

# Science @ NASA



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Our Mission:

Innovate

Explore

Discover

Inspire

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# Big Scientific Questions:

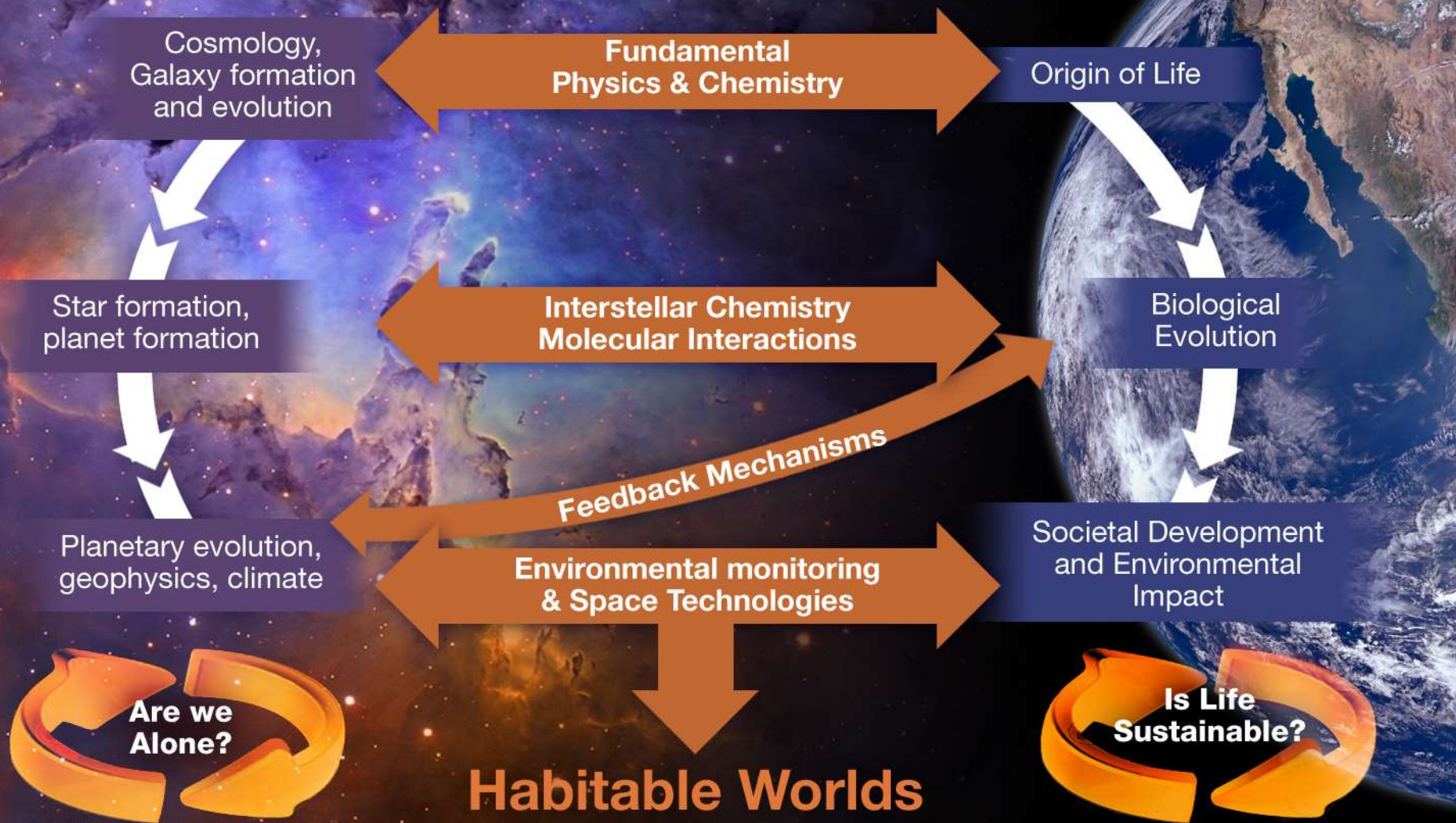
Where did we come from?

Where are we going?

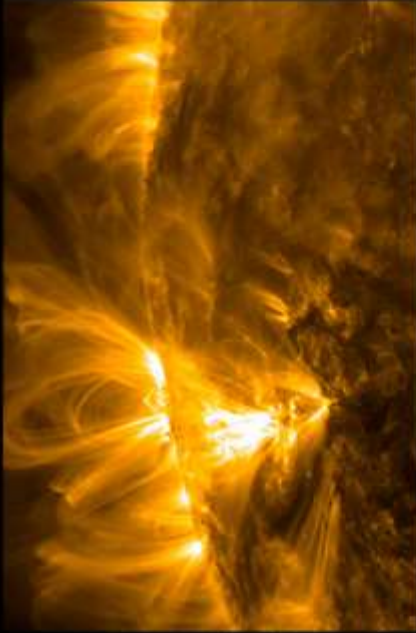
Are we alone?



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# Science Mission Directorate



HELIOPHYSICS



EARTH SCIENCE



PLANETARY SCIENCE



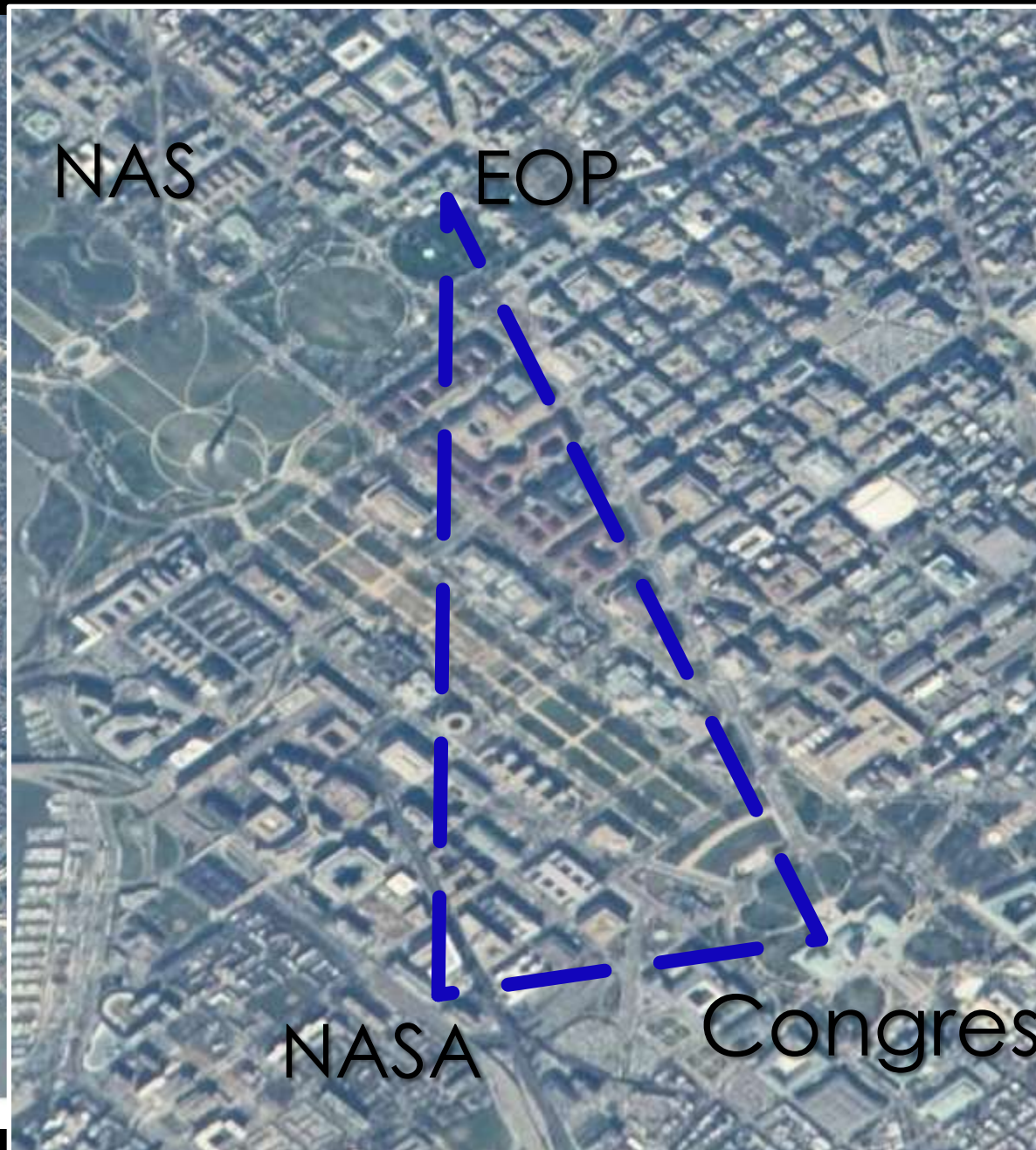
ASTROPHYSICS



An Integrated Program of Science



# A Team Effort



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## NASA Strategic Plan 2014



National Aeronautics and Space Administration

## SCIENCE PLAN

2014



## New Worlds, New Horizons in Astronomy and Astrophysics

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Keck Center of the National A  
August 13, 2010

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## Astrophysics Implement

National Aeronautics and Space Administration



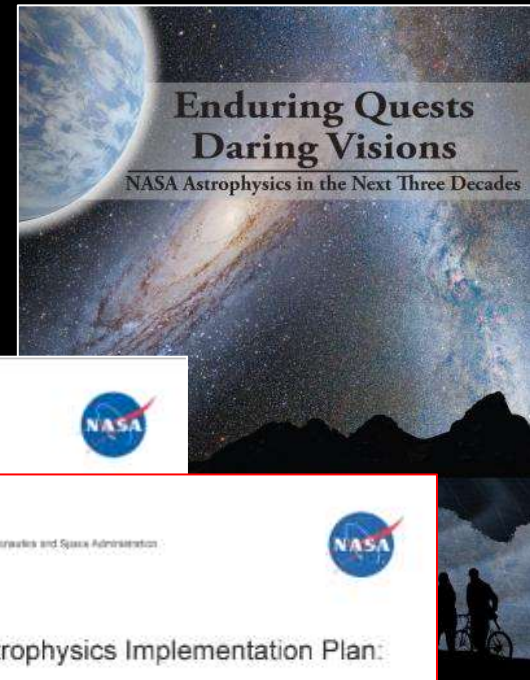
## Astrophysics Implementation Plan: 2014 Update

This Update provides a summary since the publication of the  
Astrophysics Implementation Plan in December 2012 of events and  
developments that affect NASA's strategy for implementing the 2010  
Astrophysics Decadal Survey, New Worlds, New Horizons in Astronomy  
and Astrophysics.

This Update is a supplement to the December 2012 Astrophysics  
Implementation Plan, which will not be revised.

Astrophysics Division  
Science Mission Directorate  
NASA Headquarters

December 2014

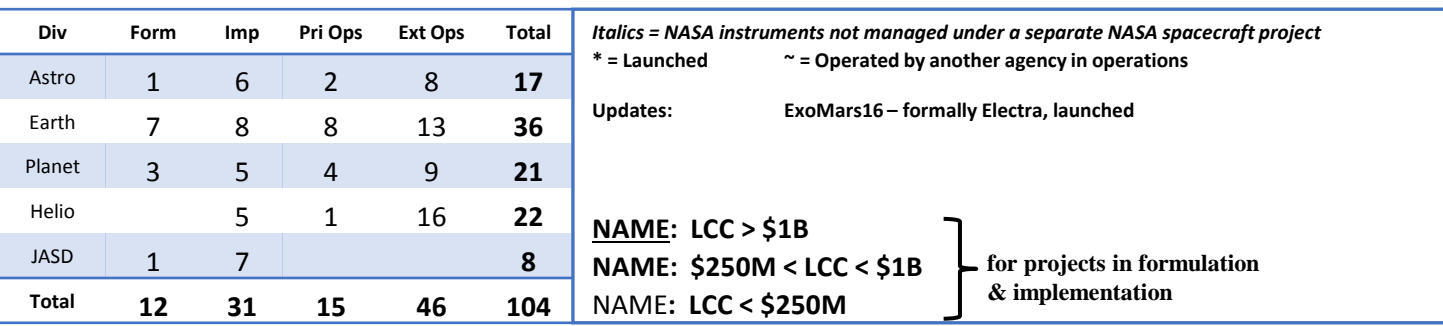


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# Science Budget Request Summary

	Actual	Enacted	Request	Notional			
	<u>FY 2015</u>	<u>FY 2016</u>	<u>FY 2017</u>	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>	<u>FY 2020</u>	<u>FY 2021</u>
<b>Science</b>	<b>5,243.0</b>	<b>5,589.4</b>	<b>5,600.5</b>	<b>5,408.5</b>	<b>5,516.7</b>	<b>5,627.0</b>	<b>5,739.6</b>
<b><u>Earth Science</u></b>	<b><u>1,784.1</u></b>		<b><u>2,032.2</u></b>	<b><u>1,989.5</u></b>	<b><u>2,001.3</u></b>	<b><u>2,020.9</u></b>	<b><u>2,047.7</u></b>
Earth Science Research	453.2		501.7	472.9	461.3	475.9	484.2
Earth Systematic Missions	827.3		933.0	965.5	1,021.3	1,005.0	1,000.1
Earth System Science Pathfinder	223.8		296.0	248.6	216.7	227.8	245.1
Earth Science Multi-Mission Operations	179.7		191.8	194.3	193.6	197.9	202.6
Earth Science Technology	59.7		61.4	60.4	59.7	62.7	63.7
Applied Sciences	40.4		48.2	47.9	48.7	51.5	52.0
<b><u>Planetary Science</u></b>	<b><u>1,446.7</u></b>		<b><u>1,518.7</u></b>	<b><u>1,439.7</u></b>	<b><u>1,520.1</u></b>	<b><u>1,575.5</u></b>	<b><u>1,625.7</u></b>
Planetary Science Research	252.8		284.7	271.6	285.7	281.6	287.3
Discovery	259.7		202.5	277.3	337.4	345.0	405.3
New Frontiers	286.0		144.0	81.6	90.7	142.8	234.0
Mars Exploration	305.0		584.8	588.8	565.0	498.4	279.9
Outer Planets and Ocean Worlds	184.0		137.3	56.0	77.8	128.0	247.3
Technology	159.2		165.5	164.4	163.5	179.7	172.0
<b><u>Astrophysics</u></b>	<b><u>730.7</u></b>		<b><u>781.5</u></b>	<b><u>761.6</u></b>	<b><u>992.4</u></b>	<b><u>1,118.6</u></b>	<b><u>1,192.5</u></b>
Astrophysics Research	201.7		226.1	236.3	235.7	248.5	252.0
Cosmic Origins	201.0		198.5	198.4	197.3	195.5	209.5
Physics of the Cosmos	104.1		94.1	88.0	94.1	97.7	94.0
Exoplanet Exploration	100.6		133.8	148.0	309.3	373.3	450.8
Astrophysics Explorer	123.3		129.0	91.0	156.0	203.5	186.2
<b><u>James Webb Space Telescope</u></b>	<b><u>645.4</u></b>	<b><u>620.0</u></b>	<b><u>569.4</u></b>	<b><u>533.7</u></b>	<b><u>304.6</u></b>	<b><u>197.2</u></b>	<b><u>149.8</u></b>
<b><u>Heliophysics</u></b>	<b><u>636.1</u></b>		<b><u>698.7</u></b>	<b><u>684.0</u></b>	<b><u>698.3</u></b>	<b><u>714.8</u></b>	<b><u>723.9</u></b>
Heliophysics Research	192.0		180.1	192.0	210.0	215.9	214.2
Living with a Star	263.5		374.2	398.7	244.6	135.8	127.3
Solar Terrestrial Probes	70.6		39.8	38.8	127.3	179.4	198.4
Heliophysics Explorer Program	110.0		104.6	54.5	116.3	183.8	184.0







# TARGET Launch Dates for SMD Missions



NASA Science Mission Directorate (SMD)

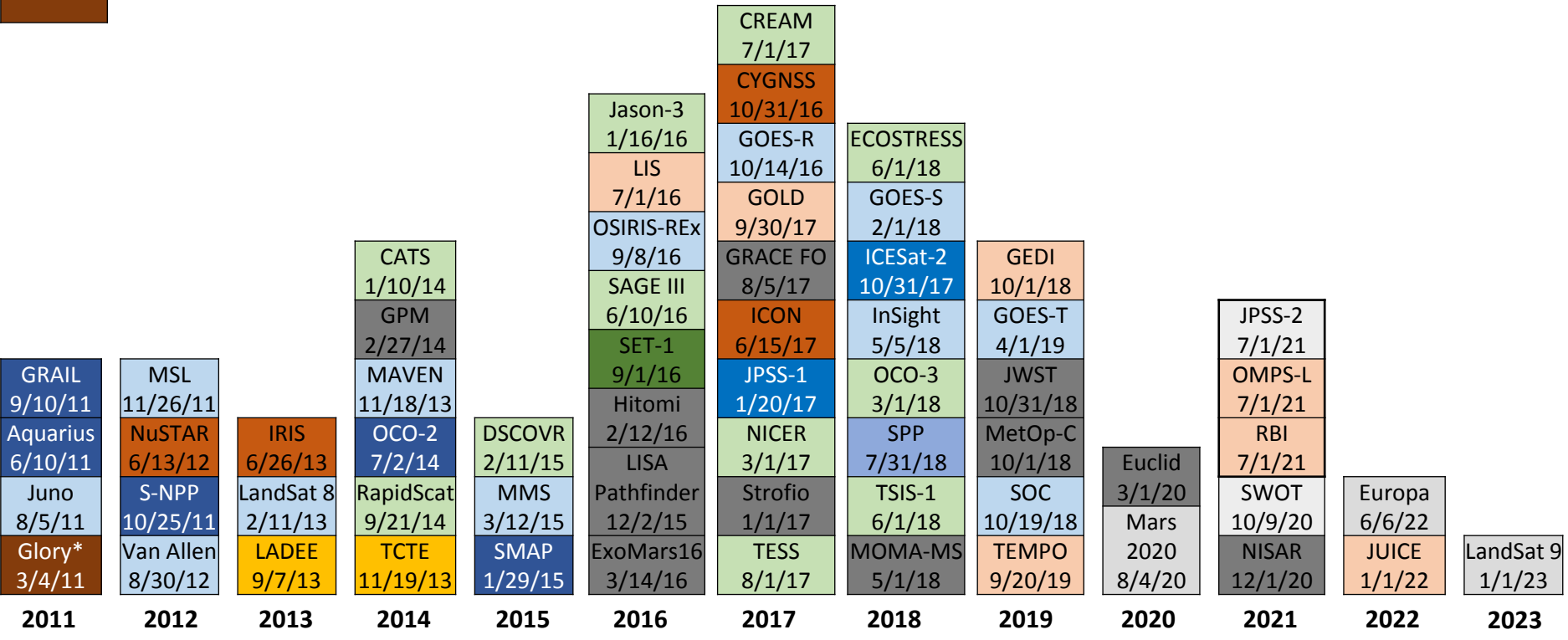
## Assigned

Foreign	Delta IV
Minotaur	Delta II
Pegasus	Falcon 9
Atlas V	Falcon Heavy
Taurus	

## Unassigned

Medium
Intermed/ Heavy
TBD/ Hosted PL

March 16 Updates: ECOSTRESS LRD to 6/18, LIS LRD to 7/16,  
OCO-3 LRD to 3/2018, GOES-S LRD to 2/1/18,  
CYGNSS LRD to 10/31/16



\*Launch Failure

Fiscal Years

# National Academies of Sciences Space Studies Board Status

Study Title	Status / Outlook	Chair
Achieving Science Goals with CubeSats	The Committee's report entered review Feb 18; Prepublication release in late April/early May	T. Zurbuchen
Review of Progress Toward the Decadal Survey Vision in New Worlds, New Horizons in Astronomy and Astrophysics	The Committee' final report went into review in mid April	J. Hewitt
NASA Science Mission Extensions	3 <sup>rd</sup> meeting April 18-20. Report to be completed summer 2016	V. Hamilton H. Tanabaum
Decadal survey for Earth Sciences and Applications from Space ESAS2017	Steering committee met in January; Staff working on panel nominations. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting June 2-5 (Jamboree)	A. Busalacchi W. Abdalatti
Review of PSD's restructured R&A Program	Staff working on committee nominations Funding received. 1 <sup>st</sup> meeting likely mid May	TBD
Searching for Life Across Space and Time (workshop)	Staff working on committee nominations Funding received.	TBD
Large Strategic Science Missions	Staff working on committee nominations Funding received.	TBD
Planetary Protection Policy Dev.	Academies due to send proposal in May.	TBD



# ASTROPHYSICS

## Decadal Survey Missions



**1972**  
Decadal Survey  
*Hubble*



**1982**  
Decadal Survey  
*Chandra*



**1991**  
Decadal Survey  
*Spitzer, SOFIA*



**2001**  
Decadal Survey  
*JWST*



**2010**  
Decadal Survey  
*WFIRST*





- Formulation
- Implementation
- Primary Ops
- Extended Ops

Spitzer  
8/25/2003

Kepler  
3/7/2009

LISA Pathfinder (ESA)  
12/3/2015

JWST  
2018

WFIRST  
Mid 2020s

Euclid (ESA)  
2020

TESS  
2017

Chandra  
7/23/1999

XMM-Newton (ESA)  
12/10/1999

NuSTAR  
6/13/2012

Swift  
11/20/2004

Hubble  
4/24/1990

Hitomi (JAXA)-?  
2/17/2016

Fermi  
6/11/2008

CREAM (on ISS)  
2017

NICER (on ISS)  
2017

SOFIA  
Full Ops 2014



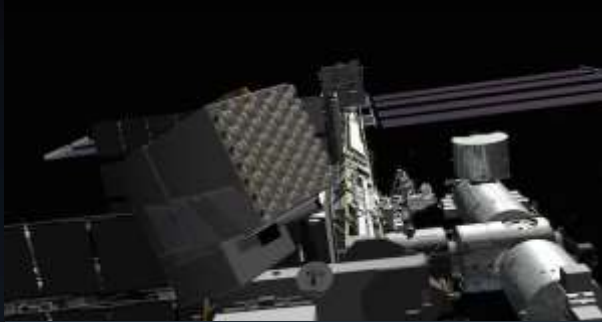
# Astrophysics Missions in Development



**NICER**

NASA Mission

3/2017

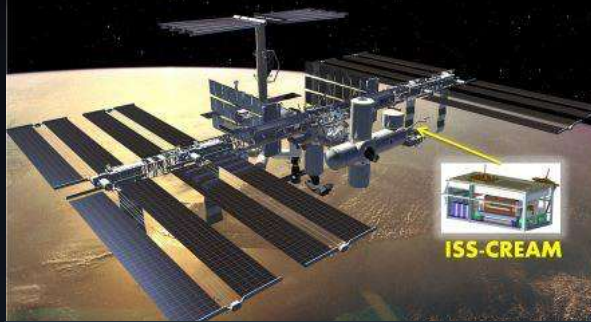


Neutron Star Interior  
Composition Explorer

**CREAM**

NASA Mission

7/2017



Cosmic Ray Energetics  
And Mass

**TESS**

NASA Mission

8/2017

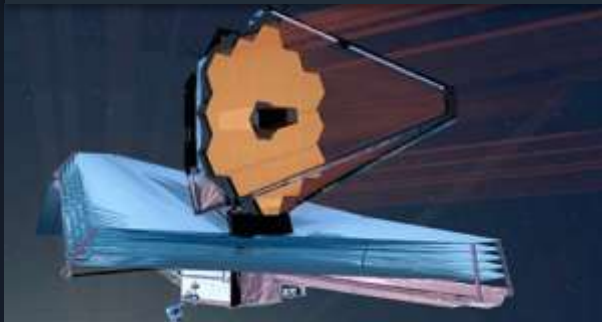


Transiting Exoplanet  
Survey Satellite

**JWST**

NASA Mission

10/2018

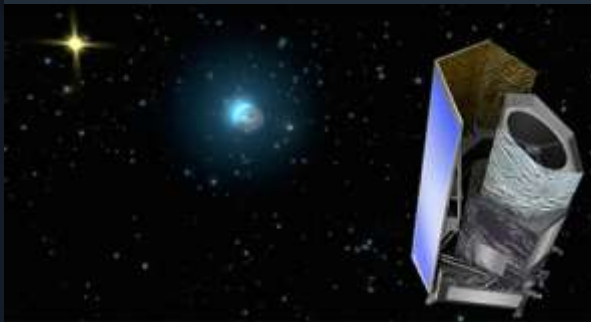


James Webb  
Space Telescope

**Euclid**

ESA-led Mission

2020



NASA is supplying the NISP  
Sensor Chip System (SCS)

**WFIRST**

NASA Mission

Mid 2020s



Wide-Field Infrared  
Survey Telescope



# James Webb Space Telescope



...going where no Hubble has gone  
before

# JWST Mirror Fully Assembled

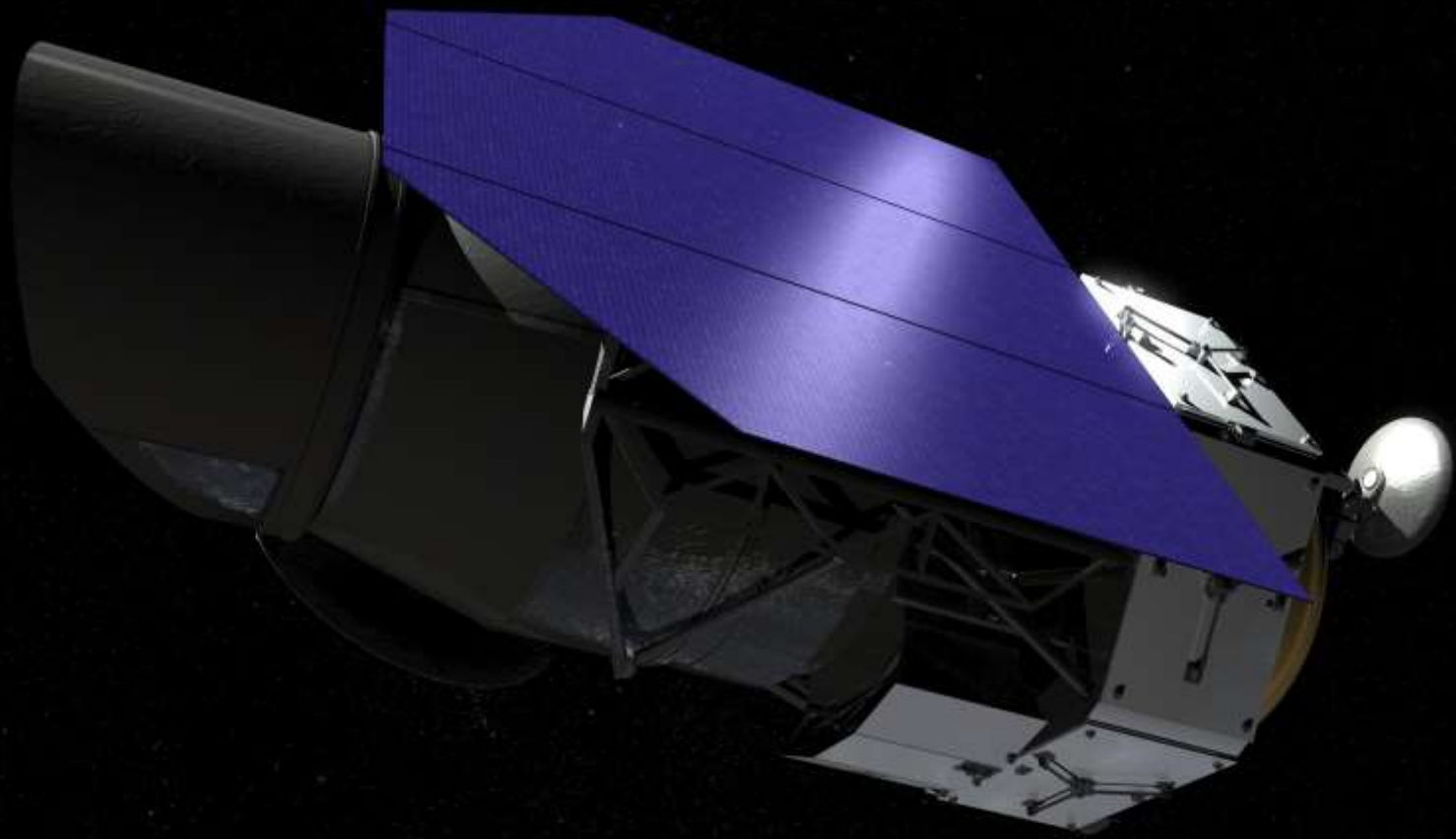
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Congrats JWST  
Team on successful  
completion of  
primary mirror  
assembly!



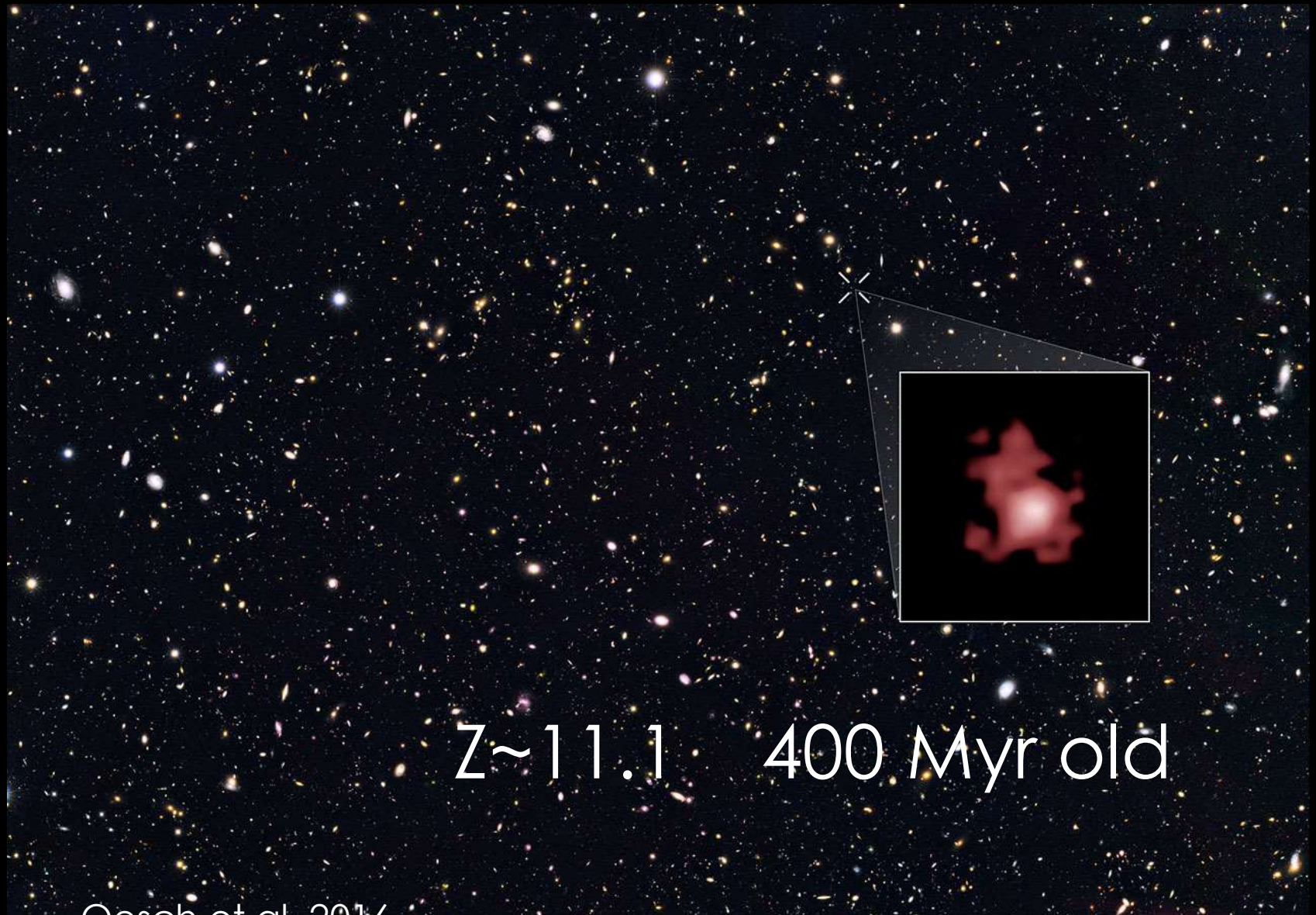
# WFIRST

## The Wide-Field Infrared Survey Telescope





# Hubble breaks cosmic distance record



$z \sim 11.1$  400 Myr old

Oesch et al. 2016

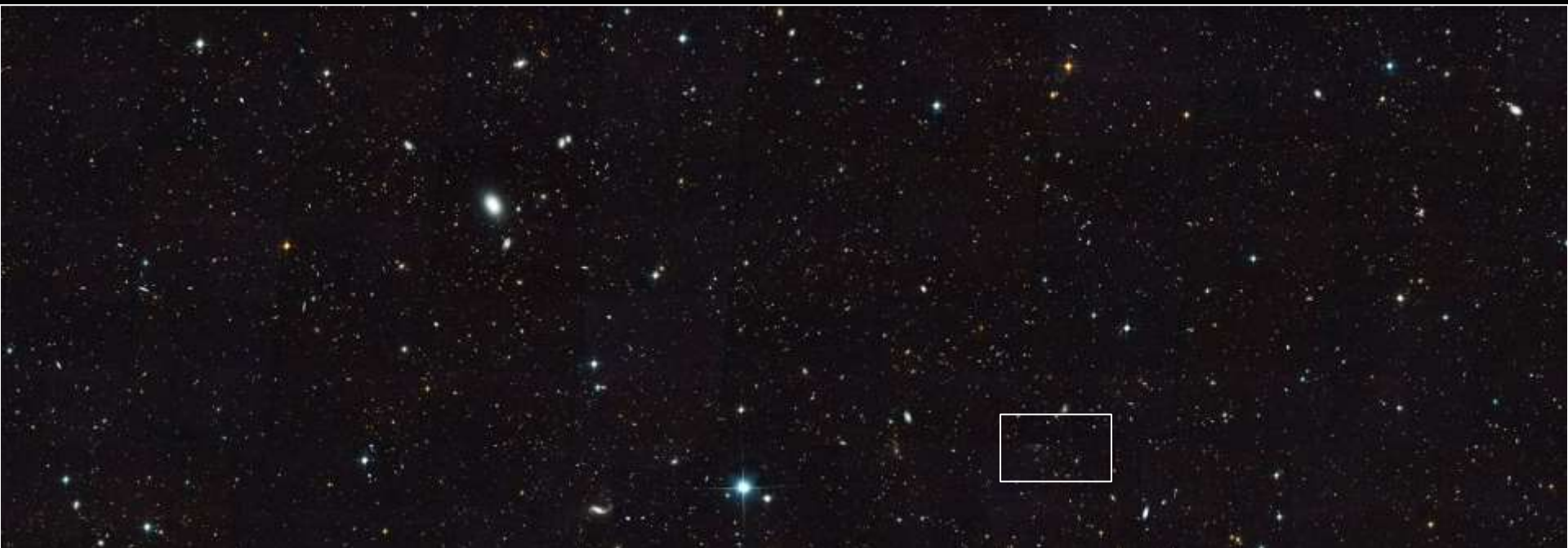


# WFIRST-AFTA vs Hubble



Hubble Ultra Deep Field - IR  
~5,000 galaxies in one image  
(60 orbits, 4 days)

PI: Illingworth



70,000 galaxies in each field  
of AFTA survey

WFIRST-AFTA Deep Field  
>1,000,000 galaxies in each image



# 2015 Wanaka New Zealand Balloon Campaign



Credit: Kris J. Parker

*Wanaka, New Zealand SPB Launch March 26, 2015*



NASA/CSBF

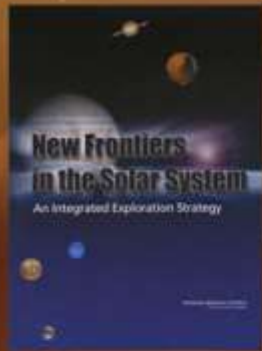
*SPB flight path  
Balloon brought down April 27th*

- Superpressure balloon (SPB) total flight time was 32 days, 5 hours.
  - The test flight exceeded the minimum success criteria.
  - The test flight validated both the SPB's design and the viability of New Zealand as a future mid-latitude SPB launch location.
  - Science community expressing interest in future SPB flights from New Zealand.

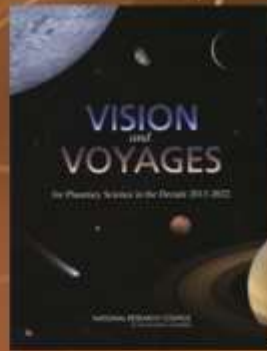


# Planetary Science

## Decadal Survey Missions



**2003**  
Decadal Survey



**2013**  
Decadal Survey



# Current & Future Mars Missions

**Operational  
2001 - 2014**

**2016**

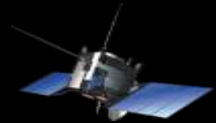
**2018**

**2020**

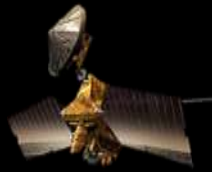
**2022**



**Mars Odyssey**



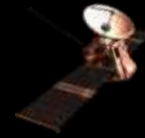
**ESA Mars Express  
(NASA: MARSIS)**



**Mars  
Reconnaissance  
Orbiter**



**MAVEN**



**ESA  
Trace Gas Orbiter  
(NASA: Electra)**



**InSight**

**ESA  
ExoMars Rover  
(NASA: MOMA)**



**Science  
Rover**

**Opportunity –  
Mars Exploration  
Rover**

**Curiosity –  
Mars Science  
Laboratory**

**Follow the Water**

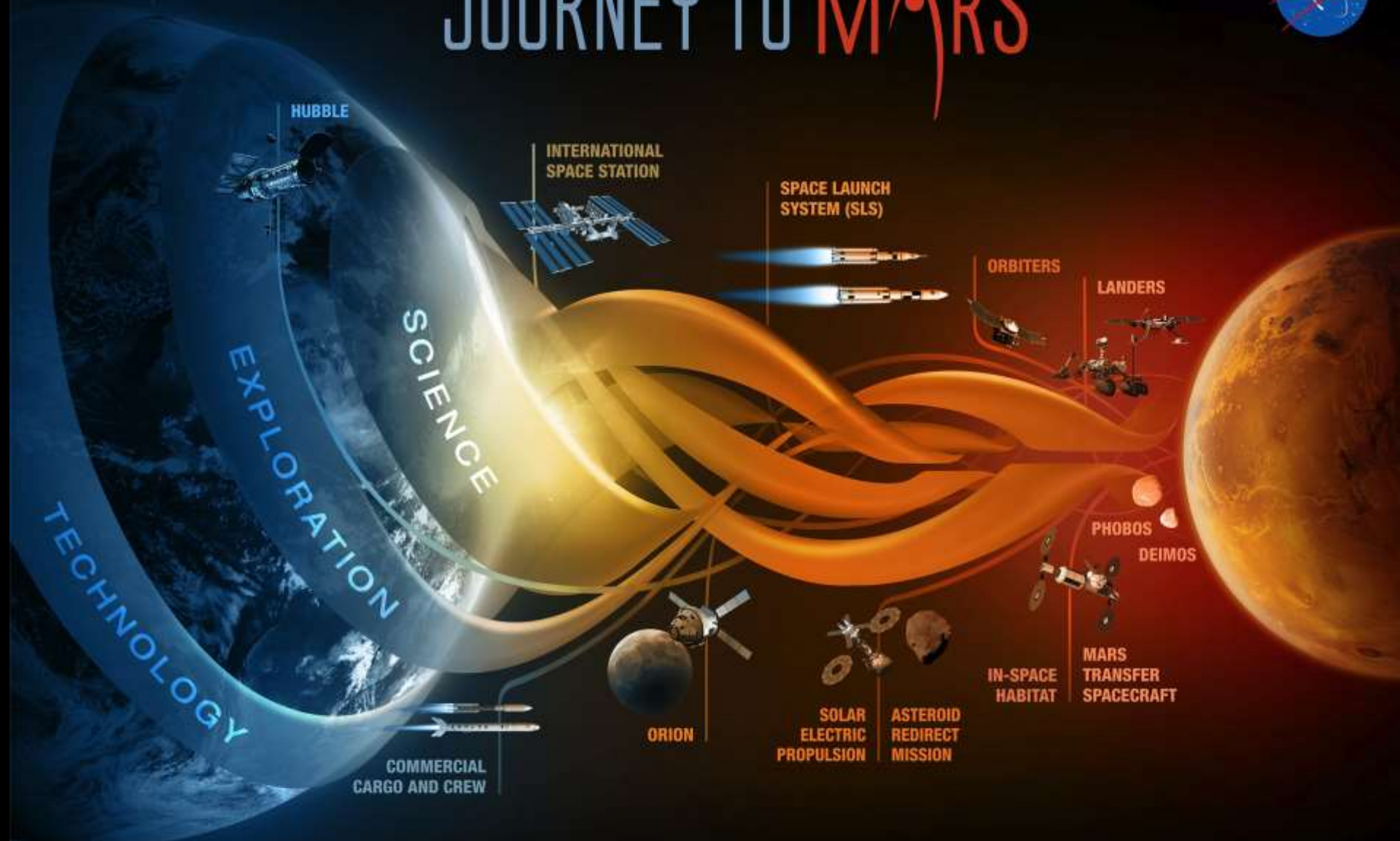
**Explore Habitability**

**Seek Signs of Life**

**Prepare for Future Human Explorers**

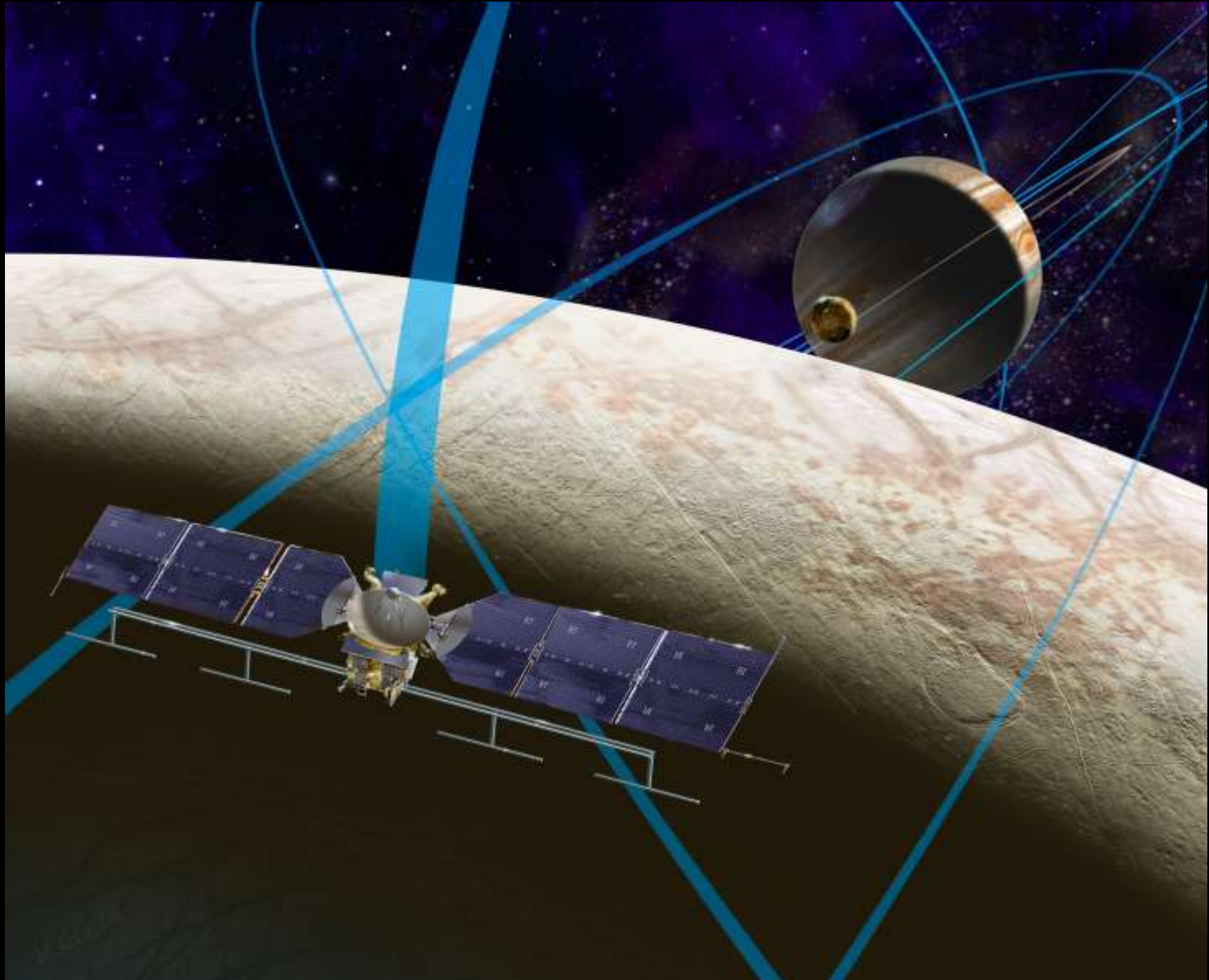
**EVOLVING MARS SCIENCE THEMES**

# JOURNEY TO MARS

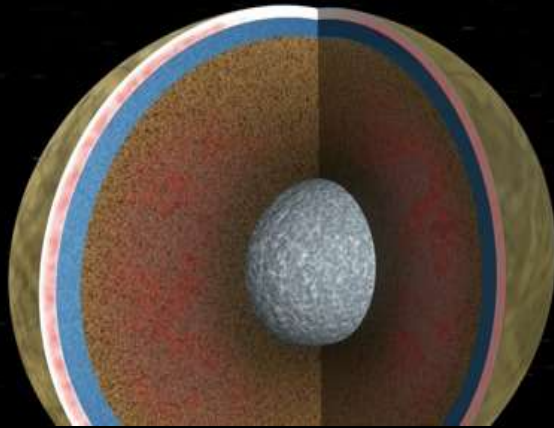




# Europa Mission



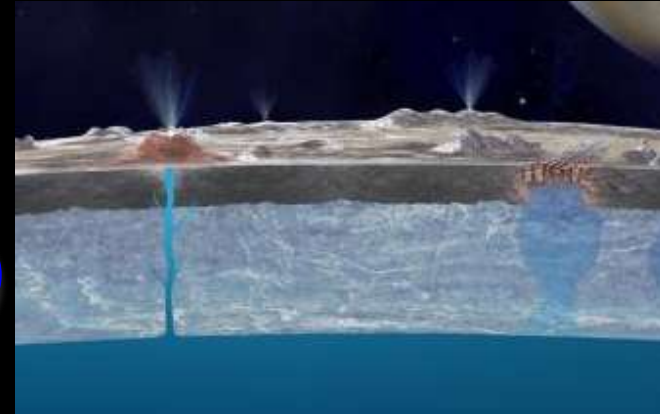
# The Big Question: Is Europa Habitable?



Credit: NASA/JPL

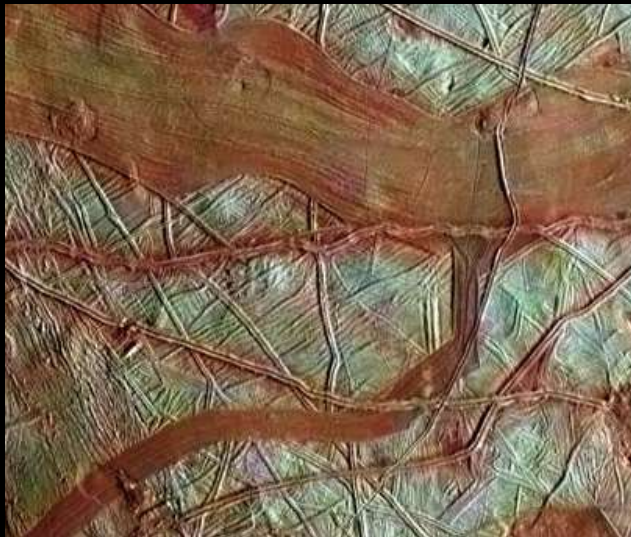
**What's in the plumes?**

*Mass Spectrometer  
(Cassini)*



**How deep and salty is the ocean?**

*Gravity, Magnetometer  
(GRAIL, GRACE)*



Credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech/SETI Institute

**How active is the ice shell?**

*Camera, Thermal Imager  
(MRO, ICESat)*

**How thick is the ice shell?**

*Radar, Gravity  
(MRO, Cassini)*

**What's the brown stuff?**

*IR & Mass Spectrometers  
(Landsat, MRO)*



Credit: NASA/ESA/L.  
Roth/SWRI/University of  
Cologne

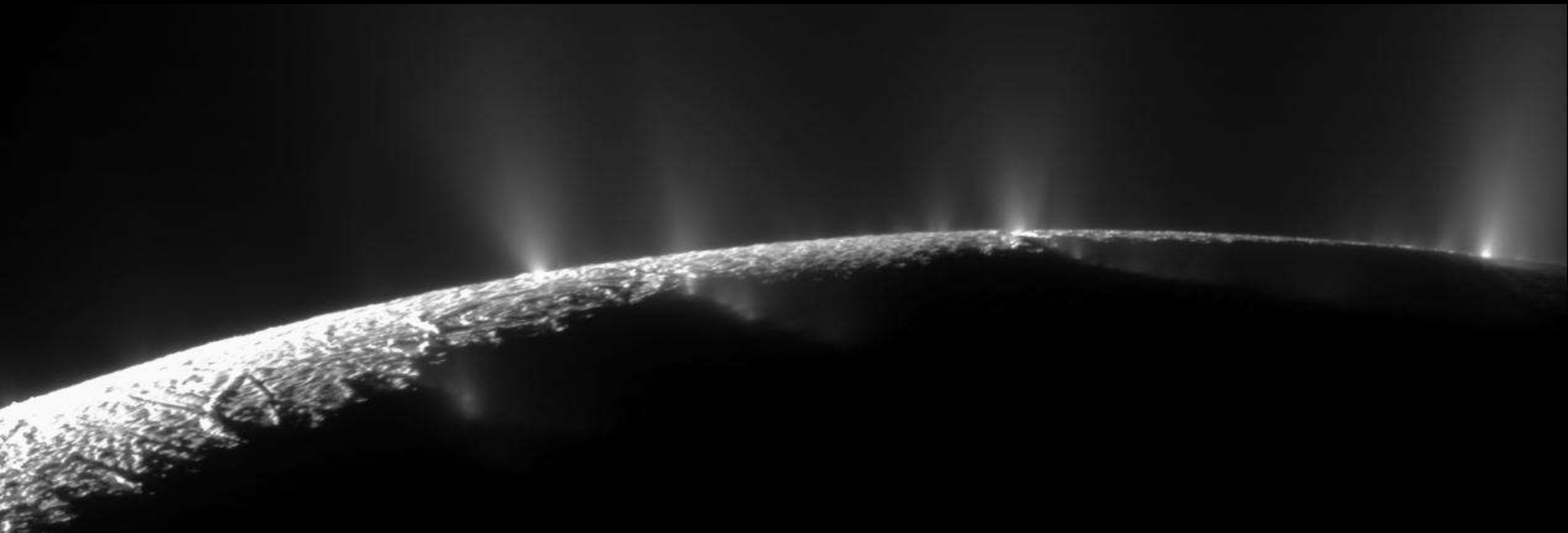
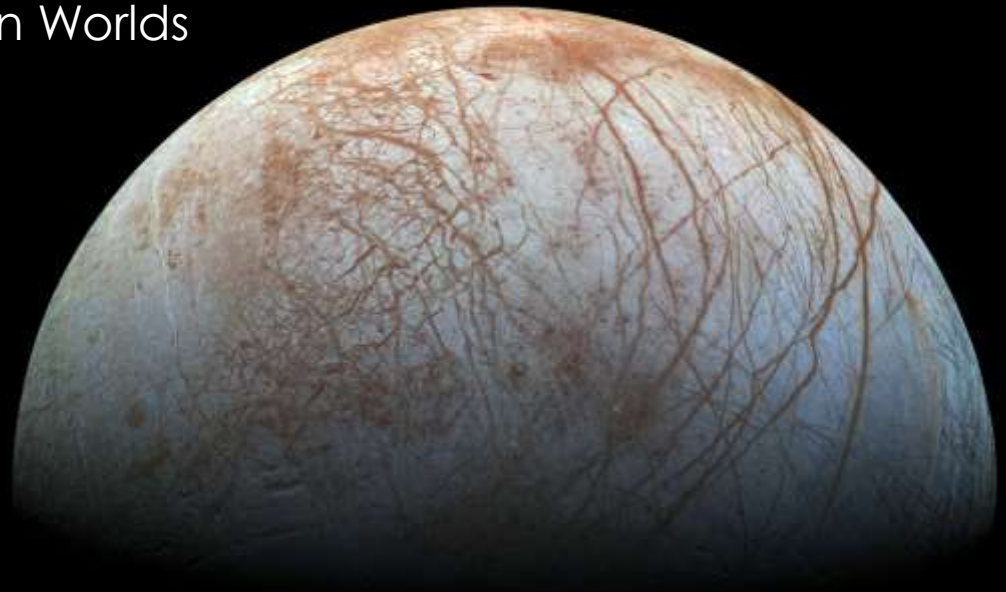
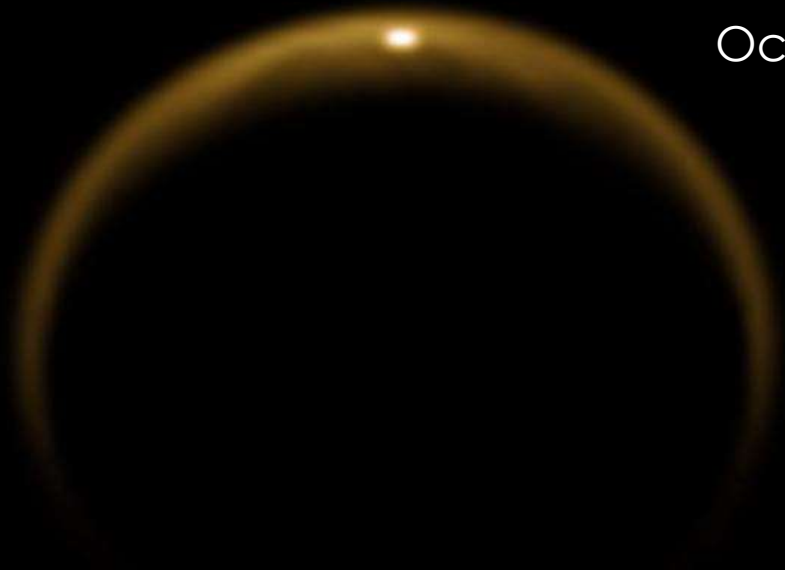


# Potential Europa Lander

- NASA's FY 16 Appropriation included "orbiter with a lander to meet the science goals for the Jupiter Europa mission...use the SLS as the LV...plan for a launch NLT 2022...and include in the FY17 budget the five year funding profile necessary to achieve these goals."
- Working on Pre-Phase A studies including 2 launch scenario, early results due June 2016
- Science Definition Team
  - Received 80 expressions of interest
  - Kevin Hand, Jim Garvin and a TBD astrobiologist will serve as co-chairs
- Early Instrument development
  - Community announcement expected soon regarding opportunity to compete for risk reduction support for science instruments and sample acquisition systems for a surface mission.



# Ocean Worlds



# Earth Science



**2007**  
Decadal  
Survey

**GPM**



**OCO-2**



**RapidScat**



**CATS**



**SMAP**



New NASA Earth Science Missions  
Expand View of Our Home Planet

Credit: NASA



# PACE

Pre-Aerosol Clouds and Ocean Ecosystem

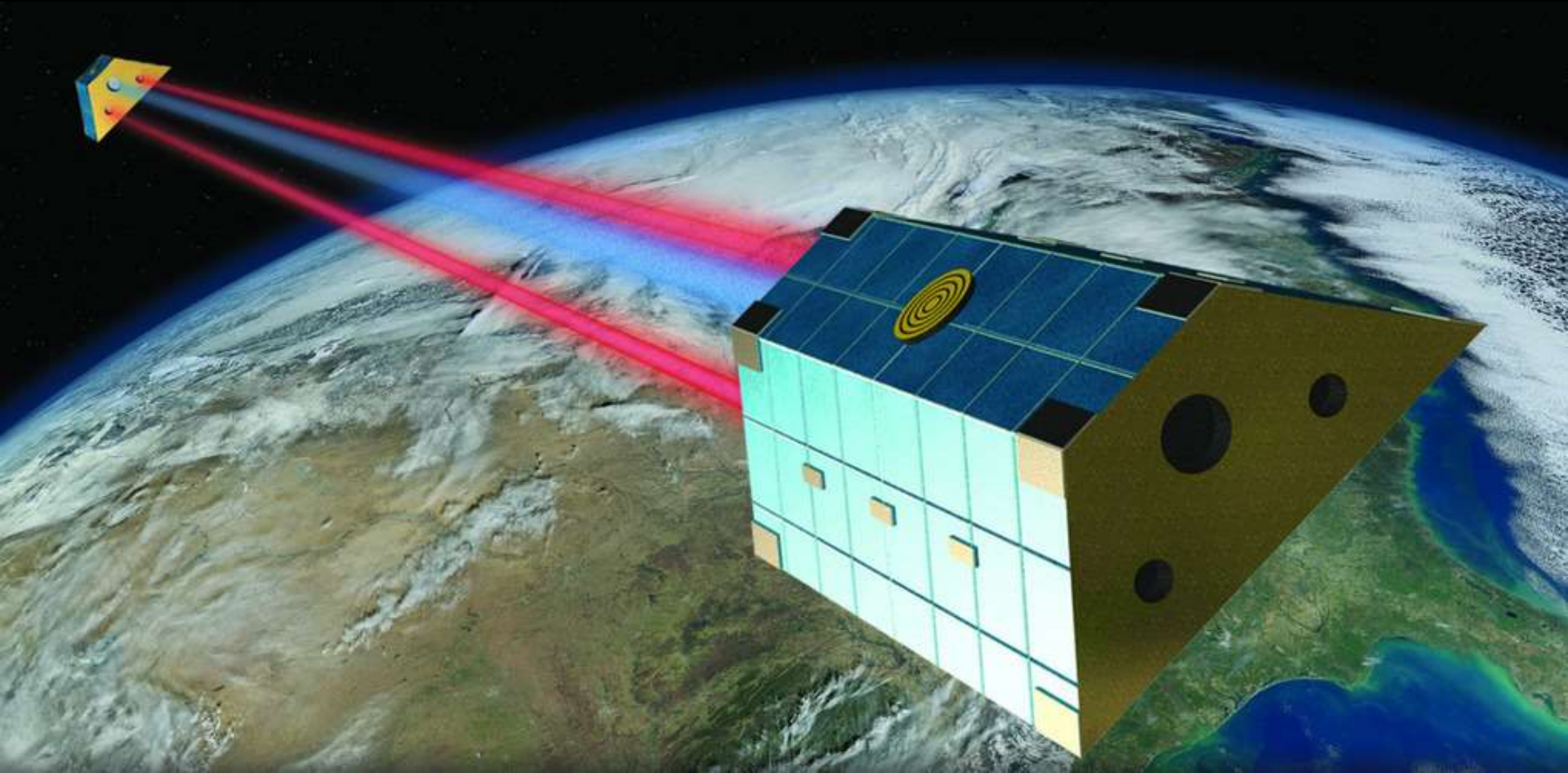


# ICESat-2





# GRACE Follow-On

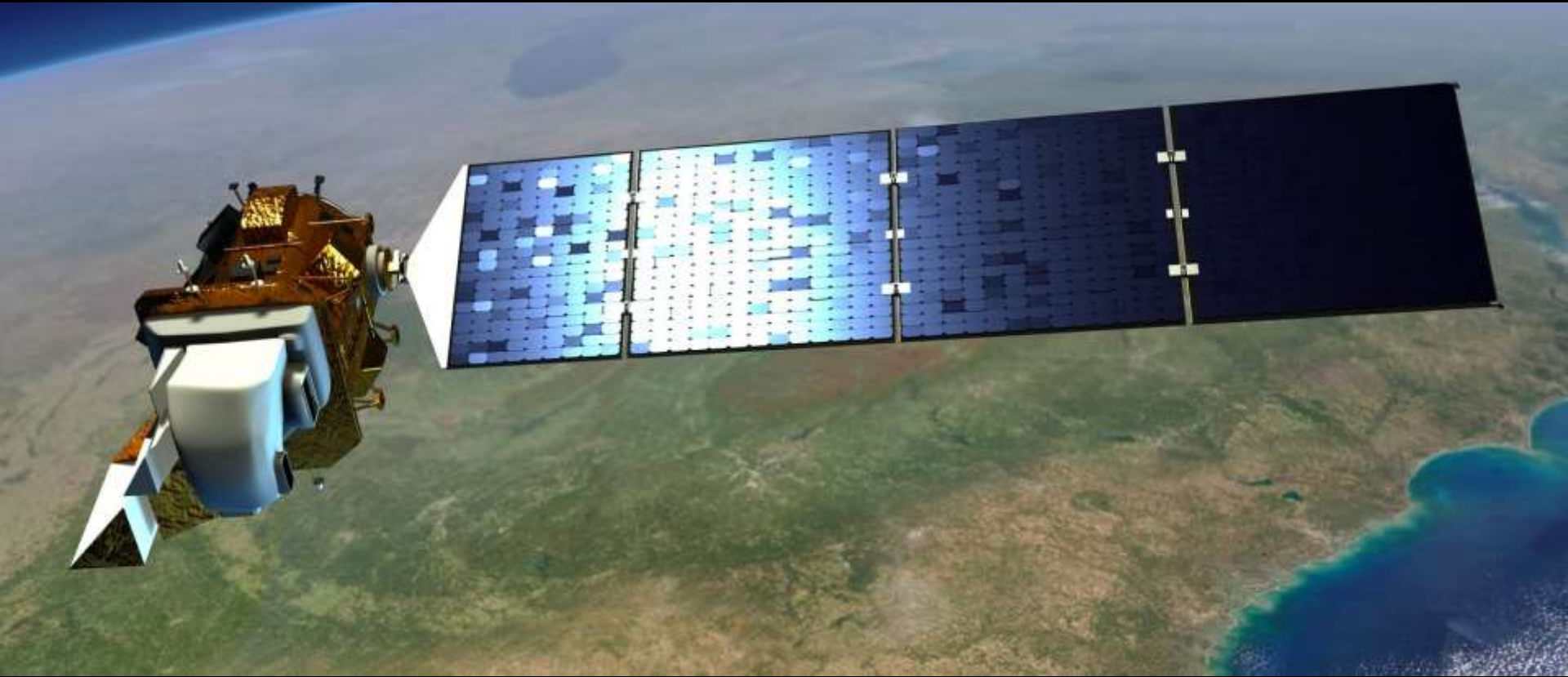




# Jason-3 and Sentinel-6



# LandSat-9/Sustainable Land Imaging



# InVEST 2015 Program

U-Class satellites advancing TRLs for Earth science measurements - *all 6U*;  
selected Sept. 17, 2015

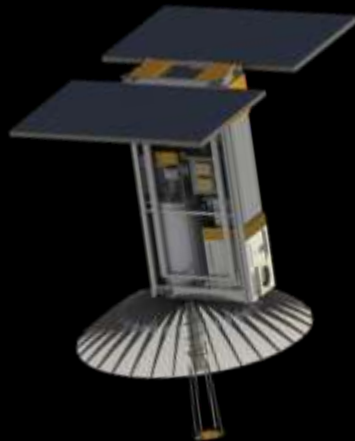
## CIRAS

JPL



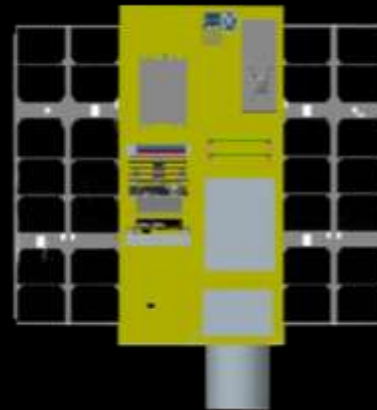
## RainCube

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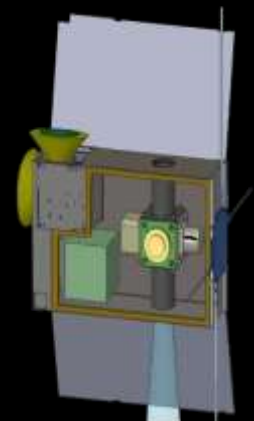
## CubeRRT

The Ohio State University



## CIRIS

Ball Aerospace



### Infrared Atmospheric Sounder

Demonstrate ability to  
measure spectrum of  
upwelling infrared  
radiation in 4-5 micron  
spectral region

### Precipitation Profiling Radar

Validate Ka-band (35.75  
GHz) radar payload using  
new deployable antenna  
and processing  
technologies

### Radiometer Radio Frequency Interference

Demonstrate wideband  
RFI mitigation  
technologies vital for  
future space-based  
microwave radiometers

### Infrared Radiometer

Validation of an uncooled  
imaging infrared (7.5-13  $\mu\text{m}$ )  
radiometer for high  
radiometric performance in  
LEO



Virgin Galactic



Rocket Labs

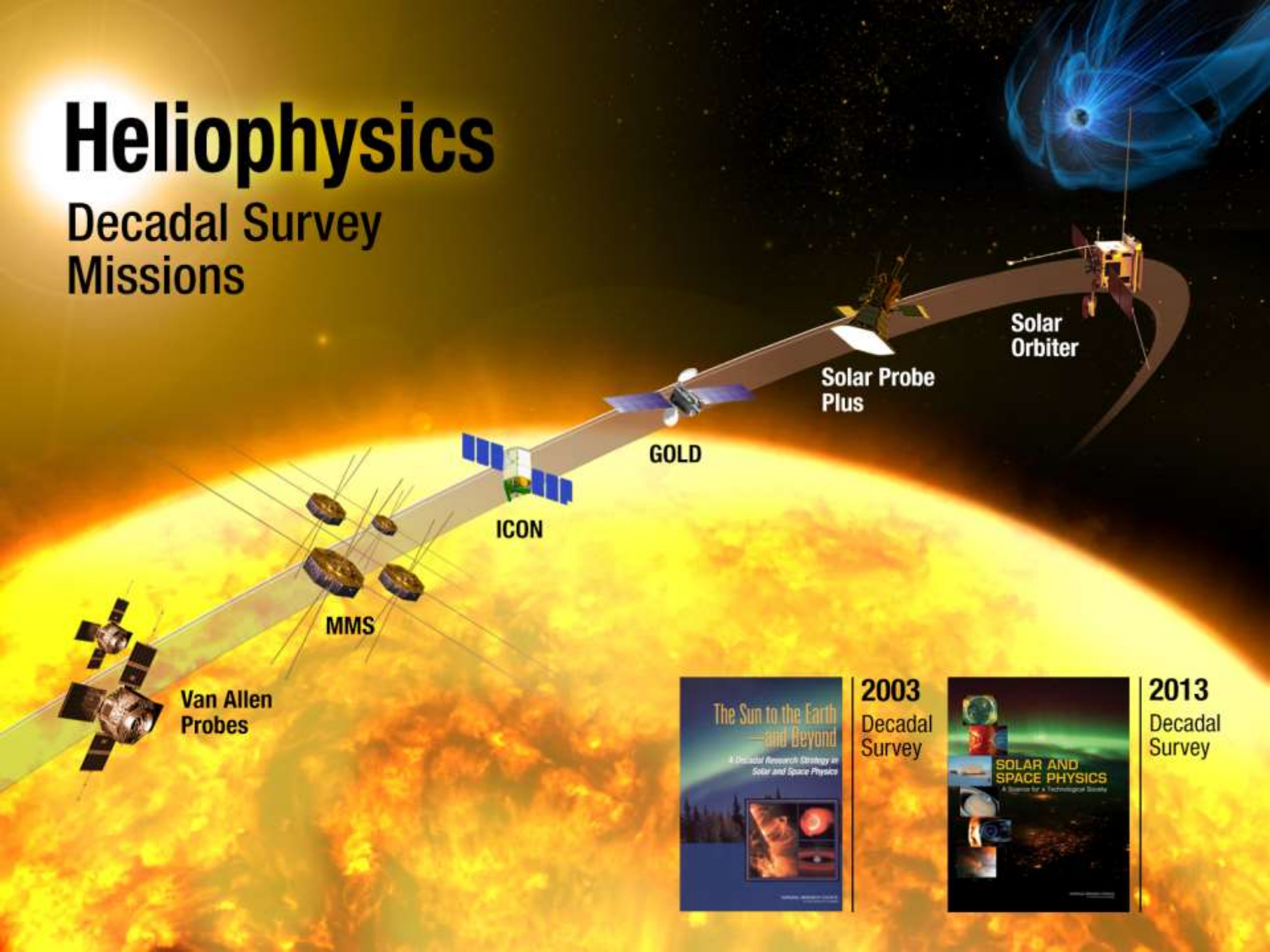


Firefly



# Heliophysics

## Decadal Survey Missions



Van Allen  
Probes

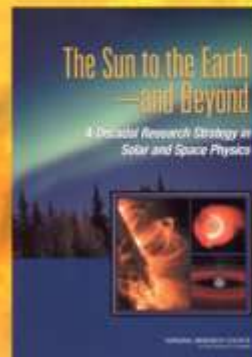
MMS

ICON

GOLD

Solar Probe  
Plus

Solar  
Orbiter



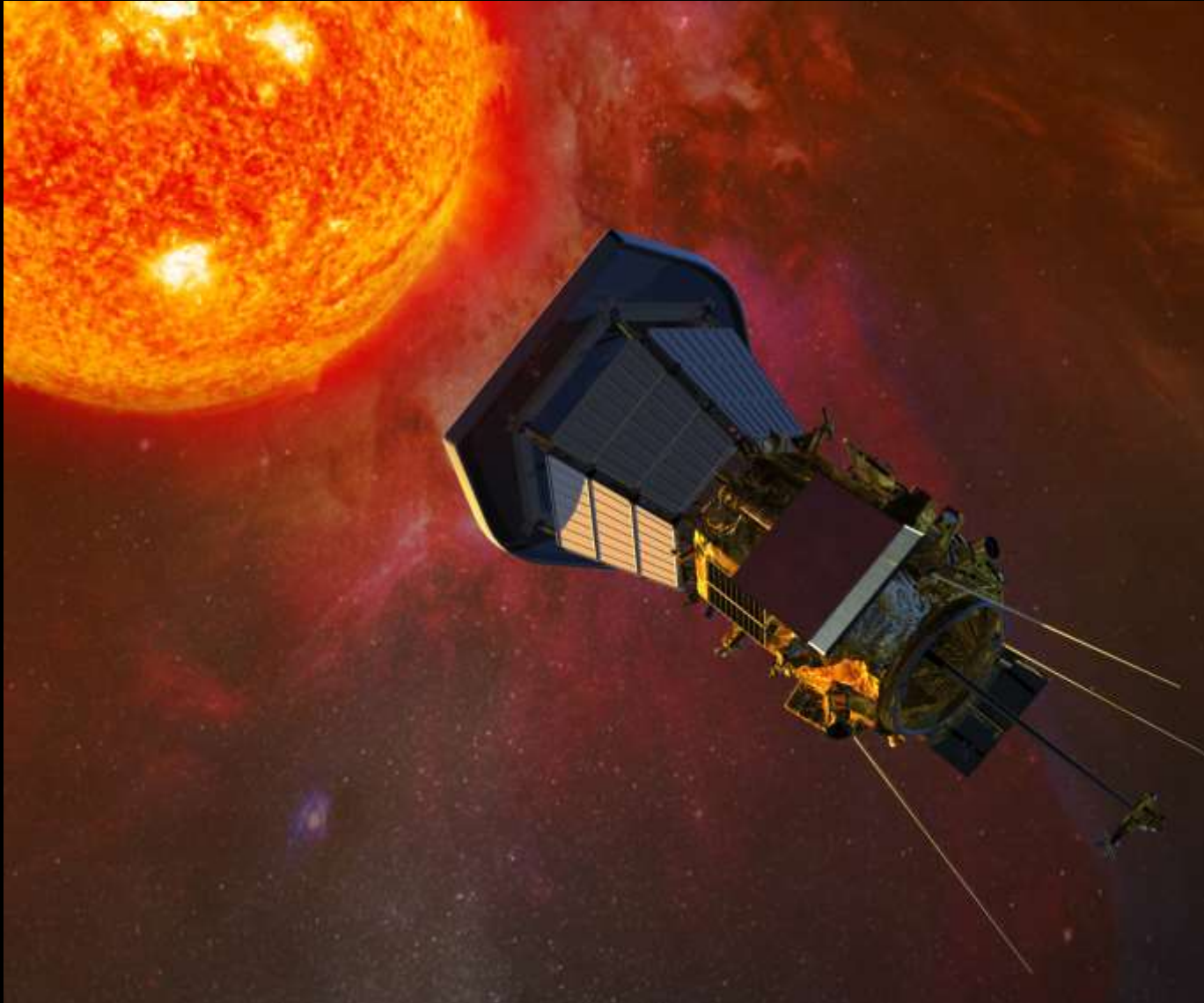
**2003**  
Decadal  
Survey



**2013**  
Decadal  
Survey



# Solar Probe Plus





# ICON

*Ionospheric Connection Explorer*



Exploring Where Earth's Weather Meets Space Weather

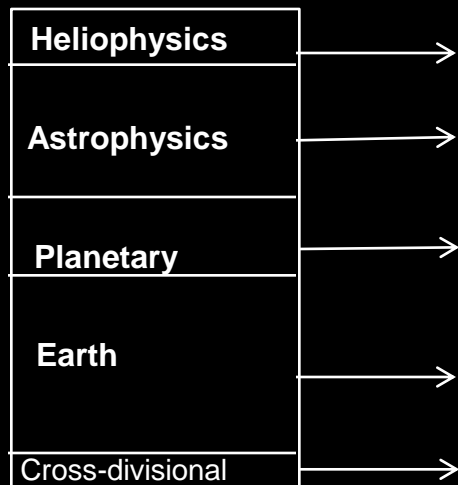
# NASA Sounding Rocket Program



# SMD Science Education Model



SMD Assets (Content, SME's, etc) \*



Science Education Provider(s)

Examples:

- Translate Datasets to useful information for users
- Alignment to education Standards and Decadal Questions
- Enable SMEs to share science with target audiences
- Professional Educator Development/Workshops
- Open/transparent reporting
- Timely evaluation/relevant assessment
- Development of curricula & other education materials, as requested

Outcomes to Meet these SMD Science Education Objectives

Enable STEM Education

Improve U.S. Science Literacy

Advance National Education Goals

Leverage Through Partnerships

Evaluation

Partnering Opportunities

\* Divisions responsible for science content datasets, Infrastructure/Tools (e.g. Eyes, GSFC Visualizations), SME selection, and enabling flight opportunities

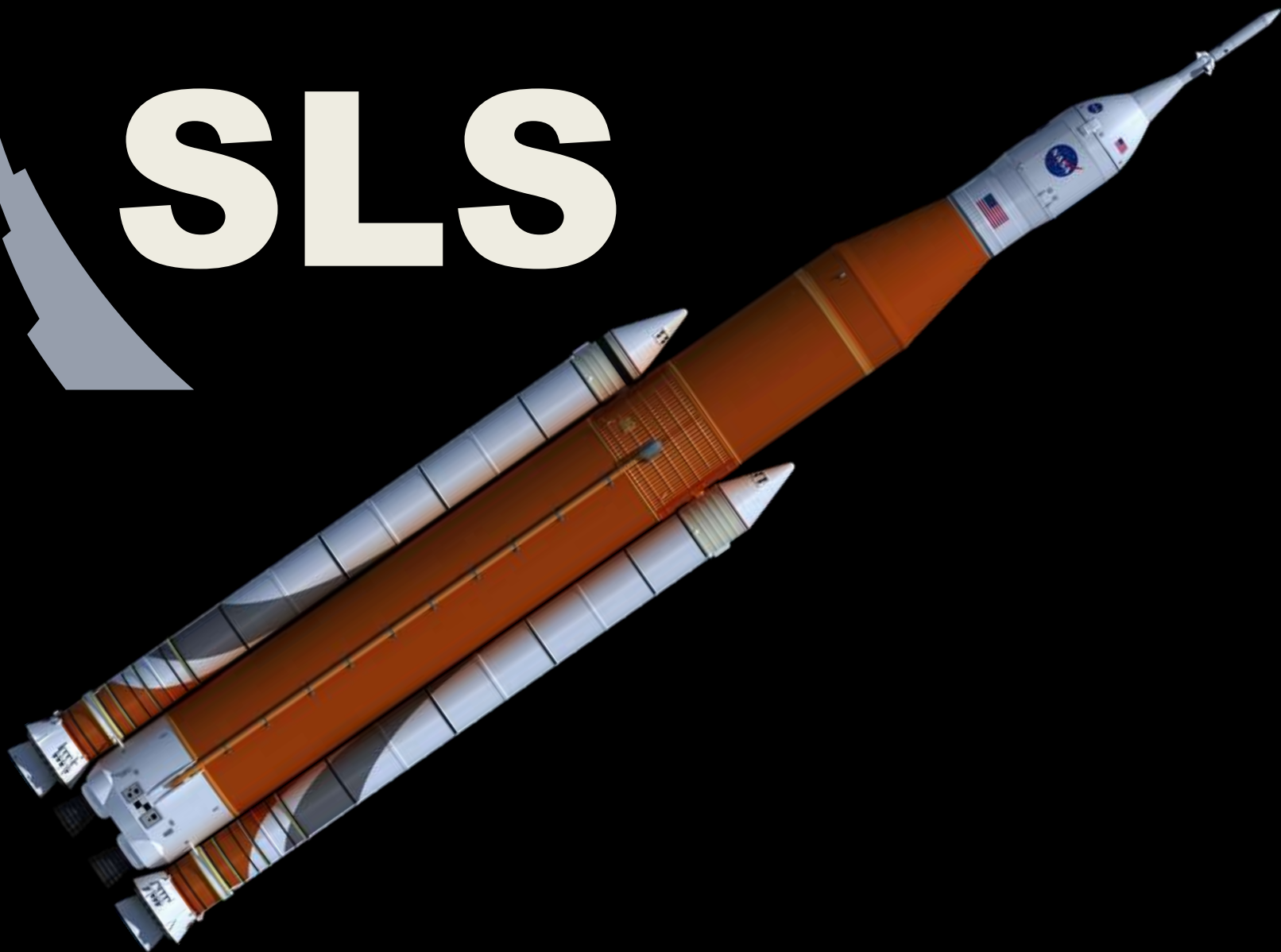


# IS THERE LIFE BEYOND EARTH?

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# SLS



# The Versatile Space Launch System



Science Missions  
Such as Europa



Orion



5m fairing w/robotic  
lunar lander & short-  
duration hab module



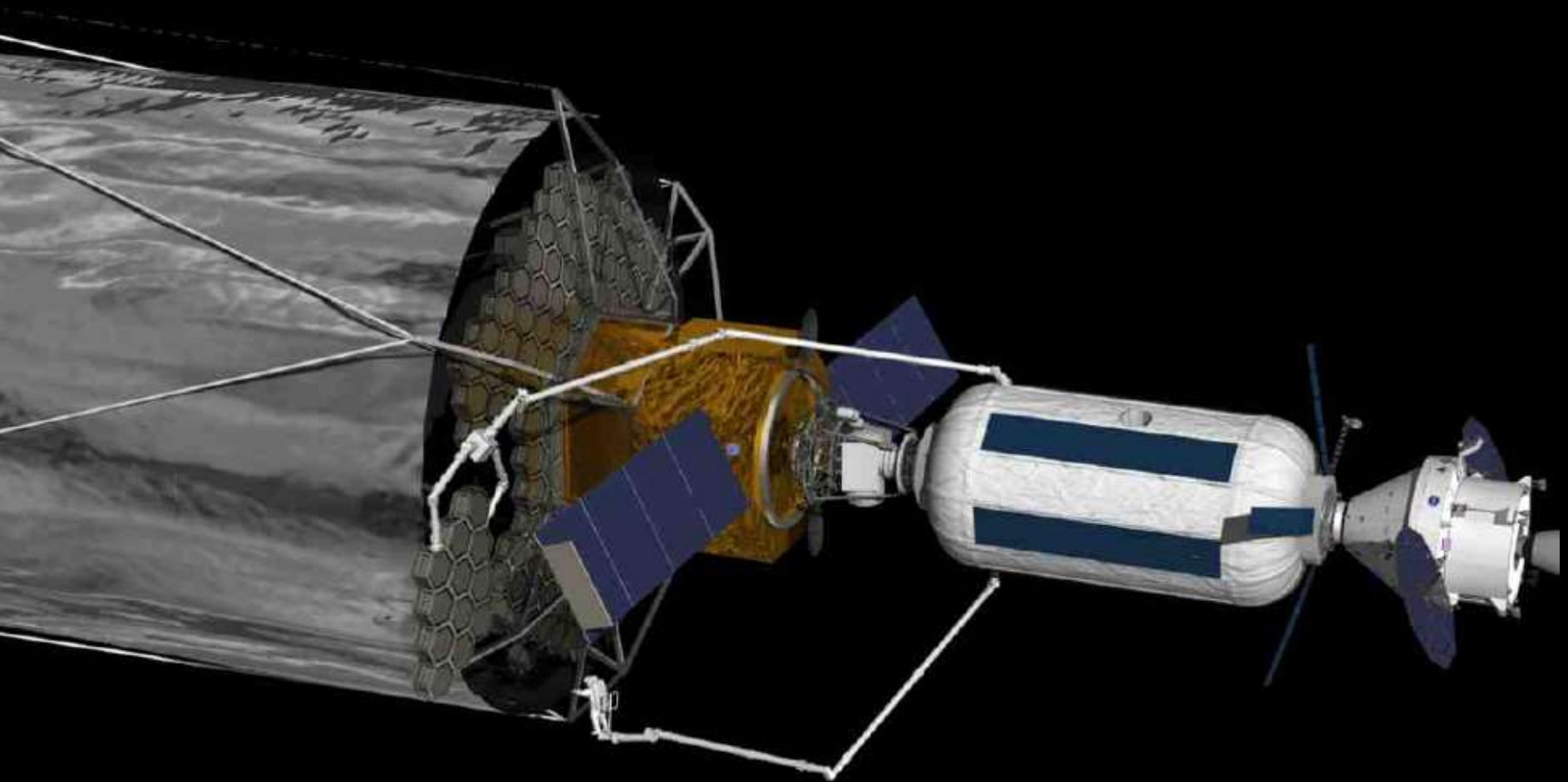
8m fairing with large  
aperture telescope



10m fairing w/notional  
Mars payload



# Human Space Flight and Assembly of a Future Large-Aperture Telescope



imagine the moment...



# What Are the Challenges to this Bright Future ?

- Bold and Consistent Leadership
- Cost and Schedule Performance
- High Quality Workmanship
- Teamwork
- Scientists, Engineers, Technicians, Dreamers  
(STEM education)



April 5, 2016

**RELEASE: 16-042**

## **John Grunsfeld Announces Retirement from NASA**

John Grunsfeld will retire from NASA April 30, capping nearly four decades of science and exploration with NASA. His tenure included serving as Chief Scientist, astronaut, and head of NASA's Earth and space science activities.

“After exploring strange new worlds and seeking out new life in the Universe, I can now boldly go where I’ve rarely gone before – home,” said Grunsfeld.

Thank You!

