Multiversos: Rock’n’Astronomy

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Abstract

Imagine that you can use your fingers only for typing target coordinates at the telescope, reduce images and spectra with IRAF, or write papers for Astronomy & Astrophysics, but you would never be able to play an electric guitar. Imagine that you love music, work in front of the computer always with headphones, and dream of playing with your favourite rock band in a tumultuous concert. Imagine that you are an astronomer who, after a “cosmic fluke”, share stage with the band which themes you have always hummed since you were a teenager. Imagine that you were born for rock, played a main role in the best Spanish album of the 90s (Omega, with Enrique Morente), and your songs are rutinary played by Radio 3, but you would never be able to detect an exoplanet or a galaxy at a high redshift. Imagine that you love Astronomy, try to see the Moon craters and Andromeda with your small telescope through the light pollution of your city, and explain your daughter that Pluto is not a planet any longer. Imagine that you are a musician who, after a “cosmic fluke”, give a talk just after a Nobel laureate that discovered the cosmic microwave background radiation. Such “cosmic flukes” sometimes happen. If you were not at the dinner of the SEA meeting and do not believe us, visit [www.myspace.com/antonioariasmultiverso] or open the proceedings DVD and listen El ordenador simula el nacimiento de las estrellas...