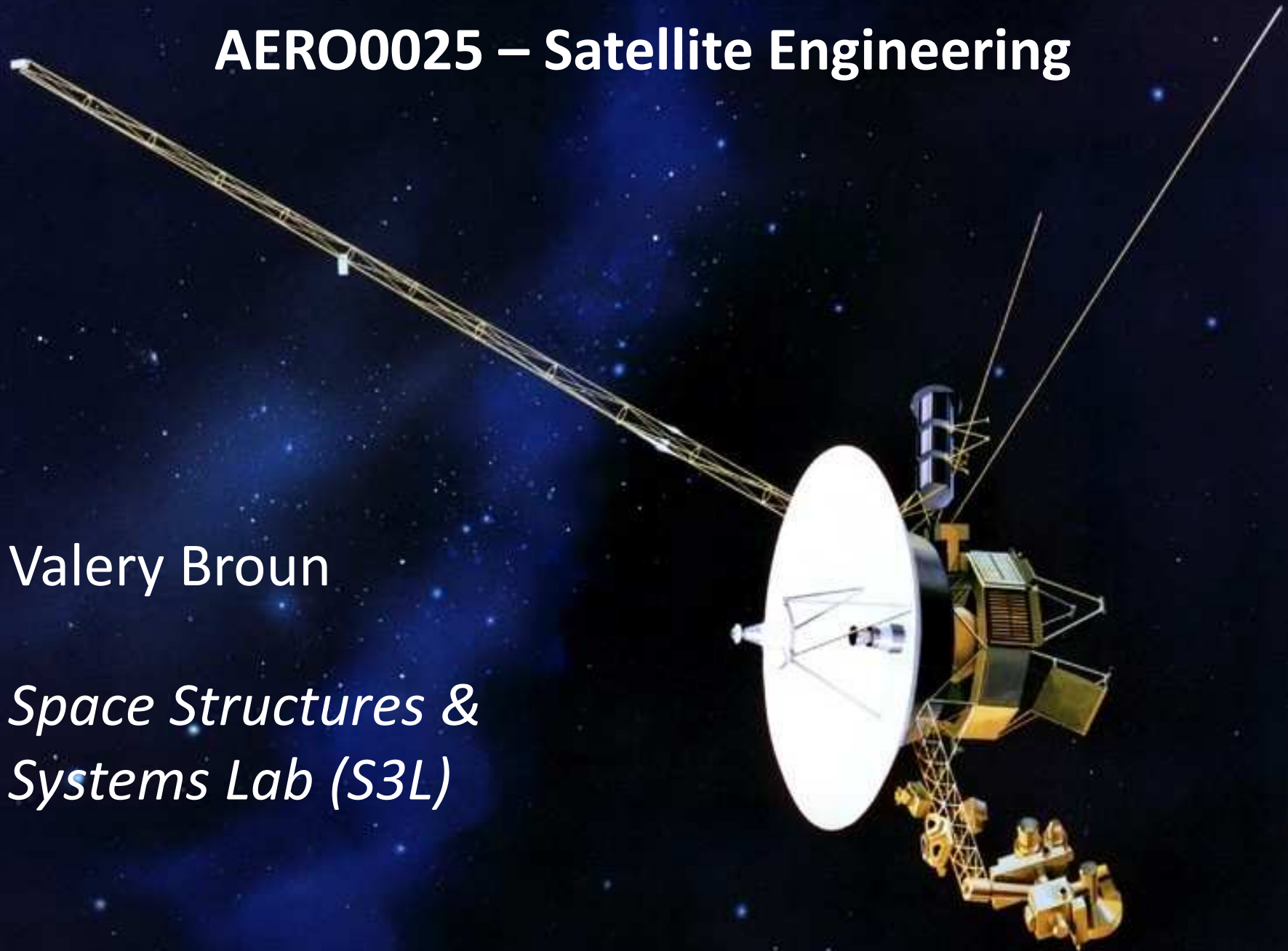


AERO0025 – Satellite Engineering

Valery Broun

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Systems Lab (S3L)*





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Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering Department
- <http://www.s3l.be>

Former Instructor — Gaëtan Kerschen



Motivation

- ❑ An introduction to spacecraft systems engineering.
- ❑ Presentation of the fundamental subsystems of a satellite :
 - Propulsion
 - electrical power
 - Structure
 - thermal control
 - attitude control
 - Telecommunications
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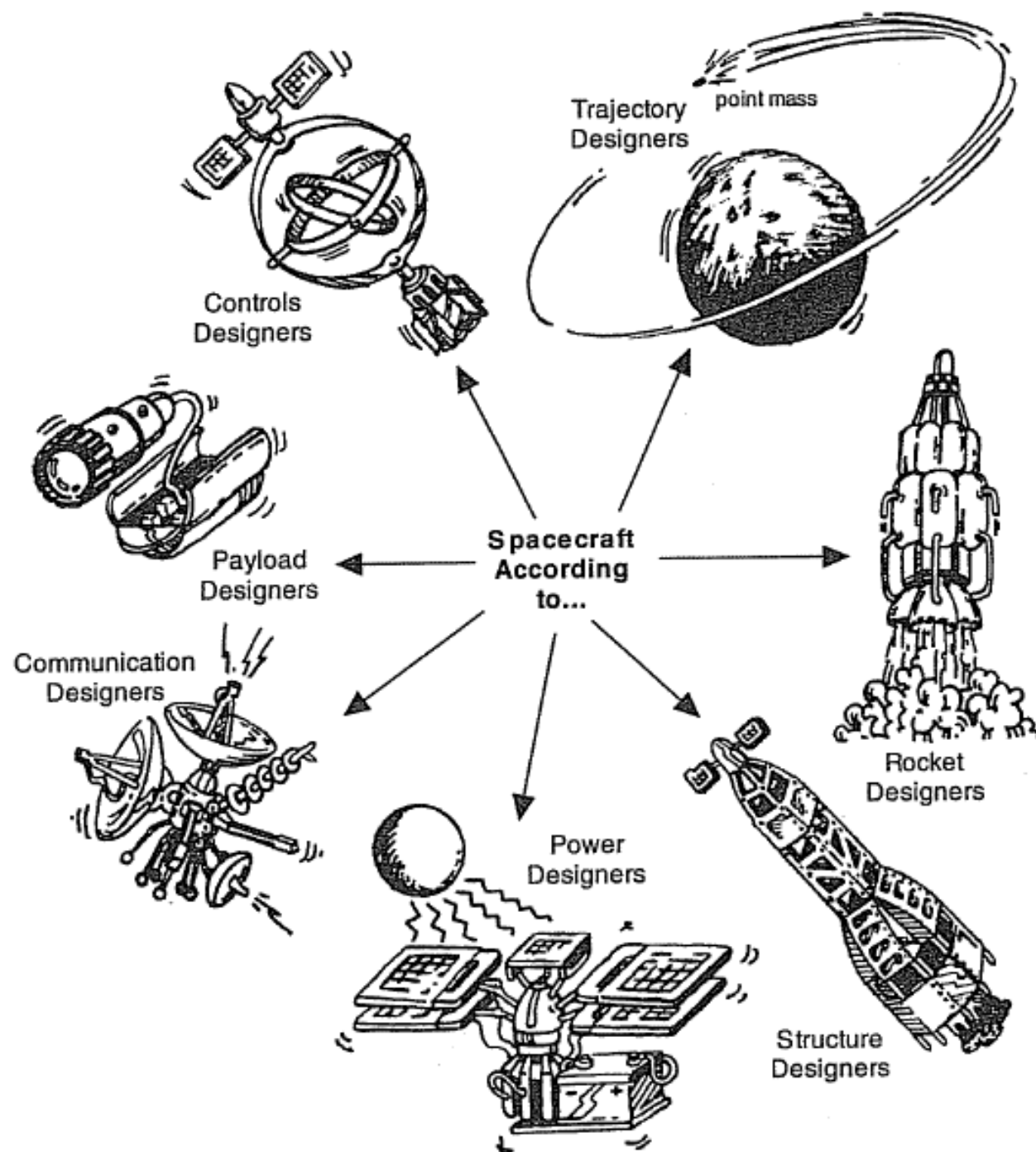
The University System

Natural tendency to create specialists rather than generalists

Highly specialized courses in aerospace engineering at ULg and main focus on mechanical/structural aspects



A spacecraft designed by structural engineers





Course Objectives

A well-designed satellite is a sound compromise among the requirements of the different engineering disciplines

1. Give you an overview of the different satellite subsystems and expose you to the inherently **multidisciplinary** aspect of satellite engineering.
2. Describe your subsystems **interactions** and introduce you to **systems engineering**.

Next Year

Telecommunications
Space environment
Vibrations
Space propulsion
Composites

Bus design

Astrophysics
Earth observation
Optics

Payload design

Aerodynamics
Reentry

Mission analysis

Launch vehicle design

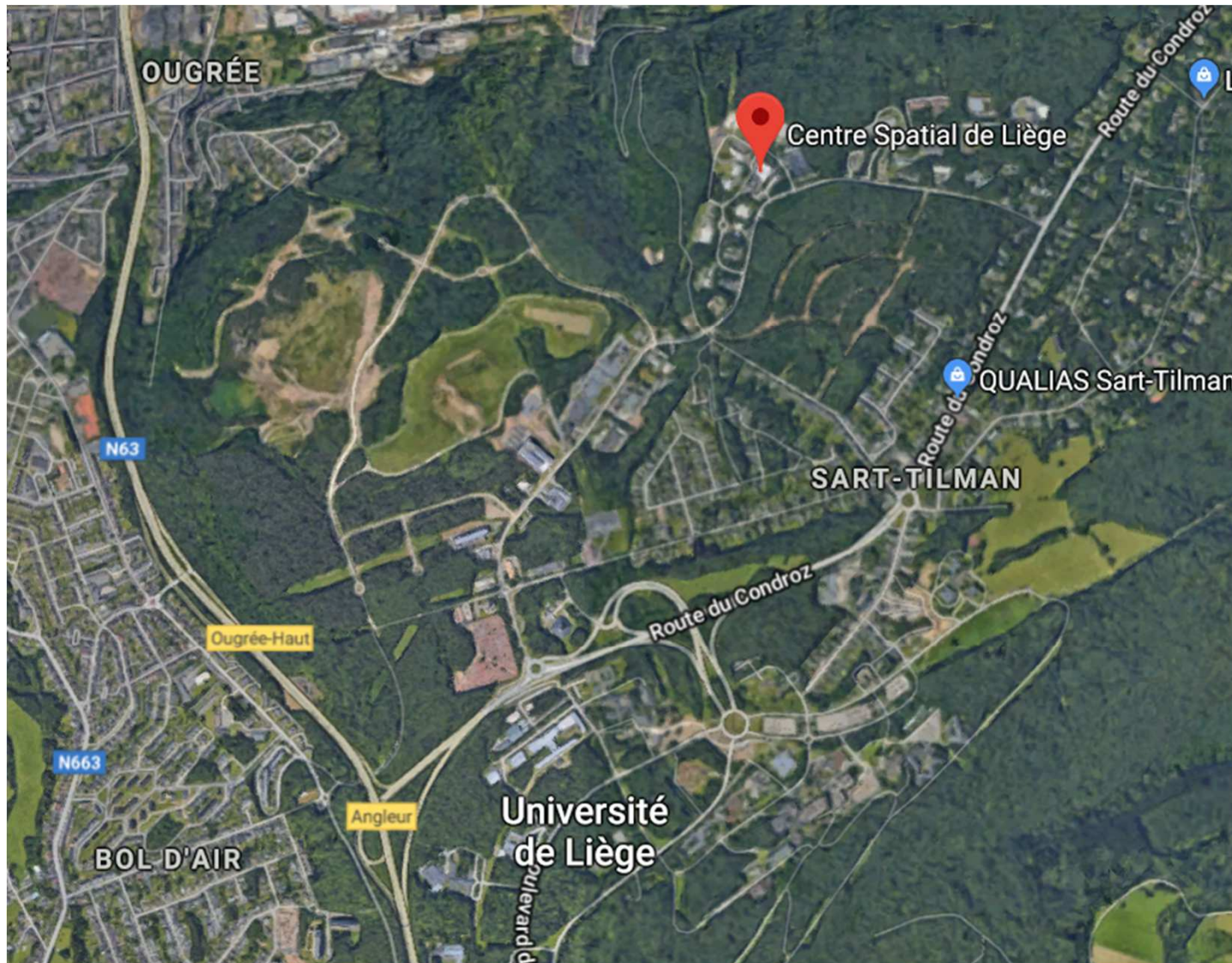
Launch vehicle

Course Details (<http://www.s3l.be>)

Date	14-16 h		16-18h	
	Sujet	Intervenant	Sujet	Intervenant
18-sept	Introduction	V, Broun (HEPL)	History	T. Pirard (Space Information Center)
25-sept	Satellite orbits	G. Kerschen (ULiege)	Earth observation	C. Barbier (CSL)
02-oct	Visite CSL			
09-oct	Astrophysics	O. Absil (ULiege)		
16-oct				
23-oct	Space environment	J. Loicq (CSL)		
30-oct	Thermal control	L. Jacques (CSL)		
06-nov	Telecommunications	M. Vandroogenbroeck (ULiege)		
13-nov	Attitude control	T. Delabie (KULeuven)		
20-nov	Spacecraft structures	A. Calvi (European Space Agency)		
27-nov	Nanosatellites	A. Denis (VKI)	Launch vehicles	A. Squelard (Arianespace)
04-déc	Propulsion	A. Squelard (Arianespace)	On board software	P. Parisis (Spacebel)
11-déc	Systems engineering	J. Tallineau (VEOWARE)		
18-dec	Electrical power	V. Lempereur (Thales Alenia Space)		

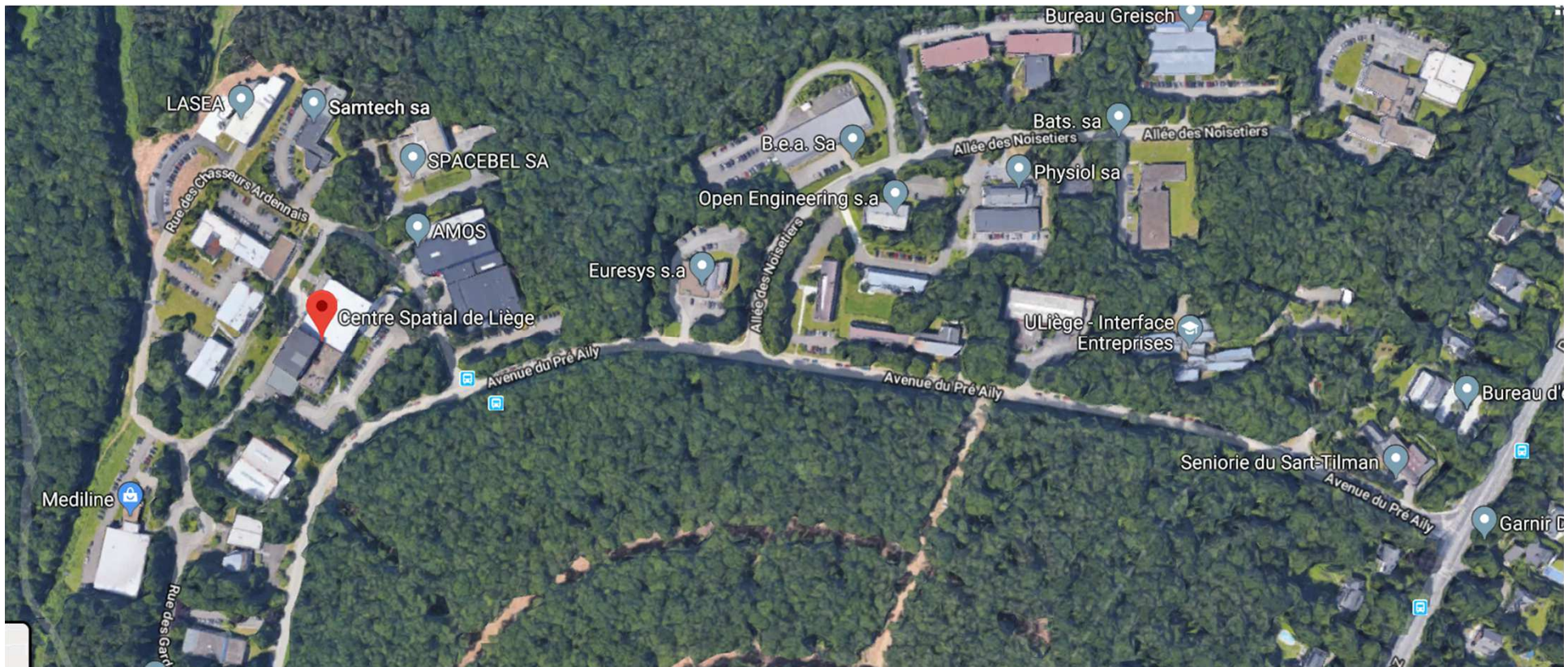
Visit of the CSL (Centre Spatial Liegeois)

Wednesday, 2nd October - 14:00 PM



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Adresse : Avenue du Pré Ailly, 4031 Liège



Examination(s)

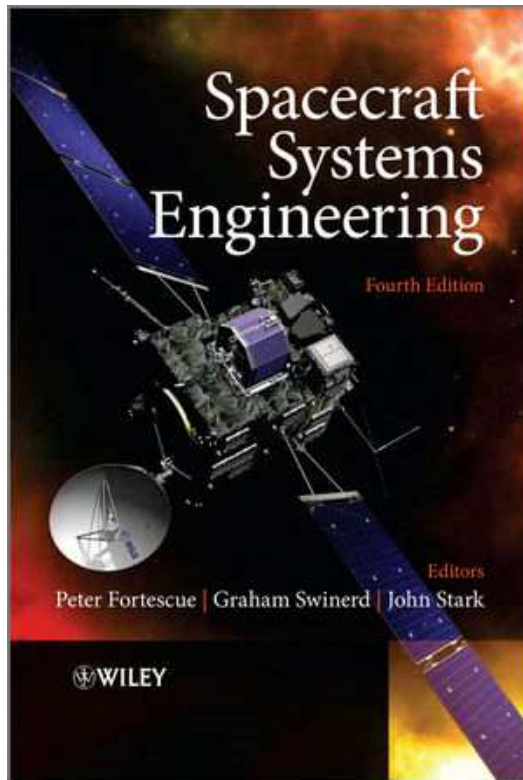
☐ January :

- Written examination
- Requires both a thorough knowledge and fundamental understanding of the material presented during the lectures.
- Closed book.
- 40 questions.

☐ August :

- Oral examination.

References



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de Peter Fortescue, Graham Swinerd, et al. | 12 août 2011

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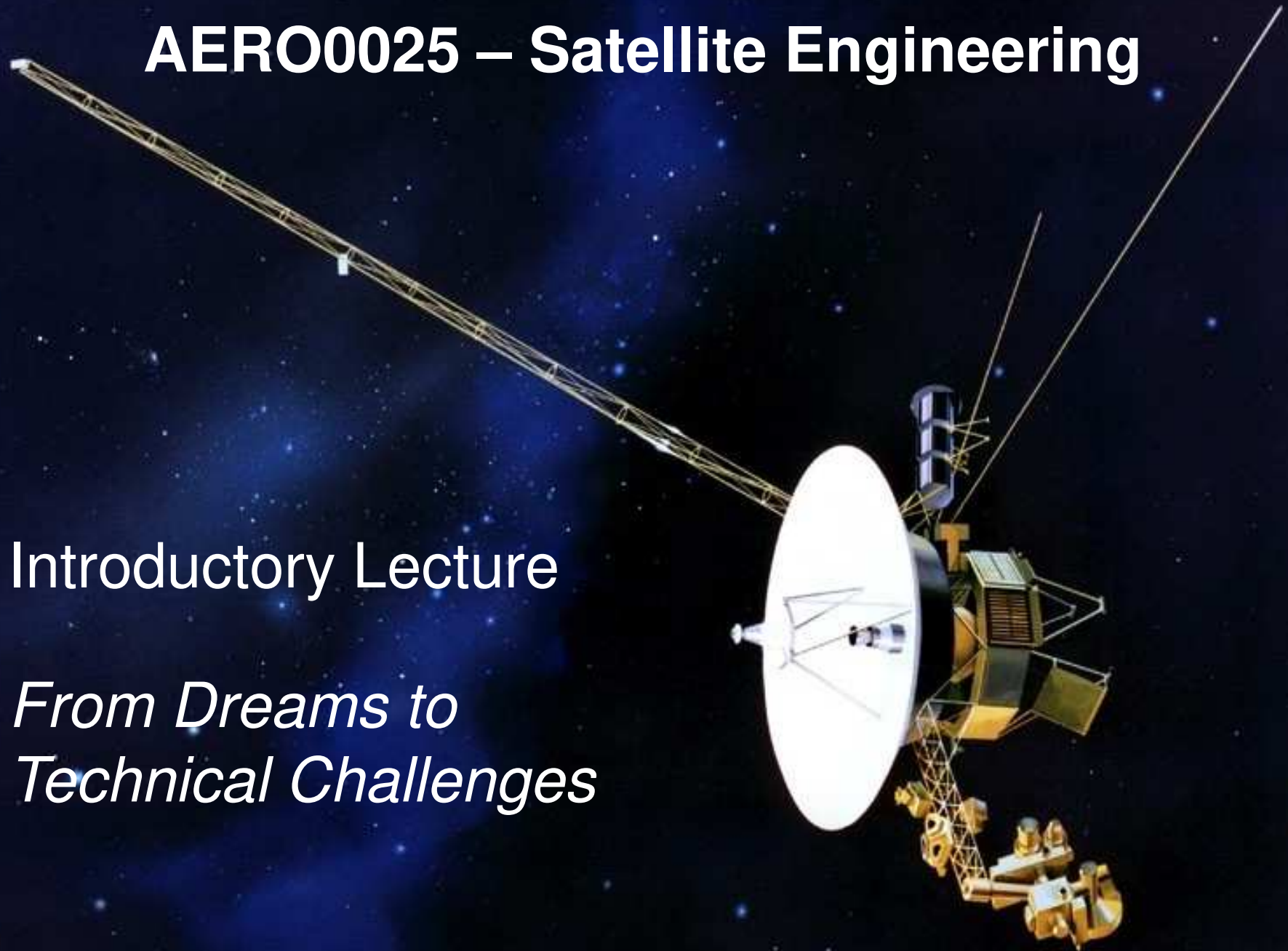
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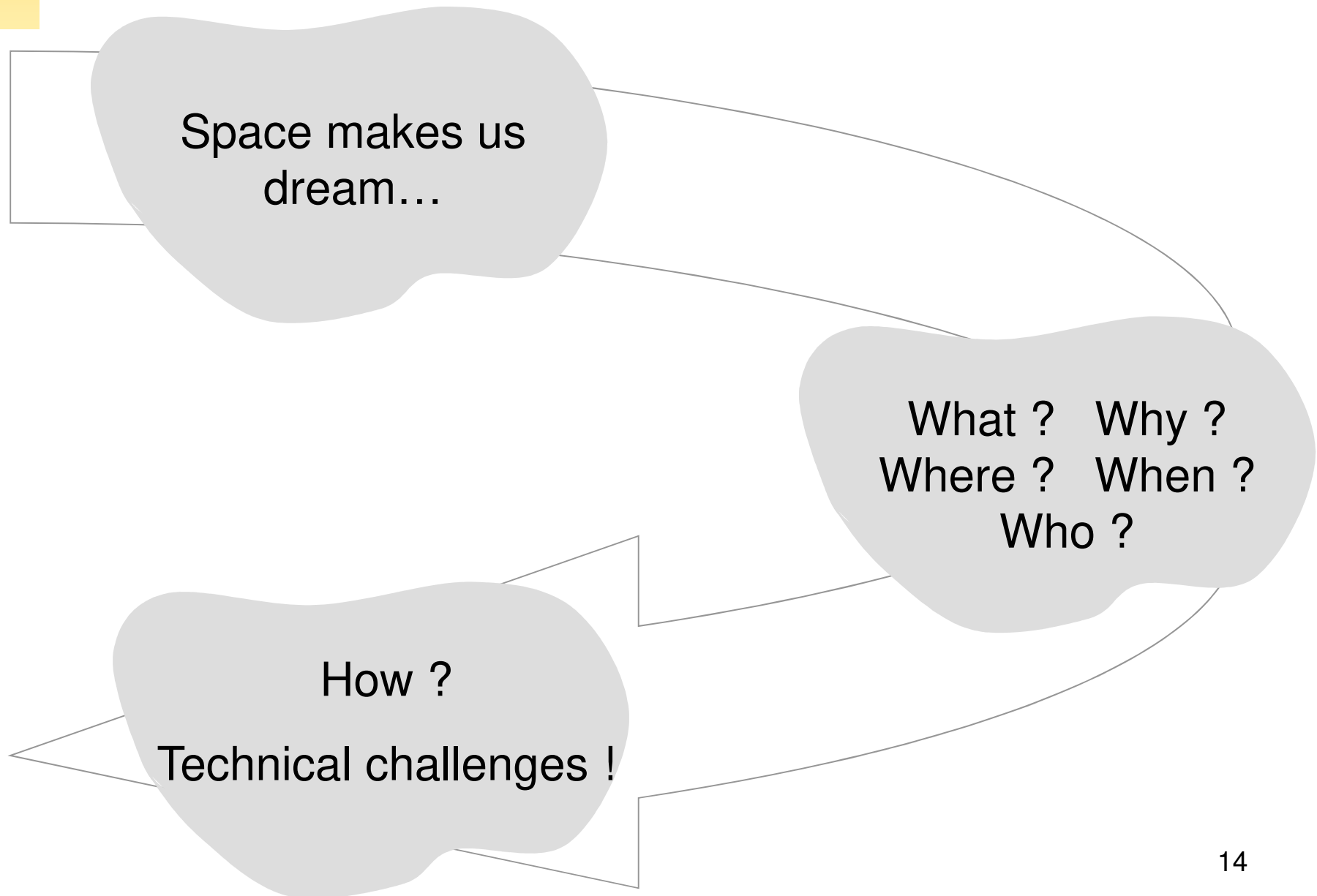
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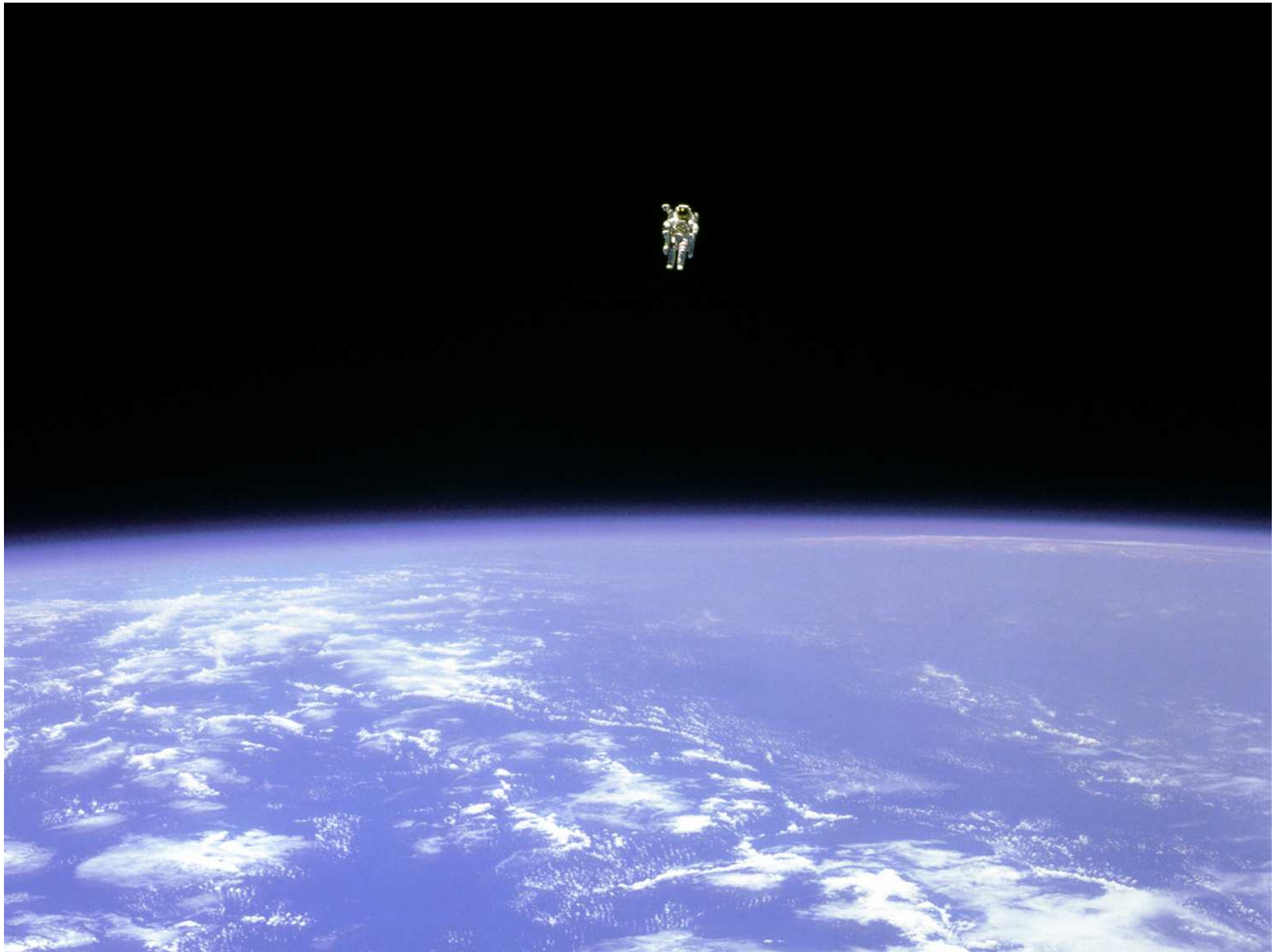
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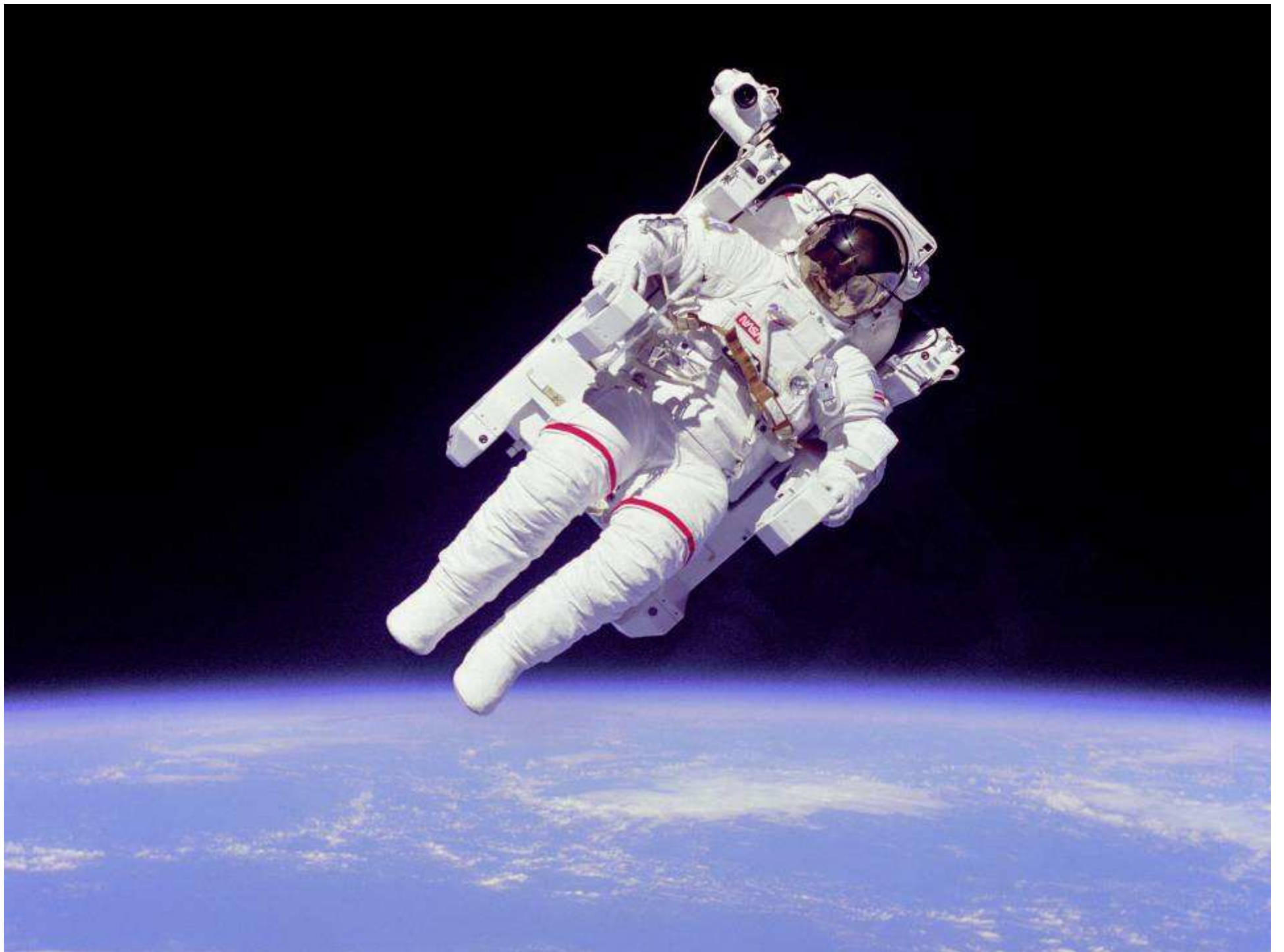
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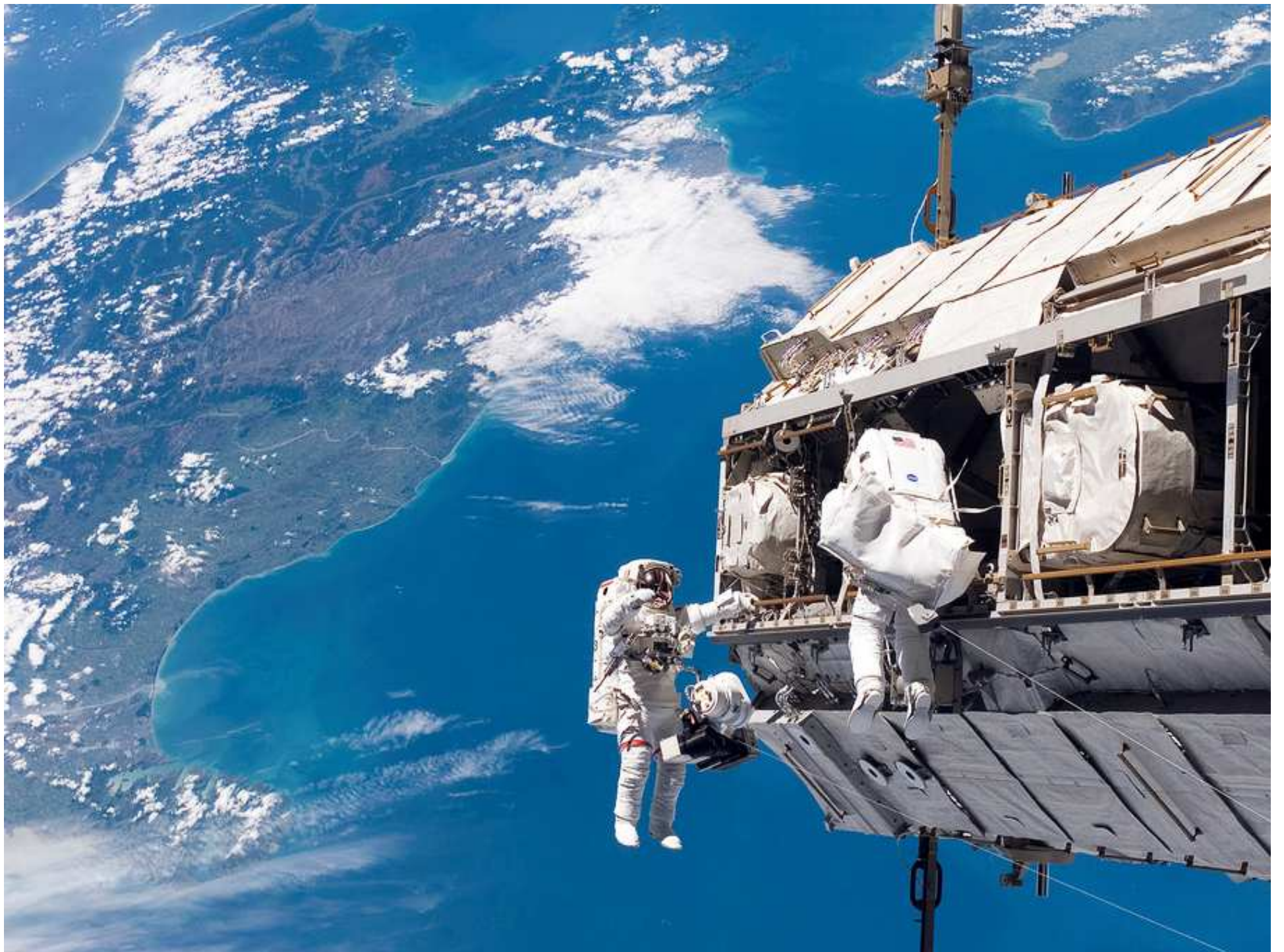


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SPACE IMAGING



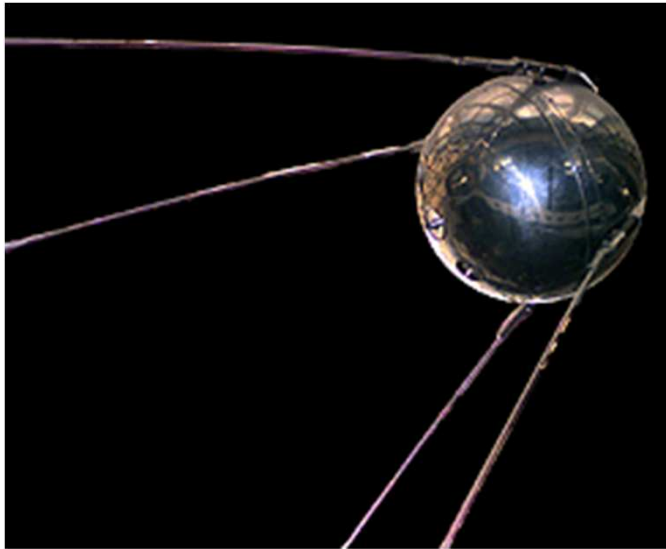
Emphasis of Some...

Technical challenges

Examples of design interaction

Failures

Satellite #1: Sputnik, 1957



Objective: Identification of high atmospheric layers density

First artificial satellite, Oct. 4, 1957

Several failures of the launch vehicle (May, June, July 1957) before the successful flight

Sputnik: Technical Data

Weight	84 kgs
Dimensions	0.6 m diameter sphere
Power	1 W radio transmitting unit
Propulsion	-----
ADCS	-----
Communications	2 antennas, 2.4 m and 2.9 m (spherical radiation pattern)
Orbit	LEO, 950 x 220 kms, $i = 65^\circ$, T=96 mins
Launch vehicle	R-7 Semyorka (Soyuz basis)

Satellite #2: ISS

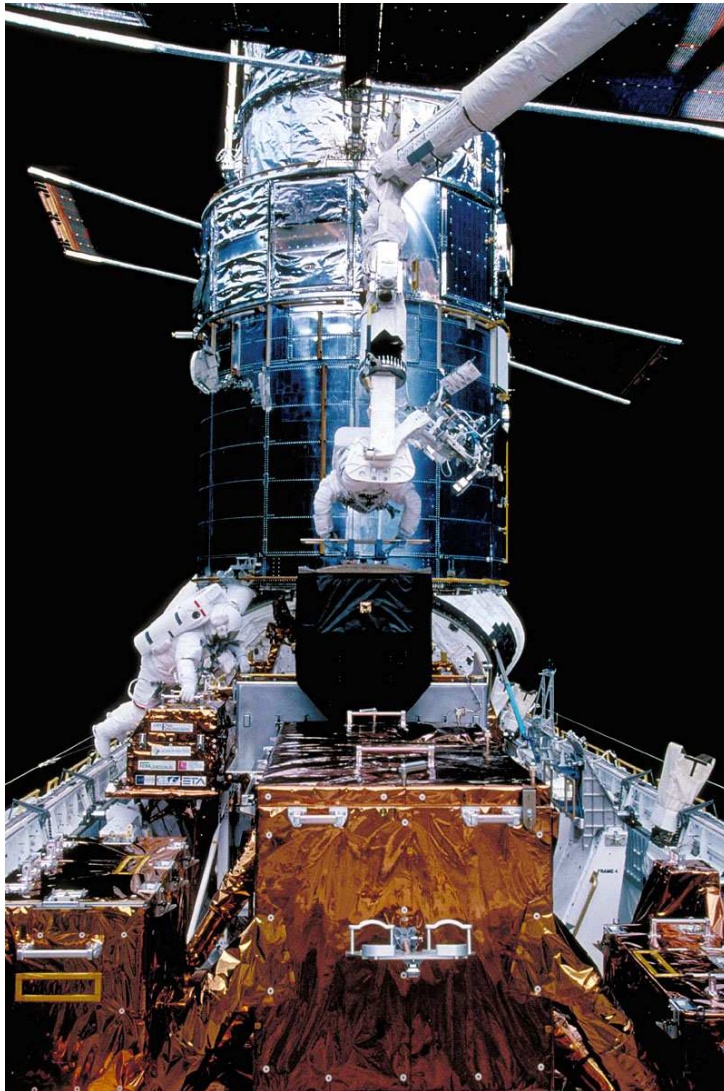
Objective: Perform science experiments



ISS: Technical Data

Weight	470 tons (upon completion)
Dimensions	58m x 73m x 28m
Power	110 kW, solar panels
Propulsion	Zvezda (2 x 3070 N thrusters, N₂H₄ and N₂O₄) + Progress + STS + ATV+? +Dragon
ADCS	Control moment gyroscopes + thrusters (130 N) + star trackers + infra Red horizon sensors + magnetometers + solar sensors + GPS
Communications	Ku-band (TV, high-speed data) and S-band (audio) antennas
Orbit	LEO, 339 x 342 kms, i= 51°, T=91 mins
Launch vehicle	Soyuz and Space Shuttle

Satellite #3: HST, 1990



Objective: Astronomy

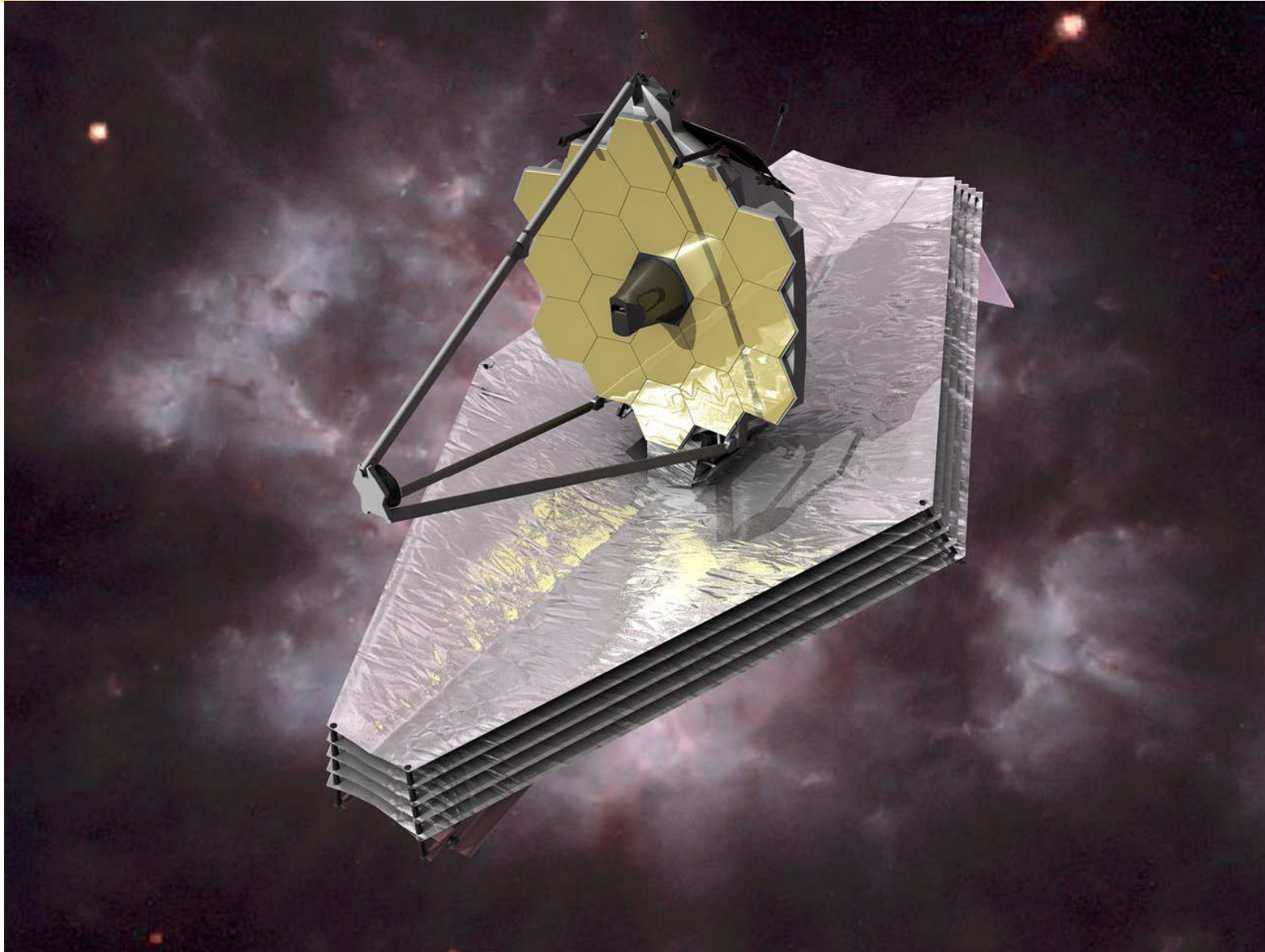
Pointing accuracy: 0.007''

Defective mirror and solar panels, recovery thanks to servicing mission

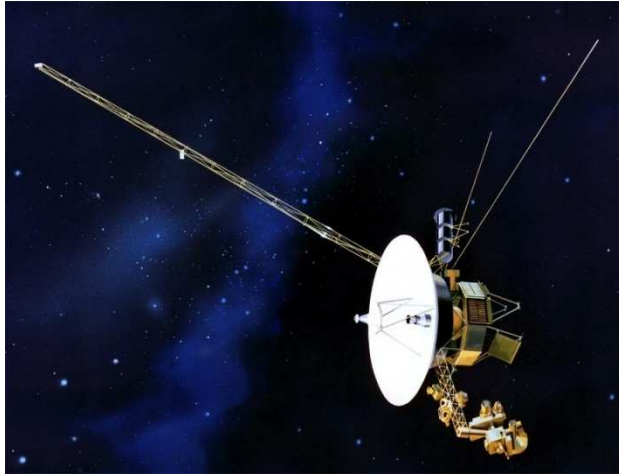
HST: Technical Data

Weight	11 tons
Dimensions	13.2 m high, 4.2 m diameter
Power	4.5 kW, solar panels
Propulsion	-----
ADCS	Reaction wheels, magnetometers, star trackers, gyroscopes, fine guidance sensor (lock onto guide stars), magnetic torquers
Communications	2 high-gain antennas (S-band)
Orbit	LEO, 600 kms, $i = 28^\circ$, $T = 96$ mins
Launch vehicle	Space Shuttle

James Webb

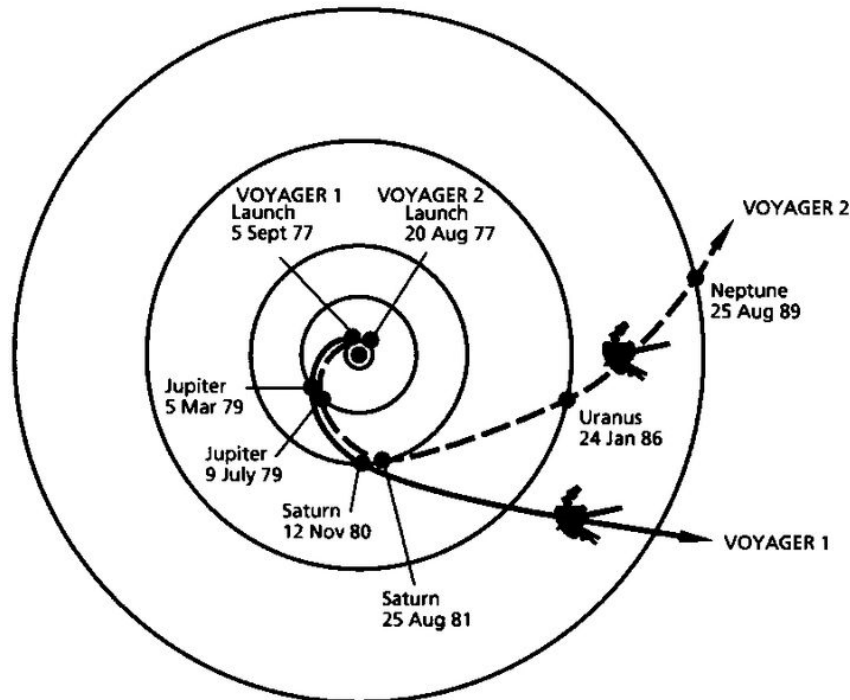


Satellite #4: Voyager, 1977



Objective: Space exploration (planets and their moons)

Unique feature: farthest man-made object from earth (100 UA)



Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and their moons

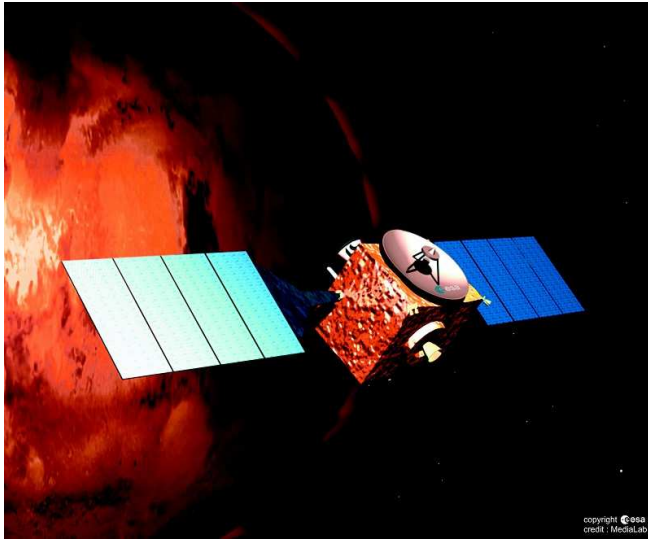
23 W radio could transmit data over a distance of 10^9 km

Alignment every 176 years + 12 years to meet Neptune

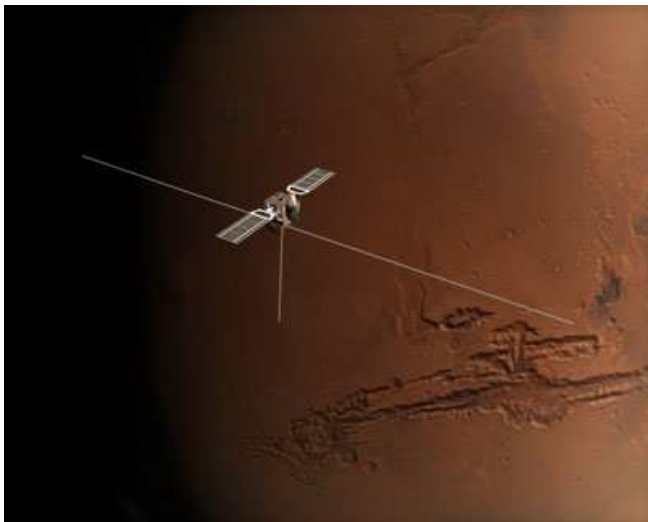
Voyager: Technical Data

Weight	720 kgs
Dimensions	0.6 m high, 1.8 m diameter (bus)
Power	470 W, 3 RTGs
Propulsion	Centaur (LH ₂ +LOX) + gravity assist + 16 N ₂ H ₄ thrusters
ADCS	16 N ₂ H ₄ thrusters + sun sensors + star tracker
Communications	3.7 m high-gain antenna (S band: uplink, X-band: downlink), low-gain antenna
Orbit	Outer planets exploration
Launch vehicle	Titan III + centaur upper stage

Satellite #5: Mars Express, 2003



Objective: Mars exploration



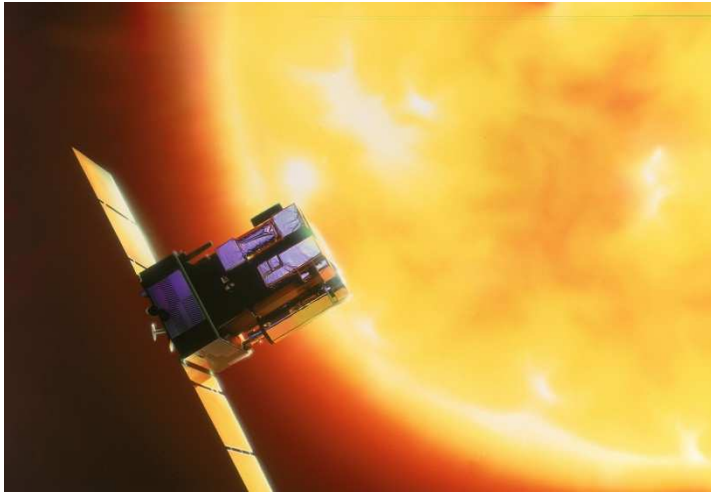
40-m radar to map the distribution of water

Beagle 2 failed to land (problem with the parachuting device)

Mars Express: Technical Data

Weight	1100 kgs
Dimensions	1.5 x 1.8 x 1.4 m (bus) Solar panels: 12 m tip-to-tip
Power	600 W, solar panels
Propulsion	Fregat + 400 N main engine with N_2H_4 and N_2O_4 (mainly for slowing down !)
ADCS	8 attitude thrusters (10 N each) + star trackers + gyros + sun sensors + 4 reaction wheels (12 NMs)
Communications	1.6 m high-gain antenna + 0.4 m low-gain antenna (X band – 7.1 GHz and S-band – 2.1 GHz) + UHF antenna (for Beagle 2)
Orbit	Martian orbit, 259 x 11560 kms $i = 86^\circ$
Launch vehicle	Soyuz + Fregat upper stage (4th stage)

Satellite #6: SOHO, 1995



Objective: Solar exploration
and space weather prediction

Satellite #6: SOHO, 1995

The big solar storm on
January 23, 2012 at 04:00 UTC
as seen by NASA's
SOHO satellite

SOHO: Technical Data

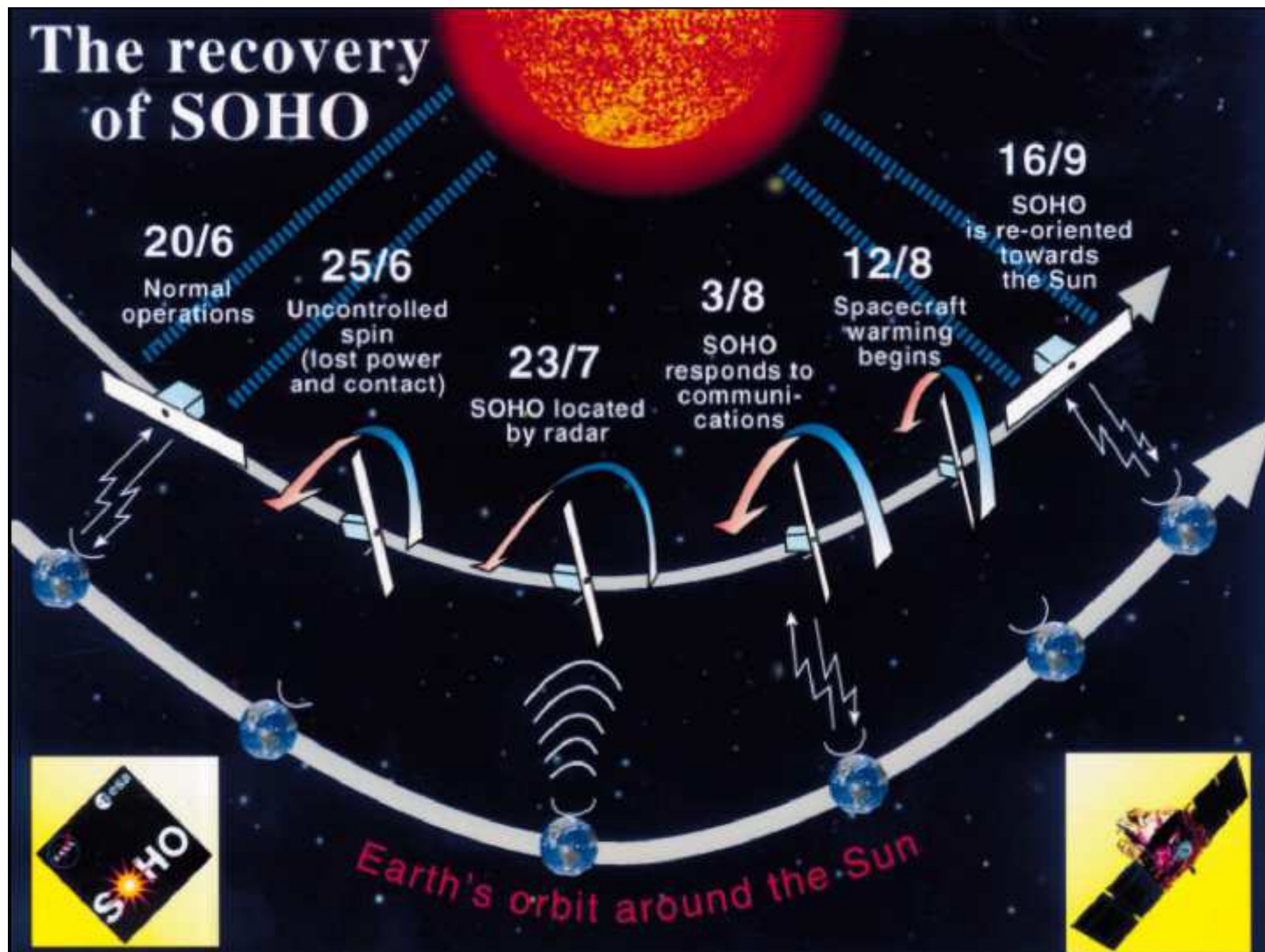
Weight	1850 kgs
Dimensions	4.3 x 2.7 x 3.7 m (bus) Solar panels: 9.5 m tip-to-tip
Power	1500 W, solar panels
Propulsion	Centaur + 16 N ₂ H ₄ thrusters (4.2 N)
ADCS	3 reaction wheels + 16 N ₂ H ₄ thrusters + 3 gyroscopes + sun sensors + star tracker
Communications	0.8 m high-gain and low-gain antennas (S-band)
Orbit	Halo orbit (L1)
Launch vehicle	Atlas II + centaur upper stage



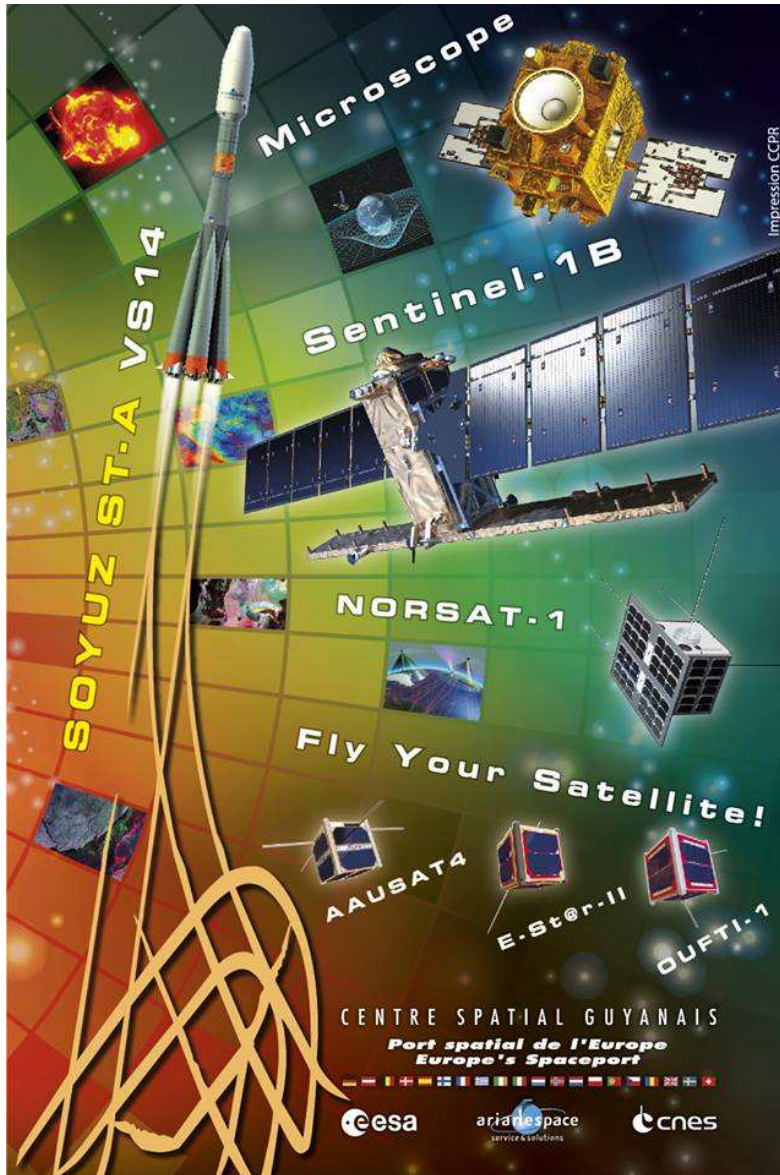
SOHO's Failure

1. All contact with SOHO was lost during a month !
2. A telescope was used to transmit an S-band signal (580 kW !!!) towards SOHO. The radar echoes heard from Goldstone (Deep Space Network) confirmed its predicted location, and a spin rate of 1 rpm.
3. Telemetry showed that hydrazine in the tank, thrusters and pipes were frozen.
4. Thawing operation using heaters \Rightarrow SOHO was recovered !

The recovery of SOHO



Satellite #7: OUFTI-1, 2016



Objectives:

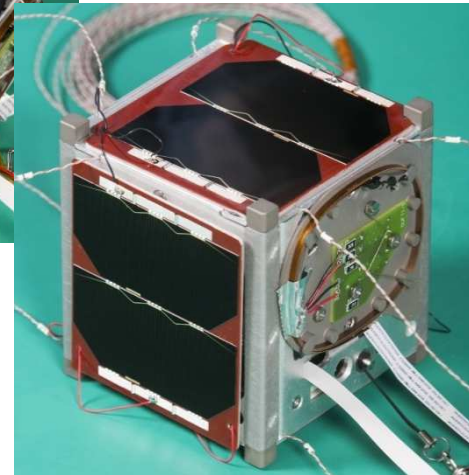
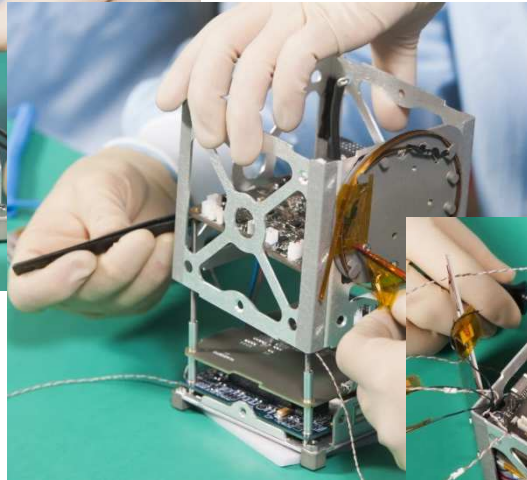
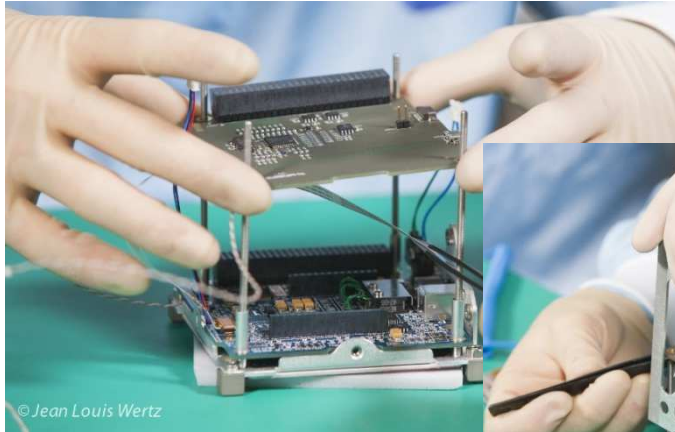
1. On-orbit validation of D-STAR
2. New solar cells

Entirely designed by students

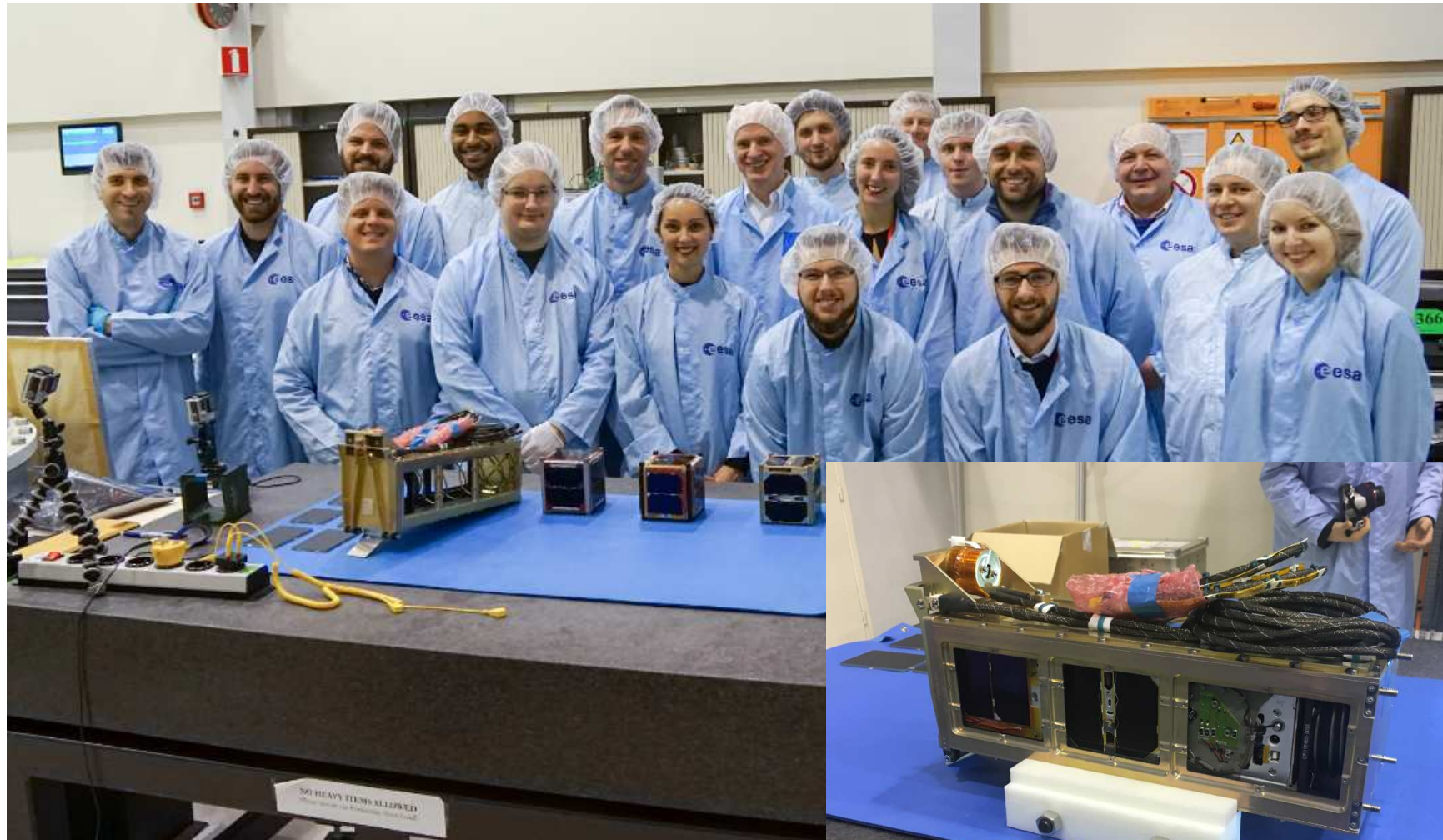
Launched at the fourth attempt !

Unknown failure three weeks after launch.

Satellite #7: Integration @ CSL (oct-2013)



Satellite #7: Integration March, 2016

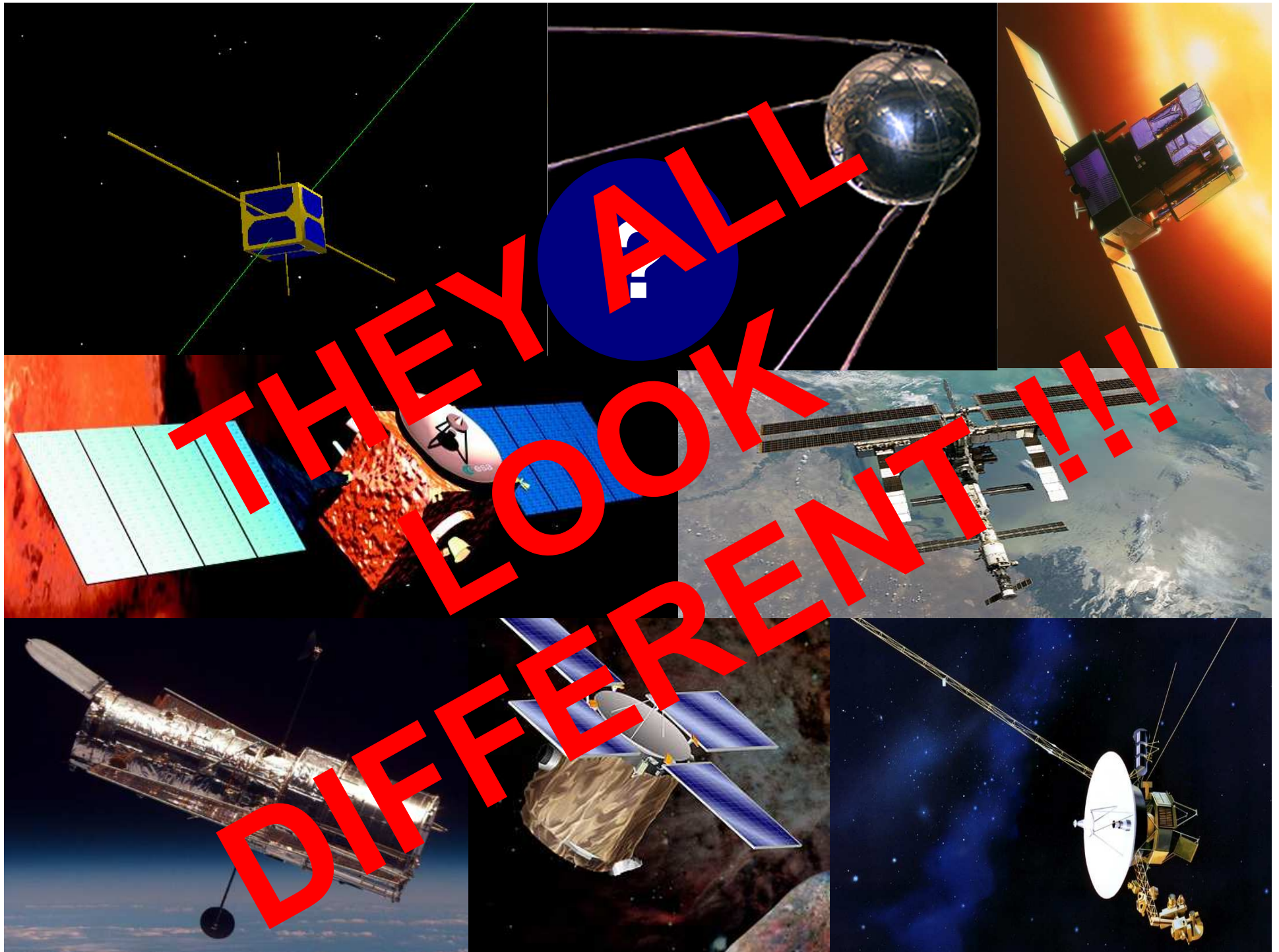


Satellite #7: Launch on April 25, 2016



OUFTI-1: Technical Data

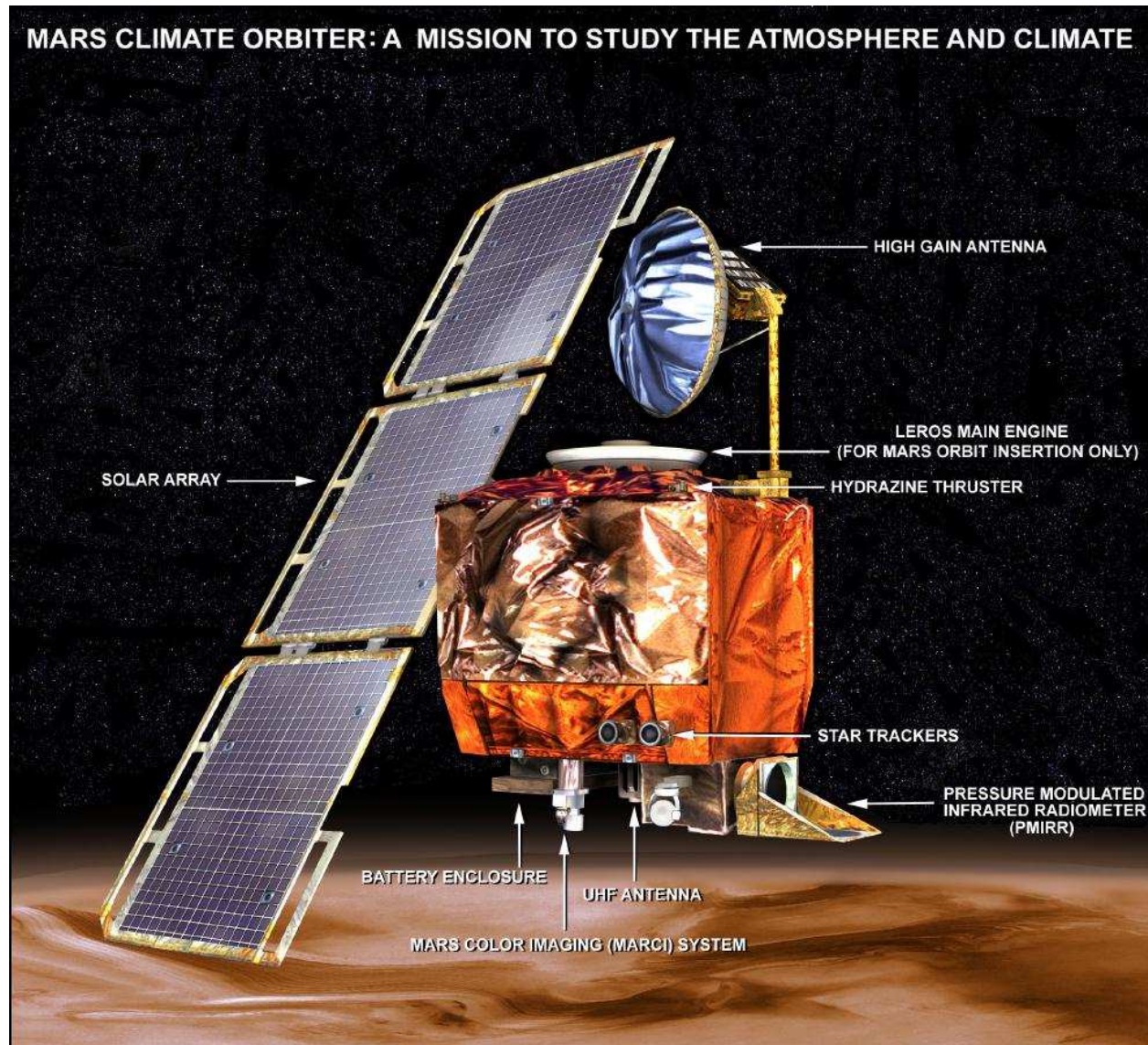
Weight	1 kg
Dimensions	10 cm x 10 cm x 10 cm
Power	1 W
ADCS	Passive (permanent magnets and hysteretic materials)
Propulsion	None
Communications	145 MHz + 435 MHz (Ham radio bands)
Orbit	LEO, 660 x 450 kms, $i = 98^\circ$
Launch vehicle	Soyuz



They Are All Different !

Weight	A few kgs → several tons
Dimensions	A few cms → several meters
Power	A few watts → several kW
ADCS	Many options
Communications	High gain, low gain UHF, X, S, Ku bands few cms → several meters
Orbit	LEO, Halo orbit, asteroid pursuit, Martian, space exploration
Launch vehicle	Soyuz, STS, Delta II, Titan III, Atlas II

Failures Are Common ! Well knowed Example



Due to a navigation error, Mars Climate Orbiter was lost. The error arose because Lockheed Martin used imperial units instead of metric units as specified by NASA

The Launch Vehicle May Also Fail !

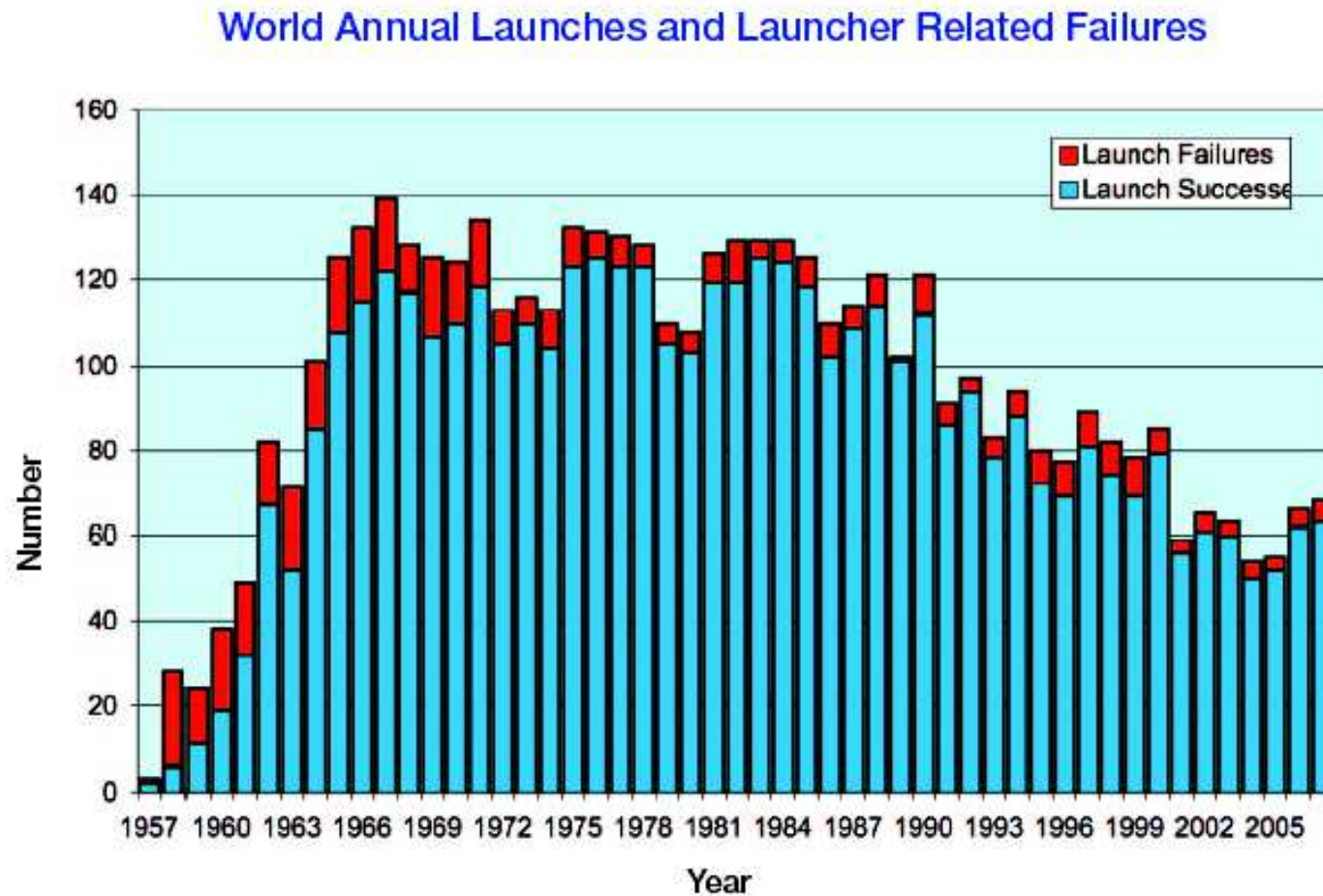
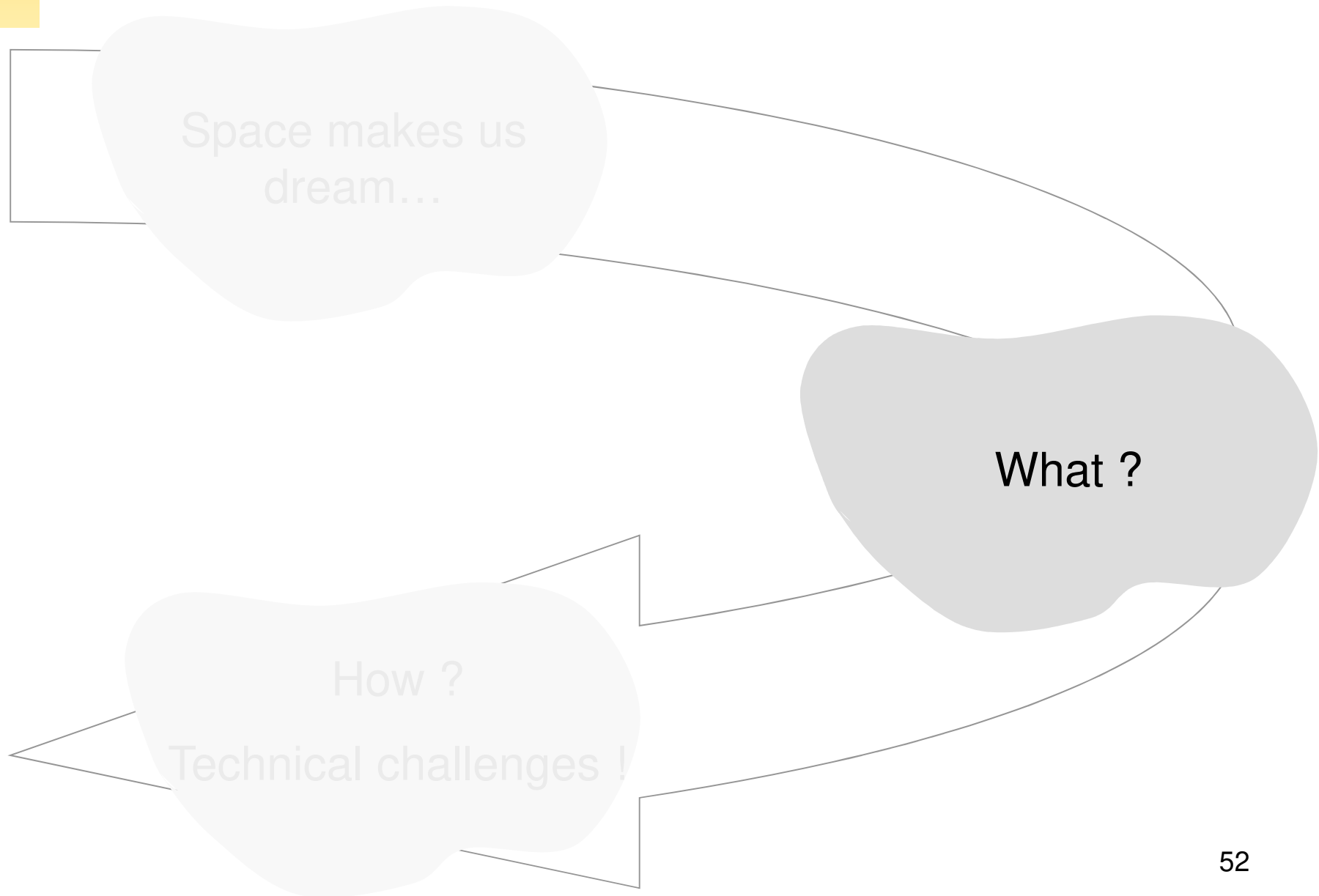


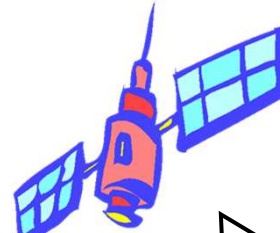
Chart 2: Orbital launch attempts since 1957. Source: Ascend Space Review

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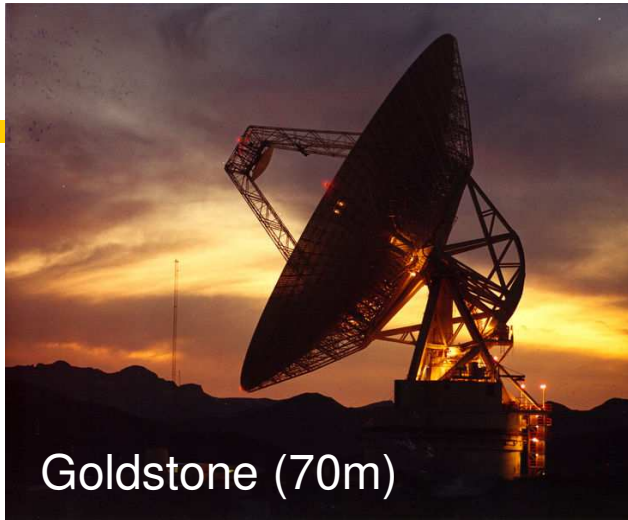
An Element Within a Larger System

Severe constraints (size, weight, launch site, orbit, vibrations)



- Telemetry for satellite data and status (TM)
- Telecommands (TC)
- Determination of satellite's position





Goldstone (70m)



Madrid (70m)



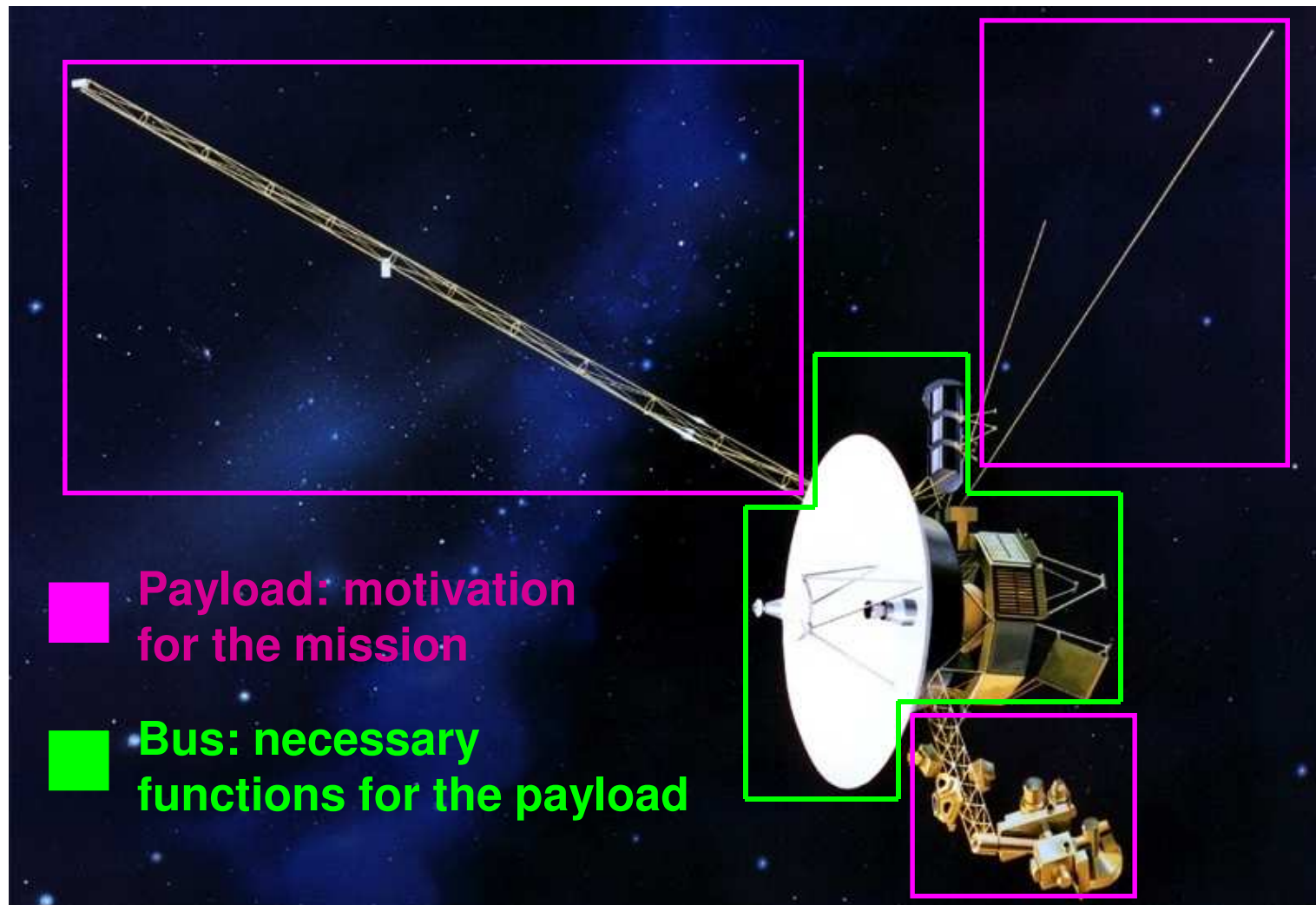
Canberra (70m)

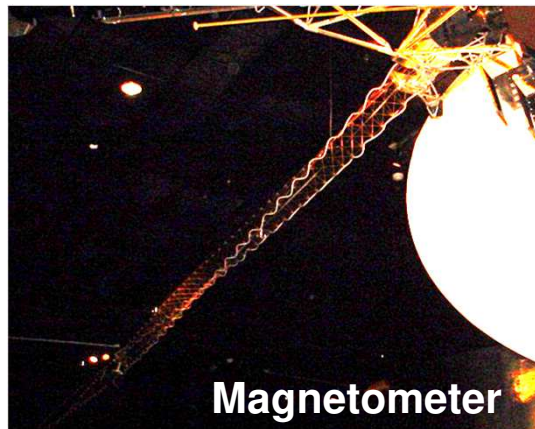
Deep space network: 3 ground stations (120° apart around the world)



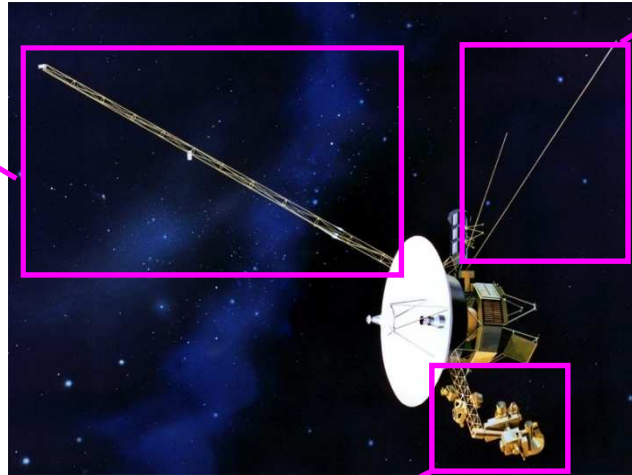
ESA Redu ground station (Belgium)

A Satellite Comprises Two Main Elements

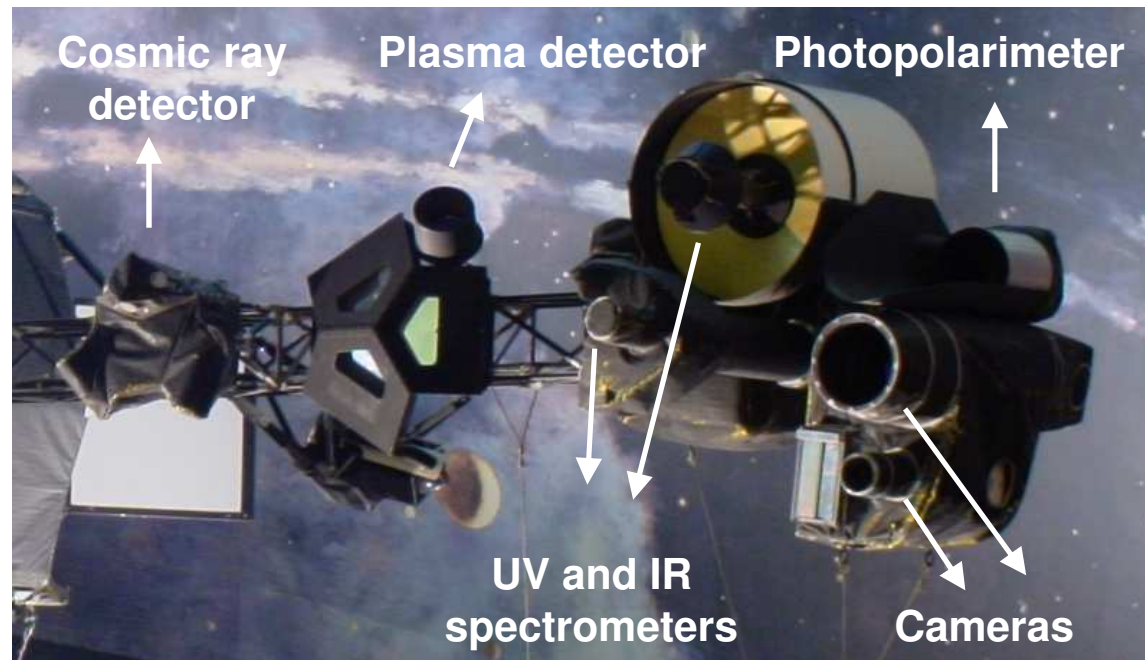




Antennas: planet radio emissions



PAYLOAD





Bus: Complex Assembly of Subsystems

STRUCTURE & MECH.

Withstand launch and orbit loads + properly deploy and run mechanisms

PROPULSION

Spacecraft maneuvers and trajectory

THERMAL CONTROL

Withstand temperatures imposed by the harsh space environment

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Communicate and exchange information with ground

ATTITUDE CONTROL

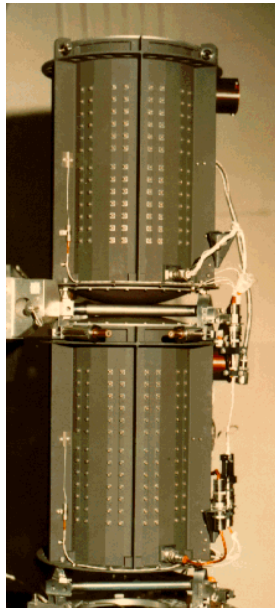
Ensure correct orientation in space

POWER

Powering the subsystems and payloads

ON-BOARD COMPUTER

The “brain” of the satellite

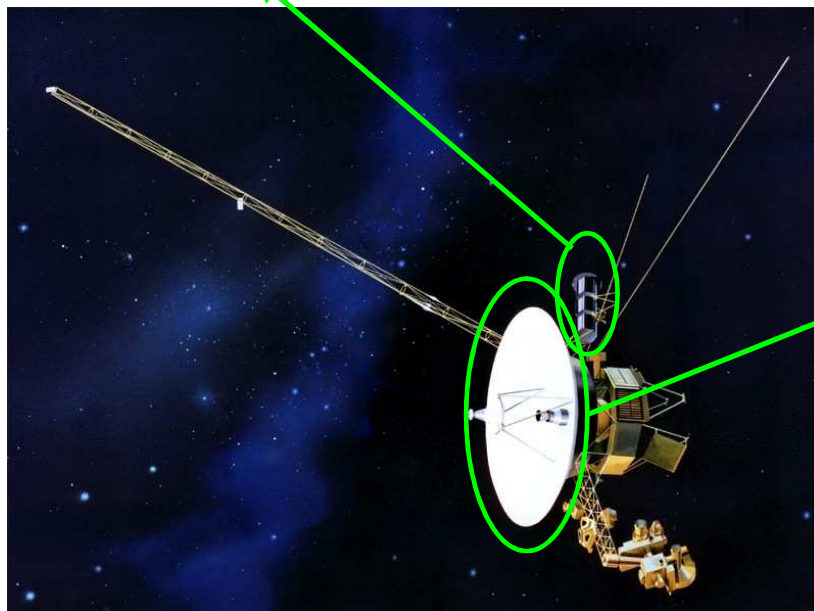


POWER

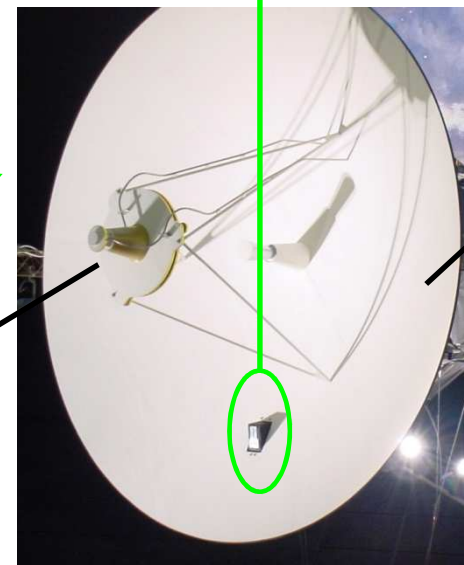
Radioisotope thermoelectric generator (RTG)



ATTITUDE CONTROL



Low-gain antenna

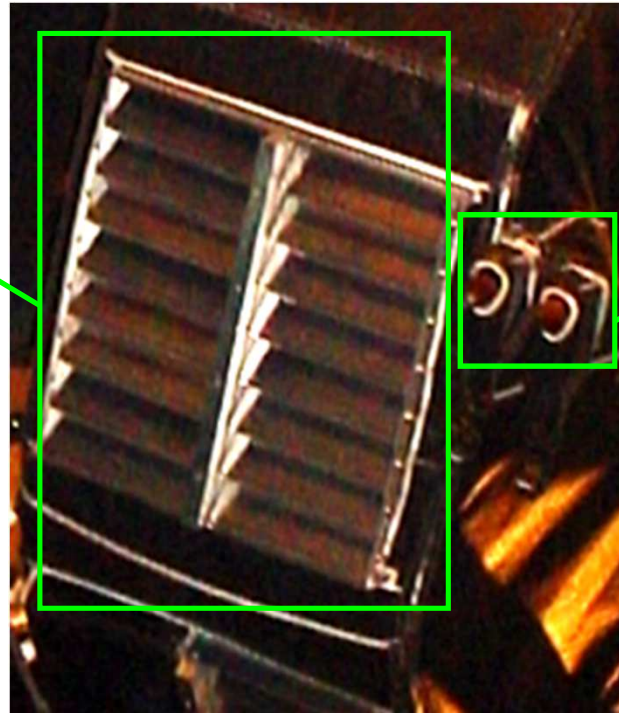


High-gain antenna

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

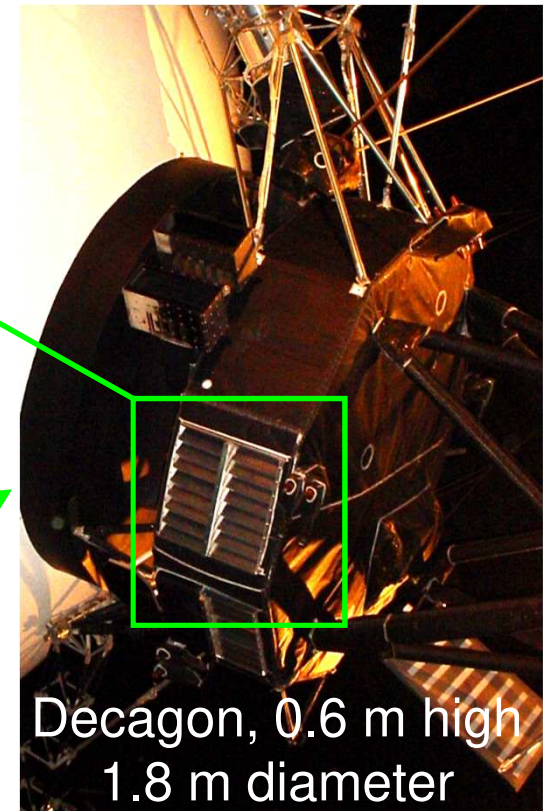
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THERMAL CONTROL



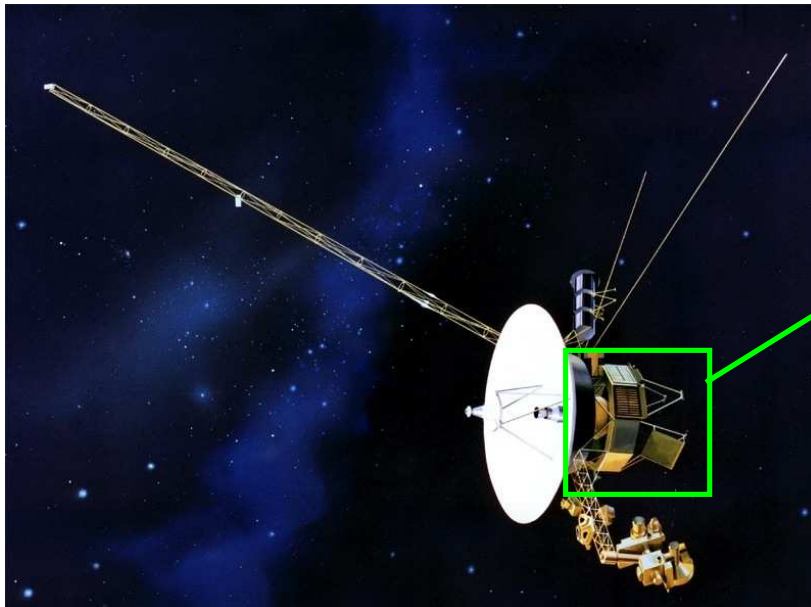
N_2H_4 thrusters

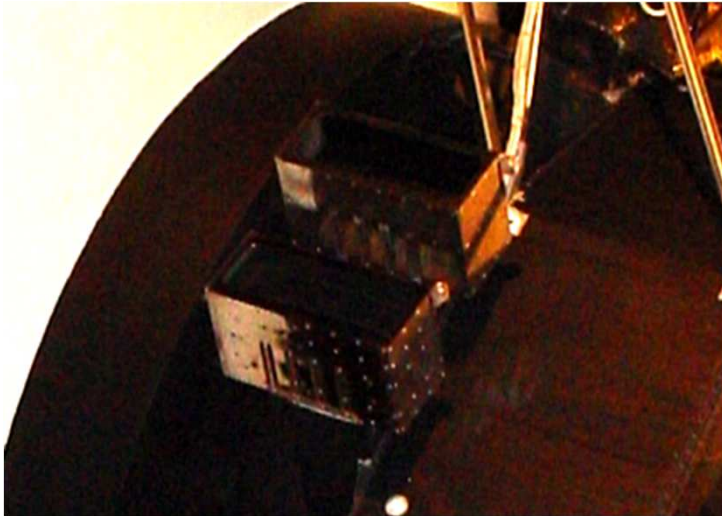
PROPULSION



Decagon, 0.6 m high
1.8 m diameter

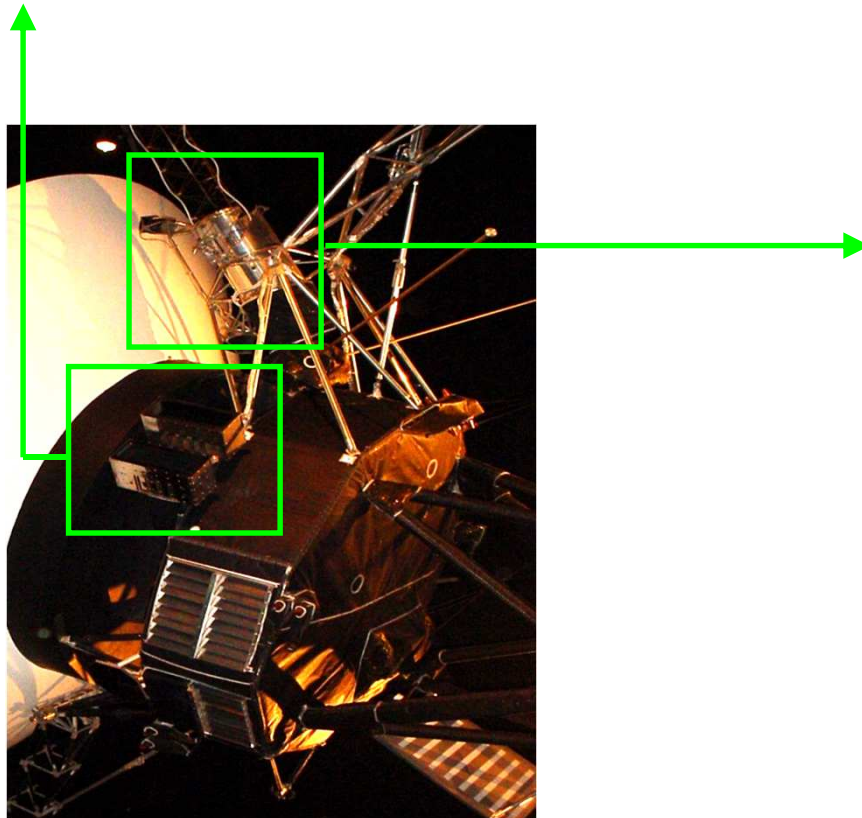
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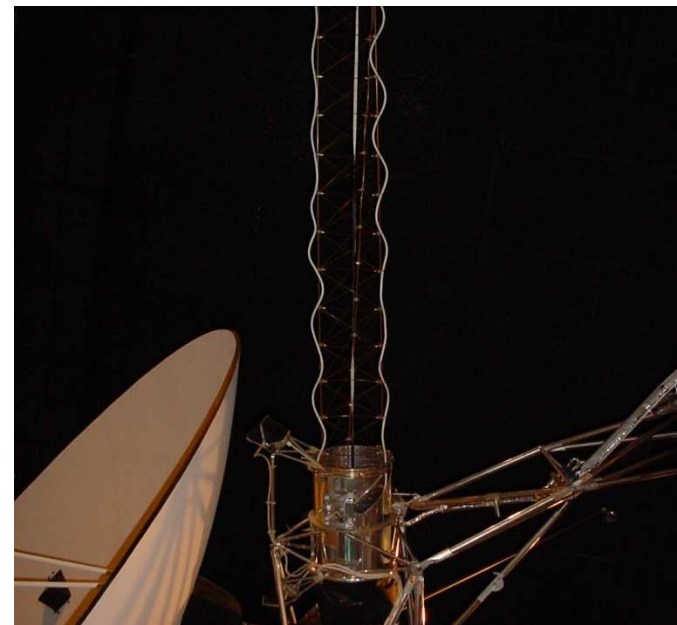


ATTITUDE CONTROL

Star tracker

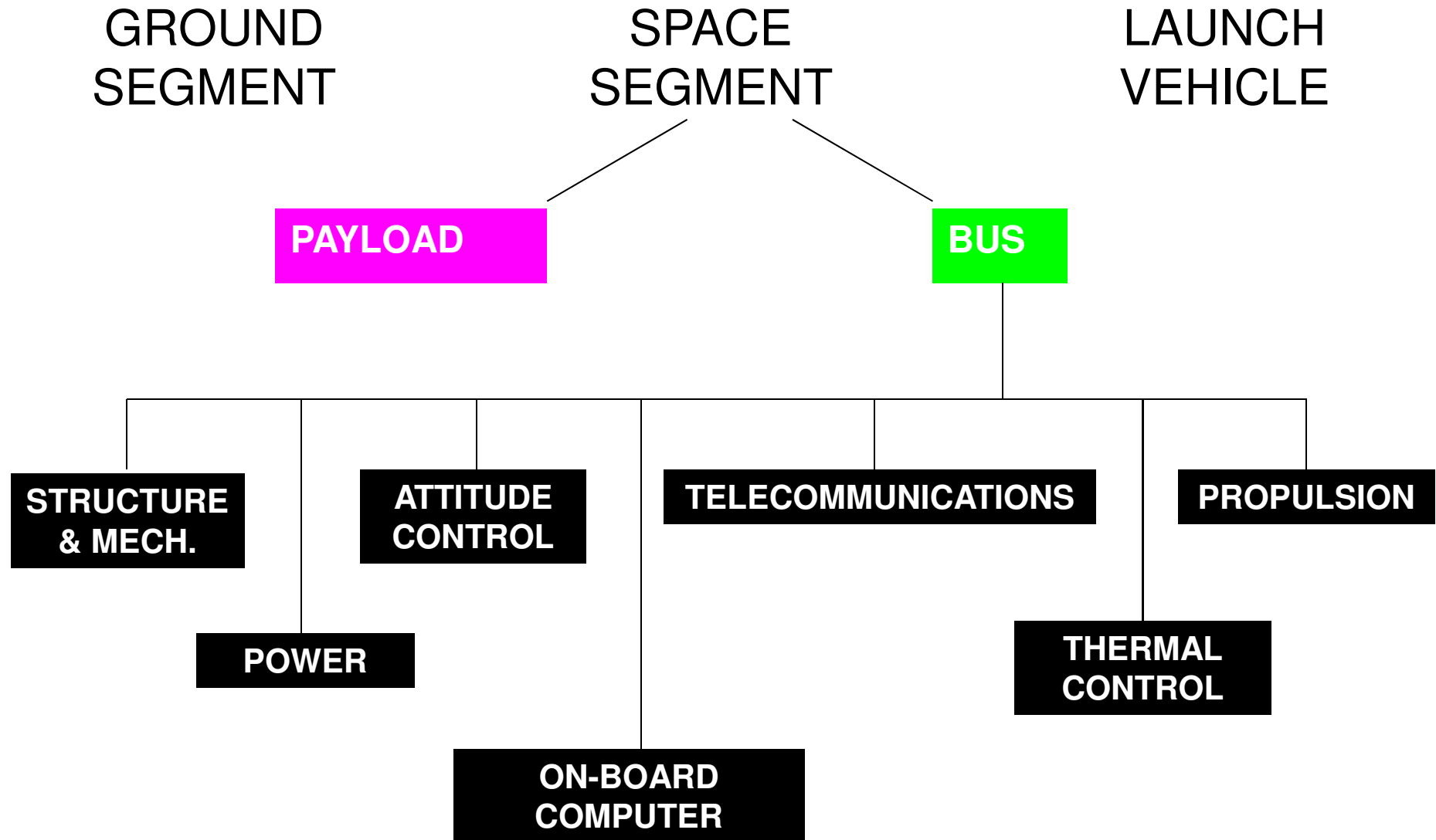


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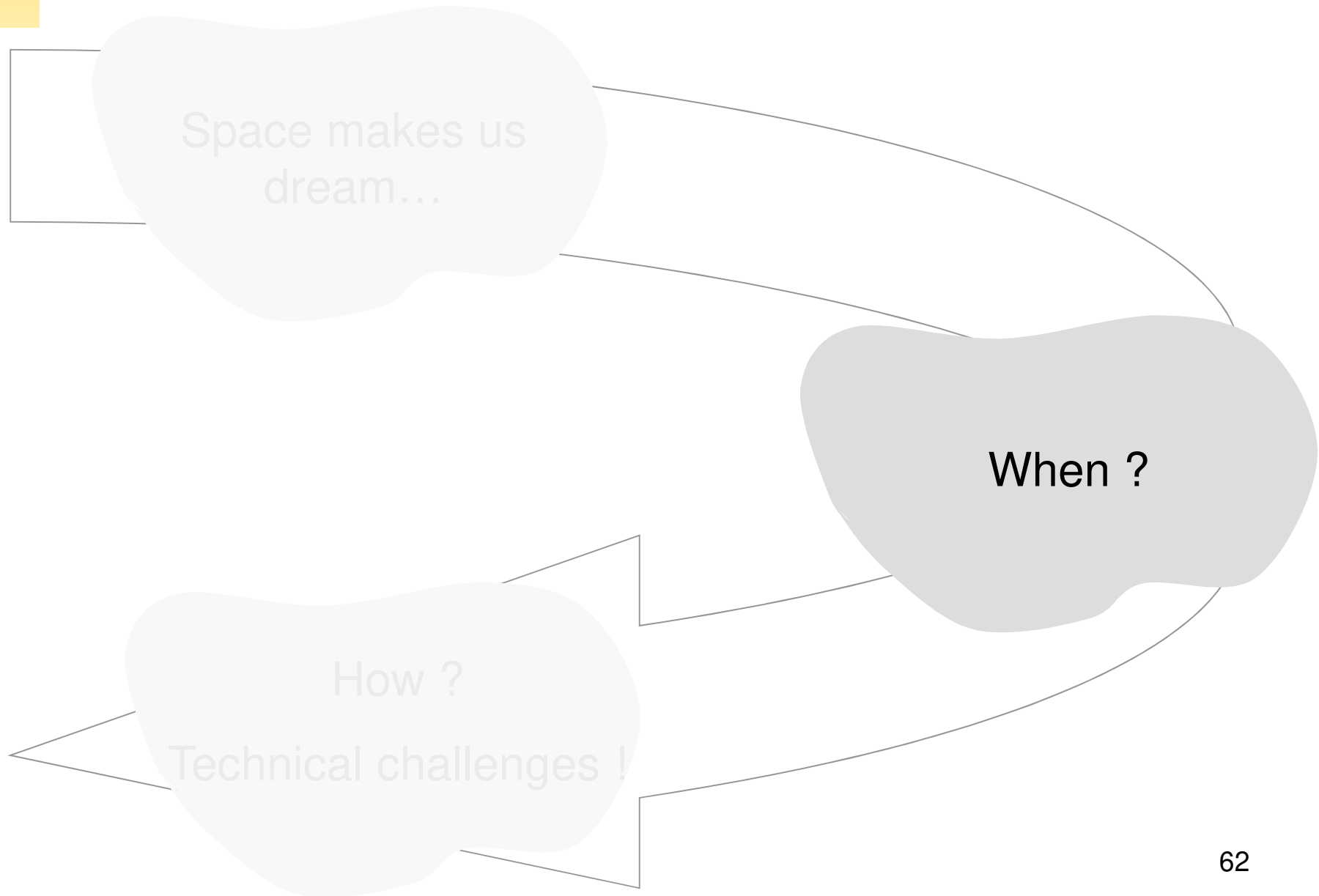


Box containing a deployable truss on which the magnetometer is mounted

In Summary



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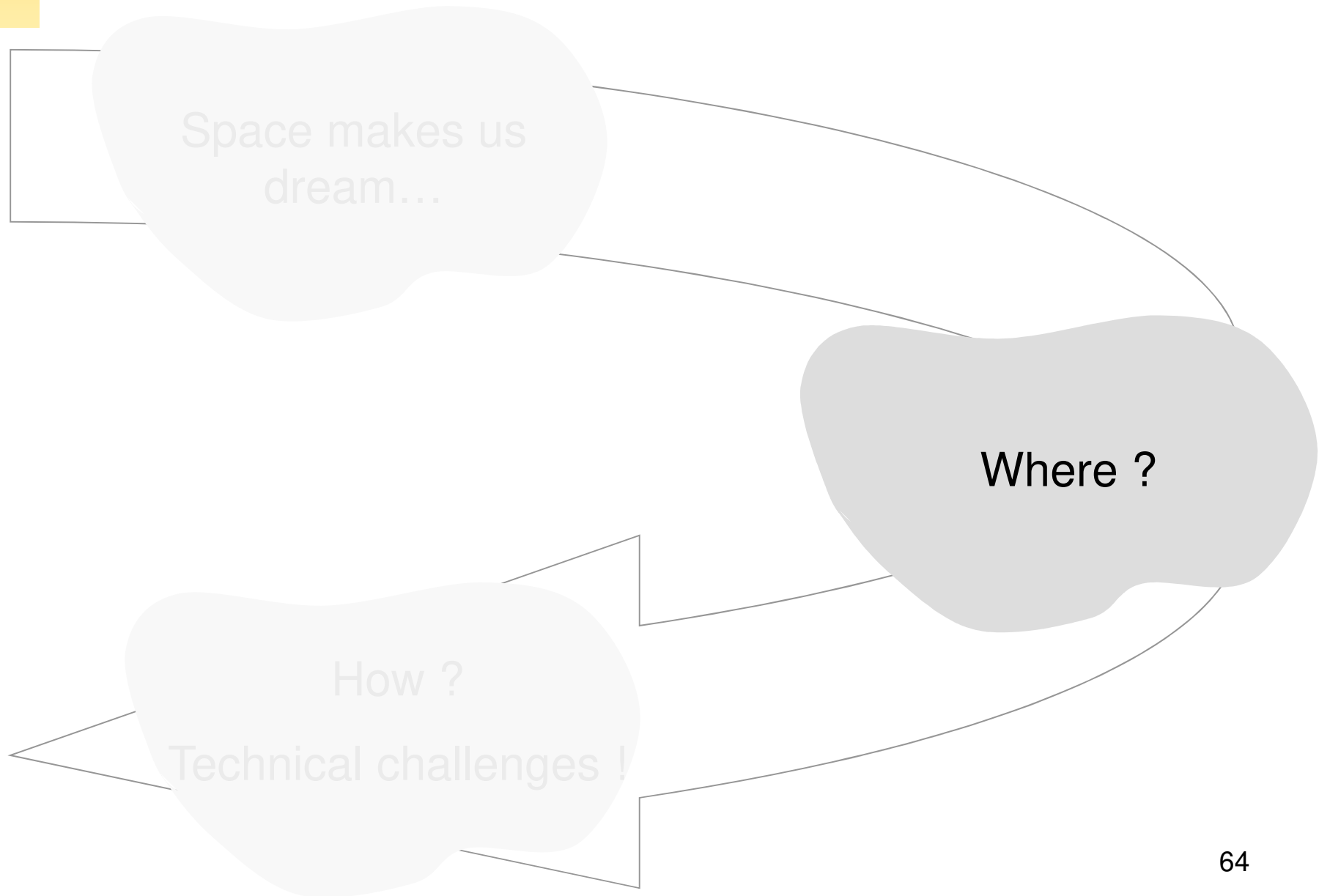


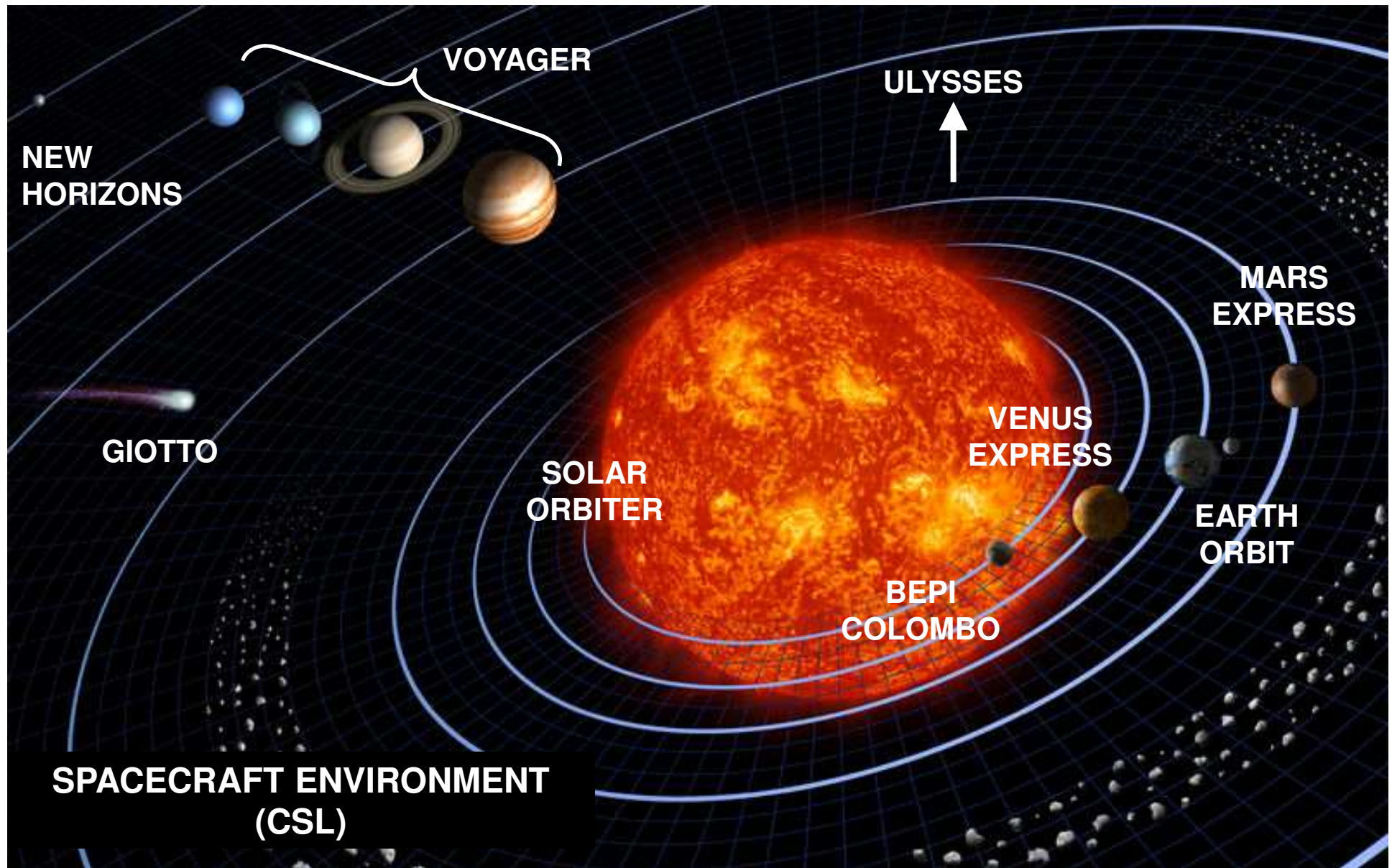


When ?

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

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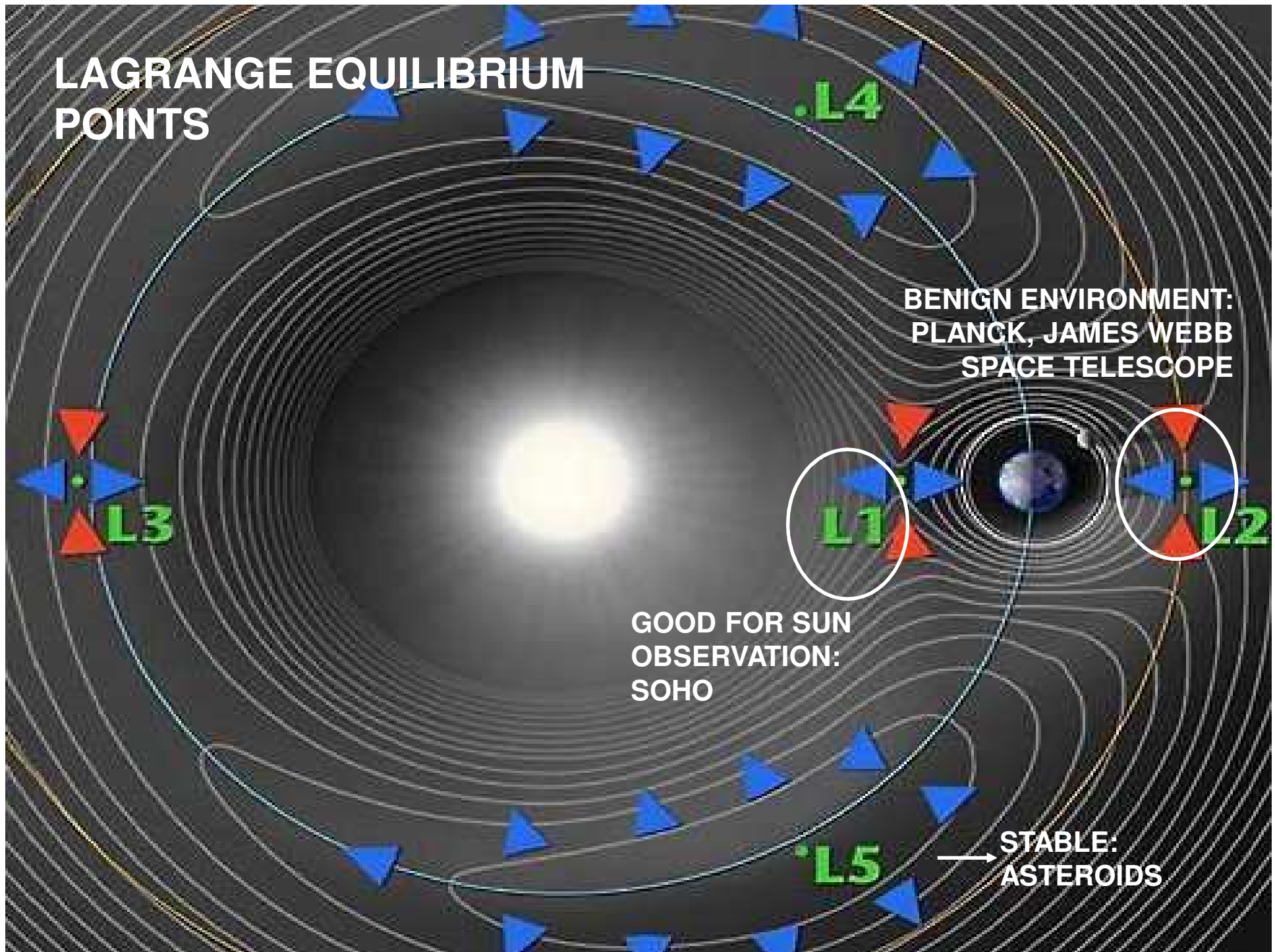
Severe constraints (magnetic field, temperatures, atmosphere, launch vehicle, ground station visibility, eclipse duration)

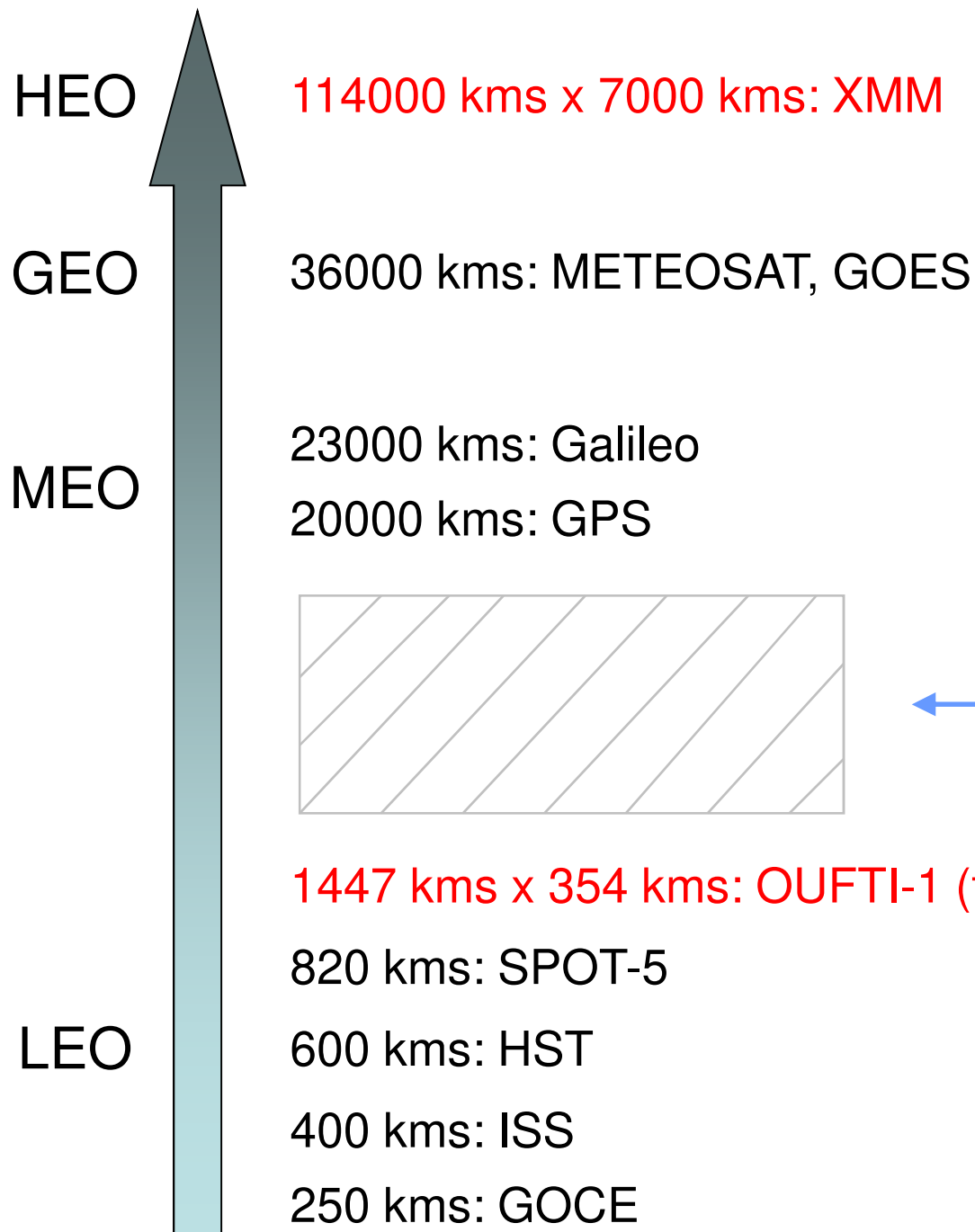
LAGRANGE EQUILIBRIUM POINTS

BENIGN ENVIRONMENT:
PLANCK, JAMES WEBB
SPACE TELESCOPE

GOOD FOR SUN
OBSERVATION:
SOHO

STABLE:
ASTERIODS





SATELLITE ORBITS

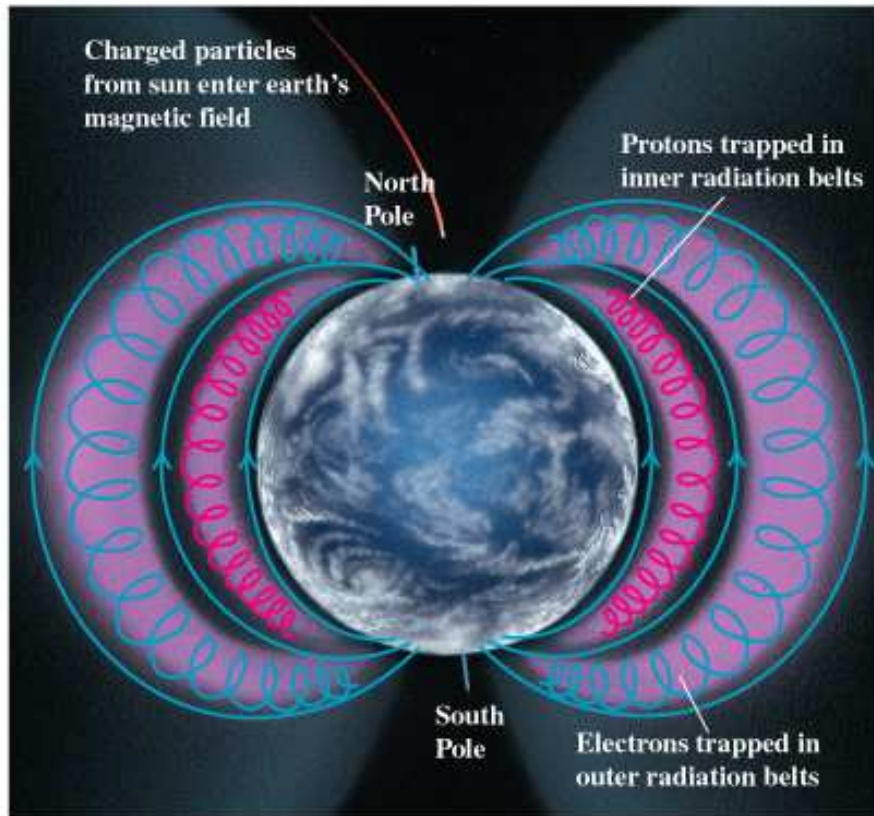
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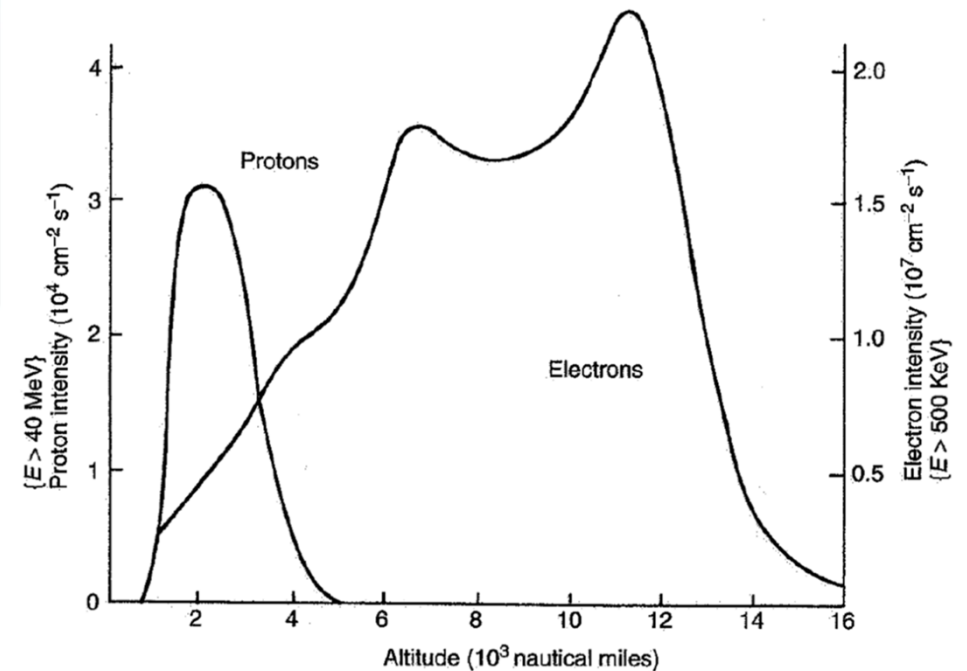
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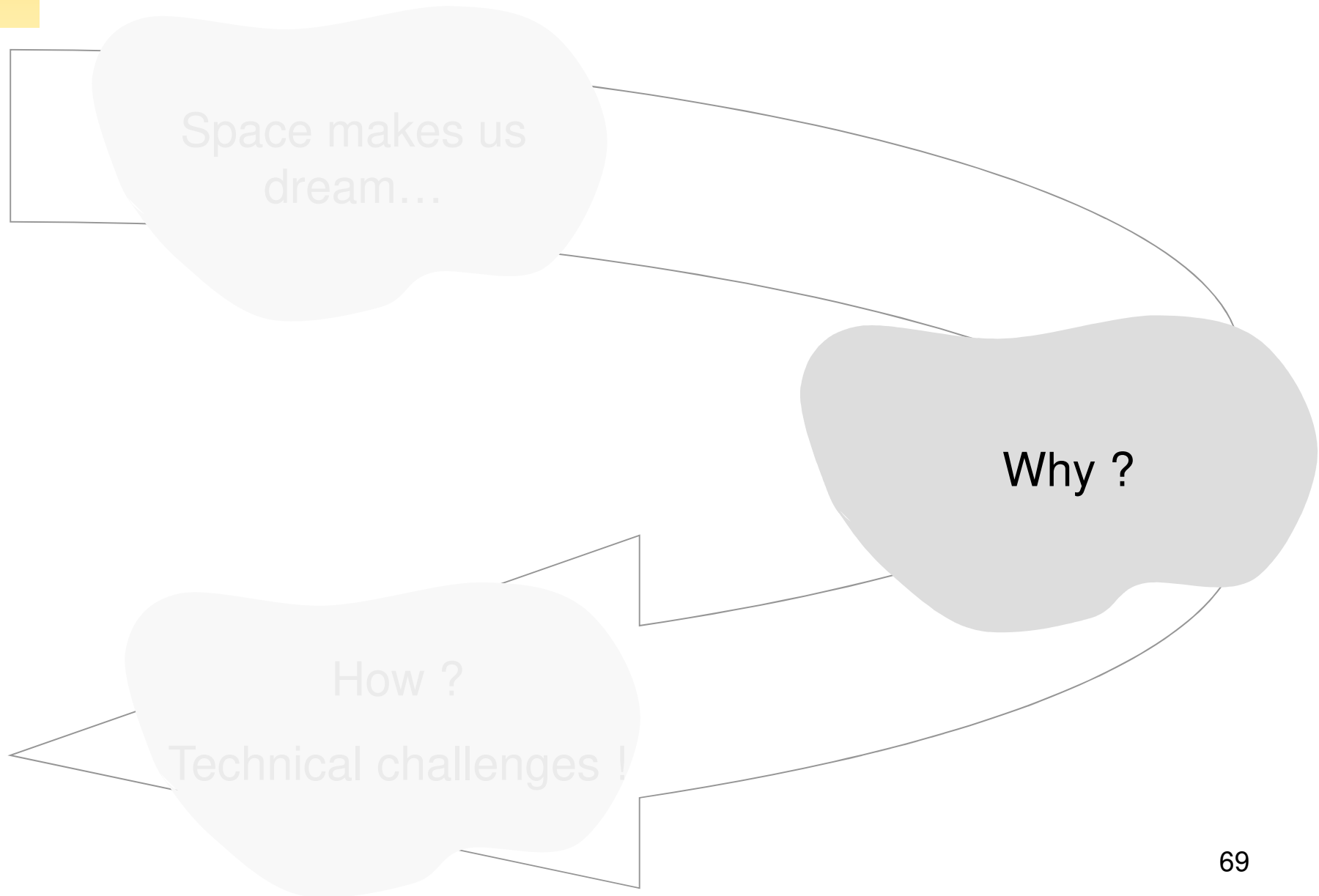
Gap ? Van Allen Belts



SPACECRAFT ENVIRONMENT



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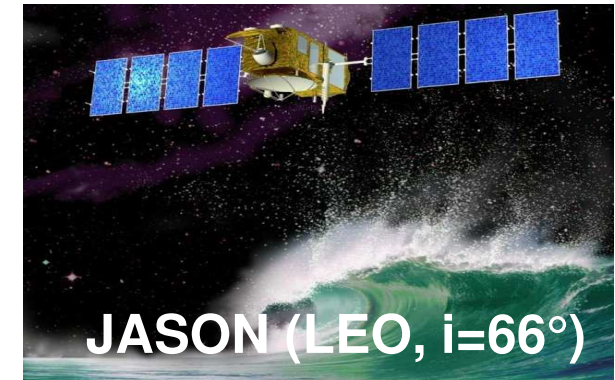
Earth Observation: Weather Satellites



Weather satellites see more than clouds:
fires, pollution, sand storms

Earth Observation: Other Satellites

Measurements of the surface height of the oceans to an accuracy of 3.3 cms



In-orbit configuration: 26 m x 10m x 5m
(the size of a bus)

Information about the earth (land, water,
ice and atmosphere)

EARTH OBSERVATION

Military satellites (resolution:
on the order of 1cm !)

<http://www.space.com/news/080219-satellite-shutdown.html>



Communications and Navigation



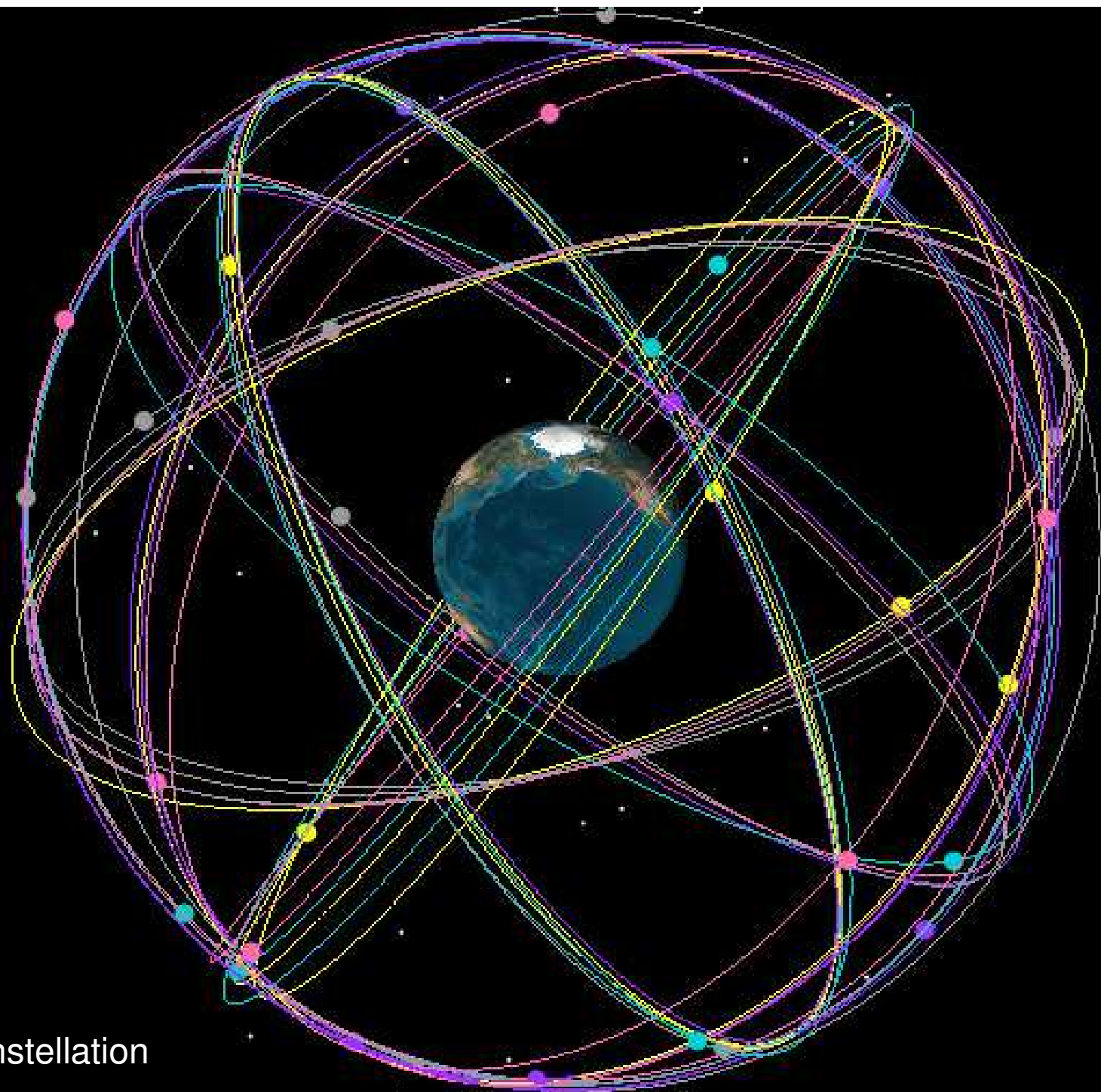
Eutelsat: 2500 televisions and 1000 radio stations

Iridium: a constellation of 66 satellites



GPS (USA): 31 satellites in 6 orbital planes spaced equally in their ascending node locations

Galileo (Europe), Glonass (Russia)



GPS constellation

Space Observation and Exploration

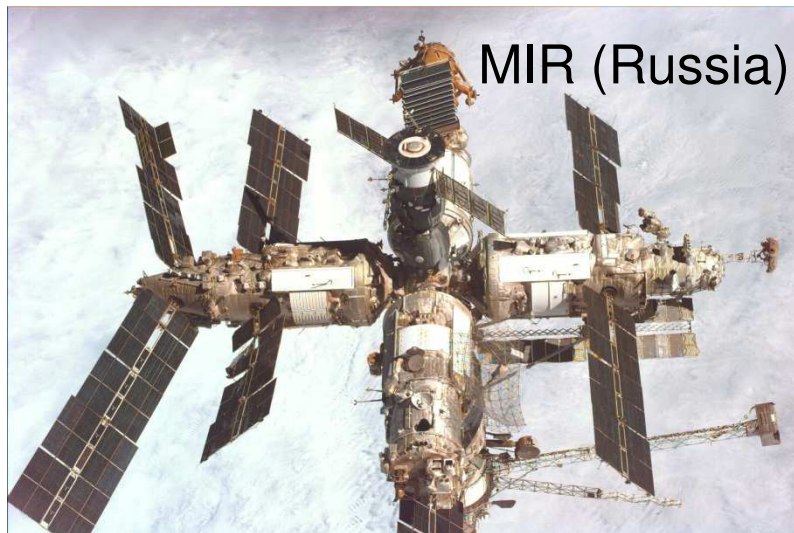
Too many examples !

- Cassini-Huygens (Saturn), SOHO (Sun), Galileo (Jupiter), Voyager (different planets), HST (universe), Corot (asteroseismology), NEAR shoemaker (asteroid encounter), etc.
- Observation using different wave lengths (XMM \Rightarrow X rays, IRAS \Rightarrow infrared)
- A single mission has not a single instrument (e.g., more than 10 for Galileo)

ASTROPHYSICS

Space Stations

Perform science experiments under microgravity conditions



MIR (Russia)



ISS

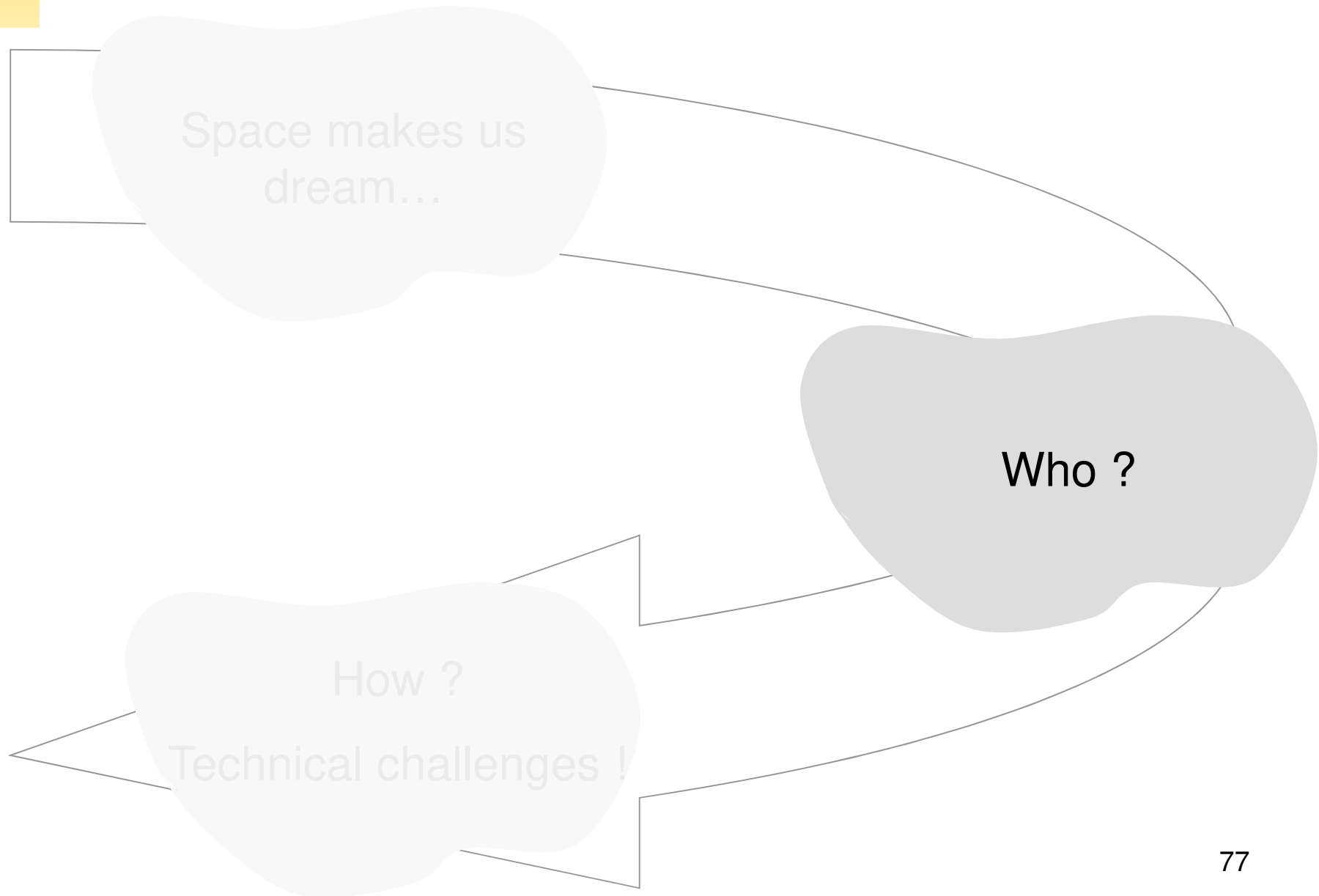
Space Tourism: Inflatable Hotel !

Experimental space habitat — GENESIS 1



<http://www.bigelow aerospace.com/>

From Dreams to Technical Challenges



Key Players



NASA, JPL, Lockheed-Martin, Northrop-Grumman, Boeing



Roscosmos, Energia



ESA,
CNES, DLR, ASI,
EADS-Astrium, Arianespace, Thales Alenia Space



Two emerging countries





Belgium ? A Truly Strong Expertise !

AMOS, Cegelec, CSL, Euro Heat Pipes, Gillam, Ionic Software, Lambda-X, SABCA, SAMTECH, SONACA, Spacebel, Techspace Aero, ETCA, Verhaert, Vitrociset, Walphot

Euro Space Center and ESA Redu ground station

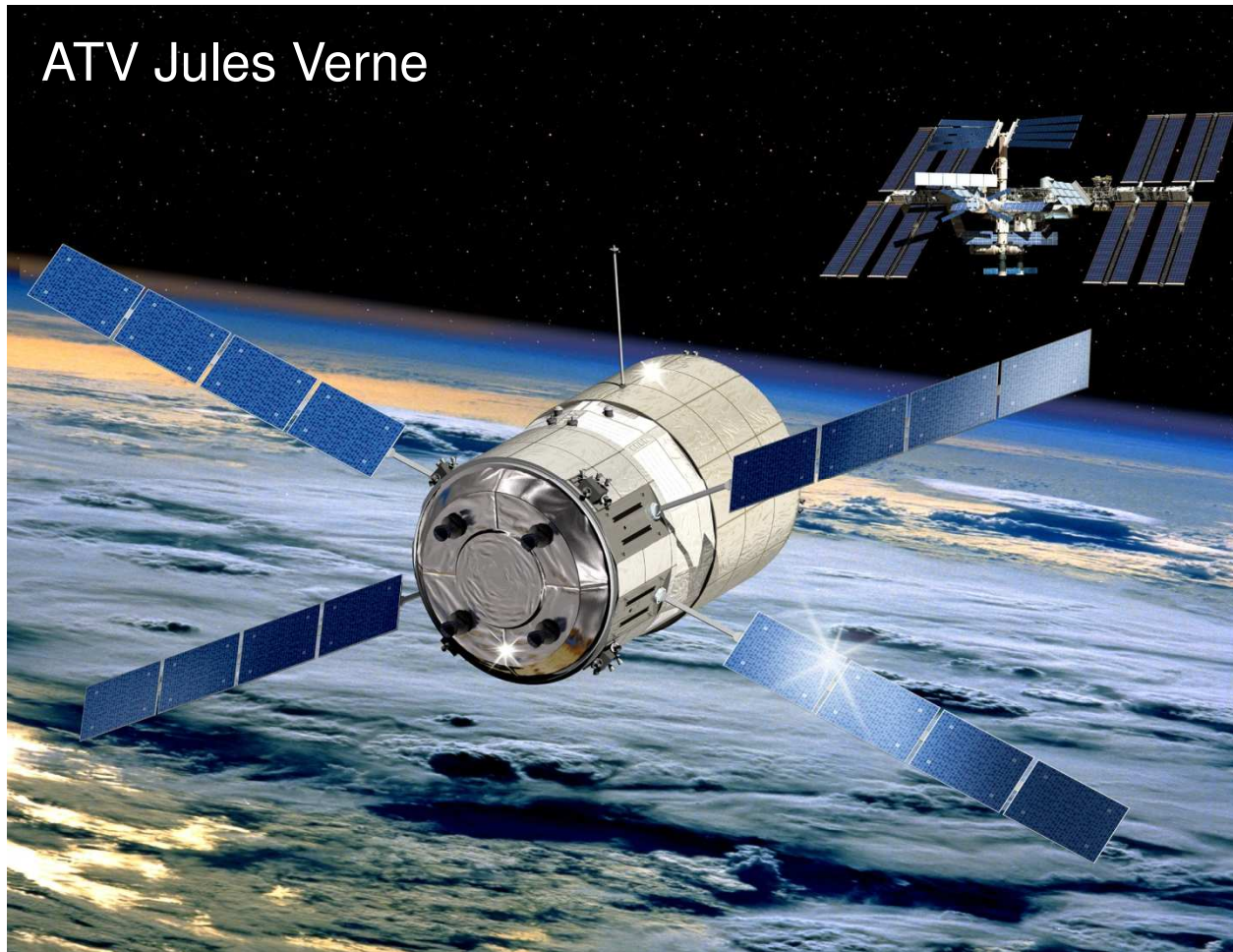
ULiege: 2 unique Masters + LTAS & AGO

UCL: radiation and hyperfrequencies

ULB: microgravity research center

<http://www.wallonie-espace.be/membres.html>

An Example of Belgium's Know-How



EHP: heat pipes

ETCA: power conditioning units

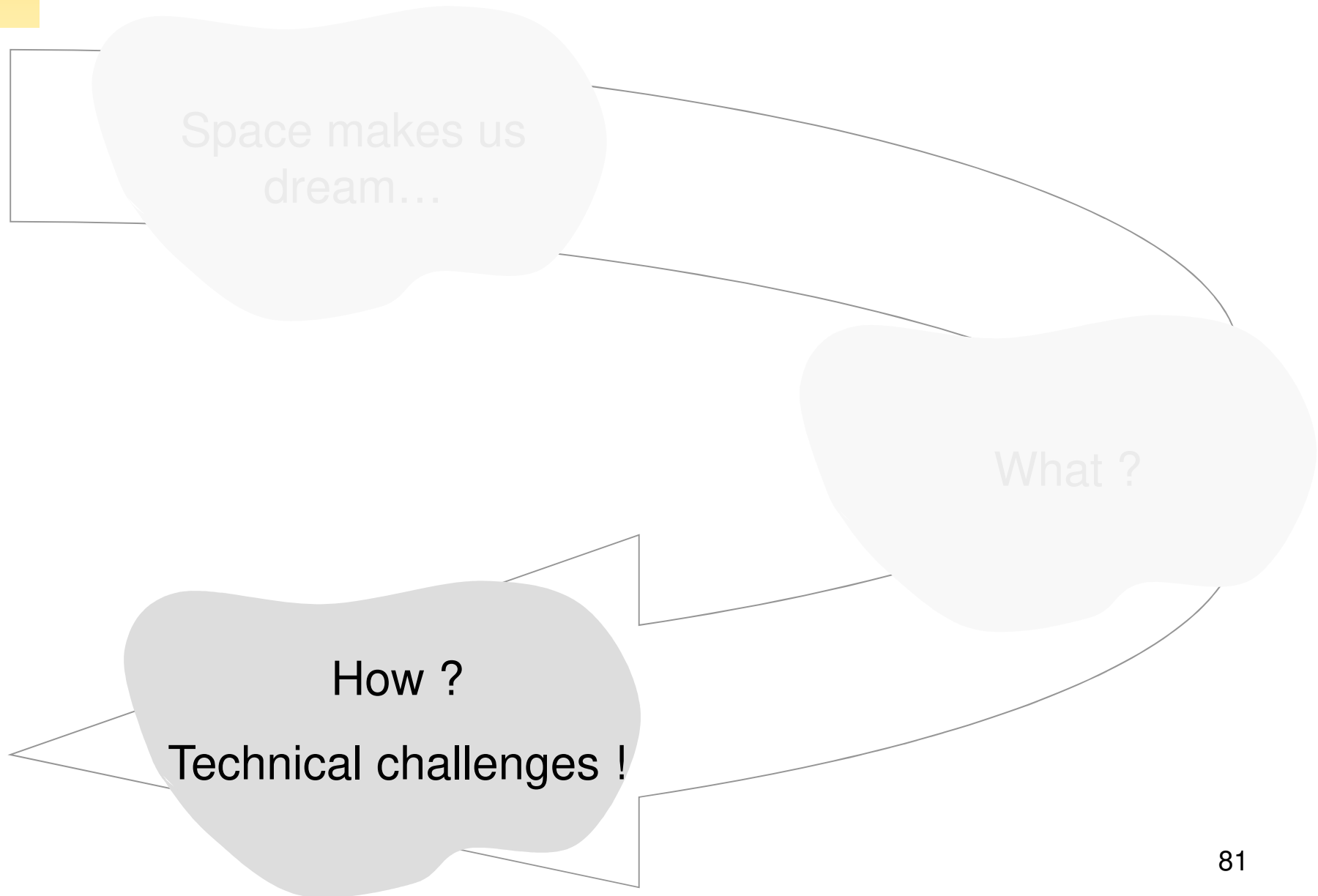
Spacebel: software

Rhea: software

Redu: backup ground station

Techspace aero: aestus engine valves

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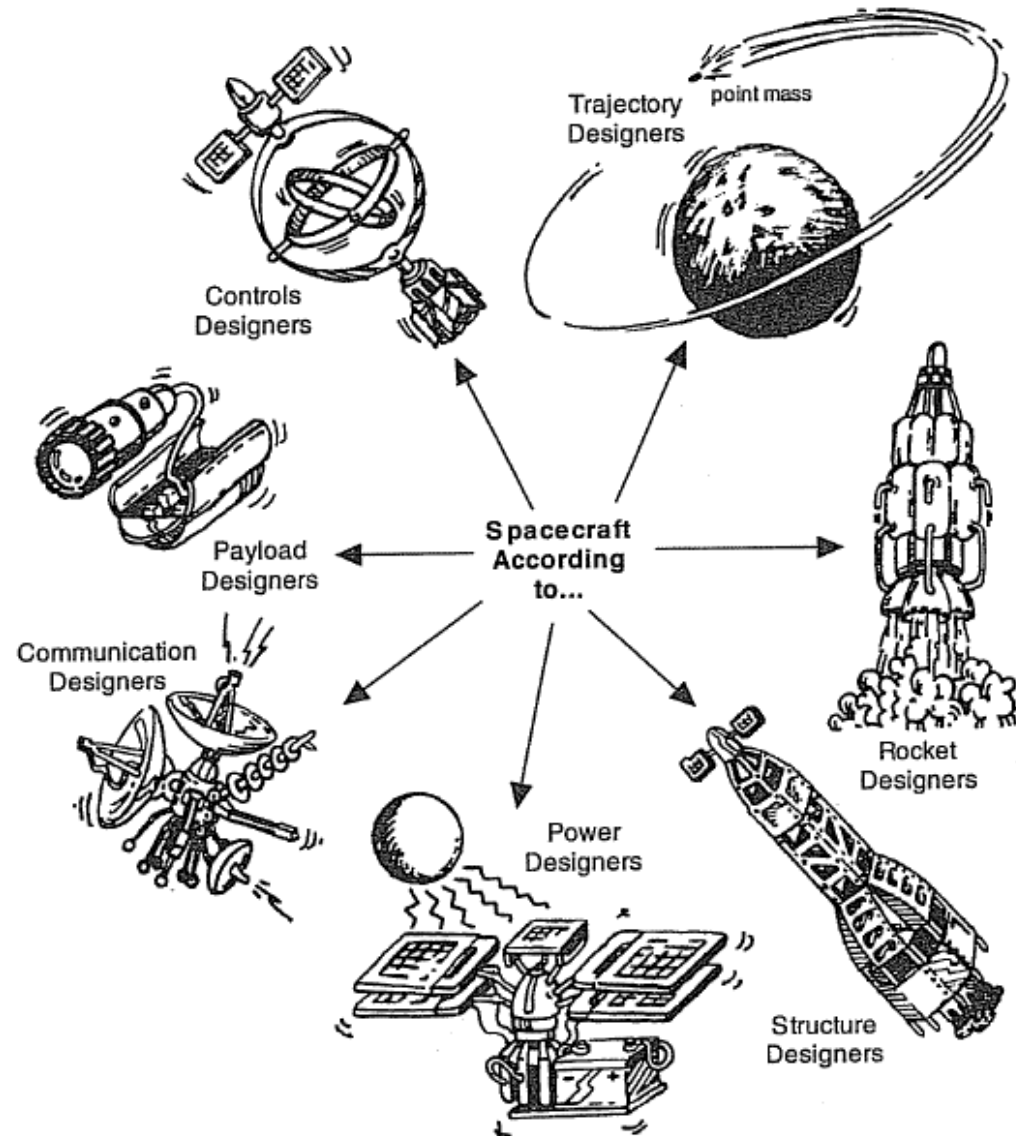


Satisfy Customer's Basic Goals

1. Payload design
2. Mission analysis (orbit design and environment)
3. Bus design

*But the design of a satellite is associated with a number of **unique challenges**.*

Challenge #1: Multidisciplinary Design

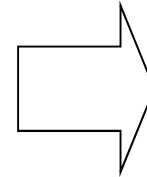


Challenge #1: Voyager Example

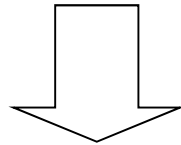


Deep space mission

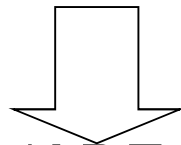
POWER USING
NUCLEAR MATERIALS



POLITICAL
PROBLEM



ELECTRONICS (RADIATION)



BUS (ADEQUATE
CONFIGURATION)

Solution: Multidisciplinary Design

Look for the optimal solution for the entire spacecraft (do not look for the optimal solution for your subsystem)

This course is intended to give you an overview of the different subsystems, so that you will understand the challenges faced by your colleagues who are expert in power systems telecommunications, etc



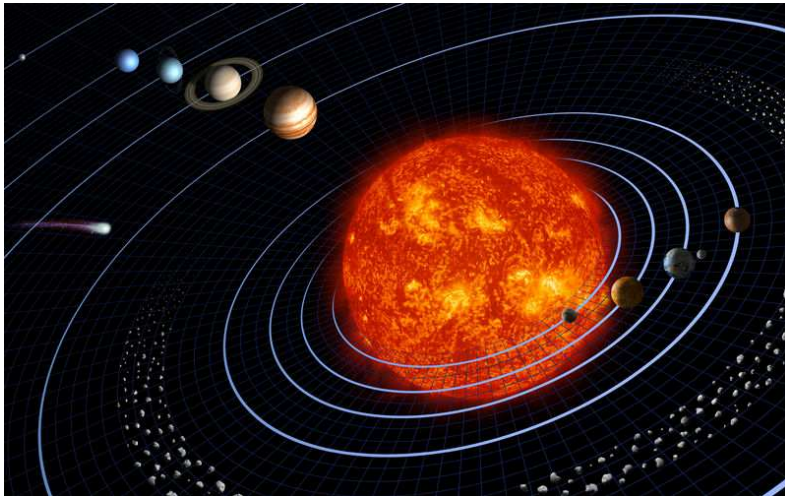
Concurrent Design Facility, ESTEC-ESA

Challenge #2: Each Mission is Unique

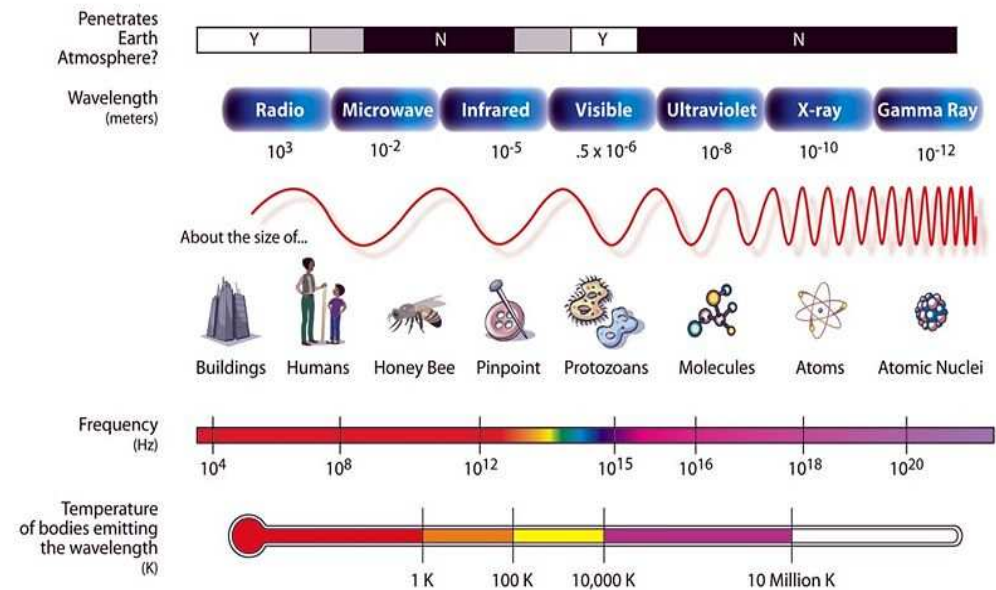
Where ?

&

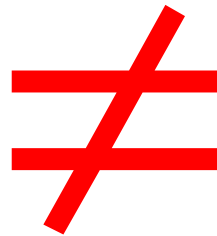
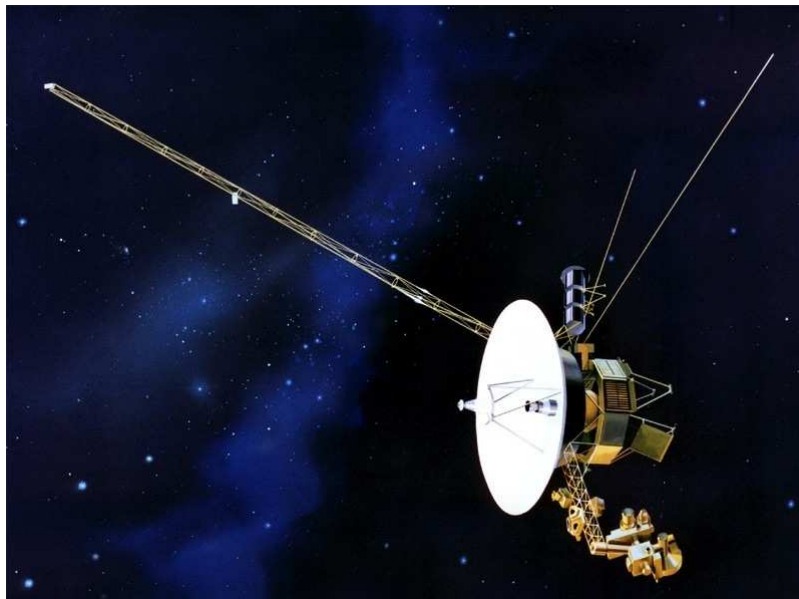
Why ?



THE ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM



Solution: Fit the Requirements



Solution: Fit the Requirements

Roll-out

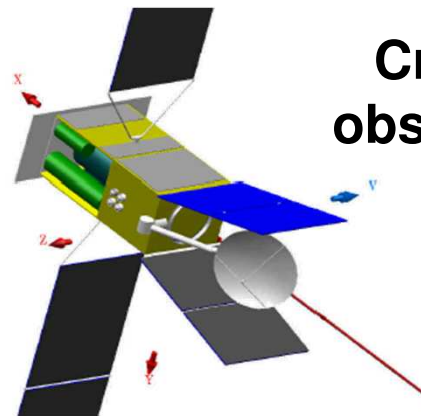


Hubble



Stardust

Whipple shield



Cruise & observation

Solar Orbiter

Challenge #3: Orders of Magnitude

What is Planck's
coldest T° ?

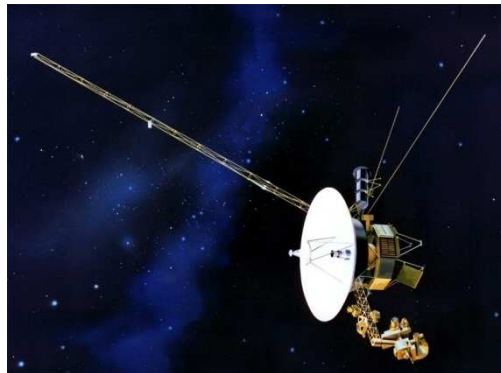
Planck @ CSL



Challenge #3: Orders of Magnitude



0.1°K (CSL) — the equivalent of the amount of energy exchanged between 2 people 400 kms from each other



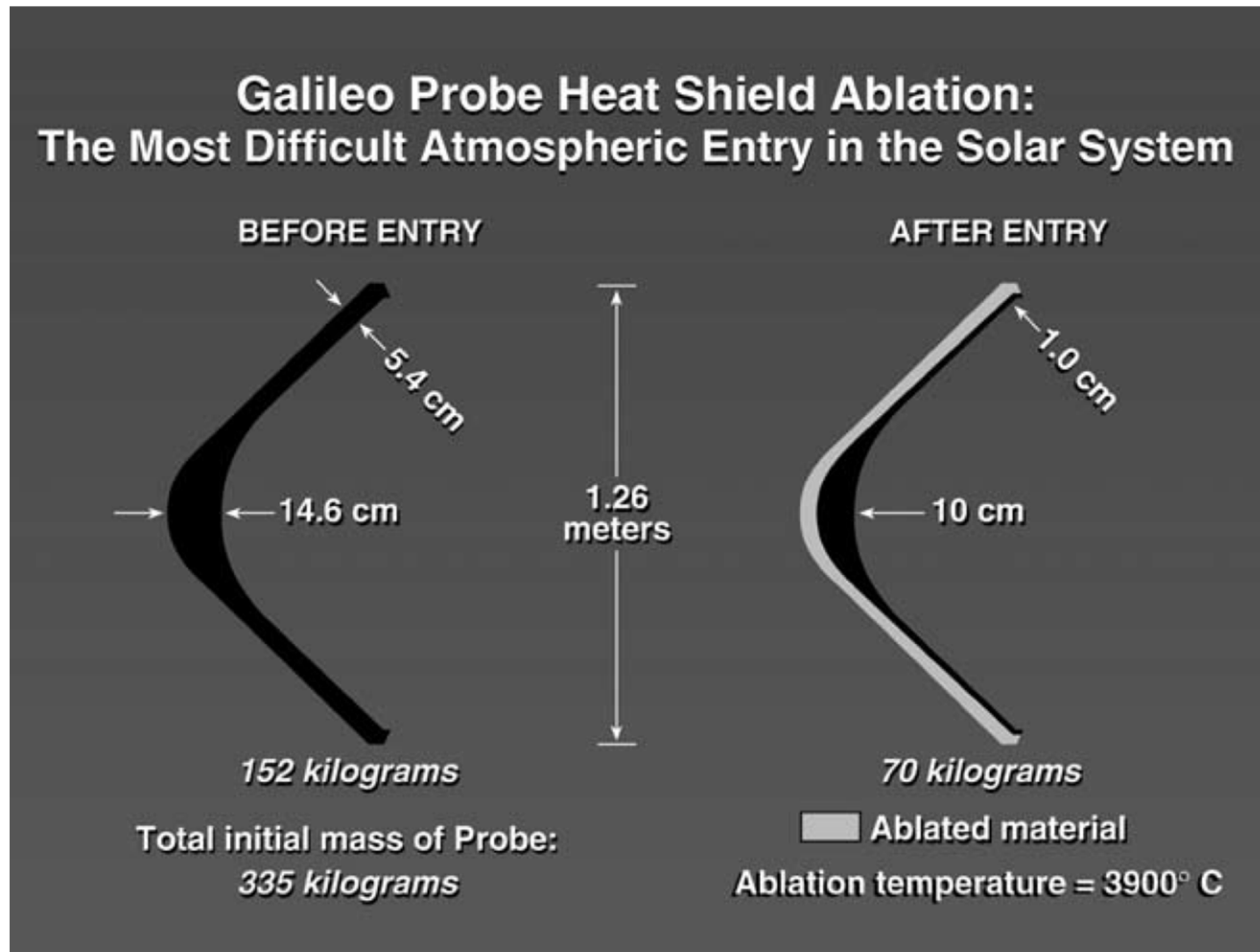
15.000.000.000 kms

10^{-16} W



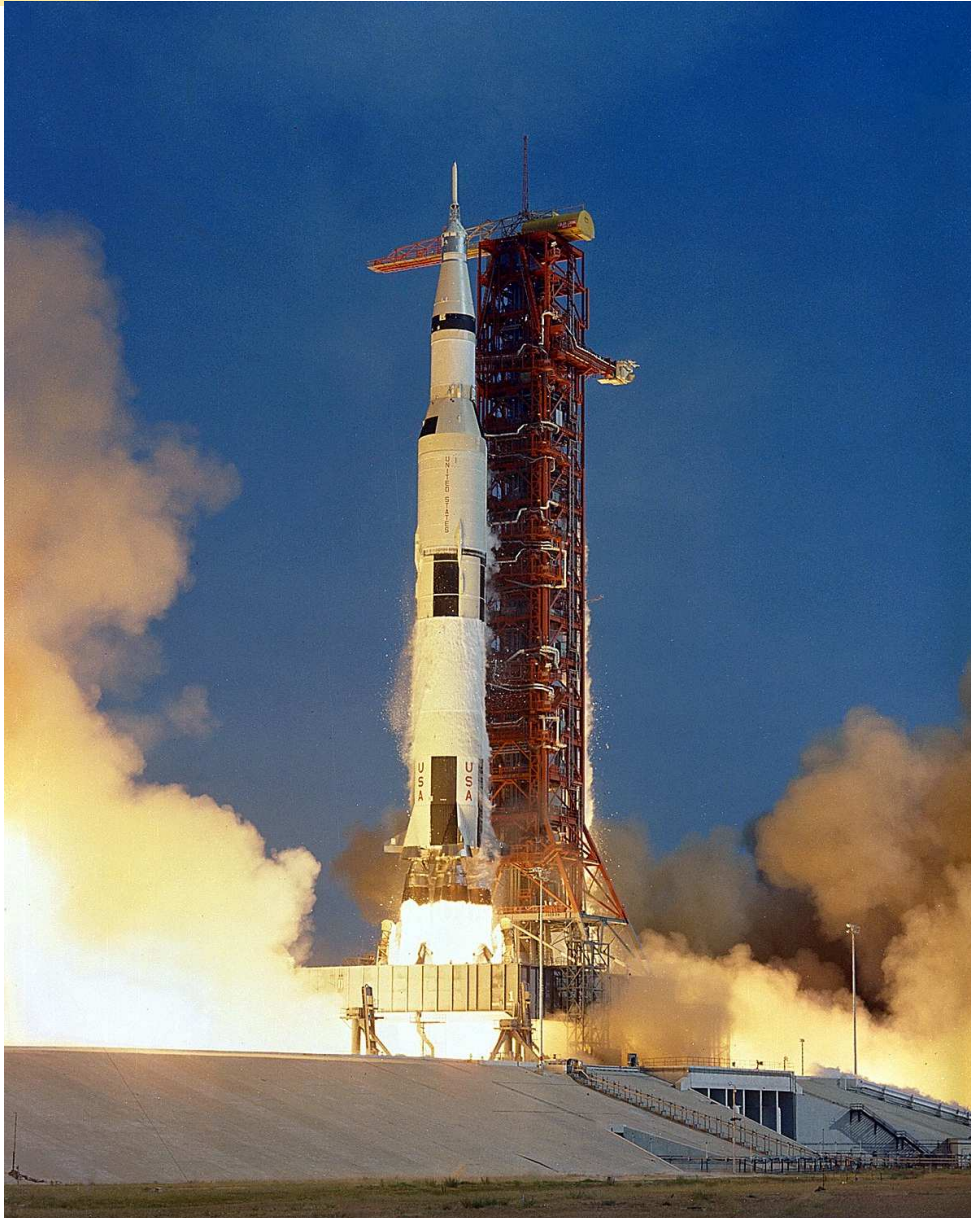
0.007''

Challenge #3: Orders of Magnitude



171.000 km/h \Rightarrow 1.600 km/h in 2 minutes

Challenge #3: Not Only the Satellite...



160.000.000 HP

120 billions Watt

Challenge #3: Not Only the Launcher...



Vehicle assembly building (KSC):
3.5 times the volume of the
Empire State building



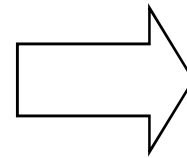
Largest self powered land vehicle
in the world
(355 l/km)

Solution: The Engineer Must Be Creative

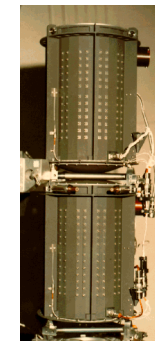
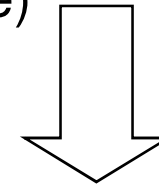
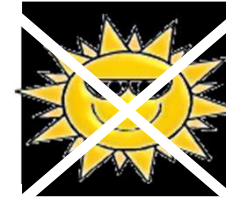
15.000.000.000 kms
Communications:
 10^{-16} W



70-meter antenna



Power: 15W/m^2 (Saturne)



Nuclear
materials

Challenge #4: Severe Constraints



25000 €/kg
Weight
Volume



Fuel

January

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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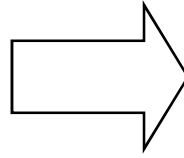
Planning (Voyager: once
every 176 years)



Power
(Voyager: 470 W)

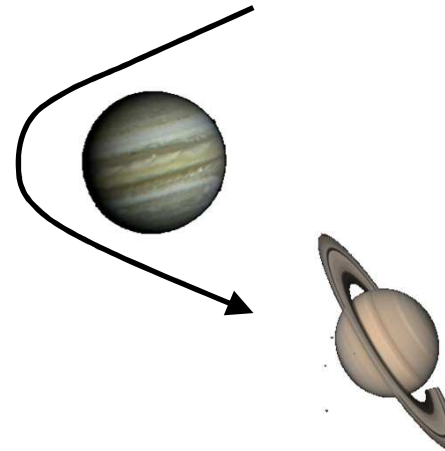
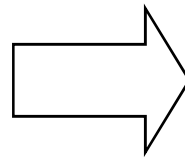
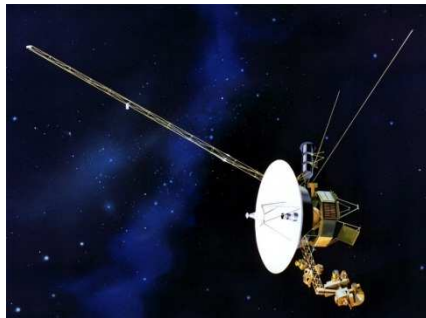
Solution: The Engineer Must Be Creative

Limited
volume



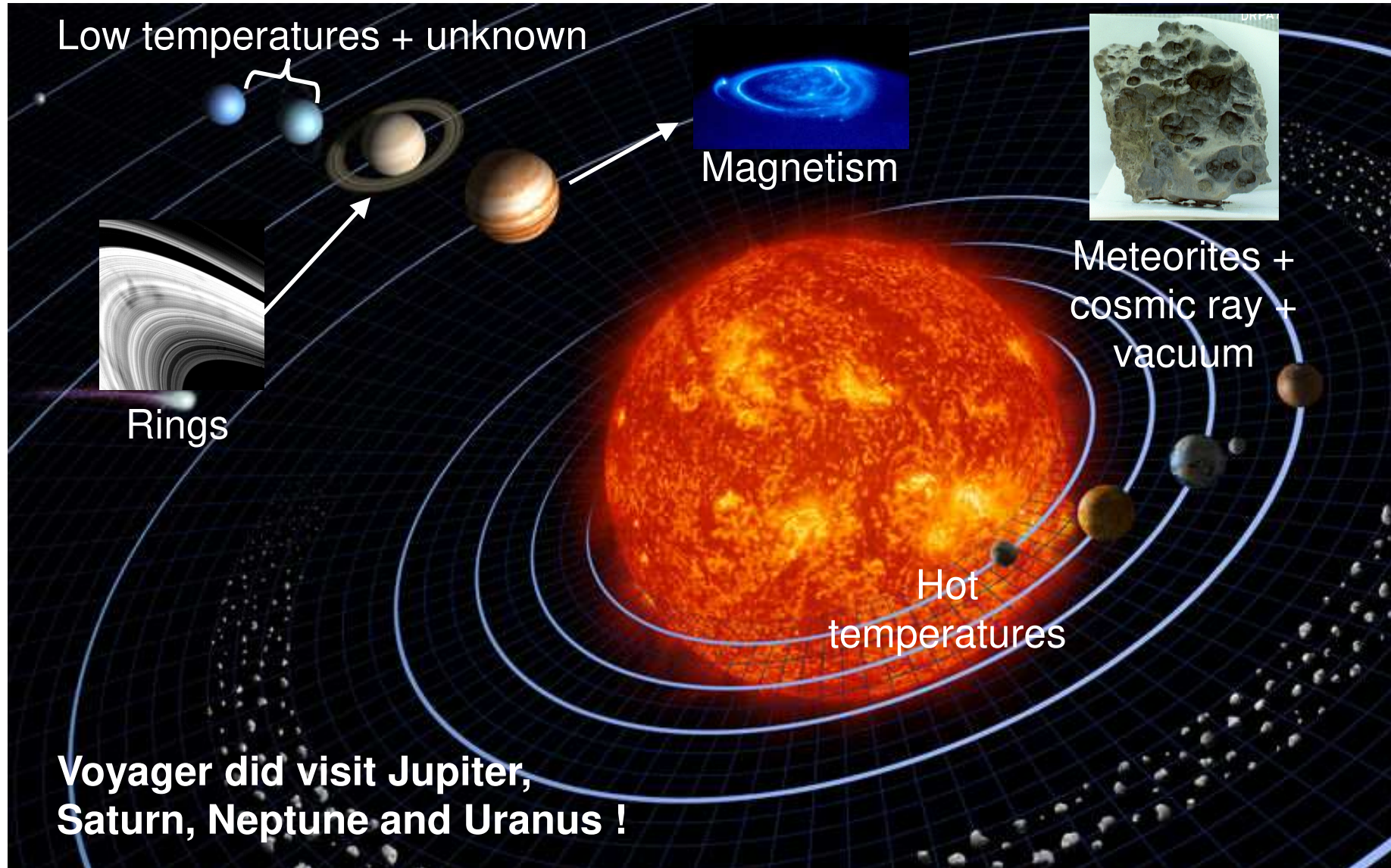
Deployable
boom (Voyager)

Propergol
constraints



Gravity assist

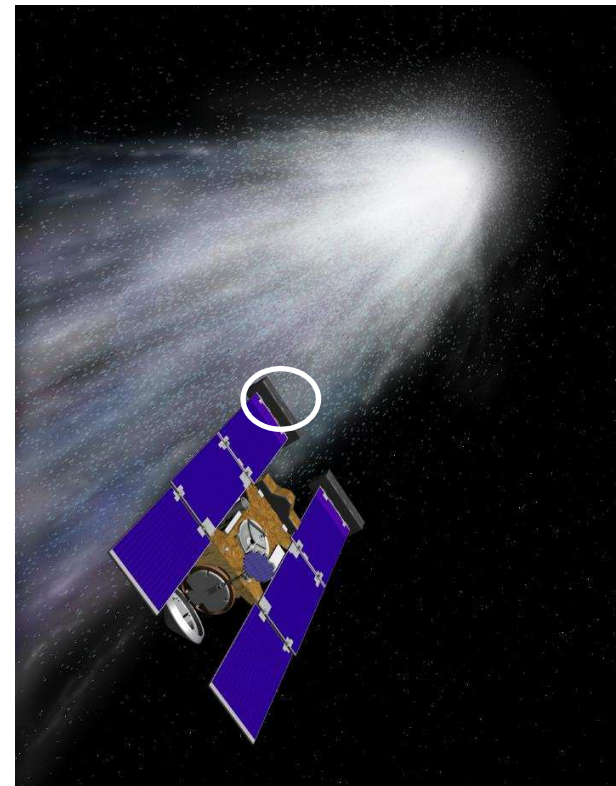
Challenge #5: Harsh Environment



Solution: Develop New Technologies



Thermal blanket
(temperatures)



Whipple shield against comet
projections

Challenge #6: No Maintenance !



Voyager 1



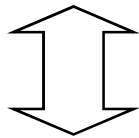
Voyager 2: backup
(ultimate redundancy !)

For each spacecraft:

- 3 RTGs
- 2 x 8 thrusters
- 2 transceivers
- 2 computers
- 2 magnetometers

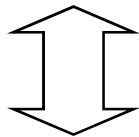
In Summary

Use proven technologies



Be creative

Redundancy



Weight constraints (launch)

Conflict is the order of the day...

The resolution of such conflict in a productive manner is precisely the goal of systems engineering

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Introductory Lecture

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