

Gravitational wave Laser INterferometry Triangle

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Exploring the early Universe with gravitational waves



GLINT Into The Past

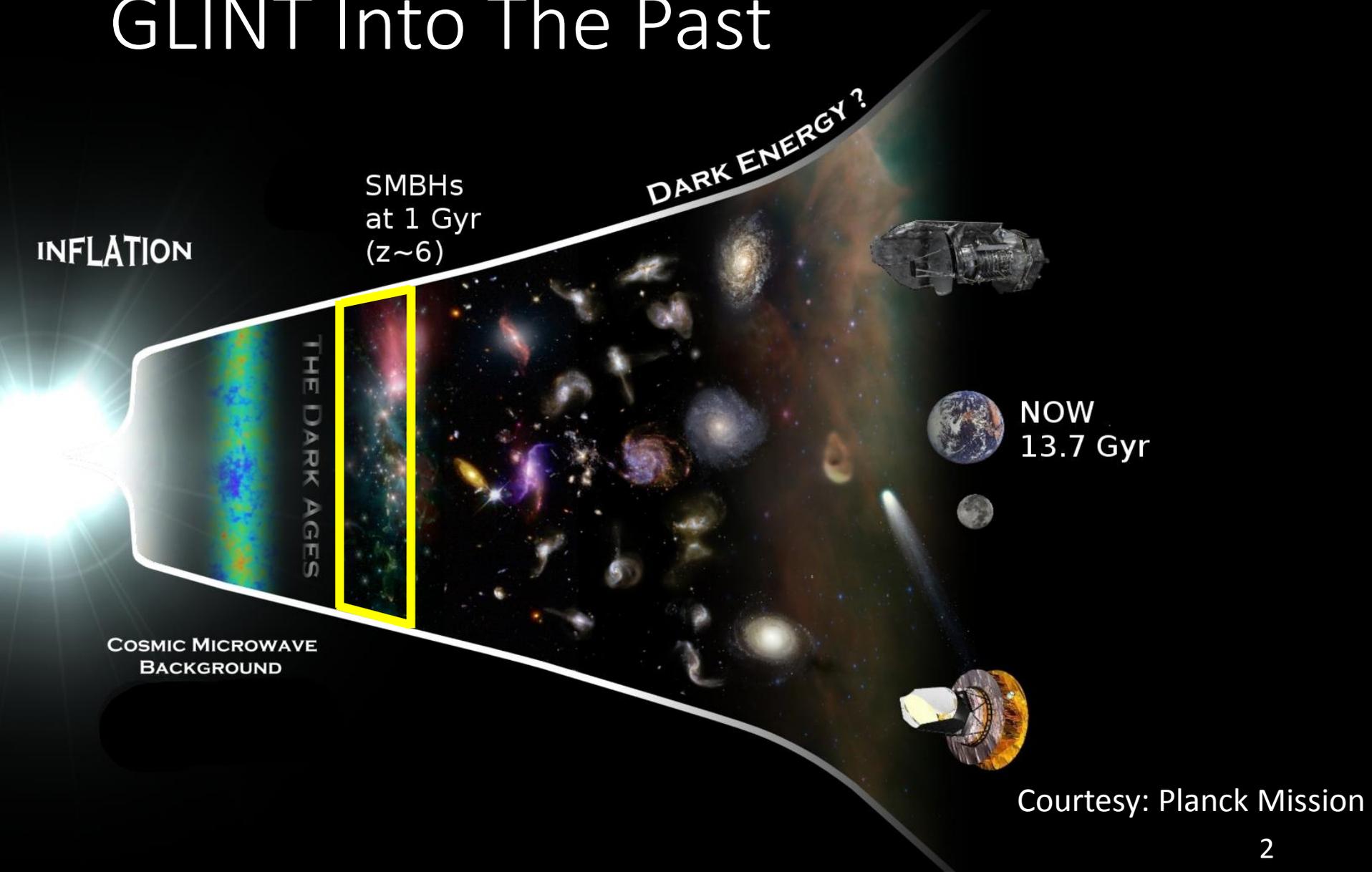


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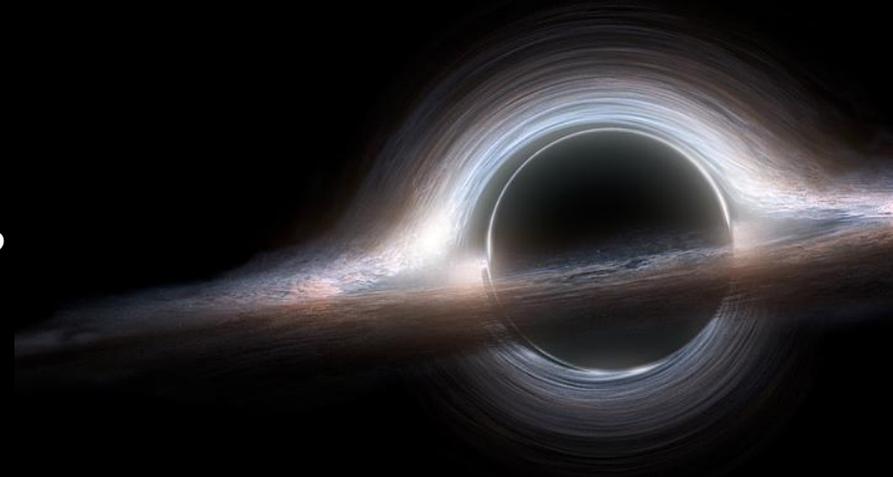
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Science Case

Exploring Einstein's Theory of General Relativity with **Black Holes**

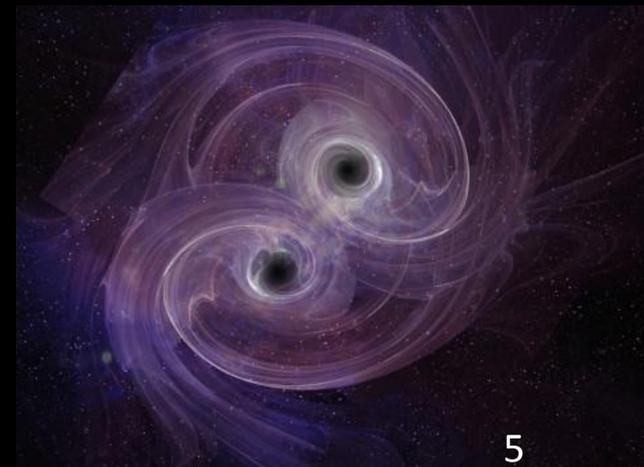
- When did the first black holes of several solar masses appear?
- How were they formed?
- What were their properties?
- How did they evolve?



Science Case – Additional

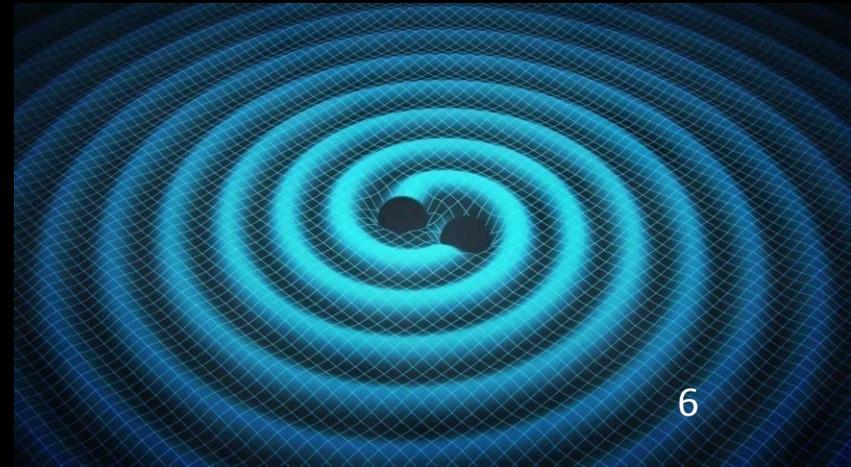
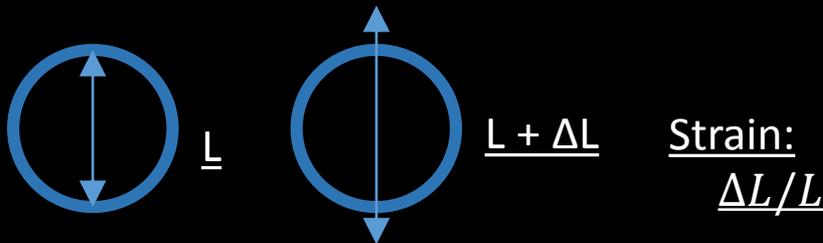
Exploring **Einstein's Theory of General Relativity** with **Massive Binary System**

- How fast did the Universe expand and what are the dark matter and dark energy densities?
- Is the theory of general relativity the best description of gravitation?
- How did binary systems merge?

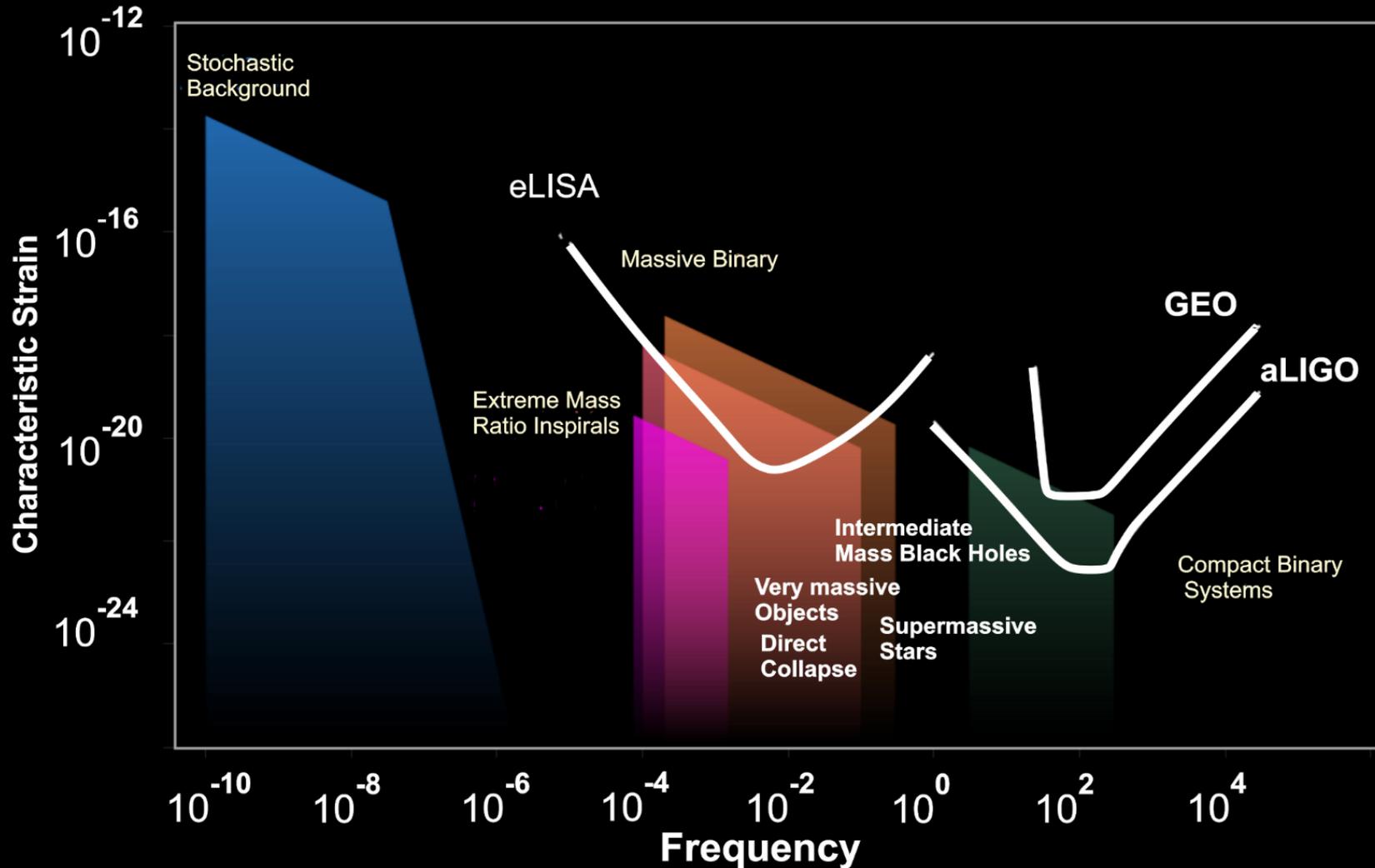


Gravitational Waves

- Acceleration of a massive object causes ripples in spacetime
- The ripples propagate as waves and are characterized by **frequency**, **strain** (amplitude) and **polarization**
- The passing gravitational wave changes the time light takes to travel a certain distance
- This change in distance can be measured



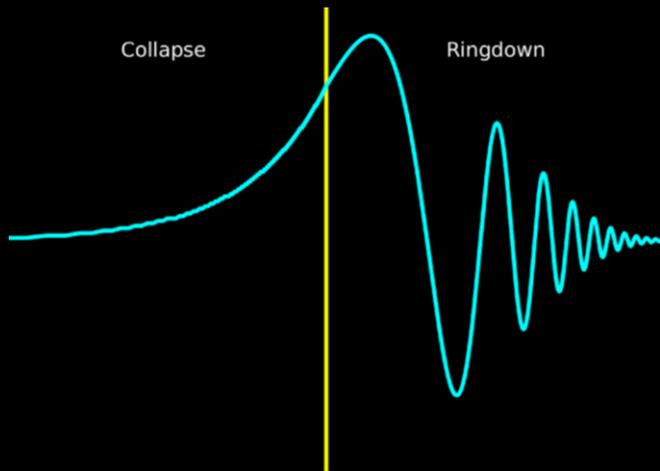
Sources and observatories



Waveforms

- The gravitational wave trace from formation of black holes
- Different events can be distinguished since they have different signature waveforms

Direct collapse of a hydrogen cloud



Duration: 10 s

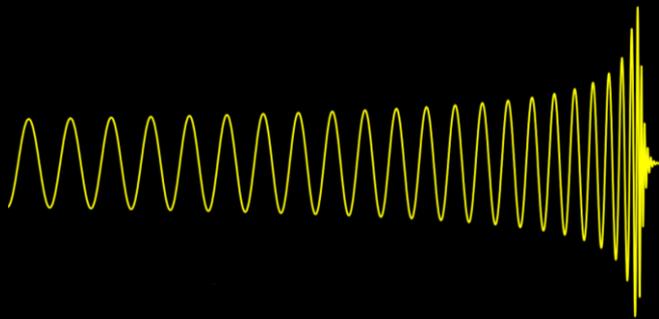
Supernova core collapse (300 Msun)



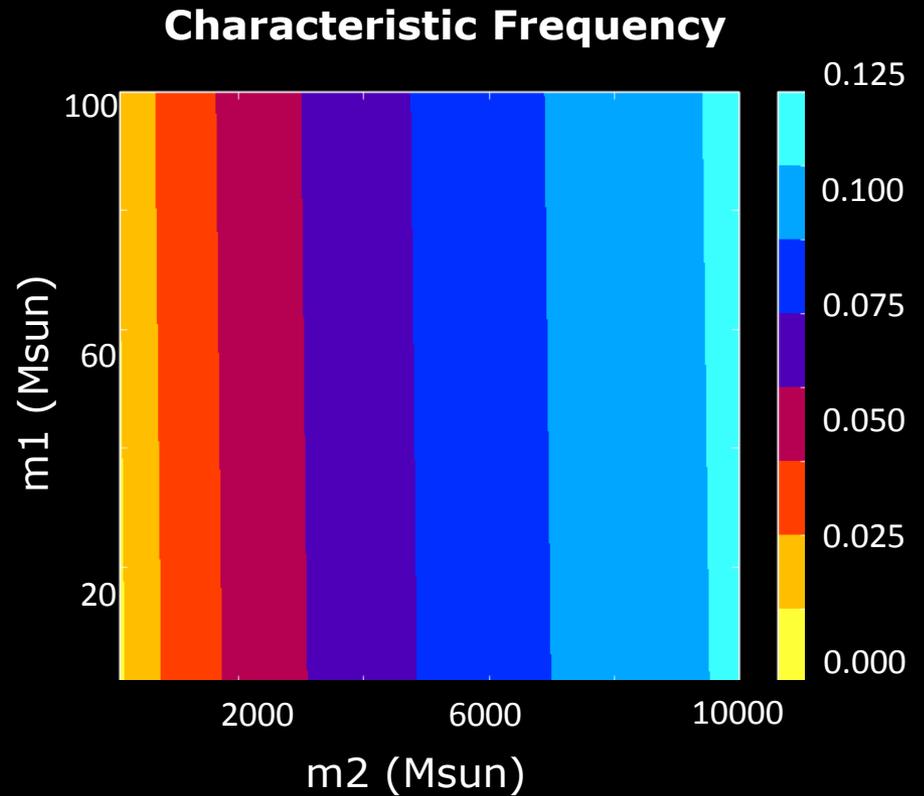
Duration: 20 s

Waveforms

Inspirals into IMBH



Duration: years



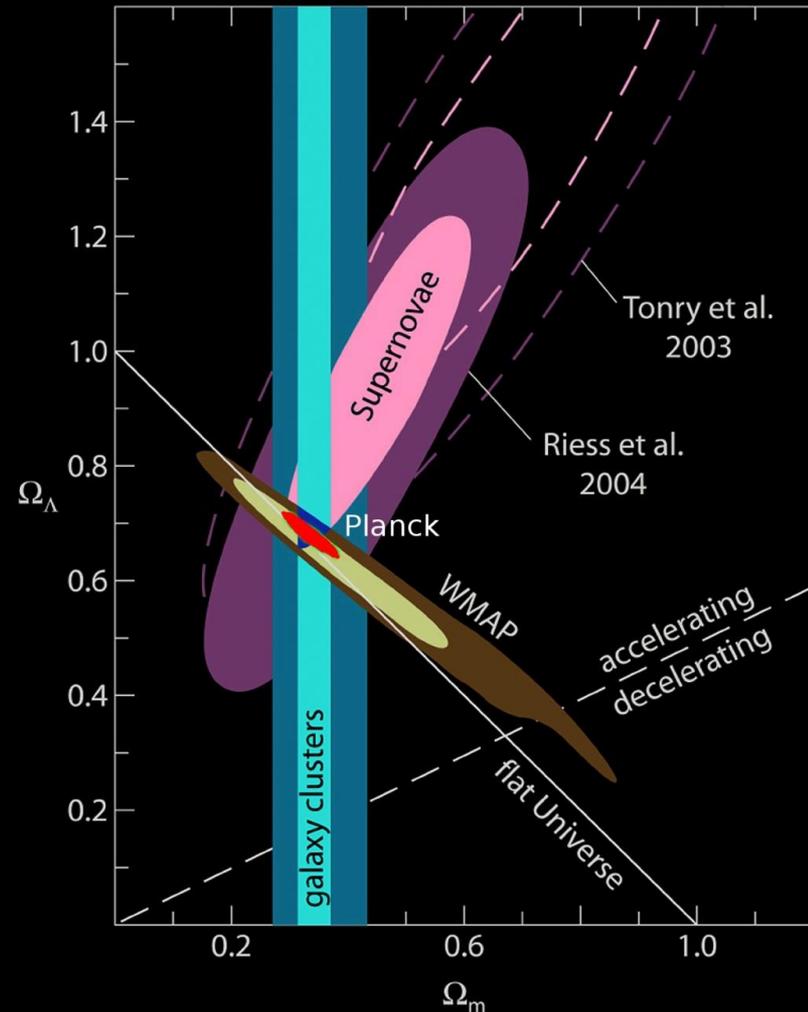
Primary Scientific Objectives

- 1. Direct Collapse Black Holes (DCBH)** in the range of 10^4 - 10^6 solar masses.
- 2. Collapse of Very Massive Objects (VMO)** in the range of 10^2 - 10^5 solar masses.
- 3. Collapse of Supermassive Stars (SMS)** in the range of 260-800 solar masses.
- 4. Two Merging Black Holes** in the range of 10^2 - 10^5 solar masses.
- 5. Inspirling** of massive objects into a black hole in the range of 10^2 - 10^3 solar masses

Secondary Scientific Objectives

1. Massive **binary systems** ranging from a few to $\sim 10^4$ solar masses
2. Observation can be combined with (JWST, Athena) to obtain information about the early Universe

We can corroborate or improve on the current constraints for the **matter and dark energy densities** obtained from experiments like NASA's WMAP and ESA's Planck missions.



Science Requirements

- Sources of interest

Sources	Sensitivity (strain)	frequency (Hz)	collapse duration (s)	production rate / year
Supermassive Star	5×10^{-24}	0.4-1	5-60	10^7
Very Massive Object	10^{-23}	0.01-0.2	10-100	4000
Direct Collapse	10^{-23}	0.01-0.1	10-100	10^4

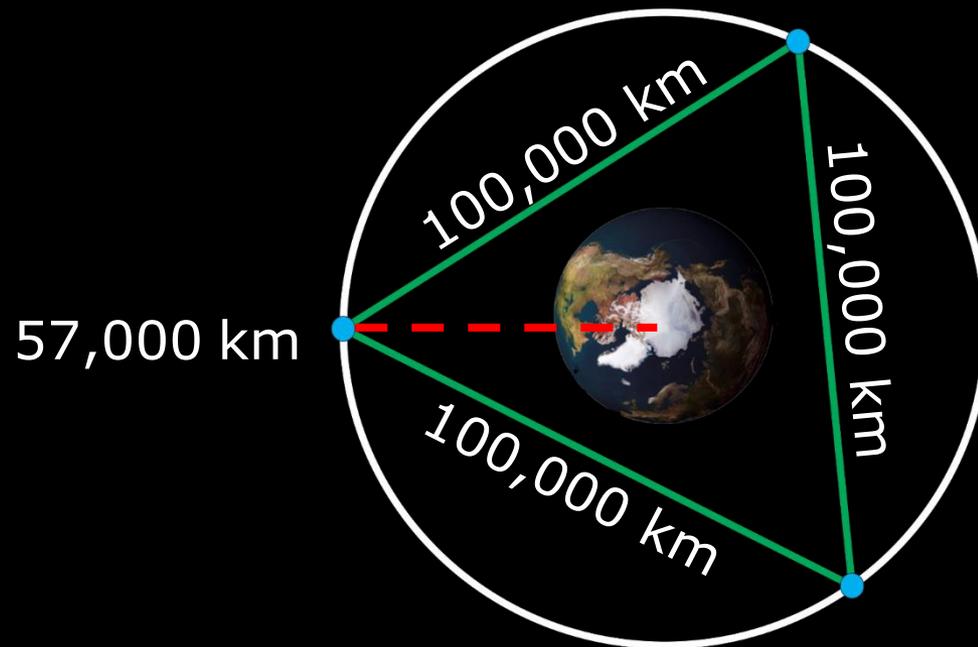


Observation time
 $t = 1 \text{ yrs}$

Options to measure grav. waves

- Laser Interferometry – changes in distance
 1. Michelson Interferometer
 2. Fabry-Pérot Interferometer
- Optical Lattice Clocks – changes in ticking rate
Technology not sensitive enough
- Bose Einstein Condensates
Only theoretical studies performed

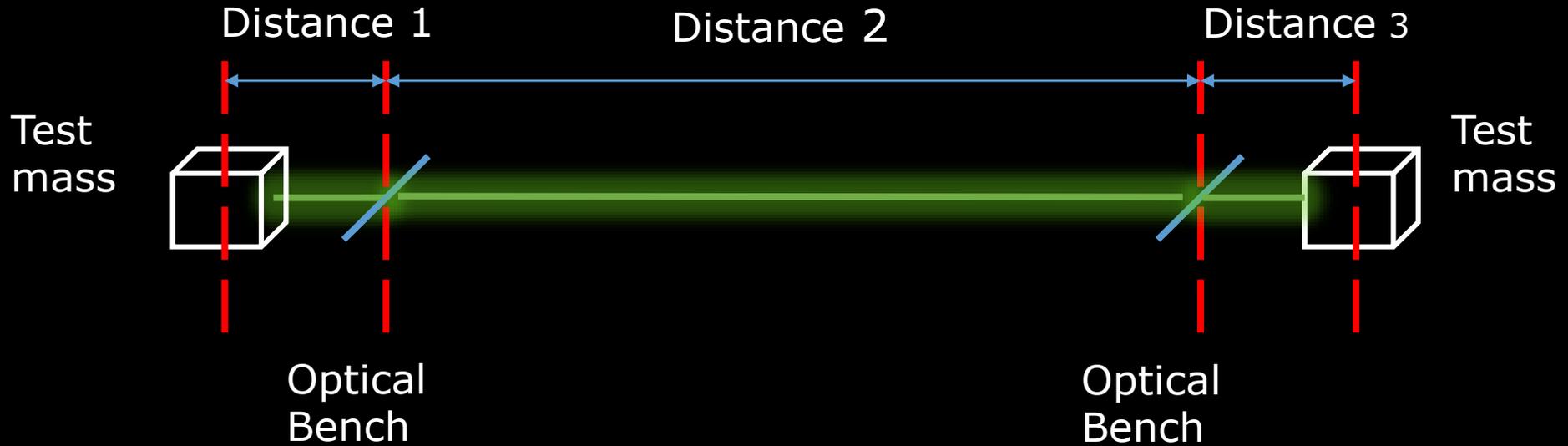
Mission Profile Overview



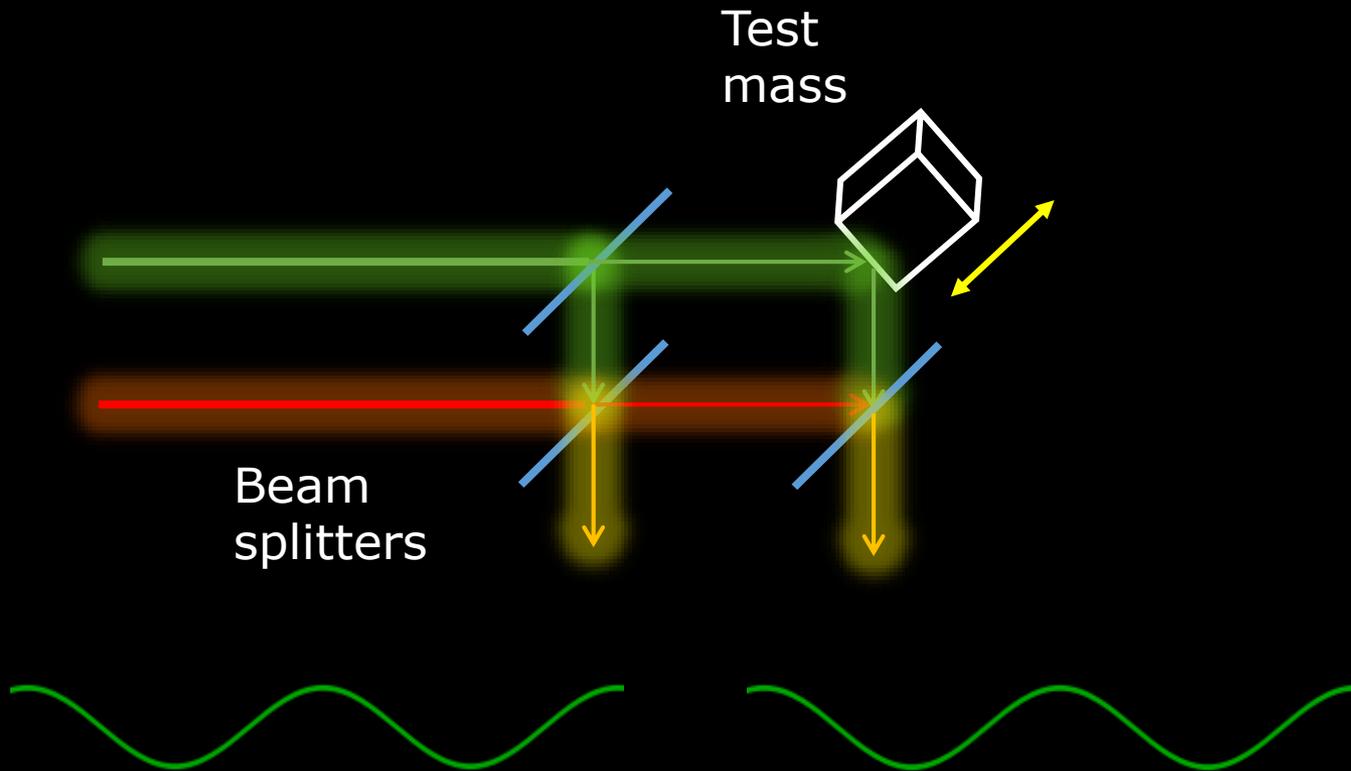
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Working principle per arm

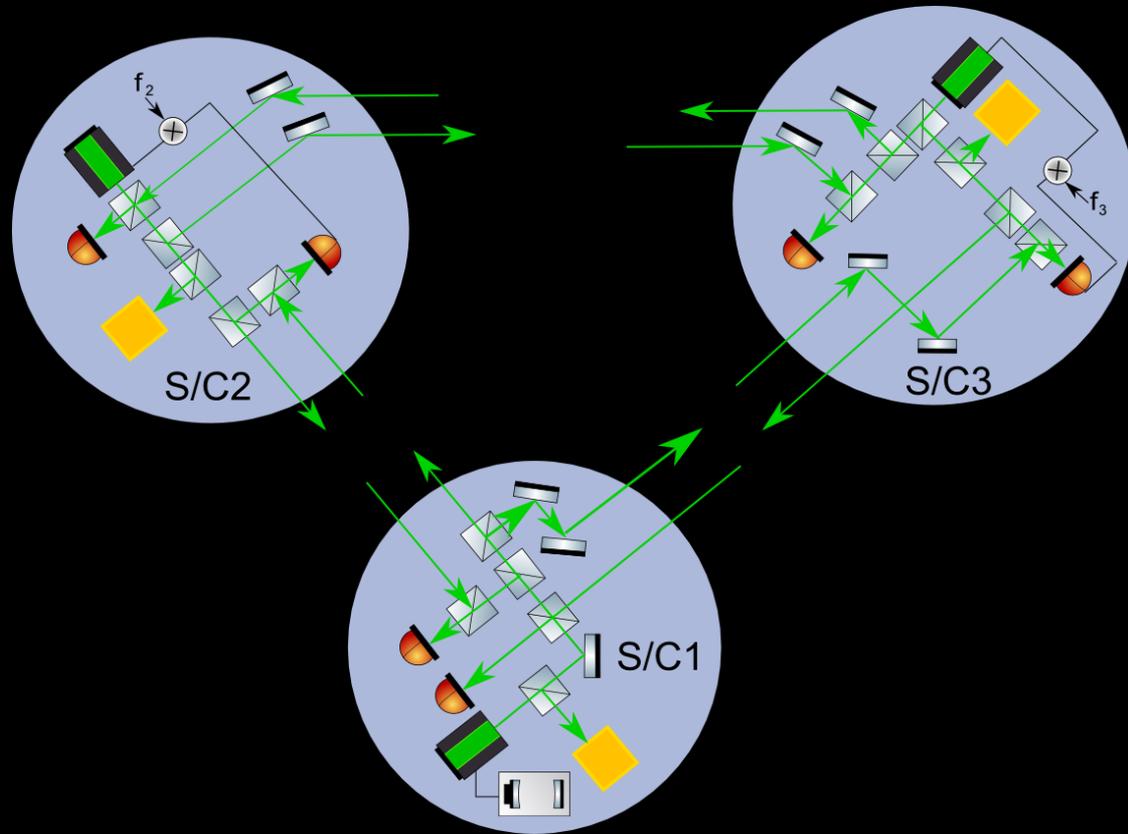
Laser Links



Heterodyne Interferometry



Optical Setup Overview



Measurement system requirements

Requirement $\delta h = 5 \cdot 10^{-24} \text{ 1}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ 0.01 Hz to 1 Hz

The main features of the measurement instrument are:

- Interferometric measurement system
- Drag-free system (free fall)

Interferometric measurement system

Requirement $\delta x = 10^{-16} \text{ m}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ 0.01 Hz to 1 Hz

1) Transfer function

2) Shot noise

3) Relative intensity noise (RIN)

4) Frequency noise

5) Optical Pathlength

6) Phasemeter

Describes how the gravitational waves couple to the antenna in the detection band

$$L_{arm} = 10^8 \text{ m}$$

Interferometric measurement system

Requirement $\delta x = 10^{-16} \text{ m}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ 0.01 Hz to 1 Hz

1) Transfer function

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6) Phasemeter

Noise caused by fluctuations in detected photon count rate

Requirements:

$$P_{\text{sent}} = 10 \text{ W}$$

$$D_{\text{teles}} = 1.5 \text{ m}$$

$$P_{\text{rec}} = 0.017 \text{ W}$$

$$L_{\text{arm}} = 10^8 \text{ m}$$

Interferometric measurement system

Requirement $\delta x = 10^{-16} \text{ m}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ 0.01 Hz to 1 Hz

1) **Transfer function**

2) **Shot noise**

3) **Relative intensity noise (RIN)**

4) **Frequency noise**

5) **Optical Pathlength**

6) **Phasemeter**

Noise caused by fluctuations in the emitted laser power

Requirement:

$$RIN = 3 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ at MHz}$$

Interferometric measurement system

Requirement $\delta x = 10^{-16} \text{ m}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ 0.01 Hz to 1 Hz

1) Transfer function

2) Shot noise

3) Relative intensity noise (RIN)

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6) Phasemeter

Noise caused by fluctuations in the frequency of the laser

- Stabilised laser (Cavity)

$$\delta\nu = 5 \text{ Hz}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$$

- Time delay interferometry (TDI)

$$L_{\text{range}} = 1 \text{ cm}$$

Interferometric measurement system

Requirement $\delta x = 10^{-16} \text{ m}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ 0.01 Hz to 1 Hz

1) Transfer function

2) Shot noise

3) Relative intensity noise (RIN)

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6) Phasemeter

Noise caused by fluctuations in the pathlength in the optical bench

(mainly thermal)

$$\delta T = 0.1 \mu\text{K}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$$

Resolution of the phasemeter

$$\delta\phi = 10^{-9} \text{ rad}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$$

Drag-free mass (Acceleration noise)

$$\delta a = 10^{-18} \text{ m/s}^2 \sqrt{\text{Hz}}$$

1) Thermal Radiation

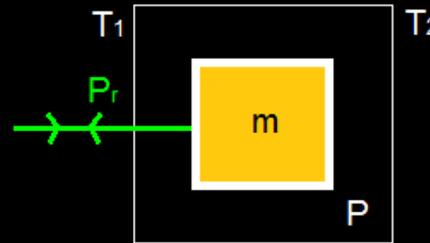
2) Radiation Pressure

3) Radiometer

4) Earth Gravitational Field

5) Electromagnetic fields

6) Actuators



Requirements:

$$m = 7 \text{ Kg}$$

$$l = 7 \text{ cm}$$

$$\delta T = 0.1 \mu\text{K} / \sqrt{\text{Hz}}$$

$$T = 293 \text{ K}$$

$$P = 3 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{ Pa}$$

$$P_r = 50 \text{ mW}$$

$$RIN(10\text{mHz}) = 10^{-8}$$

Drag-free mass (Acceleration noise)

$$\delta a = 10^{-18} \text{ m/s}^2 \sqrt{\text{Hz}}$$

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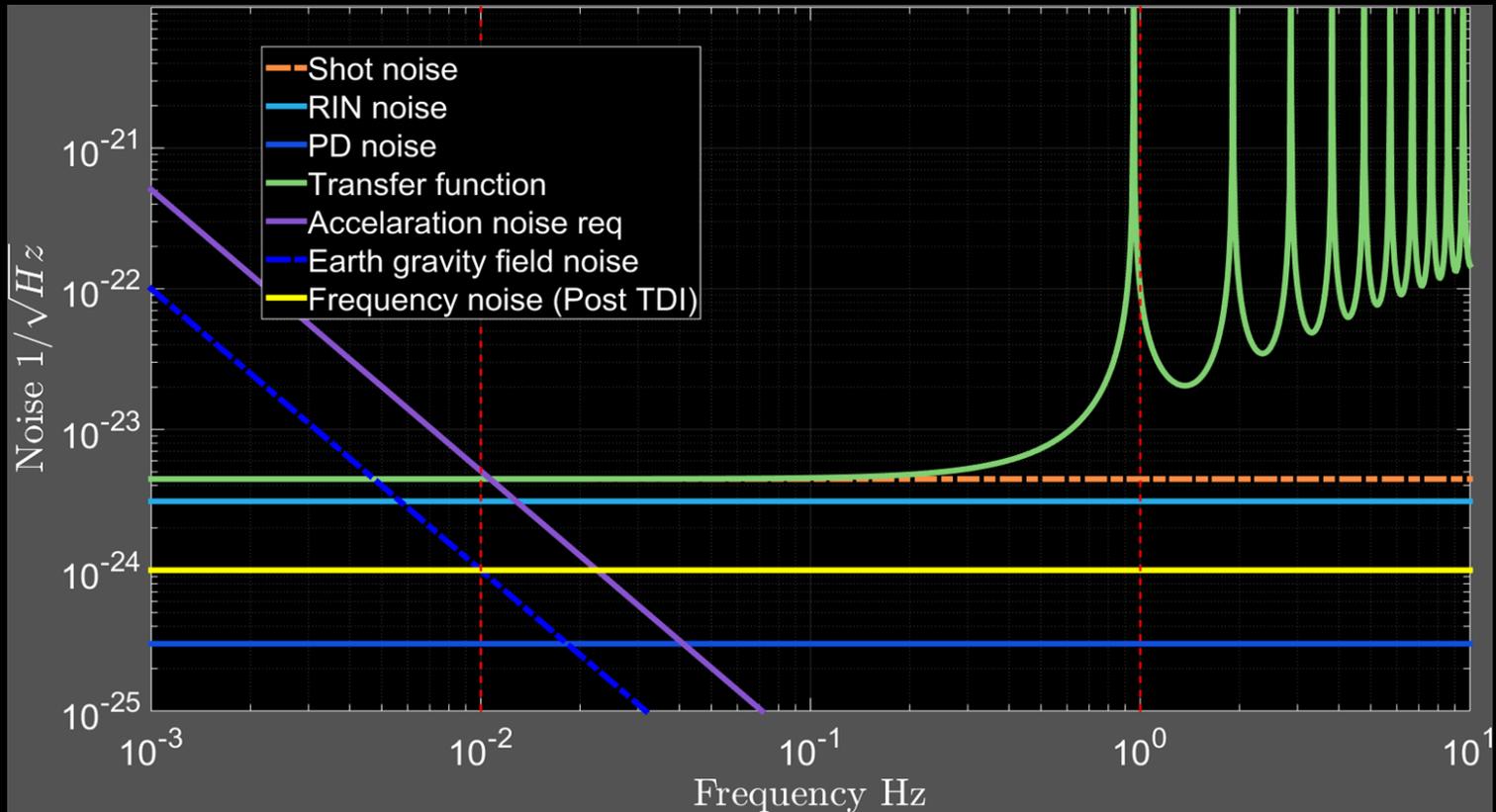
Earth Gravitational fields is negligible at the frequency range

$$\chi_{mag} = 10^{-7}, m_r = 10^{-7} \text{ A/m}^2$$

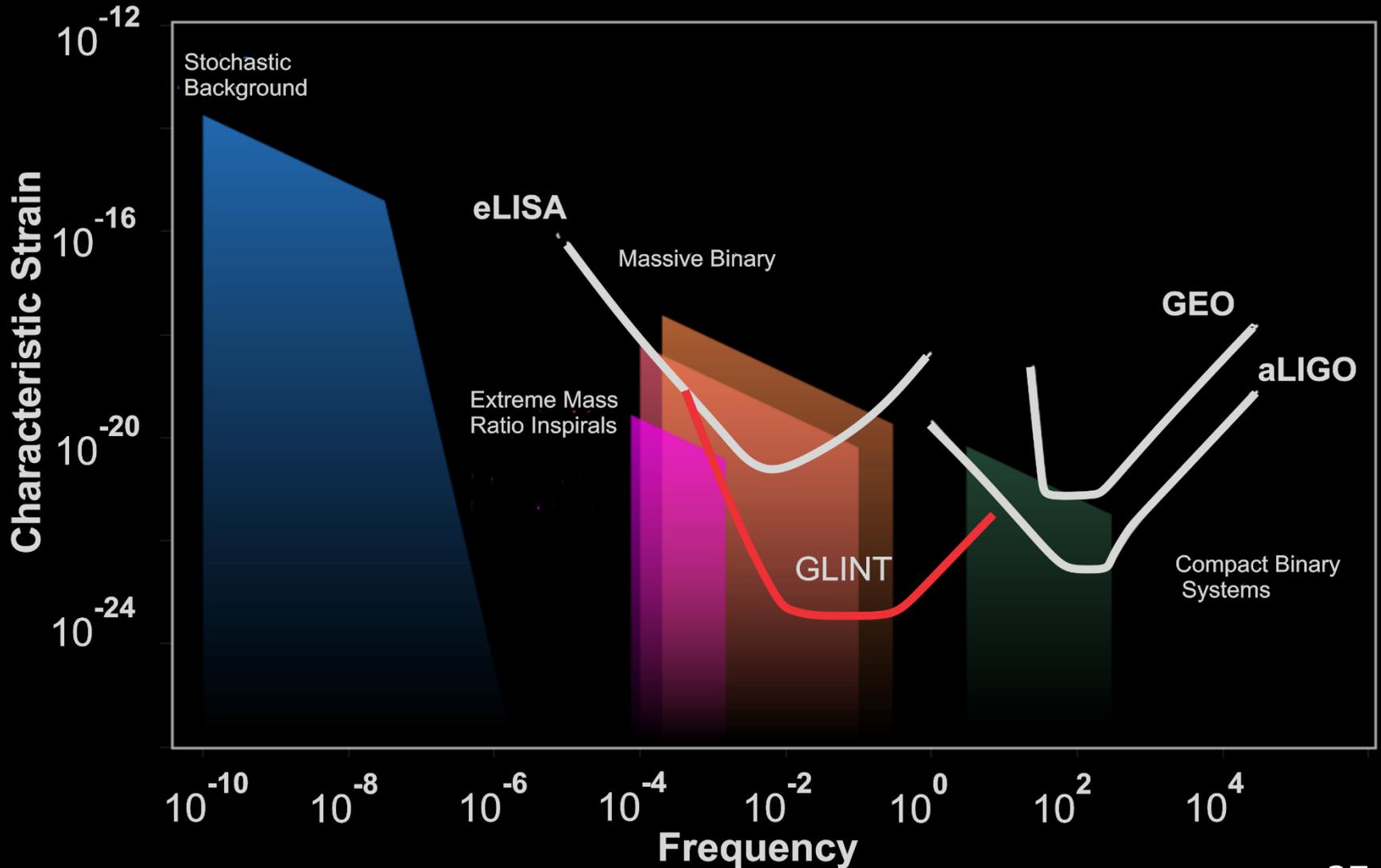
$$\delta B = 0.07 \text{ nT}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$$

Actuators frequency range shifted from the measurement band

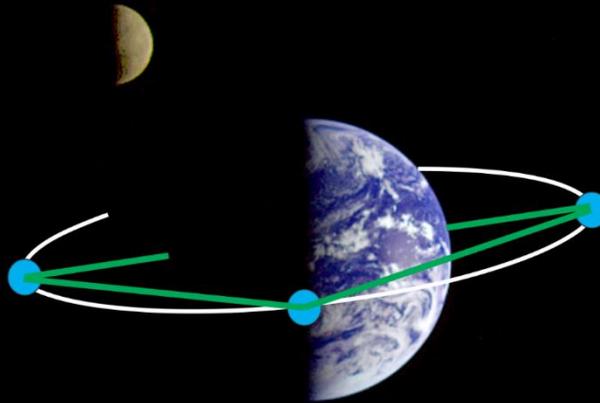
Sensitivity



Sources and observatories



Mission Design



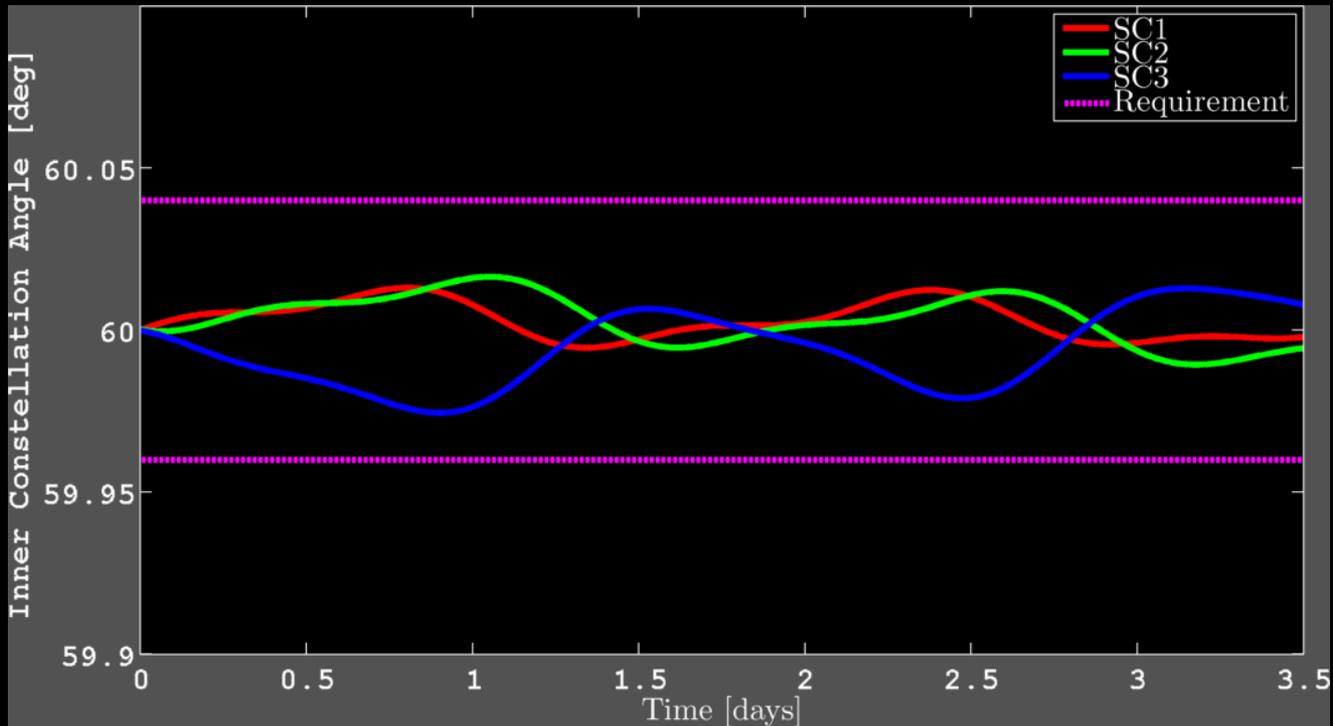
Orbit information

System Drivers:

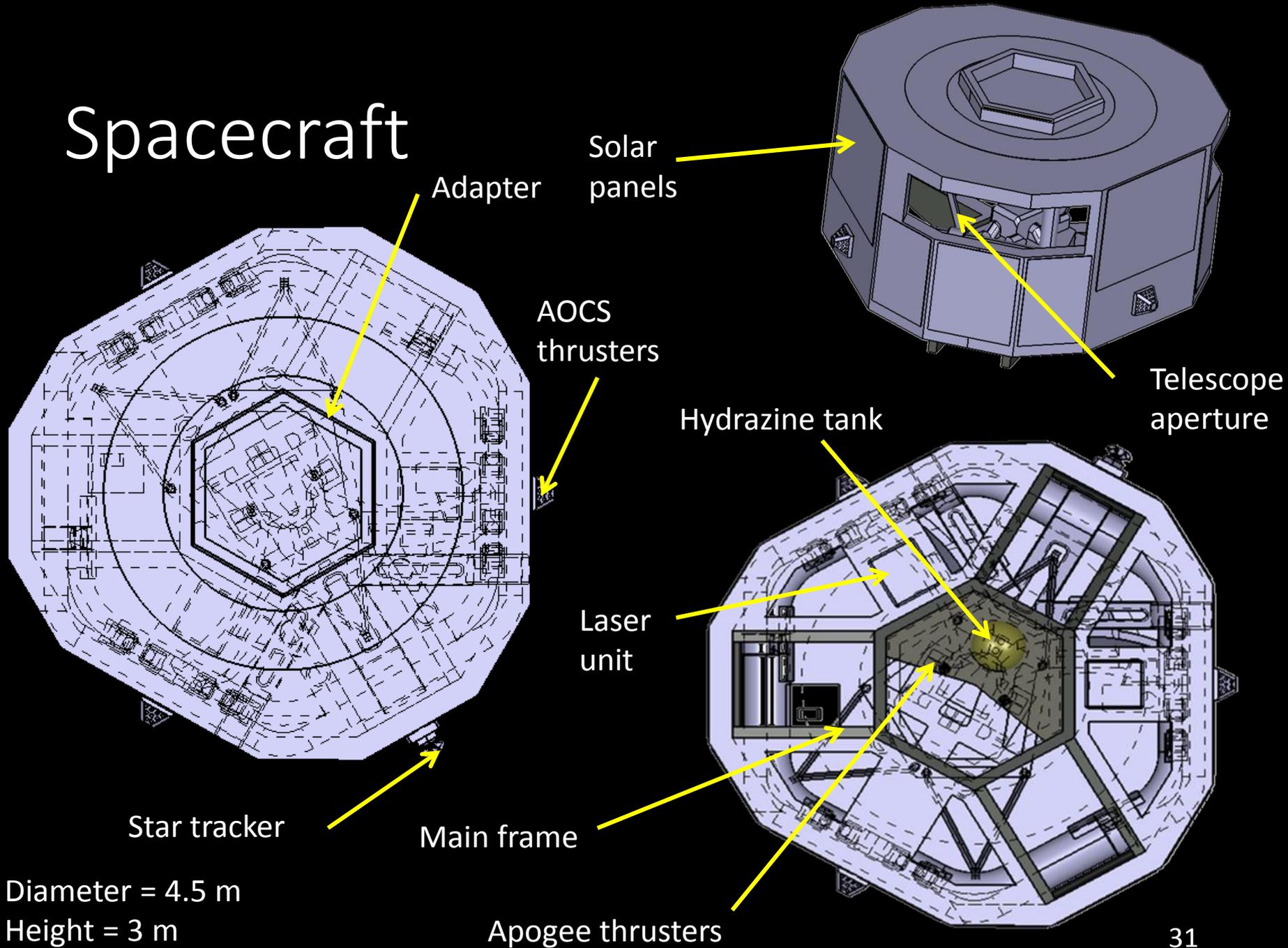
- 3 Satellites in plane
- Constant distance between all satellites: 100,000 km
- Minimum stray light and sun incidence onto telescopes
- Fixed telescopes (breathing angle: $\pm 0.04^\circ$)

Satellites	Glint 1; Glint 2; Glint 3
Semi-major Axis	57.735 km
Eccentricity	0 (circular)
Inclination	12°

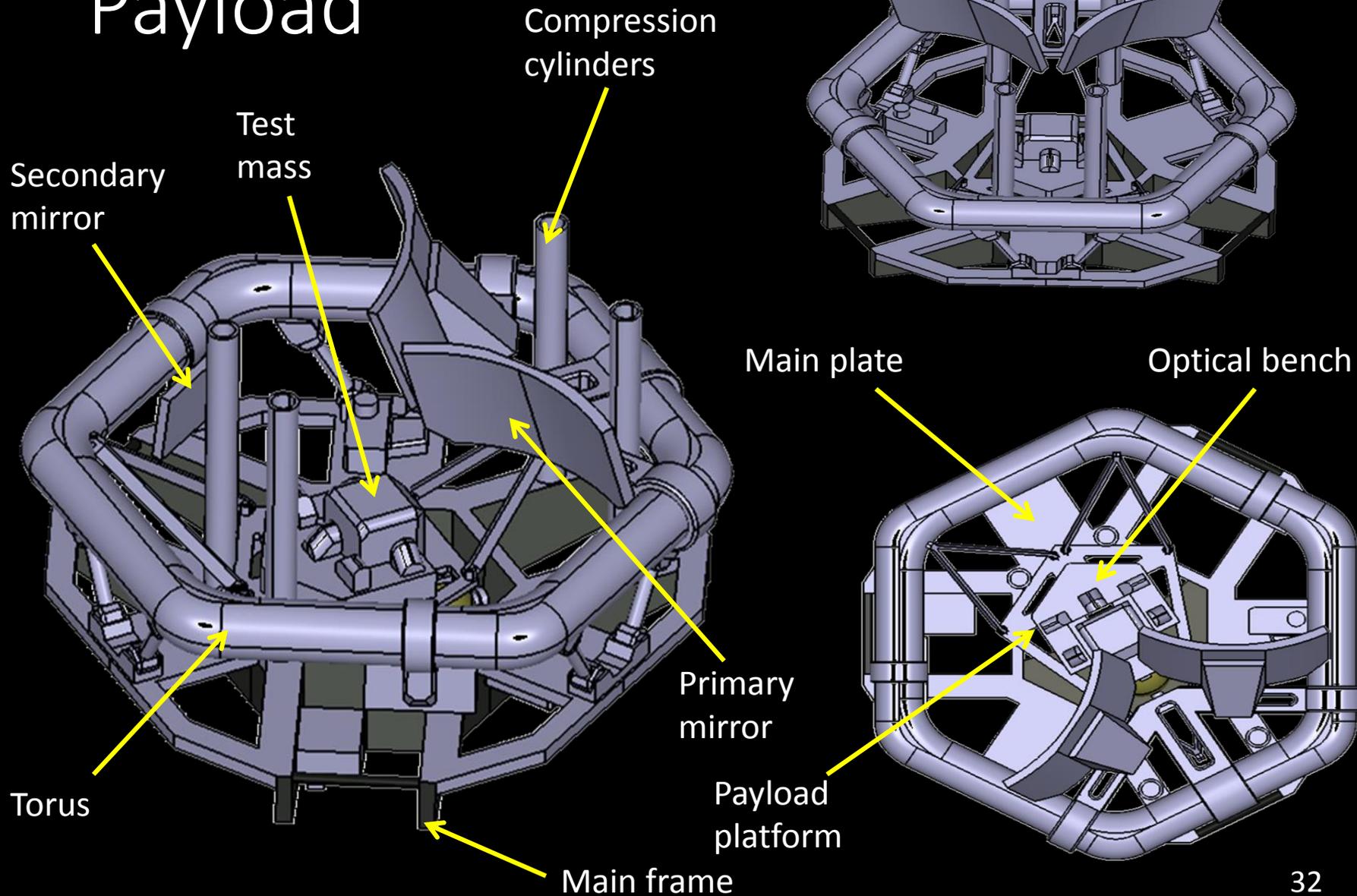
Orbit information



Spacecraft



Payload



Mass budget

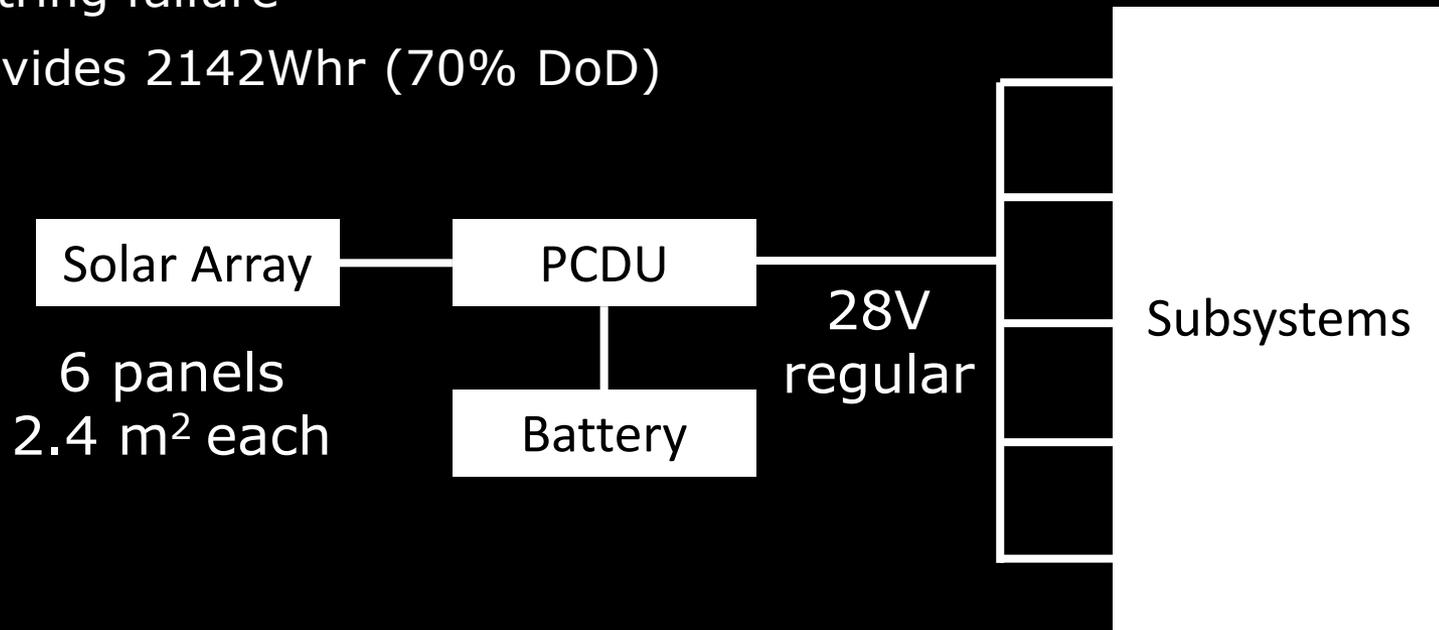
Subsystem	Mass (kg)
Thermal	26
Communications	17
Payload	627
Propulsion	193
Power	187
Structure	362
AOCS	47
Data Handling	47
20% system margin included	
Total dry mass	1506
Propellant	75
TOTAL MASS	1581

Power budget

Subsystem	Power Consumption (W)
Laser	300
Rest of system	50
Payload total	350
Propulsion	182
AOCS	50
Thermal Control	300
Communications	20
Data Handling	63
Platform total	665
Required power	965
System margin 20%	193
TOTAL POWER	1158

Power architecture

- Li-Ion batteries sized for eclipse of 70 minutes
- 1 string failure
- Provides 2142Whr (70% DoD)



Thermal subsystem

Payload requires thermal stability at $0.1 \mu\text{K}$ at 10^{-2} Hz

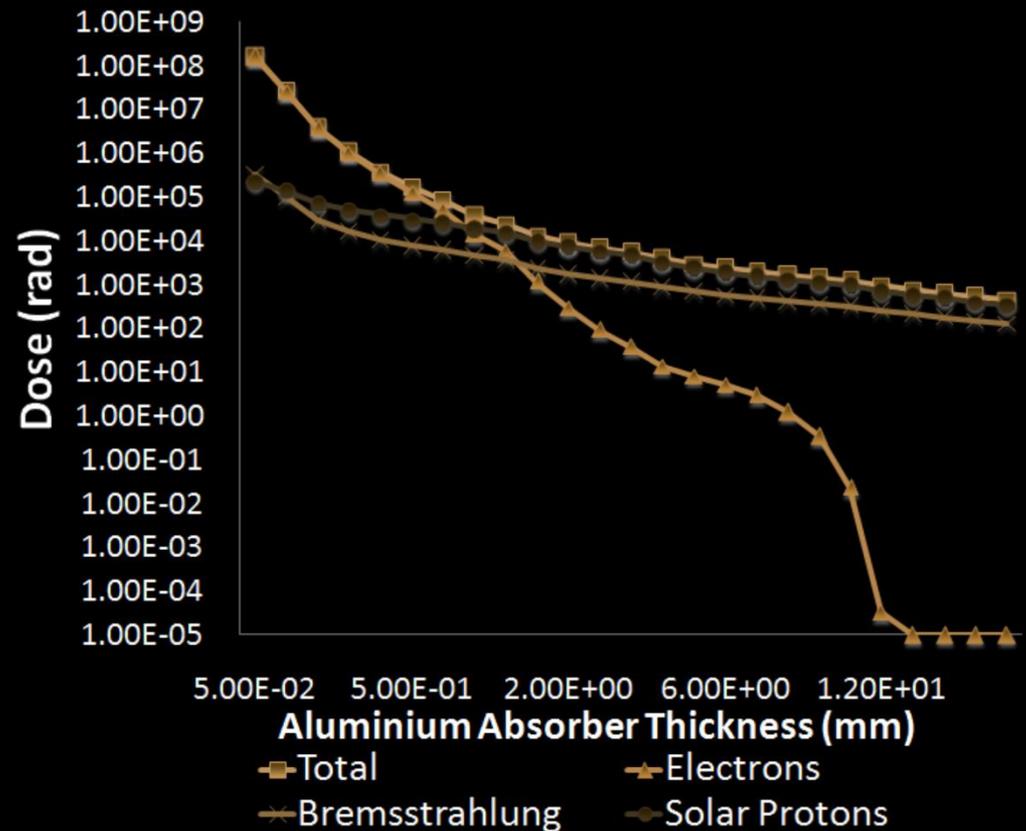
- Stability

$$T = 10^{-8} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{20 \text{ mHz}}{f}\right)^4} \text{ in } K$$

- **Passive control** interface to optical bench (10^{-5} K) sufficient
 - Maintained with multi layer insulation system for rest of satellite
 - High emissivity surfaces so most thermal energy radiated to space
 - Thermistors and thermocouples used to monitor the temperature.

Radiation shielding

- Non critical subsystem
 - Close to GEO (mature technology)
 - Short life time (3 years vs 15 years)



Propulsion

System Drivers

- Drag Free control to reduce outside disturbances
- Full 3 – axis control
- Thrust Precision: $0.5\mu\text{N}$
- Thrust Noise: $0.1\mu\text{N}/\text{Hz}^{1/2}$

Chosen Design

- 3 Cluster of **FEEPS** (Indium)
- ISP: 4000 – 8000 s
- Thrust Precision: $0.1\mu\text{N}$
- Thrust Noise: $<0.1\mu\text{N}/\text{Hz}^{1/2}$
- Thrust response: 0.1 ms



Attitude Control System

Spacecraft

Laser beam

Pointing accuracy

350 μ rad

100 nrad

(half of breathing angle)

(derived from the strain curve)

Sensing

1 Star tracker (3 heads)

2 Sun Sensor

1 Advanced IMU

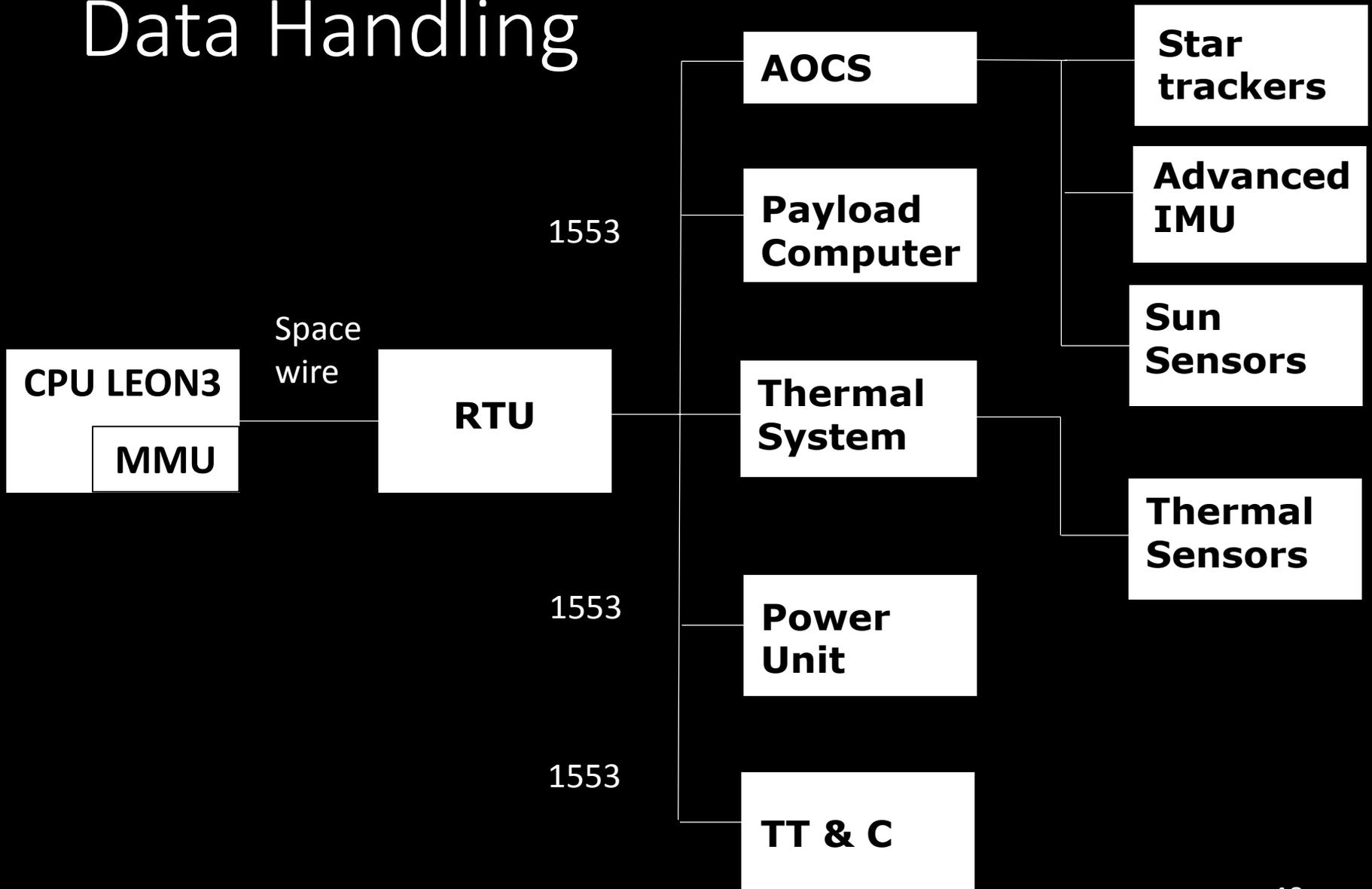
Differential wave front sensing

Actuators

3 FEEPs

Steerable mirror

Data Handling



Communication

System Drivers

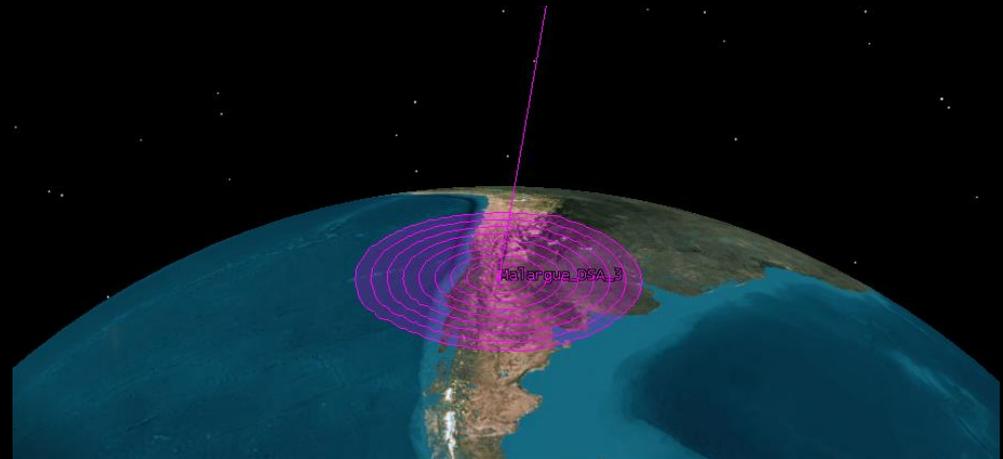
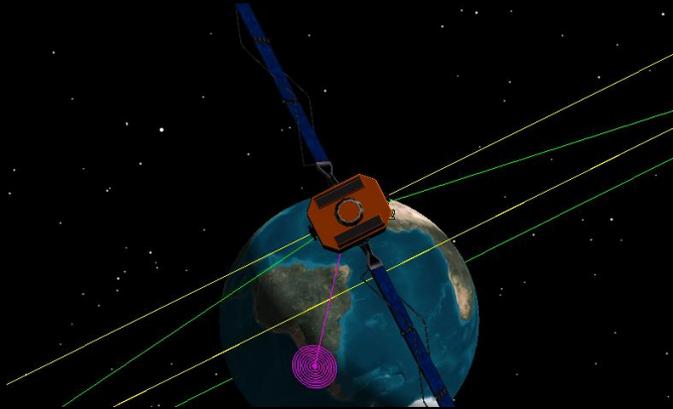
- Data volume per day per spacecraft: 1.8 GB
- Communicate without re-orientating the spacecraft
 - Non critical system

System			
Frequency band	X – band (8.45 GHz)	Downlink time	2 hours per satellite
Antenna type	Patch (3x)	Downlink rate	2048 kbit/s
	Low gain	Contact	Every 3 rd day

- The calculated Link Budget with final Link Margin: 8.77 dB

Ground station

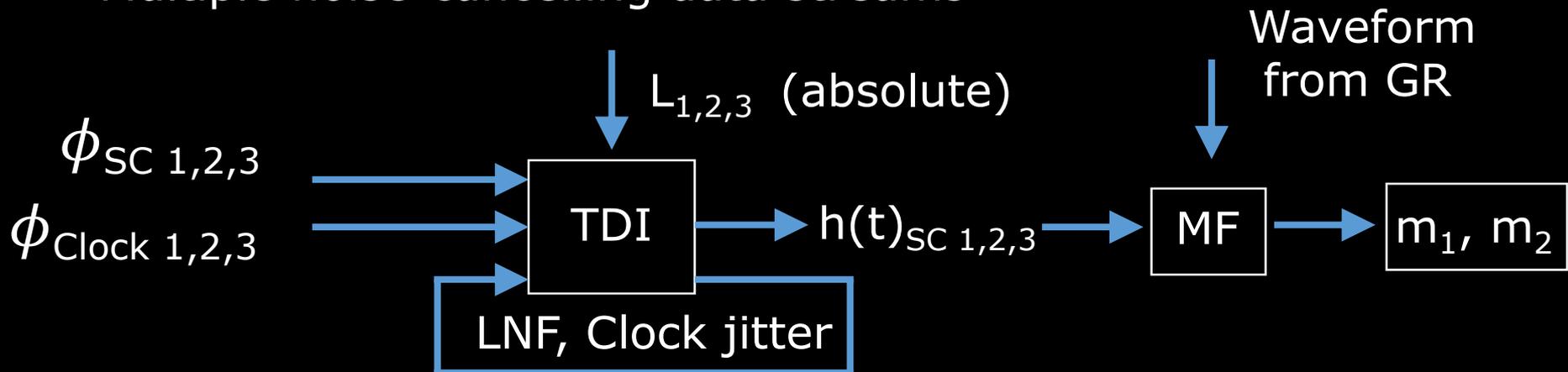
35 m Deep Space Antenna 3 in Malargüe, Argentina - X band



Post Processing

To retrieve the GW signal from the measurement

- TDI (Time delay interferometry) cancels laser frequency noise (LFN) and clock jitter by combining the phase measurements made at different times and spacecraft
- Matched filtering (MF) recovers source parameter from expected waveforms
- Multiple noise-cancelling data streams



Launch & EOL

Required payload insertion

3 x 1581 kg

Circular orbit

Radius 57735 km

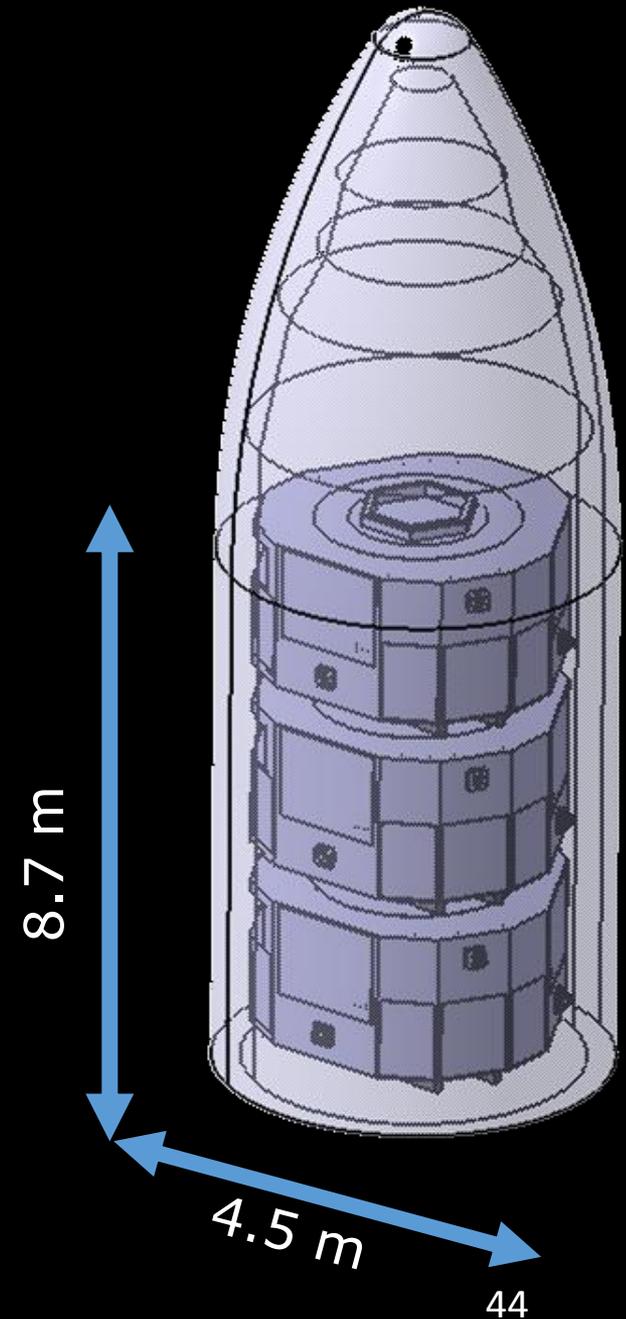
Launch mass is compatible with

Ariane 5 ECA

Falcon Heavy

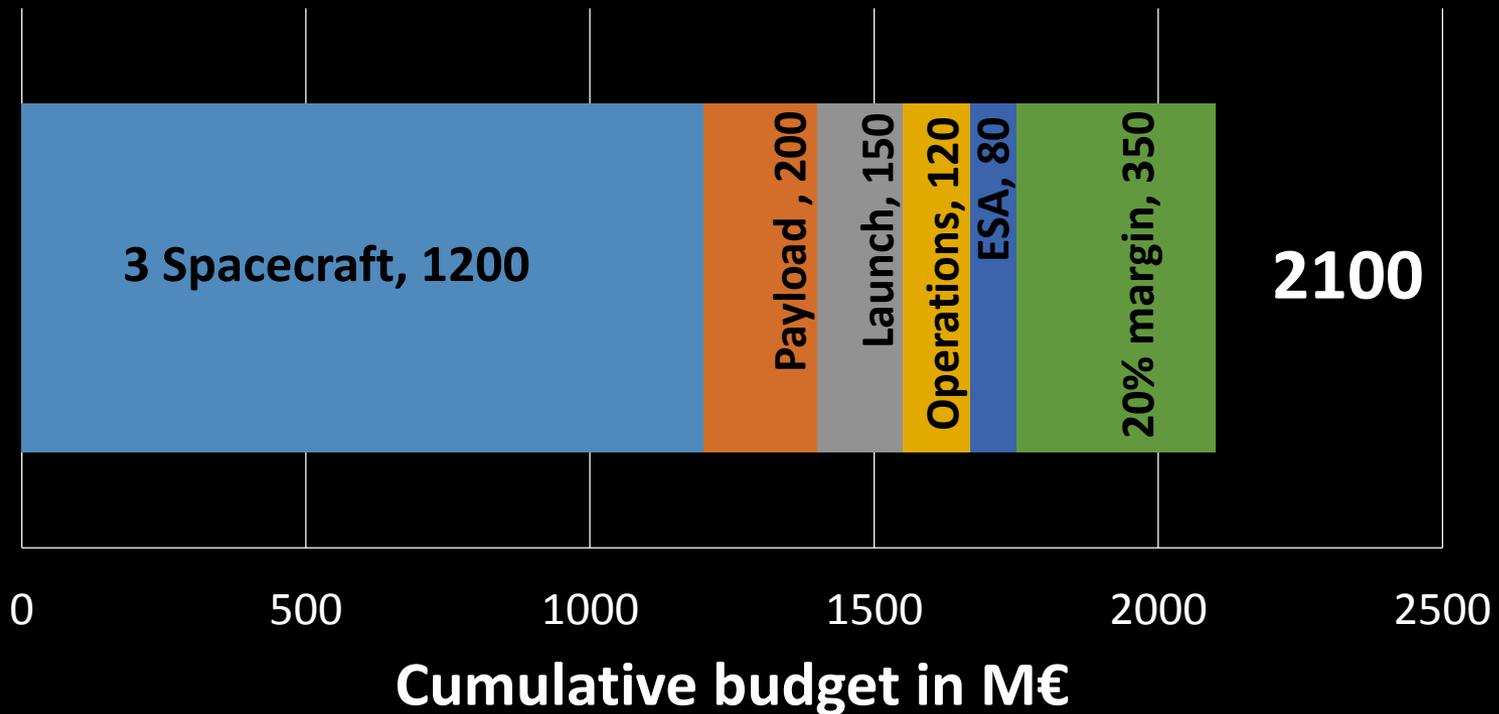
End of life

Beyond GEO - No action required





Financial budget



Risk Mitigation

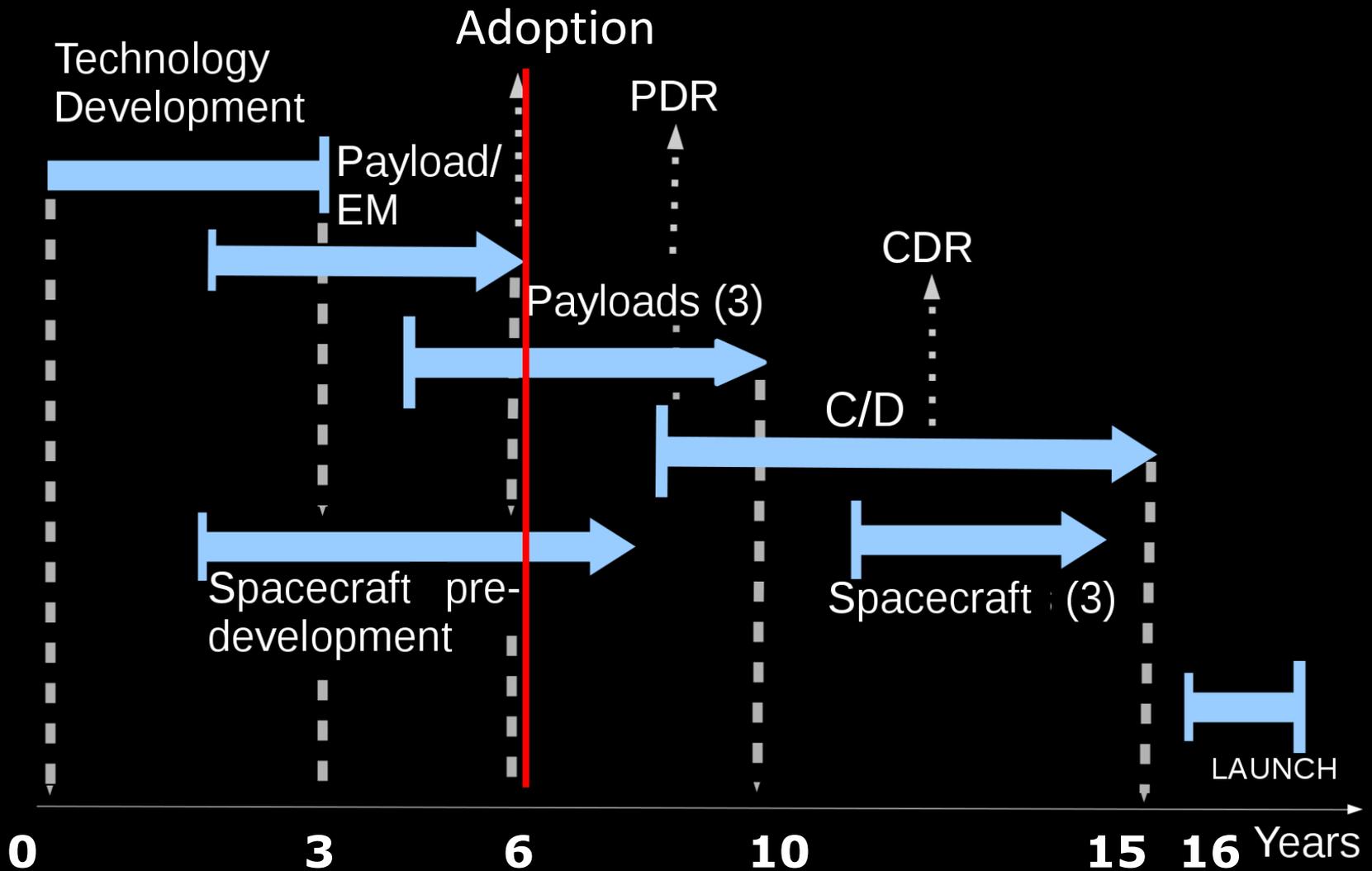
a	Test Mass Failure
b	Performance
c	Acceleration Noise Spec not met
d	Laser Noise
e	Phase Meter

		Consequence				
		Minor		Major		Catastrophic
Likelihood	very likely					
				c		
	likely			b,e		
					a	
	unlikely			d		

Technology Development

Area	Item	Challenge	Heritage	TRL
Payload	Phasemeter	Improvement of 3 order of magnitude	LPF, LISA	3
	Telescope	Larger mirrors	GAIA	4
	Optical bench	Placement of components, manufacturing	LPF, LISA	4
	Test mass read out, caging	Reliable caging/ launch look, optical read out	LPF, LISA	3-4
	50 W Laser	Space qualification	iPG potonics	4
Platform	Indium FEEP Thrusters and Control Algorithm	Qualification and Delta control from LISA	LISA/ Seibersdorf	3-4

Timeline



GLINT of the future

- Public Outreach

European Citizens:

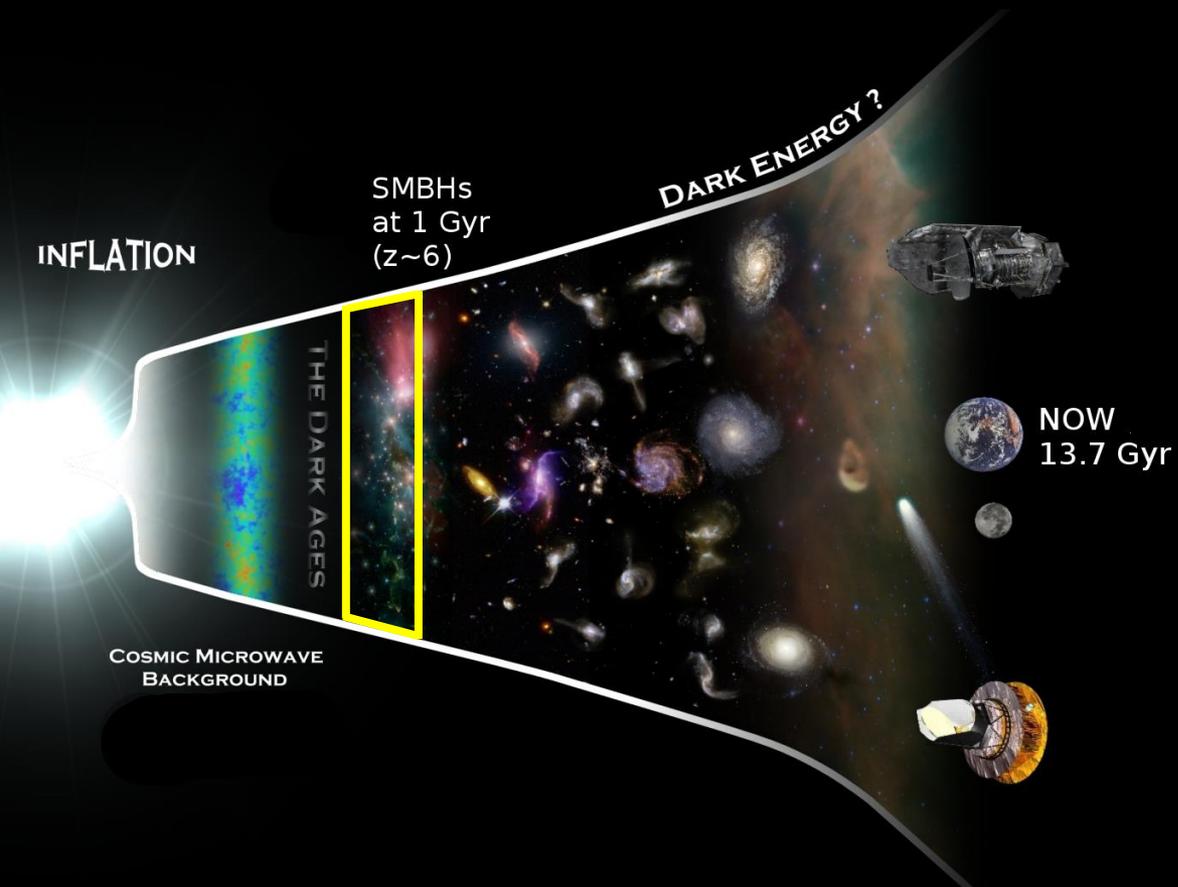
- Naming of satellites
- Improvement on technologies
- Lead international research in gravitational wave and contribute to the cutting edge of fundamental physics

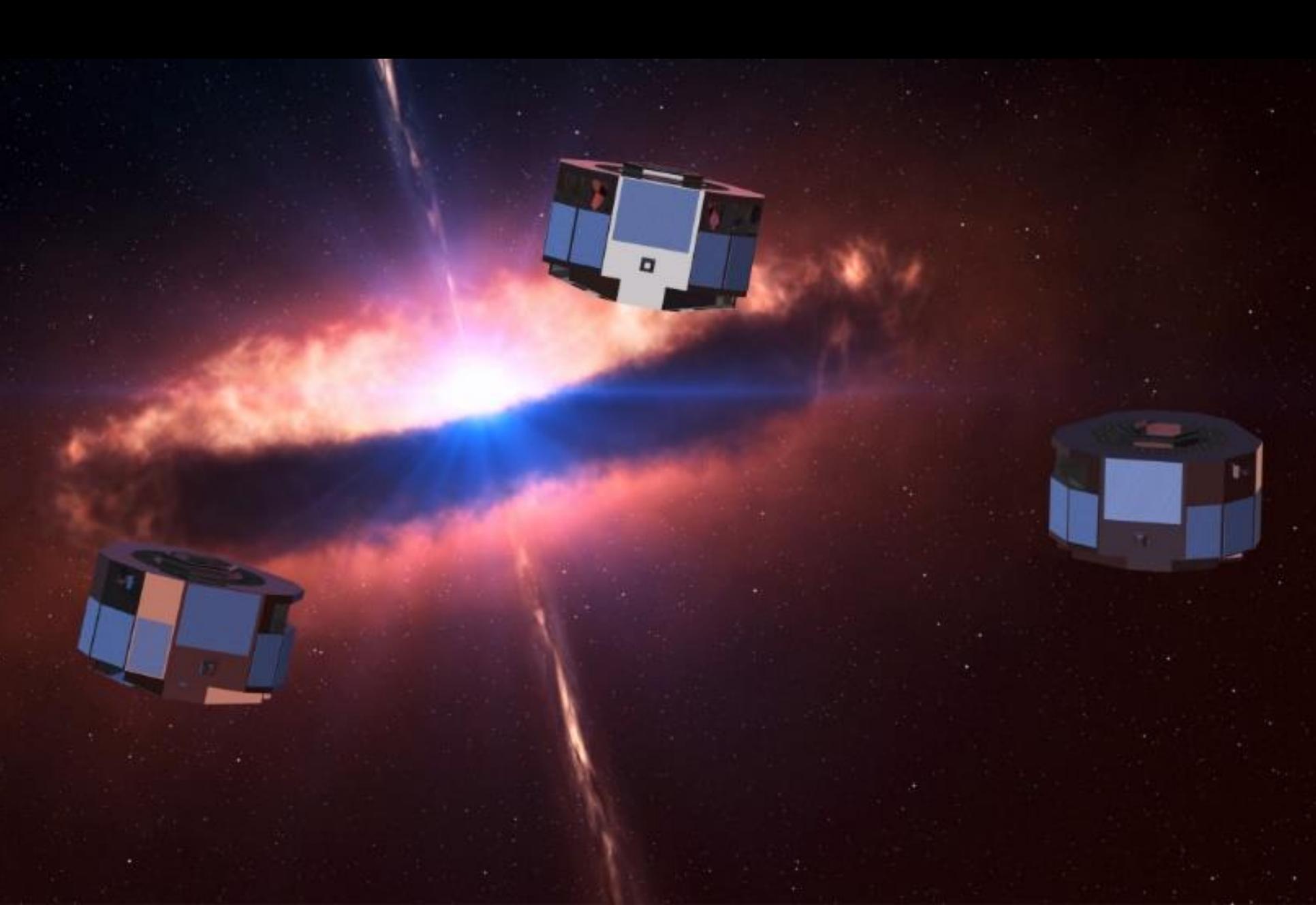
Shape the Youth:

- Experimental setups using lasers and/or optics.
- Peak interest into astronomy for the future
- G-man, exploring the universe with his laser eyes



Summary





Backup Slides

- “What an awesome spacecraft cowboy!” Clint Eastwood
- “This spacecraft is a real atomic bomb!” Robert Oppenheimer
- “Clint is even better than a good cup of tea!” Queen Elizabeth

GW Detection Discarded Options

- **Atomic Clocks and Atomic interferometers**
Space Based technology not mature. Very Promising in the next years
- **Bose Einstein Condensates**
Very innovative but at the moment is only a theoretical study
- **Squeezed Light**
Promising but is required further experimental studies for space-based applications

Indium FEEP Micropropulsion

Thruster requirements:

- Minimum Thrust $0.3 \mu\text{N}$ (Target $0.1 \mu\text{N}$)
- Maximum Thrust $100 \mu\text{N}$ (Target $150 \mu\text{N}$)
- Total Impulse 2920 Ns (Target 4000 Ns)
- Thrust Noise $< 0.1 \mu\text{N/Hz}$
- Thrust Resolution $1 \mu\text{N}$
- Specific Impulse $> 4000 \text{ s}$

Size: $\varnothing \sim 10 \text{ cm}$; $L \sim 10 \text{ cm}$

Mass: 300g thruster + 1kg PCU

Power: 7 W (heater)



Performance values for a single In-FEEP emitter:

- Thrust $0.1 - 15 \mu\text{N}$ / Emitter
- Thrust Resolution $< 0.1 \mu\text{N}$
- Thrust Noise $< 0.1 \mu\text{N}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$
- Minimum Impulse Bit $< 5 \text{ nNs}$
- Total Impulse $490 - 1000 \text{ Ns}$ / Emitter
- Specific Impulse $4000 - 8,000 \text{ s}$

Science objectives	Science Investigation	Reference measurements	Instruments requirements
Direct collapse black holes detection in the range of $10E4$ to $10E6$ solar masses	$h=10E-23$ (1/sqrt(Hz)) f= 0.01-0.1Hz 10 to 100s Rate: 10000/year	Laser Interferometry – Distance measurement between three free floating masses in space (phase measurement)	Acceleration Noise < $10E-18$ m/(s ² *sqrt(Hz)) $Dx < 10^{-16}$ m/sqrt(Hz) Resolution phasemeter $D\Phi < 10E-9$ rad/sqrt(Hz)
The collapse of very massive Objects in the range $10E2$ to $10E5$ solar masses	$h=10E-23$ (1/sqrt(Hz)) f= 0.01-0.02Hz Duration 10 to 100s Rate: 4000/year		Thermal stability of the TM $DT < 100$ nK/sqrt(Hz) Magnetic Shielding $DB < 0.07$ nT/sqrt(Hz) Relative intensity noise RIN Noise < $3 \cdot 10^{-9}$ at MHz
The collapse of super massive stars in the range of 260 to 800 solar masses	$h=5 \cdot 10E-24$ (1/sqrt(Hz)) F= 0.4-1Hz Duration 5 to 60s Rate: $10E7$ /year		Frequency stability of the Laser < 5 Hz/sqrt(Hz) Time delay interferometry $L_{range} < 1$ cm
Two merging black holes in the range $10E2$ to $10E5$ solar masses	$h=10E-23$ (1/sqrt(Hz)) F= 0.01-1Hz Duration 604800s Rate: $10E3$ /year		Test Mass Assembly m=7kg cube side=7cm Au-Pt Alloy T=293K $dT < 0.1 \cdot 10E-6$ K/sqrt(Hz) $P = 3 \cdot 10E-7$ Pa