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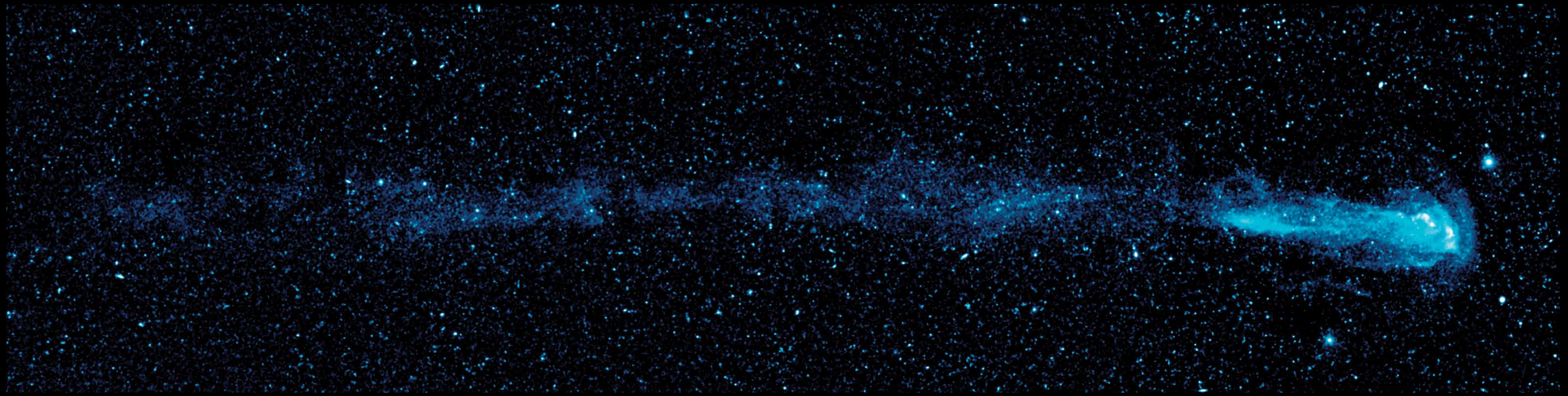
MIRA A real shooting star



NASA's Galaxy Evolution Explorer unveils for the first time a surprising tail on one of the best known stars in the sky. Blasting through our galaxy 250 times faster than a speeding bullet, Mira leaves a tail 13 light-years long—three times the distance from the Sun to its closest star, Proxima Centauri.

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