

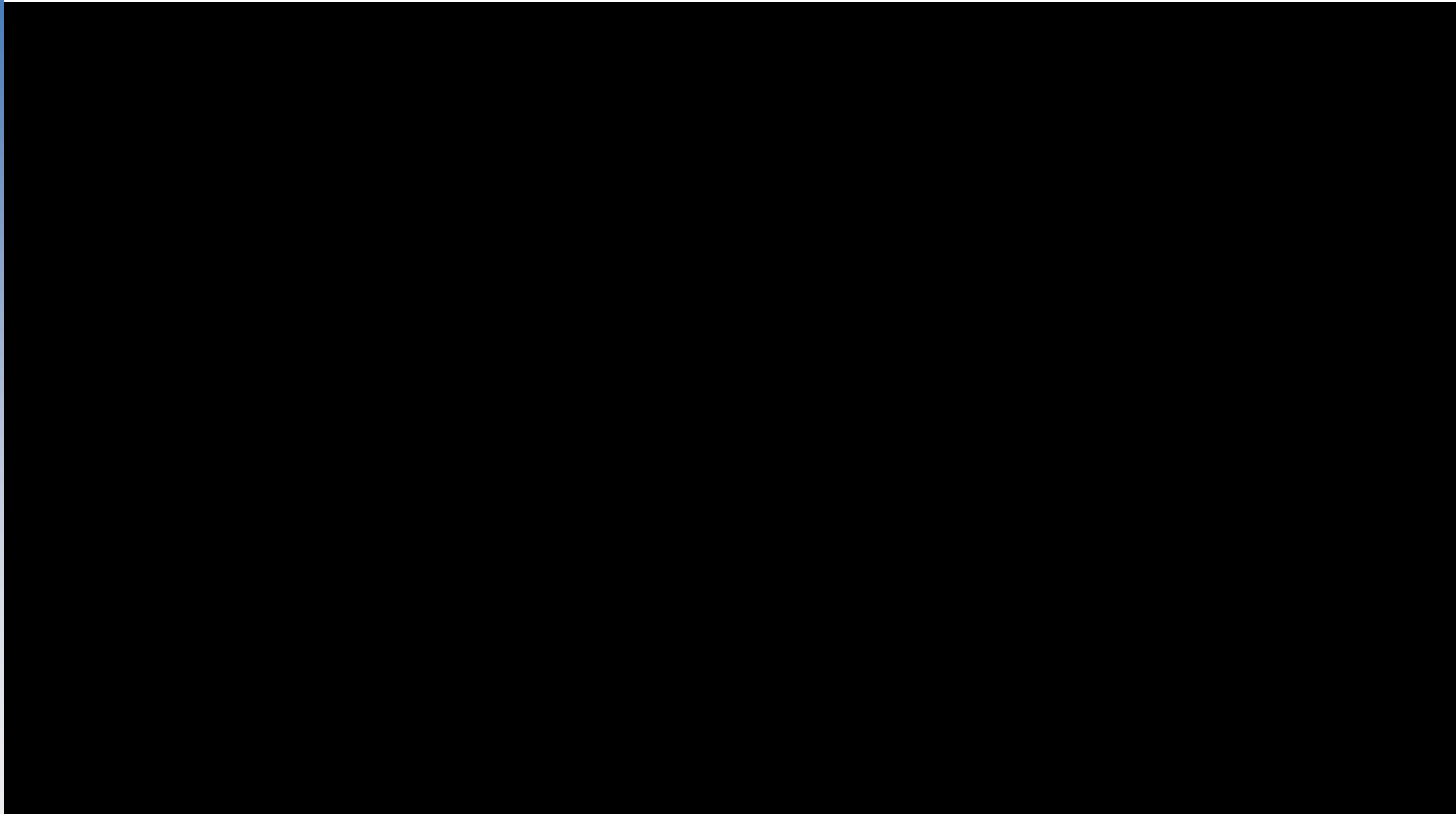
An Update on SKYLON

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1951
Skylon Sculpture
Festival of Britain

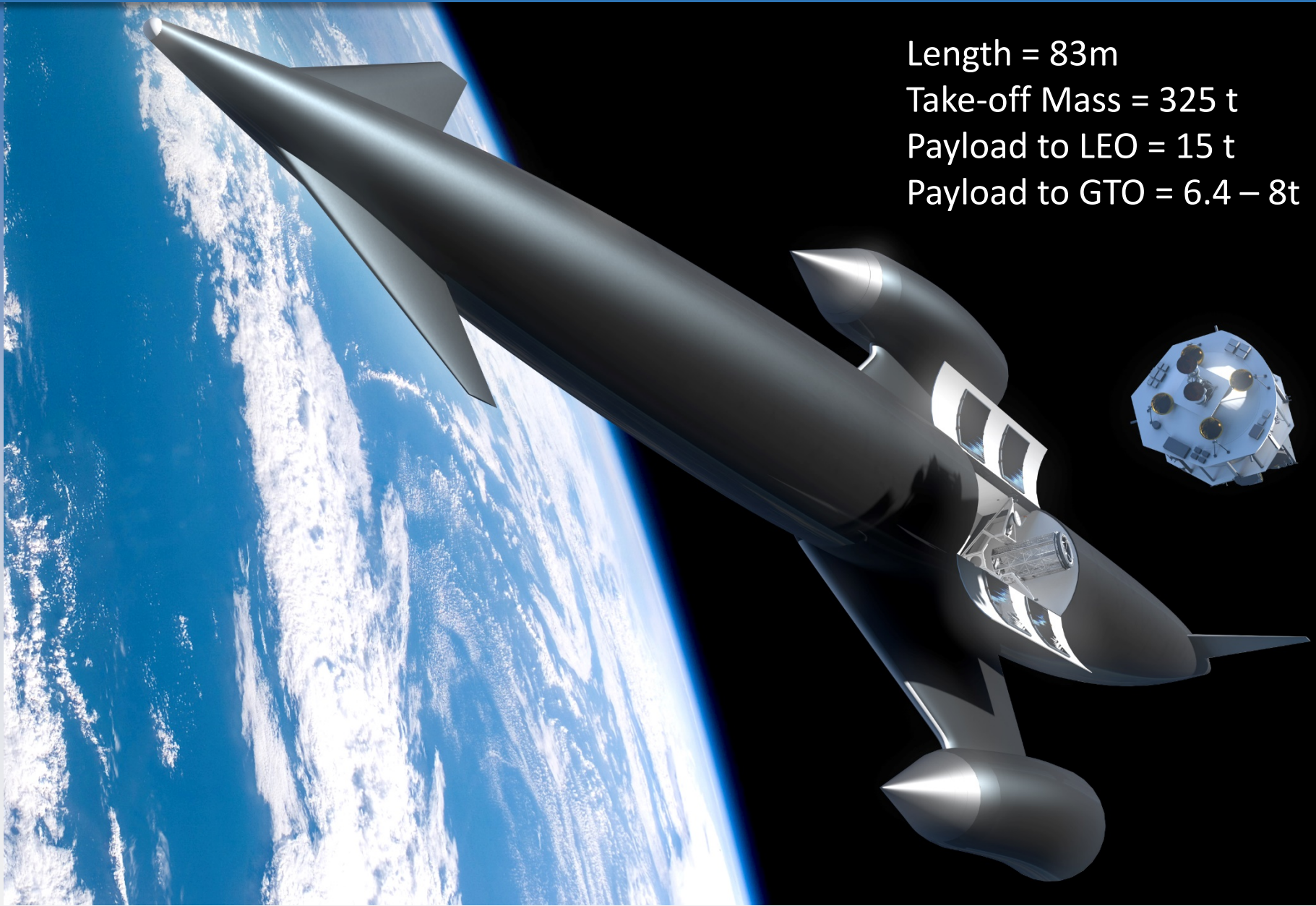
1990

The SKYLON spaceplane...
the phoenix of HOTOL

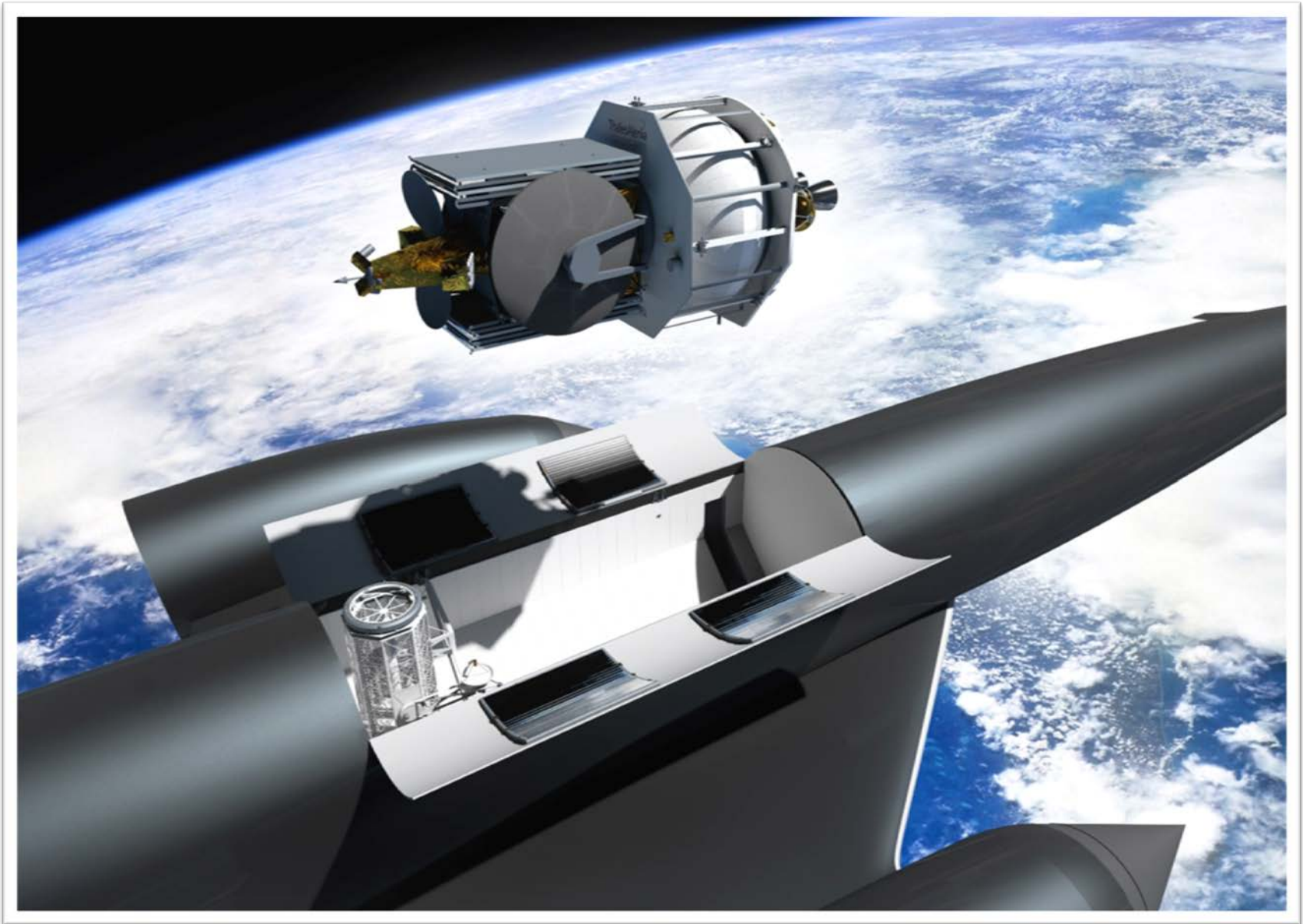


SKYLON D1

Length = 83m
Take-off Mass = 325 t
Payload to LEO = 15 t
Payload to GTO = 6.4 – 8t



Thales Alenia Space SUS Concept Design

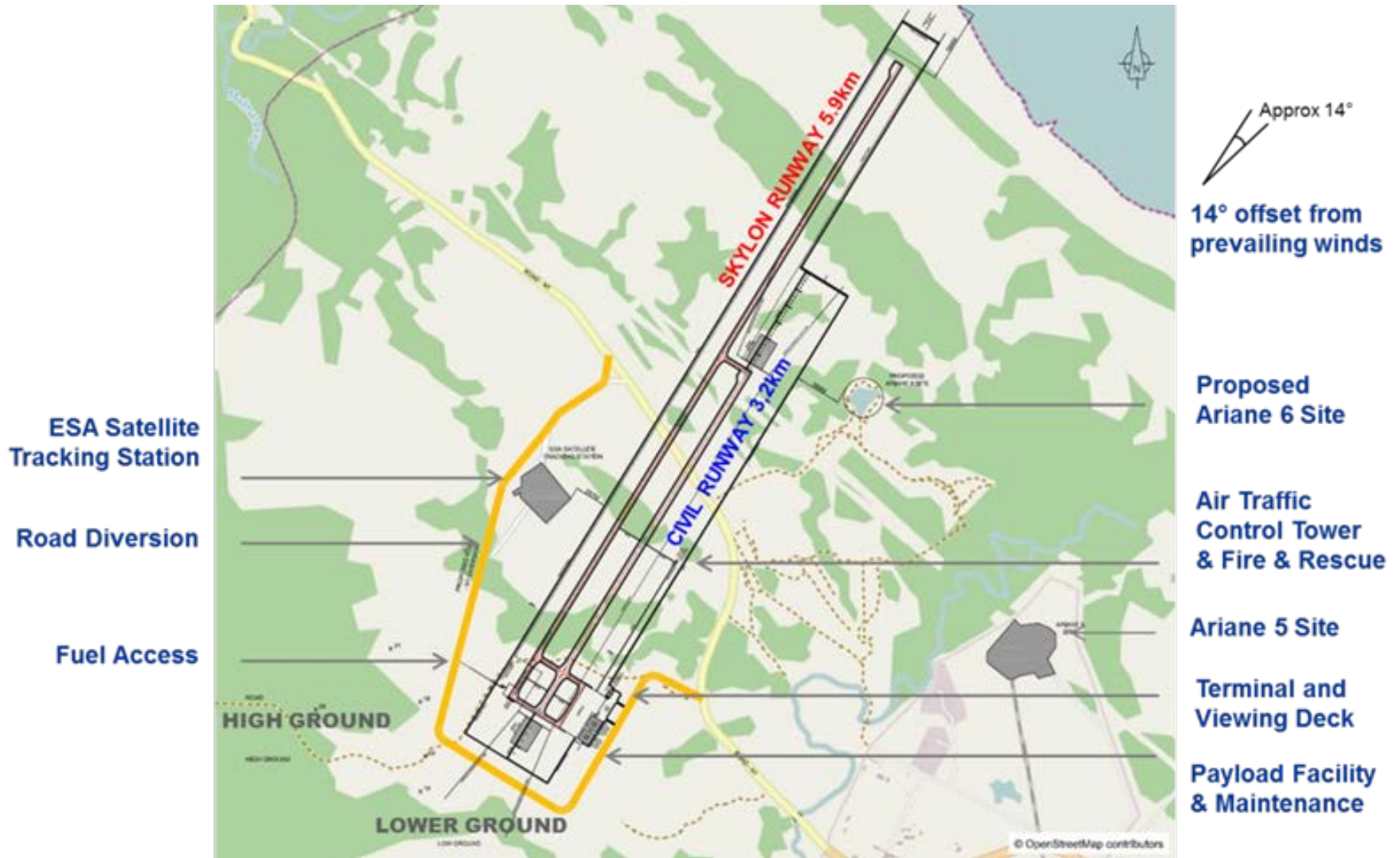


SKYLON & SUS Maximum Geostationary Performance

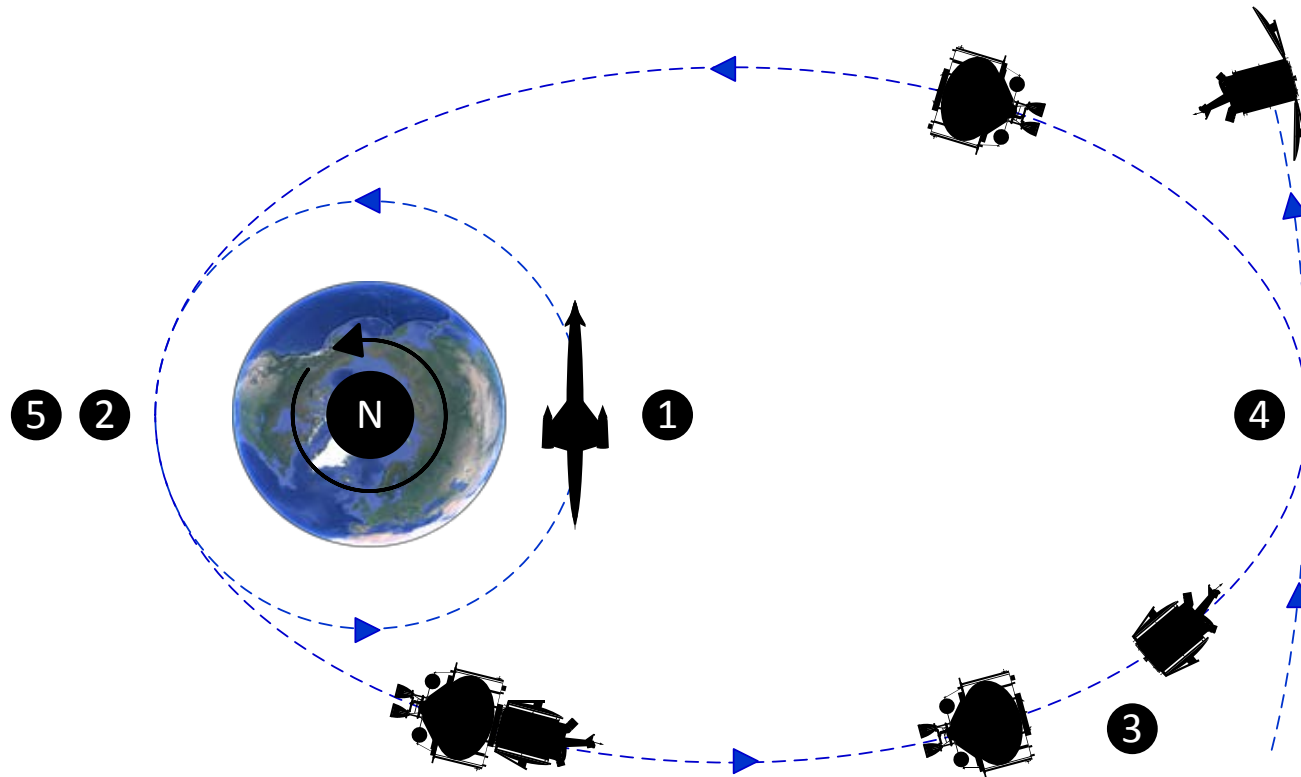
SKYLON / SUS Mission	Maximum Mass of Satellite into GTO (Tonnes)	Maximum Mass of Satellite into GEO (With 320s SI apogee engine) (Tonnes)
300 km LEO deployment Reusable SUS, 7:1 resonance return transfer orbit (GTO)	5.58	(3.50)
185 km LEO deployment Reusable SUS, 9:1 resonance return transfer orbit	6.39	(4.0)
185 km deployment Expendable SUS, destructive re-entry	8.08	(5.07)
300 km LEO deployment Reusable SUS 5,900 km circular MEO EP satellite, 20 kW HE thruster, 157 day transit to GEO	N/A (8.96 GTO equivalent)	5.61



Preferred SKYLON and Civil Runway Position & Orientation



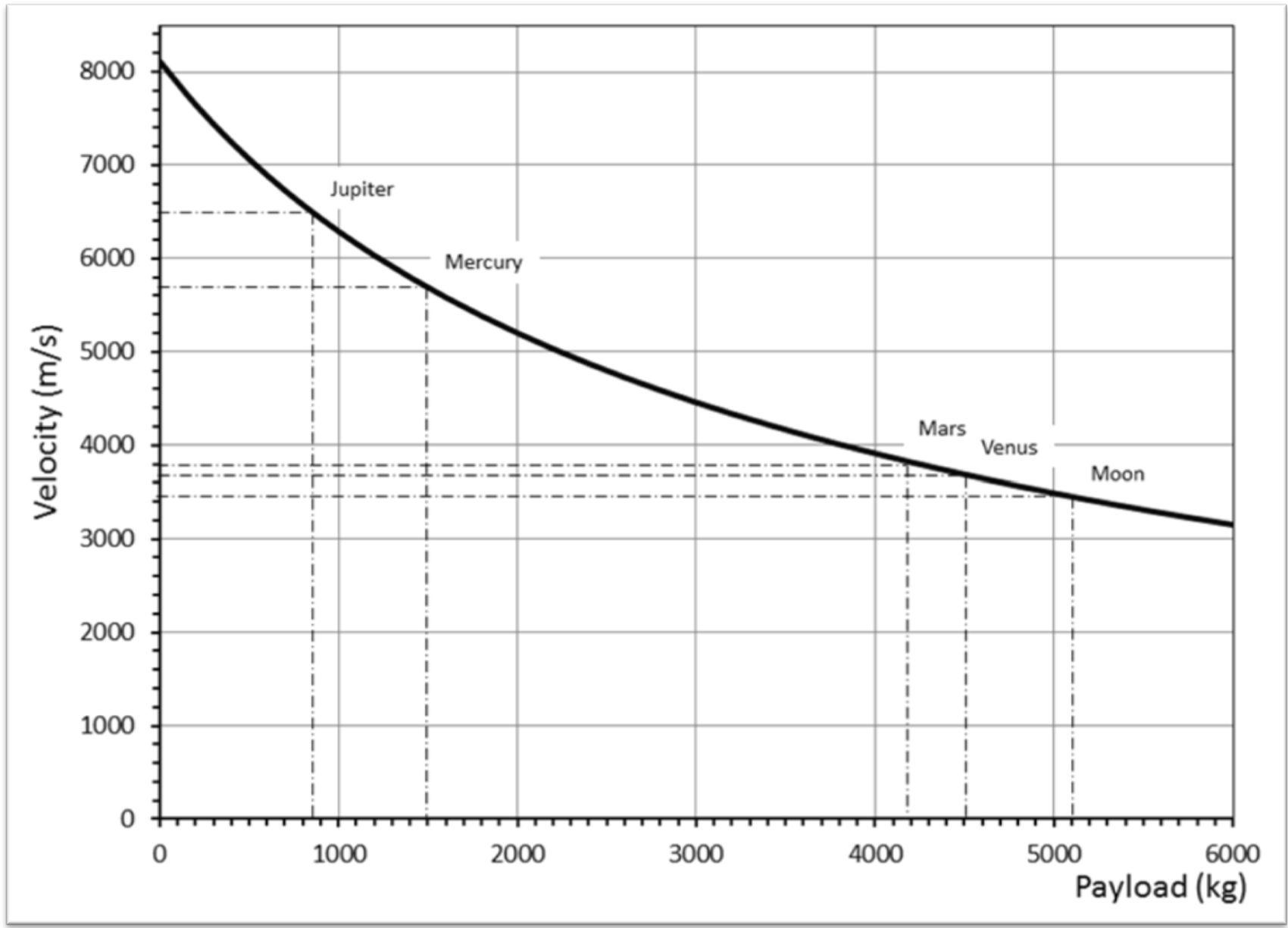
Standard GTO Mission (7:1 resonance)



- 1 Skylon in 300km LEO, payload deployed
- 2 Perigee burn into GTO
- 3 Satellite separates in GTO
- 4 Satellite apogee burn into GEO
- 5 Upper-stage LEO insertion and recovery



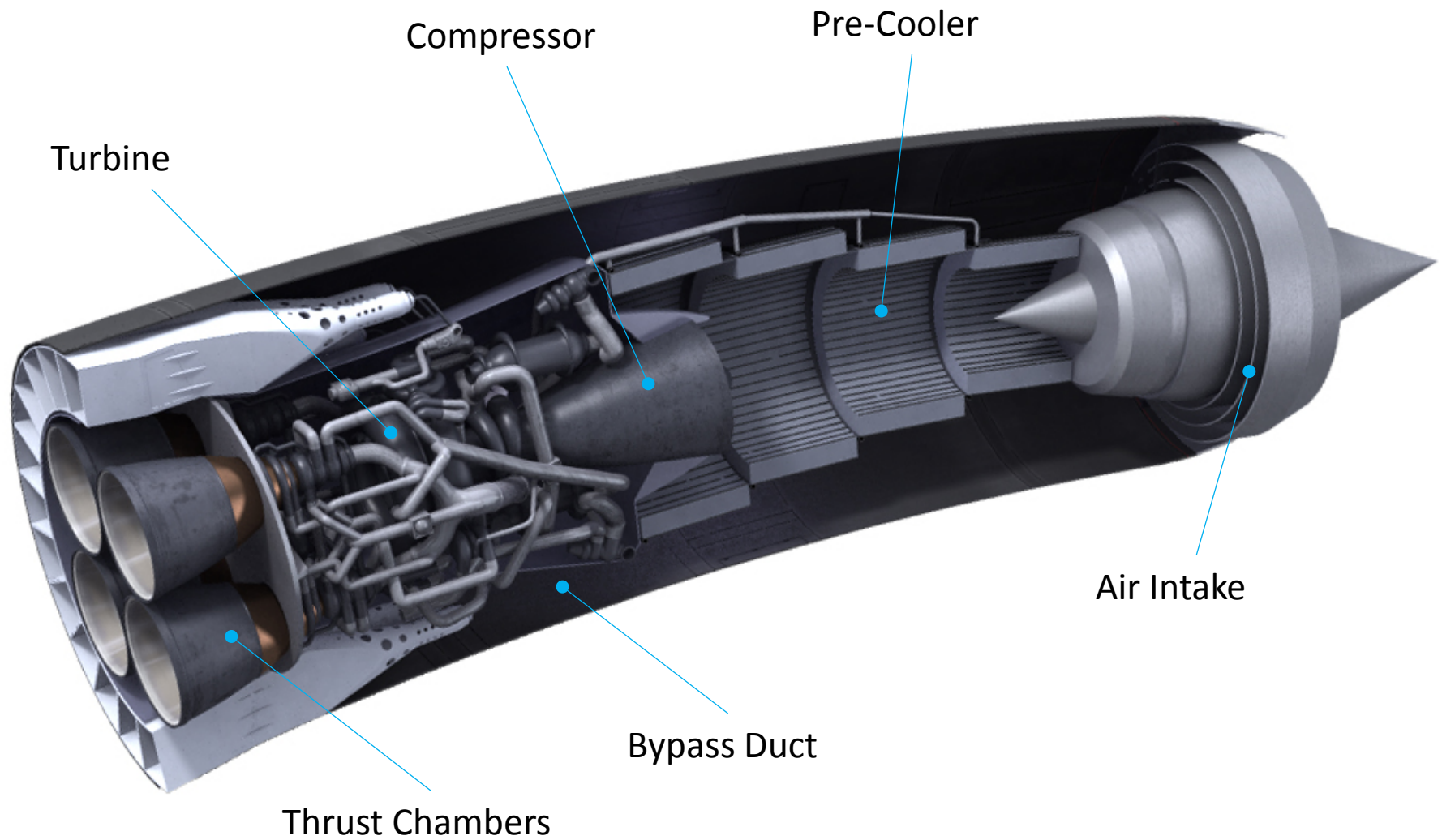
SKYLON/SUS Performance into Planetary Trajectories



SABRE Engine



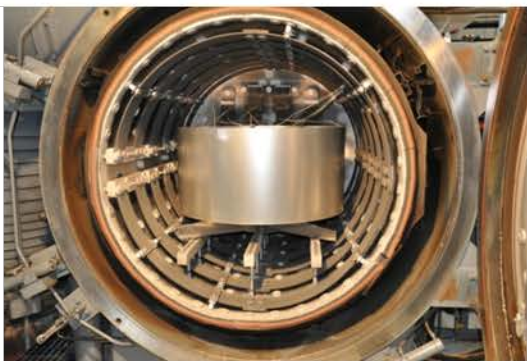
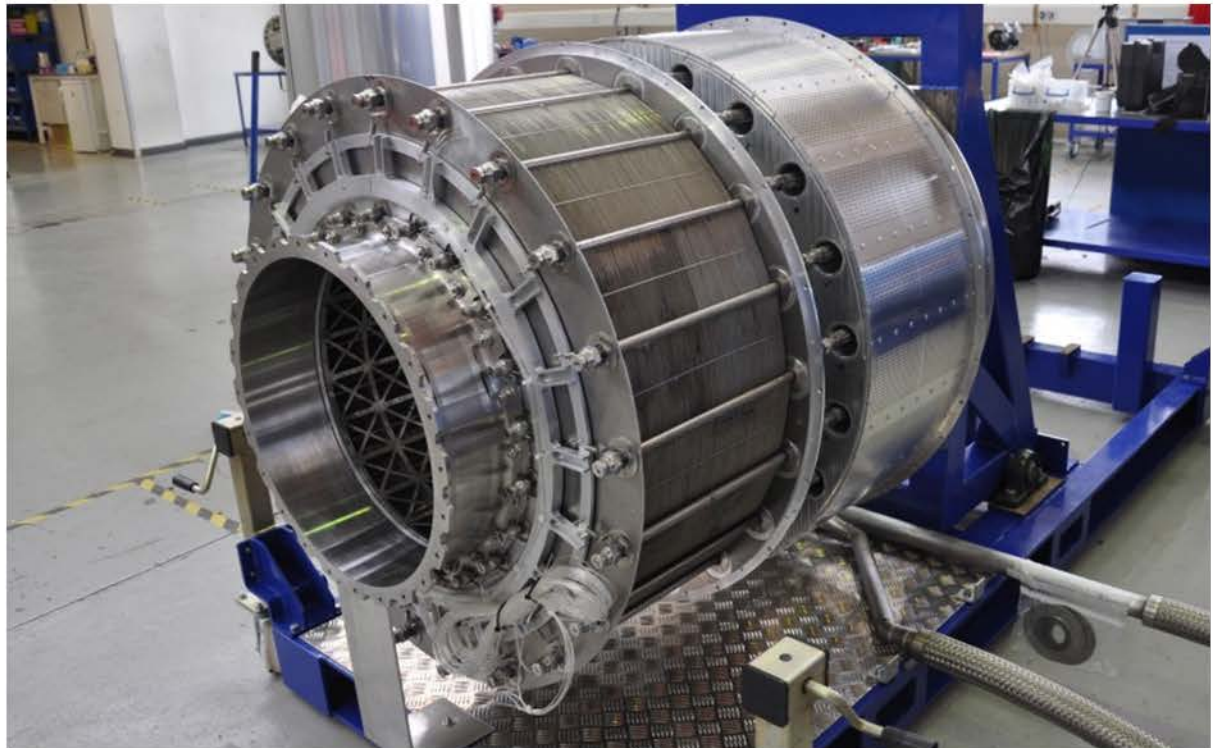
The SABRE Engine



SABRE/SKYLON Development Programme

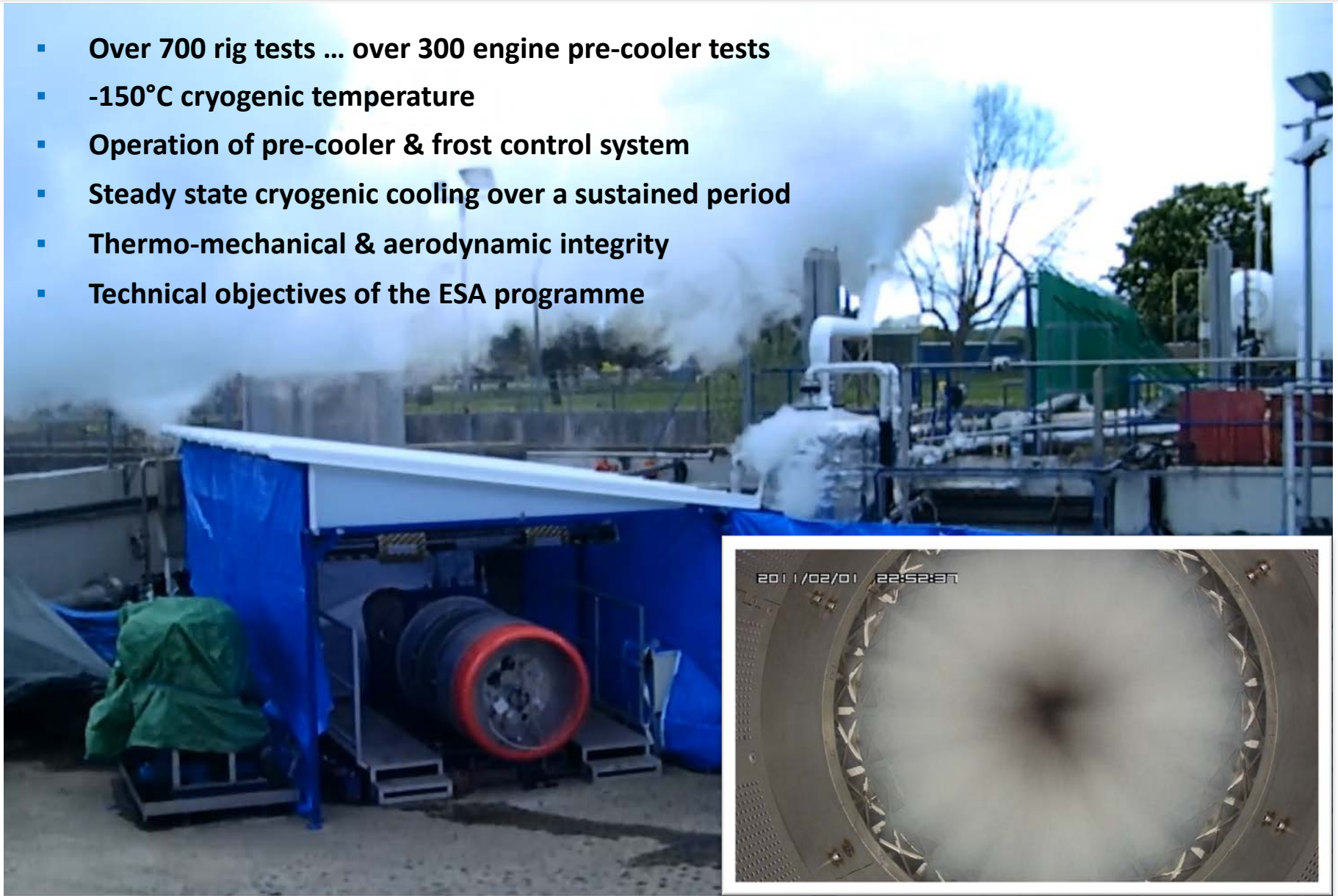


Pre-cooler Production



Pre-cooler Testing, B9 Culham Science Centre

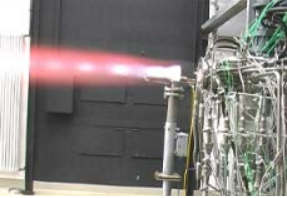
- Over 700 rig tests ... over 300 engine pre-cooler tests
- -150°C cryogenic temperature
- Operation of pre-cooler & frost control system
- Steady state cryogenic cooling over a sustained period
- Thermo-mechanical & aerodynamic integrity
- Technical objectives of the ESA programme



REL Engine Technologies



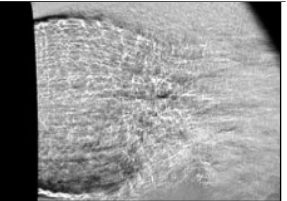
Contra-rotating turbine
2008



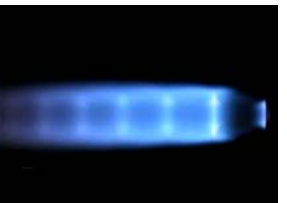
Air/hydrogen cooling
2010



LOX cooling
2010



Bell nozzle separation
2010



STILETTO staged combustion
2011



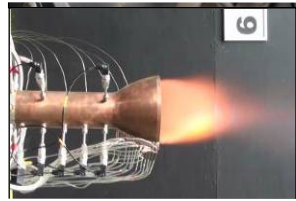
Air intake
2012



Silicon carbide high temperature Hx
2002



Advanced nozzles laboratory tests
2006



STERN E/D nozzle
2008



STRICT E/D nozzle
2010



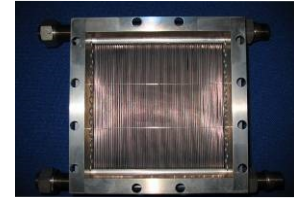
Micro-channel high pressure Hx
2010



STRIDENT nozzle
2012



Laboratory scale 1GW/m³ HX
1996



Wind tunnel Hx module
2002



Pre-cooler frost control
2004



First full scale pre-cooler module
2005



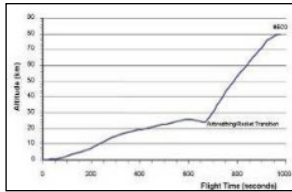
Pre-cooler heat transfer augmentation
2009



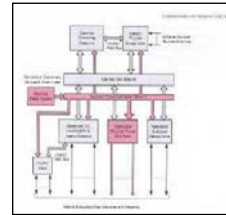
Complete pre-cooler
2012



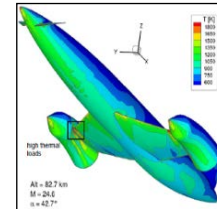
REL Vehicle Technologies



Ascent trajectory modelling



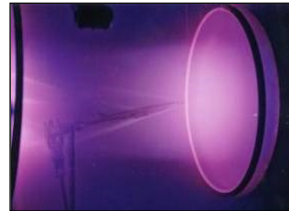
Avionics



Re-entry aerodynamics



Subsonic wind tunnel



Mach 9 hypersonic wind tunnel



Mach 12 hypersonic shock tunnel



CFRP truss structure



TiSiC truss structure



Aeroshell

SKYLON/SABRE Programme





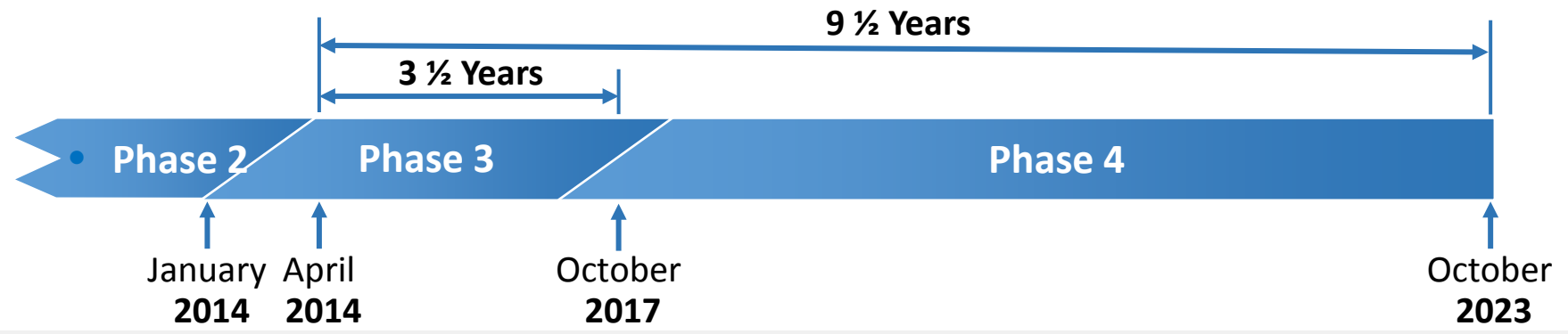
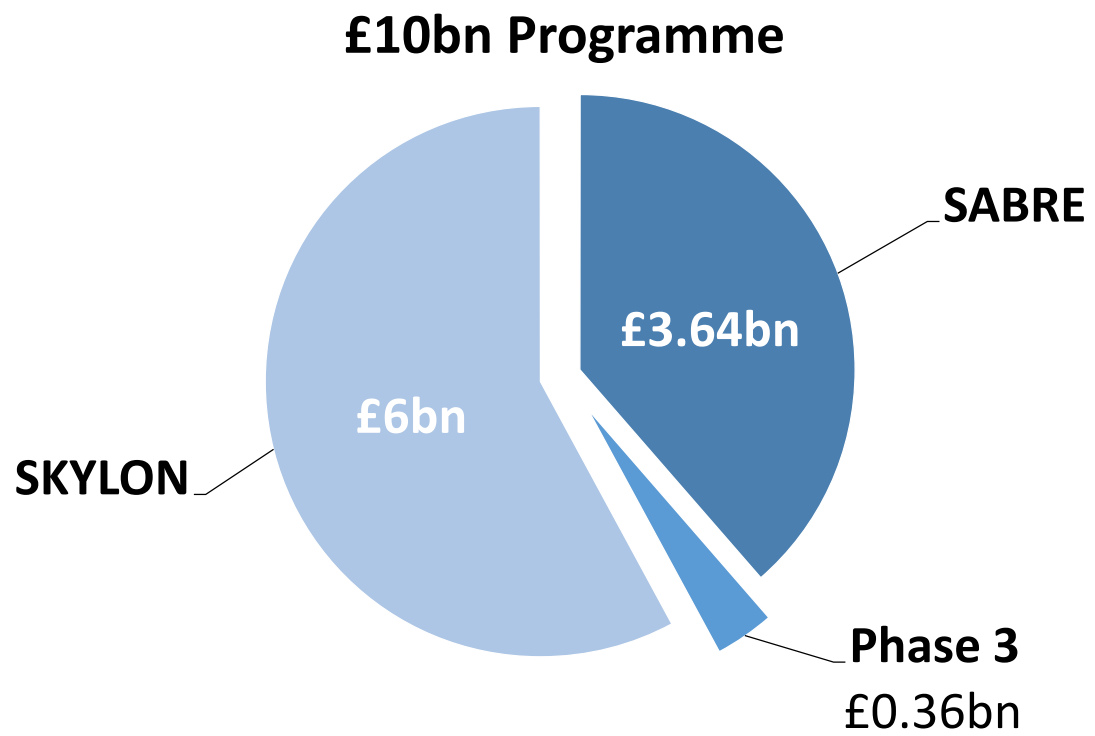
UK Space Agency independent review
Sep 2010

- ESA providing technical support
- Almost 100 invitees attended two day workshop
- Part of wider review including on site audit by ESA

Review Conclusions

'no impediments or critical items have been identified for either the SKYLON vehicle or the SABRE engine that are a block to further developments'.

Phase 3 SABRE Development





In July 2013 the UK government awarded REL £60M to develop the SABRE Engine

Thank you

