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# ARISTOTLE

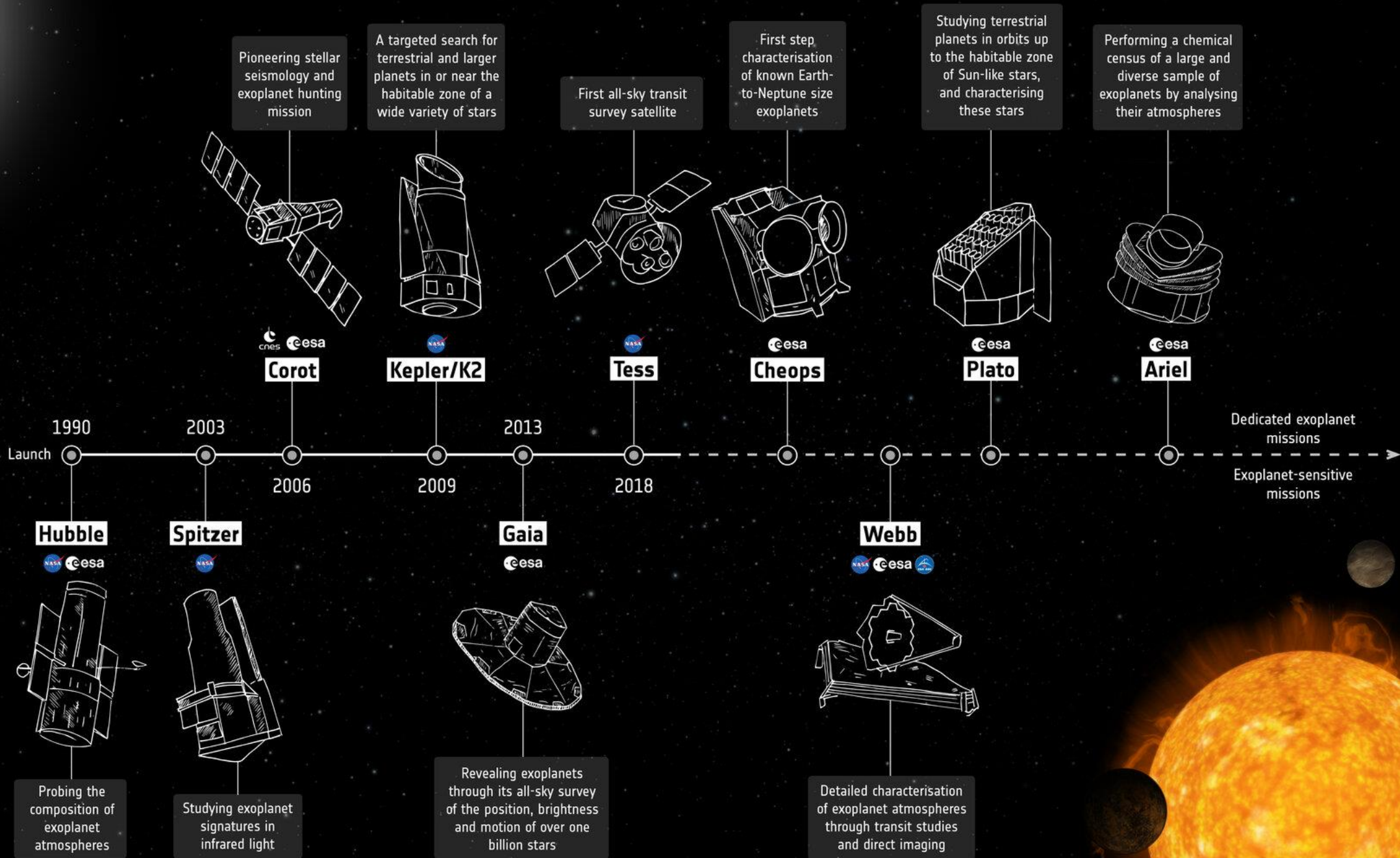
- Astrophysical Research Initiative for Space Telescopic Observations of Transiting Large Exoplanets





### Ground-based observatories

First discoveries of exoplanets in the 1990s opened up the field of exoplanet research. New innovations and discoveries continue to this day



A targeted search for terrestrial and larger planets in or near the habitable zone of a wide variety of stars



**Kepler/K2**

2009

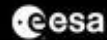
First all-sky transit survey satellite



**Tess**

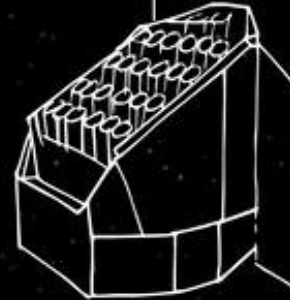
2018

First step characterisation of known Earth-to-Neptune size exoplanets



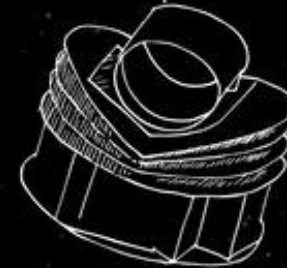
**Cheops**

Studying terrestrial planets in orbits up to the habitable zone of Sun-like stars, and characterising these stars



**Plato**

Performing a chemical census of a large and diverse sample of exoplanets by analysing their atmospheres

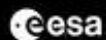


**Ariel**

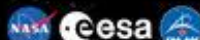


2013

**Gaia**

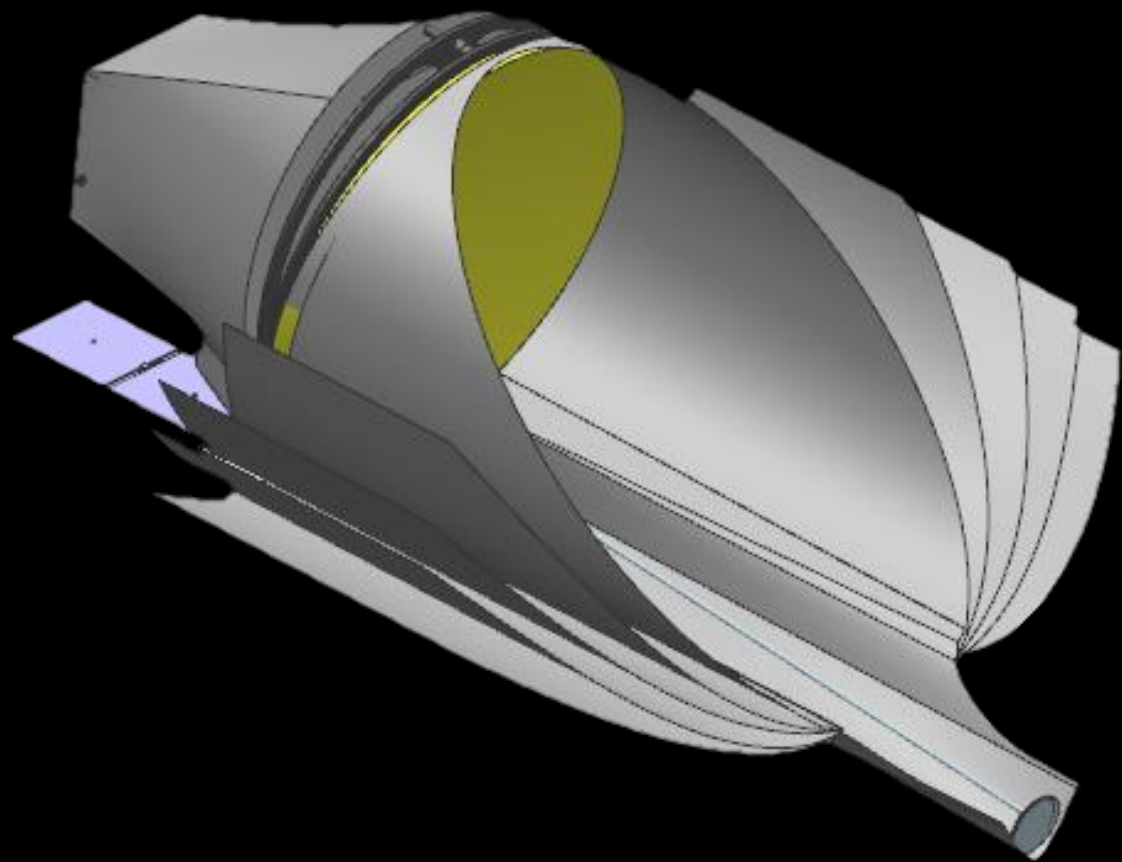


**Webb**



Dedicated exoplanet missions

Exoplanet-sensitive missions



# Mission Statement



**The ARISTOTLE Mission shall push the envelope in the search of precursors for life in stellar systems.**

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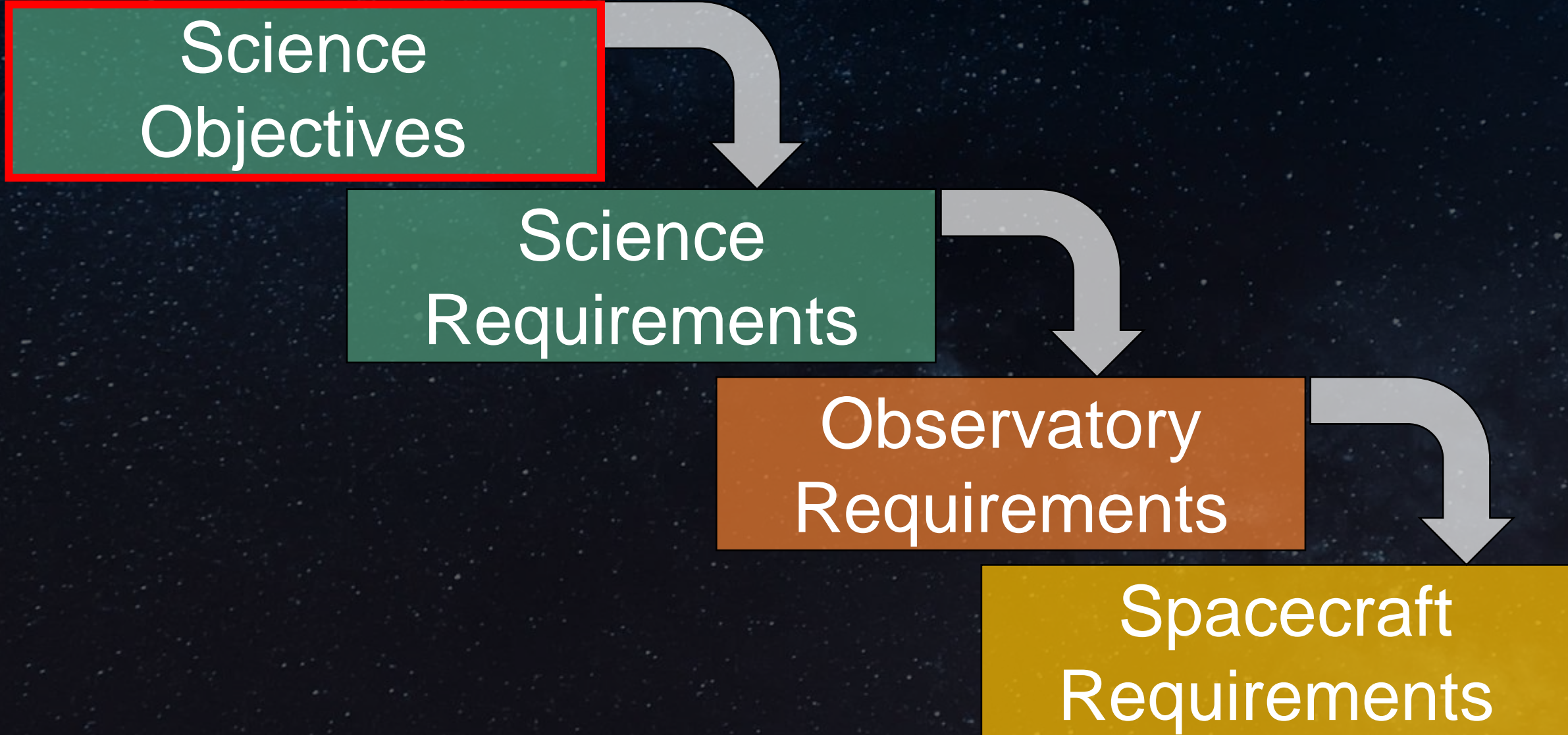


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# Science Questions



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# Primary Science

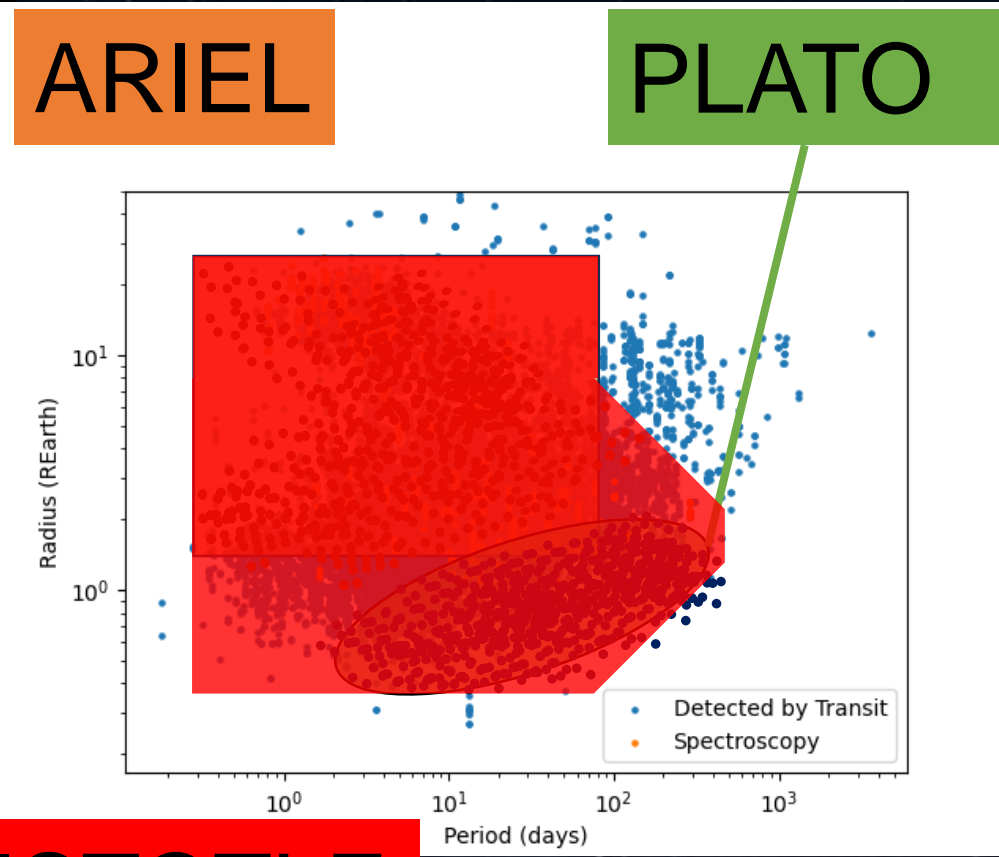
# Primary Science: Analysis of Planetary Systems



## Question: Exoplanet Atmospheres?

### Derived Objectives:

1. Photochemistry in Exoplanets around Sun-Like stars.
2. Breaking degeneracies of ARIEL.
3. Probe host-star variability to reduce noise.



## ARISTOTLE

# Primary Science: Analysis of Planetary Systems



Photochemistry &  
Geo-Thermal  
Activities

Chemical  
Disequilibrium

Molecular Pre-  
cursors of Life

Methane  
(CH<sub>4</sub>)

Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>)

H<sub>2</sub>O

Carbon-  
Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)

# Primary Science: Analysis of Planetary Systems



H<sub>2</sub>O

Hydrocarbons  
(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, ..)

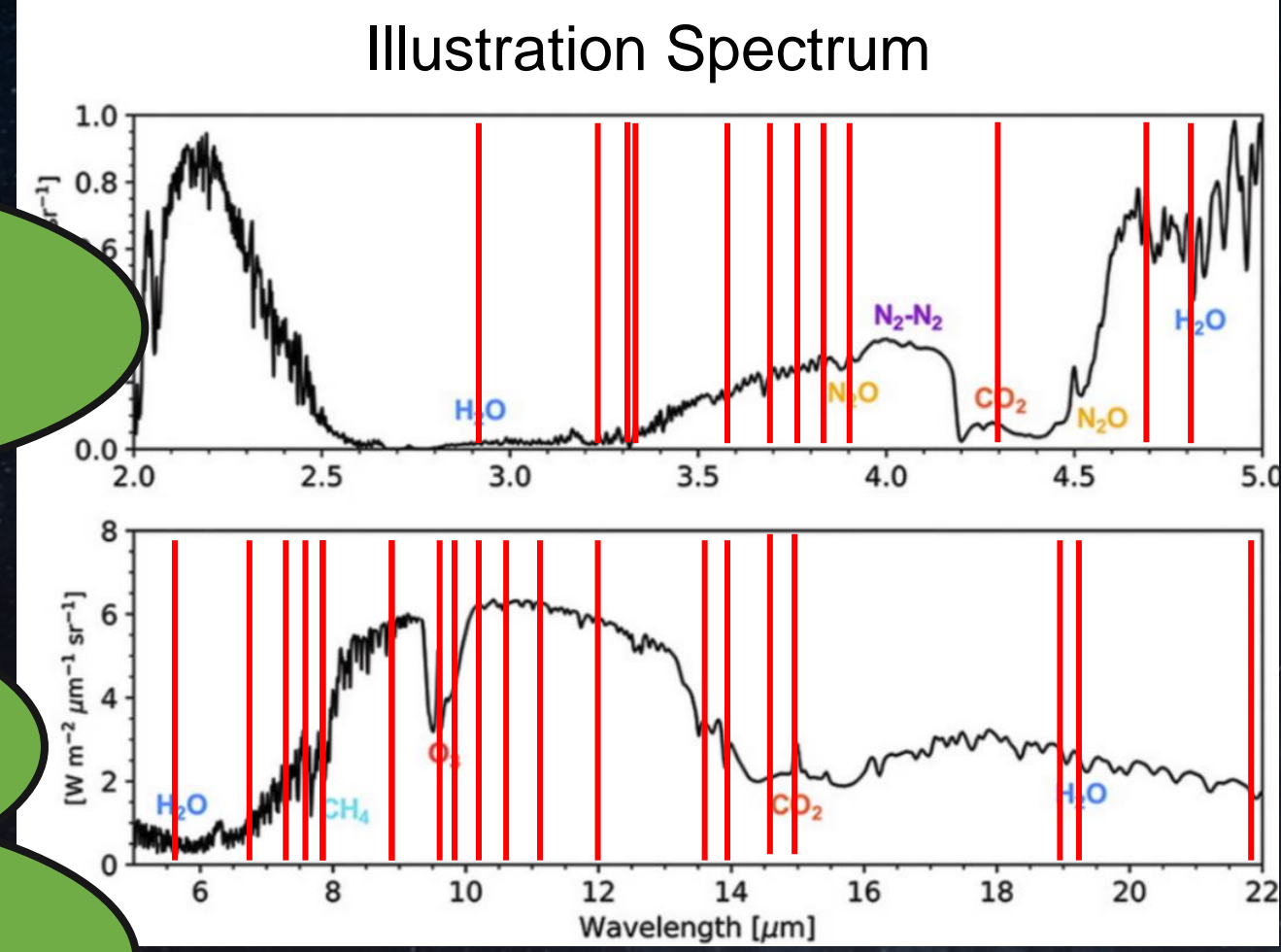
Sulfur  
Compounds  
(SO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>S)

Carbon-  
Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)

Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>)

Methane  
(CH<sub>4</sub>)

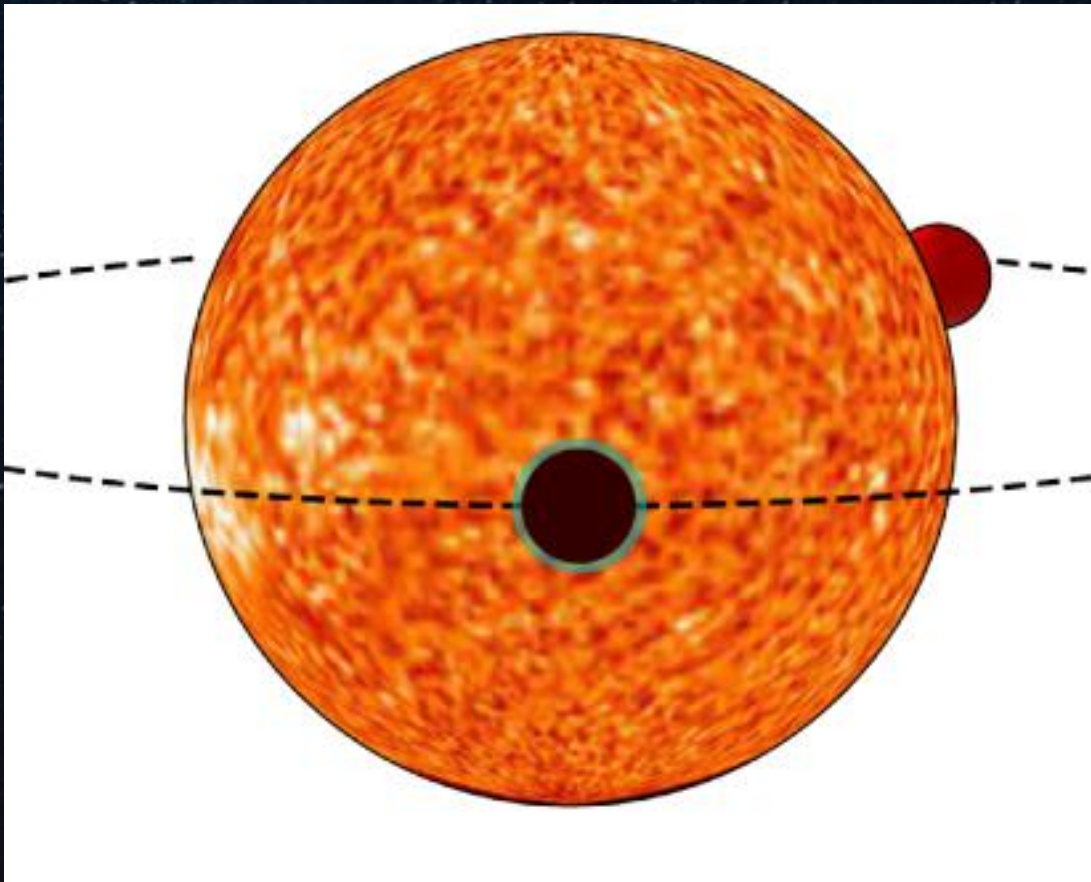
Phosphine &  
Phyllosilicates



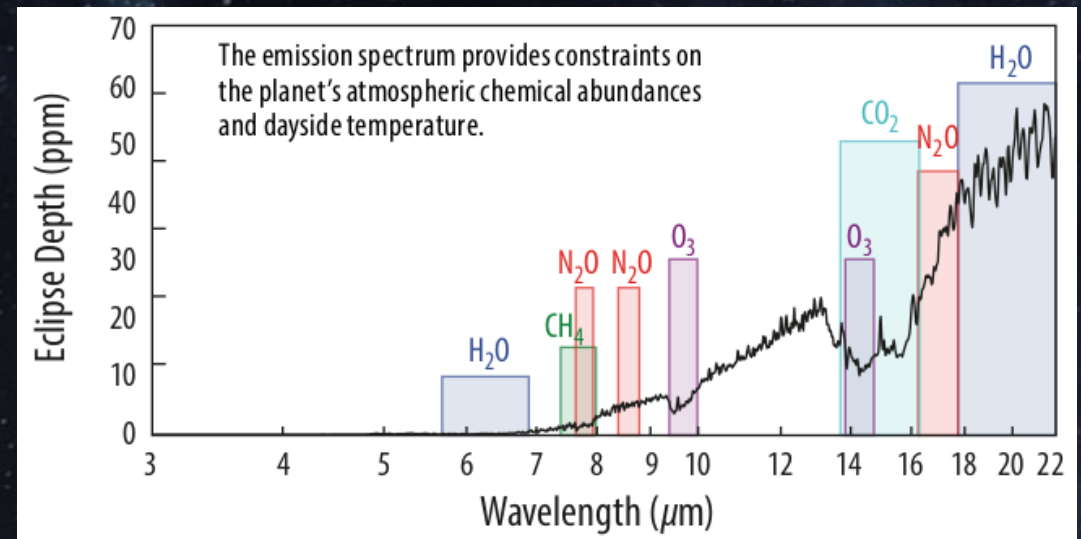
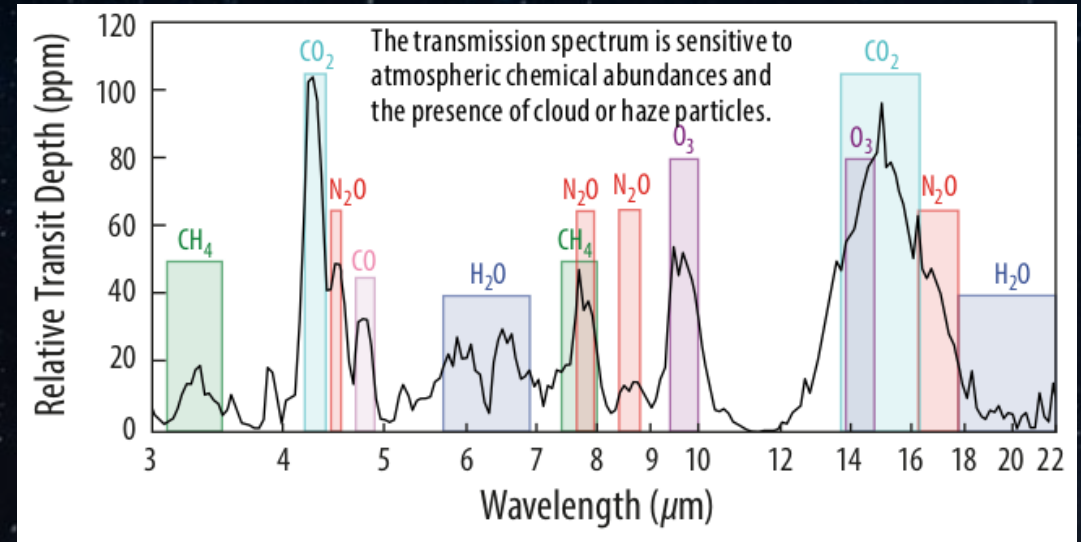
Schwietermann et al. 2018



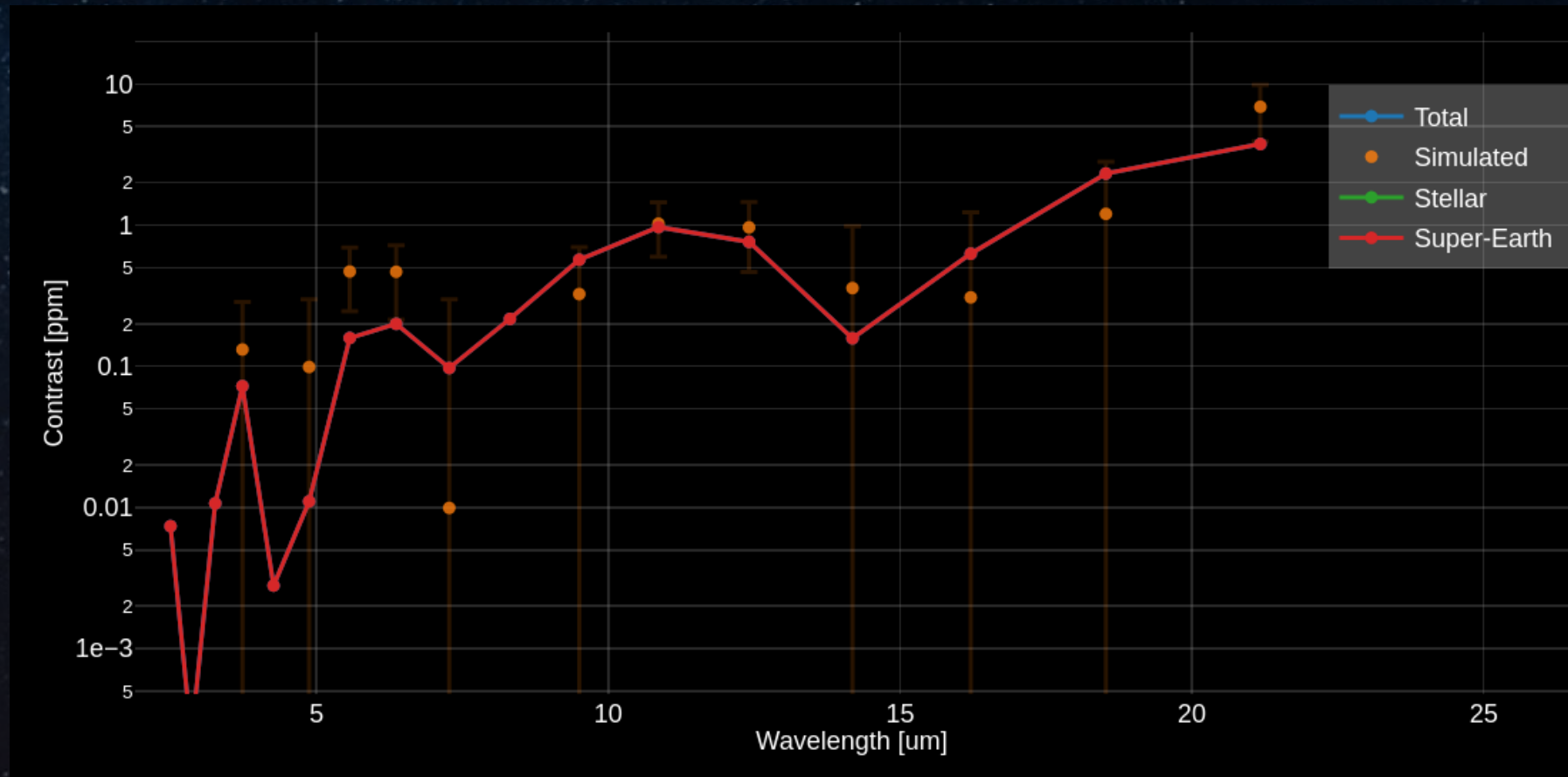
# Primary Science: Analysis of Planetary Systems



M. Meixner et al. 2019  
(ORIGINS Concept Study)

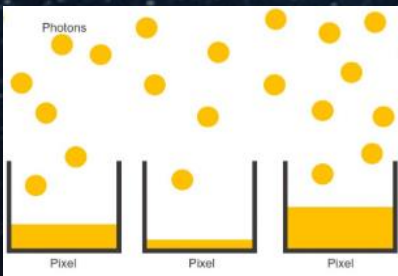


# Characterize Super-Earths with Eclipses



# ARISTOTLE Noise and Systematics

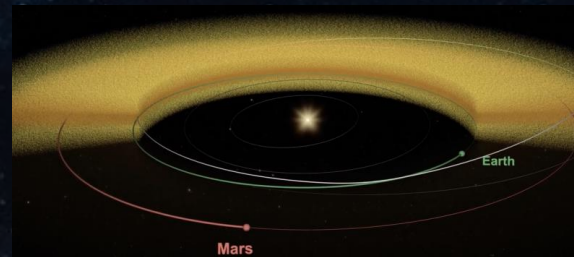
Photon Noise  
(0.8 - 6 ppm)



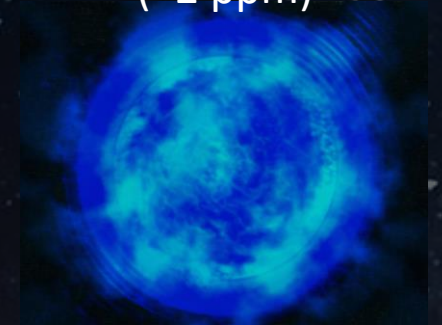
Dish thermal emission  
(0 - 3 ppm)



Zodiacal background  
(0 - 3 ppm)



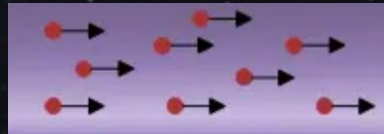
Star instability  
(~2 ppm)



Pointing jitter  
(~1 ppm)



Dark current  
(<1 ppm)



Read noise  
(~0ppm)



Calibration errors & fringes  
(target: < 5 ppm)





# Secondary Science

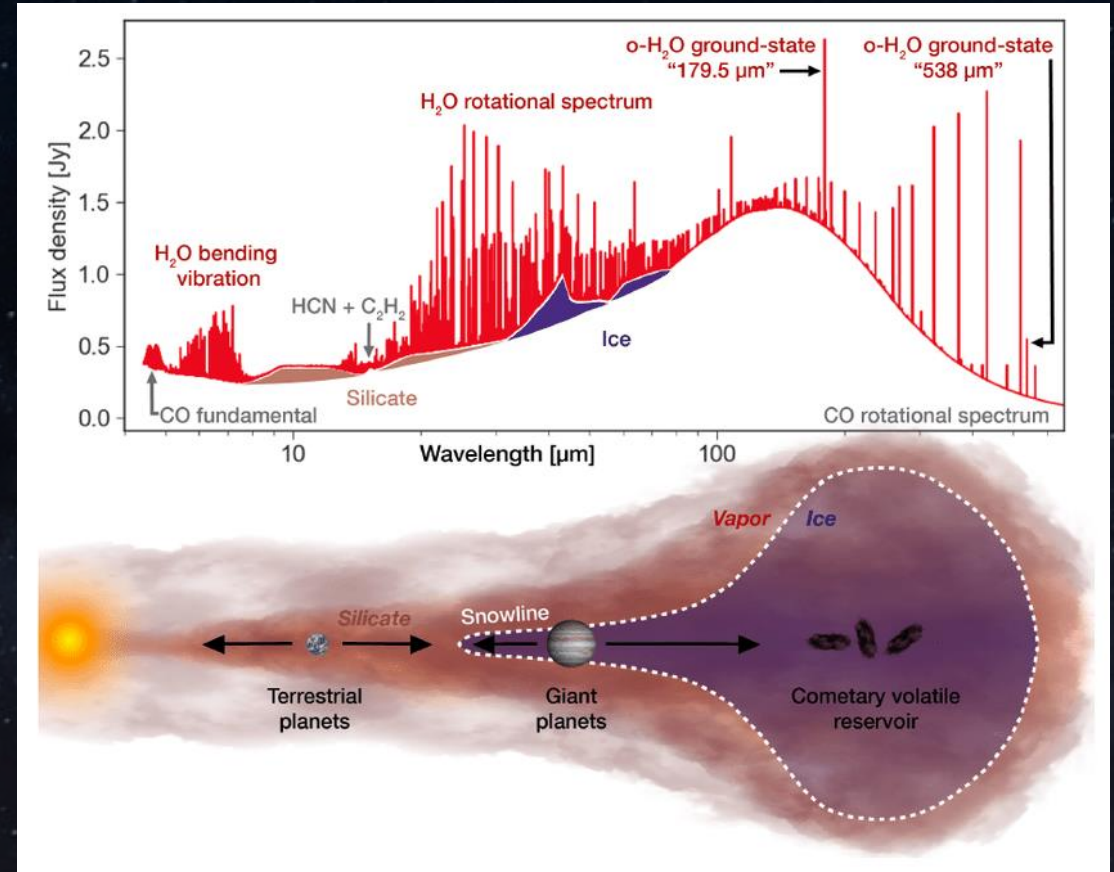
# Planetary System(s) (formation)



## Question: Evolution Planetary Systems?

### Derived Objectives:

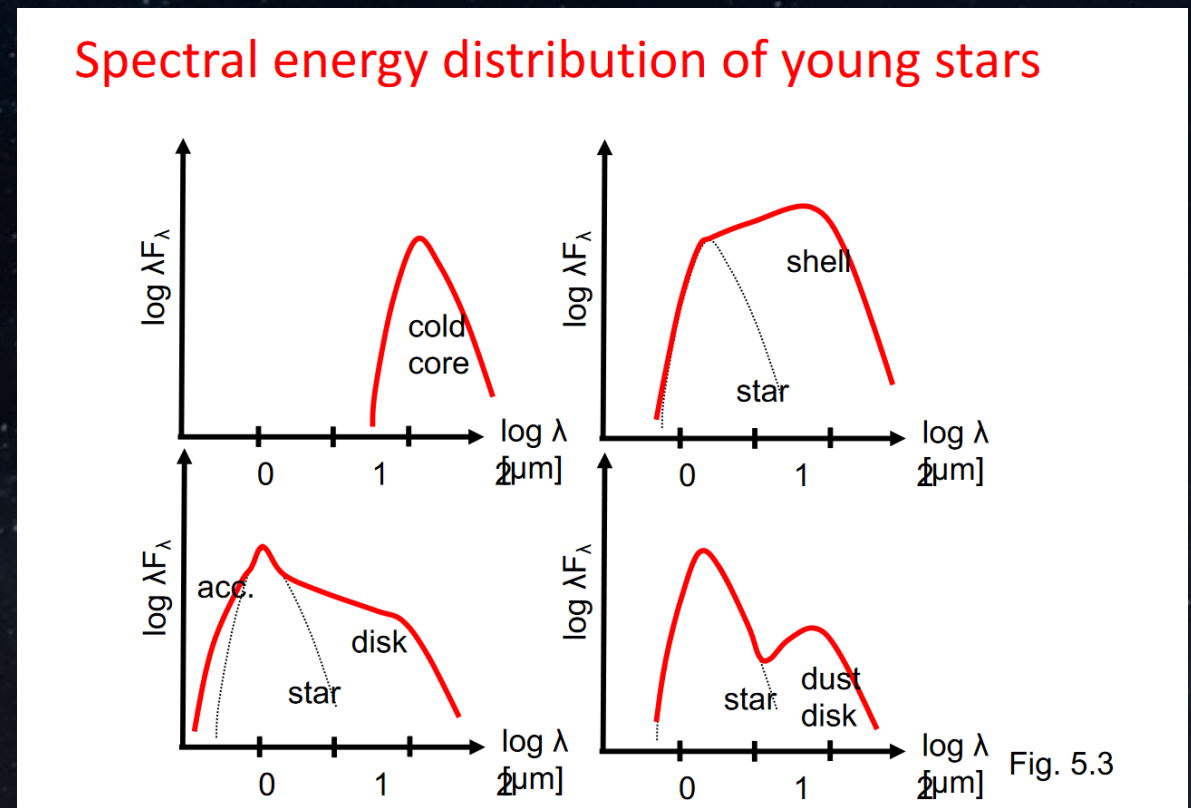
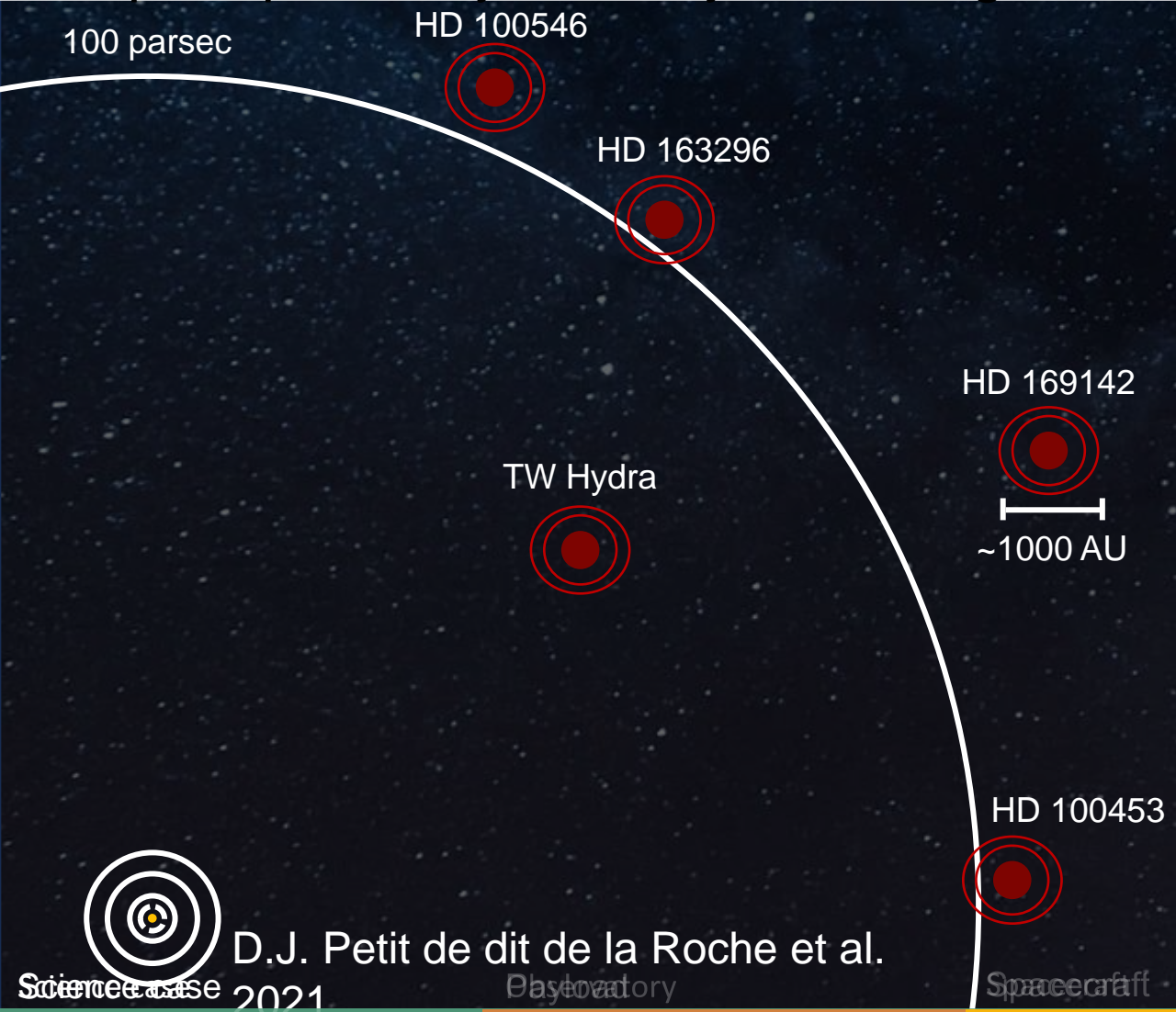
1. Constrain the SED of close protoplanetary disks.
2. Find possible companions.



Linz et. al (2020)

# Coronagraph Direct Imaging of Disks

1. Constrain the SED, including its spatial component, of close protoplanetary disks by observing their thermal emission.



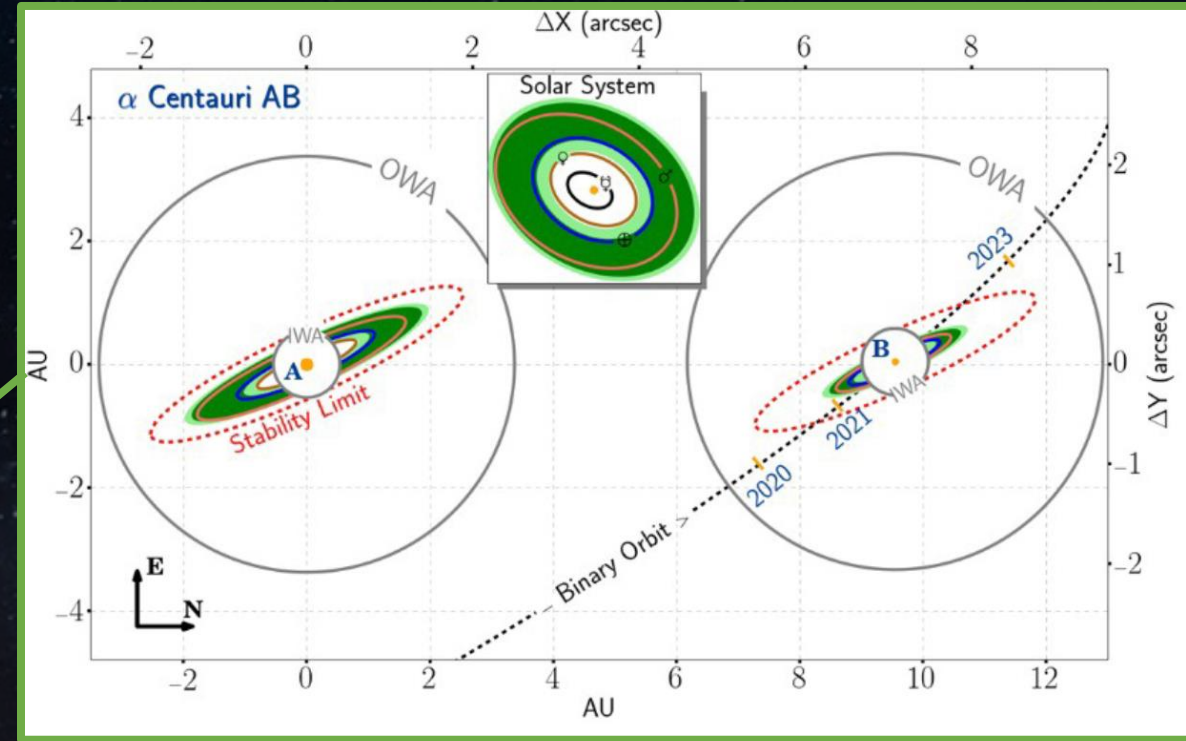
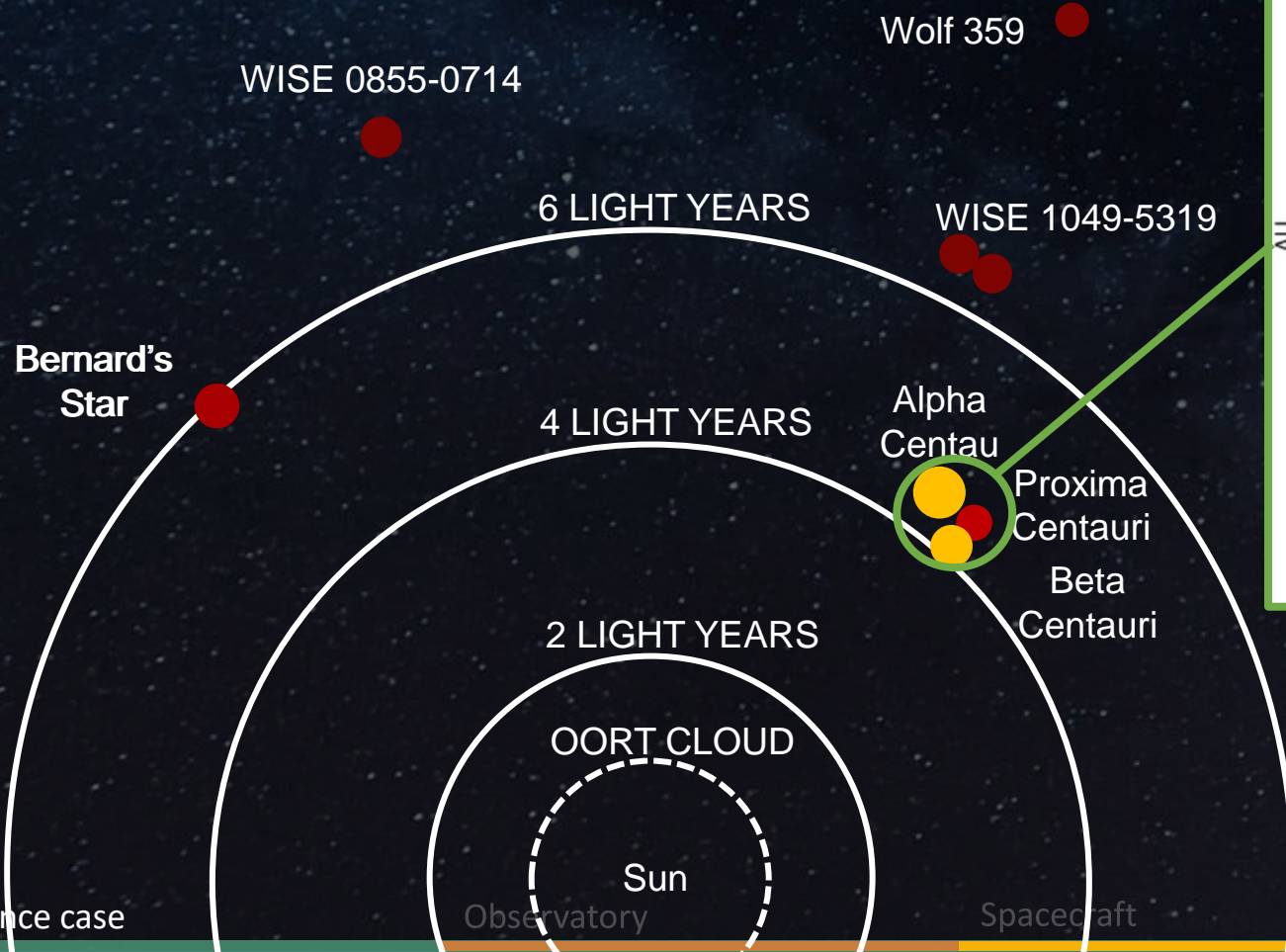
H.M. Schmid  
2020



D.J. Petit de dit de la Roche et al.

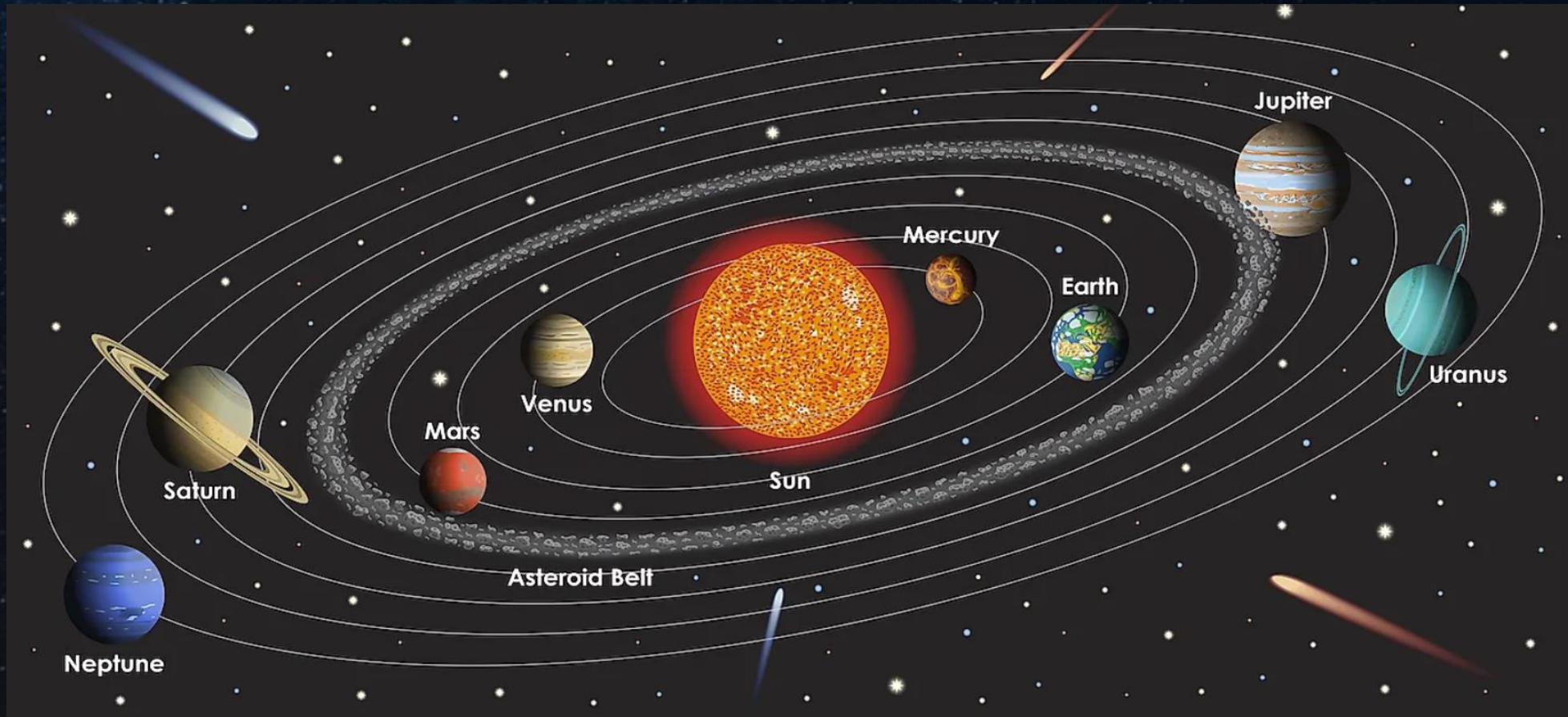
# Coronagraph Direct Imaging of Nearby Exoplanets

## 2. Finding possible companions close-by.



R. Belikov et al. 2015

# Understanding Universe by Looking Far and At Home



<https://www.worldatlas.com/space/the-hottest-and-coldest-planets-of-our-solar-system.html>



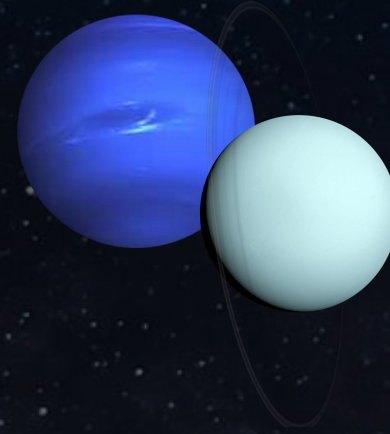
# Solar System Science



## Question: Evolution Solar System?

### Derived Objectives:

1. Constrain energy budgets of gas planets.
2. Constrain early composition by looking at pristine comets.





# Understanding our Solar System

## 2. Constraining the elemental abundances during the formation of our solar system.

- Comets consist of leftover building blocks from the solar system formation process
- Complex organic molecules such as hydrocarbons can be measured at longer wavelengths
- Comets can give us valuable insights into the formation of the Solar System and molecules of life



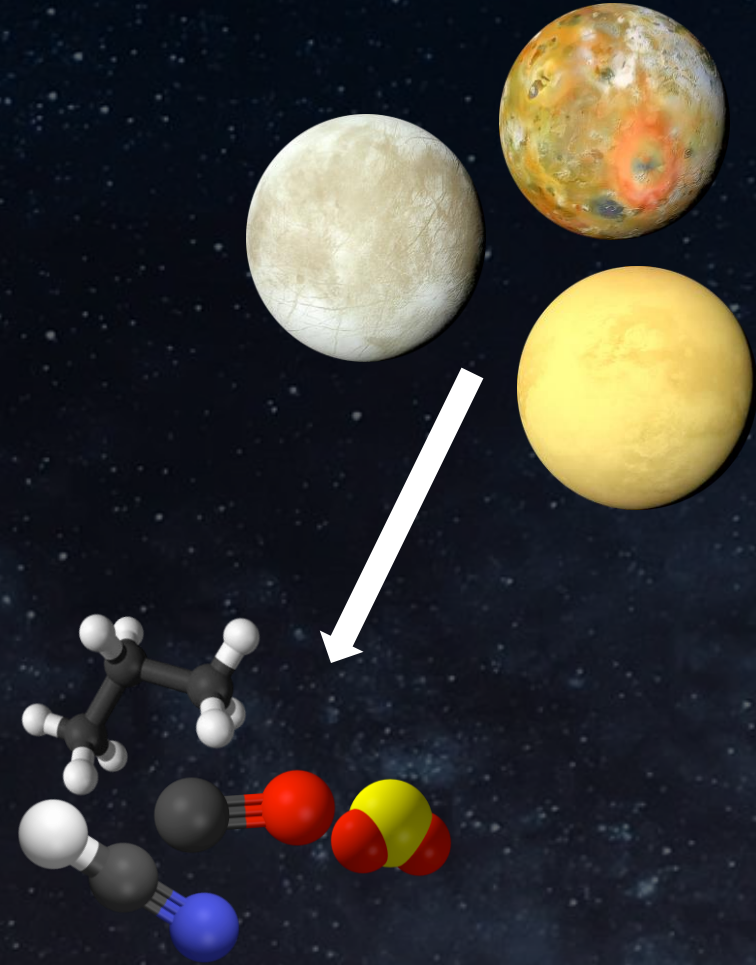
# Solar System Science



## Question: Life in the Solar System?

### Derived Objectives:

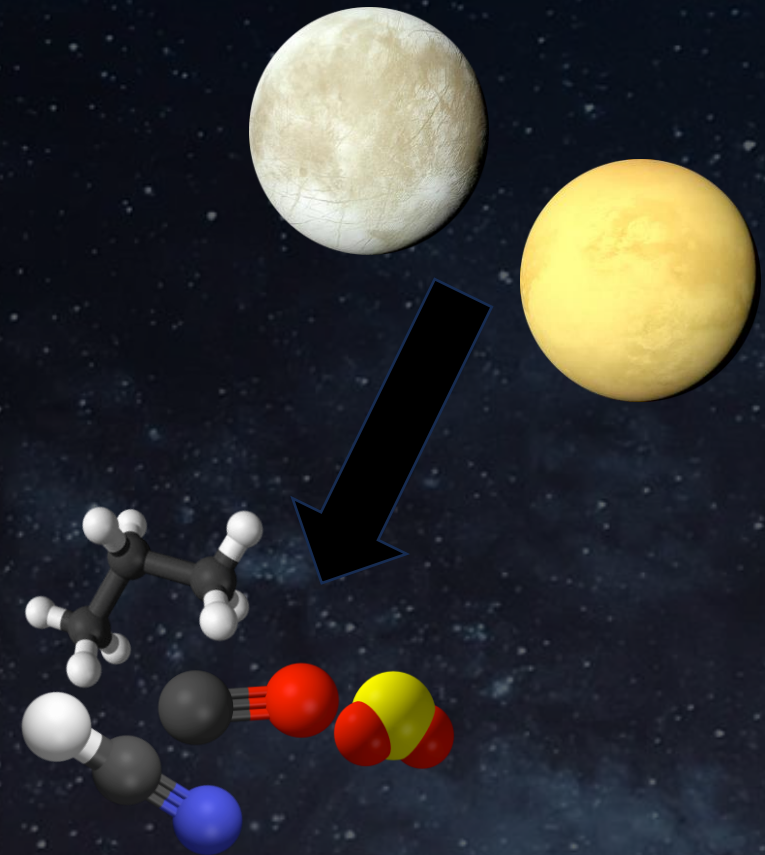
1. Synergize with other mission, looking for biomarkers specifically in the mid-infrared (MIR).



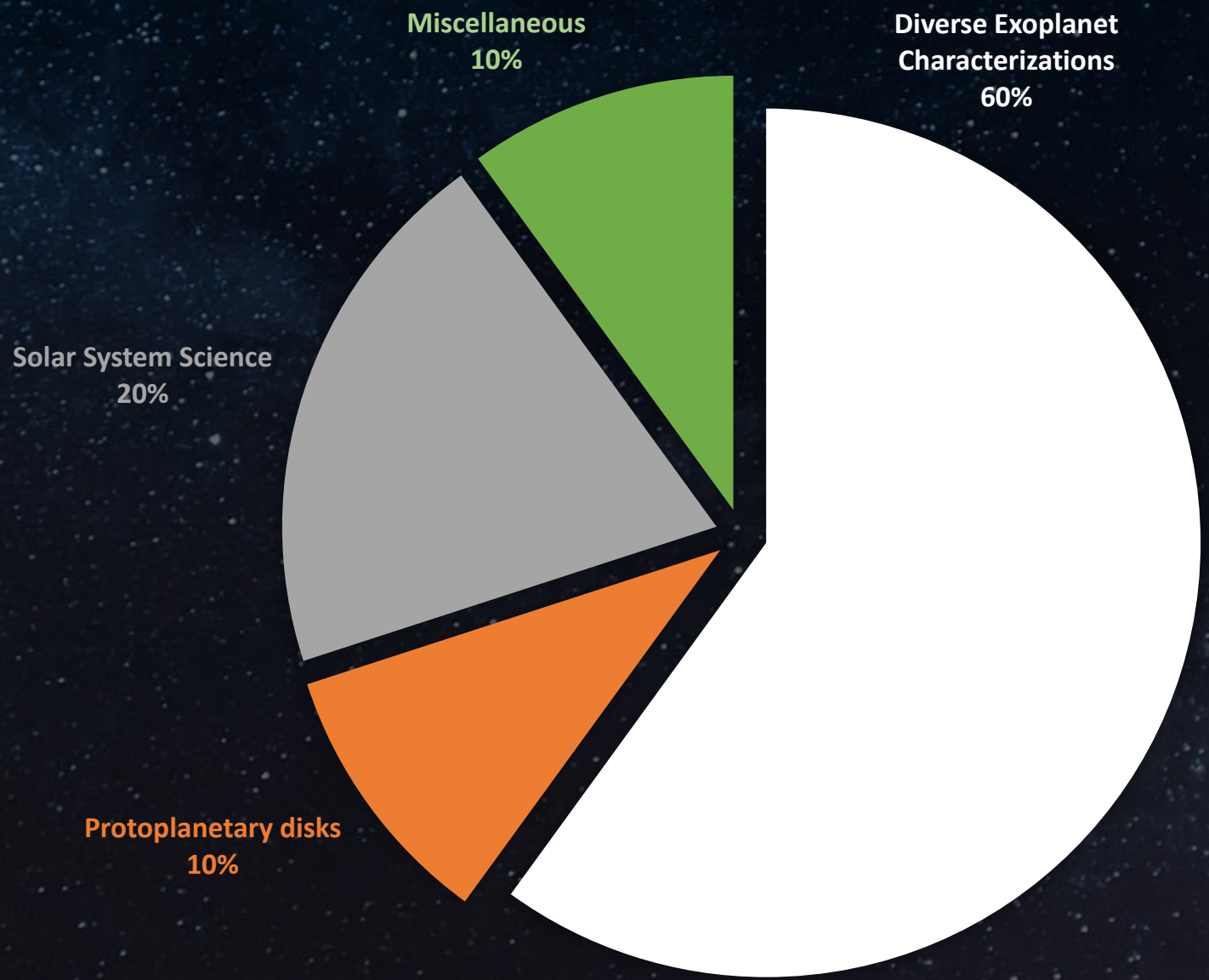
# Life in our Solar System?

3. Synergize with other mission by looking for biomarkers in solar system moons which are undiscovered so far.

- Mid-IR opens new possibilities to study atmospheric compositions and dynamics on gas giants' moons
- Hydrocarbons could indicate the presence of life “precursors” i.e. some building blocks for more complex molecules
- Sulfur dioxide ( $19\mu\text{m}$ ) can give us wider information on geothermal (and especially volcanic) activities



# ARISTOTLE Science Breakdown



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## Target Priority – Characterization of Exoplanet Atmospheres

1. Warm Super-Earths and Sub-Neptunes around F and K stars.
2. Hot Jupiters
3. Hot Rockies, Super-Earths and Sub-Neptunes

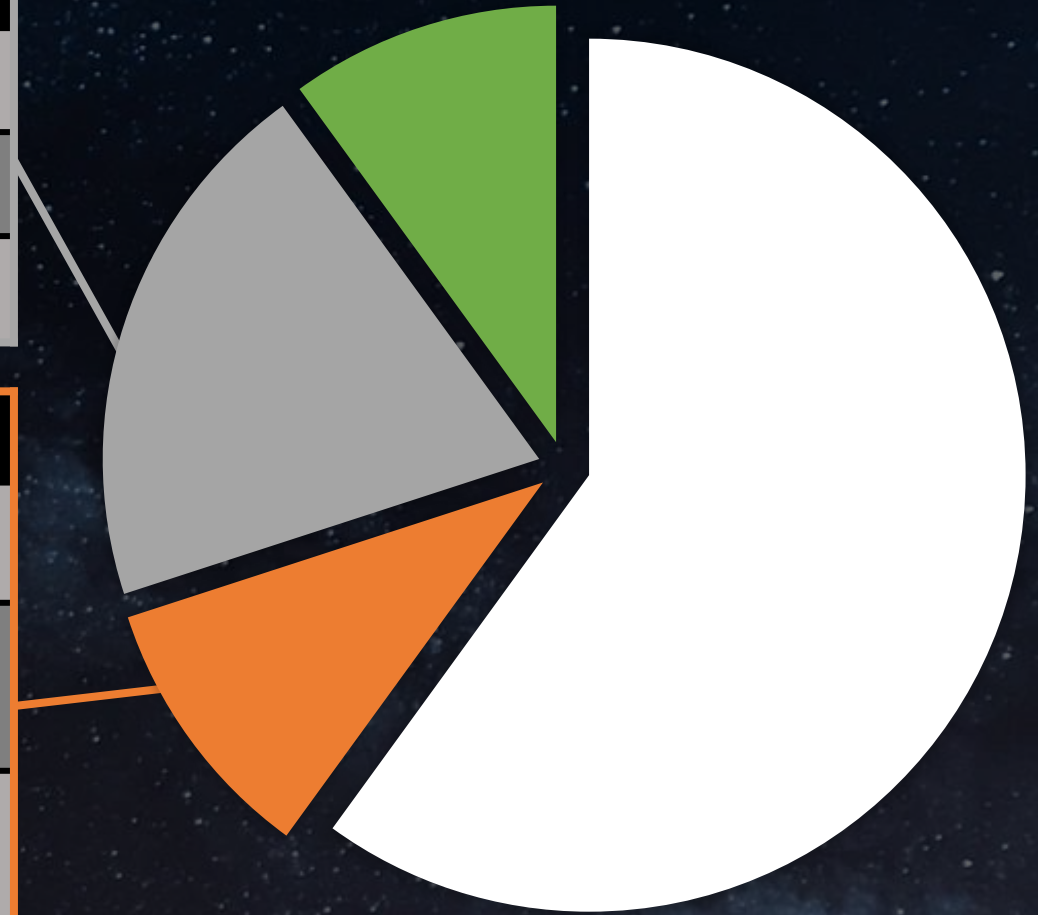
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## Target Priority – Solar System Science

1. Energy budget Neptune & Uranus
2. Biosignatures on solar system moons
3. Pristine Comets and Interstellar Objects

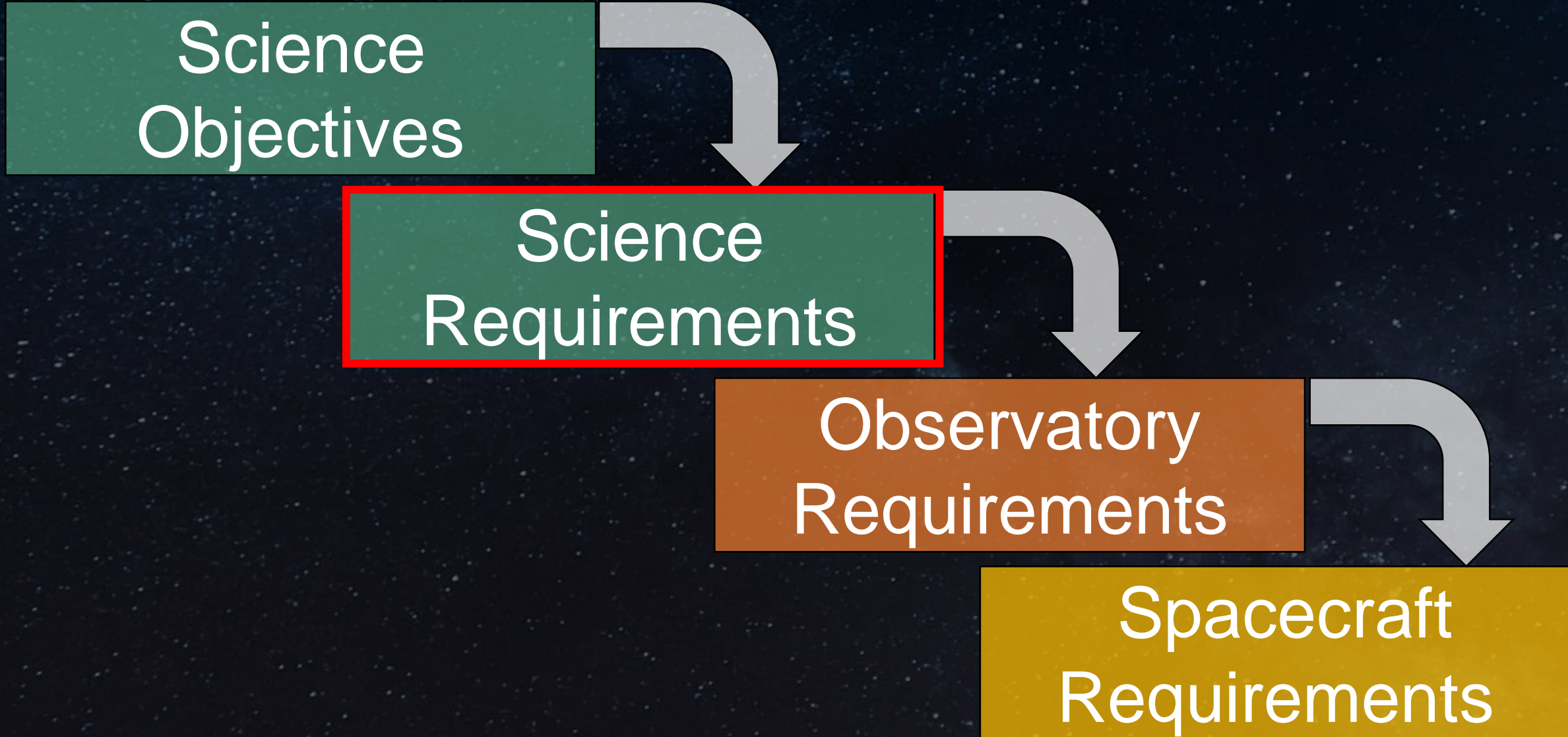
## Target Priority – Protoplanetary Disks

1. Follow up observations of NEAR PPDs
2. Search for (possible) habitable planet around alpha Centauri
3. Direct Imaging of far out, young Exoplanets (ask Frans for what targets)





# Requirements Breakdown





# Science Questions: A Refresher

## Primary

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## Secondary

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# Scientific Requirements

Primary  
Science  
Objectives

The mission shall do **spectrography** in the range of **2.5-23  $\mu\text{m}$** .

The **spectrograph** shall have a resolution **R=200 (2.5-10  $\mu\text{m}$ )** and **R=100 (10-23  $\mu\text{m}$ )**.

Secondary  
Science  
Objectives

The mission shall be able to observe continuously for up to **24 hours**.

The mission shall be able to observe up to **5 transits** of exoplanets in the habitable zone of sun-like stars.

# Scientific Requirements

## Primary Science Objectives

The Imager shall have a spatial resolution of 50AU at 100pc ( $R = 500\text{mas}$ ).

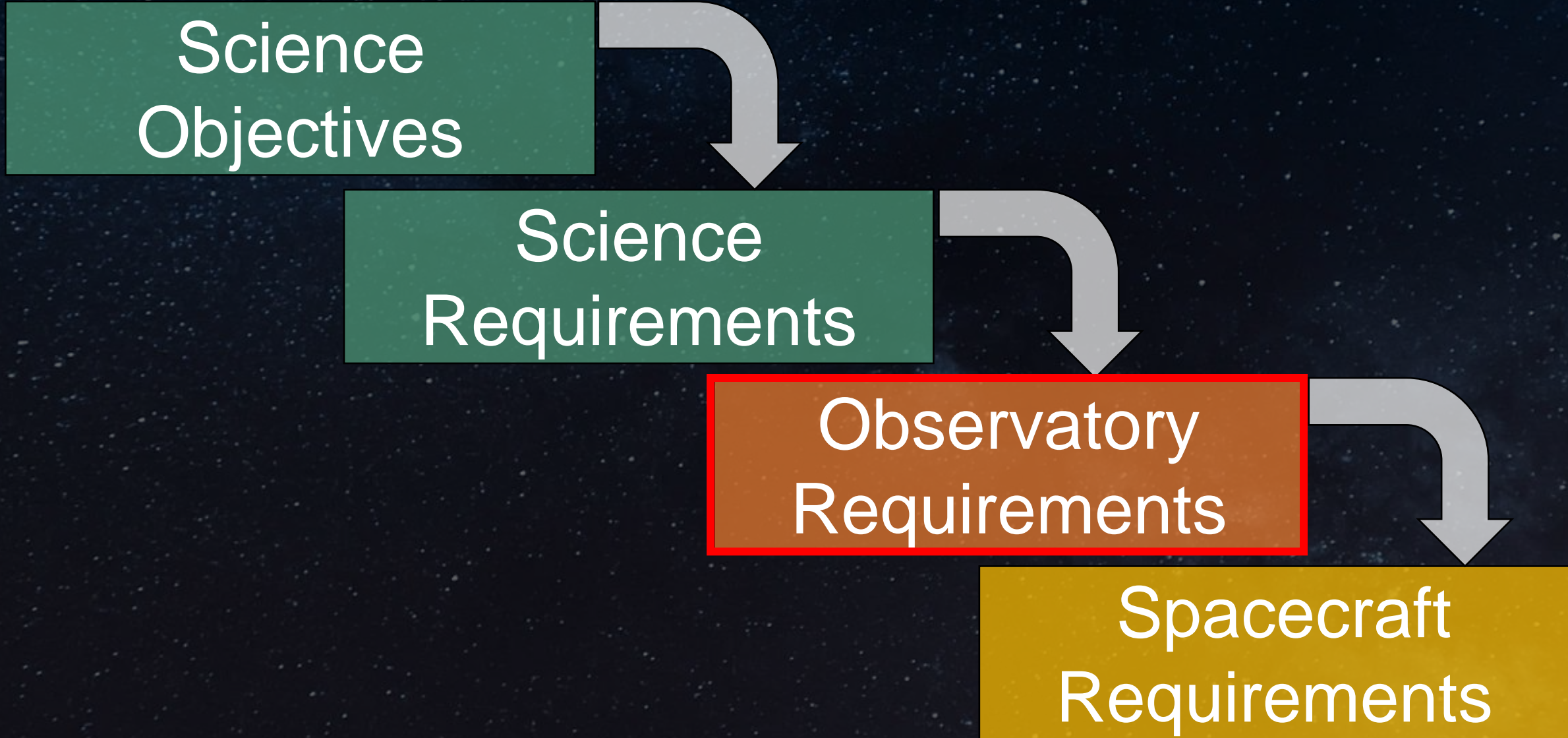
The imager shall have a **coronagraph**.

## Secondary Science Objectives

The mission shall be able to image in **10.65, 11.4, 15.5, 19, 22  $\mu\text{m}$**  bands.

The mission shall image with less than **50mas** relative pointing error.

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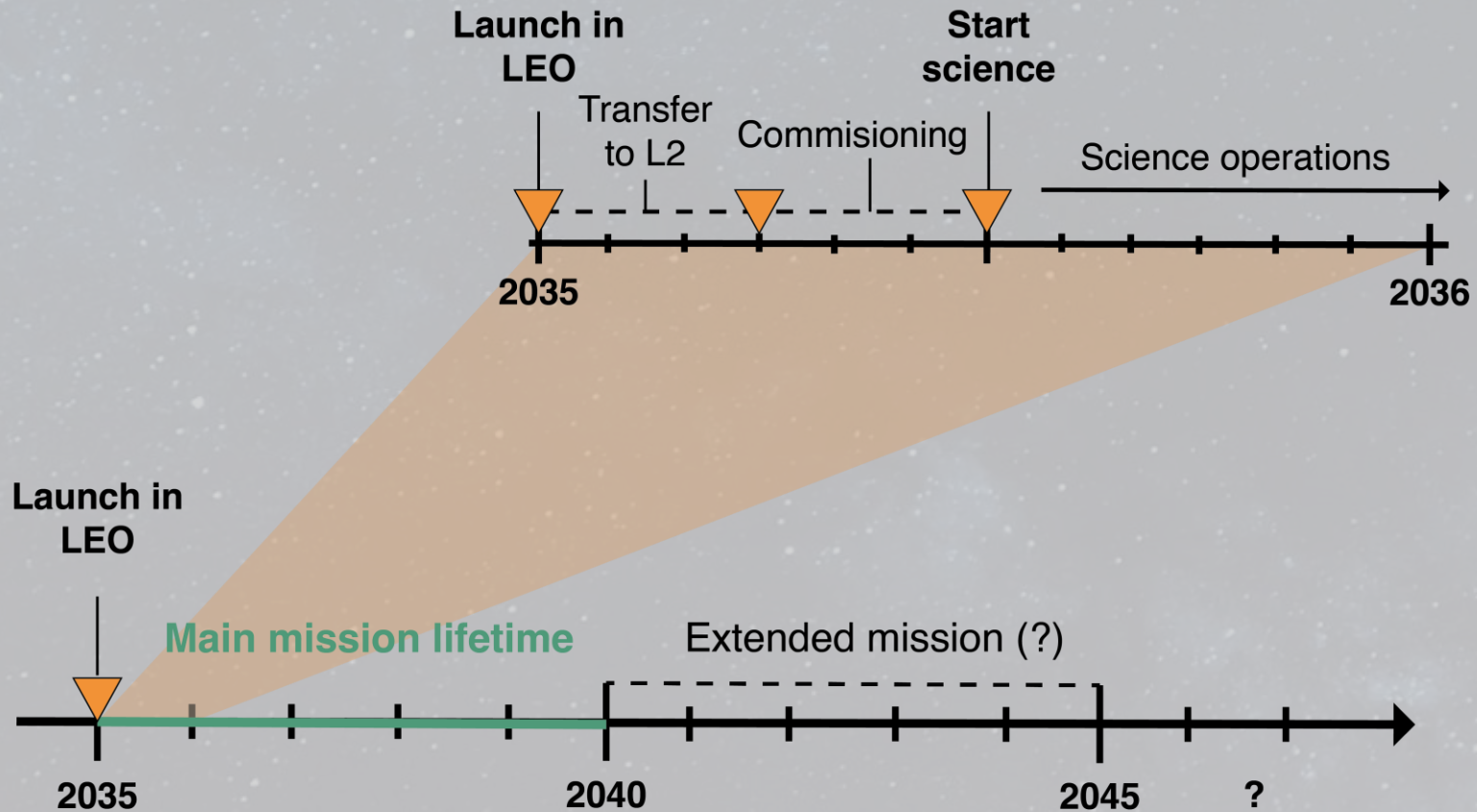
Payload concept

Instruments



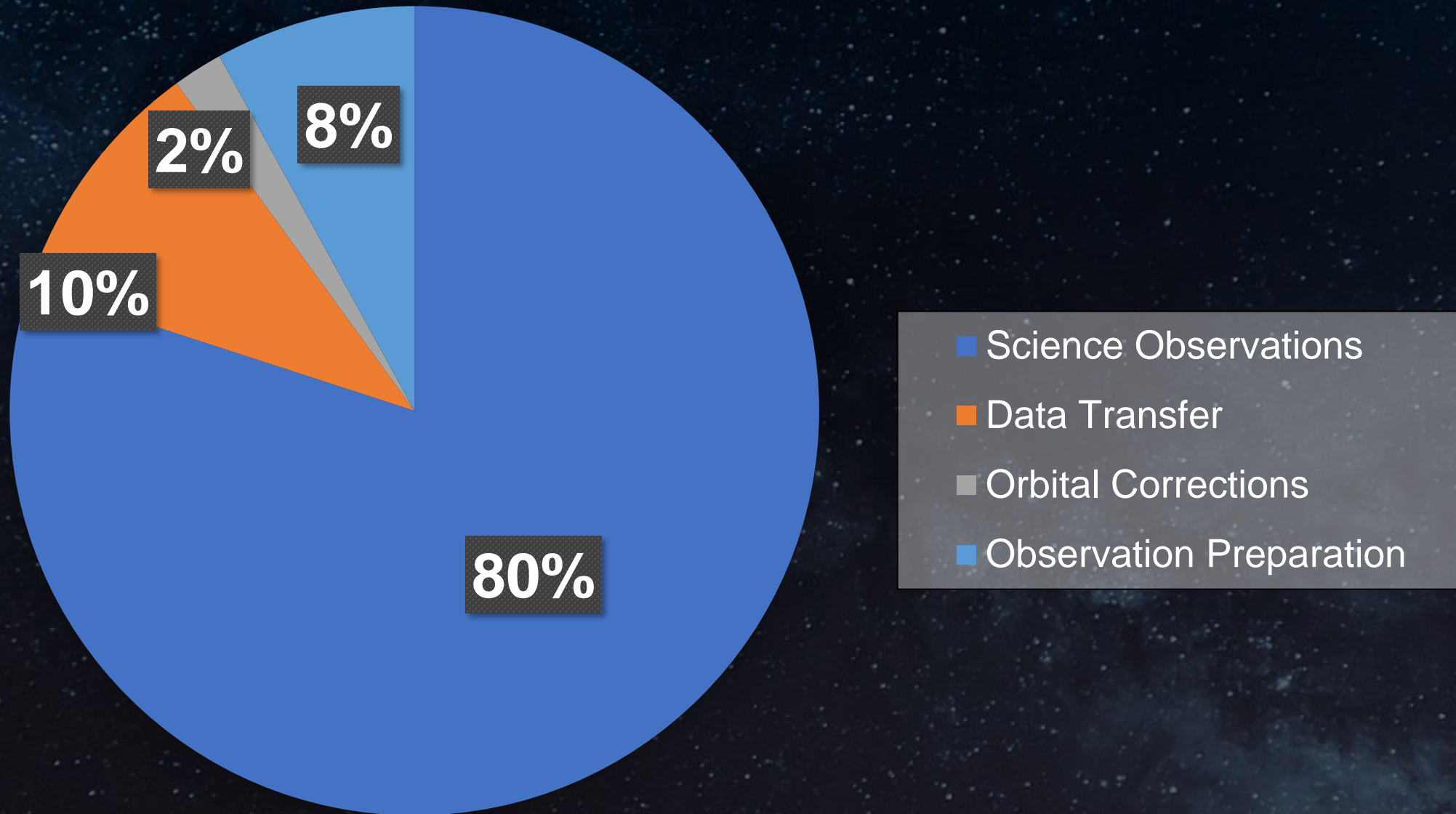
# Mission Profile

# Concept of Operations





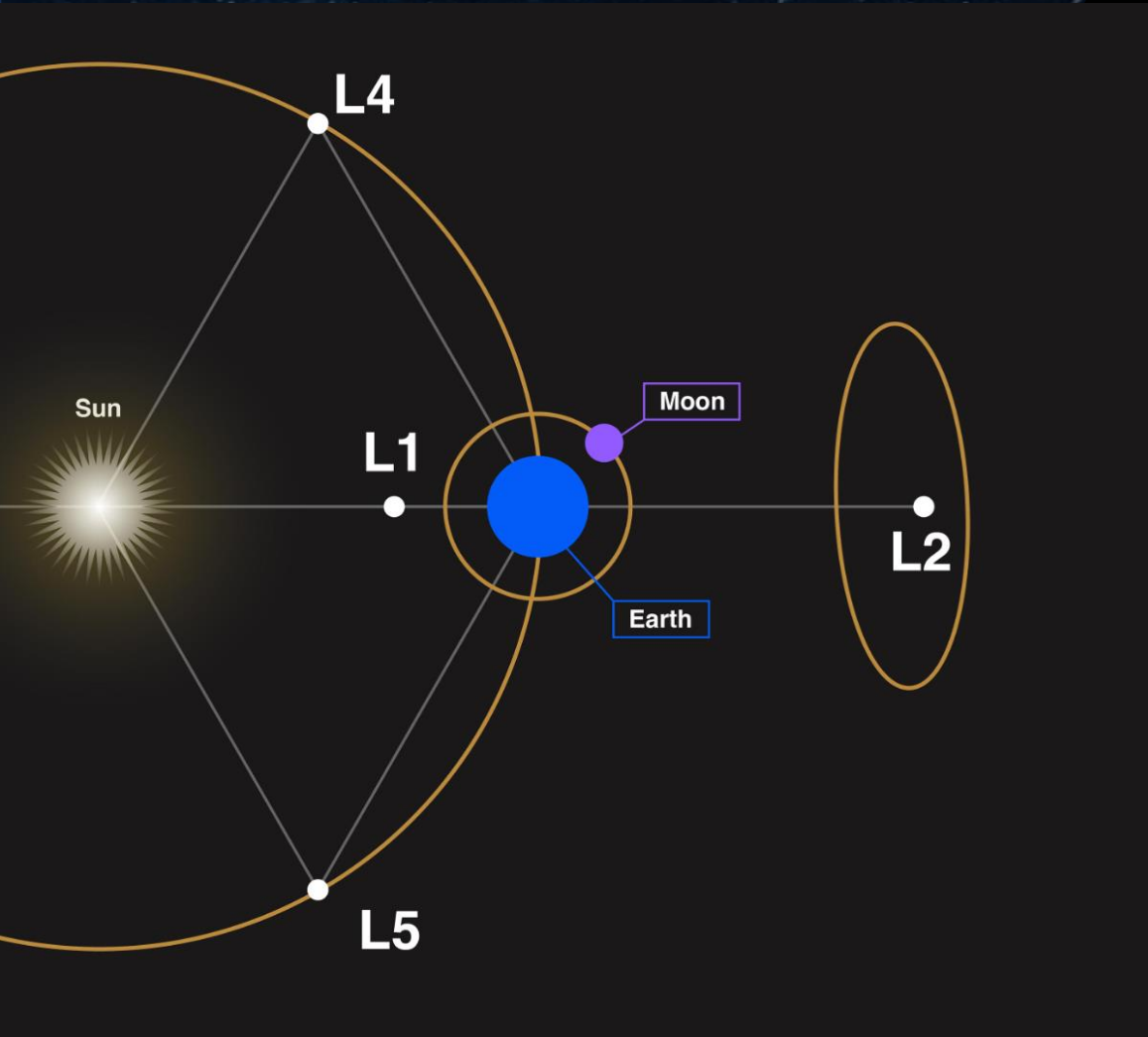
# Break-up of Time During Mission





# Orbit Determination

# Target Orbit

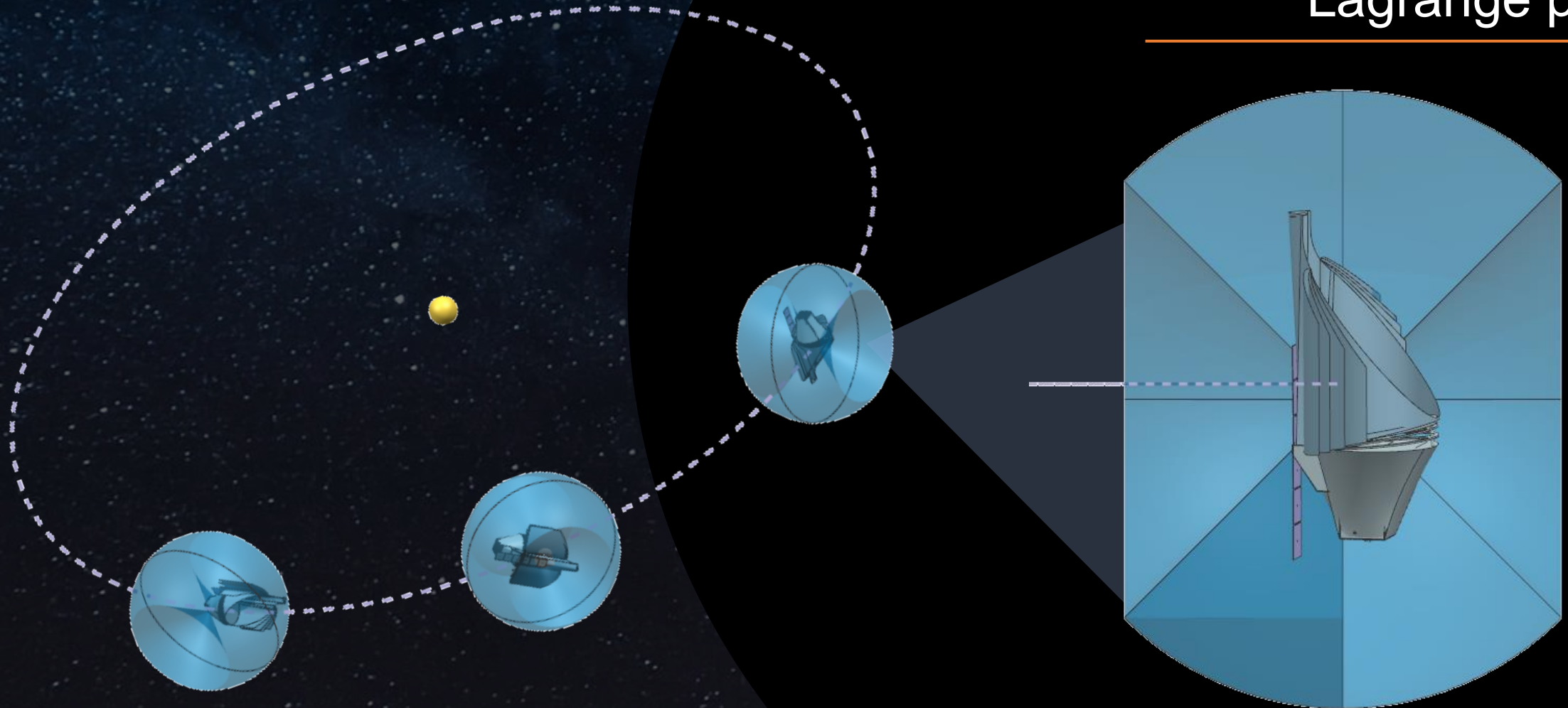


## Lagrange point 2

- 1) Thermal / radiation stability
- 2) Eclipses avoidance possible
- 3) Less geometric constraints

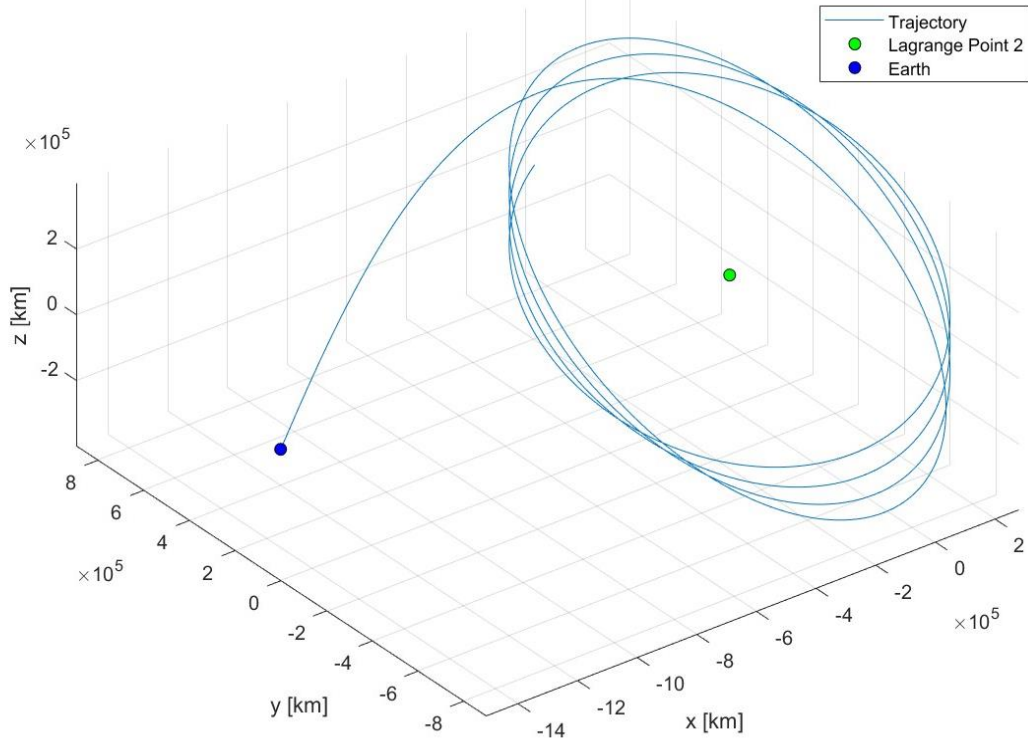
# Observation angles

Lagrange point 2



# Target Orbit

Lissajous Orbit around Lagrange Point 2



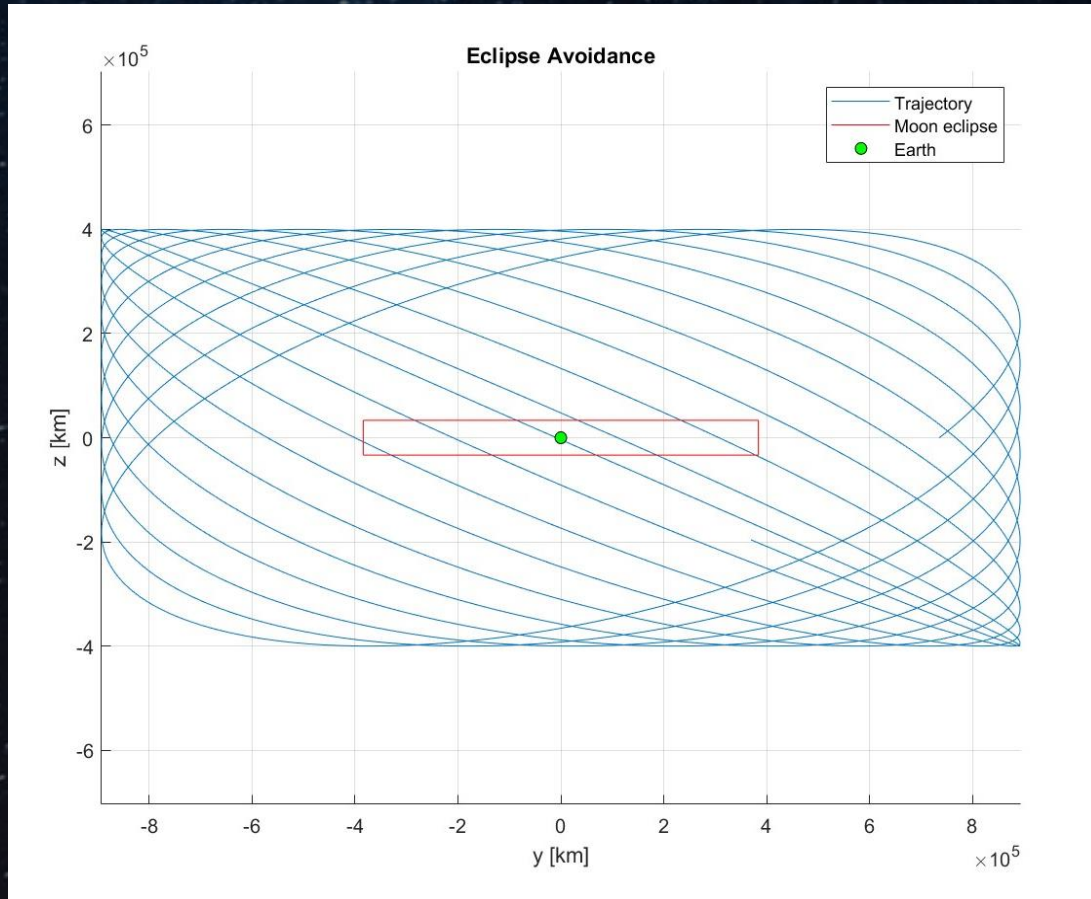
## Orbital Parameters

- 1) Amplitudes:
  - $A_z$ : 400.000 km
  - $A_y$ : 800.000 km
- 2) One orbit/half year

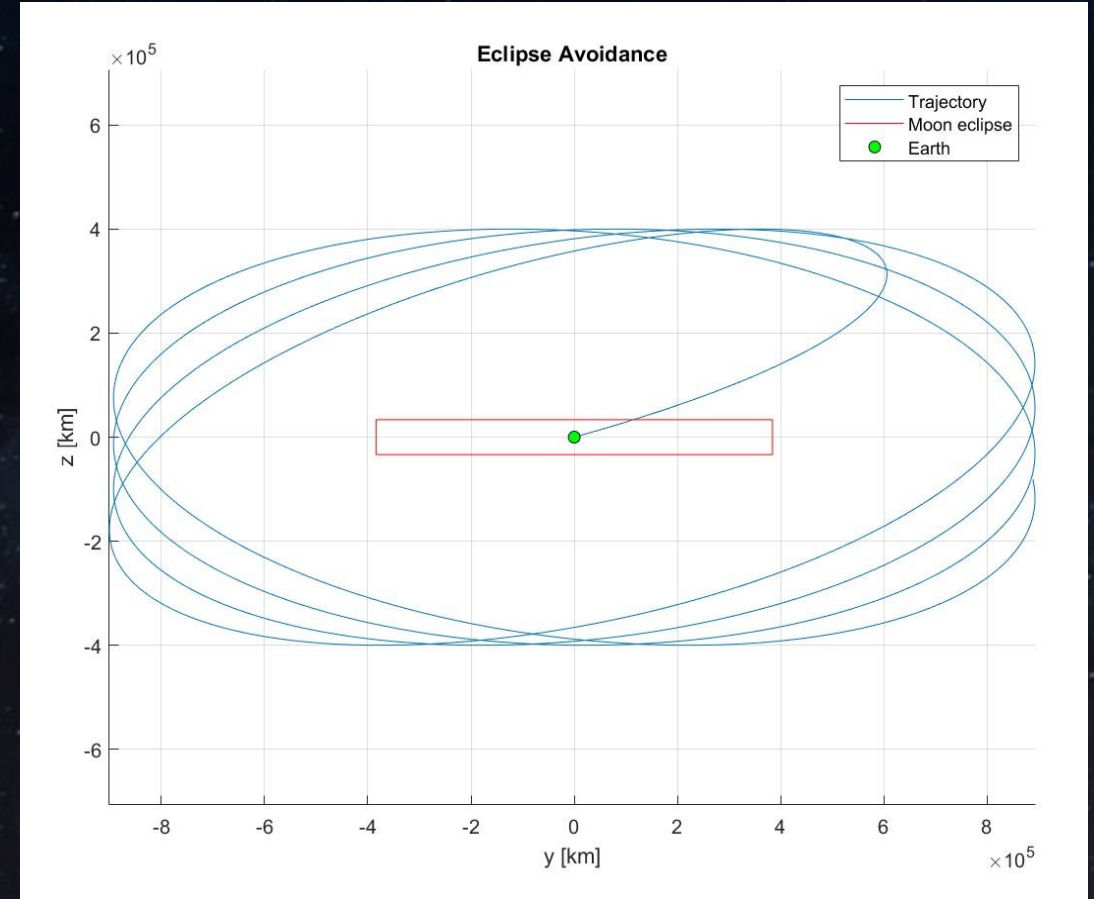
# Orbit Eclipse Avoidance



Without eclipse avoidance manoeuvres

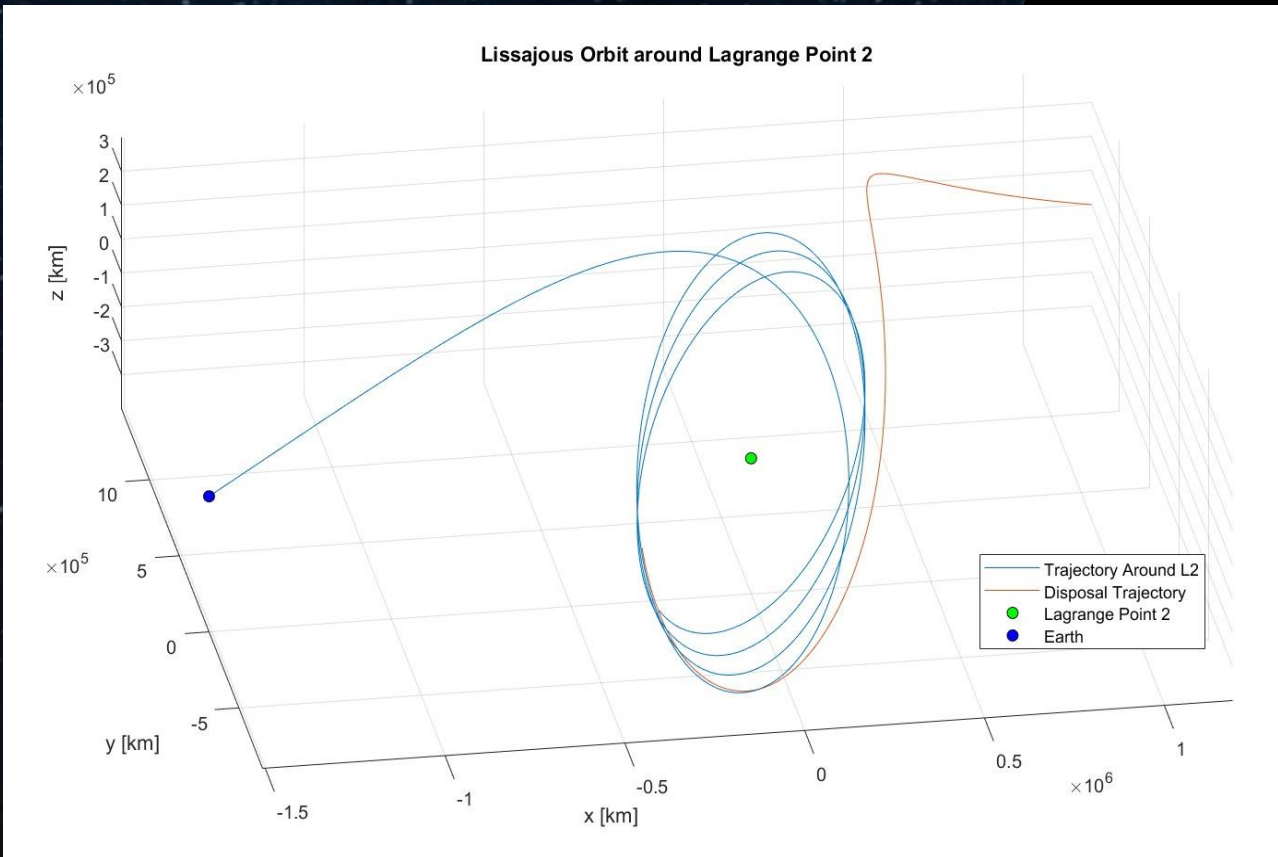


With eclipse avoidance manoeuvres



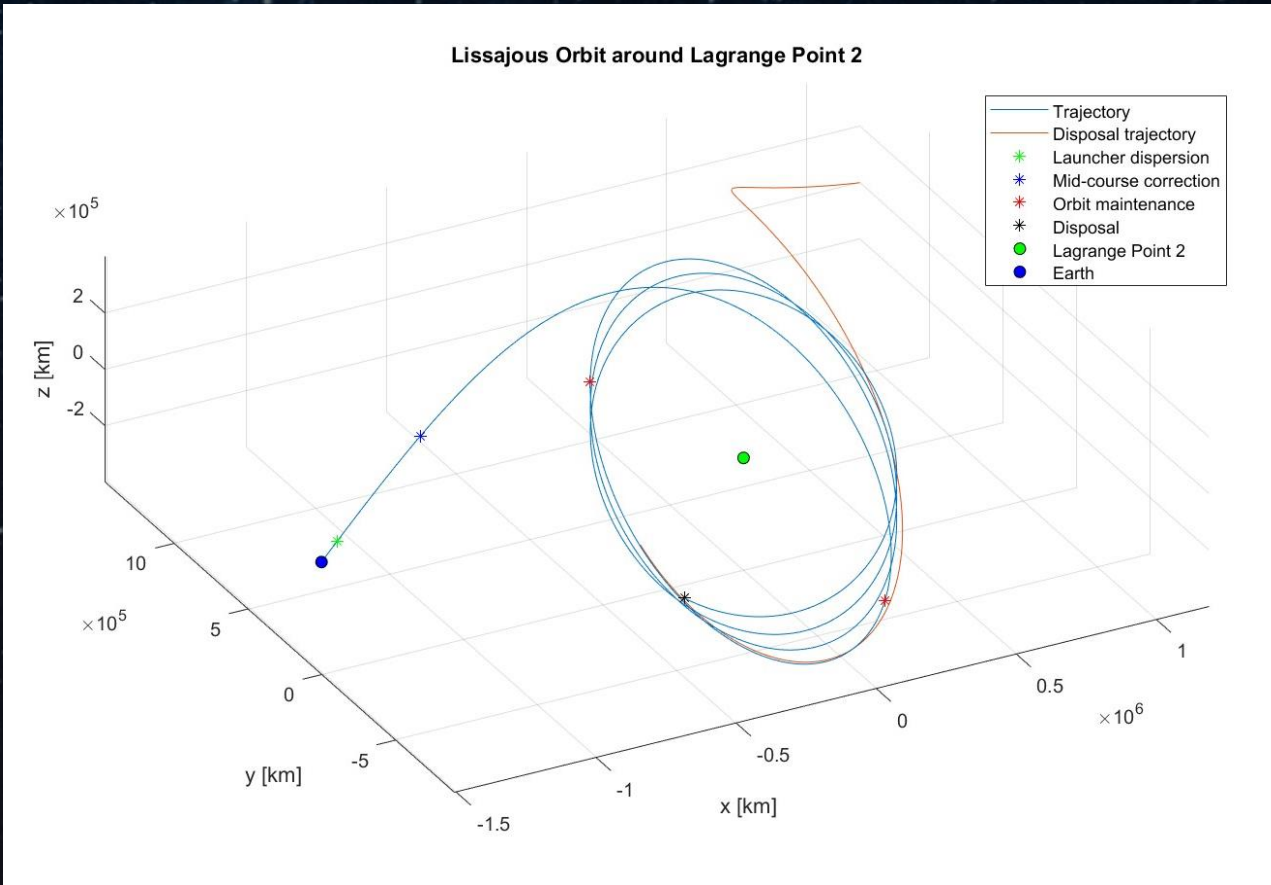
# Spacecraft Disposal

## Requirements



- 1) Disposal of spacecraft
- 2) ESA: Prevent collision with Earth for 100 years

# Delta-V Budget

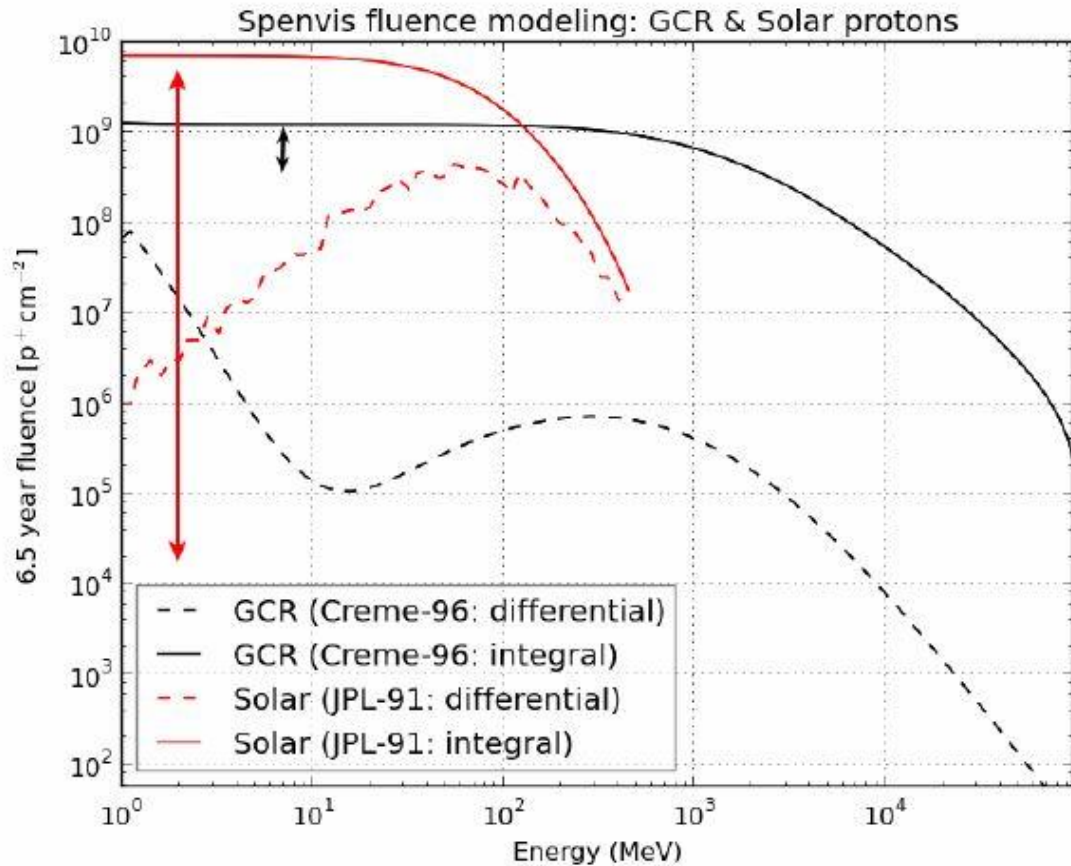


#	Delta V Maneuvers	Delta V
1	Removal launcher dispersion	50 m/s
2	Mid-course correction	1 m/s
3	Orbit maintenance (for 5 years)	10 m/s
4	Eclipse correction (for 5 years)	10 m/s
5	Disposal	20 m/s
6	Total	91 m/s



# Environmental Conditions

## Sources



Source: radiation effects on the GAIA CCDs after 30 months at L2

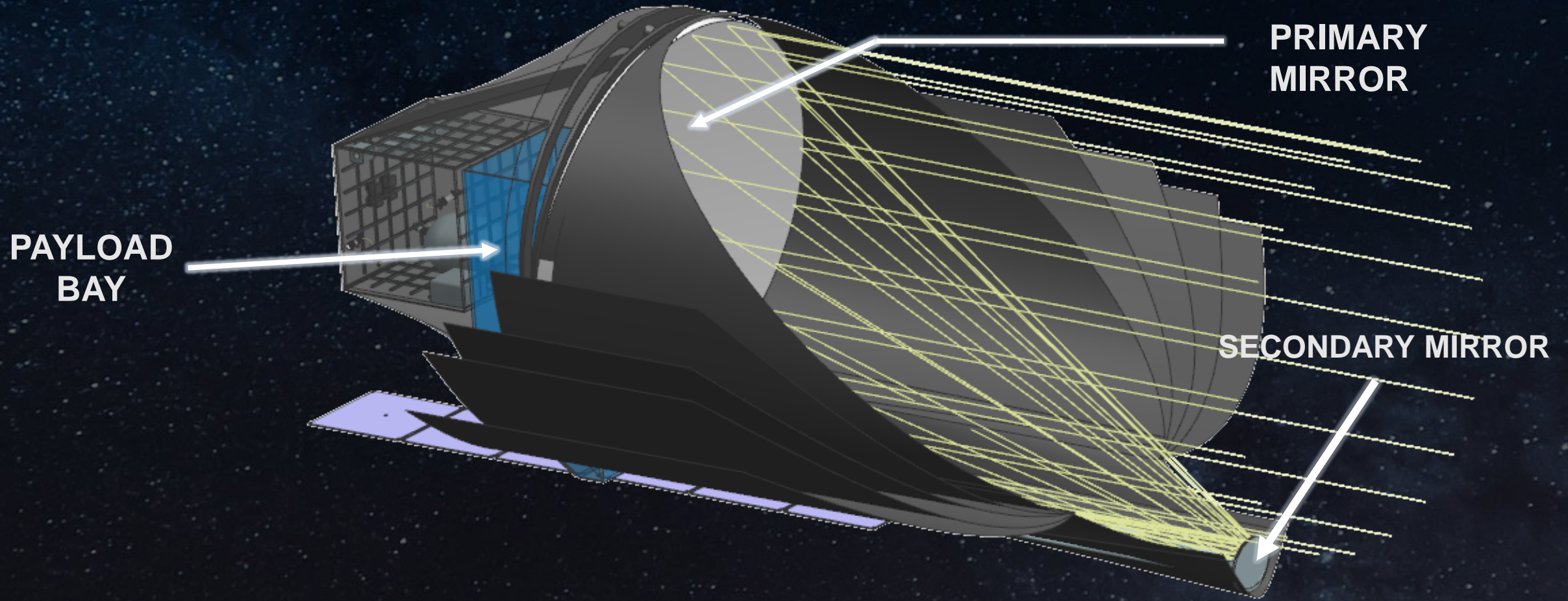
- Proton flux
- Origin: Galactic cosmic rays, solar flares
- Effects: displacement damage

## Mitigation

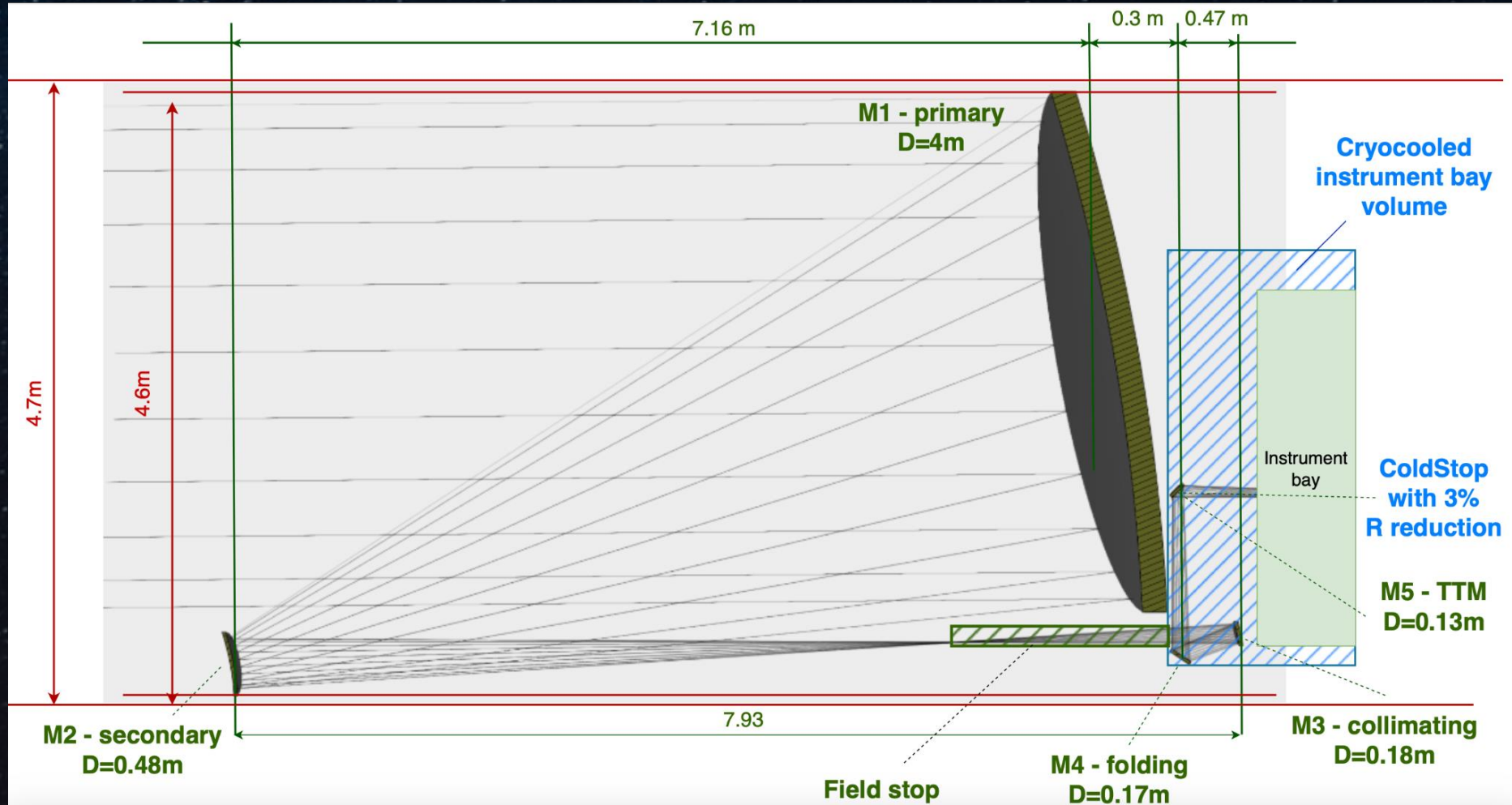
- Not determined in phase A study

# Observatory Concept

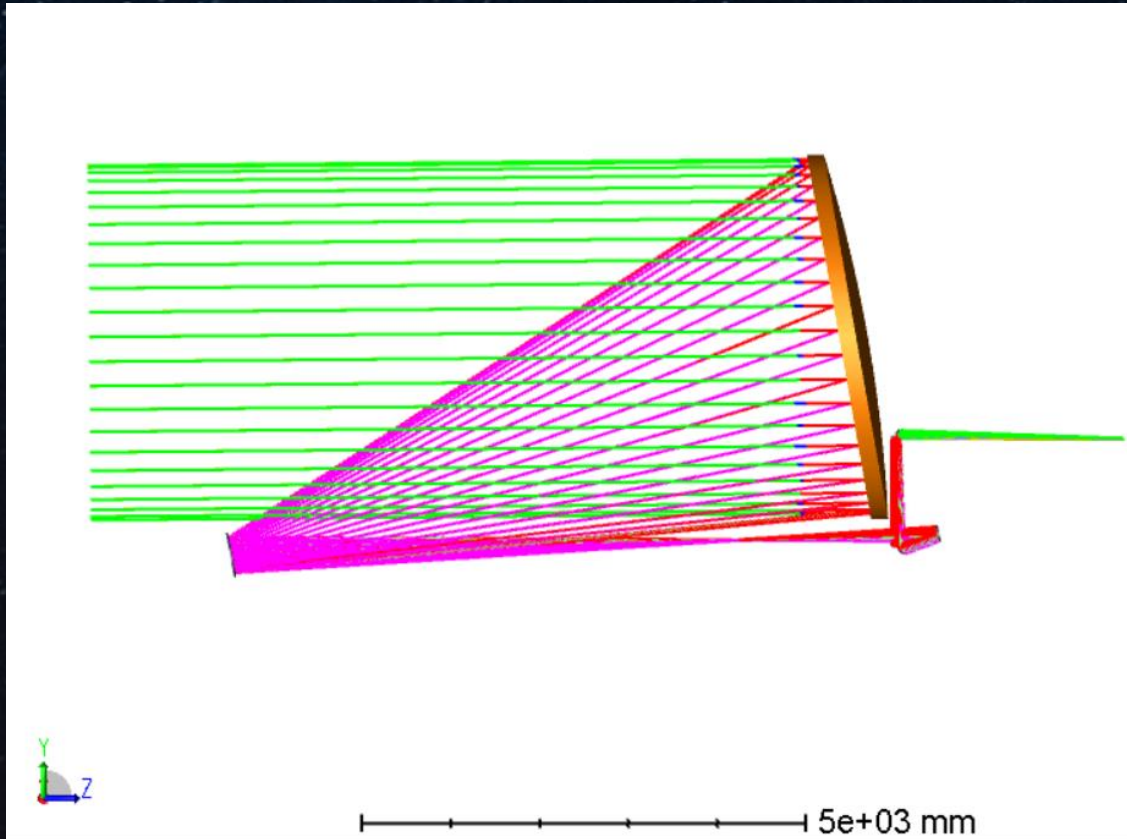
# Observatory



# Telescope

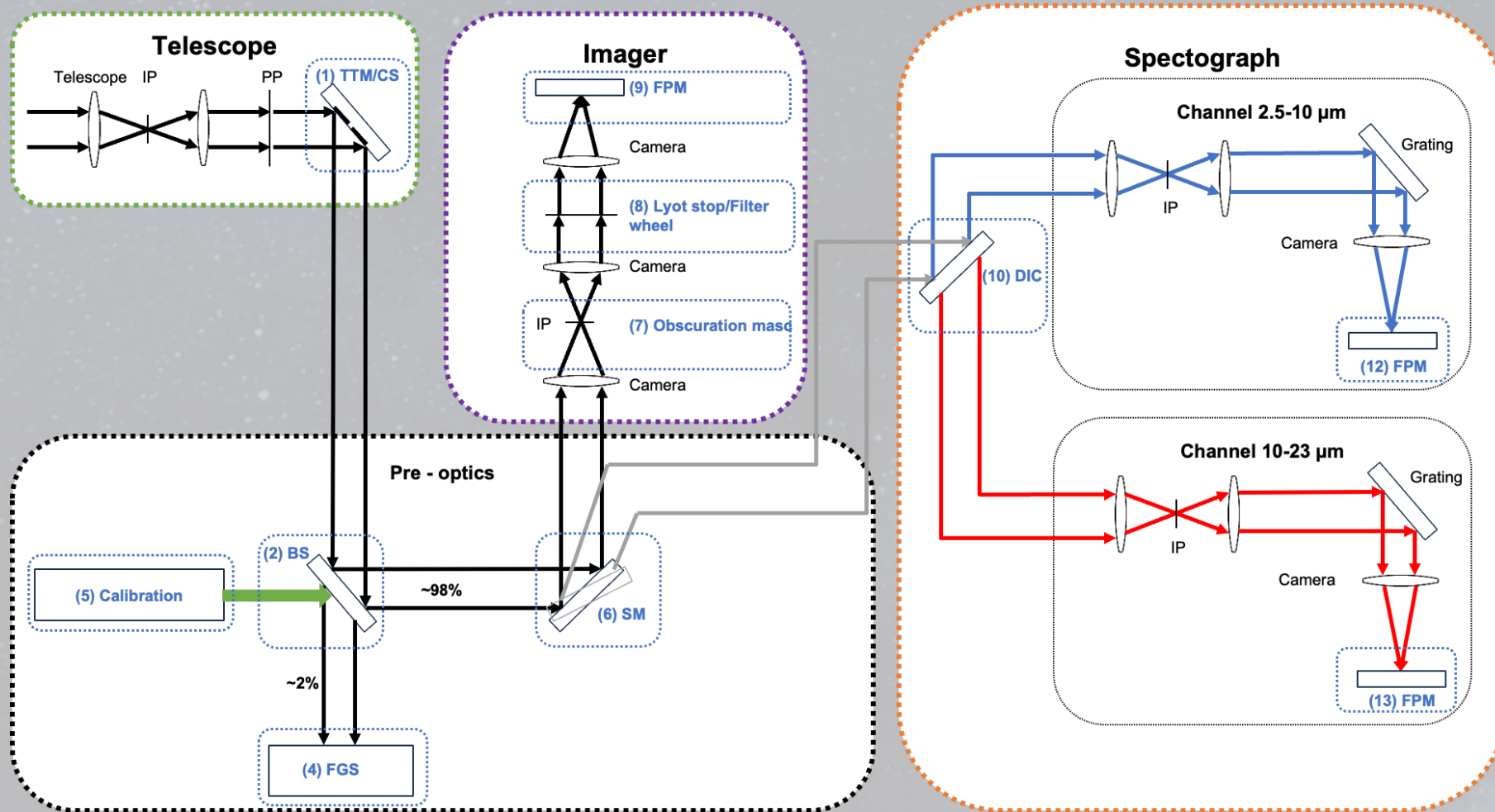


# Telescope: Optical Design

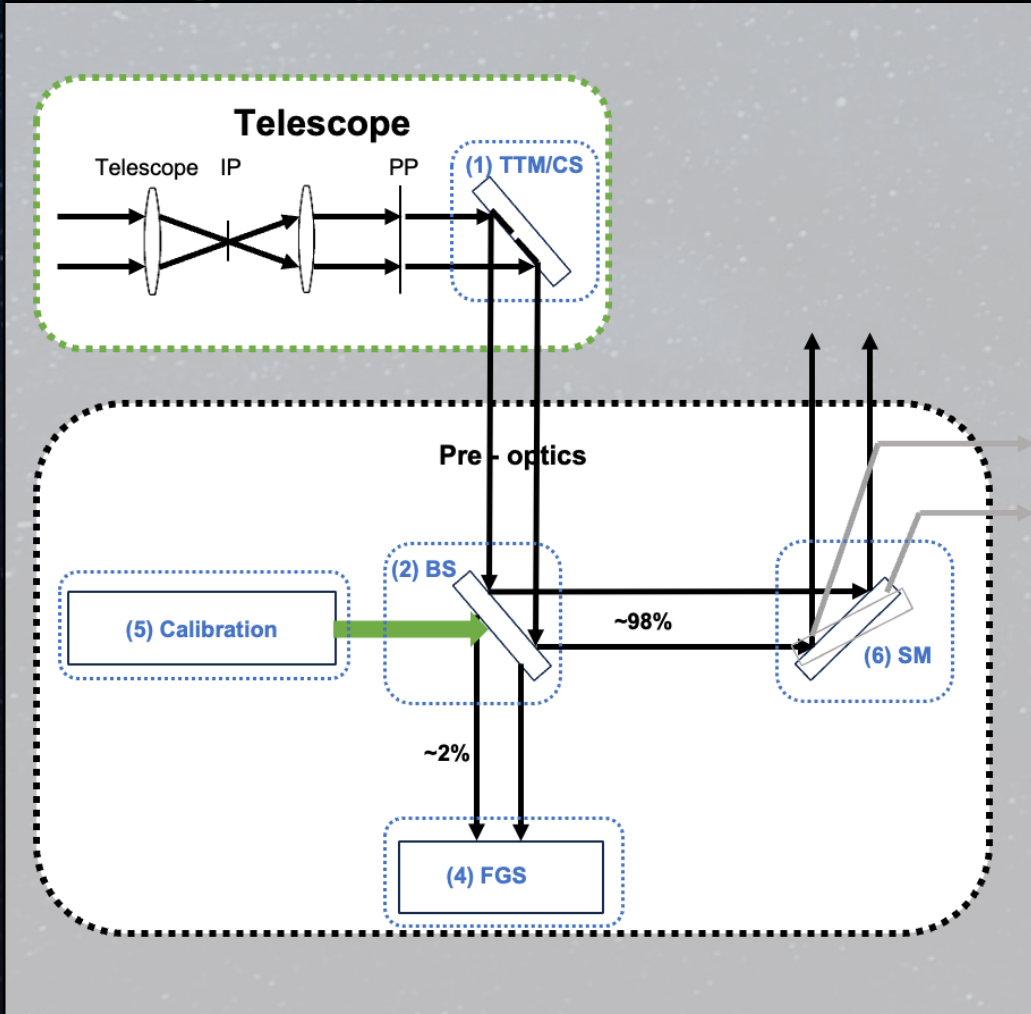


#	Parameter	Value
1	Primary mirror size	4m
2	Focal ratio	F/32
3	FOV	25 arcsec
4	Wavelength	2.5-23 $\mu$ m
5	Mass (82% lightweighting)	450-470 kg
6	Coating	gold
7	Substrate	Bonded Silicon Carbide
8	TRL	6

# Observatory: Optical Path

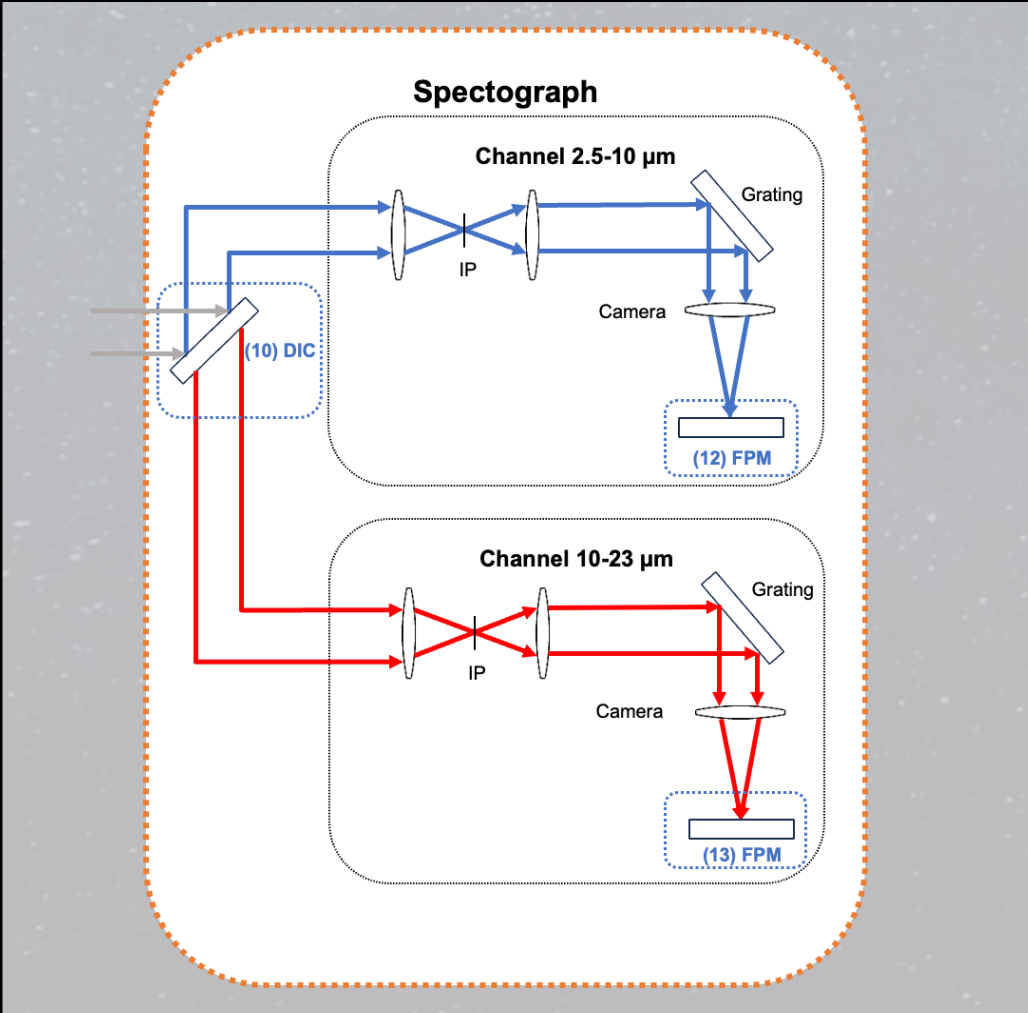


# Instruments: Pre-optics



#	Critical Component	Function	Heritage	TRL
1	Tip Tilting Mirror (TTM) Cold Stop (CS)	Beam stabilization Cooling	MITIS, GAIA	6, 8
2	Beam Splitter (BS)	2 % FGS 98 % Science	MIRI	8
4	Fine Guiding Sensor (FGS)	fine pointing attitude stabilization	JWST	8
5	Calibration	Flux	JWST	8
6	Selection Mirror (SM)	Change of instrument	MIRI	8

# Instruments: Spectrograph

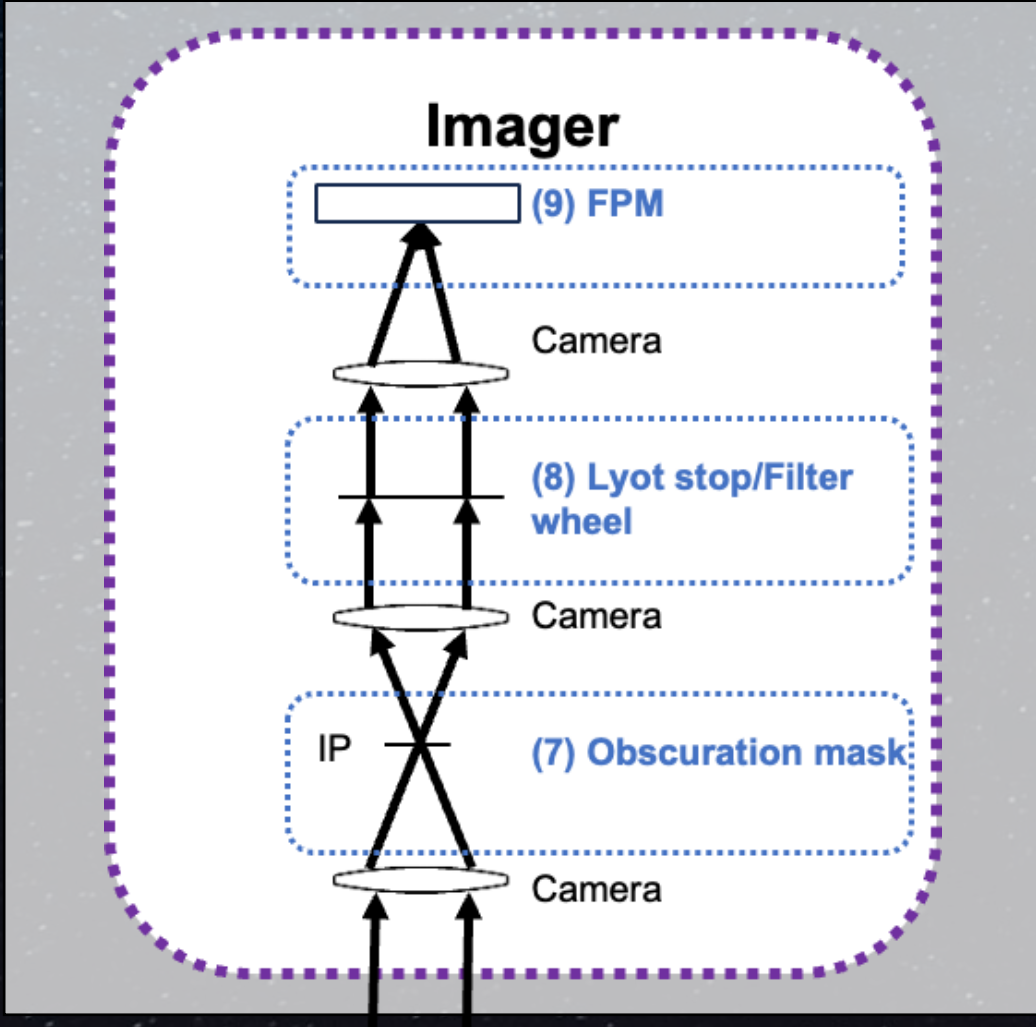


#	Critical Component	Function	Heritage	TRL
10	Dichroic (DIC)	Wavelength splitting	MIRI	8
11, 12	Focal Plane Module (FPM)	Light detection	MIRI	8

Galactic Astrobiology Broadband  
for Exoplanet Yields (GABBY)  
Infrared Spectrometer



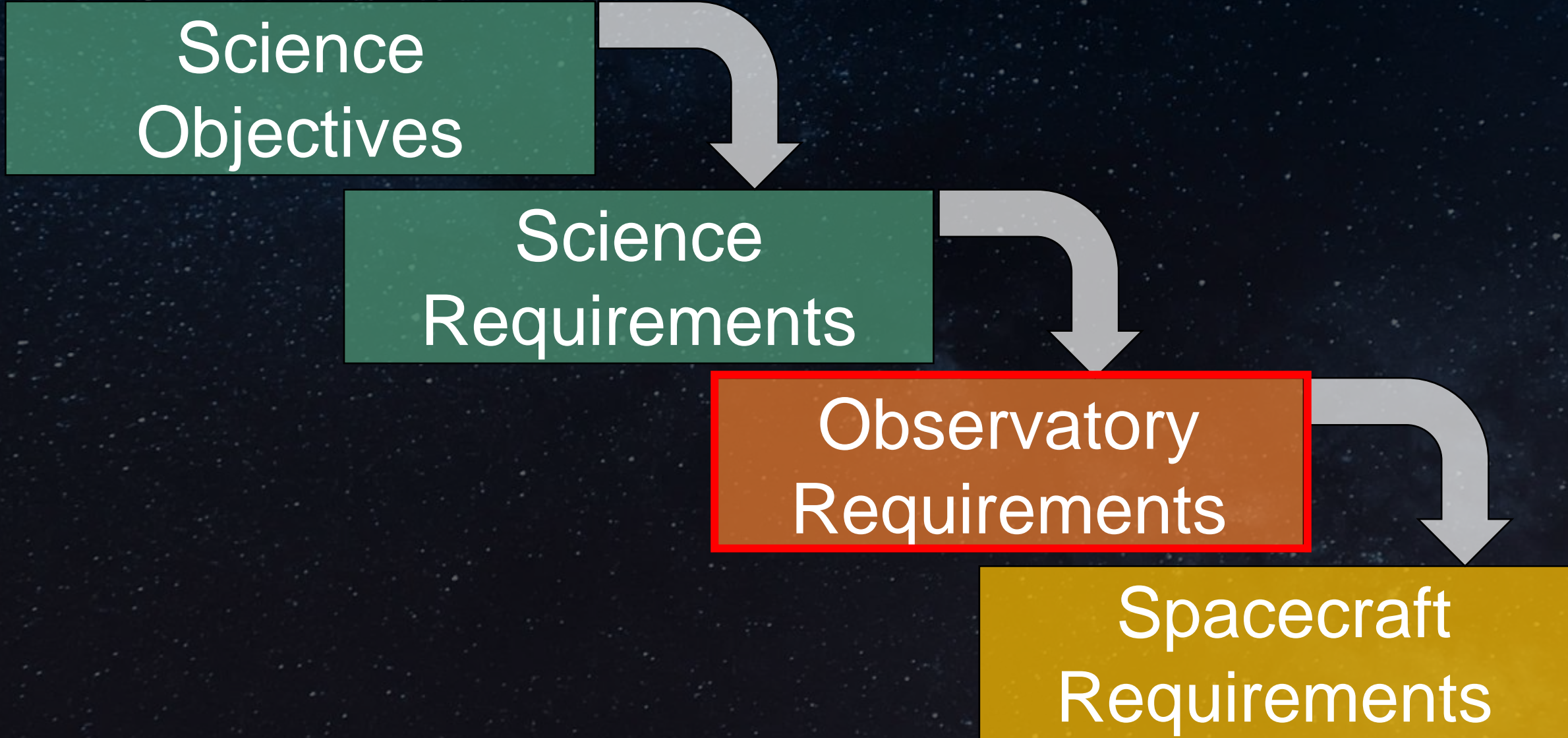
# Instruments: Imager



#	Critical Component	Function	Heritage	TRL
7	Obscuration Mask	Selection in/out	ISO	8
8	Lyot Stop Filter Wheel	Selection of stops and filters (12 TBD)	MIRI	8
9	Focal Plane Moduel (FPM)	Light detection	MIRI	8

## Coronagraphic High Resolution Imaging System (CHRIS)

# Requirements Breakdown



# Observatory Requirements



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Spectrograph is split by Dichroic into two channels

Channel 1: 2.5-10  $\mu\text{m}$ , Channel 2: 10-22  $\mu\text{m}$

Selection of filter throughout the filter wheel

Movable obscuration mask (in/out)

# Table of Content: Spacecraft



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# Design Drivers



## Main design drivers

- Primary mirror size (4m)
- Observation wavelength range (2.5-23 $\mu$ m)
- Instrument operational temperature (7-10K)
- Mission lifetime (5+ years)

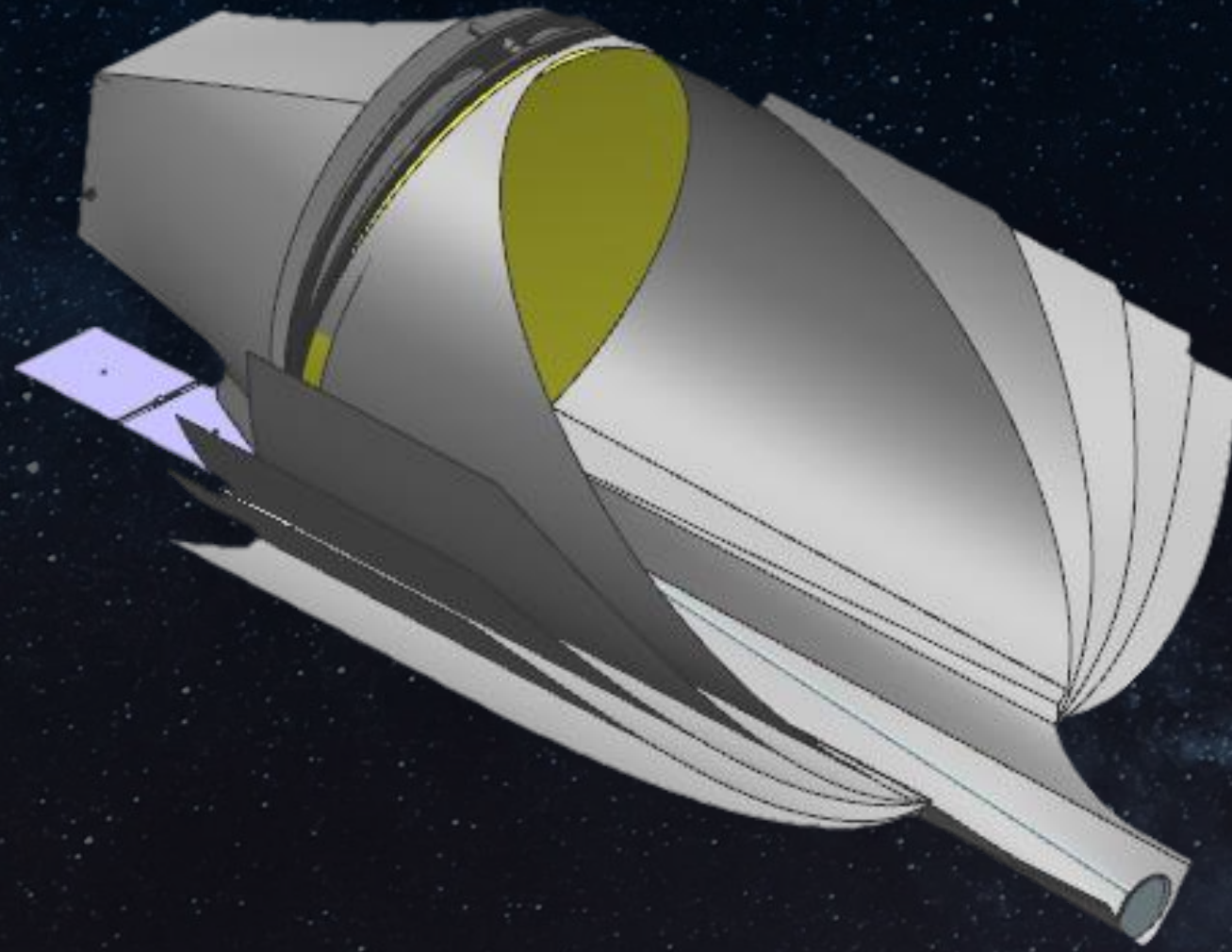
## Secondary design drivers

- Launch vehicle constrains
- Reuse of currently developed technologies (high TRLs)



# Spacecraft Envelope

# Our Baby



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Service & payload modules

Mechanical support

Solar panels

Radiation shield

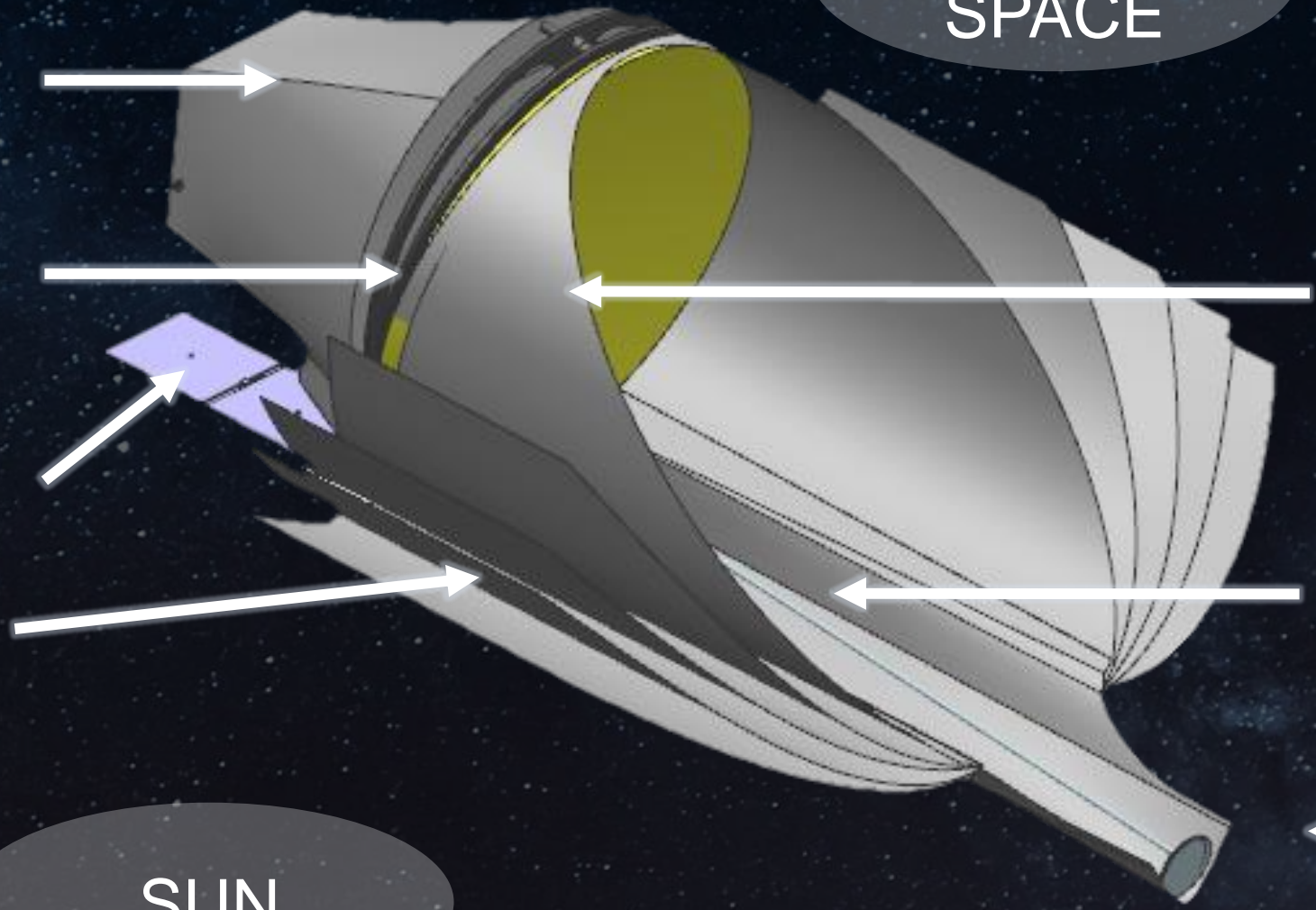
DEEP SPACE

Primary mirror

Primary sunshield

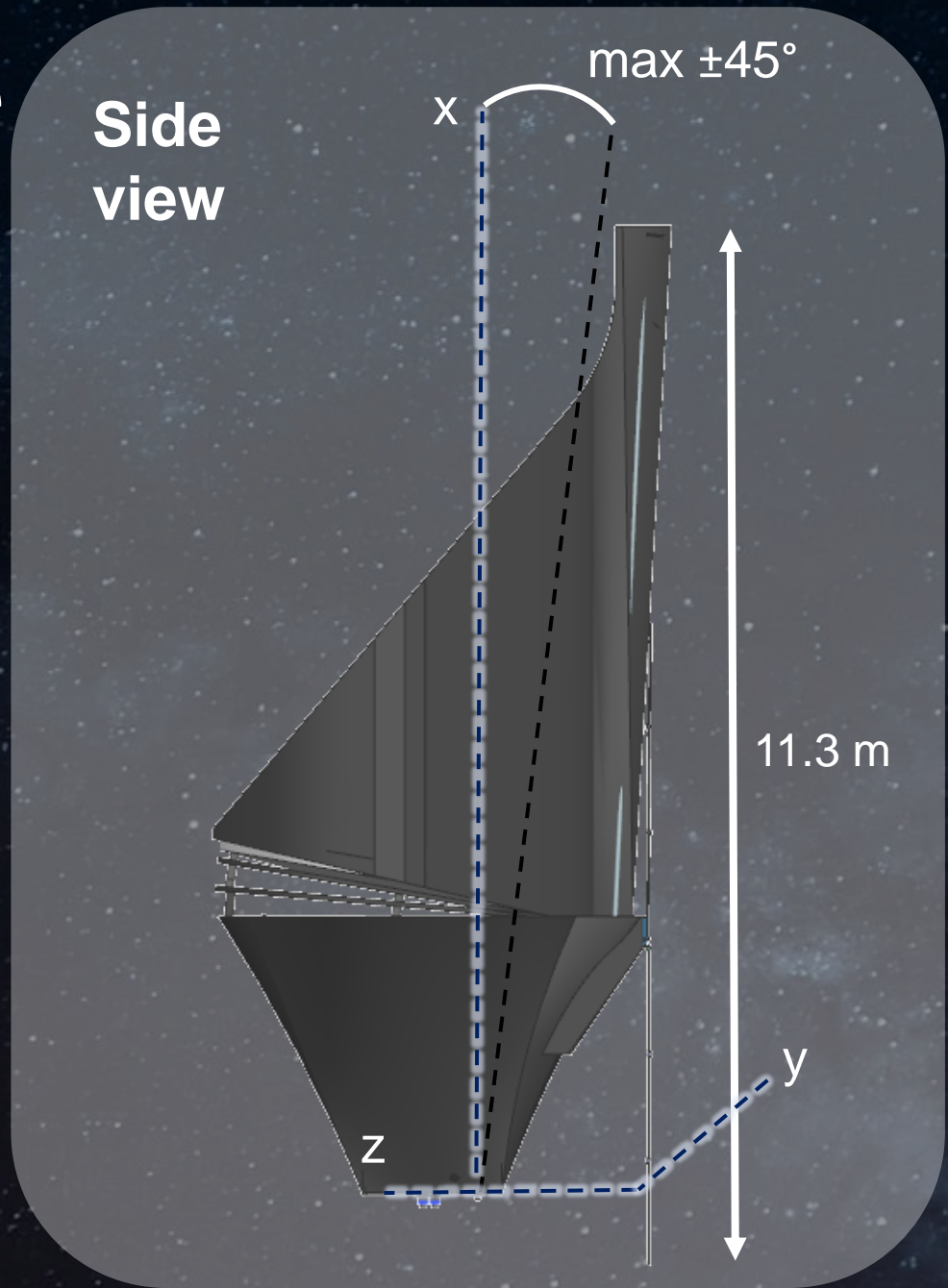
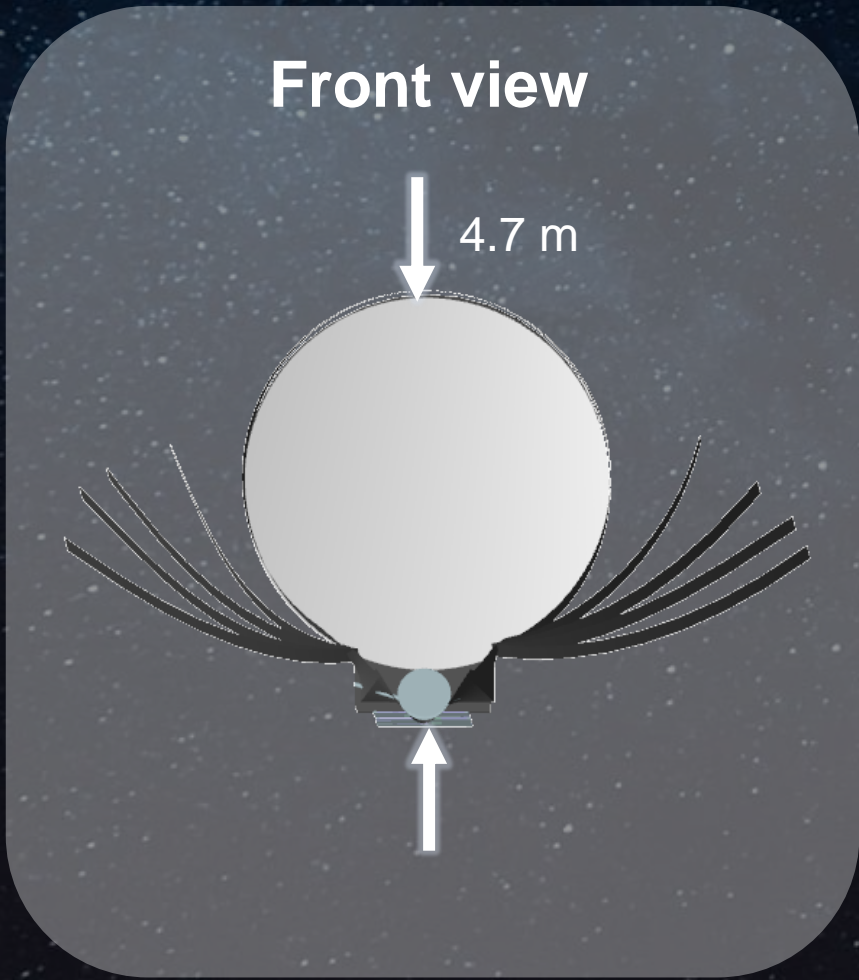
Secondary mirror

SUN





# Spacecraft Envelope



# Mass Budget

System		Value [kg]
Structure	Primary	566
	Payload support	400
Telescope		460
Instruments		132
AOCS		265
EPS		144
COMMS		40
Data Handling		40
Propulsion System		200
Total with 20% margin		3030

## Mass margins

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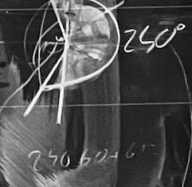
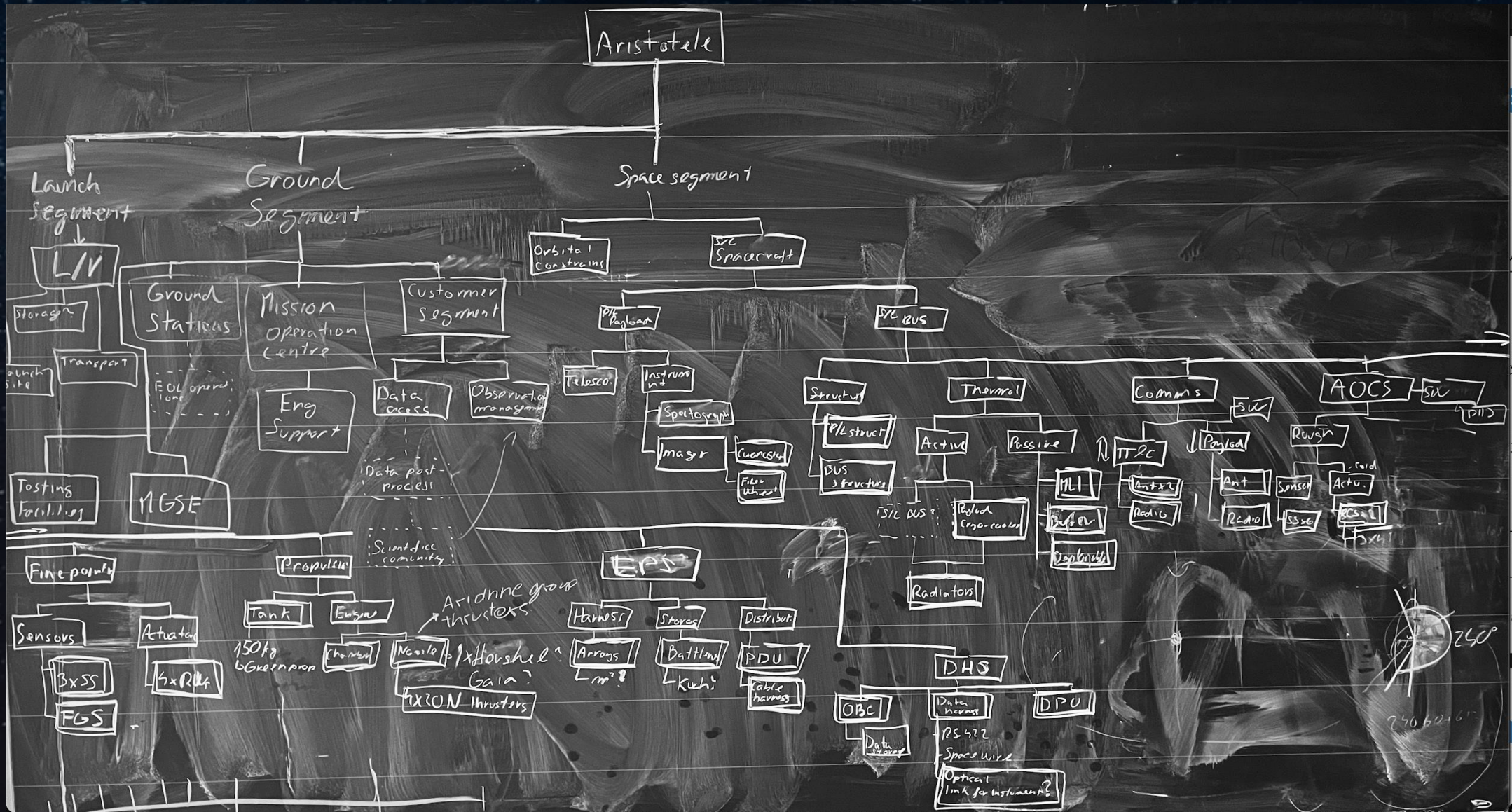
TRL 1-5: 20%

TRL 6-7: 15%

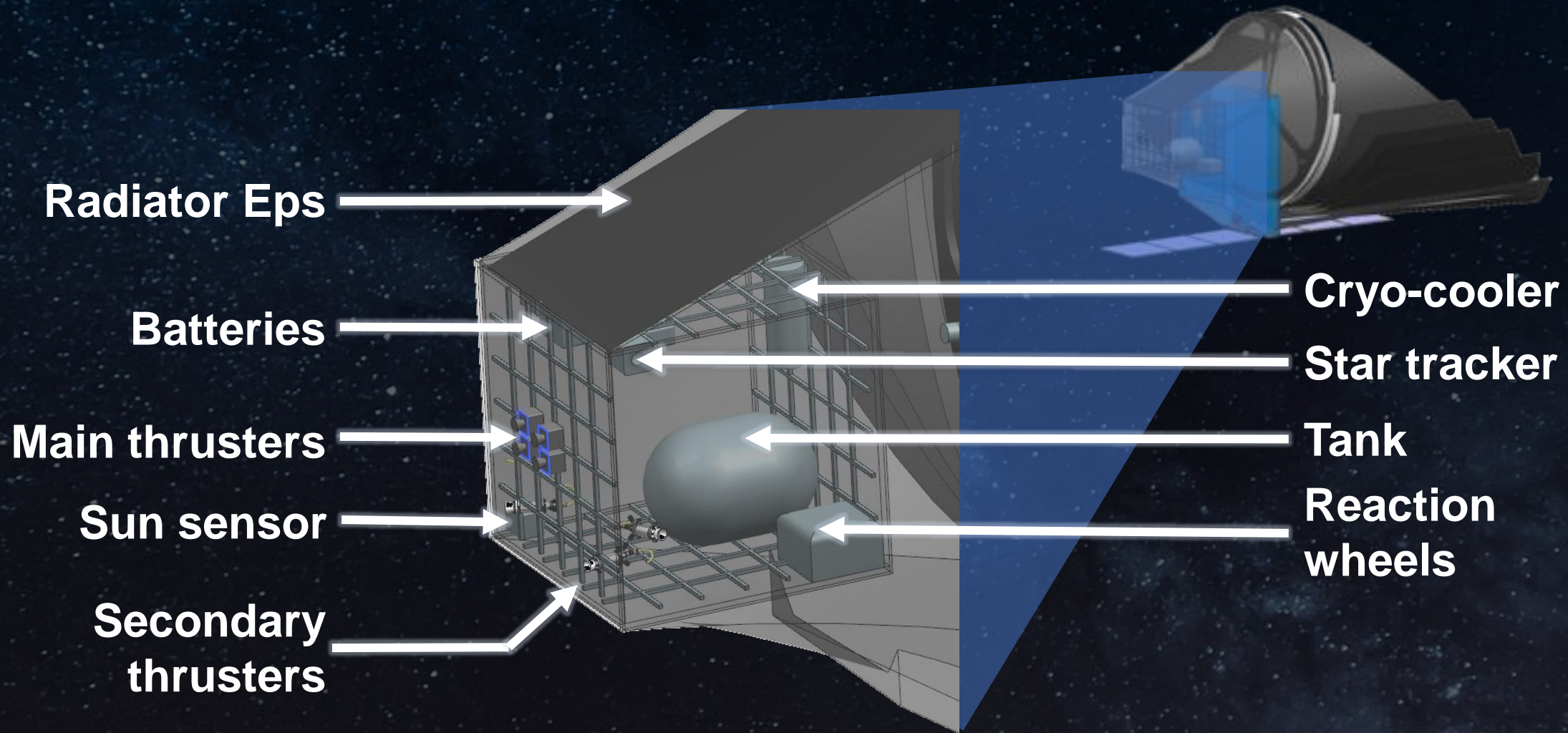
TRL 8-9: 10%

System margin: 20%

# Spacecraft Systems Decomposition



# Spacecraft Service Module



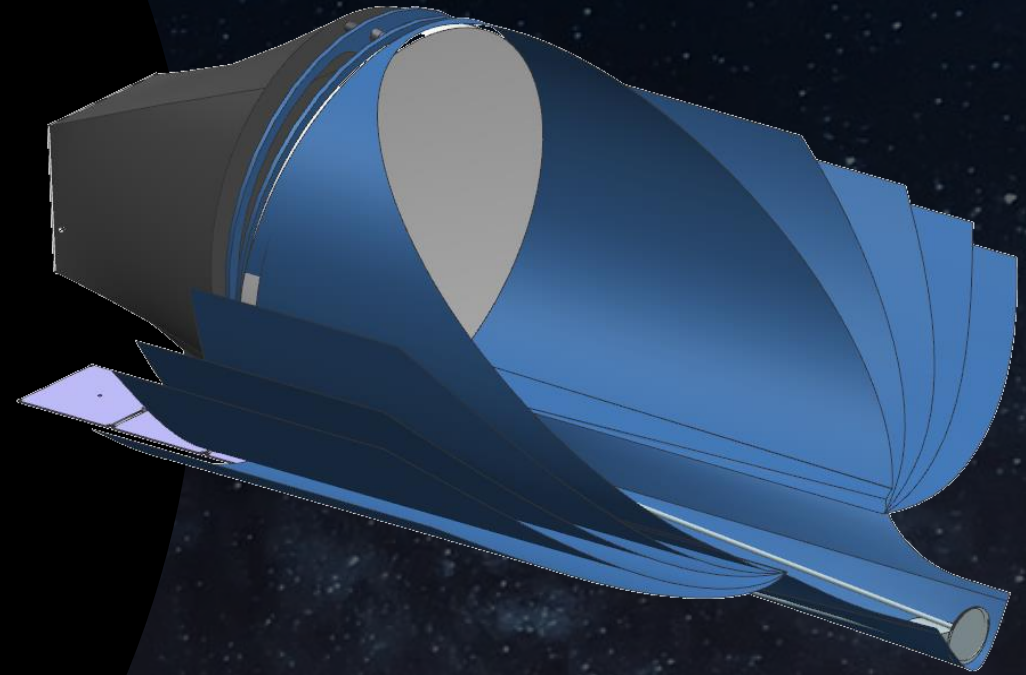
# Support Structures

## Primary support structure

- payload structure & spacecraft BUS
- 30% of spacecraft mass: **550-600kg**

## Payload support structure

- mirrors system & instruments
- 50% of payload mass: **390-410kg**



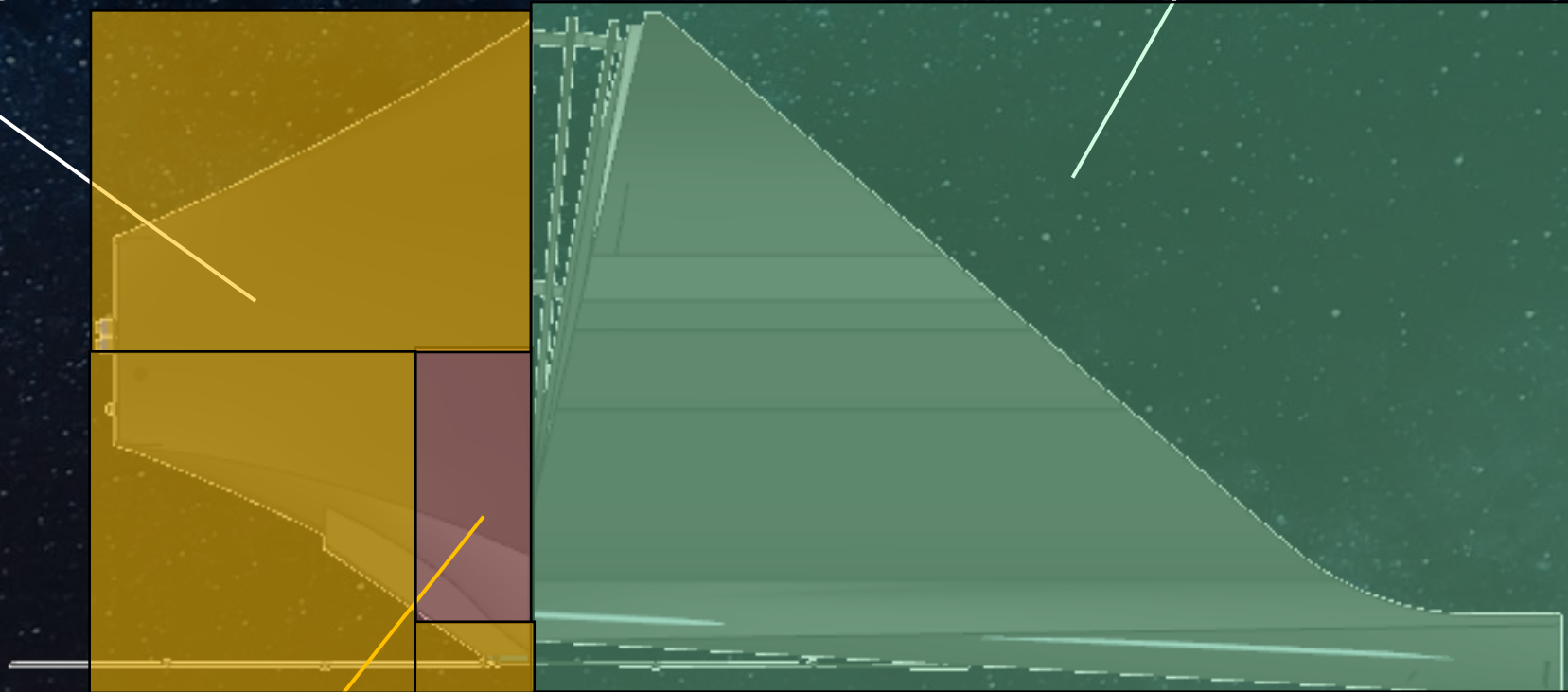
# Thermal Challenge



250-320 K

<150 K

7-10 K



# Thermal System Break-Down



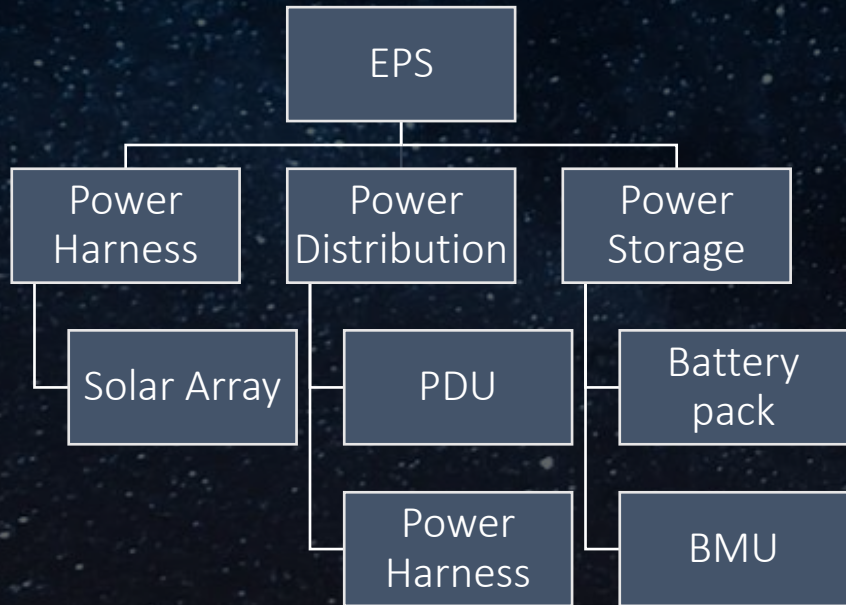
## Temperature requirements

Instrument bay < 8K

Telescope mirror <120K

Device	TRL Level	Heritage	Temp. [K]	Power max/nom [W]
CryoCooler - payload	6/7	MIRI	8-6	350/80
Cooler - BUS	7	Airbus S&D mission	250-300K	-
Sun-shield	7	JWST, SPICA	150-100K	-

# Electric Power System (EPS)



## Power harness (30° Beta Angle)

Solar Array Area      6.6-6.7 m<sup>2</sup>

**Power**                      **1200-1300**

## Power Storage

Batteries                    450-470 Whr

## EPS requirements

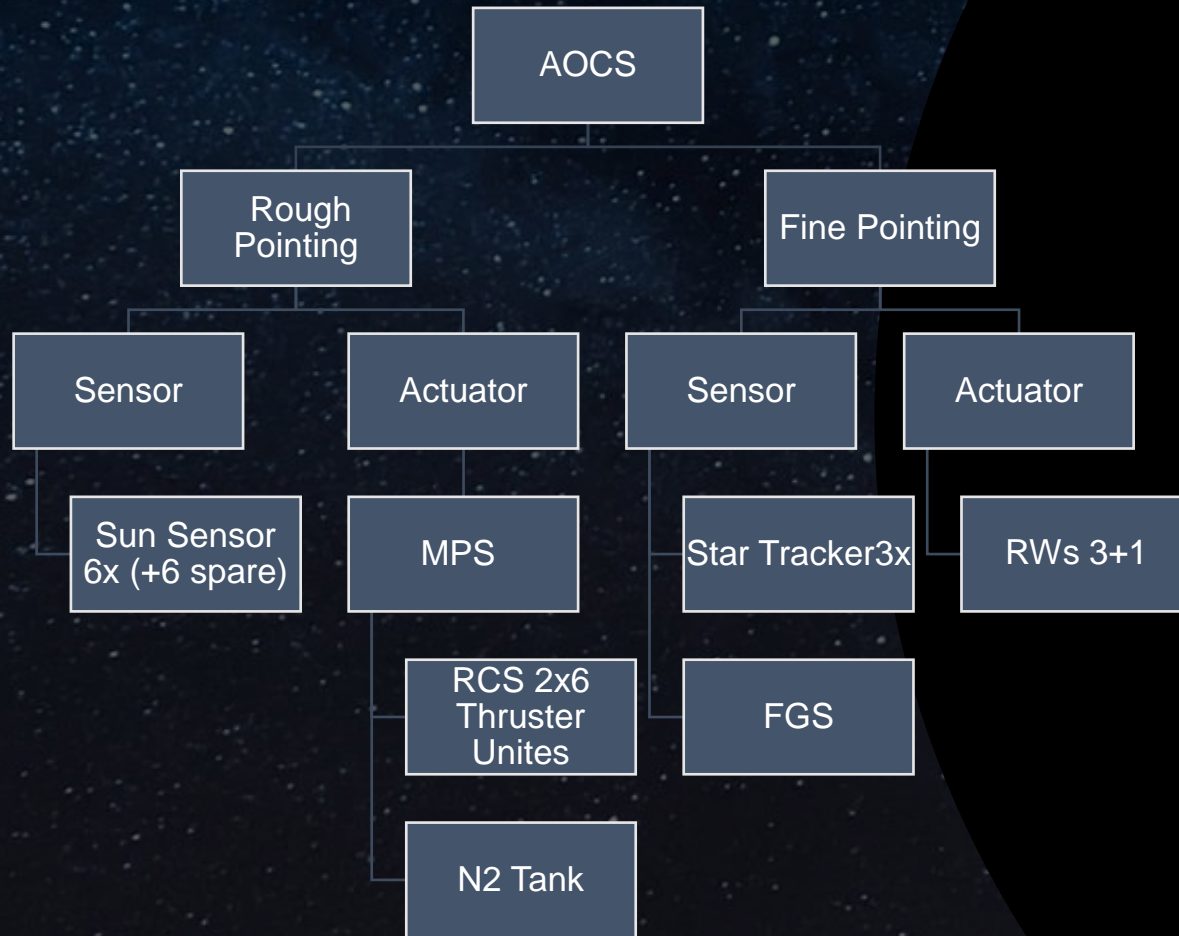
- Positive power balance during nominal operations
- S/C: own power storage 30 minutes after deployment

### Worst case: Instr. commissioning + AOCS high (20% margins)

Payload	50 W
Thermal	400 W
AOCS	315 W
EPS	20 W
Data handling	20 W
COMMS	80 W
Propulsion	190 W
<b>Total</b>	<b>1075 W</b>



# Attitude and Orbit Control System (AOCS)



## Pointing requirements

Relative pointing error <math><0.050''</math>

AOCS parameters		
Rough pointing	Sensors accuracy	1.8 arcsec
	Actuators accuracy	>3000 arcsec
Fine Pointing	Sensors accuracy	30 marcsec
	Actuators accuracy	40 marcsec

## Heritage

Hubble (0.010'' accuracy)

Herschel (0.100'' accuracy)

# Attitude and Orbit Control



## Micro Propulsion System (MPS)

Fuel Type: Nitrogen (TRL 9)

Fuel Tank: 66kg +50% margin =100kg

Thrusters: 12 N<sub>2</sub> cold gas thrusters

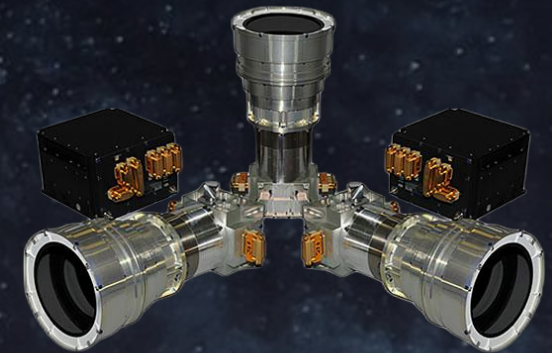
- Spin rate management
- Fine attitude pointing
- RWs desaturation



Micro Thruster Assembly – Photo: Thales Alenia Space

## Fine Guidance

- 4 reaction wheels (3 + 1 spare)
- 3 Star Trackers
- Fine Guidance Sensor (FGS)
  - Pointing accuracy 0.03"



# Propulsion System

Requirement

Total  $\Delta V=90-100\text{m/s}$



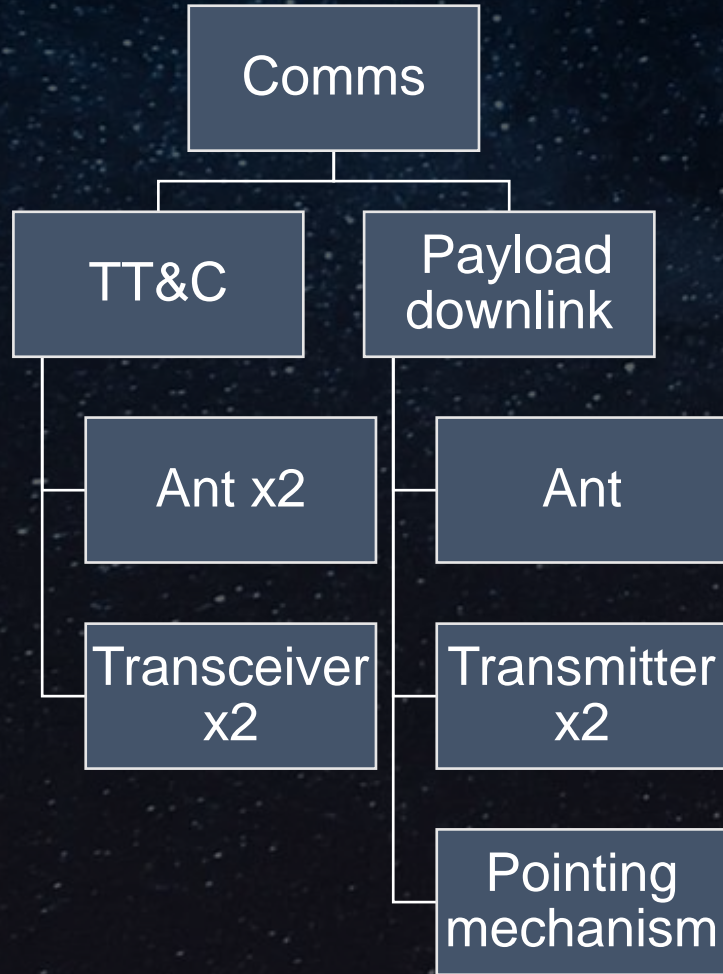
## Chemical Mono-Propellant Propulsion System:

Thrust	22N (ECAP's HPGP Thruster)
Propellant	Green Propellant (LPM-103S)
Fuel tank	114kg + 50%margin = 171kg
Isp	250sec.
Density Impulse (Ns/L)	3030
Function	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Station keeping</li><li>• Orbit correction</li><li>• Spacecraft disposal</li></ul>

# Communications

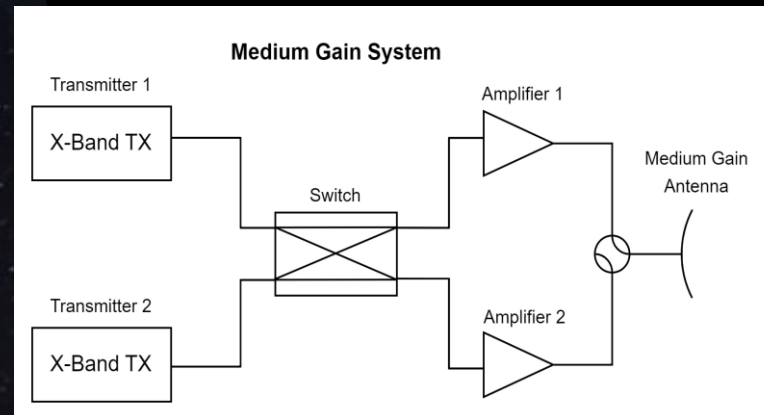
## Requirements

Communication window MDS < 7.5h/week  
24/7 link Health Monitoring & Commanding



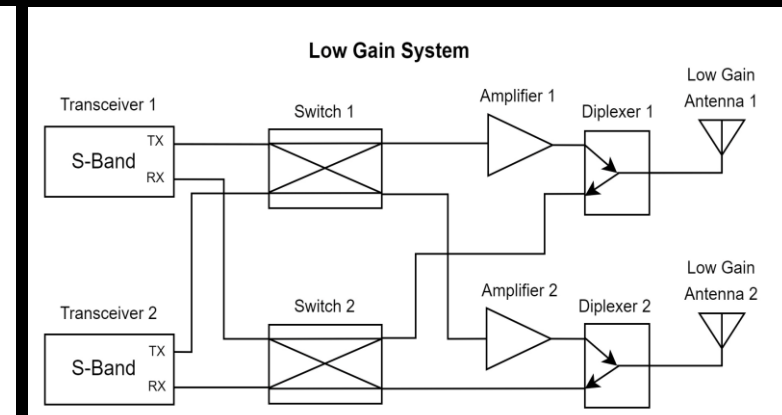
### Medium Gain System (Payload Data, TX)

- X-Band
- Transmitter Power: 10 W
- Data rate: 10 Mbits/s
- 2 Transmitter for redundancy
- Parabolic antenna with 0.3 m diameter, 2 DOF

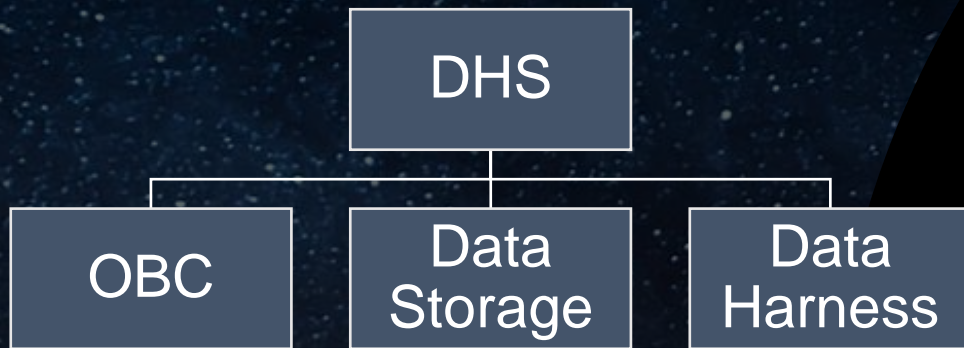


### Low Gain System (TT&C, TX/RX)

- S-Band
- 2 Transceivers for redundancy
- 2 Omnidirectional antenna
- Data rate: 2 kbits/s



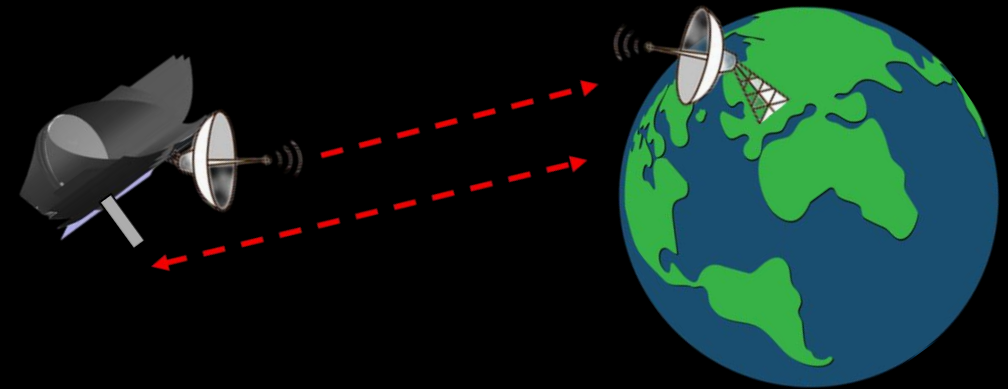
# Data Handling



Data produced	Average (Gbits/day)	Maximum (Gbits/day)
Spectrograph	2.7	9
Imager	4	33
Housekeeping	0.5	-
Total	3	33

## Requirement

Scientific payload data shall not be corrupted by onboard processing



- One instrument in use at a time
- Max data rate: 10 Mbits/s
- No on-board processing
- Centralized OBC architecture



# Operations & Launch

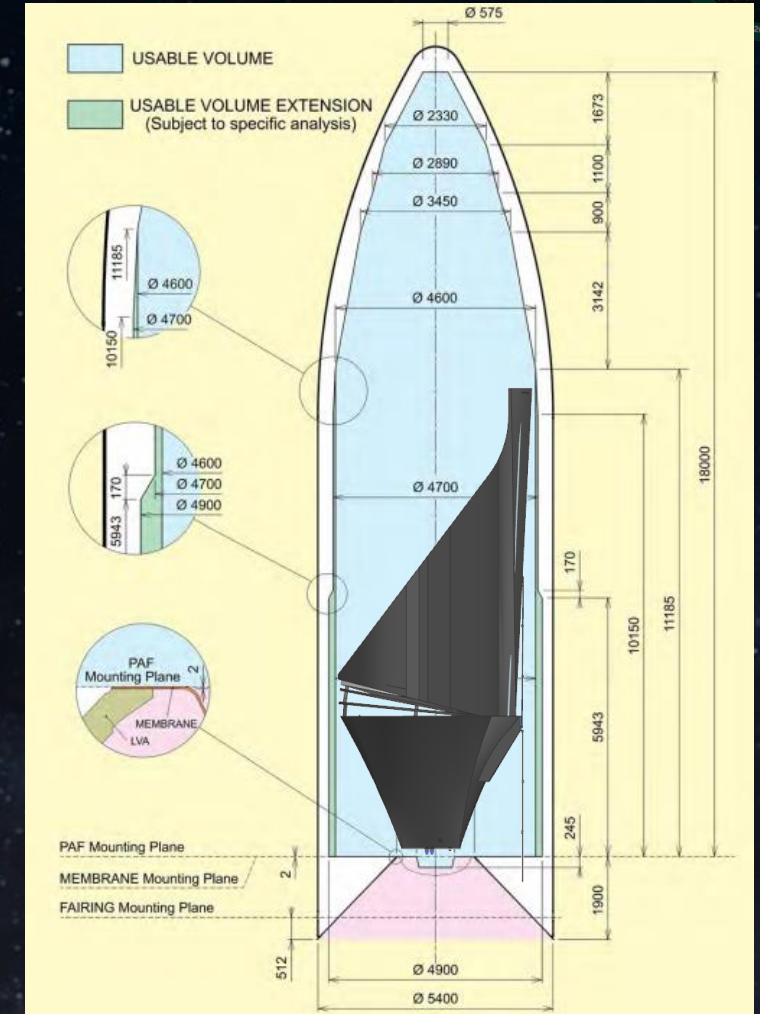
# Launch Segment

## Requirements:

- Total wet mass: 3100kg (incl. 20% margin)
- Maximum diameter envelope: Ø4.7m

## Proposed launcher : Ariane 62 - long fairing

- Performance: 3300kg for L2 orbit
- Max. usable diameter extension: Ø4.7m



Ariane 6 User's Manual, Issue 2 revision 0, arianespace, ariane group



# Ground Segment

## Operational Ground Segment (OGS)

- Mission Operation Centre (MOC)
- Science Ground Segment (SGS)

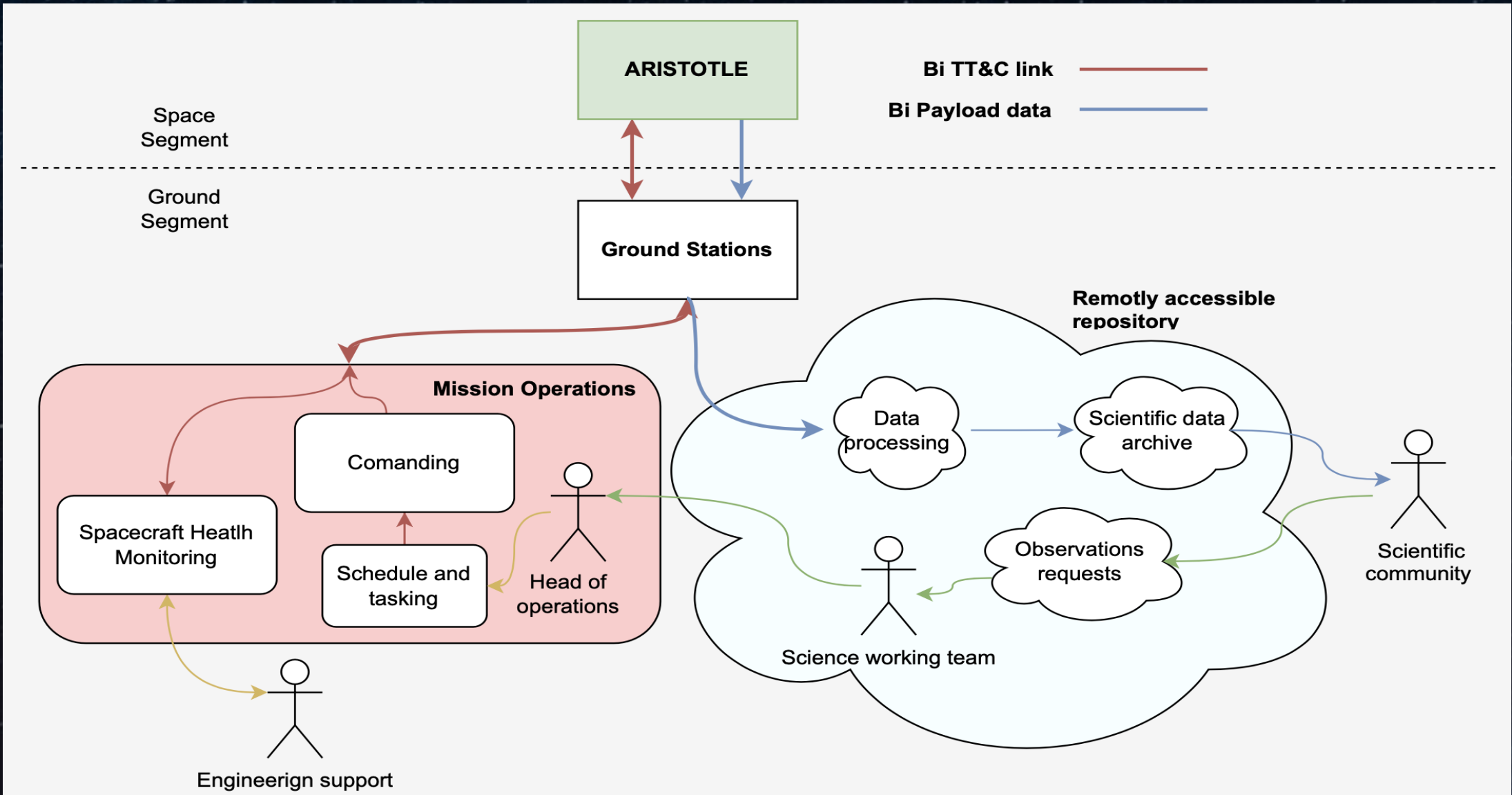
## Ground Station Network

- ESA ESTRACK Deep Space Network
- 35 m deep space antennas
  - CEBREROS-1 (X / X Ka)
  - MALARGÜE-1 (X Ka / X Ka)
  - NEW NORCIA-1 (S X / S X)





# Data Pipeline



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Suppliers shall satisfy PA/QA certifications + sampling for statistics

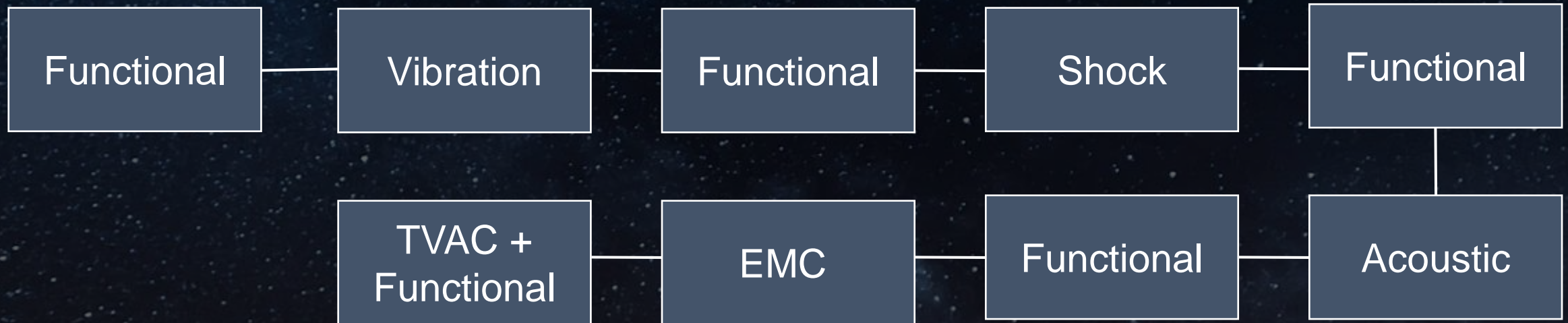


Functional and initial environmental testing

Extreme environment testing

Real mission conditions.

# Testing and Qualification



Testing facilities: TVAC Chamber, Vibration stand, EMC and Acoustic Chamber



# Risk Assessment

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Severity	5	Low Loss of communication (low gain) Spectrometer failure	Medium Thermal system failure Sustainability of mirror during launch Optics system failure Telescope failure	High	Very high	Very high
	4	Low Electronics system failure Imager failure Failure of main propulsion system	Low	Medium	High	Very high
	3	Very low	Low Loss of communication (medium gain) Material damage of the spacecraft Failure of propulsion system (altitude control)	Low Failure of altitude and control system (wheels)	Medium	High
	2	Very low	Very low	Low	Low	Medium
	1	Very low	Very low	Very low	Low	Low
		A	B	C	D	E
		Likelihood				

# Risk Assessment



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# Cost Assessment

# Cost Estimation



	Herschel	ARISTOTLE
Telescope diameter	3.5m	4.0m
Cold telescope	Yes	Yes
Cold instrument	Yes	Yes
Orbit	L2 Lissajous	L2 Lissajous
Mission duration	3 years	5 years (+5 years extension)
Launcher	Ariane 5	Ariane 62
Launch date	2009	2035
Cost correction factor	1.00 (=2009)	1.28 (=2023)
Overall costs	1,100 M€	1,250 M€

Cost ARISTOTLE	%	[M€]
ESA space segment	50	625
Mission / science operations	15	187.5
ESA project team overhead	12	150
Ariane 62 launcher	8	100
Margin	15	187.5
<b>Sum ESA costs (L-mission limit 2023: 1,300 M€)</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,250</b>
Payload costs of member states (~30% of ESA costs)	30	361.5
Overall mission costs		1,611.5

# Downscale options

- Removing imager
- Reduction of limit wavelength ( $15\mu\text{m}$ )
- Downscaling dish size
- Run instruments at higher temperature



# Summary

- ARIEL + PLATO → ARISTOTLE → Later Missions
- Transit & Eclipse spectroscopy in (2.5-23 $\mu$ m)
- Imaging in 5 different wavelength bands and coronagraph
- Technology employed in existing spacecraft
- In line with current research

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*"Extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence."*

- Carl Sagan/
- Pierre-Simon Laplace/
- Marcello Truzzi/
  - etc...

