

Multi-Slit Offner Spectrometer

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Outline

- NASA Geostationary Coastal and Air Pollution Events (GEO-CAPE) Oceans Mission
- Multi-Slit Offner Spectrometer (MOS)
 - What it is
 - Origin of the benefits
 - Technical challenge
- Program Goals and Plan
- Conclusion



GEO-CAPE Oceans Science

- The Earth Science Decadal Survey objectives for the GEO Event Imaging mission are to understand and monitor the dynamics of coastal marine ecosystems including their response to land-ocean exchanges, human activity, climate change and episodic events and hazards.
 - GEO-CAPE Ocean objectives have been defined:
 - Quantify the response of marine ecosystems to short-term physical events (e.g., storms and tidal mixing).
 - Assess the importance of high temporal variability in coupled biological-physical coastal-ecosystem models.
 - Monitor biotic and abiotic material in transient surface features (e.g., river plumes and fronts).
 - Detect, track and predict the location of hazardous materials (e.g., oil spills, waste disposal storm events, and harmful algal blooms)

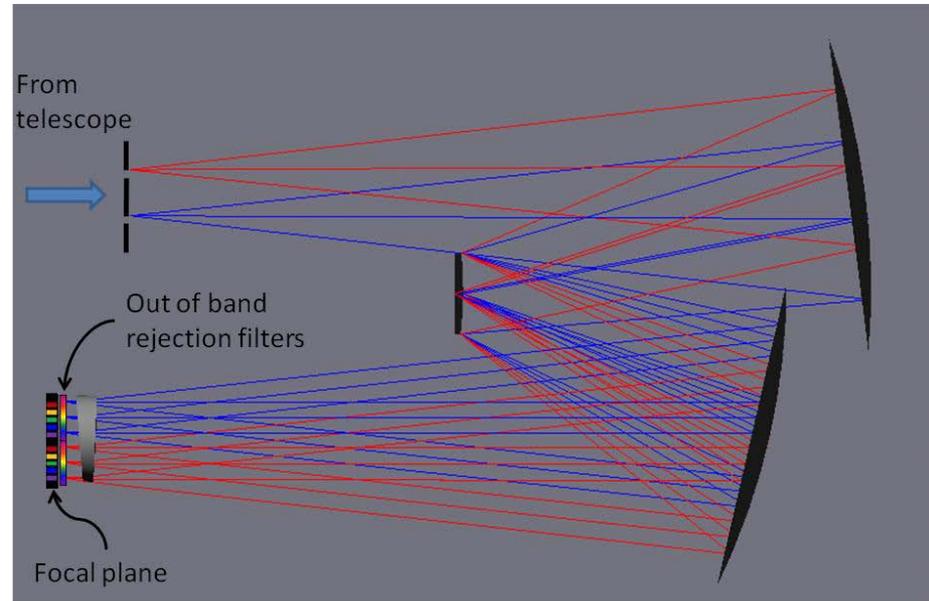


HICO image: Columbia River Plume, processed to show plume details
(N. Tuffiaro, C. Davis, OSU)



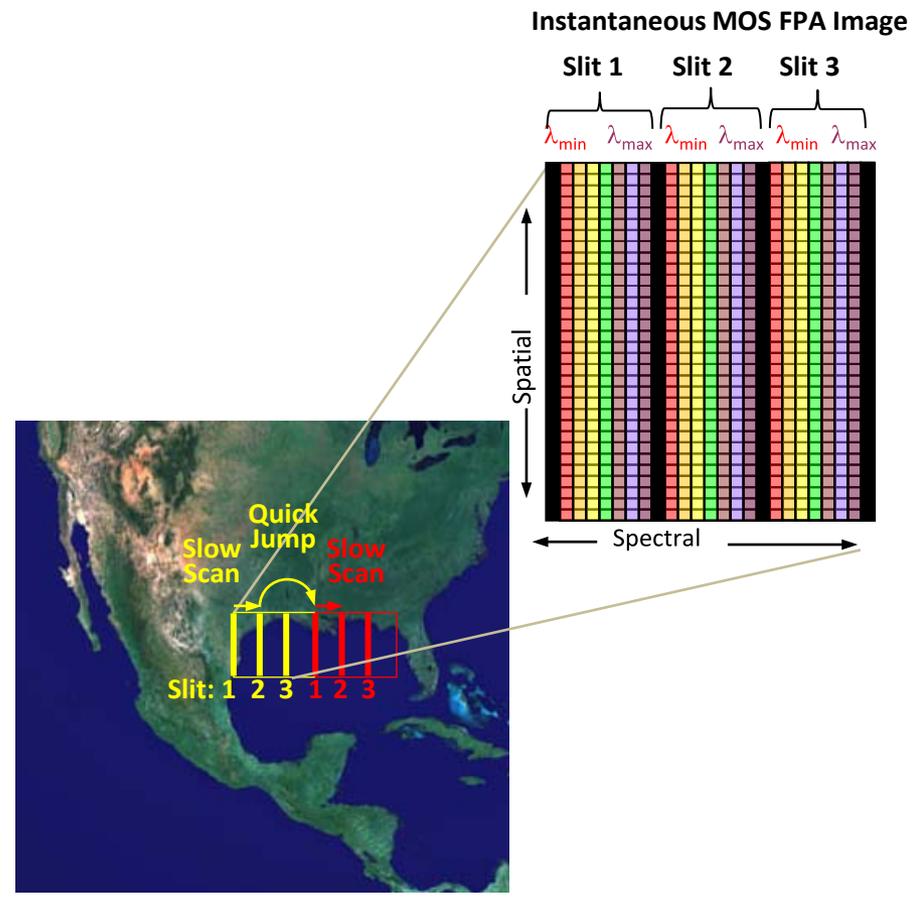
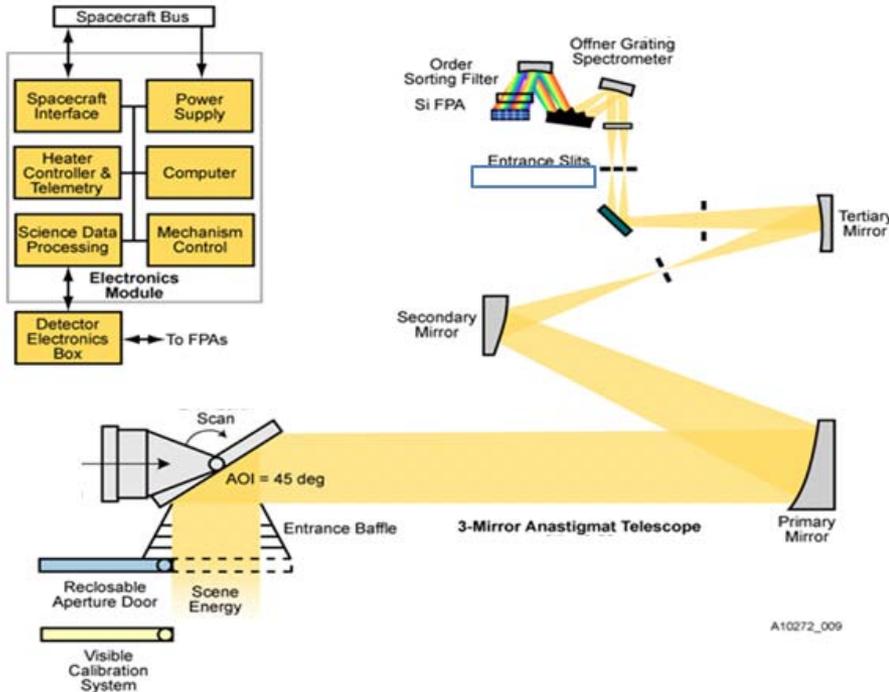
Multi-Slit Offner Spectrometer performs like multiple spectrometers operating simultaneously

- The Multi-Slit Offner Spectrometer is a dispersive spectrometer providing spectral imagery from multiple, spatially separated slits simultaneously
- Technology Challenge: out-of-band rejection achieved by optical filters & slit displacement
- One goal of the IIP is determine the optimal number slits, realize the greatest mass savings





Imaging from several slits simultaneously can reduce payload aperture by ~2x and mass by ~3x for the same performance.

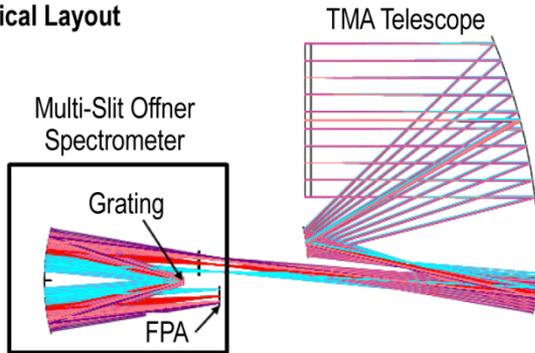


- Simultaneous measurement is a multiplexing approach that can either
 - Decrease the revisit time by N, the number of slits by allowing a faster field of regard scan, or
 - Decrease the aperture by \sqrt{N} by allowing a longer stare at each ground sample

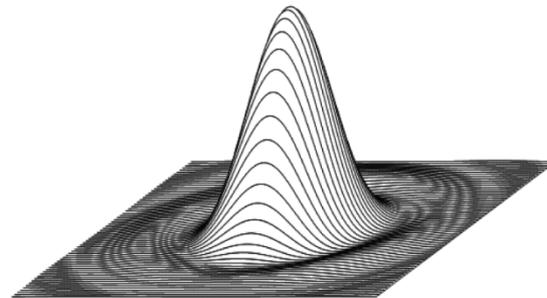


Multi-Slit Offner is an extension of a conventional Offner – detailed analysis shows exceptional performance

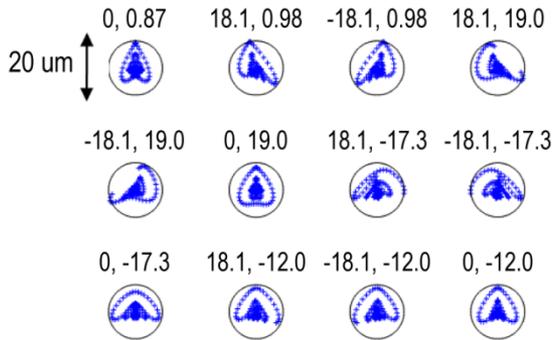
a) 3D Optical Layout



b) Huygens PSF

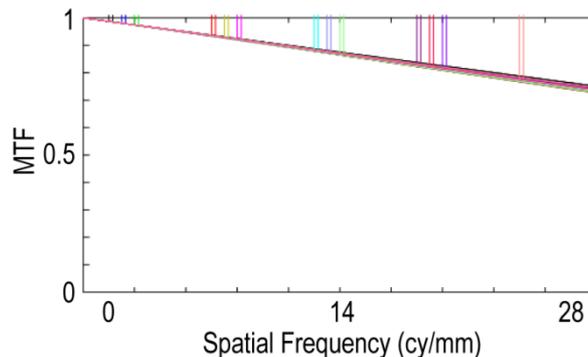


c) Spot Diagrams



- Positions are (x,y) in mm at the FPA
- Airy Diameter = 16.9 um

d) MTF Performance



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- Multi-Slit Offner spectrometer payload has been analyzed for GEO remote sensing
- Optical performance from each slit is exceptional over the 2-D field of view
 - Little distortion
 - Diffraction limited performance
- We have analyzed multi-slit interference, and can minimize crosstalk
 - Order sorting filters
 - Slit separation

ZEMAX performance at 609 nm. a) The complete ray-trace of the spectrometer and a TMA telescope. b) The quality Huygens PSF. c) Spot diagrams from the top, middle and bottom of four slits show the rays are contained within the airy circle. d) Diffraction limited performance over the FOV.



Comparison of Multi-Slit Offner Strawman and Single Slit Spectrometer

Strawman design parameters

Conventional Design Parameters			Multi-Slit Offner Design Parameters		
System	Aperture (cm)	72	System	Aperture (cm)	33
	Frame Rate (Hz)	3.6		Frame Rate (Hz)	0.87
	Spatial FOV (deg)	1.2		Spatial FOV (deg)	1.2
	Coadds	10		Coadds	8
	f/#	3.6		f/#	7.8
	GSD (m)	375		GSD (m)	375
	# Slits	1		# Slits	5
	Spectral Samp. (nm)	3.5		Spectral Samp. (nm)	3.2
FPA	Pitch (um)	27x27	FPA	Pitch (um)	27x27
	Spat/Spect Samp.	2048		Spat/Spect Samp.	2048
	Size (cm)	5.5		Size (cm)	5.4
	Rate (Mp/s)	1.3		Rate (Mp/s)	1.7
Conventional Spectrometer Performance			Multi-Slit Offner Spectrometer Performance		
Mass (kg)	550	Mass (kg)	147		
Coverage Time (min)	54	Coverage Time (min)	54		
Coverage Area (10 ⁶ km ²)	3.3	Coverage Area (10 ⁶ km ²)	3.3		
Minimum SNR*	1000	Minimum SNR*	1000		
Data Rate (Mbits/sec)	18.2	Data Rate (Mbits/sec)	24		

- Both designs meet the requirements traced to the GEO-CAPE mission
 - 1 hour Coverage
 - Visible bands
 - SNR 1000
 - GSD 375 m
- The Conventional Spectrometer has parameters which add risk (red)
 - Aperture ~2x larger
 - Mass ~3.5x larger
 - System f/# 2x faster



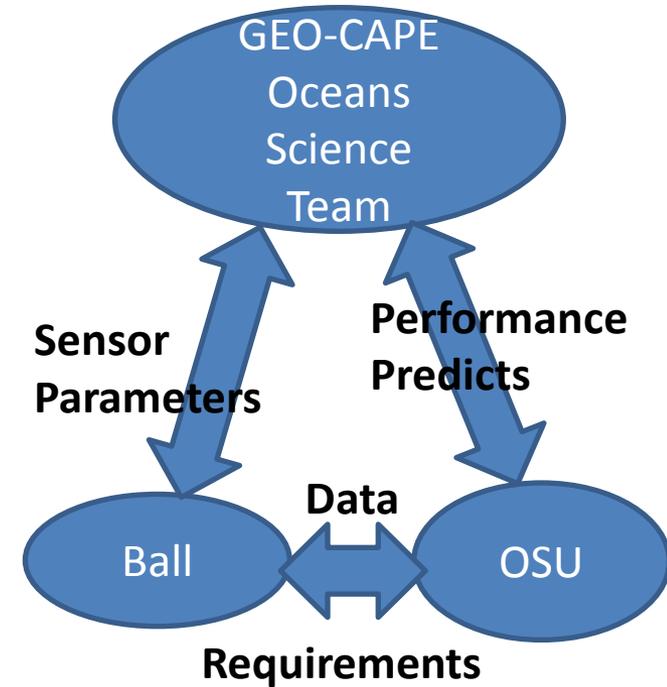
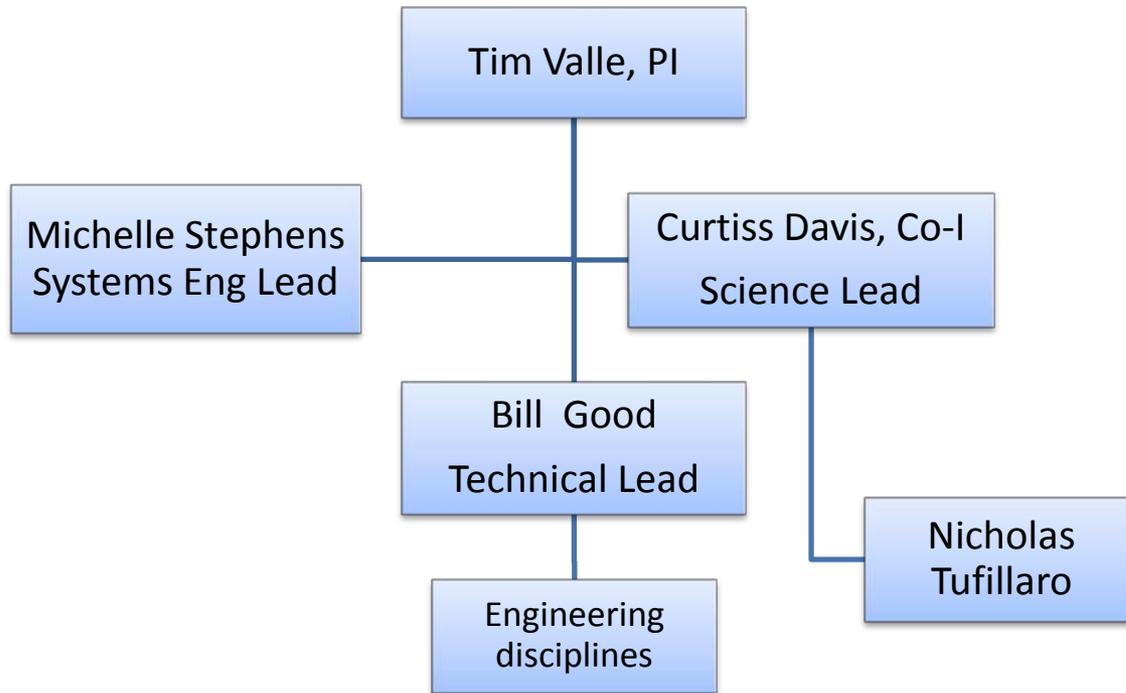
Multi-Slit Offner Spectrometer IIP Overview

- **Goals**

- Design, build and test a high impact technology
- Determine optimal number of slits for mission, highest achievable impact
- Understand the suitability of the MOS concept to the GEO-CAPE Event Imager mission
- Spectrometer hardware TRL 6 at end of program

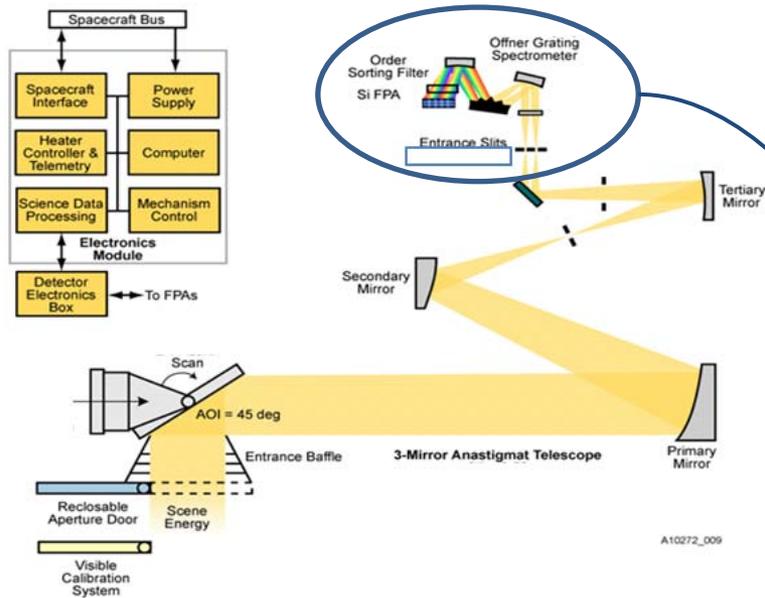


Core team stays relevant to GEO-CAPE Ocean Science

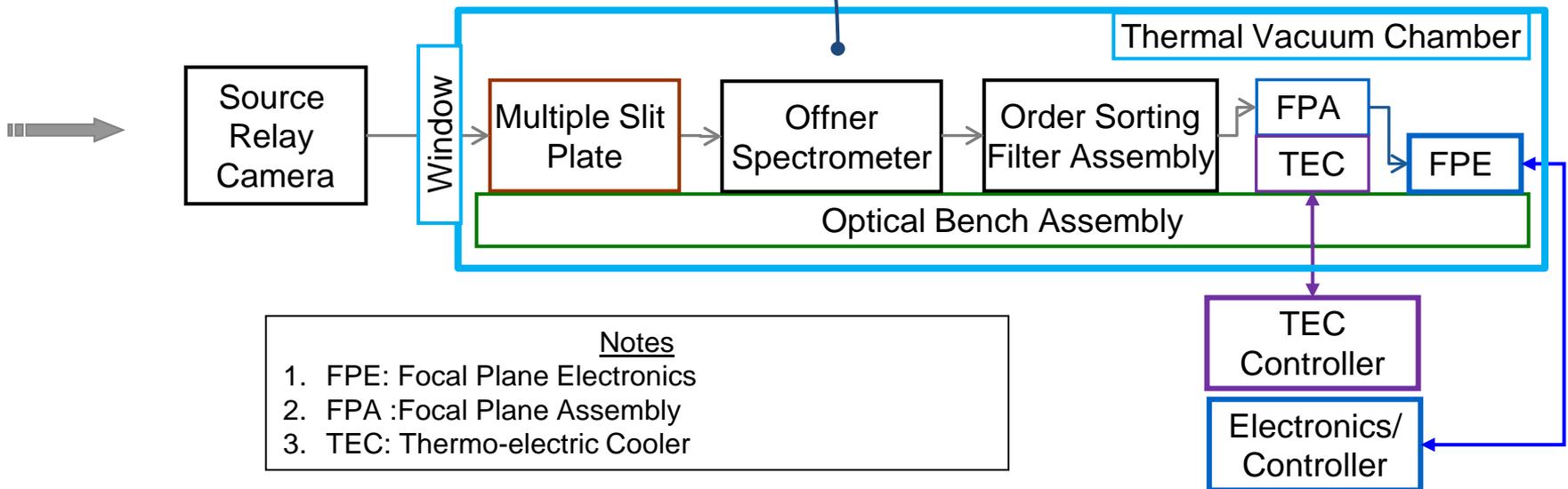




MOS IIP develops the opto-mechanical spectrometer subsystem



- GEO-CAPE Oceans STM guides spectrometer requirements
- Event Imager schematic
- MOS IIP block diagram

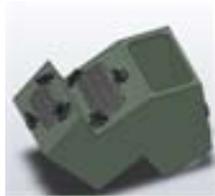




Exit program with ready to fly technology and confidence in ability to deliver science data products

GEO-CAPE Oceans STIM

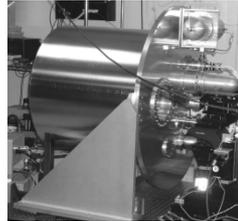
Requirements & Trades



Design, assemble, align



FPA packaging



Test
T-Vac, vibe, T-Vac
NASA Technology Readiness Level 6

OSU team
Use HICO data and MOS performance measurements to simulate on-orbit imagery and assess coastal water data products.

Coastal Water Impact Studies: spectral sampling out-of-band SNR

Mission	
Geostationary Coastal and Air Pollution Events (GEO-CAPE)	
Launch: 2013 - 2016 Mission size: Medium	
Objectives	Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification of human versus natural sources of aerosols and ozone precursors Dynamics of coastal ecosystems, river plumes and tidal fronts Observation of air pollution transport in North, Central and South America 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prediction of track of oil spills, fires and releases from natural disasters Detection and tracking of waterborne hazardous materials Coastal health Forecasts of air quality

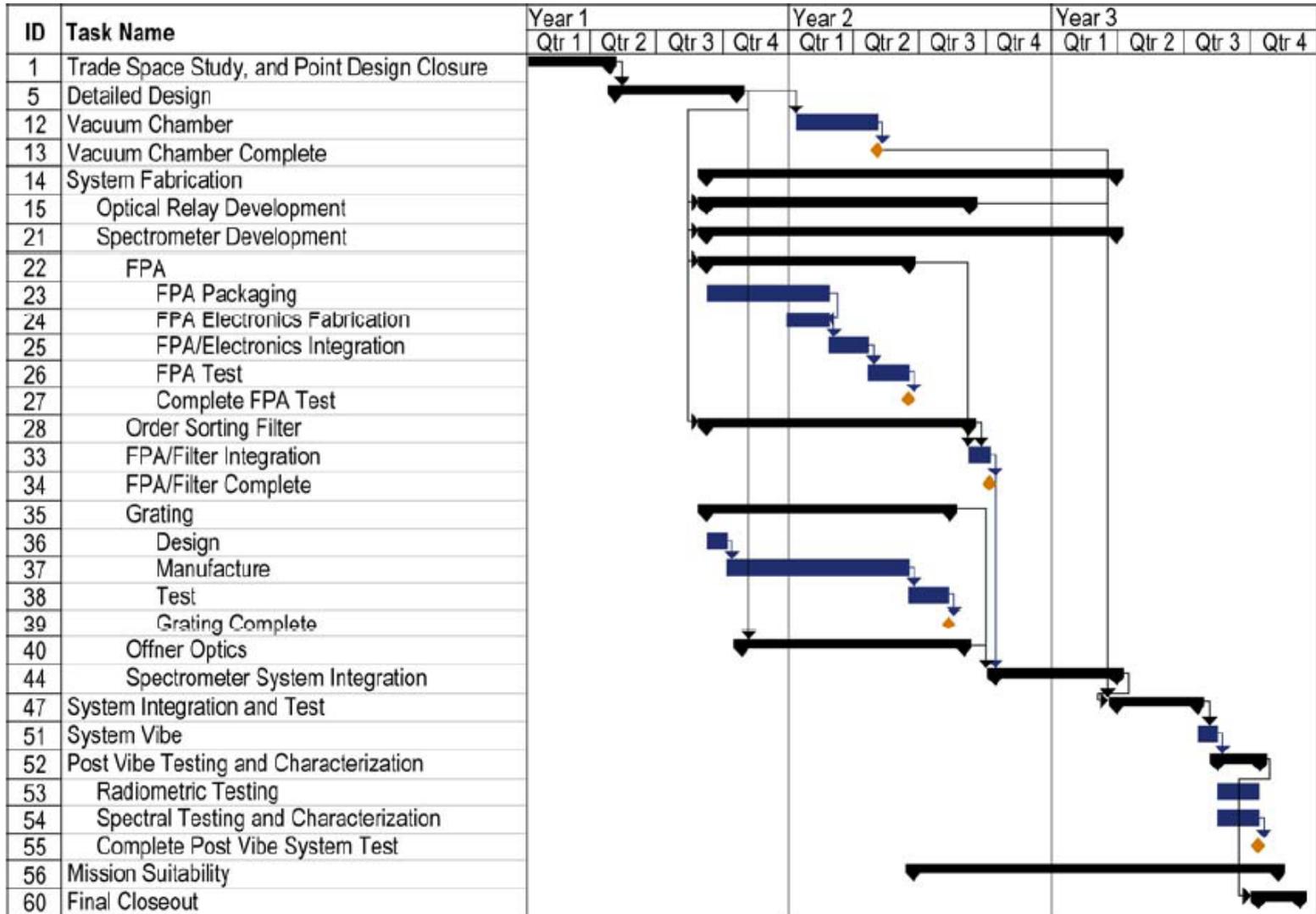
Mission Suitability Validation



3 year program



Top Level Schedule





Project Summary

- **A Multi-Slit Offner Spectrometer can reduce risk for a hyperspectral GEO ocean color payload by imaging multiple ground points at the same time**
 - Smaller aperture, lower mass and/or slower f/# than a conventional spectrometer designed to achieve the same performance
 - Reduced mission risk
- **Technical challenge is out-of-band performance, largely controlled by out of band rejection filter assembly**

Exit program with

- Ready to fly technology (TRL 6) and
- Validated ability to deliver ocean science data products



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