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NASA Science Program Update

EXPLORESCIENCE

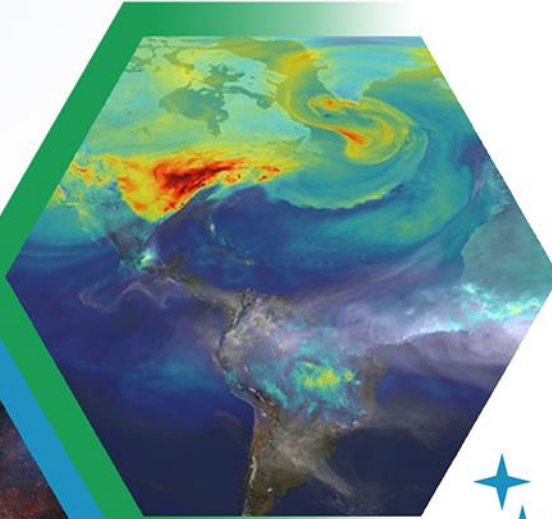
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May 2019

Key Science THEMES

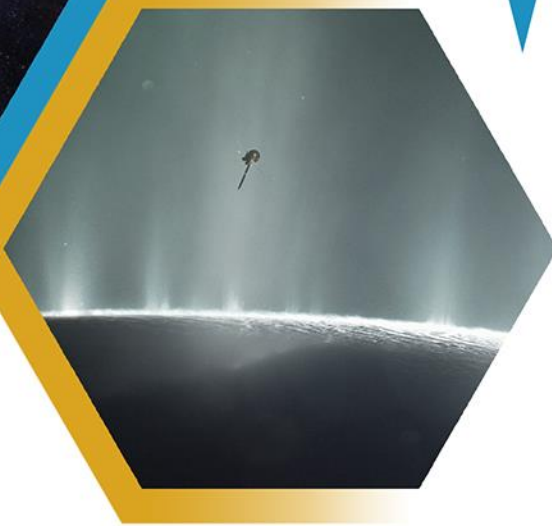
Protect & Improve
Life on Earth

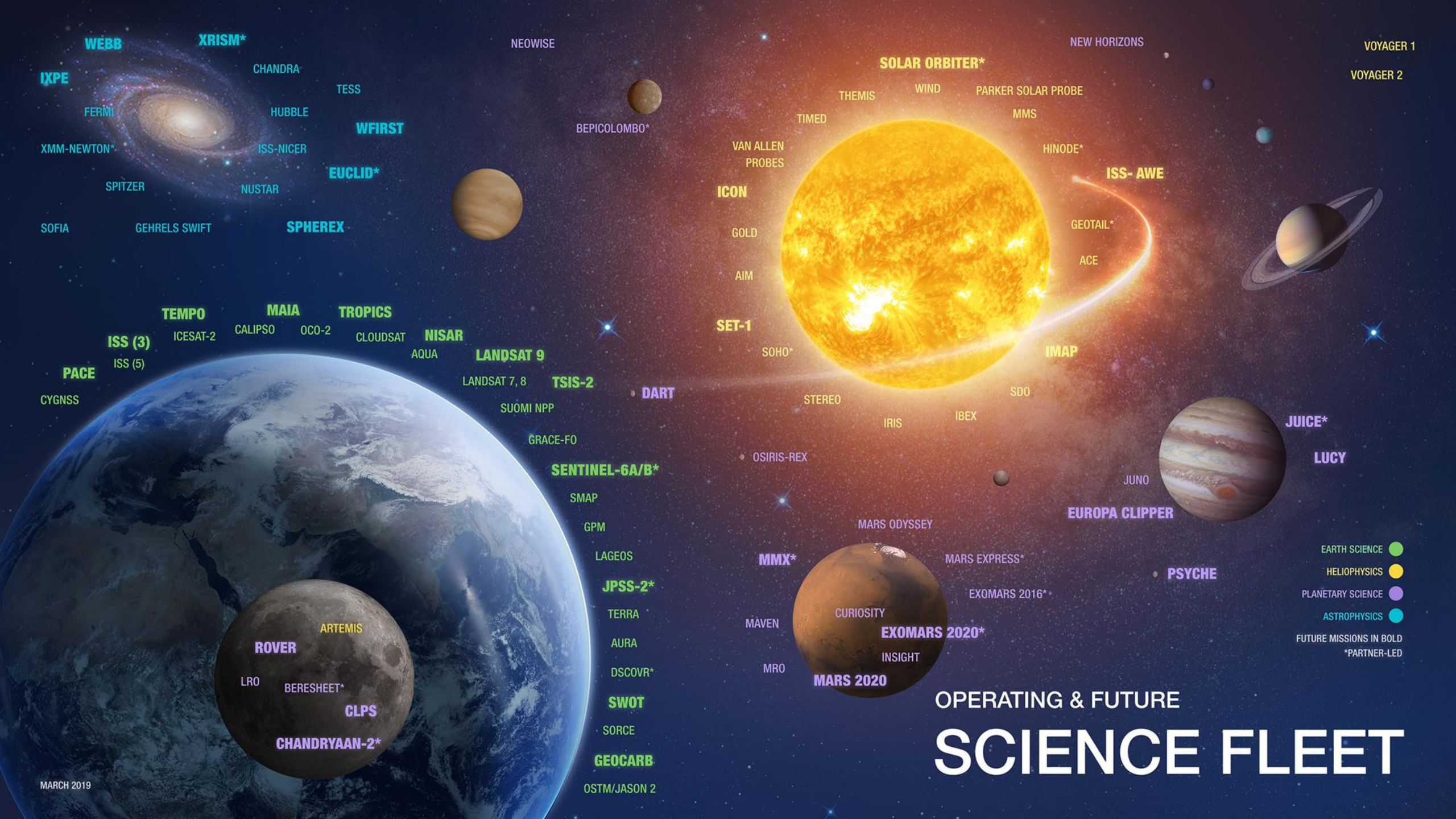


Discover Secrets
of the Universe



Search for
Life Elsewhere





WEBB
XRISM*
IXPE
FERMI
XMM-NEWTON*
SPITZER
SOFIA
CHANDRA
TESS
HUBBLE
ISS-NICER
NUSTAR
WFIRST
EUCLID*
SPHEREX
GEHRELS SWIFT

ISS (3)
ISS (5)
PACE
CYGNSS
TEMPO
ICESAT-2
MAIA
CALIPSO
OCO-2
TROPICS
CLOUDSAT
NISAR
AQUA
LANDSAT 9
LANDSAT 7, 8
TSIS-2
SUOMI NPP
GRACE-FO
SENTINEL-6A/B*
SMAP
GPM
LAGEOS
JPSS-2*
TERRA
AURA
DSCOVR*
SWOT
SORCE
GEOCARB
OSTM/JASON 2
BEPICOLOMBO*
DART
NEOWISE

SOLAR ORBITER*
THEMIS
WIND
PARKER SOLAR PROBE
MMS
HINODE*
ISS-AWE
GEOTAIL*
ACE
IMAP
SDO
STEREO
IRIS
IBEX
OSIRIS-REX
JUNO
EUROPA CLIPPER
PSYCHE
NEW HORIZONS
VOYAGER 1
VOYAGER 2
ICON
GOLD
AIM
SET-1
SOHO*
STEREO
IBEX
MARS ODYSSEY
MARS EXPRESS*
EXOMARS 2016*
MMX*
MAVEN
MRO
MARS 2020
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INSIGHT
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LRO
BERESHEET*
CLPS
CHANDRYAAN-2*

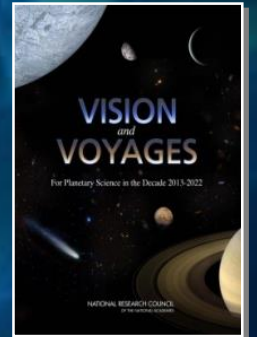
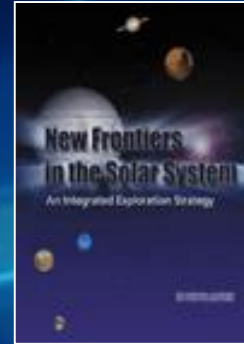
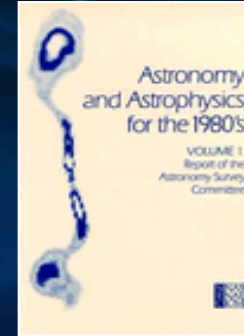
- EARTH SCIENCE ●
 - HELIOPHYSICS ●
 - PLANETARY SCIENCE ●
 - ASTROPHYSICS ●
- FUTURE MISSIONS IN BOLD
*PARTNER-LED

OPERATING & FUTURE SCIENCE FLEET

Science Decadal Surveys



- Astronomy and Astrophysics
1963, 1973, 1982, 1991, 2001, 2010, (2020)
- Planetary Science
2003, 2011, (2022)
- Heliophysics
2003, 2012, (2024)
- Earth Science and Applications from Space
2007, 2018, (2029)
- Biological and Physical Research in Space
2011, (2022)



- Formulation
- Implementation
- Primary Ops
- Extended Ops

Spitzer
8/25/2003

Kepler
3/7/2009
10/30/2018 EOM

WFIRST
Mid 2020s

Euclid (ESA)
2022

Webb
2021

Chandra
7/23/1999

XMM-Newton (ESA)
12/10/1999

TESS
4/18/2018

Swift
11/20/2004

NuSTAR
6/13/2012

Fermi
6/11/2008

IXPE
2021

XRISM (XARM) (JAXA)
2022

SPHEREx
2023

Hubble
4/24/1990

ISS-NICER
6/3/2017

ISS-CREAM
8/14/2017
2/15/2019 EOM

GUSTO
2021

+ Athena (early 2030s),
LISA (early 2030s)

SOFIA
Full Ops 5/2014

Webb

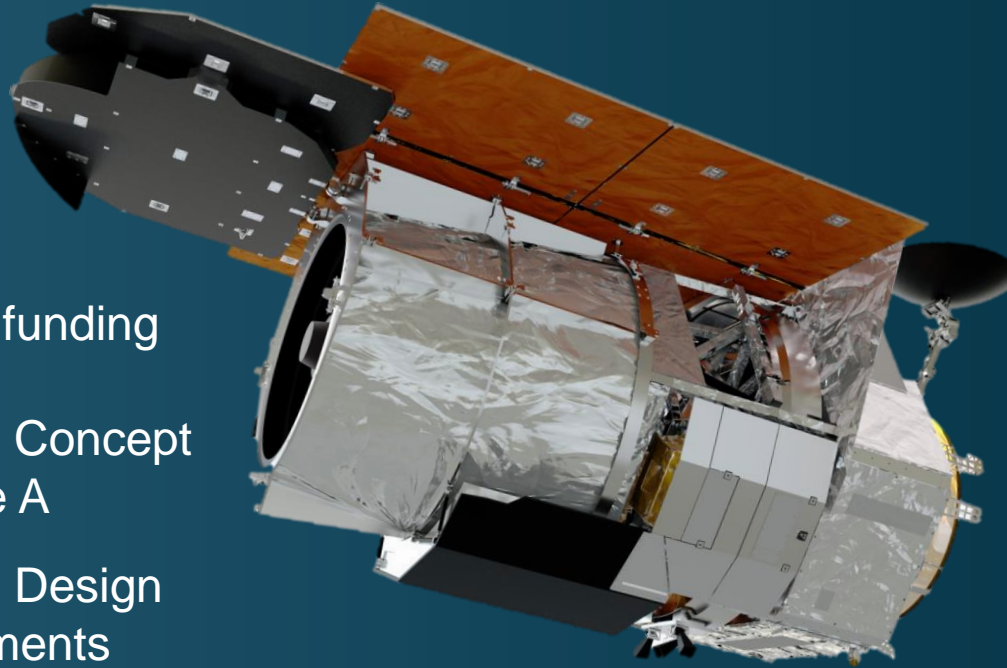
The James Webb Space Telescope



- Science payload completed three months cryogenic testing at end of 2017
- Spacecraft and sunshield integration complete January 2018
- Spacecraft element including sunshield will complete environmental testing in Summer 2019
- Science payload and spacecraft integration planned for Fall 2019
- Launch scheduled for 2021
- Webb overrun covered using offsets from Astrophysics Probes

The Webb payload (telescope + instruments, left) and spacecraft element (spacecraft + sunshield, right) in the clean room in Redondo Beach CA before spacecraft element environmental testing and observatory integration.

Wide-Field Infrared Survey Telescope



Work continues with FY19 funding

2016 – Completed Mission Concept review and began Phase A

2018 – Completed Mission Design review / System requirements Review and began Phase B

2019 – Completing Preliminary Design Reviews

2020 – Complete Confirmation Review and begin Phase C

Mid-2020s -- Launch

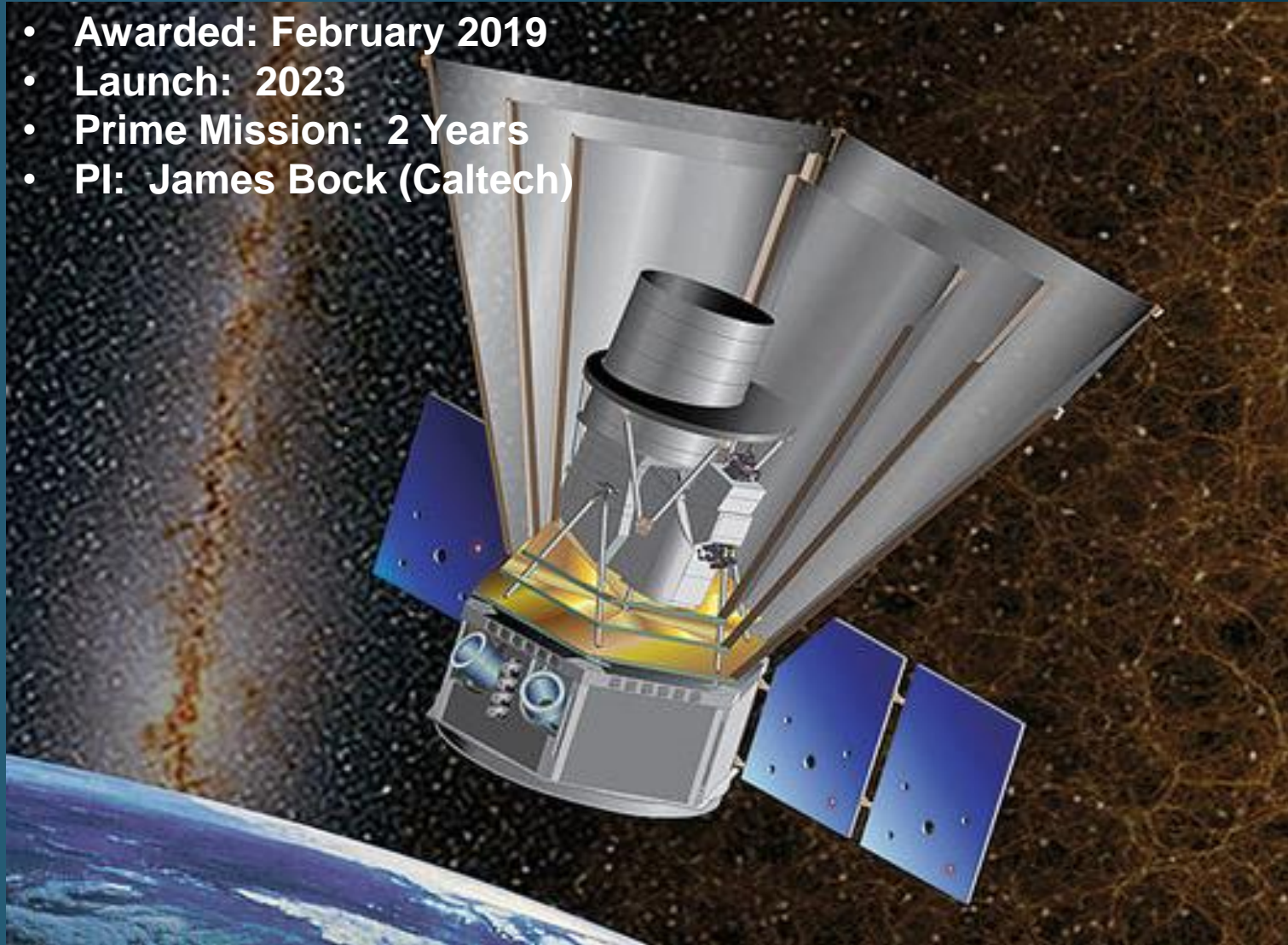
WFIRST is 100 to 1500 times faster than Hubble for large surveys at equivalent area and depth

Science Program includes

- Dark energy and the fate of the universe through surveys measuring the expansion history of the universe and the growth of structure
- The full distribution of planets around stars through a microlensing survey
- Wide-field infrared surveys of the universe through General Observer and Archival Research programs
- Technology development for the characterization of exoplanets through a Coronagraph Technology Demonstration Instrument

Spectro-Photometer for the History of the Universe Epoch of Reionization and Ices Explorer (SPHEREx)

- **Awarded: February 2019**
- **Launch: 2023**
- **Prime Mission: 2 Years**
- **PI: James Bock (Caltech)**



Science include:

- **Survey the entire sky every 6 months**
- **Optical and infrared survey mission (96 bands/pixel)**
- **Observe hundreds of millions of galaxies**
 - **Measure redshifts to probe the statistical distribution of inflationary ripples**
 - **Measure spatial fluctuations in the Extragalactic Background Light to support studies of the origin and history of galaxy formation.**
- **Survey Galactic Molecular Clouds for water and organic molecules (H₂O, CO, CO₂, CH₃OH)**



TESS

TRANSITING EXOPLANET SURVEY SATELLITE

TESS by the numbers:

- 8 confirmed planets have been published in peer-reviewed journals
- 364 ***new*** planet candidates have been identified for follow-up ground-based confirmation
- 64 ***previously known*** planets have been re-detected
- 34 TESS papers have so far been submitted to preprint servers; many of which are focused on astrophysics topics other than exoplanets



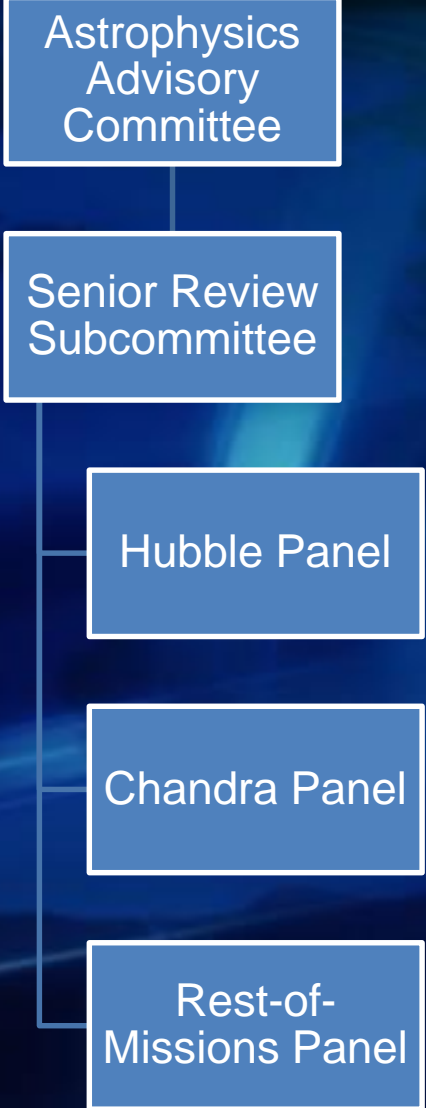
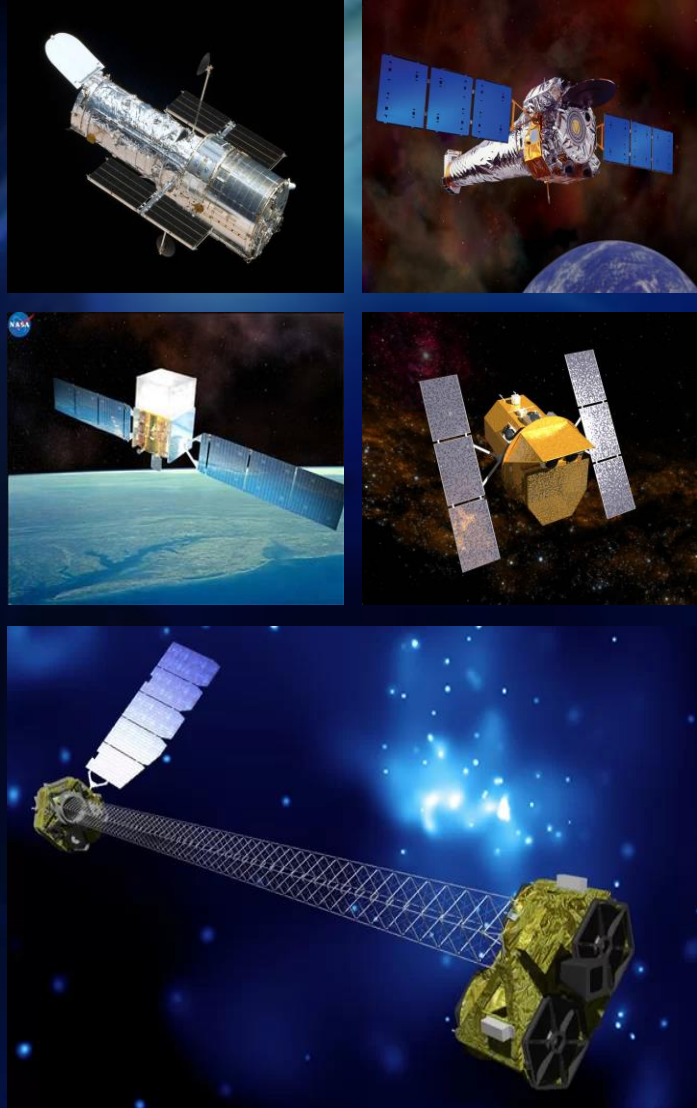
SCIENCE HIGHLIGHT



- *TESS sky survey is more than 25% complete (currently observing sector 10 out of 26)*
- *TESS data is public at MAST*
- *GI program is underway during prime mission (Cycle 1 underway, Cycle 2 proposals received)*

<http://archive.stsci.edu/tess/>
<https://heasarc.gsfc.nasa.gov/docs/tess>

Astrophysics Senior Review 2019



- Chandra X-ray Observatory (Chandra)
- Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope (Fermi)
- Hubble Space Telescope (Hubble)
- Neutron star Interior Composition Explorer (NICER)
- Nuclear Spectroscopic Telescope Array (NuSTAR)
- Neil Gehrels Swift Observatory (Swift)
- Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS)
- X-ray Multi-mirror Mission-Newton (XMM-Newton)

- Not in Senior Review: SOFIA, Spitzer

SOFIA

Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy

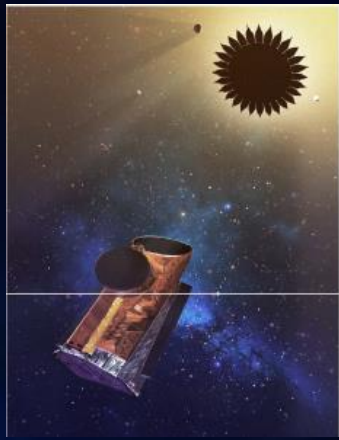


- **SOFIA's 5-year prime mission will be completed at the end of FY19**
- **At the end of a prime mission, NASA usually assesses the science performance, management of a program and proposed future science to decide on an extension of the program through a Senior Review Process, as required by the NASA Authorization Act of 2005**
- **The Explanatory Statement accompanying the FY2018 Consolidated Appropriations Act, however, forbade NASA from placing SOFIA in the 2019 Senior Review**
- **Given that the program has finished 5 years of operations, the time is appropriate to review 2 aspects of the SOFIA Project:**
 - **SOFIA's maintenance and operations paradigm**
 - **SOFIA's science progress and science prospects**
- **The reviews will not consider closeout or cancellation of SOFIA**

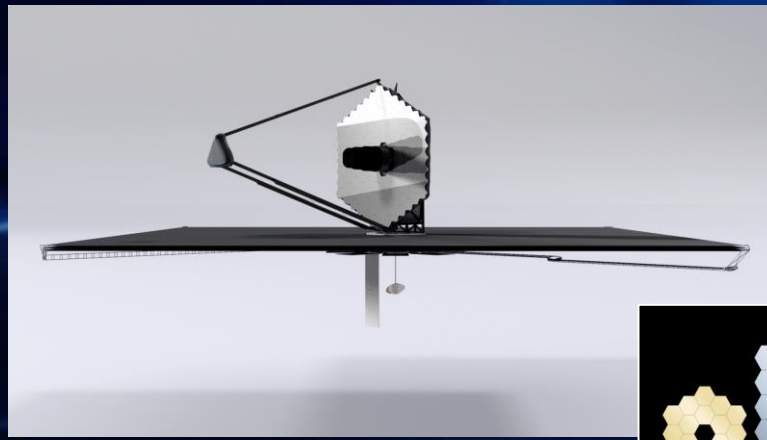


Decadal Survey Planning

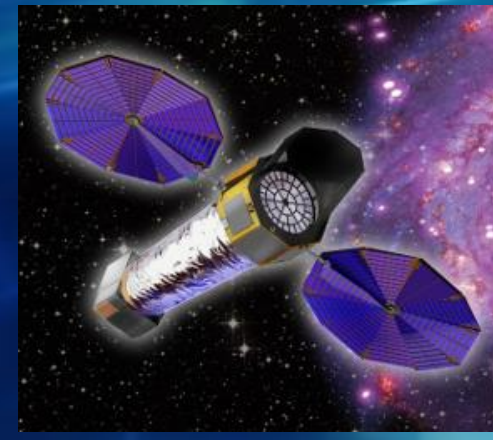
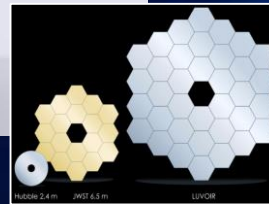
- NASA has initiated studies for large (Flagship) and medium (Probe) size mission concepts to inform the 2020 Decadal Survey Committee in an organized and coherent way
- Primary purpose is to provide the Decadal Survey Committee with several well-defined mission concepts to inform their deliberations



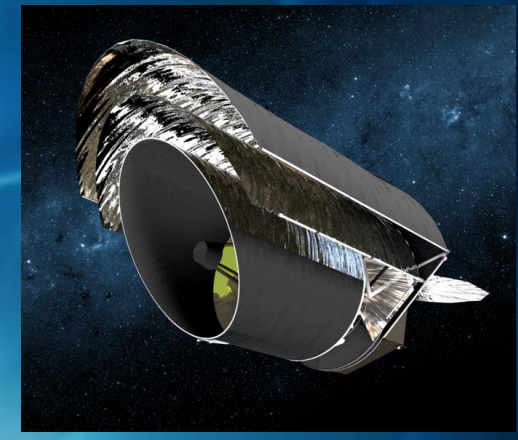
HabEx



LUVOIR



Lynx



Origins

- (Pre)Formulation
- Implementation
- Primary Ops
- Extended Ops

NASA Earth Science

President's Budget Request (March 2019)

ISS Instruments

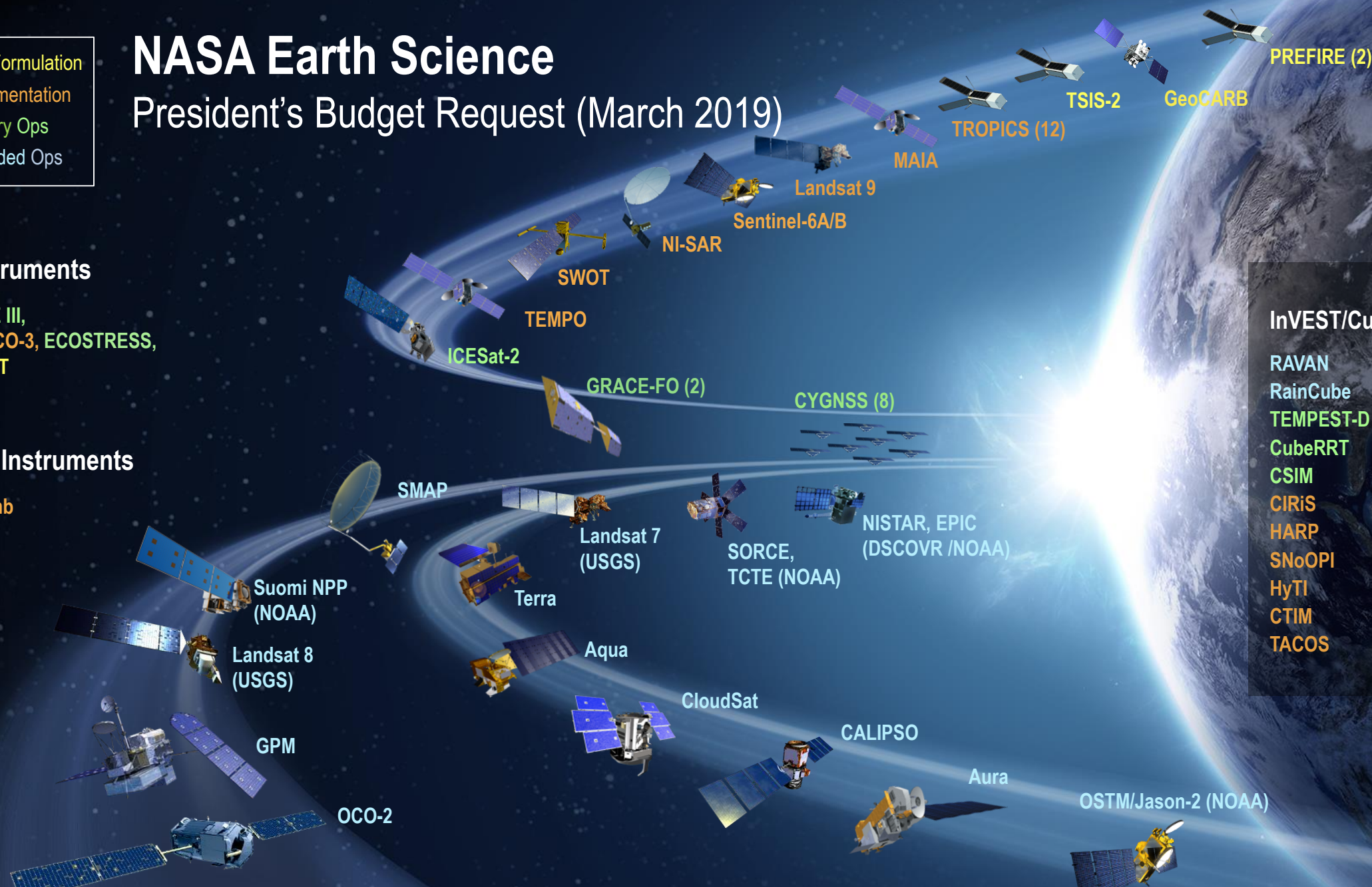
LIS, SAGE III,
 TSIS-1, OCO-3, ECOSTRESS,
 GEDI, EMIT

JPSS-2 Instruments

OMPS-Limb

InVEST/CubeSats

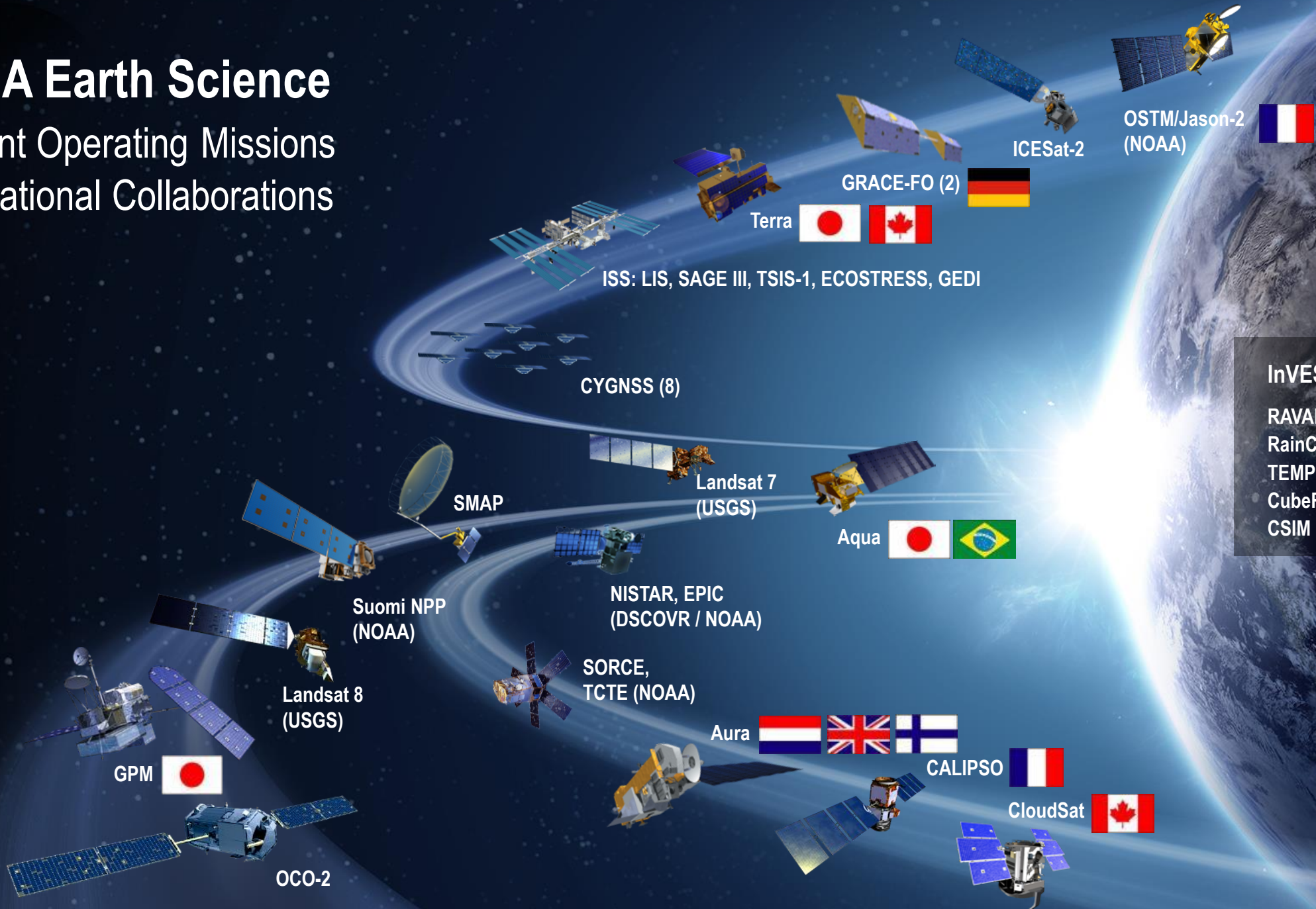
- RAVAN
- RainCube
- TEMPEST-D
- CubeRRT
- CSIM
- CIRiS
- HARP
- SNoOPI
- HyTI
- CTIM
- TACOS



NASA Earth Science

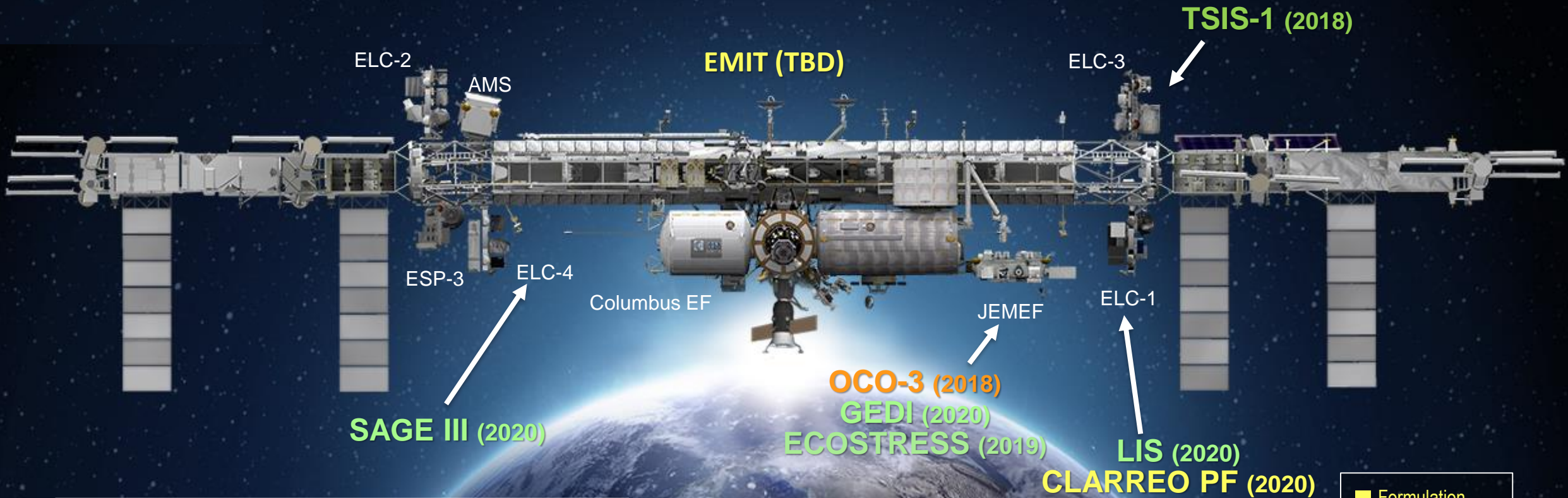
Current Operating Missions

International Collaborations



International Space Station

Earth Science Operating Missions



External Logistics Carriers: ELC-1, ELC-2, ELC-3
 External Stowage Platforms: ESP-3
 Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer
 Columbus External Payload Facility
 Kibo External Payload Facility

■	Formulation
■	Implementation
■	Primary Ops
■	Extended Ops

Recent and Near-Term Planned ESD Launches (1 of 2)

TSIS-1: DEC 15, 2017



GRACE-FO: May 22, 2018



ECOSTRESS: June 29, 2018



TSIS-1

The Total and Spectral Solar Irradiance Sensor (TSIS-1) is measuring the total amount of sunlight that falls on Earth, and how that light is distributed among the ultraviolet, visible and infrared wavelengths.

GRACE-FO

Obtaining high resolution global models of Earth's gravity field, including how it varies over time

ECOSTRESS

Providing insight into plant-water dynamics & how ecosystems change with climate via high spatiotemporal resolution thermal infrared radiometer measurements of evapotranspiration (ET)

Recent and Near-Term Planned ESD Launches (2 of 2)

ICESat-2: Sep 15, 2018



GEDI: Dec 5, 2018



OCO-3: May 4, 2019



ICESat-2 *Quantifying polar ice-sheet contributions to sea-level change & measure vegetation canopy height as a basis for estimating large-scale biomass and biomass change*

GEDI *Characterize the effects of changing climate and land use on ecosystem structure and dynamics, providing the first global, high-resolution observations of forest vertical structure*

OCO-3 *Investigate important questions about the distribution of carbon dioxide on Earth as it relates to growing urban populations and changing patterns of fossil fuel combustion.*

Earth Science Division's Venture Opportunities

EVS

Sustained Sub-Orbital Investigations
(~4 years)

EVM

Complete, self-contained, small missions
(~4 years)

EVI

Full function, facility-class instruments Missions of Opportunity (MoO)
(~18 months)

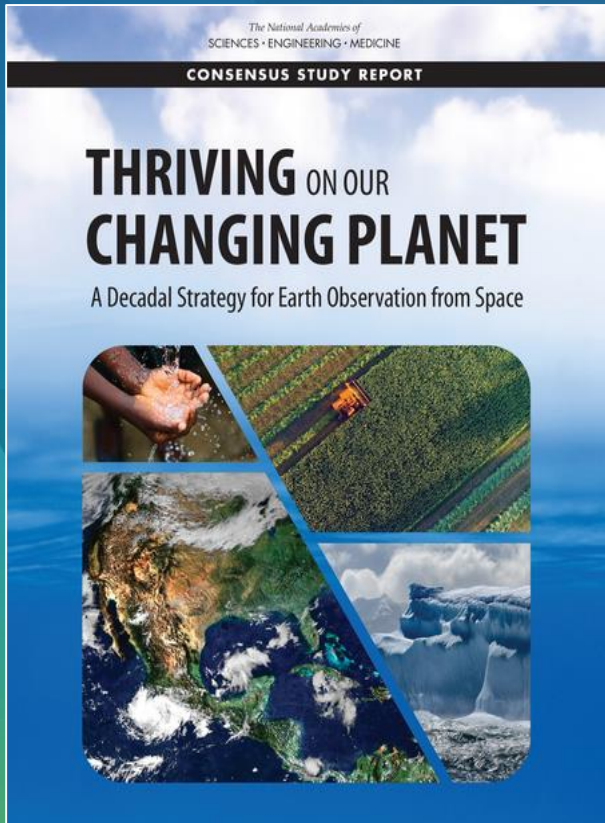
Mission	Mission Type	Release Date	Selection Date	Major Milestone
EV-1, aka EVS-1	5 Suborbital Airborne Campaigns	2009	2010	N/A
EVM-1, CYGNSS	Smallsat constellation	2011	2012	Launched Dec 2016
EVI-1, TEMPO	Geosynchronous hosted payload	2011	2012	Delivery NLT 2017
EVI-2, ECOSTRESS & GEDI	Class C & Class D ISS-hosted Instruments	2013	2014	Delivery NLT 2019
EVS-2	6 Suborbital Airborne Campaigns	2013	2014	N/A
EVI-3, MAIA & TROPICS	Class C LEO Instrument & Class D Cubesat Constellation	2015	2016	Delivery NLT 2021
EVM-2, GeoCarb	Geostationary hosted payload	2015	2016	Launch ~2021
EVI-4	Instrument Only	2016	2018	Delivery NLT 2021
EVS-3	Suborbital Airborne Campaigns	2017	2018	N/A
EVI-5	Instrument Only	2018	2019	Delivery NLT 2023
EVM-3	Full Orbital	2019	2020	Launch ~2025
EVI-6	Instrument Only	2019	2020	Delivery NLT 2024

EMIT, PREFIRE selected for EVI-4

Open solicitation - In Review

Completed solicitation

2017 Decadal Survey Snapshot

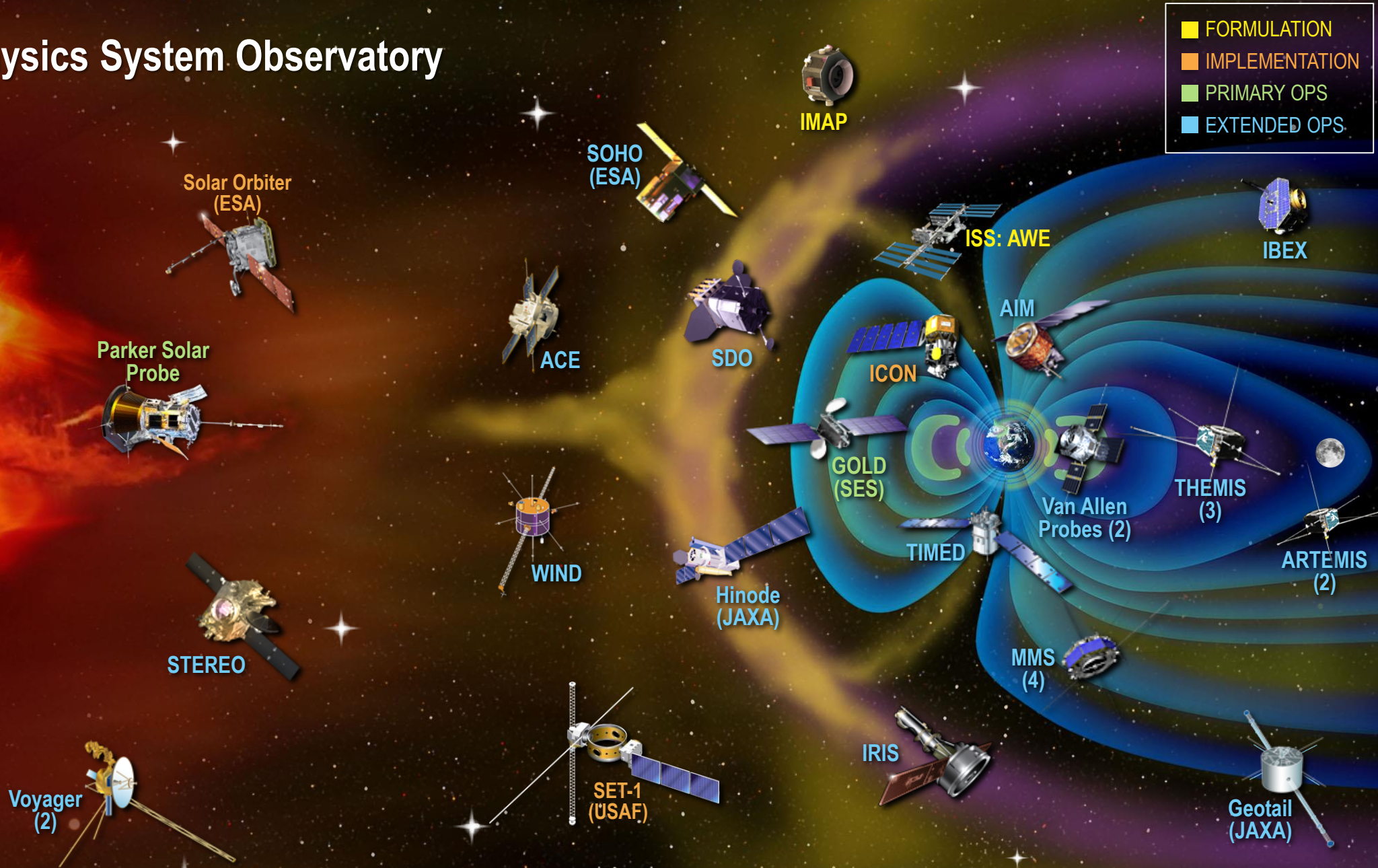


Released

January 5, 2018

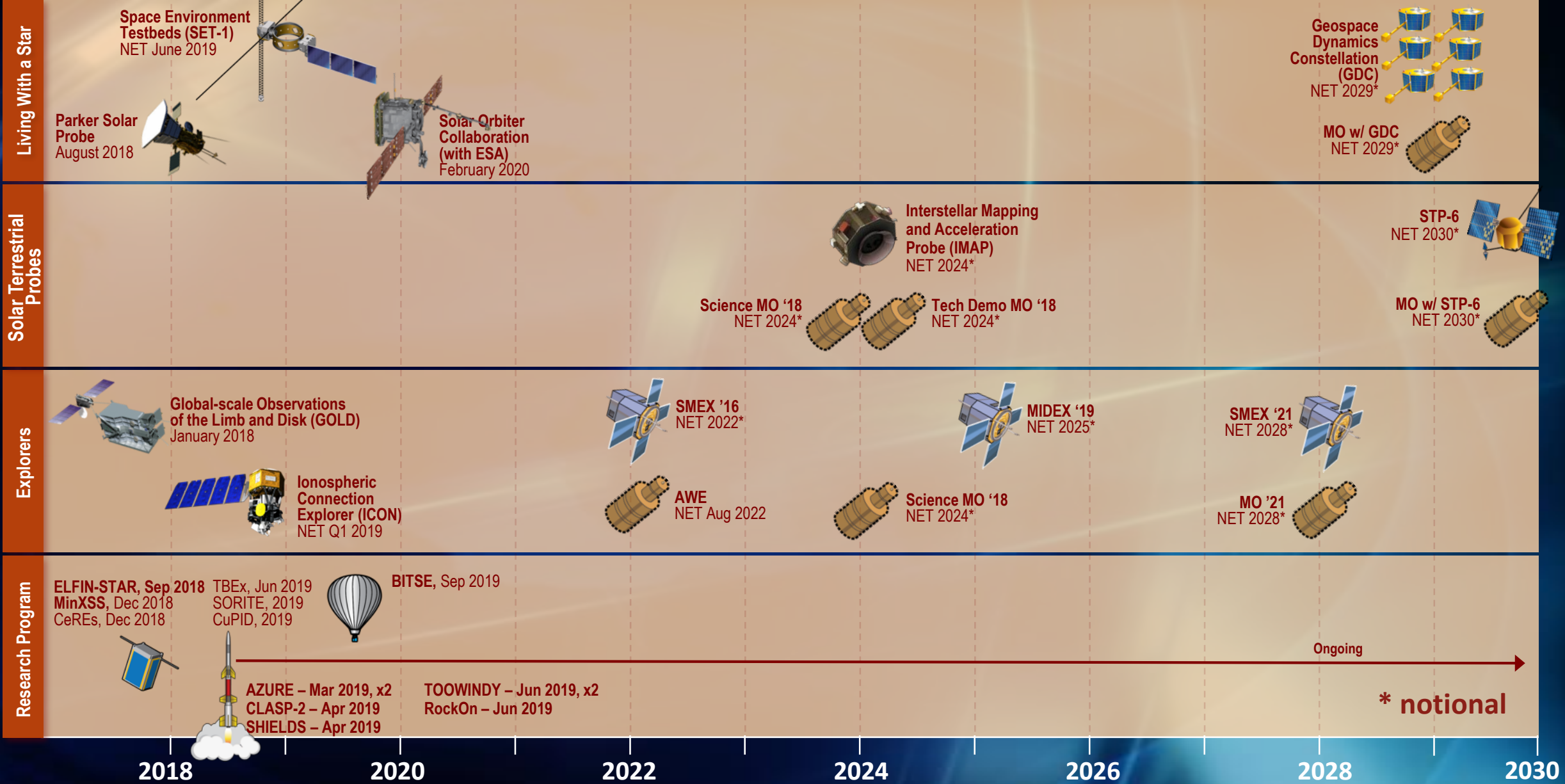
- Endorses existing balances in ESD portfolio
- Prioritizes observations rather than specific missions and allows implementation flexibility
- Encourages and notes value of international partnerships
- Recommends “Continuity Measurement” (\$150M full mission cost cap) as an addition to the existing Venture-class program
- Identifies 5 mandatory observables (Aerosols; Clouds, Convection, & Precipitation; Mass Change; Surface Biology & Geology; Surface Deformation & Change)
- Introduces a new competed “Explorer” flight line at \$350M cost cap
- Calls for “Incubator Program to mature specific technologies in preparation for next Decadal

NASA Heliophysics System Observatory





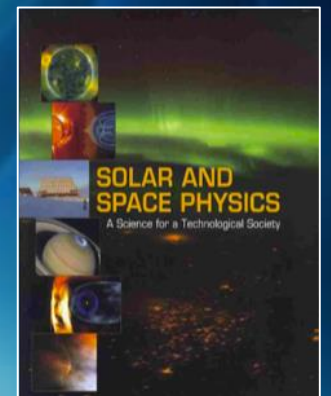
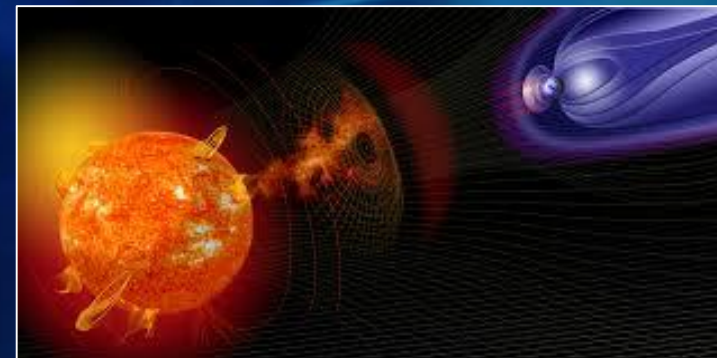
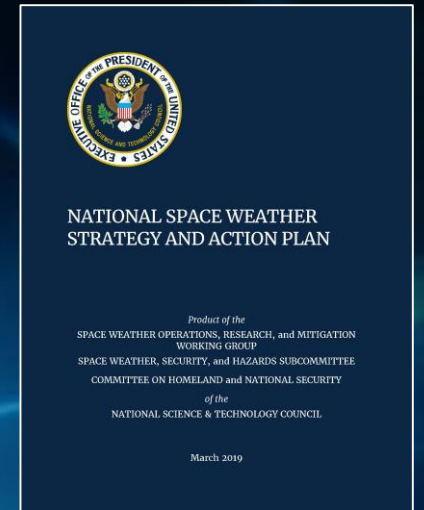
Heliophysics Programs (2018-2030)

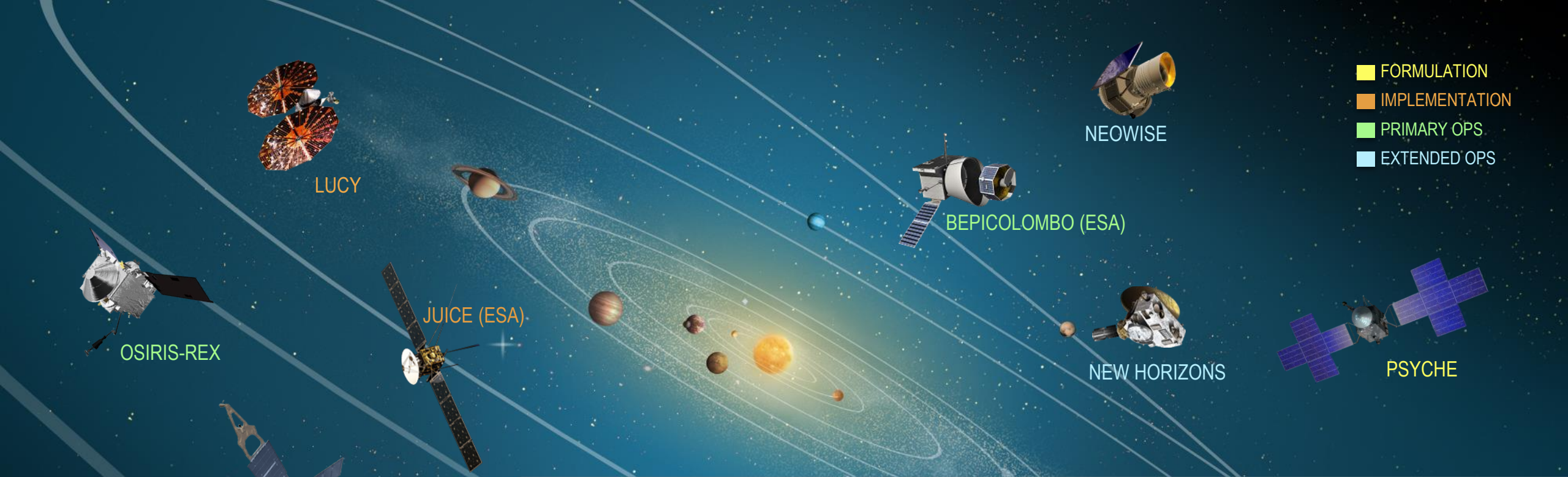


Space Weather Science Applications Program

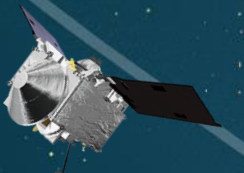


- Establishes an expanded role for NASA in space weather science under single budget element
 - Consistent with recommendation of the NRC Decadal Survey and the 2019 National Space Weather Strategy and Action Plan
- Competes ideas and products, leverages existing agency capabilities, collaborates with other national and international agencies, and partners with user communities
- Main areas of the Space Weather Science Applications Program are:
 - Collaboration – MOU with NOAA & NSF
 - Competed Elements – ROSES, SBIR
 - Directed Components – CCMC and HEC





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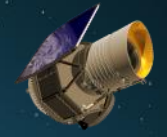
OSIRIS-REX



JUICE (ESA)



BEPICOLOMBO (ESA)



NEOWISE



NEW HORIZONS



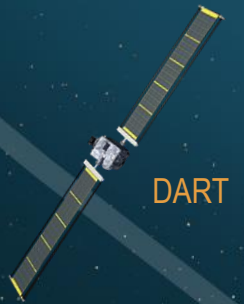
PSYCHE



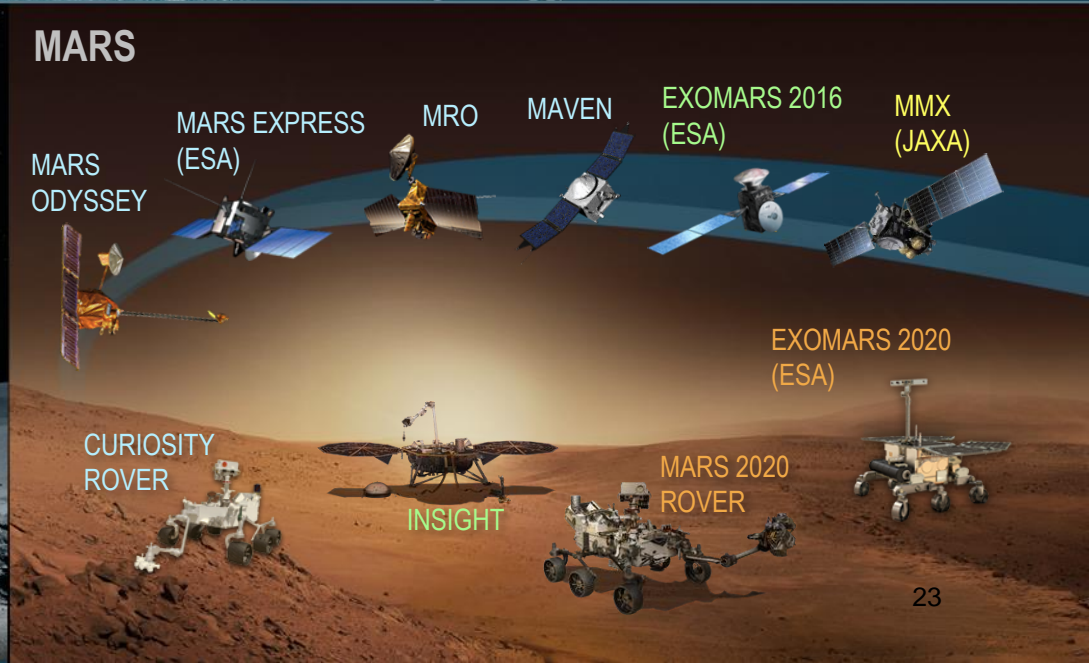
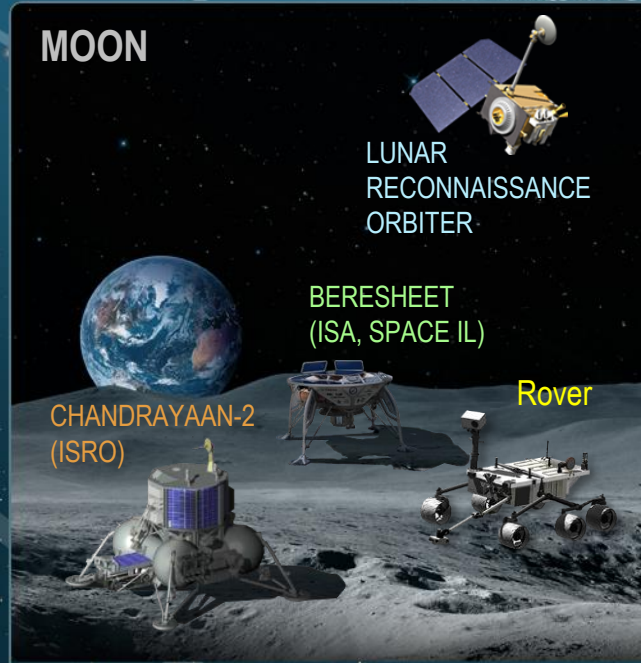
JUNO



EUROPA CLIPPER



DART



Discovery Program



NEO characteristics

NEAR

(1996-1999)



Mars evolution

Mars Pathfinder

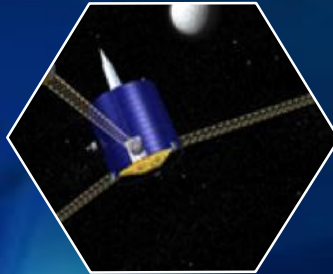
(1996-1997)



Lunar formation

Lunar Prospector

(1998-1999)



Nature of dust/coma

Stardust

(1999-2011)



Solar wind sampling

Genesis

(2001-2004)



Comet Diversity

CONTOUR

(2002)



Mercury Environment

MESSENGER

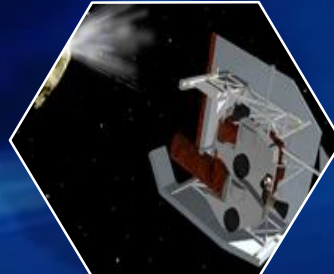
(2004-2015)



Comet Internal Structure

Deep Impact

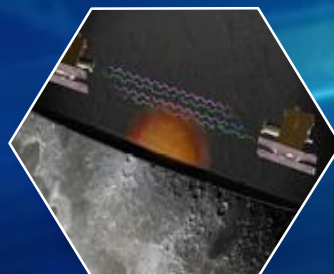
(2005-2012)



Lunar Internal Structure

GRAIL

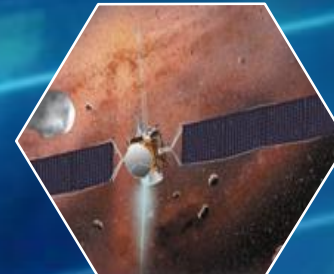
(2011-2012)



Main-belt Asteroids

Dawn

(2007-TBD)



Exoplanets

Kepler

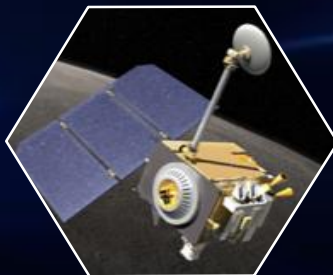
(2009-TBD)



Lunar Surface

LRO

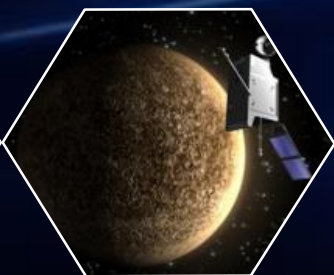
(2009-TBD)



ESA/Mercury

Surface

Strofi



Mars Interior

InSight

(2018)



Trojan Asteroids

Lucy

(2021)



Metal Asteroid

Psyche

(2022)



Martian Moons

MMX/MEGANE

(2024)



Currently
Operating

New Frontiers Program



1st NF mission
New Horizons

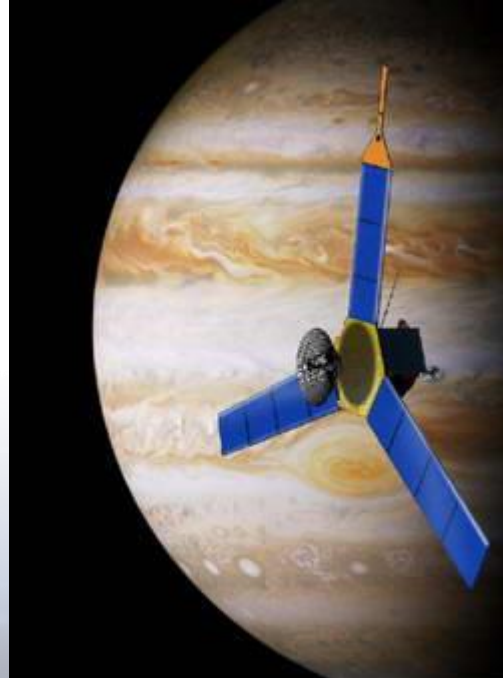
Pluto-Kuiper Belt



Launched January 2006
Flyby July 14, 2015
PI: Alan Stern (SwRI-CO)

2nd NF mission
Juno

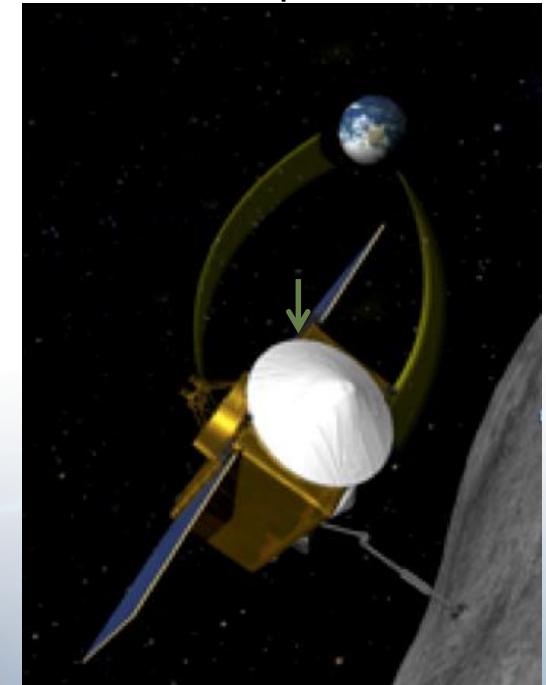
Jupiter Polar Orbiter



Launched August 2011
Arrived July 4, 2016
PI: Scott Bolton (SwRI-TX)

3rd NF mission
OSIRIS-REx

Asteroid Sample Return



Launched September 2016
Arrived December 2018
PI: Dante Lauretta (UA)

Upcoming Missions



Small Innovative Missions for Planetary Exploration (SIMPLEx)

- Step-1 reviews were completed before shutdown
- Step-1 selection to be scheduled NET April 12, 2019

New Frontiers #4 Down-selection

- New Step-2 evaluation schedule incorporates a four-week slip in site visits
- Plenary Meetings have been rescheduled
- Down-selection announcement still expected in July 2019

Discovery 2019

- Draft AO released before shutdown
- Comment period extended to February 11, 2019
- Final AO release expected NLT April 1, 2019
- Step-1 proposal due date rescheduled to July 1, 2019

Europa Clipper Overview

Will conduct approximately 45 low altitude flybys (25 – 100 km altitude) to characterize the habitability of the Icy Moon Europa through global regional coverage

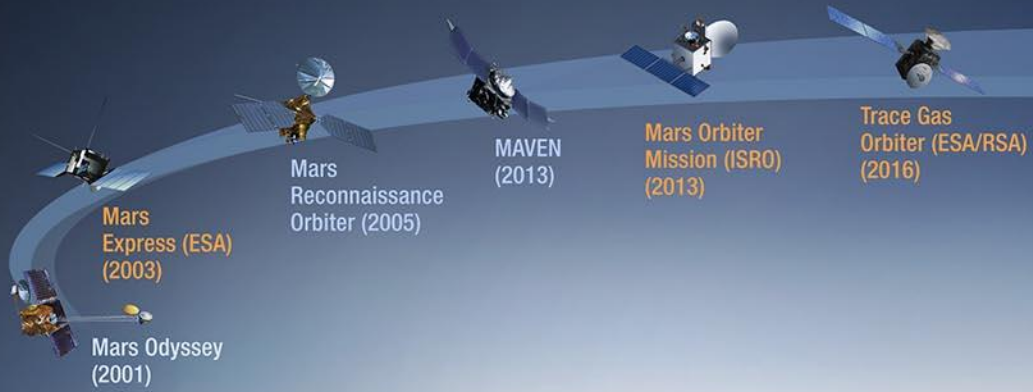
Science

Objective	Description
Ice Shell & Ocean	Characterize the ice shell and any subsurface water, including their heterogeneity, and the nature of surface-ice-ocean exchange
Composition	Understand the habitability of Europa's ocean through composition and chemistry.
Geology	Understand the formation of surface features, including sites of recent or current activity, and characterize high science interest localities.
Recon	Characterize scientifically compelling sites, and hazards for a potential future landed mission to Europa

MARS MISSIONS

OPERATIONAL 2001–2019

2020 AND BEYOND



Curiosity Rover (2011)



InSight



Mars Lander & Rover (China)



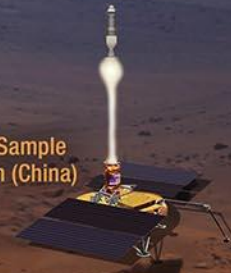
Mars 2020 Rover (NASA)



ExoMars Rover (ESA/RSA)



Mars Sample Return Lander



Mars Sample Return (China)

Follow the Water

Explore Habitability

Seek Signs of Life

Prepare for Future Human Explorers

U.S. Missions

non-U.S. Missions

SPIRIT AND OPPORTUNITY

By the Numbers

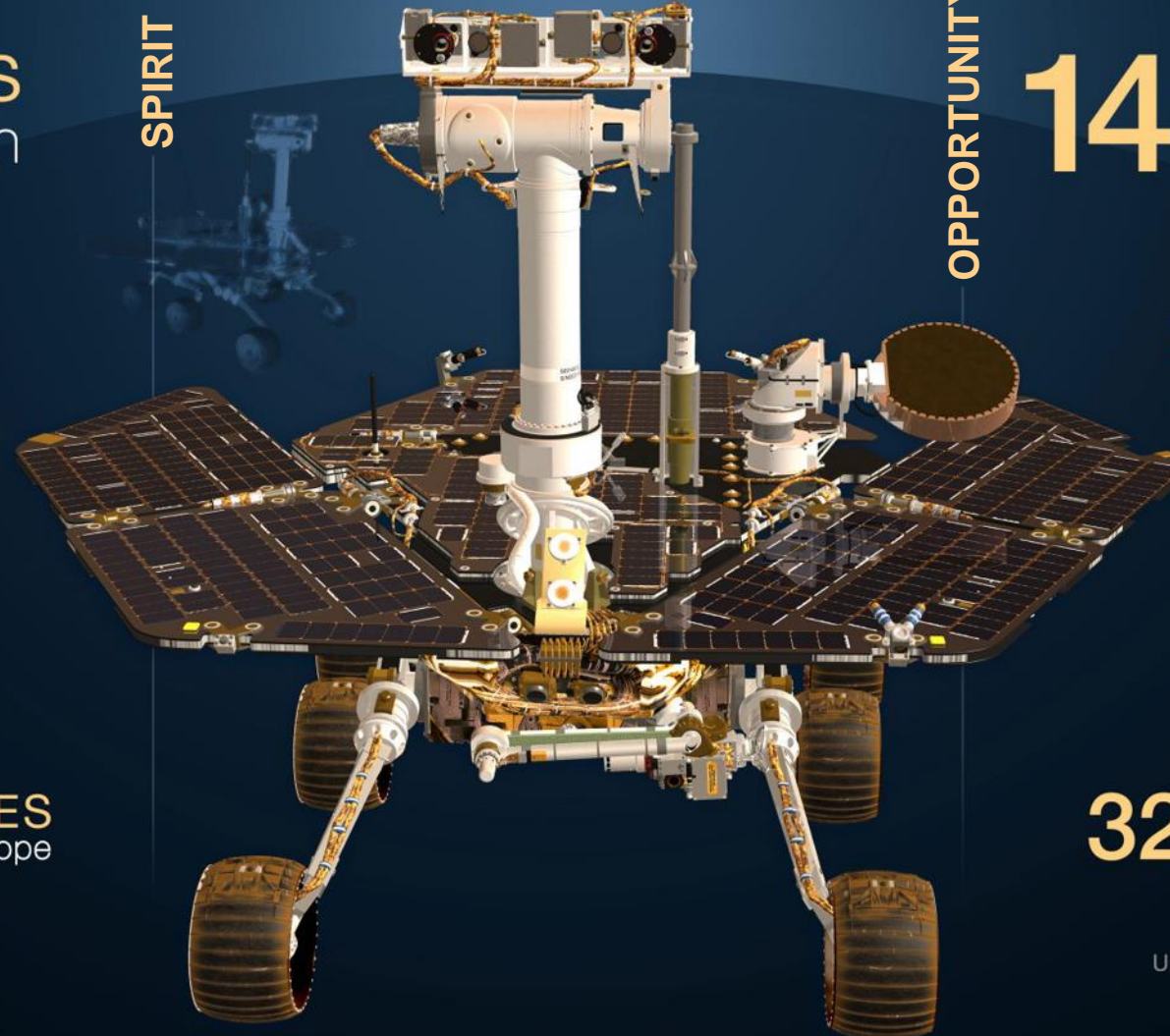
6 YEARS
lifespan

SPIRIT

124,838
raw images

4.8 MILES
traveled

30 DEGREES
steepest slope



OPPORTUNITY

14+ YEARS
lifespan

217,594
raw images

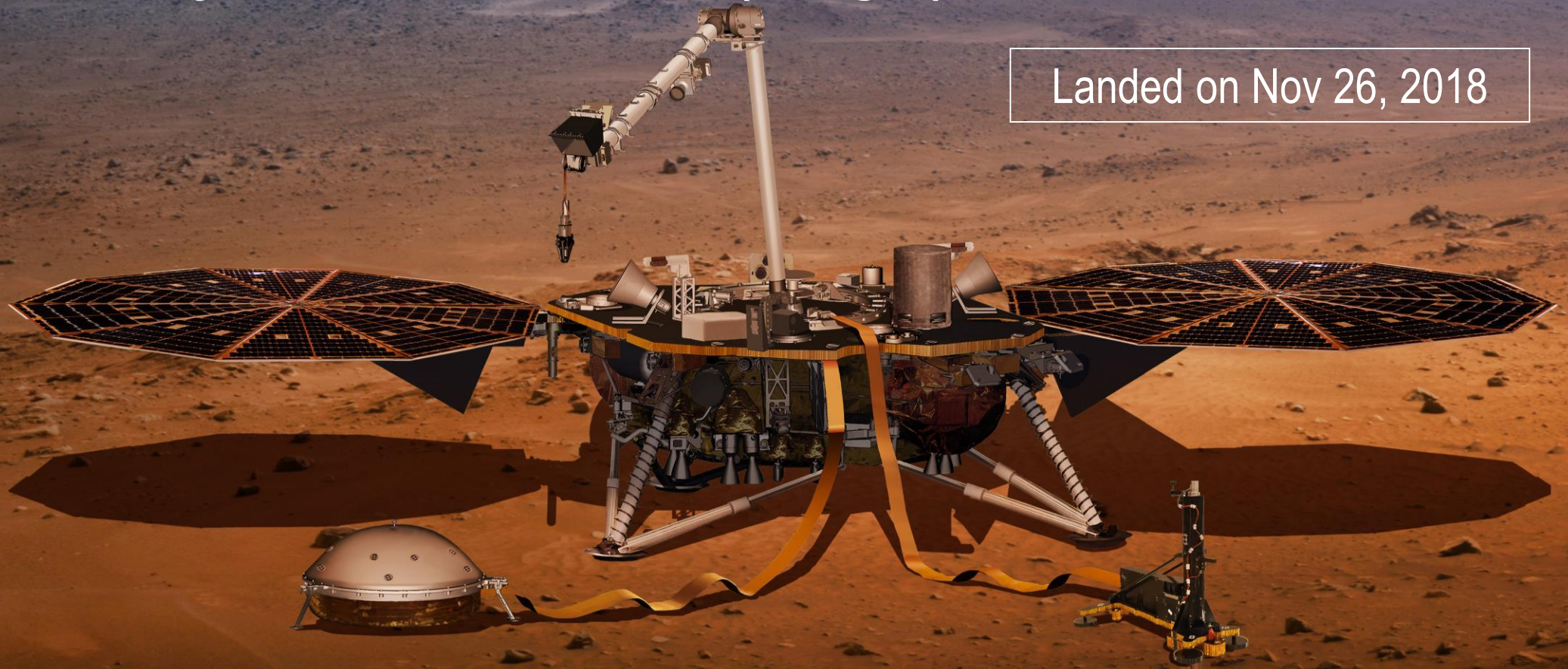
28 MILES
traveled

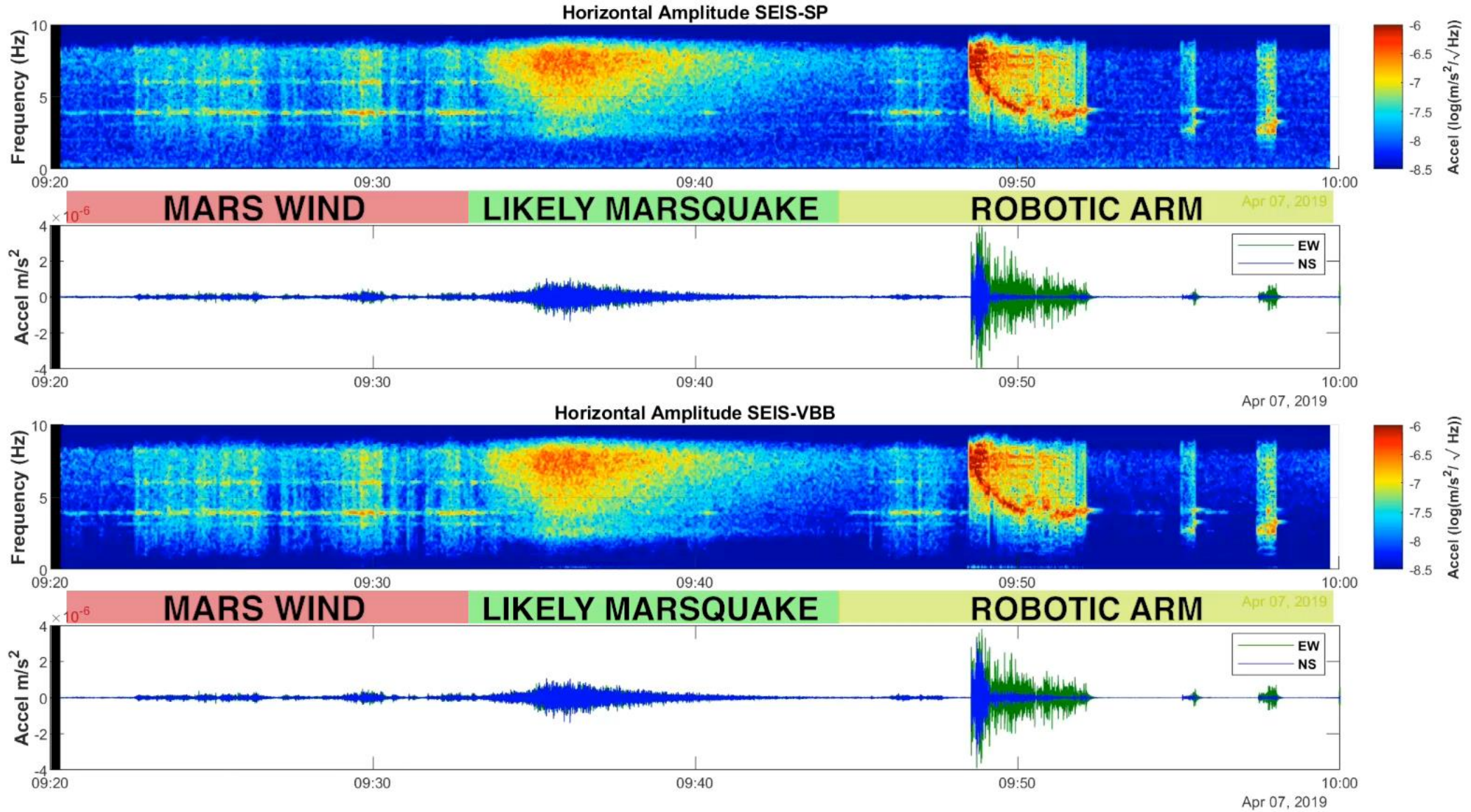
32 DEGREES
steepest slope

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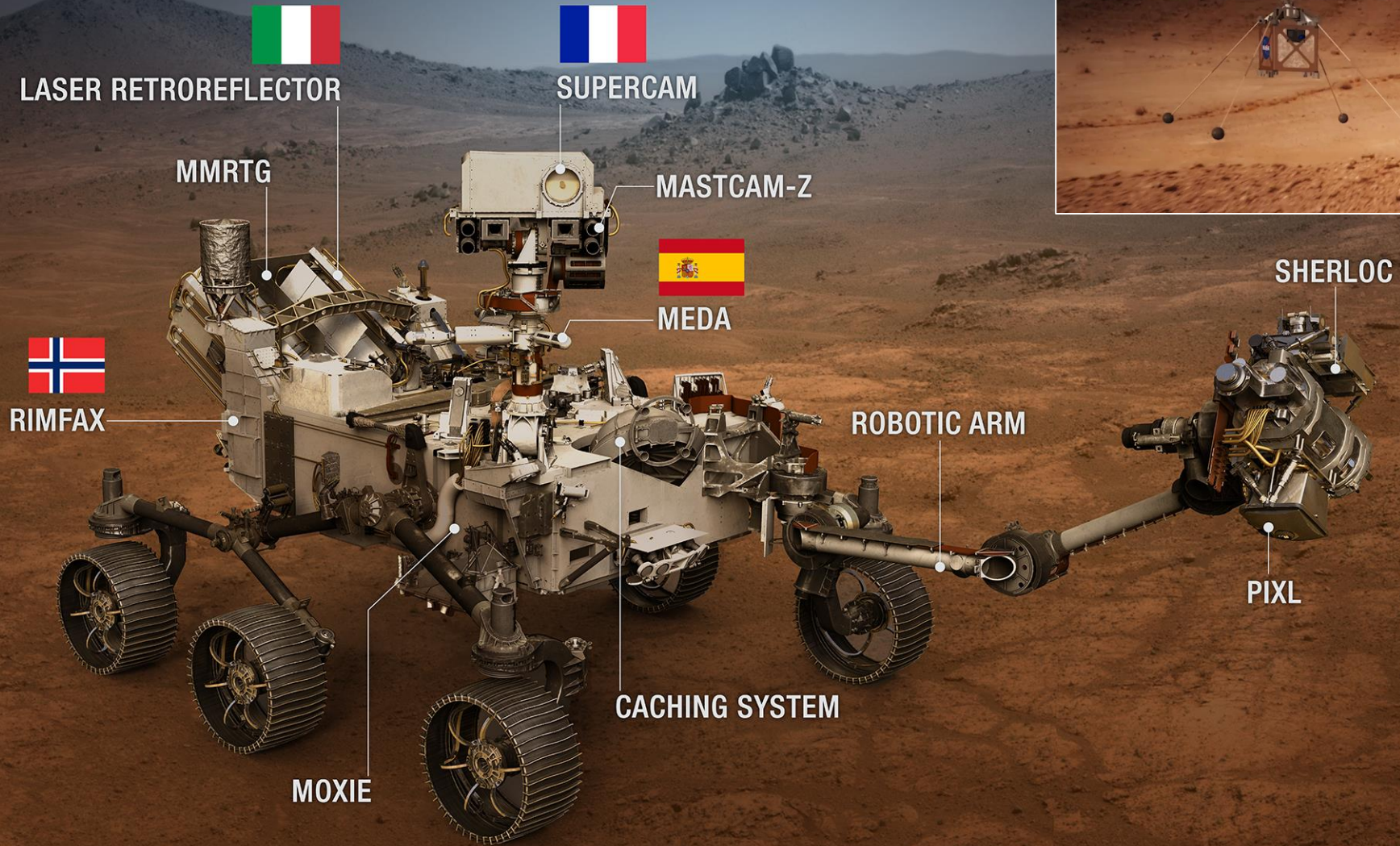
Interior Exploration using Seismic Investigations, Geodesy and Heat Transport (InSight)

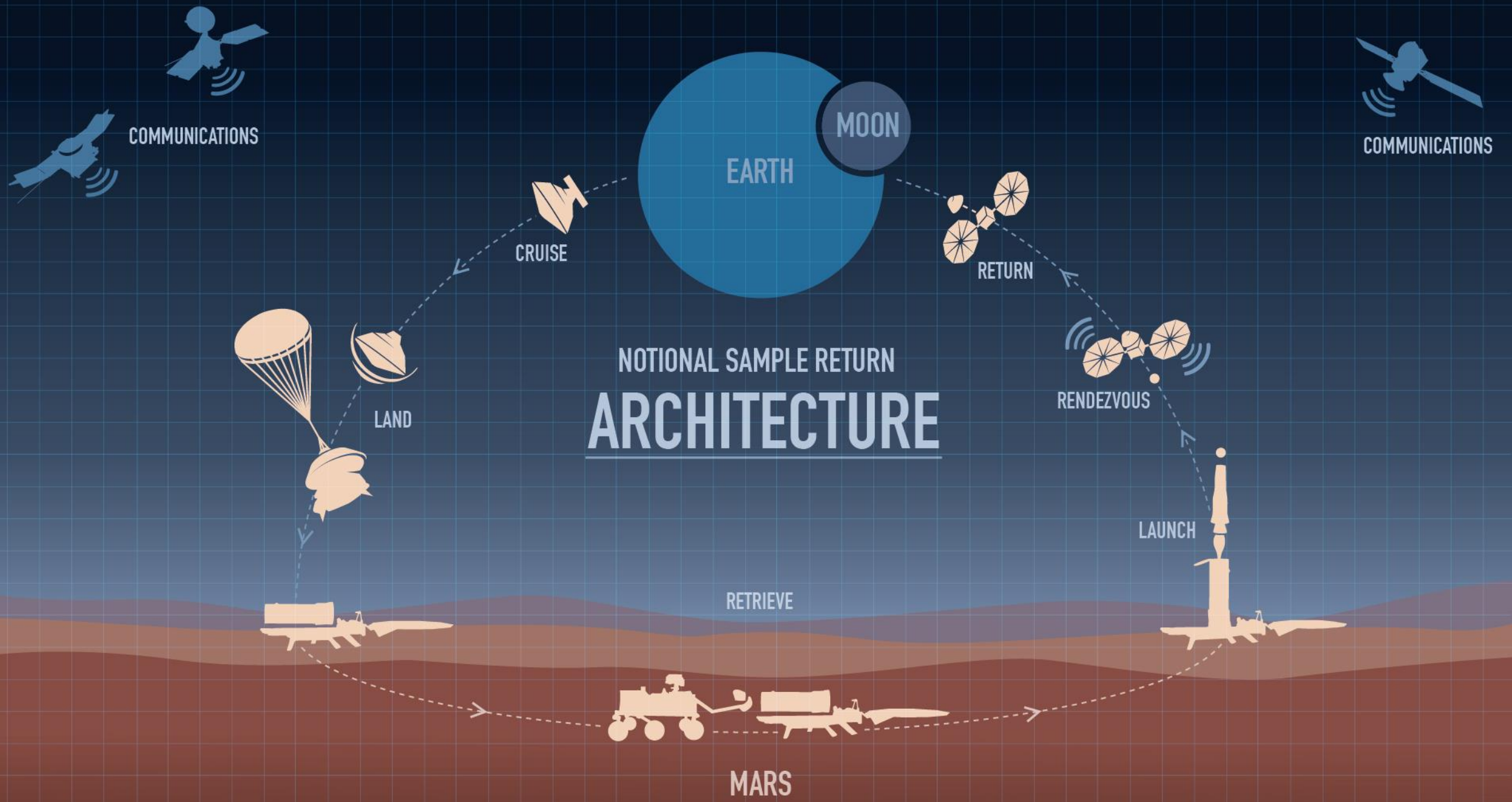
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Seeking Signs of Life: Mars 2020 Rover

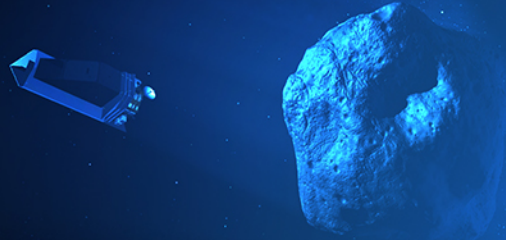




NOTIONAL SAMPLE RETURN ARCHITECTURE

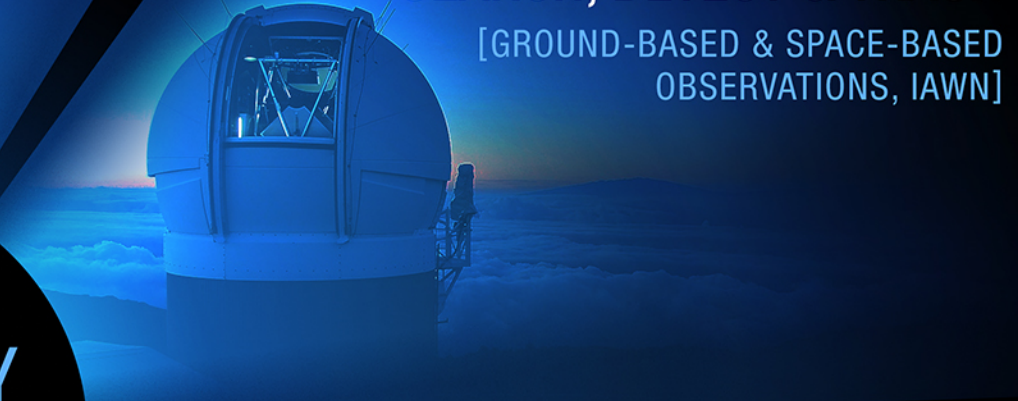
ASSESS

[CENTER FOR NEAR EARTH
OBJECT STUDIES]



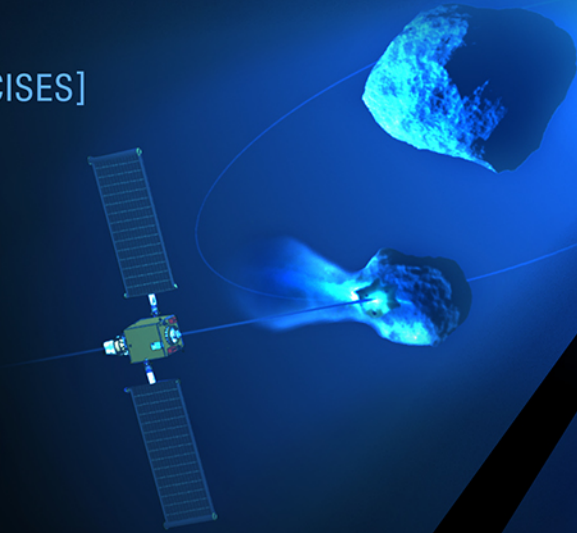
SEARCH, DETECT & TRACK

[GROUND-BASED & SPACE-BASED
OBSERVATIONS, IAWN]



MITIGATE

[DART, FEMA EXERCISES]

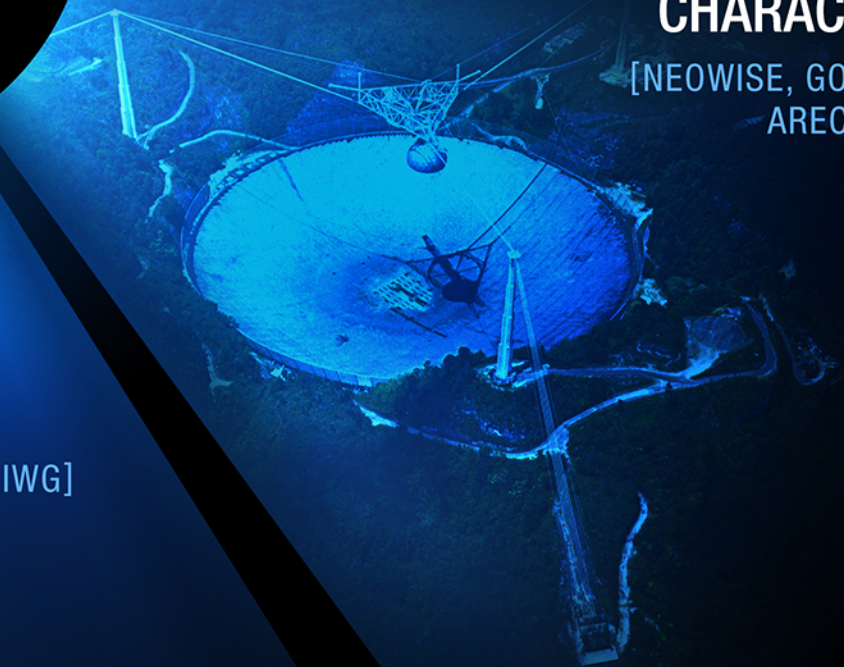


PLANETARY DEFENSE

PLAN &
COORDINATE
[SMPAG, PIERWG, DAMIEN IWG]

CHARACTERIZE

[NEOWISE, GOLDSTONE,
ARECIBO, IRTF]



Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART)



DART Spacecraft

540 kg Arrival Mass
20m² ROSA
NEXT Thruster, DRACO Imager
6.0 km/s Closing Speed

Cubesat

6U Argomoon Design
WFOV and NFOV Imagers
Agenzia Spaziale Italiana

Didymos-A

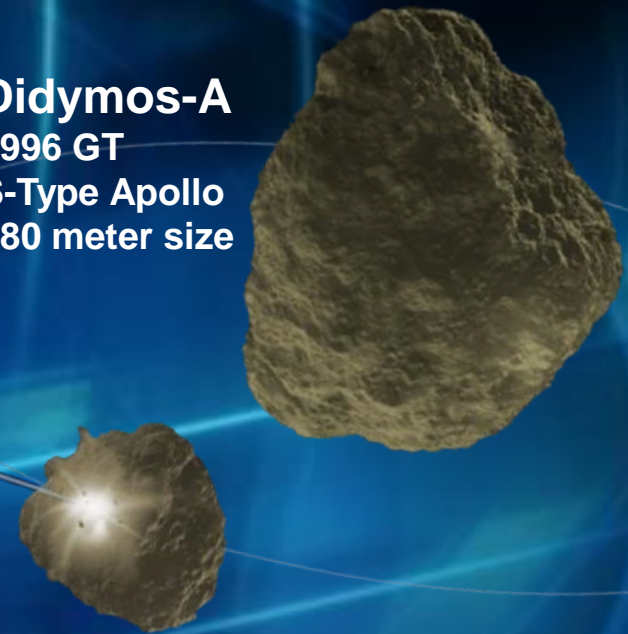
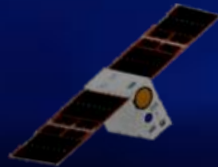
1996 GT
S-Type Apollo
780 meter size

Didymos-B

~160 meter size

Earth Based Observations

~7M mile Range at Impact





Space Policy Directive – 1

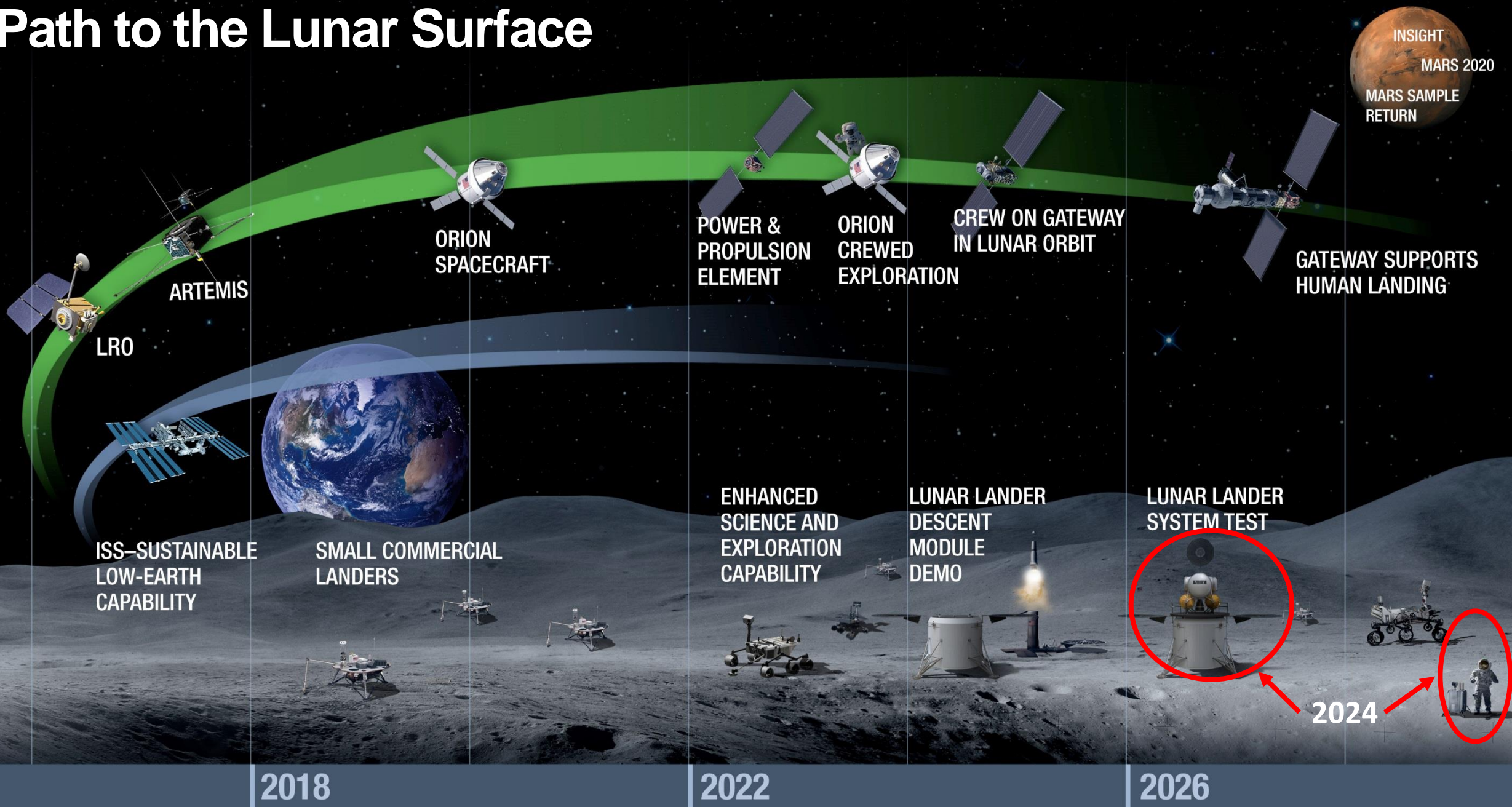
Reinvigorating America's Human Space Exploration Program



“Lead an innovative and sustainable program of exploration with commercial and international partners to enable human expansion across the solar system and to bring back to Earth new knowledge and opportunities.

Beginning with missions beyond low-Earth orbit, the United States will lead the return of humans to the Moon for long-term exploration and utilization, followed by human missions to Mars and other destinations.”

Path to the Lunar Surface



A composite image featuring a mountain valley at night. A large, bright full moon hangs in a dark blue, starry sky. The valley below is illuminated by a soft light, showing green slopes and a calm lake that reflects the moon and the surrounding landscape. In the foreground, a reddish-brown planet with a textured surface, resembling Mars, is positioned in the water, also reflected in the lake. The overall scene is surreal and evokes a sense of exploration and discovery.

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