



SHARP

A Near-IR Multi-mode
Spectrograph Conceived for the
Multi-conjugate Adaptive
Optics Module
MORFEO@ELT

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the SHARP Team

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- What is SHARP (in brief)
- Why SHARP at ELT
- SHARP Properties, Optical Design, Capabilities
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Overview: Some Useful Definitions



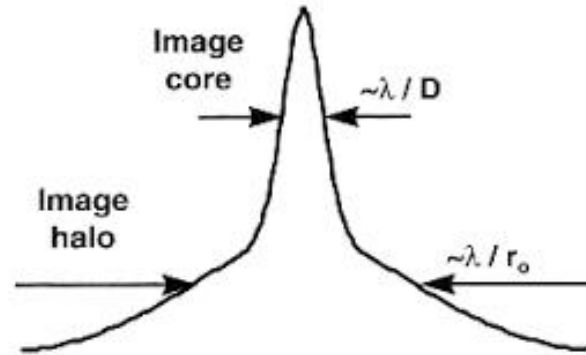
SCAO: Single Conjugate AO, **on-axis correction**, **1 Natural Guide Star (NGS)<16 mag** within 15"

MCAO: Multi Conjugate AO, **~2'x2' corrected**, **1-3 NGS<21 mag** within ~80" + **6 Laser GS**

GLAO: Ground Layer AO (M4+M5), **seeing limited correction** (enhanced seeing)

AO PSF is made up of two components:

1. Diffraction limited core
2. Seeing-limited halo



$$\text{FWHM}_{\text{dl}} = 1.22 \lambda / D$$

At $\lambda = 2.2 \mu\text{m}$ (K band)

$$\text{FWHM}_{\text{ELT}} = 0.012 \text{ arcsec}$$

$$\text{FWHM}_{\text{JWST}} = 0.070 \text{ arcsec}$$

$$\text{Strehl Ratio } \text{SR} = I_{\text{actual_PSF}} / I_{\text{dl_PSF}} = \text{intensity peak actual PSF} / \text{diff-lim PSF}$$

AO system	FWHM (arcsec)	SR
SCAO	0.012	~0.8 on-axis
MCAO	0.012	~0.6 F.o.V.
GLAO	~0.2	

AO System (ELT-ETC)	Texp (s) $H_{\text{AB}}=25$	Texp (s) $K_{\text{AB}}=25$	Radius of SN area (mas)
MCAO	30	90	20
GLAO	630	5280	150
Gain (Texp)	~20	~58	(point source)

Overview: ELT - Timescale and Instruments



2028 - First Light & Science Verification (Planned, ESO page)

		Instrument	Main specifications			Schedule					
1st Generation			Field of view/slit length/ pixel scale	Spectral resolution	Wavelength coverage (μm)	Phase A	Project start	PDR	FDR	First light	
Not fiber fed	SCAO + MCAO	MICADO	Imager (with coronagraph) 50.5" × 50.5" at 4 mas/pix 19" × 19" at 1.5 mas/pix	<i>I, Z, Y, J, H, K</i> + narrowbands	0.8–2.45	2010	2015	2019			2028
	Single slit		<i>R</i> ~ 20 000								
	AO Module	MORFEO	AO Module SCAO – MCAO		0.8–2.45	2010	2015	2023			~2029
	SCAO	HARMONI + LTAO	IFU 4 spaxel scales from: 0.8" × 0.6" at 4 mas/pix to 6.1" × 9.1" at 30 × 60 mas/pix (with coronagraph)	<i>R</i> ~ 3 200 <i>R</i> ~ 7 100 <i>R</i> ~ 17 000	0.47–2.45	2010	2015	2018			~2029
	SCAO	METIS	Imager (with coronagraph) 10.5" × 10.5" at 5 mas/pix in <i>L, M</i> 13.5" × 13.5" at 7 mas/pix in <i>N</i>	<i>L, M, N</i> + narrowbands	3–13						
			Single slit	<i>R</i> ~ 1400 in <i>L</i> <i>R</i> ~ 1900 in <i>M</i> <i>R</i> ~ 400 in <i>N</i>		2010	2015	2019			~2030
2nd Generation			IFU 0.6" × 0.9" at 8 mas/pix (with coronagraph)	<i>L, M</i> bands <i>R</i> ~ 100 000							
Fiber fed	GLAO/SCAO	ANDES	Single object	<i>R</i> ~ 100 000	0.4–1.8 simultaneously	2018					> 2032
			IFU (SCAO)								
			Multi object (TBC)	<i>R</i> ~ 10 000							
	GLAO	MOSAIC	~ 7-arcminute FoV ~ 200 objects (TBC)	<i>R</i> ~ 5 000–20 000	0.45–1.8 (TBC)	2018					> 2033
			~ 8 IFUs (TBC)	<i>R</i> ~ 5 000–20 000	0.8–1.8 (TBC)						
		PCS	Extreme AO camera and spectrograph	TBC	TBC						TBD

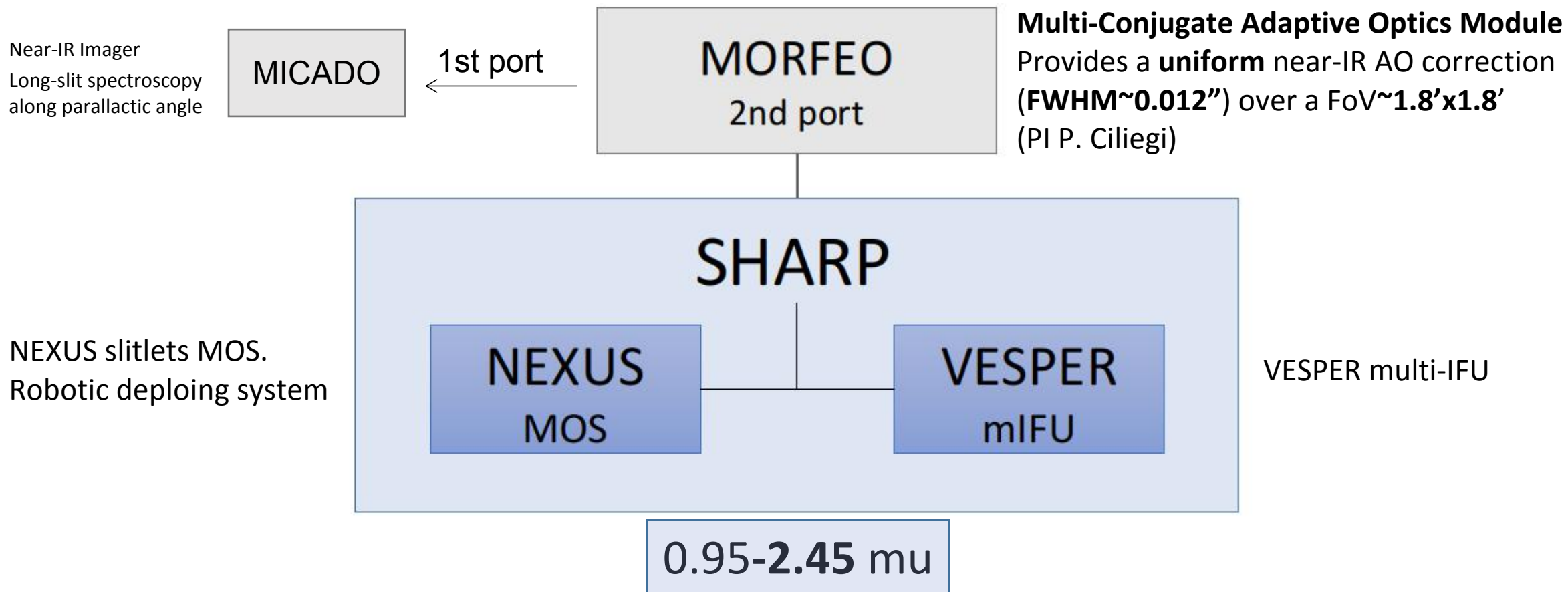
Courtesy of ESO-ELT

What is

SHARP

(in brief)

SHARP in brief

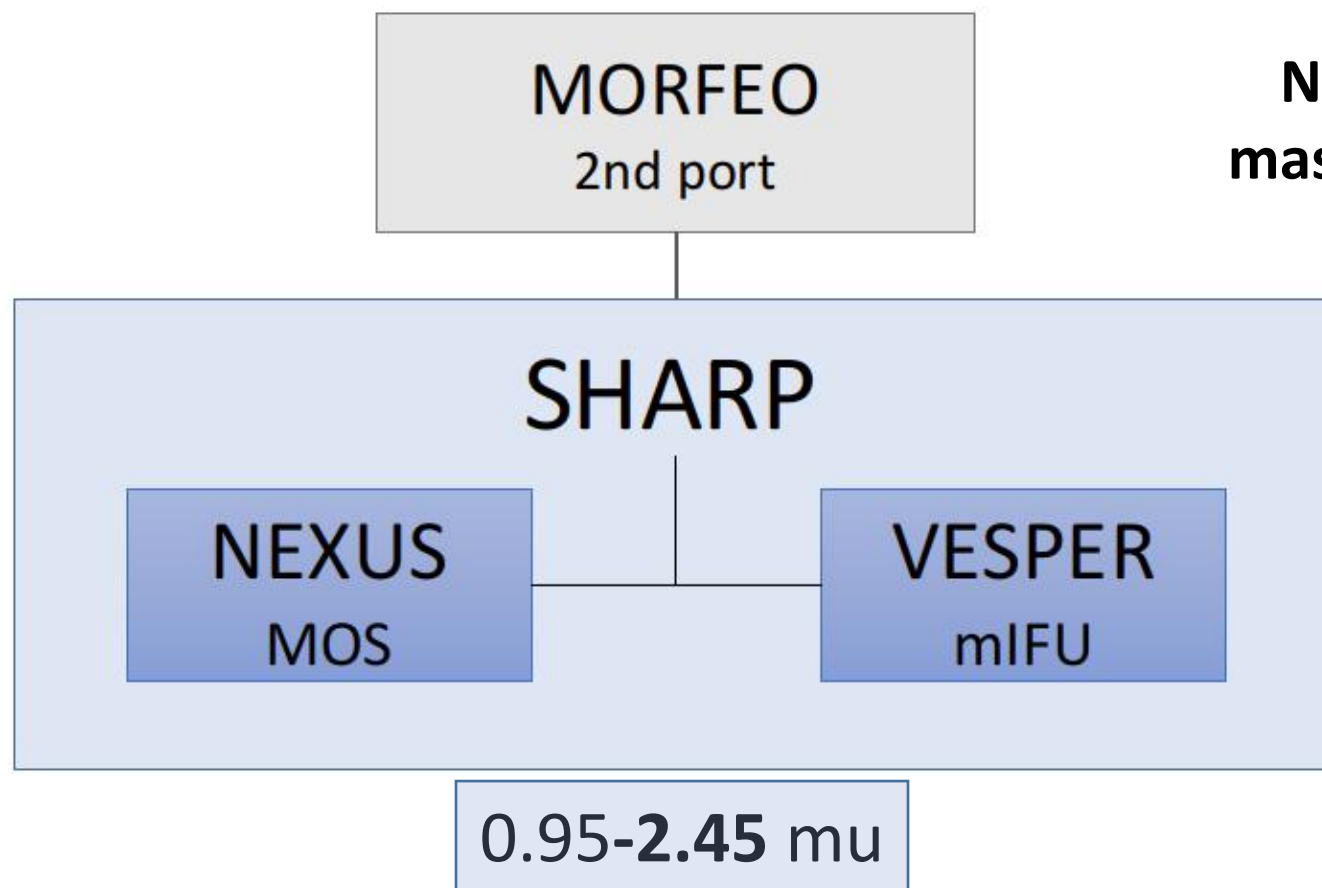


SHARP is a Near-IR **multi-mode** spectrograph conceived to **fully exploit the ELT aperture** providing spectra of astronomical sources at the **faintest reachable fluxes**, at the **sharpest angular resolution** over the **widest AO corrected field**.

Not fiber-fed

**Not conceived for
massive spectroscopy**

NEXUS slitlets MOS.
Robotic deploying system



- **MORFEO** to maximally concentrate the photons and to correct a large FoV;
- **NEXUS** to maximally exploit the collecting area and AO reaching the faintest fluxes;
- **VESPER** to maximally exploit the angular resolution of ELT over the corrected FoV;



Scientific Rationale and Main Requirements

THE DISTANT UNIVERSE

Understanding and reconstructing how baryonic matter assembled at early times to form the first stars, galaxies and structures, how these evolved over cosmic time.

SOME KEY QUESTIONS

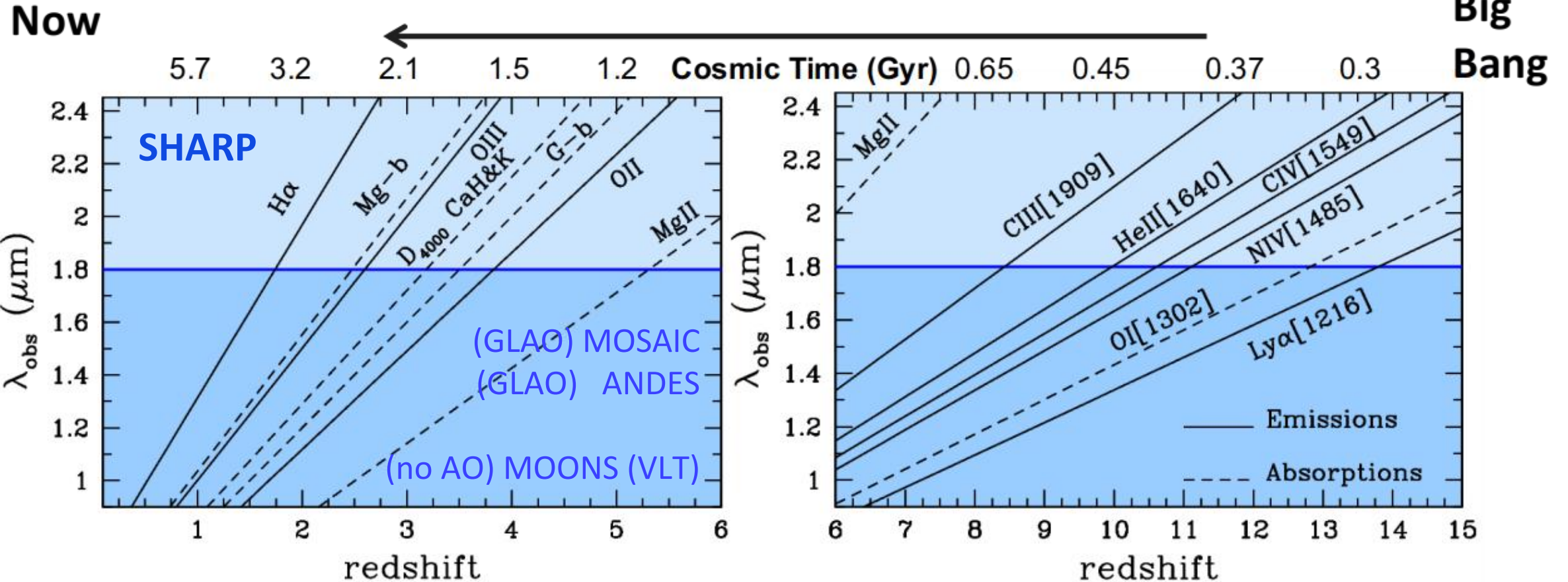
- *What are the extreme physical conditions governing star formation in the early Universe ?*
- *What drives the formation of massive galaxies ? What regulates their quenching ?*
- *What is the dark matter content of high-z galaxies ?*
- *What is the physical interplay between black holes and galaxies ?*
- *“Where is” the elusive PopIII of primordial stars ?*
- *.....*

MOST OF THE FUNDAMENTAL INFORMATION IS STORED IN THE SPECTRA

Why SHARP - The Distant Universe



1st Requirement - The study of **galaxies at $z > 2.5-3$** and the **early Universe** requires **deep observations in the near-IR** up to the limit where sky transmission is still high and sky emission can be still efficiently removed, i.e. to $\lambda_{\text{lim}} \sim 2.45 \mu\text{m}$.



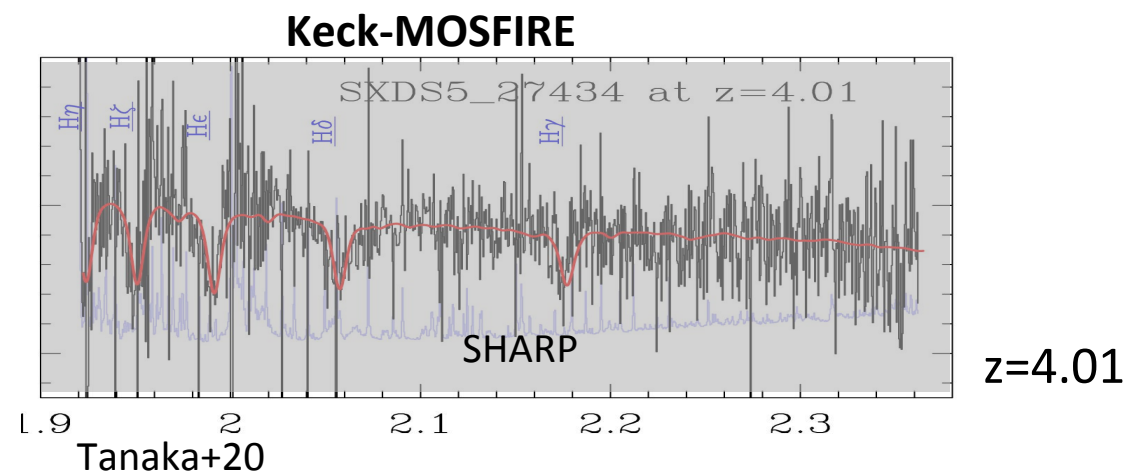
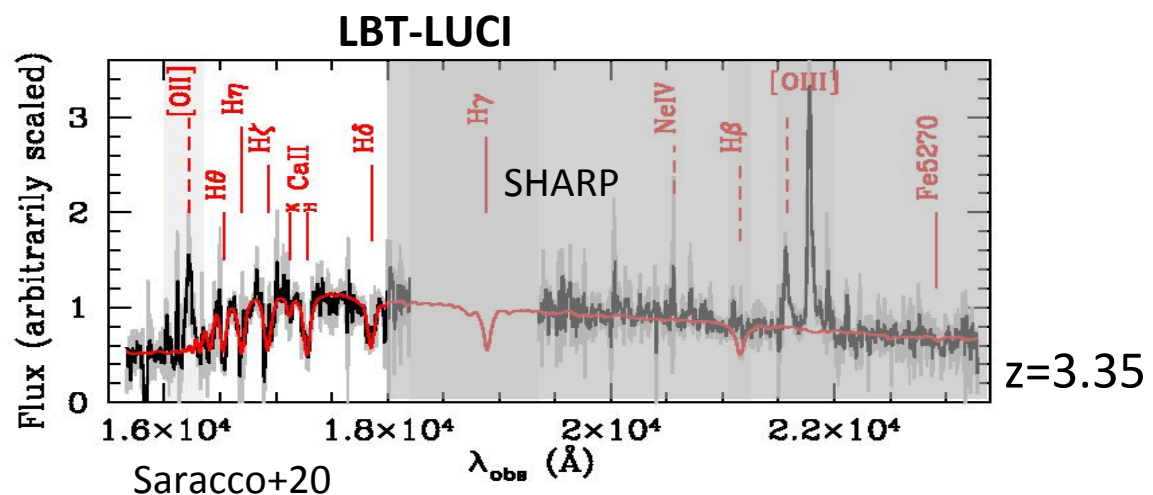
$$\lambda_{\text{obs}} = \lambda_{\text{rest}}(1+z)$$

Why SHARP - Why $\lambda_{lim} = 2.45 \mu m$



A CONCRETE EXAMPLE

High-mass galaxies at $z > 3$: an issue for galaxy formation models



1ST REQUIREMENT

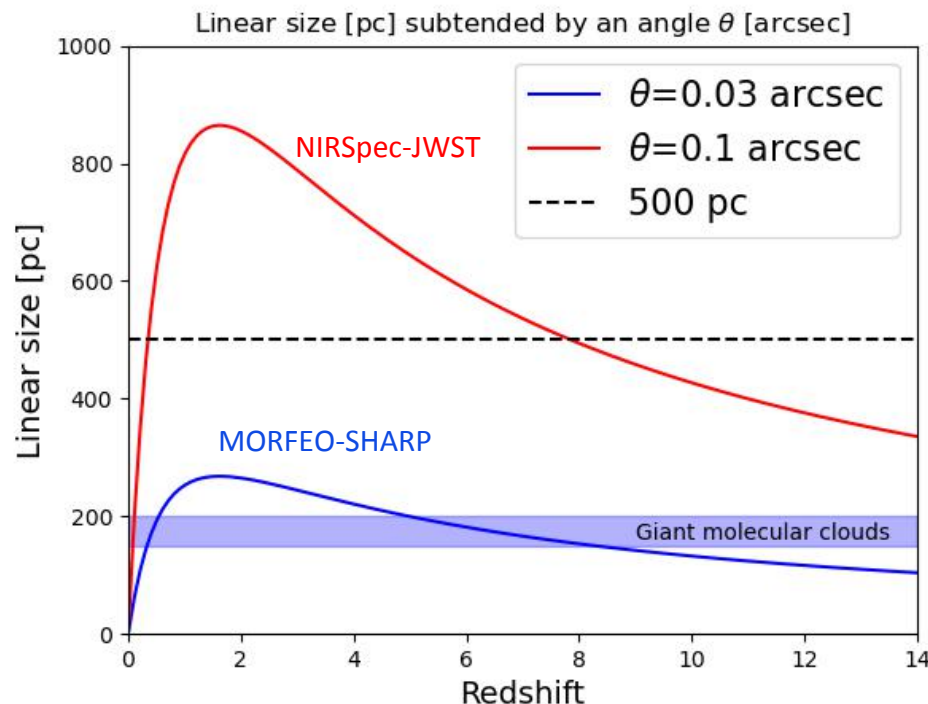
Wavelength range extending to $2.45 \mu m$, the near-IR limit still efficiently reachable from the ground.

Why SHARP - Why AO, which angular resolution



Giant molecular gas clouds $\sim 150\text{--}200$ pc: up to $10^6 M_\odot$ of molecular gas

- The largest fuel reservoir $\Rightarrow$ the place where massive star formation occurs;
- Tracers of metal enrichment within galaxies and galaxy rotation $\Rightarrow$ Dark matter



2ND REQUIREMENT

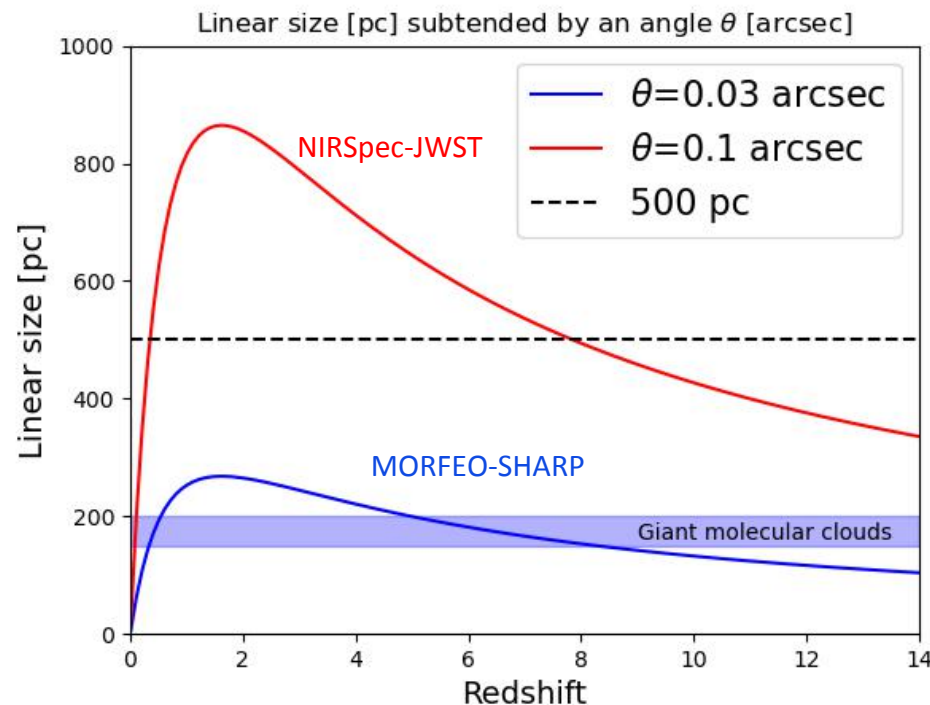
Angular resolution $\sim 0.03''$ (30 mas): sizes comparable to those of giant molecular clouds are resolved over the entire cosmic time.

Why SHARP - Why Multiplexing ==> Multi-conjugate AO



Clusters, Protoclusters, Overdensities, Clumps at Early Epochs

- Spatially resolved measurements for several galaxies at once.
- This maximizes also the efficiency of the ELT.



3RD REQUIREMENT

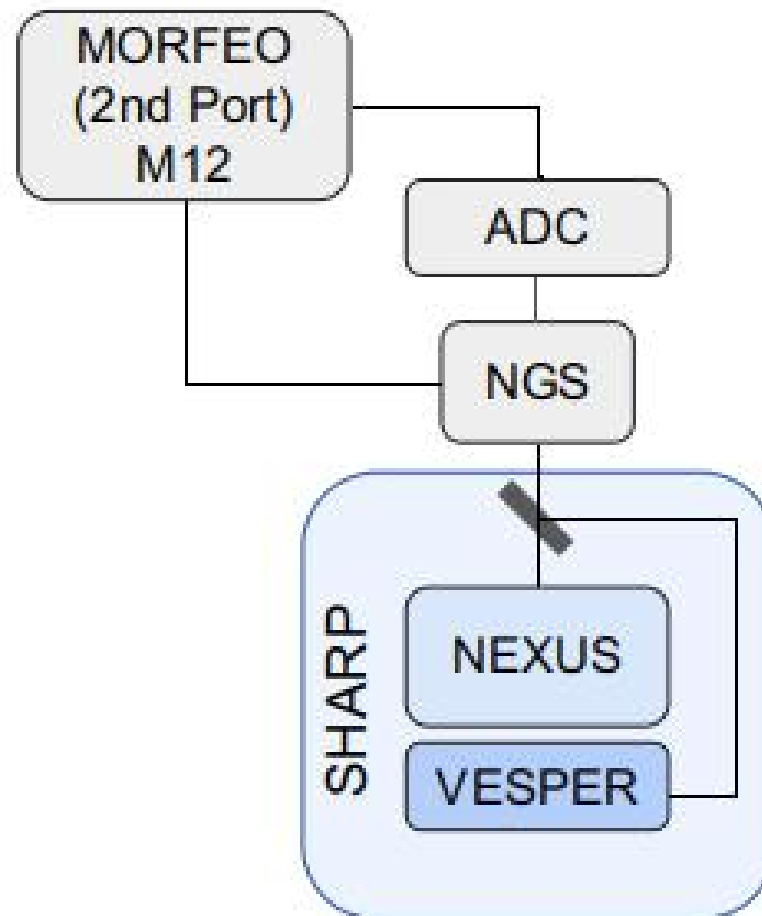
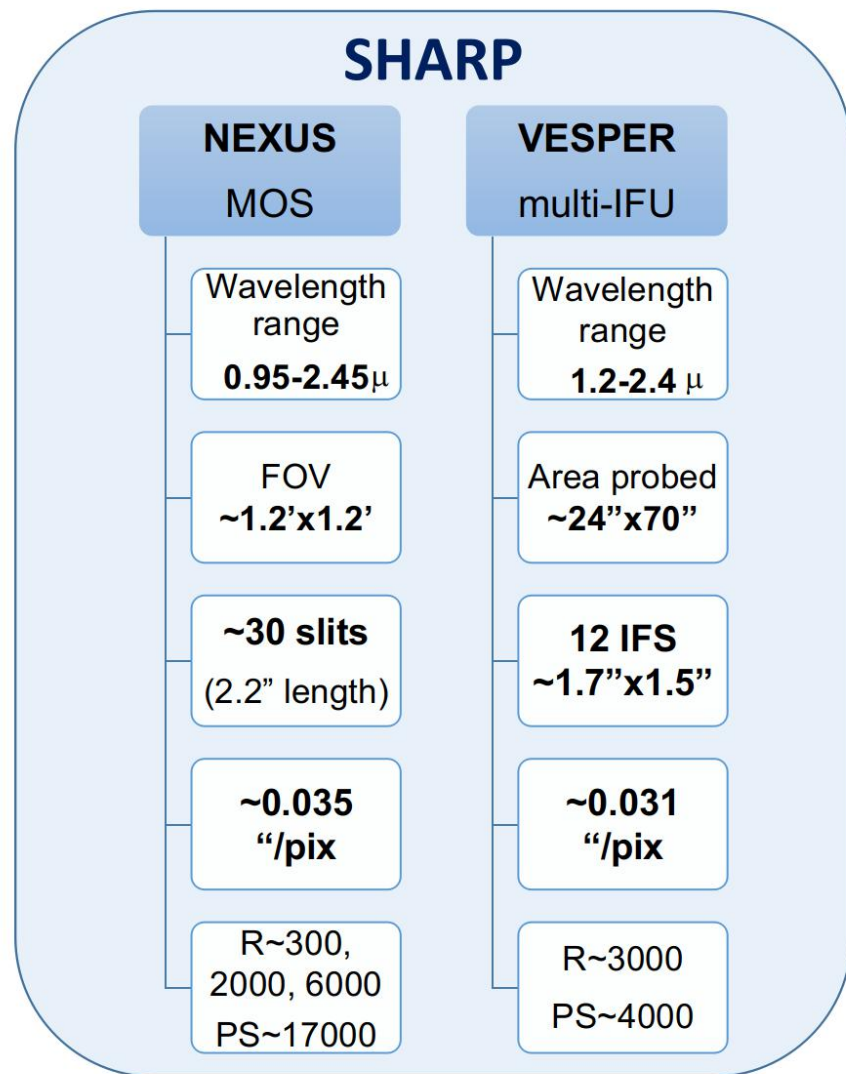
Multiplexing capabilities coupled with a large area uniformly corrected for atmospheric turbulence ==> **Multi-Conjugate AO** ==> **MORFEO**

What is

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(in detail)

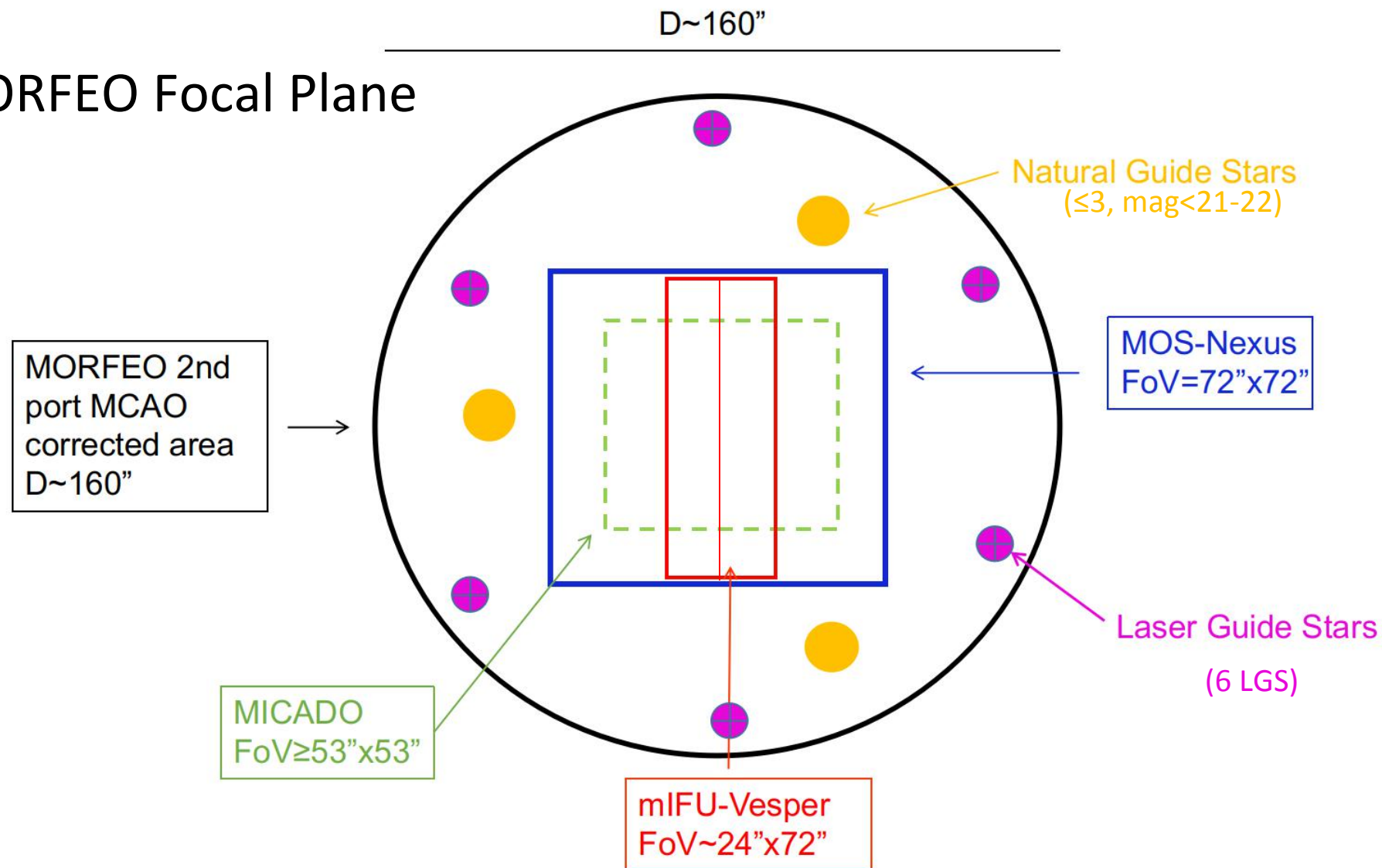
SHARP in a Nutshell



ADC = Atmospheric
Dispersion Corrector

NGS = Natural Guide
Stars Unit

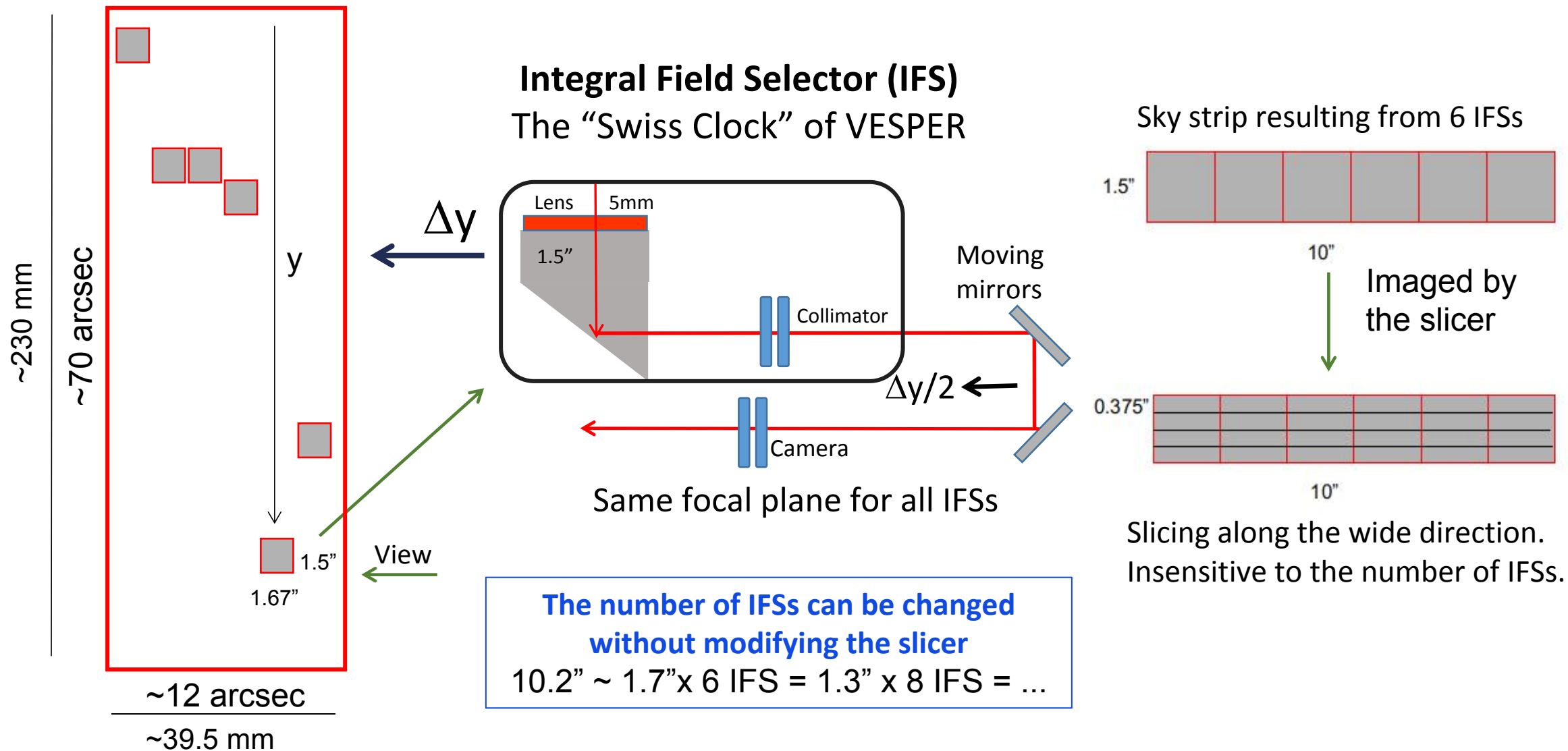
MORFEO Focal Plane



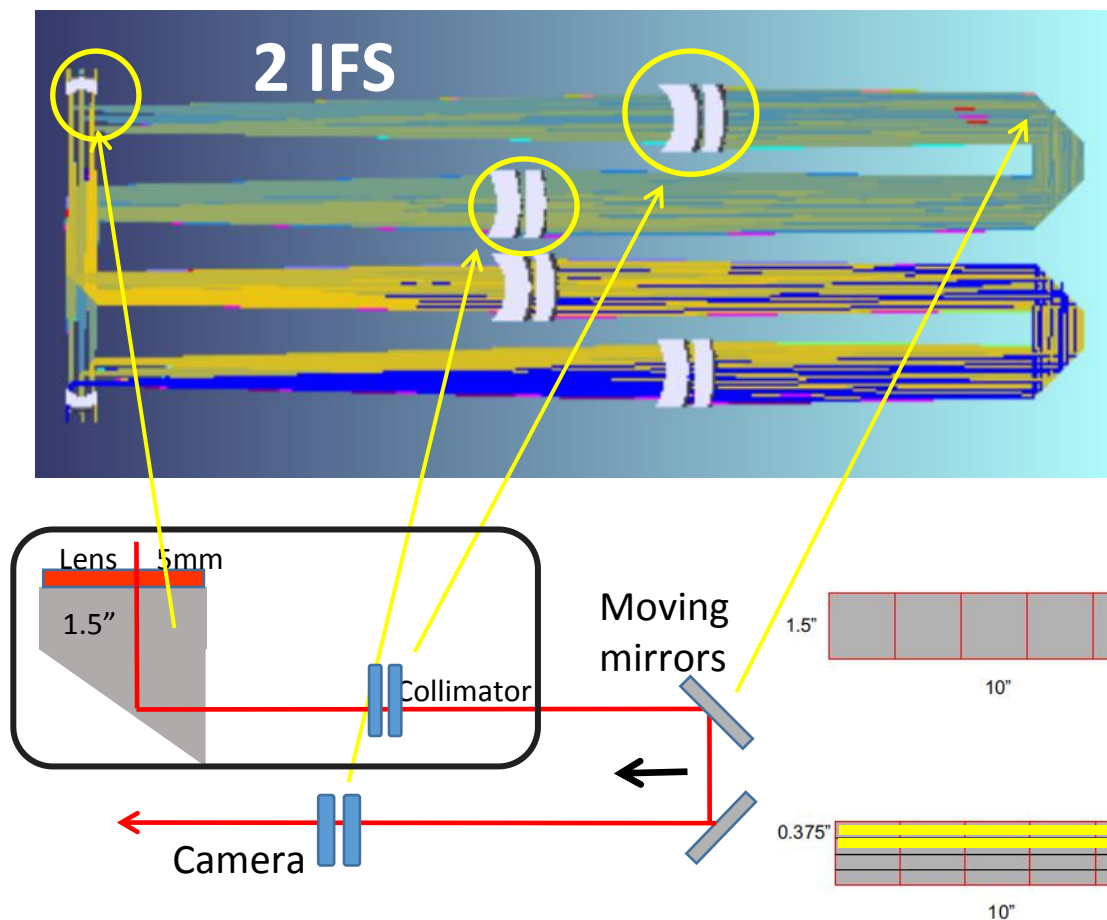
VESPER - The multi-IFU



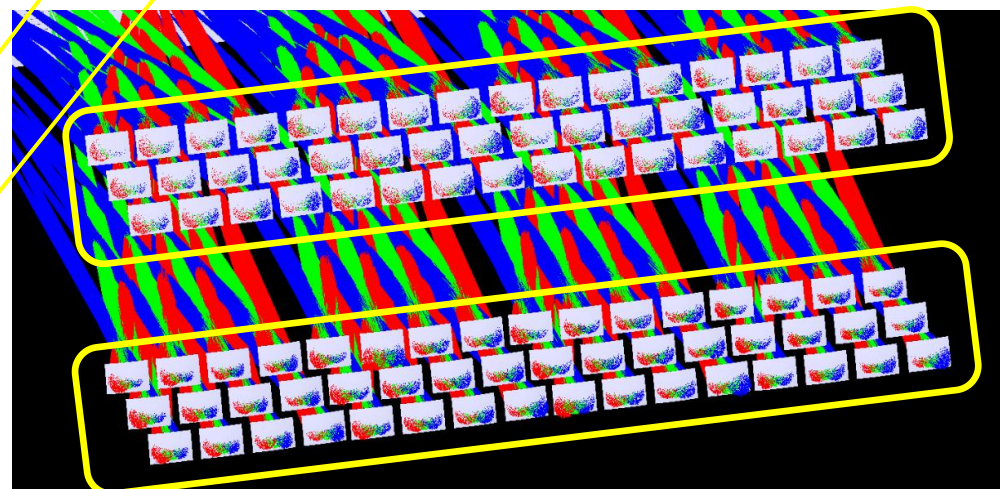
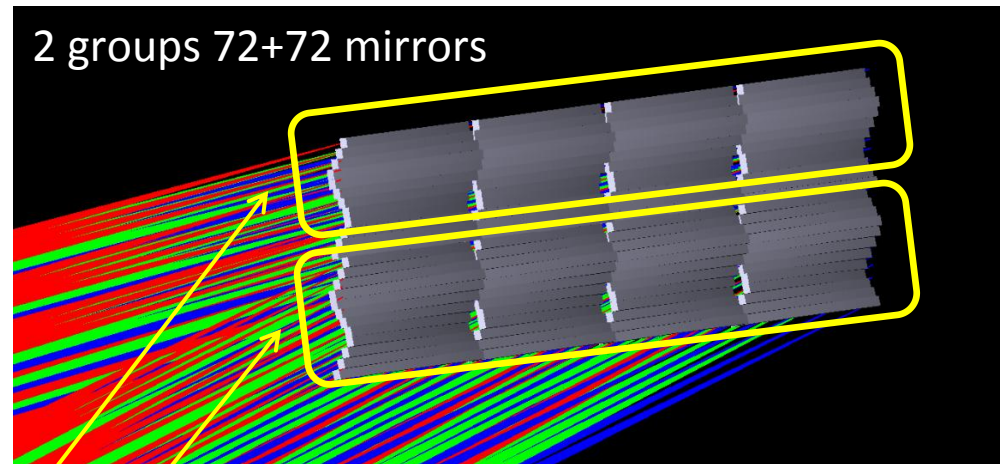
One channel of VESPER comprises 6 probes called Integral Field Selector deployable over $\sim 12'' \times 70''$



VESPER - The multi-IFU



Slicer on the focal plane, 288 mirrors, 4 groups



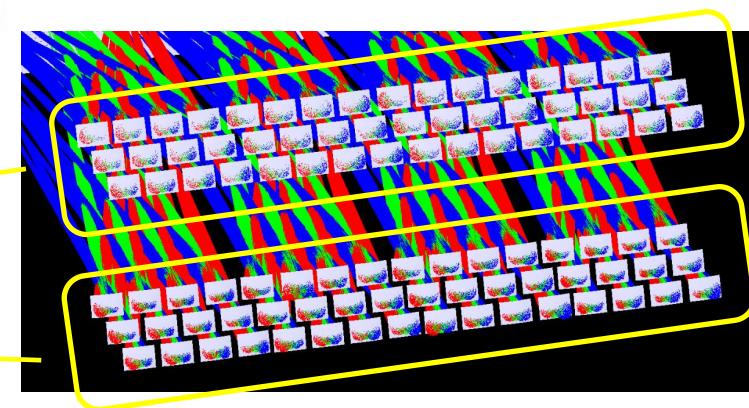
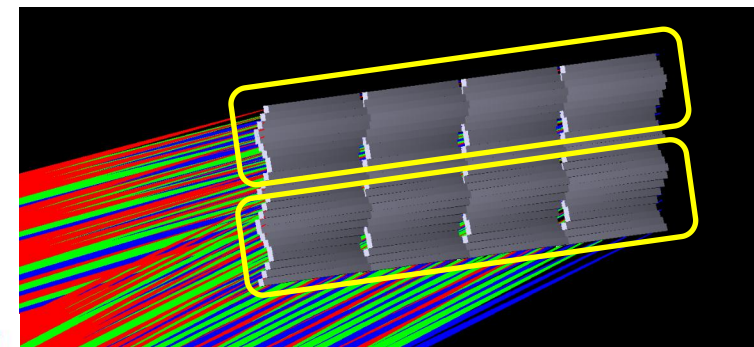
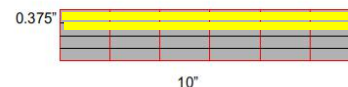
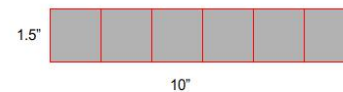
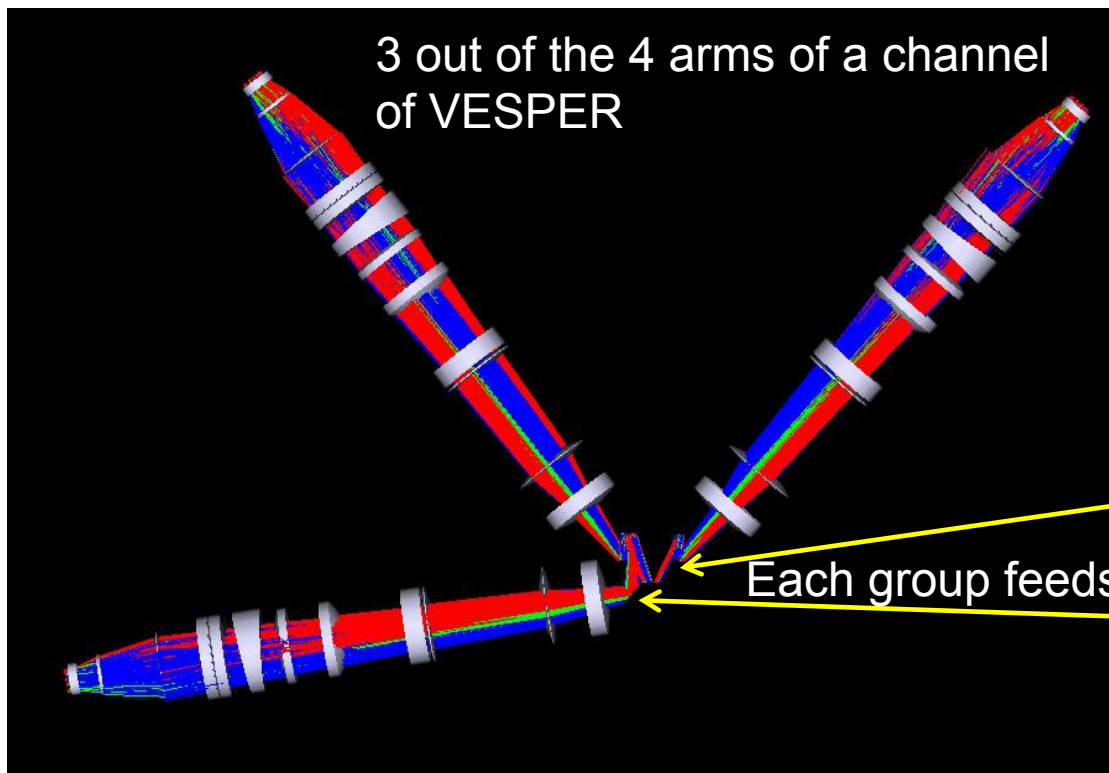
Optical design by Paolo Conconi

Corresponding 72+72 pupil mirrors.

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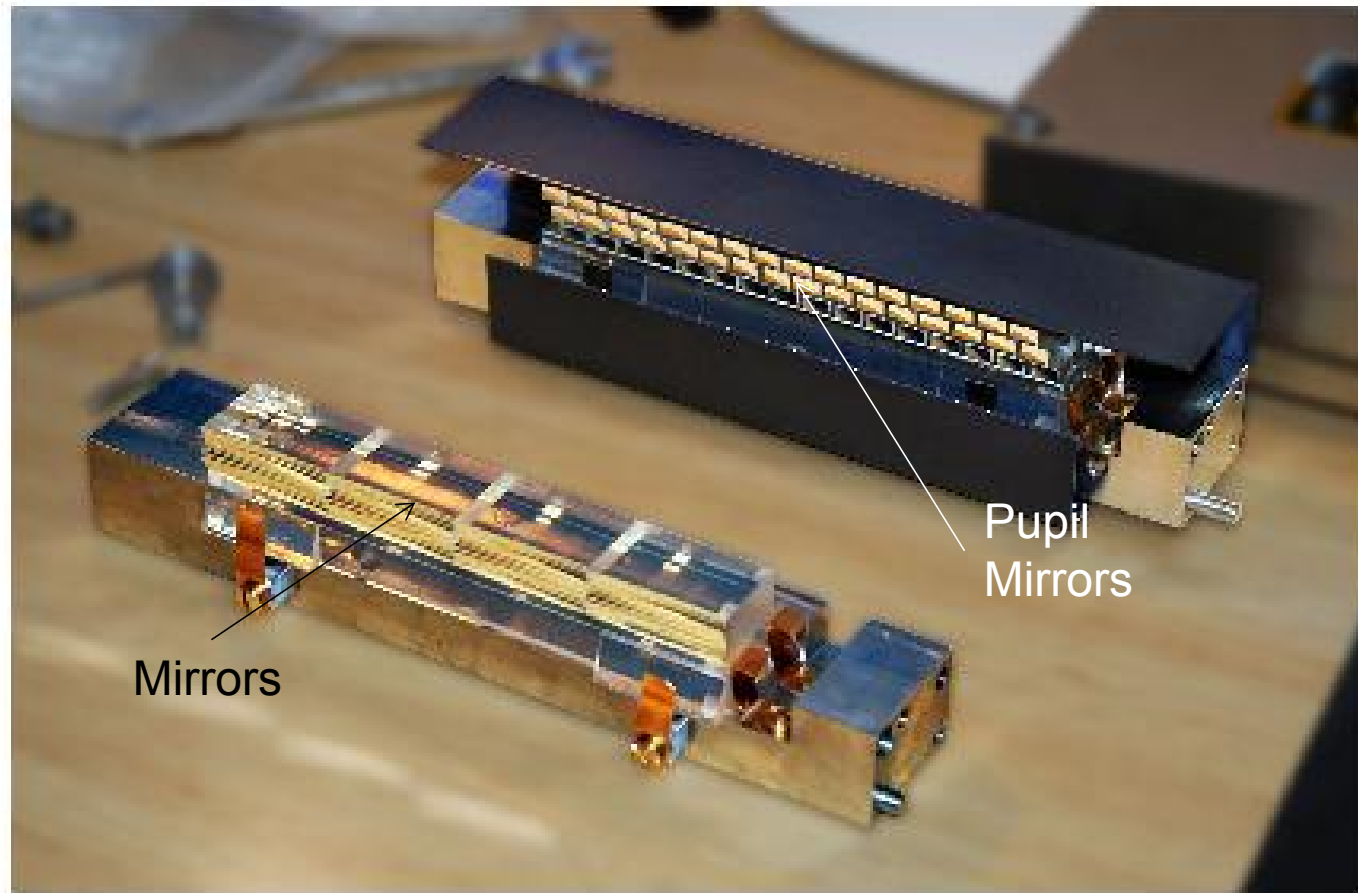
No aspheric components in VESPER

One channel of VESPER is fed by four arms



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MUSE mirrors (0.8mm) and pupil mirrors



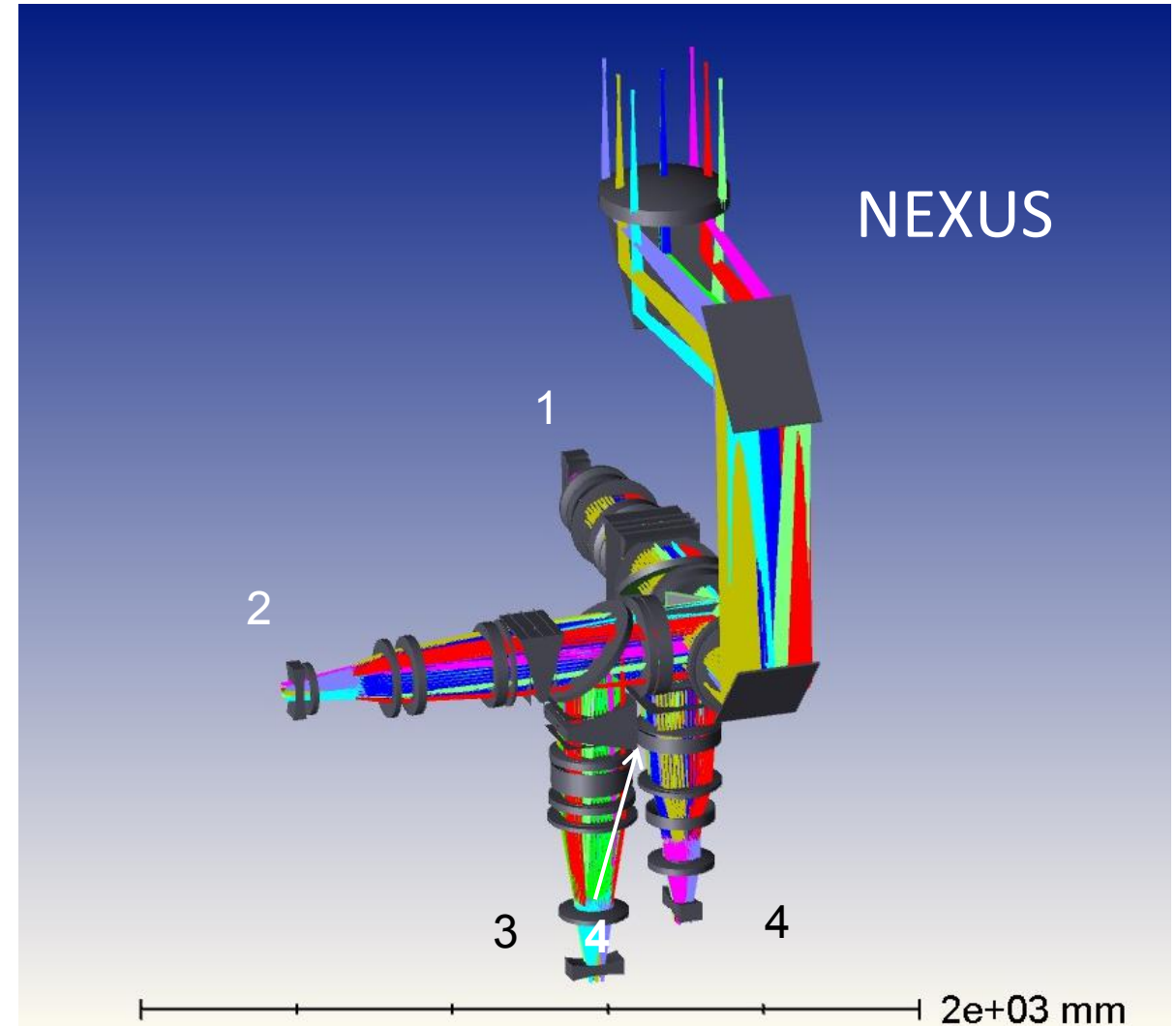
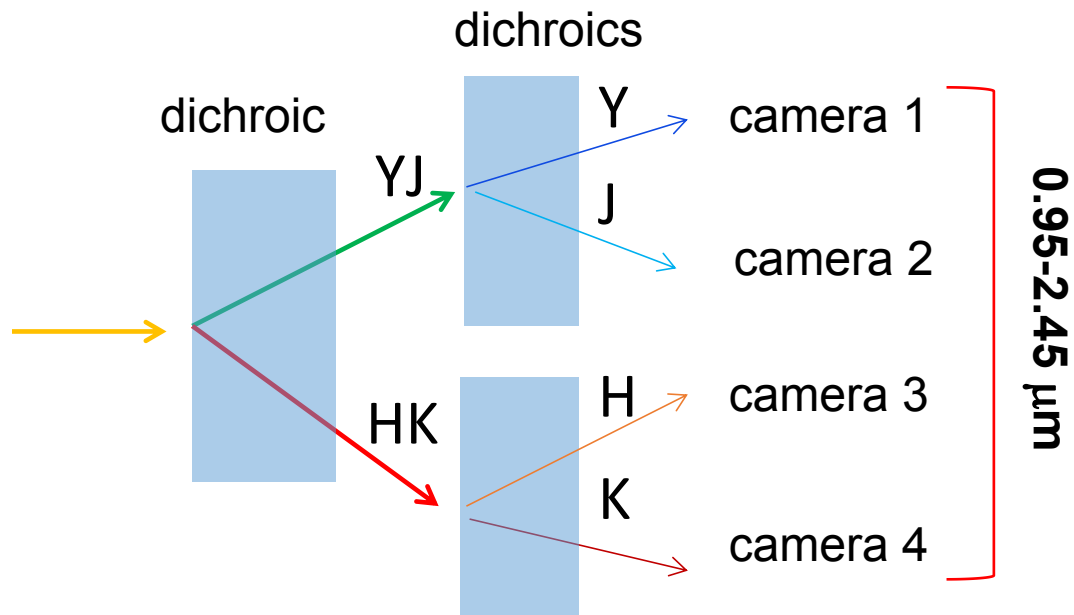
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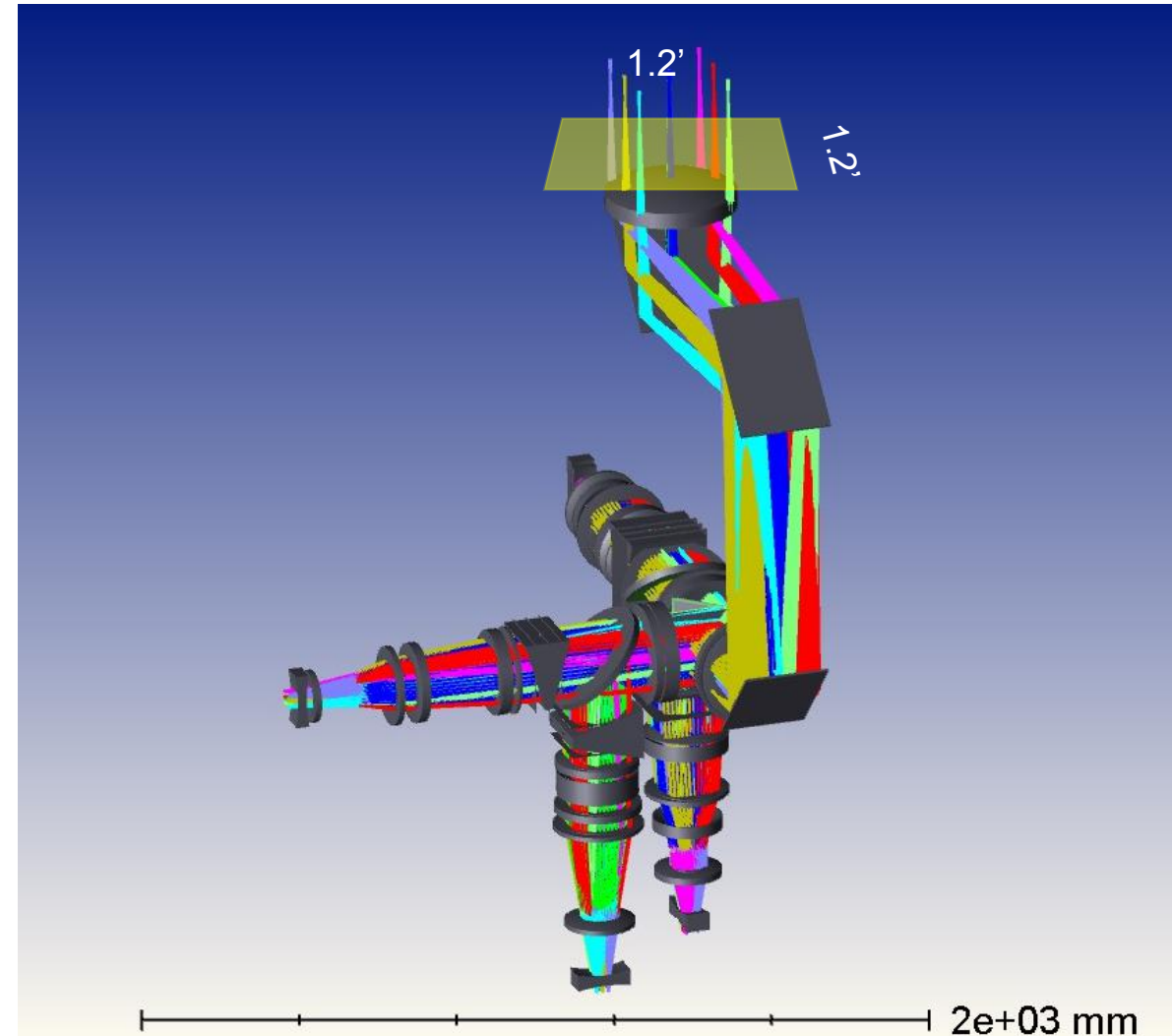
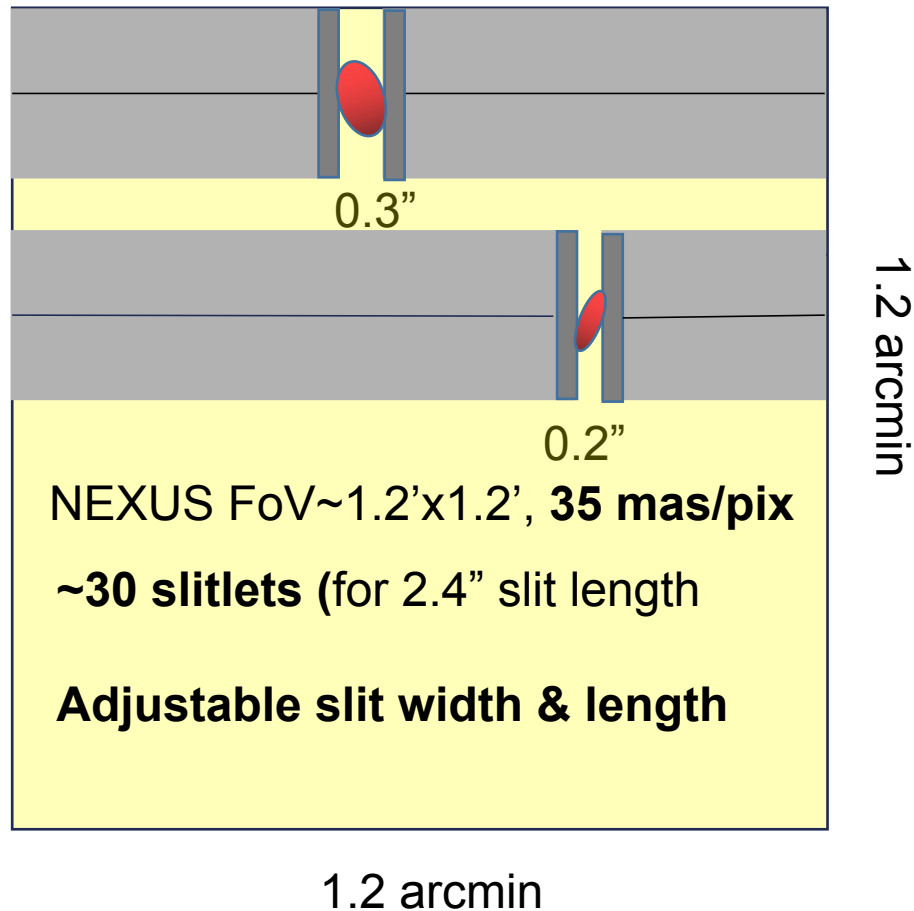
No aspheric components in NEXUS

Folding mirrors + 3 dichroics

Four arms (cameras): Y, J, H, K



Robotic slit deployment system of NEXUS (e.g. MOSFIRE at Keck)



NEXUS - The Multi-Object Spectrograph



JWST NIRCam $\sim 0.07''$



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GLAO $\sim 0.2''$



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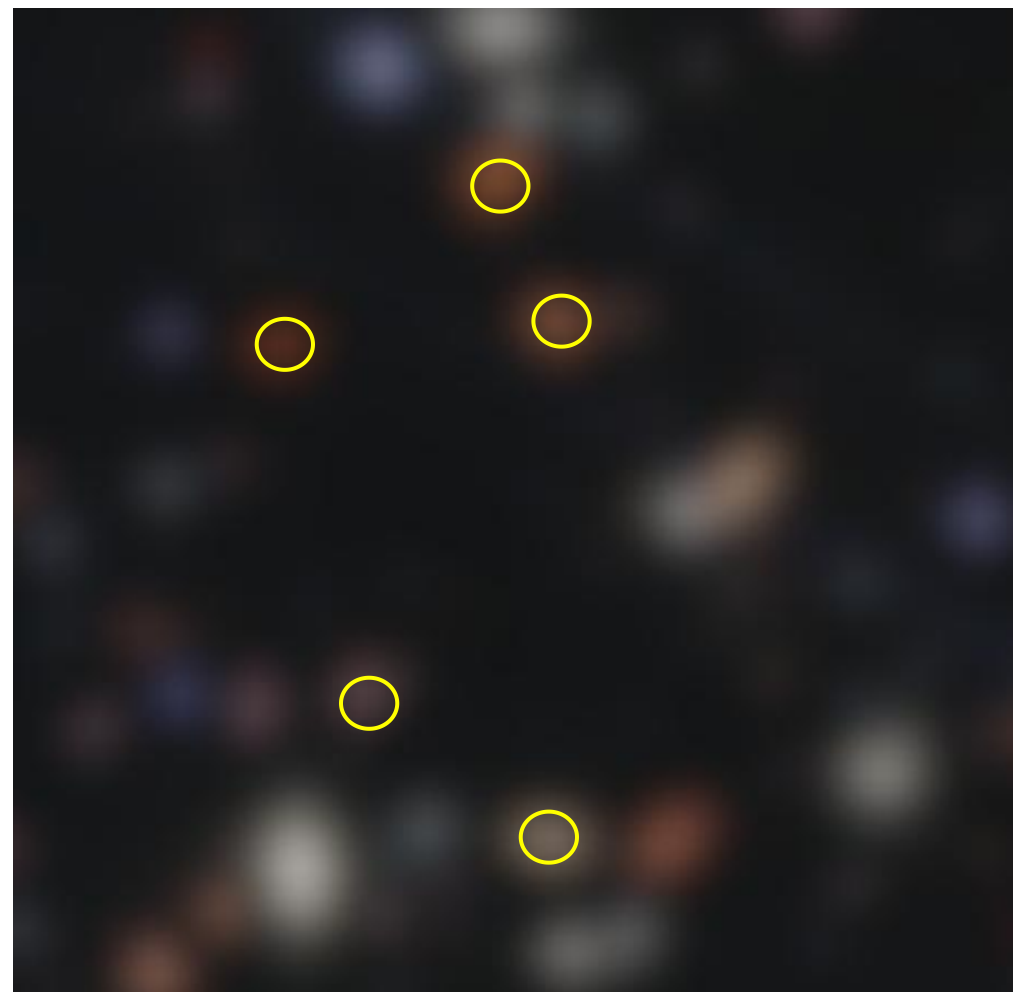


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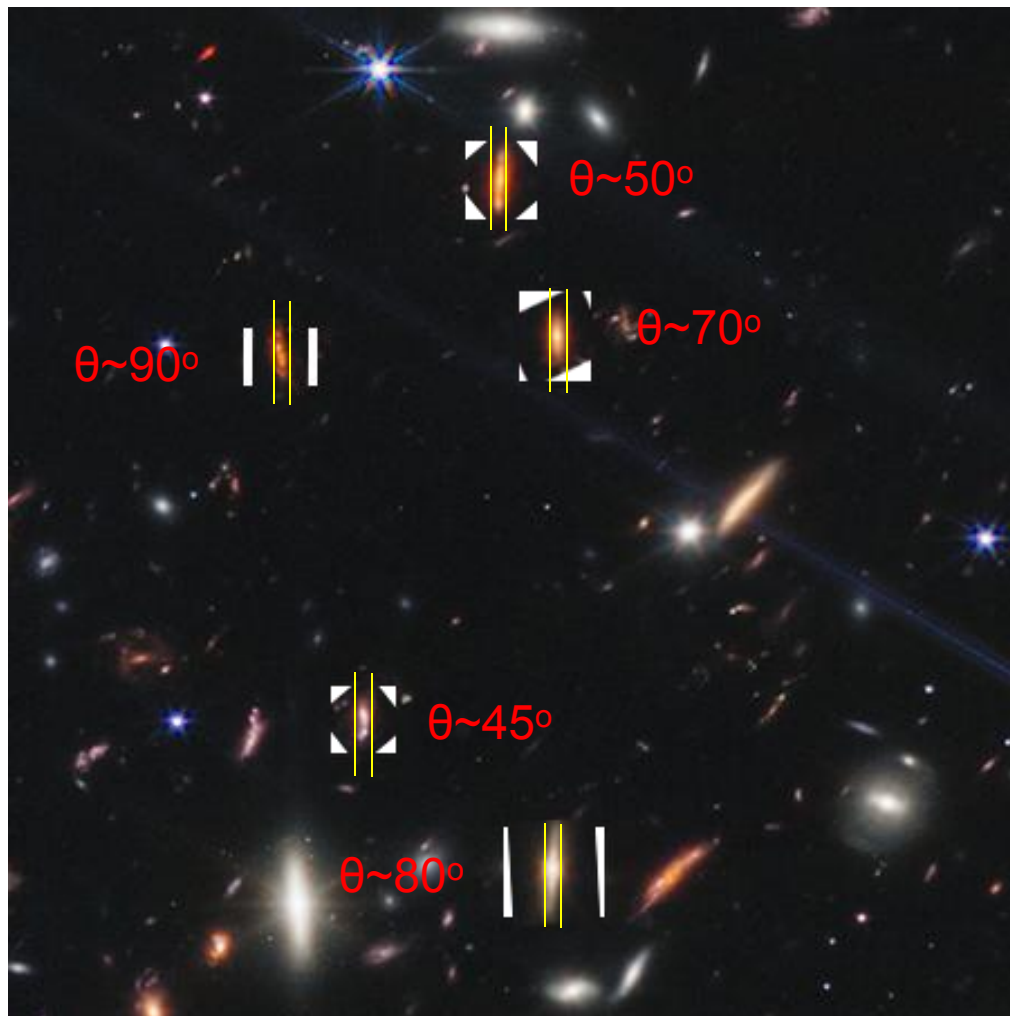
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GLAO $\sim 0.2''$ (e.g. MOSAIC)

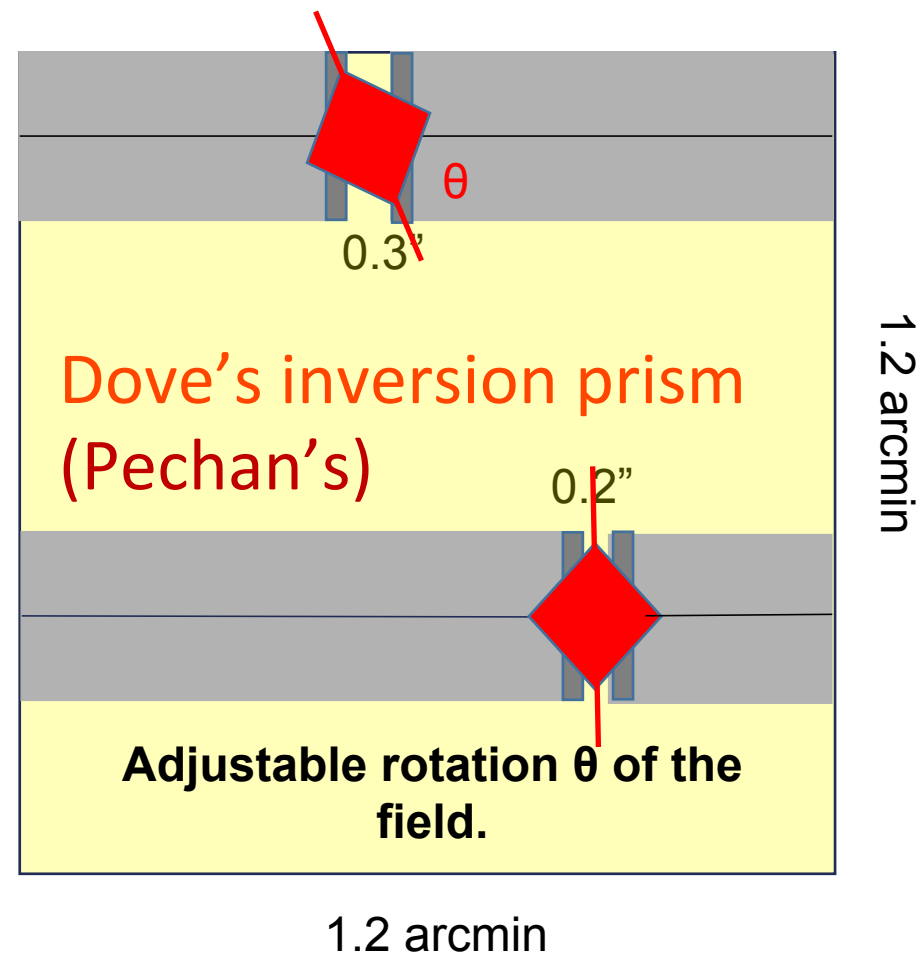


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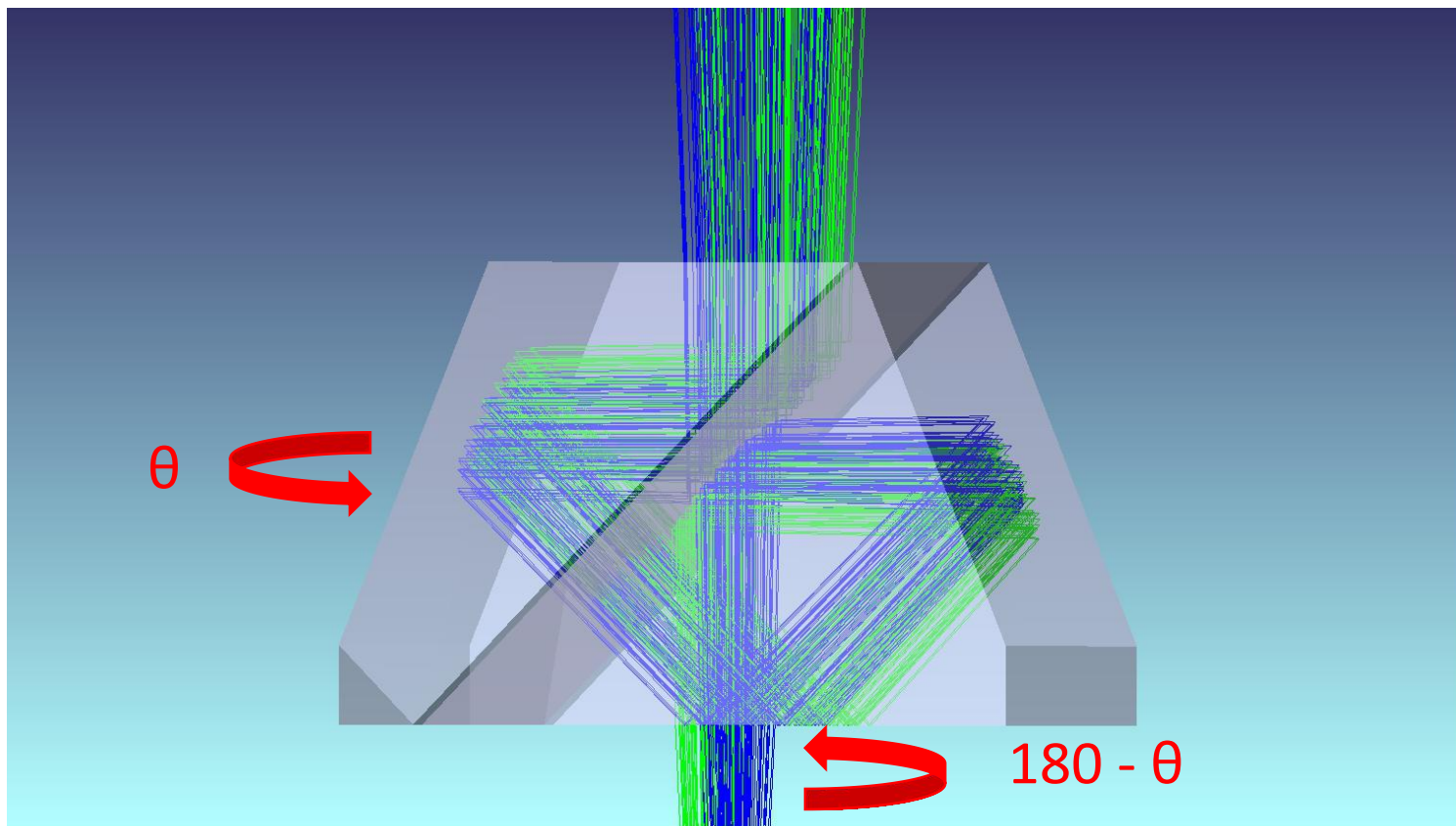
Turn the galaxies to see them better!



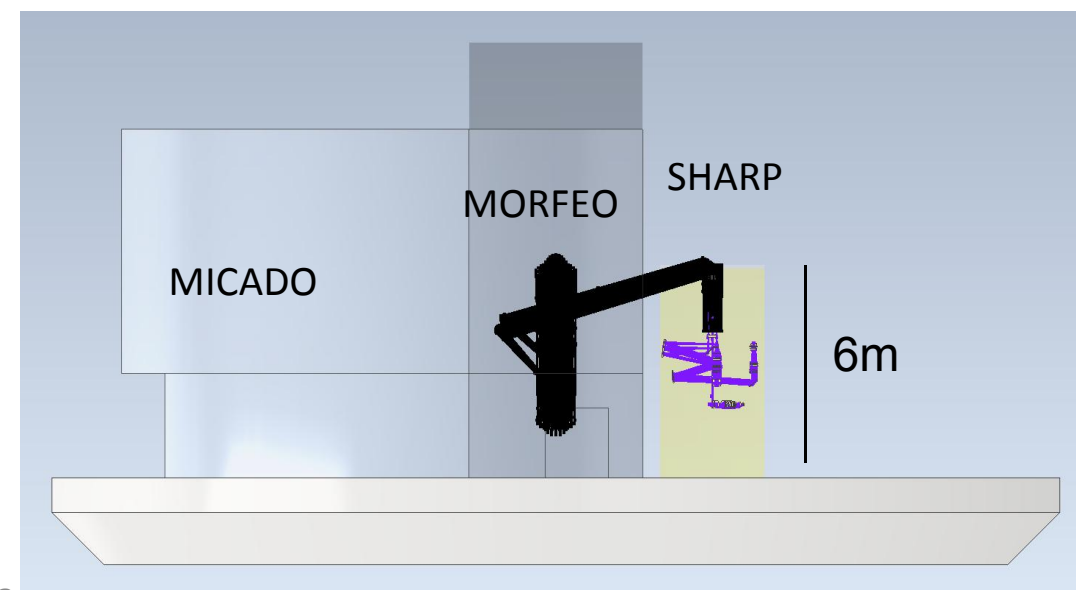
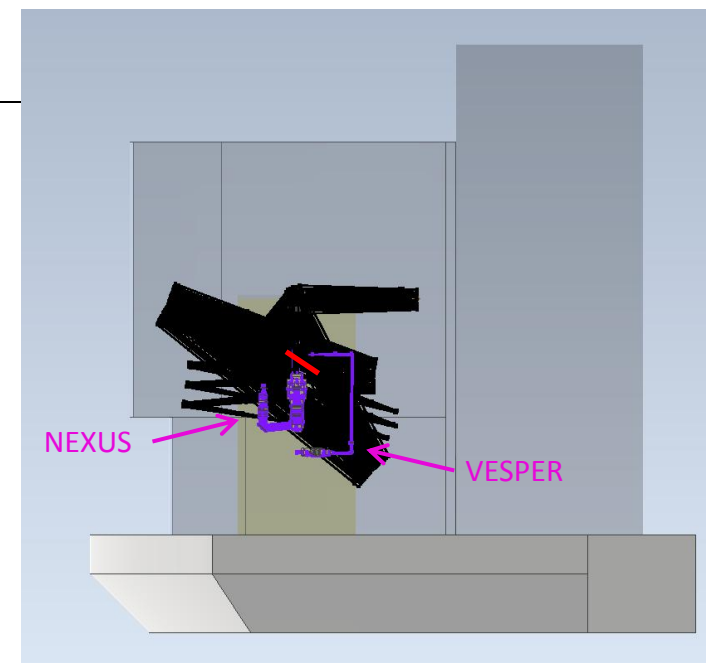
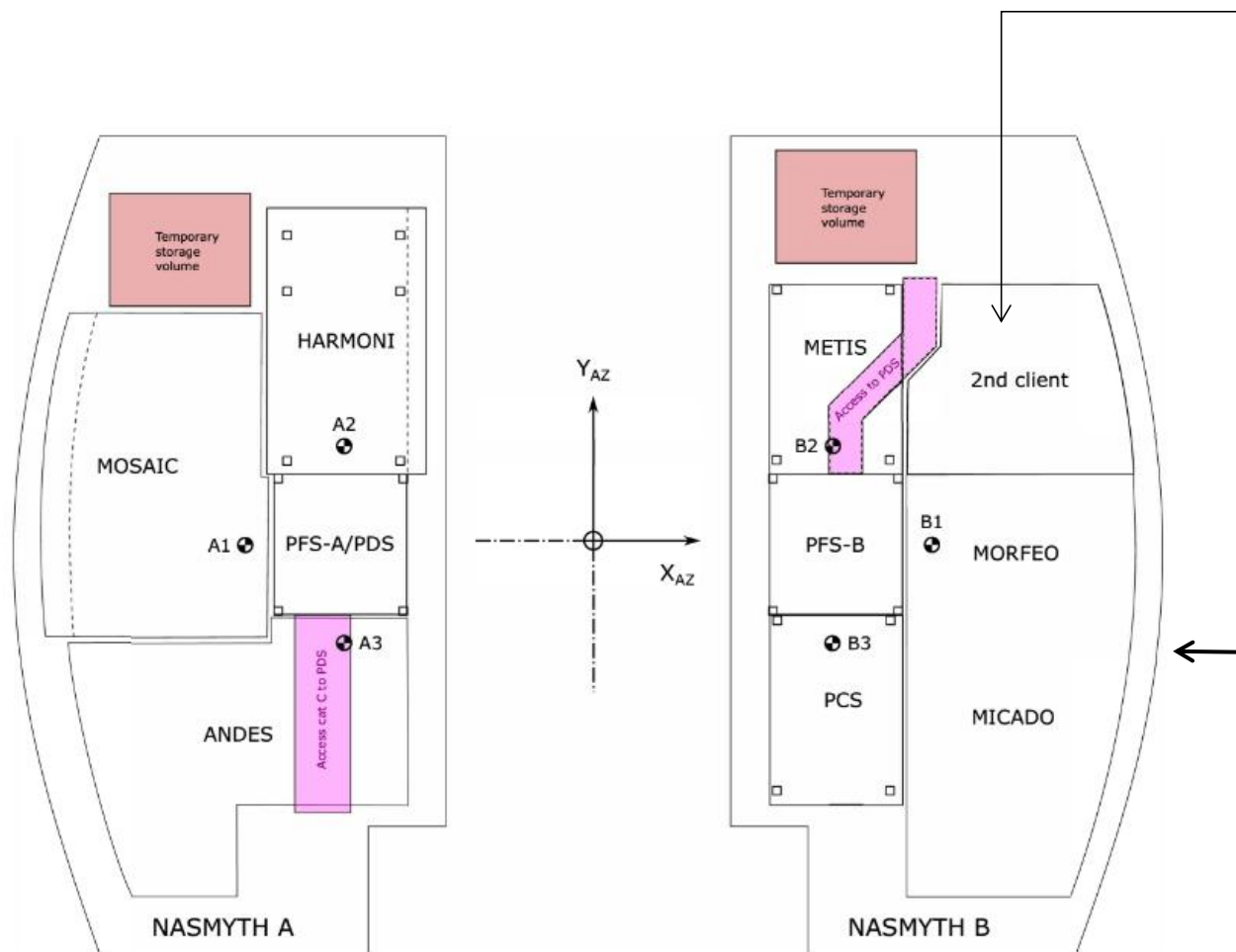
The “Swiss Clock” of NEXUS



Inversion Prism

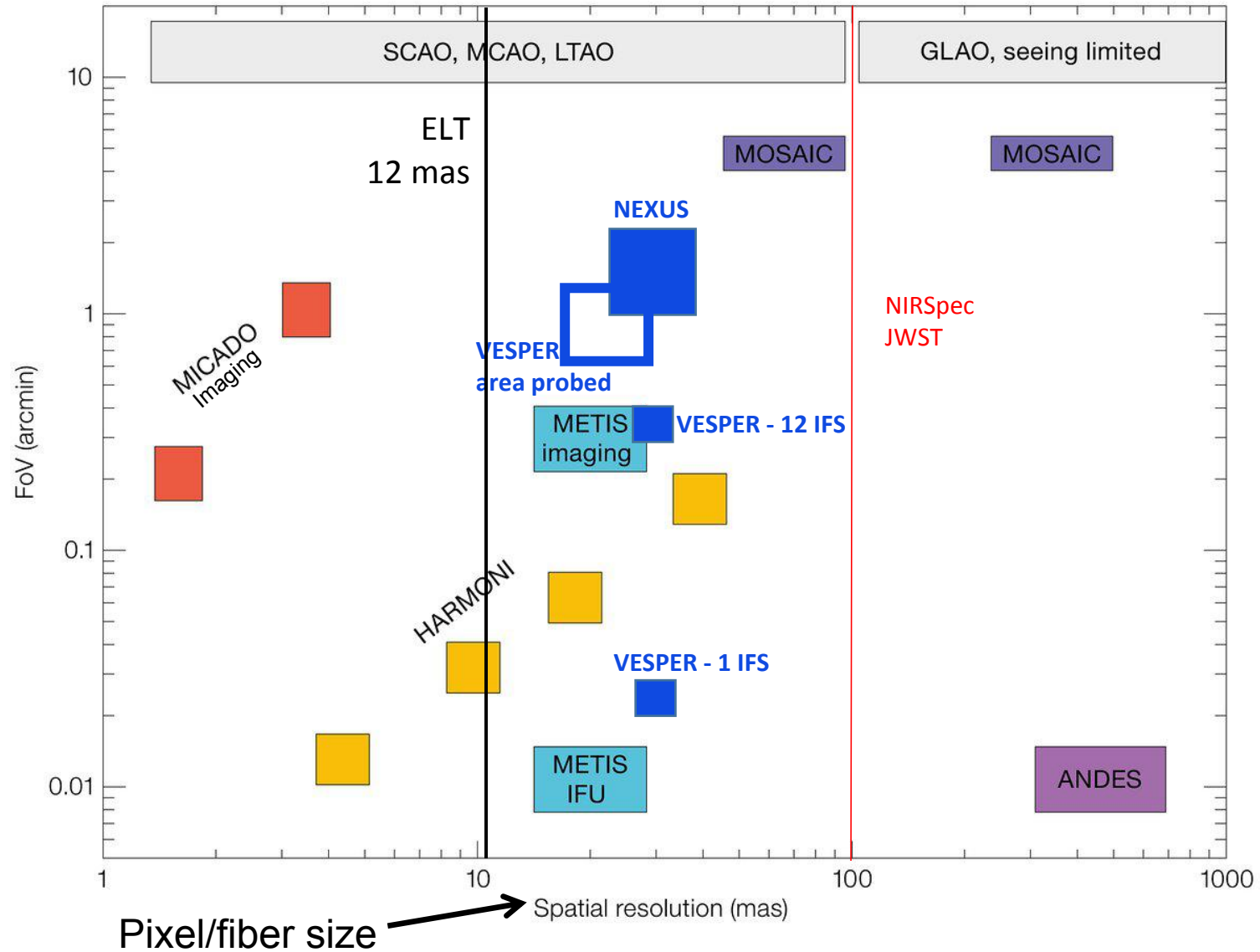


SHARP at ELT



CAD by Ivan Di Antonio

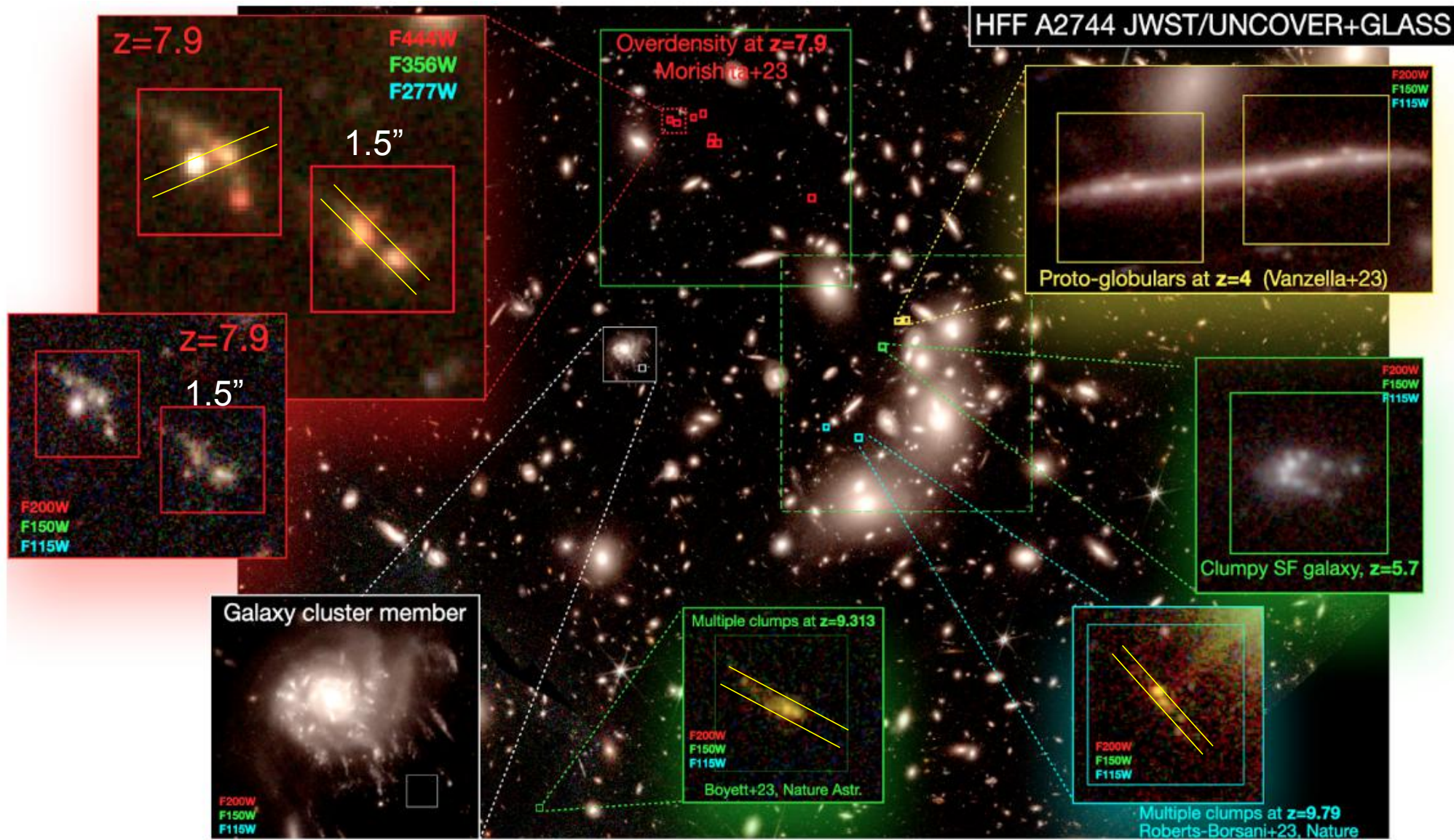
SHARP vs Other ELT Instruments



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Science with SHARP

SHARP Potentialities - The distant Universe



VESPER

12 IFsS

1.7"x1.5"

31 mas/pix

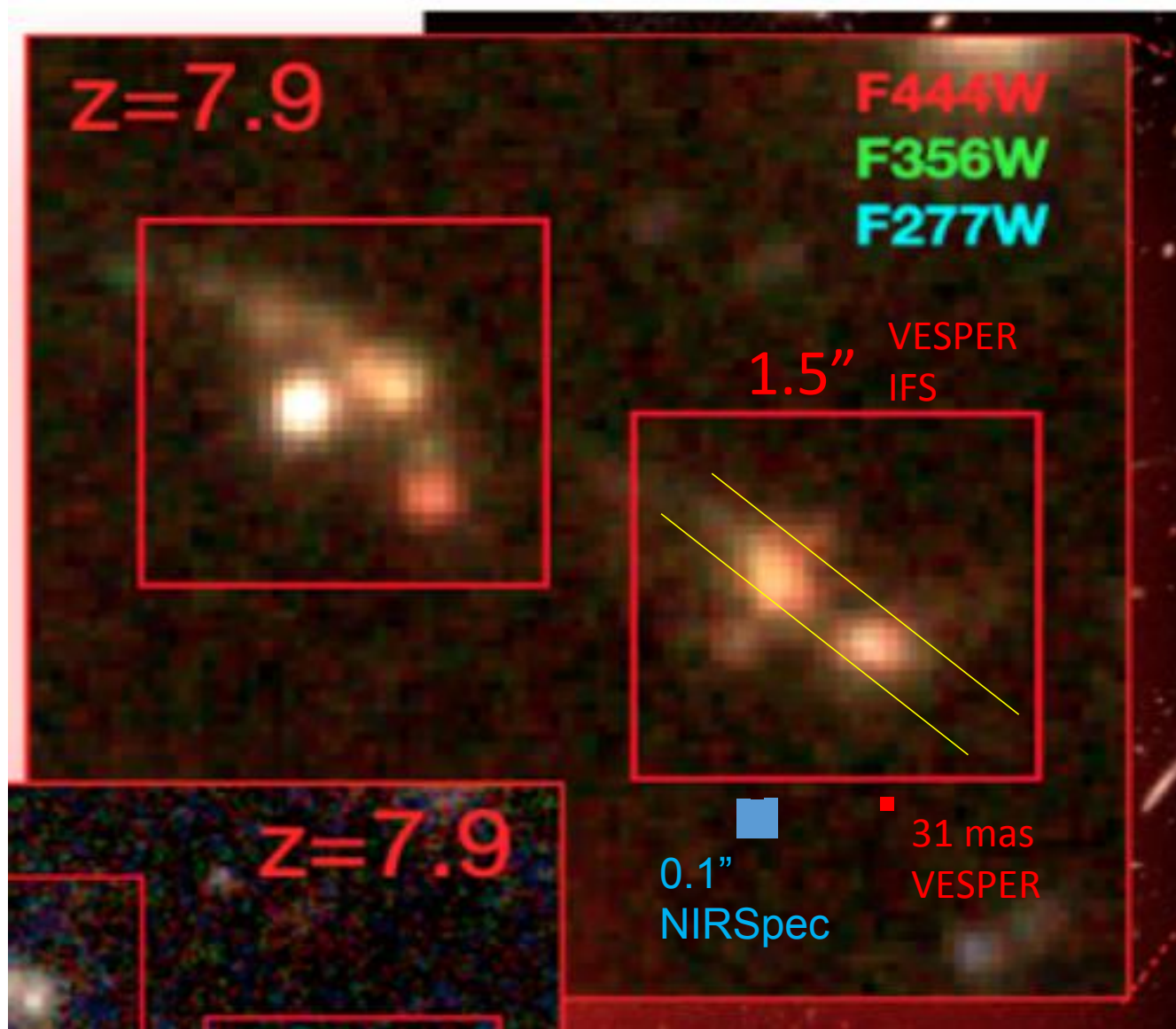
NEXUS

30 slits

Rotating FoV

35 mas/pix

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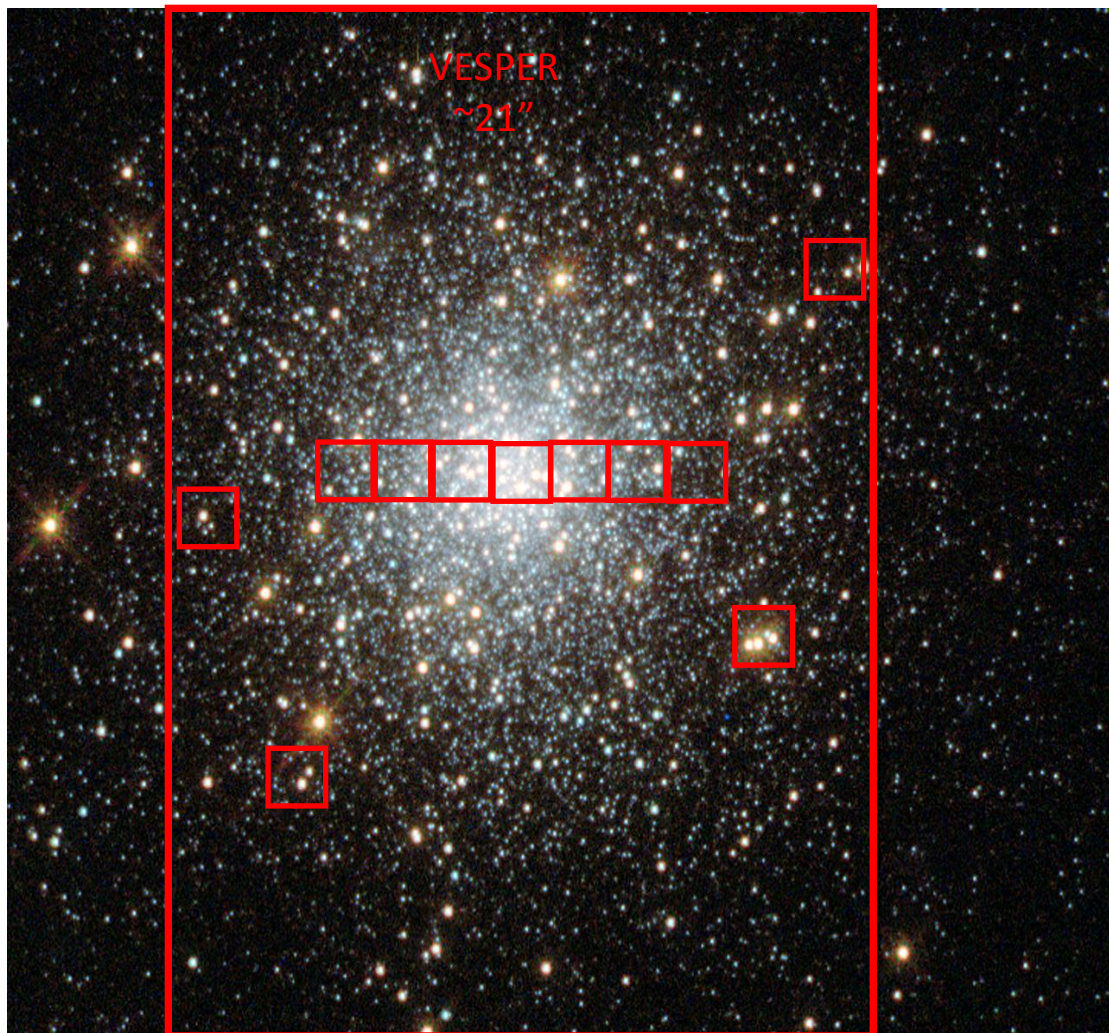
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SHARP - Globular clusters within and outside the Local Group



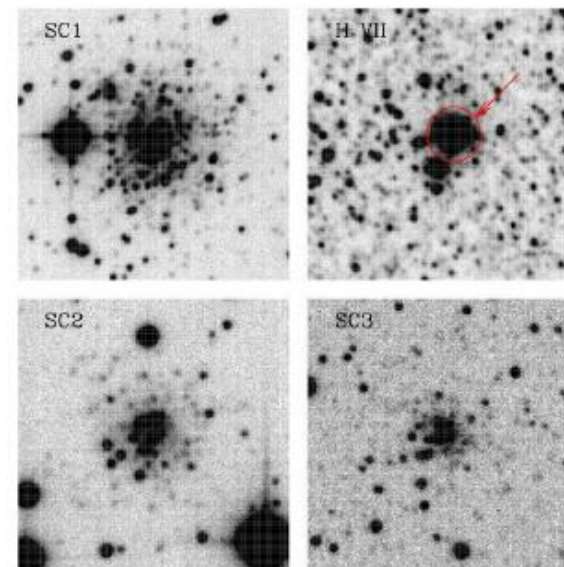
Globular cluster n.5 in the dwarf galaxy Fornax



~30 arcsec

Individual stellar properties (kinematics, chemistry) within the Local Group:
Fornax at ~150 kpc; NGC6822 at ~500 kpc

Star clusters in the halo of NGC6822



Does intermediate MBHs exist?

Accurate kinematics of hundreds stars along the major axis of GCs (within and outside LG).

Thanks to V. D'Orazi, D. Fedele, WG3&WG4



Team & Structure

SHARP Current Team (10 INAF Institutes, 3 Universities)



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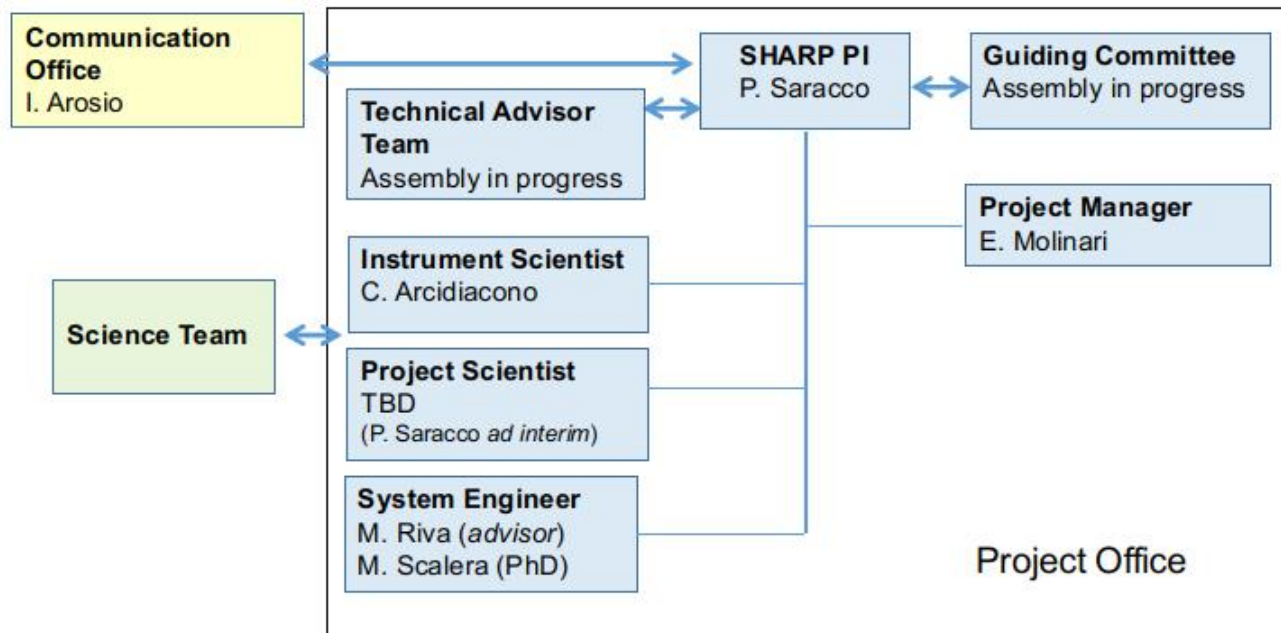
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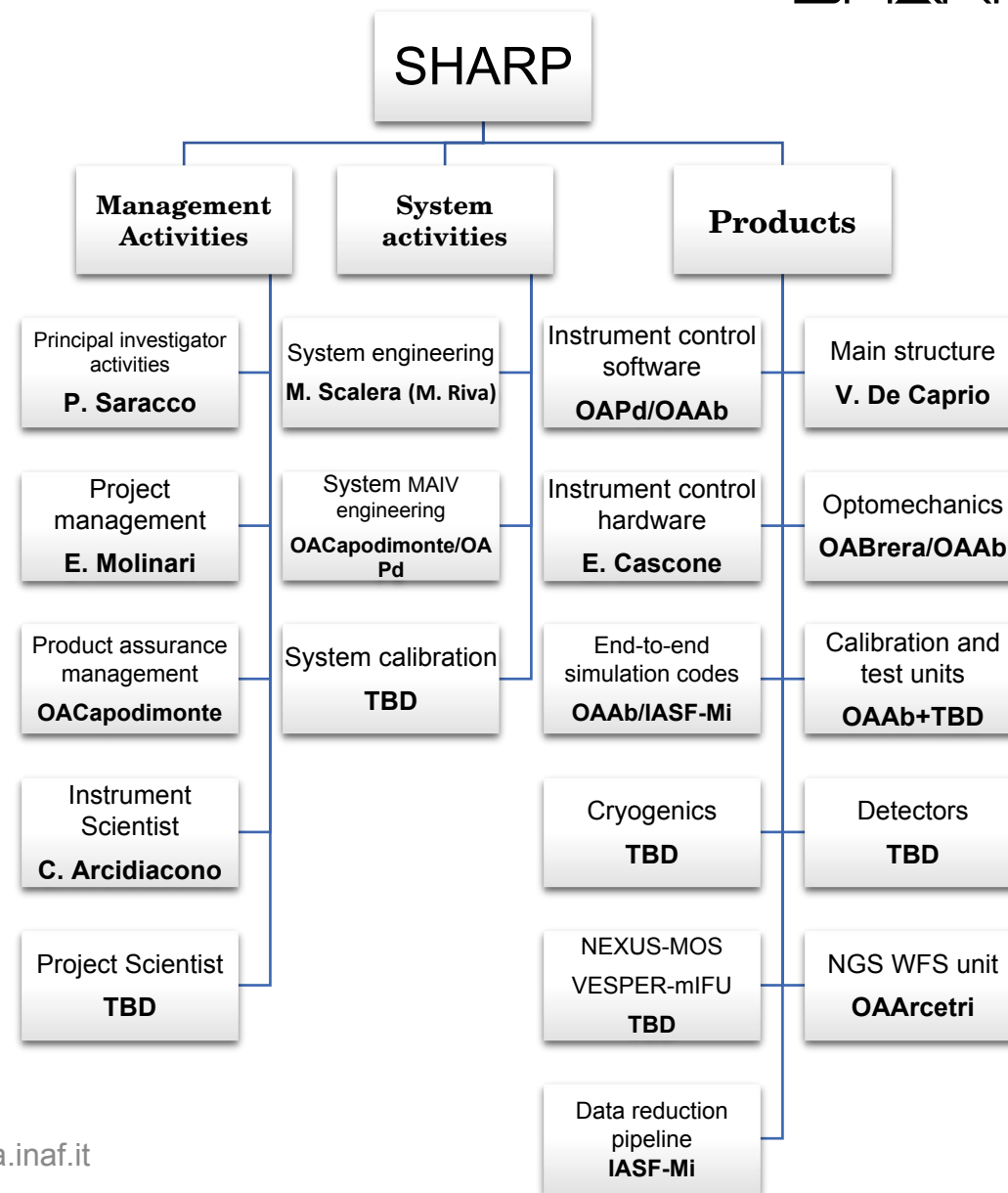
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SHARP - Project Office & Work Breakdown Structure



Guiding Committee - Composed of experienced/seniors. Provides the projects with guidance and assures the reliability of the project. It will become the Steering Committee when the International Consortium will be assembled.



SHARP Science Team: 4 Working Groups

WG1 - Early Universe and Cosmology

Themes: Early Universe, primordial galaxies, reionization, intergalactic/circumgalactic medium, absorption systems, gravitational lensing, dark matter, cosmological parameters

WG2 - Galaxies and AGNs

Themes: galaxies in their environment; structure, dynamics and kinematics; interactions; unresolved stellar populations; assembly of galaxies; chemical evolution of galaxies; coevolution; physics of AGNs, supermassive BHs.

WG3 - Interstellar medium, young stellar objects, planetary systems

Themes: gas and dust, molecular clouds, HII regions, massive stars, (pre) MS stars, star formation, chemical processes in interstellar medium, extrasolar planet search.

WG4 - Resolved stellar populations

Themes: local Group, local volume, Milky way, Supernovae, pulsars, planetary nebulae, AGB/postAGB stars, star clusters

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Project Status

Short Term Goal (2025-2026)

Proposing SHARP for the 2nd port of MORFEO at the ESO call for new instrumentation (probably in 2026).

Tasks to be completed by 2025-early 2026

- ✓ Optical design
- Engineering assessment
- International consortium

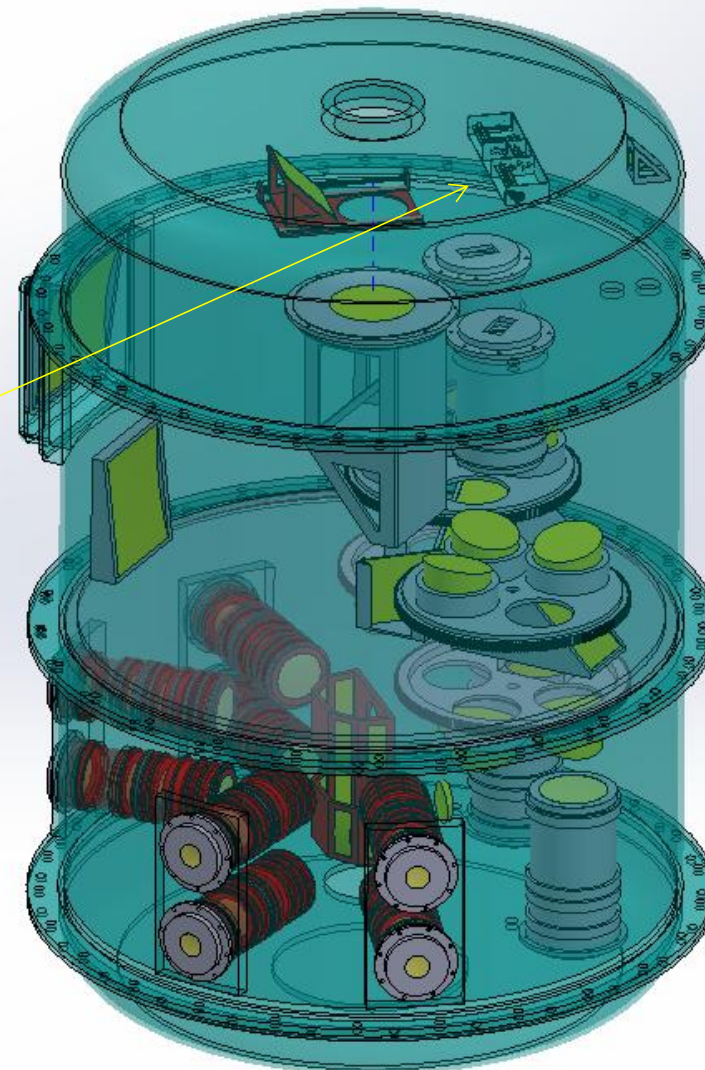
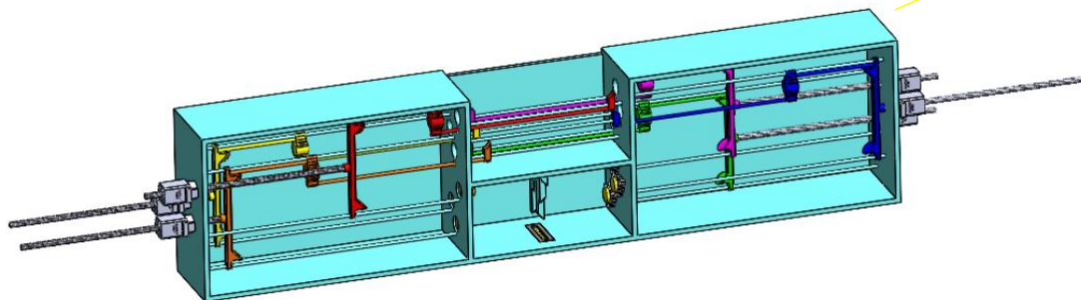
Engineering Assessment

- **Techno Grant 2022** - 98 kE ==> Recruitment of an optomechanical engineer
84 kE (85%) used to fund **Dottorato di Ricerca Dept. Ingegneria Meccanica - Politecnico di Milano**
Ing. Hossein Mahmoodzadeh (PhD PoliMi)
- We plan to adopt the **Concurrent Design Facility**

Conceptual Engineering Design Ongoing

*by Ing. Hossein Mahmoodzadeh
(PhD PoliMi)*

VESPER
Integral Field Selector System



~3.2 m

2.5 m

SHARP - Project Status

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2024 - SHARP meeting

Unveiling the Universe with SHARP

**30 September-02 October 2024,
Milan**

To involve the community in the
White Books
(to be published, e.g., MemSait)

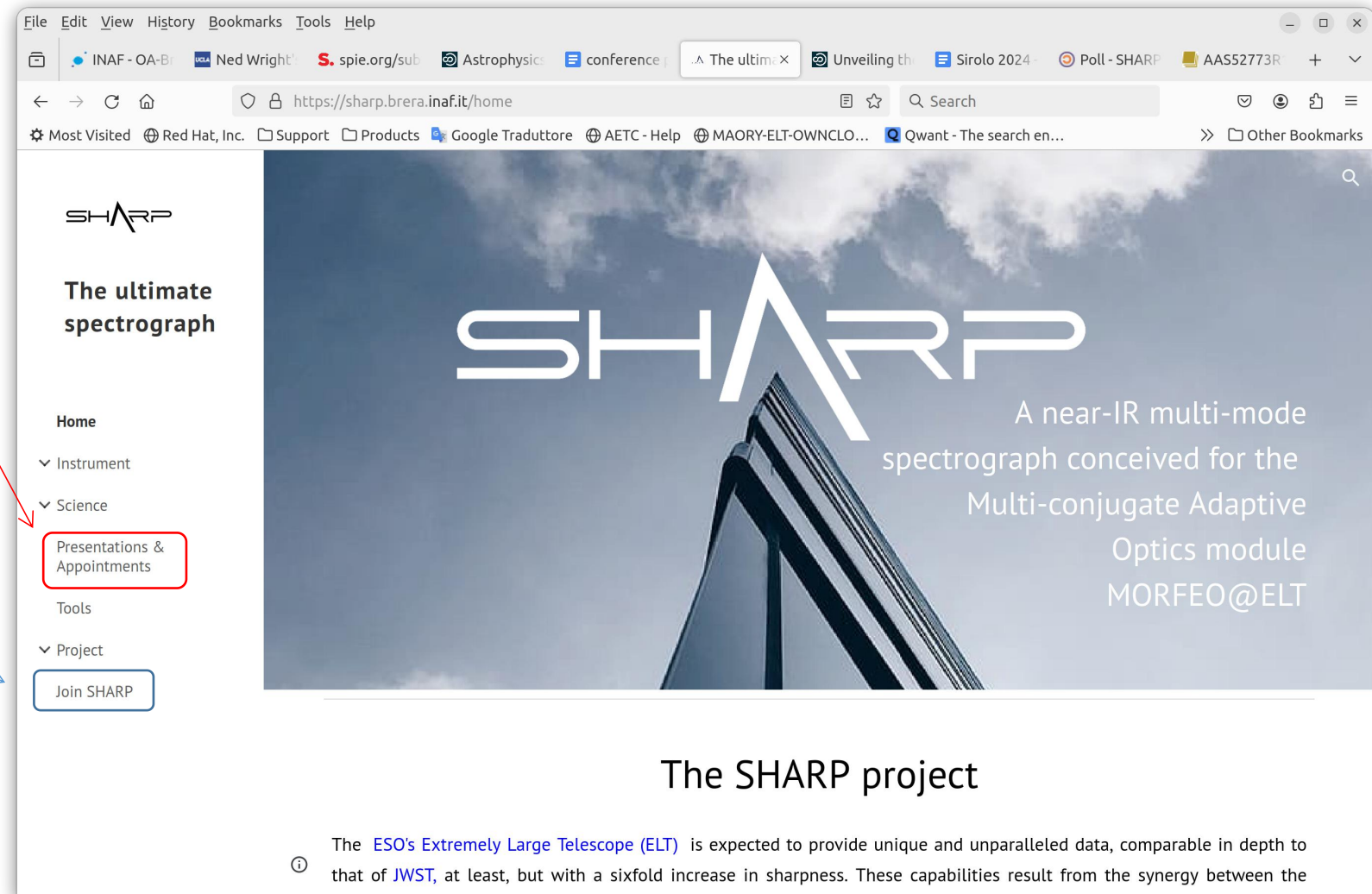
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SHARP - Project Status

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SHARP Exposure Time Calculator

SUBMIT RESET

TARGET

SED

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SKY CONDITIONS

SHARP - ETC

(SHARP website, under *Tools*)

ETC - Fundamental tool for developing your own science cases

SHARP ETC takes into account

- the light profile and
 - the angular size of the source
- fundamental parameters for AO observations



Quick Reference Guide

V 1.1

November 2023

2024 - National focus meeting
Unveiling the Universe with SHARP
30 September-02 October 2024,
Milan

To involve the community in the
White Books

Tools:
SHARP-ETC
SHARP Quick Reference Guide

To join the SHARP project
sharp_join.oabr@inaf.it



Objectives and Ambitions

MORFEO-SHARP will exceed the observational limits fixed by NIRSpec@JWST
allowing us to explore the new paths that JWST is opening.

MORFEO-SHARP will take up the baton left by JWST when its mission ends.



SHARP

"Why Everest?" - "Because it's there"

G. Mallory, 1924

This is SHARP

Thank you!