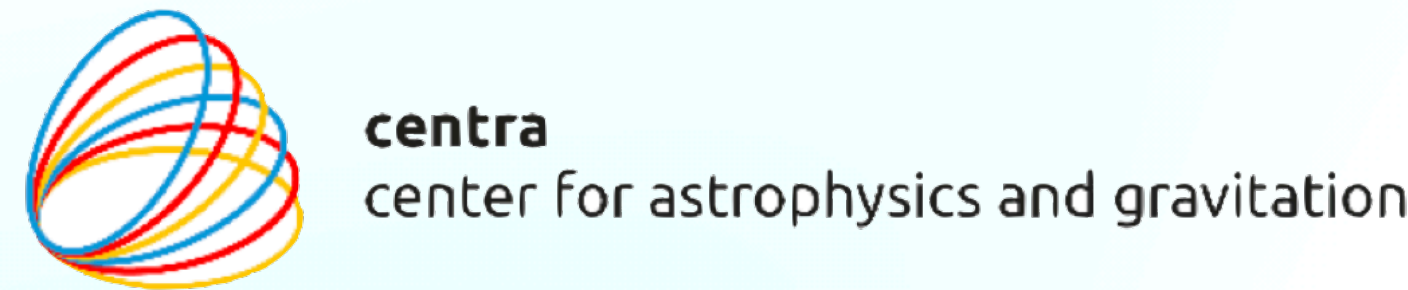


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# METIS

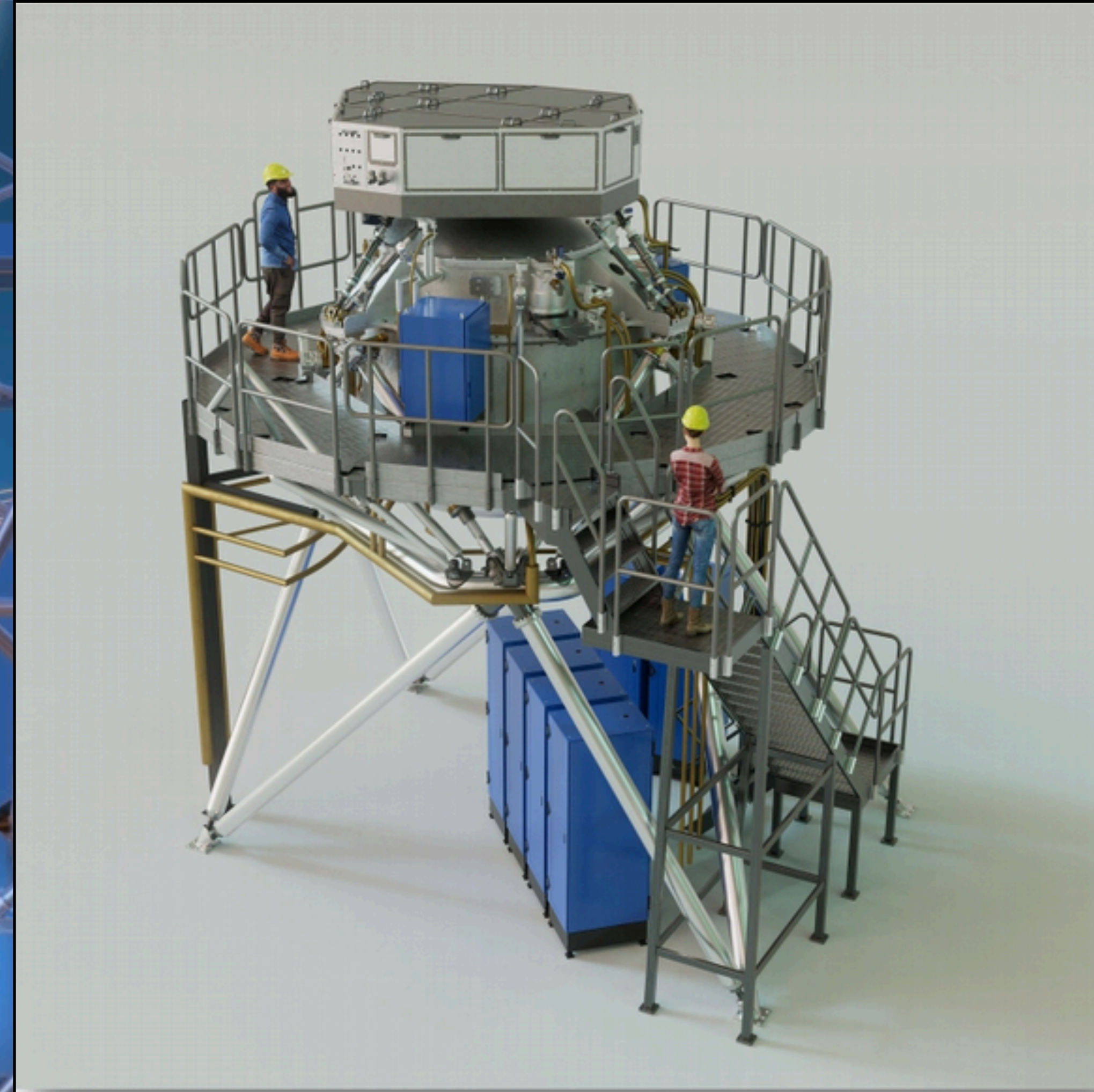
# The ELT METIS instrument

Gilles Orban de Xivry & METIS consortium  
University of Liège, Belgium

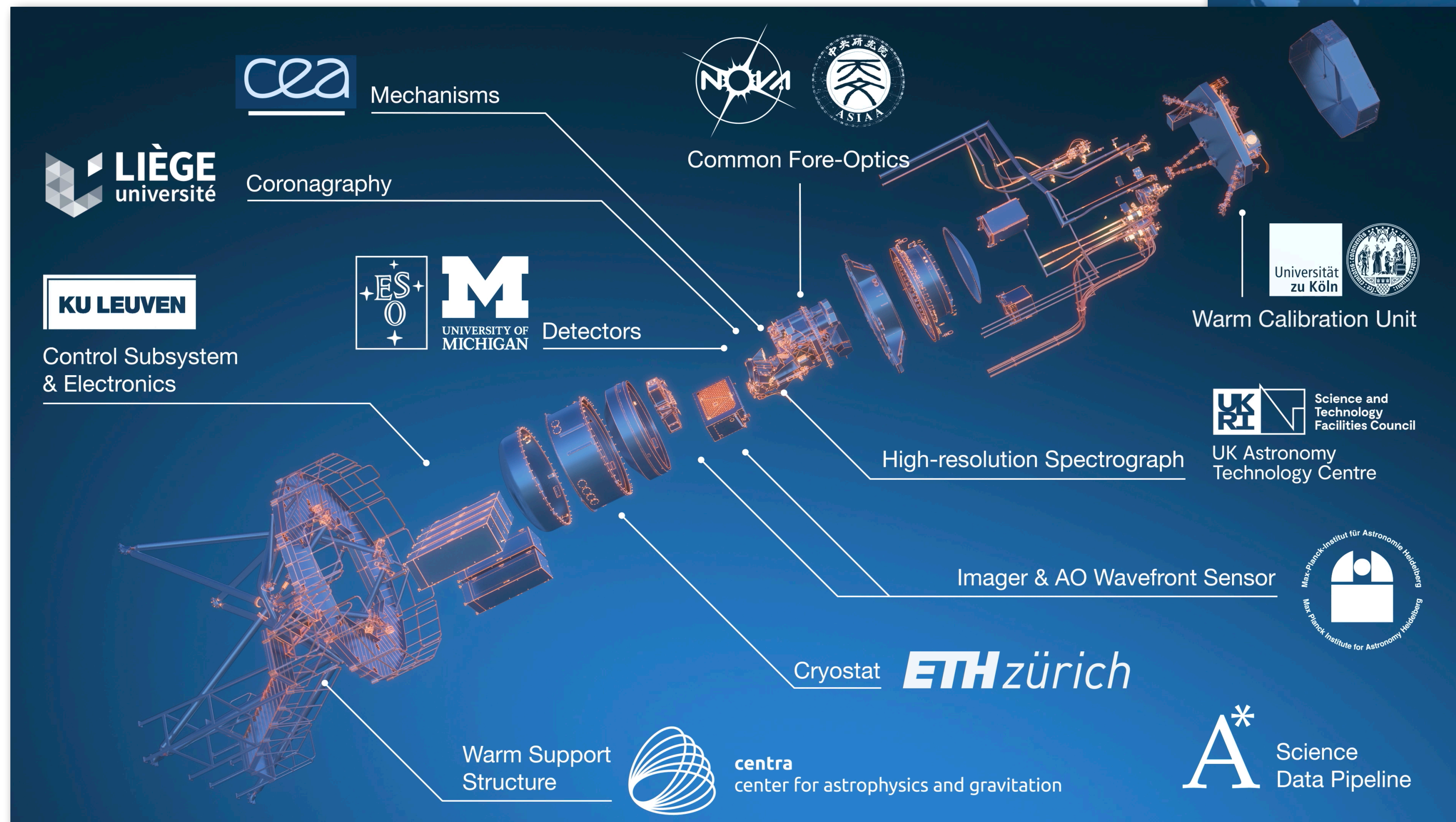


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# Mid-infrared ELT imager and spectrograph



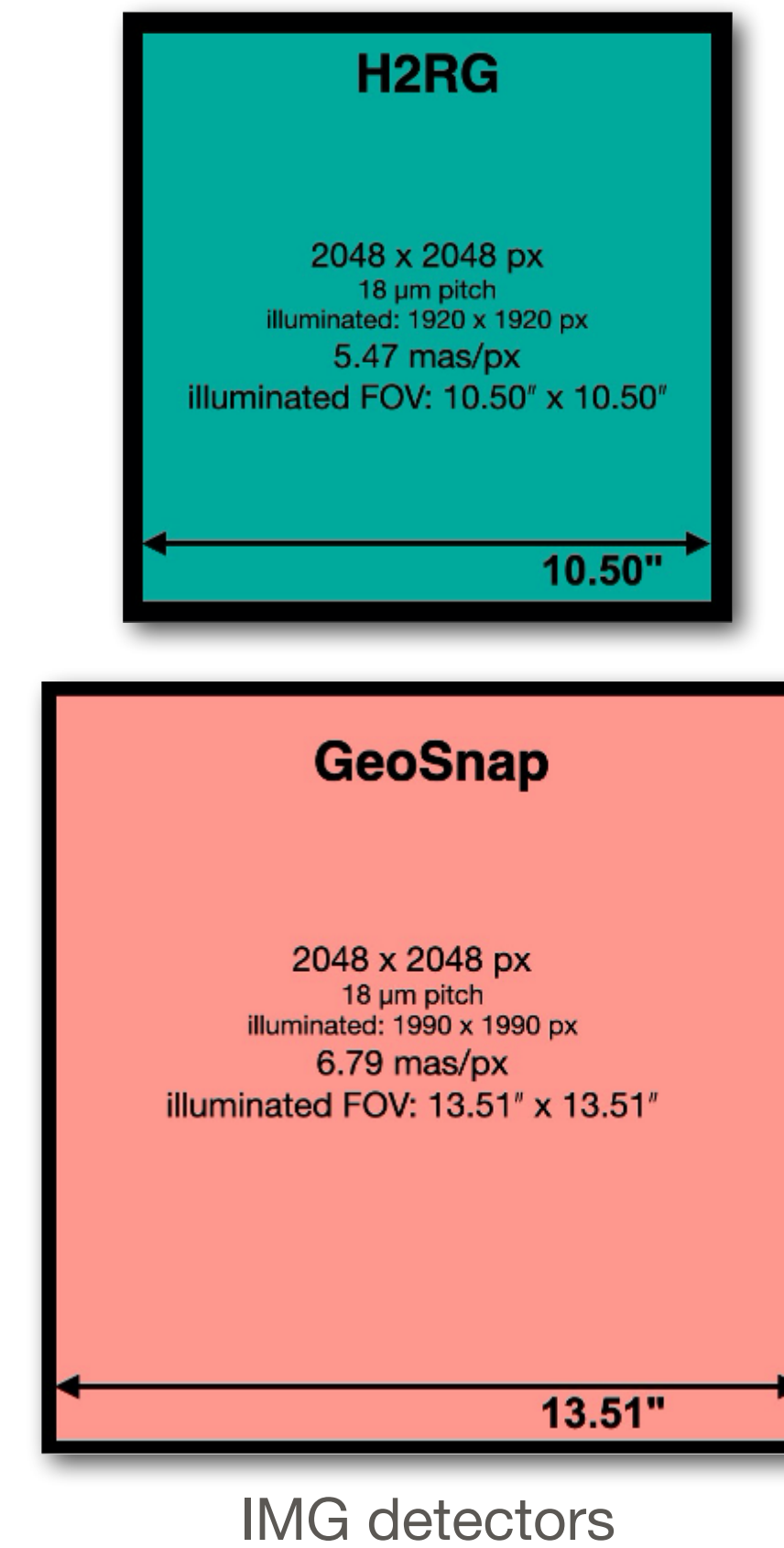
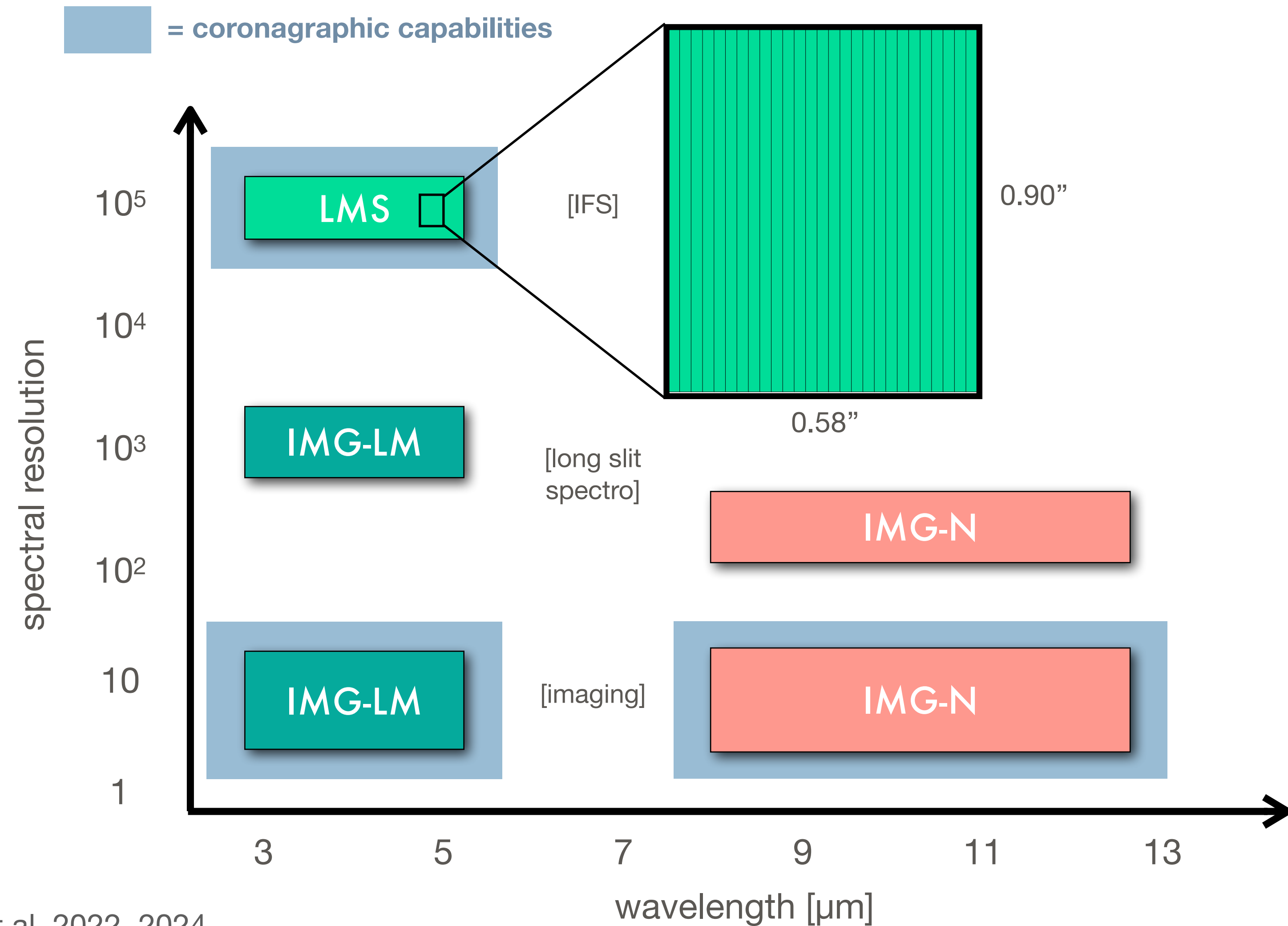
# A consortium of 12 institutes



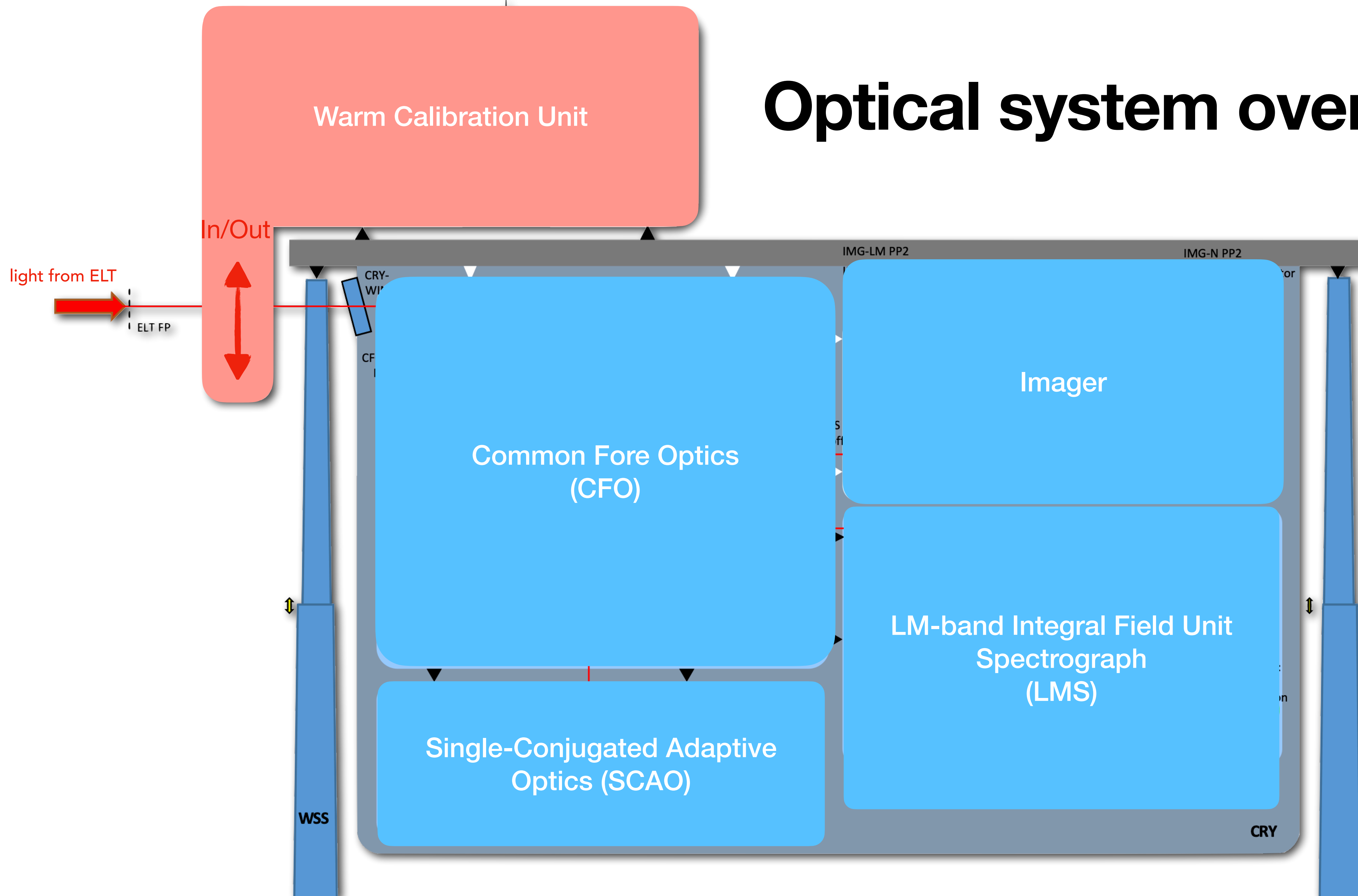
**Altogether approximately:**  
**~25 M€**  
**~700 FTEs in labor**

# METIS instrument baseline

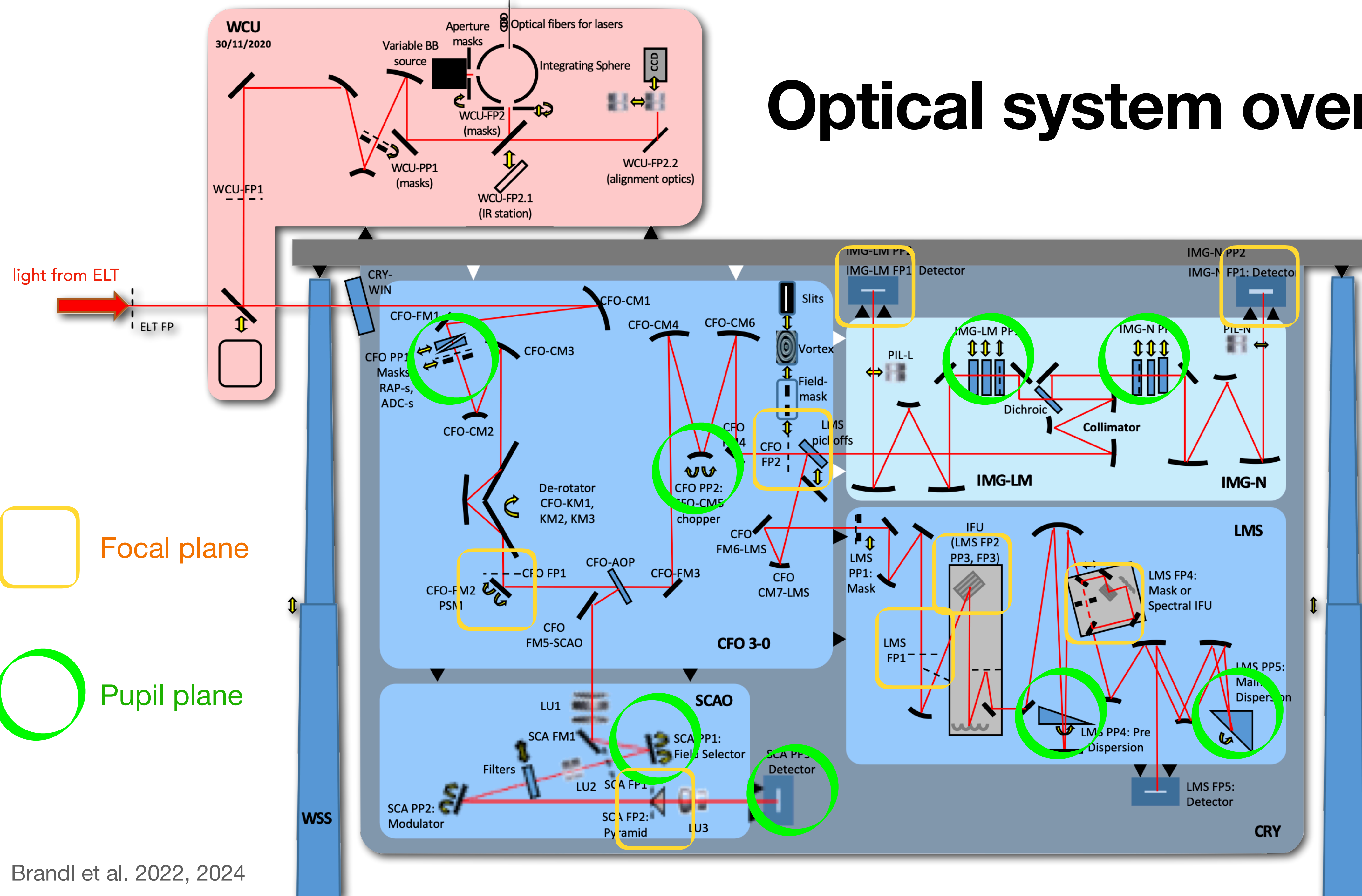
ALL MODES WORKING  
AT ELT'S DIFFRACTION  
LIMIT USING SCAO



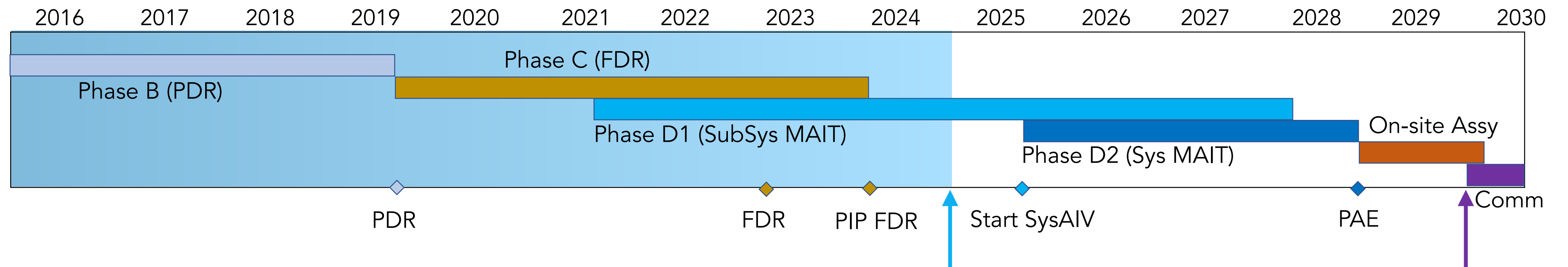
# Optical system overview



# Optical system overview



# METIS timeline

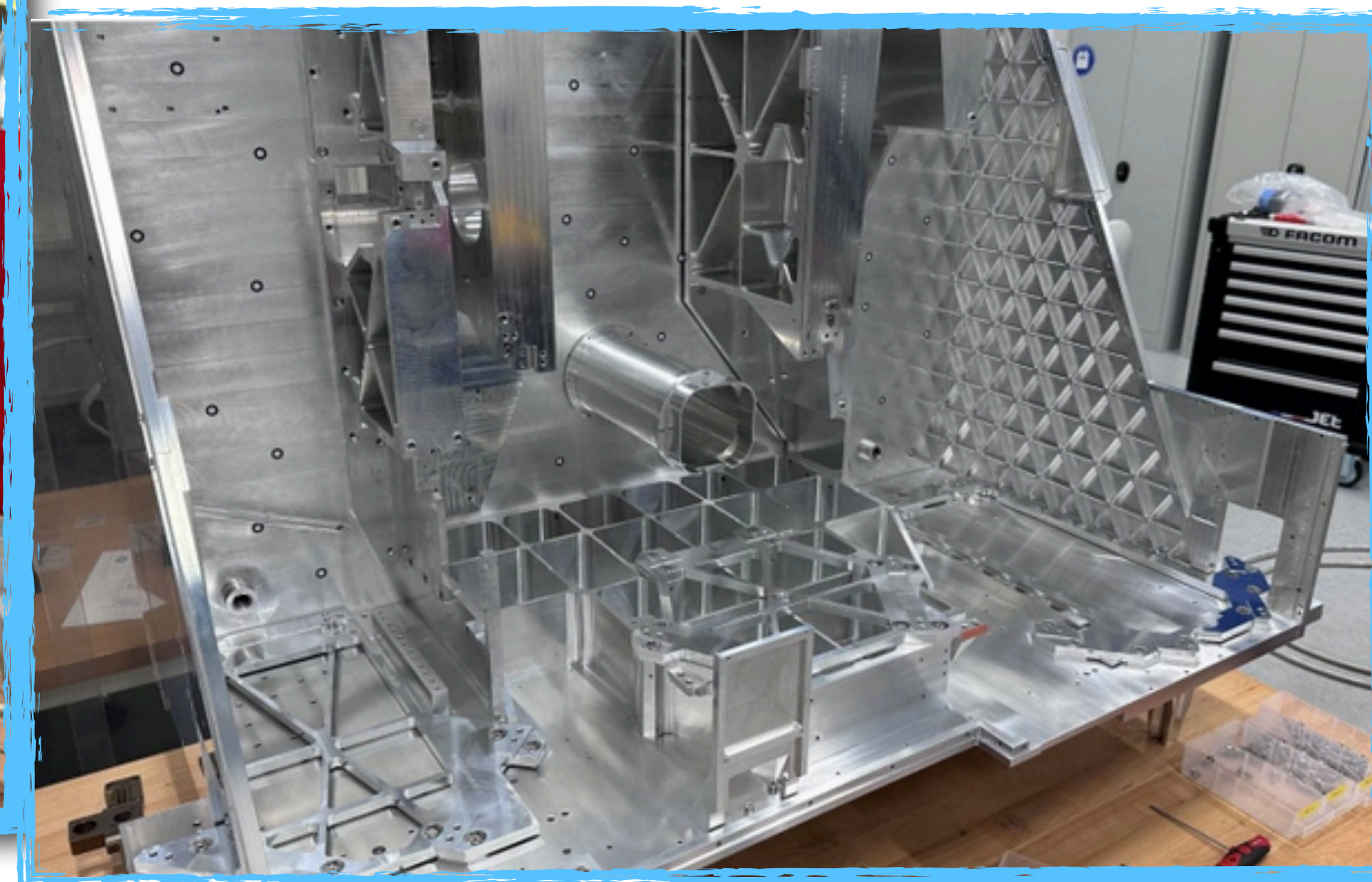


now: working on subsystems MAIT

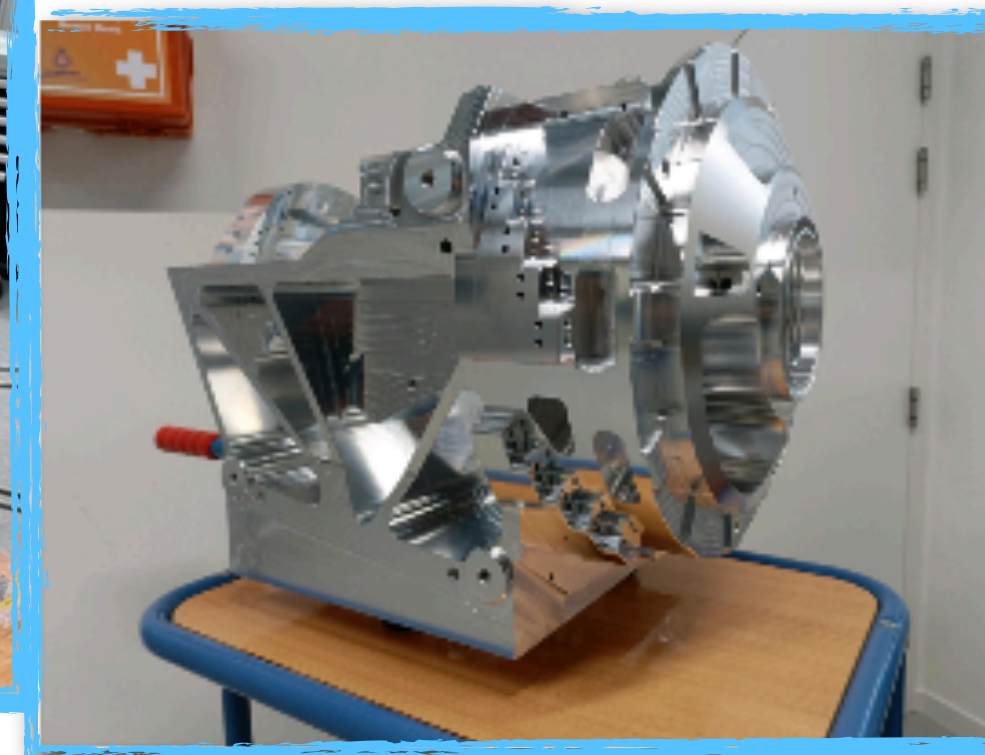
first light mid-2029



Cryostat @ Zürich



Imager backbone @ Heidelberg



Derotator @ Dwingeloo

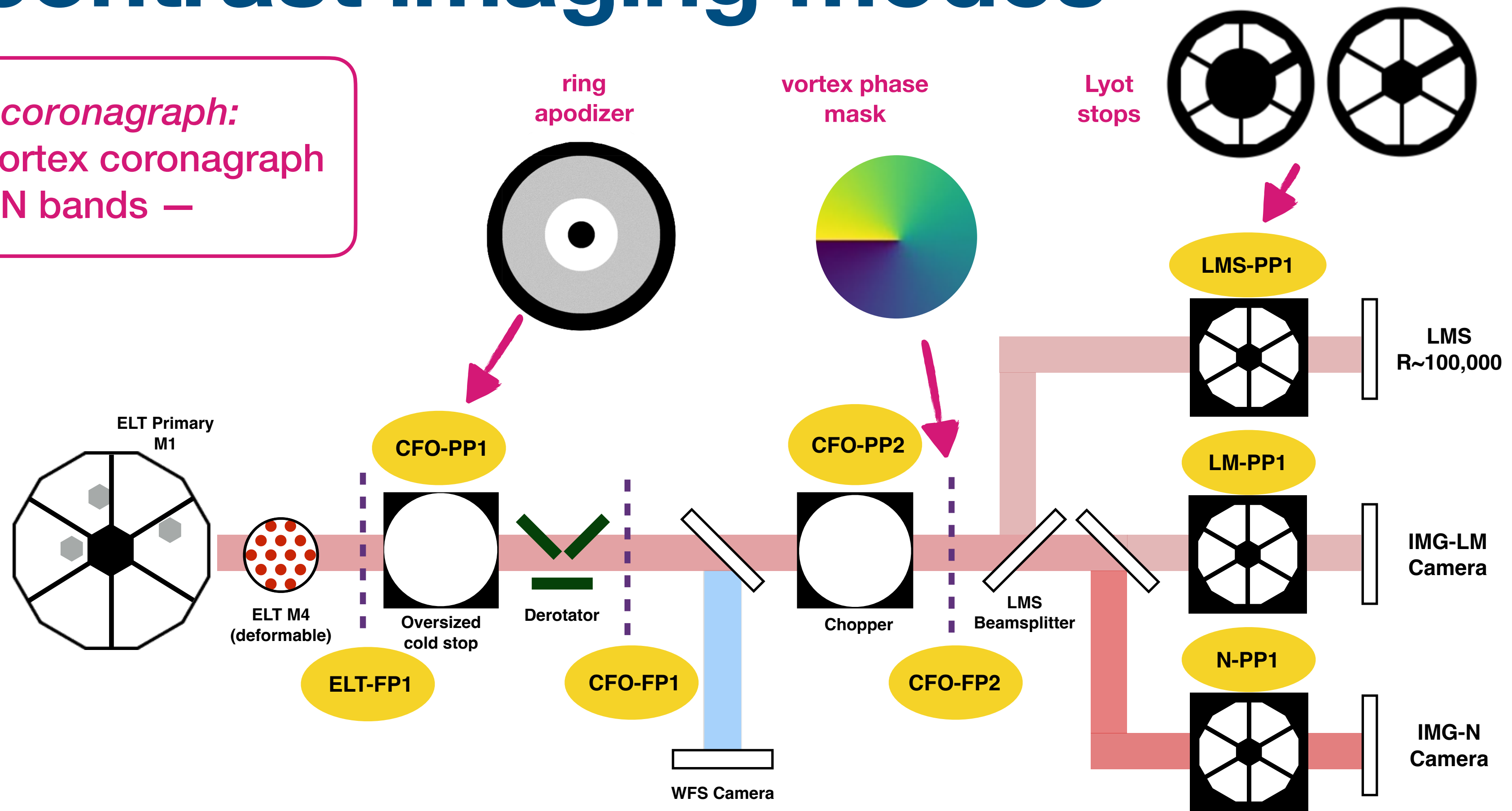


Integration hall getting ready @ Leiden

# High-contrast imaging modes

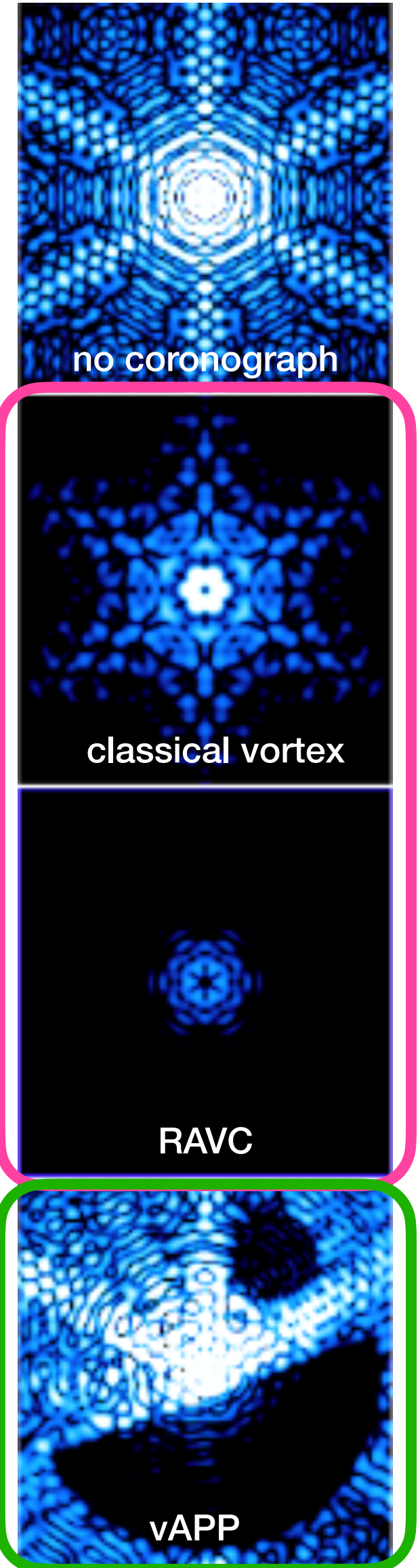
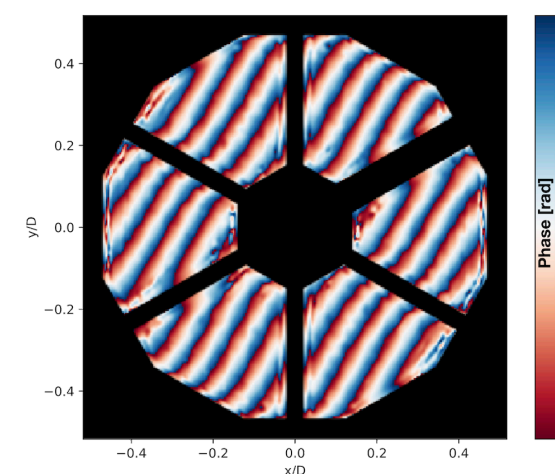
*Focal plane coronagraph:*  
 (ring-apodized) vortex coronagraph  
 — L, M & N bands —

FP: focal plane  
 PP: pupil plane



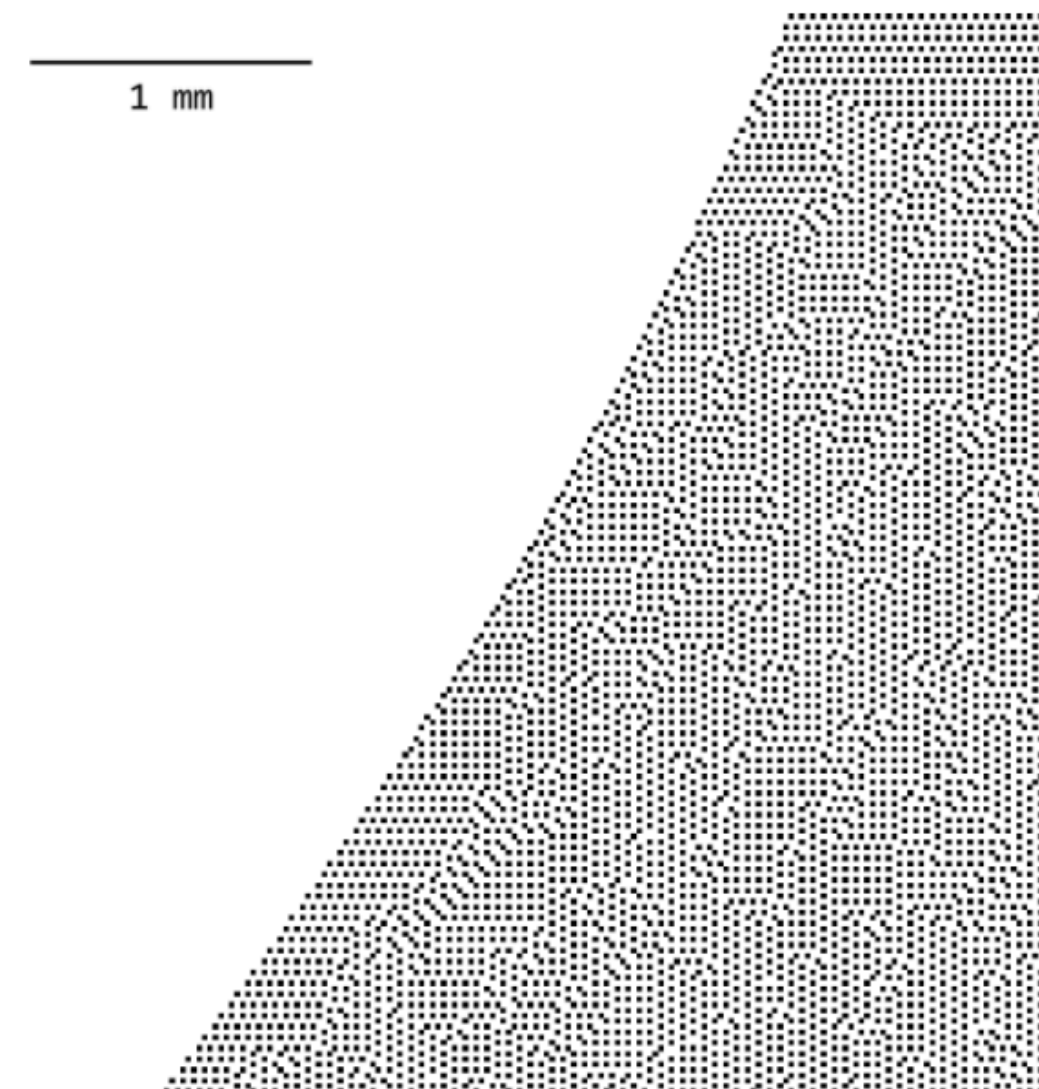
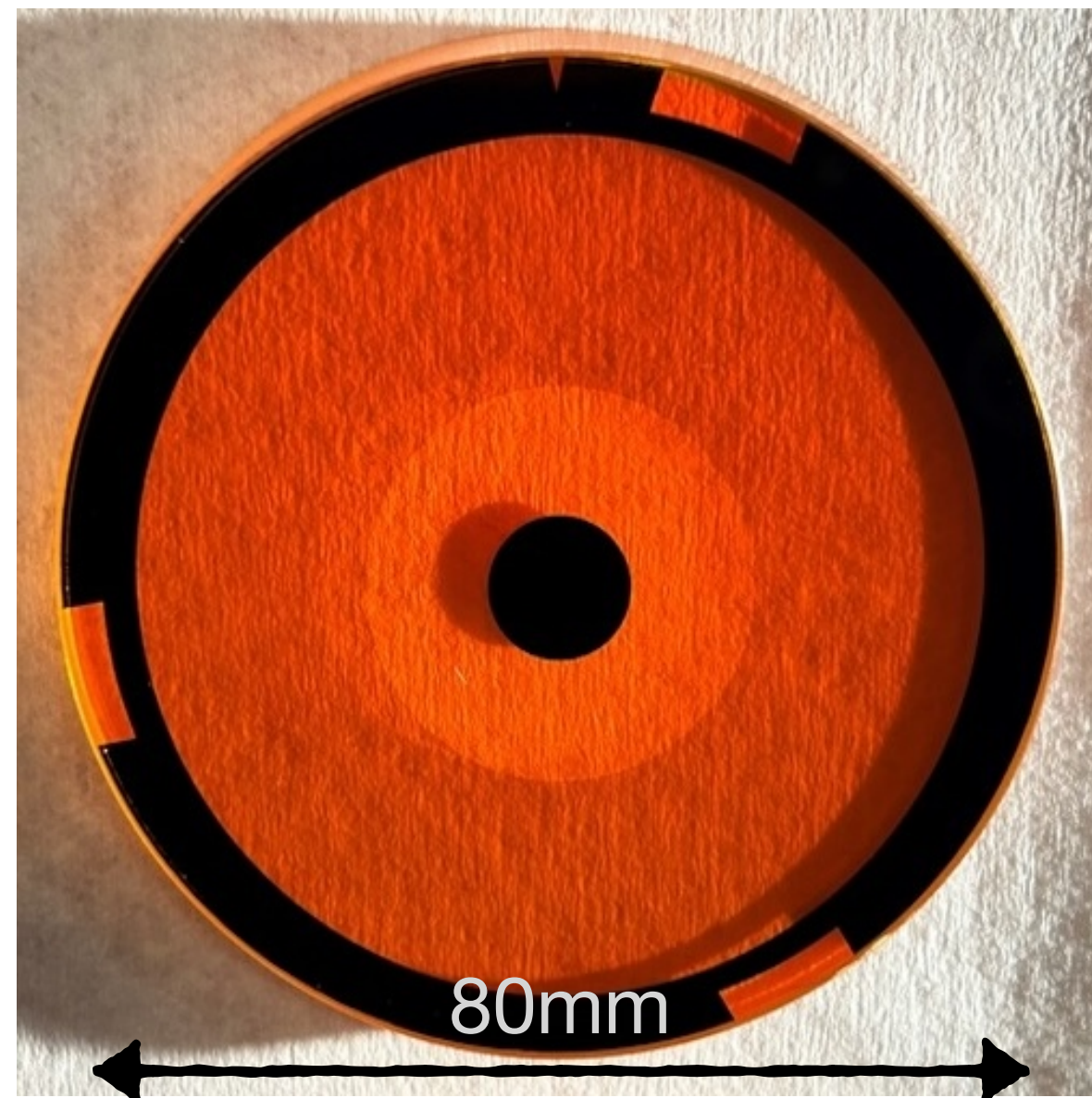
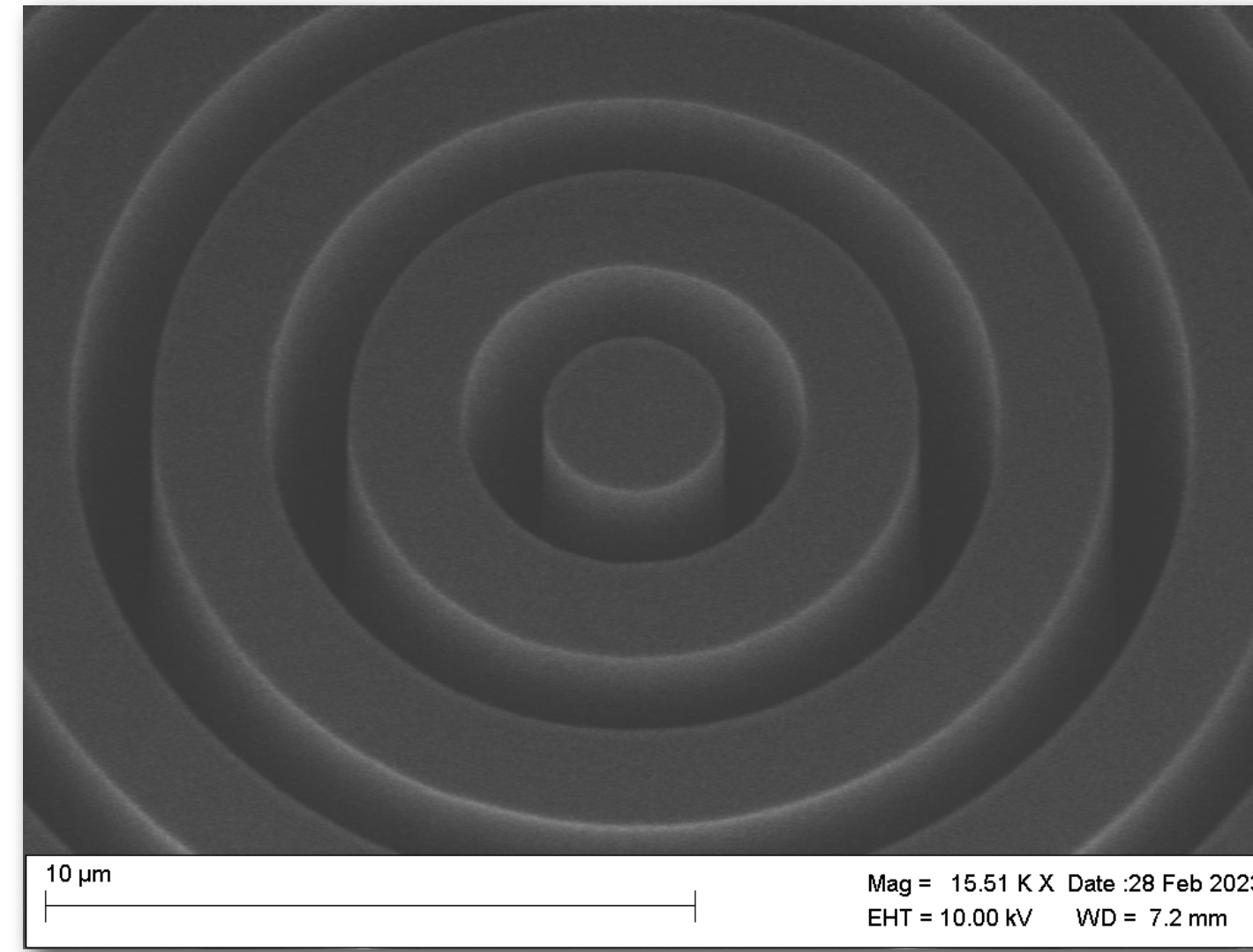
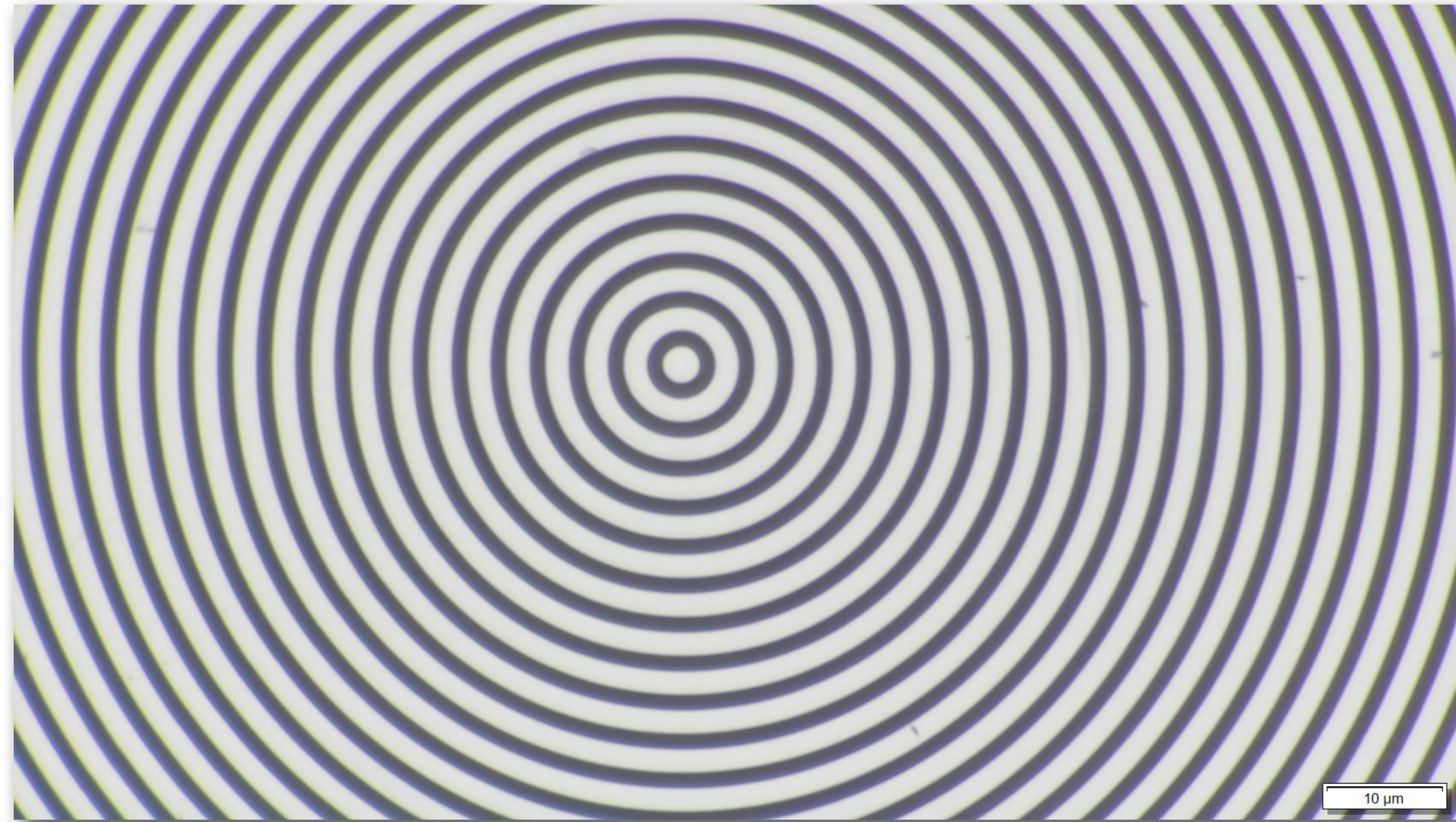
*Pupil plane coronagraph:*  
 apodizing phase plate  
 — L & M bands —

vector  
 APP





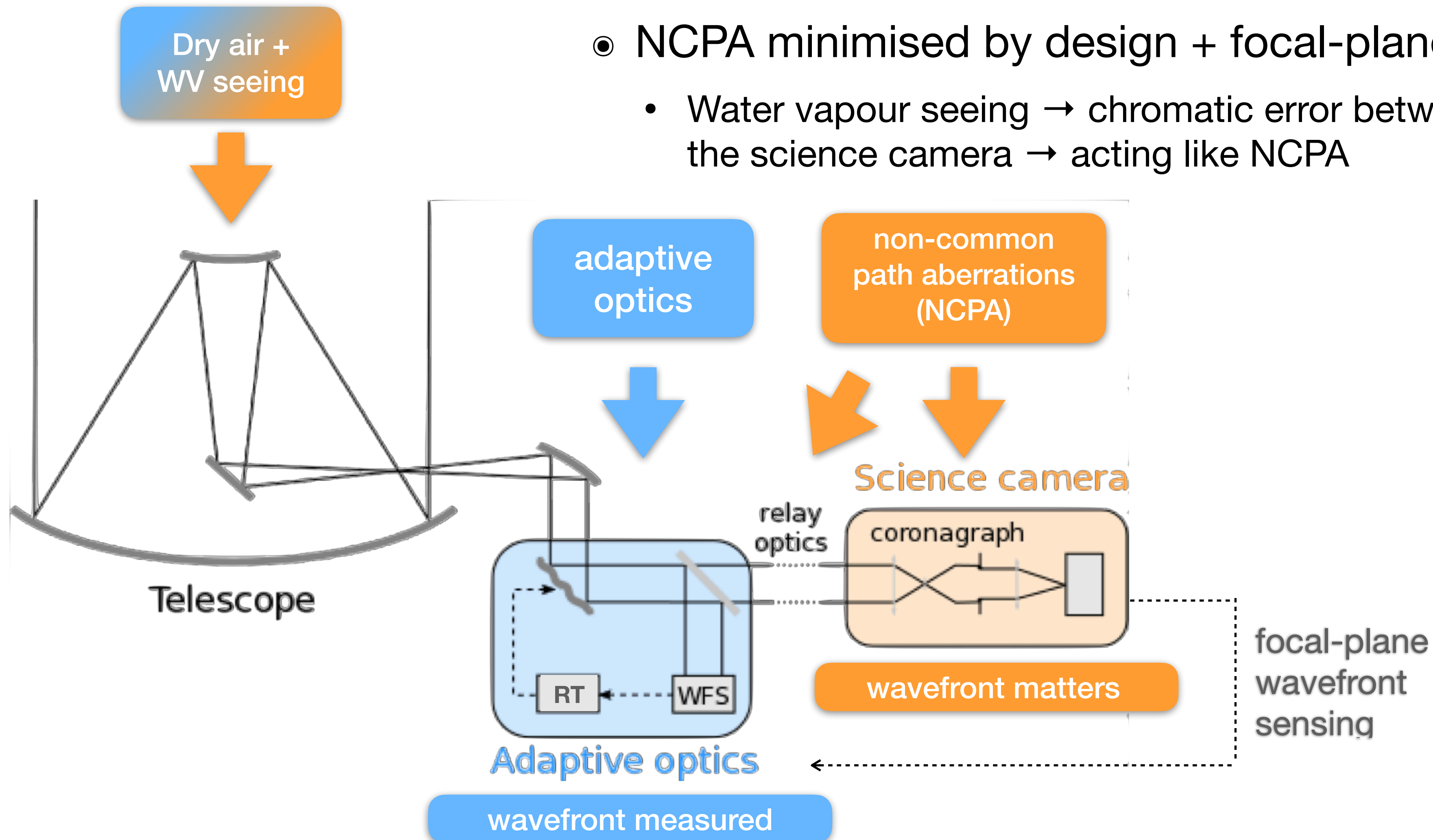
# On-going procurements



- **Vortex phase masks: Uppsala Univ.** (Forsberg et al. 2024, Delacroix et al. 2024)
  - reactive ion etching on synthetic diamond
- **Ring apodizer: Opto-Line** (König et al., 2024)
  - microdot chrome deposition on SiO-coated ZnSe substrate (on-going)
- **Grating-vector APP: ColorLink Japan**

# Wavefront control strategy

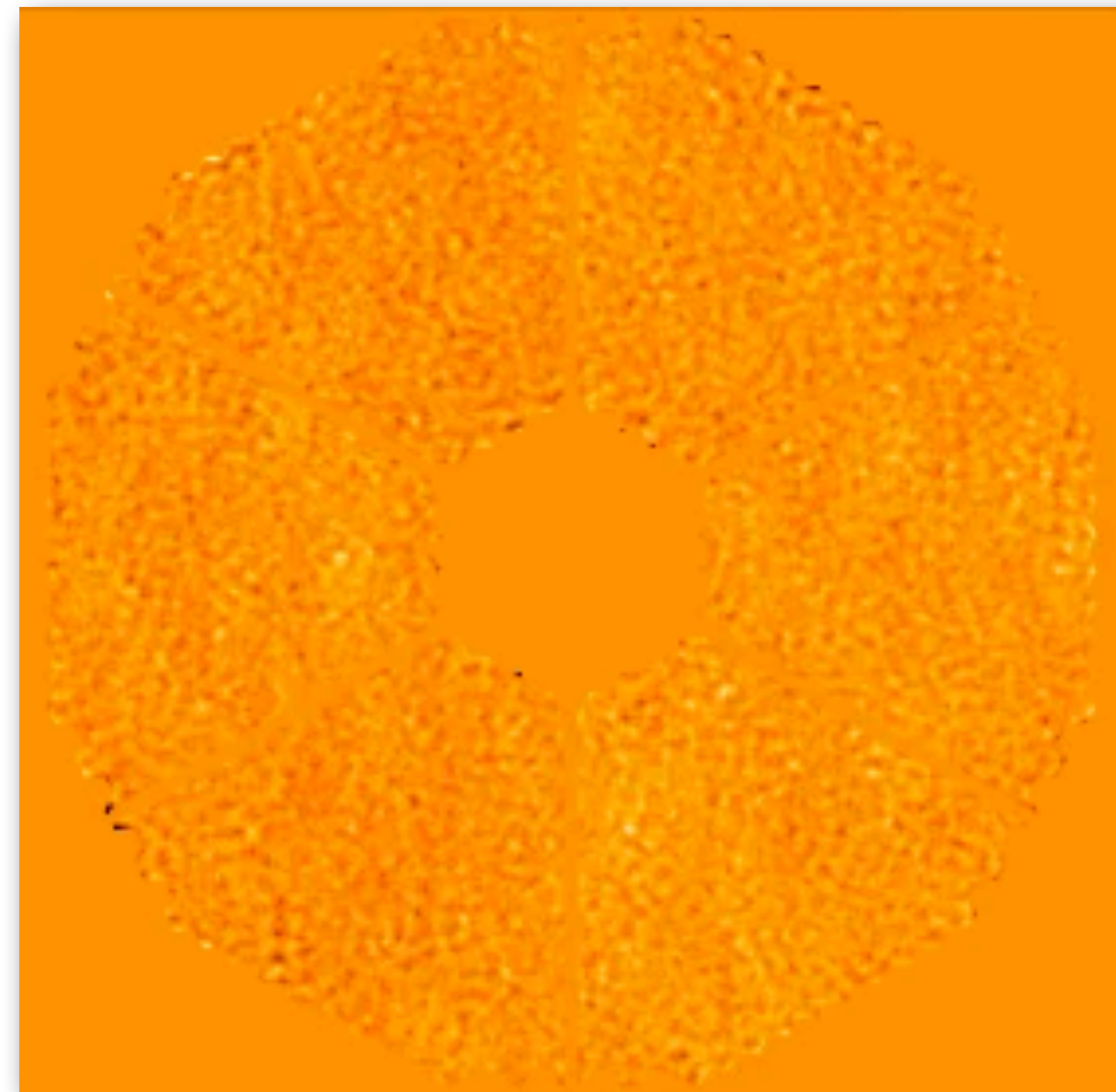
- SCAO provides  $> 90\%$  Strehl at LMN bands
- NCPA minimised by design + focal-plane WFS
  - Water vapour seeing  $\rightarrow$  chromatic error between the AO and the science camera  $\rightarrow$  acting like NCPA



# Adding WV seeing to AO residuals

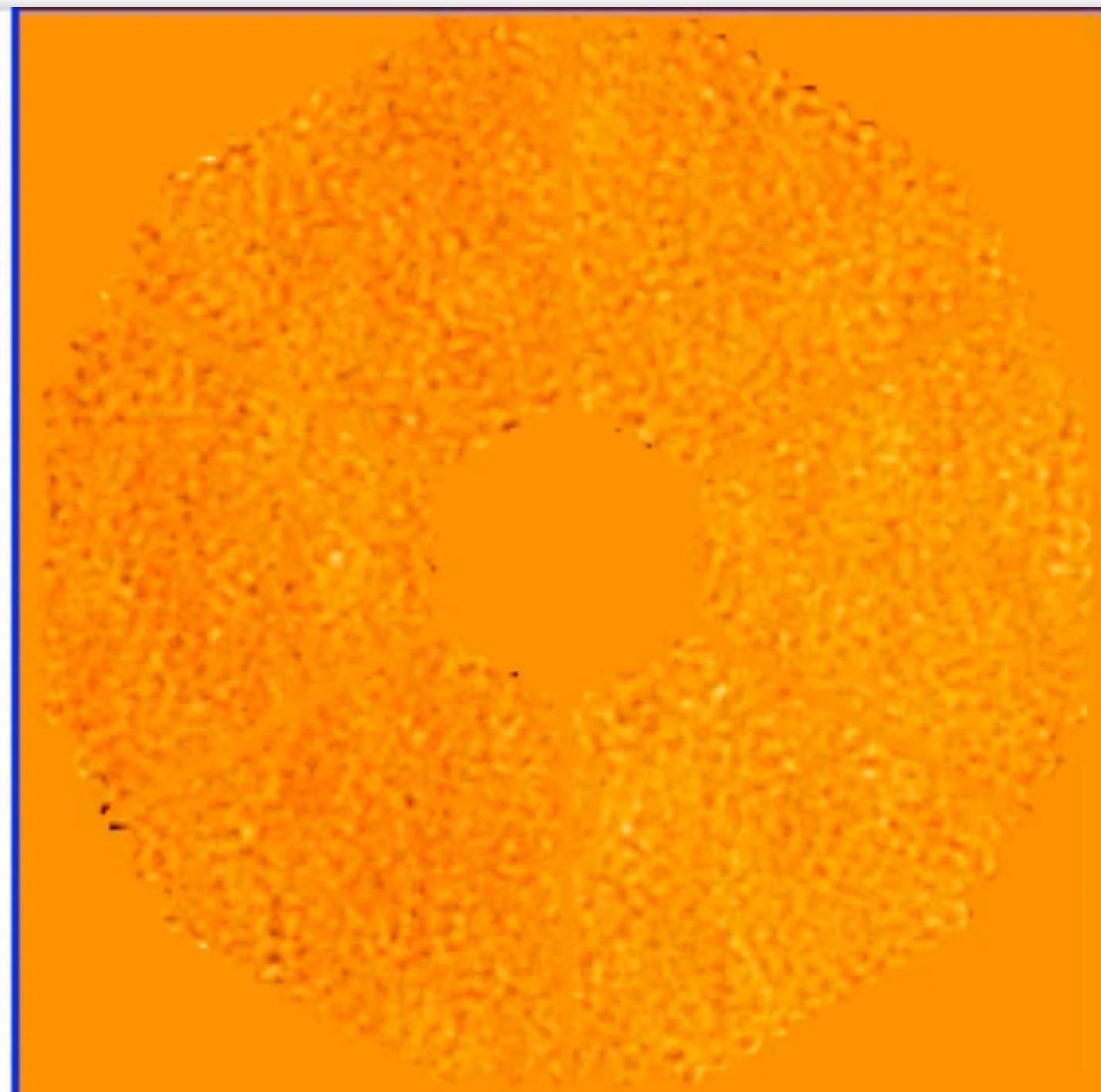
METIS adaptive optics simulations

AO only



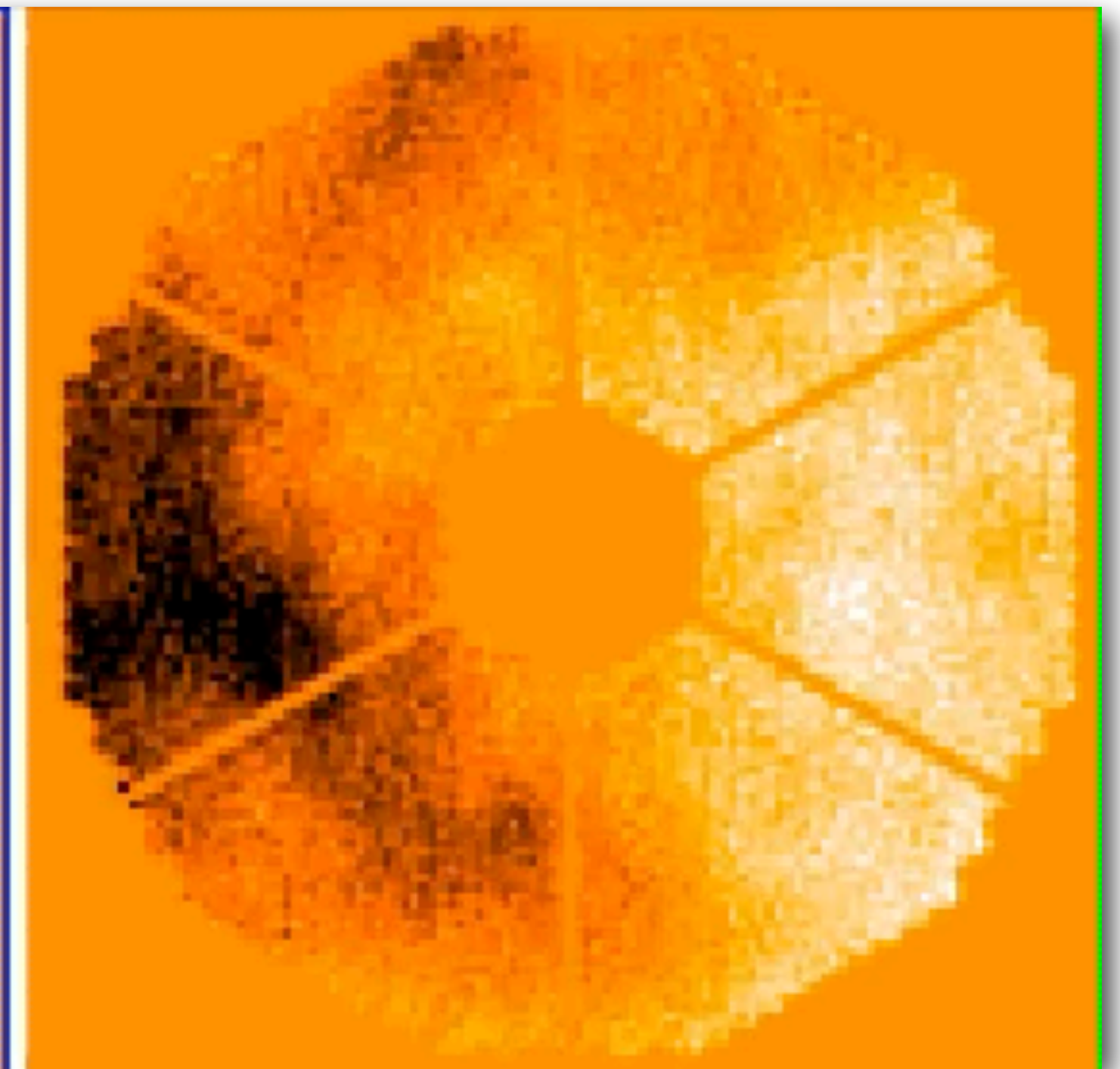
~140 nm RMS WFE

AO + WV (L band)



~25 nm RMS additional WFE

AO + WV (N band)



~300 nm RMS additional WFE

Strongly dominated by low spatial frequencies (Kolmogorov - von Karman)

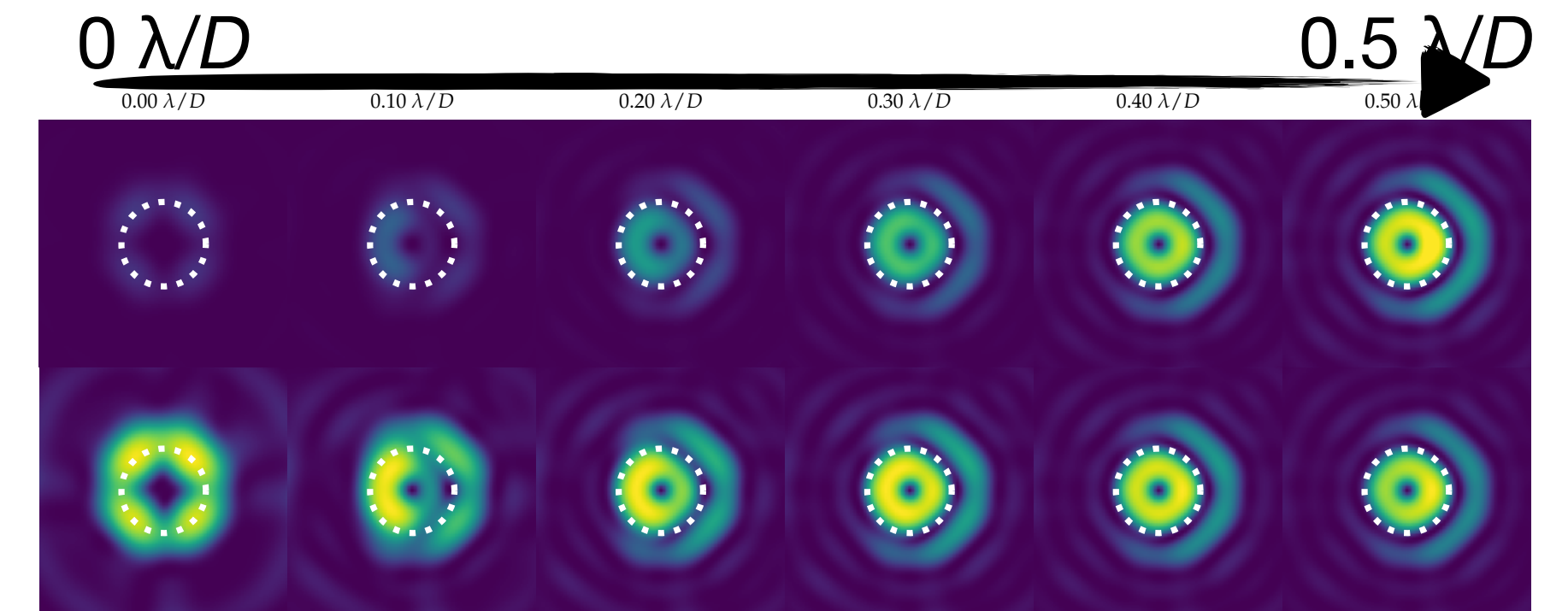
# Focal plane wavefront sensing (FPWFS)

- Pointing control for the vortex coronagraph

- $\sim 0.01 \lambda/D$  at 1Hz

- Higher order modes

- Asymmetric Lyot + supervised deep learning for reconstruction
- 10Hz, 20 Zernike modes

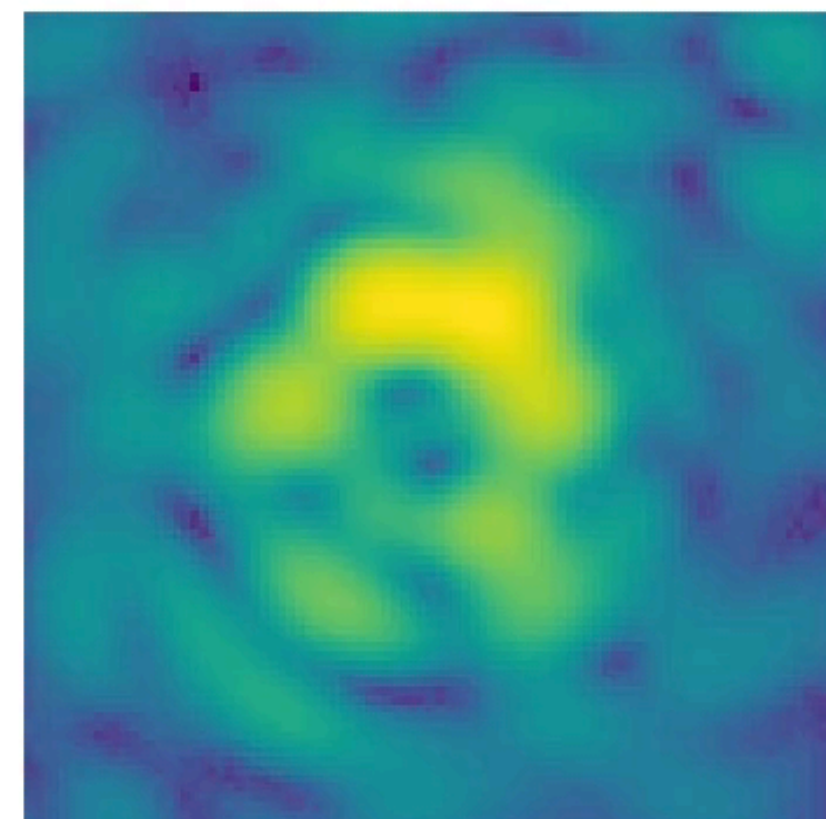


VLT/ERIS simulations

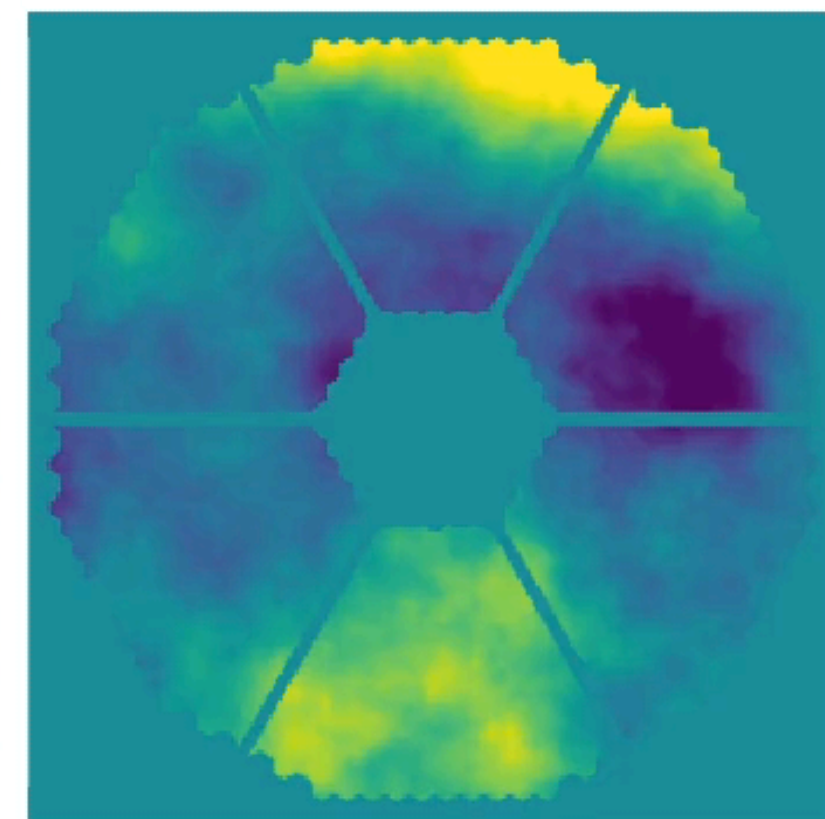
Asymmetric Lyot stop



Science image



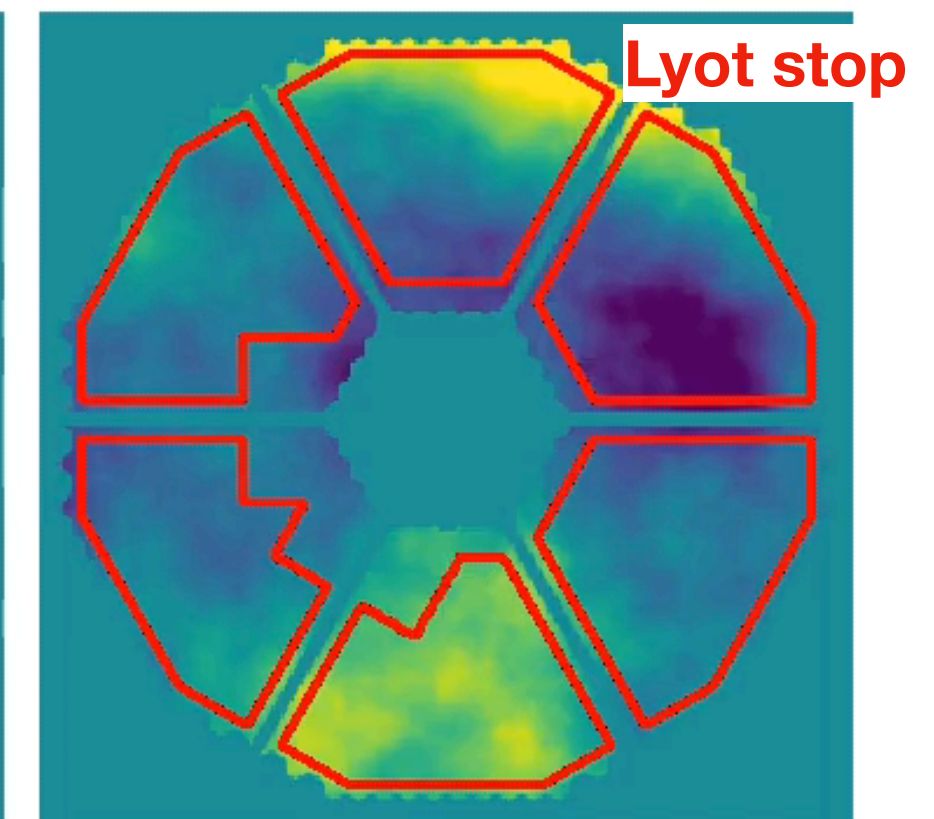
Input aberrations



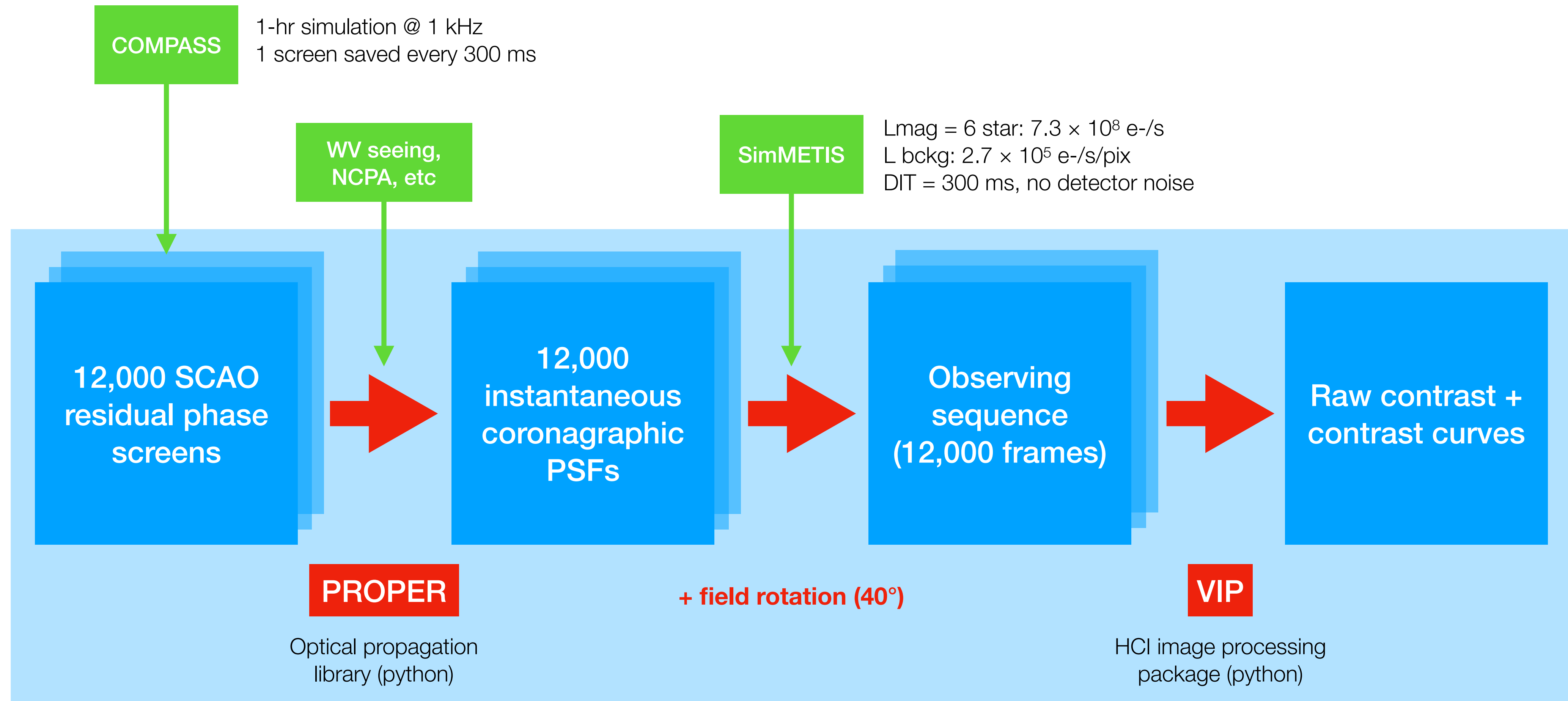
Applied correction



Residual



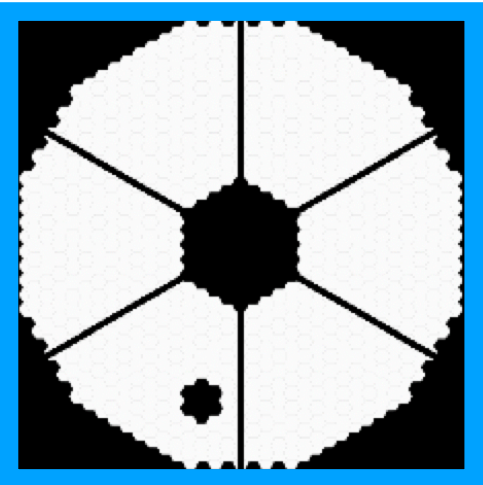
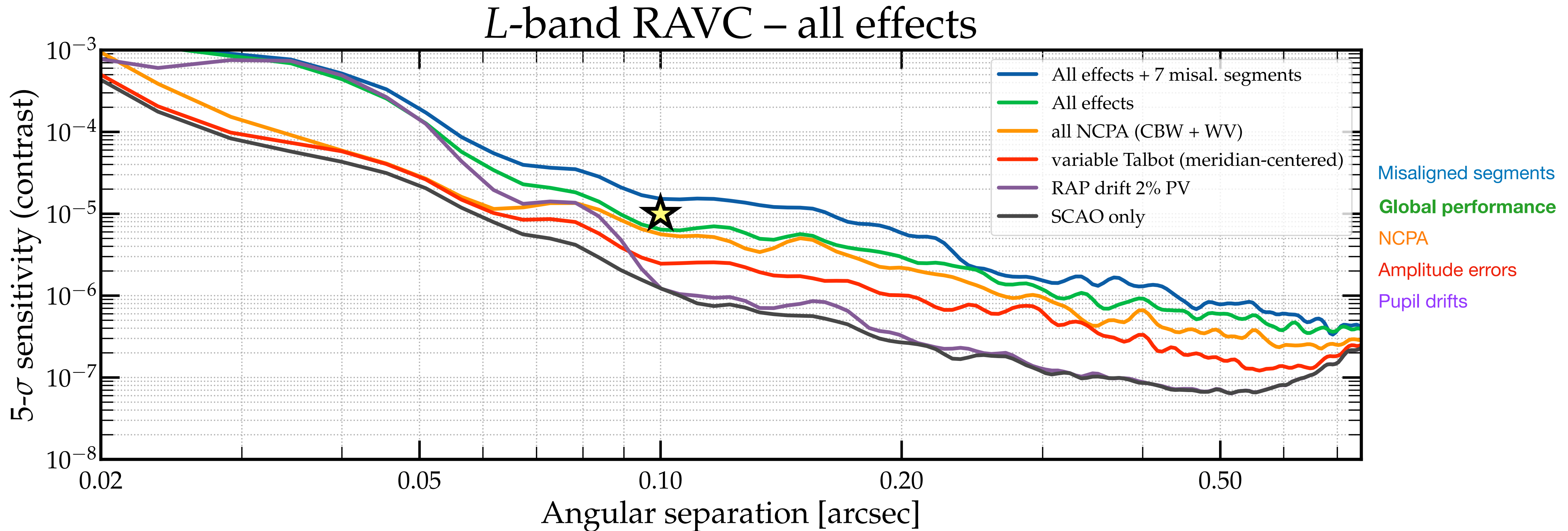
# End-to-end HCI simulations



## HEEPS

(<https://github.com/vortex-exoplanet/HEEPS>)

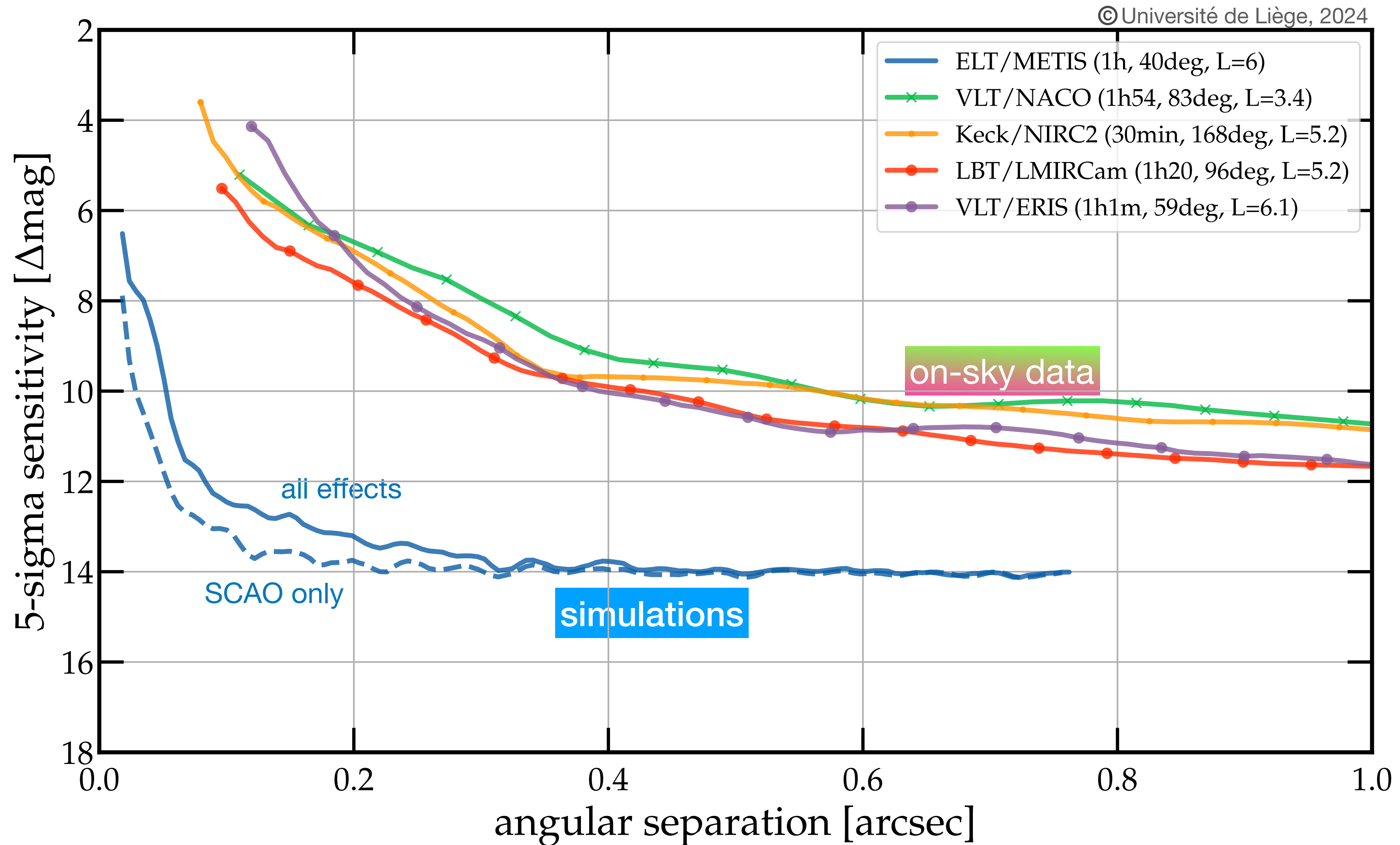
# Expected L-band performance



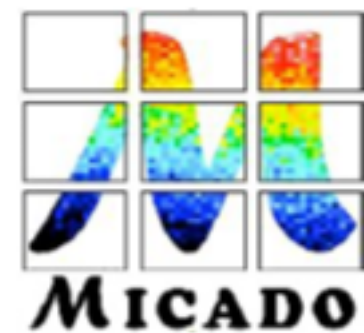
**METIS SHOULD REACH  $< 10^{-5}$  AT  $0.1''$**

# METIS vs 10-m class telescopes

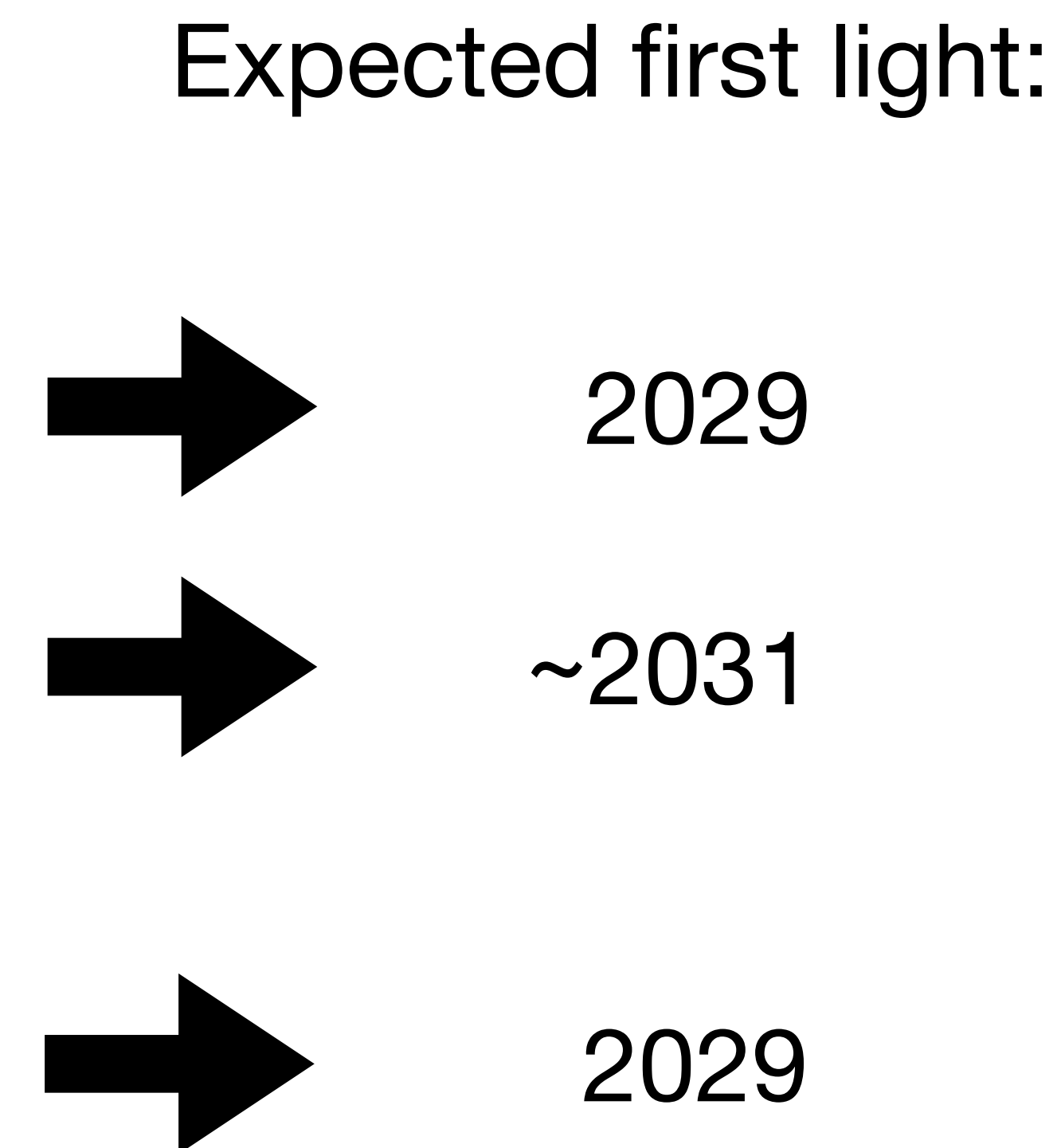
## 5-sigma sensitivity in L-band



# METIS in the ELT context



Instrument	Main specifications		
	Field of view/slit length/ pixel scale	Spectral resolution	Wavelength coverage ( $\mu\text{m}$ )
MICADO	Imager (with coronagraph) 50.5" $\times$ 50.5" at 4 mas/pix 19" $\times$ 19" at 1.5 mas/pix	<i>I, Z, Y, J, H, K</i> + narrowbands	0.8–2.45
	Single slit	$R \sim 20\,000$	
HARMONI + LTAO	IFU 4 spaxel scales from: 0.8" $\times$ 0.6" at 4 mas/pix to 6.1" $\times$ 9.1" at 30 $\times$ 60 mas/pix (with coronagraph)	$R \sim 3\,200$ $R \sim 7\,100$ $R \sim 17\,000$	0.47–2.45
METIS	Imager (with coronagraph) 10.5" $\times$ 10.5" at 5 mas/pix in <i>L, M</i> 13.5" $\times$ 13.5" at 7 mas/pix in <i>N</i>	<i>L, M, N</i> + narrowbands	3–13
	Single slit	$R \sim 1\,400$ in <i>L</i> $R \sim 1\,900$ in <i>M</i> $R \sim 400$ in <i>N</i>	
	IFU 0.6" $\times$ 0.9" at 8 mas/pix (with coronagraph)	<i>L, M</i> bands $R \sim 100\,000$	



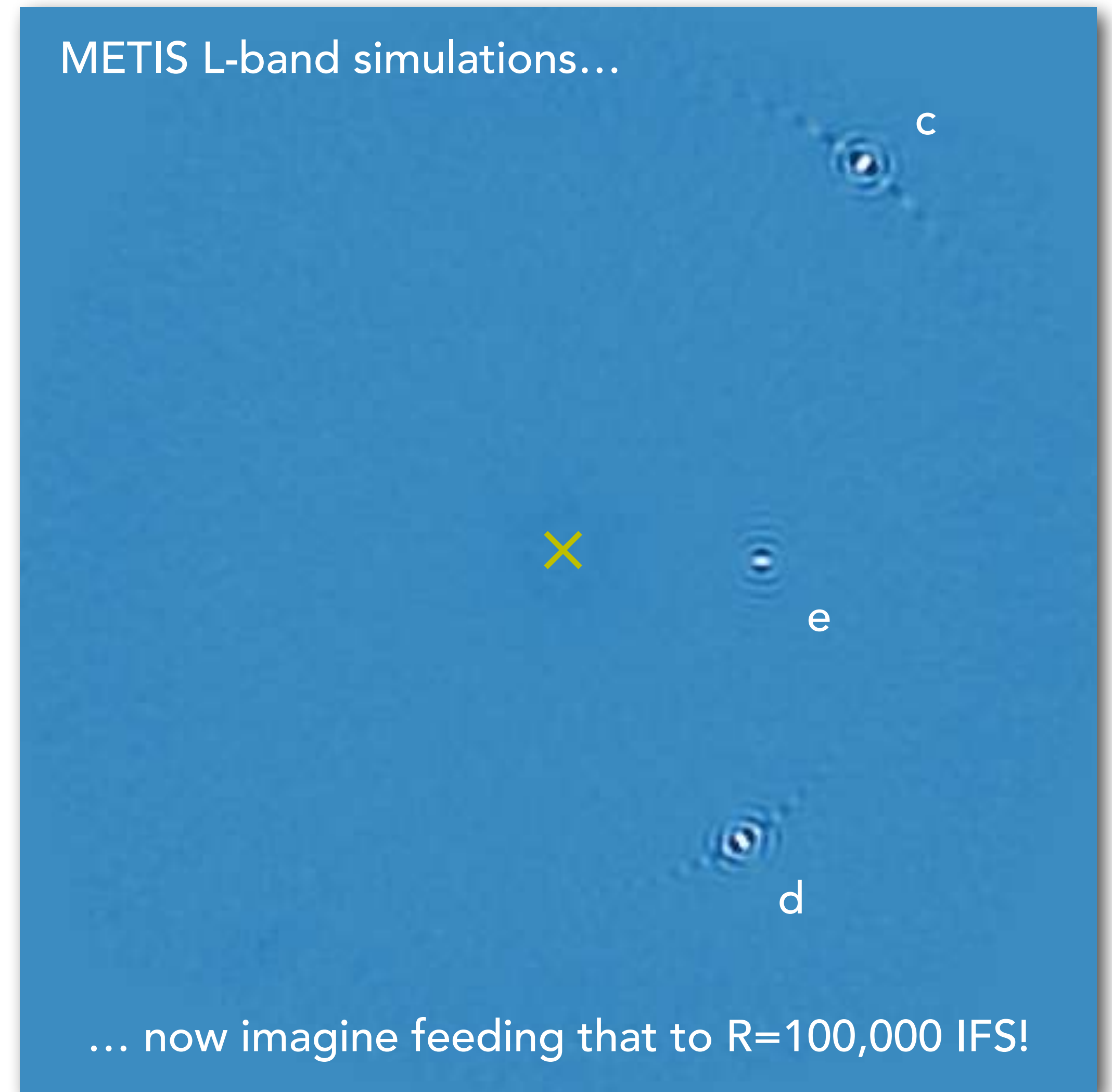
All three instruments will have coronagraphic capabilities



# Famous systems, revisited...

- Characterise planets with dynamical mass measurements
  - follow-up of Gaia and RV planets
  - METIS will detect a handful of each kind (Quanz et al. 2015, Wallace et al. 2021)
  - tidally heated super-eccentric planets also look promising (Dong et al. 2013)
- Follow-up directly imaged planets at  $R=100,000$

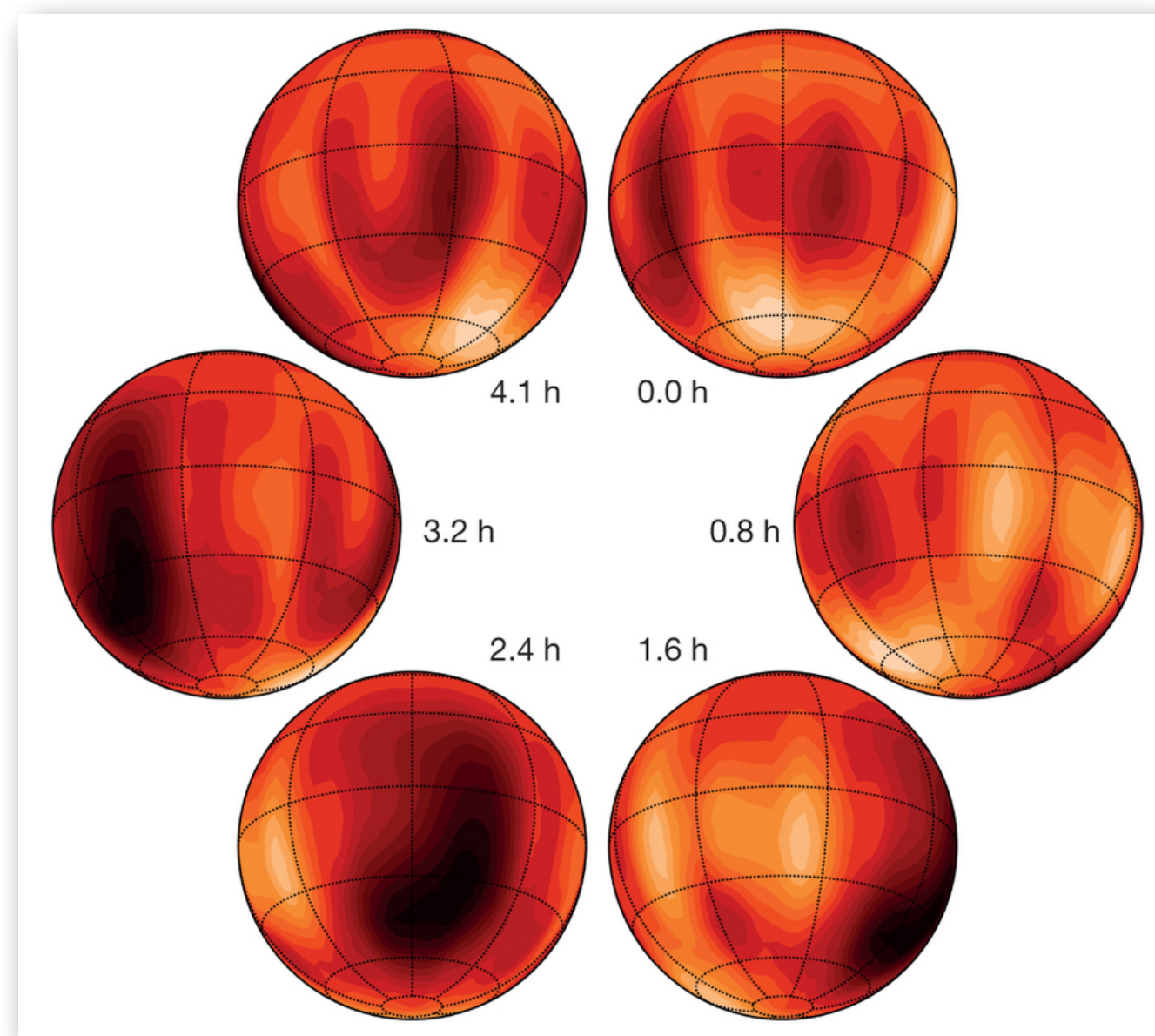
METIS L-band simulations...



# 2D maps of exoplanet atmospheres

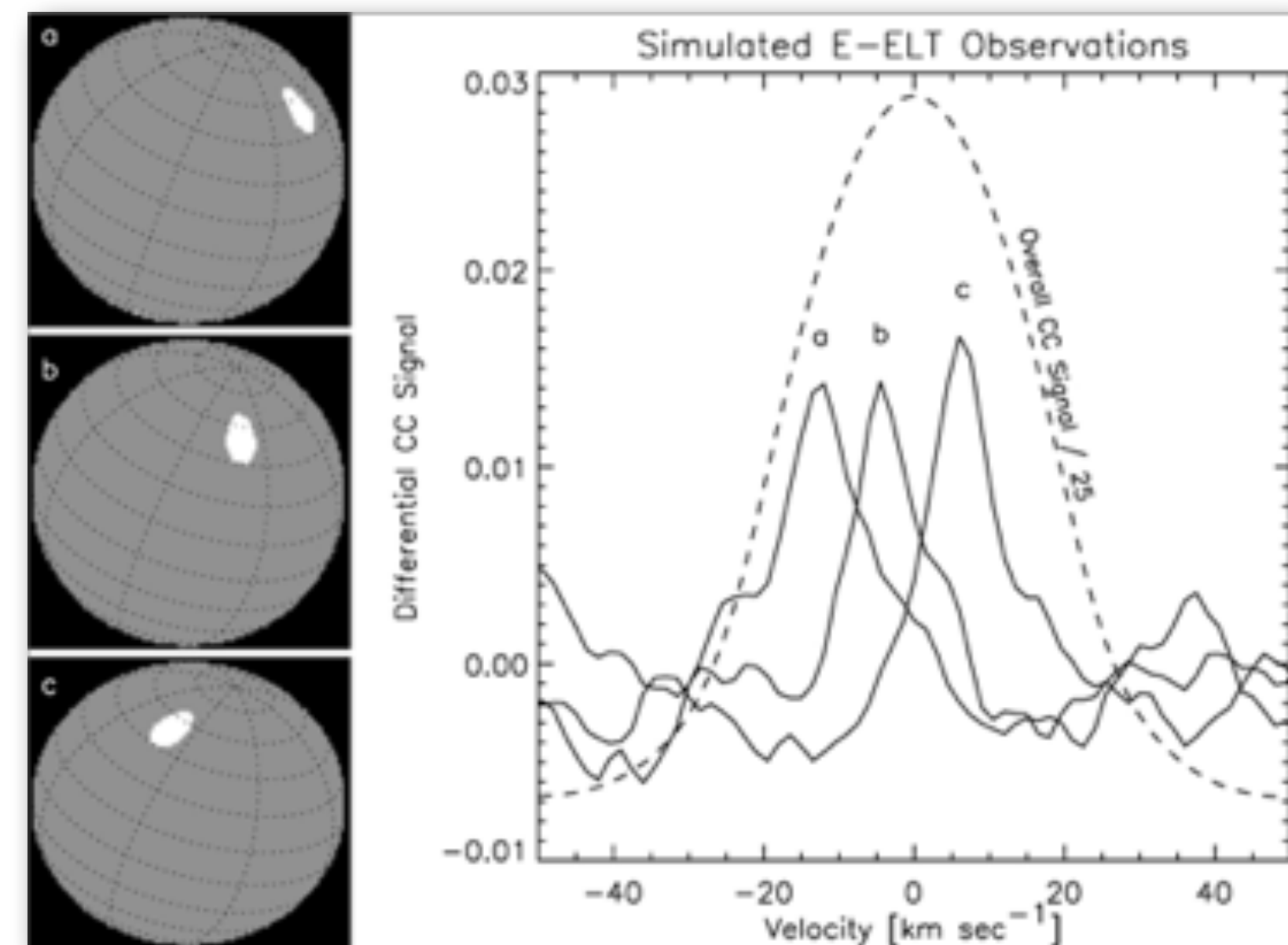
Doppler tomography with high-resolution IFS ( $R = 100,000$ )

From brown dwarf cloud maps...



Crossfield et al. 2014

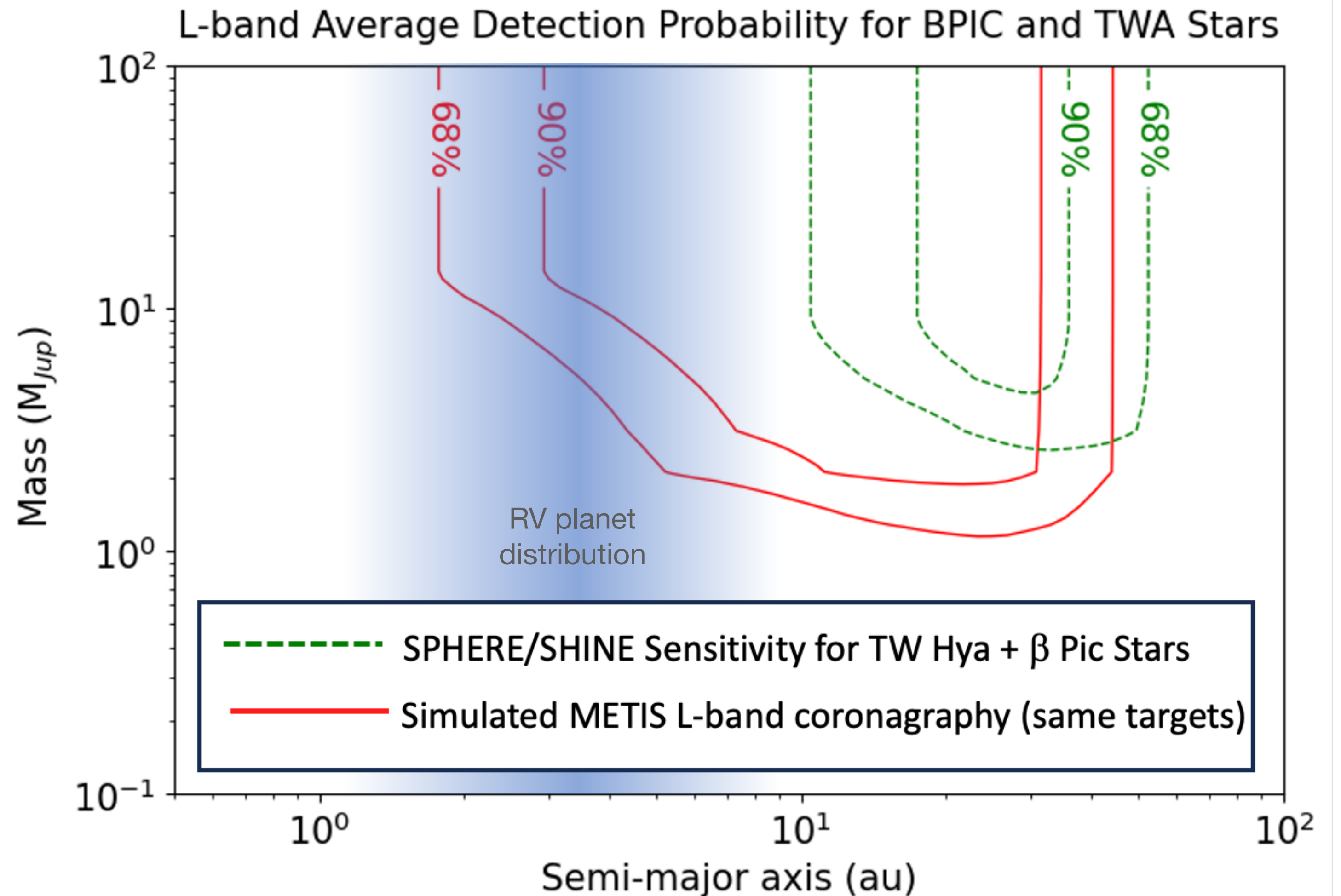
to clouds in giant planets atmospheres!



Snellen et al. 2014

# Targeted survey(s): ice-line giant planets

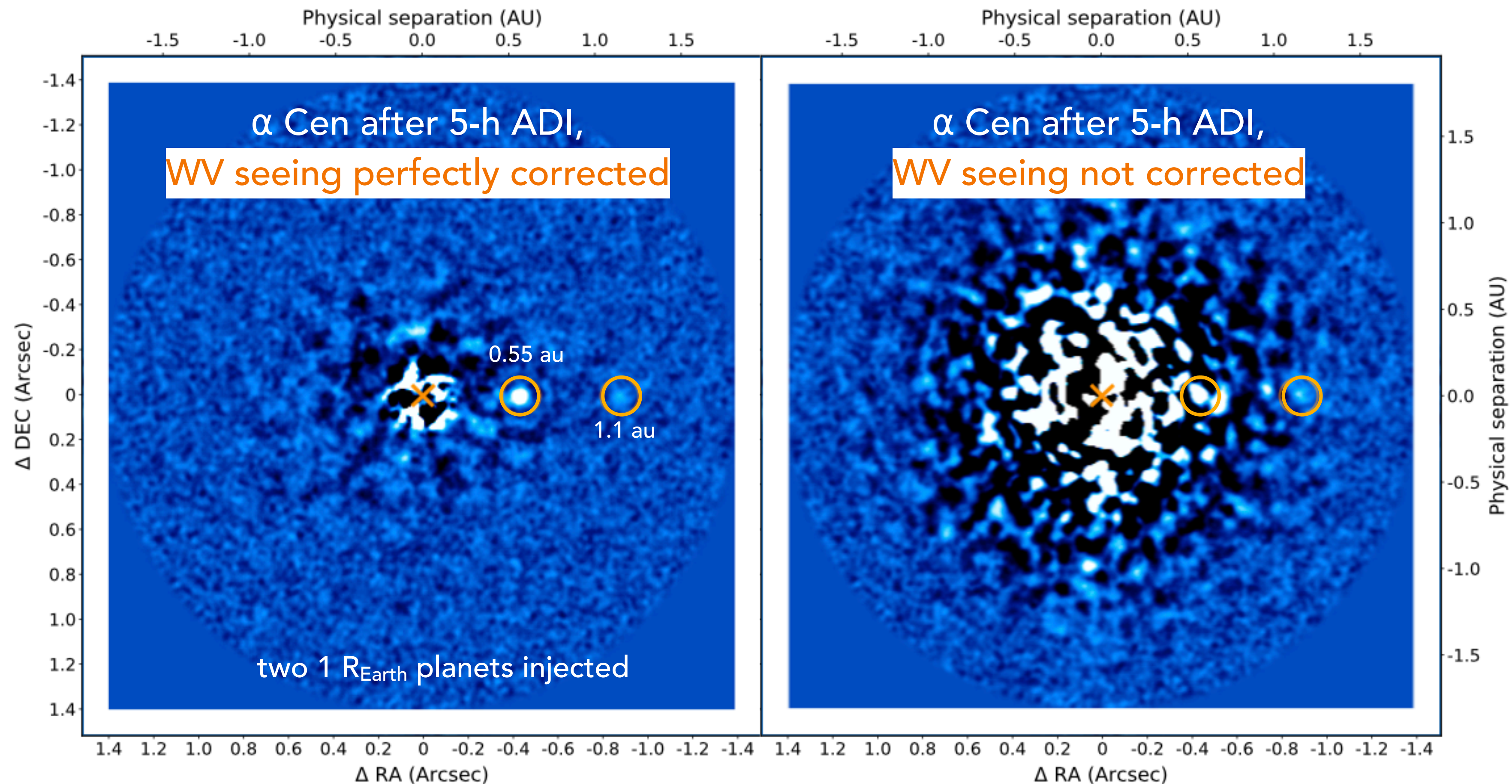
- Goal: constrain the long-period end of RV planet distribution
- METIS can resolve the water ice line up to ~100 pc
  - better sensitivity than NIRCcam within 10 au



Courtesy S. Hinkley

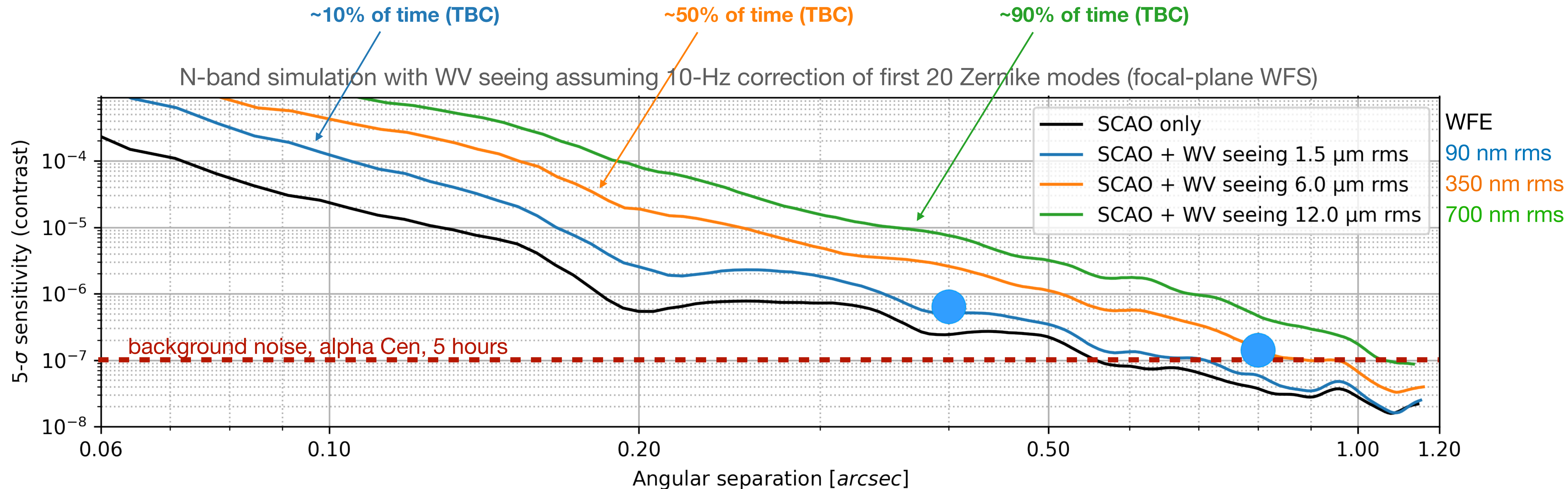
# A shot at Earth-like planets?

- Terrestrial regime accessible at **N band** around  $\alpha$  Cen, if WV seeing corrected



# Impact of WV seeing at N band

- Ability to correct for WV seeing in real time will be driving rocky planet yield
  - simulations below assume partial correction of WV seeing for various conditions

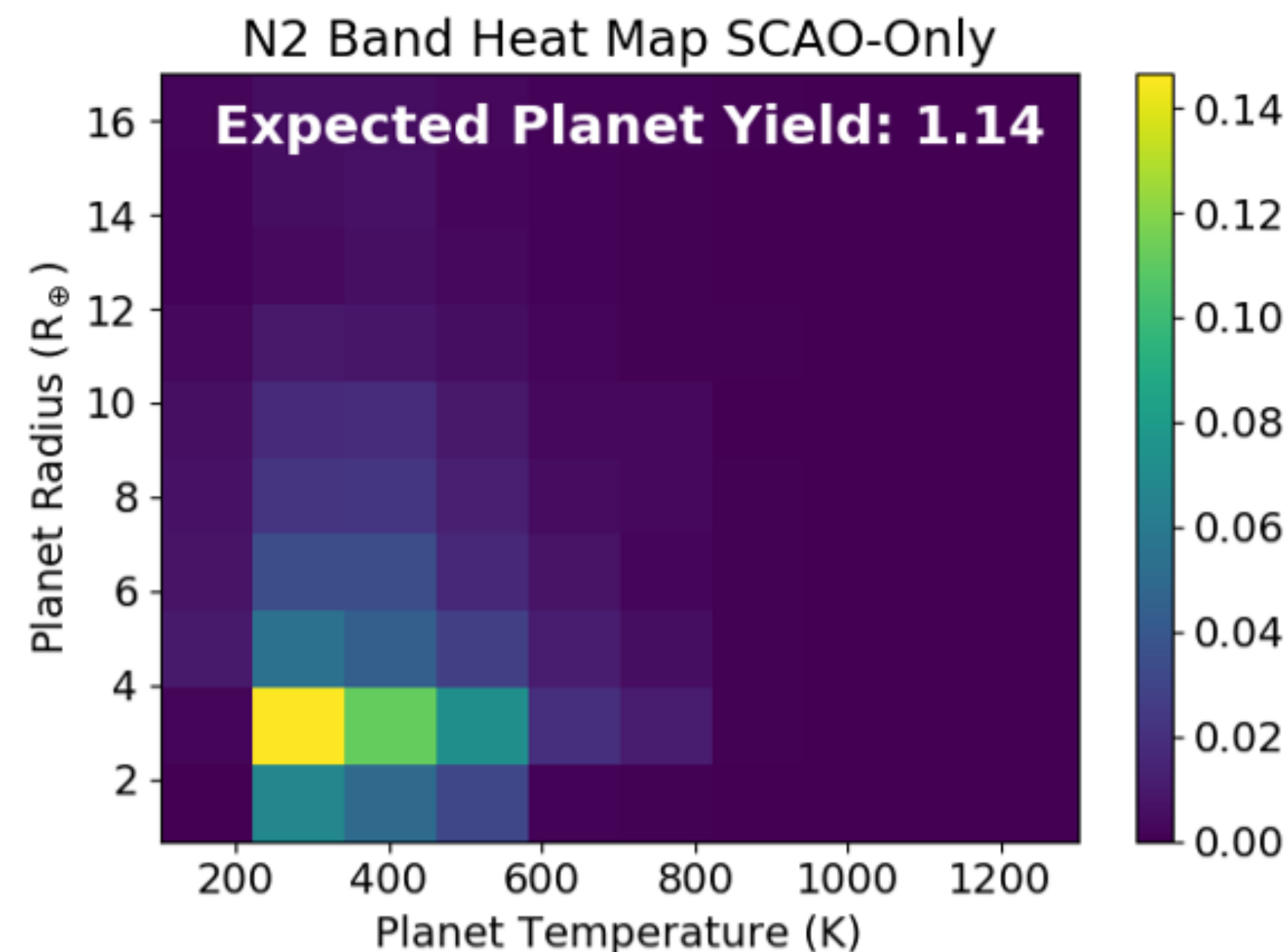


# Is the detection of a temperate planet likely?

- Using Kepler occurrence rates (Bowens et al., 2021)
  - 50+% chance of finding a low-mass temperate planet around  $\alpha$  Cen in two 1h visits
  - 1-night blind survey of six most promising nearby stars yields 1+ temperate mini-Neptune on average

**Table 4.** Optimized observation plan for the candidate stars in the  $N2$  band.

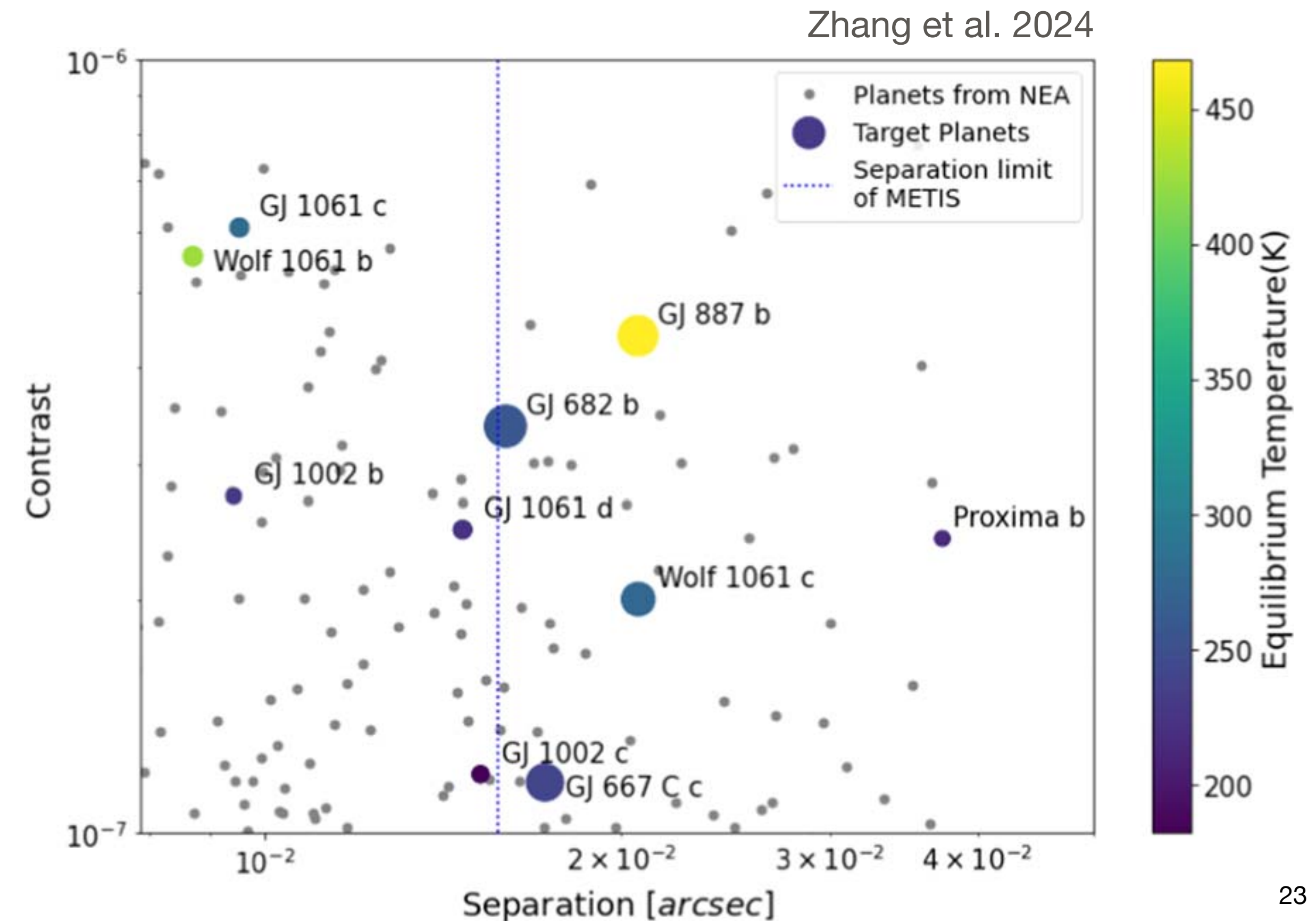
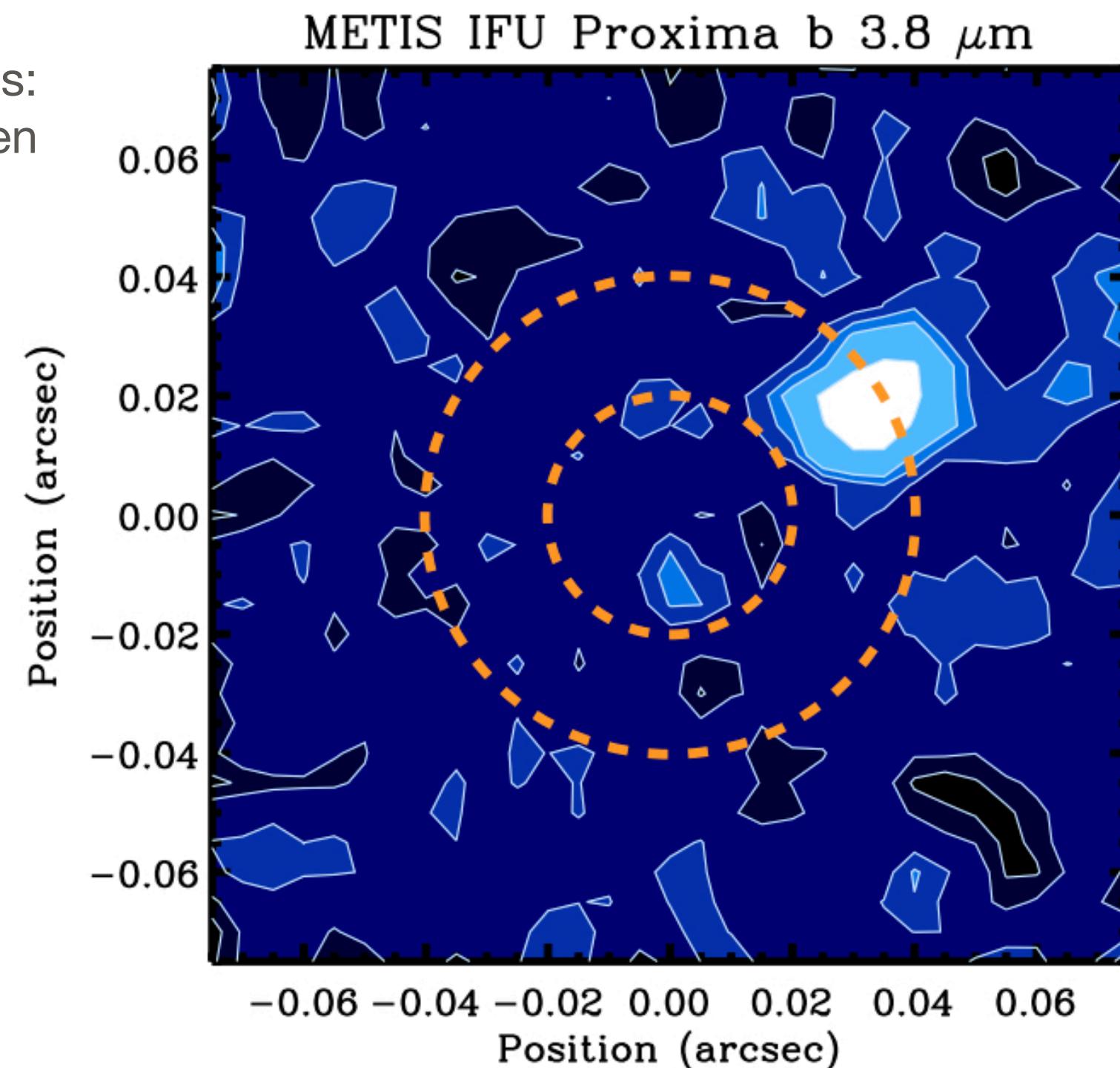
Star	Observation number	Month	Yield increase
$\alpha$ Cen A	1	–	0.477
Sirius	1	–	0.277
$\alpha$ Cen B	1	–	0.263
Sirius	2	3	0.083
Procyon	1	–	0.061
$\alpha$ Cen A	2	3	0.050
$\alpha$ Cen B	2	3	0.045
Altair	1	–	0.043
Sirius	3	6	0.038
$\alpha$ Cen A	3	6	0.027
Procyon	2	2	0.022
$\alpha$ Cen B	3	4	0.020
Sirius	4	11	0.018
$\alpha$ Cen A	4	9	0.018
$\alpha$ Cen B	4	6	0.015
Altair	2	2	0.014
Procyon	3	4	0.010
$\tau$ Ceti	1	–	0.008
Altair	3	4	0.006
Procyon	4	6	0.005
Altair	4	6	0.002



# Rocky planet atmospheres with IFS+HCl (L band)

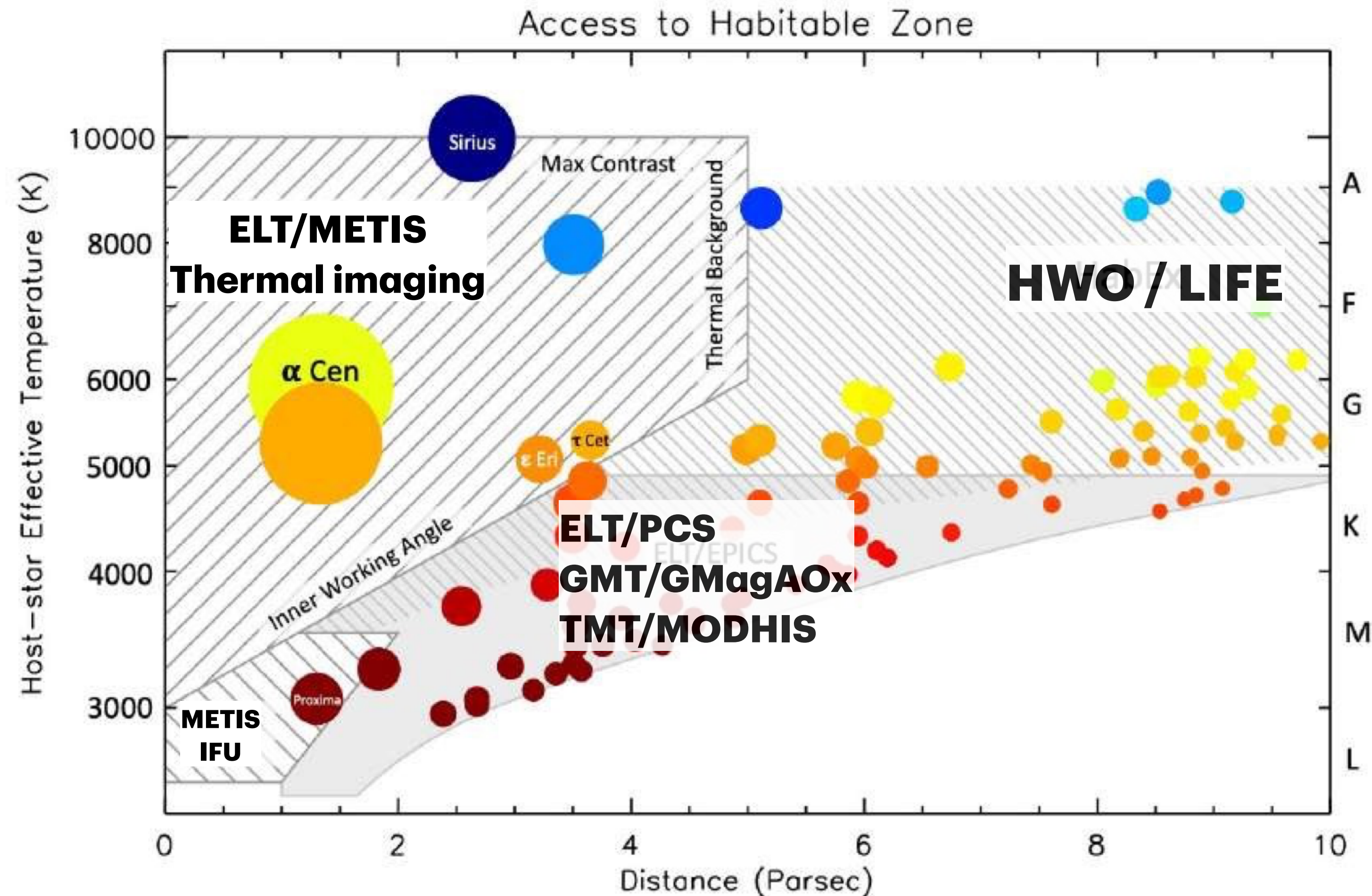
- Proxima b potentially accessible using HCl+CCF at  $R=100,000$  in 10 hours
  - HDO could even be detected if photon-noise limit can be reached (Mollière & Snellen 2019)
- A couple more promising targets

Simulation credits:  
I. Snellen



# Toward Earth-like planets

## Ultimate science case



- Thermal Emission  
ELT/METIS + LIFE (space)
- Reflected light  
ELT/PCS + HWO (space)

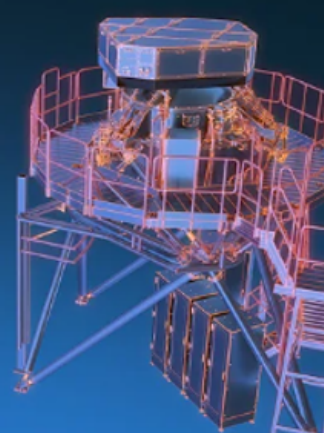


# Just five more years to go !

METIS documentary  
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