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Accelerating the Use of Space in Europe

22–23 November 2022

Paris

Europe decides to invest almost €17 billion in space

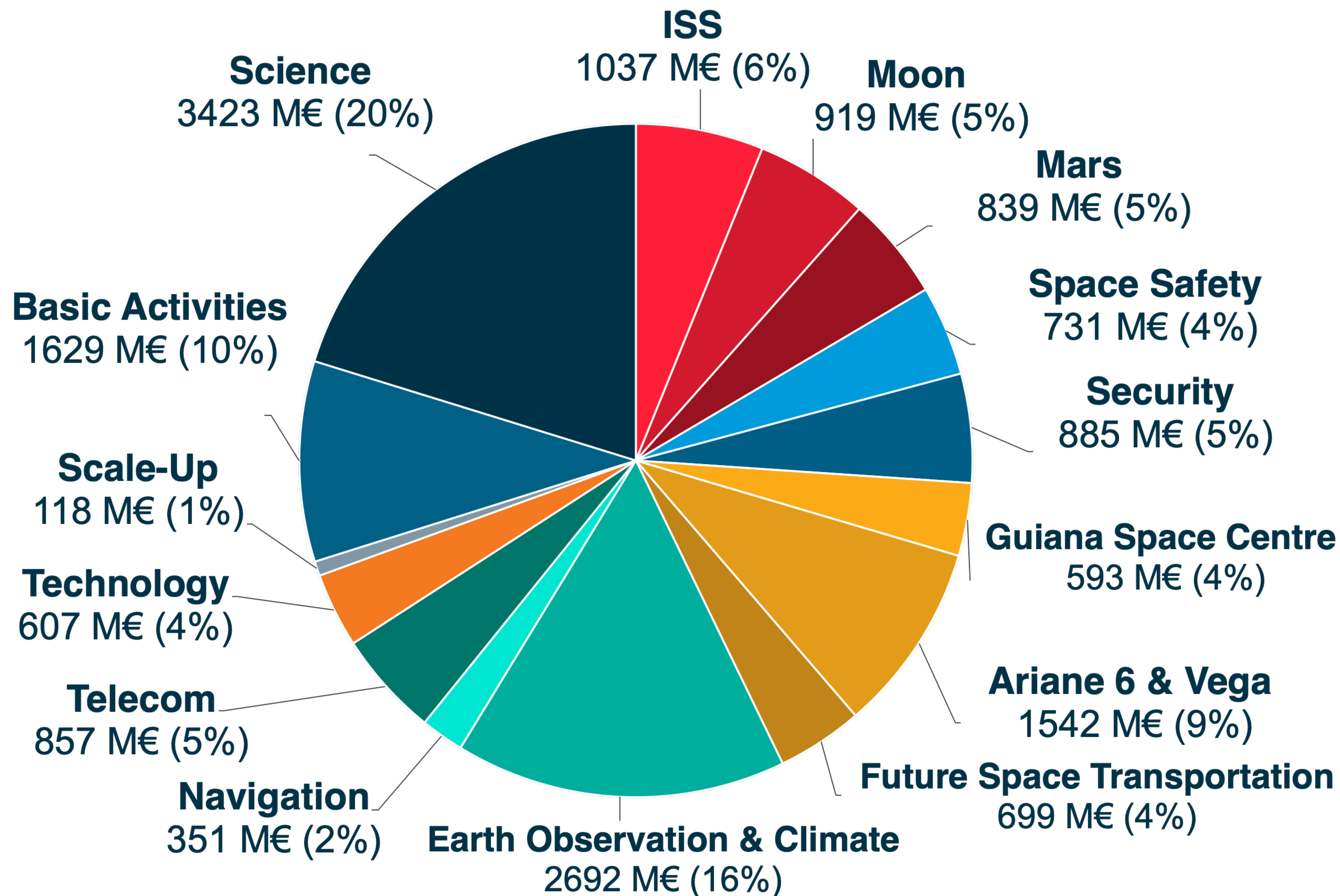


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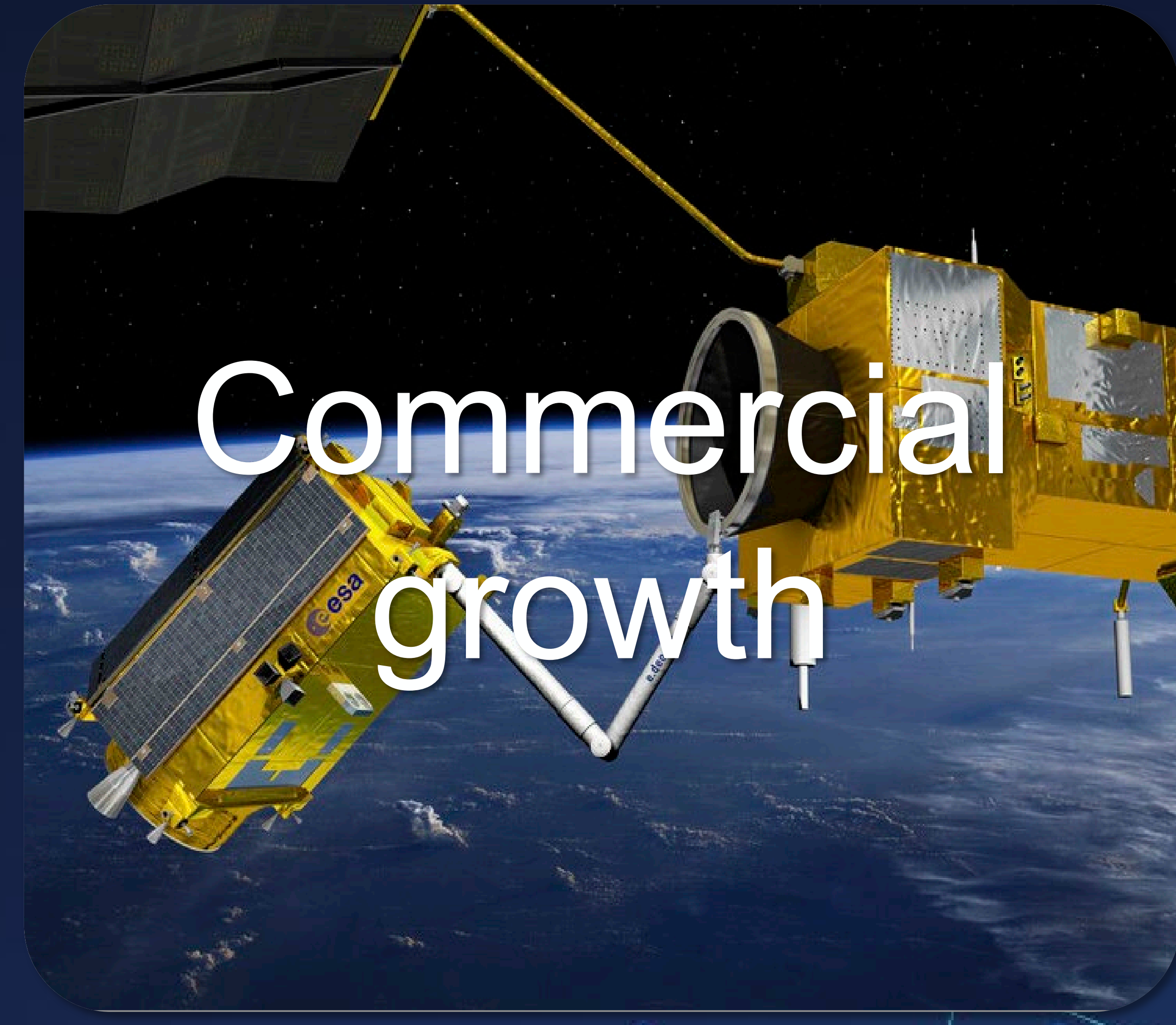
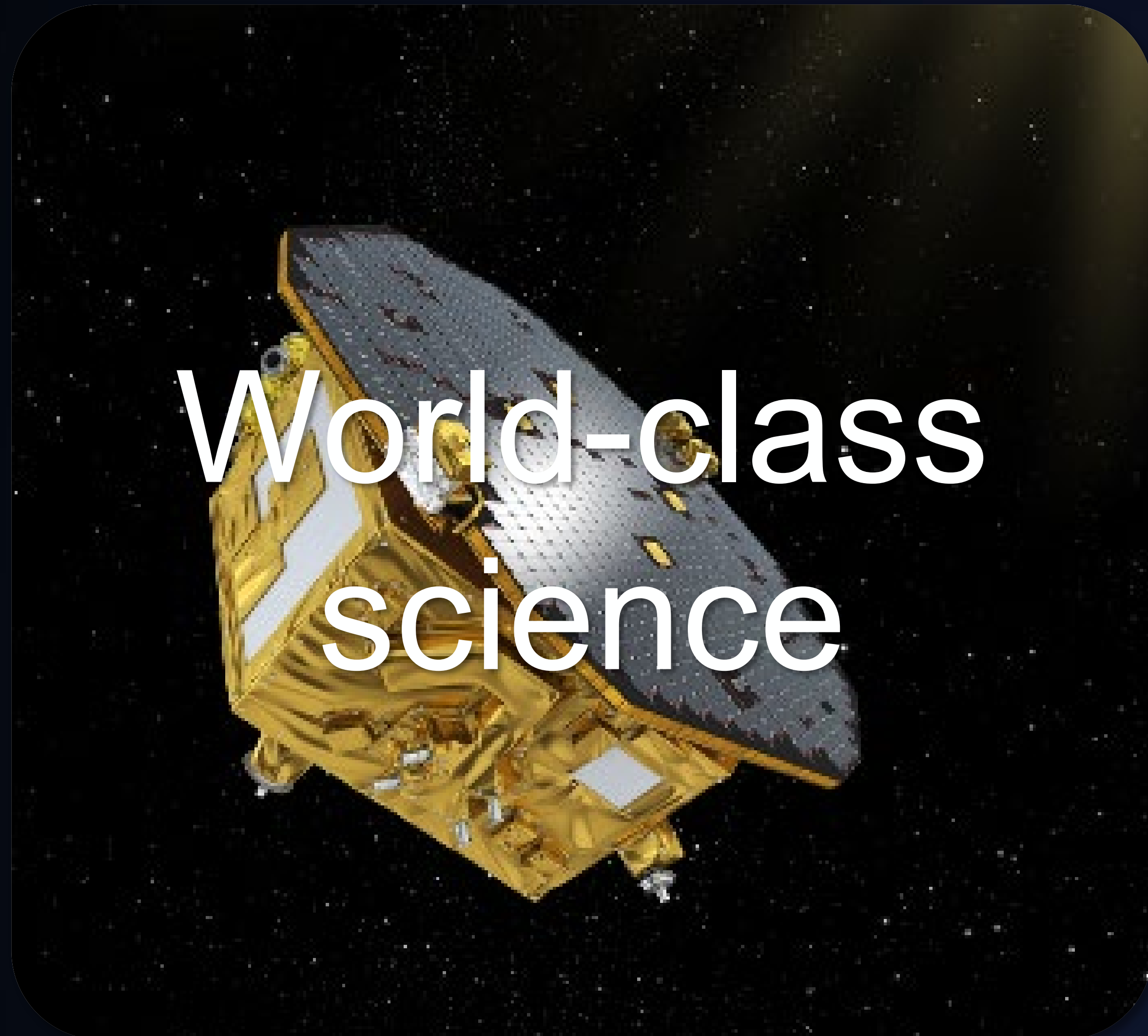


Record budget
subscribed of
16.9
billion euro

including
**1.3 billion euro for
commercialisation**



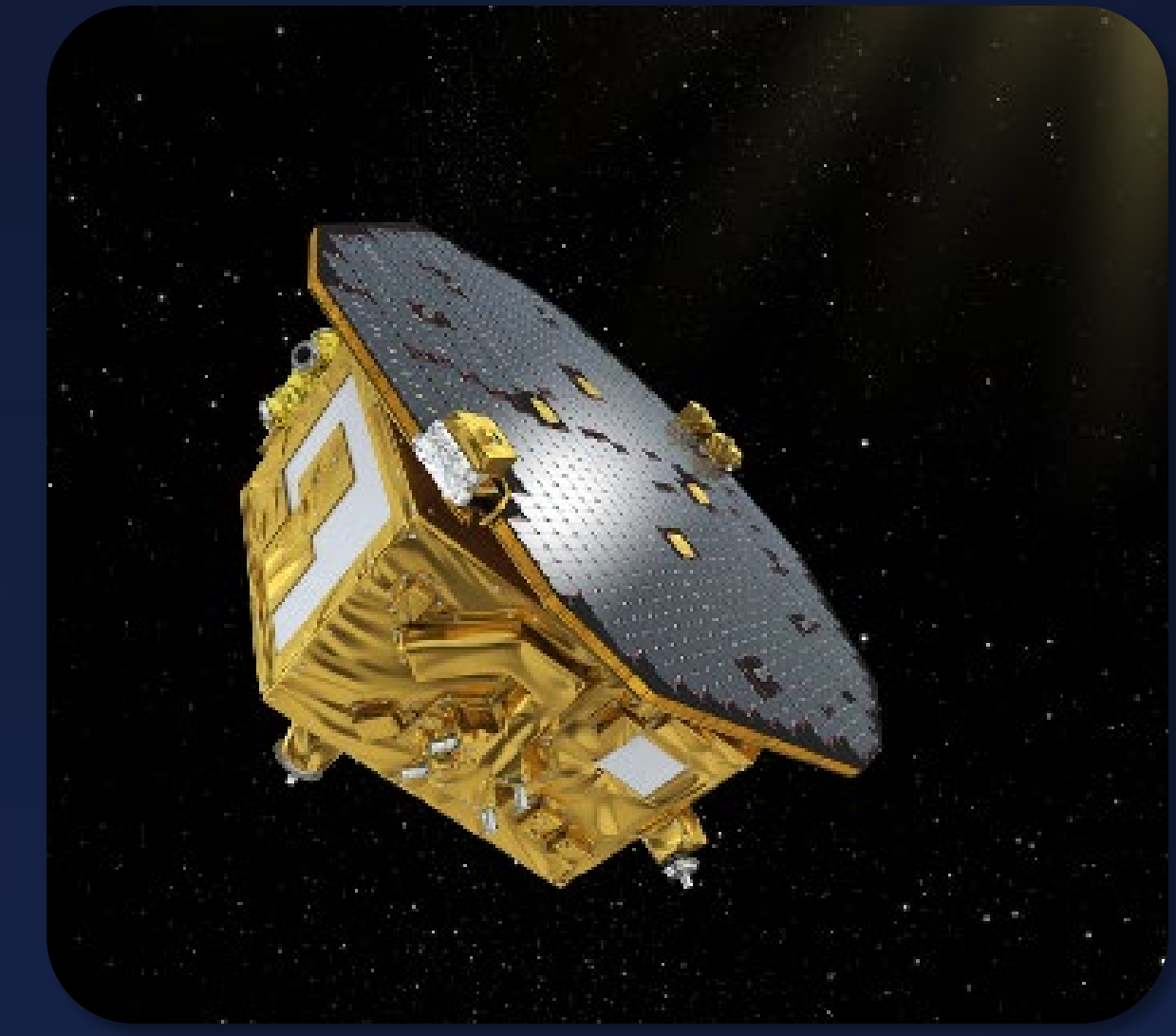
CM22 will boost Europe through:



Diverse Science Programme – Excellent,

Unique Near-Earth Solar heliophysics

- Solar System, planetary, interplanetary
- Other worlds, exoplanets
- Universe science, galaxies, cosmology
- Fundamental physics, spacetime+
- Invention of new technologies
- Novel design, engineering and systems
- Orbital trajectories, long term operations
- Technology transfer, deep legacy data for discovery



L class

M class

F class

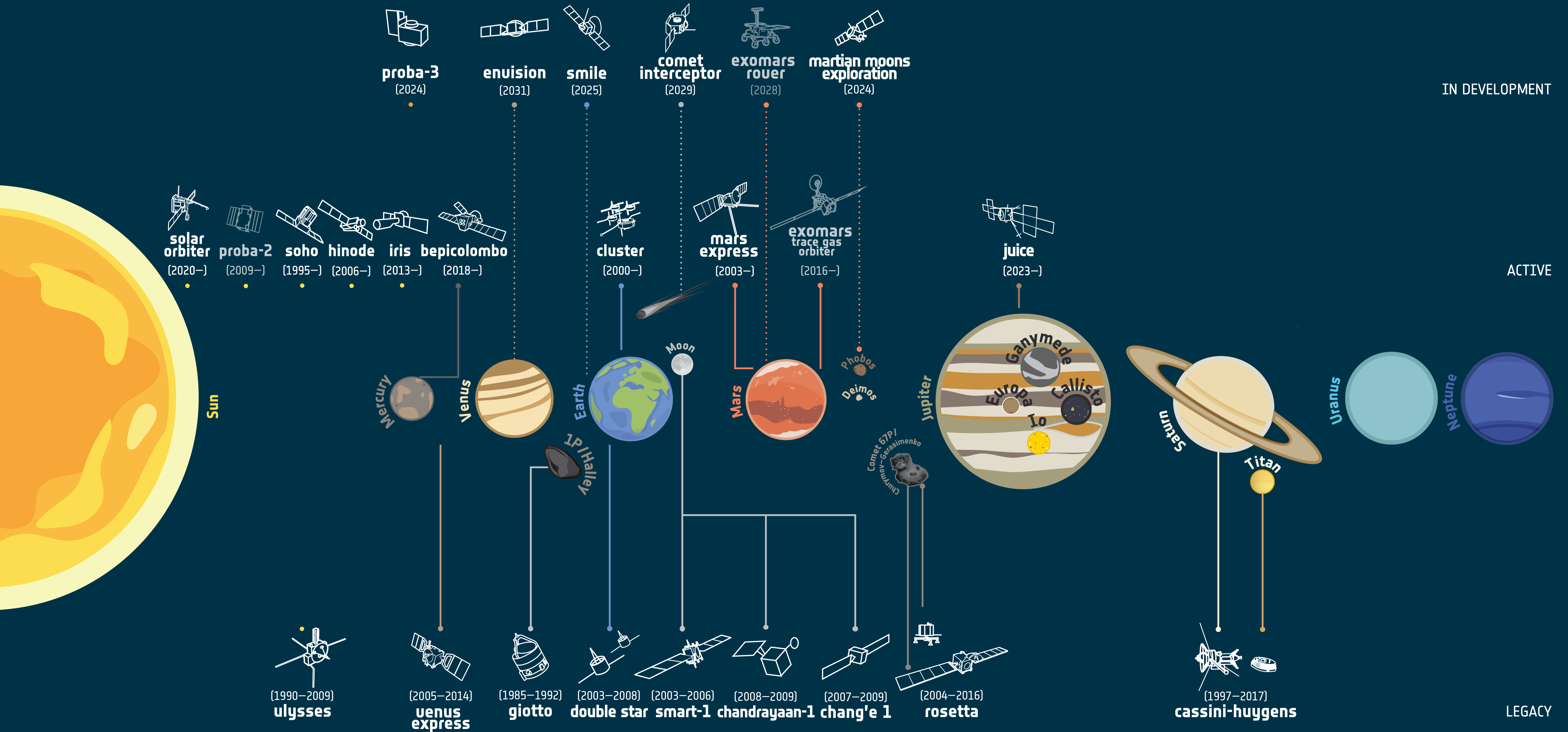
International collaboration

Missions of Opportunity

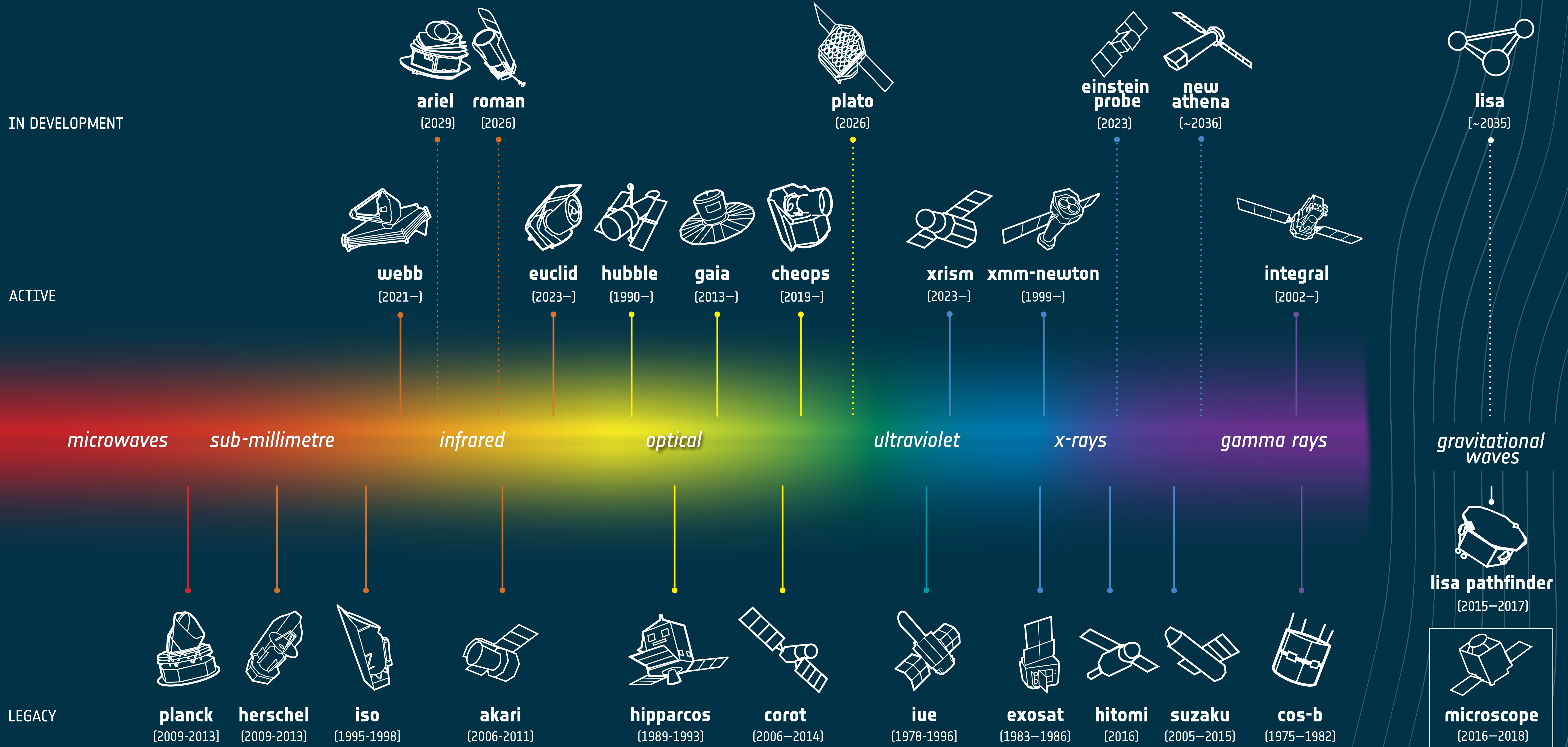
Uplifting Science

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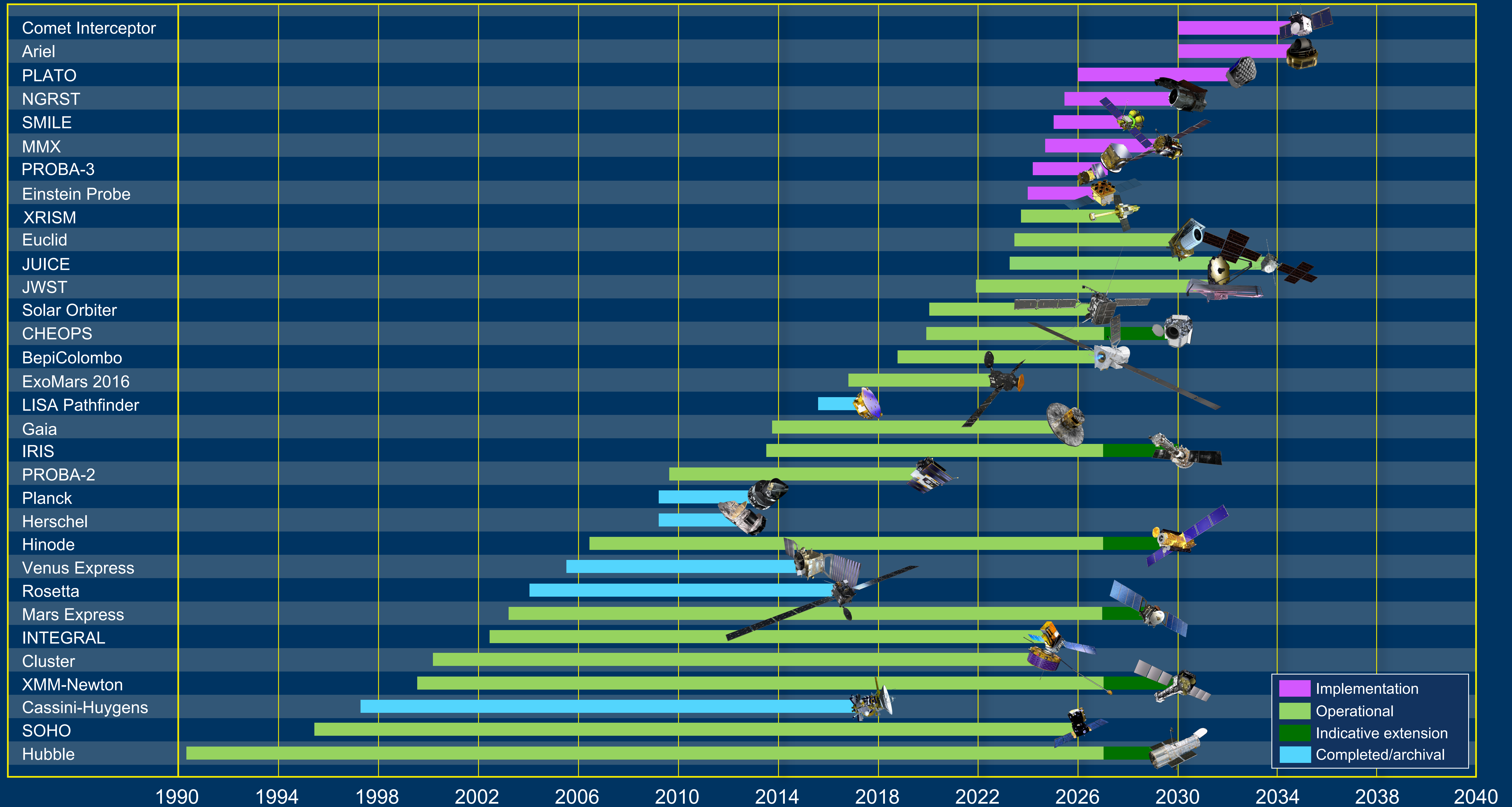
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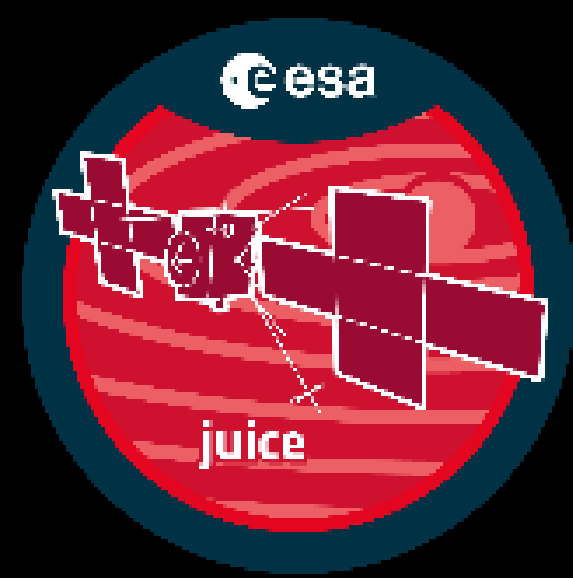


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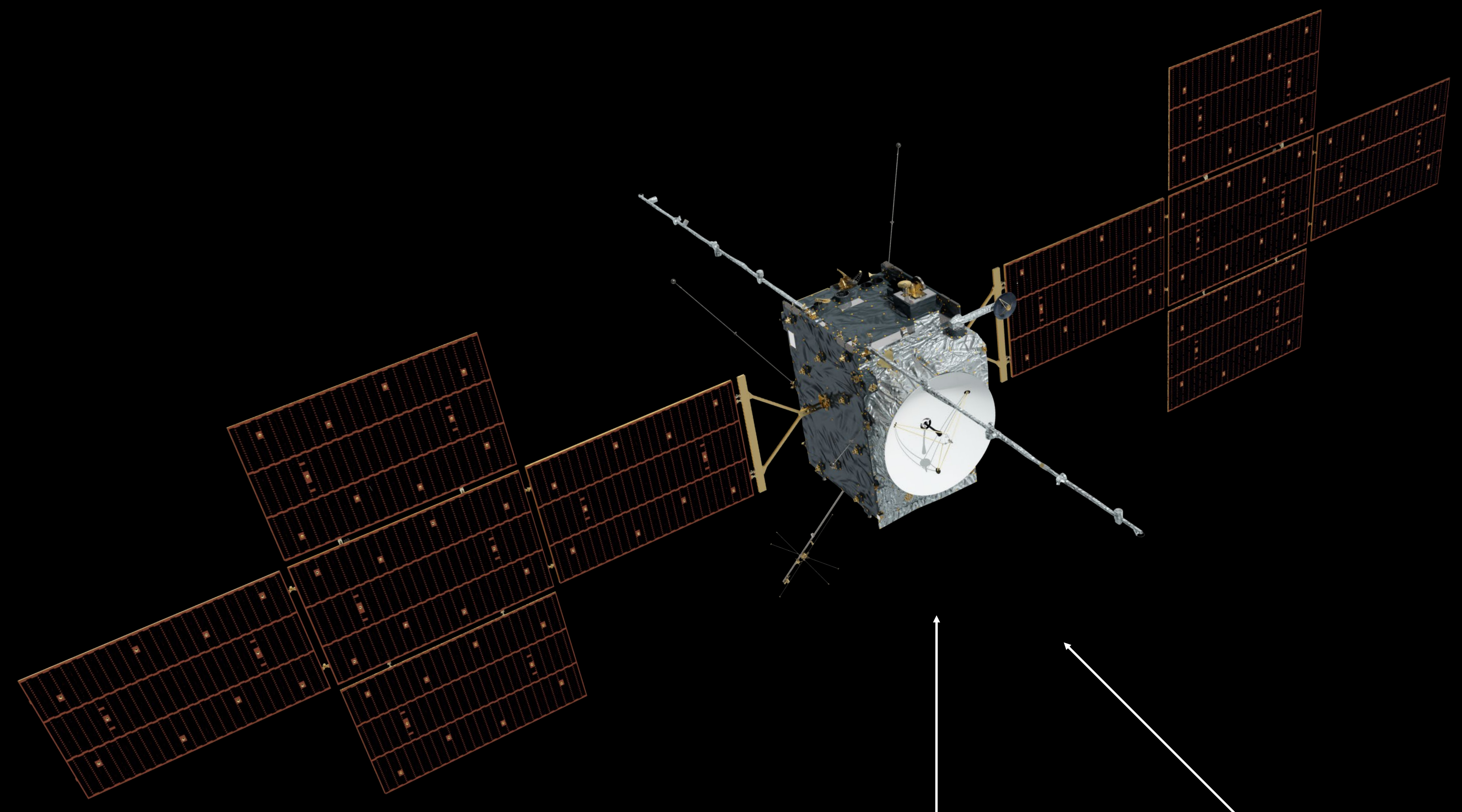


ESA space science missions

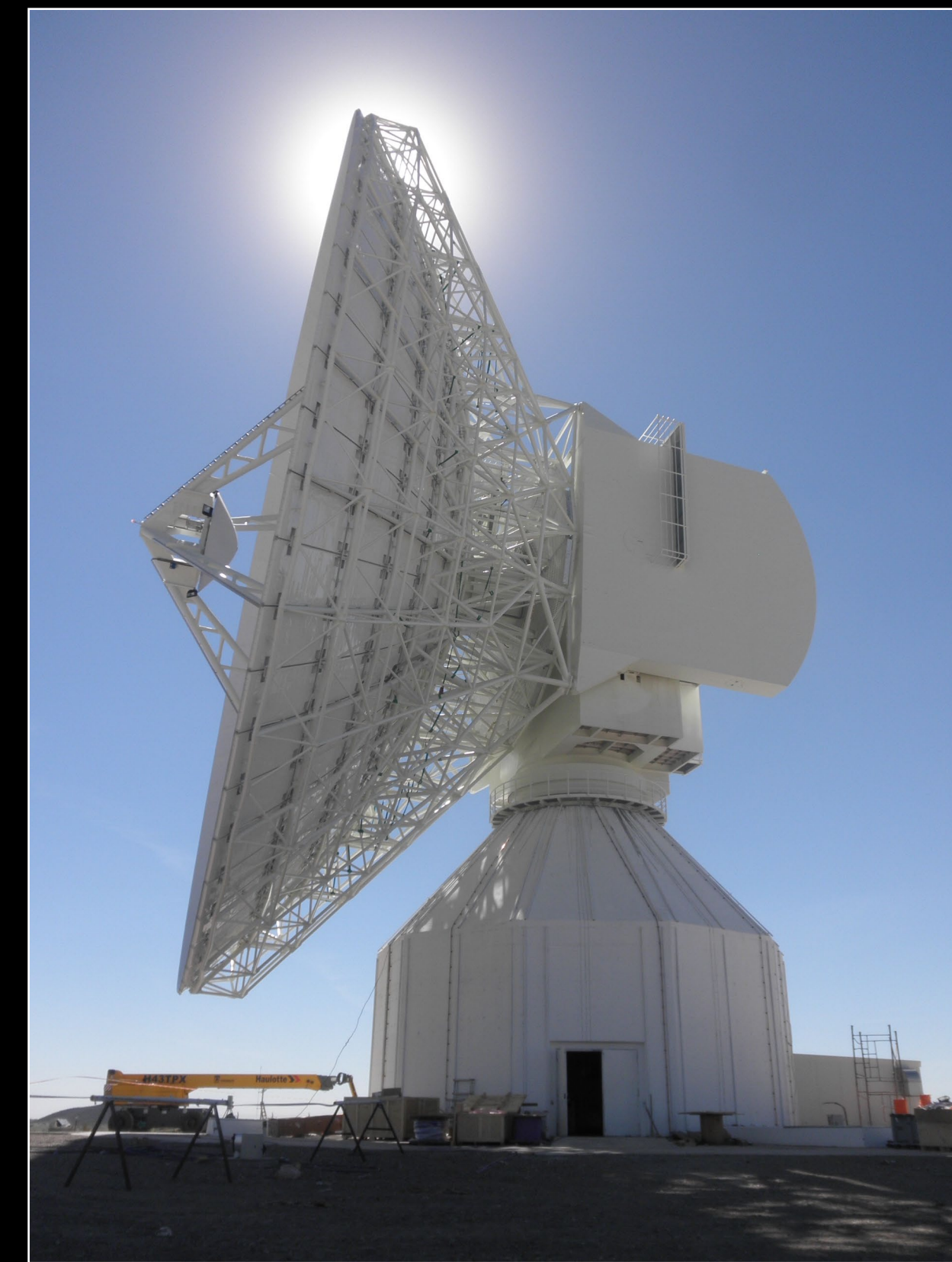




Elements of a Science Mission



Spacecraft
Airbus D&S SAS



ESTRACK ground stations
Cebreros, New Norcia, Malargüe



Mission operations
ESOC, Darmstadt



Ariane 5 ECA launcher
Arianespace, CNES, ESA



JUICE science team, instrument PI's,
& wider academic community
Worldwide



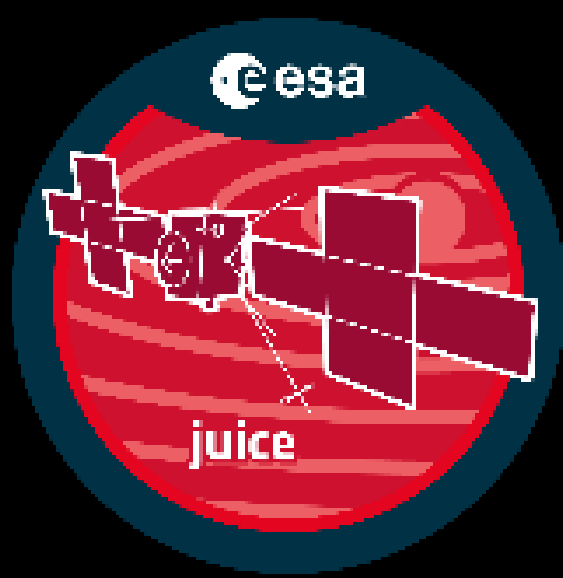
Science operations
ESAC, Villafranca



Jupiter Icy Moons Explorer

- Studying Jupiter & its icy, ocean-bearing moons
- 4 planetary flybys, 35 Galilean moon flybys, 10 in situ + remote instruments
- ESA-led with NASA, JAXA, ISA participation
- Launched 14 April 2023 on Ariane 5, Jupiter arrival 2031, Ganymede orbit in 2034

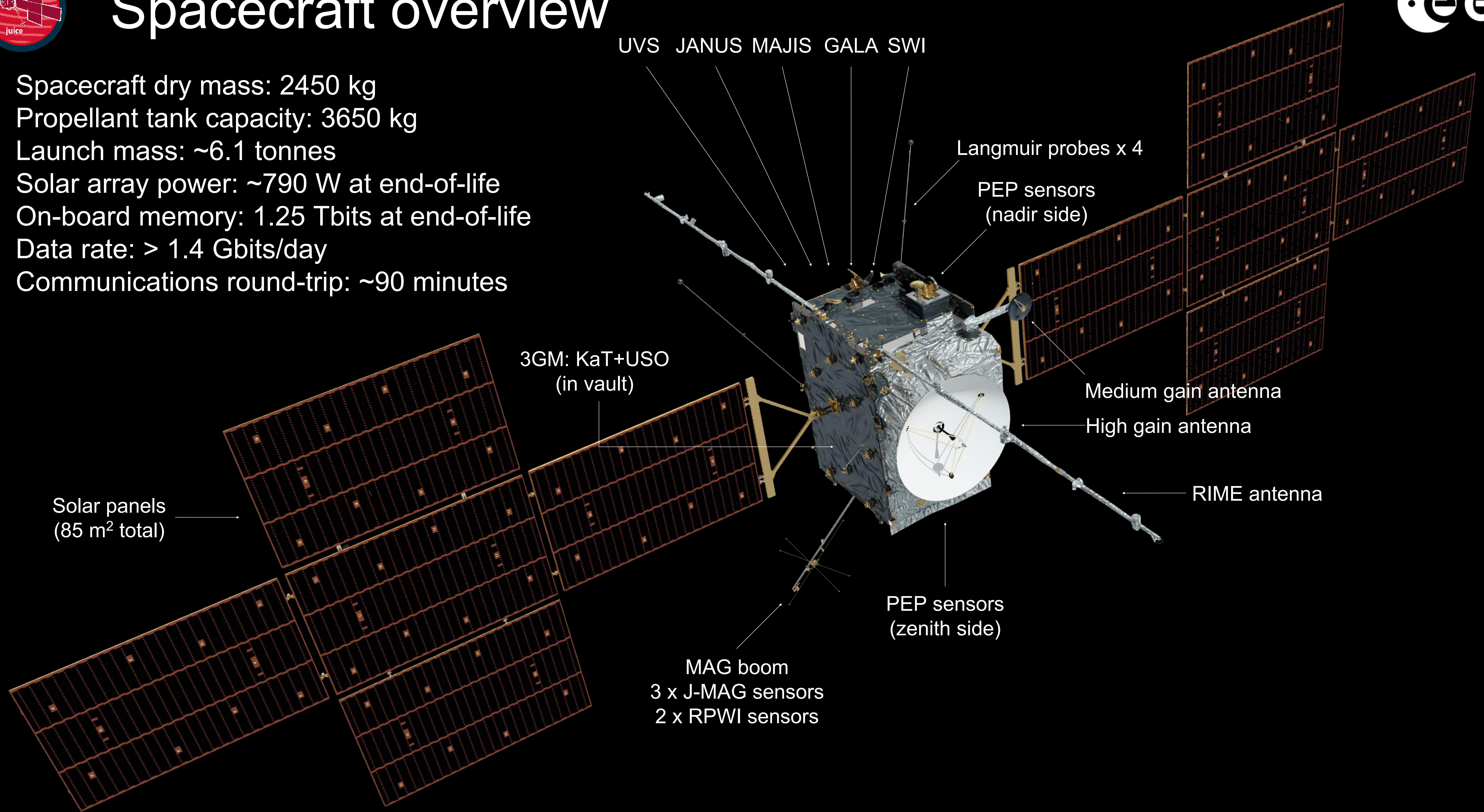
LusoSpace, Active Space Technologies, DEIMOS Engenharia, FHP – Frezite High Performance, Efacec and Celestia

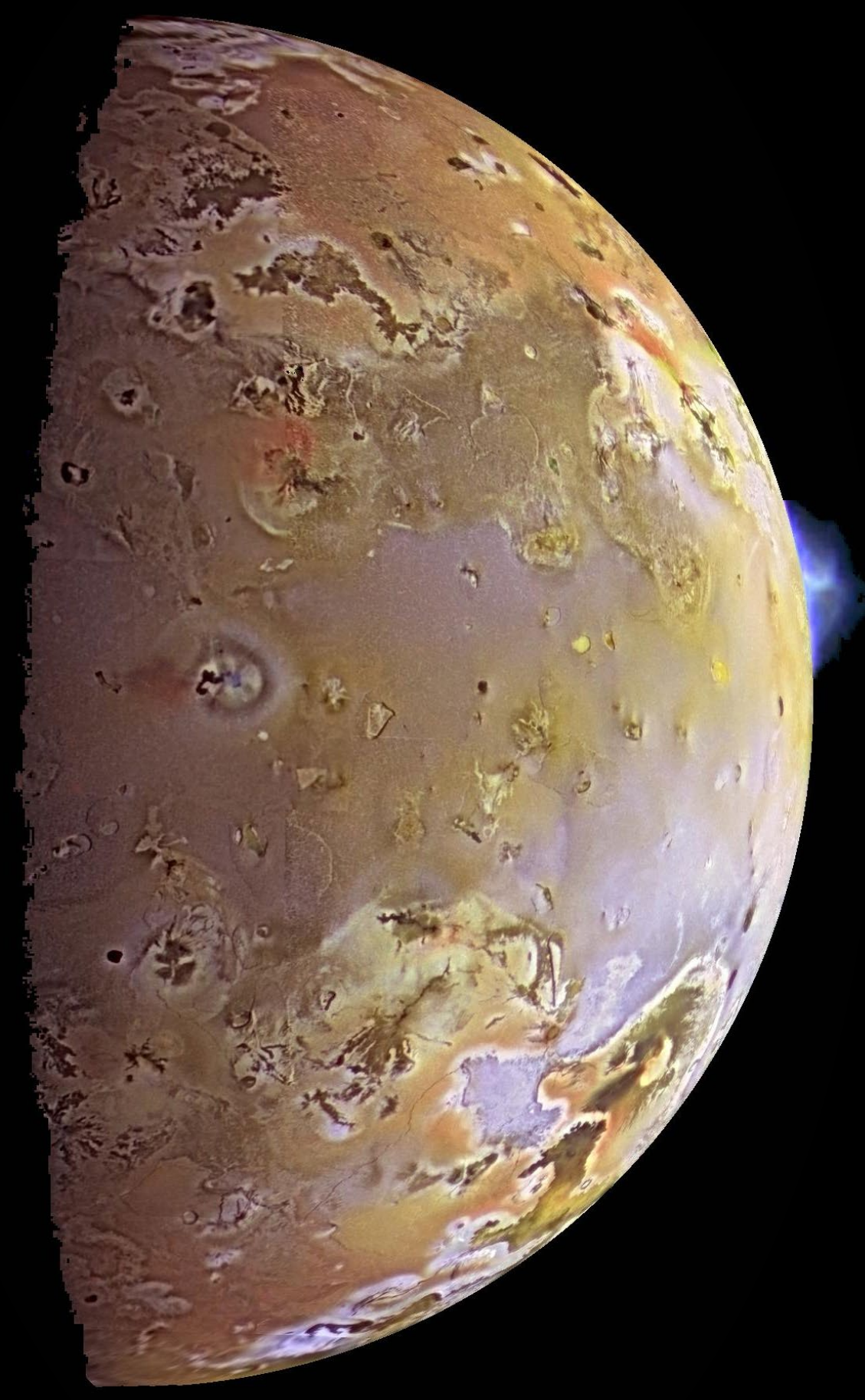


Spacecraft overview



- Spacecraft dry mass: 2450 kg
- Propellant tank capacity: 3650 kg
- Launch mass: ~6.1 tonnes
- Solar array power: ~790 W at end-of-life
- On-board memory: 1.25 Tbits at end-of-life
- Data rate: > 1.4 Gbits/day
- Communications round-trip: ~90 minutes

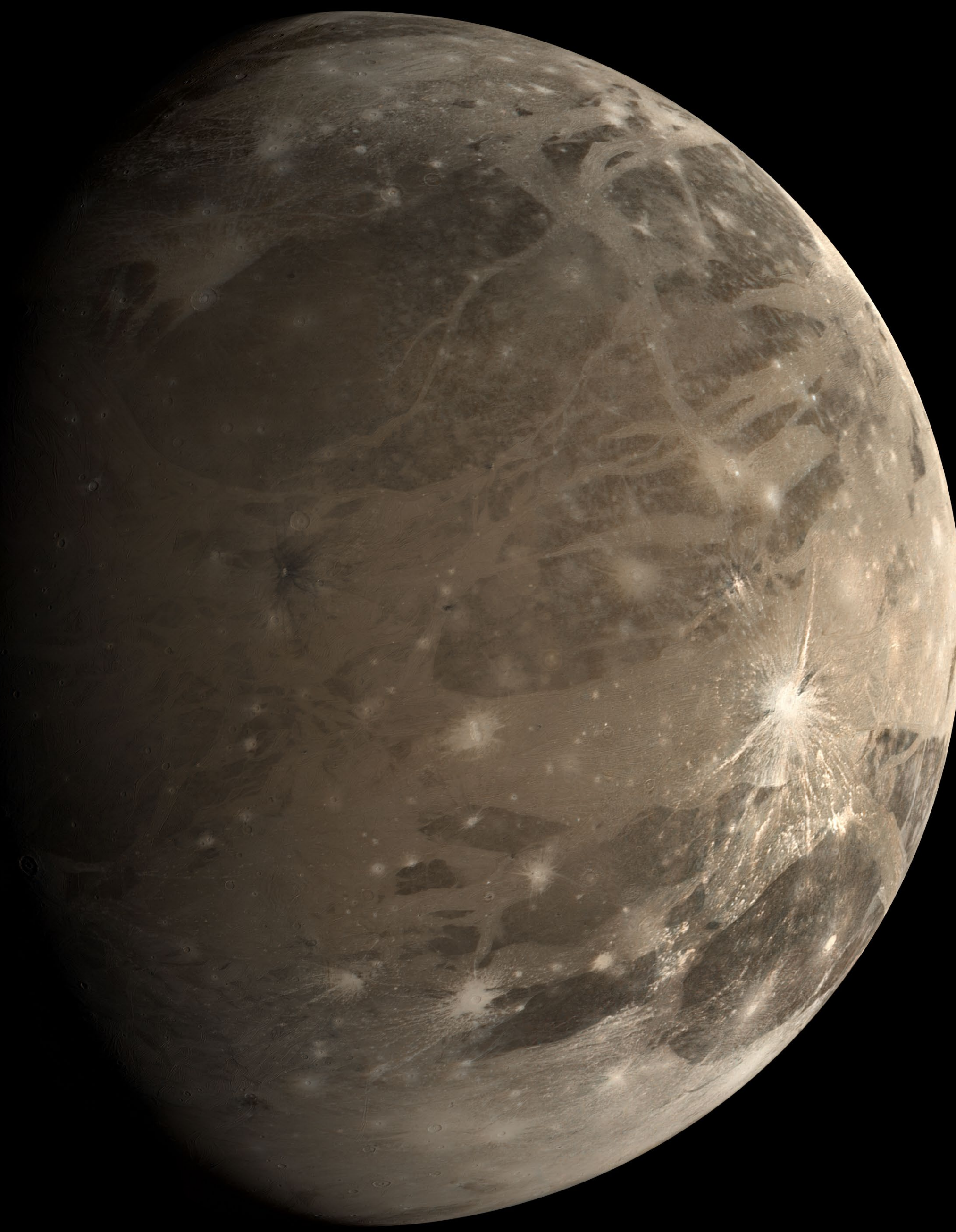




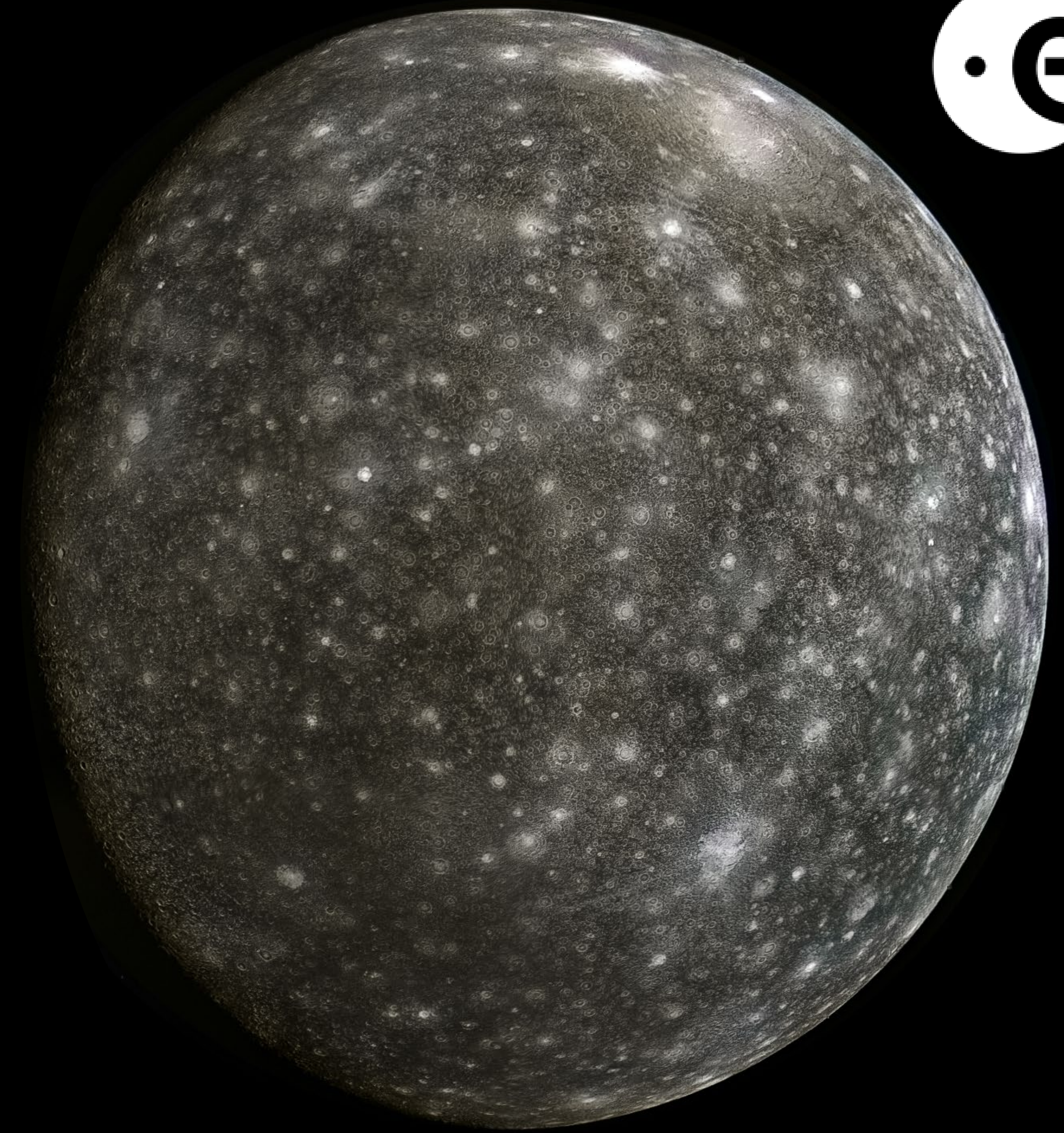
Io (1821 km)



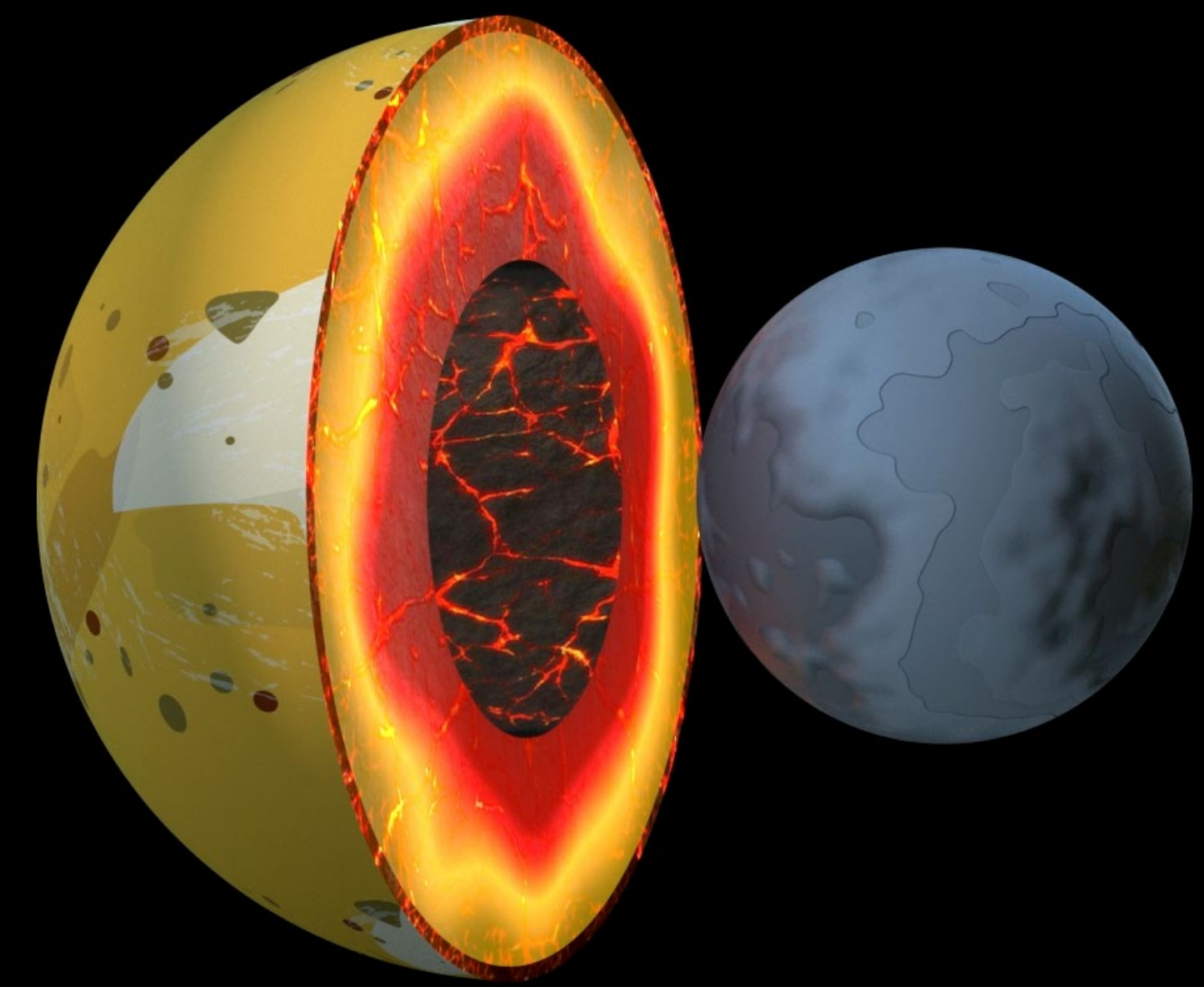
Europa (1561 km)



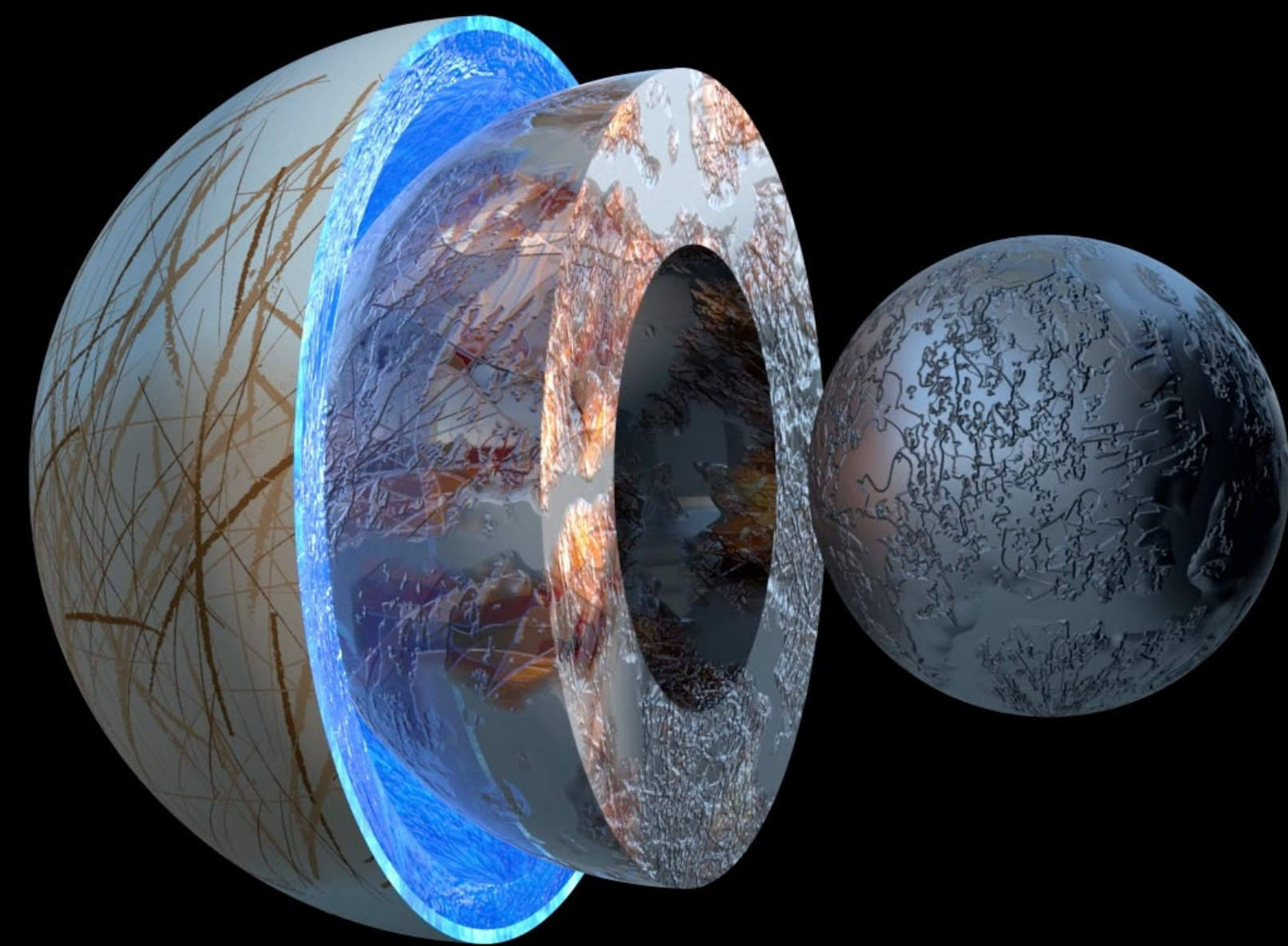
Ganymede (2634 km)



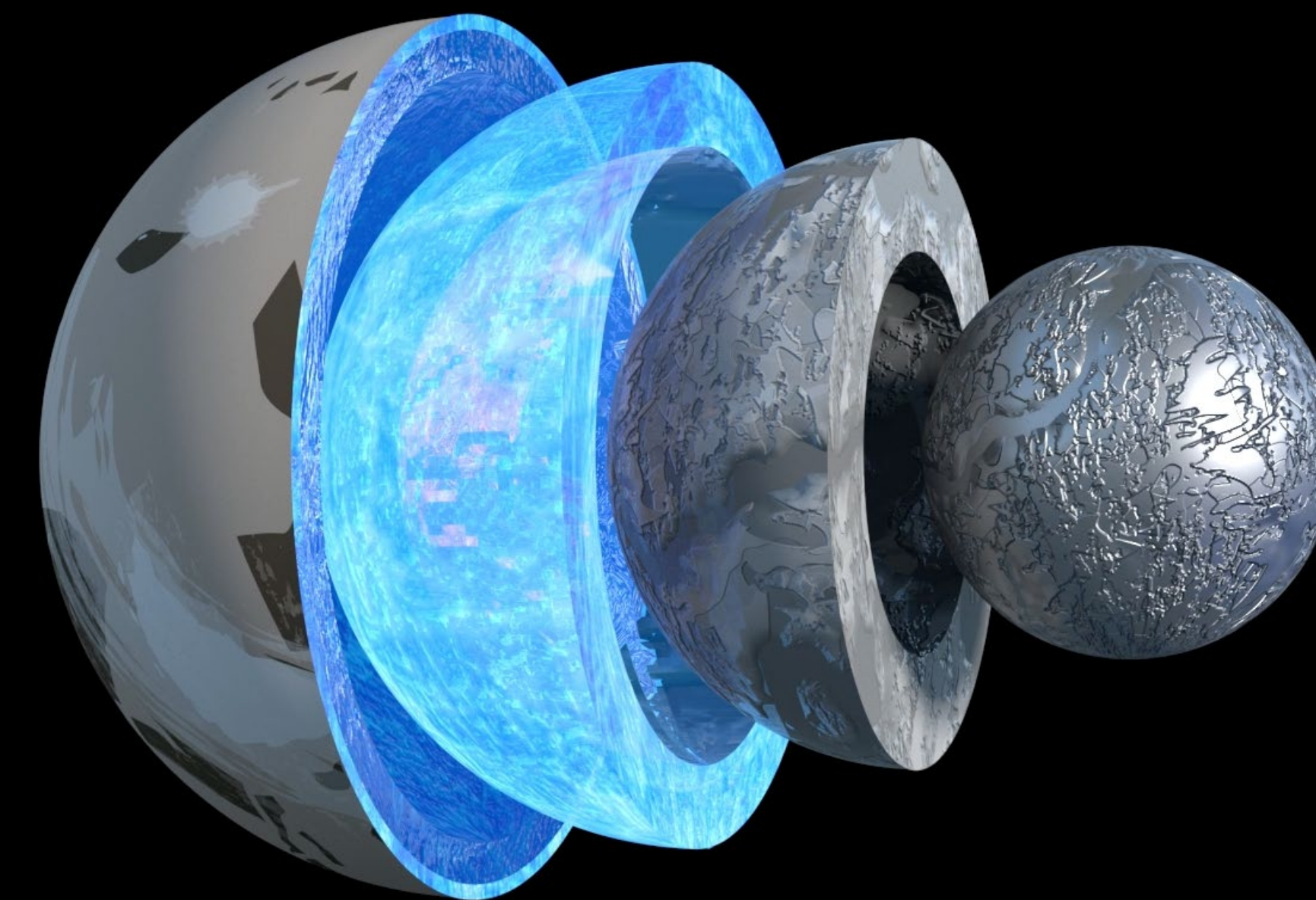
Callisto (2410 km)



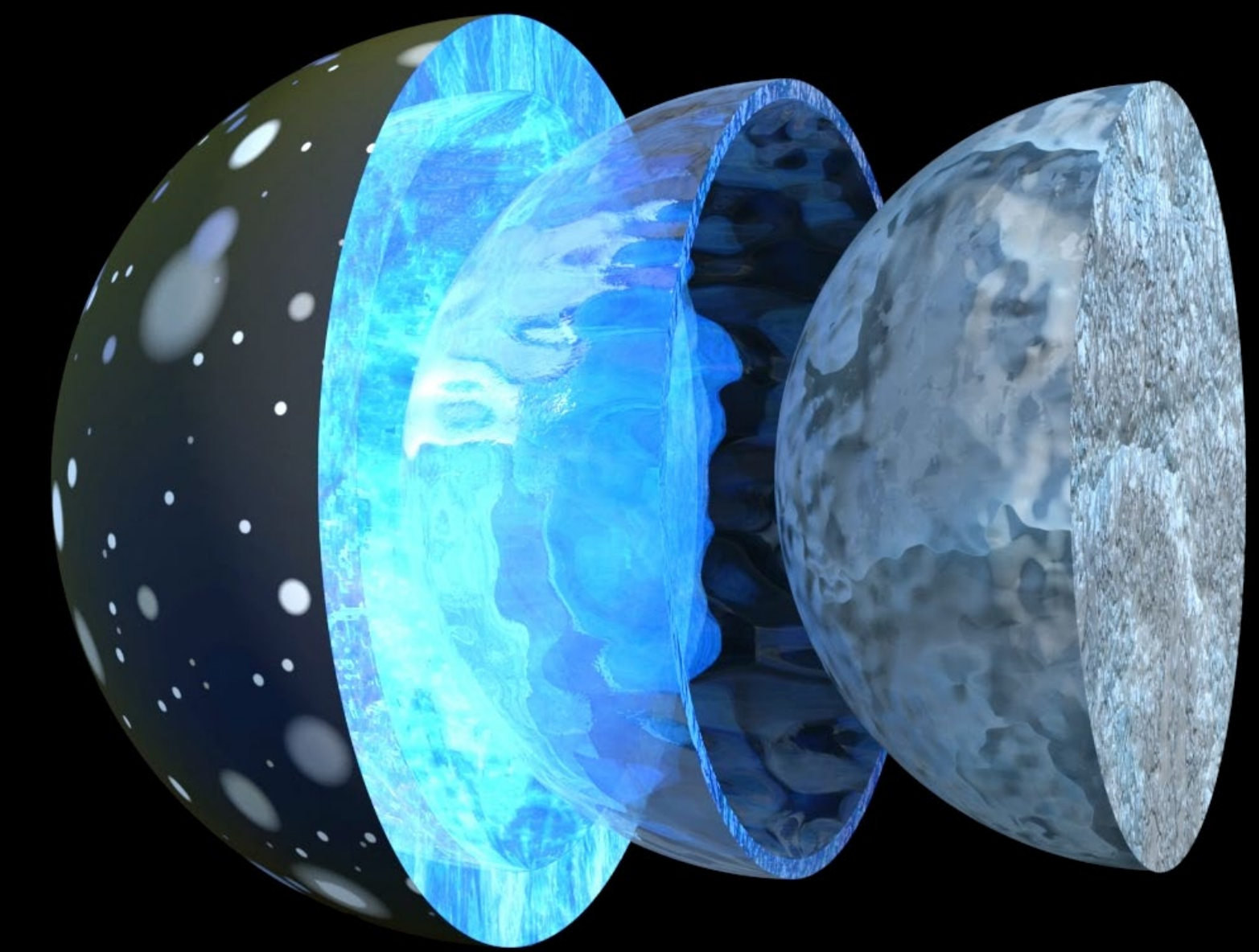
Frozen, volcanic crust (30–50 km)
 Global magma layer (>50km)
 Low-density mantle
 Iron-rich core



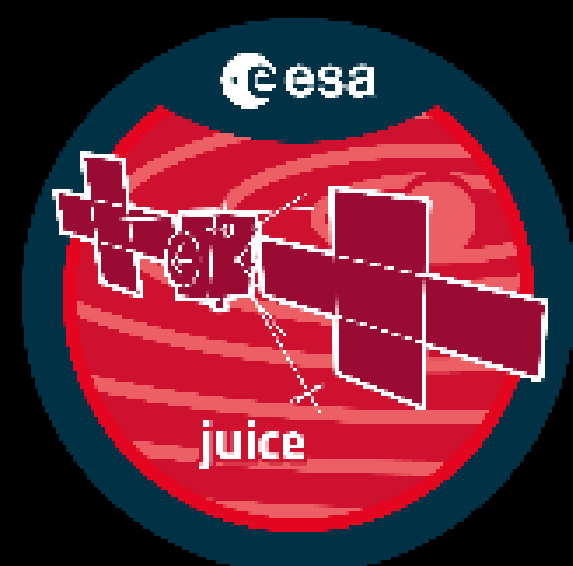
Dynamic icy crust (15–25km)
 Liquid water ocean (40–150 km)
 Rocky mantle
 Iron-rich core



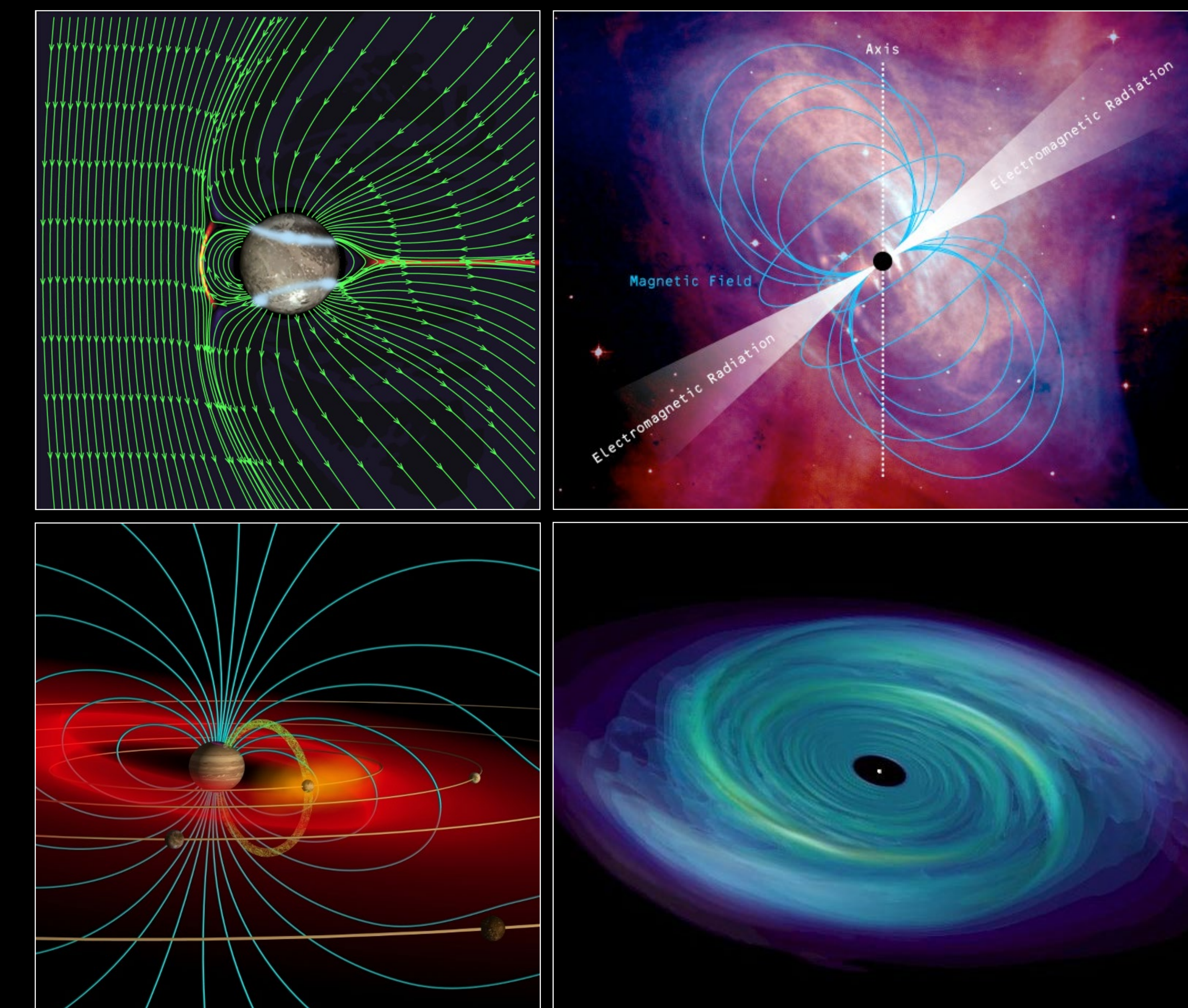
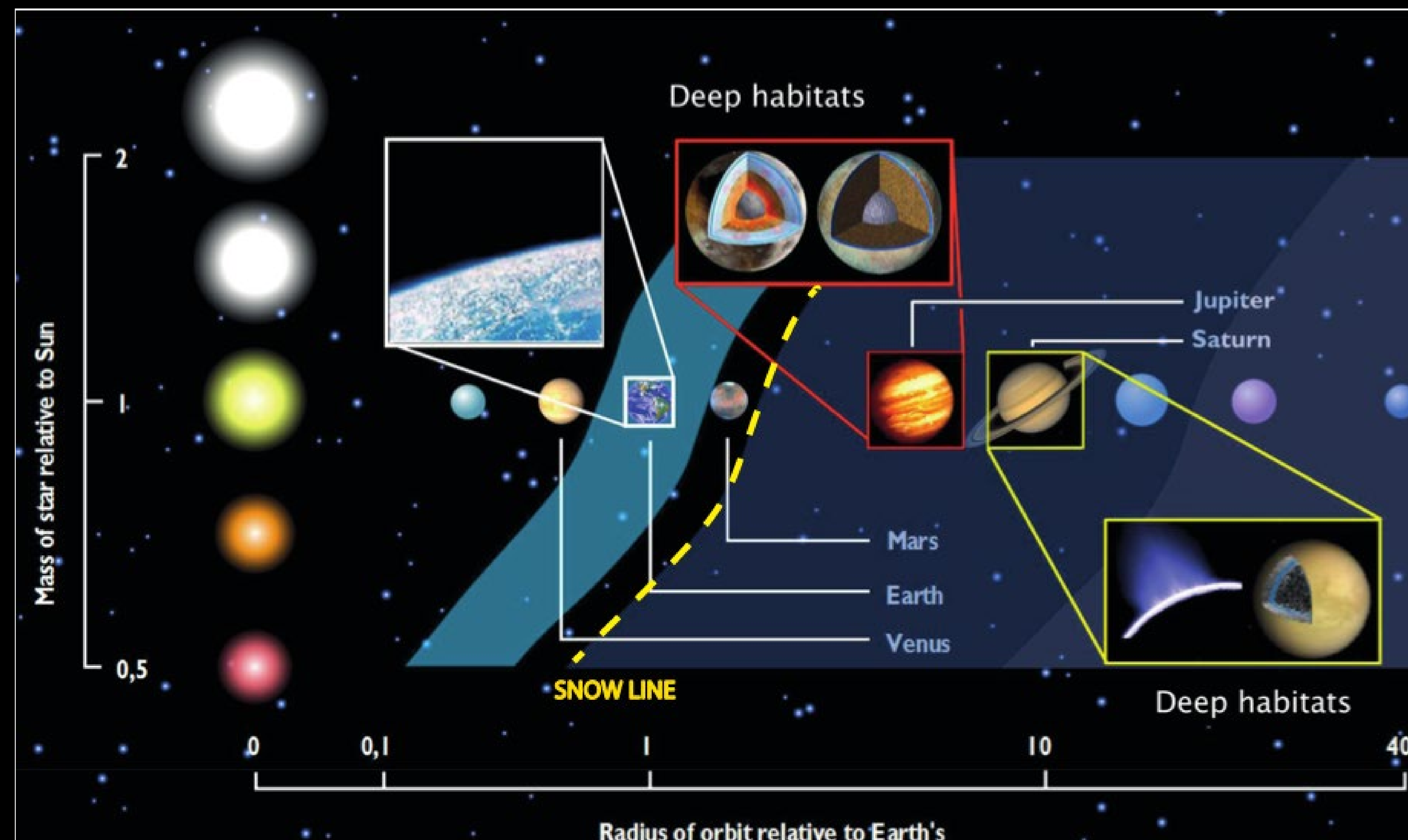
Icy crust (~150km)
 Liquid water ocean (100–800 km)
 Icy mantle
 Rocky mantle
 Iron-rich core



Cratered ice + rock crust (80–150 km)
 Liquid water ocean (150–300 km)
 Rock + ice core



From the Jovian system to extrasolar planets & beyond



Planetary archetypes

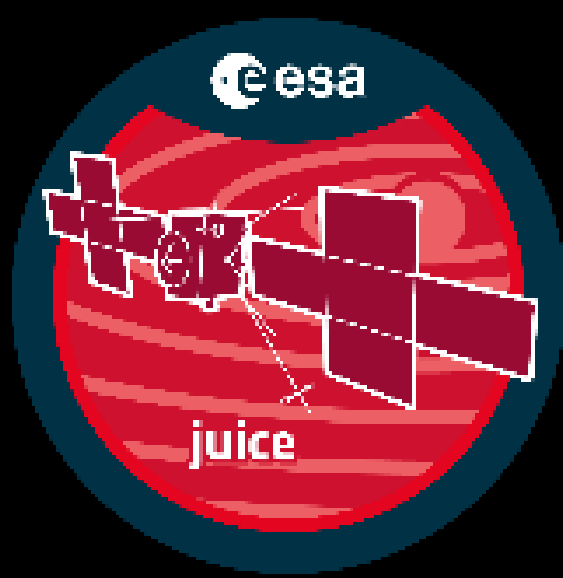
- Waterworlds & gas giants are common among exoplanets
- Jovian system has key examples of both

Search for habitable worlds

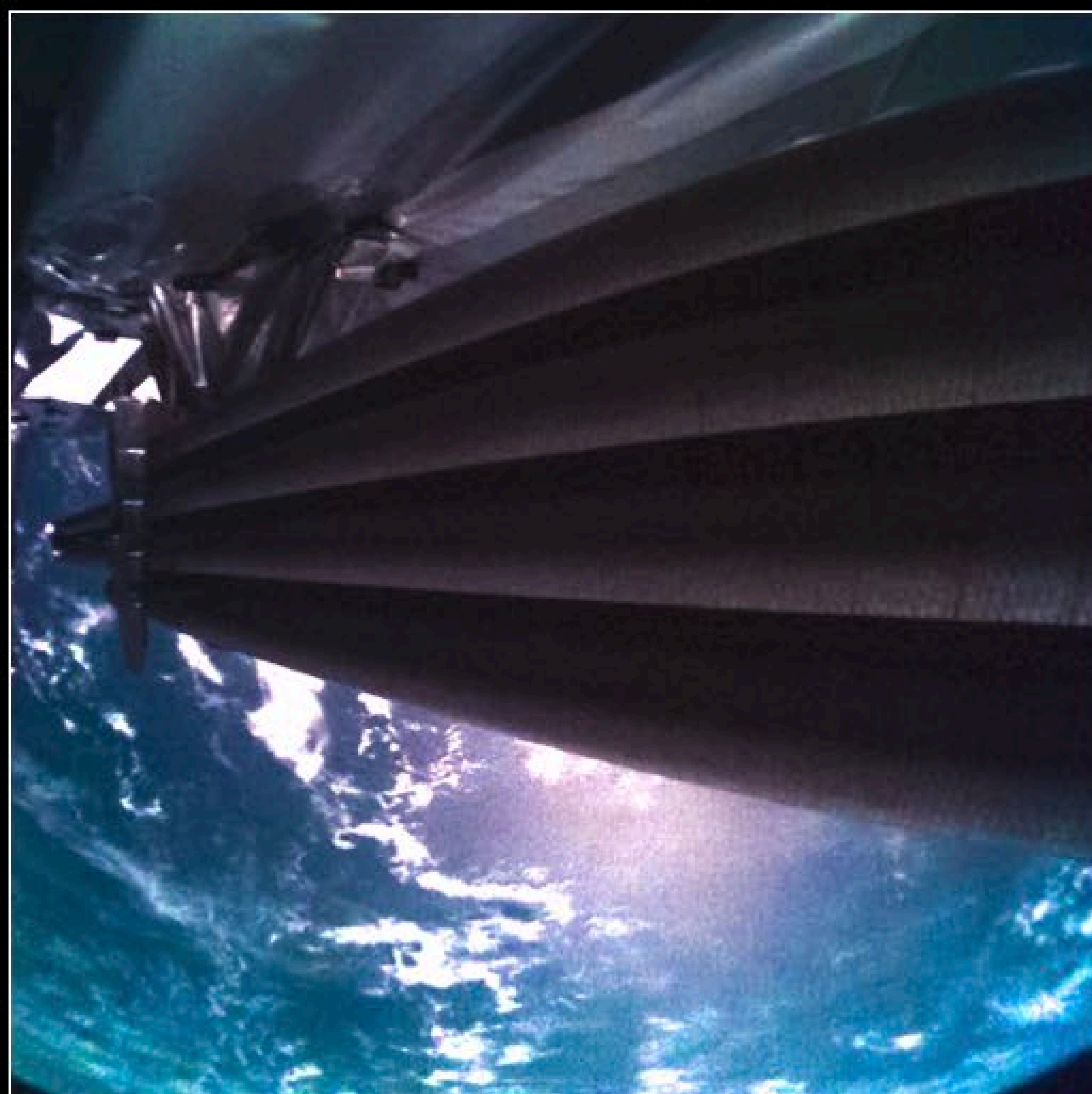
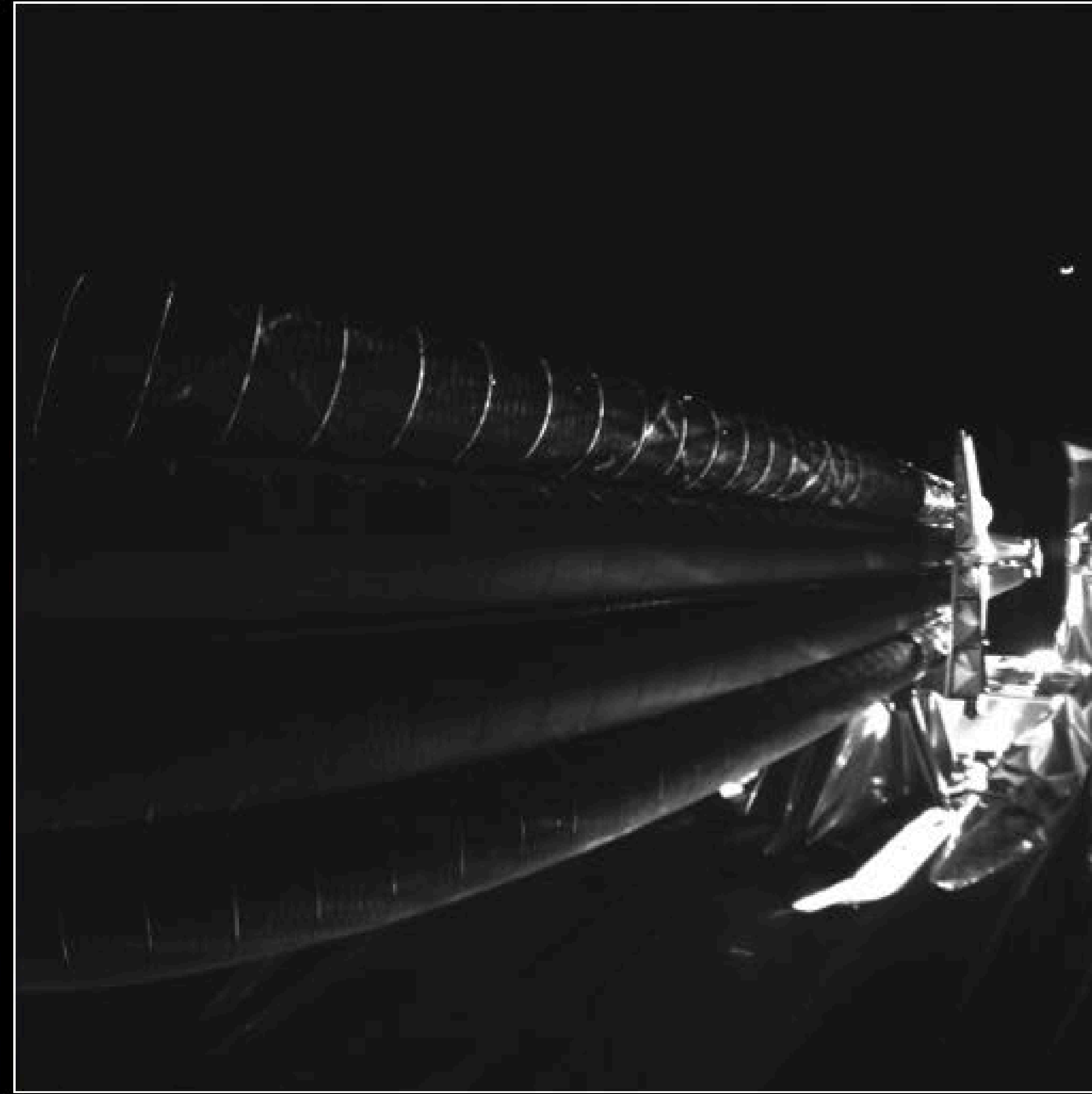
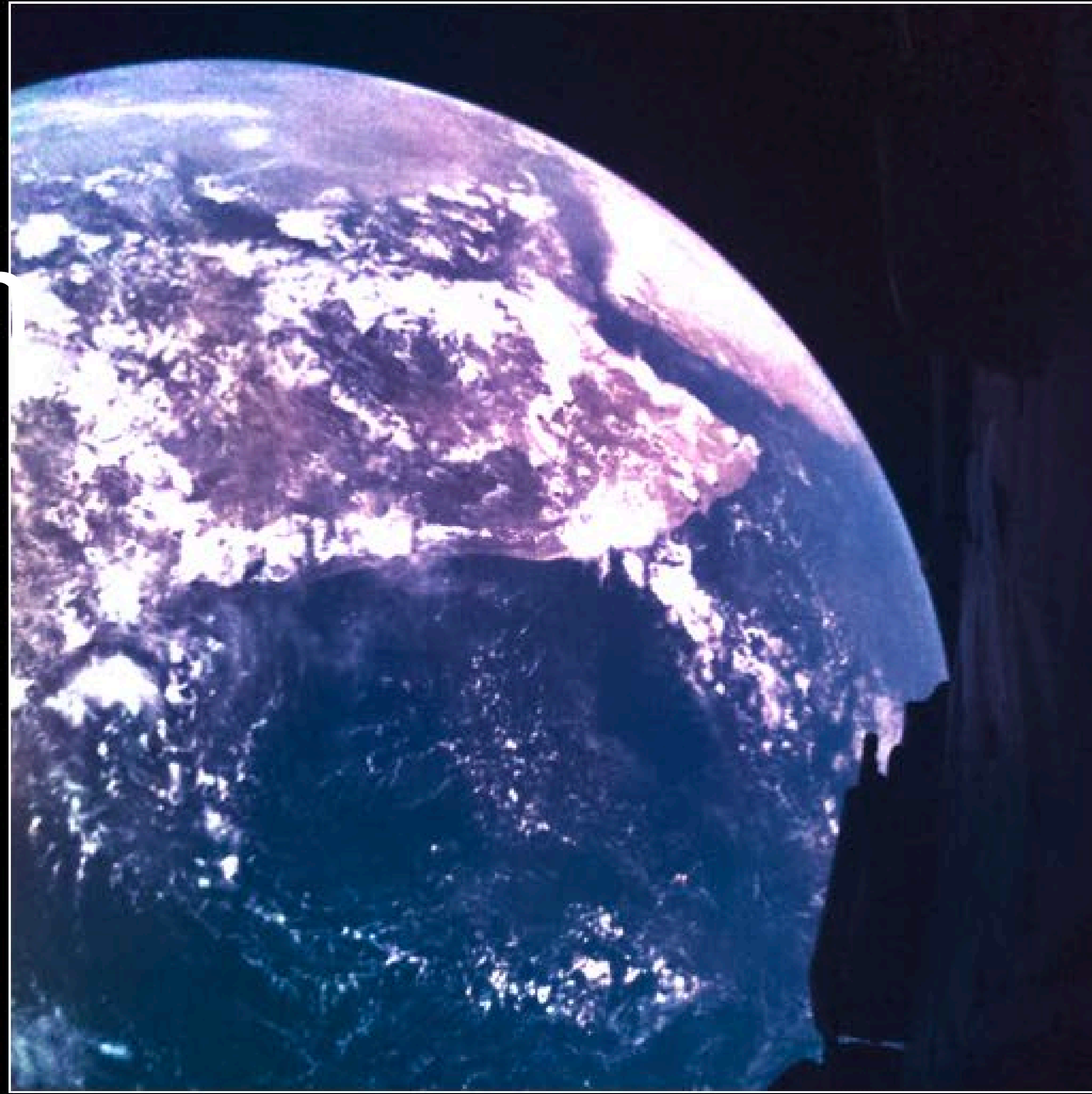
- Classical habitable zone applies to planetary surfaces
- Wider range of distances from star possible for “deep habitats”

Astrophysical analogues

- Plasma is fundamental component of many astrophysical environments
- Jovian system provides examples of reconnection & magnetodisc

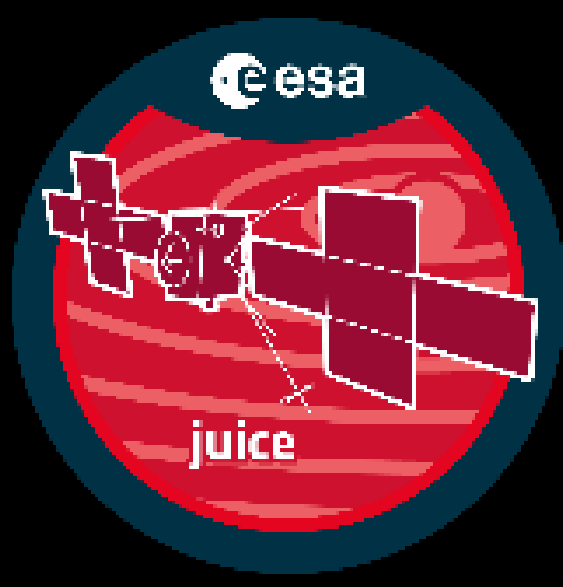


JUICE–Earth Selfies !



Monitoring Camera 'Selfies' after launch on 14 April / ESA Juice, JMC CC BY-SA 3.0 IG



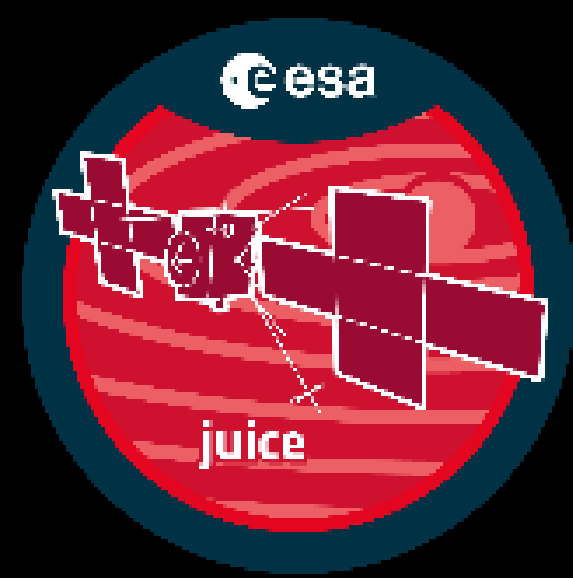


Antennas Deployed

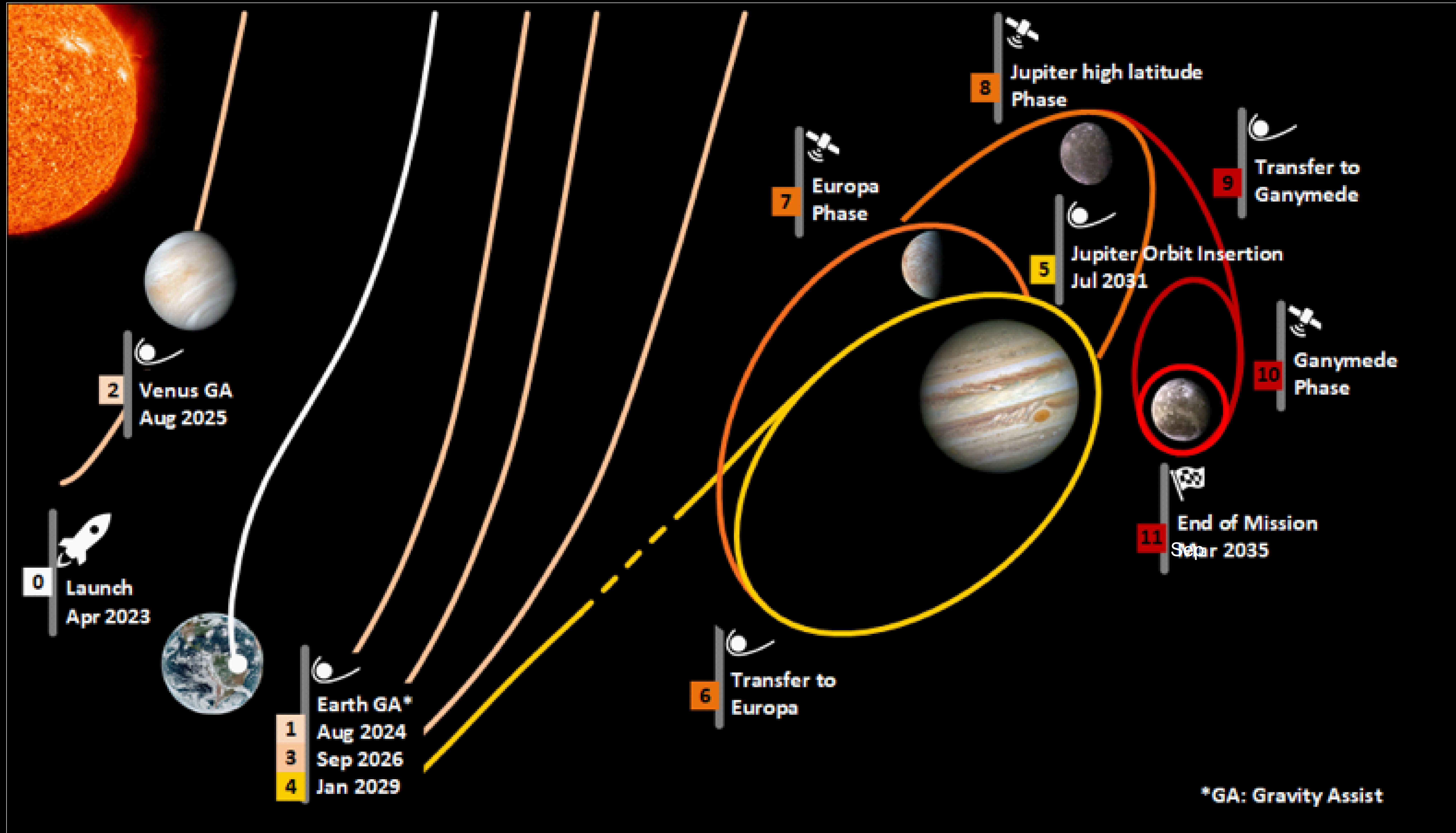


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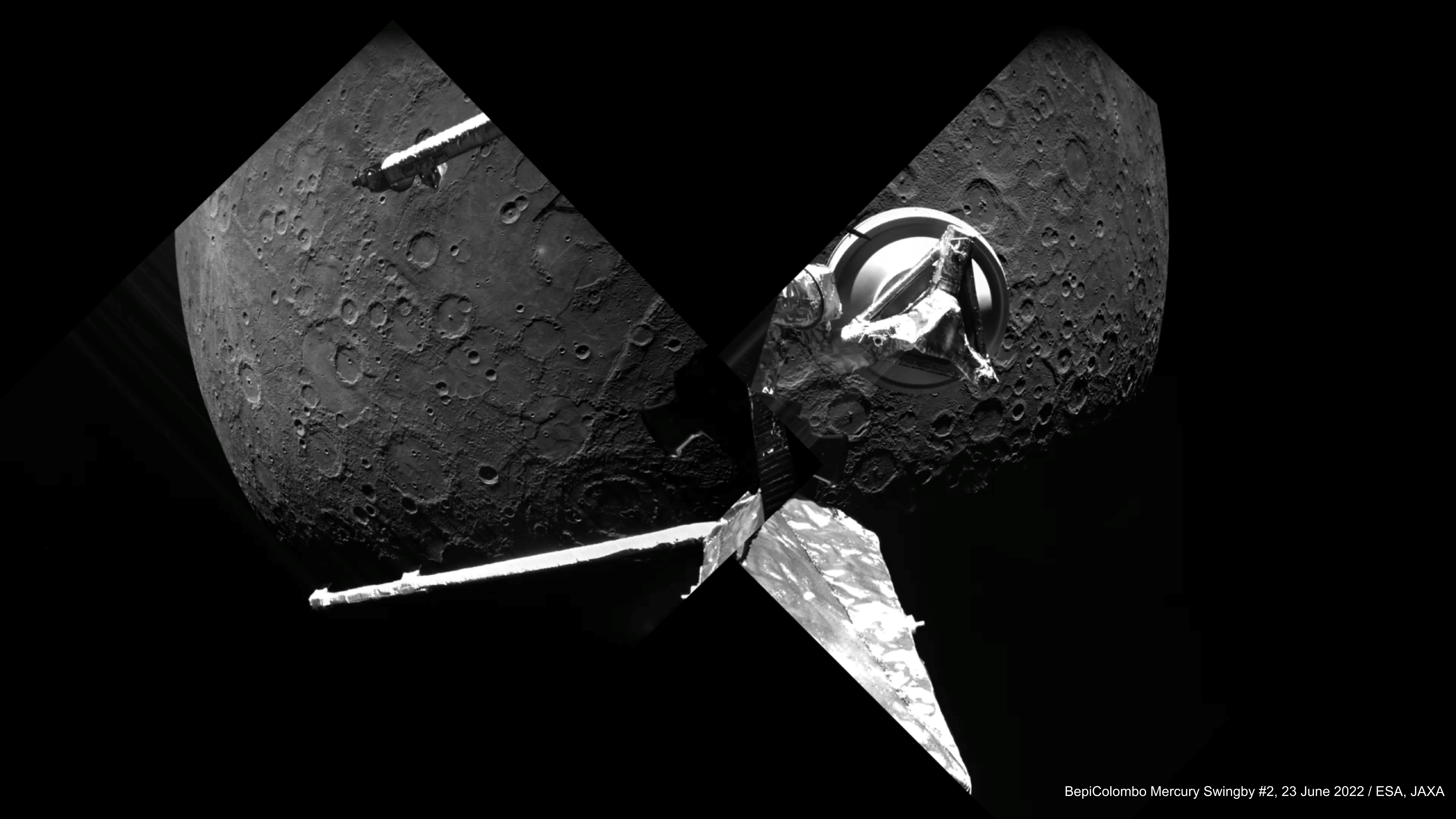
Mission overview

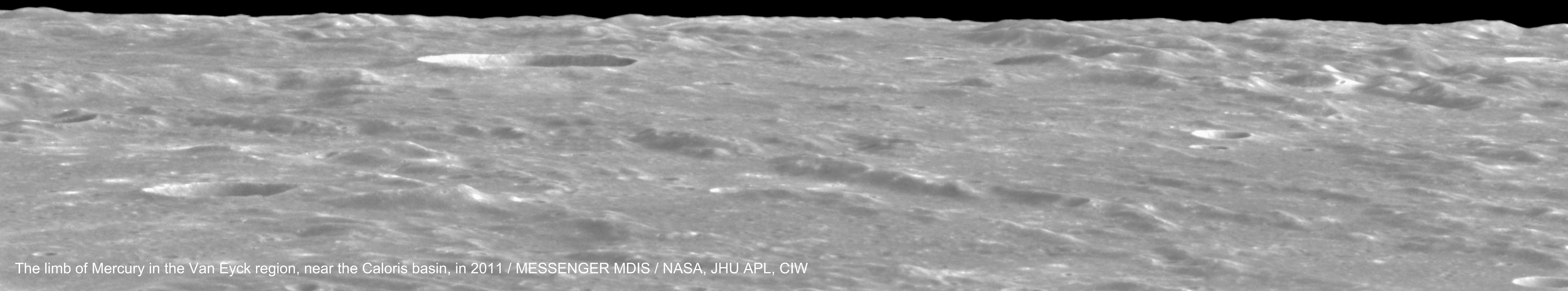


BepiColombo

- Studying Mercury & its magnetic environment
- 3 spacecraft, 9 planetary flybys & solar-electric propulsion, 16 in situ + remote instruments
- ESA/JAXA mission
- Launched 2018 on Ariane 5, enters Mercury orbit December 2025







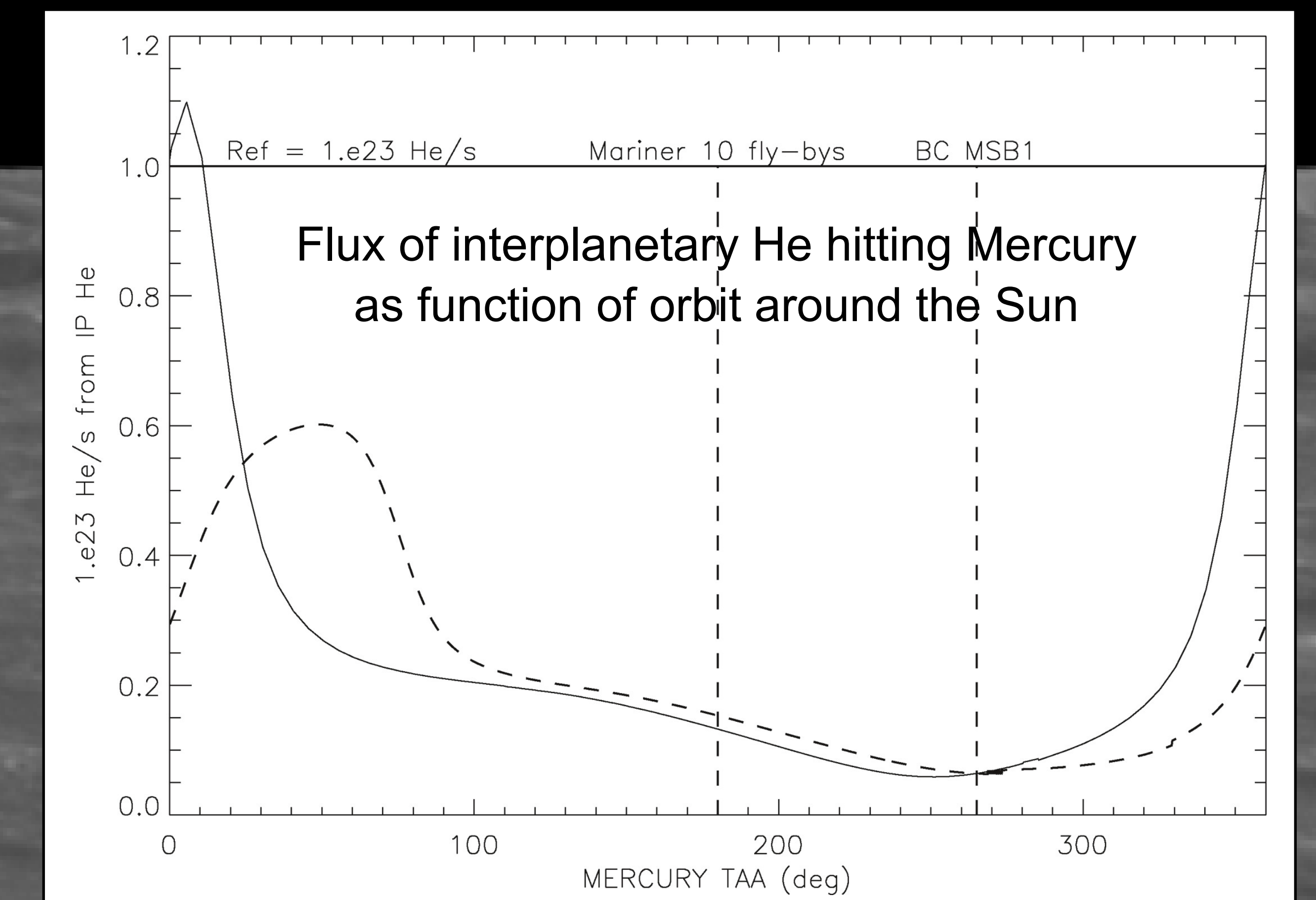
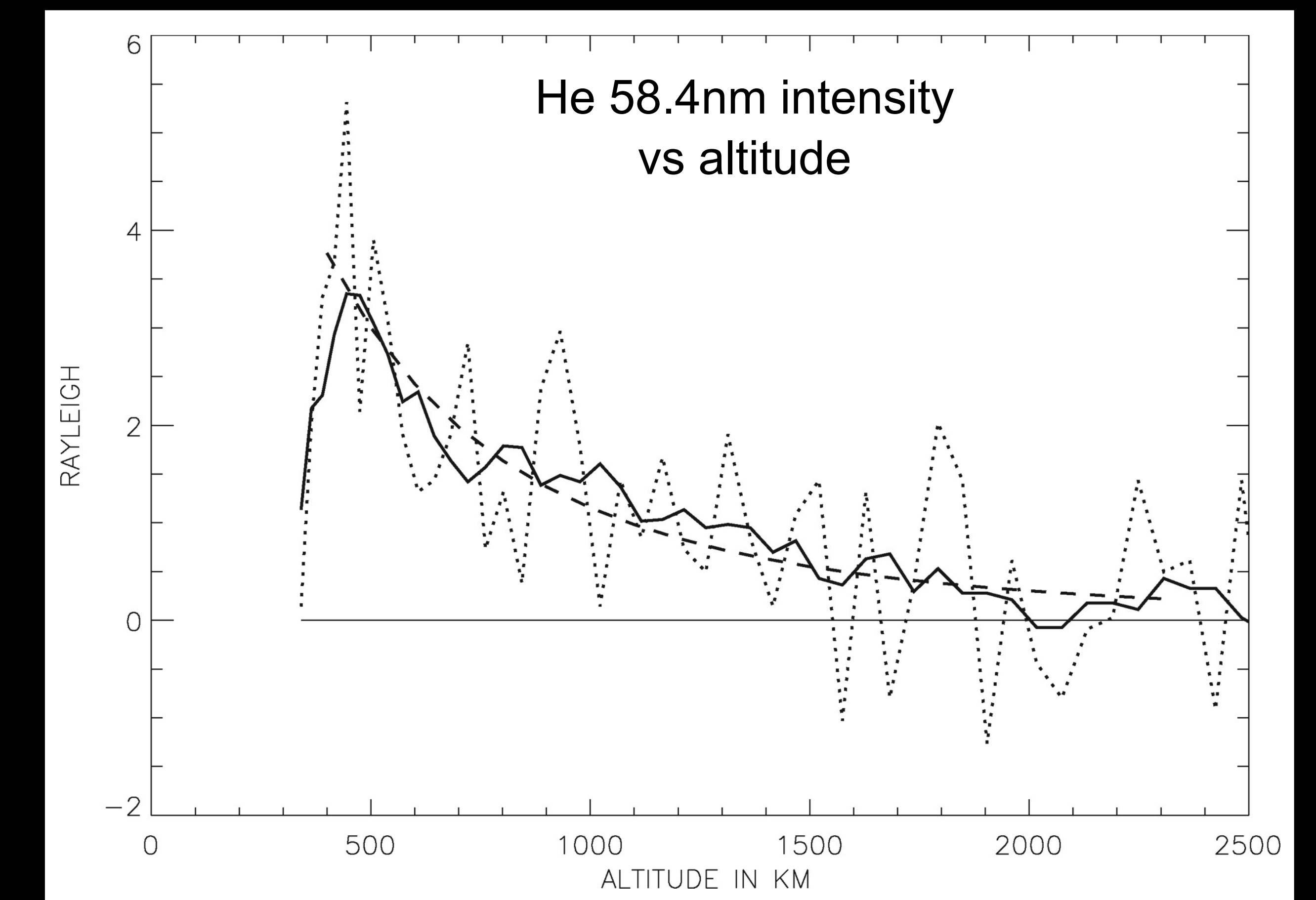
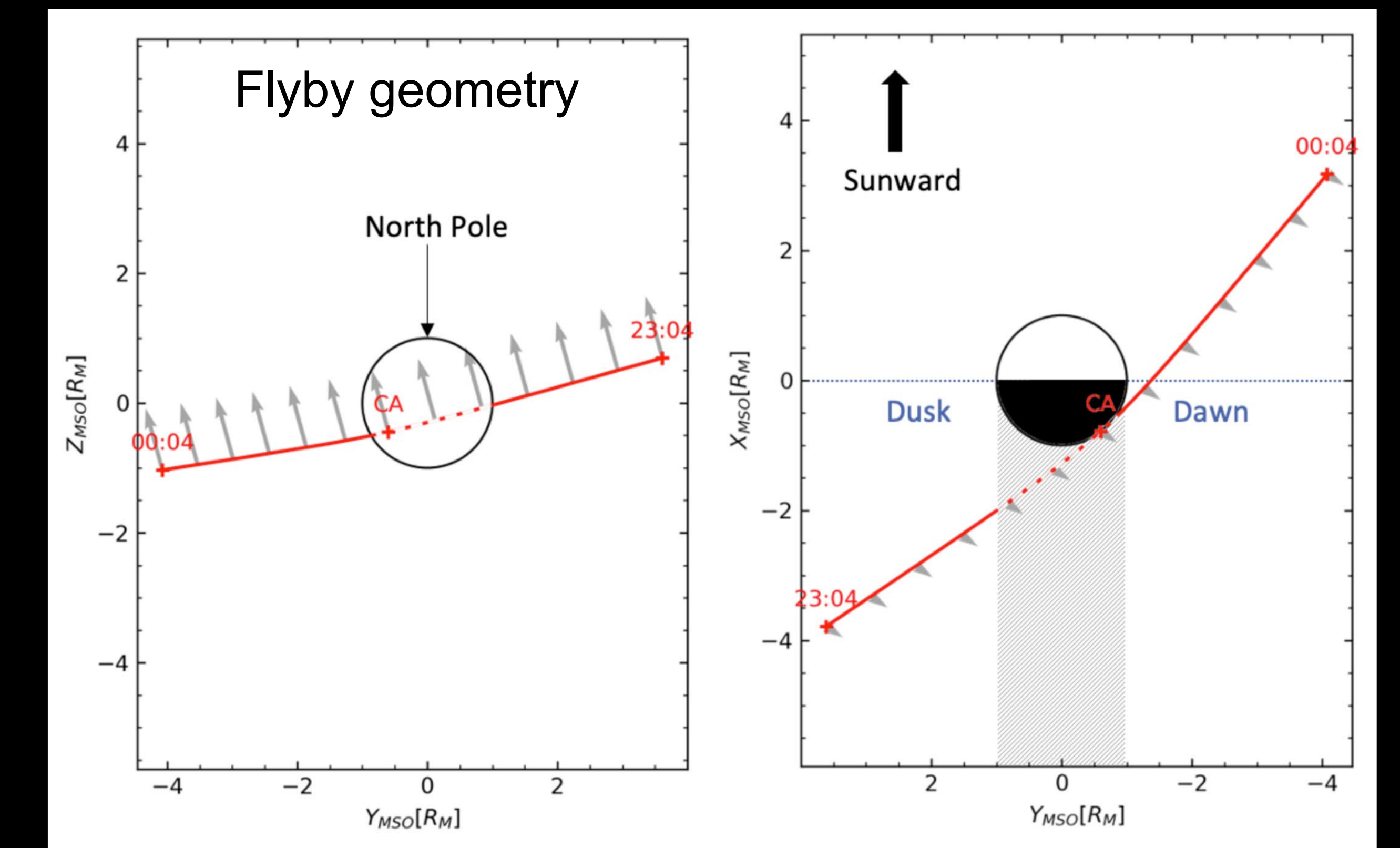
The limb of Mercury in the Van Eyck region, near the Caloris basin, in 2011 / MESSENGER MDIS / NASA, JHU APL, CIW

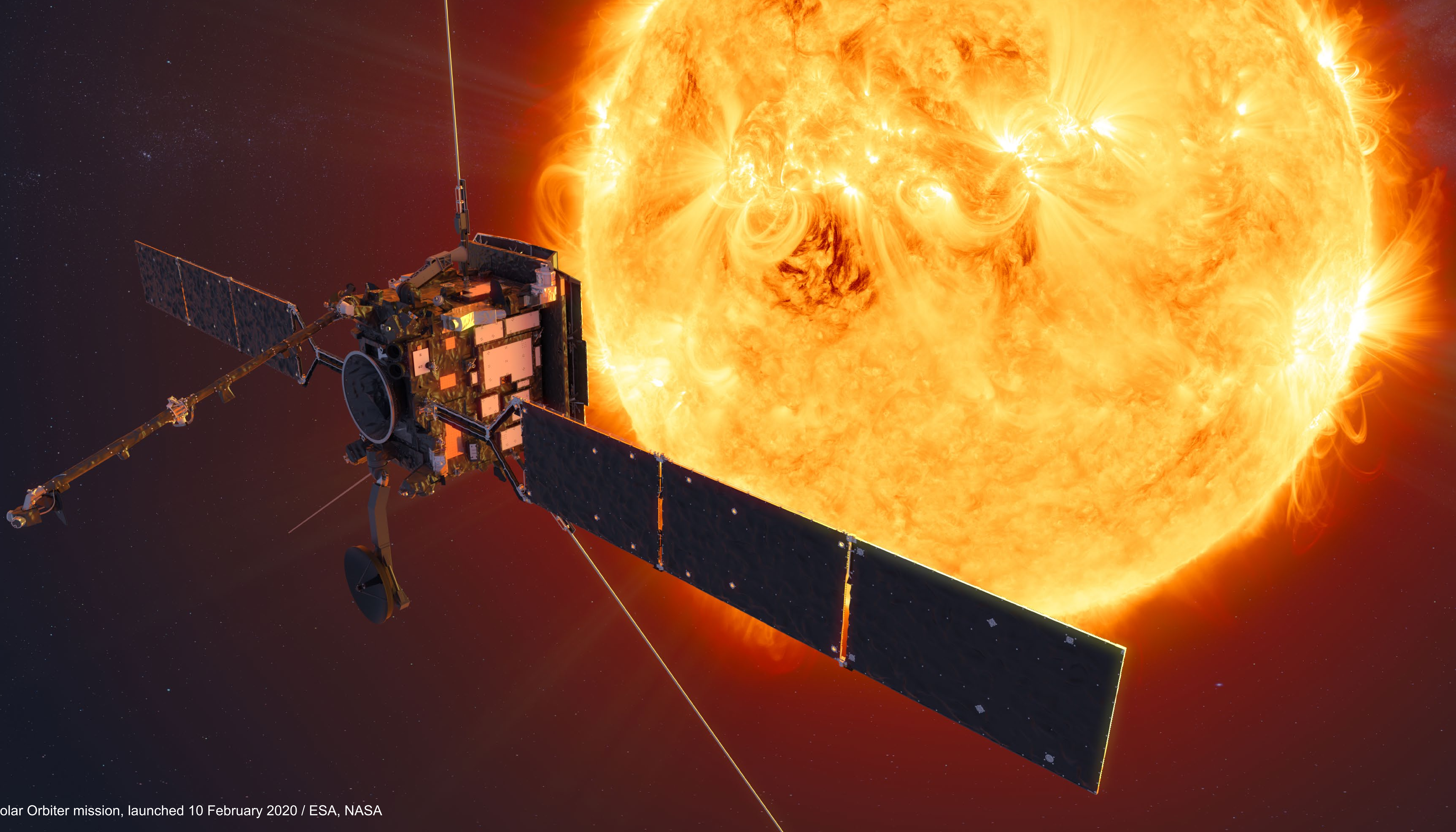
- **Mercury and its exosphere**

- Highly variable, with density $\sim 10^{-14}$ bar
- Particles ballistic, moving under gravity & solar wind, rarely colliding
- Composition: H, He, O, Na, Ca, K, Mg, Al, Mn, Fe, H_2O^+ , H_2S^+ , H_3O^+ , OH, O_2^+ , Si^+
- From solar wind, meteorite impacts, evaporation, sputtering, etc
- Detected by Mariner 10 in 1974, but not by MESSENGER
- Seen by PHEBUS on BepiColombo during 1 Oct 2021 first flyby
- 450–550K, 600–1000 cm^{-3} , 4.5–7.5 x lower density than Mariner 10

- **Why is helium at Mercury so variable?**

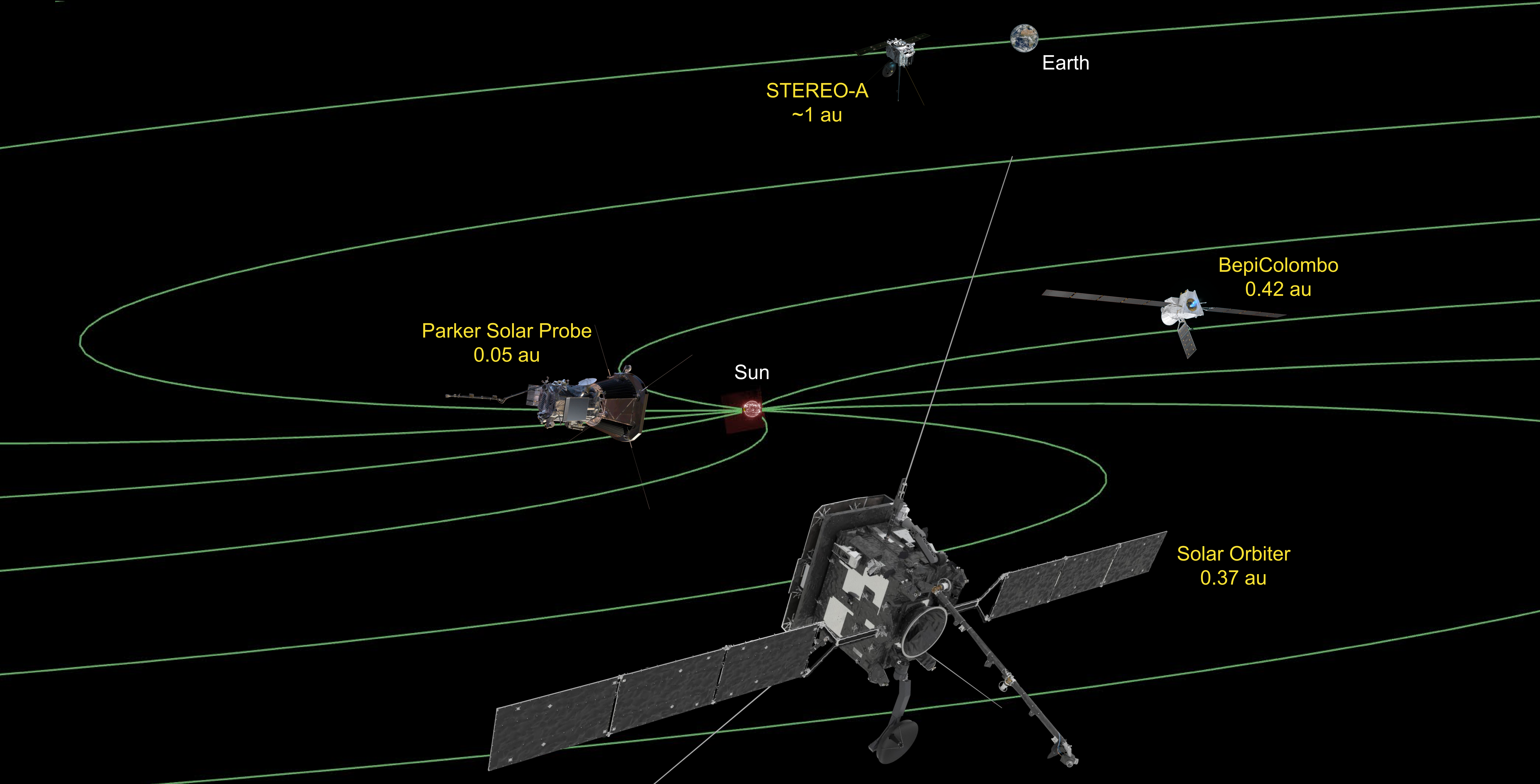
- Sources of He at Mercury: solar wind (He^{2+}) & interstellar clouds (He)
- Sun is moving through the interstellar medium at 26 km s^{-1} : interstellar He is gravitationally focussed behind it
- Density & velocity of interstellar He contribution varies as Mercury orbits Sun



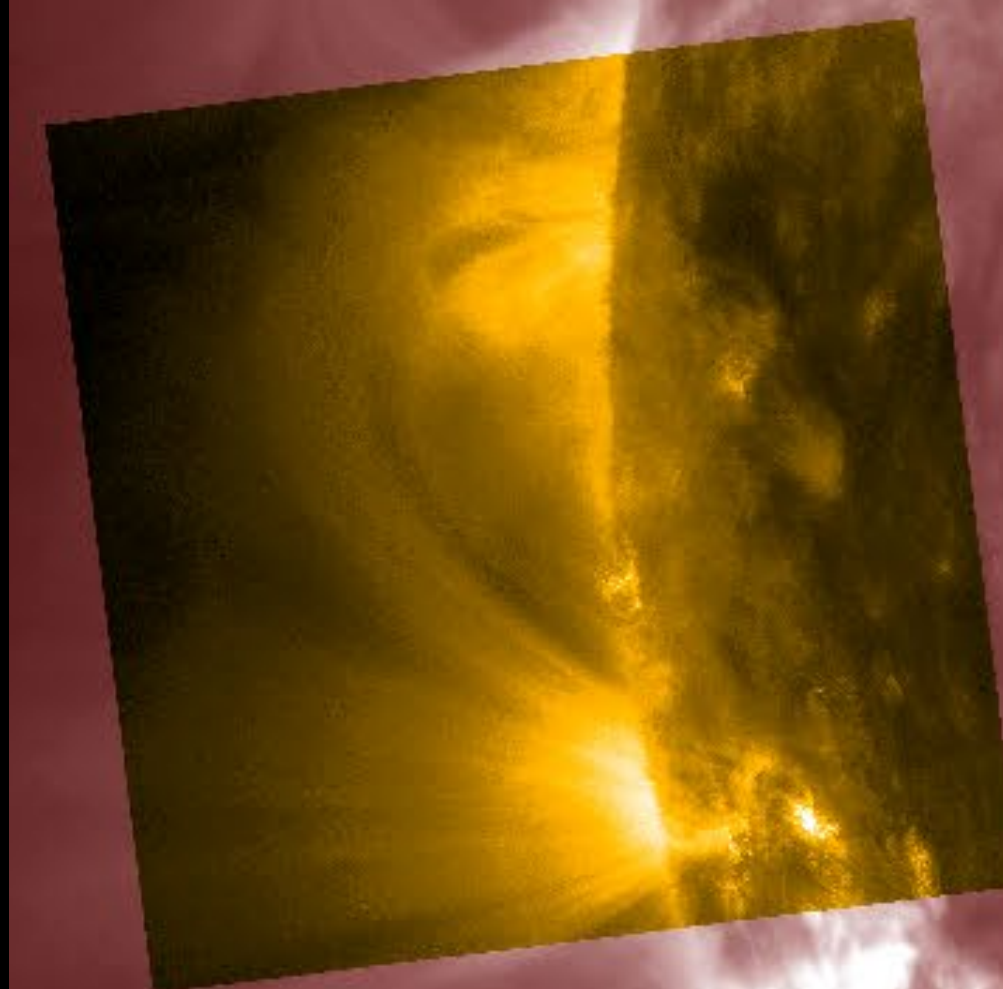


Solar Orbiter mission, launched 10 February 2020 / ESA, NASA

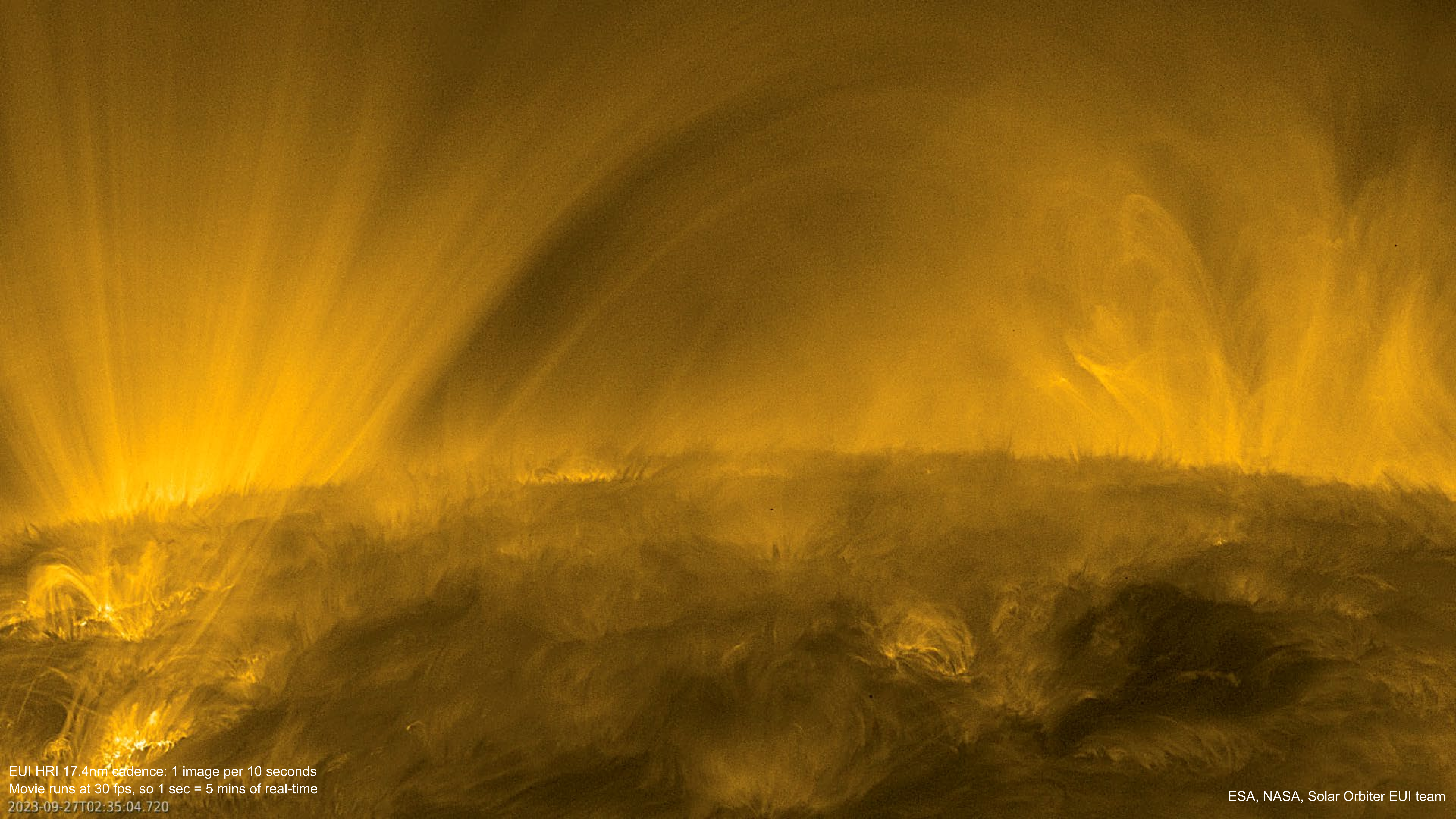
Joint Solar Orbiter & Parker Solar Probe observations on 27 September 2023



Full Sun Imager



High Resolution
Imager



EUI HRI 17.4nm cadence: 1 image per 10 seconds
Movie runs at 30 fps, so 1 sec = 5 mins of real-time
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ESA, NASA, Solar Orbiter EUI team

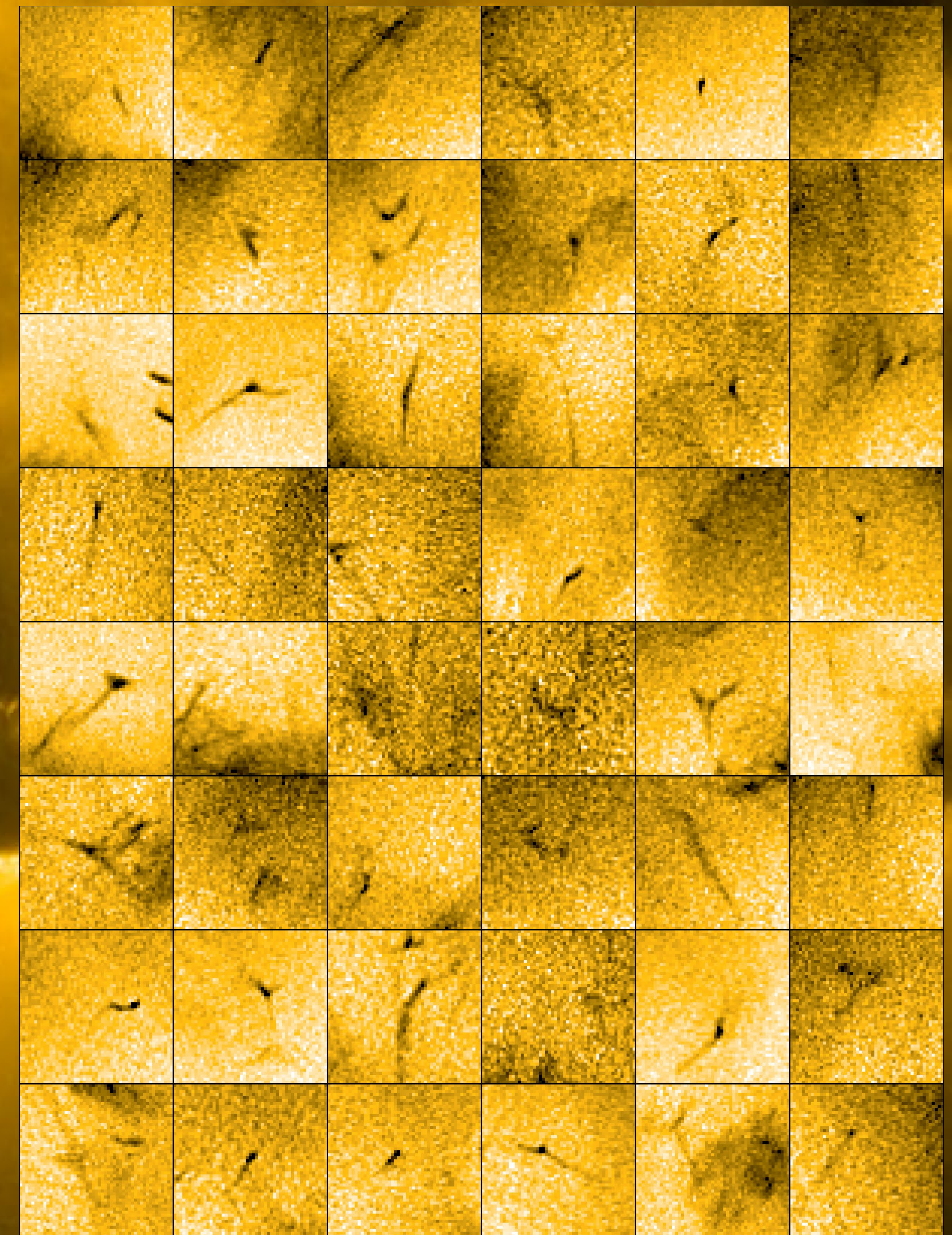


- **Coronal holes**

- Regions of cooler, lower density plasma with open magnetic field lines
- Appear as dark patches in EUV images of Sun
- Allows solar wind to escape at ~ 2 x normal velocity, i.e. $600\text{--}800\text{ km s}^{-1}$

- **EUI HRI imaging of a coronal hole near south pole**

- Short-lived ($\sim 20\text{--}100\text{ s}$), short ($\sim 2000\text{--}4000\text{ km}$), narrow ($\sim 200\text{--}400\text{ km}$) jet-like structures at ~ 1 million K, expelling plasma at $\sim 100\text{ km s}^{-1}$
- Intermittent but widespread within the coronal hole: ~ 70 jets seen in 30 min
- Narrower jet-like features associated with plume from hole
- **These "picoflare jets" could power the solar wind**
- Likely driven transiently by reconnection in granular-scale magnetic features
- Velocity shear between adjacent jet flows could drive instabilities leading to solar wind features including **magnetic switchbacks**

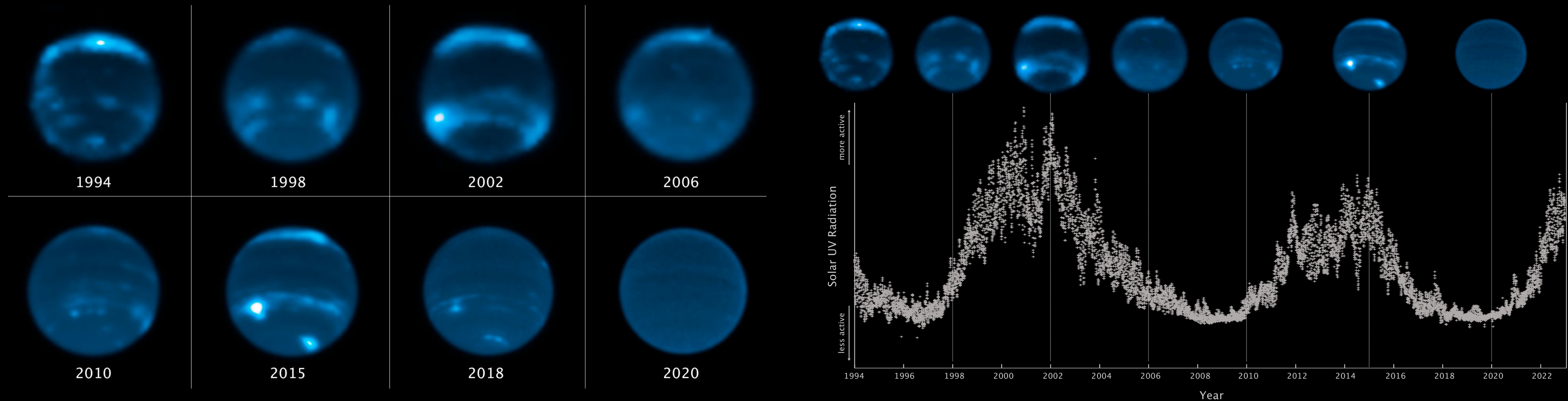


Picoflare jets seen on 30 March 2022
(rendered in negative; each box is 6000 km square)

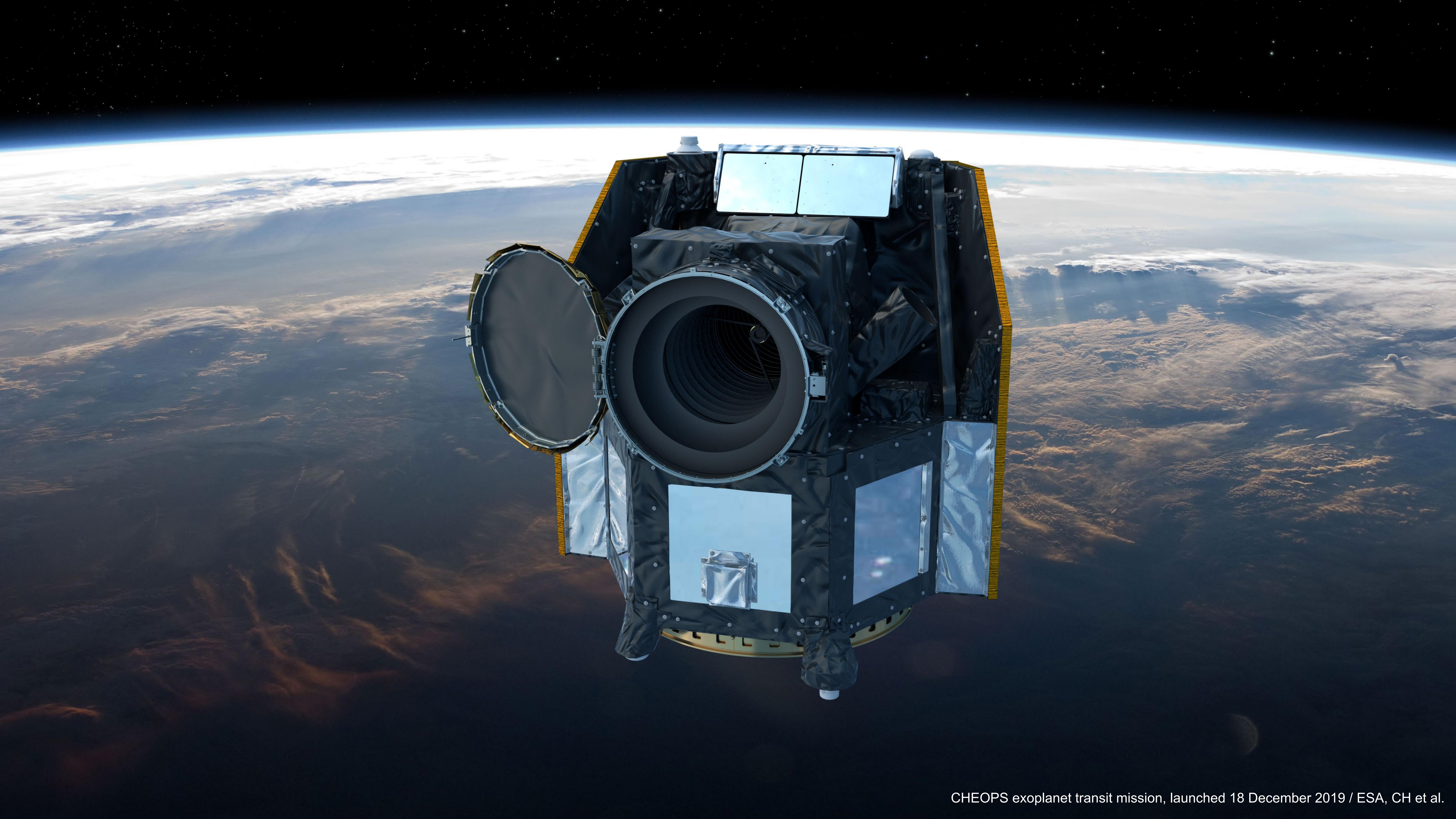


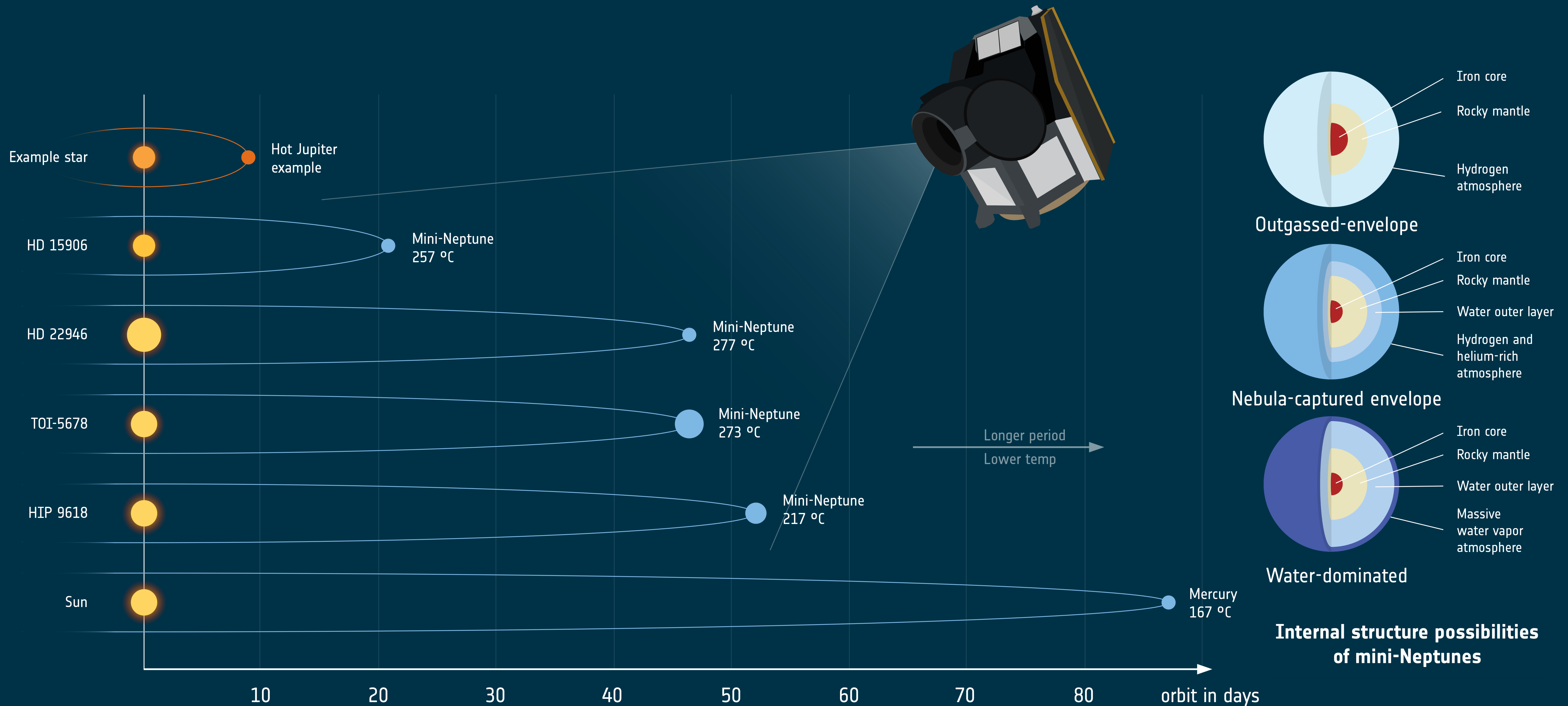
Hubble Space Telescope on 19 May 2009 / NASA, ESA, STS-125

Synoptic observations of clouds in the atmosphere of Neptune



- **Long-term monitoring of clouds with HST & ground-based near-IR imaging**
 - Clear correlation between cloud cover and solar activity, with peak at the end of solar maximum
 - Increased UV radiation causes changes deep in Neptune's atmosphere: complex interactions between photochemical & radiative processes involving CH₄, hydrocarbons, & hazes
 - These changes percolate into upper atmosphere after a couple of years, increasing cloud cover
- **Major transition in Neptune's atmosphere in late 2019/early 2020, persisting until now**
 - Disappearance of mid-latitude clouds, blank haze-dominated disk, south polar region still cloudy though

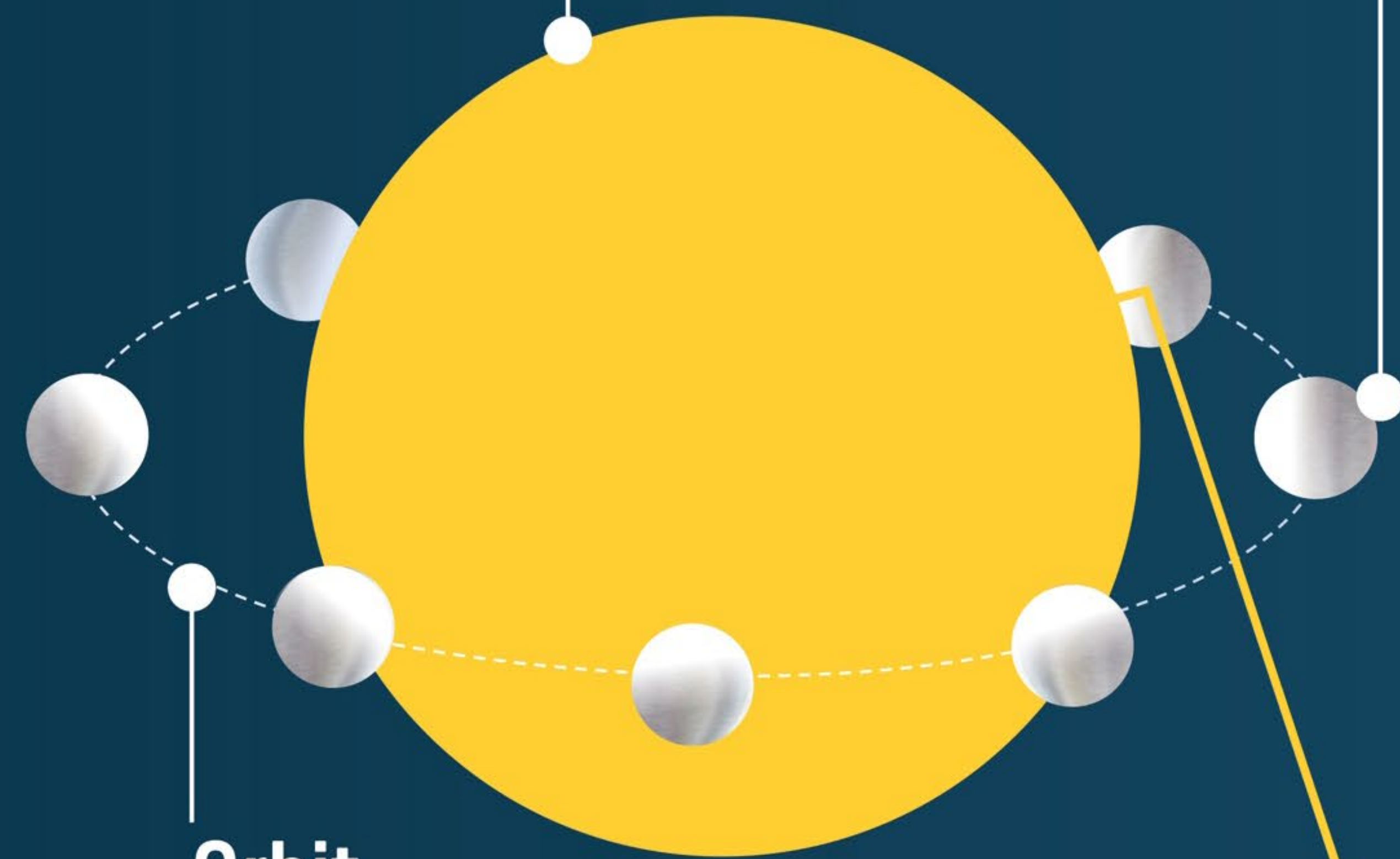




- **Four warm “mini-Neptunes” seen in tight orbits around parent stars**
 - Hints of existence from TESS, but CHEOPS use to catch predicted transits & confirm periods
 - “Missing link” planets intermediate in mass between Earth & Neptune: expected to be very **common**

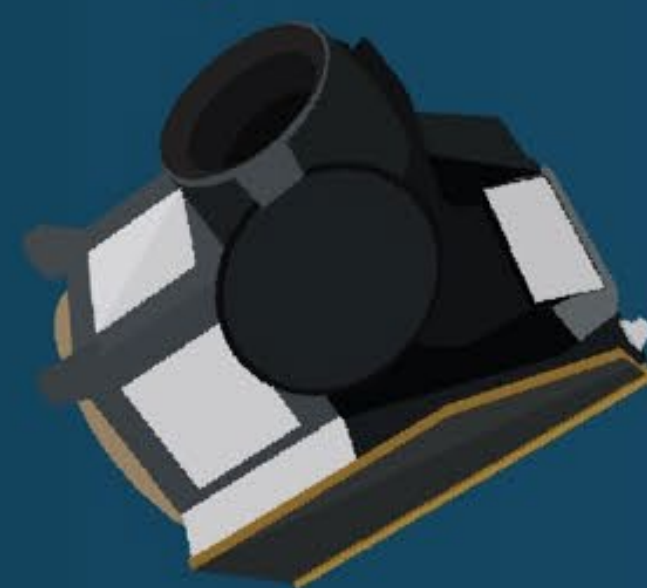
LTT 9779

Sun-like host star



Orbit
~ 19 hours

Cheops detected a small reduction in light coming from the system when the planet moved behind the star

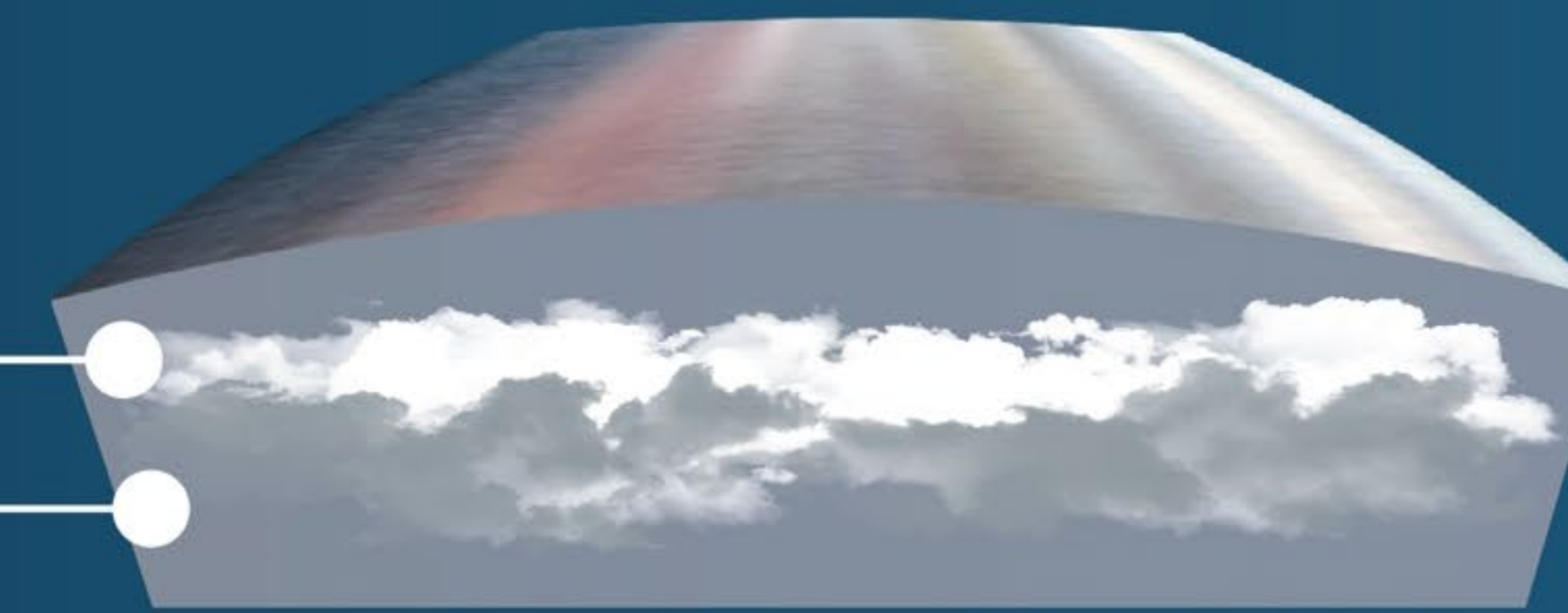


LTT 9779b

Mirror-like exoplanet

A unique ultra-hot Neptune-type planet which likely began its life as a bigger gas giant, but lost mass over time

Silicate (glass) cloud layer
Titanate cloud layer



Cloud-filled atmosphere reflects 80% of incident light

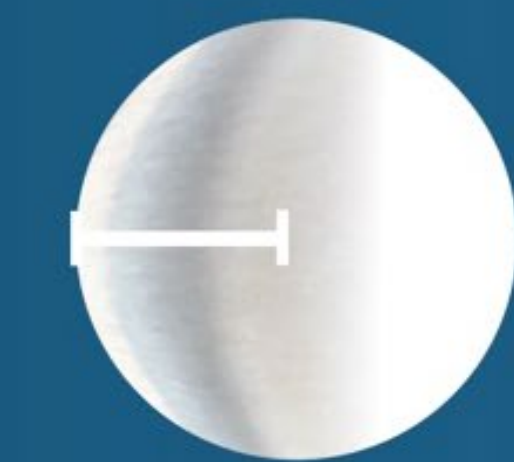
Mass

1.7 × Neptune



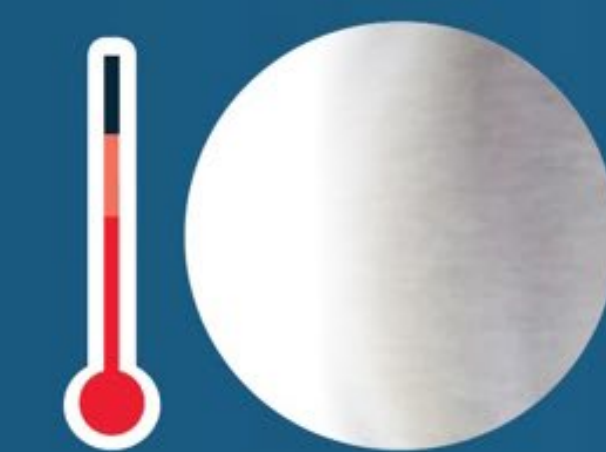
Radius

1.2 × Neptune



Dayside temperature

~ 2000 °C



LTT 9779b: an ultrahot, extremely high albedo Neptune-mass planet

- Found by TESS, characterised by HARPS, 10 secondary eclipse measurements by CHEOPS
- Surprisingly deep secondary transits: 115 ± 24 parts per million
- Yields very high albedo $0.80^{+0.10}_{-0.17}$ (cf. Venus = 0.77), temperature ~2000K
- Best-fit model: hot, metal-rich atmosphere (400 x solar) with titanium-bearing condensates + silicates

All images: NASA, ESA, CSA,
STScI



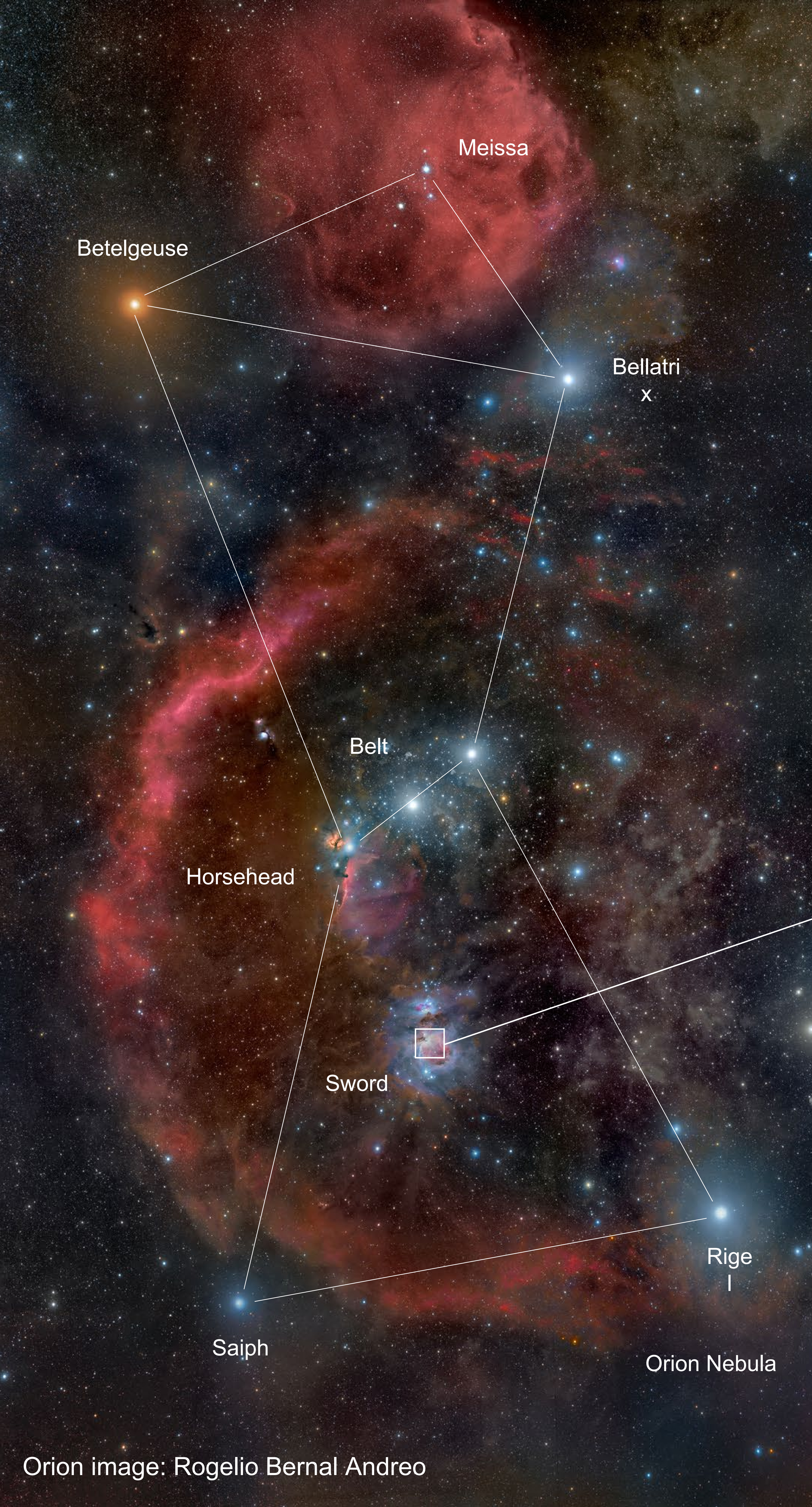
Carina Nebula



Eagle Nebula



VLA1623 in ρ Ophiuchi



Orion image: Rogelio Bernal Andreo

Orion Nebula in the visible / HST Treasury project, NASA, ESA, Roberto et al.



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N
E
3" = 1170 au



JuMBO35

1" = 390 au

E: 4 M_{Jup}
W: 3 M_{Jup}

JuMBO34

1" = 390 au

E: 5 M_{Jup}
W: 5 M_{Jup}

JuMBO33

1" = 390 au

N: 4 M_{Jup}
S: 4 M_{Jup}

JuMBO32

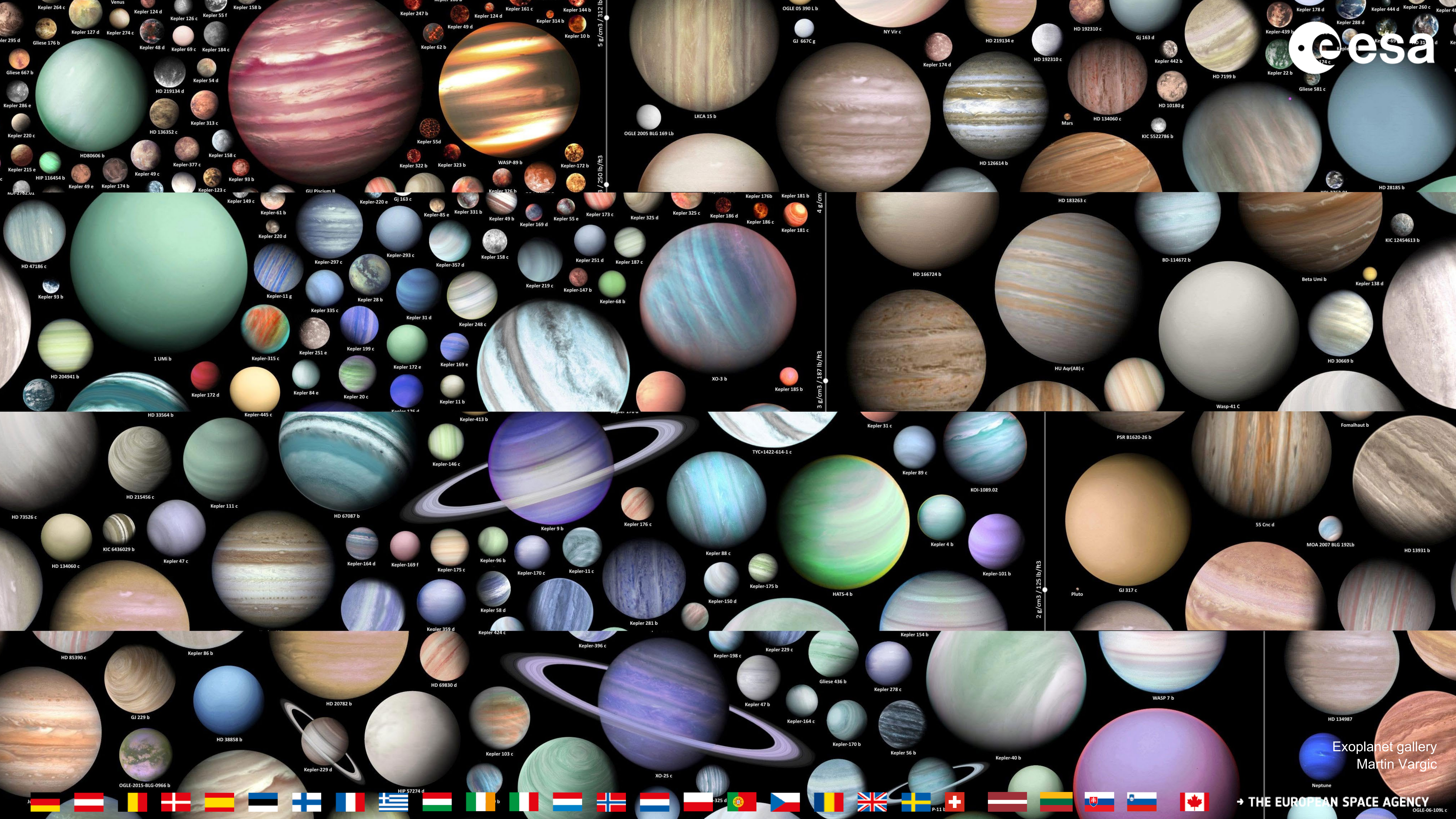
1" = 390 au

E: 4 M_{Jup}
W: 3 M_{Jup}

JuMBO31

1" = 390 au

N: 3 M_{Jup}
S: 7 M_{Jup}



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Exoplanet gallery
Martin Vargic

Neptune

OGLE-06-109L c

PLATO

- Transit survey with focus on terrestrial-mass exoplanets orbiting nearby Sun-like planets
- 26 x 12cm aperture cameras, each 81.4 megapixels, 25 sec cadence, >2 years per star
- ESA mission
- Launch 2026 on Ariane 6 to L2, nominal mission 4 years, up to 8.5 years



Ariel

- Atmospheric chemistry & thermal properties of ~1000 exoplanets via transit spectroscopy
- 1.1 x 0.7 metre cryogenic telescope, photometry + spectroscopy from 0.5–7.8 microns
- ESA-led mission with NASA participation
- Launch 2029 on Ariane 6 to L2, nominal mission 4 years

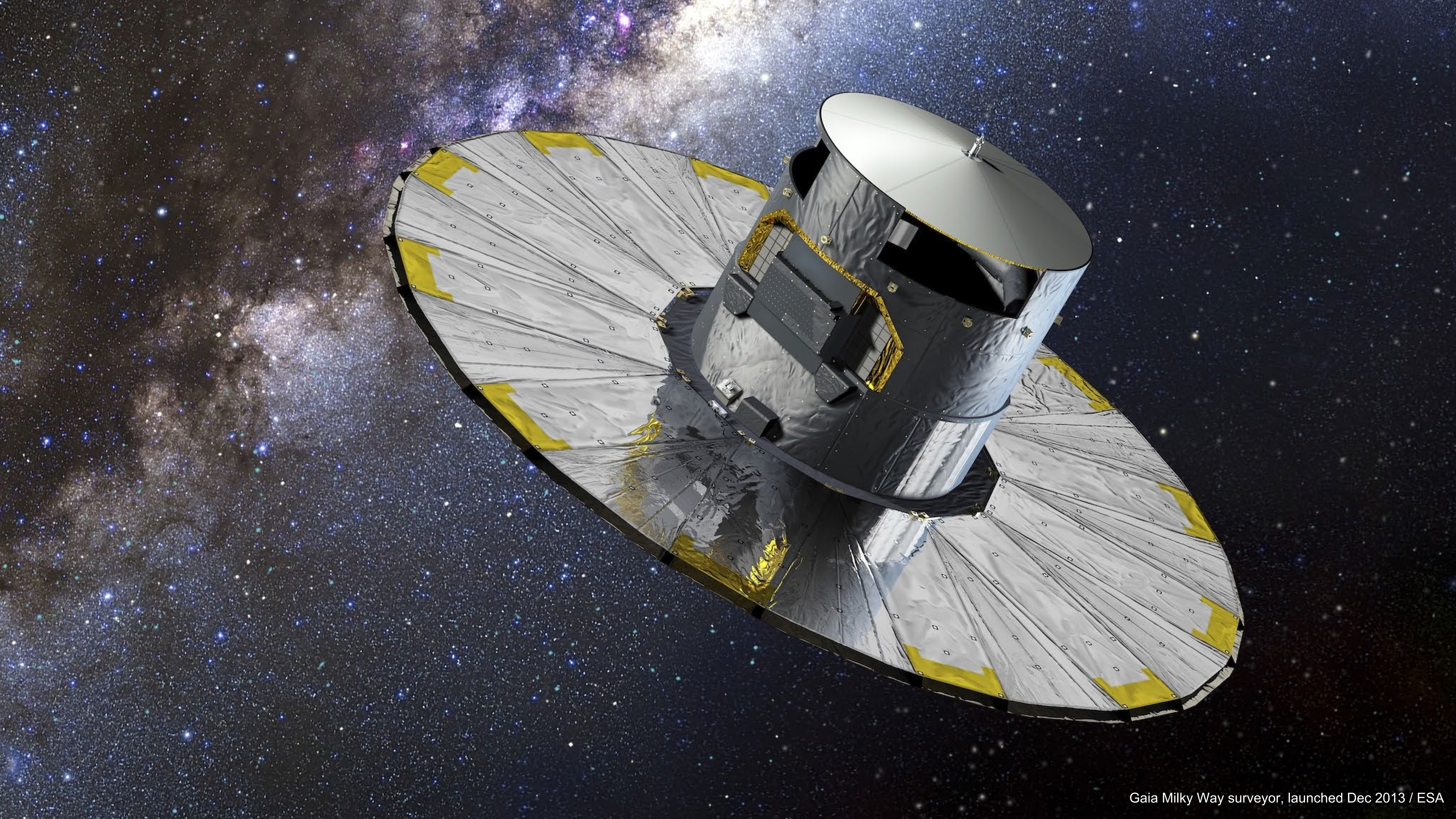


Comet Interceptor

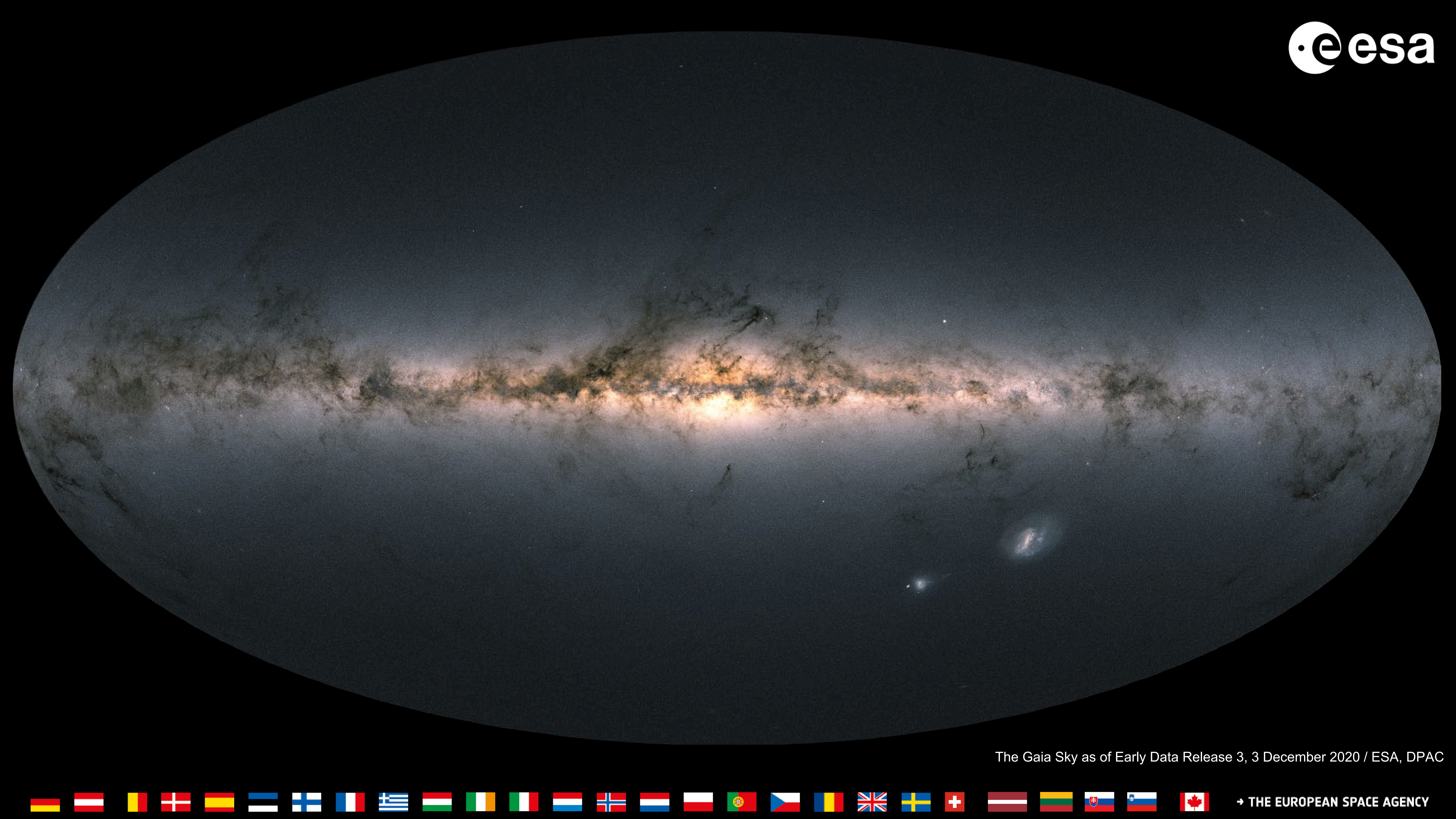
- Close flyby & study of dynamically-new long period comet or interstellar object
- 3 spacecraft for in situ & remote observations at 400–1000 km at closest approach
- First ESA F-class mission, with JAXA participation
- Launch 2029 on Ariane 6 with Ariel to L2, loiter 2–3 years awaiting interesting target



Background: Comet 67P/C-G from 213km on 4 June 2015 / ESA, Rosetta, OSIRIS WAC

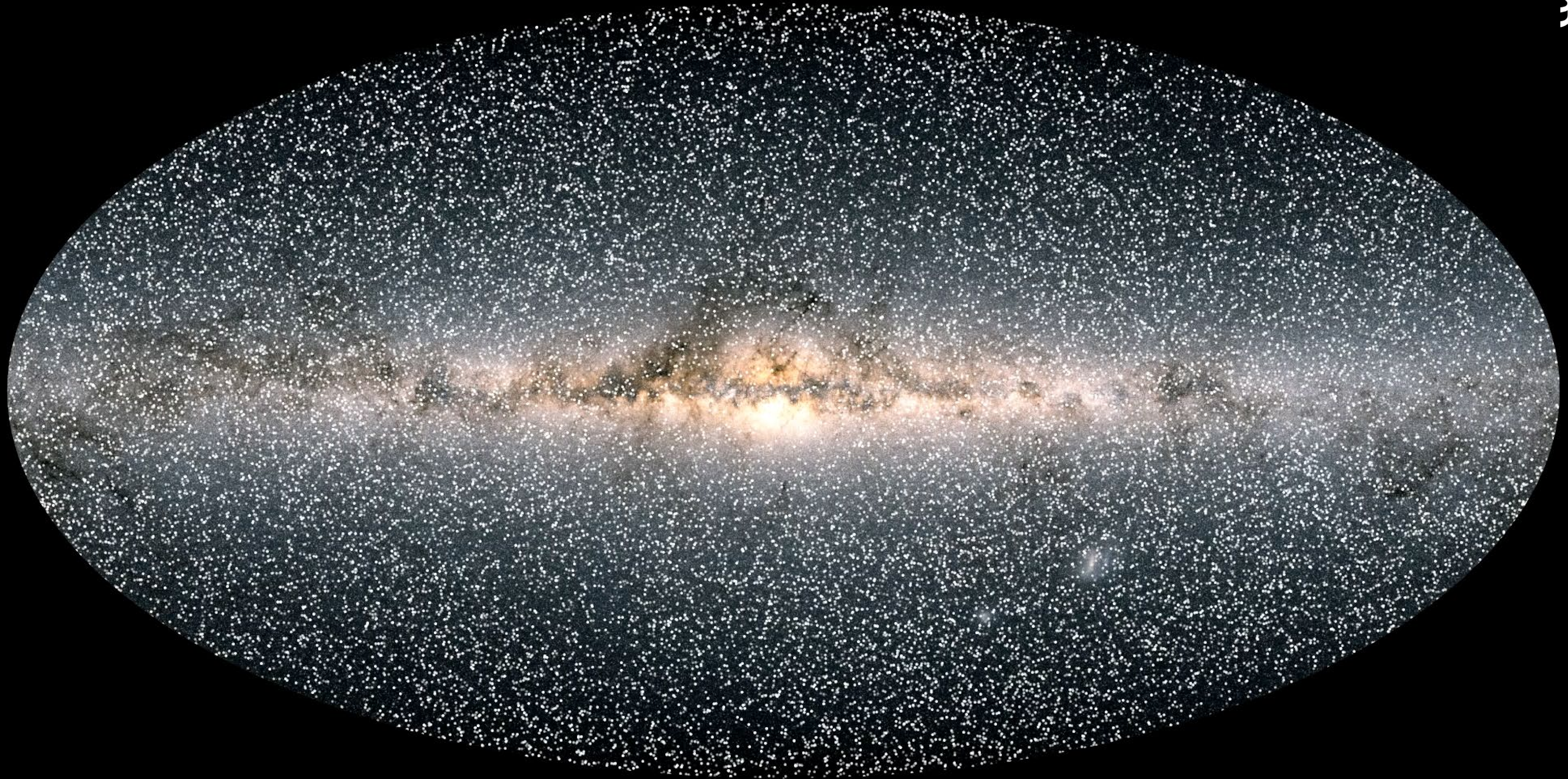


Gaia Milky Way surveyor, launched Dec 2013 / ESA



The Gaia Sky as of Early Data Release 3, 3 December 2020 / ESA, DPAC





40,000 selected stars within 100pc with known proper motions & radial velocities
Projected over 1.6 million years; trailing arc at each point is 80,000 years long

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Brown, Jordan, Roegiers, Luri, Masana, Prusti, & Moitinho







- **Strongly-lensed quasars important in cosmology**

- Direct measurement of H_0 via time delay between lensed components
- Detailed studies of dark matter haloes & substructures
- Constraining the Dark Energy equation of state

- **New gravitationally-lensed quasars discovered by Gaia**

- 3,760,032 quasars searched for companions: 4,760,920 sources within 6" including original quasar
- Various classification techniques, including similar Gaia spectra used to seek lensed counterparts
- Final list of candidate systems: 381, of which 49 are strong



- **Dust-rich galaxies in the first billion years**

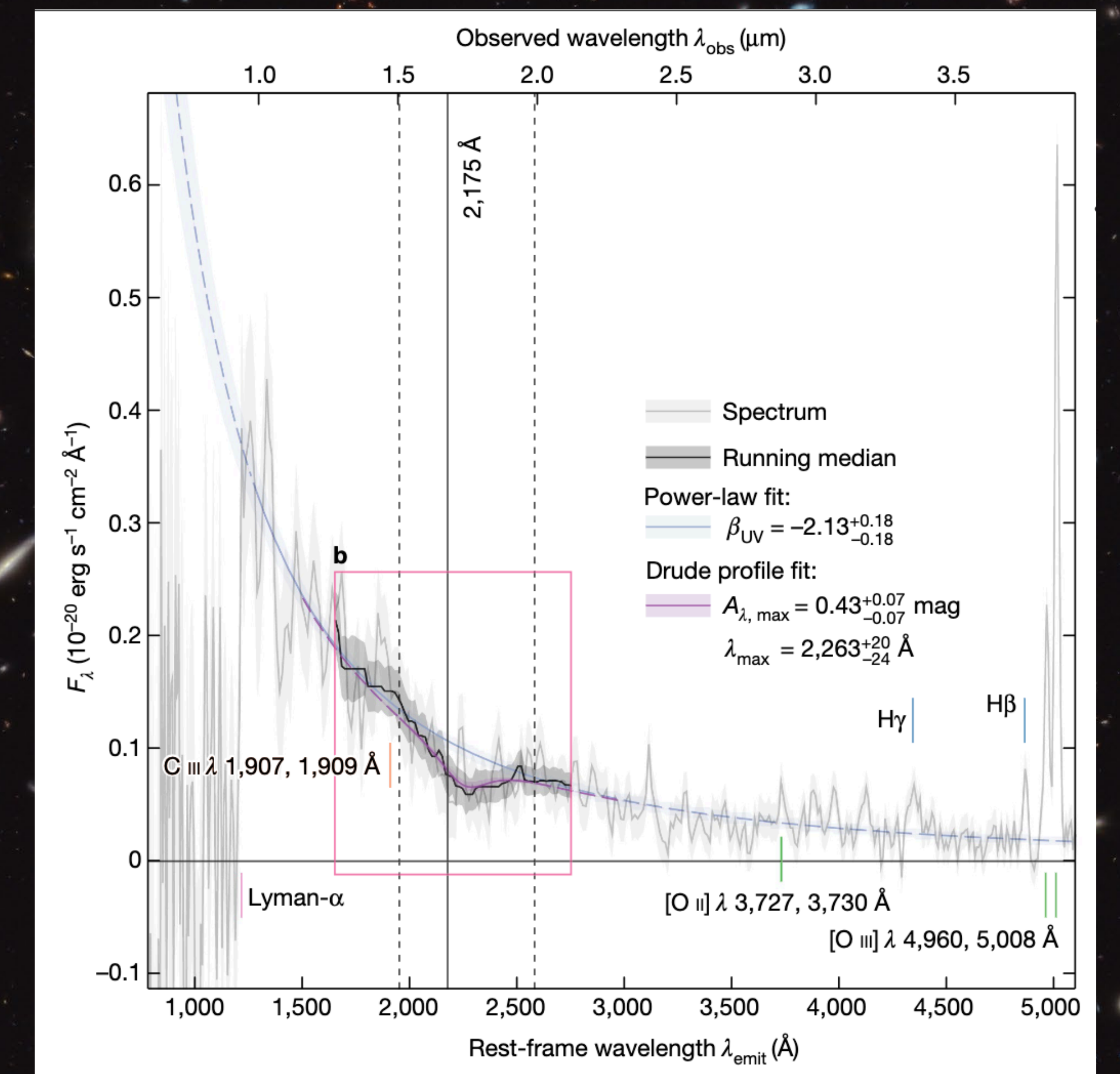
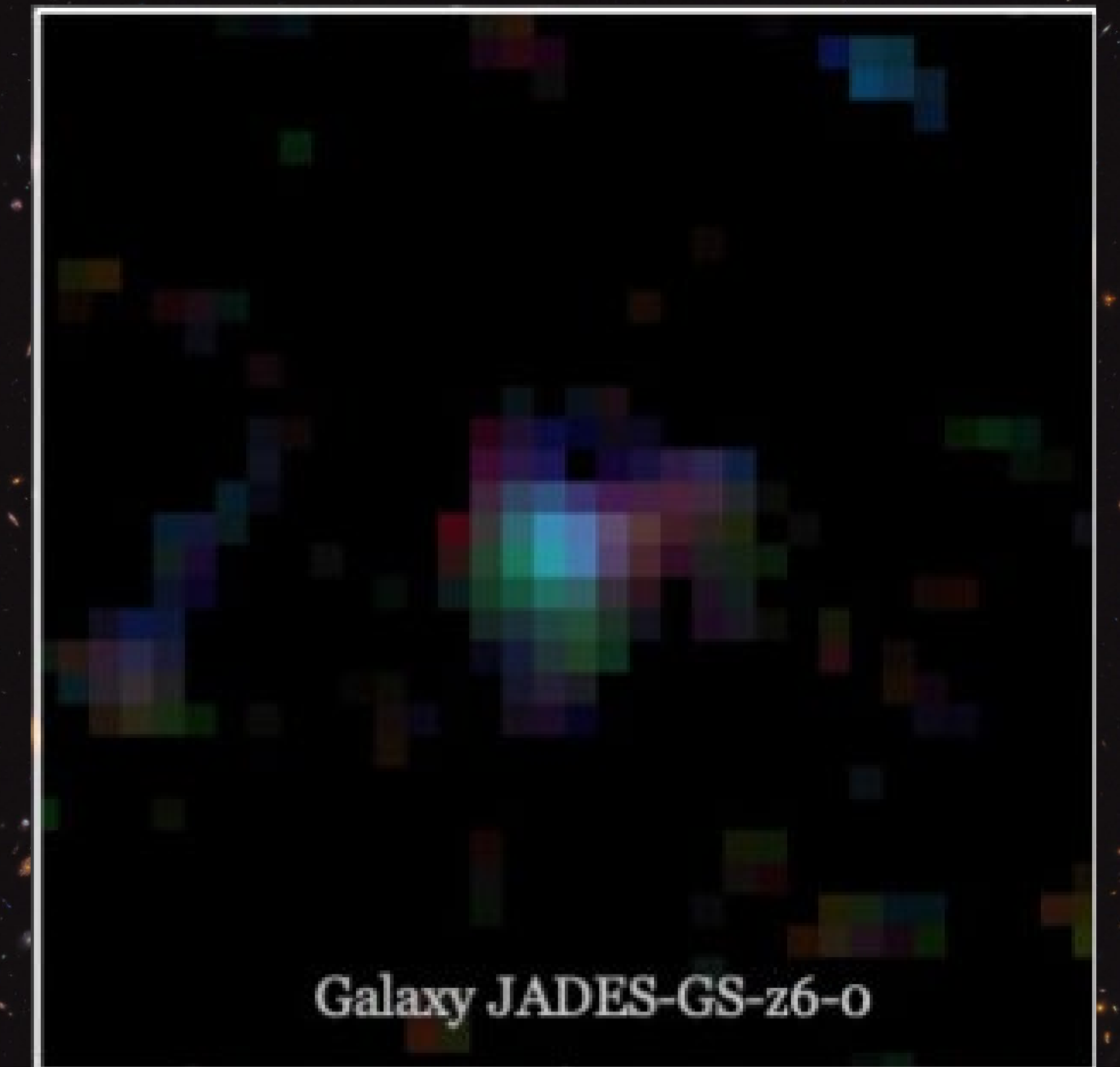
- Massive dust reservoirs ($\sim 10^8 M_{\odot}$) by $z=8$, 600Myr after Big Bang
- Poses problems for dust formation via supernovae, AGB stars, etc.

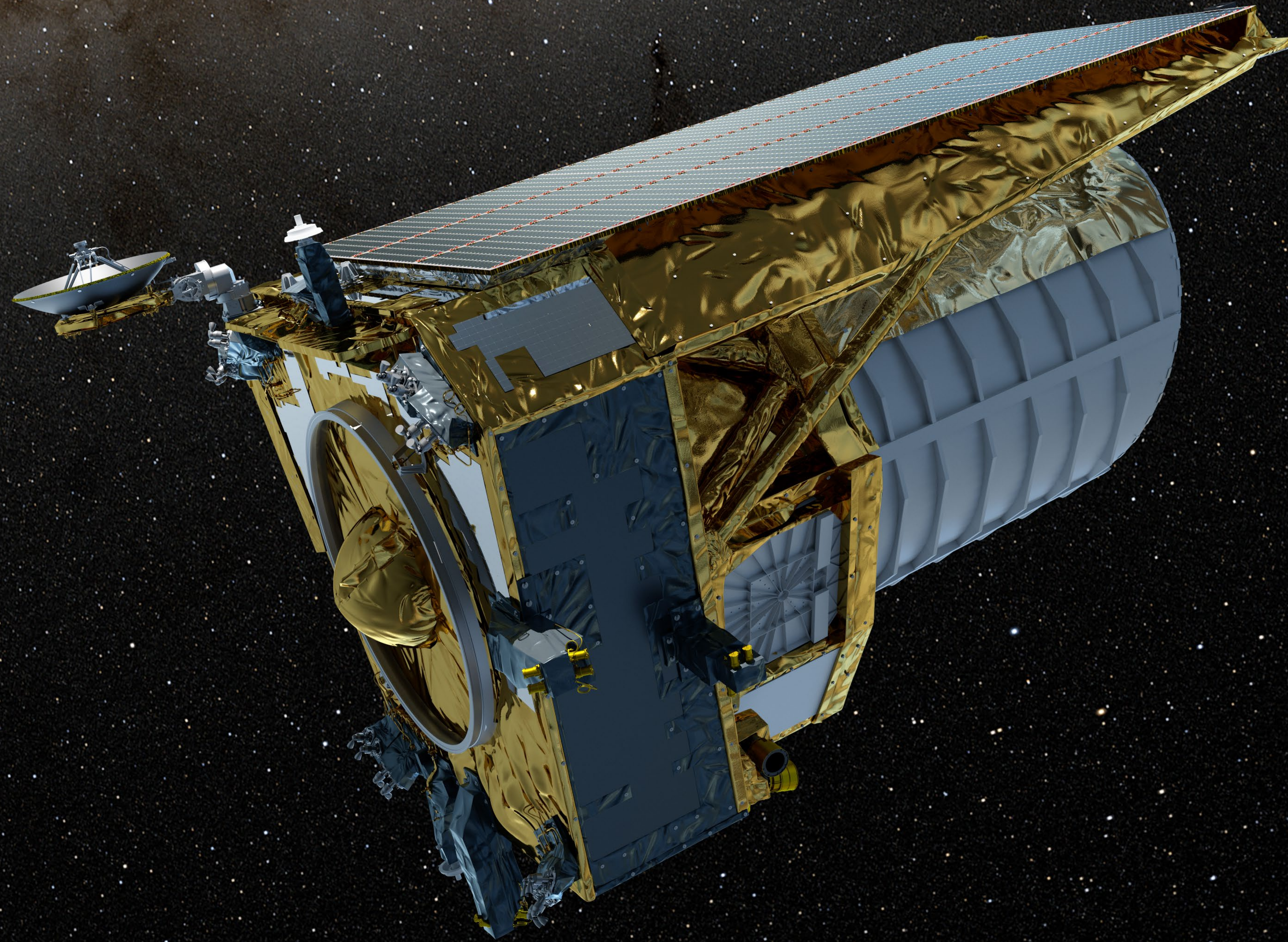
- **NIRSpec spectroscopy of galaxies in the JADES GOOD-S field**

- Target redshifted 2175Å UV attenuation bump due to PAHs
- R=100 prism + multi-shutter array, total integration 9.3–27.9 hrs
- Strong signal in JADES-GS-z6 at $z=6.71$ (~ 800 Myr after Big Bang)

- **What can produce so much carbon-rich dust so quickly?**

- Traditional route via low-mass ($0.5-8 M_{\odot}$) stars in AGB phase at end of life
- But at 800Myr after the Big Bang, stars typically only 400 Myr old & will not yet have evolved into AGB phase
- Needs faster dust production channels: supernovae & Wolf-Rayet stars
- For standard IMF, carbon-rich WR stars relatively rare
- Conversely, supernovae can produce substantial dust in ejecta
- **Observations place new constraints on dust production models**

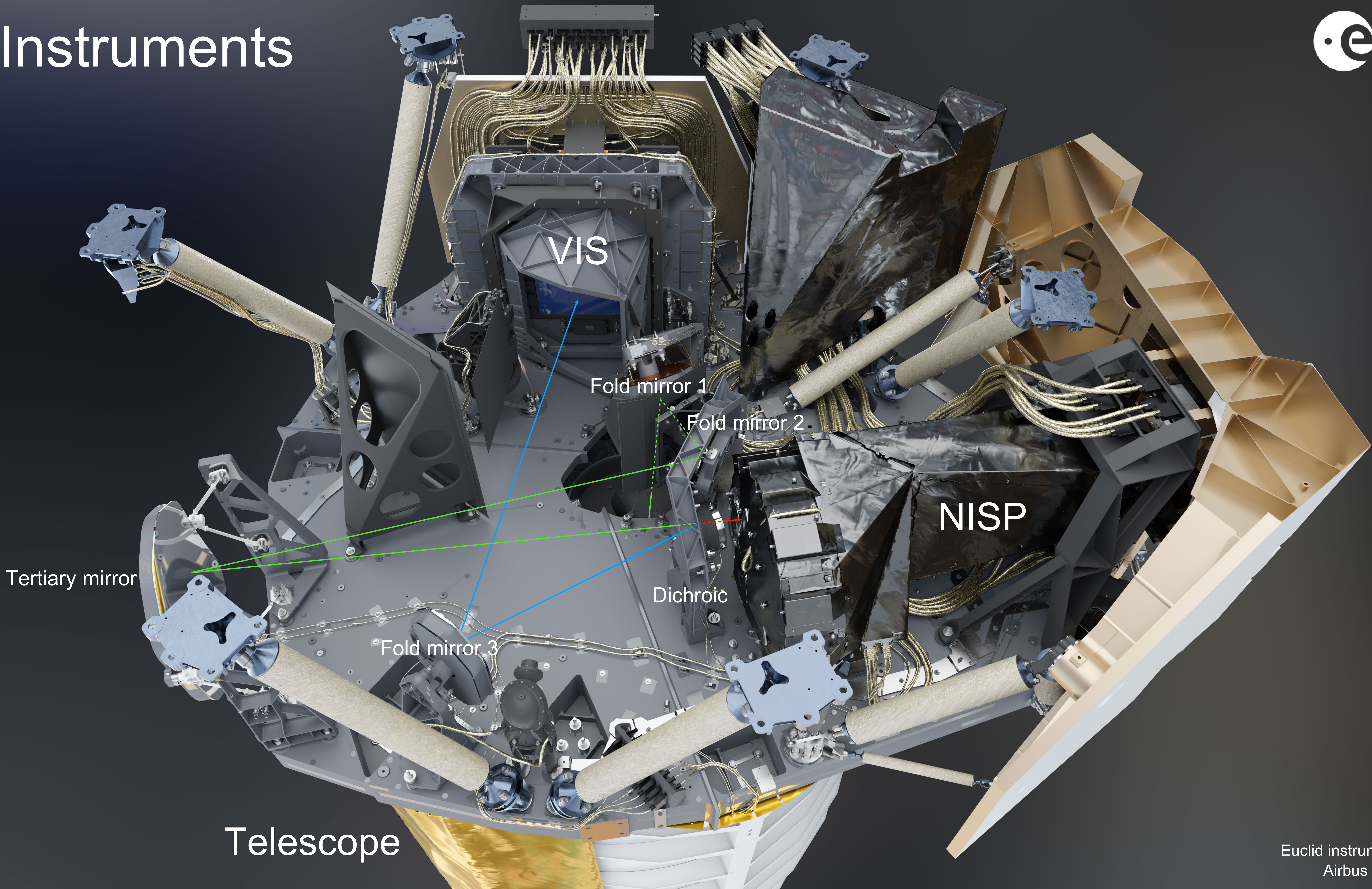




Euclid Mission



Instruments

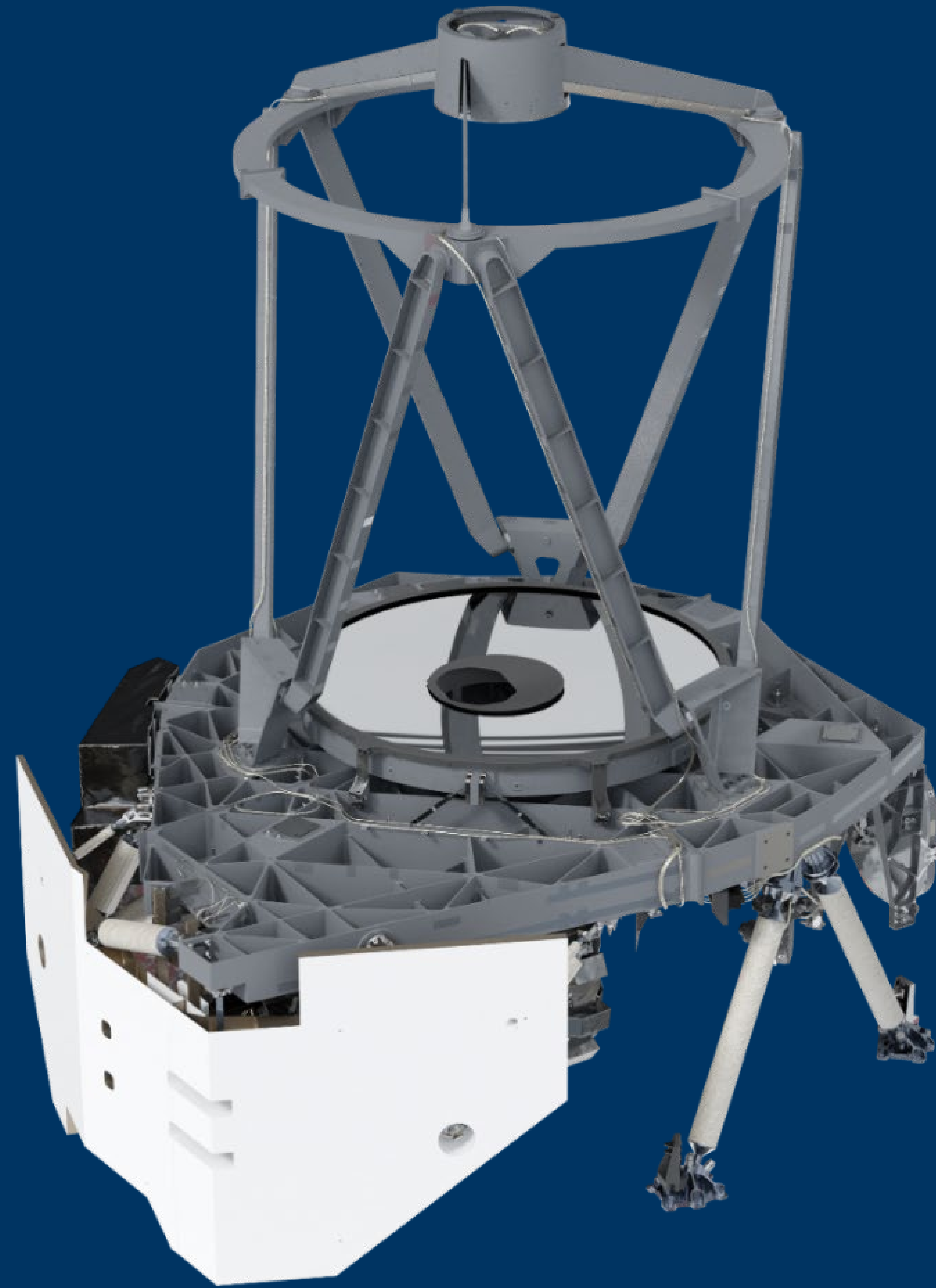


Euclid instruments VIS & NISP
Airbus Defence & Space

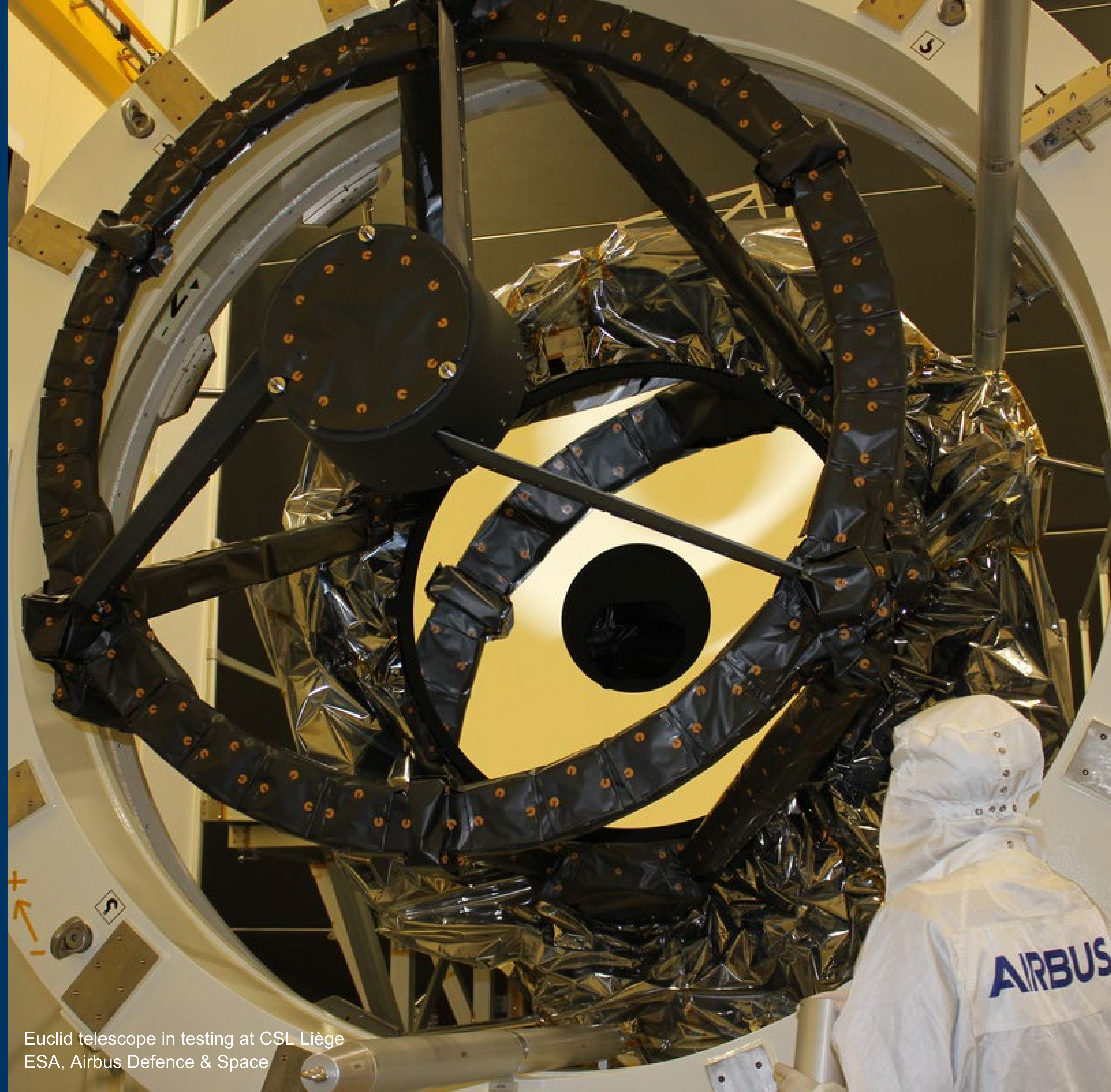


→ THE EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY

Telescope



- All silicon carbide 3-mirror Korsch anastigmat, with a 1.2 metre primary diameter
- Wide field-of-view & stable, diffraction-limited imaging



Euclid telescope in testing at CSL Liège
ESA, Airbus Defence & Space





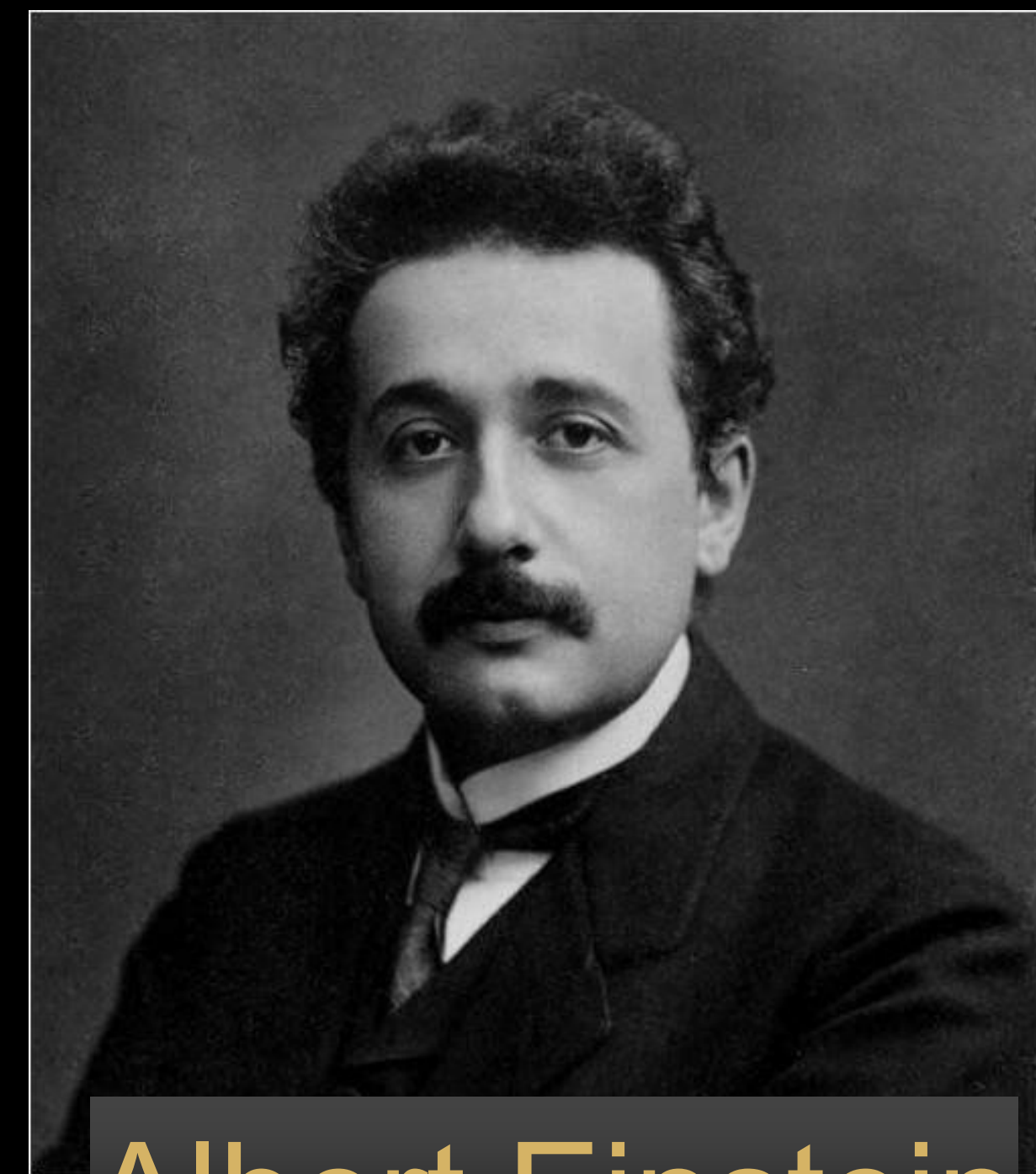
Euclid spacecraft immediately prior to fairing encapsulation at Astrotech, June 27 2023



Euclid launch from SLC-40 at Cape Canaveral, 1 July 2023 / SpaceX



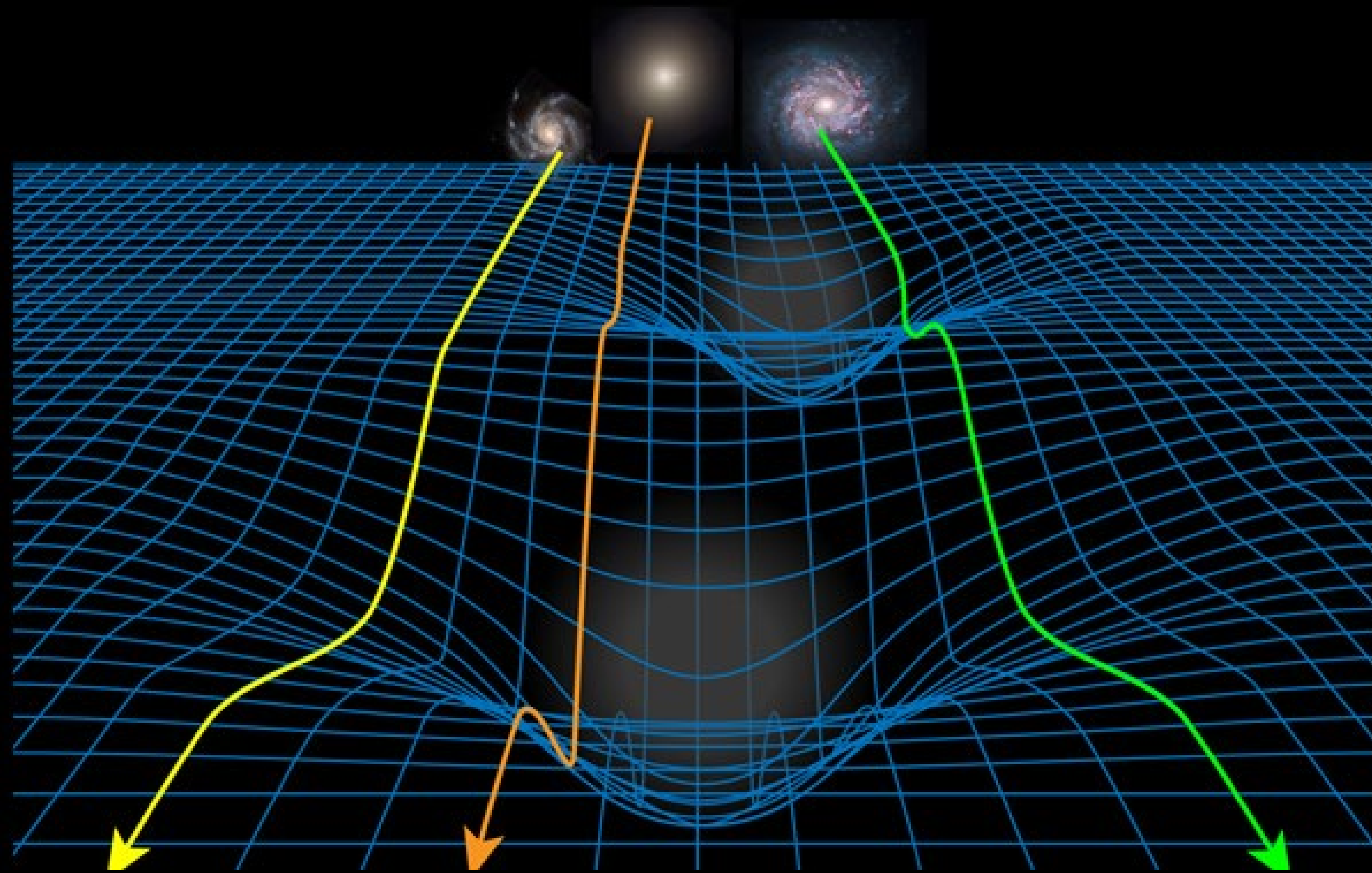
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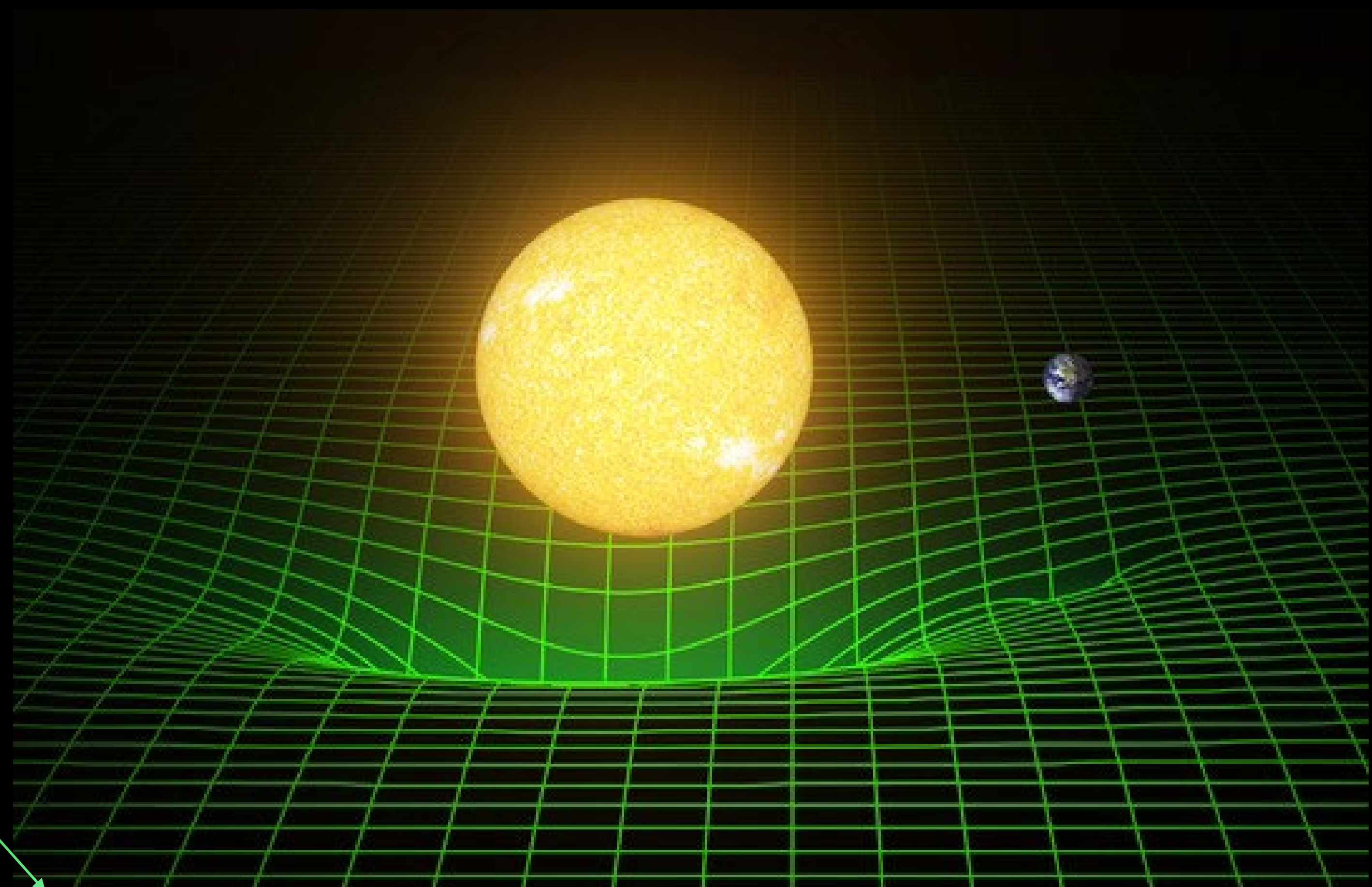
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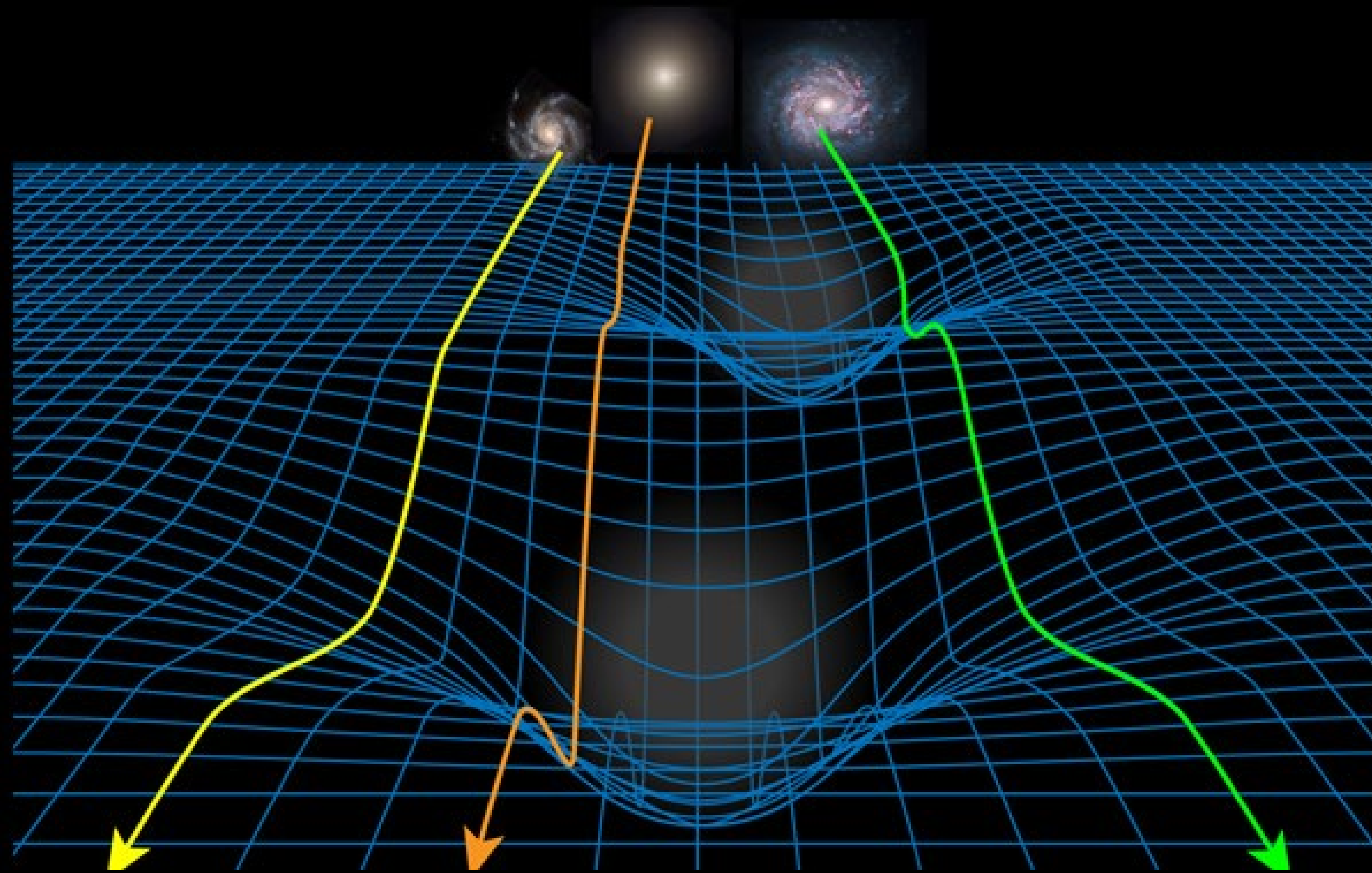
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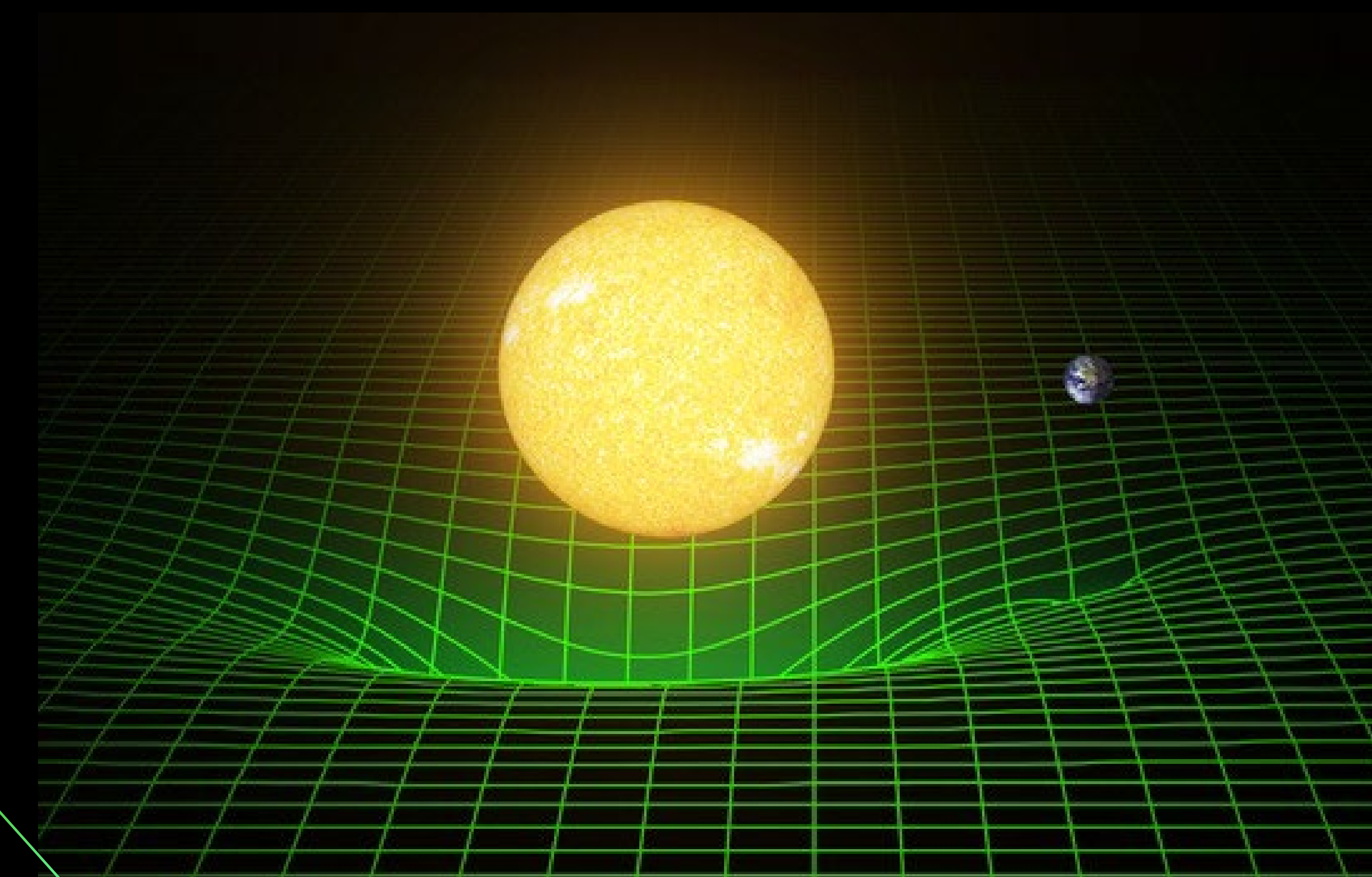
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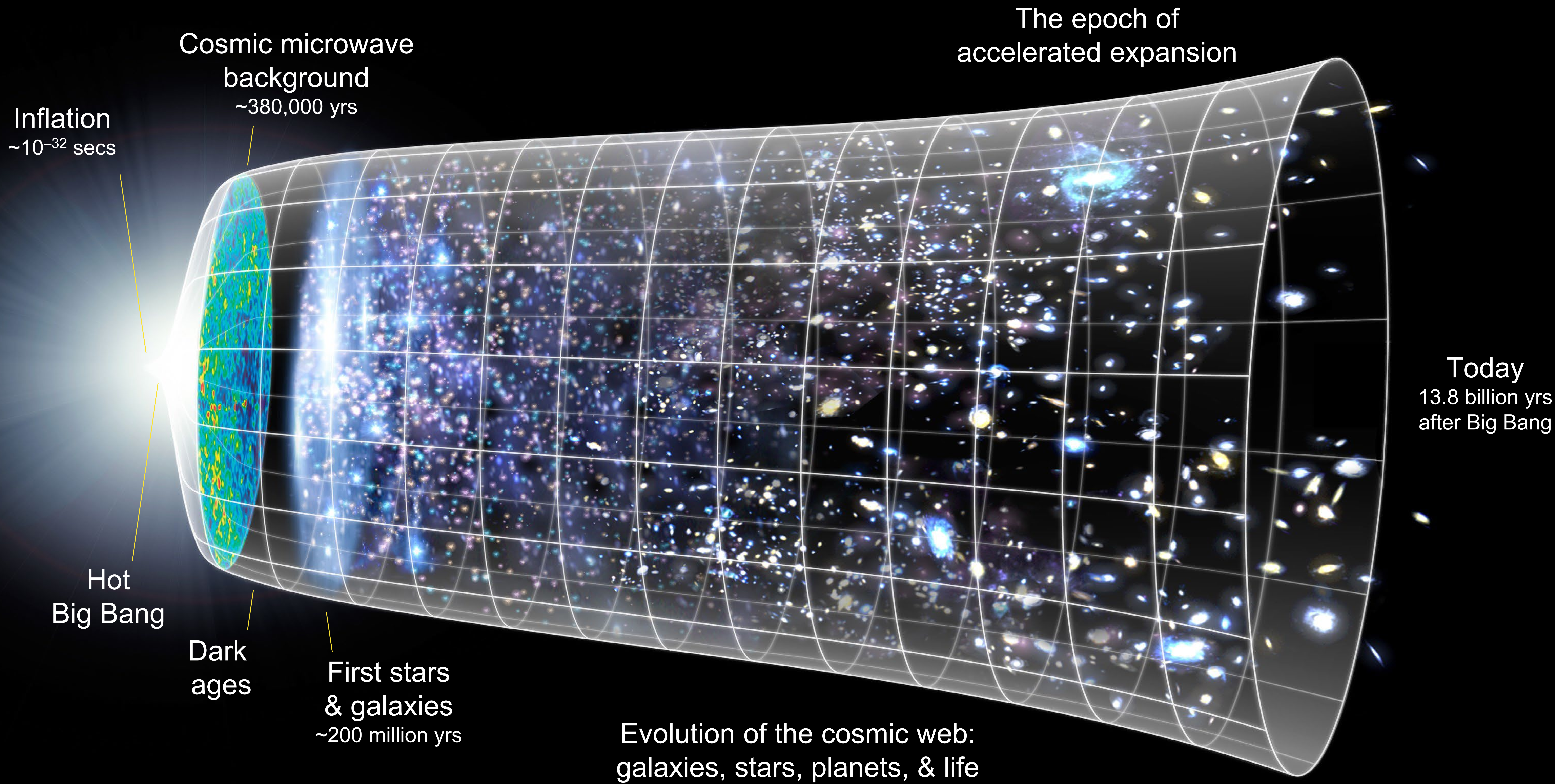
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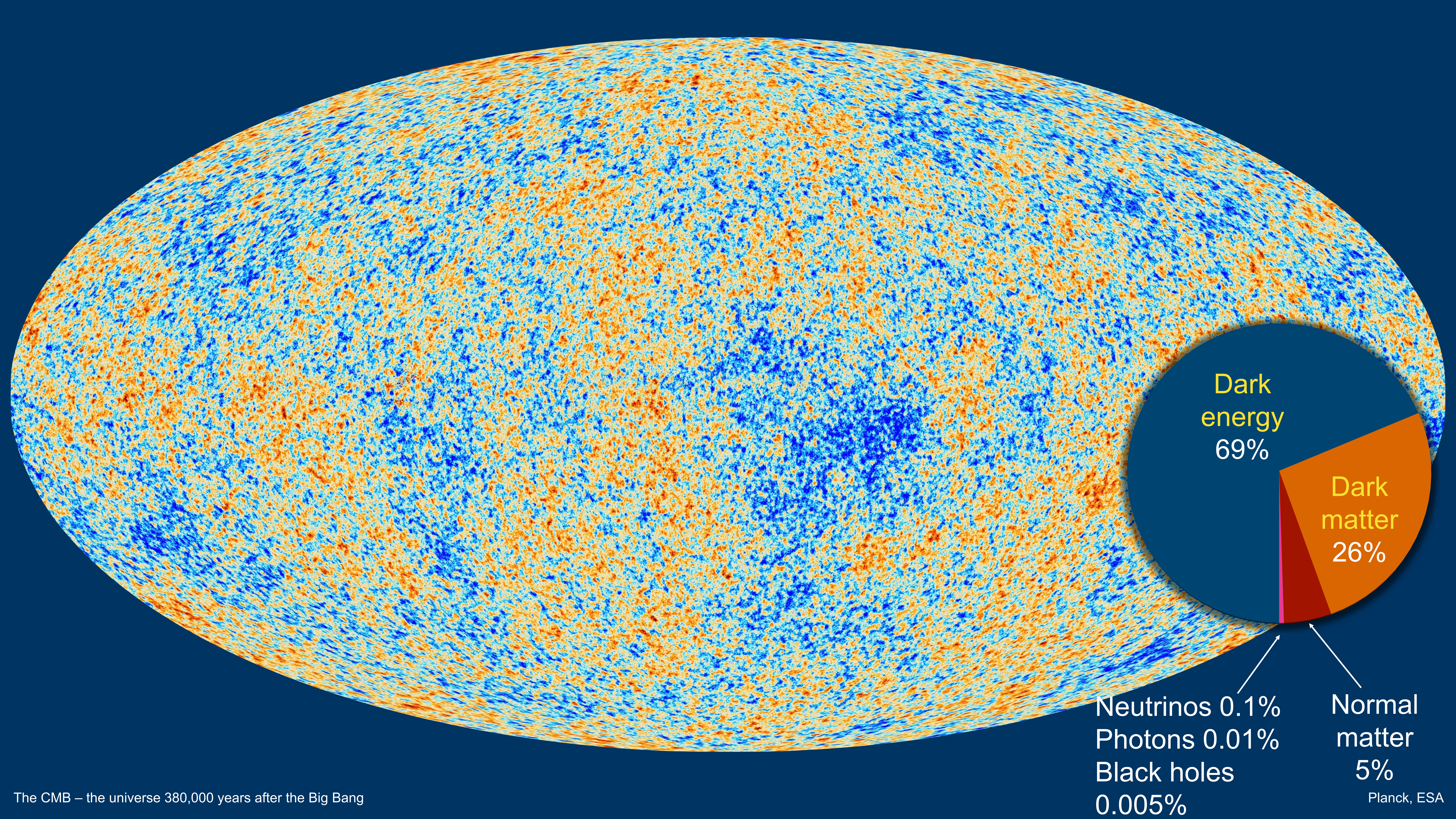


“Matter & energy tell space-time
how to bend”

+ ?

Evolution of Expansion





Dark energy
69%

Dark matter
26%

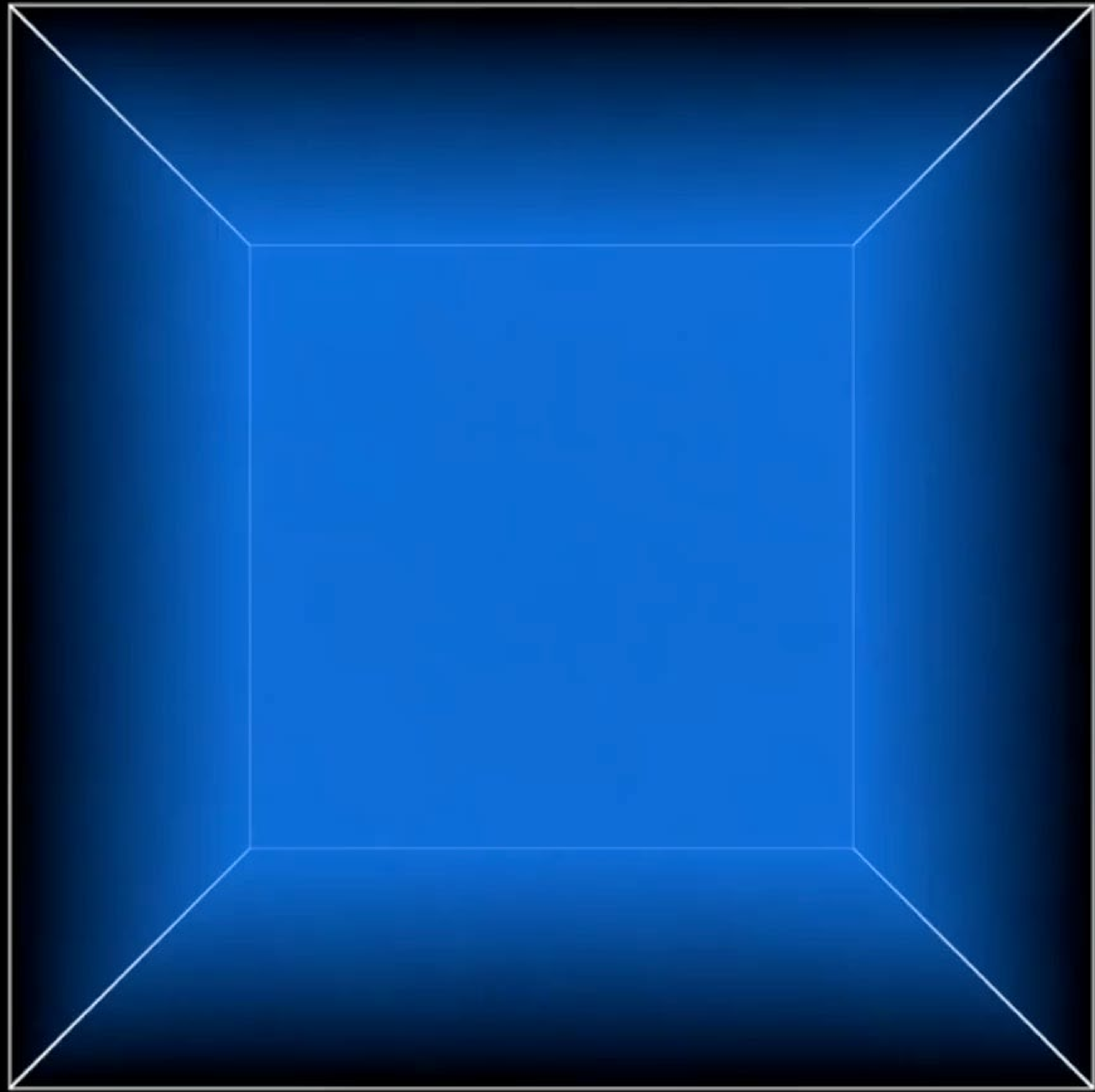
Neutrinos 0.1%
Photons 0.01%
Black holes
0.005%

Normal matter
5%

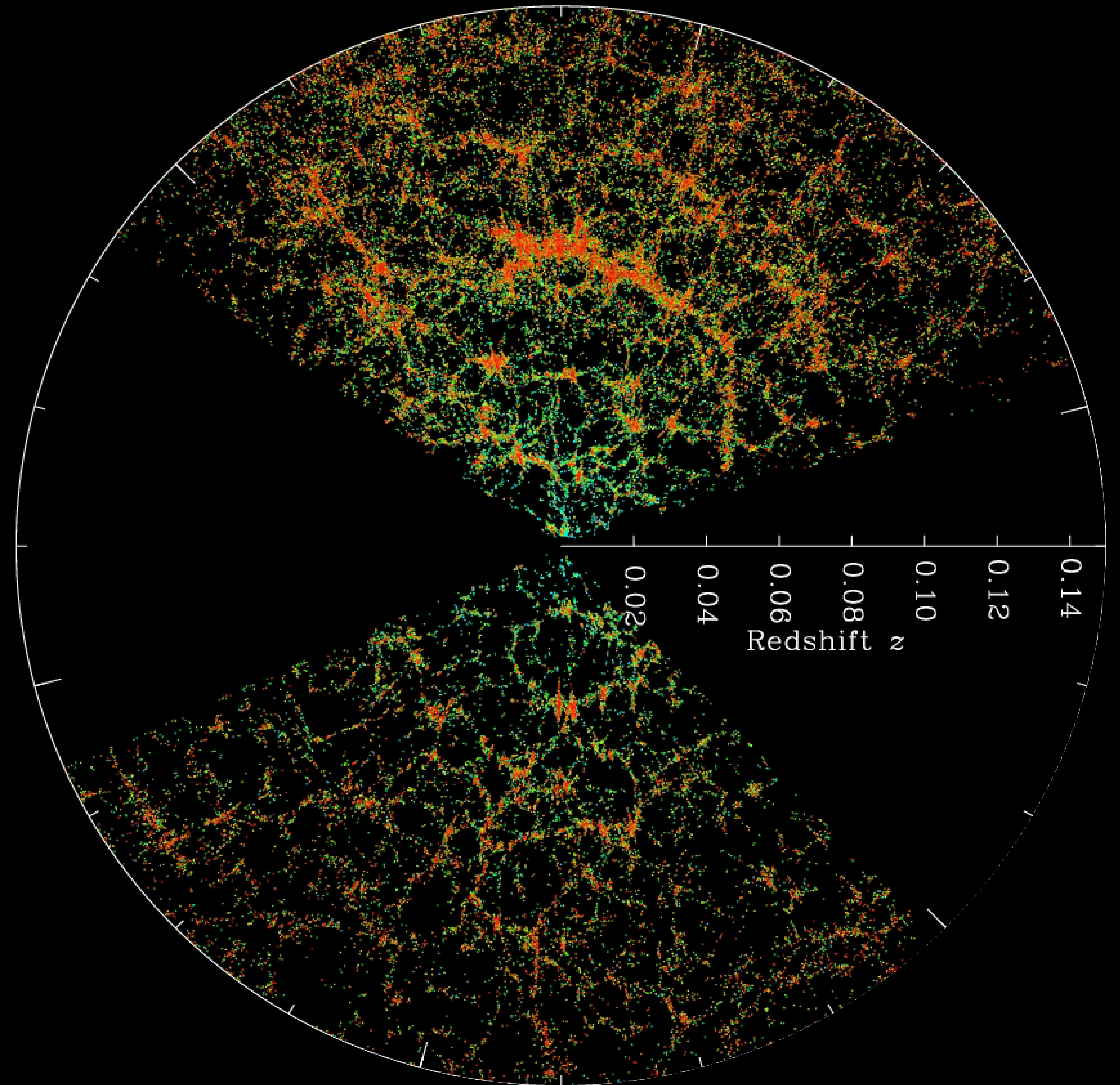
Planck, ESA

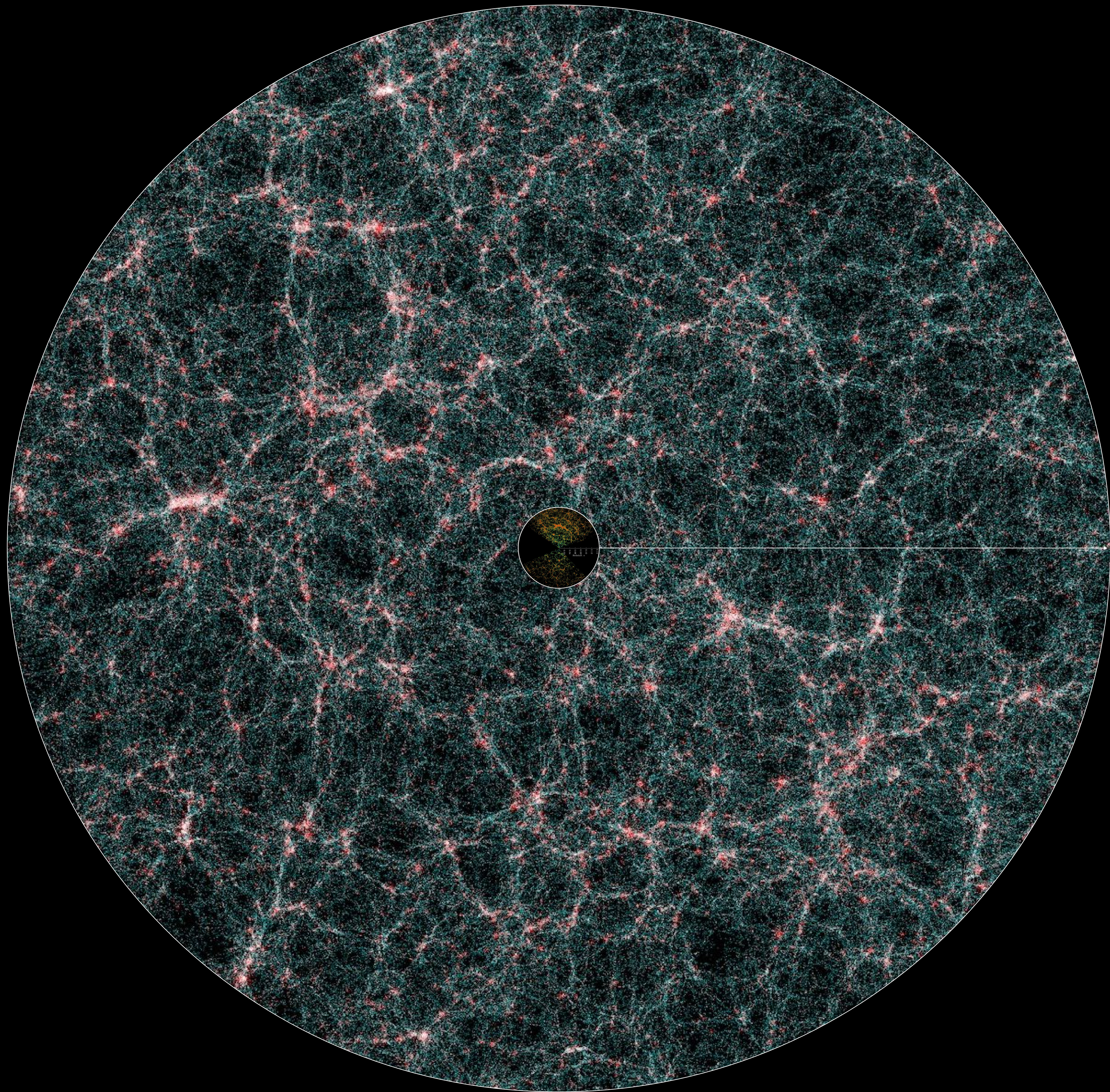
The CMB – the universe 380,000 years after the Big Bang

Evolution of gas density from Big Bang to present day



Mapping the cosmic web with redshift surveys





Euclid will survey galaxies out to redshift = 2,
3.3 billion years after the Big Bang

Euclid will survey ~1.5 billion galaxies in the universe looking back 10 billion yrs

Their positions, distances, & apparent shapes will map the distribution of **Dark Matter**

The evolution of structure will measure the accelerated expansion of the universe due to **Dark Energy**

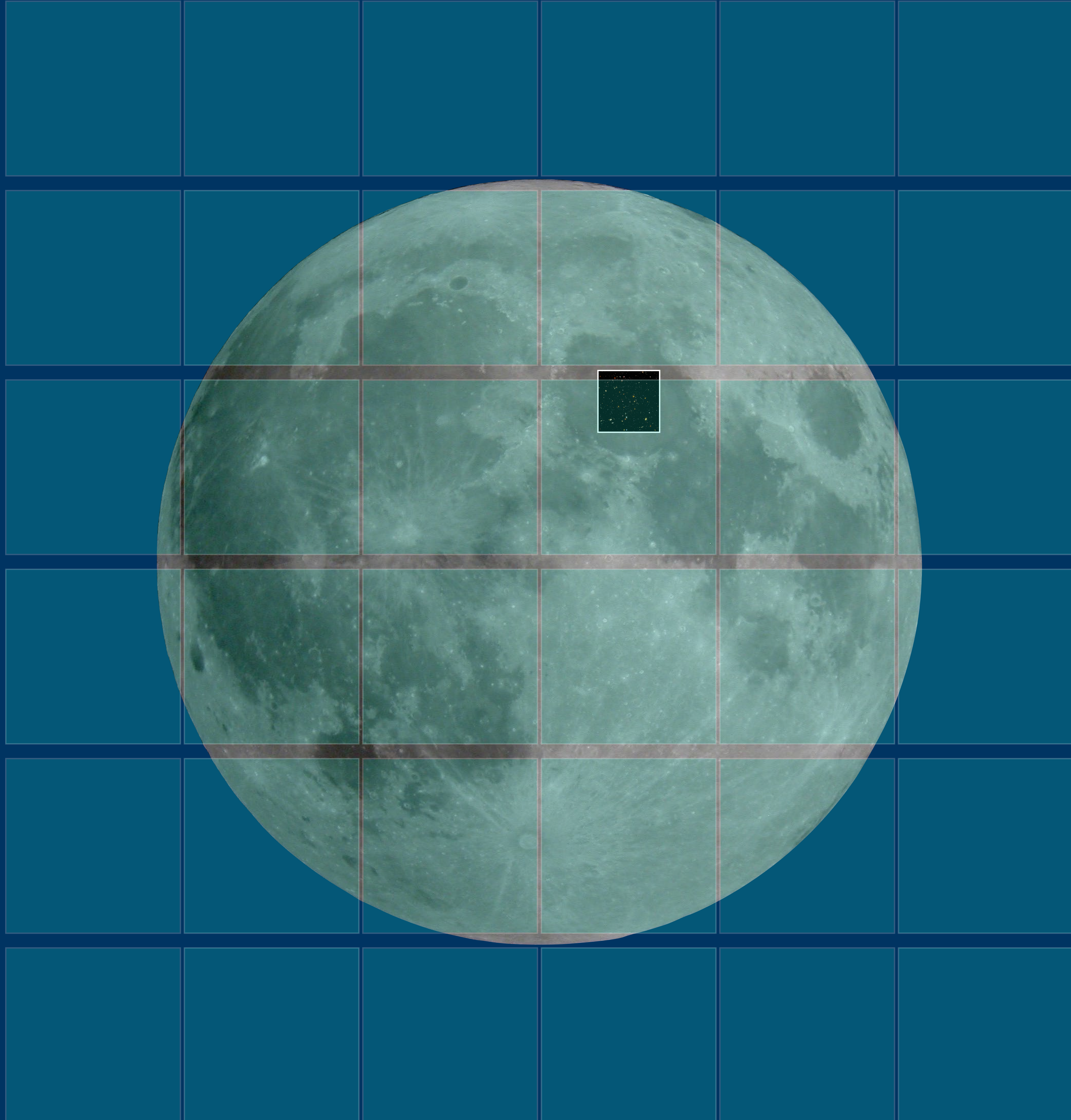
The growth of structure will also test our understanding of **gravity** acting on cosmic scales over cosmic time

Optimised for wide-field imaging & spectroscopy



Hubble Ultra Deep Field in Fornax: 2.6 x 2.6 arcmin

Optimised for wide-field imaging & spectroscopy



Euclid field-of-view: 42 x 44 arcmin

600 million pixels in 1 shot !

VIS:

36 4096 x 4132 pixel Si CCDs, supplied by Teledyne e2v

0.1 arcsec/pixel, 0.53–0.92 μm wide-band imaging

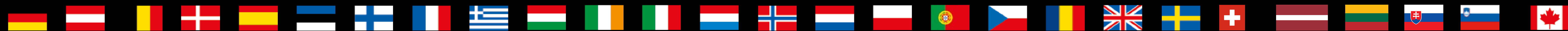
NISP:

16 2048 x 2048 pixel HgCdTe arrays, supplied by Teledyne & key NASA contribution to Euclid

0.3 arcsec/pixel, 0.95–2.02 μm Y/J/H-band imaging & $R > 400$ slitless spectroscopy

Total of ~30,000 independent fields to be studied with imaging & spectroscopy with diffraction-limited resolution

Euclid Release Image Nov 2023





The Perseus galaxy cluster



The Perseus galaxy cluster

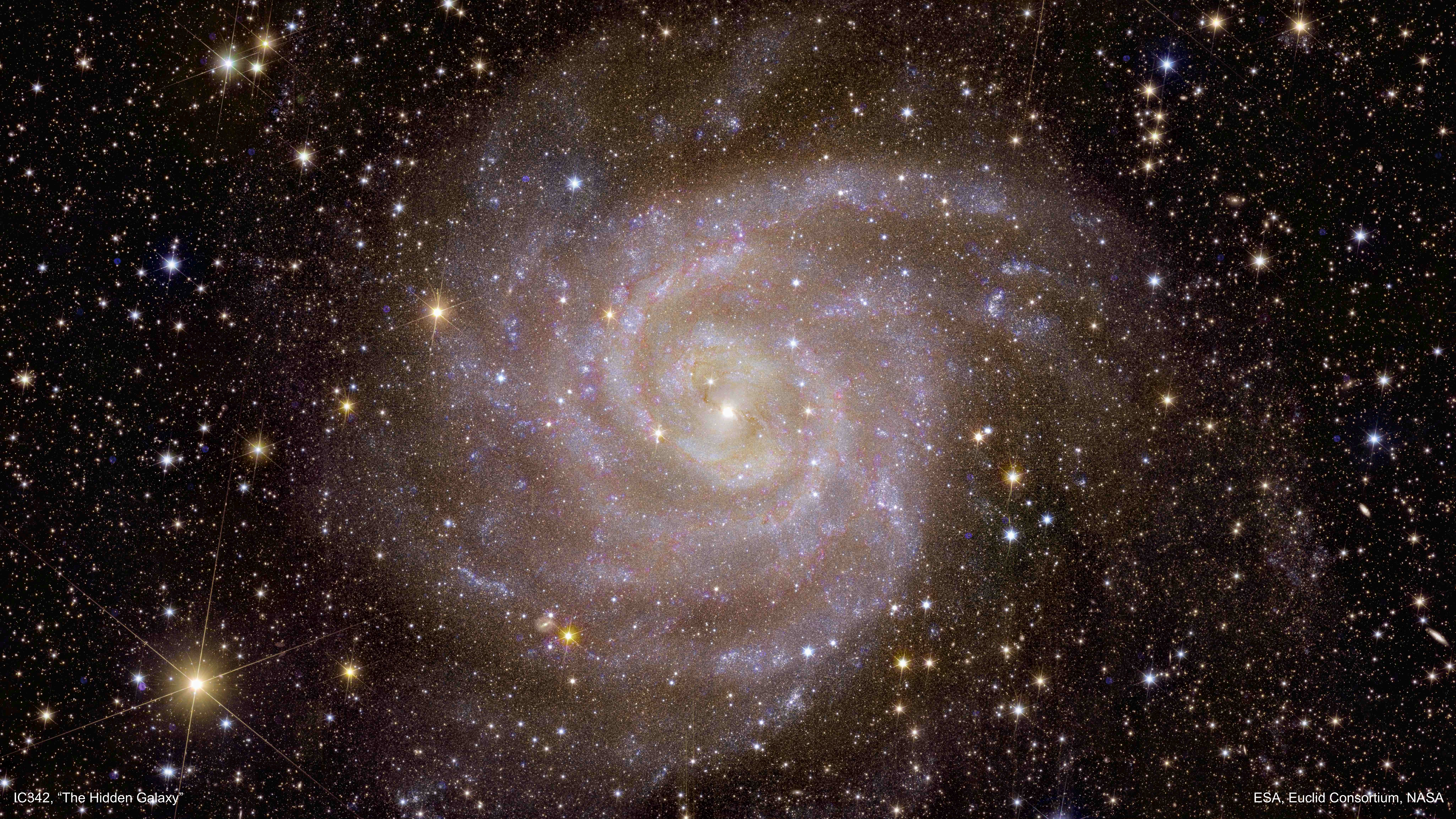




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IC342, "The Hidden Galaxy"



Irregular galaxy NGC6822



Irregular galaxy NGC6822

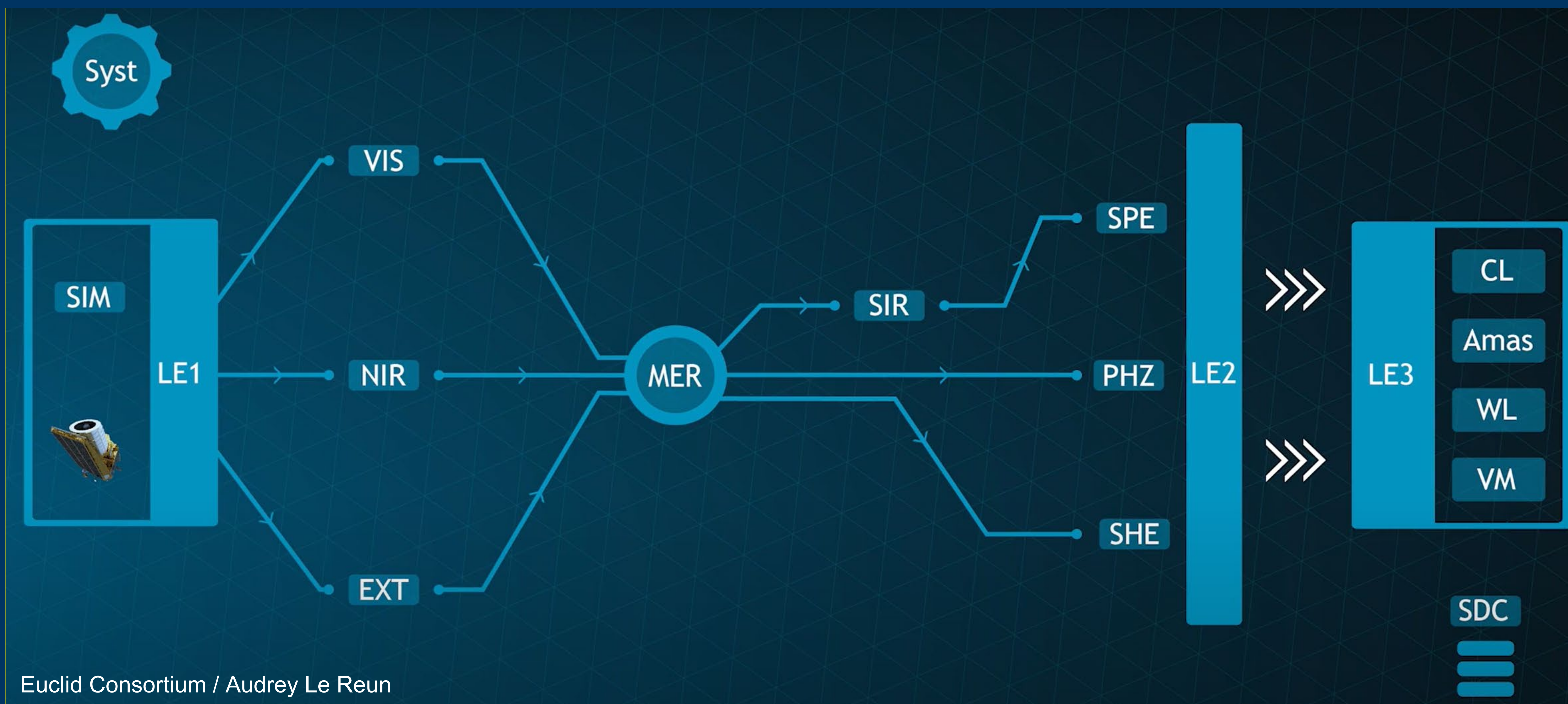








Science data processing



- Pipeline split across 9 Science Data Centres
- Each processing different patches of sky
- Products returned to central archive at ESAC
- Level 1 – raw data
- Level 2 – calibrated data products
- Level 3 – cosmology science-ready products

Total data volume: 170 petabytes (170,000,000 GB)



Euclid by numbers – Incredible European Teamwork

Countries involved: **21**

Science institutions: **300**

Science personnel: **~2500**

Companies involved: **80**

Industry contracts: **140**

Industry personnel: **~2000**

Spacecraft mass: **2.2 tonnes**

Telescope temperature: **-140°C**

Number of pixels: **676 million**

Survey duration: **6 yrs**

Area of sky: **15,000 deg²**

Number of galaxies: **1.5 billion**

Mission cost: **~ € 1.4 billion**

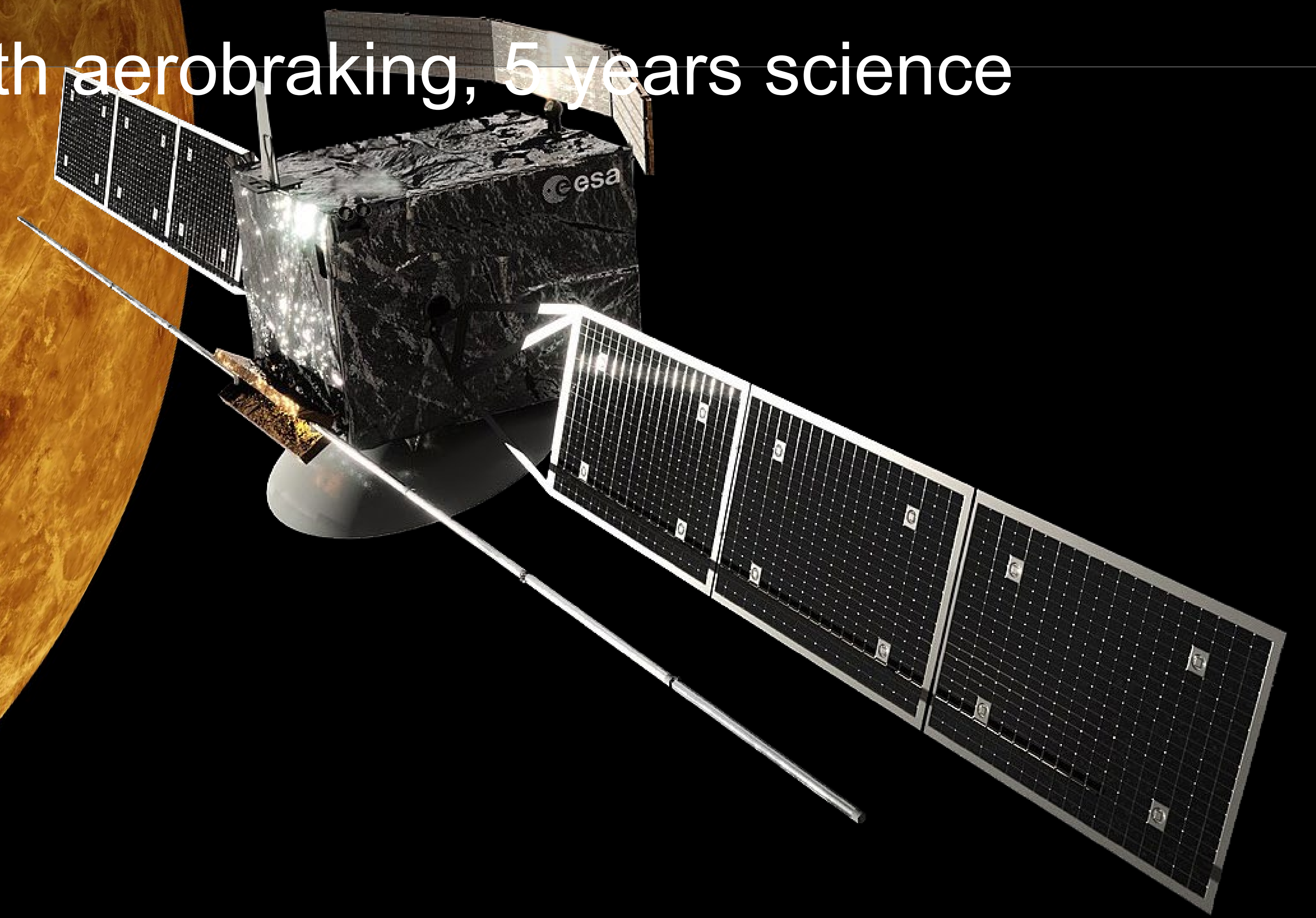
Distance from Earth: **1.5 million km**

Data download: **106GB/day**



EnVision

- Studying the atmosphere, surface, & interior of Venus
- 3 optical spectrometers, S-band radar for altimetry & radiometry, HF radar to probe sub-surface
- ESA-led mission with key NASA contributions
- Launch 2031 on Ariane 6, 15 month cruise, 15 month aerobraking, 5 years science



Magellan SAR image: NASA, JPL-Caltech
Akatsuki UV image: JAXA, ISAS, DARTS, Damia Bouic

Render: ESA, NASA, Paris Observatory, V2RPlanets



LISA

- Gravitational wave observatory: colliding massive black holes, galactic binaries, Big Bang remnants
- 3 spacecraft separated by 2.5 million km, tracking free-falling test masses to picometres
- ESA-led mission with NASA participation
- Launch mid-2030's on Ariane 6 to 1AU heliocentric orbit, nominal 4 year all-sky survey

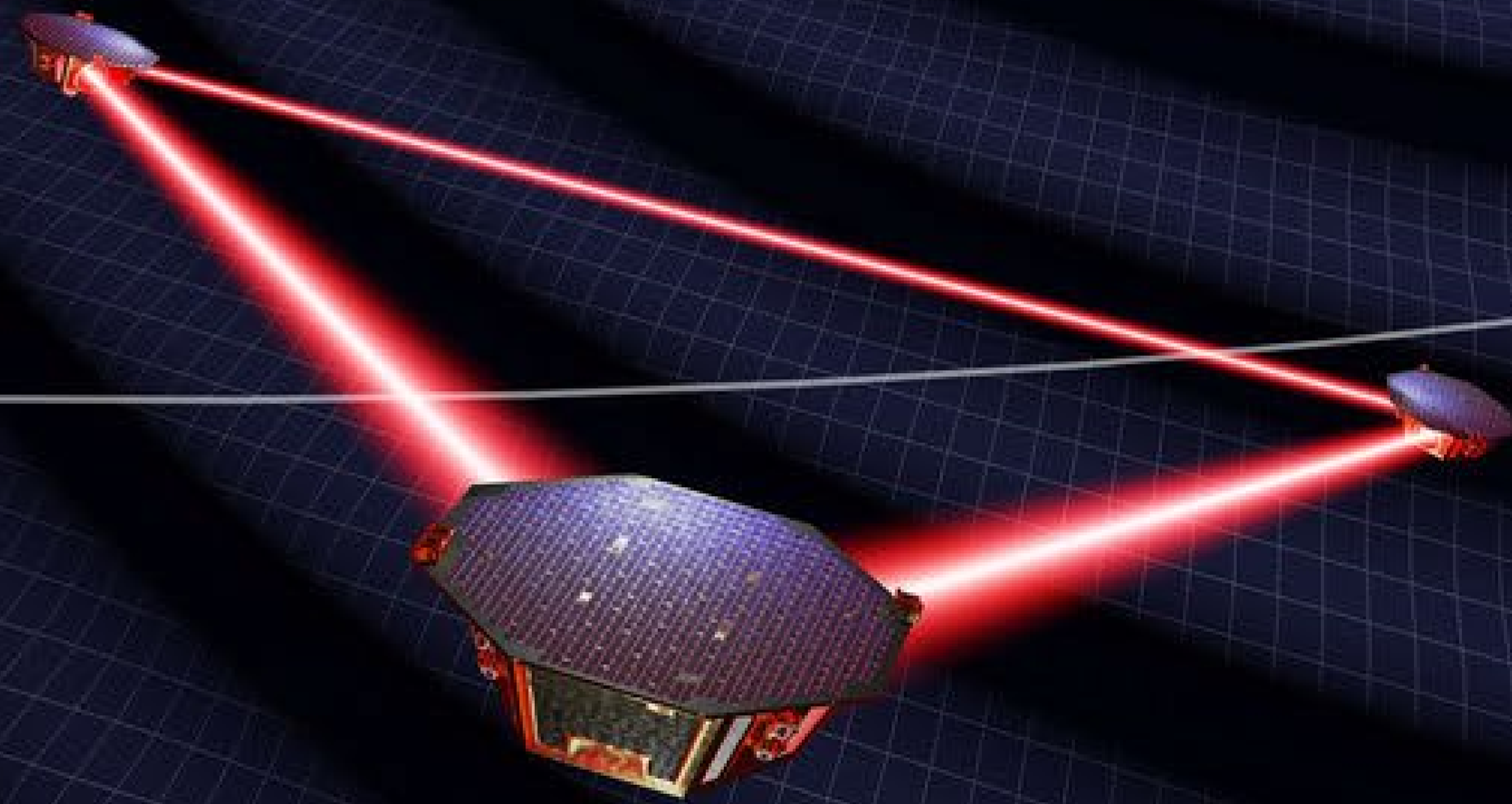


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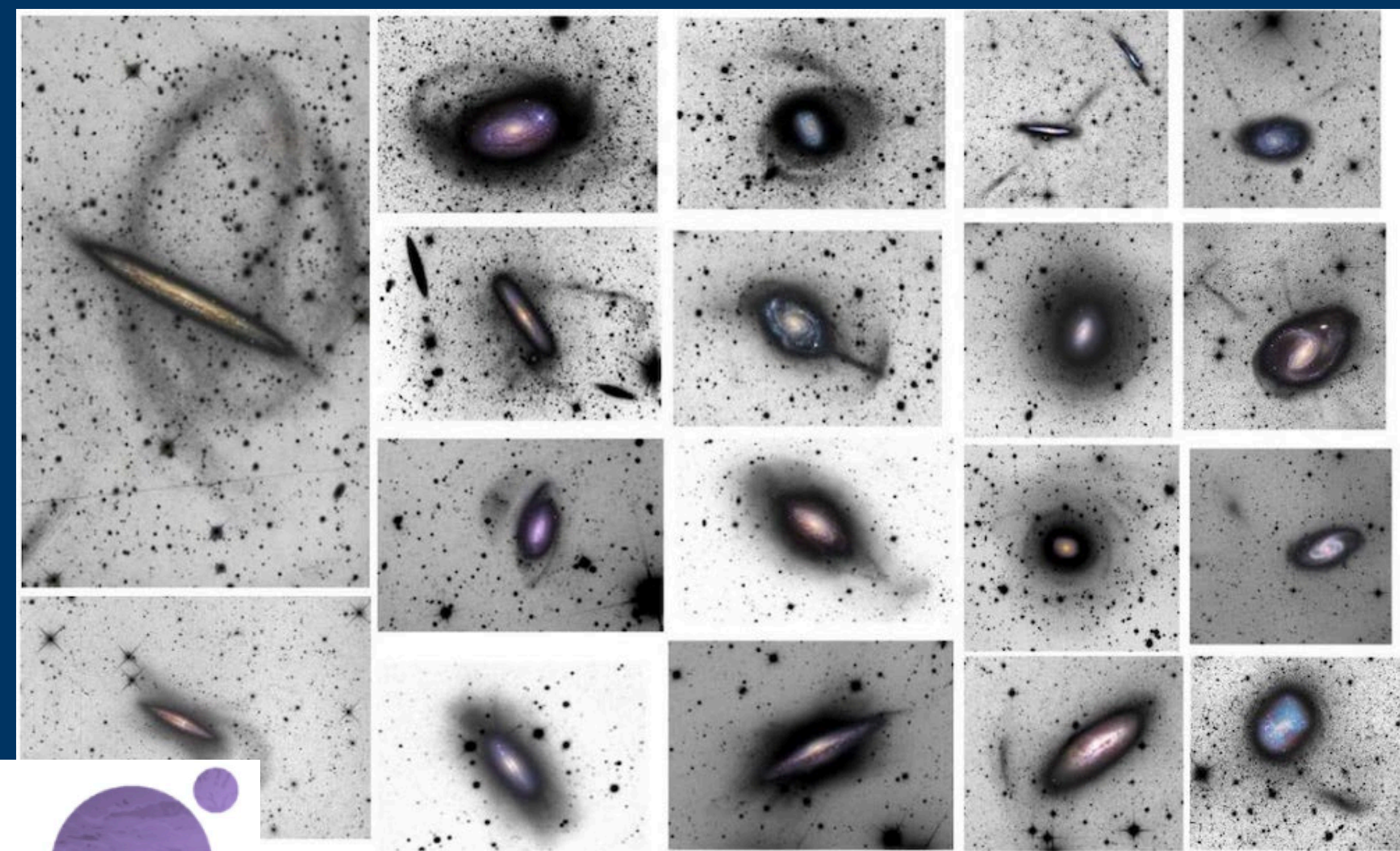
NewAthena

- Large x-ray observatory: formation of large-scale structures, growth & impact of massive black holes
- Silicon pore optic telescope + wide-field imager/spectrometer + cryogenic integral field spectrometer
- ESA-led mission with key contributions from NASA & JAXA
- In reformulation – adoption 2027 for launch 2037 on Ariane 6 to L1, nominal 4 year mission

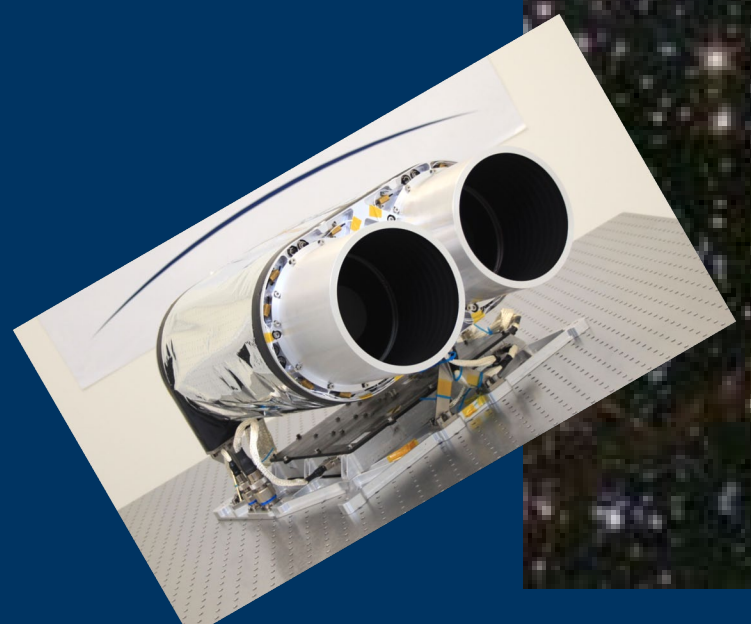
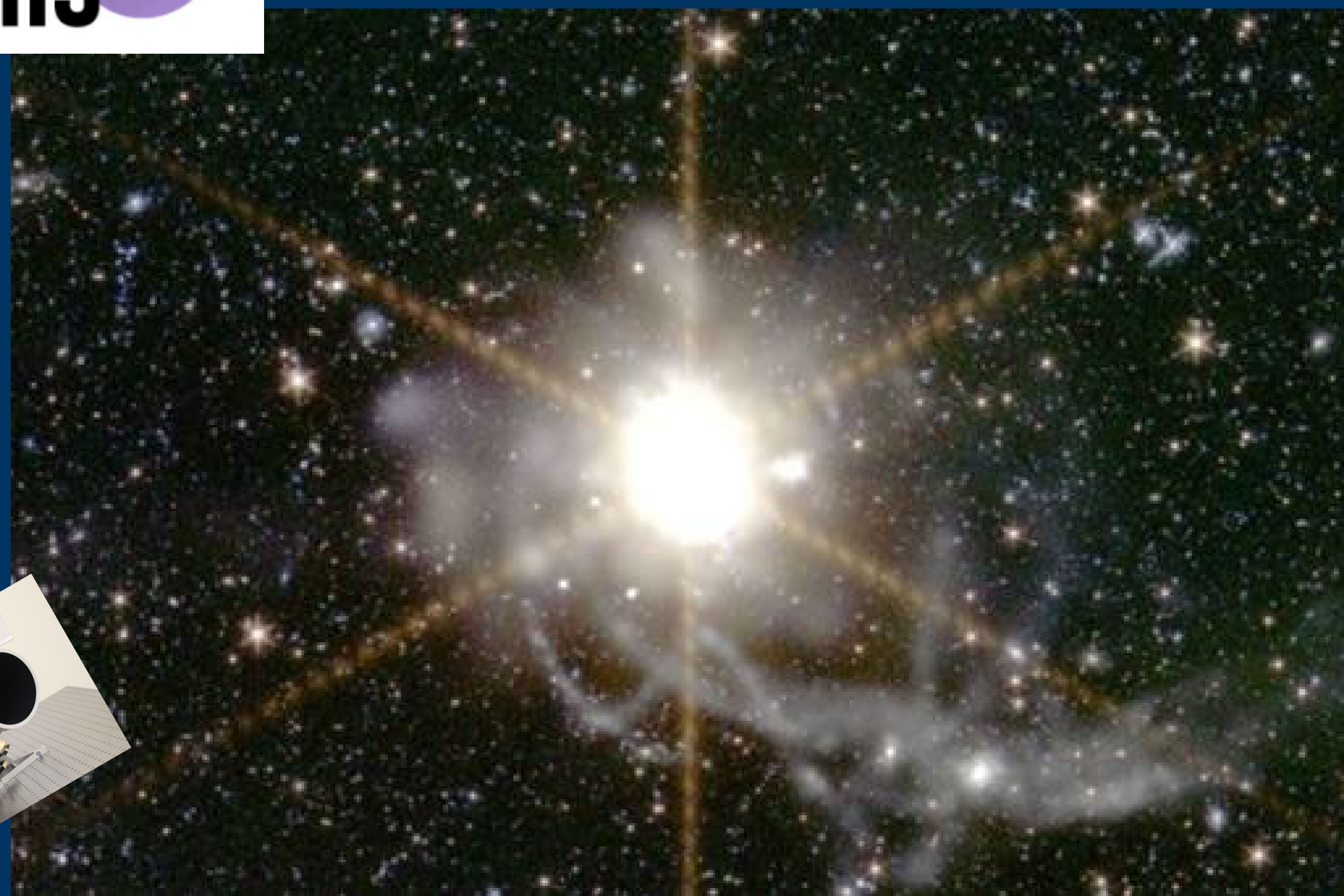
Background: artist impression of an AGN / ESA, NASA, AVO, Padovani

Voyage 2050 begins

- M7 and F2 missions selection
- F2 ARRAKIHS mission selected in 2021; technical design work underway
- M7 finalists announced November 2023 : M-Matisse, Plasma Observatory, Theseus
- Phase A industry design studies underway. Final selection expected 2026



ARRAKIHS





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Serving 120 TB to 25,000 users each month



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ESA/Webb Outreach Images

Webb Takes a Stunning, Star-Filled Portrait of the Pillars of Creation (MIRI Image)

Webb Takes a Stunning, Star-Filled Portrait of the Pillars of Creation (Cropped)

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General

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Instrument: EIT (Extreme UV Imaging Telescope)

Processing level

EIT Extreme UV Imaging Telescope

Modes: Science only, Engineering modes only

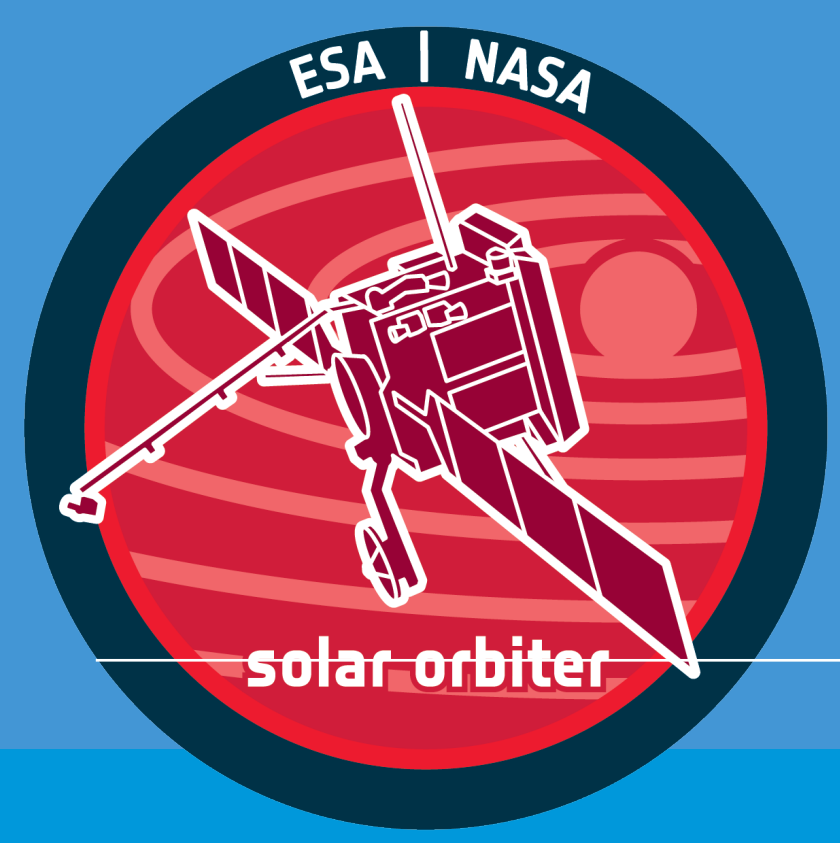
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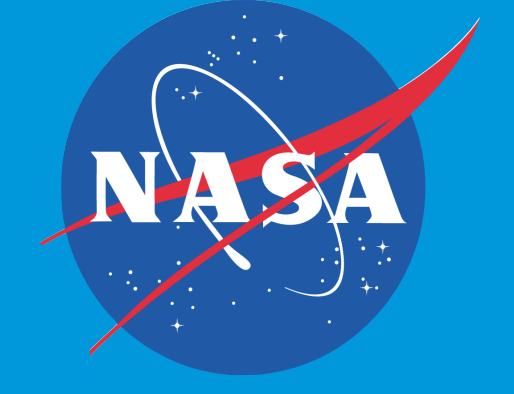
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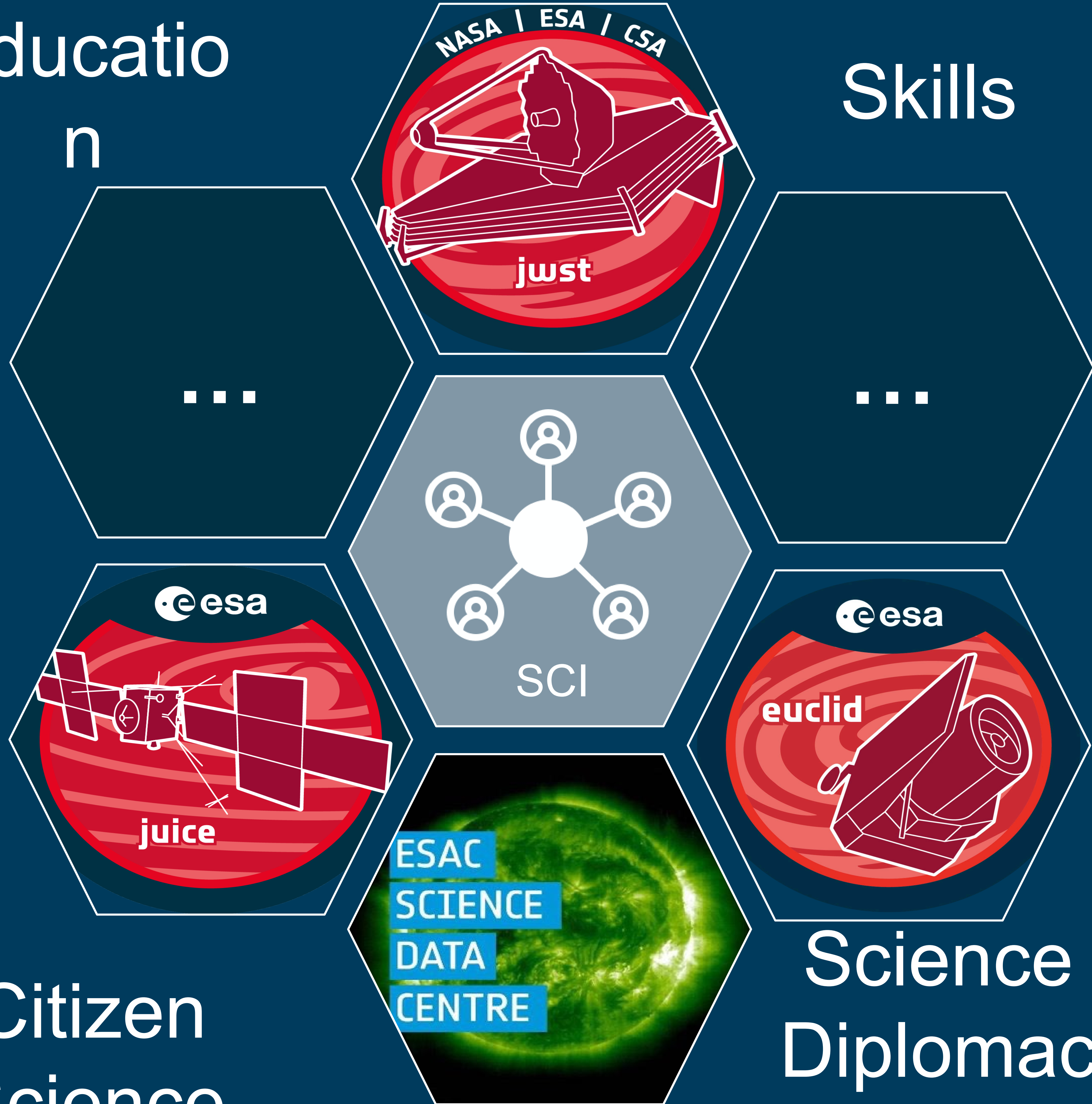


SCI-Driven multi-domain & multi-mission digital platform



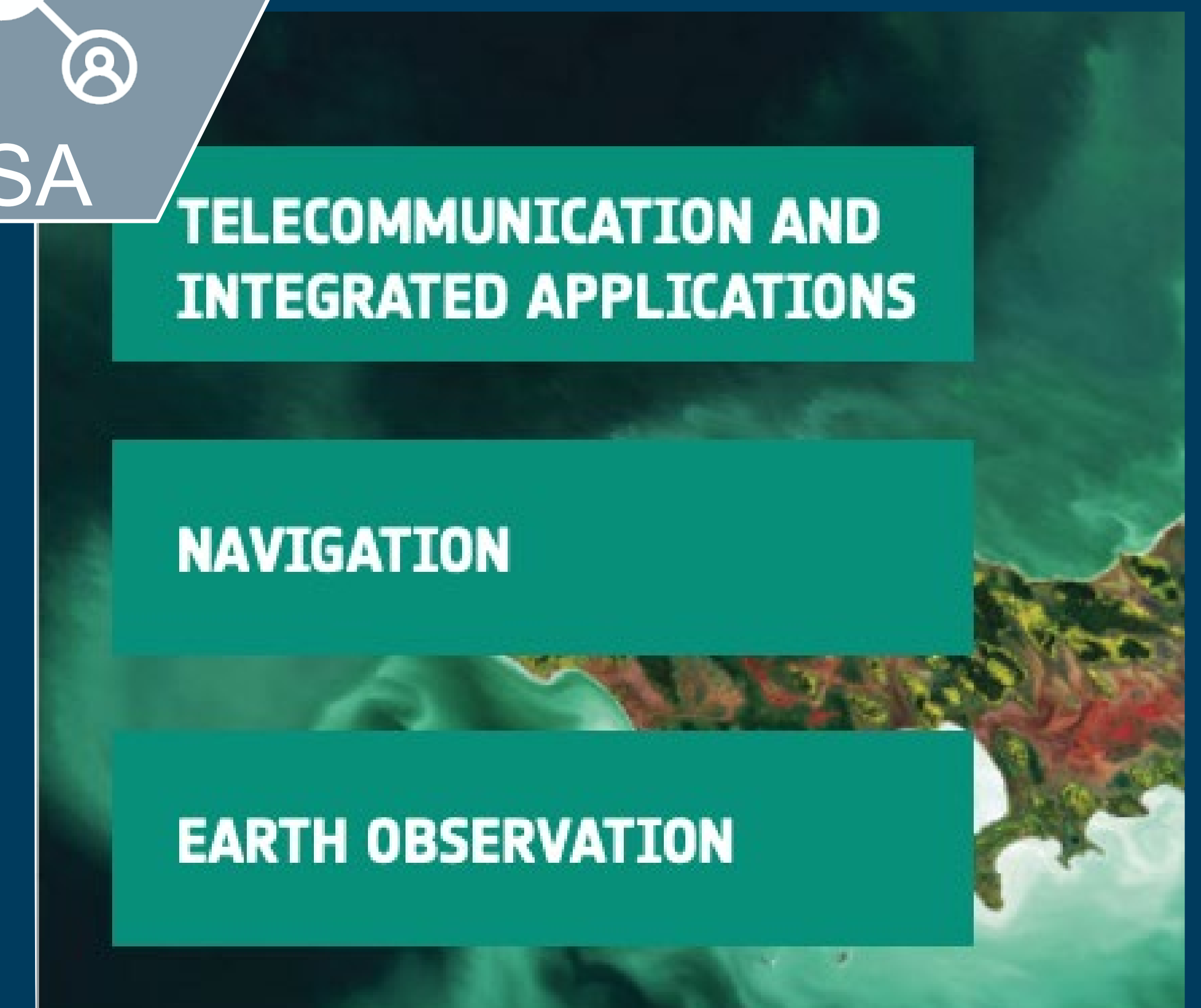
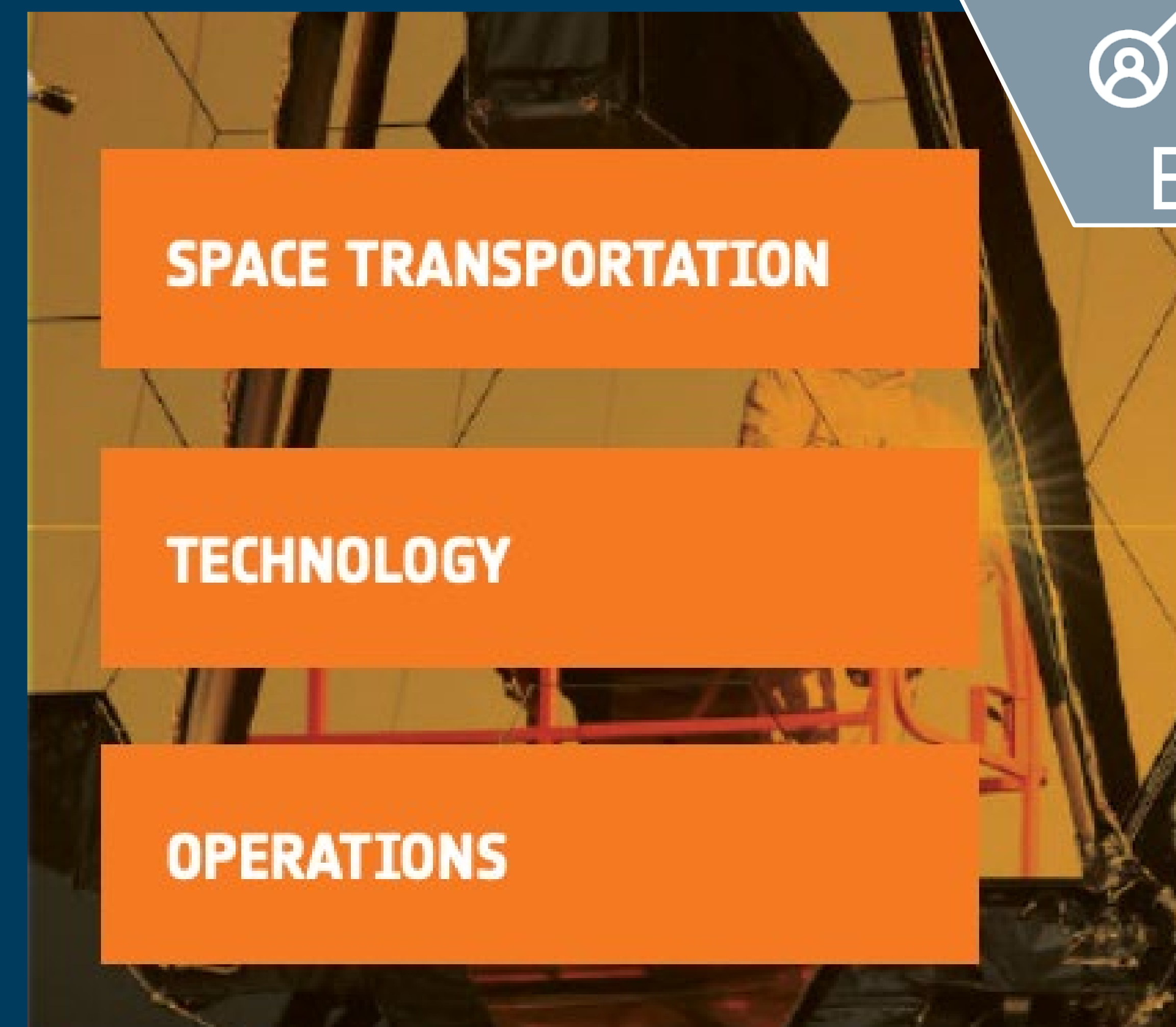
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Citizen Science

Science Diplomacy



Towards Ministerial 2025

Ambition

Uplifting Science

Sovereign Access to Space

Thank you!

Sustainability

Exploration

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