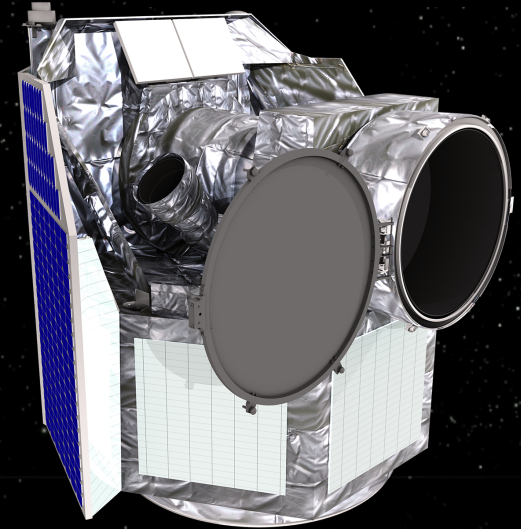


**CHEOPS**



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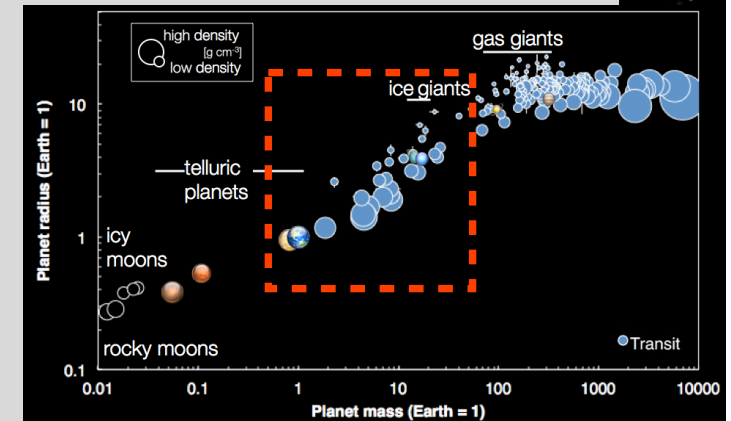
## Characterising ExOPlanet Satellite

Melvyn Davies + Ignasi Ribas

on behalf of the CHEOPS Mission  
Consortium/Science Team and the ESA CHEOPS  
Project Team

# What is CHEOPS?

- Mission dedicated to the search for exoplanet transits of local, bright stars already known to host exoplanets:
  - Detection and first-step characterisation of transiting exoplanets smaller than Saturn ( $P < 50$  days) through high-precision, wideband transit photometry
  - Follow-up, pointed observations of individual stars:
    - Know where and when to point → efficient way to measure shallow transits
    - Bright host stars ( $V < 12$ ) → detailed knowledge of star, also accurate mass measurements (RV)
  - Accurate measure of mass + radius → robust estimates of bulk density → ...



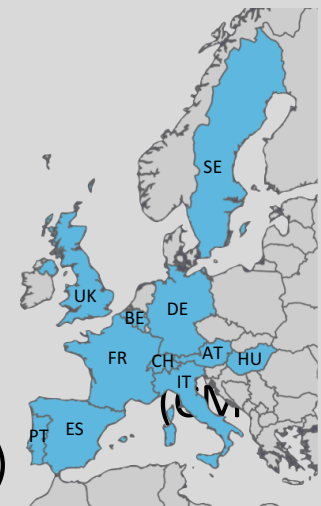
# CHEOPS science objectives

- Measurement of bulk density in a large sample of Super-Earths and Neptunes
  - Insight into physics and formation of planets
  - Identification of planets with atmospheres → critical core mass, atmospheric loss
  - Constraints on planet migration
- Identification of golden targets
  - Thin atmospheres → targets for spectroscopic follow-up
- Probing atmospheres of hot-Jupiters using phase curve measurements
  - Albedos and occurrence of clouds
  - Study of physical mechanisms and efficiency of energy transport from day -> night side



# CHEOPS: an S-class mission

- First small (S)-class mission in the ESA Science Programme
- Boundary conditions:
  - High technology readiness levels for platform and payload
  - Total cost ESA:  $\leq 50\text{M€}$  (2012 econ.cond),  $\leq 150\text{M€}$  (ESA + MS)
  - Development time no more than 3.5 – 4 years
- Implemented in partnership with Switzerland, with a consortium (CMC) comprising 10 other ESA member states - PI Willy Benz (CH)
- Division of responsibilities very different from other, larger ESA science missions:
  - ESA: Mission architect, spacecraft (ADS), launcher (shared), LEOPS, IOC
  - CMC: Science Team+chair, CHEOPS payload, Mission and Science Operations Centres, science performance monitoring&evaluation
- Selected December 2012, adopted Feb 2014, launch-ready end of 2018



→ Test case for the S-class concept ←



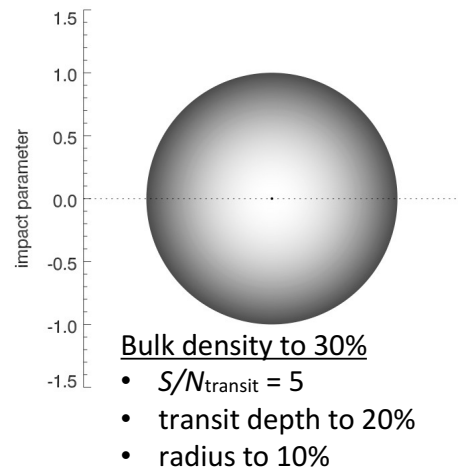
# Top level science requirements

- Photometric precision → high-precision light curves → accurate radii.
- Sky coverage → accessibility of targets, repeated observations.
- Temporal resolution and uncertainty → sampling ingress/egress + measurements of Transit Time Variation .
- Mission lifetime of 3.5 years (goal 5 years).

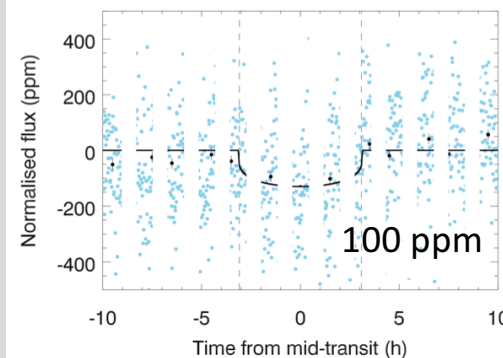
Detailed description at:

<https://www.cosmos.esa.int/web/cheops/science-requirements>

## Requirements on photometric performance



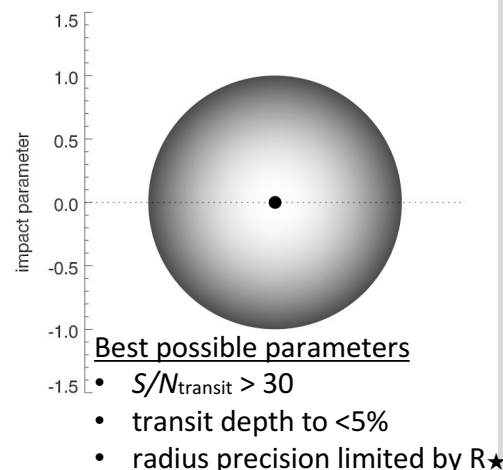
### Detection of Super-Earths transiting bright stars ( $6 \leq V \leq 9$ )



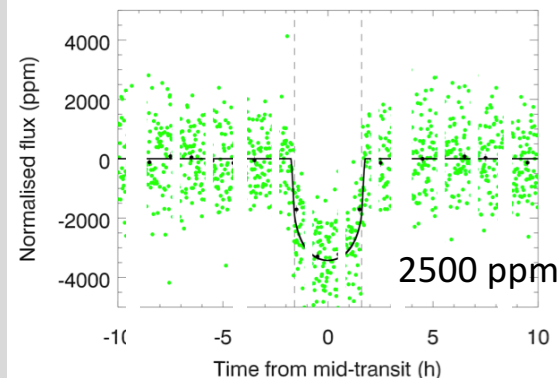
20ppm in 6 hrs for  
G5V star

( $T_{\text{eff}}=5500\text{K}$ )  $V=9$

(tolerating interruptions due to SAA or earth occultations up to 50% of orbit)



### Characterisation of Neptune transit light curves ( $9 \leq V \leq 12$ )



85ppm in 3 hrs  
for K-type stars  
with  $V \leq 12$

(tolerating up to 20% interruptions)

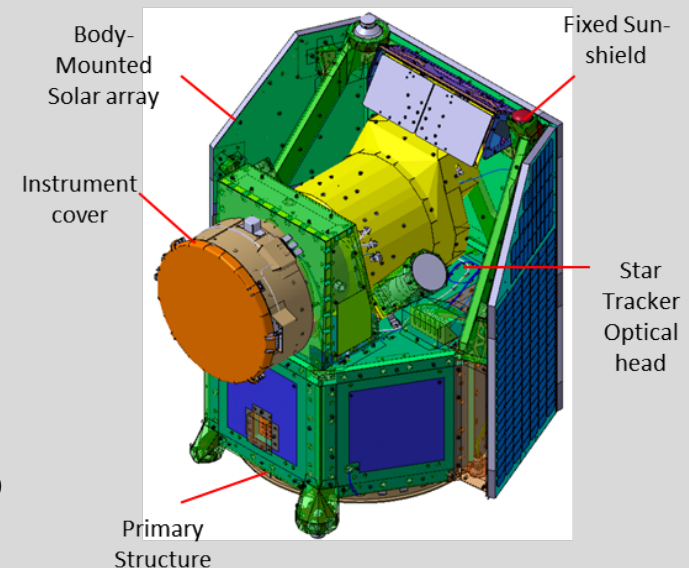
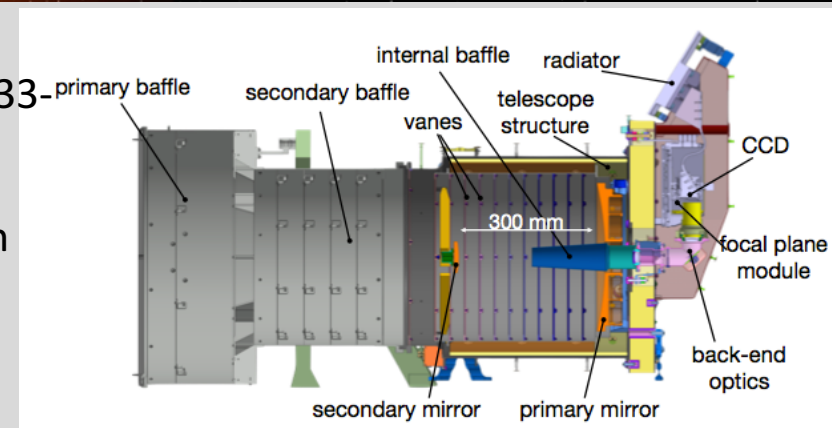
## CHEOPS in a nutshell: payload and platform

### Payload:

- Single-band ultra high-precision photometer (0.33–1.1 $\mu$ m).
- Single CCD, 1k x 1k pixels (+ frame store), 13  $\mu$ m pitch ( $\sim 1''/\text{pix}$ ):
  - Operating temp -40 deg C, stabilised to 10 mK.
- Compact Ritchey-Chrétien telescope, effective  $\varnothing \text{dia.} = 300 \text{ mm}$ :
  - Entrance baffle provides high stray-light rejection.
- Defocussed PSF to reduce impact of spacecraft jitter.
- 60 kg / 60 W / 1Gbit downlink budget per day.

### Platform:

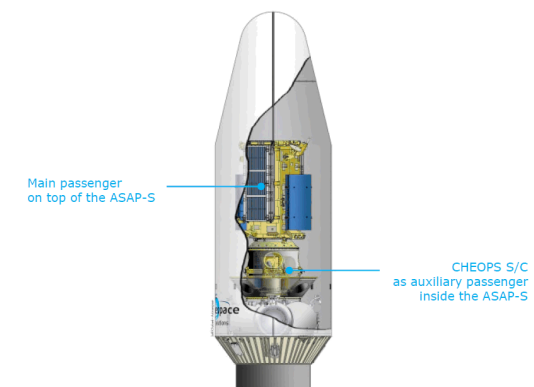
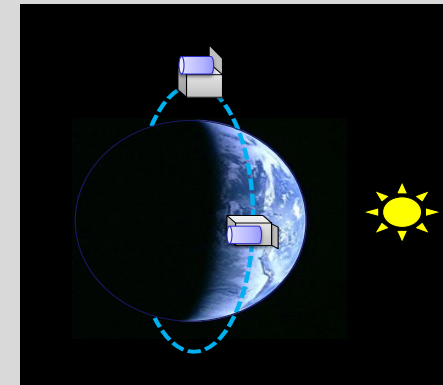
- $\sim 1.6 \text{ (h)} \times 1.5 \times 1.5 \text{ m}$ ,  $\sim 280 \text{ kg}$ .
- Pointing accuracy  $< 4 \text{ arcsec (rms)}$ , payload in the loop to centroid, roll around Line of Sight.





## CHEOPS in a nutshell: launch, orbit and operations

- Shared launch:
  - Co-passenger on-board Soyuz, launching from Kourou.
  - Launch-ready end 2018.
- Low-earth orbit:
  - Sun-synchronous, dawn-dusk, local time of ascending Node (LTAN) 6AM, 700 km altitude.
- Mission Operations (Centre MOC):
  - Developed by GMV; operated by INTA from Torrejón.
  - Ground stations at Villa Franca and Torrejón.
- Science Operations (Centre SOC):
  - Developed by team led by UGE, including CH, FR, IT, PT, SE, UK; SOC run from Geneva Observatory.



## CHEOPS Targets

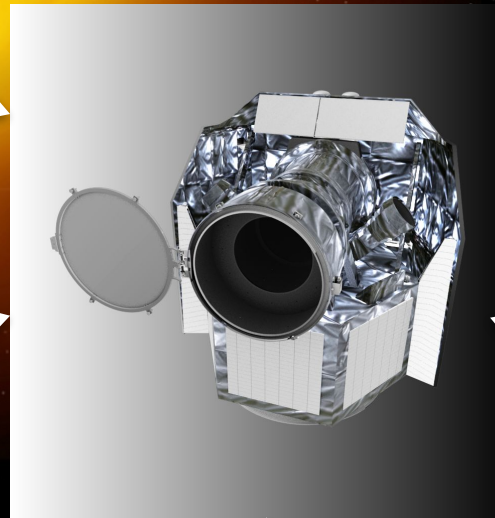
**Ground-based transit surveys**

eg. NGTS

**TESS**

**Ground-based RV surveys**

Eg. HARPS, HARPS-N, HIRES, SOPHIE  
(on-going) ESPRESSO (2017)



**Kepler/K2 survey**

**Open-time proposals (20%)**

**3.5 yrs baseline (5 yrs goal)**

Adapted from CHEOPS Consortium slide

# Observing with CHEOPS - I

80% : 20% split between CHEOPS Science Team (Guaranteed Time Observing, GTO) and Guest Observers' (GO) Programme.

- GTO under the responsibility of the CHEOPS Science Team.
- Follow-up mission → collection of different themes..
  - Transit configuration in known planetary systems discovered by other techniques
  - Improve determination of mass-radius relationship for low-mass planets
  - Detect new planets around stars known to host planetary systems
  - Pot-pourri
- Definition of GTO target list on-going
  - Frozen 6 months before launch → Reserved Target List → can be queried.
  - Updated throughout mission.



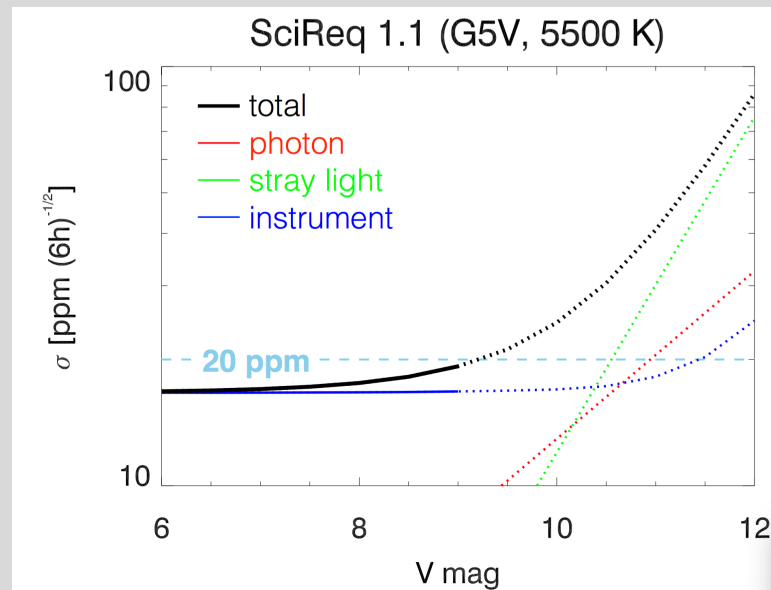
# Observing with CHEOPS - II

- ESA manages the GO programme:
  - Annual Announcements of Opportunity, first call 6 months before launch, foreseen Summer 2018
  - Time allocated competitively by ESA-appointed TAC
  - Up to 25% of GO time available as Director's Discretionary Time (DDT) to enable quick turn-around on new targets between calls.
  - Targets on Reserved Target List blocked unless proposed science case is substantially different from GTO.
- Proprietary time on a target-by-target basis: 1 yr after last observation (1.5 yrs after first) → same for GTO and GO observations, up to that of GTO/GO for DDT.
- All data reduced by common Data Reduction pipeline at SOC
  - End product fully-calibrated light curve.
  - All data products, inc. raw and calibration/reference data available through CHEOPS archive, subject to proprietary status.

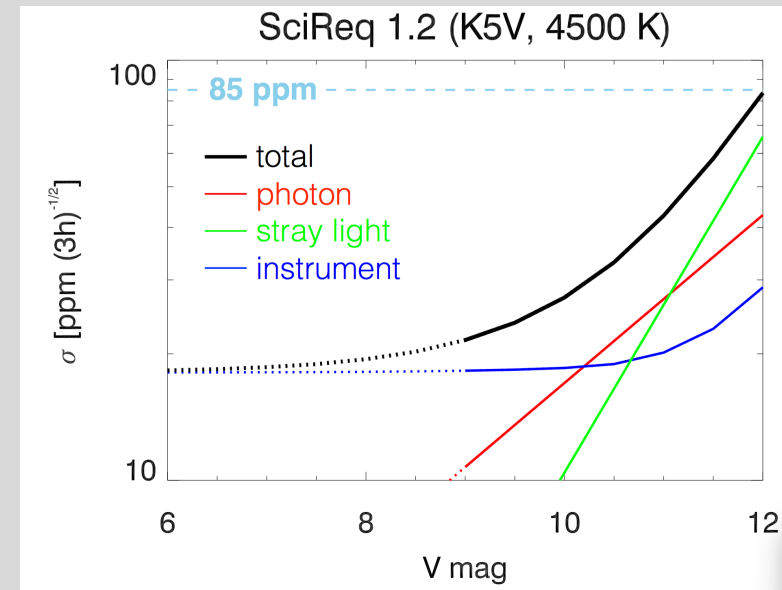
**Presentations from CHEOPS Open Time Workshop held on 26/27<sup>th</sup> June 2017 available at the ESA website:**  
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## CHEOPS Performances: photometric precision

Transit of an Earth-size planet with  $P=50$  d



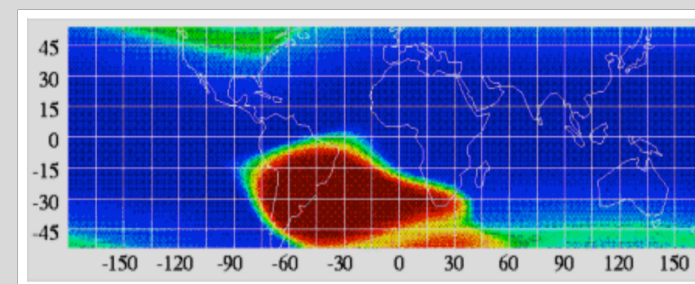
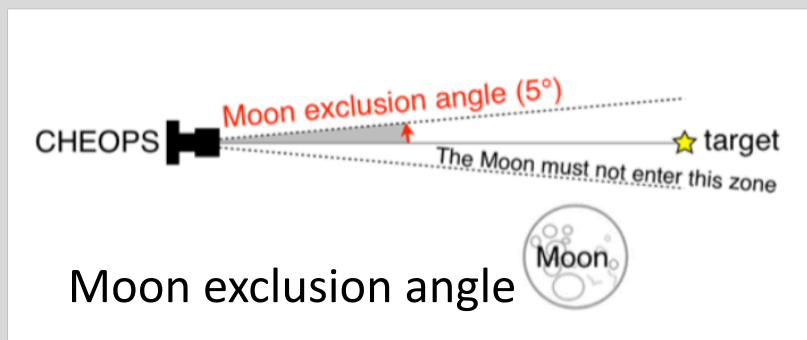
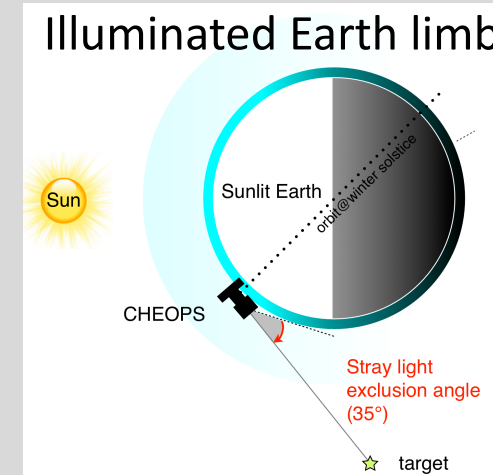
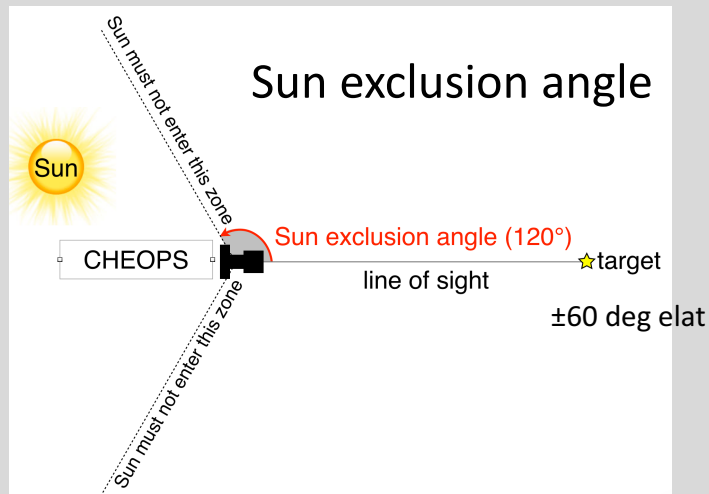
Transit of a Neptune-size planet with  $P=13$  d



Performance maintained over 48 hrs

CHEOPS Instrument Performance v1.0 - CHEOPS Mission Consortium

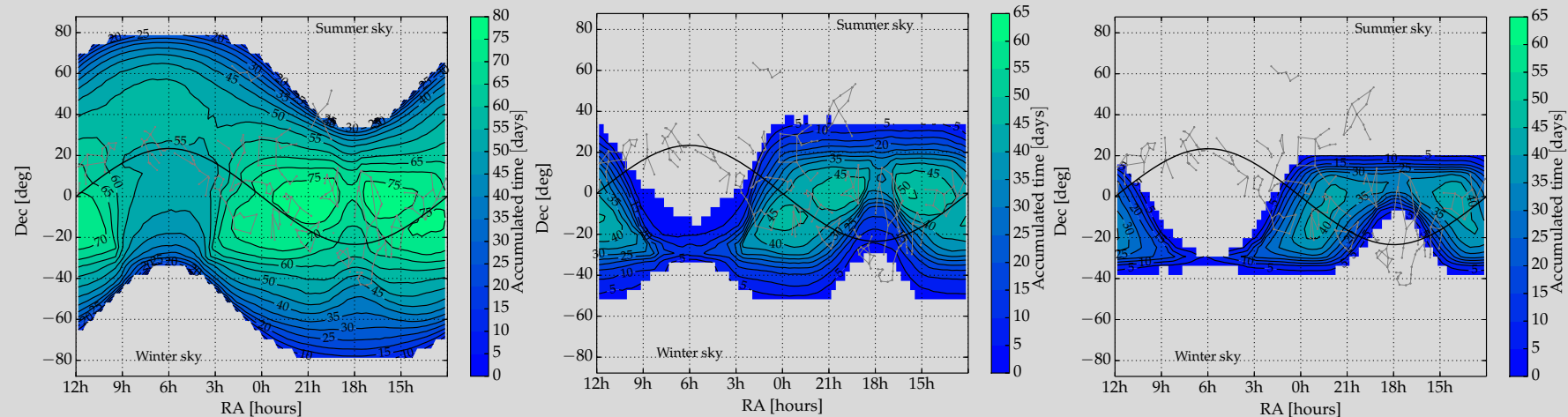
## CHEOPS Performances: pointing constraints



South Atlantic Anomaly (SAA)



## CHEOPS Performances: sky coverage



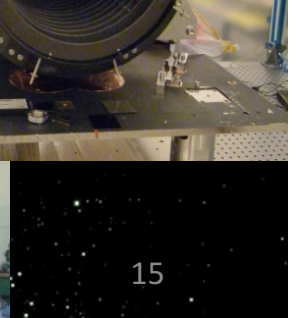
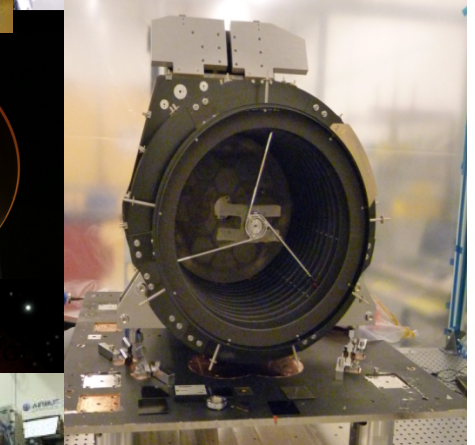
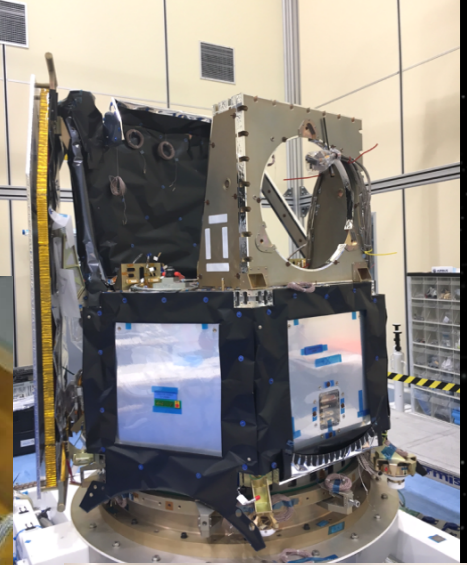
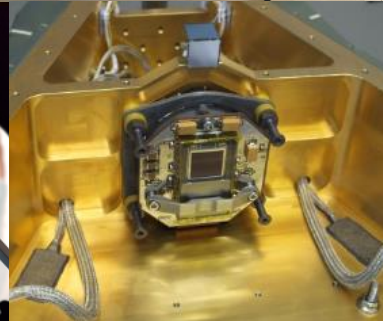
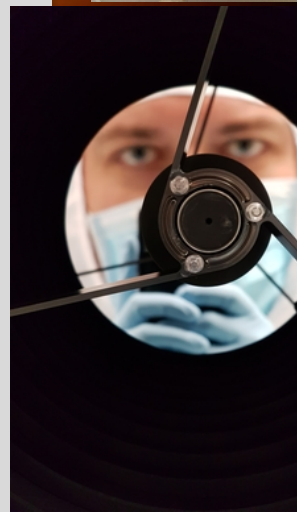
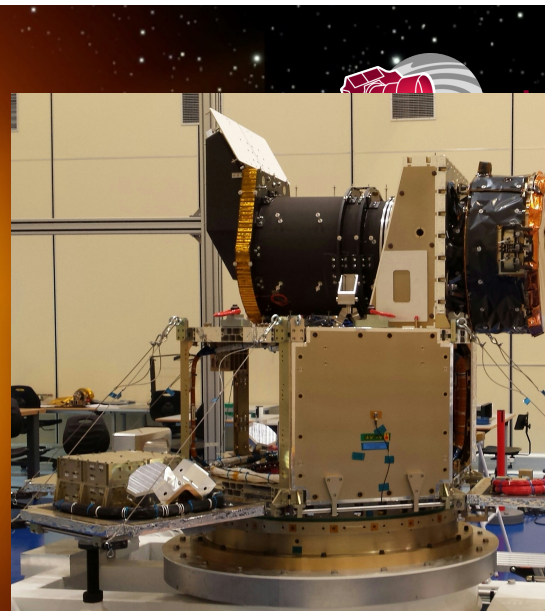
No: days/yr for which one can observe with  $\leq 50\%/30\%/20\%$  interruptions/orbit, straylight threshold 5ppm for a G5V/ $m_v=9$  star (6hrs) (equiv 70 ppm for K5V/ $m_v=12$  star (3hrs))

- Detecting Super Earth transits:  $>50\%$  of sky,  $\leq 50\%$  interruptions, 50 days/yr
- Characterising Neptune light curves:  $\sim 25\%$  of sky ( $2/3^{\text{rd}}$  in south),  $\leq 20\%$  interruptions, 13 days/yr

# CHEOPS

## CHEOPS status

- Assembly of Instrument Flight Model complete
- Calibration campaign to start in January 2018
- Instrument integration into platform in Spring 2018
- Satellite environmental testing to follow
- Launch ready end 2018





# Thank you for your attention

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Back up

# CHEOPS Guest Observers' Programme

- See poster “Observing with CHEOPS” for details
- Community Workshop providing an overview of CHEOPS capabilities and the CHEOPS Open Time Opportunity/Guest Observers' Programme was held in July 2017
  - Presentations available at:  
<https://www.cosmos.esa.int/web/cheops-guest-observers-programme/open-time-workshop-2017>
- First Call for Proposals/Announcement of Opportunity foreseen in Summer 2018
- Subscribe to the CHEOPS Guest Observers' mailing list to receive updates on the Guest Observers Programme and Mission status
  - Details on how to subscribe will be available shortly at:  
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