

Multi-Star Wavefront Control for Roman CGI

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Overview



- 1. Motivation for Binary Star Imaging
- 2. Multi-Star Imaging Mode with CGI
- 3. Multi-Star Wavefront Control Sensitivities



Hubble Image of Alpha Centauri A & B

Multi-Star Systems increase **quantity** Of direct imaging targets



Plotting hypothetical exo-Earth contrast for all stars within 20 pc (based on Guyon 2019)

~1/2 of all FGK stars are in binary systems

- 41/67 in 10 pc
- 259/519 in 20 pc

Alpha Centauri A & B is a special

- science case:
 - **3x closer** than any other star system
 - **3x better spatial/spectral** resolution

Multi-Star systems increases quality & diversity of direct imaging targets



Roman CGI *may* be able to image Earth twins

Alpha Cen AB enables \gtrsim 3x better IWA and resolution than any other FGK star.

Due to unusual proximity, breaks commonwisdom assumptions about what Roman can do:
(1) At gibbous phase, an Earth-like planet around Alpha Cen B may be within CGI's sensitivity limits (depending on final performance)

 (2) Optical imaging could detect ≥ 3x finer structure in exozodi due to spatial resolution for aCen

Belikov 2020 (based on Bailey 2019)

Direct Imaging Challenges with Binary Stars

Single-Star Wavefront Control Mean Contrast: 5.4e-5



- Challenges due to binary:
 - Off-axis leakage from the binary companion creates a contrast floor
 - Depth of the contrast floor is a function of the *binary separation* and *brightness fraction*
 - A coronagraph for the offaxis companion is insufficient as contrast would be limited by its *random speckles!*

Light Leakage from Binary Companions (10 pc)



Roman PSD characteristics

(provided by J. Krist)

- D = 2.4m
- $\lambda = 650$ nm
- 20 nm RMS with f^{-2.5} power spectrum

- 48x48 DM

Note: Contrast floor for an on-axis coronagraph/starshade due to unsuppressed off-axis companion star

Required companion suppression:

- 31/41 have leakage > 1e-10
- 27/41 have leakage > 1e-9

Multi-Star Wavefront Control

Single-Star Wavefront Control Mean Contrast: 5.4e-5

Multi-Star Wavefront Control Mean Contrast: 1.6e-9



Idea: Use independent modes on the DM to generate spatially overlapping dark holes for each star

Concept developed by Belikov et al 2015, Thomas et al. 2017, Sirbu et al 2018

Before Super-Nyquist Wavefront Control



Idea: Control leakage at wide angular separations outside of the DM's control region

After Super-Nyquist Wavefront Control



For details on SNWC technique see paper on astro-ph: Thomas et al. (2017)

Roman SPC-WFOV Mask Baseline

Roman SPC WFOV Imaging Mode allows

imaging from 6-20 λ /D:

- coverage of habitable zones of Alpha Cen AB
- designed for mean contrast of 9x10⁻¹⁰ at 10% bandwidth at 825 nm (Riggs 2020)
- SPC WFOV experimentally verified down to 3.5e-9 contrast level at 10% bandwidth (Marx et al, 2018)

Diffractive pupil superimposed on SPC WFOV Mask design creates diffraction orders to allow Super-Nyquist Wavefront Control (Bendek et al 2018)

MSWC Mode Configuration:

SPAM: MSWC Mask (SPC WFOV + Diffraction Grating)

FPAM: Matching SPC WFOV Mask LSAM: Matching SPC WFOV Lyot Stop

FSAM: Custom 9x9 L/D rectangular field stop (Bendek et al 2021)







Designed by Riggs 2020



SPC wide FOV 825r



- Using Fresnel propagation between DMs
- Using optical elements and phase maps publicly available from CGI IPAC

Diffractive Pupil with SPC WFOV Mode



- Started with SPC WFOV Baseline, and considered two options: OPTION (1) Add DP dots directly onto the mask OPTION (2) Add binary DP crosses into optimization Optimized by A.J. Riggs
- Diffractive Pupil Specifications: 48x48 repeating diffractive pattern across pupil Diffractive orders matching DM Nyquist limit 3.1% area coverage -> ~1e-4 diffraction order strength Flight SPC diameter: **17.0 mm** Smallest feature size is **5.6 um**



100 200 300 400 500 600 700 800 900

OPTION (1)



OPTION (2)

420 440



480 500 520 540

Roman Off-axis Leakage

825 nm

825 nm ± 5%



Opening Roman CGI Field Stop to see Off-axis star & its leakage

Baseline & Optimized SPC PSFs

OPTION (1) Baseline PSF Mean Contrast: 9.30e-10 Sky Angular Separation, λ_0/D 8 5 10 5 0 5 1 5 0 20 -20 -15 -10 -5 0 5 10 15 20 Sky Angular Separation, λ_0/D **Baseline + Dots PSF** Mean Contrast: 4.69e-08 Q^{-20} Separation, Sky Angular 10 15 20

-20 -15 -10 -5

0 5 10 15 20

Sky Angular Separation, λ_0/D

OPTION (2)

Optimized with Crosses Mean Contrast: 9.81e-10



- Baseline + Dots PSF contrast decreases by 1.5 orders of magnitude from ~1e-9 to ~5e-8
- → OPTION (2) recovers the on-axis design performance in the presence of the diffraction grating (at a negligible con throughput)

Verification with 13-dot MSWC Mask



MSWC Sensitivity to Telescope Roll



→ Expected spacecraft roll is ~0.1" and MSWC is fairly insensitive to roll angles < 0.1 deg

MSWC Sensitivity to Stellar Diameter & Jitter



→ Expected spacecraft jitter is ~2mas per axis (OS-9) dataset which is less than Alf Cen A/B stellar diameter
 → SPC WFOV mask is fairly insensitive to expected jitter levels due to large IWA

Off-axis Vignetting at DM2





MSWC Sensitivity to Mask Reflectivity

Cross features





Prototype manufactured by Hagopian 2021 Final mask to be manufactured by MDL

→ Amplitude reflectivity less than 1e-3 results in no degradation of performance

First vacuum demonstrations of super-Nyquist wavefront control



- Source: single star (demonstrating super-Nyquist capability)
- Coronagraph: Lyot Coronagraph
- Decadal Survey Testbed (DST) operated by Garreth Ruane (July 2020)

Summary of Results monochromatic light, contrast 4e-8 10% broadband light, 4e-7 6e-8 demonstrated in a smaller dark zone **10% broadband light**



Future Work

Demonstrated to date:

Compatibility of CGI imaging with MSWC using compact CGI model (1) line-of-sight jitter / stellar diameter (2) telescope roll (3) vignetting between DMs (4) mask reflectivity

Participation in RHDA:

Increase fidelity of simulations:

(1) demonstration of MSWC with full Roman CGI model

(2) use latest observing Scenario (OS-11) STOP models

(3) generate realistic observation DRMs for science targets

Determine best options to implement MSWC algorithm on Ground-in-the-Loop WFC system.

Create MSWC simulation tools that includes off-axis stars for Roman CGI

(1) MSWC mode recently included in FALCO

(2) MSWC + Ames Coronagraph Efficient Diffraction (ACED) optical propagator libraries on Github: https://github.com/ARCExoplanetTechnologies

Conclusions

- 1. MSWC can improve the science yield and science diversity for Roman CGI, including at least a small chance to detect a potentially habitable planet.
- 2. Simulations show that MSWC is compatible with Roman CGI, and allows it to image planets around binaries with performance comparable to single stars (assuming post-processing would work similarly well for binary stars as it does for single stars).
- 3. Lab demonstrations with coronagraphs have been started, are now at TRL ~3, and are being advanced to 4. These include demonstrations with a real instrument (SCExAO) and in vacuum (DST).

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Why Binaries? Nearby FGK Targets for Roman

1	common_name	sptype	Vmag	d (pc)	М	Sol. Lum.	BB Temp	IHZ (AU)	IHZ (as)	IHZ (ld)	OHZ (AU)	OHZ (as)	OHZ (ld)	Nearest 20 Stars
2	* alf Cen A	G2V	0.01	1.32	4.40	1.45	5568	1.13	0.86	15.31	2.08	1.57	28.13	
3	* alf Cen B	K1V	1.33	1.25	5.84	0.39	5051	0.60	0.48	8.58	1.12	0.90	16.04	13 Multi-Stars
4	* eps Eri	K2Vk:	3.73	3.22	6.19	0.28	5051	0.51	0.16	2.84	0.95	0.30	5.31	4/7 Multi-Star Hab
5	* 61 Cyg A	K5Ve	5.21	3.49	7.50	0.08	4348	0.29	0.08	1.48	0.56	0.16	2.85	
6	* 61 Cyg B	K7Ve	6.05	3.49	8.34	0.04	4348	0.29	0.08	1.48	0.56	0.16	2.85	Zones w/in Roman
7	* alf Cmi A	F5IV-V+	0.37	3.51	2.64	7.29	6776	2.37	0.67	12.06	4.25	1.21	21.64	FOV
8	* eps Ind	K5V	4.69	3.62	6.90	0.15	4603	0.38	0.10	1.86	0.72	0.20	3.55	
9	* tau Cet	G8.5V	3.5	3.65	5.69	0.44	5534	0.63	0.17	3.08	1.15	0.32	5.66	
10	HD 88230	K8V	6.61	4.87	8.17	0.04	4069	0.21	0.04	0.78	0.42	0.09	1.53	Legend:
11	* omi02 Eri	K0.5V	4.43	4.98	5.94	0.35	5221	0.57	0.11	2.04	1.06	0.21	3.79	
12	* 70 Oph A	K0-V	4.123	5.09	5.59	0.48	5143	0.67	0.13	2.36	1.25	0.25	4.40	BOLD – Binaries
13	* 70 Oph B	K4V	6.17	5.09	7.64	0.07	4350	0.23	0.05	0.82	0.44	0.09	1.55	Color – Hab.Zone
14	* 36 Oph A	K2V	5.12	5.46	6.43	0.22	5134	0.46	0.08	1.52	0.86	0.16	2.83	w/in Domon FOV
15	* 36 Oph B	K1V	5.08	5.98	6.19	0.28	5134	0.51	0.08	1.52	0.95	0.16	2.83	w/in Roman FOV
16	* sig Dra	G9V	4.68	5.75	5.88	0.37	5342	0.58	0.10	1.81	1.07	0.19	3.34	Green – Companion
17	HD 131977	K4V	5.72	5.84	6.89	0.15	4493	0.38	0.06	1.16	0.73	0.12	2.23	can ha ignarad
18	* eta Cas A	GOV	3.52	5.95	4.65	1.15	6047	0.98	0.28	5.03	1.78	0.51	9.12	can be ignored
19	* eta Cas B	K7Ve	7.51	5.95	8.64	0.03	3967	0.17	0.03	0.52	0.34	0.06	1.02	Red – Companion
20	V* V2215 Oph	K5V	6.34	5.97	7.46	0.09	4389	0.29	0.05	0.88	0.56	0.09	1.69	must be suppressed
21	HD 191408 A	K2.5V	5.32	6.02	6.42	0.22	5076	0.41	0.07	1.23	0.74	0.12	2.20	must be suppressed

Multi-Star Direct Imaging Science with HabEx



Multi-Star Science Statistics:517 FGK stars within 20pc

- 259 multi-stars (optical or dynamical)
- 193 stars limited at > 1e-10
 - 40 stars with sep. < N/2 λ /D

HabEx assumptions:

- D = 4m
- λ = 650nm
- $\lambda/20$ RMS with f⁻³ power spectrum
- 96x96 DM

Note: Contrast floor for an on-axis coronagraph/starshade due to unsuppressed off-axis companion star

MSWC Baseline Scenario (5-band control)





100 200 300 400 500 600 700 800 900

Zoom-in for 13-dot MSWC Mask





Multi-Star, Mean Contrast: 2.17e-10



DST Vacuum Demonstration (monochromatic)

