



WFIRST Project Status

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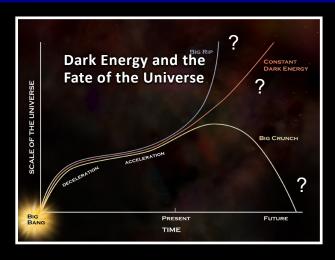
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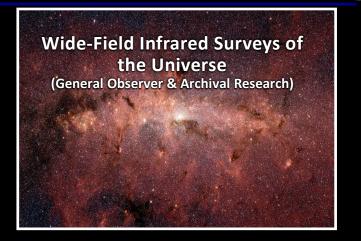


Science Program

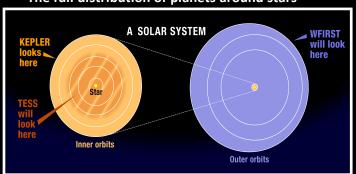








The full distribution of planets around stars





3/17/20 Kruk - EOS1



Wide area surveys enable wide range of science



- Assembly and star-formation histories of galaxies
 - Nearby galaxies & globular clusters out to high redshift
 - Compare high & low density environments, including voids
- Probing the epoch of reionization
- Milky Way kinematics and formation history
- EM counterparts of GW events; multi-messenger astronomy
- Transiting planets in MW disk and bulge
- Astrometric planet detection around nearby stars
- Census of free-floating planets, neutron stars, black holes in MW disk
- Growth & evolution of galaxy clusters (+ X-ray, SZ, LSST, ELTs...)
- Cosmic infrared background
- Discovery of high-z quasars
- Stellar IMF in different environments

Sample from WFIRST-related white papers submitted to Astro-2020

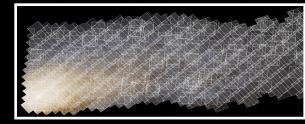


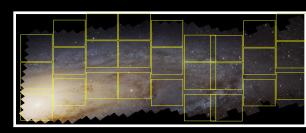
WFIRST as a Survey Facility



- The power of WFIRST is not just that it has a large field of view: it is also very efficient
 - Rapid slew & settle, no Earth occultations, no South Atlantic Anomaly
- Comparisons of total elapsed time for large HST surveys with WFIRST for equivalent area+depth:
 - 3-D HST: 1400 ksec grism spectroscopy over 0.17 sq deg
 - -> WFIRST: 1.9 ksec or 730x faster
 - COSMOS: 3300 ksec imaging over 2 sq deg
 - -> WFIRST: 26 ksec or 125x faster
 - CANDELS Wide NIR: 0.22 sq deg in 1790 ksec
 - -> WFIRST: 1.7ksec or 1050x faster
 - PHAT: 2360 ksec multi-band imaging over 0.5 sq deg
 - -> WFIRST: 1.6 ksec or 1475x faster

HST PHAT survey: 438 pointings





WFIRST PHAT survey: 2 pointings

For details, see Akeson et al 2019 https://arxiv.org/abs/1902.05569



Science Program



Wide-Field Infrared Surveys of the Universe

Large legacy surveys, smaller focused surveys

All data to be public immediately

Legacy Surveys under consideration:

High-latitude imaging and spectroscopic surveys

Enables WL and GRS cosmology investigations

High-latitude time-domain survey

Enables SNIa cosmology investigations

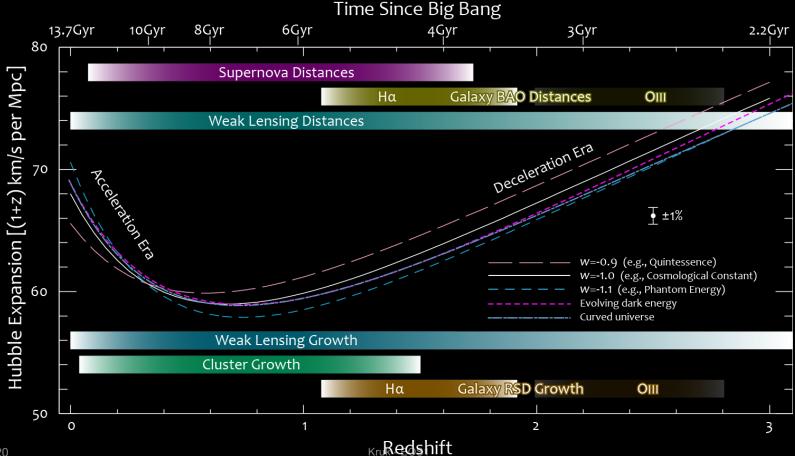
Galactic Bulge time-domain survey
Enables exoplanet microlensing investigations

Each has a core set of requirements, but potential scope is far broader and design can be adjusted to maximize total science return



WFIRST Cosmology Program



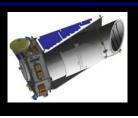


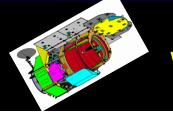


Compete the Census of Exoplanets - Microlensing

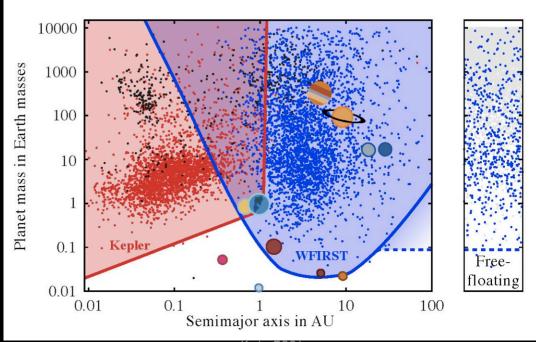


Kepler





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Representative Surveys



(from the design reference mission)

Cumulative point-source depth in wide-area surveys:

High Latitude Survey Wide 2000 deg² Deep 20 deg²

- Imagining in 4 filters (5 σ) AB ~26.5 AB ~28.2

- Grism (6.5σ line flux 1.8 μ 0.2" r_{eff}) 8·10⁻¹⁷ 3·10⁻¹⁷

SN la Survey (5-day cadence) Wide: 29 deg²
 Deep 12 deg²

- Imaging (5σ) AB ~27.8 AB ~29.5

- Prism (10 σ continuum) AB ~23.8 AB ~26.4

– There are many possible SN survey implementations!

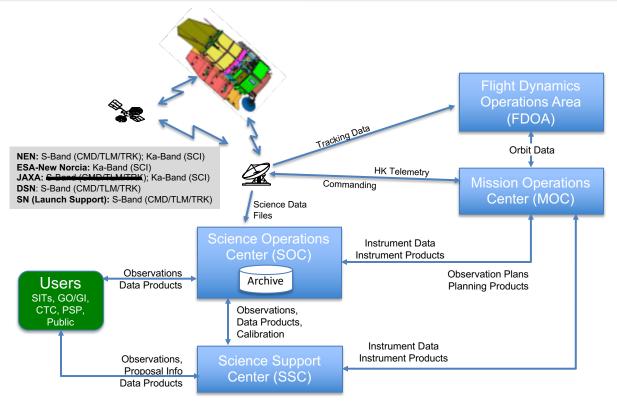
Microlensing:

- Monitor 2+ deg^{2,} 15 minute cadence over 72-days, S/N=100 @ AB=21.4 per visit
- Exoplanet detections by microlensing, other time-domain astronomy,
- Precision astrometry (tens of micro-arcsec)



Ground System Architecture



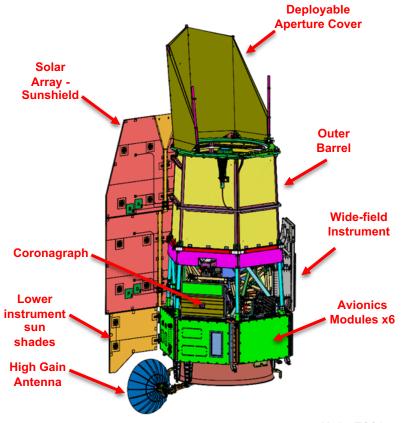


CMD – Command; TLM – Telemetry; TRK – Tracking; HK – Housekeeping; SCI – Science; SIT – Science Investigation Teams; GO/GI – General Observer/Guest Investigator; CTC – Coronagraph Technology Center; PSP – Participating Scientist Program;



Observatory Layout





Key Features

Telescope: 2.4m aperture

Instruments:

Wide Field Imager / Slitless

Spectrometer

Coronagraph w/ prism Spectroscopy

Data Downlink: 275 – 500 Mbps

Data Volume: 11 - 16 Tb/day

Orbit: Sun-Earth L2

Launch Vehicle: 3 options

Mission Duration: 5 yr, 10yr goal

Serviceability:

Observatory designed to be

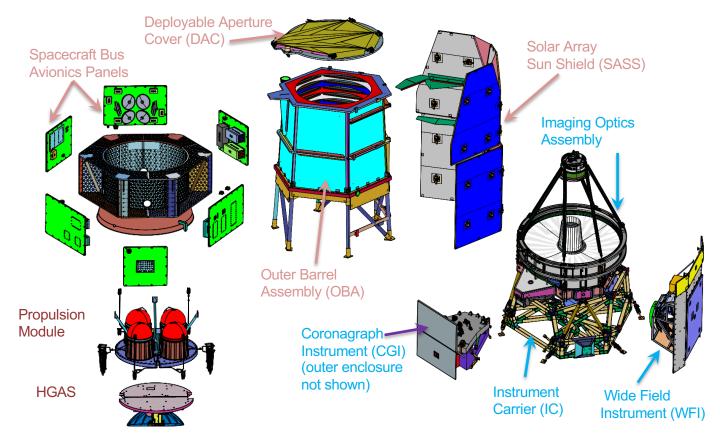
robotically serviceable

Starshade compatible



Observatory Expanded View

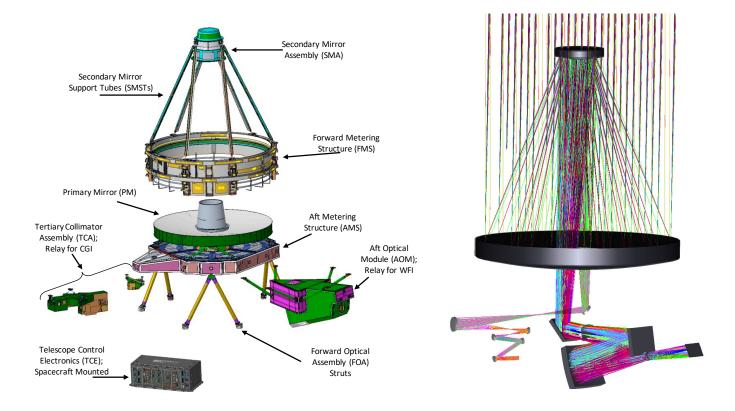






OTA high-level view



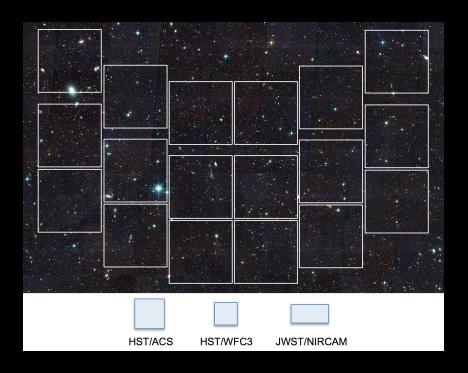




Wide-Field Instrument



WFIRST Field of View



Diffraction-limited imaging 0.28 square degree FoV 0.11" pixels 18 4kx4k NIR detectors R~4 filters spanning 0.48-2.0 μm Sensitivity: 27.8 H(AB) @5σ in1hr

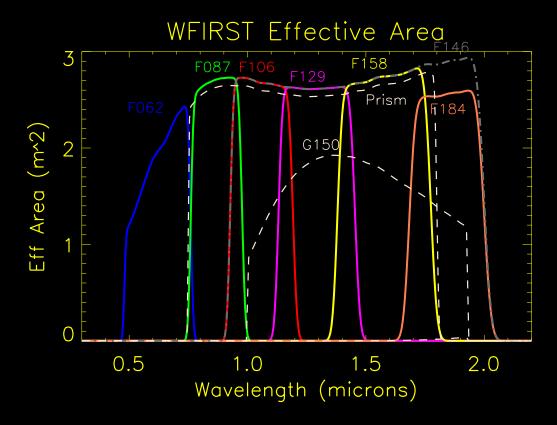
Slitless grism: 1.0-1.93 μm R: 435-865

Slitless prism: $0.75-1.8 \mu m$ R: 80-170



Effective Area & Filters

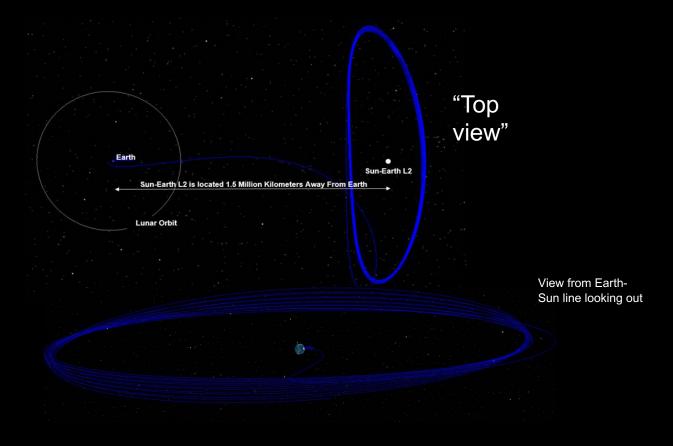






L2 Orbit







Field of Regard

+126

G)

Galactic Bulge

(Available `twice yea<u>rly)</u> Keep-Out



Observing Zone:

• 54°-126° off Sun Line

• 360° about Sun Line

 ±15° about line of sight (LOS) off max power roll angle

HLS/GO/Coronagraph observations can be optimized within the full Observing Zone

SNe fixed fields located in continuous viewing zone

Earth/Moon LOS avoidance angles are a minor sporadic constraint

Microlensing can observe inertially fixed fields in the Galactic Bulge (GB) for 72 days twice a year

Observing Zone

+54°7

Keep-Out



Project Status



Milestones to date:

- Mission Concept Review: December 8-9, 2015
- KDP-A: February 17, 2016
- SRR/MDR: February 27 March 2, 2018
- KDP-B: May 22, 2018
- Mission PDR: October 28 November 1, 2019
- KDP-C: February 28, 2020 ← Confirmation Review!

Upcoming Milestones:

- Mission CDR: July 2021
- System Integration Review: July 2023
- KDP-D: September 2023
- Launch Planning Date: October 2025



PDR Process



Preliminary Design Reviews :

- Instrument Carrier: May 29, 2019
- Wide Field Instrument: June 18, 2019
- Telescope: August 22, 2019
- CGI: September 17, 2019
- Ground System part 1 (MOC): September 24, 2019
- Mission/Spacecraft: Oct 28-Nov 1, 2019
- –~130 internal reviews in 2019 in preparation for element PDRs
- Ground System part 2 (SOC): July 21, 2020



KDP-C Process



- Engineering Peer Reviews and Element PDRs throughout 2019
 - GSFC and JPL internal review boards
 - A number of SRB members participated in the lower level reviews
- MPDR October 28 November 1, 2019
 - SRB concerns led to creation of CGI Tiger Team by Program Office
- Center Management Council December 20, 2019
 - SRB presents findings
- DPMC January 31, 2020
 - SRB presents findings
 - By this point, CGI Tiger Team recommendations had been largely implemented (or implementation plan agreed-upon)
 - Other SRB concerns likewise addressed
- APMC February 28, 2020
 - SRB presents updated findings
 - No actions
 - Plans had been pre-briefed to stakeholders in advance
 - All concerns had been addressed by time of the meeting



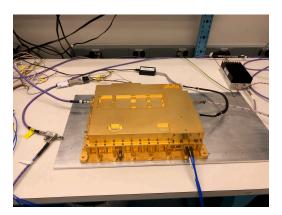
Spacecraft Progress



- Design complete for PDR; most subsystems ready for prototyping
- Procurement activities:
 - Awarded or in process: high-gain antenna (HGA) gimbal actuators, TWTA and S-band transponder, propulsion latch valves & tanks, reaction wheels (RW), RW isolator, gyros, solar array substrate, Outer Barrel Assembly structure, Ka-band antenna, HGA boom damper, spacecraft primary structure, printed wiring boards, much more



Solid State Recorder prototype board is complete and in testing



Ka-band ETU is complete and in testing with PACE (shared development)

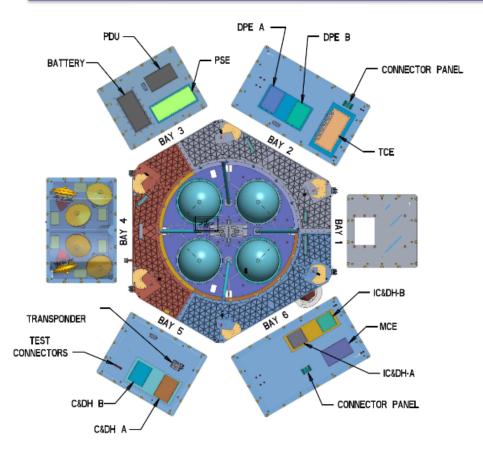


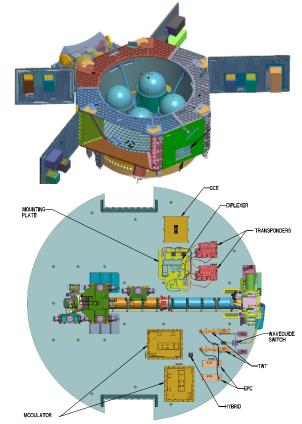
Full-scale mock-up of Spacecraft Avionics Panel (Bay #2 and #6)



Spacecraft Layout







Communications panel – bottom of S/C 1.7m antenna not shown



Telescope Progress



- Work is progressing on plan
- Primary mirror figuring is on track: completed full tool polishing, ion figuring run #4, and cold surface figure test
 - Total of 6 ion figuring runs planned may only need 5
- Disassembly of all inherited hardware is complete
- Secondary mirror ready for final ion figuring run
- Thermal zones & control approaches defined (nearly all optical and baffle surfaces ≤ 267K)
- Engineering models of new & modified components being built
- Flight models of build-to-print items being fabricated
 - Alignment drive mechanisms, focus drive mechanisms



Inherited hardware progress (1)





Primary Mirror Assembly + Forward Metering Structure At SRR/Pedigree Review



Removal of PM Scraper 7/2018



Forward Metering Shell Removal 7/2018



Forward Metering Structure June 2019



Removal of PM Baffle Adaptor 7/2018



Removal of Spare PM from Aft Metering
Kruk - EOS1 Structure May 2019



Aft Metering
Structure June 2019

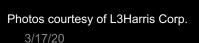


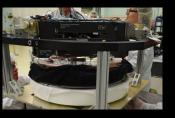
Inherited hardware progress (2)





Secondary
Mirror Assembly
at SRR/Pedigree
Review





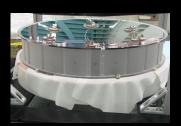
Disassembly of support structure from mirror



Removal of thermalelectric hardware



Secondary
Mirror Support
Structure
(SMSS) ready
for re-use



Secondary Mirror E removed from E support structure EOS1



Back Pad Removal

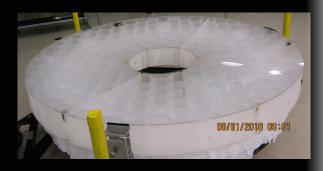


In process shaping of SM to WFIRST prescription



Inherited hardware progress (3)





Flight Primary Mirror As received Ion Figuring
- Ongoing



Photos courtesy of L3Harris Corp.



Instrument Carrier Progress



- Interface Control Documents released or will be very soon
- Structure procurement activities are on track
 - Contract awarded for composite components
 - Titanium forgings for nodes procured
 - Fabrication to begin passed Manufacturing Readiness Review

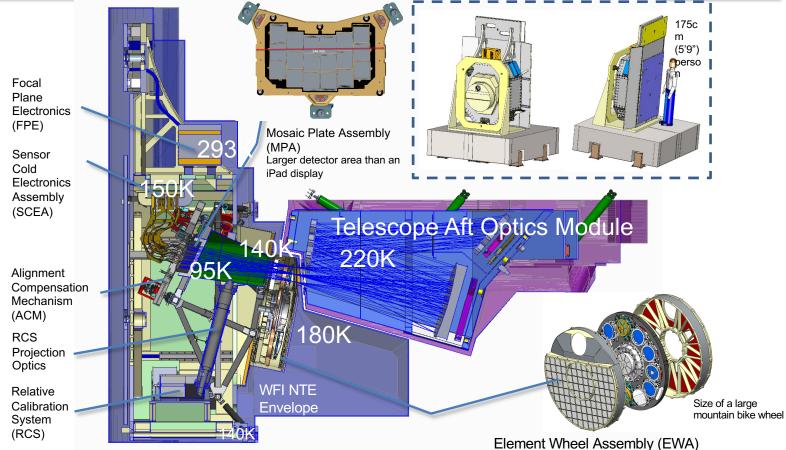
- Launch lock & vibration isolation system contract awarded
 - Trade in progress on cutoff frequency
 - Launch lock design qualified





WFI Cold Sensing Module







Wide-Field Instrument Progress

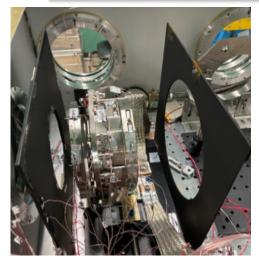


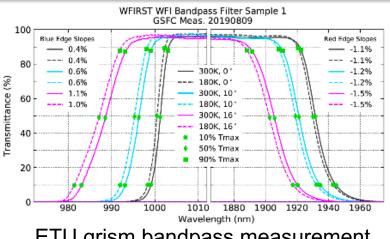
- Overall WFI design has converged: still a few tweaks on the way to CDR
- Grism assembly engineering unit undergoing tests & characterization
 - Diffraction efficiency close to model prediction
 - Thermal tests in progress to verify alignment through cooldown
- Prism EDU under construction to verify mounting approach
 - Thermal tests to follow the grism tests
- ETU filters for wide-field instrument being characterized
 - Meet specs; one has slight exceedance of ripple spec, but deviation is very small.



Wide-Field Instrument components







ETU grism bandpass measurement

EDU prism assembly

ETU grism thermal gradient test



ETU Mosaic Plate



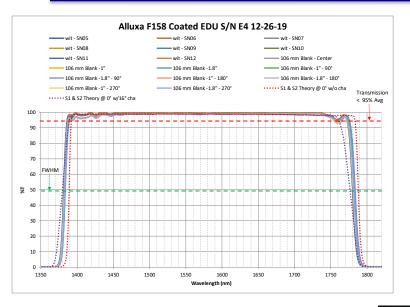
ACADIA ASIC EDU

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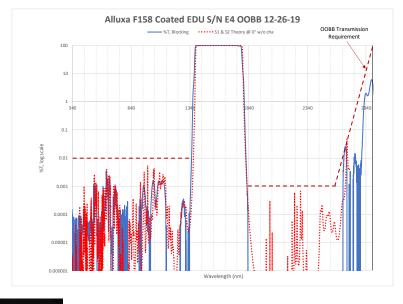


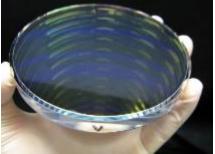
Wide-Field Instrument components





F158 EDU





Log scale to show out of band transmission



Wide-Field Instrument Progress



- 5 SCAs have passed acceptance testing in the DCL and appear to be good flight candidates.
- SCA characterization testing has started.
 - Intra-Pixel response showed similar results to test program SCAs (meets expectations)
 - Flux Dependent Non-linearity testing on first detector has started
 - Accelerated life testing almost completed.
- If the flight yield continues to meet expectations, we should receive our 18th flight SCA in January 2021, meeting FPS schedule needs for an on-time delivery.
 - Current yield is slightly higher than the yield assumption.
 - Yield projection is based on the use of only high Zn substrate material
- The first flight SCAs will need to be selected in June 2020 in order to support the start of triplet testing (SCA + cable + SCE) in late summer 2020
- SCA alignment (5 SCAs used) has been demonstrated to meet requirements on an EDU Mosaic Plate
 - 18 SCAs to be aligned this summer 2020 during ETU FPA build and test
- SCE development: 2nd generation ACADIA passed ambient tests; now testing cold
 - ACADIA performance thus far exceeds expectations! Radiation testing in EDU package this month



WFI Detector Status continued

Spec

SCA

20829

20833

Total Noise

<6.5 e

Median (e)

5.73

4.97



Persistence (300 ke)*

<0.8 e/s/pix

99.96

99.93

99.90

99.88

99.90

<0.50 e/s

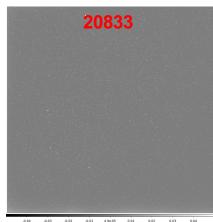
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Median (e/s) | Median (e/s) | (%) Pixels passing

- First 5 flight candidate detectors identified. See properties in table.
- Total SCAs tested at DCL passing Teledyne Cold Functional: 14
- Flight candidate SCAs are being delivered and tested at a rate of 1/week.

	20833	
Tota	al Noise (e-)	11



20828 5.34 0.000 0.144 20663 5.48 0.000 0.100 20849 5.41 0.001 0.173 *10 min after stimulus

Dark Current

<0.05 e/s

0.000

0.000

Dark Current (e-)



Ground System Progress



- Mission Operations Center (MOC) and ground station design is on track
 - Technical interchanges on ground stations w/ international partners continuing
 - Both JAXA and ESA to provide Ka-band antennas
 - Planning & scheduling system architecture work has begun
 - Data processing system architecture work beginning
 - Calibration plan close to being baselined
 - MOC PDR held, Science Operations PDR early next Summer



Launch Vehicle Status



- Launch Vehicle Certification
 - NASA's Launch Service Program (LSP) is beginning the process of certifying the SpaceX Falcon Heavy. They expect that to be completed in 2021.
 - LSP typically waits for a mission to be awarded on a vehicle *before* starting the certification effort. A typical certification effort takes ~2 years. In those cases, LSP's goal is to certify the vehicle no later than L-6 months. LSP expects any other LV candidate to follow this approach.
- WFIRST is pursuing an early acquisition of the launch vehicle. The expected award is ~L-56 months (as opposed to a typical L-30 months).
- Coupled Loads Analysis (CLA) cycle 2 was completed prior to Mission PDR for SpaceX Falcon Heavy launch vehicle.
- CLA cycle 3 will be moved forward (ahead of Mission CDR) to accommodate element testing.
- Design environments have enveloped all candidate launch vehicles through PDR.



SpaceX Falcon Heavy



Blue Origin New Glenn



United Launch Alliance



Risk Retirement Approaches

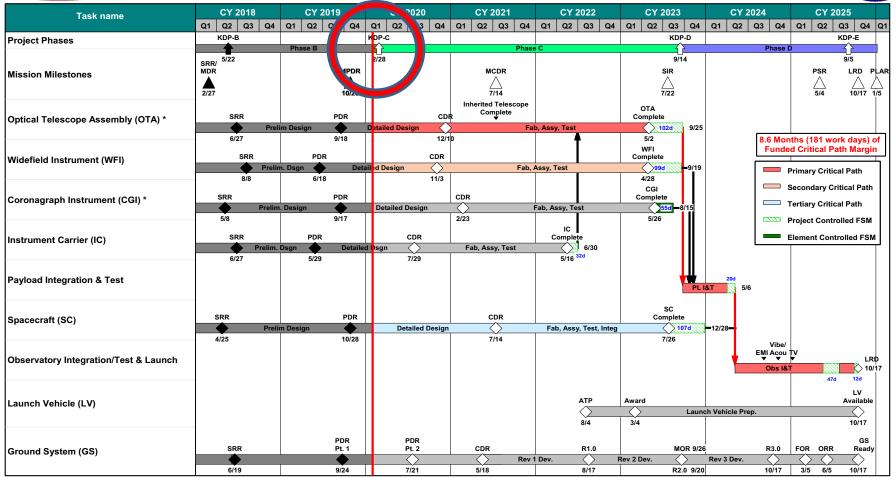


- Early development of all new items (detectors, ACADIA ASIC, Ka-band modulator)
- Extensive engineering peer reviews (EPRs)
- Engineering units built for electronics, mechanisms, optics, etc. that aren't build-to-print
- Integrated modeling began pre-Phase A and continually updated
 - WFE and pointing budgets established early and tracked through every design iteration
 - Used for trades on thermal control approaches, opto-mechanical tolerances, vibration isolation, etc.
- Early coupled-loads analysis with launch vehicle provider(s)
- Aggressive schedule management
 - Worked with HQ to develop an efficient budget profile
 - Work closely w/ GSFC management on lifecycle plans for optimizing staffing profile, access to facilities, etc.
 - Work closely with vendors on process reviews/inspections, provide help with procurements, provide technical help as-needed
 - For challenging procurements, carry multiple vendors through initial phases



WFIRST Project Master Schedule







Budget Profile



Budget profile assumed for cost commitment; subject to annual appropriate process. Administration proposes no funding and termination starting in FY21.

	Prior	Cost phasing by year					To			
	Years	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	To Launch	Ops	Total
WFIRST KDP-C Management Agreement	\$540.3M	\$445.7M	\$400.6M	\$323.2M	\$287.8M	\$298.0M	\$282.7M	\$53.7M	\$367.9M	\$3,000.0M
CGI KDP-C Management Agreement	\$112.5M	\$65.0M	\$83.3M	\$35.6M	\$24.2M	\$7.1M	\$5.8M	\$0.0M	\$9.3M	\$342.7M
Agency-held Reserve			\$21.3M	\$95.0M	\$85.0M	\$85.0M	\$85.0M	\$197.7M	\$22.3M	\$591.3M
Agency Baseline Commitment	\$652.8M	\$510.7M	\$505.2M	\$453.8M	\$397.0M	\$390.1M	\$373.5M	\$251.5M	\$399.5M	\$3,934.0M

Development cost excluding coronagraph (sum lines 1 & 3 through launch): \$3.2B Launch no later than October 2026. Present Project planning date for launch is October 2025



Status Summary



- Have just completed "Preliminary Design"
- The flight mission elements have been in Phase C since their respective PDRs
 - Instrument Carrier, WFI are half-way to their CDRs
- The SOC/SSC work is still effectively in Phase B, until Ground System PDR part 2
- Engineering development units of many hardware items already built, more in progress
- For much of observatory, design today is what will be built and what will fly
- PDR & KDP processes include extensive management and cost reviews
 - Plan to execute the mission is as big a part of the reviews as the engineering design
- FY2020 and FY2021 are the peak budget years
 - Approaching 1000 people working on WFIRST!
- FY21 White House Budget proposes termination of WFIRST
 - Direction is to proceed according to plan while Congress deliberates

We are on track for a launch "no later than 2026" Project planning date is October 2025





QUESTIONS?

For more information, see:

https://wfirst.gsfc.nasa.gov/

https://wfirst.gsfc.nasa.gov/science/WFIRST_Reference_Information.html



Acronym list



ABC	Agency Baseline Commitment
ACADIA	ASIC for Control and Digitization of Imagers for Astronomy
CDR	Critical Design Review
CGI	Coronagraph instrument
CLA	Coupled Loads Analysis
EDU	Engineering Development Unit
ETU	Engineering Test Unit
KDP	Key Decision Point
LSP	Launch Services Program
МОС	Mission Operations Center
PDR	Preliminary Design Review

PM	Primary Mirror
SCA	Sensor Chip Assembly
SCE	Sensor Cold Electronics
SOC	Science Operations Center
SSC	Science Support Center
SRB	Standing Review Board
SRR	System Requirements Review
WFI	Wide-Field Instrument
WFIRST	Wide-Field Infrared Survey Telescope

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Representative Continuum Sensitivity



Limiting point-source sensitivity (AB mag) in 1 hour of exposure time, Zodiacal light set at twice minimum.

Imaging, 5σ						
R062	Z087	Y106	J129	H158	F184	W149
28.5	28.2	28.1	28.0	28.0	27.5	28.3

Spectroscopy, 10σ per pixel in continuum							
	0.8 μm 1.1 μm 1.5 μm						
Grism	N/A	20.78	20.48				
Prism	22.87	23.45	23.54				

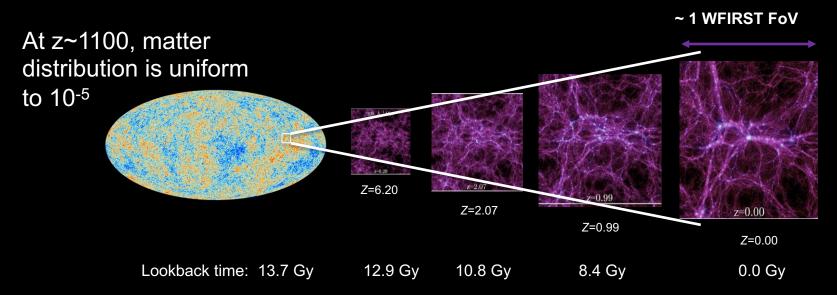


Wide FoV enables study of evolution of the Universe



WFIRST will measure expansion history and growth of structure

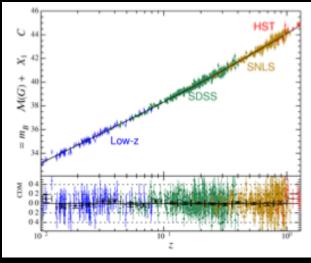
- If results discrepant -> breakdown of general relativity
- If results agree -> learn about nature of dark energy WFIRST provides multiple probes, enabling cross-checks for astrophysical and instrumental systematics





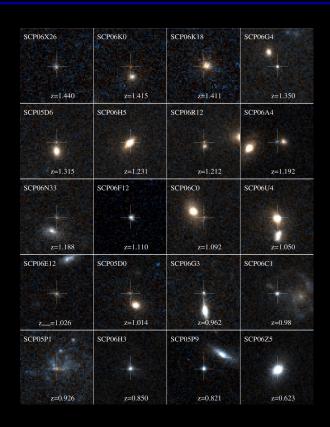
Luminosity distance from SNIa





Hubble diagram from Betoule et al 2014, w/best-fit Λ-CDM model

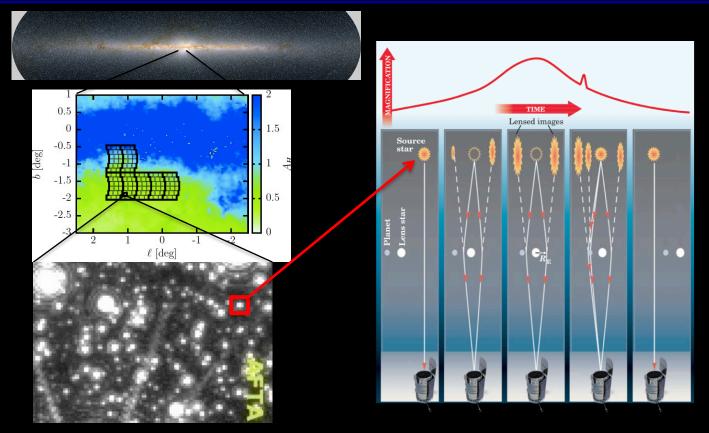
Key next steps are to reduce systematic uncertainties, increase sample at redshift > 1





Microlensing Observation Concept





Great benefit of space observations in the crowded galactic bulge field

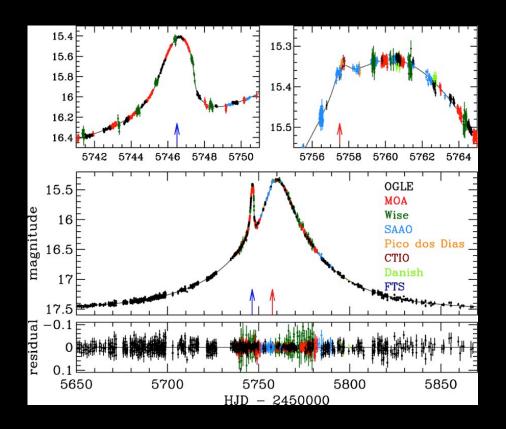


Microlensing example



Microlensing event from Jupitermass planet around an M-dwarf (Skowron et al 2015)

Shape of light curve is governed by changing geometry of source & host stars & planet; motion of Earth about Sun affects shape of star-star light curve.





WFI Filters & dispersers



Band	Element name	Min (μm)	Max (μm)	Center (µm)	Width (μm)	R
R	F062	0.48	0.76	0.620	0.280	2.2
Z	F087	0.76	0.977	0.869	0.217	4
Y	F106	0.927	1.192	1.060	0.265	4
J	F129	1.131	1.454	1.293	0.323	4
Н	F158	1.380	1.774	1.577	0.394	4
	F184	1.683	2.000	1.842	0.317	5.81
Wide	F146	0.927	2.000	1.464	1.070	1.37
GRS	G150	1.0	1.93	1.465	0.930	461λ(2pix)
PRS	P127	0.75	1.80	1.275	1.05	80-170 (2pix)



Representative Emission Line Sensitivity (grism)



Emission line flux detected at 6.5σ in one hour, with zodiacal light set at twice minimum. Units are 10^{-17} ergs/cm²/sec

Wavelength	Source half-light radius				
μm	0.0"	0.2"			
1.05	7.8	17.0			
1.15	5.6	12.25			
1.25	5.0	10.5			
1.35	4.8	9.7			
1.45	4.8	9.6			
1.55	5.0	9.8			
1.65	5.5	10.5			
1.75	5.9	11.3			
1.85	6.7	12.3			



IC Architecture



Structure

- Provides stiff, strong, and stable support for WFIRST Payload
- Similar construction to JWST ISIM
 - Leveraging lessons learned
- Includes:
 - Composite tubes and gussets
 - Ti nodes and clips; Harness brackets | SIIPs
 - ST/IRU mount

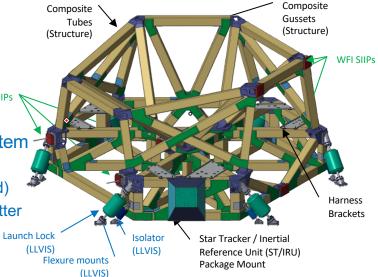
Launch Lock and Vibration Isolation System (LLVIS)

- Mounts Payload to SC for launch (locked)
- Isolates the WFIRST Payload from SC jitter (unlocked)
- Includes:
 - Launch lock; Vibration isolator; Flexure mounts to IC and SC

Science Instrument Interface Plates (SIIPs)

- Align instruments to telescope pupils
- Similar to ISIM SIIPs
 - Leveraging lessons learned

IC = Structure + LLVIS + SIIPs





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What the DRM is not:

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