



# Revealing the universe LSST

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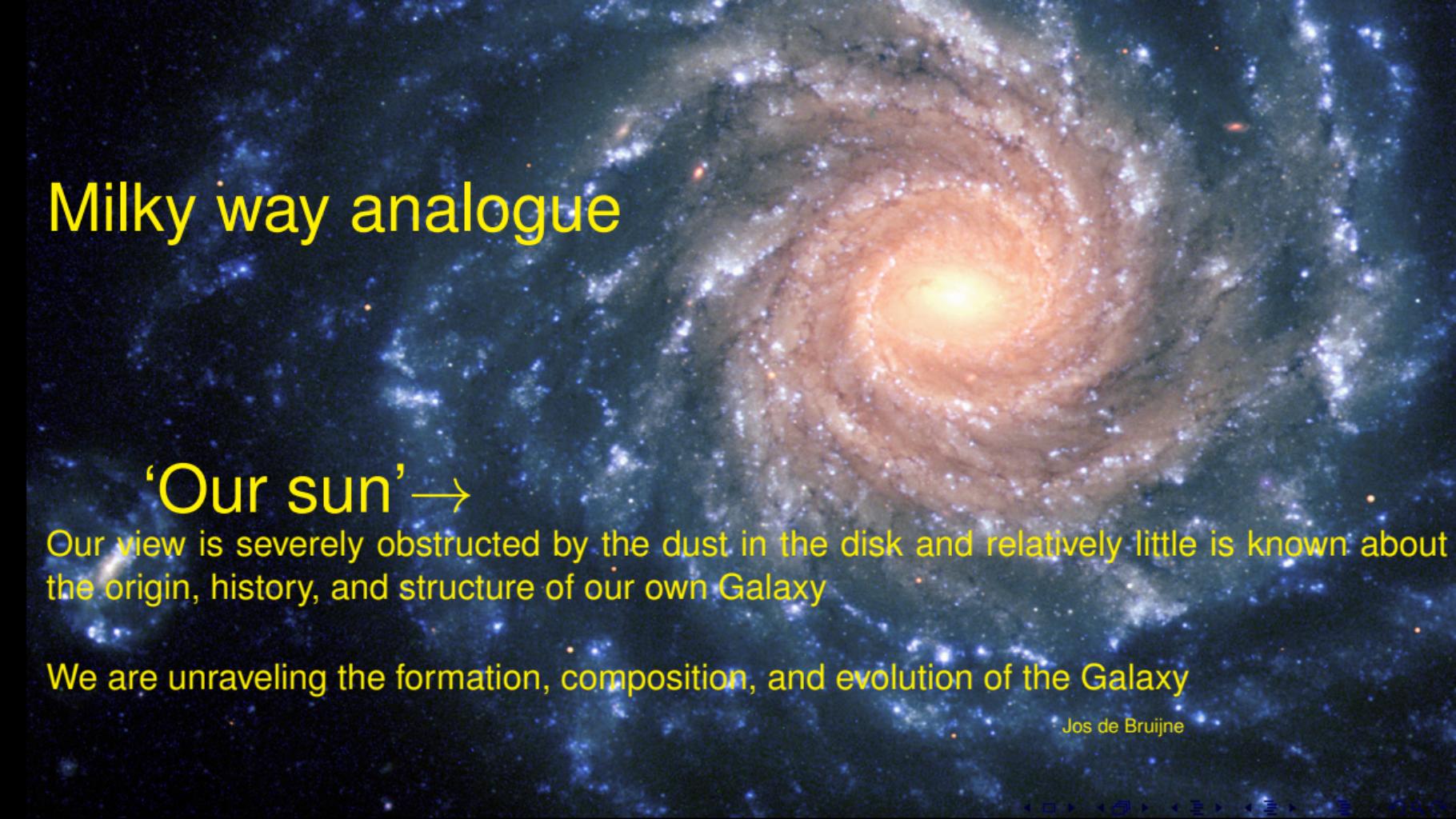
# The origin of the Milky Way



(De Bruijn)

Tintoretto (1575, National Gallery, London)





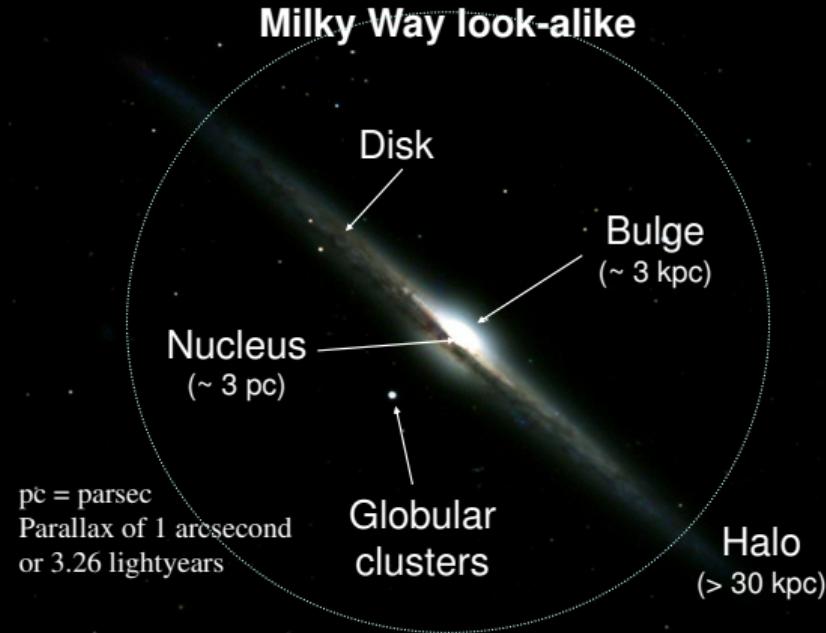
# Milky way analogue

‘Our sun’ →

Our view is severely obstructed by the dust in the disk and relatively little is known about the origin, history, and structure of our own Galaxy

We are unraveling the formation, composition, and evolution of the Galaxy

Jos de Bruijne



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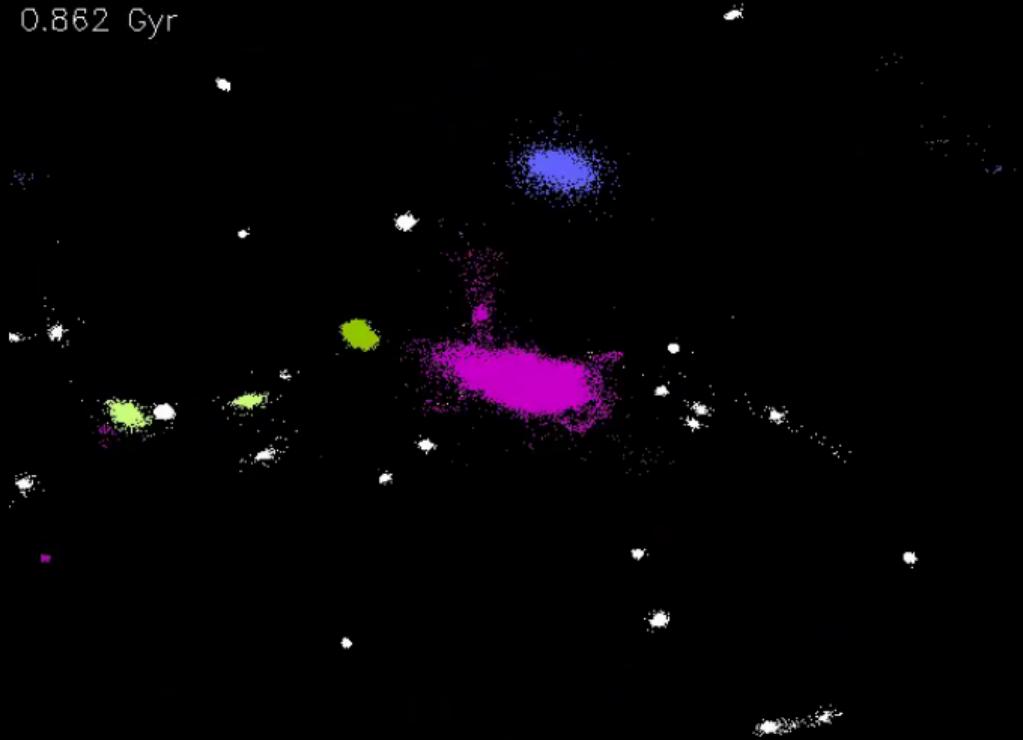
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In such processes, stars got spread over the whole sky but their energy and (angular) momenta were conserved. Thus, it is possible to work out, even now, which stars belong to which merger and to reconstruct the accretion history of the halo (de Bruijne)

0.862 Gyr



# Origin of the Milky Way

10.06 Gyr

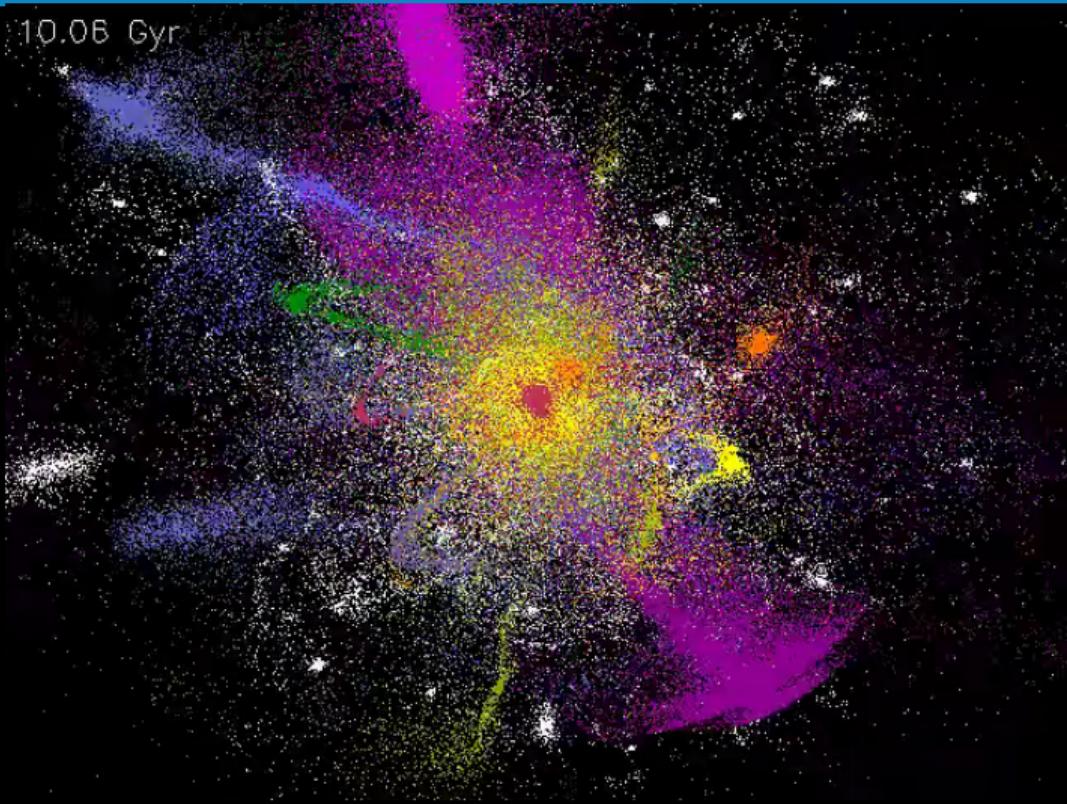
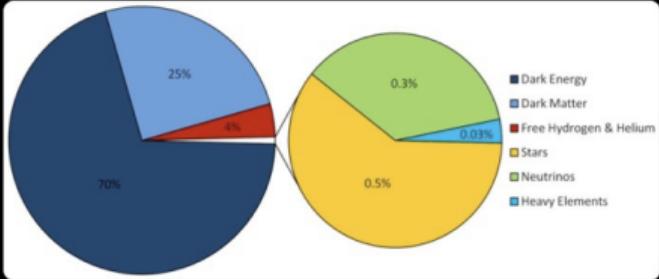
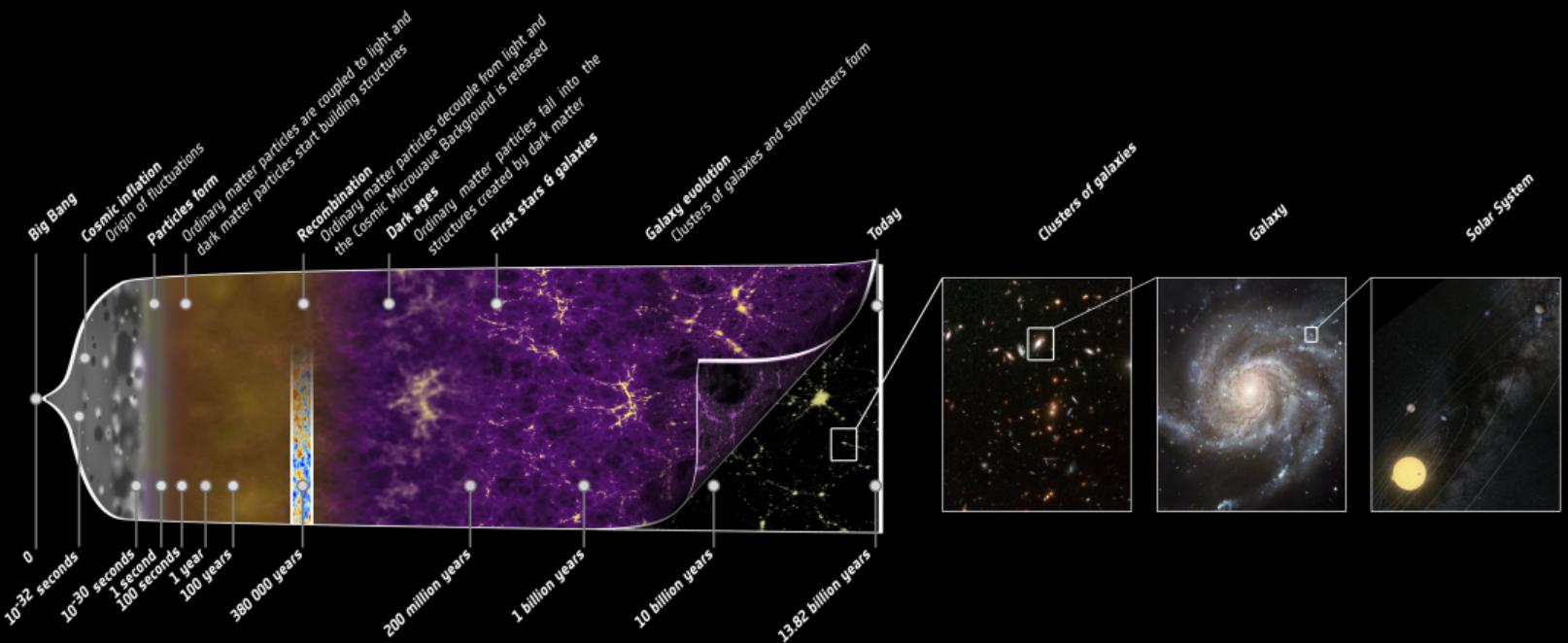
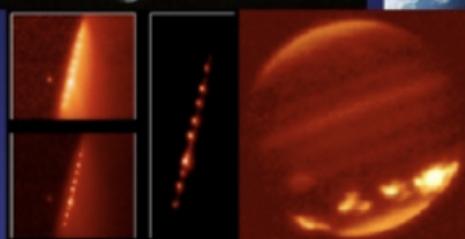


Image credit: R. Jay GaBany Just



The modern cosmological models can explain all observations, but need to *postulate* dark matter and dark energy (though gravity model could be wrong, too)



Tunguska  
(1908)



Shoemaker-Levy 9  
(1994)

LSST is the only survey capable of delivering completeness specified in the 2005 USA Congressional NEO mandate to NASA (to find 90% NEOs larger than 140m)

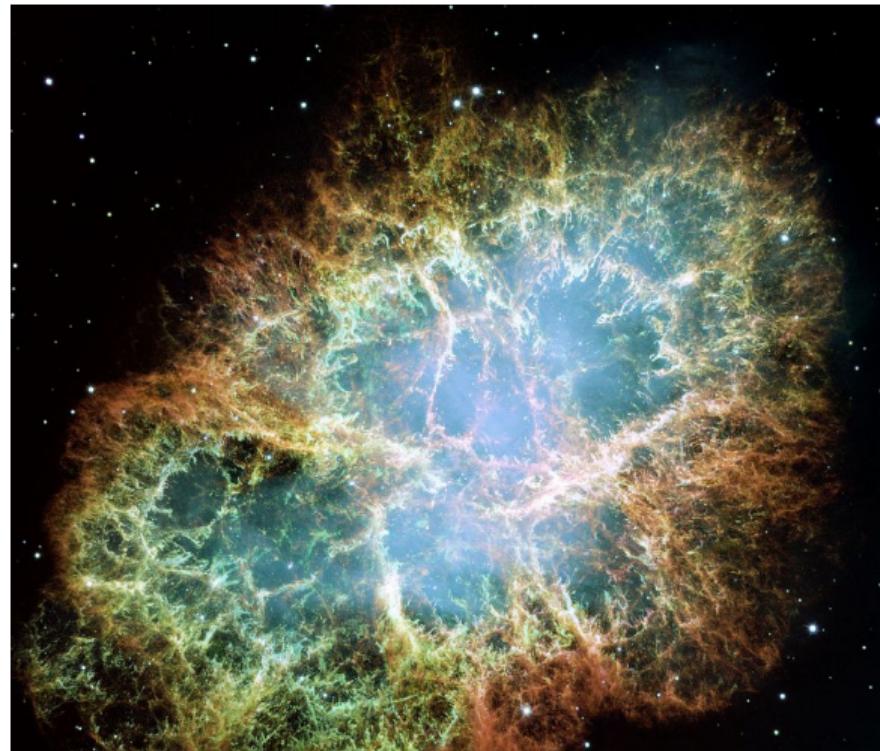


The Barringer Crater, Arizona: a 40m object 50,000 yr. ago

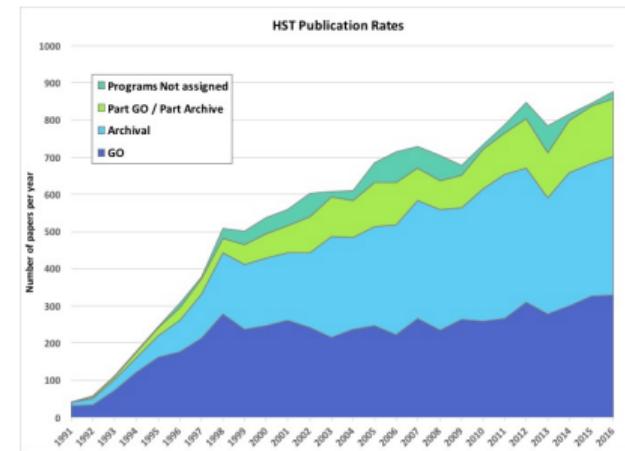
# The Time Domain

LSST scans the sky repeatedly and compares the images with templates allowing us to:

- discover new, distant transient events
- study variable objects throughout our universe
- capture rare and exotic objects
- gain new insight into known transient events:
  - new remnants of dead massive stars, including neutron star and black hole binaries;
  - variability at the heart of distant galaxies - feeding habits of the rapacious supermassive black holes at their centers;
  - catch the faint cosmological explosions



# The Era Of Surveys



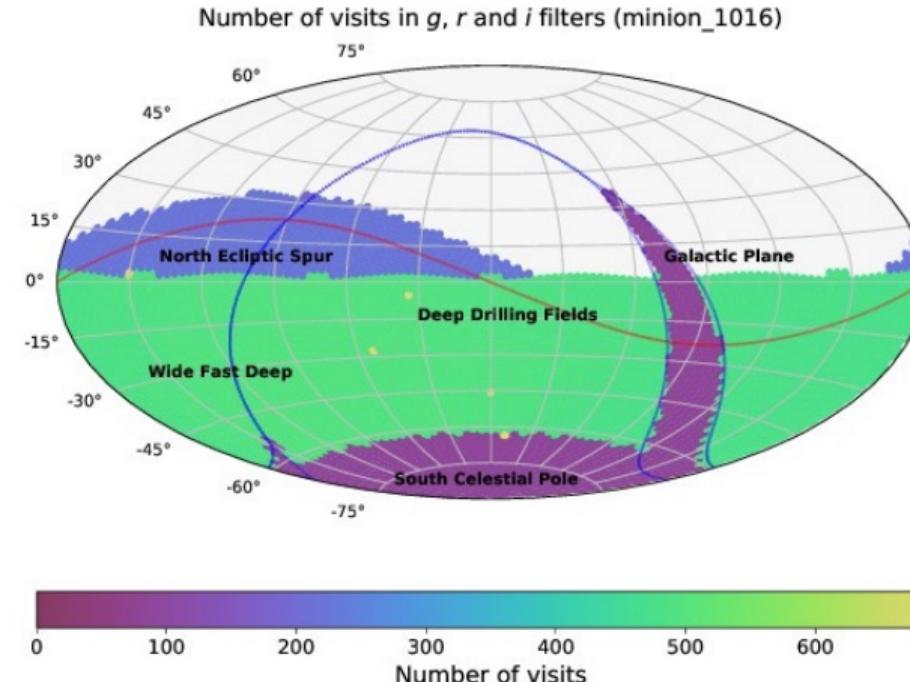
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... indicates archival research probably play an important role in the scientific success of XMM-Newton?

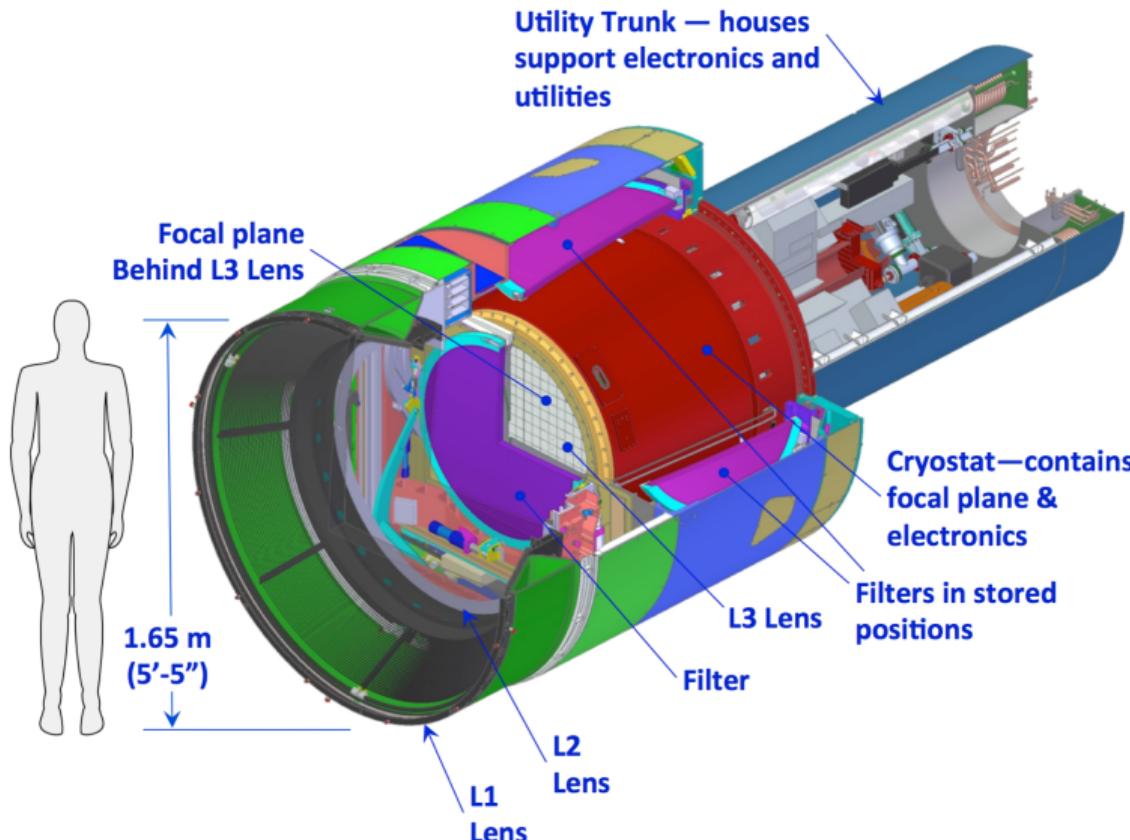
An optical/near-IR survey of half the sky in ugrizy bands to r 27.5 (36 nJy) based on 825 visits over a 10-year period: *deep wide fast*.

- 90% of time spent on uniform survey: every 3-4 nights, the whole observable sky scanned twice per night
- 100 PB of data: about a billion 16 Mpix images, enabling measurements for **40 billion objects!**

see also <http://www.lsst.org> and Ivezic et al. (2008)-arXiv:0805.2366



**10-year simulation of LSST survey:  
number of visits in u,g,r band (Aitoff  
projection of ra, dec coordinates)**



**The largest astronomical camera:**

- 2800 kg
- 3.2 Gpix

# Data management



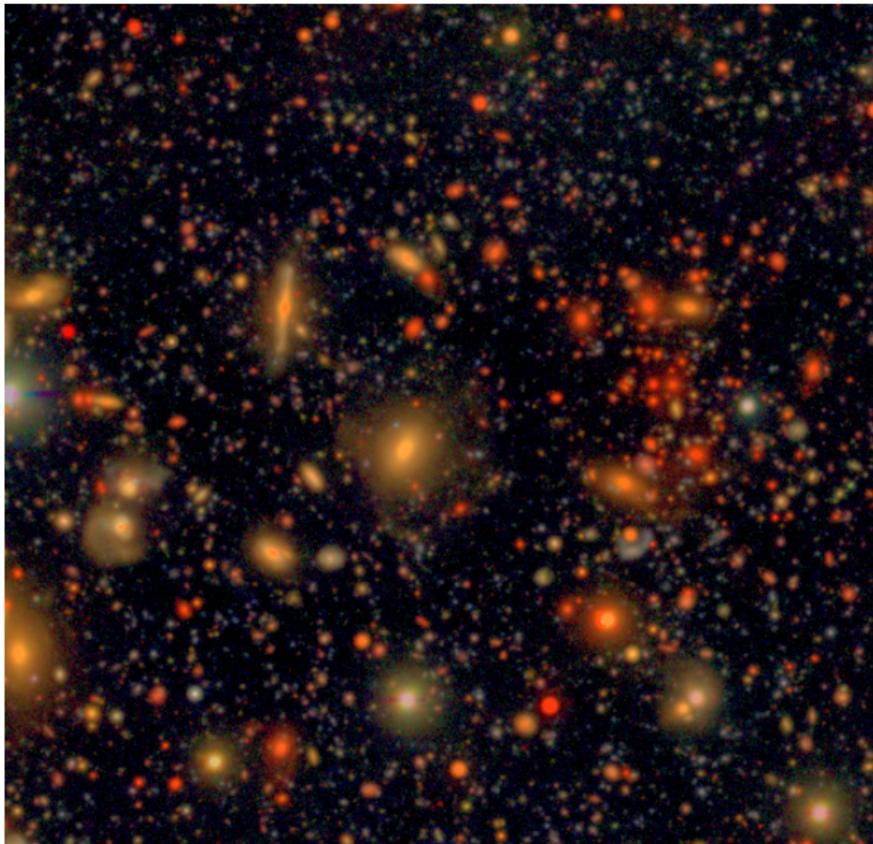
**DM Mission :**  
*Stand up operable, maintainable, quality services to deliver high-quality LSST data products for science, all on time and within reasonable cost.*

LSST DM development is distributed across the Americas.  
Plus we have partners like IN2P3



Nice colours Lupton et al. (2004)  
 $\approx 3.5'$

Image Robert Lupton



HSC image (COSMOS) from g,r(1.5 hrs) ,i(3 hrs) PSF matched co-add ( $\approx 27.5$ )

Processed with *LSST Stack*

<https://pipelines.lsst.io/>

Image HSC collaboration, Robert Lupton



Blast 20 Cerro Pachón April 2011.

<http://www.lsst.org>

<http://community.lsst.org>

## Questions?



Gaia blast off on Soyuz December 2013

<http://www.cosmos.esa.int/web/gaia>

# Acronyms I

Acronym	Description
AURA	Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy
DM	Data Management
LSST	Large Synoptic Survey Telescope
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NEO	Near-Earth Object

## References

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