

Dicas para iniciação científica em Astrofísica no Brasil e no exterior

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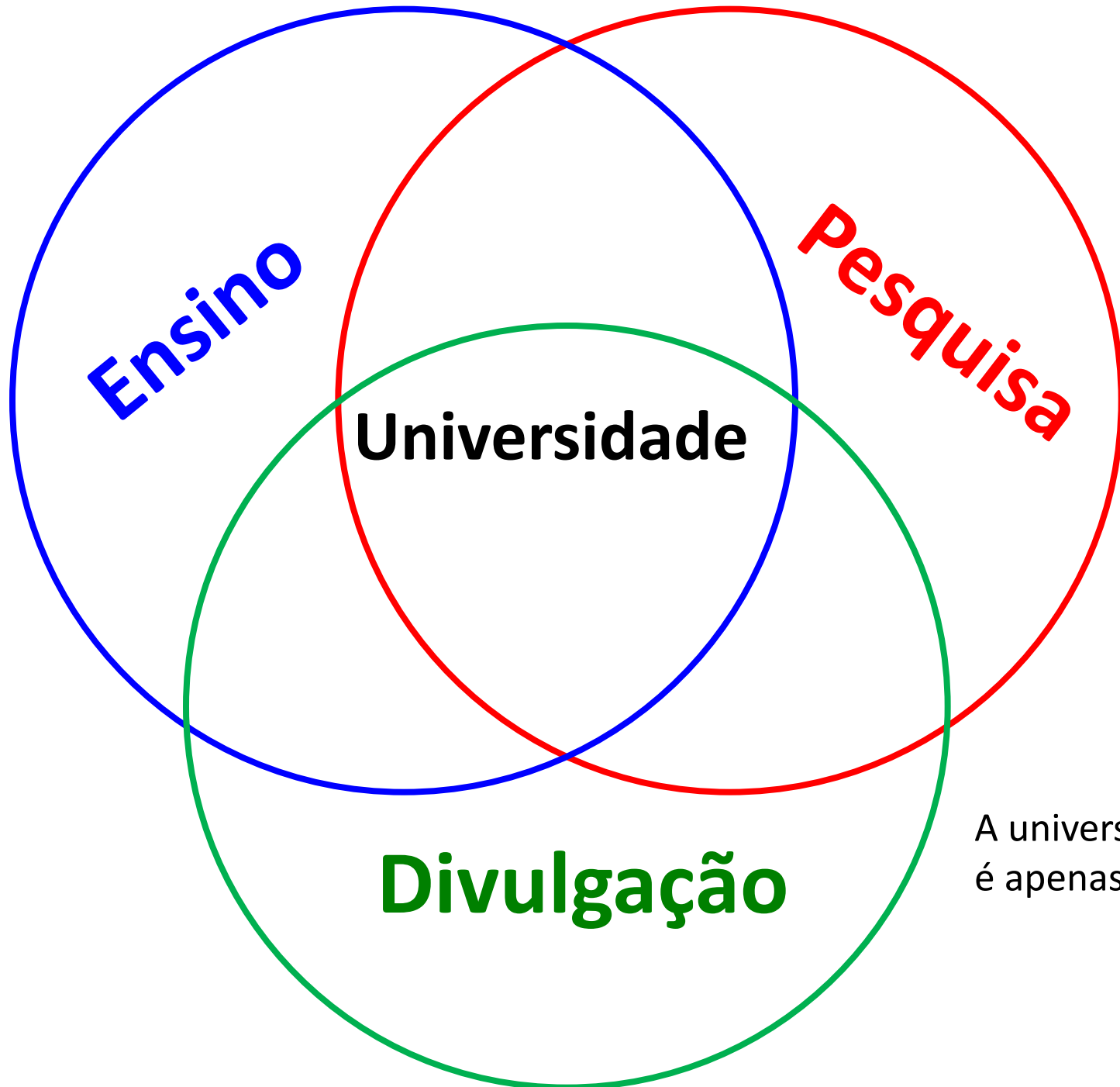
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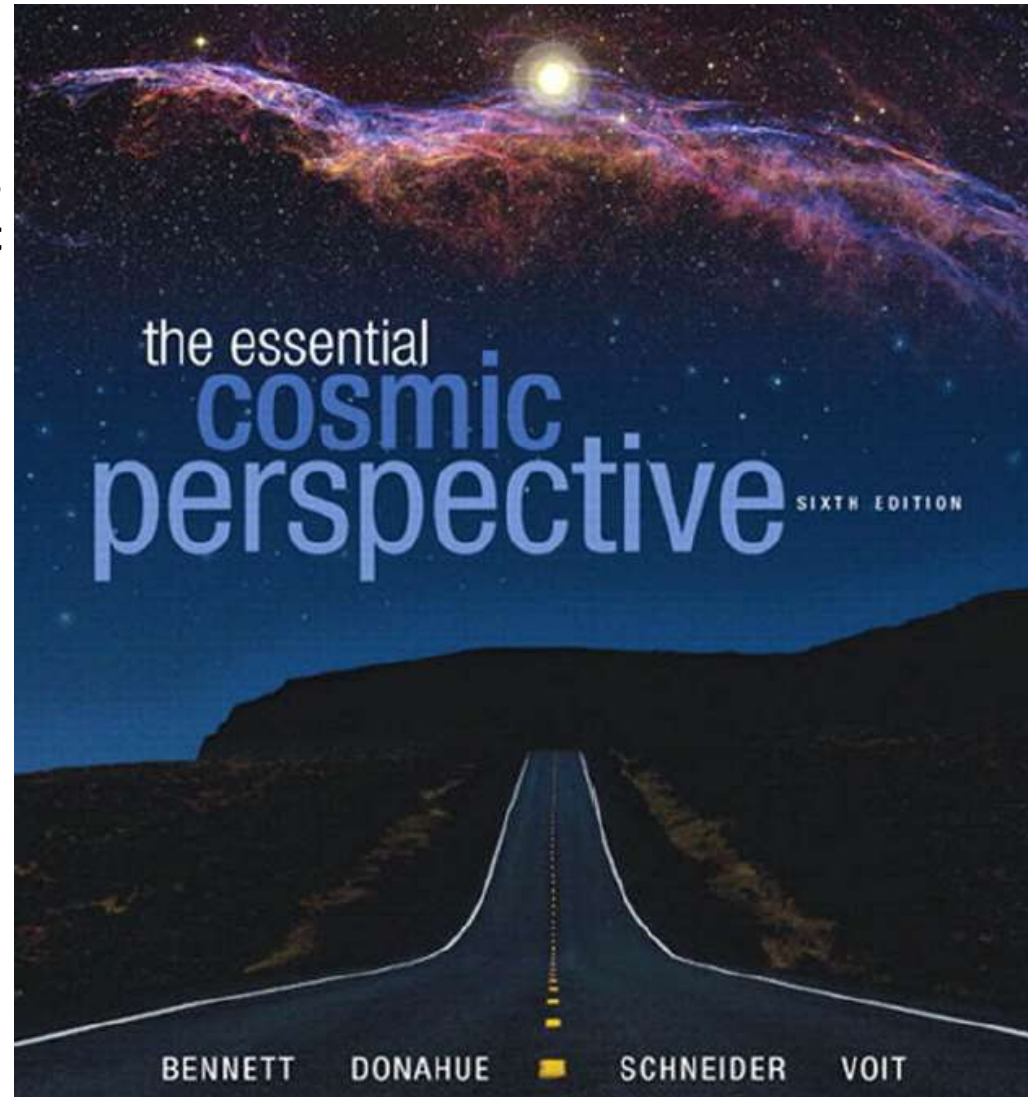
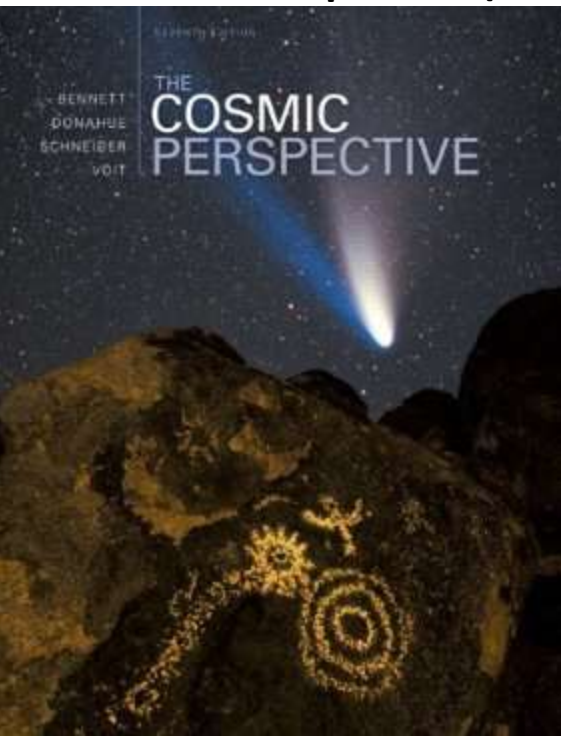
Dica #1

- Conheça melhor as diversas técnicas de estudo e as diferentes áreas da Astronomia.

The Essential Cosmic Perspective (6th Edition), 2011

Jeffrey O. Bennett, Megan O. Donahue,
Nicholas Schneider and Mark Voit

The Cosmic Perspective (7th Edition), 2013



Tipos de trabalho em Astronomia

- Pesquisa: observacional, teórica, instrumentação
- Ensino
- Divulgação
- **Se possível, tente fazer tudo junto!**

Pesquisa observacional

European Southern Observatory



Pesquisa teórica



Profa. Bete

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Estudo vislumbra primeiro planeta "brasileiro"

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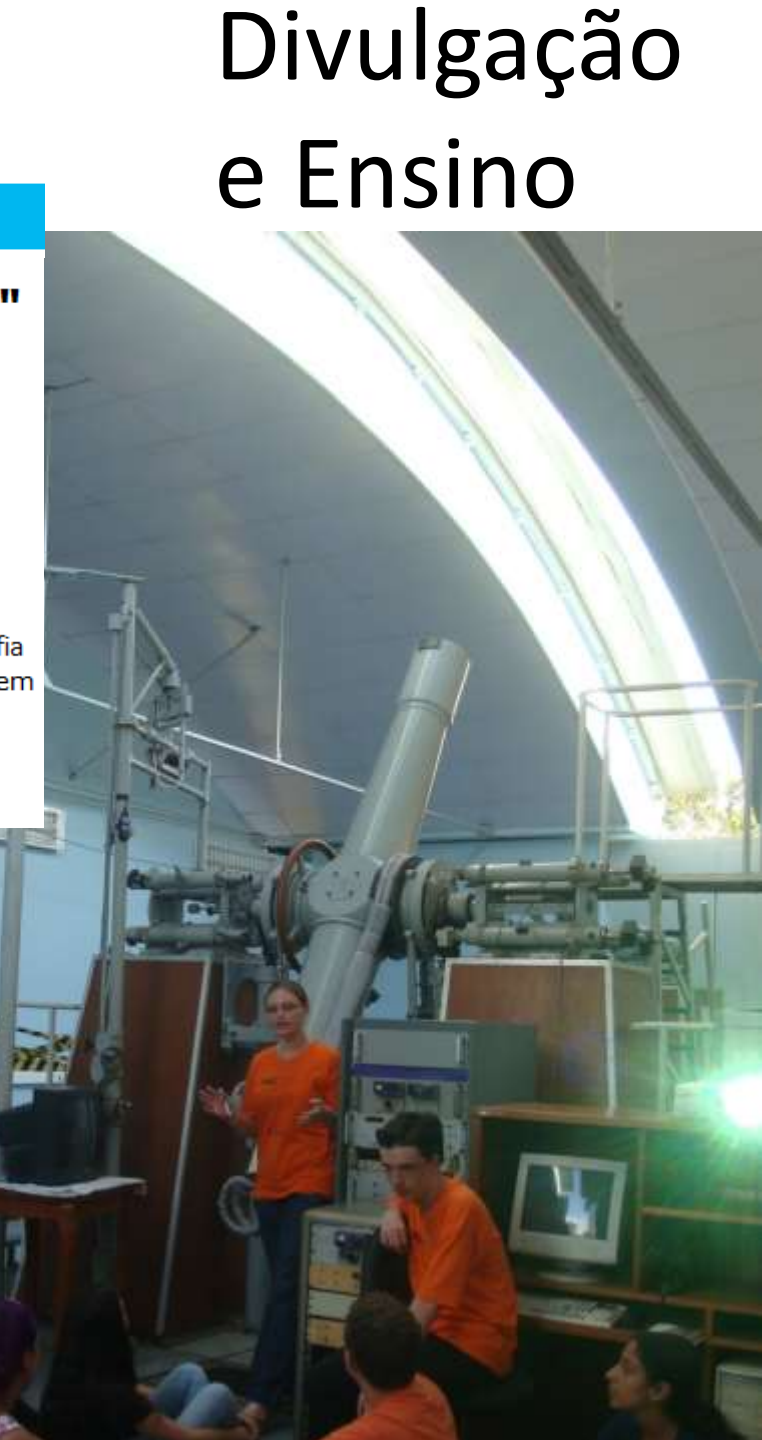
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Um grande estudo liderado por um pesquisador da Universidade de São Paulo está muito perto de encontrar os primeiros planetas "brasileiros" fora do Sistema Solar.

Jorge Meléndez, do IAG (Instituto de Astronomia, Geofísica e Ciências Atmosféricas), chefa o grupo internacional responsável pelo trabalho, que tem por objetivo decifrar como surgem as diversas arquiteturas possíveis para um sistema planetário.

Para tanto, ele obteve 88 noites de observação no telescópio de 3,6 m do ESO (Observatório Europeu do Sul) em La Silla, Chile.



Astronomia para a 3ª idade

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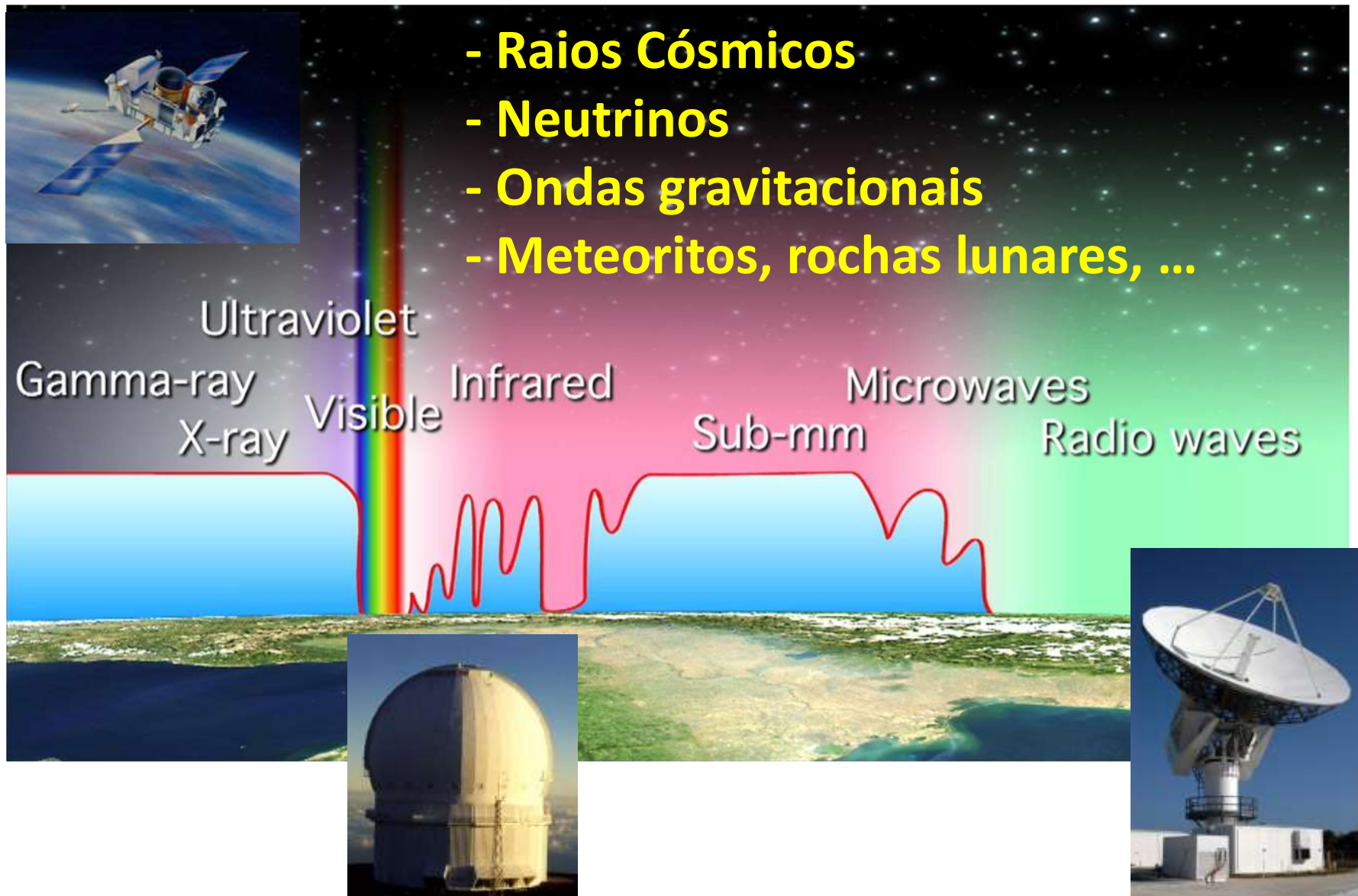
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www.astro.iag.usp.br/tercidade.htm

Número de vagas
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Realização
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Áreas da Astronomia pelos mensageiros da informação: principalmente fótons (luz)

- Raios Cósmicos
- Neutrinos
- Ondas gravitacionais
- Meteoritos, rochas lunares, ...



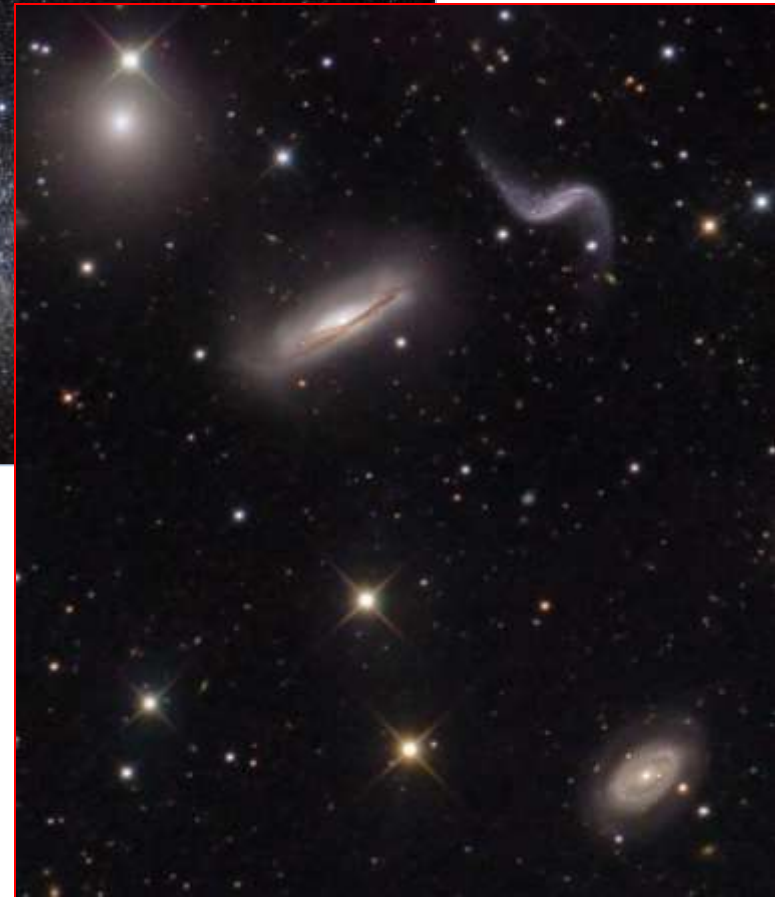
Áreas da Astronomia pela técnica observacional

Fotometria, Espectroscopia, Polarimetria, Sismologia, Interferometria, Astrometria, Coronografia, etc.



Áreas da Astronomia pelo objeto de estudo

Planetas, estrelas, galáxias

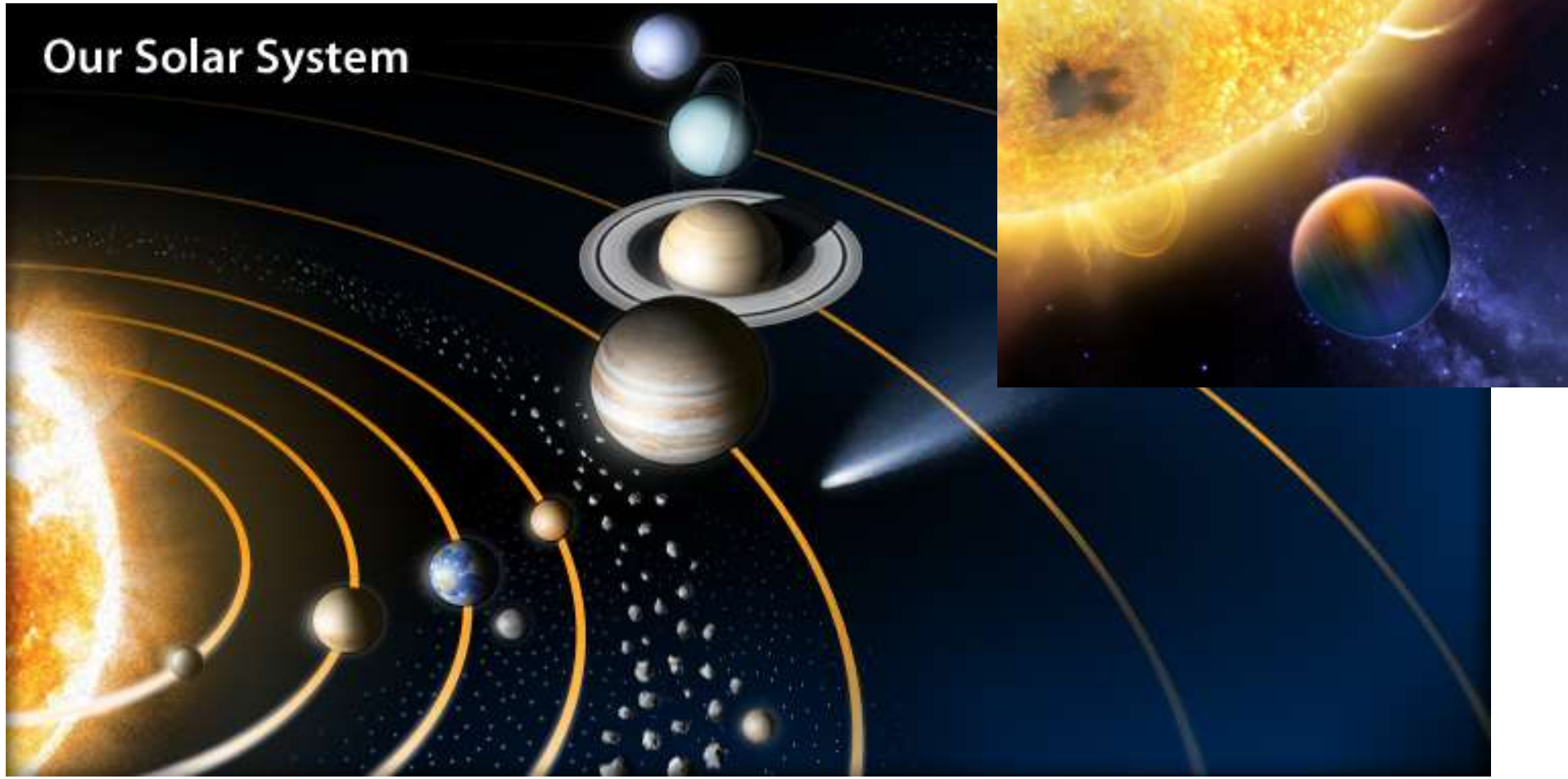


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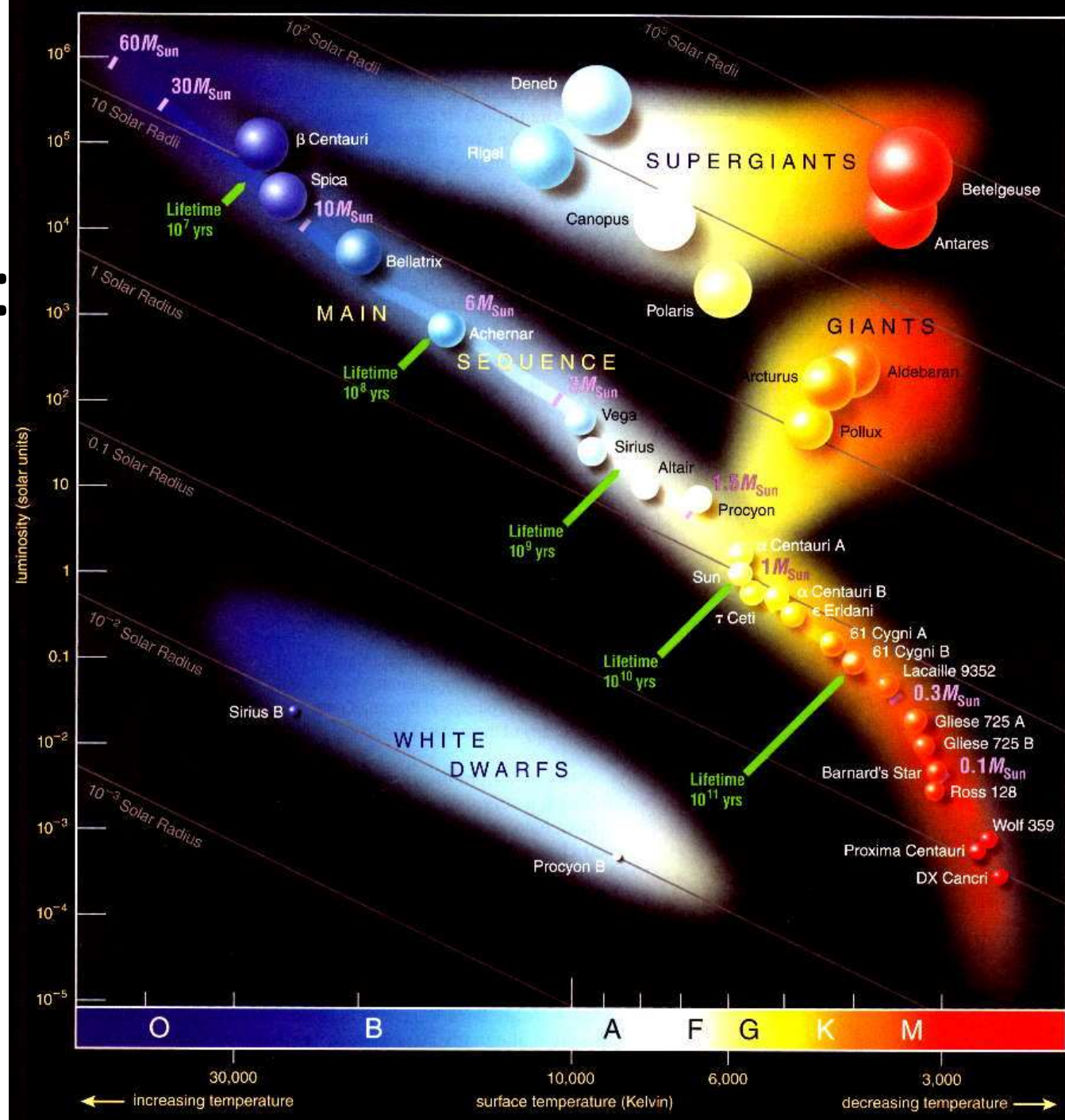
Planetas, luas, asteroides, cometas

Planetas fora do sistema solar: exoplanetas

Our Solar System



Áreas da Astronomia: ESTRELAS

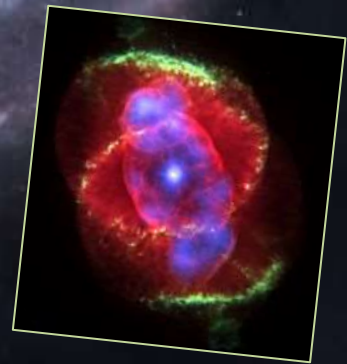


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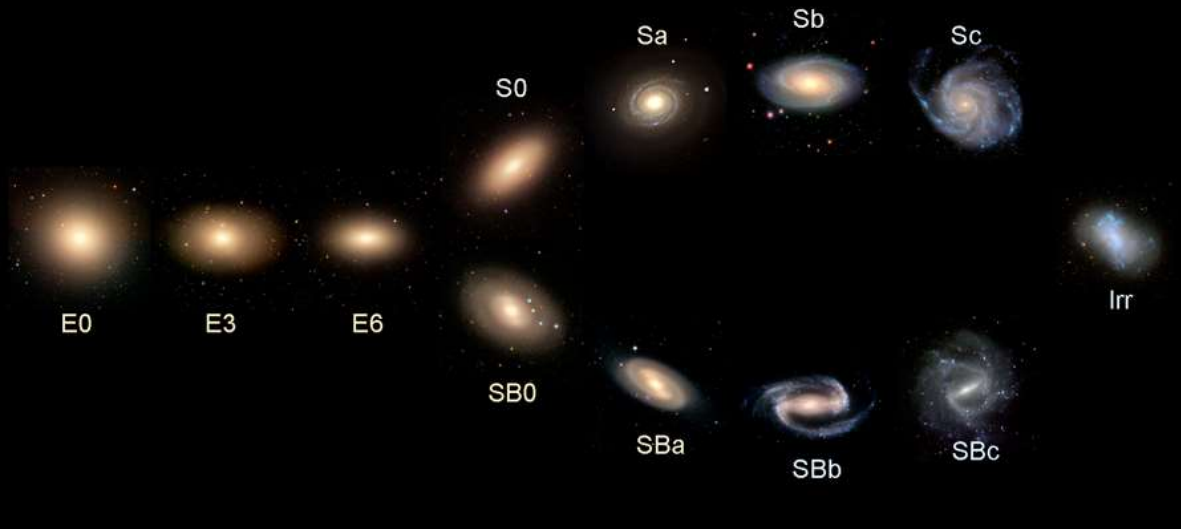


Áreas: Astronomia Galáctica (Via Láctea)

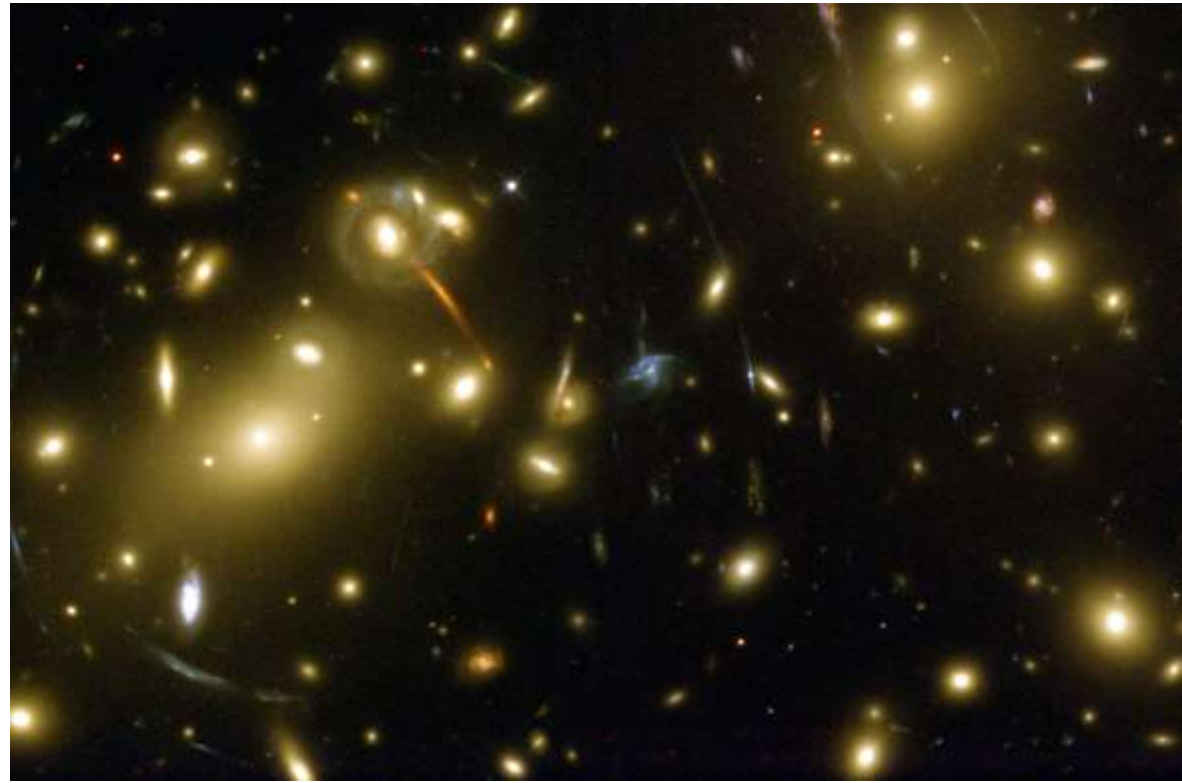
Aglomerados estelares; Populações estelares;
Evolução química; Formação; Dinâmica, SFR, ...

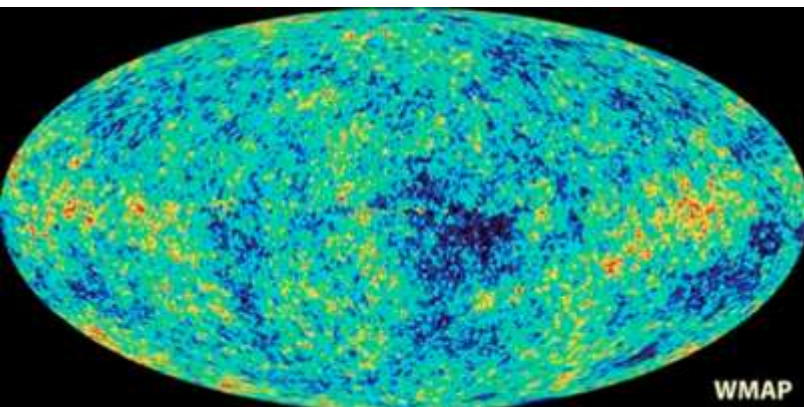
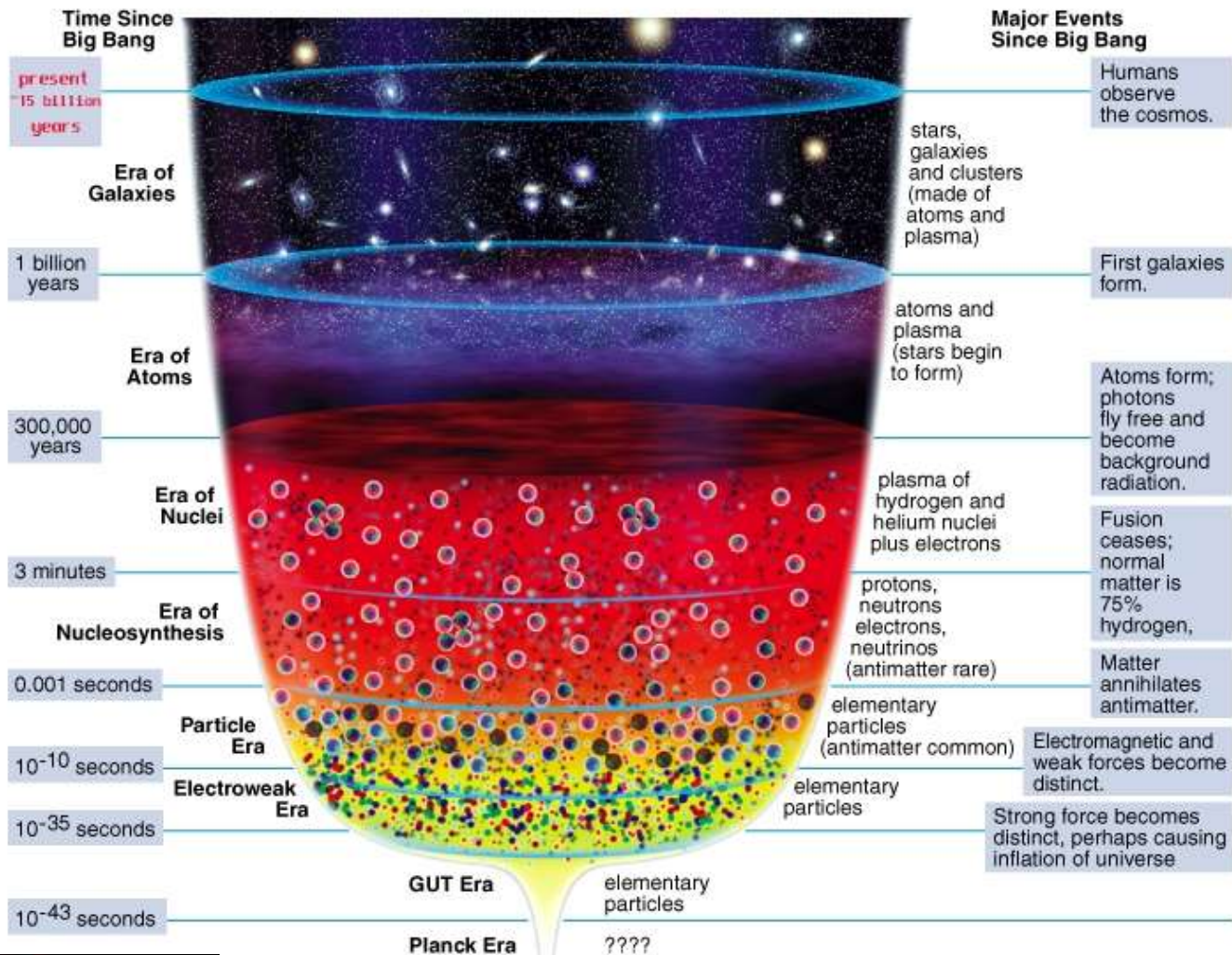
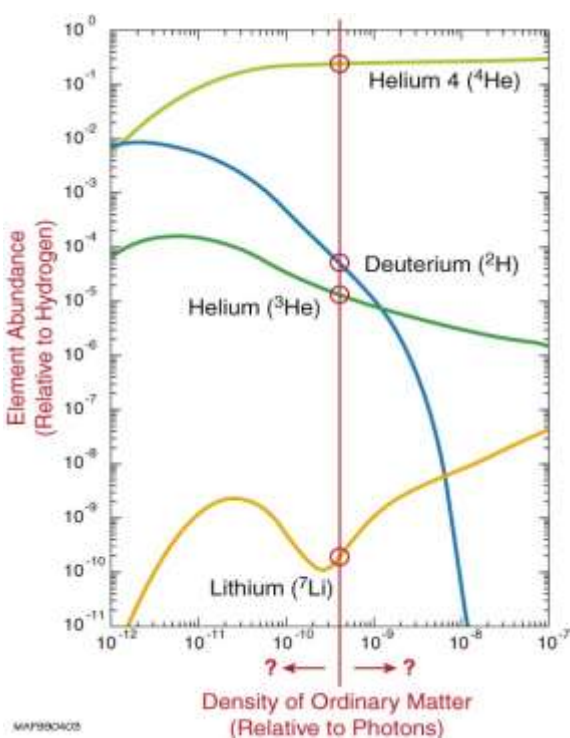


Hubble's Galaxy Classification Scheme



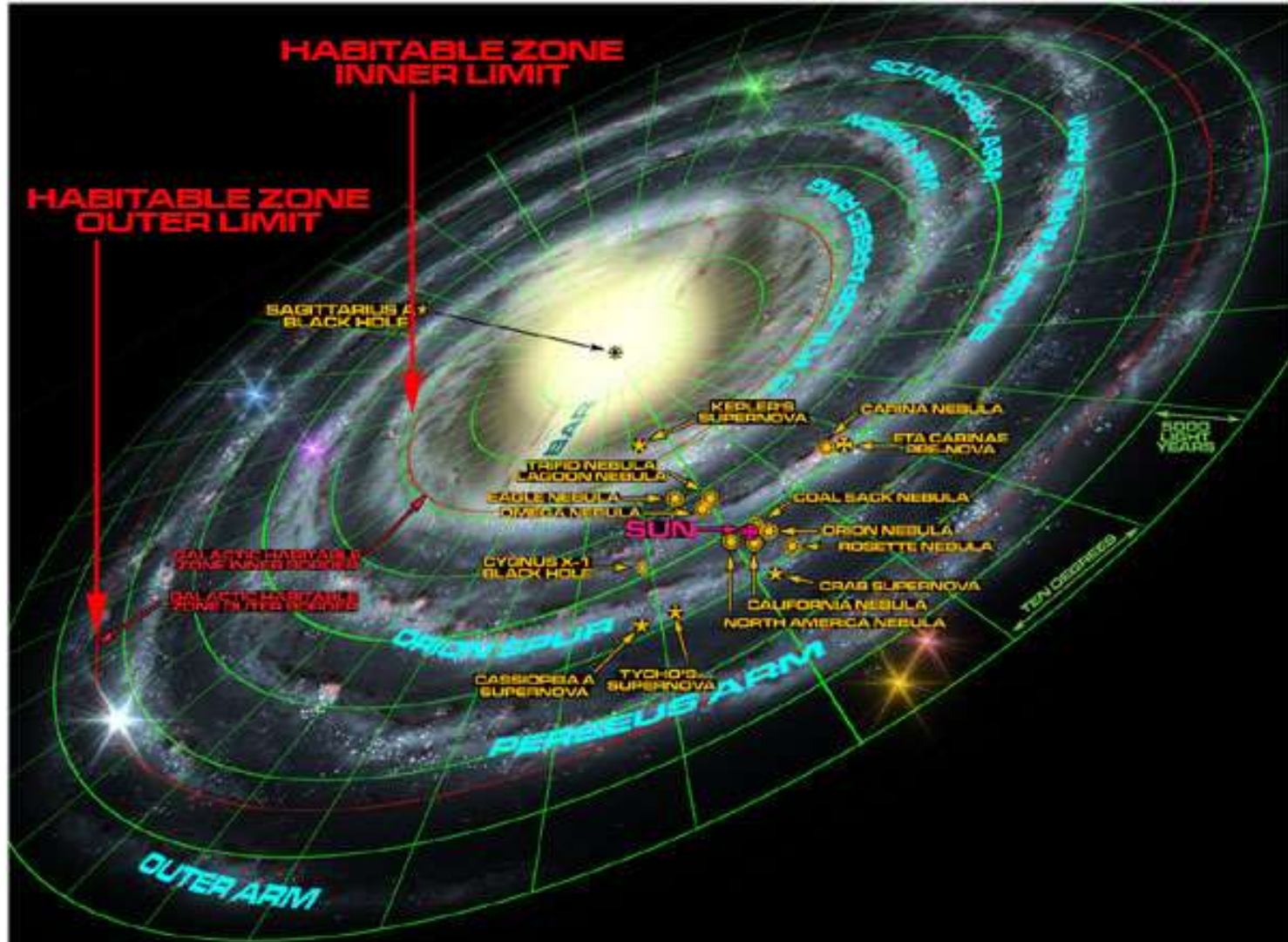
Áreas:
Astronomia
Extragaláctica





Áreas:
Cosmologia


É importante conhecer diversas áreas.
Exemplo: *Zona habitável na Galáxia*



Dica #2

- Aprenda o básico do linux (sistemas ubuntu, etc)
- *ls, cd, mkdir, cp, mv, rm, chmod, more, tail*, etc.

Uso de bases de dados, e.g., SIMBAD

 Portal Simbad VizieR Aladin X-Match Other Help

<http://simbad.u-strasbg.fr/simbad/sim-fid>

SIMBAD query result

other query modes : [Identifier query](#) [Coordinate query](#) [Criteria query](#) [Reference query](#) [Basic query](#) [Script submission](#) [Output options](#) [Help](#)

Object query : alf Cen C.D.S. - SIMBAD4 rel 1.204 - 2013.03.07CET16:16:23

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Basic data :

* **alf Cen** -- Double or multiple star query around arcmin

Other object types: * (*, CPD, CSI, FK5, GC, GCRV, HD, LPM, SAO, uvby98) ; X (1E, 2E, 1ES, RE, RX, 1RXS, [TSA98]) ; ** (CCDM, **, IDS, WDS) ; UV (2EUVE, EUVE, 2RE) ; PM* (Ci, PM) ; SB* (SBC7) ; IR (IRAS)

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Parallax *mas*: 742 [~] D ~

Spectral type: G+... D ~

Fluxes (2) : B 0.4 [~] D ~
V -0.1 [~] D ~



Dica #3

- Existem diversos comandos no linux que podem facilitar muito a sua vida, p.ex.: *cat*, *grep*, *awk*. Por exemplo, copiar 1a e 3a colunas de um arquivo

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***awk* '{print \$1,\$3}' arquivo.txt > saida.txt**

Dica #4

(especialmente para alunos de 3o e 4o ano)

- Aprender uma linguagem de programação (p.ex. *fortran, c, python, idl, shell script*) pode ampliar (e muito) as suas possibilidades.

for, do, while, if, else

- O pacote **IRAF** pode ser útil para análise de dados.

Dica #5

- Não se preocupe muito com o tema de pesquisa. Alias, é uma ótima oportunidade para experimentar diversas áreas ou para conhecer melhor um potencial orientador para uma pós-graduação



Exemplo: Iván Ramírez (UNMSM, Peru).
Gostava de **Galáxias** mas após iniciação científica em **Estrelas** gostou da área e decidiu trabalhar em **Astrofísica Estelar na pós-graduação ... nos Estados Unidos**

Dica #6

- Como escolher orientador? Conheça um pouco mais sobre ele:
 - Procure se o professor tem página web.
 - Pergunte a outros orientados do professor
 - Procure o currículo lattes:

<http://lattes.cnpq.br/>

- Procure as publicações do professor no ADS:

http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abstract_service.html

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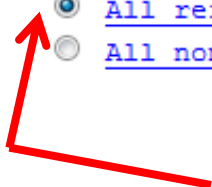
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Também existem potenciais orientadores fora do IAG

- IF/USP
- Mackenzie: p.ex. Sol, exoplanetas
- UNICSUL: p. ex. Populações estelares
- UNESP: cosmologia teórica

Vantagens de fazer IC sem bolsa

- Pode “testar” por alguns meses se realmente gosta do projeto
- Pode experimentar diversos orientadores em projetos mais curtos (3 – 6 meses)
- Poderá ser considerado no futuro para solicitação de bolsa pelo orientador
- Dica: por exemplo fazer IC de dezembro a fevereiro/março e se gostar pedir ao orientador solicitação de bolsa PIBIC em março-abril

Bolsas: USP, FAPESP

- **Fique atento às datas para bolsas PIBIC da USP (período de inscrição tipicamente entre fevereiro e abril, para começar em agosto)**
- Outras bolsas: por ex. INCT-A ou outros projetos
- Bolsas de outros projetos USP
- Bolsas FAPESP individuais
- Bolsas FAPESP de projetos temáticos

Iniciação Científica no Exterior

- Aproveitar “verão” (nosso inverno) para fazer iniciação científica no exterior. Tb verão *Aussie*
- Diversas oportunidades nos Estados Unidos, Europa, Austrália
- Vantagem: geralmente o pagamento é bom, US\$400-600 por semana.
- Dificuldade: geralmente só tem apoio para passagem aérea dentro do país, mas às vezes tem apoio para alunos de fora (p.ex., STSci)
- Também é possível fazer estágio de IC no exterior usando bolsas BEPE da FAPESP

Iniciação Científica no Exterior: Europa

<http://www.strw.leidenuniv.nl/summerstudents/>

Ótima oportunidade para alunos do último ano da graduação e do mestrado

The Leiden/ESA Astrophysics Program for Summer Students (LEAPS)

Leiden Observatory and ESA are pleased to welcome applications for the third edition of the LEAPS program. LEAPS is an opportunity for students with an interest in astronomy and astrophysics to perform a 10-12 week summer research project in collaboration with a research scientist from Leiden Observatory or ESA. The program is open to all students not currently engaged in a Ph.D. program, although we are most interested in students at the senior-undergraduate or masters level who are enthusiastic about research in astrophysics. Students will be selected for the program based on their academic achievements and research potential, and will be matched to staff projects based on what they indicate their scientific interests to be. Research at Leiden Observatory and ESA takes place on a diverse array of topics (see below), and student projects will likely consist of anything from the analysis of data from world-class telescopes, to large computer simulations, to hands-on work in the astrochemistry laboratories.

Projects will begin in June 2015 and end before mid-September 2015. We expect to make as many as 20 appointments this year, depending on interest and the match of projects to students interests and skills. Details on the application process can be found below.

Fully-completed applications received by **February 6, 2015** will receive full consideration

Iniciação Científica no Exterior: Estados Unidos

- Para IC nos Estados Unidos procure no google por “**REU**” (*Research Experiences for Undergraduates*), ou melhor ainda “*REU Astronomy*”
- Fique atento às datas. Alguns programas não aceitam estudantes estrangeiros ou não pagam a passagem aérea.
- No geral as inscrições são aprox. em Jan-Fev (ou até março) para começar o estagio em Junho ou Julho

Iniciação Científica no Exterior

<http://www.stsci.edu/institute/smo/students/current>

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+ 1/3 housing

SASP 2015 Program Details

The 2015 summer program will run for **10 weeks, starting Monday, June 15th, and ending Friday, August 21th**. Unfortunately, we cannot accept participants requiring other start dates, or who cannot stay for at least 9 weeks of the 10-week program. This year will be the 23rd consecutive year for the STScI Summer Student Program.

Summer Student Stipend and Subsidies

The intern stipend for the 2015 SASP will be \$600 per week or \$6000 for the summer. A travel and partial housing subsidy will be given to students.

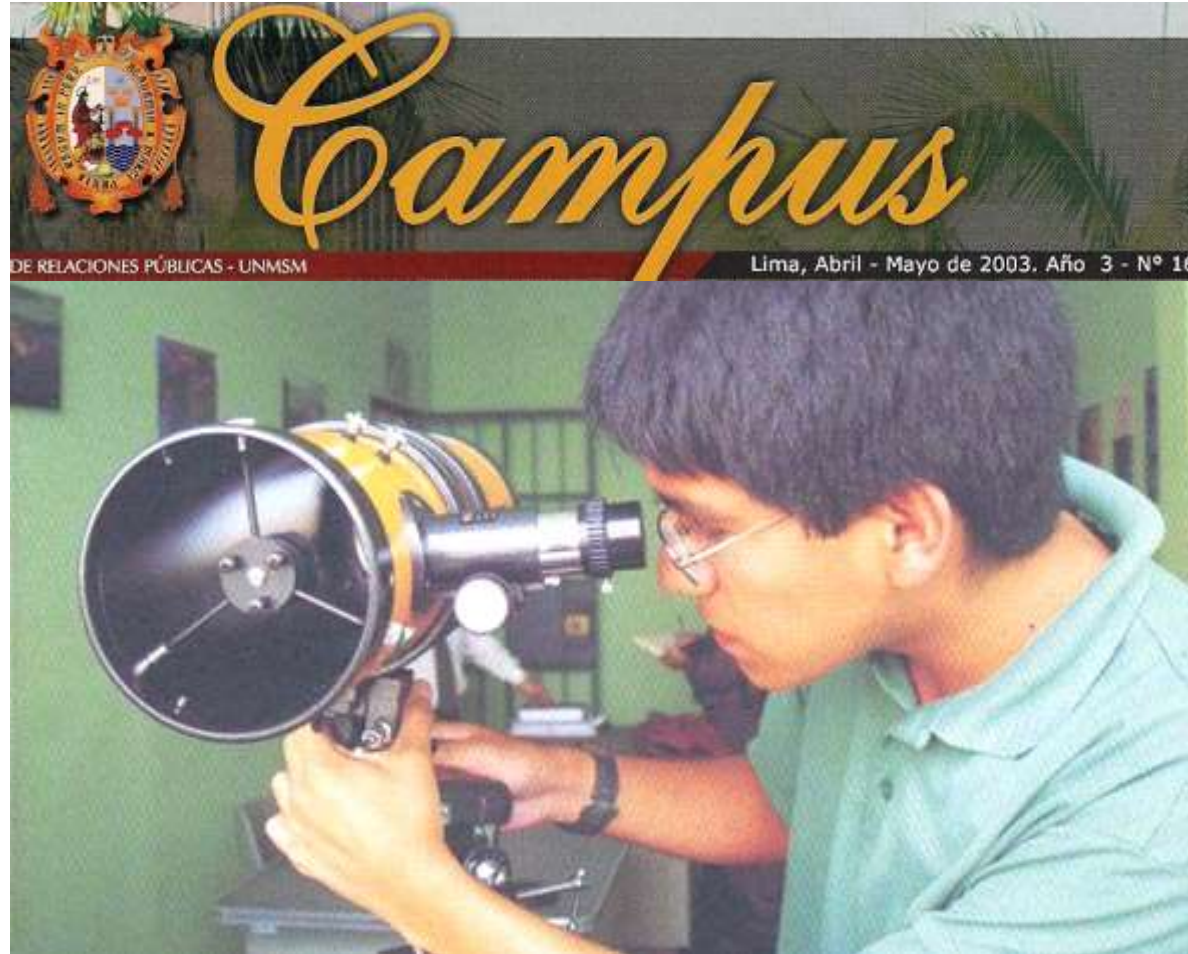
A travel subsidy will include round-trip travel to Baltimore MD, by air, train or personal vehicle. Coordinated student housing will be offered to the SASP students. STScI will subsidize roughly 1/3 of the housing costs for students who use this housing option. See the [Living in Baltimore](#) page for more housing options.

Applications

Applications will be accepted beginning **January 1 through January 31, 2015**.

Iniciação Científica no Exterior

Space Telescope Science Institute 2003



Iván Ramírez: meu estudante peruano selecionado para estagio de IC no *Space Science Telescope Institute*

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AAO Student Fellowship Program

Applications for AAO Student Fellowships are now being accepted.

We are now accepting applications for the June - September 2013 program. Applications should be submitted, following the detailed instructions below. The deadline for applications is **15 February 2013**.

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Introduction

Opportunities exist for undergraduate students who have completed not less than 2 years of full time course work in Astronomy, Astrophysics, Applied Physics, Engineering, Mathematics or related subjects to work at the Australian Astronomical Observatory on research projects under the individual supervision of AAO staff astronomers. In addition to **astronomical research**, a major part of the Observatory's core business is **astronomical instrumentation** for optical/infrared telescopes, and studentships are available in this area as well. This provides good opportunities for students who seek experience in photonics, electronics, software, mechanical and systems engineering, and benefits from the AAO's close ties to astrophotonics research groups at **Macquarie University** and the **University of Sydney**.

Historically the AAO Student Fellowship program (akin to internship programs elsewhere) has catered primarily to UK students during their summer break (the Australian winter), and to Australian students during their summer break. However, the AAO is keen to expand

**DEADLINE: 15/2/2013
or 31/8/2013**

**Student fellowships
at the
Australian Astronomical Observatory
and
Gemini South Observatory**

Opportunities exist for science and engineering students with at least two years undergraduate experience to carry out 10-12 weeks of paid research at the Australian Astronomical Observatory in Sydney or at the Gemini South Observatory in Chile.

Application deadline:
31 August

Full details and application procedure:
<http://www.aao.gov.au/students>

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Vacation Scholarships in Astronomy at CAS

The Centre for Astrophysics & Supercomputing (CAS) accepts applications for Vacation Scholarships from enthusiastic university students with excellent scholastic records who are in the last, or second last, year of their undergraduate or Honours/Masters degree.

With 16 research faculty and more than 30 post-docs and PhD students, CAS is a vibrant, friendly environment for [studying most fields of astronomy](#). Swinburne astronomers have guaranteed access to the twin [Keck 10-m Telescopes in Hawaii](#) - the world's premier optical observatory - and CAS owns and operates one of Australia's most powerful supercomputers - [The Green Machine](#). We also develop advanced immersive 3D data visualization facilities and create [3-D animations and movies](#) promoting and explaining astronomy to the broader community.

Swinburne's [Hawthorn campus](#) is situated in a lively, urban setting just minutes by public transport from Melbourne's city centre.

Our Vacation Scholarship program aims to provide undergraduate students with some insight into how exciting research is and how it is conducted. Students will join a research project, or maybe help start a new one, in one of the many areas of astronomy in which [CAS staff and post-docs](#) are experts. The various [projects on offer](#) are listed below. Projects can involve all aspects of astronomical research, from proposing or carrying out new telescope observations, to analysing some of the data or conducting theoretical calculations or advanced simulations. Many previous students have eventually published peer-reviewed research articles on some of their Vacation Scholarship research.

Applications can be made at any time throughout the year. We particularly encourage applicants to work over the summer months, December to February.

This program is open to undergraduates at Australian & New Zealand universities. Applications from students outside of Australia & New Zealand with exceptional scholastic records may also be considered.

Scholarships will generally last between 6 and 10 weeks, to be negotiated between the student and their nominated supervisor. Vacation Scholars are paid a tax-free stipend of \$500 per week. CAS will also pay for one return trip from within Australia & New Zealand to Melbourne for eligible students.

Applications should include the following:

- A cover letter (see below for further information);
- A copy of your official academic record, including an explanation of the grading system used;
- Your Curriculum Vitae;
- Any supporting documentation of previous research.

Applicants should also ask a lecturer or supervisor at their current university to send a letter of recommendation. This should be sent by the lecturer/supervisor directly; applicants should not include reference letters in their own application.

Applications and reference letters should be emailed to [Dr. Thibault Garel](mailto:Dr.Thibault.Garel) (tgarel@astro.swin.edu.au) with the above information attached

Australian National University

<http://rsaa.anu.edu.au/study/undergraduate-research/summer-research>

Usually only from Australia and NZ, mas se tiver interesse pode entrar em contato

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Katie Dodds-Eden fez isso, sob minha
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Segunda gêmea solar identificada em 2006: HD 98618

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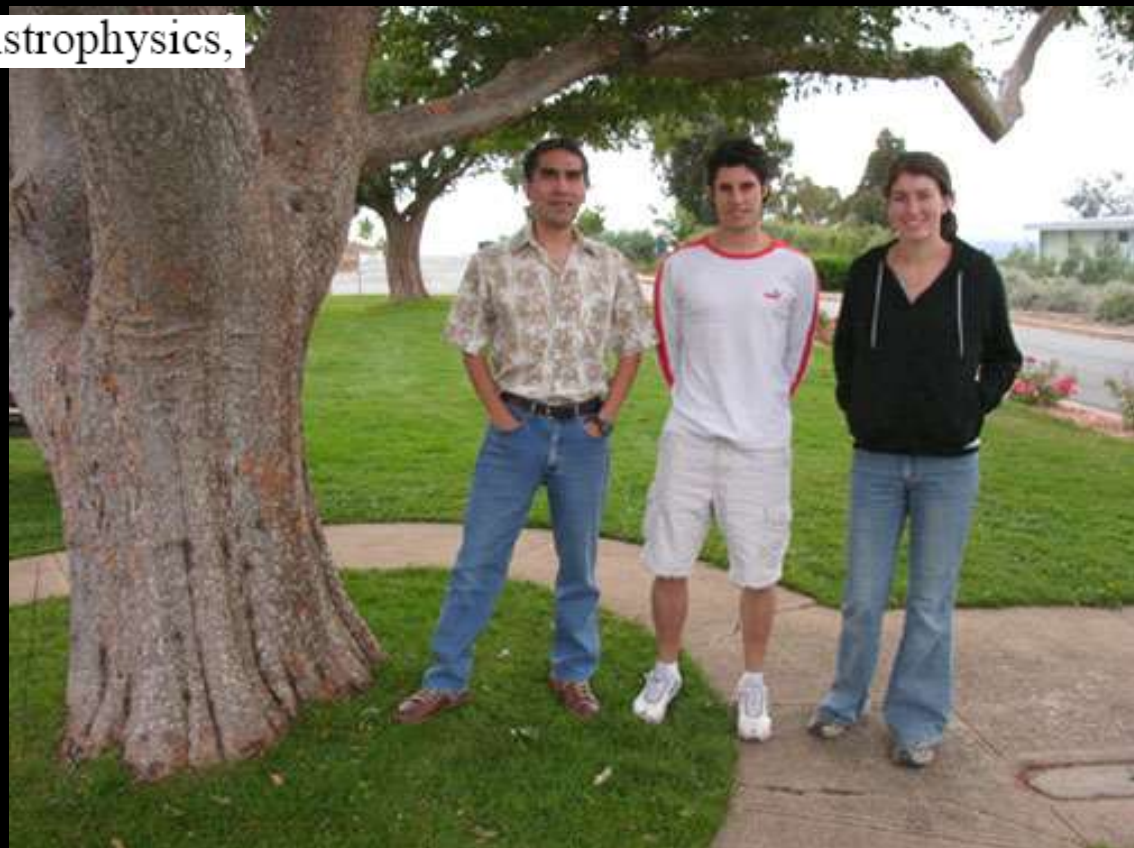
HD 98618: A STAR CLOSELY RESEMBLING OUR SUN¹

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- Projeto de iniciação científica de Katie Dodds-Eden



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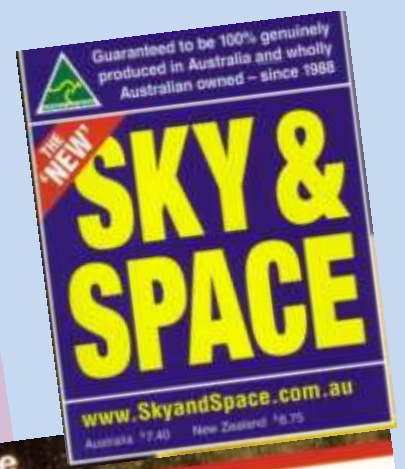
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Astrónomos australianos descubren una estrella idéntica al Sol

Se llama HD98618 y es prácticamente idéntica al Sol: tiene su misma edad, su mismo tamaño, su misma temperatura y su misma composición, según los científicos de la Escuela de Astronomía australiana.

Los expertos esperan que este hallazgo ayude a



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A Solar Twin in the
 By Ken Crowell
 March 10, 2006



A yellow star in the Big Dipper's bow scientists search the star for signs of

Solar twins are stars with the same more light than the typical star in the extraterrestrial intelligence.

Jorge Meléndez, Katie Dodds-Eden high-resolution spectra of HD 98618, 126 light-years from Earth, almost



SUN'S TWIN IS STRONG CANDIDATE FOR LIFE

Astronomers have found a twin of the sun, the first such star to be spotted in a decade and only the second ever. They say that these stars are our best bets for finding Earth-like planets with life on them.

Jorge Meléndez, Katie Dodds-Eden and José Robles of Mount Stromlo Observatory near Canberra, Australia.

have roughly the same concentration of heavy elements as the sun. These elements are crucial to the formation of Earth-like planets and the emergence of life (www.arxiv.org/astro-ph/060321)

Another cause for optimism is the absence of "hot Jupiters", massive gas giants orbiting close to each star whose gravity could destabilise the orbits of

News Update



with Dave Reneke

New solar twin sheds light on twin Earth

Astronomers at the Australian National University (ANU) have discovered a nearby solar twin which may shed light on the search for Earth-like planets capable of supporting life.

and to the other closest Sun twin, a star known as 18 Scorpii, which was discovered a decade ago.

The spin-offs of this discovery are tantalising. Solar twins are ideal for the absolute calibration of astronomical measuring instruments. They can provide data useful in modelling the solar phenomena that may affect climate change and will help settle the argument about the uniqueness of otherwise of our Sun and Solar System.

With a number of sample stars to study, HD 98618 was one of the last on the list to be analysed. Team members were quite surprised when they discovered how it stood out from the other candidates along with 18 Scorpii. "It was very exciting - I had to blink twice to be sure I wasn't imagining it," Ms Dodds-Eden said.

The researchers made the discovery using the largest telescope in the world, the 10metre Keck I telescope on the summit of Hawaii's dormant Mauna Kea volcano. A paper detailing this amazing discovery is expected to be published shortly.
 Source: ANU



A colour-enhanced close-up around the newly discovered HD 98618, one of the most Sun-like stars

New 'earthly' planet found in our galaxy

A ground-breaking discovery in the search for planets that may support life in our galaxy has been made by an international team of astronomers, with much critical data provided by