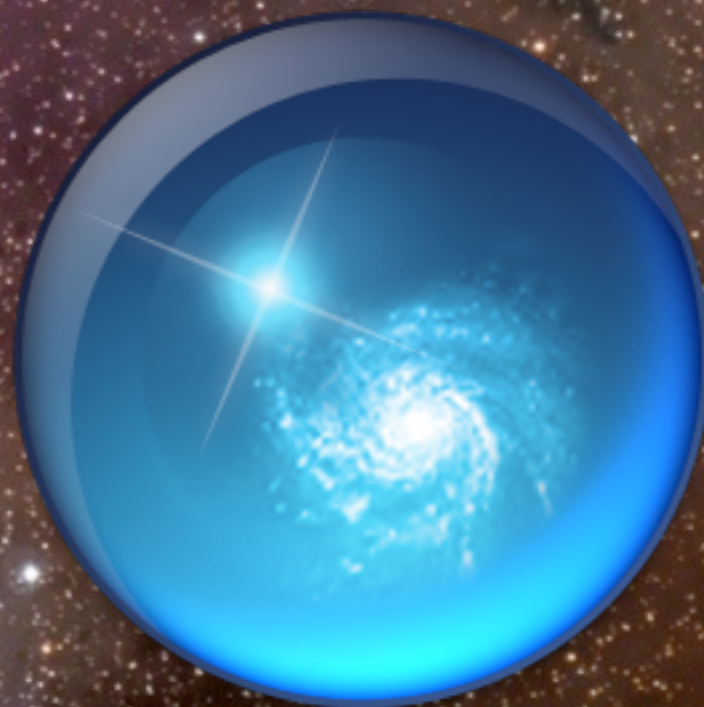


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The WorldWide Telescope

Alyssa A. Goodman

*Professor of Astronomy
Harvard University*



WWT software created by Curtis Wong & Jonathan Fay at Microsoft **Research**



perseus_optical

Wide field image of Perseus star-forming clouds.

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astrometry.net (12 months ago)

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The star oPer
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The figure (above) diagrams the relationship between astronomical research and the data and literature sources that the research draws upon. The researcher stands between the literature and data, taking information from each, integrating their own analysis tools, and then producing new publications and results that feed back into these source regimes.

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albertoconti: <http://t.co/pdmdrJJs>
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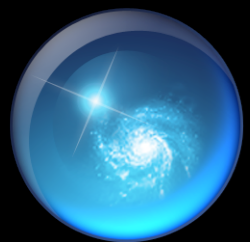
albertoconti: @thenakedshort but your argument can be reversed: supporting commercial crew now would have made #JWST science impossible.

albertoconti: RT @Unstrung: RT @jeff_foust Bolden says FY2013 NASA budget proposal will "adequately" support key priorities: SLS/MPCV, ISS/Comm'l Crew ...

augustmuench: #feedly just rocked my rss world. (already damaged #greader, you may go now).

augustmuench: google scholar profile: my citations were growing w/nice linear trend right up to 2008 aka when I started working on sw/service/training.

doug_burke: RT @edsu: Interesting take on responsive UIs and Ajax
<http://t.co/6s8LUqnv>



Microsoft® Research WorldWide Telescope

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The screenshot displays the WorldWide Telescope interface with several key components:

- Navigation Bar:** Includes tabs for 'Explore', 'Guided Tours', 'Search', 'View', and 'Settings'.
- Collections:** A row of thumbnails for 'All-Sky Surveys' including 'Digitized Sky Survey', 'VLSS: VLA Low-frequency Sky Survey', 'WMAP ILC 5-Year Cosmic Microwave Background', 'SFD Dust Map (Infrared)', 'IRIS: Improved Resolution', '2MASS: Two Micron All Sky Survey', and 'Hydrogen Alpha Filter'.
- Main View:** A large 3D rendering of the night sky with a central circular field of view.
- Finder Scope:** A pop-up window for the selected object, NGC224, showing its classification as a 'Spiral Galaxy in Andromeda' and providing astronomical data: RA: 00h42m42s, Dec: 41:16:00, Magnitude, Distance, Alt: 70:06:26, Rise, Az: 275:42:17, Transit, and Set: 00:35. It also includes 'Image Credits' and buttons for 'Research', 'Show Object', and 'Close'.
- Context Bar:** Located at the bottom, it shows 'Look At' (Sky), 'Imagery' (Digitized Sky Survey), and a 'Context globe' showing the current field of view.
- Object Thumbnails:** A row of thumbnails for 'NGC221' and 'M31'.

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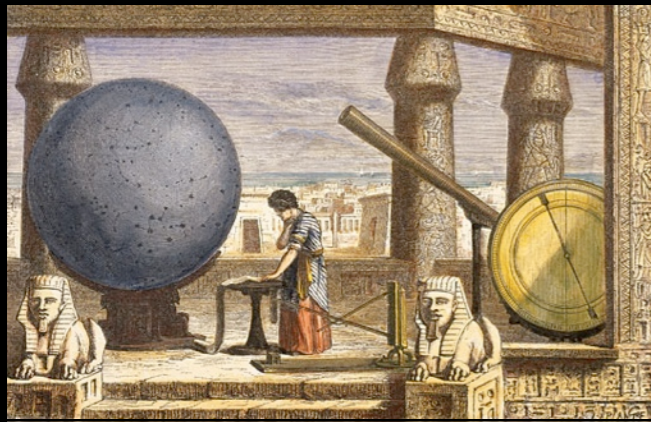


3500 years of Observing

Stonehenge, 1500 BC



Ptolemy in Alexandria, 100 AD



Observatory Tower, Lincolnshire, UK, c. 1300



Galileo, 1600



The "Scientific Revolution"

Reber's Radio Telescope, 1937



NASA/Explorer 7
(Space-based
Observing)
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"The Internet"



Long-distance
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"Virtual
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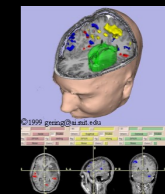
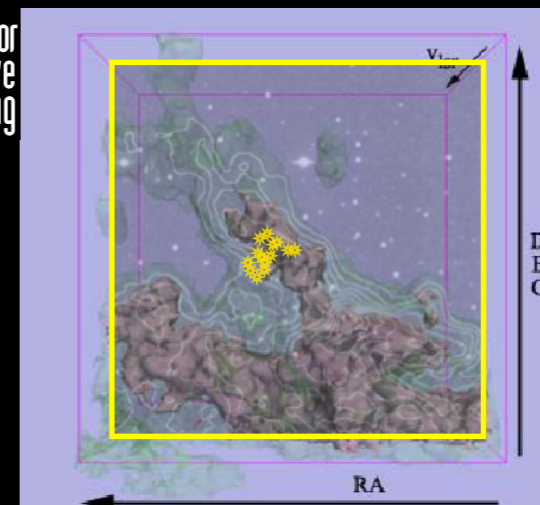
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Clicking on the related link below takes you to the object in context of the sky.

Nebula

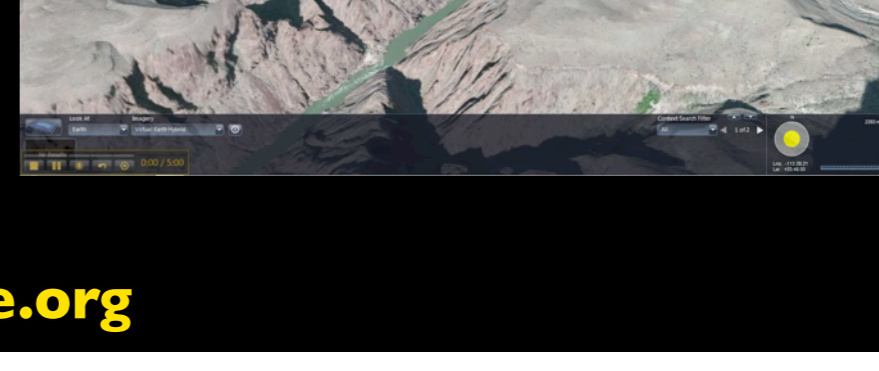
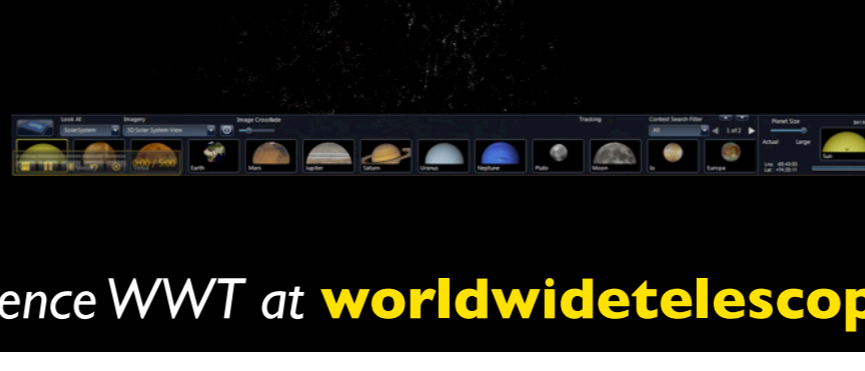
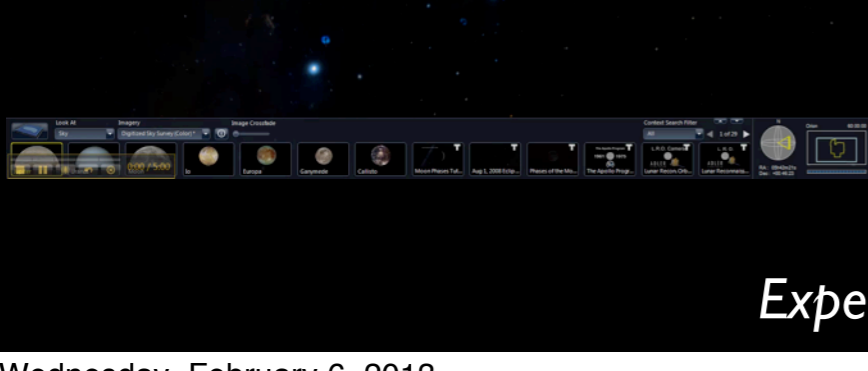
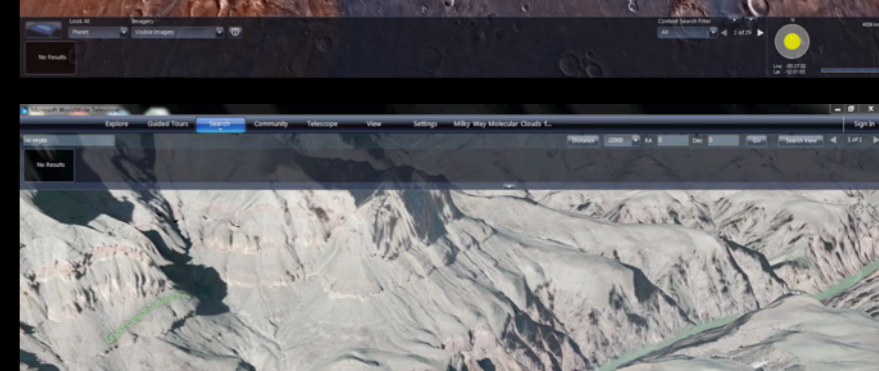
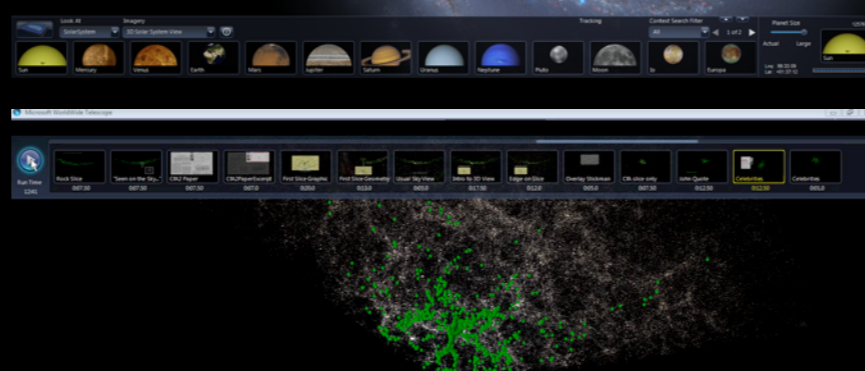
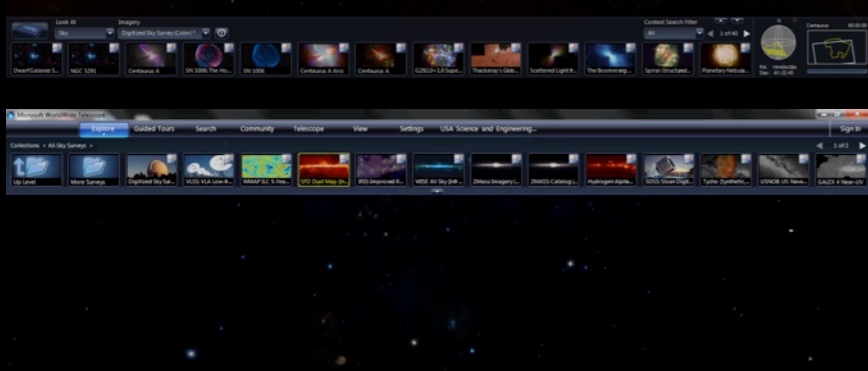
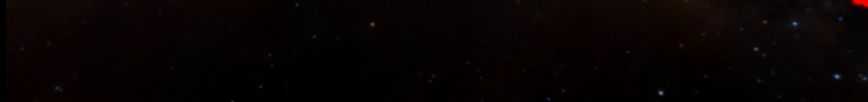
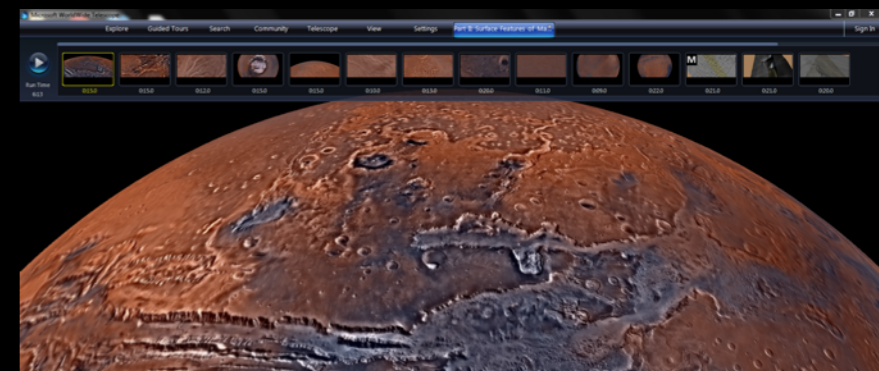
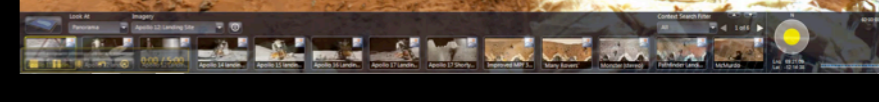
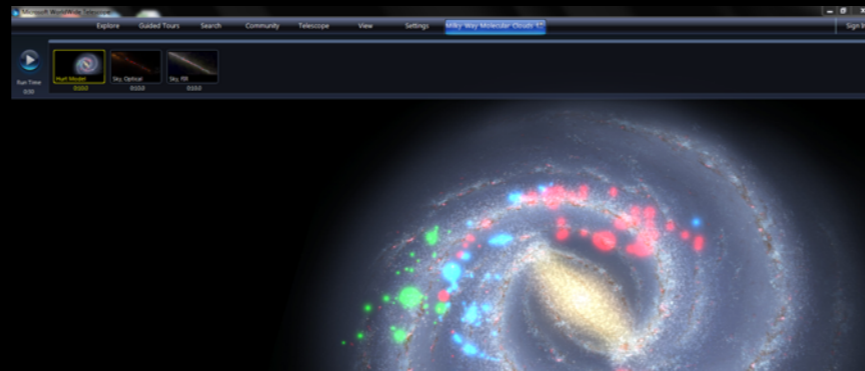
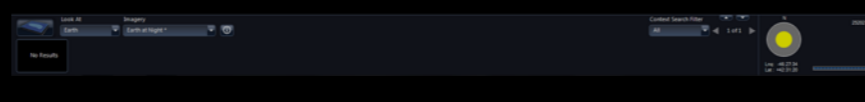
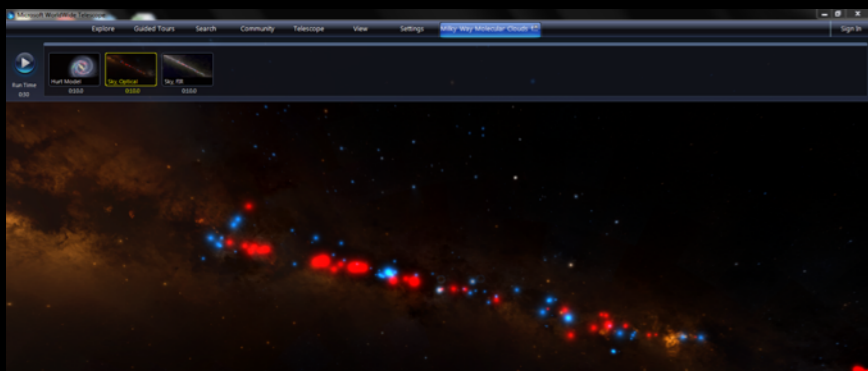
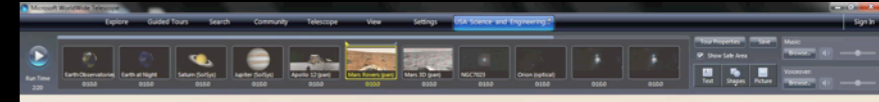
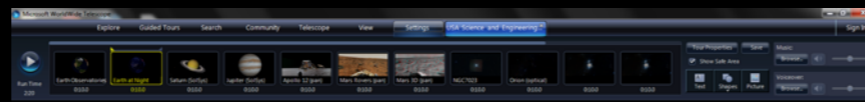
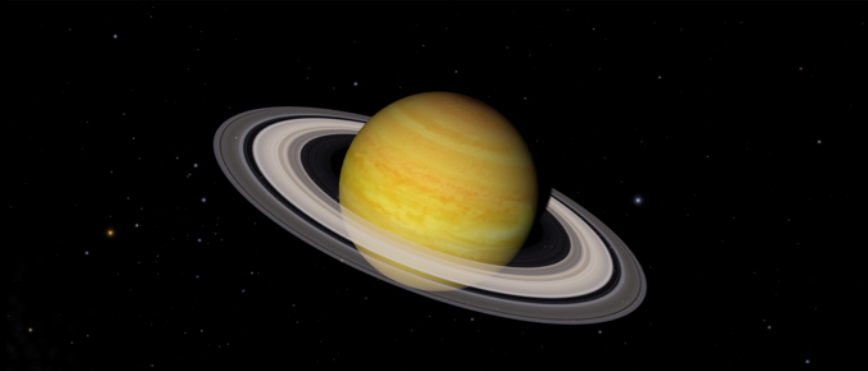
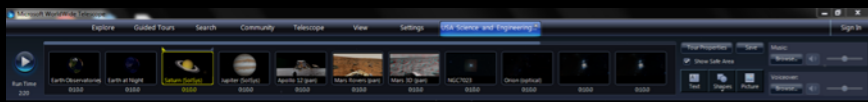


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A joint venture of FAS-Astronomy & HMS/BWH-Surgical Planning Lab.
Work shown here is from the 2005 Junior Thesis of Michelle Borkin, Harvard College.

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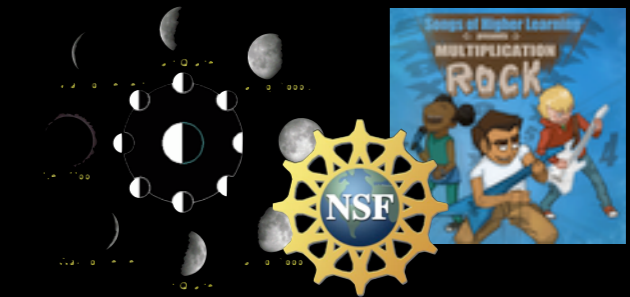


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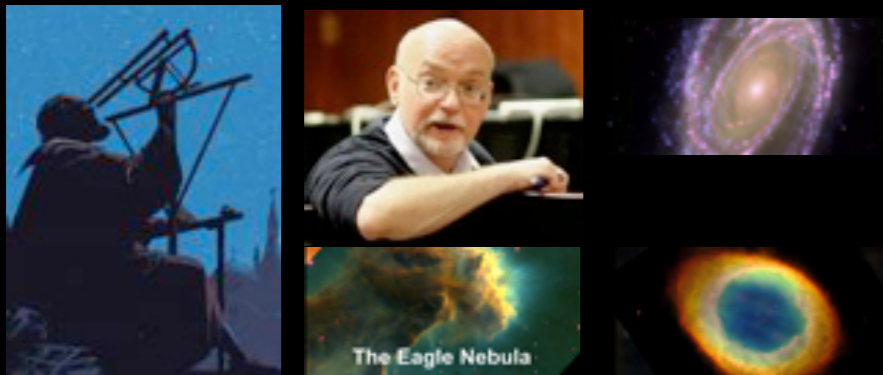
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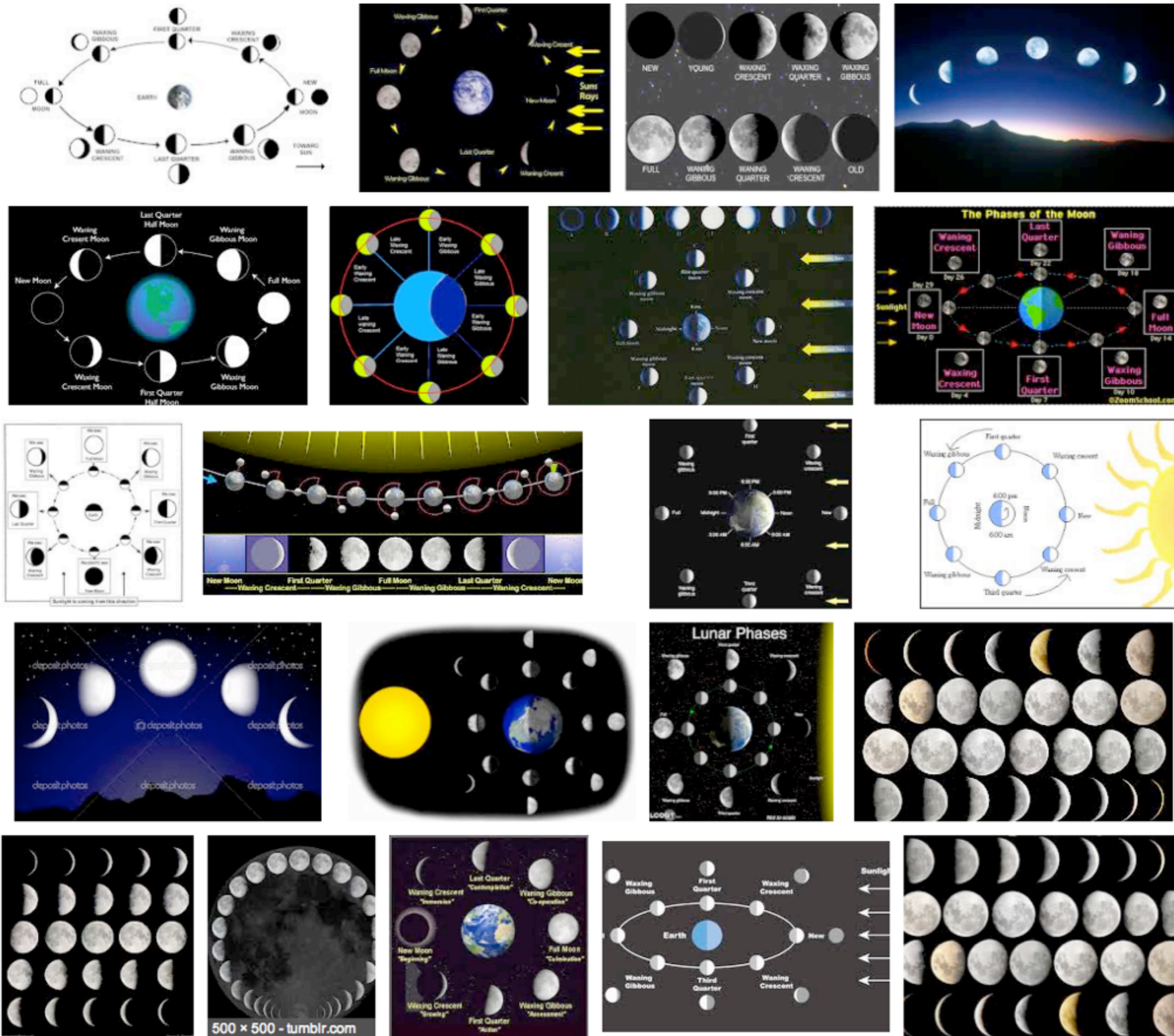
[Demo]

John Huchra's Universe

This WorldWide Telescope Tour was created to thank
John Huchra (1948-2010) for the knowledge and cheer he gave us all.

also available on [YouTube](#) (search "John Huchra's Universe")

WVVT VizLab: (Why) Moon Phases?



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Spring 2012 Update
Submitted by patudom on May. 9

WWT Ambassadors have had a busy and productive spring! We demo'd WWT at the [USA Science and Engineering Festival](#) and two local science festival events in Cambridge to engaged and enthusiastic crowds of close to 2000 people. The most common refrain we heard was, "Really? I can download this at home for free?" Ambassadors continue to be impressed by the astute questions and observations made by children who are given the opportunity to explore our universe for the first time. "Why is Pluto's orbit so out of whack from all the other planets?" "Why does Jupiter have so many more moons than other planets?" "How long would it take for us to travel far enough outside the Milky Way to take a picture of it?"

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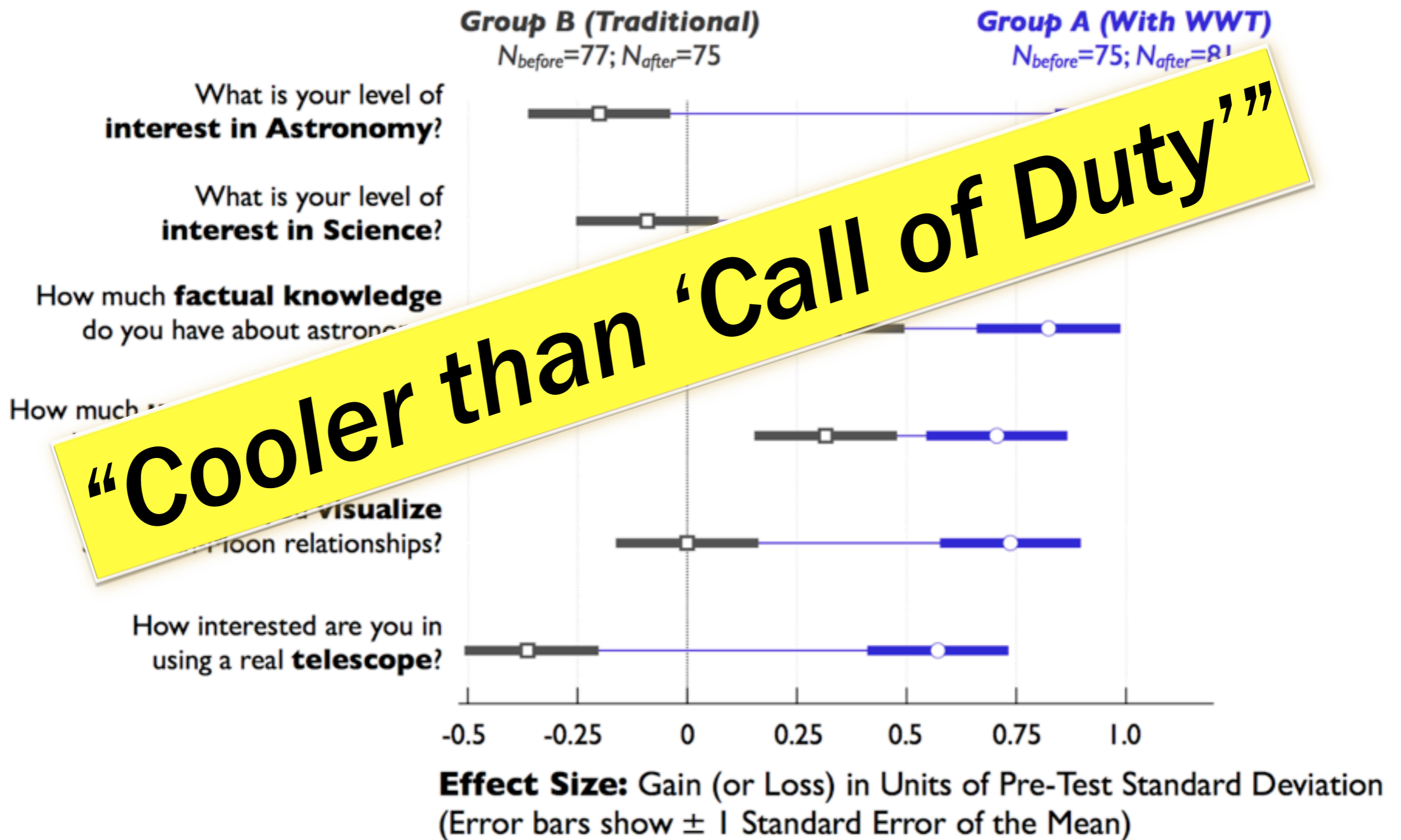
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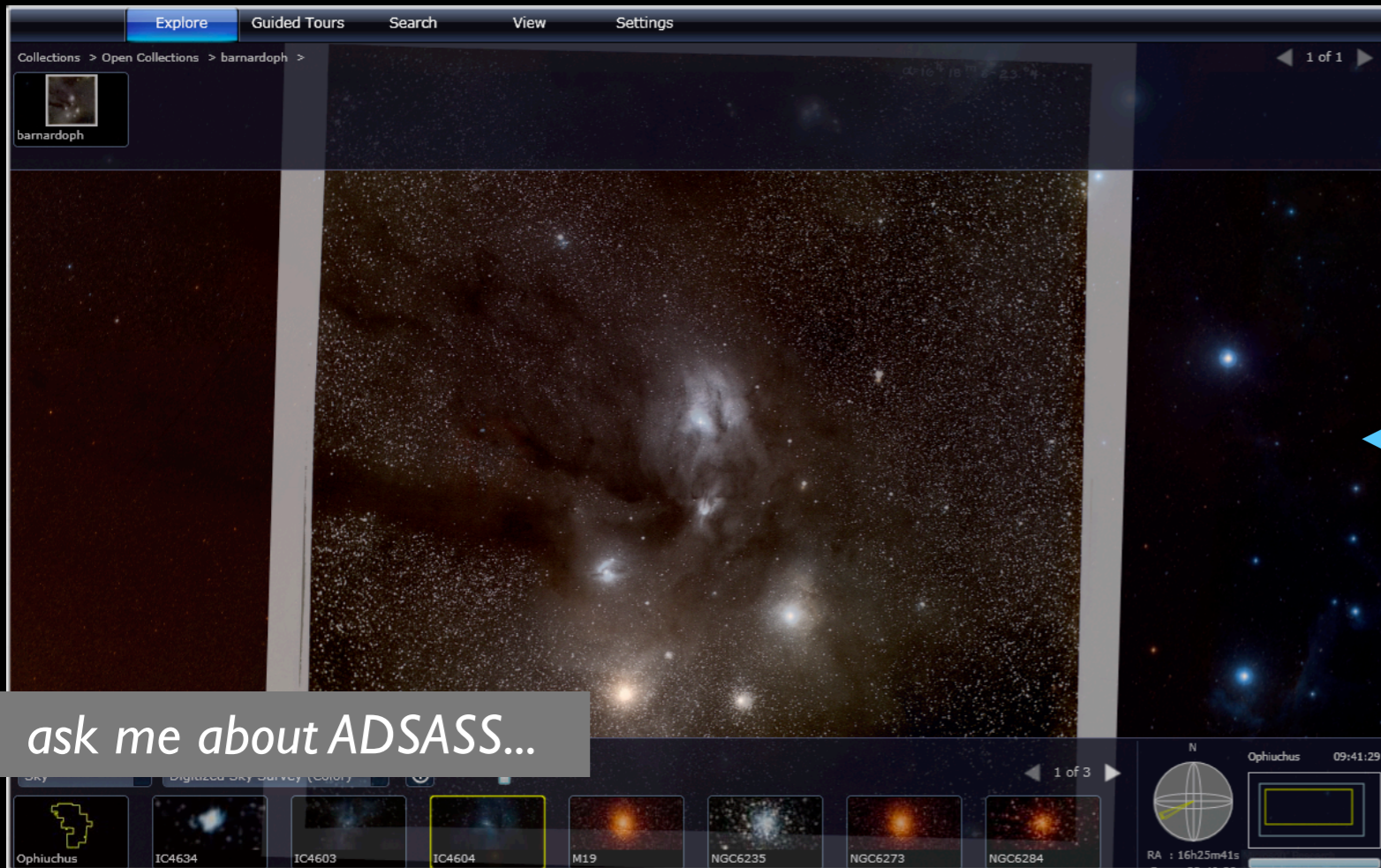
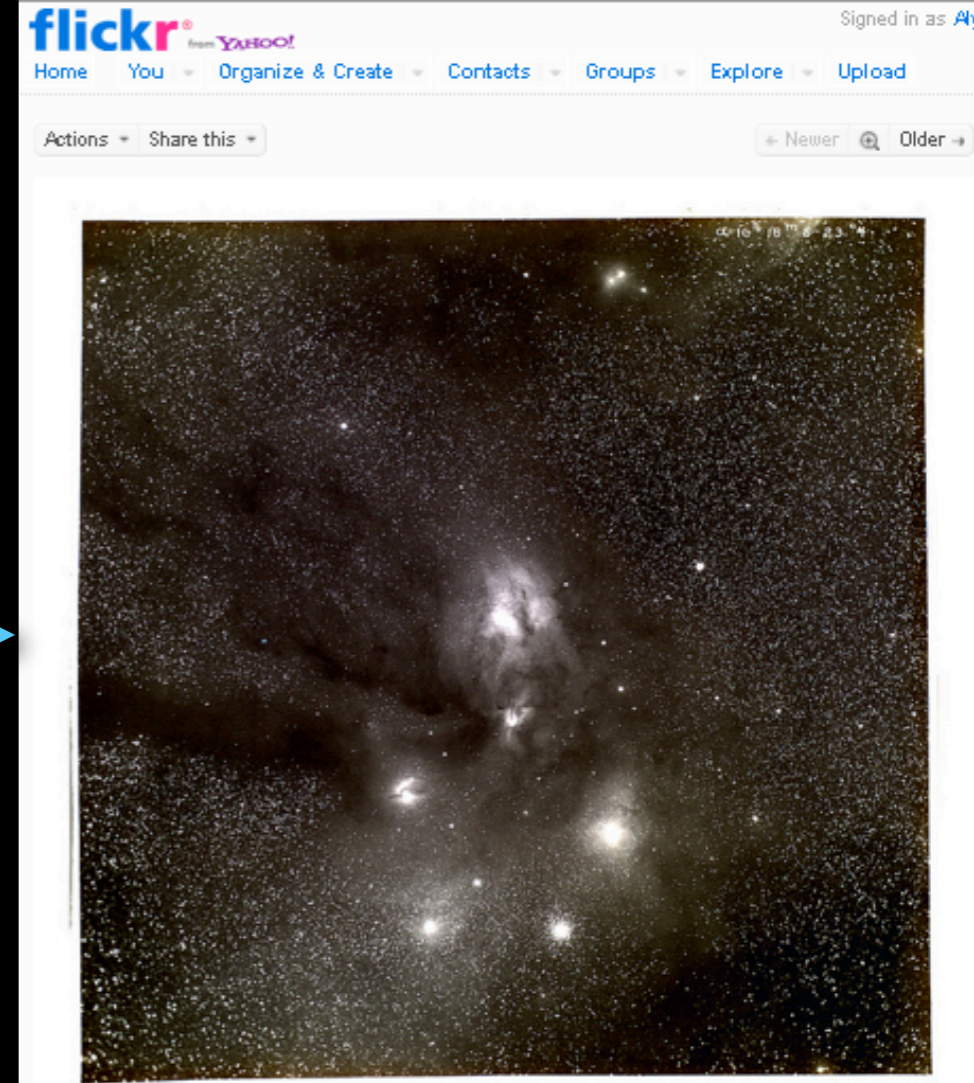
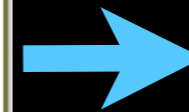
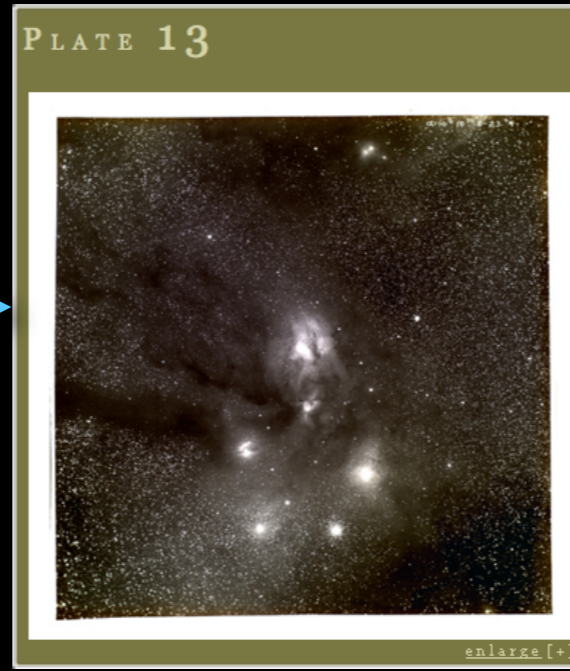
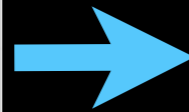
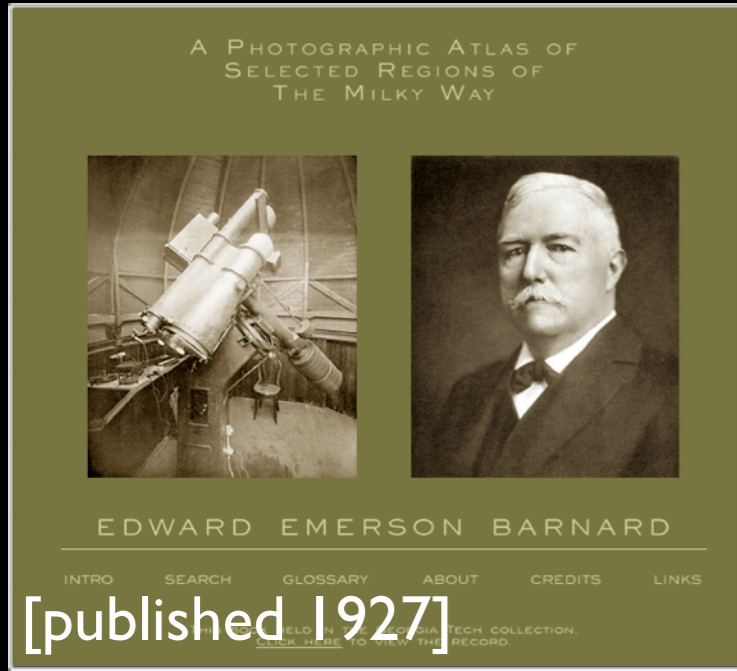
Gains in Student Interest and Understanding

(“Traditional Way” vs “WWT Way”)



“Seamless Astronomy”...


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E.E. Bamard's image of Ophiuchus
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Understanding the cold, dusty material that we see in these images, helps scientists to learn how stars form and how our galaxy changes and evolves with time.

[Click here](#) to see the full tutorial or browse the site to find out more about the science behind the Milky Way Project.

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What is Universe3D.org?

The intention of Universe3D.org is to host links to web content that enable the enhancement of our three-dimensional view of the Universe.

Recently added Dataset

SLOAN Digital Sky Survey [↗](#) The Sloan Digital Sky Survey or SDSS is a major multi-filter imaging and spectroscopic redshift survey using a dedicated 2.5-m wide-angle optical telescope at Apache Point Observatory in New Mexico, United States. The main galaxy sample has a median redshift of $z = 0.1$; there are redshifts for luminous red galaxies as far as $z = 0.7$, and for quasars as far as $z = 5$; and the imaging survey has been involved in the detection of quasars beyond a redshift $z = 6$.

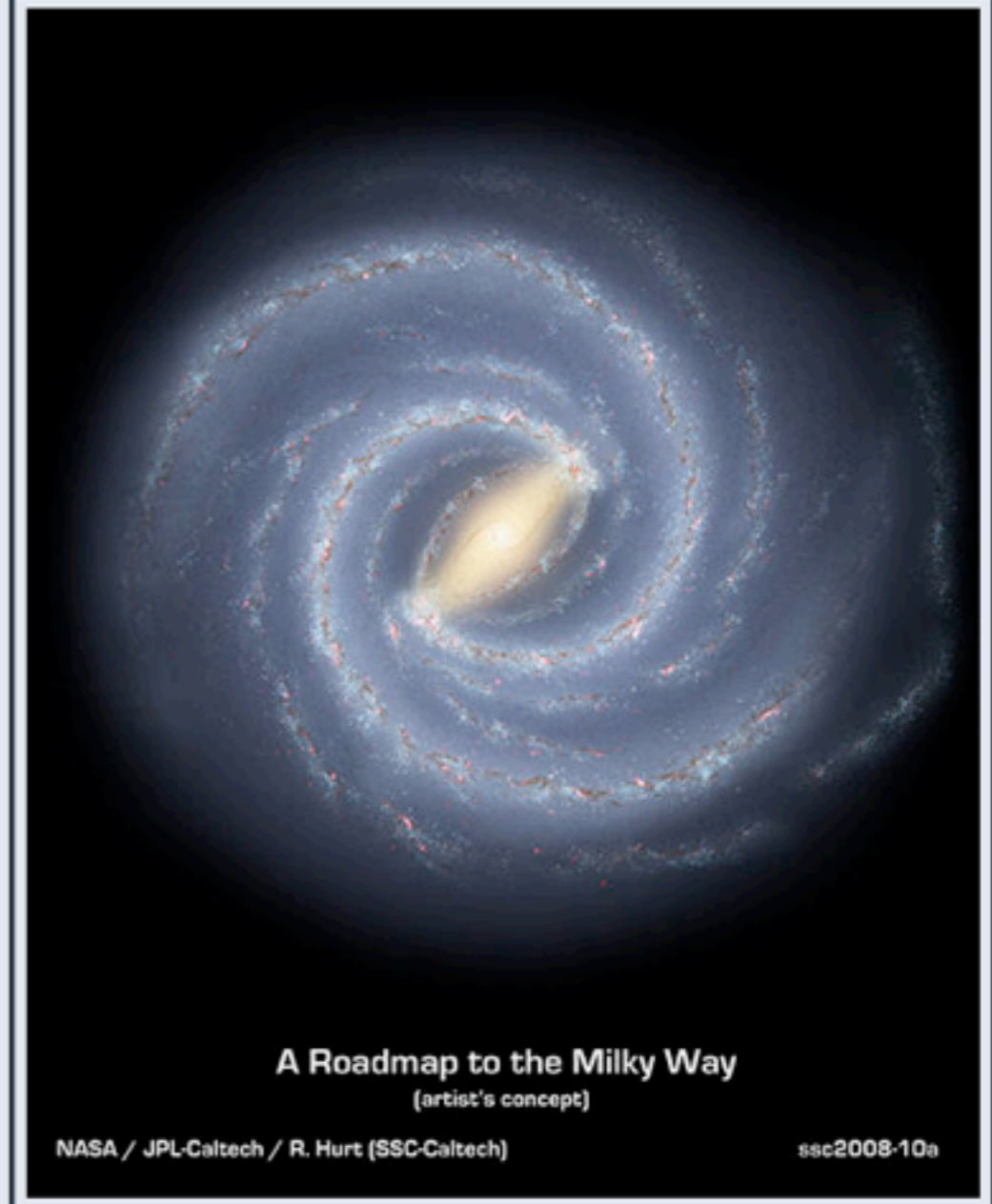
Astronomy News

- *June 26, 2012:* Astronomers use supercomputer to explore role of dark matter in galaxy formation
- *June 25, 2012:* Moon to pass by Mars tonight
- *June 24, 2012:* Astronomers find planets so close they 'see' each other in night sky
- *June 14, 2012:* Huge Asteroid to fly by Earth
- *June 13, 2012:* Astronomers may have discovered the oldest galaxy in the Universe
- *June 5, 2012:* Last Transit of Venus for the 21st century

Announcements

- *July 05, 2012:* Website moved to the URL universe3d.org!
- *June 11, 2012:* Website moved to MediaWiki!
- *December 5, 2011:* Site established!
To make good on Alyssa Goodman's promise at the "Milky Way 2011" meeting held in Rome this past September, the site "universe3d.org" has been established. By 2012, it will be populated with links to existing data

The Milky Way



Location Clear Frame ICRS

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ADS All Sky Survey

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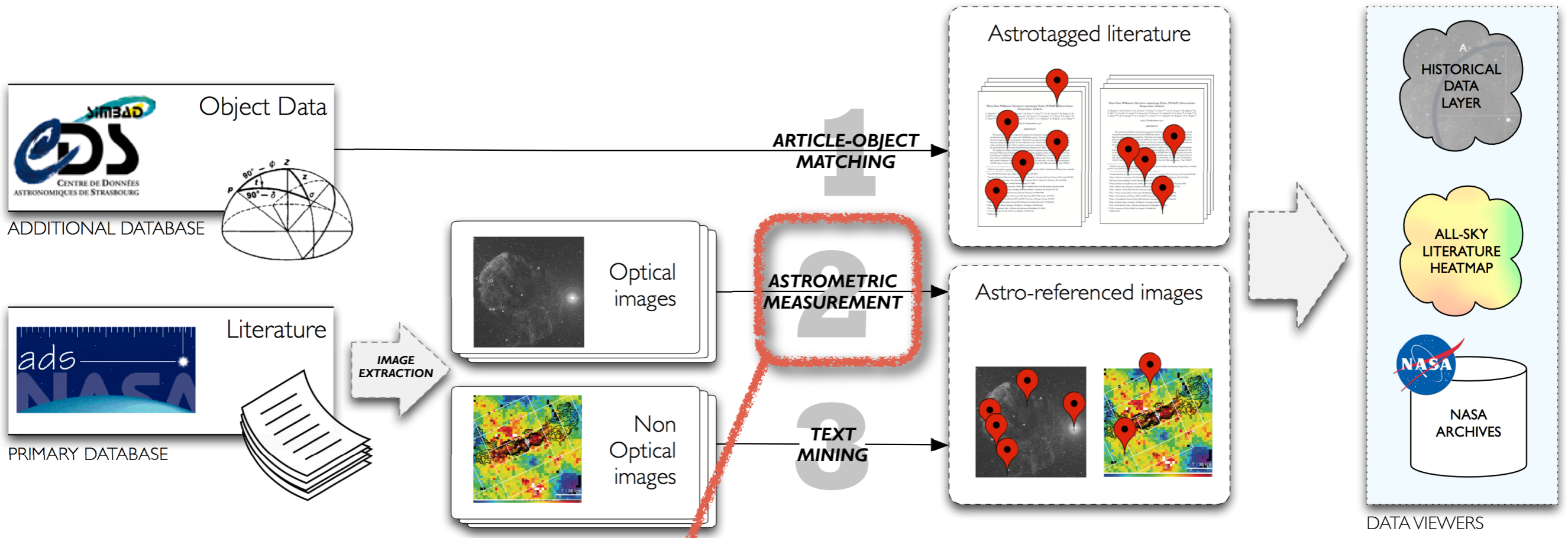
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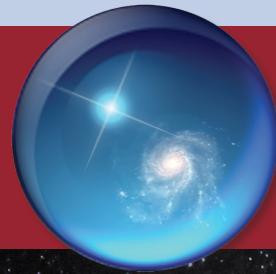
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“The WorldWide Telescope”

A Presentation by Alyssa Goodman, Professor of Astronomy at Harvard University and a Research Associate of the Smithsonian Institution

Thursday, January 31, 2013 at 6 p.m.

Harvard Allston Education Portal, 175 North Harvard Street, Allston, MA

The free **WorldWide Telescope (WWT)** computer program from Microsoft Research is a stunningly beautiful tool offering immersive views of the sky and multimedia links to interactive descriptions and explanations of millions of celestial objects. WWT is used both in astrophysical research, and to educate the public about Astronomy and Science.

Harvard Astronomer Alyssa Goodman has collaborated with the creators of WorldWide Telescope at Microsoft Research since its creation in 2008. In her presentation, Goodman will take her audience on interactive tours of the Universe using the WorldWide Telescope, covering topics ranging from Galileo’s understanding of our Solar System to our modern understanding of the structure of the distant Universe.

Light refreshments will be served.

Free parking is available at 219 Western Avenue, adjacent to the Harvard Allston Education Portal.

Please RSVP by Wednesday, January 30, 2013 by phone at 617-496-5022 or email allston_edportal@harvard.edu.

Professor Goodman’s research and teaching interests span astronomy, data visualization, and online systems for research and education. Goodman received her undergraduate degree in physics from MIT in 1984, a Ph.D. in physics from Harvard in 1989, and became full professor at Harvard in 1999. Her personal research presently focuses primarily on new ways to visualize and analyze the tremendous data volumes created by large and/or diverse astronomical surveys. She is working closely with colleagues at Microsoft Research, helping to expand the use of the WorldWide Telescope program, in both research and in education. At Harvard, Goodman teaches courses on astrophysics and on the display of data, including one called *The Art of Numbers*.

For more information, go to www.edportal.harvard.edu