

Coronagraph Design for the WFIRST CGI,

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Disk Science



HST STIS

WFIRST CGI





VLT SPHERE

- 1.9" FOV in V band
- 10% spectral bandwidth
- ~10⁻⁹ raw contrast





Coronagraph Design



- Maximize the science yield.
- Minimize risk.

Design Parameters

Sensitivities to:

Goals:

- Pointing jitter
- Wavefront jitter (coma, astig, focus)
- Primary mirror polarization
- Mask misalignment

Performance Metrics

- Contrast
- Throughput
- Spectral Bandwidth
- Field of View (IWA, OWA, angle)

Mask Properties

- Mask shapes
- Mask materials





Types of WFIRST CGI Mode





• 3 modes to achieve science goals:

(Notional dark holes)



- 1. <u>Hybrid Lyot Coronagraph (HLC): exoplanet & inner disk imaging</u>
 - 10% BW, 360° FOV, 3-10 λ_0 /D
 - ~4% core throughput



- 2. <u>Shaped Pupil Coronagraph (SPC)</u> for IFS: *exoplanet spectroscopy*
 - 18% BW, 2x65° FOV, 2.8-8.8 λ_0 /D, lower sensitivities
 - ~4% core throughput



- 3. Shaped Pupil Coronagraph (SPC): outer disk imaging
 - 10% BW, 360° FOV, 5.5-20 λ₀/D
 - 5.5% core throughput

- Trauger et al. JATIS 2016
- Riggs SPIE 2014
- Zimmerman, Riggs, et al. JATIS 2016



Coronagraph ?



Chronograph





The WFIRST Coronagraphs





Benefits of Each Coronagraph (complementary):

- HLC: Full FOV, fewer masks, easier alignment
- <u>SPC</u>: Broader bandwidth, better aber. sensitivities (esp. PM pol.), lower risk with DMs

Shaped Pupil Lyot Coronagraph

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Step 1: Perform grid search to find best 1-D radial solution.



Step 2: Use DMs to suppress diffraction from struts.

DMs mitigate the struts' diffraction more efficiently than the shaped pupil mask
 Better achievable throughput, IWA, and/or contrast

[For related work, refer to Mazoyer et al. 2017]









- WFIRST CGI will revolutionize direct imaging
 - First cool exoplanet images and spectra
 - First visible, scattered-light images of exozodiacal dust
 - First high-contrast coronagraph in space with active optics
- Design work is focused on
 - New numerical design methods
 - Increasing science yield
 - Improving performance and robustness







Backup Slides





- The future of coronagraph design is **numerical optimization**.
 - Because of sensitivities and obstructed pupils.
- Hybrid Lyot Coronagraphs (HLCs) are
 - Manufacturable
 - High performance
 - Tunable

Need a fast code for HLC design surveys...





Exoplanet Detection





- Most planets discovered indirectly
- Direct Imaging: for spectra & more orbital parameters



SPC-Disk Science Design



2017 Design A



Specs:

- 6.5 x 10⁻¹⁰ contrast (5x better)
- r=0.33-1.0" FOV (in V band)
- 10% Broadband
- Core throughput = 5.5%

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Planned Design Pipeline







The polarization from the primary mirror is a MAJOR design constraint.

Cycle 6 Polarization: WFE_{y} - WFE_{x}

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This figure was already cleared in John Krist's presentation "Digging A Dark Hole: Models" in April 2016.

- <u>Differential polarization is mostly astigmatism</u>
 - Negligible near 600nm \rightarrow HLC
 - Huge WFE far from 600nm \rightarrow SPC, or HLC+polarizer
- Huge influence on our operational modes

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HLC Sensitivities





This figure was already cleared in Feng Zhao's presentation "WFIRST Coronagraph Polarization Update – 11th Stanford Meeting" in March 2017.

- Outside V-band, HLC better with analyzer.
- Analyzer helps, but pol. cross-term still degrades contrast





 To overcome pupil obscurations and aberration sensitivities and to achieve science goals, need 3 types of operating modes:



- 1. <u>Hybrid Lyot Coronagraph (HLC)</u>: *exoplanet & disk imaging*
 - Full 360° FOV
 - Small IWA
 - Fewest masks (= lower complexity & cost)



- 2. <u>Shaped Pupil Coronagraph (SPC)</u> for IFS: *exoplanet spectroscopy*
 - 18% BW (for spectra)
 - Small IWA
 - Lower aberration sensitivities



3. <u>Shaped Pupil Coronagraph (SPC)</u>: disk imaging

- Full 360° FOV
- Largest OWA

- Trauger et al. JATIS 2016
- Riggs SPIE 2014
- Zimmerman, Riggs, et al. JATIS 2016 19

CGI Filter Wheel Populations



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CGI Science Bands 1 and 2





• Bands 1 & 2 shifted to longer wavelength because polarization WFE is too strong at B-band.

CGI Science Bands

NOTE: No polarizers or field stops in IFS channel.

CGI Bands	λ _{center} (nm)	BW	Science Purpose	Imager or IFS	Coronagraph Type	Can Use Polarizer (for Science)	<i>Must</i> Use Polarizer (for Aberrations)
1	508	10%	continuum, Rayleigh	Imager	HLC	Х	X (HLC)
2	575	10%	continuum, Rayleigh	Imager	HLC	X	
3	660	18%	CH4 spectrum	IFS	SPC		
4	770	18%	CH4 spectrum	IFS	SPC		
5	890	18%	CH4 spectrum	IFS	SPC		
6	661	10%	CH4, continuum	Imager	SPC	X	
7	883	5%	CH4, absorption	Imager	SPC	X	
8	721	5%	CH4 quantification	Imager	SPC (& HLC?)	X	X (HLC)
9	950	6%	water detection	Imager	SPC	X	