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# PLATO

## *PLAnetary Transits and Oscillations of stars*

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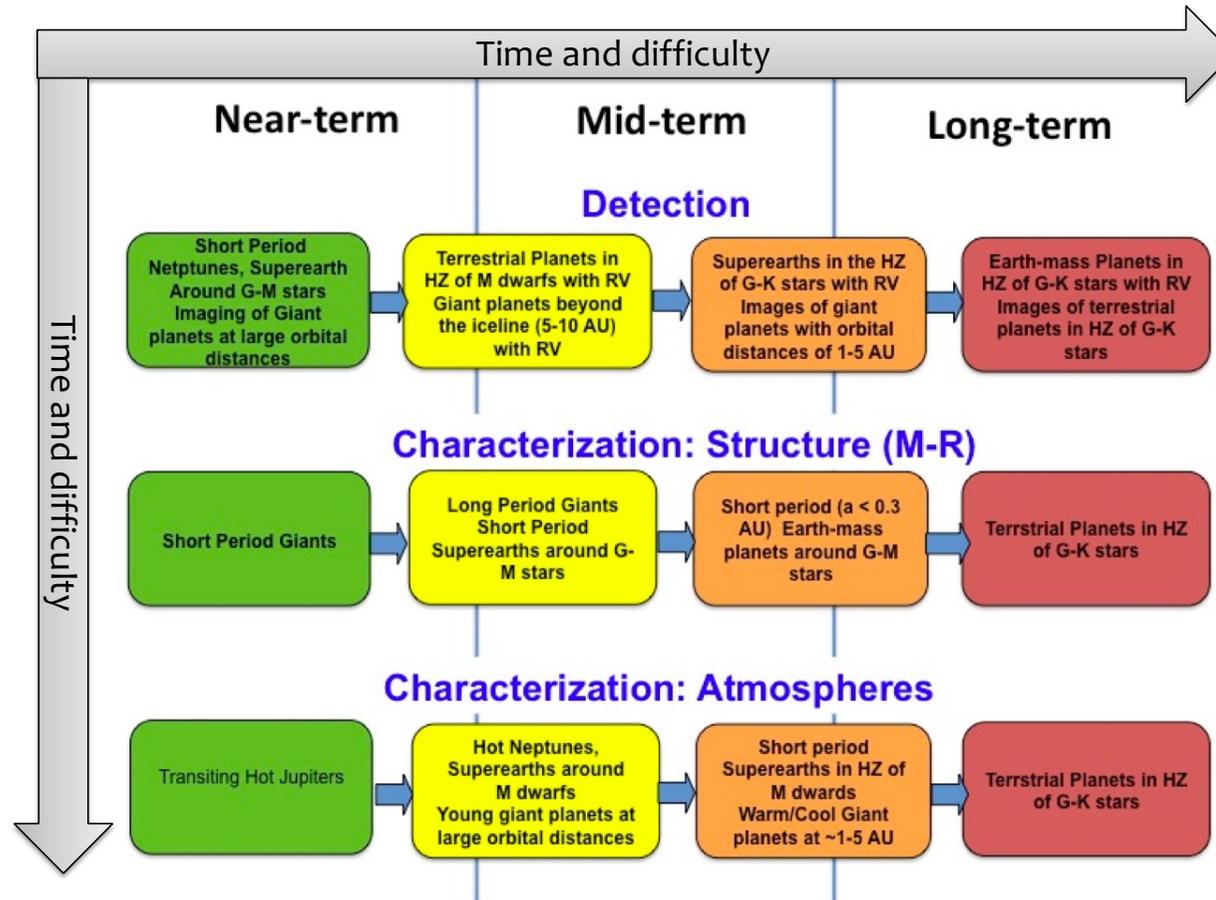
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# The EP-RAT Roadmap

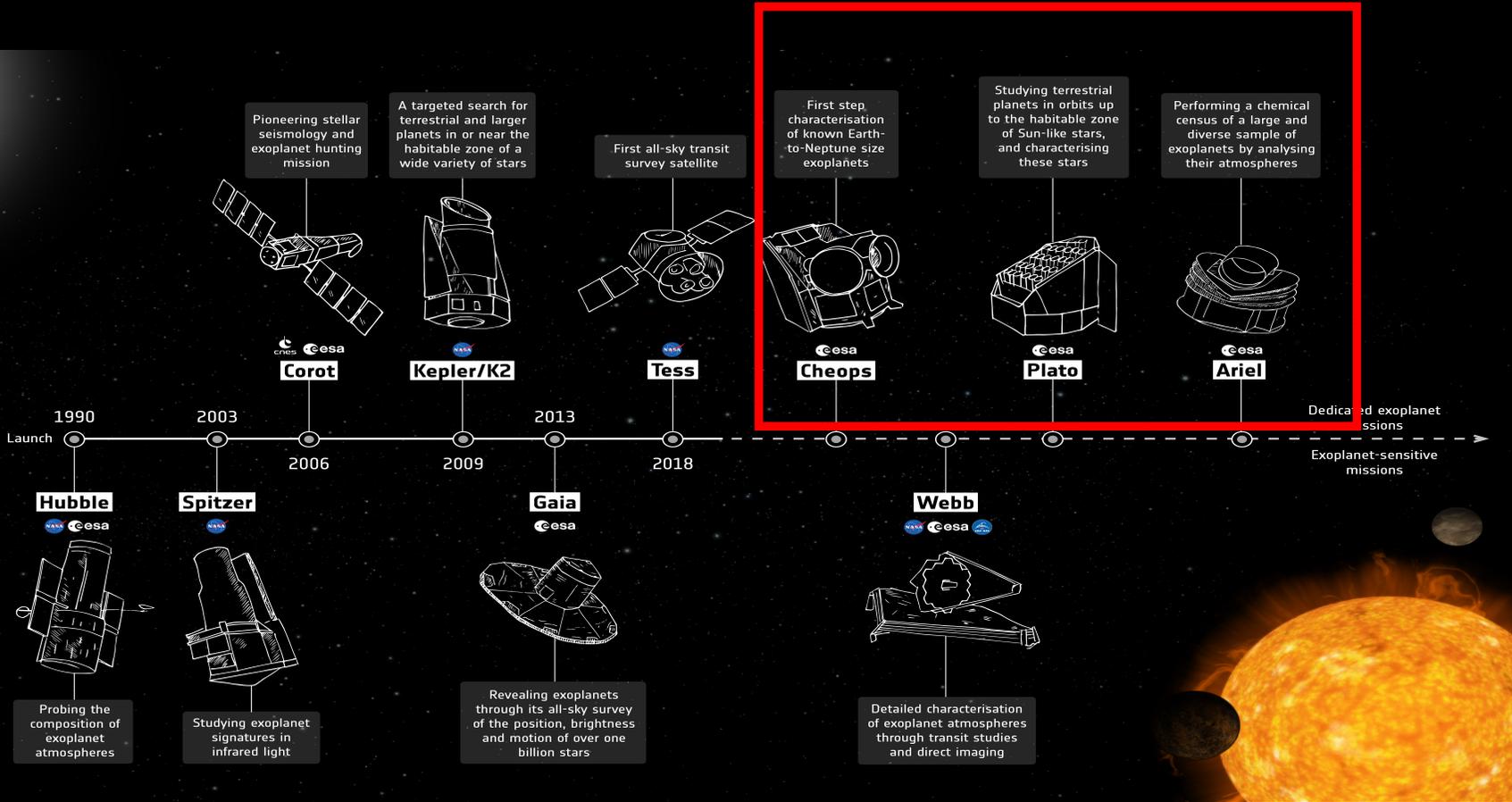
ESA EXOPLANET ROADMAP ADVISORY TEAM – Oct 2010





### Ground-based observatories

First discoveries of exoplanets in the 1990s opened up the field of exoplanet research. New innovations and discoveries continue to this day





# PLATO

## PLAnetary Transits & Oscillations of Stars



- 3° M class mission in ESA's Cosmic Vision 2015-2025 Programme
- Launch: end 2026 – Ariane 6 from Kourou
- Operation: 4.25 yr (+2) yrs  
*[satellite built with consumable for 8 yr]*

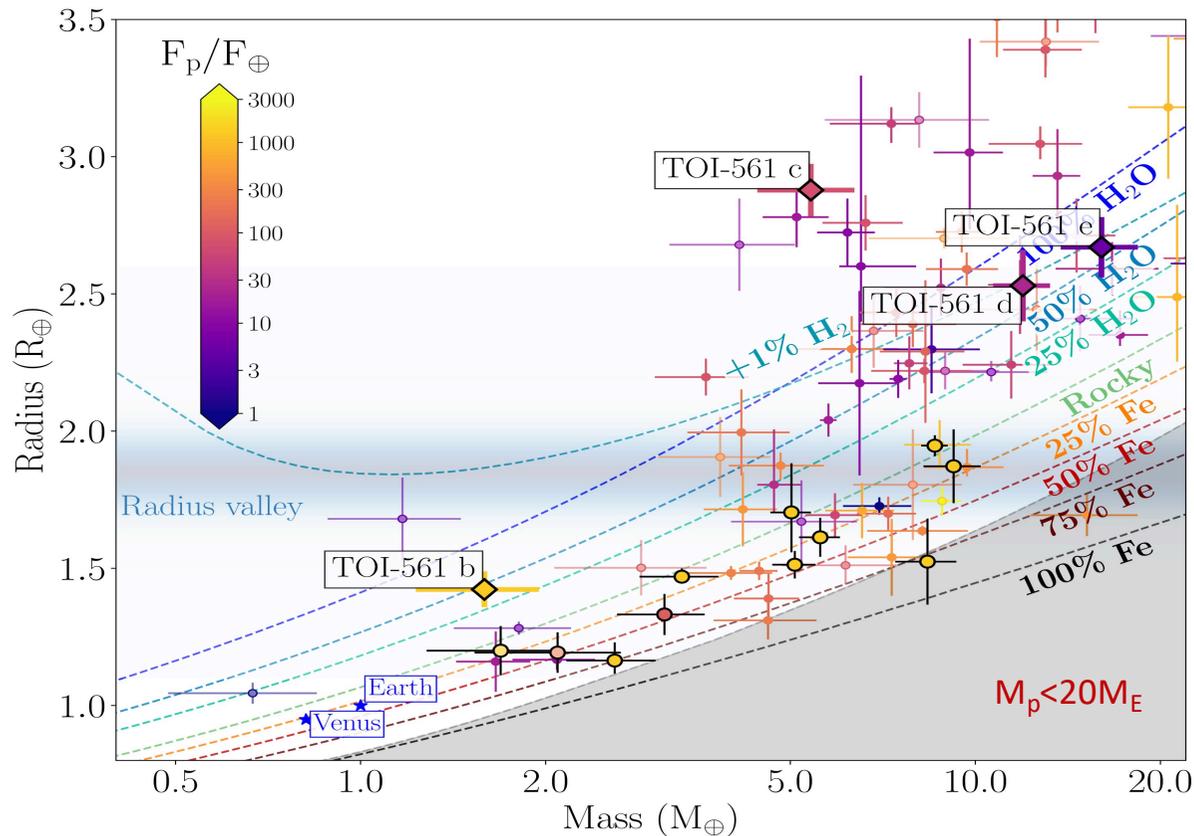


### Key Science Goals:

- ✓ Detection of terrestrial exoplanets in the habitable zone of solar-type stars and characterization of their bulk properties needed to determine their habitability.
- ✓ Understanding of the formation, the architecture, and the evolution (ages) of planetary systems by means of a full inventory of the physical properties of thousands of rocky, icy, and gaseous giant planets.

# Large diversity of planetary structure

Lacedelli et al. (2020, MNRAS 501, 4148)

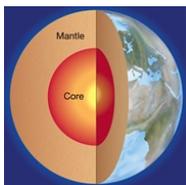


- ✓ Masses vary by a factor of  $\sim 4$  (with large errors)
- ✓ Radii vary by a factor of  $\sim 3$

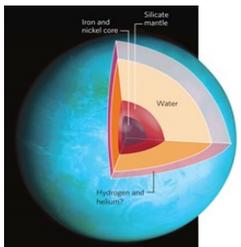
Accurate M & R are required to separate terrestrial from mini-planets

# Planet diversity

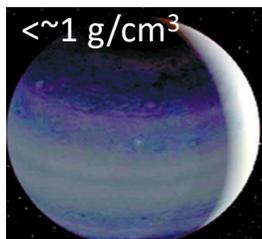
Earth 5.5 g/cm<sup>3</sup>



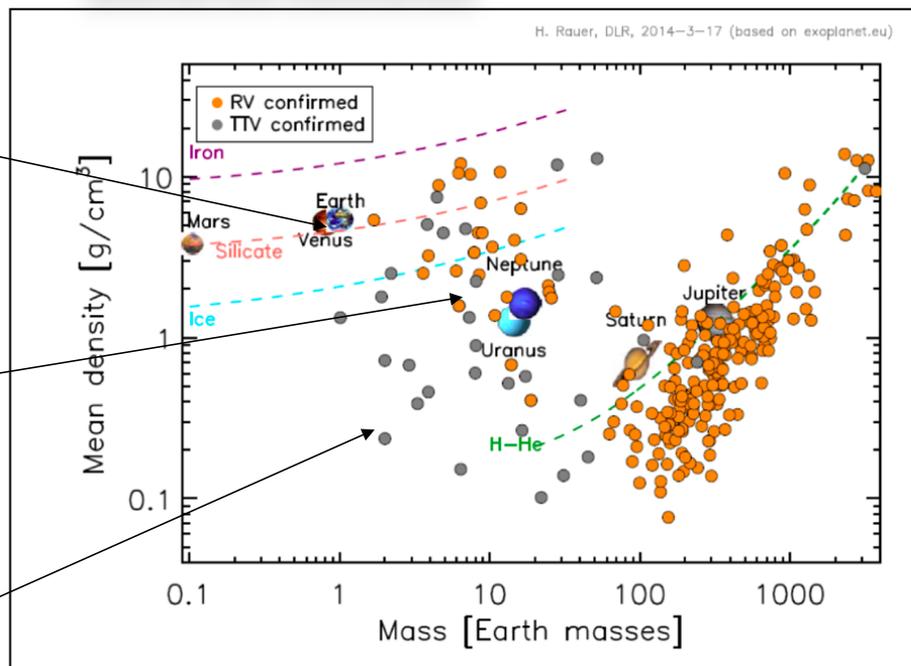
GJ1214b 1.6 g/cm<sup>3</sup>



Mini gas planets



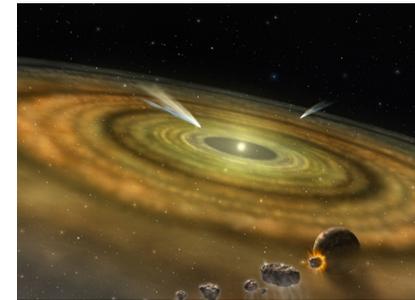
- Planets of Earth mass and below remain to be detected and characterized



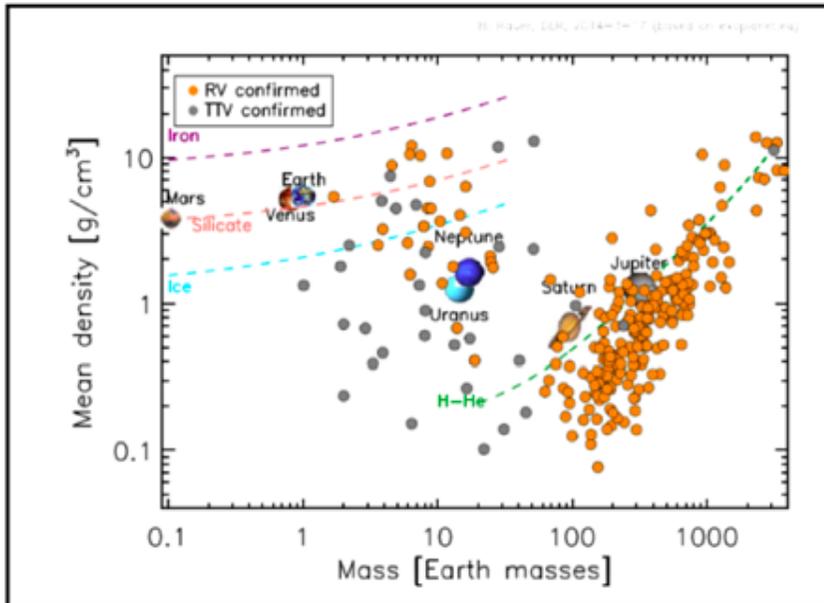
→ Mean densities required to separate terrestrial planets from mini-gas planets

# A biased view

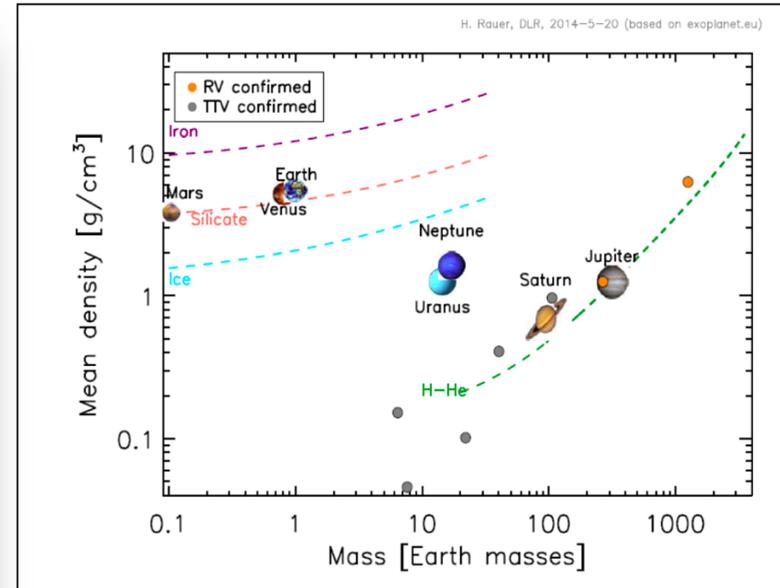
Our knowledge on planet nature is limited to close-in planets so far.



All planets



Planets with P > 80 days



# Small planets with both Radius and Mass measured

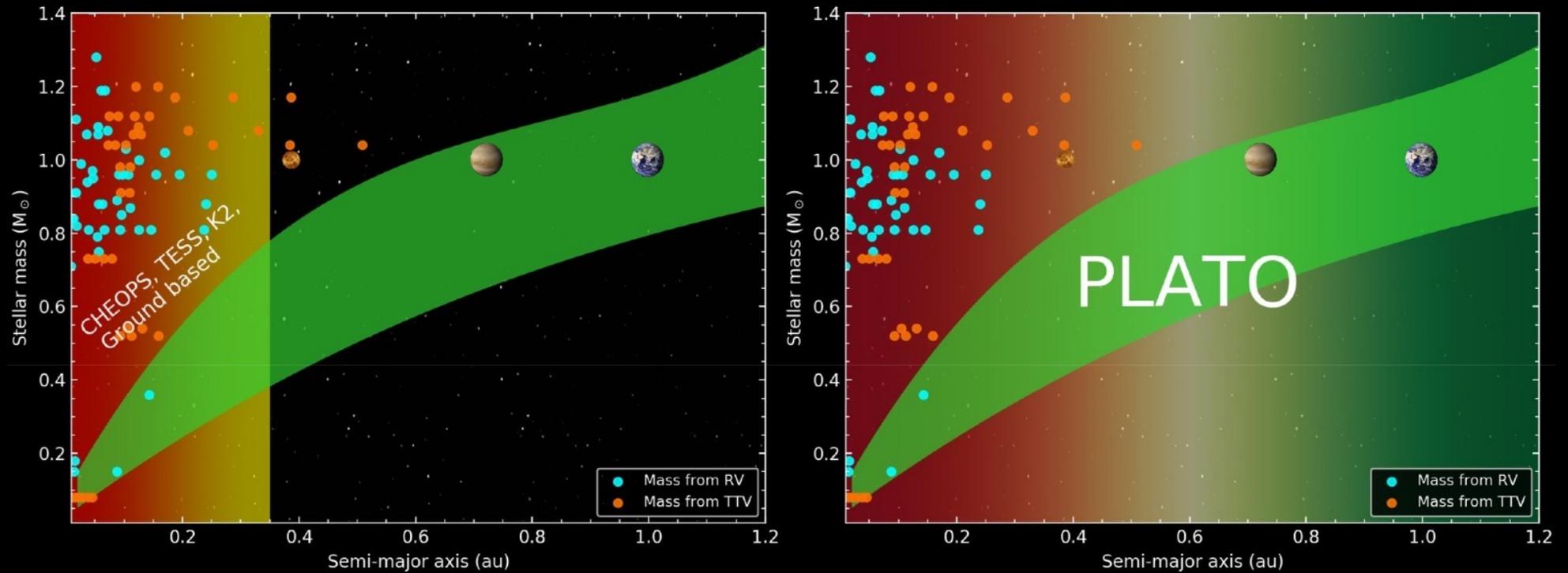
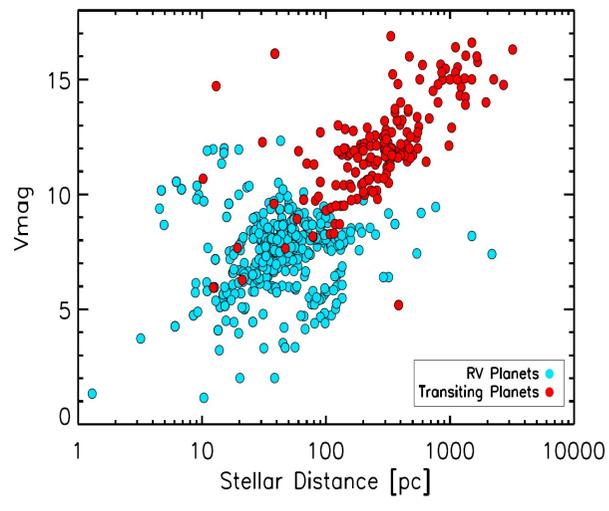


Illustration of PLATO science exoplanet target range in comparison to other missions (Rauer et al. in preparation)

# The need for bright stars

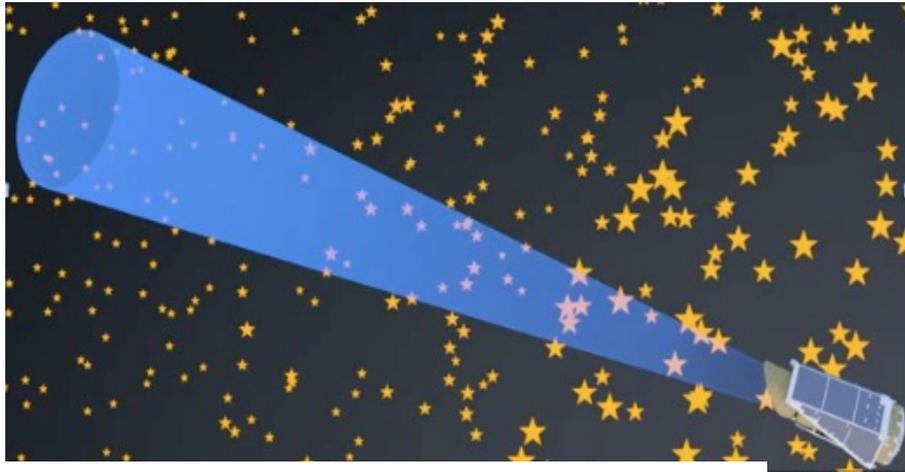
Known planets from radial velocity and transit surveys



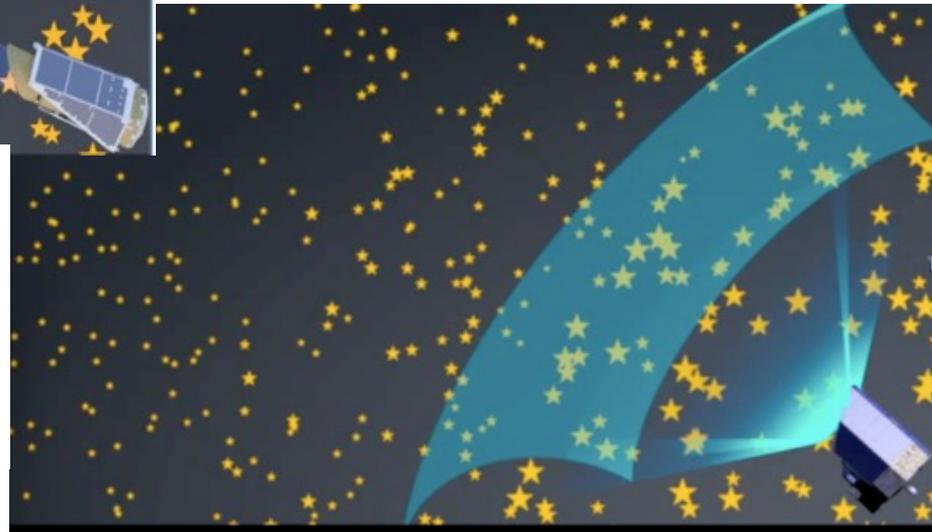
- ✓ Why have so few targets been characterized?
- ✓ Transit surveys targeted faint and distant stars to maximize detection performance.
- ✓ Radial velocity surveys need bright stars ( $\leq 11$  mag) to keep telescope resources limited.

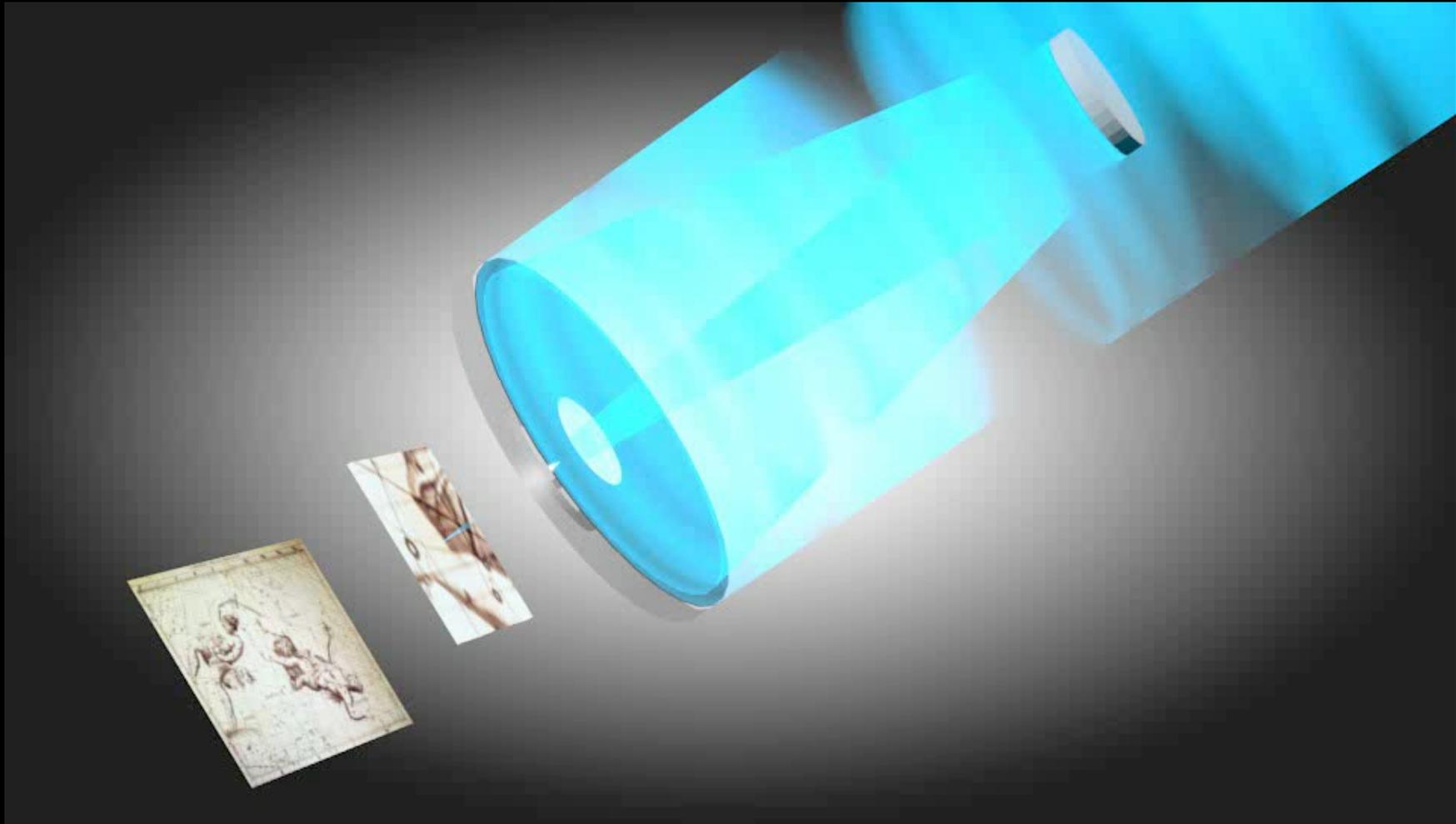
Lessons learned:  
Future transit missions must target bright stars!

# Large FoV concept

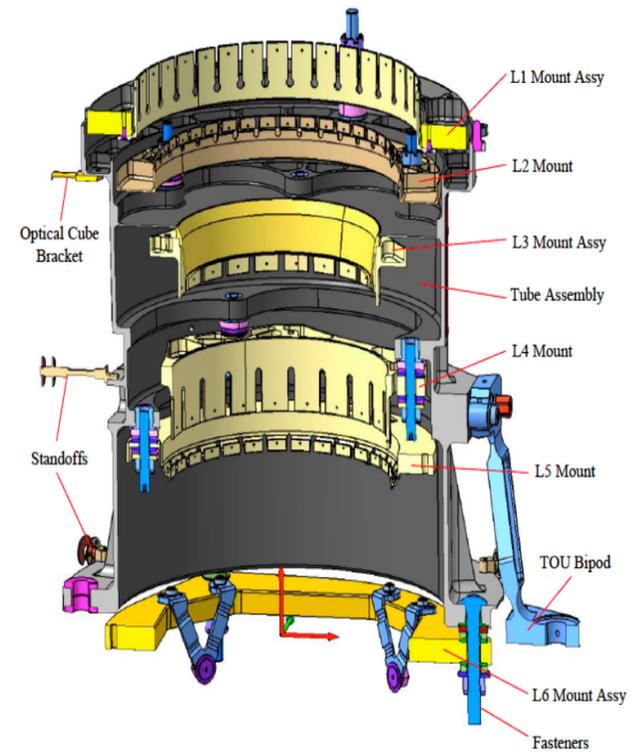
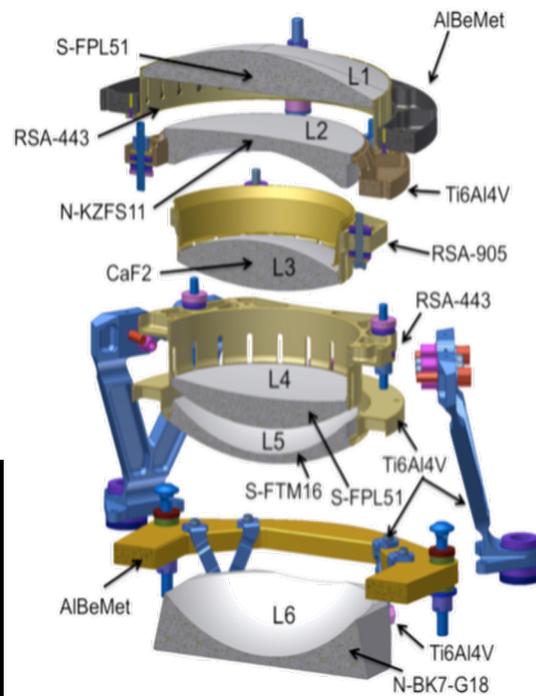
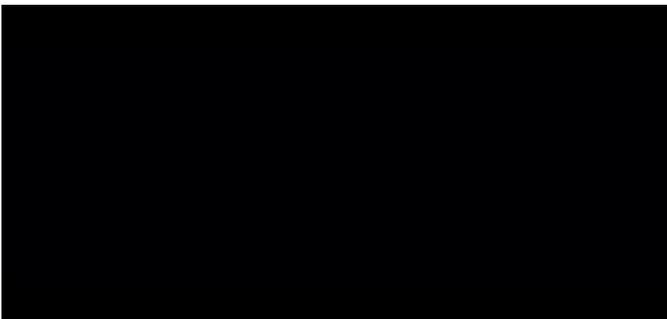
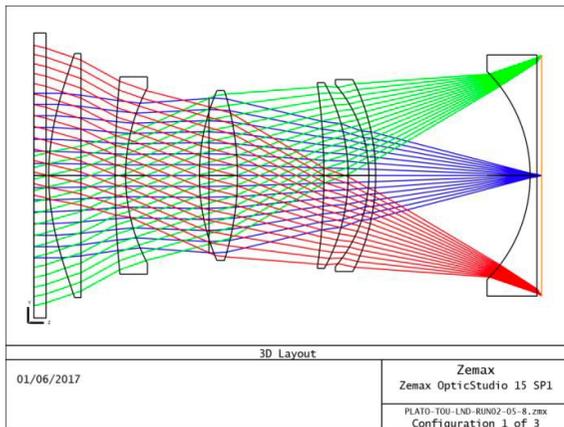


Searching for transits of Bright Stars  
→→ large FoV!





# The Telescope Optical Units design concept





# One Camera

Single Telescope FoV ~1200 sqdeg  
Equivalent to a circle of ~38.7 deg diameter



Telescopes



CCDs



FPA's & Test House



TOU+FPA integration



Test House



Test House



FSS



OGSE+ MLI



Transport Container



F Filter



Telescope Struct



N-FEE



F-FEE



## 24 Normal cameras

fully dioptric, 6 lenses

pupil 120 mm

Dynam. range:  $\sim 8 \leq mV \leq 11$  (13)

4 x CCD 4510x4510px per camera

Pixels size: 18  $\mu$ m square

read-out cadence: 25 sec

Band: 500 – 1050 nm

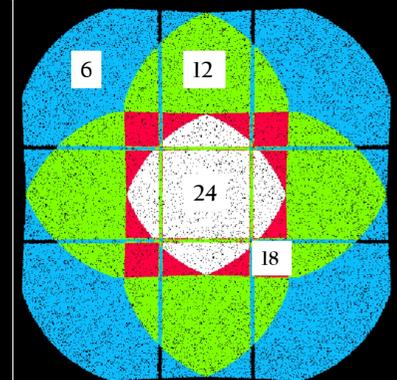
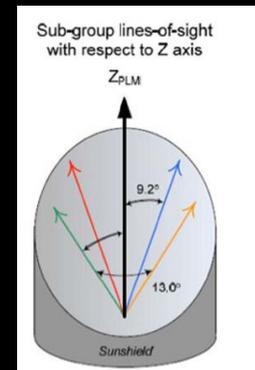
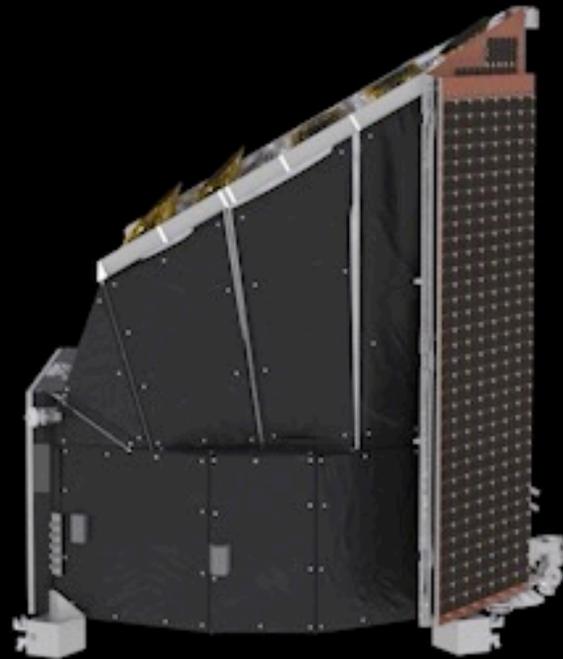
## 2 Fast cameras

Bright stars ( $< \sim 8$  mag)

read-out cadence: 2.5 sec

one „red“ & one „blue“ camera

# Payload Concept



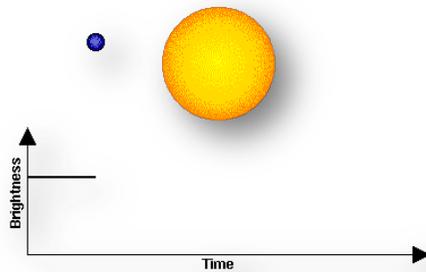
Instrument field of view is 2200 square degrees (vs 105 deg<sup>2</sup> Kepler)  
~2 billion pixels (2 000 Mpx vs 98 Mpx for Kepler) ~6 600 cm<sup>2</sup> of sensitive area (2x Gaia)



# Methods and goals

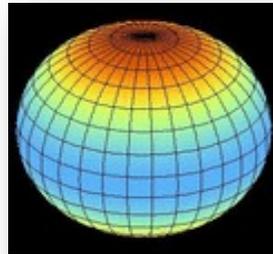
## PHOTOMETRY FROM SPACE

### Transit Method



- $R_p/R_*$
- Orbital inclination
- Orbit parameters

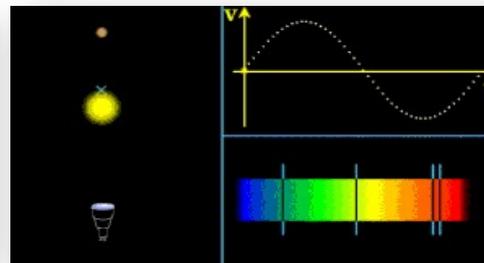
### Asteroseismology



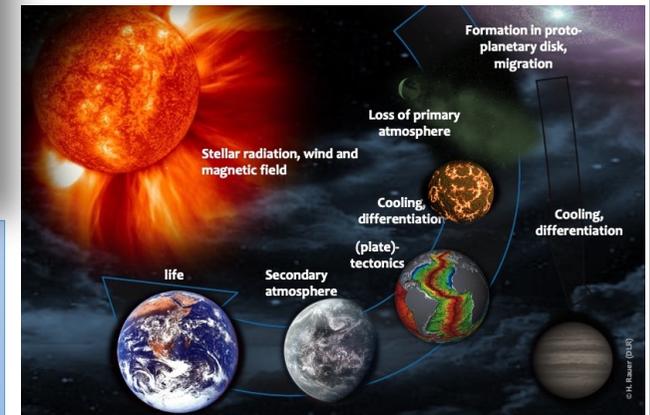
- $R_*$
- $M_*$
- Stellar age

## SPECTROSCOPY FROM THE GROUND

### Radial velocity method



- $M_p/M_* \sin i$

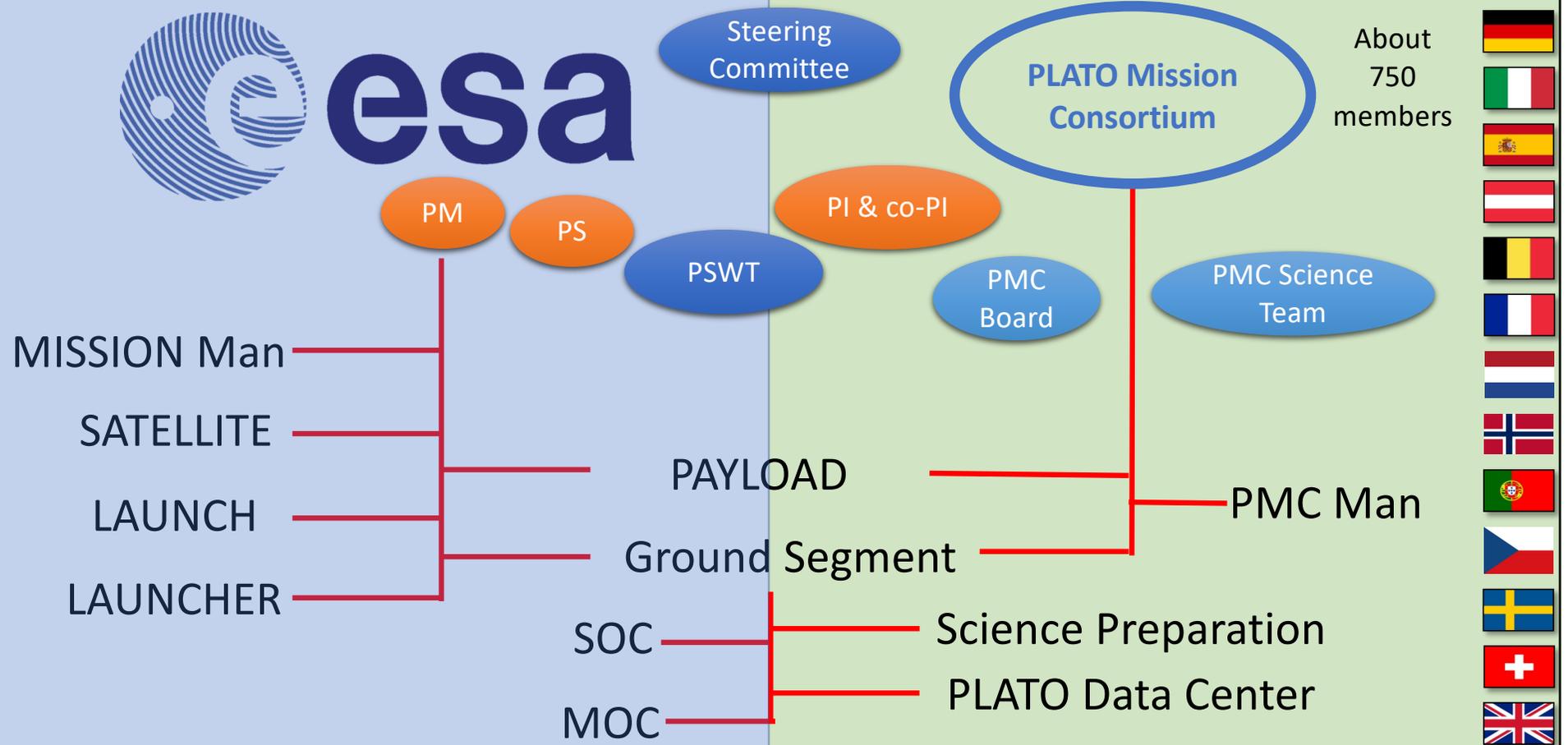


Mean Densities, Age

Evolution of planets & planetary systems, Habitability



# How PLATO is organised



# II Team INAF (and associated)

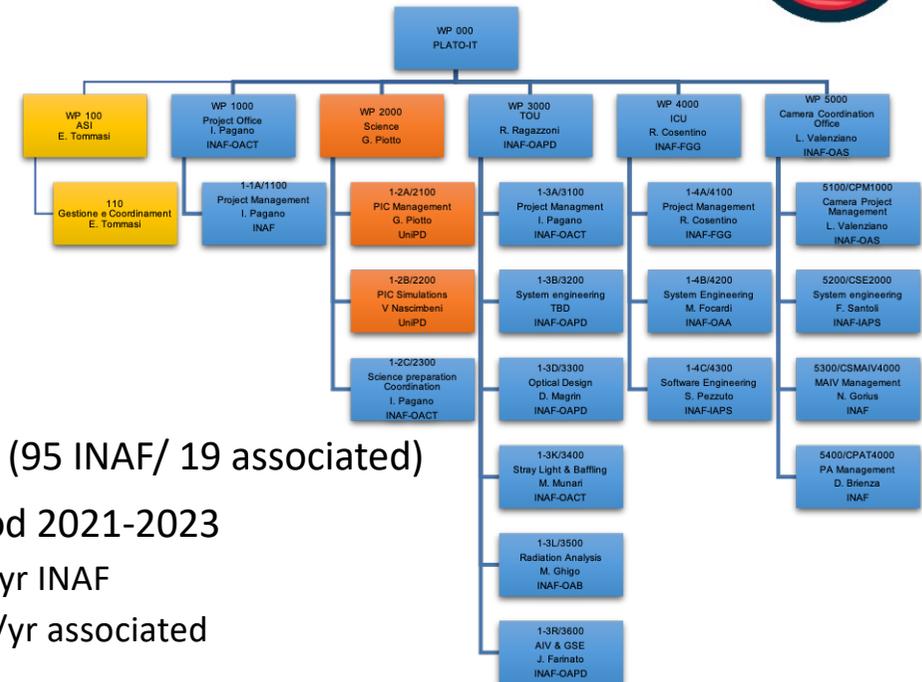
## ✓ INAF

- OA Catania Science, Payload
- OA Padova Science, Payload
- OA Brera Science, Payload
- IAPS Roma Science, Payload
- OAS Payload
- FGG Payload
- OA Palermo Science
- OA Torino Science
- OA Capodimonte Science
- OA Roma Science
- OAAB Science
- OA Arcetri Science



✓ UNIPD, UNIBO, UNIPI Science

✓ SSDC PDC



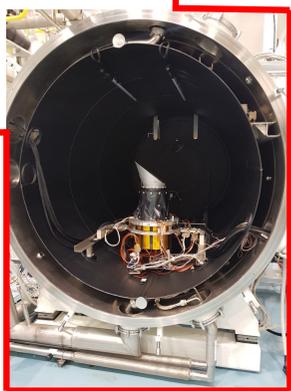
- 114 people (95 INAF/ 19 associated)
- In the period 2021-2023
  - 15 FTE/yr INAF
  - 4.5 FTE/yr associated
- Distribution
  - 40 → Payload
  - 72 → PSM
  - 4 → PDC (SSDC)



# What we do for PLATO: PAYLOAD



**Cameras  
System  
Management**



**ICU**



**TOUs**





# Payload: CAMERAs TEAM

OAS, IAPS, OACT, OAPD



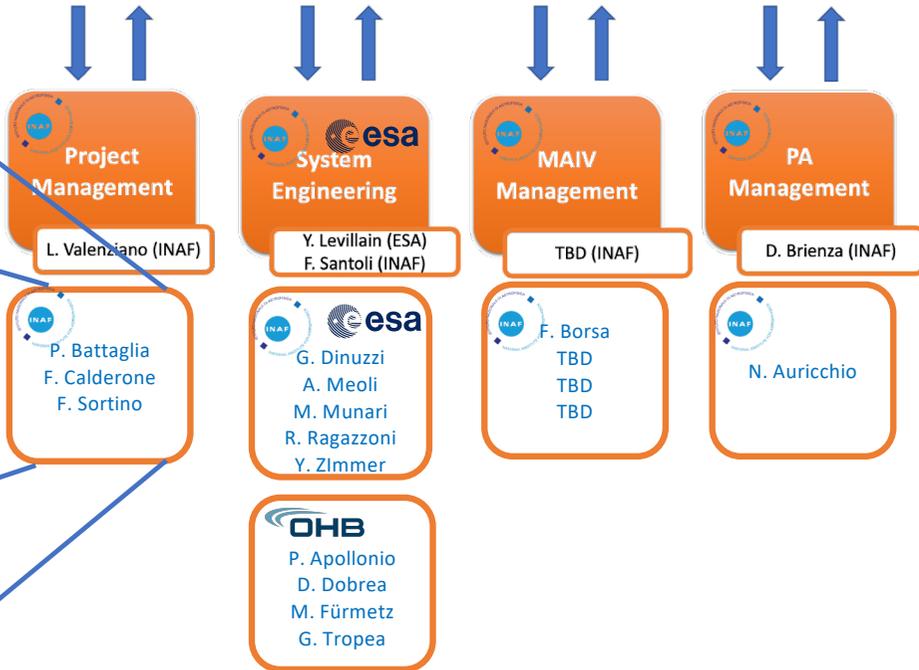
## Payload Team

Jose Lorenzo Alvarez  
Payload Project Manager



## Camera Coordination Office

I. Pagano (INAF) L. Valenziano (INAF) Y. Levillain (ESA) F. Santoli (INAF) TBD (INAF) B. Vandenbussche (KUL) J. Hussler (ESA) D. Brienza (INAF)



### PM Office

- CAM PM
- CAM Project Controller
- CAM Doc. Con. Management
- CAM HW Con. & Logistic Management

- TOU PMs
- FPA PM
- N-FEE PM
- F-FEE PM
- MLI PM
- CSL PM
- Test House PM
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# Telescope Optical Units Team

OACT, OAPD, OAB

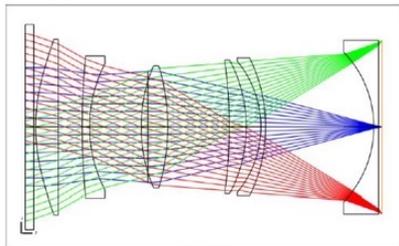
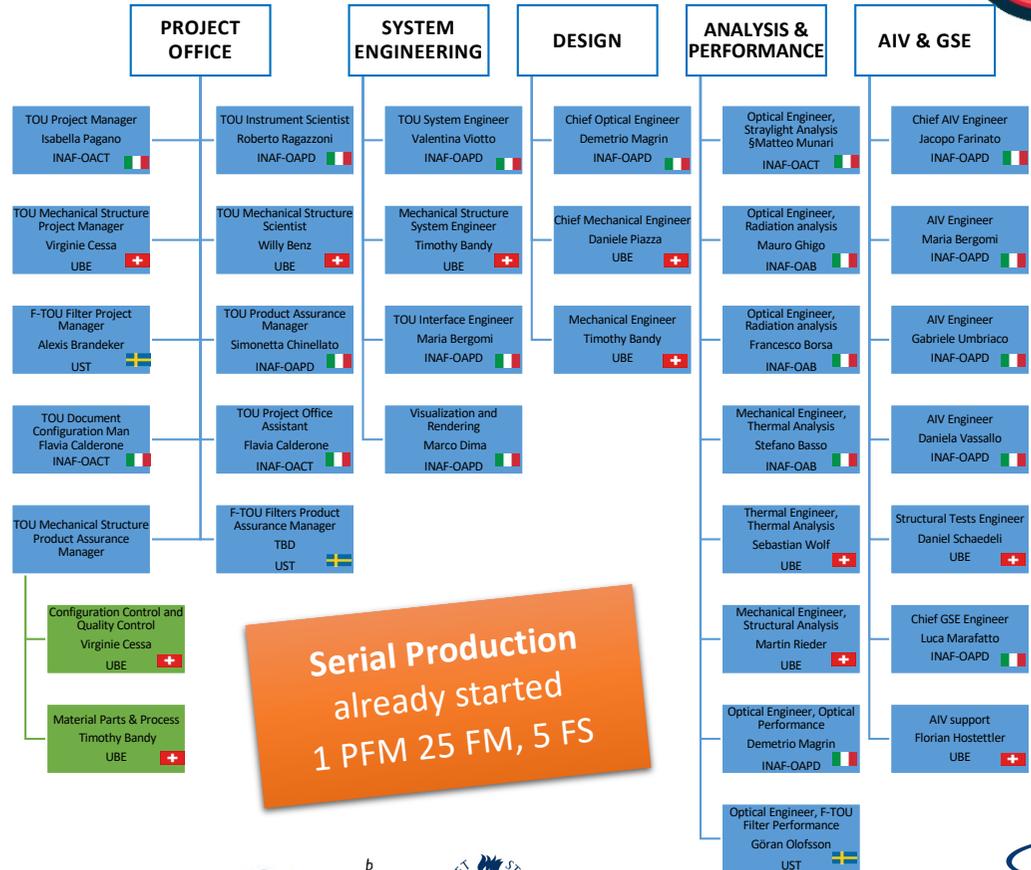


Figure 79. 033 part before example.



STM →



Serial Production  
already started  
1 PFM 25 FM, 5 FS

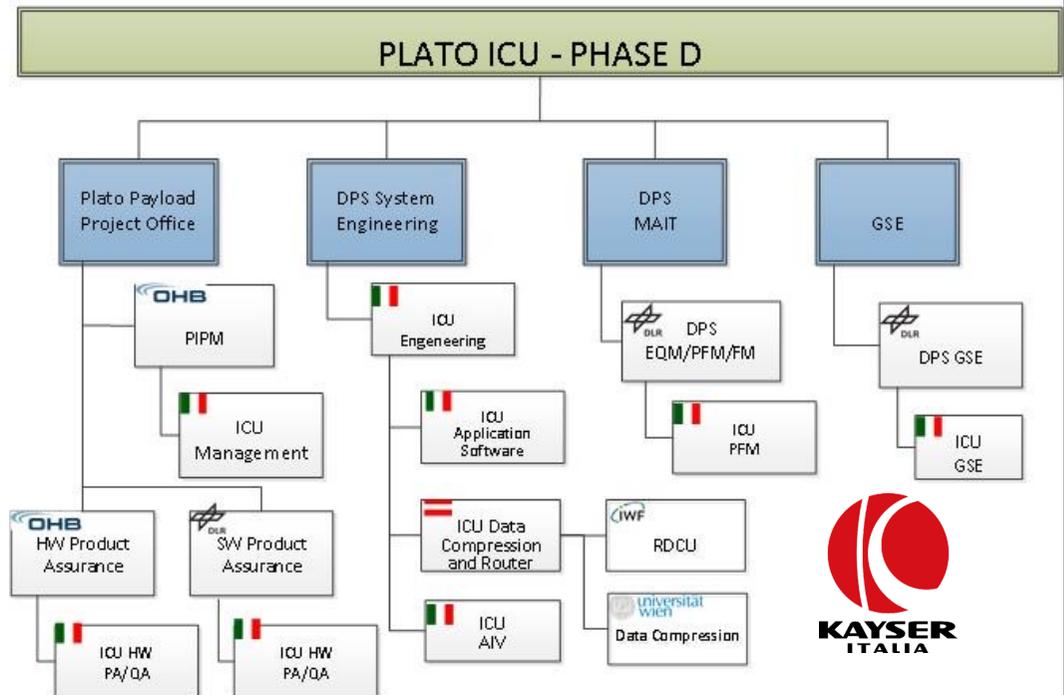
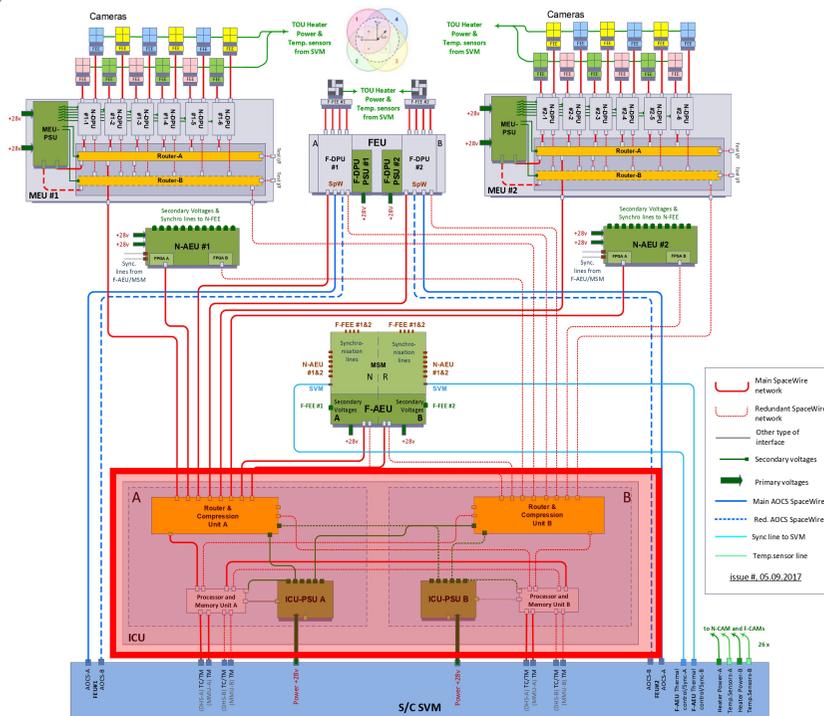
# Payload: ICU Team



OAA, IAPS, TNG

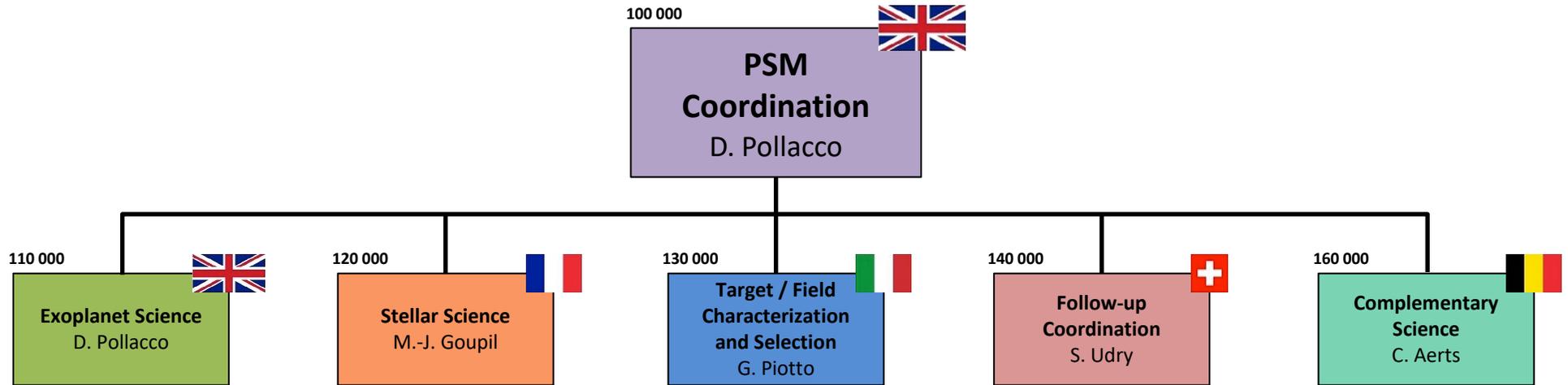


← ICU EM#1





# Science Preparation



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EXO-Young  
EXO-SPI

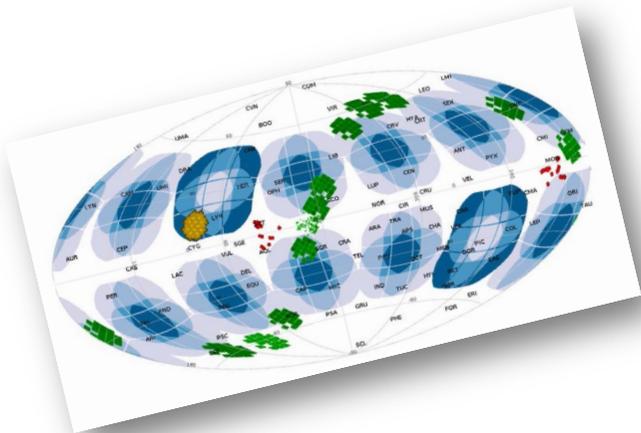
EXO-Stars

RSN2  
RSN3  
RSN4





# PLATO Input Catalog



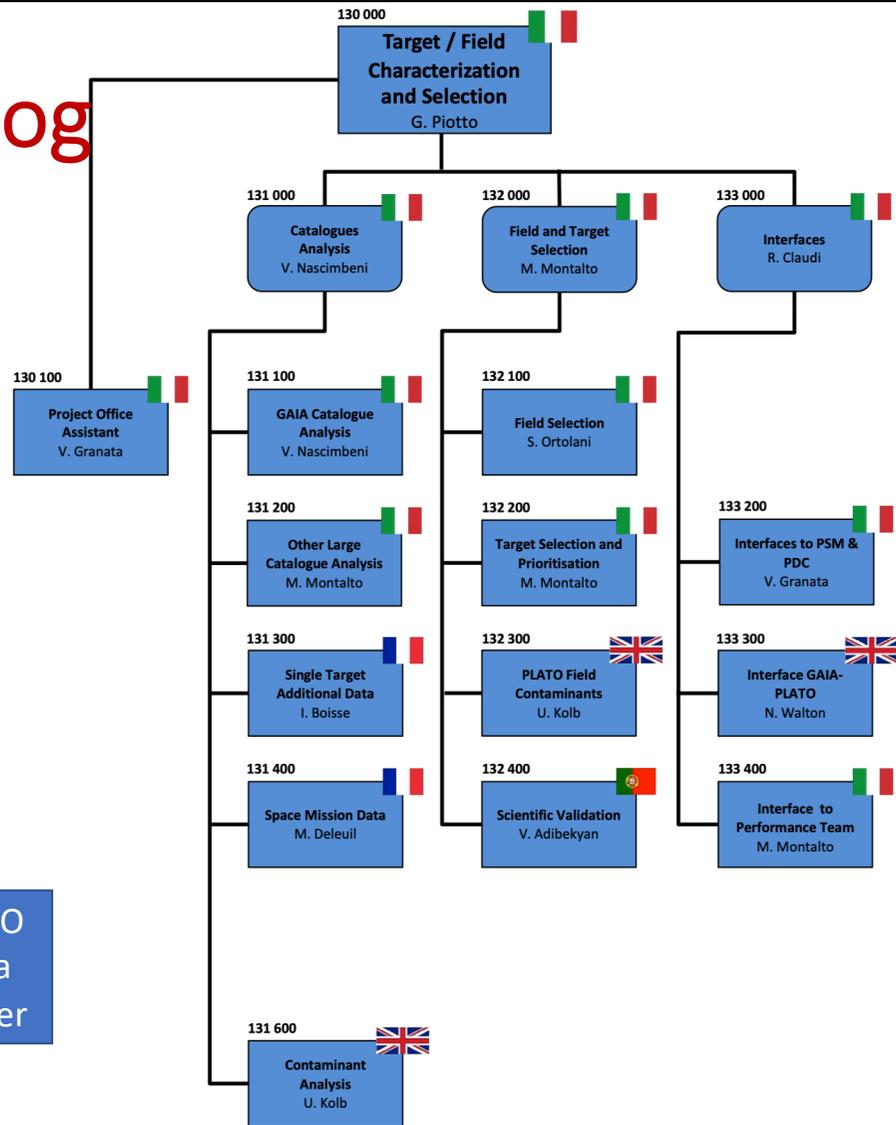
PLATO INPUT CATALOG

UNIPD, OAPD, OAPA, OACT e SSDC

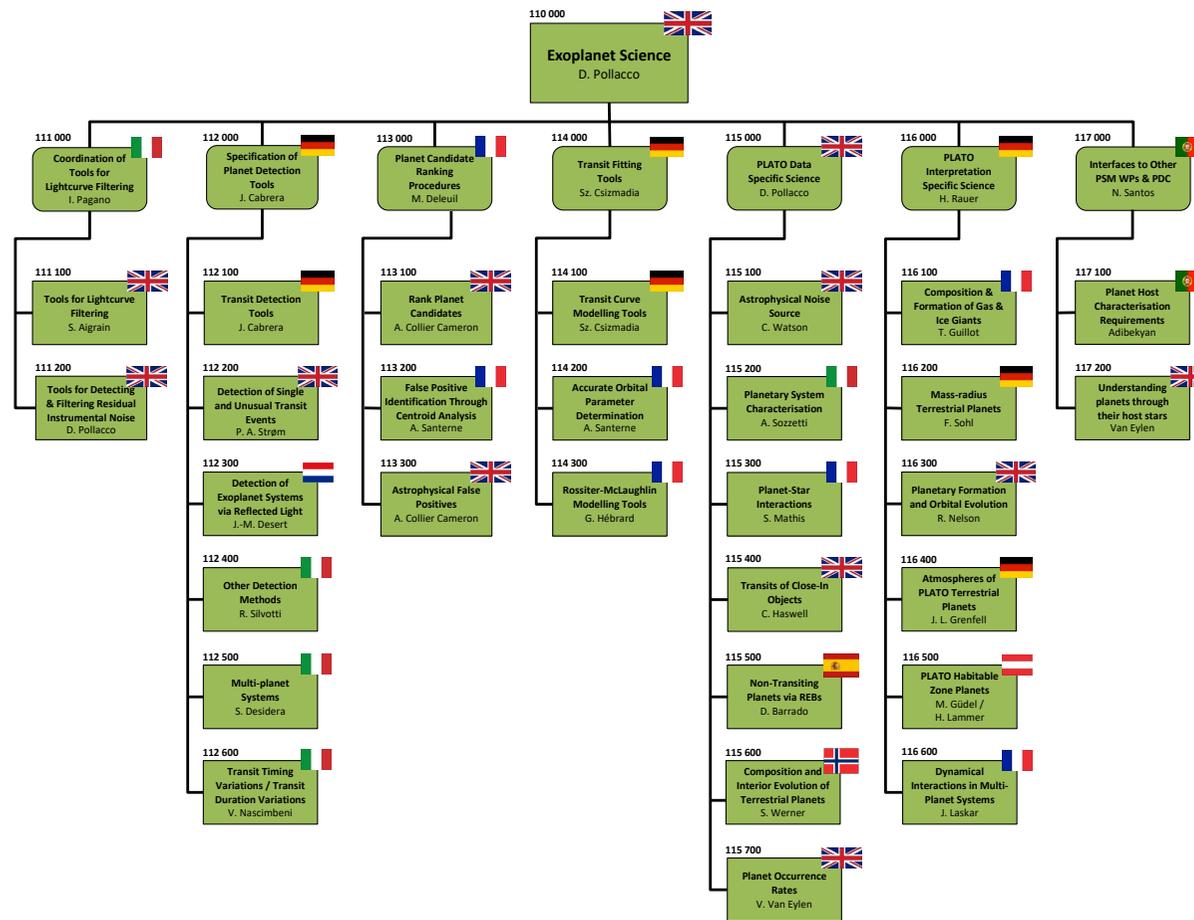


PLATO Data Center

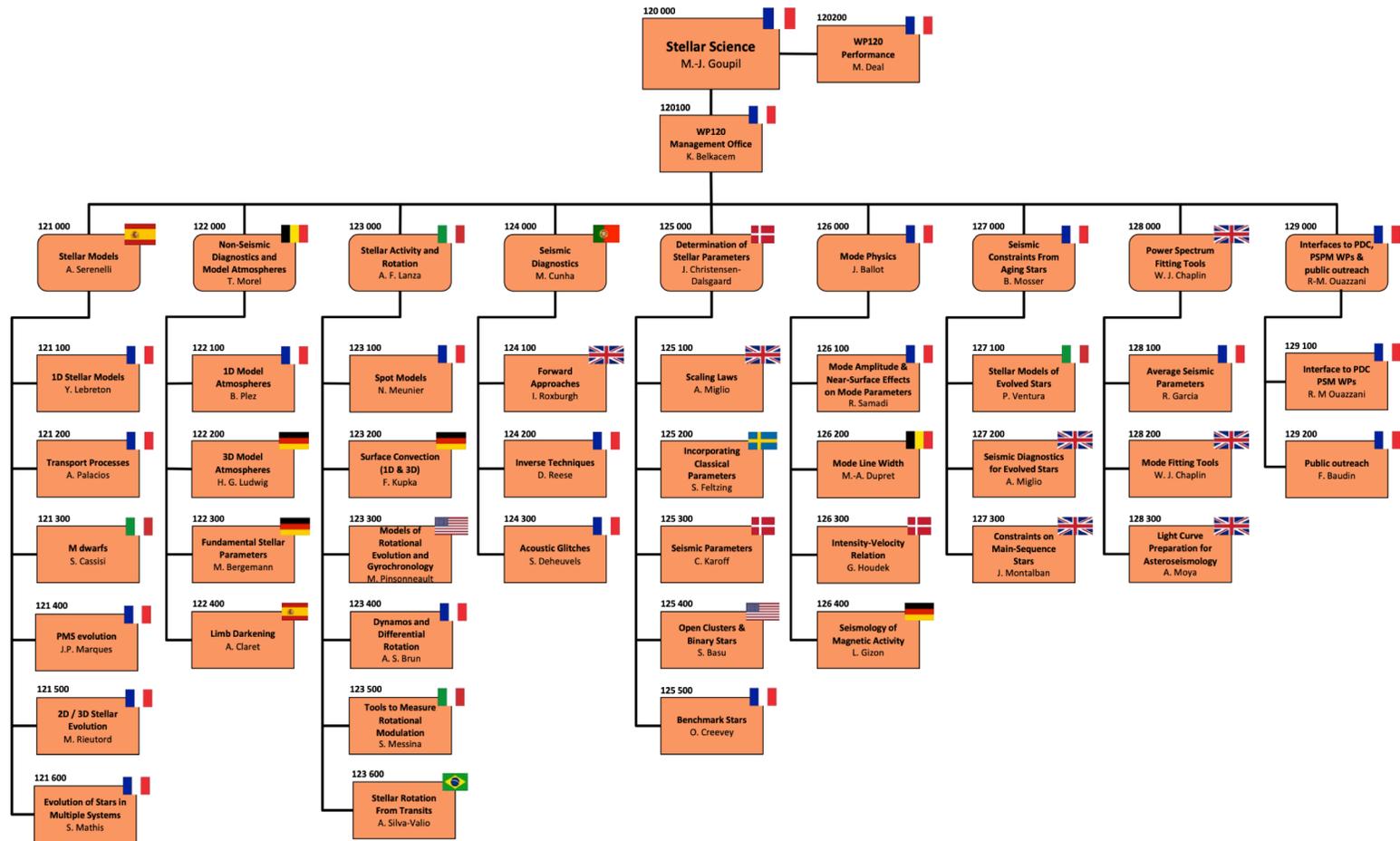
The all sky PLATO Input Catalogue  
AA/2021/40717



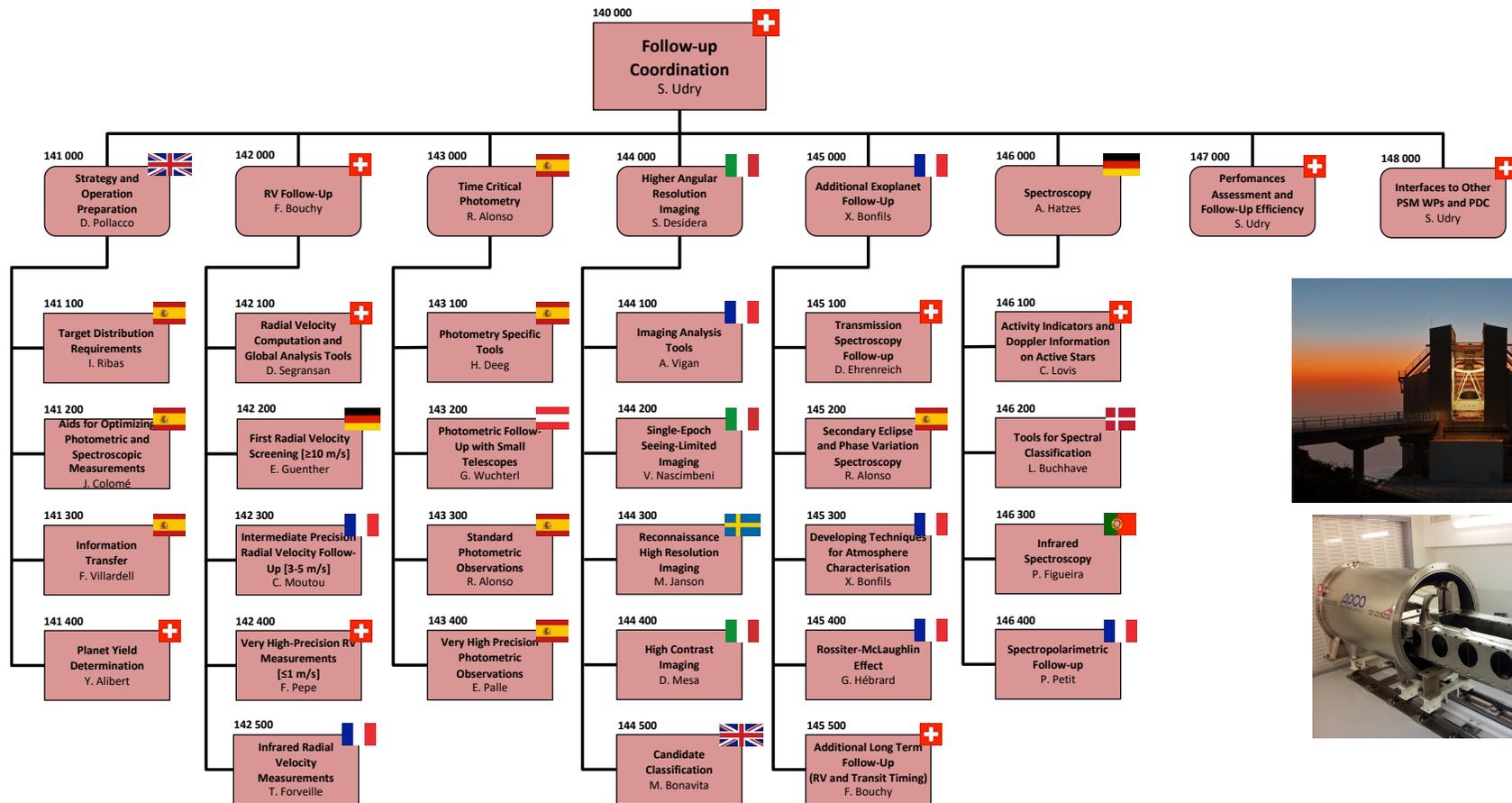
# Exoplanets Science preparation



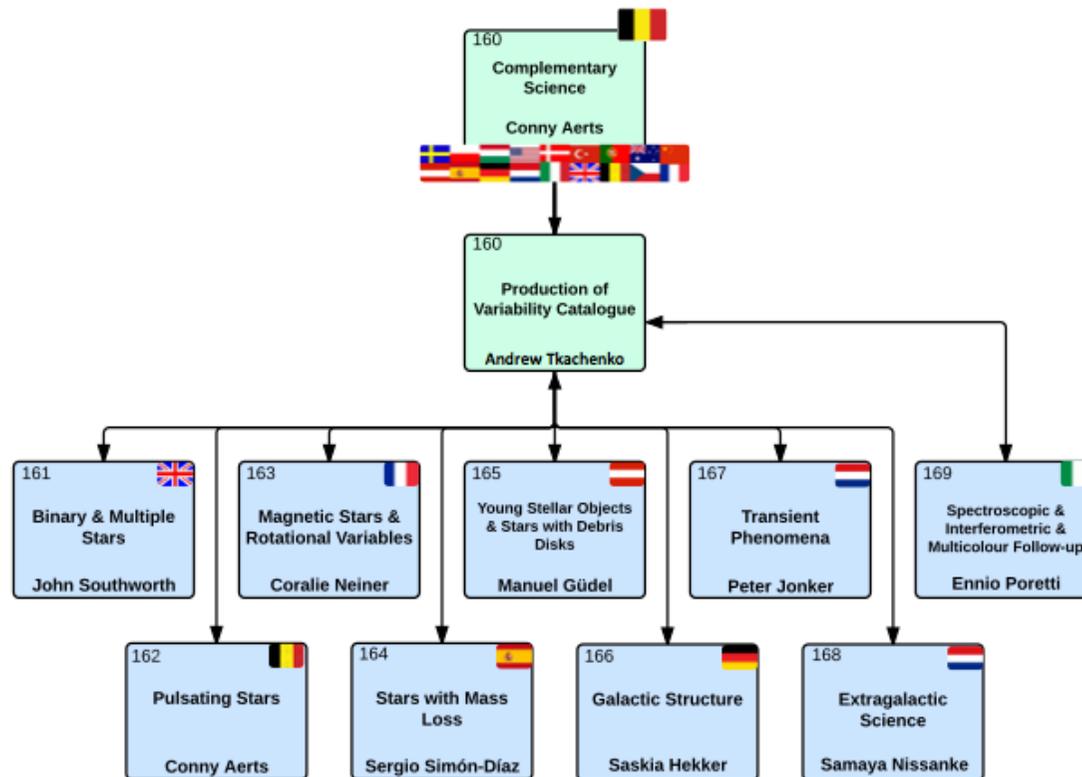
# Stellar Science Preparation



# Follow-up Preparation



# Complementary Science



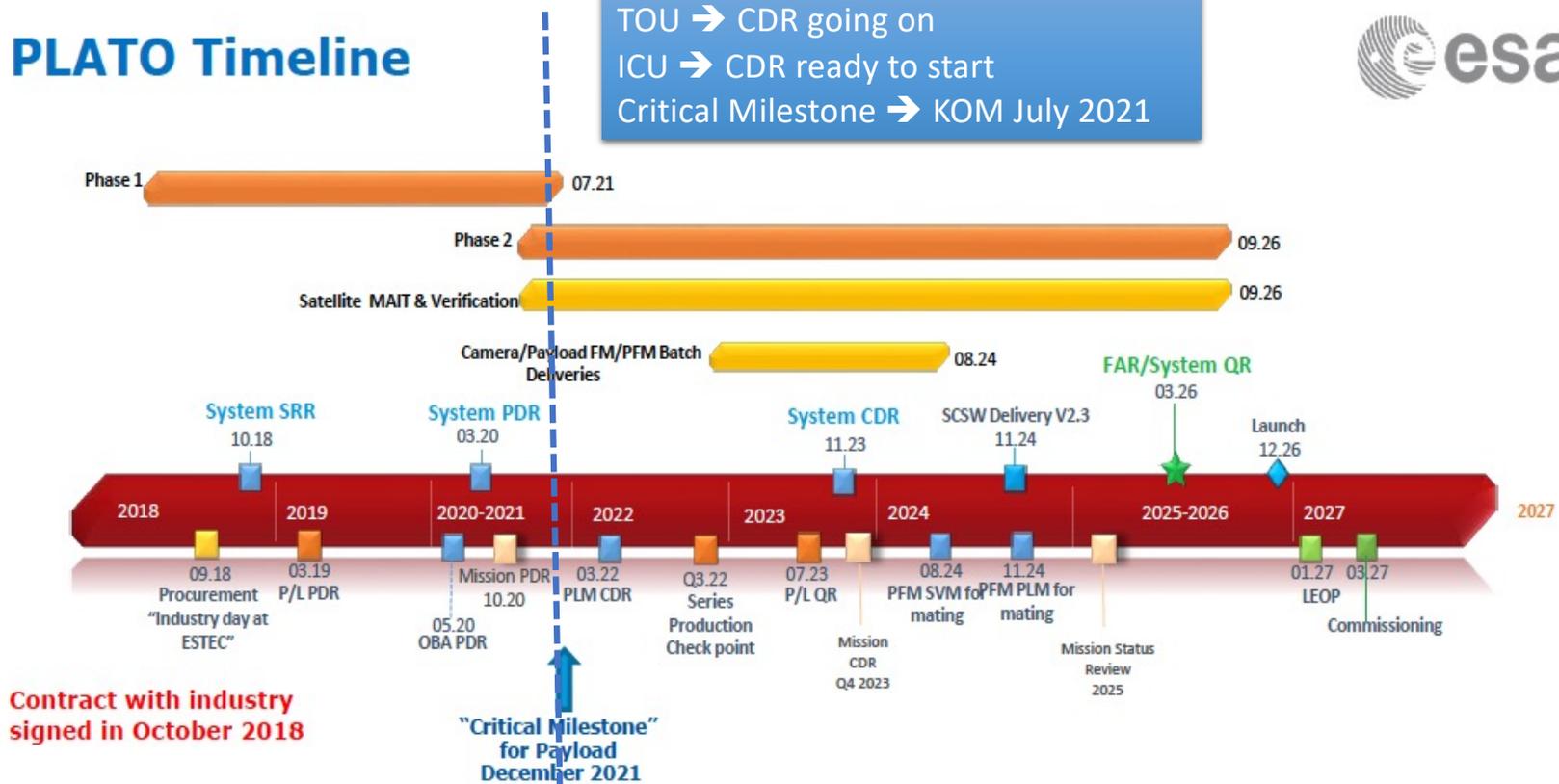


# Programmazione



## PLATO Timeline

TOU → CDR going on  
ICU → CDR ready to start  
Critical Milestone → KOM July 2021





# Leadership



PM

12 members including:  
I. Pagano, INAF  
G. Piotto, UNIPD  
R. Ragazzoni, INAF

PAYLOAD

Camera Team

L. Valenziano  
F. Santoli  
N. Gorius  
D. Brienza

Steering Committee

PSWT

PI & co-PI

PI: H. Rauer, DLR  
Co-PI: I. Pagano, INAF  
Co-PI: M. Mass-Hesse, INTA

PLATO Mission Consortium

PMC Board

PMC Science Team

Co-Is (TBD)

20 members including:  
I. Pagano, INAF  
G. Piotto, UNIPD

About 750 members



# CHEOPS

Isabella Pagano e Valerio Nascimbeni

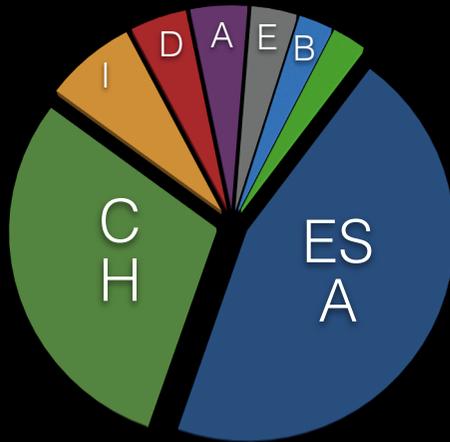
# S-class mission:

S is not for “Simple”

“Small” Budget

Short time

Several countries



- total budget: ~105 M€
- ESA: 50 M€

- 4–5 years development time

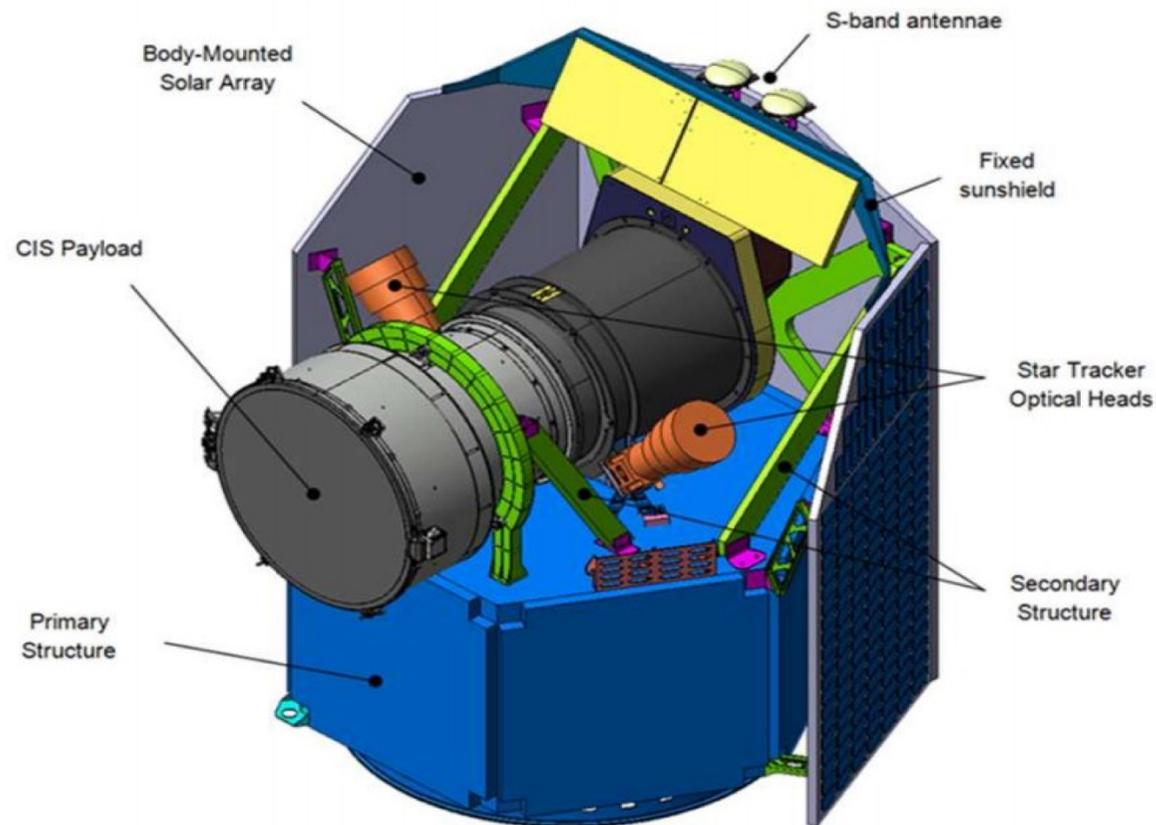
milestone	when
call issued	Mar 2012
call answered	Jun 2012
mission selected	Nov 2012
<b>mission adopted</b>	<b>Feb 2014</b>
<b>instrument delivered</b>	<b>Feb 2019</b>
<b>launch</b>	<b>Dec 2019</b>



- 11 countries & ESA
- ~30 institutions

**Top Science was expected and is actually done!**

# Il Satellite CHEOPS



# From Europe to Kourou



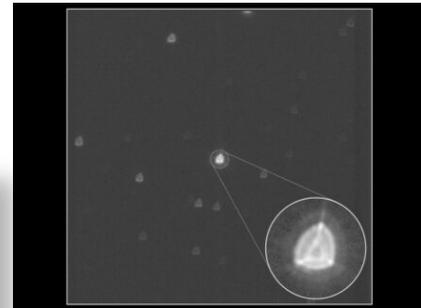


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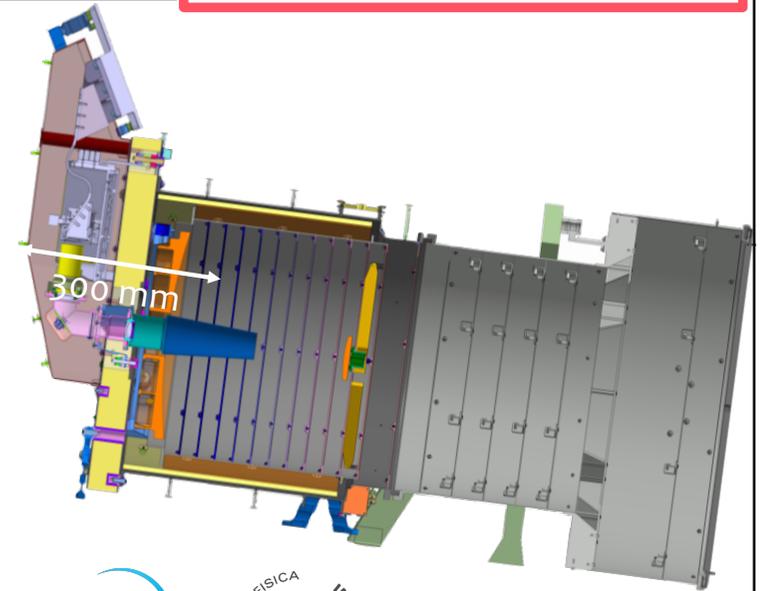
# Il Telescopio



Diametro dello specchio: 33 cm  
Peso strumento: 60 kg



Progetto ottico  
Costruzione delle ottiche  
Integrazione dello strumento  
Test funzionamento e prestazioni





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 Project Manager del  
 Telescopio  
 Membro del Board



**Roberto Ragazzoni**  
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# The Team

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- [OATO](#)
- [FGG](#)

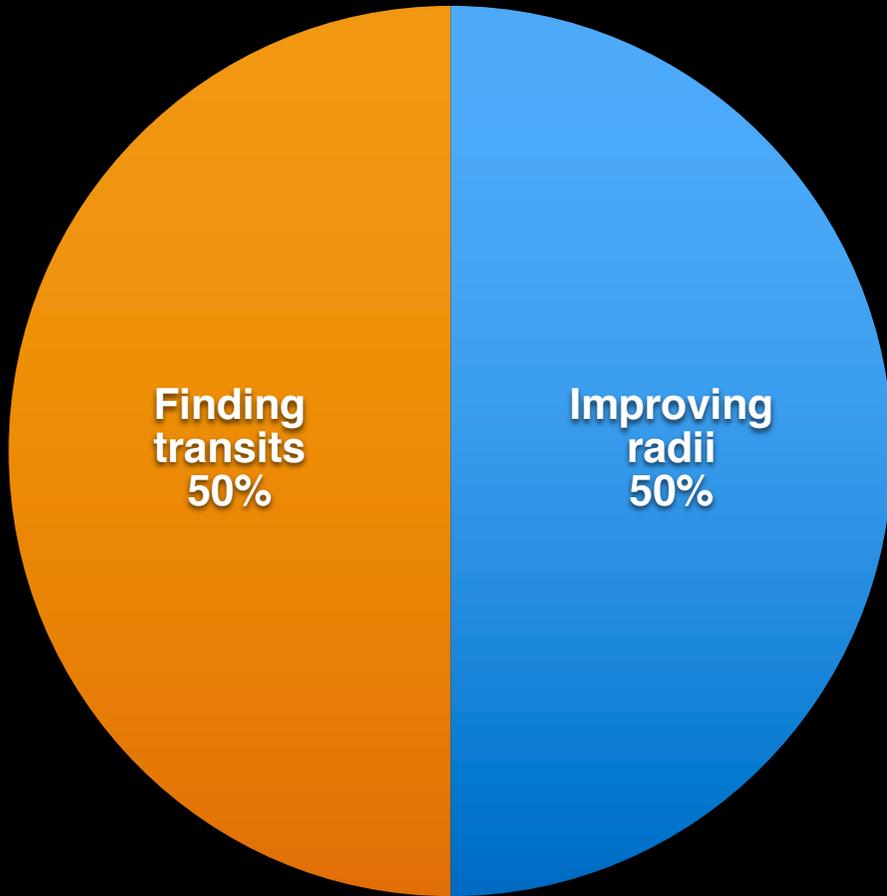
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## UNIPD

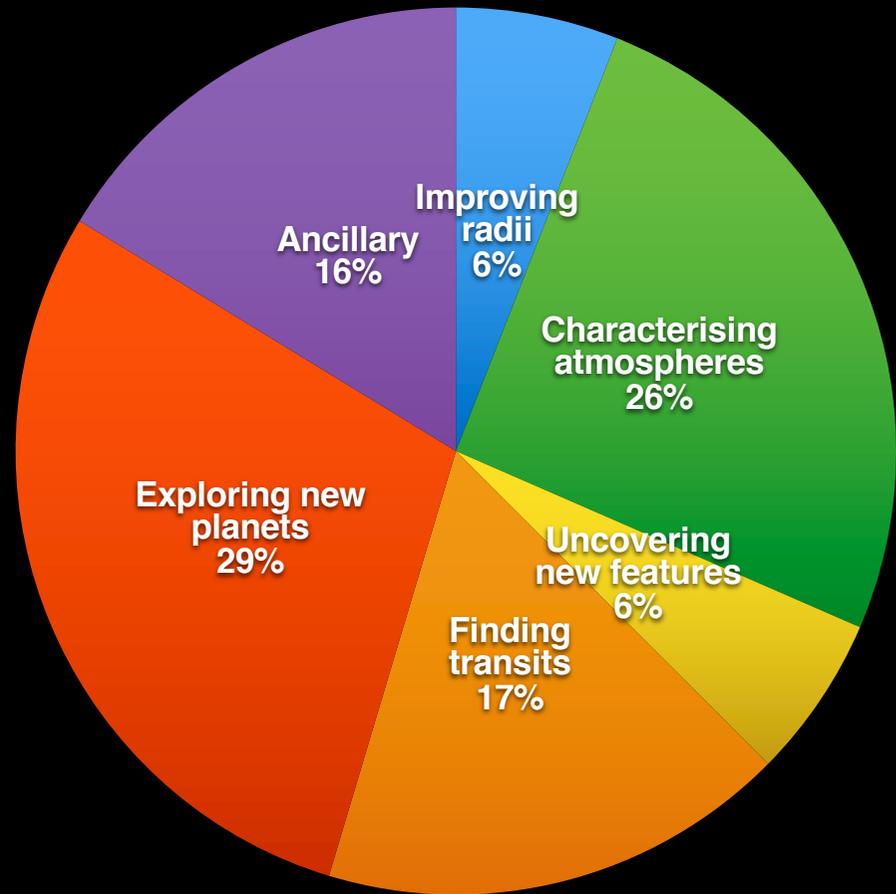
## SSDC



2012-2013



2013-2018

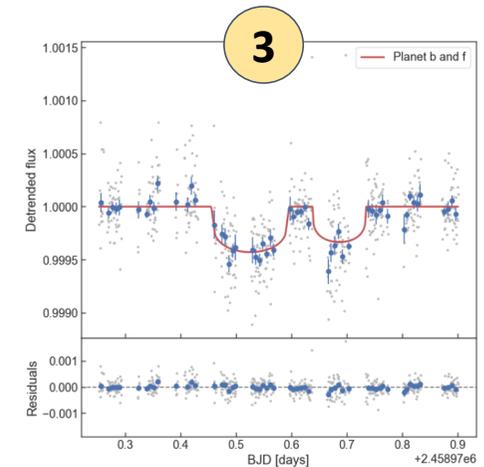
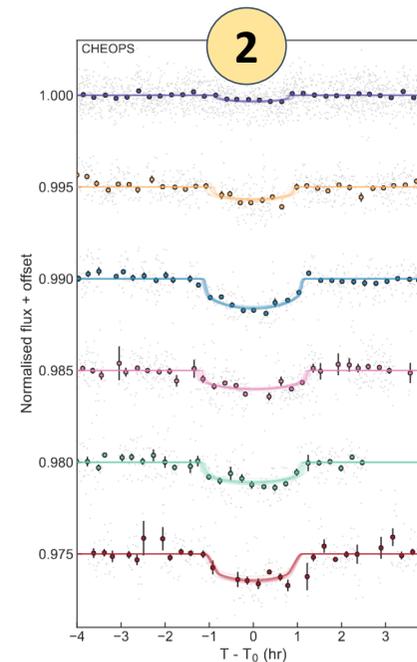
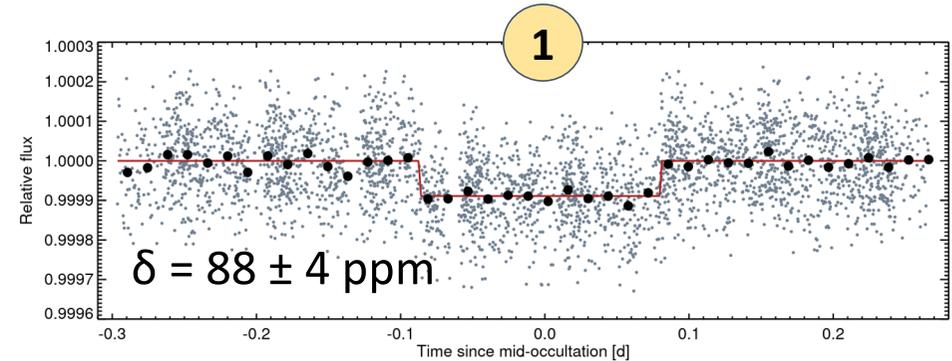




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## Some early science results

- 1) Measurement of the dayside temperature ( $3435 \pm 27$  K) and true orbital obliquity ( $\Psi = 85^\circ \pm 4^\circ$ ) of the hot-Jupiter WASP-189b (Lendl+ 2020)
- 2) Full reconstruction of the dynamical architecture of a six-planet system locked in a chain of Laplace resonances (2:4:6:9:12), including mass and density measurements (Leleu+ 2021)
- 3) Discovery of an additional  $2 R_{\oplus}$  planet in a multiple system hosted by the bright star HD 108236 (Bonfanti+ 2021)

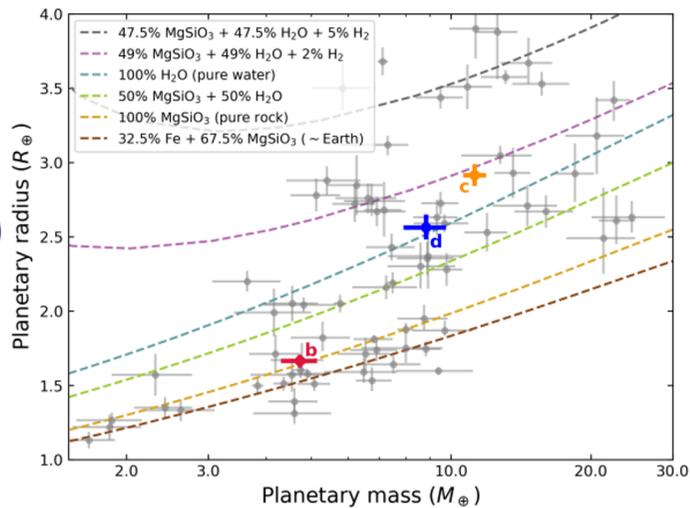




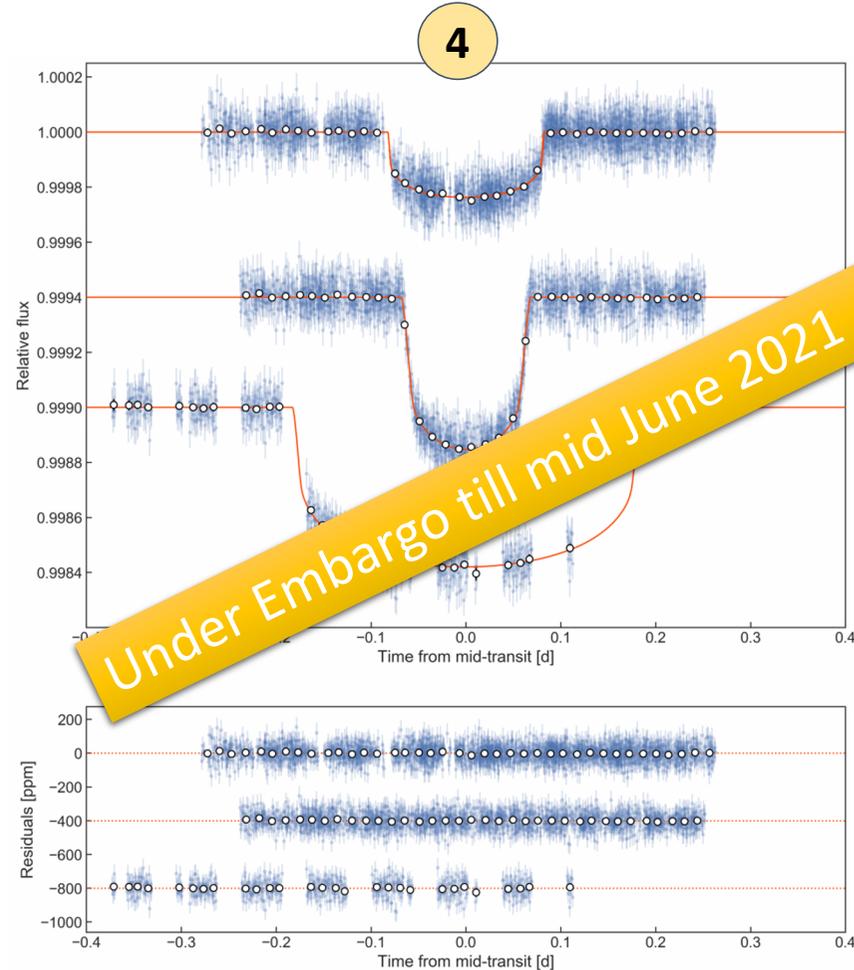
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# Some early science results

4) Characterization of a planetary system hosted by a naked-eye star (Nu2 Lup), including the discovery of a transiting, mildly-irradiated super-Earth amenable of a detailed atmospheric characterization (Delrez+ 2021, Nature Astronomy, in press).



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# Criticità

- Ricercatori e ingegneri di altissimo profilo
  - competenze maturate all'interno e all'esterno dell'ente.
  - E' fondamentale trattenere all'interno queste competenze spesso difficili da reperire.
- Per mettere a frutto un giusto ritorno dell'investimento prodotto dalla nostra nazione nel progetto occorre avere una generazione di ricercatori e ricercatrici pronti all'utilizzo dei dati della missione.
  - Il campo esopianeti è molto attrattivo per i giovani a inizio di carriera.
  - Occorre non farli scappare e essere capaci di attrarne da fuori.
- Per PLATO un aspetto che farà la differenza durante la fase operativa sarà **la capacità di partecipare da leader alla campagna ground based di follow-up**, che è parte intrinseca della missione.
- L'INAF parte in condizione di vantaggio grazie alla presenza di **HARPS-N al TNG**. Occorre che esso sia disponibile a INAF quando PLATO sarà operativa.





# Punti di forza



- L'Italia è al top sui sistemi ottici per lo spazio: **sinergia da rafforzare tra INAF e aziende**
- La comunità esoplanetologica italiana, che si è aggregata intorno al 2009 proprio grazie alla selezione di **PLATO** da parte di ESA per lo studio di fattibilità, e che ha proseguito insieme a crescere con l'opportunità giunta nel 2012 quanto la dirigenza INAF ha chiesto di valutare la proposta di installare **HARPS-N al TNG**, è oggi numerosa, rilevante a livello internazionale, piena di giovani promettenti, e coinvolta oltre che in PLATO in progetti di punta per lo studio degli esopianeti quali le missioni **Cheops** e **Ariel**, gli strumenti **Espresso**, **SHARK-VIR** e **SHARK-NIR**, spaziando dallo studio delle architetture e proprietà fisiche dei sistemi planetari (**EXO-Arch**), alla formazione ed evoluzione iniziale degli stessi (**EXO-Young**), alle atmosfere dei pianeti (**EXO-Atm**), alle caratteristiche dell'interazione stella-pianeta (**EXO-SPI**), allo studio delle proprietà stellari che servono a vincolare con precisione i parametri planetari (**EXO-Stars**).
- Questa comunità è cresciuta grazie ai finanziamenti ricevuti dai **Progetti Premiali WOW (PI. G. Micela)** e **FRONTIERA (PI I. Pagano)** che sono stati gestiti in modo da includere e rafforzare il tema di ricerca e creare massa critica per incidere nell'ambito delle collaborazioni internazionali.
- Altri finanziamenti sono stati ottenuti grazie a **PRIN INAF, PRIN Universitari e bandi ASI** più specificatamente mirati a focalizzare precisi temi di ricerca.
- Assicurare continuità nei finanziamenti della ricerca di "oggi" per essere sempre più preparati a quella di "domani" è una delle criticità più rilevanti anche per PLATO.

