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00:46:48,920 --> 00:46:47,070

happening over the next month or two is

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00:46:51,110 --> 00:46:48,930

that I think they actually touchdown

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00:46:52,520 --> 00:46:51,120

sometime in the next week or two and

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00:46:54,980 --> 00:46:52,530

then they'll be connecting all the wires

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00:46:56,840 --> 00:46:54,990

everything should be all set and then

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00:46:59,480 --> 00:46:56,850

later in the fall they put it all

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00:47:02,360 --> 00:46:59,490

through the whole testing rigmarole a

978

00:47:03,880 --> 00:47:02,370

vacuum chamber and acoustic testing

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00:47:07,600 --> 00:47:03,890

again

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00:47:09,570 --> 00:47:07,610

and we are still set for a march 2021

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00:47:14,080 --> 00:47:09,580

launch date that was my meeting today

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00:47:15,430 --> 00:47:14,090

from French Guiana and if there's any

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00:47:17,200 --> 00:47:15,440

other specific questions I'm happy to

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00:47:20,940 --> 00:47:17,210

answer them but that's that's for James

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00:47:24,910 --> 00:47:23,500

we only get one shot at this one so

986

00:47:31,150 --> 00:47:24,920

we're making sure that it's right the

987

00:47:33,730 --> 00:47:31,160

first time I have two questions for you

988

00:47:36,520 --> 00:47:33,740

the first one is are there any

989

00:47:39,400 --> 00:47:36,530

particular interactions between galaxies

990

00:47:43,240 --> 00:47:39,410

like our own and these draweth galaxies

991

00:47:46,690 --> 00:47:43,250

like for instance do galaxies like ours

992

00:47:49,300 --> 00:47:46,700

break up into small galaxies or do they

993

00:47:52,630 --> 00:47:49,310

merge and become galaxies like ours or

994

00:47:54,850 --> 00:47:52,640

are they totally independent so there's

995

00:47:57,700 --> 00:47:54,860

many parts to that question of which are

996

00:48:00,190 --> 00:47:57,710

it's a very good question so at the

997

00:48:04,000 --> 00:48:00,200

beginning of the universe when galaxies

998

00:48:07,240 --> 00:48:04,010

were just forming we think that dwarf

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00:48:11,220 --> 00:48:07,250

like galaxies existed and they combined

1000

00:48:13,930 --> 00:48:11,230

to make larger galaxies like our own now

1001

00:48:16,720 --> 00:48:13,940

there are still a lot of dwarfs left

1002

00:48:20,590 --> 00:48:16,730

over they in all like combine into these

1003

00:48:25,870 --> 00:48:20,600

and they may have formed later etc now

1004

00:48:29,950 --> 00:48:25,880

that the the Milky Way galaxy also has a

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00:48:32,980 --> 00:48:29,960

ton of dwarf galaxies around it and so

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00:48:34,390 --> 00:48:32,990

eventually it'll eat those galaxies and

1007

00:48:39,640 --> 00:48:34,400

it's currently in the process of eating

1008

00:48:41,710 --> 00:48:39,650

several galaxies one galaxy that I can

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00:48:45,070 --> 00:48:41,720

think of as the nearest galaxy to us

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00:48:49,480 --> 00:48:45,080

which is 25,000 light-years to earth and

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00:48:52,630 --> 00:48:49,490

it is the Canis Major dwarf and that is

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00:48:56,260 --> 00:48:52,640

just being torn apart by the Milky Way

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00:48:58,240 --> 00:48:56,270

and we it's possible now I'm not quite

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00:49:02,610 --> 00:48:58,250

sure where the research is on this but

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00:49:05,380 --> 00:49:02,620

that galaxy may have left three rings

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00:49:08,140 --> 00:49:05,390

around the Milky Way from going around

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00:49:09,910 --> 00:49:08,150

at three times so it's just being torn

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00:49:12,070 --> 00:49:09,920

apart by the Milky Way and it eventually

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00:49:14,560 --> 00:49:12,080

will merge with it and make the Milky

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00:49:15,569 --> 00:49:14,570

Way more massive does that answer your

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00:49:18,329 --> 00:49:15,579

question yes

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00:49:21,630 --> 00:49:18,339

but the other question I have it is this

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00:49:23,789 --> 00:49:21,640

in comparison of the large galaxies and

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00:49:26,699 --> 00:49:23,799

small galaxies if you think the

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00:49:29,279 --> 00:49:26,709

aggregate of the drop galaxies that are

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00:49:31,349 --> 00:49:29,289

within our region you said that you can

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00:49:33,359 --> 00:49:31,359

only see but so far away and see dwarf

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00:49:35,880 --> 00:49:33,369

galaxies but if you take that region

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00:49:38,430 --> 00:49:35,890

that you can see like how many stars

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00:49:40,529 --> 00:49:38,440

might be in dropped Alexei's and how

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00:49:43,469 --> 00:49:40,539

many would be in large galaxies like our

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00:49:45,599 --> 00:49:43,479

own like a 10% of them only in drunk

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00:49:48,059 --> 00:49:45,609

galaxies or do they make up more like

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00:49:49,469 --> 00:49:48,069

50% of all I don't know I would have to

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00:49:51,359 --> 00:49:49,479

look that up that's a really good

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00:49:53,339 --> 00:49:51,369

question I have not done that math yet

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00:49:55,410 --> 00:49:53,349

because I would have to figure out how

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00:49:57,479 --> 00:49:55,420

many galaxies we know of nearby and then

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00:49:58,890 --> 00:49:57,489

figure out their approximate masses and

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00:49:59,249 --> 00:49:58,900

then add them up I would have to look

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00:50:01,410 --> 00:49:59,259

that up

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00:50:04,229 --> 00:50:01,420

yeah the feeling for whether they have a

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00:50:06,989 --> 00:50:04,239

significant number of stars I mean I I

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00:50:14,099 --> 00:50:06,999

don't know yeah I would have I have no

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00:50:16,620 --> 00:50:14,109

idea so is anybody studying the

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00:50:21,150 --> 00:50:16,630

formation of solar systems within the

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00:50:24,029 --> 00:50:21,160

dwarf galaxies we do not have the

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00:50:27,630 --> 00:50:24,039

technology as far as I know to go out

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00:50:29,910 --> 00:50:27,640

that far because Kepler can only see so

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00:50:32,519 --> 00:50:29,920

far out so we're mainly looking in our

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00:50:34,469 --> 00:50:32,529
own galaxy for solar systems the Milky

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00:50:35,219 --> 00:50:34,479
Way we can barely study them in our own

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00:50:38,430 --> 00:50:35,229
galaxy

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00:50:46,170 --> 00:50:38,440
um I studied proprietary disks plane of

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00:50:56,060 --> 00:50:46,180
formation only in our galaxy yeah and

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00:51:01,610 --> 00:50:58,100
is the technology to look at other

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00:51:04,520 --> 00:51:01,620
galaxies for capillary like they're just

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00:51:07,460 --> 00:51:04,530
this yeah it is anything that's in other

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00:51:11,030 --> 00:51:07,470
galaxies well we can see the stars in

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00:51:12,650 --> 00:51:11,040
them and we can see the gas but in terms

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00:51:15,680 --> 00:51:12,660
of Kepler I would assume we're pretty

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00:51:17,900 --> 00:51:15,690
far off by the sounds of it so looking

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00:51:28,100 --> 00:51:17,910

at solar systems and other galaxies

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00:51:31,520 --> 00:51:28,110

we're quite far off any other questions

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00:51:39,880 --> 00:51:31,530

first speaker all right well let's give

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00:51:44,299 --> 00:51:42,799

Thank You dr. Ashley and thank you all

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00:51:46,099 --> 00:51:44,309

for coming I appreciate your support

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00:51:49,249 --> 00:51:46,109

very glad you're so invested in

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00:51:51,140 --> 00:51:49,259

astronomy as are we and again if you are

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00:51:54,319 --> 00:51:51,150

interested in going on the observatory

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00:51:57,259 --> 00:51:54,329

tour in a few minutes just meet up here

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00:51:59,900 --> 00:51:57,269

and you will be guided by Eleni from