



# PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY COLLOQUIUM

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# “What's a Galaxy?”

### Abstract

This seems like a simple enough question. Recently, the question has referred to the difference between dwarf galaxies and star clusters. But, there has been a subtle back and forth over the last decades in our understanding of galaxies and clusters of galaxies. I will give a simple definition of "galaxy" and show how the phenomenology behind the transition and speculate on the physical mechanisms that are responsible.

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