



11 days exposure time

10,000 galaxies

3 arcminutes size  
(0.1 x diameter of moon)

Estimated number of  
galaxies in observable  
universe: ~200 billion

**Hubble Ultra Deep Field**  
**Hubble Space Telescope • Advanced Camera for Surveys**

# Galaxies with disks

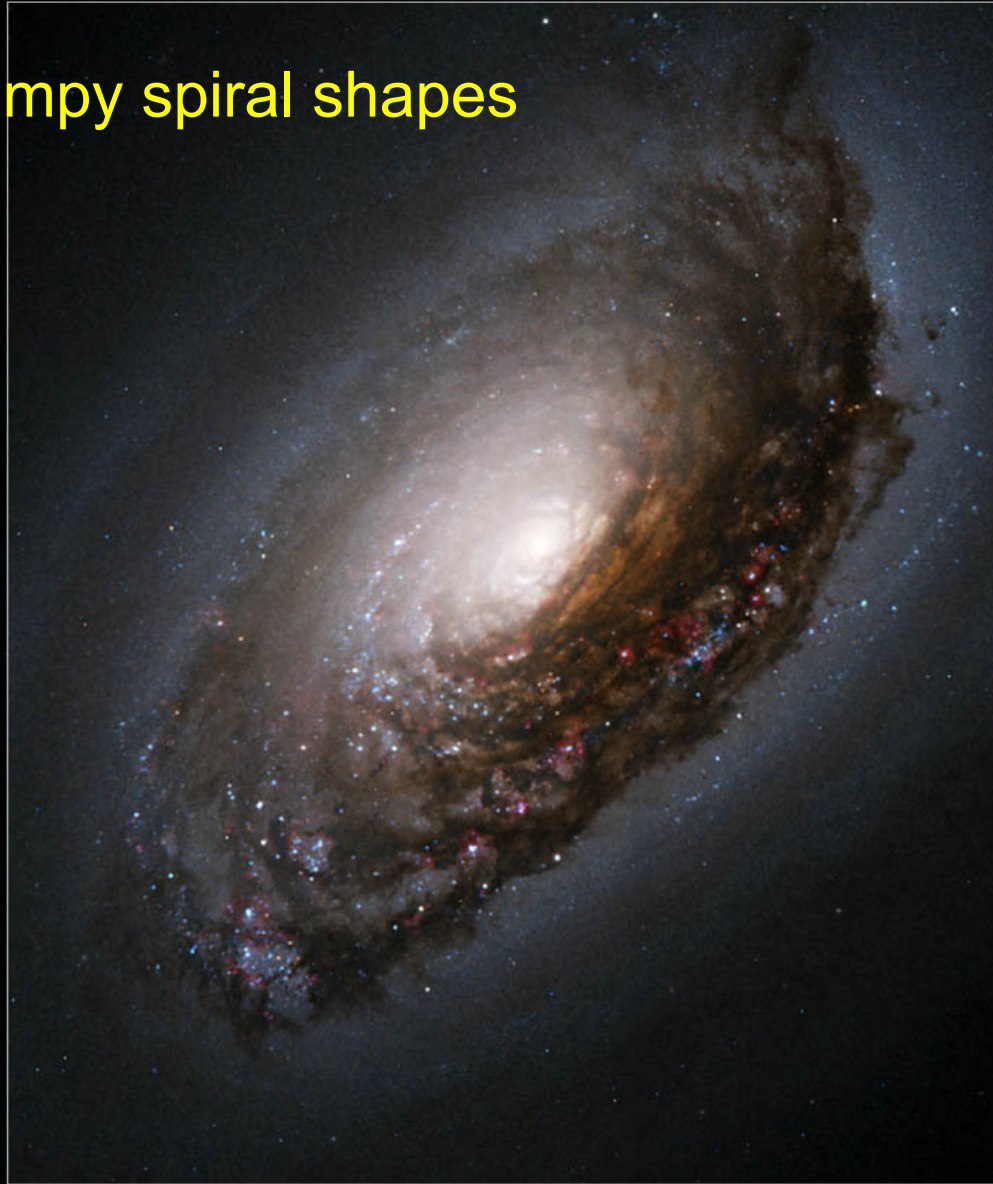
Sombrero Galaxy • M104



Hubble  
Heritage

Spiral Galaxy M64

Clumpy spiral shapes



Hubble  
Heritage

Smooth elliptical galaxies.



M87 © Anglo-Australian Observatory  
Photo by David Malin

## Galaxies that are isolated

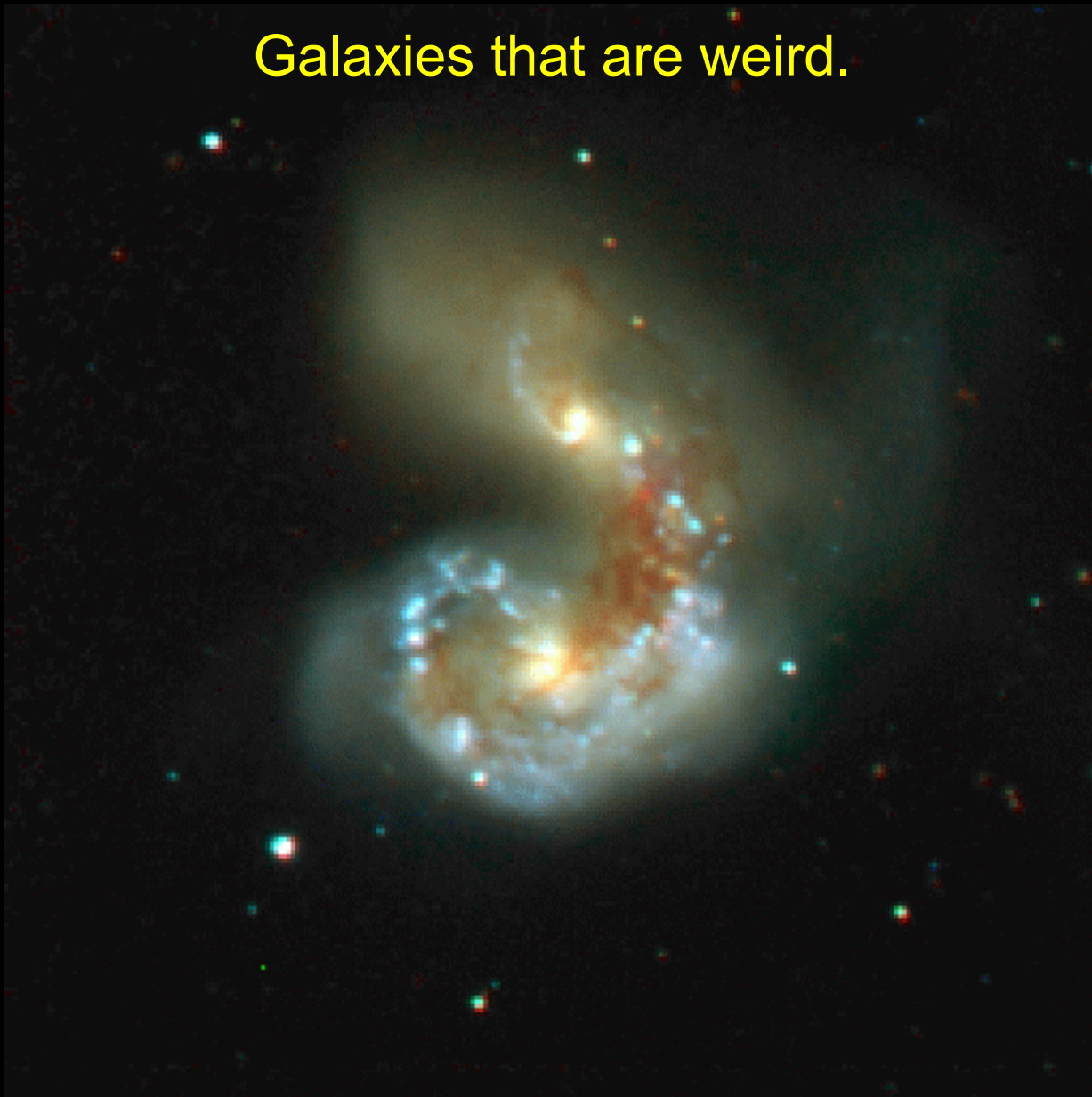
Well, this one has a neighbor...



# Galaxies in clusters.

Perseus cluster - Sloan Digital Sky Survey

Galaxies that are weird.



Antennae galaxies – OSU Bright galaxy survey

# Anatomy of a galaxy

Globular clusters: old stars

Spheroid: old stars

Disk: stars, gas, dust

Black Hole

Satellite galaxy





# Anatomy of a galaxy

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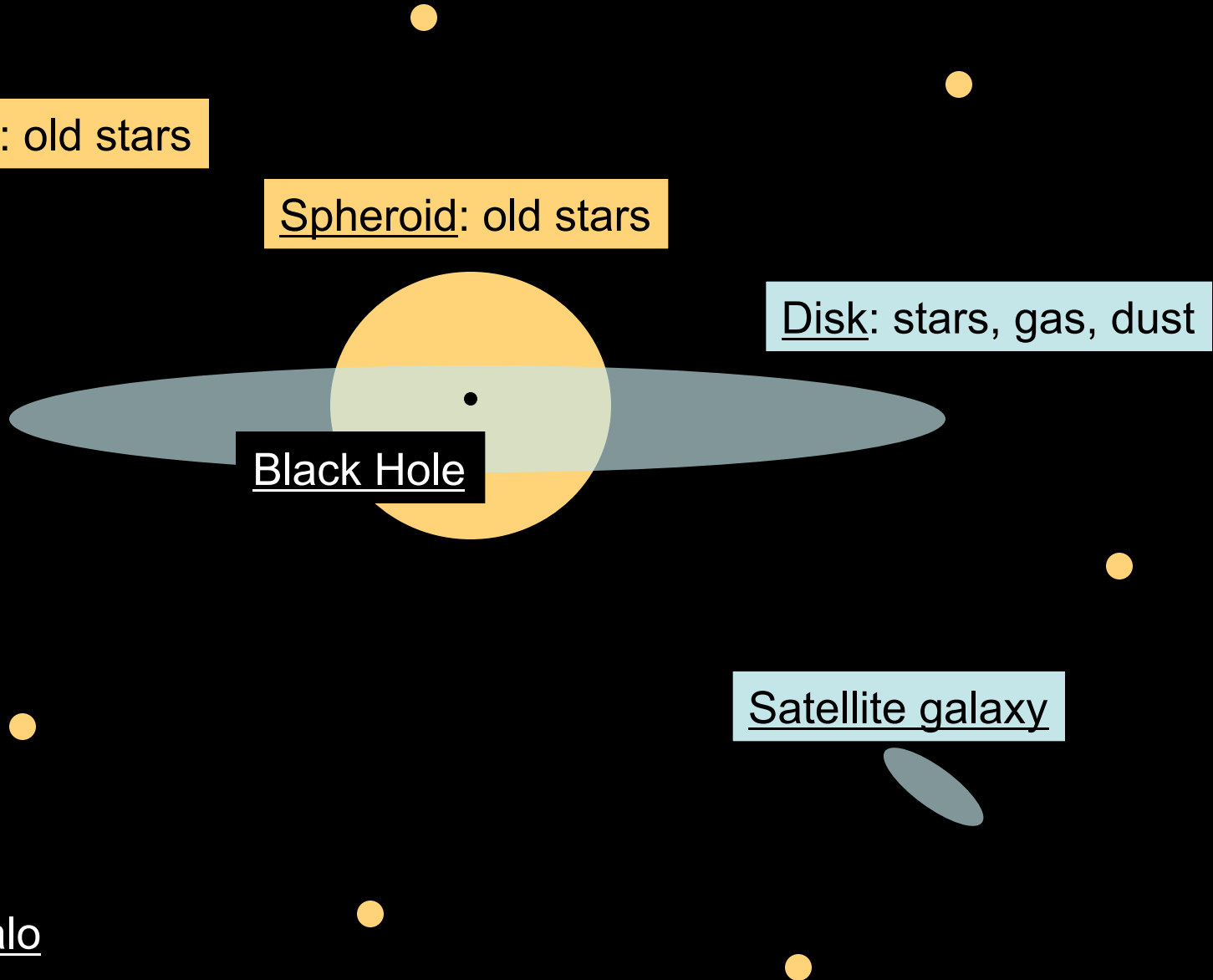
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Satellite galaxy

Dark Matter Halo



Very generally, there are two types of galaxies that we see:



Spiral/disk galaxies:

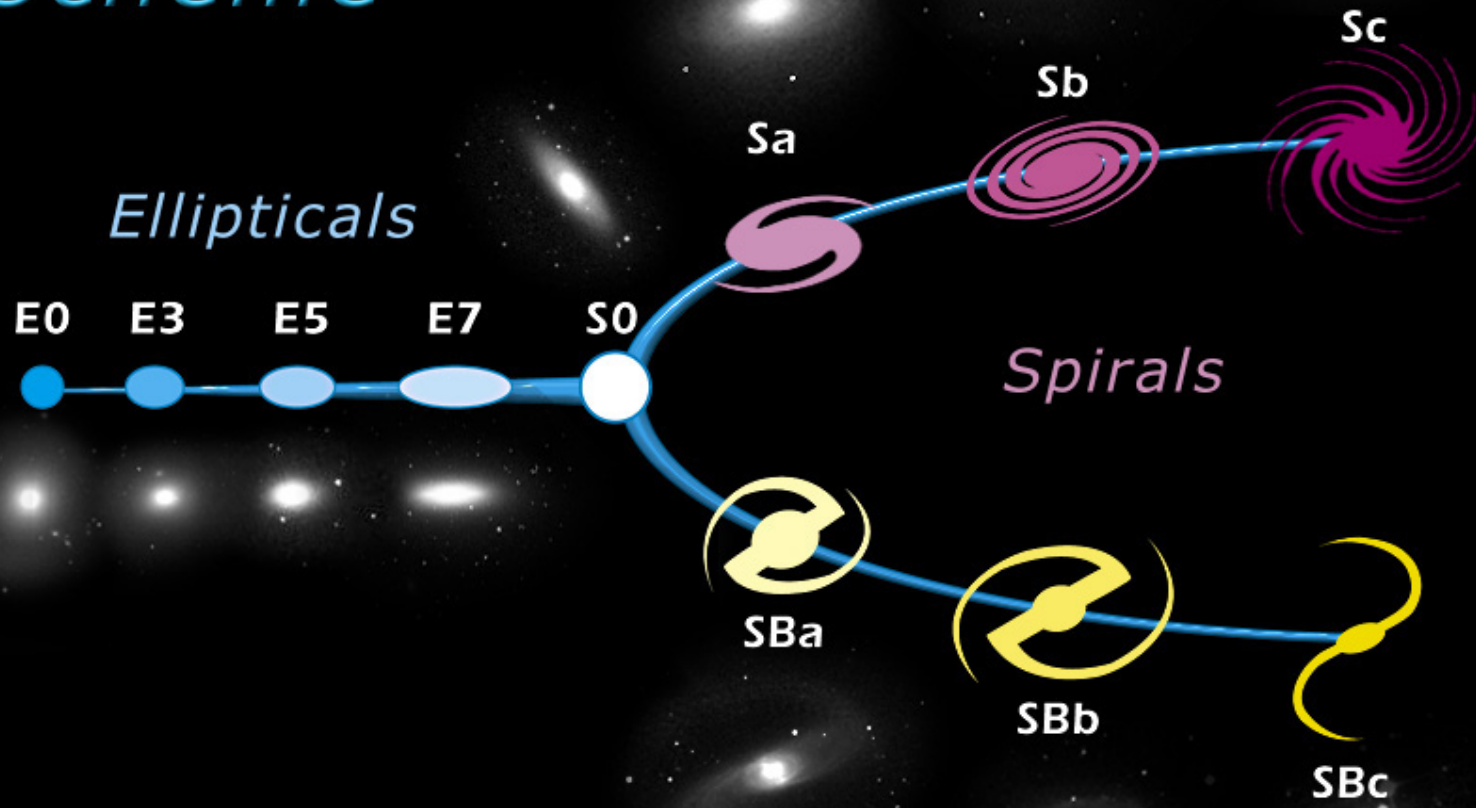
- have a disk-like structure
- are blue-ish in color
- tend to be isolated

Elliptical galaxies:

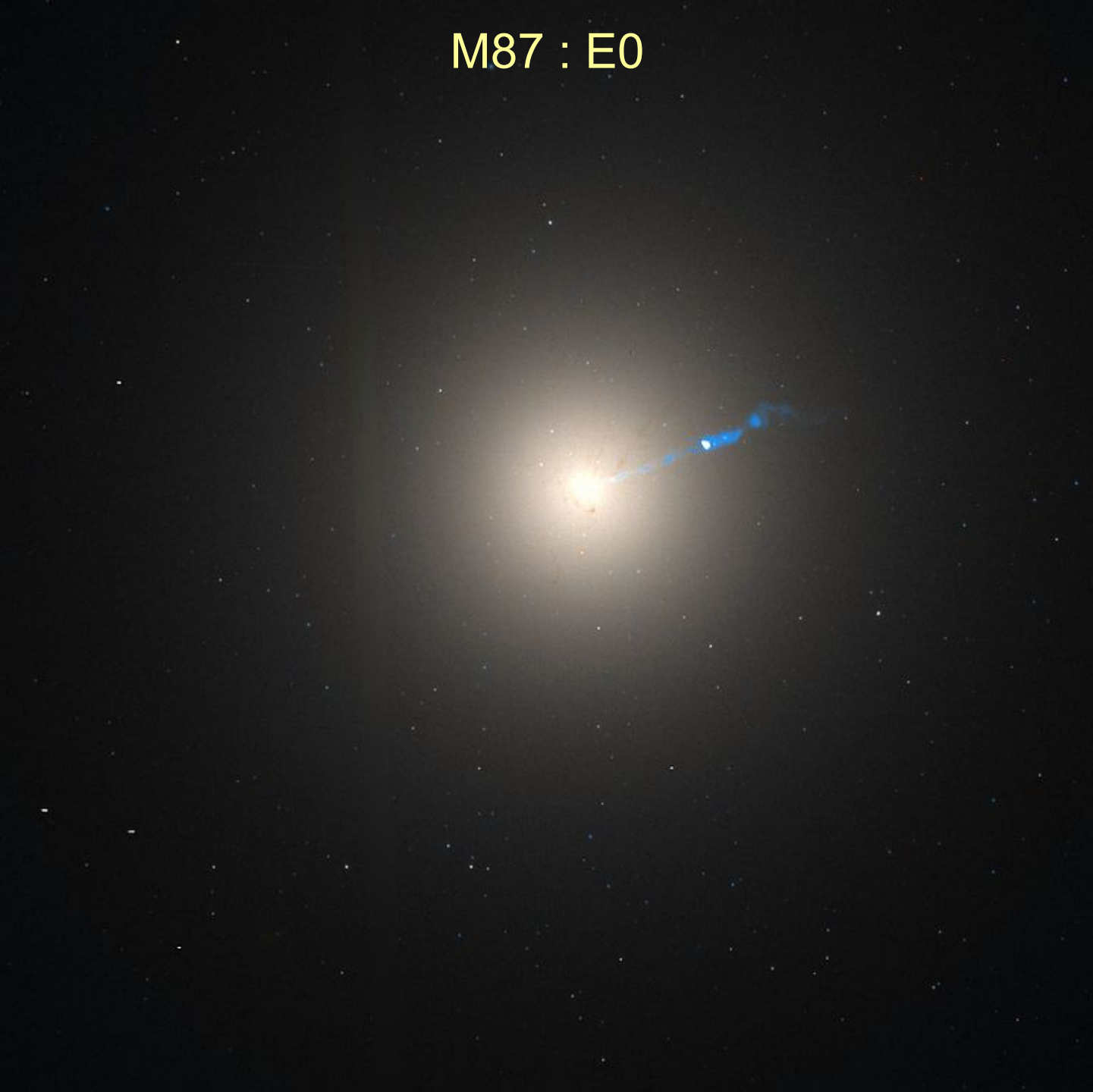
- have no disk
- are red-ish in color
- tend to be located in clusters



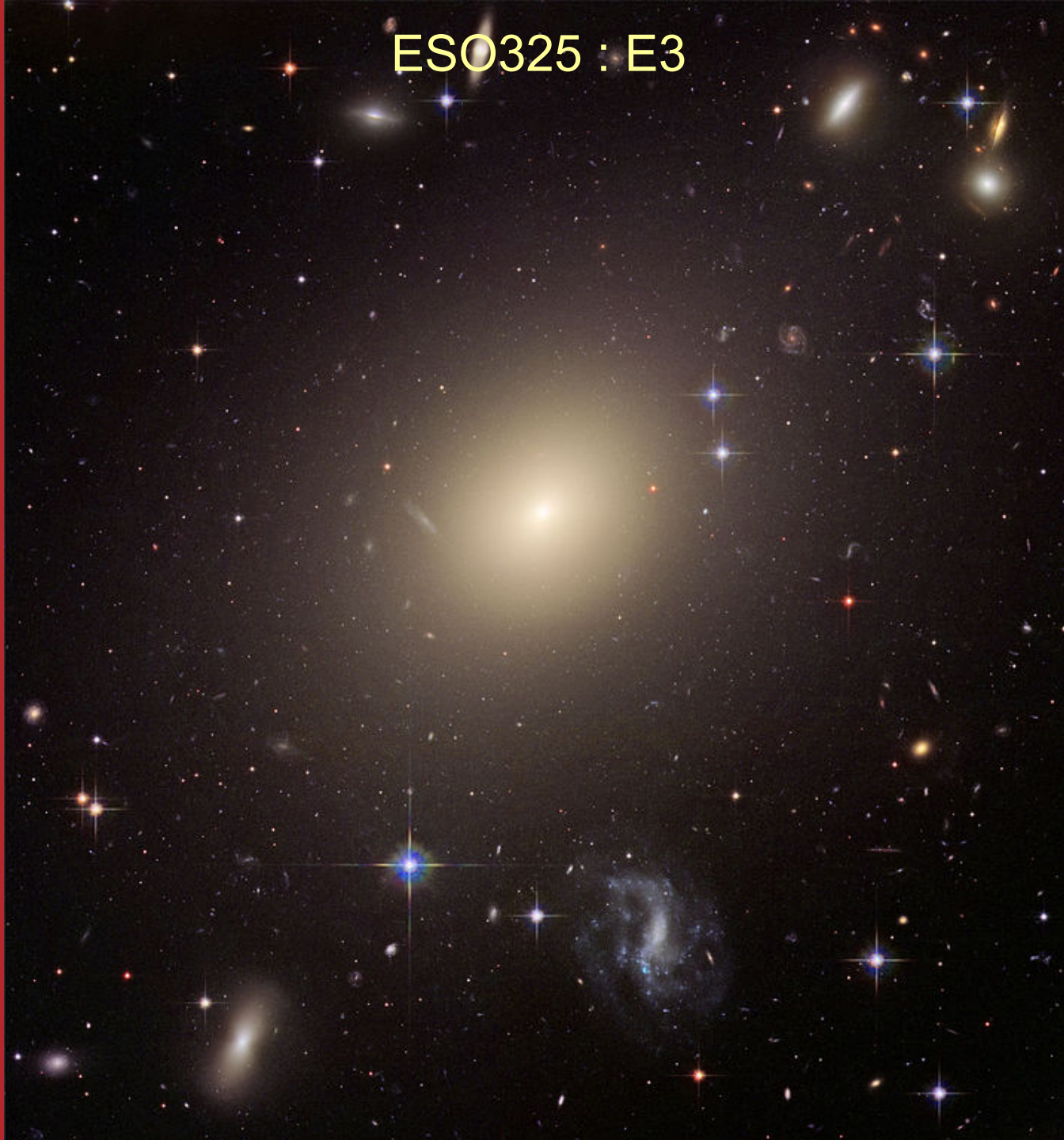
# Edwin Hubble's Classification Scheme



M87 : E0



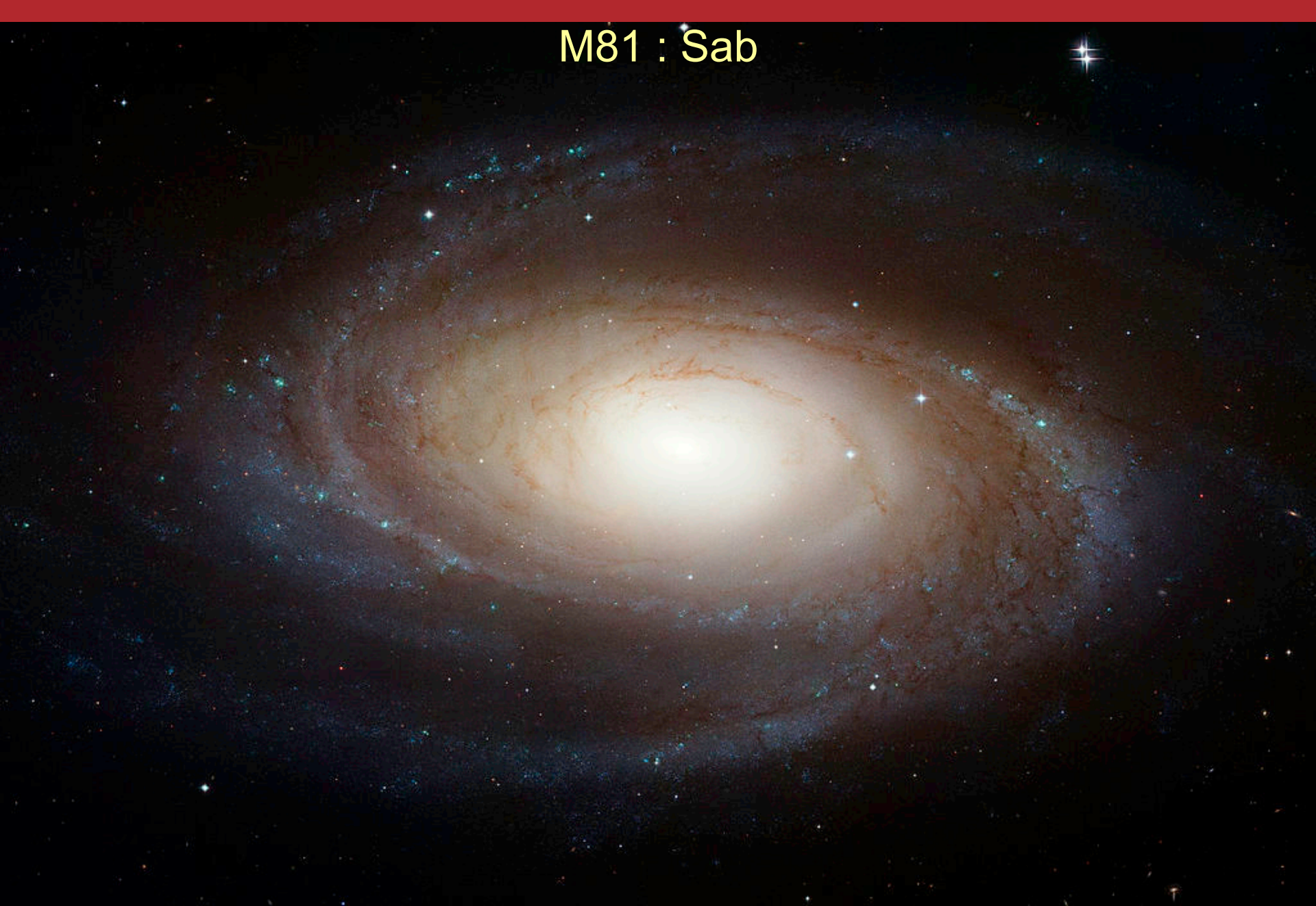
ESO325 : E3



NGC5866 : S0



M81 : Sab



M101 : Scd





NGC1300 : SBbc



# Basic Astronomical Measurements

## Luminosity and flux

Luminosity

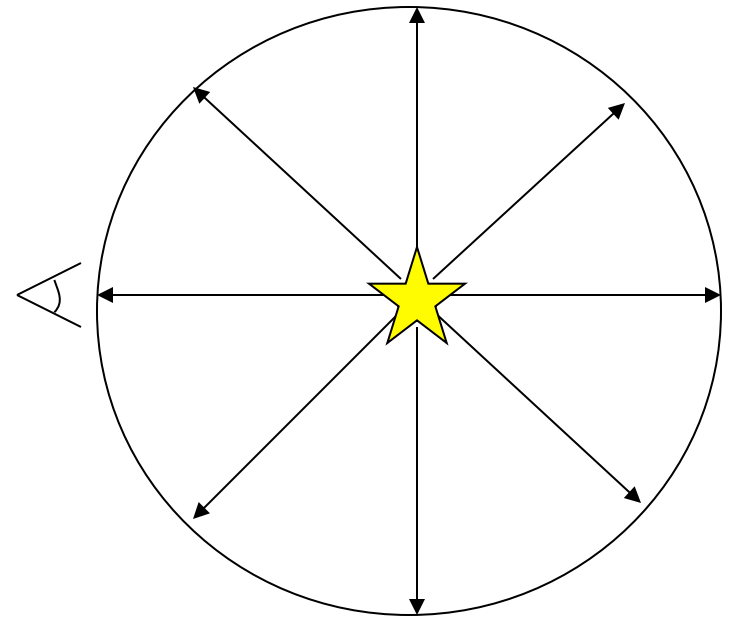
$L$  : energy/time (erg/s)

Flux

$f$  : luminosity/area (erg/s/cm<sup>2</sup>)

Inverse square law:

$$f = \frac{L}{4\pi d^2}$$



# Basic Astronomical Measurements

## Surface brightness

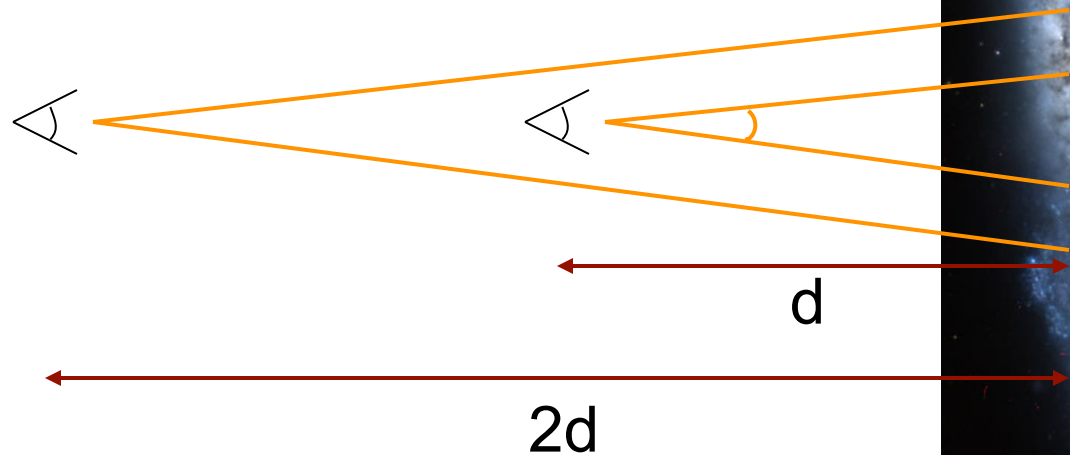
Surface brightness  $I$  : flux/solid angle ( $\text{erg/s/cm}^2/\text{st}$ )

( $4\pi$  steradians on the sky      1 steradian =  $3282.8 \text{ deg}^2$ )

At twice the distance:

- flux from each star is 4x fainter
- area covered by solid angle is 4x larger (i.e., 4x more stars)

Surface brightness is distance-independent



# Basic Astronomical Measurements

## Apparent magnitude

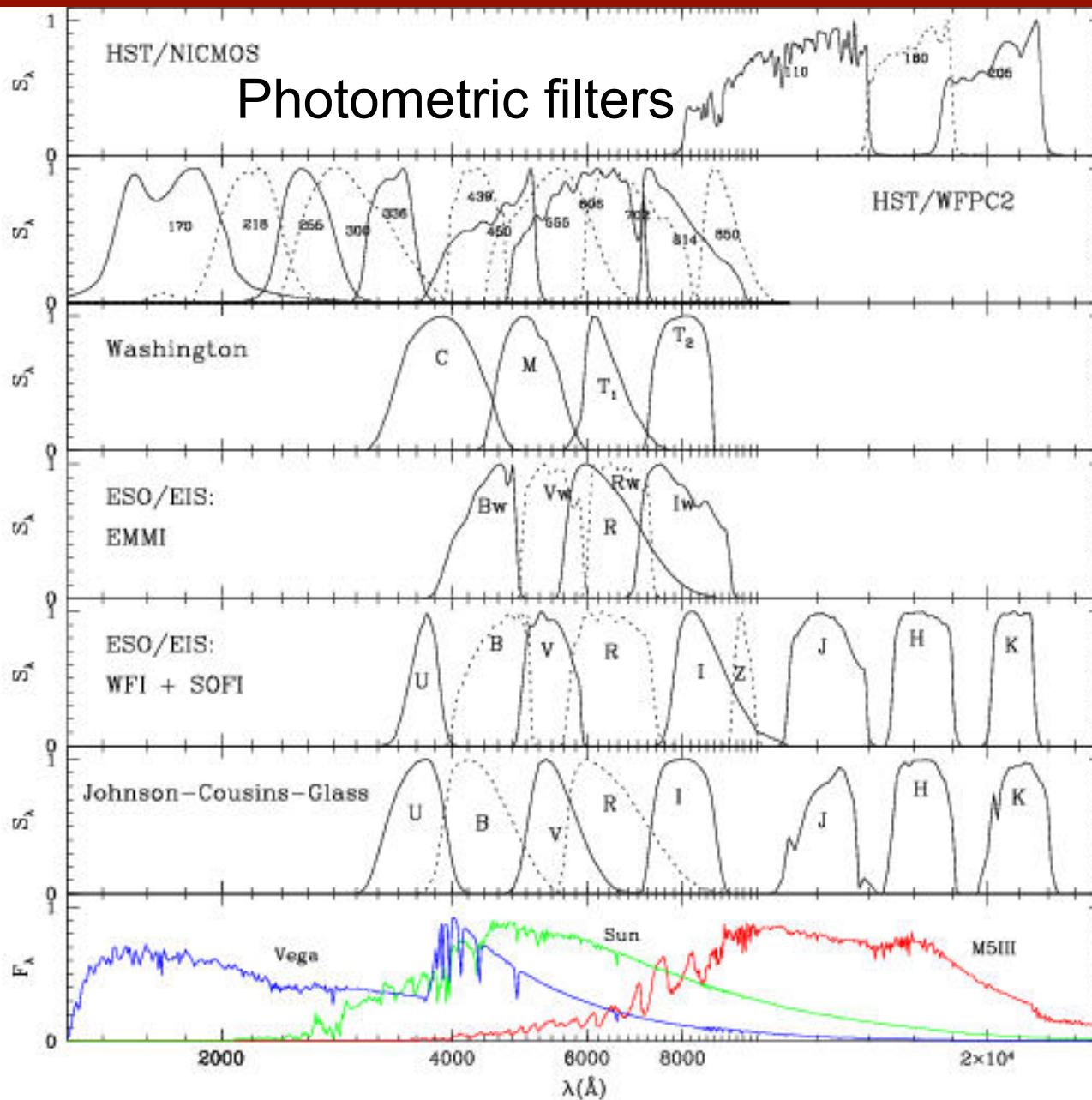
$$m = -2.5 \log f + \text{const}$$

A star that is 5 magnitudes brighter (smaller  $m$ ) has 100x the flux.

$$m_1 - m_2 = -2.5 \log(f_1/f_2)$$

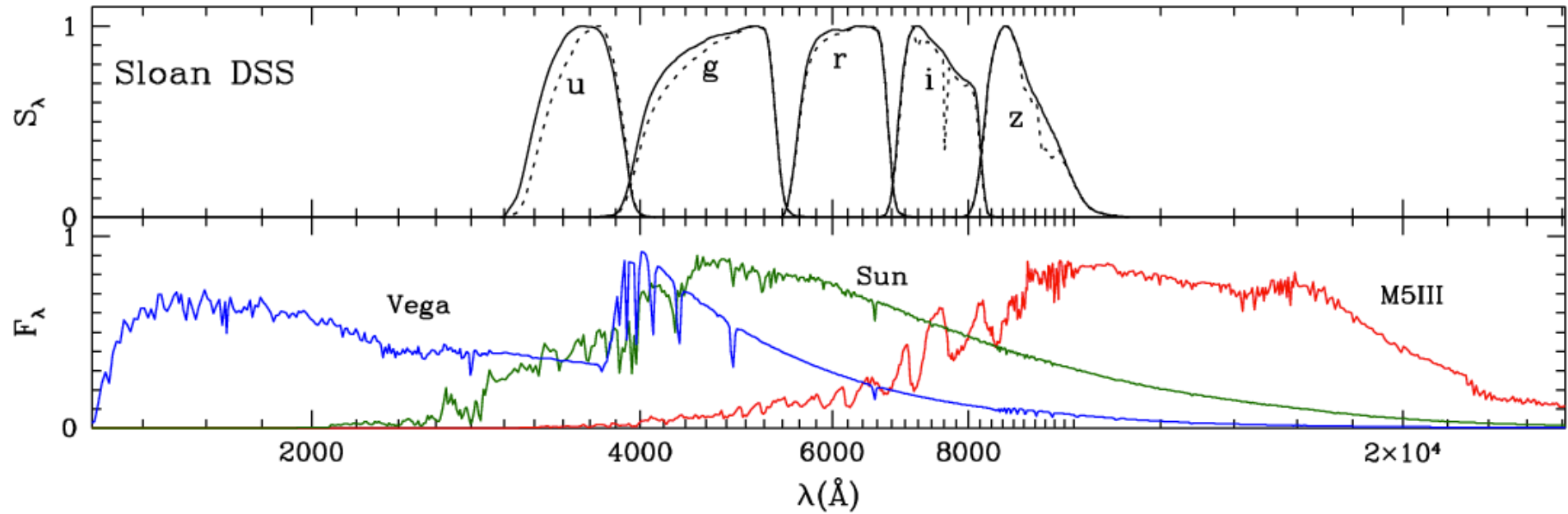
$$\frac{f_1}{f_2} = 10^{(m_2 - m_1)/2.5}$$

# Basic Astronomical Measurements



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## Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS) filters



## Absolute magnitude

$M$  = apparent magnitude the star would have if it were 10pc away.

$$f = \frac{L}{4\pi d^2}$$

$$f_{10} = \frac{L}{4\pi (10 \text{ pc})^2}$$

$$m - M = 5 \log \left( \frac{d}{10 \text{ pc}} \right)$$

  
distance modulus

For example, the distance modulus for M31 is about 24.5

# Basic Astronomical Measurements

## Color

Color = crude, low resolution, estimate of spectral shape

$$B - V = m_B - m_V = M_B - M_V = -2.5 \log \left( \frac{f_B}{f_V} \right)$$

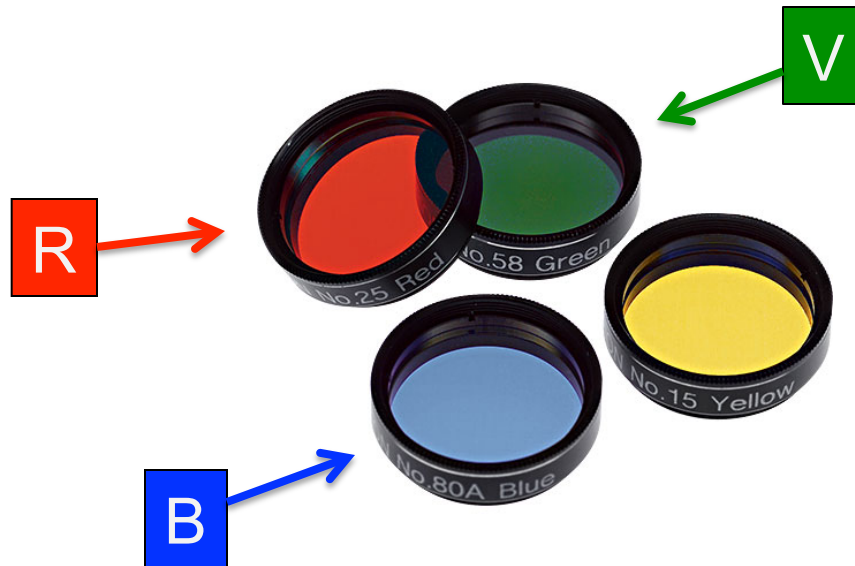
- distance independent
- indicator of surface temperature
- by definition, B-V=0 for Vega (T~9500K)



# Basic Astronomical Measurements

## Color

- Measure a star's brightness through two different filters

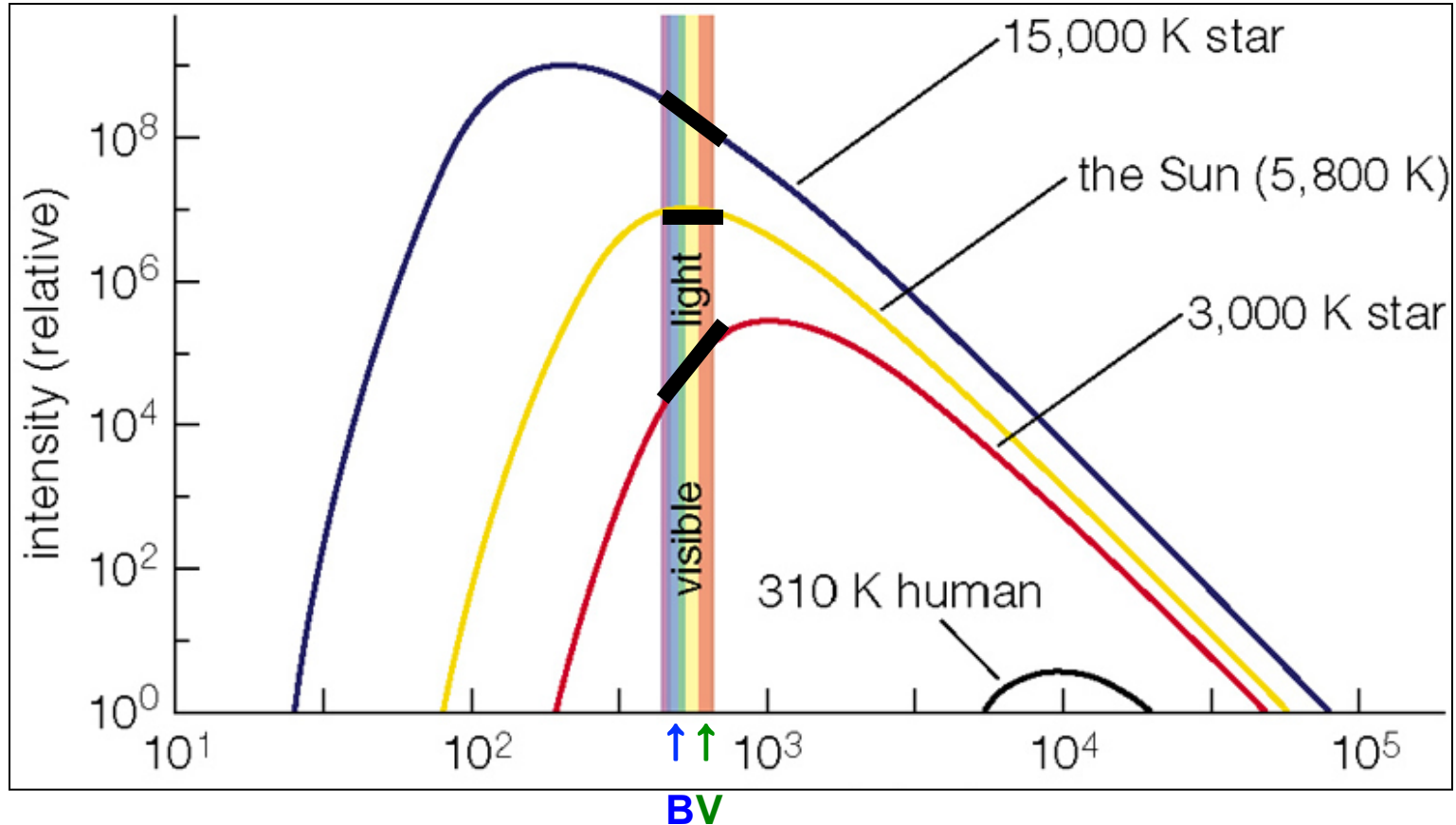


- Take the ratio of brightness: (redder filter)/(bluer filter)  
if ratio is large  $\rightarrow$  red star  
if ratio is small  $\rightarrow$  blue star

e.g.,  $V/B$

# Basic Astronomical Measurements

## Color



wavelength (nm)

The color of a star measured like this tells us its temperature!

# Stellar Populations

- The light from a galaxy is mostly emitted by stars
- The spectro-photometric properties of a galaxy (brightness, color, spectrum, etc.) are therefore just a sum of the properties of all its stars.



# Stellar Populations

## Stellar spectra

The solar spectrum can be approximated as

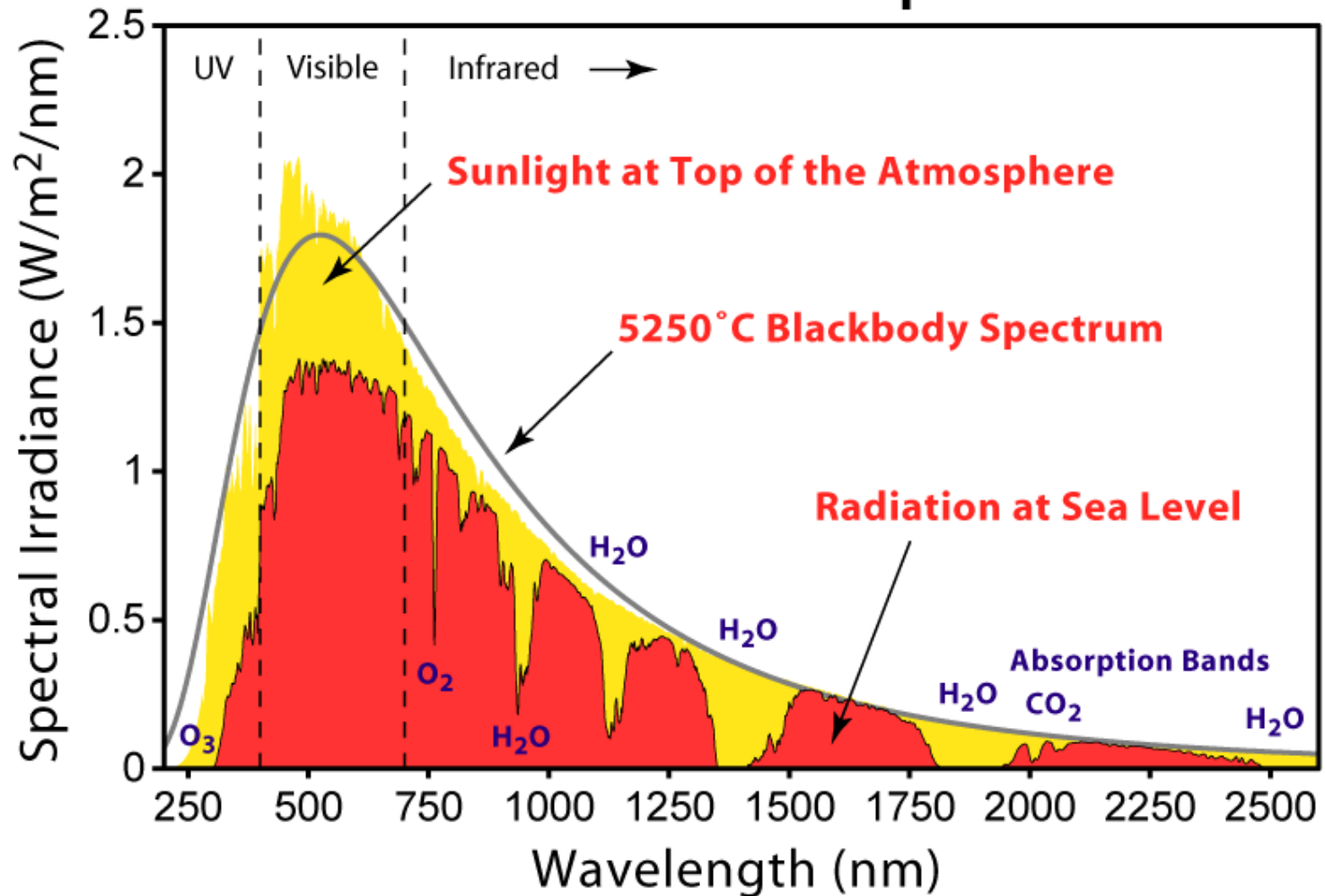
- a blackbody

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- **absorption lines** (looking at hotter layers through cooler outer layers)

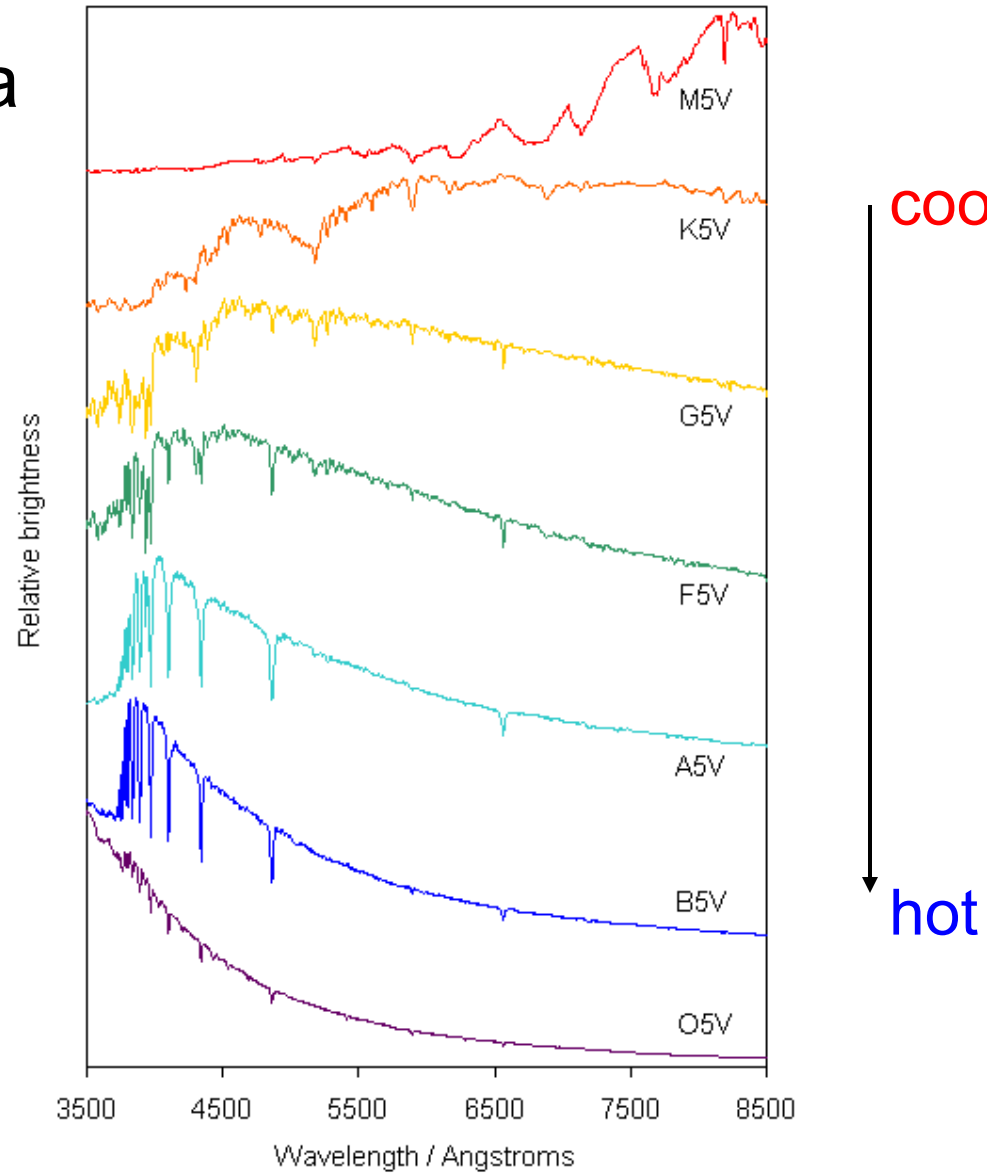
# Stellar Populations

## Solar Radiation Spectrum



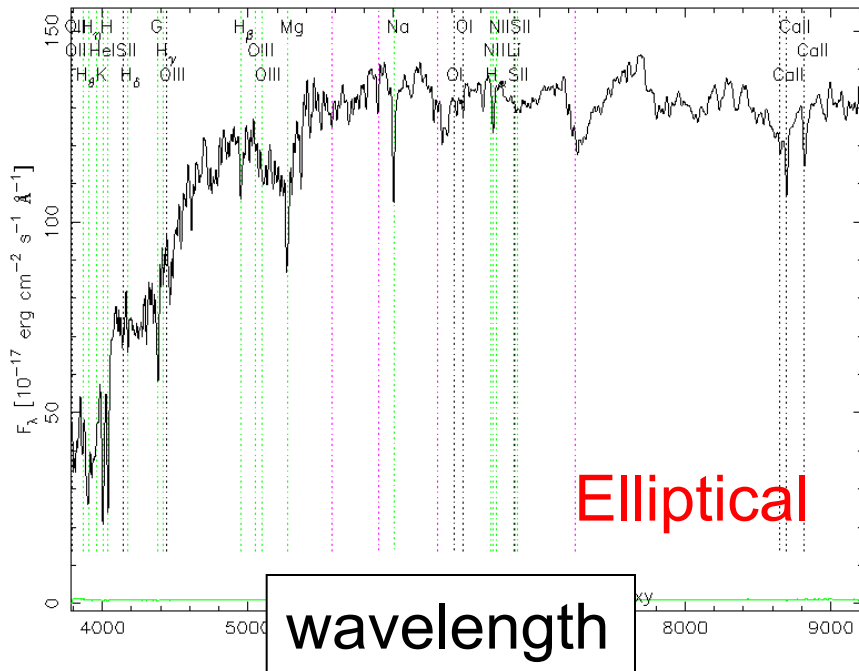
# Stellar Populations

## Stellar Spectra



# Stellar Populations

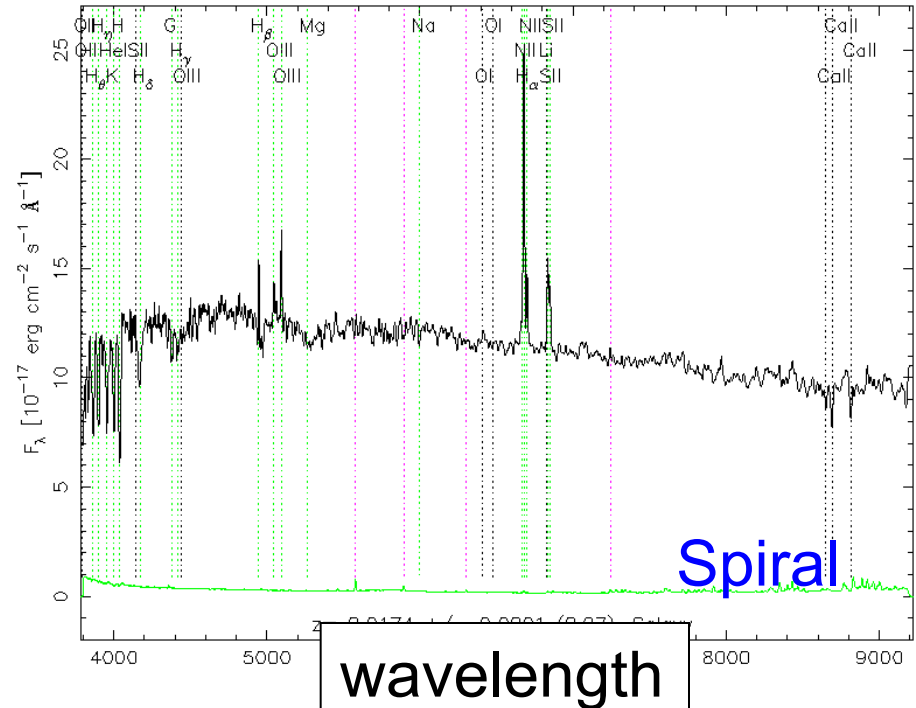
RA=16.07071, DEC=-0.76494, MJD=51816, Plate= 396, Fiber=181



## Galaxy Spectra

Which one is an Elliptical and which is a Spiral?

RA=15.91173, DEC=-0.49109, MJD=51816, Plate= 396, Fiber=233



# Stellar Populations

## Hertzsprung - Russell Diagram

### B stars:

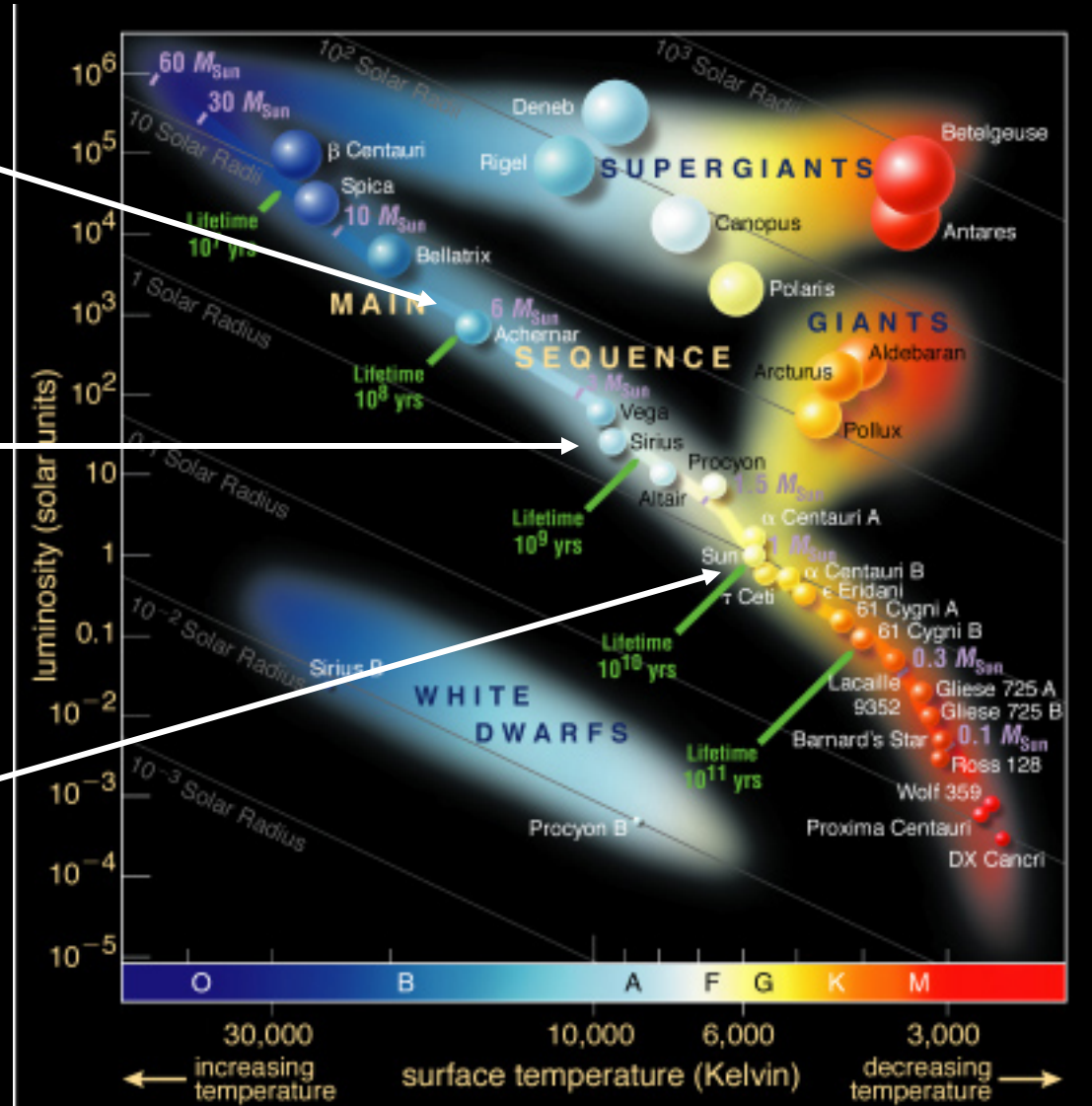
$M \sim 6 M_{\text{sun}}$   
 $L \sim 1000 L_{\text{sun}}$   
 $t \sim 0.1 \text{ Gyr}$

### A stars:

$M \sim 2 M_{\text{sun}}$   
 $L \sim 10 L_{\text{sun}}$   
 $t \sim 1 \text{ Gyr}$

### G stars:

$M \sim 1 M_{\text{sun}}$   
 $L \sim L_{\text{sun}}$   
 $t \sim 10 \text{ Gyr}$





# Stellar Populations

- Luminosity-mass relation

$$L \approx L_{\odot} \left( \frac{M}{M_{\odot}} \right)^{3.5}$$

- Lifetime on the Main Sequence

$$t \approx \frac{f \epsilon M c^2}{L}$$

$\epsilon = 0.07\%$      $4\text{H} \rightarrow \text{He}$   
 $f \sim 0.1$     Fraction of total mass in core

$$t \approx 10\text{Gyr} \left( \frac{M}{M_{\odot}} \right)^{-2.5}$$

10Gyr	$1M_{\odot}$
1Gyr	$2.5M_{\odot}$
0.1Gyr	$6.3M_{\odot}$

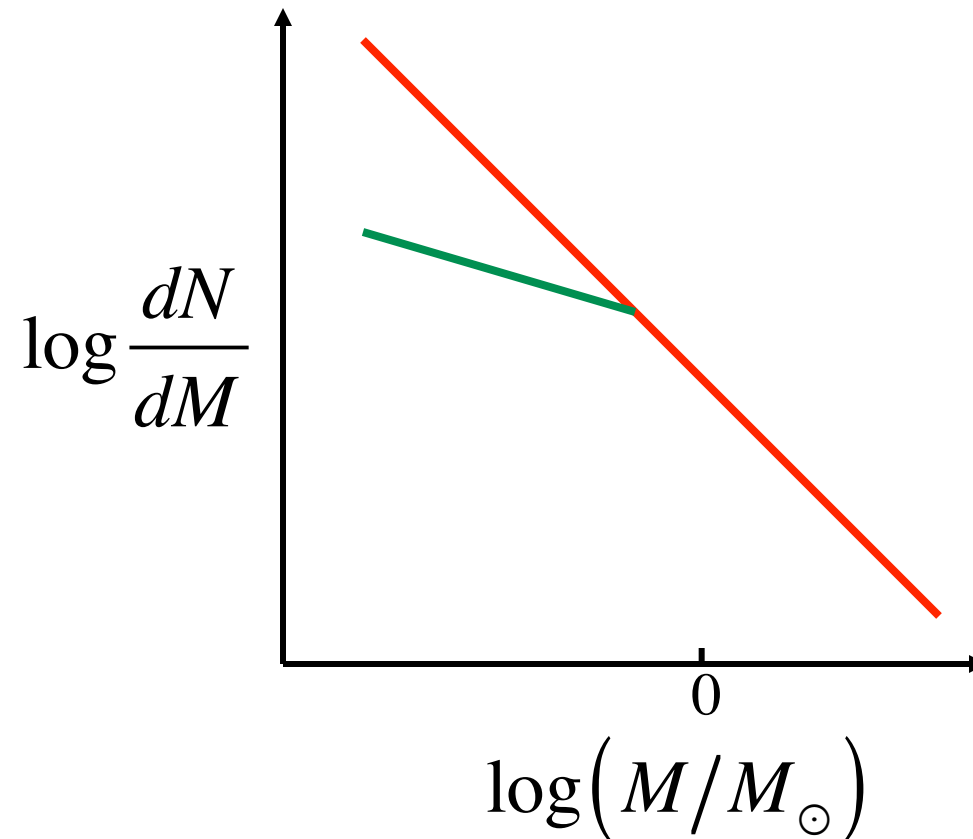
# Stellar Populations

- Initial mass function

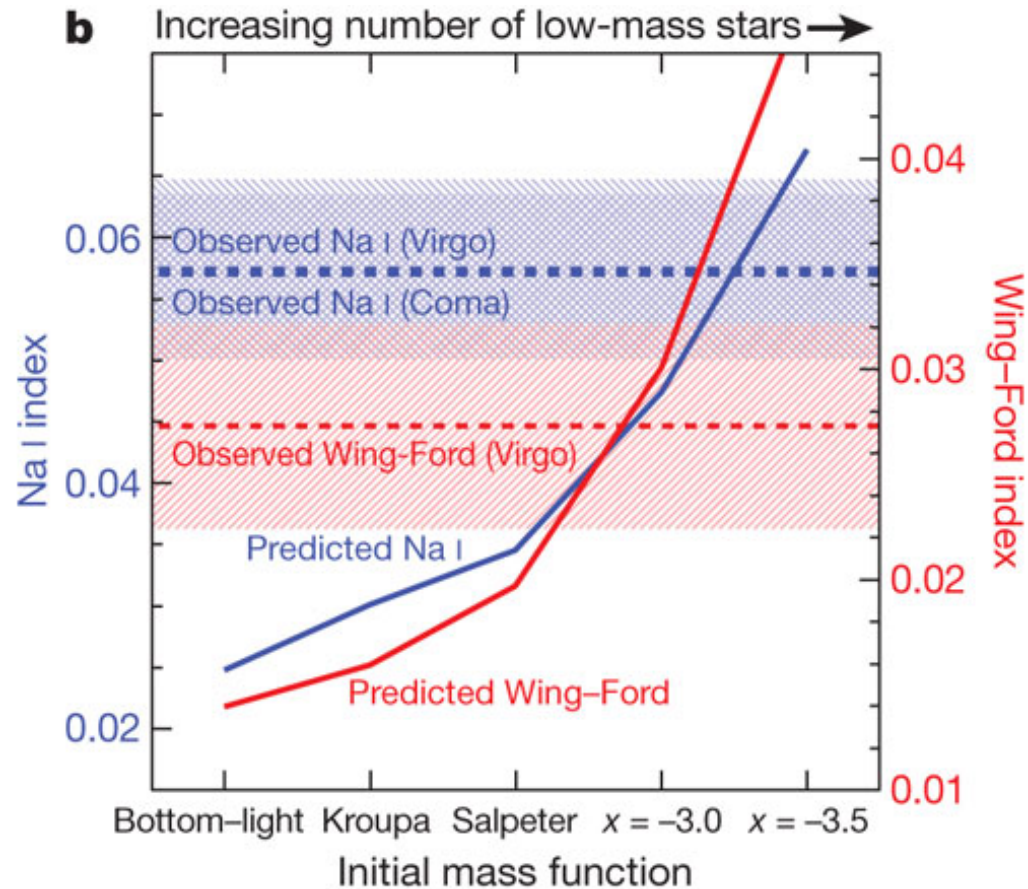
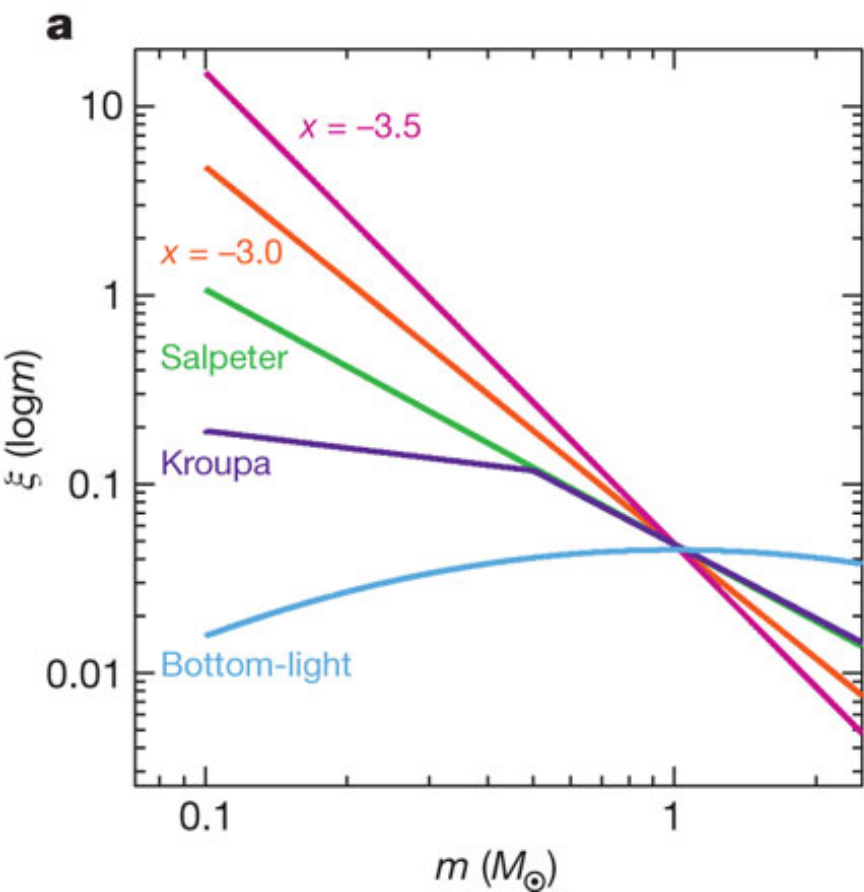
$$\frac{dN}{dM} = \text{const} \times M^{-\alpha}$$

Salpeter:  $\alpha=2.35$

Scalo , Kroupa: flattens below  $1M_{\text{sun}}$



# Stellar Populations



Van Dokkum & Conroy (2010)

# Stellar Populations

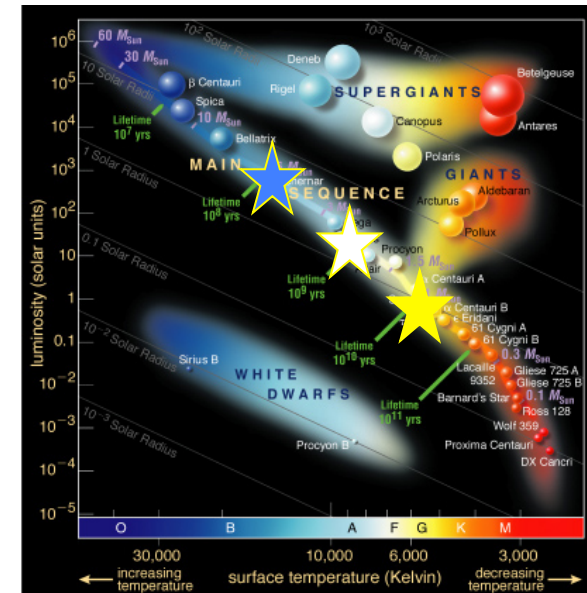
- Fraction of **number** of stars of different masses

$$\begin{aligned}
 N_{\text{tot}}(M : M_1 \rightarrow M_2) &= \int_{M_1}^{M_2} \frac{dN}{dM} dM \\
 &= \text{const} \times \int_{M_1}^{M_2} M^{-2.35} dM \\
 &= \text{const} \times \left( M_2^{-1.35} - M_1^{-1.35} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Number of stars that live <0.1Gyr: 0.27%

Number of stars that live <1Gyr: 0.95%

Number of stars that live <10Gyr: 3.30%



# Stellar Populations

- Fraction of **light** from stars of different masses

$$L_{\text{tot}}(M : M_1 \rightarrow M_2) = \int_{M_1}^{M_2} L(M) \frac{dN}{dM} dM$$

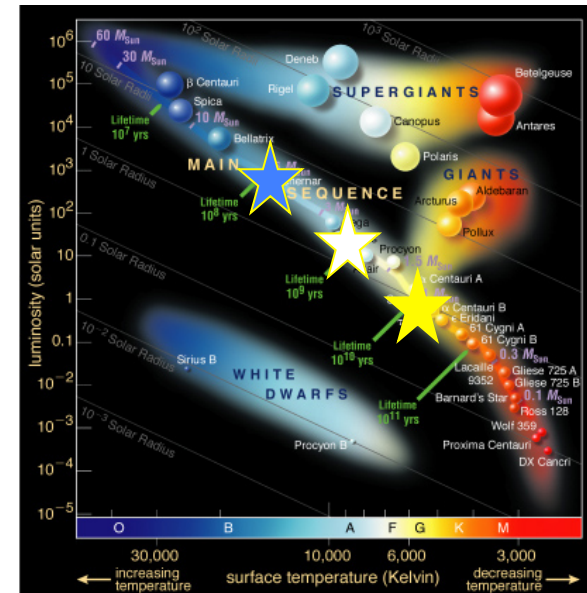
$$= \text{const} \times \int_{M_1}^{M_2} M^{3.5} M^{-2.35} dM$$

$$= \text{const} \times \int_{M_1}^{M_2} M^{1.15} dM = \text{const} \times (M_2^{2.15} - M_1^{2.15})$$

Luminosity of stars that live <0.1Gyr: 99.74%

Luminosity of stars that live <1Gyr: 99.96%

Luminosity of stars that live <10Gyr: 99.99%



# Stellar Populations

- Fraction of **mass** from stars of different masses

$$M_{\text{tot}}(M : M_1 \rightarrow M_2) = \int_{M_1}^{M_2} M \frac{dN}{dM} dM$$

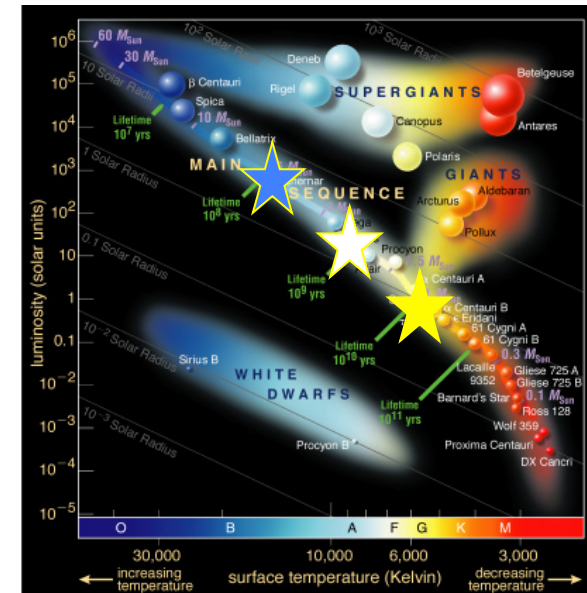
$$= \text{const} \times \int_{M_1}^{M_2} M \cdot M^{-2.35} dM$$

$$= \text{const} \times \int_{M_1}^{M_2} M^{-1.35} dM = \text{const} \times (M_2^{-0.35} - M_1^{-0.35})$$

Mass of stars that live <0.1Gyr: 14.66%

Mass of stars that live <1Gyr: 23.69%

Mass of stars that live <10Gyr: 36.04%



# Stellar Populations: Evolution

At  $t = t_0$ , a new stellar population is formed



# Stellar Populations: Evolution

100 Myr later





# Stellar Populations: Evolution

At  $t = t_1$ , star formation shuts off



# Stellar Populations: Evolution

100 Myr later



# Stellar Populations: Evolution

1 Gyr later



# Stellar Populations: Evolution

Once star formation turns off in a galaxy:

- Its luminosity decreases with time
- Its color gets redder with time
- Its spectrum looks more like that of low mass stars

This is called “Passive Evolution”, i.e., involves no new star formation.

# Stellar Populations: Evolution

Galaxy luminosity also depends on the total mass of the galaxy (i.e., total number of stars)

Color, however, does not

Galaxy color is thus an age indicator

Red galaxies are old

Blue galaxies are young

Color changes fast at first, and not much past 1 Gyr  
It is thus not a very *good* age indicator.

It is a much better star formation history indicator:

Red galaxies haven't formed new stars in the past Gyr

Blue galaxies are still forming stars