

Space Astronomy Future Science Prospects for the Next Decades

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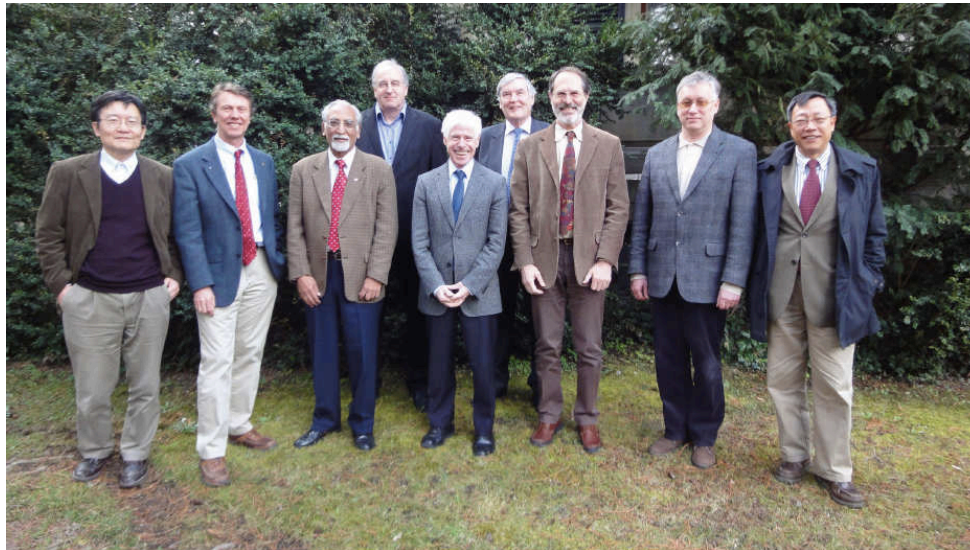


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The Future of Space Astronomy:

A Global Road Map for the Next Decades

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Prologue

Space satellites have given astrophysicists a unique opportunity to explore the invisible part of the electromagnetic spectrum and drastically improve our knowledge of the Universe.

From the discovery of the first X-Ray source, in 1962, a factor of 10^{7-8} improvement in sensitivity have been achieved in X-Ray astronomy and of 10^7 in Cosmic micro wave background data!

...and we have now the first detection of Gravitational Wave, 100 years after their prediction: a new window open

The increasing size, complexity and cost of large space observatories places a growing emphasis on large international collaboration.

Which Future for Space Astronomy?

Multi Colour Eyes - Present

The collage features several astronomical observatories and a central diagram of the electromagnetic spectrum. The observatories shown include:

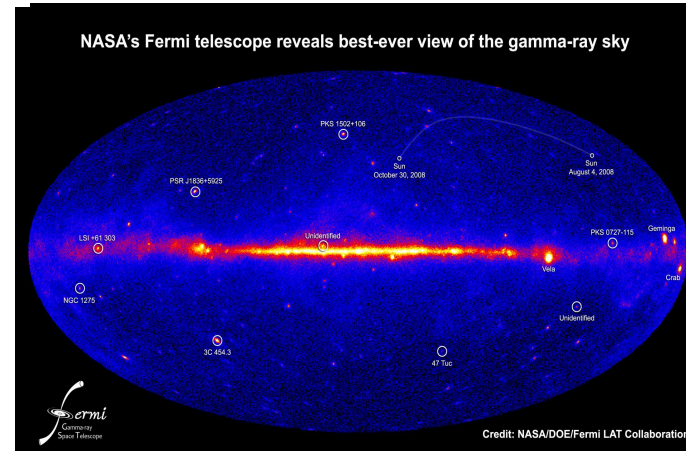
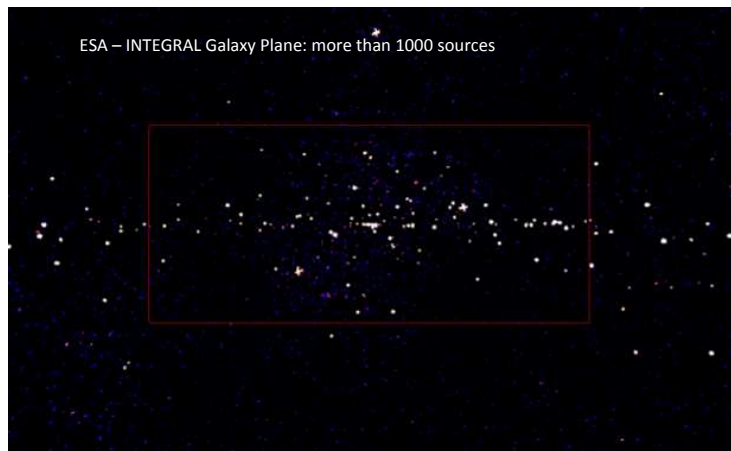
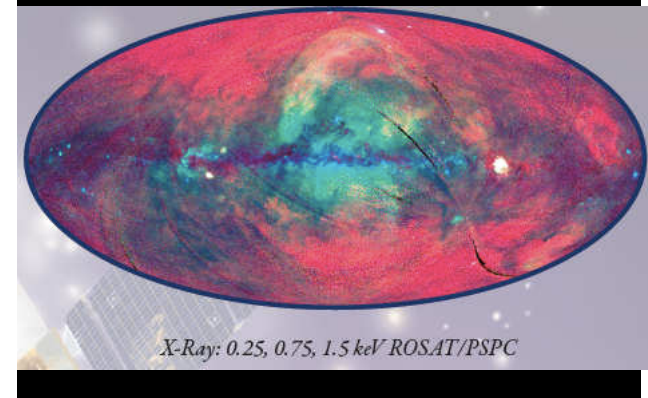
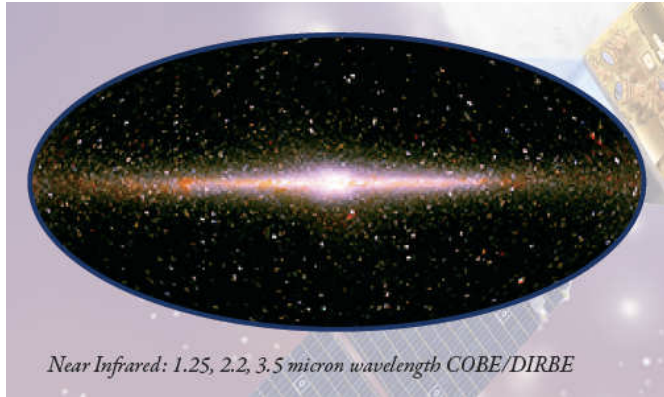
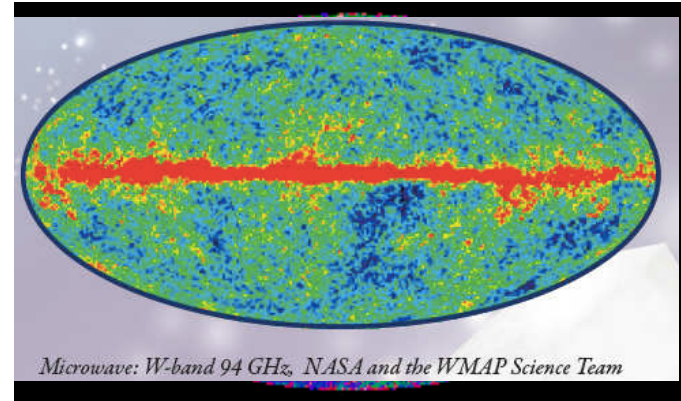
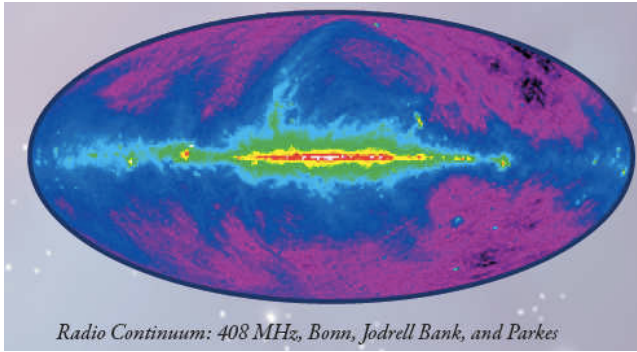
- Spitzer**: A space-based infrared telescope.
- Herschel**: A space-based infrared telescope.
- WISE**: A space-based infrared telescope.
- Hubble**: A space-based visible light telescope.
- Nustar**: A space-based X-ray telescope.
- Chandra, XMM**: Space-based X-ray telescopes.
- XTE, Suzaku**: Space-based X-ray telescopes.
- Planck**: A space-based microwave telescope.
- Swift**: A space-based gamma-ray telescope.
- Integral**: A space-based gamma-ray telescope.
- Fermi**: A space-based gamma-ray telescope.
- MAGIC, HESS, MILAGRO, VERITAS**: Ground-based gamma-ray observatories.
- IRAM, CSO, SMA, APEX**: Ground-based radio telescopes.
- VLA, MERLIN, CBT, JORDELL, VLBA, NANCY**: Ground-based radio telescopes.
- GMRT**: Ground-based radio telescope.

The central diagram shows the electromagnetic spectrum with labels for **RADIO**, **MICROWAVE**, **INFRARED**, **VISIBLE LIGHT**, **UV**, **X-RAY**, and **GAMMA**. It also includes a scale for wavelength and energy.

..SPECTACULAR RESULTS FROM SPACE OBSERVATORIES

The multicolor Universe as was known 20 years ago and nowadays

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The different views of the Galaxy

INTEGRAL detects "antimatter" in the centre of our Galaxy

Open issues:

§ which is the role of SMBH in the Large scale structure formation (Clusters, QSOs), and finally stars and planets?

§ and what about our Galaxy centre BH...

§ Which is the astrophysical counterpart of the just detected Gravitational Wave, what we expect at other wavelengths... and which are the Cosmological implications

§ the "death of the Stars"

INTEGRAL UL on γ -ray emission from GW150914

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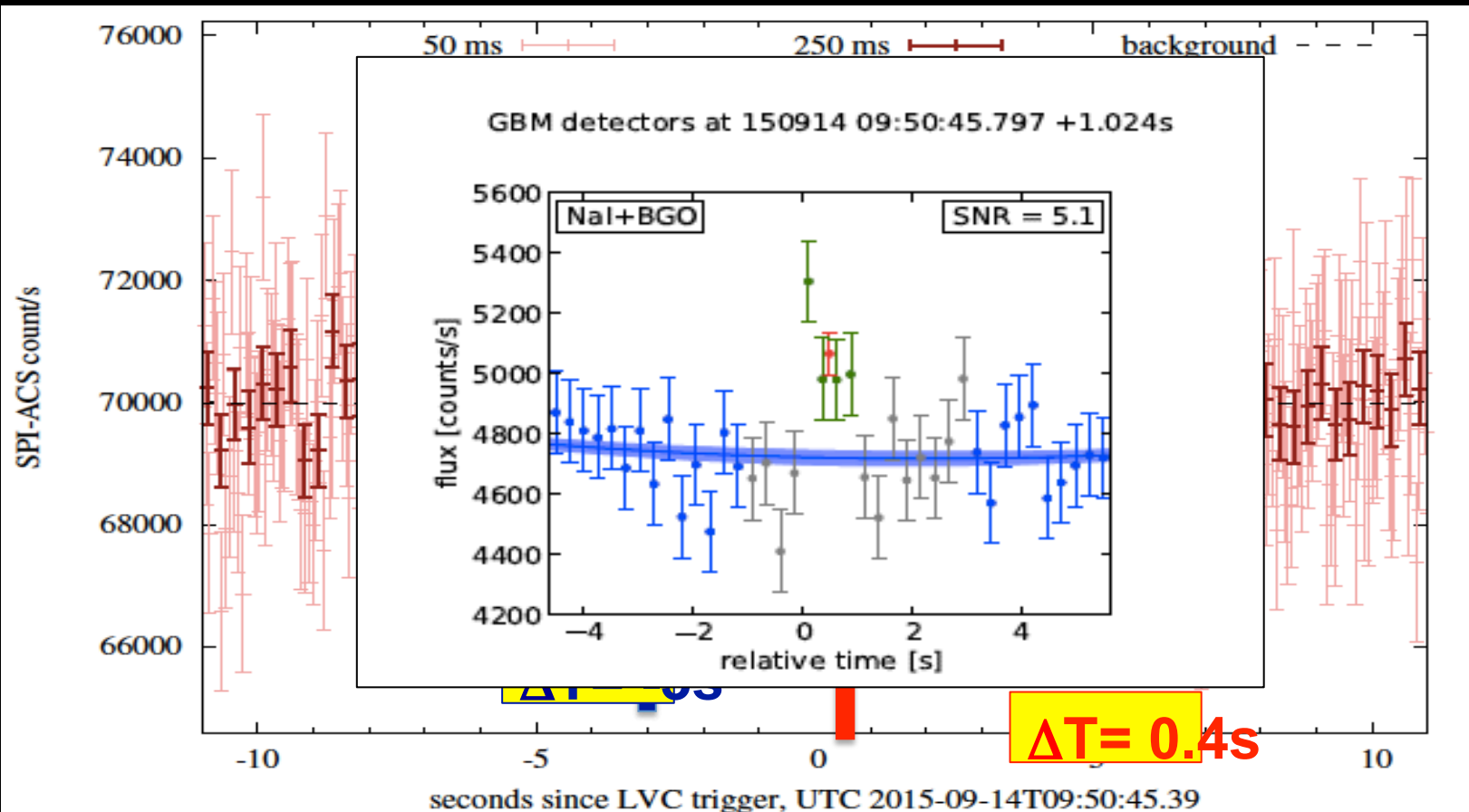
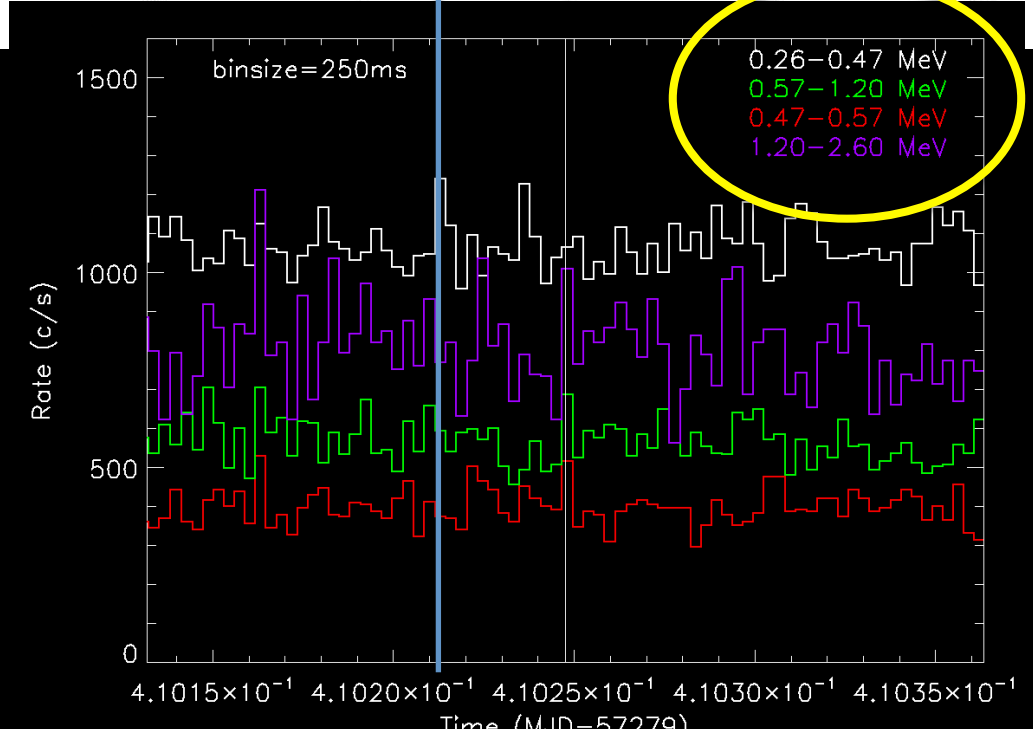
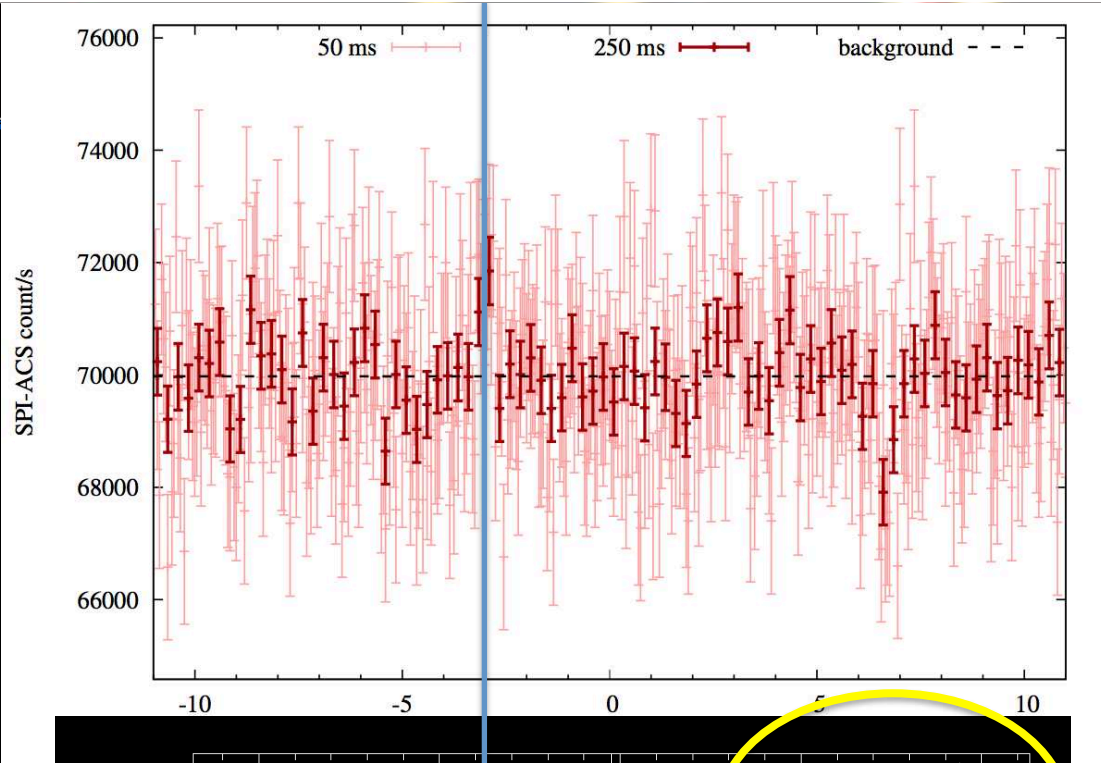


Fig. 1.— INTEGRAL/SPI-ACS lightcurve in ± 10 s around GW150914 trigger time. Light red symbols represent the measurements at the natural instrument time resolution of 50 ms; dark red points are rebinned to 250 ms. The dashed black curve is the background level estimated from a long-term average.

<http://arxiv.org/abs/1602.04180>

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PICSIT Spectral
Timing data
260 keV – 2.6 MeV

16ms time
resolution

INTEGRAL UL on γ -ray emission from GW150914

arxiv1602.04180, arxiv1602.08492

Upper limits/detection fluence at the time of the event $\approx 10^{-8}$ erg cm $^{-2}$ in the 75 keV-2 MeV energy range, i.e. promptly released in γ -rays

$$E_g/E_{GW} < 10^{-6}$$

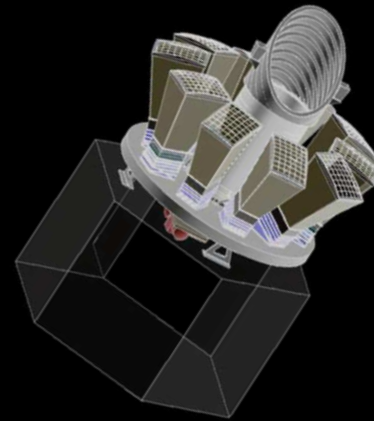
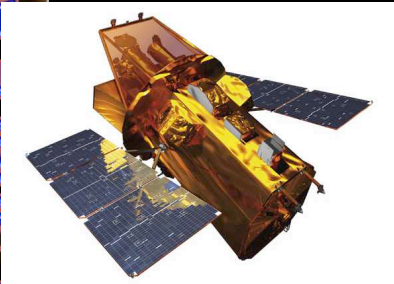
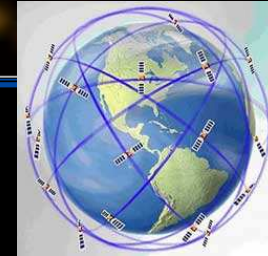
What are the implications of this energetic constraint?

At 240 Mpc this is $L_g = 7 \times 10^{46}$ erg in 1s, if isotropic, or 10^{44} if strongly beamed

→ Lot of energy to be extracted from disk

What's next:

OP2 → 1 trigger/week



INTEGRAL-SWIFT
Large Observatories
>10 years operations

INTEGRAL and
SWIFT operation
mode has been
changed to
IMMEDIATELY
follow-up the
NEXT GW trigger

LOBSTER (NASA)
Theseus (ESA)

Lobster eye X-Ray
+ gamma-ray
trigger
10-50 grb High Z

10y dev. Cost
200-500M€

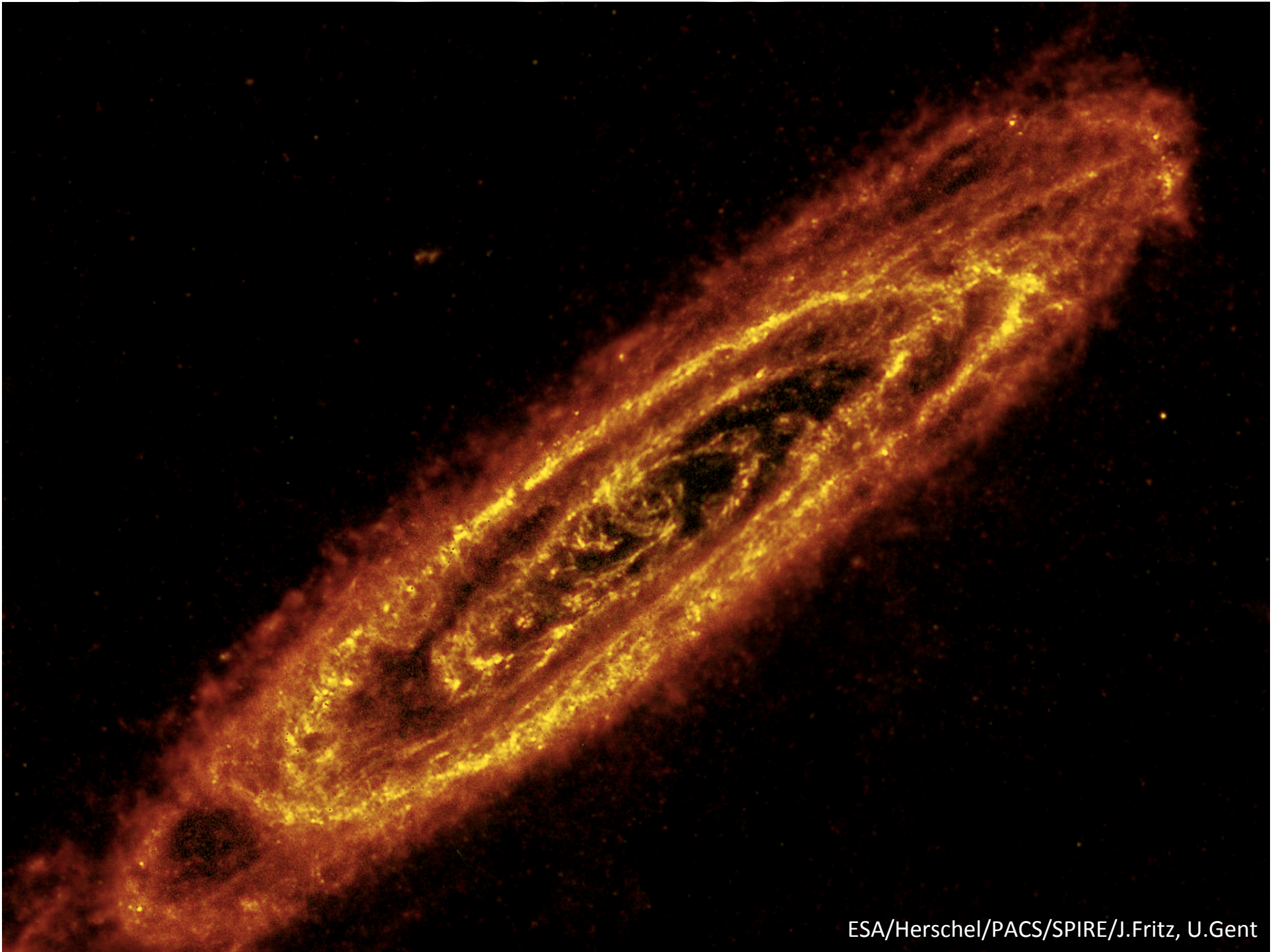
The HERMES mission
High Energy Rapid Modular
Experiment Satellites

Cubesat swarm
constellation **Arcsec**
positioning

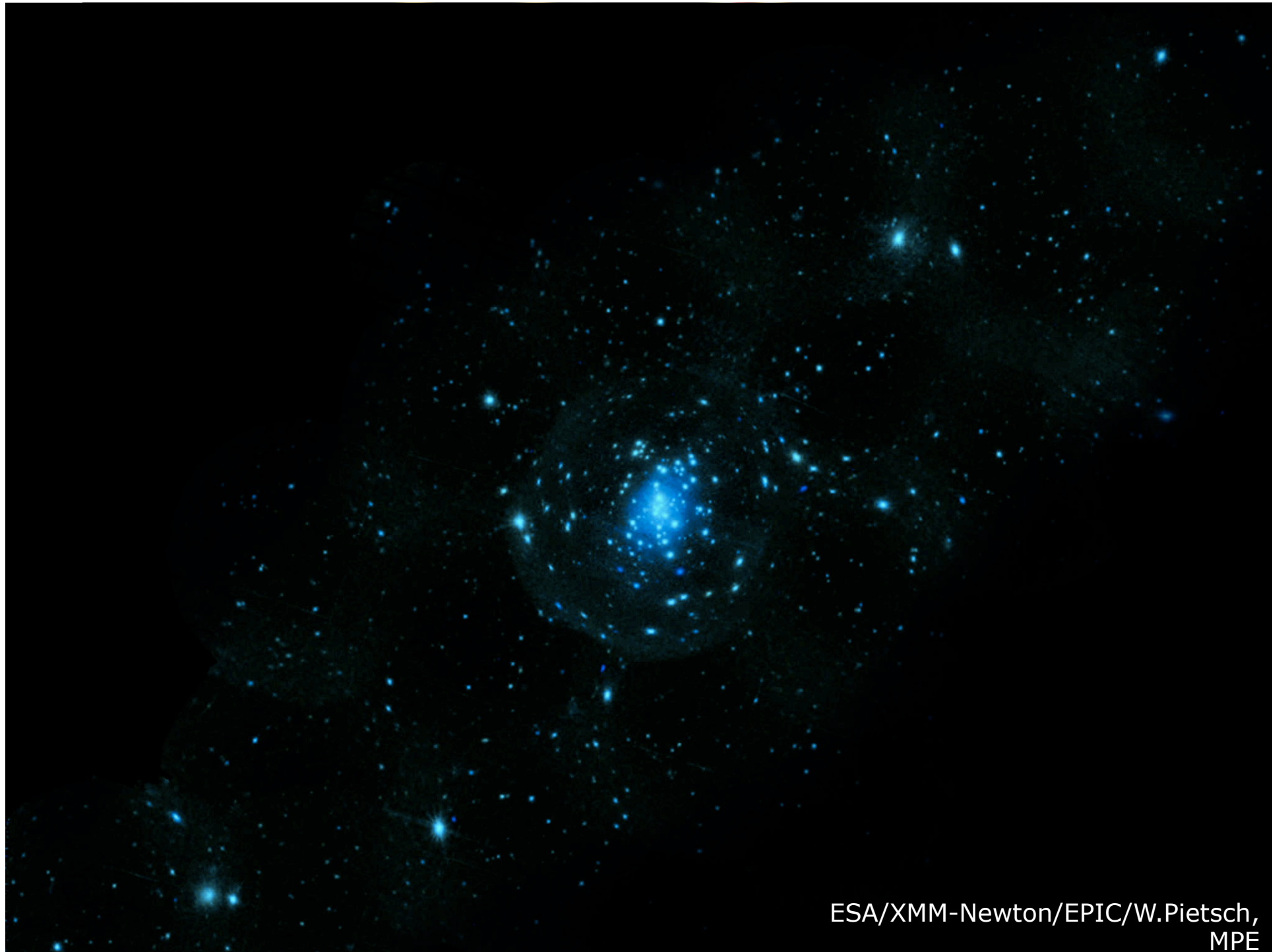
Short turnaround
Moderate cost, modularity:
100cubesat

Which Future for Space As

We end this short review of the powerful tools given by modern Space Observatory the Universe. Just one example the multicolor view of Andromeda Galaxy seen at different wavelengths, i.e. enhancing different states of its evolutionary hystory.



ESA/Herschel/PACS/SPIRE/J.Fritz, U.Gent



ESA/XMM-Newton/EPIC/W.Pietsch,
MPE

Visible light: the living stars: living from 6-7 My (100 Ms) to 13 By (0.9 MS)

Infrared: the 'birth' of the stars

X-Rays: the final stage of stars

..in a picture the whole time history of a galaxy..

Powerful space observatories give you the full story of the different components of the Universe at a glance....scientists can do much better understanding the physical processes active in place....

This is the state of art... and open questions?

We need to probe the very early stages of the Universe, to understand how it evolved from the Big Bang, i.e. from the (almost) pure hydrogen in form of gas (and dark matter?), to the 'monster' and 'mini' BHs, cluster of Galaxies, Galaxies, Stars, Proto-Planetary systems Planets and finally life!....

- ✓ how and when the 'first stars' were built is one of the fundamental question → now compelling in view of the GW detection 100Ms??
→ Need for more powerful Space Observatories
- ✓ there is a need to maintain a FULL ACCESS to the whole electromagnetic spectrum from Space
→ There is a solid plan for Ground Based facilities that must be complemented by the space-segment to get the full picture of how the Universe originated and what is it made off.

At the WG time we had a unsecured future for Large missions

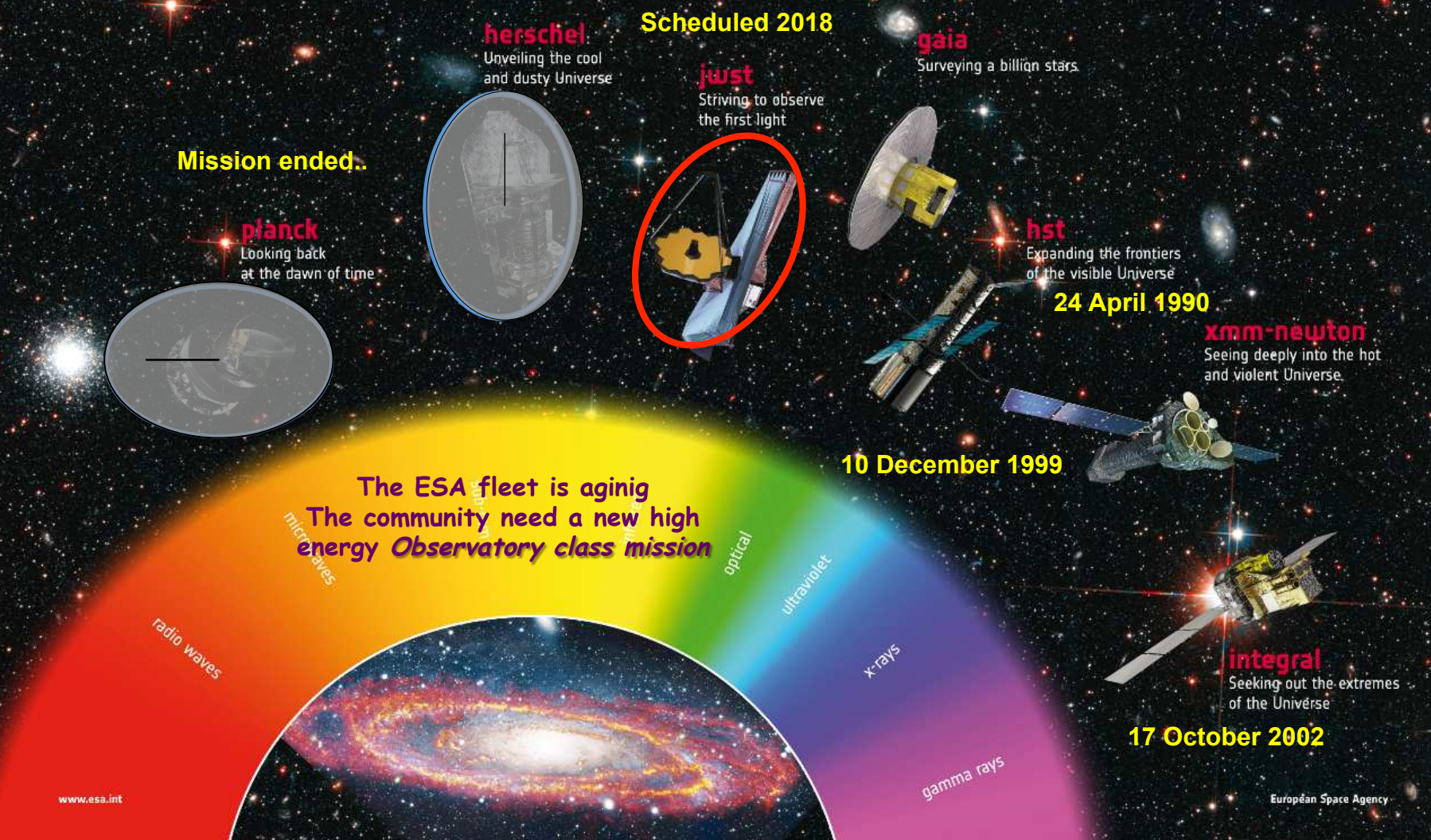
We have now an impressive fleet of Space Observatories

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→ ESA'S FLEET ACROSS THE SPECTRUM



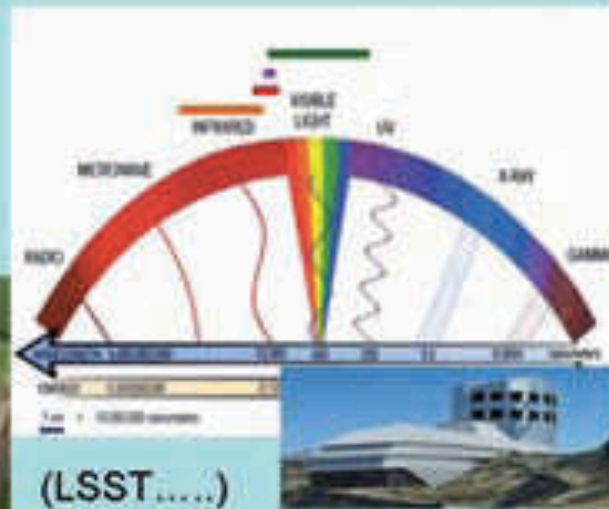
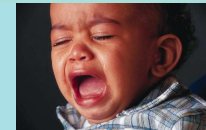
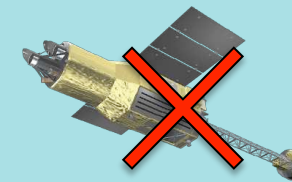
Thanks to cutting edge technology, astronomy is today unveiling a new universe around us. With ESA's fleet of spacecraft, science can explore the full spectrum of light, see into the hidden infrared universe, visit the untamed and violent universe, chart our galaxy and even look back at the dawn of time.



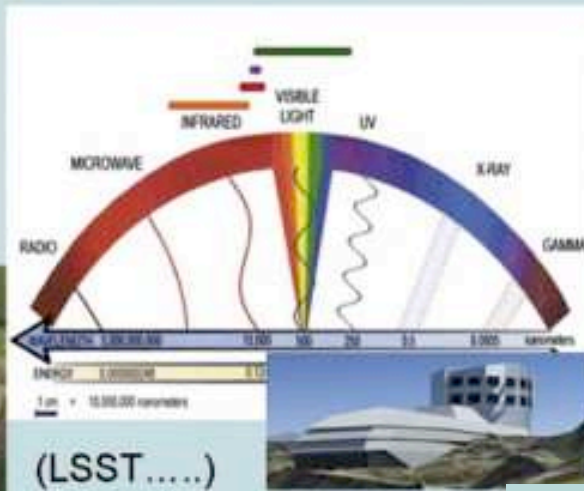
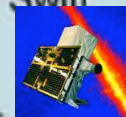
The short term perspective: an aging fleet!

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Multi Colour Eyes 2010-2015



Multi Colour Eyes 2015-2020



Multi Colour Eyes > 2020



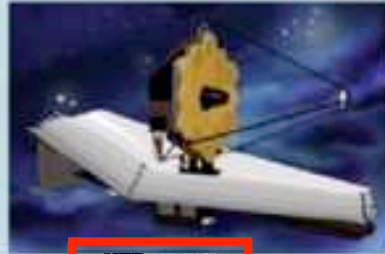
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Plato

ATHENA

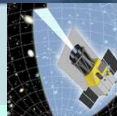
ESA L2



JWST



ASTRO-H



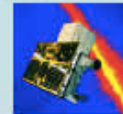
Euclid

ESA M2



Integral

Swift



Fermi

Agile



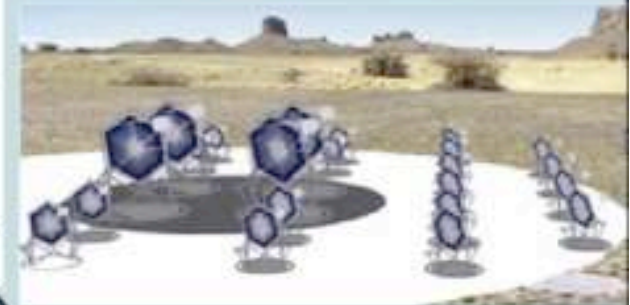
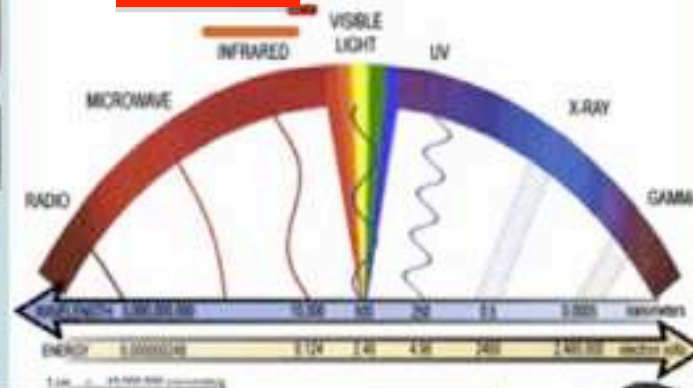
ALMA
LMT
CCAT



SKA

GBT EVLA

LOFAR



CTA, ACIS
HAWC

Adapted from Ubertini et al

In the last 5 years COSPAR-IAU-IAF
Commissions common action have been implemented to

..find synergies,
common actions,
Proselitism,
herding the astrophysics community...

L2 Athena & L3 eLISA

programs has been decided and they will drive
the next 2-3 decades scientific activity in space
astrophysics and planetology!

...what's next?

At the IAU GA in Honolulu (2015) was held a Focuss Meeting on Global Coordination.

After several days of open discussion the result was the Establishment of a WG on:

Global Coordination of Ground and Space Astrophysics

under the IAU Executive Committee

Members and Contact Details

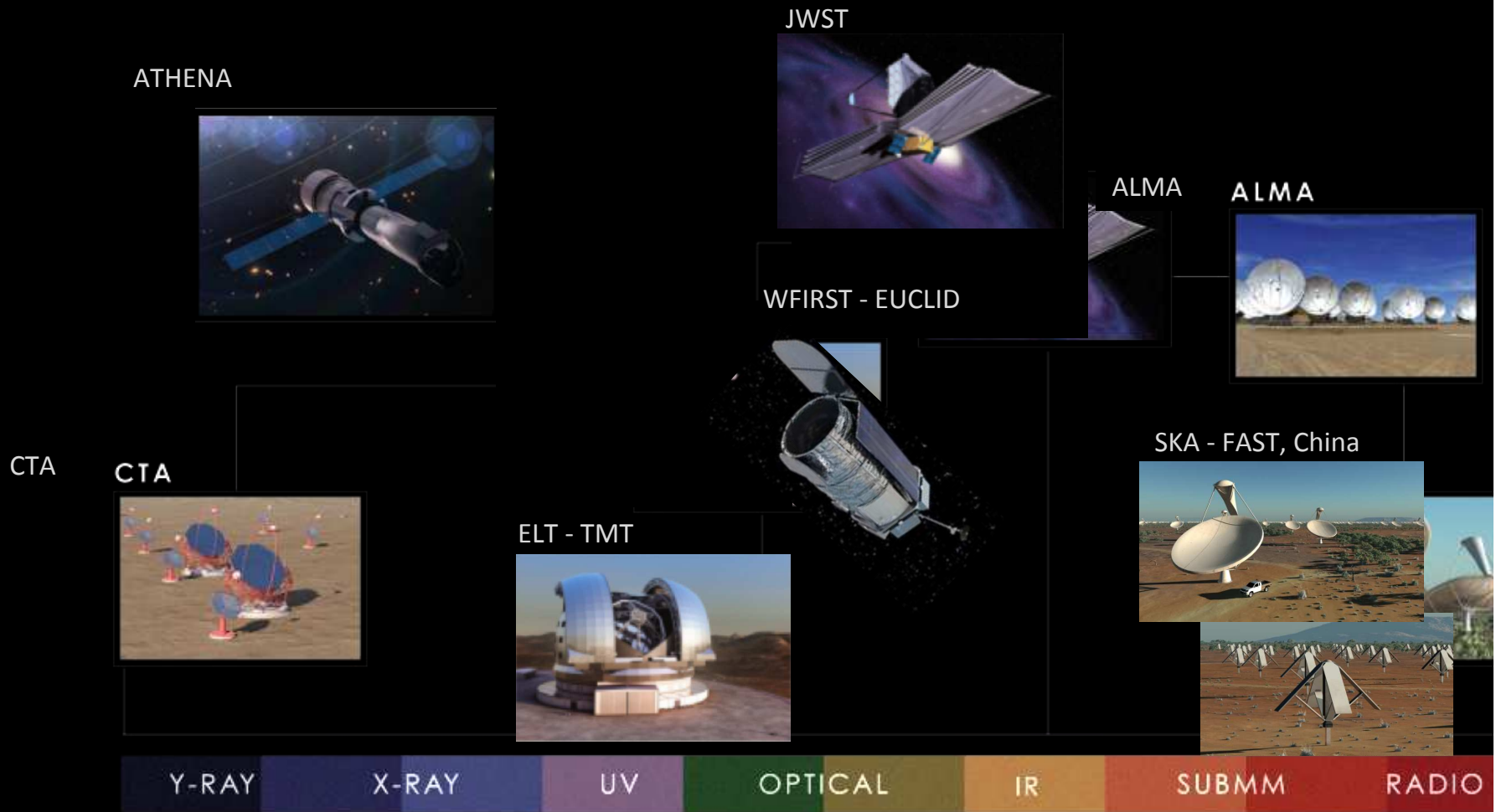
Chairs:

Roger Davies (Roger.Davies@physics.ox.ac.uk) - UK – co-chair

David Spergel (dns@astro.princeton.edu) - USA – co-chair

Major Observational Facilities 2020 -2040

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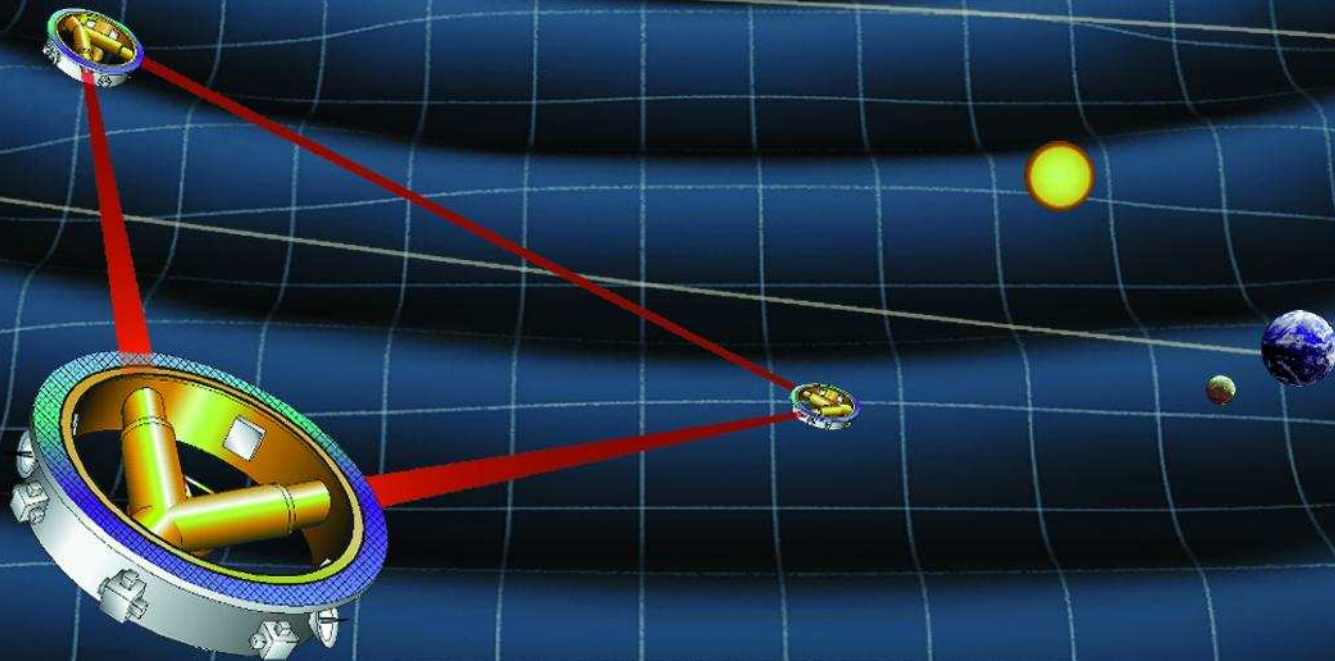


The new IAU-WG will play a key role in the coordination activity →
What's missing'

A new Gravitational Wave Observatory?

To achieve good positioning capability
3 arms seems necessary (see MB talk) →

Large effort = ESA+NASA endeavour?
Who will lead? HST/JWST like cos >> B\$?



Thanks for your attention