



Inquiry Science

Question Topic: Matter – Liquid Helium

The NASA Spitzer Space Telescope has been traveling through space for several years now and sending pictures of the Universe to scientists. Unfortunately Spitzer has now run out of its supply of Liquid Helium. Liquid Helium is NOT used to power the spacecraft, but it does help the satellite send back clear pictures.

What do you believe may possibly be the role of Liquid Helium on Spitzer, and why are the pictures no longer clear?

Hypothesis 1

Hypothesis 2

Review the Info on Spitzer here to see if your Hypothesis is correct and to see the spectacular images! <http://www.spitzer.caltech.edu/>

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