Hubble Space Telescope

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SM4 Mission Overview

- WFC3
- COS
- ACS Repair
- STIS Repair
- Gyroscopes
- Batteries
- FGS
- NOBL’s
- Soft Capture Mechanism
WFC3 will be the first Hubble wide-field camera spanning Ultraviolet – Visible - Infrared

- Wide Field Camera 3 provides wide-field, high sensitivity, high resolution, wide dynamic range, extensive filter set from 200 nm – 1700 nm
  - UVIS channel has > 30x discovery power of ACS in the Ultraviolet
  - IR channel has ~25x discovery power of NICMOS in the Infrared
  - Complements high discovery efficiency of ACS at Visible – Red wavelengths
COS will be the most sensitive UV spectrograph ever to fly on Hubble

- COS is designed to observe point sources (stars, quasars)
- Far-UV channel is up to 70x faster than STIS at wavelengths 115 - 200 nm
- Near-UV channel is ~ 5x faster than STIS at wavelengths 200 – 300 nm
- Both channels provide low and moderate spectral resolution
STIS is the most versatile spectrograph ever to fly in space

- STIS is a two-dimensional imaging spectrograph ideal for observing extended objects
- STIS provides both UV- and Visible-light spectroscopy
- STIS provides very high resolution spectroscopy
- STIS + COS bring the full set of spectroscopic tools required for astrophysics to HST
ACS Is *Hubble’s Most Powerful Visible-Light Camera*

- Wide Field Channel is optimized for deep surveys of the sky from 500 to 1000 nm
- High Resolution Channel contains Hubble’s best coronagraph
- Solar Blind Channel allows high resolution imagery at wavelengths < 180 nm
- ACS was the most heavily used Hubble instrument at the time of its failure
MISSION GOAL: When the astronauts leave Hubble for the last time, it will be at the apex of its capabilities - better than it has ever been before.

WFC3 + ACS + NICMOS = Most powerful imaging ever

COS + STIS = Full set of tools for astrophysics

The architecture of the universe

The mysteries of dark matter and dark energy

The life story of galaxies

The birth and death of stars

Recipes for building planets
Backup
COS will study:
• Large-scale structure by tracing Hydrogen Lyman-α absorptions
• Formation of galaxies
• Chemical evolution of galaxies and the intergalactic medium
• Hot stars and the interstellar medium of the Milky Way
• Supernovae, supernova remnants and the origin of the elements
• Young Stellar Objects and the formation of stars and planets
• Planetary atmospheres in the Solar System
WFC3 Will Study:

- The fossil record of star population history and evolution of nearby galaxies

- How the process of star formation and evolution has varied over cosmic time, among galaxies of various kinds

- The course of galaxy evolution over 13 billion years

- Infrared ultra-deep fields to provide a path-finding census of the Universe when it was < 1 billion years old

- The strength and variability with time of dark energy
STIS studies:

- The chemical composition of the atmospheres of extra-solar planets
- The chemical composition and other properties of stars and interstellar gas in the Milky Way galaxy
- The death throes of a dying, massive star, η Car; a future supernova close to Earth
- Supermassive black holes at the centers of galaxies and their relationship to galaxy structure and evolution
- Properties of active galactic nuclei
Critical Science Re-enabled by ACS Repair

- Large sample of Type Ia Supernovae to improve measurements of strength and variability of dark energy
- Weak gravitational lensing surveys over very wide fields for 3-D mapping of dark matter

Supernova Detection

3-D dark matter map
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STS-125 Mission Overview

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STS-125

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# EVA Timeline

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Science Highlights for a Refurbished Hubble

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Hubble Ultradeep Field

Age of universe now = 13.7 Gyr

8.8 Gyr
3.3
2.2
1.8
1.1
0.8
The Cosmic Web of Dark Matter in the Universe