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# **BREAKTHROUGH PRIZES**

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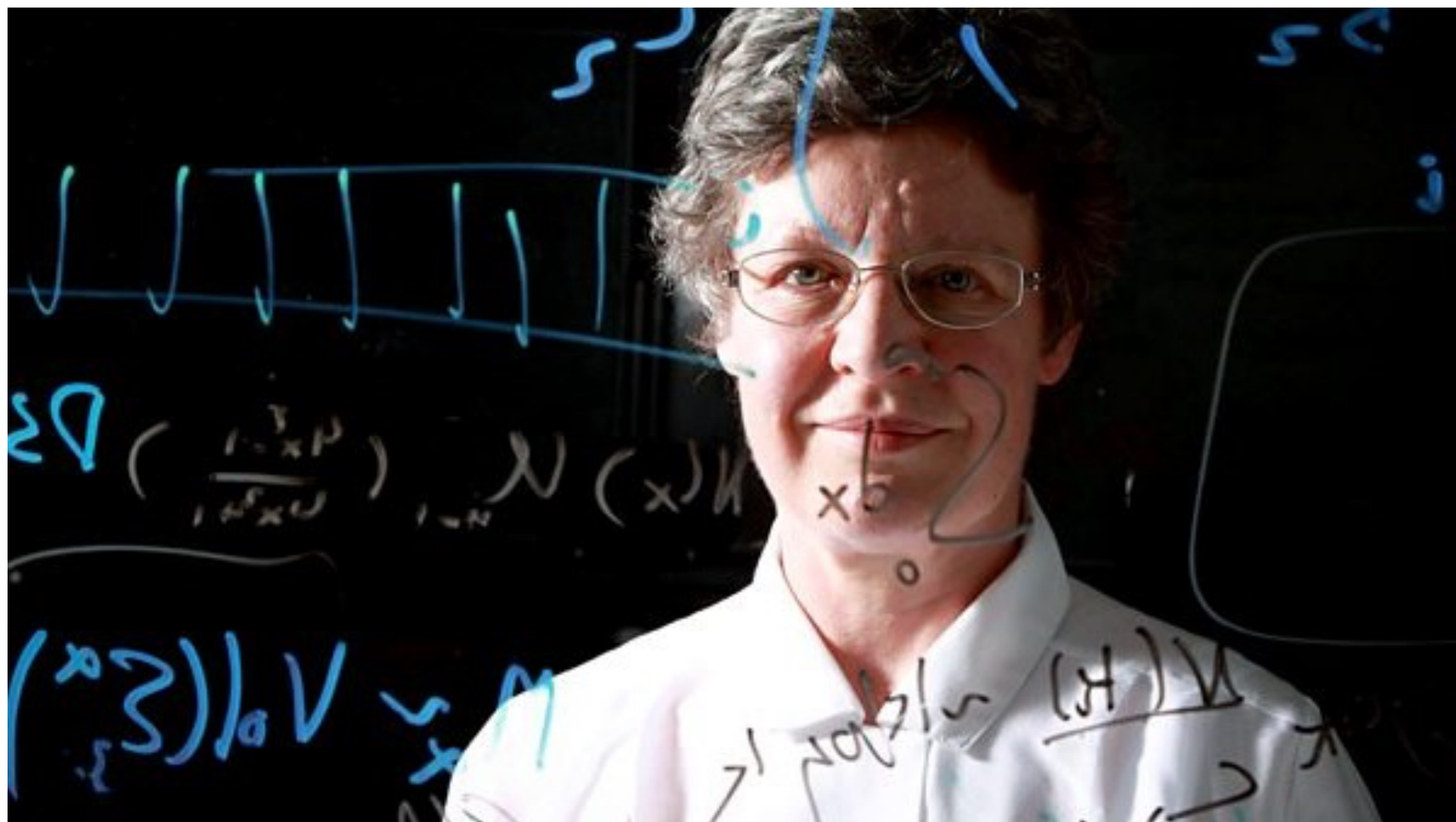
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PRIZE**

# BREAKTHROUGH PRIZE





# BREAKTHROUGH JUNIOR CHALLENGE

- Make a short film about a big idea in science or math
- Win a \$250,000 scholarship and a brand new science lab for your school
- Your favorite teacher get's \$50,000
- Join the superstars of science – prize presented at a live televised ceremony
- [www.breakthroughjuniorchallenge.org](http://www.breakthroughjuniorchallenge.org)





Ryan Chester 18, USA, 2016



Deanna See 17, Singapore, 2017



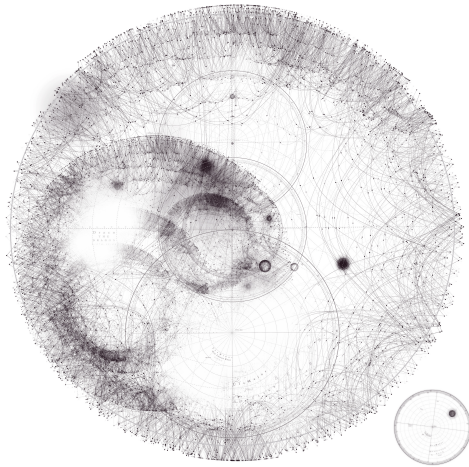
Antonella Masini, 18, Peru, 2017



Hillary Diane Andales, 18, Philippines, 2018



Samay Godika, 16, India, 2019



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LIFE IN THE  
UNIVERSE

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**IS THERE OTHER LIFE IN THE UNIVERSE?**

**IS THERE INTELLIGENT LIFE ELSEWHERE?**

**CAN WE TRAVEL BETWEEN STARS?**





A composite image of Earth from space at night. The foreground shows the Earth's horizon with a thin blue atmosphere and numerous bright yellow and orange city lights. The background is a vast, dark space filled with the Milky Way galaxy, showing a dense field of stars and blue nebulae. The text "BREAKTHROUGH LISTEN" is centered in the middle of the image.

**BREAKTHROUGH  
LISTEN**



# GREEN BANK, WEST VIRGINIA

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# PARKES, NEW SOUTH WALES



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GUIZHOU, CHINA



JODRELL BANK, UK



# SKA-MeerKAT, Karoo, South Africa





A composite image of Earth from space at night. The foreground shows the curvature of the Earth with a blue atmosphere and numerous yellow and orange city lights. The background is a deep blue space filled with the Milky Way galaxy and many stars.

BREAKTHROUGH  
STARSHOT

# BREAKTHROUGH STARSHOT

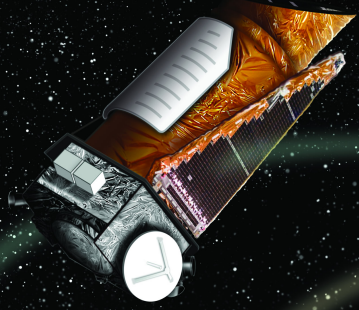
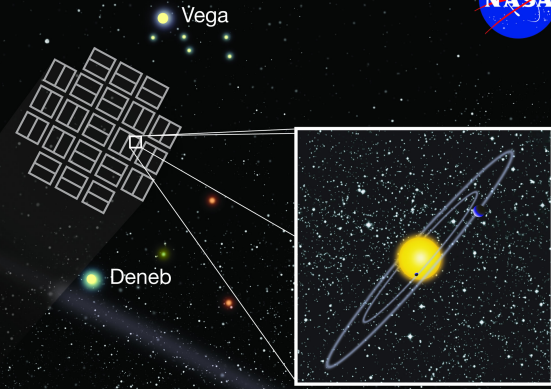


National Aeronautics and Space Administration



# Kepler

NASA's First Mission Capable of Finding Earth-size & Smaller Planets



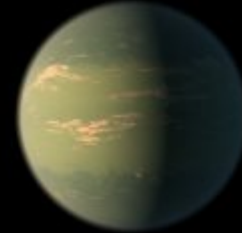
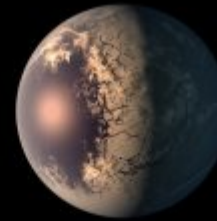
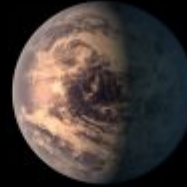
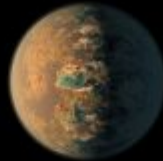
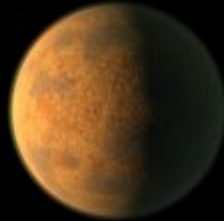
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### TRAPPIST-1 System



**b**

**c**

**d**

**e**

**f**

**g**

**h**

**Orbital Period**  
*days*

1.51 *days*

2.42 *days*

4.05 *days*

6.10 *days*

9.21 *days*

12.35 *days*

~20

**Distance to Star**  
*Astronomical Units (AU)*

0.011 *AU*

0.015 *AU*

0.021 *AU*

0.028 *AU*

0.037 *AU*

0.045 *AU*

~0.06

**Planet Radius**  
*relative to Earth*

1.09  $R_{\text{earth}}$

1.06  $R_{\text{earth}}$

0.77  $R_{\text{earth}}$

0.92  $R_{\text{earth}}$

1.04  $R_{\text{earth}}$

1.13  $R_{\text{earth}}$

0.76

**Planet Mass**  
*relative to Earth*

0.85  $M_{\text{earth}}$

1.38  $M_{\text{earth}}$

0.41  $M_{\text{earth}}$

0.62  $M_{\text{earth}}$

0.68  $M_{\text{earth}}$

1.34  $M_{\text{earth}}$

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### Solar System Rocky Planets



**Mercury**

**Venus**

**Earth**

**Mars**

**Orbital Period**  
*days*

87.97 *days*

224.70 *days*

365.26 *days*

686.98 *days*

**Distance to Star**  
*Astronomical Units (AU)*

0.387 *AU*

0.723 *AU*

1.000 *AU*

1.524 *AU*

**Planet Radius**  
*relative to Earth*

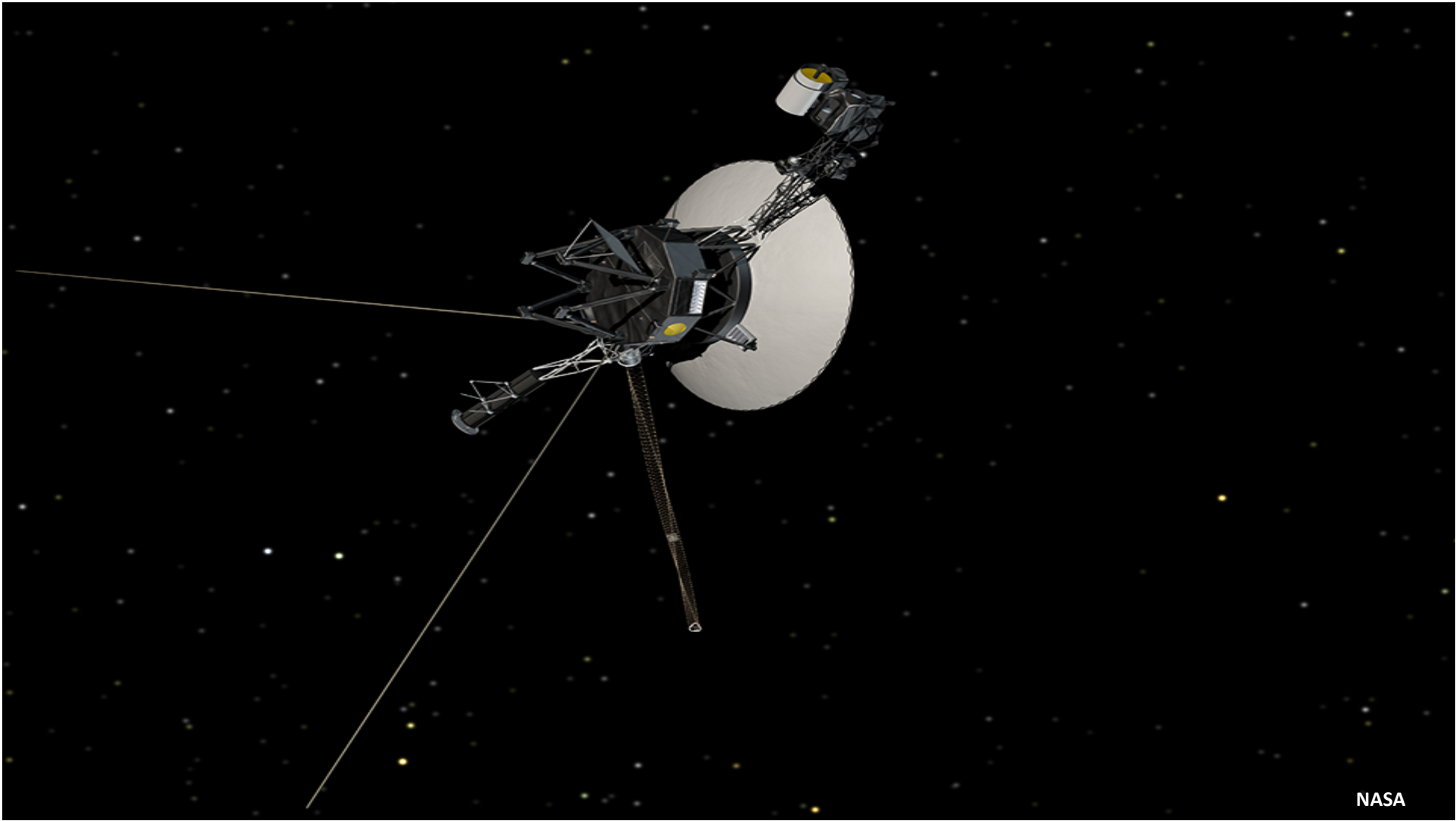
0.38  $R_{\text{earth}}$

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1.00  $R_{\text{earth}}$

0.53  $R_{\text{earth}}$

**Planet Mass**



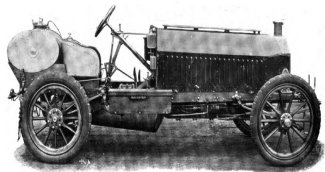
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# Starshot Objectives

1. Send a spacecraft to nearby stars with planets in the habitable zone within 5 Parsecs of earth
2. Take Science Data of star system focused on planets and beam data back to Earth
3. Launch within 30 years, at an affordable cost
4. Go FAST

# Is there a Moore's law for speed?

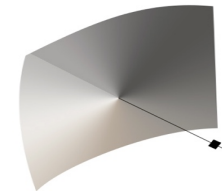
Napier Racer  
1905



Helios 2  
1976




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1000 times faster within 100 years



1000 times faster within ? years



**Breakthrough Starshot**  
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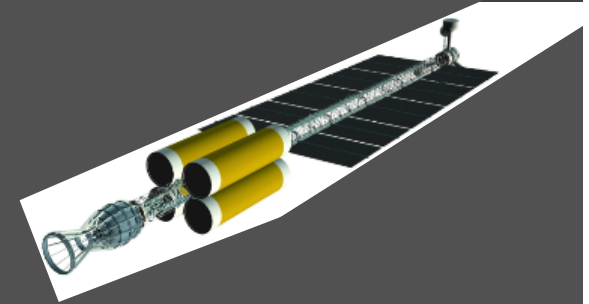
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# Considered Many Different Approaches

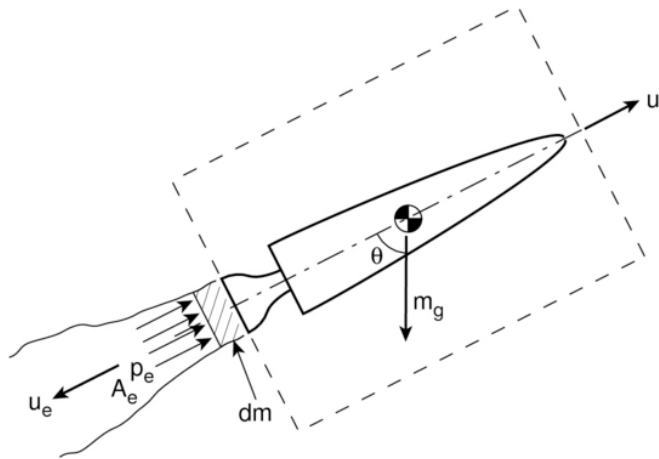
- Laser Thermal
- Solar Thermal
- Plasma Drive
- Solar Sail
- Laser Sail
- Fission
- Fusion
- Nuclear Pulse
- Antimatter
- Interstellar Ram Jets
- VASMIR
- E-Sail
- Von Neuman Machines

- Warp Drive
- Worm Holes
- Time Machines
- Zero Point Energy
- Casimir Effect
- Vacuum Energy
- Dark Energy
- EM Drive
- Pitch and Bias
- Diametric
- Disjunction
- Alcubierre
- Krasnikov tube



Chemical 13 MJ/Kg  
Fission  $82 \cdot 10^6$  MJ/Kg  
Fusion  $350 \cdot 10^6$  MJ/Kg  
Antimatter  $90 \cdot 10^9$  MJ/Kg

# ROCKET PROPULSION



$$(v_{bo} - v_o) = gI_{sp} \left[ \ln \frac{m_o}{m_{bo}} - \frac{1}{R} \left( 1 - \frac{m_{bo}}{m_o} \right) \right], \text{ where}$$

$g$  = gravity acceleration field at sea level

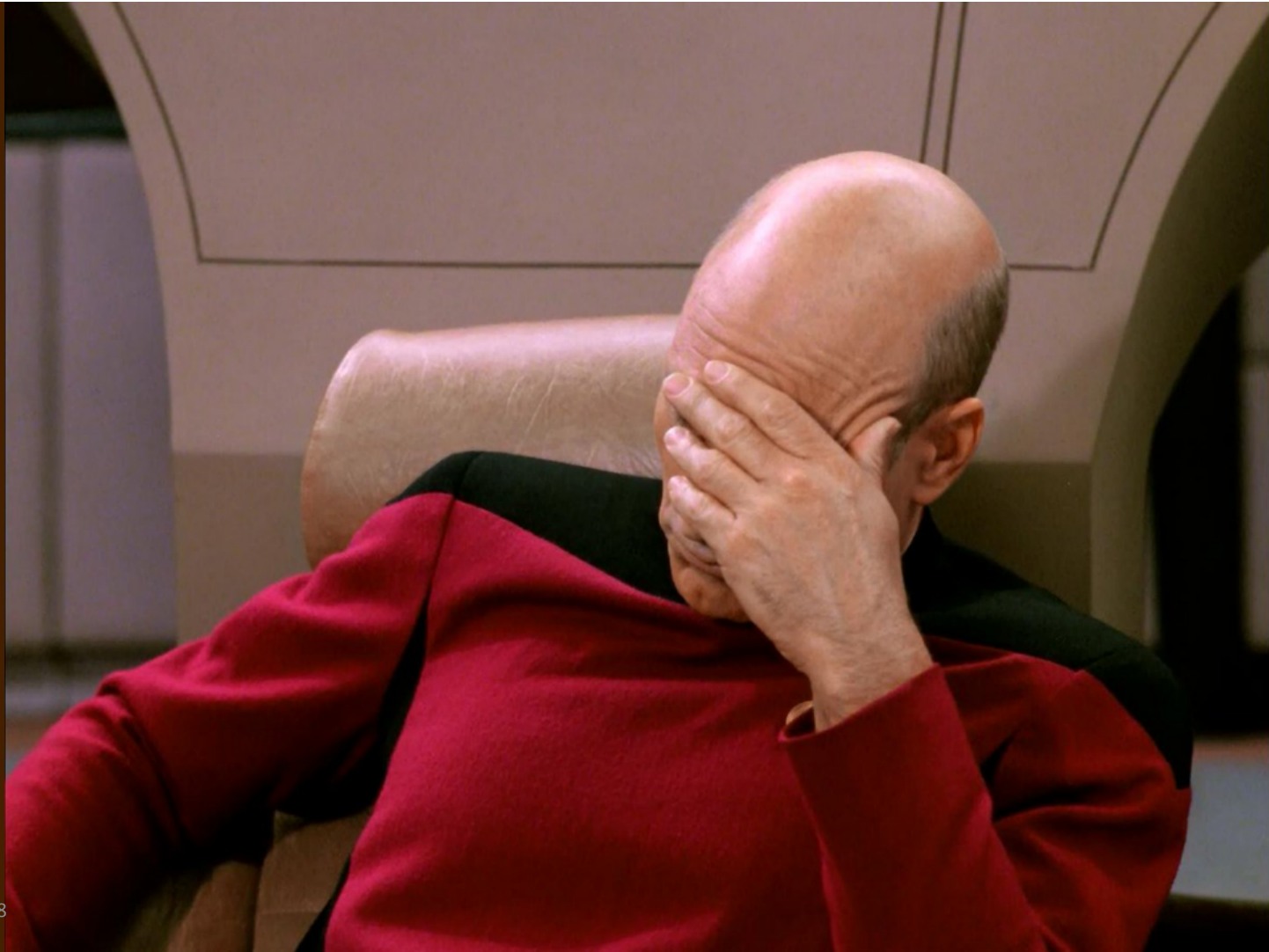
$v_{bo}$  = burnout velocity - i.e. maximum velocity at burnout

$v_o$  = initial rocket and fuel velocity

$I_{sp}$  = specific impulse

$R$  = thrust (to weight) ratio

**FOR FINAL VELOCITIES  $\approx 0.1 - 0.5c$  -  $I_{sp} \approx 10^6$  - The "MAGIC MILLION"**

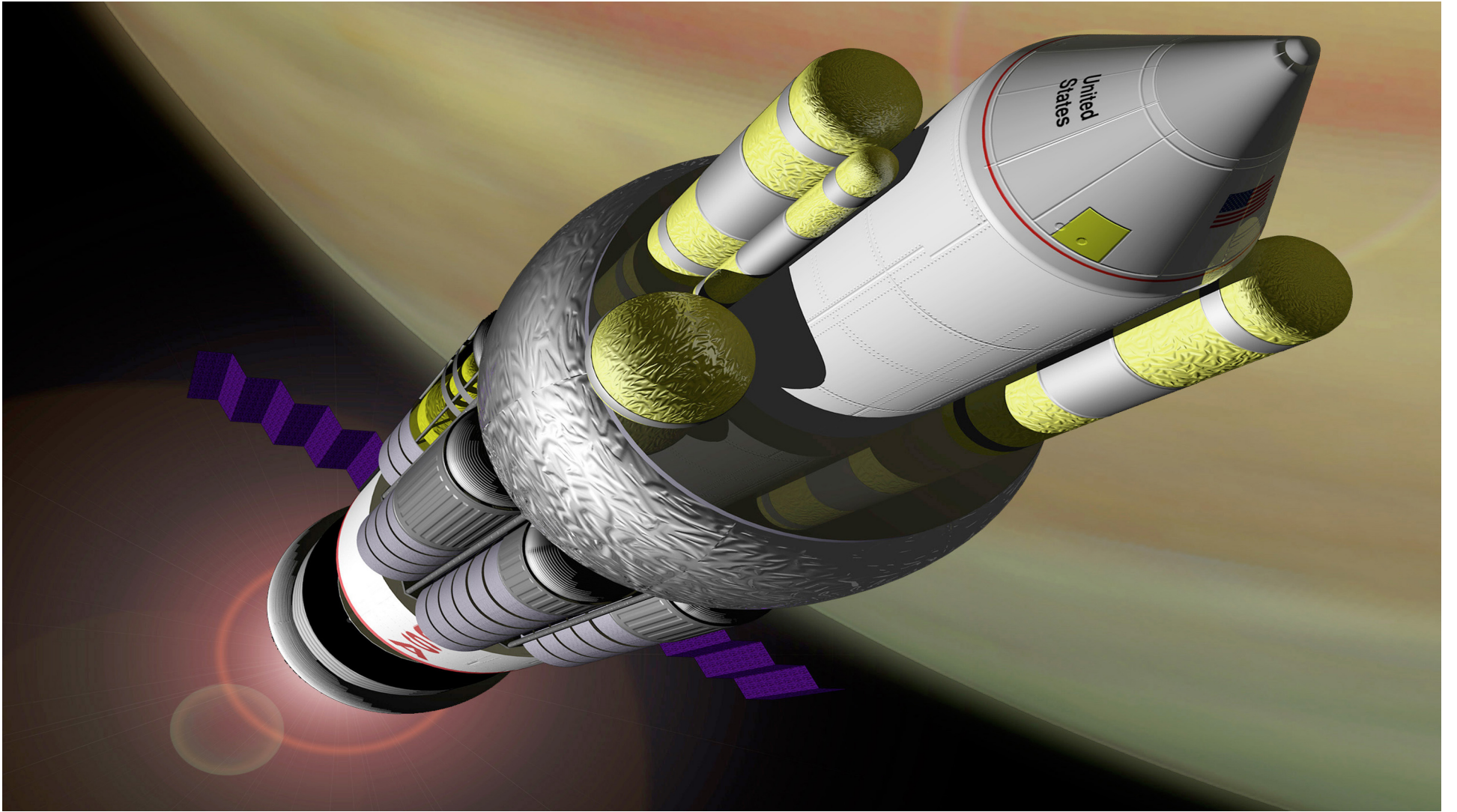


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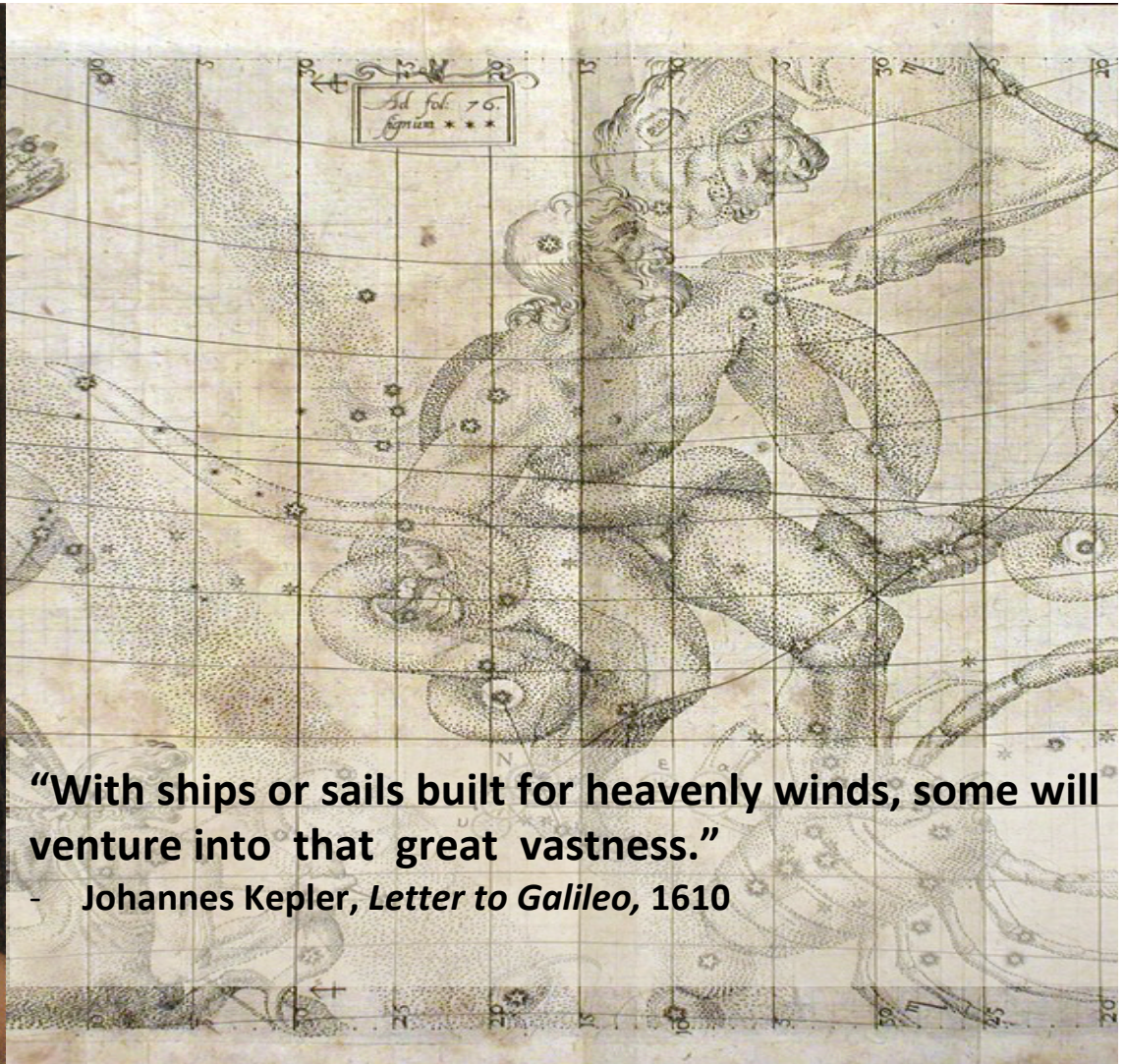
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By firing antiprotons at the skin fission reactions occur and this generates thrust.

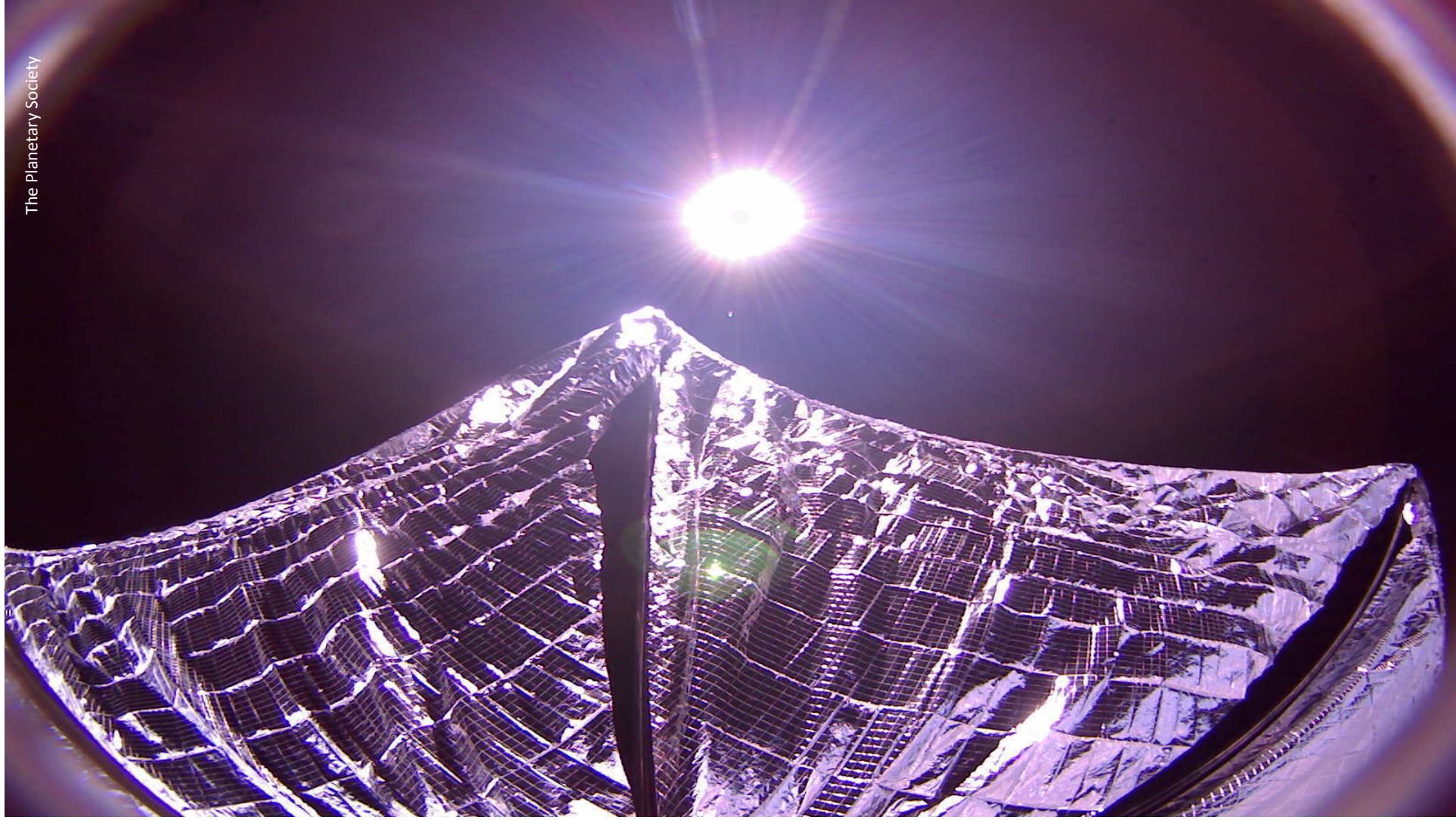




**“With ships or sails built for heavenly winds, some will venture into that great vastness.”**

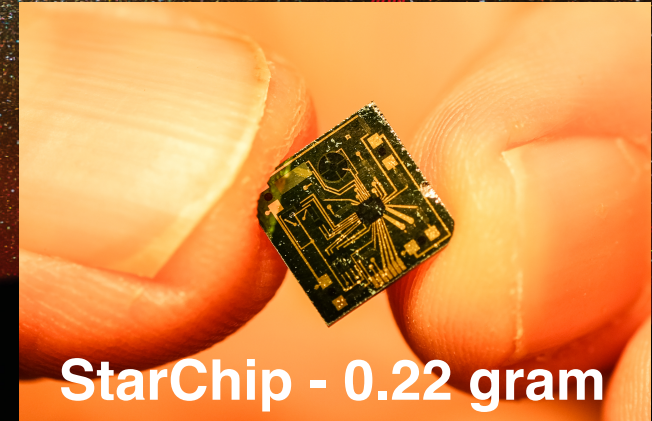
- Johannes Kepler, *Letter to Galileo*, 1610



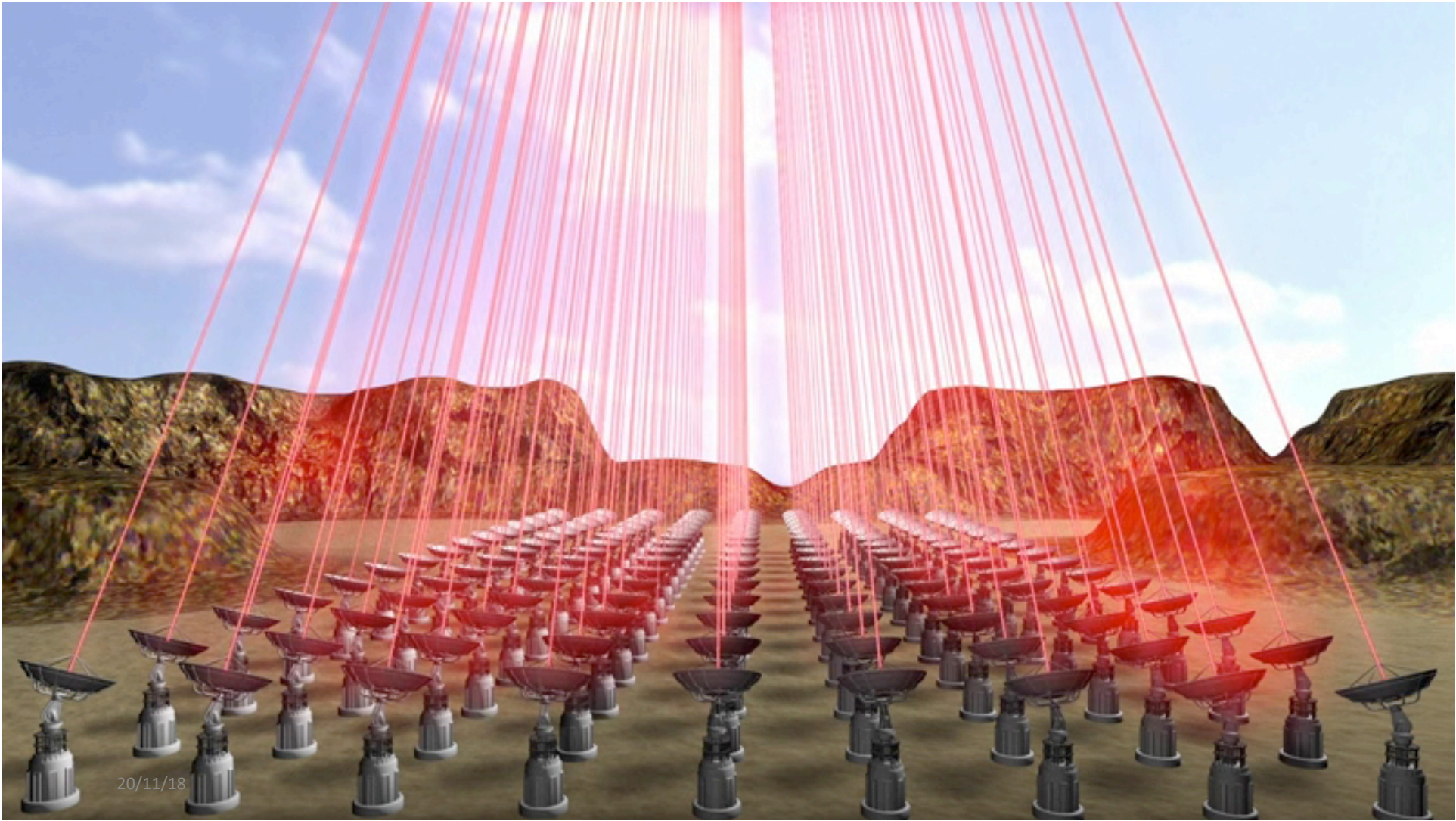


## Solution to go fast

1. Lowest possible mass
2. Leave engine/fuel on Earth
3. Attach a chip to a sail
4. Laser beam is the wind

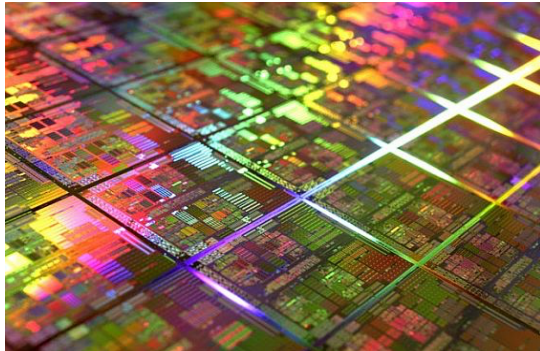


StarChip - 0.22 gram

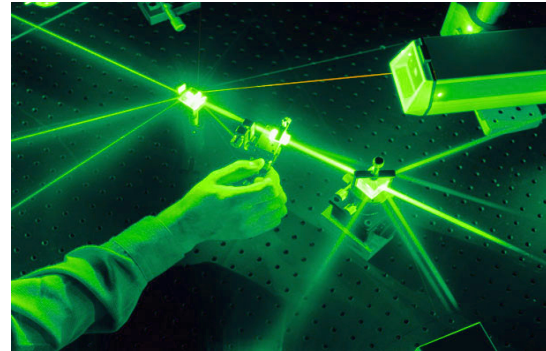


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## Two transformative trends

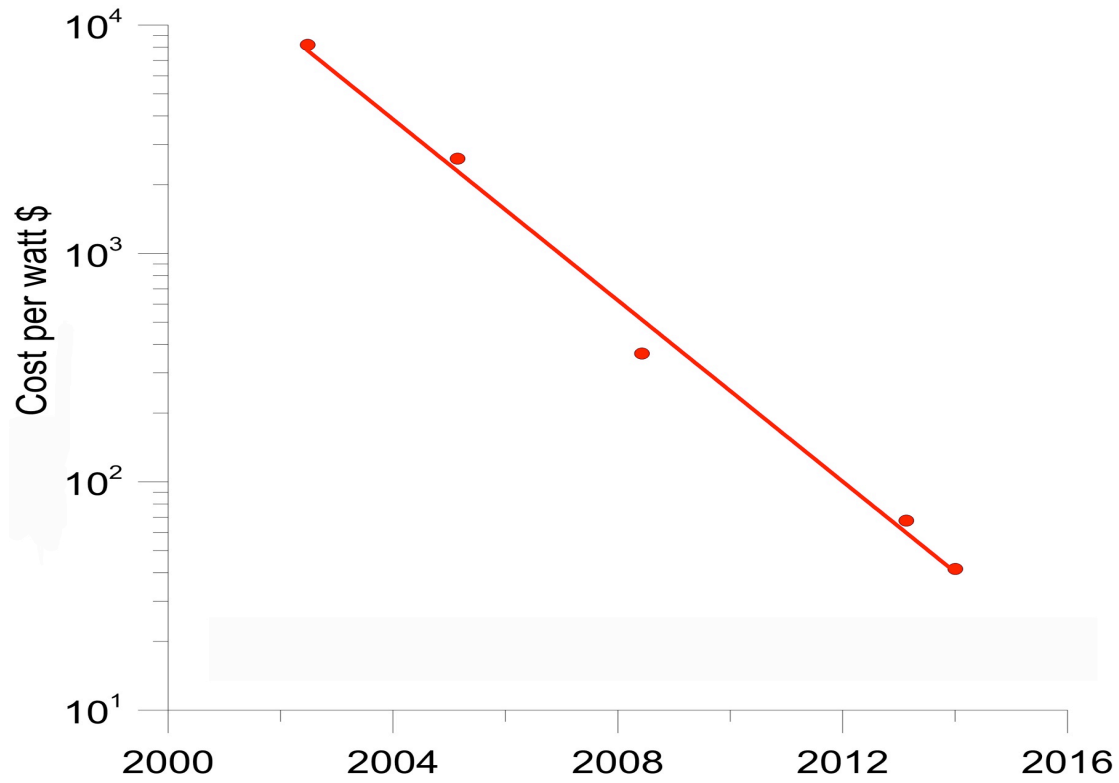


Microelectronics

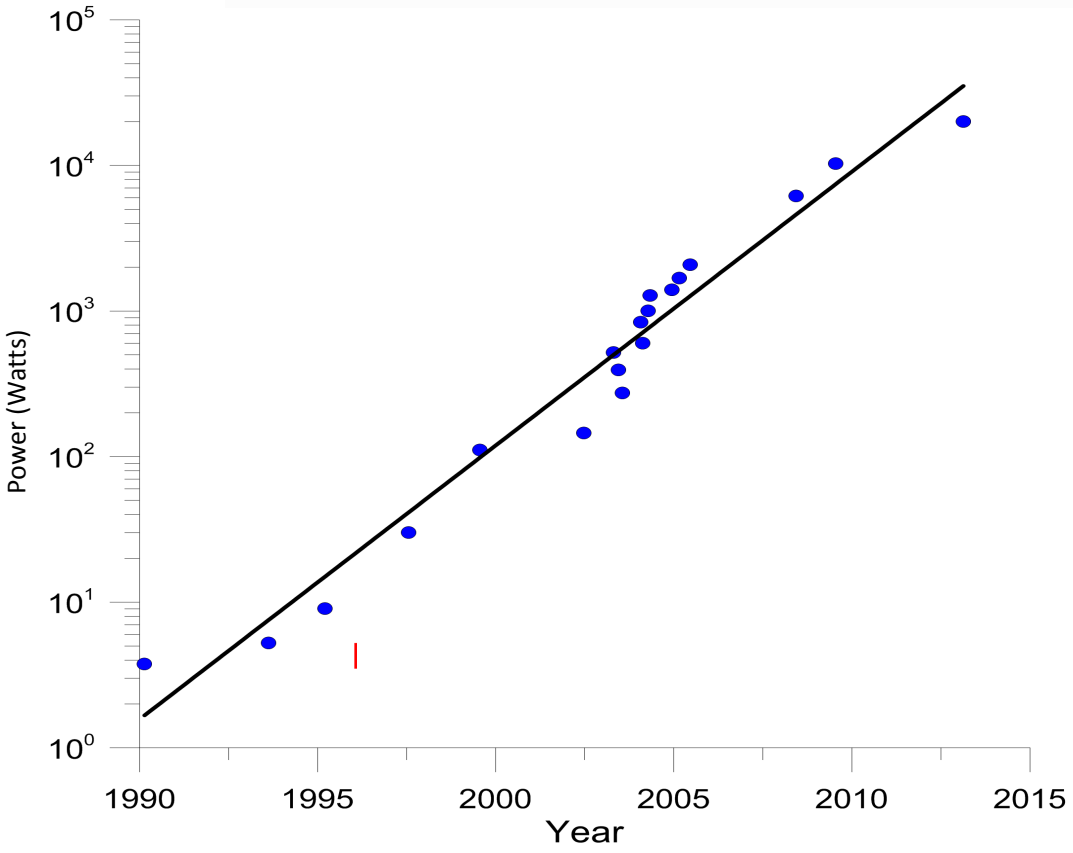


Photonics

# Moore's law for lasers: cost



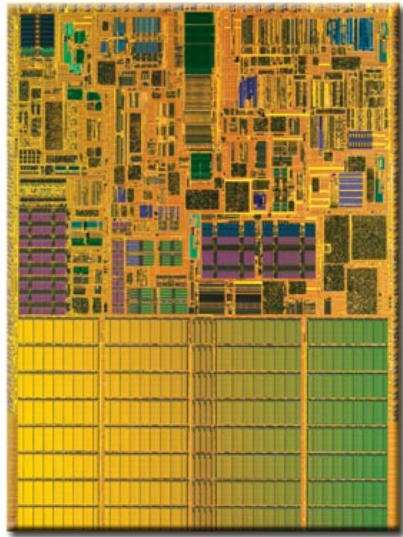
# Moore's law for lasers: power



NASA / Kim Shiflett

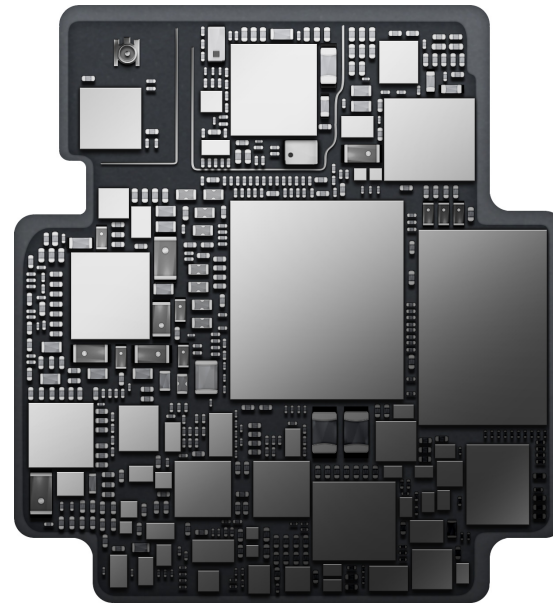


## StarChip size



← 15mm →

StarChip

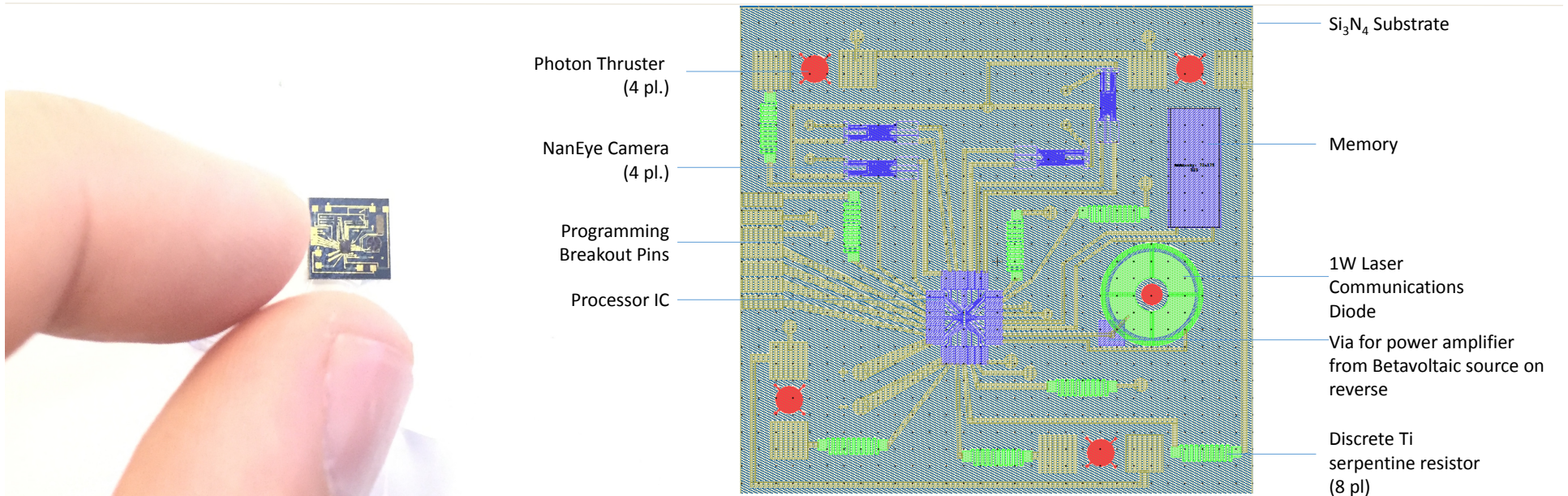


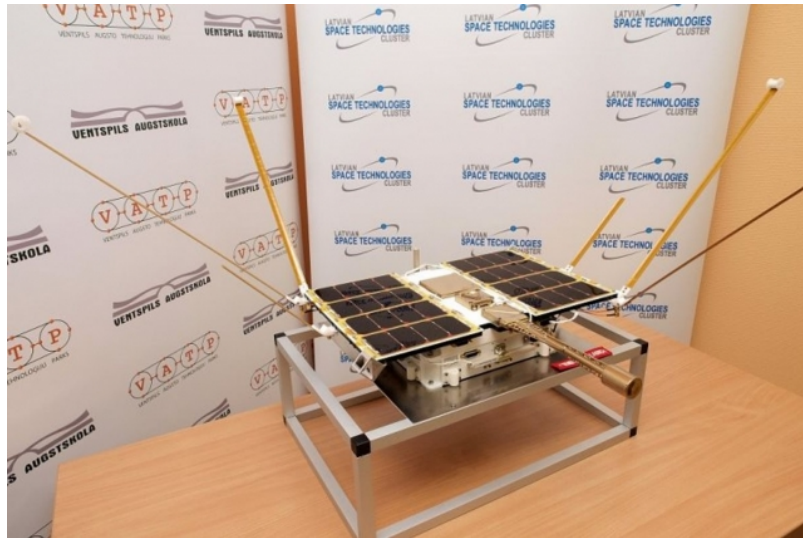
← 25mm →

Apple Watch chip



# BREAKTHROUGH STARSHOT

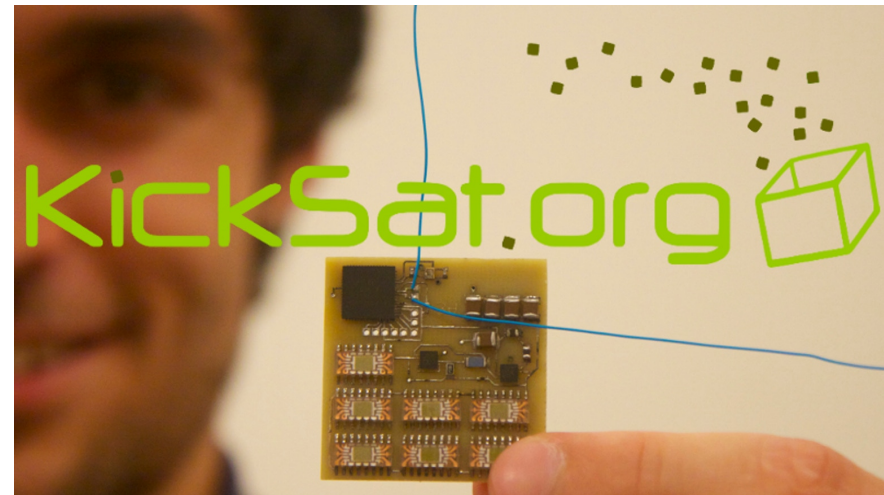


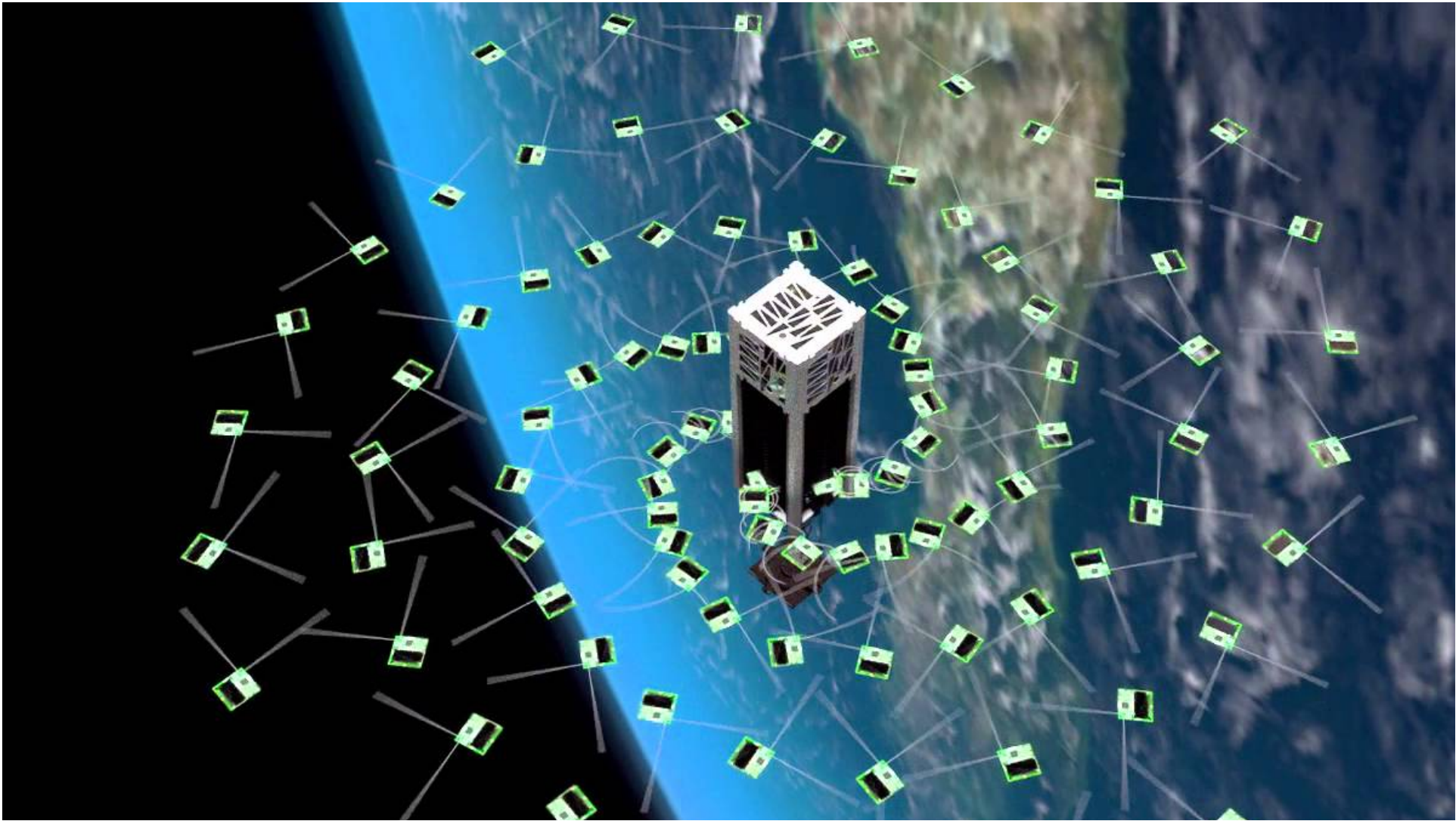


**VENTA SATELLITE (LATVIA)**

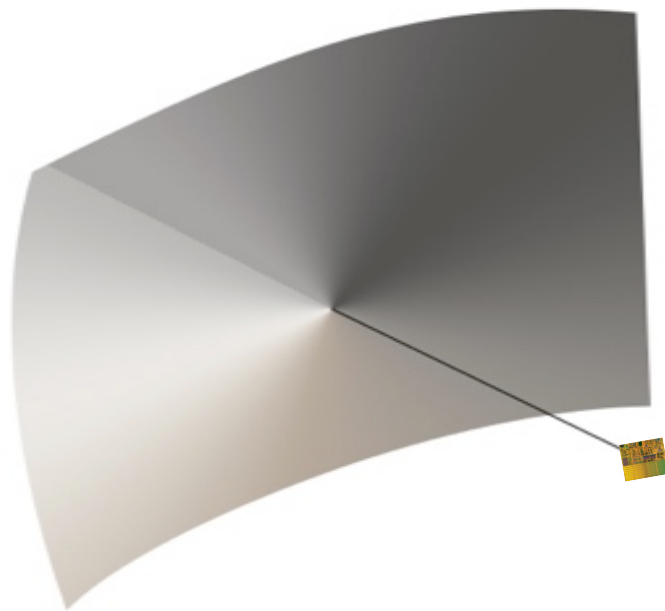
**AND SPRITE NANOSAT (CORNELL)**

**Launched 23 Jun, 2017**





# StarChip + Lightsail: Nanocraft



## Breakthrough Starshot

- \$100 million research and engineering program  $\approx$  5-7 years
- All results to be published
- Subscale prototype - \$500m - \$1B – privately funded – 10-15 years
- Laying foundations for launch to Alpha Centauri – public-private partnership – comparable cost to JWST, LHC/CERN

# StarShot – Initial Research Goals – 2018

- Laser Device Development – phase large numbers of 1 micron lasers - 12 \$150K contracts in process
- Sail Material Development - High reflectivity – very low absorptivity material
- Laser Communications technology

A composite image of Earth from space at night. The lower half shows the Earth's horizon with a blue atmosphere and numerous yellow and orange city lights. The upper half shows a dark, star-filled sky with the Milky Way galaxy visible as a blue and white nebula. The text "BREAKTHROUGH WATCH" is centered in the middle of the image.

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WATCH



Alpha Centauri A



Sun



Alpha Centauri B



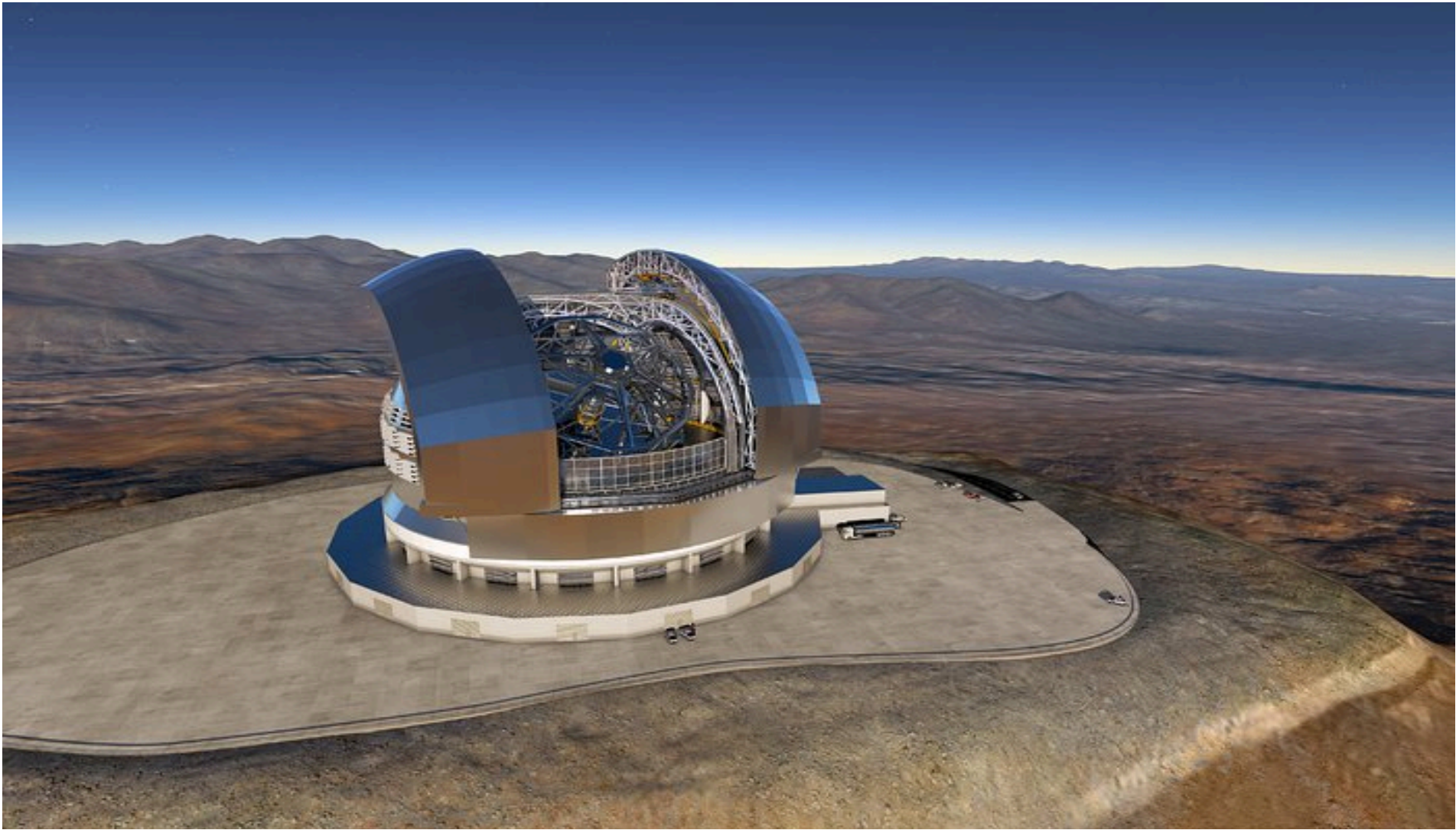
Proxima Centauri





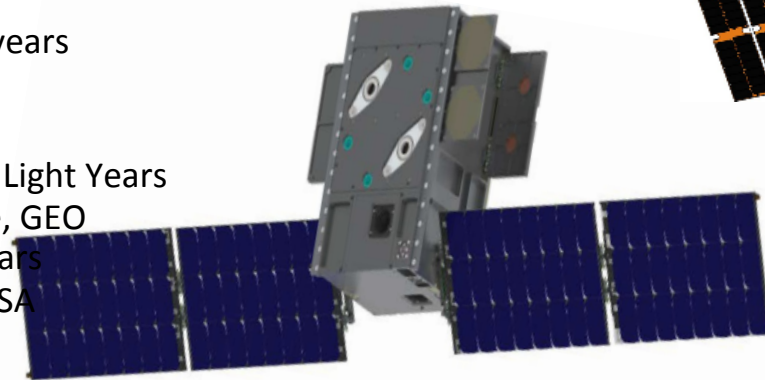
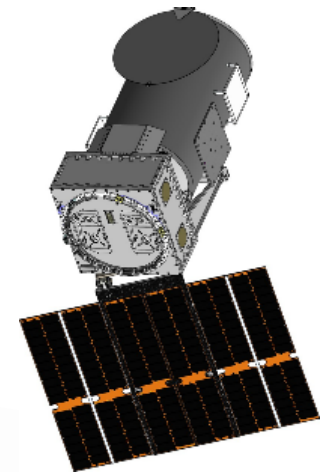
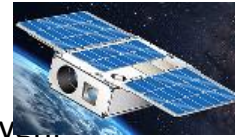






# Toliman Proposed Program

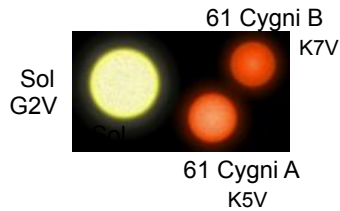
- Toliboy (\$1,000K-Class)
  - Target Super Earths around Alpha Centuri and 61 Cygni
  - 9 cm F20 telescope, LEO mission
  - Launch 2019, mission length one year
- Toliman (\$10,000K-Class)
  - Target Earth size planets, Alpha Centuri, 61 Cygni, 70 Ophiuchi, 36 Ophiuchi, Rho-Eridani, Xi Ursae Majoris
  - 30 cm F20 telescope, GEO mission
  - Launch 2021, mission length: three years
  - Possible Partners ASI, JAXA, NASA
- Toliman Follow On (\$100,000K-Class)
  - Target Earths size planets within 15 Light Years
  - 100 cm class Chronograph telescope, GEO
  - Launch 2025, mission length: five years
  - Possible partners ESA, ASI, JAXA, NASA



# Target Systems



The A and B components of Alpha Centauri have an orbital period of 79.91 years. Their closest approach is 11.2 AU, or the distance between the Sun and Saturn; and their furthest separation is 35.6 AU, the distance between the Sun and Pluto. Apparent visual distance ranges between 2 and 22 arc sec. They are currently at a 4.5 arc sec separation. Apparent visual magnitude 0.3 and 1.3



61 Cygni A/B



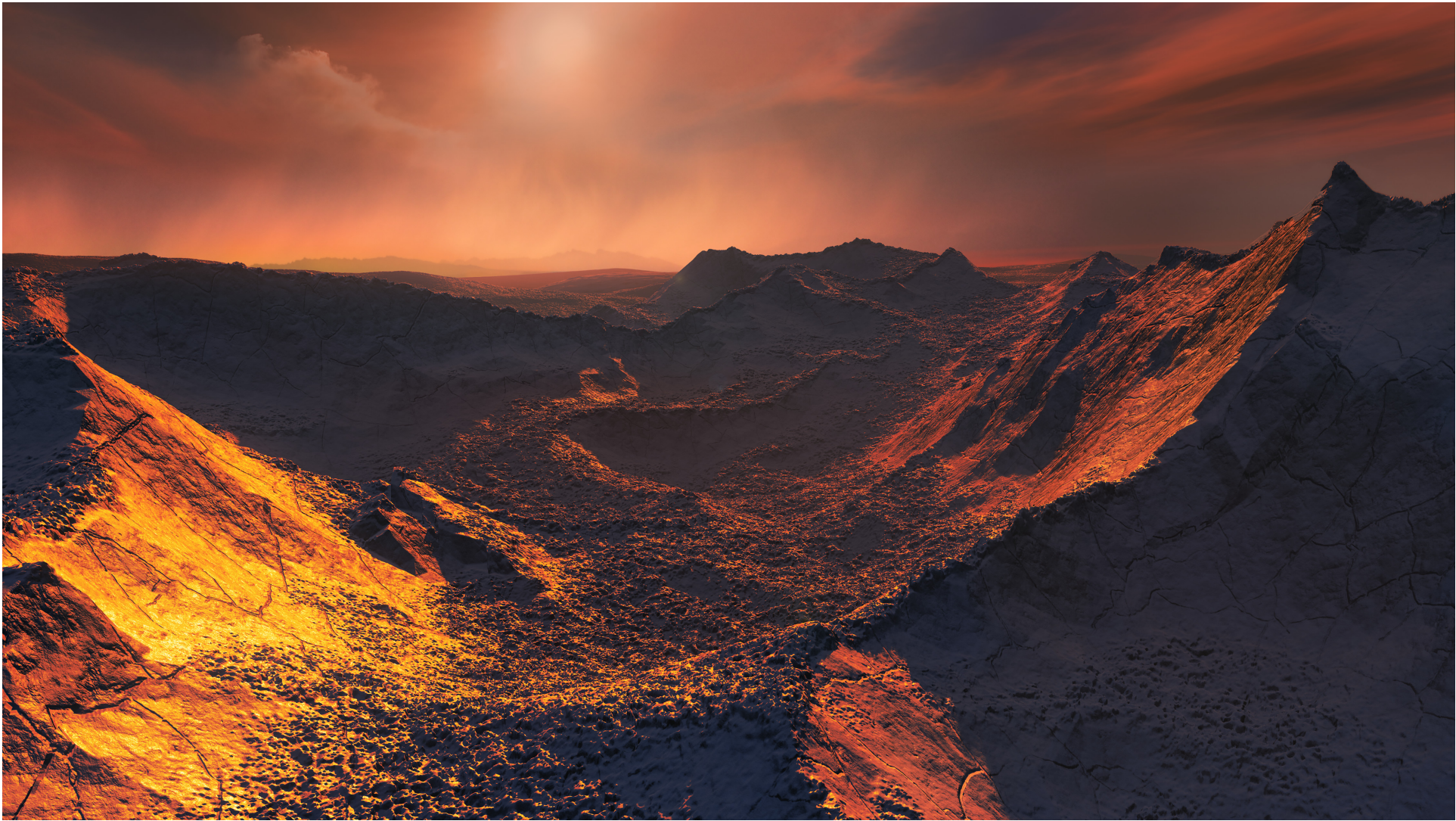
Alpha Cen A/B

61 Cygni A and B orbit their common barycenter in a period of 659 years, with a mean separation of about 84 AU. Orbital eccentricity of 0.48 means that the two stars are separated by about 44 AU at periastris and 124 AU at apoapsis. They are currently at a 80 AU or 20 arc sec separation. Apparent visual magnitude 5.2 and 6.0

# BARNARD'S STAR

— 2007

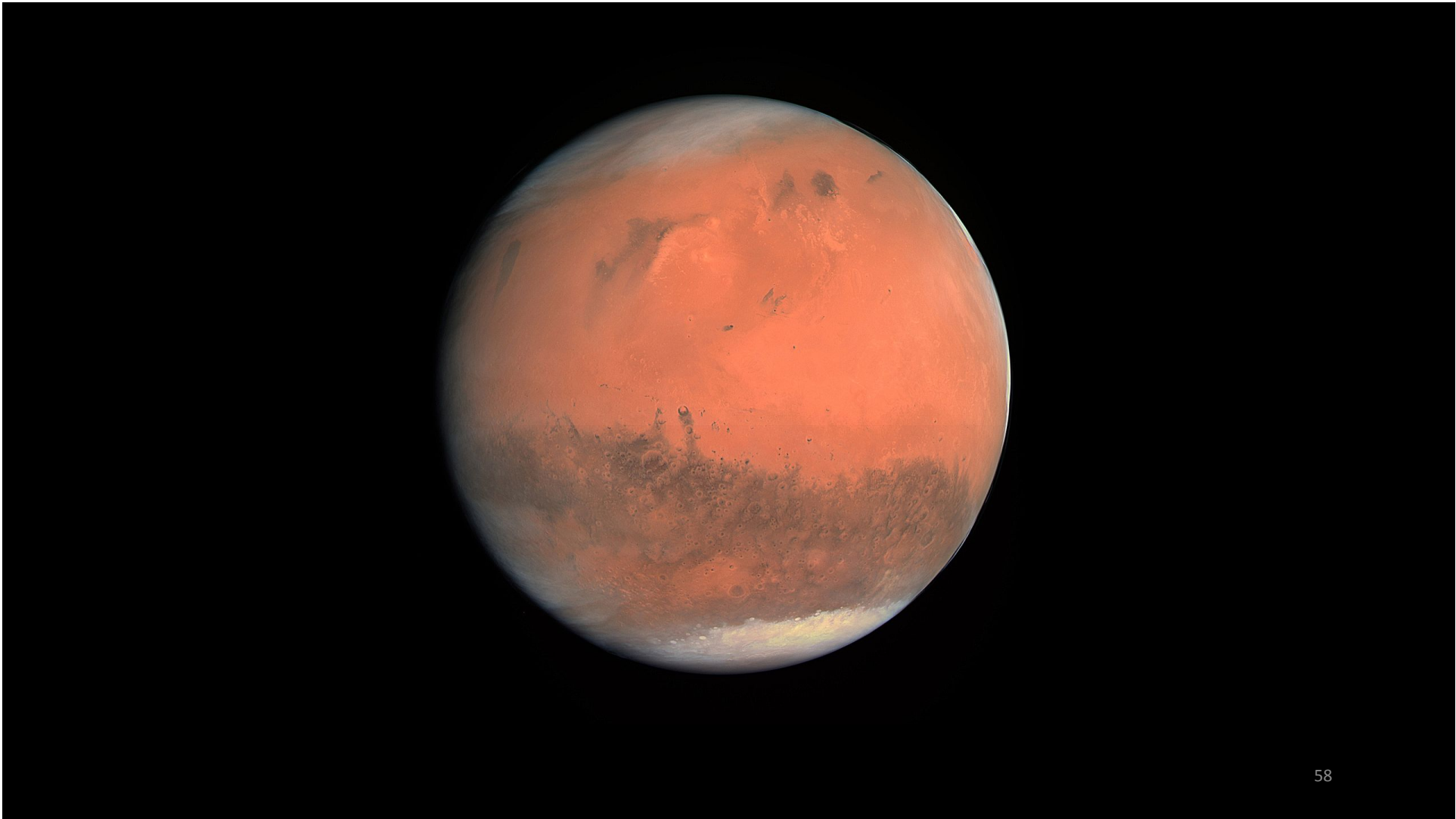
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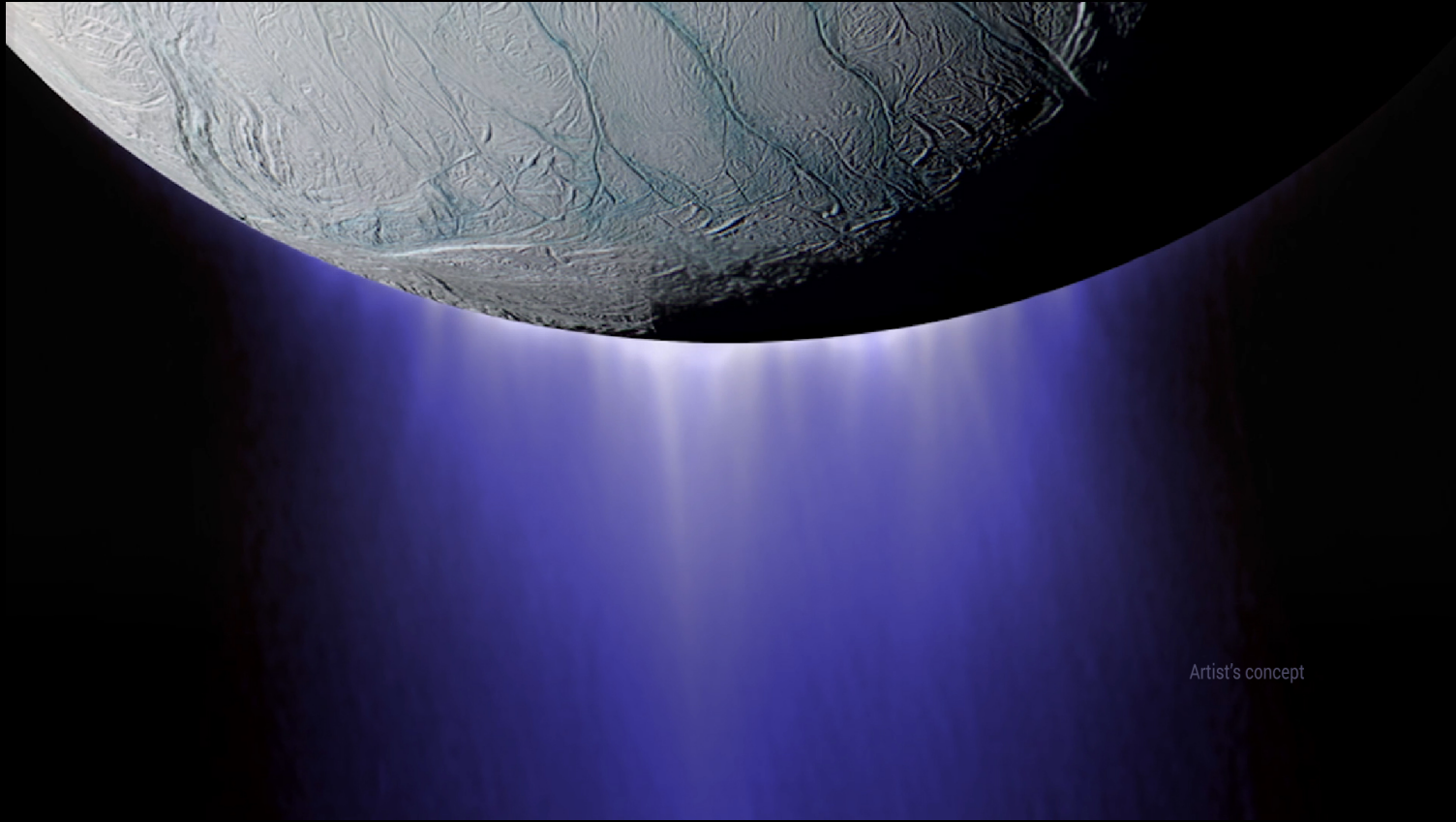




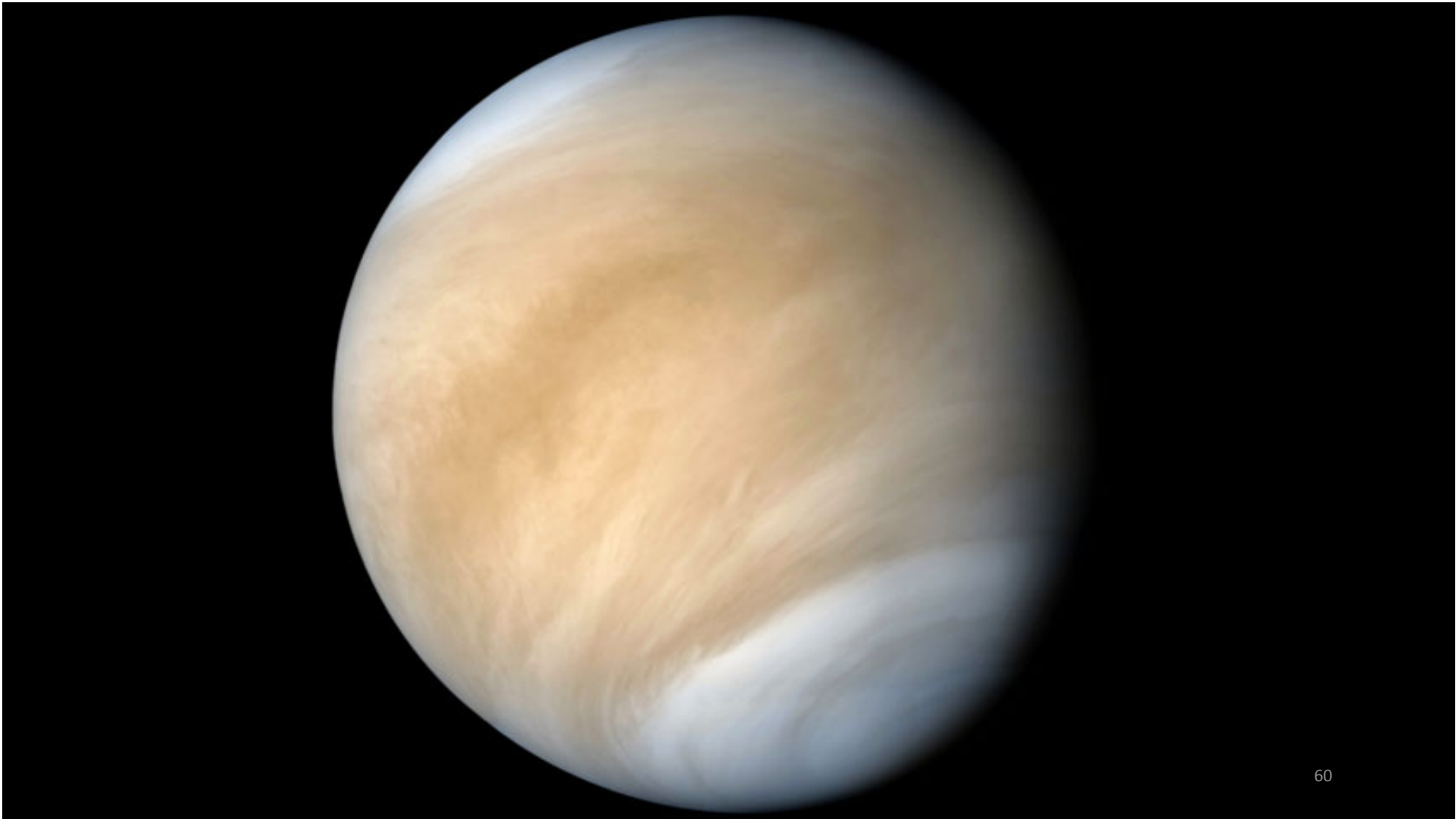
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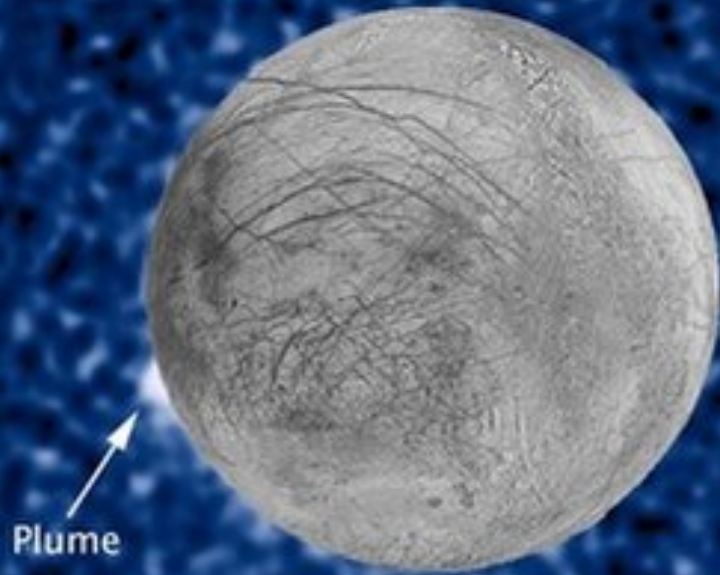
Artist's concept



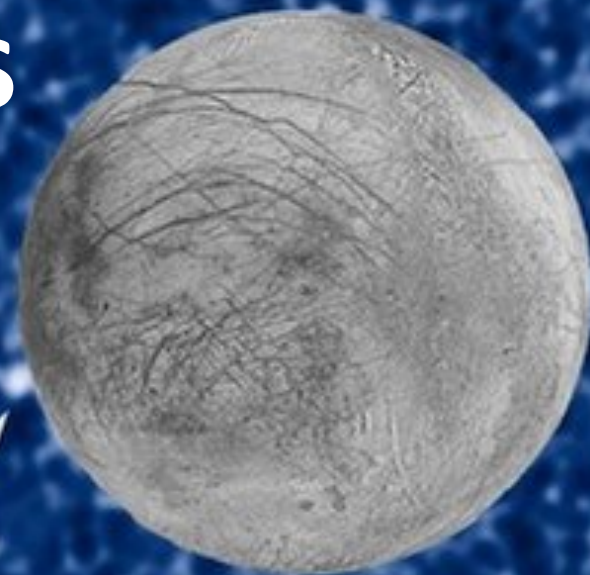




# EUROPA PLUMES



2014



2016

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Discuss





2018 CONFERENCE,  
APRIL 12-13, Stanford  
University

“Possibilities for Life”

- Exotic and Machine Life
- Advances in Propulsion
- What does Alien Life Look Like

**GLOBAL SPACE AGENCY SCIENCE LEADS AT BREAKTHROUGH DISCUSS – 20 APR 2017**



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