



Welcome to the Sciences and Exploration Directorate!

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Who we are
What we do
How we do it
Why we do it

Quick Facts About SED



Largest Earth and Space Science Research organization in the world

Located in Greenbelt, New York and Wallops Flight Facility with 2640 people:

543 Civil servants including ~400 Scientists

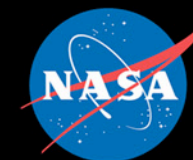
~600 Co-located Post-Docs and University Scientists

~1,500 Support Contractors, Visitors, Students, Emeritus, and other staff



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Goddard Space Flight Center's Sciences and Exploration Directorate members have received worldwide accolades for their work.



Dr. John Mather

Nobel Prize in Physics
2006

Rumford Prize 1996 Franklin Medal 1999

Dr. Piers Sellers

Most Excellent
Order of the British Empire
2011
Honors for services to science.



Dr. Mather is the recipient of more than 30 honors in the physical sciences.

Dr. Compton Tucker

Galathea Medal - Denmark 2004
Vega Medal - Sweden 2014
in Physical Geography



The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007 for its work on climate change, together with former US Vice-President Al Gore. Over 50 scientists from the Goddard Space Flight Center contributed to the IPCC Assessments that formed the basis for the award.

ipcc
INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON
climate change





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EARTH SCIENCES

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- How will the Earth's climate evolve in the future?

HELIOPHYSICS

- How does the sun work?
- When does space harm us?
- How to live within a star's atmosphere?

ASTROPHYSICS

- How does the universe work?
- Where did we come from?
- Are we alone?

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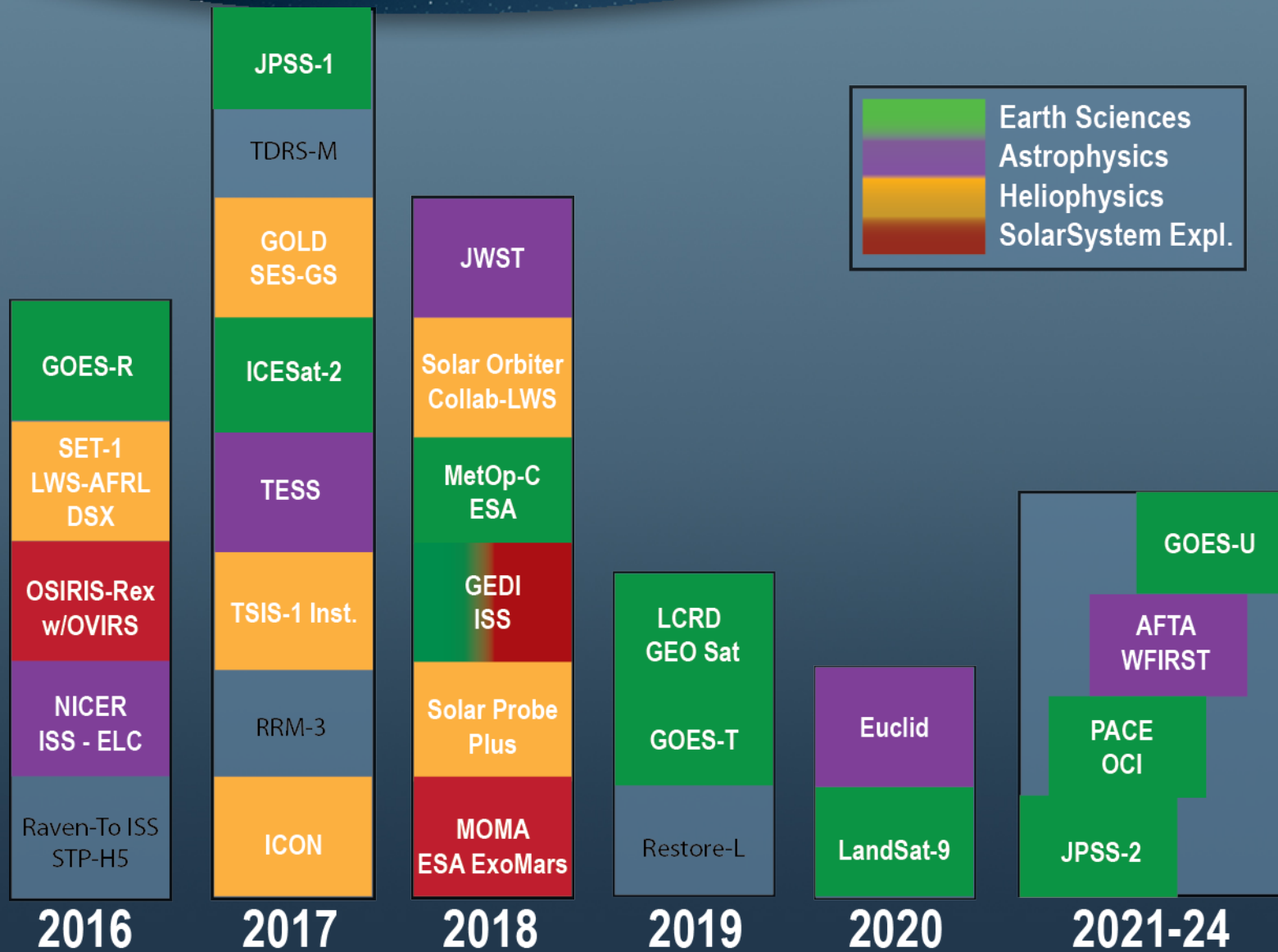
	Fundamental Questions	Current Missions	In Development	10 Year Horizon
HELIOPHYSICS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How does the sun work?• When does space harm us?• How to live within a star's atmosphere?	ACE, AIM, ARTEMIS, CINDI Cluster, Geotail, Hinode, IBEX, IRIS, MMS, STEREO, SOHO, SDO, Rhessi, Themis, TIMED, TWINS, Van Allen Probes, Voyager, Wind, and over 20 sounding rocket missions	SET, GOLD, ICON Solar Probe +, Solar Orbiter STP5, Solar-C, SEE 2020 GEC	Solar Sentinels MagCon: ~2025 Other MIDEX and SMEX
EARTH SCIENCES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How does the Earth – atmosphere, ice, oceans, land, humans – work?• How do we humans impact the climate?• How will the Earth's climate evolve in the future?	NOAA-19, Suomi-NPP, GOES-13, 14, & 15, DSCOVR, Landsat 7, 8, EOS-Terra, Aqua, Aura, GPM, SMAP, CATS (ISS)	NOAA - GOES-R, GOES-S, JPSS-1, JPSS-2 USGS - Landsat 9 ICESat-2, PACE Earth Venture - Instrument GEDI (ISS)	CarbonHunter, Lidar follow-on to ICESat-2, GEDI, USGS-Landsat 10 Cold atom gravimeter GPM follow-on; CAPM, PACE, NOAA – GOESS-R series NOAA – JPSS-3, 4
SOLAR SYSTEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How did our solar system form and evolve?• Can we find evidence of life elsewhere in the solar system?• What are the different environments and processes in our solar system?	MAVEN, Cassini LRO, SAM/Curiosity Juno, OSIRIS-REx, GEDI, Voyager	DAVINCI – Venus Atmosphere LUCY – Trojan Asteroid Survey Comet Nucleus- Sample Return Venus In Situ Explorer Trojan Tour and Lander Enceladus/Titan	Plume Life Detection Mars 2022 orbiter Mars Sample Return Korean Lunar Orbiter Volatile Resources Europa Lander
ASTROPHYSICS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How does the universe work?• Where did we come from?• Are we alone?	HST, SWIFT, FERMI, XMM	TESS, JWST PIXIE, Litebird ETA, WFIRST, NICER, TESS BETTII, AdEPT Other MIDEX and SMEX	LUVIOR FIR Flagship WFIRST ESA L3 MIDEX, SMEX

GSFC: A Diverse Mission Portfolio



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Upcoming Launches





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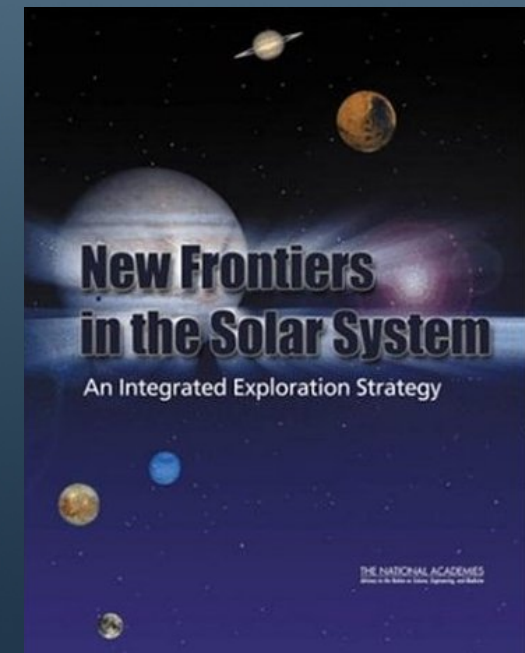
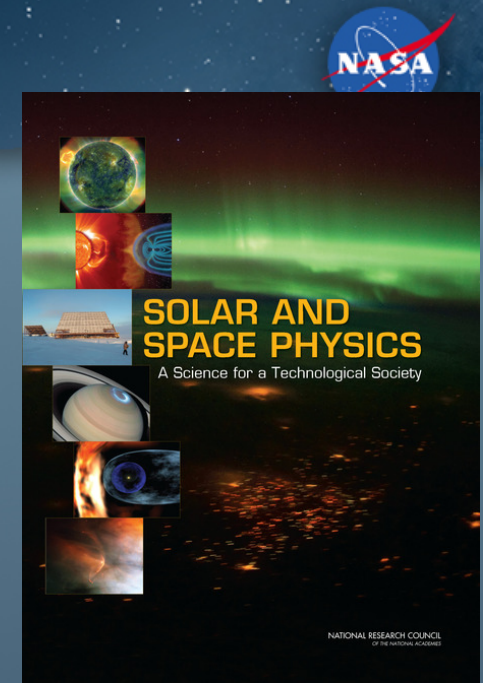
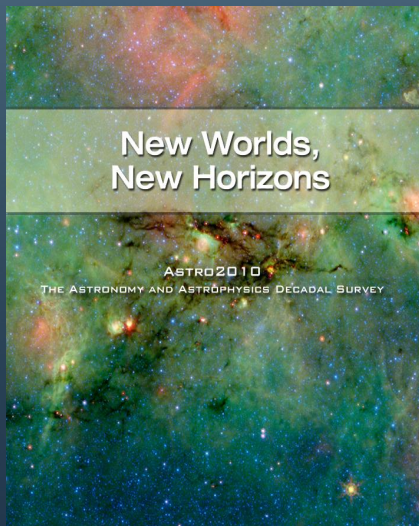
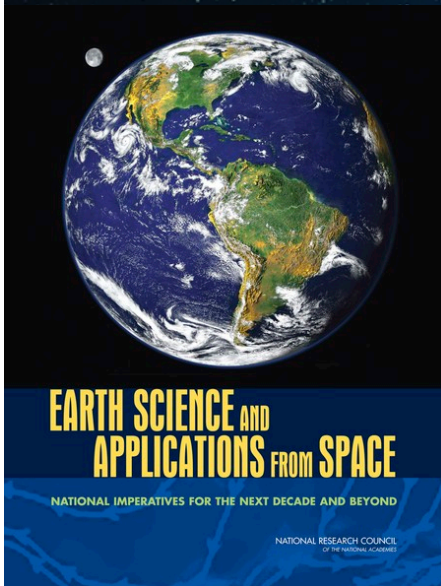
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Decadal Surveys

Strategic missions usually are >\$1B and are prioritized by the NAS every 10 years through a Decadal Survey process engaging the entire community to reach a consensus on highest priorities

Smaller, more directed science missions are typically competed via AO's and are cost capped e.g. Explorer, Discovery, New Frontiers, Venture Class

GSFC partners with scientists at universities and other government labs to undertake these missions – we must be customer orientated!



Sciences and Exploration Directorate



SED provides scientific *leadership* and *stewardship* for space-based studies of the Earth, the Sun-Earth interaction, the Solar System, and the Universe through partnership with the scientific community to achieve NASA's science goals

- **Project Scientists** ensure that mission scientific goals are defined and realized, who participate in all aspects of the project management and oversight, and who represent the project to the science user community
- **Principal Investigators** conceive missions, instruments or investigations, assemble and lead teams to propose and implement the effort, and who are accountable for its success
- **Scientific research and technology development** in partnership with the engineering directorate and the scientific community enables future missions, make new discoveries, advance knowledge and benefit society
- **Data modeling and science data centers** maximizes the scientific return of hundreds of GSFC managed missions and instruments by providing freely accessible calibrated data, analysis software, and advanced modeling to the scientific community and the public
- **Public Outreach** widely communicates NASAs science program and inspire the next generation of scientists

The Mission Cycle



- Lab experiments
- Technology Development
- Theory / Modeling
- Field Studies
- Concept Development

**Research
and
Development**

**Flight Missions
and
Instruments**

Flight Programs
Leads

SED Leads

**Data Analysis,
Archiving
and Distribution**

- Observation Proposals
- Data Archives
- Applications
- Long-Term Modeling
- Data Products

- Project Management
- Project Science
- Engineering
- Fabrication, Integration & Test
- Mission Design & Development
- Launch & Operations

Funding of Research at NASA



- GSFC science research is driven by community peer review in a full and open competition with goals set by Decadal Surveys
- NASA scientists must write proposals as Principal Investigators and compete with the external science community for research funds, *including the funds that pay their salaries*
- There is also internal competition for center IRAD funds, as well as B&P to support proposal efforts
- Directed work is only related to project science and other service activities (equivalent to teaching at a University)

There is a lot of proposal writing in code 600!



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Current Missions

**HST,
SWIFT,
FERMI,
XMM**

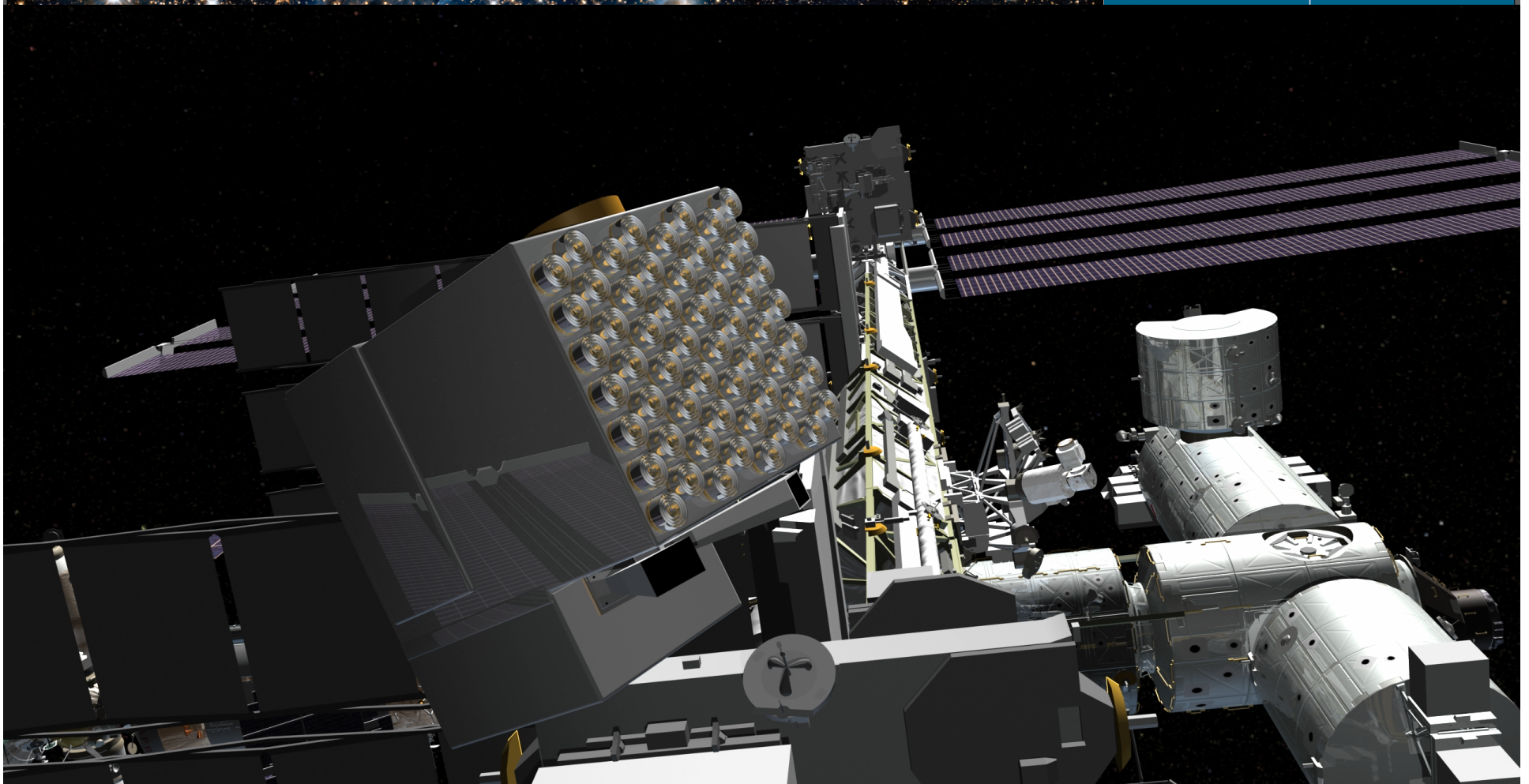
In Development

TESS, JWST
PIXIE, Litebird
ETA, WFIRST, NICER,
TESS BETTII, AdEPT
Other MIDEX and
SMEX

10 Year Horizon

LUVIOR
FIR Flagship
WFIRST
ESA L3
MIDEX, SMEX

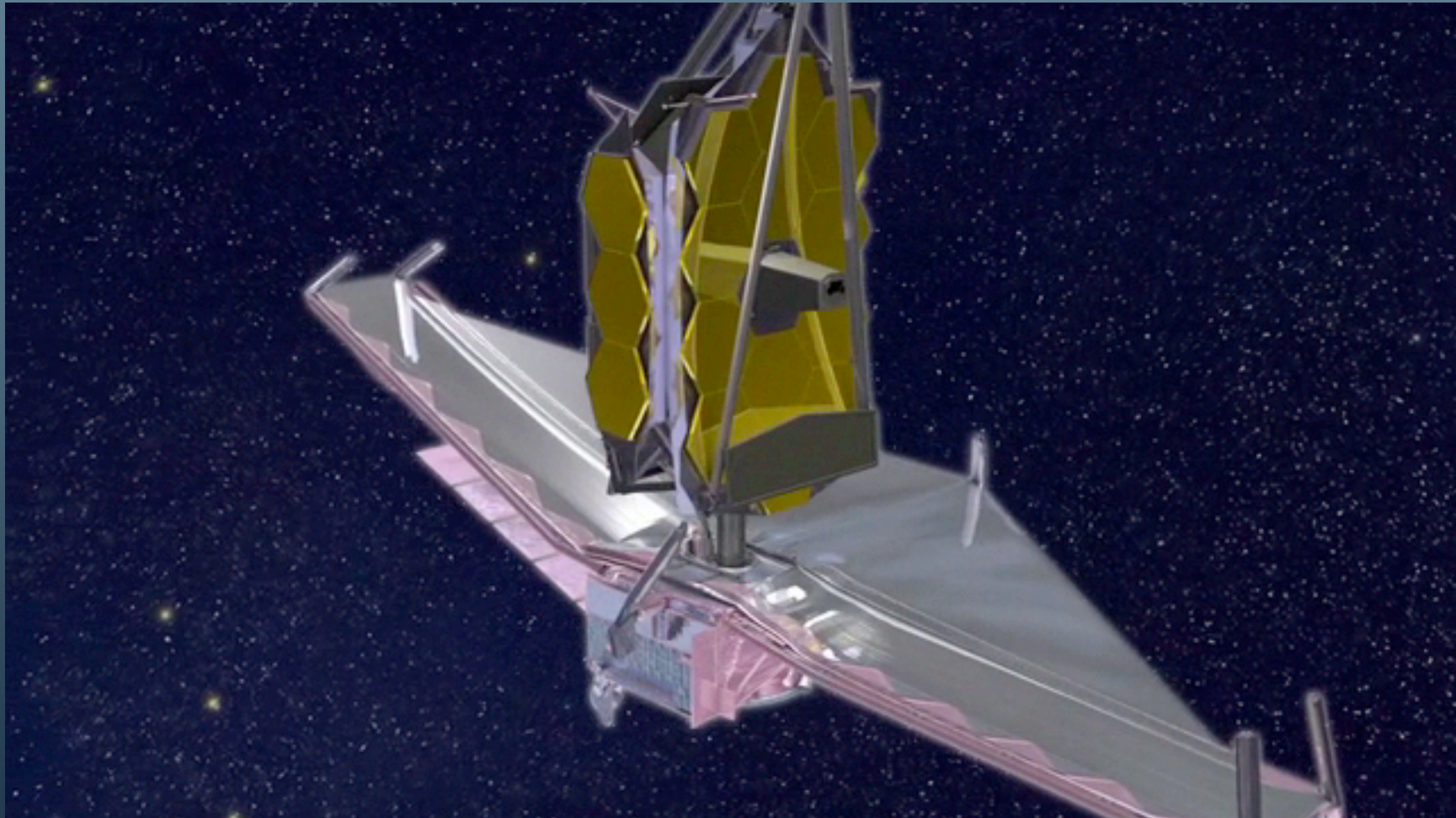
ASTROPHYSICS



JWST mirrors delivered and Installed at GSFC



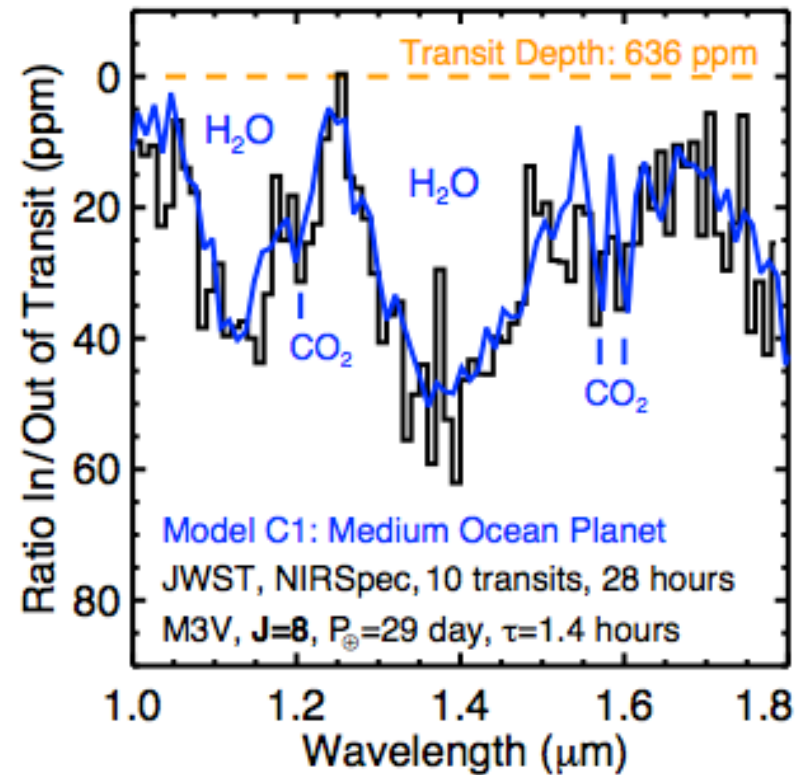
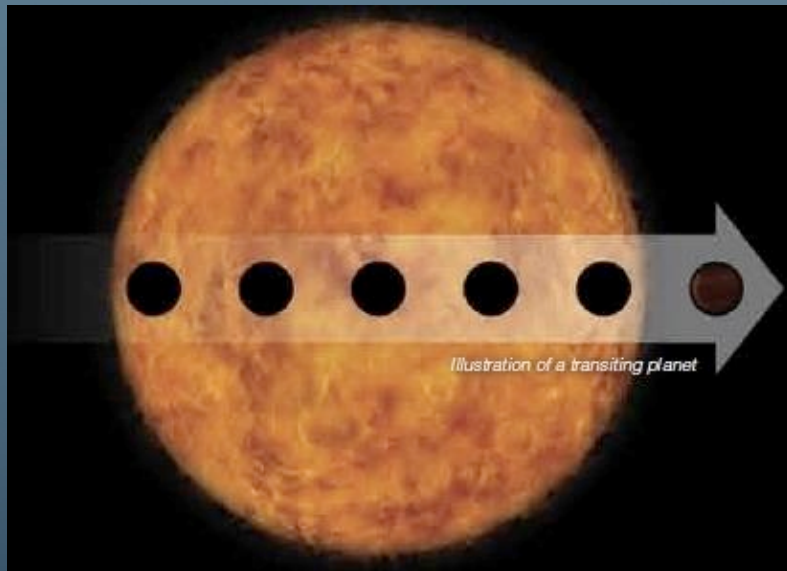
James Web Space Telescope Origami



JWST Exoplanet Studies



JWST Science Themes – The Origins of Life



Simulated JWST observations of an Ocean planet half the mass of the Earth orbiting an M3V star

Water and CO₂ features are detectable in the NIRSpec instrument

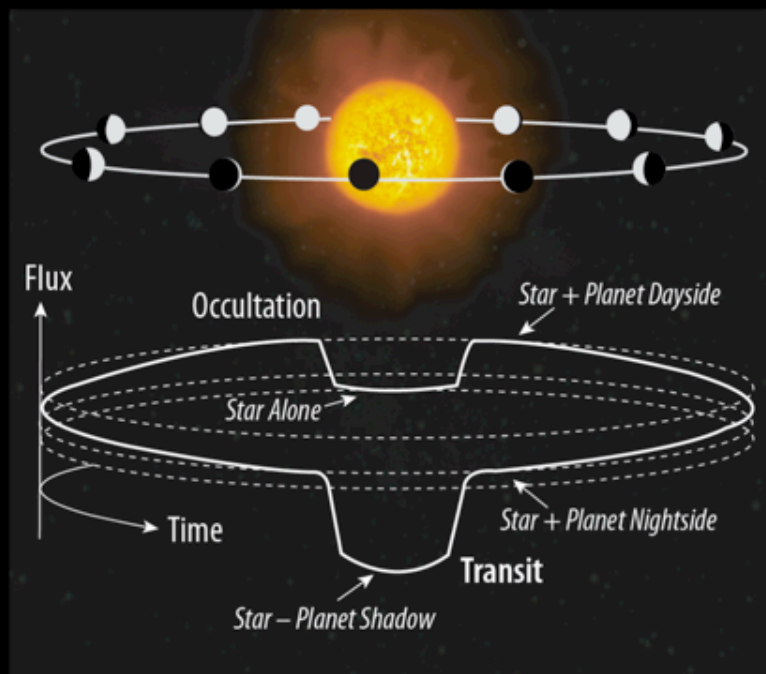


TESS Science Goals and Drivers

PI George Ricker MIT

Discover Transiting Earths and SuperEarths orbiting Bright, Nearby Stars

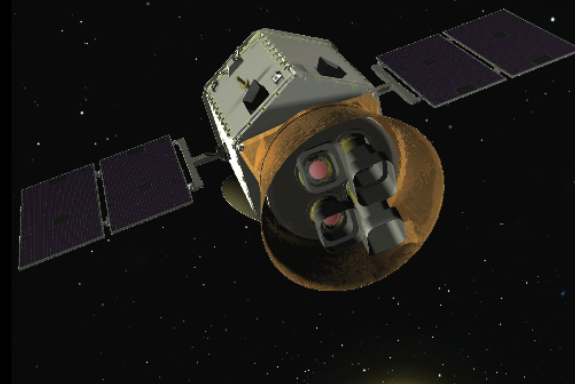
- Rocky planets
- Water worlds
- Habitable zone planets



Discover the “Best” ~1000 Small Exoplanets

All Sky Survey of Bright Stars

- F, G, K dwarfs: 4 to 12 magnitude
- M dwarfs known within ~60 pc
- 500,000 stars in two years

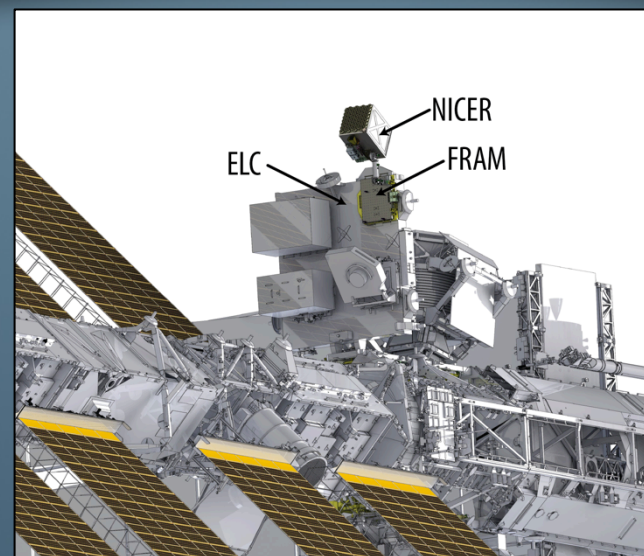


Neutron star Interior Composition ExploreR

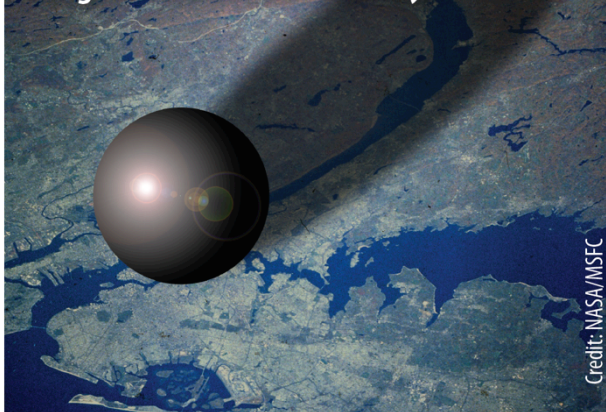


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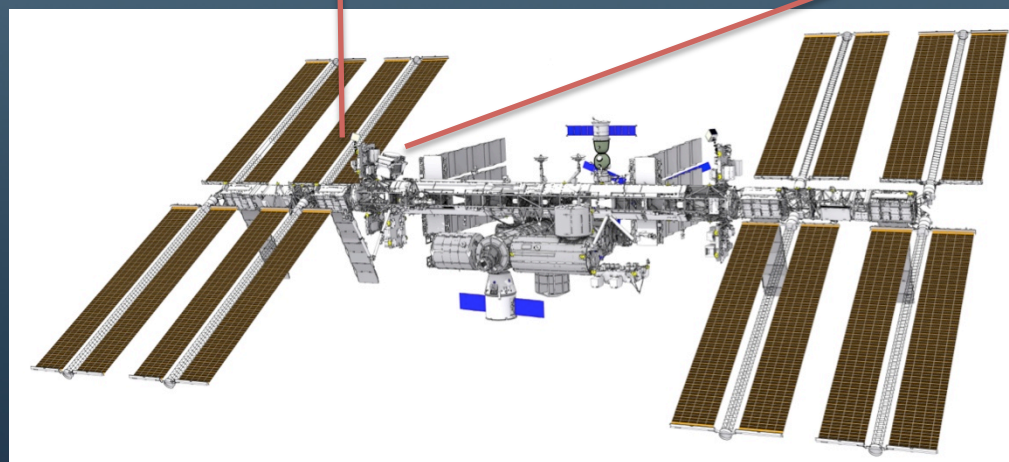
- **Science:** Neutron stars
- **Launch:** Late 2016
- **Instrument:** X-ray (0.2–12 keV)
“concentrator” optics and silicon-drift
detectors with 300 ns time tagging
- Demonstration of pulsar-based navigation



A neutron star: What happens when you pack more than 1.4 solar masses into something the size of New York City?

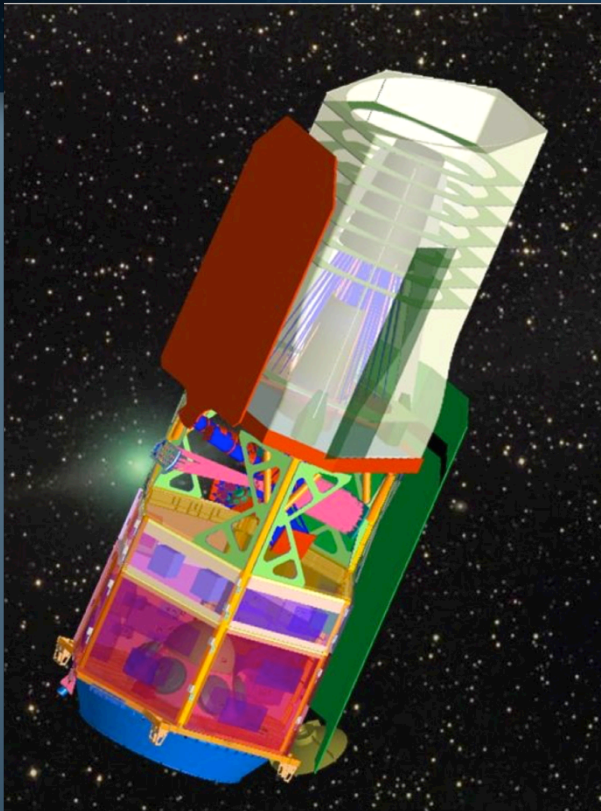


Credit: NASA/MSFC

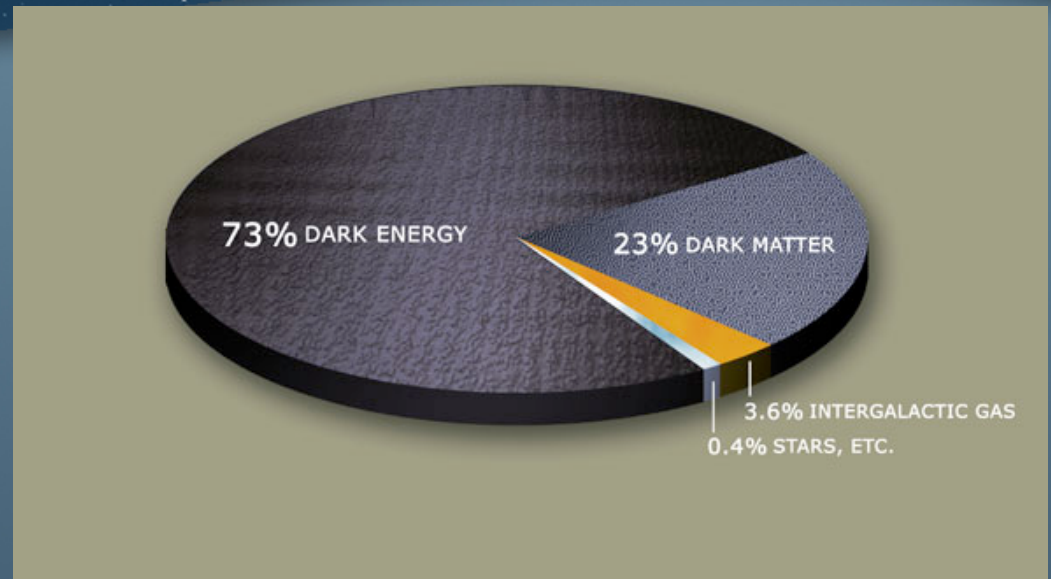


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WFIRST – Dark Energy and Exoplanets



Different implementation options being studied for launch in ~2023



Wide Field Infra-Red Survey Telescope – WFIRST

Large scale surveys of the sky in the infra-red

Precisely measure the expansion and geometry of the Universe to study Dark Energy

Search for Extra-solar planets



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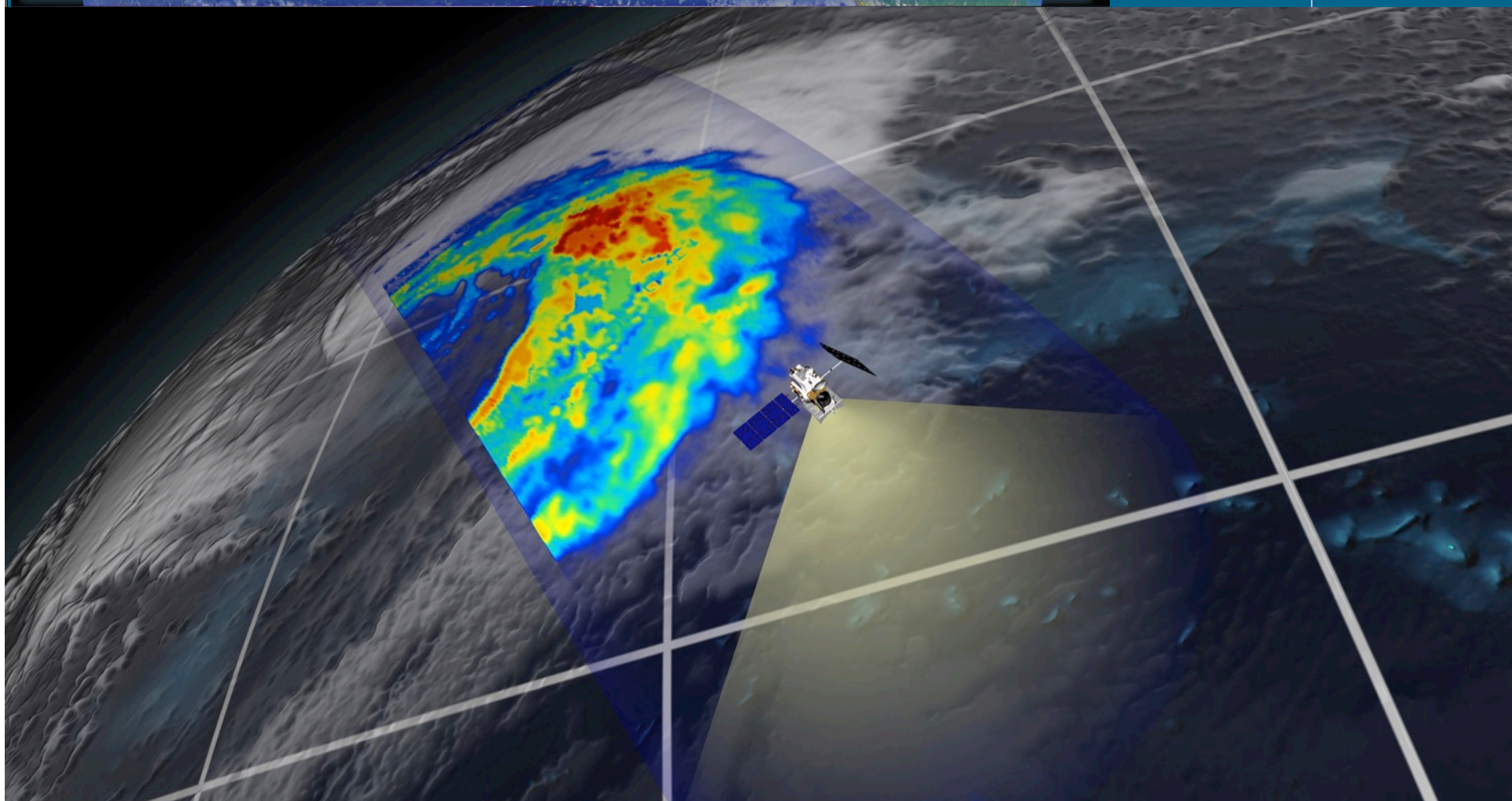
In Development

NOAA - GOES-R, GOES-S, JPSS-1, JPSS-2
USGS - Landsat 9
ICESat-2, PACE
Earth Venture - Instrument
GEDI (ISS)

10 Year Horizon

CarbonHunter, Lidar follow-on to ICESat-2, GEDI, USGS-Landsat 10
Cold atom gravimeter
GPM follow-on; CAPM, PACE, NOAA – GOESS-R series
NOAA – JPSS-3, 4

EARTH SCIENCES



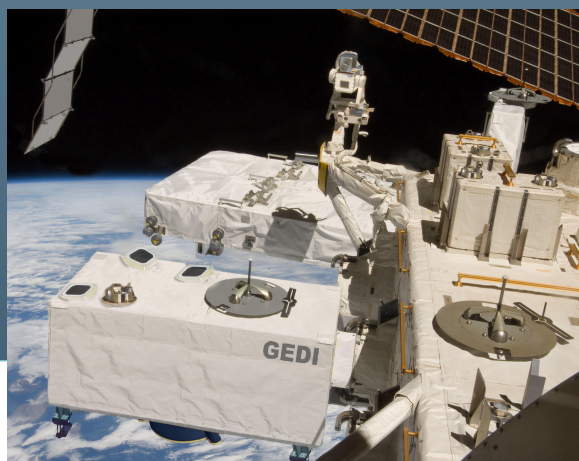


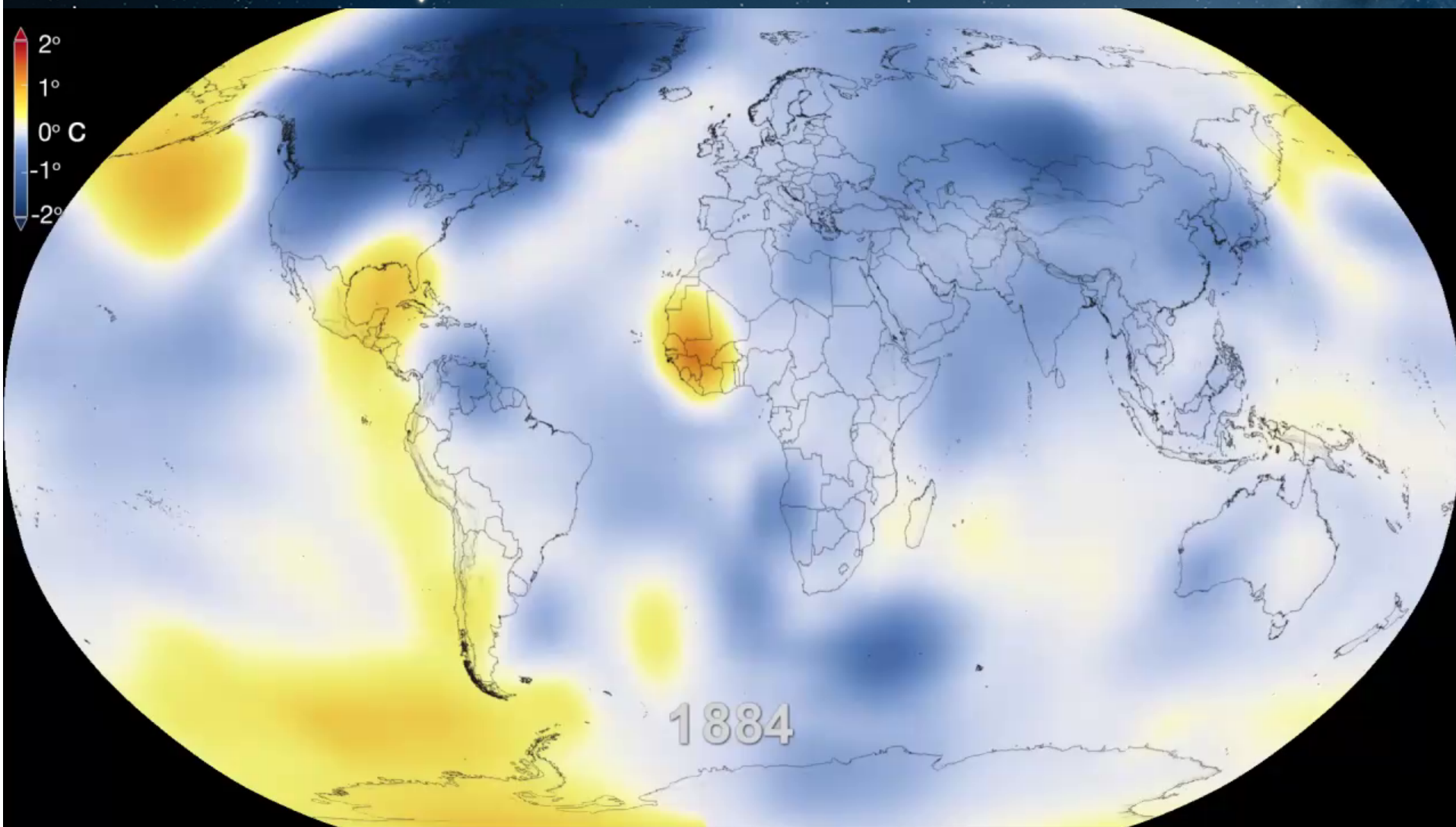
PACE

GED

ICESAT-2

GOES-R

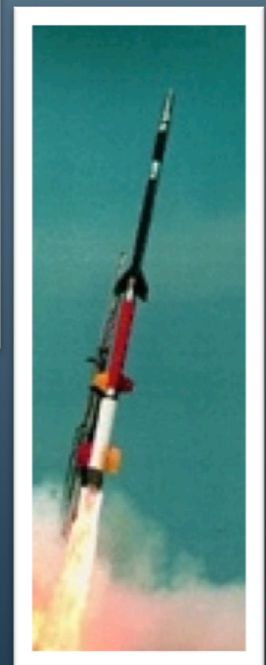




Sub-orbital & Aircraft Research Programs



Aircraft, Balloon & sounding Rocket Programs provide important research, excellent science, training experience, and pre-spaceflight demonstration of instrumentation





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LRO, SAM/Curiosity
Juno, OSIRIS-REx,
GEDI, Voyager**

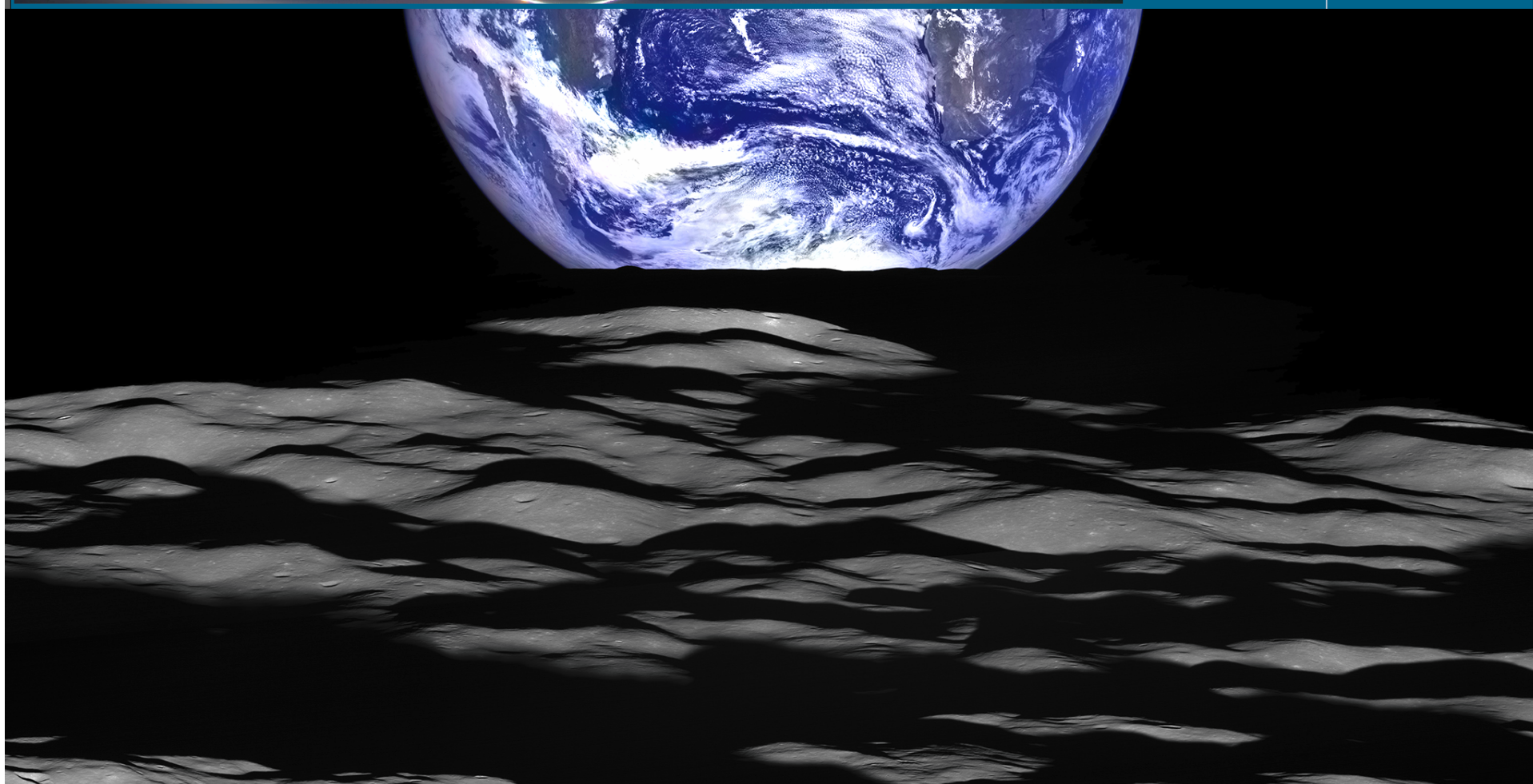
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**DAVINCI –
Venus Atmosphere
LUCY –
Trojan Asteroid Survey
Comet Nucleus-
Sample Return
Venus In Situ Explorer
Trojan Tour and Lander
Enceladus/Titan**

10 Year Horizon

**Plume Life Detection
Mars 2022 orbiter
Mars Sample Return
Korean Lunar Orbiter
Volatile Resources
Europa Lander**

Solar System Exploration





Infrared Spectroscopy (11)



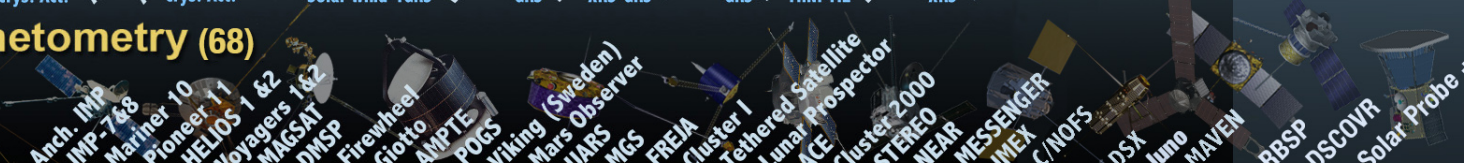
Mass Spectrometry (11)



X-Ray/Gamma Ray (15)



Magnetometry (68)



Laser/LIDAR (9)



Radio Astronomy (5)



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1970

1980

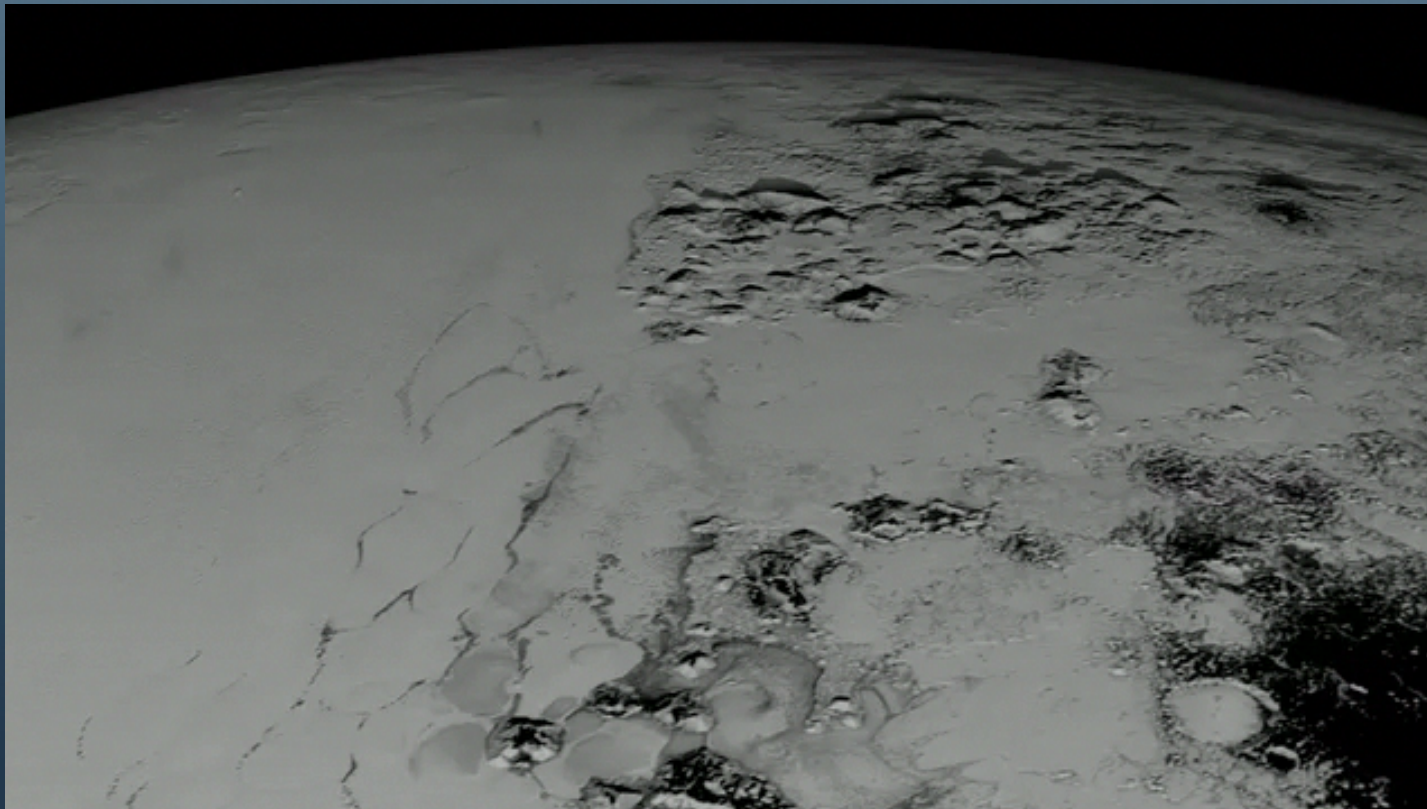
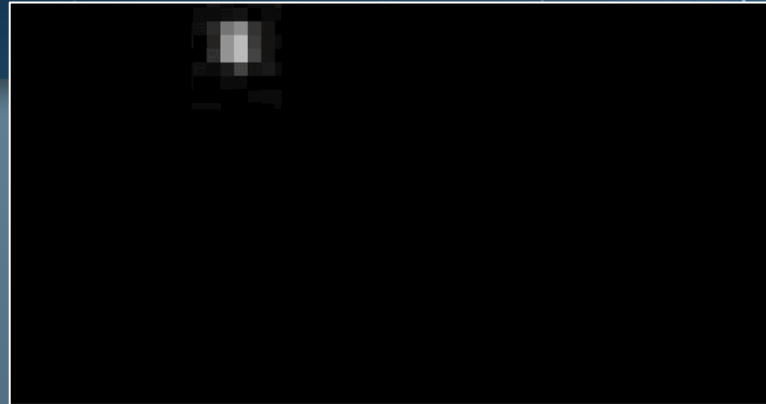
1990

2000

2010

2020

Pluto





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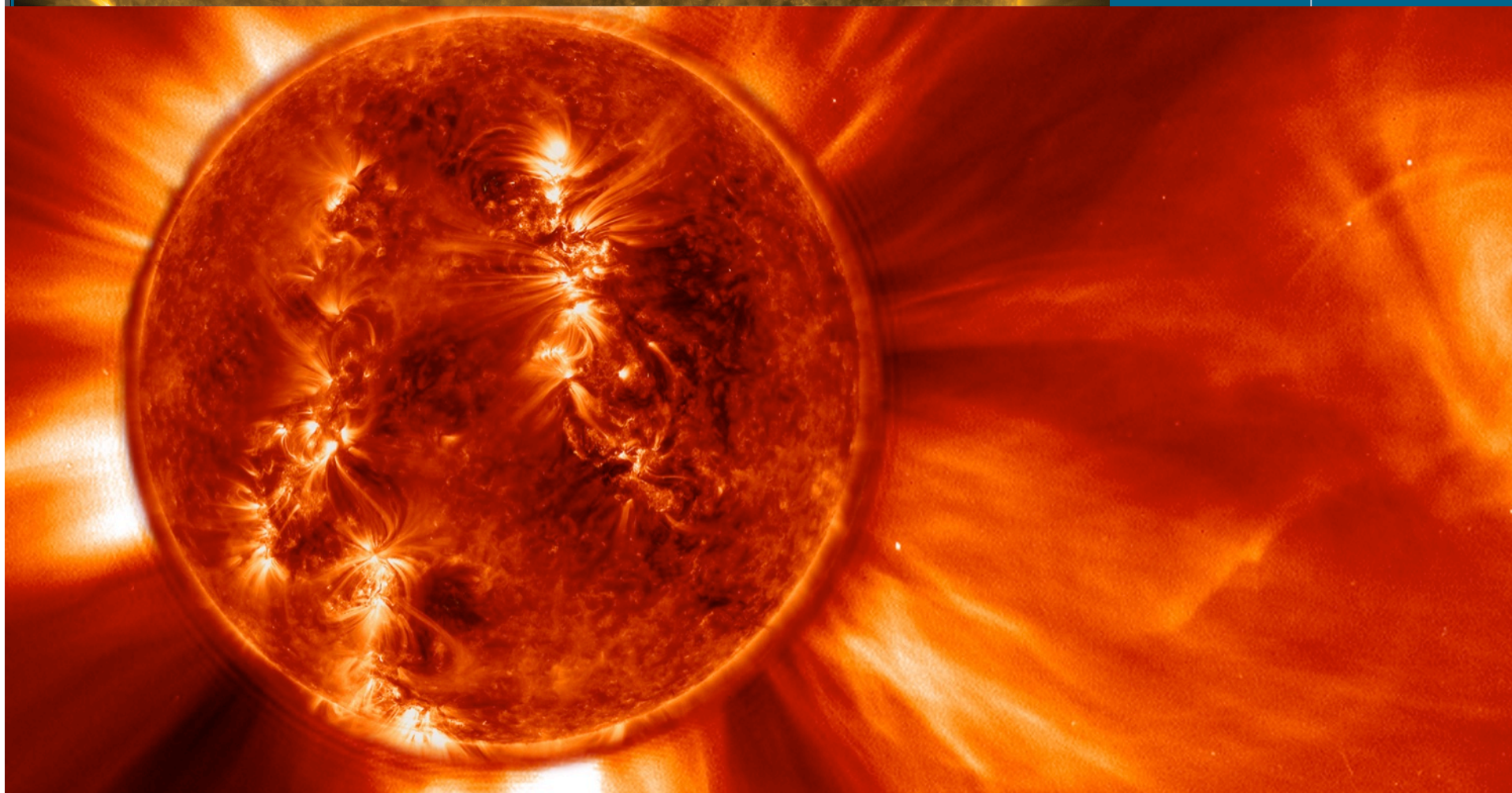
In Development

SET, GOLD, ICON
Solar Probe +,
Solar Orbiter
STP5, Solar-C, SEE
2020
GEC

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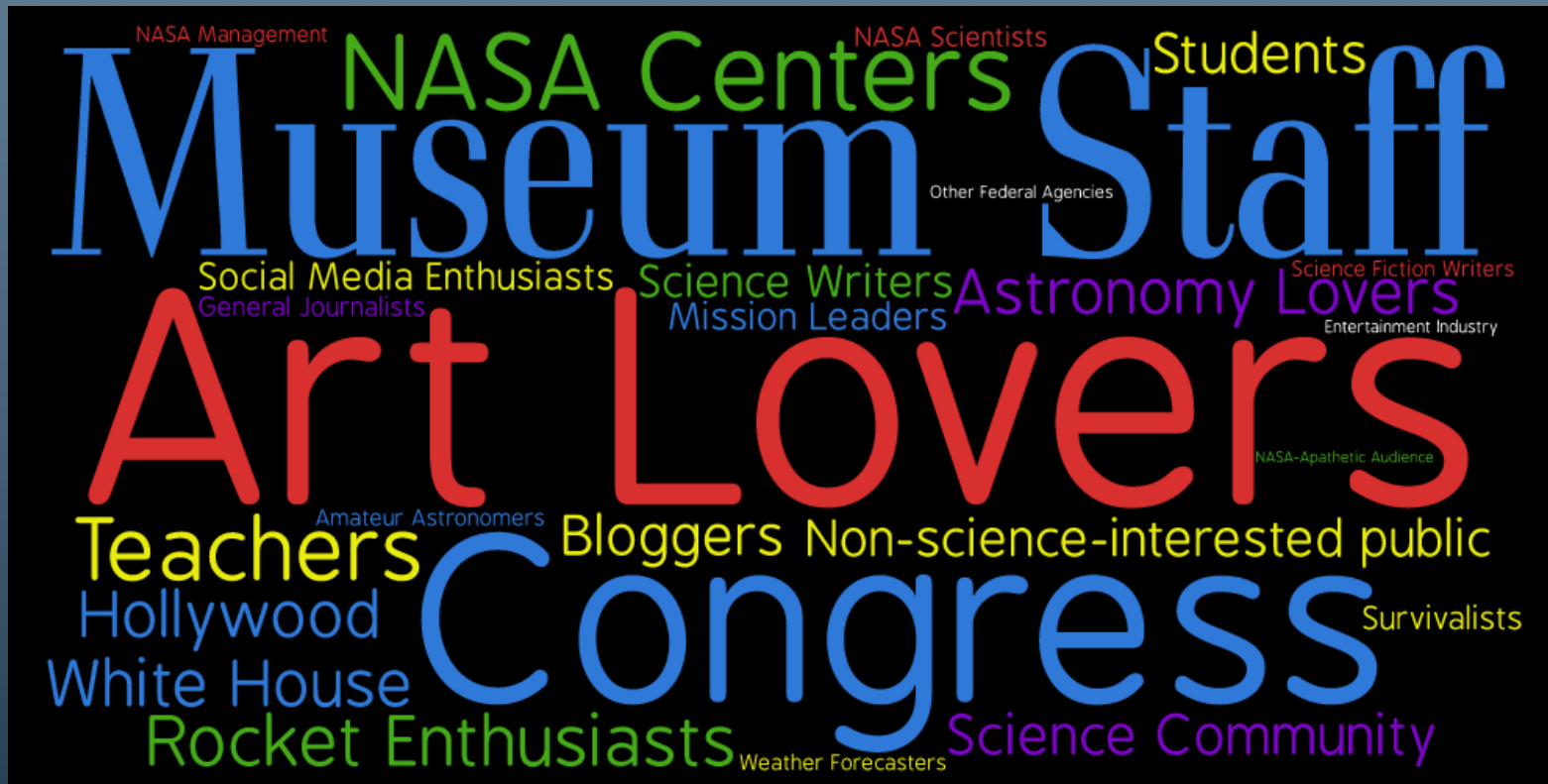
Solar Sentinels
MagCon: ~2025
Other MIDE
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HELIOPHYSICS





Outreach: Know your Audience



Outreach: Know your Goals



Reach Largest Group Possible
Calm Fears Inform Science Community
Create Science Advocates
Communicate With Other Agencies Create Excitement About Earth and Space Science
Justify Expenditures
Inform Tax Payers of How Money is Used
Teach Increase Funding
Get Media Attention
Show Cross Disciplinary Nature of NASA Science

Get to the Point

