



# Upcoming Opportunities With the Roman Coronagraph Instrument

**Alexandra Greenbaum**, James Ingalls, Amelia Nash, Sarmen Ter-oganesyan Patrick Lowrance, Lee Armus, Rachel Akeson, & George Helou

Science Support Center at IPAC, California Institute of Technology

**Marie Ygouf**, Robert Zellem, Sergi Hildebrandt Rafels, Vanessa Bailey, Bertrand Mennesson, & Jason Rhodes

Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology

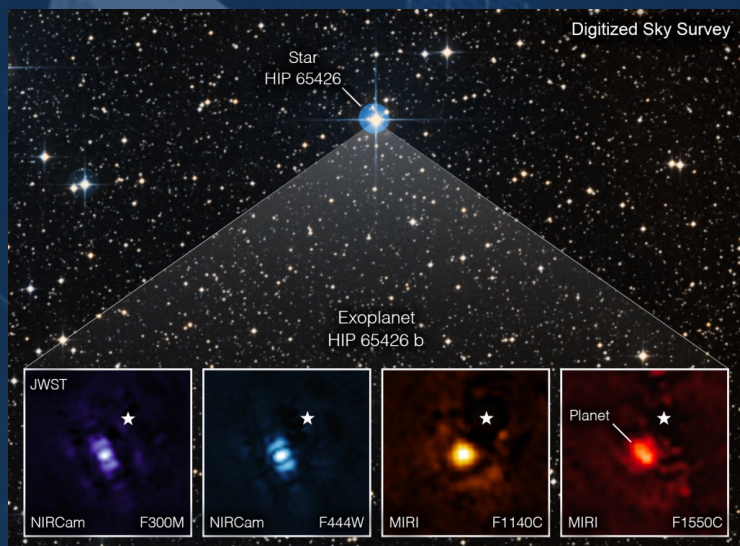
• NASA GODDARD SPACE FLIGHT CENTER • JET PROPULSION LABORATORY •  
• L3HARRIS TECHNOLOGIES • BALL AEROSPACE • TELEDYNE • NASA KENNEDY SPACE CENTER •  
• SPACE TELESCOPE SCIENCE INSTITUTE • IPAC • EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY •  
• JAPAN AEROSPACE EXPLORATION AGENCY • LABORATOIRE D'ASTROPHYSIQUE DE MARSEILLE •  
• CENTRE NATIONAL d'ÉTUDES SPATIALES • MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE FOR ASTRONOMY •



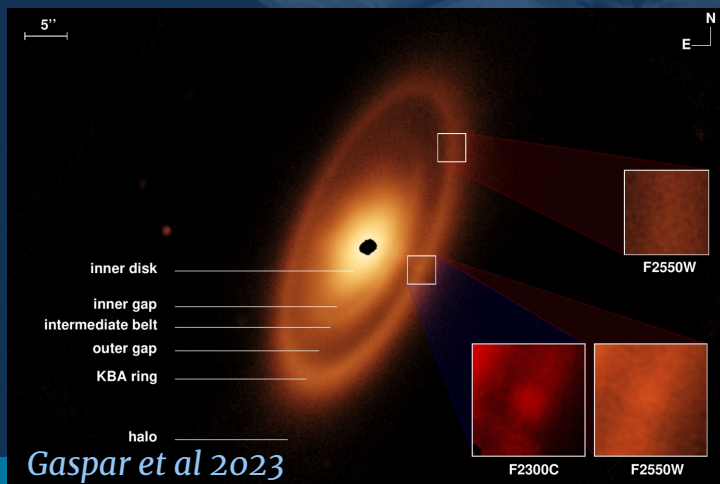
# Outline

---

- Roman Coronagraph: Context & Overview of Key Technologies
- Observing Modes Available
- The Details: What/How/Who
  - Science Themes
  - Operations & Observing scenario
  - The Community Participation Program Structure & How to Get Involved



Credit: NASA/ESA/CSA, A Carter (UCSC), the ERS 1386 team, and A. Pagan (STScI)

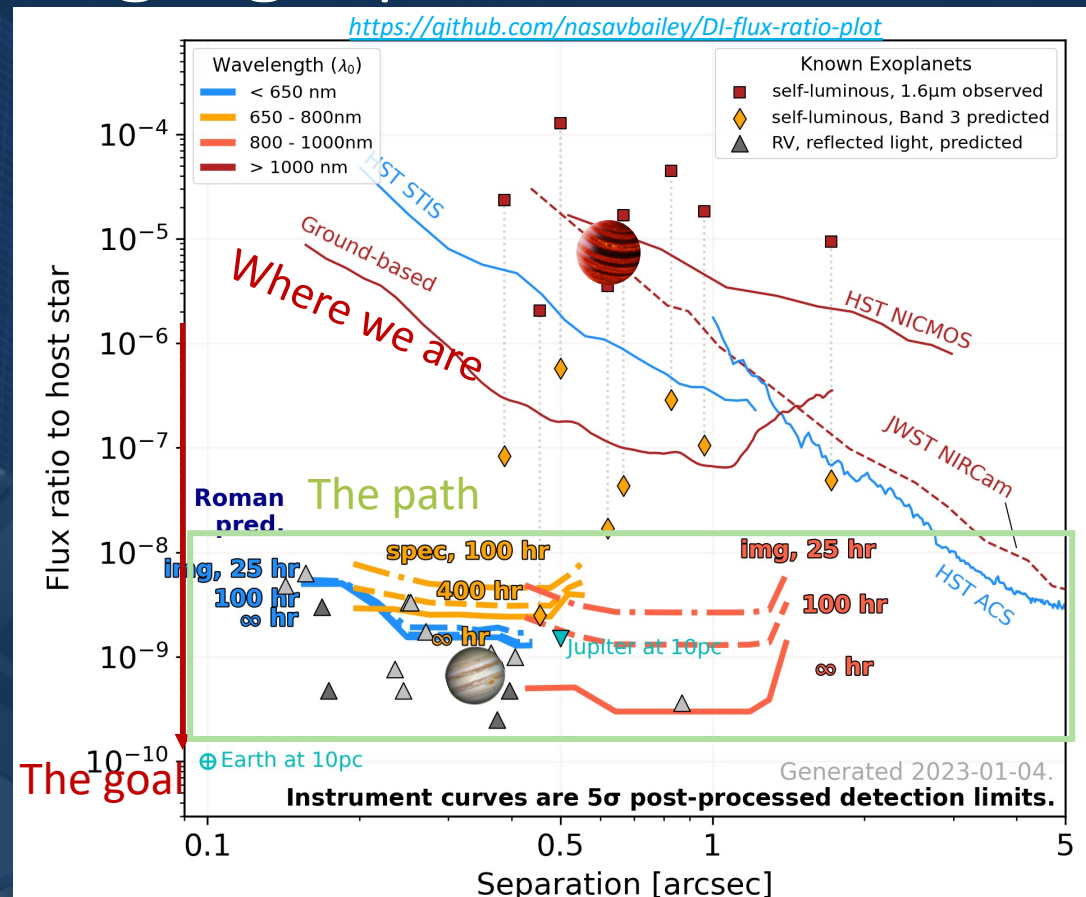


Gaspar et al 2023

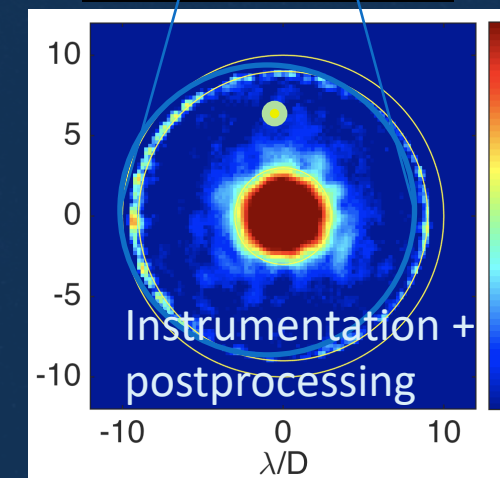
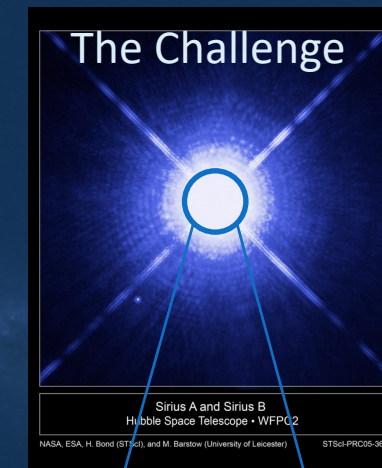
- Achieving unparalleled stability with JWST to image exoplanets and circumstellar environments in Near IR
- Excellent instrument model (always improving), wavefront control, knowledge of wavefront
- Favors giant, young, self-luminous planets, unprecedented view of disks in mid-IR
- No active wavefront control, high spatial frequencies cannot be corrected → limited contrast close to coronagraph

# The Roman Coronagraph Instrument paves the way for imaging/spec of exo-earth

The Roman Coronagraph could take the first images of mature Jupiter analog exoplanets and circumstellar disks seen in visible reflected starlight



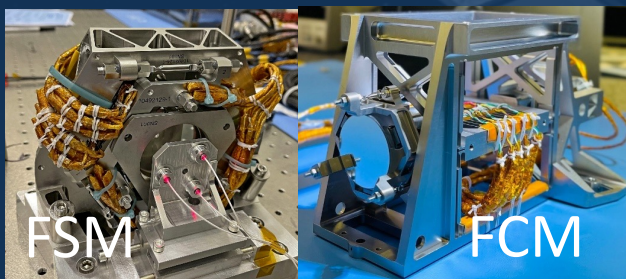
"RV" planets: planets already detected using the Radial Velocity technique and with minimum masses > 0.25 Jupiter mass



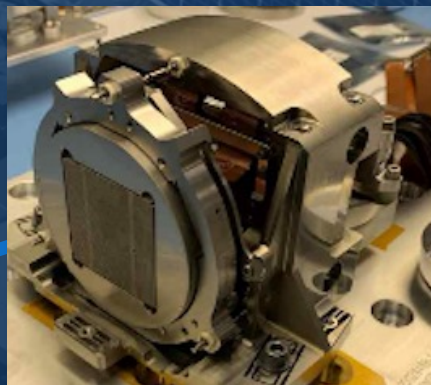
# Critical Technologies

*The Roman Coronagraph is an advanced technology demonstrator for NASA's future flagship mission that will directly image Earth-like exoplanets.*

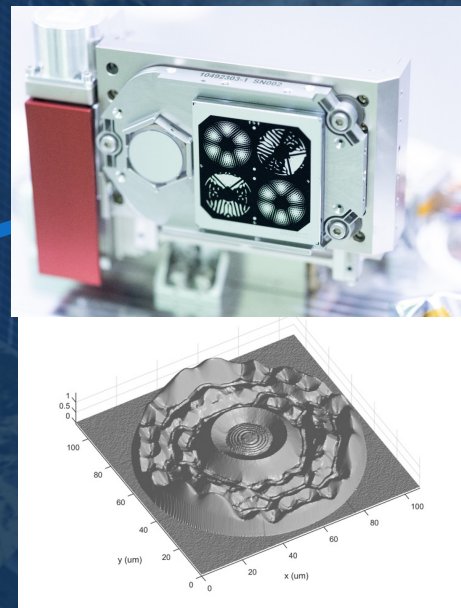
Ultra-Precise Wavefront Sensing & Control



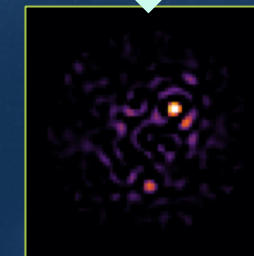
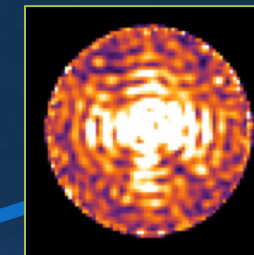
Large-format Deformable Mirrors



High-contrast Coronagraph Masks



Ultra-low noise photon-counting EMCCD Detectors



Data Post-Processing

The first space-based demo of tech needed to image and characterize rocky planets in the habitable zones of nearby stars.

# Technology Demonstration Objectives

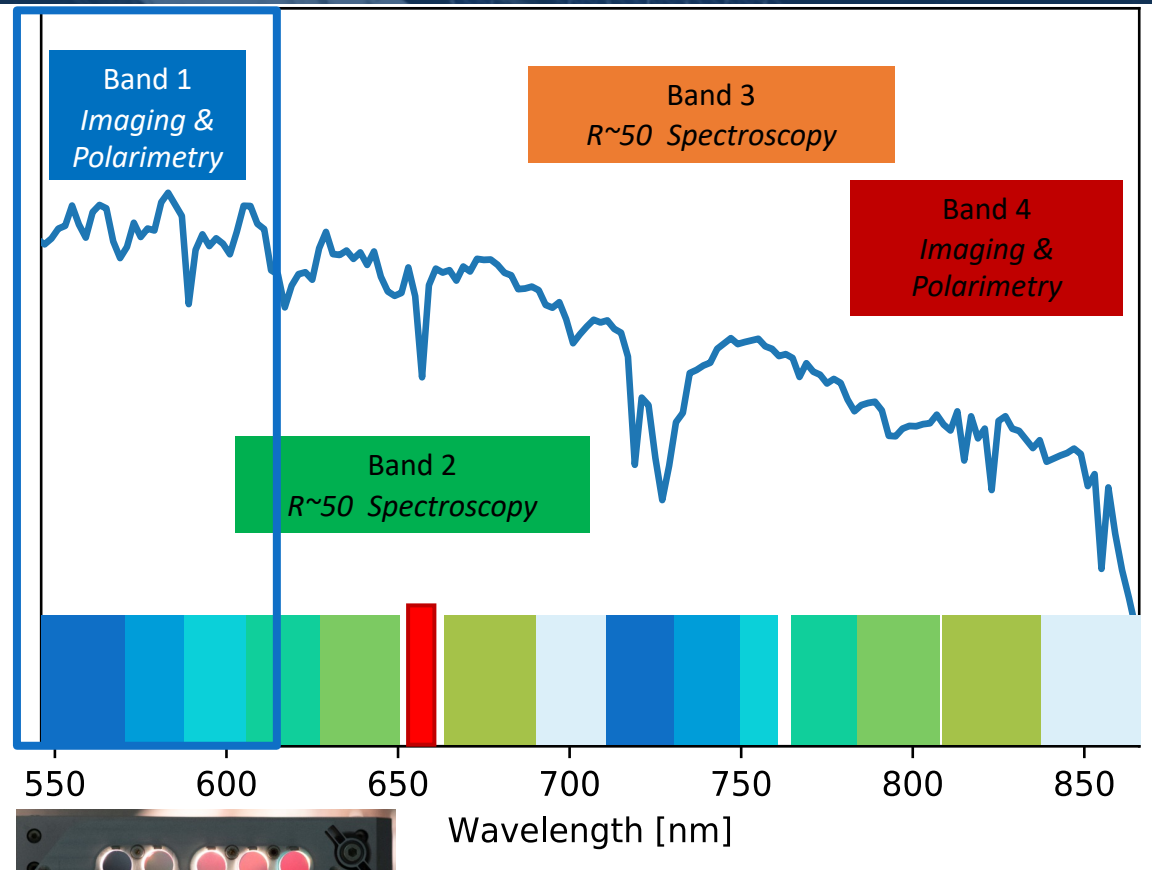
**TTR5 requirement:** Roman shall be able to measure brightness of an astrophysical point source w/  $\text{SNR} \geq 5$  located  $6 - 9 \lambda/D$  from an adjacent star with  $V_{AB} \leq 5$ , flux ratio  $\geq 10^{-7}$ ; bandpass shall have a central wavelength  $\leq 600 \text{ nm}$  and a bandwidth  $\geq 10\%$ .

## CGI Objectives & Goals

Objective	Operational Goal
Demonstrate active wavefront control	Detect a companion object to a star, on at least two stars
Demonstrate key coronagraph elements	Use coronagraph masks, low-order wavefront sensors, deformable mirrors, and low noise detectors
Demonstrate advanced coronagraph algorithms	Demonstrate modifying the wavefront sensing and control algorithms
Conduct high-contrast performance characterization	Characterize the integrated performance of the coronagraph and observatory as a function of time, wavelength, and polarization; use includes a revisit of the target and a repointing maneuver
Advance high-contrast data processing	Produce photometric, astrometric, and spectrographic measurements of at least one point source & at least one extended object.

*Credit: Dominic Benford*

- Learn throughout: design, model, build, test, use
- Falling below performance expectations, if we learn why, is still valuable for future missions
- **The Roman coronagraph was designed to achieve even better contrasts up to  $10^{-9}$**



Band	$\lambda_{\text{center}}$	BW	Mode	FOV radius	FOV Coverage	Pol.	Coronagraph Mask Type	TTR5
1	575 nm	10%	Narrow FOV Imaging	0.14" – 0.45"	360°	Y	Hybrid Lyot	Y
2	660 nm*	15%	Slit + R~50 Prism Spectroscopy	0.18" – 0.55"	2 x 65°	-	Shaped Pupil	-
3	730 nm	15%	Slit + R~50 Prism Spectroscopy	0.18" – 0.55"	2 x 65°	-	Shaped Pupil	-
4	825 nm	10%	"Wide" FOV Imaging	0.45" – 1.4"	360°	Y	Shaped Pupil	-

One "official" mode will be fully tested prior to launch (Band 1) – Others modes (3, 4) are best effort

\* 660 nm spectroscopy is the lowest priority for on-sky testing. If time is limited, this mode may not be exercised during the Technology Demonstration Phase.

*Additional contributed modes not supported but could be available with extended operations*

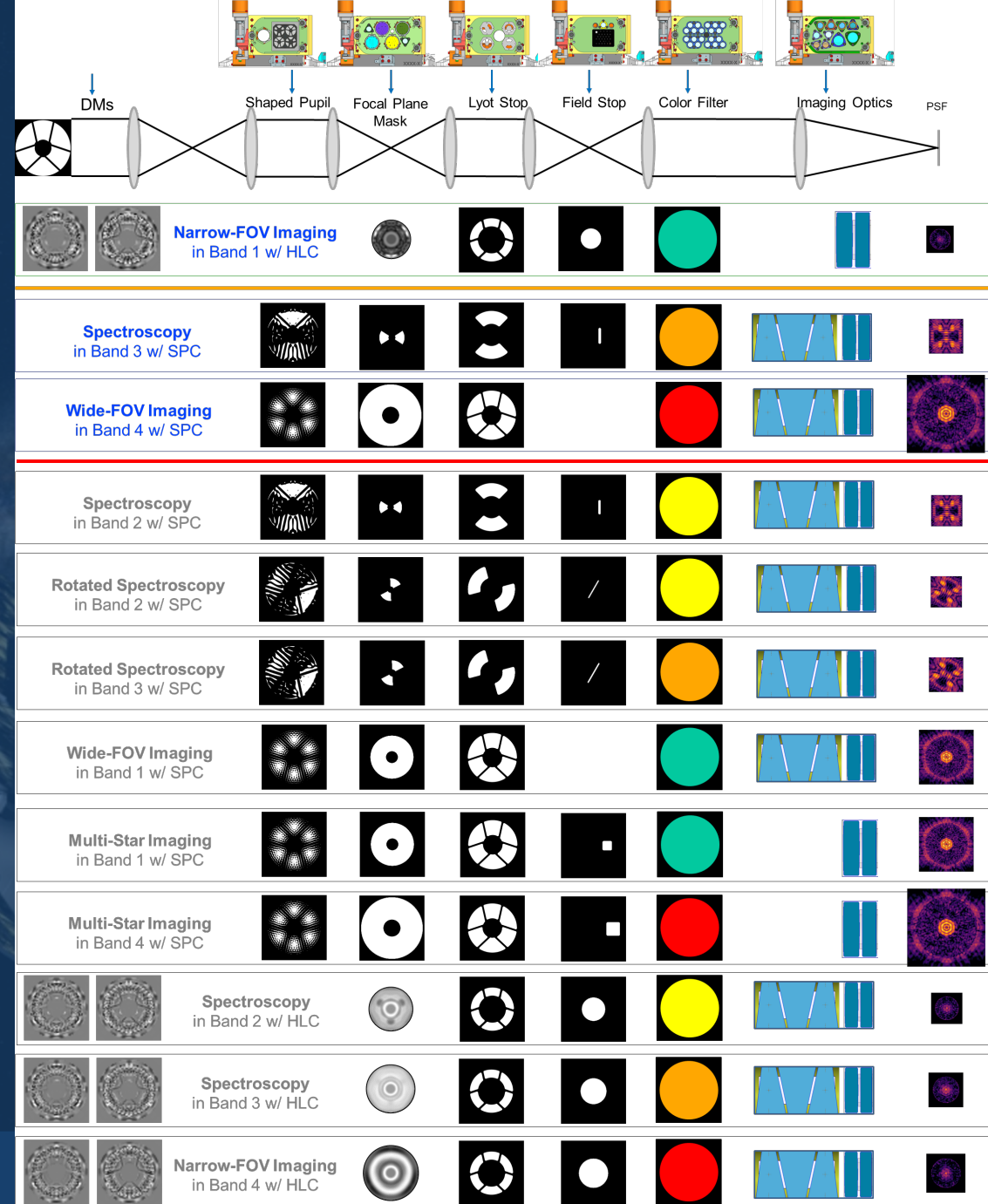
Complete list of filters available at [https://roman.ipac.caltech.edu/sims/Param\\_db.html](https://roman.ipac.caltech.edu/sims/Param_db.html)

# Contributed modes include

- High order ZWFS
- Multi-star demo
- SPC & HLC orientations & filter combinations
- Classical Lyot coronagraphs

Further tech demonstration possible

\* Are there additional on-orbit "tech" demos?



Not shown: low-contrast classical coronagraph 'contributed modes'



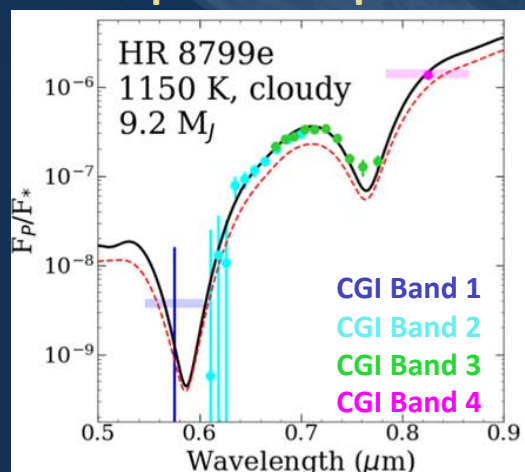
- The Roman Coronagraph could take the first visible-light image and spectrum of a cool, Jupiter-like exoplanet
  - Cool planets can be seen by their reflected visible light.
  - Visible wavelengths are sensitive to clouds and hazes

## Roman/CGI

Visible and near-infrared wavelengths  
Jupiter-like planets

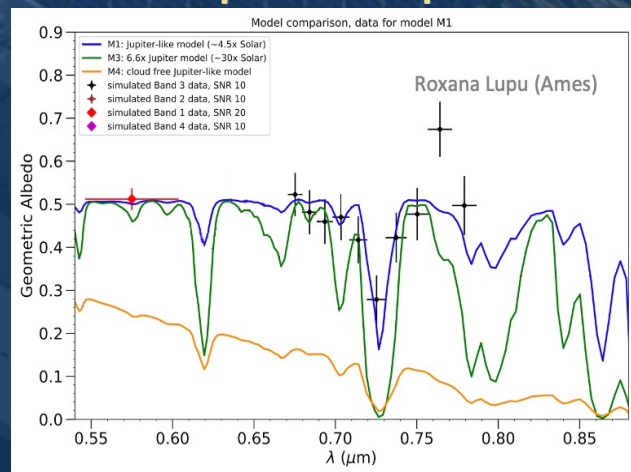


## Self-luminous, Young Super Jupiters: Atmospheric Properties



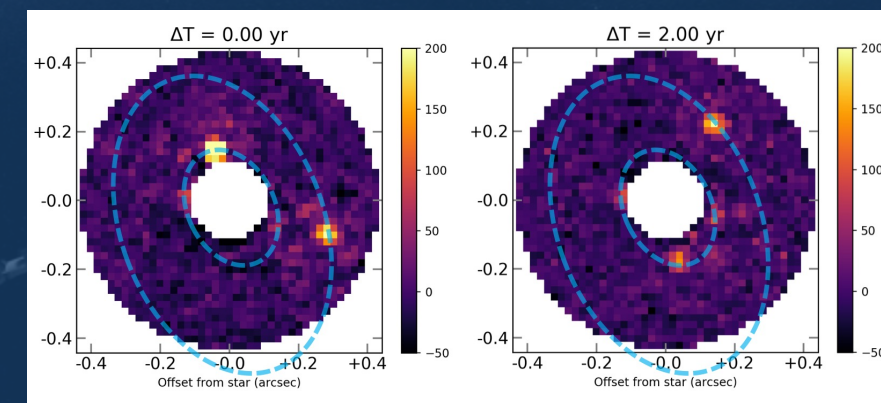
Lacy & Burrows (2020)

## Mature Jupiter Analogues in Reflected Light: Atmospheric Properties



Natasha Batalha, Roxana Lupu, & Mark Marley (Ames)

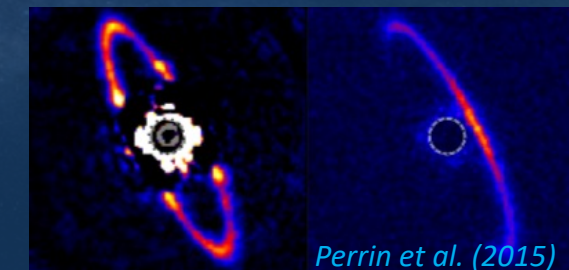
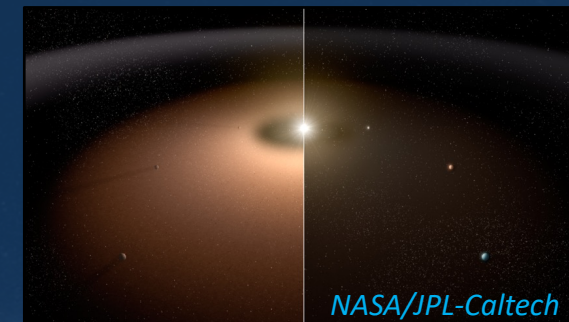
## Orbital Solution and Mass Measurement



Neil Zimmermann (GSFC)

# Disk Science Themes

- The Roman Coronagraph will probe the formation and evolution of extrasolar systems by observing three types of disks:
  - **Exozodi disks (Douglas et al. 2022)**
    - Colliding or evaporating asteroids and comets
    - Can potentially obscure small Earth-like planets from observation
  - **Debris disks**
    - Remains of planet formation + colliding or evaporating asteroids and comets
  - **Protoplanetary & Transition disks (Stretch goal)**
    - Newly-forming planetary systems



Credit: Rob Zellem



- Science capability will depend on:
  - Coronagraph Performance
  - Time devoted to Coronagraph observations

	TTR5: $10^{-7}$ , 6-9 $\lambda/D$ , Band 1	All modes, $3 \times 10^{-9}$ (optimistic)
Technology maturation	All key imaging technologies at TRL9	... + performance is approaching HWO needs in multiple areas + WFS & binary star tech demos <b>= strong supporting evidence for 2030 decadal HWO evaluation</b>
Jupiter analog spectra	No	A few*
Jupiter analog Images	No	<b>A handful*</b>
Young giant planet spectra	No	<b>Yes*</b>
Young giant planet images	No	<b>Yes*</b>
Circumstellar disk images	Yes	<b>+ polarimetry + lower-mass disks + protoplanetary systems **</b>
Exo-Zodi Disks images	~5000 <u>zodis</u>	<b>~40 <u>zodis</u> ***</b>

\* Roman will likely be target-limited. Corollary: a modest extended operations period could observe all high-priority targets  
 \*\* H-alpha imaging of transition (planet-forming) disks will depend on Coronagraph's faint star performance, which is TBD  
 \*\*\*  $\geq 6x$  better than LBTI & first time in **HWO-like** visible wavelength. Potential for survey of prime HWO targets if Coronagraph operations extended

- The CPP will enable members of the community to engage in the technology demonstration phase.
  - If warranted by instrument performance, the CPP may perform science operations beyond the 18 month technology demonstration period.



# Target list Objectives/Priorities



## Tech demo phase (TDP)

- **Known self-luminous young planets:** observe at new wavelengths
- **Known RV planets:** Image for the first time in reflected visible light
- **Known debris disks:** imaging and polarimetry at new wavelengths and/or higher spatial resolution
- **Exozodi:** opportunistically during deep imaging of known RV systems
- **Calibrators:** single stars for PSF reference; photometric, spectroscopic, polarimetric, & astrometric standards

## Post TDP

- All of the above, plus
  - Potential to observe protoplanetary disks
  - Search for new reflected light planets
  - Search for exozodi (future mission exo-Earth search targets prioritized)
- New science cases, including non-exoplanet?



# Roman Coronagraph Tech Demo Operations

## Instrument Operations:

- Coronagraph Technology Center (CTC) at JPL
- The Science Support Center (SSC) at IPAC
- The Science Operations Center (SOC) at STScI
- The Mission Operations Center (MOC) at GSFC

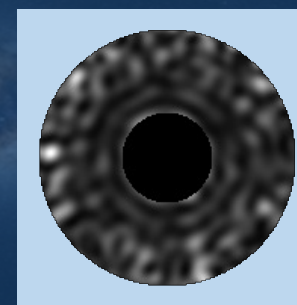
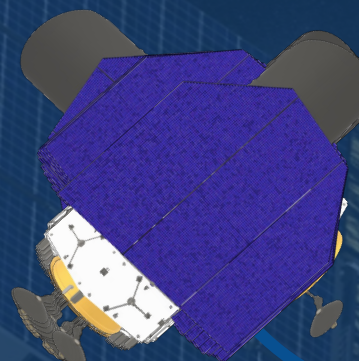
## **The Community Participation Program (CPP) core team recently selected/assembled**

- 7 US members + 4 international partners
- Roman project points of contact

Detailed simulations, plan and carry out observations, coordinate data analysis, and more.

# CGI Observing Scenario

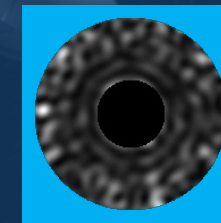
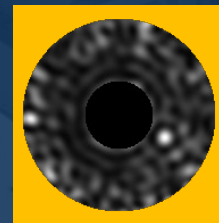
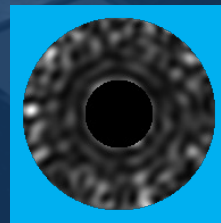
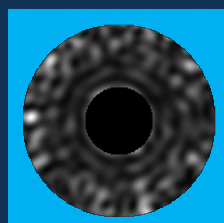
Bright Reference Star



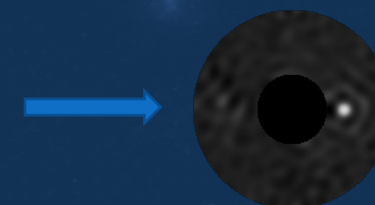
Observe reference star

Observe target

Dig the "dark hole"  
HOWFS/GITL

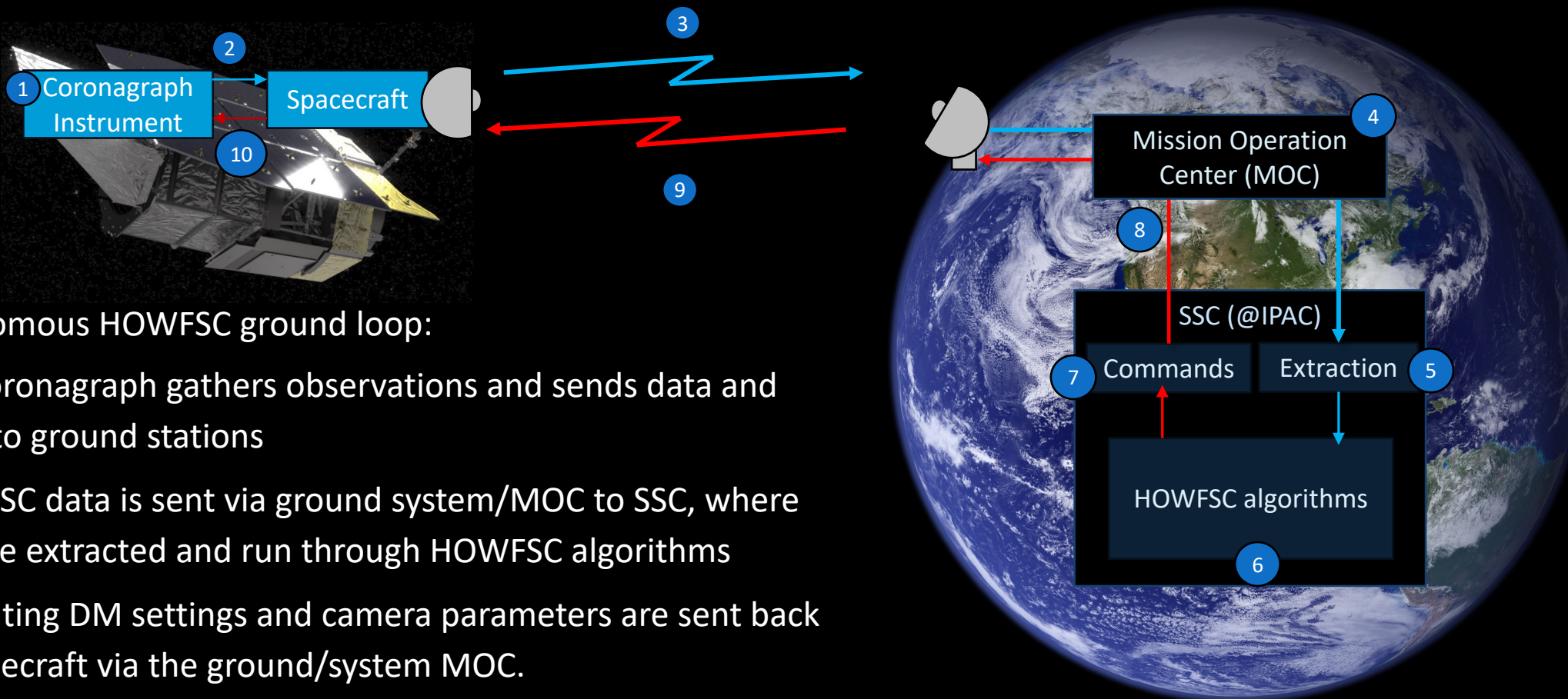


Post-Processing



Real-time ground processing and settings update

# High Order Wavefront Sensing and Control at Roman Science Support Center (SSC)



The autonomous HOWFSC ground loop:

- 1-3) The coronagraph gathers observations and sends data and telemetry to ground stations
- 4-6) HOWFSC data is sent via ground system/MOC to SSC, where the data are extracted and run through HOWFSC algorithms
- 7-10) Resulting DM settings and camera parameters are sent back to the spacecraft via the ground/system MOC.

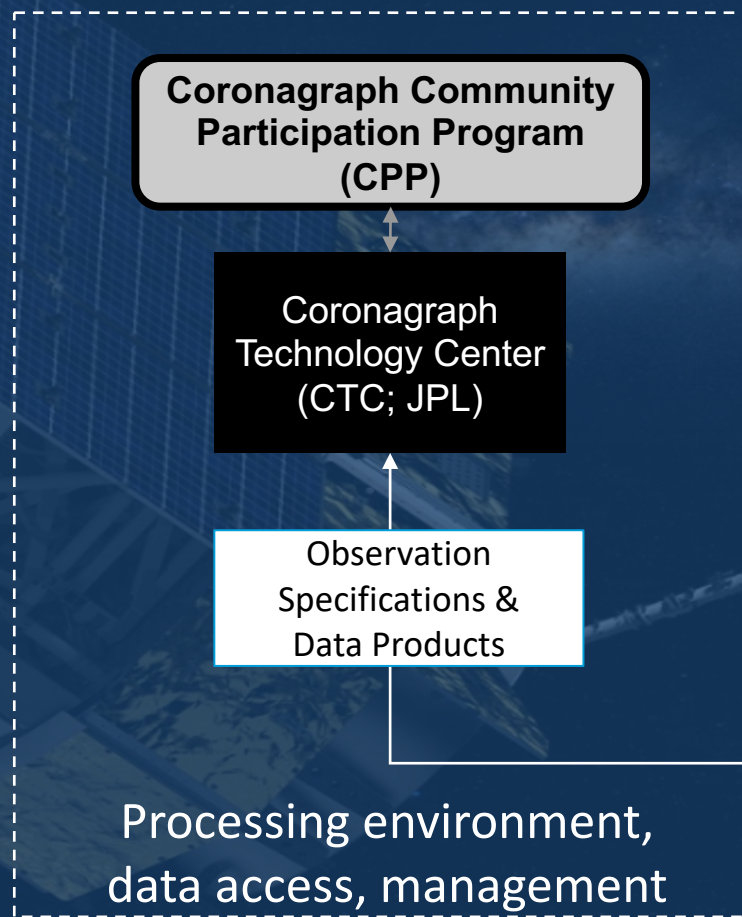
# Operations at Roman SSC

## Observation Design

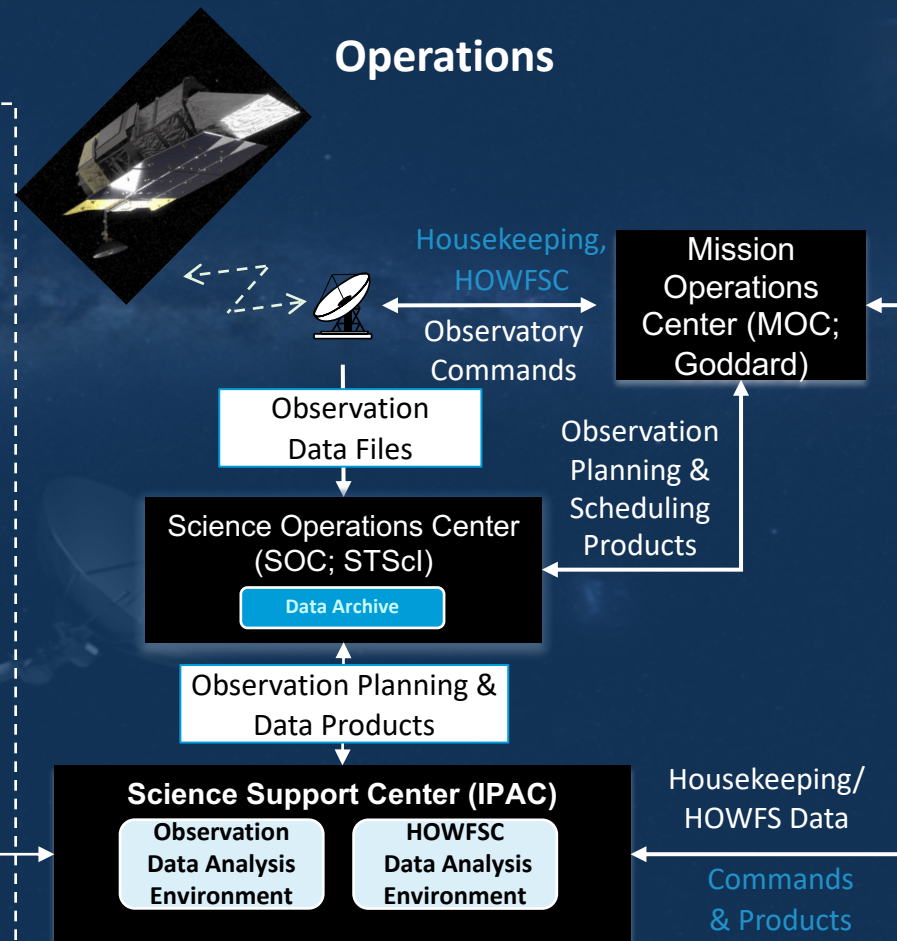
(Custom observation planning tool)

Web interface at SSC

## Data Analysis Environment



## Operations





# Data to be Produced During the Tech Demo

## Level 0 – S/C telemetry – retrieved by IPAC from Roman Archive

- All CGI health & status telemetry
- Standard image data, DM settings, HOWFSC data

IPAC

## Level 1 – Generated by IPAC from subset of telemetry

- FITS images with programmatic & telemetry metadata
- Data Quality Assessment

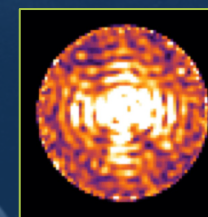
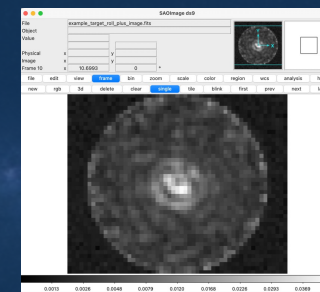
CTC  
+  
CPP

## Level 2 – Detector calibrations applied to data frames

## Level 3 – Astrophysical units, WCS determined

## Level 4 – PSF-subtracted combined images

101010110101011100010



\*\*L1-L4 Data made public via Roman Archive



# Timeline

*Instrument Full Functional Tests complete!*

Feb 2023: Instrument TVAC Tests

May 2024: Instrument delivery to GSFC

Late 2026: Launch

Commissioning Phase

→ 450 hr in first 90 days after launch

Coronagraph Instrument Technology Demonstration Phase (TDP)

~2200 hr (3 months) baselined in next 1.5 years of mission

Roman Resources



<https://roman.gsfc.nasa.gov/science/roses.html>

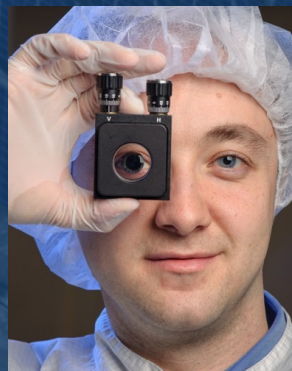


# Coronagraph Community Participation Program

## PIs



Dmitry Savransky  
Cornell  
Inaugural co-chair



Rus Belikov  
Ames



Oliver Krause  
MPIA



Max Millar-Blanchaer  
UCSB



Naoshi Murakami  
JAXA



Laurent Pueyo  
STScI



Ty Robinson  
Univ of AZ



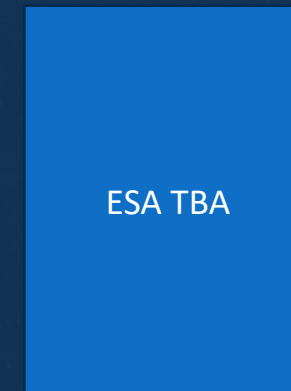
Arthur Vigan  
CNES



Jason Wang  
Northwestern



Schuyler Wolff  
Univ of AZ



ESA TBA



# Community Participation Program Structure

## Working Groups

### **Observation Planning** (Lead: Schuyler Wolff)

- Target selection, target database, reference star identification, precursor observations
- Development and maintenance of the exposure time calculator & astrophysical modeling
- Observation planning for both primary and goal modes

### **Data Reduction and Simulation** (Co-Leads: Jason Wang & Max Millar-Blancher)

- Development of the EXCAM observation data reduction pipeline
- Generation of image simulations and performance predictions
- Development of algorithms for data analysis and calibration

### **Hardware** (Co-Leads: Dan Sirbu & Emil Por)

- Assist in CGI integration, testing, commissioning, and operations of the primary and goal observing modes
- Research high-order wavefront sensing and control algorithms



# Community Participation Program Structure

## Core team

All of the US team PIs, international team PIs, and Roman Project ex officio members.

## Project Team

Members of the US and international partner teams who commit to supporting high-priority CPP activities

## Community Team

**\*\*All persons are welcome to participate in the work of the CPP as Community Team members.\*\***

# Where to find more information

<https://roman.gsfc.nasa.gov/>  
Mission/science overview,  
documents, media

<https://roman.ipac.caltech.edu/>  
Instrument parameters,  
simulations, workshop materials

<https://www.jpl.nasa.gov/missions/the-nancy-grace-roman-space-telescope/>  
Instrument overview and capabilities

Sign up for the roman announcements mailing list and stay tuned!

Coronagraph Instrument Coronagraph Parameters			
Name	Value	Unit	Description
CGI_Coronagraph_HLC			HLC = Hybrid Lyot Coronagraph
CGI_Coronagraph_SPC_A			SPC A = Shaped Pupil Coronagraph for large outer working angle in an annular field of view
CGI_Coronagraph_SPC_B			SPC B = Shaped Pupil Coronagraph for small inner working angle in a 'bowtie' shaped field of view
CGI_Coronagraph_Inner_Working_Angle_HLC	3	lambda/D	Inner radius of region of highest contrast
CGI_Coronagraph_Inner_Working_Angle_SPC...	5.9	lambda/D	Inner radius of region of highest contrast
CGI_Coronagraph_Inner_Working_Angle_SPC...	3	lambda/D	Inner radius of region of highest contrast
CGI_Coronagraph_Outer_Working_Angle_HLC	9.7	lambda/D	Outer radius of region of highest contrast
CGI_Coronagraph_Outer_Working_Angle_SP...	20.1	lambda/D	Outer radius of region of highest contrast
CGI_Coronagraph_Outer_Working_Angle_SP...	9.1	lambda/D	Outer radius of region of highest contrast
CGI_Coronagraph_Annular_Size_HLC	360	degrees	Suppression region annular extent
CGI_Coronagraph_Annular_Size_SPC_A	360	degrees	Suppression region annular extent
CGI_Coronagraph_Annular_Size_SPC_B	130	degrees	Suppression region annular extent

Coronagraph Instrument Primary Observing Bandpass Parameters			
Name	Value	Unit	Description
CGI_Bandpass_Center1	573.8	nm	Central wavelength for bandpass 1
CGI_Bandpass_FWHM1	56.5	nm	Nominal FWHM (from 50% peak transmission cut-on to 50% peak transmission cut-off wavelength) for bandpass 1
CGI_Bandpass_Center2	659.4	nm	Central wavelength for bandpass 2
CGI_Bandpass_FWHM2	110.9	nm	Nominal FWHM (from 50% peak transmission cut-on to 50% peak transmission cut-off wavelength) for bandpass 2
CGI_Bandpass_Center3	729.3	nm	Central wavelength for bandpass 3
CGI_Bandpass_FWHM3	122.3	nm	Nominal FWHM (from 50% peak transmission cut-on to 50% peak transmission cut-off wavelength) for bandpass 3
CGI_Bandpass_Center4	825.5	nm	Central wavelength for bandpass 4
CGI_Bandpass_FWHM4	96.8	nm	Nominal FWHM (from 50% peak transmission cut-on to 50% peak transmission cut-off wavelength) for bandpass 4

# Backup



## Potential Target List

Color coded by V-band magnitude (b/c only required to achieve optimal performance on V<5 stars)

**Not set in stone!** Will continue to add & update with inputs from current science teams & future “community participation” team

\* = tentatively higher priority for Tech Demo Phase (TDP)

### Known, Self Luminous

Probably observe 1-2 systems during TDP

Name	V mag
51 Eri	5.21
HD 984	7.32
HR 2562	6.10
* HR 8799	5.95
HD 95086	7.36
* kap And	4.14
beta Pic	3.86
HD 206893	6.67
HIP 65426	6.98

Selected on host star mag, projected separation, predicted fluxes from Lacy 2020 (+Lacy private communication)

### Known RV, Reflected Light

Probably observe 1-2 systems during TDP

Name	V mag
14 Her	6.61
* 47 UMa	5.05
HD 114613	4.85
HD 134987	6.45
HD 142	5.70
HD 154345	6.76
HD 160691	5.15
HD 190360	5.73
HD 192310	5.73
HD 217107	6.16
* HD 219134	5.57
HD 39091	5.57
tau Cet e	3.50
* ups And d	4.10

From <https://plandb.sioslab.com/> (mostly) NExScI orbits, masses + Batalha et al albedo models

### Exozodi

Probably no dedicated exozodi search during TDP, unless opportunistic during point source search

Name	V mag
tau Ceti	3.50
* eps Eri	3.82
bet Vir	3.60
Tet Boo	4.05
lam Ser	4.42
gam Ser	3.84
72 Her	5.39
Vega	0.00
110 Her	4.19
Sig Dra	4.68
* Formalhaut	1.16

Work in progress. These are placeholders. Douglas et al. have submitted a paper that will refresh this top 10 list and describe the potential for a larger (~50 target) survey in support of future exo-Earth imaging missions. Combo of follow-up of 10um excesses and blind search.

### Debris Disk

1-2 integrated light, 1-2 polarimetry during TDP

Name	V mag
49 Ceti	5.61
beta UMa	2.37
beta Leo	2.13
* HD 139664	4.63
eps Eri	3.82
HD 172555	4.77
HD 15115	6.80
beta Pic	3.86
eta Corvi	4.29
* HR 4796	5.77

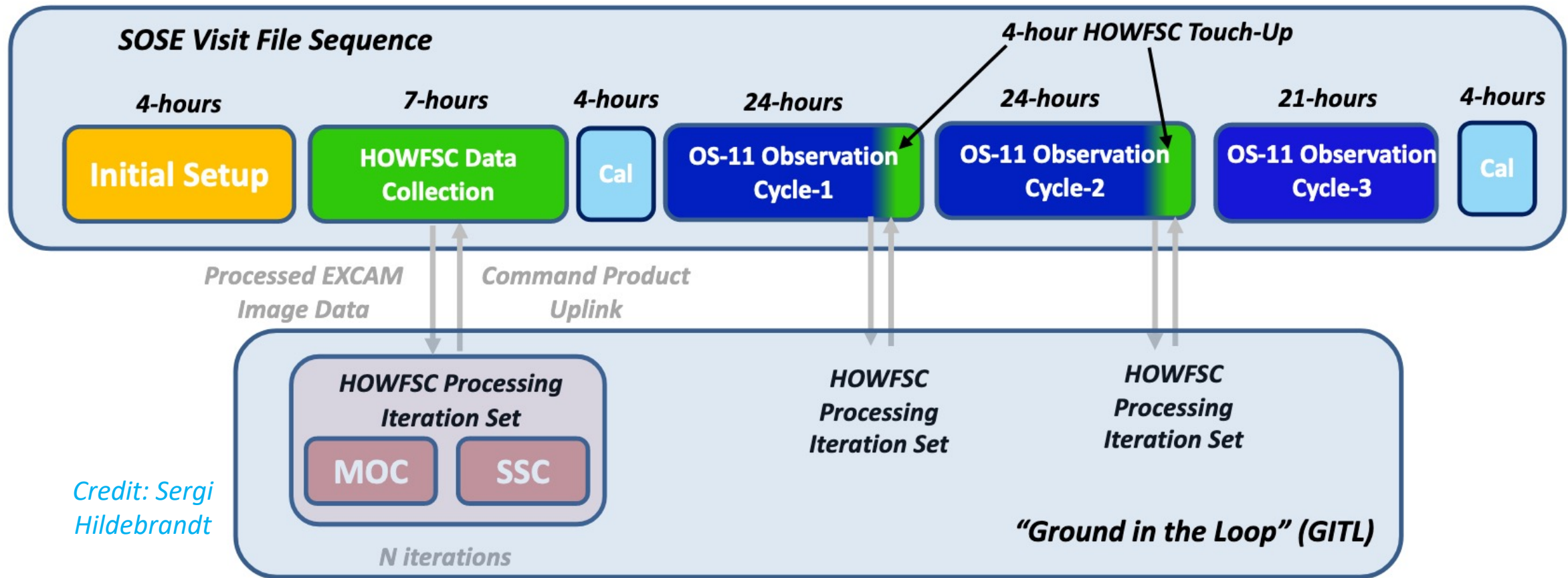
Work in progress. Will update & optimize as time goes on! Selected on star mag, known properties/limits from previous work. Combo of follow-up and blind search.





# Roman Coronagraph Observing Sequence

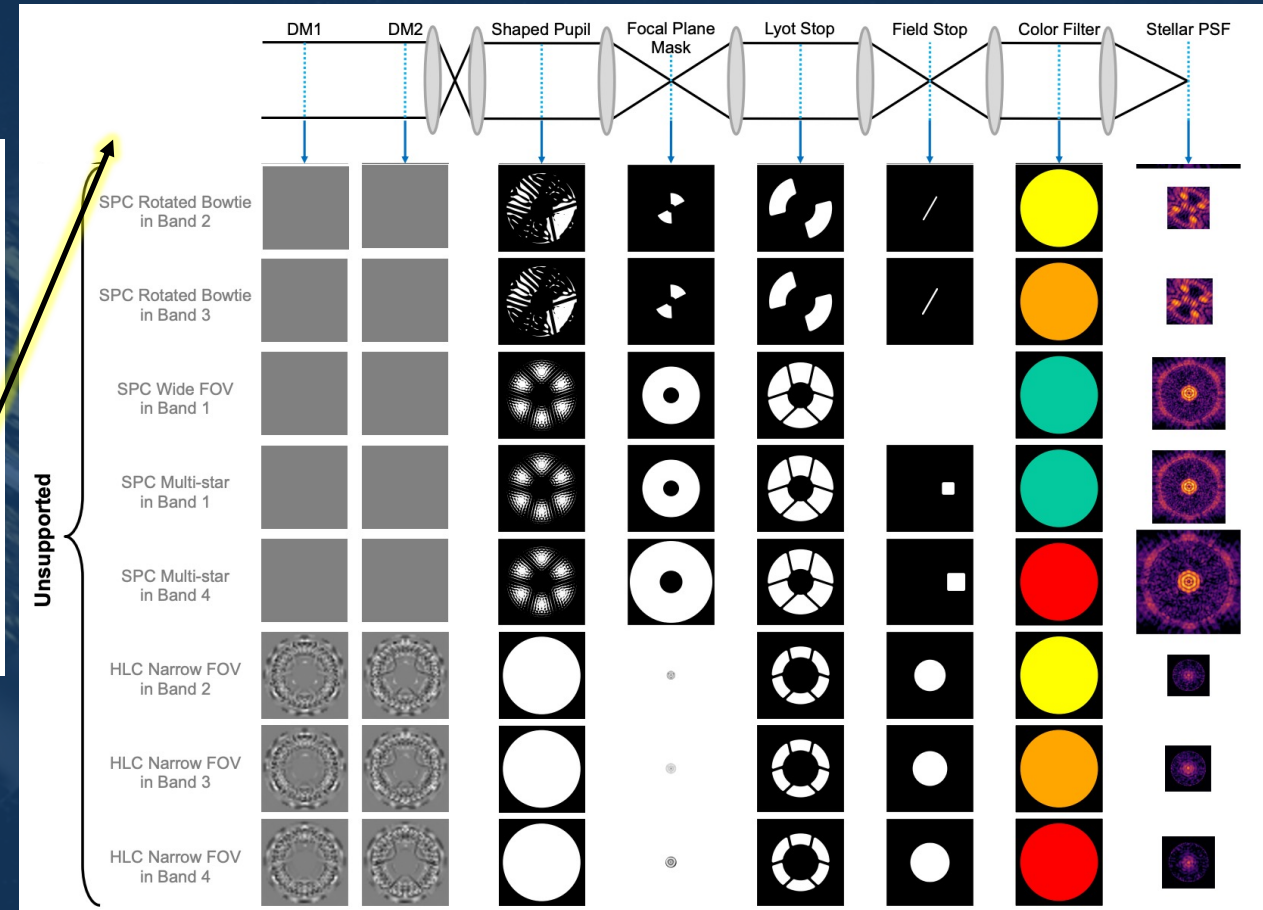
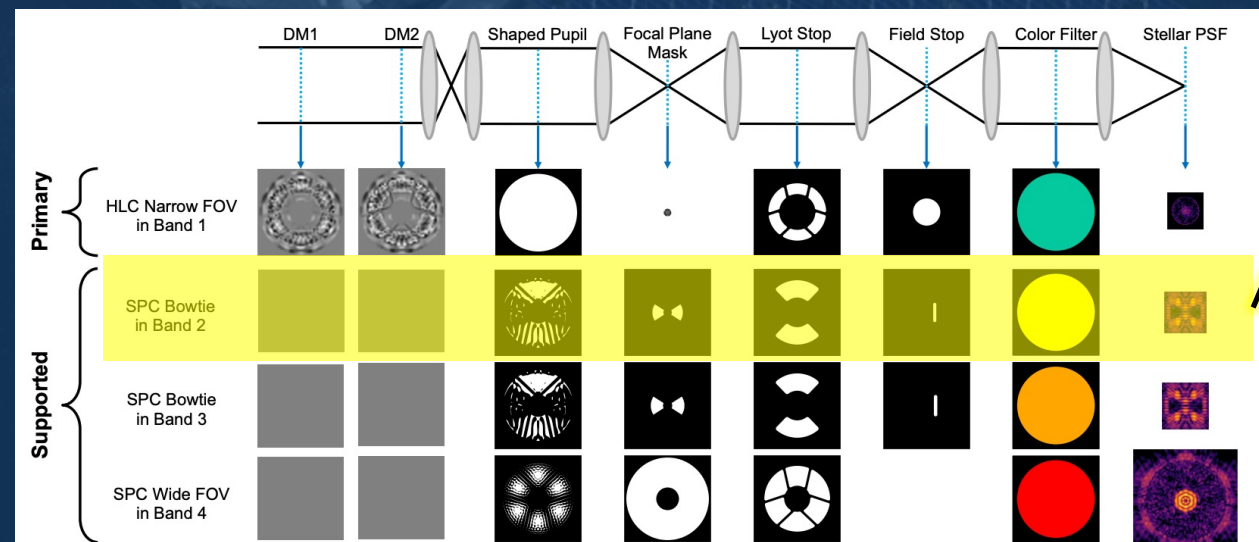
**HOWFSC – High Order Wavefront Sensing Control, GITL – Ground In The Loop**  
**SOSE – Science Observation Sequence Engine**  
**MOC – Mission Operations Center, SSC – Software Support Center**



Credit: Sergi Hildebrandt

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Reference, Roll A	Slew	Target, Roll A	Roll	Target, Roll B	Roll	Target, Roll A	Roll	Target, Roll B	Slew	Reference, Roll B	Slew	Target, Roll B	Roll	Target, Roll A	Roll	Target, Roll B	Roll	Target, Roll A	Slew	Reference, Roll A	Data Collection for HOWFSC touch-up		GITL

# Observing modes available



Riggs et al., 2021 SPIE

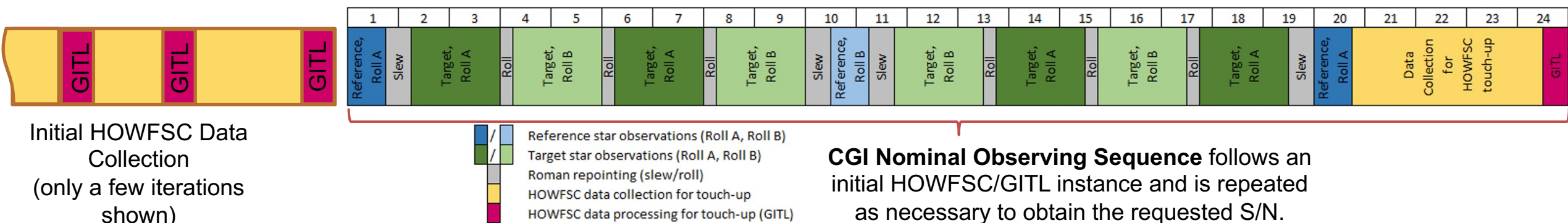


# Some Roman & HWO+ common challenges

- Roman is a stepping stone to  $10^{-10}$  contrast
  - Active control + novel coronagraph designs for “broadband” & small IWA
  - Understand stability (pointing jitter, low & high order WF)
- Efficient detection
  - Photon-counting detection
  - Low noise, High QE
- Capabilities: Imaging, Spectroscopy, & Polarimetry
- Commanding an instrument/telescope with active WF control at L2
- How can additional telemetry feed post-processing  
(How could a deep dive into the telemetry inform HWO technologies?)

# HOWFSC Cadence

- High Order Wave Front Sensing and Control (HOWFSC)
  - 48x48 deformable mirror actuators to “dig a dark hole”
  - Iterative process (7-9 iterations for initial instance) optimizes actuator (and camera) settings
  - Used for initial dark hole (~7-30 hours) and touch-ups (~4 hours)
  - Approx. 24hr cadence between HOWFSC instances.
- The calculations needed to dig a dark hole are performed at the SSC using Ground In The Loop (GITL). The ground loop takes <30 minutes.



Initial HOWFSC Data Collection (only a few iterations shown)

**CGI Nominal Observing Sequence** follows an initial HOWFSC/GITL instance and is repeated as necessary to obtain the requested S/N.

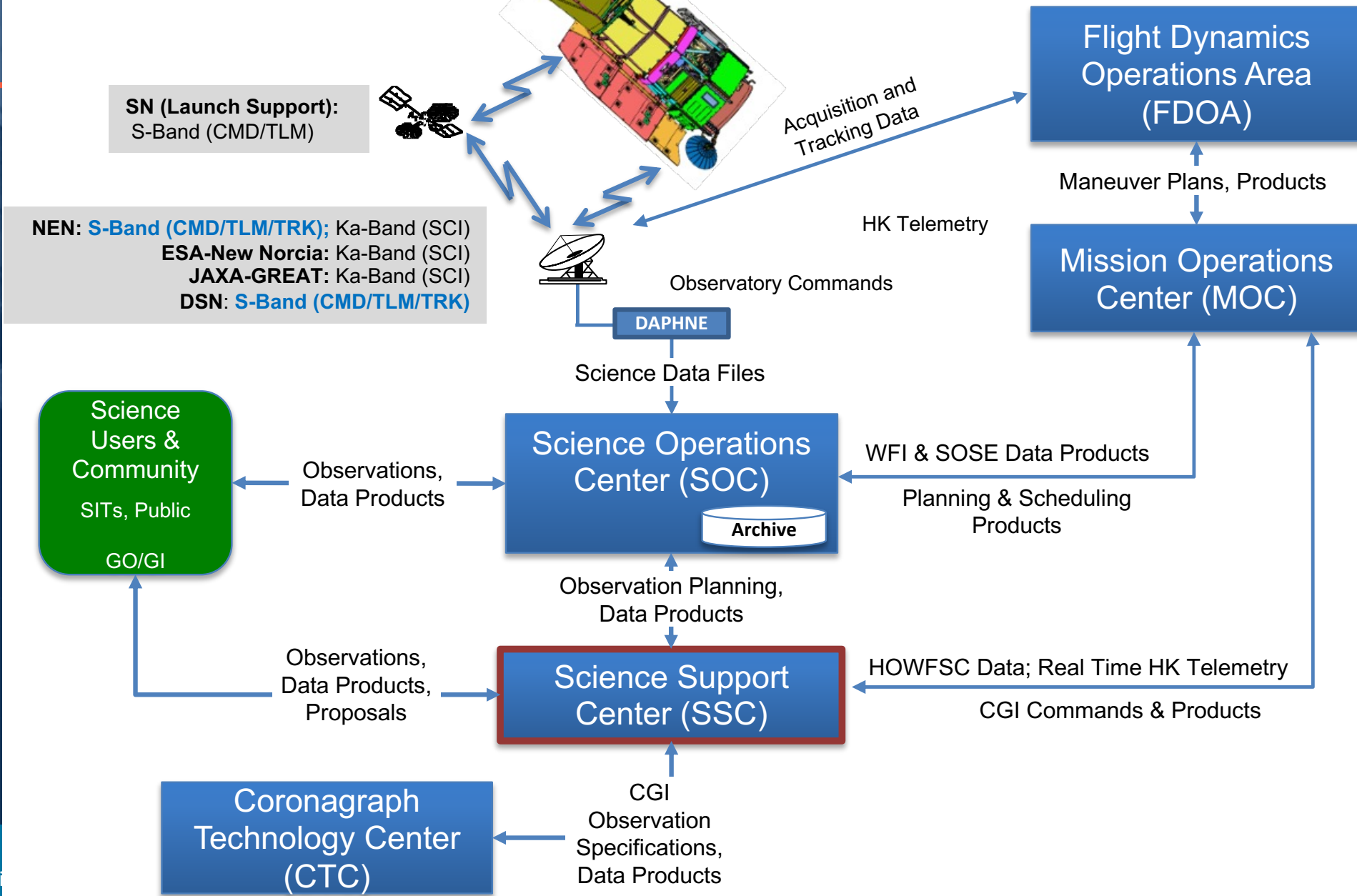


# Data Volume

---

- L0-L1 processing to accommodate 0.9 Tb/24 hr
- Current best estimate (CBE): 0.43 Tb per 24h (5 megabits/s).
- SSC will store all L1-L4 data, HOWFSC data, and Housekeeping telemetry for the duration of the tech demo.

(CBE total storage volume: about 450 Tb (55 TB))

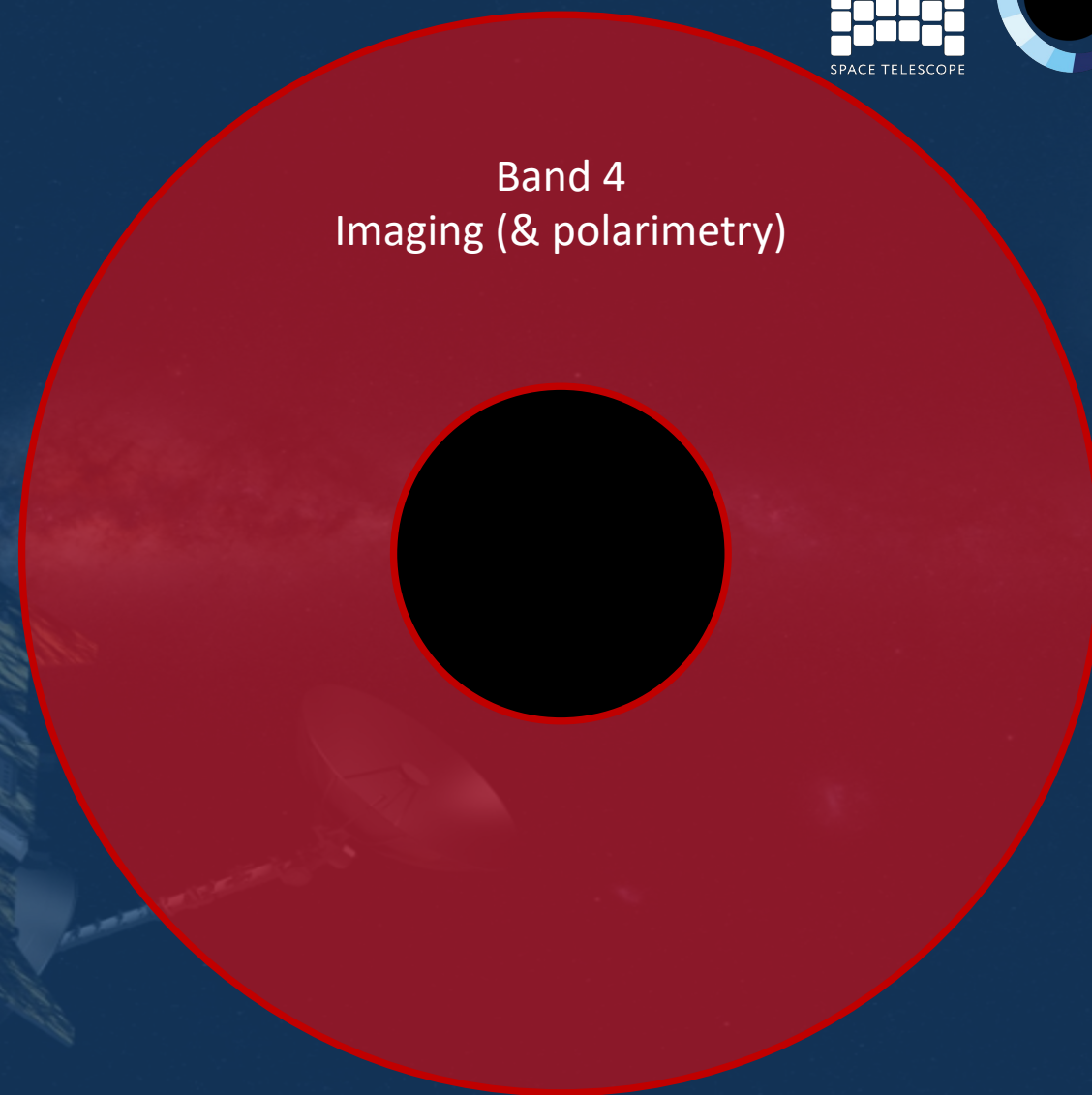
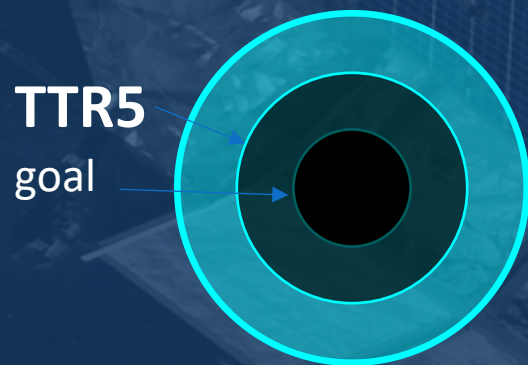


# Req'd + Best Effort

Band 1  
Imaging (& polarimetry)

Band 3  
Slit spectroscopy

Band 4  
Imaging (& polarimetry)

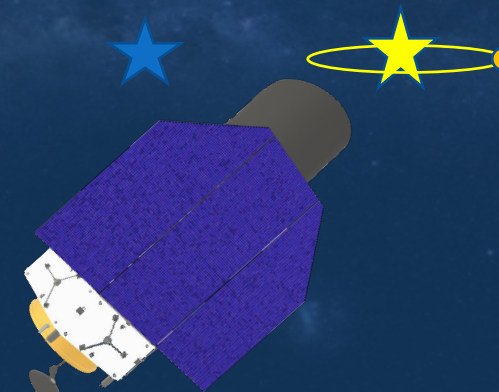
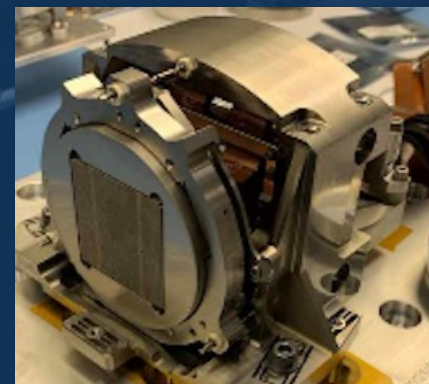


TTR5 band 1: 0.6" - 0.9"  
HLC band 1 goal: 0.3" - 0.9"  
SPC spec Band 3: 0.4" - 1.2"  
SPC WFOV Band 4: 0.9" - 2.9"

Band 1 = 575nm  
Band 2 = 660nm  
Band 3 = 730nm  
Band 4 = 825nm

# Lifetime studies

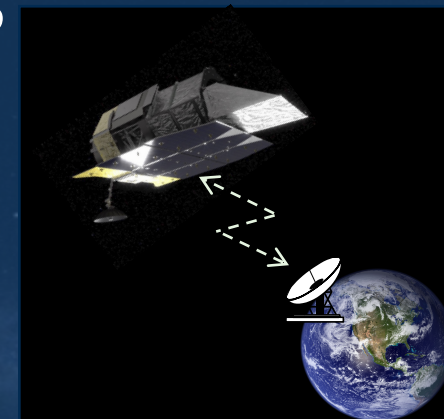
- Detector degradation & stability
- Necessary cadence of calibrations
- Main limiting sources of noise/systematics
- Wavefront stability
- Instrument model validation





# Learning Opportunities in Operations

- High order wavefront sensing – “Ground in the Loop”
  - Not locked into WFS algorithm onboard
  - Assess on-board calibrations for HOWFSC loop
  - Respond to and troubleshoot any anomalies
  - Realtime operations & active control
  
- Explore challenges for observations (incl. calibrations)
  - Flat field sources: astrophysical or internal
  - Constraints from Roman/WFI that could be lifted for dedicated mission



Knowledge gained will carry forward to future missions

