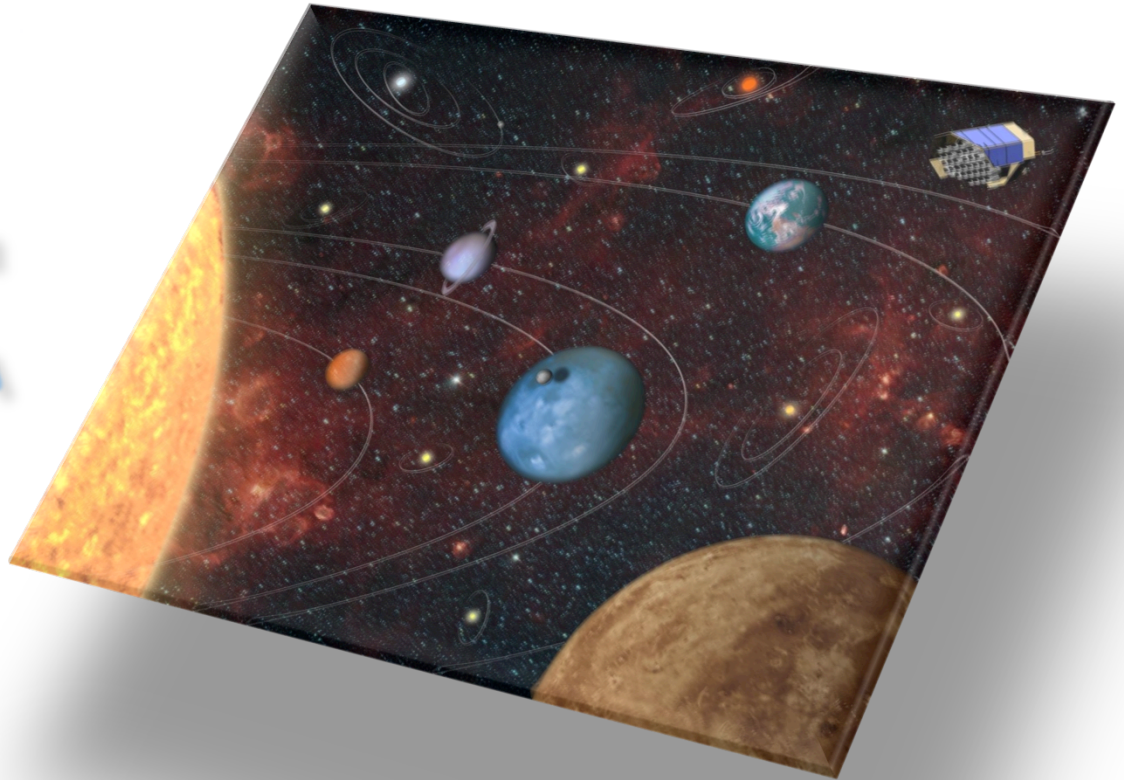




# CHEOPS & PLATO 2.0

# Partecipazione Italiana alle missioni esoplanetarie dell'ESA

**SAlt 2014**  
**INAF - Milano**



**Isabella Pagano, INAF – OACT**  
**on behalf the CHEOPS and PLATO 2.0 Teams**

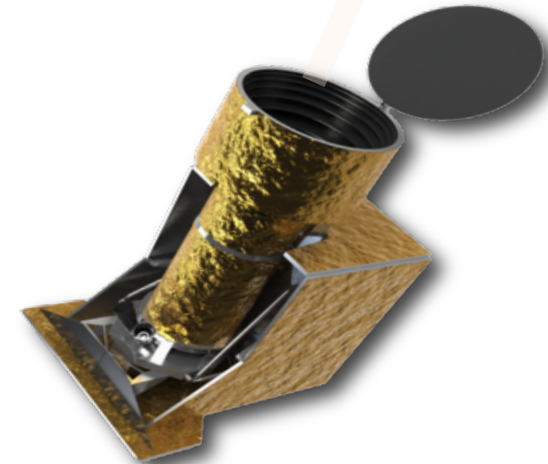
# CHEOPS CHaracterizing ExOPlanet Satellite

- S class mission (S1)
- Budget envelope < 150 M€ ( $\leq 50$  M€ from ESA)
- Launch: end of 2017 => fast development (TRL 5 when selected)
- Operation: 3.5 (+1.5) yrs - shared launch
- Follow up mission: measure radius of known planets

## Key Science Goals:

- ✓ Mass-radius relation for super-Earths & Neptunes
- ✓ Identification of planets with atmospheres
- ✓ Constraints on planet migration paths
- ✓ Cloud coverage in hot-Jupiter atmospheres
- ✓ Targets for future spectroscopic facilities

20% open time (selection through ESA)



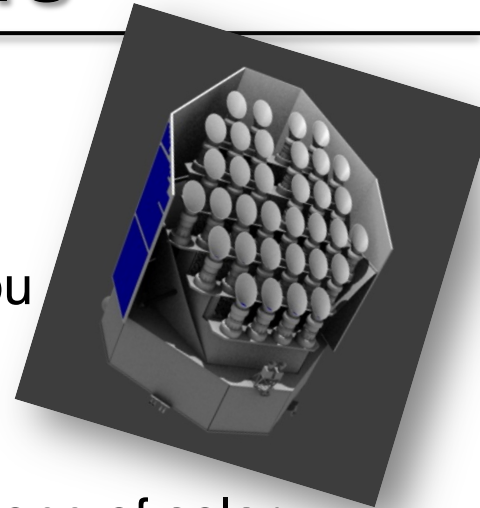


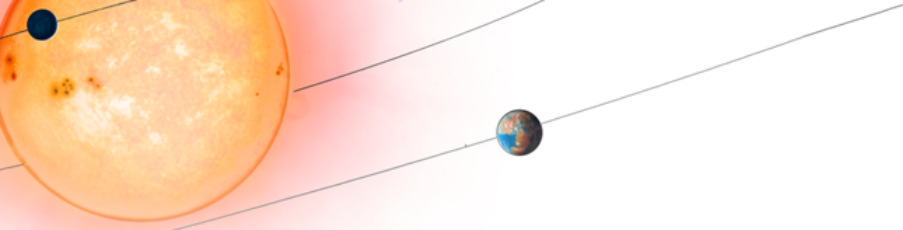
# PLATO 2.0: PLANetary Transits & Oscillations of Stars

- M class mission (M3)
- Budget envelope ~ 650 M€ ( $\leq 500$  M€ from ESA)
- Launch: 2024 – Launcher Soyuz Fregat from Kourou
- Operation: 6.25 (+2) yrs

## 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.





# The Cosmic Vision Themes

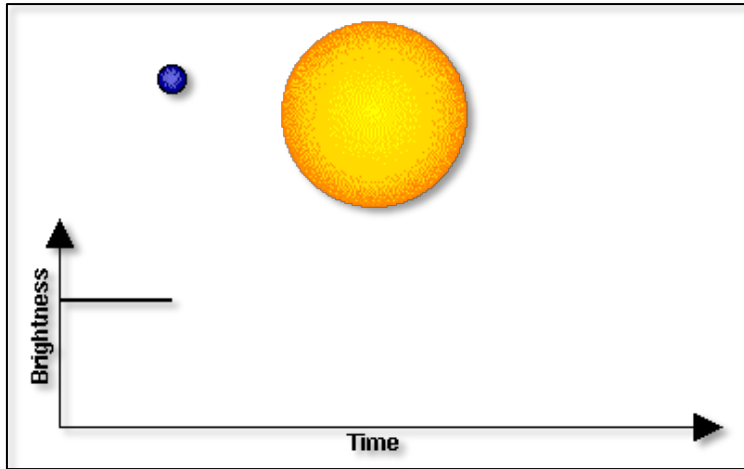
- How do planets and planetary systems form and evolve?
- Is our Solar System special? Are there other systems like ours?
- What makes planets habitable?
- Is the Earth unique or can life also developed elsewhere?

**CHEOPS & PLATO 2.0 addresses the  
ESA Cosmic Vision science questions  
and follows the recommendations of  
ESA's Exoplanet Roadmap Advisory  
Team (EPRAT).**



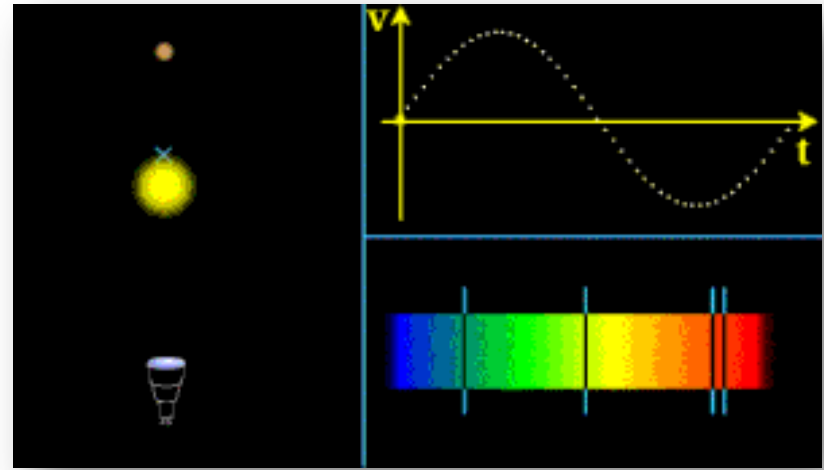
# Methods for detection and bulk characterization of planets

## Transit Method



- Orbit parameters
- Orbital inclination,  $i$
- Planet radius

## Radial velocity method



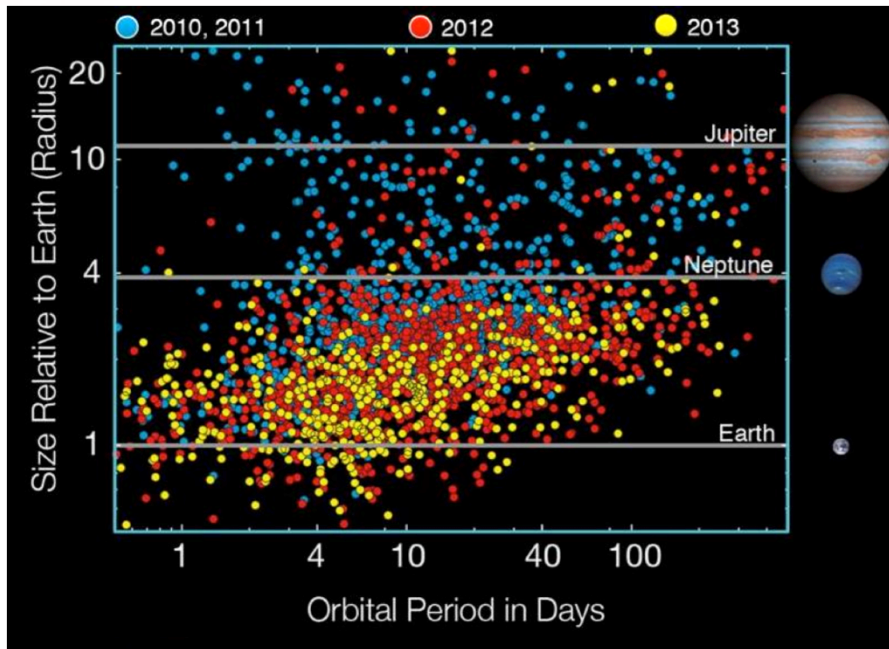
- Orbital parameters
- Minimum planet mass,  $m \sin i$

True planet mass and mean density

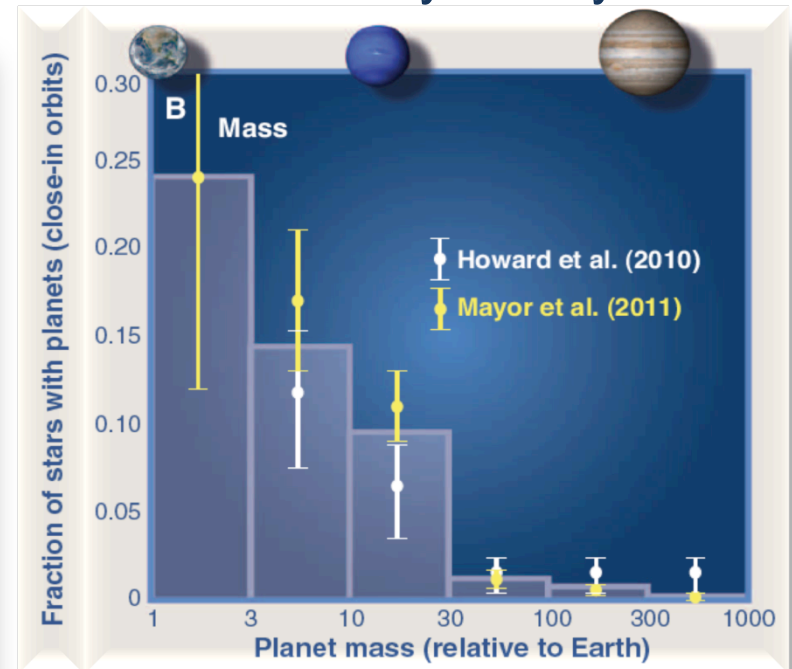


# Planet detection today

*Kepler* planet candidate statistics



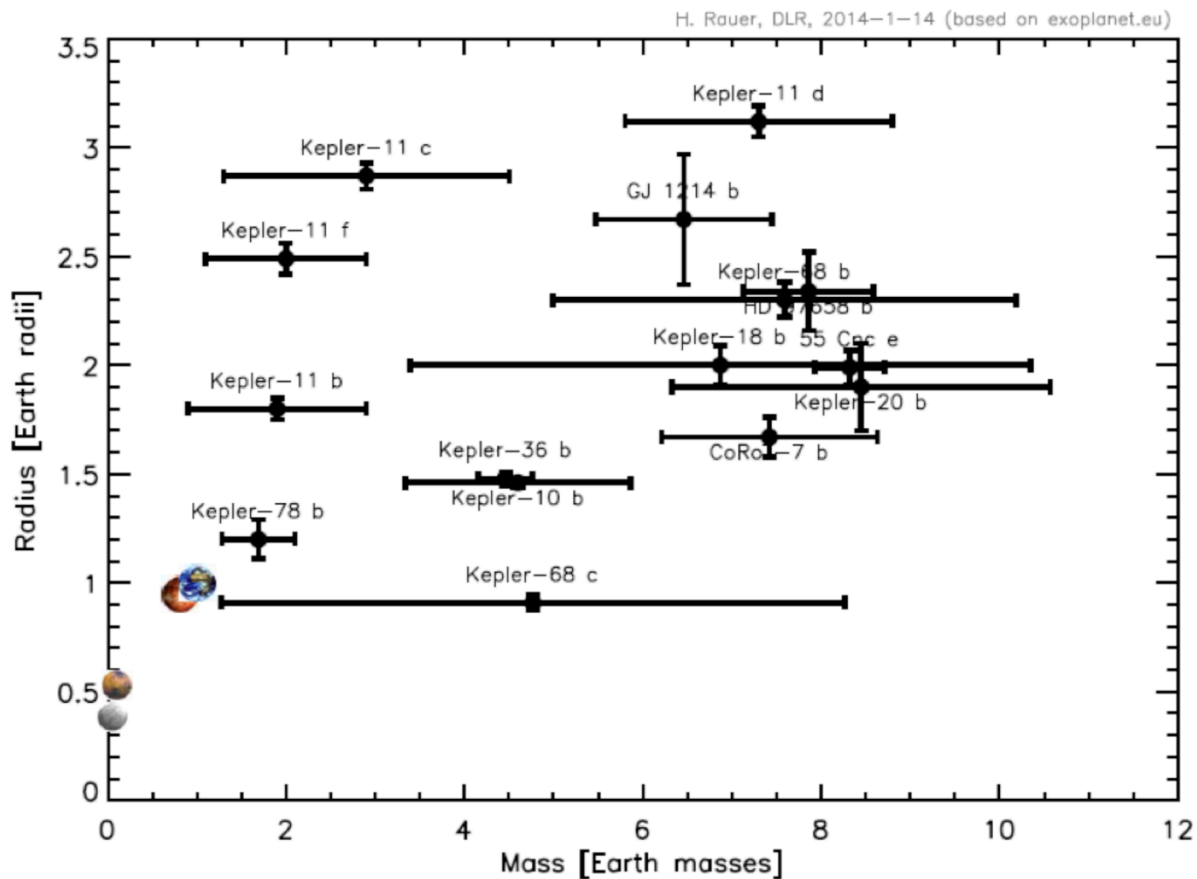
Radial velocity surveys



- Current status: ~3000 planet candidates, ~1000 confirmed exoplanets and ~800 validated
- *Kepler* mission and radial-velocity surveys → small and low-mass planets are numerous

**However, only few detections of small planets in the habitable zone, and no characterization.**

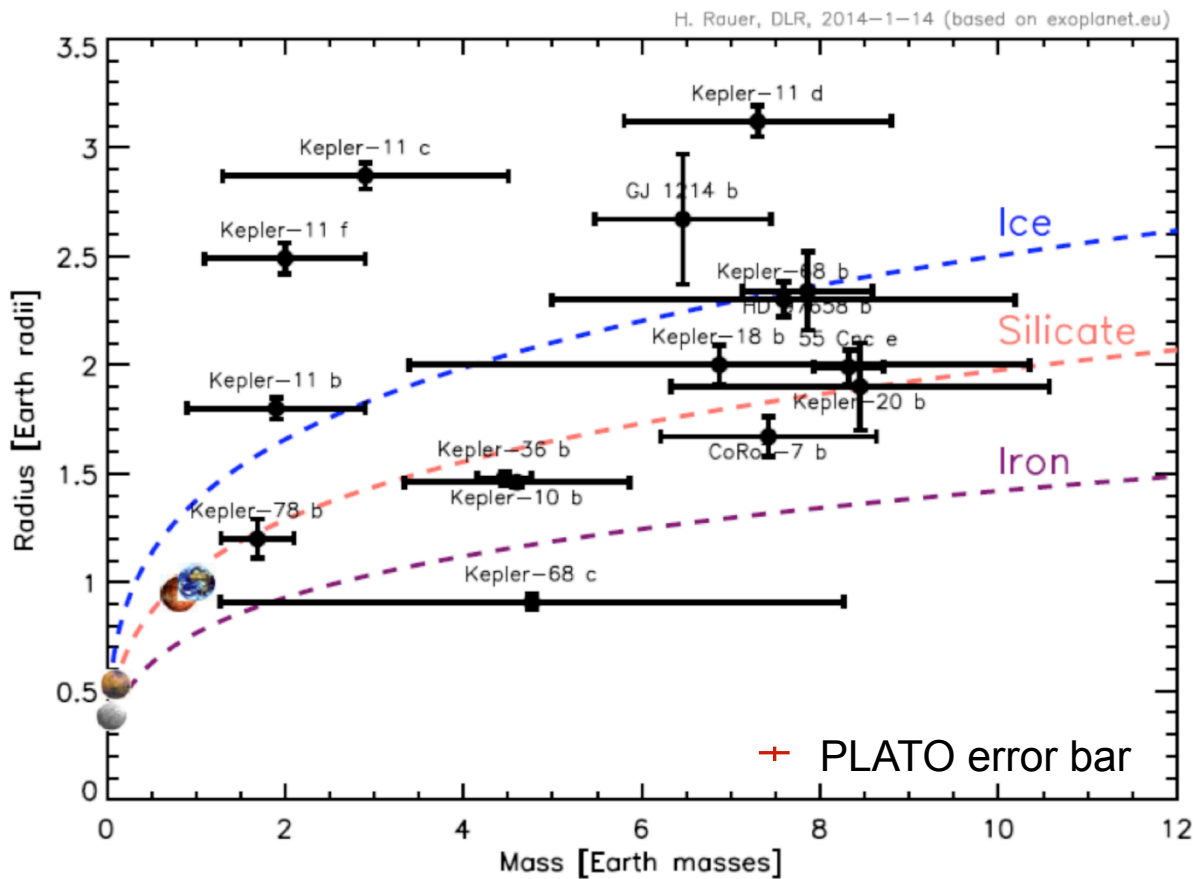
# Diversity of „super-Earths“



2–10  $M_E$

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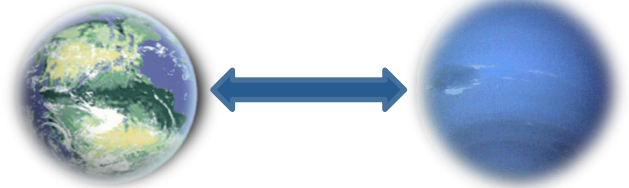
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- Radii vary by a factor of  $\sim 3$

→ We need both:  
Accurate masses  
& radii to separate  
terrestrial from  
mini-gas planets.

# „Super-Earths”: diversity and implications on habitability

Solar System planets are NOT the general rule:  
small  $\nrightarrow$  rocky, large  $\nrightarrow$  gaseous

- Small exoplanets are very diverse: from Earth-like to mini-gas planets
  - Mini-gas planets are likely not habitable
  - Silicate-iron planets are prime targets for atmosphere spectroscopy



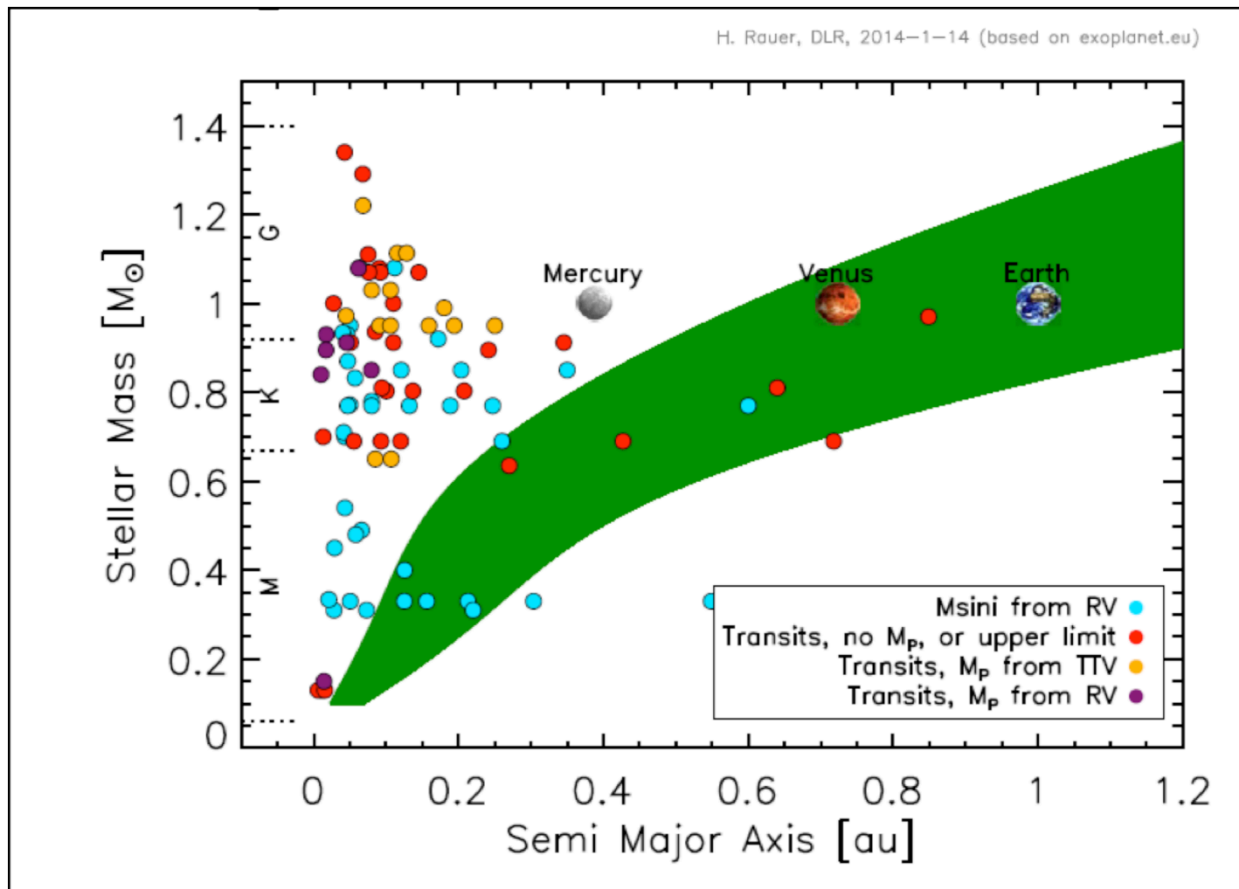
Both **CHEOPS** and **PLATO 2.0**:

- will identify potentially habitable planets (**M**  $\rightarrow$  **FGK dwarfs**)
- and will characterize targets for atmosphere spectroscopy



# Status: Characterized „super-Earths“ in their habitable zone

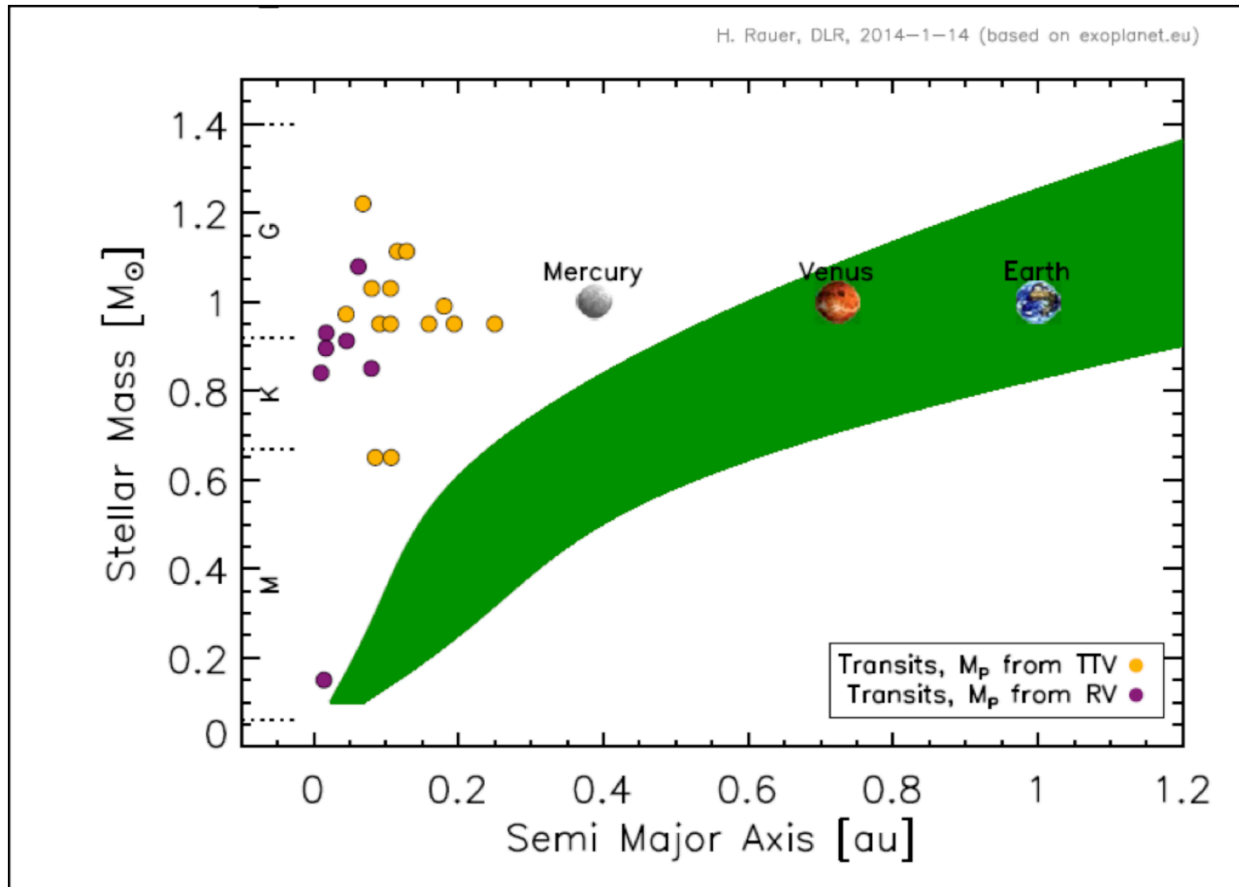
## Detected super-Earths



- Goal: Detect and characterize super-Earths in habitable zones
- Status: very few small/light planets in habitable zones detected

# Status: Characterized „super-Earths“ in their habitable zone

## „Super-Earths“ with characterized radius and mass

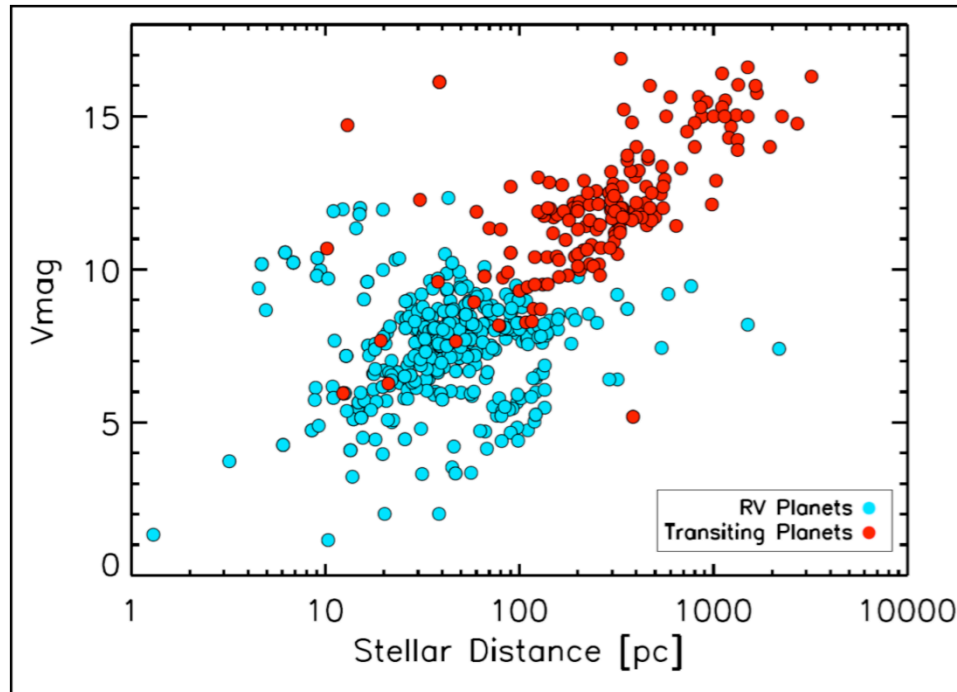


- Goal: Detect and characterize super-Earths in habitable zones
- Status: very few small/light planets in habitable zones detected

→ No characterized „super-Earths“ in its habitable zone

# 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.

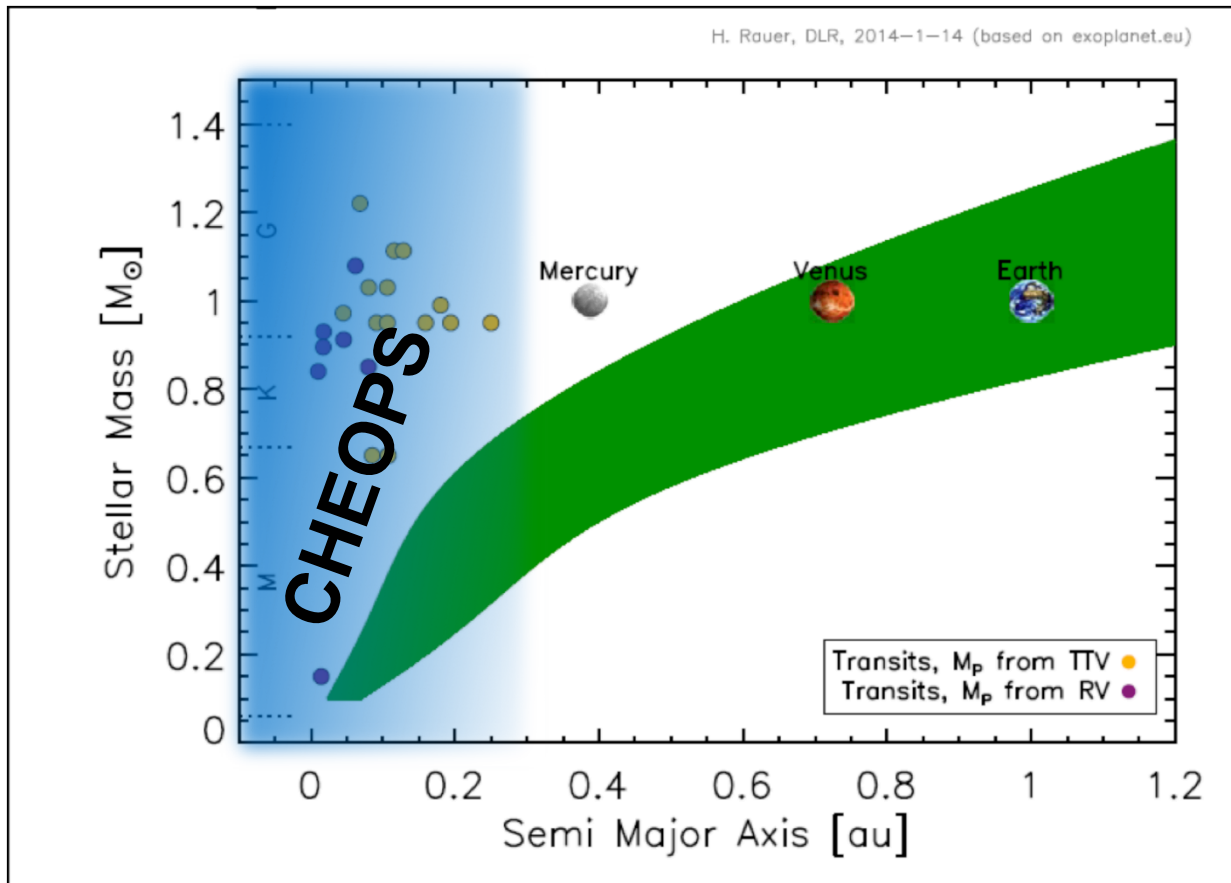
→ Radial velocity surveys need bright stars ( $\leq 11$  mag) to keep telescope resources limited.

Lessons learned:

→ Future transit missions must target bright stars

# Prospects: Characterized „super-Earths“ in their habitable zone

„Super-Earths“ with characterized radius and mass

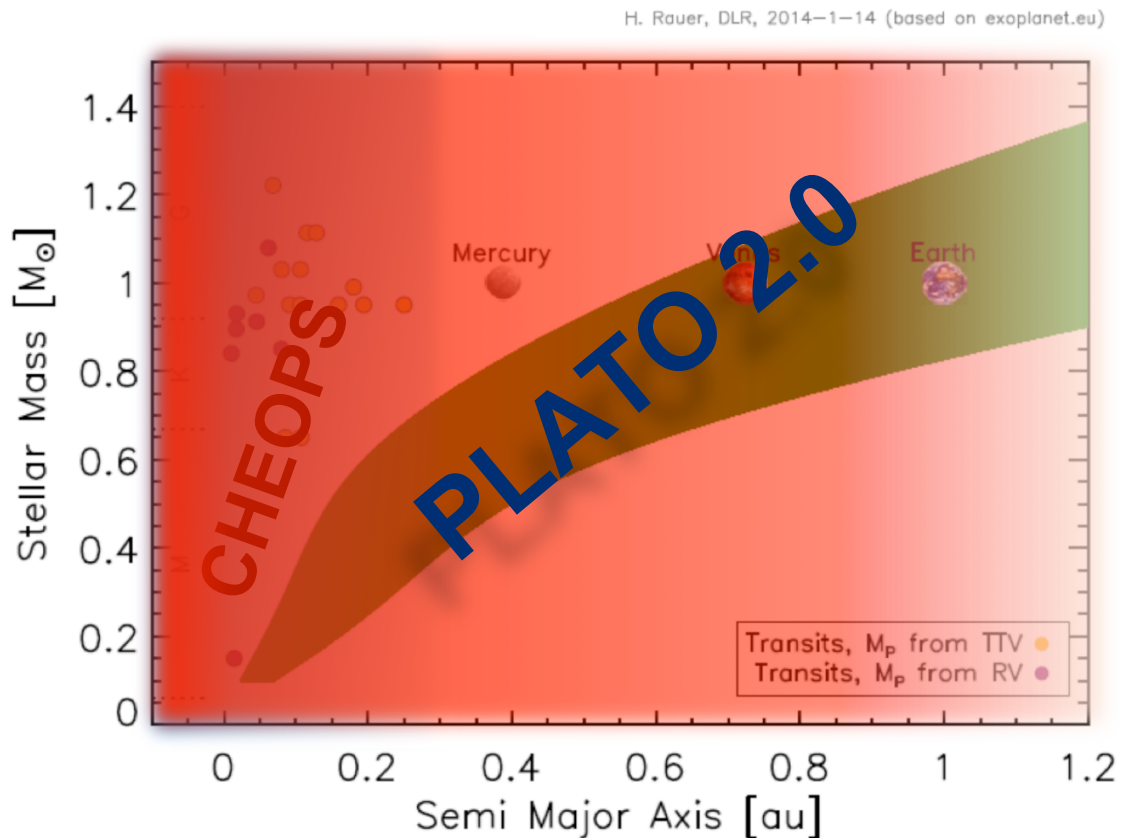


- No rocky planets in the habitable zone known with certainty
- CHEOPS will cover orbital periods up to ~50 days
- PLATO 2.0 will characterize planets outside the Mercury's orbit!



# Prospects: Characterized „super-Earths“ in their habitable zone

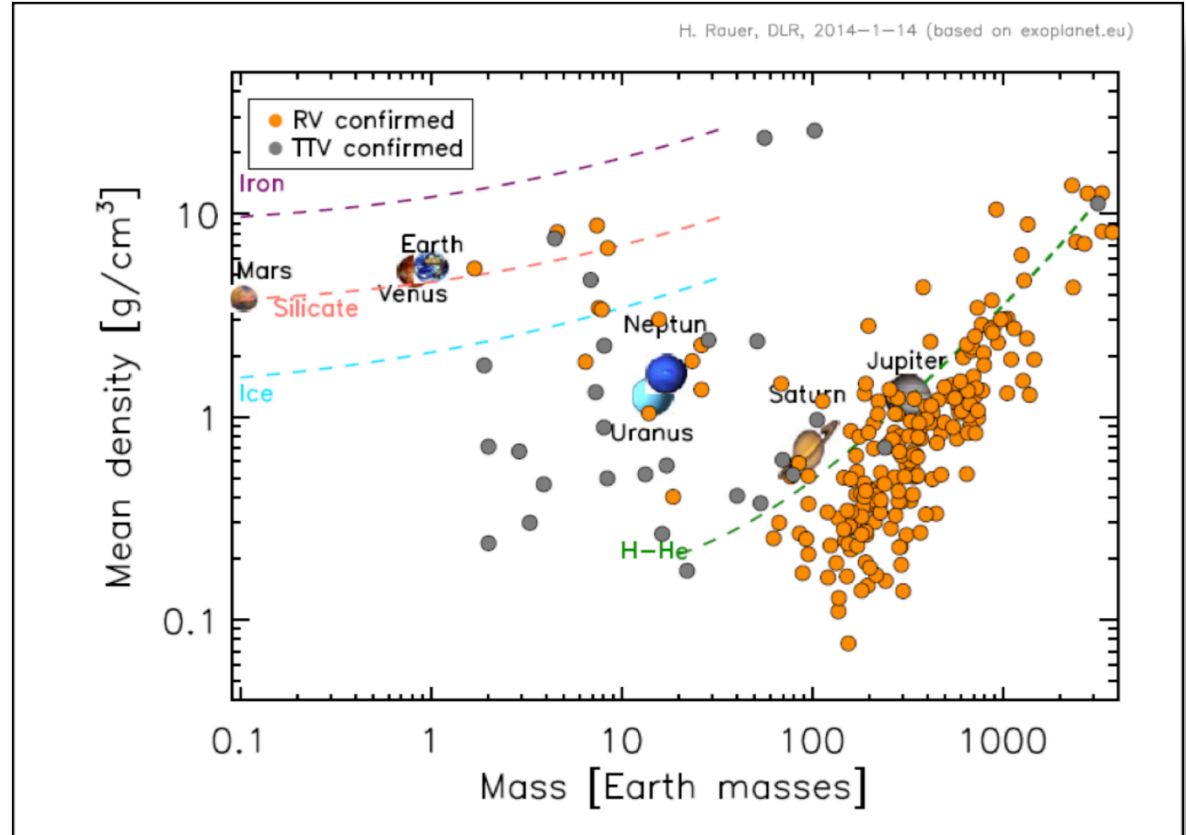
„Super-Earths“ with characterized  
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PLATO 2.0 will  
detect and bulk  
characterize small  
planets up to the  
habitable zone of  
solar-like stars.

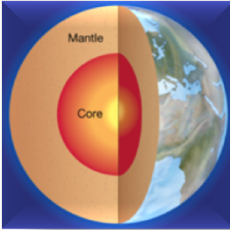
# Planet diversity and planet formation

- Mean density varies by two orders of magnitude for a given mass
- Planets of Earth mass and below remain to be detected and characterized



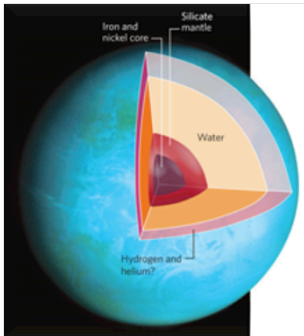
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Earth



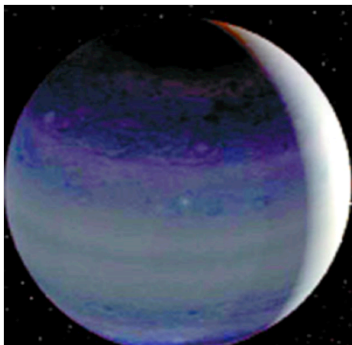
$5.5 \text{ g/cm}^3$

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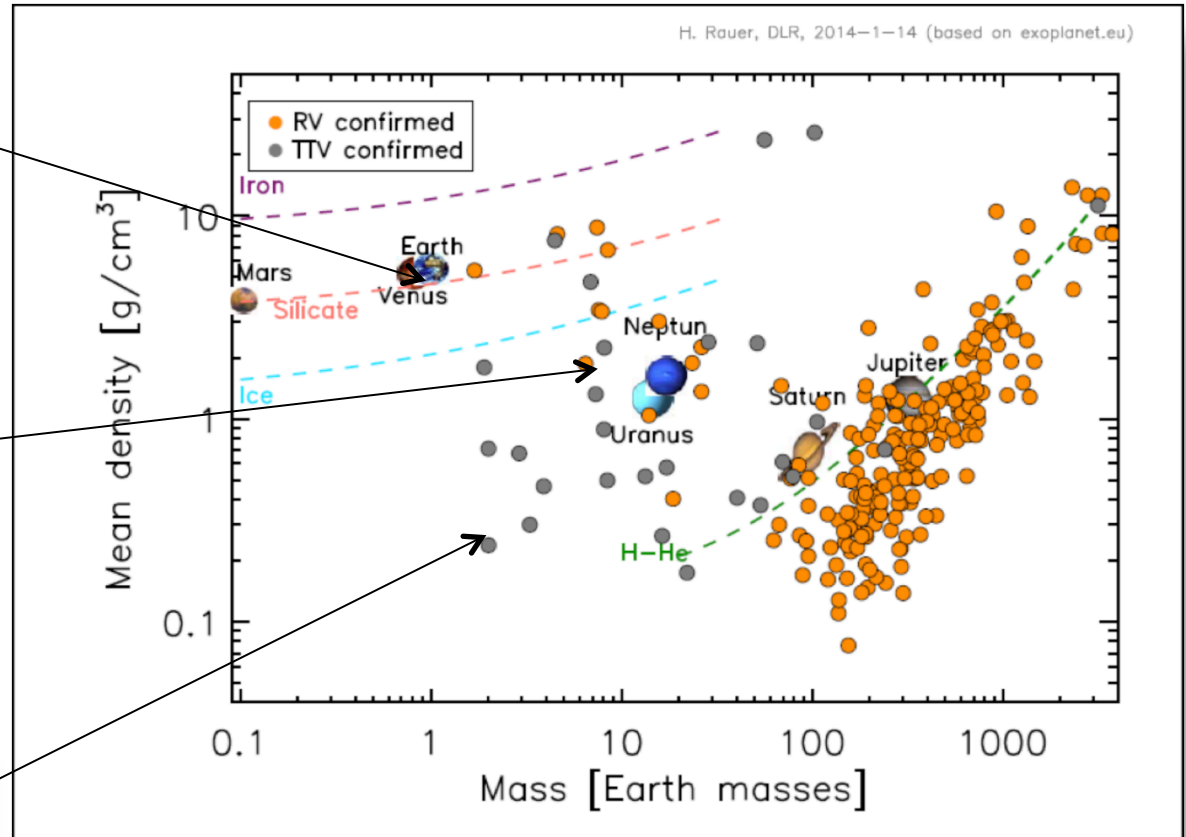


$1.6 \text{ g/cm}^3$

Mini gas planets



$< \sim 1 \text{ g/cm}^3$

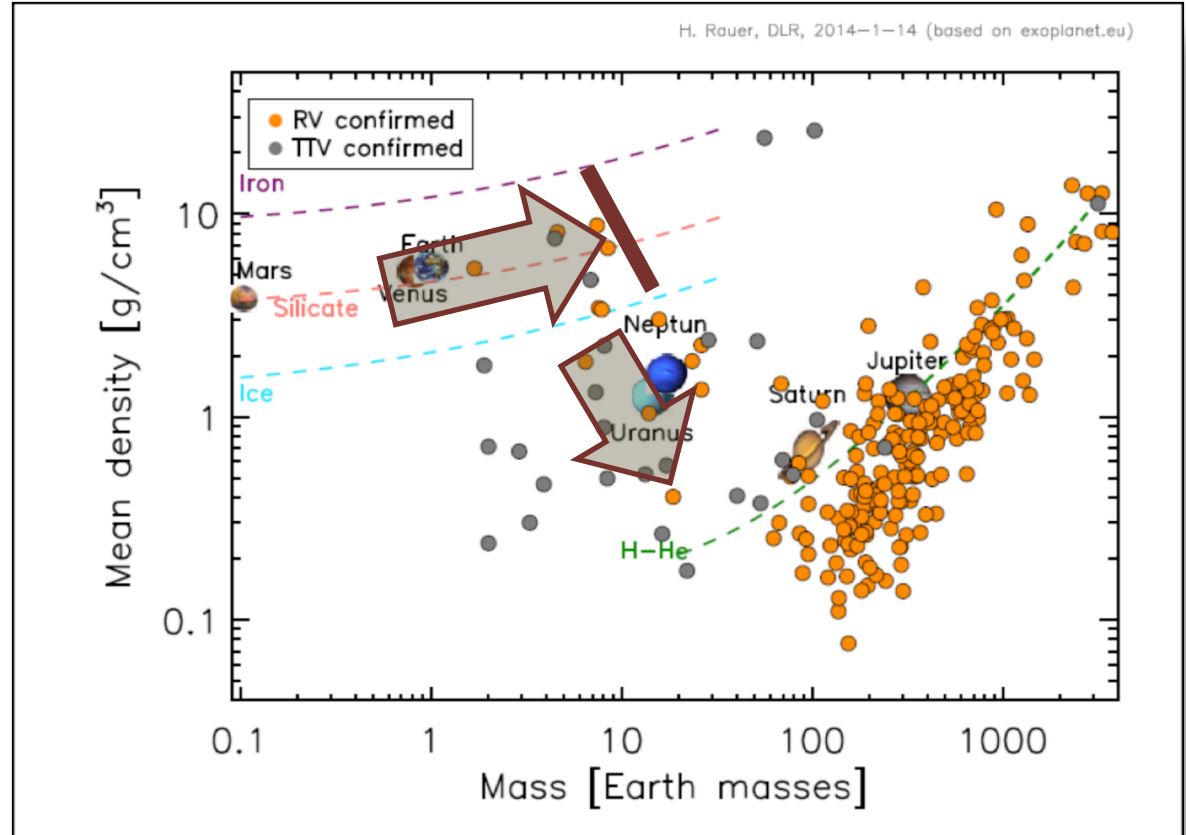


Low-mass planets have a range of compositions and interior structures for similar masses.

# Planet diversity and planet formation

Test planet formation models:

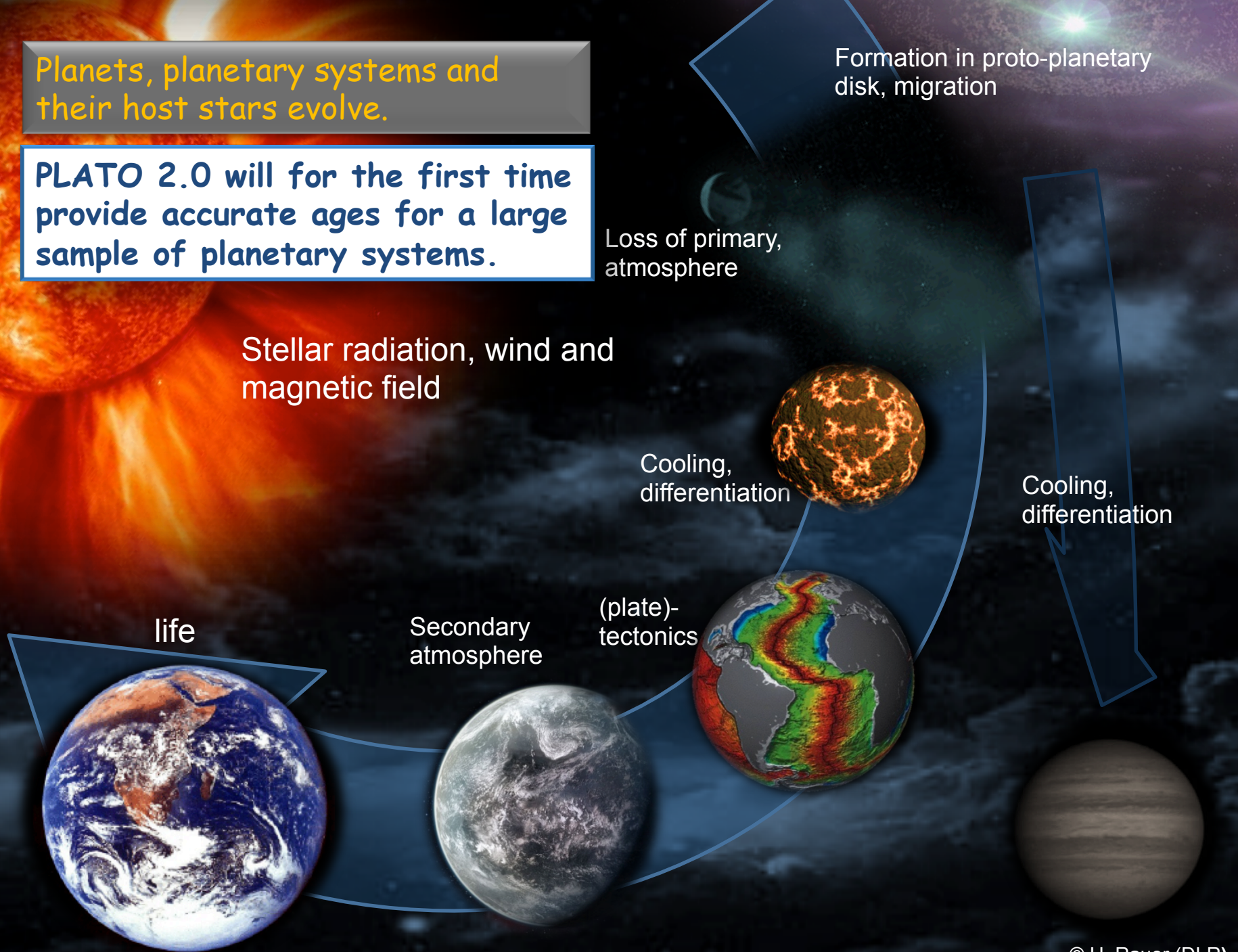
- What is the observed critical core mass?
- Can super-massive rocky planets exist? How are they formed?
- Are light planets with H<sub>2</sub>-dominated atmospheres common?





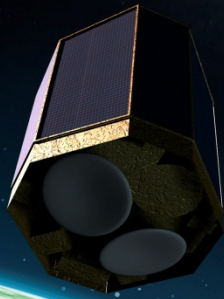
Planets, planetary systems and their host stars evolve.

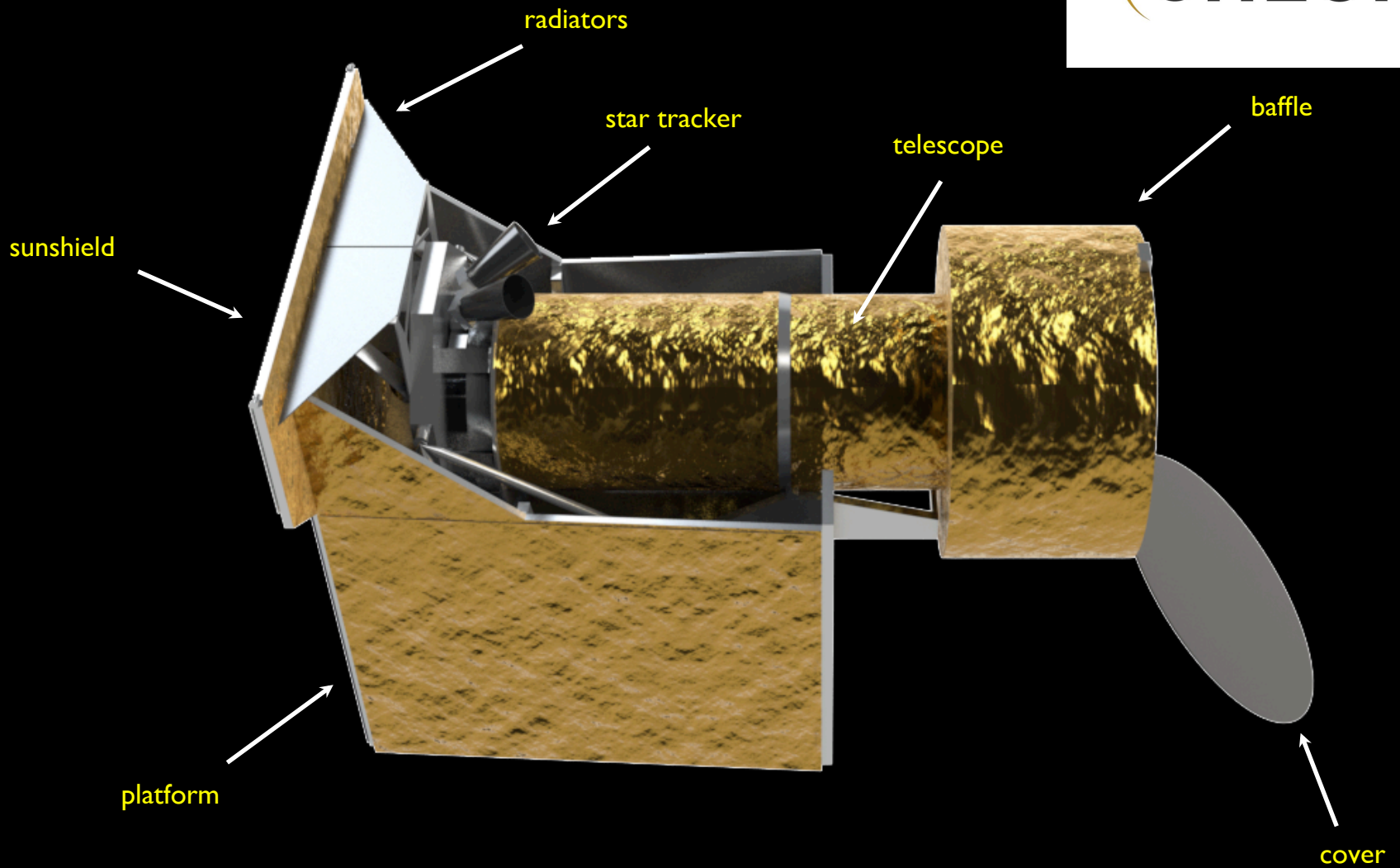
PLATO 2.0 will for the first time provide accurate ages for a large sample of planetary systems.



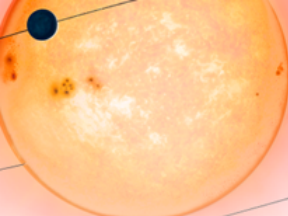


# CHEOPS & PLATO 2.0 missions: How we do them



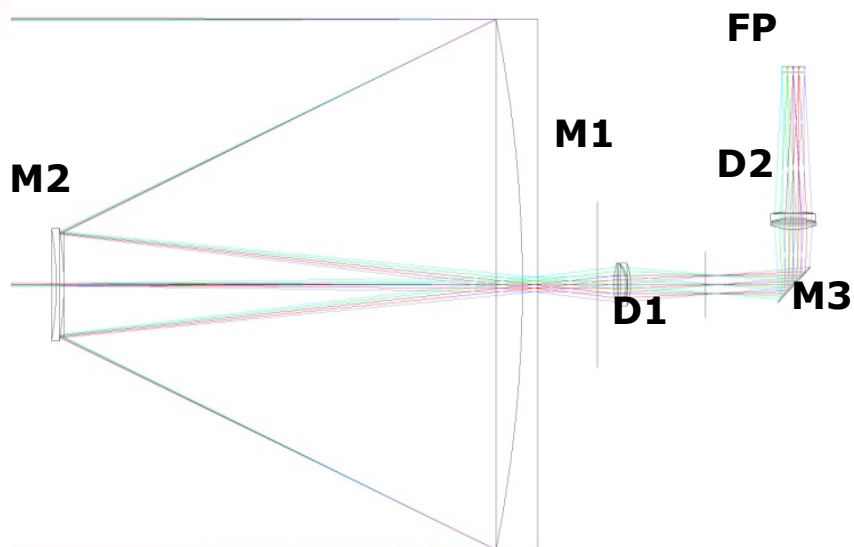


Total weight: 250 kg  
Total length: 1.3m

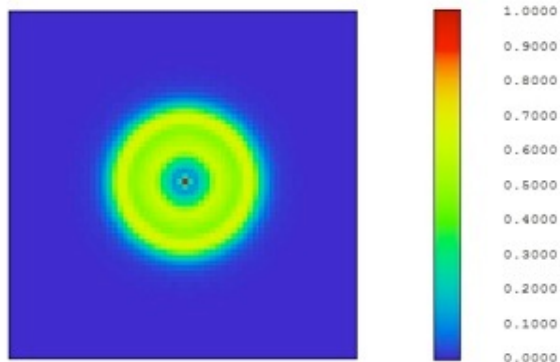


# CHEOPS Optical design

Temperature = 20°C, Pressure = 1 atm



Polychromatic defocused PSF with 30 pixel diameter



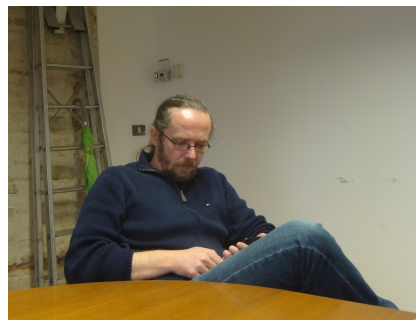
|                                                |        |
|------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Entrance Pupil Diameter                        | 320 mm |
| Central Obstruction Diameter                   | 68 mm  |
| (+8.6% collecting area with respect to 300 mm) |        |

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Distance M1-M2             | 300 mm    |
| Effective Focal Length Tel | 1600      |
| Effective Focal Length Sys | 2681.4 mm |
| F/# Tel                    | 5         |
| F/# Sys                    | 8.4       |

|                  |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| Wavelength range | 400-1100 nm |
|------------------|-------------|

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Detector format | 1024×1024        |
| Pixel size      | 13 $\mu\text{m}$ |
| Plate scale     | 1 arcsec/pixel   |

|                    |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
| FoV (FP diagonal)  | 0.40 degrees |
| FoV BEO Opt.       | 0.32 degrees |
| FoV box (diagonal) | 0.08 degrees |



Optical Engineer:  
D. Magrin - OAPD



# CHEOPS in Italy

- ❑ 5 INAF structures
  - ❑ OACT (S, P)
  - ❑ OAPD (S, P)
  - ❑ OAPA (S)
  - ❑ OAT (S)
  - ❑ FGG (S)
- ❑ Dip. Fis. e Astron. UNIPD (S)
- ❑ ASI
  - ❑ ASDC (GS)



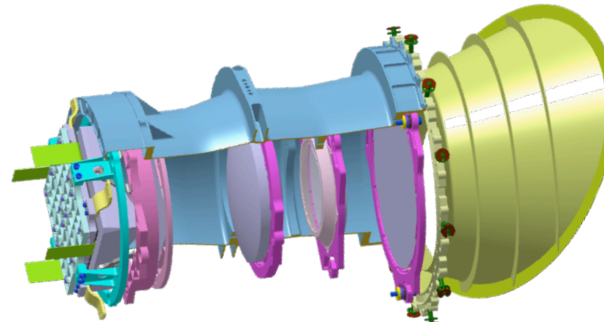
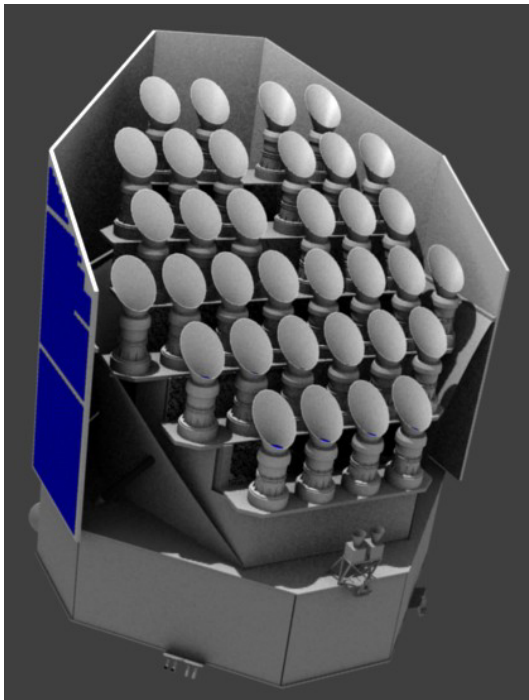
- I-PDR 30 Jun 2014
- I-CDR Jan 2015
- Delivery of TEL for further integration in Nov 2015



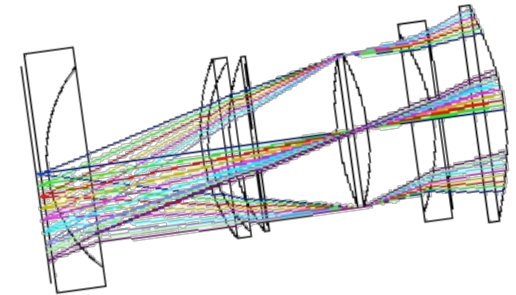
# PLATO 2.0 Instrumental Concept

To observe a significant high number of Bright Stars

→ Very wide field + large collecting area: multi-instrument concept



- ✓ fully dioptric, 6 lenses
- ✓ pupil 120 mm
- ✓ dynamical range:  $4 \leq m_v \leq 16$



Camera FoV  
~1100 deg<sup>2</sup>

focal planes

optical field  
Ø 38.5°

4 CCDs:  
4510<sup>2</sup> 18μm

FPA

« normal »

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« fast »

- Sp. range = 500 – 1050 nm
- 32 « normal » cameras : cadence 25 sec
- 2 « fast » cameras : cadence 2.5 sec
- 132 CCDs

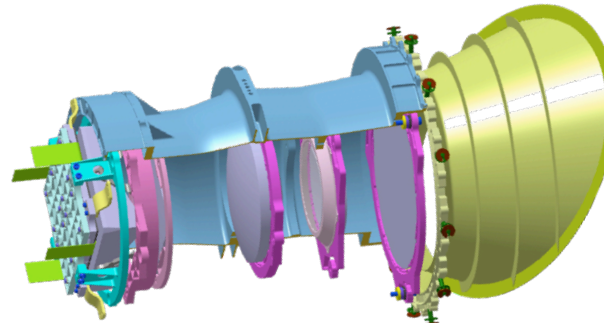
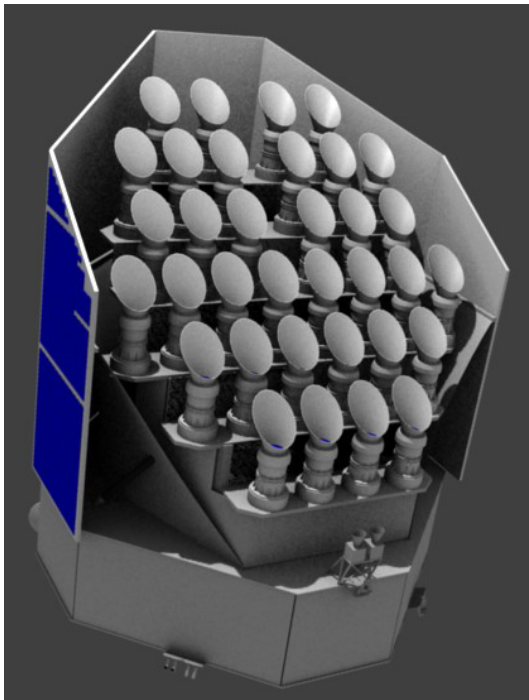
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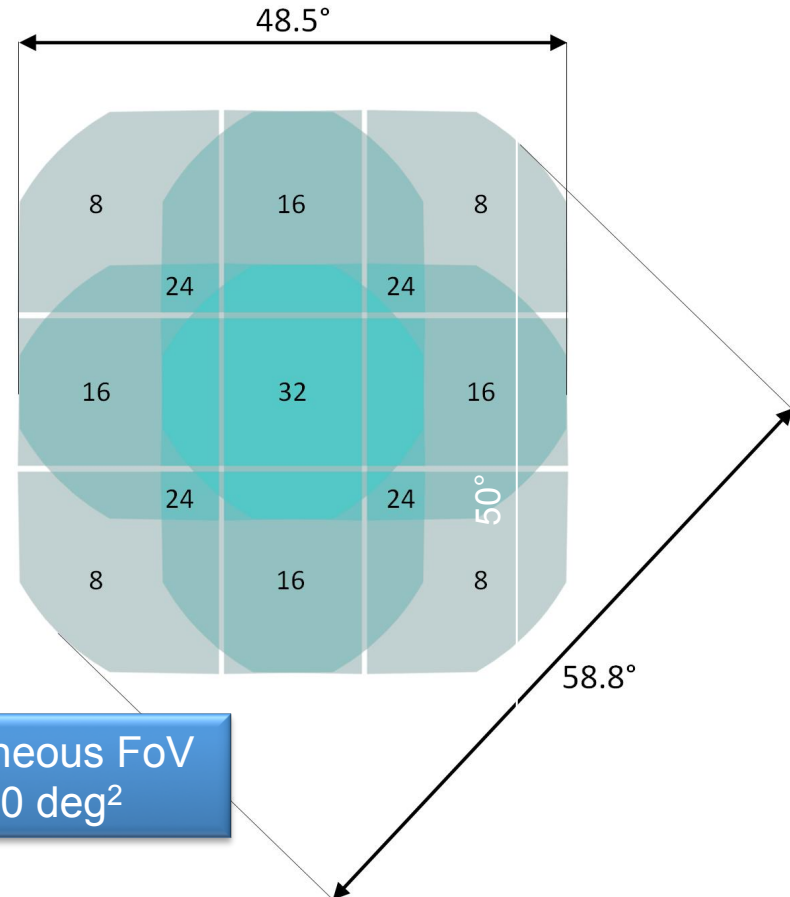
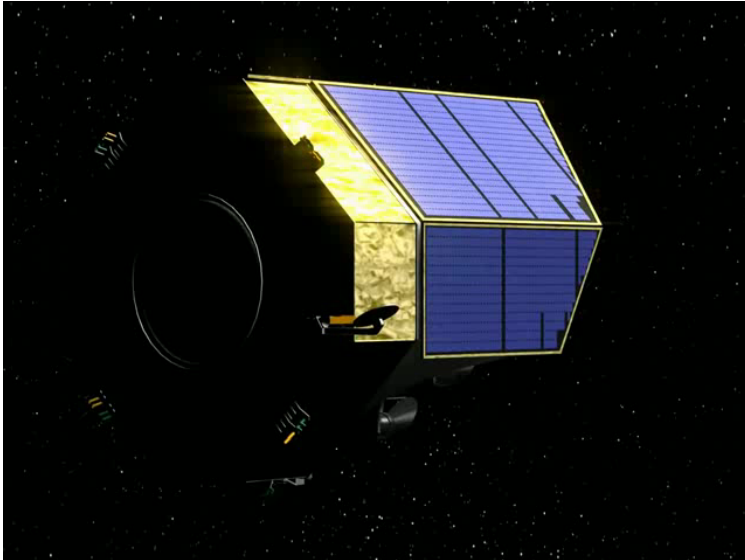
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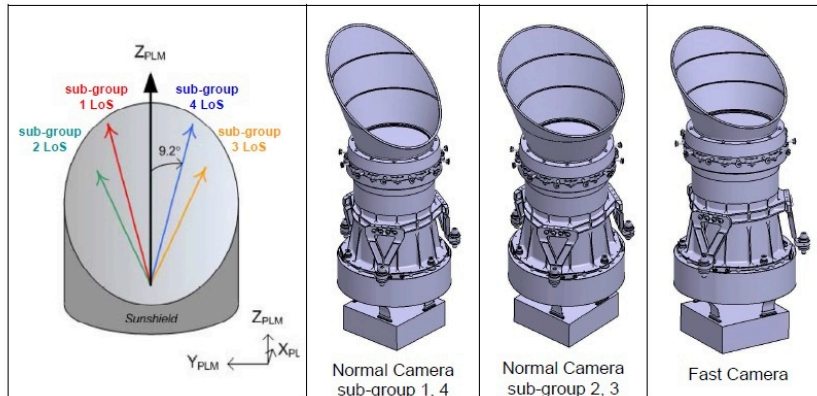
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# Concept of overlapping line of sight



Instantaneous FoV  
~2250 deg<sup>2</sup>

Optimization of number of stars at given noise level *and* of number of stars at given magnitude

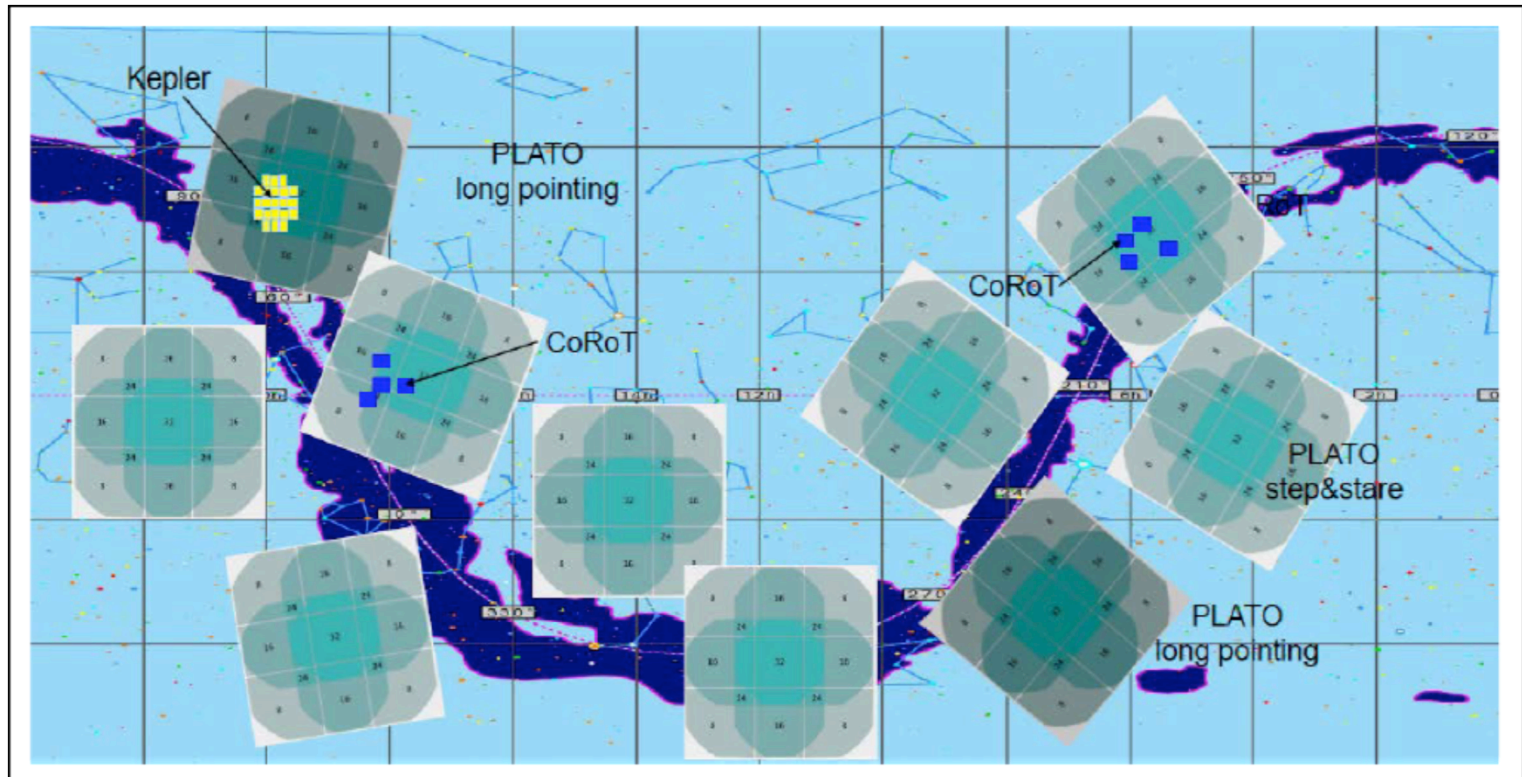




# Observing strategy

## Baseline observing strategy:

- 6 years nominal science operation
- 2 long pointings of 2-3 years + step-and-stare phase (2-5 months per pointing)

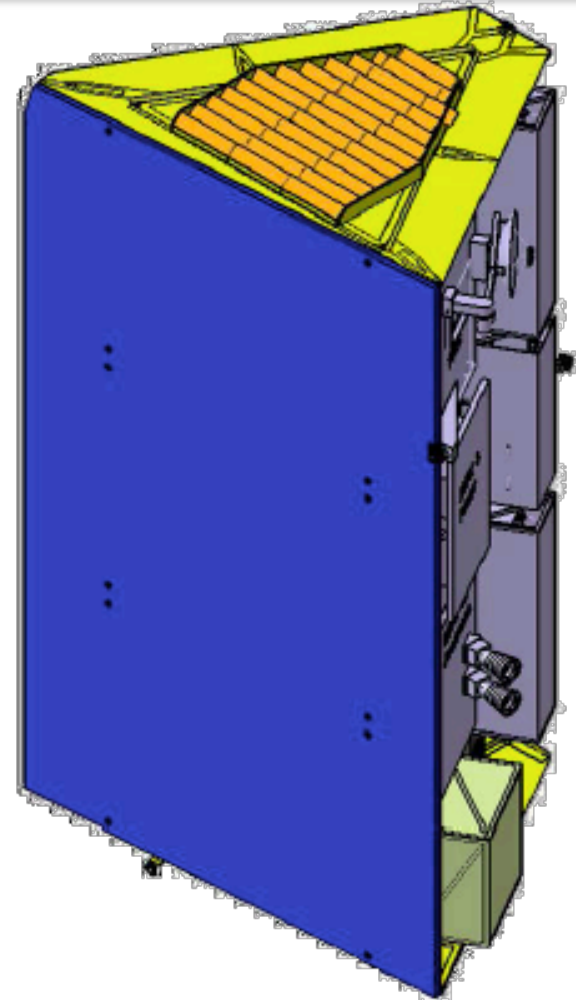
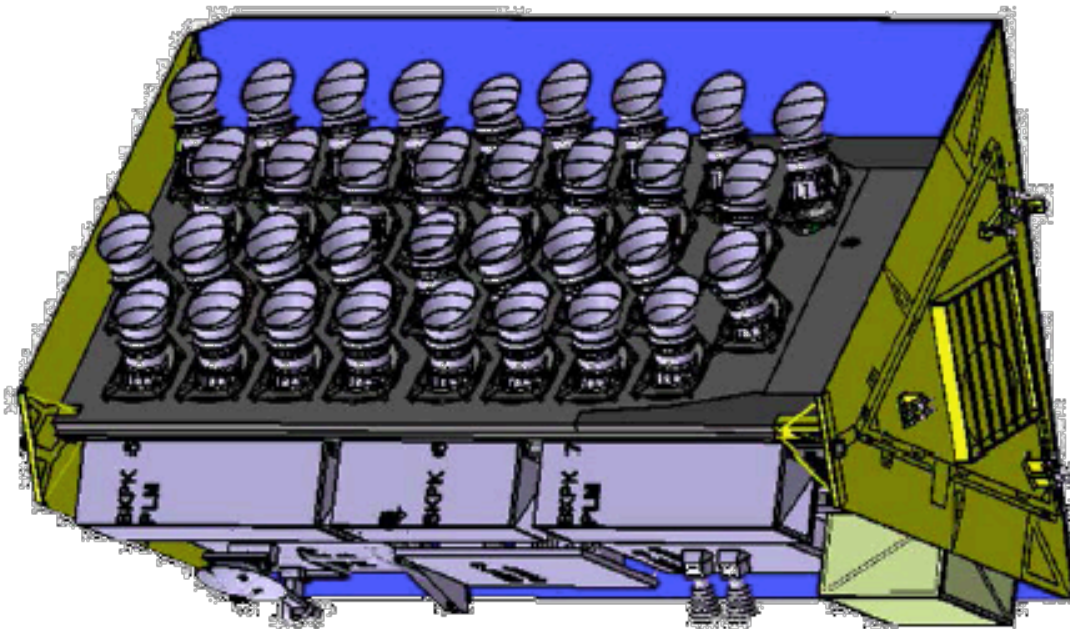


→ covers ~50% of the sky

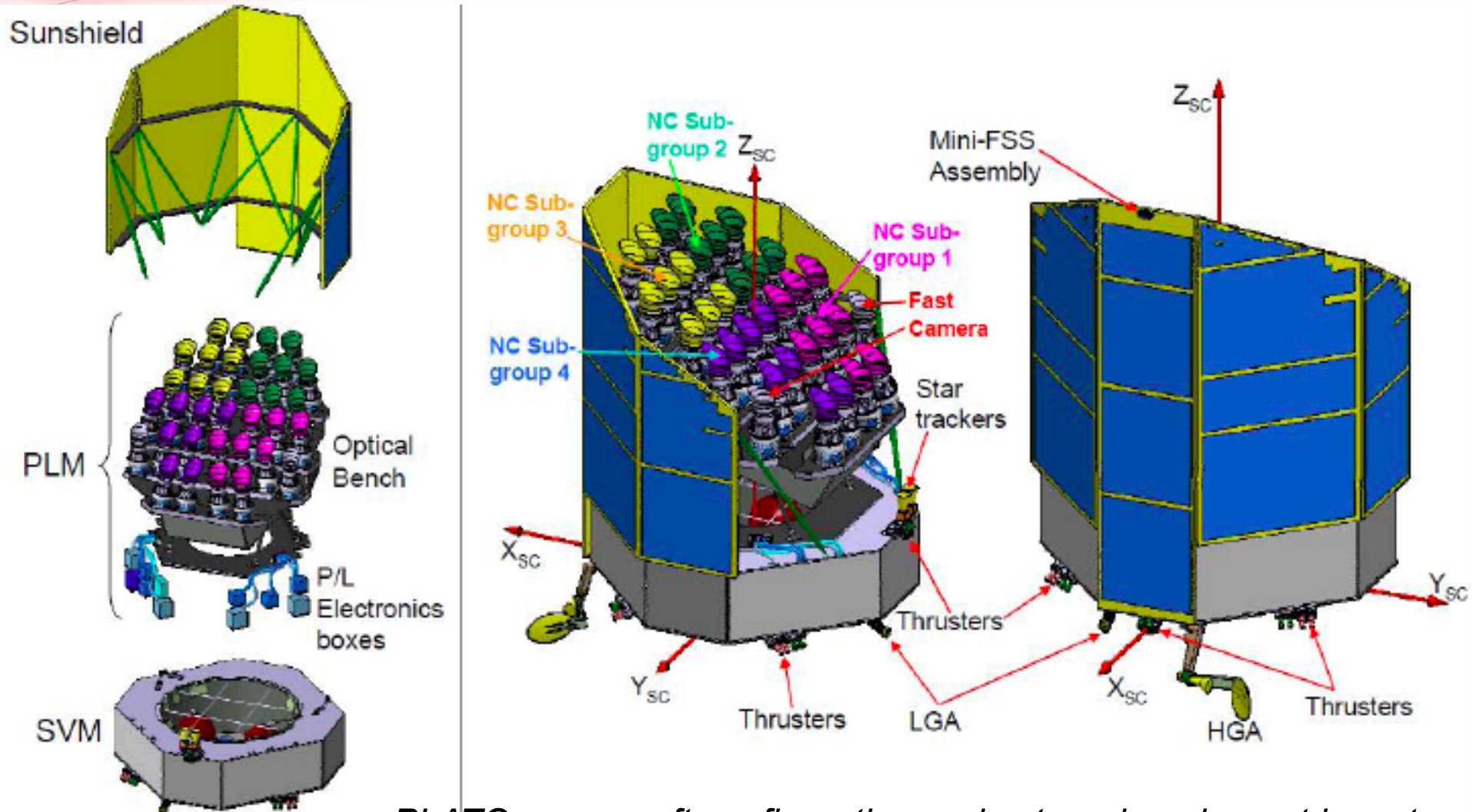


# ASTRIUM Concept

*General view showing the PLM side(left) of the spacecraft and the sunshield (right)*



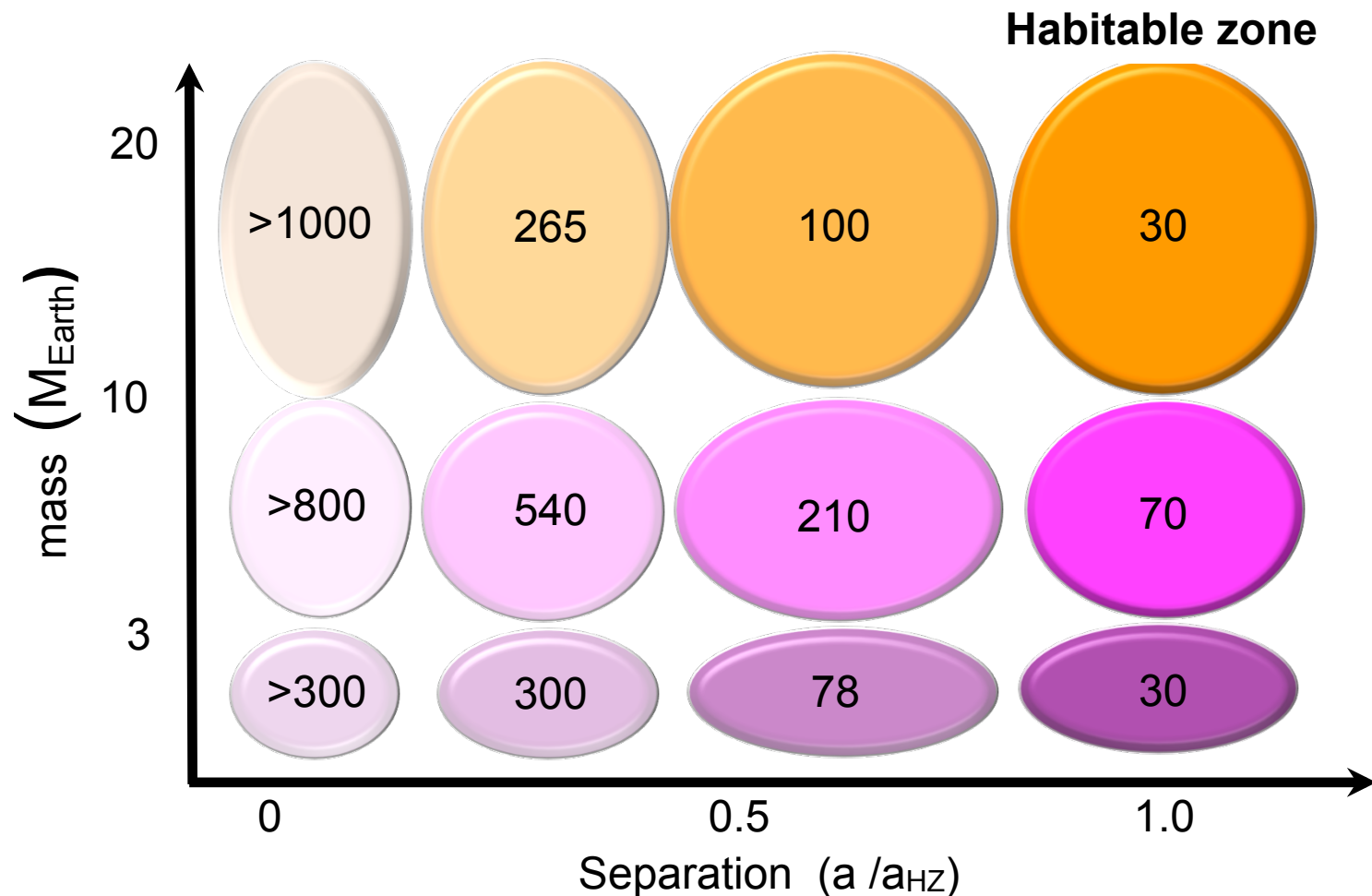
# Thales-Alenia Space Concept



*PLATO spacecraft configuration and external equipment layout  
( $X_{sc}$ ,  $Y_{sc}$ ,  $Z_{sc}$  = Spacecraft Reference Frame - SRF)*

# Total numbers of characterized planets in core sample

Number of characterized planets (**Earth to Neptune mass**) after detailed model of radial velocity efforts and the impact of stellar activity:





# The PLATO Italian team



✓ **Università di Padova, Dip. di Astronomia**  
(Science)

✓ **INAF**

- OA Catania (Science, Payload)
- OA Padova (Science, Payload)
- OA Brera (Science, Payload)
- IFSI-Roma (Science)
- FGG (Payload)
- OA Palermo (Science)
- OA Torino (Science)
- OA Capodimonte (Science)
- OA Roma (+Teramo) (Science)
- OA Arcetri (Science)
- IASF Roma (Science)

✓ **Università di Firenze, Dip. di Fisica e Astronomia**  
(Payload)

✓ **ASI-ASDC** (PDC, Science)

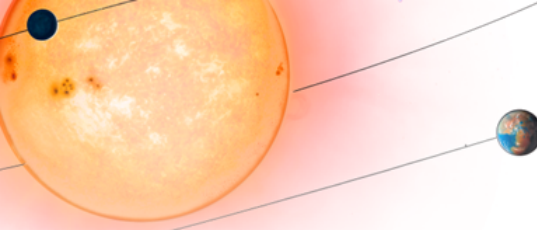
**ASI Contracts (Assessment  
and Definition phases)**

- ✧ G. Piotto – UniPD
- ✧ I. Pagano – INAF
- ✧ E. Pace - UniFI

About 70 scientists/  
engineers active in PLATO  
in Italian research institutes!

About 120 scientists  
interested to exoplanets  
field in Italy!



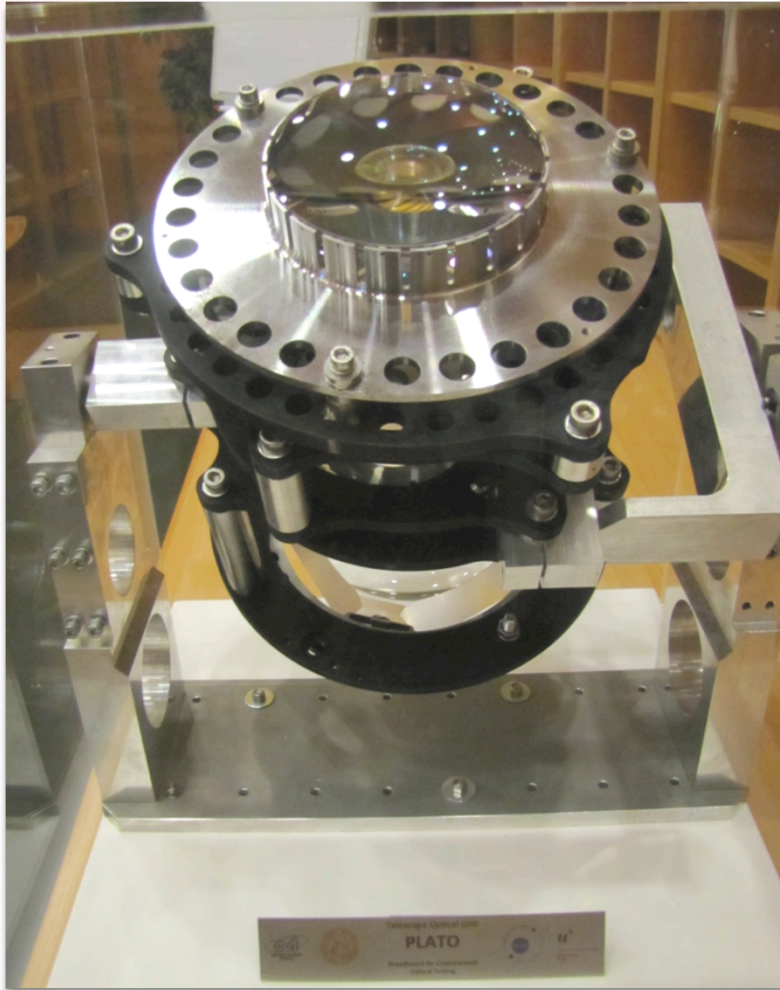


# • Italian Contribution to PLATO 2.0

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- Science Preparation
  - Field characterization and target selections
  - .....
- Telescope Optical Units
- Instrument Control Unit
- Participation to the PDC (ASDC)

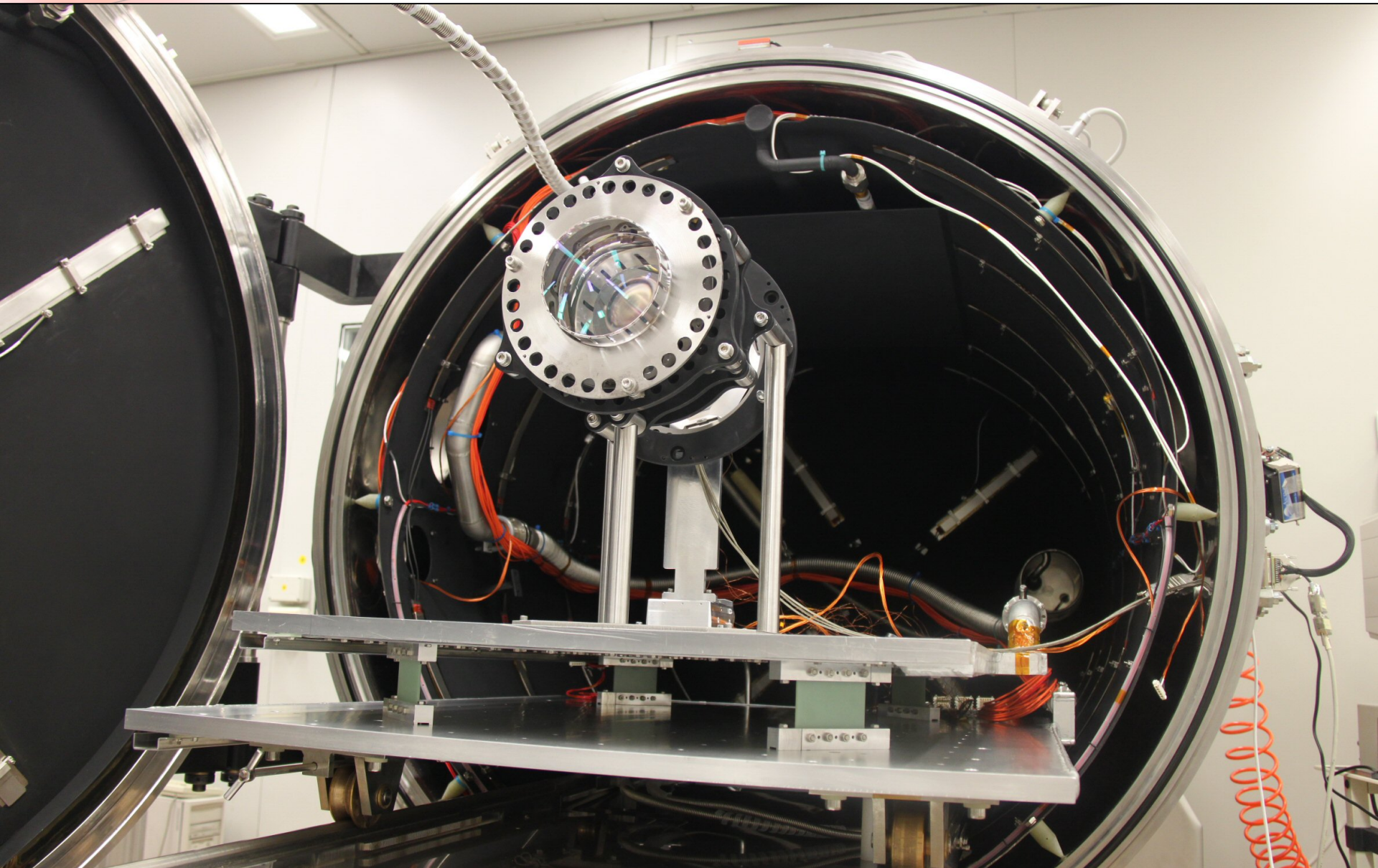
# BreadBoard of the PLATO Telescope



- Aspheric feasibility demonstrated.
- CaF lenses demonstrated.
- Alignment in warm demonstrated.



# Testing the BB into the space environment...





# Comparison with expected figures





# Italian Science Working Team



- **Univ. Salerno**, Gabriella Raimondo



A large group of approximately 100 people, mostly men, are posed for a group photograph on a black and white checkered floor. They are arranged in many rows, filling most of the frame. The people are dressed in casual to semi-formal attire, including jackets, sweaters, and button-down shirts. Many are wearing name tags. The background is a large, open hall with a checkered floor that recedes into the distance. In the top left corner, there is a small graphic of a planet or sun.

Berlino 2011

Next PLATO Conference  
iCatania  
December 2014

The end