## **Cover Image**

The background image shows a mosaic of the Galactic Centre region constructed from data from the VISTA Variables in the Via Lactea (VVV) survey. The seven inset panels are (reading clockwise from the top-right) as follows:

- ULAS J1120+0641, the first quasar found at z>7, detected in the UKIDSS Large Area Survey;
- The UKIDSS view of the spiral galaxy M88;
- The optical spectrum (the middle line) of the new L subdwarf ULAS1350 identified photometrically by Lodieu and collaborators by searching a region of overlap between the UKIDSS LAS and the SDSS. It is the fifth L subdwarf to be found, and furthest known to date;
- The 47 Tucanae globular cluster, from the VISTA Magellanic Survey;
- A spectrum from the Gaia-ESO survey archive plotted interactively using the GES archive interface;
- The Gaia satellite; and
- M87 from UKIDSS.