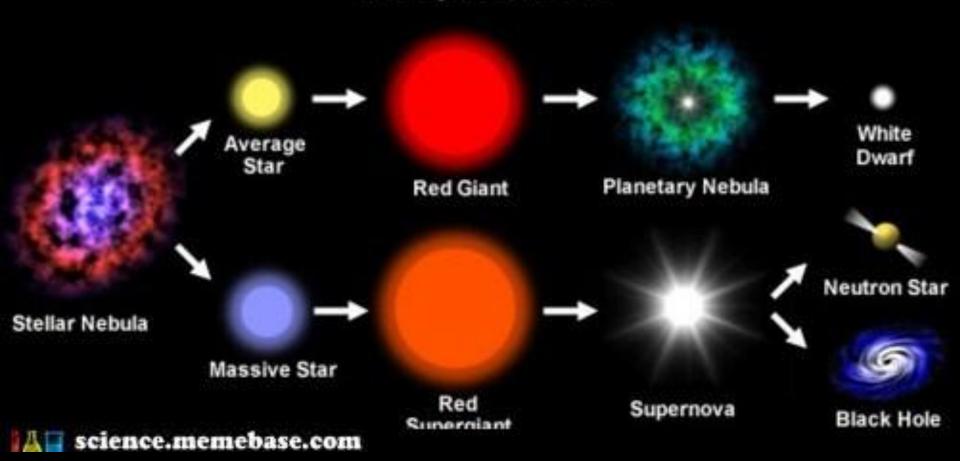
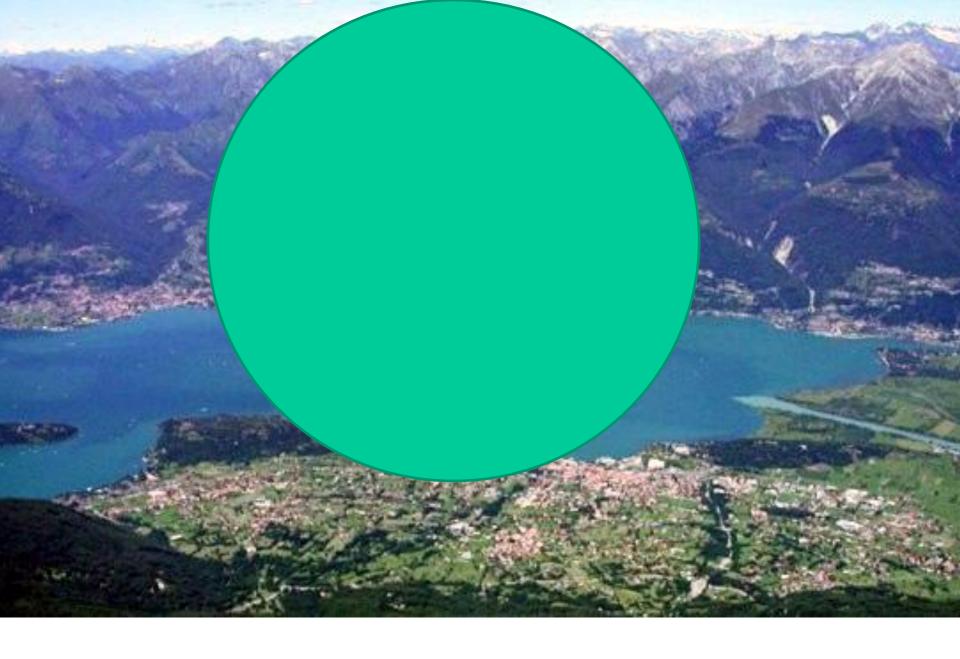
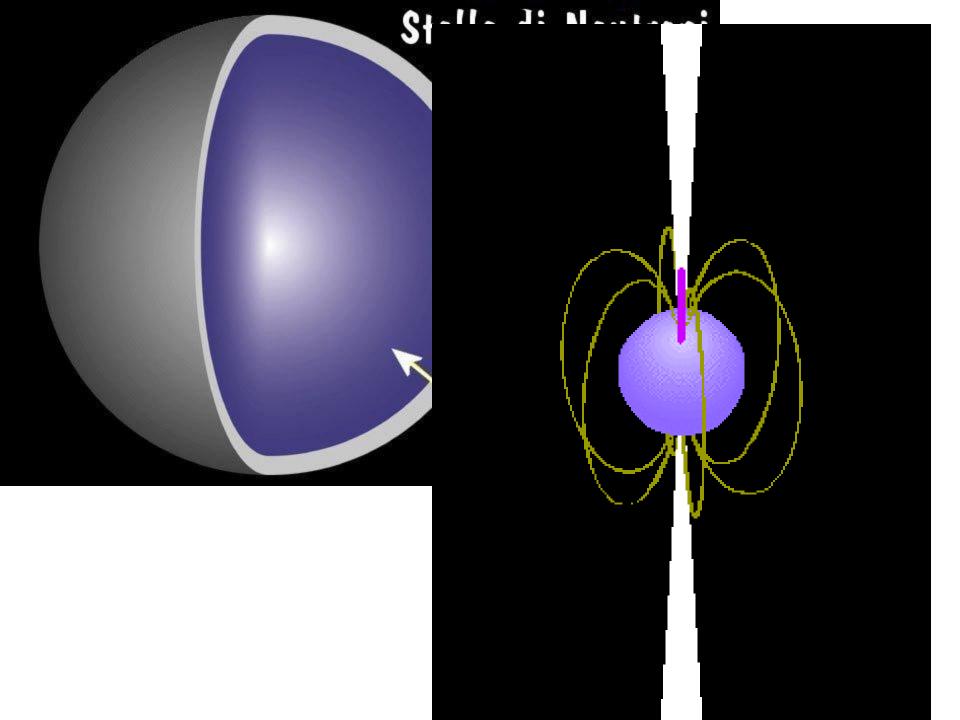


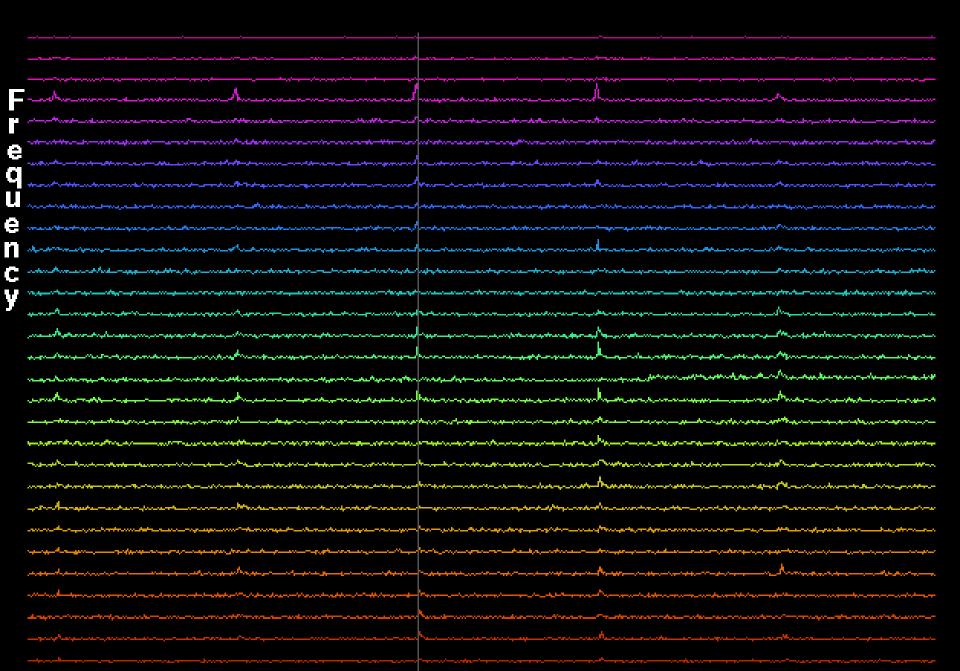
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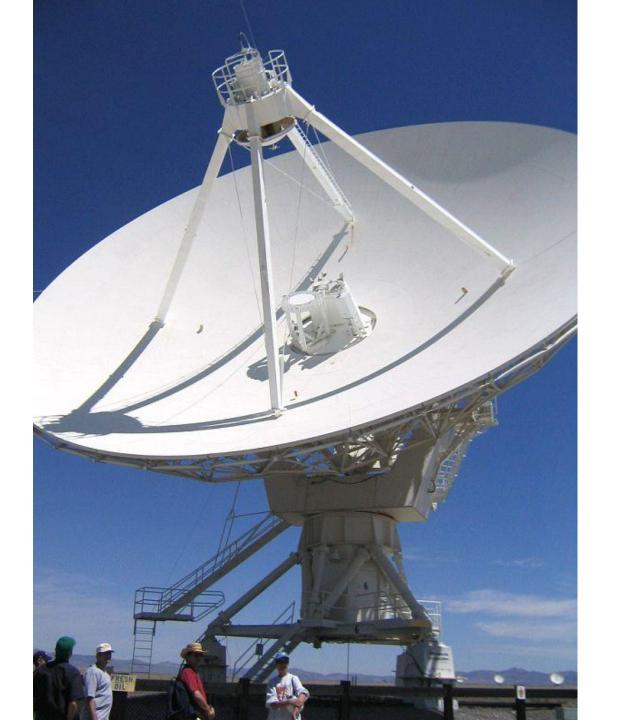




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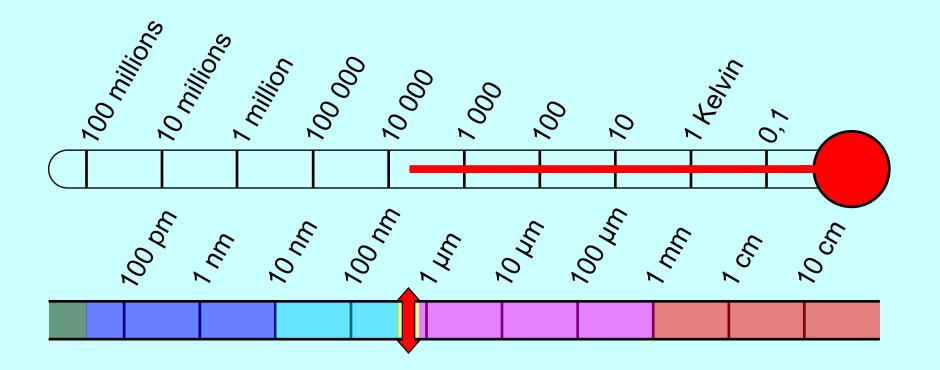




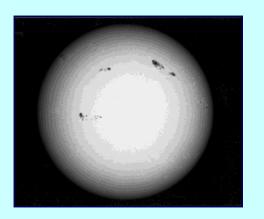




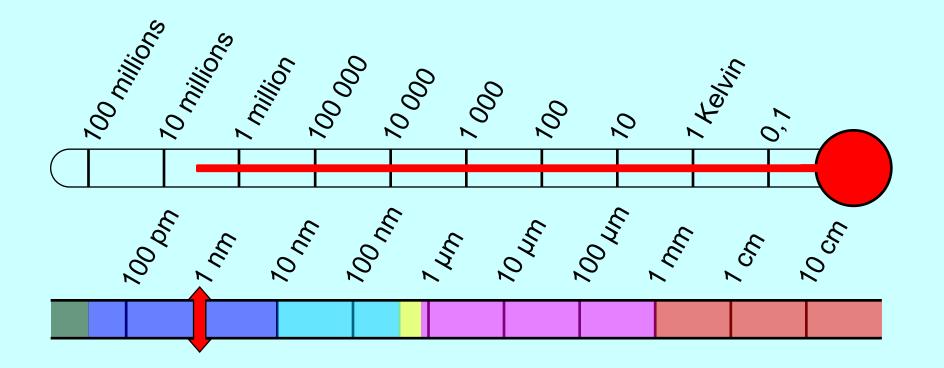




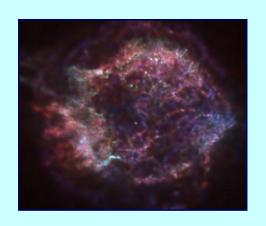
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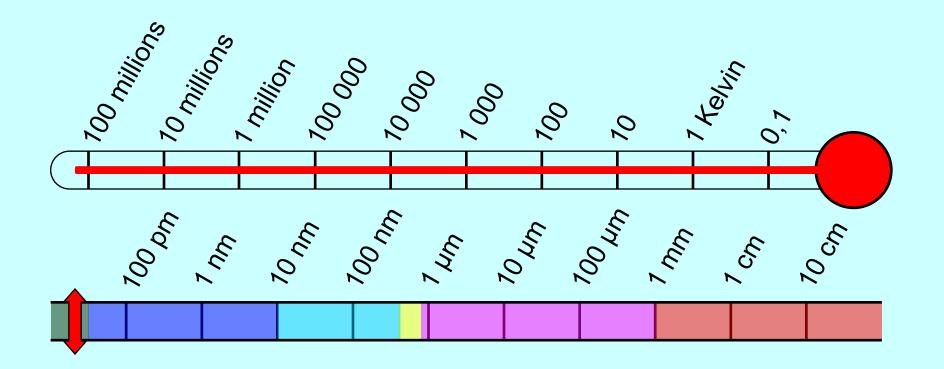
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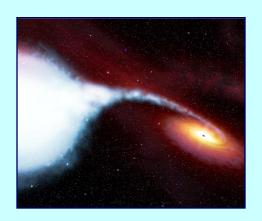
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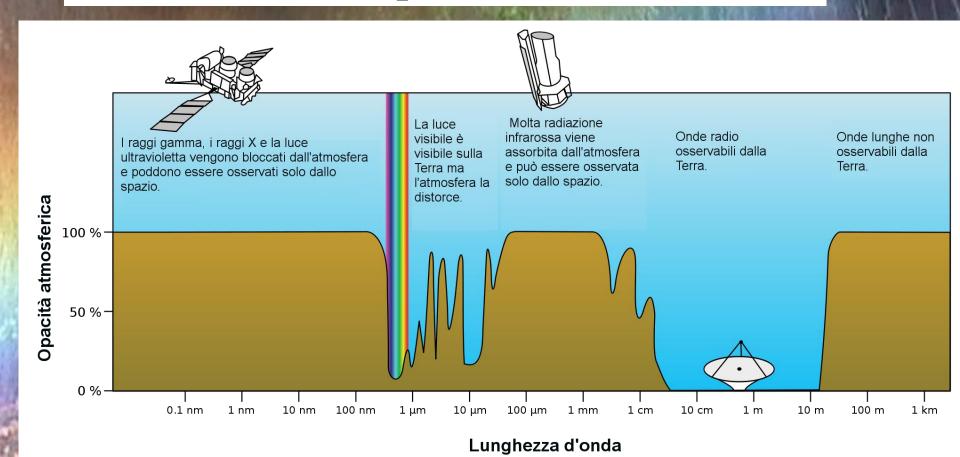
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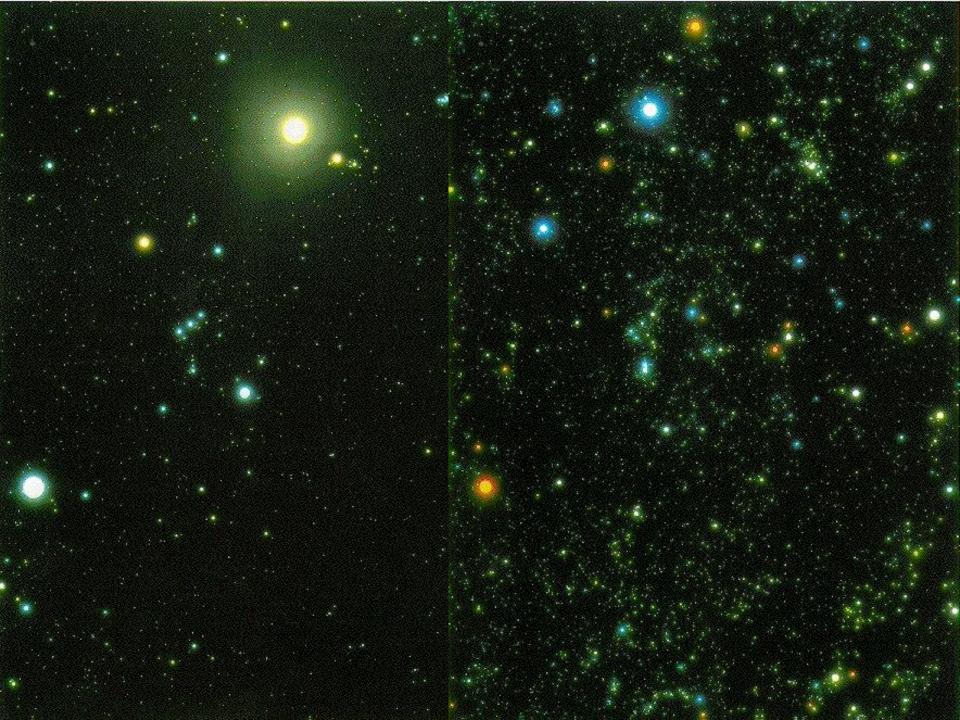
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#### Limite fisiologico: sensibilità dei nostri occhi

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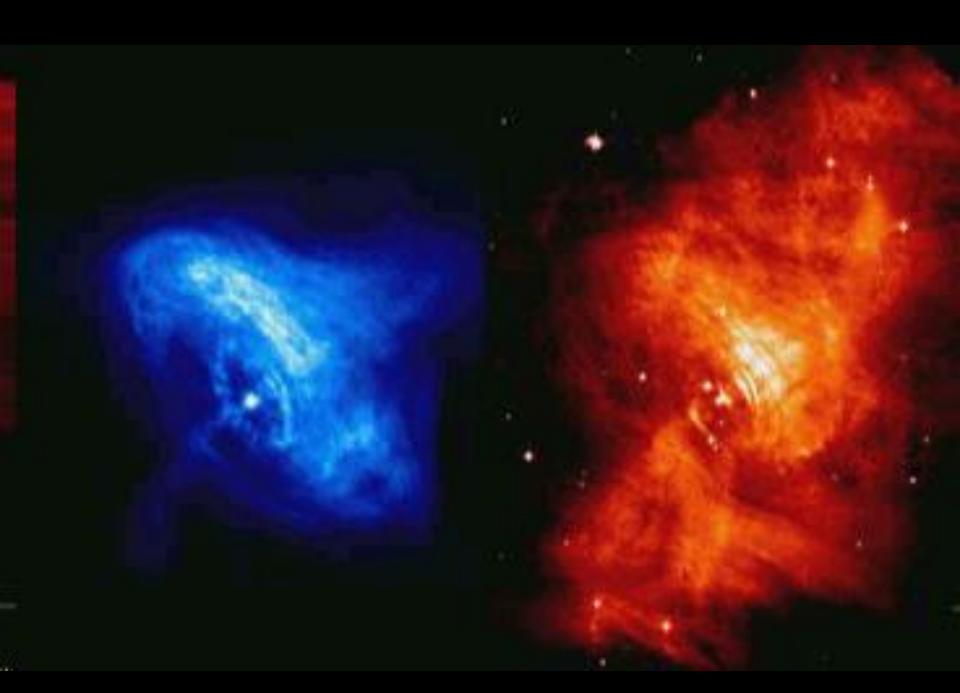


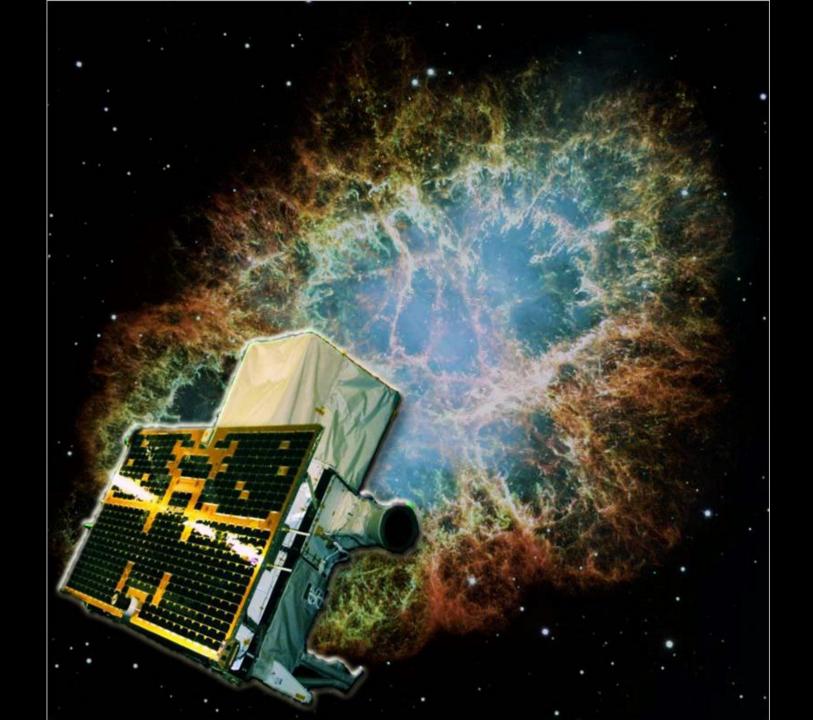


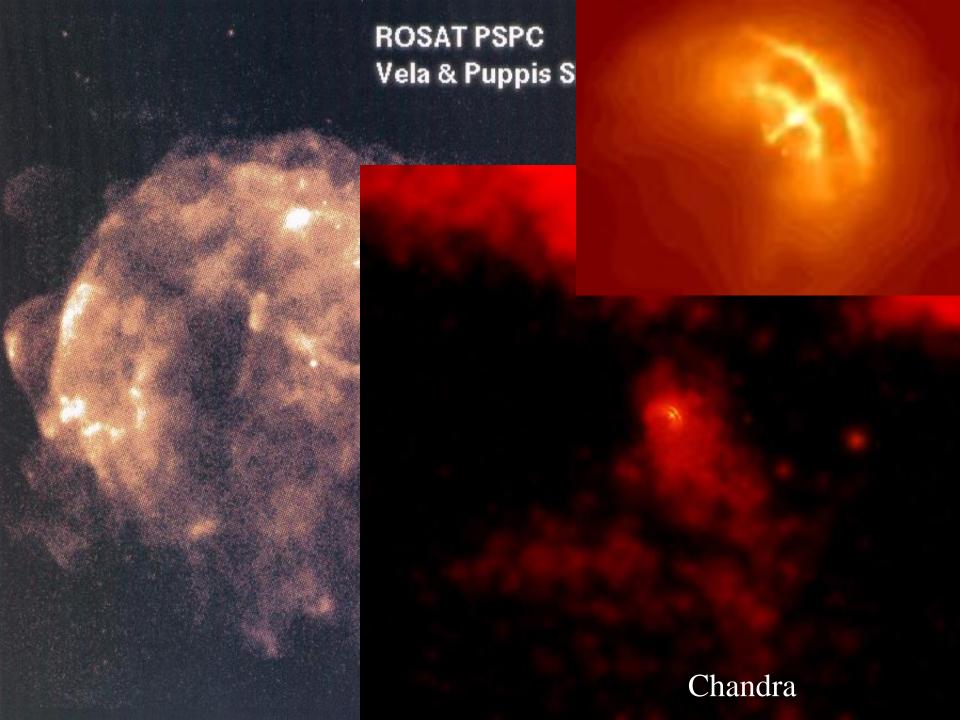


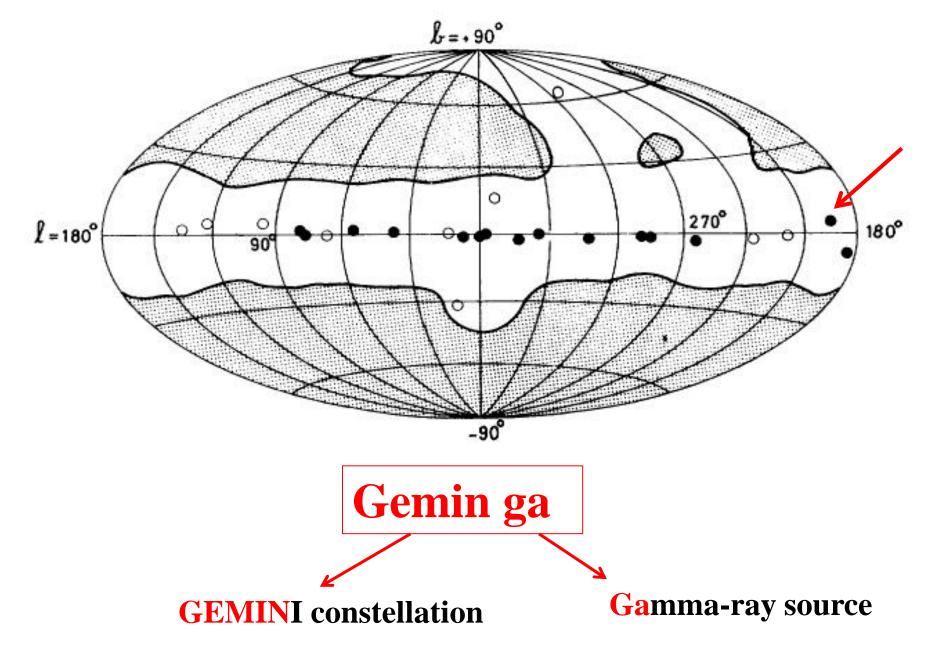






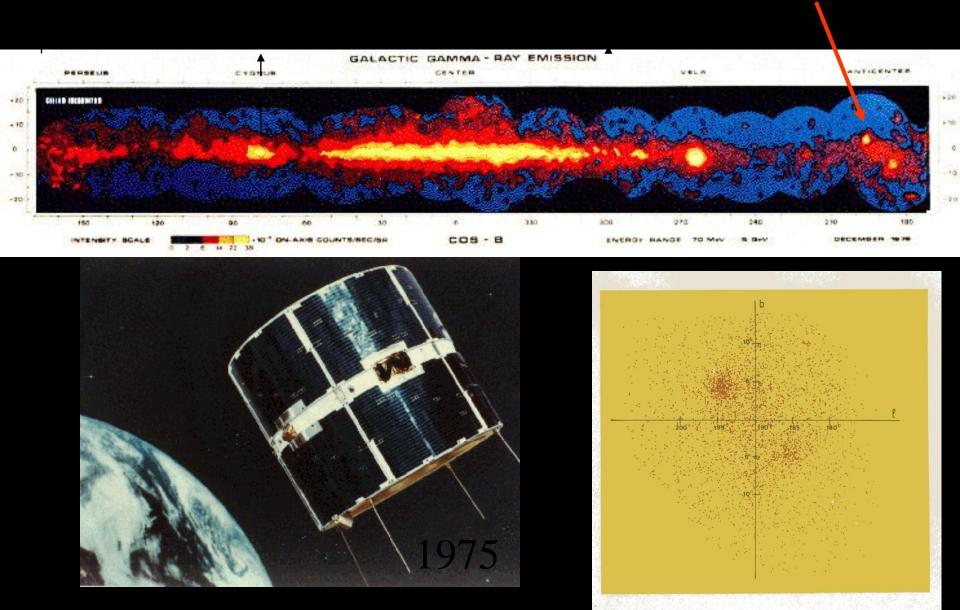




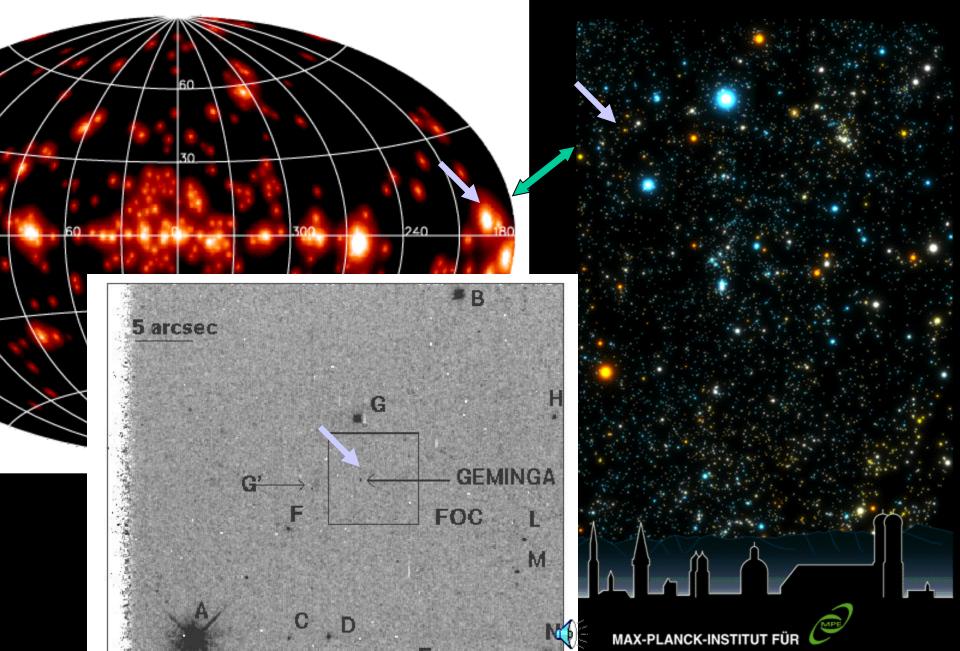


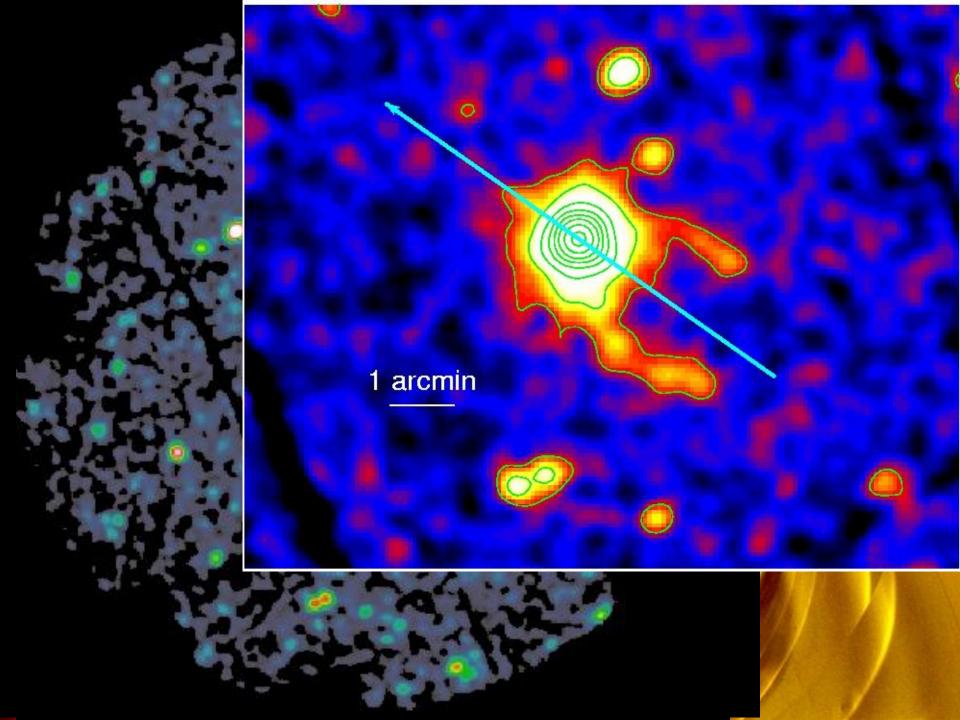
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## Questa è Geminga



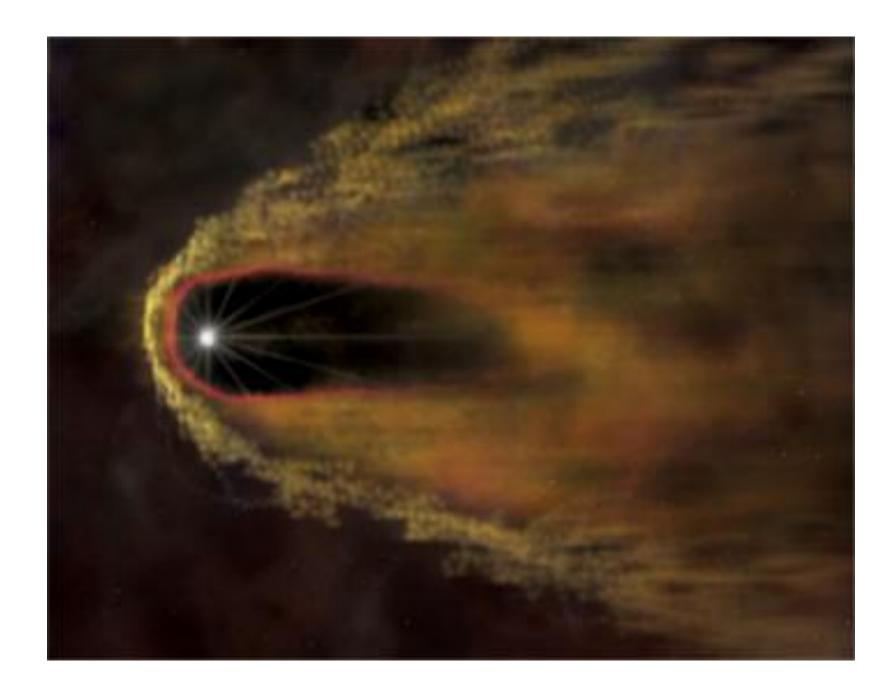
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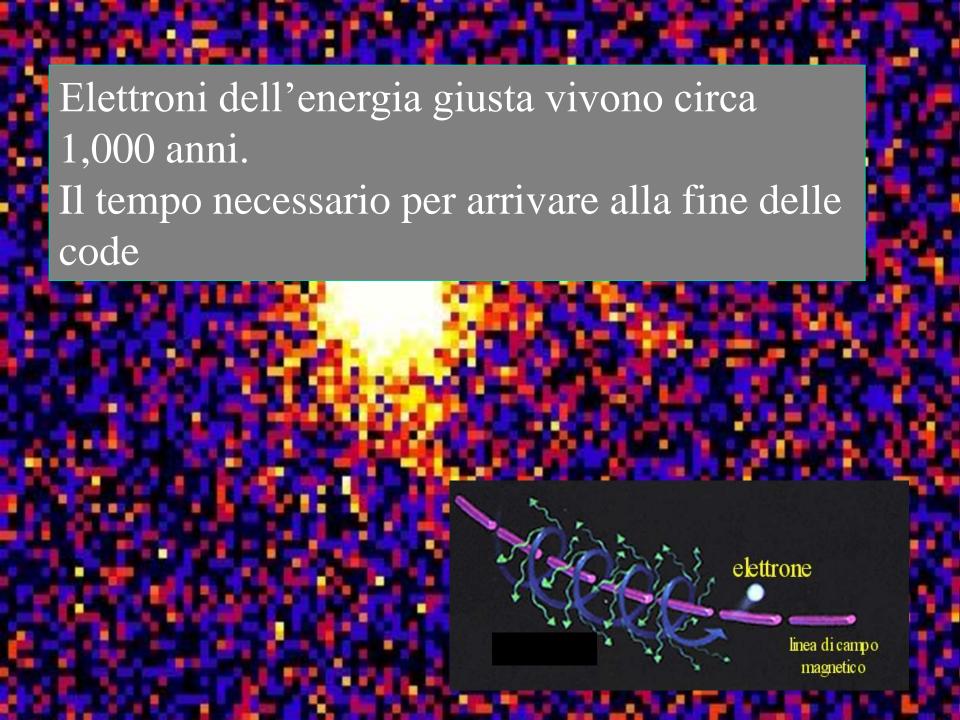






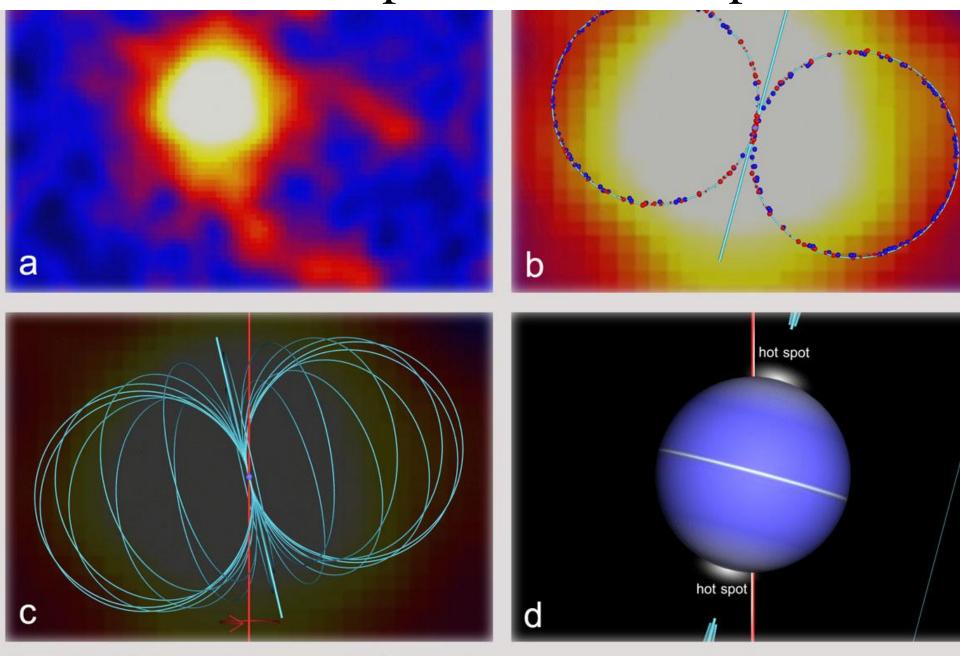
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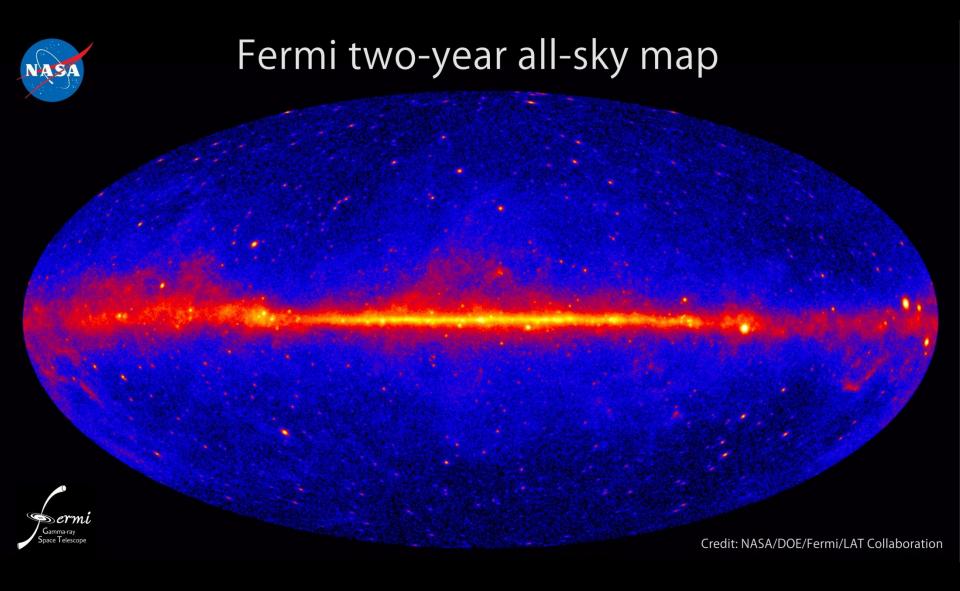


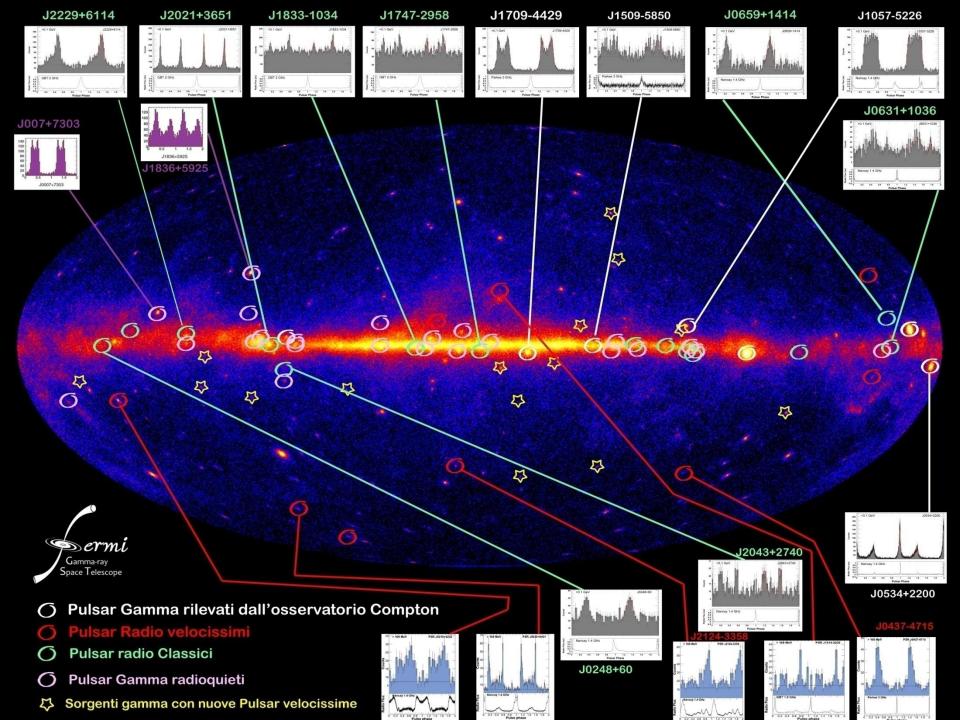


### Accelerazione di particelle in tempo reale



# Geminga non è più sola





## 2009 Breakthrough of the year

#### THE RUNNERS-UP >>

#### Opening Up the Gamma Ray Sky

LIKE A LIGHTHOUSE BLINKING IN THE NIGHT, A pulsar appears to flash periodically as it spins in space, sweeping a double cone of electromagnetic radiation across the sky. Since the discovery of the first pulsar 4 decades ago, astronomers have detected hundreds more of these enigmatic objects from the pulsing radio waves they emit. Now, astronomers have opened a new channel of discoverythe highly energetic gamma ray spectrumto find pulsars that radio observations could not detect. The advance, part of a torrent of recent gamma ray observations, is giving researchers an improved understanding of how pulsars work, along with a rich haul of new pulsars that could help in the quest to detect gravitational waves.

The findings come from the Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope, which has been mapping the gamma ray universe since it was launched by NASA in June 2008. Combing through data the telescope collected in its first few months, an international team discovered 16 new pulsars; strong gamma ray pulsations from eight previously known pulsars with spin times of milliseconds, proving that these objects pulse brightly at gamma wavelengths as well as in the radio range; and high-energy gamma rays from the globular cluster 47 Tucanae indicating that the cluster harbors up to 60 millisecond pulsars.

Those Fermi results might be just the beginning. Armed with their new knowledge of pulsar behavior, researchers are checking whether some of the unidentified gamma ray sources Fermi has detected might be pulsars. In November alone, teams of astronomers in the United States and France discovered five new millisecond pulsars by training groundbased radio telescopes on candidate objects Fermi had pointed out-a much more targeted search technique than scanning the sky blindly with ground-based radio telescopes.

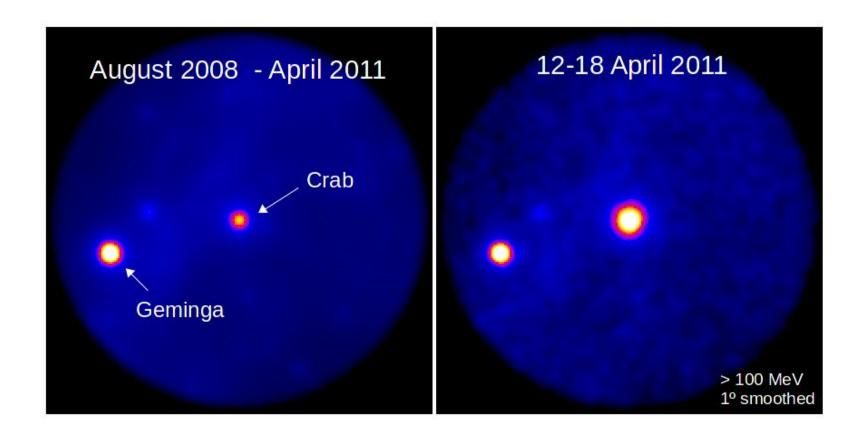
Gamma ray beams of pulsars are believed to be wider than their radio beams, so in principle a space-based gamma ray telescope should be more likely to encounter and discern a pulsar's sweep than a radio telescope on Earth is. However, Fermi's forerunner-



the Compton Gamma Ray Observatory, which flew from 1991 to 2000-did not have much luck finding these objects. What has made the difference is Fermi's high sensitivity, which enables it to detect pulsations that would have been too faint for Compton.

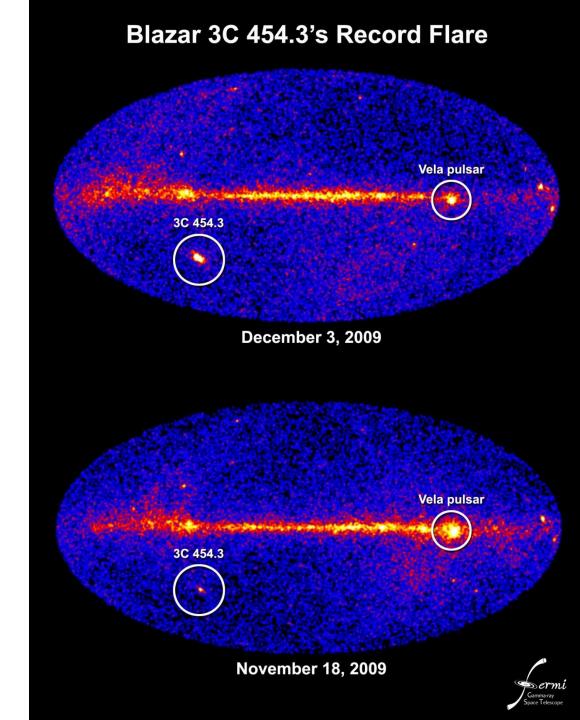
Already, the discoveries are shedding new light on the physics of pulsars. Researchers u

#### Anche le sorgenti più studiate riservano sorprese

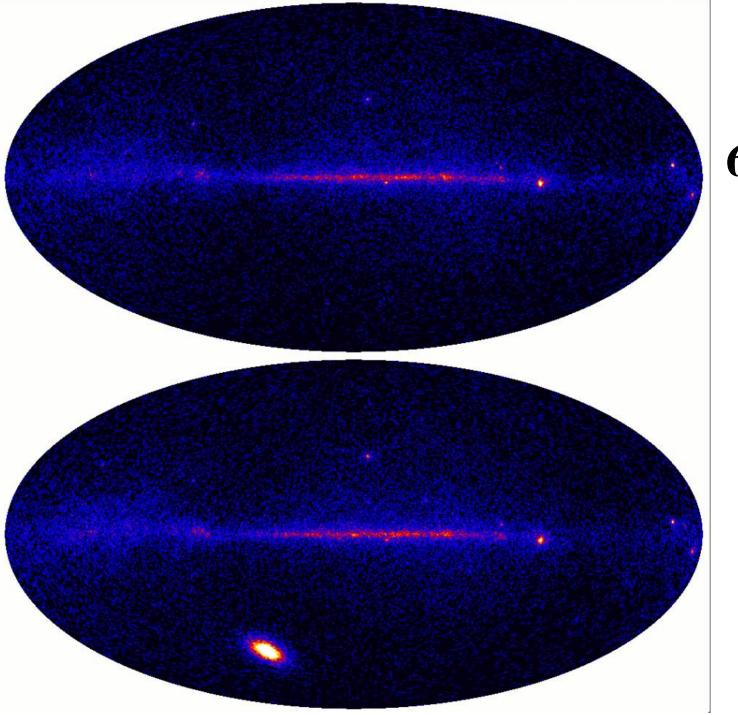


Geminga constant, Flare stands out

# Una vera sorpresa



## Solo stelle di neutroni?



6 marzo

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