Dorado: Wide-field UV Imaging for the Multi-Messenger Era

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Dorado Mission of Opportunity







Wide-field (50 deg²) NUV (185-215 nm) imager on SmallSat, deployed from ESPA port Science Goal 1: Prompt (< 2 hour), high-cadence (95 minute) follow-up of binary neutron stars discovered via gravitational waves Science Goal 2: Conduct a transformative UV time-domain survey, covering 1000 deg² every 3 hours, to complement Rubin, Roman, SKA, etc.



Technology 1: High-efficiency Anti-reflection Coatings



8 element refractive telescope (e.g., *TESS*) LaF₃/MgF₂ multi-layer coating provides extremely high transmission in Dorado bandpass (GSFC)



Technology 2: Delta-Doped CCDs with Integrated Filter



Delta-doped CCD detector with integrated metal dielectric filter (JPL) provides very high throughput and excellent out-of-band rejection. With 13 cm aperture, Dorado provides comparable effective area to 50 cm *GALEX*!!!