

Observation Planning Working Group



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Working Group Goals and Responsibilities:



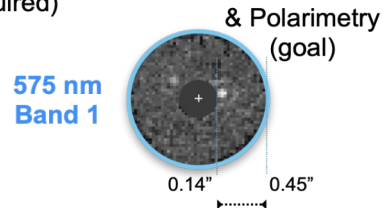
- **Target Selection:** science targets and reference/calibration sources.
- **Target Database:** <https://plandb.sioslab.com/>
- **Pre-launch target vetting observations**
- **Modeling of astrophysical targets:** shared with DRP and Sims working group.
- **Exposure Time Calculator:**
https://github.com/hsergi/Roman_Coronagraph_ETC
- **Schedule of Observations:** Duration, Instrument configuration, requested time windows



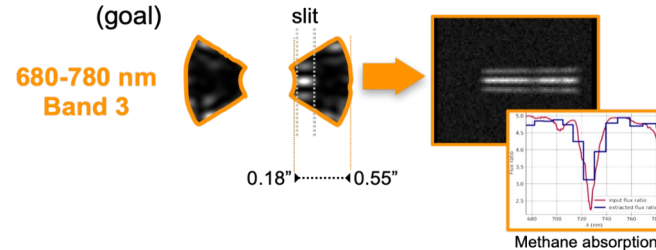
Key Science Targets and Technology Demonstrations:

- Self Luminous Giant Planets
- Giant Planets in Reflected Light
- Debris Disks
- Exozodiacal Clouds
- HOWFS and Dark Hole Stability
- Contrast performance vs. stellar brightness, diameter
- Impacts of thermal settling

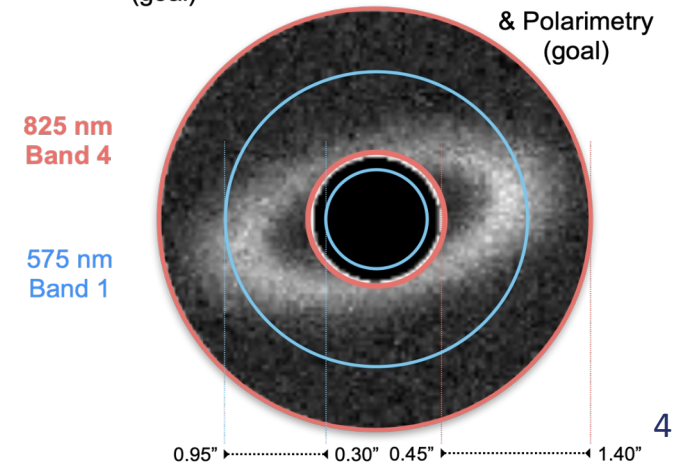
Narrow Field Imaging
(required)



Grism Spectroscopy
(goal)



Wide Field Imaging
(goal)



*Targets stars preferred to have $V < 5$
and stellar diameters < 2 mas.*

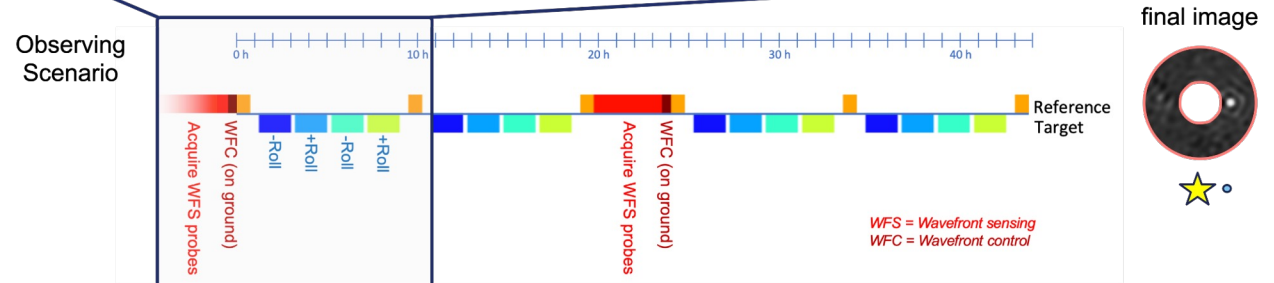
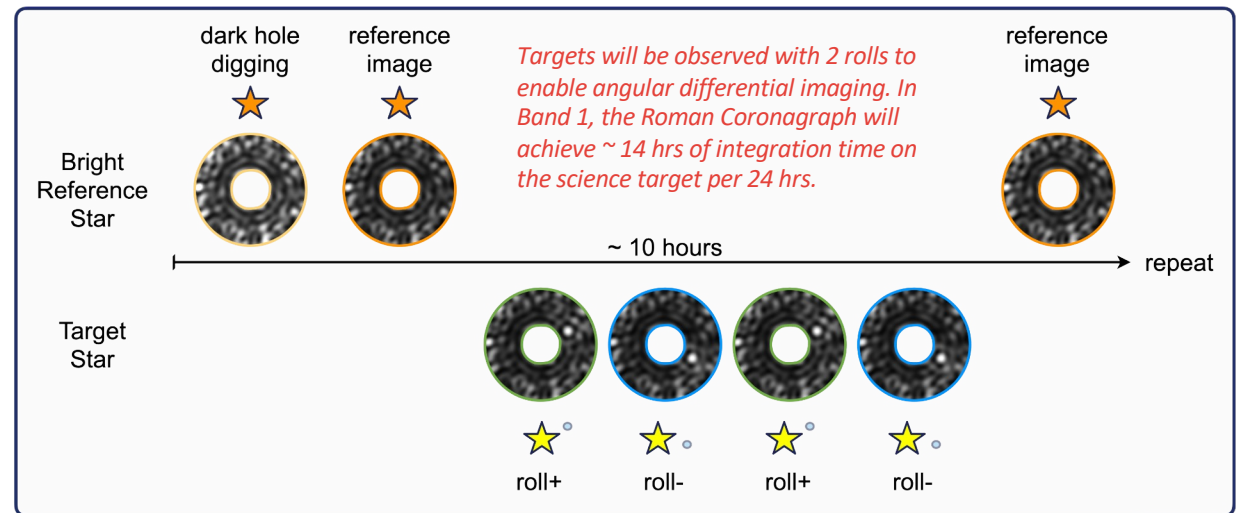


Typical Observing Scenario

5+ days before observing sequence
set the DMs, cool cameras, take
darks (CGI Secondary)

With CGI as primary:

- Pointing Refinement
- Flat Fields
- High Order Wavefront Sensing and Control (HOWFSC)
- **Run N instances of target/reference observing sequence**
- Core Throughput
- Flux Calibrations
- Astrometric Calibration





Calibration Efforts

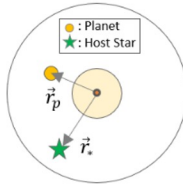
- For direct imaging, calibration provides the link between the extracted planet signal and the astrophysically interesting flux ratio.
- Spectroscopy, Astrometry and Polarized Imaging form additional cases with their own calibration requirements.

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Star Flux

via placement of star in dark hole and using a calibrated ND filter

also employs a 'ladder' of calibration standard stars

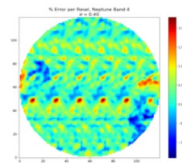


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processing: on ground

Flat Field

use dithered images of Neptune or Uranus

remove common-mode planet features using matched filter

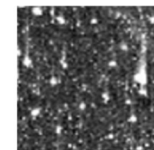


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Charge Transfer Inefficiency

use trap pumping to identify charge traps

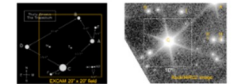
algorithm on ground processes each image for CTI removal



data: on orbit
processing: on ground

Astrometry

Provide absolute astrometric calibration of EXCAM's FOV



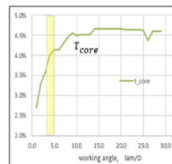
geometric astrometric solutions of stellar clusters obs.

data: on orbit
processing: on ground

Core Throughput

find planet position in dark hole

raster a photometric standard across the dark hole to measure core throughput vs. field position



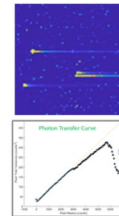
data: on orbit
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Image Corrections

Nonlinearity & Kgain; EM gain, PC corr., CR removal

use image data to: remove cosmic ray tails; calibrate EM gain

algorithm for threshold, coincidence corrections



data: on orbit
processing: on ground

Detector Noise Background

Get darks to: remove structure in dark current and CIC

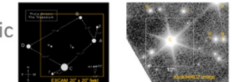
prepare master dark from large number of frames



data: on orbit
processing: on ground

Polarimetry

Provide polarimetric calibration of EXCAM's FOV



Calculate Mueller matrix from polarimetric standards

data: on orbit
processing: on ground

Summary of Key Tools Under Development



The CPP builds upon existing tools produced by the Roman Science Investigation Teams. For a review of available simulation and performance tools see Douglas et al. (2020).

- **Exposure Time Calculator (ETC):** The ETC for the science camera onboard the Roman Coronagraph allows the user to select between two contrast performance modes: “optimistic” and “conservative.”

The successful completion of instrument performance testing has prompted an ETC update.

- **Imaging Mission Database:** combines information from the NASA Exoplanet Science Institute Exoplanet Archive (star, planet properties, orbital information) with planet photometry (Batalha et al. 2018) to generate maps of separation and Δmag for Roman targets of interest.

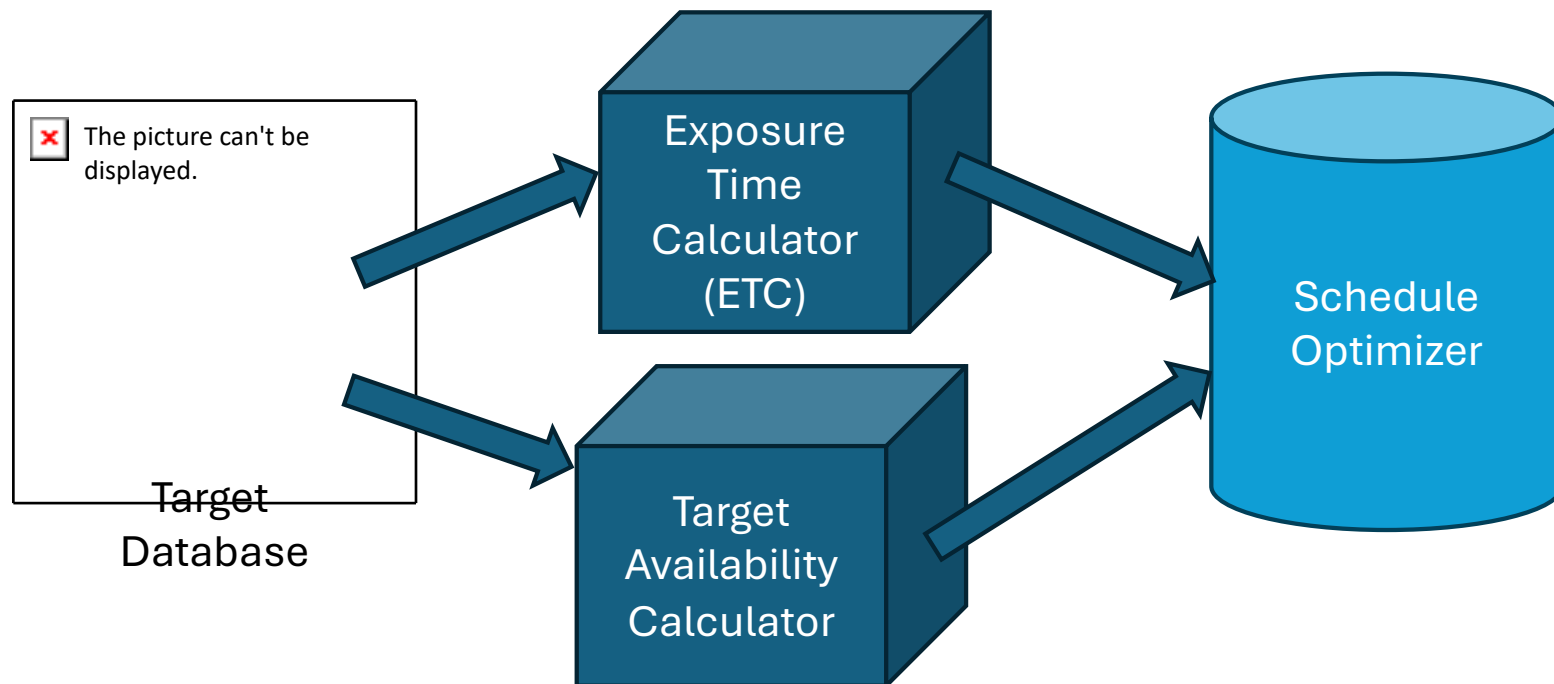
Planned Upgrades:

- *Expand database to include additional science (debris disks, exozodi targets, future GAIA targets) and calibration targets.*
- *Improved treatment of clouds etc. in atmospheric modeling.*
- *Update orbit solutions with RadVel (Fulton et al. 2018).*
- *Incorporate Roman orbital ephemeris for optimization of science/wavefront reference pair selection.*

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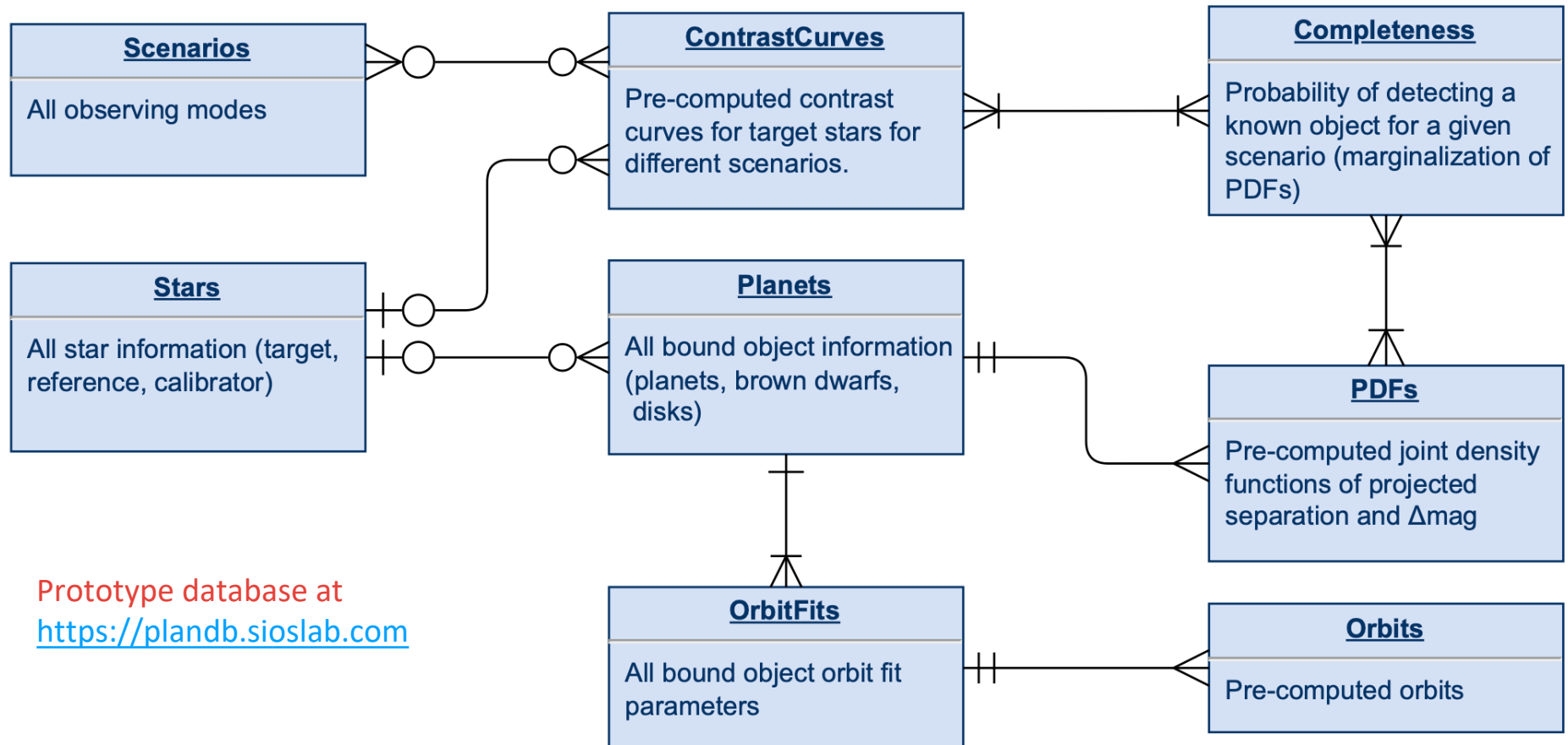


Goal: Optimize scheduling (timing and duration) of Coronagraph observations





Target Database

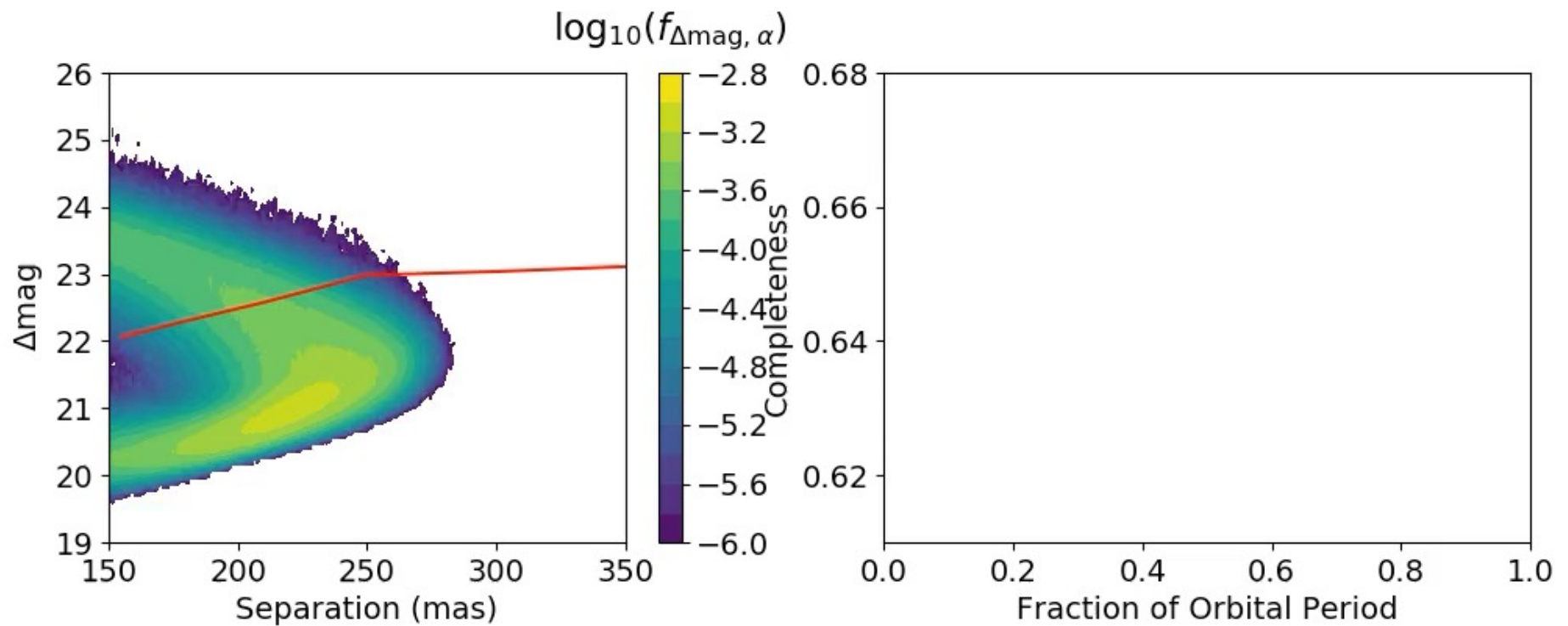


Prototype database at
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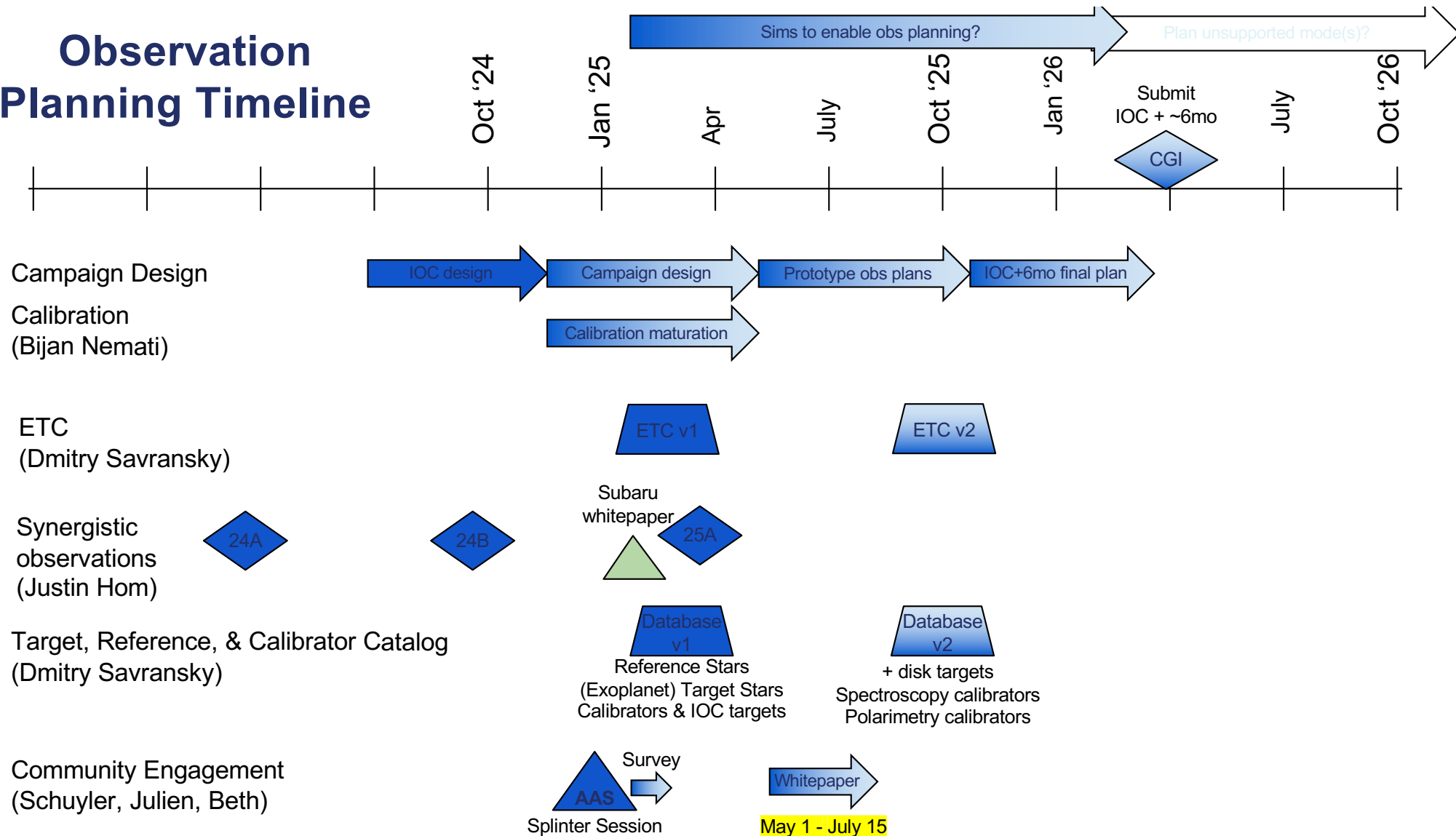


Scheduling Optimization

When you look has a major impact on your probability of success



Observation Planning Timeline



High Priority Needs



- Fill out the Community Interest Survey: tell us your priorities for the Roman Coronagraph and let us know if we've missed anything.
- Science, Reference, and Calibration Target vetting
 - Particularly seeking experts in NIRI, PIONIER, CLASSIC, and CLIMB datasets but open to any/all
- To mitigate Scheduling Risks, we'd like more science targets.
 - Do you know of potentially observable planets not yet included in the NASA Exoplanet Archive?

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