



Arp 273 – The Rose Galaxies

Arp 273 is a pair of interacting spiral galaxies located in the constellation Andromeda. The larger galaxy, UGC 1810, has a disk that is distorted into a rose-like shape by the gravitational influence of the galaxy below it, UGC 1813. The blue points that form a swath across the top of the image are each clusters of intensely bright and hot young stars. UGC 1813 also shows distinct signs of intense star formation at its nucleus, perhaps triggered by the encounter with the companion galaxy.

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