

Direct Imaging with Ground-Based Telescopes

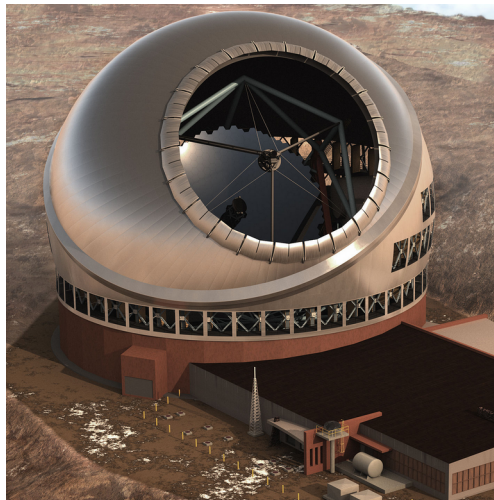
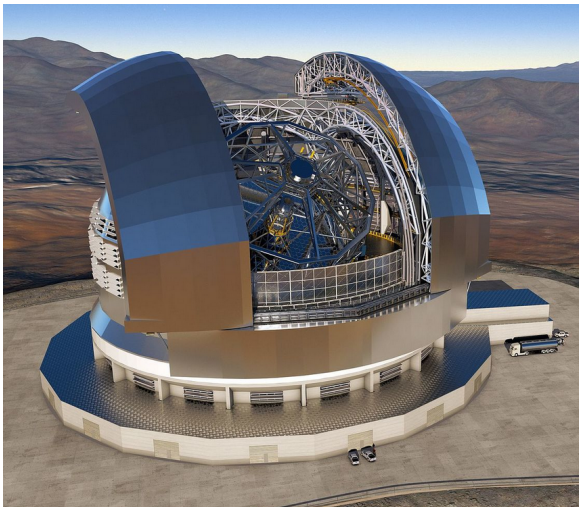
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- Coronagraphy

- Wavefront control

Planning future instruments

- From 10m-class telescopes to 30m-class telescopes

- ELT, TMT and GMT plans

Direct imaging measurements fundamentals

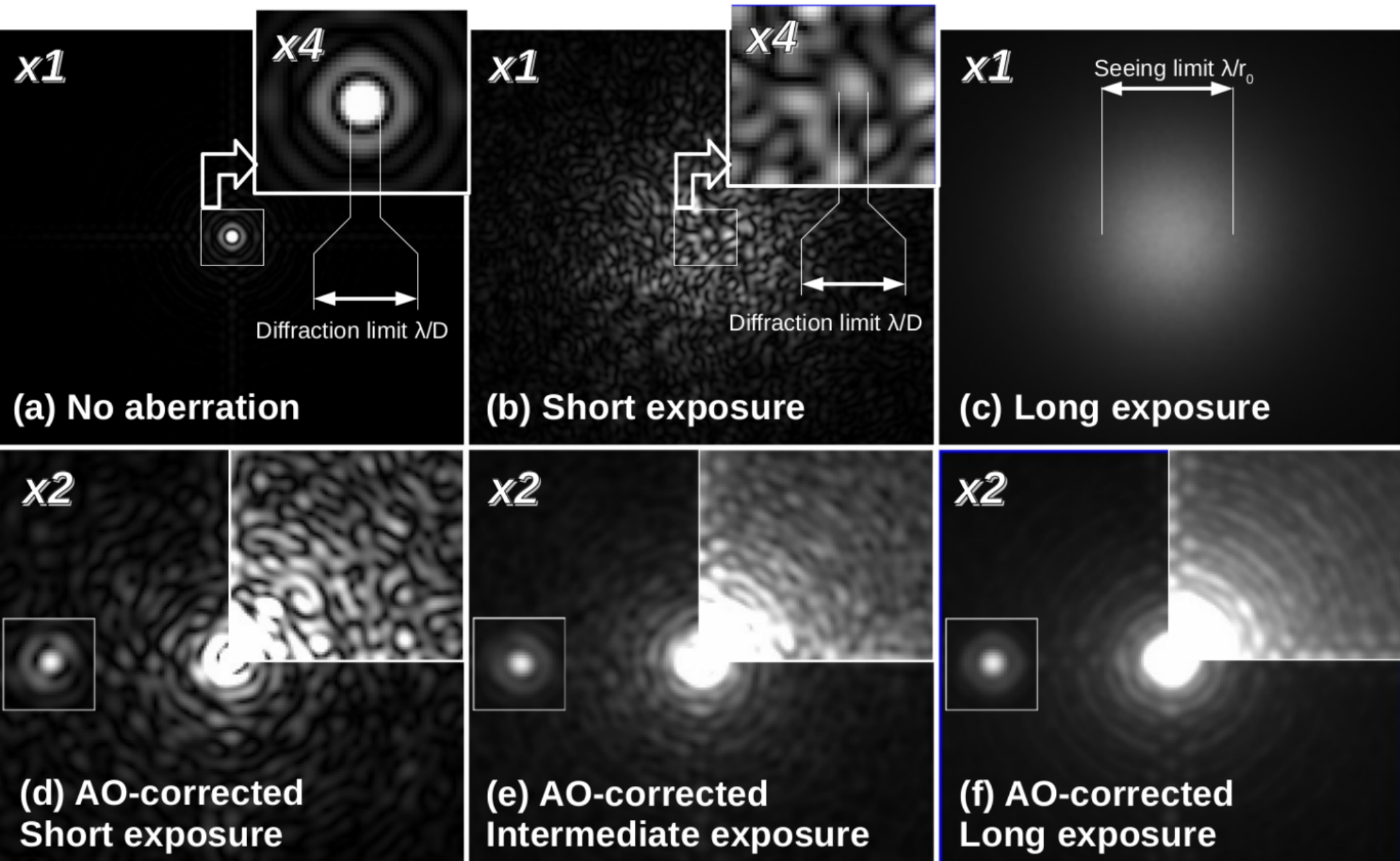
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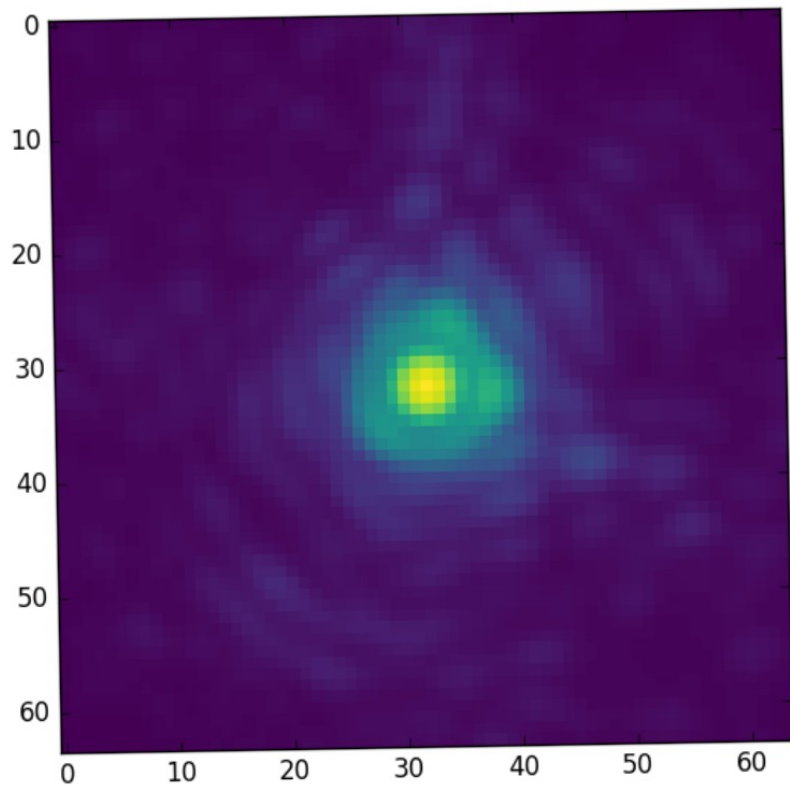
Adaptive Optics Correction of Atmospheric Turbulence



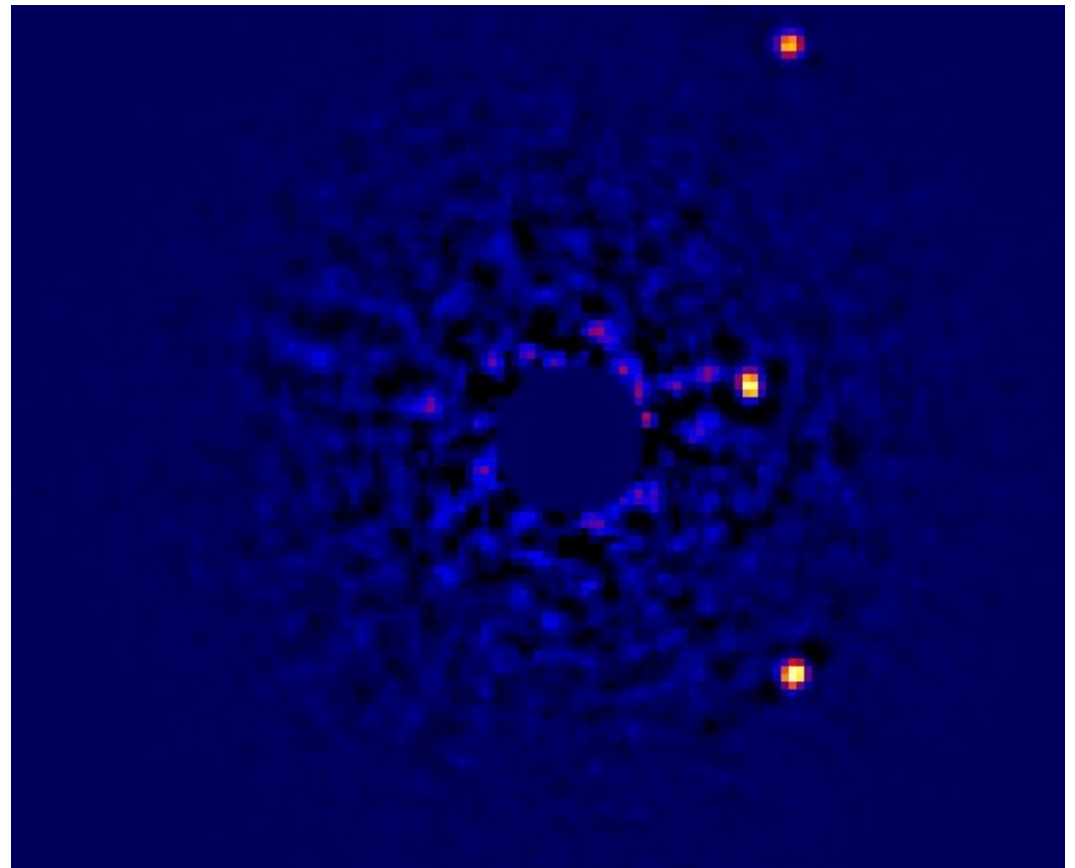
The REAL challenge: Wavefront error (speckles)

SCExAO: 1200 modes corrected at 3 kHz

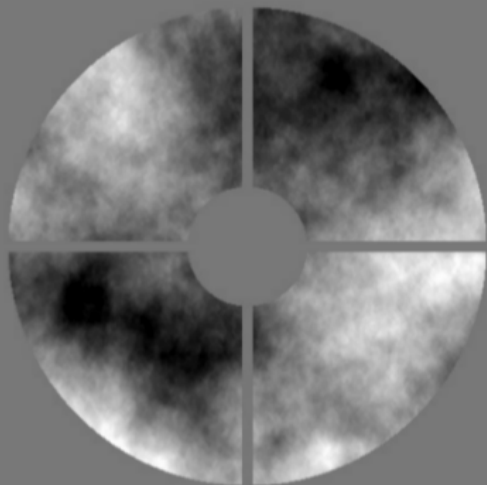
Visible (750nm)
Subaru/SCExAO/VAMPIRES



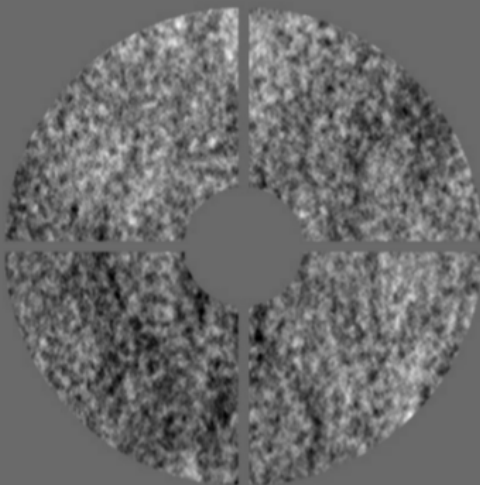
NearIR high contrast image
Subaru/AO188/HiCIAO



1186 nm RMS



141 nm RMS



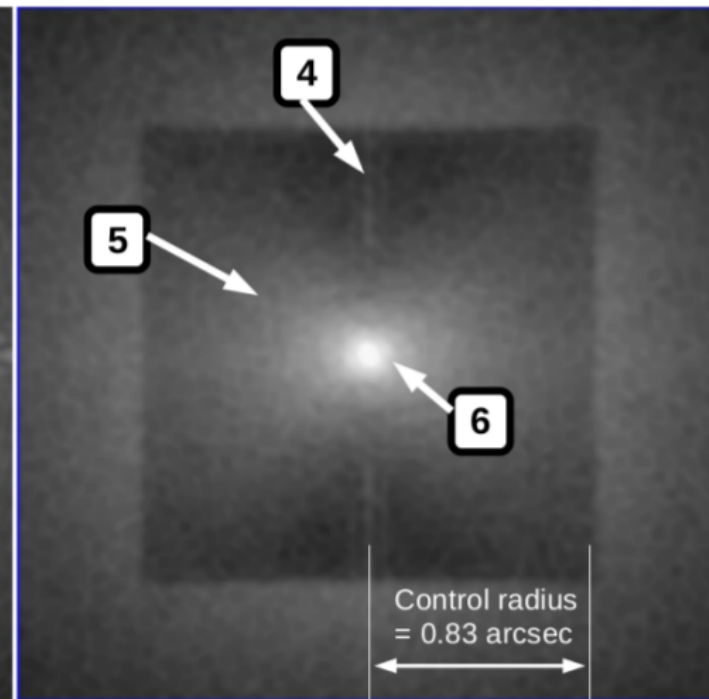
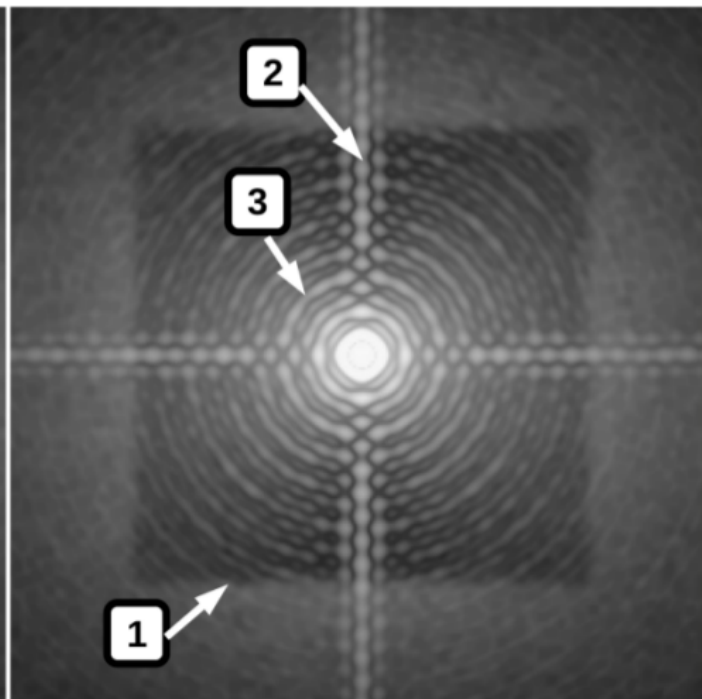
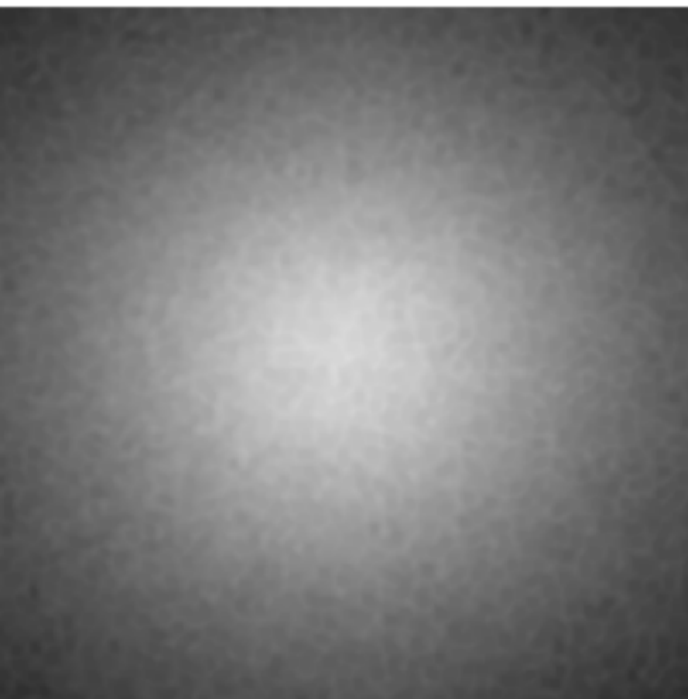
- 1: ExAO control radius
- 2: Telescope spider diffraction
- 3: Diffraction rings
- 4: Ghost spider diffraction
- 5: "butterfly" wind effect
- 6: Coronagraphic leak (low order aberrations)

Monochromatic PSFs, 1.65um
No photon noise
10m/s wind speed, single layer
4ms wavefront control lag

No AO correction

Extreme-AO correction

Extreme-AO + coronagraph



-4.7

-4.4

-4.1

-3.8

-3.5

-3.2

-2.9

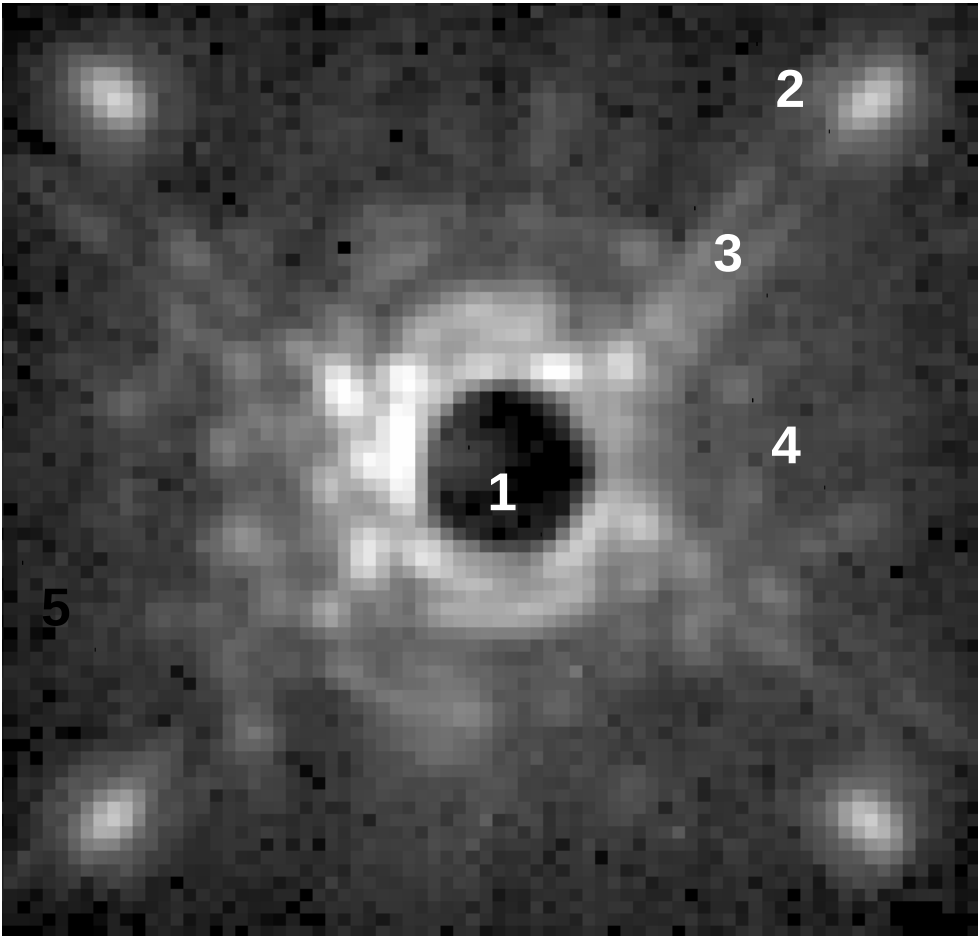
-2.6

-2.3

Contrast (10-base log)

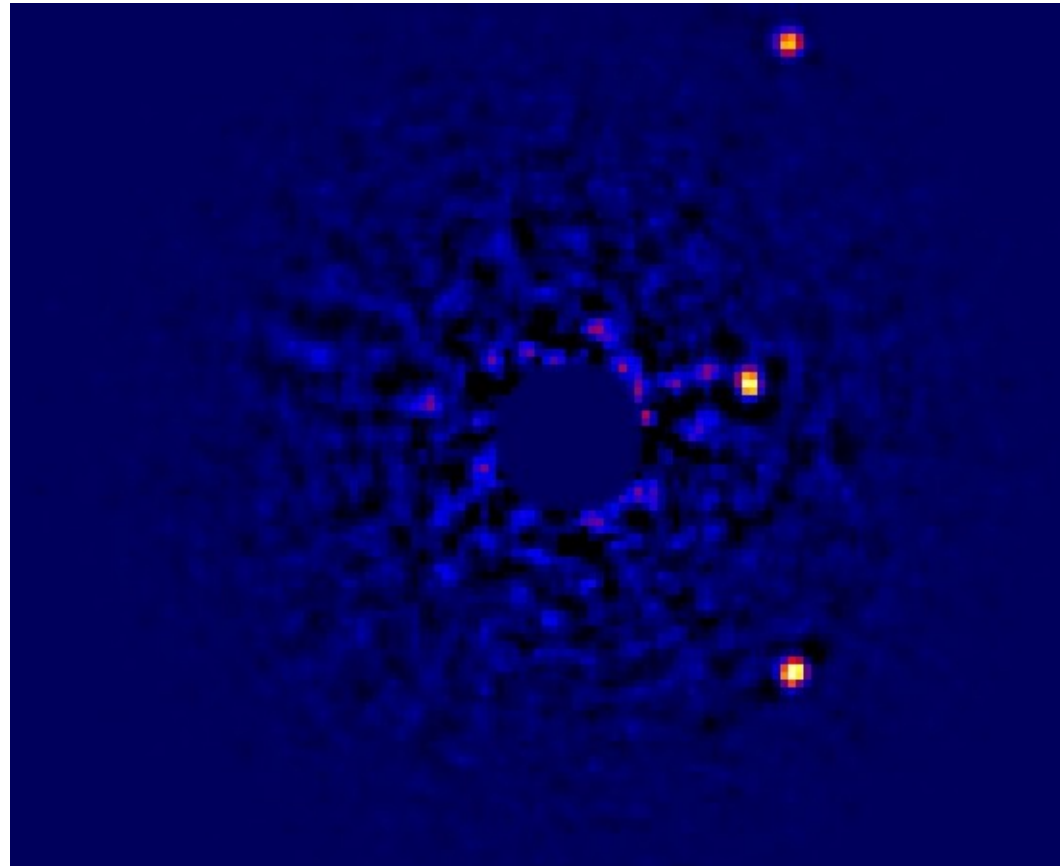
Control radius
= 0.83 arcsec

RAW image

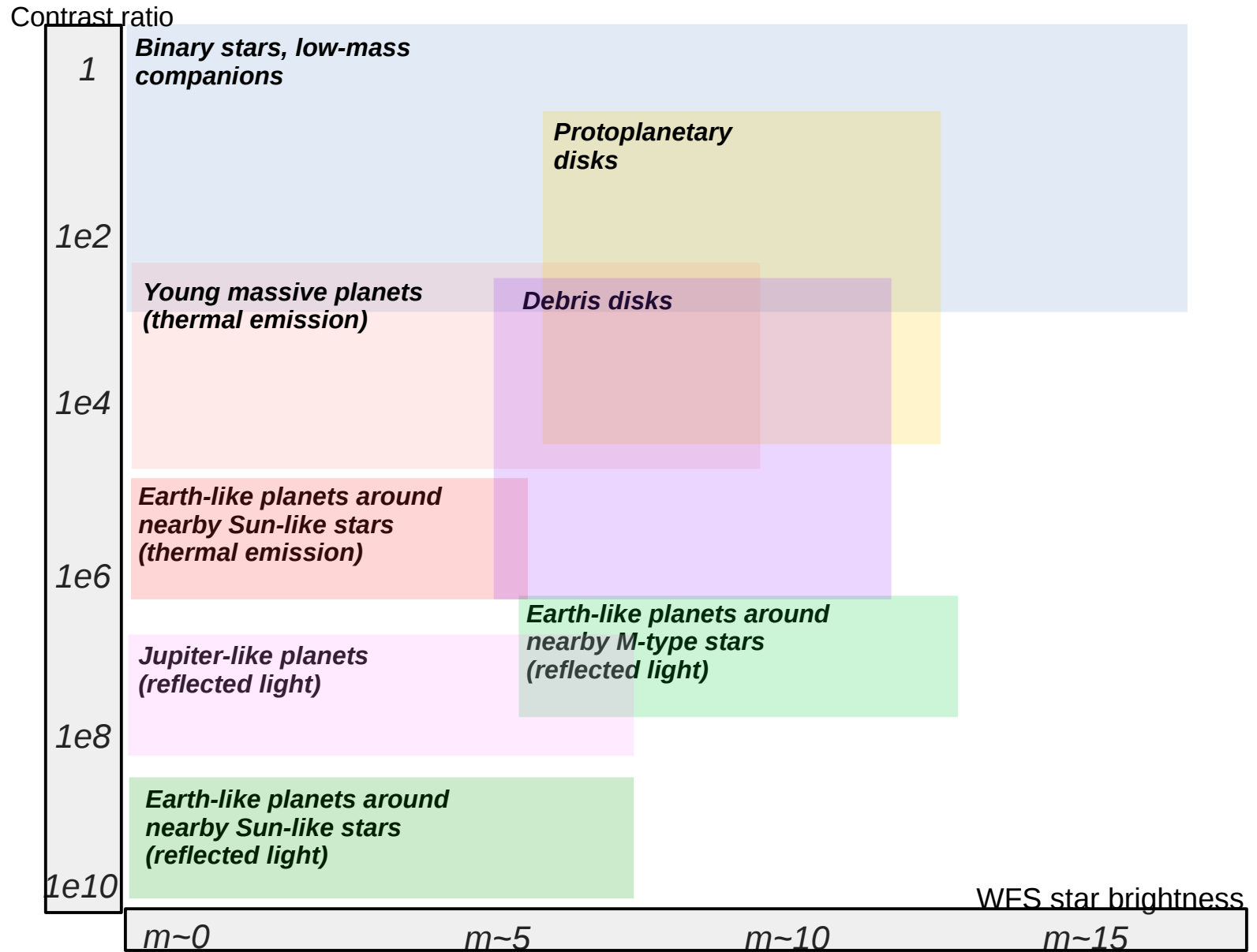


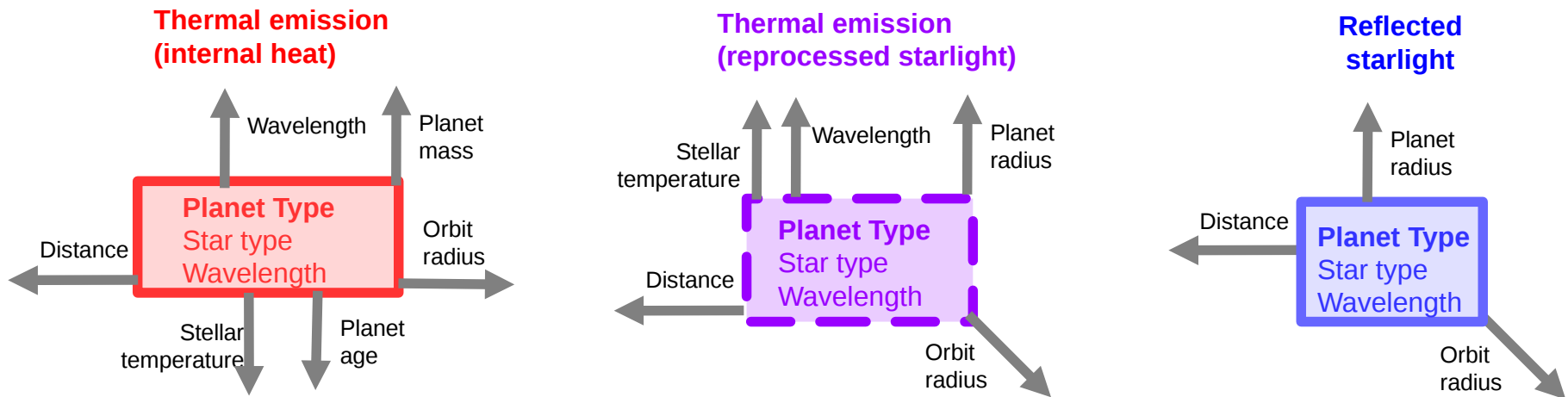
- 1: Coronagraph Focal plane mask***
- 2: Calibration Speckles (astrometry and photometry)***
- 3: Residual diffraction***
- 4: Speckle Noise***
- 5: Photon and Readout noise***

**PROCESSED
image**

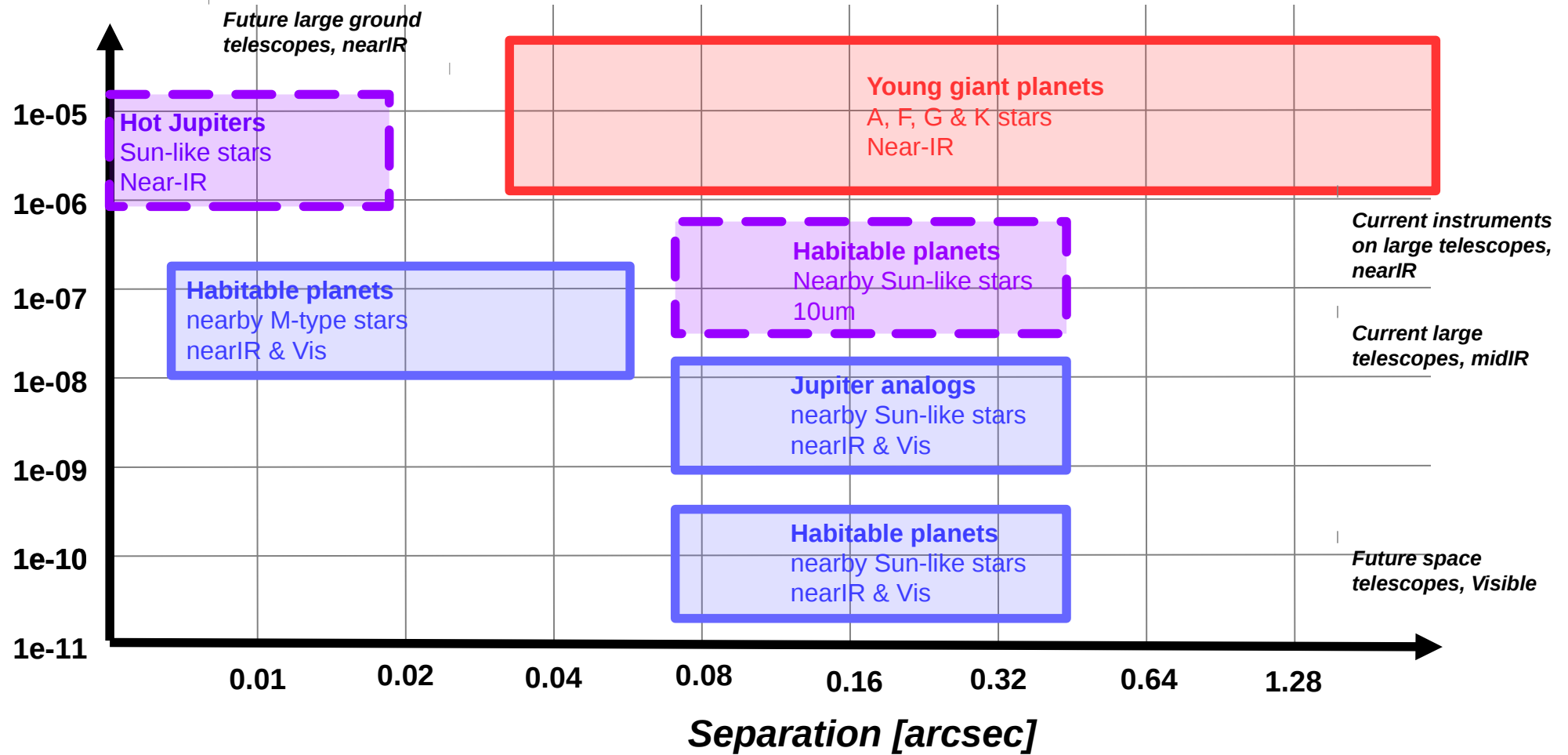


- Detection noise dominated by :***
- residual speckle noise***
 - photon noise***
 - readout noise***





Contrast



Disk Imaging

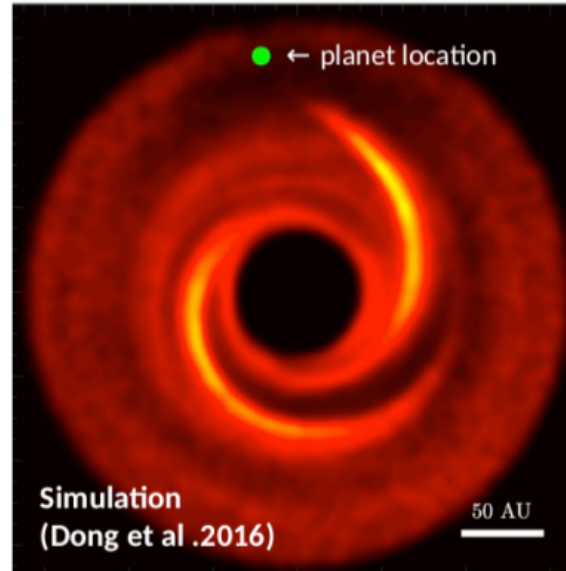
Figure 2: MWC 758 disk

Top right: Disk model and predicted planet position to produce spiral arms.

Bottom left: Near-IR image without exAO.

Bottom right: H-band image with SCExAO. The image quality is greatly improved.

High speed polarimetric imaging without coronagraph and saturation will map innermost disk and constrain location & mass of forming planets.

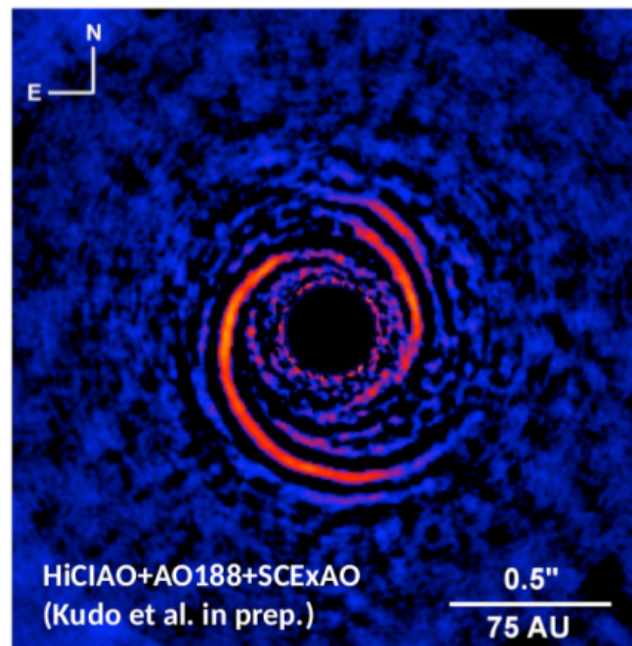
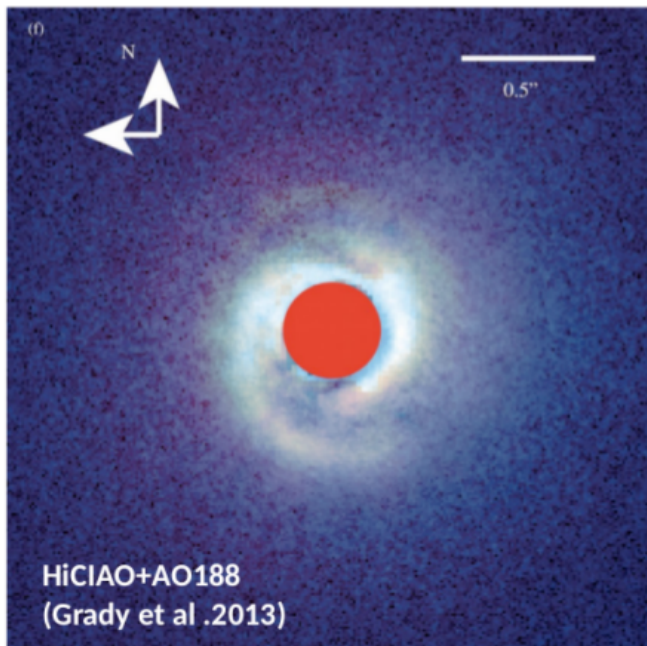


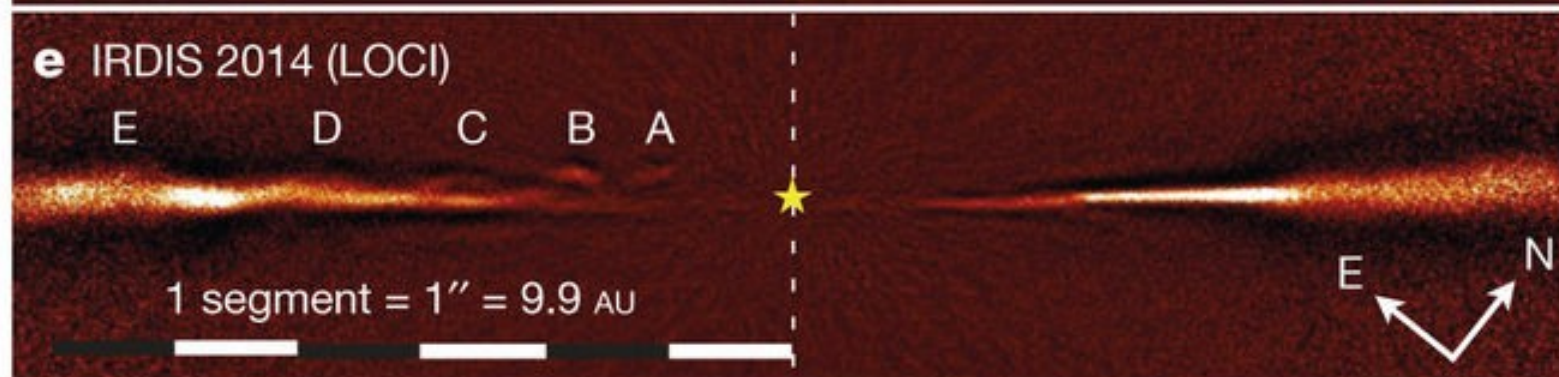
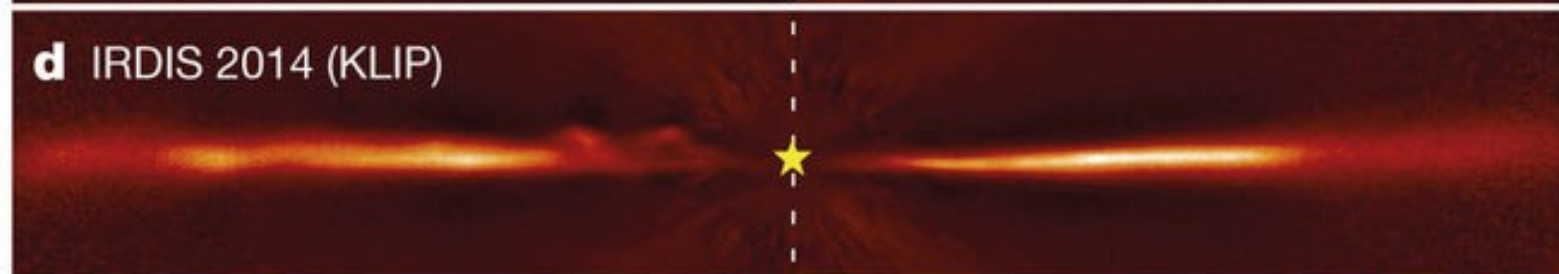
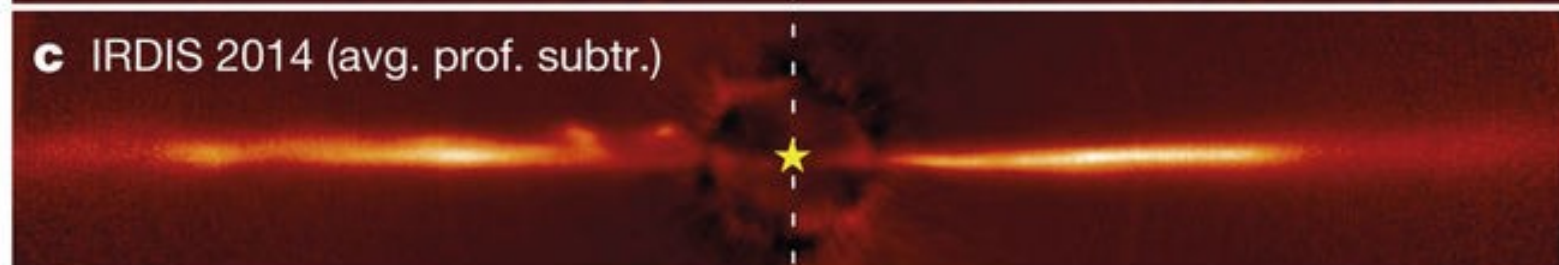
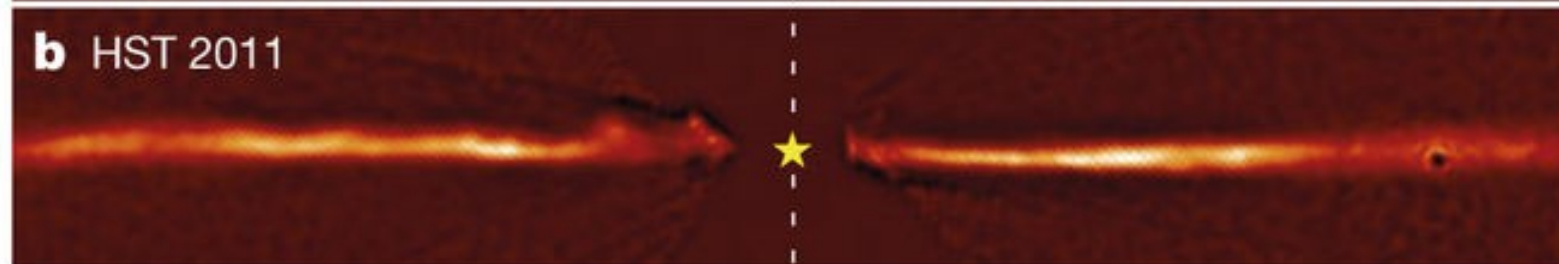
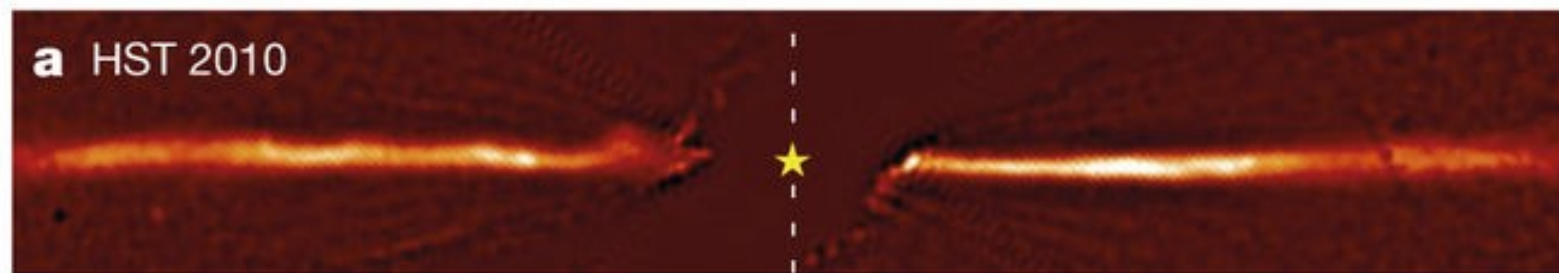
Planet formation and early evolution

Disks shaped by planets' gravity (gaps, spiral arms)

Debris disks composition

Debris disks replenished by asteroid collisions



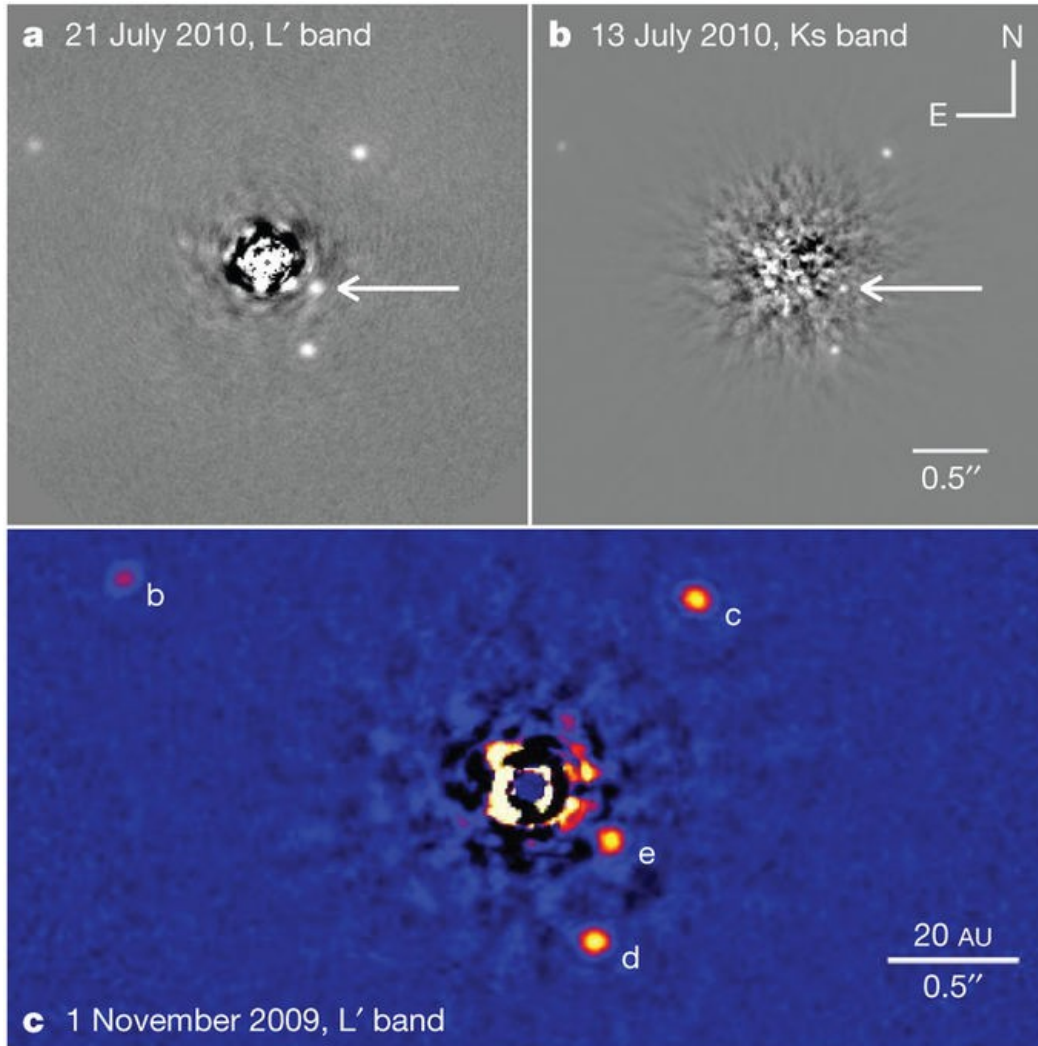


**Fast-moving disk
features around
AU Mic**

(Boccaletti et al. 2015)



Measurements: Astrometry & Photometry



Astrometry

Multi-planet systems:
Orbits and masses constrained by
dynamical stability requirements

Spectro-astrometry: Moons

Photometry

Multi-band
→ bulk properties (temperature, size)

Variability

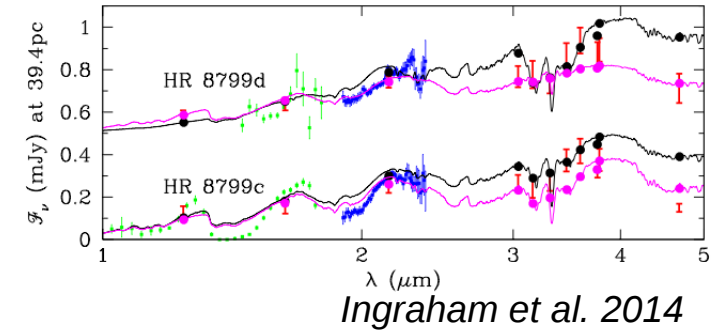
→ Clouds, rotation period
→ Moons (transit) & Rings

Measurements: Spectroscopy

Absorption lines → chemistry

Can be observed with Thermal emission / Reflected light / Transit spectroscopy

Model-fitting → temperature, composition, gravity

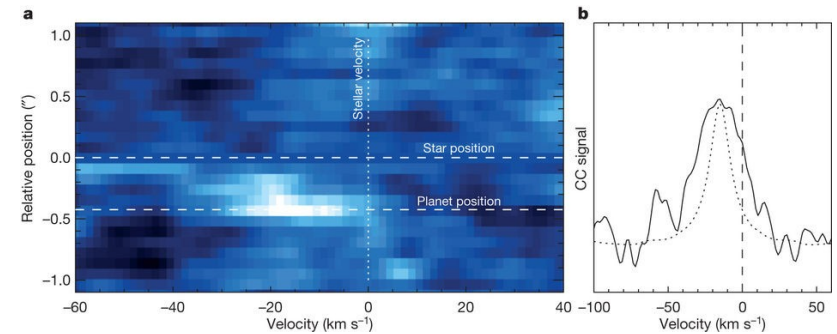


Dynamics (High res)

Planet rotation (beta pic spin: Snellen et al 2014)

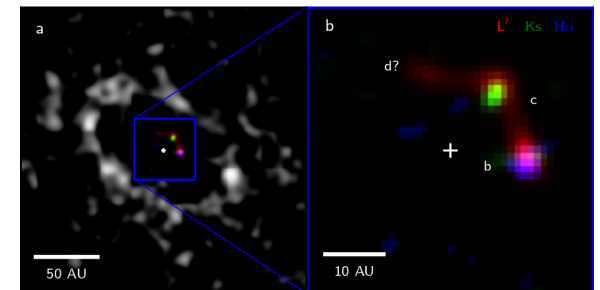
Orbits

Winds



Emission lines (Accretion Halpha, Aurorae)

- Halpha accretion (LkCa 15, Sallum et al. 2015)
- Prox Cen b Oxygen emission could be imaged with ELT in ~day exposure time (Luger et al. 2017)
- 819nm circular polarized emission on M8.5 star (Berdyugina et al. 2017)



Measurements: Spectroscopy

Direct imaging spectroscopy complementarity with transit spectroscopy

- Transit spectroscopy samples higher atmosphere layers
- Different planets. Direct imaging strongly favors nearest systems
- Direct imaging fundamentally more sensitive IF exoplanet orbit resolved, and contrast $> \sim 10^4$
- Direct imaging performance scales strongly with telescope diameter, transit spectroscopy performance scales slowly

Example: Earth-like planet around M-type star

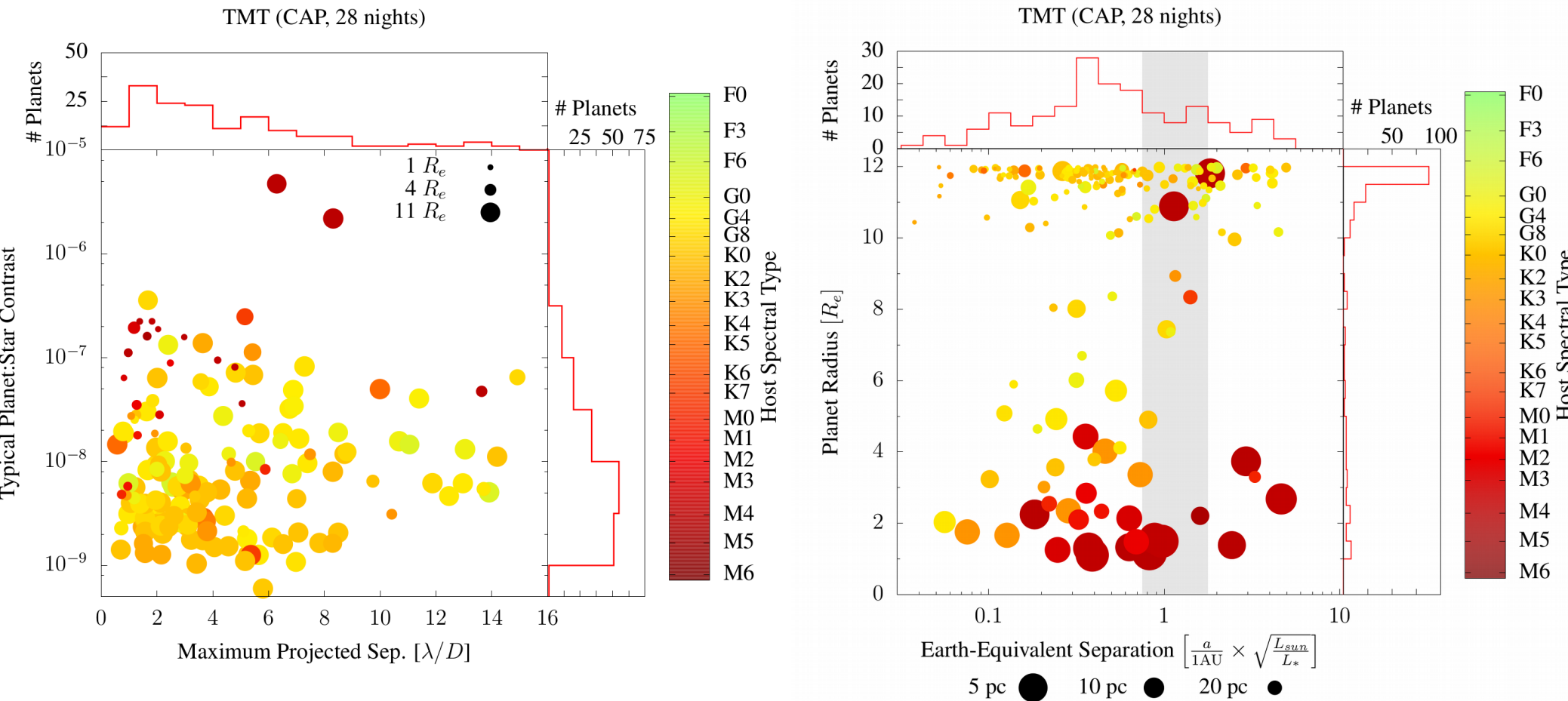
Transit spectroscopy signal is $\sim 100\times$ stronger than Reflected light spectroscopy, scales as D^2
... but photon noise is much higher (instrument contrast = 1), scales as D
→ $\text{SNR} \sim D$

Exoplanet Imaging / Detection with GSMTs

Study performed by Jared Males, Univ. of Arizona

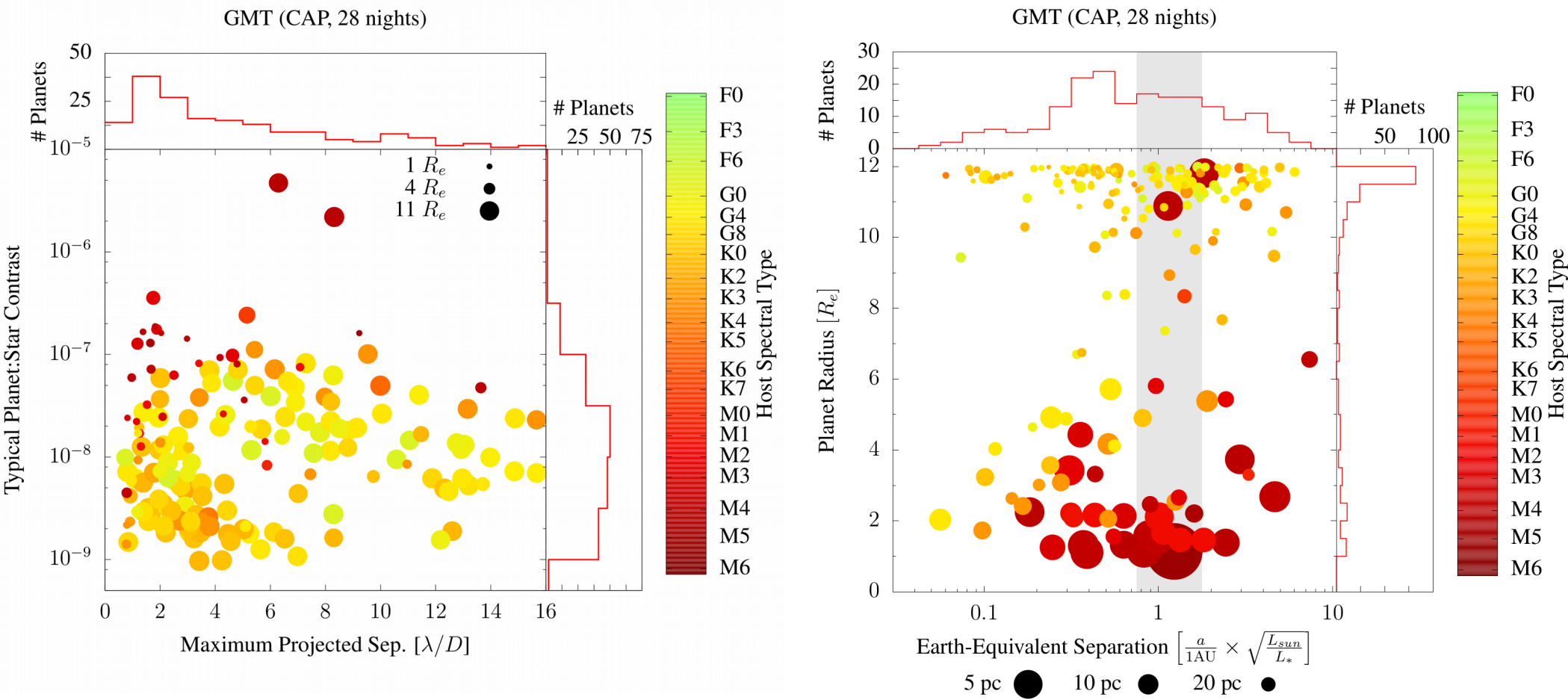
Direct Imaging of known RV planets - TMT

Assumptions:
1 I/D IWA coronagraph, SNR=5 in broadband (400nm) @ 800nm
Speckle-noise limited with predictive control
No chromatic effects (WFS and science at 800nm)

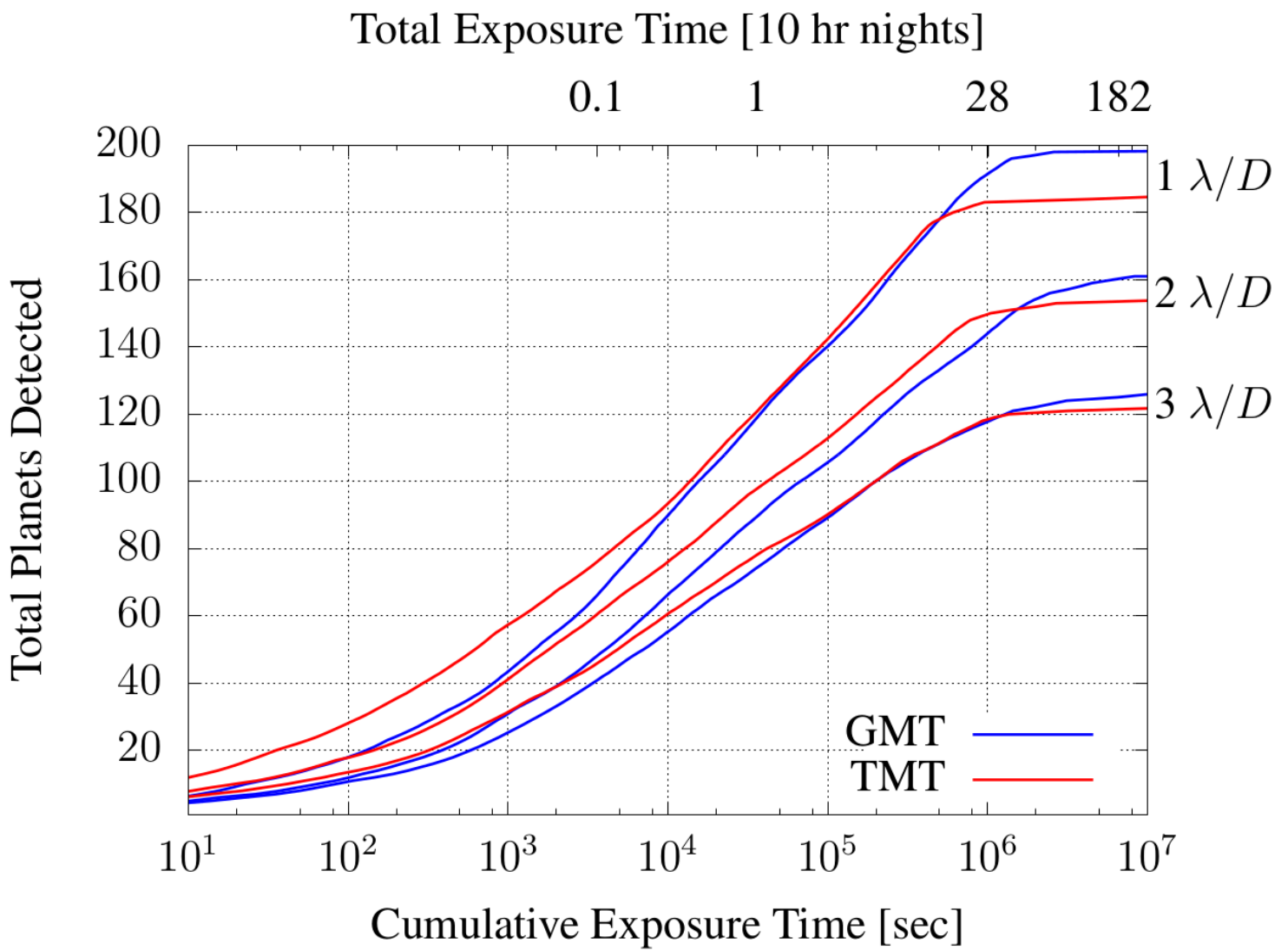


Direct Imaging of known RV planets - GMT

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Direct Imaging of known RV planets – IWA / exposure time

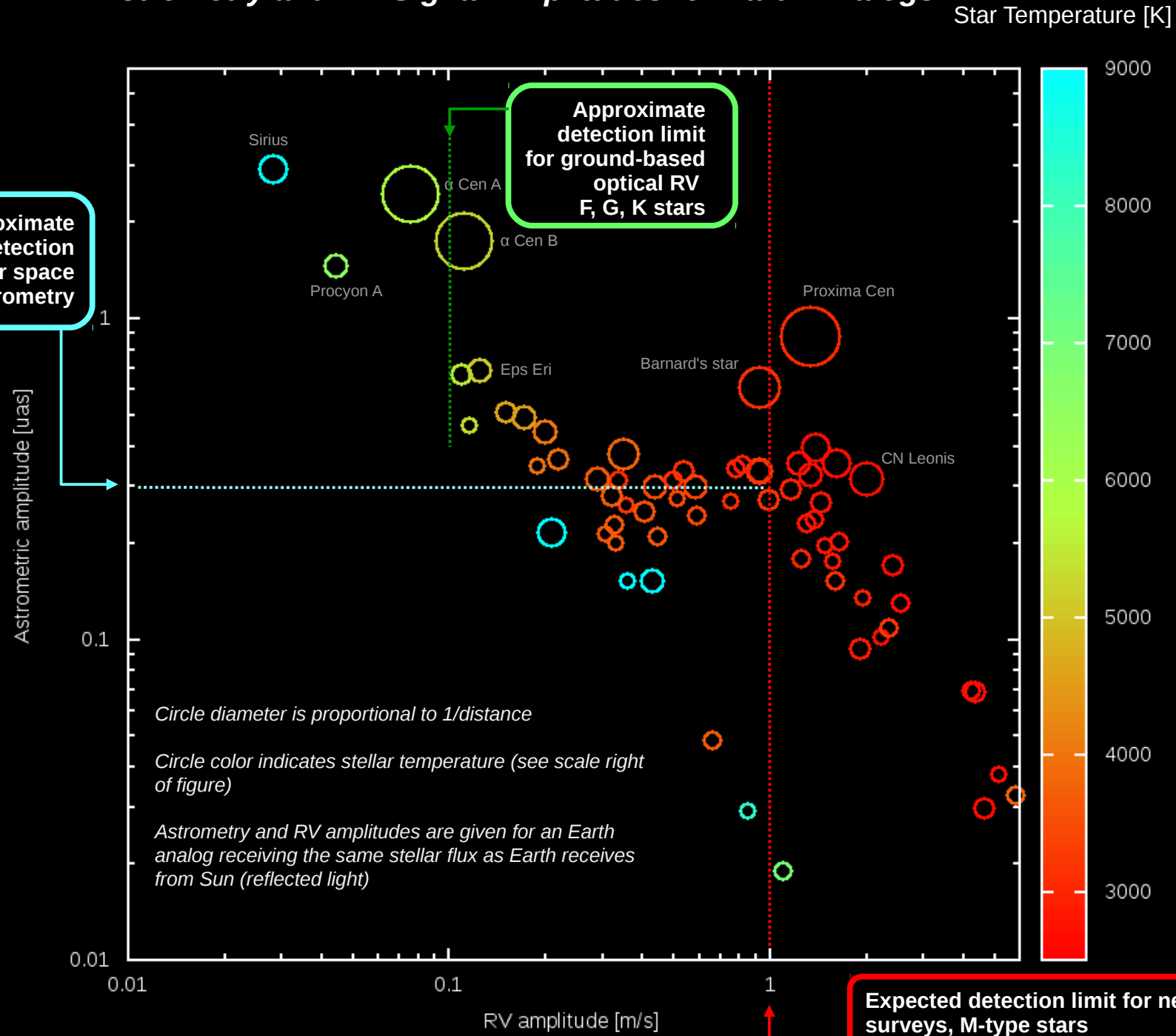


Habitable planets imaging & biosignatures detection with ELTs

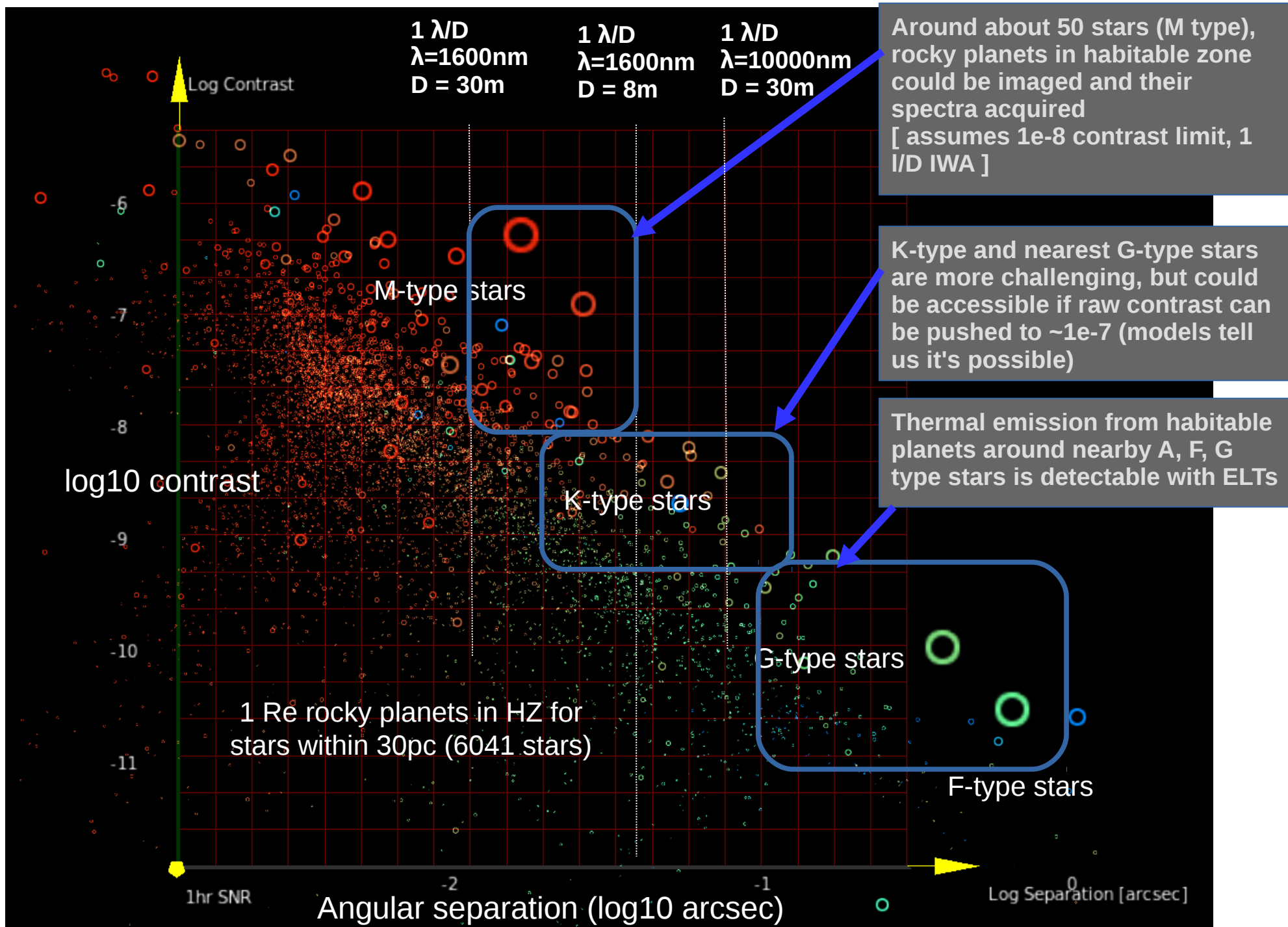
Thermal emission

Reflected light

Habitable Zones within 5 pc (16 ly): Astrometry and RV Signal Amplitudes for Earth Analogs



Habitable Planets: Contrast and Angular separation



10um imaging and spectroscopy

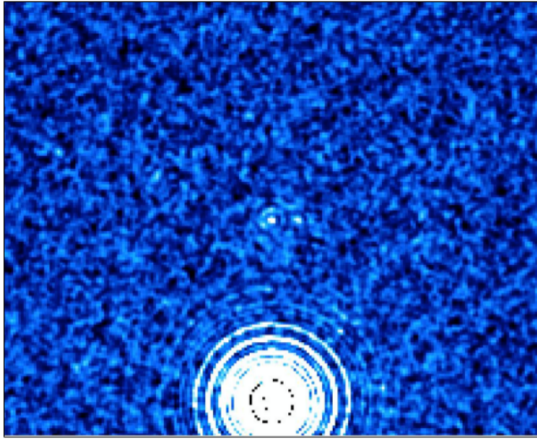


Fig. 1: A simulated 100h sequence of Alpha Cent at 10 microns for an 8m telescope. The target star (center) is hidden behind a coronagraph. A faint 4.5 sigma 1 Earth radius 288K planet is detected West of the star at 1 arcsec. The 2nd star of the system is visible South of the target star.

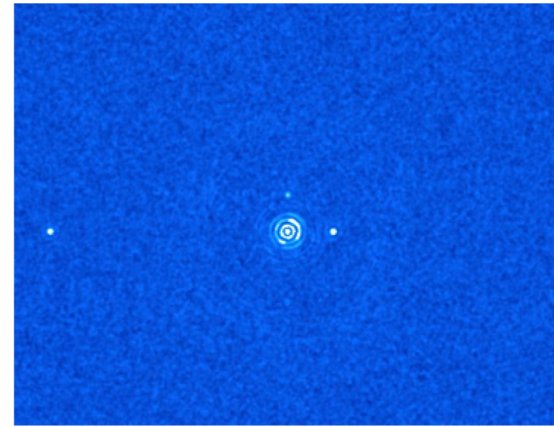


Fig. 2: Same as Fig.1, but for a 30m telescope. A bright 25 sigma 1 Earth radius 288K planet is detected West of the star at 1 arcsec. A Venus-like planet is detected North of the star, as a Jupiter-like planet is detected East.

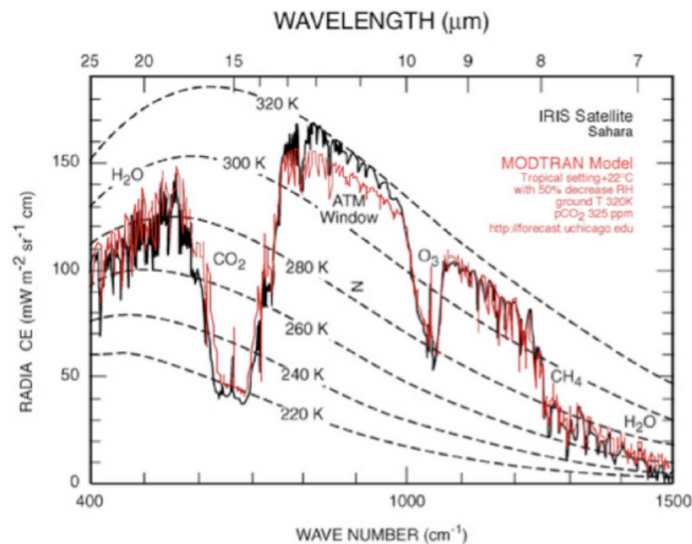
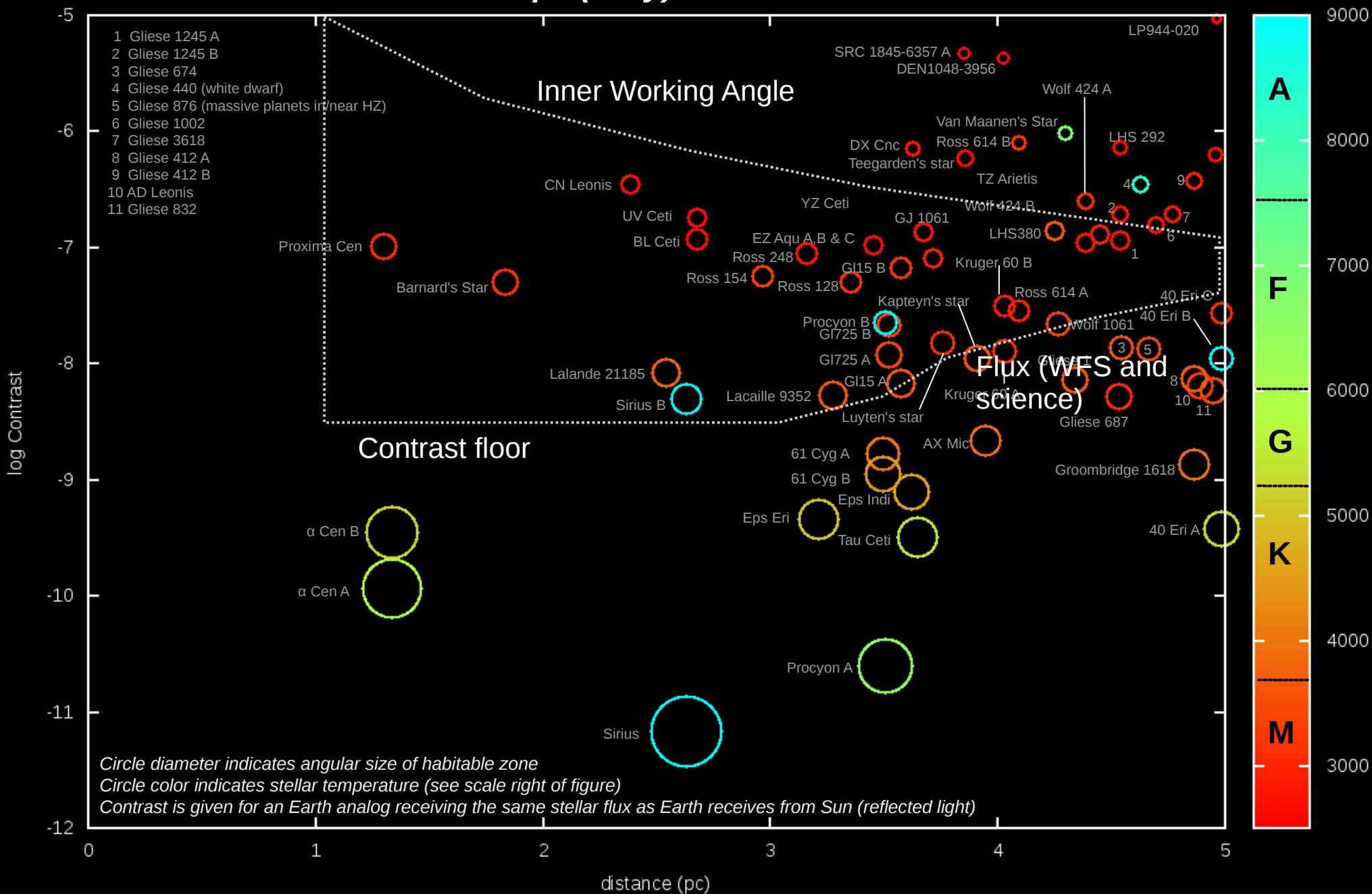


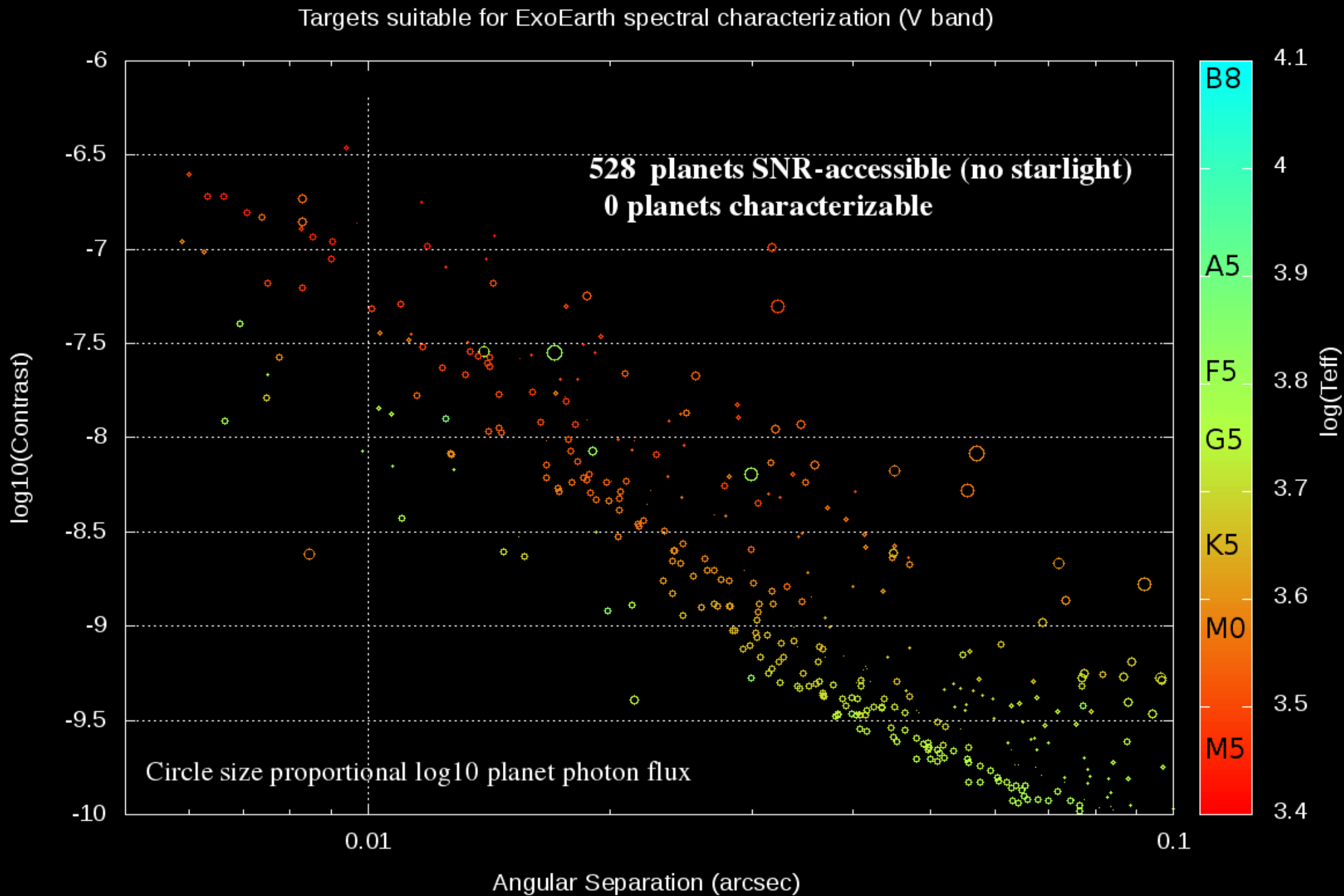
Fig. 3: Earth spectrum acquired from space for the Sahara. Note the peak emission between 10-13 microns. Biomarkers: CO₂, O₃, CH₄ and water bands are visible in the N-band.

Habitable Zones within 5 pc (16 ly)

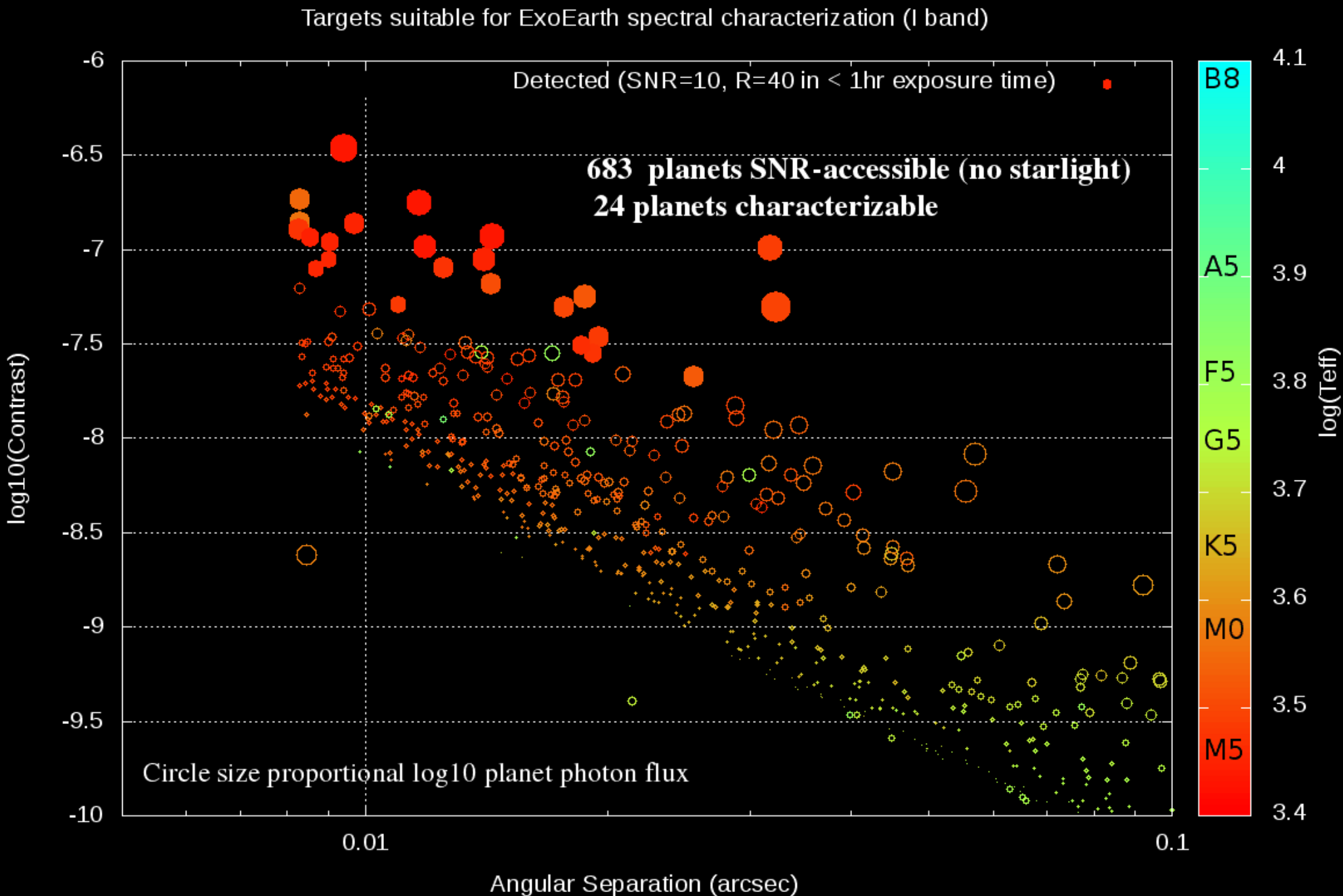
Star Temperature [K]



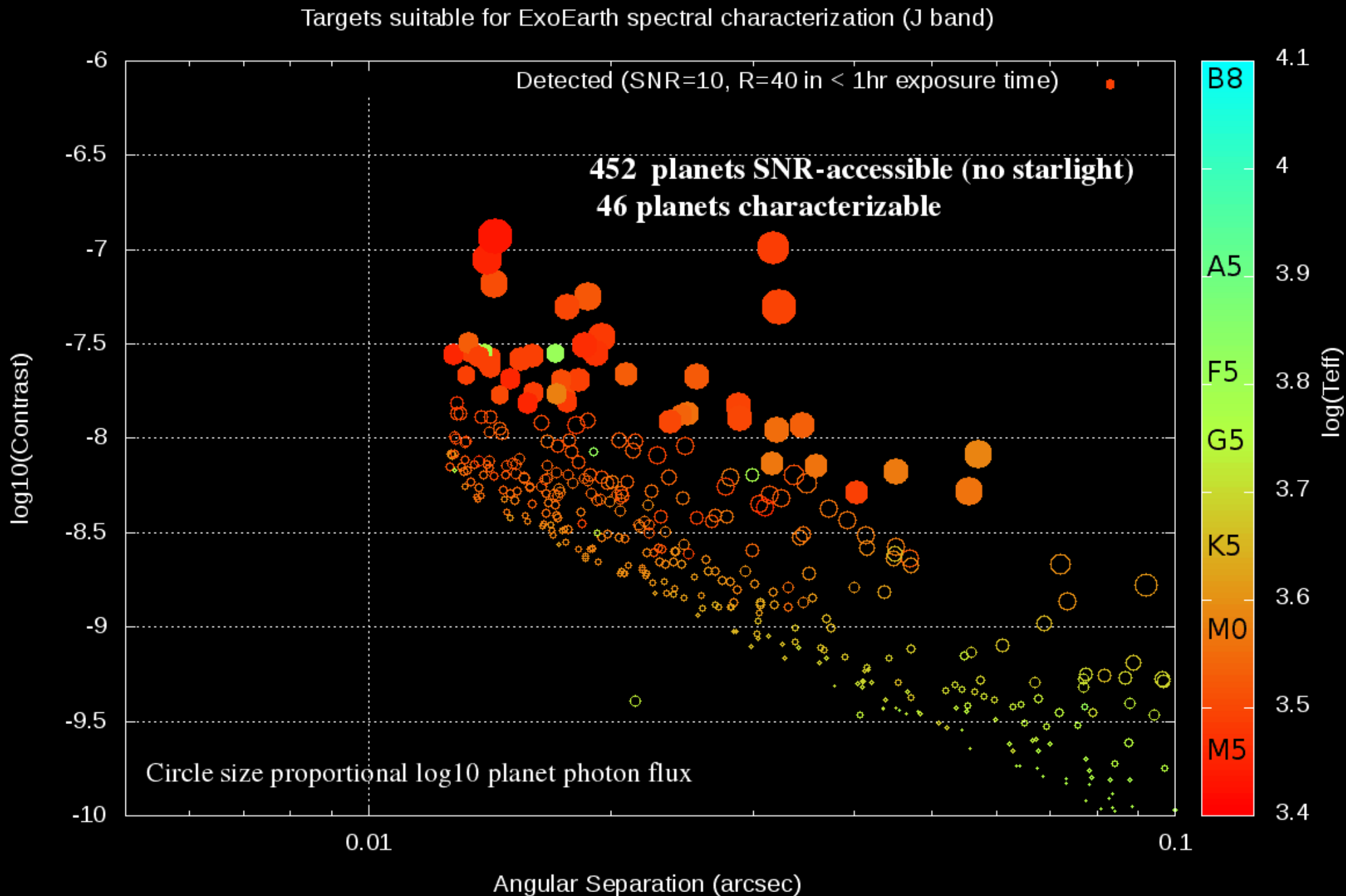
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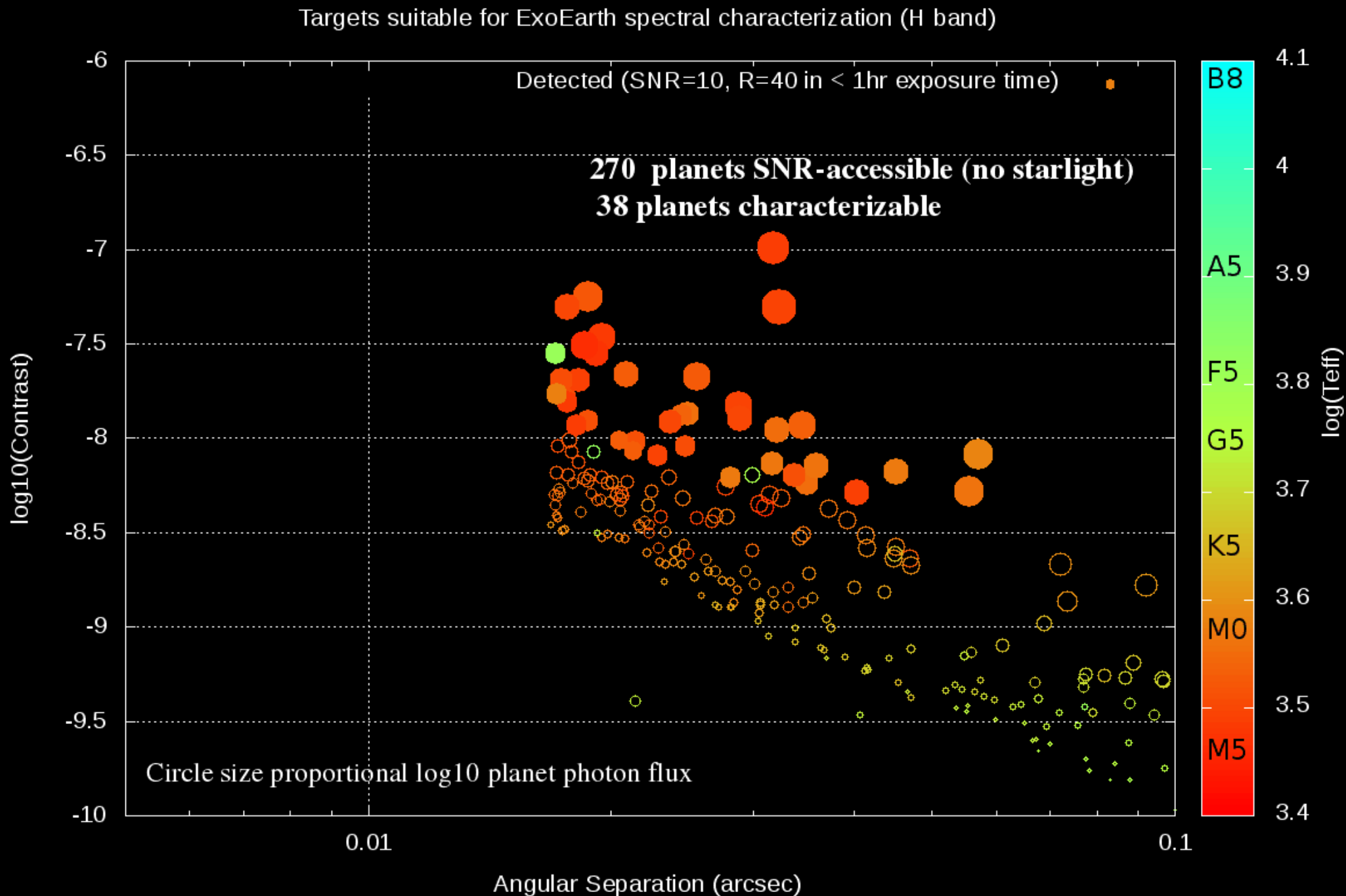
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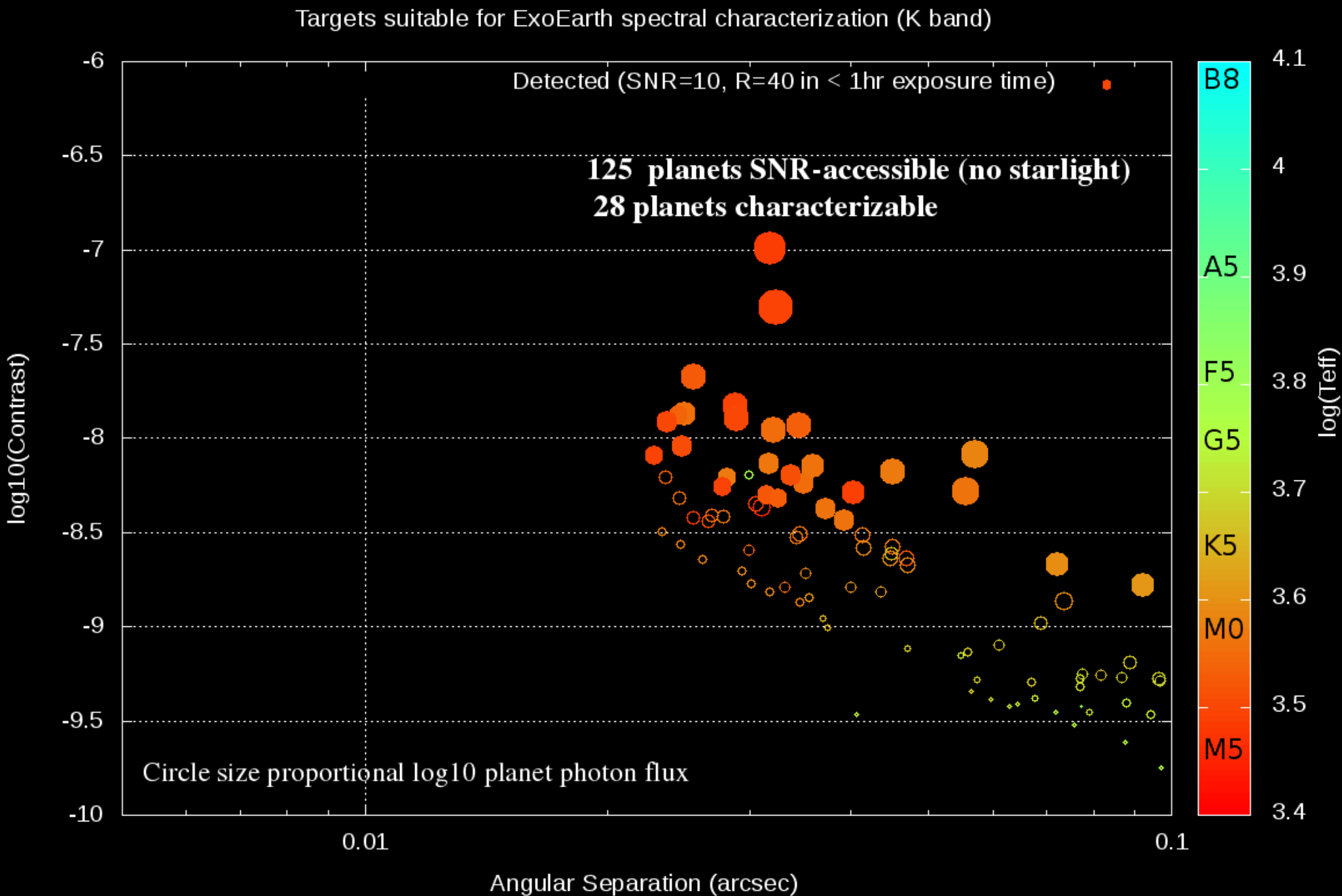
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Technology

Previous material assumes :

- Raw contrast $\sim 10^{-5}$ to 10^{-6} (10^{-5} on $m_l=8$ target)
- Photon-noise limited residual noise
- ~ 1 I/D IWA coronagraphy

Current systems on ~ 8 m telescopes have not yet demonstrated this level of performance

Is this realistic ?

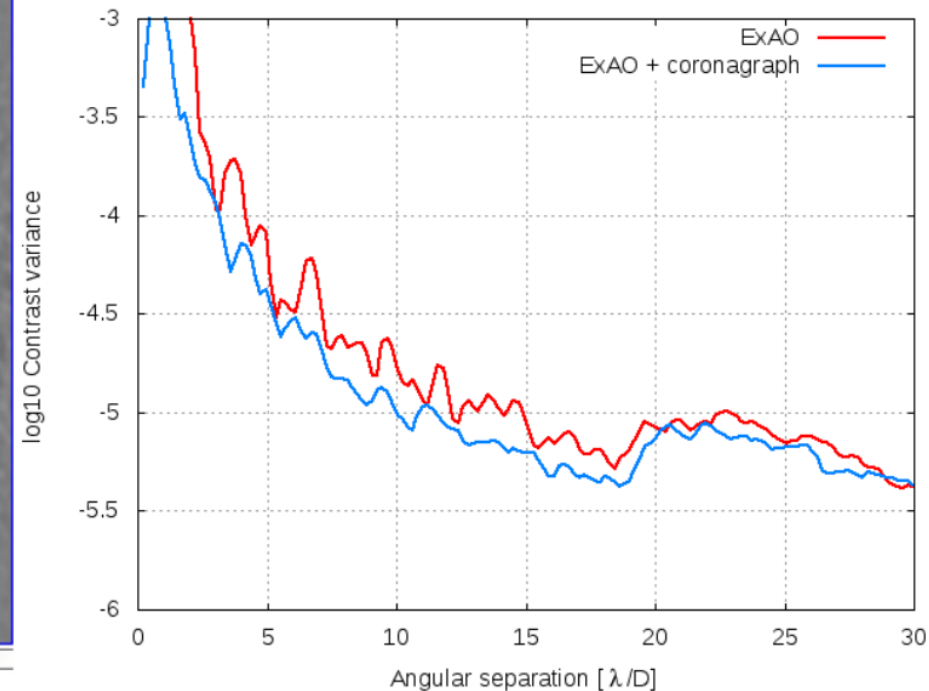
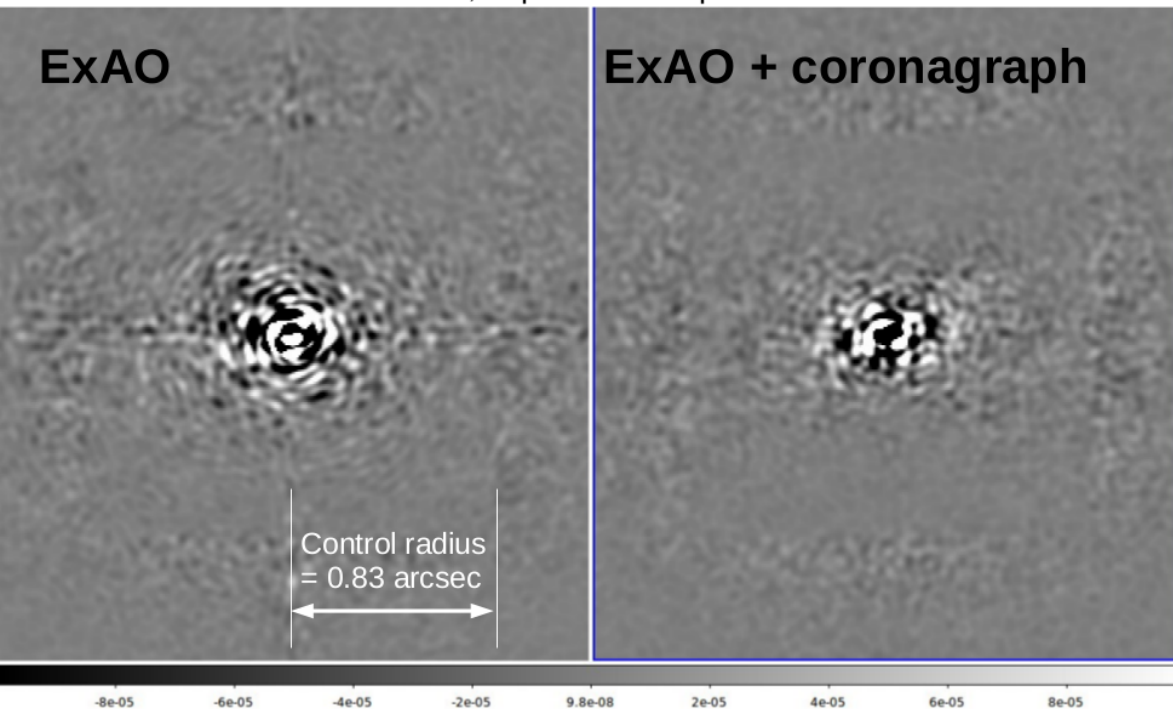
Coronagraphs reduce speckle noise

“speckle pinning” effect

See: Bloemhof et al. 2001, Aime & Soummer 2004, Soummer et al. 2007

PSF subtraction residual (no photon noise)

Difference between two PSFs, exposure time per PSF=100 coherence times



(largely) lossless apodization

Creates a PSF with weak Airy rings

Focal plane mask: $-1 < t < 0$

*Induces destructive interference
inside downstream pupil*

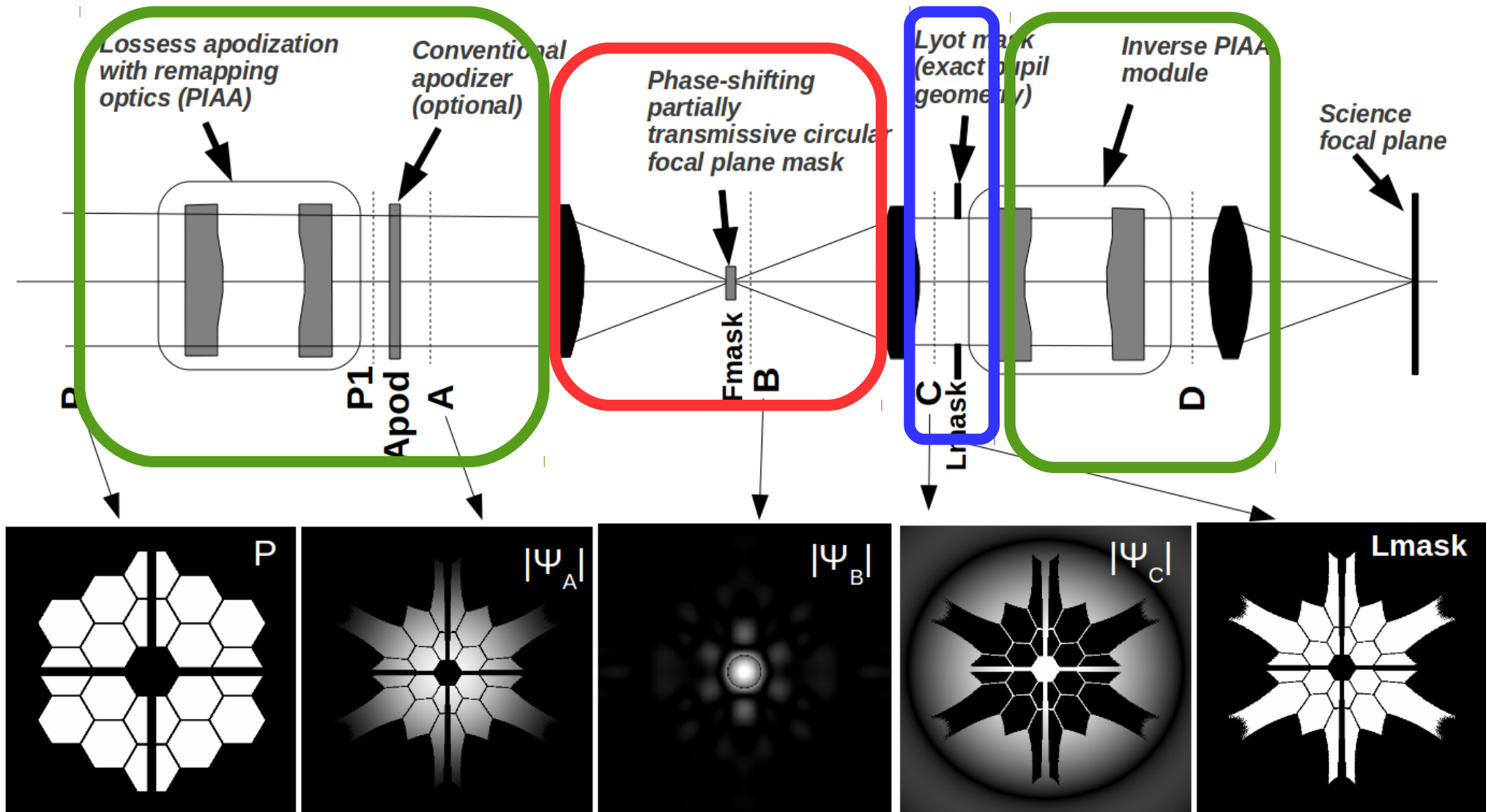
Lyot stop

Blocks starlight

Inverse PIAA (optional)

Recovers Airy PSF over wide field

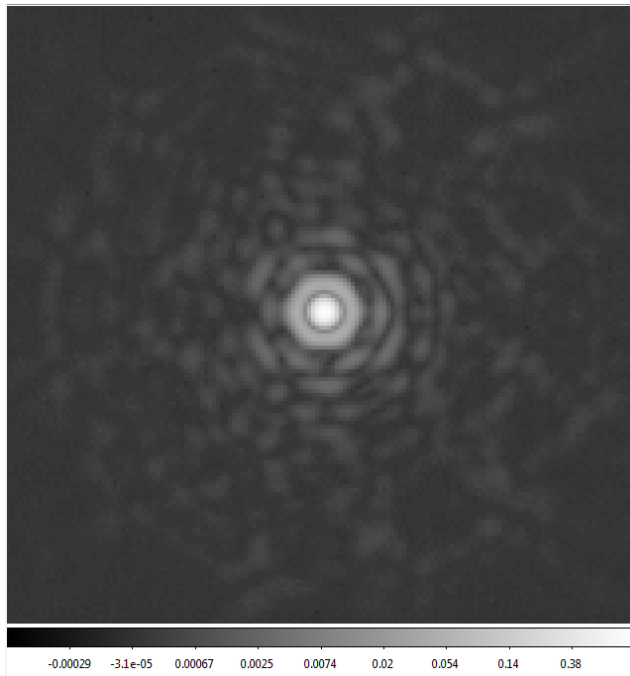
Phase Induced Amplitude Apodized Complex Mask Coronagraph (PIAACMC)



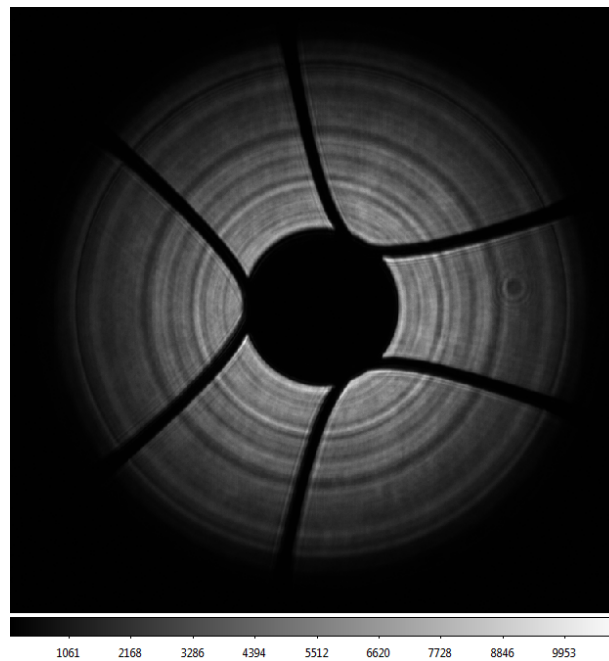
PIAACMC lab performance @ WFIRST (Kern et al. 2016)

Operates at $1e-7$ contrast, 1.3 I/D IWA, 70% throughput
Visible light

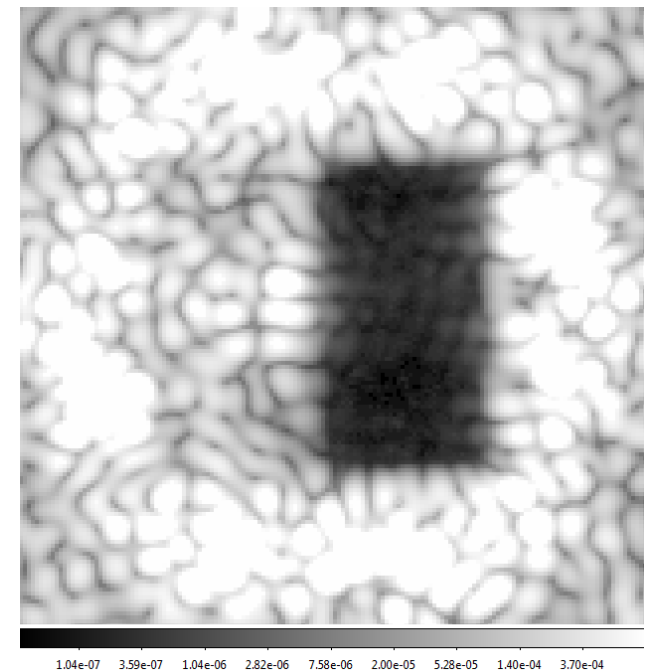
non-coronagraphic PSF



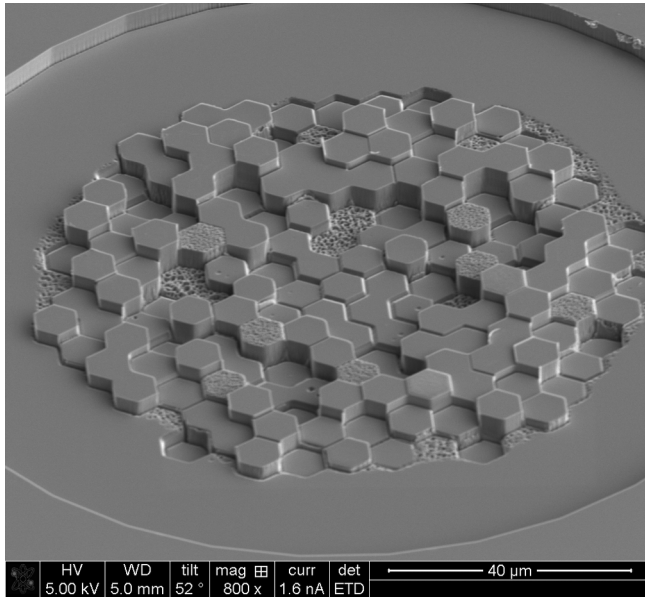
Remapped pupil



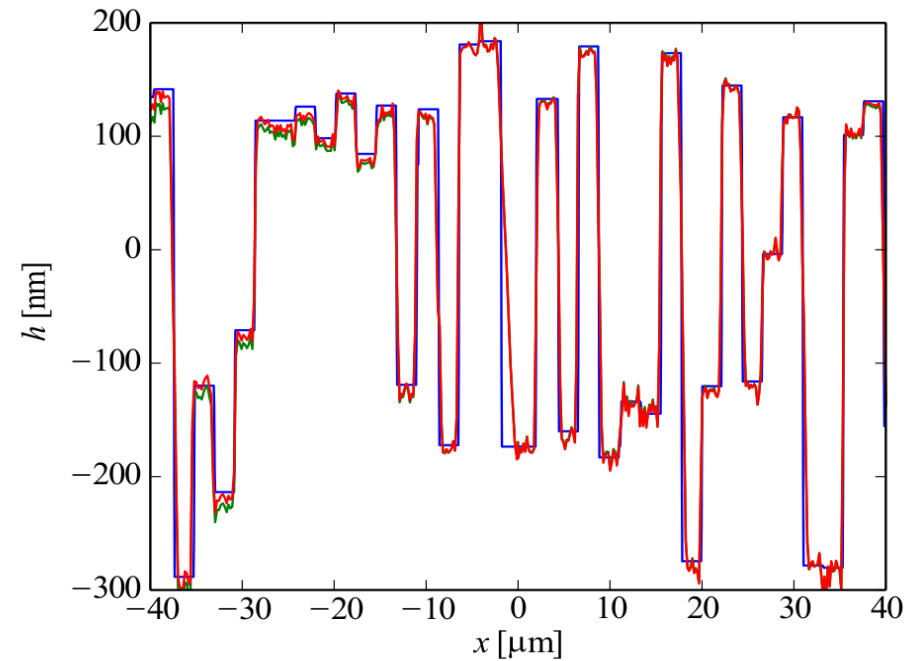
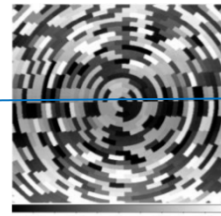
Coronagraphic image



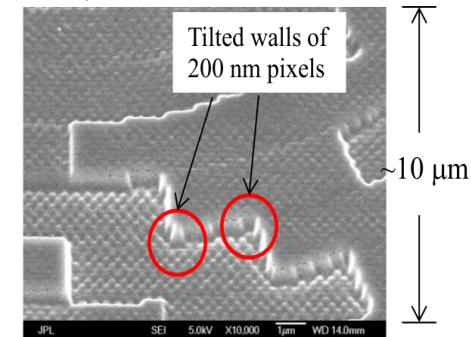
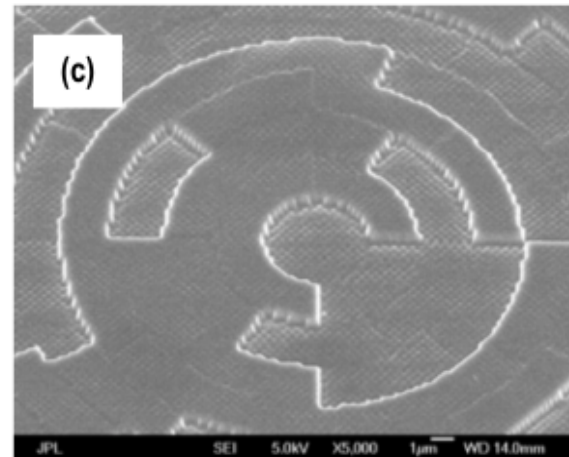
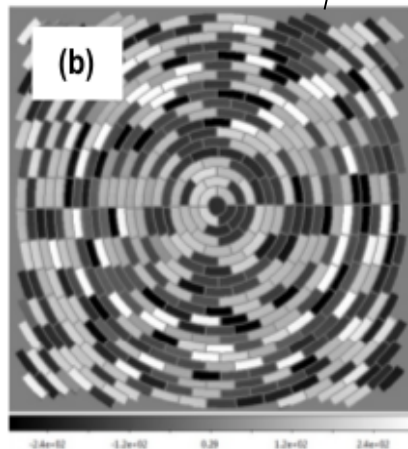
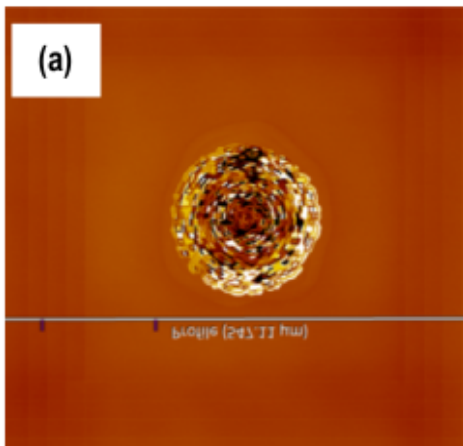
Multi-zone PIAACMC focal plane mask



← SCEXAO focal plane mask (2017)

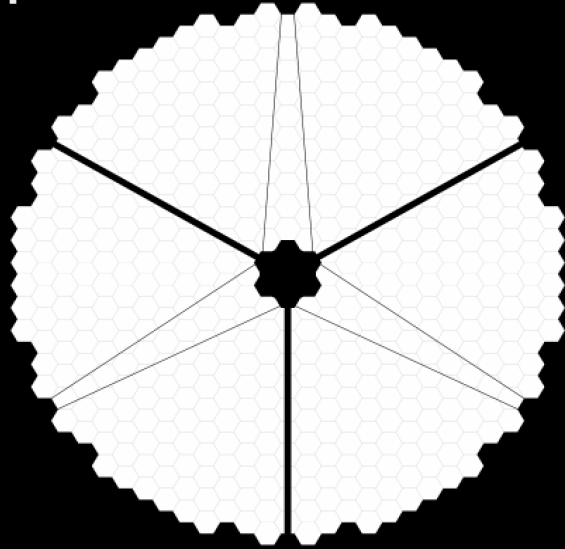


Focal plane mask manufactured at JPL's MDL
Meets performance requirements
(WFIRST PIAACMC Milestone report)

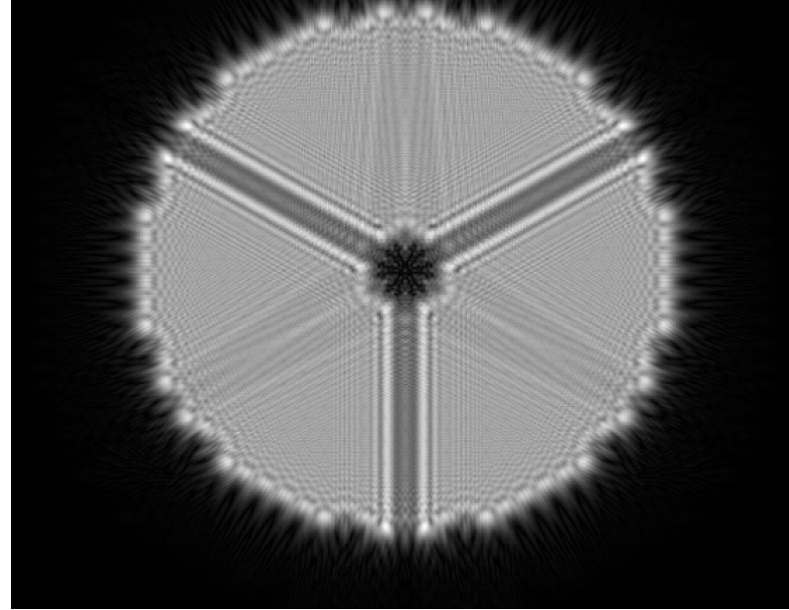


TMT coronagraph design for 1 I/D IWA

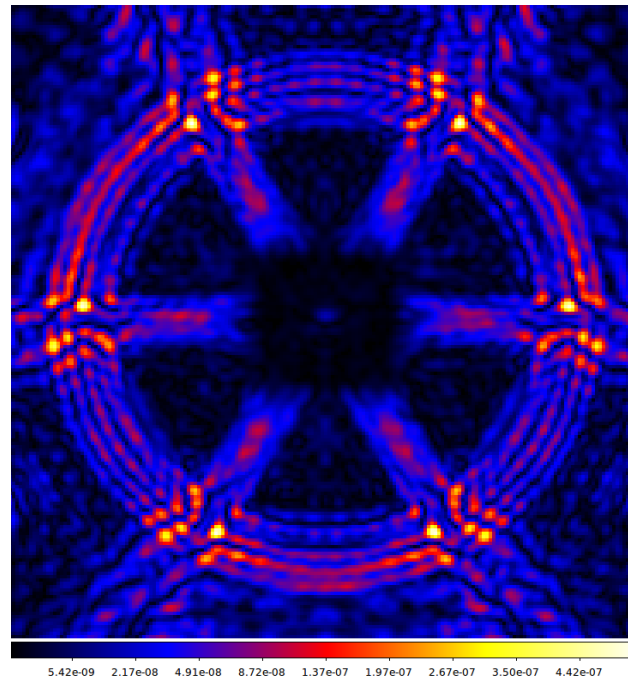
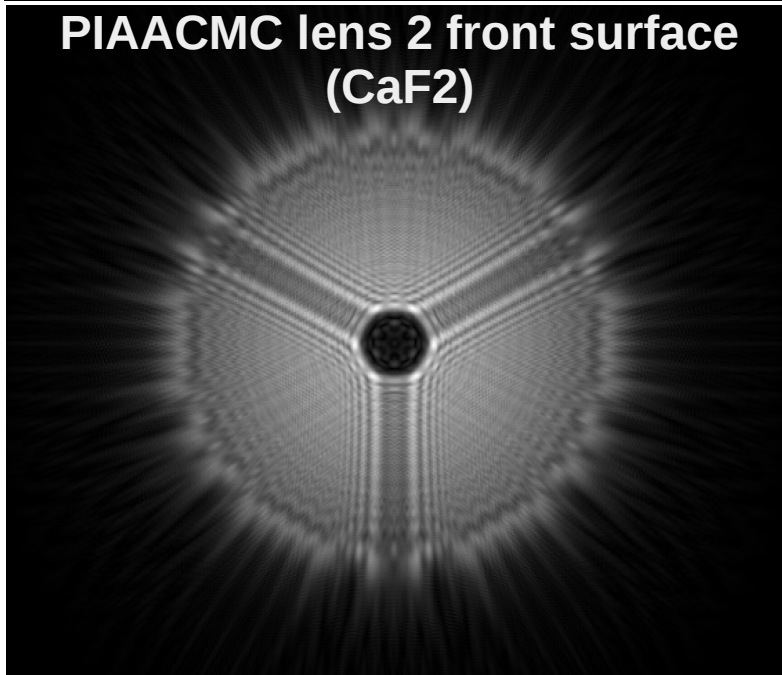
Pupil Plane



PIAACMC lens 1 front surface (CaF2)



PIAACMC lens 2 front surface (CaF2)



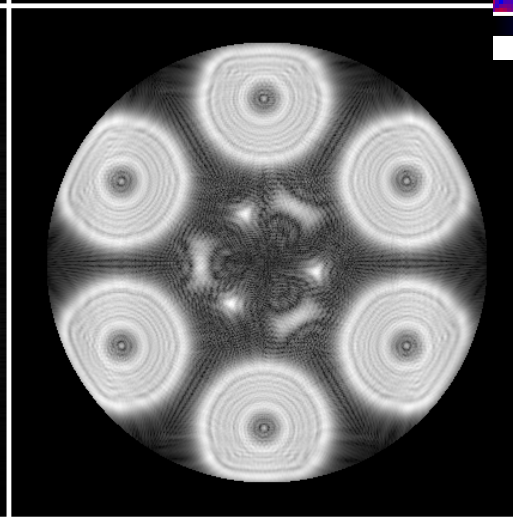
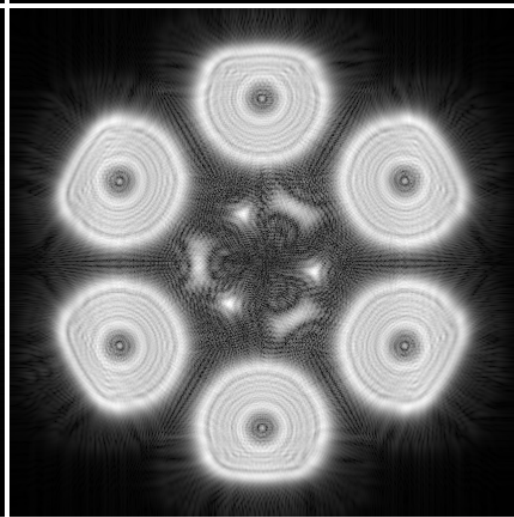
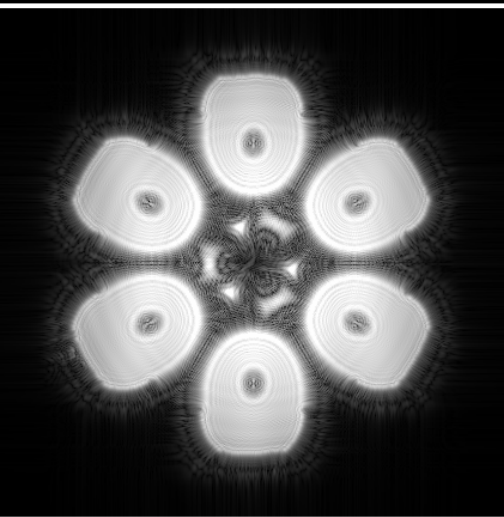
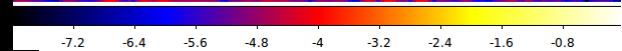
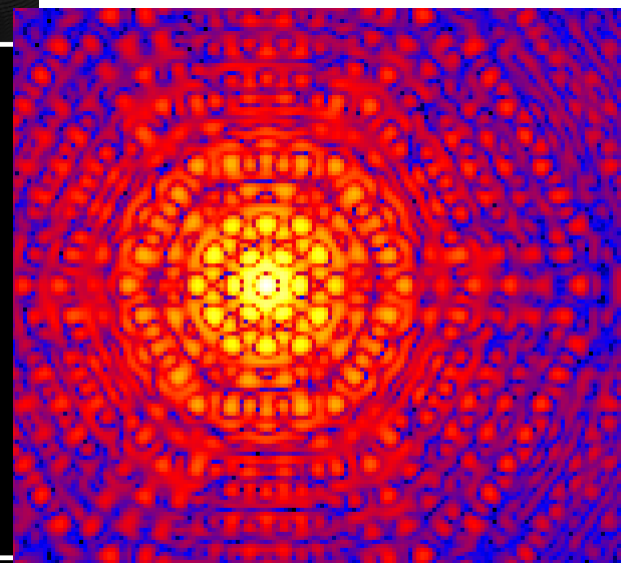
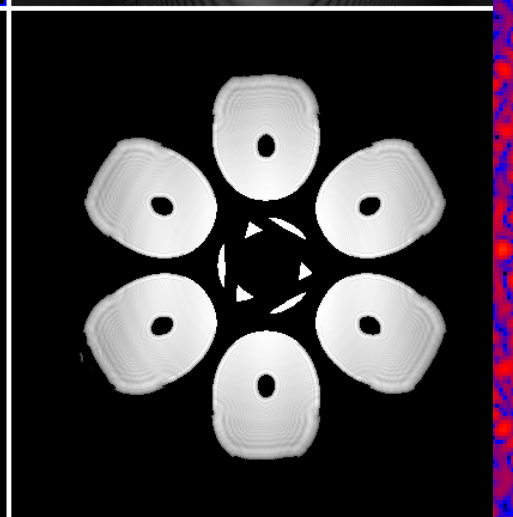
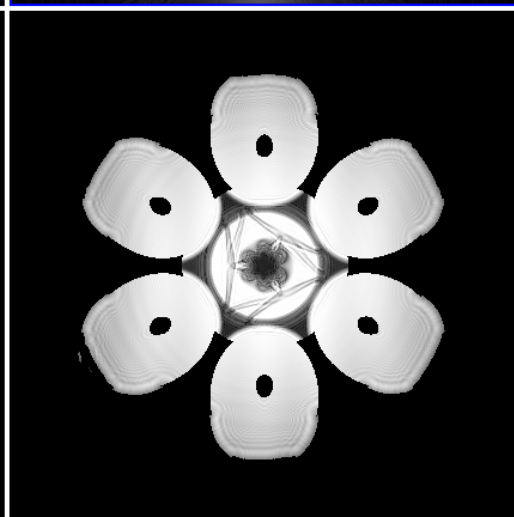
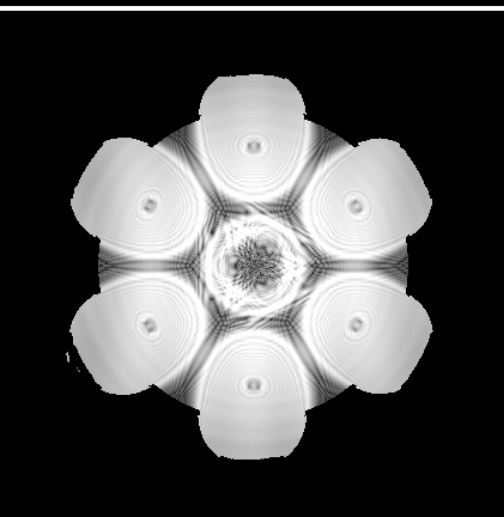
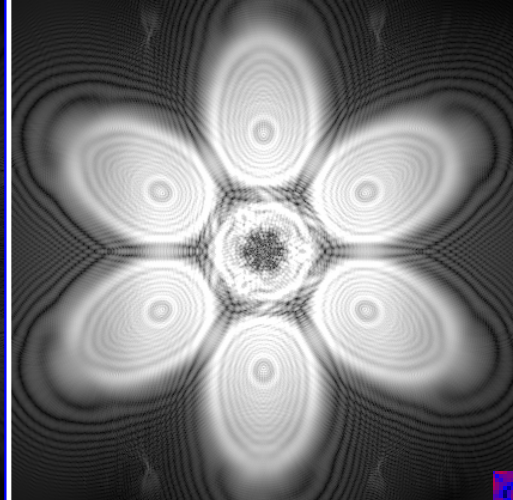
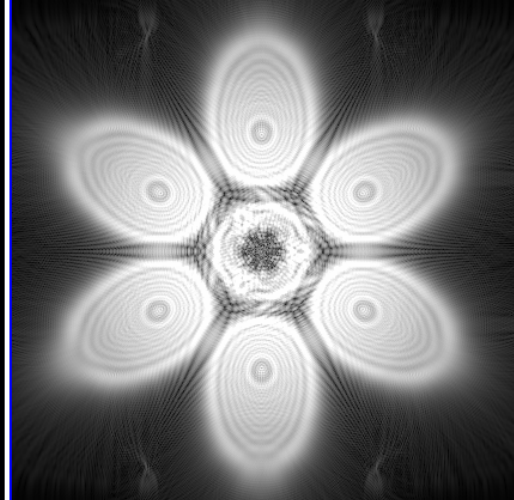
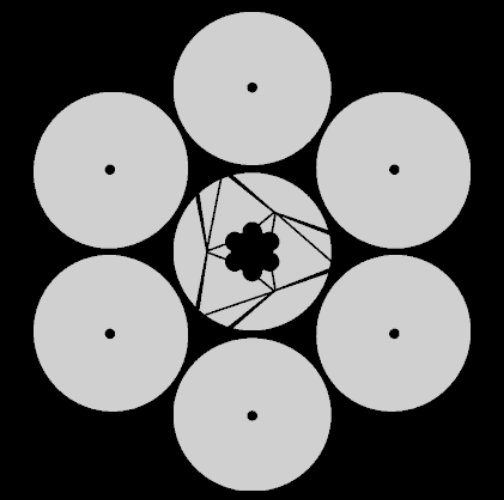
PSF at
1600nm

3e-9 contrast
in 1.2 to 8 I/D

80% off-axis
throughput

1.2 I/D IWA

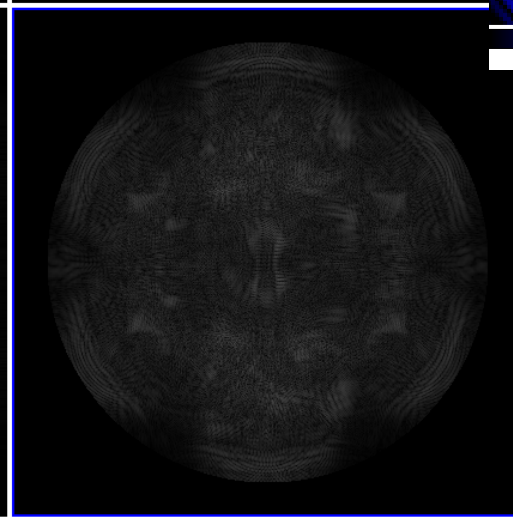
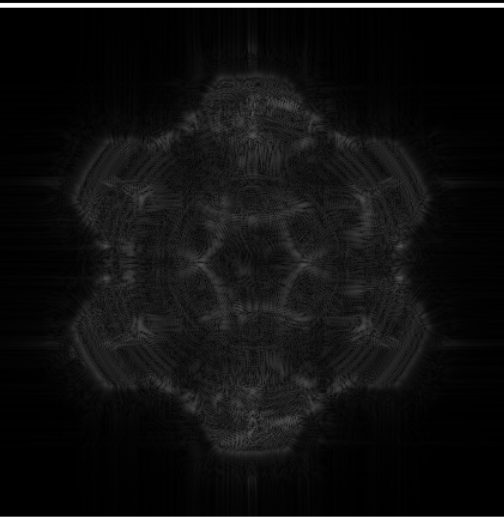
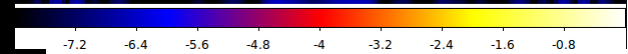
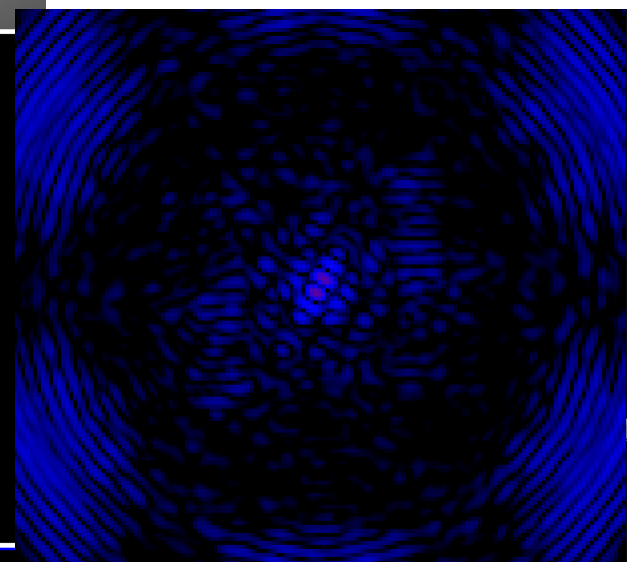
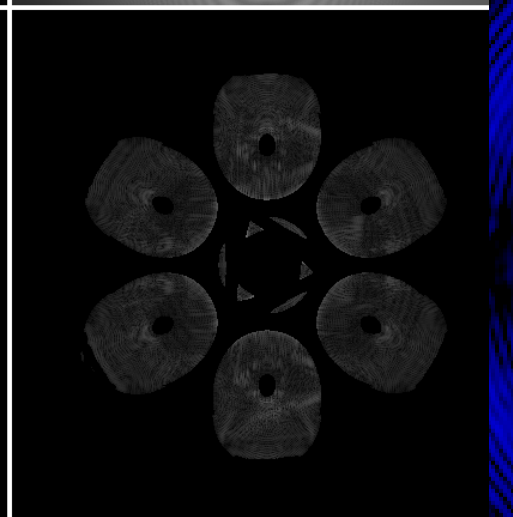
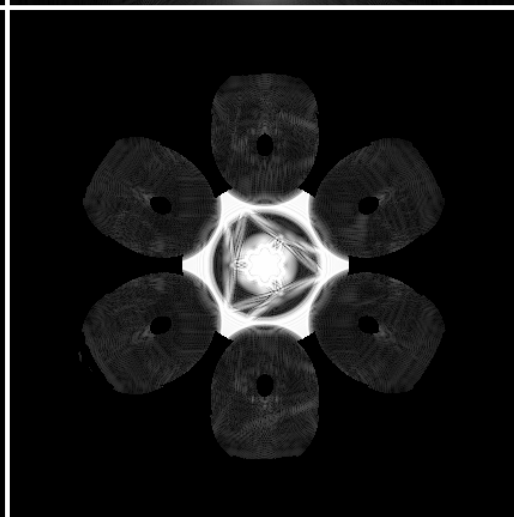
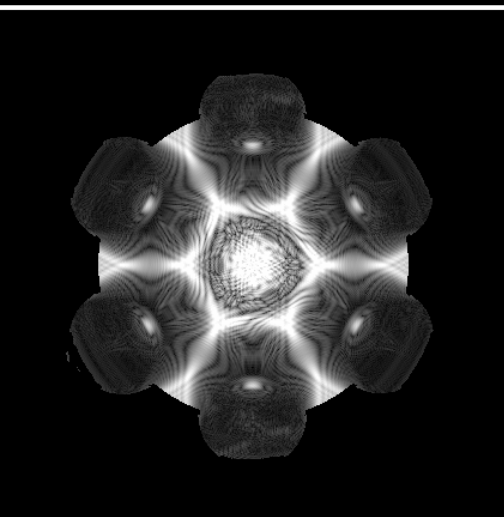
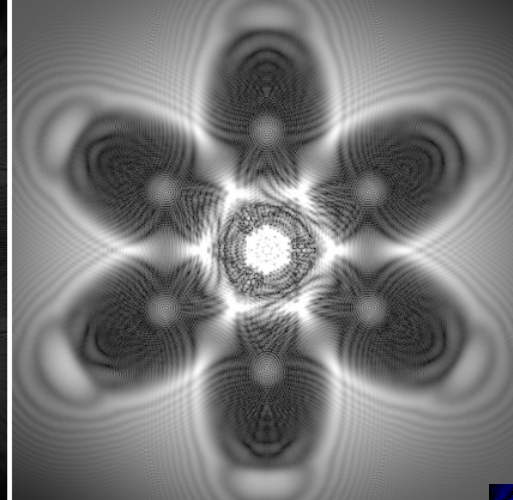
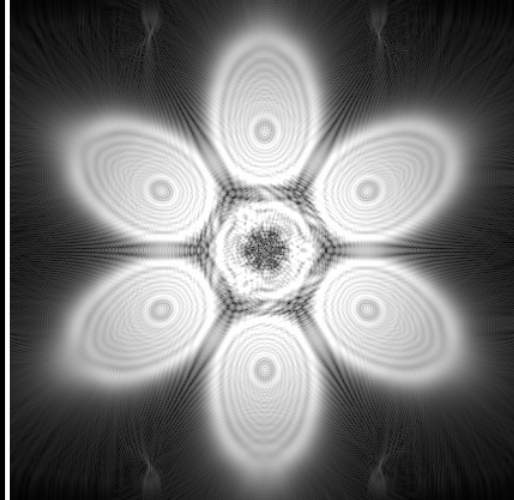
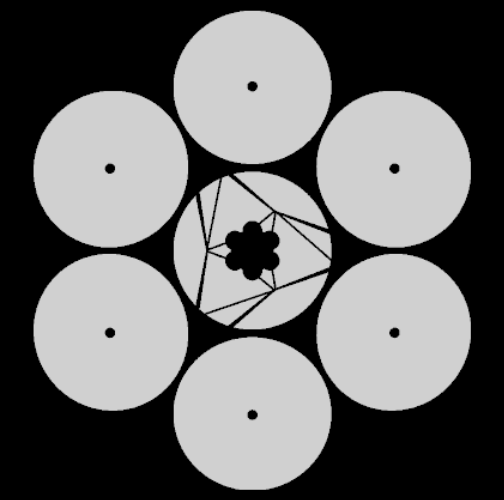
CaF2 lenses
SiO2 mask



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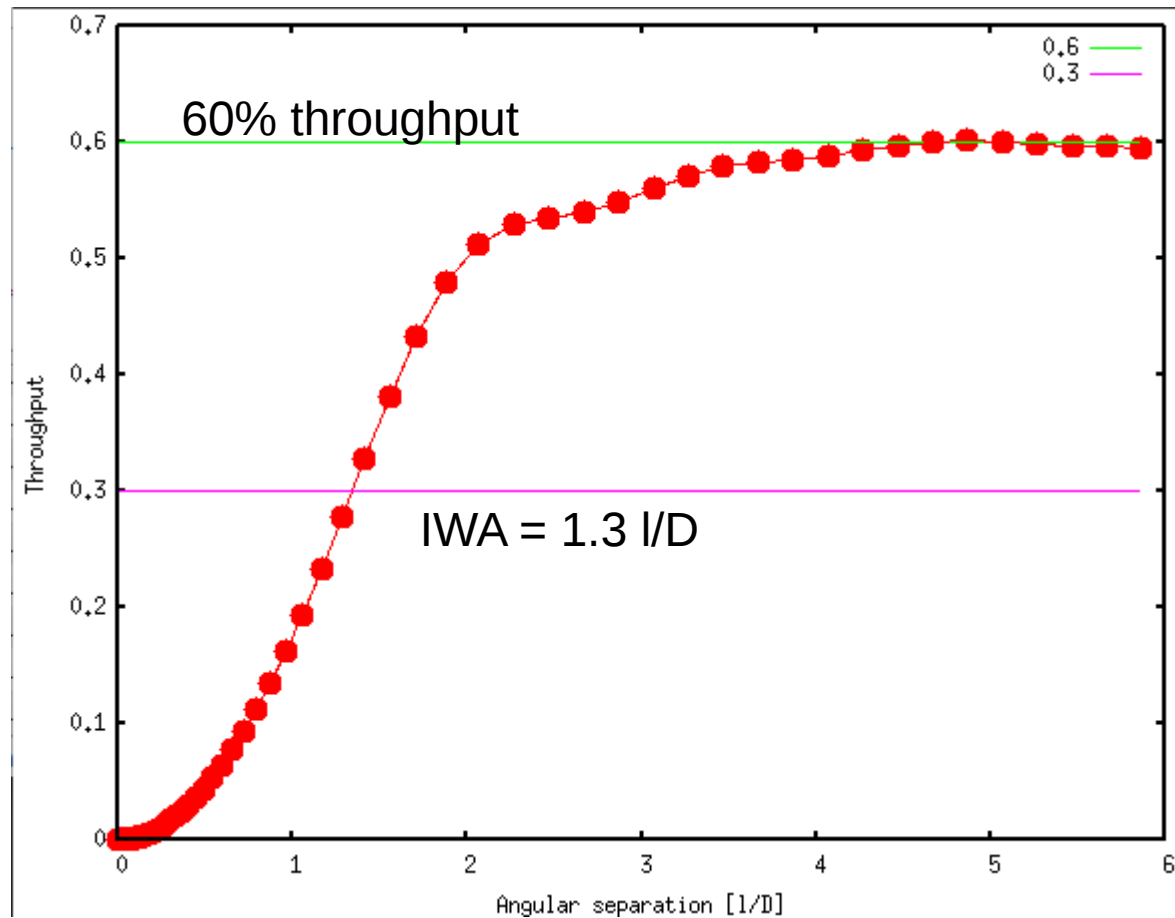
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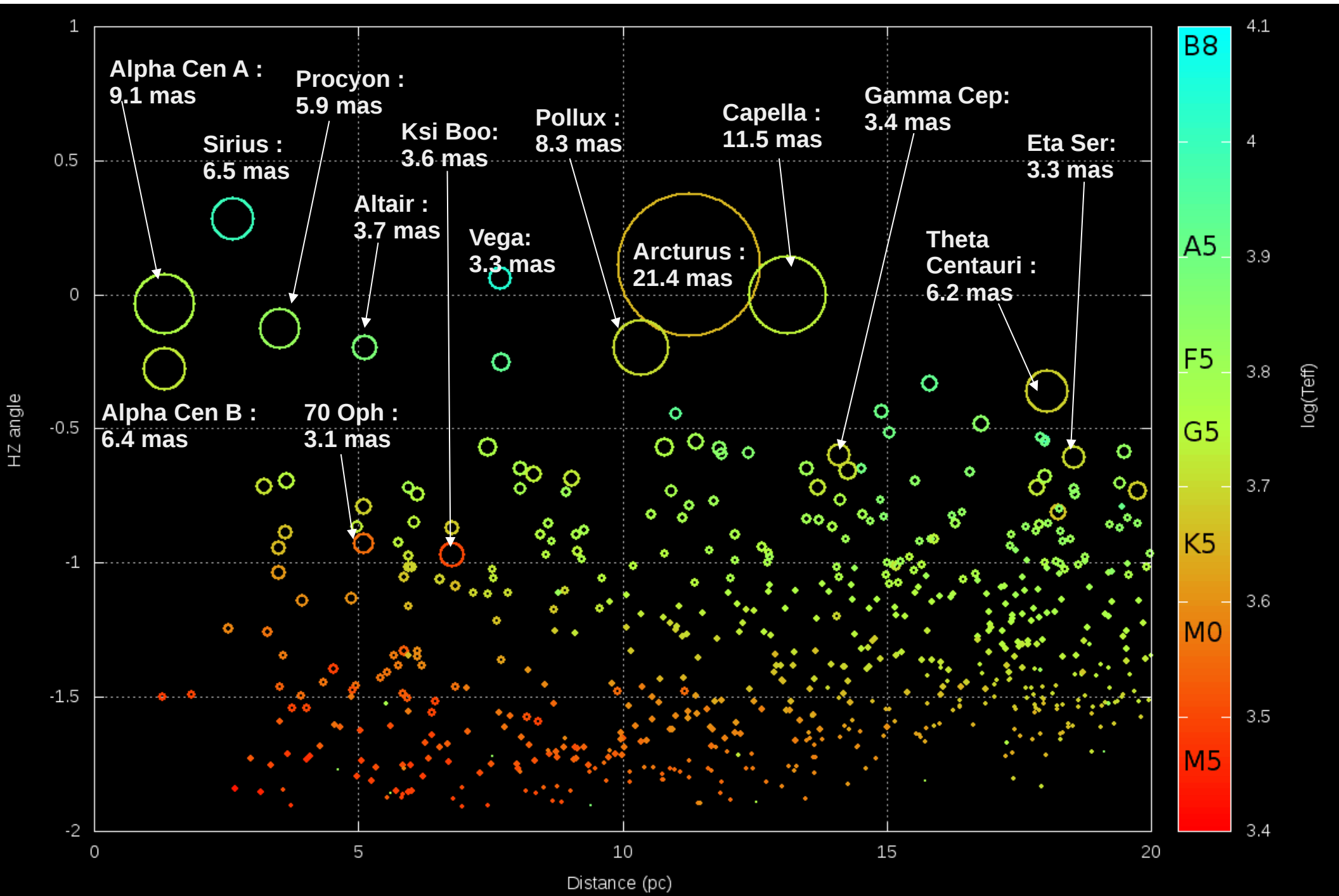
Performance (GMT pupil)

1e-7 contrast

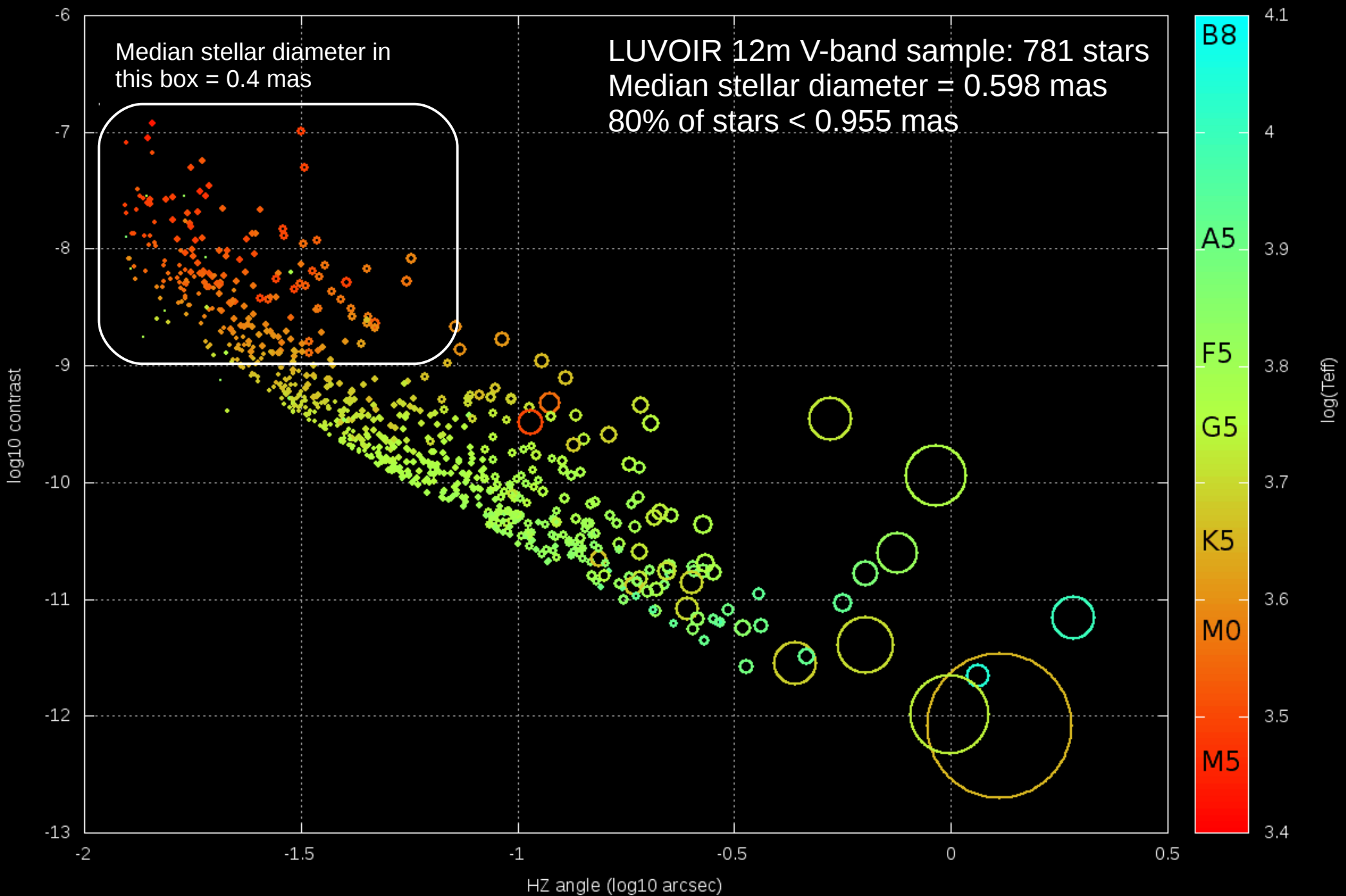
3e-6 contrast @ 3 I/D for 6% I/D disk



Stellar angular sizes strongly correlate with HZ angle



... and contrast



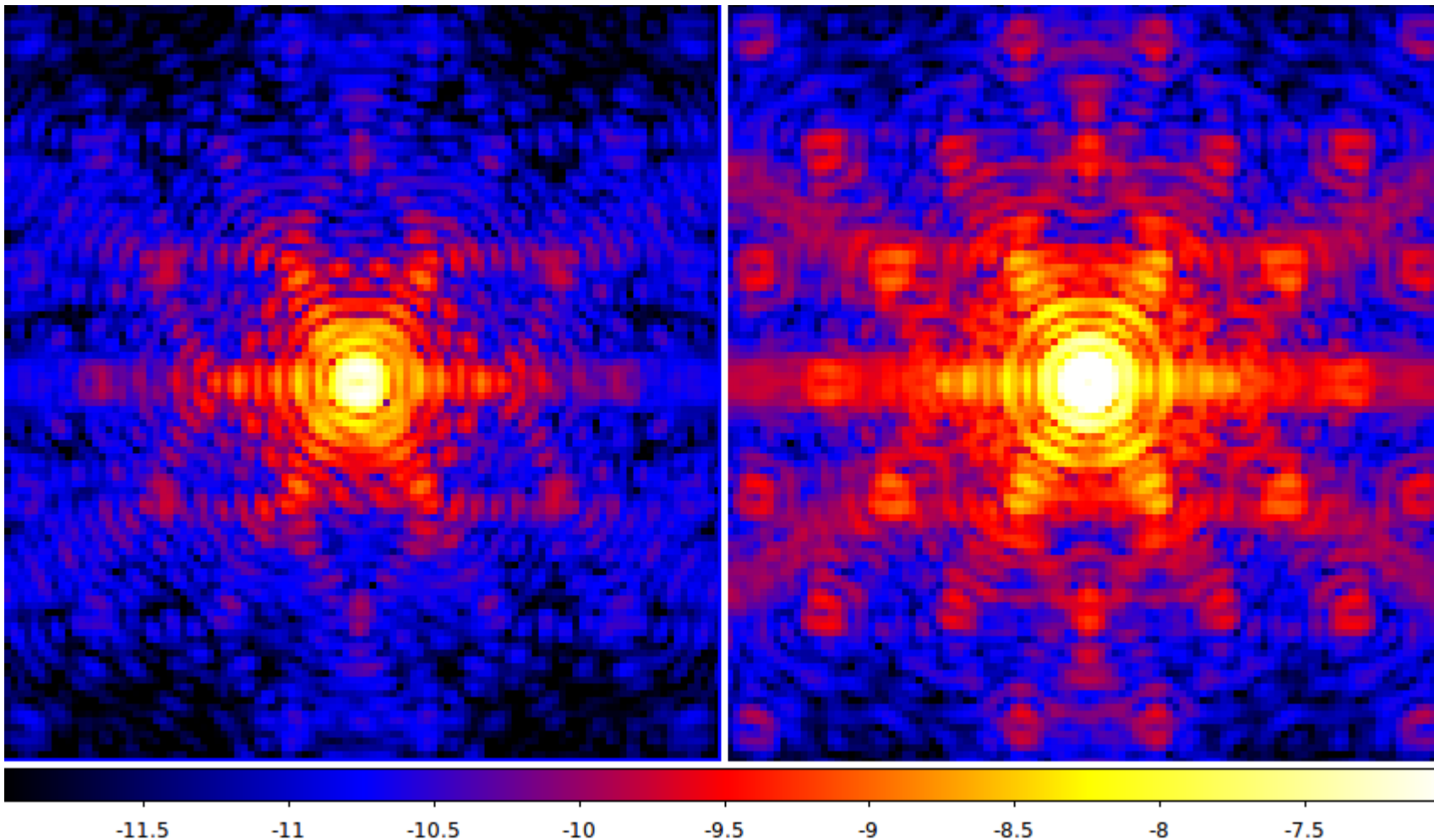
PSF is dominated by stellar angular size

PSF dominated by incoherent spots due to stellar angular size → contributes to photon noise, but does not interfere coherently with wavefront errors → can be removed in post-processing
Instead of radial average contrast, we use 50-percentile (search) and 20-percentile (spectroscopy) radial contrasts for performance evaluation: we avoid the bright spots

Source radius = 0.01 I/D

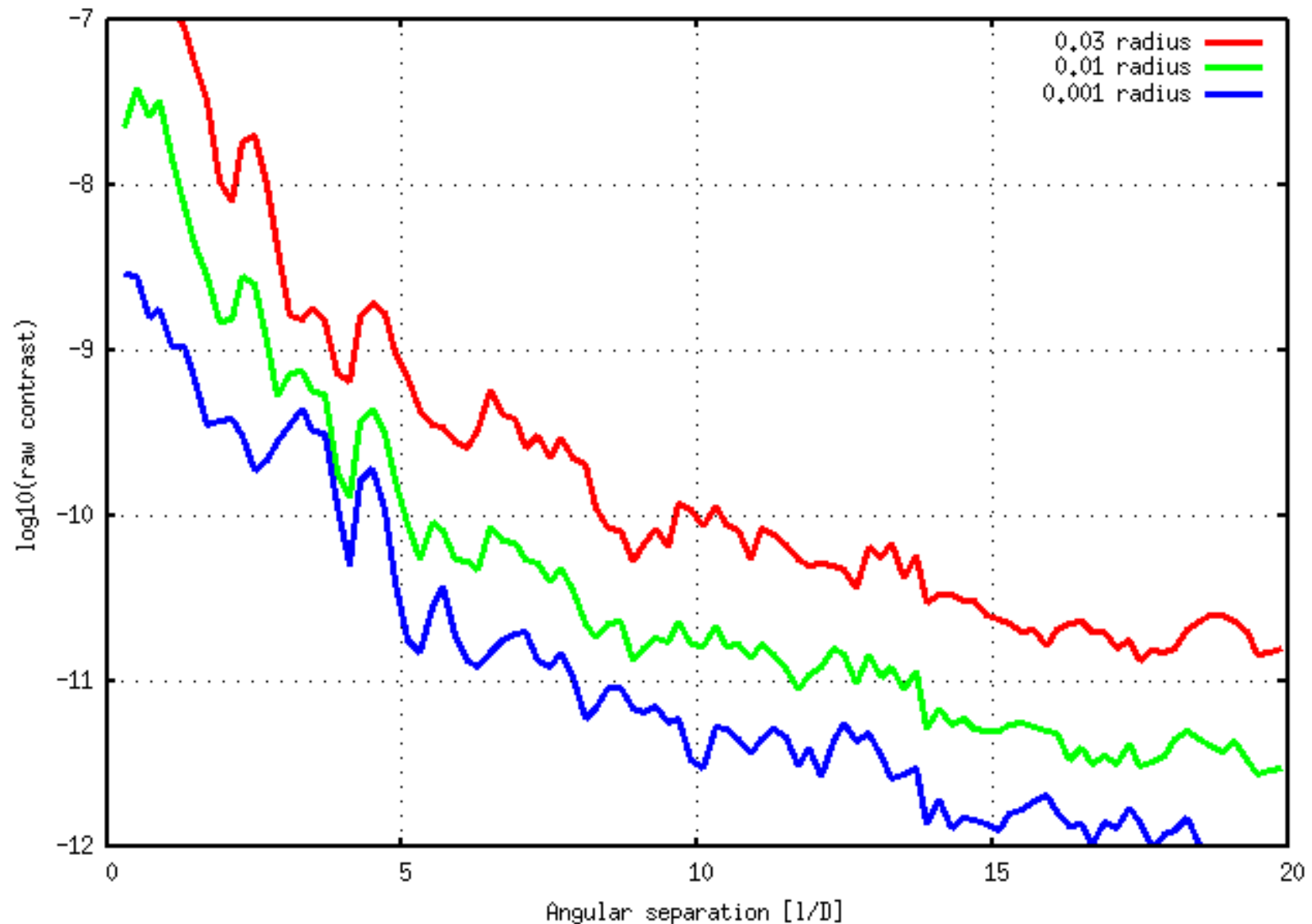
Source radius = 0.03 I/D

10% bandwidth
optimized



APLCMC design – Raw Contrast

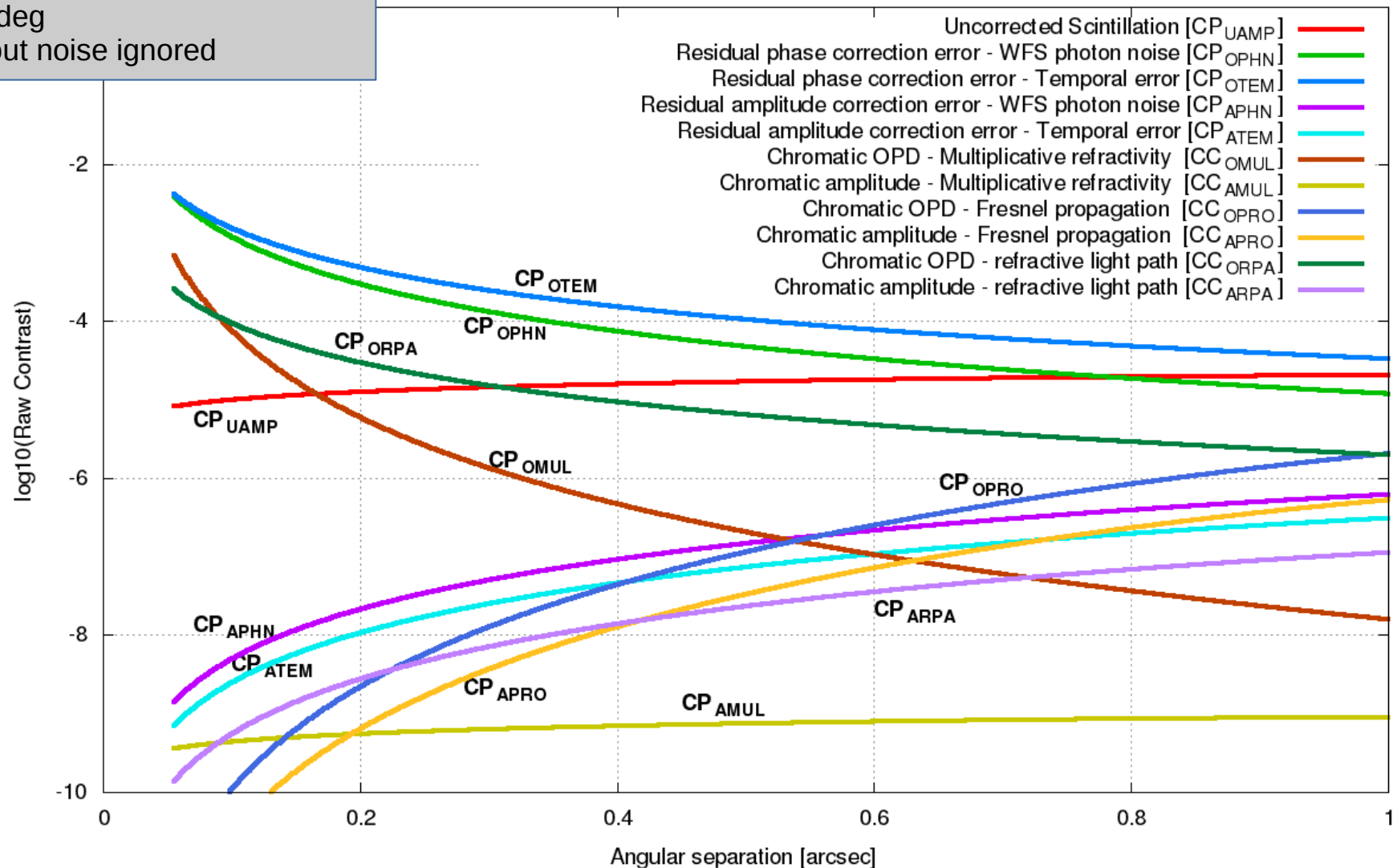
(20 percentile along each radius)



Contrast Error Budget (Primary WFC)

D=8m telescope
High contrast imaging at 1.6 μm
Wavefront sensing at 0.8 μm
30% efficiency WFS
40% wide WFS spectral band
1 kHz WFS frame rate
Integrator controller with optimal gain setting
Wind speed = 8 m/s
Fried parameter $r_0 = 0.15$ m at 0.5 μm
 $m_l = 8$ target
SHWFSm 15cm subapertures
Zenith angle = 40 deg
Aliasing and readout noise ignored

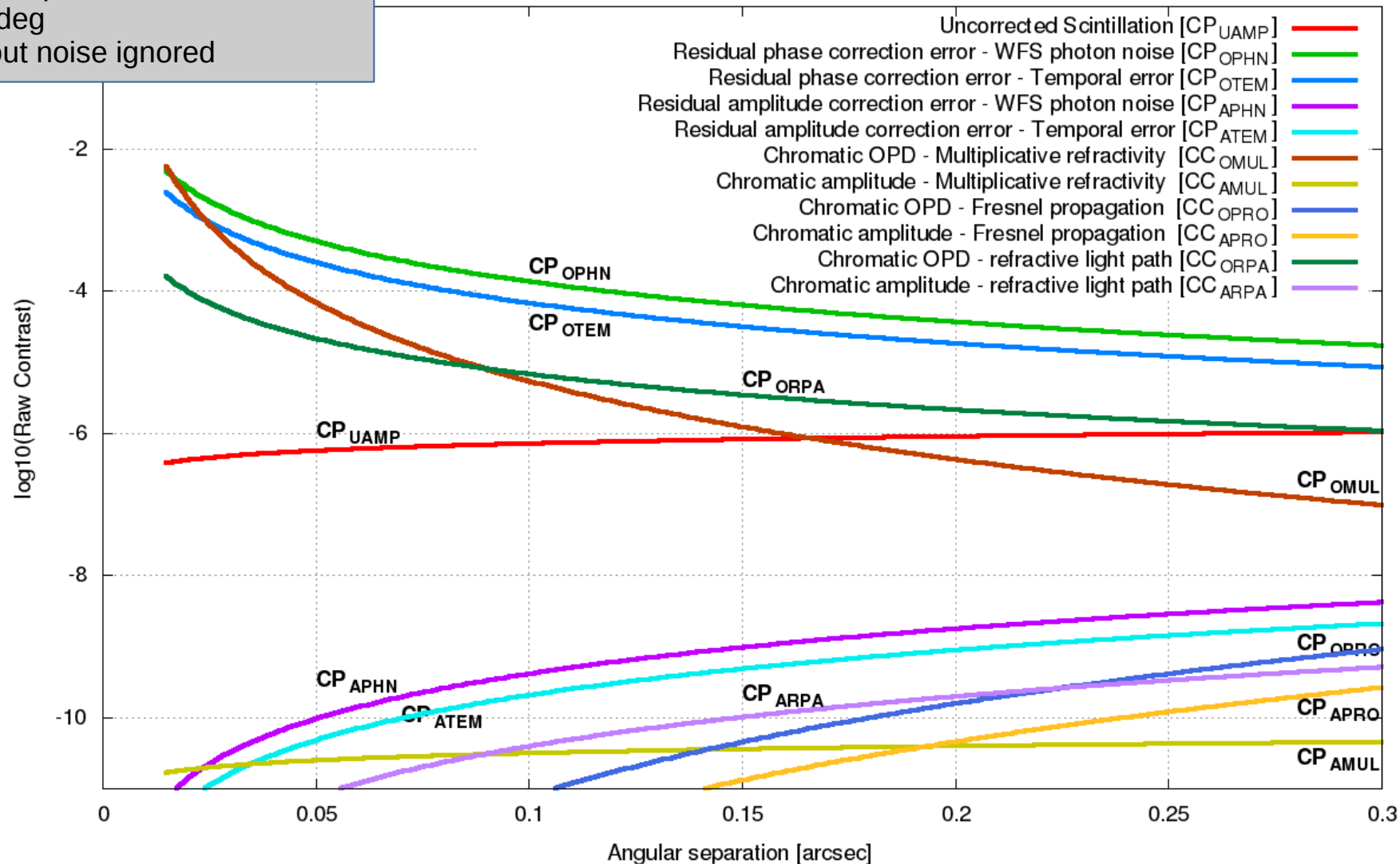
Raw Contrast Terms in ExAO High Contrast Imaging



Contrast Error Budget (Primary WFC)

D=30m telescope
 High contrast imaging at 1.6 μm
 Wavefront sensing at 0.8 μm
 30% efficiency WFS
 40% wide WFS spectral band
 5 kHz WFS frame rate
 Integrator controller with optimal gain setting
 Wind speed = 10 m/s
 Fried parameter $r_0 = 0.15$ m at 0.5 μm
 $m_l = 8$ target
 SHWFSm 15cm subapertures
 Zenith angle = 40 deg
 Aliasing and readout noise ignored

Raw Contrast Terms in ExAO High Contrast Imaging



How ExAO@ GSMTs will differ from current “conventional” AO ?

Current AO systems (SPHERE, GPI) at $\sim < 3$ I/D : $\sim 1e-3$ raw contrast, $\sim 1e-4$ detection limit.

To image habitable planets, ExAO systems will require $\sim 1000x$ gain in raw contrast ($1e-6$), and $10000x$ gain in detection limit ($\sim 1e-8$)

Current limits, and how to overcome them:

Star is too faint for ExAO WFS

- More efficient wavefront sensing (for example unmodulated pyramid) to provide $> 1000x$ gain in equivalent star brightness
- Predictive Control
- Sensor fusion between multiple sensors

Current systems are too slow → need low latency systems

- Predictive control
- Faster loop speed

Non-common path errors (including WF chromaticity) and slow speckles

- Focal plane wavefront control + sensor fusion

Lyot Coronagraph doesn't provide required suppression at 2 I/D

- Advanced coronagraphs (Vortex, PIAACMC etc...)

Planet image is still $\sim 100x$ below starlight halo

- High dispersion spectroscopy template matching
- Coherent differential imaging (use coherence to separate starlight from planet light)
- Use WF telemetry to subtract PSF

WFS/C : Game-changing advances

High-sensitivity WFS required to reduce WFS photon noise term

Focal plane “speckle control” addresses chromaticity and non-common path error terms

Predictive control and **sensor fusion** increase sensitivity and speed

Machine learning based control loop self-calibrates system, and learns how to use WFS telemetry for PSF calibration

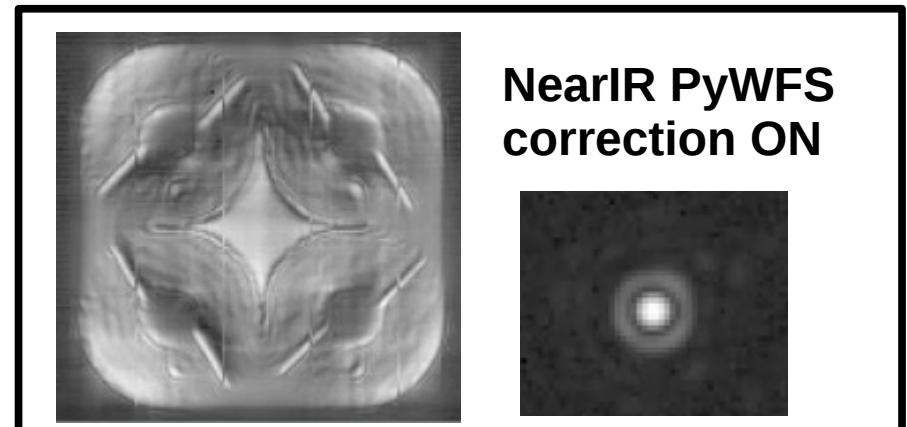
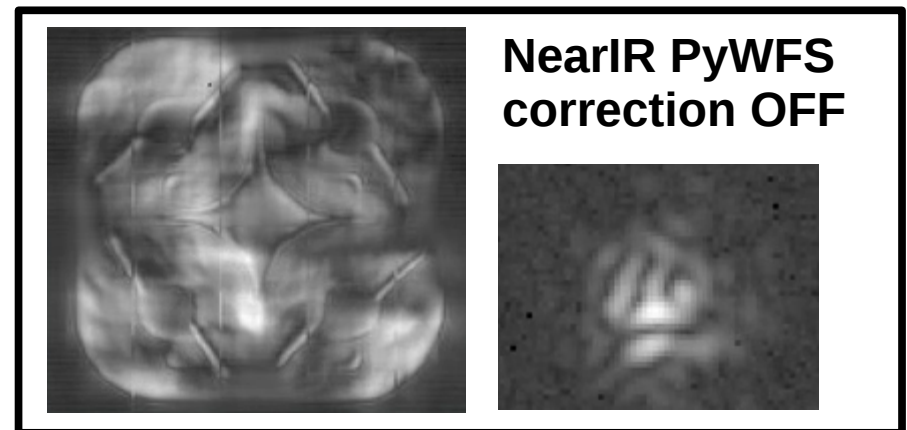
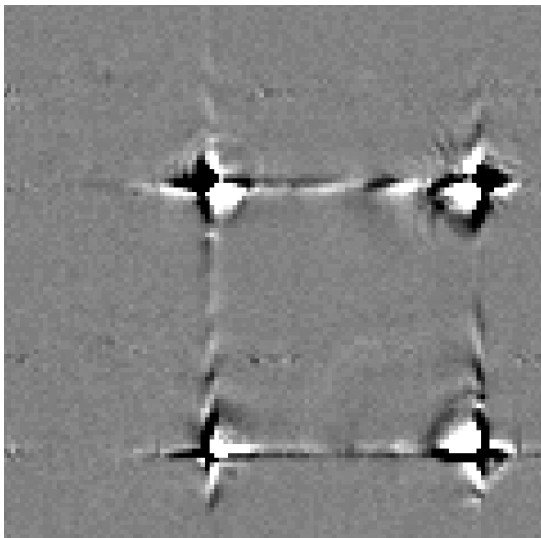
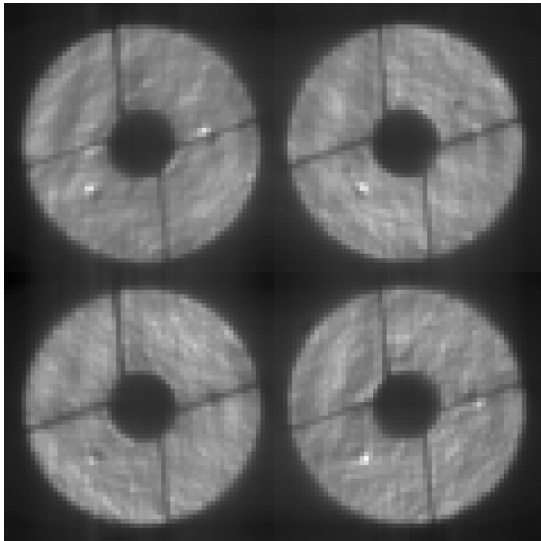
High-performance calibration approaches:

- **High dispersion coronagraphy**
- **Coherent differential imaging**

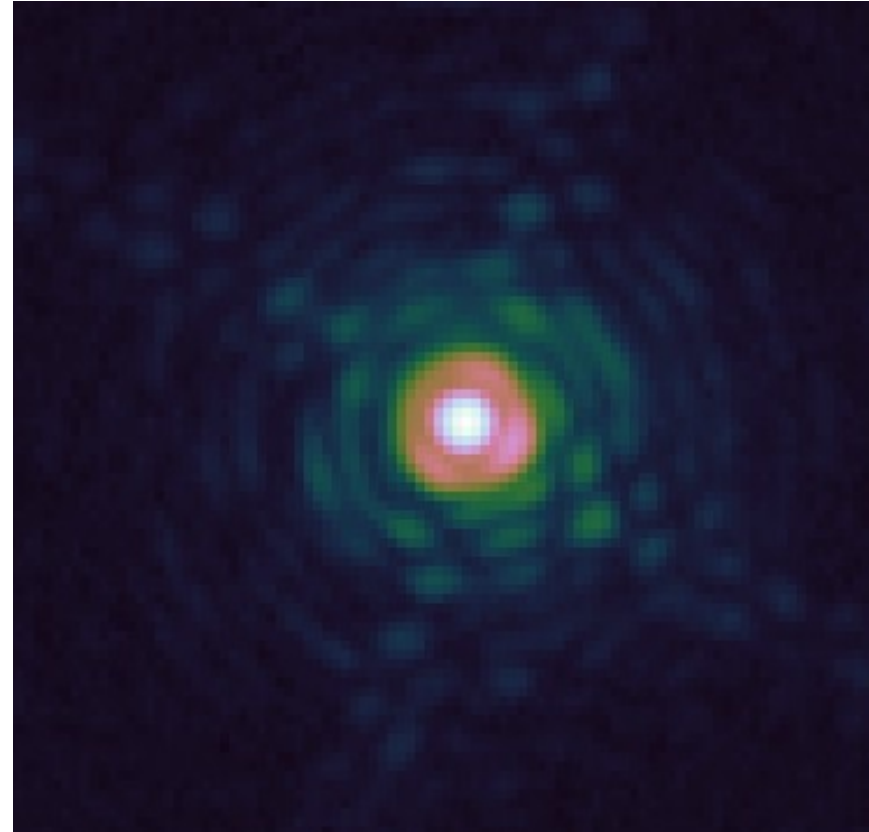
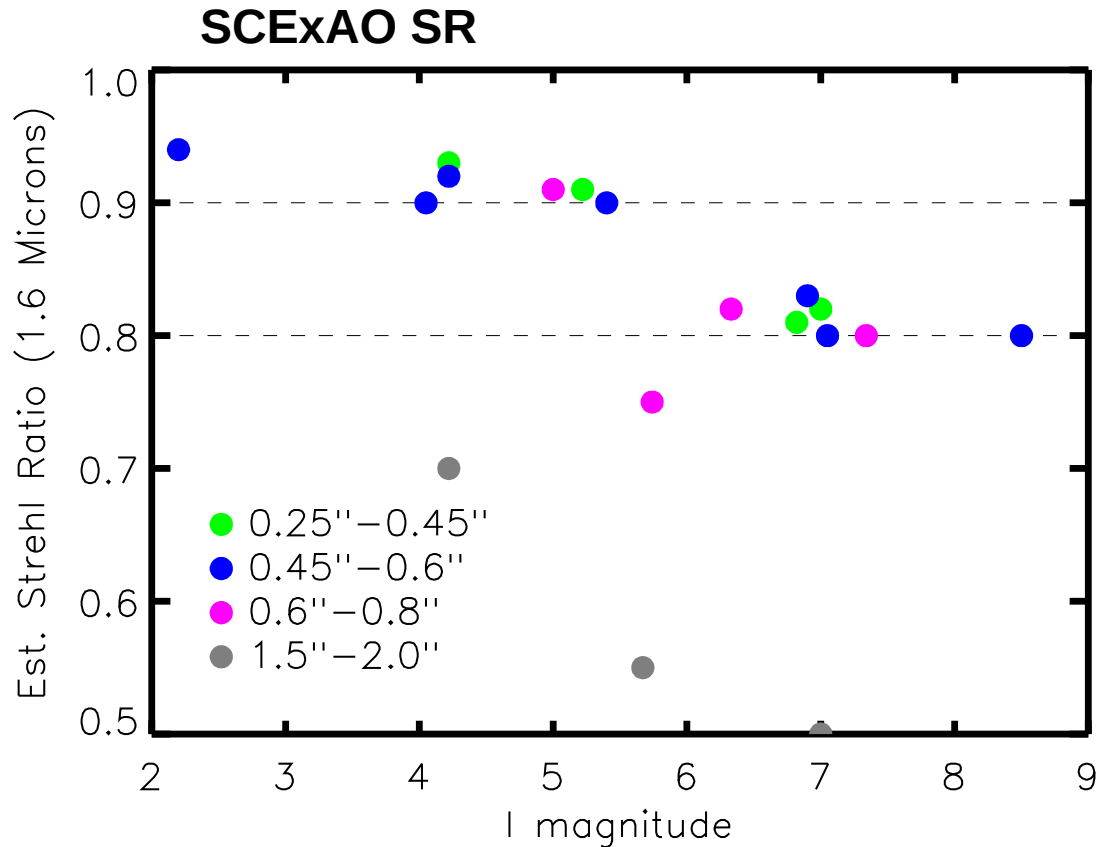
High performance WFS

Low-modulation PyWFS (600-900nm)
14400 sensors → 2000 actuators
loop runs at up to 3.5 kHz

Unmodulated PyWFS demo (H band, SAPHIRA)
14400 sensors → 2000 actuators



Faint Star Performance



S.R. ~ 0.9 for bright stars under average to good conditions
x-AO correction demonstrated down to I ~ 9

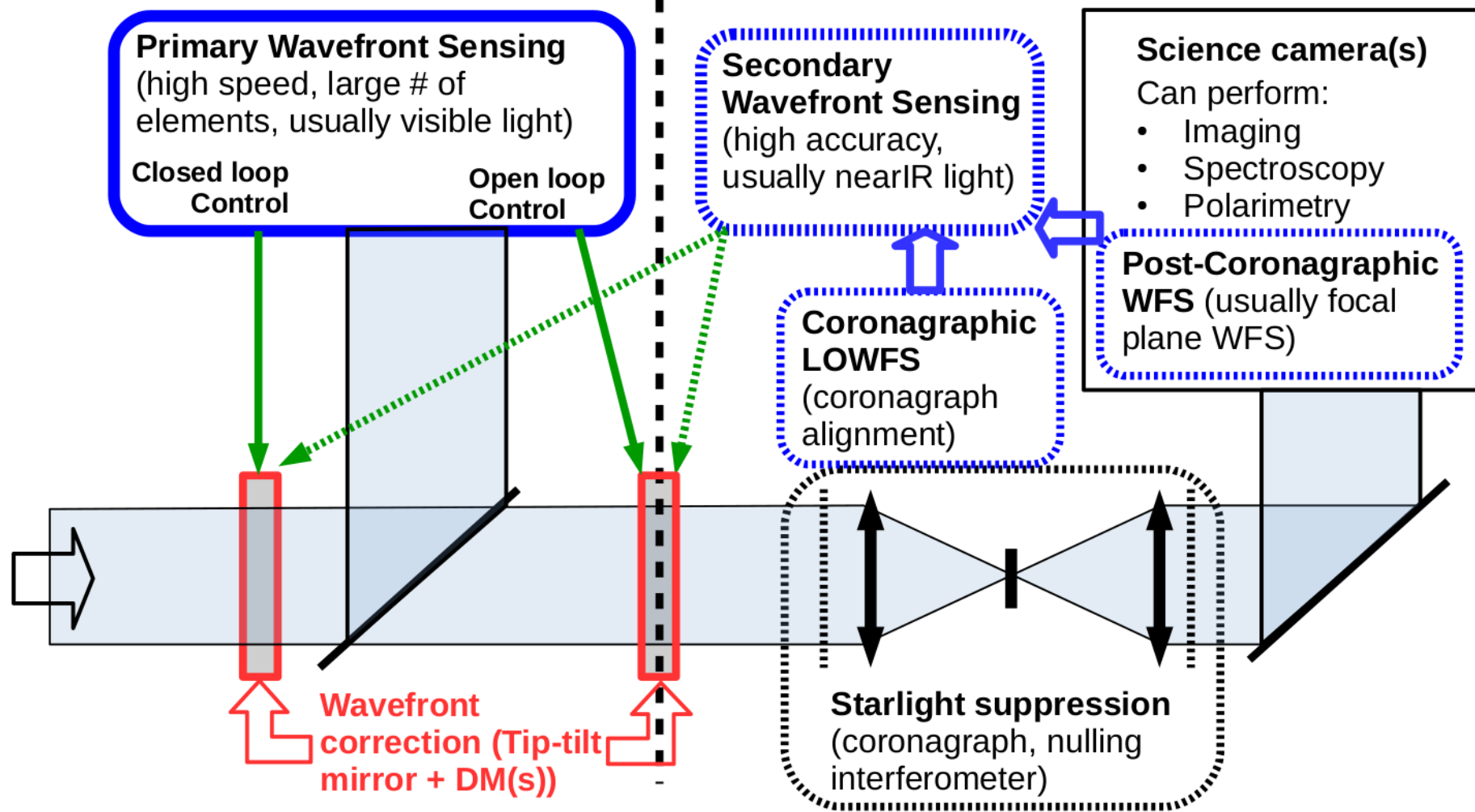
LkCa 15:
R ~ 11.6 star, K band

SR~0.65 @ H
Predictive control ON

High Contrast Imaging System Architecture

Primary WFS/C

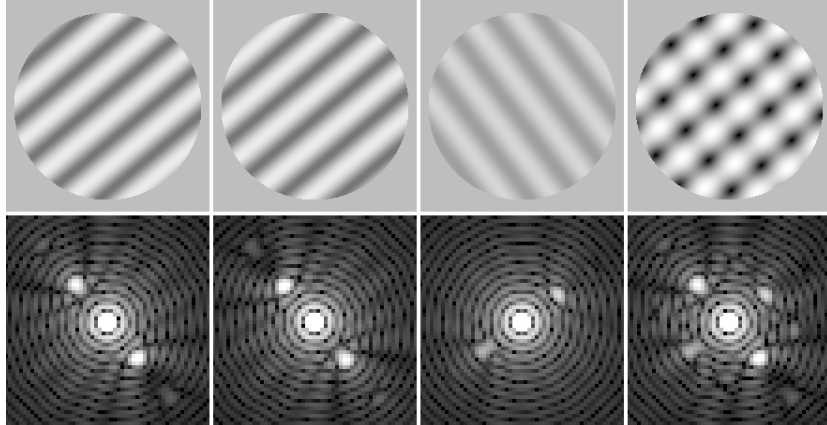
Secondary WFS/C



Coronagraph

Science Instrument(s)

Speckle Control



Speckle nulling, in the lab and on-sky (no XAO).

Experience limited by detector readout noise and speed.

KERNEL project: C-RED-ONE camera.

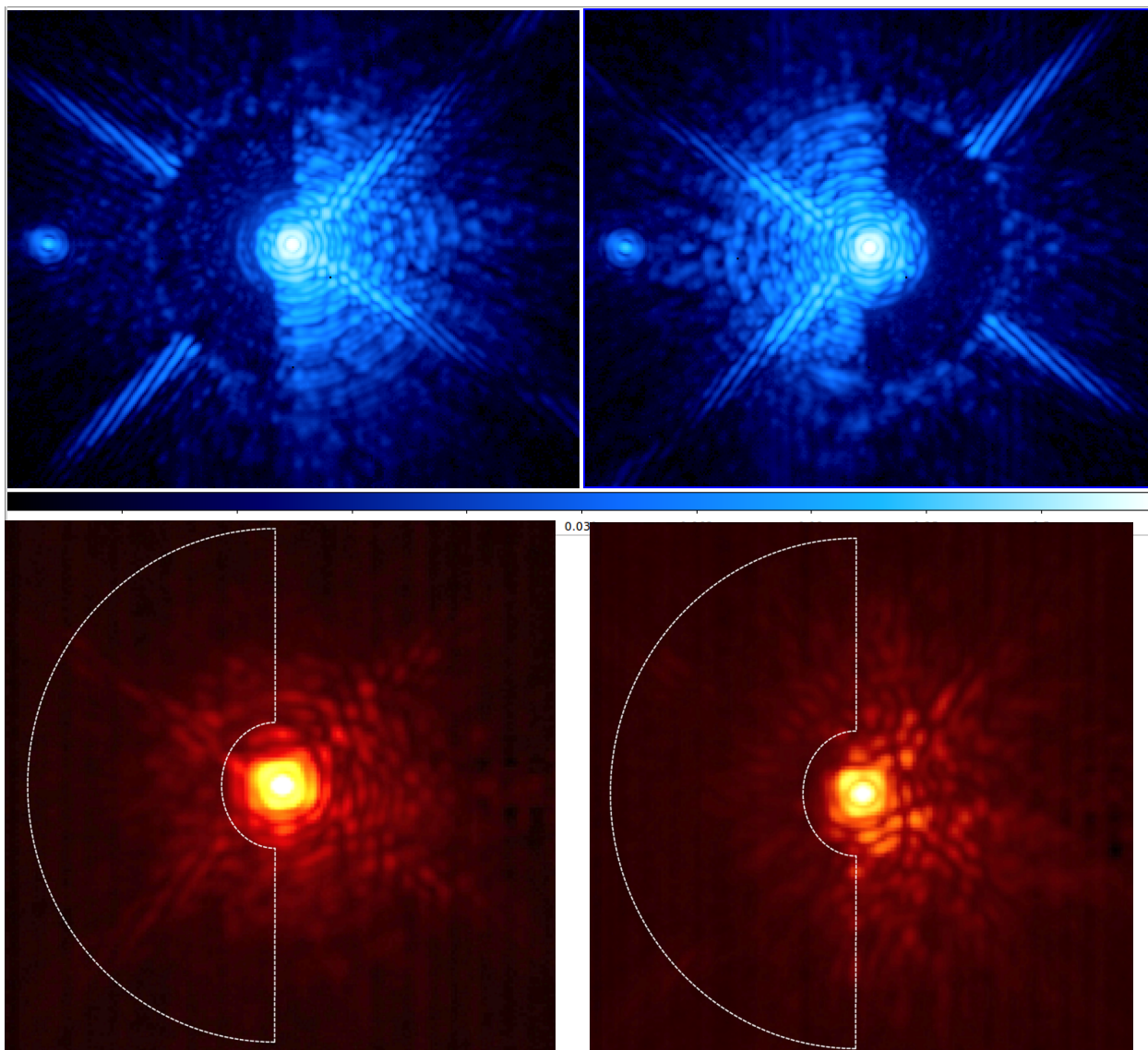
From:

- 114 e- RON
- 170 Hz frame rate

To:

- 0.8 e- RON
- 3500 Hz frame rate

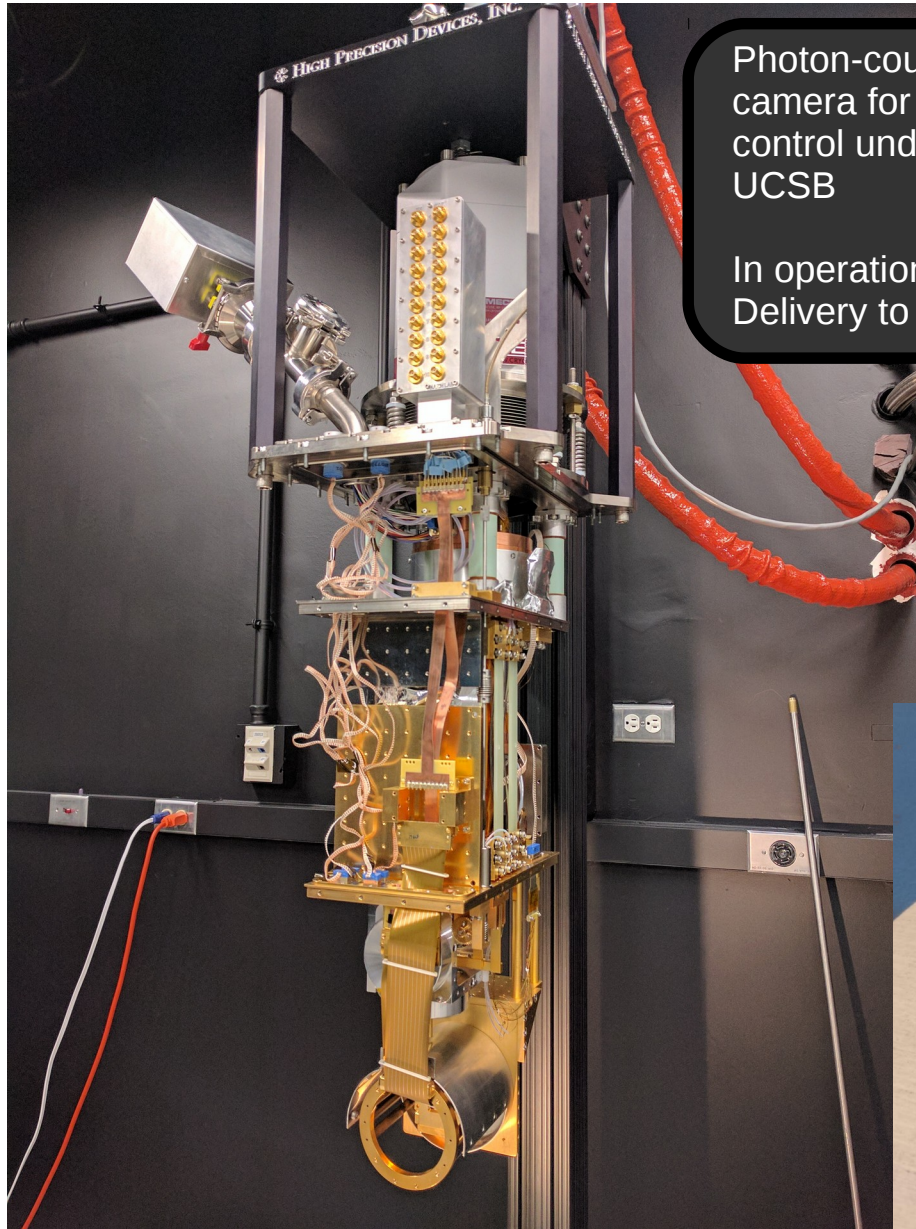
Expect some updates



Observatoire
de la CÔTE d'AZUR

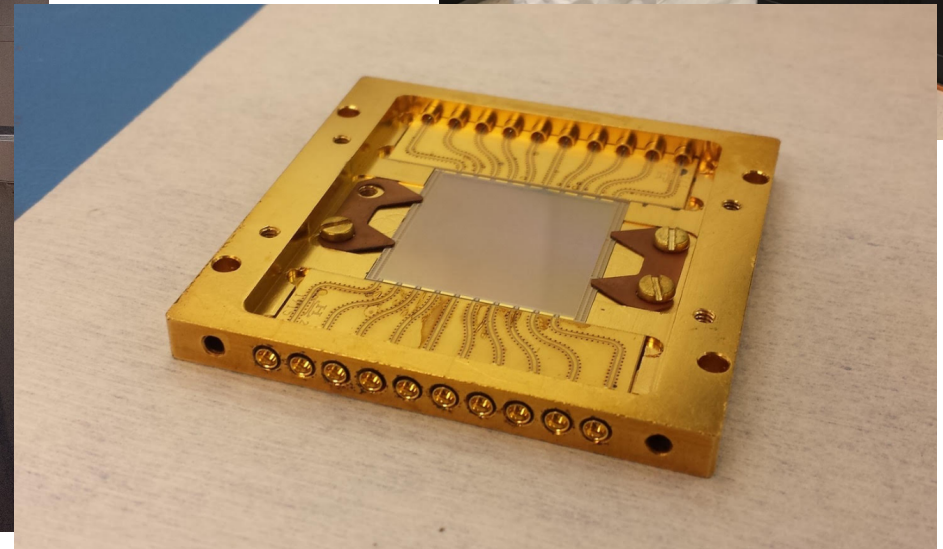
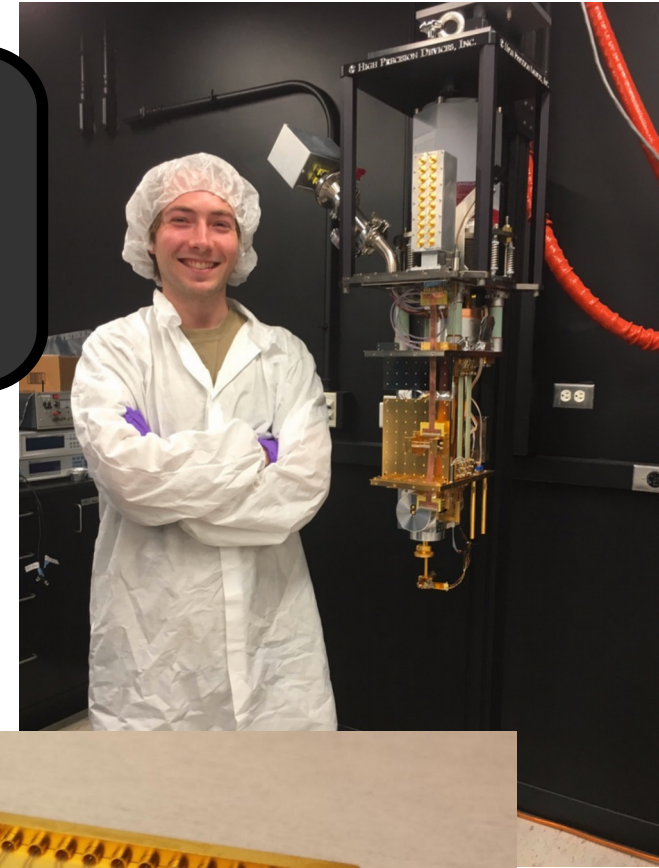
MKIDS camera (Ben Mazin, UCSB)

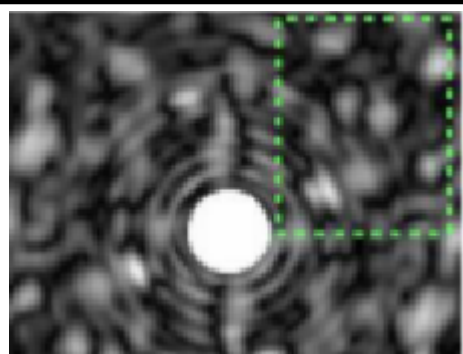
Photon-counting, wavelength resolving 140x140 pixel camera



Photon-counting near-IR MKIDs camera for kHz speed speckle control under construction at UCSB

In operation @ Palomar
Delivery to SCExAO March 2018



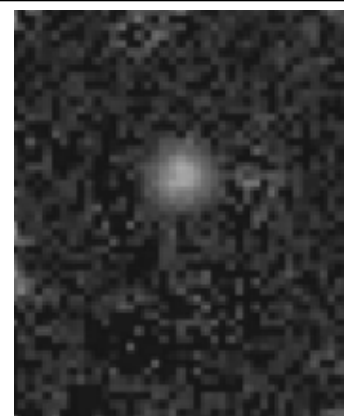


Uncalibrated image

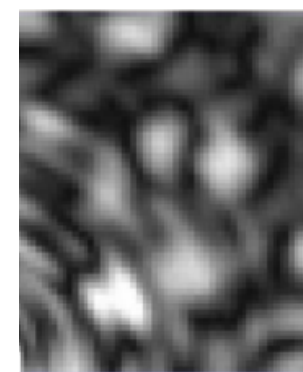
**COHERENT
DIFFERENTIAL IMAGING**

subtract

Speckle SENSING

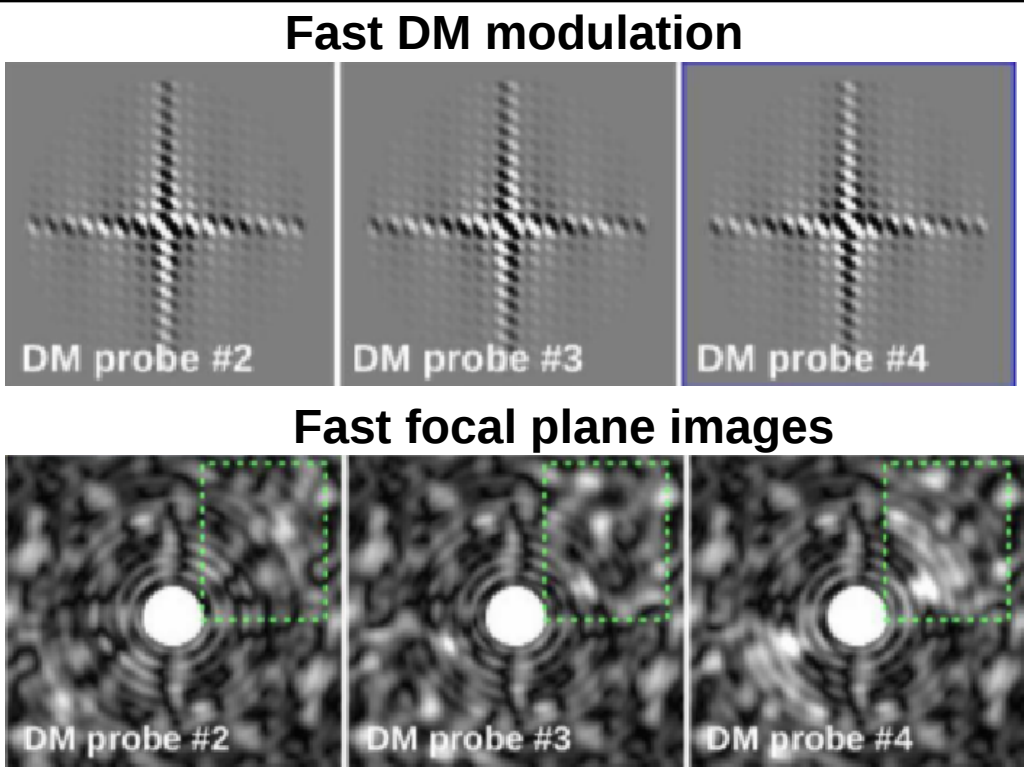


Calibrated image
(incoherent planet light)



Coherent intensity

square
modulus

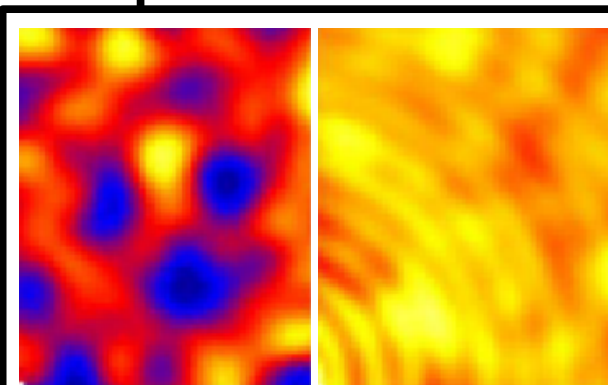


Apply
to DM(s)

Compute DM(s)
solution to cancel
coherent light

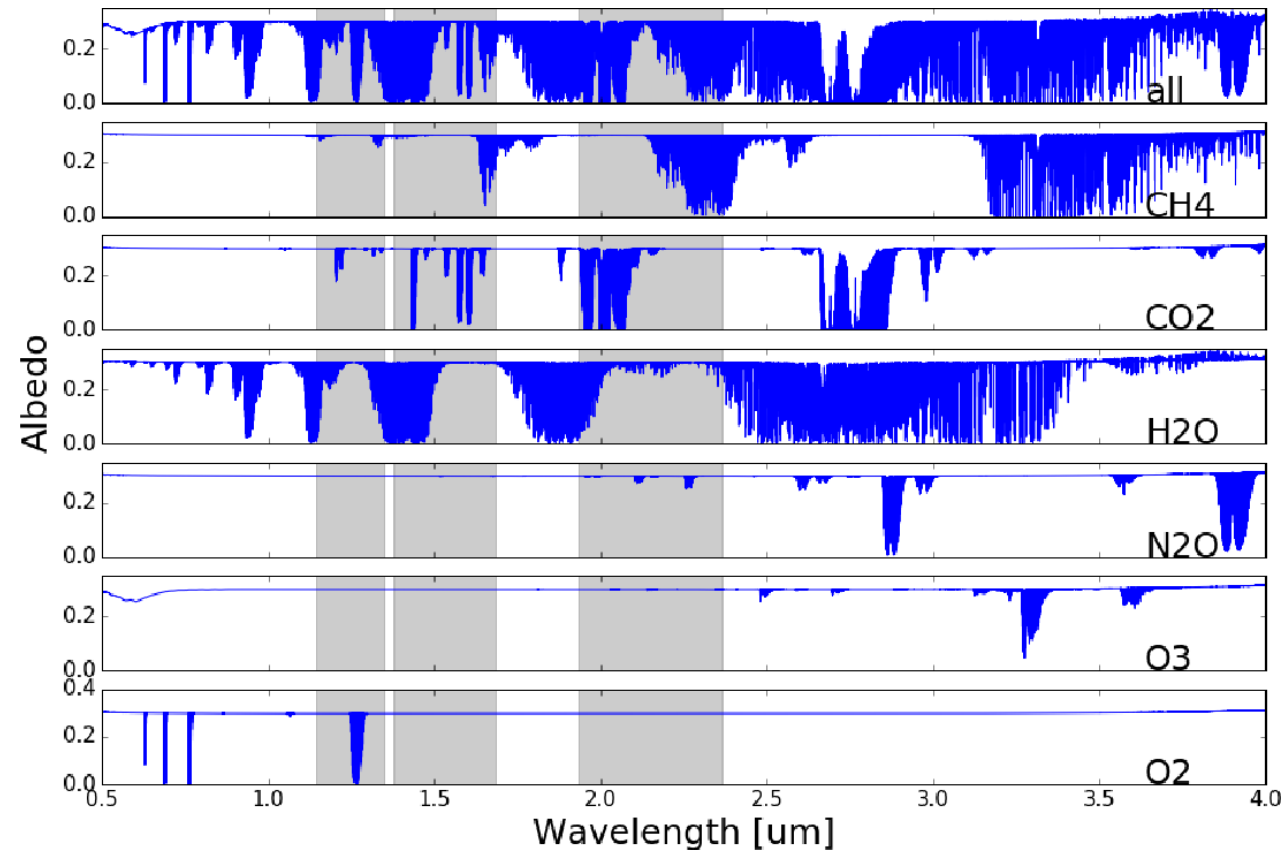
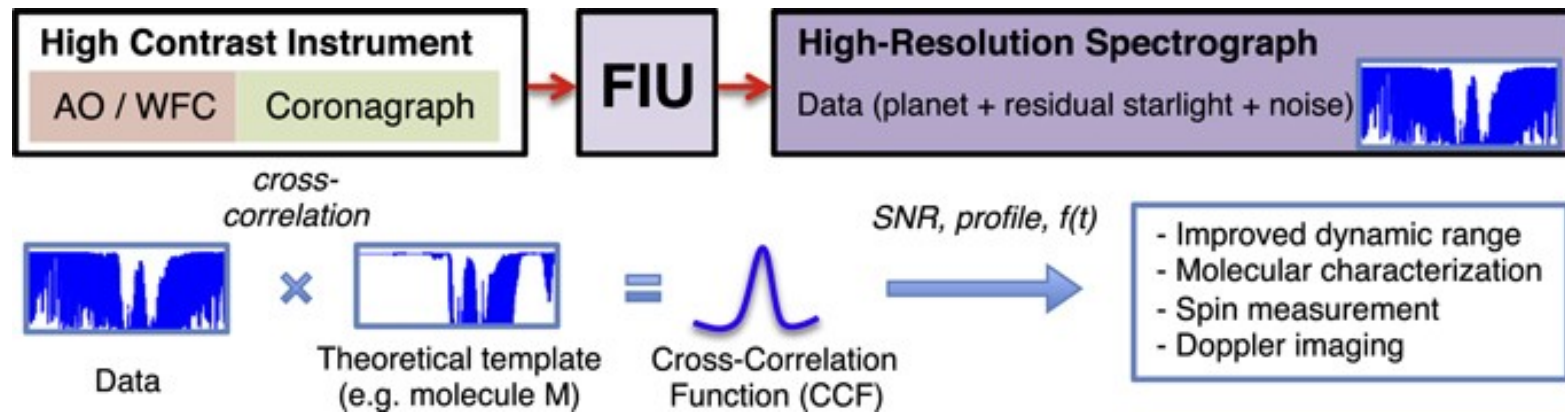
Non-linear solver

Speckle CONTROL



Speckle field (coherent)

High Dispersion Coronagraphy



Very robust differential signature

First demonstrated on combined light (no coronagraph) – Snellen et al.

Mawet, Wang et al.

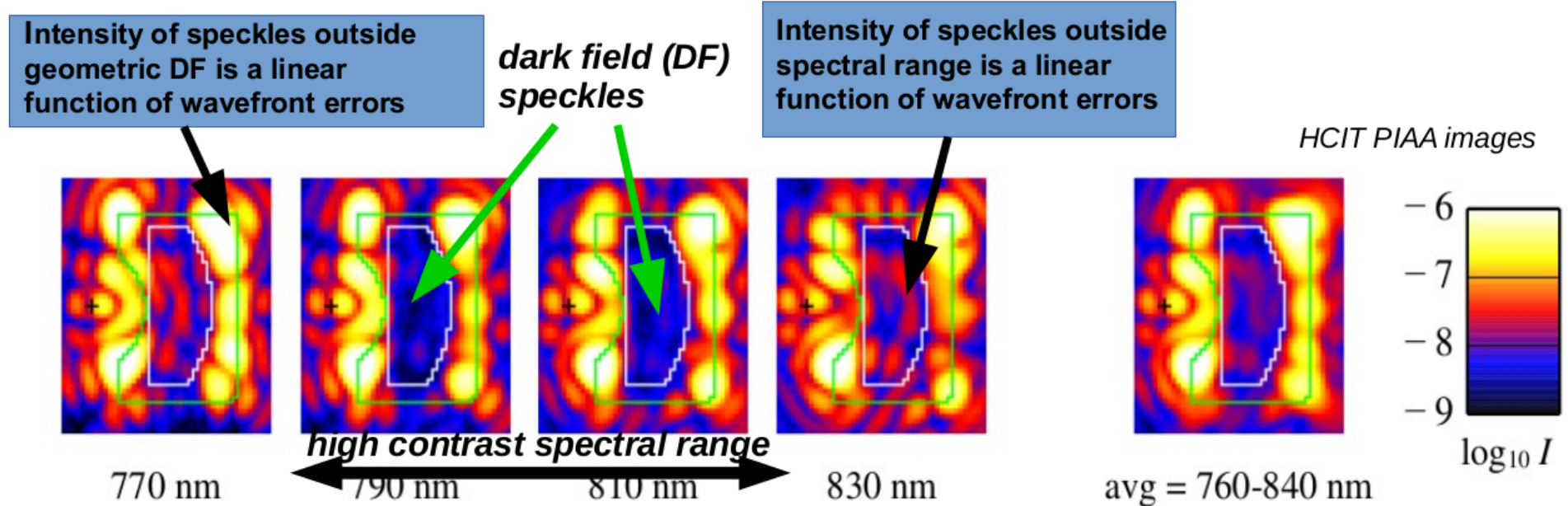
Linear Dark Field Control (LDFC)

See also: Miller et al. 2017, Guyon et al. 2017 (astro-ph)

Speckle intensity in the DF are a non-linear function of wavefront errors

→ current wavefront control technique uses several images (each obtained with a different DM shape) and a non-linear reconstruction algorithm (for example, Electric Field Conjugation – EFC)

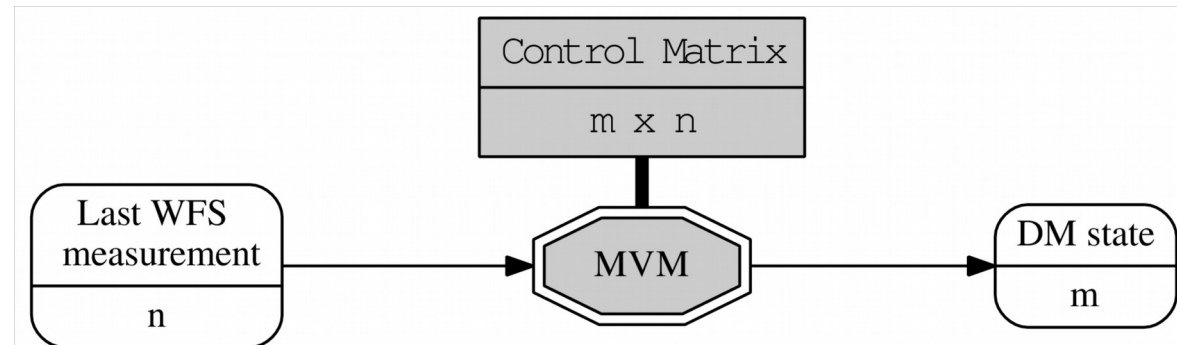
Speckle intensity in the BF are linearly coupled to wavefront errors → we have developed a new control scheme using BF light to freeze the wavefront and therefore prevent light from appearing inside the DF



Predictive Control and Sensor Fusion

Conventional AO:

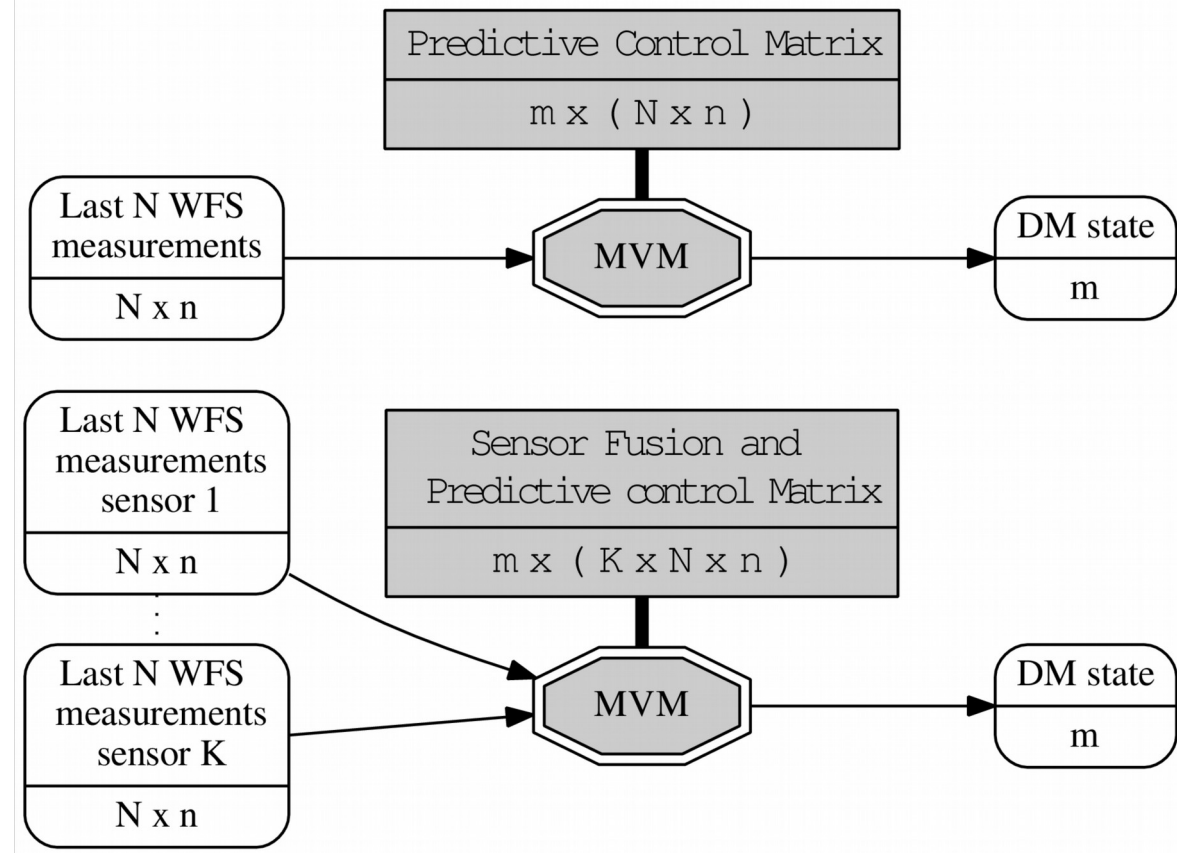
We measure RM/CM



Advanced AO control:

We want to use past measurements (predictive control) and other measurements (sensor fusion) → control matrix is very big, and usually impossible to measure

We derive CM from WFS(s) telemetry



Predictive control & sensor fusion → 100x contrast gain ?

See also: Males & Guyon 2017 (astro-ph)

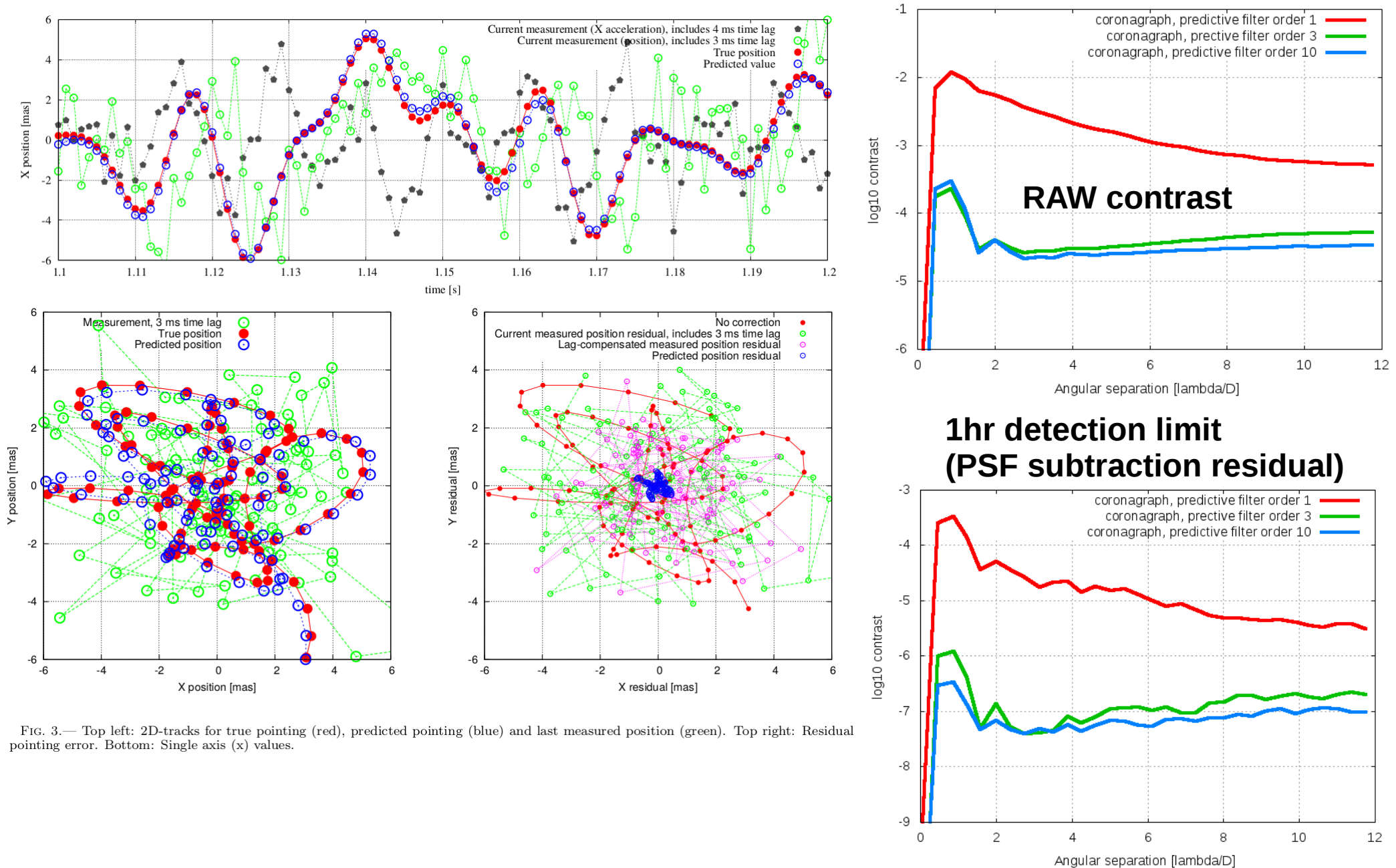


FIG. 3.— Top left: 2D-tracks for true pointing (red), predicted pointing (blue) and last measured position (green). Top right: Residual pointing error. Bottom: Single axis (x) values.

The Machine Learning challenge

Need to derive 100s of millions of CM values within minutes, using billions of samples...

Example:

SCExAO, 3 kHz, 10-step predictive control, 100 sec training

Input: $14,400 \times 3,000 \times 100 = 4.32e9$ measurements

Output: $14,400 \times 2000 \times 10 = 288e6$ CM coefficients

Solution:

We deploy linear ***Machine Learning*** technique on a modal control space (smaller # of dimensions).

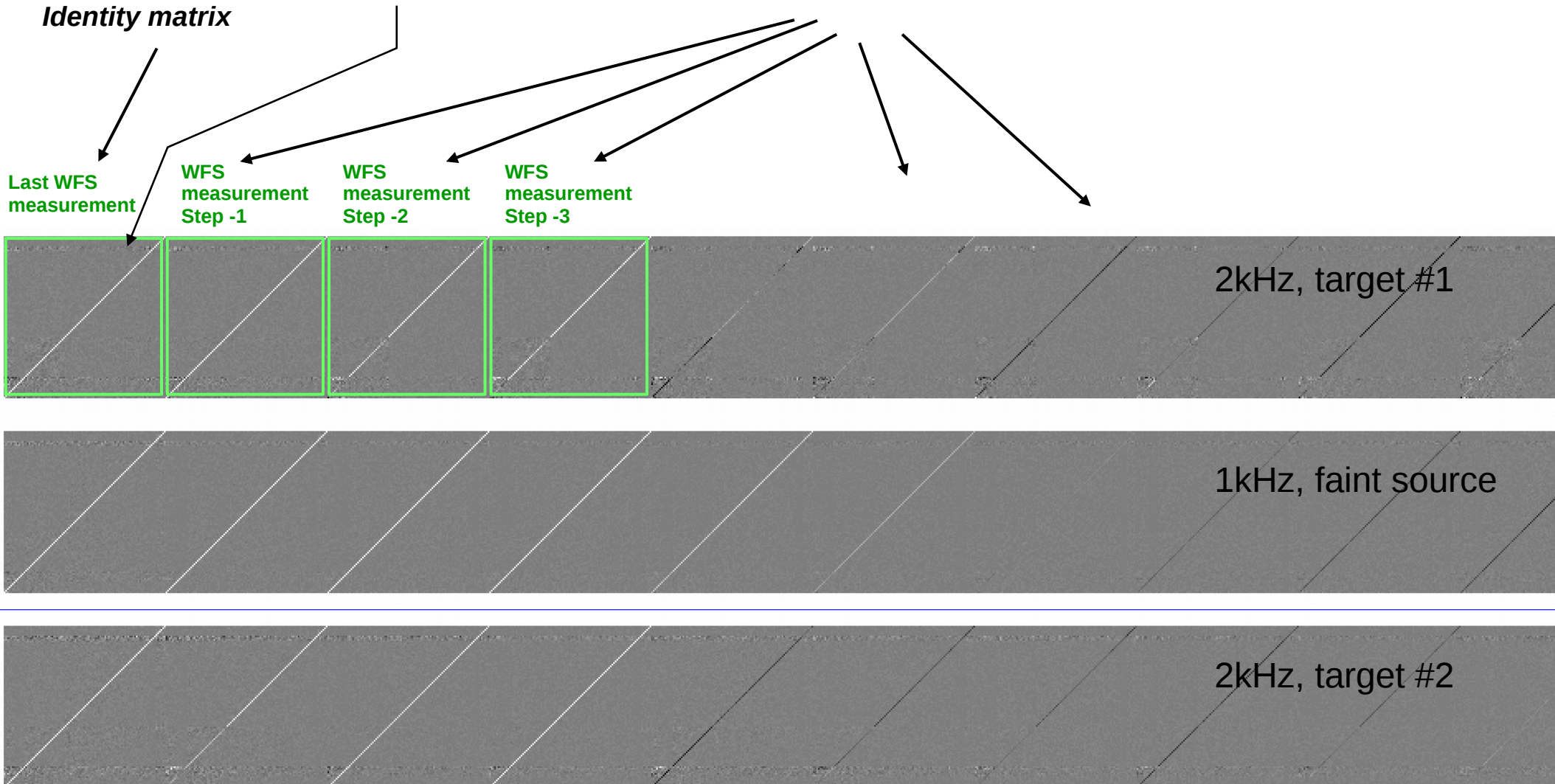
We use GPU cores (35,000 cores @ 1.6 GHz in SCExAO main RTC).

Prediction control matrix (100 modes shown)

Conventional AO would
have control matrix
100 x 100 elements
Identity matrix

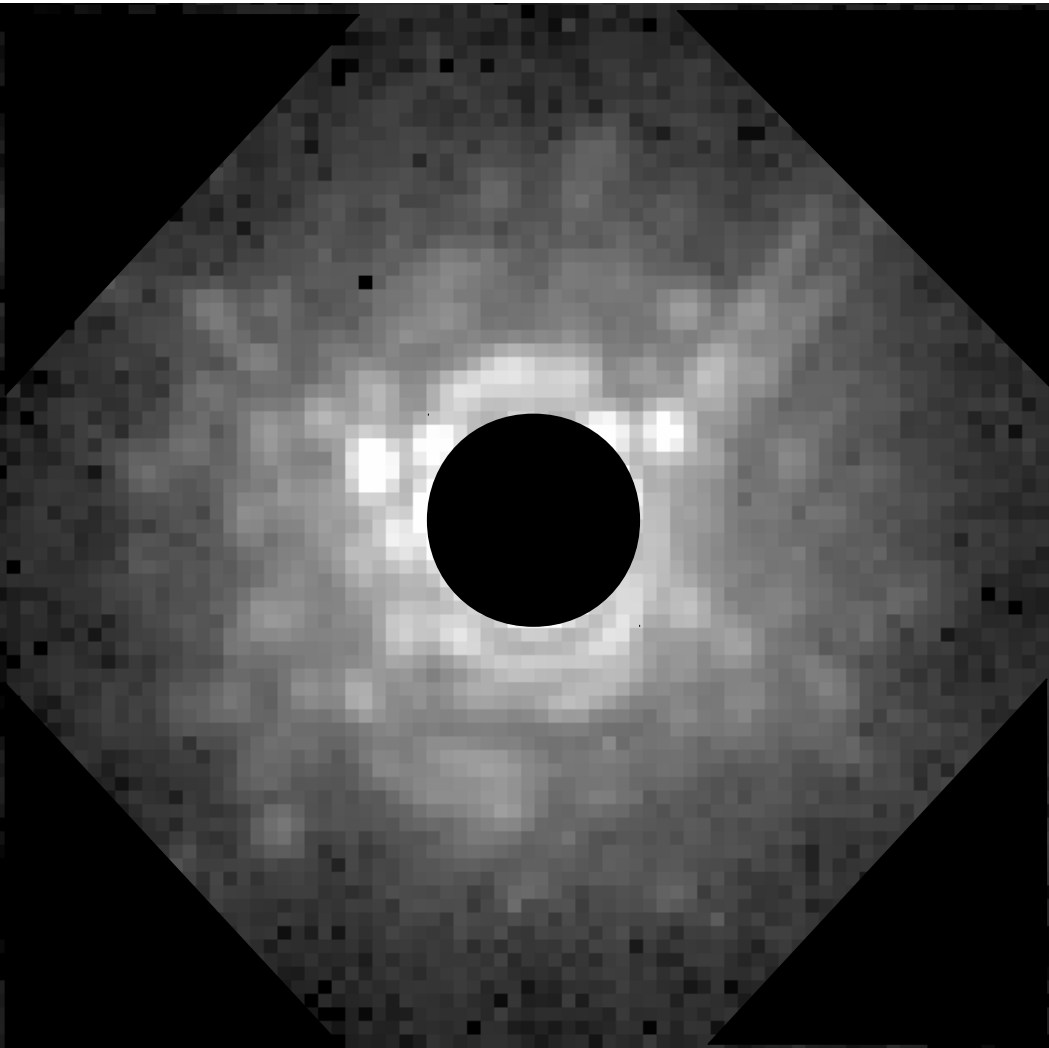
Optimal control adds
elements outside of
diagonal

Predictive control adds
these blocks to control
matrix

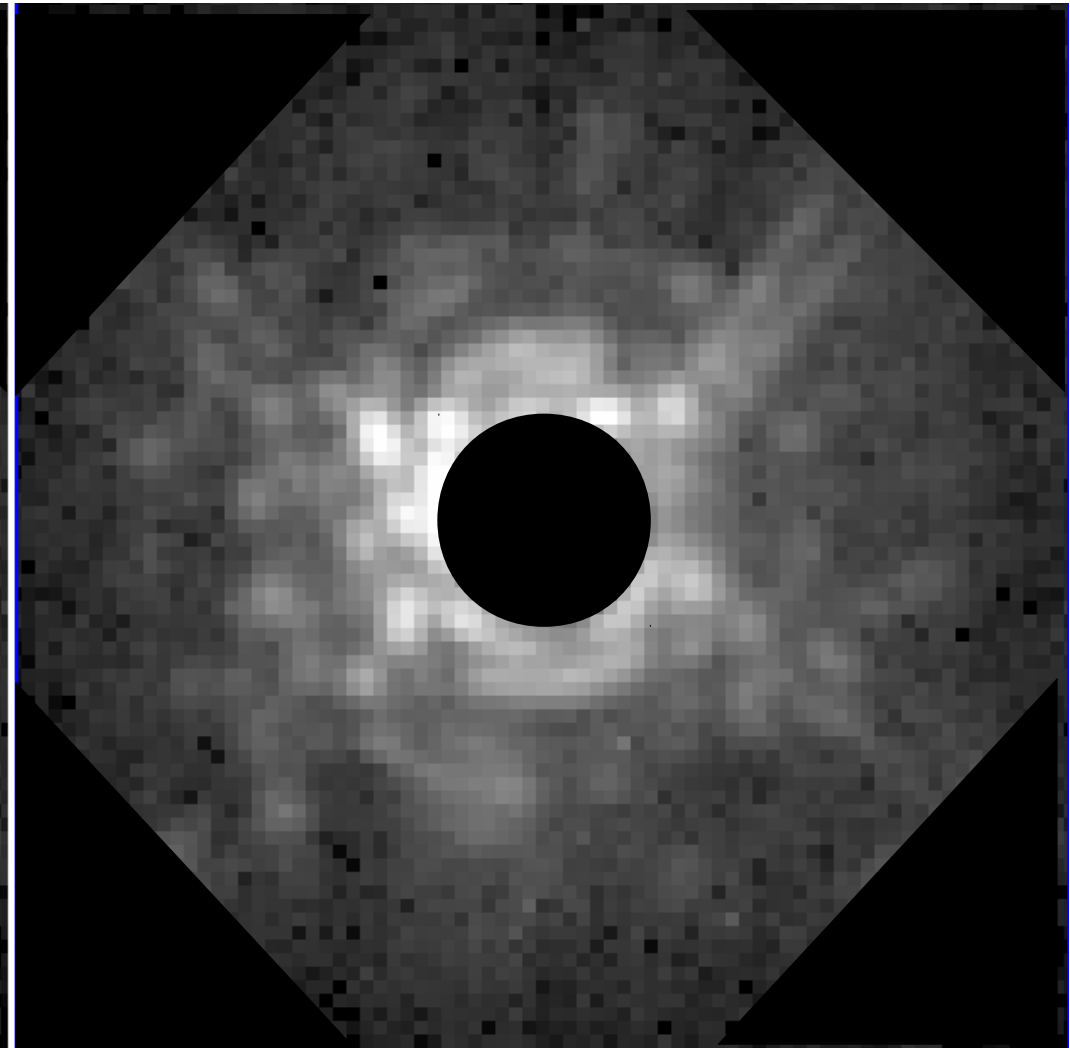


First on-sky results (2 kHz, 50 sec update)

→ 2.5x raw contrast improvement



OFF (integrator, gain=0.2)



ON

Average of 54 consecutives 0.5s images (26 sec exposure), 3 mn apart
Same star, same exposure time, same intensity scale

Planning future instruments

From 10m-class telescopes to 30m-class telescopes

ELT, TMT and GMT plans

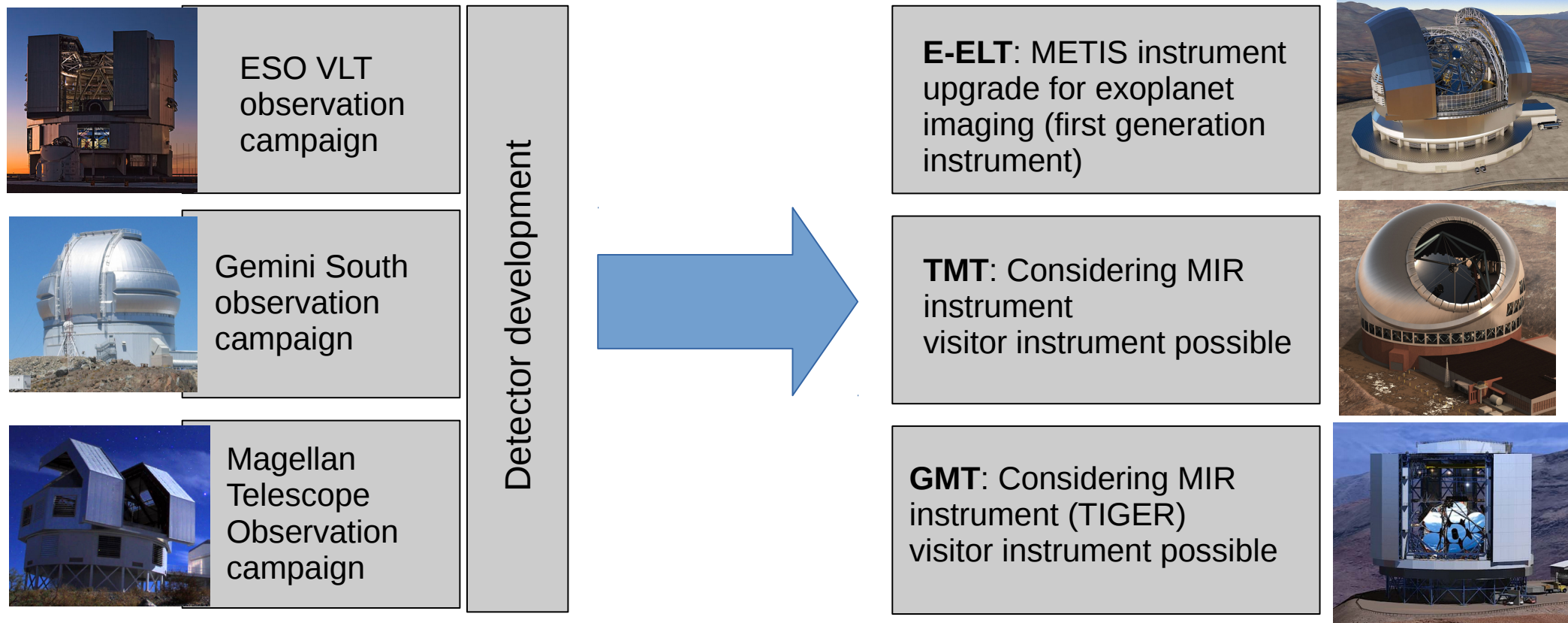
BREAKTHROUGH WATCH

10um Ground Based Imaging

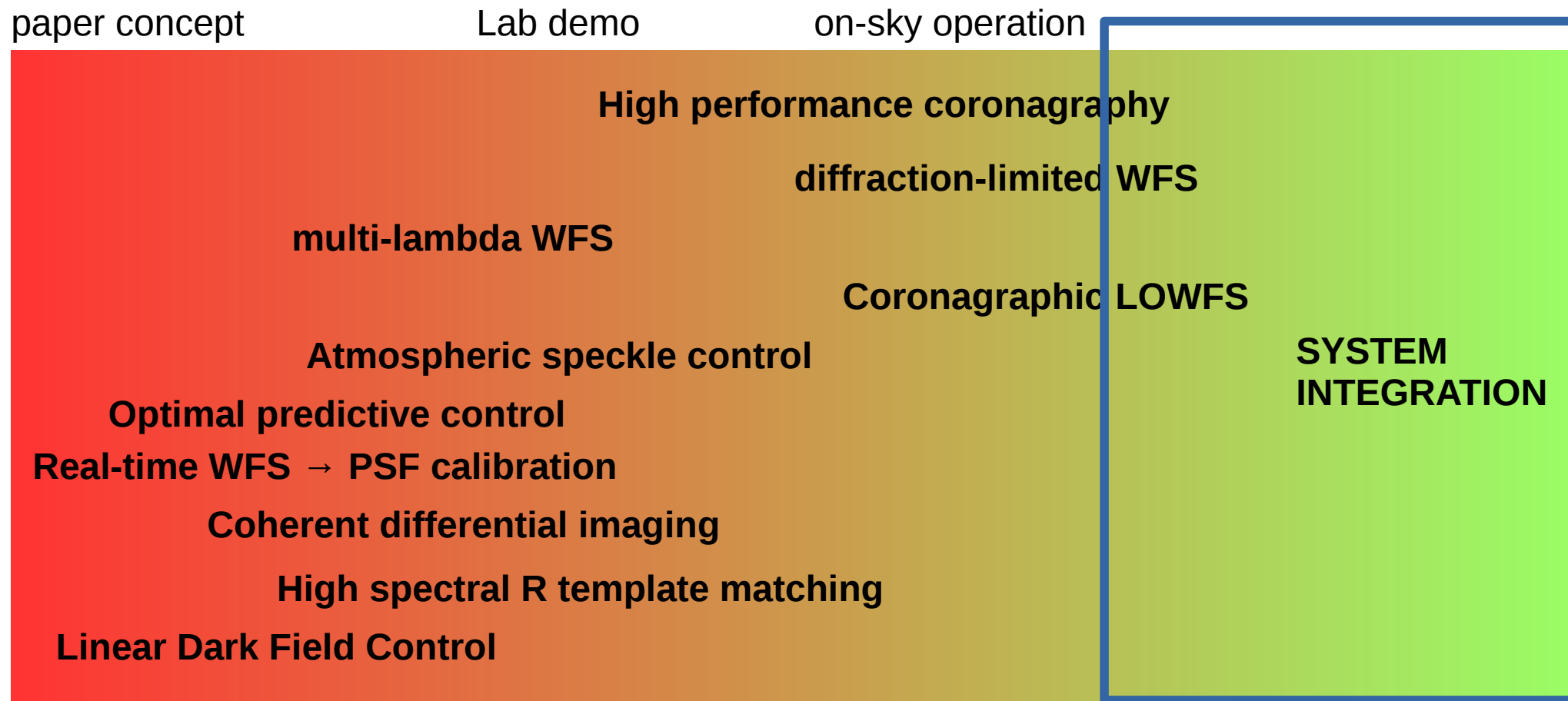
Phase 1 (Alpha Cen, VLT/Gemini/Magellan) effort will enable Phase 2 (ELTs) imaging and characterization of habitable planets around a dozen nearby stars

Thermal IR imaging/spectroscopy detects habitable exoplanets, measures radius and temperature + some chemical species (CO₂, H₂O, O₃)

Overlap with space missions targets (reflected visible light) → Direct measurement of greenhouse effect and detailed characterization of atmospheres.

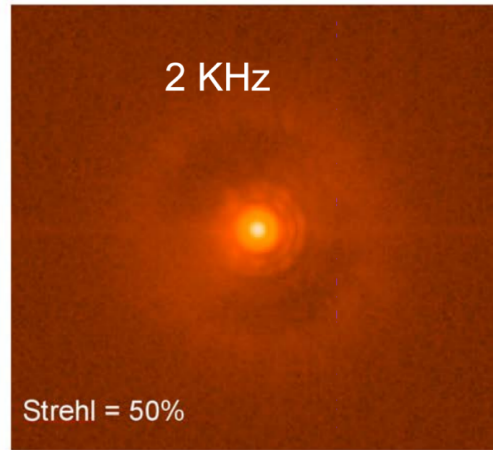
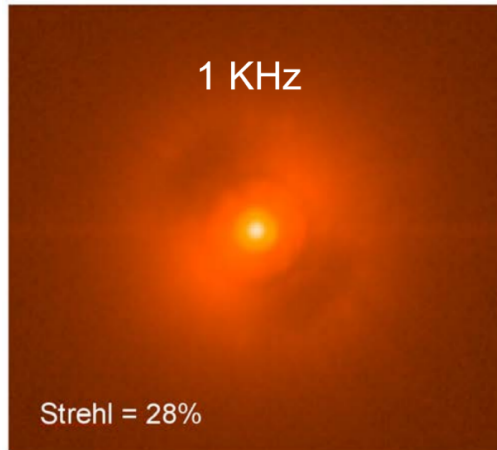


Key technologies need rapid maturation from paper concepts to system integration

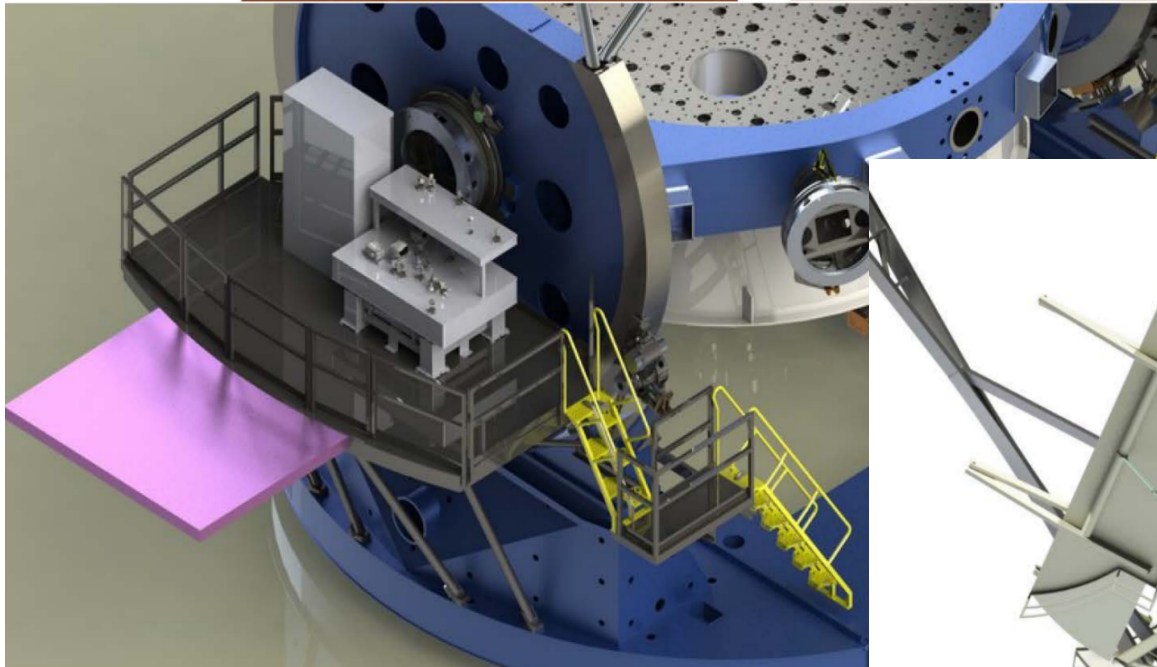


MagAO → MagAO-2k → MagAO-X → GMTAO-X

(Males, Close, Guyon et al.)

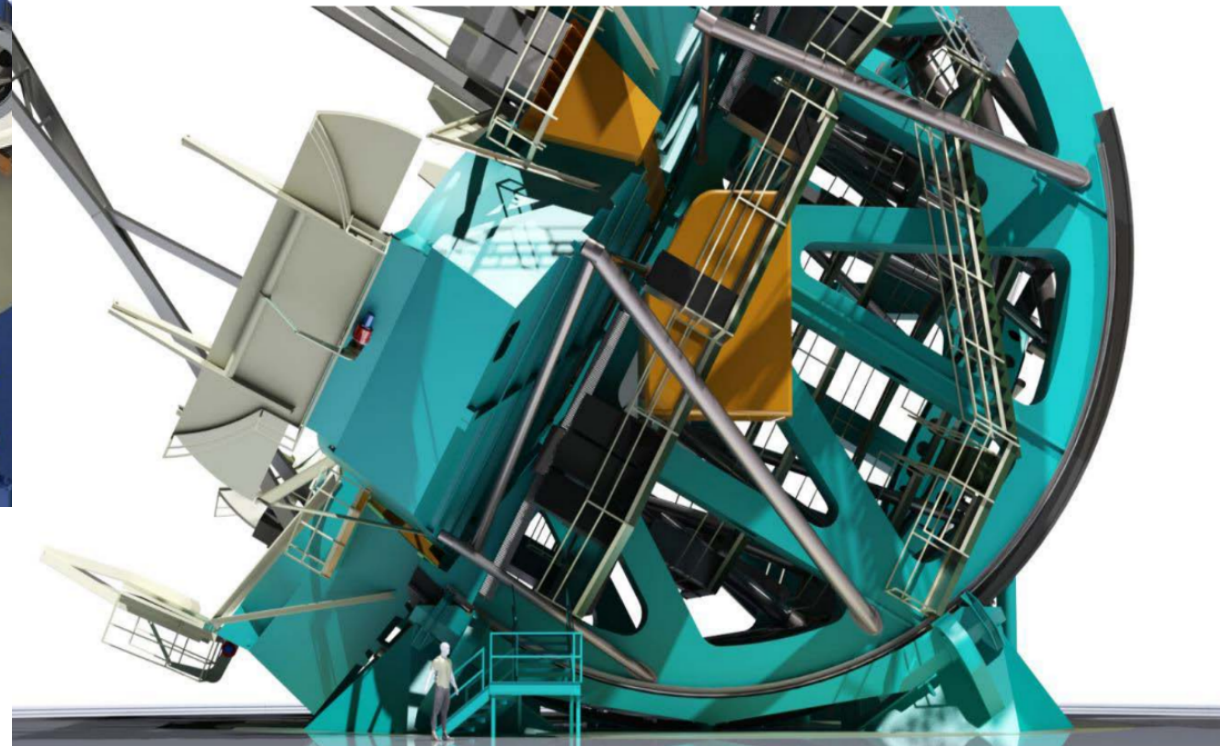


MagAO → MagAO-2k upgrade
High-perf AO in optical (0.9um)

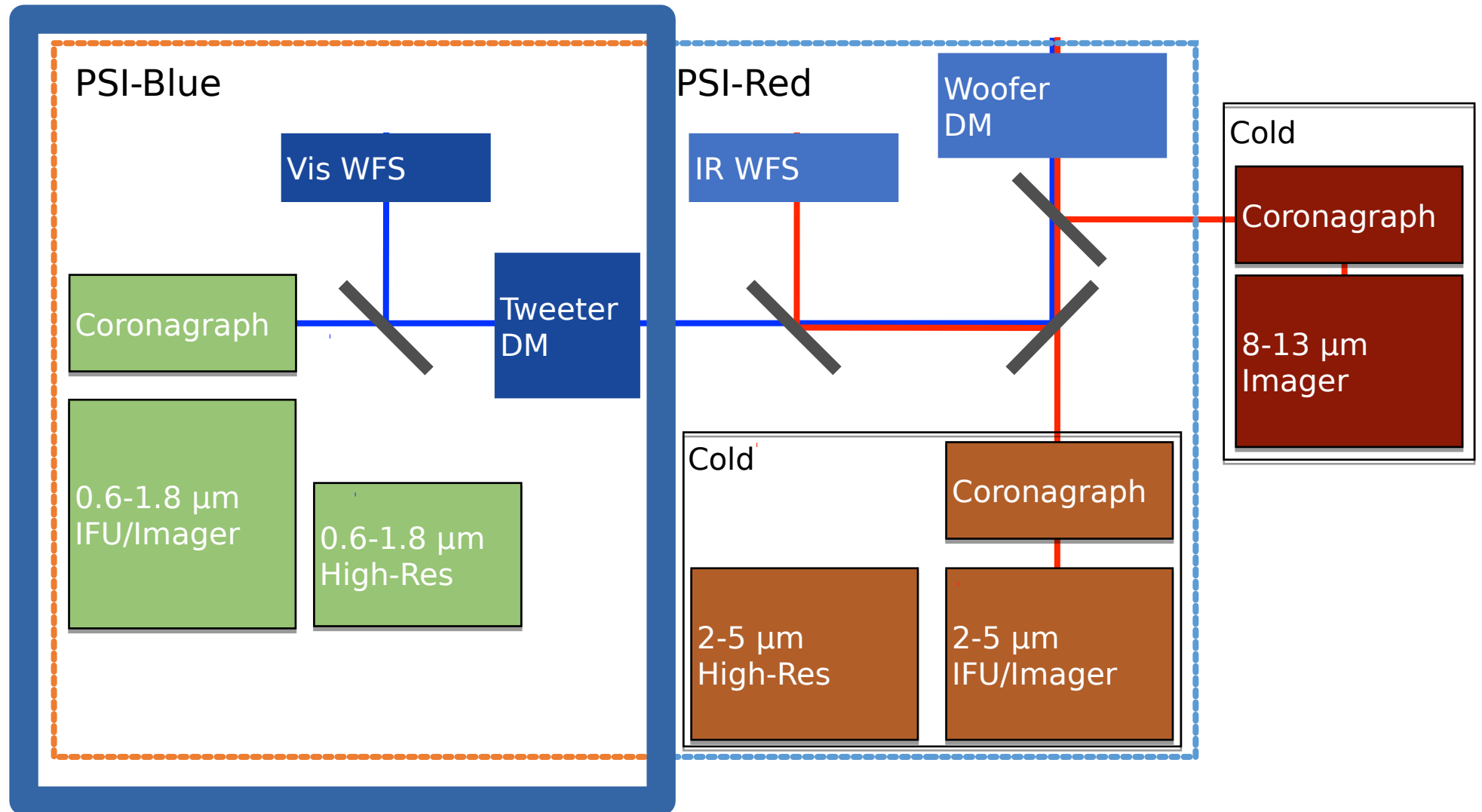


MagAO-X
Extreme-AO @ Magellan
Under construction, NSF-funded
(Males et al.)

GMTAO-X concept

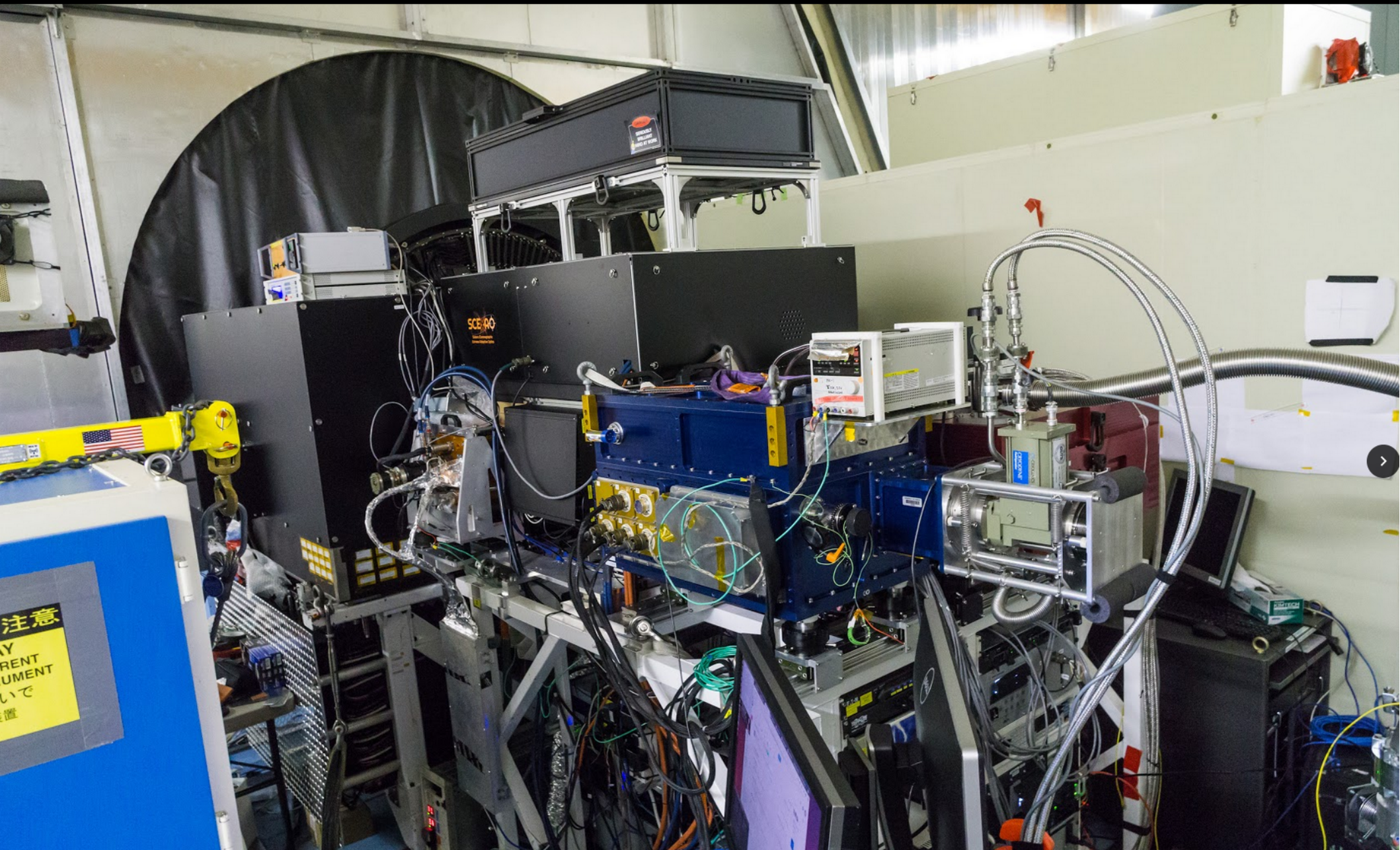


TMT PST concept

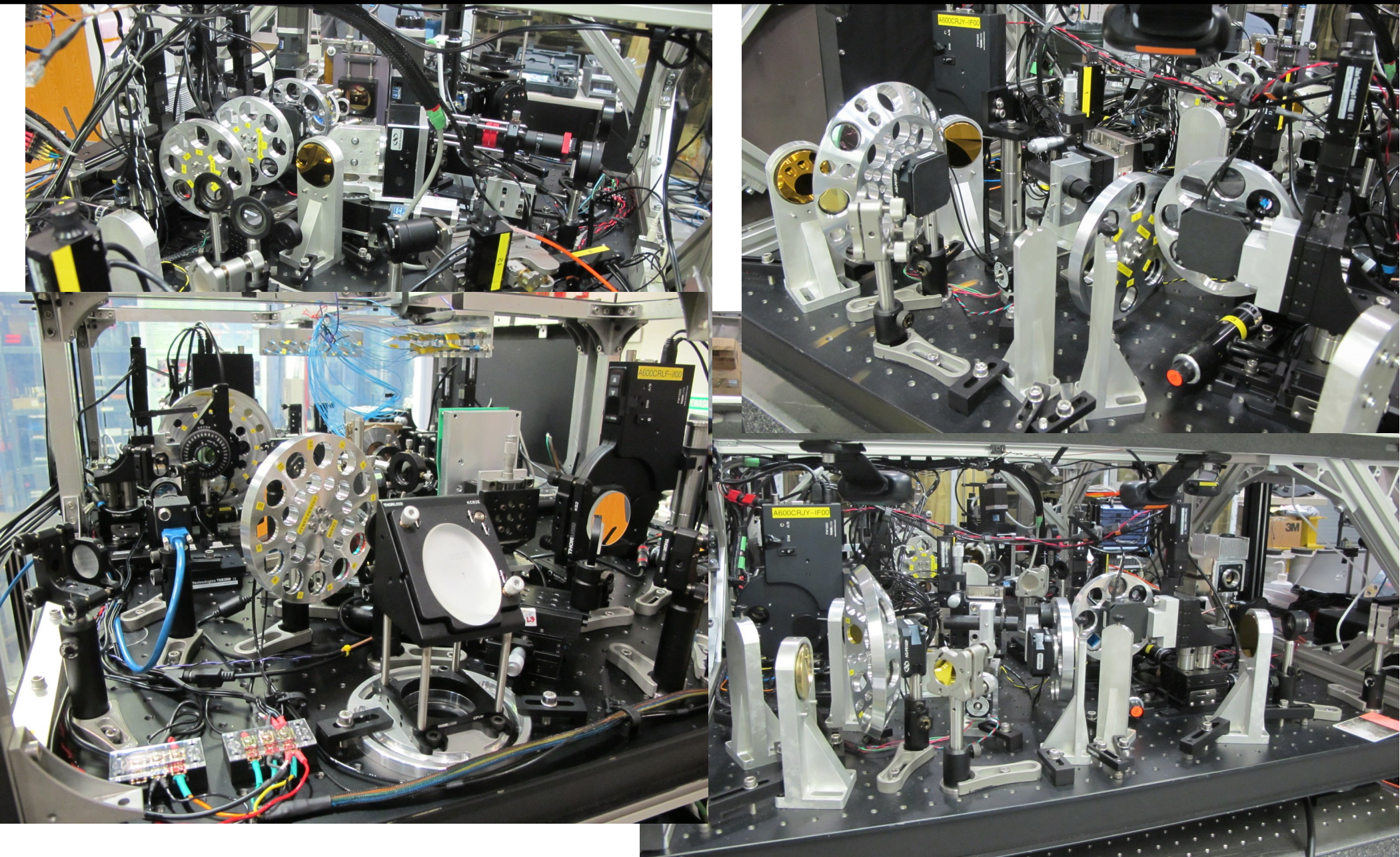


Flexible system / ongoing development

SCEXAO Subaru Coronagraphic Extreme Adaptive Optics



SCEXAO Subaru Coronagraphic Extreme Adaptive Optics



Conclusions, thoughts...

High contrast imaging instrument on GSMTs using current technology would be scientifically extremely rewarding → **should be deployed ASAP after first light**

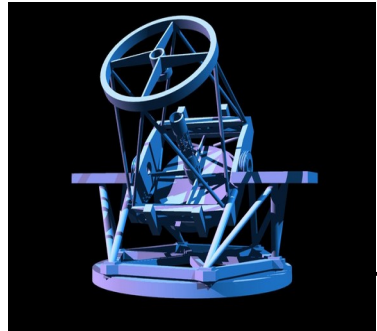
Opportunity to detect biomarkers on nearest hab exoplanets in 10yr
Fundamental advantages: large aperture, near-IR access

Search for biomarkers on habitable planets around M-type stars is within reach of GSMTs, but still requires technology maturation at intermediate TRL
→ currently difficult to estimate with certainty science yield of GSMTs for hab planet characterization, but easiest targets (Prox Cen b) appear very promising

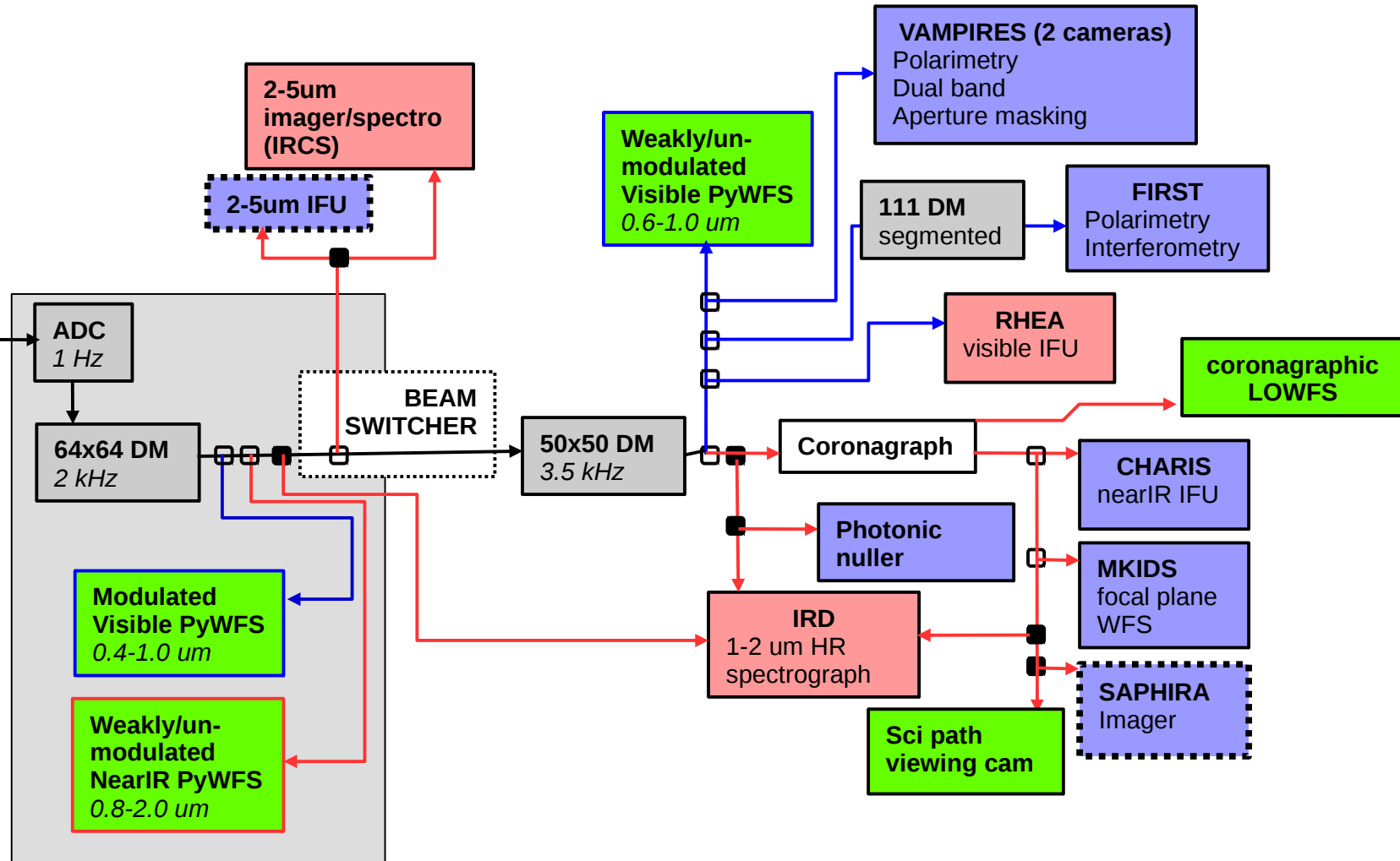
We should aim for HCI instrument deployment in ~10yr timescale
→ need to start design NOW
→ must welcome new technologies to allow challenging science (most tech dev has small impact on instrument design: algorithms, detectors, coronagraph masks)

Must create / use ecosystem of lab+on-sky precursors to mature technologies, and develop/test hardware and **better integrate technology development for space and ground systems**

SCExAO Light path



Facility AO



11 wavefront sensors

Active WF correction

Dedicated science instrument

Mixed science/WFS

Dedicated WFS

Visitor port

□ *dichroic*

■ *beam switch*