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Discovering the Universe

Paul Hertz is director of astrophysics in the Science Mission Directorate at NASA. He is responsible for the Agency's research programs and missions necessary to discover how the Universe works, to explore how the Universe began and developed into its present form, and to search for Earth-like planets.

Hertz spoke with SPIE about his upcoming plenary talk at [SPIE Optics + Photonics](#), where he will summarize NASA's astrophysics program and discuss possible visions for the future of NASA astrophysics.

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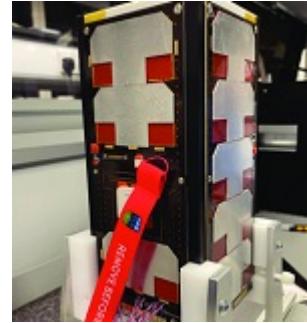
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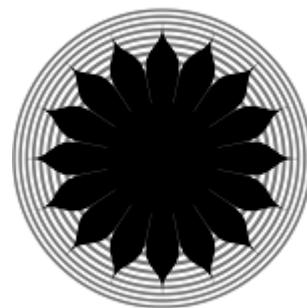
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