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IAS VI # 3: Satellites & Telescopes - 01/04/26

Objective: investigate the hidden forces of the universe using NASA satellites & telescopes

- Types of Electro Magnetic Waves;

Radio waves ($10^1 \text{ Hz} - 100 \text{ GHz}$)

- Radio Waves: $> 10^{-1} \text{ m}$
- Microwaves: $10^1 \text{ m} - 10^{-4} \text{ m}$
- Infrared: $10^{-4} \text{ m} - 10^{-6} \text{ m}$ (1 μm)
- Visible Light: $10^{-6} \text{ m} - 10^{-7} \text{ m}$ + Rainbow
- Ultra Violet: $10^{-7} \text{ m} - 10^{-8} \text{ m}$
- X-Rays: $10^{-8} \text{ m} - 10^{-11} \text{ m}$
- Gamma Waves: $< 10^{-11} \text{ m}$

- Use Cases:

James Webb Space Telescope

- Microwaves
- Very Large Array
- Observes shorter end of Radio Spectrum (Microwaves)
- Captures energy emissions to map out & better understand the cosmos.

Infrared: Terra Satellite

- Observes Earth's changing systems
- Atmospheres, Land, Ocean, Ice
- Uses infrared to detect heat & energy emitted and creates temperature maps of the Earth

Radio Waves: Deep Space Network

- Global System of giant radio antennas

- Communicates w/ spacecraft

- Sends commands & receives all sorts of data from deployed probes & rovers

- Radio Waves allow communication to occur

Visible Light & UV: Hubble Space Telescope

- Performs high quality 'maps' of sections of space

- Captures visible light to produce 'images' similar to what we see

- Captures UV photons from hot, young stars, nebulae, & galaxies.

- X-Ray: Chandra X-Ray Observatory
 - Does high resolution imaging
 - Images hot cosmic environments
- Gamma Rays: Fermi Gamma Ray Telescope
 - Surveys entire sky for high energy light from extreme cosmic events
 - Reveals extinctions - like black hole jets or Gamma Ray Bursts
- Climate Questions

- 1) At what rate are glaciers losing mass?
- 2) Has cloud coverage changed as a result of climate change?
- 3) Has climate change affected the Earth's albedo?

- Un'wise Questions:

- 1) Is the universe inside of a 8pmny black hole?
- 2) Is direct collapse the primary method early super massive black holes form?
- 3) Do primordial black holes exist?

- Final Question:

DO high redshift super massive black holes ($Z > 7$) quasars grow proportionally faster than their host galaxies in reference to low redshift super massive black hole quasars.

- Data Required:

- Mass of high redshift black hole
- Mass of its host galaxy
- JLAS 31120+6091 is a good candidate because it has a high projected mass but has not yet been measured by JWST, which will confirm estimations.
- We understand that the more massive our black hole, the higher the velocity of the things orbiting it
- With that in mind, we can use the JWST Near InfraRed Spectrograph (NIRSpec)
- We can then employ the Jeans Anisotropic Models (JAM) to test approximate the mass using stellar kinematics.
- We can also use the NIR Spec Data & some may be to find the mass distribution & approximate the host galaxies mass
- We can compute the mass of galaxy's percentage Quasar Mass by dividing the quasars mass by its galaxy's

- Other Datasources:

- In order to measure the proportionality of high redshift quasar mass to its galaxy relative to now, we need a low redshift quasar
- The mass of says stars at the mid way will serve this purpose fine