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Submillimeter Enceladus Life Fundamentals Instrument

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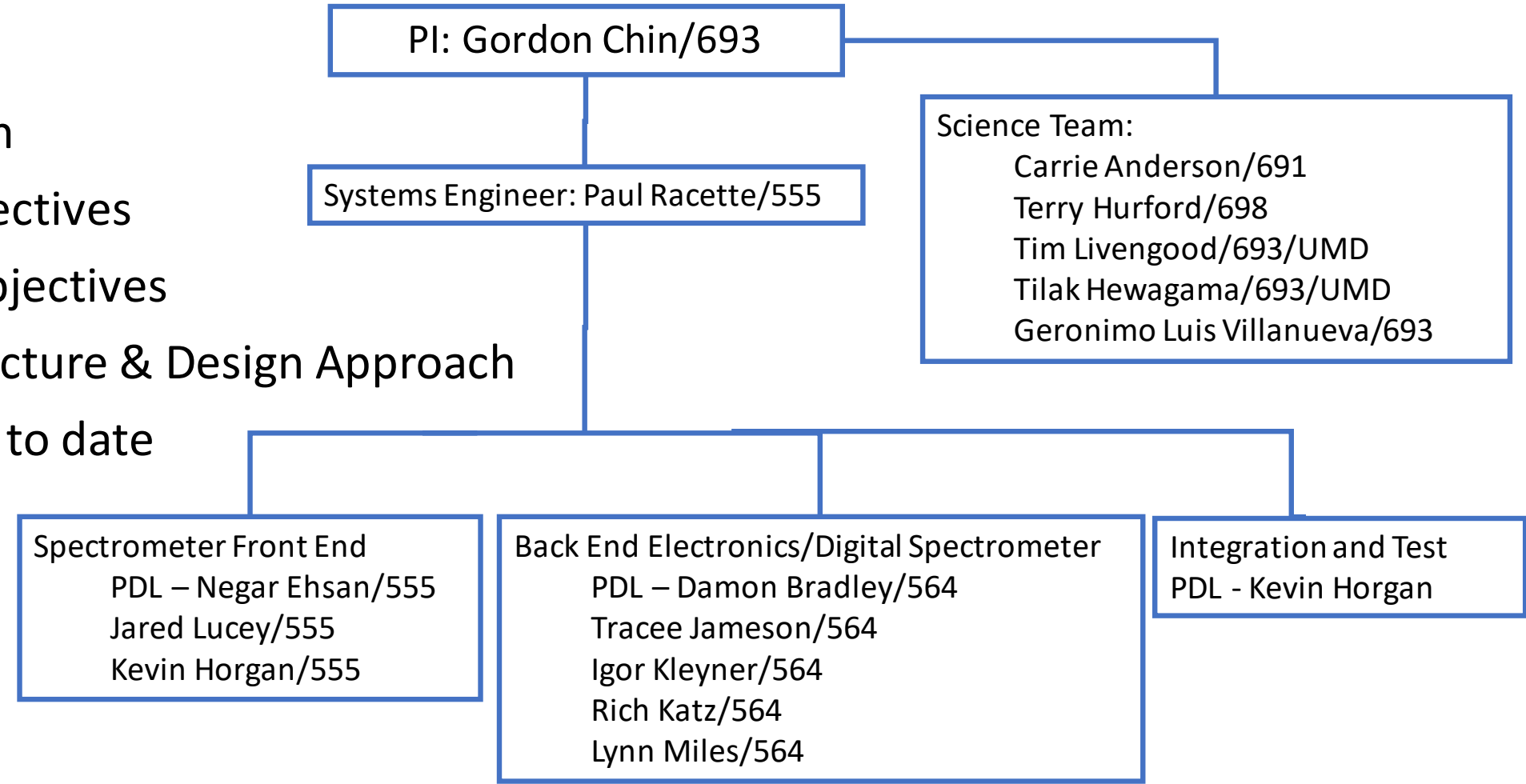
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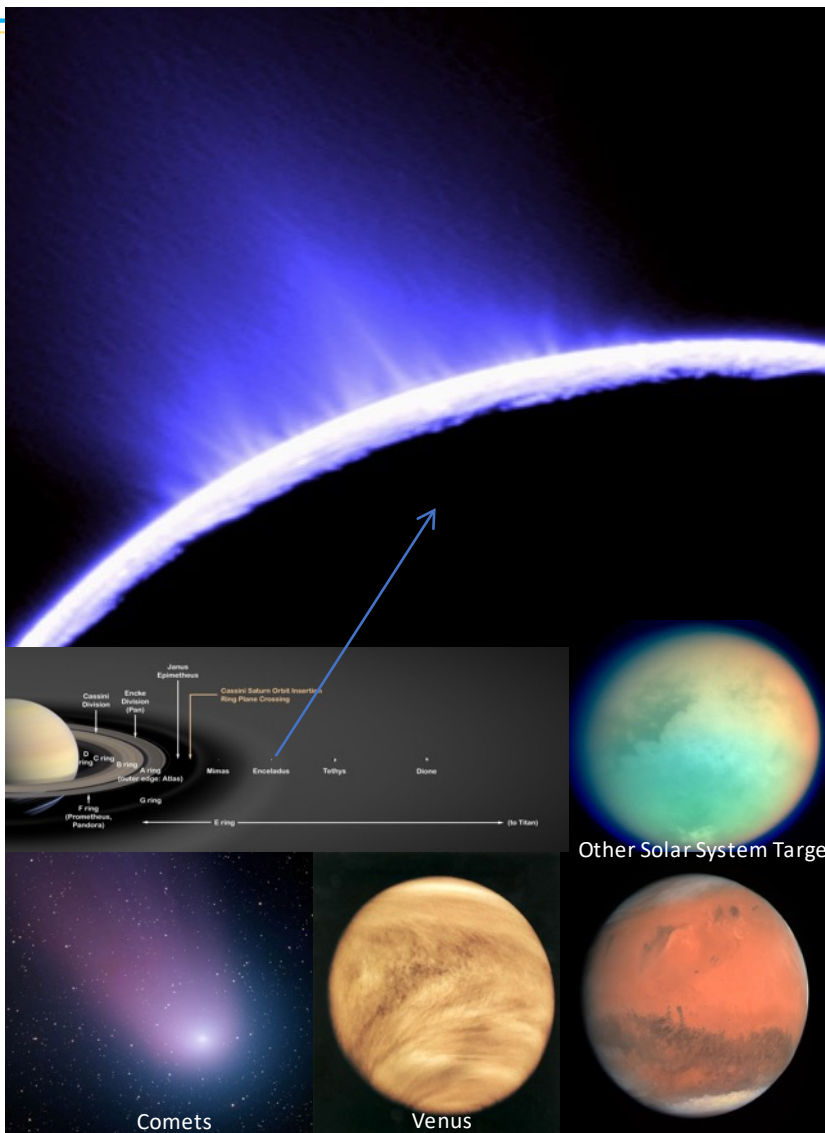
What is SELFI?

- SELFI is a 3-year project of the Maturation of Instruments for Solar System Exploration (MatISSE) program
- SELFI is NOT:
 - Spaceflight project/mission
 - Spaceflight instrument (yet)
- SELFI is a technology maturation project

Project Objective: Advance the readiness to make submillimeter spectroscopic measurements of volatile constituents of Enceladus' plumes



SELFI Science Objectives



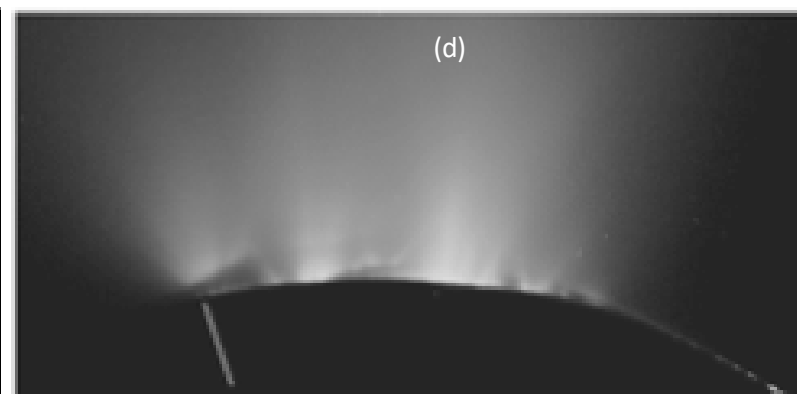
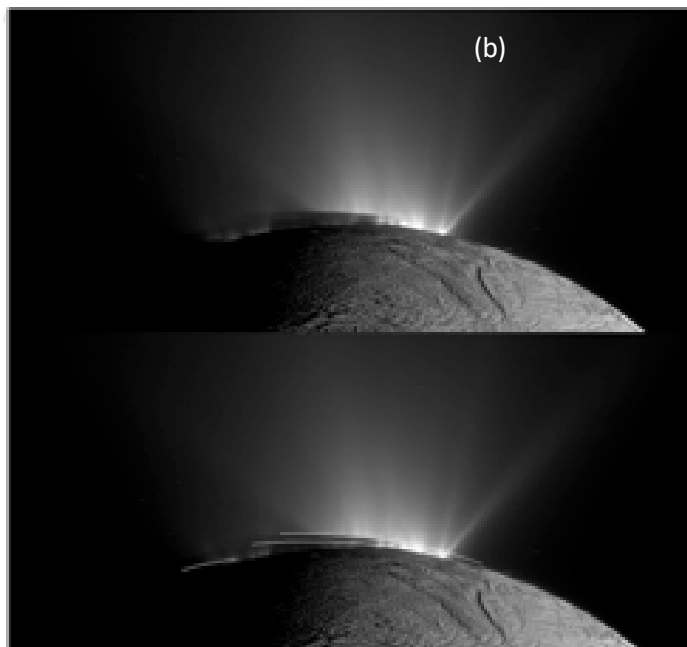
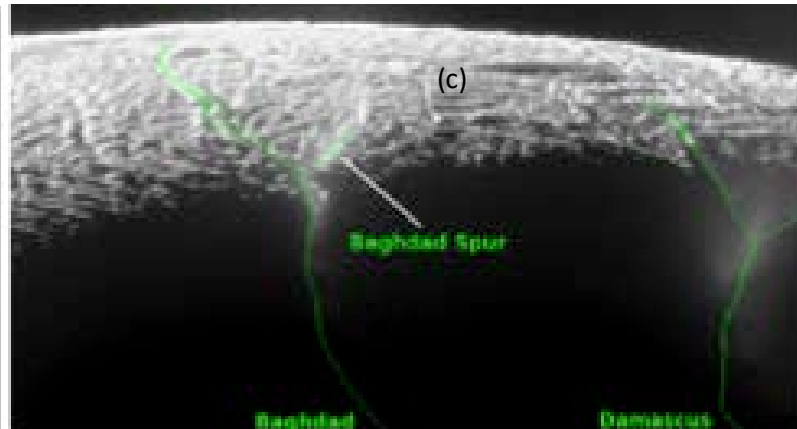
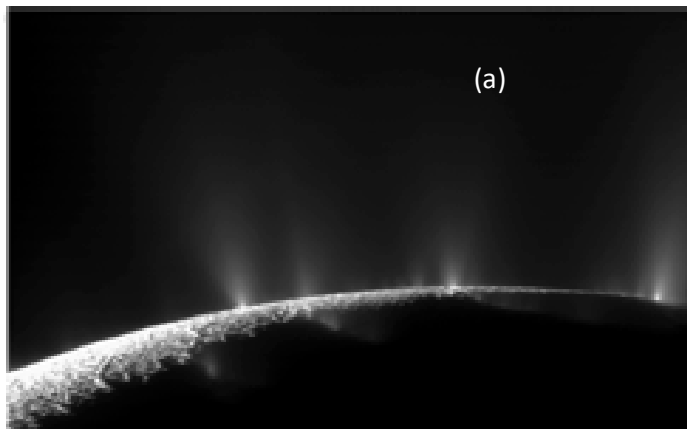
SELFI observes nearly simultaneously 14 molecular species that are important in the context of life and habitability (five of **CHNOPS** elements necessary for life) of the Enceladus' subsurface ocean.

- Assess plume spatial/temporal compositional variability;
- H_2O , HDO , and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$, and $\delta^{17}\text{O}$ evidence of ocean evolution;
- H_2O_2 , and O_3 oxidation state of the sub surface ocean;
- CO , NH_3 , CH_3OH , HCN and HNC are biologically relevant species;
- SO_2 and H_2S links to pre-biotic molecules and volcanoes;
- NaCl provides salinity level of the subsurface ocean and the source of salt in the Saturn ring system.

Continuum observations measure surface temperature from 30 - 250 K with 0.1 K resolution.

- Correlation of plume activity with surface temperature.

Enceladus Plume Observations



Enceladus' plumes are spatially (a) and temporally (b) variable, arising from fractures called Tiger Stripes (c), and may be curtains of eruptions whose density inhomogeneity gives an observational appearance of individual plumes (d).

*From Porco, DeNino, and Nimmo
Astronomical Journal 248, No. 3,
2014.*



SELFI Target Molecules



Assume factor of 2 better than MIRO sensitivity to H₂O (161), $1 \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ instead of $2 \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ in 120 sec at ~296K
 Display relative values of molecular species times water column of $1 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ assumed for Enceladus plume (from $(1-3) \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-2}$).
 Cometary abundance: assume Despois *et al.* 2006; D/H $\sim 3 \times 10^{-4}$ from Bockelée-Morvan *et al.* 2004; others assume VSMOW.
 Cassini INMS abundances: assume Hansen *et al.* 2006 water abundance, scaled to 0.96 from Waite *et al.* 2017; D/H ratio from Waite *et al.* 2009; others from Waite *et al.* 2008, Waite *et al.* 2017.
 Cassini UVIS abundances: Hansen *et al.* 2008
 Cassini VIMS abundances: Newman *et al.* 2007

Cold Plume

Detailed table of target species:

	Mol	Iso desig	Freq (GHz)	Proposed sensitivity @~120sec cm ⁻²	SELFI sensitivity @~120sec cm ⁻² , 296K	SELFI sensitivity @~120sec cm ⁻² , 125K	SELFI sensitivity @~120sec cm ⁻² , 91K	SELFI sensitivity @~120sec cm ⁻² , 80K	Cassini abundances cm ⁻²	Cometary & VSMOW abundances
Isotopolog	H ₂ O	161	556.936	1×10^{12}	1×10^{12}	0.15×10^{12}	0.08×10^{12}	0.06×10^{12}	INMS: 1.44×10^{16} UVIS: 0.9×10^{16}	1×10^{16}
	HDO	162	599.927	1×10^{12}	1.8×10^{12}	0.30×10^{12}	0.17×10^{12}	0.14×10^{12}	INMS: 4.5×10^{12}	3×10^{12}
	H ₂ ¹⁷ O	171	552.021	1×10^{12}	1.0×10^{12}	0.15×10^{12}	0.08×10^{12}	0.06×10^{12}		3.7×10^{12}
	H ₂ ¹⁸ O	181	547.676	1×10^{12}	1.0×10^{12}	0.15×10^{12}	0.08×10^{12}	0.06×10^{12}		20×10^{12}
Isomer	NH ₃	4111	572.498	1.4×10^{12}	4.9×10^{12}	0.61×10^{12}	0.29×10^{12}	0.21×10^{12}	INMS: 62.5- 203 $\times 10^{12}$	70×10^{12}
	CO	26	576.268	850×10^{12}	157×10^{12}	38×10^{12}	25×10^{12}	22×10^{12}	UVIS: $< 360 \times 10^{12}$	2300×10^{12}
	HNC	142	543.897	7.2×10^{12}	0.27×10^{12}	0.06×10^{12}	0.05×10^{12}	0.04×10^{12}		4×10^{12}
	HCN	124	531.716	7.2×10^{12}	0.30×10^{12}	0.07×10^{12}	0.05×10^{12}	0.04×10^{12}	INMS: $< 116 \times 10^{12}$	25×10^{12}
	CH ₃ -OH	2111-61	584.450	490×10^{12}	101×10^{12}	14×10^{12}	7.1×10^{12}	5.5×10^{12}	INMS: 2.34×10^{12}	240×10^{12}
	H ₂ O ₂	1661	599.727	0.1×10^{12}	13×10^{12}	2.1×10^{12}	1.3×10^{12}	1.1×10^{12}	VIMS: $< 75 \times 10^{12}$	$< 3 \times 10^{12}$
	O ₃	666	595.082	0.1×10^{12}	346×10^{12}	47×10^{12}	24×10^{12}	19×10^{12}		20×10^{12}
	SO ₂	626	593.945	10×10^{12}	43×10^{12}	6.4×10^{12}	3.6×10^{12}	2.9×10^{12}		20×10^{12}
	H ₂ S	121	568.050	7×10^{12}	49×10^{12}	11×10^{12}	8.2×10^{12}	7.5×10^{12}	INMS: 0.328×10^{12}	150×10^{12}
	NaCl	35	569.964	$\sim 0.1 \times 10^{12}$	0.14×10^{12}					0.06×10^{12}

Expanded list of targeted species to include HNC



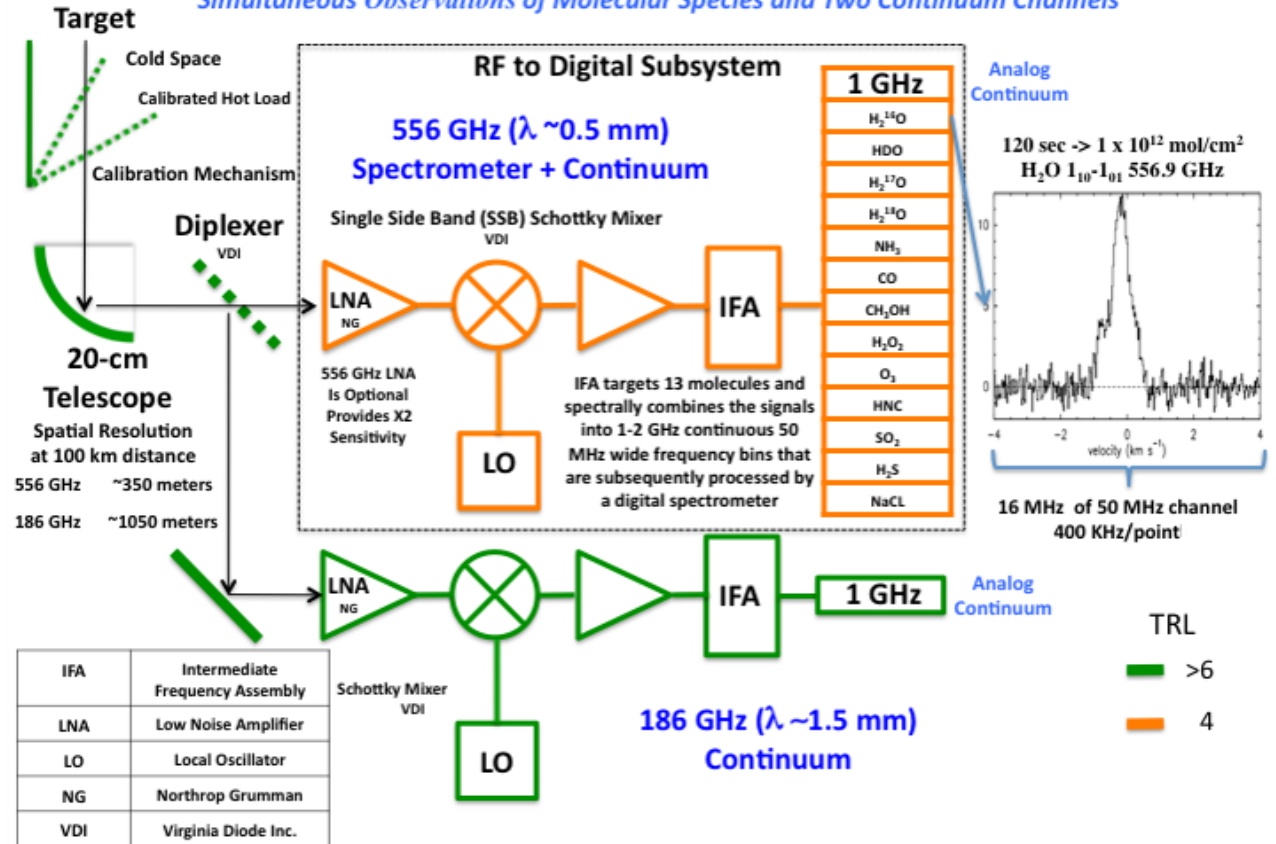
Technical Objectives



- Advance the TRL of RF Low Noise Amplifier (RF LNA)
 - Optimize Noise Figure & Gain
- Advance TRL of Mixer & LO Assembly (MLA)
 - Partnership with Virginia Diodes, Inc. via Phase 3 SBIR
- Design, build and test Microwave Assembly (MWA)
 - In-house build leveraging COTS where possible
- Design, build and test Digital Spectrometer Assembly (DSA)
 - In-house build leveraging COTS where possible
- Raise TRL to 6 of SELFI RF-to-Digital Spectrometer through functional and environmental testing
 - Reduce risk of flight instrument development

Submillimeter Enceladus Life Fundamentals Instrument (SELFI)

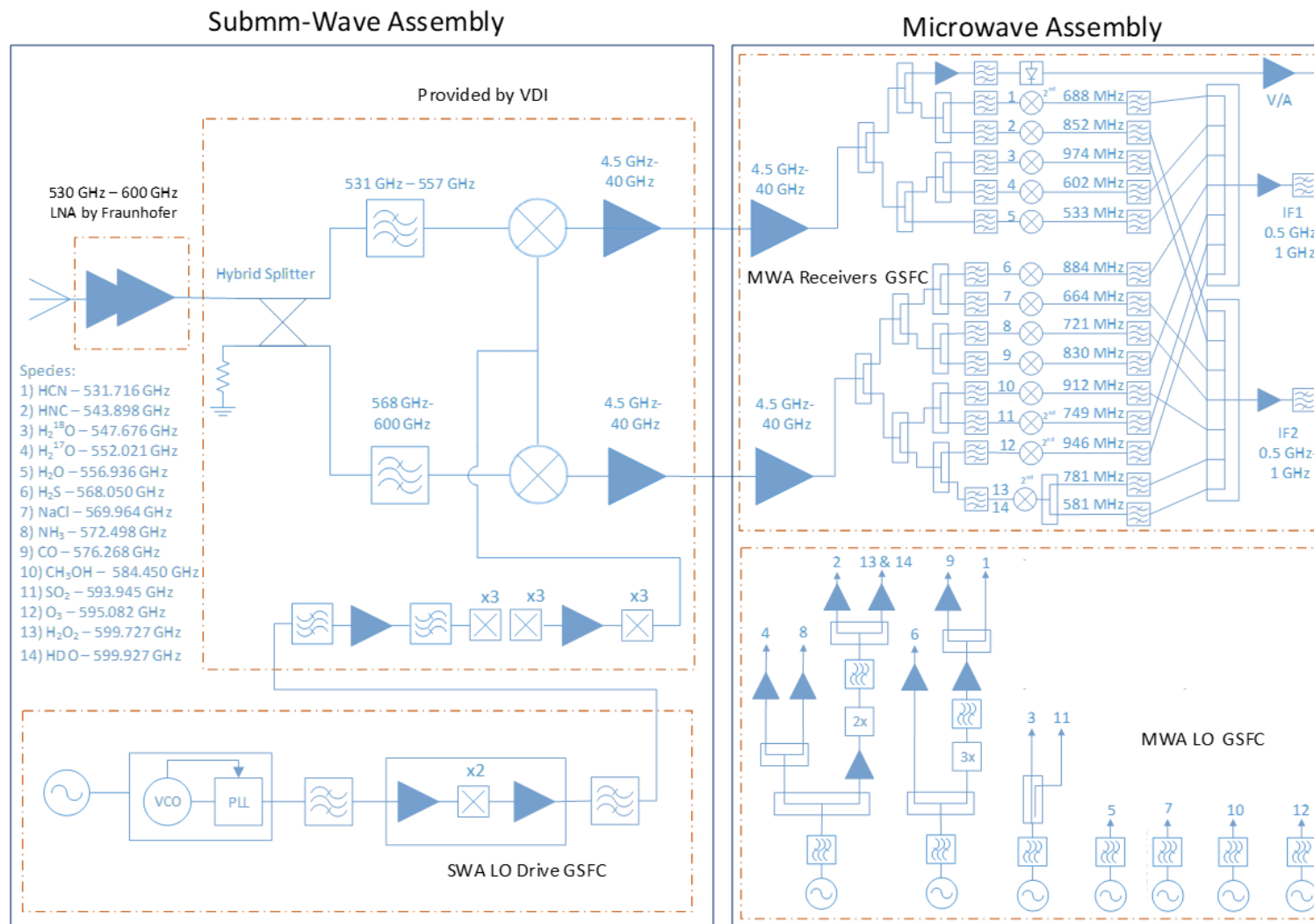
Simultaneous Observations of Molecular Species and Two Continuum Channels



Advance our technical capabilities, reduce technical risks and gain the knowledge necessary to build an instrument to make submm spectroscopic measurements of Enceladus plumes

RF System Architecture

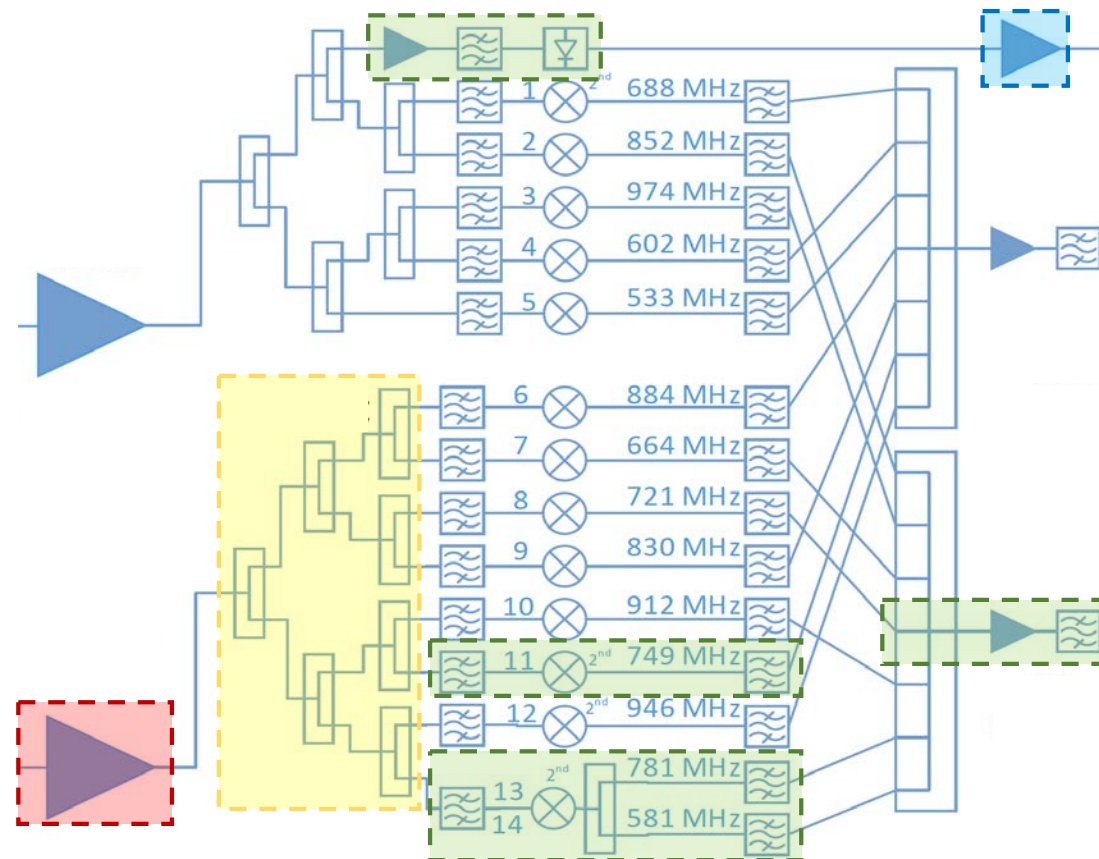
- Cascaded RF LNA has > 20 dB gain and < 12 dB NF
- Hybrid Coupler and dual-mixer downconverts upper/lower sidebands into two 35 GHz IF bands
- Submm-Wave Assembly (SWA) LO Drive provides frequency switching for baseline subtraction
- Microwave Assembly downconverts 14 species into two 500 MHz bandwidths



MWA Receiver Prototype Approach

- Insufficient schedule and budget for full MWA receiver prototype.
- Cascade 4 connectorized prototypes
 - 3-Stage Cascaded LNA
 - 8-Way Cascaded Wilkinson
 - Receiver Chain
 - Video Amplifier (Durachka/564)
- Characterize end-to-end performance
 - Gain, Return Loss, and Isolation
 - Noise Figure
 - Linearity and Compression
 - Performance vs Temperature (schedule permitting)
- Enables full characterization of system end-to-end performance in selected subset bands

- Legend:
- 3-Stage Cascaded LNA Prototype
 - 8-Way Cascaded Wilkinson Prototype
 - Receiver Chain Prototype
 - Video Amplifier Prototype

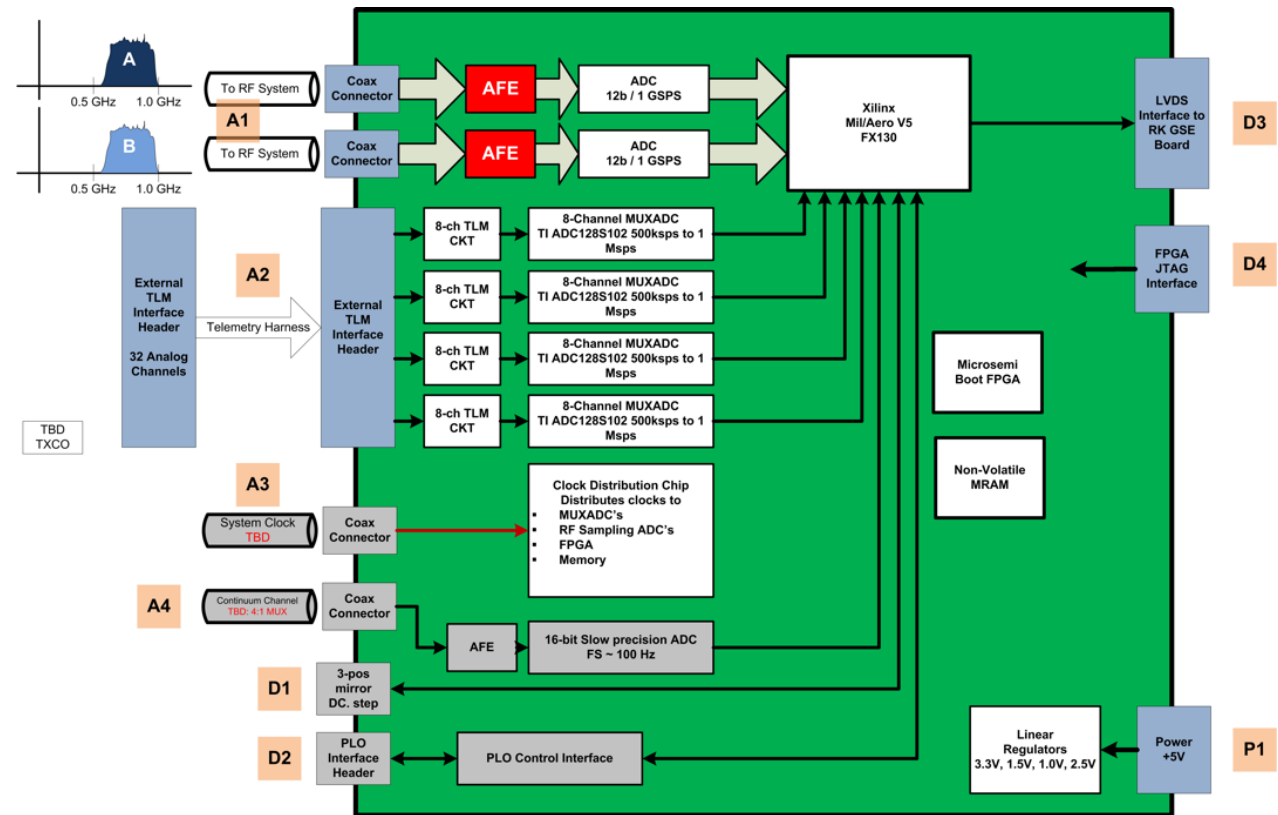


All prototype circuits designed and currently in various stages of fabrication and test

SELFI Digital Spectrometer Assembly

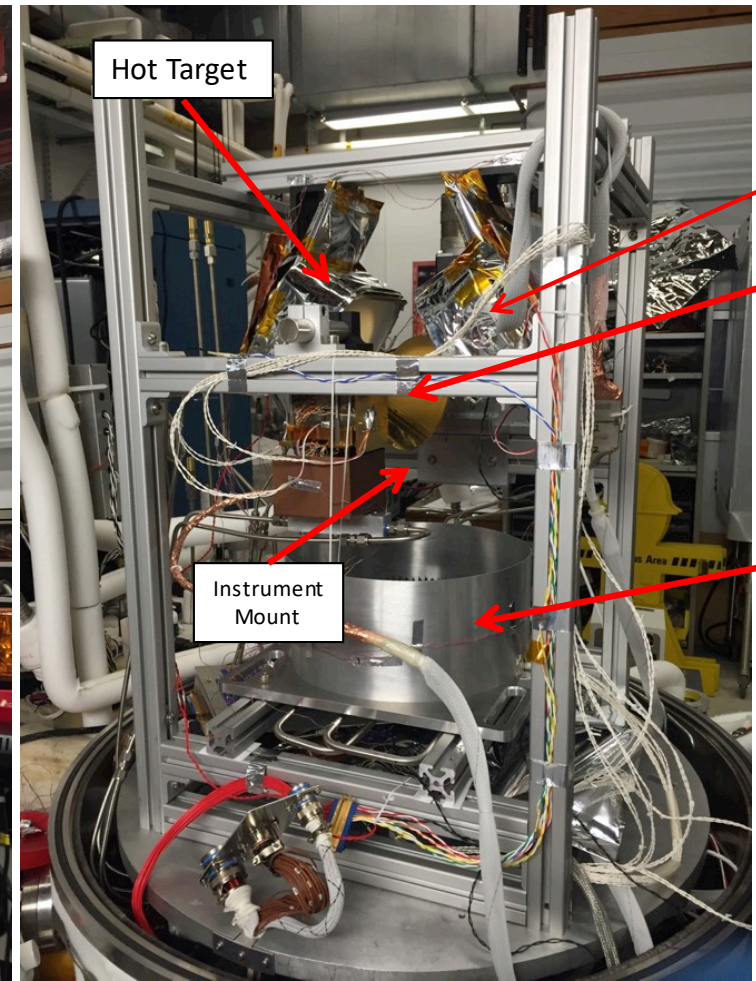
- SELFI will use a build-to-print copy of the GEDI Digital Unit
 - Offers TRL-6 solution to implementing SELFI digital spectrometer; reduces project risk
 - Accelerates delivery of SELFI digital spectrometer by approximately 1 year
 - Provides platform for algorithm testing and optimization
 - Eliminates the need for custom GSE to be developed for DSA. Uses GEDI infrastructure, including infrastructure for thermal testing.
 - Eliminates need for complex PCB layout otherwise required for SELFI DSA implementation.
- Changes required
 - Analog front-end (AFE) compatible with SELFI RF system
 - Requires separate telemetry/interface board
- Deliver GEDI DU copy to project, May 2019; Delivery telemetry/interface board, December 2019

Global Ecosystem Dynamics Investigation (GEDI) Digital Unit



I&T Calibration Fixture

- Sub-MMW Calibration Fixture
 - Developed Sub-mmwave calibration fixture in 2015/2016 for the IceCube mission.
 - Vacuum-rated 3 temperature-stabilized targets, with rotating mirror
 - Targets spec'd 250 GHz – 1 GHz, made by ZAX millimeter wave corporation





Accomplishments to Date (first 15 months)

- Completed architecture study that resulted in a simpler implementation and improved science; expanded detection bandwidth and added HCN as 14th species
- Established Level 1 & 2 system requirements. Updated Level 2. Developed Level 3 and 4 requirements.
- Demonstrated spectrometer algorithm on GEDI engineering test unit
- Adopted TRL 6 GEDI design to meet project requirements for digital spectrometer
 - Initiated build of GEDI Digital Unit
 - Prototyped and tested Analog Front End
- Specified requirements for telemetry data; Developed initial telemetry board design
- Accelerated LNA and Receiver procurements into Year 1
 - VDI Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Phase 3 awarded along with \$185K SBIR Phase 2E match
 - Awarded contract for LNA procurement
- Defined architecture of SELFIE mixer and LO assembly
- Developed requirements for Power Distribution Unit
 - Contracted with grounding expert consultant
- Designed, built and tested prototyped Submillimeter Wave LO Drive
- Developed design of Microwave Assembly
 - Identified circuits to be prototype, developed designs and ordered test circuits
- Team is working toward Critical Design Review in July 2019



Questions ???

