# A new mission class?

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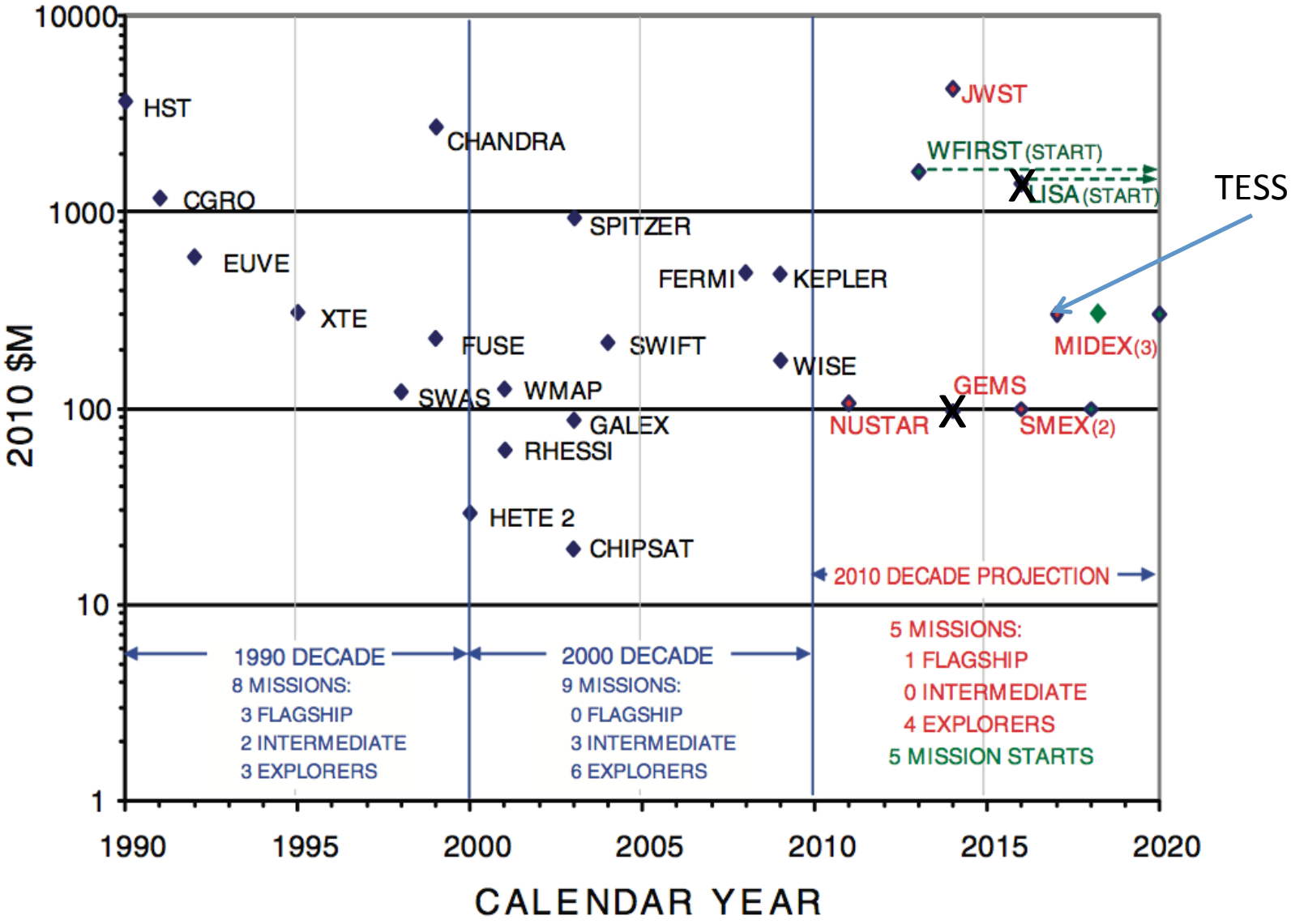


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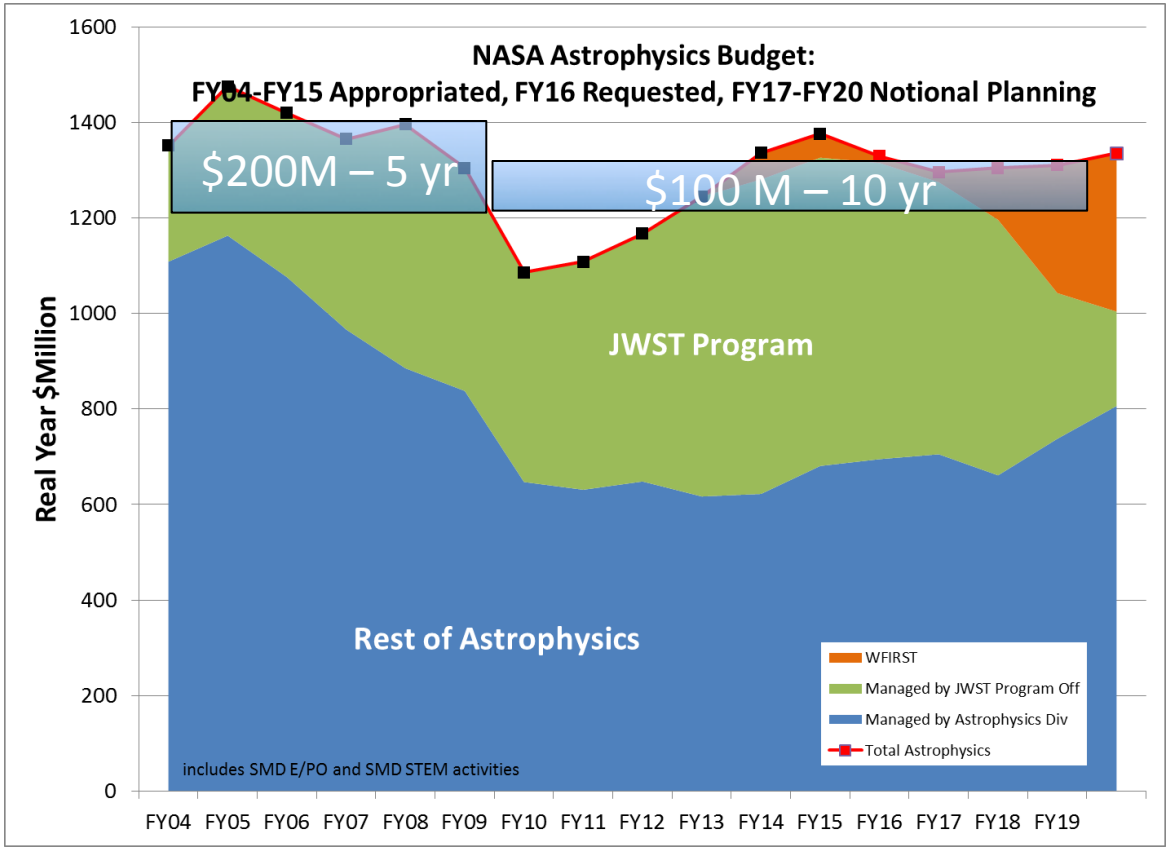
# Discussion within Missions subcomm

- Clear consensus for a mission with a ≈ $800M cost cap, which, after including launch costs, results in $1B.
- Long development times should be avoided
- Zero-sum game: Do you want to launch two midExes or a probe?




M. Perez talk

# Where is the money coming from?

- Increased budget (Ha!)
- Develop partnerships
  - Other countries
    - Unless partnership is equitable, it may increase total cost
  - Public – Private partnerships: foundations, universities
    - Common in ground-based, yet to be tried in space

# How to select them?

- Probably not PI direct call
- What was done 10 years ago?
  - Origins Probes Mission Concepts (2004)
    - ROSES call for quick (~9 month) paper concept studies
    - ~9 concepts selected in 2004; total funding ~$1M ($100K average)
  - Astrophysics Mission Concepts Study (AMCS; 2007)
    - ROSES call for ~1 year paper concept studies
    - Nineteen (+1) ASMC concepts selected in 2007; total funding $13M ($700K average)
- Each Flagship STDT will be challenged to identify one or more probe-class versions of their mission and to estimate the percentage of the original science case that can be achieved.