

Coronagraph Instrument Update



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Outline

- What hasn't changed since last time:
 - instrument designed capabilities & requirements
- What has changed:
 - integration and testing progress
 - Community Participation Program began
- What happens after delivery

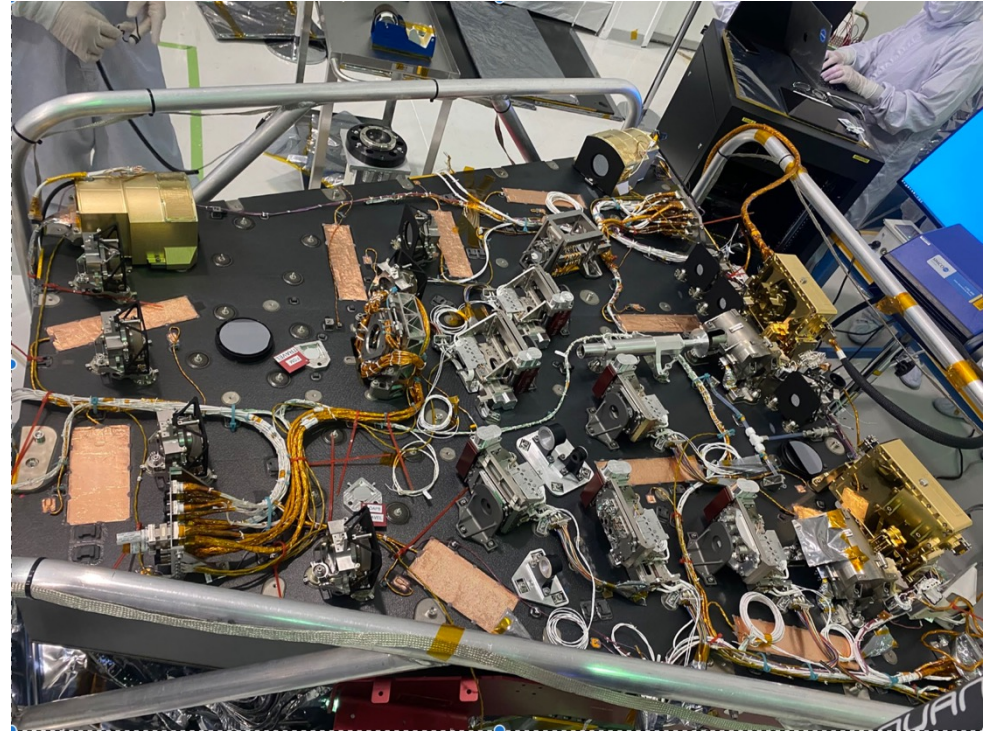
What hasn't changed



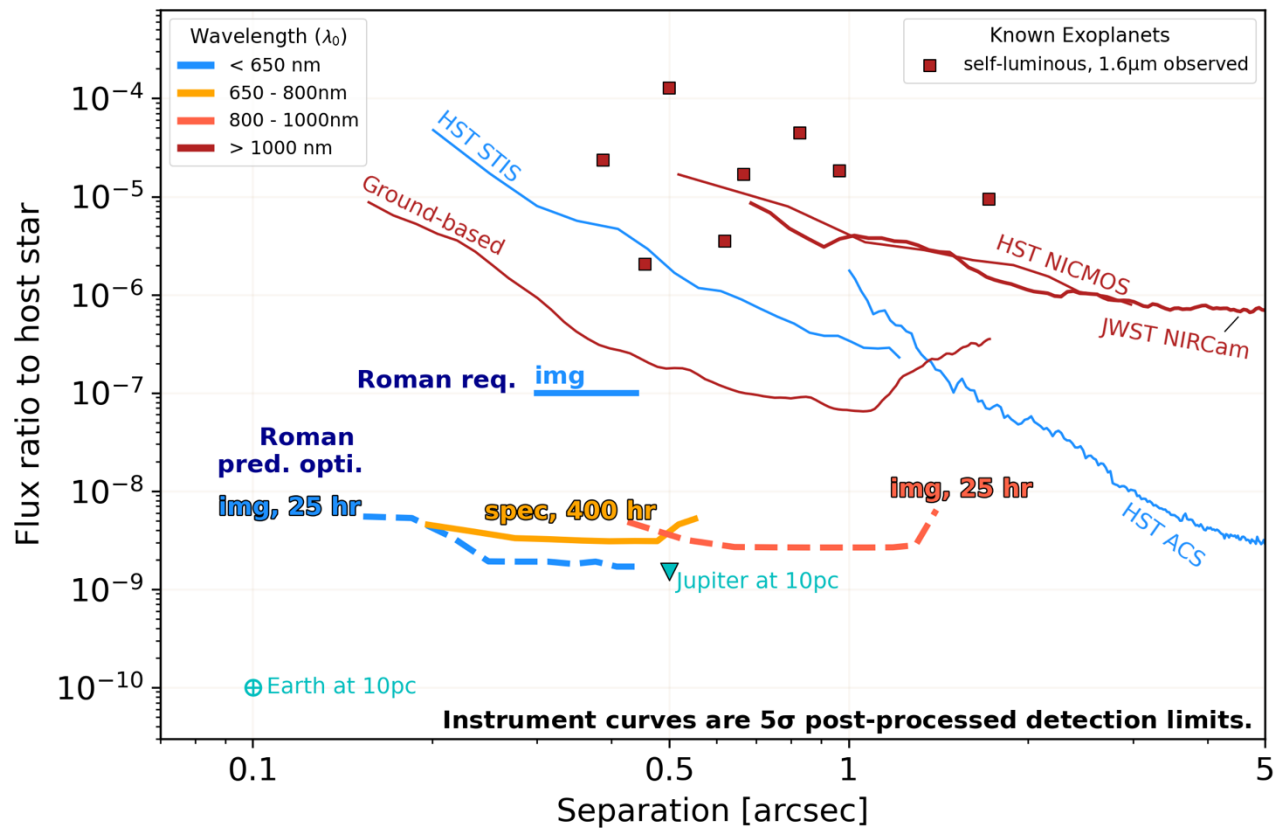


Roman Coronagraph paves the way for HWO

- the first space-based coronagraph with active wavefront control
- a visible light “technology demonstration” instrument
 - ~550 – 875nm
 - “easy” requirement: 10^{-7} detection limit
 - Ambitious goals: few 10^{-9}
- a risk mitigation for HWO
- delivering in May
- allocated ~90 days of observing time during 1st 18 months of mission

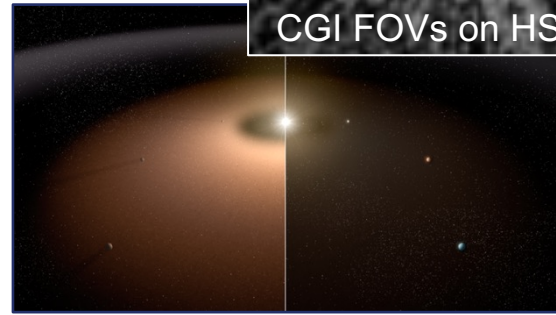
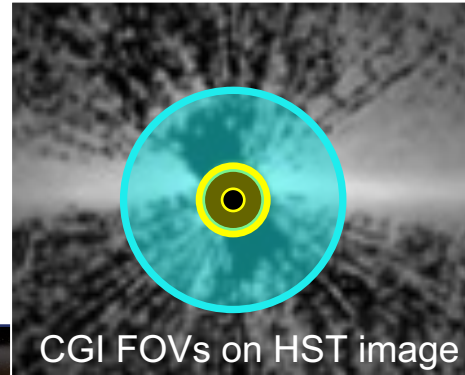
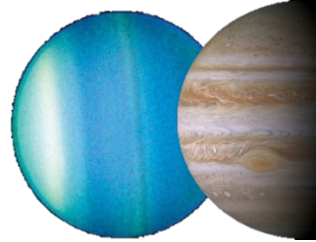


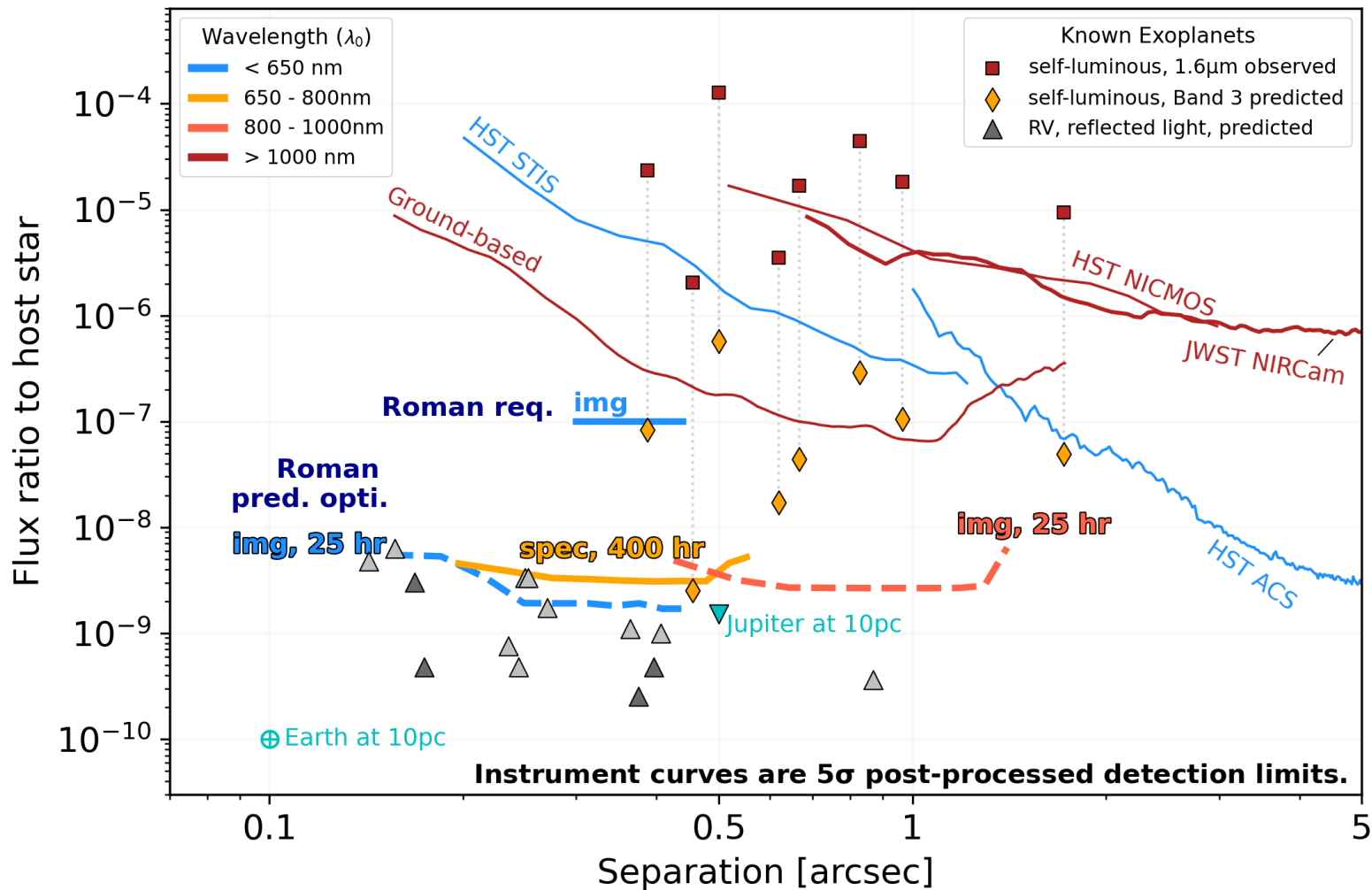
Bridges gap between massive self-luminous planets (IR) and reflected light exo-Earths (visible)

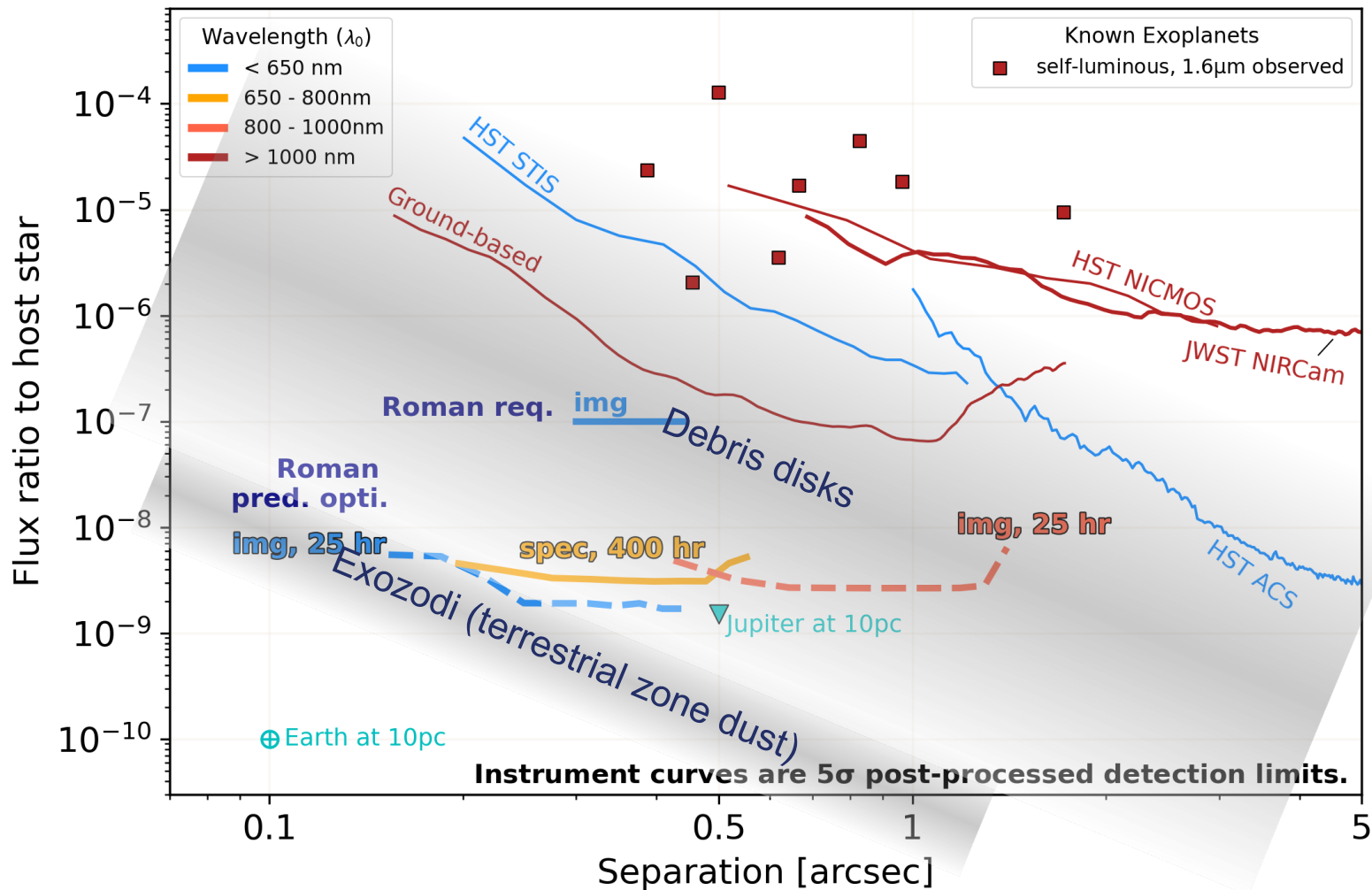


With “goal” capabilities: exciting exoplanetary system science

- After demonstrating our Level 1 requirement...
- Known, self-luminous planets at visible wavelengths
 - (eg: Lacy & Burrows 2020)
- Potential for first images and spectrum of true Jupiter analog
 - Known RV planet
 - (eg: Batalha+2018, Saxena+2021)
- Low surface brightness disks, improved morphology
 - (eg: Mennesson+2018)
- Potential for first visible light images of exozodi
 - (Douglas+2022)







1 fully supported mode

Additional “best effort” modes: spectroscopy & polarimetry



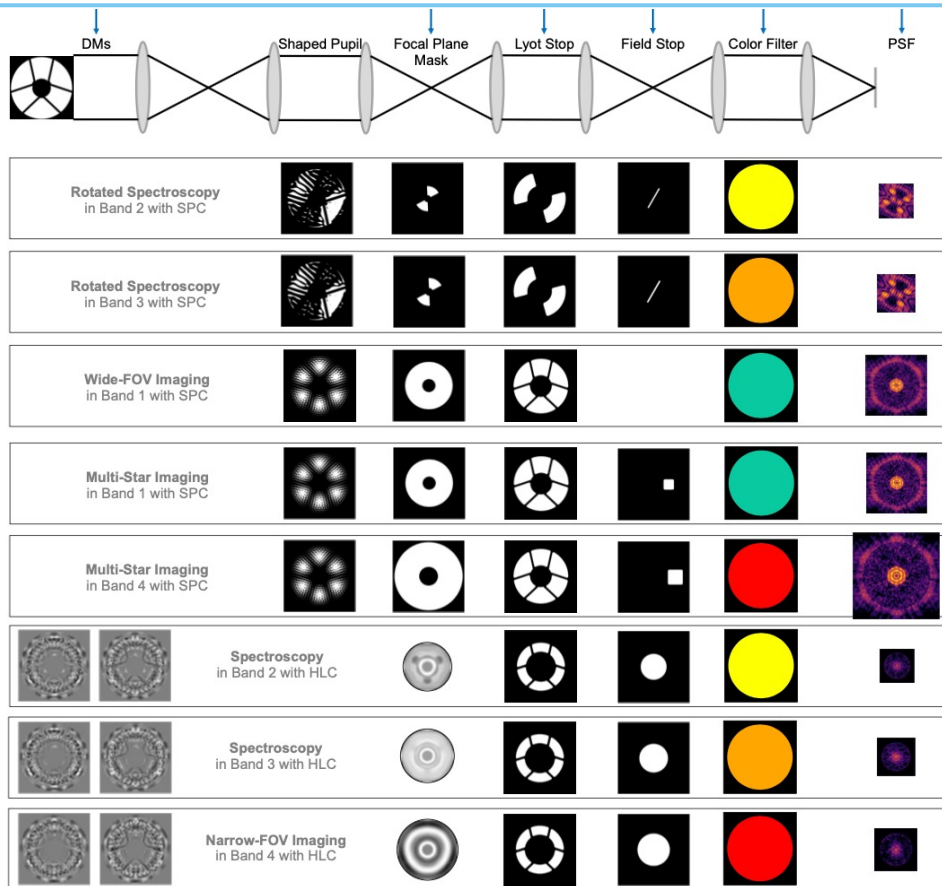
Band	λ_{center}	BW	Mode	FOV radius	FOV Coverage	Pol?	Coronagraph Mask Type	Support
1	575 nm	10%	Narrow FOV Imaging	0.14" – 0.45"	360°	Y **	Hybrid Lyot	Req'd
2	660 nm	17%	Slit + R~50 Prism Spectroscopy	0.17" – 0.52"	2 x 65°	-	Shaped Pupil	Best Effort
3	730 nm	17%	Slit + R~50 Prism Spectroscopy	0.18" – 0.55"	2 x 65°	-	Shaped Pupil	Best Effort
4	825 nm	11%	“Wide” FOV Imaging	0.45" – 1.4"	360°	Y	Shaped Pupil	Best Effort

“Best effort” modes will not be end-to-end performance tested prior to delivery & do not have guaranteed support on-orbit.

** Polarimetry in Band 1 is ‘best effort’



Unsupported “contributed” mask configurations



Additional masks contributed by NASA’s Exoplanet Exploration Program to fill empty slots in mechanisms.

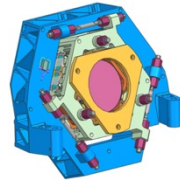
No funding for on-sky commissioning identified at this time. Analogous to HST/STIS Bar5??

Not shown: unsupported “low-contrast” classical Lyot spots (analogous to HST) for very wide FOV imaging (~1-3.5”)

For complete list of masks see [Riggs+ SPIE O&P 2021](#)

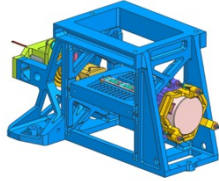


Light path

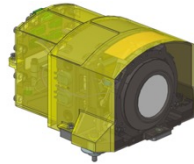


FSM: Fast Steering Mirror

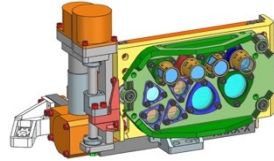
- Used in control loops
- Used in setting up modes



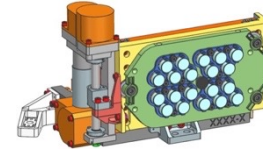
FCM: Focus Control Mirror



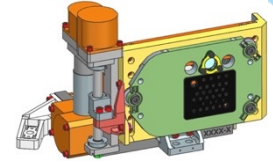
DM (2x): Deformable Mirror



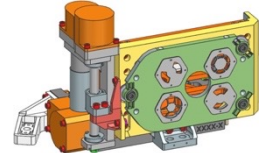
DPAM: Prisms & Lenses



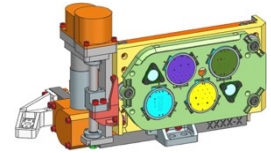
CFAM: Color Filters



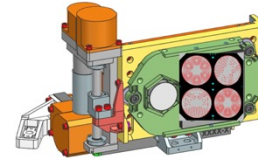
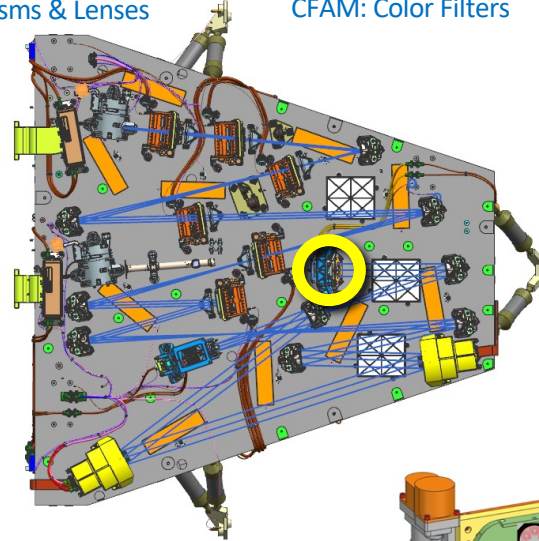
FSAM: Field Stops & Slits



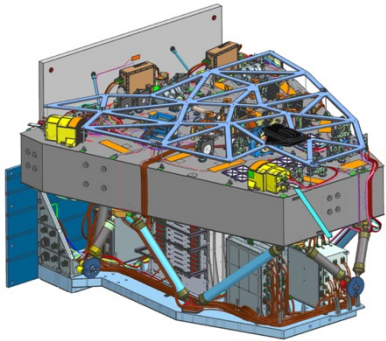
LSAM: Lyot Stops



FPAM: Focal Plane Masks



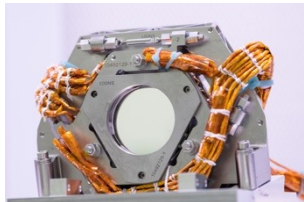
SPAM: Shaped Pupil Masks



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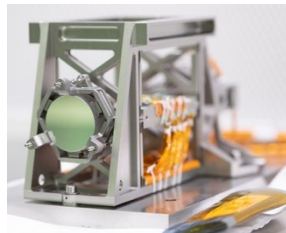


As-built



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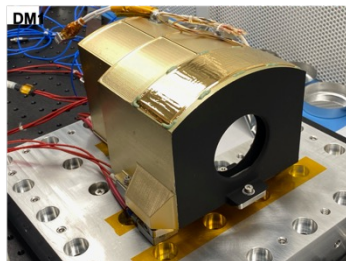
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Electron-Multiplier CCDs (2x)



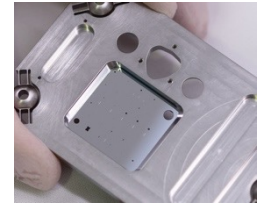
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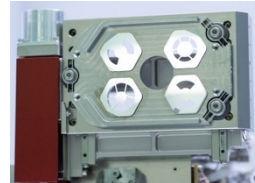
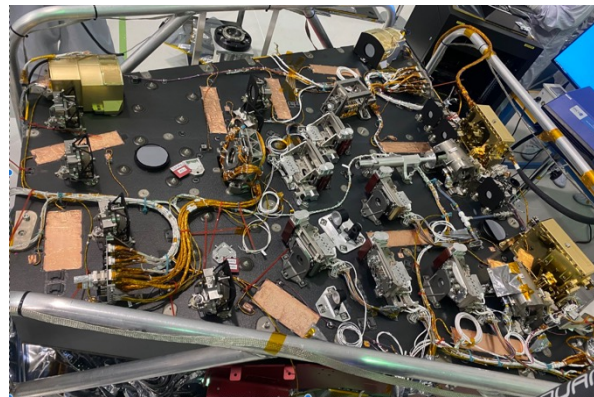
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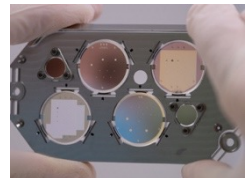
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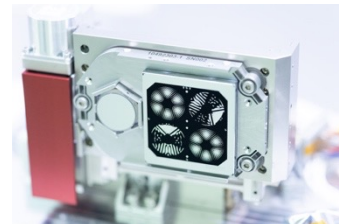
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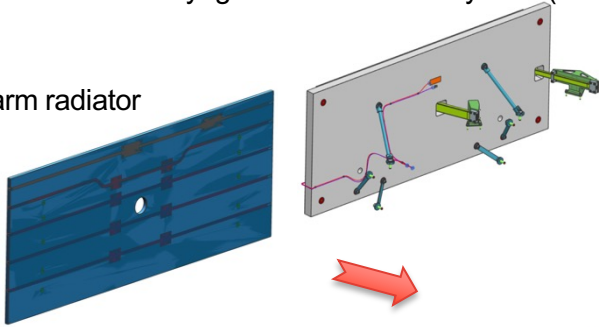


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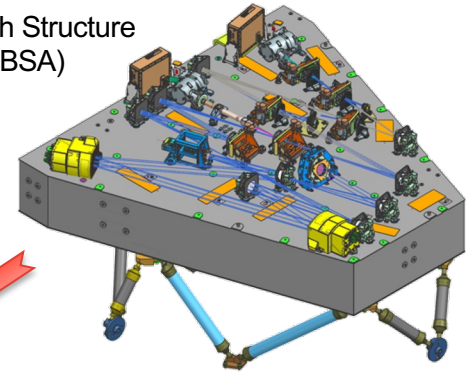


Cryogenic Thermal Subsystem (CTS)

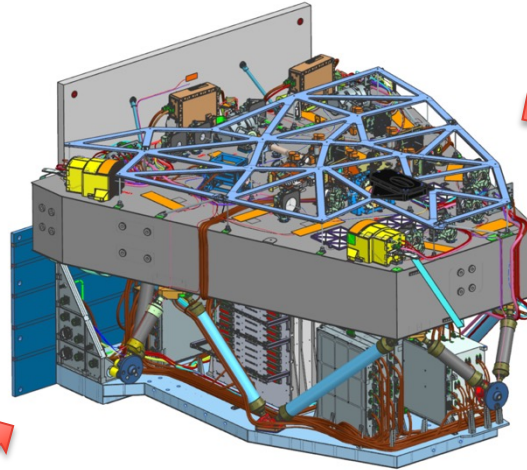
Warm radiator



Optical Bench Structure Assembly (OBSA)



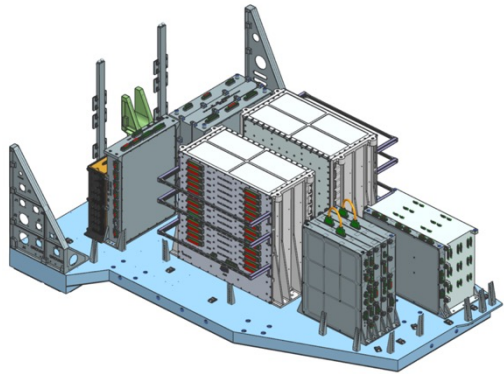
CGI Assembly



Harness



Thermal Pallet and Electronics





Source Simulator

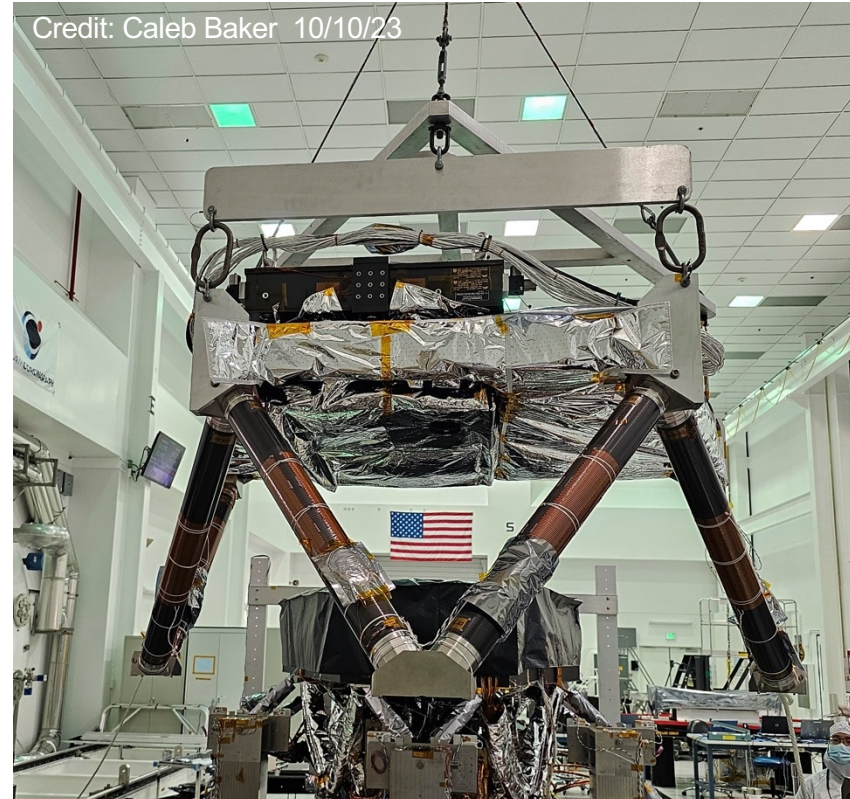
Optical Bench

Electronics Pallet



Fall 2023: Full Functional Testing

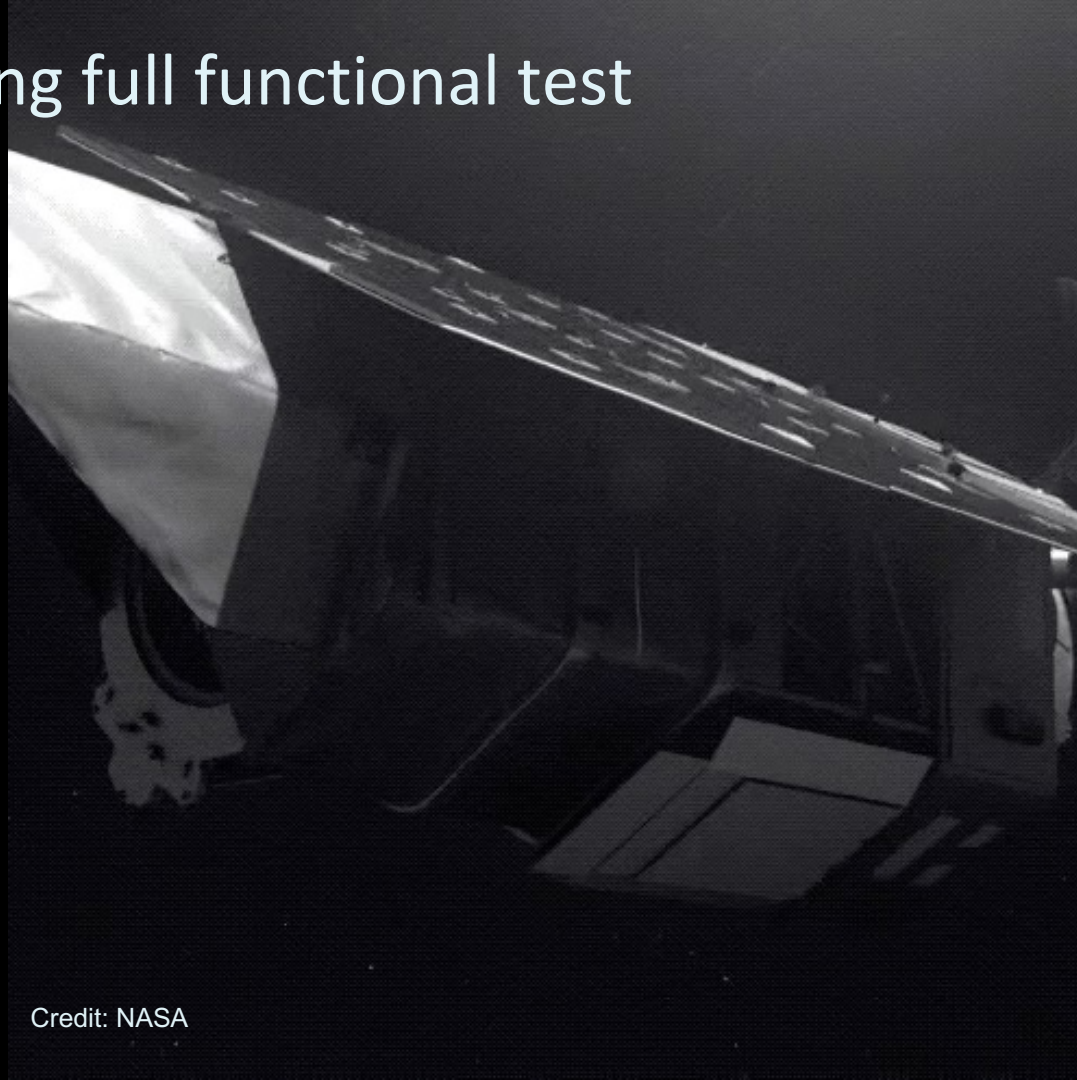
- Test **functionality** of as-built instrument *in air*
- Test both hardware and software-hardware interactions
- Exercise test procedures that will be used in later in thermal vacuum chamber (TVAC) tests



Installing the source simulator



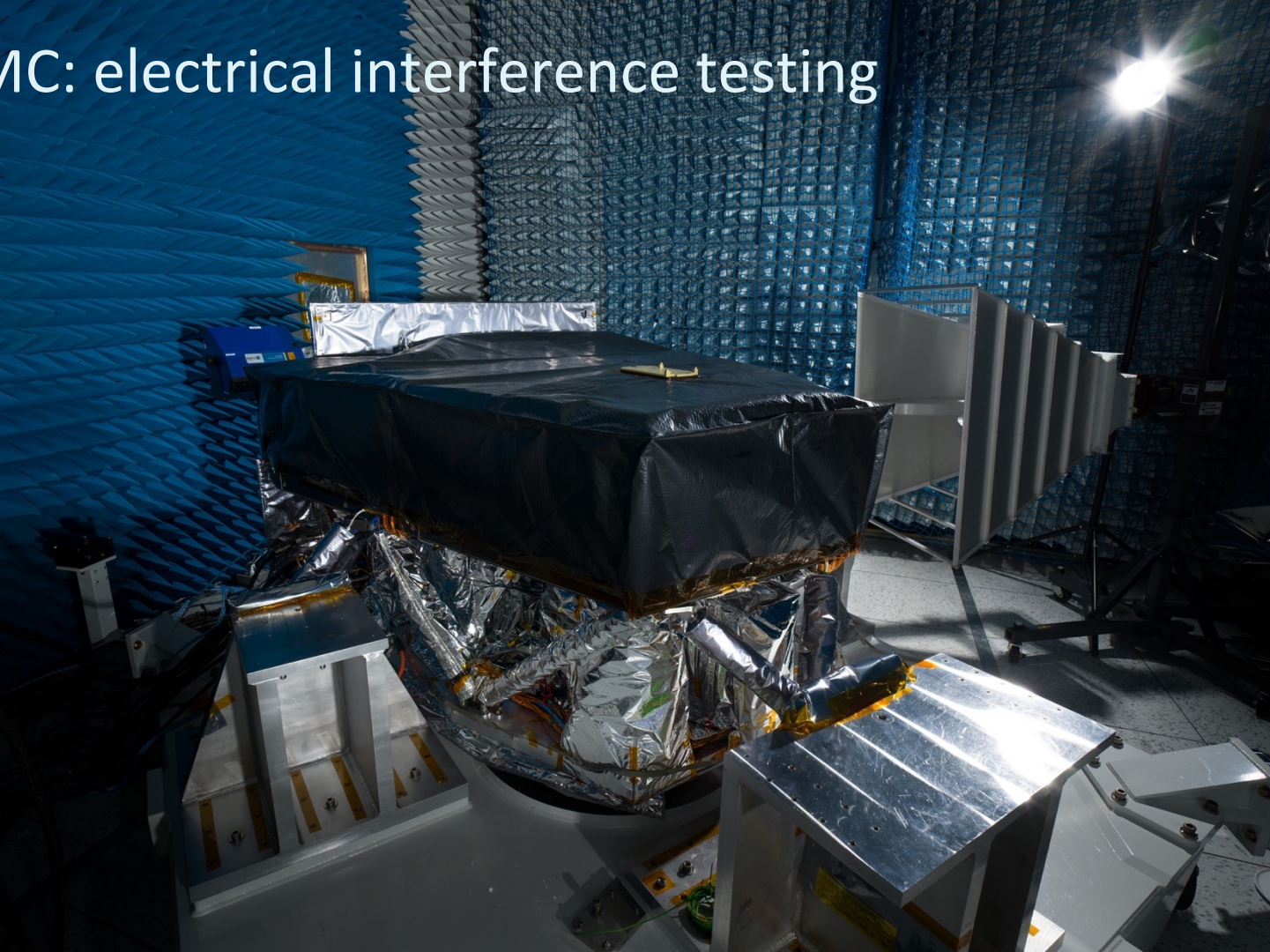
“First light” during full functional test



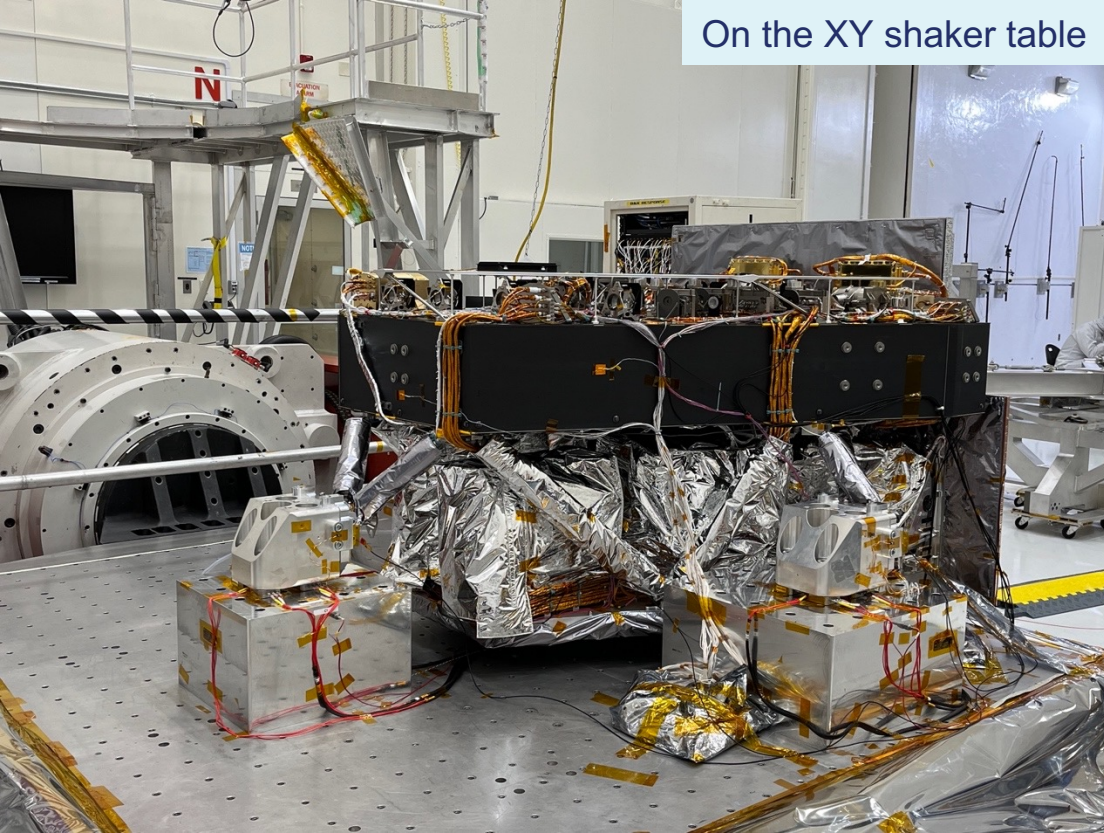
Credit: NASA



EMI/EMC: electrical interference testing



Vibe testing:
Simulating the vibration environment of rocket launch





JPL Transpo Gang delivered us safe & sound back to the clean room







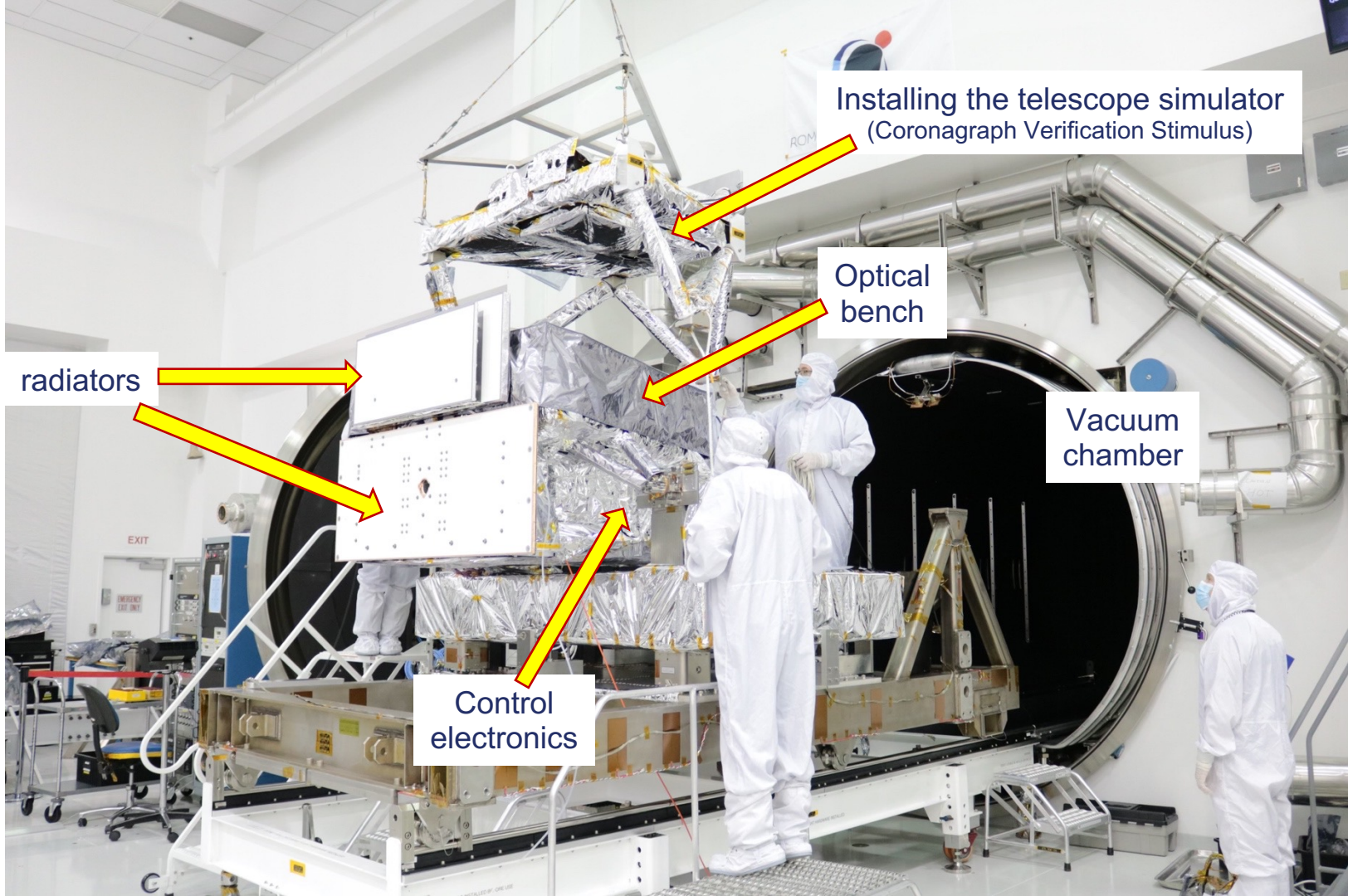
Installing the telescope simulator
(Coronagraph Verification Stimulus)

Optical bench

Vacuum chamber

radiators

Control electronics









Now: limited functional tests before closing the chamber door



Thermal Vacuum Testing (TVAC) & delivery

- “Run for the record” performance tests in a space-like environment
 - Benefits of TVAC: Cold detectors, no air turbulence, thermal stability
- Door closes next week, then 24/7 through mid-April
- Activities:
 - Watch paint dry (literally), recheck alignment, calibrate detectors, flatten wavefront, test star acquisition, dig dark hole, run test observation to monitor stability over few hour timescales, ...
- Delivery to GSFC scheduled in mid-May

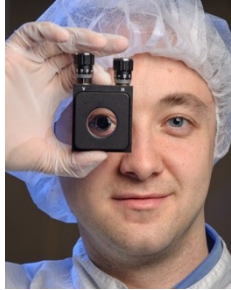
What's next? Preparing to observe



Coronagraph Community Participation Program PIs



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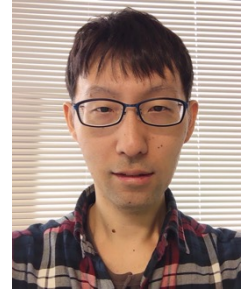
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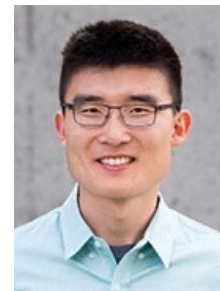
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CPP + PS Responsibilities

- Data Processing Pipeline
- Observation Planning
 - Target database, precursor observations
 - Internal tools for generating observation plans
- Image & observation simulations
- Best effort: Preparing for beyond-requirements observations
 - Prepare for commissioning, and operations of the primary and goal observing modes
 - Research *potential* alternative high-order wavefront sensing and control algorithms
- **Stay tuned: Opportunities for broader community input are in development**



Timeline

- Completed: full functional, EMI/EMC, & vibe tests
- Feb - April: TVAC Tests
- May: Instrument delivery to GSFC
- now – launch: prepare for observations
 - Stay tuned for future engagement opportunities
- After launch: ~90 days baselined early in mission