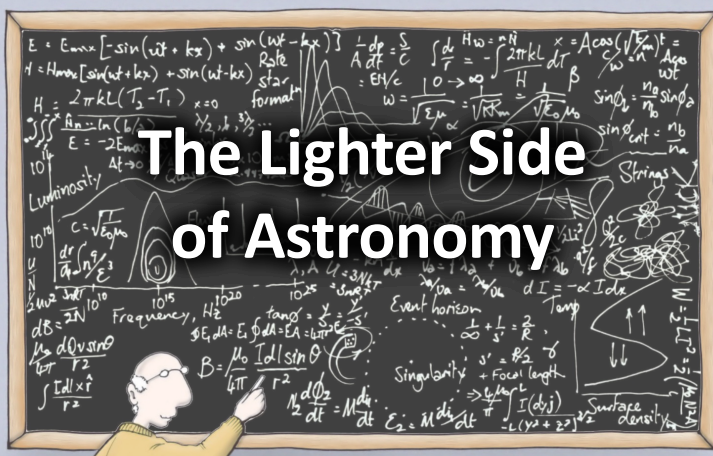


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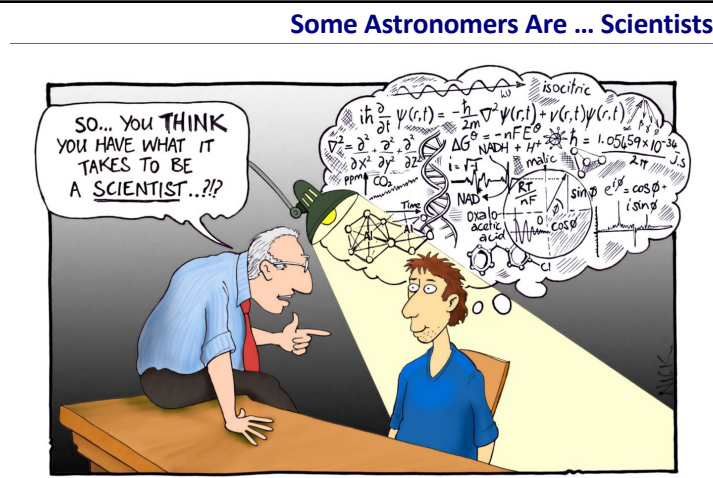
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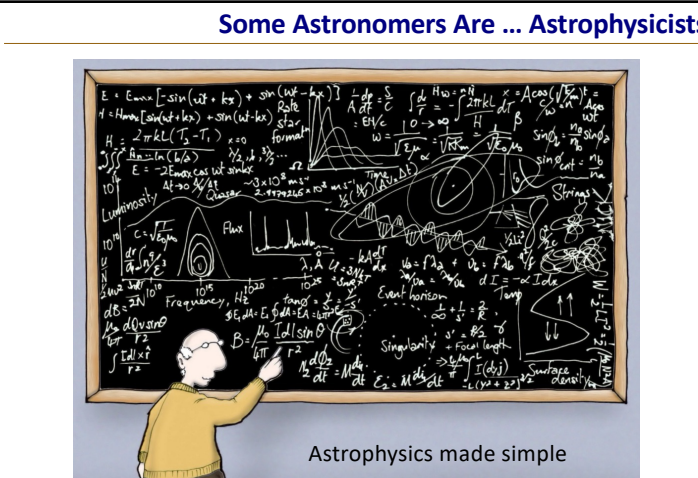


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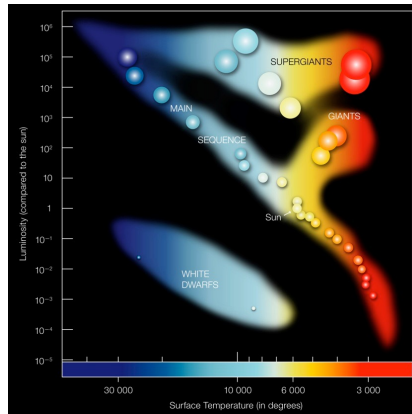
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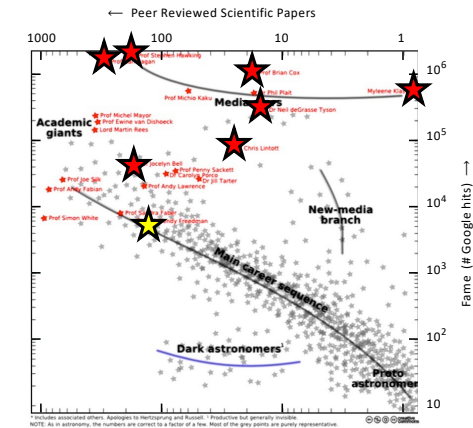
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H-R Diagram of Stars



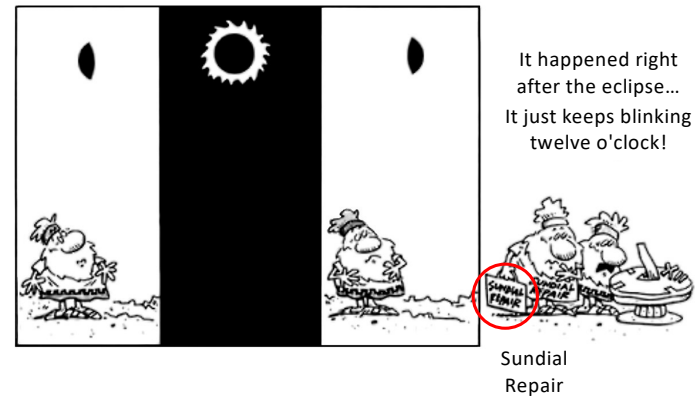
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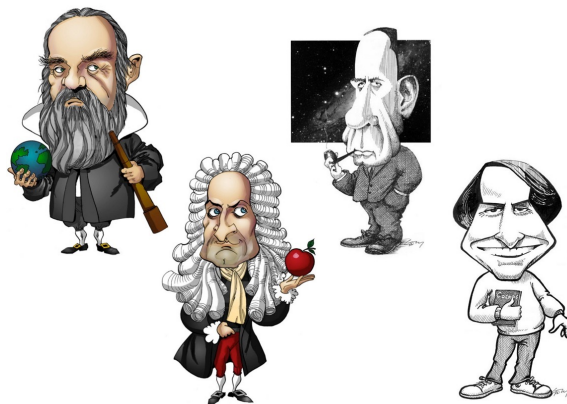
Remember – when summer time ends we have to give everything a slight turn to the left

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Of course, it's still a complete mystery as to how the ancients even managed to MOVE these massive stones...

Famous Astronomers



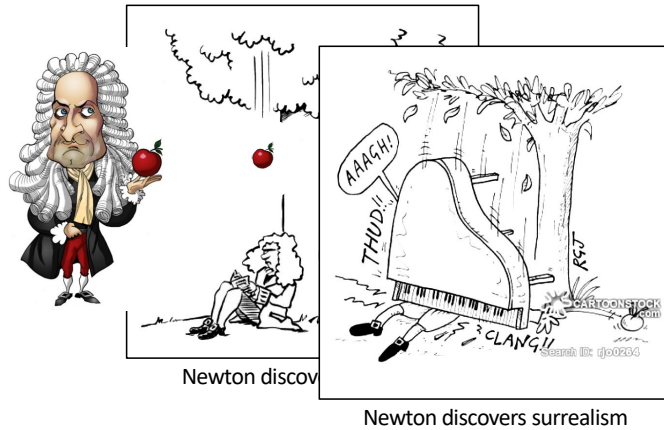
Galileo



If there were computers in Galileo's time

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Newton



Newton discovers gravity

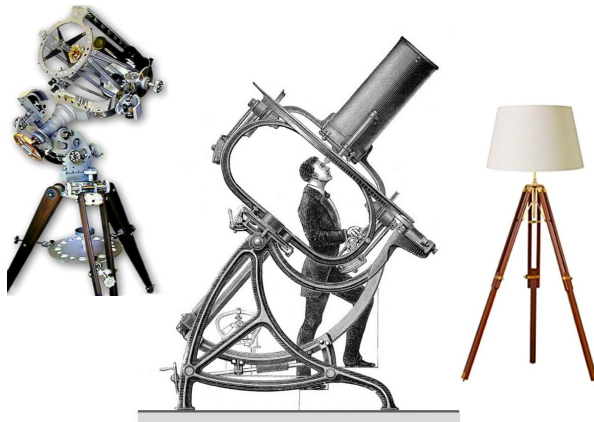
Newton discovers surrealism

Sagan

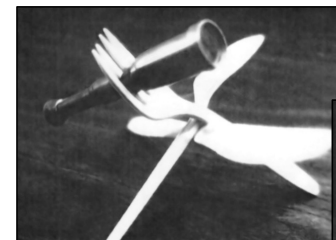


Carl Sagan as a kid

Making Telescopes



Smallest Telescopes



Fork-mounted telescope



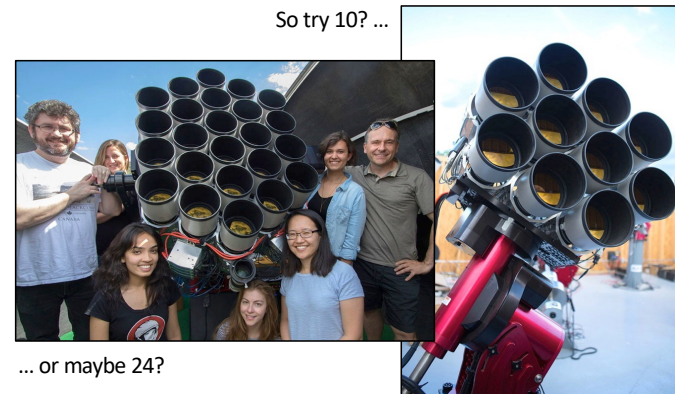
Probably the best telescope in the world?

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When One Is Not Enough



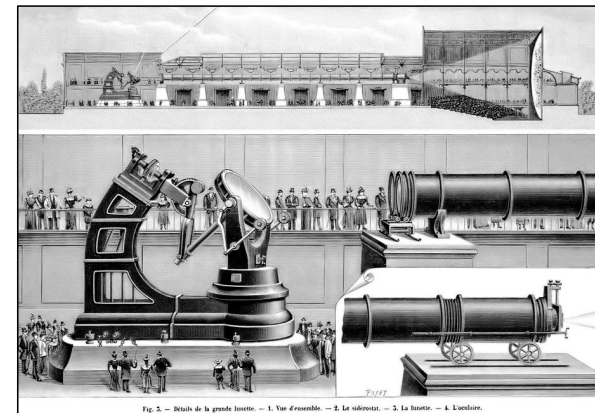
When Two Is Not Enough



Size Matters

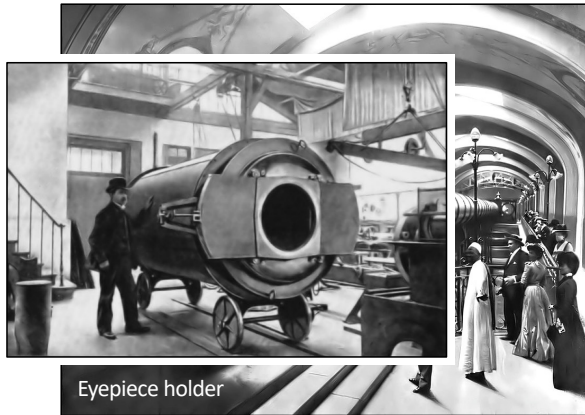


Largest Refractor Ever Made



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Great Exhibition Telescope

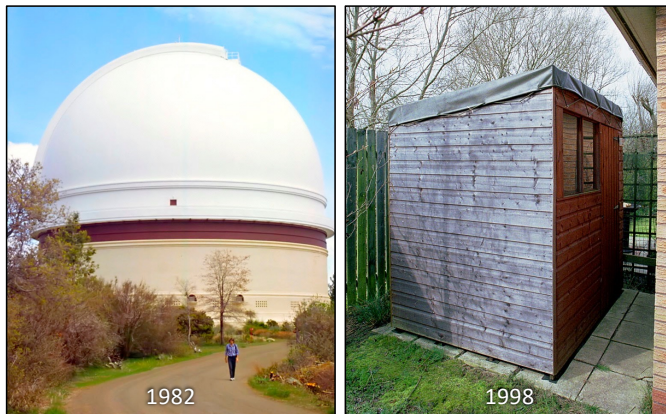


Craftsmanship



A garden telescope designed by amateur telescope maker Russell Porter.

Back Garden Observatory



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Astronomy On the Move



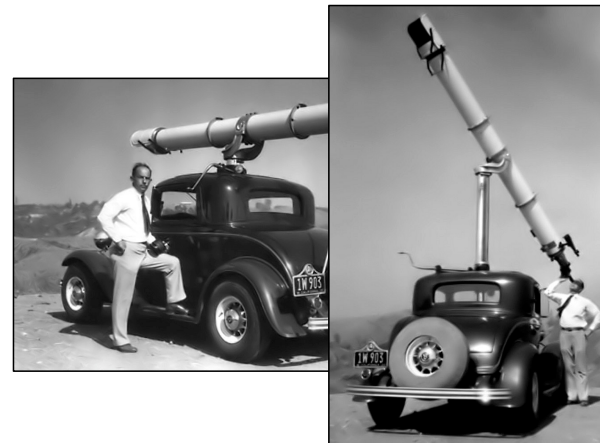
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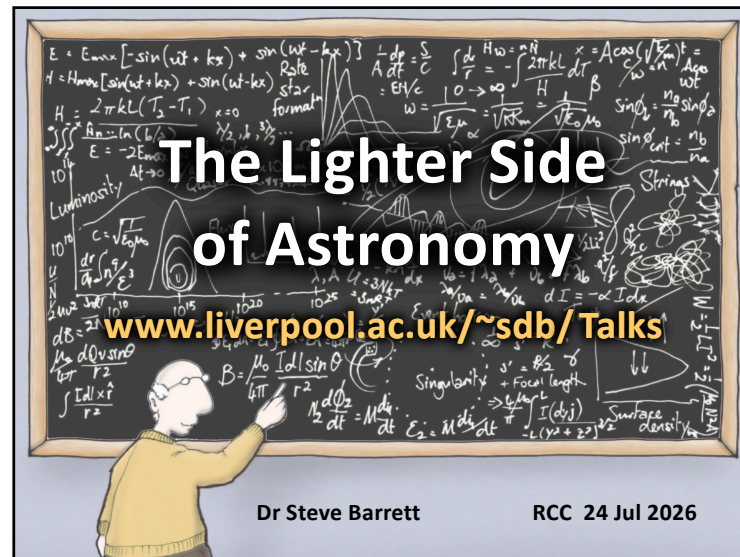


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