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Space Infrared Telescope for Cosmology and Astrophysics

# The next-generation space infrared astronomy mission

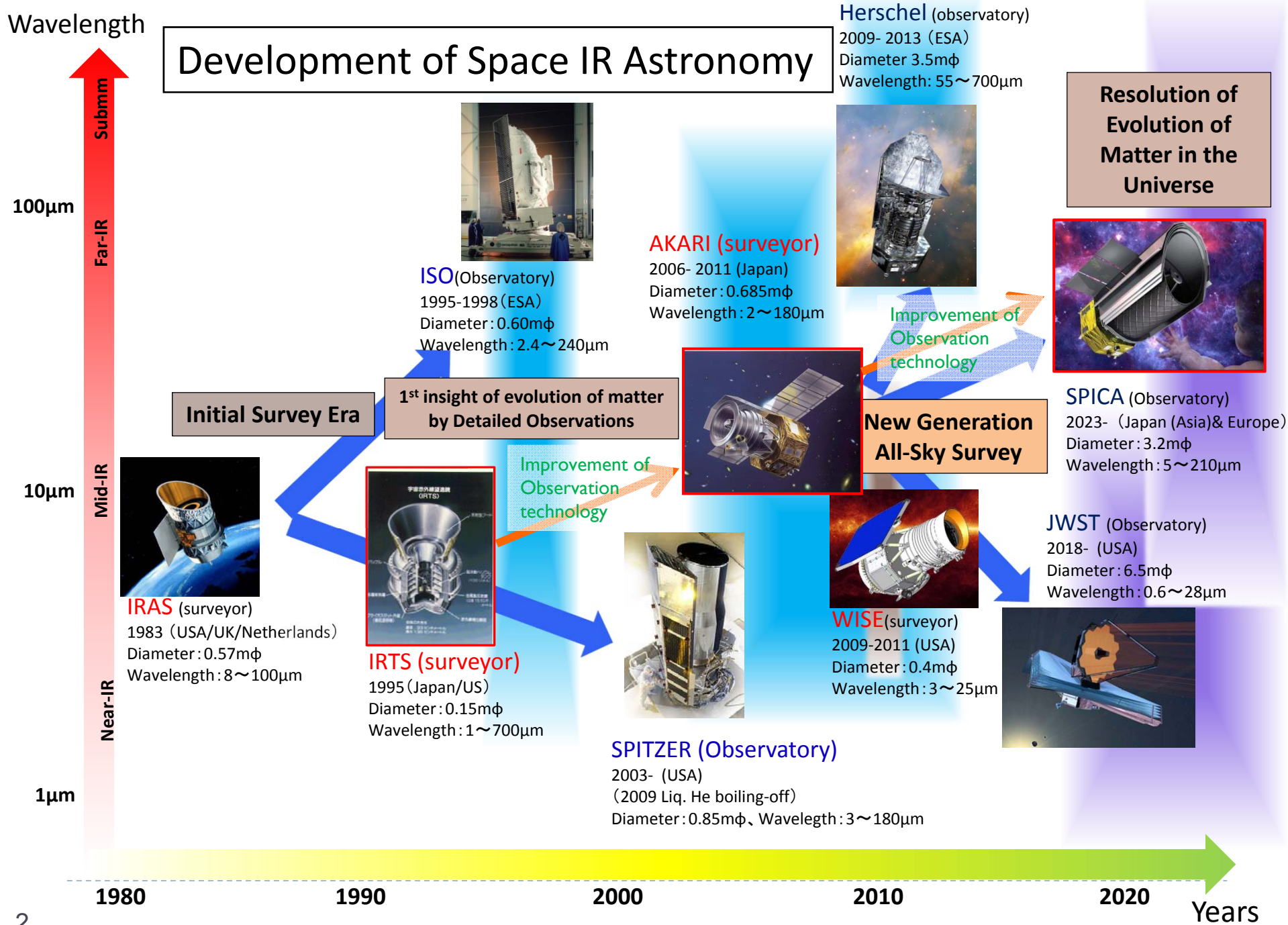
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# Outline of my Talk

- **SPICA Scientific Goals**
  - with a few slides on 'Why IR Observatory in Space?'
- **Mission Overview**
- **Programmatic Status**

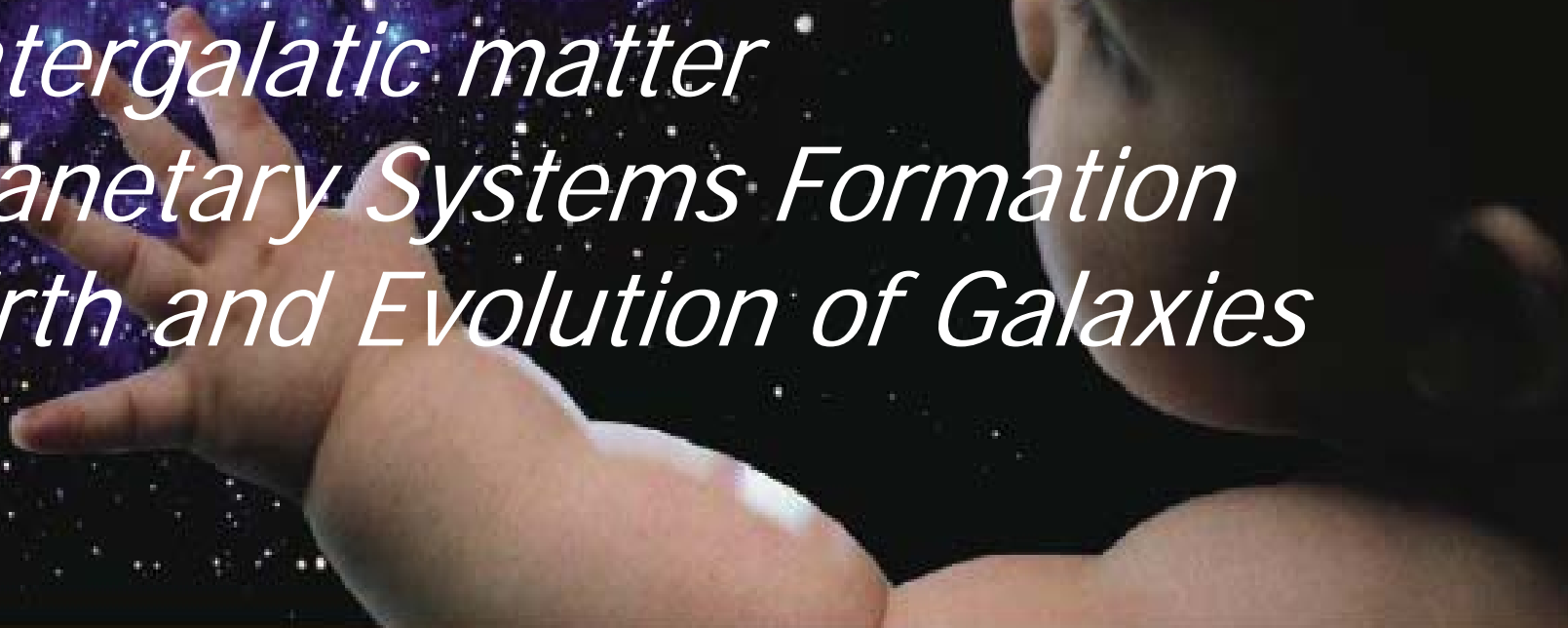
# SPICA Science Goals

*Unveil the evolution of Baryonic  
Matter in the Universe*

*Life cycle of interstellar &  
Intergalactic matter*

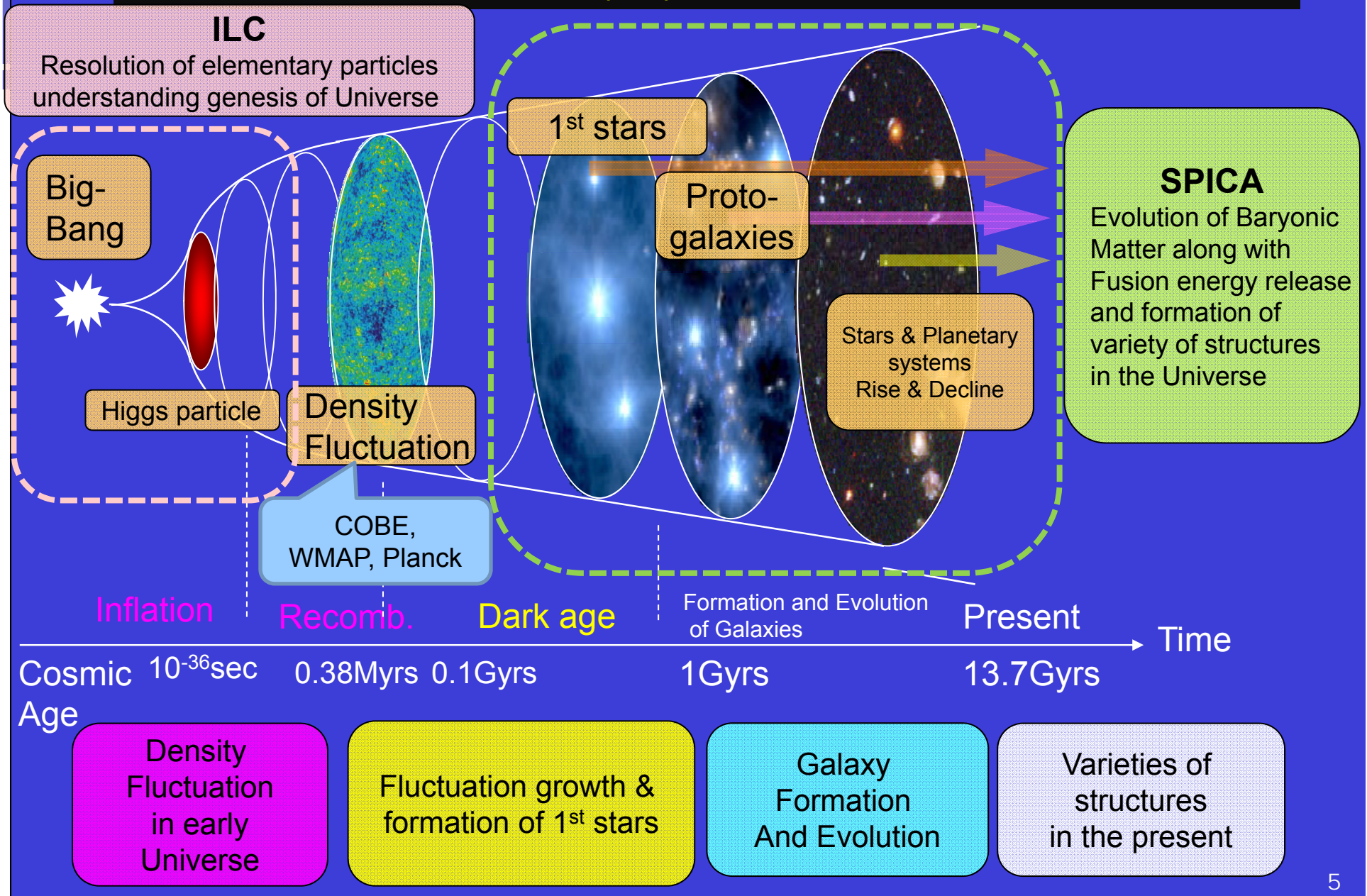
*Planetary Systems Formation*

*Birth and Evolution of Galaxies*





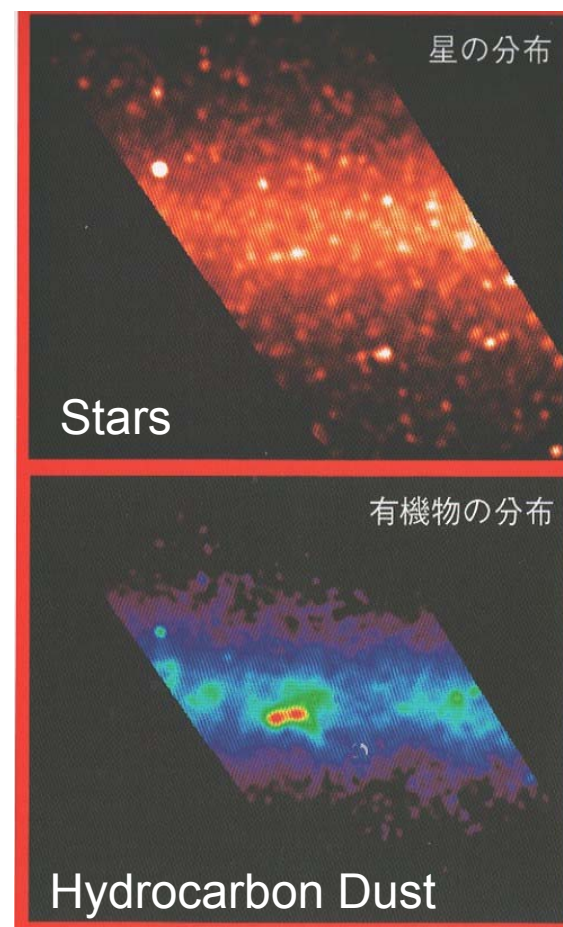
# Cosmic History from Genesis of the Universe to Stars & Planetary systems Formation



# SPICA reveals Evolution of Baryonic Matter in the Universe

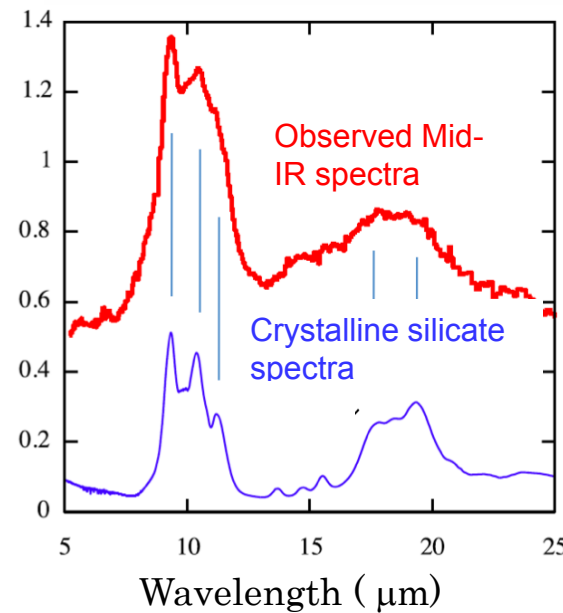
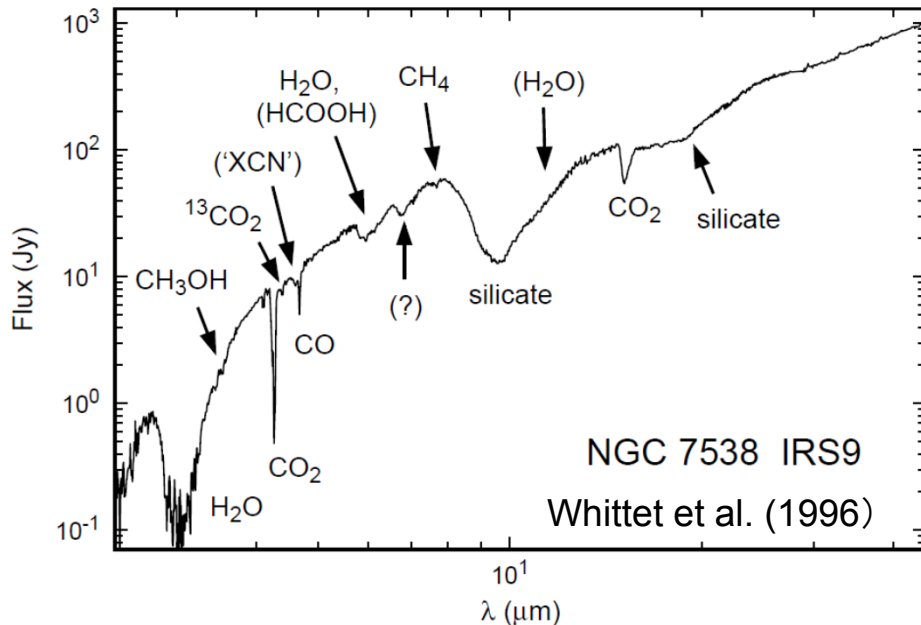
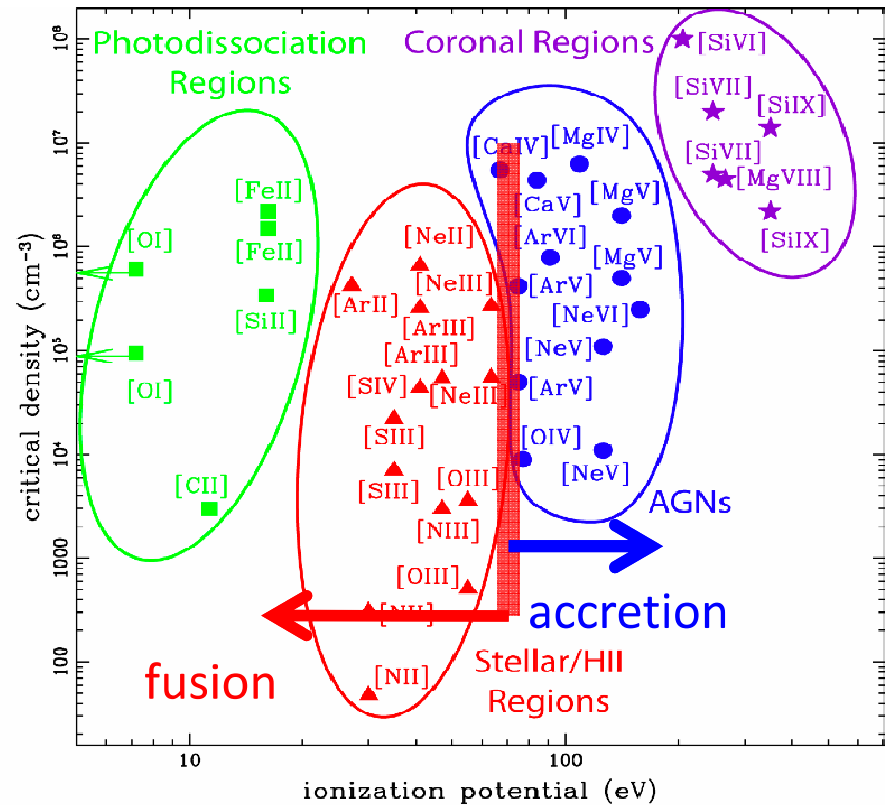
- Early Universe after Big-Bang
  - Only H & He
- Present Universe
  - Various metal elements exist in Gas and Dust (solid state particles)
  - Hydrocarbons are ubiquitously distributed in the Milky-way Galaxy
- Various metal elements were formed in stars, and matters were evolved through the life cycle of the stars

## Results from IRTS (1995)



# Why Infrared spectra?

- Abundant spectral lines from atoms, ions and molecules for diagnostic tool.
- Broad-band spectral features provide the information of composition of solid state particles with ices

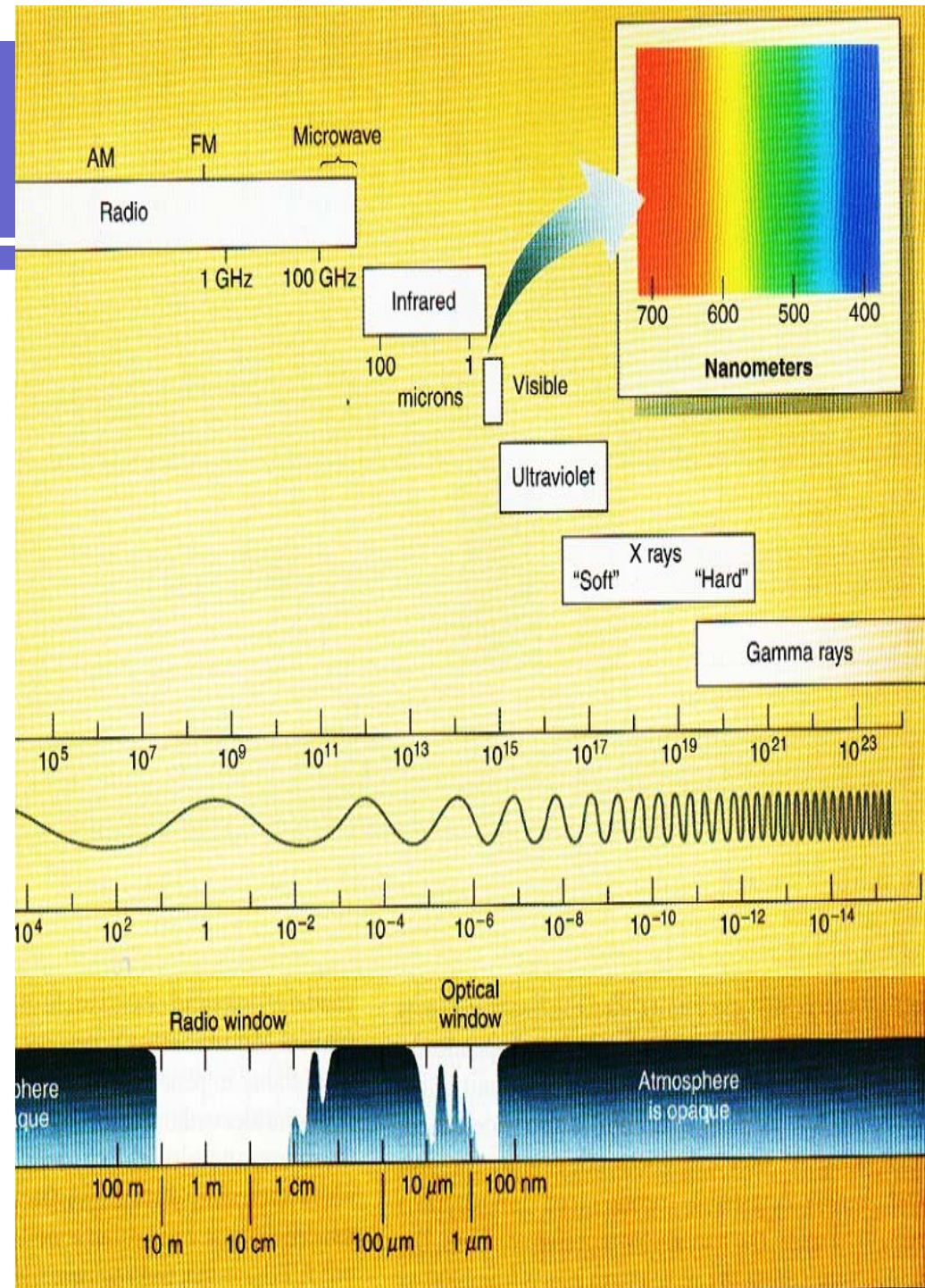


Infrared spectrum of the debris disk around a star HD154014 (Fujiwara et al. 2010)



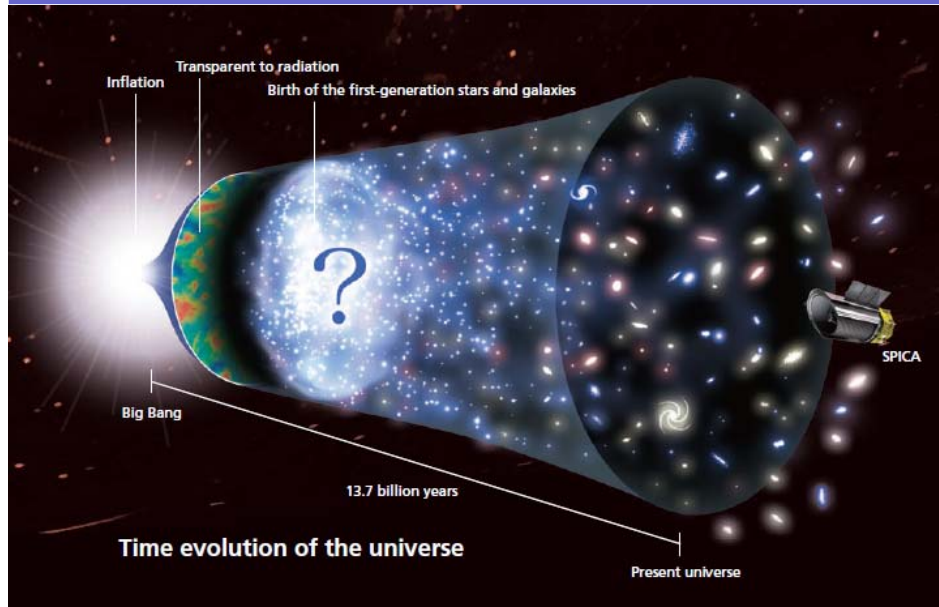
Observation from Space is essential: very limited atmospheric windows on the Universe

Earth's atmosphere blocks most of the electromagnetic waves

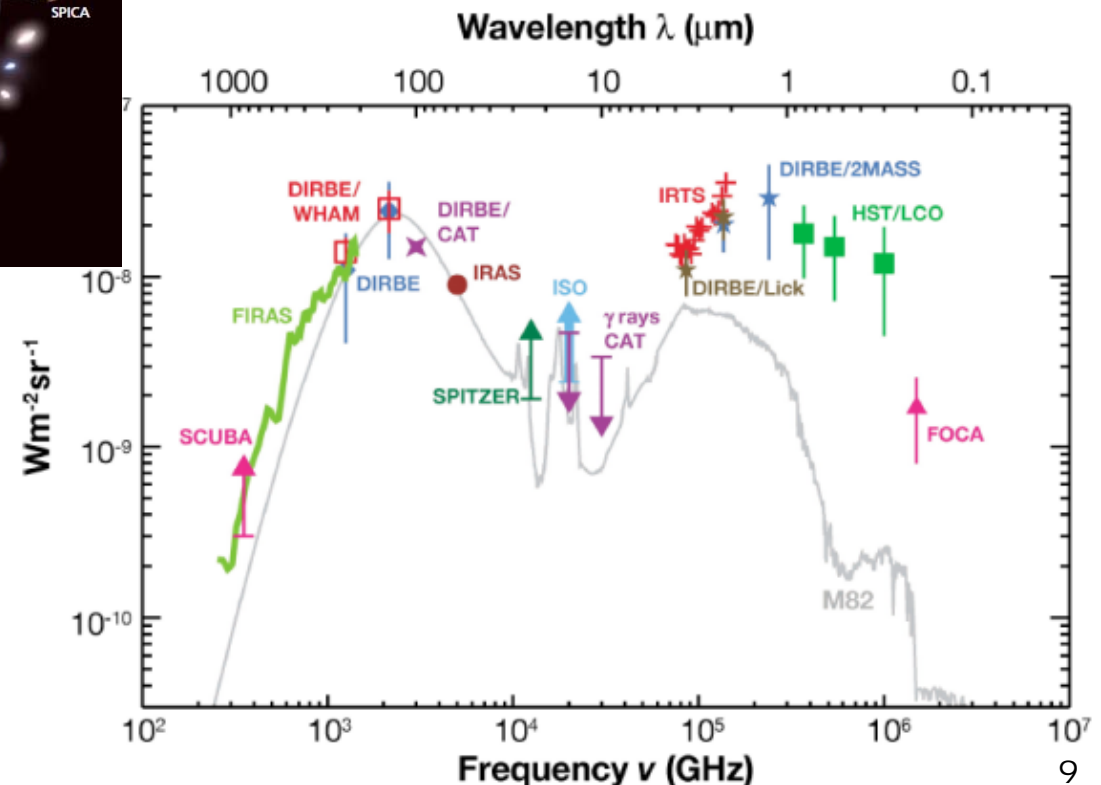




# One of Primary Scientific Goals: the birth & evolution of galaxies



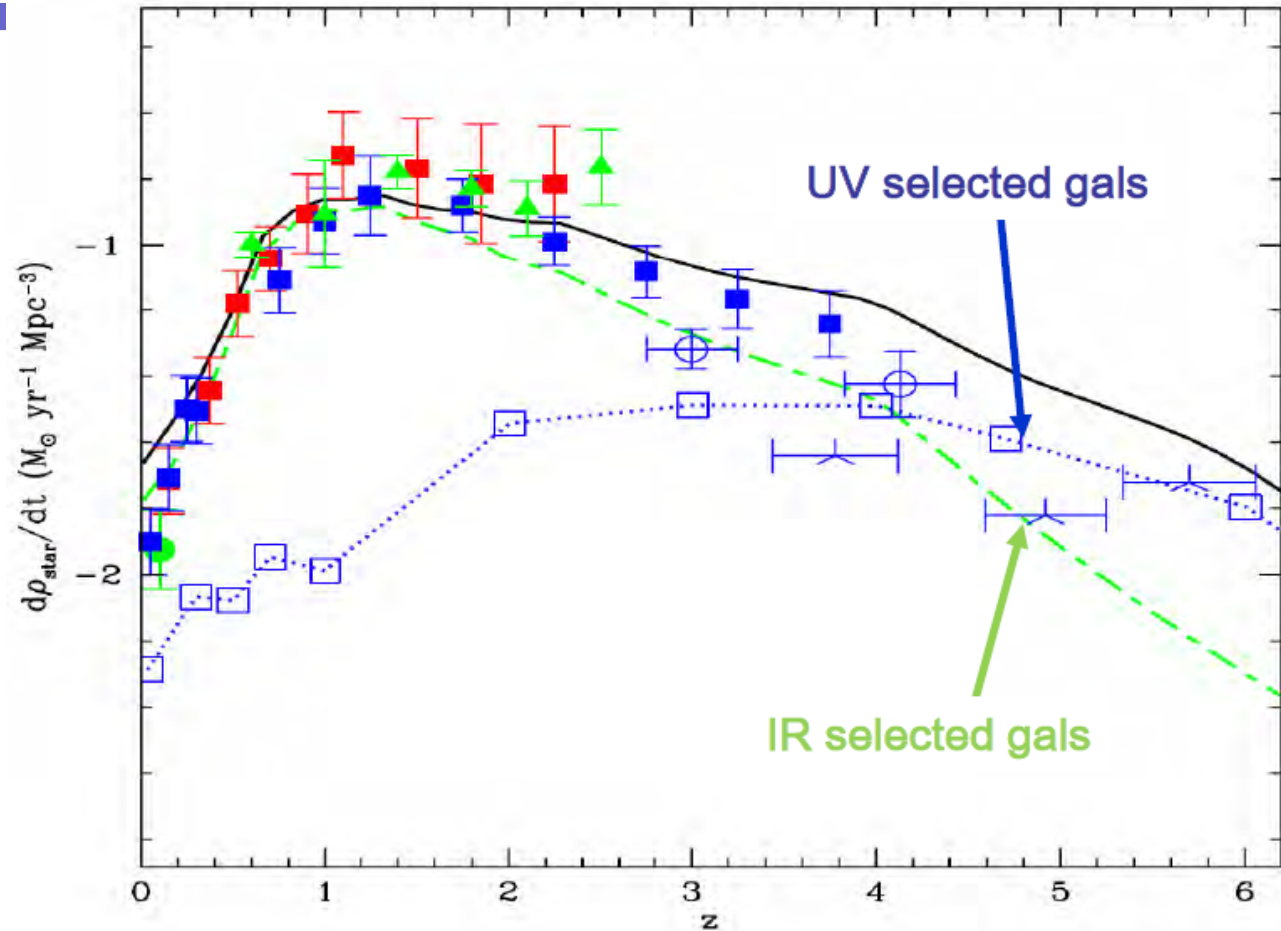
- Cosmic IR background tells us that about half of nuclear fusion energy is hidden by dust



→ Hidden Universe to be revealed by FIR Observations

# Cosmic Star-formation History revealed with Herschel

The bulk of SF activity at  $z < 3-4$  appears to be produced by strongly dust-extinguished galaxies



Herschel: COSMOS+WIDE

Vaccari et al. 2013; Marchetti et al. 2013



GOODS-N: 250/350/500  $\mu\text{m}$

250  $\mu\text{m}$

350  $\mu\text{m}$

500  $\mu\text{m}$

But, What are they ?  
Why this happens?



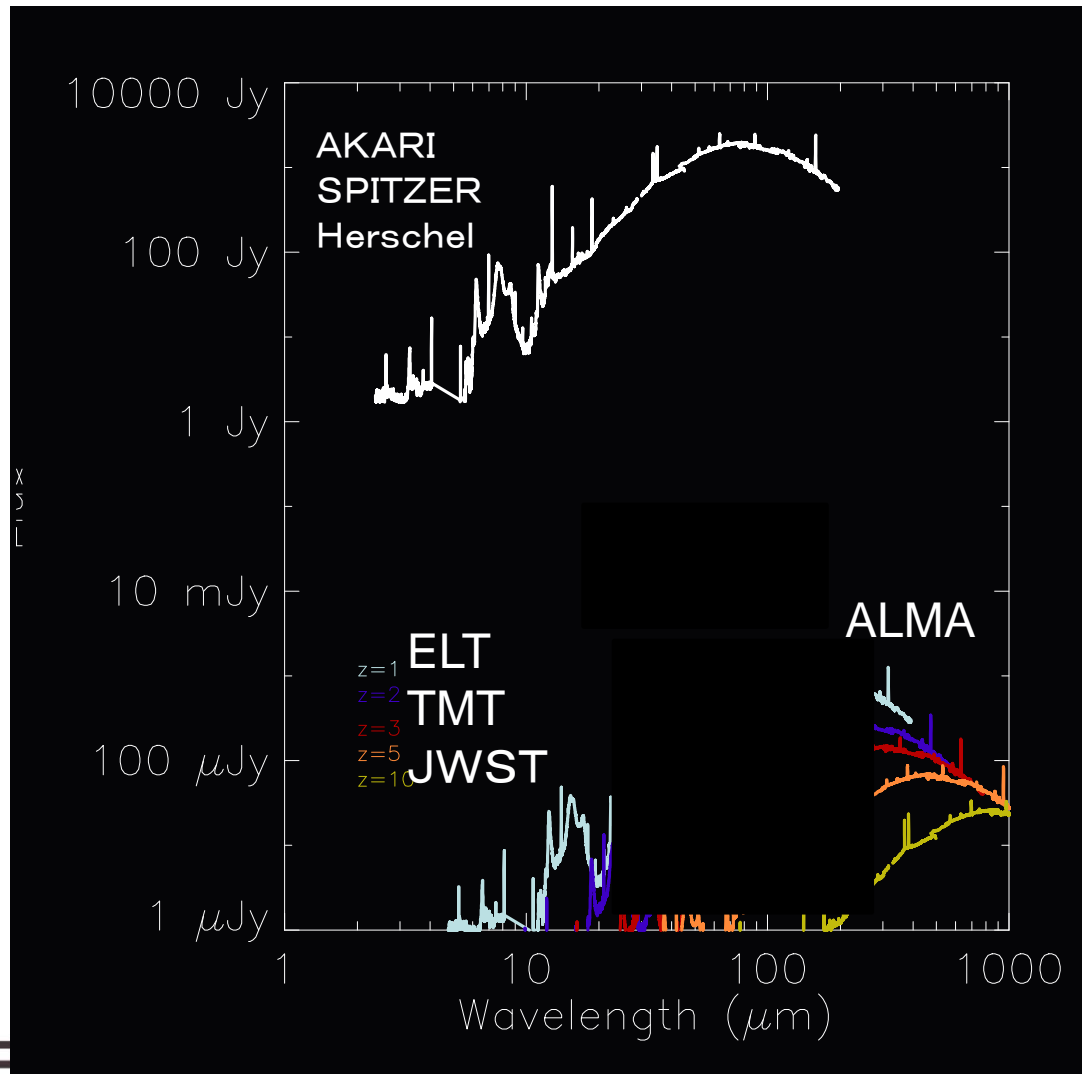
Spectroscopy!!

10 arcmin

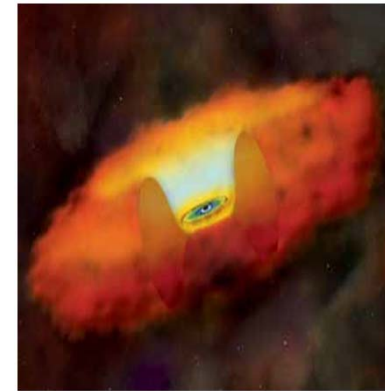
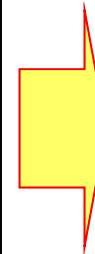
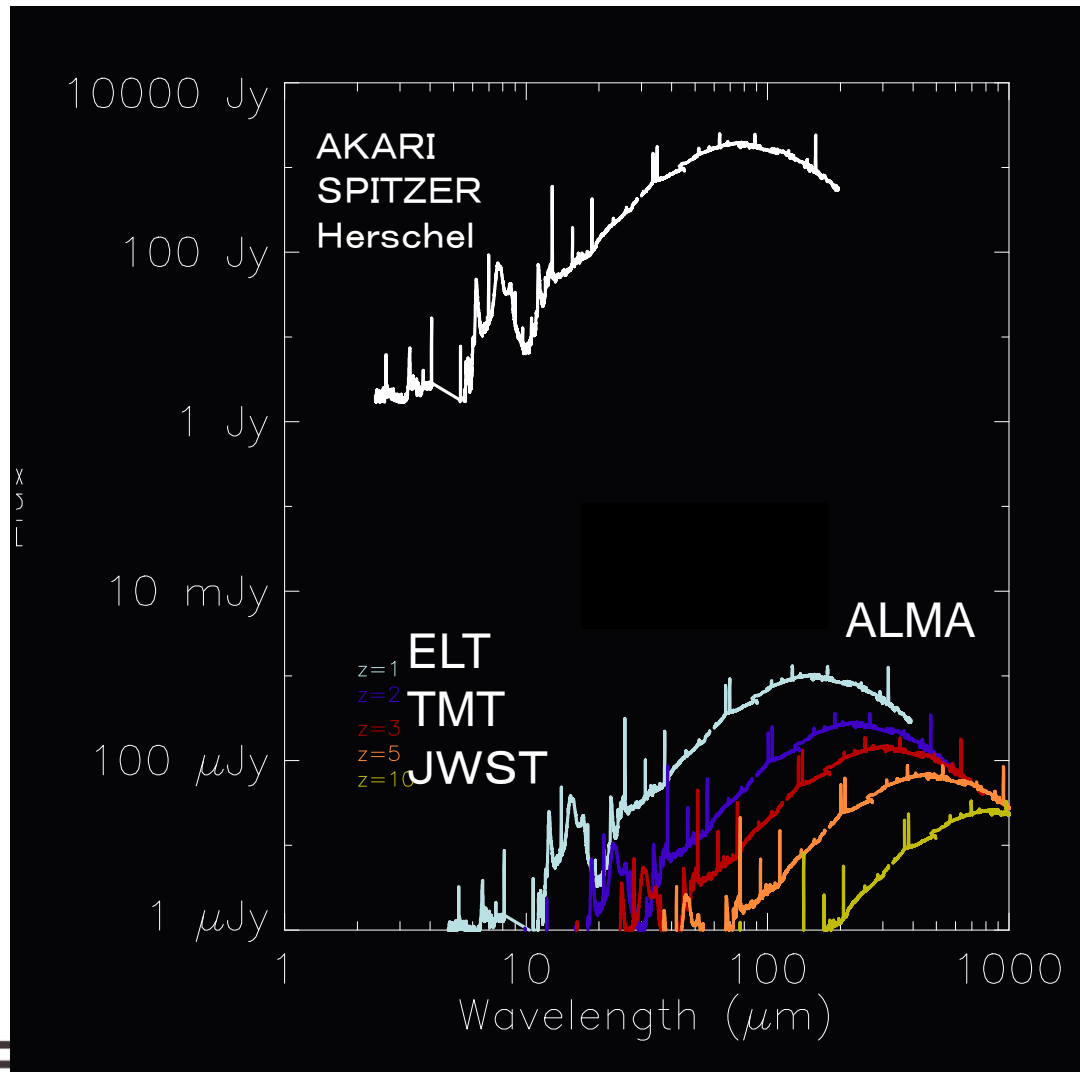




# Characterizing Hidden Nature of Galaxies



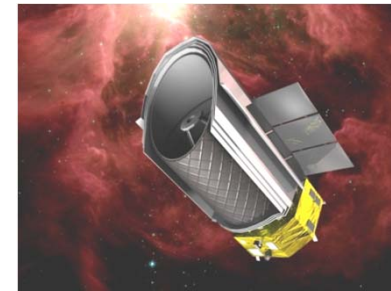
# Characterizing Hidden Nature of Galaxies



Revealing true nature  
of obscured galaxies,  
Starburst and /or Super  
Massive Black holes

**SPICA  
observations  
are essential**

## Mission Overview





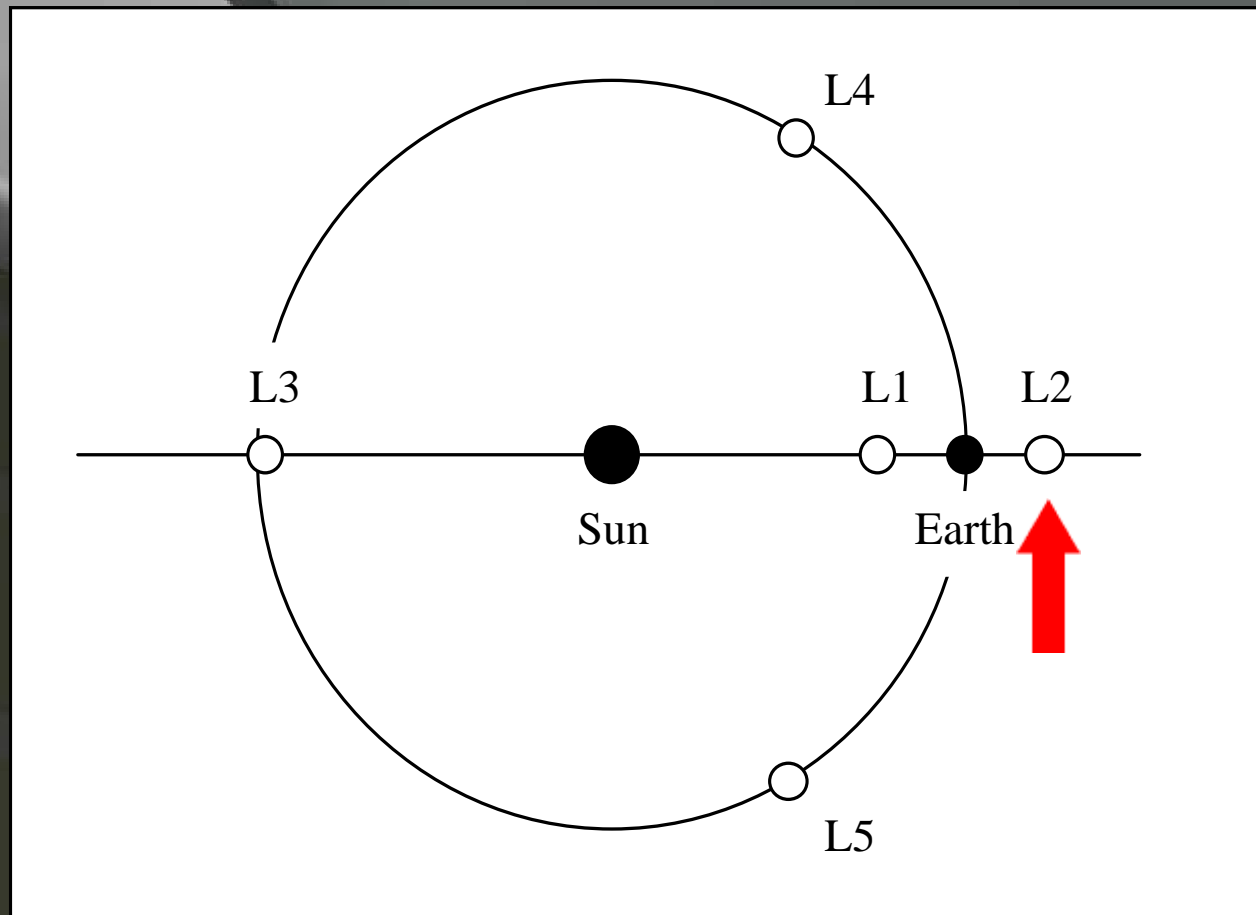
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## **SPICA Mission Overview**

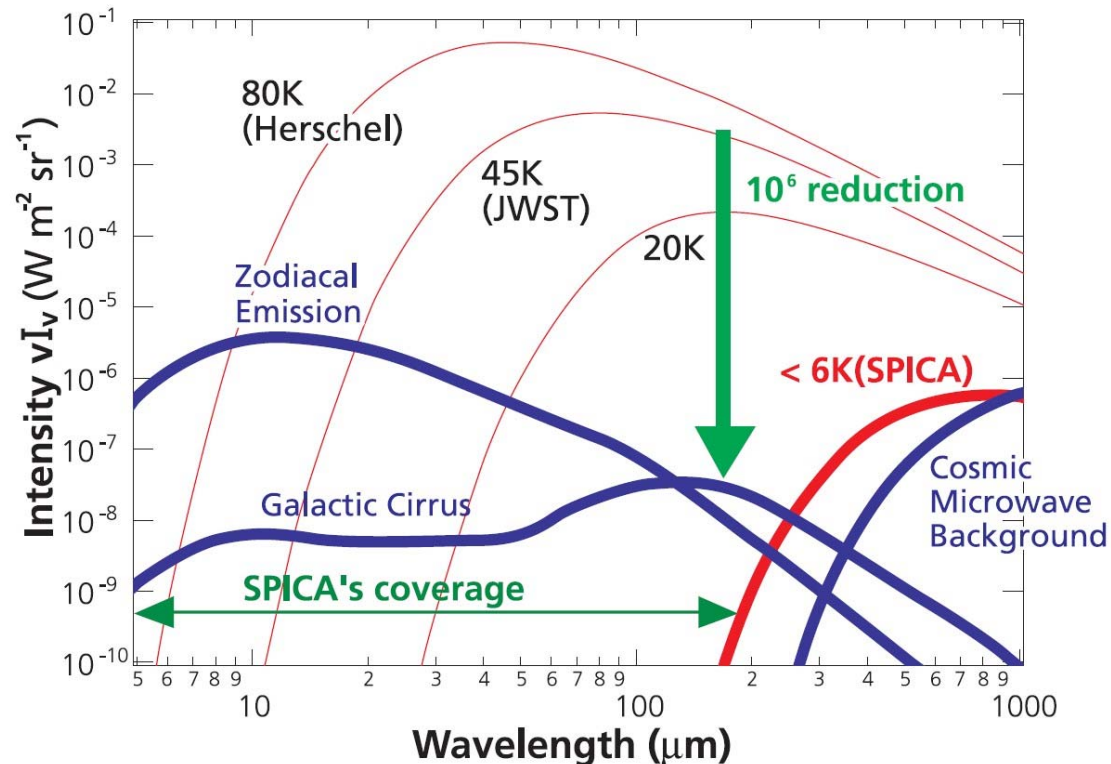
- Telescope 3.2m (EPD 3.0m), 6K
- Orbit: Sun-Earth L2 Halo
- Mission Life: 3 years (nominal), 5 years (goal)
- Weight: 3.7 t
- Launch: 2022
- Next-Generation Infrared Space Observatory with superior Sensitivity and good spatial resolution in mid- and Far-IR (5-210 $\mu$ m)
- International Mission
  - Japan, Europe, Korea, Taiwan (USA)

SPICA is Japan (Asian)-led space observatory operated in S-E L2 point, 1.5 Million km away



# Requirements: Cooled Telescope

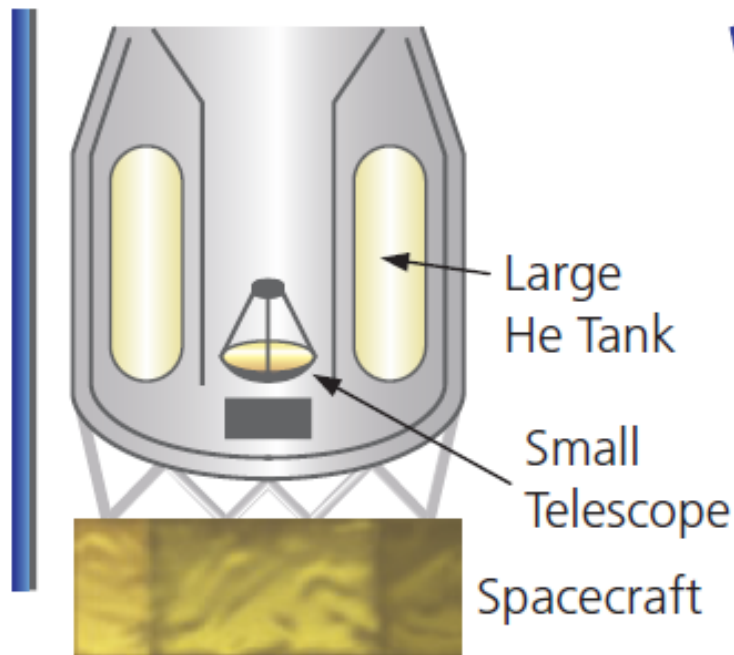
- $T < 10$  K is required to improve sensitivity
  - Background Radiation can be reduced by a factor of **one million** !



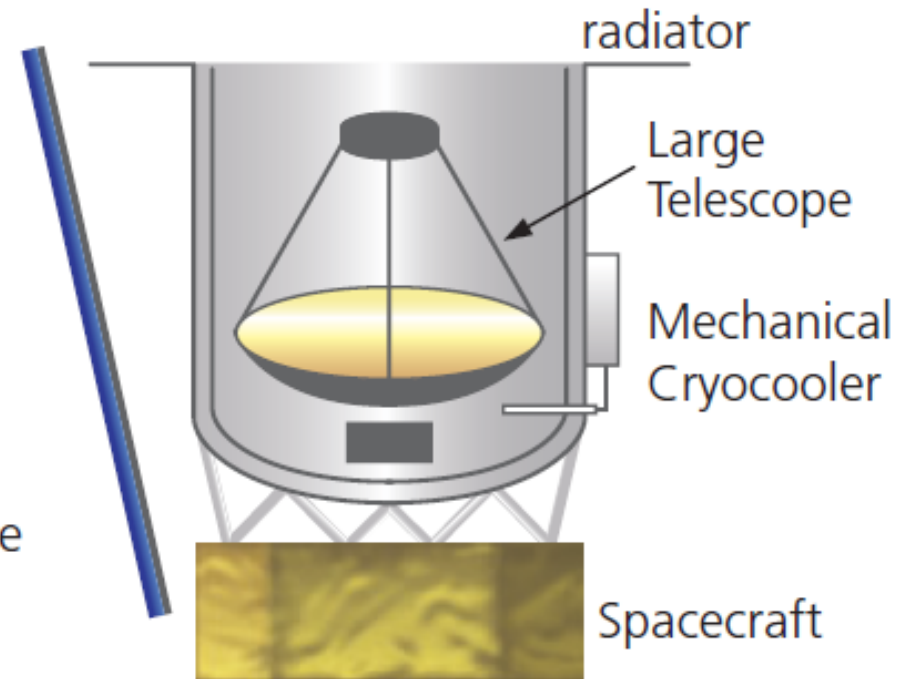


# Cryogen-free mission

Today's Space Telescopes

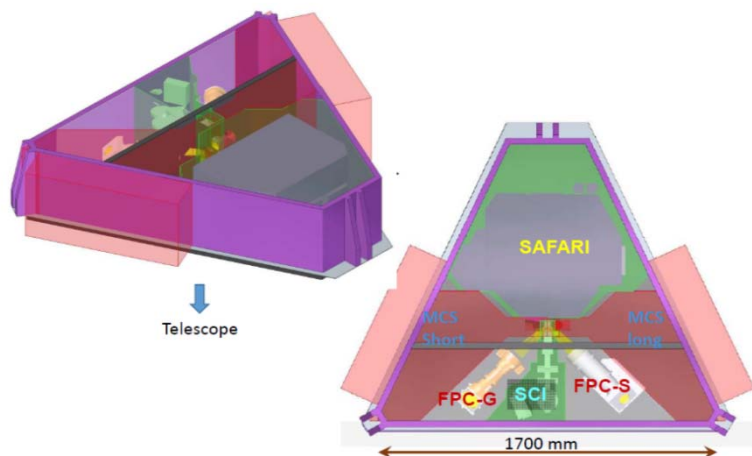
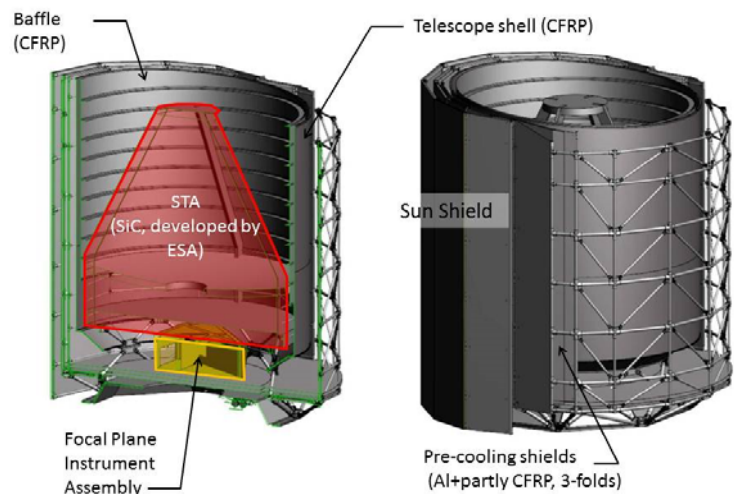


SPICA new design



Lighter and Larger

# SPICA Focal Plane Instruments



- SAFARI

- Far-infrared imaging spectrometer
- P.I. SRON (Netherlands) with SAFARI Consortium

- MCS

- Mid-infrared camera & spectrometer
- P.I. JAXA, Universities, and ASIAA (Taiwan)

- SCI

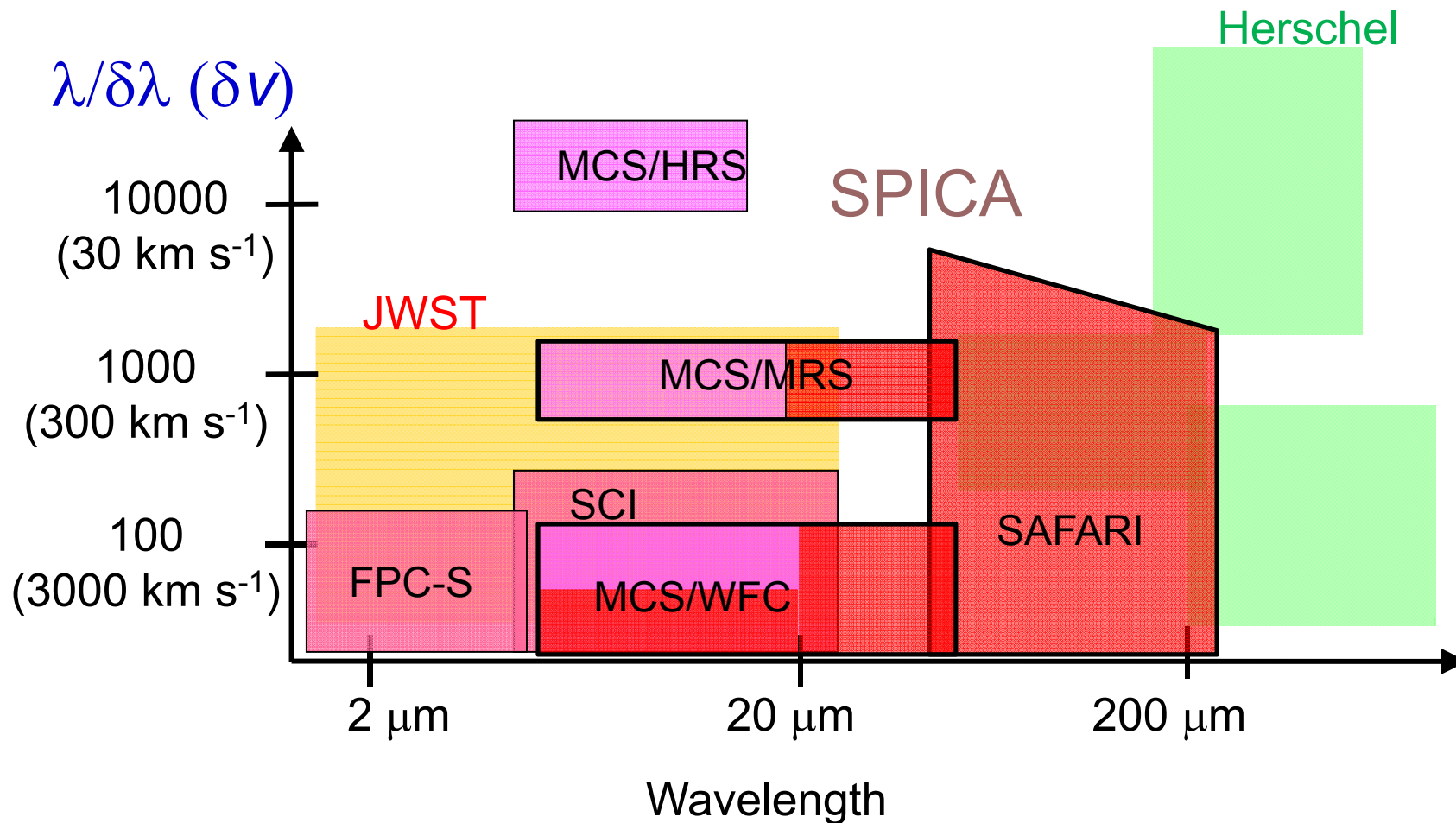
- SPICA coronagraphic instrument
- P.I. JAXA with Nagoya Univ.

- FPC

- Near-infrared camera and spectrometer
- P.I. KASI (Korea)

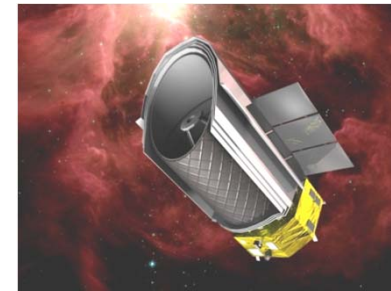
# Focal Plane Instruments: baseline

## Wavelength coverage vs Resolving Power

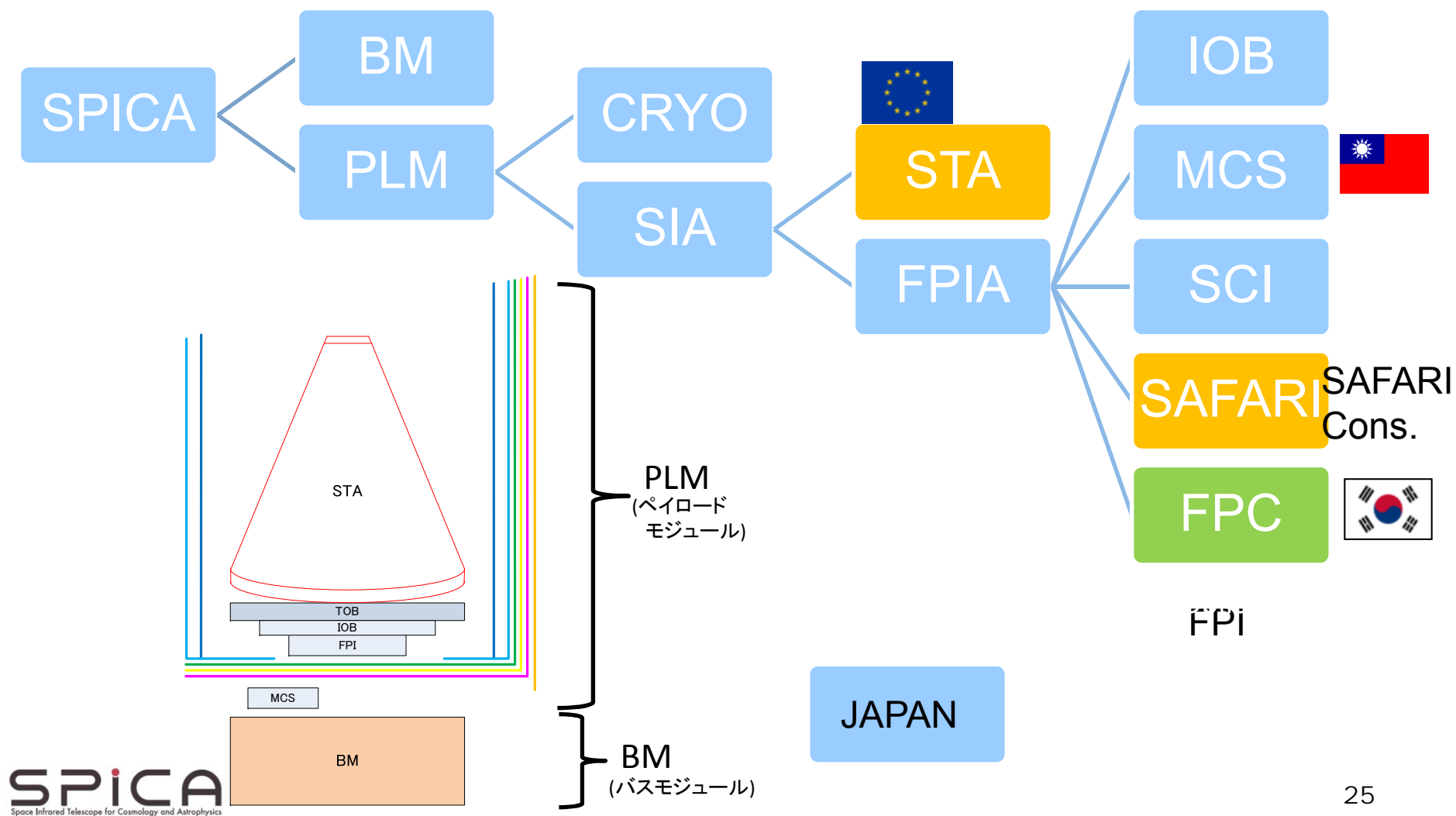




# Programmatic Aspects



# International Collaboration



# SPICA Project Status

- JAPAN (JAXA)
  - Official SPICA Preproject team (Phase A & B1) established in 2008
  - Planning SDR and Phase-up Review (final approval) in FY2013
- ESA
  - Assessment Study completed
  - Supporting I/F definition
- SAFARI Consortium (PI: SRON)
  - SRON got funded ! (90% of that required)
  - Dedicated team has been working actively
- Korea Status (PI KASI)
  - Official Study Team formed with KASI as PI
- Taiwan (PI: ASIAA)
  - Concrete collaboration started.
- US Status (PI: TBD)
  - Assessment Study by 3 teams funded by NASA in 2010
  - Strong recommendation in the US Decadal Survey in 2010

**Final Approval  
Required !  
Strong Support  
by International  
Community is  
essential**

# International SPICA Team

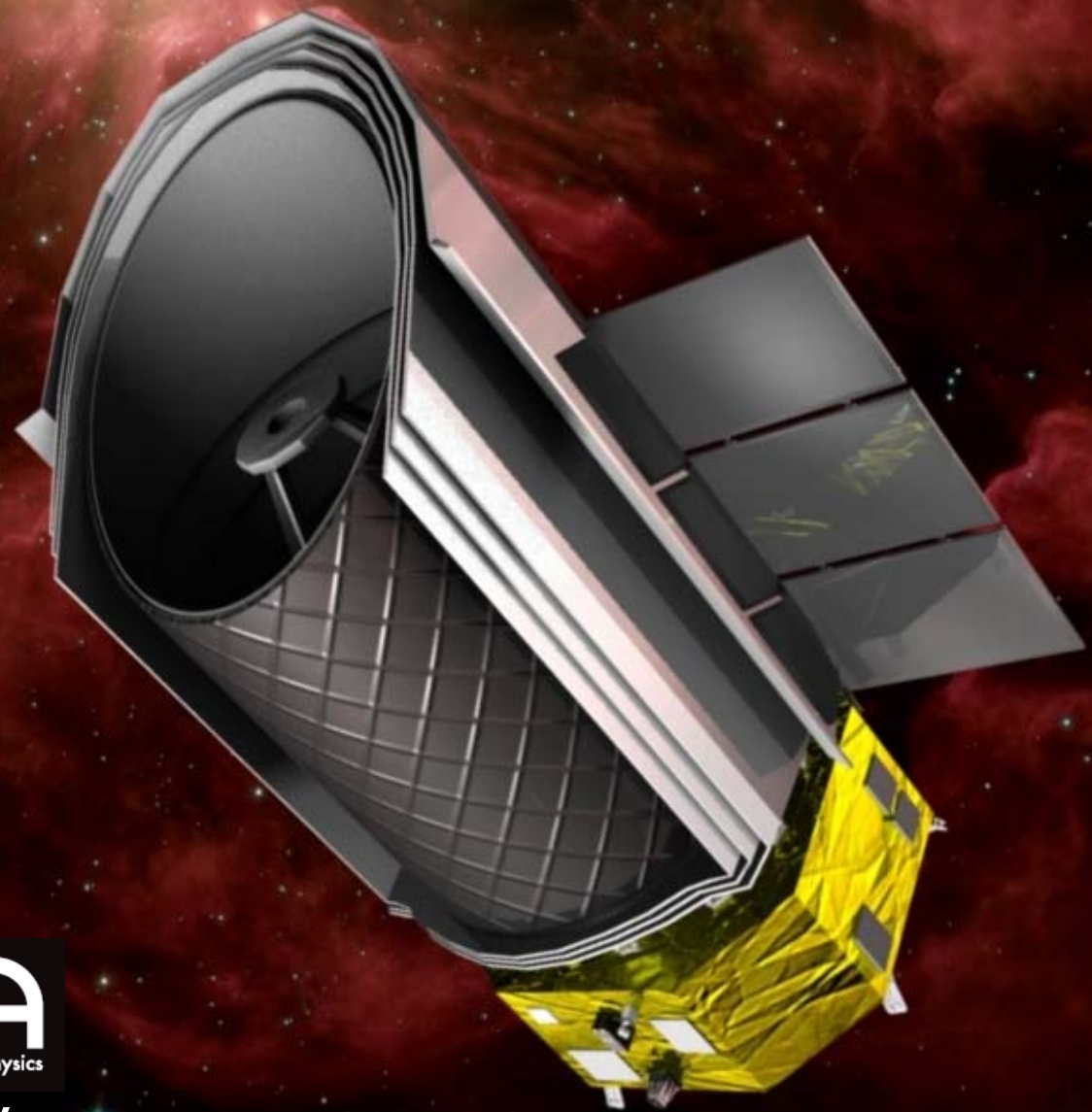
- 17 countries, regions and one International org.





# Summary

- What's SPICA: next-generation space IR observatory, with cold (<6K) 3.2m diameter telescope
- *Much higher sensitivity in the thermal infrared than Herschel Space Observatory*
- SPICA can explore the evolution of Baryonic matter of various form in the history of the Universe
- The Japanese (Asian)-led international mission with ESA and European countries; international community support is essential !



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Space Odyssey