



# The Zooniverse

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# Goggle Boxes

Hours spent...

**200 billion hours**  
a year spent watching TV by US adults

**100 million hours**  
to create Wikipedia

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David McCandless // July 10 // source: Cognitive Surplus by Clay Shirky // [InformationIsBeautiful.net](http://InformationIsBeautiful.net)

















# GALAXY ZOO.org

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## Galaxy Analysis

Welcome to Galaxy Zoo's view of the Universe. If you're here you should already have seen the [Tutorial](#), but feel free to go and remind yourself. There's no need to agonise for too long over any one image, just make your best guess in each case.

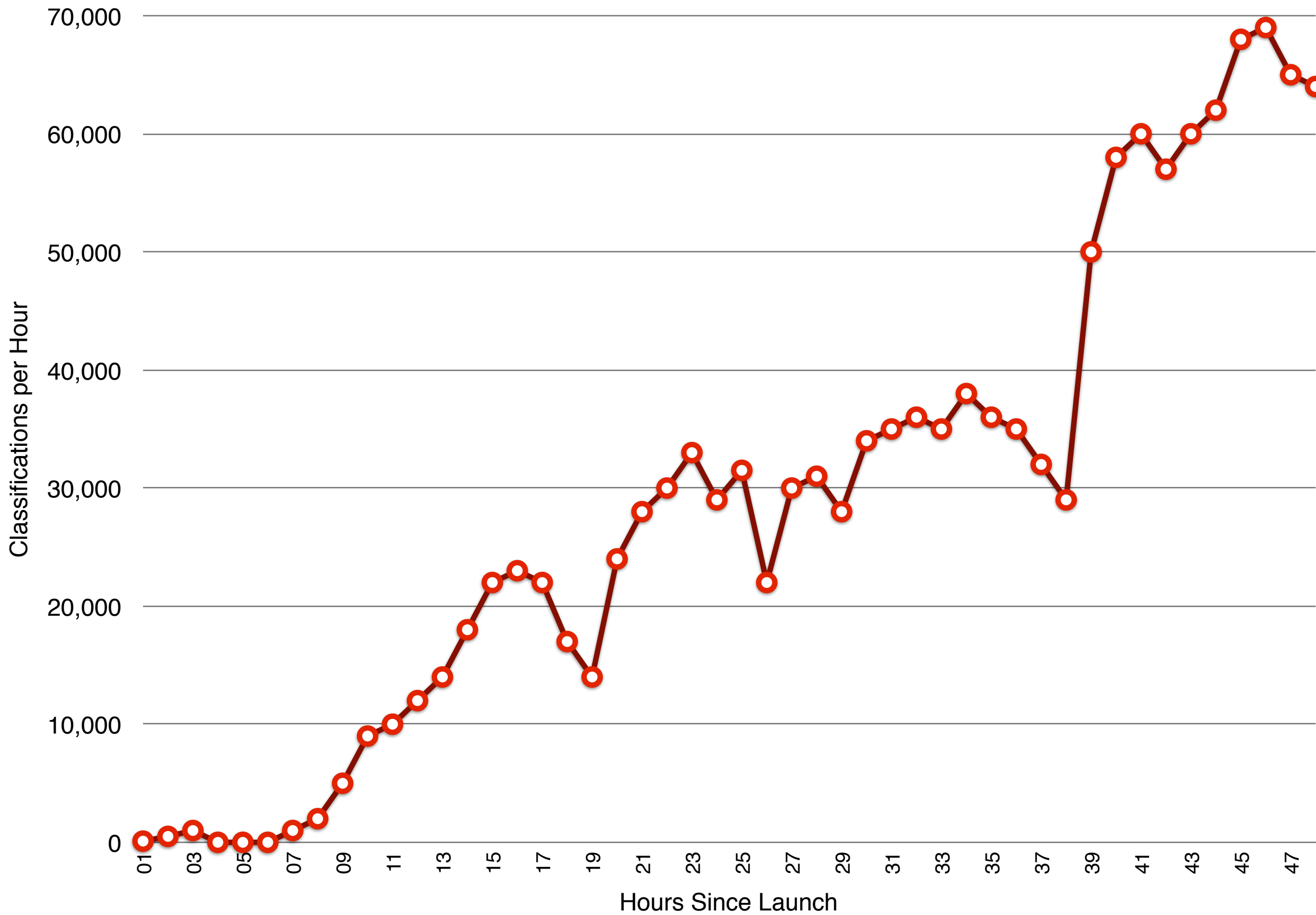


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Galaxy Ref:  
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Choose the Galaxy Profile  
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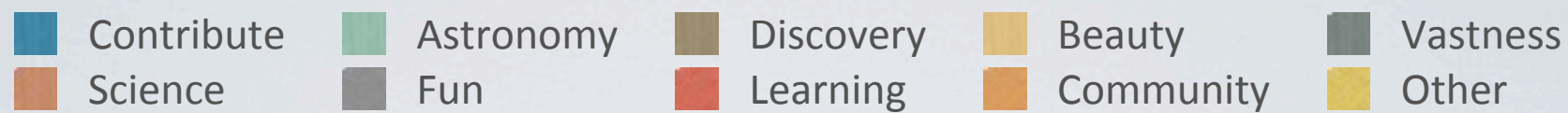












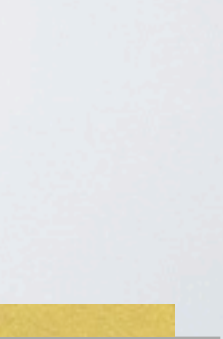
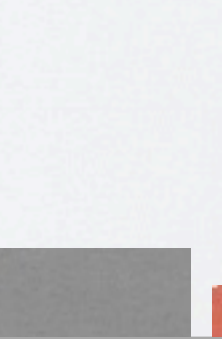
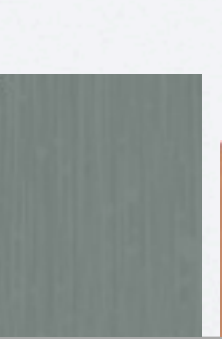
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Motivation



seafloorexplorer.org

## Help explore the ocean floor

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All

Space

Climate

Humanities

Nature

Biology

## Space

Sort by



### How do galaxies form?

NASA's Hubble Space Telescope archive provides hundreds of thousands of galaxy images.

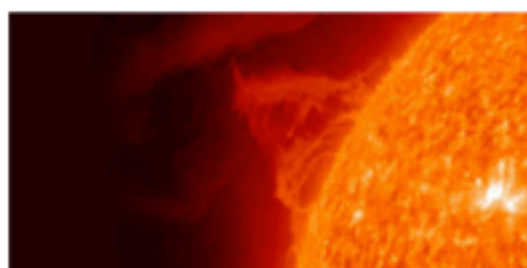
GALAXY ZOO



### Explore the surface of the Moon

We hope to study the lunar surface in unprecedented detail.

MOON ZOO



### Study explosions on the Sun

Explore interactive diagrams to learn out about the Sun and the spacecraft monitoring it.

SOLAR  
STORMWATCH



### Find planets around stars

Lightcurve changes from the Kepler spacecraft can indicate transiting planets.

planethunters.org





### Model Earth's climate using wartime ship logs

Help scientists recover worldwide weather observations made by Royal Navy ships.

oldWeather

### Classify over 30 years of tropical cyclone data.

Scientists at NOAA's National Climatic Data Center need your help.

CycloneCenter

### Study the lives of ancient Greeks

The data gathered by Ancient Lives helps scholars study the Oxyrhynchus collection.

ANCIENT LIVES

## Nature



### Hear Whales communicate

You can help marine researchers understand what whales are saying

WHALEFM



### Help explore the ocean floor

The HabCam team and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution need your help!

SEAFLOOR EXPLORER



### You're hot on the trail of bats!

Help scientists characterise bat calls recorded by citizen scientists.

BAT DETECTIVE

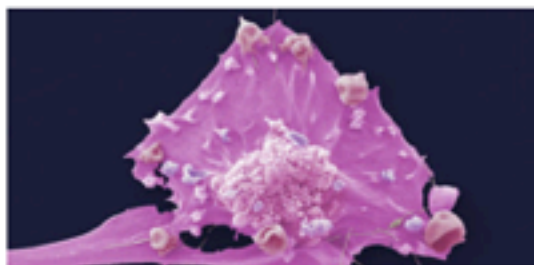


### Go wild in the Serengeti!

We need your help to classify all the different animals caught in millions of camera trap images.

SNAPSHOT SERENGETI

## Biology



### Analyse real life cancer data.

You can help scientists from the world's largest cancer research institution find cures for cancer.

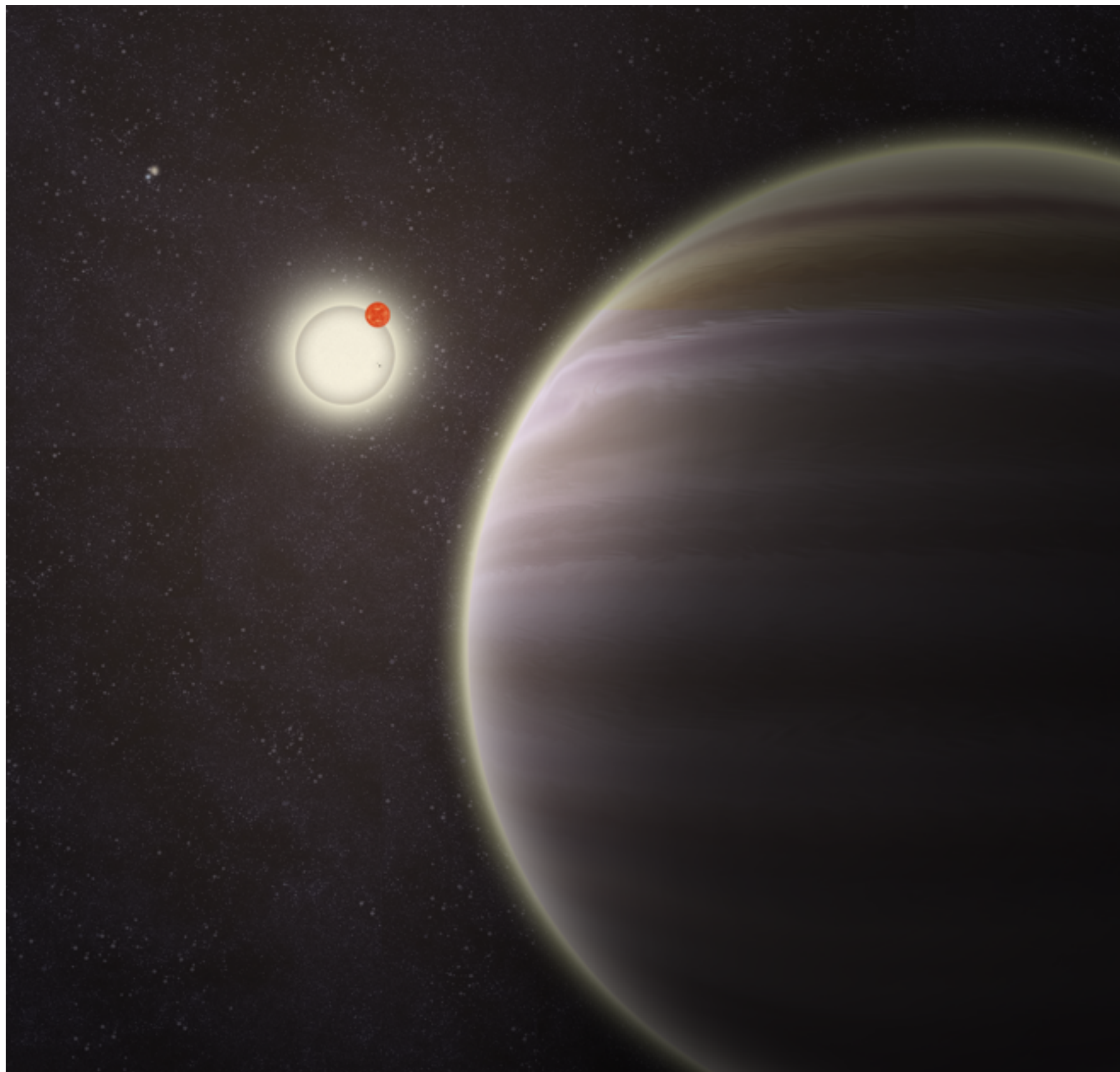
Cell Slider



# The Zooniverse

Some of our projects...

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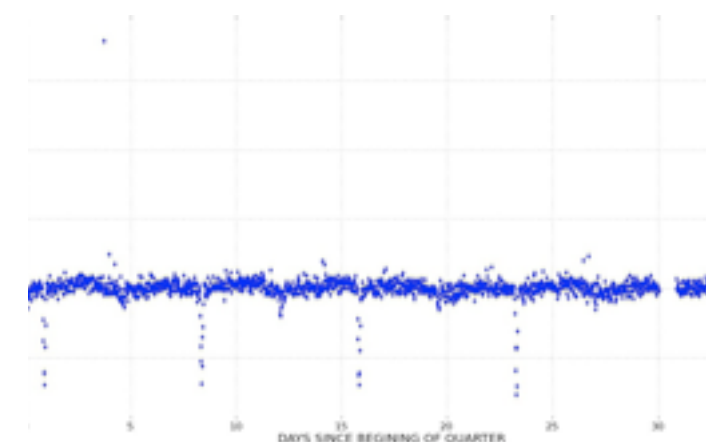


Planet Hunters: find and mark planets

200,000

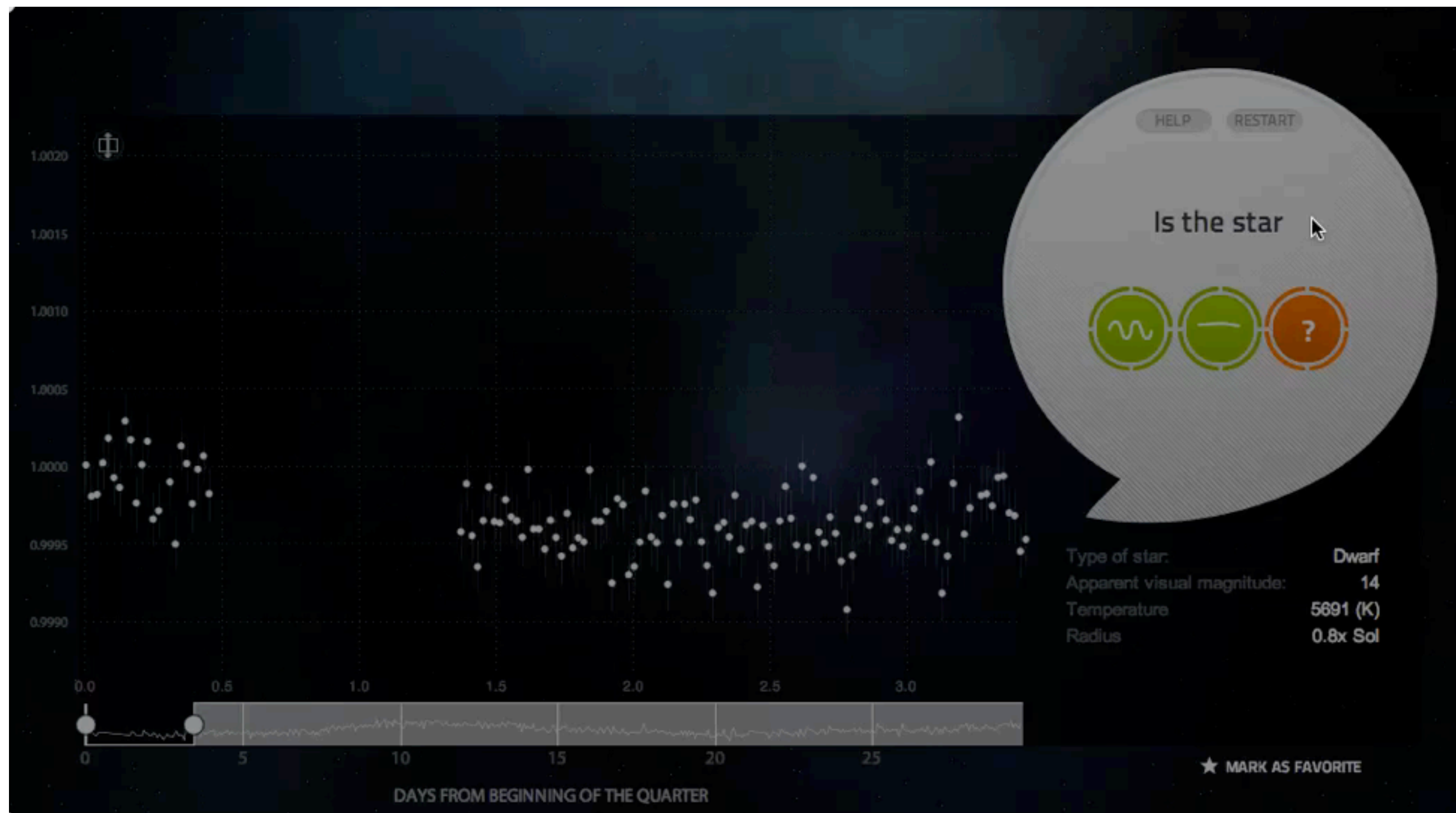
classifications volunteers

17m



[planethunters.org](http://planethunters.org)





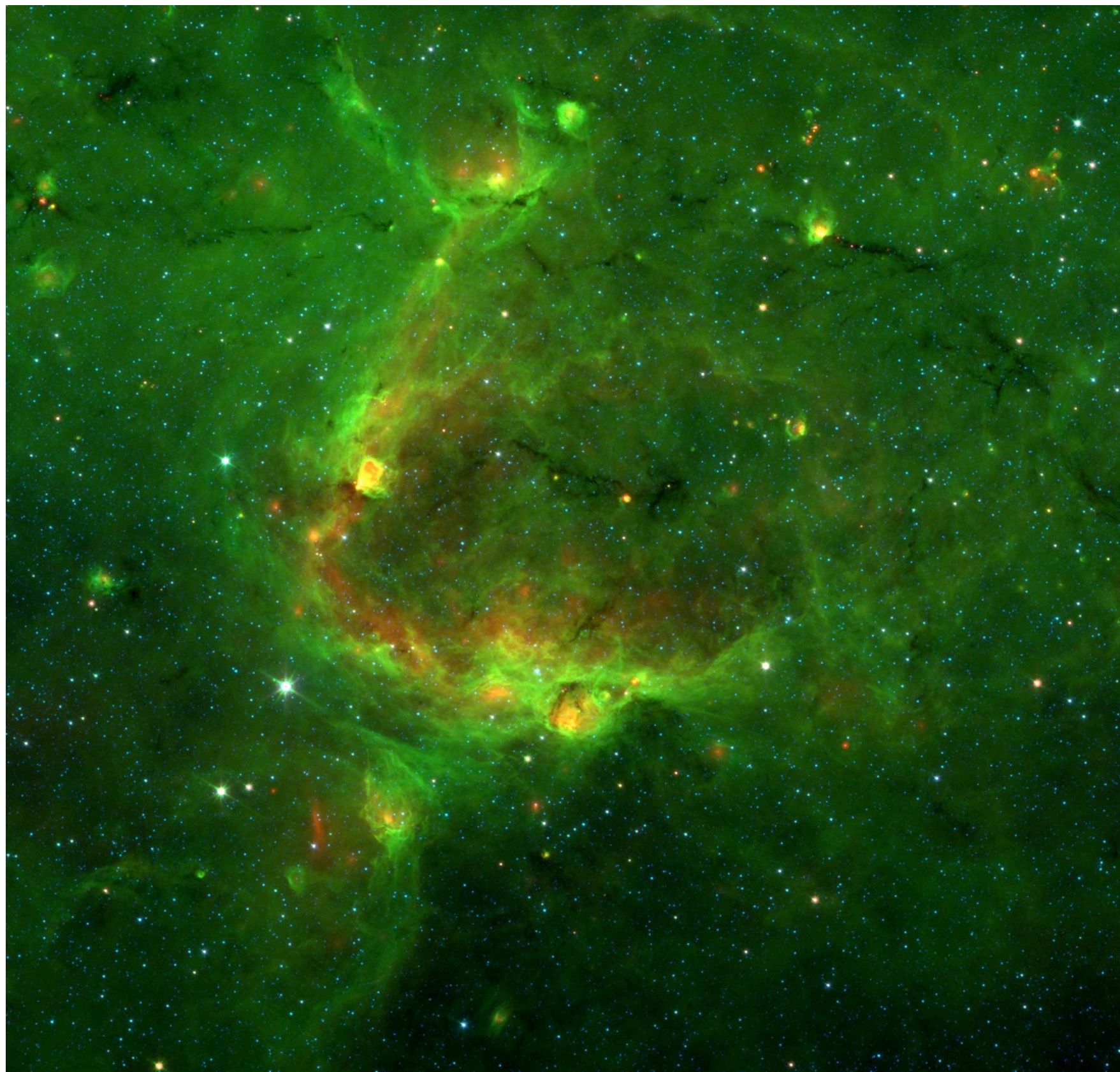


PH1b (Oct 2012)



PH2b (Jan 2013)





40,000

volunteers

drawings

3,000,000



The Milky Way Project: measure and map our galaxy in infrared

[milkywayproject.org](http://milkywayproject.org)



# THE MILKY WAY PROJECT

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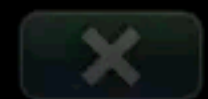
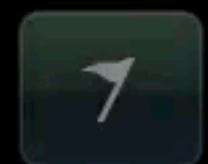
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MY GALAXY

LOG OUT

DATA

GALACTOMETER™



HIDE  
CURRENT

HIDE  
ALL



SUBMIT







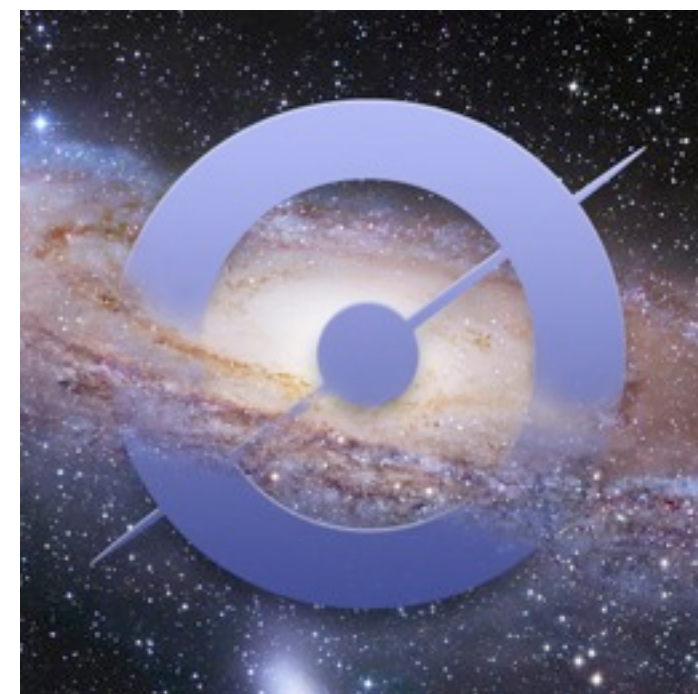
The Andromeda Project: Explore high-resolution Hubble data to find star clusters in M31, and galaxies beyond it.

22

days

classifications

1,000,000+



[andromedaproject.org](http://andromedaproject.org)

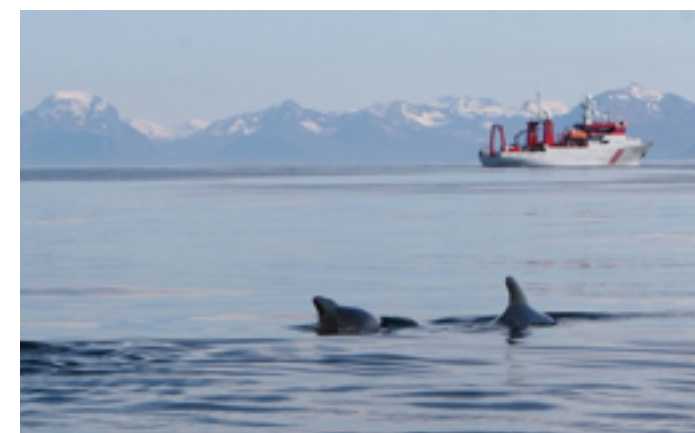








15,000  
classifications volunteers  
200,000



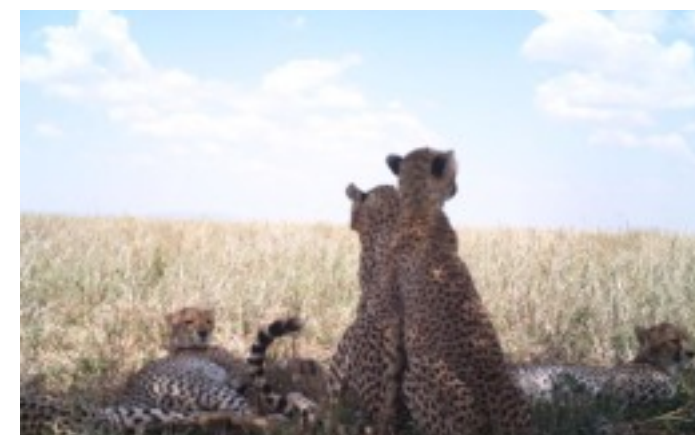
Whale FM: Listen to whale calls to decode their language

whale.fm





20,000  
classifications volunteers  
7,000,000



Snapshot Serengeti: identify and describe animals in Serengeti  
National Park

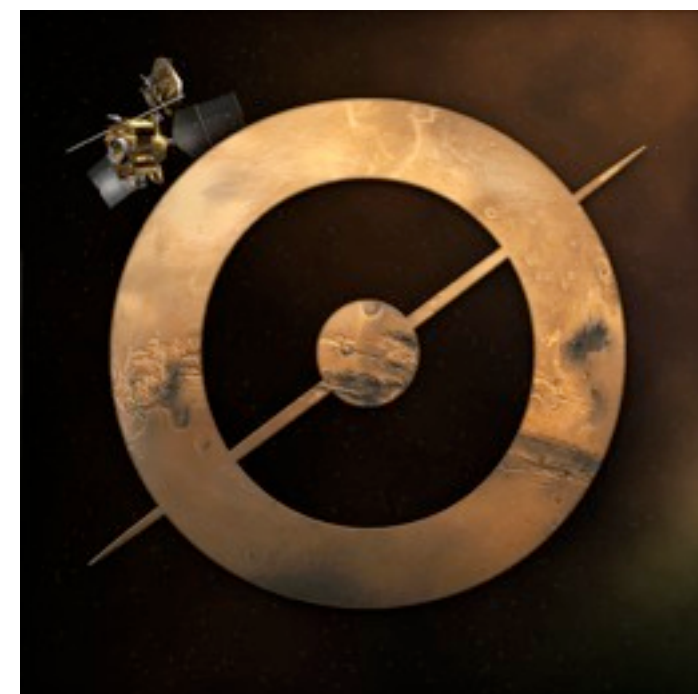
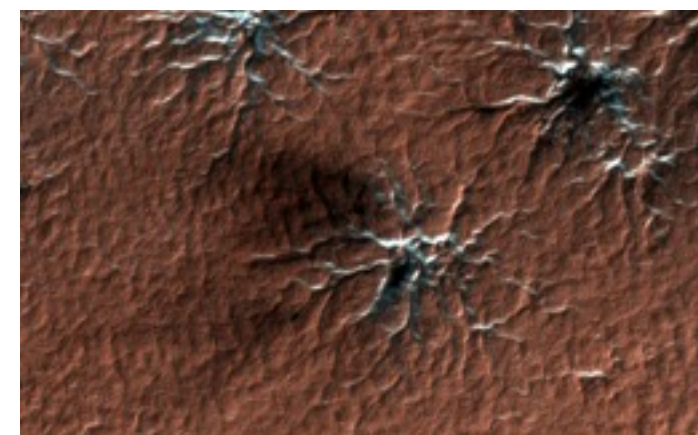
[snapshotserengeti.org](http://snapshotserengeti.org)





Planet Four: locate seasonal 'fans' on the surface of the red planet.

75,000  
classifications volunteers  
3,800,000



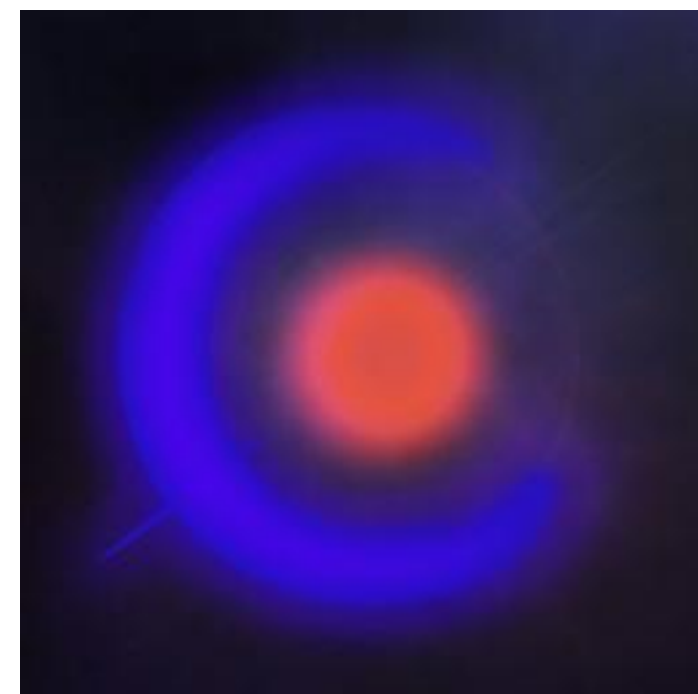
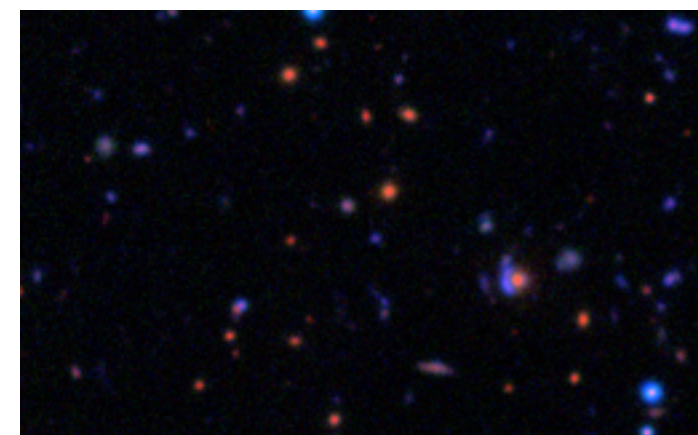
[planetfour.org](http://planetfour.org)





Space Warps: hunting out gravitational lenses in the Universe

20,000  
classifications volunteers  
5,500,000



[spacewarps.org](http://spacewarps.org)





Galaxy Zoo: help astronomers classify galaxies

400,000

classifications volunteers

200m



[galaxyzoo.org](http://galaxyzoo.org)



CLASSIFY

SCIENCE

STORY

GALAXY ZOO

ASTRONOMERS

DISCUSS

PROFILE



Classify



SDSS



Favourite



Invert

Help

Restart

SHAPE

Is the galaxy simply smooth and rounded, with no sign of a disk?



Smooth



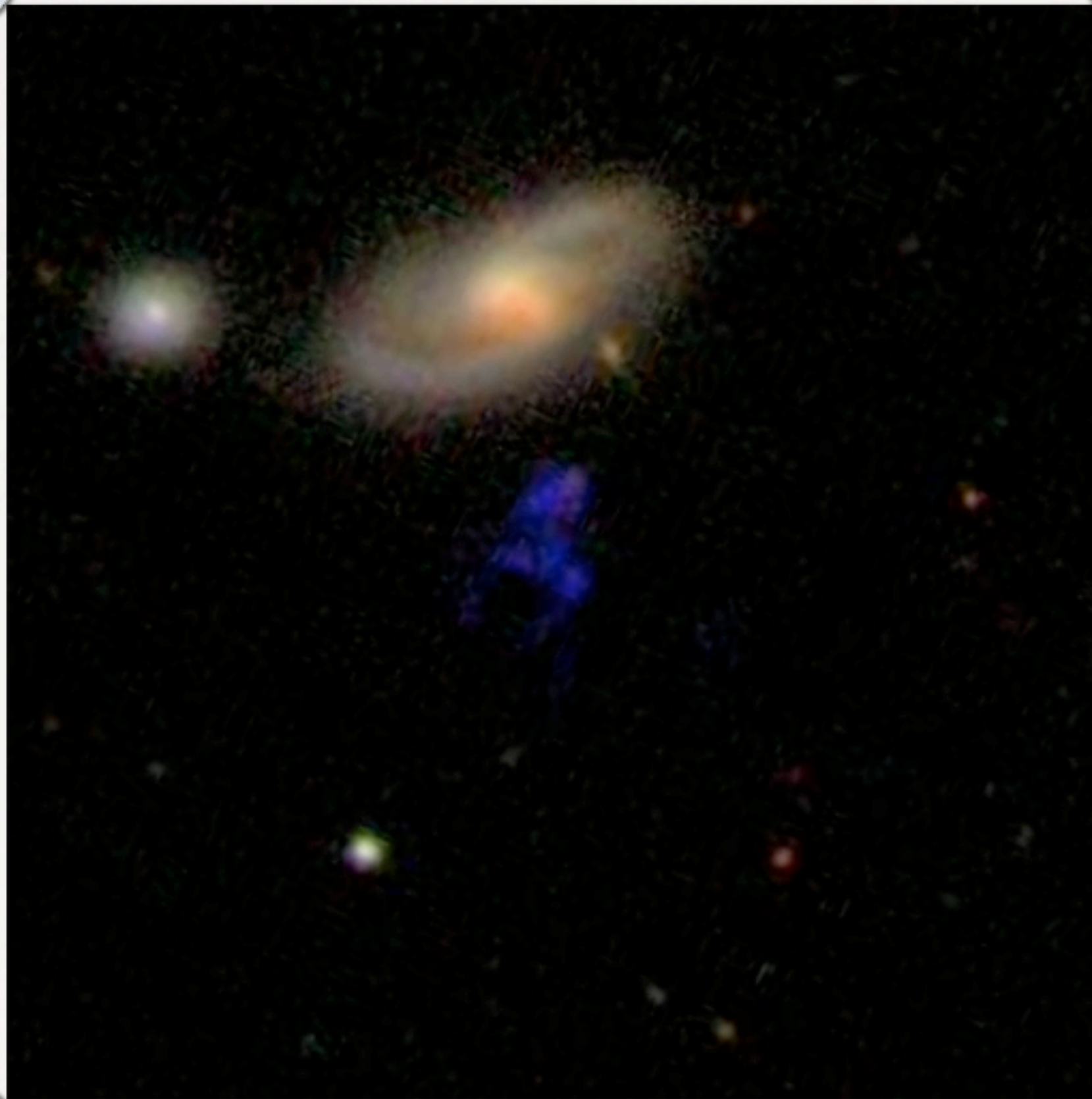
Features or disk



Star or artifact

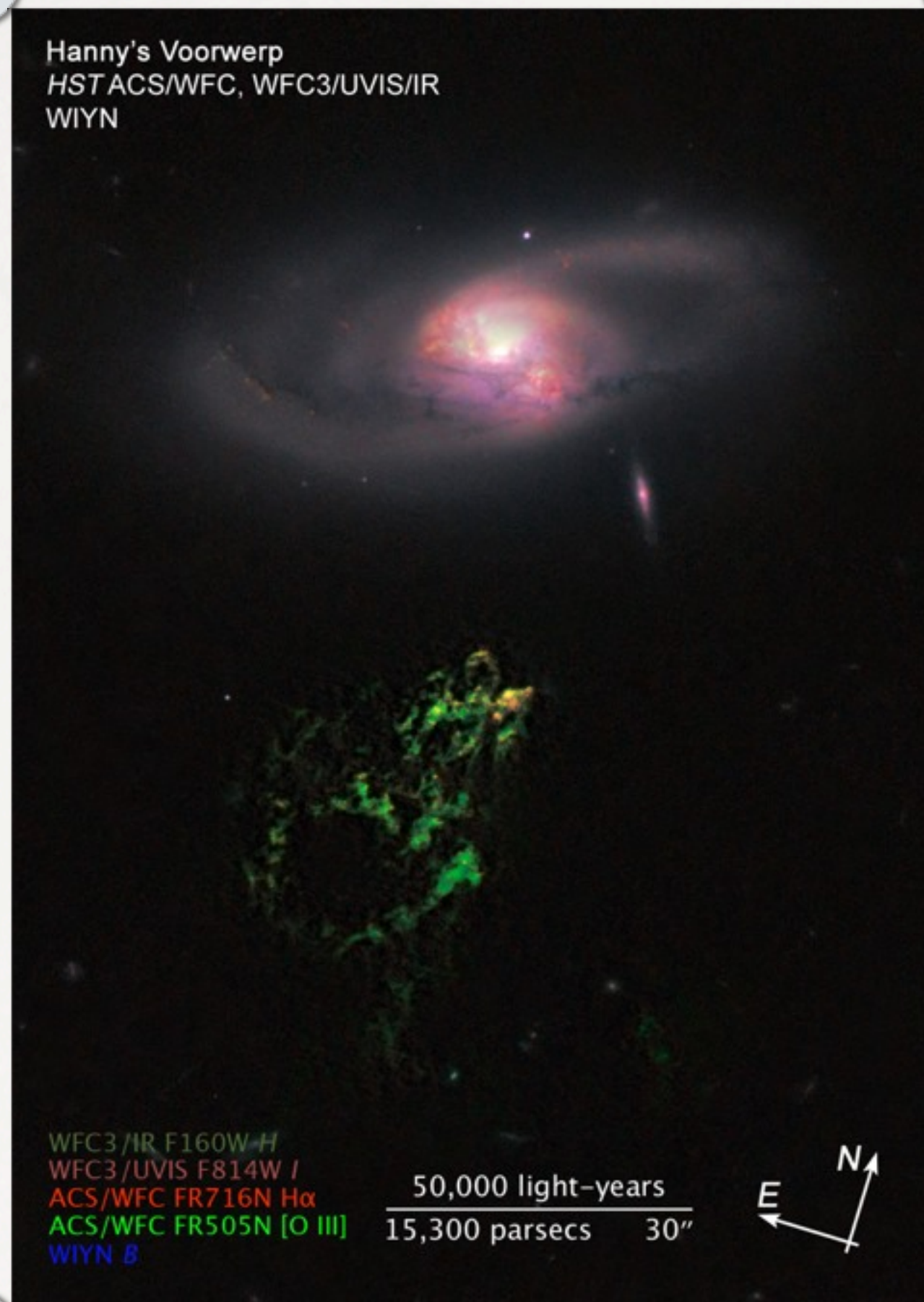


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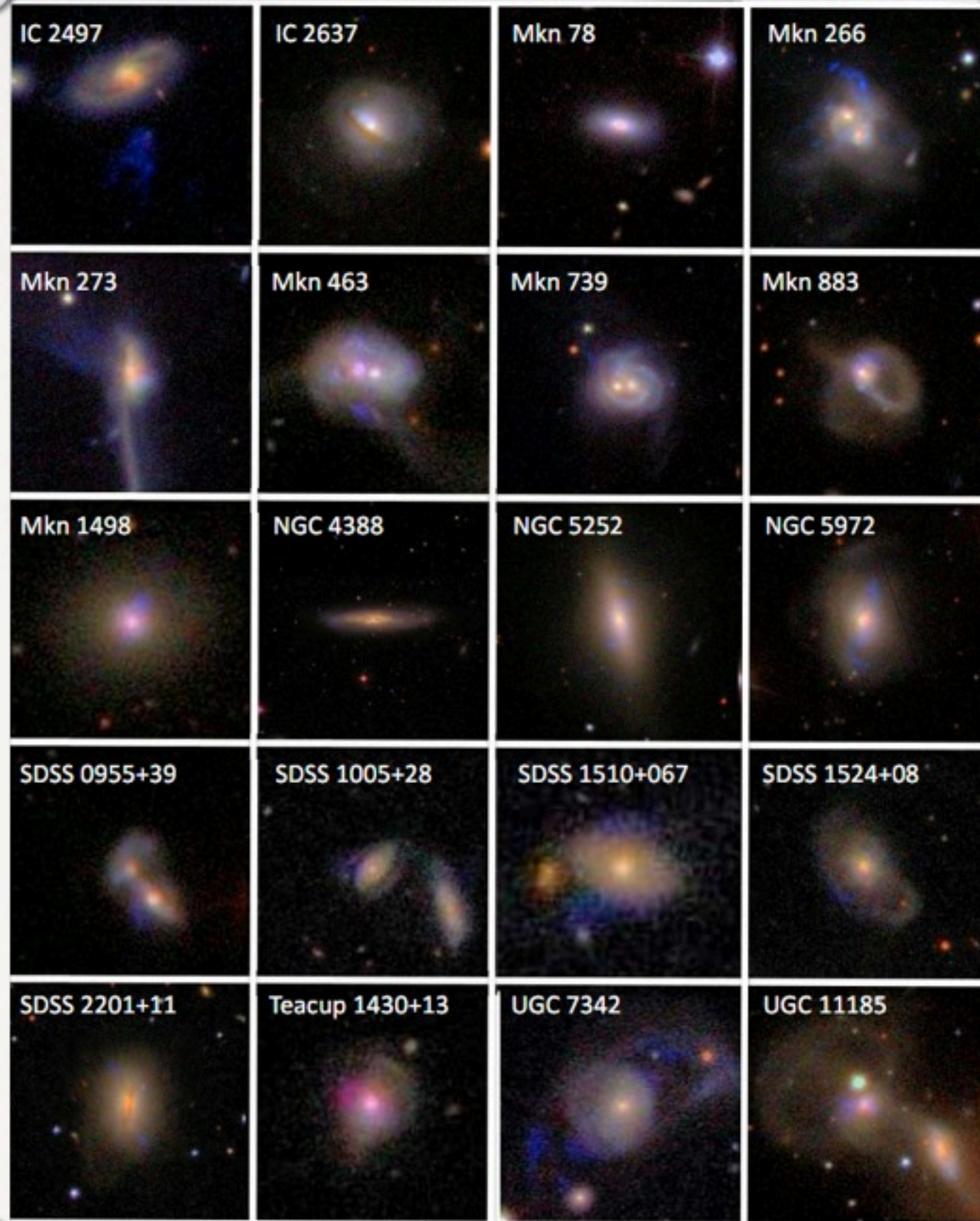


Hanny's Voorwerp  
HST ACS/WFC, WFC3/UVIS/IR  
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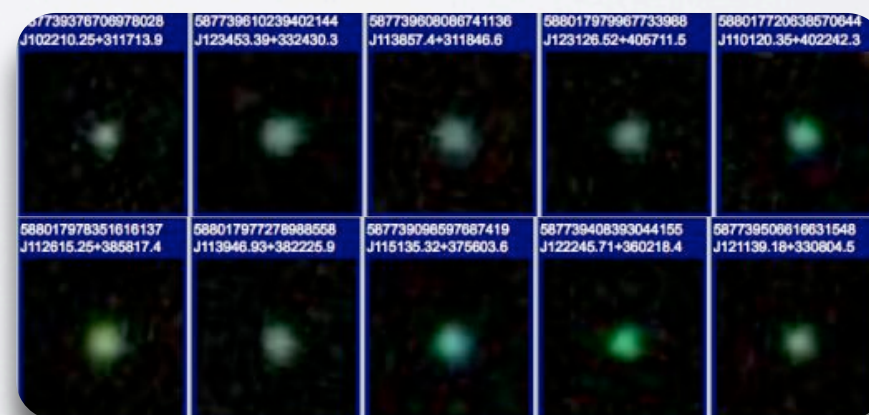
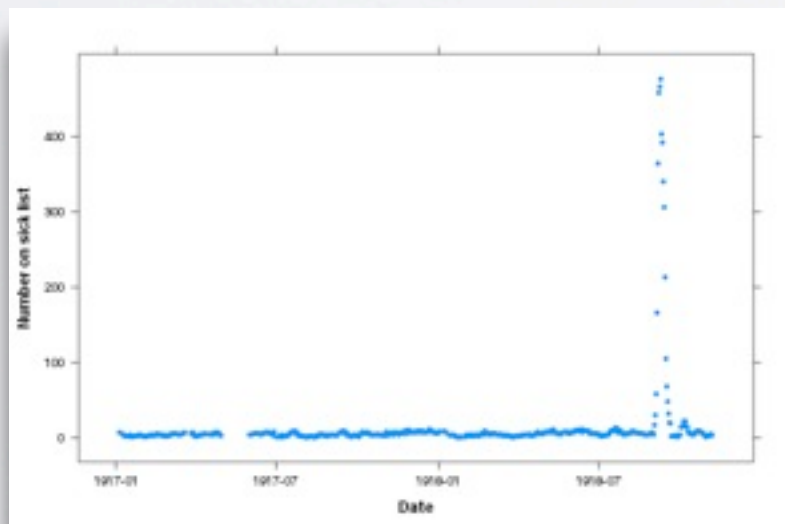
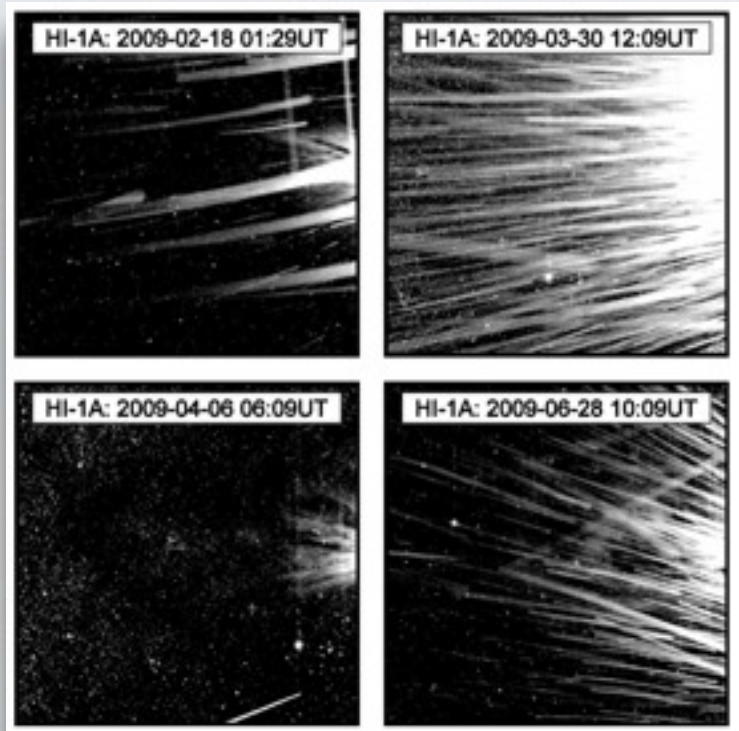


# Future of Citizen Science

Keeping it real and raising the bar

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kianjin

3 months ago

Once you have a CSV file with 2 columns, Time and Flux, it's very easy to fold this light curve. The secret is just one formula:

$\text{MOD}(((A2-\text{start})/\text{period}),1)$

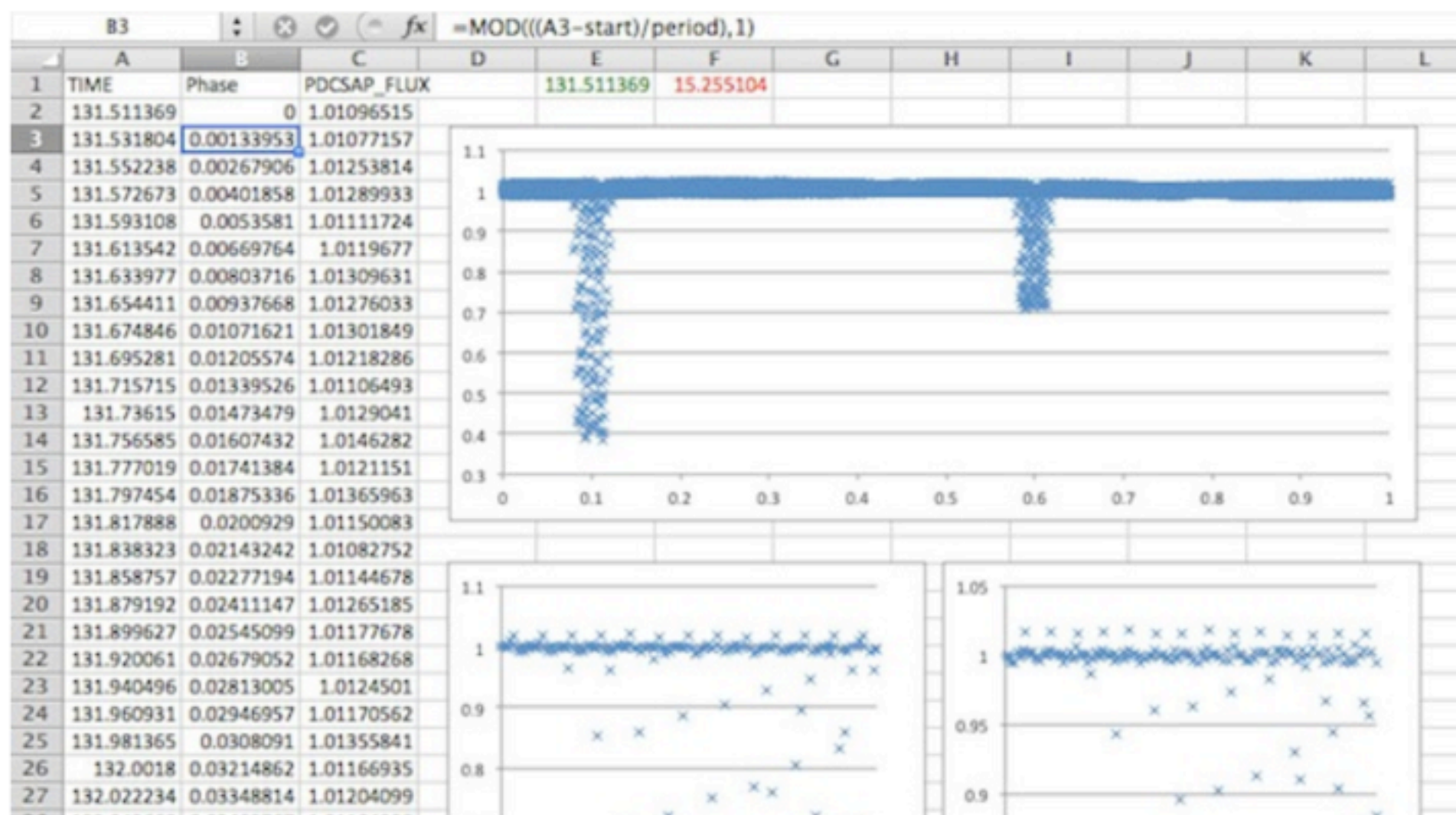
Open the CSV file in Excel (or some other spreadsheet if you have ideological differences with Microsoft).

Insert a column in between Time and Flux and call it Phase.

Copy the 1st value of Time (in cell A2) and paste it in cell E1. You can also name this cell, 'start'. In cell F1, paste the period you want to refine. If you used the NEA service, the Plavchan approximation for the period is 15.255. Name this cell, 'period'.

In cell B2, the first cell of the Phase column, enter the formula,  $=\text{MOD}(((A2-\$E\$1)/\$F\$1),1)$ . Now select this entire column from B2 right to the end and fill down, populating the entire column with this formula.

Now select the Phase and Flux columns and Insert a chart (marked scatter) with Phase in the X column and Flux in the Y column. Then duplicate this chart twice, and change the scales so that these two charts focus on the primary and secondary eclipses. This screen shot is what you should have.





## Featured discussions

**Hello everyone!**

Posted in [Introduce yourself](#)

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3 users



[Shona Anne](#)



[ttfnrob](#)



[parttimework](#)

## People are Observing...



16 Comments, 2 Discussions

Is the blue bob an error on the image collected...



by [Neha\\_pk](#)



22 Comments, 1 Discussions

Do you mean this one (inverted)? > Its the image in



by [JellyMonster](#)

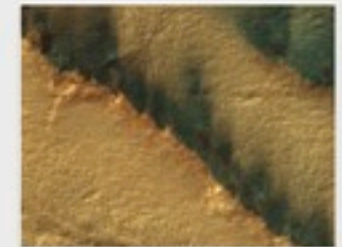


19 Comments, 3 Discussions

No not figured it out yet, need to find a couple that fit together



by [wassock](#)



12 Comments, 2 Discussions

#fans adjacent along #fault lines or cracks. Note smaller brown



by [angi60](#)



11 Comments, 2 Discussions

Iv also come across more images of the same patterns



by [rowbumby](#)

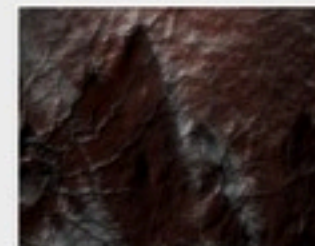


6 Comments, 1 Discussions

#fan black fans overlying green copper coloured fans on light



by [JohnRon](#)

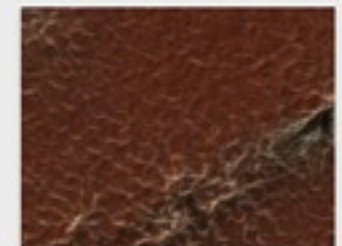


6 Comments, 2 Discussions

#fan area underlying frost



by [JohnRon](#)



9 Comments, 2 Discussions

I use Paint Shop Pro 7 mostly. I also like IrfanView (freeware).



by [JellyMonster](#)

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SIX SDSS  $0.30 <$   
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THE HYPER-  
VELOCITY

GALAXY ZOO

DISCOVERY OF  
FOUR GIANT



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# A Brief Overview of PyKE & Kepler Target Pixel Files

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*nighthawk\_black*

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## ***Summary***

This letter offers a basic overview of several Pyke bundle tasks that may be used for pixel by pixel examination of Kepler light curves, and assumes first the user has obtained and correctly installed the software as described at Kepler Guest Observer Home. <http://keplergo.arc.nasa.gov/ContributedSoftwarePyKEP.shtml>

Many areas of the Kepler FOV contain crowded fields of faint stars and are thus prone to light curves that possess blended flux and aperture confusion. When this leads to questions about the true intrinsic nature of individual KIC targets, basic analysis using the PyKE data reduction tools can address these conflicts and identify background sources. This is especially beneficial to PlanetHunters efforts to identify new exoplanets and false positives.

PyKE is based on Python, a freeware scripting language available in several iterations for Unix, Linux, Mac OS and Windows platforms. Python modules **IRAF** and **PyRAF** are mandatory prerequisites.

Select the tools you need:

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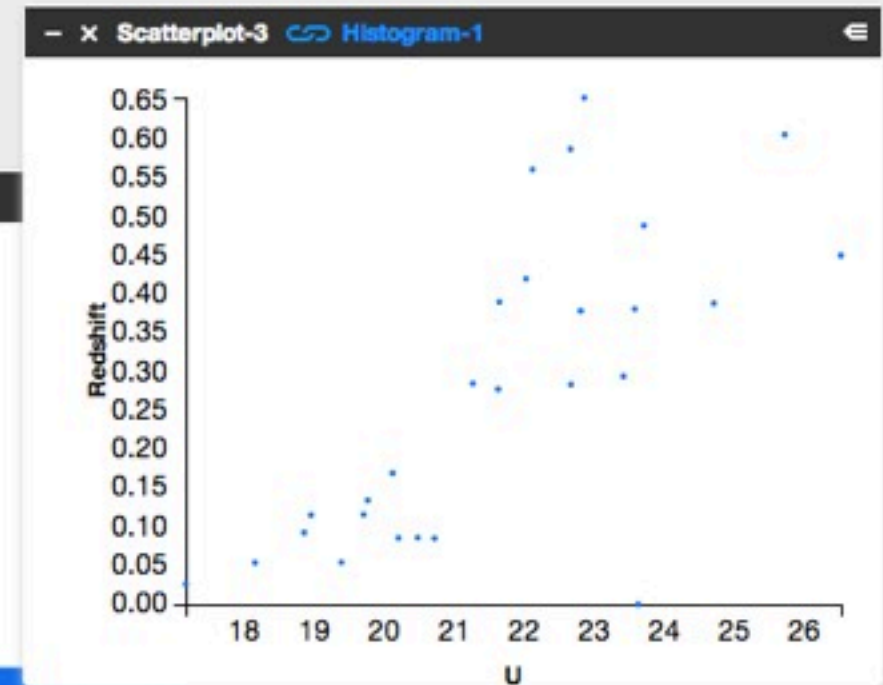
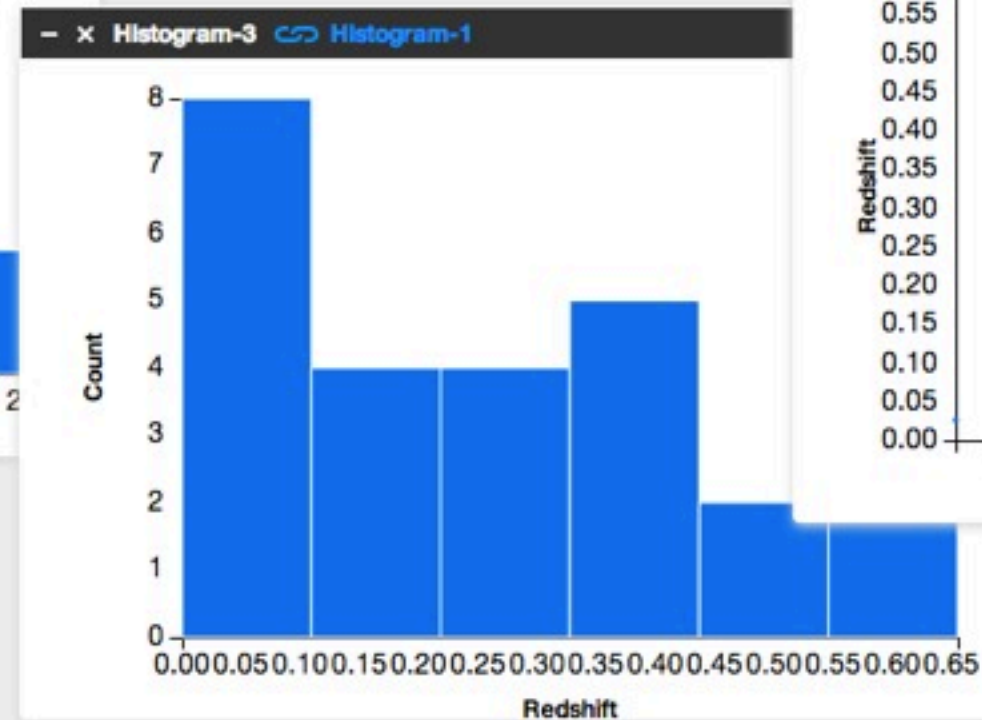
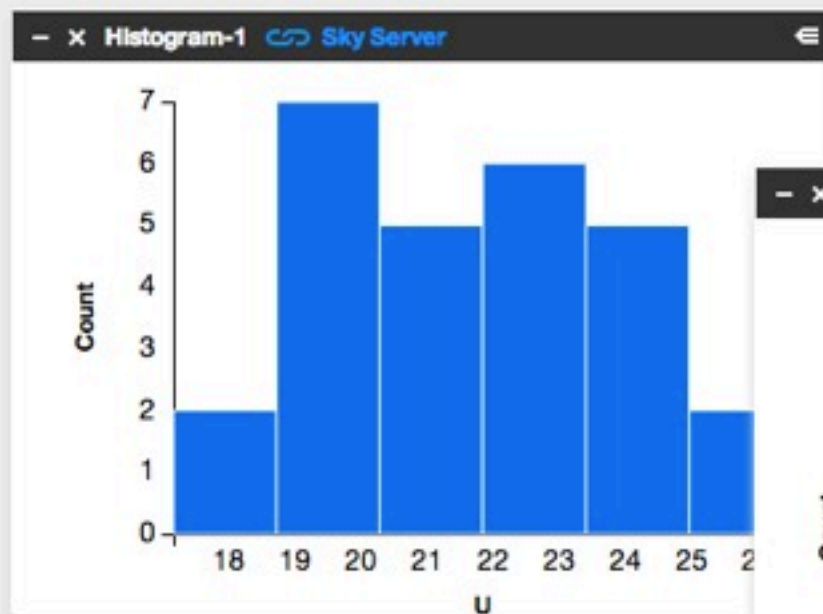
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My Great Dashboard

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Dashboard is a place for volunteers to observe, collect, and analyze data from Zooniverse citizen science projects.





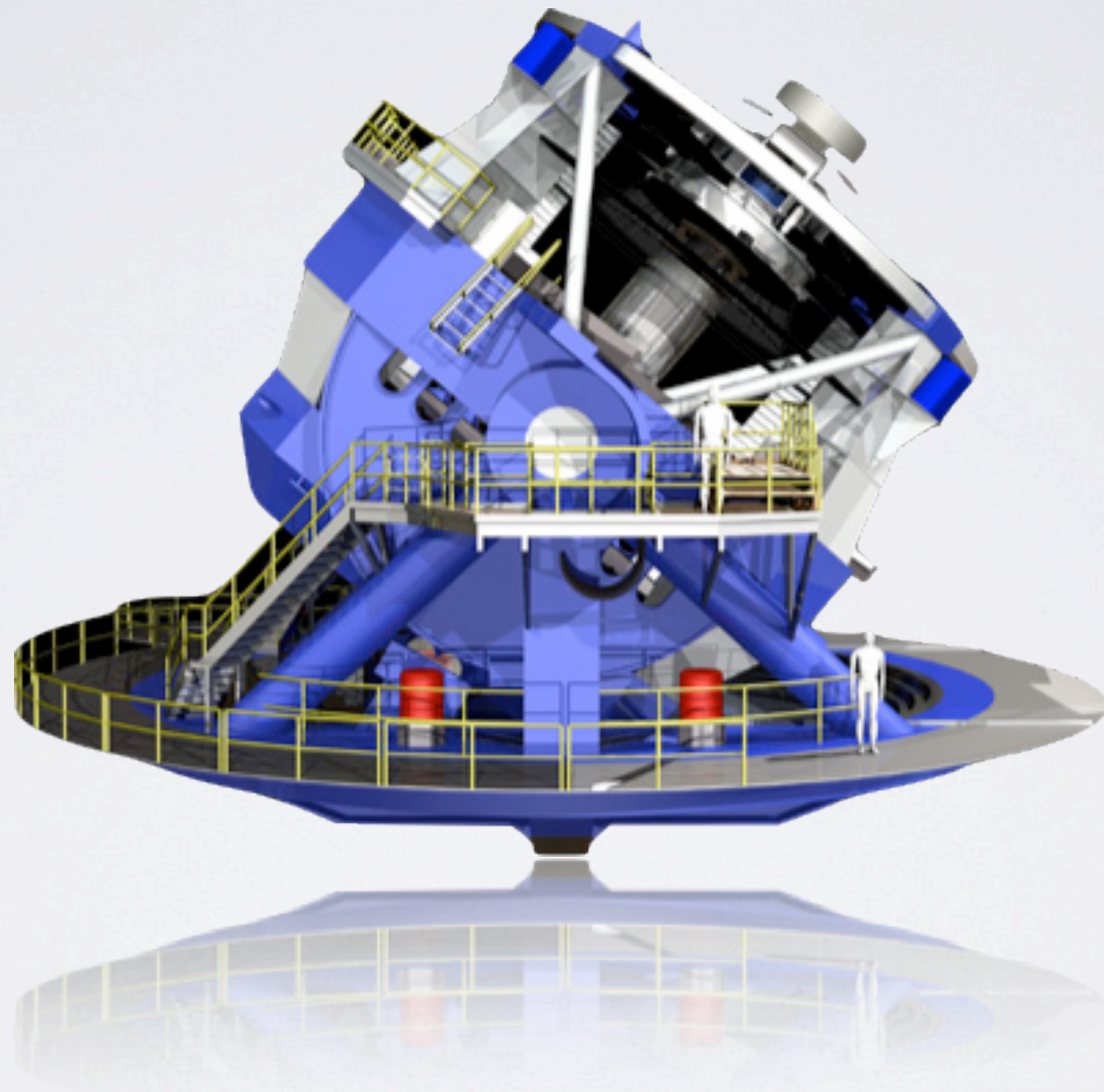
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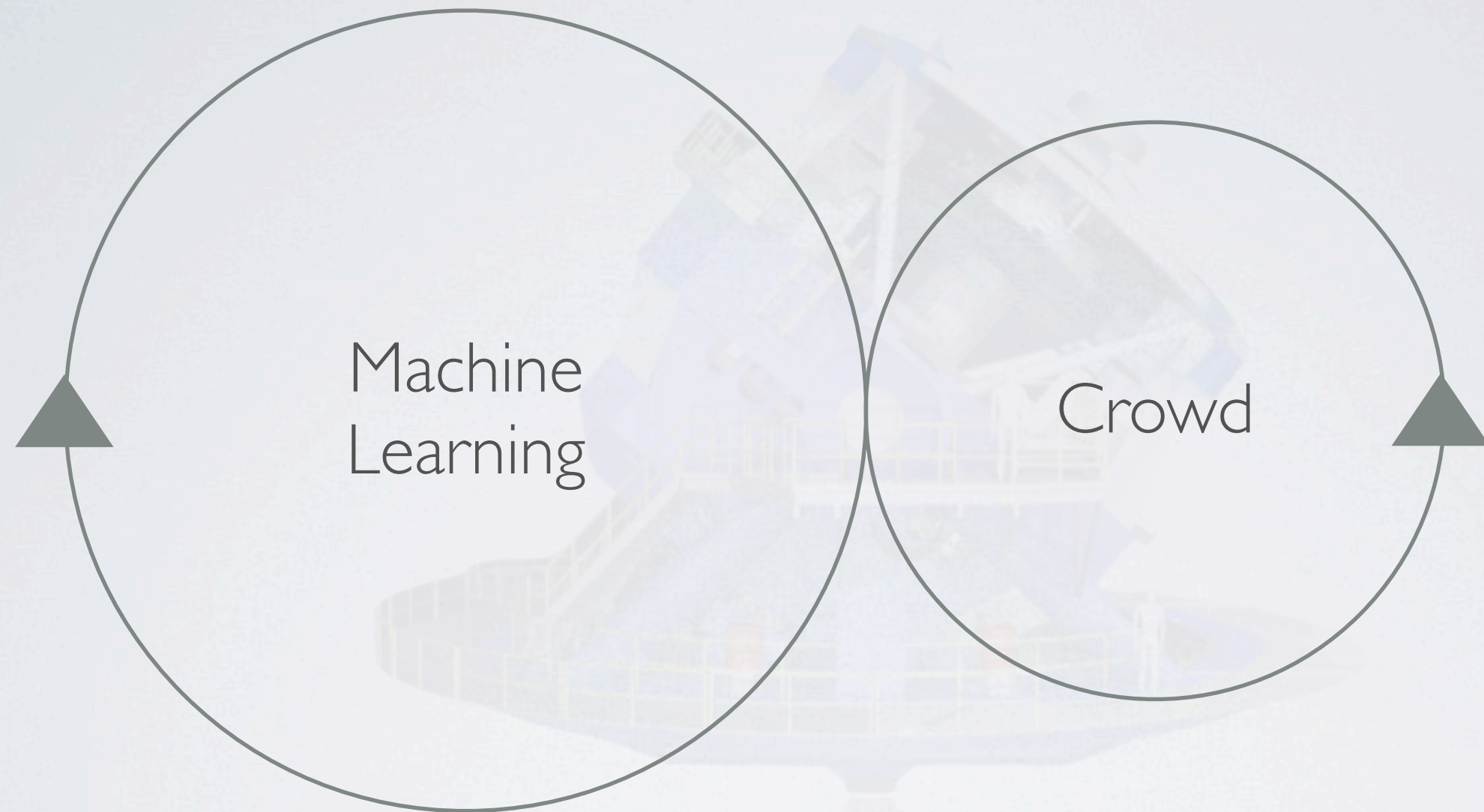
Rise of the machines!

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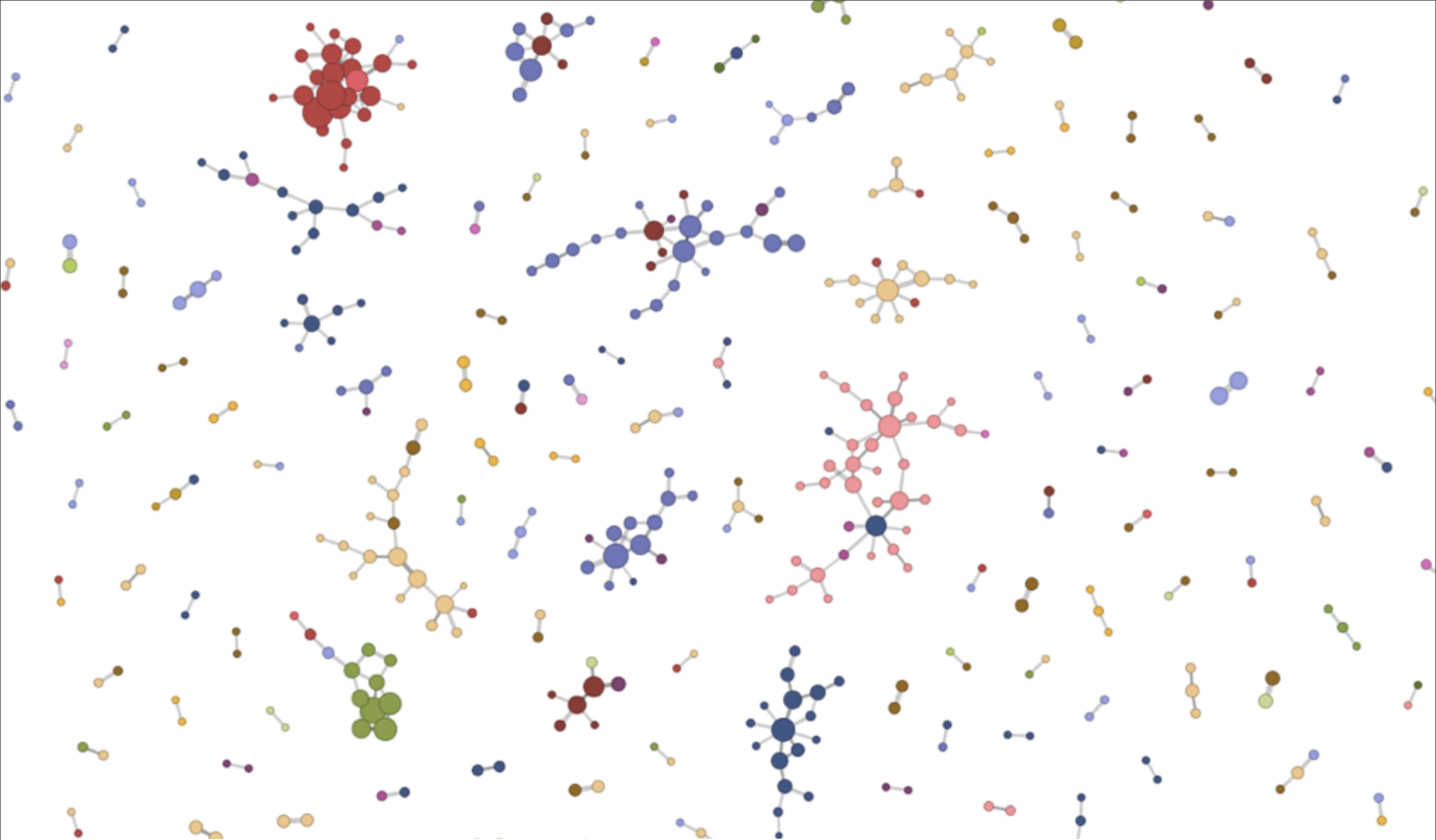








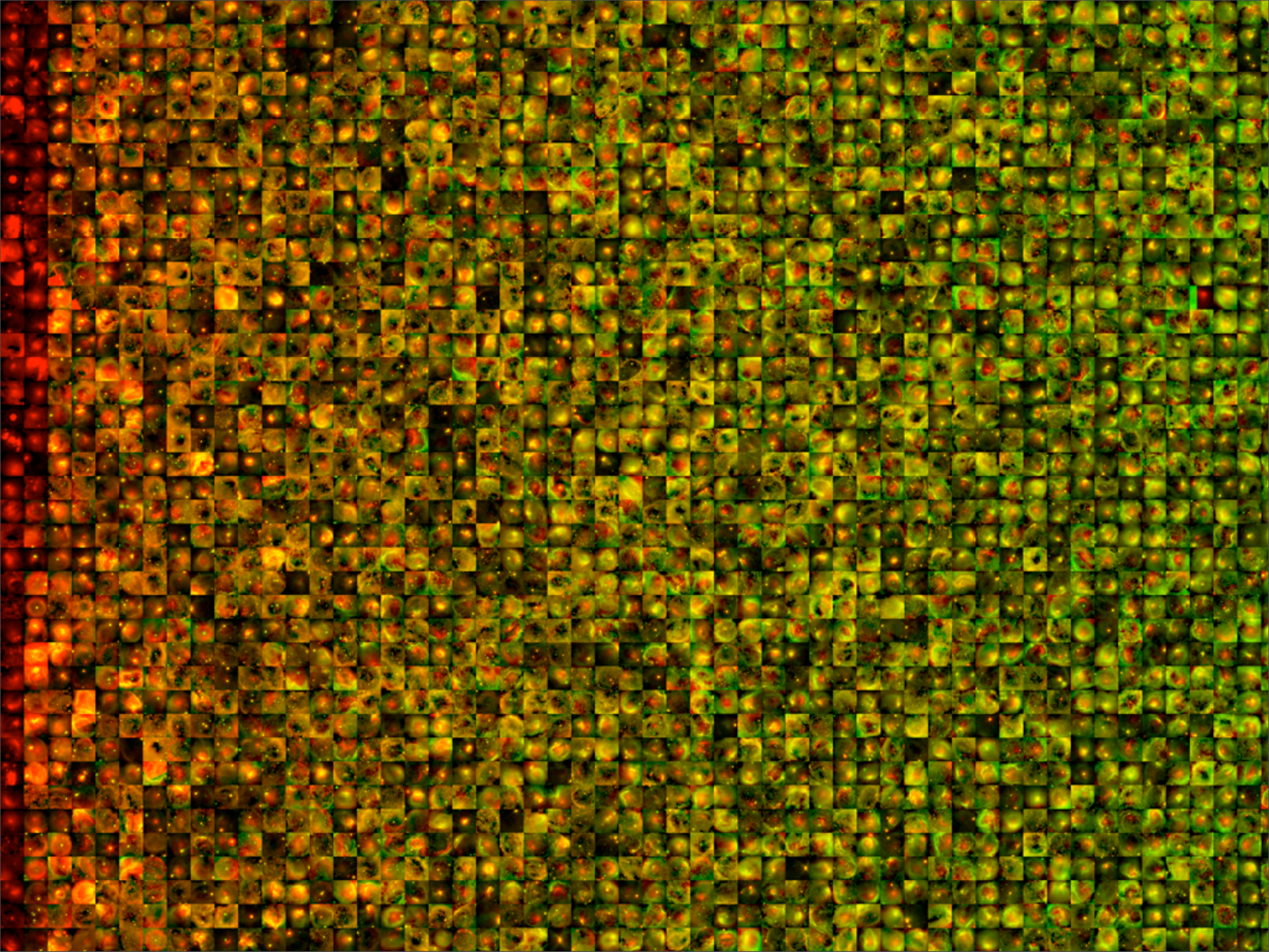




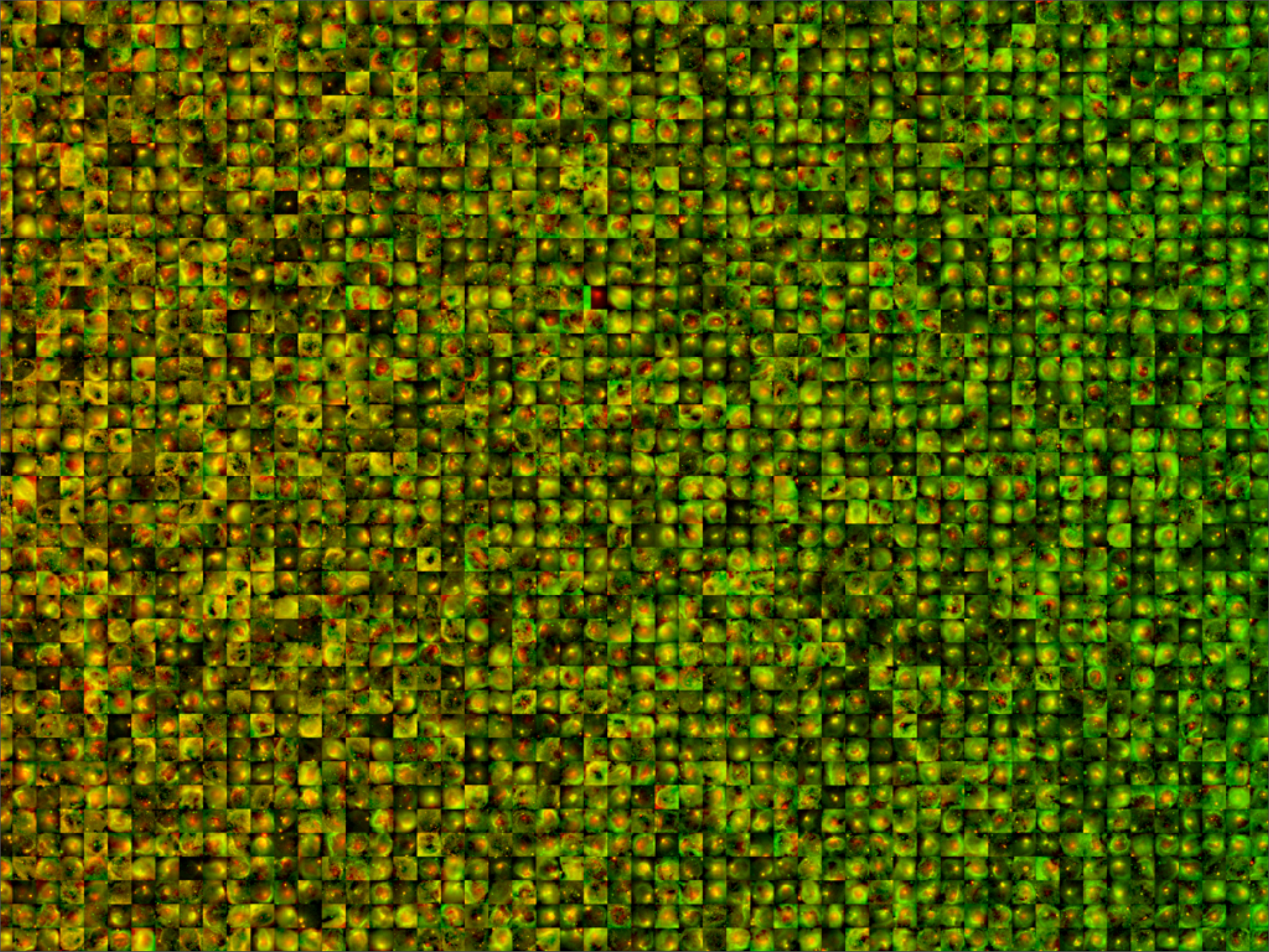
# Whale FM

Teaching computers to hear whale voices













850k  
worldwide



850k  
worldwide

15  
projects





 Last Month

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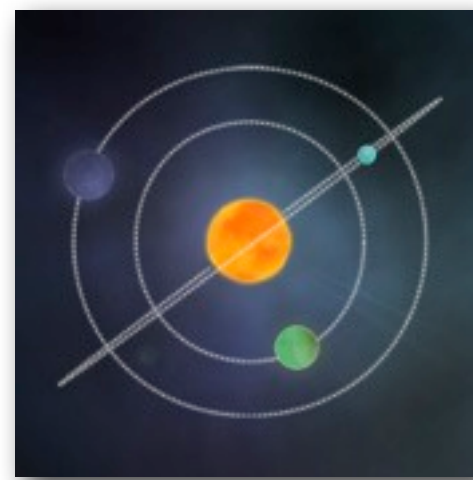
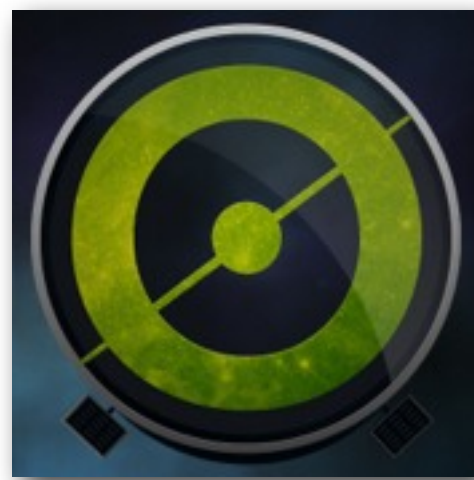
# Conclusions

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- There is brain power out there
- People want to contribute to science
- Crowd and machines should together
- Public exploration leads to discovery
- The sky's the limit!







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