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Trends in Aerospace Innovation: Future Prospects and Challenges

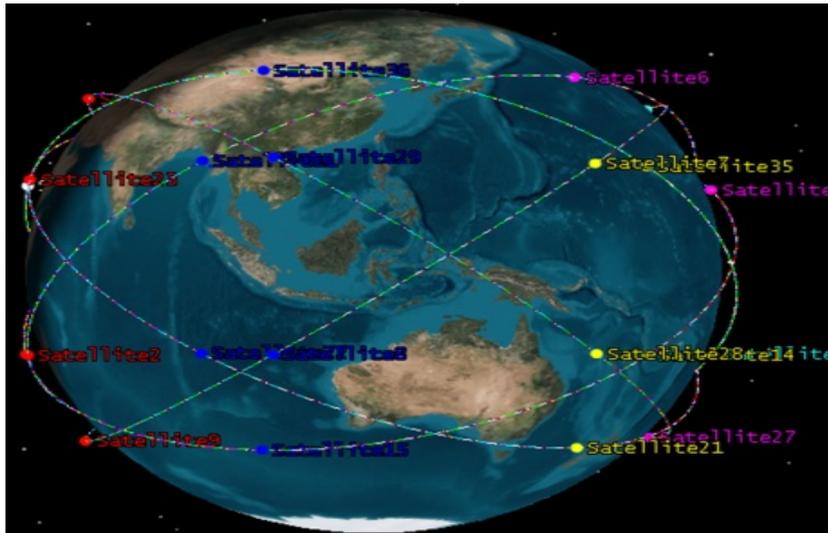
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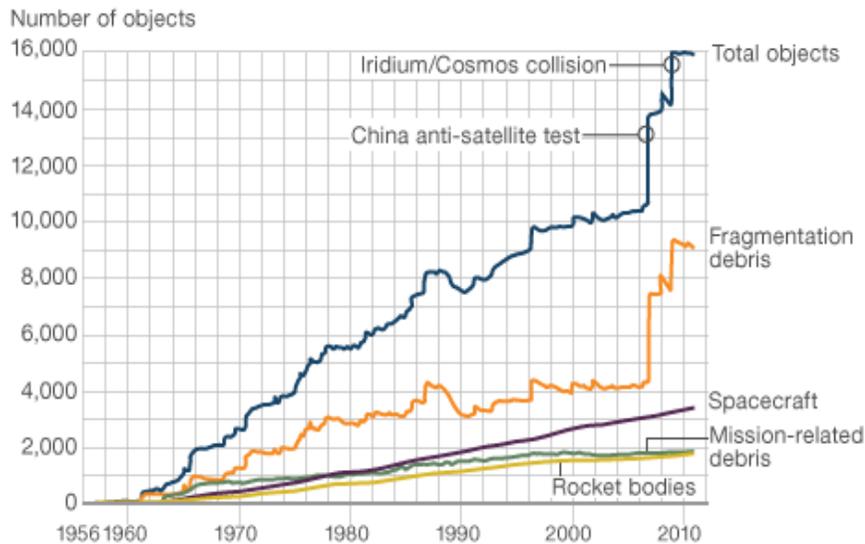




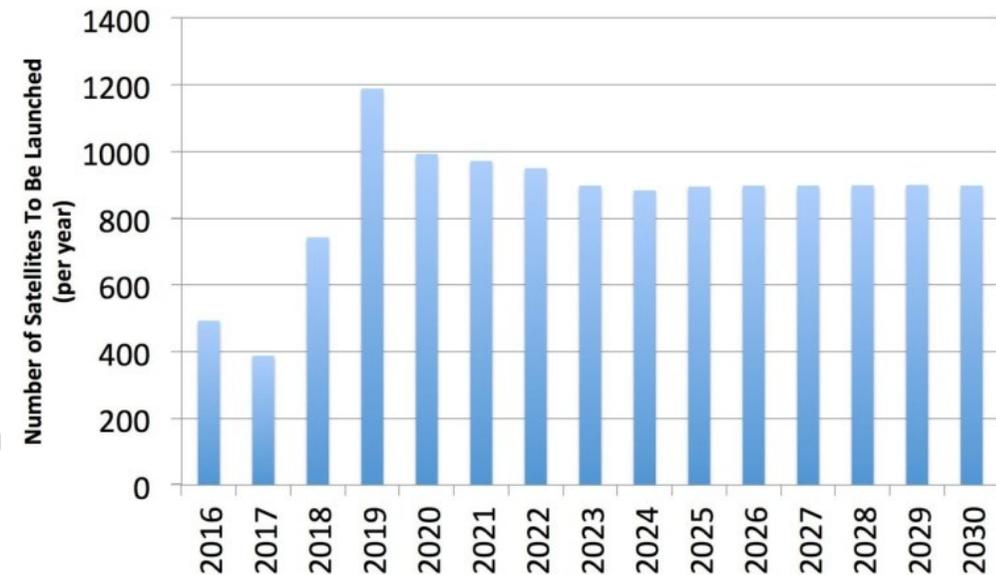
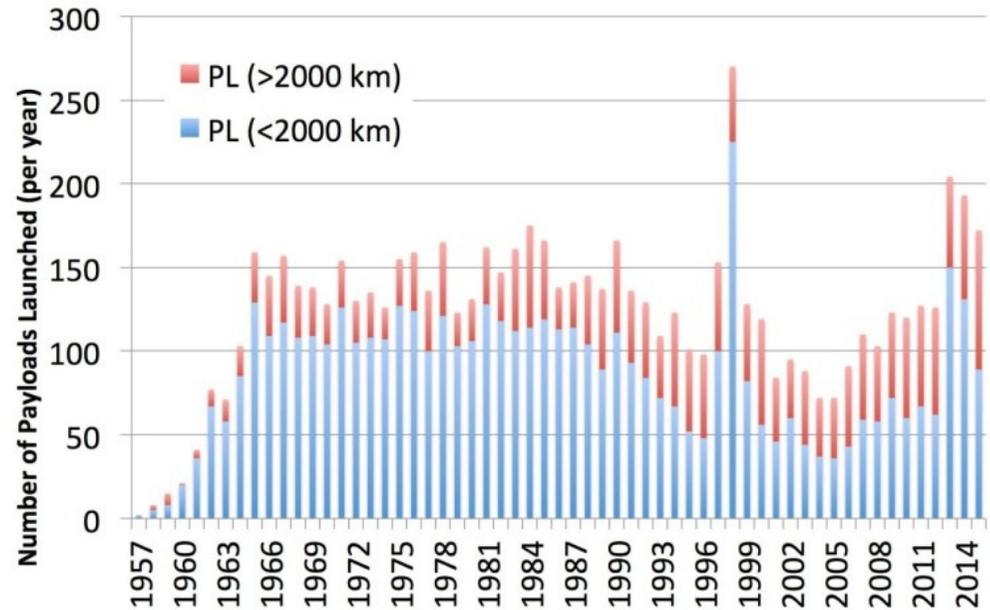
Impact of Miniaturization of Satellites



Growth of orbital space objects including debris



Source: Nasa

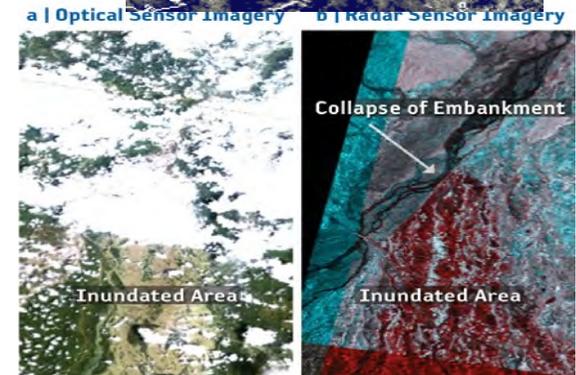




Useful Earth Observation Space Data

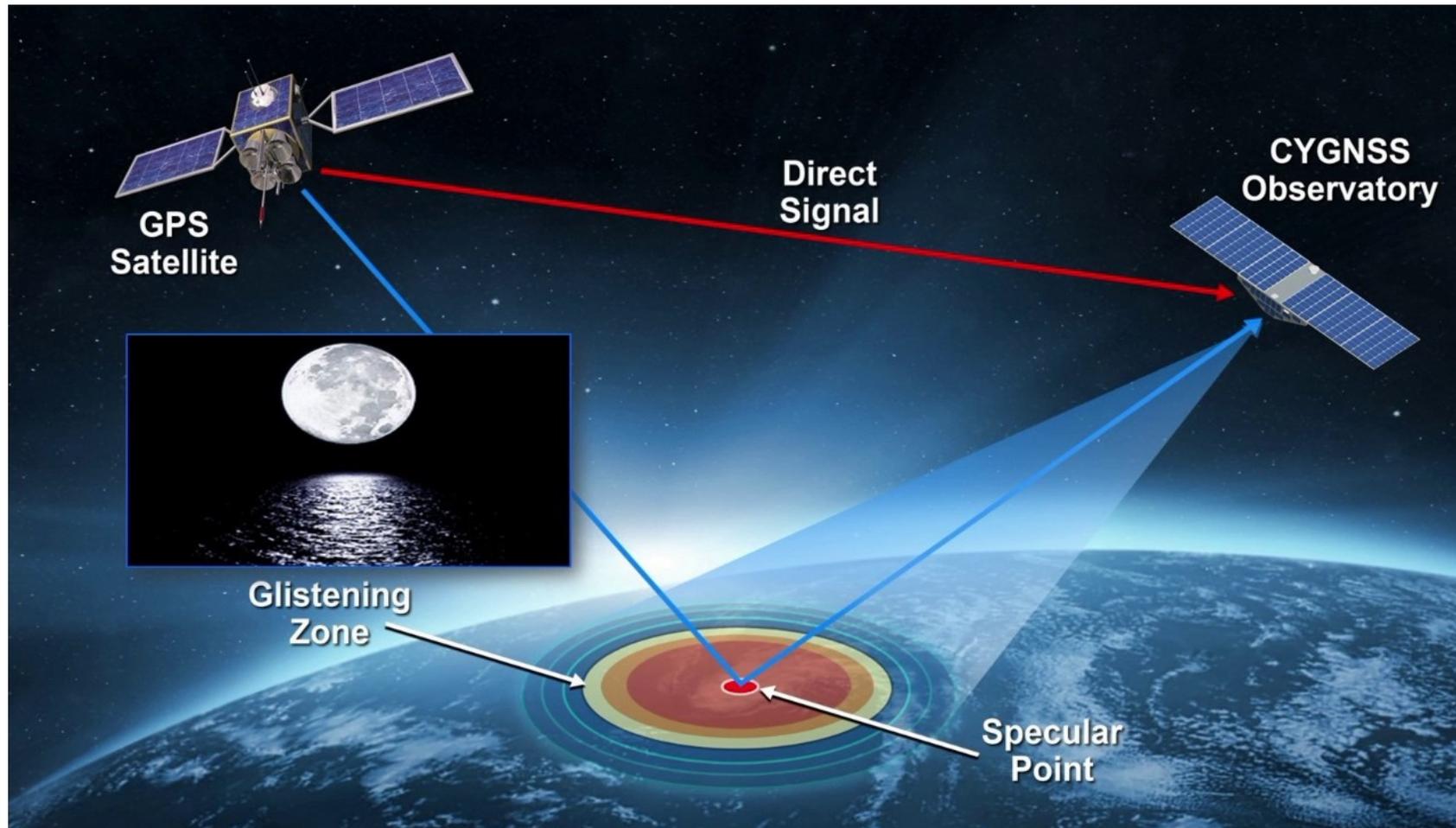
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- Earth-Observing satellite images
 - Usually visible (or IR), 80-1m resolution
 - Revisiting period varies, order of 1-14 days
 - vulnerable to clouds
 - Monitor droughts and floods, land use etc.
- Meteo satellites
 - Images & atmospheric measurement for weather
 - 1 km resolution
 - Image every ~30 minutes
 - Weather, drought, flood prediction; vegetation
- Satellite radar
 - Sea surface temperature measurements, >30m resolution
 - Revisiting period varies, order of 1-7 days
 - Through clouds or at night (energy view)
 - Weather prediction & hazard monitoring, flood & drought





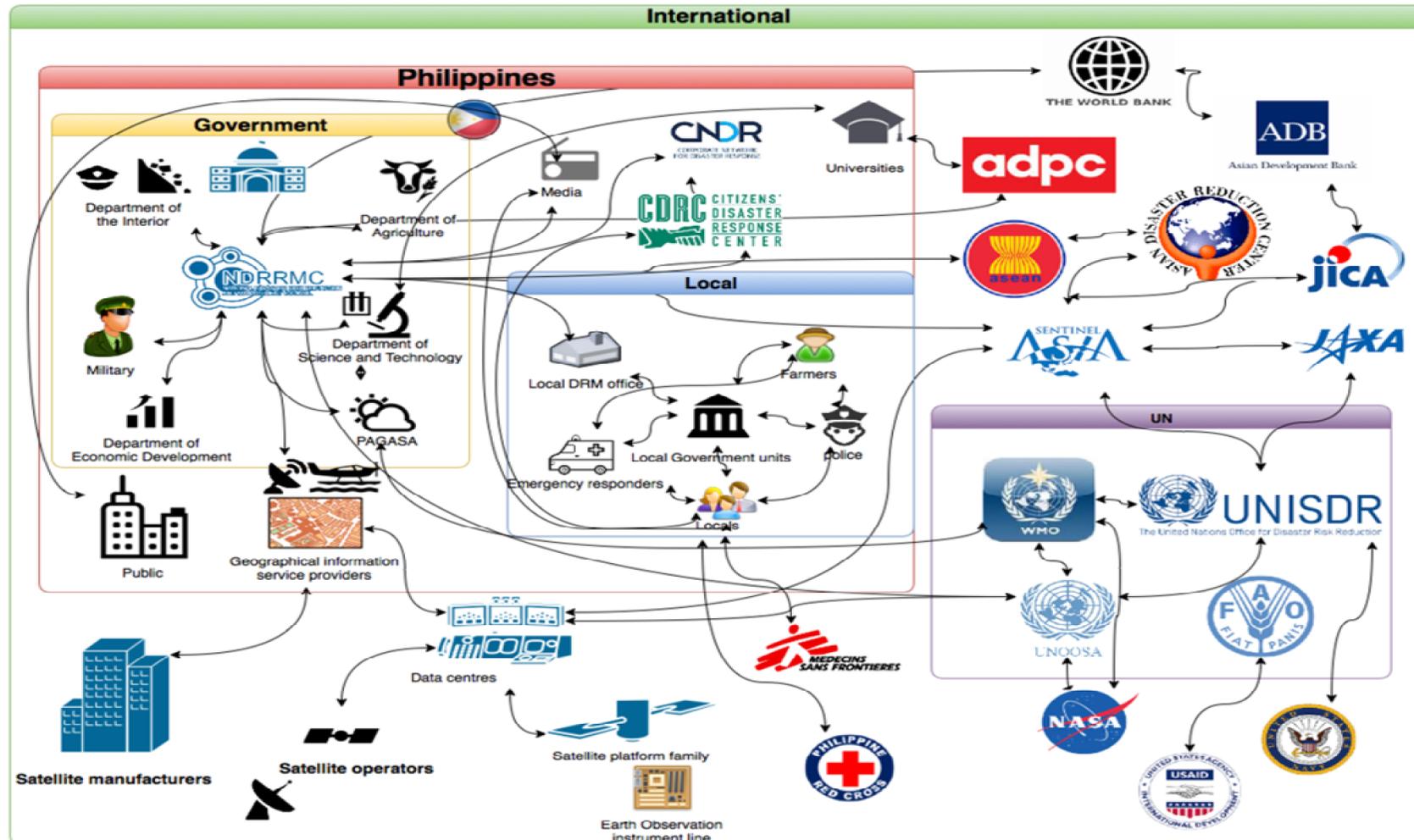
NASA CYGNSS Mission 2016



Using a constellation of 8 small satellites in bi-static mode with GPS satellites and 5 ground-stations for tropical storm monitoring, Revisit time is reduced to 7 hours (3 times faster)



Necessity for International Cooperation among Diverse Stakeholders

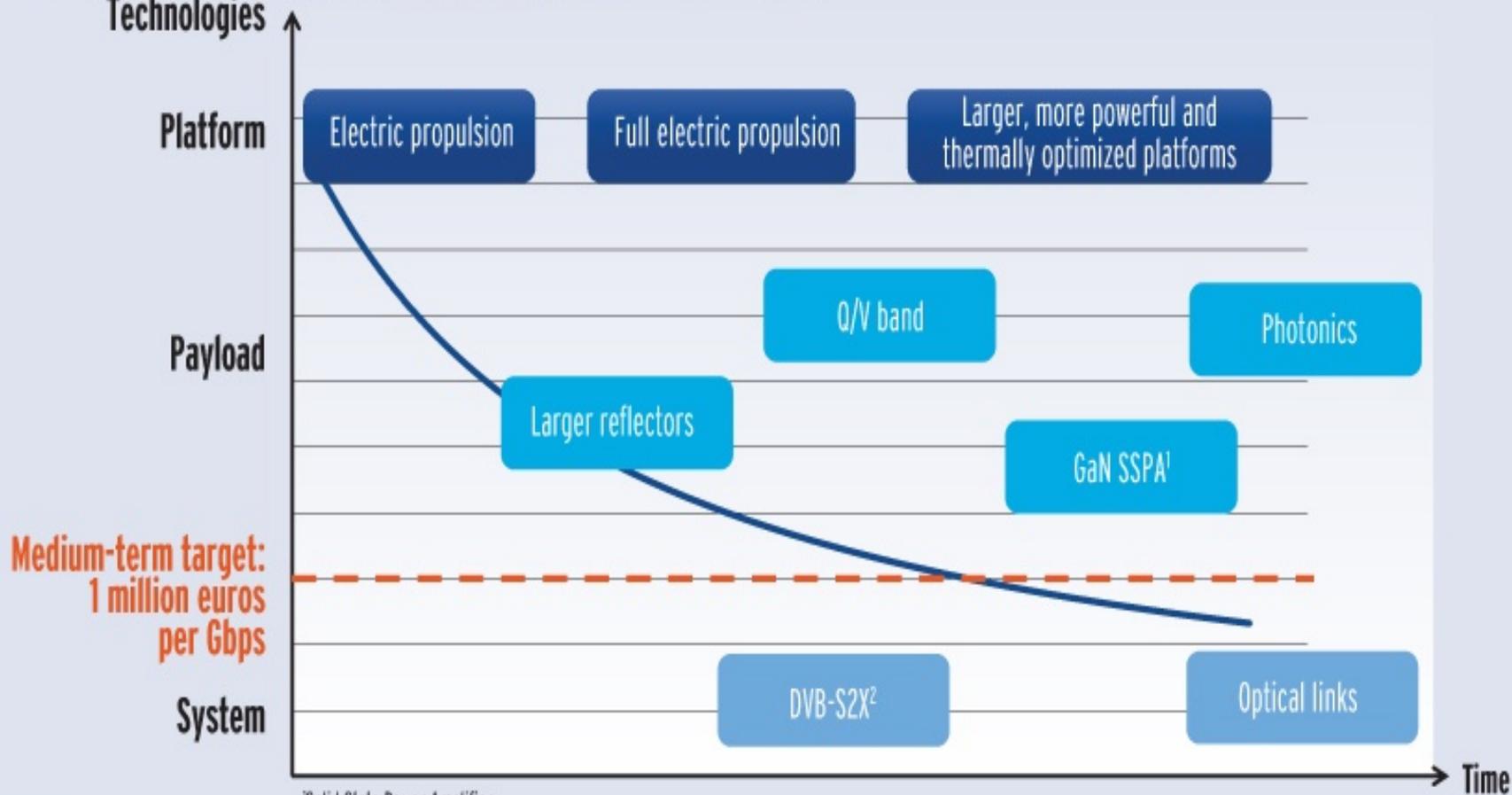




Eutelsat Maps Way to Satellite Cost Reduction

Selected Enabling Technologies

Cost per Gbps (space plus ground, in millions of euros)



Medium-term target:
1 million euros
per Gbps

Source: Eutelsat

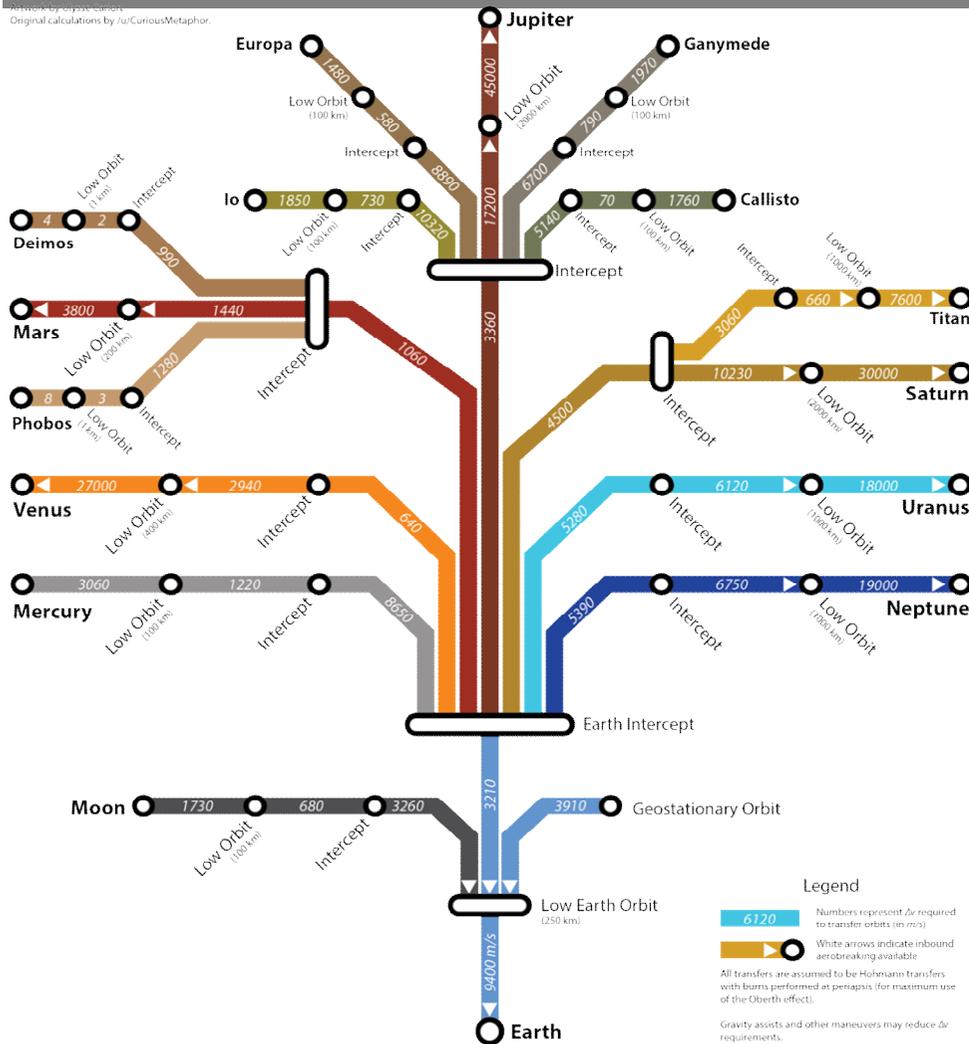
¹Solid State Power Amplifier

²Modulation of the forward link



Delta-V needs for space exploration

Network by physics course
Original calculations by /u/CuriousMetaphor.

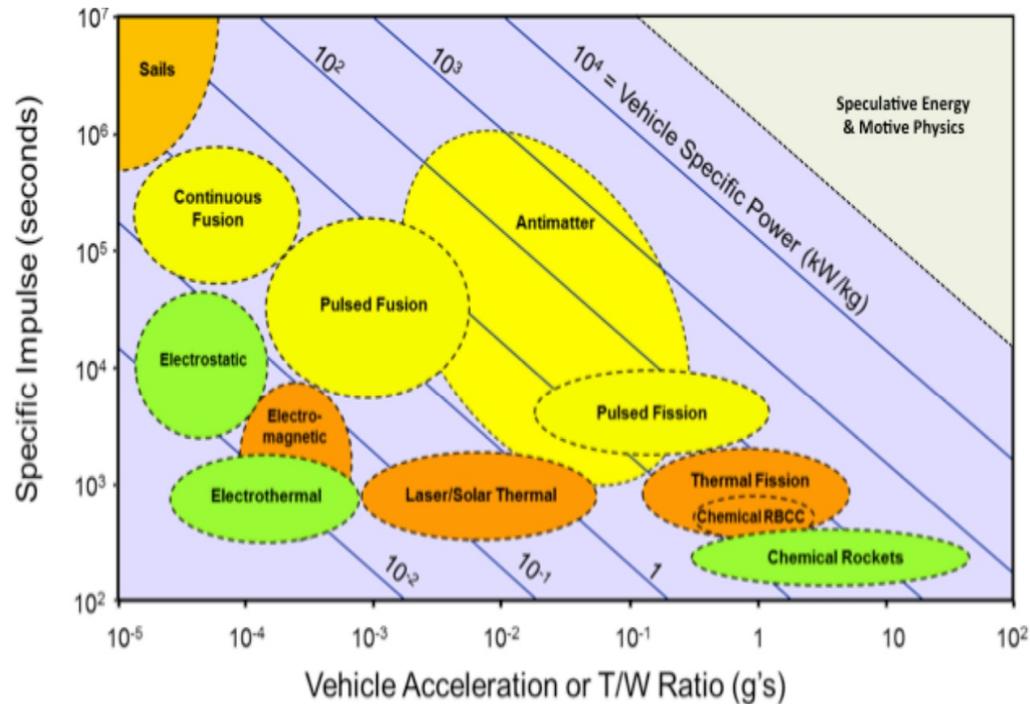


■ Delta-V is one of the major limitations to large scale exploration missions

■ Various methods to improve delta-v capabilities or reduce needs:

- increase Isp (Specific Impulse)
- more propellant
- gravity assist
- aerobraking (arrival only)

■ Manned missions require round-trip capability, doubling the delta-v cost



● Unproven Technology (TRL 1-3) ● Demonstrated Technology (TRL 4-6) ● Operational Systems (TRL 7-9)

- Chemical propulsion has higher thrust (T/W R > 1 for liftoff), electric propulsion higher Isp.
- High thrust reduces transfer time, which is necessary for manned missions.

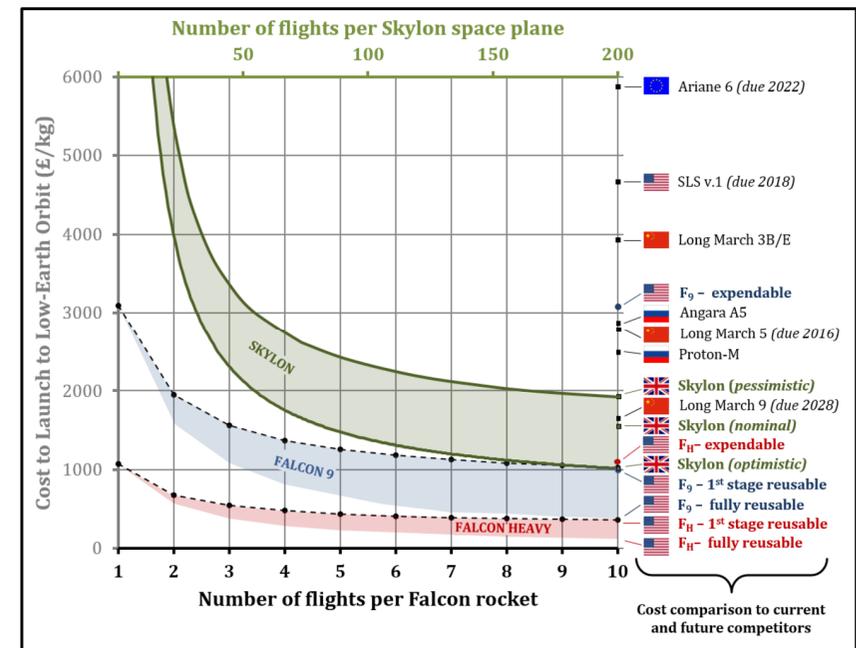
No currently available propulsion method is fully satisfactory, we need a development strategy.



Rocket Reusability

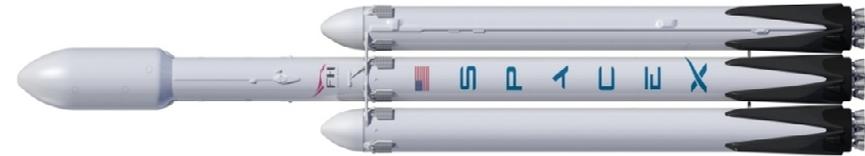
- Reusability introduces a new variable in rocket propulsion
- Multiple launch capability increases the delta-V on orbit
- Cost reductions up to 2/3 of standard procedures. Non-reusable rockets risk to become out of market

Reusability technology should be included in any development strategy





- Private companies **self-fund R&D**, reducing costs
- Reusable Rockets: The Way Forward?
e.g. Falcon 9
- Some contracts shifting technology-push to **demand-pull**
 - NASA-COTS
 - Google X-Prizes
- Innovations from **smaller entities**:
 - Micro/small satellites
 - Crowd-funding
 - private spaceflight



Focusing these trends with economic growth:

- R&D inputs becoming available
 - **HR** via micro/small satellites
 - Influx of private entrepreneurs
- With lower tech cost space R&D is becoming **accessible** to less developed countries
- Aerospace R&D causes **spillovers**, benefitting the economy



Challenges

- What are the necessary policy reforms for relaxation of existing stringent regulations and privatization of space sector in both developed and developing countries?
- How can we reduce costs for Future Space Missions in the backdrop of economic turmoil and political instability?
- What technological innovation is necessary to achieve better Time-Resolution and Faster Revisit Time for Earth Observation Satellite constellations?
- What new policies need to be implemented for better International Cooperation among diverse stakeholders?