The Tools of Astronomy

Seeing the whole picture

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What tools do we need?

- We need to observe the Universe around us
  - The Solar System
  - The Milky Way
  - Galaxies
  - And beyond
- We need to understand what we see
- We need to predict what is going to happen


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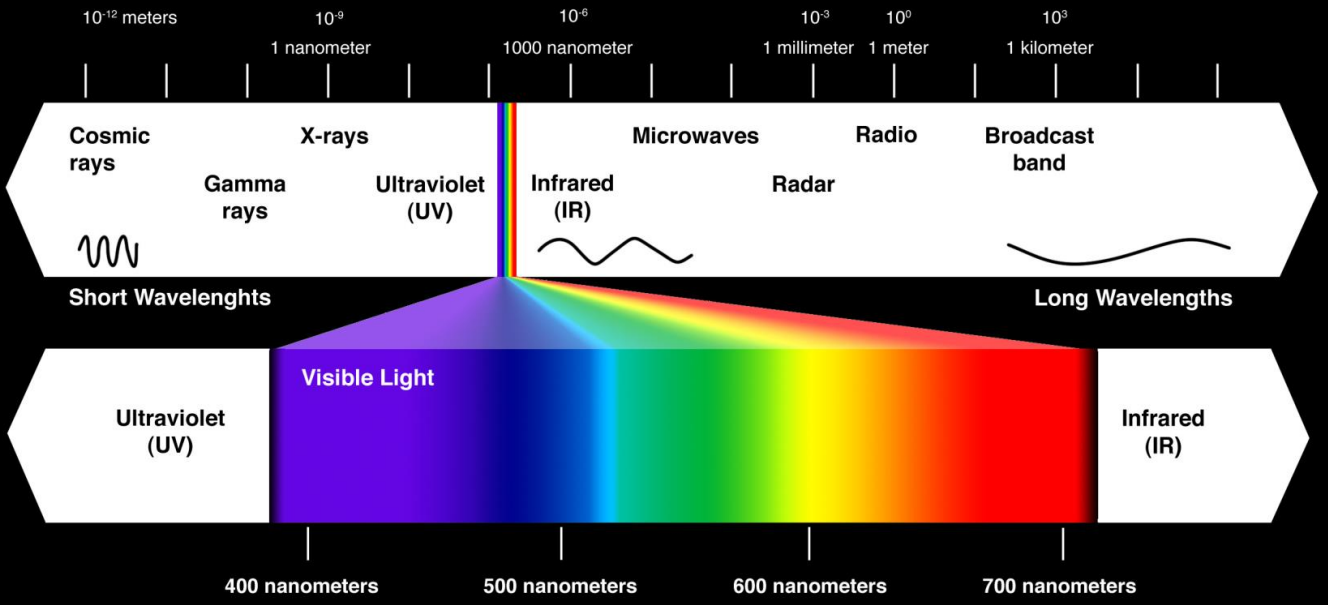
The Tools of Astronomy

- The Astronomers Toolkit
  - Ground-based telescopes
  - Space telescopes
  - Spacecraft and probes

  - Computing power

Observing the Universe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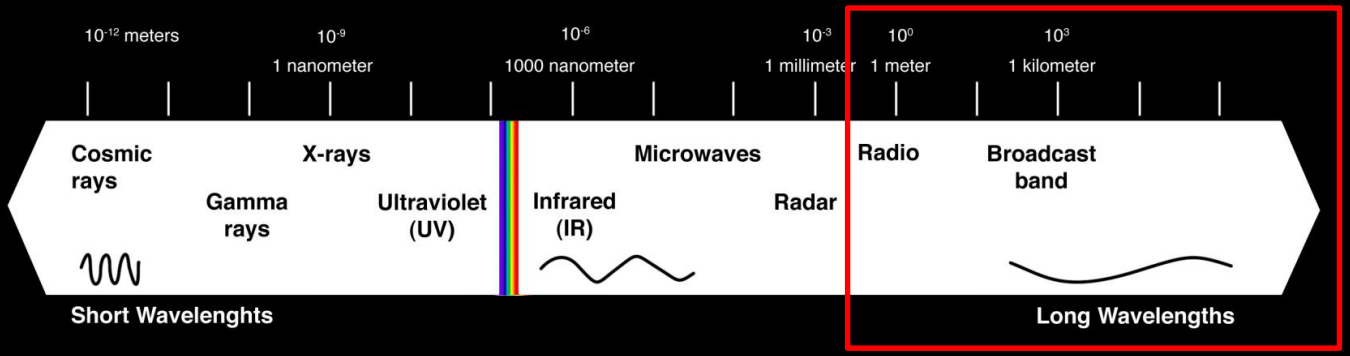
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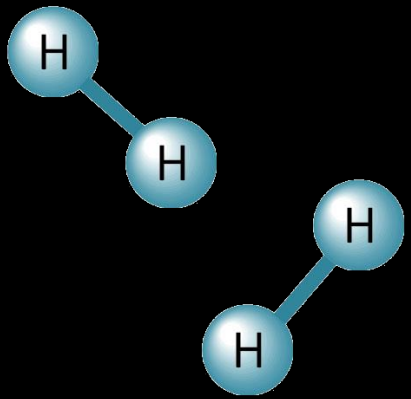
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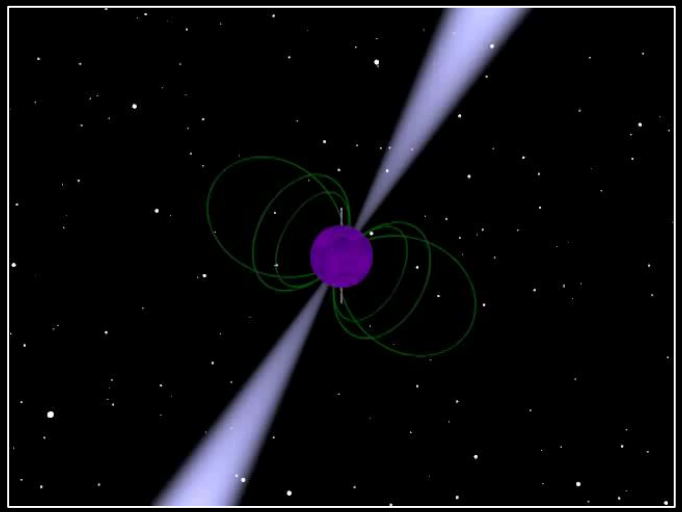

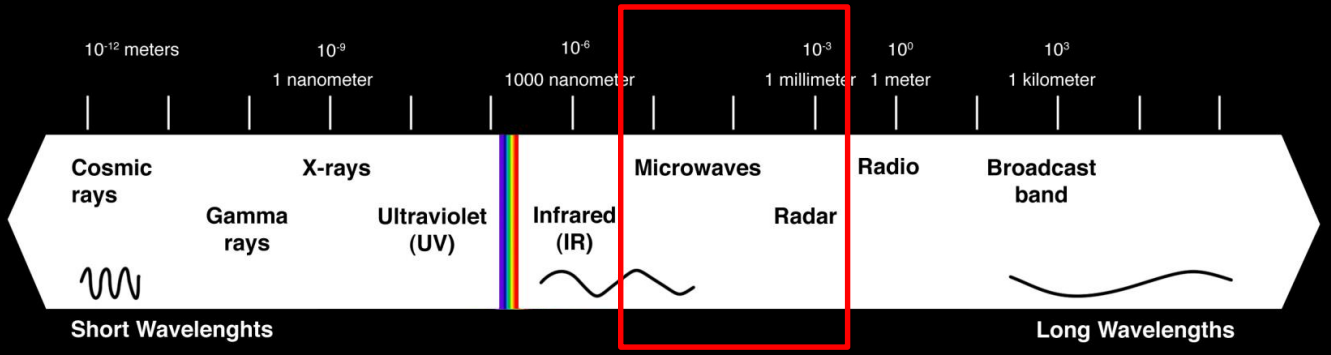
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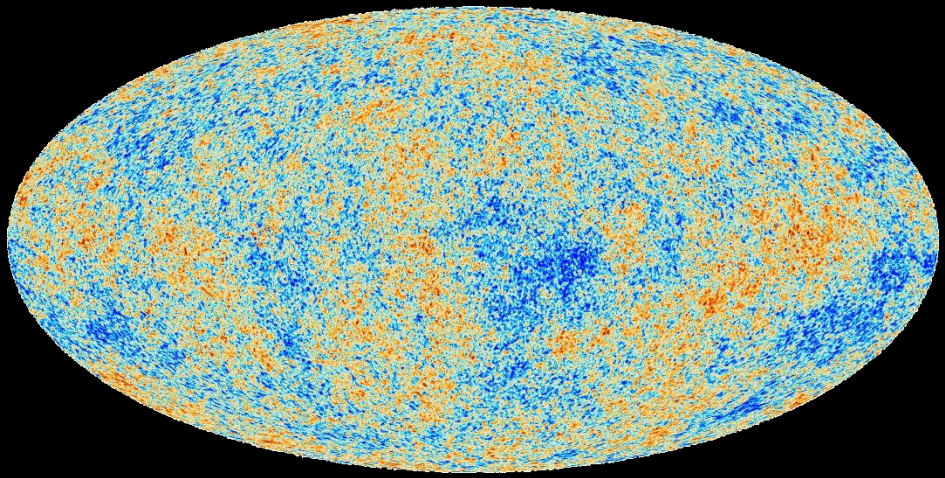

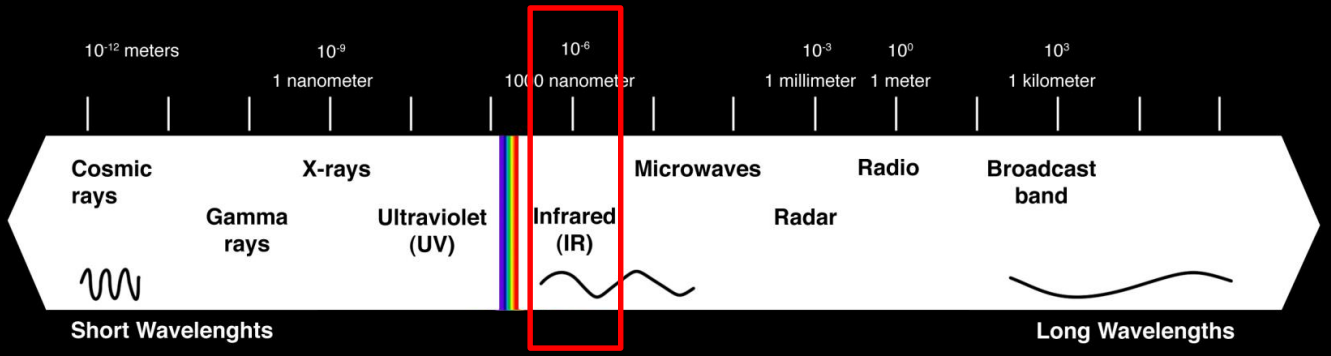
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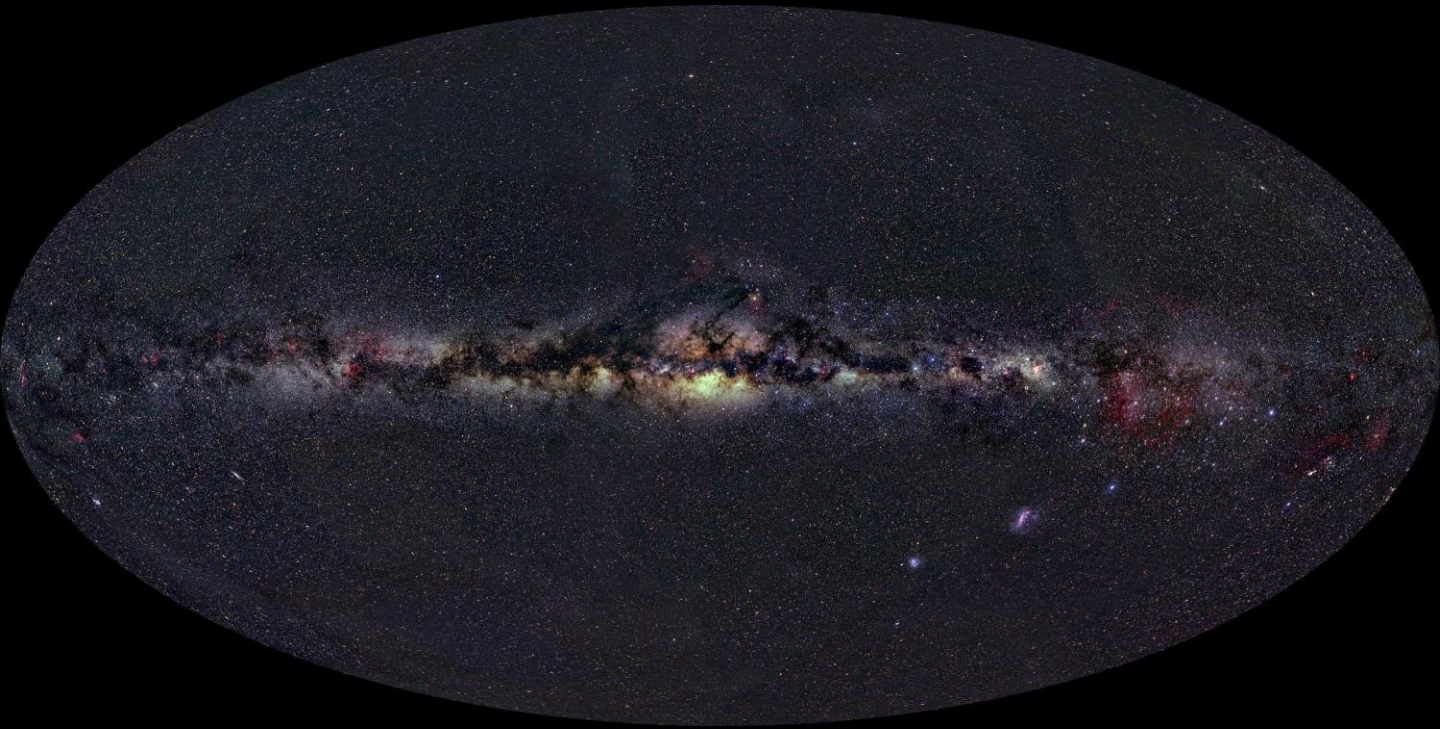

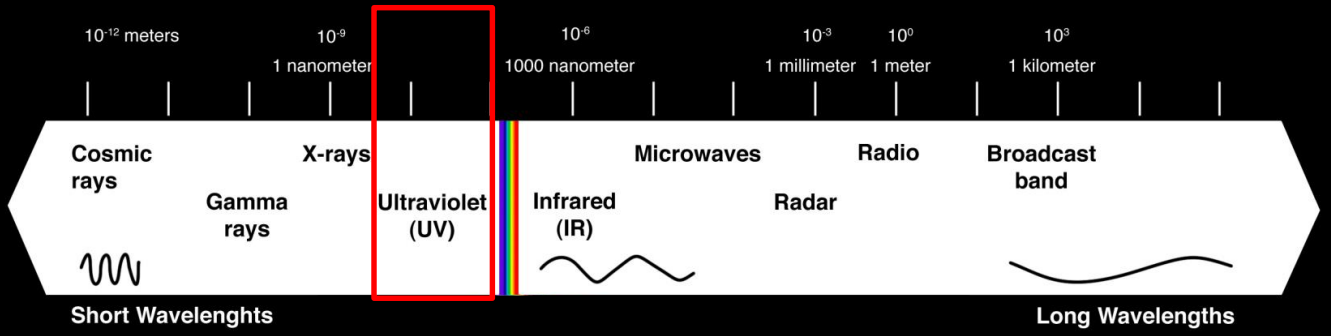
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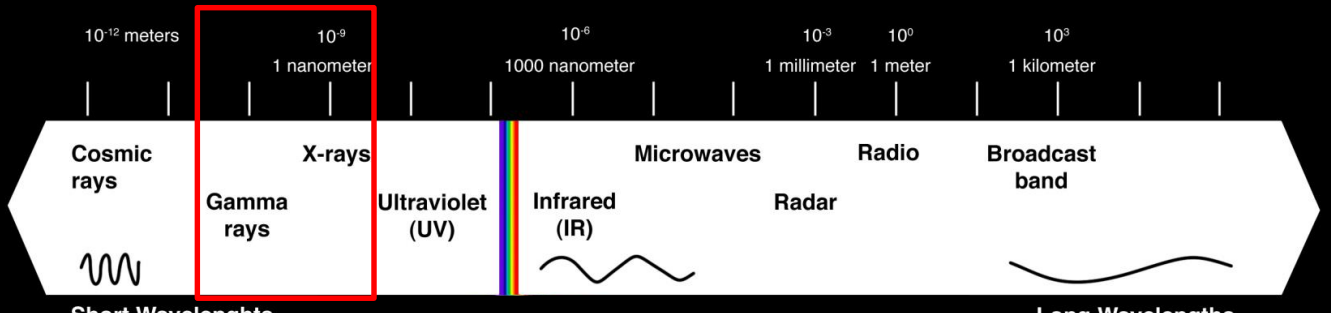
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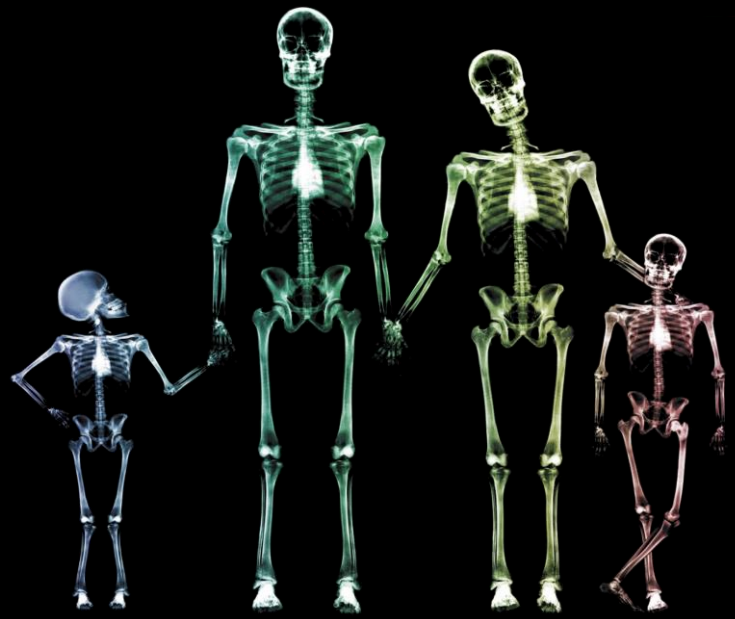
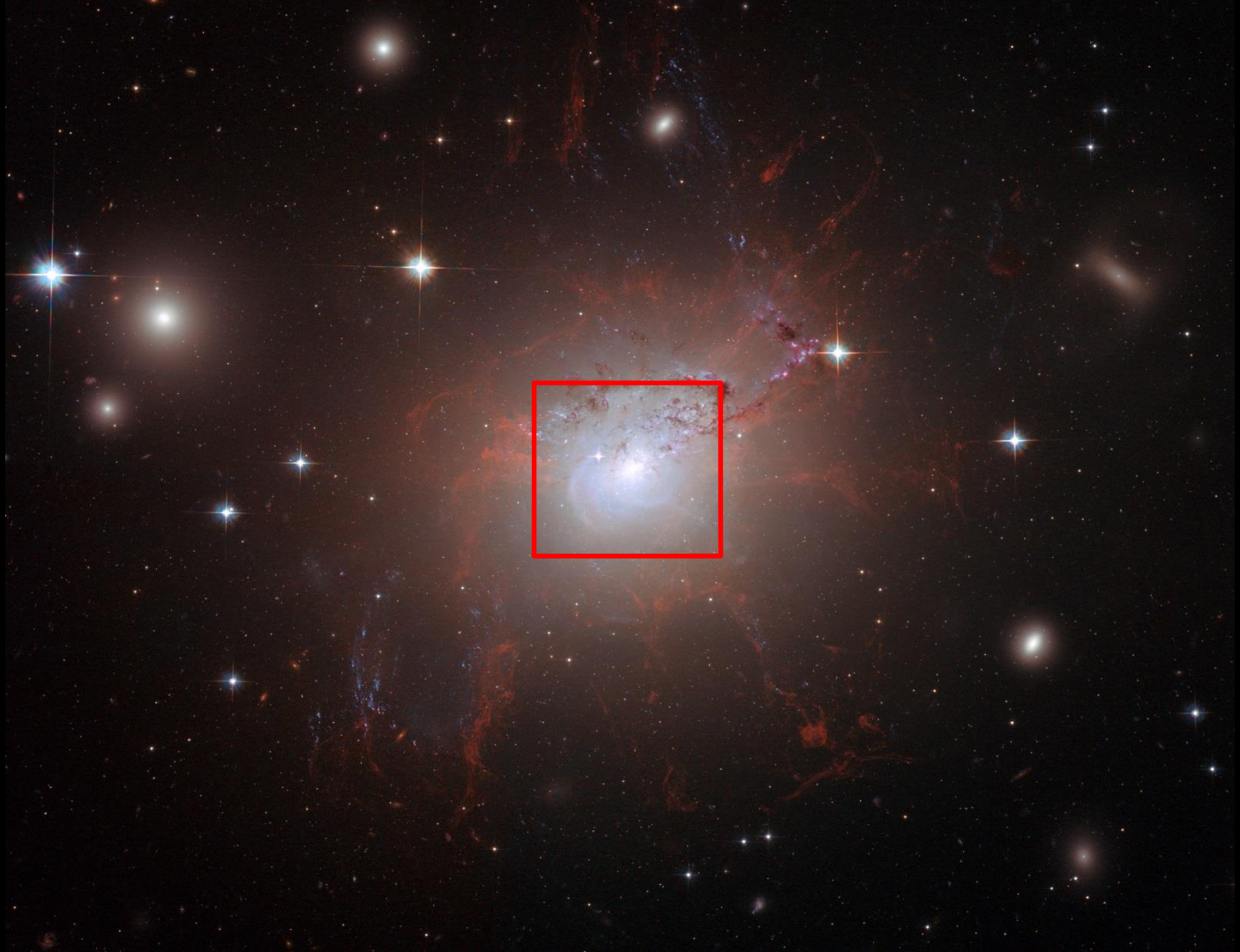


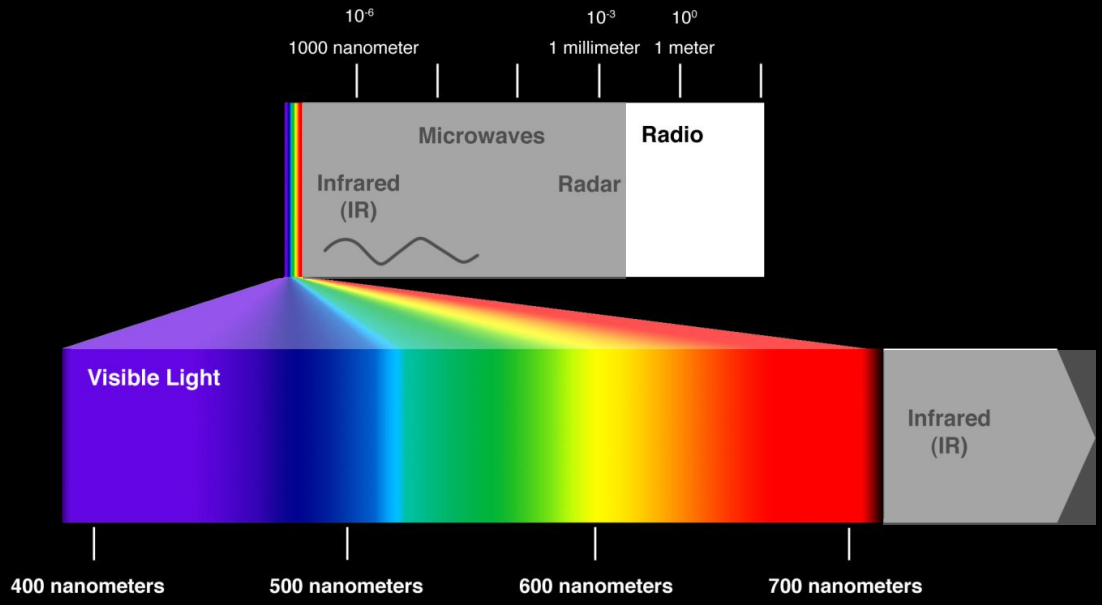


Ground-based telescopes

Ground-based telescopes

1. They're "cheap"
2. They're easier to maintain
3. You can upgrade them
4. You can use different instruments for different types of science

What can we see on the ground?



Lovell Telescope – 76.2m

Why are radio telescopes so large?

- Sensitivity

Why are radio telescopes so large?

- All telescopes are limited in resolution

$$\text{Resolution} = 1.22 \times \frac{\text{Wavelength}}{\text{Telescope Diameter}}$$

- Depends on:
  - Telescope diameter
  - Wavelength

Largest Filled Aperture

Arecibo Radio Telescope – 305m

Largest Filled Aperture

Five hundred meter Aperture Spherical Telescope – 500m

Largest Fully Steerable

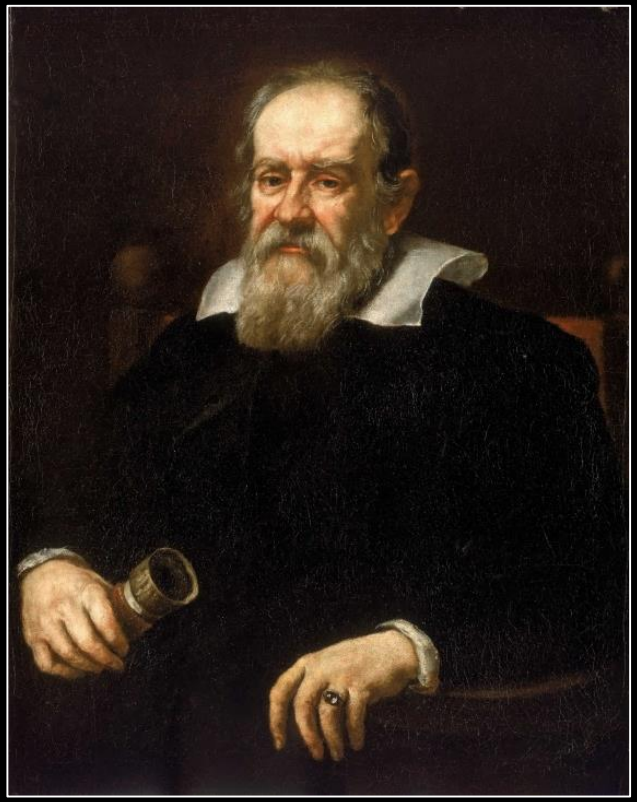
Green Bank Telescope – 100x110m

Largest Overall

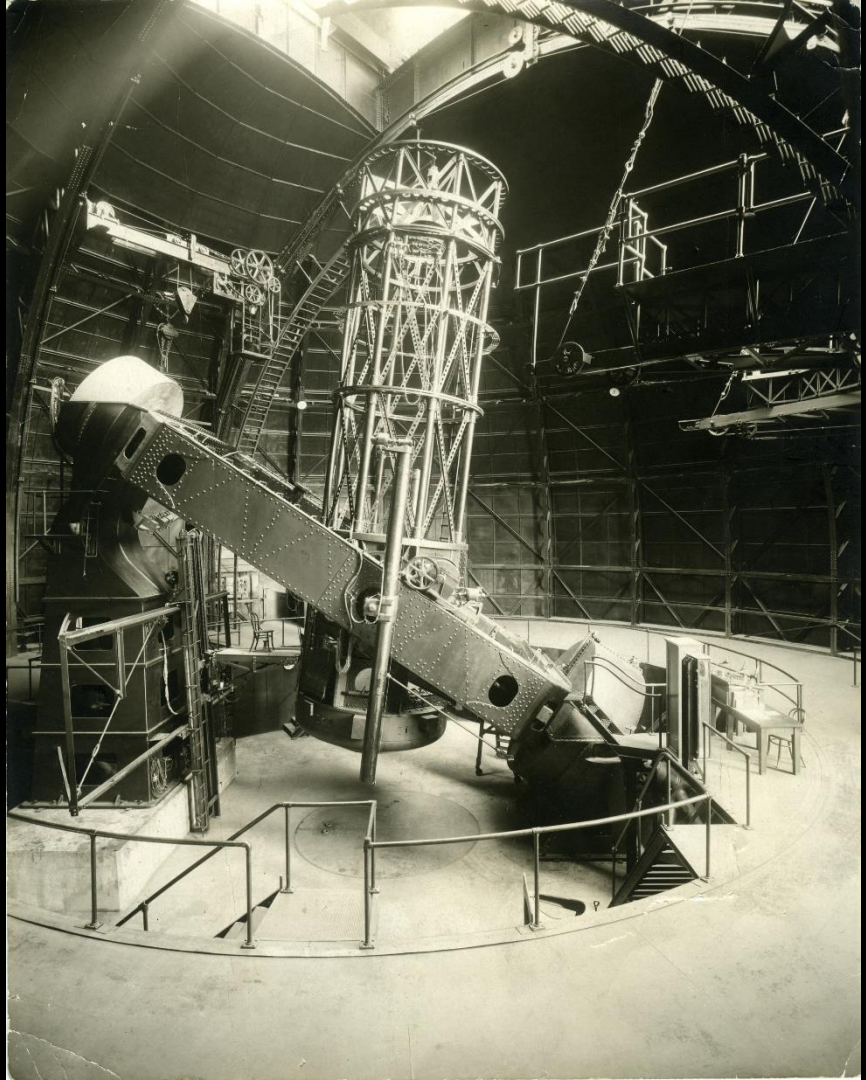
RATAN-600 – 576m

Optical Telescopes

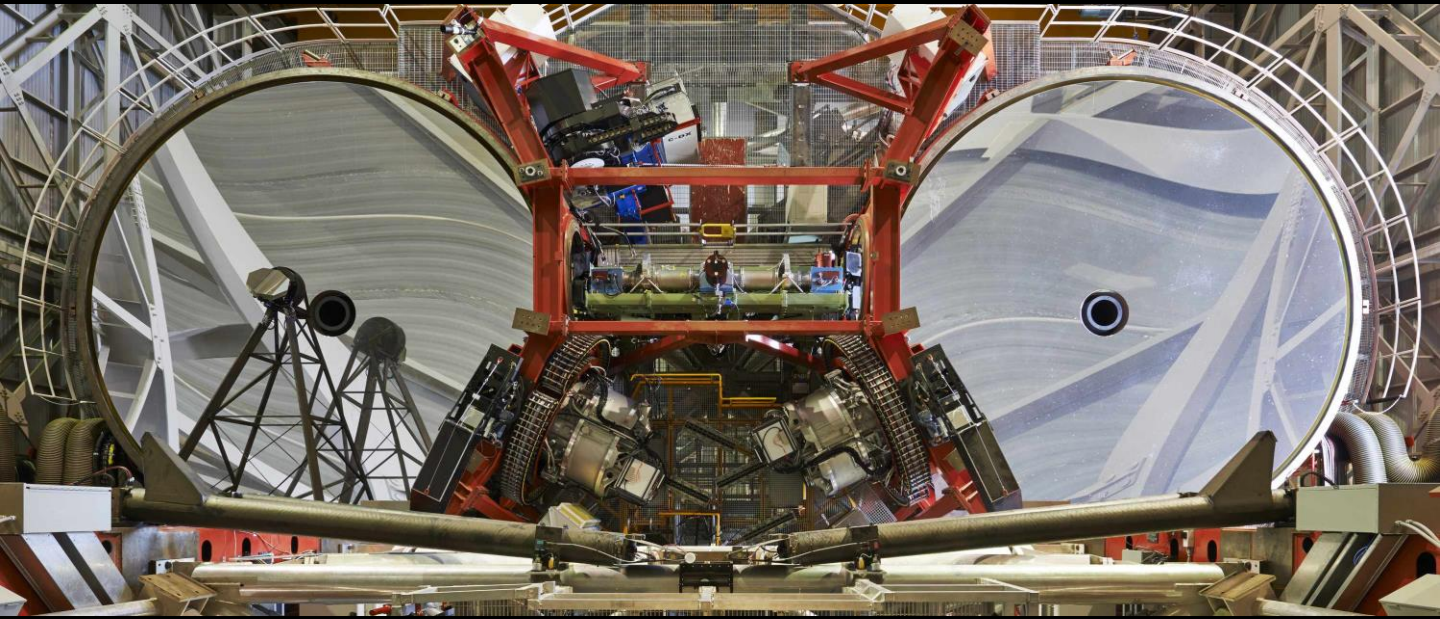
- Galileo – 1609



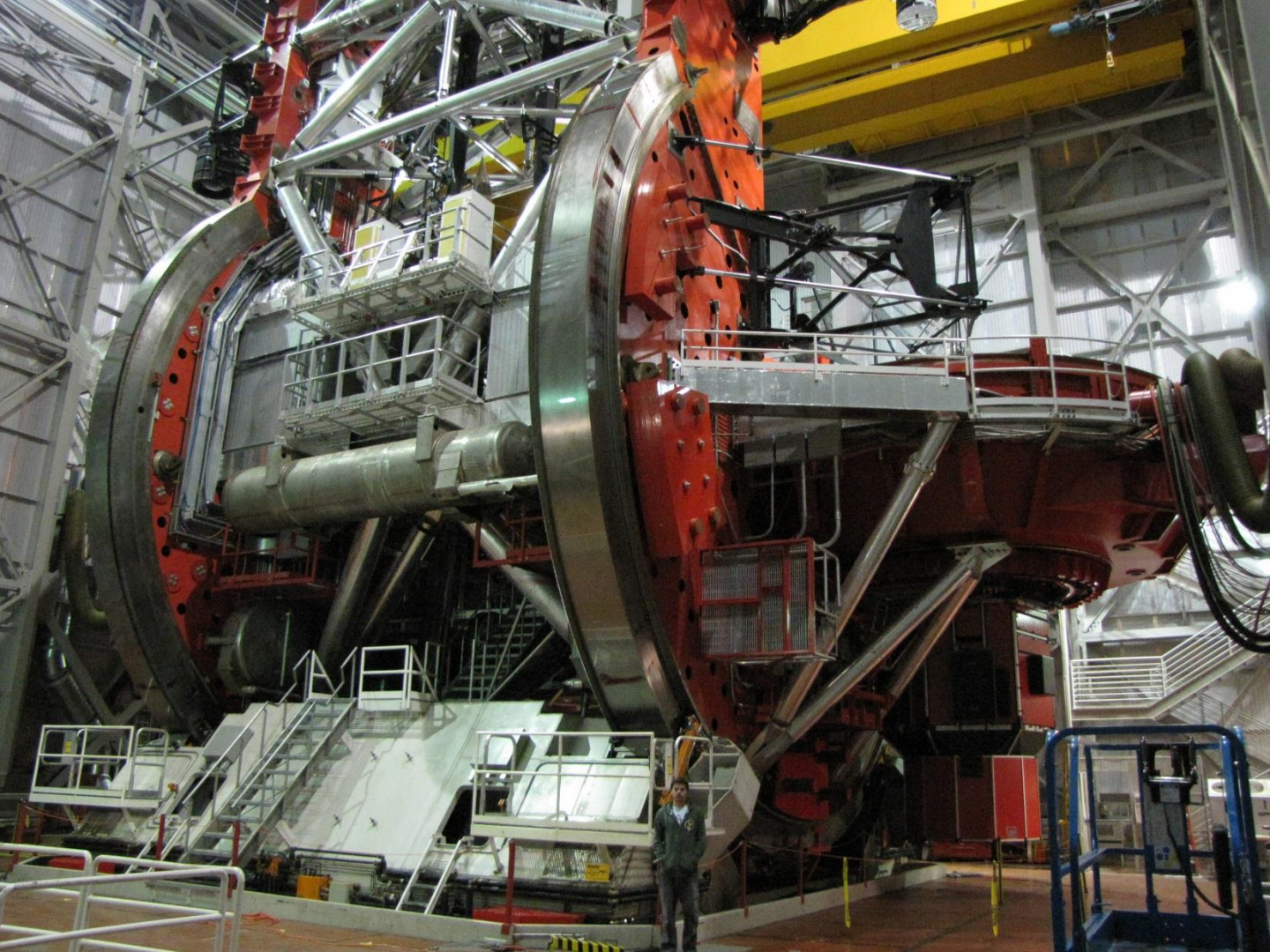
Northumberland Telescope,
University of Cambridge, 11.6in

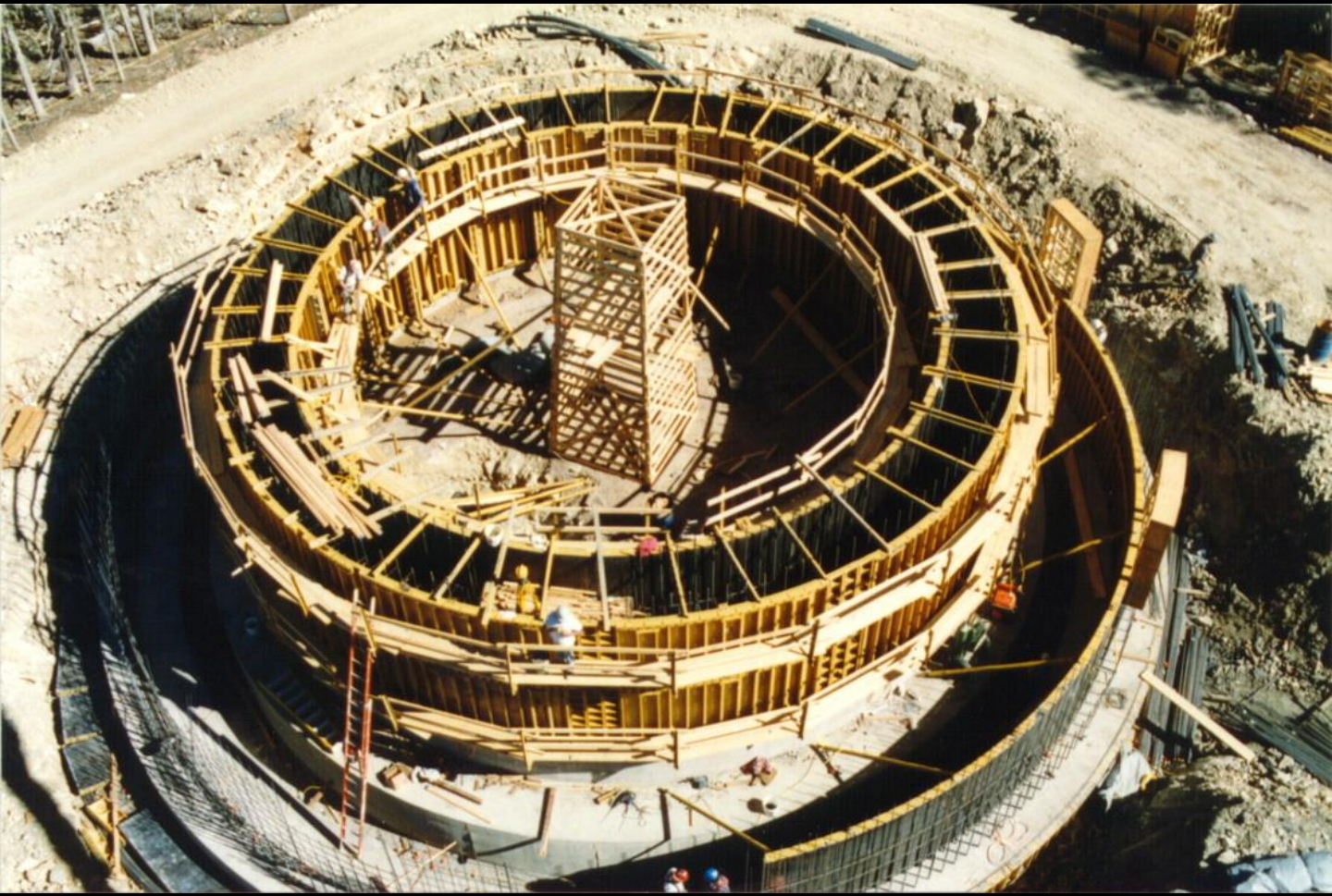


Hale Telescope,
CA, USA – 60in



Large Binocular Telescope, AZ, USA – 2 × 8.4m



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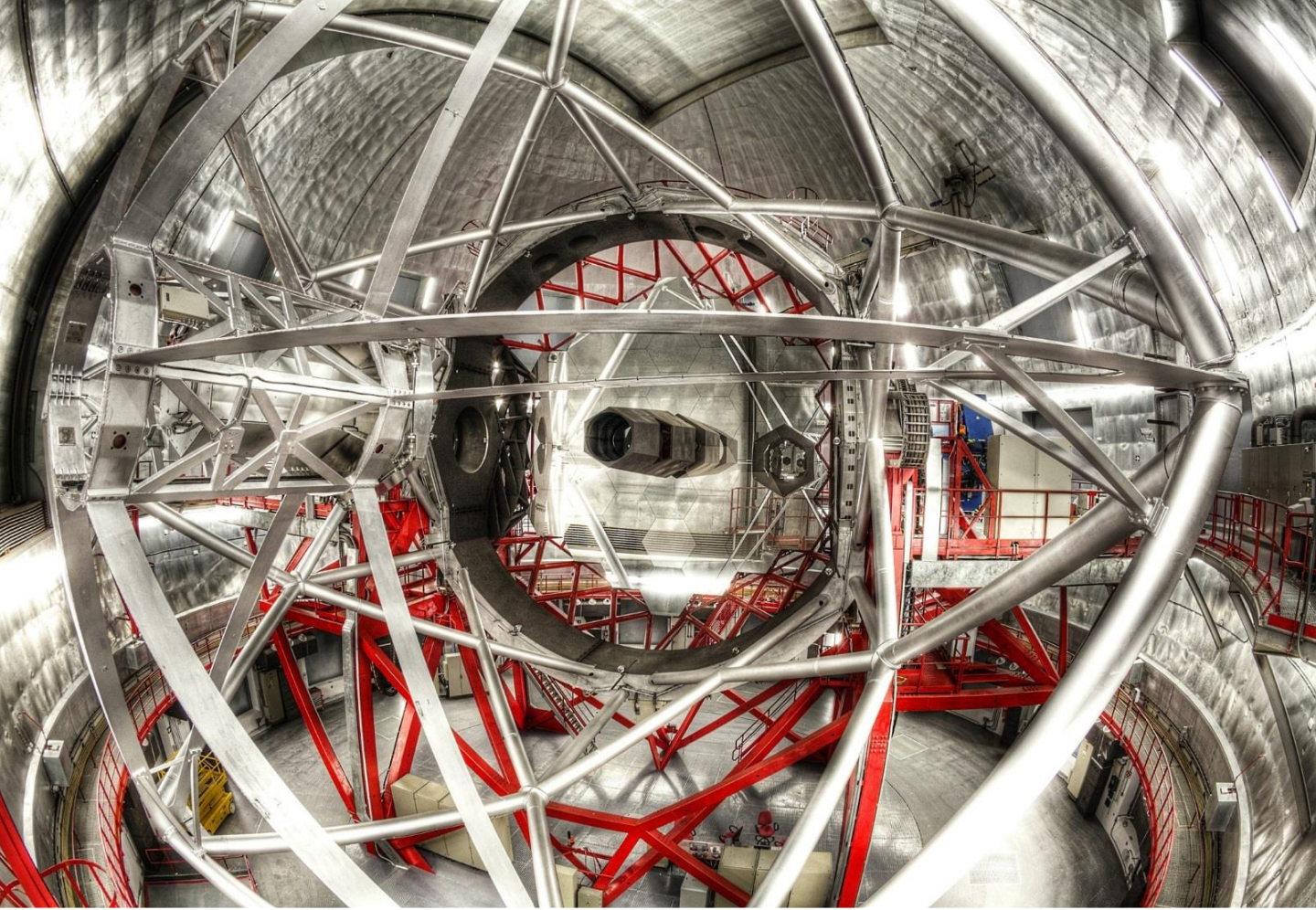
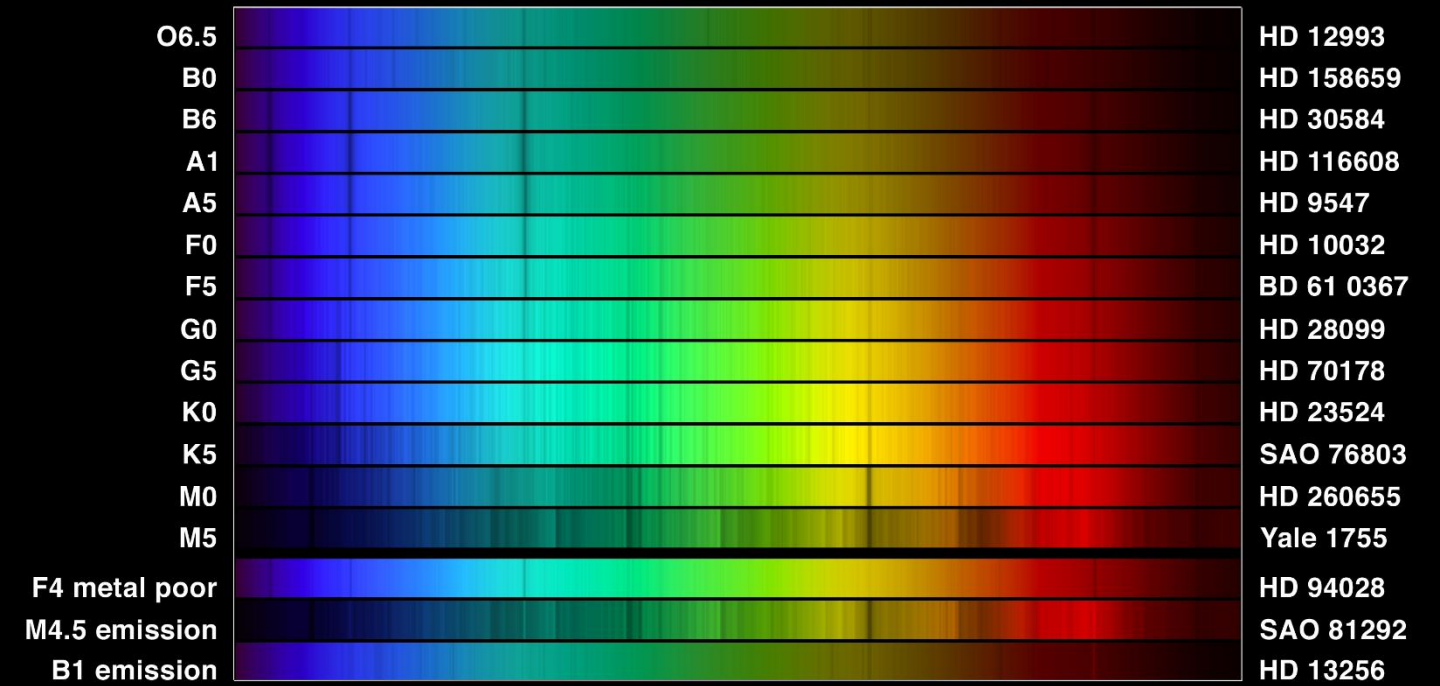


Gran Telescopio Canarias – 10.4m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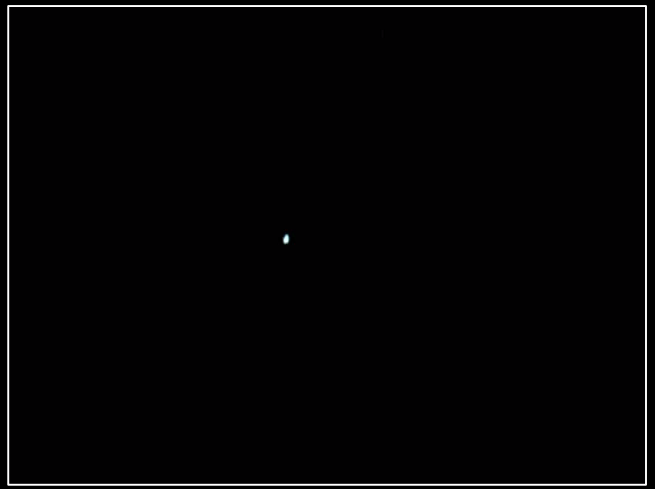
The problem with big telescopes

- We have an atmosphere…
- There's a finite size single telescope we can build

Atmospheric Turbulence



Correcting for the atmosphere

- The simple option:
  - Go to space!
- Correct for the effects on the ground

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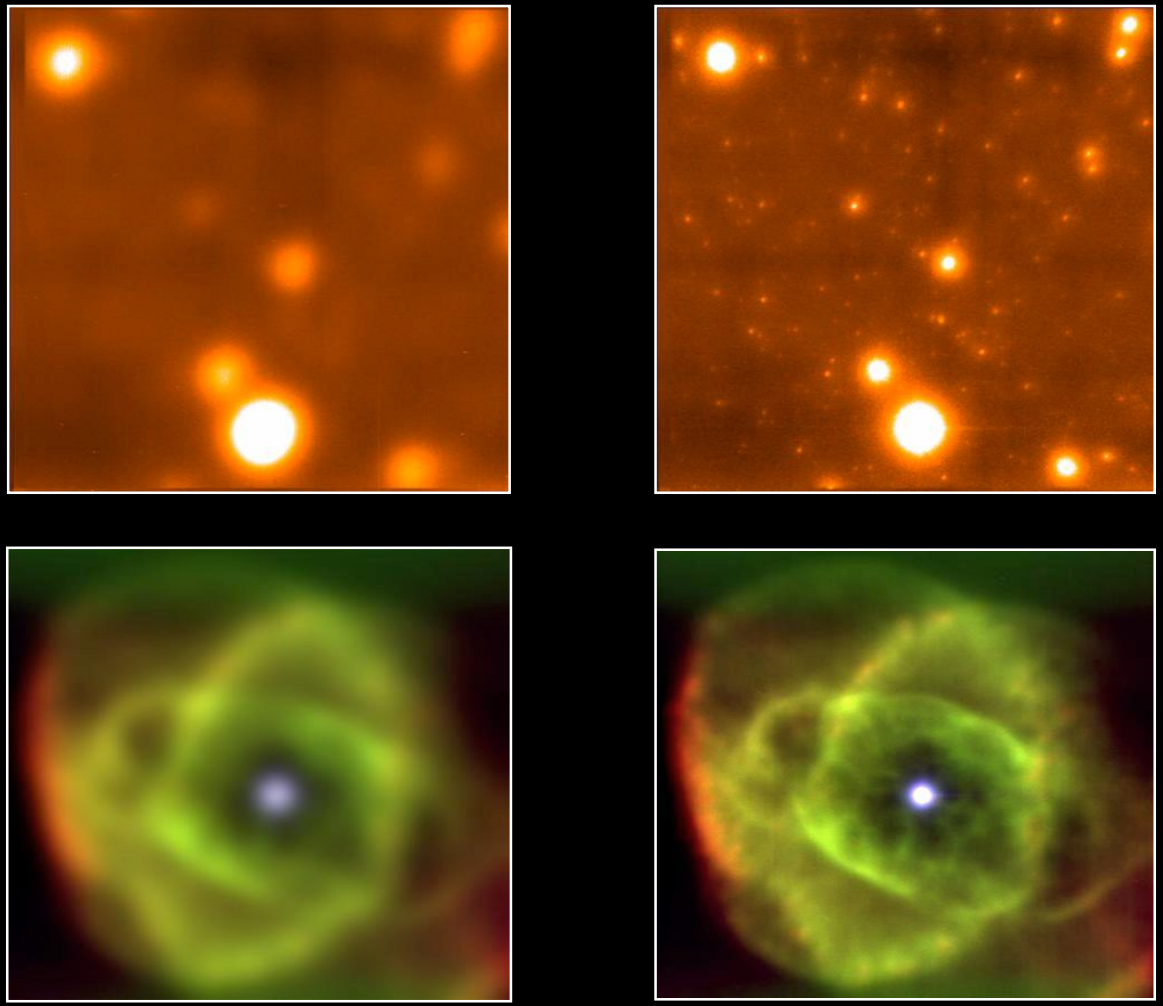
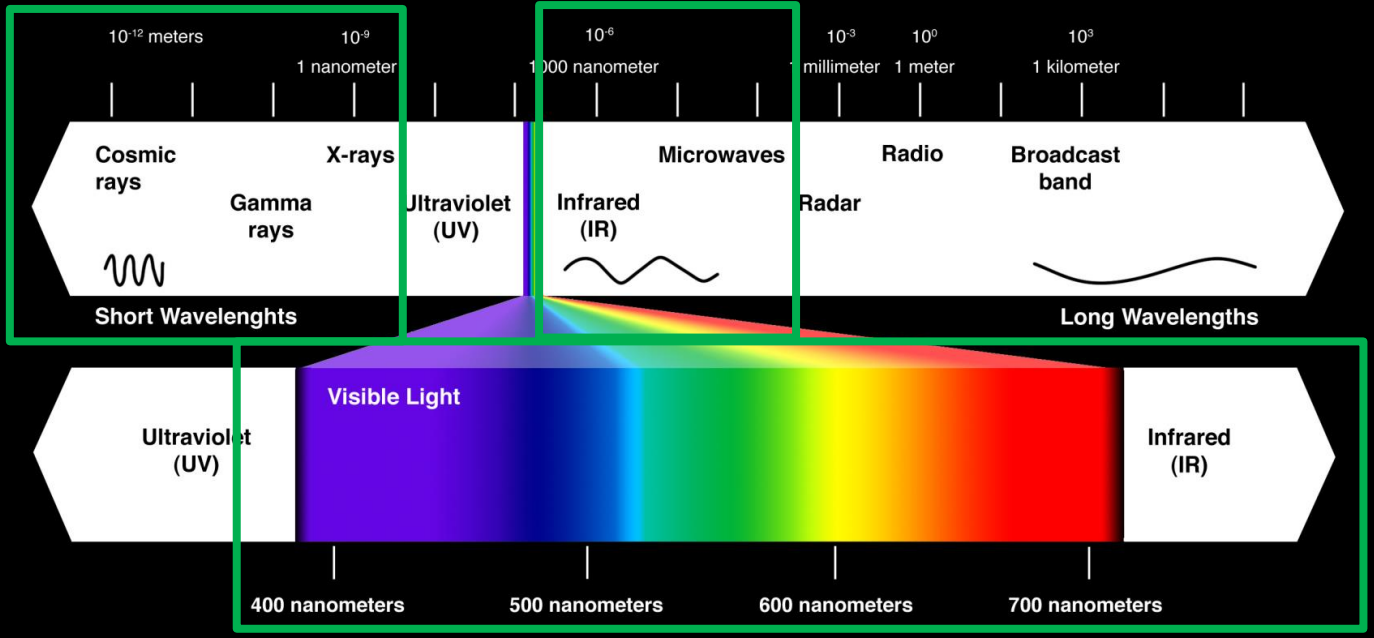


Space Telescopes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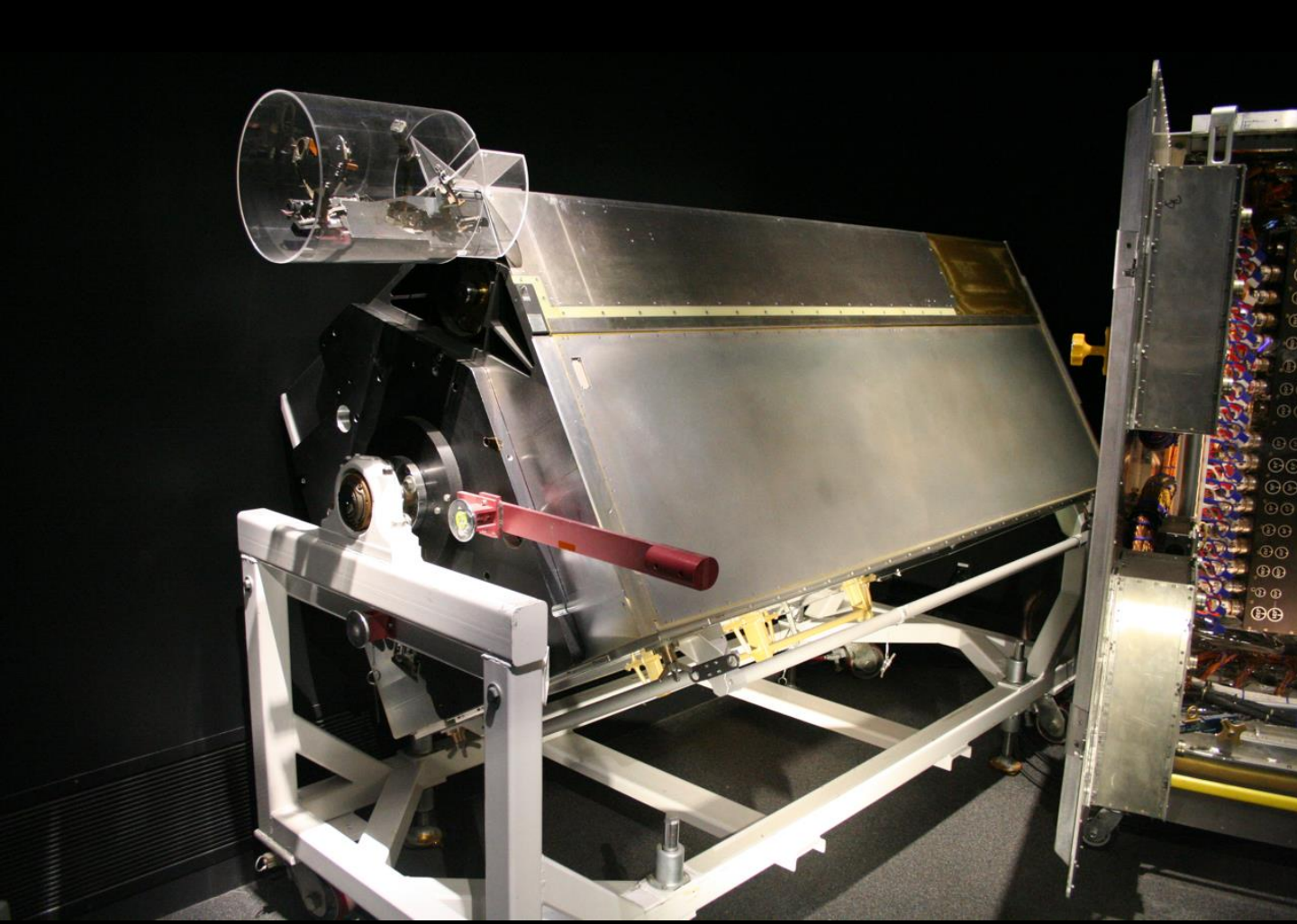
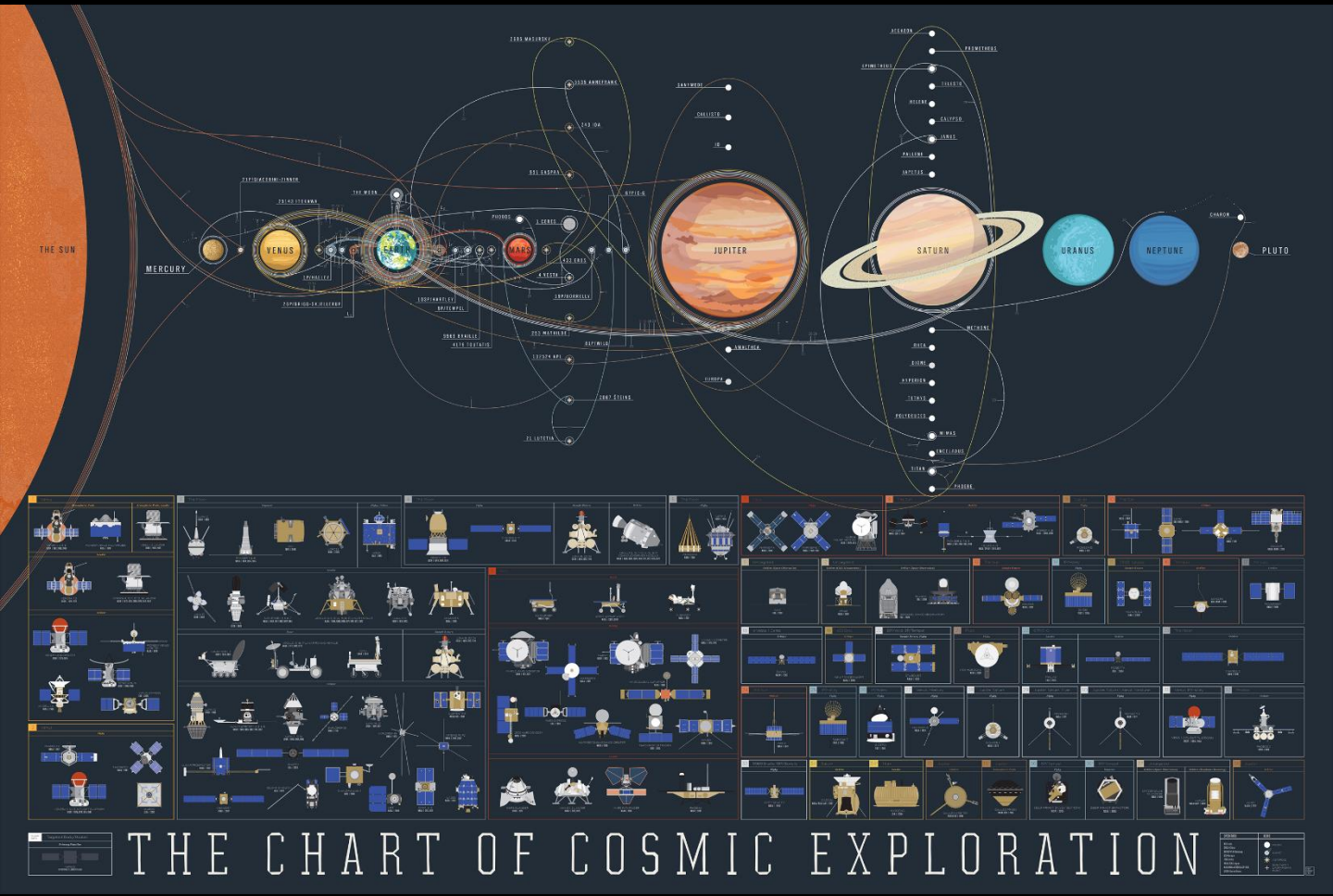


Exploring Our Own Solar System



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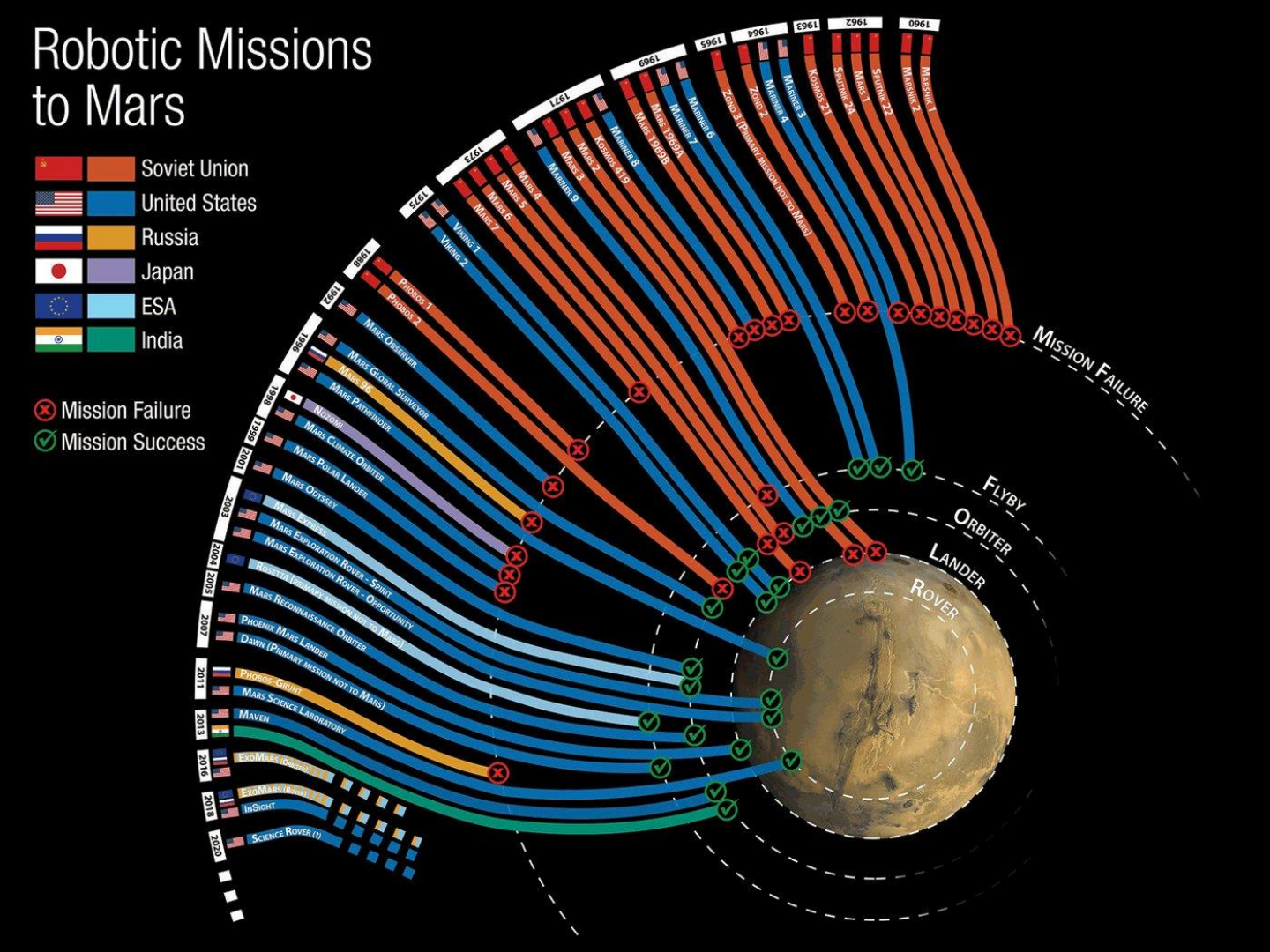
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United States
Russia
Japan
ESA
India
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Mission Success
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Viking 1
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Phobos 2
Mars Observer
Mars Global Surveyor
Mars 96
Mars Pathfinder
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Mars Climate Orbiter
Mars Polar Lander
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Recent and Current Missions

- Curiosity Rover
- Cassini Mission
- New Horizons


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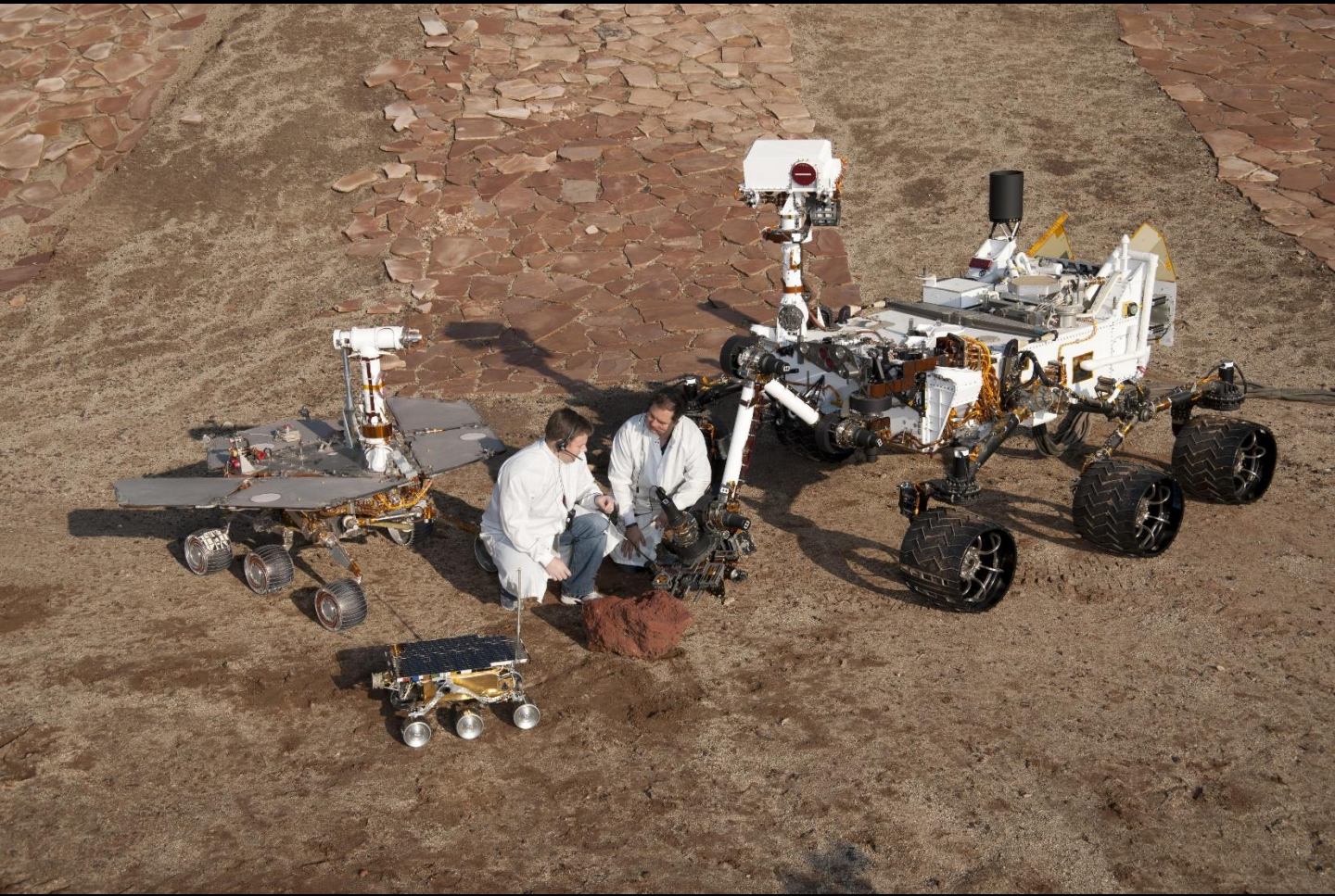

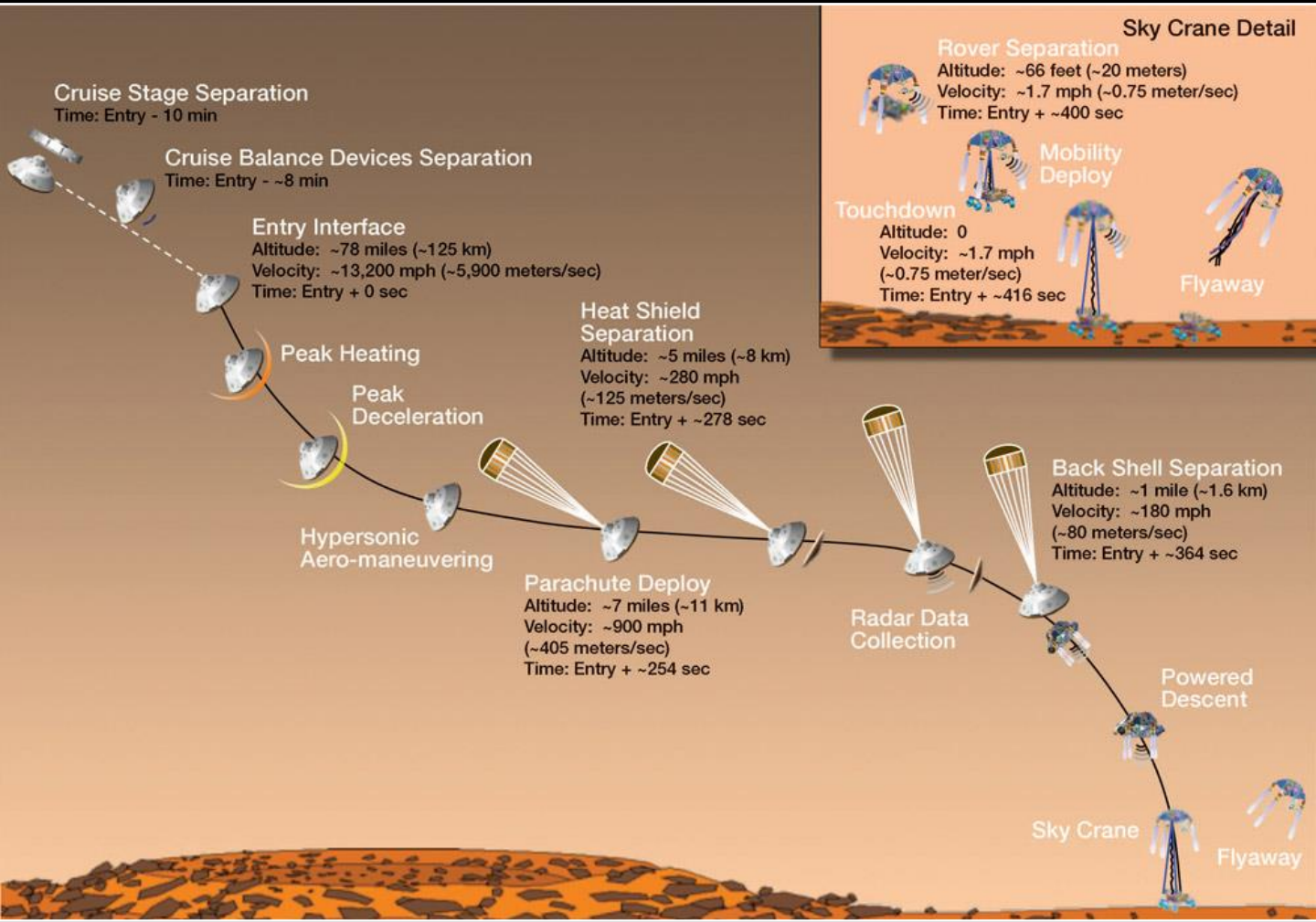
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Cruise Balance Devices Separation
Time: Entry - ~8 min
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Time: Entry + 0 sec
Peak Heating
Peak Deceleration
Heat Shield Separation
Altitude: ~5 miles (~8 km)
Velocity: ~280 mph
(~125 meters/sec)
Time: Entry + ~278 sec
Hypersonic Aero-maneuvering
Parachute Deploy
Altitude: ~7 miles (~11 km)
Velocity: ~900 mph
(~405 meters/sec)
Time: Entry + ~254 sec
Radar Data Collection
Back Shell Separation
Altitude: ~1 mile (~1.6 km)
Velocity: ~180 mph
(~80 meters/sec)
Time: Entry + ~364 sec
Powered Descent
Sky Crane
Flyaway
Sky Crane Detail
Rover Separation
Altitude: ~66 feet (~20 meters)
Velocity: ~1.7 mph (~0.75 meter/sec)
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Mobility Deploy
Touchdown
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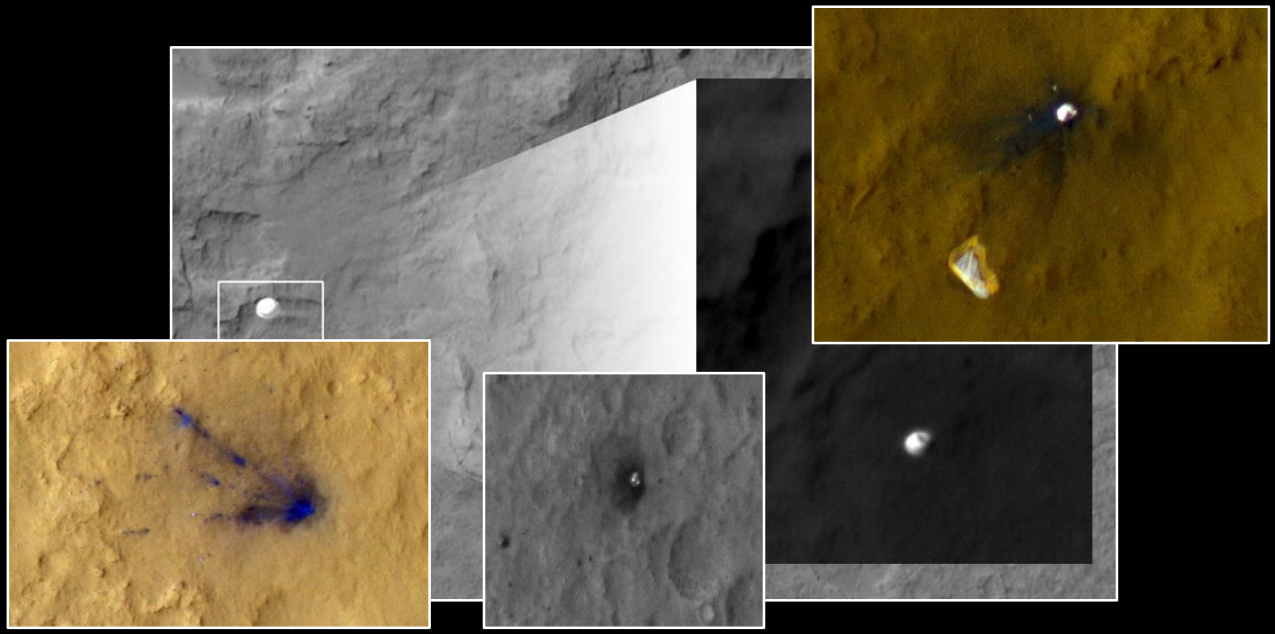


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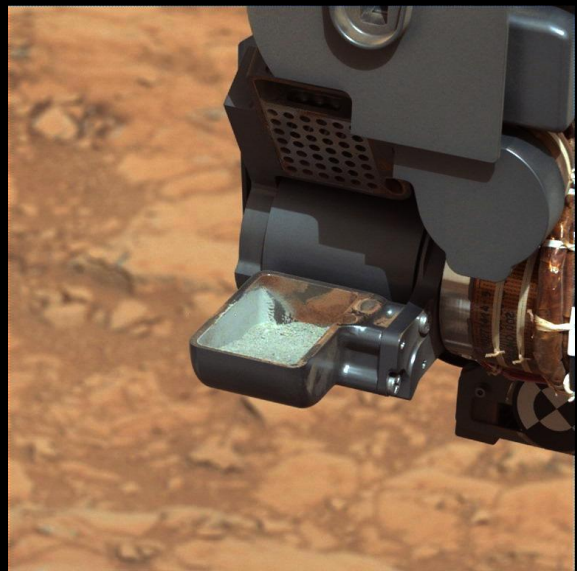

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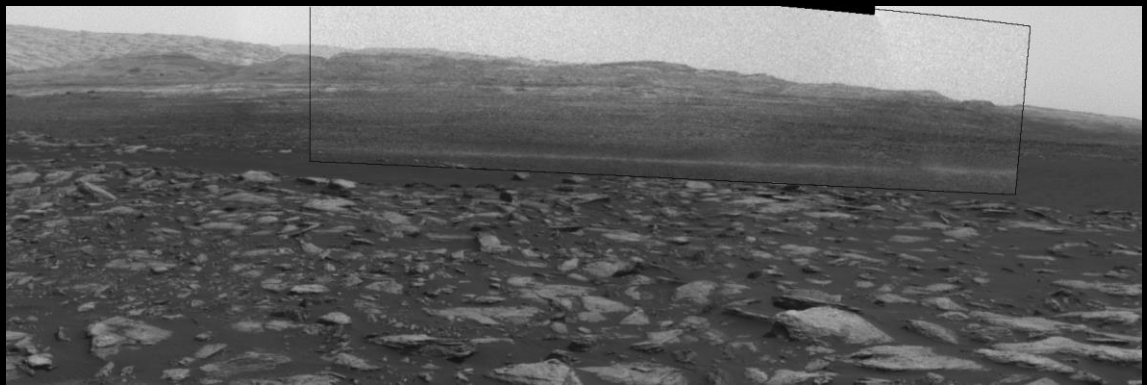

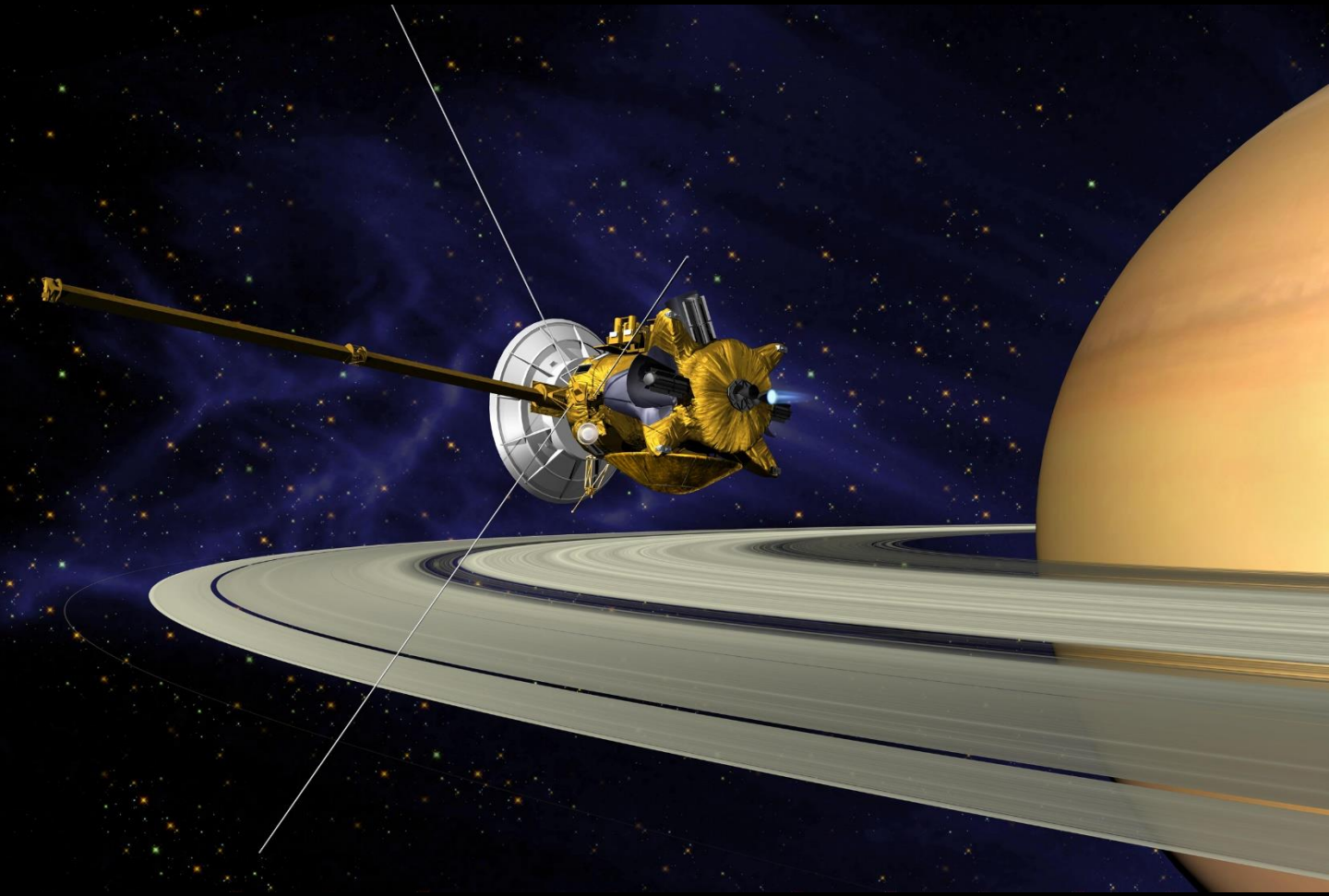

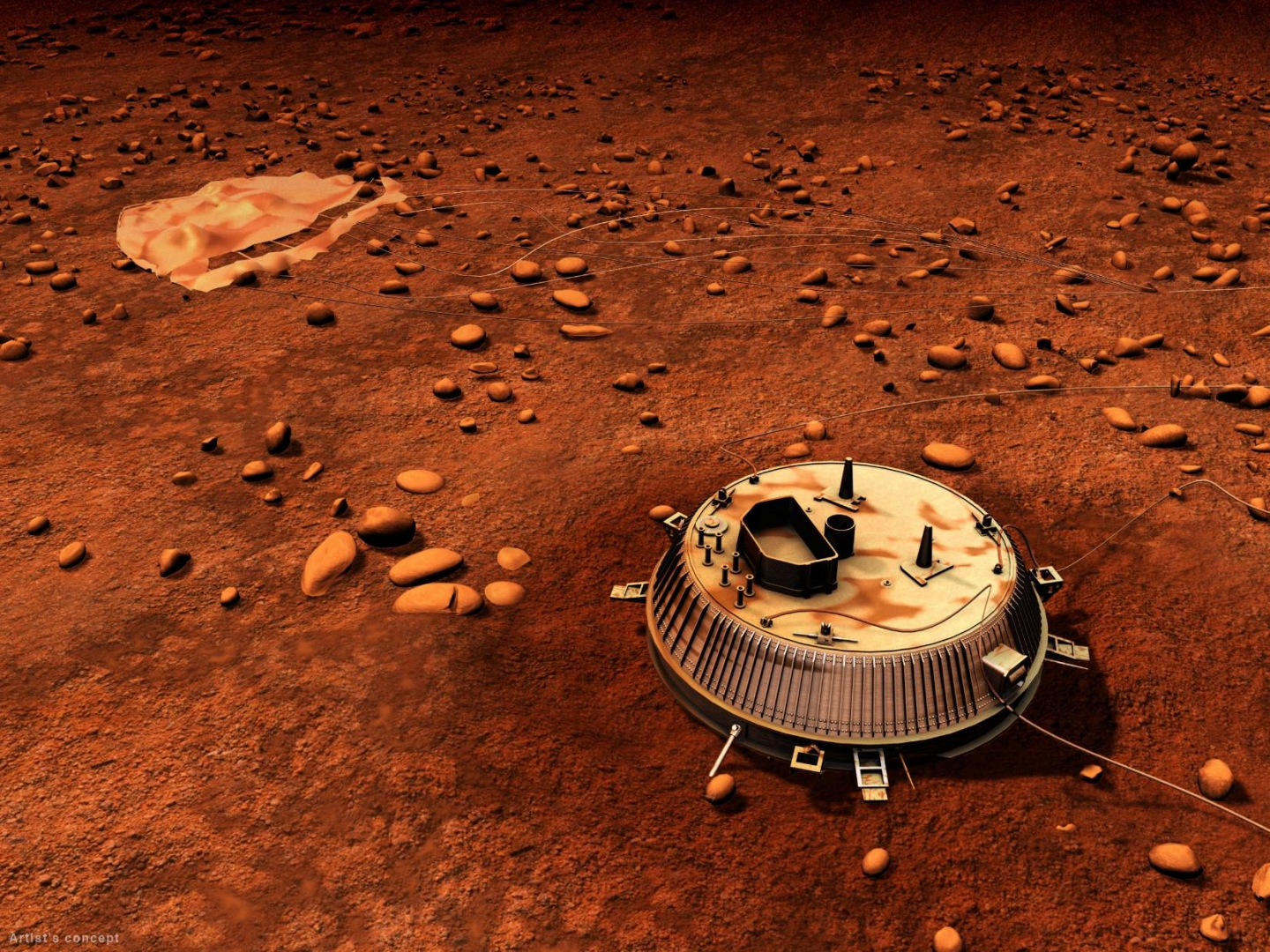
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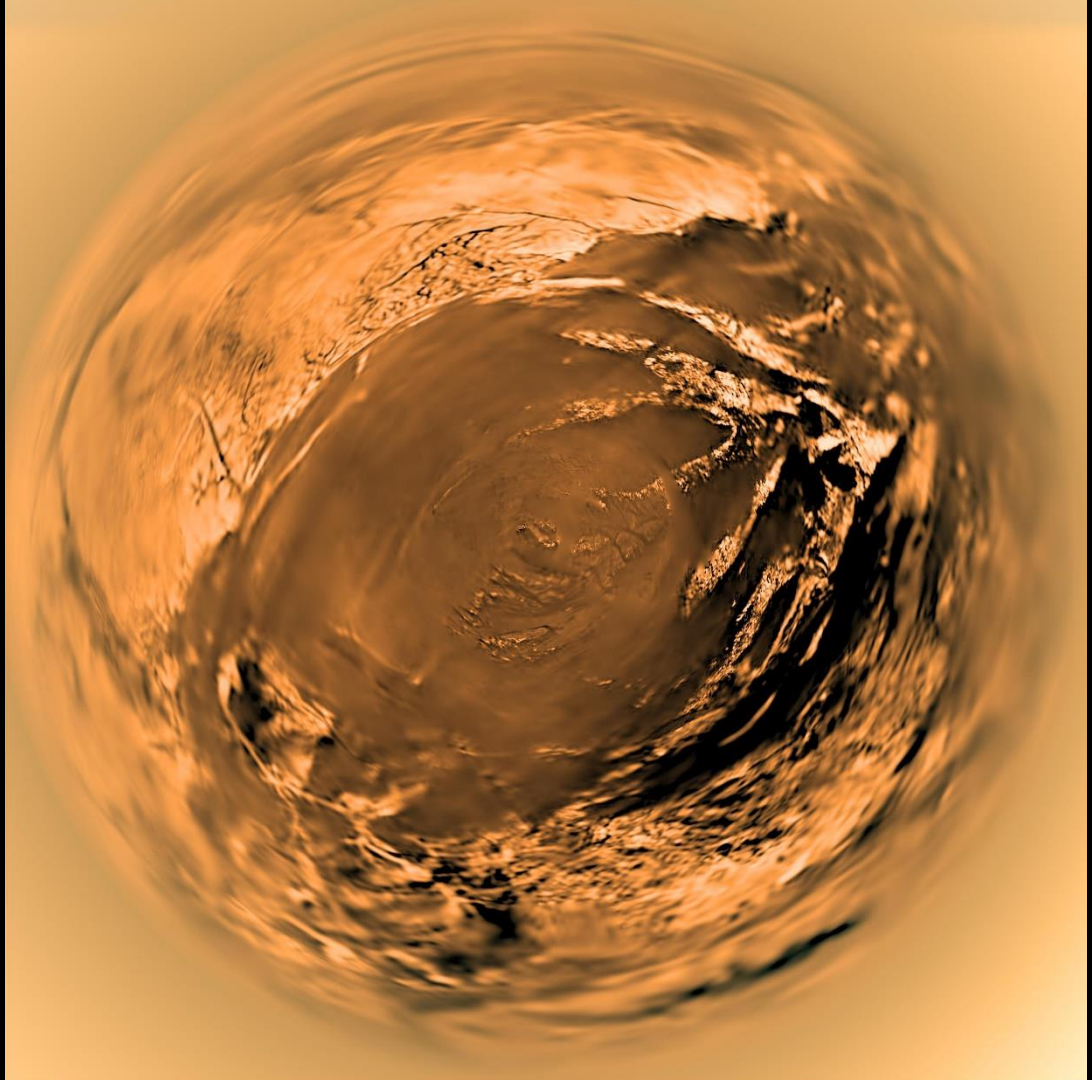

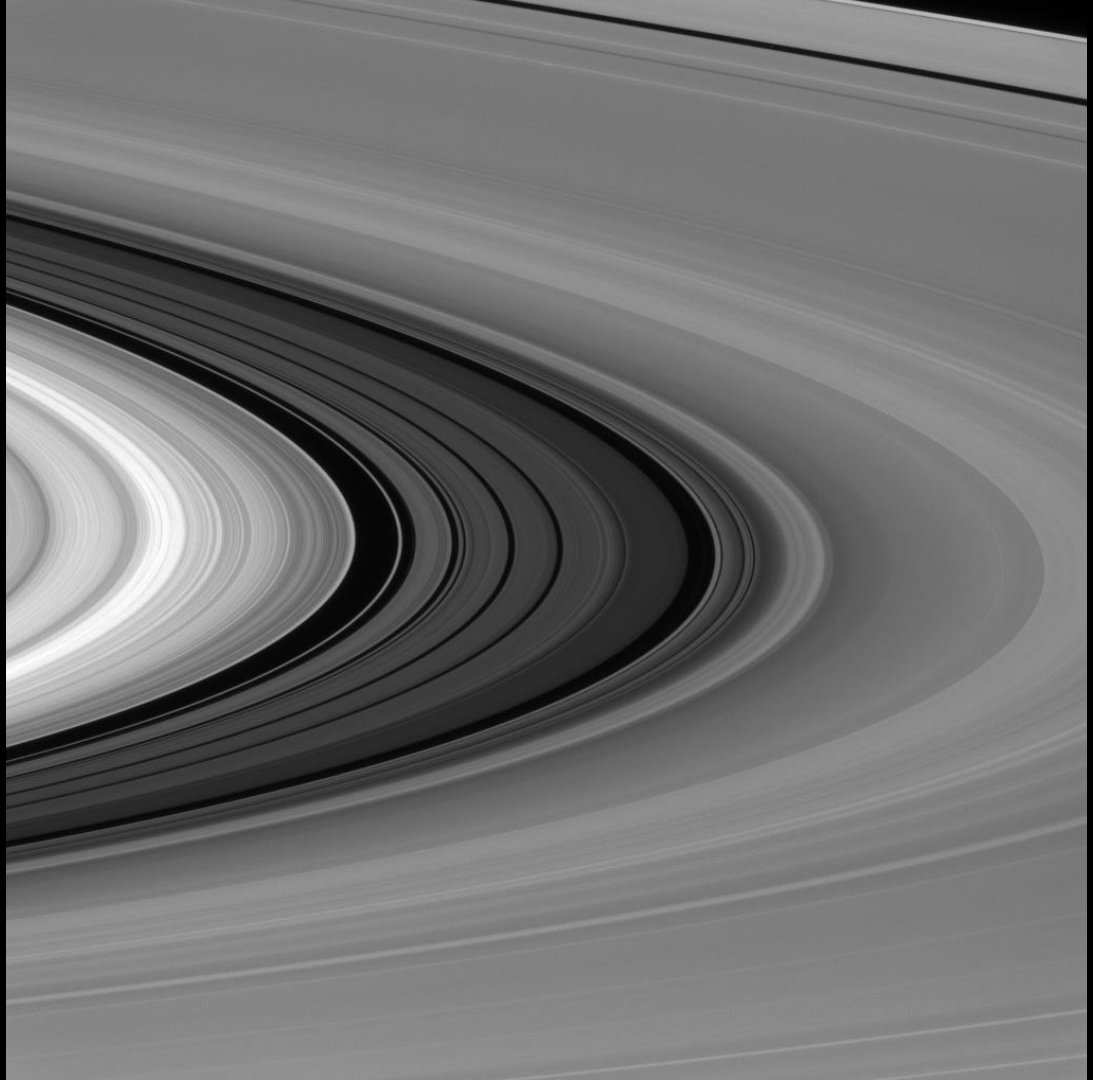

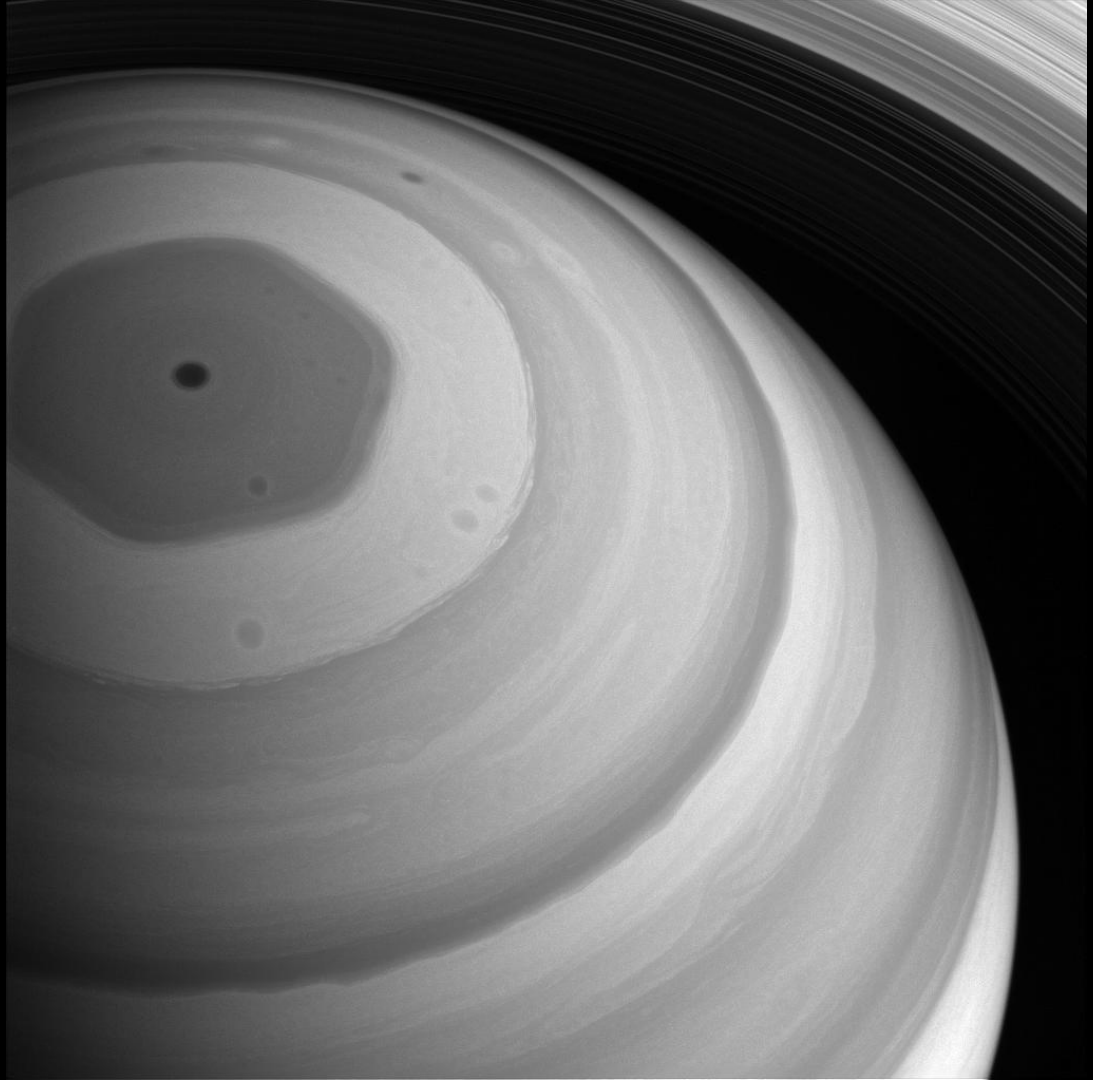

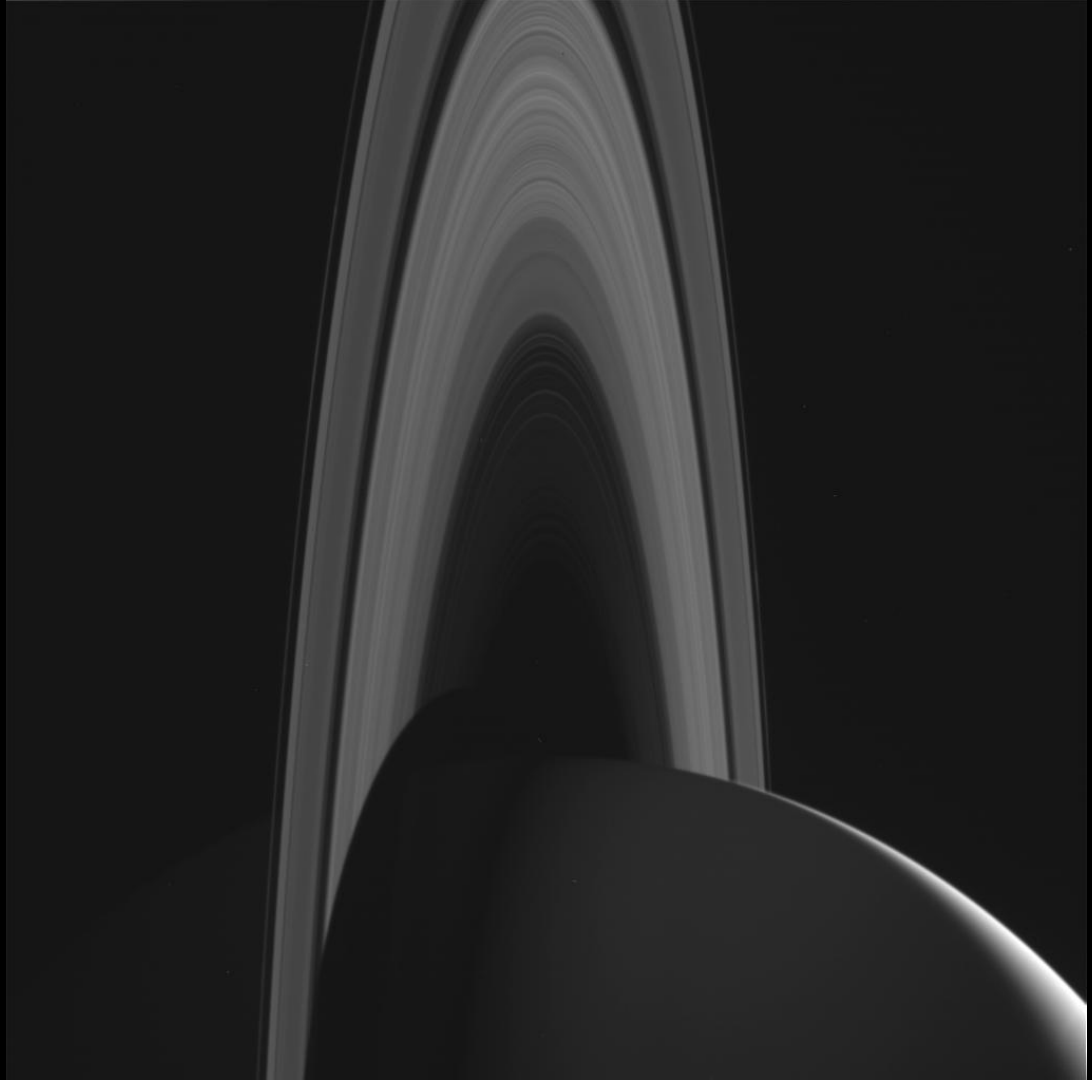

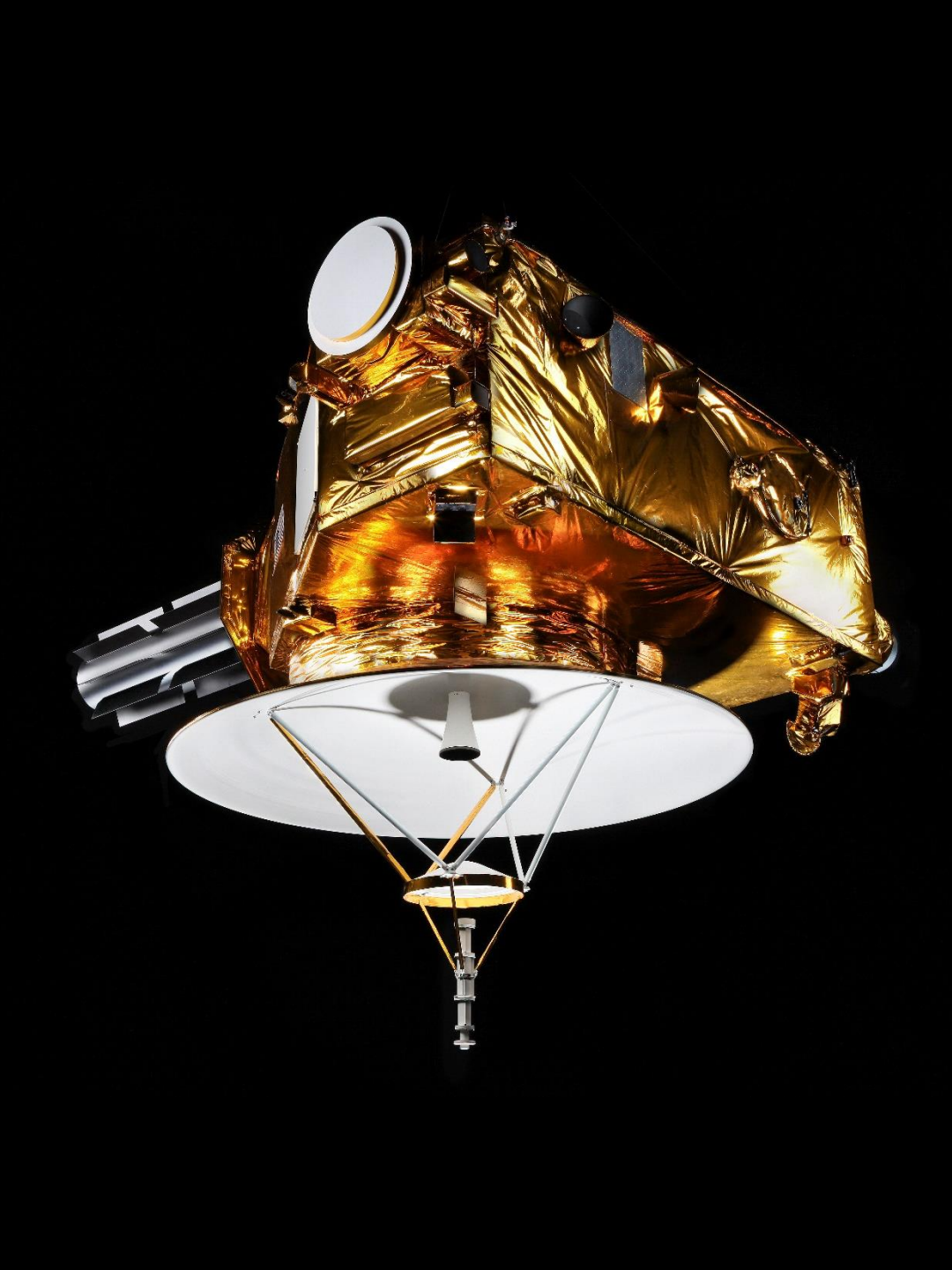

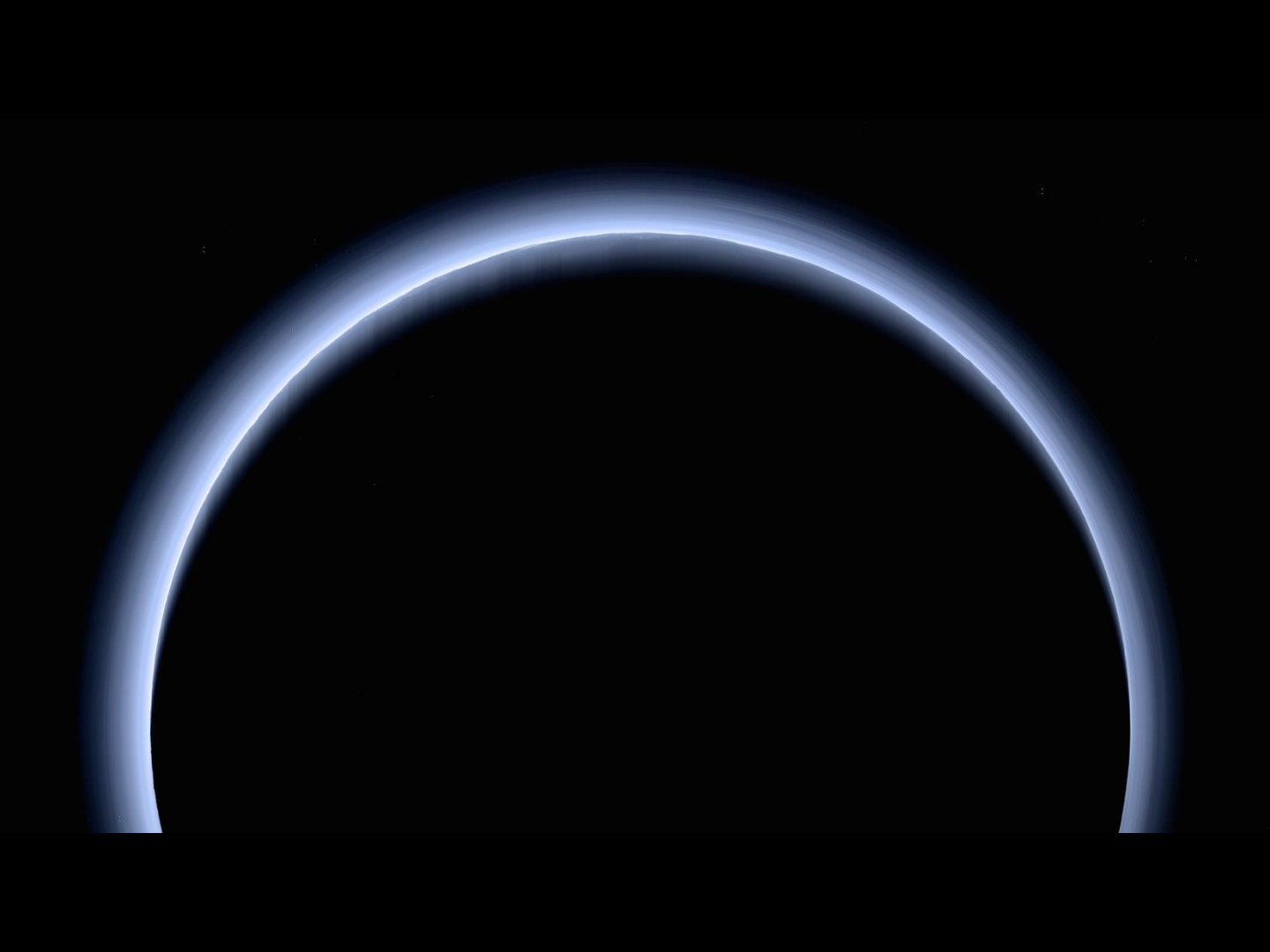

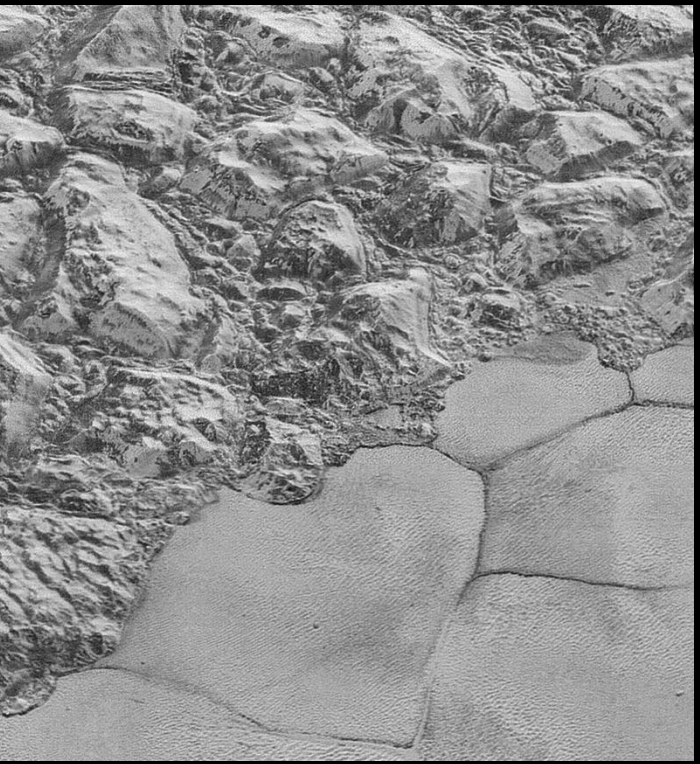

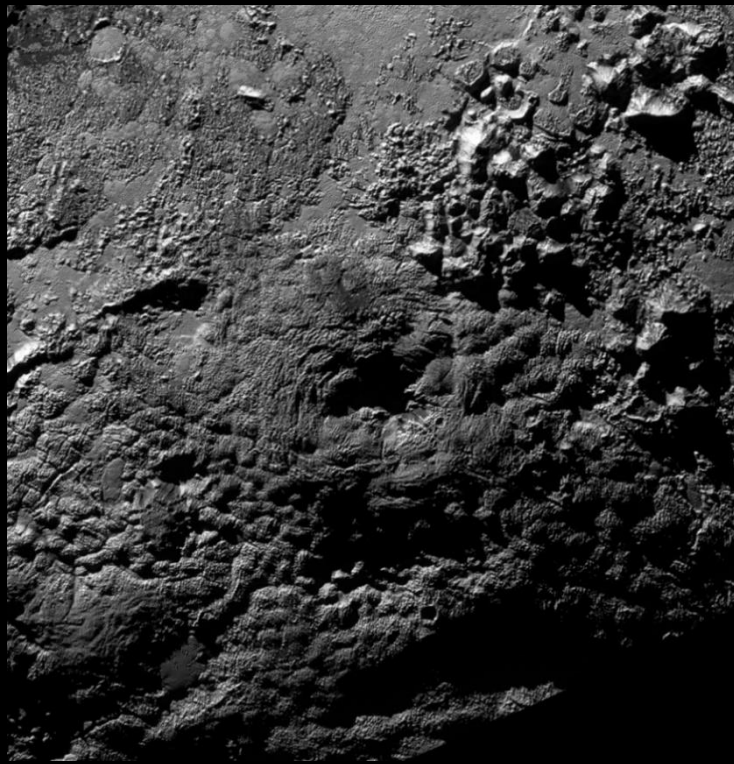


Earth
moon


Thank you