

Roman Observations and Design Reference Mission

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Roman Mission Objectives



Wide Field Infrared Survey

Imaging and spectroscopy to >26.5 AB mag

Expansion history of the Universe

 Using supernova, weak lensing and galaxy redshift survey techniques

Growth of Structure in the Universe

Weak lensing, redshift space distortions and galaxy cluster techniques

Exoplanet Census

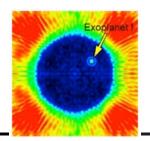
 Statistical census of exoplanets from outer habitable zone to free floating planets via microlensing technique

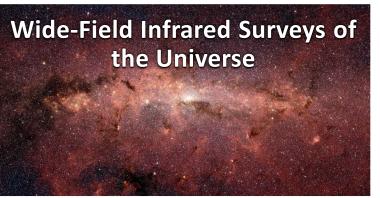
General Astrophysics Surveys

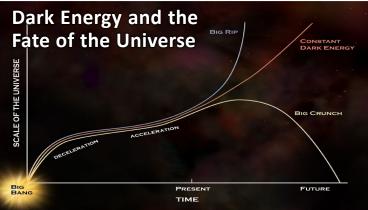
 Devote substantial fraction of mission lifetime to peerreviewed program

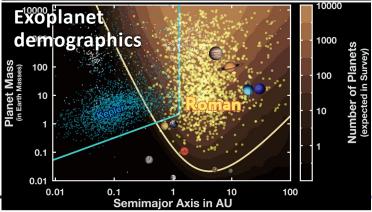
Coronagraph technology demonstration

Demonstrate exoplanet coronagraphy with active wavefront control











The Long and Winding Road...from Objectives to Requirement



- Top-level science requirements were included in the RFI submissions to Astro-2010
- The first Science Definition Team (SDT) and Project Office began defining Objectives and resulting science requirements based on the Astro-2010 recommendations
 - Based on the 1.5m concept for WFIRST
 - SDT #1 report: arXiv:1208.4012
- When the 2.4m telescope elements became available, a second SDT was established to explore a mission concept based on this telescope.
 - The first drafts of the Science Requirements Document were developed by this group
 - SDT #2 report: arXiv:1503.03757
 - The Mission Concept Review held Dec. 2015 was based on the work of this SDT with the Project Office
 - This review was the basis for formally entering Phase A in February 2016
- The Formulation Science Working Group began work February 2016
 - This group developed the Science Requirements Document we have today
 - The essential aspects of the SRD have been stable since SDT #2, though substantial work has gone into understanding margins and refining observing strategies
- The science requirements and resulting flowdown to mission requirements was reviewed by several external groups
 - National Academy Reviews: Harrison review (2014), Astro2010 mid-decadal review (2016)
 - NASA Reviews: WFIRST Independent External Technical, Cost, Management Review WIETR (2017), APAC (2018), WFIRST Science Assessment Team (2019)



Roman Observations



- Three Core Community Surveys address the 2010 Decadal Survey science goals while providing broad scientific power
 - High Latitude Wide Area Survey
 - Wide area multiband survey with slitless spectroscopy
 - Enables weak lensing and galaxy redshift cosmology mission objectives
 - High Latitude Time Domain Survey
 - Tiered, multiband time domain observations of 10s deg² at high latitudes
 - Enables Type la supernova cosmology mission objectives
 - Galactic Time Domain Survey
 - ~<15 min cadence observations over few deg² towards galactic bulge
 - Enables exoplanet microlensing mission objectives
- Minimum 25% time allocated to General Astrophysics Surveys
- 90 days for Coronagraph technology demonstration within first 18 months of mission



Core Community Surveys are for Everyone



 Core Community Surveys: a significant fraction of the prime mission used for revolutionary surveys of unprecedented scale.

Core Community Surveys definition will be via an open process, maximizing the overall science return while meeting the cosmology and exoplanet science requirements



Design Reference Mission



- The Design Reference Mission is a notional observing plan that is used to demonstrate that Roman can execute a science program that will meet the mission objectives within the prime phase of the mission
- It is NOT the observing plan but gives a flavor for that nature of surveys that address the science objectives and the degree of flexibility to optimize the observing program for a broad range of science
 - High Latitude Wide Area Survey
 - 1700 deg² (wide), 20 deg² (deep), 4 filters (Y, J, H, F) for wide and deep fields and grism spectroscopy
 - High Latitude Time Domain Survey
 - 19 deg², (wide), 4.2 deg² (deep), 4 filters (R, Z, Y, J wide) /(Z, Y, J, H deep), 5 day cadence, and prism spectroscopy.
 - Galactic Time Domain Survey
 - 2 deg², 15 min cadence with W filter, 12 hour cadence for R or Z and Y or J for 60 72 day seasons; 6 seasons

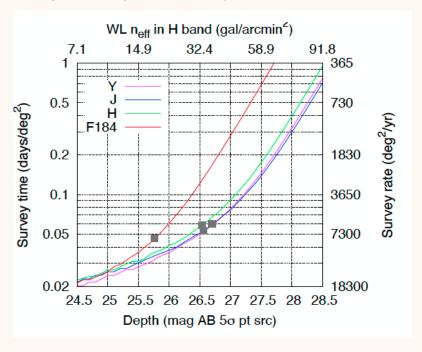


HLWA Survey – Design Reference Mission



1700 sq deg area to measure ~>10⁸ galaxy shapes and ~>10⁷ galaxy spectroscopic redshifts

- Imaging
 - Two passes in 4 NIR bands (F106, F129, F158, F184) spanning the range from 0.93-2.00 µm to magnitudes 25.8-26.7 AB (band-dependent) and reaching the diffraction limit in F129 and redder bands
 - 4 dithers on each pass (to enable shape measurements and diagnose systematics)
 - 140 s for each exposure
- Spectroscopy
 - Four passes
 - Two dithers per pass
 - 298 s per exposure
- 20 sq deg deep field
 - 10% of time allocated to imaging+spectroscopic survey.





HLWA Survey - Additional Possible Primary Science



- Tens of thousands of Galaxy Clusters
- Huge sample of galaxies enable studies of galaxy formation and evolution
 - thousands of galaxies at redshift 10-15
 - Rare objects
- Stellar streams and dwarfs around nearby galaxies
- brown dwarf census and luminosity function through large volume of Milky Way
- white dwarf luminosity function down to tip of cooling curve, to much greater distances than
 present surveys provides chronometer for age of MW, or equivalent for different stellar
 populations



HLWA Survey – Possible trades, modifications and extensions



- Location of survey footprint
- Depth vs area
- Add additional filters to all or part of the survey footprint
- Increase the survey footprint
- Place part of HLWAS, esp. part of the deep field, accessible to the Subaru PFS for spectroscopic calibration of photometric redshifts
- Extend time baseline of deep field portion of the HLWAS
- Add the F213 filter to these datasets, [especially with sufficient observing time, would enable detection of transients at high redshifts]
- Adding long time baselines will have interesting astrometric application
 - Stellar kinematics in distant halo to measure MW mass



High Latitude Time Domain Survey



Enables Type Ia Supernova Cosmology

6 months over 2 yrs

5-day cadence

• 2 tier survey:

Wide: z < 1

Deep: z < 1.5, and to characterize SN

• 4 filters per tier:

Wide: RZYJ

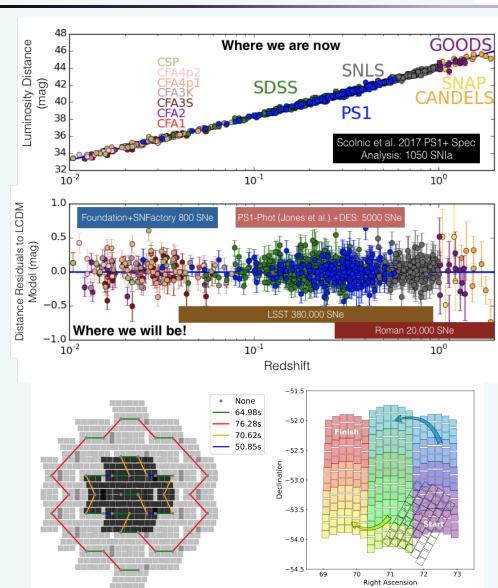
Deep: YJHF

~30 hr visits

- Some fraction of imaging and prism spectroscopy
- Imaging exposures based on achieving a S/N ~ 10 for each filter at peak.
- Prism exposures based on achieving a S/N ~25 in rest frame

Images: Top – Current observations of SN Ia and how Roman will increase the number observed at higher redshifts.

Bottom – Possible slewing strategies.

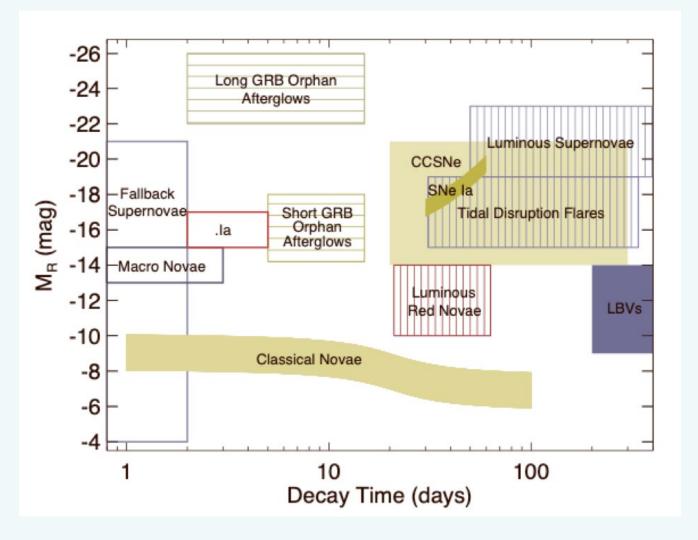




HLTD Survey – possible additional primary science



- Reverberation mapping to measure black hole masses of high redshift quasars
- Blind searches for Kilonovae
- Tidal Disruption events
- AGN variability studies
- Long and short GRB studies
- Cataclysmic variables
- Other kinds of supernovae
 - Core collapse
 - Luminous
 - .la



R-band peak magnitude as a function of decay time. Taken from Rau et. al., 2009



HLTD Survey – Possible trades, modifications and extensions



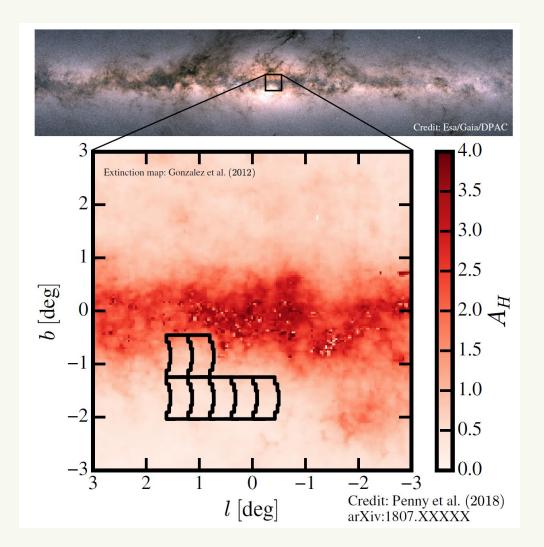
- Location of survey footprint
- Increase cadence for some period
 - Enable timely identification of kilonova
- Add F213 filter observation
- Add periodic Grism observations
- Extend baseline of survey beyond 2 years



Galactic Bulge Time Domain Survey – Design Reference Mission



- 7 fields for a total of ~2 deg²
- Wide F146_{AB} (0.93-2 μm) filter**.
- 15-minute cadence.
- Observations every at 6 hours in alternating filters (e.g., F087,F219), 2 x 450 total obs
- 6 x 72-day seasons.
- ~41,000 exposures in W149_{AB}
- ~432 total days spread over 5-year mission





GBTD Survey – Additional possible primary science



- Measurement of the Compact Object Mass Function over 10 Orders of Magnitude.
- Detection of ~10⁵ Transiting Planets.
- Astroseismology of ~10⁶ Bulge Giants.
- Resolved Stellar Populations and Galactic Structure.
- Detection of ~5x10³ Trans-Neptunian Objects.
- Parallaxes and Proper Motions of ~6x10⁶ Bulge and Disk Stars.



GBTD Survey – Possible trades, Modifications and Extensions



Modifications

- Periodic observations of the GC.
- Periodic observations of the survey fields in all filters.
- Periodic observations of a much larger survey area

Extensions

- Extending the survey for additional seasons
- Very high cadence observations of a smaller area
- Lower-cadence observations of a larger area
- High-cadence observations in alternate filters
- Surveying Northern Galactic fields
- High cadence observations of the GC



Evaluation of Design Reference Mission against high level requirements



Survey – type of FOM	Requirement	Projected Performance with DRM
HLWA – Weak Lensing (WL)	327,400	506,000+
HLWA – Baryon Acoustic Oscillations (BAO)	7,533	11,300†
HLWA – Redshift Space Distortions (RSD)	4,047	5,750†
HLTD – Dark Energy Task Force (SNIa)	325	443-602*
GBTD - # planets	1179	1400

N.B. These FoM are different metrics appropriate to each study, so are not intercomparable

FoM definitions:

WL: $1/\sigma(F_W)^2$ where F_W is scaling of $\sigma_m(z)$ (amplitude of mass clustering) wrt Λ_{CDM}

BAO: $1/\sigma(F_D)\sigma(F_H)$, where F_D , F_H are scaling of $D_A(z)$, H(z) wrt Λ_{CDM}

RSD: $1/\sigma(F_G)^2$ where F_G is scaling of $\sigma_m(z)f(z)$ wrt Λ_{CDM} , $f(z)=d\sigma_m(z)/d\ln a$

SNIa: $1/det(Cov(w_0, w_a))$

References:

HLIS, HLSS: †1700 deg² - C. Hirata memo dated Aug 25, 2021; Troxel et al 2021, Eifler et al 2021

SN: *systematics-limited, statistics limited; SN teams joint report, 9/1/2021

EML: Penny et al 2019 APJS 241:3, Johnson et al 2020

SN FOM Range reflects impact of astrophysical uncertainties; the upper end of the range matches the assumptions used in the SRD FOM requirement.



Time Allocations in Design Reference Mission



	Durations (days)
High Latitude Wide Area Survey (HLWA Survey) – Imaging	283.6
High Latitude Wide Area Survey (HLWA Survey) - Spectroscopy	169.4
High Latitude Wide Area Survey (HLWA Survey) – Deep field	51.6
High Latitude Time Domain Survey (HLTD Survey) – Imaging and Spectroscopy	189.3
Galactic Bulge Time Domain (GBTD Survey)	372.1
General Astrophysics Surveys	412.6
Coronagraph Technology Demonstration	90
WFI Calibration	113.8
Mission operations overheads	62.6
Total	1744.9
Margin	81.1



Margins in Design Reference Mission



Considerable flexibility because current design reference mission demonstrates that we can meet science requirements with margin

Three Areas of Margin

- Margin between predicted performance and science requirements/FoM
- Explicit margin
 - Days not currently assigned to anything (could be added to GA surveys or used to enhance core community surveys)
- Implicit margin (e.g. slew rates assume 5 reaction wheels)
- Real opportunities for the planned community process to result in enhancements to the core community surveys for broader astrophysics return and/or increase the time allocated to General Astrophysics Surveys above 25%

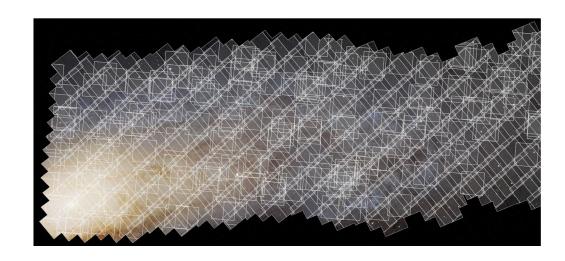


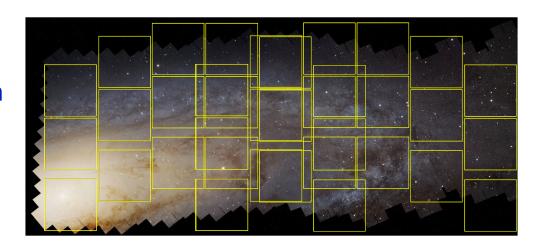
Roman as a Precise Survey Facility



The power of Roman is not just the large field of view:

- Very efficient observations
 - Rapid slew & settle
 - No Earth occultations
 - No South Atlantic Anomaly
- Well understood and stable PSF
 - Stable thermal environment (L2 orbit, thermal control of all parts of the optical system)
 - Rigid optical structure with vibration isolation from the spacecraft
 - Stable attitude control
- Excellent flux calibration
 - The onboard Relative Calibration System enables 0.3% photometric accuracy







Notional Observation Plans Designed During Formulation



- The DRM shows that it is possible to meet the science objectives, ensure the minimum
 25% of time for General Astrophysics, and still have some margin.
- There is real scope for the future open community process to optimize the Core
 Community Surveys for broad and deep astrophysics return and also have the option of
 reallocating time back to the General Astrophysics survey pool.

Is this the right amount of flexibility?

Should we constrain things further now and provide less flexibility in the future Core Community Survey definition, in order to ring-fence a larger allocation for General Astrophysics Surveys? Or reduce the ring-fence to allow more community optimization?



Backup

