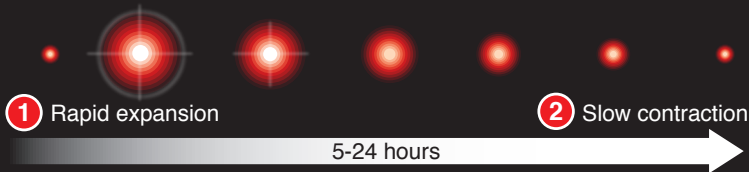


Astronomers find edge of Milky Way

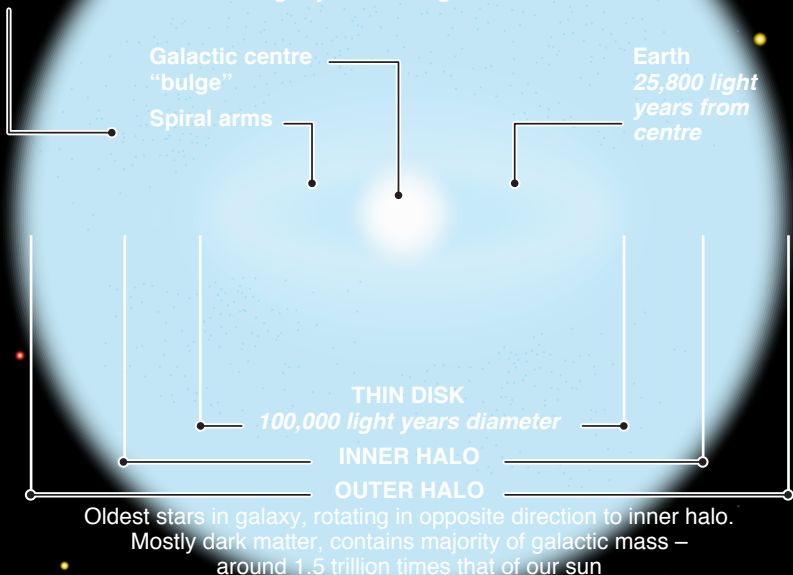
Stars discovered at the edge of our galaxy are over one million light years away, almost halfway to the neighbouring Andromeda galaxy

Next Generation Virgo Cluster Survey detects 208 distant variable stars called RR Lyrae – old stars that brighten and dim at regular intervals



Pulsation allows scientists to calculate distance by star's average brightness

Furthest is 1.04 million light years from galactic centre



Halo not to scale