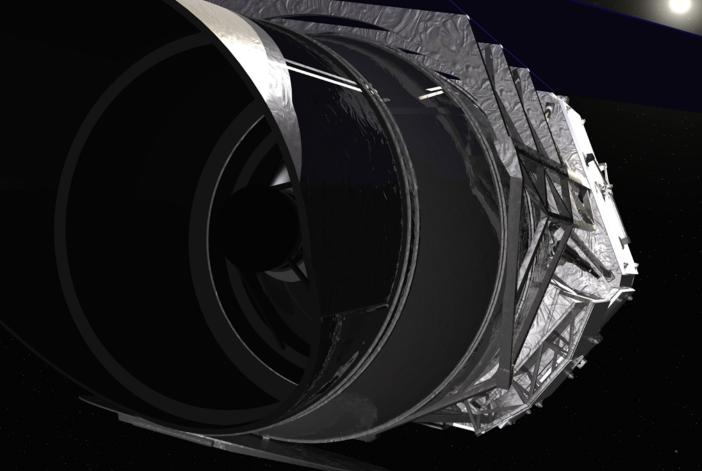
Solar System Science with WFIRS



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Planetary Science



- Seeking input from the Planetary Science community
- A New FSWG Working Group has just been set up
- Looking for Guest Observer science ideas
- Would like input on requirements and capabilities of WFIRST

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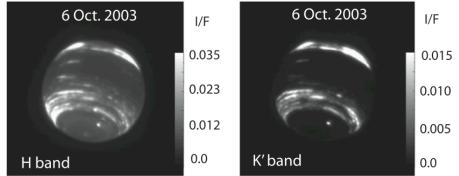
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Solar System Needs



- 1. Non-Sidereal Tracking
 - Moving Targets (≥60 mas/s to track small bodies in inner solar system)
- 2. Large dynamic range
 - Giant Planets vs Kuiper Belt Objects



De Pater et al. 2014

- 3. Targets of Opportunity and Time Critical Observations
 - Comets, Storms, Impact events, etc.
- 4. Multiple Epoch Observations
 - Seasonal Observations, Atmospheric features, Ring-Crossing, etc.





Identification and Characterization of Small Body Binaries and (Rare, Active Main Belt Objects) RAMBOs

- Could utilize well-characterized PSF capabilities
- Define Cadences
- Coronagraph could also identify extended structure: Activity and rings.

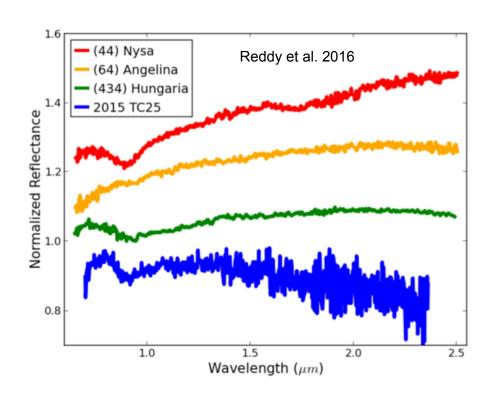






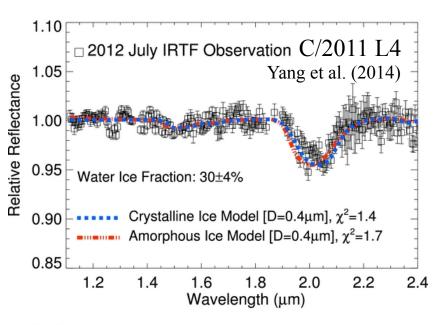
Mineralogy of Main Belt Asteroids and Trojans

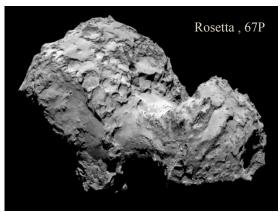
- > IFU
 - Targeted
 - Full wavelength range (0.6-2 um)
 - lower resolution
- Short exposure series GRISM
 - Untargeted?
 - higher resolution
 - 1 1.89 um wavelength range (nominally)
 - This would require a repeated series of short exposures with special cadence.











Surface Volatiles on Cometary Nuclei, Centaurs and TNOs

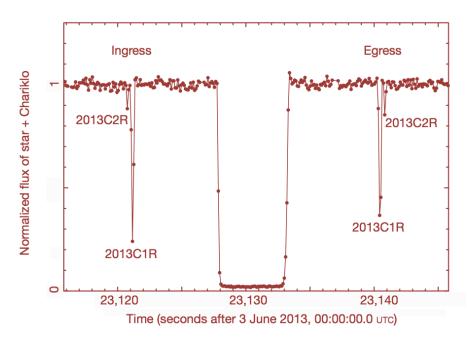
- IFU or GRISM
- "Short Exposures" (but factor of ~10 longer)
 - H₂O, CO₂, CH₄, etc.
- Comets could show emission
 - e.g. 1.65 um water-ice





Occultations

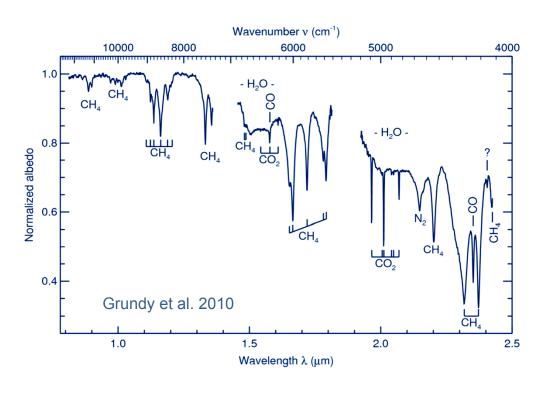
- Untargeted, broad survey, like FGS/HST and Whipple
- Targeted, of known objects with known stellar occ. Candidates
- Both require several to several 10s of Hz sampling, esp. for small bodies.



(10199) Chariklo Ring System Occultation (3 June 2013), Braga-Ribas et al. 2014







Satellite Observations/ Characterization

- Mineralogy and Volatiles
- Non-sidereal tracking
- Clean spectra utilizing coronagraph? Geometry probably not right.
- Hot Spots (e.g. Io), storms (Titan) and cryo-volcanism (Enceladus/Triton)?



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- KBOs/TNOs/Centaurs/Binaries: Bannister, Trilling, Ragozzine, Bauer
- Satellites: Bjorker, Holler
- Giant Planets: Bjorker
- Asteroids/NEOs/PHAs: Harderson (Lead), Rivken, Haghighipour
- Comets: Kramer, Milam
- Occultations: Bauer, Bosh



Thank You!



• Stay tuned for more!