

Chapter/ Question	Objectives	Measurements	Observations	LUVOIR-A	Undescoped LUVOIR-B	Quick Descoped LUVOIR-B
Chapter 3 Is there life elsewhere?	Frequency of habitable exoplanet candidates	Survey for dozens of rocky planets around F,G,K,M stars	Multi-band high-contrast photometry near 500 nm (SNR=5 in $\geq 10\%$ bands)	~50	~30	$\lesssim 19$
		Establish habitable zone orbits of rocky planets	Multi-epoch (6 visits) high-contrast photometry near 500 nm (SNR=5 in $\geq 10\%$ bands)	✓	✓	✓
		Search for water vapor in habitable zone rocky planet atmospheres	High-contrast spectroscopy near 900 nm (SNR=5, $R \geq 70$)	✓	✓	✓
	Characterize exoplanet host stars	Measure UV spectrum and activity of host stars	UV spectroscopy (SNR=50, $R > 10,000$ at Lyman alpha; SNR=10, $R > 100$ in NUV); time-resolved	✓	✓	
	Confirmation of habitable exoplanet conditions	Constrain abundances of major atmospheric constituents (e.g. H ₂ O, CO ₂ , CH ₄)	High-contrast spectroscopy between 500 nm and 2.0 μm (SNR=10, $R \geq 70$)	✓	✓	
		Detect surface liquid water and constrain atmospheric water vapor profile	High-contrast spectroscopy and photometry between 1.0 μm - 1.5 μm at phase angles $> 100^\circ$ at inner-working angles $\leq 3 \lambda/D$ (SNR>10, $R \geq 70$)	✓	✓	
		Determine atmospheric properties (Rayleigh scattering, haze)	Multi-band high-contrast photometry between 200 nm - 500 nm (SNR=5 in $> 10\%$ bands)	✓	✓	
	Search for signs of life on exoplanets	Constrain abundances of atmospheric biosignature gases (e.g. O ₂ , O ₃ , CH ₄), and false positive indicators (e.g. high-CO ₂ , O ₄)	High-contrast spectroscopy at 760 nm for O ₂ (SNR>10, $R=140$)	✓	✓	
			High-contrast photometry between 200 nm - 700 nm for O ₃ (SNR>5 in $\geq 10\%$ bands)	✓	✓	
			High-contrast spectroscopy between 1.0 μm - 1.8 μm for CH ₄ , CO ₂ , O ₄ (SNR>10, $R=70, 200$)	✓	✓	
	Investigate habitability of Solar System ocean moons	Observe changes in surface morphology	Multi-epoch imaging between 500 nm - 2.0 μm (SNR ≥ 5)	✓	✓	
		Monitor plume activity and study plume morphology and dynamics	Multi-epoch, spatially resolved spectroscopy at Lyman-alpha (SNR>5, $R=30,000$)	✓	~	
		Determine moon atmospheric properties	Multi-epoch, spatially resolved spectroscopy from 1.0 μm - 2.0 μm (SNR>10, $R=70, 200$)	✓	✓	
Chapter 4 How do we fit in?	Constrain exoplanet atmospheric composition	Constrain abundances of gases (e.g. H ₂ O, CO ₂ , CH ₄ , O ₂)	High-contrast spectroscopy between 500 nm - 2.0 μm (SNR>10, $R=70-200$)	✓	✓	
	Detect and characterize atmospheric hazes and clouds	Constrain haze and cloud abundances	High-contrast photometry bewteen 200 nm - 1 μm (SNR>5 in $\geq 10\%$ bands)	✓	✓	
	Determine planetary system architectures	Determine planet mass and orbital paramteters	Multi-epoch astrometric imaging ($\sim 0.1 \mu\text{as}$ precision)	✓	?	
		Constrain atmospheric composition	High-contrast spectroscopy between 500 nm - 2.0 μm (SNR>10, $R=70-200$)	✓	✓	
	Determine morphology and architecture of debris disks	Spatially map dust distribution	High-contrast imaging bewteen 500 nm - 1.0 μm	✓	✓	
	Determine bulk composition of extrasolar planetesimals	Measure abundances of multiple atomic and molecular species in debris disk gas	High resolution spectroscopy from 1000 Å - 4000 Å (SNR ≥ 10 , $R \geq 60,000$)	✓	~	
	Characterize full population of solar system minor bodies	Measure size, distribution, orbital parameters	Multi-epoch imaging between 500 nm - 2.5 μm	✓	✓	
		Measure size, distribution, orbital parameters	Spatially resolved spectroscopy between 1.0 μm - 2.0 μm ($R=70,200$) and between 1000 Å - 2000 Å ($R=30,000$)	✓	✓	
	Constrain the physics of atmospheric escape	Detect, map, and characterize outflows	Multi-object spectroscopy from 1000 Å - 4000 Å (SNR>20, $R=30,000$)	✓	✓	
Chapter 5 How do galaxies evolve?	Measuring the baryons over cosmic time from 10-10 ⁷ K	Absorption line measures: Column density, velocity width, redshift for multiple ions	Multi-object spectroscopy from 1000 Å - 4000 Å (SNR>20, $R=30,000$)	✓	✓	
	High-definition exploration of the CGM	Absorption line measures: Column density, velocity width, redshift for multiple ions	Multi-object spectroscopy from 1000 Å - 3000 Å (SNR ≥ 10 , $R=30,000$)	✓	✓	
		Emission line maps of multiple ions	Multi-object spectroscopy and imaging from 1000 Å - 3000 Å (SNR ≥ 5 , $R=30,000$)	✓	X	
	Characterize nearby galaxy inflows and outflows in detail	Spatially map inflowing/outflowing gas in absorption	Multi-object spectroscopy between 1000 Å - 4000 Å (SNR ≥ 30 , $R=30,000$)	✓	✓	
	Explore star formation histories across the Hubble sequence	Color-Magnitude diagrams for stars in galaxies out to tens of Mpc across multiple galaxy types	g- and r-band imaging (SNR>5)	✓	~	
Chapter 6 What are the building blocks?	Determine the turnover in the high redshift galaxy luminosity function	Incidence frequency of $z \sim 7$ galaxies at faint magnitudes	I-, J-, and H-band imaging (SNR ≥ 5 to $J > 33.5$)	✓	X	
	Constrain the nature of dark matter	Matter power spectrum on small scales via observations of dwarf galaxies near Milky Way analogues	V- and R-band imaging (SNR>5 to $V > 31$)	✓	X	
		Stellar proper motions in Local Group galaxies	Multi-epoch astrometric imaging ($\sim 0.5 \mu\text{as}$ precision)	✓	~	
	Determine the escape fraction of ionizing radiation out to $z \sim 1$	Amount of flux below the Lyman break for $N > 5000$ galaxies from $0.2 < z < 1.2$	Multi-object spectroscopy between 1000 Å - 2000 Å (SNR ≥ 5 , $R \leq 500$)	✓	✓	
Chapter 7 How do stars and planets form?	Constrain massive star formation and determine the stellar IMF	Imaging of individual stars and star clusters	U-, B-, V-, R-, I-band imaging (SNR 10-300)	✓	~	
		Spectroscopy of individual stars and star clusters	Multi-object spectroscopy from 1000 Å - 4000 Å (SNR>10, $R=30,000$)	✓	~	
	Characterize the composition of planet forming material	Spectroscopy of atoms and molecules in protoplanetary disks	Multi-object spectroscopy from 1000 Å - 4000 Å (SNR>10, $R=30,000$)	✓	✓	
	Follow the rise of the periodic table	Spectroscopy of extremely metal-poor stars in the Milky Way halo	Multi-object spectroscopy from 1000 Å - 4000 Å (SNR ≥ 80 , $R=30,000$)	✓	✓	
		Spectroscopy of late-type stars in the Milky Way halo	Multi-object spectroscopy from 1000 Å - 4000 Å (SNR ≥ 80 , $R=30,000$)	✓	✓	