

A large, multi-layered telescope structure, likely the ESA-CHEOPS satellite, is shown against a blue background. The structure is composed of several dark, rectangular panels and a central white panel. It appears to be in space, with a view of Earth's horizon in the background.

Telescópios - Trabalho prático

High-precision photometry with the ESA-CHEOPS space telescope

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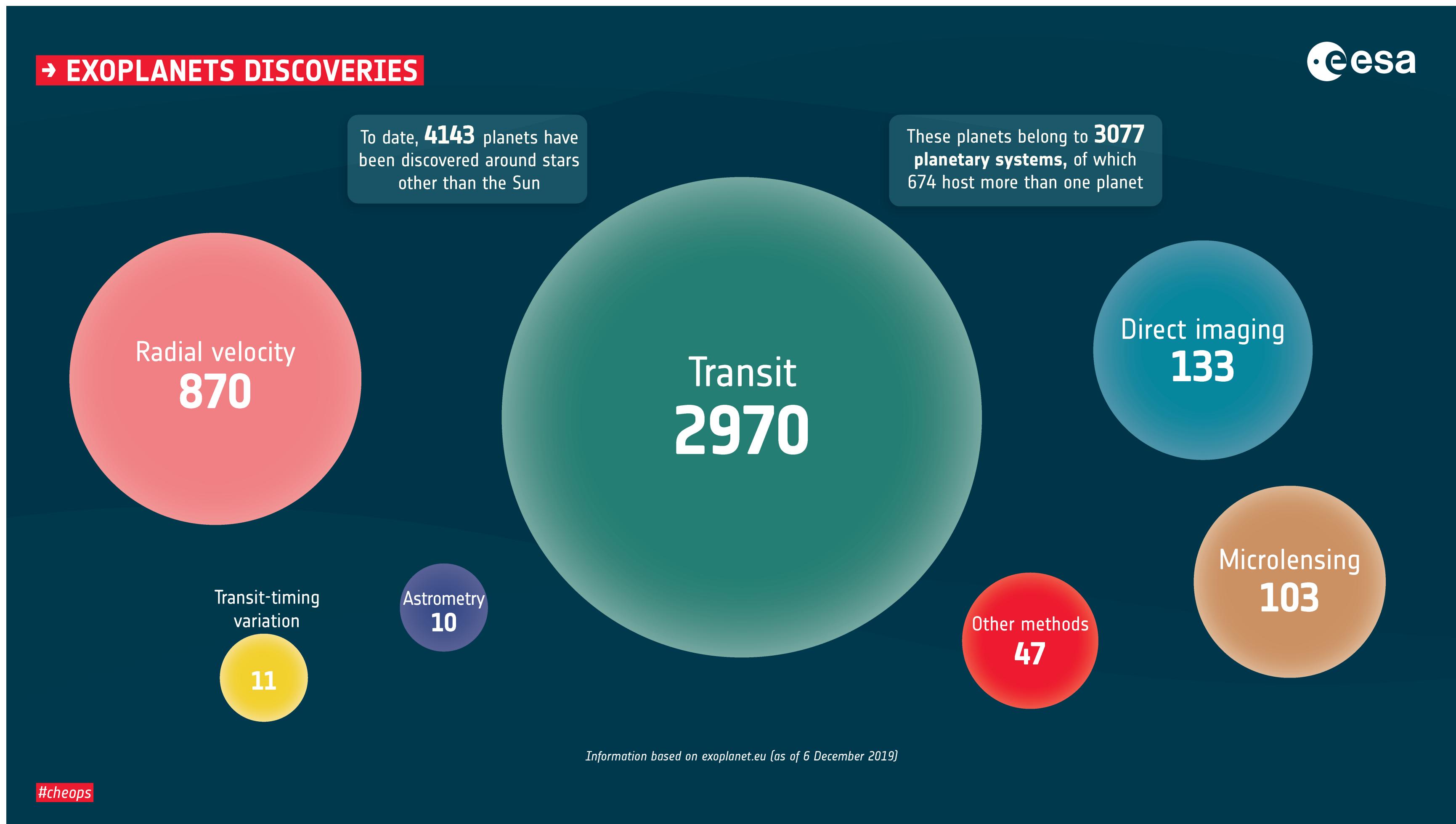


Exoplanetology a (very) short introduction

Exoplanets:

What are they and how many do we know?

An exoplanet is a planet which doesn't belong to the Solar System



Exoplanets

How do we study them ?

→ CHARACTERISING EXOPLANETS WITH CHEOPS

Charbonneau et al. 2000 *The Astrophysical Journal*.
529(1):L45

Transit photometry

Size (radius) of the planet and orbital parameters

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Mayor & Queloz 1995 *Nature*.
378(6555):355

Radial velocity

Minimum mass of the planet (depending on orbit inclination)

By combining radius (R) and mass (M) measurements, it is possible to estimate a planet's bulk density ($\text{density} = M / R^3$)

Density enables scientists to distinguish between dense **rocky** worlds, **gas** planets, **water**-worlds and **ice-rich** planets

Ground-based telescopes

Cheops will also discover previously unknown planets by measuring **transit-timing variations**, and study planet atmospheres using the **phase curve method** (studying the reflected light as a planet orbits its parent star)

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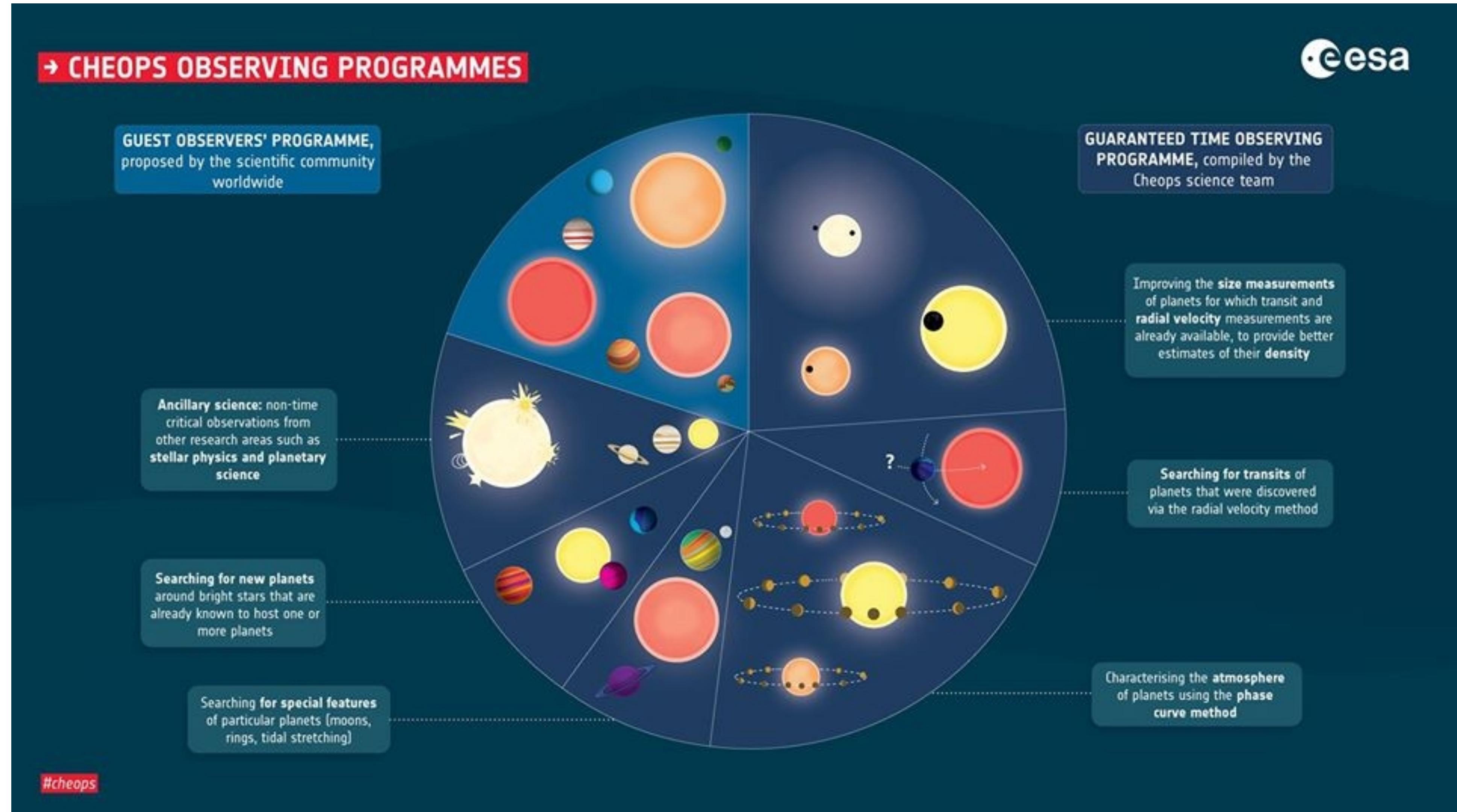
The diagram illustrates the characterization of exoplanets using the Cheops space telescope and ground-based telescopes. It shows a central yellow star with a purple planet in orbit. A dashed line indicates the planet's path. On the left, a red box contains the text '→ CHARACTERISING EXOPLANETS WITH CHEOPS'. Below the star, a small illustration of the Cheops satellite is shown. To the right, a blue box contains the reference 'Charbonneau et al. 2000 *The Astrophysical Journal*. 529(1):L45' and the method 'Transit photometry'. Another blue box contains the reference 'Mayor & Queloz 1995 *Nature*. 378(6555):355' and the method 'Radial velocity'. Arrows point from these boxes to a central text box that reads: 'Minimum mass of the planet (depending on orbit inclination)' and 'By combining radius (R) and mass (M) measurements, it is possible to estimate a planet's bulk density ($\text{density} = M / R^3$)'. A third blue box at the bottom right contains the text 'Density enables scientists to distinguish between dense **rocky** worlds, **gas** planets, **water**-worlds and **ice-rich** planets'. On the right side, a blue box contains the text 'Ground-based telescopes' and 'Cheops will also discover previously unknown planets by measuring **transit-timing variations**, and study planet atmospheres using the **phase curve method** (studying the reflected light as a planet orbits its parent star)'. The Esa logo is in the top right corner.

CHEOPS: A space telescope to characterize exoplanets



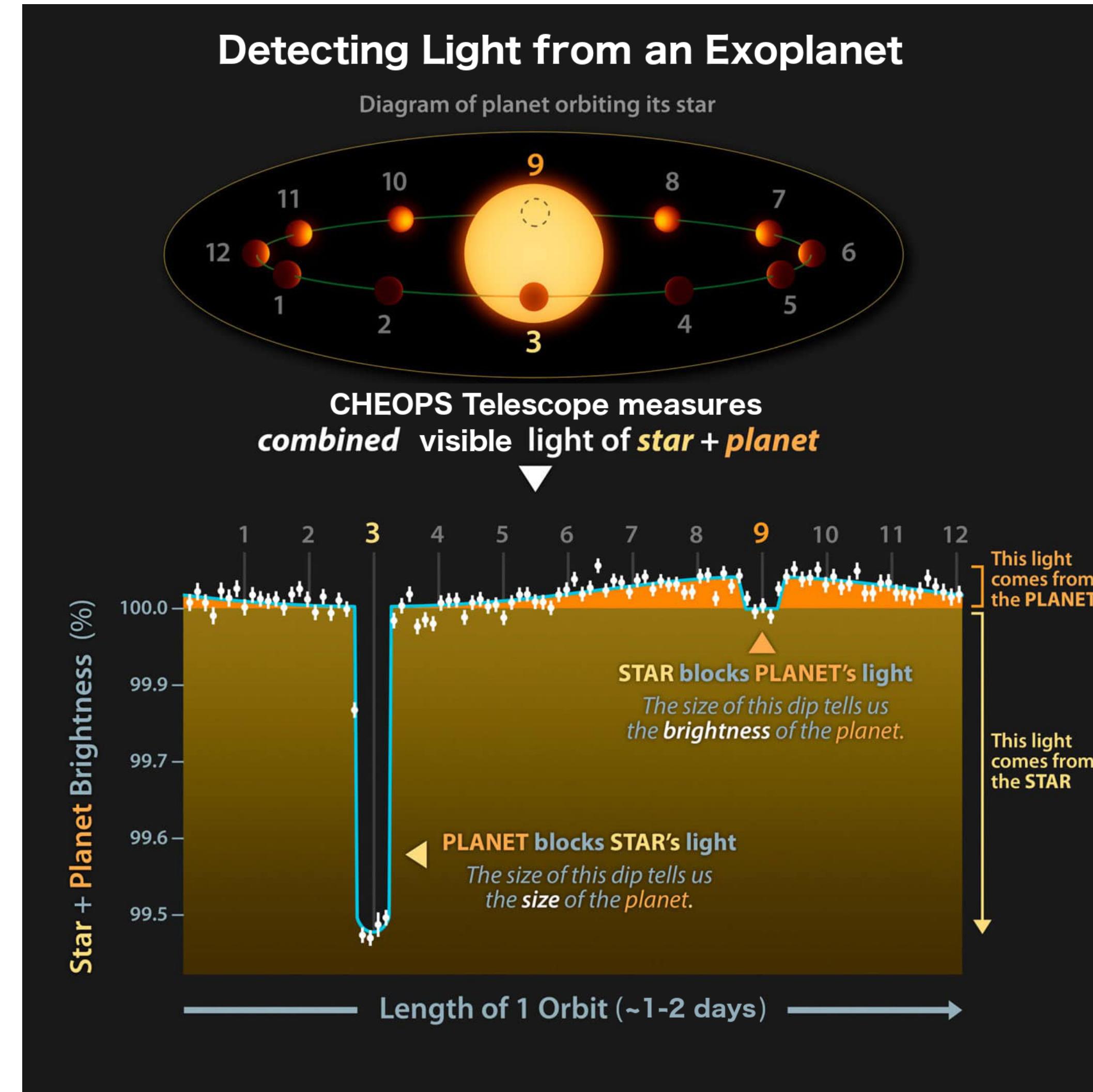
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The Science of CHEOPS



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High precision photometry (alias transit photometry)



Credit NASA/JPL-Caltech
L. Kreidberg/Harvard-Smithsonian CfA

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The satellite and the instrument

→ HIGH PHOTOMETRIC STABILITY AND PRECISION



The **signal** of an exoplanet transit can be extremely tiny for the smallest planets, and **noise** from the instrument itself can potentially obscure the transit, so the instrument is designed to be as **stable** as possible

Sunshield: to keep the instrument shaded; it also carries the solar panels

Telescope tube: housing the primary and secondary mirrors

Baffle cover: to protect the optics from contamination up until and during launch; it will be opened once Cheops is in Earth orbit

Baffle: to keep stray light (e.g. from the Earth and Moon) from entering the telescope

Radiators: to provide cooling to the detector and electronics

Star tracker: mounted directly onto the instrument to improve pointing stability and minimise misalignment effects

Spacecraft attitude and orbit control system: to control the satellite pointing in order to minimise the pointing error, the instrument provides information on the actual position of the target star that is being measured to the platform attitude control system

One instrument: a high precision photometer

- 300 mm effective aperture telescope
- single charge-coupled device (CCD) detector
- covering wavelengths between 330 and 1100 nm

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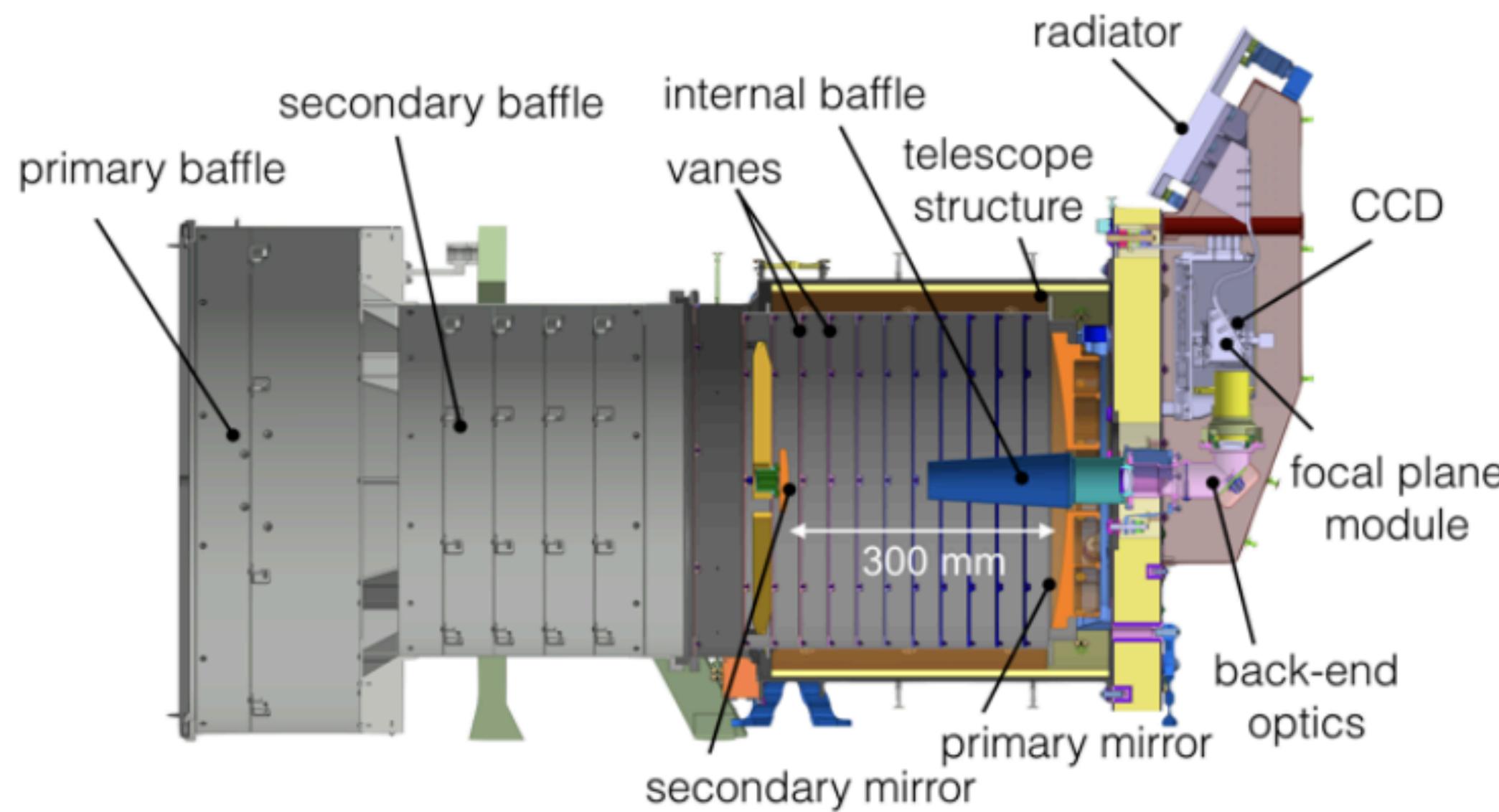


Fig. 5 CAD/CAM view of the OTA and BCA assemblies as mounted on the spacecraft. The primary and secondary baffle constitute the BCA. It is a separate unit mounted on the spacecraft independently of the OTA. The remaining items resemble the OTA.

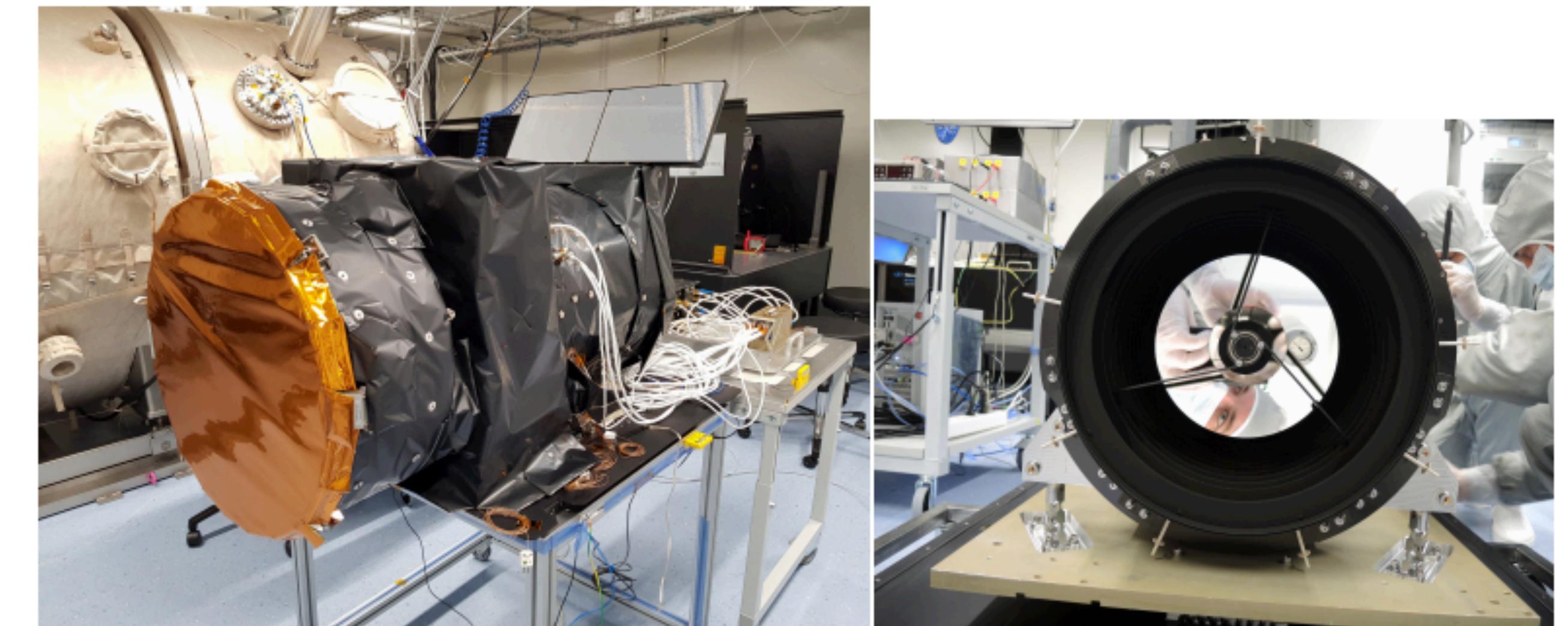


Fig. 6 Left: The CHEOPS payload fully assembled before delivery. Right: The telescope with mirrors installed and cover open before full OTA assembly.

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The CCD

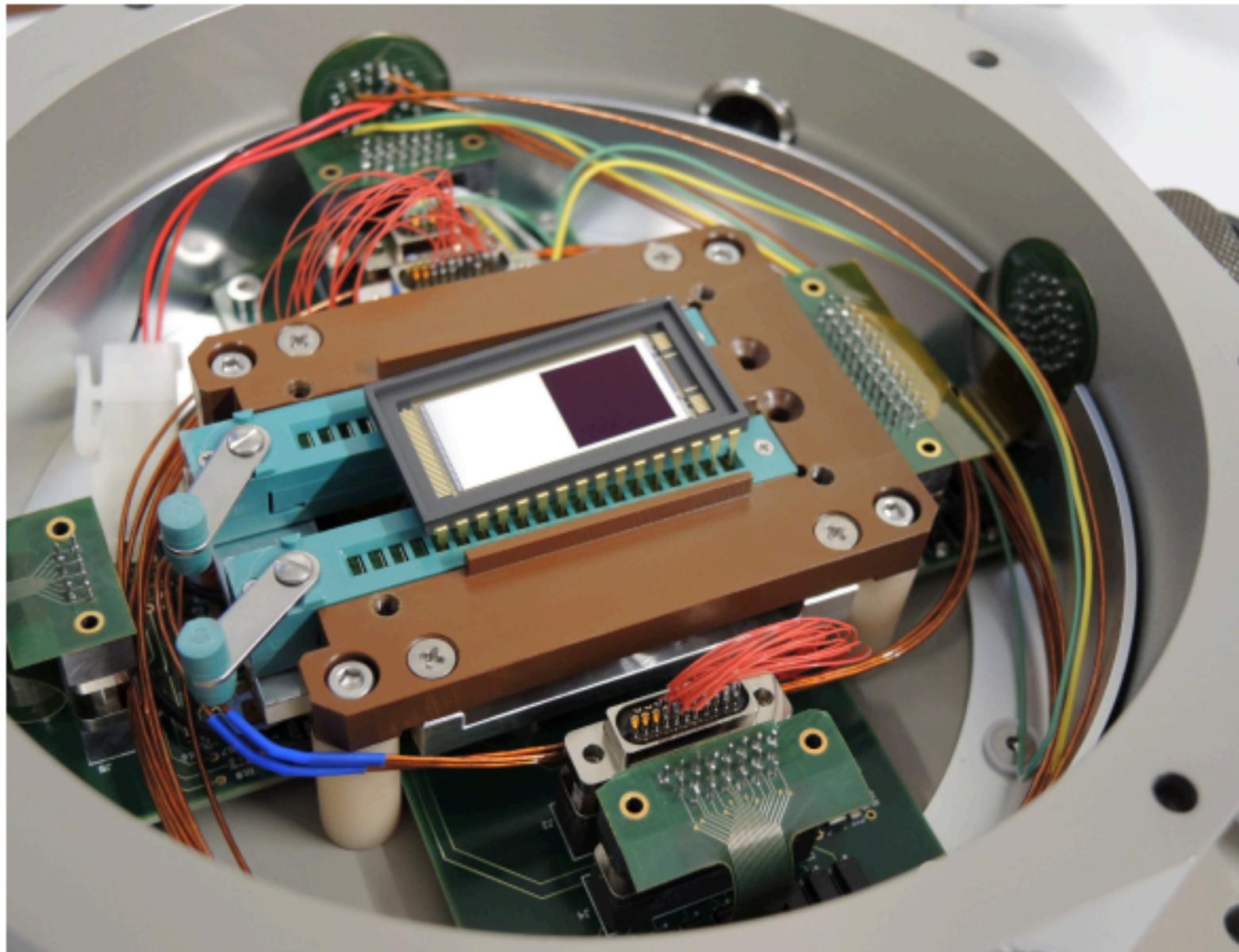


Fig. 9 CHEOPS CCD mounted in the cryostat of the University of Geneva.

Benz et al. 2021 *Exp. Ast.* 51(1):109–51 - <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2009.11633.pdf>

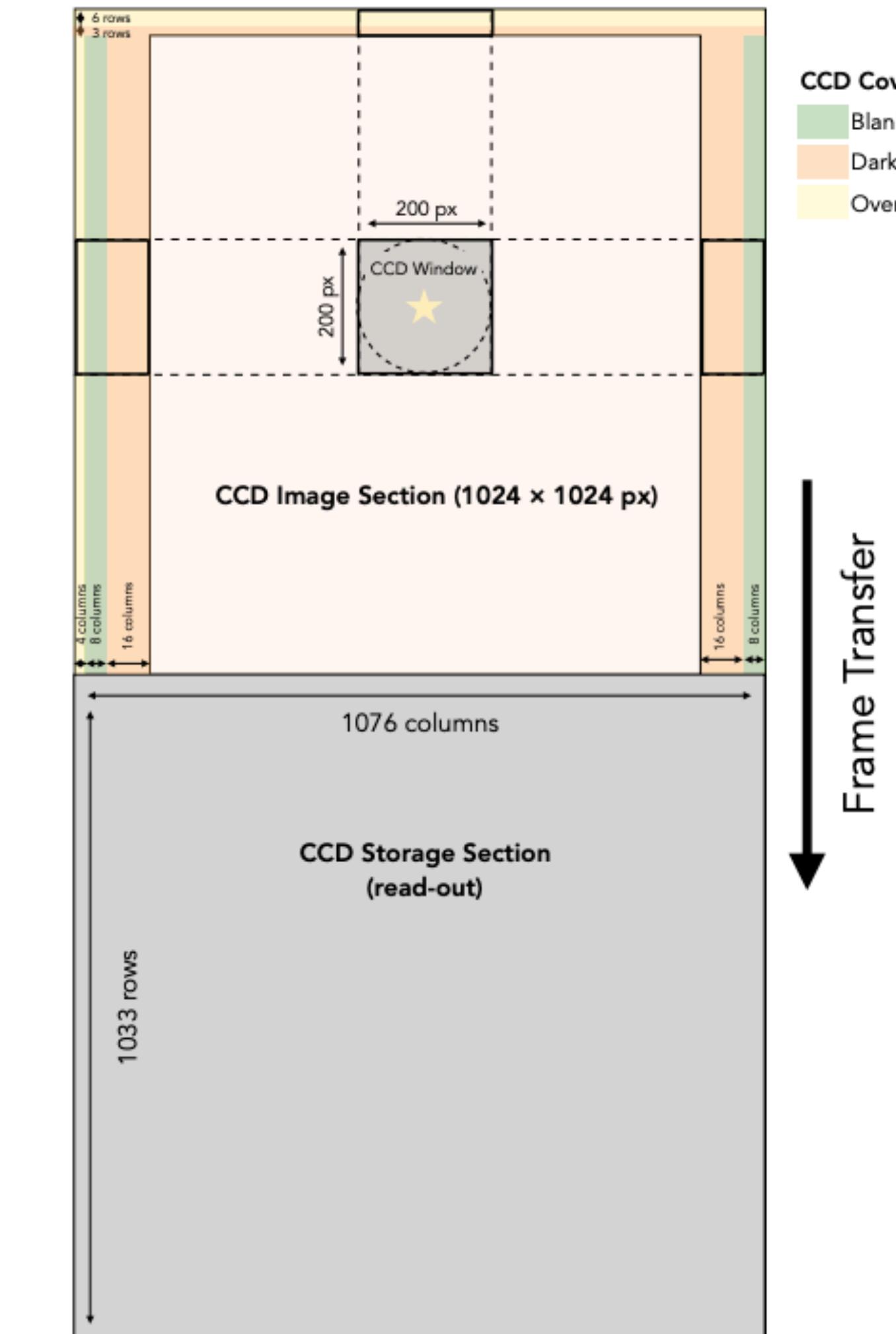
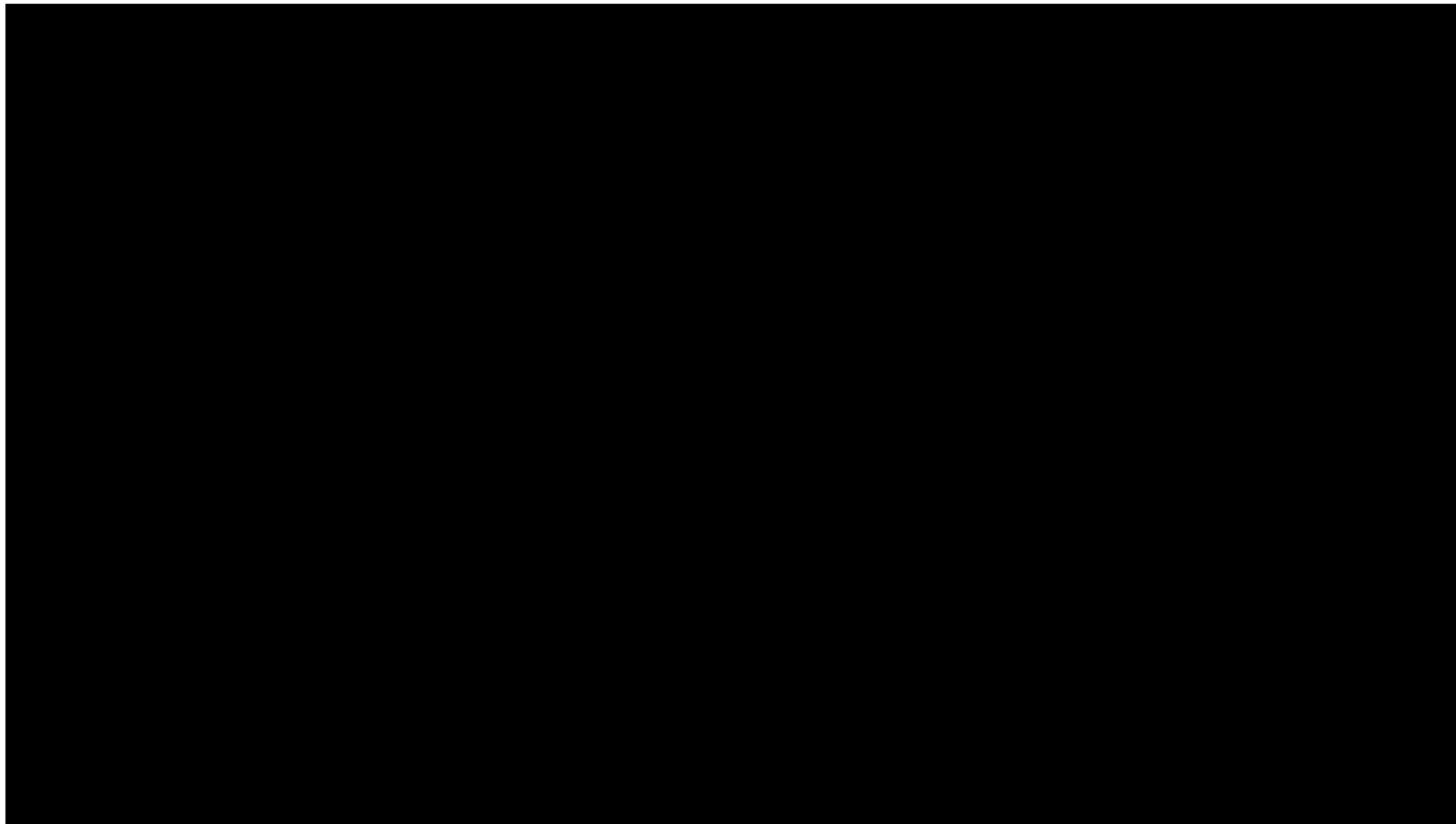


Fig. 8 Schematic view of the CCD elements.

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CHEOPS' orbit



The CHEOPS Data Reduction Pipeline

Launched 18 December 2019

ONE YEAR IN SPACE...
GOING STRONG!

CHEOPS



The CHEOPS Data Reduction Pipeline

The Data Products: From images to light-curve

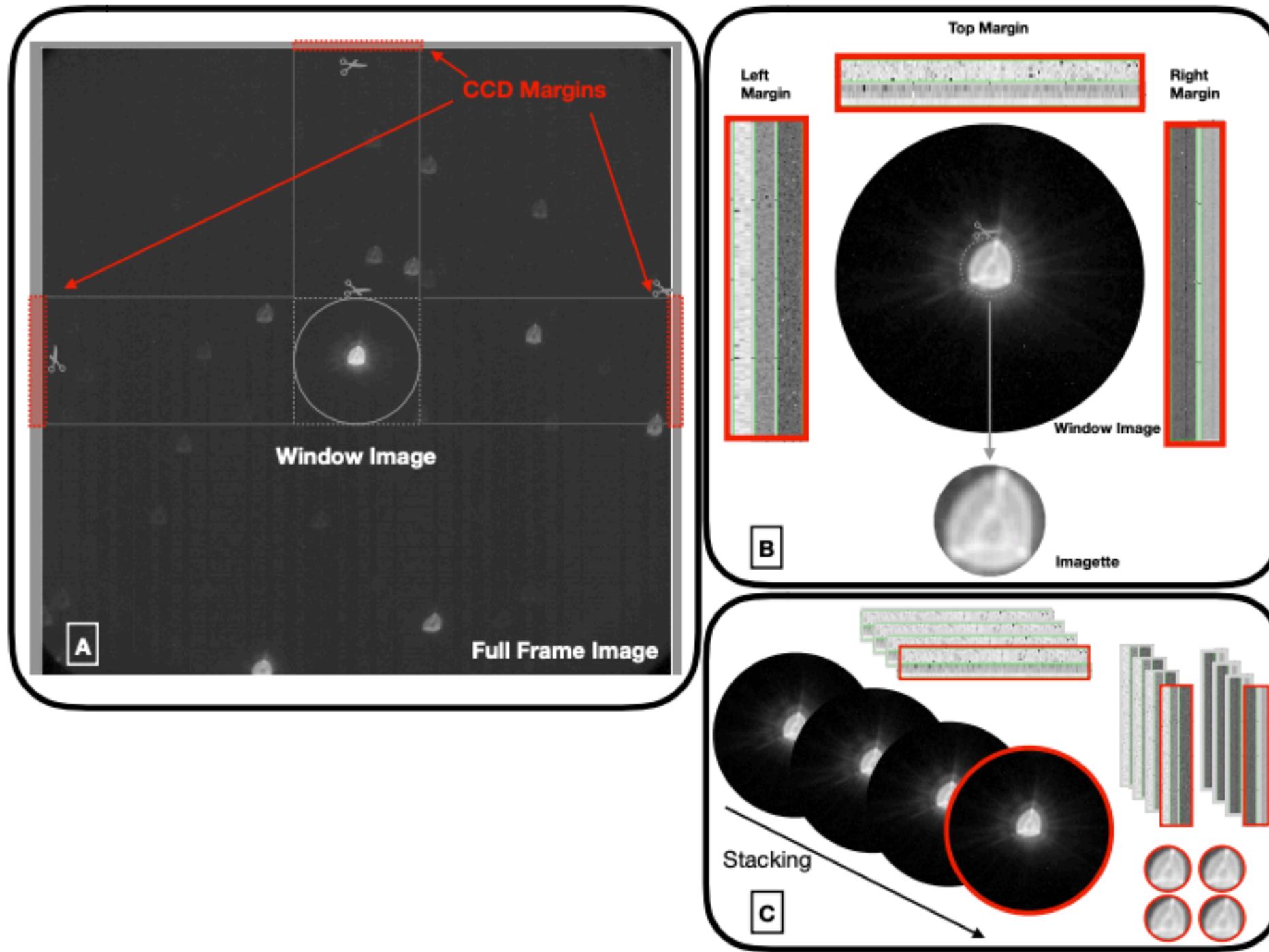


Fig. 10 This figure illustrates the on-board data processing. Panel A shows a full-frame image (1024x1024 plus CCD margins). Due to the limited bandwidth capabilities, all full-frame images cannot be down-linked to the ground. Therefore, circular window images with the target on their centre are cropped. The same is done to the corresponding section of the margins (details in panel B). If the exposure time of the image is longer than 30 seconds, all window images and margins are sent to the ground without any further on-board manipulation. However, if the exposure time is shorter than 30 seconds images have to be stacked on-board. In that case, small “imagettes” containing only the PSF of the target star, are also cropped but they are down-linked to the ground without stacking. For example, as illustrated in panel C, if the exposure time is 15 seconds, one stacked window image resulting from co-adding four images will be down-linked, together with the corresponding stacked margins and the four “imagettes”.

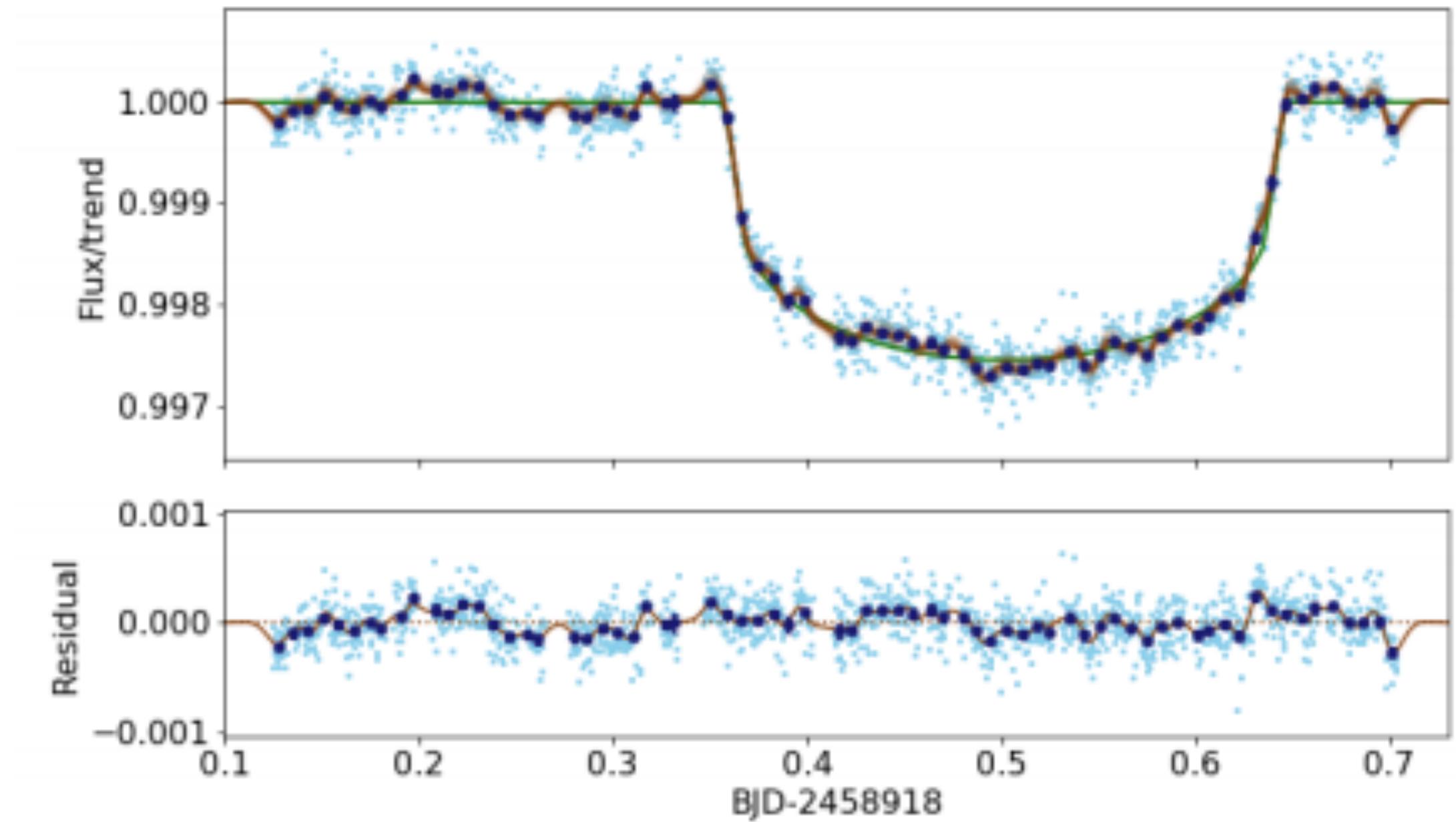
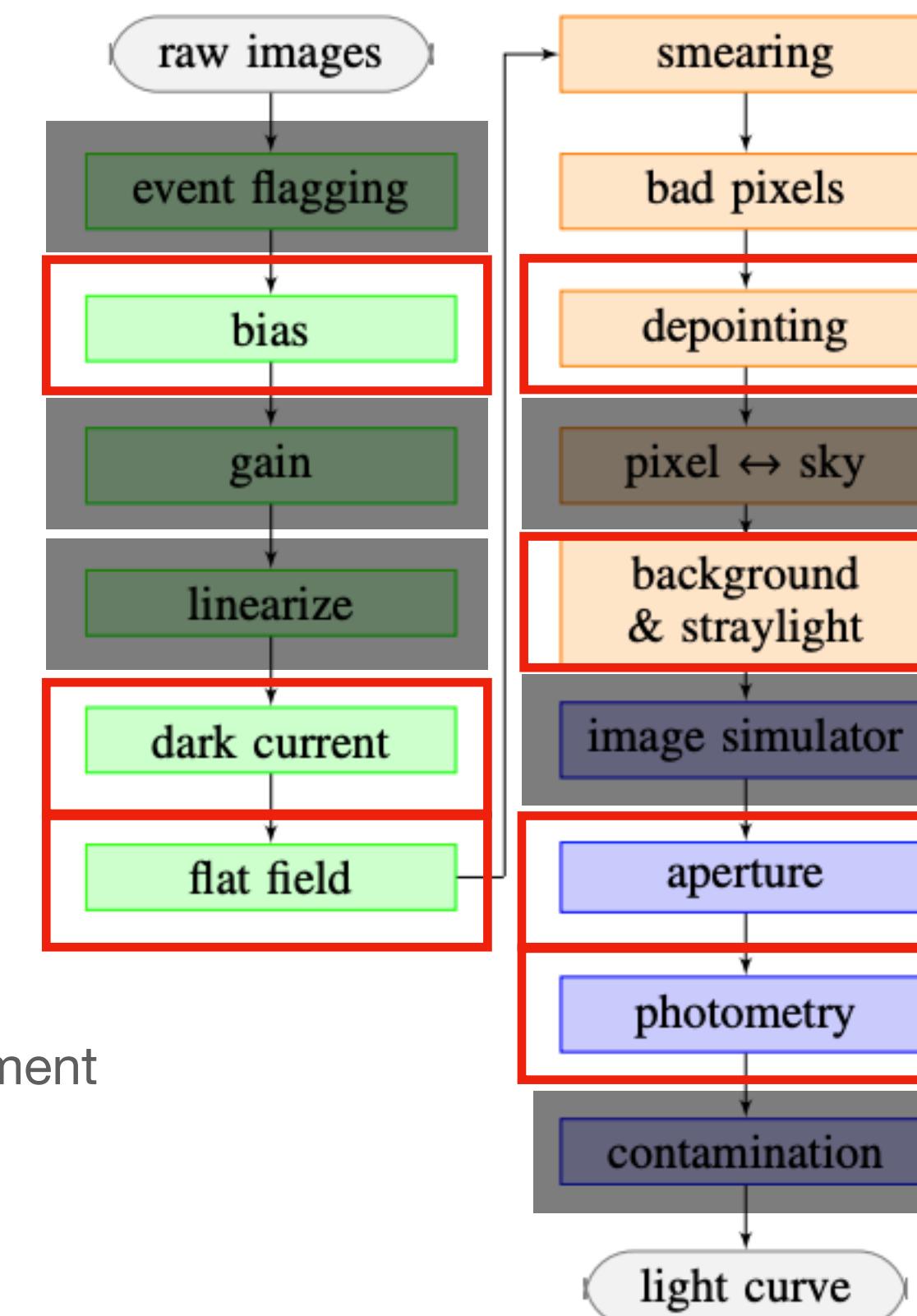
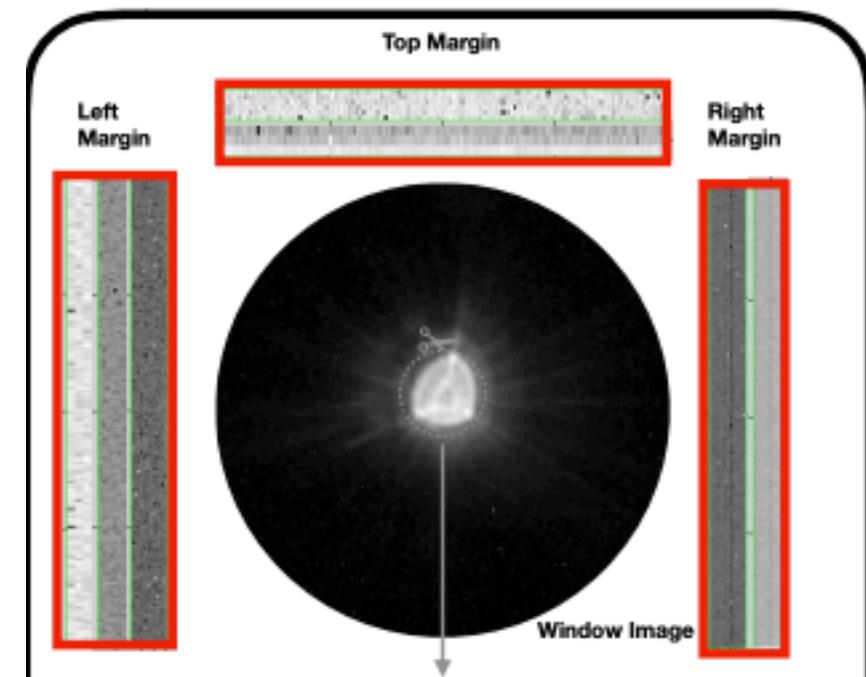


Fig. 15 Observed light curve of KELT-11 and model fit from pycheops. The measured fluxes (light blue points) are also shown binned in time (dark blue points). The transit model (green line, barely visible) is shown in the upper panel together with the several realisations of our complete model including stellar noise sampled from the PPD. The lower panel shows residuals from the transit model plus instrumental effects (blue points) together with the best-fit stellar noise model (brown line).

The CHEOPS Data Reduction Pipeline

The software architecture



Step that you should try to implement

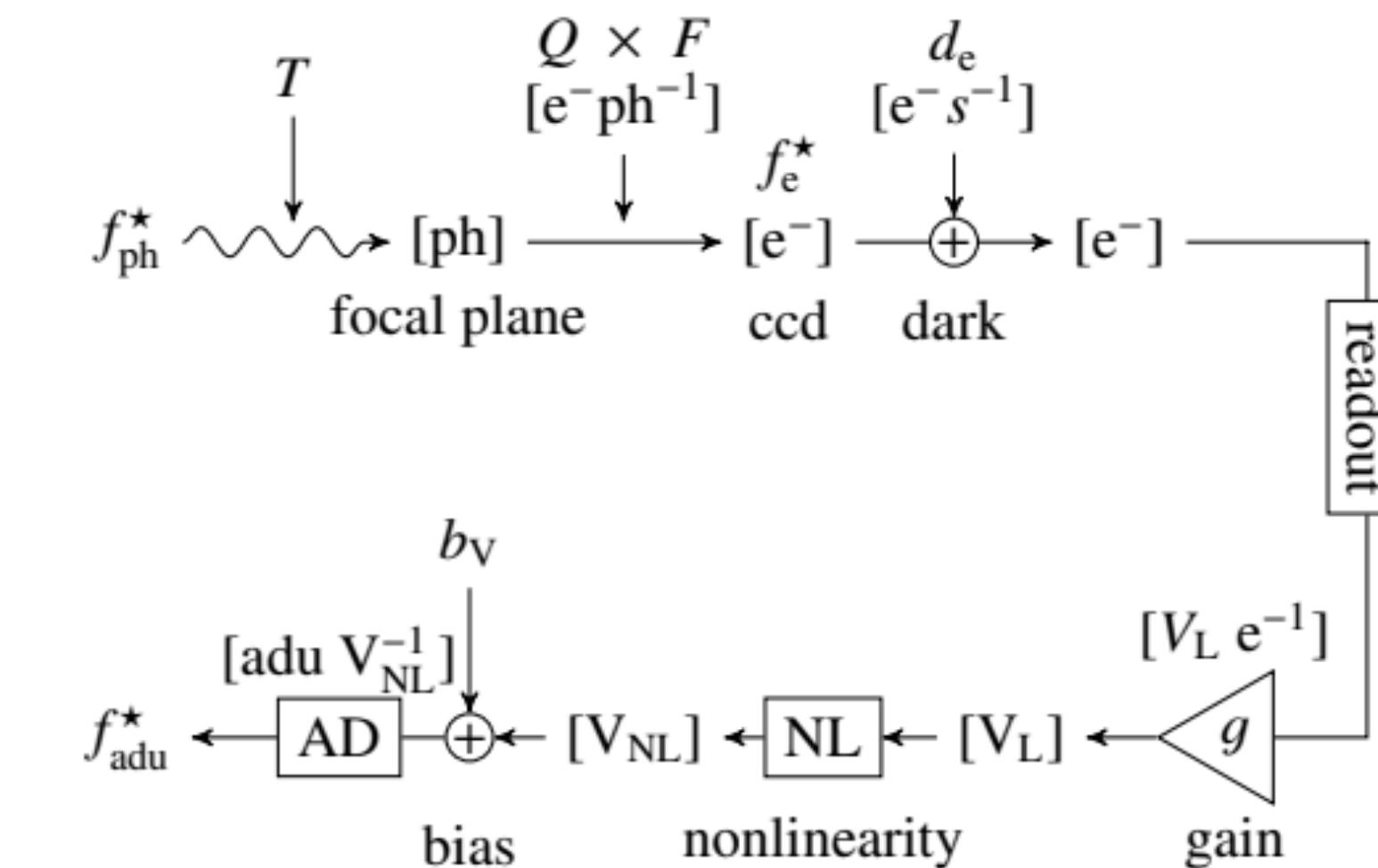


Fig. 2. Signal chain. Following the main arrow, f_{ph}^* is the input photon flux. The units of successive transformations are given in brackets: [ph] photons, [e^-] electrons, [V_L] and [V_{NL}] linear and nonlinear volts, and [adu] the analog-to-digital units. T is the optical throughput, Q is the quantum efficiency, F the flat field, d_e is the dark current. The readout label is the frame transfer, the triangle represents the analog amplifier with its gain g , its nonlinearity NL and its bias voltage b_V . AD is the analog to digital converter. The output is the raw image f_{adu}^* .

Fig. 1. Data reduction flowchart. Green, orange and blue color are calibration, correction and photometry main modules, respectively.

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Accessing at the data

- Quick look with DS9 and fv
- How to read the data with Python

https://github.com/odemangeon/pw_cheops

**Instructions for this practical
work**

Extract CHEOPS photometry

- We have seen how the CHEOPS Data Reduction pipeline processes the data to extract the light curve.
- You have been given the RAW data of two CHEOPS observations:
 - The transit of KELT-11 b published in Benz et al. 2021, *Exp. Ast.*, 51(1):109–51 -
<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2009.11633.pdf>
 - On occultation of WASP-189 b published in Lendl et al. 2020 *A&A*. 643:A94 -
<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2009.13403.pdf>
- Objective: Extract the “best” light-curve of at least one of these datasets
 - Write a report about your extraction of at least 1 dataset on Thursday 27/05.
 - For each step of your data reduction: Explain what you did, and why you did it like that. Explore different possibilities and show the scientific procedure that you used to decide which one is the best.
 - The report will be in english and for the report use the *A&A* article LaTeX template.

Second class

Status of your pipeline

- Describe what you did for the bias correction:
 - Which steps did you implement ?
 - What are the issues that you encountered if any ?
 - Show me what you managed to achieve and why do you think your correction is good ?

The other steps: Bias correction

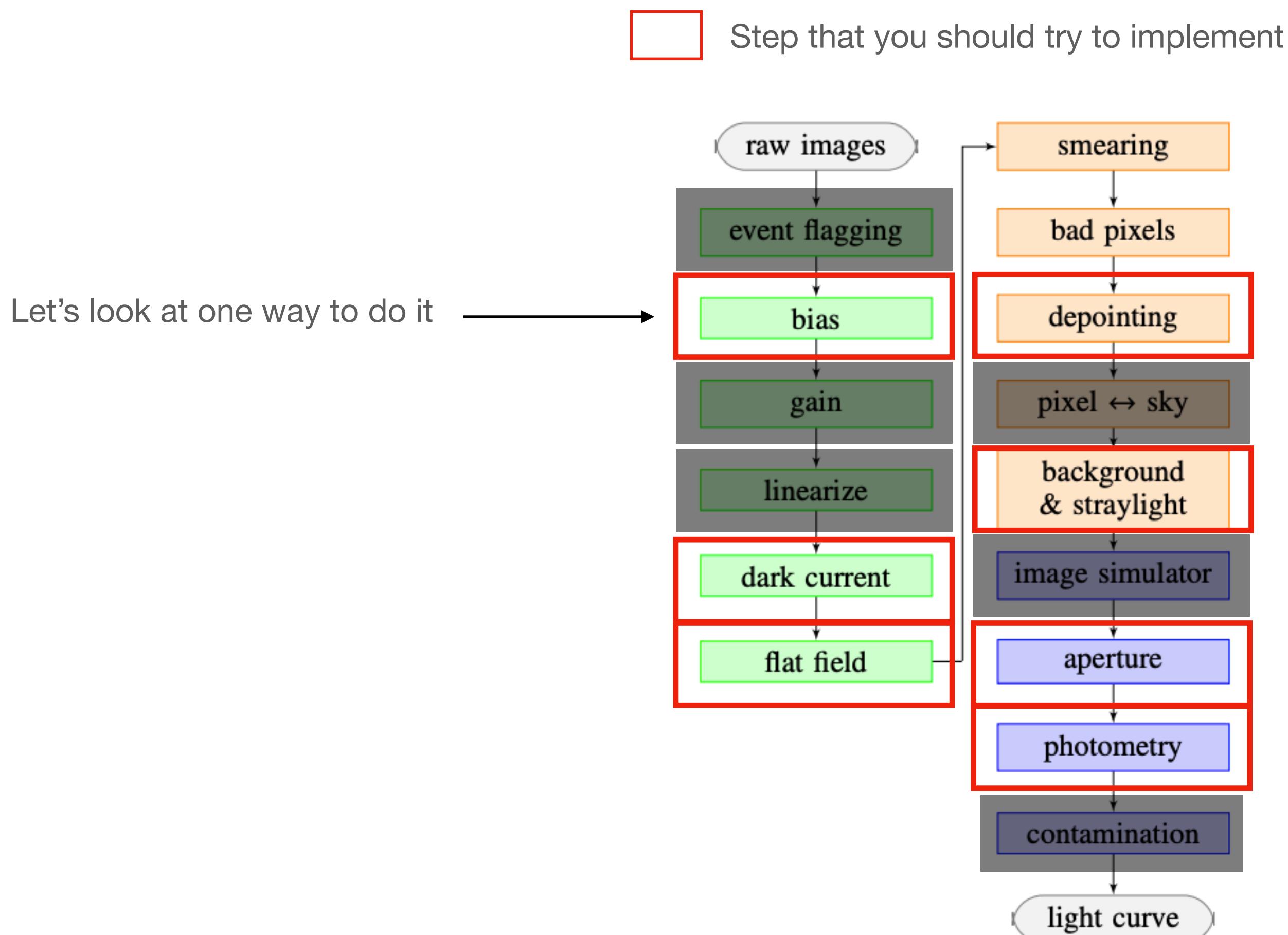


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The other steps: Dark current correction

Step that you should try to implement

The same principles can be applied to the dark current correction but the dark current correction is a bit more challenging:

The are dark left, right and top and due to the fact they are real pixels, they are affected by cosmic rays and hot/dead pixels or columns .

You will need to find a way to remove these “outliers” bad pixels/column manually or with an automatic routine(`astropy.sat`)

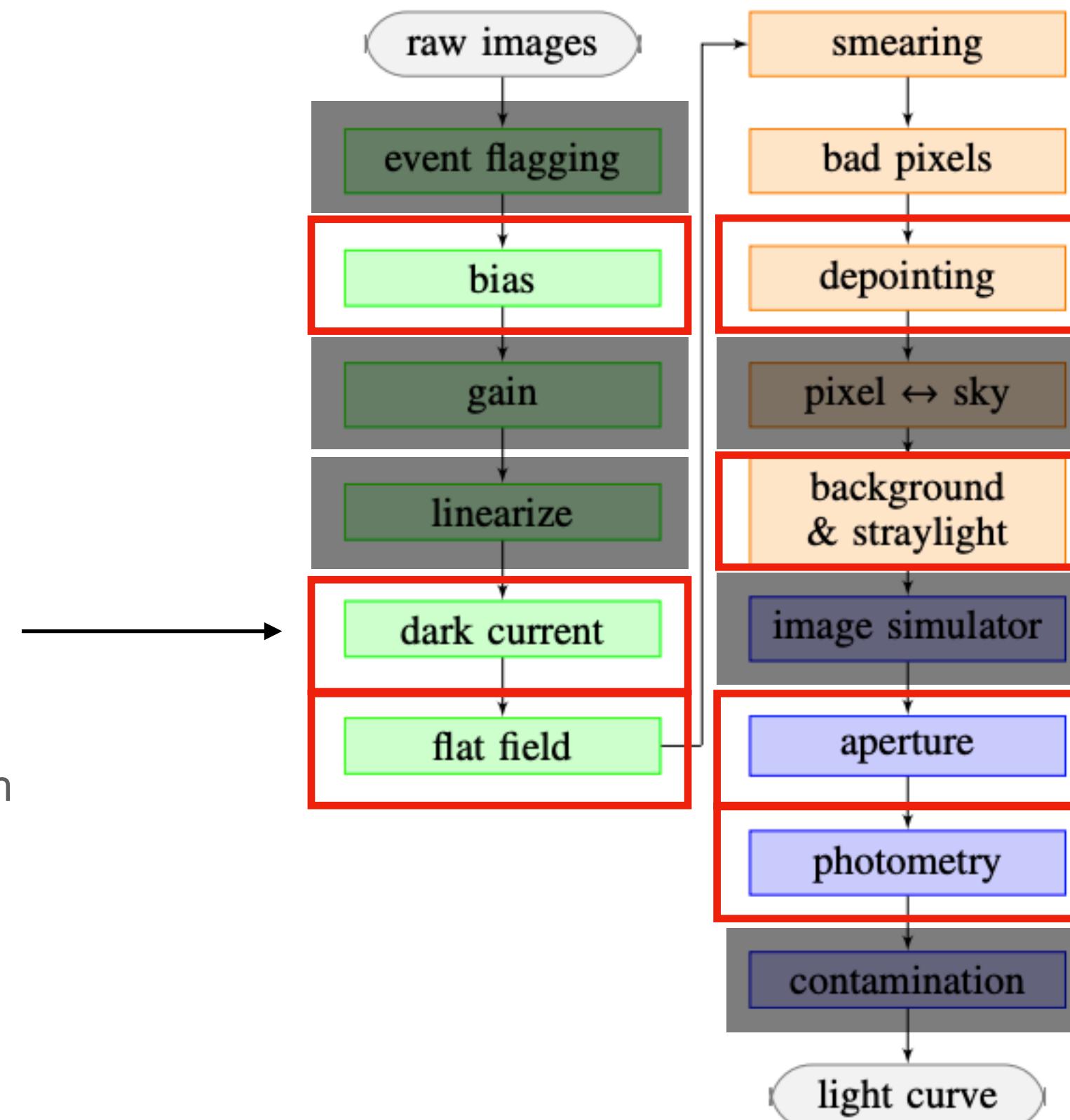


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The other steps: Flat-field correction

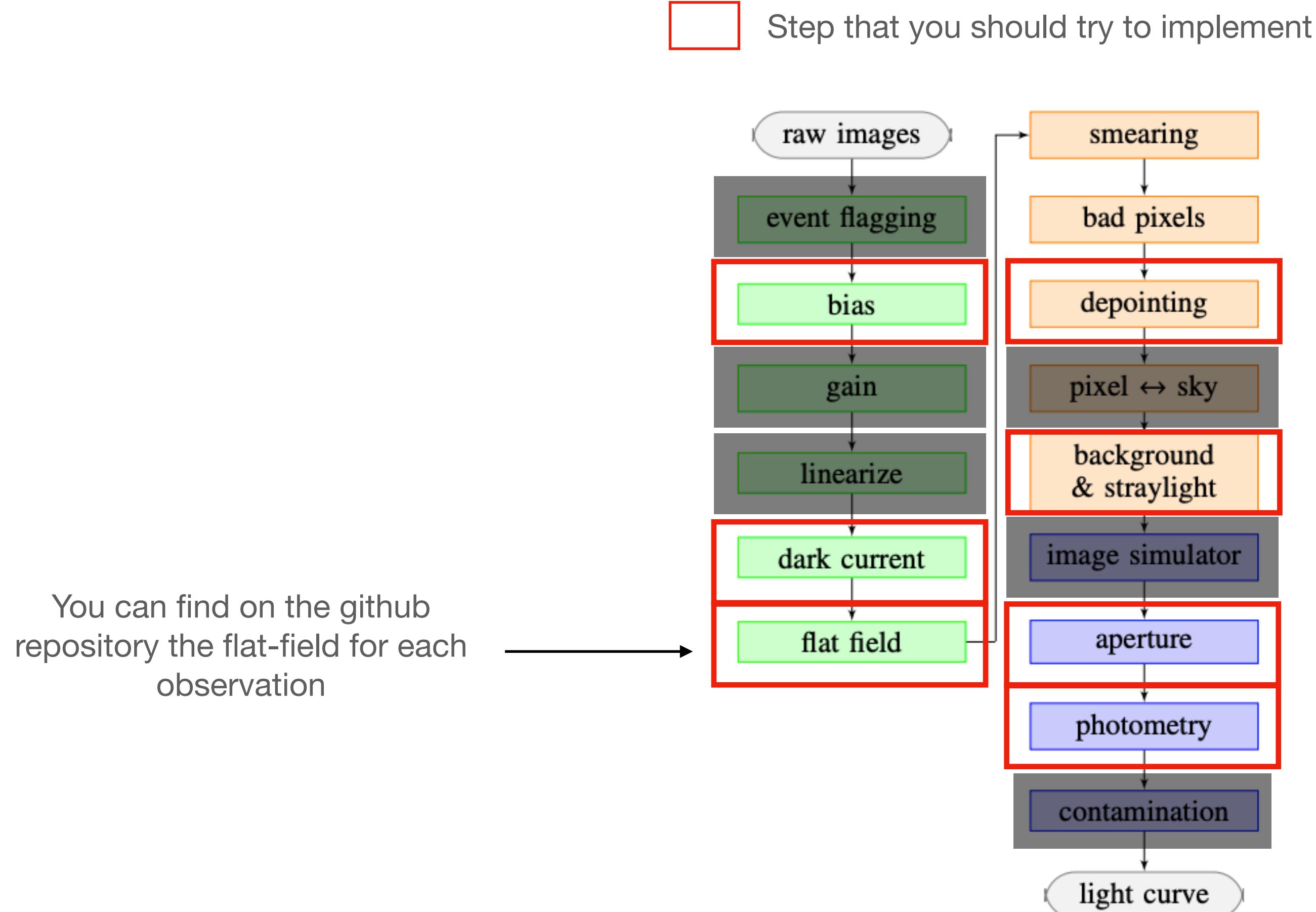
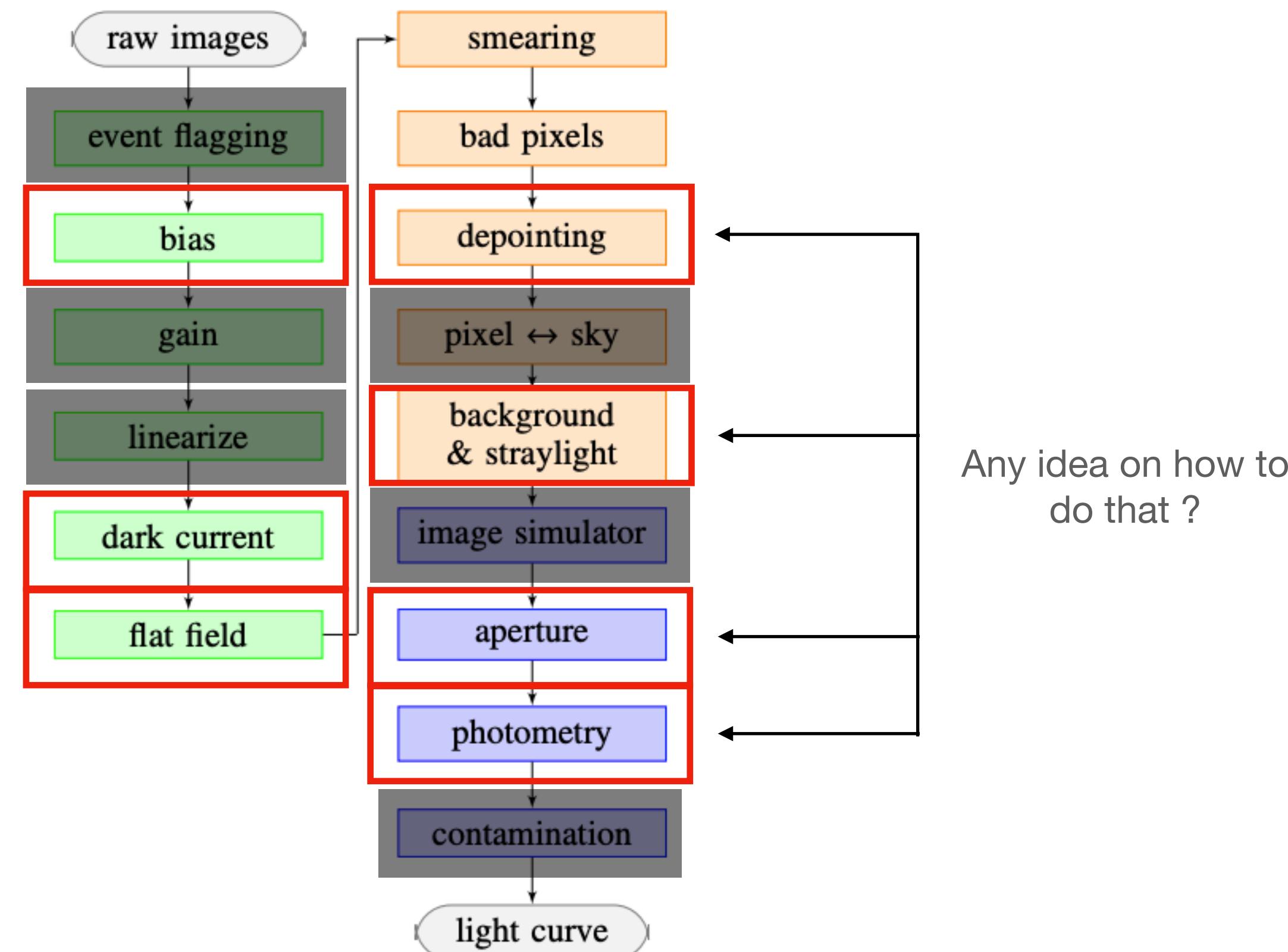


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The other steps: Depointing, background and stray-light, aperture definition, photometry

 Step that you should try to implement



Any idea on how to
do that ?

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What is expected of you ?

- Show that you understood:
 - Implement at least one method for each step. The one shown are another that seems more promising to you.
 - Explain the reason for the different steps of the method you are implementing ?
 - What are the hypothesis if there is any ?
 - Why are we implementing each step like this ? Is there other ways to do it ? What are the pros and cons of your method ?
 - Even if you could not or didn't have time to implement you can propose ways to improve
 - How to estimate the precision of your correction and when is it not necessary to improve further ?
- How to estimate the precision of your light-curve ?