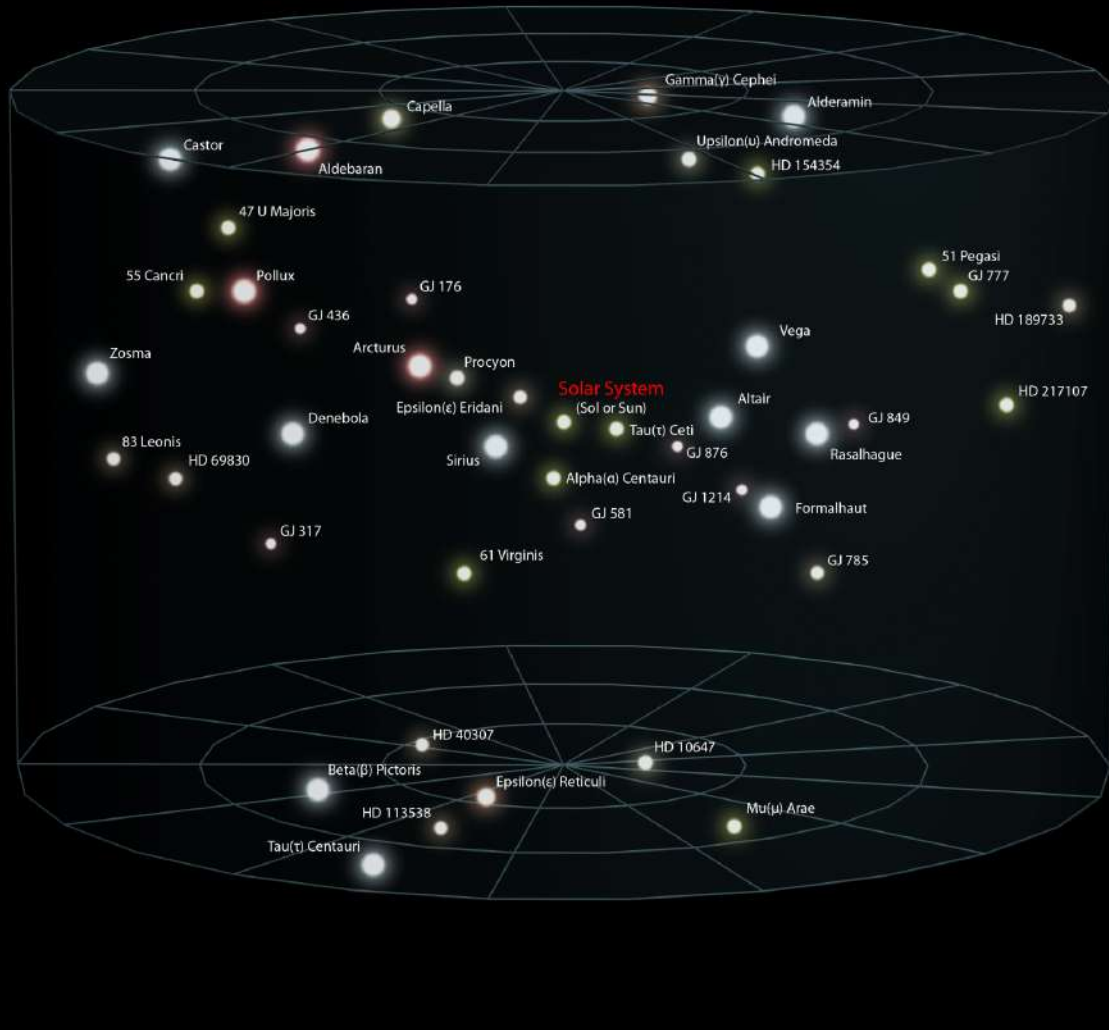


Our Sun, a typical star

Solar Interstellar Neighborhood





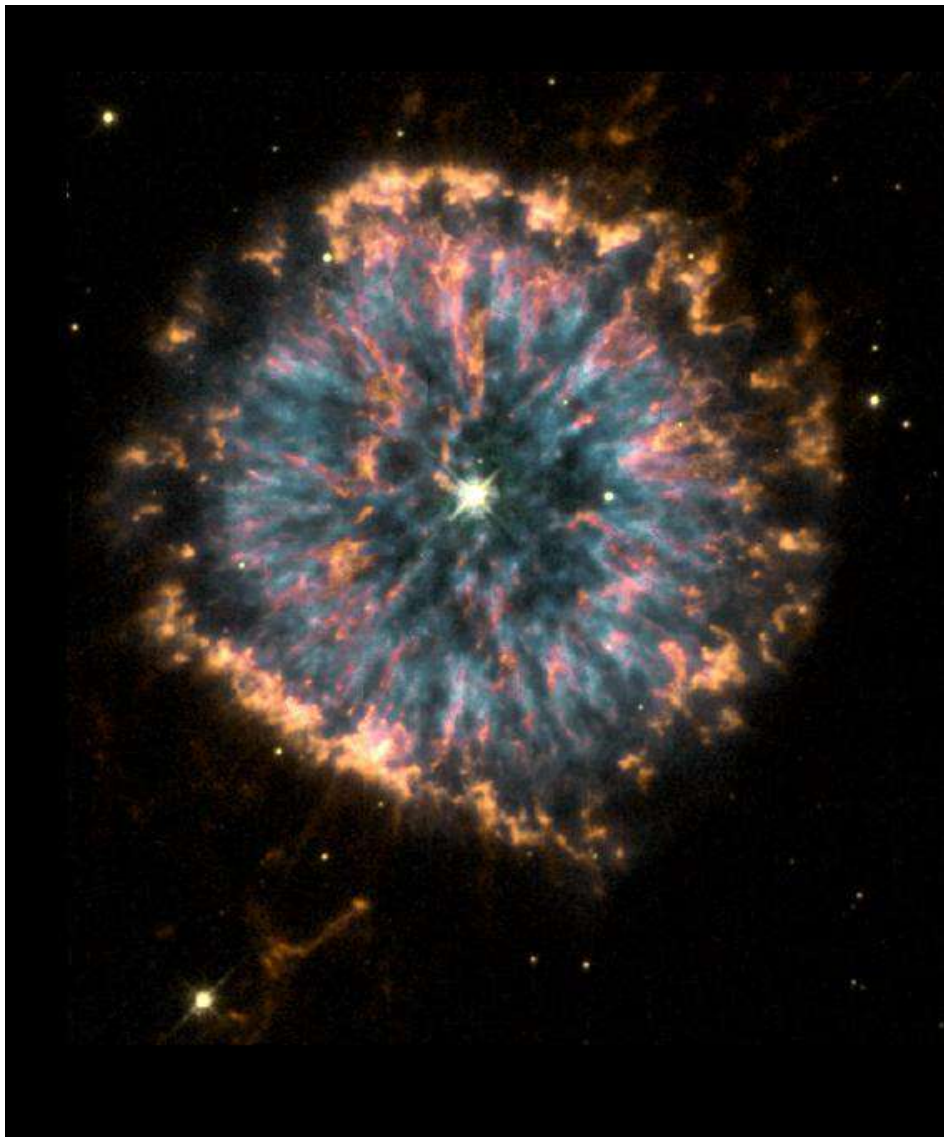
The Pinwheel Galaxy – Similar to the Milky Way



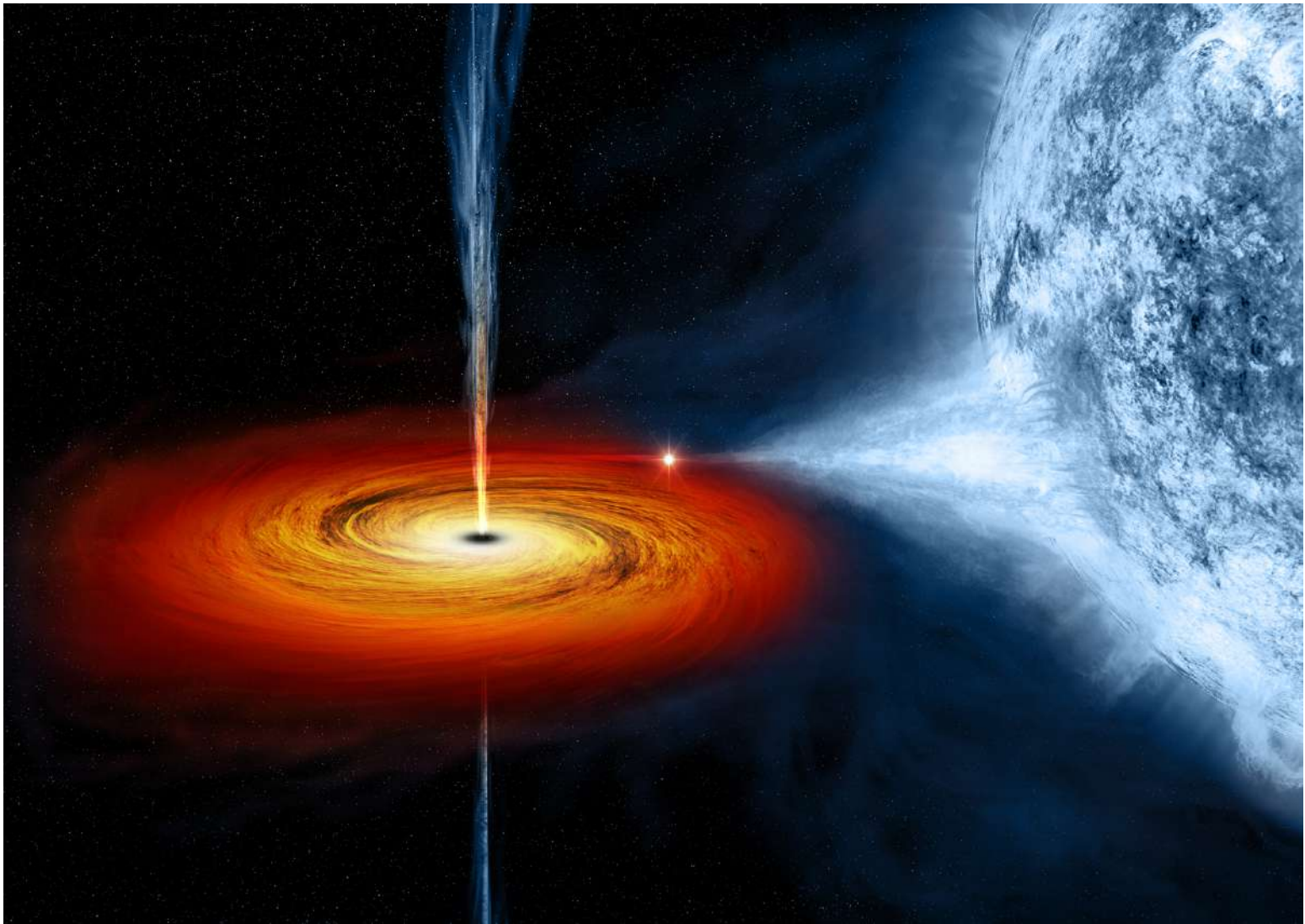
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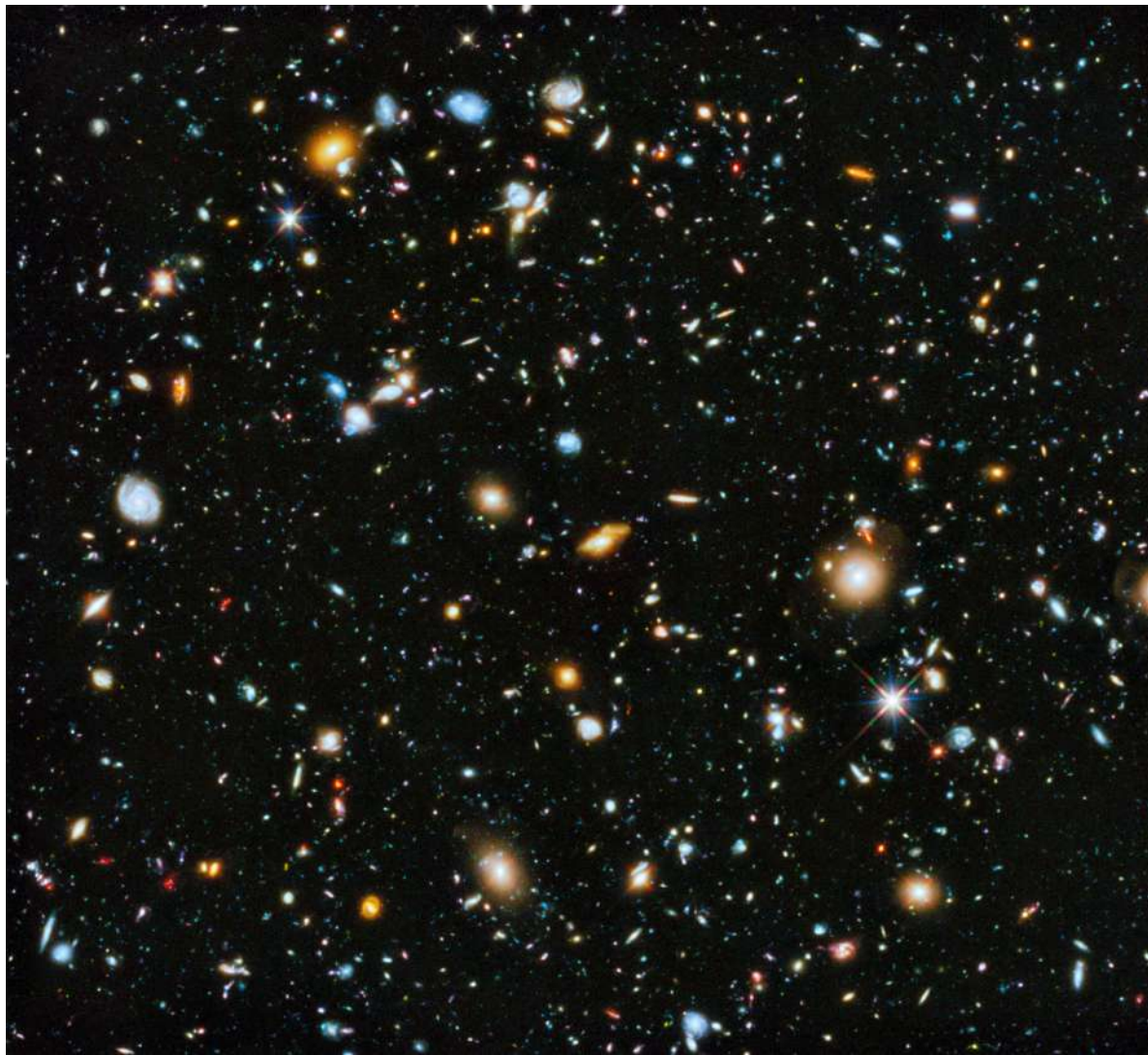
The Orion Nebula



A planetary nebula



Artists impression of a matter from a companion star falling into a black hole.



Each dot of light here is a galaxy with billions of stars in it. How many civilizations may we be looking at? None? Billions? We don't know!