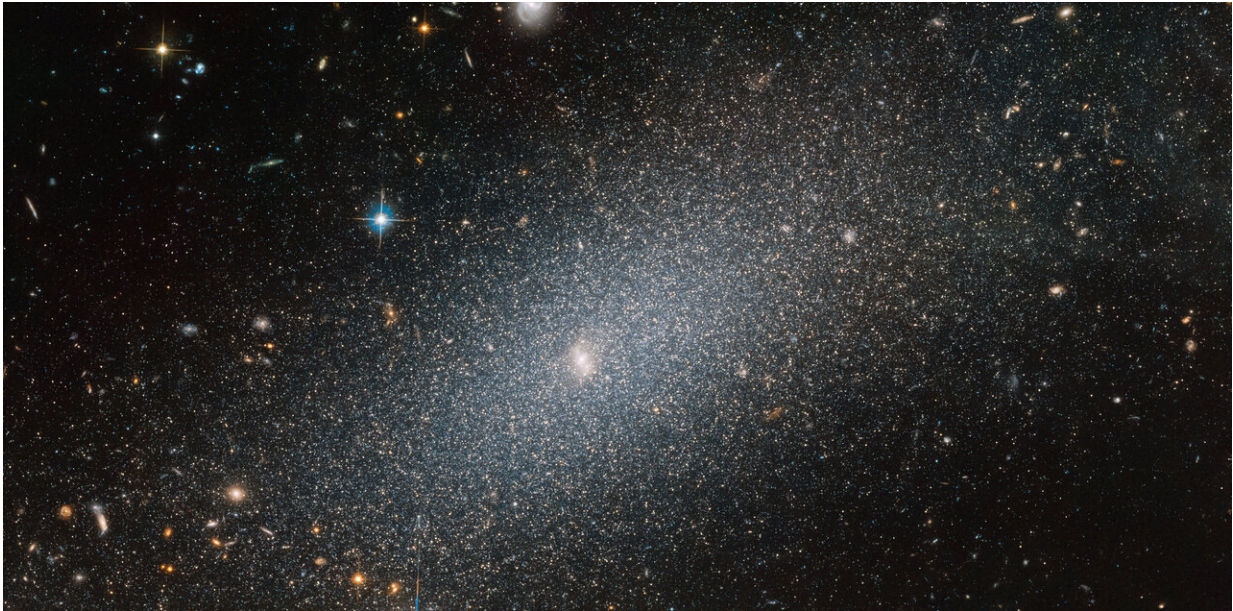


# Image: Hubble spies sparkling galaxy

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As beautiful as the surrounding space may be, the sparkling galaxy in the foreground of this image from the NASA/ESA Hubble Space Telescope undeniably steals the show.

This spotlight-hogging galaxy, seen set against a backdrop of more distant [galaxies](#) of all shapes and sizes, is known as PGC 29388.

Although it dominates in this image, this galaxy is a small player on the cosmic stage and is known as a dwarf [elliptical galaxy](#). As the "dwarf" moniker suggests, the galaxy is on the smaller side, and boasts a "mere"

100 million to a few billion stars—a very small number indeed when compared to the Milky Way's population of around 250 billion to 400 billion stellar residents.

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