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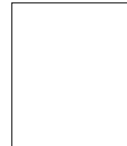


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M33, the Triangulum Galaxy, is the second nearest spiral galaxy to our Milky Way (after M31, the Andromeda Galaxy). The Galaxy Evolution Explorer (GALEX) imaged M33 as it appears in ultraviolet wavelengths. Ultraviolet imaging primarily traces emission from the atmospheres of hot stars, most of which formed in the past few hundred million years. Thus, astronomers can compare the population of young, massive stars with other components of the galaxy, such as interstellar dust and gas, the raw material from which stars form. See more GALEX images at www.galex.caltech.edu.

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