

Cost Estimation

ISA will incur additional cost compared to a conventional, single launch observatory. These include:

- Modularity, multiple launches, cargo delivery vehicles, rendezvous and proximity operations, assembly robotics

ISA will likely offer opportunities for cost savings in the development of flight system elements such as the telescope, instruments, spacecraft

- These elements typically represent 60-70% of mission costs. Hence, this can be a source of significant savings.
- Flight system assembly, I&T are other areas of potential savings.

→ What is the net effect?

Relative cost comparison between single-launch vehicle observatory and iSAT. Green represents WBS elements where ISA may provide cost benefits while red represents elements where ISA may have a cost increase in comparison to a conventional, single-launch approach

WBS 1-3 Mng. SE. SMA	WBS 4 SCI	WBS 5.1 Telescope Structure	WBS 5.2 Telescope Optics	WBS 5.3 Sunshade	WBS 5.4 Inst	WBS 5.5 Robotics	WBS 6 SC	WBS 7-9 MOS/GDS	LV	CDV	Ops	WBS 10 SI&T

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Developed and compared estimates of conventional single-launch vs ISA same architecture but 3 different aperture size (5, 10, 15m).

Used current cost models for conventionally developed observatories

- an architectural study undertaken by JPL's A-Team
- Same MEL as ISA
- CERs using established models
- and scaling laws

Our Study conducted a grass roots cost estimation for ISA

- detailed phase A-E plan,
- schedule,
- MEL, PEL,
- launch manifest
- resource plans

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Estimating Conventional Single Launch Costs

Using Traditional Cost Models

WBS/Element	Title	Calculation Method (Inputs)
1	Project Management (PM)	% (of 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B, 6C costs) – w/ % stretched operations for ISATs
2	Project Systems Engineering (PSE)	% (of 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B, 6C costs) – w/ % stretched operations for ISATs
3	Safety & Mission Assurance (SMA)	% (of 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B, 6C costs) – w/ % stretched operations for ISATs
4	Science (SCI)	% (of 5B Costs Only)
5A	Optical Telescope Element (OTE)	Phil Stahl Model (Dia., Temp., Diffraction wavelength, Segment Size) 15% reduction for ISAT (no full scale I&T on the ground)
5B	Instrument(s) Element (IE)	NASA Instrument Cost Model aka NICM (mass, power, type)
6A	Spacecraft Element (SCE)	\$/kg (SCE mass) SCE mass as % of (mass of : OTE, IE, & RAE) OTE mass scaled as a power of the aperture from JWST mass
6B	Robotic Assembly Element (RAE)	Weighted \$/kg Structure Cost Estimating Relationship from SMAD for Structure Spacecraft Cost Estimating Relationship from SMAD for “Smart Mass”
6C	Cargo Delivery Element (CDE)	\$/kg (mass scaled from CYGNUS by cargo carrying capacity) 85% learning curve assumed for multiple units
7	Mission Operations System (MOS)	% (of 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B, 6C costs) – w/ % stretched operations for ISATs
8	Launch Vehicle Services (LVS)	LSP Catalog. # of launches based on Mass Only [no volume considerations]
9A	Ground Data System (GDS)	% (of 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B, 6C costs) – w/ % stretched operations for ISATs
9B	Science Data System (SDS)	% (of 5B costs Only) – w/ % stretched operations for ISATs
10	Systems Integration & Test (SI&T)	% of costs of elements integrated on the ground 5A, 5B, 6A, & 6B for GOATs 6A, & 6B only for ISATs
	Reserves	% of everything above EXCEPT WBS 8 Launch Vehicle Services
	TOTAL	Total of everything above

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iSAT Grass Roots Estimation

WBS Element	Basis of Estimate
WBS 1-3: Proj. Mgmt, Sys Eng (incl. Mission Design), SMA	Cost-to-Cost Ratio Based on Flagship class missions
WBS 4: Science	Cost-to-Cost Ratio Based on Flagship class missions
WBS 5.1 Telescope Structure	Grass roots for labor, per unit non-labor estimates: \$10M
WBS 5.2 Telescope Optics	Grass roots for labor, per unit non-labor estimates: \$100M
WBS 5.3 Telescope Sunshade	Grass roots for labor, per unit non-labor estimates: 30% of labor
WBS 5.4 Instruments	CADRe based on analogues (HDI, ECLIPS, LUMOS, Pollux)
WBS 5.5 Robotics (2 arms)	Labor: Grass roots for labor, analogues (Gateway, Restore-L, RSGS, Mars), Non-Labor: estimate of \$100M per arm
WBS 6: Spacecraft	Grass roots estimate, \$1B , \$1.5B and \$2B for 3 sizes
WBS 7 & 9: MOS/GDS	Cost-to-Cost Ratio Based on Flagship class missions
Reserves	Consistent with A-Team (30%). Does not include LV and CDS,
WBS 8.1 Launch Systems	Input from NASA Launch Service Program (NLSII PPBE input)
WBS8.2 Cargo Delivery Vehicle	Grass roots estimate from analogues (Cygnus, Dragon)
Operations	\$80M/year assembly ops cost added to mission operations
Servicer	From Analogues (DARPA RSGS and Restore-L)
Tech Dev and Pre-Phase A	Did Not Estimate

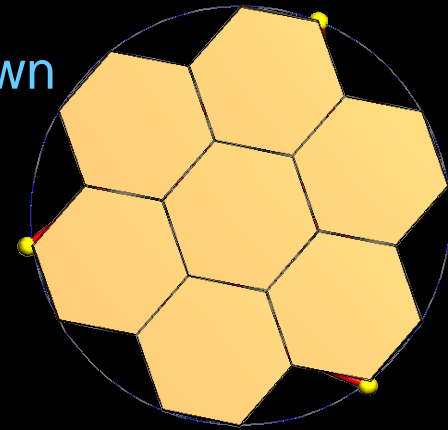
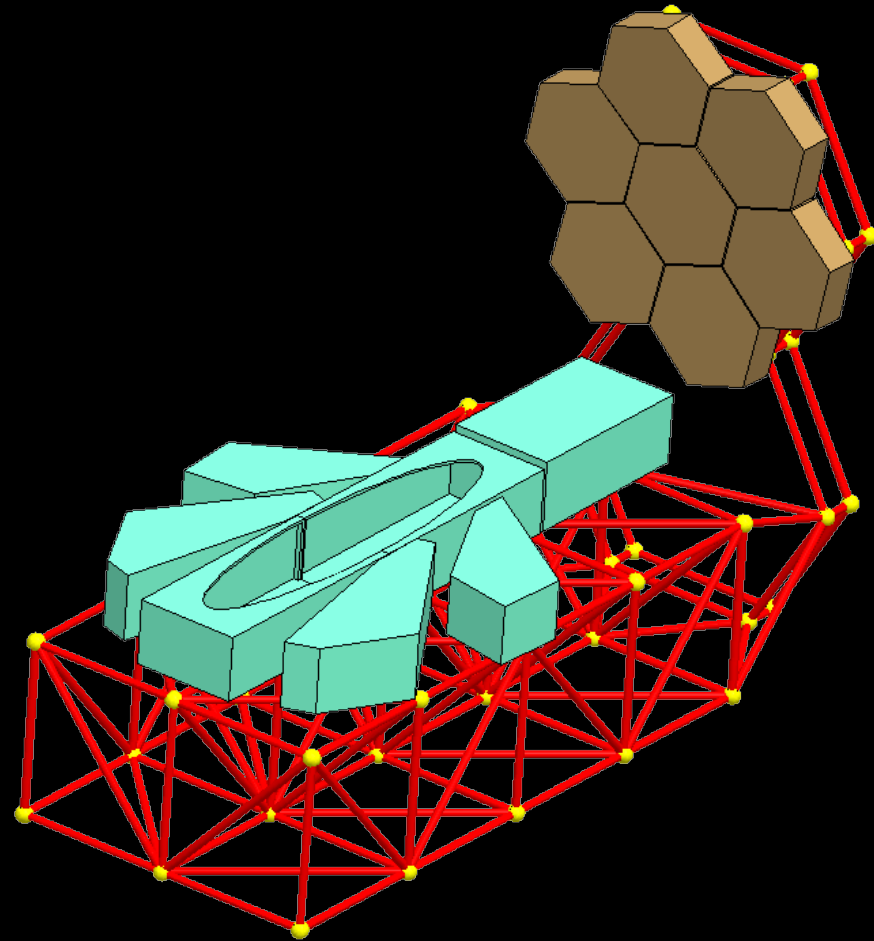
- Used \$500k per person per year for labor; unit modules for truss and optics shown in next slide
- Multiplied labor estimates by factor of **2** to account for optimism in grass roots i.e. **100%** margin for all three sizes
- Includes scaling effect with aperture size on non-labor costs, including materials
- Does not include learning curve for repeat modules

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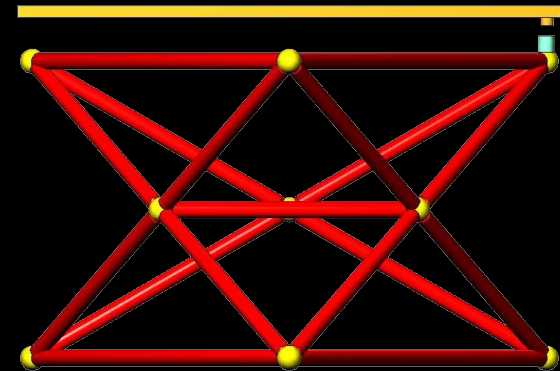
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What is a unit module?

Example of truss and optical unit module are shown



Unit Module for Optical Raft



Unit Module for Truss

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Grass Roots Costing

Creating List of Representative Activities

Example of Activities Per Phase shown for Thermal Subsystem

Thermal ICD, thermal specification finalization

Thermal Subsystem Risks, waivers and/or deviation status

Technology development tested and completed

Detailed Spacecraft Thermal Design/Architecture

Thermal model including simplified components with corresponding power

Finalized trade studies and outcomes for Spacecraft/Observatory

Thermal Analyses for Observatory utilizing flight orbit for full complement of cases including Launch, ascent, early operations and/or transition orbits

Thermal Predictions for Spacecraft and Observatory (temperature, heater power, gradients, etc.)

Integrated Modeling (STOP) Thermal inputs for bounding cases

Early delivery of Spacecraft model/boundaries for OTE and Instrument Analyses

Preliminary Thermal Vacuum and Balance Tests configurations and concepts identified including required GSE and facilities

Thermal Hardware identified (MLI, heaters, sensors, heat pipes, etc.) including installation process and testing identified

Mass estimates

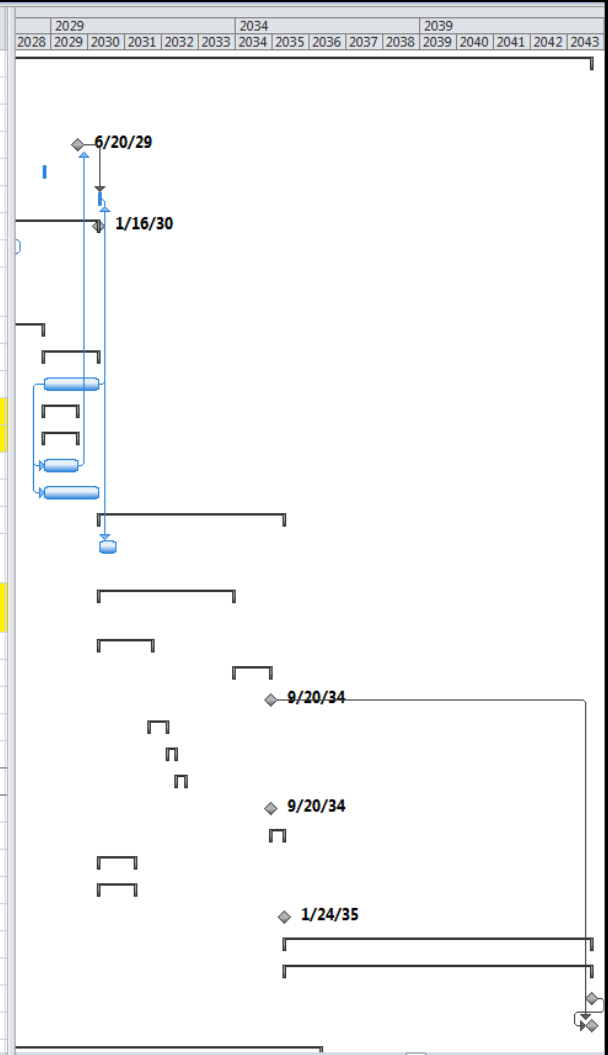
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Grass Roots Estimation: Creating a Notional Payload Schedule

Example of a Schedule per Payload Element

WBS	Task Name	Duration	Total Slack	Start	Finish	
1.5	<input type="checkbox"/> iSAT Optical Telescope Assemblies	4607 days	528 days	Wed 10/1/25	Thu 5/28/43	
1.5.1	OTE Program Start	0 days	761 days	Wed 10/1/25	Wed 10/1/25	
1.5.2	OTE SRR	1 day	761 days	Wed 1/20/27	Wed 1/20/27	
1.5.3	OTE TRL-6 Demo Complete	0 days	911 days	Wed 6/20/29	Wed 6/20/29	
1.5.4	OTE PDR	1 day	1893 days	Thu 7/20/28	Thu 7/20/28	
1.5.5	OTE CDR	1 day	761 days	Thu 1/17/30	Thu 1/17/30	
1.5.6	<input type="checkbox"/> OTE Phase A/B	1121 days	761 days	Wed 10/1/25	Wed 1/16/30	
1.5.6.1	Level 1 > 2 > 3 OTE Concept & Requirements	520 days	761 days	Wed 10/1/25	Tue 9/28/27	
1.5.6.2	Risk Reduction Studies (Latches, metrology, RBA, production)	520 days	972 days	Wed 10/1/25	Tue 9/28/27	
1.5.6.3	<input type="checkbox"/> PDR Phase	390 days	761 days	Thu 1/21/27	Wed 7/19/28	
1.5.6.4	<input type="checkbox"/> CDR Phase	390 days	761 days	Thu 7/20/28	Wed 1/16/30	
1.5.6.4.1	Final OTE Subsystems Design	390 days	761 days	Thu 7/20/28	Wed 1/16/30	
1.5.6.4.2	<input type="checkbox"/> EM Technology Demonstrations	240 days	911 days	Thu 7/20/28	Wed 6/20/29	
1.5.6.4.2.1	<input type="checkbox"/> PMSA	240 days	911 days	Thu 7/20/28	Wed 6/20/29	
1.5.6.4.2.2	EM Latches, System Metrology	240 days	911 days	Thu 7/20/28	Wed 6/20/29	
1.5.6.4.3	Production Lines Design and Long Lead Procure	390 days	4014 days	Thu 7/20/28	Wed 1/16/30	
1.5.7	<input type="checkbox"/> OTE Production (Rafts 1-3, SMA, Aft Optics)	1309 days	761 days	Thu 1/17/30	Wed 1/24/35	
1.5.7.1	Complete parallel production lines (single line is ready)	120 days	810 days	Fri 1/18/30	Thu 7/4/30	
1.5.7.2	<input type="checkbox"/> Multi-RAFT Assembly & Handling Pathfinder (1 EM raft, 2 simulators)	953 days	168 days	Thu 1/17/30	Tue 9/13/33	
1.5.7.3	<input type="checkbox"/> Raft #1 Subassemblies	381 days	761 days	Fri 1/18/30	Fri 7/4/31	
1.5.7.4	<input type="checkbox"/> Raft #1 Assembly Integration & Test	266 days	168 days	Wed 9/14/33	Wed 9/20/34	
1.5.7.5	End of 5m Program	0 days	2794 days	Wed 9/20/34	Wed 9/20/34	
1.5.7.6	<input type="checkbox"/> Raft #2 Subassemblies	126 days	767 days	Fri 6/6/31	Fri 11/28/31	
1.5.7.7	<input type="checkbox"/> Raft #2 Assembly Integration & Test	64 days	767 days	Mon 12/1/31	Thu 2/26/32	
1.5.7.8	<input type="checkbox"/> Raft #3 All Elements	70 days	767 days	Fri 2/27/32	Thu 6/3/32	
1.5.7.9	Completion of RAFTS 1-3 I&T (milestone)	0 days	168 days	Wed 9/20/34	Wed 9/20/34	
1.5.7.10	<input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Raft Assembly Demonstrations	90 days	168 days	Thu 9/21/34	Wed 1/24/35	
1.5.7.11	<input type="checkbox"/> Secondary Mirror Assembly	260 days	1217 days	Fri 1/18/30	Thu 1/16/31	
1.5.7.12	<input type="checkbox"/> Aft Optics & Instrument Interface	260 days	1217 days	Fri 1/18/30	Thu 1/16/31	
1.5.8	Initial Phase Complete (Rafts 1-3, SMA, Aft Optics)	0 days	168 days	Wed 1/24/35	Wed 1/24/35	
1.5.9	<input type="checkbox"/> OTE Final Production (10m, 15m, 20m)	2176 days	168 days	Thu 1/25/35	Thu 5/28/43	
1.5.9.1	<input type="checkbox"/> Final Production Phase (20m / rafts 4-37)	2176 days	168 days	Thu 1/25/35	Thu 5/28/43	
1.5.9.2	20m OTE Production Complete	0 days	528 days	Thu 5/28/43	Thu 5/28/43	
1.5.10	OTE Program Complete	0 days	528 days	Thu 5/28/43	Thu 5/28/43	
1.5	<input type="checkbox"/> iSAT Assembly	3740 days	4025 days	Fri 10/1/25	Thu 1/24/35	

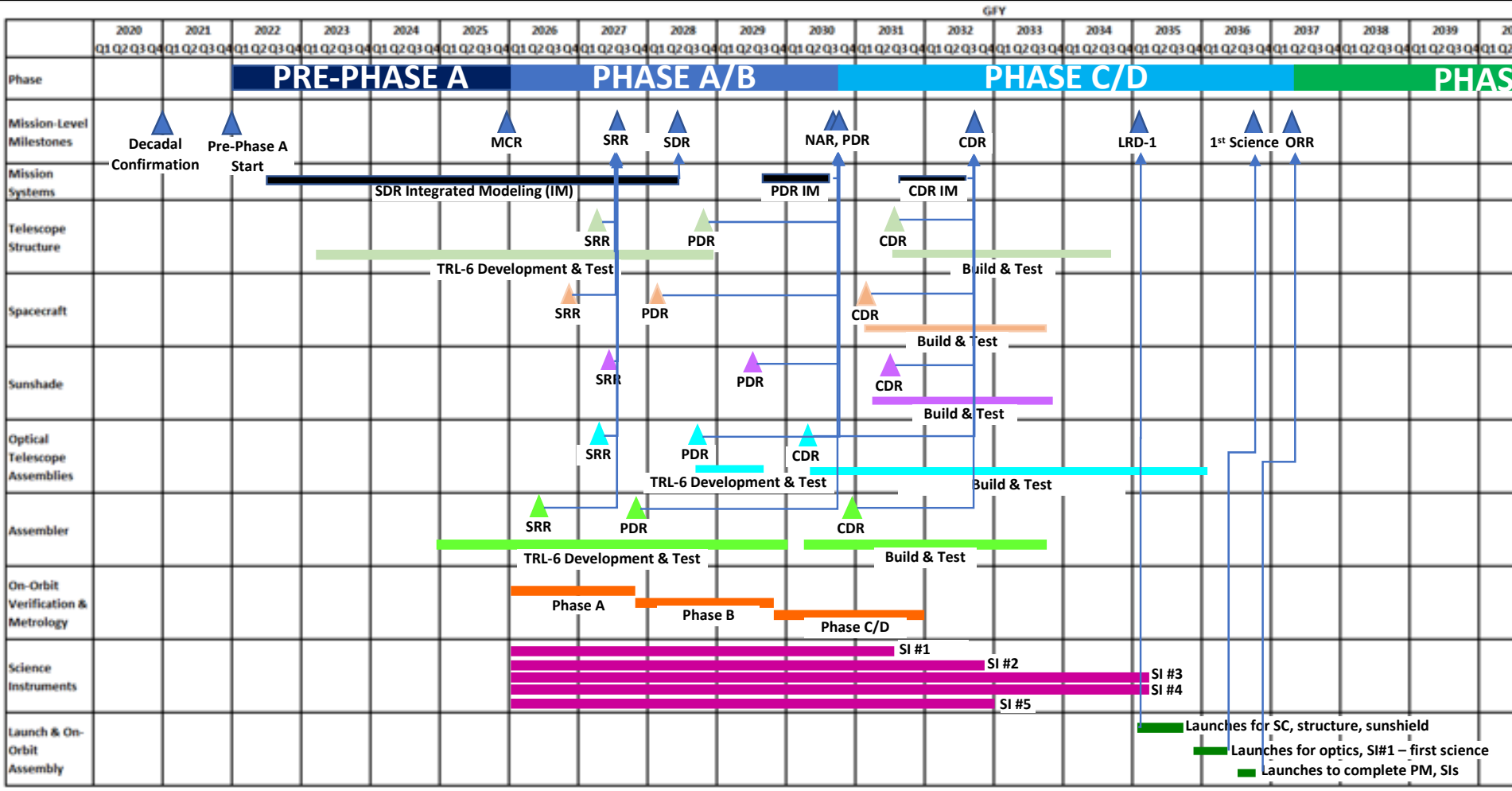


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Grass Roots Estimation: Creating a Notional Overall Schedule

Example of a Schedule per Payload Element

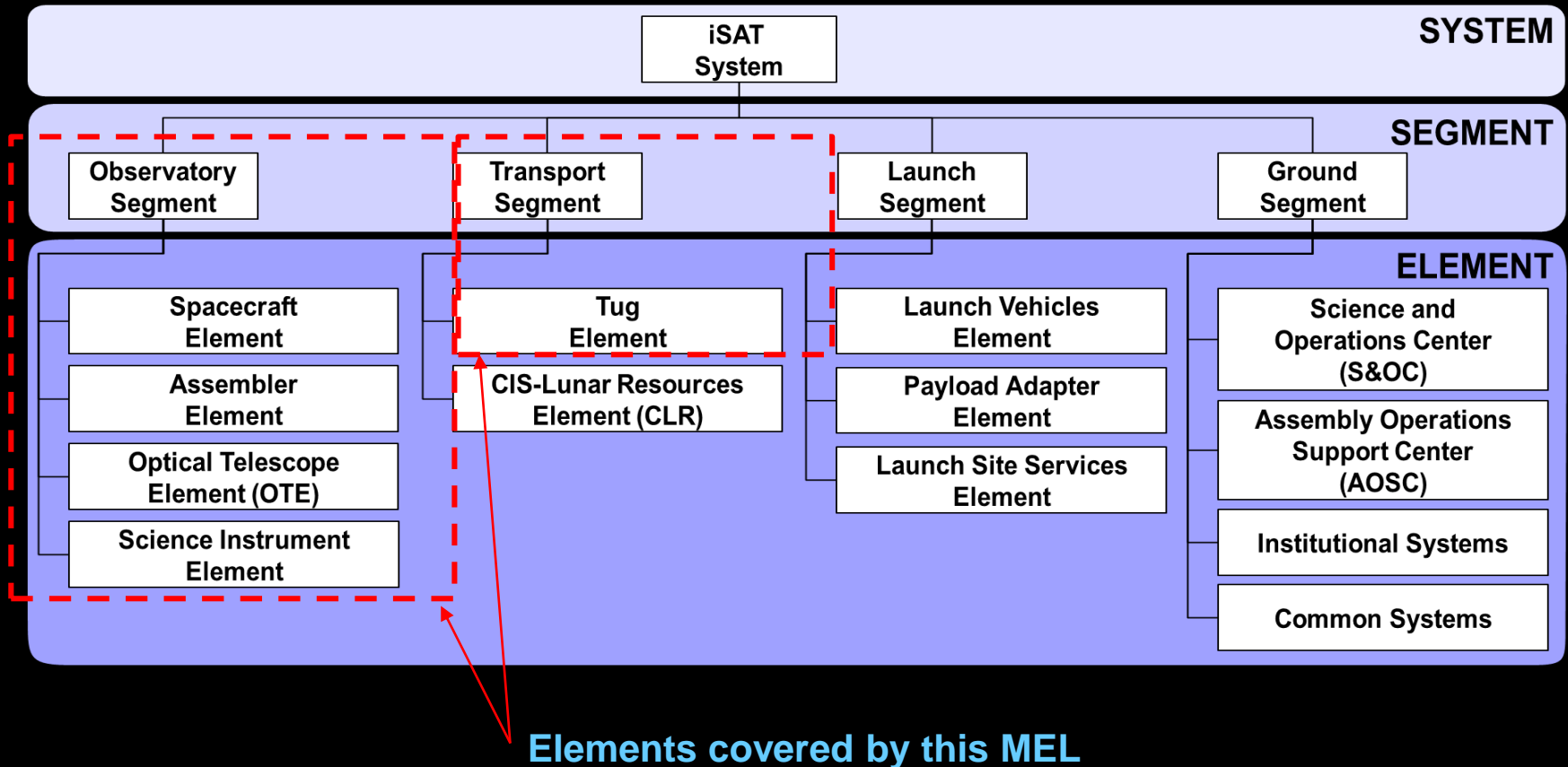


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Grass Roots Estimation:

Creating a Notional MEL



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