



The future of instrumentation for dust observations

introduction to the discussion

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Journées de la SF2A — Besançon 2022

After SPICA's death: a new hope for IR astronomy

October 2020: ESA put an end to SPICA

October 2021: US Decadal Survey on Astronomy and Astrophysics 2020

Novembre 2021: Survey of the community needs in terms of IR observations

December 2021: ESA M7 call

January 2022: Workshop "Next generation mid/far-IR space missions, a European perspective"

Spring 2022: Organisation and preparation of the different US IR probe candidates

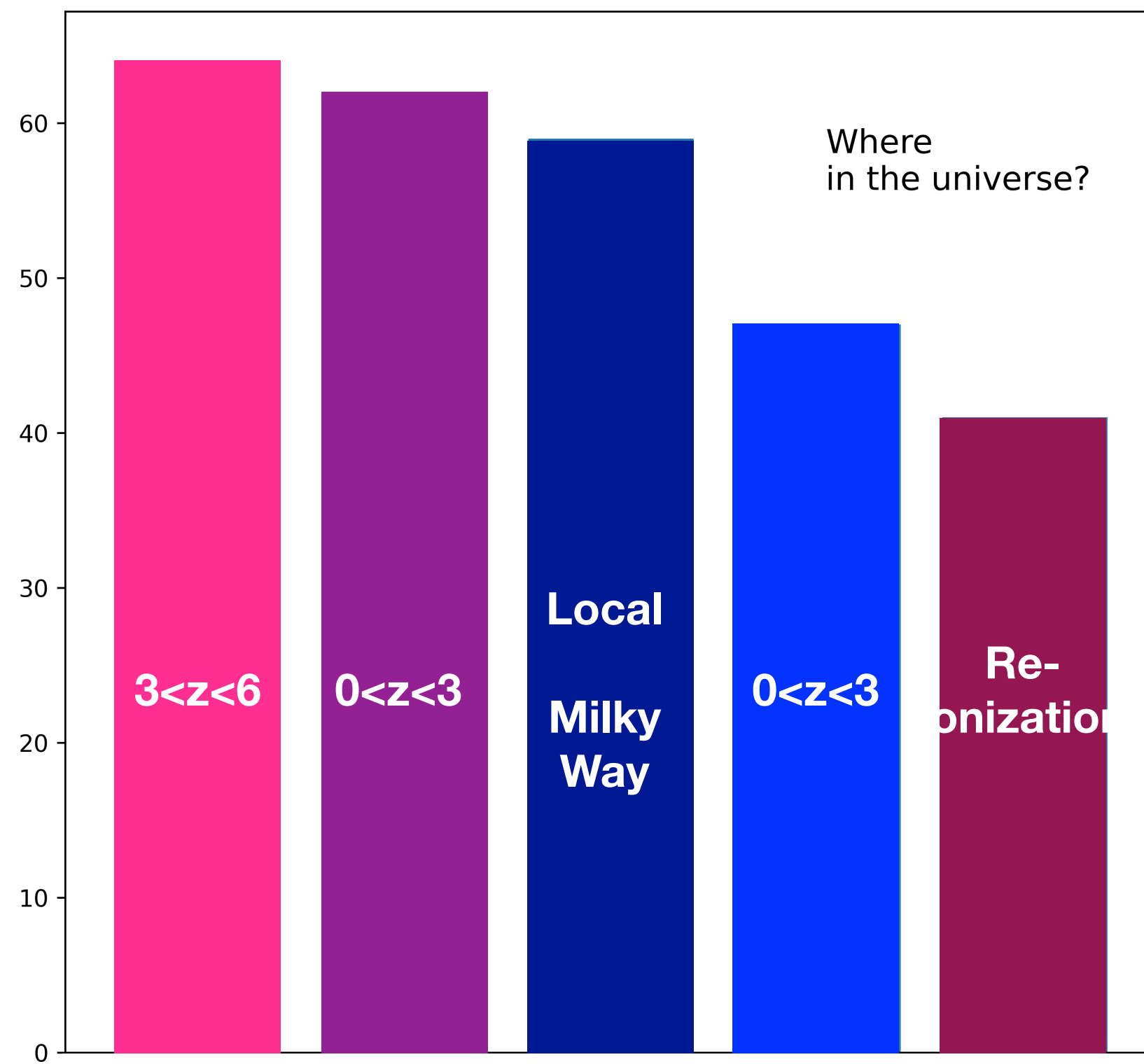
May 2022: Results of ESA M7 first selection



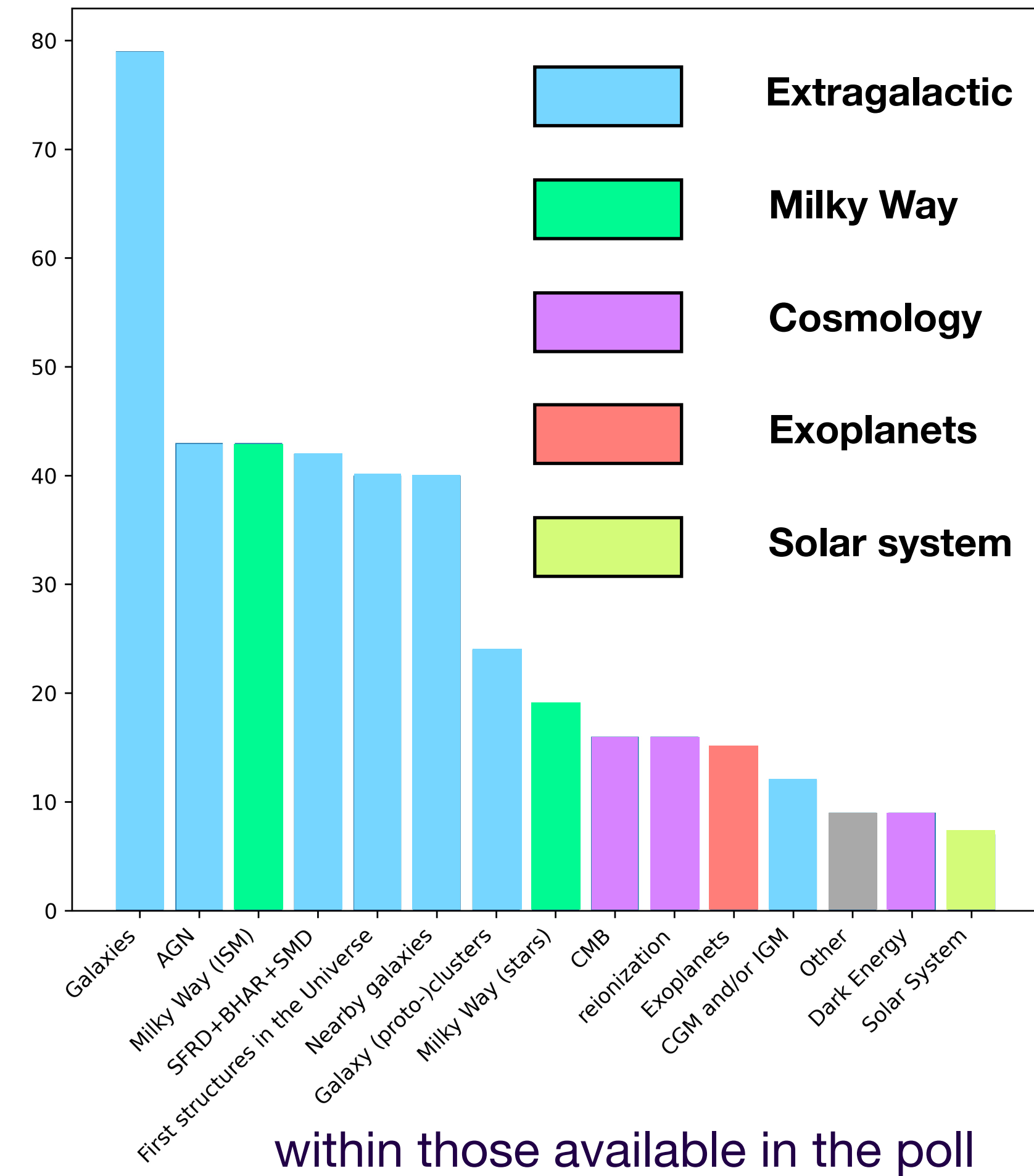
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Redshift range of interest



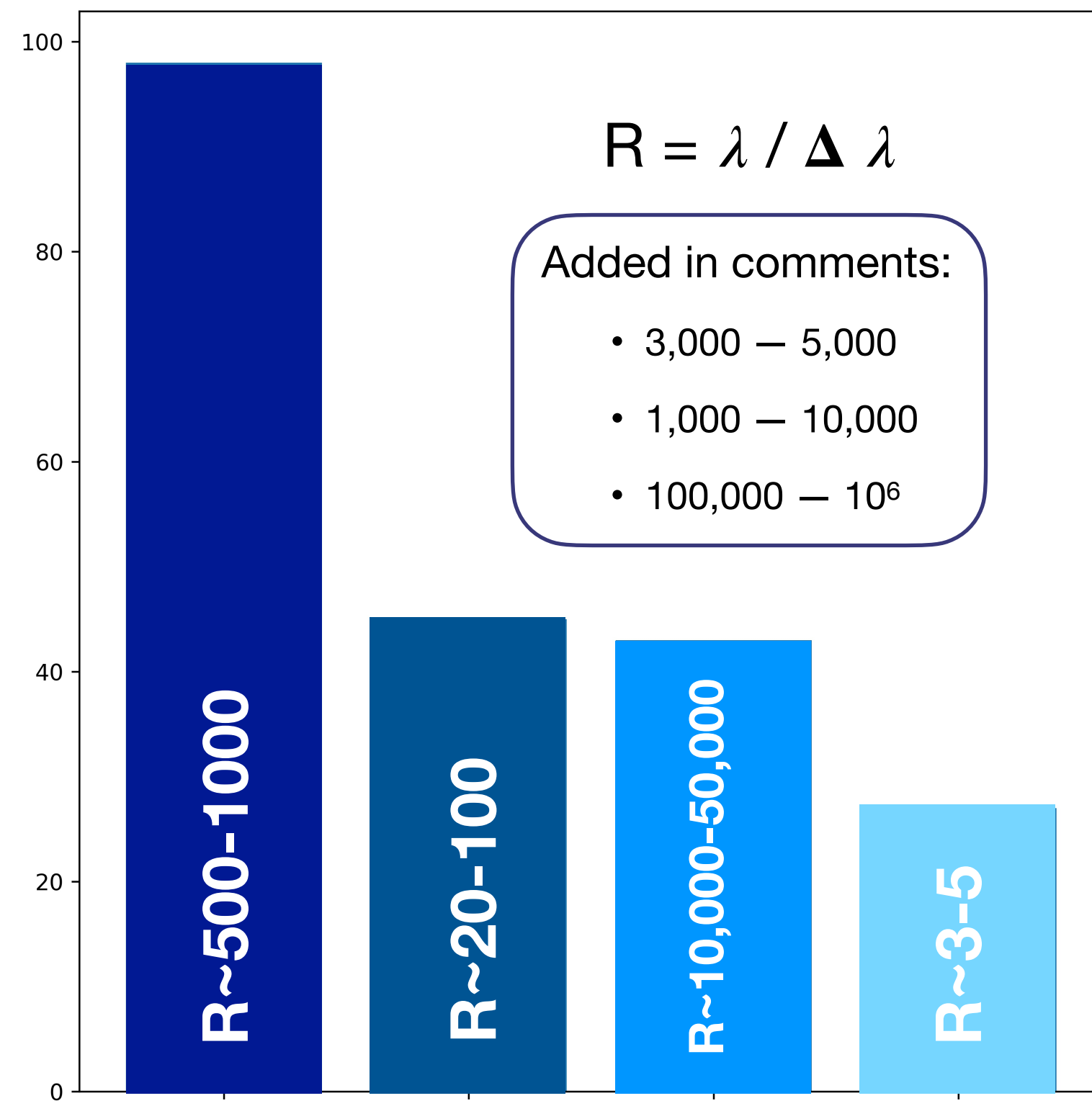
Topic of interest



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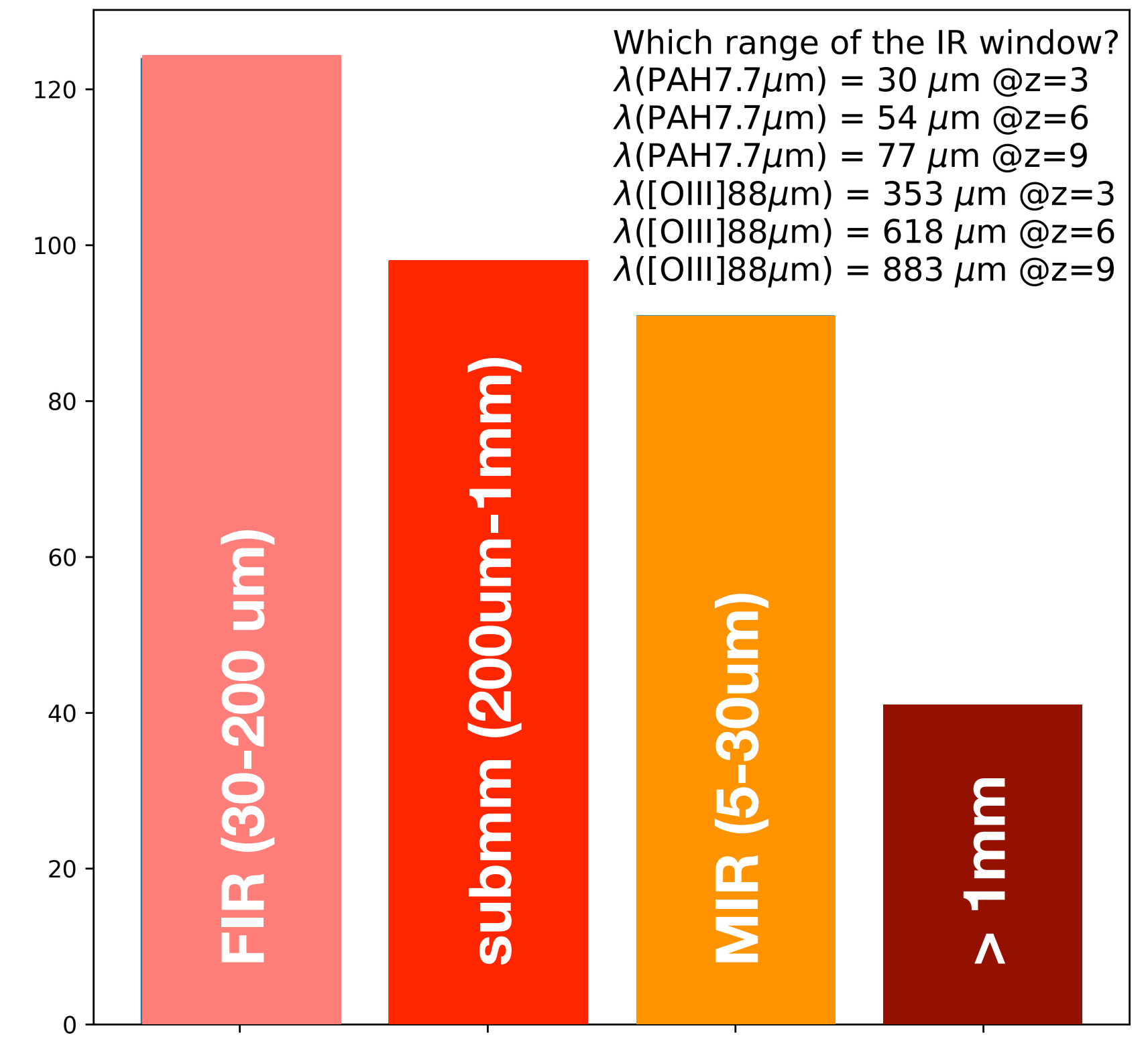
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Spectral resolution



within those available in the poll

Wavelength range of interest

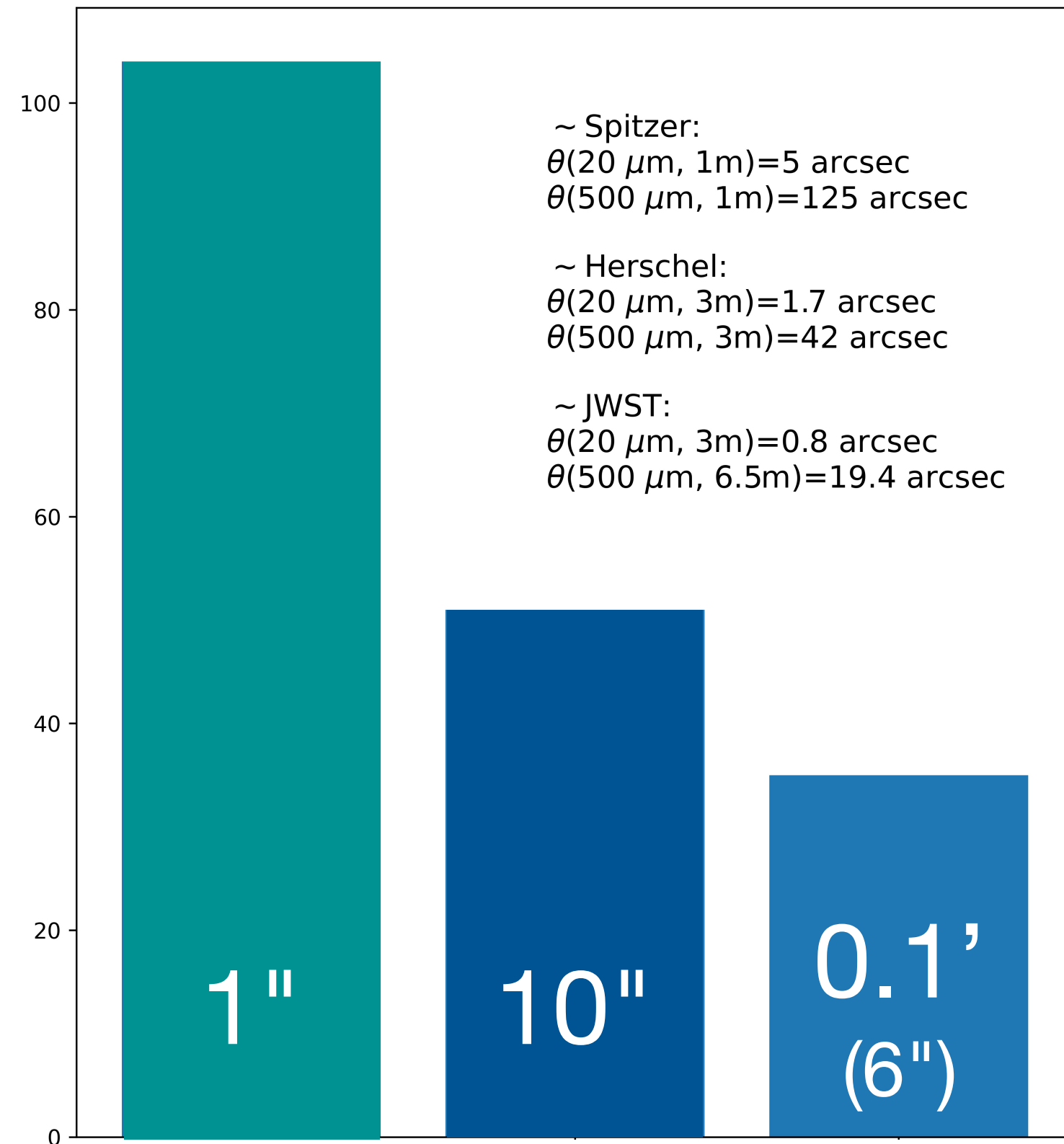


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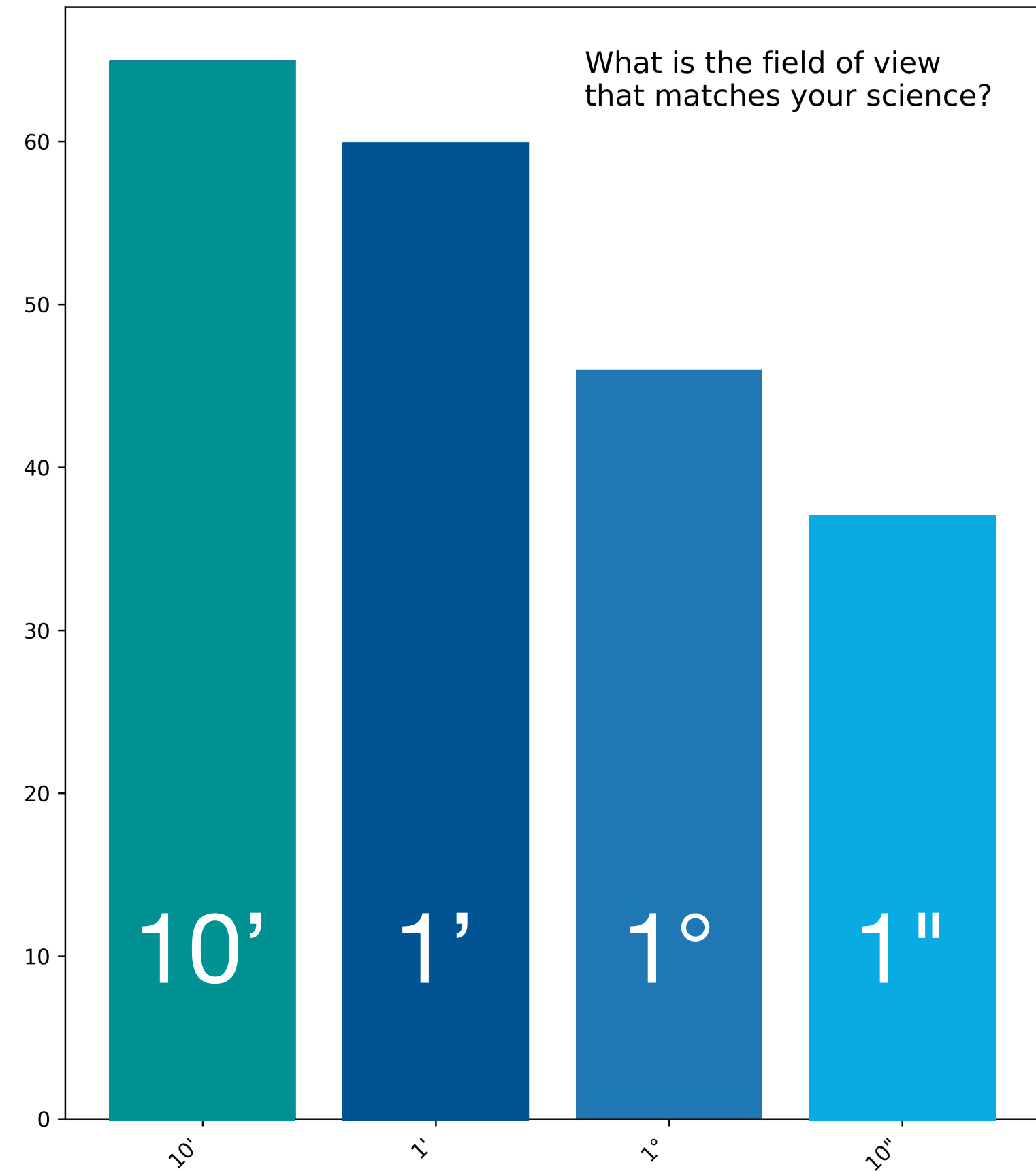
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Spatial resolution









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Field of view



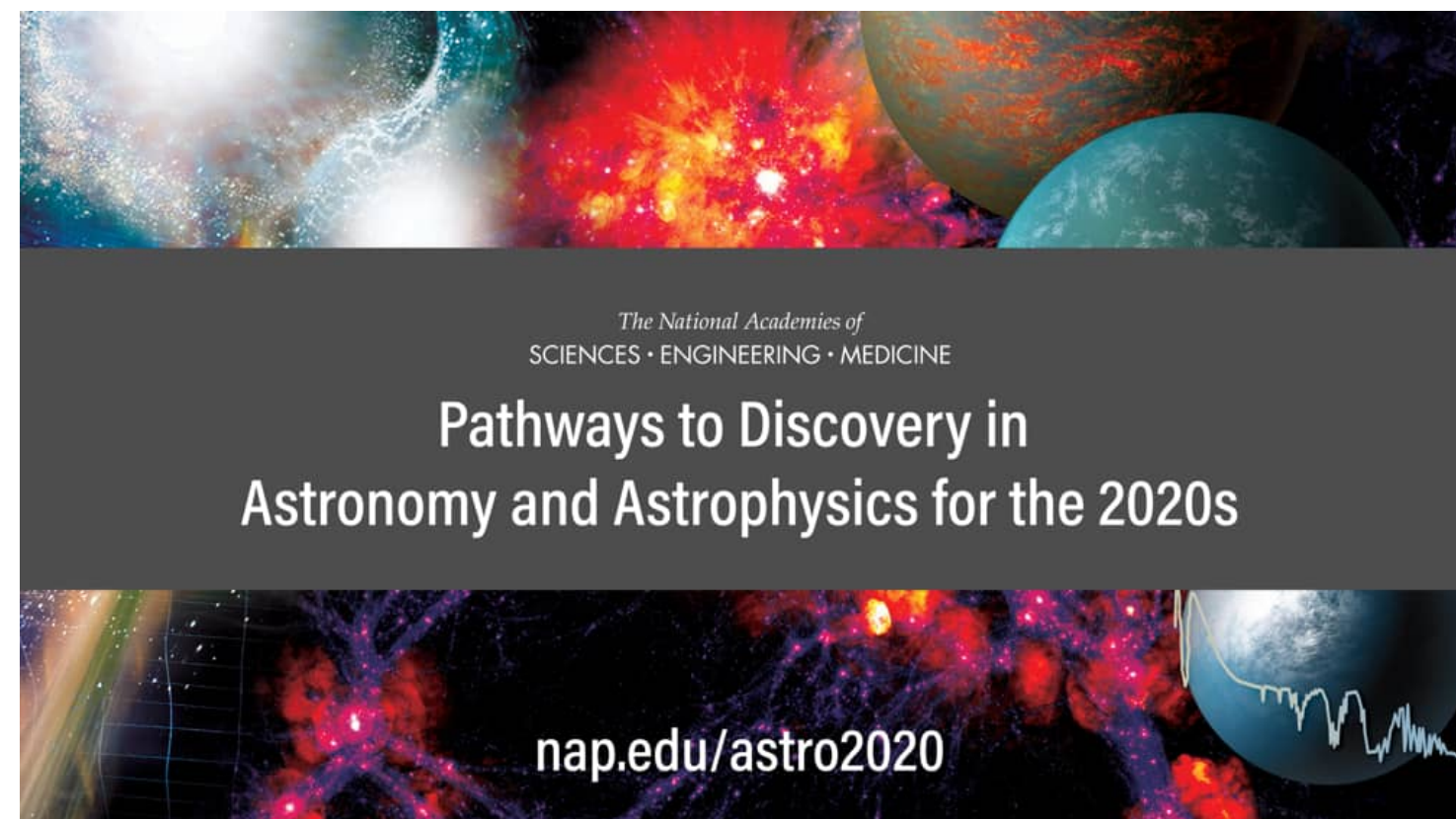
Conclusions of the survey

-  “**Galaxies**” (extragalactic in general) seems to be the principal interest, followed by **local star formation** and **planet formation (exoplanets)**
-  Almost equal number of votes for **$0 < z < 3$** , **$3 < z < 6$** and **Milky way**
-  Preferred wavelength range: Far-IR = **30-200 μm**
-  Required spectral resolution: **$R = 500 - 1000$**
-  Required spatial resolution: **1”**
-  Sensitivity: faint-to-medium depth objects (**$M_{AB} \sim 24-28$**)
-  Preferred instrument: **Integral Field (& MOS)**
-  Field of view: Medium size **1'-to-10'**

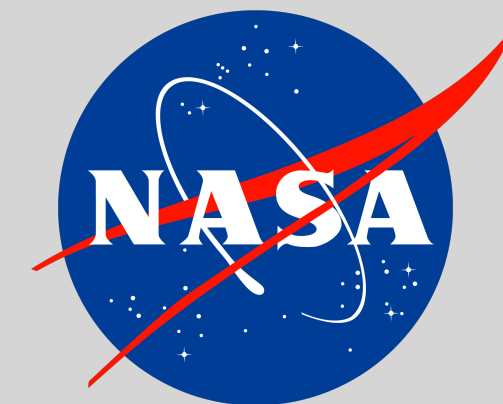
NASA call for X-ray / IR probe

Astro2020 called out the science areas enabled by a FarIR Probe:

- Measure the **building up of galaxies, heavy elements, and interstellar dust** from the **first galaxies to today**
- Probe the **co-evolution of galaxies** and their **supermassive black holes** across cosmic time
- Trace the **astrochemical signatures of planet formation (within and outside our own Solar System)**

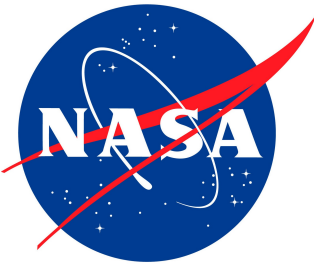


Release of this second notice:	May 2022
Release of draft AO:	July 2022 (target)
Release of final AO:	July 2023 (target)
Preproposal conference:	~ 3 weeks after final AO release
Proposals due:	90 days after AO release (~October 2023)
Selection for competitive Phase A:	Mid 2024 (target)
Concept study reports due:	Early 2025 (target)
Down-selection:	Mid/Late 2025 (target)



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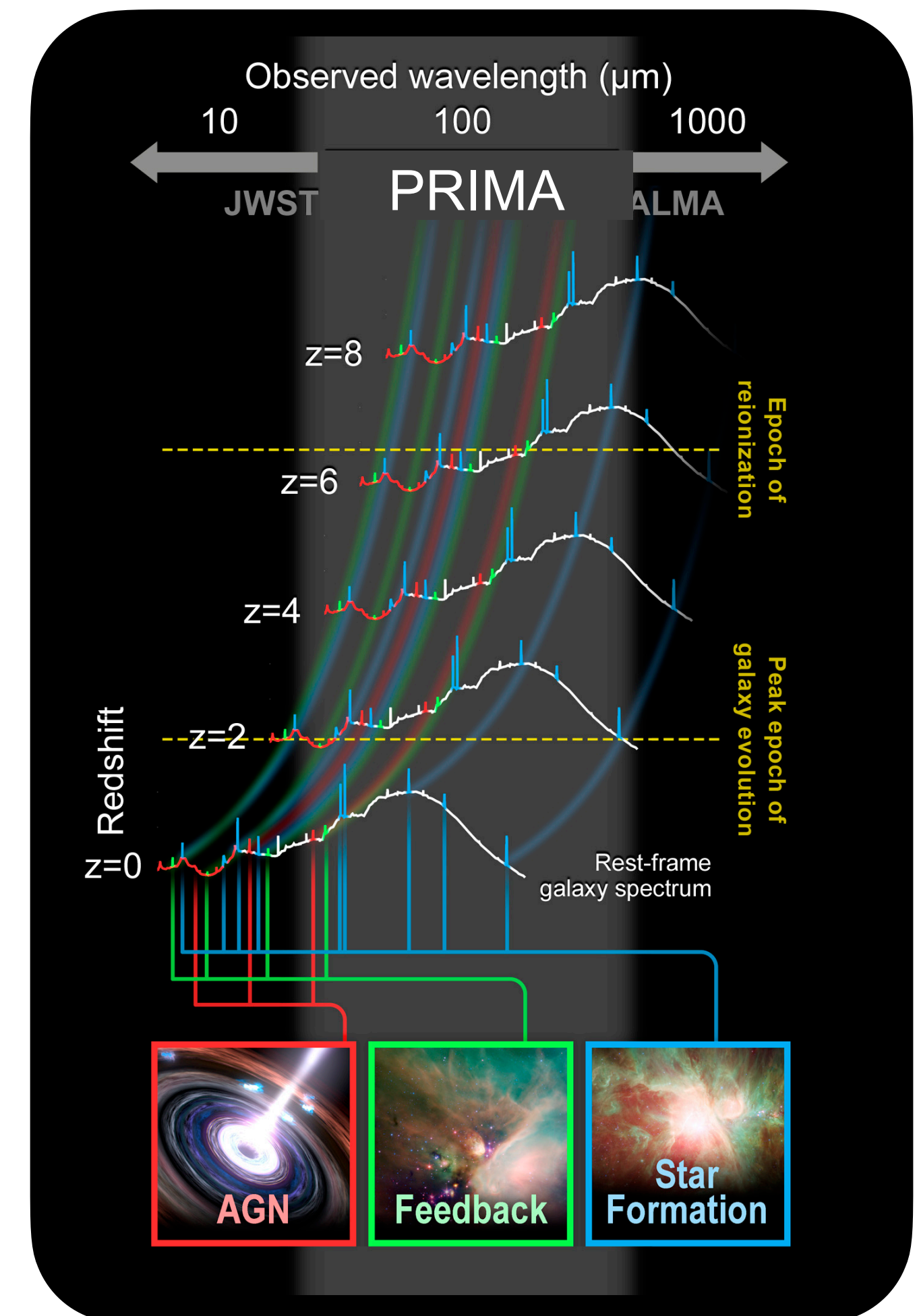
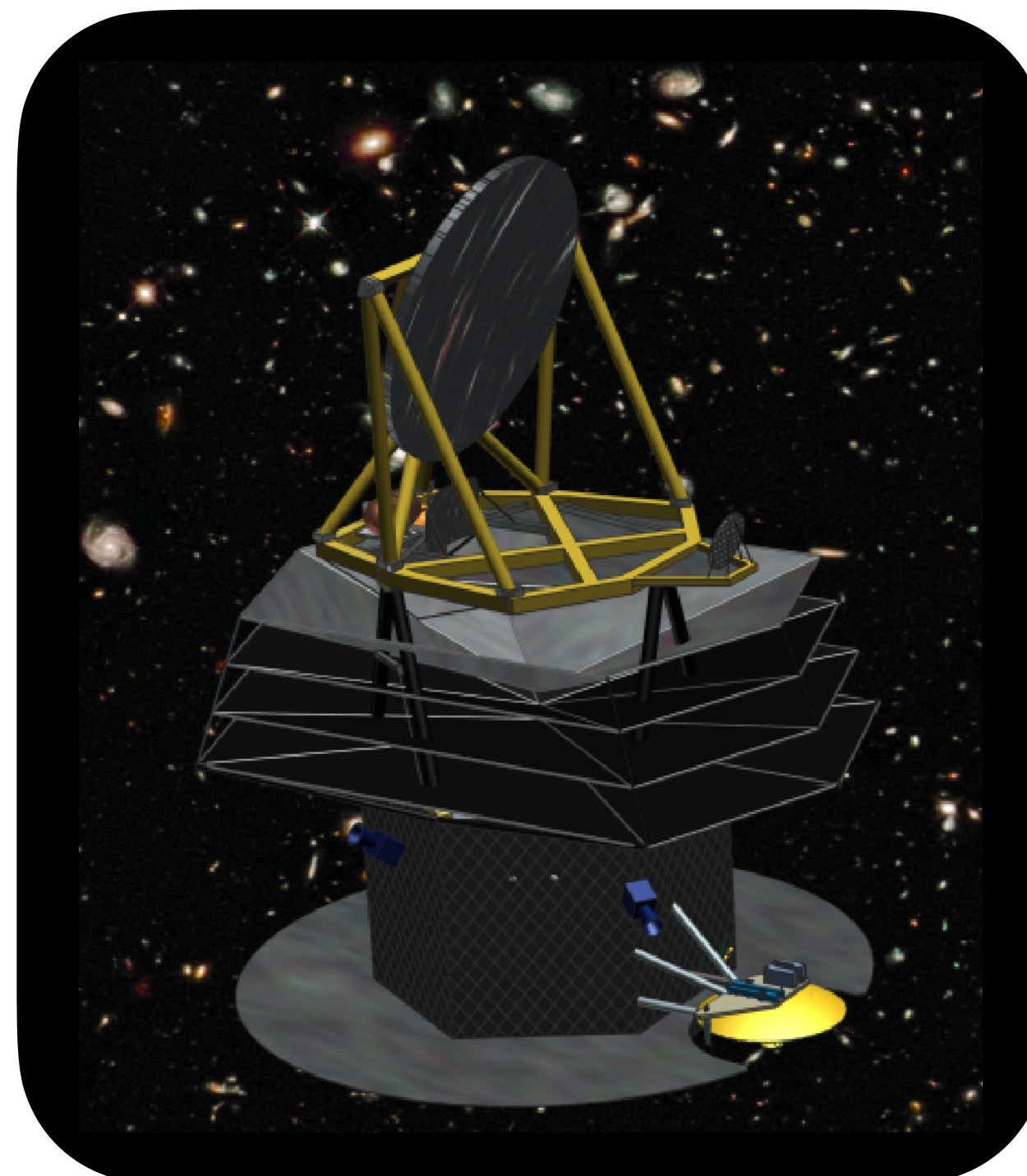
The PProbe far-Infrared Mission for Astrophysics



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PRobe Infrared Mission for Astrophysics

- Exoplanets — Solar System — Local galaxies
- AGN — ISM — Star and planet formation
- Dust and metals — Galaxies evolution



PI: Jason Glenn

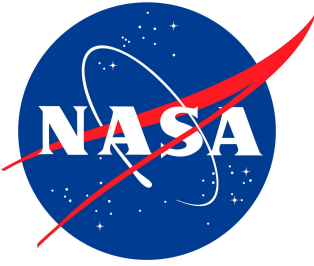
Deputy PI, Caltech contact: Matt Bradford

Science lead: Alex Pope

European contact: Denis Burgarella

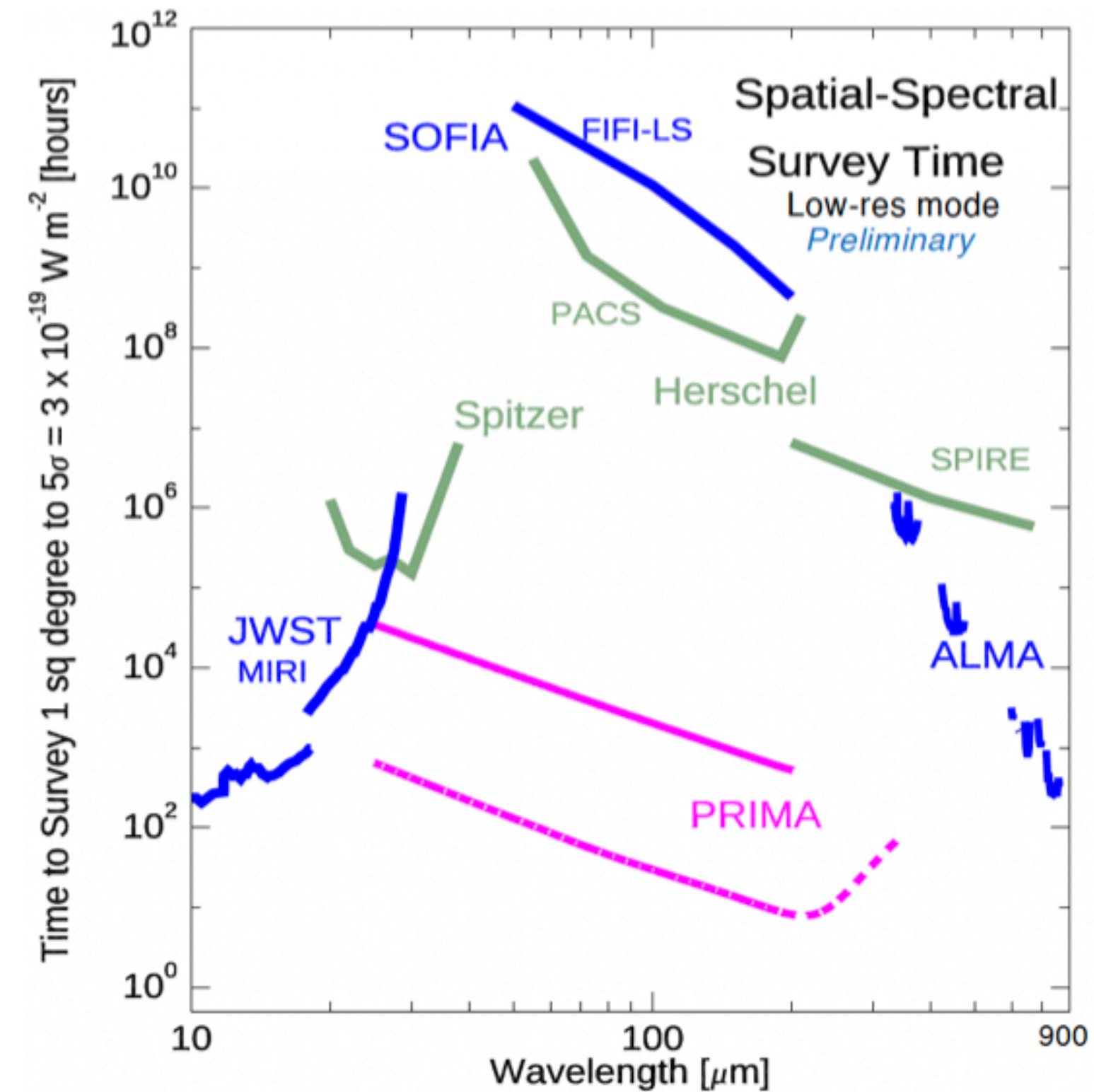
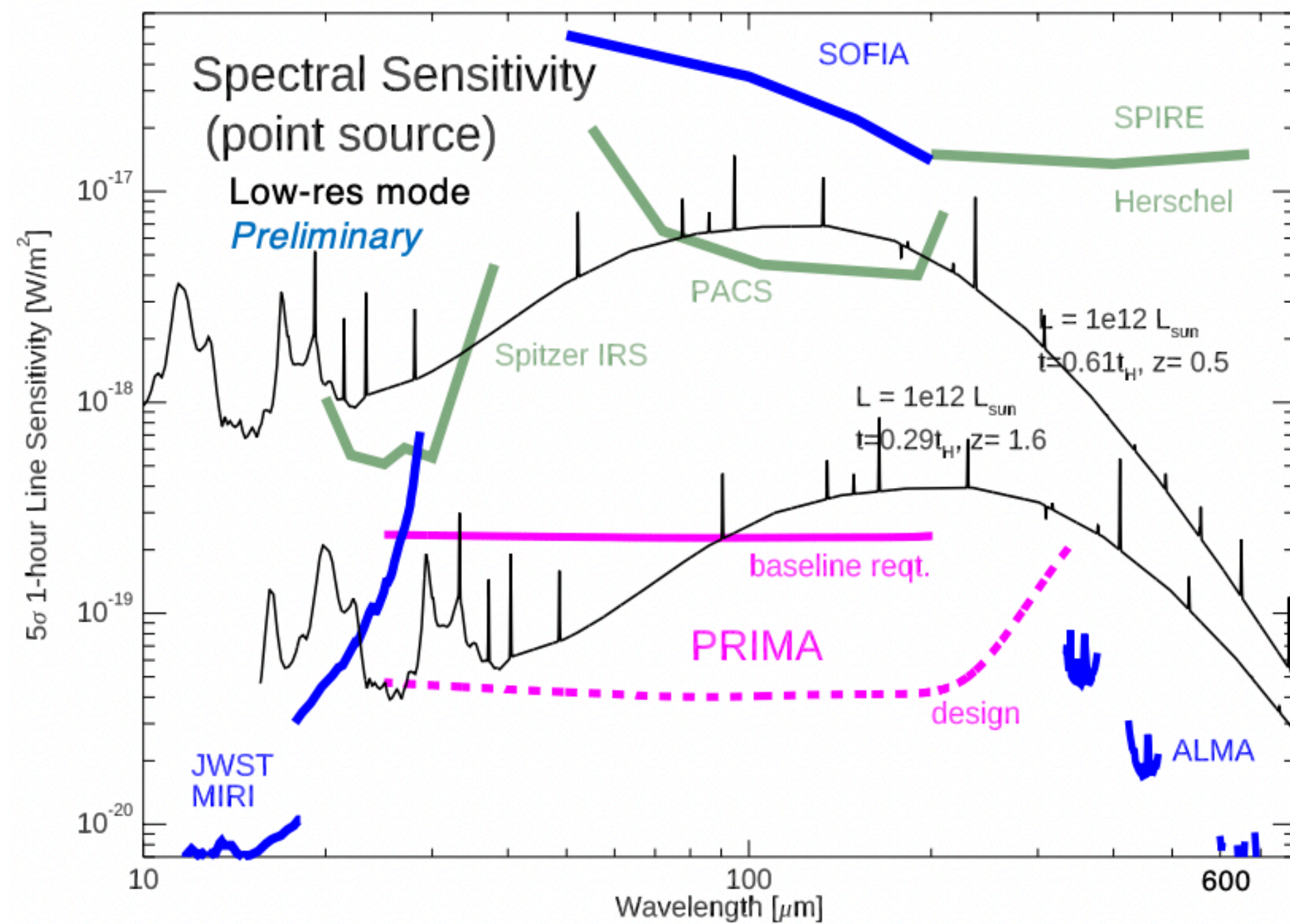
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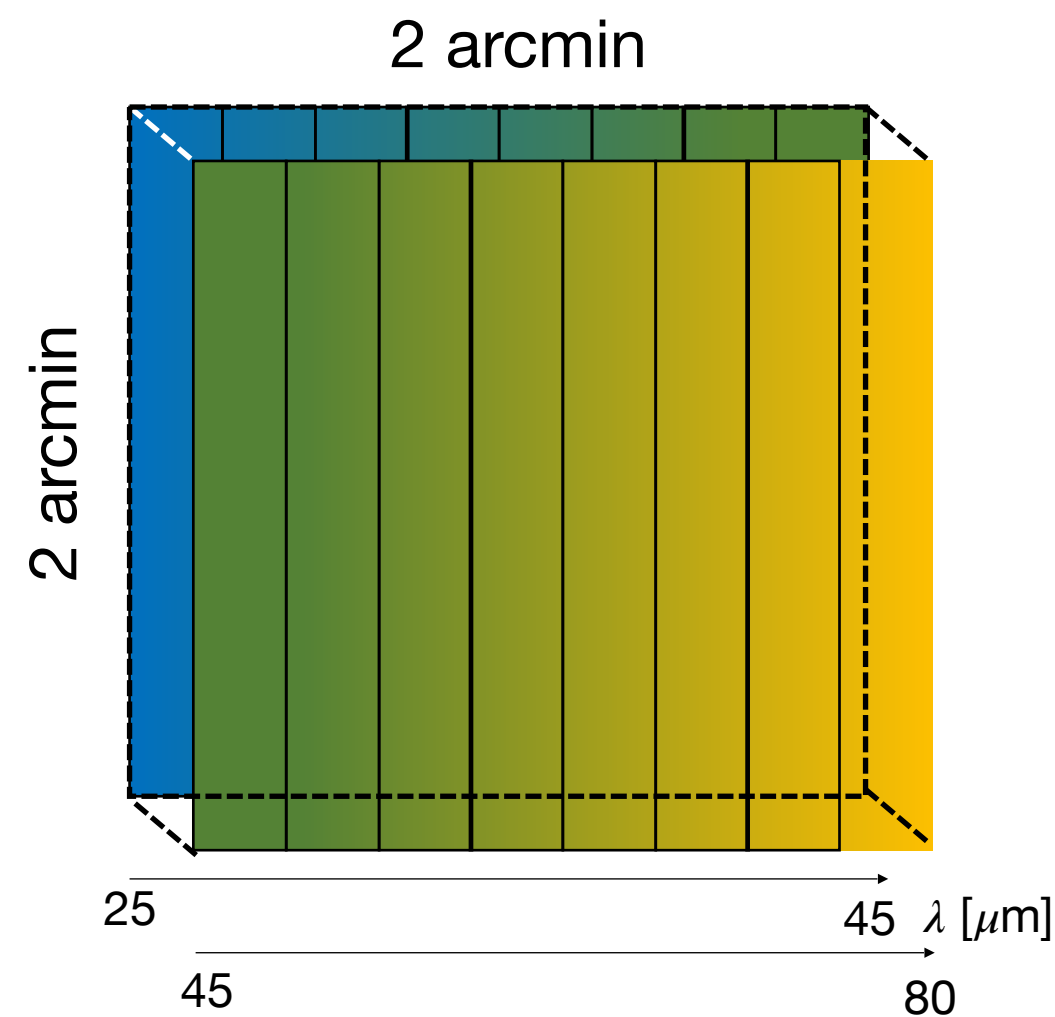
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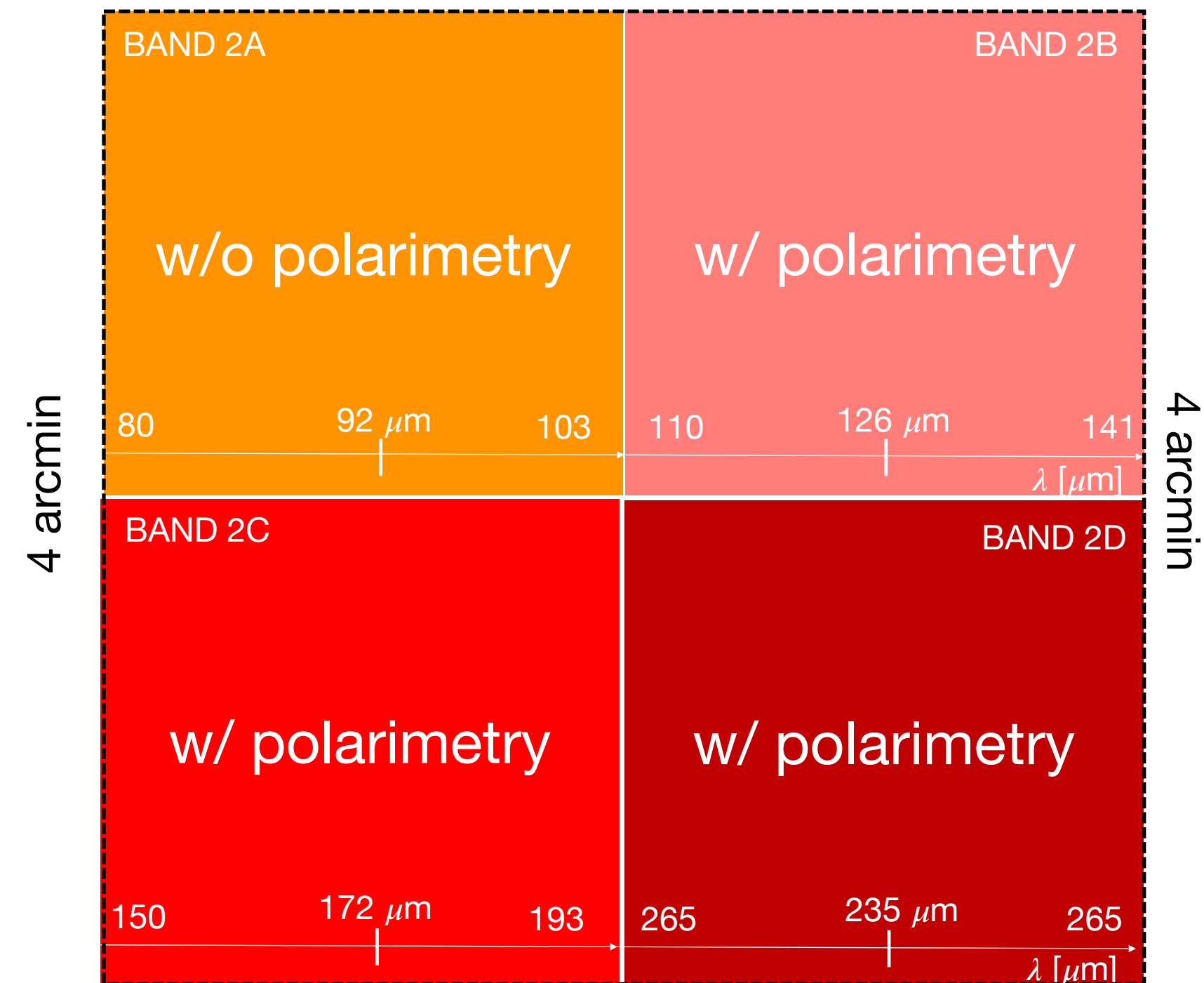
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$$R = \lambda / \Delta \lambda = 10$$



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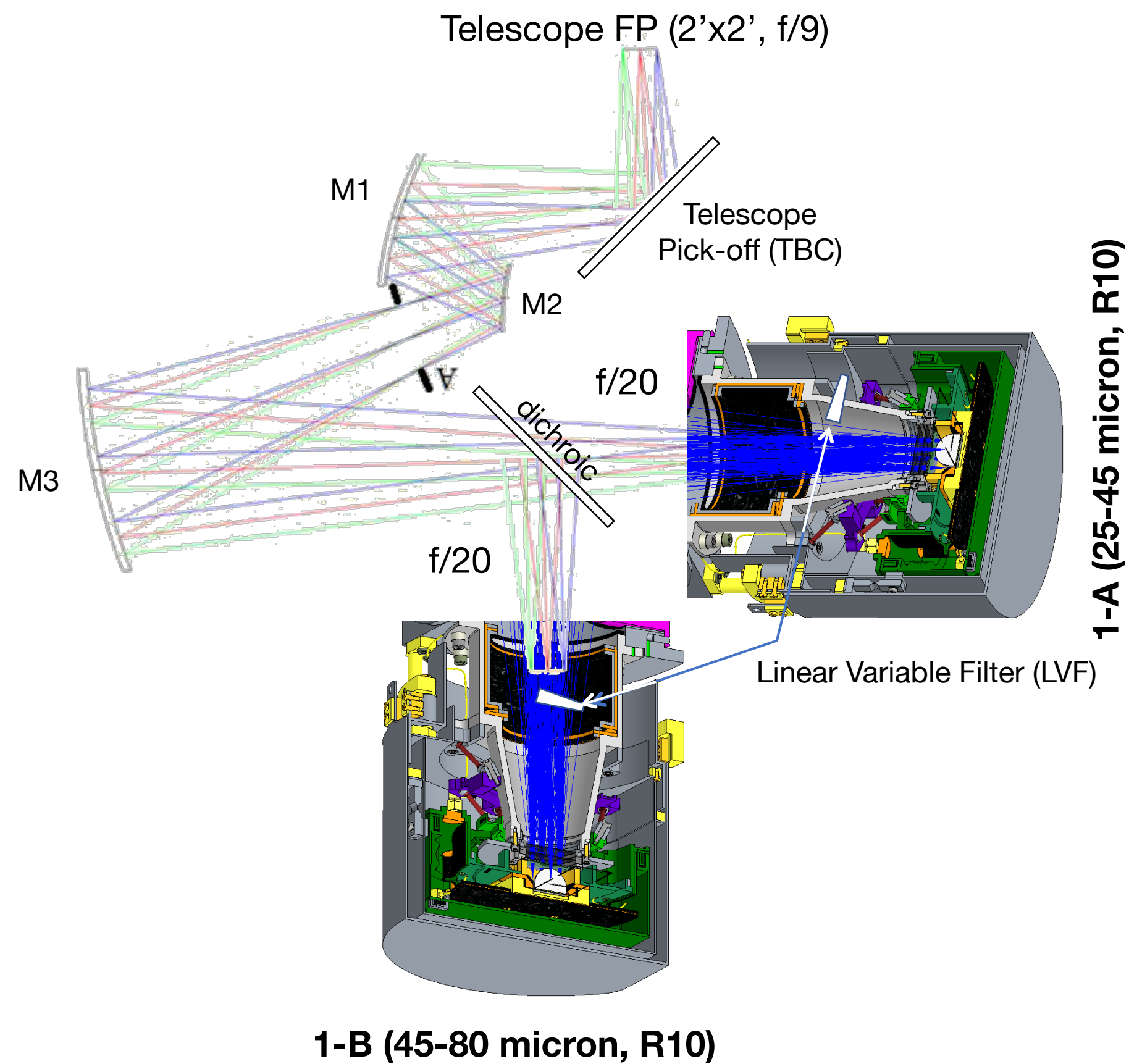
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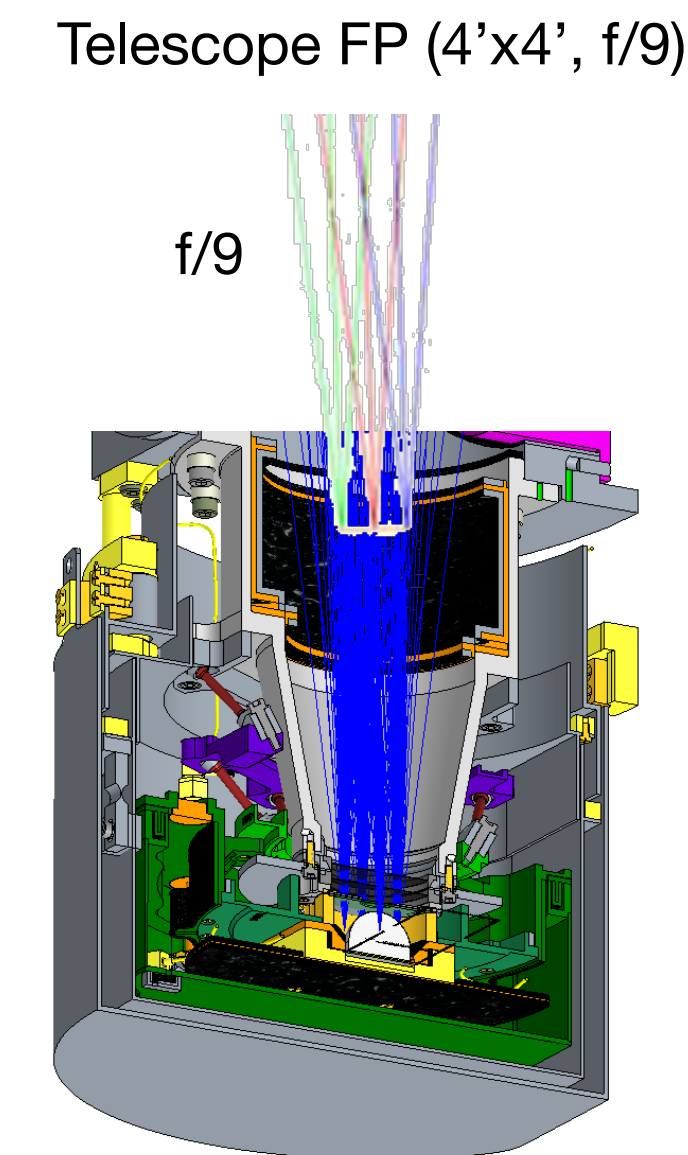
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Hyperspectral imager unit



Polarimetric imager unit



2 imager units (instruments)
3 FPA's
1 set of reimager optics (relay)

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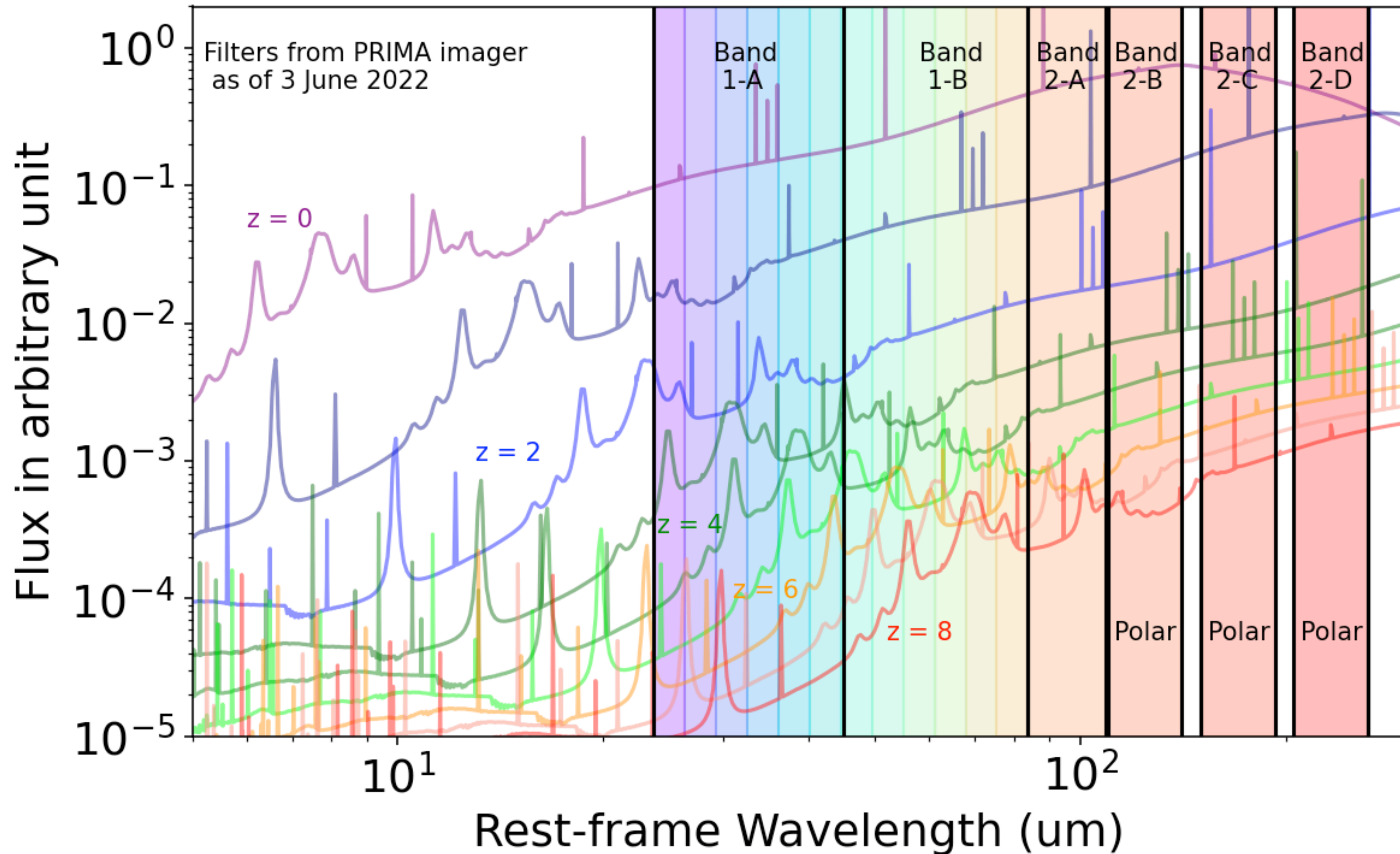
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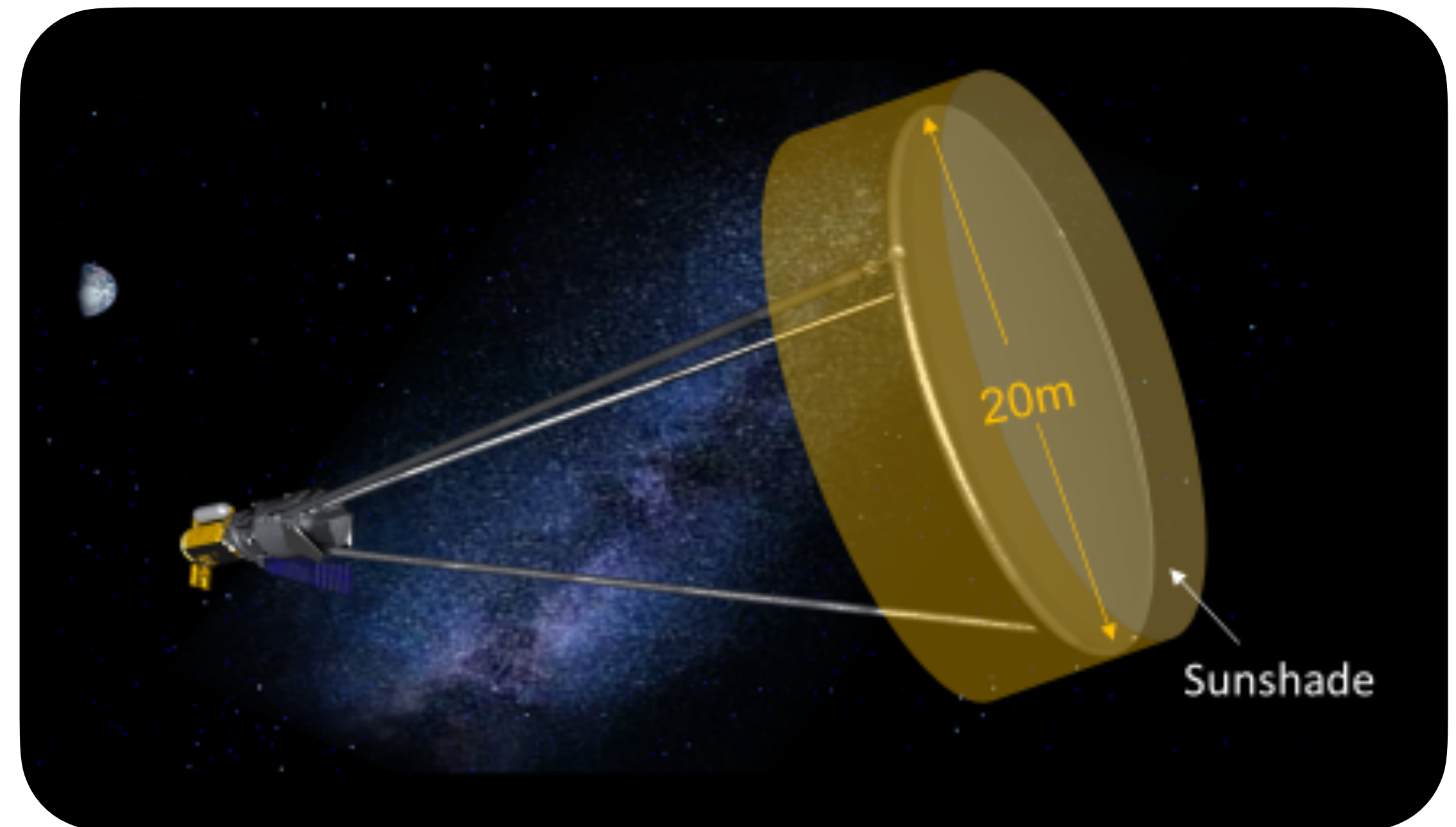


SALTUS

Single Aperture Large Telescope for Universe Studies

PI: Chris Walker (Goddard)

European contact: Peter Roelfsema



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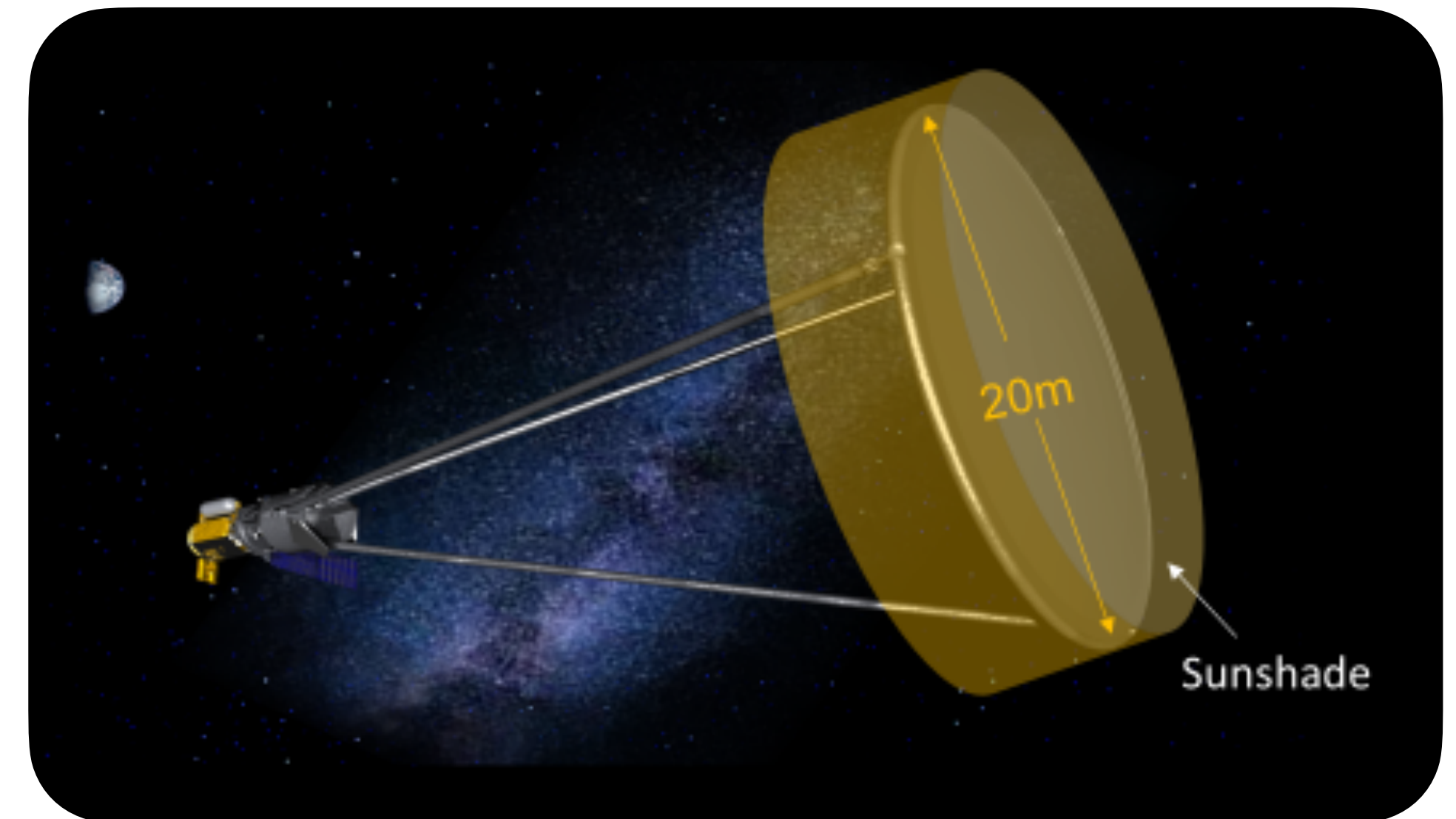


SALTUS concept

Contact in Europe:

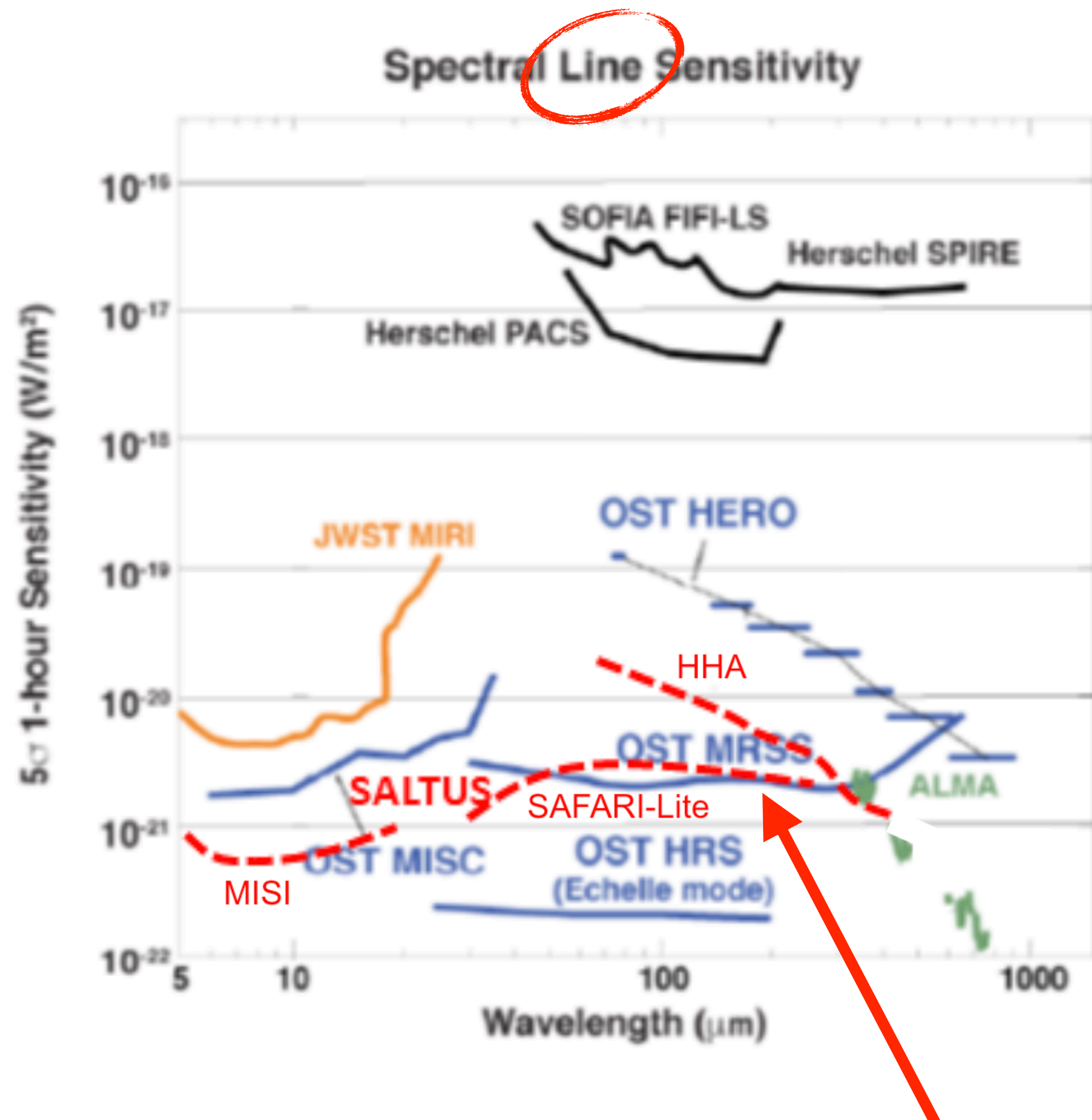
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- ✈ 20m
- ✈ 45K Optics
- ✈ Coherent & Incoherent Spectroscopy/Imaging
- ✈ Adaptive Optics
- ✈ 1mm — $\sim 3\mu\text{m}$
- ✈ EHT Space node
- ✈ 5 years Baseline Mission





Exoplanets — Solar System — Habitability during planet formation — Protoplanetary disks — Galactic feedback from black holes & stars — Formation and transport of dust and metals — Dust, metals and the first stars at cosmic dawn



SALTUS instruments





Mid-IR Spectroscopic Imager (MISI)

-  ~3 – 13 μ m
-  R = 64 – 600




SAFARI-Lite

-  30 – 300 μ m (4 bands)
-  R = 300

HEB Heterodyne Array (HHA)

-  60 – 300 μ m (4 bands)
-  R = 10⁵ – 10⁶

SIS Heterodyne Array (SHA)

-  520 – 650 μ m (ISM Spectroscopy; Polarization)
-  870 – 1300 μ m (EHT)
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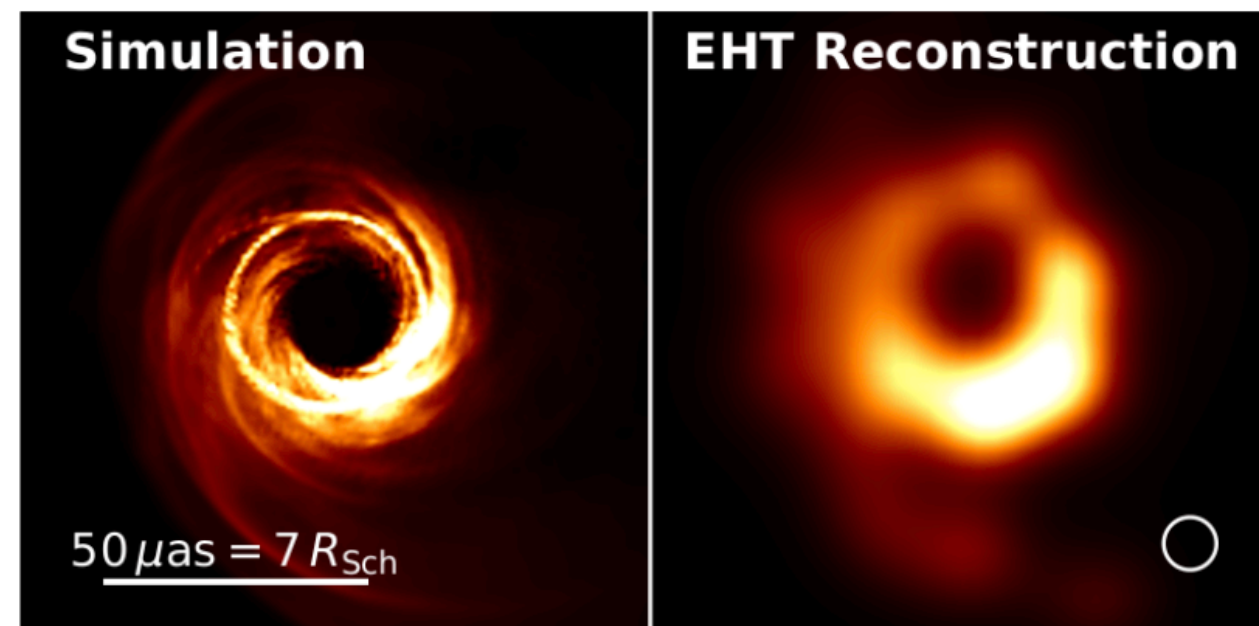
SALTUS microarcsecond VLBI

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Extending mmVLBI to space enables science far beyond EHT

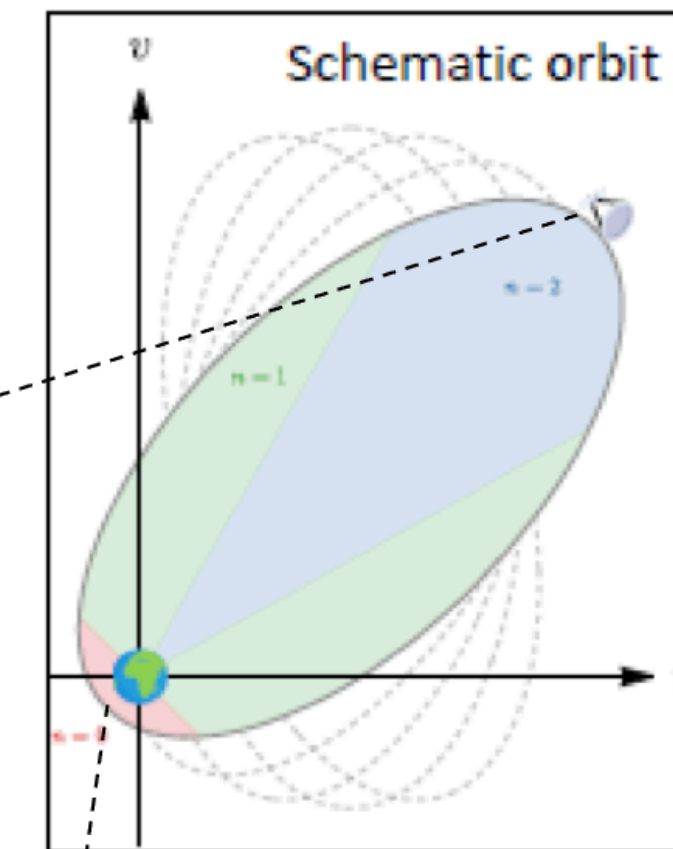
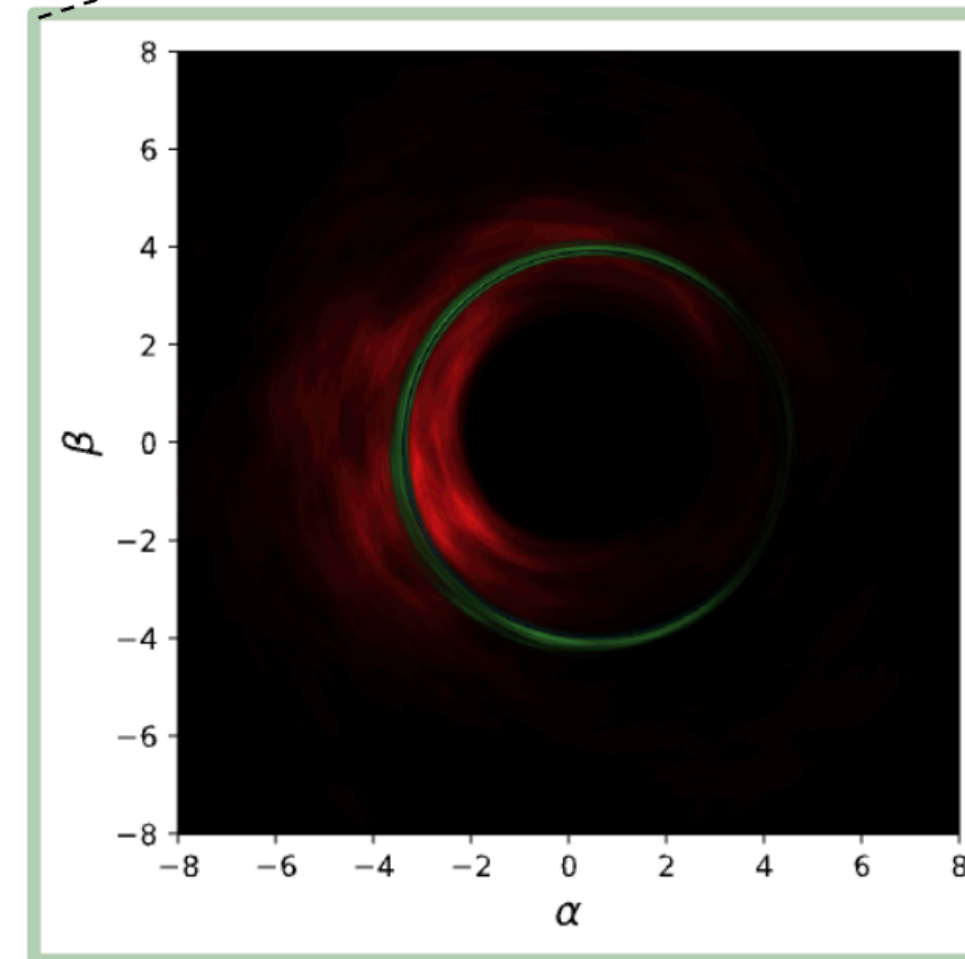
- **Near apogee:** BH mass census
Using angular diameters ($\sim M/D$) to weigh black holes across the universe



- **Inbound/outbound:** Precision GR test via lensed photon ring

Gralla, Lupsasca, and Marrone 2020
<https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.102.124004>

- **Perigee:** Exploring accretion and jets with BH movies at 5x EHT resolution

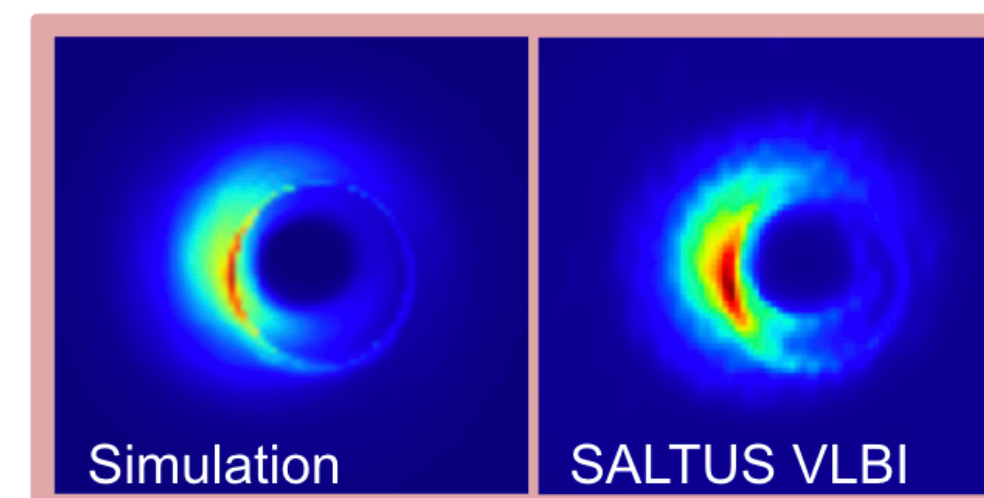


LO Timing?

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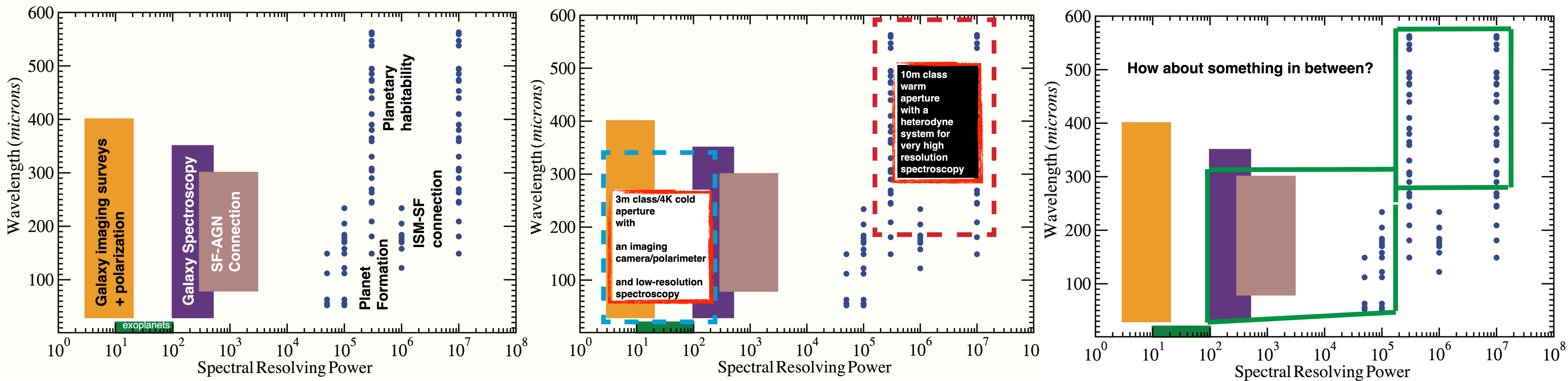
Data Back?

- Laser Comms
- Big Antenna



FIRSST

Far-IR Spectroscopy Space Telescope



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French contact: Martina Wiedner

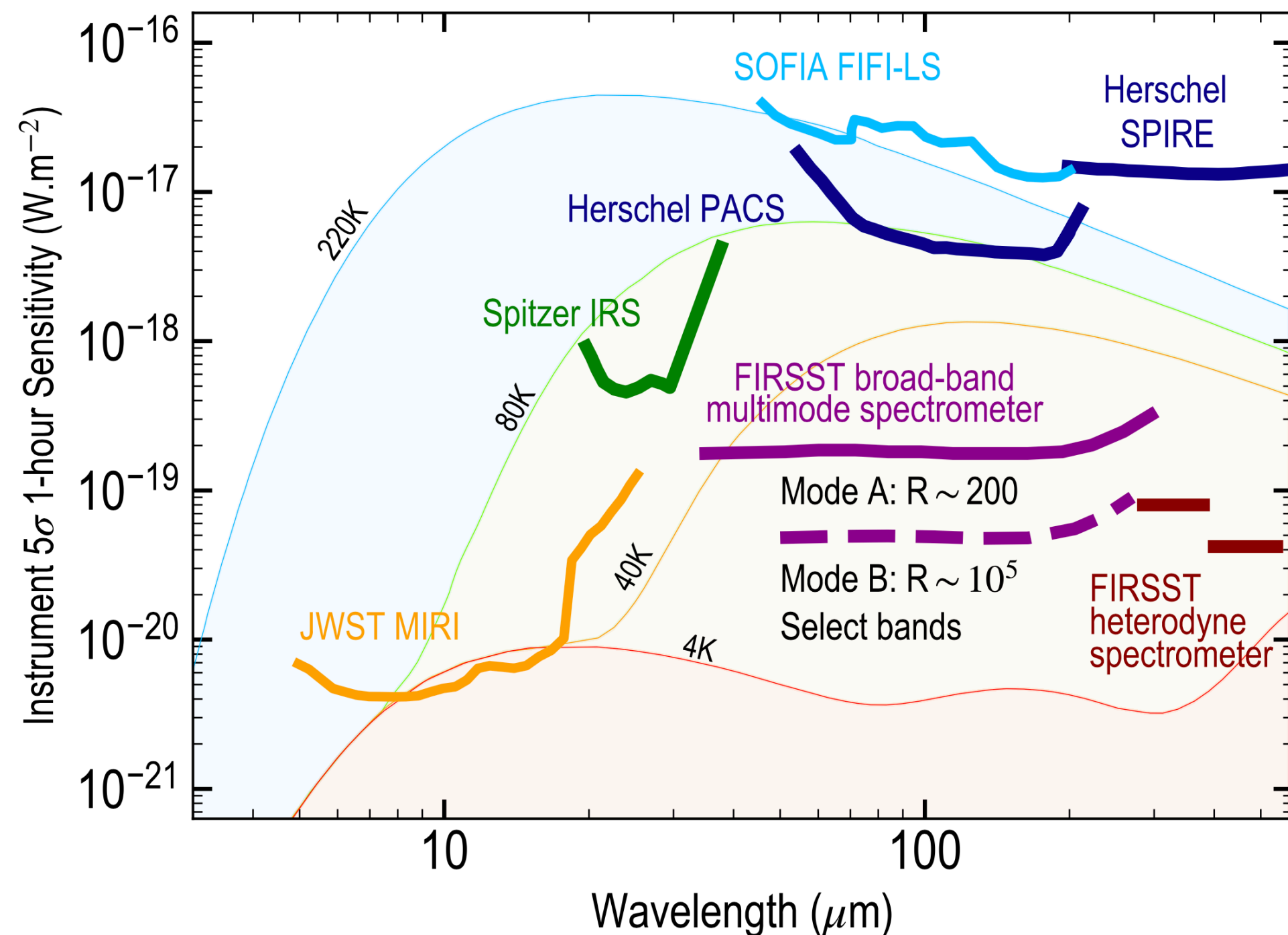
FIRSST at a glance

- ✈ Low-risk Spitzer-like architecture
- ✈ 1.5m class aperture, actively cooled
- ✈ >98% community-led science + GTO to science/instrument teams
- ✈ 5 year science mission operations

✈ 30 – 270 μ m, R=200 spectroscopic mapping

✈ 50 – 250 μ m, R=10⁵ (3 km/s) spectroscopic mapping on selected bands (optimized for planet formation, habitability, galaxy outflows)

✈ 270 – 560 μ m simultaneous point source R=10⁶–10⁷ (<1km/s) spectroscopy

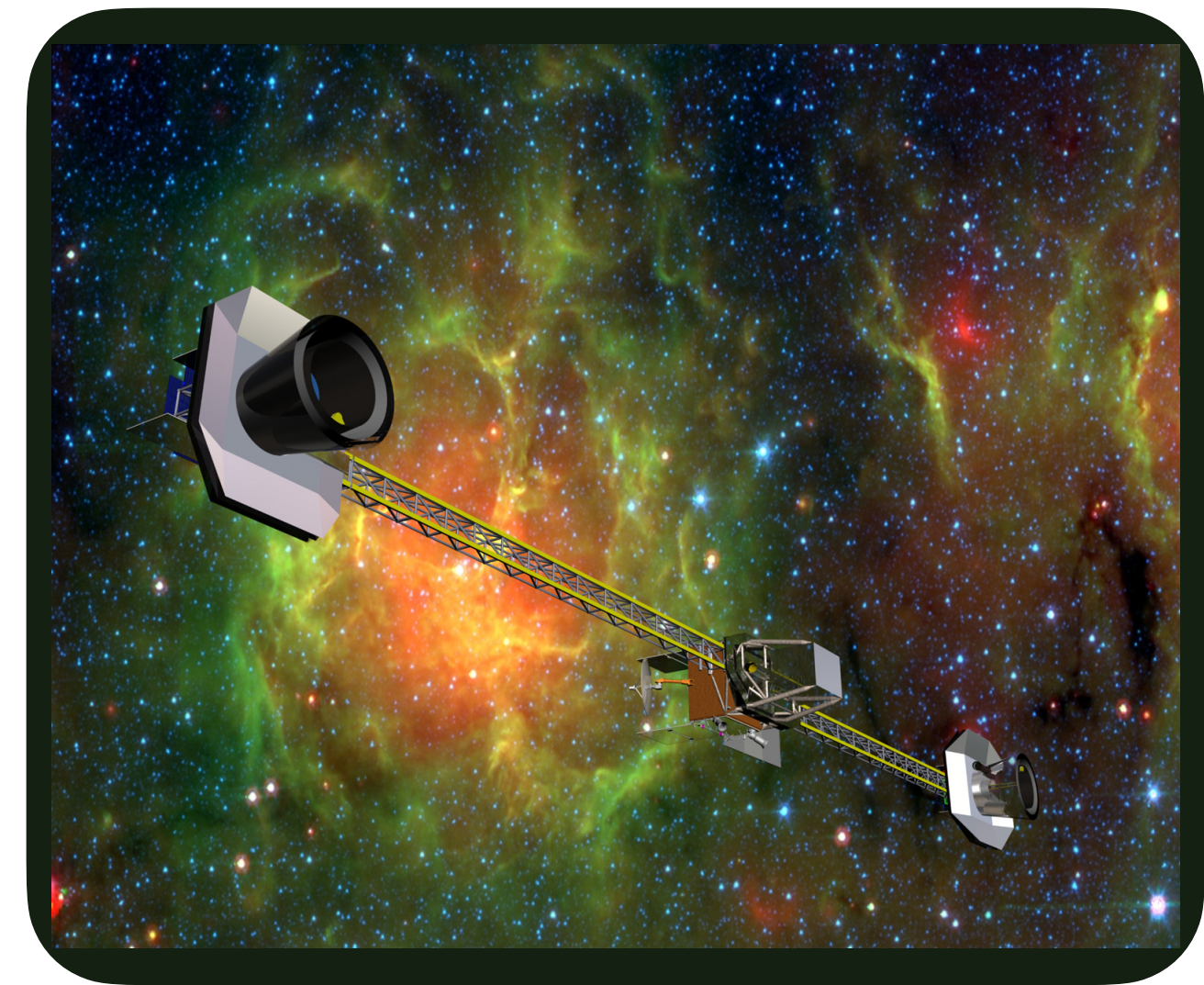


Origin and evolution of planet-forming disks — trail of water from molecular clouds to oceans — Mass assembly of galaxies

~~SPIRIT~~ SPICE

SPace InfraRed Interferometric Telescope

- ✈ 25 – 400 μ m, $R > 3000$ in each spatial resolution element
- ✈ Angular resolution 0.3 ($\lambda/100\mu$ m) arcsec
- ✈ Dense $u-v$ plane coverage for high quality imagingIntegral field spectroscopy over a 1 arcmin FOV
- ✈ Sensitivity 10 μ Jy continuum; 10^{-19} W m $^{-2}$ spectral lines
- ✈ Single scientific instrument (“double Fourier” beam combiner)

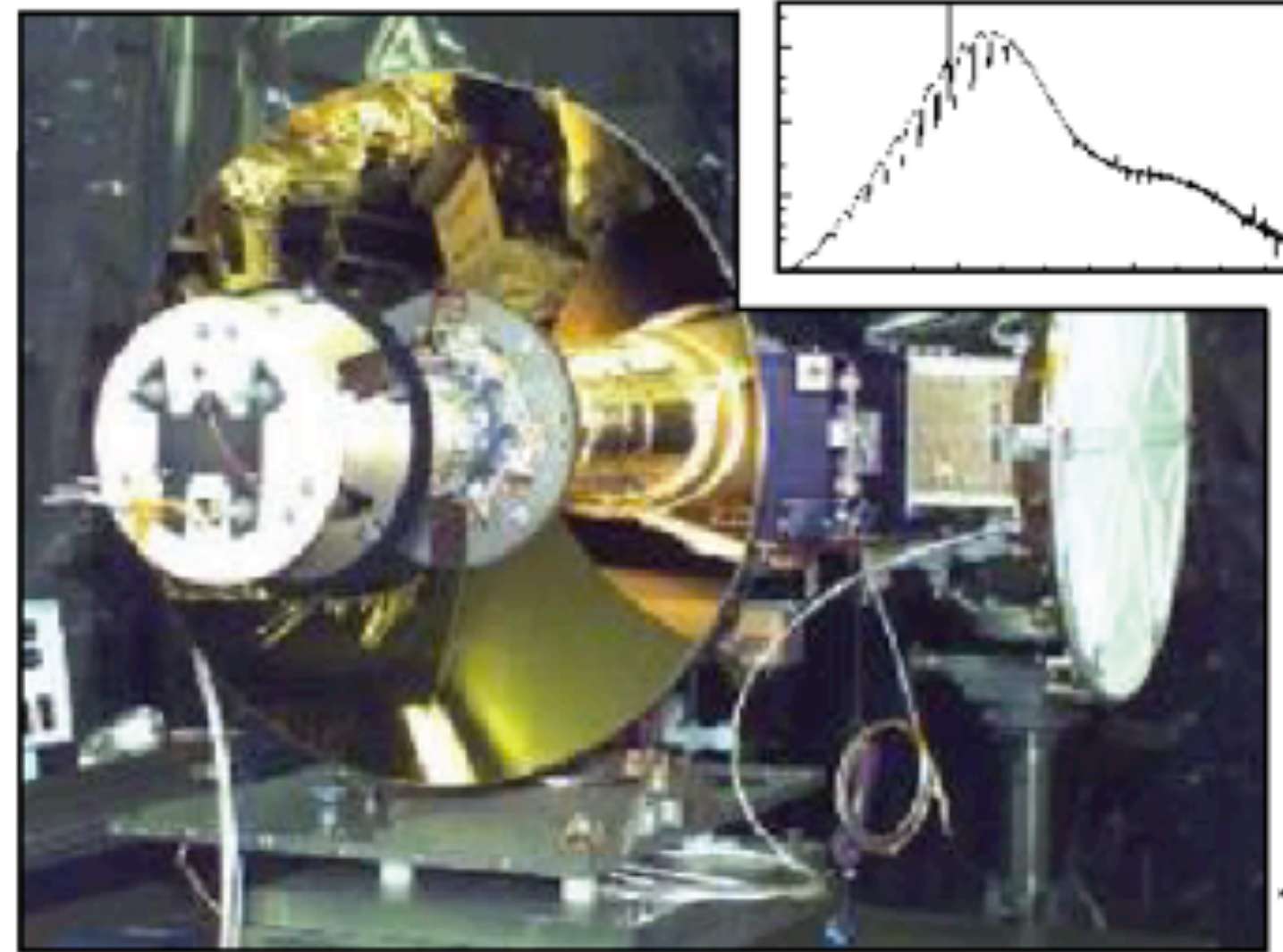
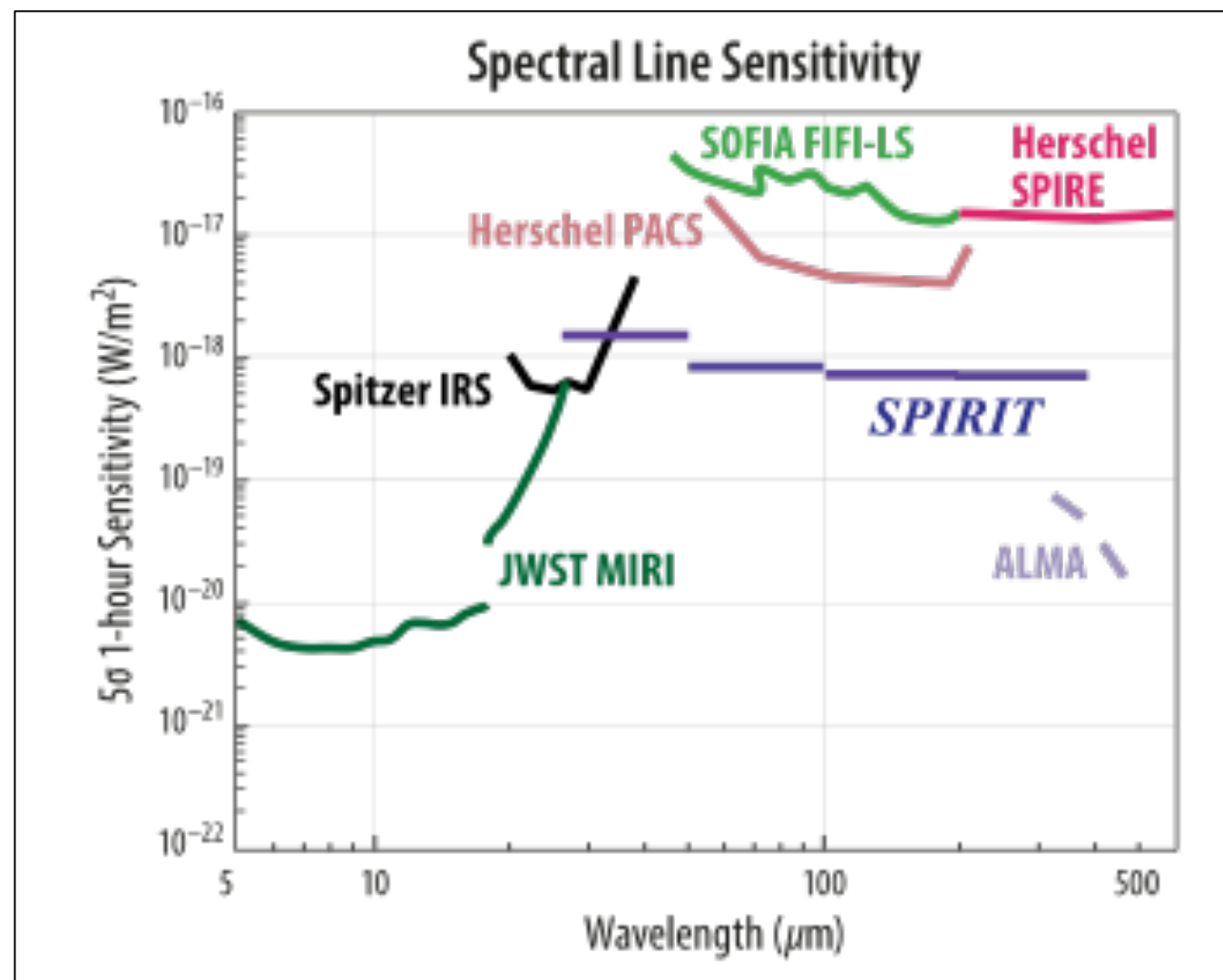
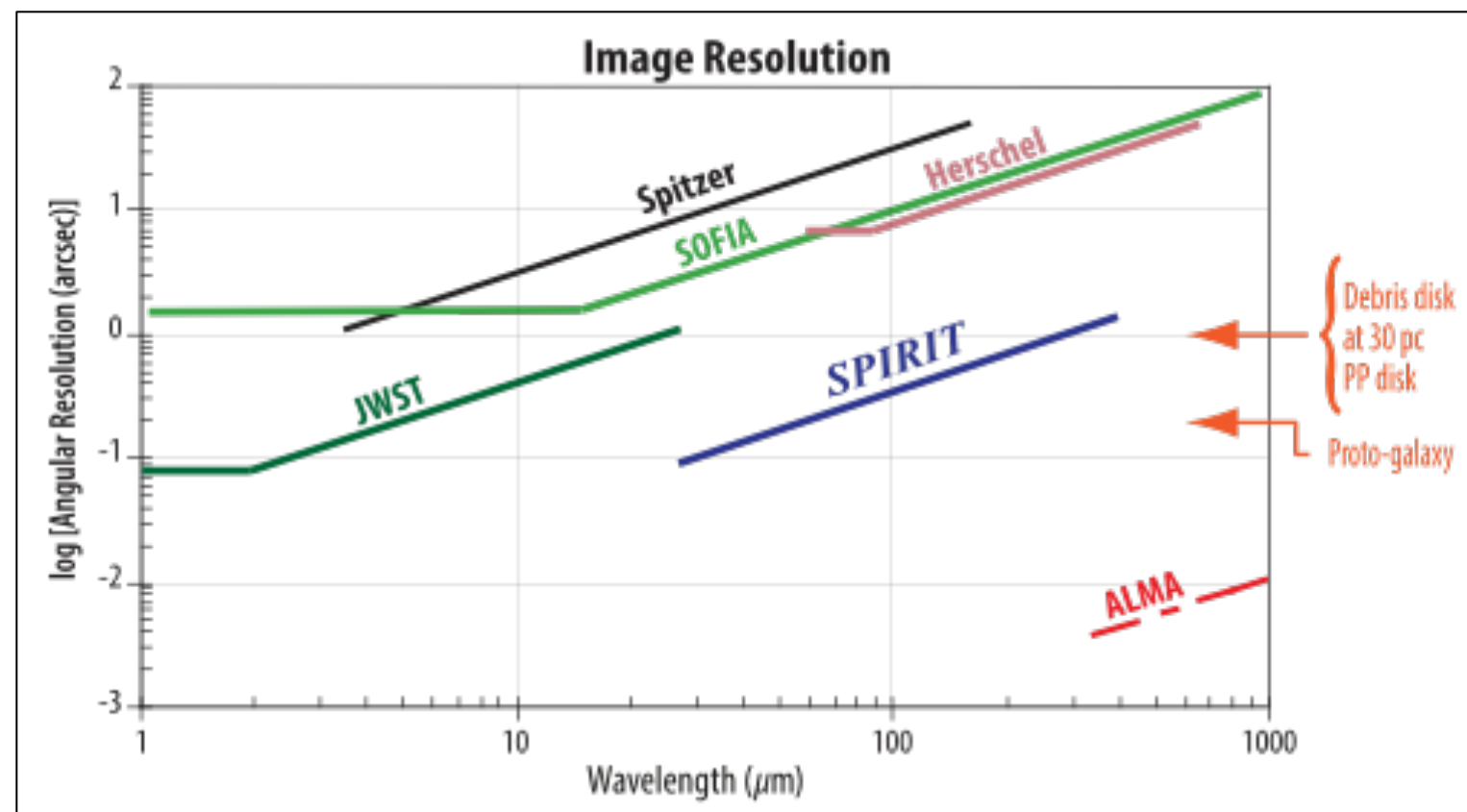


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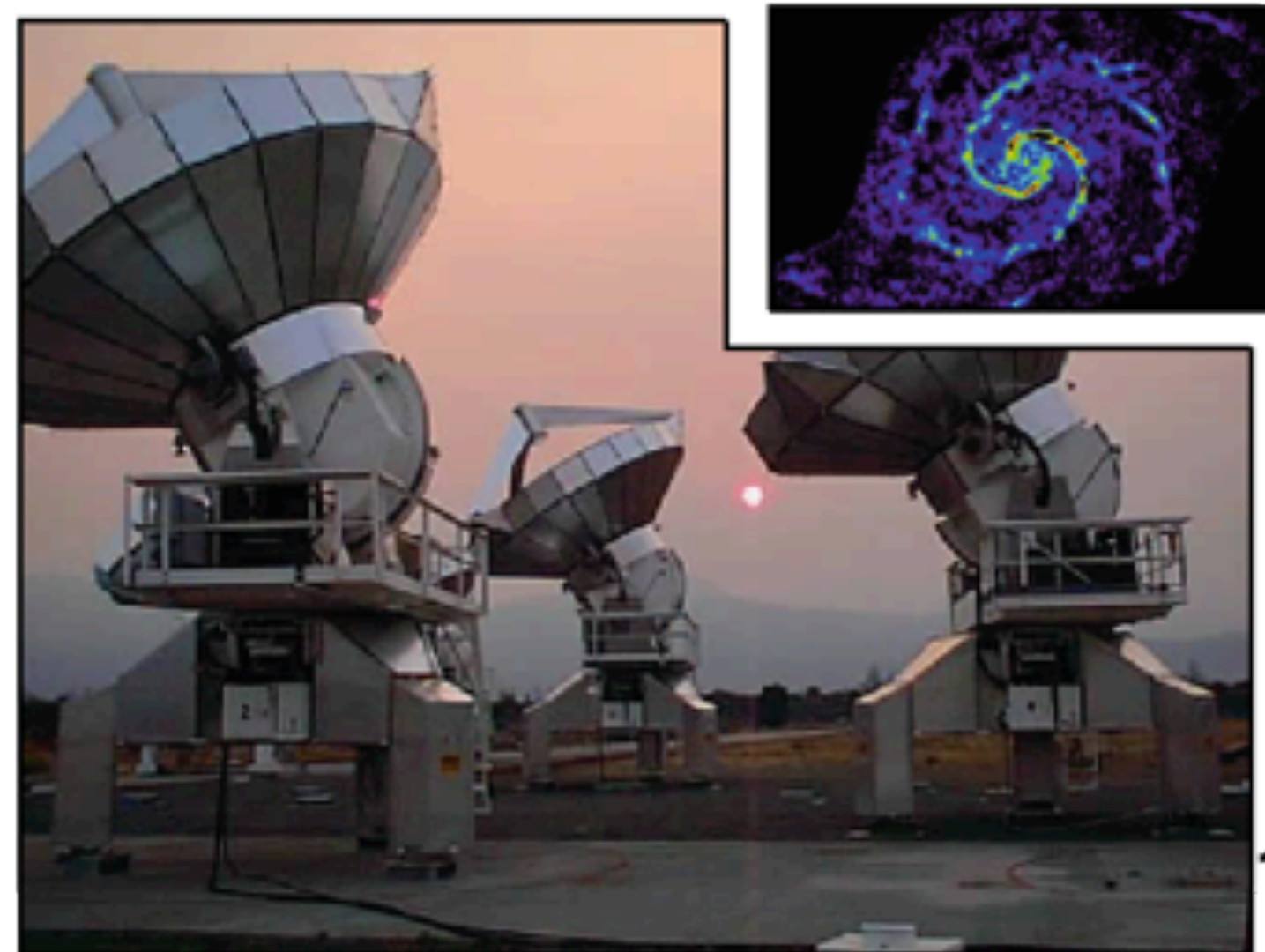
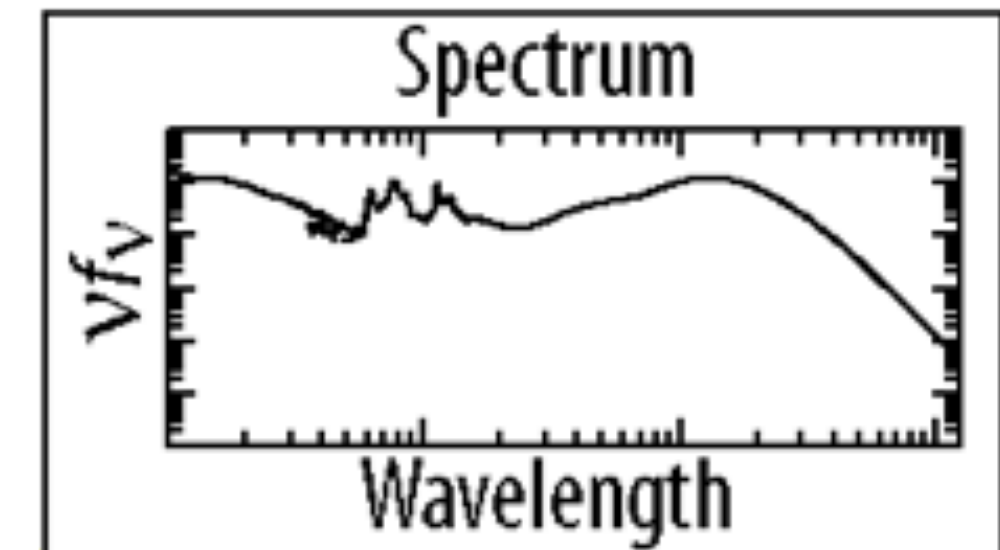
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Galaxy formation and evolution — Protoplanetary disks and planet formation
— Debris disks and planetary system architecture

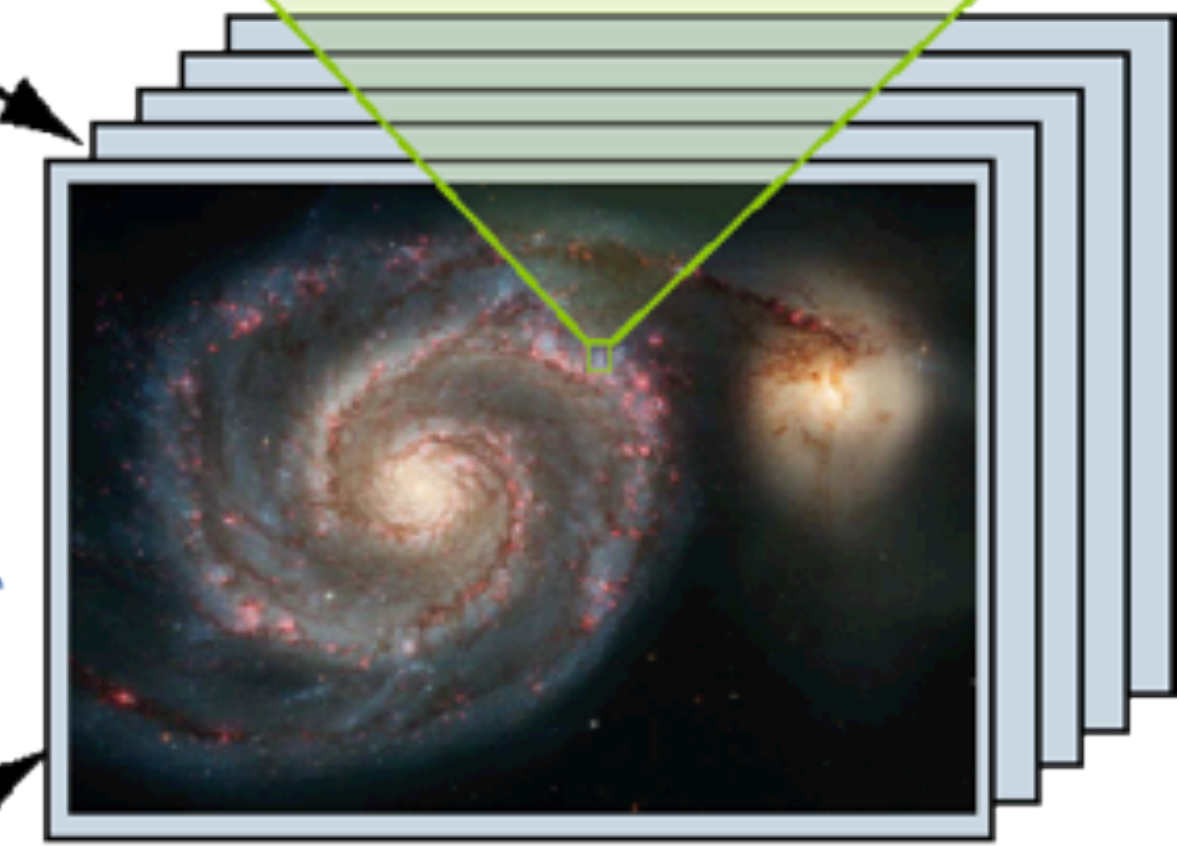
SPICE at a glance



SPIRIT/SOFIA combines the capabilities of an **imaging interferometer** with those of a **Fourier Transform Spectrometer** to produce **spatial-spectral data cubes**.



“Double Fourier”
Synthesis



Spatial-Spectral
Datacube

SPT005

More information on IR NASA probes

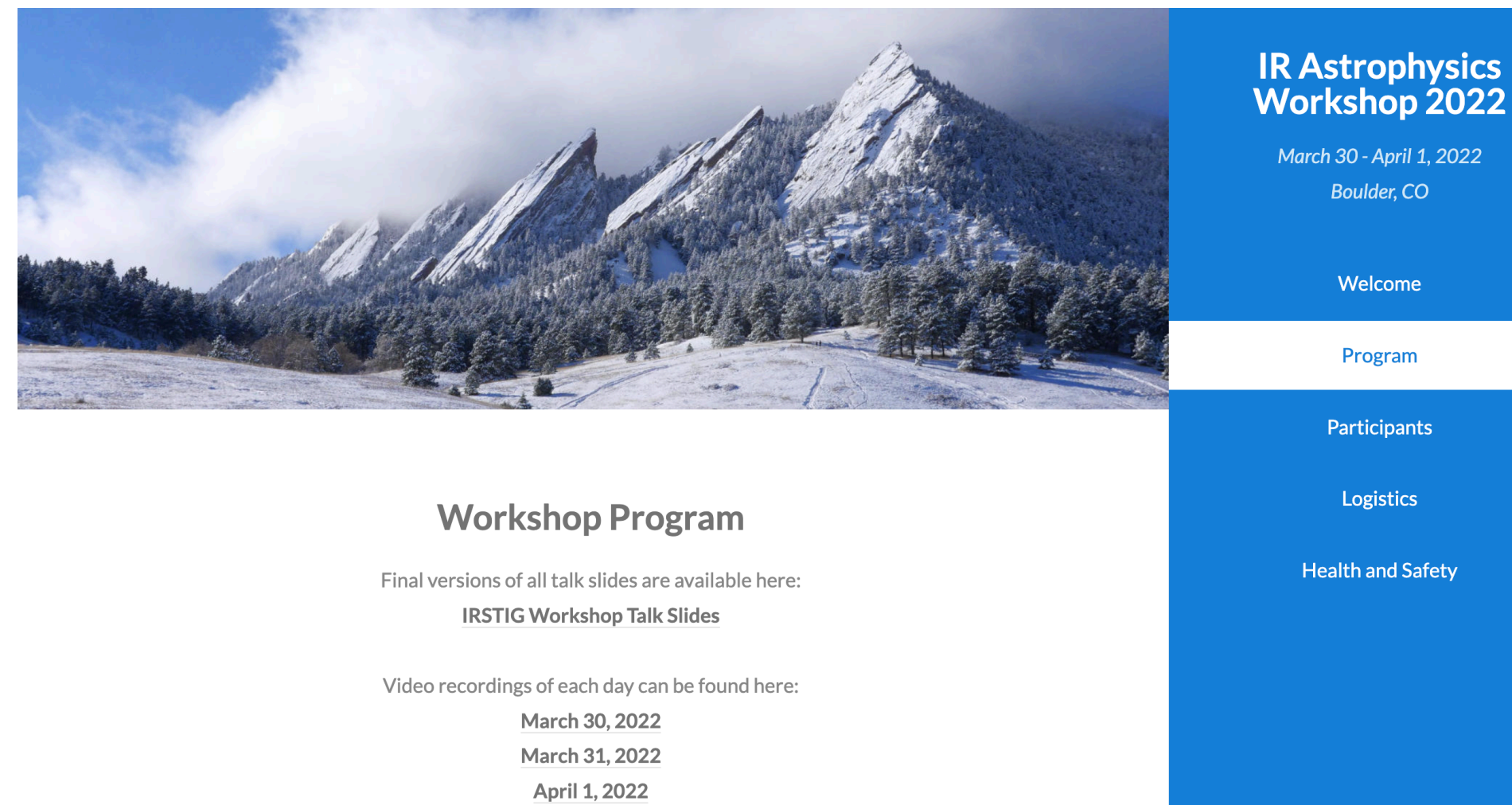
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https://casa.colorado.edu/~mema5817/irworkshop_program.html



IR Astrophysics Workshop 2022
March 30 - April 1, 2022
Boulder, CO

Welcome

Program

Participants

Logistics

Health and Safety

Workshop Program

Final versions of all talk slides are available here:
[IRSTIG Workshop Talk Slides](#)

Video recordings of each day can be found here:
[March 30, 2022](#)
[March 31, 2022](#)
[April 1, 2022](#)



IR_SIG

Infrared Science and Technology Integration Group
@ir_stig Vous suit

A NASA Science Interest Group, formed to collect community input & support the long-term objectives of IR astronomy. Formerly the IRSIG.
[Traduire la biographie](#)

📍 Hiding behind some dust cor.gsfc.nasa.gov/signs/irstig
📅 A rejoint Twitter en août 2018

261 abonnements 262 abonnés

Suivi par DAWN - The Cosmic Dawn Center, Caltech IPAC et 6 autres personnes que vous suivez

What about ESA?

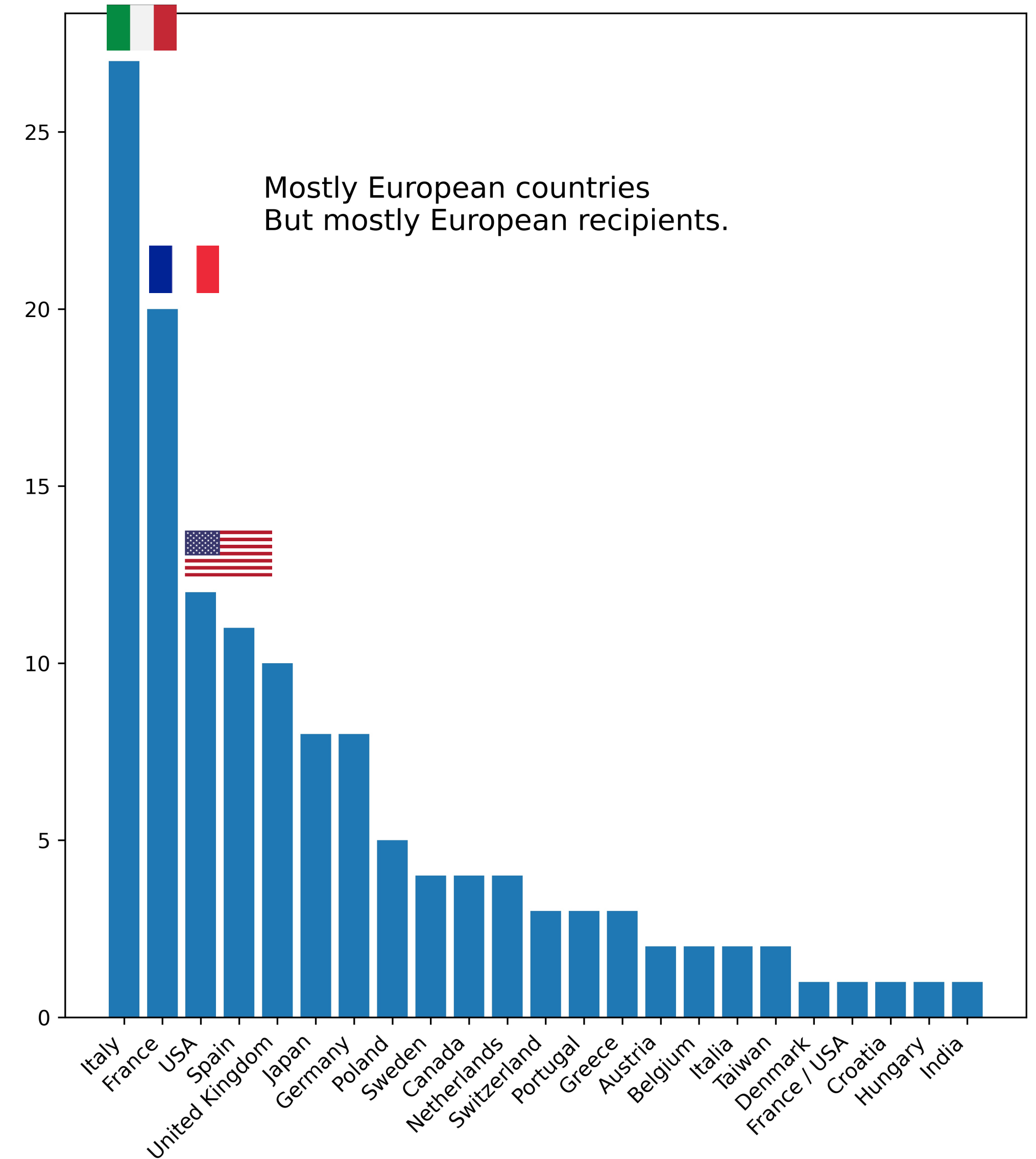
As a result of the M7 first selection: no IR mission, only LiteBird (CMB experiment in mm)

ESA contribution to a NASA IR probe: very unlikely

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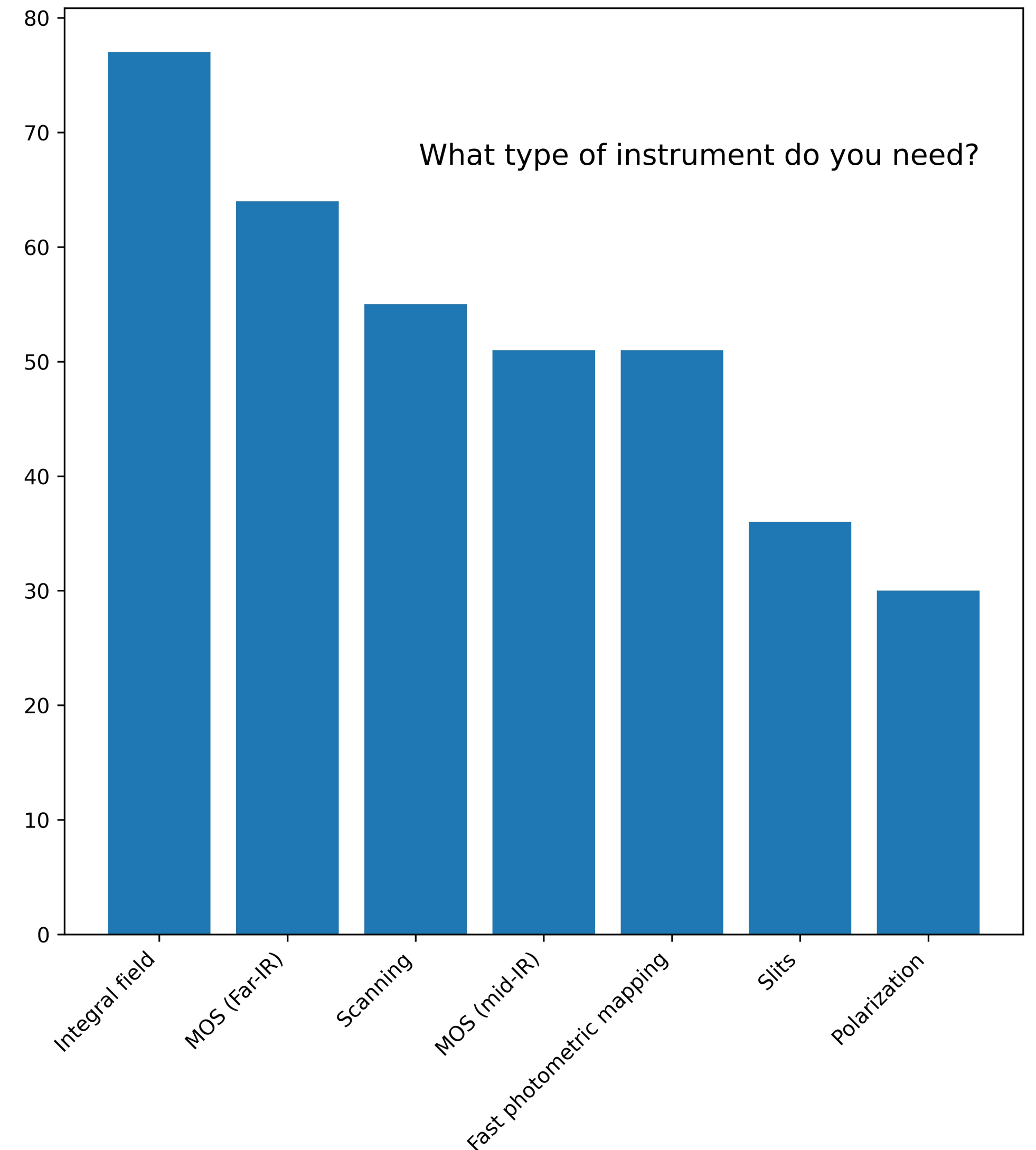


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Type of data

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Heterodyne spectroscopy was mentioned in the comments



SALTUS instruments: SAFARI-Lite

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Roelfsema+18

Table 2 SAFARI performance summary.

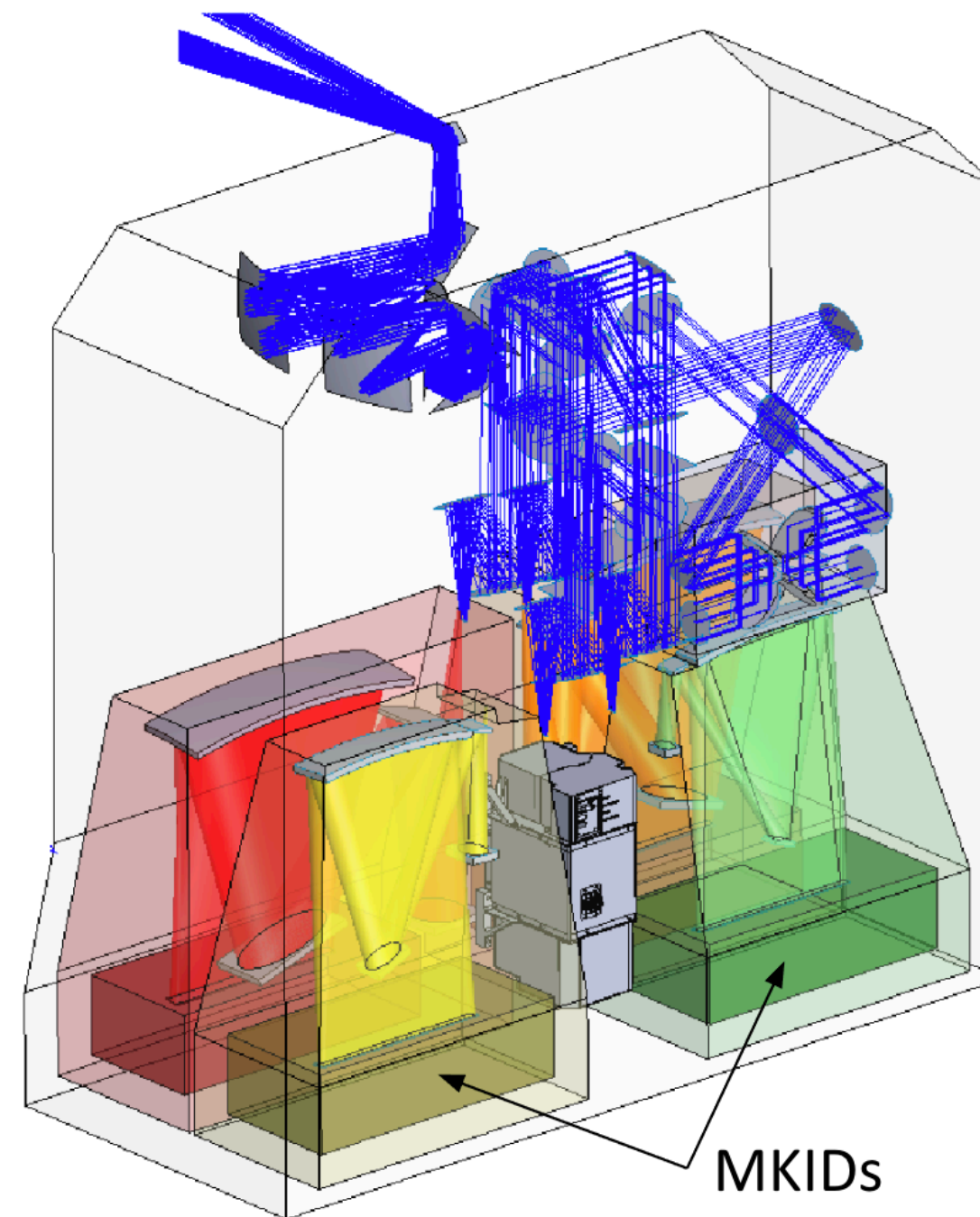
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λ range	34-56 μm	54-89 μm	87-143 μm	140-230 μm
high R	11700-7150	7400-4500	4600-2800	2850-1740
nom. R	300	300	300	300
FWHM	4.5" (0.6")	7.2" (1.1")	12" (1.8")	19" (3")
Point source spectr. 5σ -1hr flux limit (10^{-20} Wm^{-2})				
high R	13	13	13	15
nom. R	7.2	6.6	6.6	8.2
Mapping spectr. $1' \times 1'$ 5σ -1hr flux limit (10^{-20} Wm^{-2})				
high R	189	113	73	51
nom. R	84	49	30	23
Mapping phot. $1' \times 1'$ 5σ -1hr flux density limit (μJy)				
	209	192	194	239
5σ conf.	15	200	2000	10000

high R - high resolving power mode; μm


$R \sim 11000$ at 34 to $R \sim 1500$ at 230 μm

nom. R - nominal resolving power; $R \sim 300$

5σ conf. - 5σ confusion limit.





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