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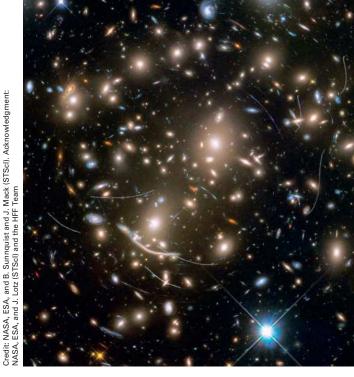
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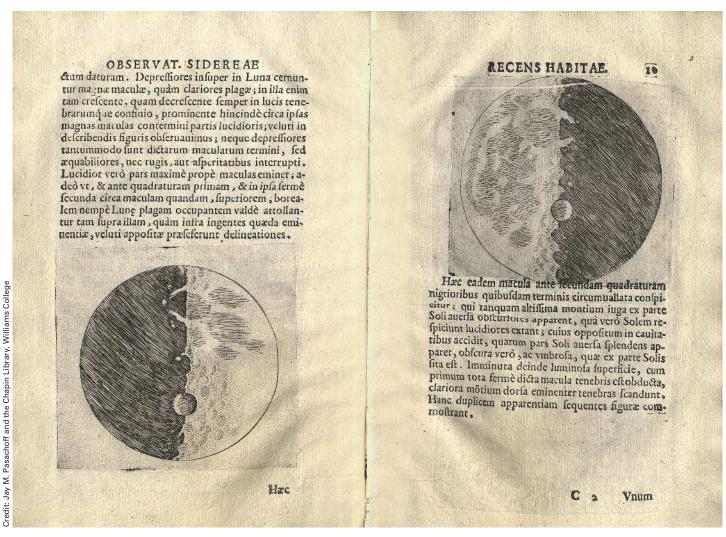
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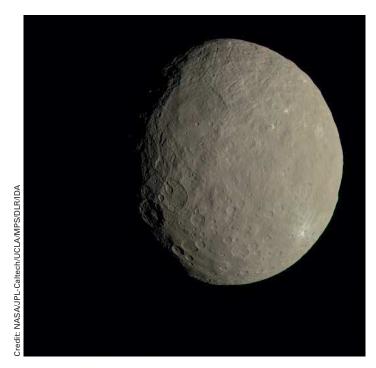
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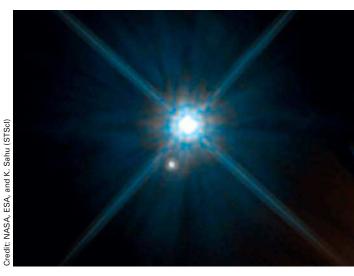


Asteroid and dwarf planet 1 Ceres, imaged from NASA's Dawn spacecraft that is orbiting it.



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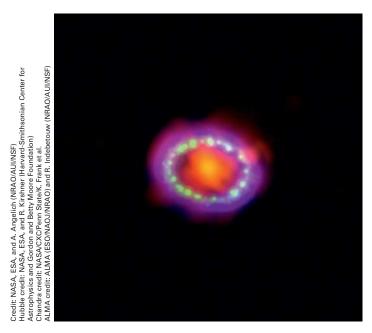
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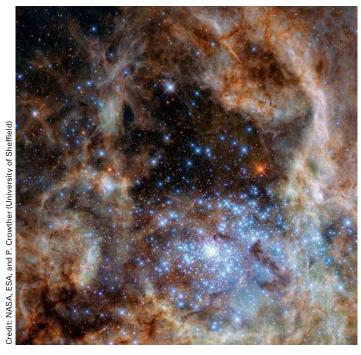
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A multiwavelength view of Supernova 1987A, with green showing Hubble views of how the expanding shock wave from the star that exploded is colliding with material ejected previously, and the red showing dust imaged with the ALMA millimeter/submillimeter array. Blue is hot gas imaged with the Chandra X-ray Observatory.

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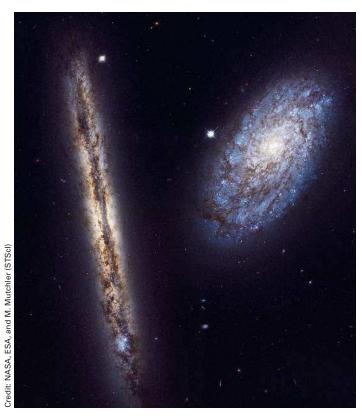


The Bubble Nebula, NGC 7635, gas expanding around a massive star. The object is 7 light-years across, and is imaged here with Hubble.



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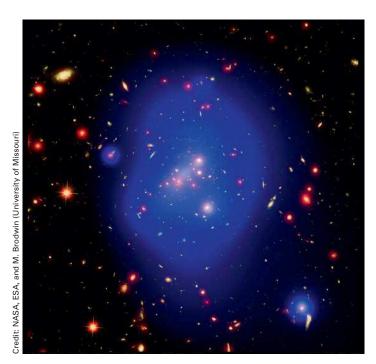
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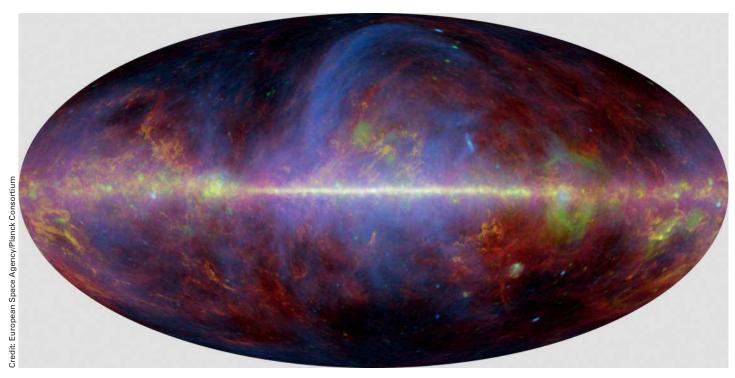


A cluster of galaxies 10 billion light-years from Earth, with 500 trillion times the mass of our Sun. Hot gas in the middle, imaged with the Chandra X-ray Observatory, shows as bluewhite overlaying Hubble's visible-light image in green and the Spitzer Space Telescope's image in red.



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An all-sky map made with the European Space Agency's Planck spacecraft, which was also used to map the cosmic background radiation. The image is a composite of magnetic-field, atomic "free-free," dust, and carbon-monoxide components.

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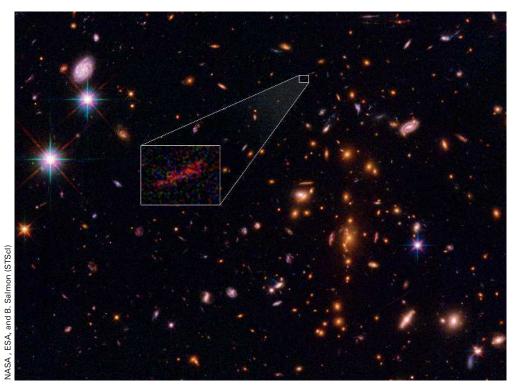
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