

**WFIRST-AFTA Science Definition Team
Interim Report
Presentation to Paul Hertz,
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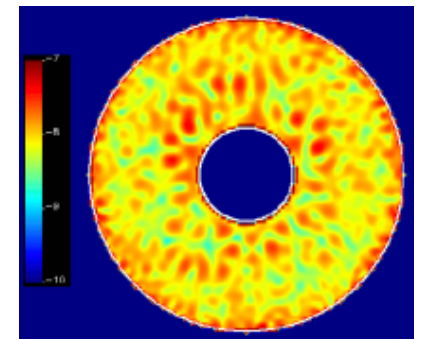
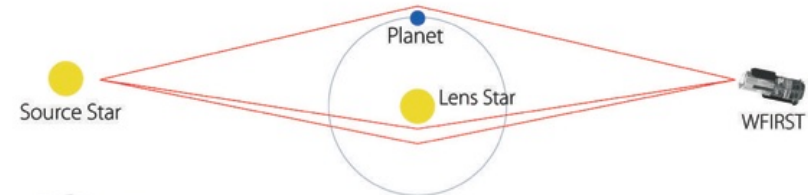
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WFIRST-AFTA Summary



- WFIRST is the highest ranked NWNH large space mission.
 - Determine the nature of the dark energy that is driving the current accelerating expansion of the universe
 - Perform statistical census of planetary systems through microlensing survey
 - Survey the NIR sky
 - Provide the community with a wide field telescope for pointed wide observations
- Coronagraph characterizes planets and disks, broadens science program and brings humanity closer to imaging Earths.
- WFIRST-AFTA will perform Hubble-quality and -depth imaging over thousands of square degrees
- The WFIRST-AFTA Design Reference Mission has
 - 2.4 m telescope (already exists)
 - NIR instrument with 18 H4RG HgCdTe detectors
 - Baseline exoplanet coronagraph
 - 5 year lifetime, 10 year goal





Executive Summary

- “HST quality” NIR imaging over 1000's of square degrees
- 2.5x deeper and 1.6x better resolution than IDRM*
- More complementary to Euclid & LSST. More synergistic with JWST.
- Enables coronagraphy of giant planets and debris disks to address "new worlds" science of NWNH
- Fine angular resolution and high sensitivity open new discovery areas to the community. More GO science time (25%) than for IDRM.
- WFIRST-AFTA addresses changes in landscape since NWNH: Euclid selection & Kepler discovery that 1-4 Earth radii planets are common.
- Aerospace CATE cost is 8% larger than IDRM (w/o launcher, w/ risks). Coronagraph adds 16% (including 1 extra year of operations), but addresses the top medium scale priority of NWNH.
- Use of donated telescope and addition of coronagraph have increased the interest in WFIRST in government, scientific community and the public.

* IDRM = 2011 WFIRST mission designed to match NWNH



WFIRST-AFTA Status

- Significant WFIRST-AFTA funding added to the NASA budget by Congress for FY13 and FY14 totaling \$66M. Supported in President's FY15 budget.
- Funding is being used for pre-Phase A work to prepare for a rapid start and allow a shortened development time
 - Detector array development with H4RGs
 - Coronagraph technology development
 - Science simulations and modeling
 - Requirements flowdown development
 - Observatory design work
- NASA HQ charge for telescope is "use as is as much as possible" and for coronagraph is "not drive requirements". Project / SDT driving toward fastest, cheapest implementation of mission
- Community engagement: PAGs, conferences and outreach
 - Special sessions held at January and June AAS conferences
 - Next conference planned for November 17-22, 2014 in Pasadena
<http://conference.ipac.caltech.edu/wfirs2014/>



NRC Review



- Performed in January-February 2014 to determine if WFIRST-AFTA meets the WFIRST requirement in NWNH
- NRC recognized the larger telescope extends scientific reach and capabilities
- Highlights both rewards and risks of coronagraph program

Finding 2-6: Introducing a technology development program onto a flagship mission creates significant mission risks resulting from the schedule uncertainties inherent in advancing low technical readiness level (TRL) hardware to flight readiness.

Finding 1-7: The WFIRST/AFTA coronagraph satisfies some aspects of the broader exoplanet technology program recommended by NWNH by developing and demonstrating advanced coronagraph starlight suppression techniques in space.

Recommendation 2-1: NASA should move aggressively to mature the coronagraph design and develop a credible cost, schedule, performance, and observing program so that its impact on the WFIRST mission can be determined. Upon completion ... an independent review

- Investments in pre-phase A technology development and studies will **reduce these risks**
- Will evaluate descope options in parallel with the development of the baseline design



WFIRST-AFTA Science



*complements
Euclid*

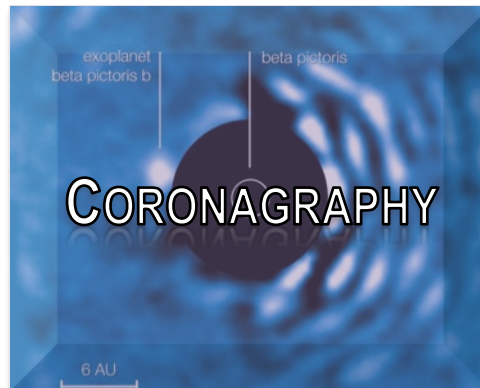
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LENSING

LEGACY SCIENCE
WITH SURVEYS

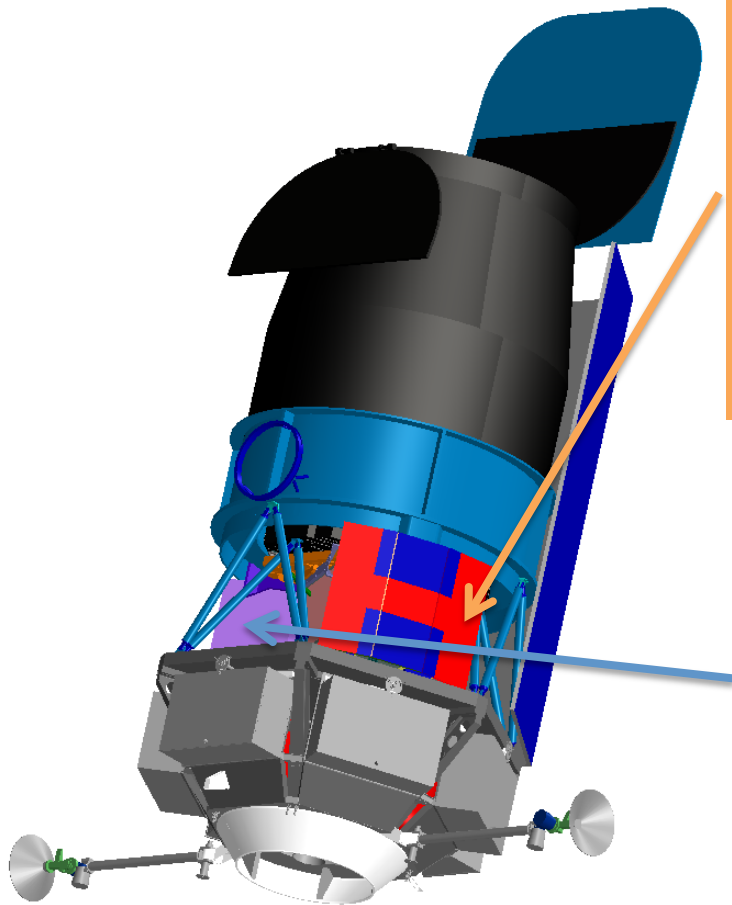
*complements
LSST*

SUPERNOVAE



*continues
Great
Observatory
legacy*

WFIRST-AFTA Instruments



Wide-Field Instrument

- *Imaging & spectroscopy over 1000s of sq. deg.*
- *Monitoring of SN and microlensing fields*
- 0.7 – 2.0 micron bandpass
- 0.28 deg² FoV (100x JWST FoV)
- 18 H4RG detectors (288 Mpixels)
- 6 filter imaging, grism + IFU spectroscopy

Coronagraph

- *Imaging of ice & gas giant exoplanets*
- *Imaging of debris disks*
- 400 – 1000 nm bandpass
- $\leq 10^{-9}$ contrast (after post-processing)
- 100 milliarcsec inner working angle at 400 nm



The Coronagraph is Cost Effective



- Coronagraph takes full advantage of WFIRST-AFTA 2.4 m telescope to enable revolutionary exoplanet science.
- Extra cost of coronagraph is \$270M including accommodations & extra year of operations
- Coronagraph science fits in WFIRST tripod: dark energy, exoplanets, community surveys
- Addresses NWNH recommendation for investment in direct imaging technology
- Coronagraph addresses NWNH science questions through detection and characterization of exoplanets unreachable from the ground.
- ExoPAG endorsed WFIRST-AFTA coronagraph



AFTA Addresses 17 of 20 Key Science Questions Ripe for Answering Identified by NWNH



Frontiers of Knowledge

- *Why is the universe accelerating?*
- *What is the dark matter?*
- *What are the properties of neutrinos?*
- *What controls the mass, radius and spin of compact stellar remnants?*

Understanding our Origins

- *How did the universe begin?*
- *What were the first objects to light up the universe, and when did they do it?*
- *How do cosmic structures form and evolve?*
- *What are the connections between dark and luminous matter?*
- *What is the fossil record of galaxy assembly from the first stars to the present?*
- *How do stars form?*
- *How do circumstellar disks evolve and form planetary systems?*

Cosmic Order: Exoplanets

- *How diverse are planetary systems?*
- *Do habitable worlds exist around other stars, and can we identify the telltale signs of life on an exoplanet?*

Cosmic Order: Stars, Galaxies, Black Holes

- *What controls the mass-energy-chemical cycles within galaxies?*
- *How do the lives of massive stars end?*
- *What are the progenitors of Type Ia supernovae and how do they explode?*
- *How do baryons cycle in and out of galaxies, and what do they do while they are there?*
- *How do rotation and magnetic fields affect stars?*
- *What are the flows of matter and energy in the circumgalactic medium?*
- *How do black holes grow, radiate, and influence their surroundings?*



Community Members that Submitted 1-page Descriptions of Potential GO Science Programs in the 2013 SDT Report





WFIRST-AFTA vs Hubble



Hubble Ultra Deep Field - IR
~5,000 galaxies in one image
(60 orbits, 4 days)

PI: Illingworth



70,000 galaxies in each field
of AFTA survey

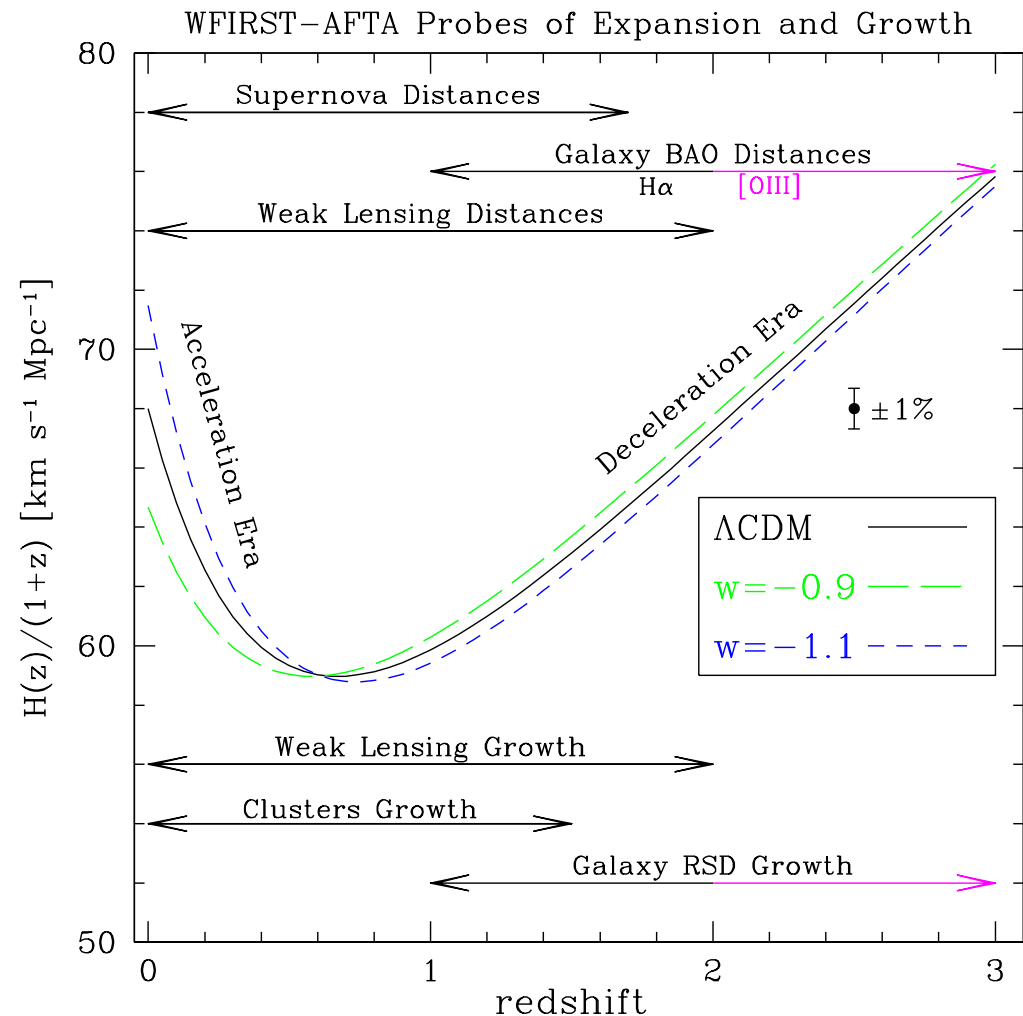
WFIRST-AFTA Deep Field
>1,000,000 galaxies in each image



WFIRST-AFTA Dark Energy



- The WFIRST-AFTA Dark Energy program probes the expansion history of the Universe and the growth of cosmic structure with multiple methods in overlapping redshift ranges.
- Tightly constrains the properties of dark energy, the consistency of General Relativity, and the curvature of space.
- The High Latitude Survey is designed with sub-percent control of systematics as a paramount consideration.



"For each of the cosmological (dark energy) probes in NWNH, WFIRST/AFTA exceeds the goals set out in NWNH" NRC - Evaluation of the Implementation of WFIRST/AFTA in the Context of New Worlds, New Horizons in Astronomy and Astrophysics



WFIRST-AFTA & Euclid Complementary for Dark Energy



WFIRST-AFTA

Deep Infrared Survey (2400 deg²)

Lensing

- High Resolution (2.5x the Euclid number density of galaxies)
- Galaxy shapes in IR
- 5 lensing power spectra

Supernovae:

- High quality IFU spectra of >2000 SN

Redshift survey

- High number density of galaxies
- Redshift range extends to $z = 3$

Euclid

Wide Optical and Shallow Infrared Survey (15000 deg²)

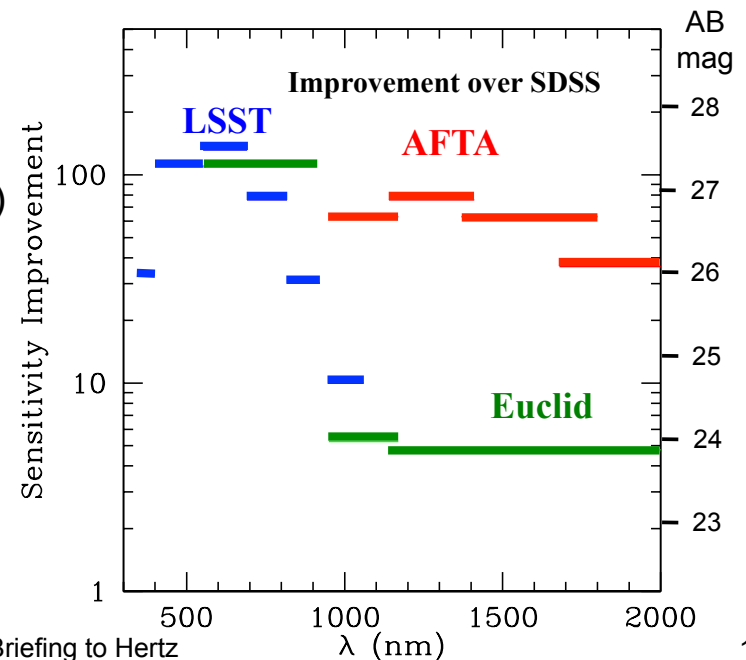
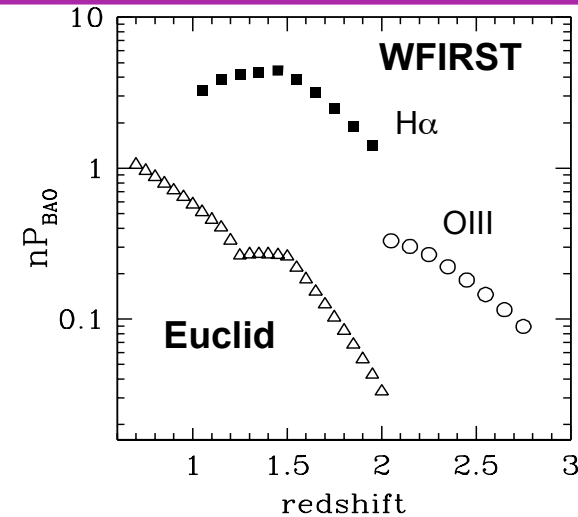
Lensing:

- Lower Resolution
- Galaxy shapes in optical
- 1 lensing power spectrum

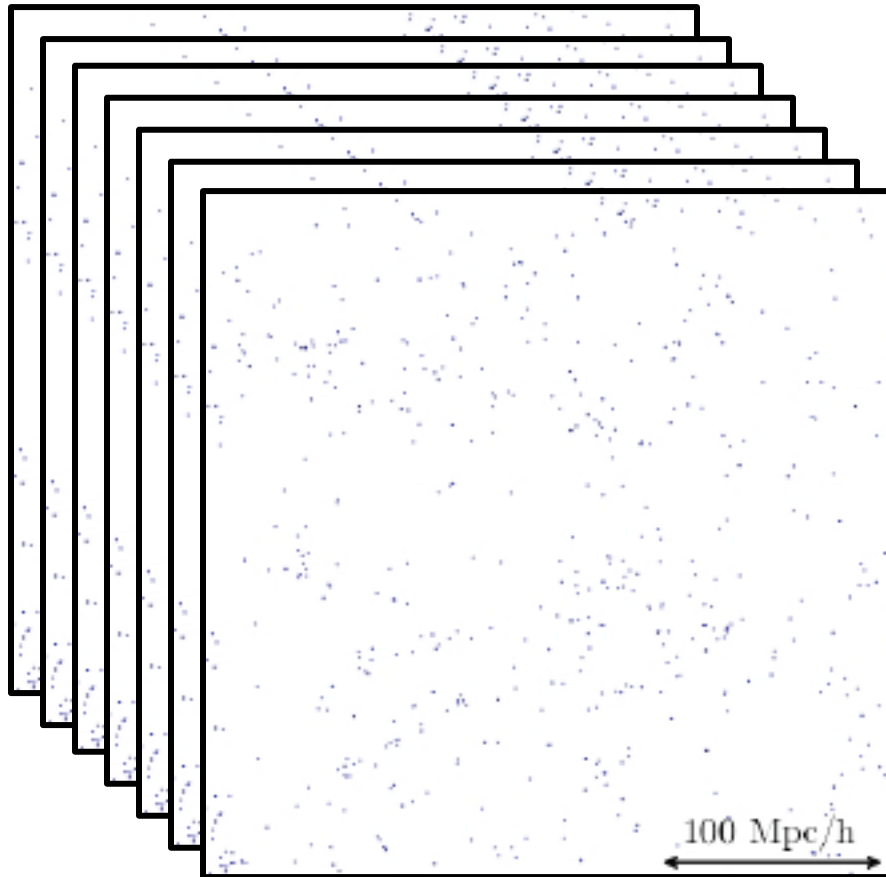
No supernova program

Redshift survey:

- Low number density of galaxies
- Redshift range $z = 0.7 - 2$



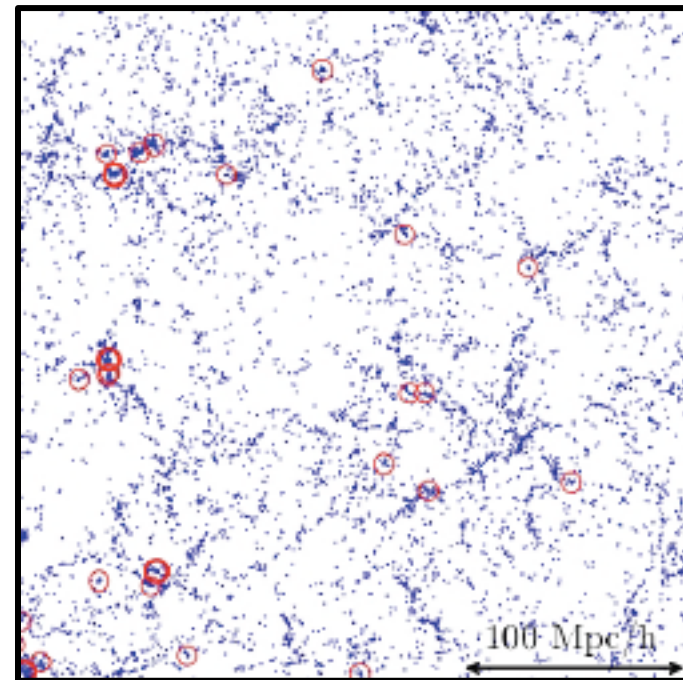
Detailed 3D Map of Large Scale Structure at $z = 1-2$



Euclid

15,000 deg² @ 1700 gal/deg²

Large scale structure simulation showing 0.1% of the total WFIRST-AFTA Galaxy Redshift Survey Volume



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2,400 deg² @ 12,600 gal/deg²

Large scale structure simulations from 2013 SDT Report – courtesy of Ying Zu

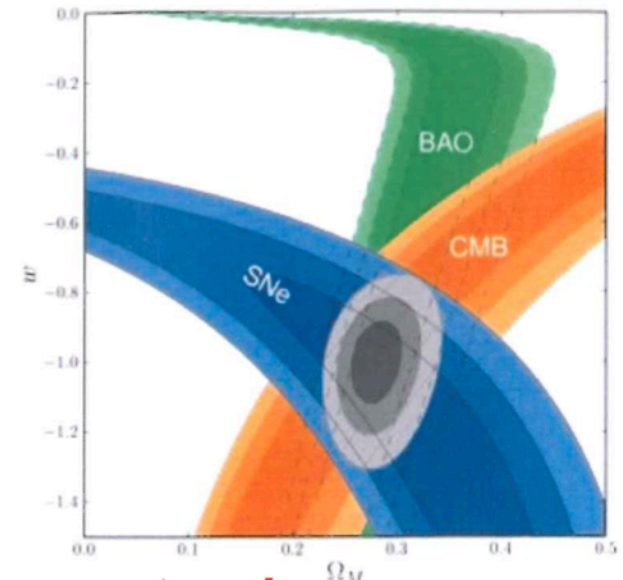
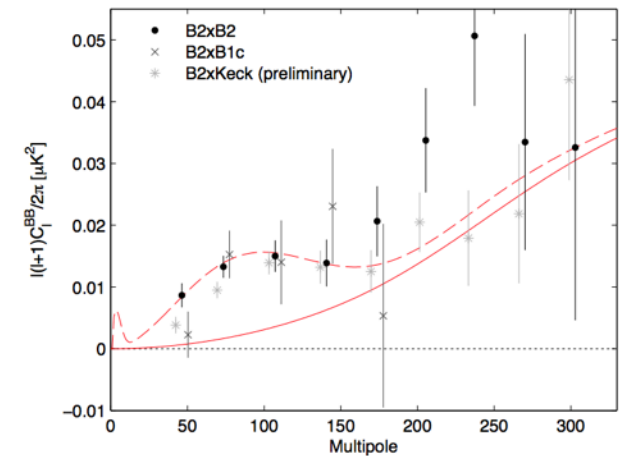
Thin and thick red circles mark clusters with masses exceeding $5 \times 10^{13} M_{Sun}$ and $10^{14} M_{Sun}$, respectively



Lessons from BICEP2 for the WFIRST-AFTA Dark Energy Program



- Nature is full of surprises!
 - No strong theory guidance on value of r . Factors of 10 improvement matter. Analogous to dark energy.
- Systematics matter
- Importance of multiple independent observations
- Curvature scale could be just “beyond the horizon”
 - High gravity wave signal + large scale CMB anisotropies hint at action near horizon scale. Precise curvature measurements important.
- Design of a dark energy program:
 - Multiple analysis methodologies and statistics used in each probe
 - Multiple probes of DE (SN, WL, GRS)
 - Synergistic with other elements of DE program (LSST, Euclid)
 - Combining data sets is key to systematics reduction.
 - Supernovae & BAO measure expansion history
 - Weak Lensing & RSD measure growth of structure.
 - Comparing the two provides a check on GR

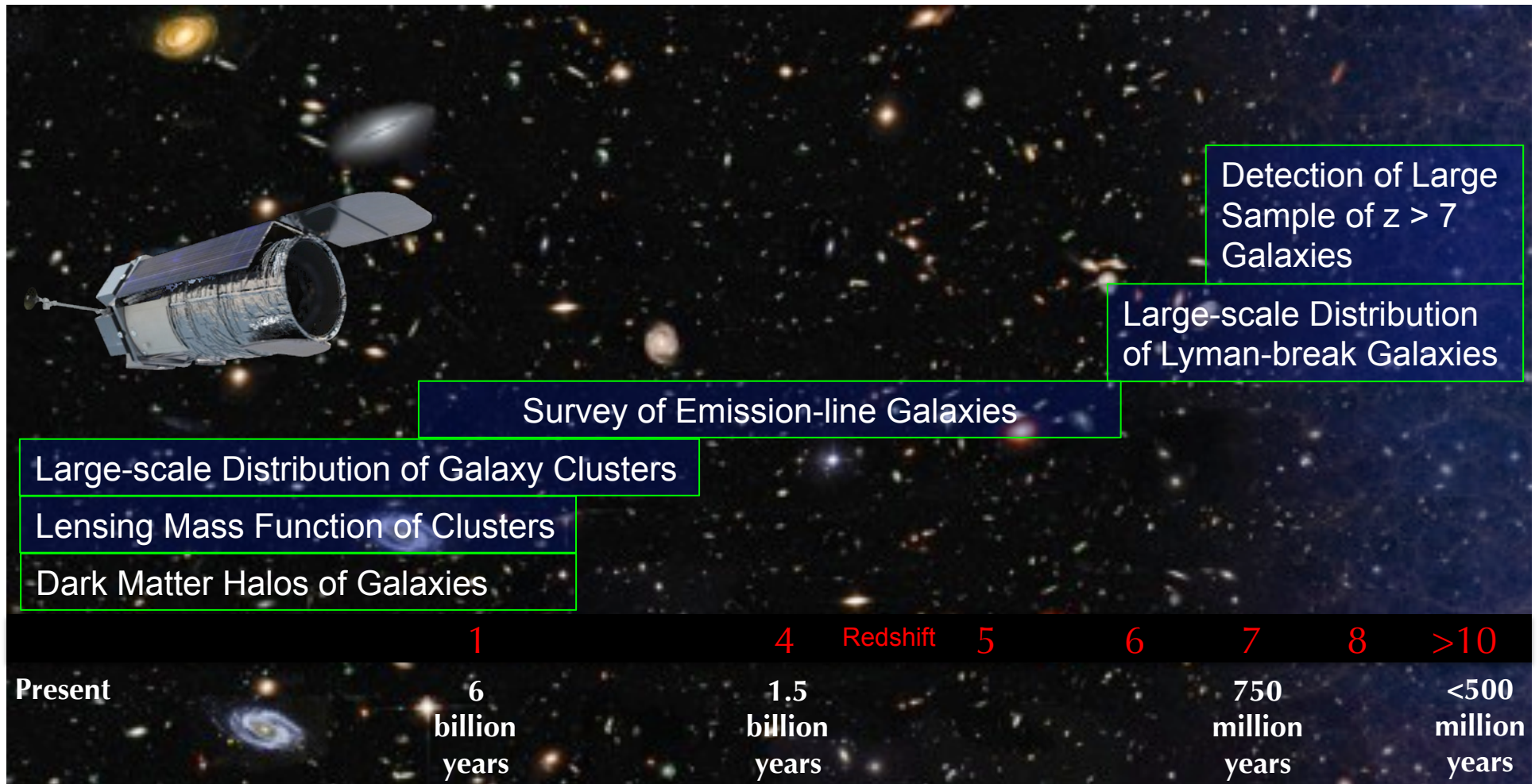




WFIRST-AFTA: A Unique Probe of Cosmic Structure Formation History



Using Observations from the High Latitude Survey and GO Programs

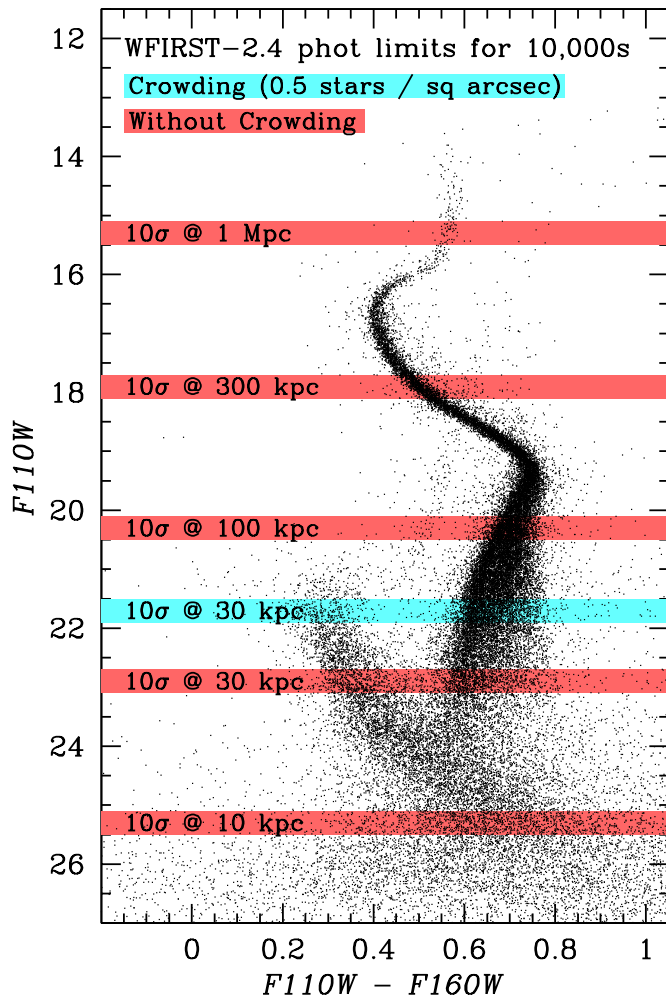




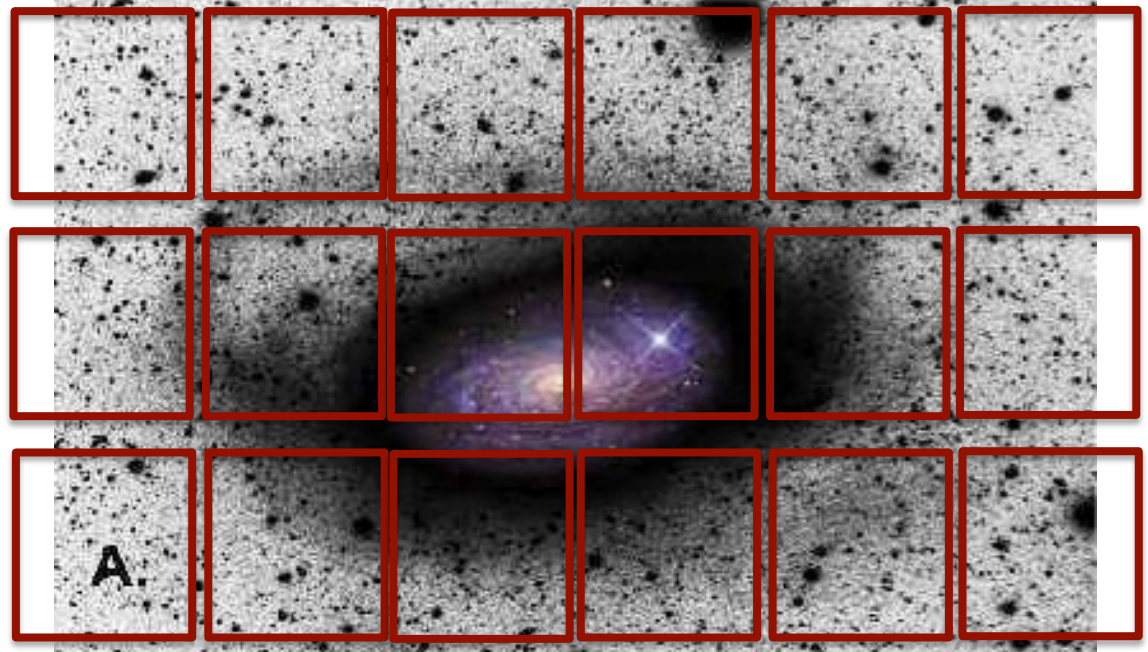
WFIRST-AFTA – A Unique Probe of Stellar Populations and Nearby Galaxies



Resolve and characterize stellar pops out to large distances (47 Tuc and SMC - Kalirai et al. 2012)



Ultra-deep imaging of galaxy halos (M63 - Martinez-Delgado et al. 2010)





WFIRST-AFTA Exoplanet Science



The combination of microlensing and direct imaging will dramatically expand our knowledge of other solar systems and will provide a first glimpse at the planetary families of our nearest neighbors.

Microlensing Survey

Monitor 200 million Galactic bulge stars every 15 minutes for 1.2 years

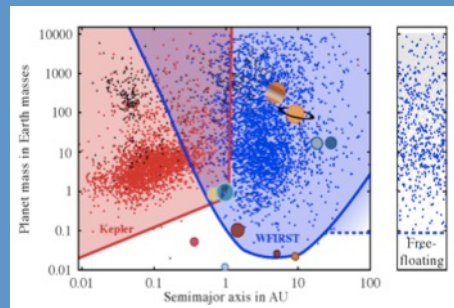
3000 cold exoplanets
300 Earth-mass planets
40 Mars-mass or smaller planets
40 free-floating Earth-mass planets

High Contrast Imaging

Survey up to 200 nearby stars for planets and debris disks at contrast levels of 10^{-9} on angular scales $> 0.1''$
R=70 spectra and polarization between 400-1000 nm

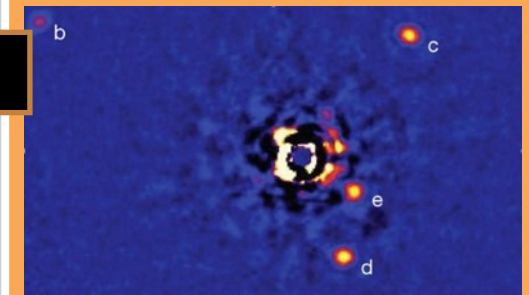
Detailed characterization of up to a dozen giant planets.
Discovery and characterization of several Neptunes
Detection of massive debris disks.

Complete the Exoplanet Census



- How do planetary systems form and evolve?
- What are the constituents and dominant physical processes in planetary atmospheres?
- What kinds of unexpected systems inhabit the outer regions of planetary systems?
- What are the masses, compositions, and structure of nearby circumstellar disks?
- Do small planets in the habitable zone have heavy hydrogen/helium atmospheres?

Discover and Characterize Nearby Worlds



Toward the “Pale Blue Dot”

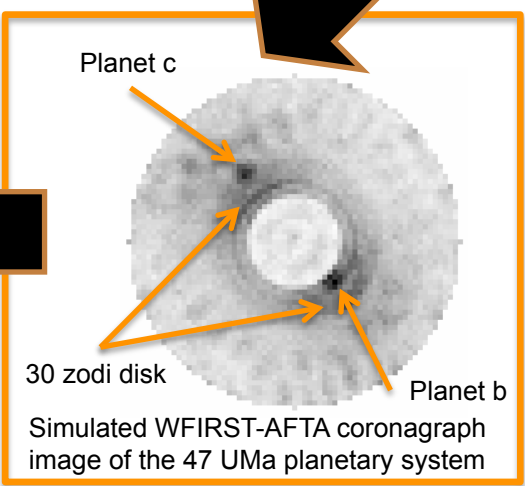
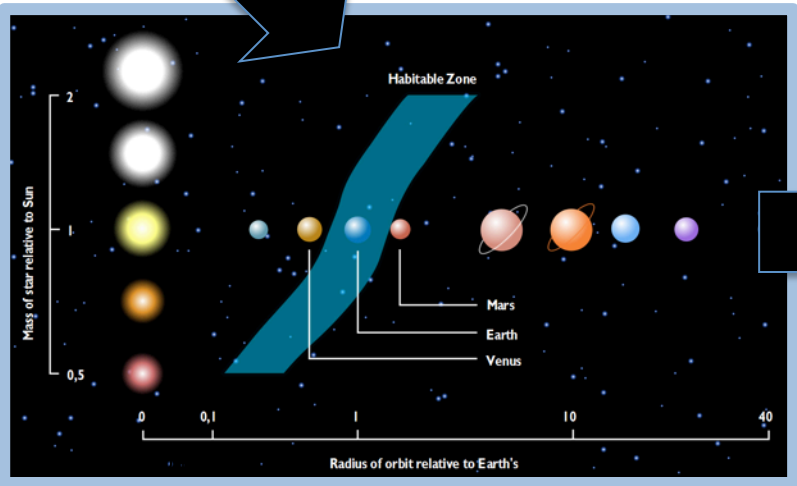
WFIRST will lay the foundation for a future flagship direct imaging mission capable of detection and characterization of Earth-like planets.

Microlensing Survey

- Inventory the outer parts of planetary systems, potentially the source of the water for habitable planets.
- Quantify the frequency of solar systems like our own.
- Confirm and improve Kepler’s estimate of the frequency of potentially habitable planets.
- When combined with Kepler, provide statistical constraints on the densities and heavy atmospheres of potentially habitable planets.

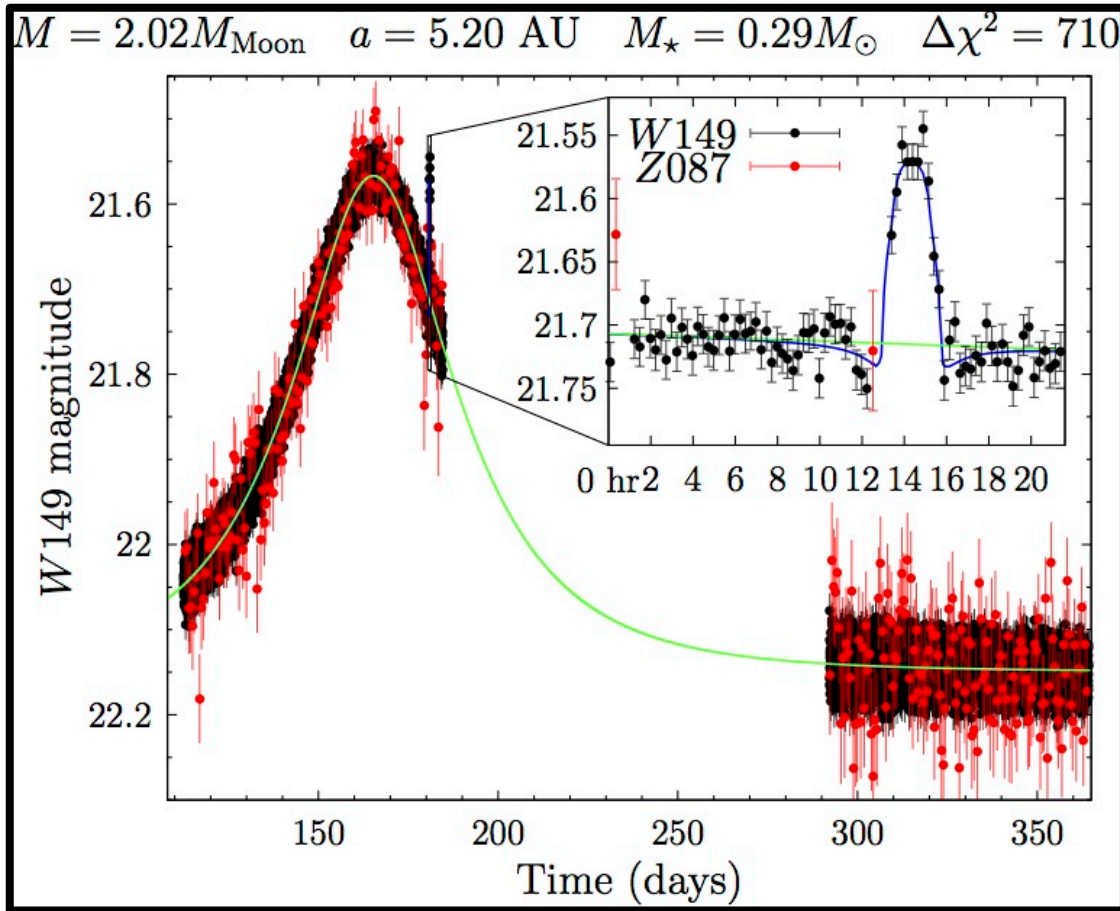
High Contrast Imaging

- Provide the first direct images of planets around our nearest neighbors similar to our own giant planets.
- Provide important insights about the physics of planetary atmospheres through comparative planetology.
- Assay the population of massive debris disks that will serve as sources of noise and confusion for a flagship mission.
- Develop crucial technologies for a future mission, and provide practical demonstration of these technologies *in flight*.

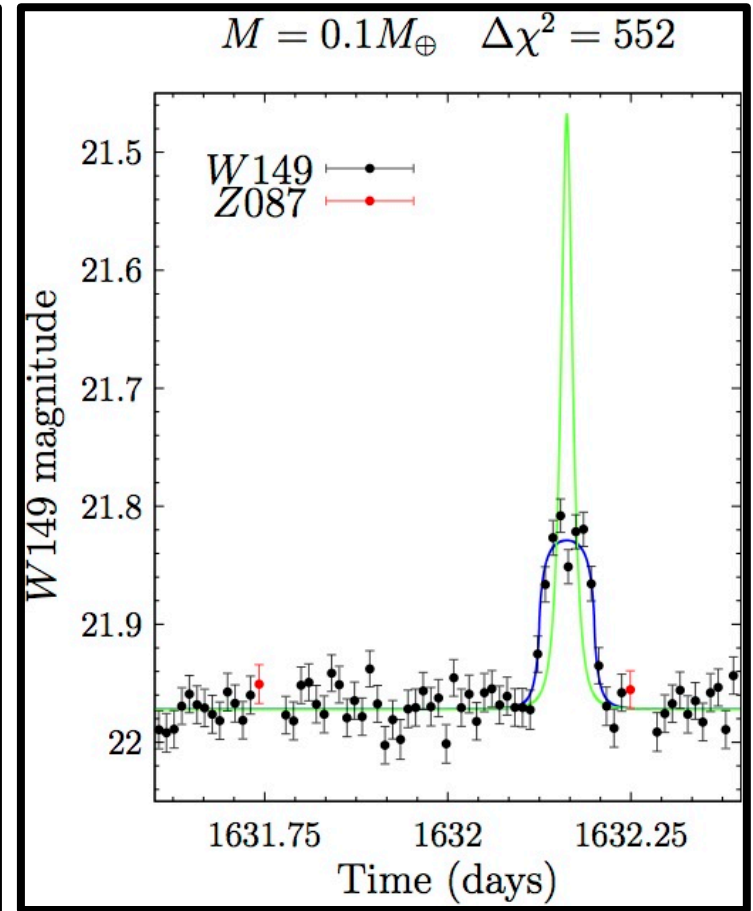




Exquisite Sensitivity to Cold, Low Mass, and Free Floating Planets



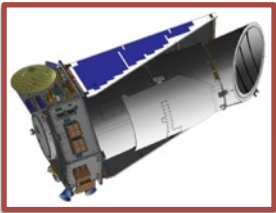
2 × Mass of the Moon @ 5.2 AU
(~27 sigma)



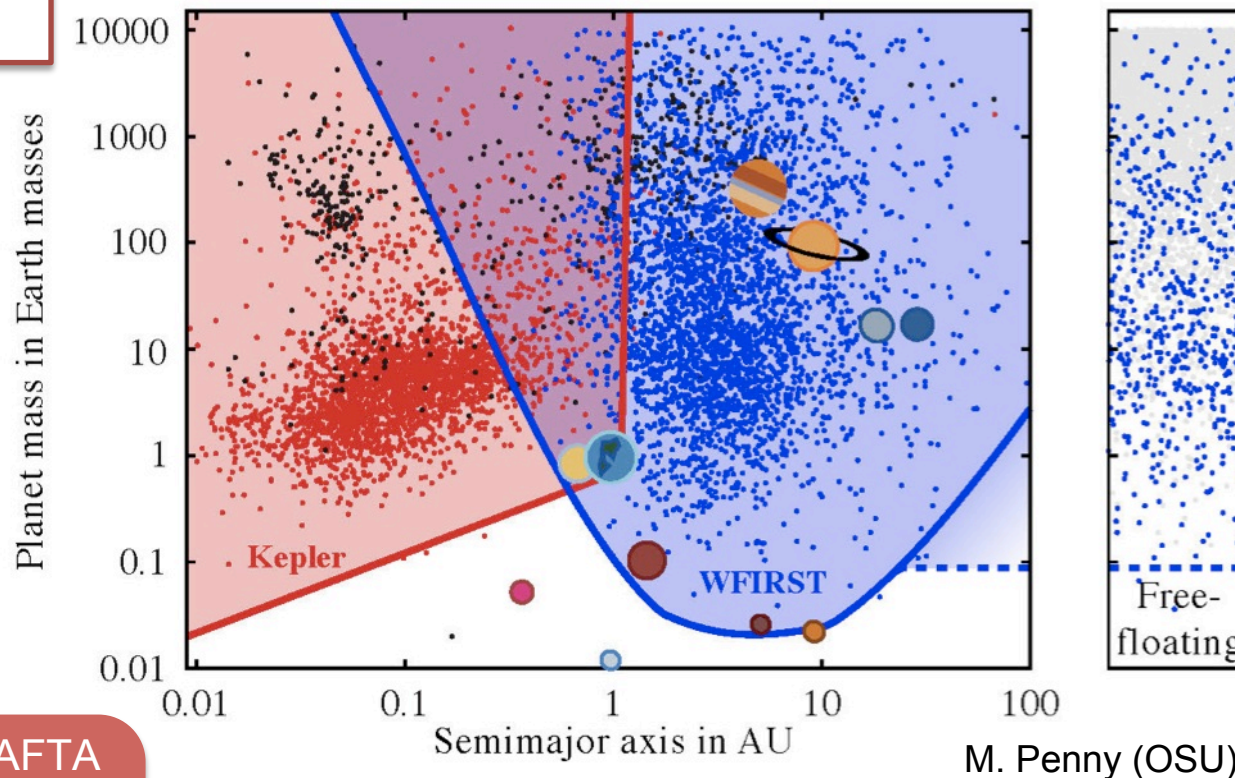
Free floating Mars
(~23 sigma)



Completing the Statistical Census of Exoplanets



Combined with space-based transit surveys, WFIRST-AFTA completes the statistical census of planetary systems in the Galaxy.



WFIRST-AFTA perfectly complements Kepler, TESS, and PLATO.

- ~3000 planet detections.
- 300 with Earth mass and below.
- Hundreds of free-floating planets.

WFIRST-AFTA is more capable than the IDRM design

- 1.6 times larger planet yields
- Factor of two better sensitivity to Earth-mass planets.
- Improved ability to measure masses and distances to the microlensing host stars.



Coronagraph Responds to NWNH Goals



- **Observes and characterizes** a dozen radial velocity planets.
- **Discovers and characterizes** ice and gas giants.
- Provides crucial information on the **physics of planetary atmospheres**.
- Measures the **exozodiacal dust** level about nearby stars.
- Images **circumstellar disks** for signposts of planet interactions and indications of planetary system formation.
- **Matures many critical coronagraph technologies** that will be needed for a future terrestrial planet imaging mission.

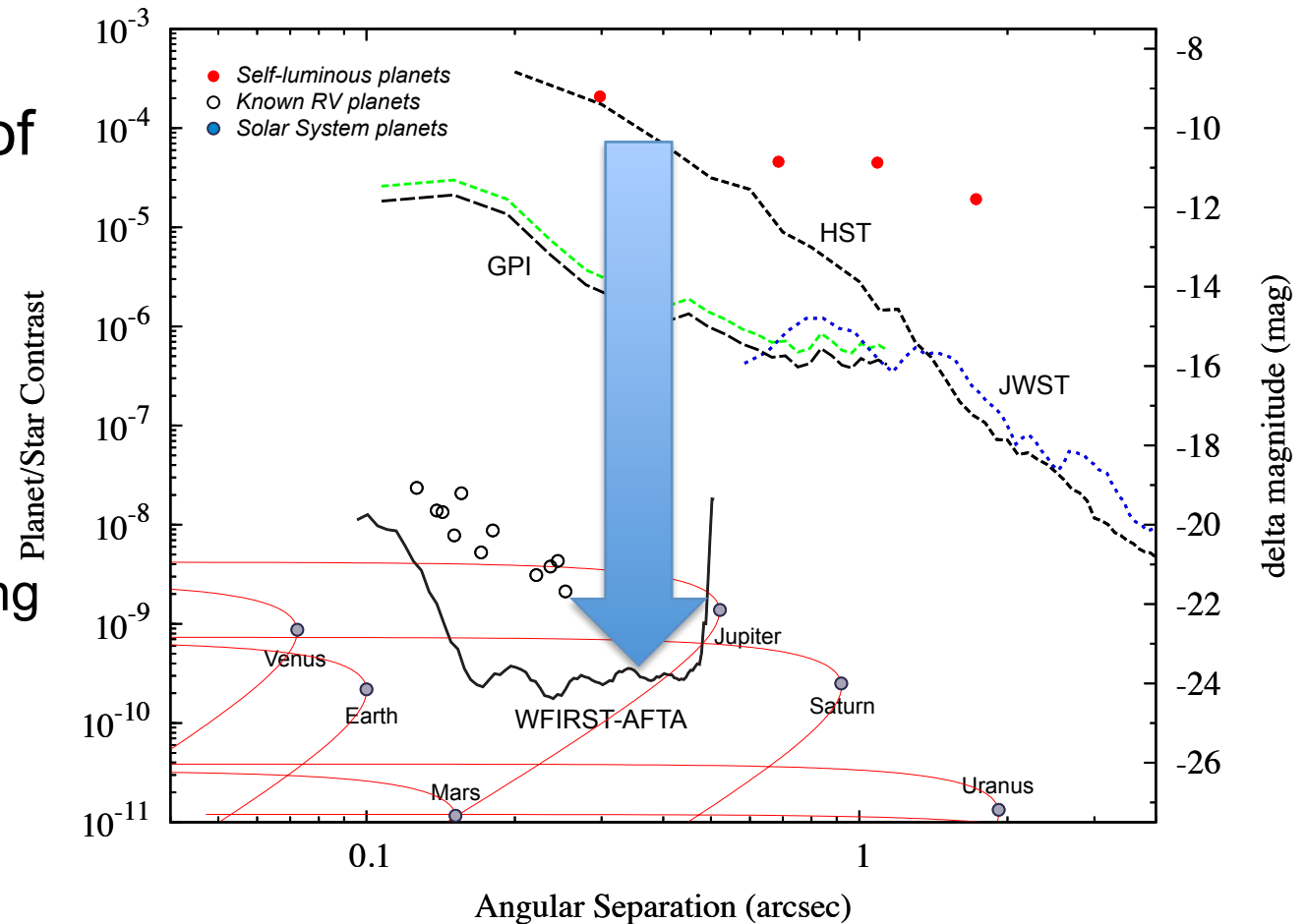
Without new requirements on observatory that could impact risk, cost, or schedule (“use as-is”).



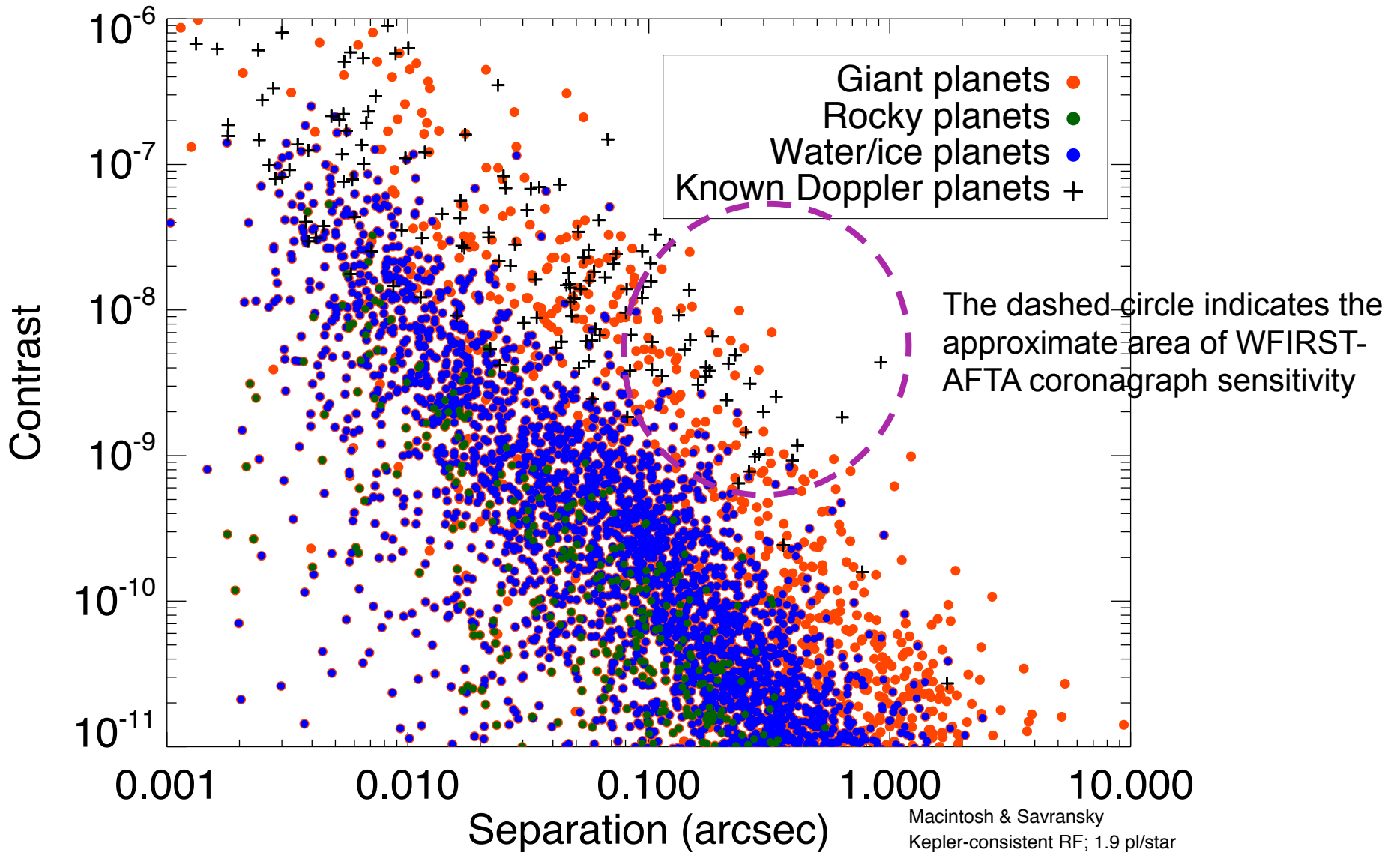
WFIRST-AFTA Brings Humanity Closer to Characterizing Earths



- WFIRST-AFTA advances many of the key elements needed for a coronagraph to image Earth
 - ✓ Coronagraph
 - ✓ Wavefront sensing & control
 - ✓ Detectors
 - ✓ Algorithms



Simulated Planets within 30 pc





Science Team Selection Process



Background



- NASA will have an NRA or AO for participation in WFIRST-AFTA at the start of Phase A (~ 2016 or 17)
- Coronagraph and/or wide-field IR imager may be selected competitively or may be provided by NASA. If competitive, those teams would also include scientific investigations.
- Other scientific investigations selected will be selected competitively
 - Large teams with PI, Co-I's and collaborators
 - Interdisciplinary Scientists
 - EPO Scientist
- Paul Hertz has asked the SDT for suggestions on the make-up of the scientific investigations



Mission Science Team



Typically 15-20 members

- Project Science team (from NASA Centers)
 - Project, Instrument, Telescope, and Detector Scientists
- Science center leads
- PIs of selected investigations / instruments
- Interdisciplinary scientists (IDSs)
- EPO scientist
- Program Scientist (from HQ, ex-officio)
- Foreign representatives



WFIRST-AFTA Options

- If instruments are provided by NASA, scientific investigations and interdisciplinary scientists would be selected
- Assume 8 investigations and 3 IDSs
- Option A:
 - 4 investigations for IR survey
 - 4 investigations for exoplanets
- Option B:
 - 1 investigation **each** for WL, BAO, SNe
 - 1 investigation for non-DE survey science
 - 1 or 2 investigations for microlensing
 - 1 or 2 investigations for exoplanet coronagraph
 - 1 or 2 investigations for debris disks



Data Rights Considerations



Background



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- Rules for data rights will be determined by NASA HQ prior to science team selections
 - Important for observatory builders, science teams and GIs
 - Different missions have different rules, dependent on field of view, era, and advocacy of particular groups when the mission was formulated
 - Trend is strongly toward "open data" policies



WFIRST-AFTA Considerations



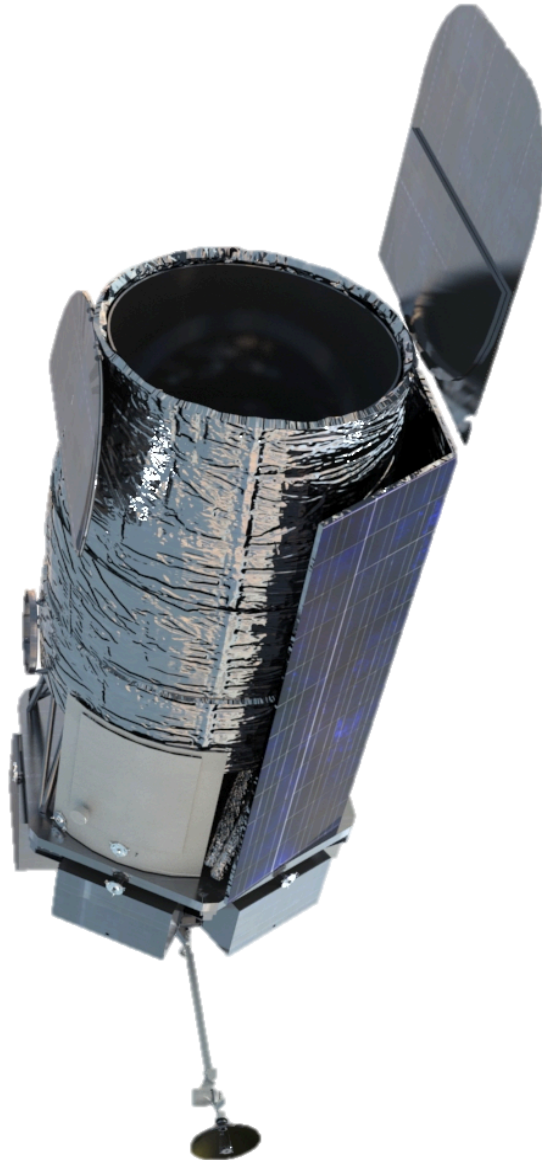
- Standard of 1 year proprietary time for all data is probably no longer acceptable to NASA or the community
- WFIRST-AFTA wide field imager has wide FoV that makes proprietary data difficult
- Different science areas for WFIRST-AFTA have different data needs, making any proprietary rules complex and likely unworkable.
- An open data policy such as that of LSST and Fermi LAT may be the natural fit for most or all of the WFIRST-AFTA data
- Rapid public access to broad-use survey data has been demonstrated to maximize scientific output.



Observatory Overview



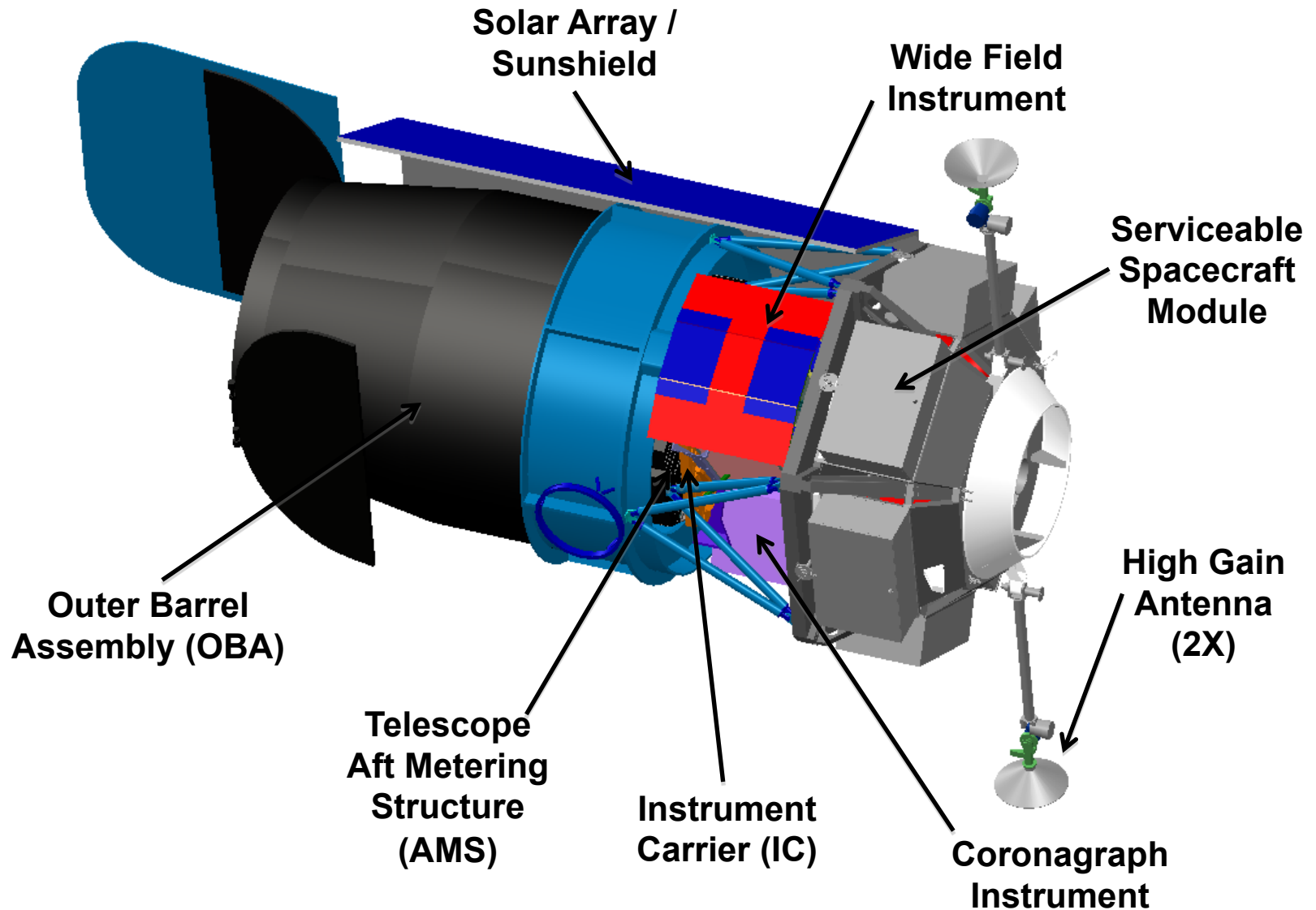
WFIRST-AFTA Observatory Concept



Key Features

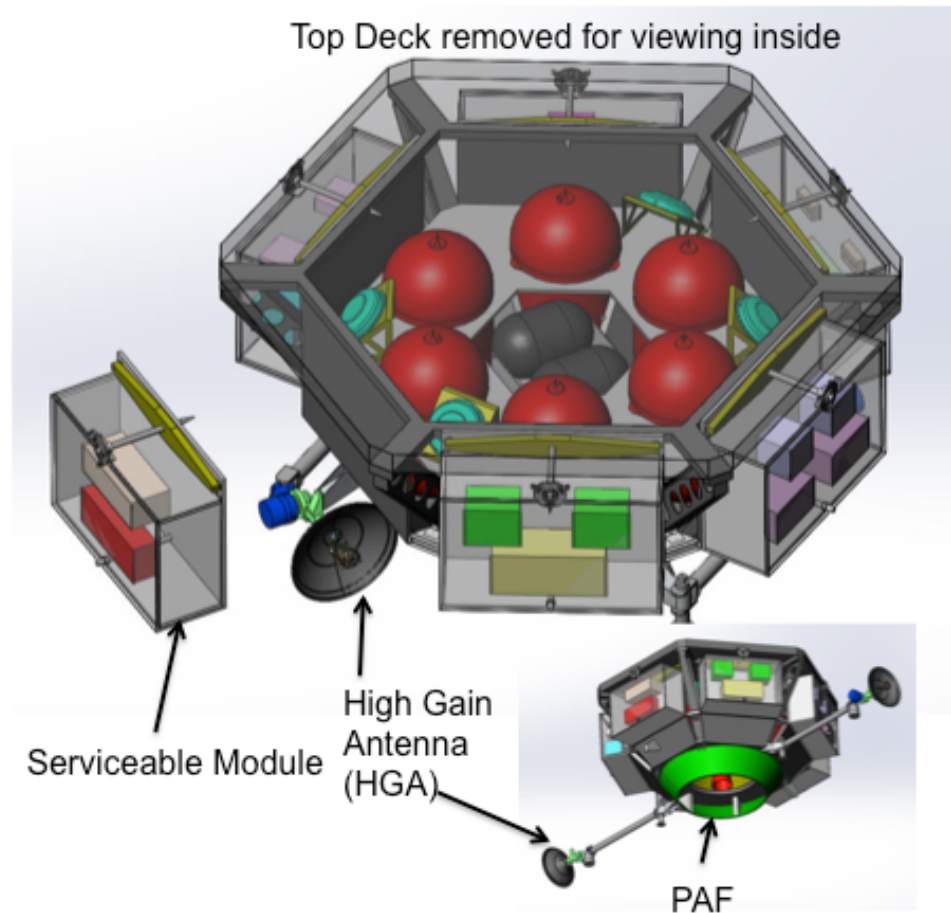
- **Telescope** – 2.4m aperture primary
- **Instruments**
 - Single channel wide field instrument, 18 4k x 4k HgCdTe detectors; integral field unit spectrometer incorporated in wide field for SNe observing
 - Internal coronagraph with integral field spectrometer
- **Overall Mass** – ~6500 kg (CBE) with components assembled in modules; ~2600 kg propellant; ~3900 kg (CBE dry mass)
- **Primary Structure** – Graphite Epoxy
- **Downlink Rate** – Continuous 150 Mbps Ka-band to Ground Station
- **Thermal** – passive radiator
- **Power** – 2100 W
- **GN&C** – reaction wheels & thruster unloading
- **Propulsion** – bipropellant
- **GEO orbit**
- **Launch Vehicle** – Atlas V 551

WFIRST-AFTA Observatory Layout



Spacecraft Concept

- Design relies on recent GSFC in-house spacecraft electronics designs, primarily SDO and GPM
- Uses robotically serviceable/removable modules. The design is reused from the Multimission Modular Spacecraft (MMS).
- 2 deployable high gain antennae provide continuous downlink to the ground
- 6 bi-propellant tanks store fuel to circularize from geosynchronous transfer orbit to 28.5 deg inclined geosynchronous orbit and for stationkeeping



WFIRST-AFTA serviceable bus concept



Mass Summary



	CBE Mass (kg)	Cont. (%)	CBE + Cont. (kg)
Wide Field Instrument	421	30	547
Coronagraph Instrument	111	35	150
Instrument Carrier	208	30	270
Telescope	1595	11	1773
Spacecraft	1528	30	1987
Observatory (dry)	3863	22	4727
Propellant	2618		3196
Observatory (wet)	6481		7923
Atlas V 551 Lift Capacity			8530

Mass are in process for the current design cycle



Telescope

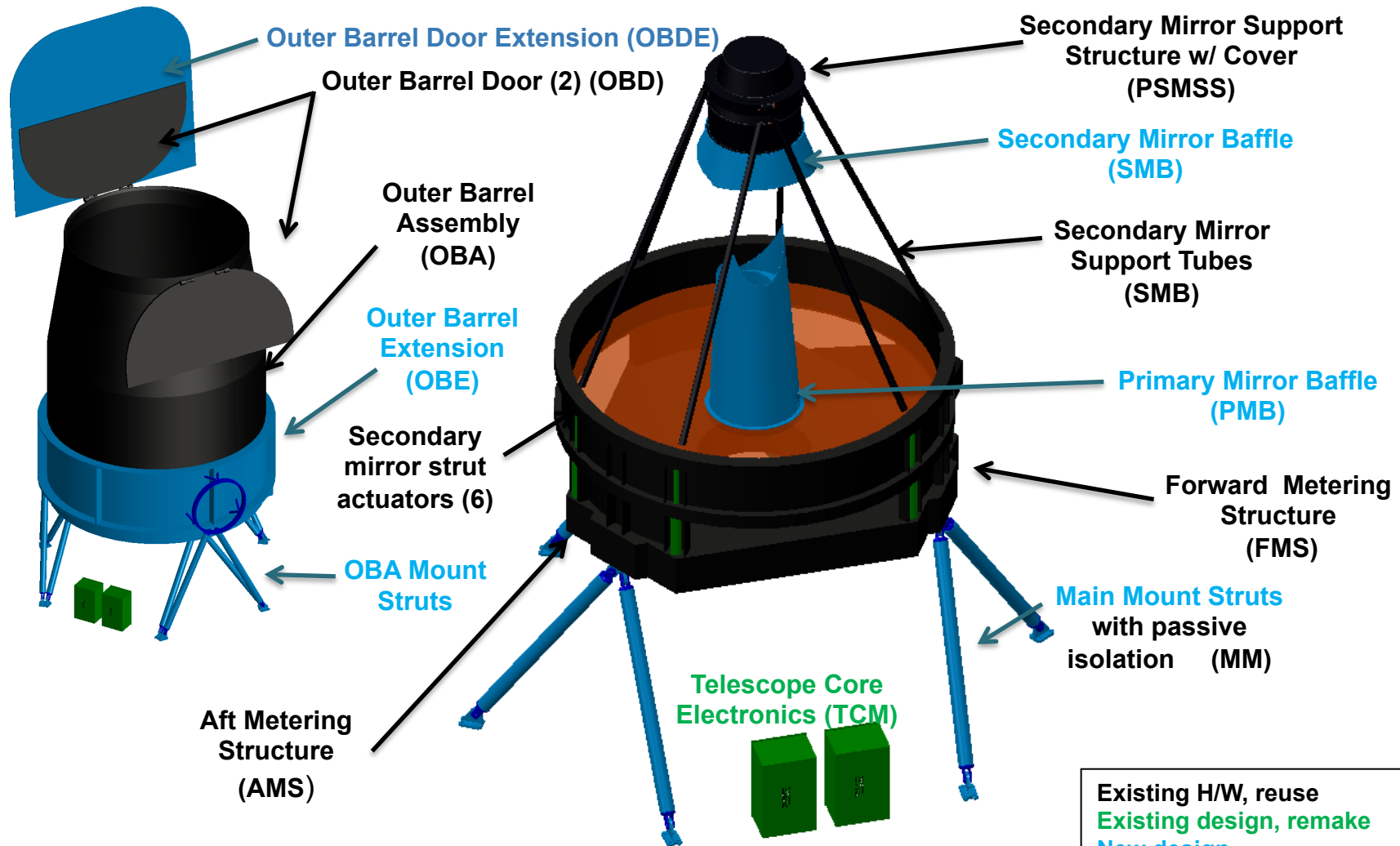


Telescope Overview



- Two, 2.4 m, two-mirror telescopes provided to NASA. Built by ITT/Exelis
 - Ultra Low Expansion (ULE®) glass mirrors
 - All composite structure
 - Secondary mirror actuators provide 6 degree of freedom control
 - Additional secondary mirror fine focus actuator
 - Active thermal control of structure
 - Designed for operation at room temperature (293 K) with survival temperature of 277 K
 - Outer barrel includes recloseable door
 - Passive damping at the spacecraft interface
- Some telescope modifications are required, but focus is on minimizing telescope cost/risk

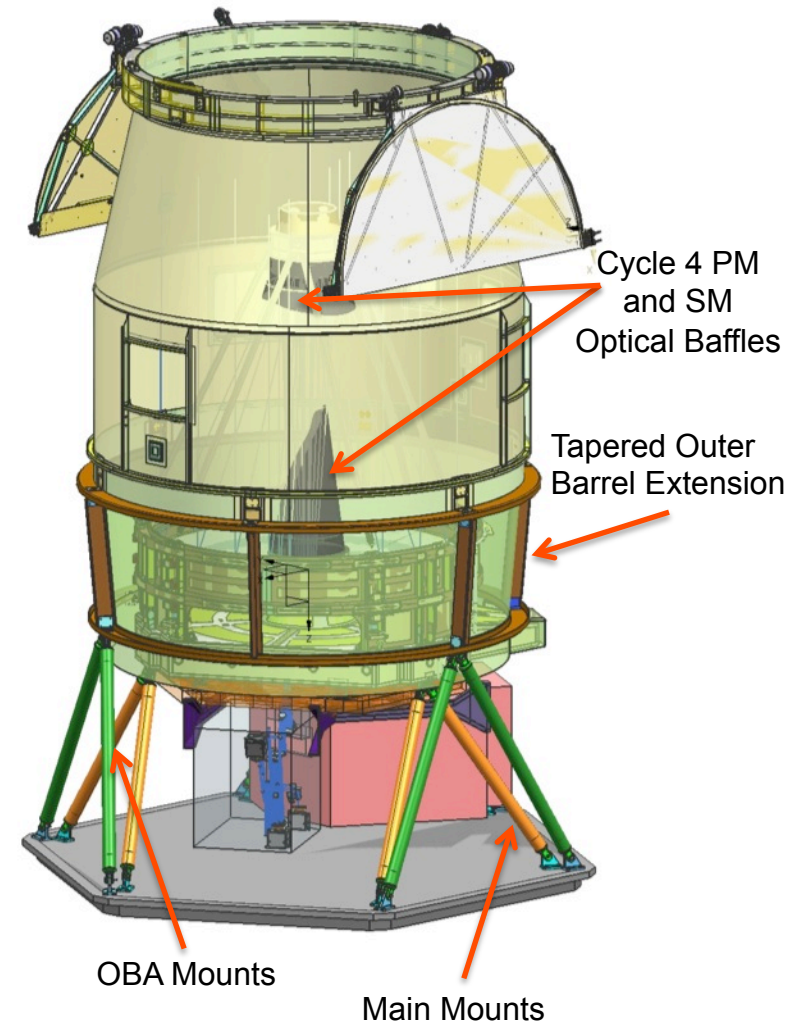
Telescope Reuse



Existing H/W, reuse	1188 kg
Existing design, remake	153 kg
New design	254 kg
TOTAL:	1595 kg

**100% of the existing telescope hardware is being re-used.
Electronics and baffles not available and must be replaced.**

- Some additions/modifications required for WFIRST:
 - Small prescription change
 - Refigure and recoat primary mirror
 - Regrind and recoat secondary mirror
 - WFIRST specific PM and SM baffles
 - Outer Barrel Extension for stray light
 - Main Mounts (slightly longer than original)
 - OBA Mounts
 - Telescope electronics not available, will replace with Exelis existing product line
 - Telescope operating temperature lowered to 270K. Plan is in process to validate operation at this temperature.





Evaluation of Telescope for Operation at Colder Temperatures



- Original telescope qualification temperature was just above the current baseline operating temperature of 270K
- Additionally, the SDT charter requires an assessment of extending the long wavelength cutoff of the wide field instrument to 2.4 μm .
- **The NRC stated that WFIRST-AFTA fully achieves the Decadal science goals at 2.0 μm .**
 - SDT and Project concur that 2.0 μm will be the baseline for the final report.
- The Study Office is currently implementing a plan to evaluate the feasibility of operating the telescope at temperatures between 270 to 250 K.
- Plan activities completed to date
 - CTE measurements of existing composite laminate coupons at room temperature is complete. This verifies no change from original measurements.
 - CTE measurements of existing composite laminate coupons from room temperature down to 235K is complete. This provides properties for improved thermoelastic models.
- Ongoing and future activities
 - Mechanical properties testing of laminates, at room temperature, after thermal cycling to cold temp, is in progress.
 - Mechanical properties testing of laminates at cold temp, after thermal cycling, is in progress.
 - Adhesives characterization at cold temp temperature is planned for FY14.
 - Bond joint testing of laminates-to-laminates and laminates-to-metal joints is planned for FY14-15.



Results of CTE testing

- ***As reported by ITT-Exelis:***
- “Representative samples for each of the 8 unique laminate types on the FOA were tested to determine room temperature CTE and CTE at the expected mission temperature. All samples were tested at room temperature to form a baseline to compare against historical measurements.”
- “The measured CTE for all laminates was the same as the measured CTE when originally fabricated within the test uncertainty.”
- “Strain was measured over the entire temperature range from room temperature to the expected nominal mission temperature so CTEs can be determined at any temperature within this range if desired. The CTE acceptance criteria range for each laminate is used as a basis for Monte Carlo analyses used to verify FOA optical performance.”
- “For 50 of 51 coupons, the measured CTE of the FOA laminates at the new mission temperature* fell within this the original acceptance criteria range for the laminates as designed. This data along with the temperature dependent mechanical properties for the other materials in the FOA (metal, glass, adhesives) will allow the FOA performance predictions to be updated.”
- “The coupon that exceeded the design acceptance range was within 2%.”

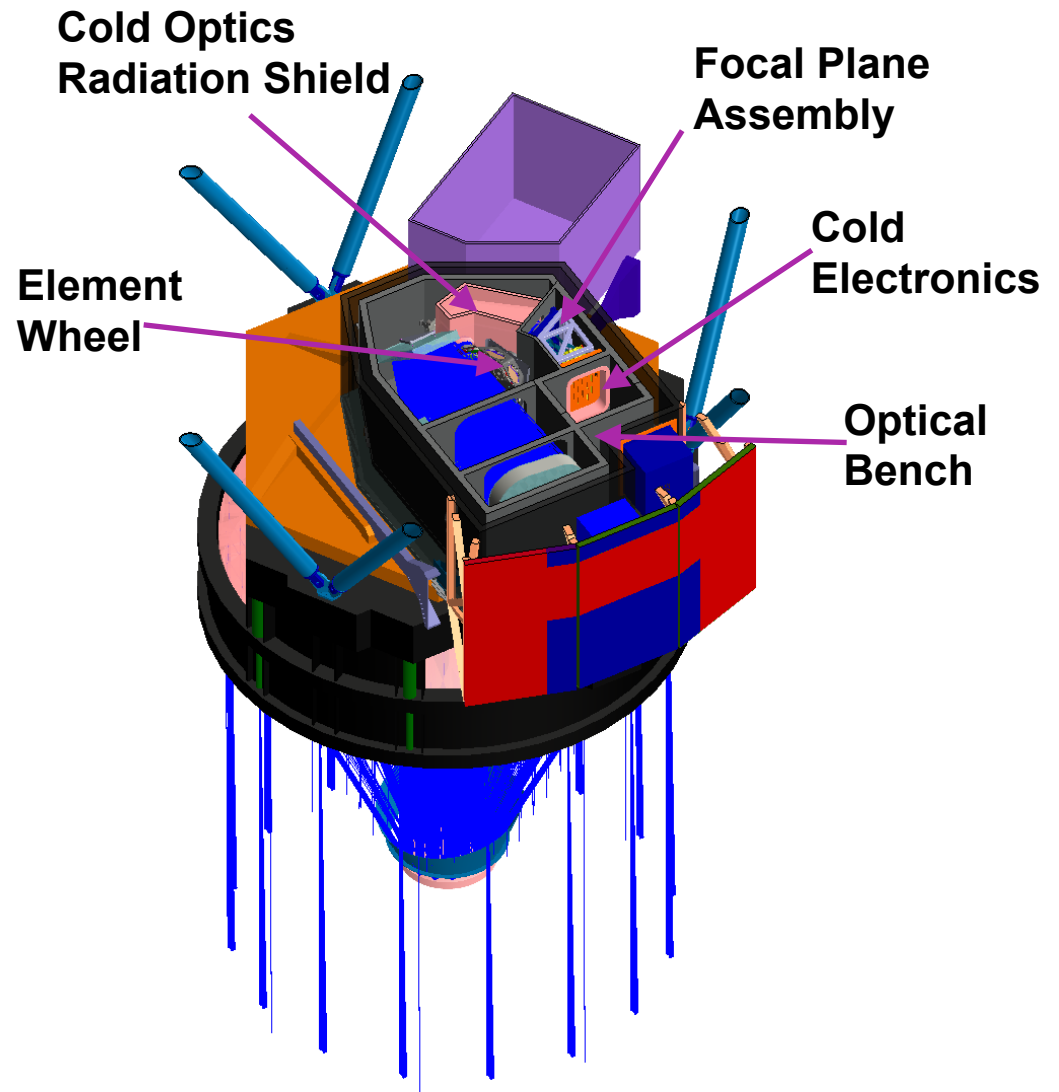
** New mission temperature refers to the coldest temperature under consideration in the long wavelength extension study.*



Wide-Field Instrument

Key Features

- Single wide field channel instrument for both imaging and spectroscopy
 - 3 mirrors, 1 powered
 - 18 4K x 4K HgCdTe detectors cover 0.76 - 2.0 μm
 - 0.11 arc-sec plate scale
 - Grism used for GRS survey covers 1.35 – 1.95 μm with R between 645 - 900
- IFU channel for SNe spectra, single HgCdTe detector covers 0.6 – 2.0 μm with $R \sim 75$
- Single element wheel for filters and grism



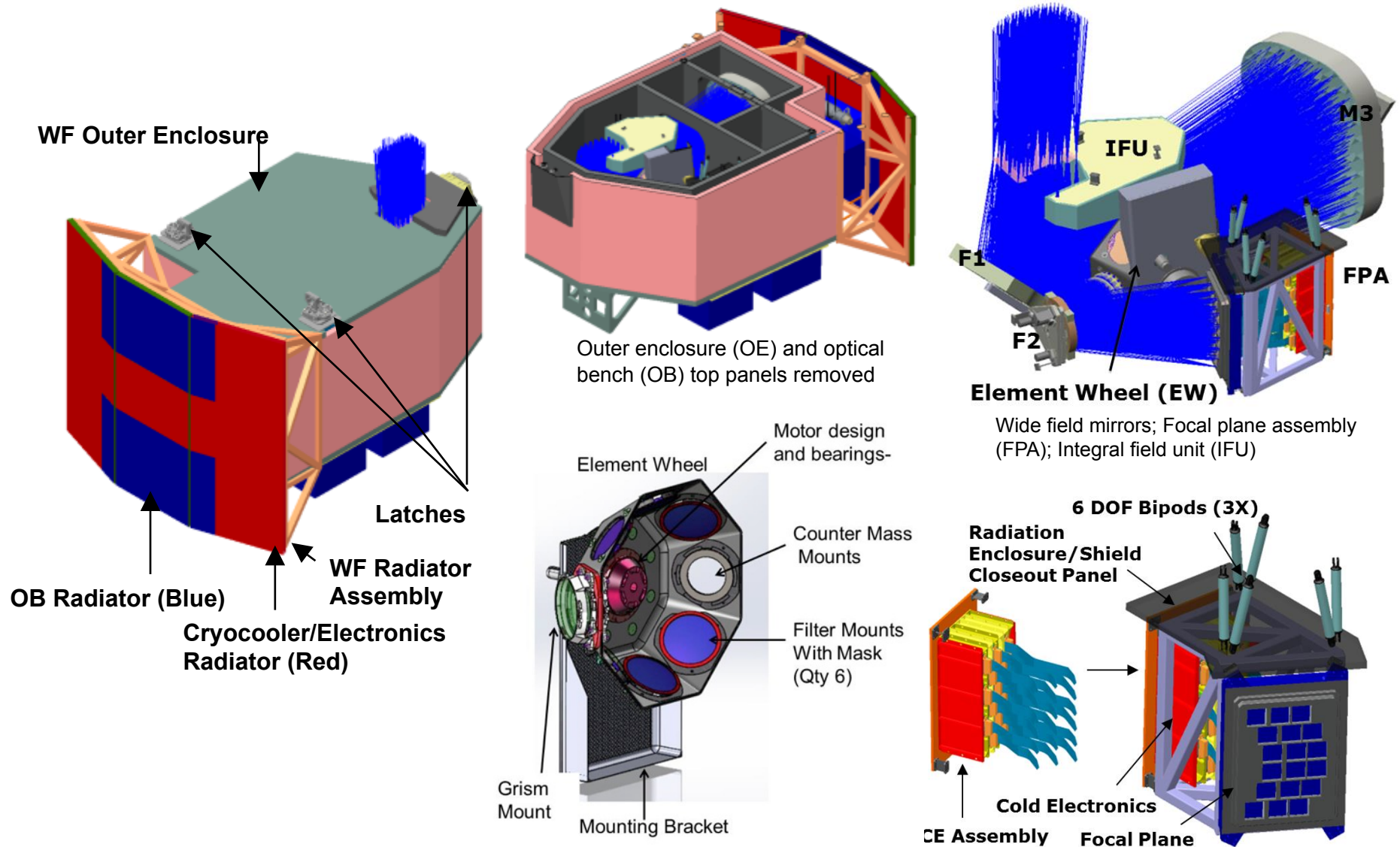


Updates to Wide Field Instrument Design Since 2013 Report



- Telescope & wide field channel optical design is coaxial
 - Reduced fabrication and alignment risk by simplifying optics in instrument (tertiary mirror is a conic instead of anamorphic)
 - Field of view is arced rather than a rectangular array of 6x3 H4RG-10s; enables favorable optical interface to coronagraph
- IFU is repackaged, similar elements in a much smaller overall volume
 - Simplifies integration by enabling parallel build and integration with wide field channel
 - Relay closer to slicer and spectrograph, shorter relay path
- Grism assembly simplified; all fused silica, 3 elements, with simpler surfaces; 2 instead of previous 1 diffractive surface
- Electronics boxes are integrated with mechanical structure of instrument rather than remote on the spacecraft
 - Reduced wire count across serviceable interface

Wide Field Instrument Layout and Major Subassemblies





Engineering Development Activities



- Increased funding in FY14 is being used to reduce risk across the wide field instrument
- Focal plane: see Recent Developments section
- Grism: An engineering development unit of the grism is underway

- Ultimate goal is to re-validate cold performance testing in NIR at flight temperature, after qualification vibration test
- Initial progress includes
 - Demonstrating high (>90%) 1st order diffraction efficiency of visible-equivalent subscale (25mm square) diffractive structures
 - Demonstrating fabrication of glass surfaces in each of the three components (1 of 3 complete as of 4/28/14)
 - Athermalization of component mount designs over 300K fabrication to 170K operation range



- Tertiary mirror: Mount athermalization and architecture trade study in progress
- Element (filter and grism) wheel; Eight 12.5 cm elements, 170K
 - Planning has begun for an engineering development unit; goal is re-verifying cold operation after qualification vibration test



IR Detector Development

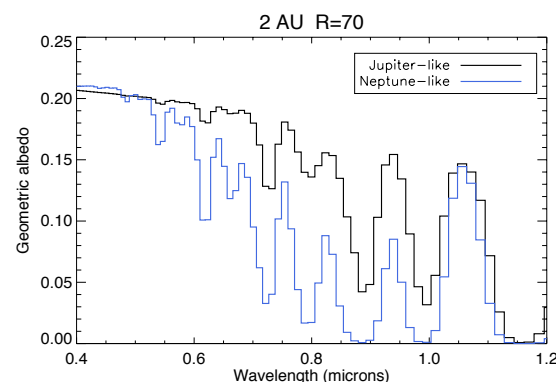
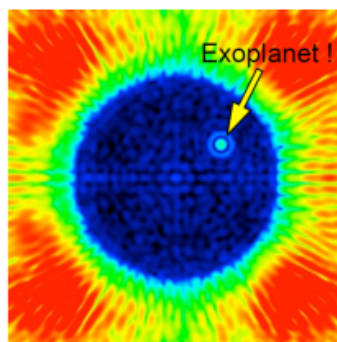


- Currently building H4RG detectors with several variations in growth and processing to optimize the potential flight recipes.
 - Initial results indicate most variations meeting or are very close to performance targets for QE, dark current, noise, persistence, and intrapixel capacitance.
 - These devices have demonstrated that the technology is capable of producing the required levels of performance.
- Will downselect to one or two recipes this year and build lots of each to demonstrate scaling the selected design to full detectors and achieving these performance levels with reasonable yields (and thus costs).
- Current trend indicates that flight detectors could be fabricated well in front of need date.

Initial results of recent testing in backup slides



Coronagraph Instrument



Coronagraph Architecture:
 Primary: Occulting Mask (OMC)
 Backup: Phase Induced Amplitude Apodization (PIAA)



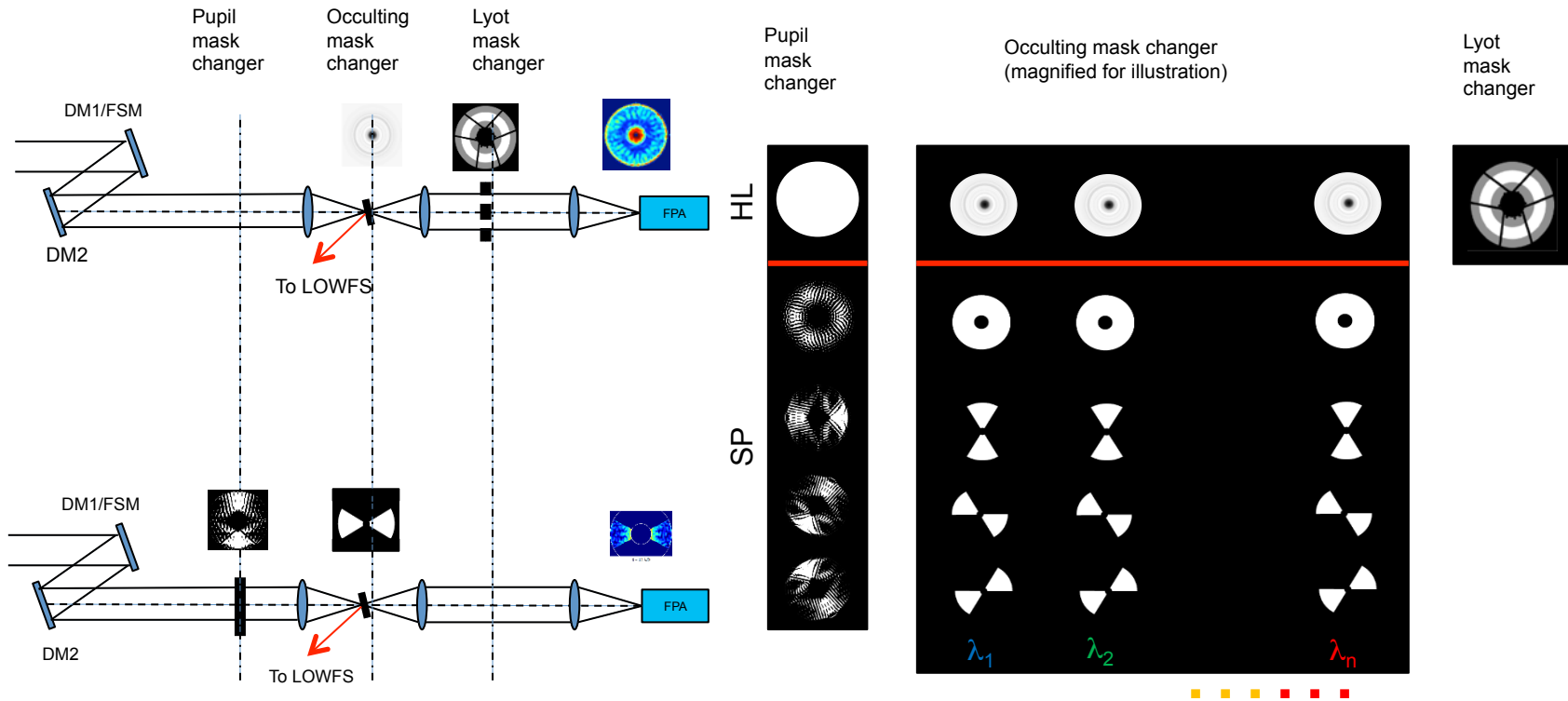
Exoplanet Direct Imaging

Exoplanet Spectroscopy

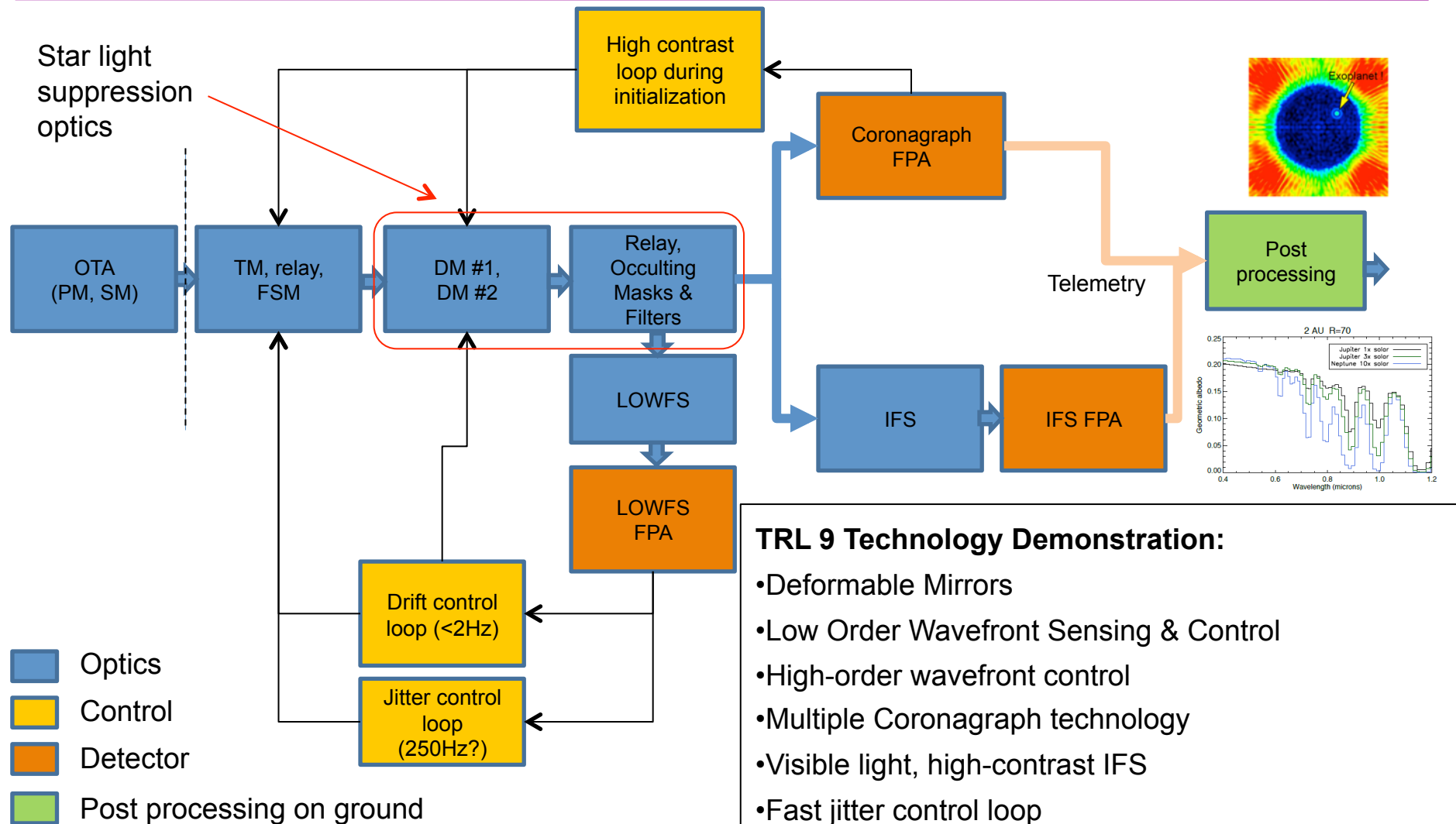
Bandpass	400 – 1000 nm	Measured sequentially in five ~10% bands
Inner working angle	100 – 250 mas	$\sim 3\lambda/D$
Outer working angle	0.75 – 1.8 arcsec	By 48x48 DM
Detection Limit	Contrast $\leq 10^{-9}$ (after post processing)	Cold Jupiters, Neptunes, and icy planets down to ~ 2 RE
Spectral Resolution	~ 70	With IFS, $R \sim 70$ across 600 – 980 nm
Spatial Sampling	17 mas	Nyquist for $\lambda \sim 430$ nm

Primary Architecture: Occulting Mask Coronagraph = Shaped Pupil + Hybrid Lyot

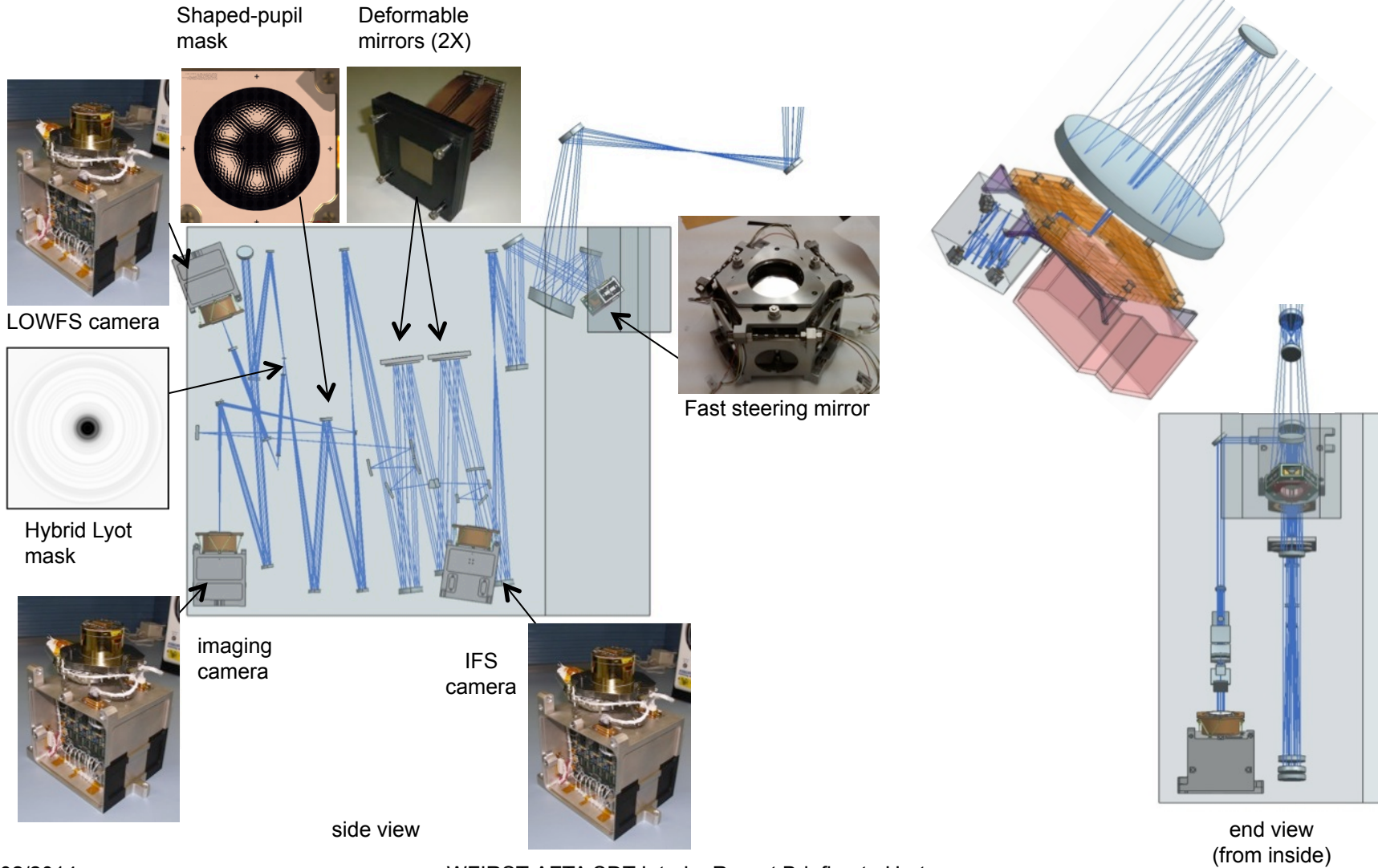
- SP and HL masks share very similar optical layouts
- Small increase in overall complexity compared with single mask implementation



Functional Block Diagram



Coronagraph Instrument

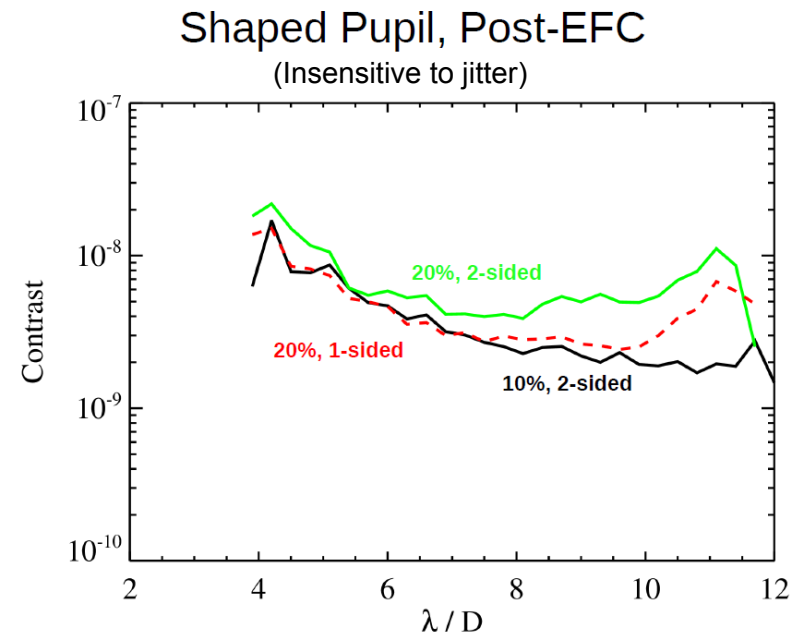
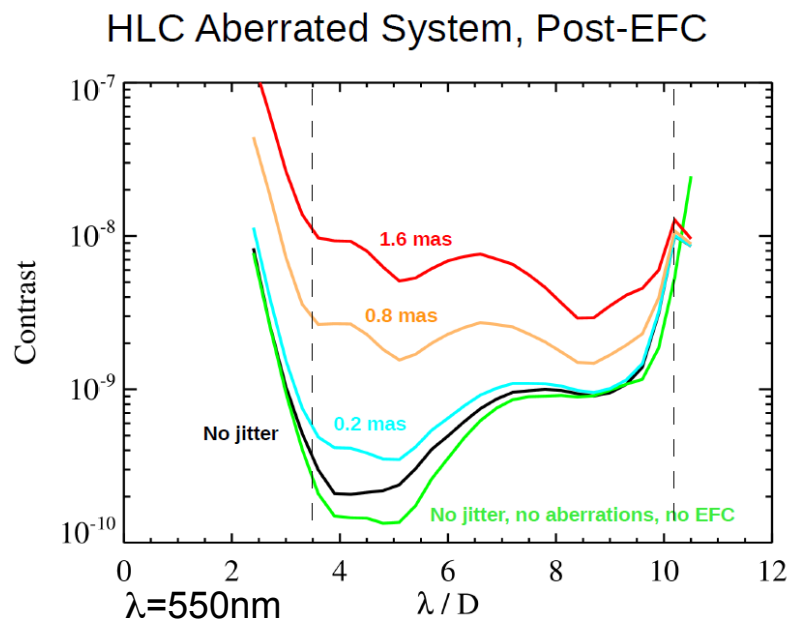




Contrast simulations with AFTA pupil, aberrations and expected range of telescope pointing jitter



- OMC in its “SP mode” provides the simplest design, lowest risk, easiest technology maturation, most benign set of requirements on the spacecraft and “use-as-is” telescope. This translates to low cost/schedule risk which is critical for the independent CATE process.
- In its “HL mode”, the OMC affords the potential for greater science, taking advantage of good thermal stability in GEO and low telescope jitter for most of the RAW speed



Good balance of science yield and engineering risk



Coronagraph Technology Plan Funded with STMD Support



- Based on the TAC report, P. Hertz's down-select announcement, ASO and HQ guidance, a plan has been developed for maturing coronagraph technology and retiring major engineering risks by 9/2016
- The plan is currently being revised due to a recent FY14 funding increase that allows acceleration of several aspects of technology development
- 9 key milestones are called out in this plan, representing major technical and engineering accomplishments
 - However, work not explicitly covered by these milestones is also an integral part of the plan
- This plan was reviewed and accepted with TAC and HQ

**Have developed a plan to mature technologies to TRL-5 by 9/2016,
details in backup slides**



Systems



Science Requirements Status



- Currently iterating with NASA HQ, Project Scientist and SDT members to develop Science Objectives and Requirements held by NASA HQ.
- Beginning work on the flowdown from science objectives to observatory performance requirements.
- For each science program, there will be:
 - Scientific objectives and requirements
 - Observation requirements
 - Operations concept
 - Instrument requirements
 - Archive dataset requirements
 - Requirements will be enumerated; traceability matrix links each to parent requirement



Integrated Modeling

- The Study Office performed Integrated Modeling on the April 2013 WFIRST-AFTA Report design reference mission to assess Point Spread Function (PSF) Ellipticity, Wave Front Error (WFE), and Line of Sight (LOS) stability margins.
- Structural/Optical/Thermal (STOP) models of the payload were developed, and subjected to orbital thermal and reaction wheel vibration (Jitter) disturbances to assess the optical responses.
- Excellent margins for this preliminary analysis
 - Wide Field Instrument STOP margins (after applying x3 modeling uncertainty factors) were x9 (WFE) and x108 (PSF ellipticity), excellent margins for the critical WL galaxy shape measurements.
 - Telescope Jitter margins (after applying x3 to x6 uncertainty factors) were x3.6 (LOS) and x6.2 (WFE), which along with sub-micron motions and sub-nanometer deformations of the Primary and Secondary Mirrors, were well-received by the Coronagraph team.
- Next steps are to incorporate a detailed coronagraph model as well as wide field grism and IFU models in future iterations.

Additional details in backup slides



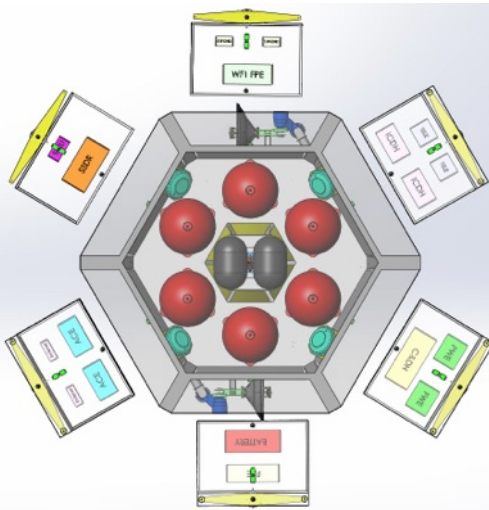
Recent Spacecraft Study

- The Study Office has been developing an alternate spacecraft configuration over the last couple of months
- The alternate configuration significantly simplifies the spacecraft
 - Eliminates the large bi-prop system and replaces with a smaller, less complex mono-prop system
 - Reduces spacecraft structure mass
 - Reduces overall observatory mass
- However, this simpler spacecraft now requires the launch vehicle to circularize the orbit at GEO
 - Additional cost for larger LV will be partially offset by the spacecraft simplifications
- The LV market is very dynamic and the Study Office continues to track these opportunities with KSC.

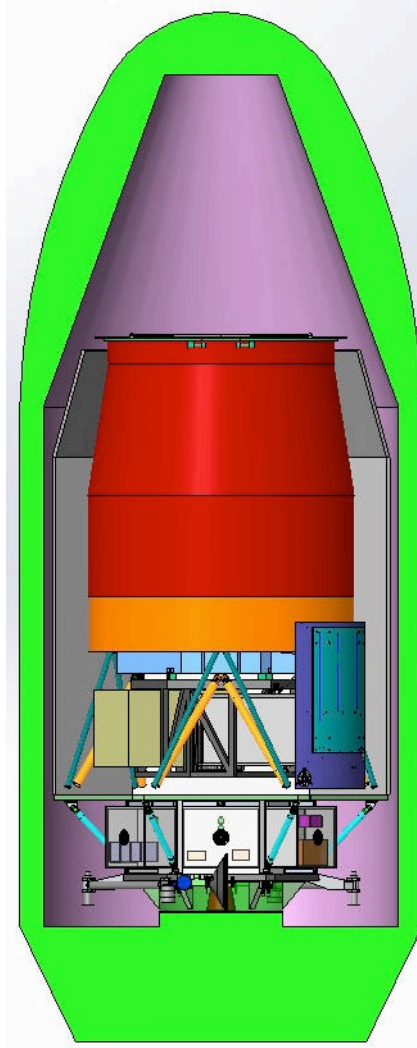
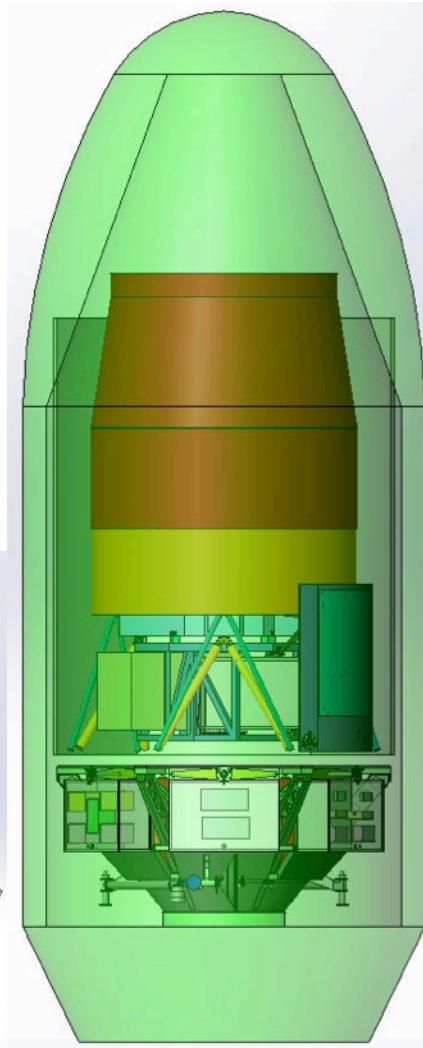
Spacecraft Configurations

Baseline Configuration

- 6 prop tanks carry >3000 kg of bi-prop to circularize orbit from GTO and for station keeping
- Taller S/C to accommodate tanks pushes higher into fairing
- Atlas V 551



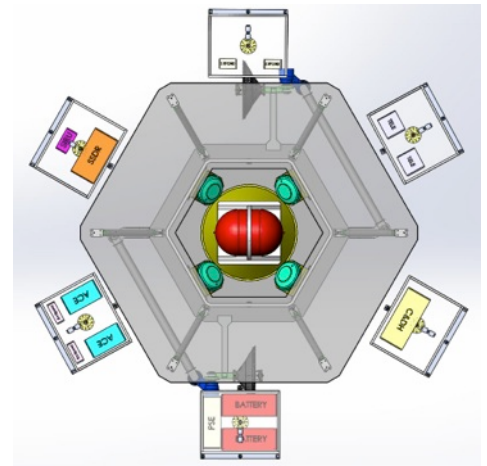
Top View and View in Fairing of Baseline Configuration



Top View and View in Fairing of Alternate Configuration

Alternate Configuration

- 1 prop tank carries <100 kg of mono prop for station keeping
- Shorter S/C is lower in fairing
- Falcon Heavy (or Delta IV Heavy)





Path Forward to January Report



- Requirements development/flowdown and science simulations to support this effort
- Continue to mature payload and spacecraft design
 - Iteration of overall payload design is necessary to allow coronagraph instrument to reach comparable maturity level of the wide field instrument.
 - Refine instrument designs and define preliminary payload interfaces
 - Refine spacecraft design to accommodate payload as the payload design matures
 - Develop cost estimates for full observatory
 - Develop potential descope options to reduce cost and/or schedule risk
 - Perform full observatory STOP and jitter analysis
 - Includes coronagraph as well as modeling the wide field grism and IFU
- Telescope
 - Develop detailed schedule based on historical build schedules of the two previous units
 - Complete characterization of laminate and adhesives over potential cold temperature range
 - Update models and perform telescope level STOP analysis to assess performance at operating temperatures
- Wide Field Instrument
 - Near term focus is on detailing the wide field optical error budget to include all fabrication, thermal, and launch effects
 - Complete H4RG process optimization lot and begin full array lot based after downselect
 - Lower maturity items to be moved into EDU development
 - Focal plane; grism; element wheel; tertiary mirror
- Coronagraph Instrument
 - Complete initial OMC mask fabrication and begin verification of performance in narrow band light in HCIT
 - Continue design/development on engineering risk reduction activities
 - Deformable mirrors, EMCCDs, IFS