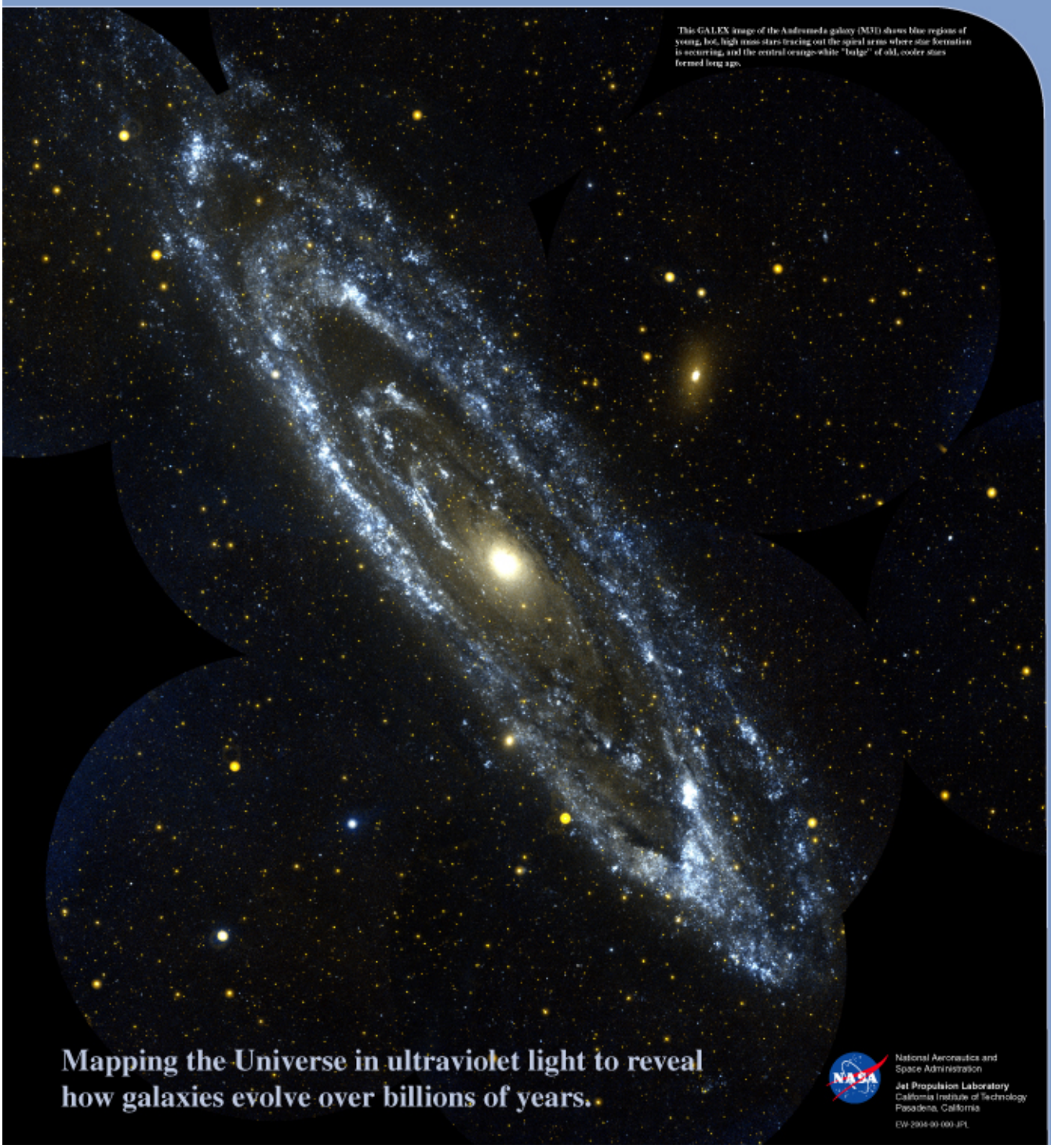
GALEX Galaxy Evolution Explorer



This GALEX image of the Andromeda galaxy (M31) shows blue regions of young, hot, high mass stars tracing out the spiral arms where star formation is occurring, and the central orange-white "bulge" of old, cooler stars formed long ago.

Mapping the Universe in ultraviolet light to reveal how galaxies evolve over billions of years.

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