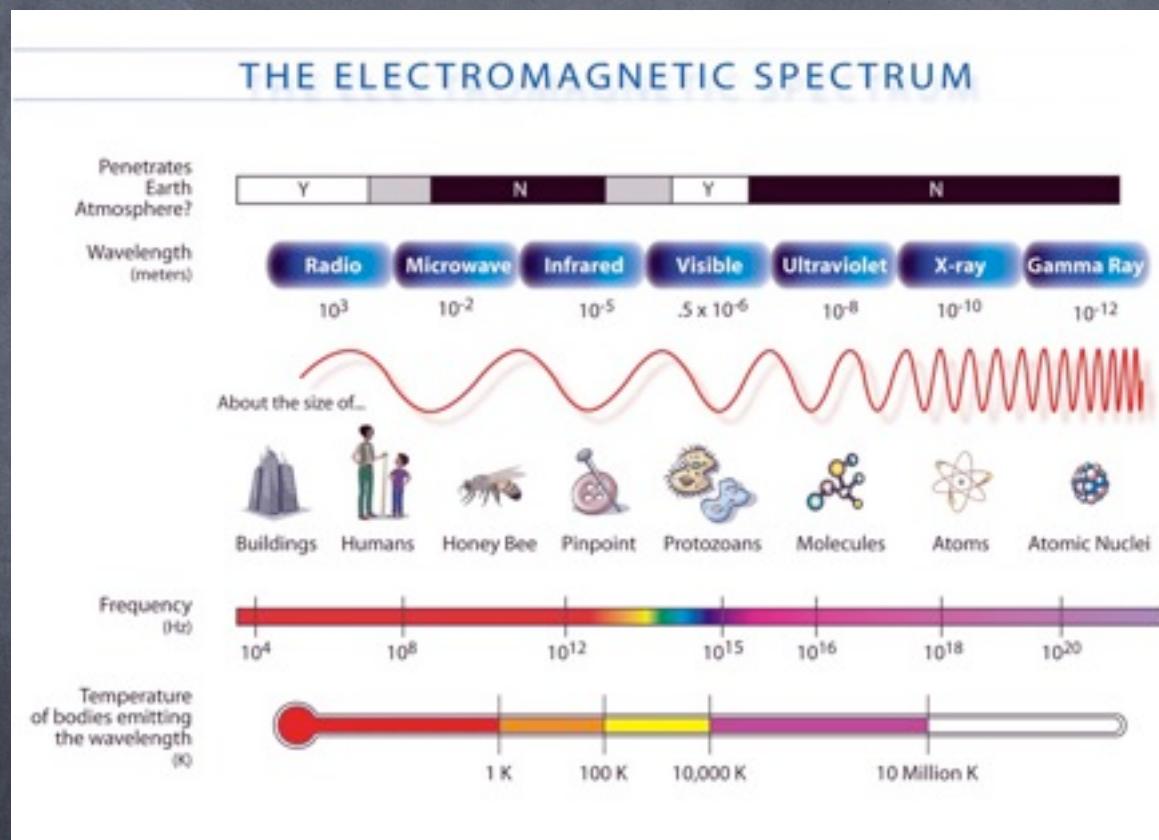


Multiwavelength Astronomy



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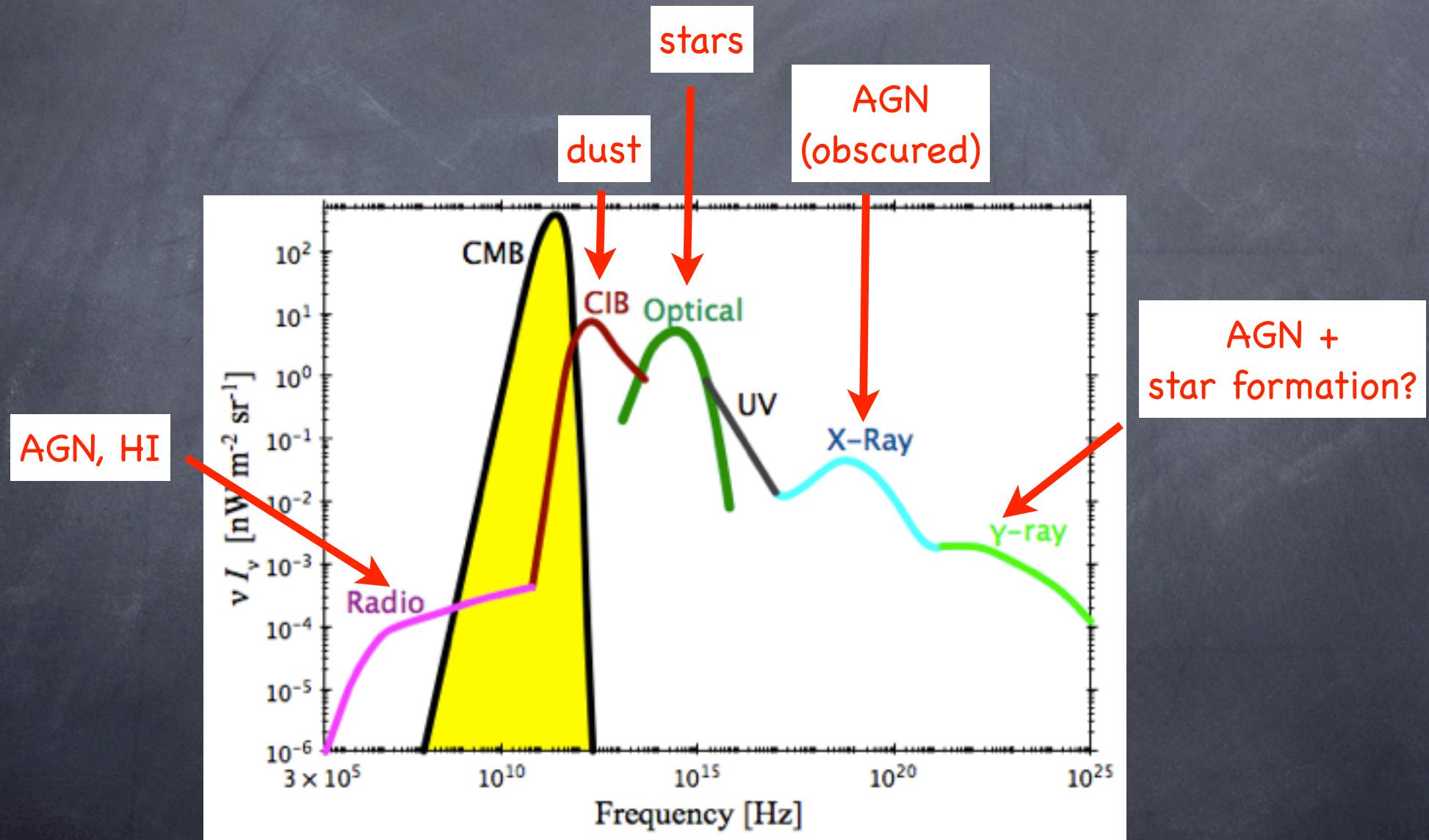
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IC, synchrotron

synchrotron (e.g.
AGN jets)

synchrotron

Multiwavelength Cosmos



Centaurus A - Peculiar Galaxy

Distance: 11,000,000 ly light-years (3.4 Mpc)

Image Size = 15 x 14 arcmin

Visual Magnitude = 7.0



gamma-ray:
Fermi



X-Ray: Chandra



Ultraviolet: GALEX



Visible: DSS



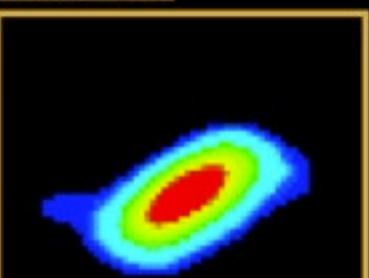
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Near-Infrared: 2MASS



Mid-Infrared: Spitzer



Far-Infrared: IRAS



Radio: VLA

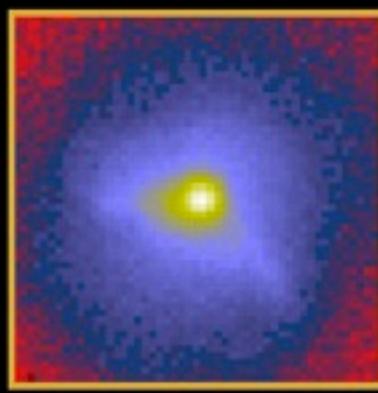
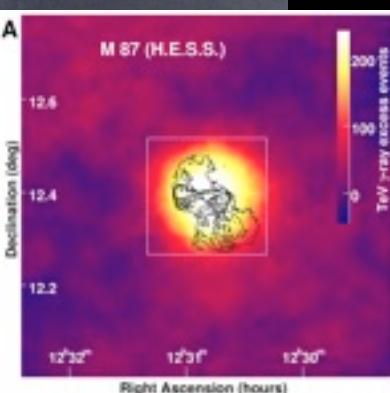
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M87 - Giant Elliptical Galaxy

Distance: 6,000,000 light-years (18 Mpc)

Image Size = 13 x 13 arcmin

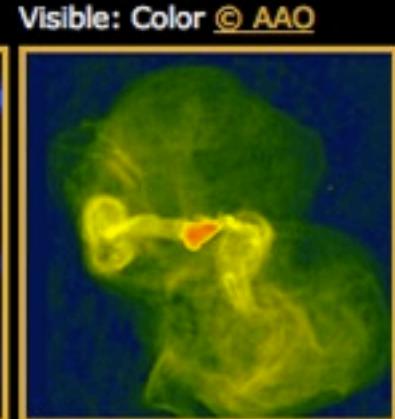
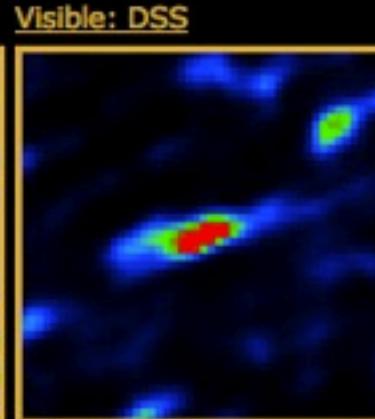
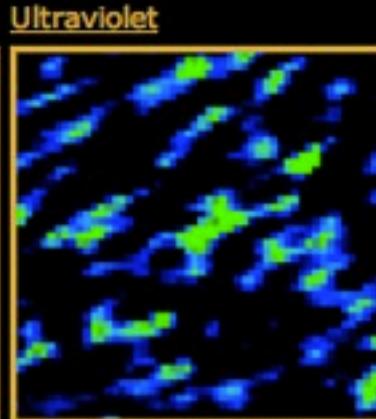
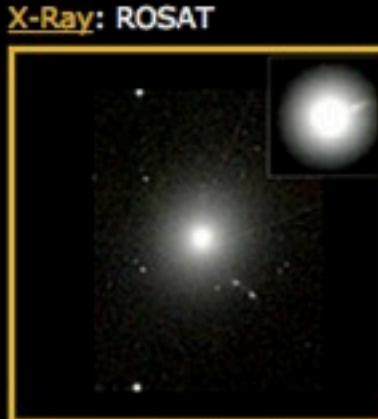
Visual Magnitude = 8.6



Ultraviolet Image
Not Available



gamma-ray:
HESS



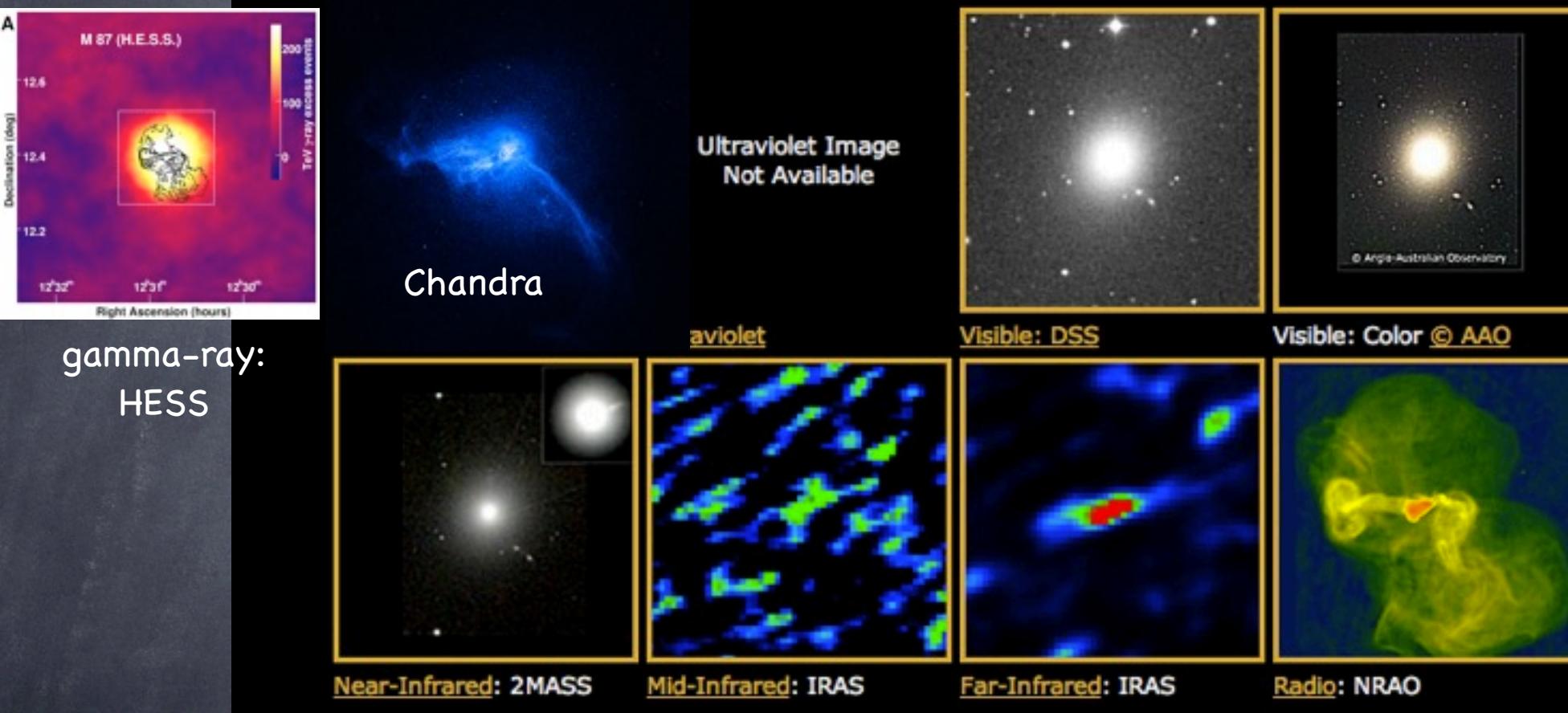
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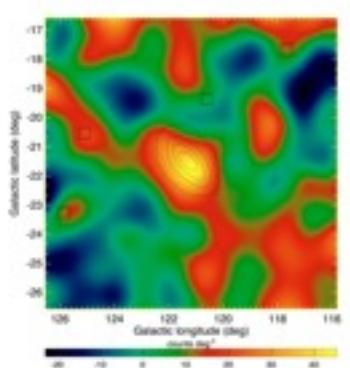
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M31 – The Andromeda Galaxy

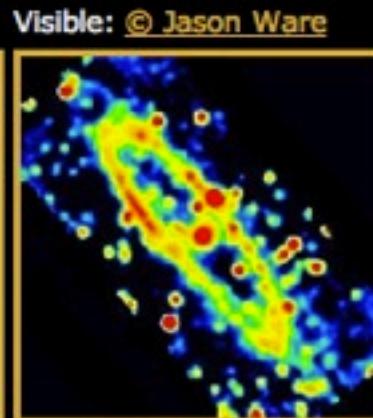
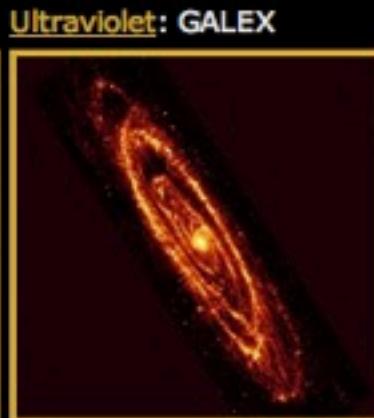
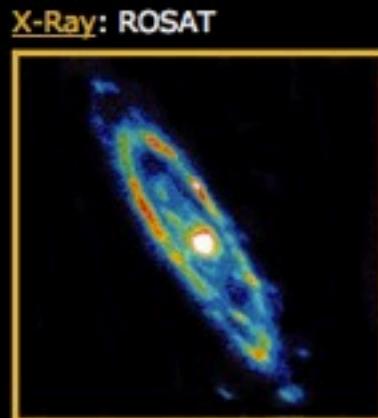
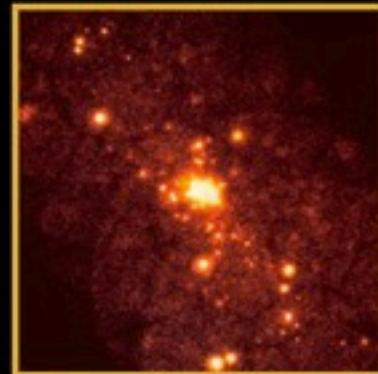
Distance: 2,900,000 light-years (900 kpc)

Image Size = 2.5 x 2.5 degrees

Visual Magnitude = 3.4



gamma-ray:
Fermi



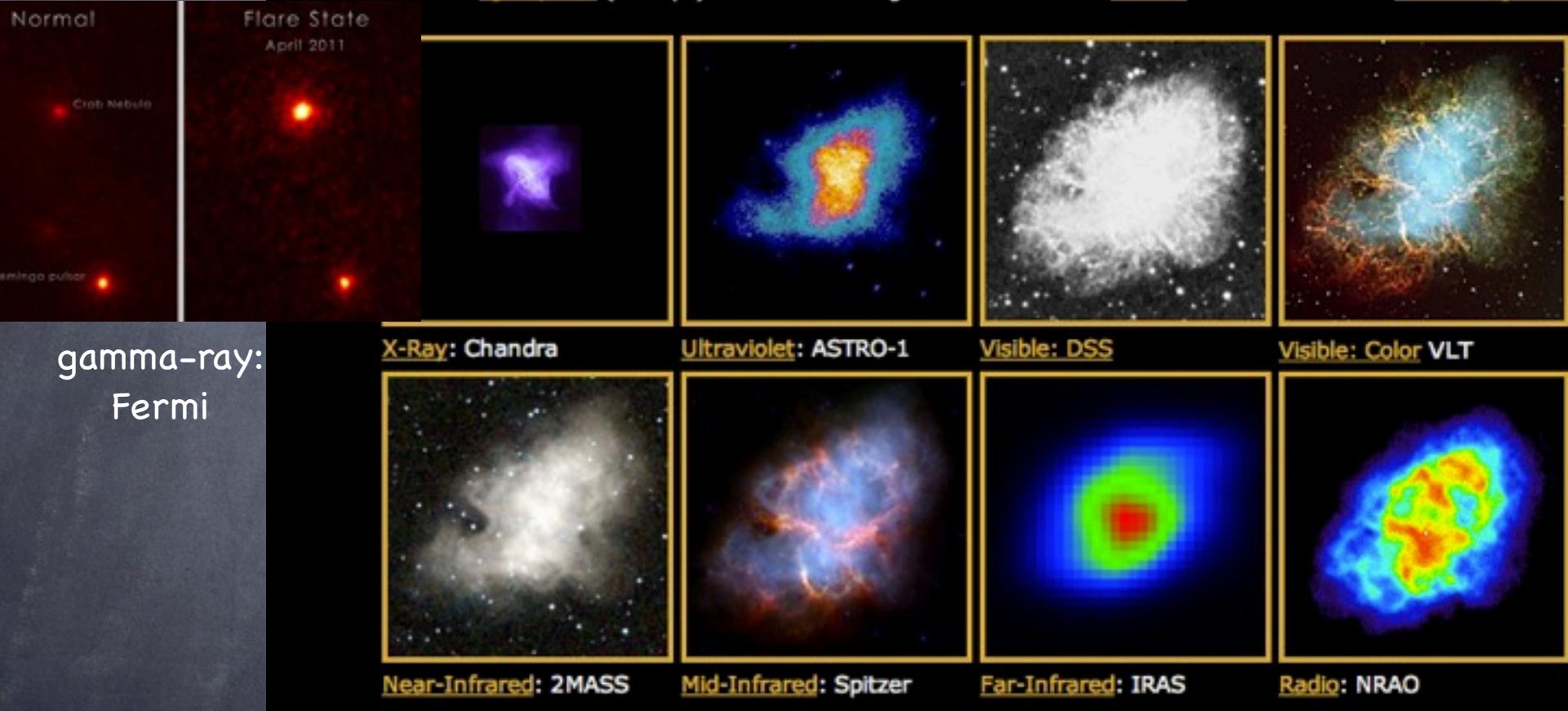
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M1 - The Crab Nebula

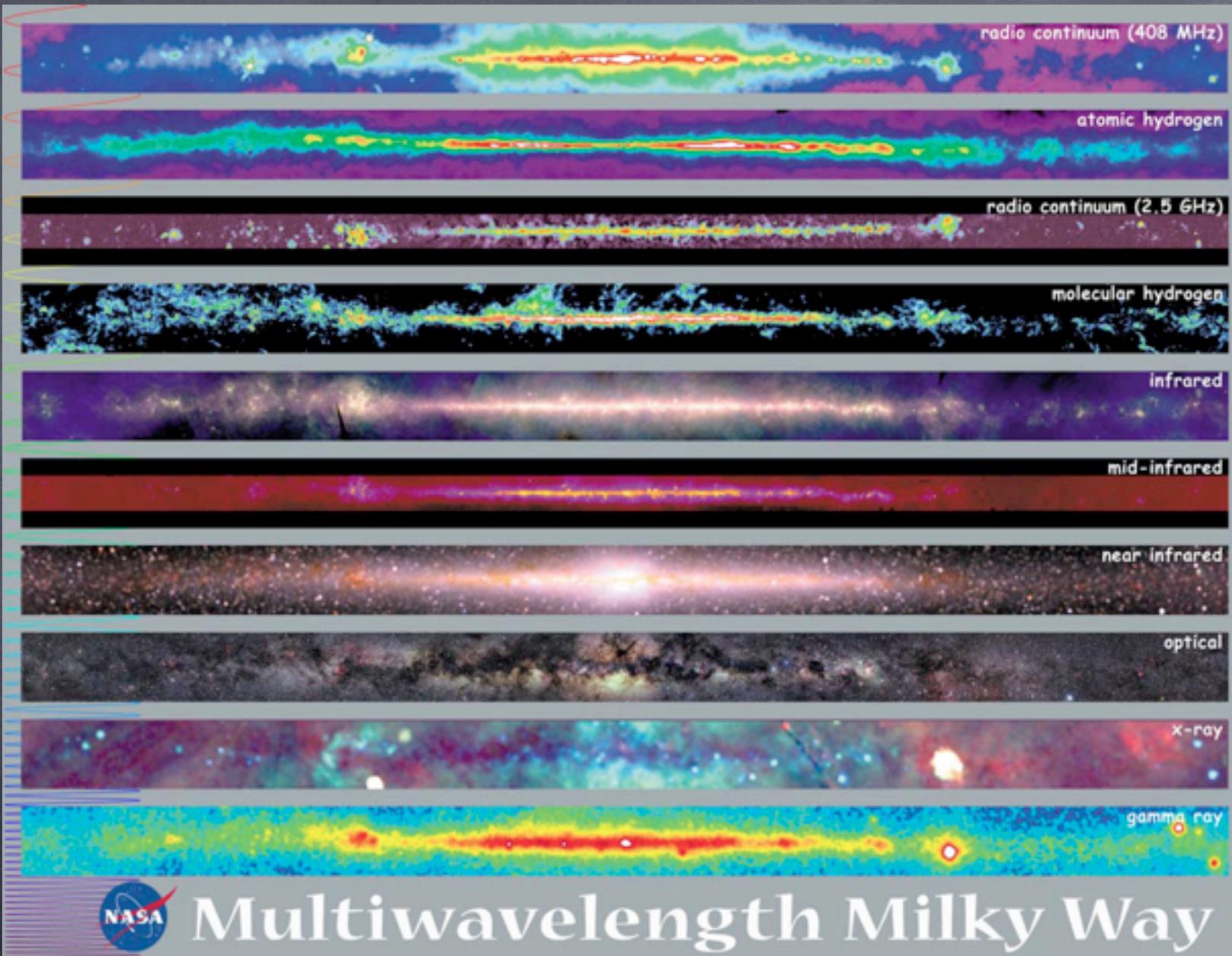
Distance: 6300 light-years (1.9 kpc)

Image Size = 6.5 x 6.5 arcmin

Visual Magnitude = 8.4



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Multiwavelength Milky Way

Low(ish) Energy

	UV	Optical	IR	Radio/ Microwave
sources of emission	massive stars, WHIM, Ly α	many	dust, cool objects, molecules	AGN, pulsars, SNR, cold gas (HI, CO), CMB, clusters
detectors	microchannel plates	CCDs	HgCdTe etc. arrays, bolometers	Heterodyne receivers, bolometers
major telescopes	GALEX, HST	many	Spitzer, Herschel, ground	VLA, VLBI, Arecibo, GBT, Planck, etc.

Low(ish) Energy

	UV	Optical	IR	Radio/ Microwave
optics	similar to optical	reflectors of varying design	similar to optical	reflecting dish, antenna
best spatial resolution	0.04"	0.04"	0.05" (near), 1" (mid)	a few milliarcsecs

High Energy

	X-ray	Hard X-ray	Gamma-ray ~GeV	Gamma-ray ~TeV
sources of emission	AGN, clusters, SNR, binaries, stars	AGN (obscured), shocks, similar to soft X-ray	AGN, pulsars, SNR, GRBs, galaxies	AGN, SNR, pulsars, starburst galaxies
detectors	CCDs	CZT, etc. arrays, scintillators	Si trackers, scintillators	photo- multipliers
major telescopes	Chandra, XMM, Suzaku	NuSTAR, Integral, Swift	Fermi	HESS, VERITAS, MAGIC

High Energy

	X-ray	Hard X-ray	Gamma-ray ~GeV	Gamma-ray ~TeV
optics	grazing angle	coded mask, grazing angle	pair conversion	optical reflectors (ACTs)
best spatial resolution	0.5''	12' (MeV) 10'' (<80 keV)	0.1-0.2 degrees	2'