



# Ready for flight with FD-SOI

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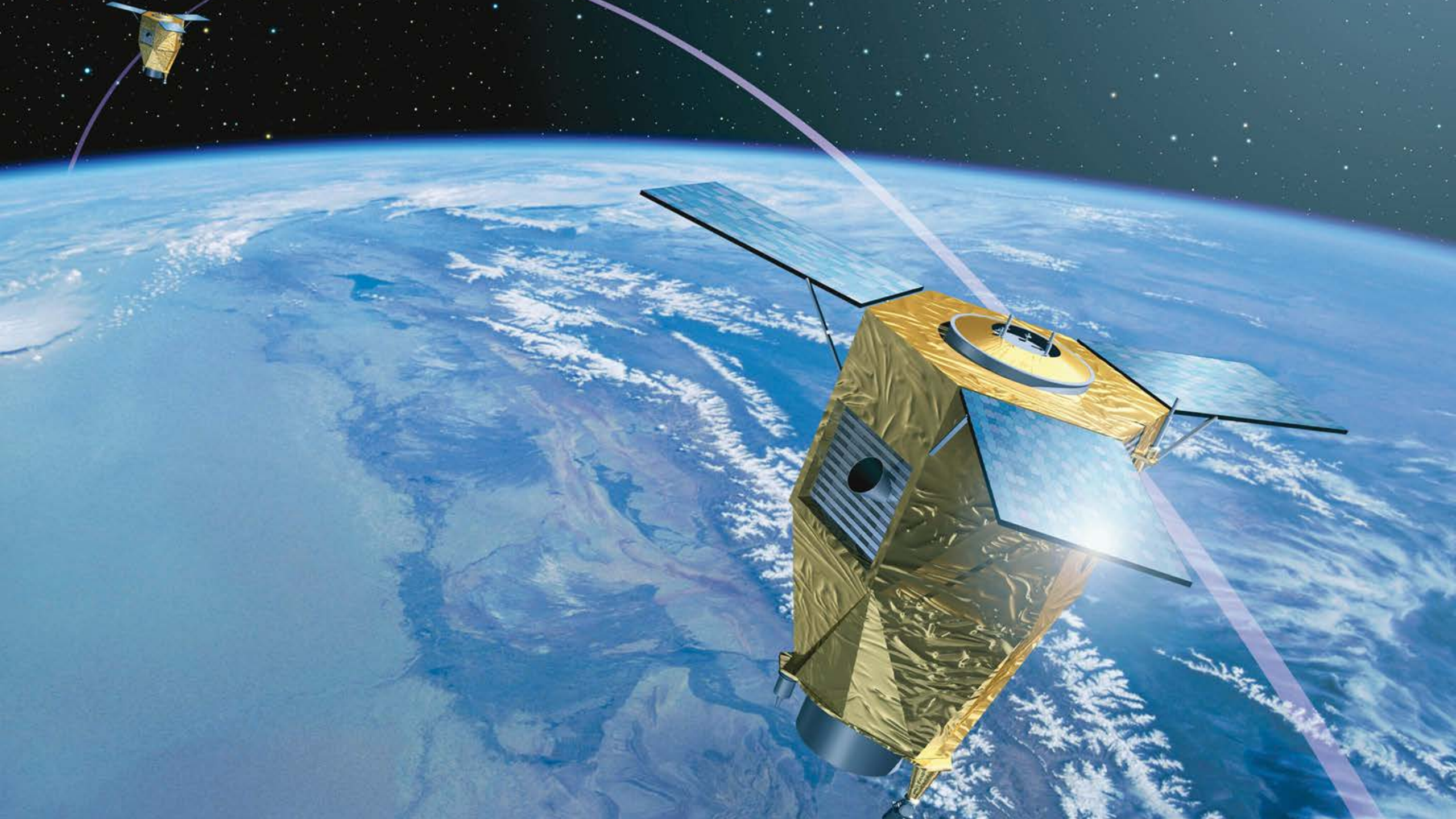
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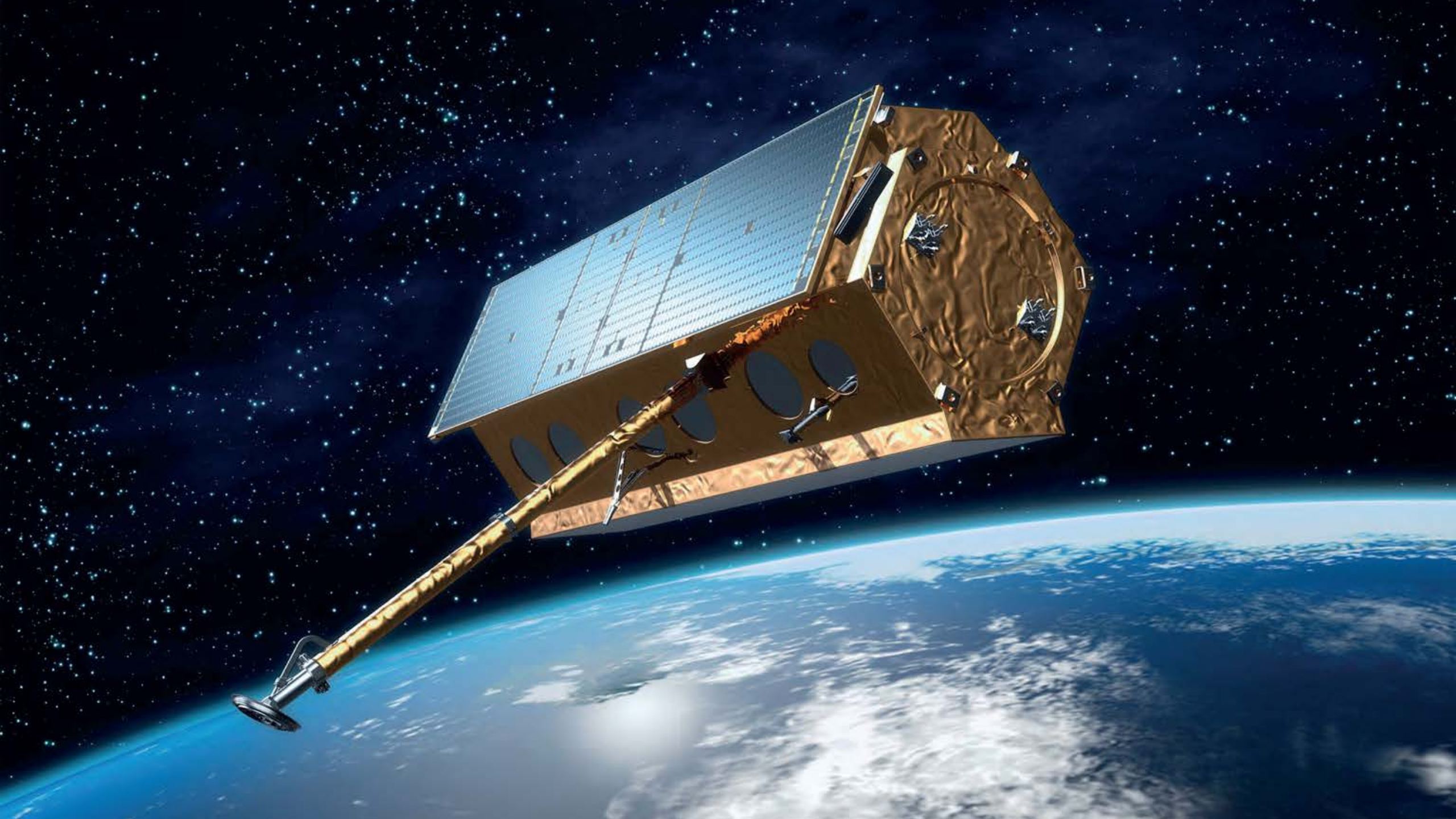
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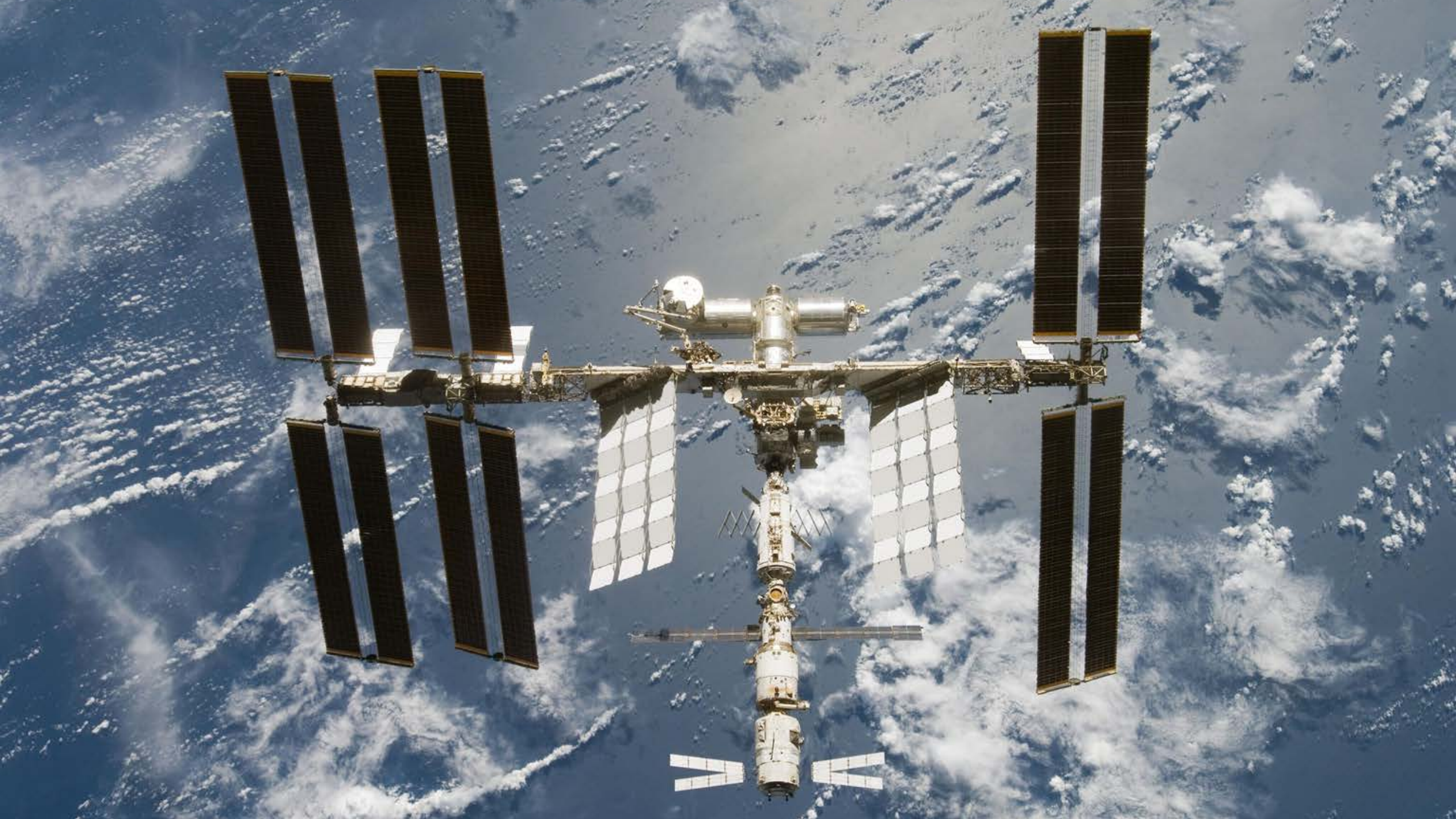


















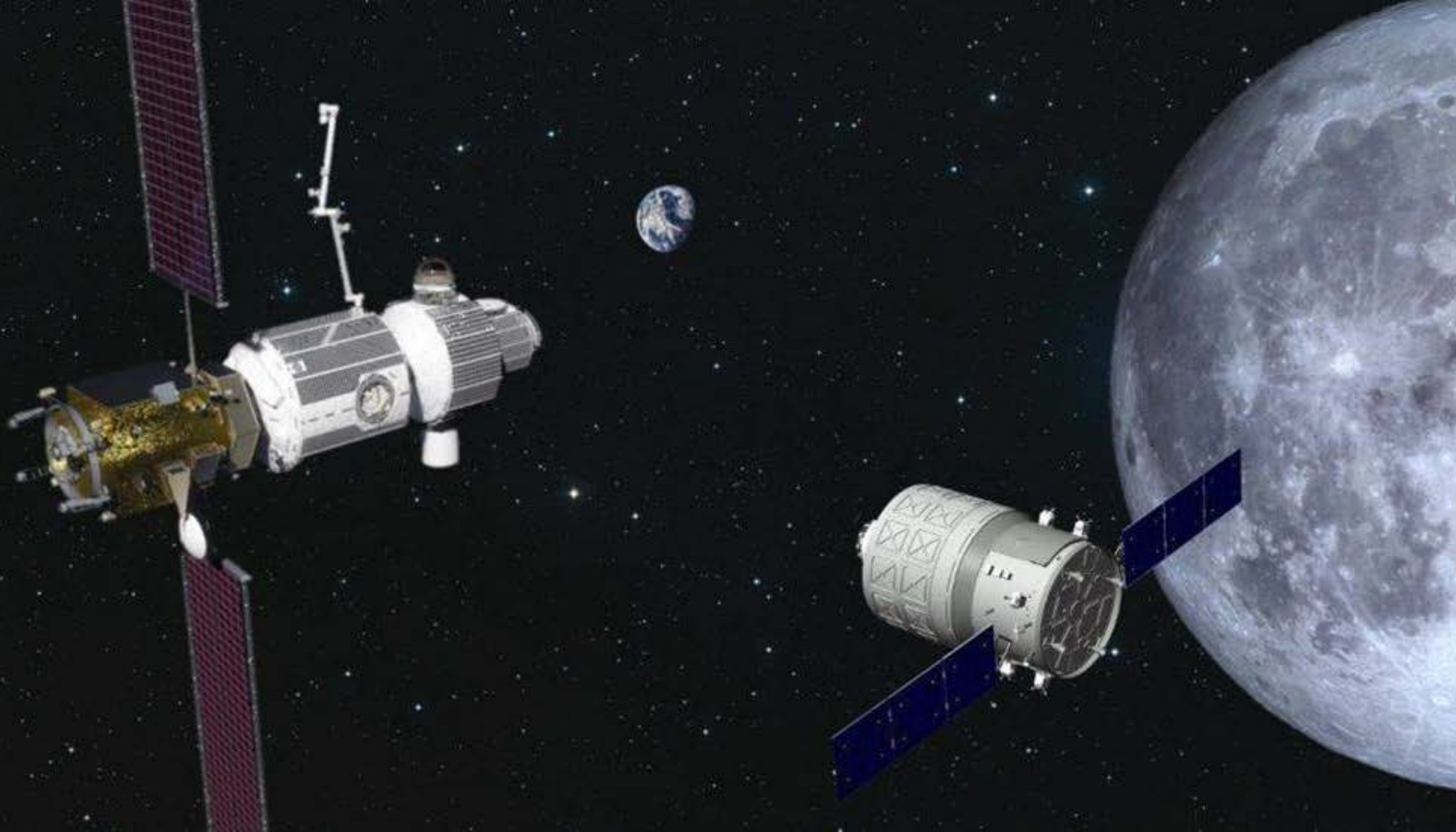


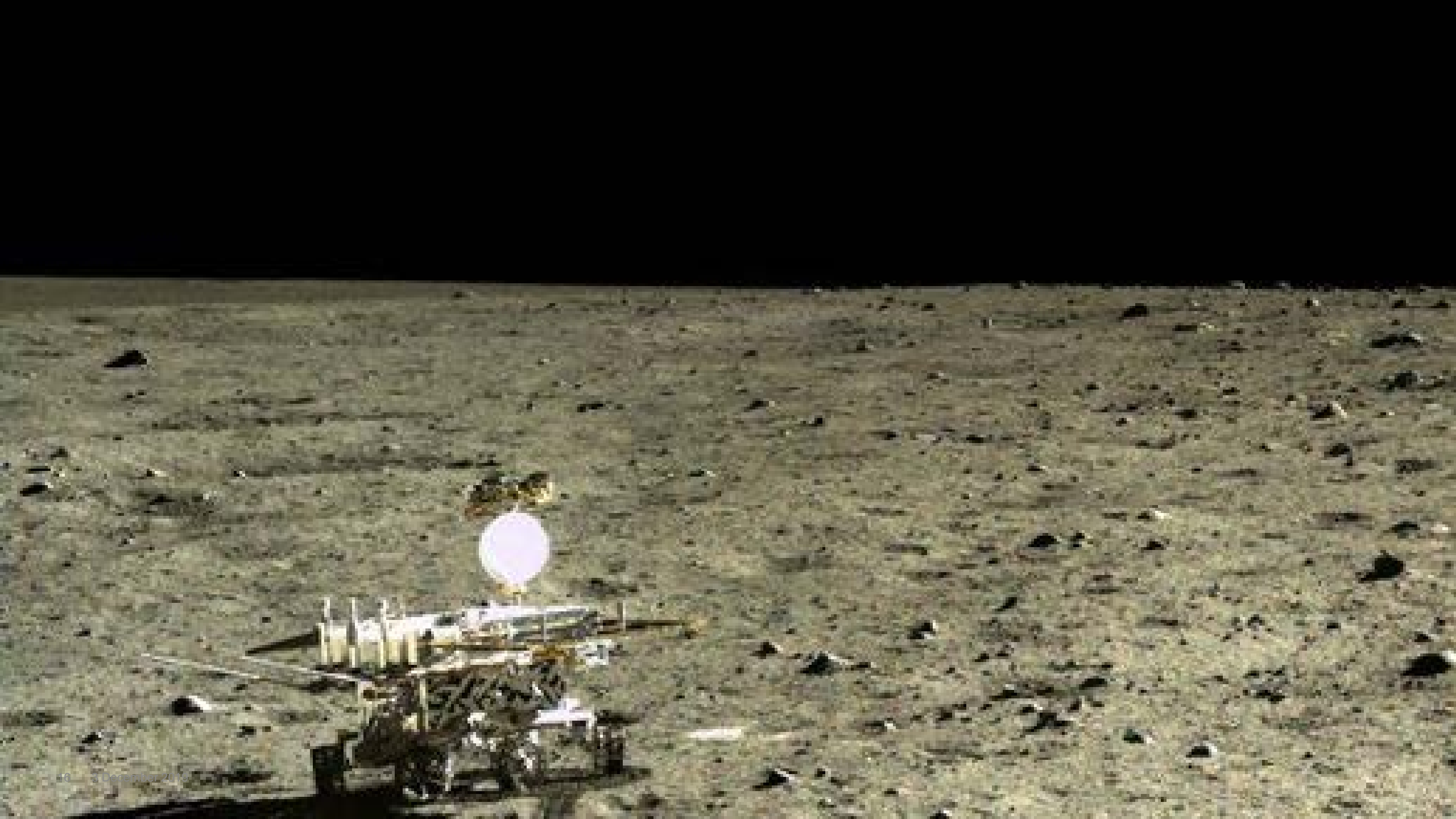




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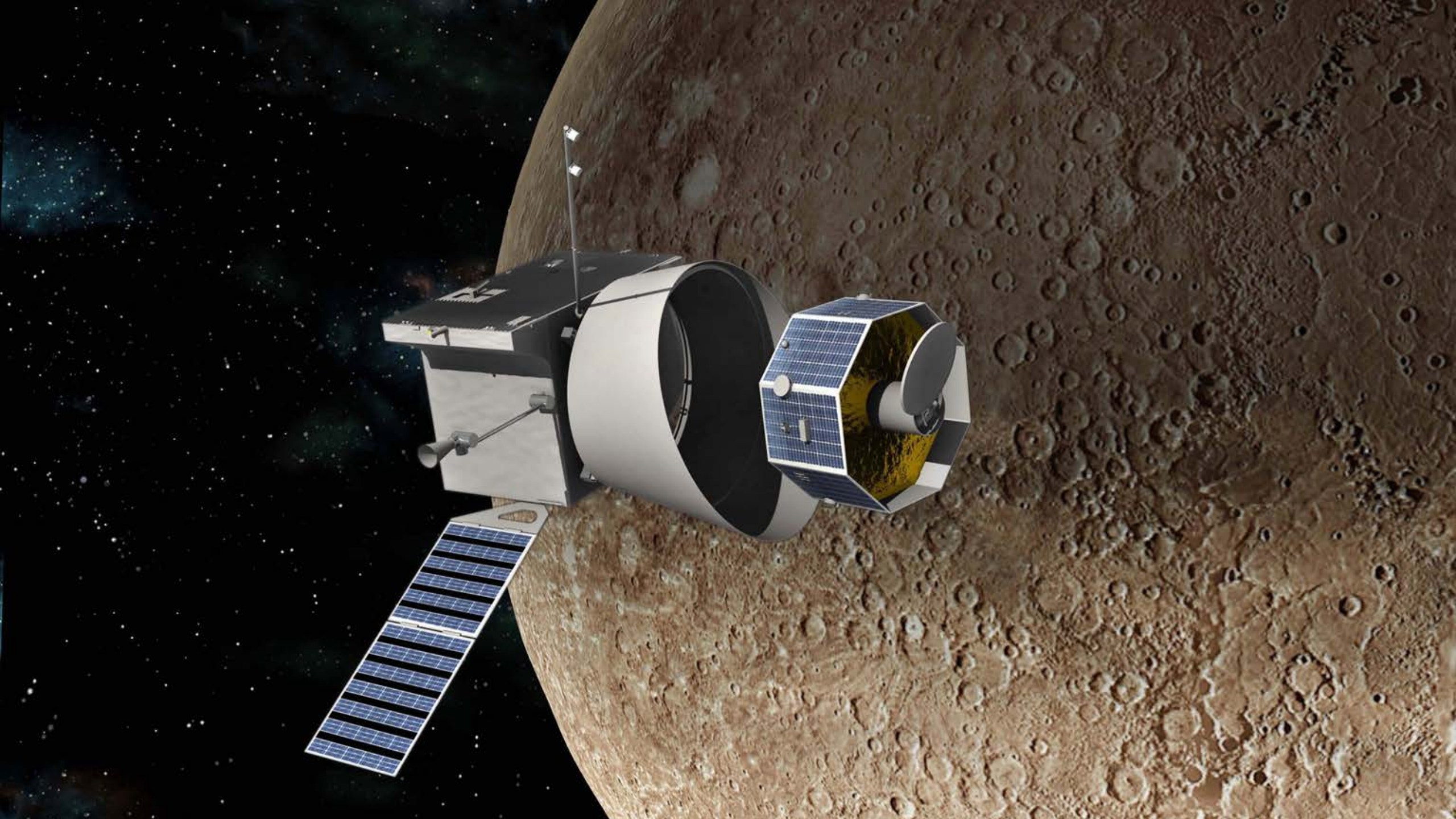












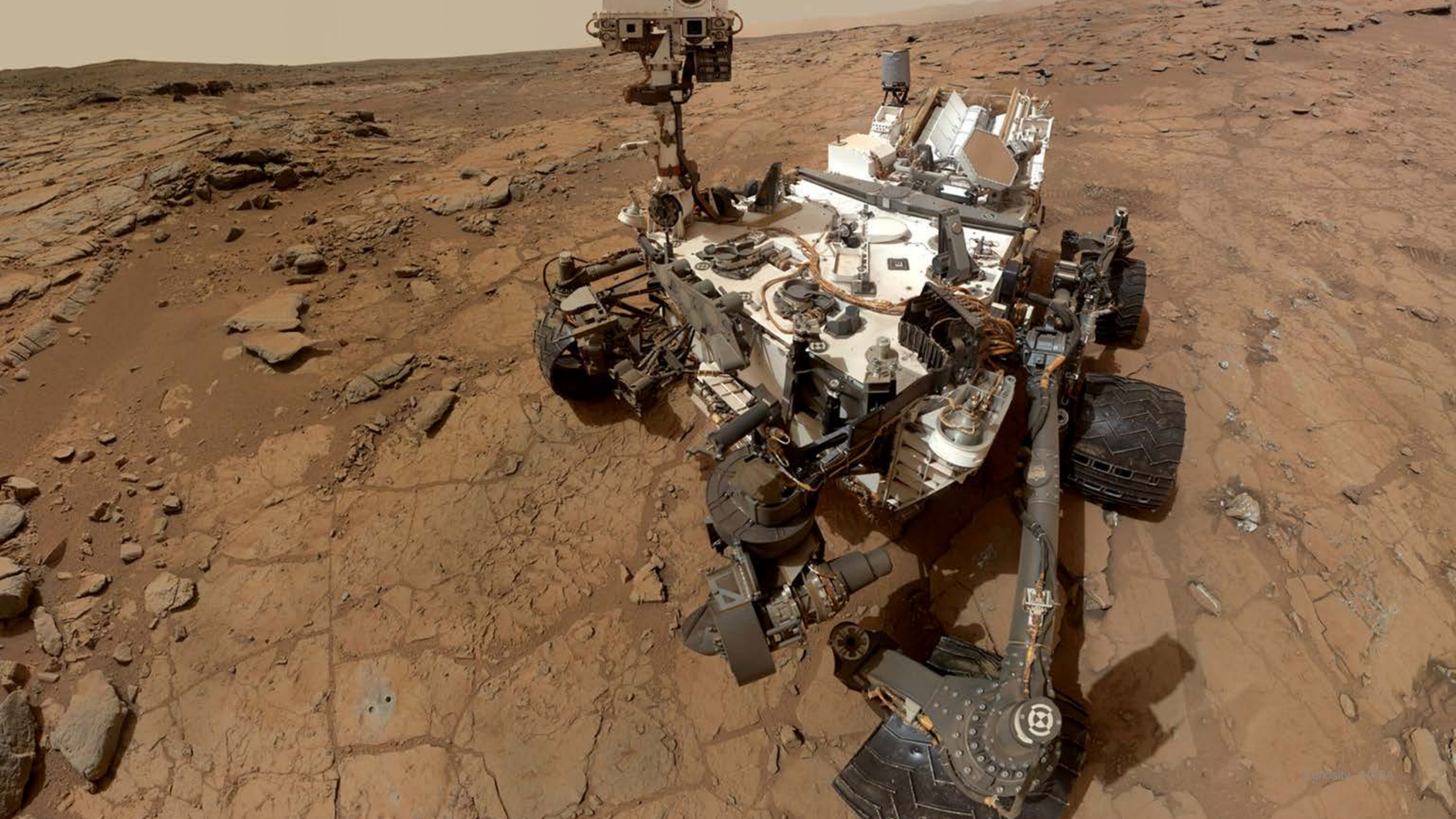






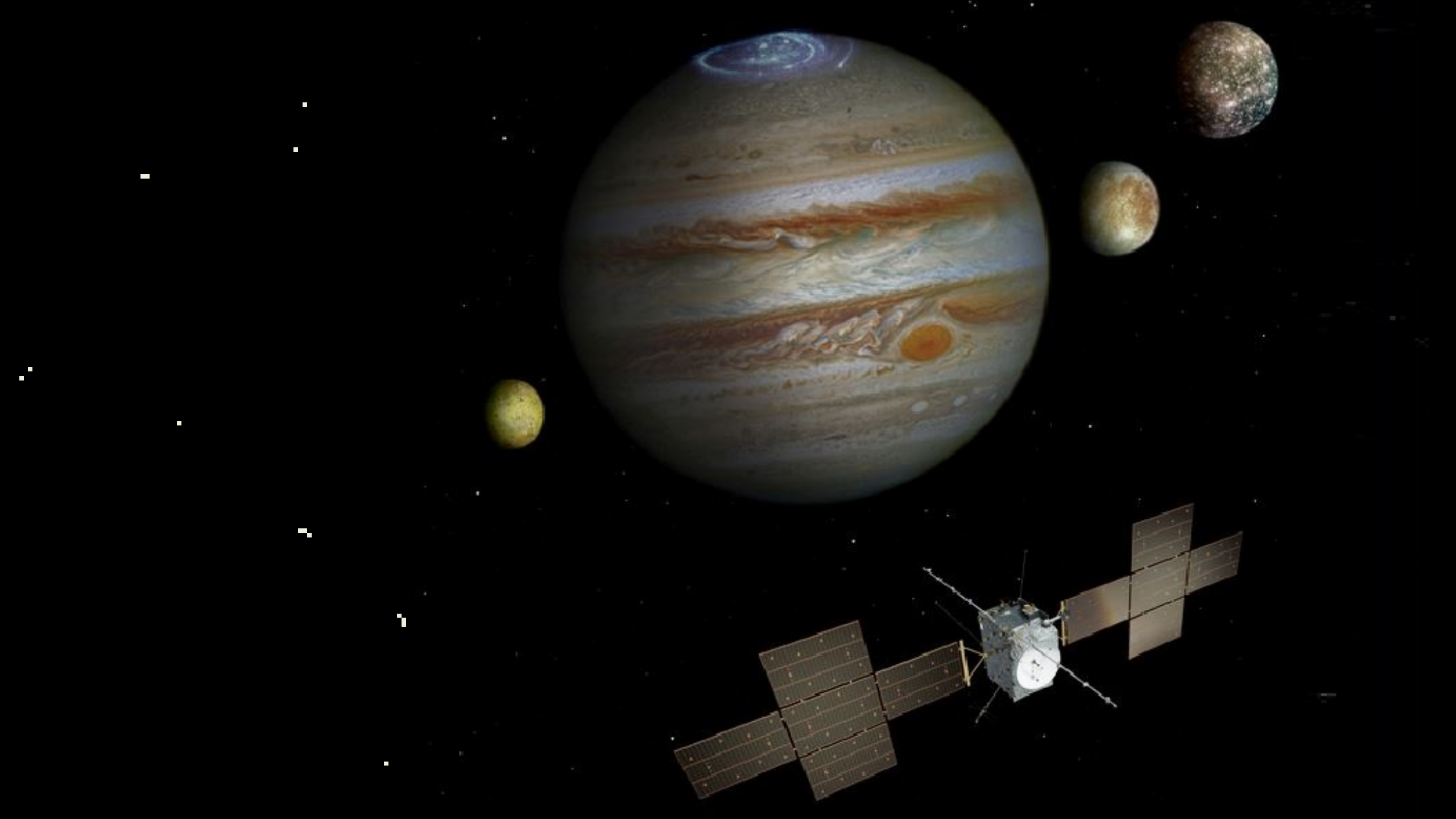




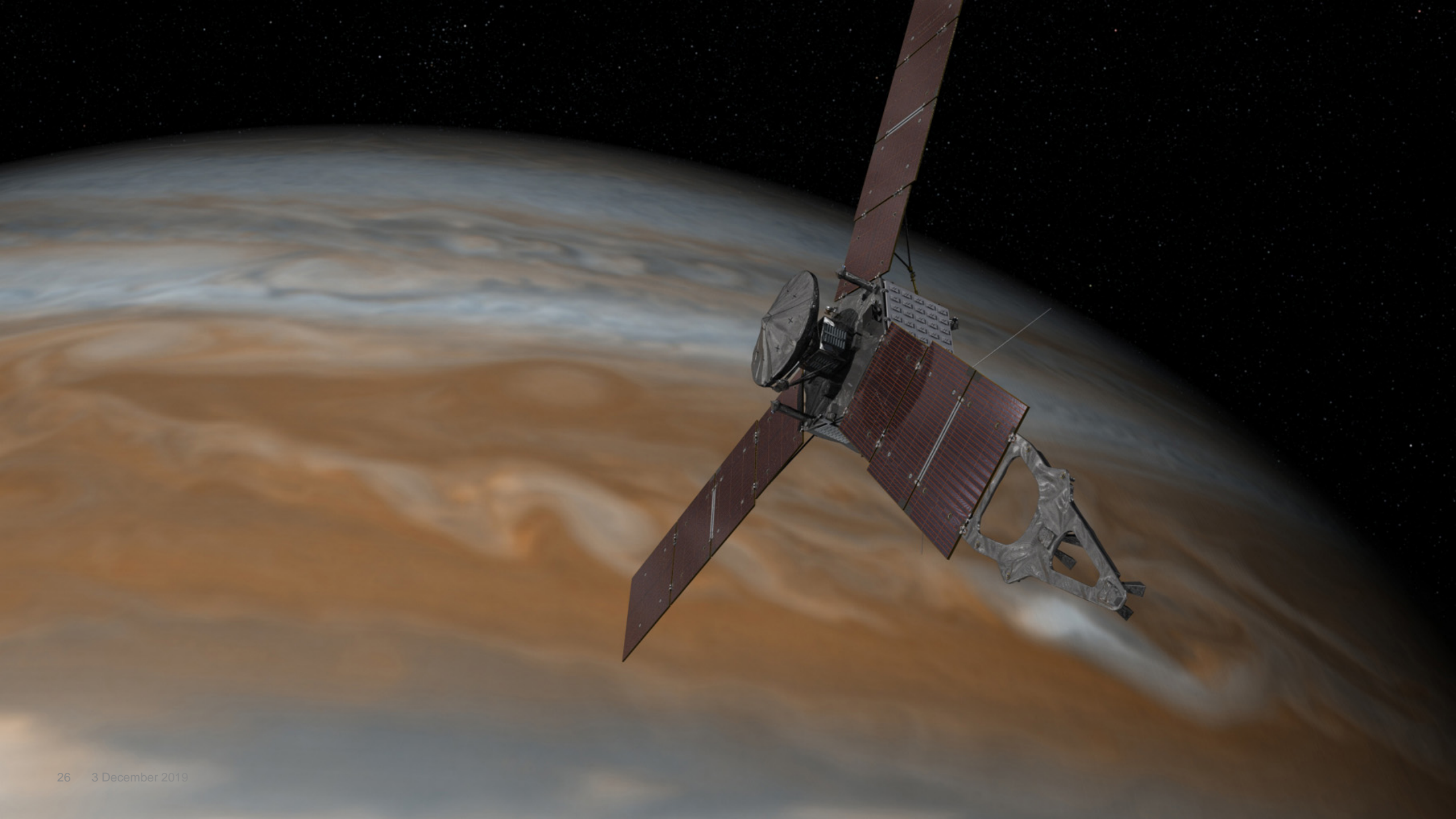


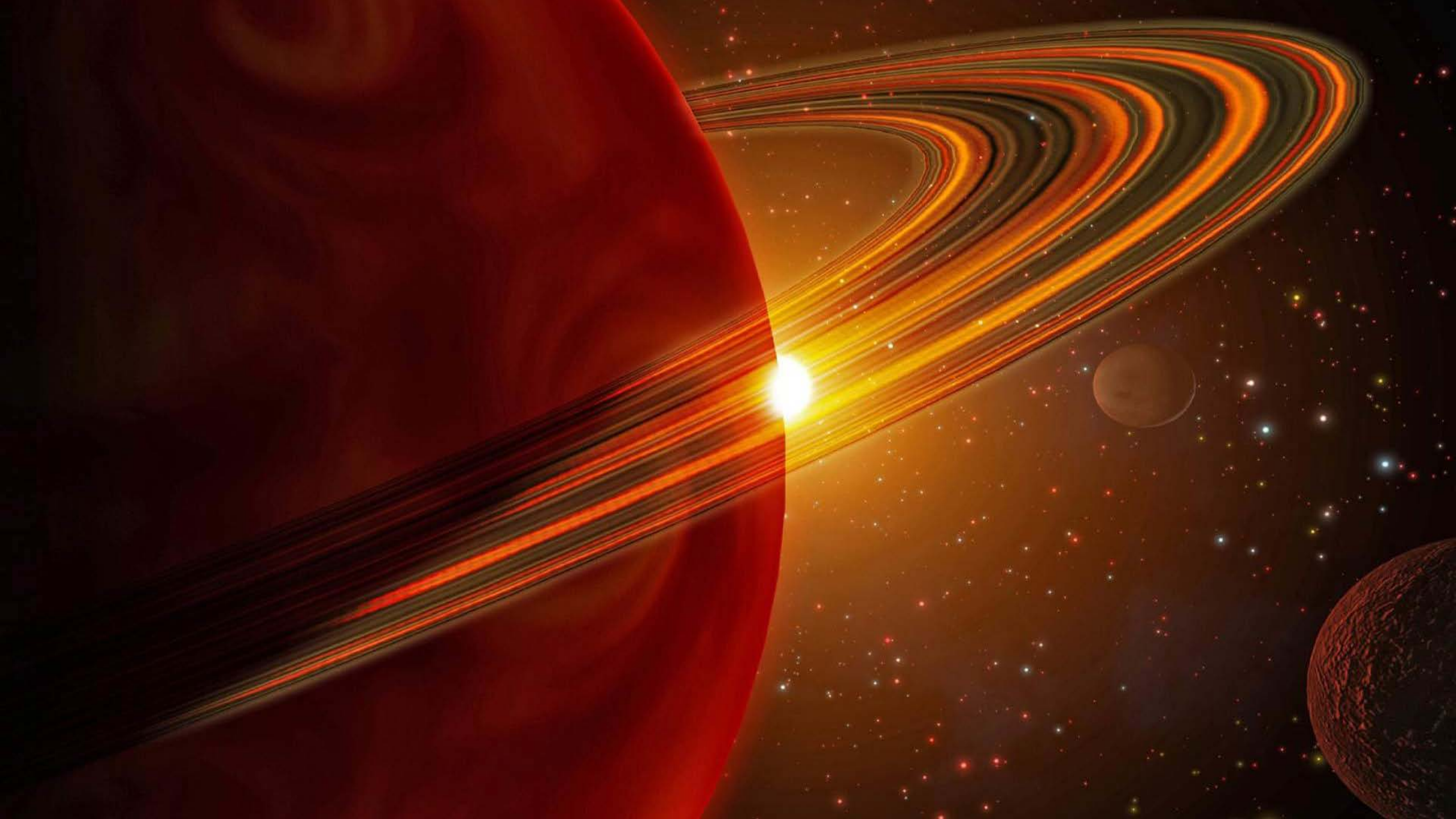










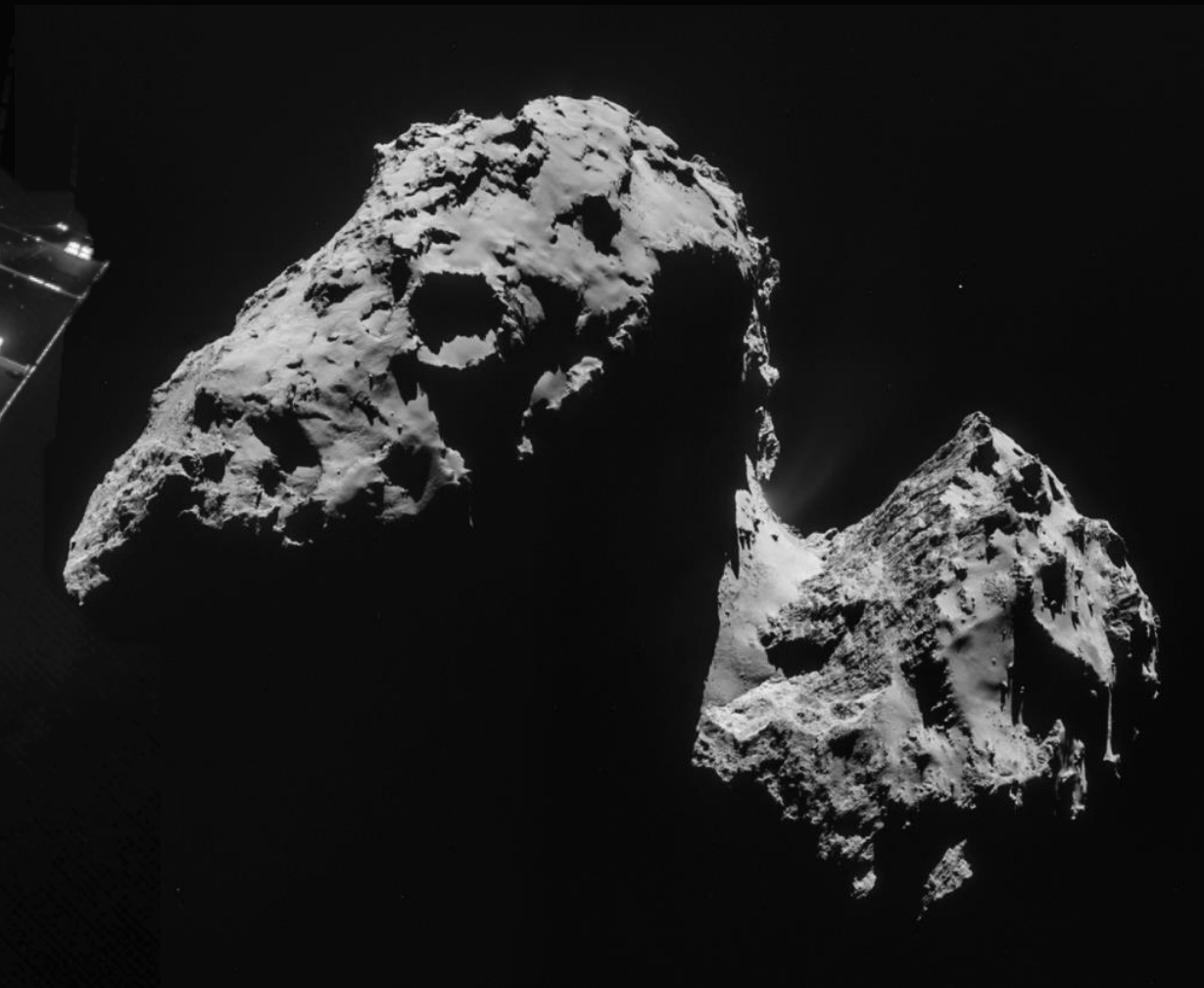
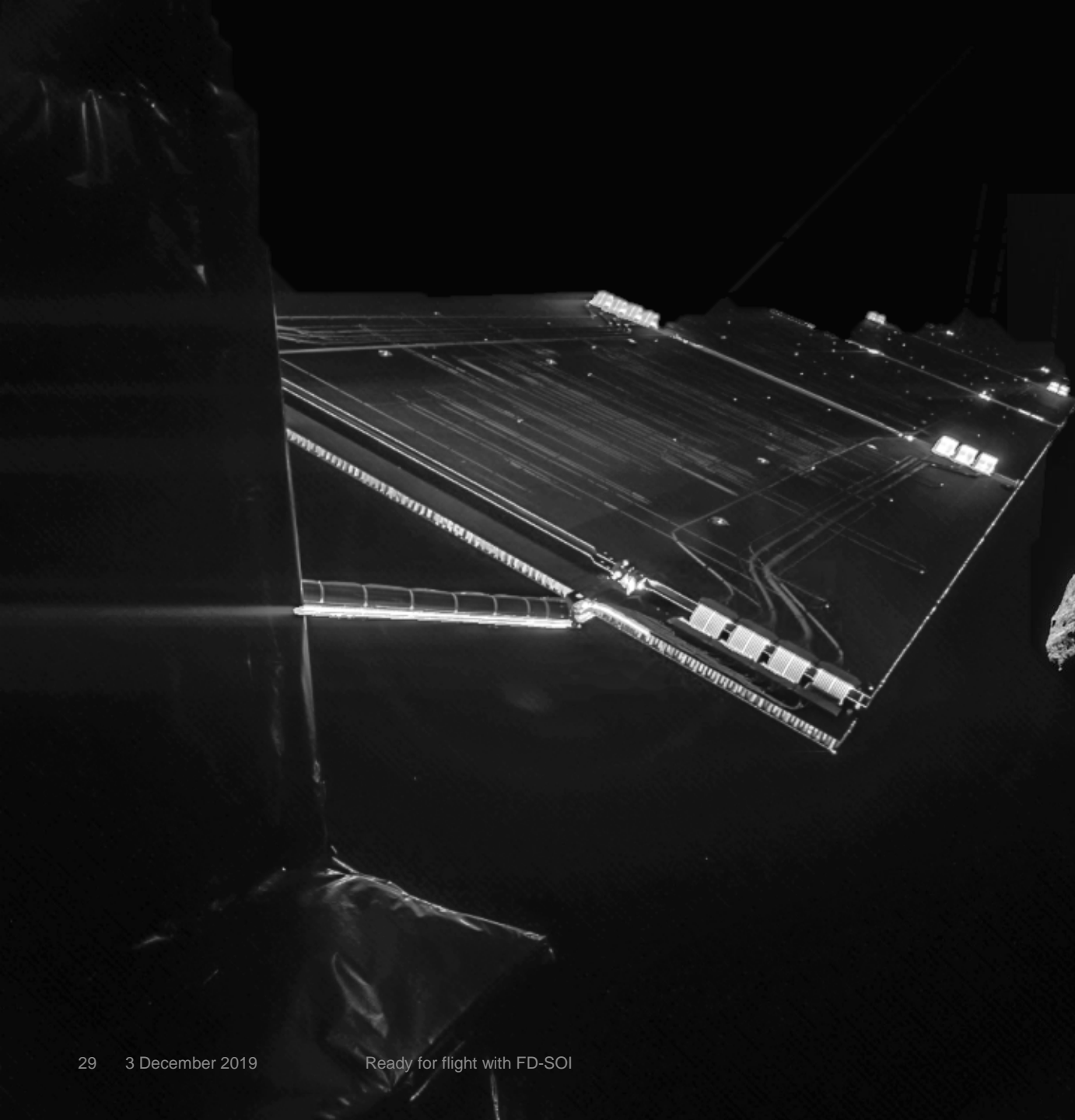






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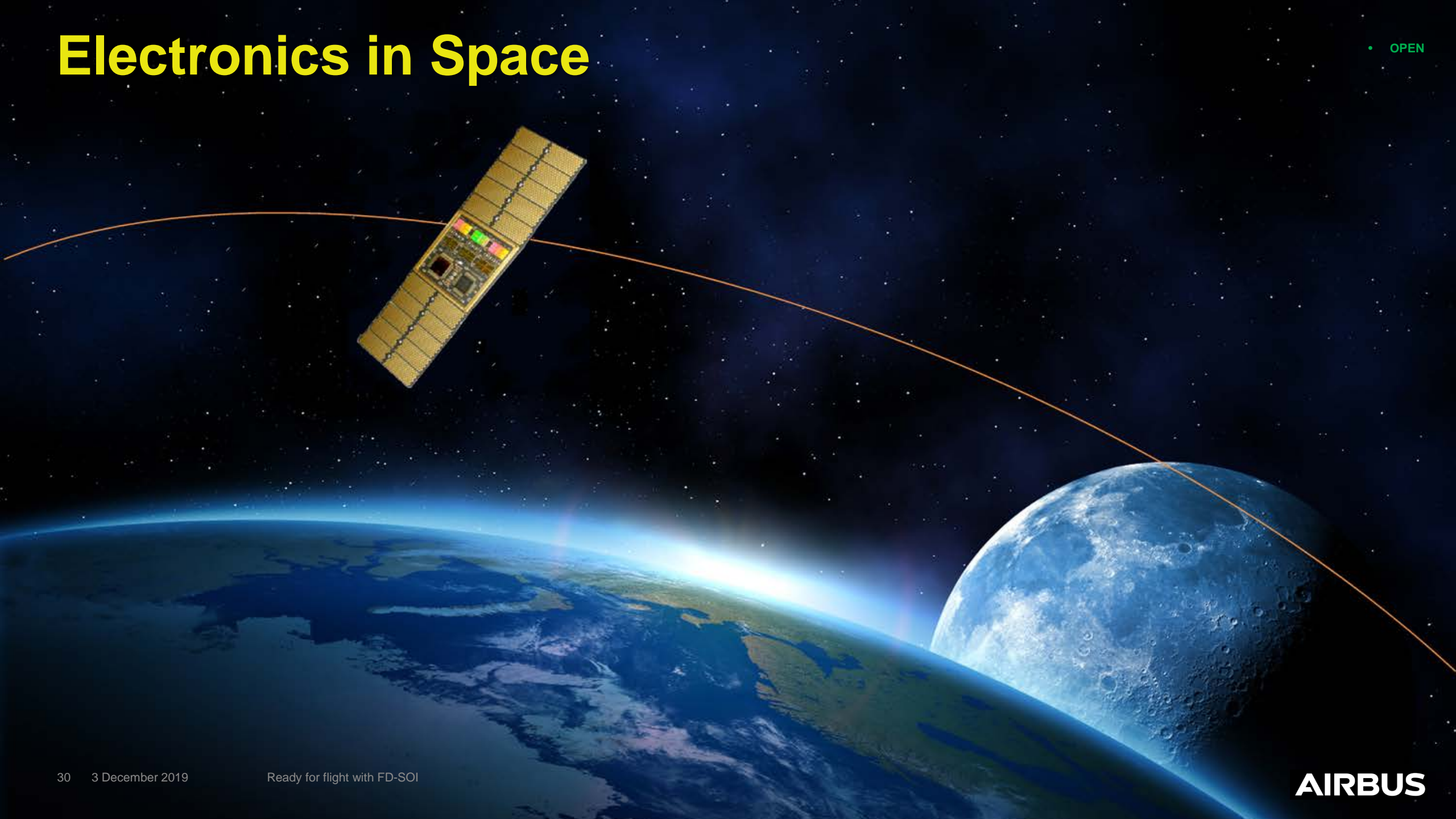






# Electronics in Space

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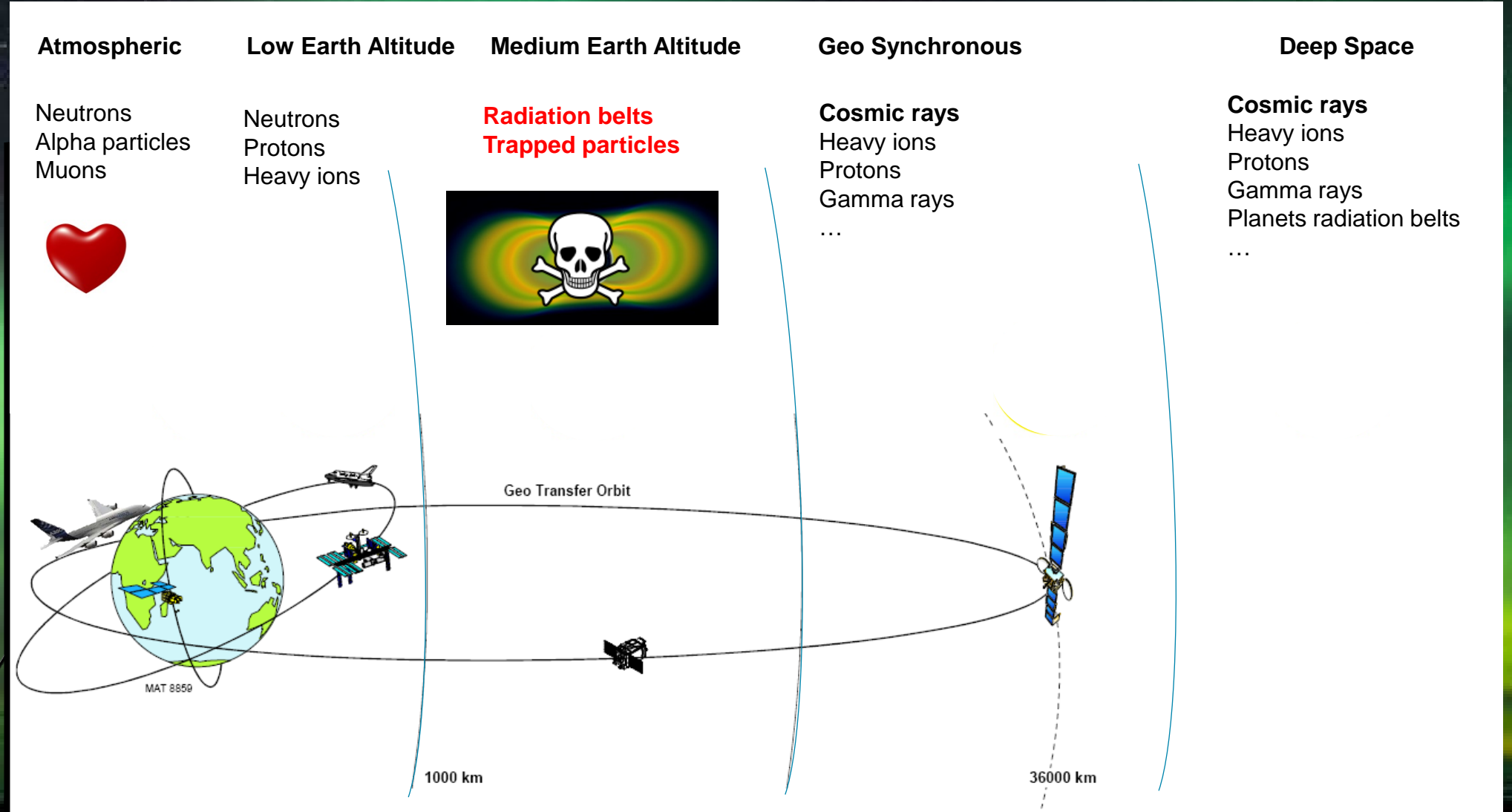


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# The radiations issue

## Radiations effects for on-board electronics

### Problems

- Transients errors
- Functional stop
- Destructive effects
- Cumulated radiation dose

### Solutions

- Robust silicon technologies
- Protection
  - shielding, de-latching
- Fault-tolerant designs
- Fault-tolerant systems architecture

### Drawbacks

- Limited processing devices catalogue
- Limited processing performance
  - Gap vs. state of the art
- Radiation characterisation & qualification vs. mission profile

**Specific and complex electronics, significant investments, long development, limited performances**

# Targets

## Embedded computing systems



### Performance

GFlops / Gbps / Watt / Kilo / cm<sup>3</sup>...



### Robustness

Technology  
Fault tolerance



### Determinism

Functional correctness  
Time predictability

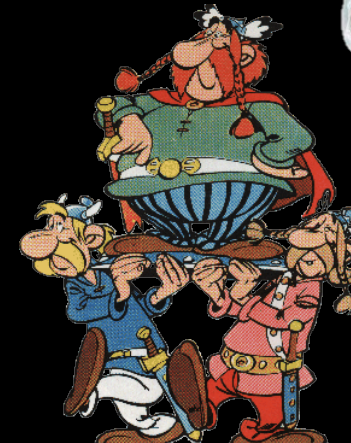
### Efficiency

Portability, Testability  
Easy programming  
Connectivity

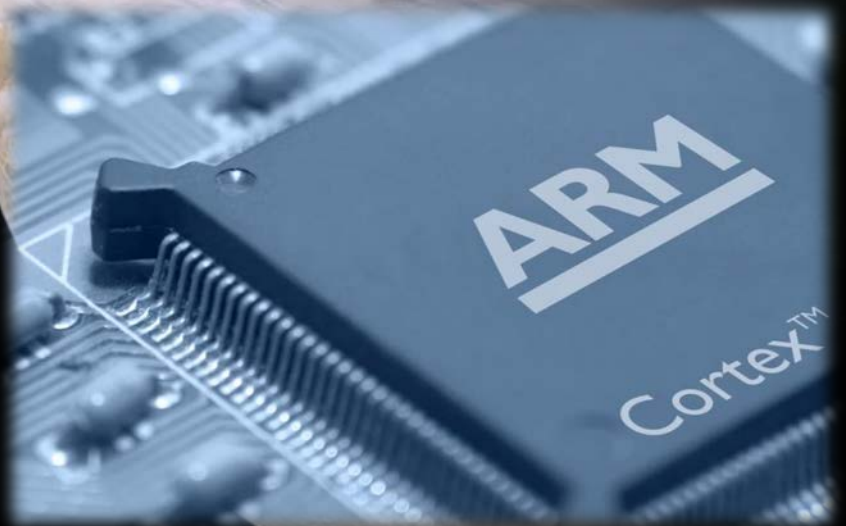


### Non-dependence

European source  
Ecosystem







## STM 28nm FD-SOI Technology

- ▶ High performance with low power consumption
- ▶ High robustness in radiation environment

**NG** ultra

**High-End SoC FPGA**

*with quad-core ARM Cortex-R52*

a powerful combination of innovative  
technology adapted for Space



- ▶ 4 x ARM Cortex-R52
- ▶ SoC with embedded IP's for SpaceCraft functions and IO control

### Context & Objectives

- Horizon 2020 project focusing “Critical Space Technologies for European Strategic Non-Dependence”
- Covers the development of a rad-hard high performance MPSoC based on the **ARM® Cortex® R52** implemented in **28nm FDSOI technology**
- Beyond space applications, the adoption of the ARM® processor will enable the convergence with terrestrial applications benefiting from the strong ARM® ecosystem.

### 7 partners from 4 countries

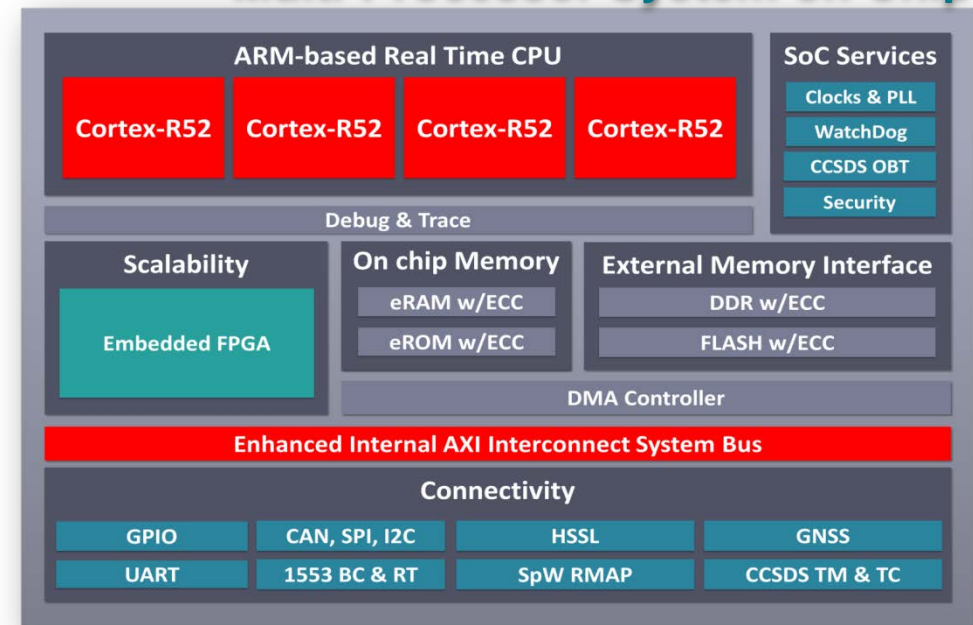
- STMicroelectronics (coordinator) France
- Airbus D&S Germany & France
- Thales Alenia Space Italy & France
- ISD Greece
- NanoXplore France



### Schedule

- 2017: Kick-off
- 2018: FPGA prototype
- 2019: DAHLIA product

### Multi-Processor System on Chip

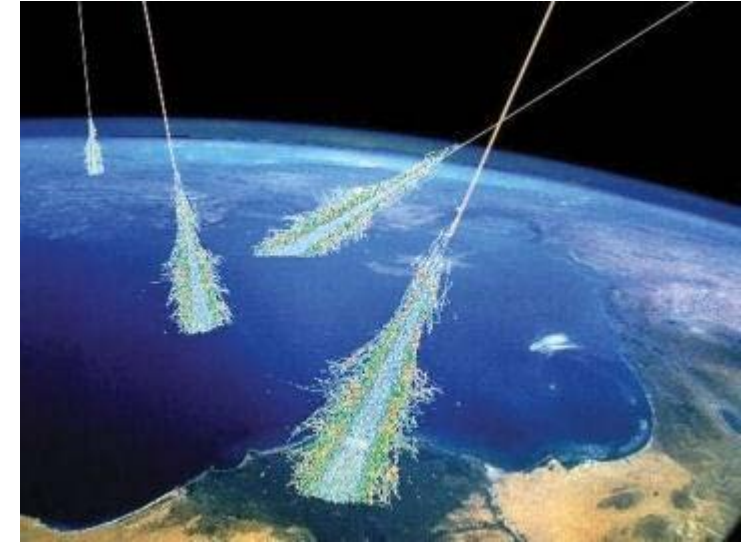




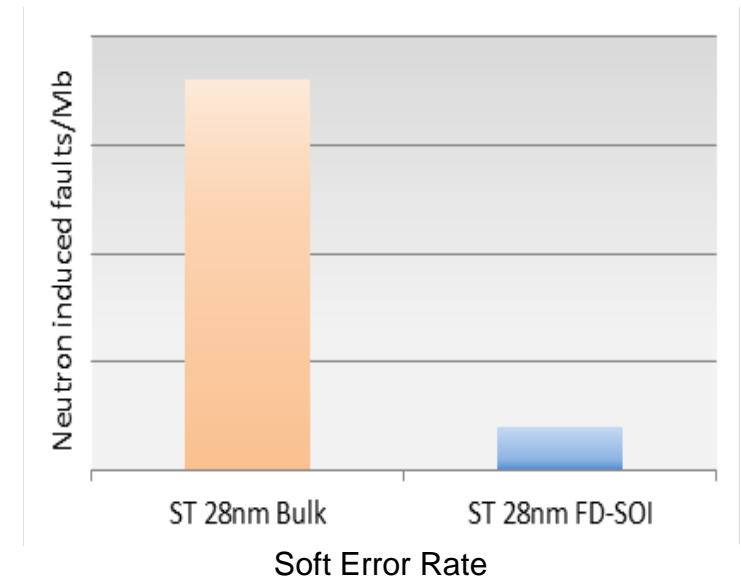
# Why FD-SOI ?

Radiations induce a variety of effects in electronics such as Bit flips, latch-up, leakage currents...

- ▶ **FD-SOI improves upset rates by 100x to 1000x**
  - against neutrons, alphas, heavy ions, protons, muons, thermals, low energy protons...
  - due to both very small sensitive volume and very low bipolar gain
- ▶ **The reduced pitch size provides good tolerance to total Ionization Dose**
- ▶ **Intrinsically immune to Latch-up**



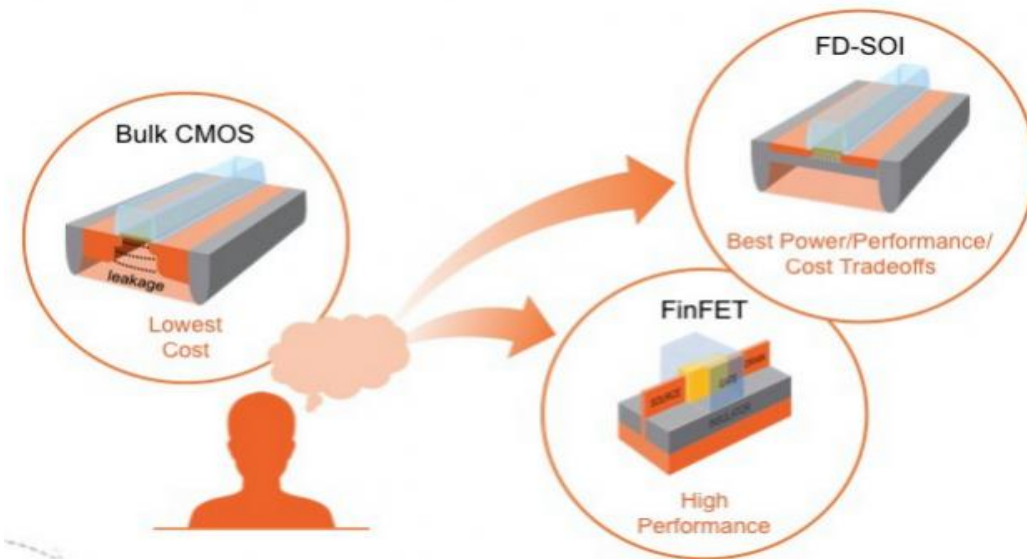
Atmospheric neutrons



# Why FD-SOI ?

## Power/Performance/Cost tradeoffs

- ▶ **FD-SOI improves power efficiency**
  - Technology allowing very low supply voltages ( $<0.5V$ )
- ▶ **Very important value for autonomy in embedded systems**
  - Mobile devices, automotive, UAV's, space exploration and robotics...
  - e.g. AUDI A8 includes 6.000 to 8.000 semiconductor components



Source: Global Foundries



Space Plane



Source: Audi

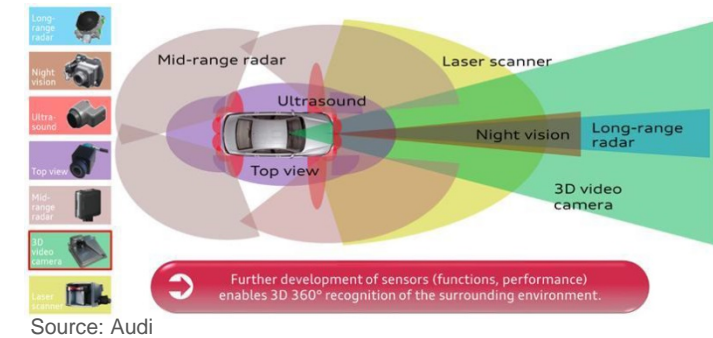
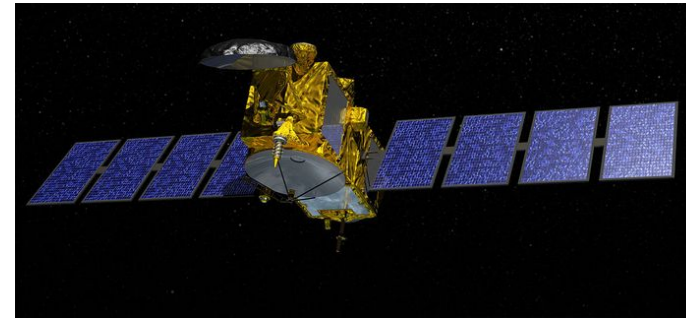


# FD-SOI R&D, Ecosystem

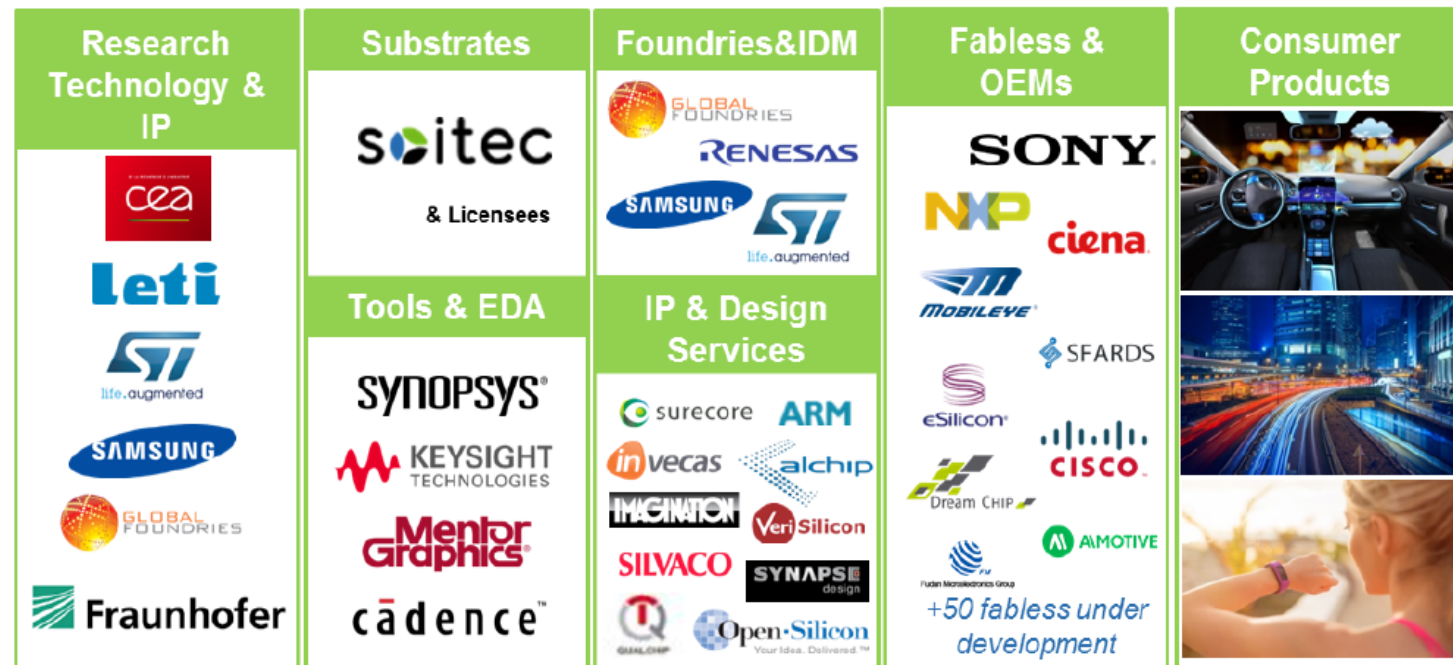
## R&D projects

- ▶ **Waytogo FAST and THINGS2DO** (ECSEL)  
Roadmap and development of FDSOI building blocks and ecosystem
- ▶ **WIN FDSOI** (IPCEI)  
Qualification of substrate pilot line for FDSOI 22nm and add-on technology developments
- ▶ **PRIME** (ECSEL)  
Develop Ultra-Low Power Technologies and memory architecture for IoT with 22 FDSOI
- ▶ **OCEAN12** (ECSEL)  
Development of FDSOI technology up to the 12nm node with system demonstrators and applications targeting the key societal challenge of smart mobility

ECSEL : Electronic Components and Systems for European Leadership  
IPCEI : Important Projects of Common European Interest



## A rapidly growing FD-SOI ecosystem



Source: OCEAN12

# Why Dahlia MPSoC on FD-SOI is so important for Space ?

It provides **onboard** processing **performance**

It is **robust** in the space environment

It is **strategic** for European non-dependence



# Future




# AIRBUS DEFENCE AND SPACE STARTS A NEW ERA IN SPACE WITH ONEWEB CONSTELLATION...

 **A REVOLUTION  
IN SATELLITE  
MANUFACTURING**  
No one has ever built a  
satellite in one day... we will  
build several every day!



 **TOTAL COVERAGE**  
Internet to everyone,  
everywhere on Earth

 **GLOBAL LOW  
EARTH ORBIT  
CONSTELLATION**  
Providing high-speed  
internet connectivity  
equivalent to terrestrial  
fiber-optic networks

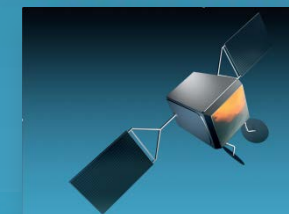
## ONEWEB Facts & Figures

  
size

 **less than 150 kg**  
weight

 **up to 4**  
built every day

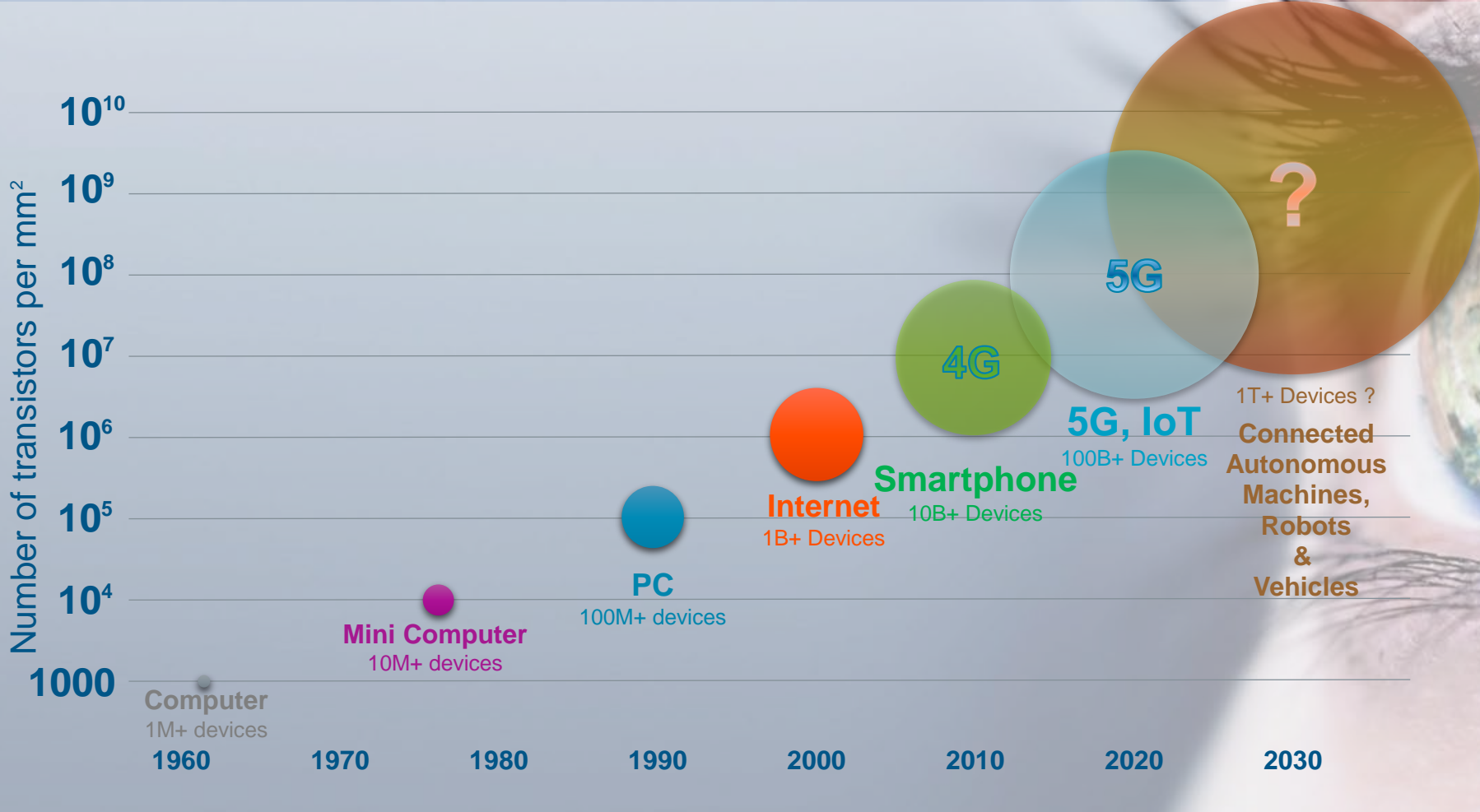
 **900**  
satellites to be built



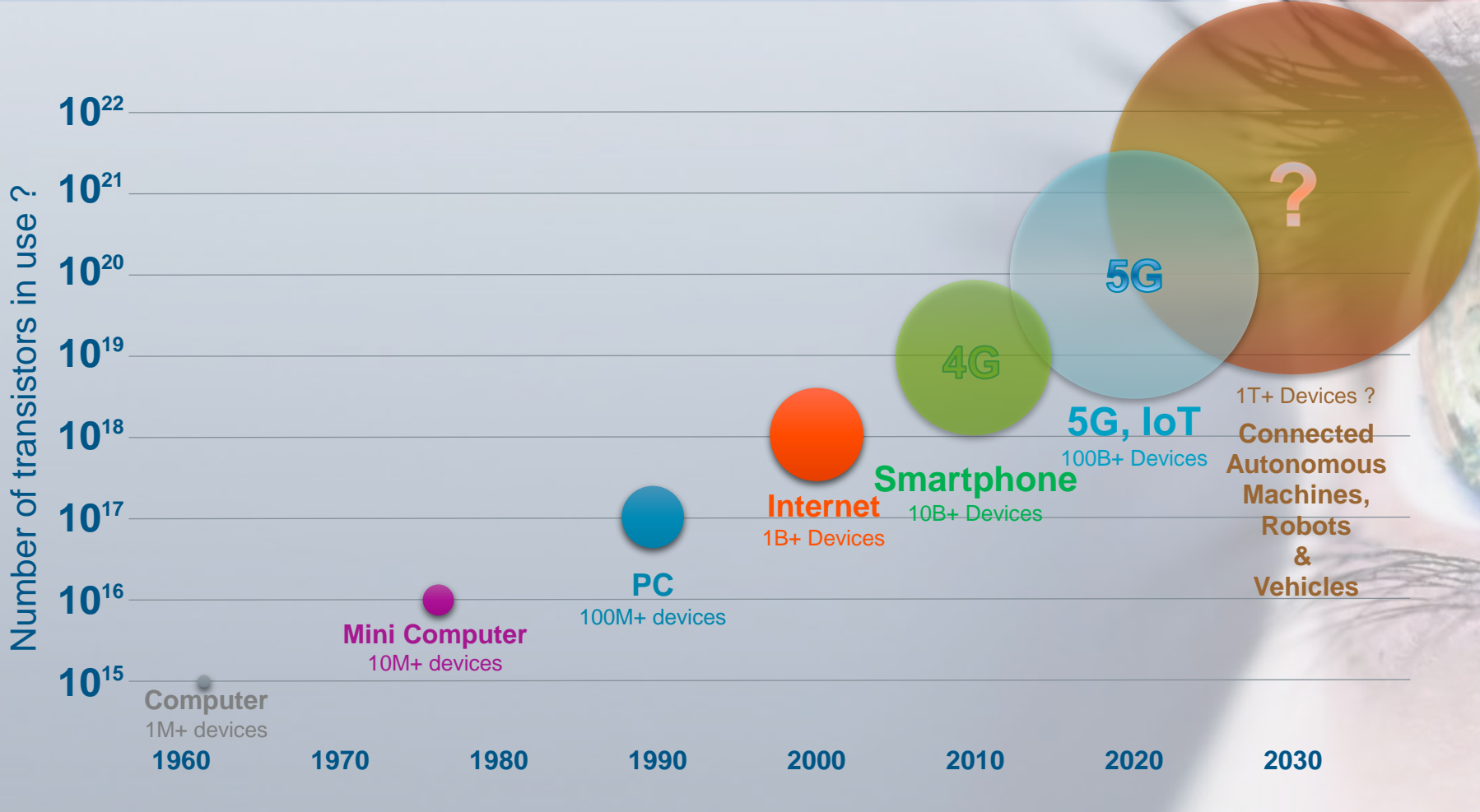
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# Computing devices miniaturization

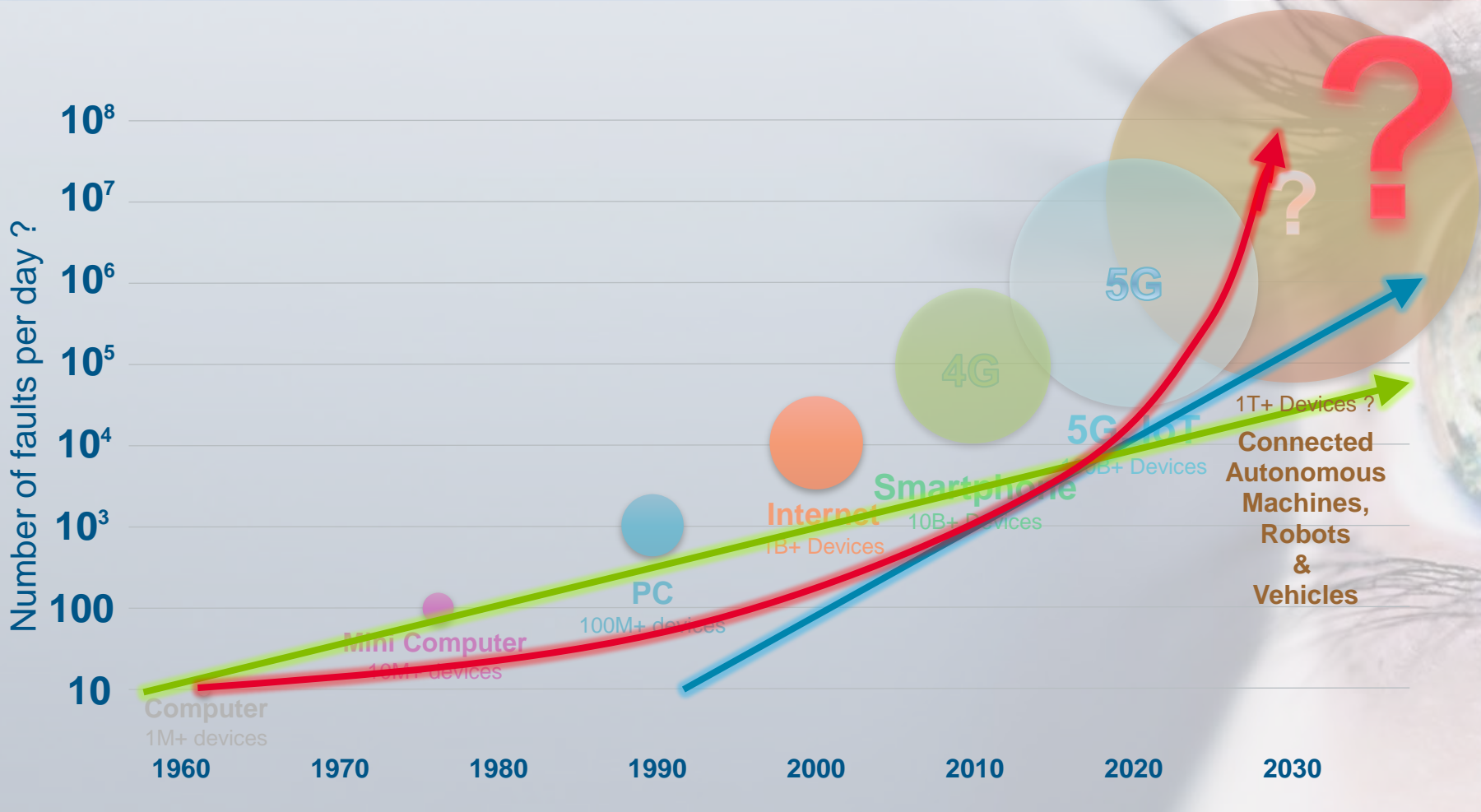


# Computing devices growth



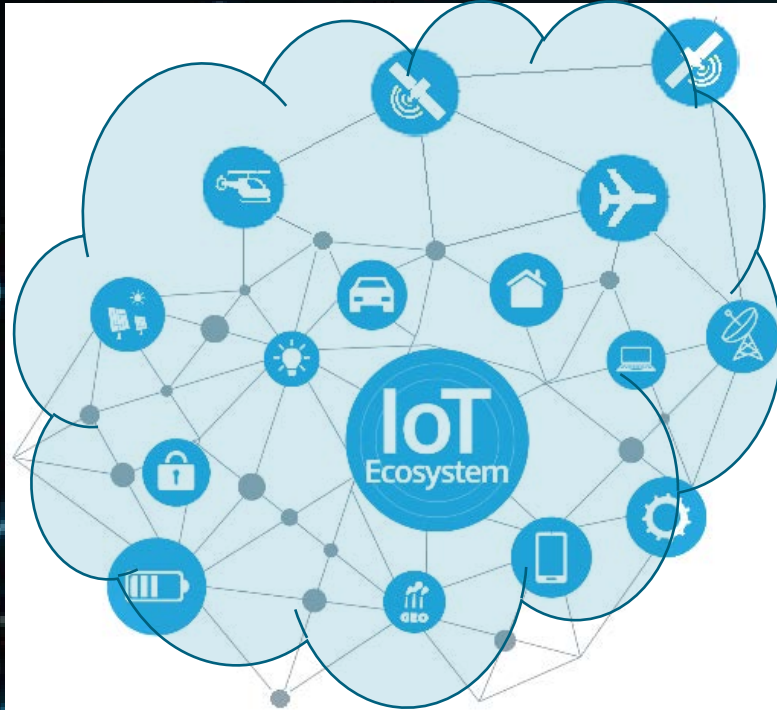


# Systems unavailability (if we do not care about radiation robustness)



# Our future

Internet of Things  
Connected smart machines



Smart vehicles and robots in smart cities  
Electrical, Connected and Autonomous



Machine learning   Big Data   Cloud   Artificial intelligence

SOFTWARE   Data Processing

μElectronics

## IoT

## Anytime Everywhere

Electronics  
reliability  
is key

Fly FD-SOI

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# Thank you for your attention !

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## Questions ?

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