

Instrumentation Issues
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- Expertise in Optics / Mechanisms / Control

- Systems Engineering / Project Management
- Analysis and Simulation expertise
- Large network of qualified suppliers
- Instrument AIT Laboratory: 1000 m², 6,3 ton lifting capacity, 4m height under the hook).
- Equiped with Cleanrooms, Metrology Equipment, Optical Alignment and Test Equipment, Cryogenic Test Equipment, etc.

AIT Laboratory





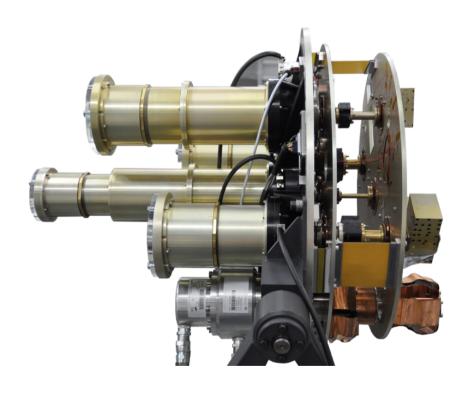


QT-2 Telescope





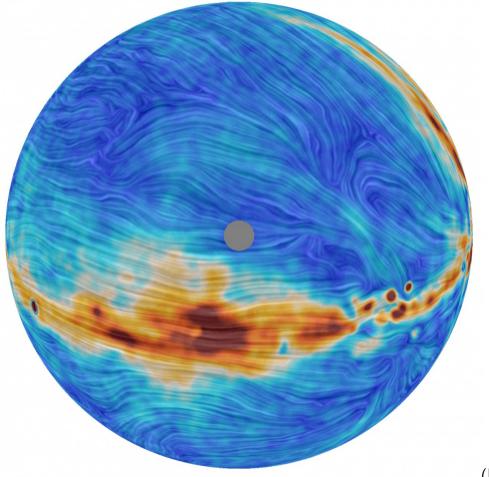
Multi-frequency Instrument (MFI)







MFI 11GHz - LIC





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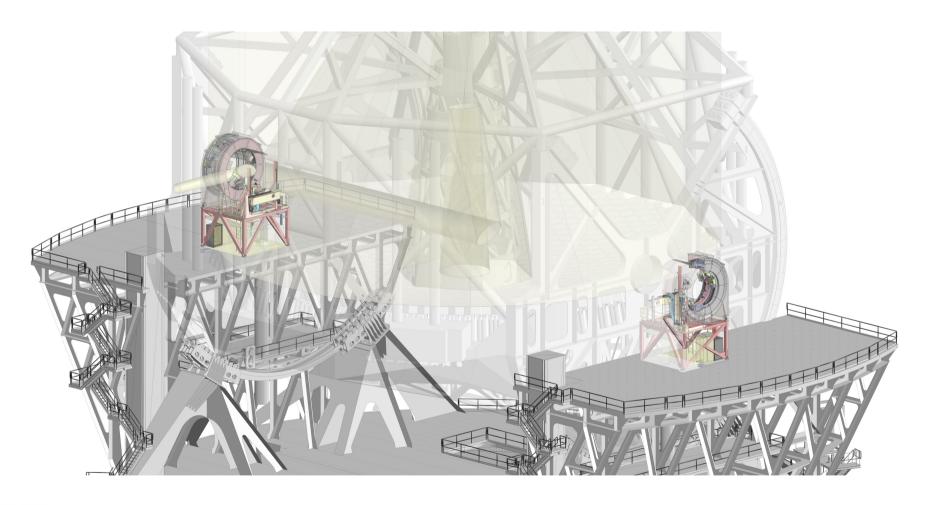
Map of polarized microwave emissions in the sky of Earth's northern hemisphere.

(Image: QUIJOTE Collaboration)





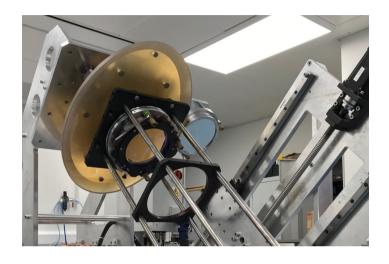
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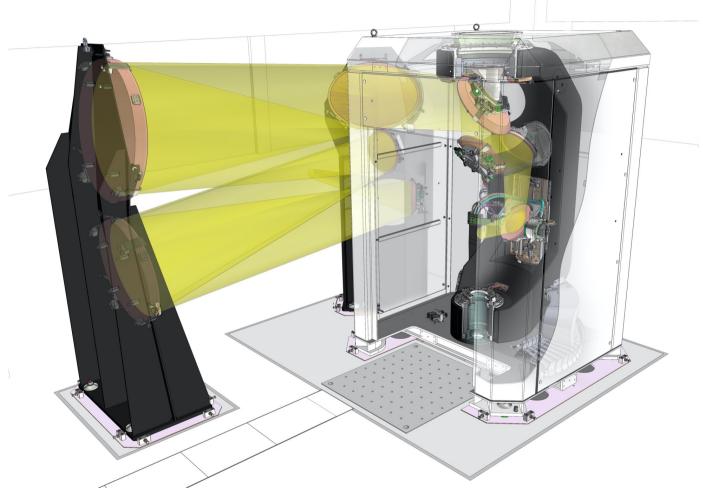








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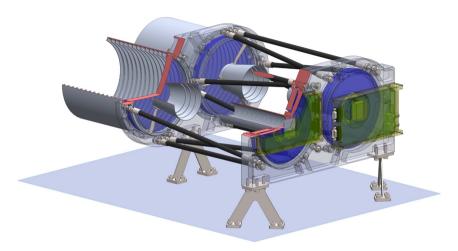


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Optical Payloads



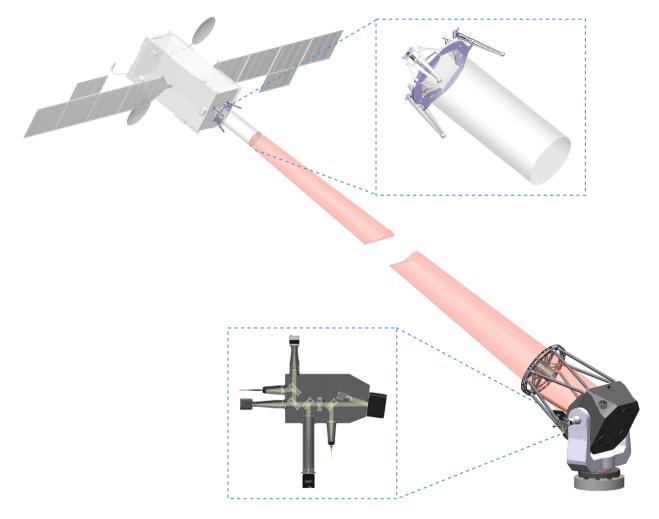






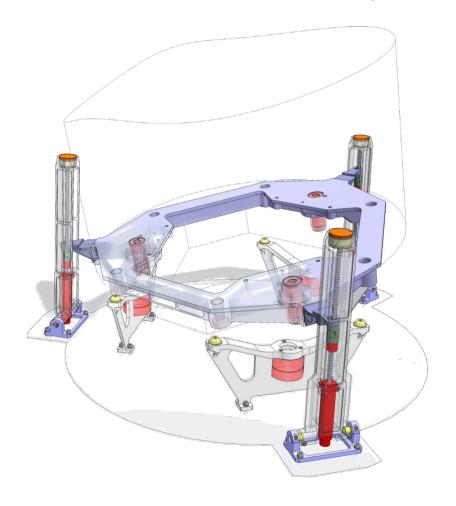


Optical Communications





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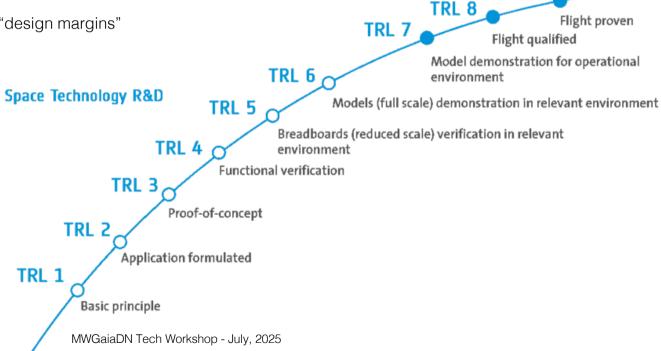
In this kind of Scientific Projects/Missions collaboration between scientist and engineers is crucial to identify the challenges early in the project timeline to address them.

Industrial partners are happy to perform initial assessments of what can reasonably be done and what cannot.

Elements / systems requiring a predevelopment should be matured ahead in time.

Plan Bs for systems with high risk should be planned for, while derisking activities are carried out

At early stages there should be enough "design margins"

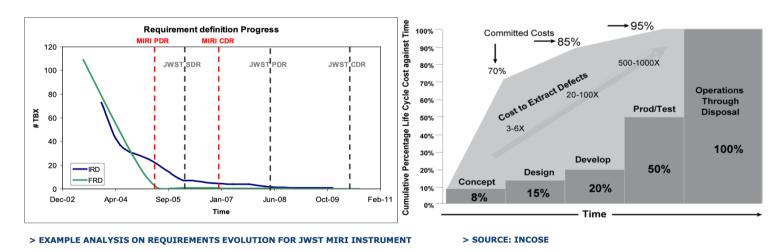




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"Early requirement engineering effort reduces cost and development time", José Lorenzo Álvarez

- Common Problem in Scientific Instrument Lifecycle:
- > Different life-cycles scheduling between Spacecraft System and Instrument development.
- Can lead to (costly) late changes in the instrument design



(Credit: José Lorenzo Álvarez)

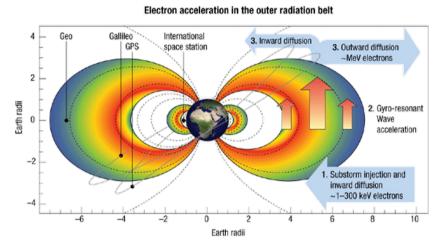


Space environment, characterized by,

- Vacuum
- No gravity
- Thermal conditions
- Radiation
- Atomic Oxygen
- Micro-meteorites
- Space debris

Additionally, the launch causes,

- Mass/volume limitations
- Strong vibrations

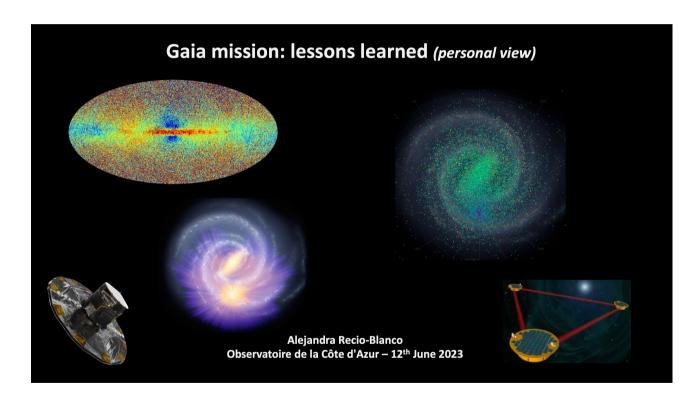






Keep in mind the lessons learned from Gaia Mission.

e.g. Alejandra Recio-Blanco, "Gaia mission: lessons learned (personal view)"







Thank you for your attention!

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