



MISSION: GRAVITY

MISSION REVIEW





Understanding stars

What do you know (or think you know) about stars?

Star properties

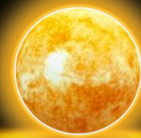
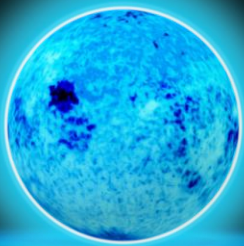
Measure

Barriers

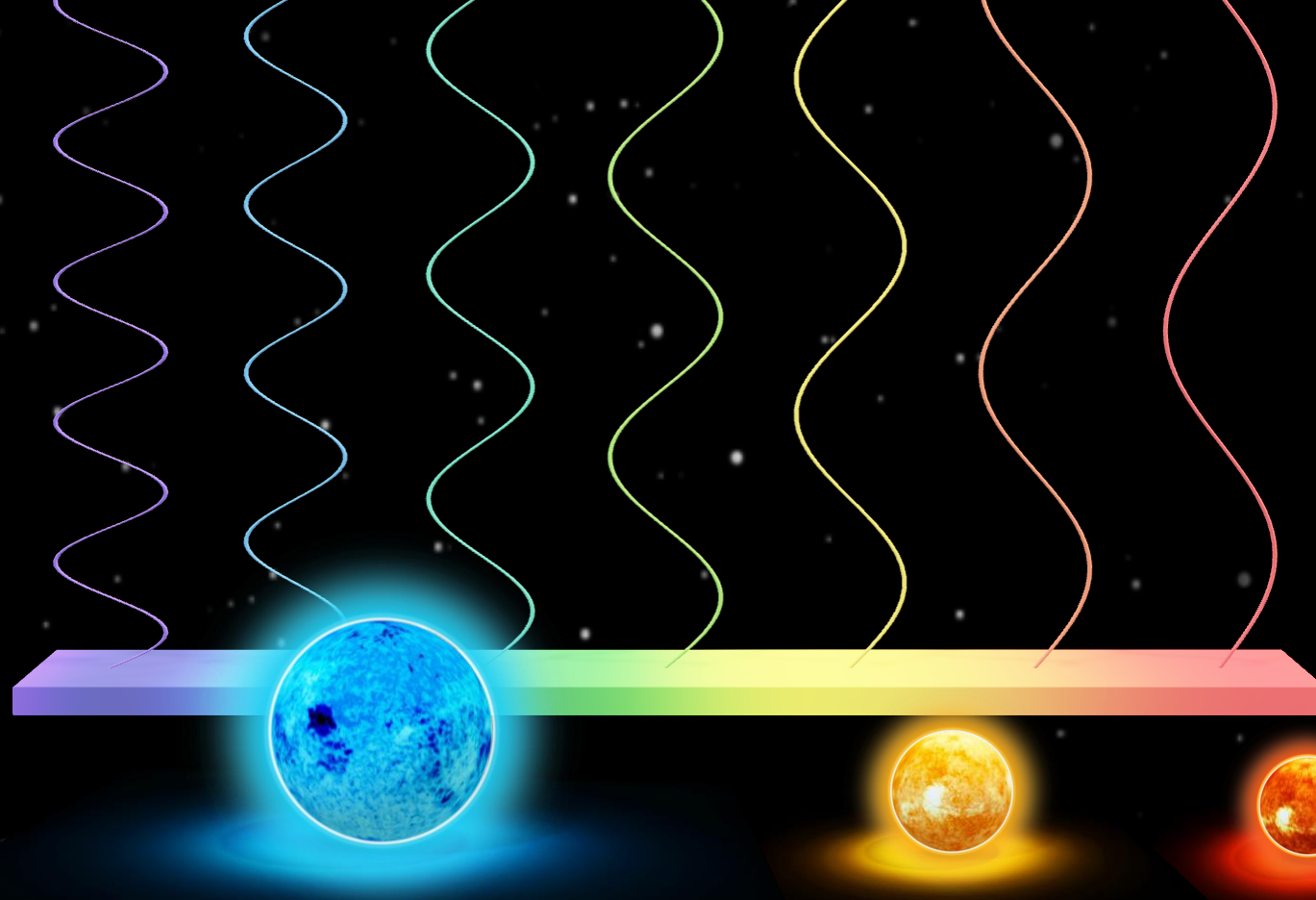
USE WAVELENGTH TO FIND TEMPERATURE



Radio
Microwave
Infrared
Visible Light
Ultraviolet
X-Ray
GammaRay

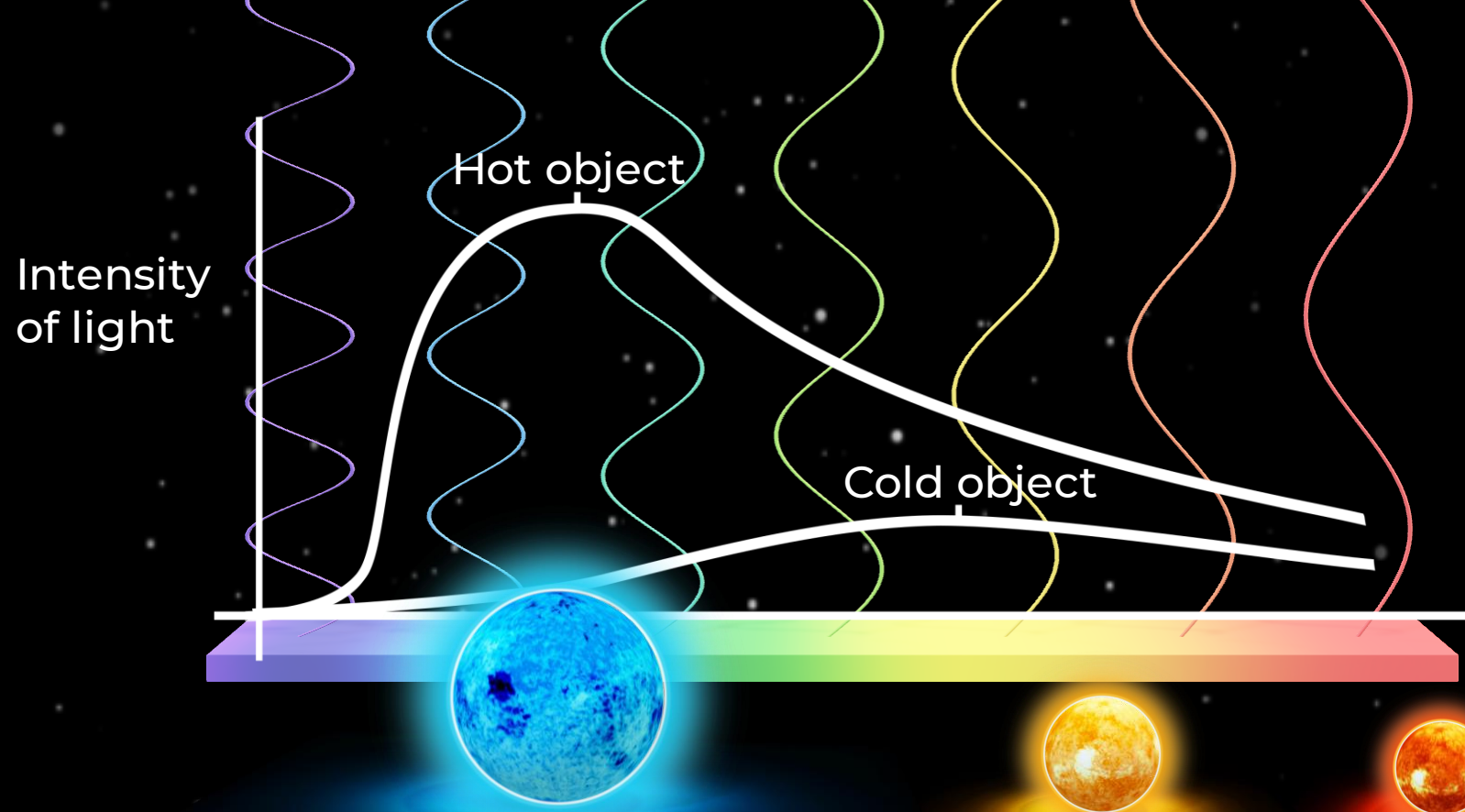


Hot objects such as stars radiate energy in the form of **light** and **heat**

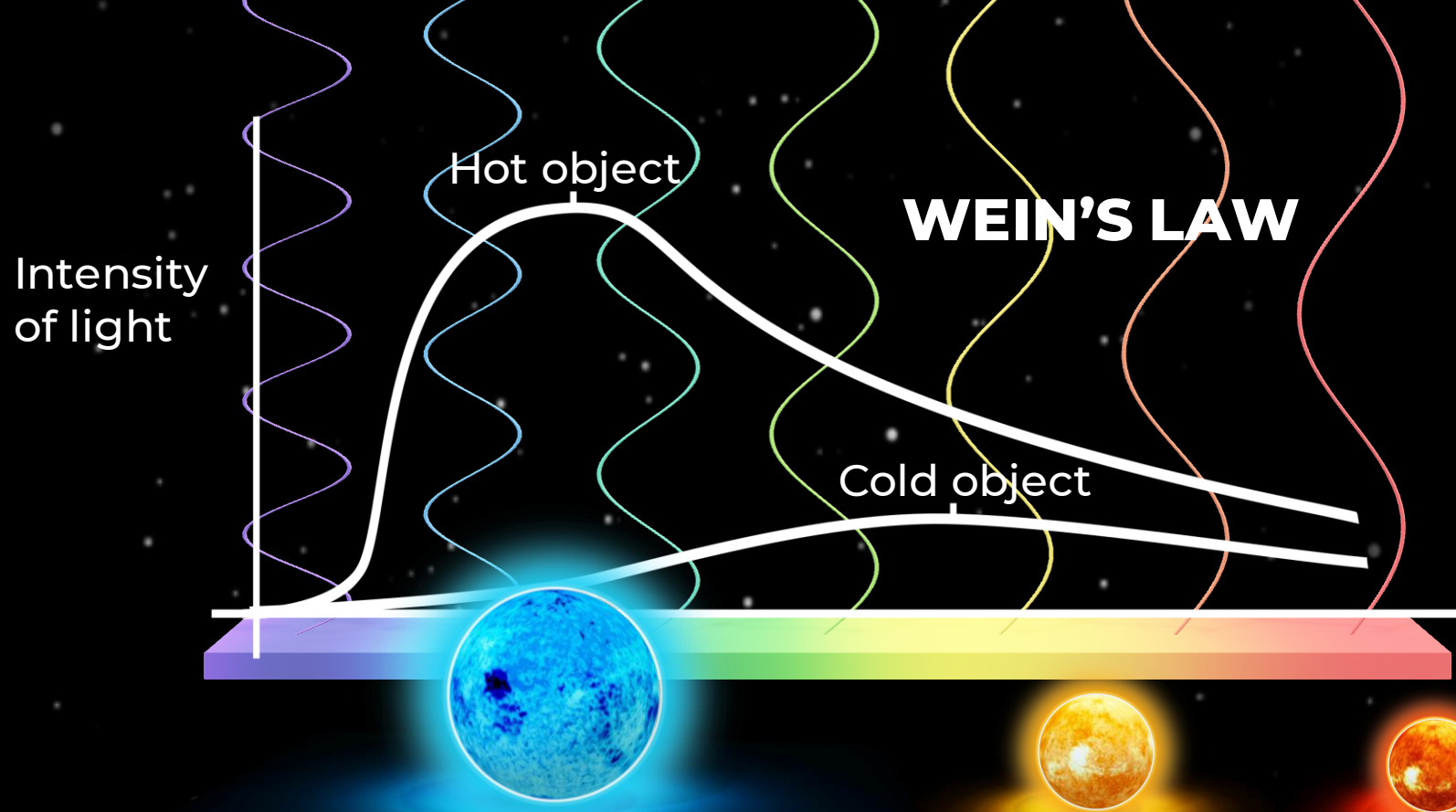


Light is a wave.

- The colour of the light depends on the wavelength of the light wave.
Blue light has a short wavelength compared to red light which is long



The wavelength of the light can provide the temperature of the star.
Shorter wavelength light waves are more energetic and indicate hotter stars



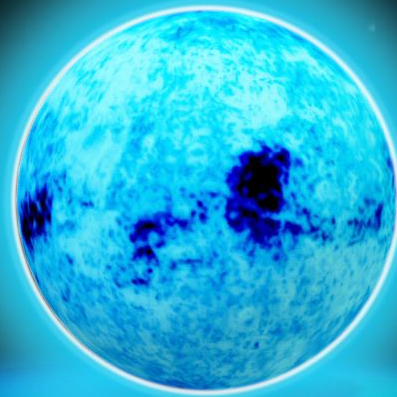
Wien's displacement law relates the **peak wavelength** (in nanometers) and the **temperature** (in degrees Kelvin)

$$\text{Temperature (K)} = \frac{2,900,000 \text{ K} \cdot \text{nm}}{\text{Wavelength (nm)}}$$

Example: if the peak wavelength is 500 nm

$$T(K) = \frac{2,900,000 \text{ K} \cdot \text{nm}}{500 \text{ nm}} = 5,800 \text{ K}$$

USE ANGLE TO FIND DIAMETER

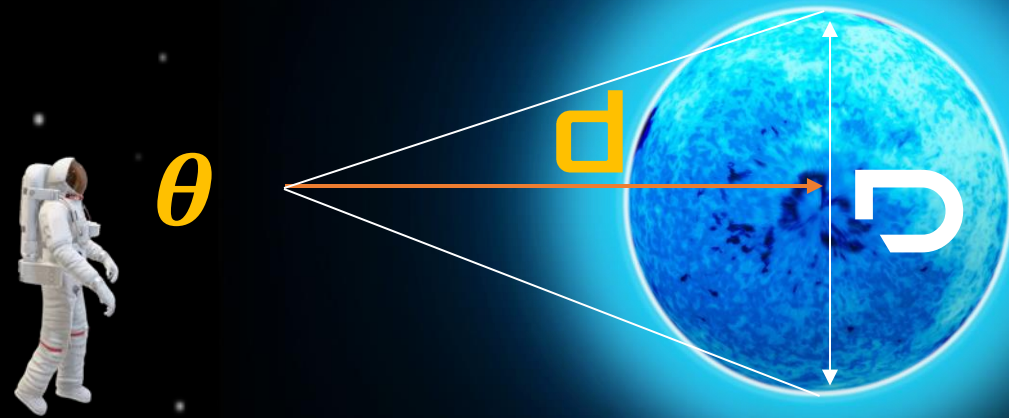


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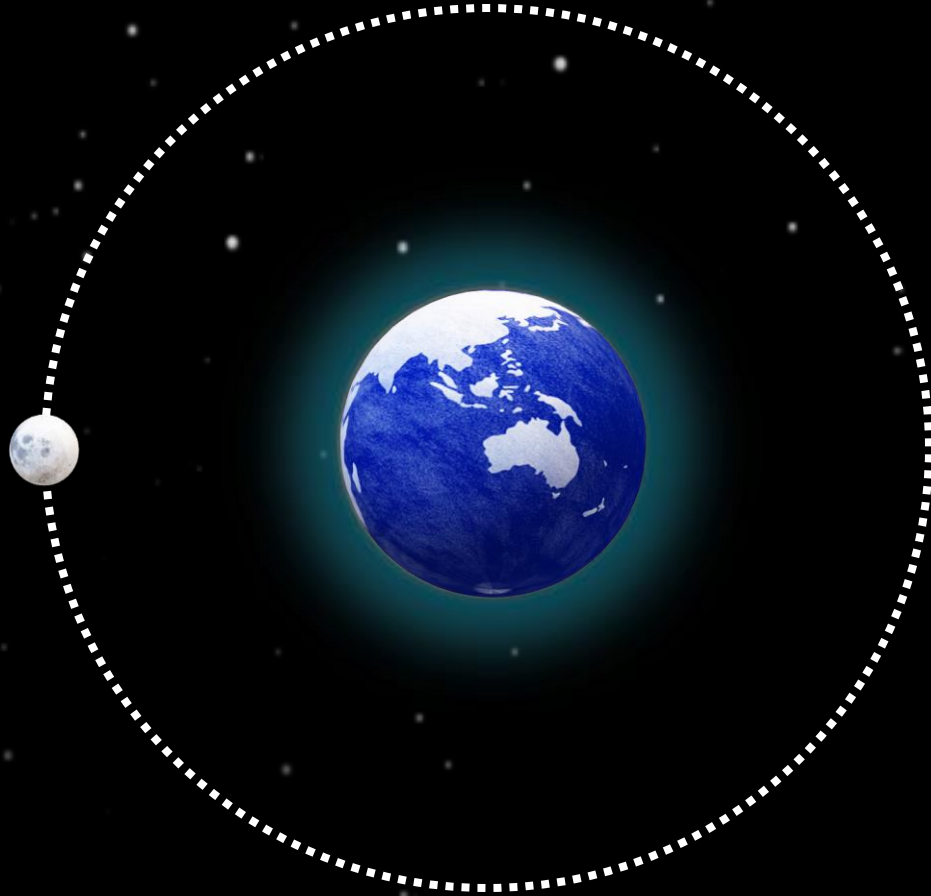
To find the diameter of the star,
use the following trigonometric relation for small angles

$$D = d \times \theta$$

USE ORBITAL MOTION TO FIND MASS



The motion of an orbiting object provides information about the object being orbited.



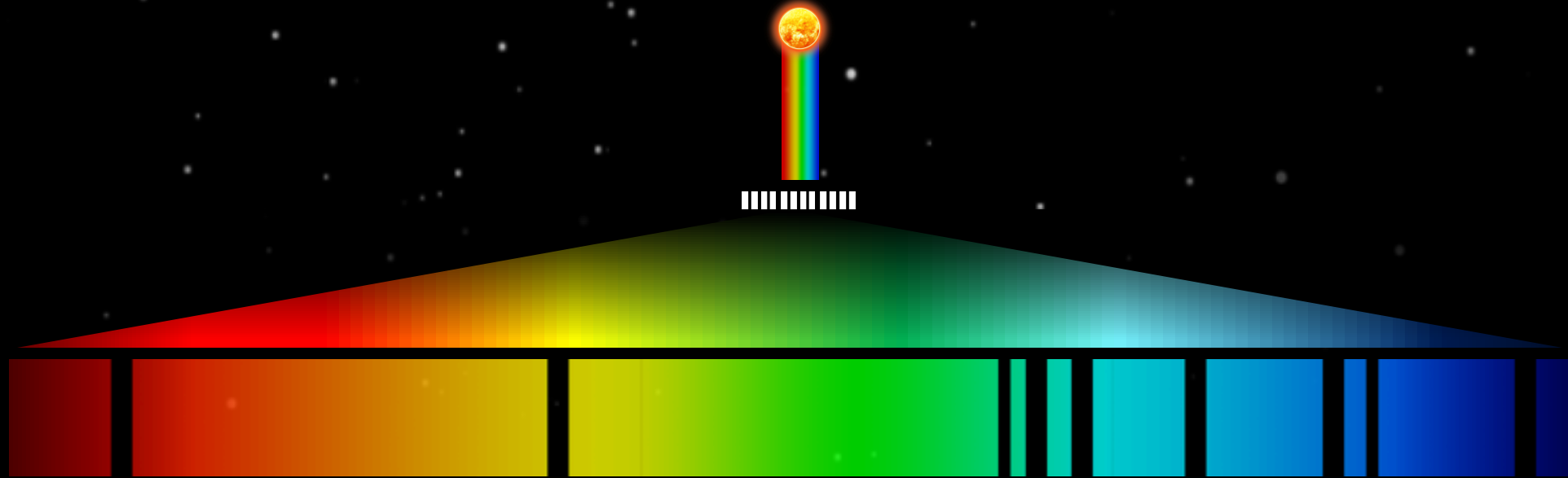
USE SPECTRA TO FIND COMPOSITION

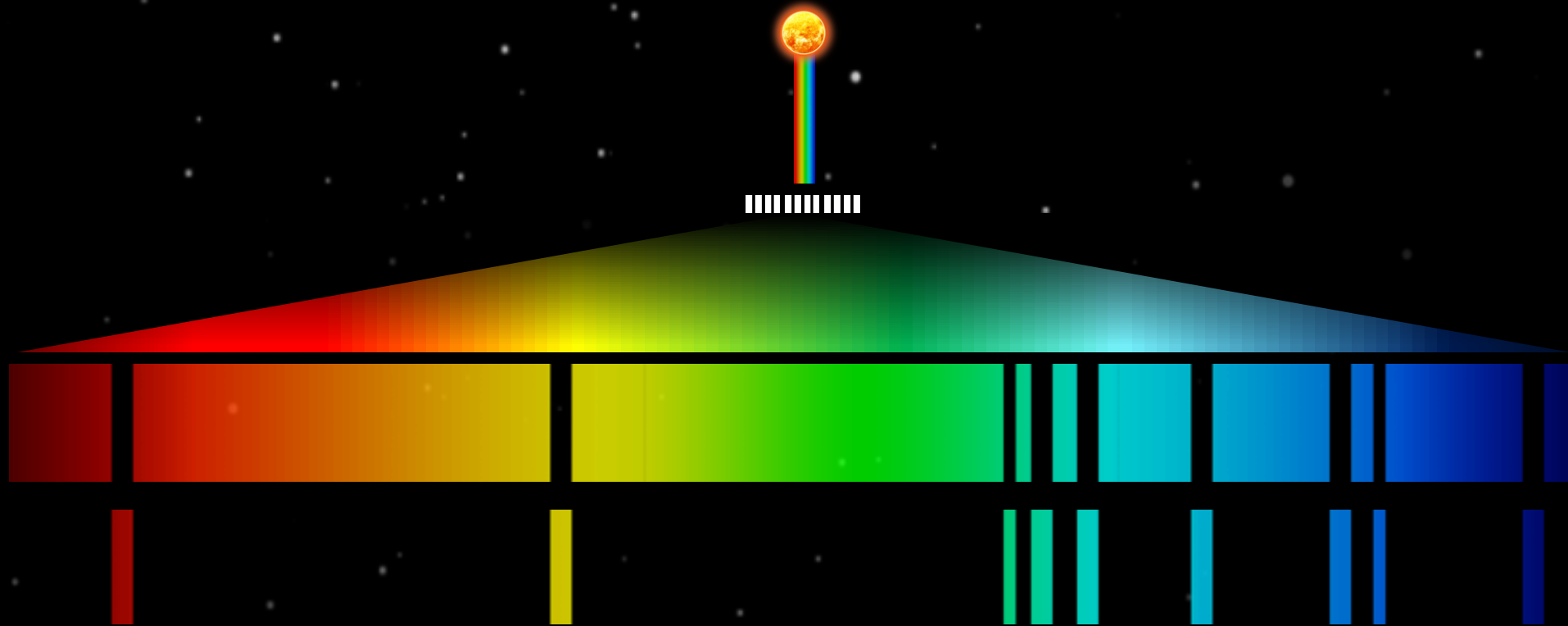


Light from a star is a combination of many colours (wavelengths) of light



When light is spread through a diffraction grating, it shows the colour prism with some conspicuous dark lines





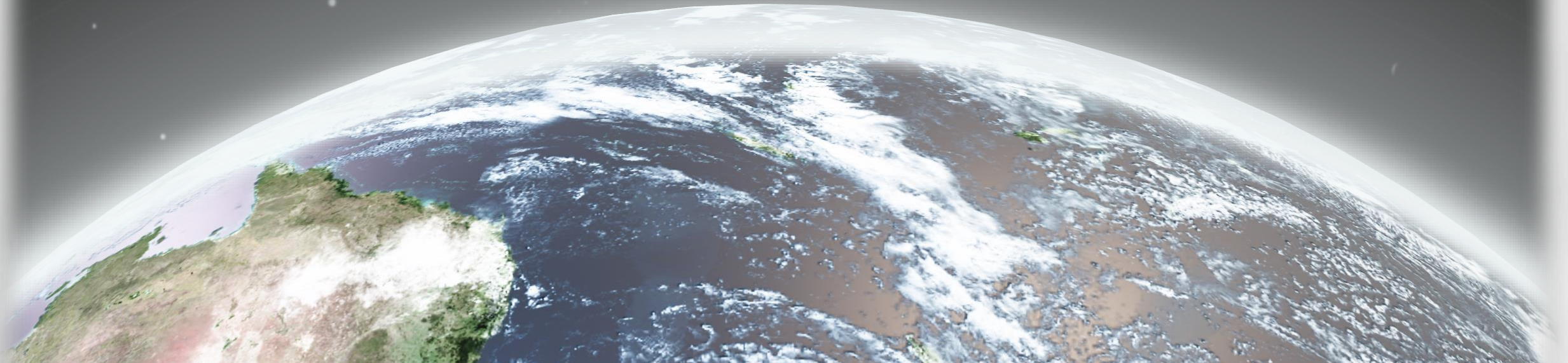
The location of these dark lines in the spectrum correspond to the dominant elements in the stars

GROUND CONTROL PREPARATION



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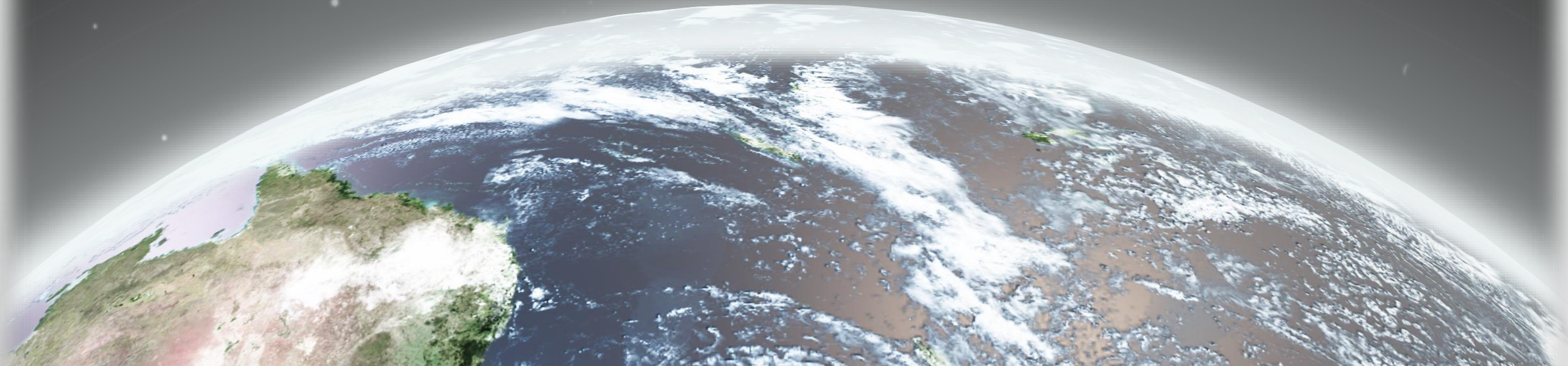


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GET READY:

- Data Tables
- Pens
- Roles



VIRTUAL REALITY

Tools in VR – using the remote... what do the buttons do, etc.

Navigating in VR – what are the major controls to move through space, time, use tools, etc.



All mission controls are driven by the front button: This is a combination touch trackpad and touch-sensitive button

Press and HOLD to re-center (Don't just press)

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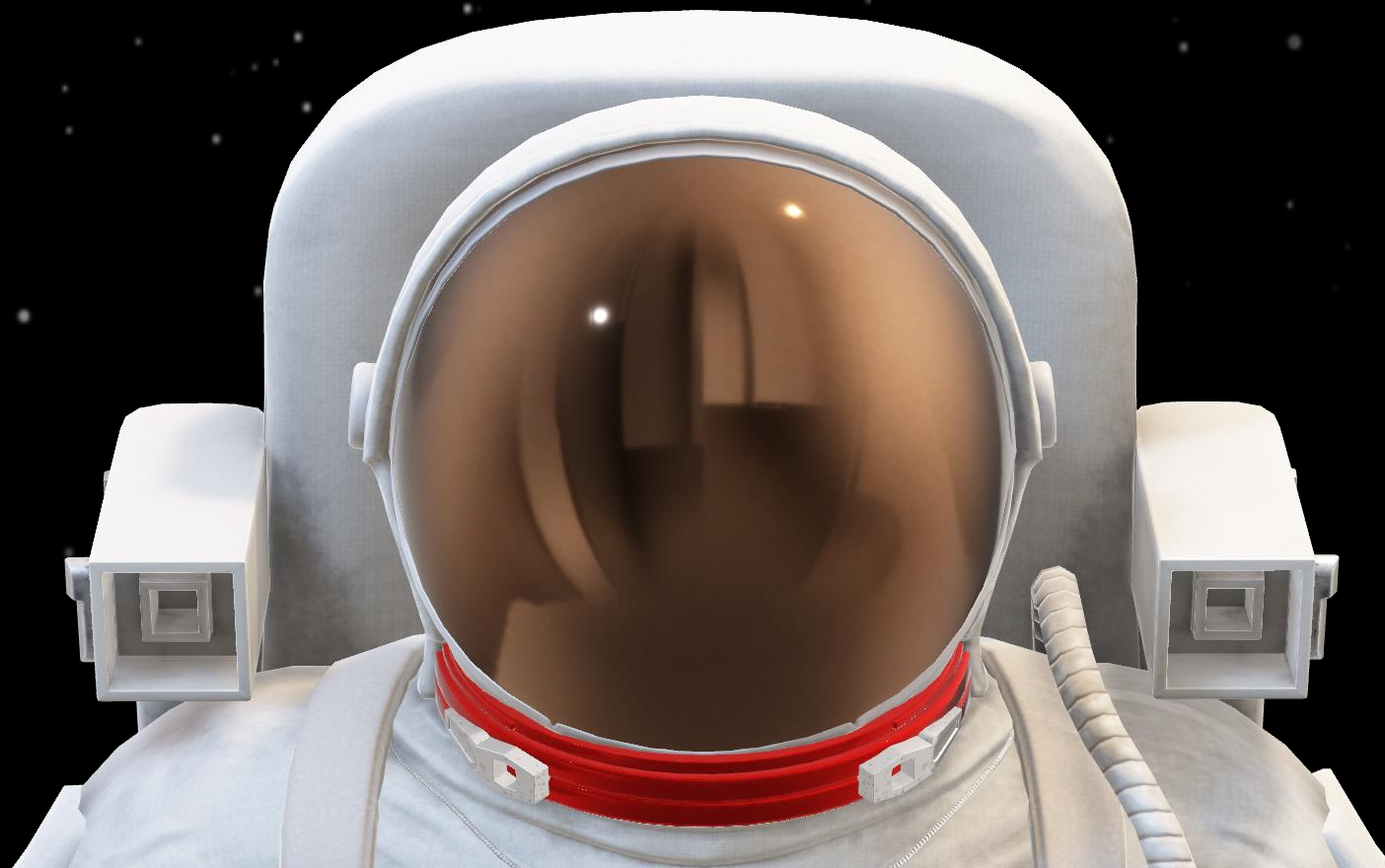
SPACE SAFETY



Listen carefully to all instructions
Remain seated
Small motions with controllers
Ensure equipment remains as you found it
Do not harass the pilot



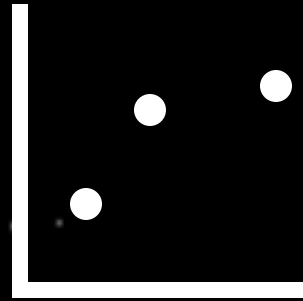
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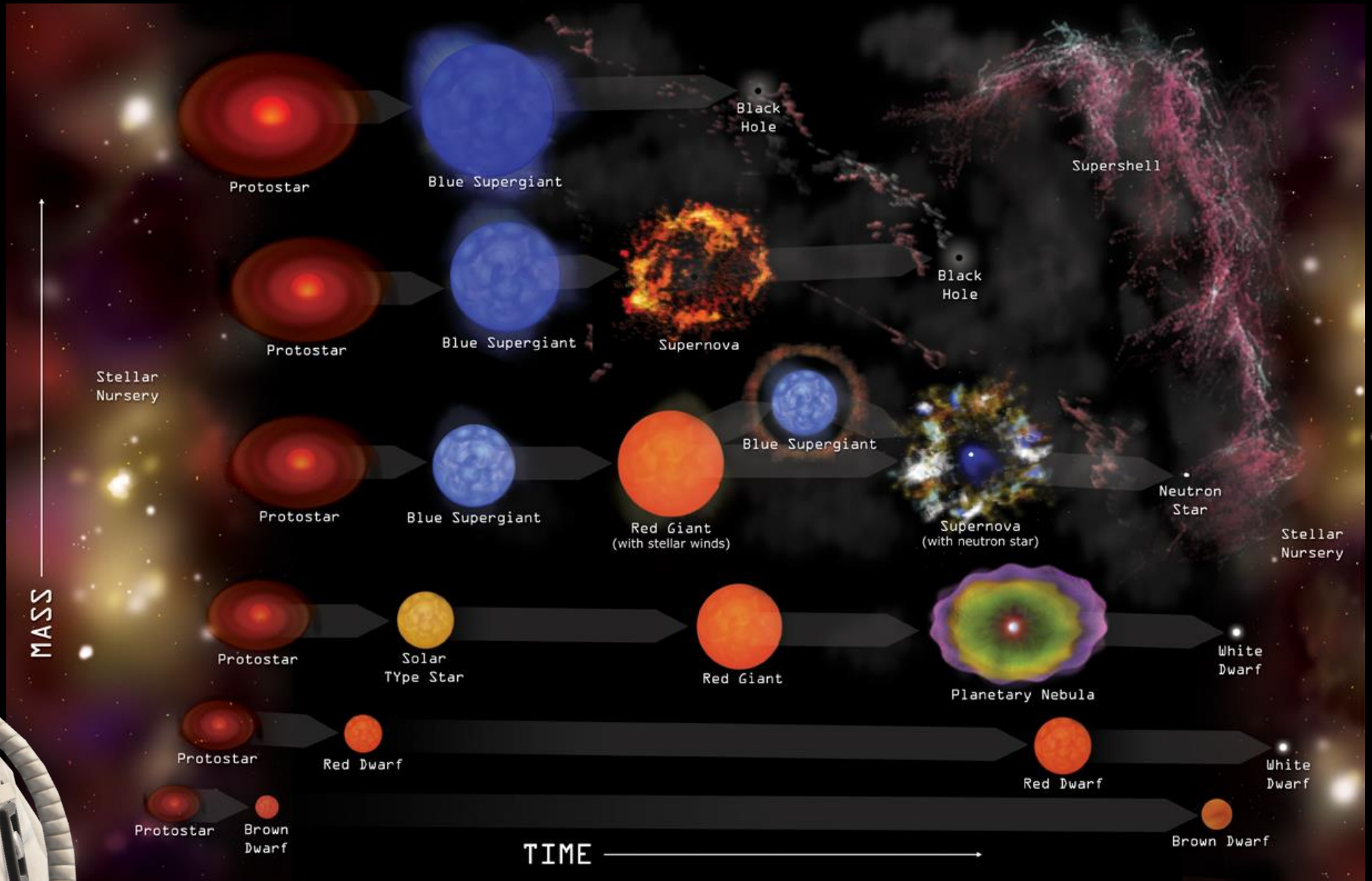
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