Current Observing Plans

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COORDINATED INVESTIGATIONS OF COMETS (CIOC) COMMITTEE

Why collect observing plans?

To enhance the scientific output from this rare opportunity by:

- Facilitating collaborations,
- Identifying missing opportunities, so that we (the community) can fill in the gaps,
- Identifying new opportunities.

The observing plan calendar will continue be useful after the fact.

Provides NASA with a semi-quantifiable metric for campaign success (X observers using Y telescopes over Z days).

Source: cometcampaign.org

Self-reported observing plans from the comet community.

- cometcampaign.org/observation-plans solicits input from professional astronomers.
- For the amateur observation program, see the talk by Yanamandra-Fisher (4:15 PT).

Self-reported = This presentation is incomplete, but it should give a sense of how the community is observing the comet.

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We still welcome new observing plan submissions,

- Observations that have already occurred are OK!
- Related observations of Mars also OK!
- Notable omissions: Some *Hubble* programs, some VLT programs, TRAPPIST, Subaru, *Herschel,* most Mars spacecraft (see today's talks).
- cometcampaign.org/observation-form
- Easy to use and most details are voluntary.

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CometCampaign.Org Planned/Executed Observations Form

Have plans to observe comet Siding Spring or its effects on Mars? Already have data? Join the Coordinated Investigations of Comets (CIOC) Campaign and submit a form to share your observations with your colleagues.

The form is about three pages long, and requests some basic information about your goals, instrumentation, and timing. Most fields are optional. You may submit multiple forms.

More information and a summary of the campaign is at: cometcampaign.org

Questions or comments should be directed to the CIOC contact form (http://cometcampaign.org/contact) or Mike Kelley (UMD): msk@astro.umd.edu .

* Required

Principal Investigator or Observer *
Your name

Contact information *
E-mail address (only for us to contact you, and will not be shared publicly)

Other observers
Additional team members

Science goals
Dust, gas, ions, nucleus, Mars, etc.

Observation status
Select multiple boxes, if necessary

- [ ] Planned or proposed
- [ ] Awarded or scheduled
- [ ] Completed

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Telescope / Spacecraft / Instrument Information

Telescope / Spacecraft *
Name of the observing platform

Location
Observatory name, MPC code, longitude and latitude, Earth orbit, solar orbit, etc.

Instrumentation
Specific or generic names of your instruments, e.g., CCD, SpeX, UVES.

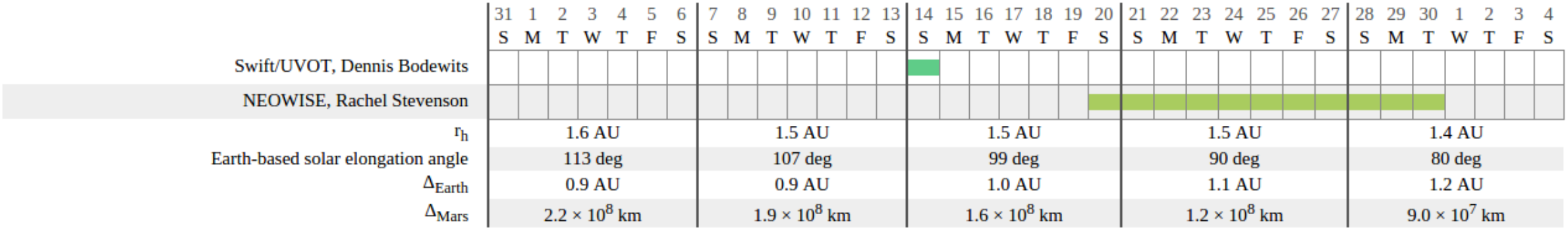
Instrument wavelength
Select the approximate wavelength regimes for all your instruments.

- [ ] X-ray
- [ ] Far UV
- [ ] Near UV
- [ ] Visual / optical
- [ ] Near infrared
- [ ] Mid/far infrared
- [ ] (Sub) Millimeter
- [ ] Radio
- [ ] Other:

Data type
Select the approximate data types for all your instruments.

- [ ] Photometry
- [ ] Imaging
- [ ] Polarimetry
- [ ] Spectroscopy
- [ ] Other:

September 2014



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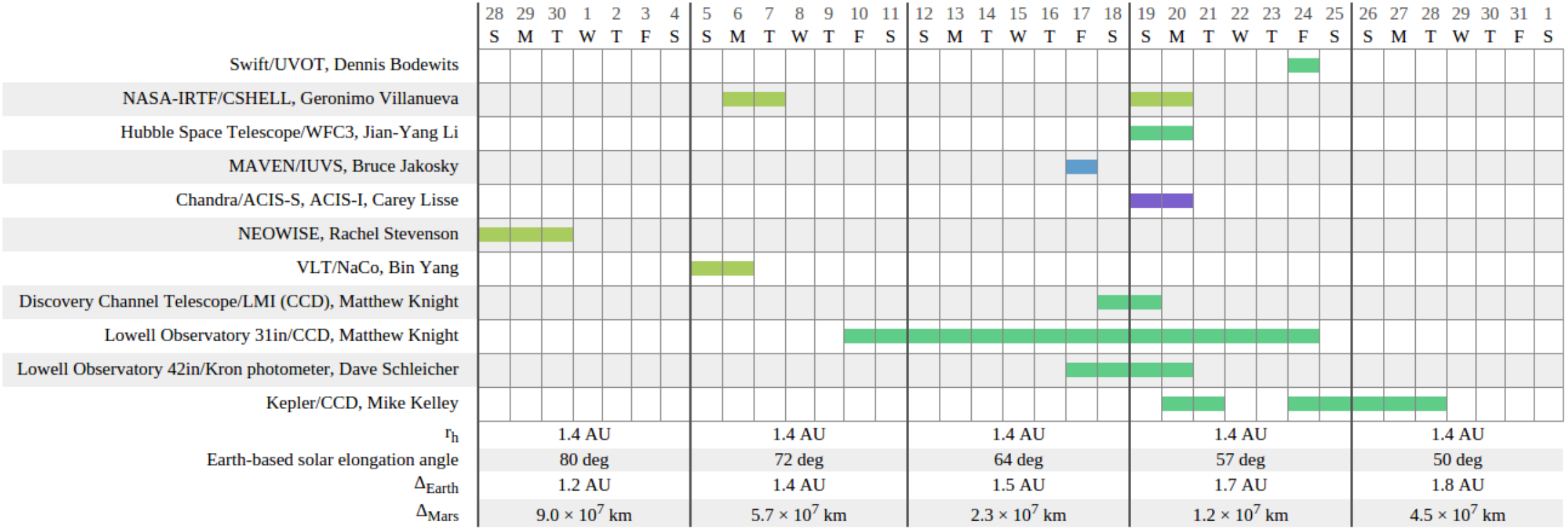

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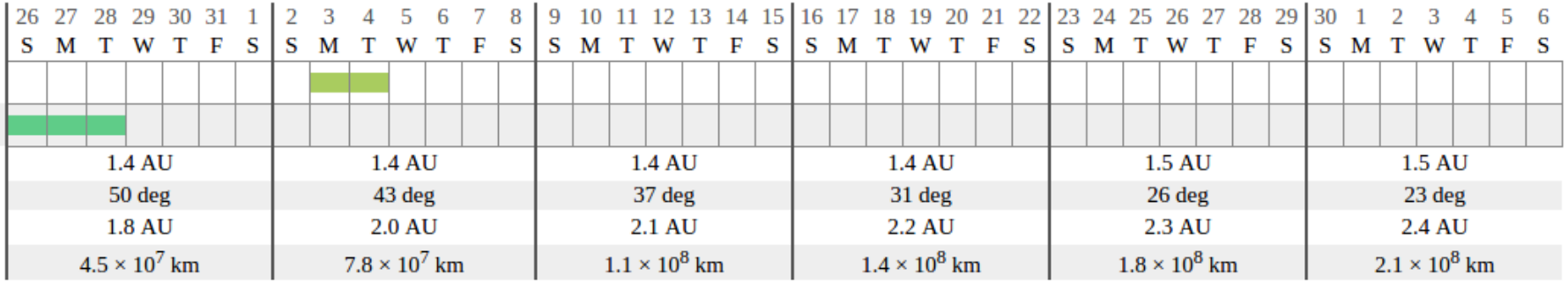
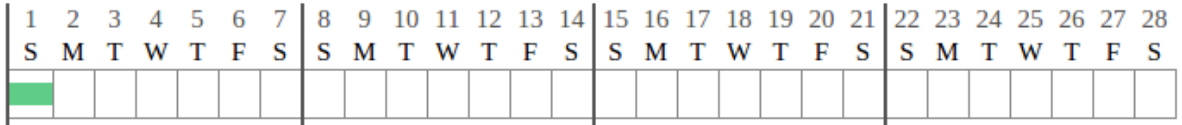


r_h	1.4 AU	1.4 AU	1.4 AU	1.4 AU	1.5 AU	1.5 AU
Earth-based solar elongation angle	50 deg	43 deg	37 deg	31 deg	26 deg	23 deg
Δ_{Earth}	1.8 AU	2.0 AU	2.1 AU	2.2 AU	2.3 AU	2.4 AU
Δ_{Mars}	4.5×10^7 km	7.8×10^7 km	1.1×10^8 km	1.4×10^8 km	1.8×10^8 km	2.1×10^8 km

February 2015



r_h	2.0 AU	2.1 AU	2.1 AU	2.2 AU
Earth-based solar elongation angle	54 deg	61 deg	67 deg	74 deg
Δ_{Earth}	2.4 AU	2.4 AU	2.3 AU	2.3 AU
Δ_{Mars}	4.3×10^8 km	4.5×10^8 km	4.7×10^8 km	4.8×10^8 km

Telescope or Spacecraft	Instrument	Principal Investigator or Observer	Other Observers	Loc.	Dates	Data Type	Wave.	Observation Status	Science Goals	Comments
Spitzer Space Telescope	IRAC	Michael Kelley	J.Bauer, D.Bodewits, T.Farnham, J.-Y.Li, N.Samarasinha, R.Stevenson, P.Tricarico	Earth orbit	2014-03-26	Photometry, Imaging	Near infrared	Completed	Dust, gas	
IRTF	SpeX	Michael Kelley	Chick Woodward, Silvia Protopapa	Mauna Kea	2014-01-24	Spectroscopy	Near infrared	Completed	water ice	
Hubble Space Telescope	WFC3	Jian-Yang Li	Nalin Samarasinha, Mike Kelley, Tony Farnham, Casey Lisse, Mike A'Hearn, Alan Delamere, Max Mutchler	Earth orbit	2013-10-29, 2014-01-21, 2014-03-11	Photometry, Imaging	Visual / optical	Completed	Dust, nucleus	
Swift	UVOT	Dennis Bodewits	Tony Farnham, Mike A'Hearn	Earth orbit	2013-11-02, 2013-12-28, 2014-02-16, 2014-03-16, 2014-05-28, 2014-07-09, 2014-08-15, 2014-09-14, 2014-10-24, 2015-02-01	Photometry, Spectroscopy	Near UV, Visual / optical	Planned or proposed, Awarded or scheduled, Completed	dust, gas, evolution	More info and preliminary results on http://www.astro.umd.edu/~dennis/Observations.html
NASA-IRTF	CSHELL	Geronimo Villanueva	Michael Mumma, Michael DiSanti, Boncho Bonev, Robert Novak, Lucas Paganini, Alain Khayat, Alan Tokunaga, Karen Magee-Sauer, Erika Gibb	Mauna Kea [568]	2014-10-06, 2014-10-07, 2014-10-19, 2014-10-20, 2014-11-03, 2014-11-04	Imaging, Spectroscopy	Near infrared	Awarded or scheduled	Gas	
Hubble Space Telescope	WFC3	Jian-Yang Li	Tony Farnham, Mike Kelley, Nalin Samarasinha, Dennis Bodewits, Mike A'Hearn, Casey Lisse, Alan Delamere, Max Mutchler	Earth orbit	2014-10-19, 2014-10-20	Photometry, Imaging	Visual / optical	Awarded or scheduled	Imaging, dust, gas	
MAVEN	IUVS	Bruce Jakosky	Nick Schneider, Ian Stewart, Matteo Crismani, Mike Combi	Mars Orbit	2014-10-17	Imaging, Spectroscopy	Far UV, Near UV	Awarded or scheduled	Gas, Nucleus, D/H	
Chandra	ACIS-S, ACIS-I	Carey Lisse	Wolk, Christian, Li, Combi, Mutchler	Earth Orbit	2014-10-19 to 2014-10-20	Photometry, Imaging, Spectroscopy	X-ray, Far UV	Awarded or scheduled	X-rays, Solar Wind, Gas	Detailed observations scheduling still TBD; expect 15 hrs (54 ksec of continuous monitoring).
NEOWISE		Rachel Stevenson	James Bauer	Earth Orbit [C51]	2014-07-25 to 2014-07-31, 2014-09-20 to 2014-09-30	Imaging	Near infrared	Awarded or scheduled		
VLT	NaCo	Bin Yang	Silvia Protopapa, Michael Kelley, Nuno Peixinho	Paranal Observatory	2014-10-05, 2014-10-06	Spectroscopy	Near infrared	Awarded or scheduled	dust, ice, organics	
Discovery Channel Telescope	LMI (CCD)	Matthew Knight	Dave Schleicher	G37	2014-10-18 to 2014-10-19	Imaging	Visual / optical	Awarded or scheduled	Coma morphology	1 hr per night
Lowell Observatory 31in	CCD	Matthew Knight	Dave Schleicher	688	2014-10-10 to 2014-10-24	Imaging	Visual / optical	Awarded or scheduled	Imaging	1 hr per night
Lowell Observatory 42in	Kron photometer	Dave Schleicher		688	2014-10-17 to 2014-10-20	Photometry	Visual / optical	Awarded or scheduled	Production rates	
			Mike A'Hearn, Tony Farnham, Daniel							