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Fiber Optics in Astronomy

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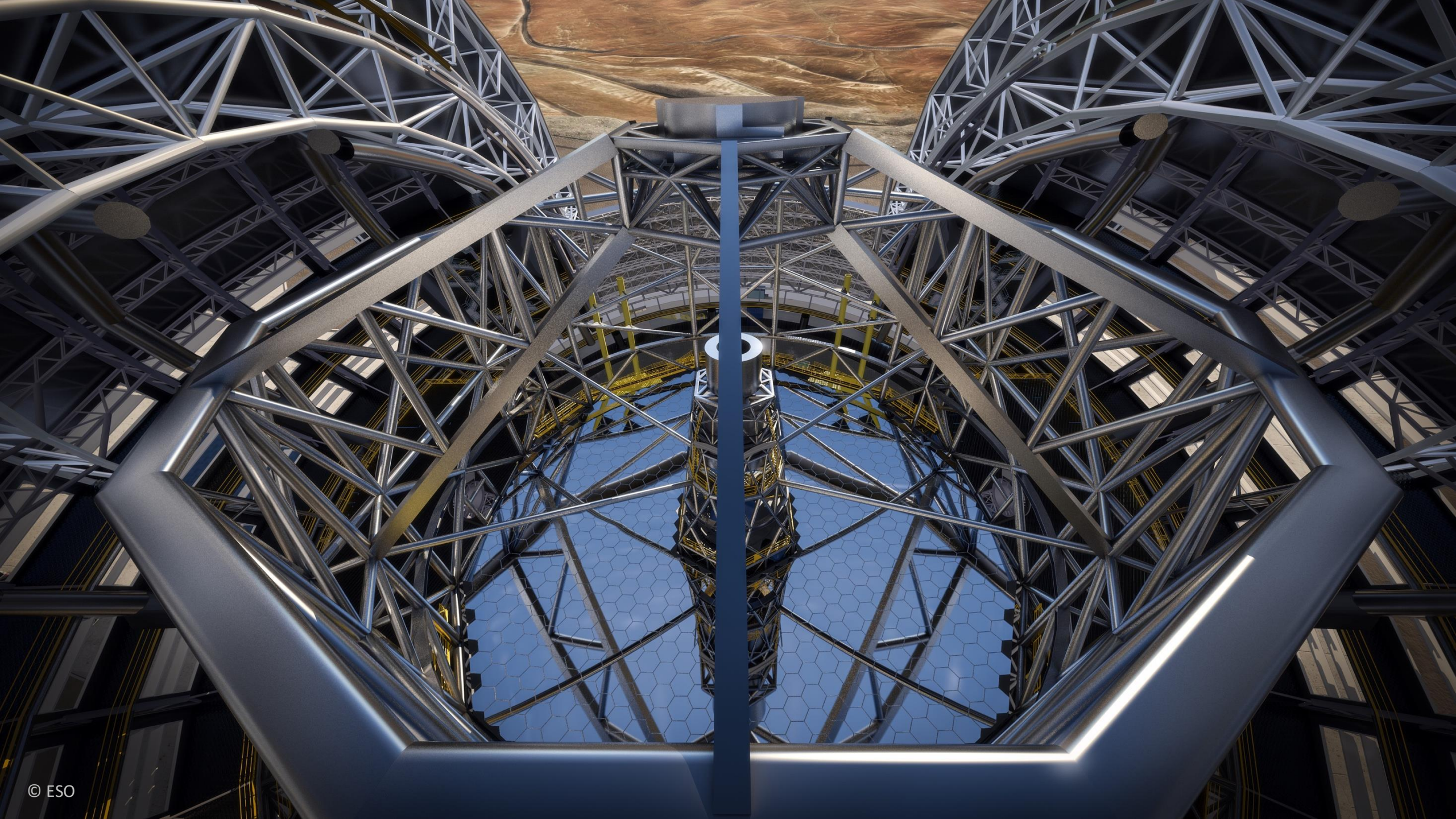
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Extremely Large Telescope







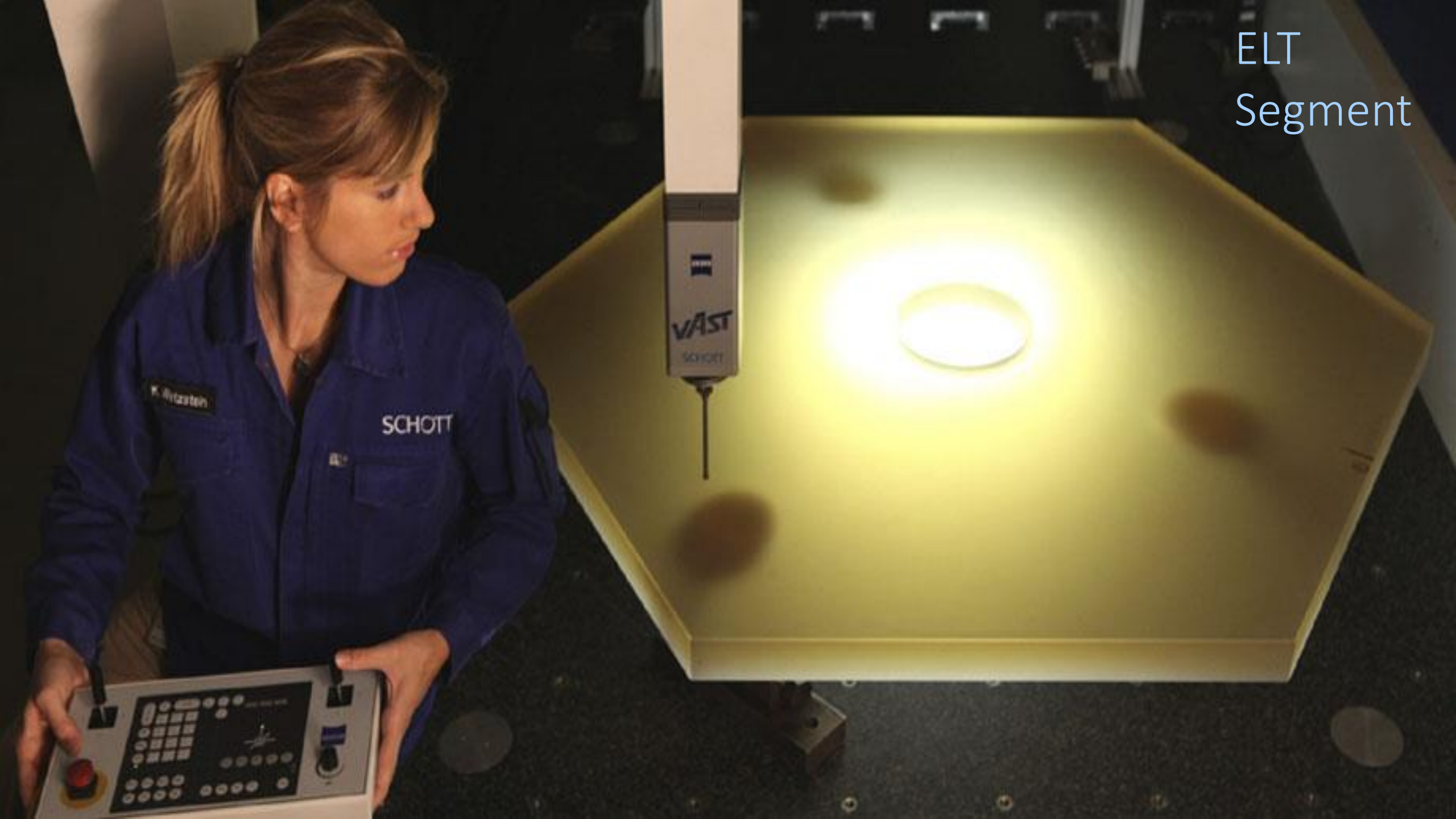








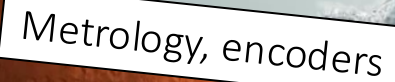
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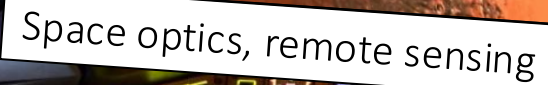
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SCHOTT



Hans Elsässer
(1929 – 2003)



Low-expansion glass for telescopes

50 years of Zerodur milestones

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[Technology](#)

For a telescope to compete with the world's best, in 1966 Hans Elsässer, director of the observatory at the University of Heidelberg, sought the help of German glass company Schott. Could they, he asked, fabricate a 4-meter telescope mirror? Schott had recently started working with a new class of promising materials called ceramic glass, which S. Donald Stookey of Corning had invented in 1957. It's now a common material found in casserole dishes and other cookware.

After a couple of years, Schott came up with the right ceramic glass for telescope mirrors, and called it Zerodur. In 1968, the company agreed to build a 3.6-meter mirror blank and several smaller mirrors for the Max Planck Institute of Astronomy's Calar Alto Observatory in southern Spain.

Technology transfer from fundamental research to **Industry**



WLAN (Radio Astronomy)



Adaptive Optics (NIR Astronomy)



CMOS Sensor (Optical Astronomy)

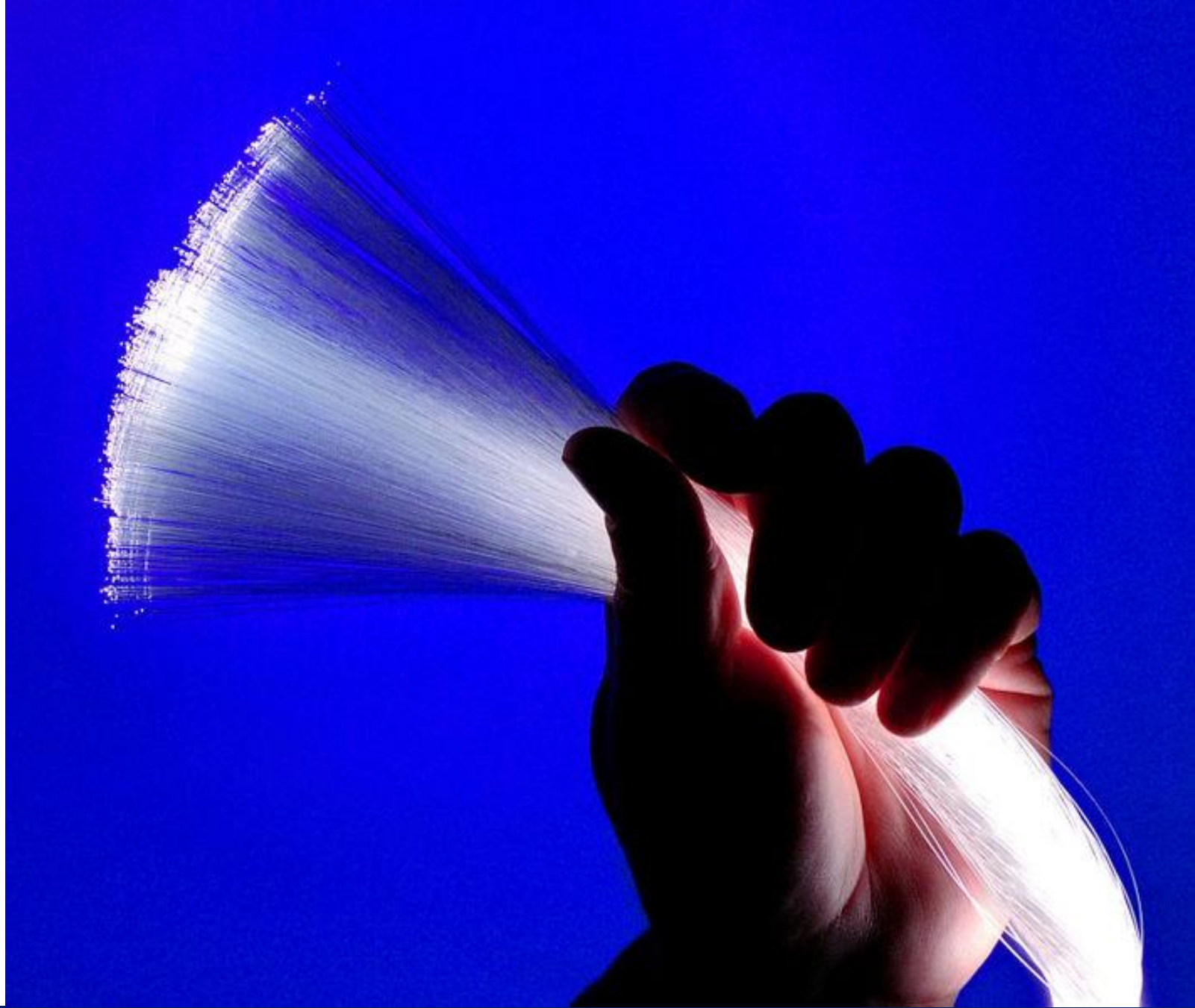


CERAN panels (Optical Astronomy)



EUV Optics (Xray Astronomy)

Optical Fibers in Astronomy



Wave Optics

Maxwell Equations

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{D} = \rho$$

Gauß' law

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0$$

Gauß' law for
magnetic field

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$

Law of induction

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{j} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{D}}{\partial t}$$

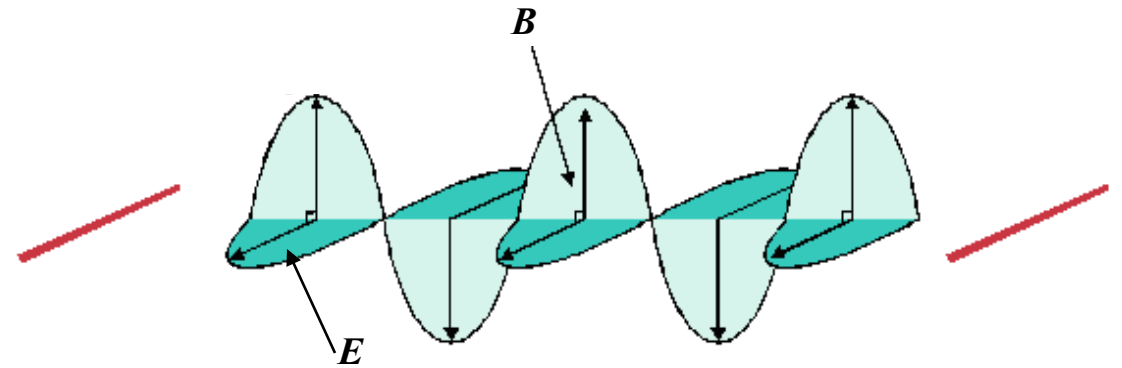
Law of magnetic flux

$$\mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mu_r \mathbf{H}$$

$\mathbf{B}$: magnetic flux density, $\mathbf{H}$: magnetic field

$$\mathbf{D} = \varepsilon_0 \varepsilon_r \mathbf{E}$$

$\mathbf{D}$: elektrical flux density, $\mathbf{E}$: elektrical field



→ Wave Equation

Helmholtz Equation

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) e^{i\omega t} - \mu \epsilon \omega^2 \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) e^{i\omega t} = 0$$

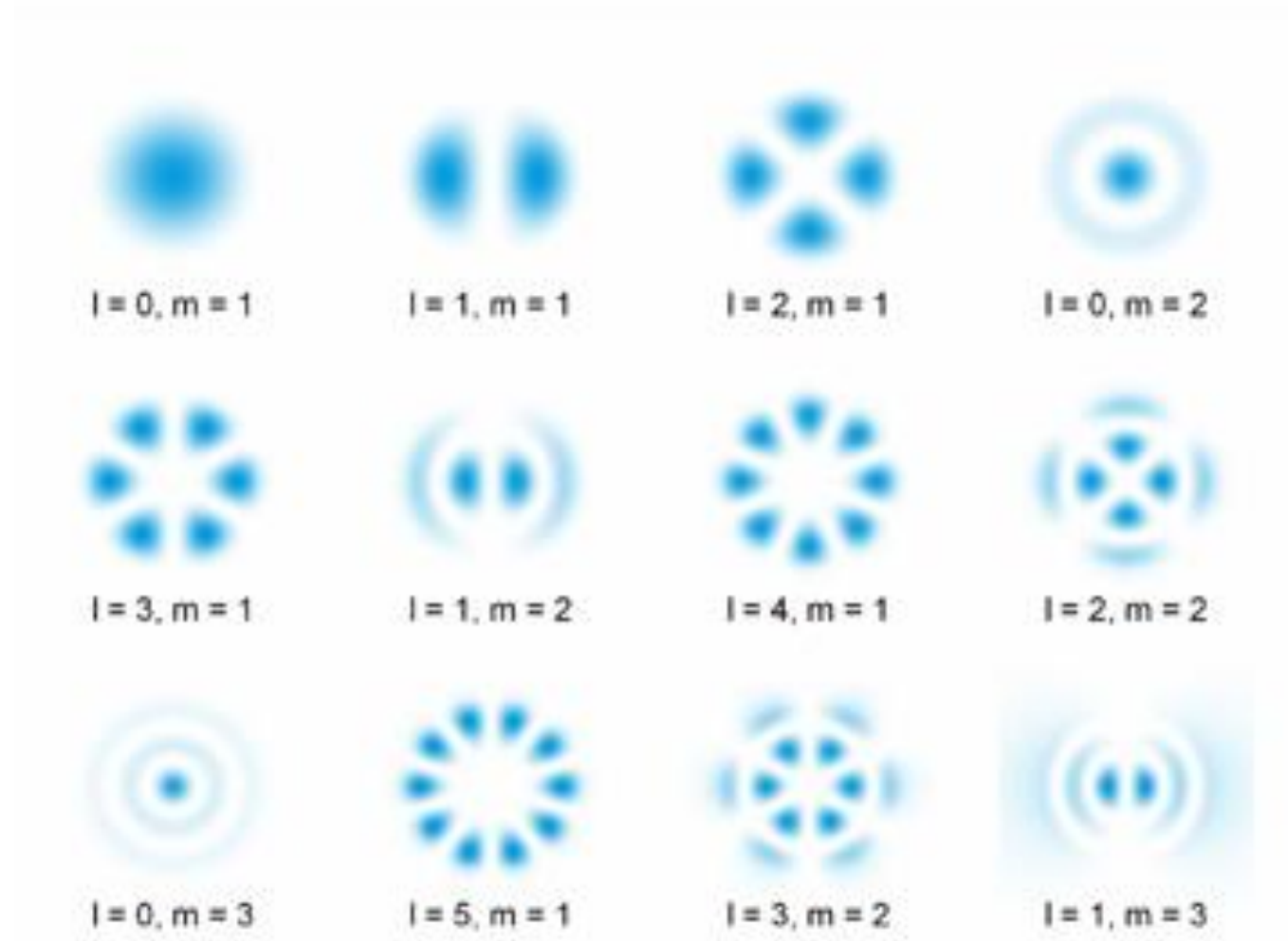
$$n = \sqrt{\mu \epsilon} \quad] \text{ Index of refraction}$$

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) e^{i\omega t} - n^2 k^2 \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) e^{i\omega t} = 0$$

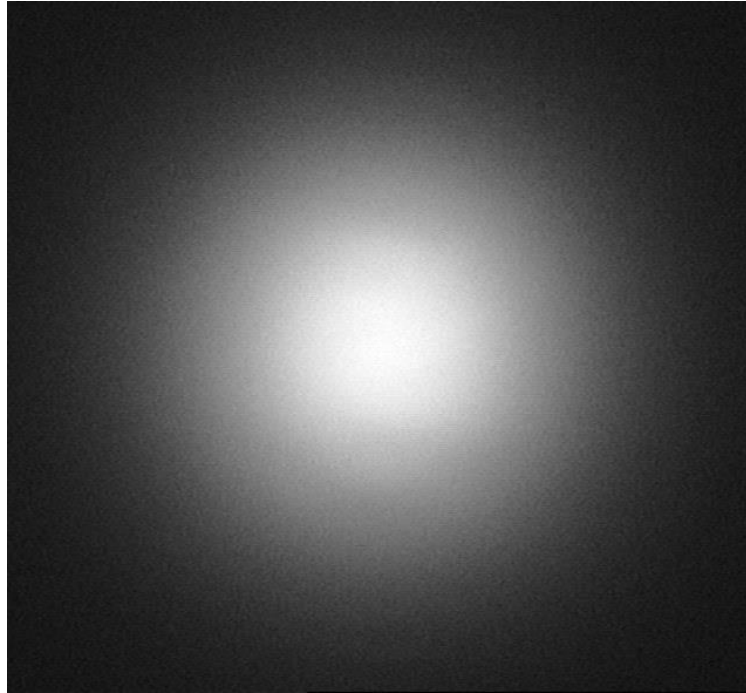
analogous for H field:

$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}) e^{i\omega t} - n^2 k^2 \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}) e^{i\omega t} = 0$$

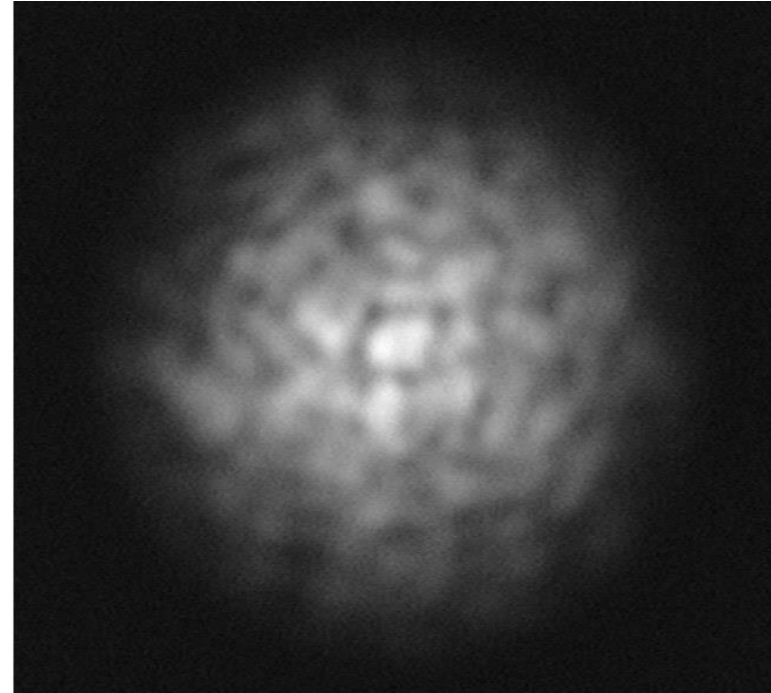
Guided Modes



Guided Modes



Single Mode Fiber (SMF)



Multi Mode Fiber (MMF)

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A VERY LARGE OPTICAL TELESCOPE ARRAY LINKED WITH FUSED SILICA FIBERS

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ABSTRACT

The practical limit in area for single telescope mirrors is around 20 m^2 . In order to make much larger telescopes, necessary for the study of very faint objects, light must be collected by more than one mirror. A relatively inexpensive telescope with a collecting area of several hundred square meters can be constructed with fibers to bring together light from many mirrors, each of area $\sim 5 \text{ m}^2$. This approach is made possible by the recent development for communications of fused silica fibers which show high transmission in the spectral range $0.3\text{--}2 \mu\text{m}$ over lengths of $\sim 20 \text{ m}$, and which do not badly degrade focal ratio over the same distance. Several single fibers at the prime focus of each mirror would each pick up light from an area of a few square arc seconds, matched to the typical seeing disk. This approach is ideally suited for spectroscopy because the fiber ends would be brought directly to a line at the spectrograph slit. We suggest that flexure errors in the mirror support structure be compensated for by moving the fibers at the prime focus, and that the star field at each prime focus as seen by a sensitive imaging detector be used to determine the correction. No lasers or secondary optics are then needed to coalign the mirrors, and the telescope is made useful for deep imaging by summing all the detector outputs.

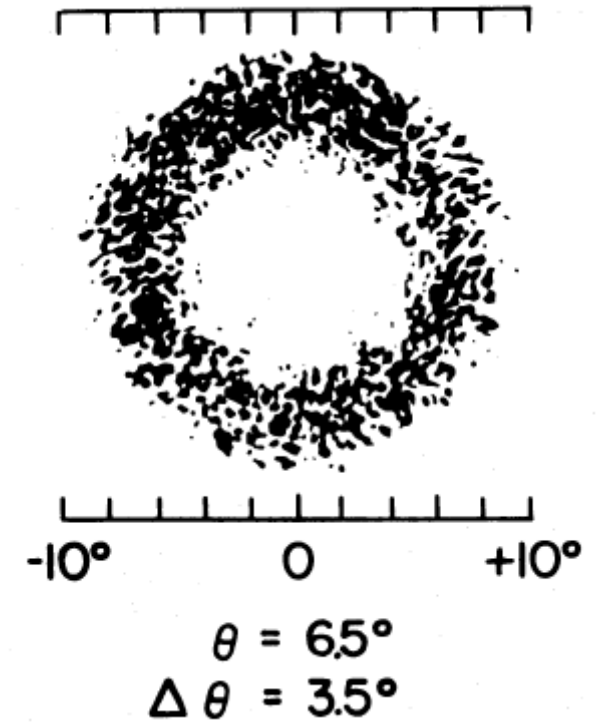
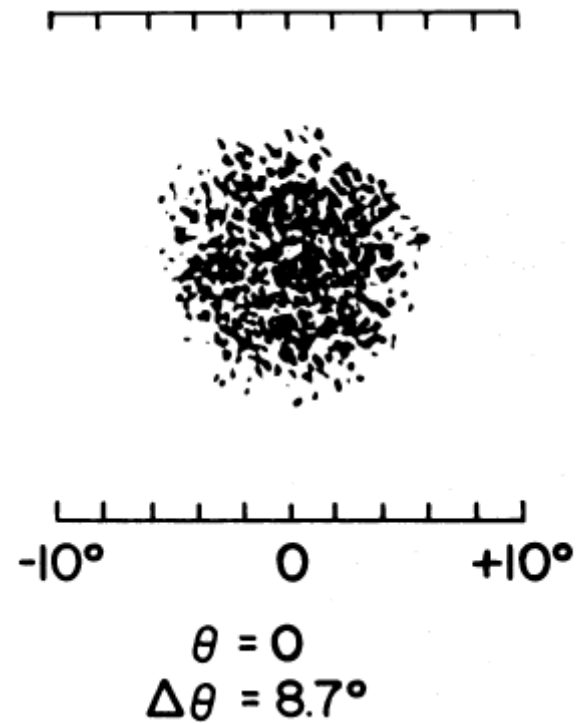
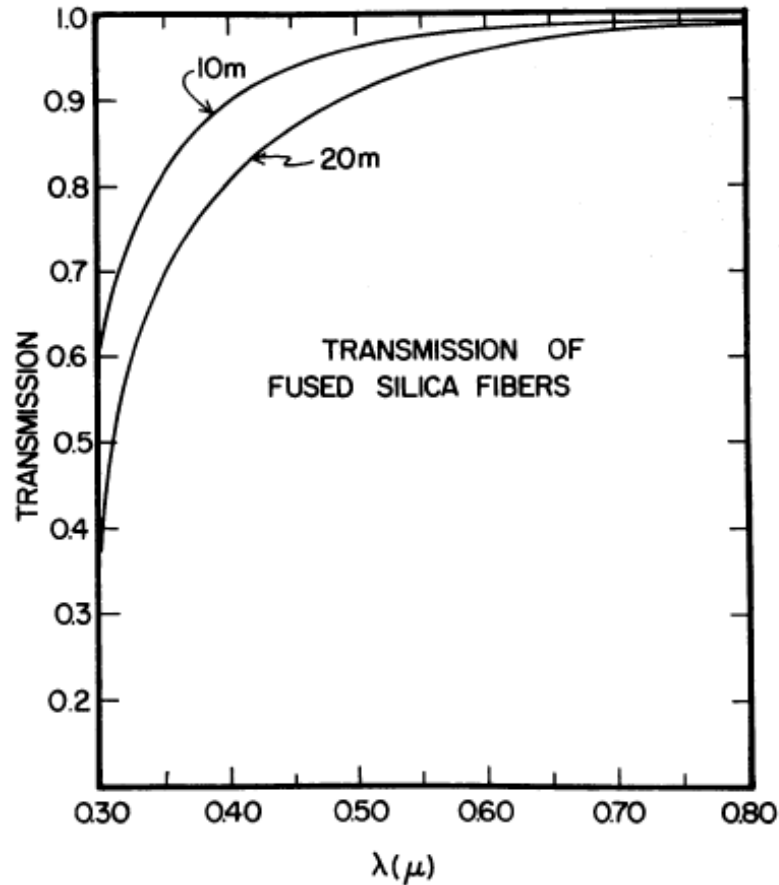
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Fiber Transmission

„Focal Ratio Degradation“



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Mode expansion theory and application in step-index multimode fibres for astronomical spectroscopy

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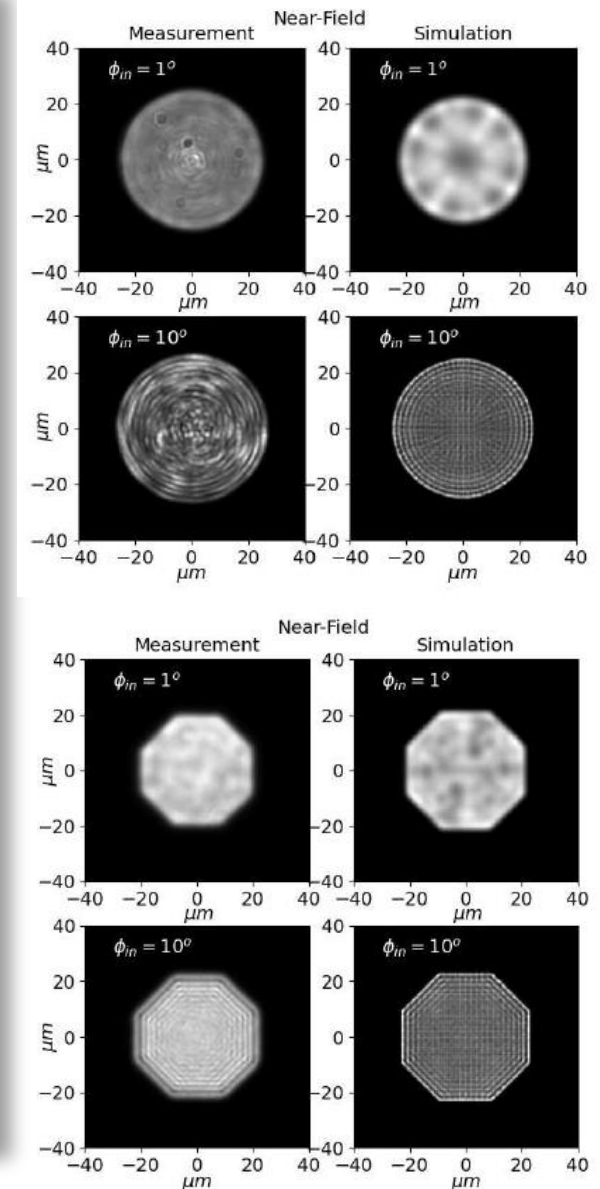
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Abstract: In astronomical spectroscopy, optical fibres are abundantly used for multiplexing and decoupling the spectrograph from the telescope to provide stability in a controlled environment. However, fibres are less than perfect optical components and introduce complex effects that diminish the overall throughput, efficiency, and stability of the instrument. We present a novel numerical field propagation model that emulates the effects of modal noise, scrambling, and focal ratio degradation with a rigorous treatment of wave optics. We demonstrate that the simulation of the near- and far-field output of a fiber, injected into a ray-tracing model of the spectrograph, allows to assess performance at the detector level.

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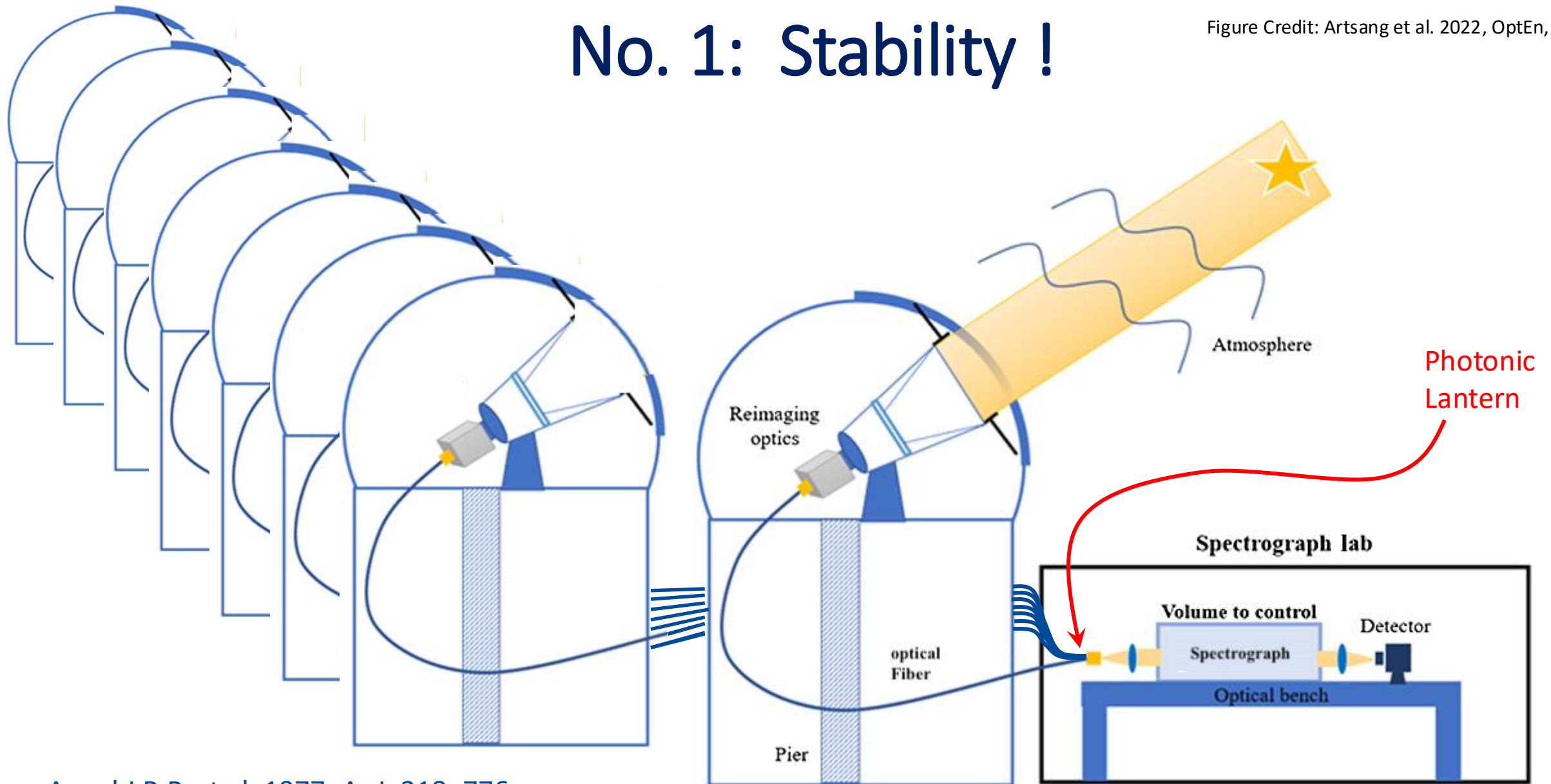
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Optical Fibers in Astronomy

There are (at least) 3 good reasons
why to couple spectrographs
with optical fibers

No. 1: Stability !

Figure Credit: Artsang et al. 2022, OptEn, 61



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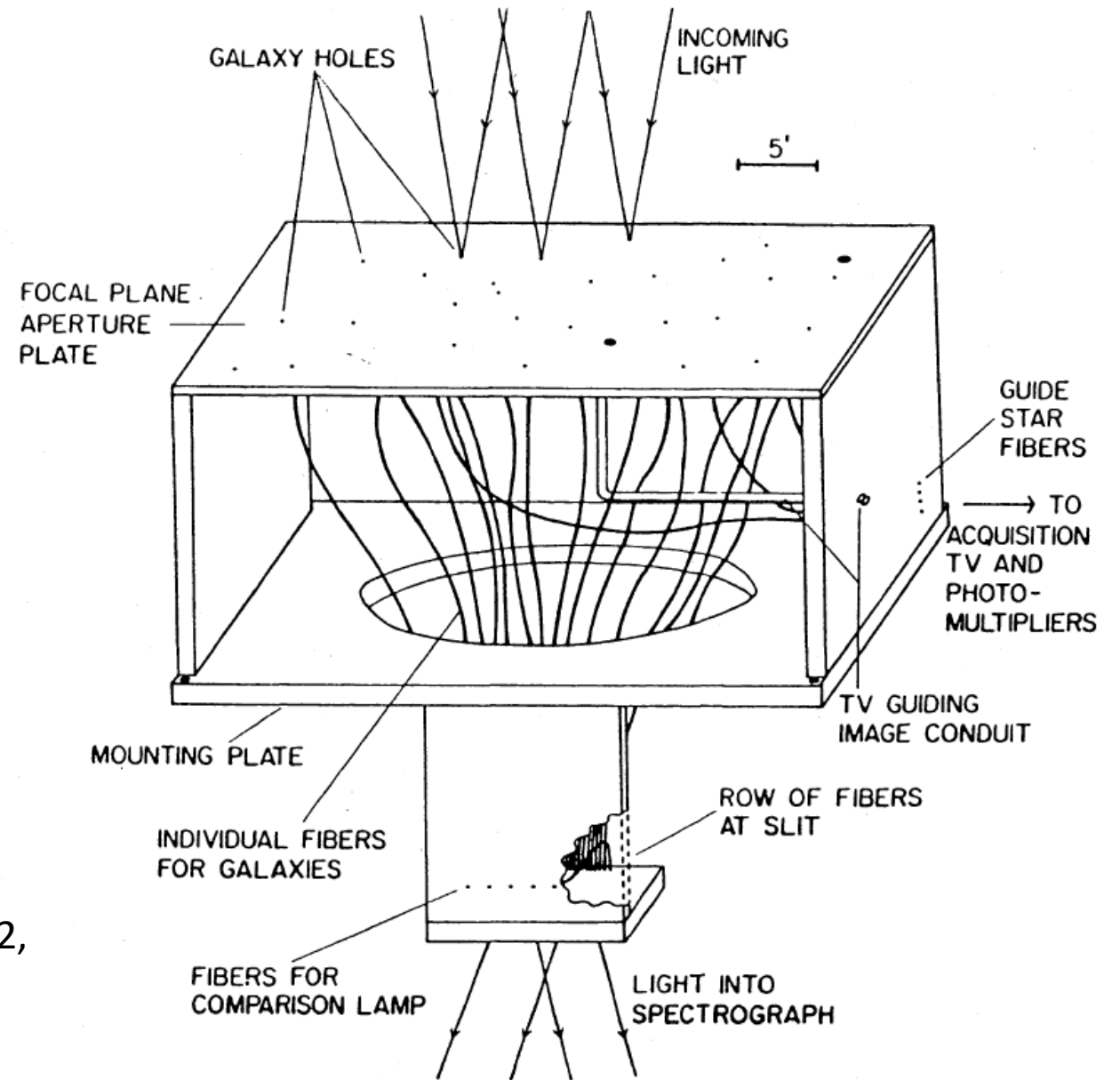
No. 2: Multiplex !

Multi-Object Spectroscopy

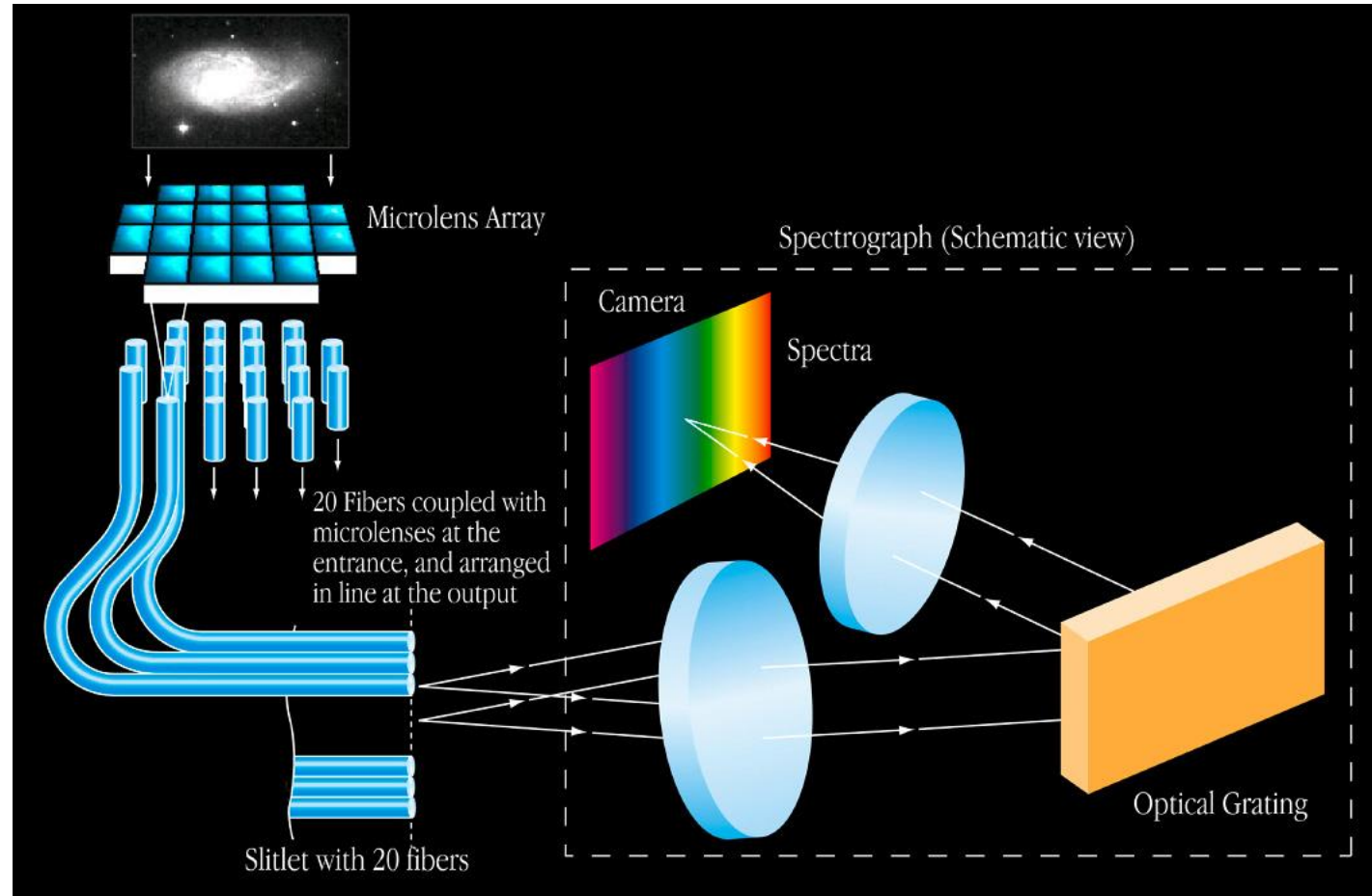
The „MEDUSA“ Spectrograph

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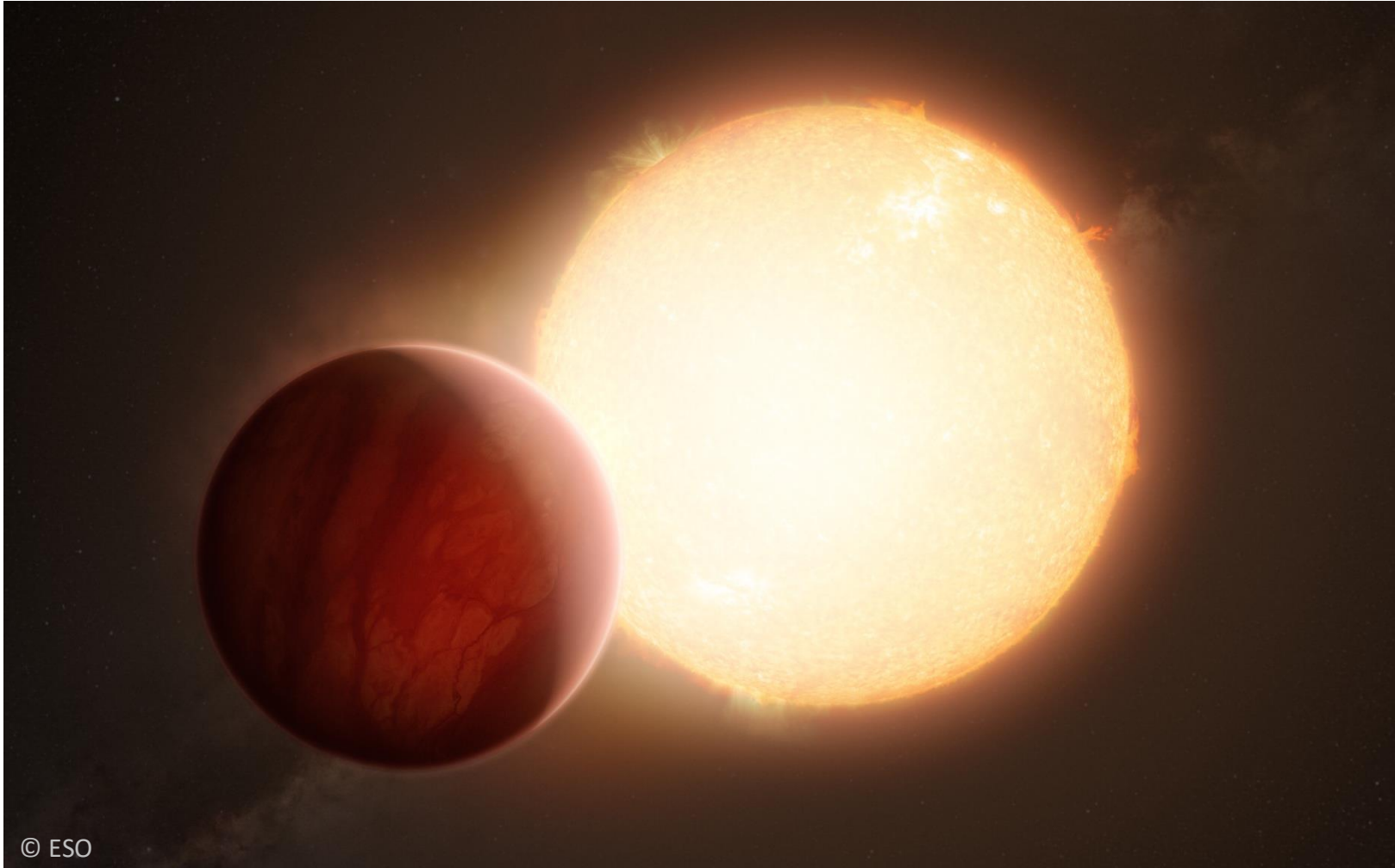
No. 3: Imaging Spectroscopy !



Credit: ESO

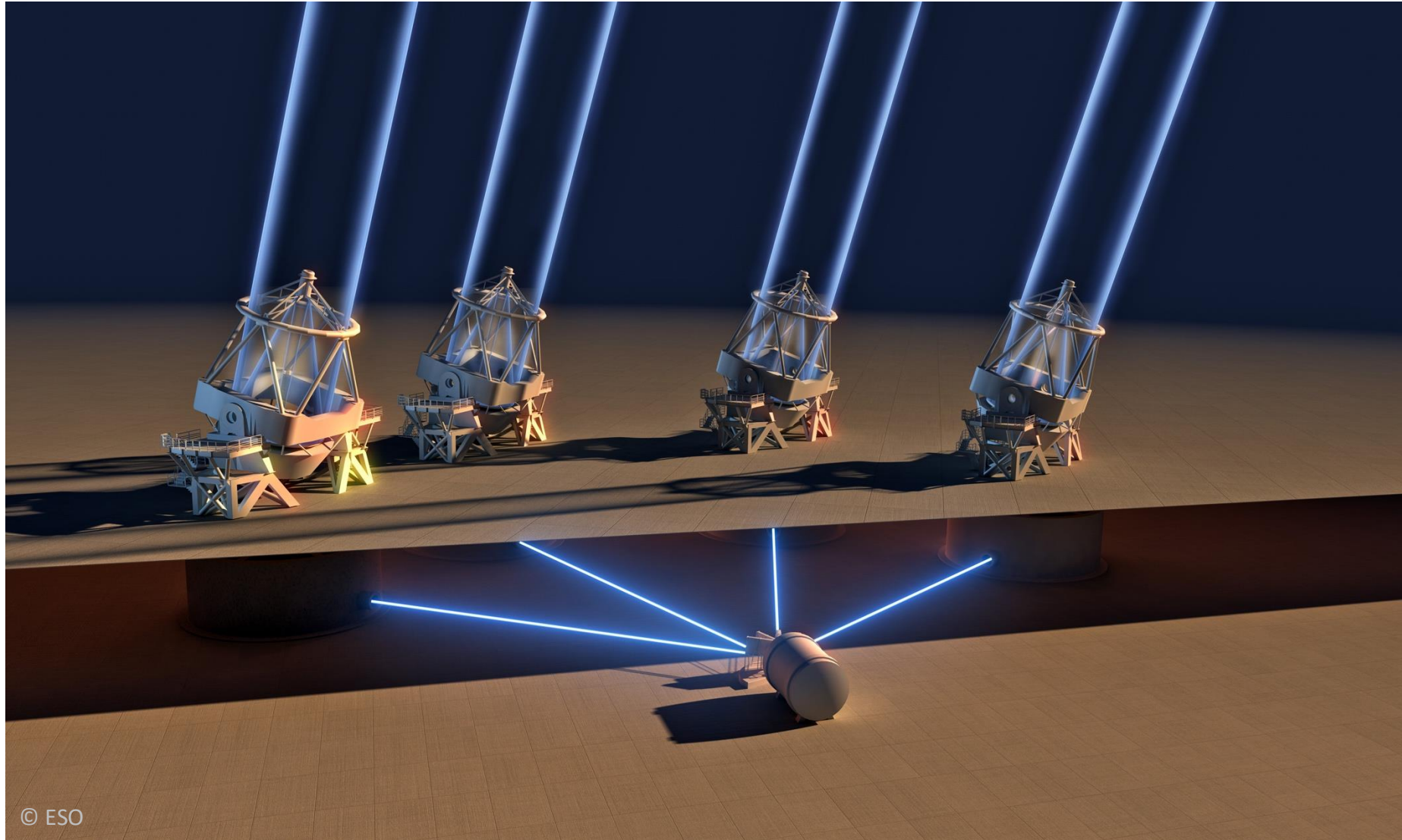
No. 1: Stability

Exoplanet system



Michel Mayor
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	HR (1-UT)	UHR (1-UT)	MR (4-UT)
Wavelength range	380–788 nm	380–788 nm	380–788 nm
Resolving power (median)	140,000	190,000	70,000
Aperture on sky	1".0	0".5	4x1".0
Total efficiency	11%	5%	11%
RV precision (requirement)	< 10 cm/s	< 5 m/s	< 5 m/s
Limiting V-band magnitude*	~17	~16	~20
Binning	1x1, 2x1	1x1	4x2, 8x4
Spectral sampling (average)	4.5 px	2.5 px	5.5 px (binned x2)
Spatial sampling per slice	9.0 (4.5) px	5.0 px	5.5 px (binned x4)
Number of slices	2	2	1

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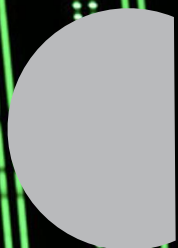
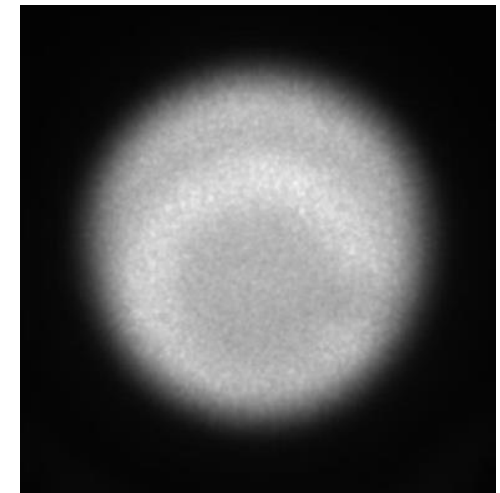
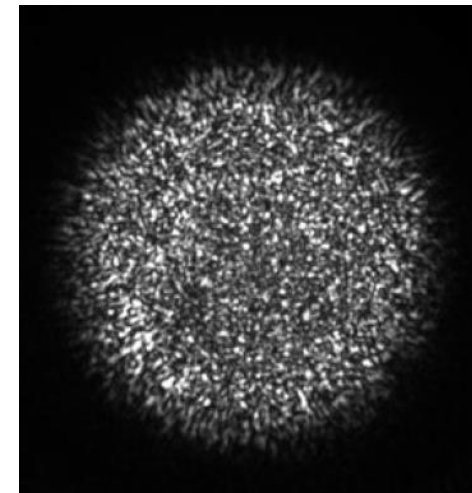
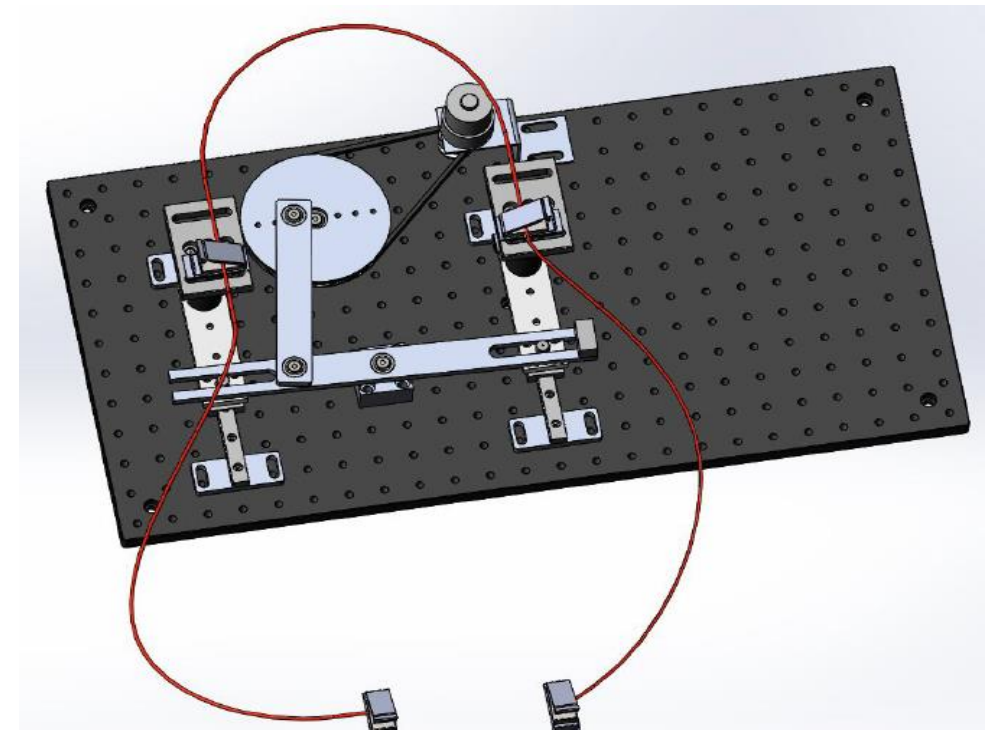
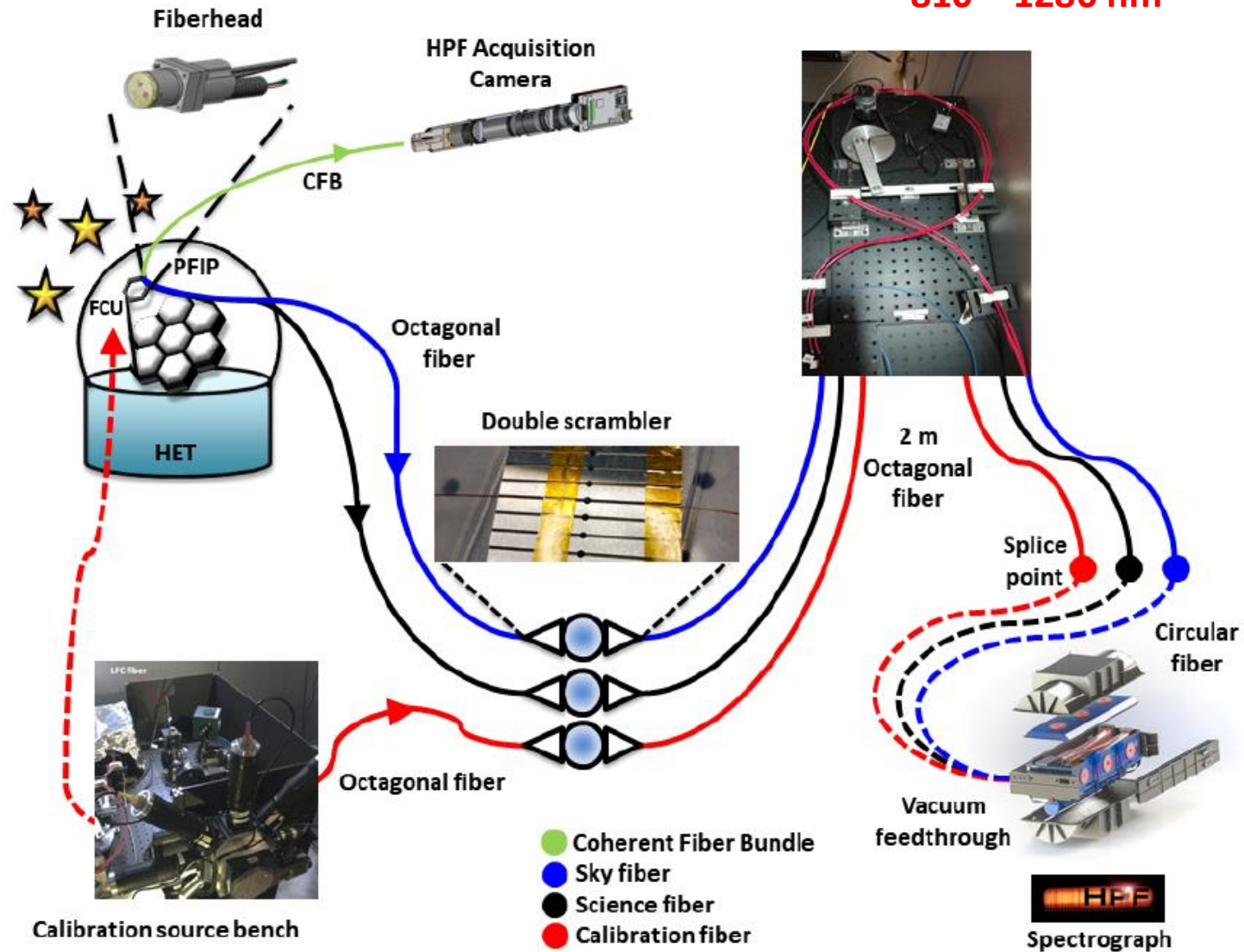


Image Slicer

HPF: Habitable-Zone Planet Finder

810 – 1280 nm



(a) Fiber far field before agitation. (b) Fiber far field after agitation

Kanodia S., Mahadevan S., Ramsey L.W., SJ. et al., 2018, SPIE, 10702, 107026Q

Hill 1988, ASPC 3, 77

CARMENES @ Calar Alto 3.5m

	VIS channel	NIR channel
Wavelength coverage, $\Delta\lambda^*$	<u>520-960 nm</u>	<u>960-1710 nm</u>
Detector	1 x 4kx4k e2v CCD231-84	2 x 2kx2k Hawaii-2RG
Wavelength calibration	Th-Ne lamps & Fabry-Pérot etalon	U-Ne lamps & Fabry-Pérot etalon
Working temperature, T_{work}	285.000 $\pm$ 0.005 K	140.000 $\pm$ 0.005 K
Spectral resolution, R	94,600	80,400
Mean sampling	2.8 pixels	
Mean inter-fibre spacing	7.0 pixels	
Cross disperser	Grism, LF5 glass	Grism, infrasil
Reflective optics coating	Silver	Gold
No. of orders	55	28
Échelle grating	2 x Richardson Gratings R4 (31.6 mm ⁻¹)	
Target fibre field of view	1.5 arcsec	
A&G system field of view	3 arcmin	
A&G system band	Approx. R	



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Multi-Object Spectroscopy

Multi-Object Spectroscopy

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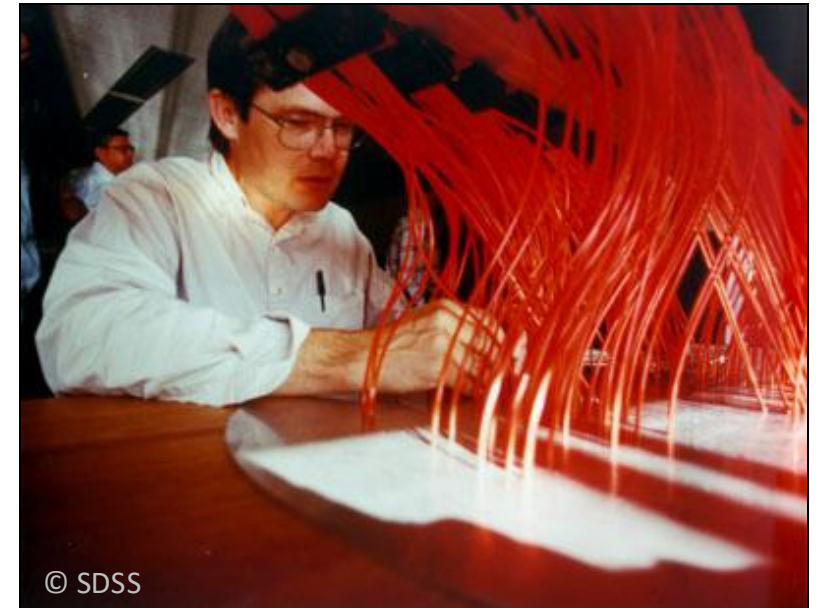
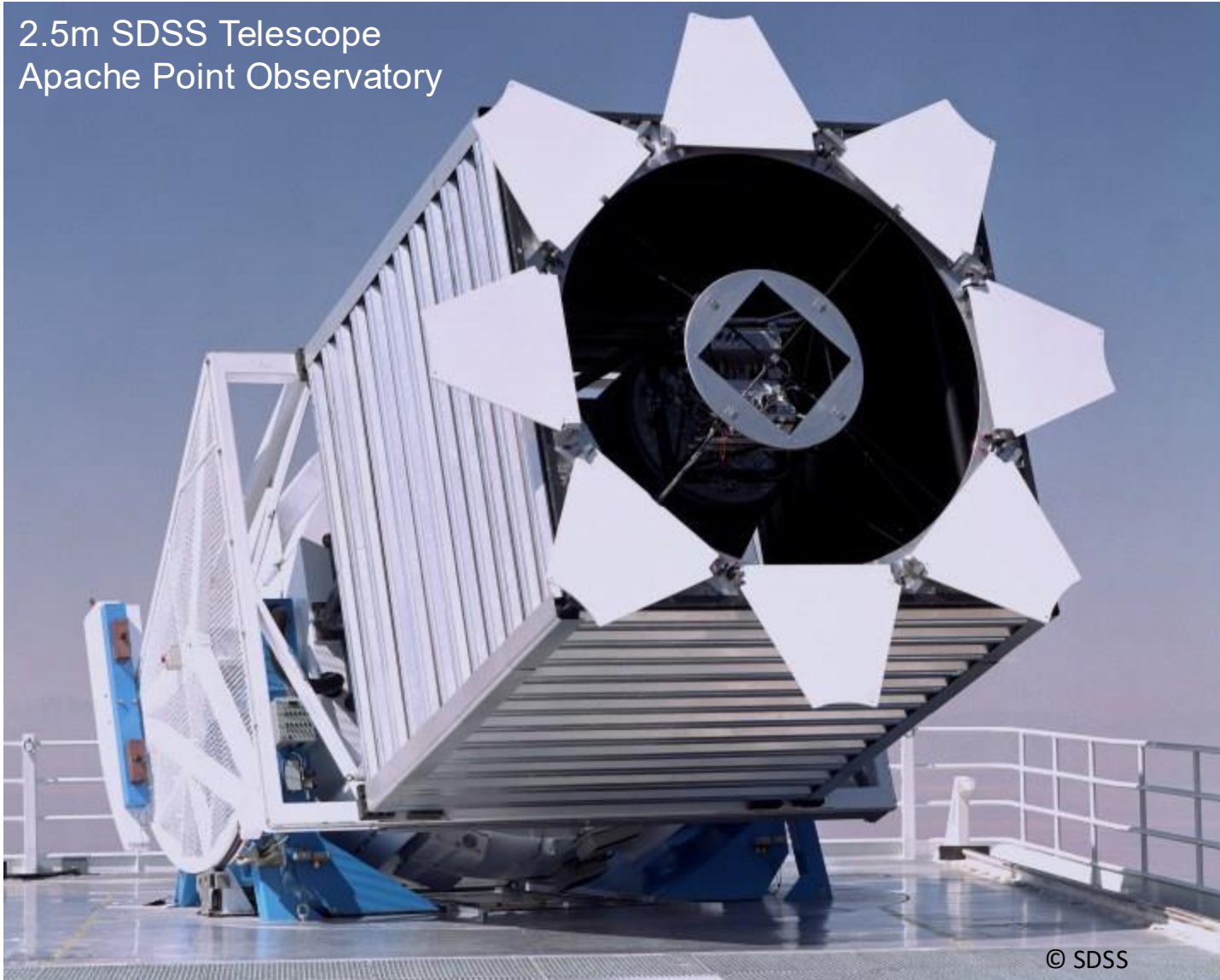
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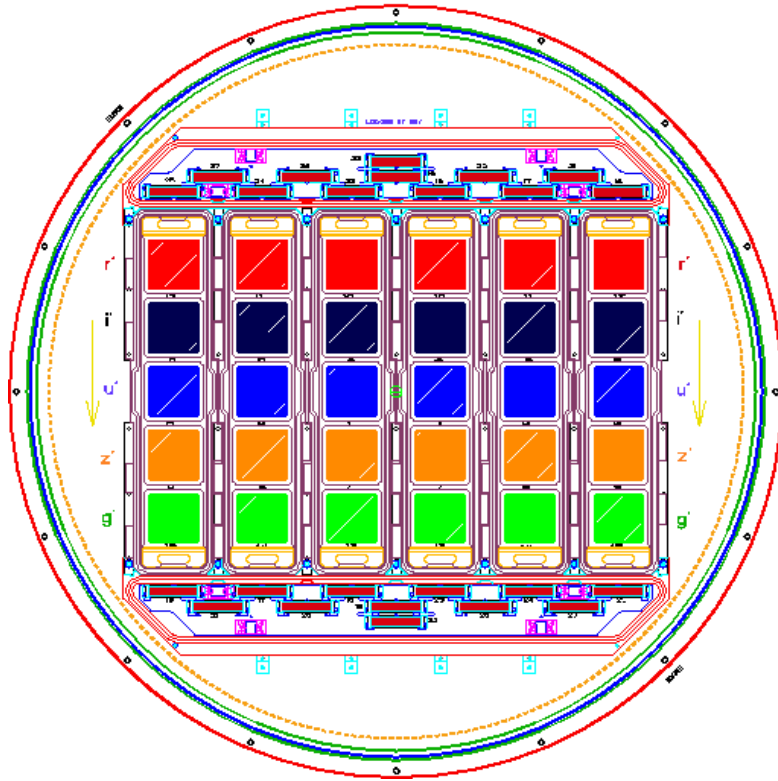
SLOAN Digital Sky Survey

2.5m SDSS Telescope
Apache Point Observatory

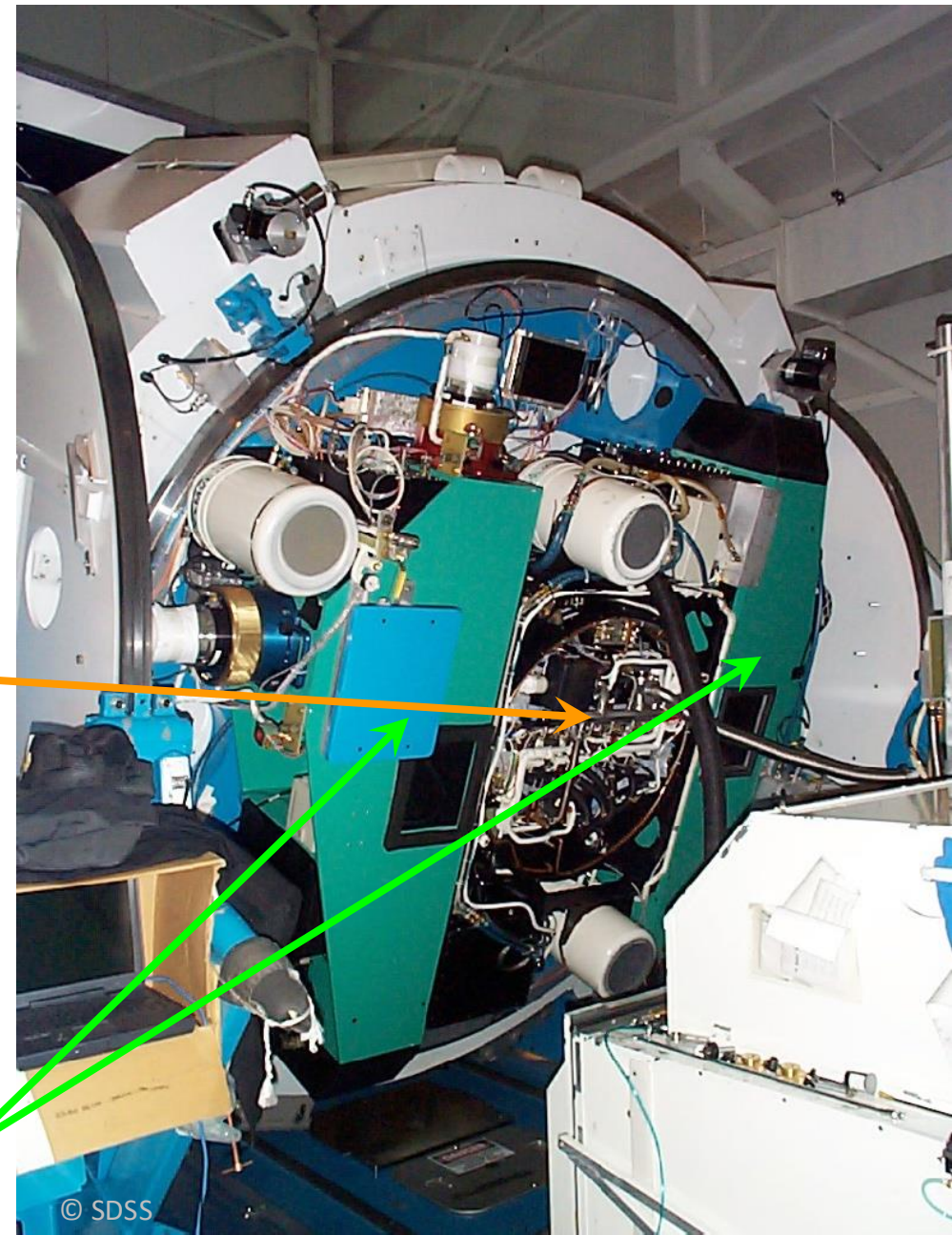


SLOAN Digital Sky Survey

Direct imaging CCD camera,
30 x SITe 2048×2048 pixels



two 2-channel-spectrographs (blue/red),
fiber-coupled to the telescope



SLOAN Digital Sky Survey

Combined imaging and spectroscopic survey:

SDSS-I: 2000-2005
SDSS-II: 2005-2008 → DR7
SDSS-III: 2008-2014 → DR8, DR9, DR10

Deep images in 5 filter bands:

u' , g' , r' , i' , z'

359/481/623/764/906 nm

DR8: largest optical survey dataset

- images for >500 million stars and galaxies
- spectra for ~2 million objects
- 8000 square degrees survey area

Telescope and instrumentation (York et al. 2000):

2.5m telescope, f/5, 3° FoV, 0.5m auxiliar telescope (photometric calibration)

- 120 MPixel CCD camera, FoV 1.5 deg²
- 2 fiber-coupled spectrographs > **600 spectra per exposure**

SLOAN Digital Sky Survey

- The discovery of the most distant quasars, powered by supermassive black holes in the early Universe
- The discovery of large populations of sub-stellar objects
- Mapping extended mass distributions around galaxies with weak gravitational lensing
- Systematic characterization of the galaxy population
- The demonstration of ubiquitous substructure in the outer Milky Way
- Demonstration of the common origin of dynamical asteroid families
- Precision measurement of the luminosity distribution of quasars
- Precision measurements of large scale clustering and cosmological constraints
- Precision measurement of early structure with the Lyman-alpha forest
- Detailed characterization of small and intermediate scale clustering of galaxies
- Discovery of many new companions of the Milky Way and Andromeda
- Discovery of stars escaping the Galaxy
- Discovery of acoustic oscillation signatures in the clustering of galaxies
- Measurements of the clustering of quasars over a wide range of cosmic time

→ total of more than 10000 publikations in refereed journals

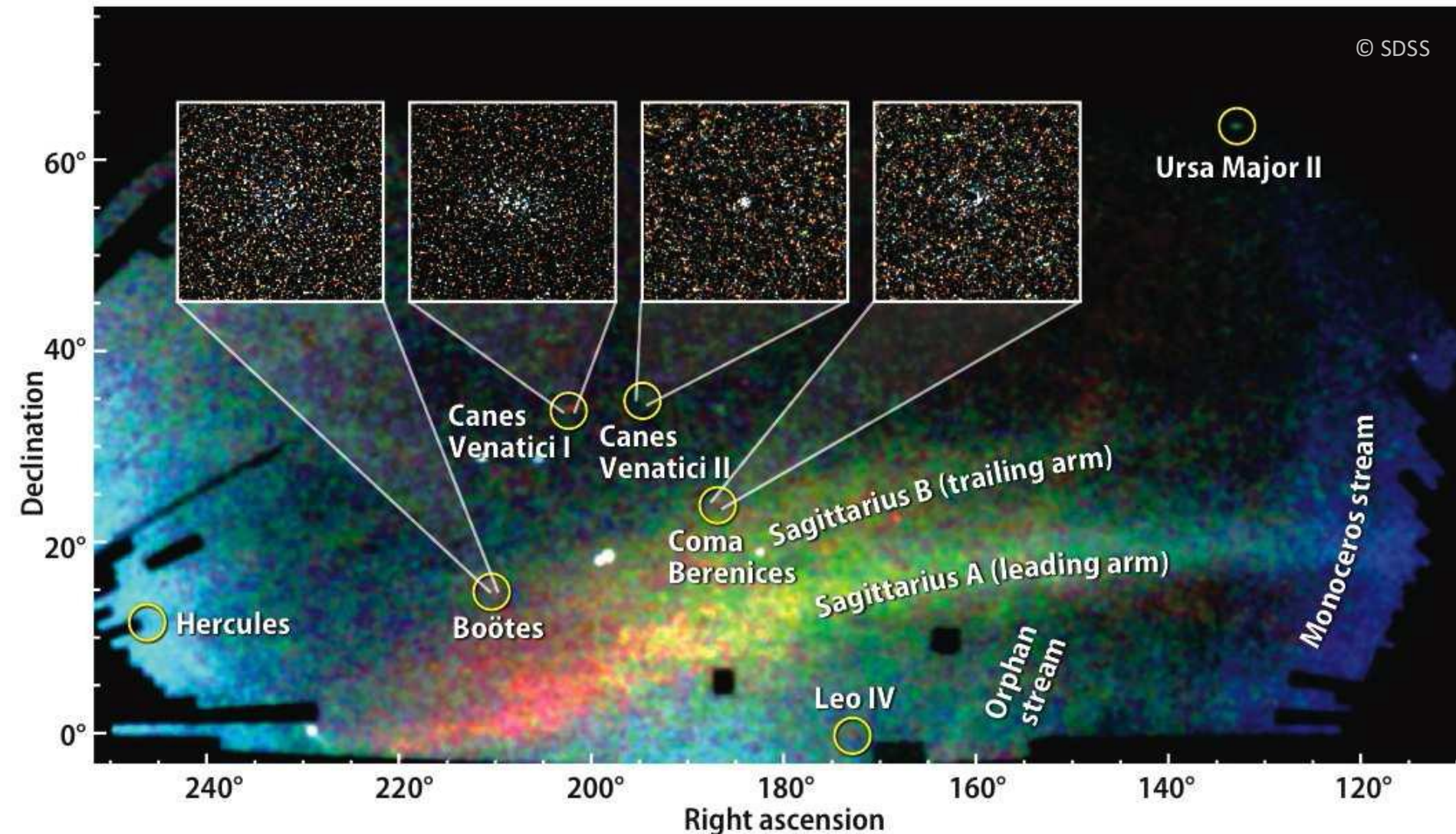
→ countless dissertations

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Supernovae type Ia



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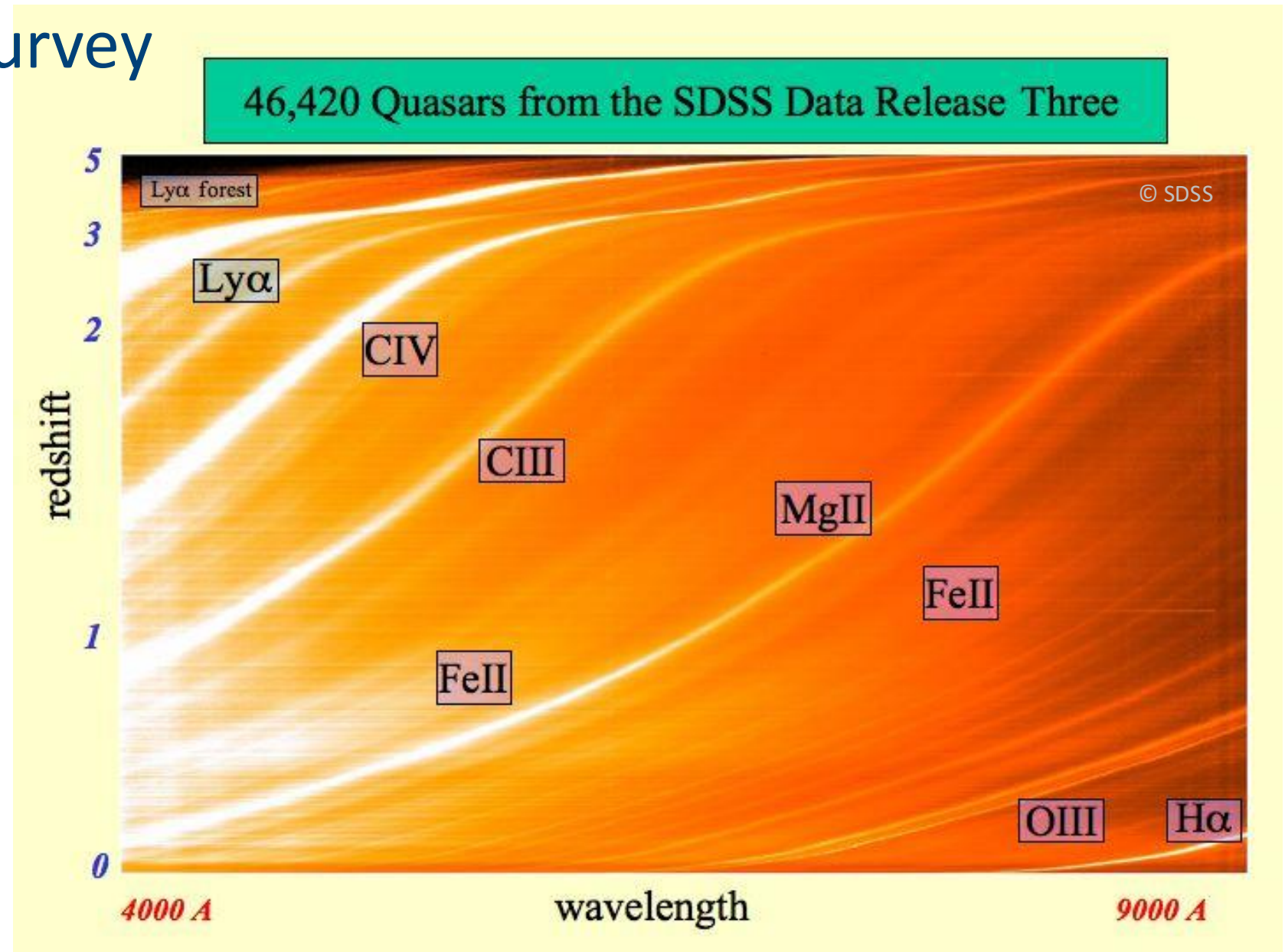


Map of stars in the outer regions of the Milky Way (across 1/5 of the sky). Trails and streams that cross the image are stars torn from disrupted Milky Way satellites (Belokurov et al. 2006).

Four insets: surviving, very faint dwarf galaxies.

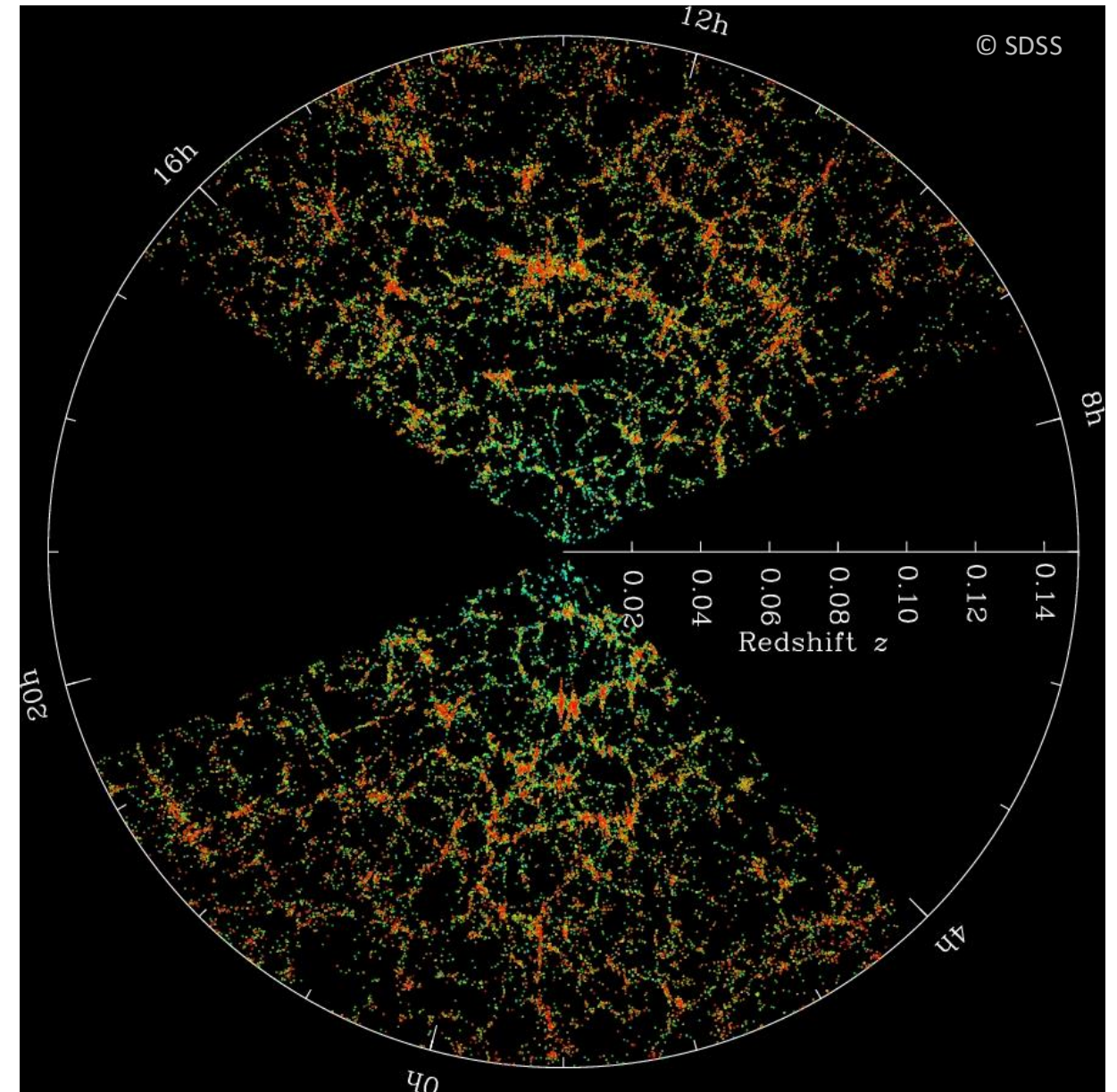
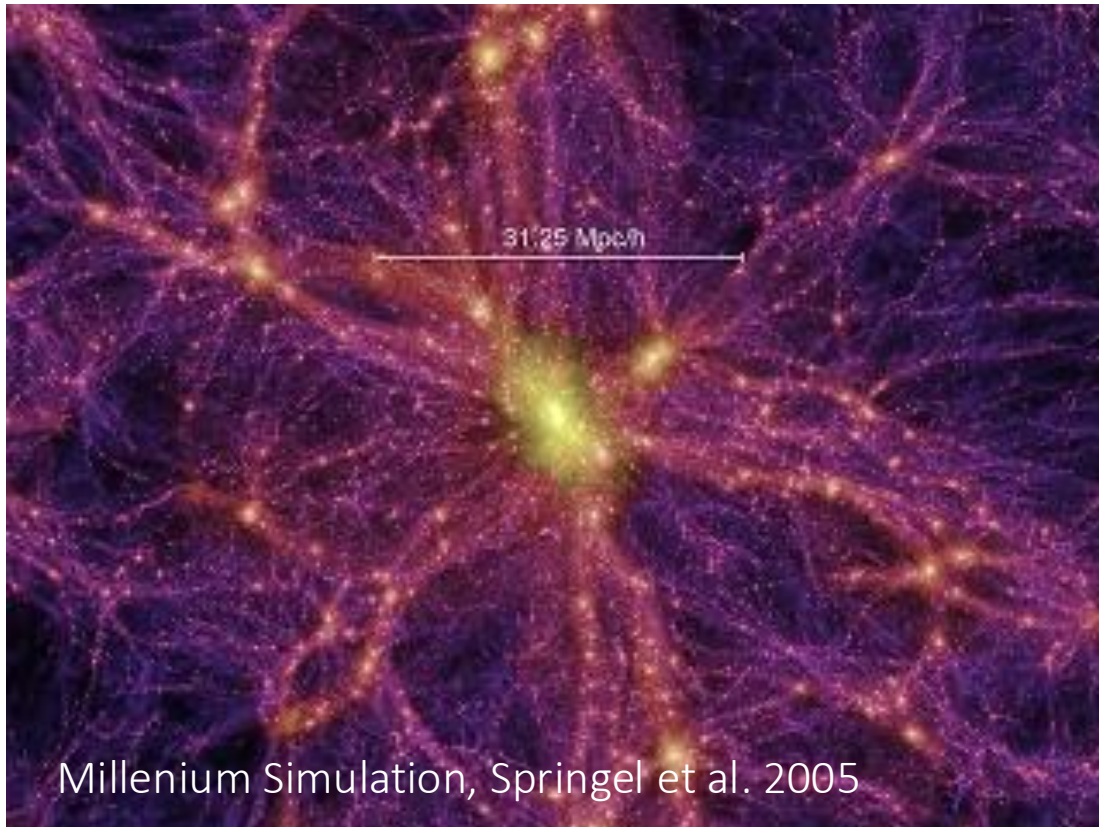
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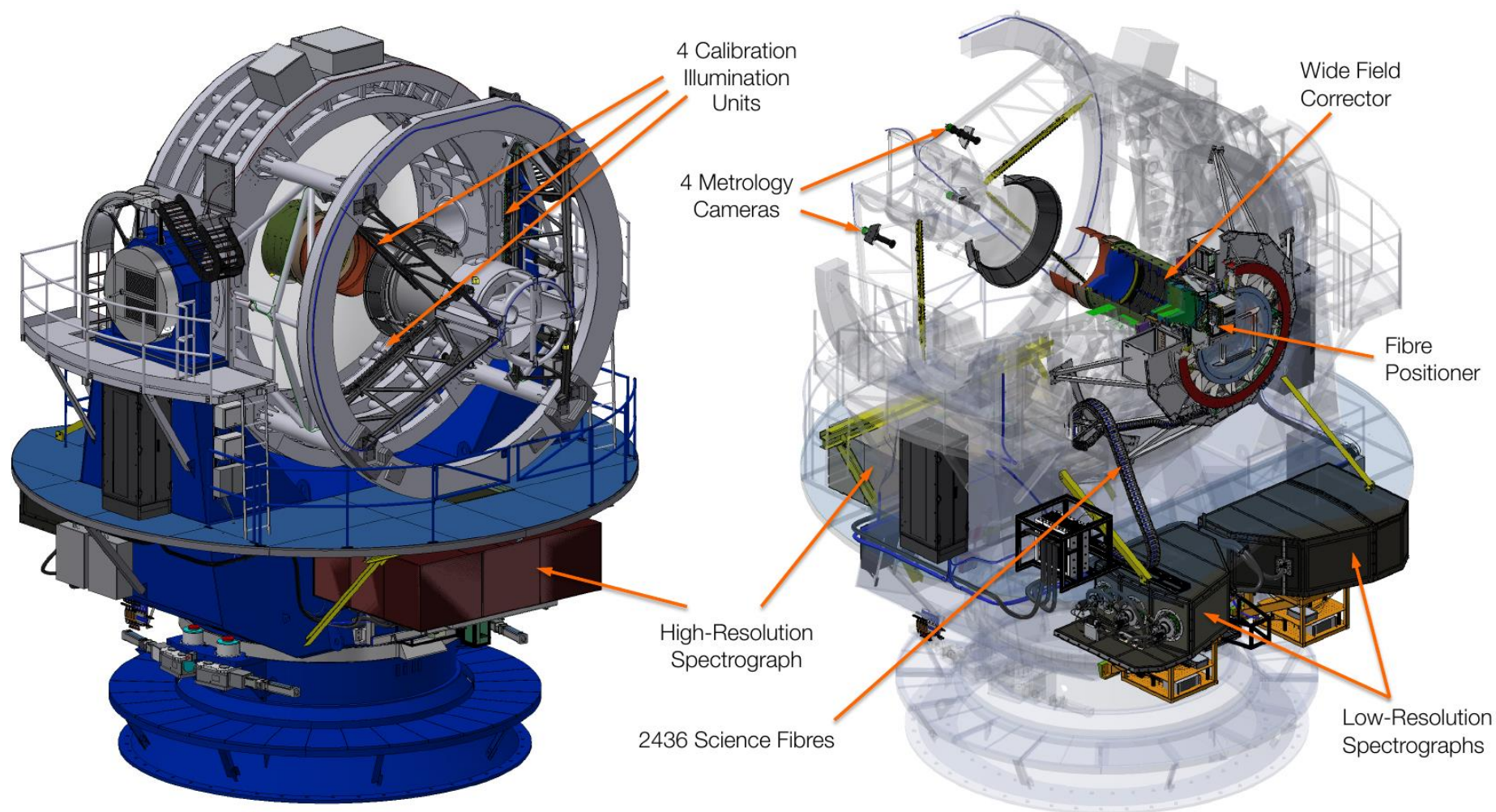


SLOAN Digital Sky Survey

SDSS redshift survey
to test cosmological models



4MOST: flagship survey facility for ESO



4MOST

Requirements

2-hour observation to yield:

- radial velocities with a precision of better than **2 km/s** for any Gaia source ($G_{\text{Vega}} < 20.5 \text{ mag}$)
- stellar parameters and abundances of up to 15 chemical elements to **15.5 mag**, abundances with a precision of better than 0.15 dex for key elements down to **18 mag**
- redshifts of $r_{\text{AB}} < 22 \text{ mag}$ galaxies and AGN

5-year survey: more than **20 million spectra** at low resolution and more than **3 million spectra** at high resolution.

Field of view

Accessible sky (zenith angle $< 55^\circ$)

Multiplex fibre positioner

On-sky fibre aperture

Minimum distance between fibres

Expected on-target fibre-hours per year

Detectors

Shape: hexagonal

Size: 4.2 deg^2

Diameter: **2.5 deg**

$30,000 \text{ deg}^2$

2436

Shape: circular

Size: 1.65 arcsec^2

Diameter: 1.45 arcsec

15 arcsec

LRS: 3.2 Mh/yr

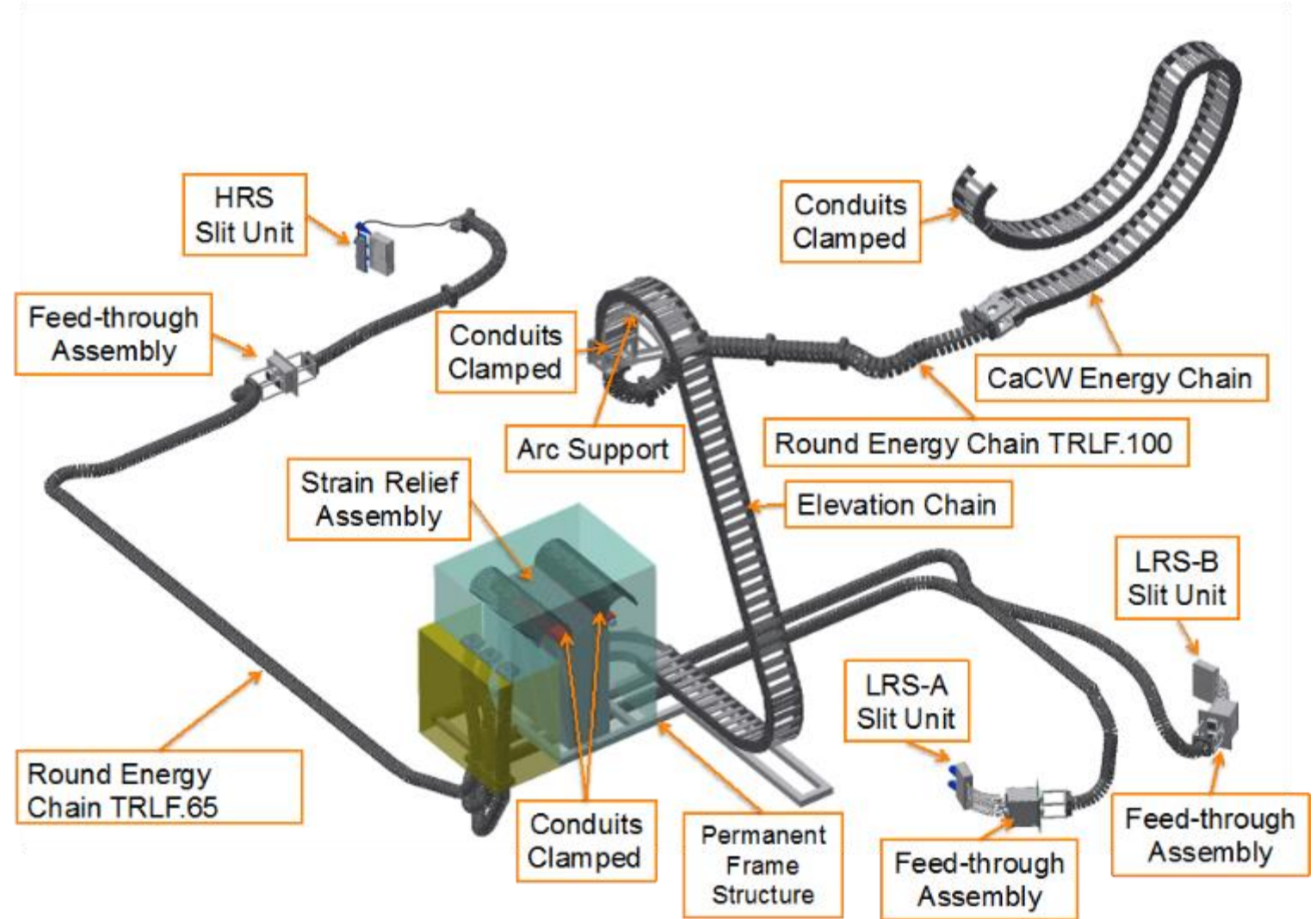
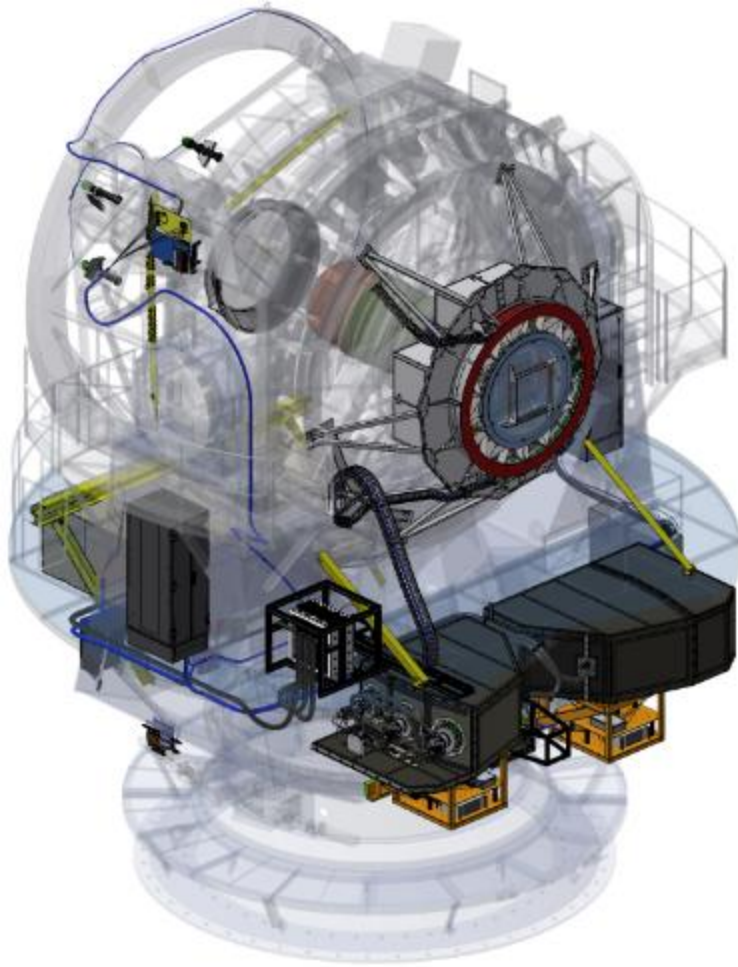
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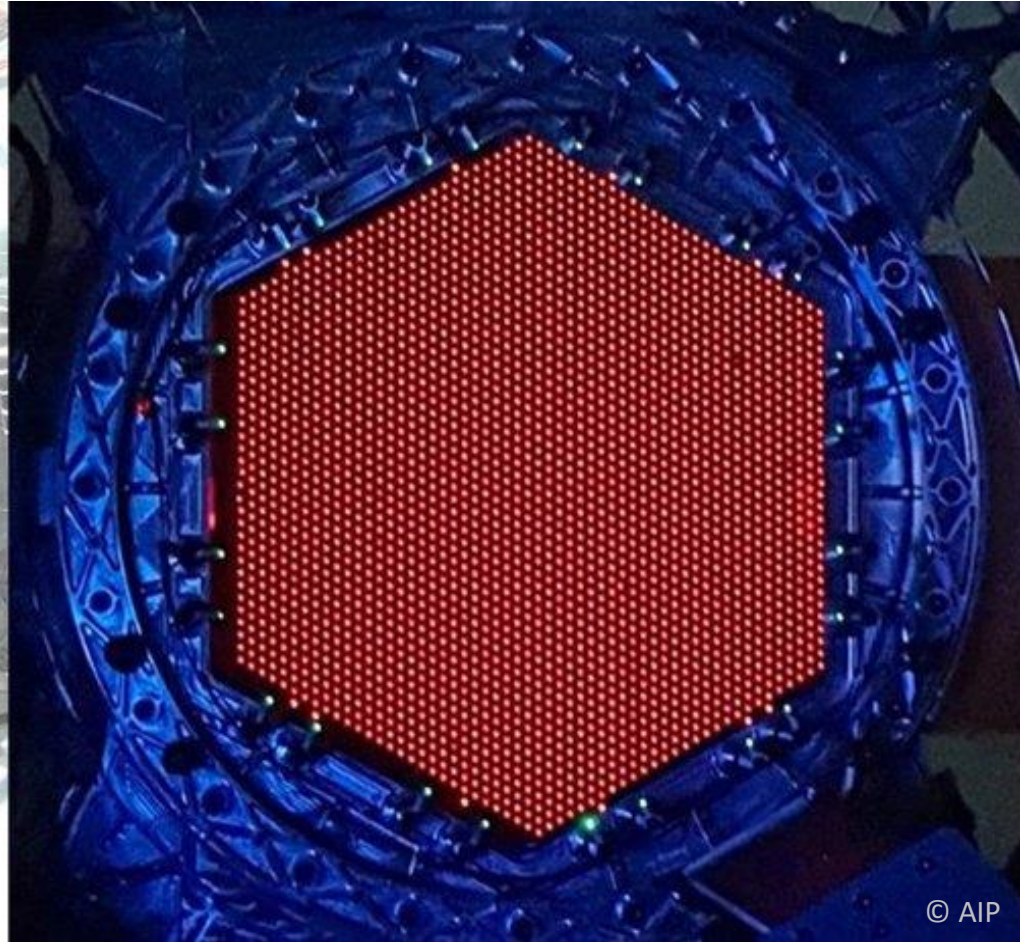
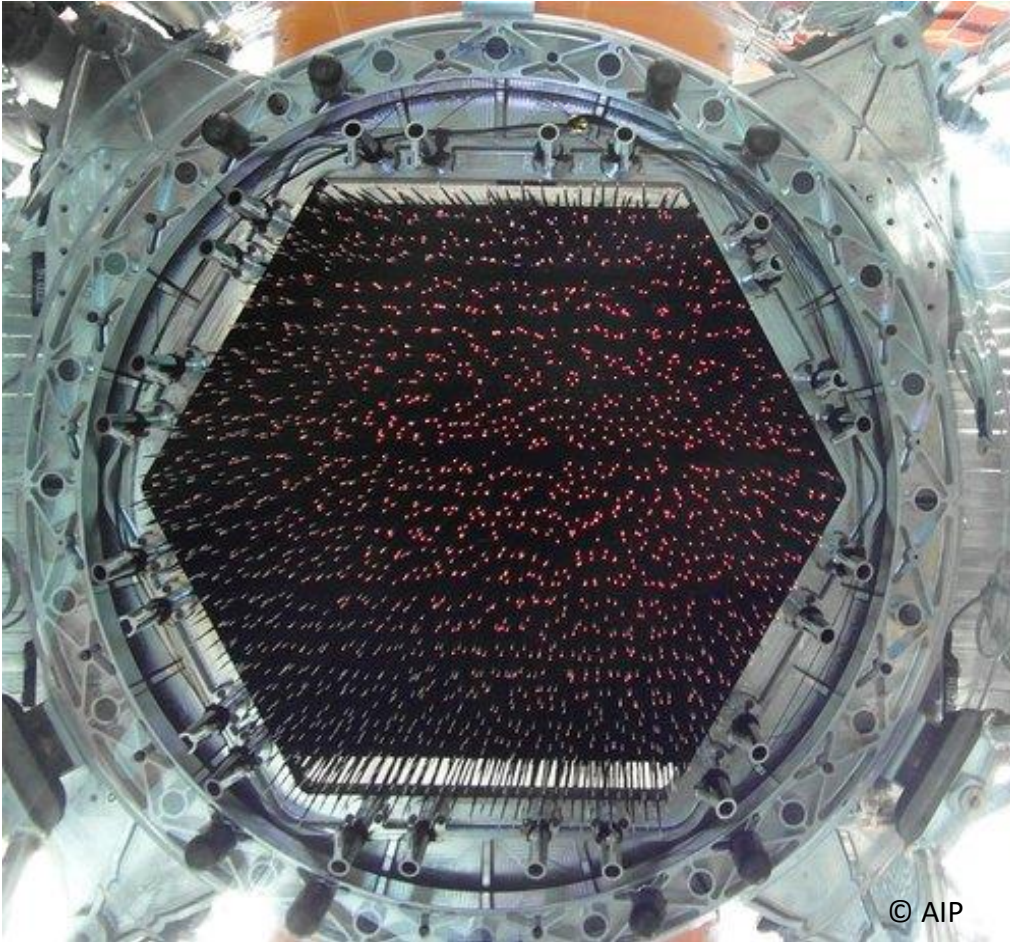
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4MOST Fiberfeed System



4MOST Fiber Positioner „AESOP“

- 2436 movable science fibre spines
- 12 guide fibre bundles
- 24 fixed fiducial fibres

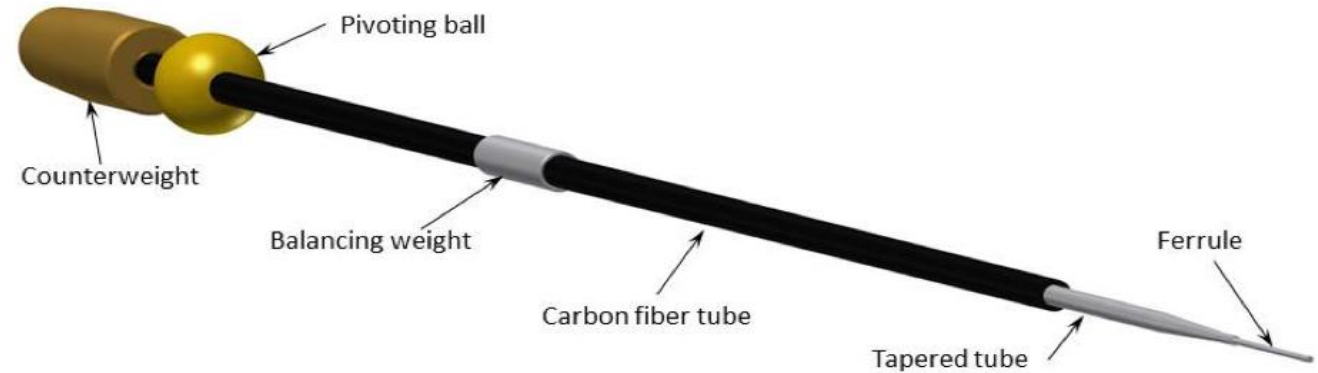


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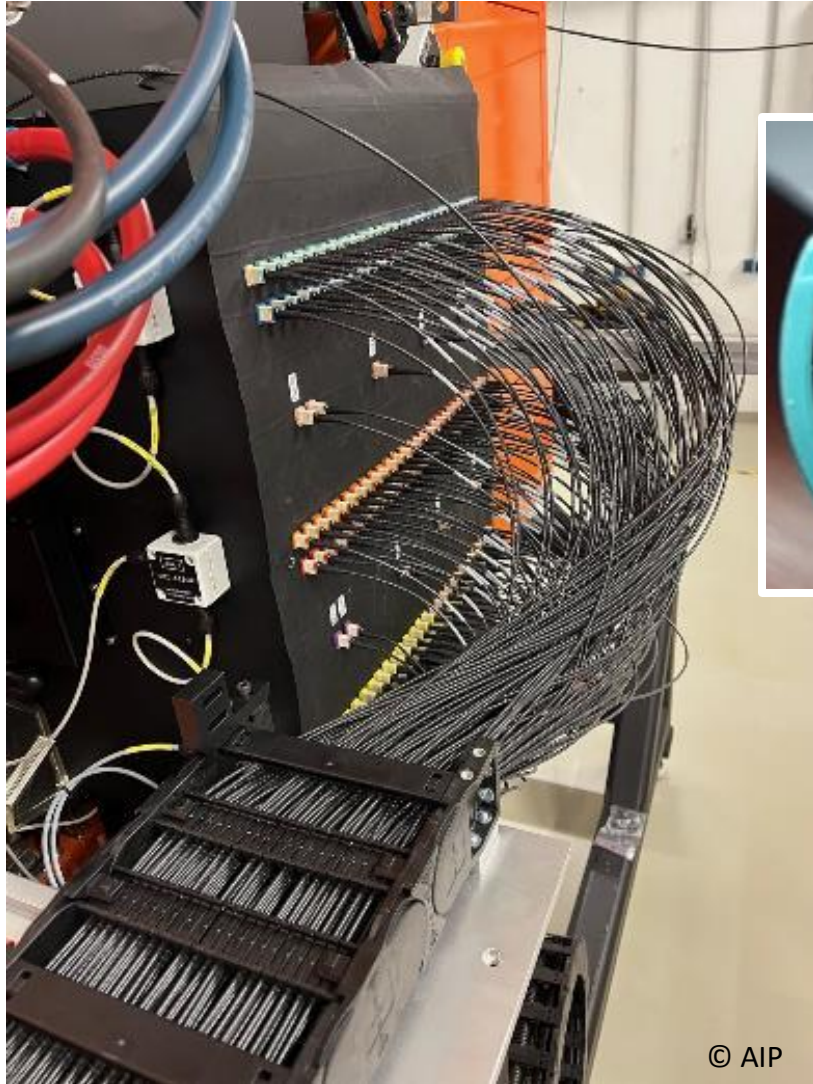
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- 2436 Fibers
- Tilting Spine Fiber Positioner
- Positioning with 2 minutes
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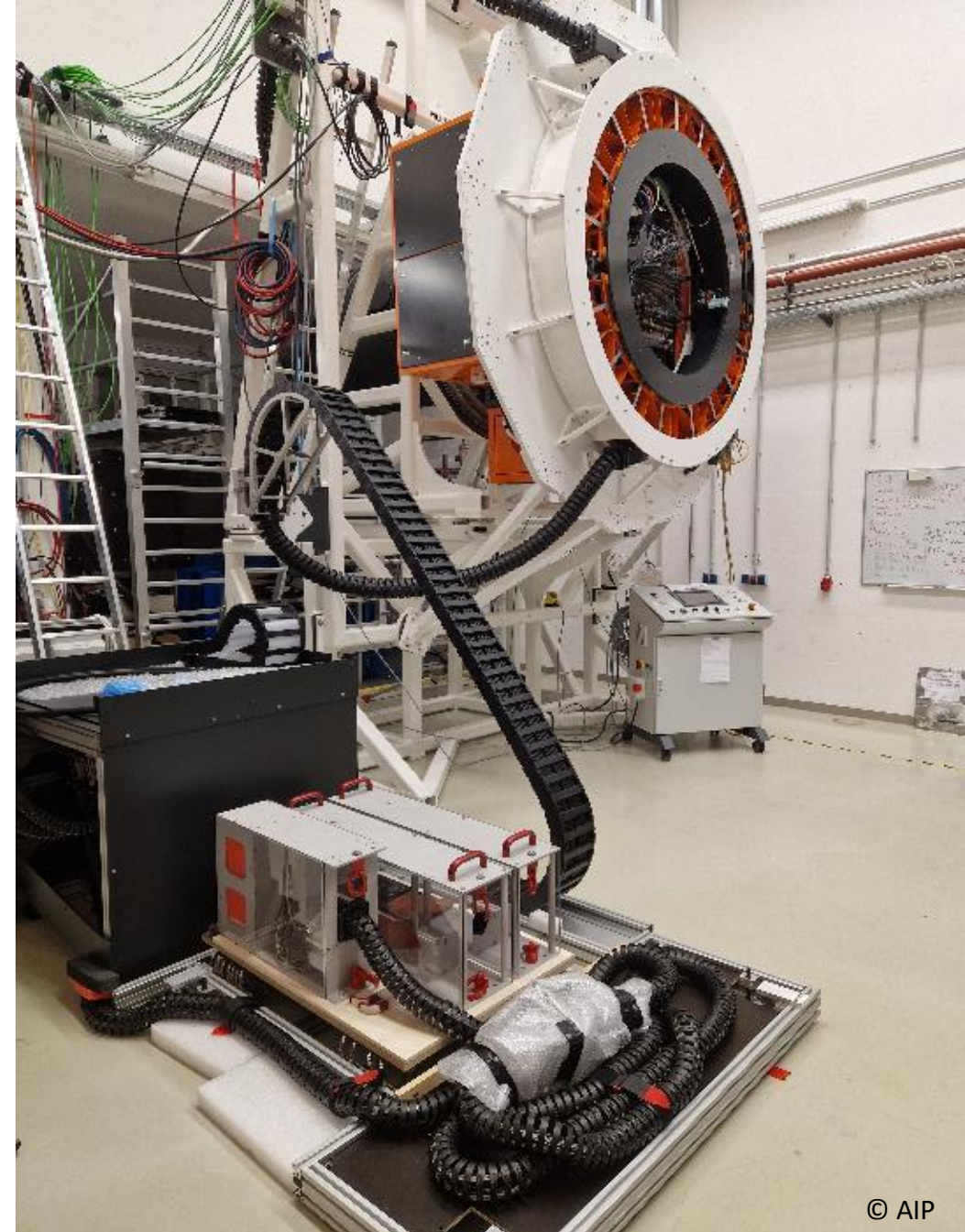
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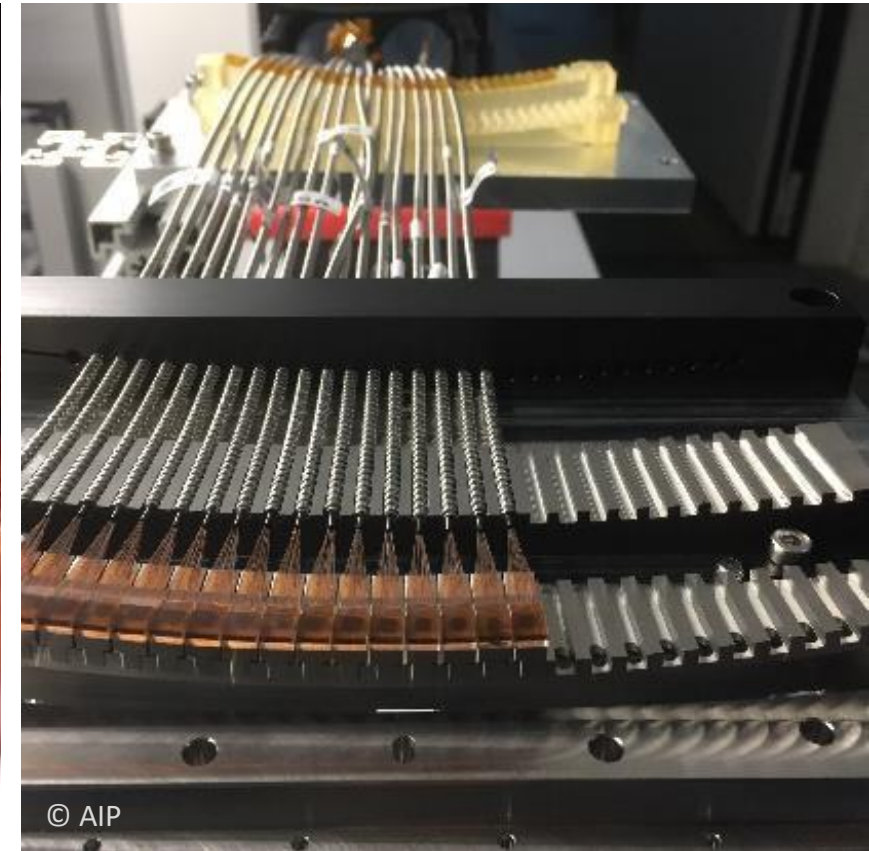
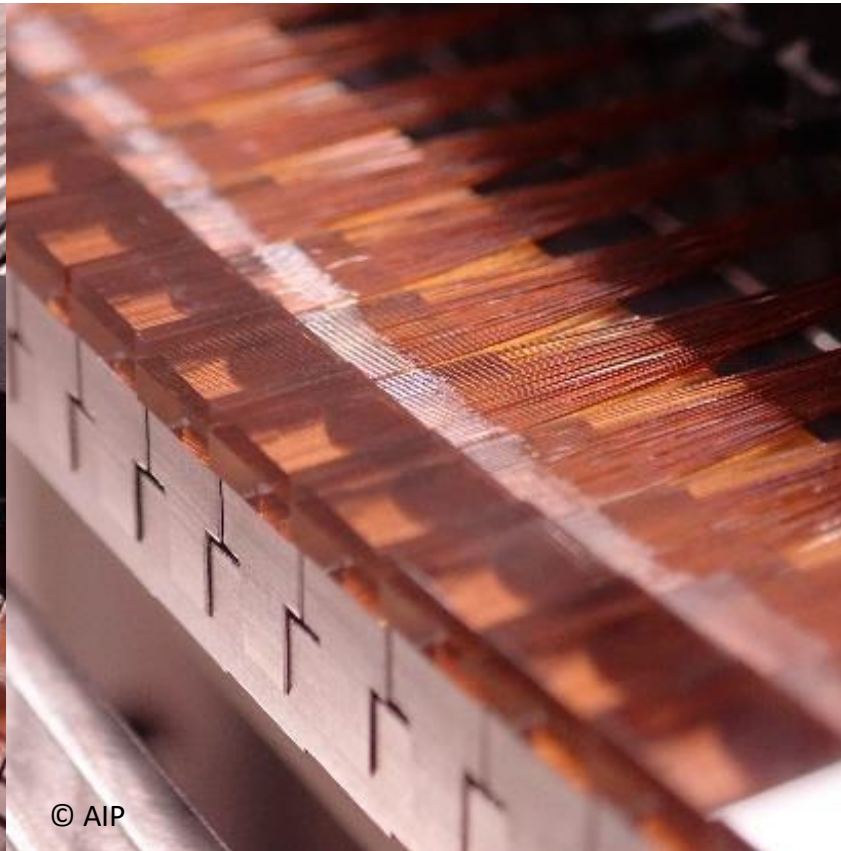


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4MOST Fiber Slit Assembly



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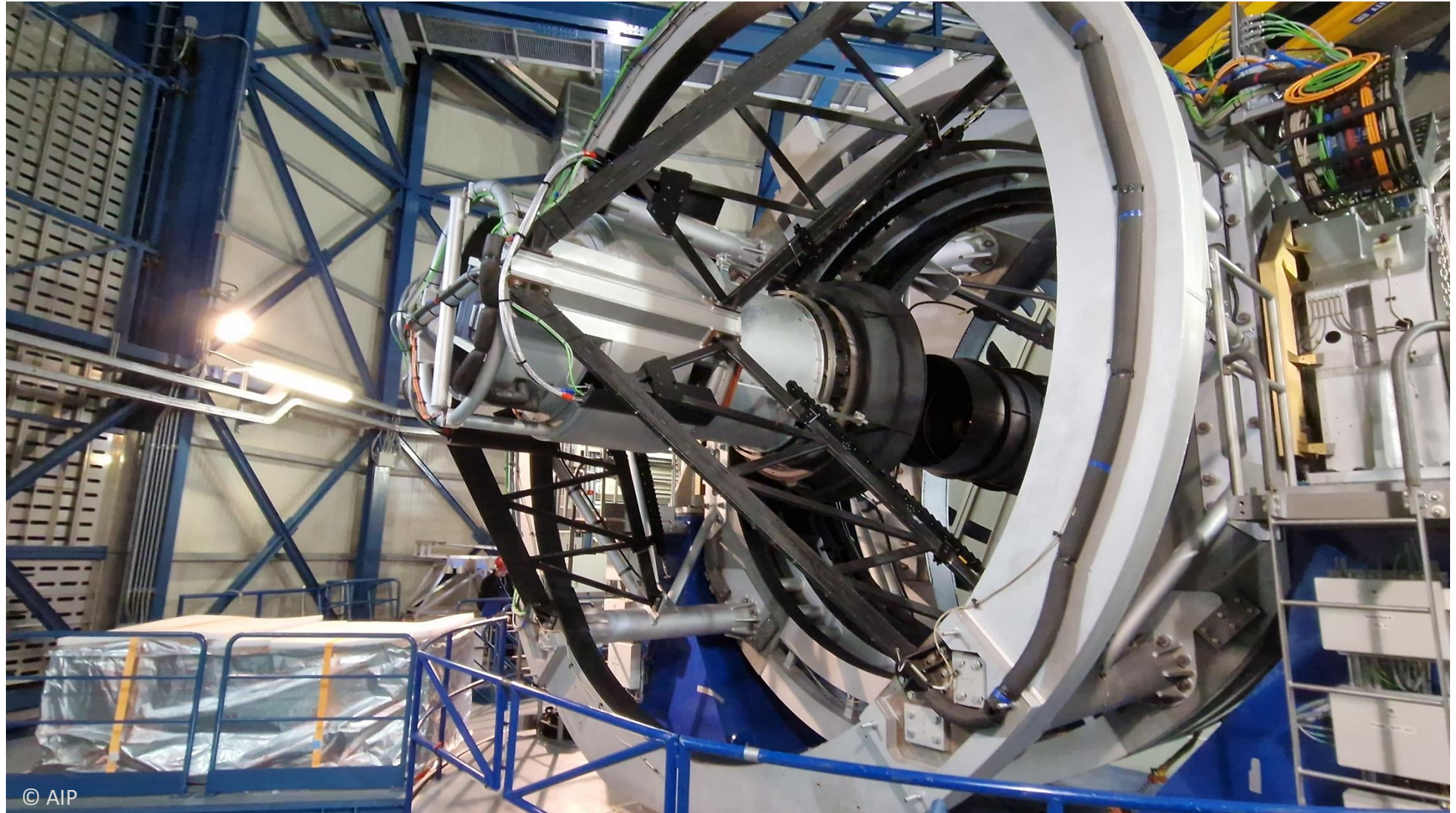
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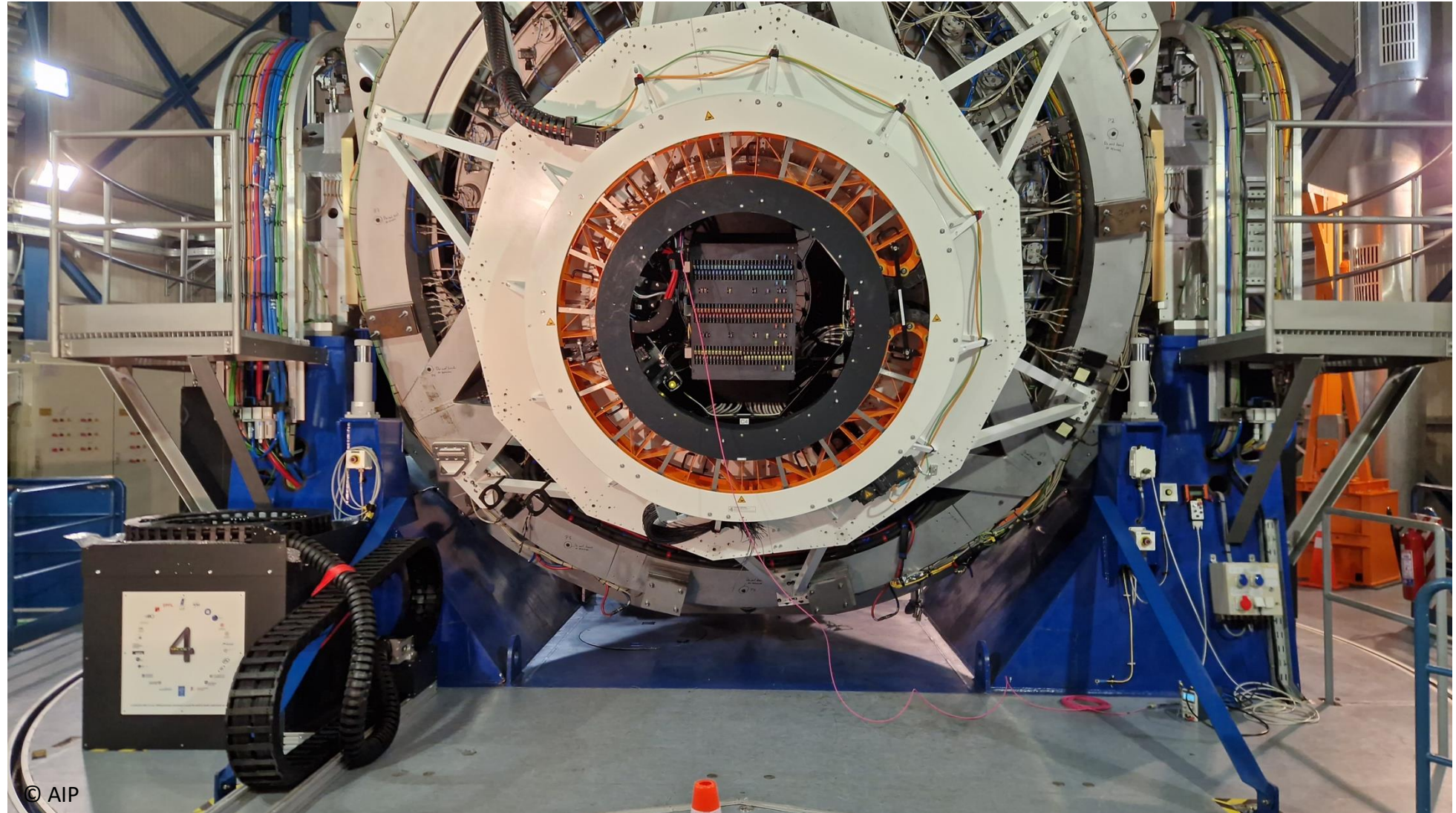
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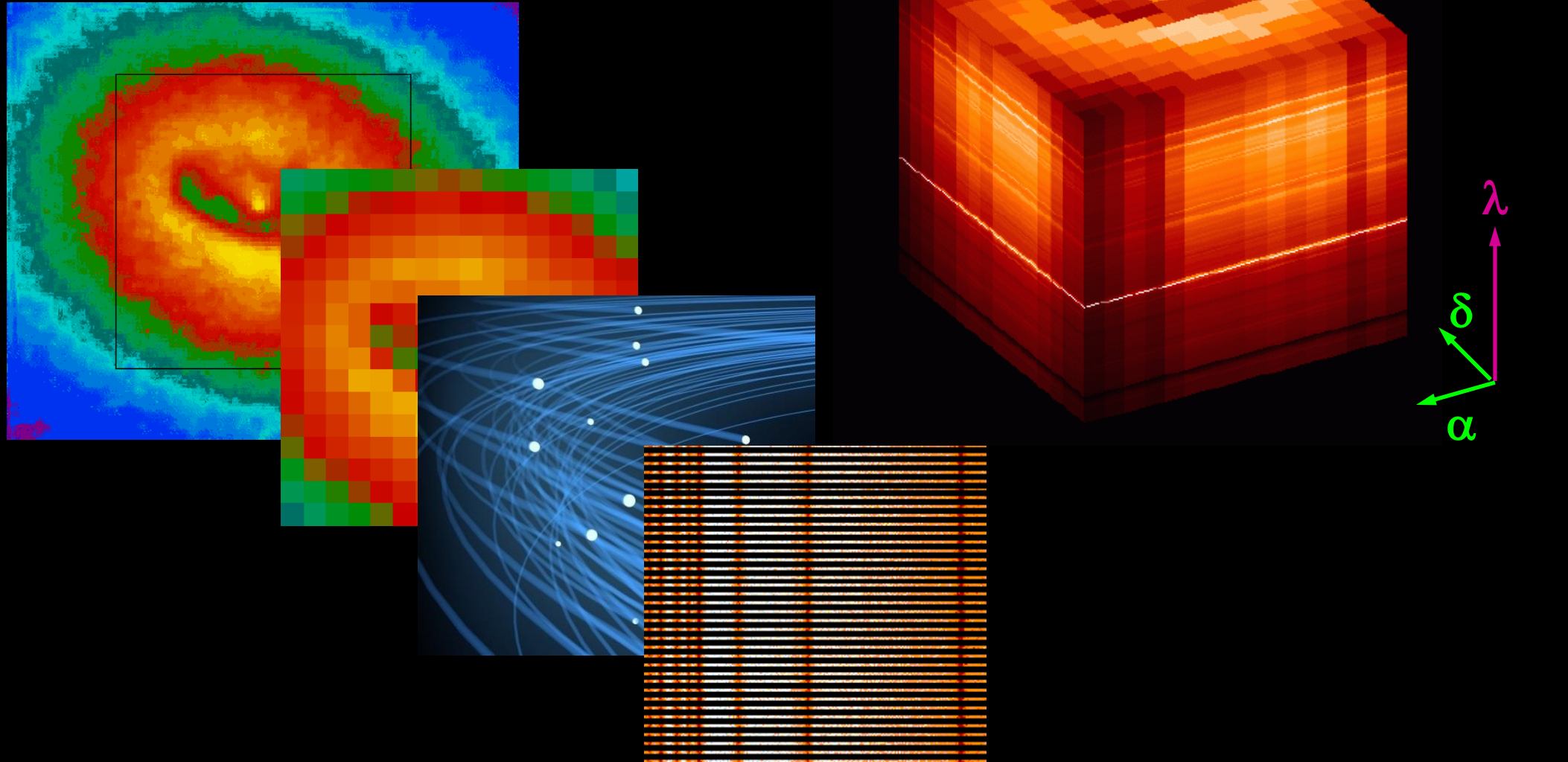
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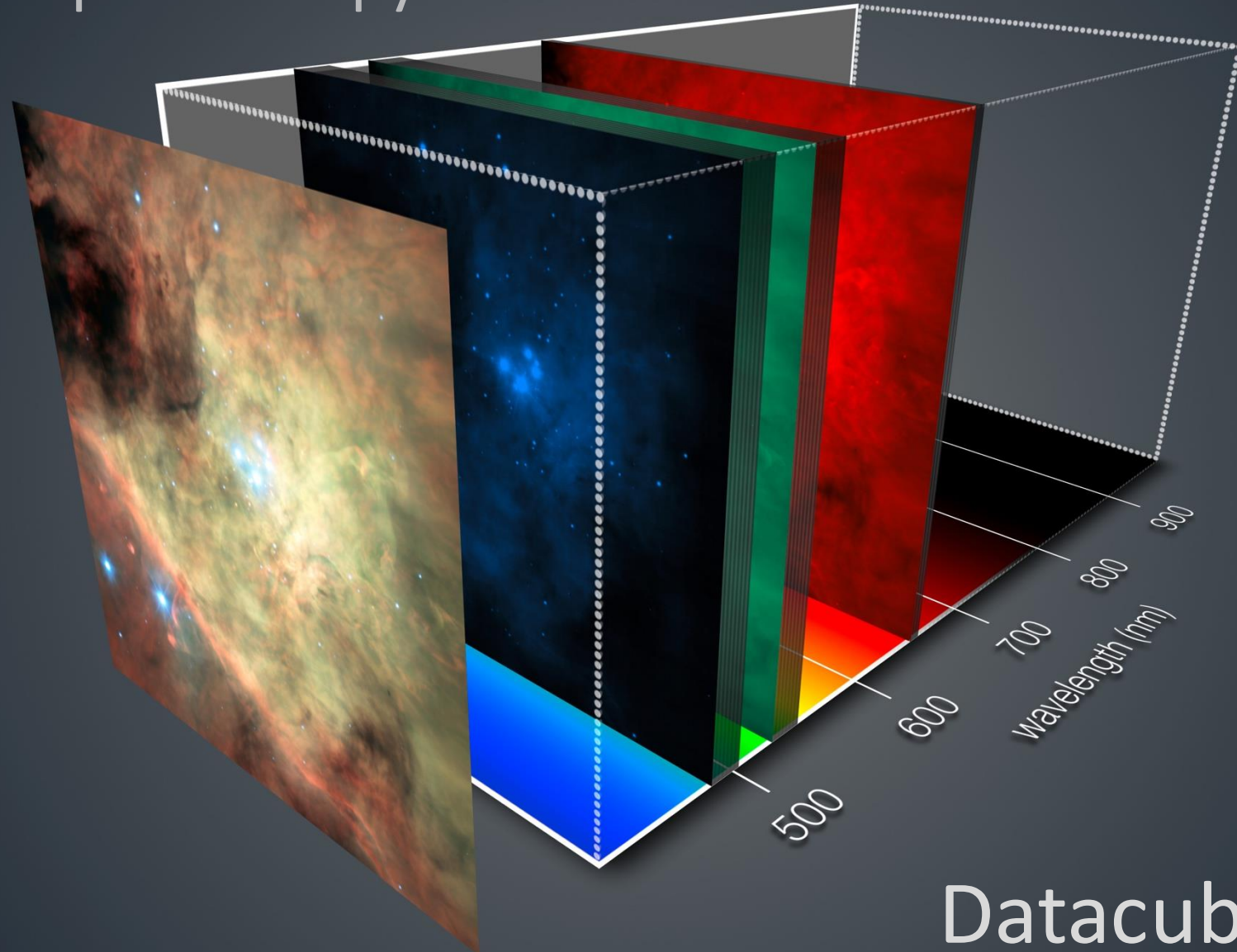
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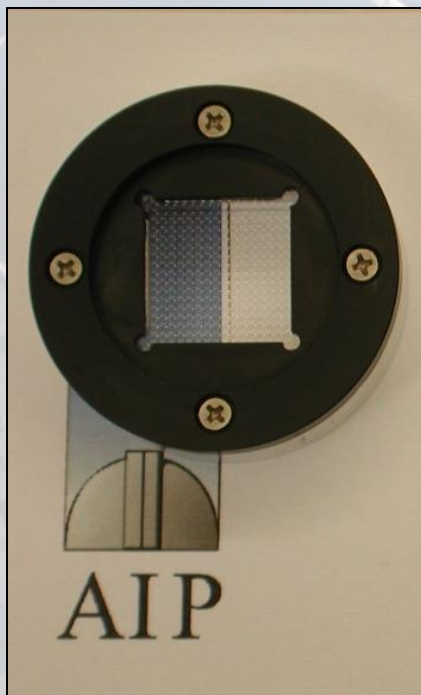
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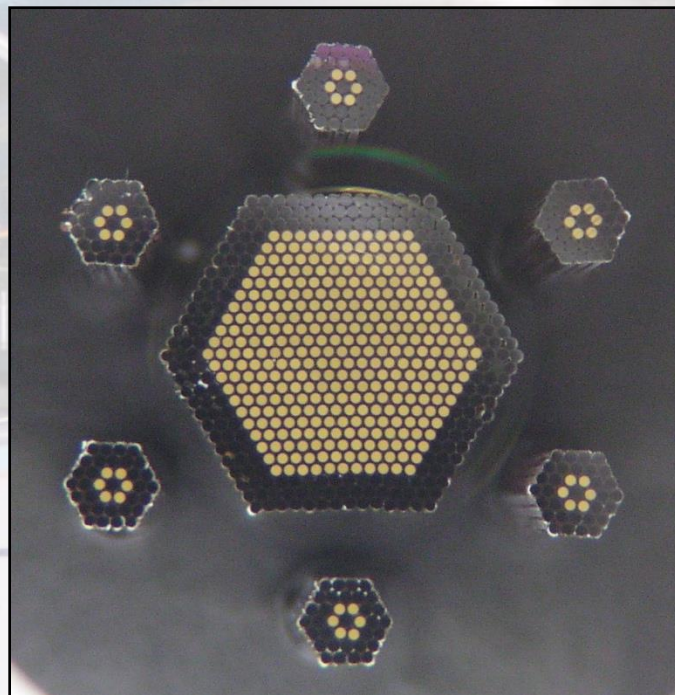
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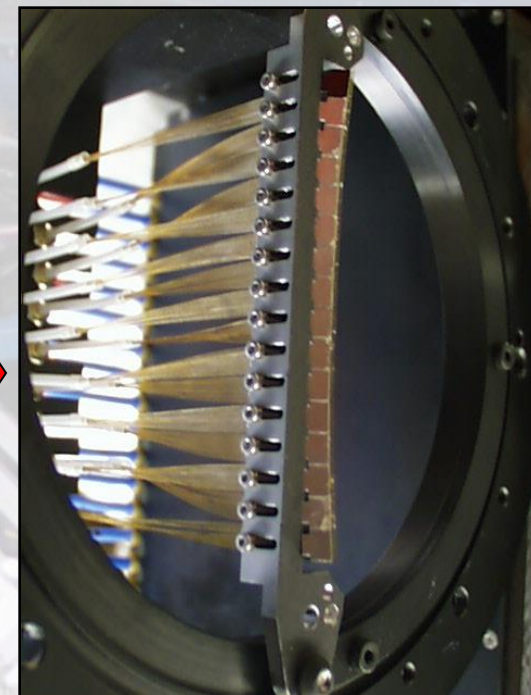
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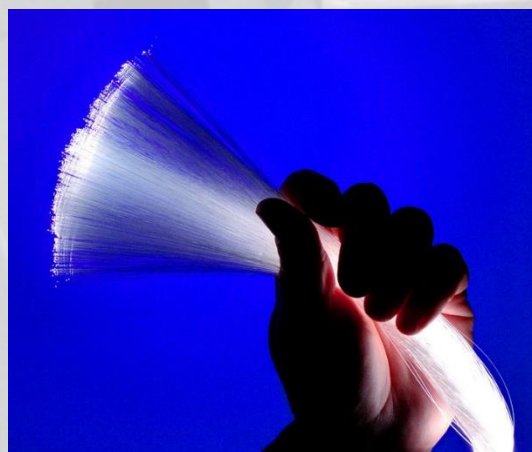
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Fiber Slit



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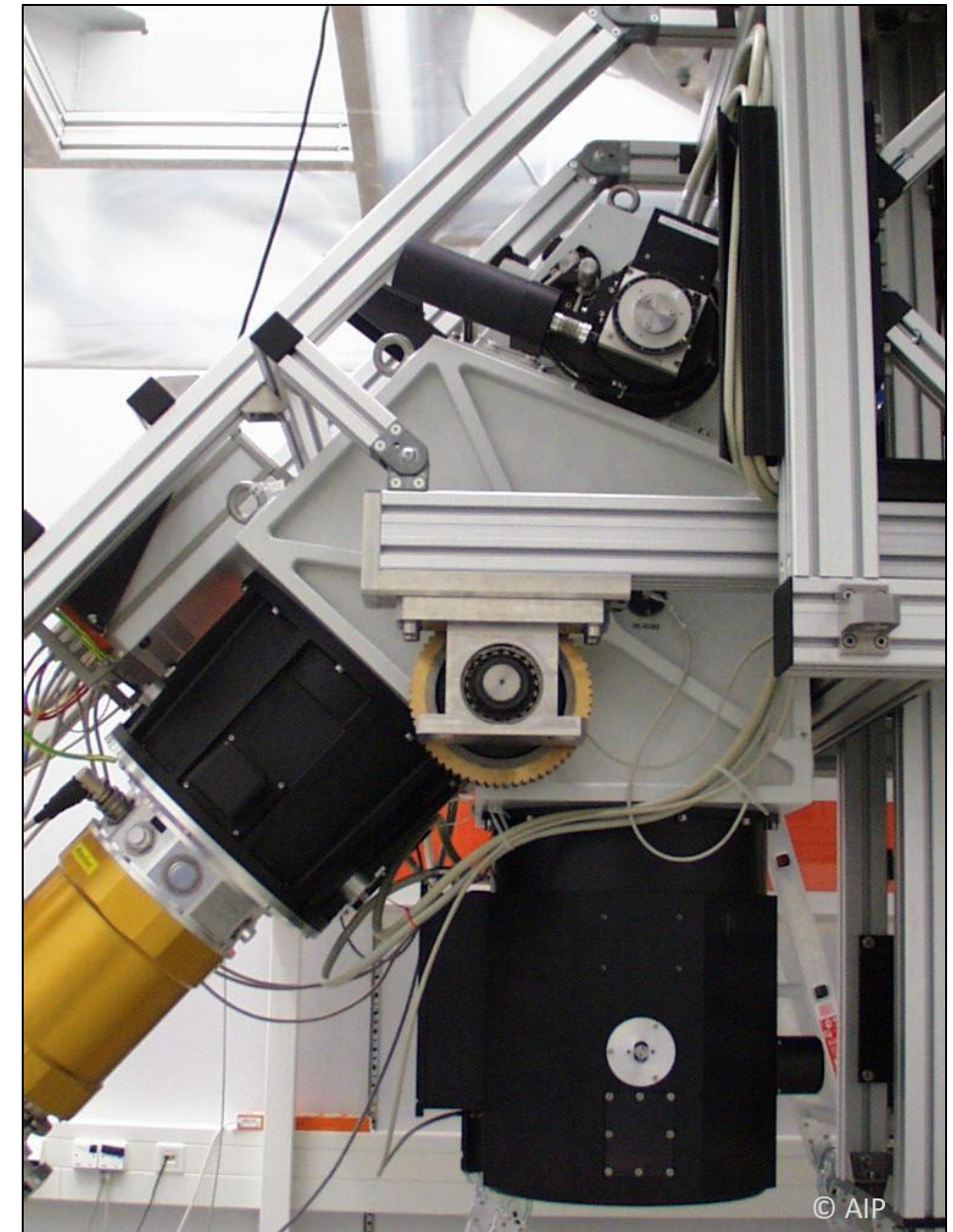
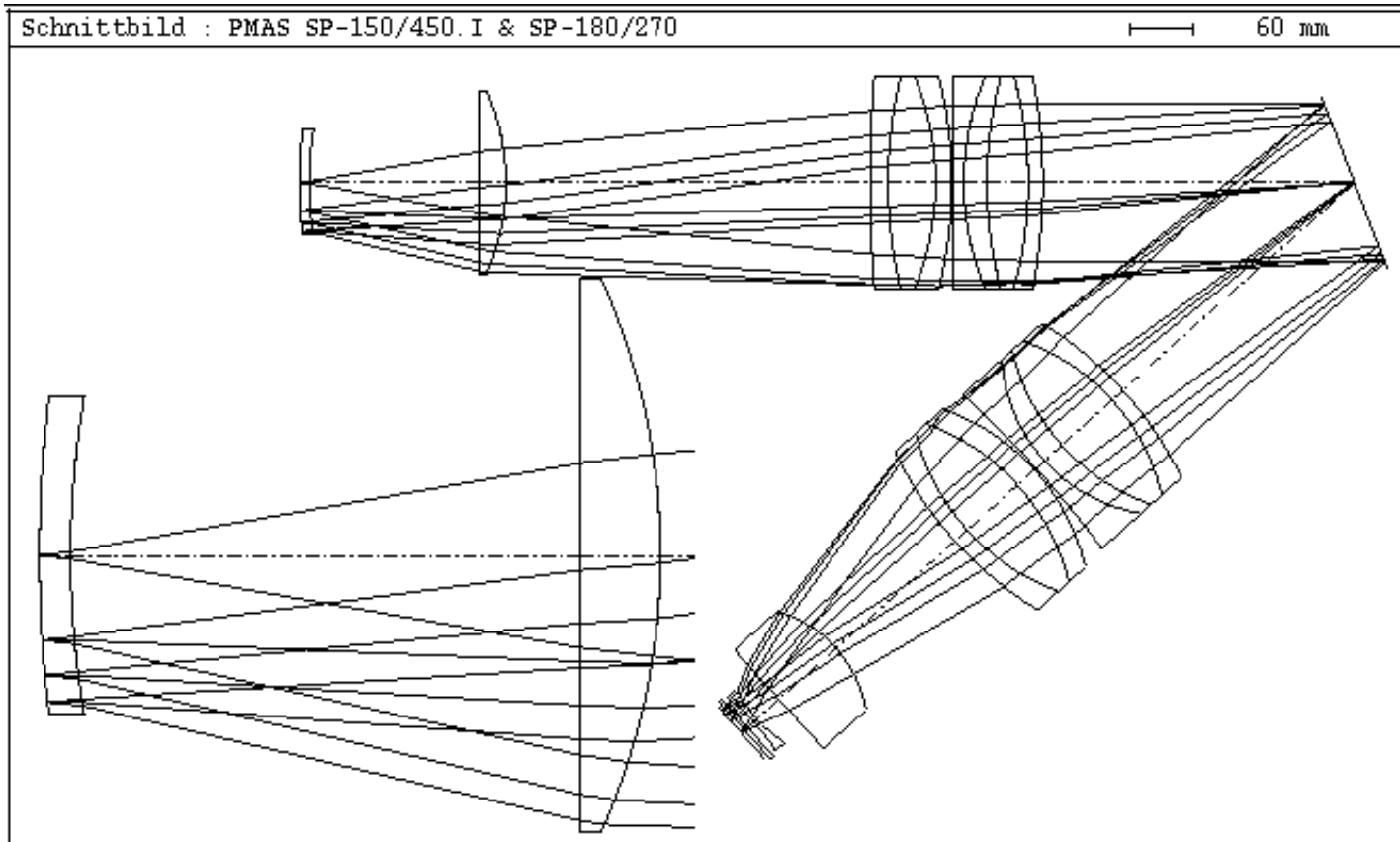
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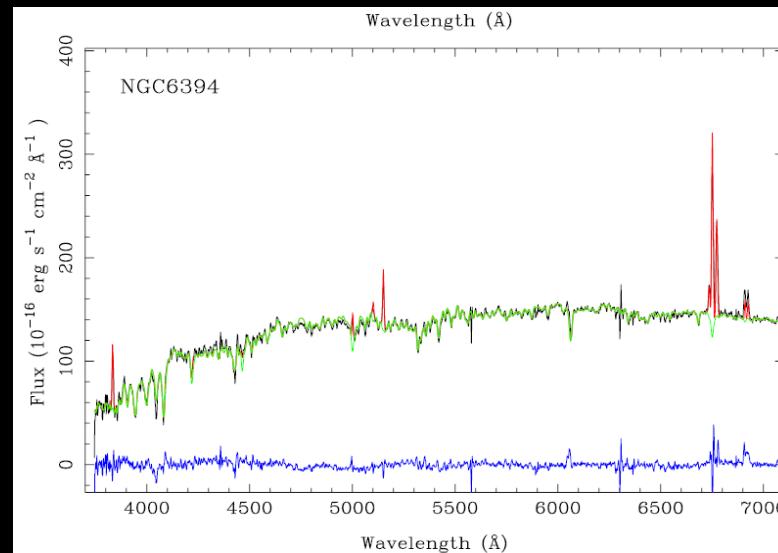
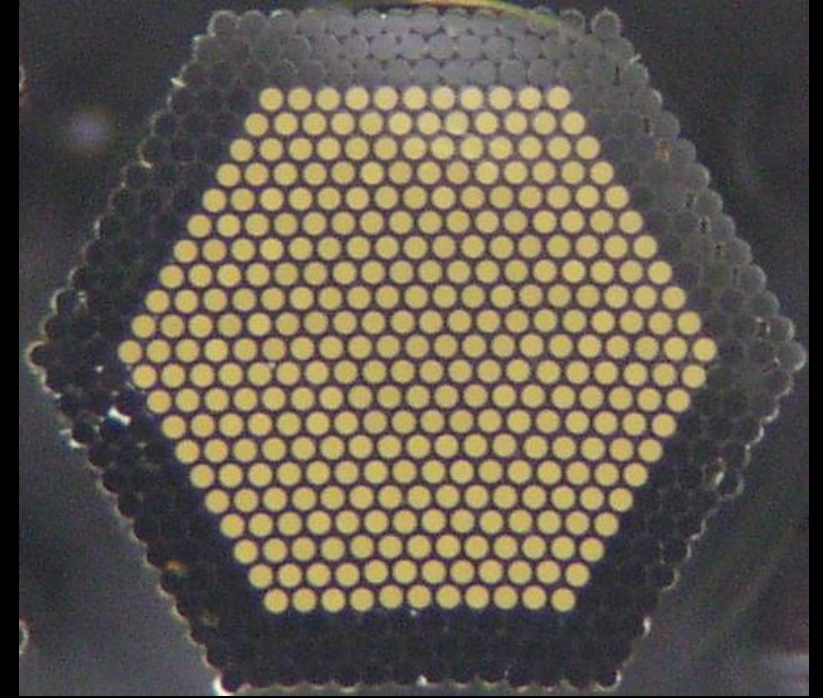
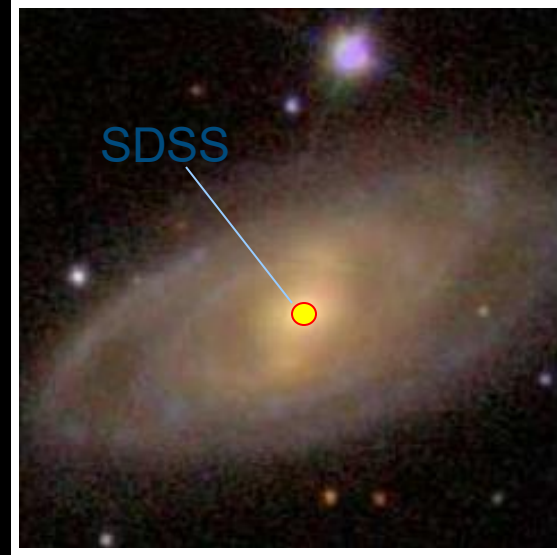
spectral dispersion

up to 1024 spectra
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PMAS Fiber Spectrograph



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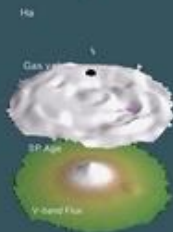
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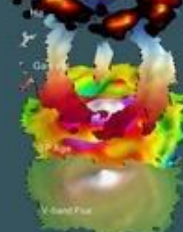
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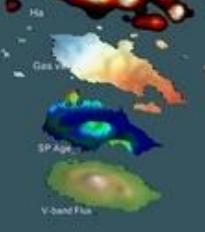
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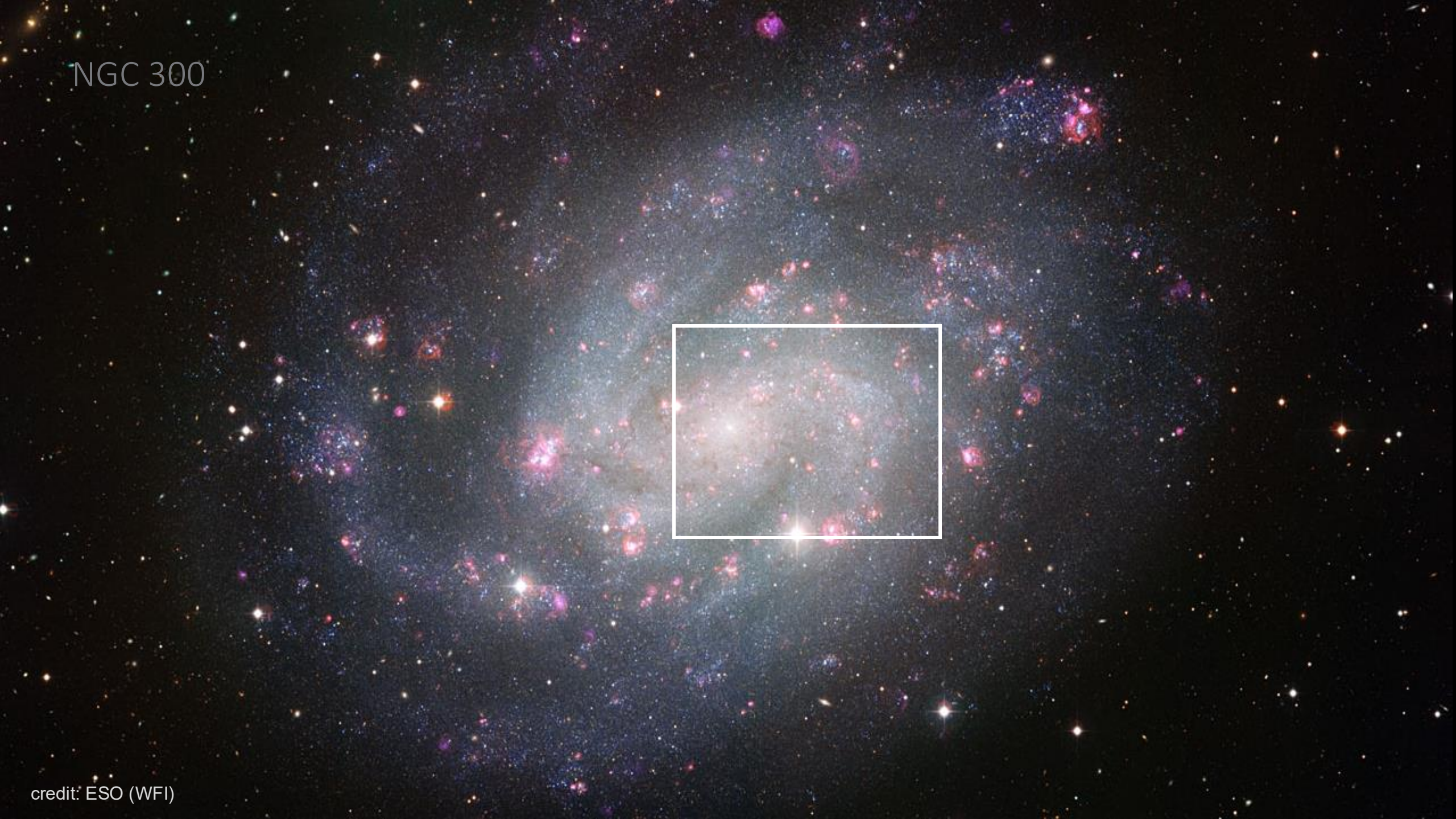
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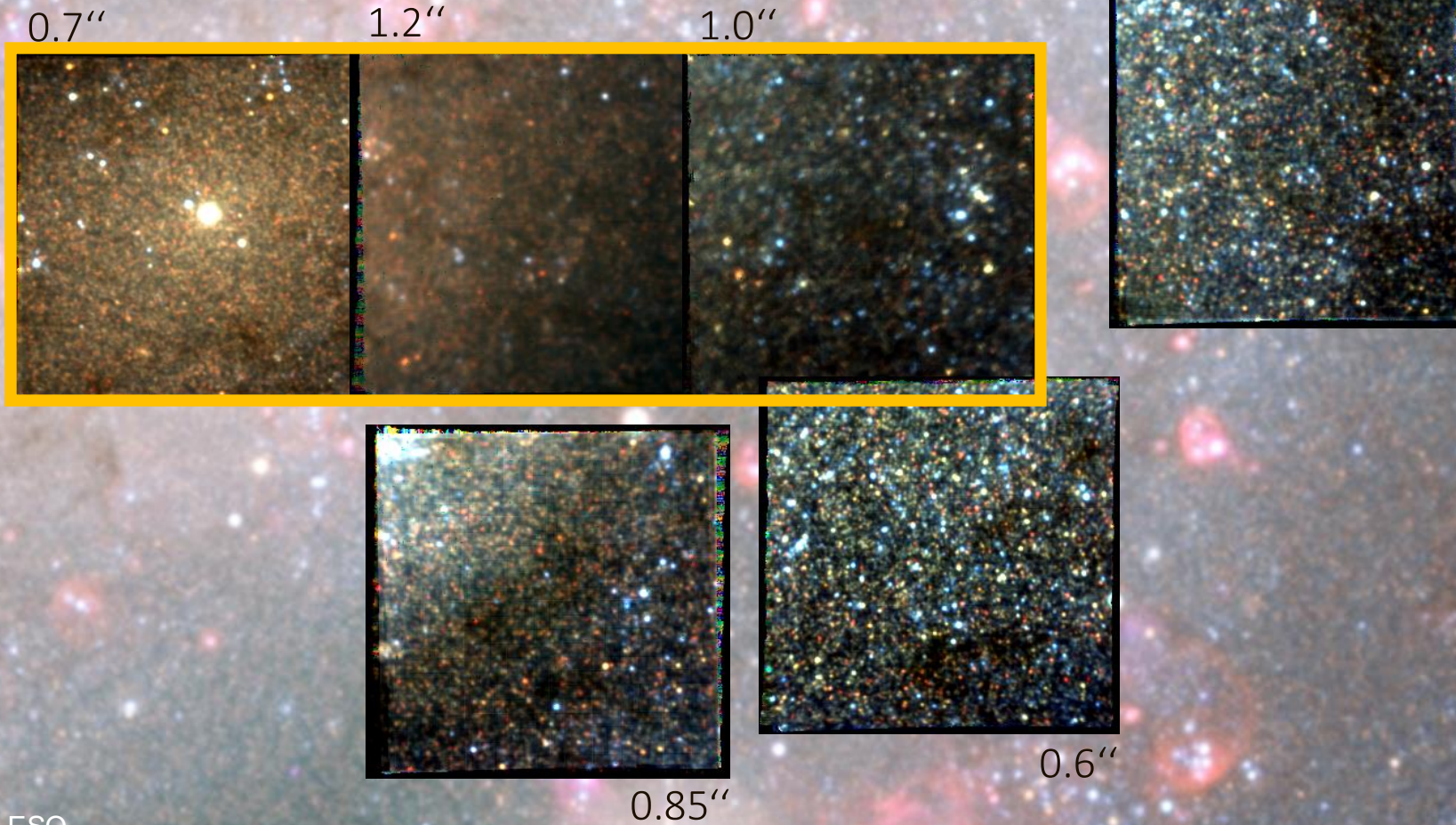
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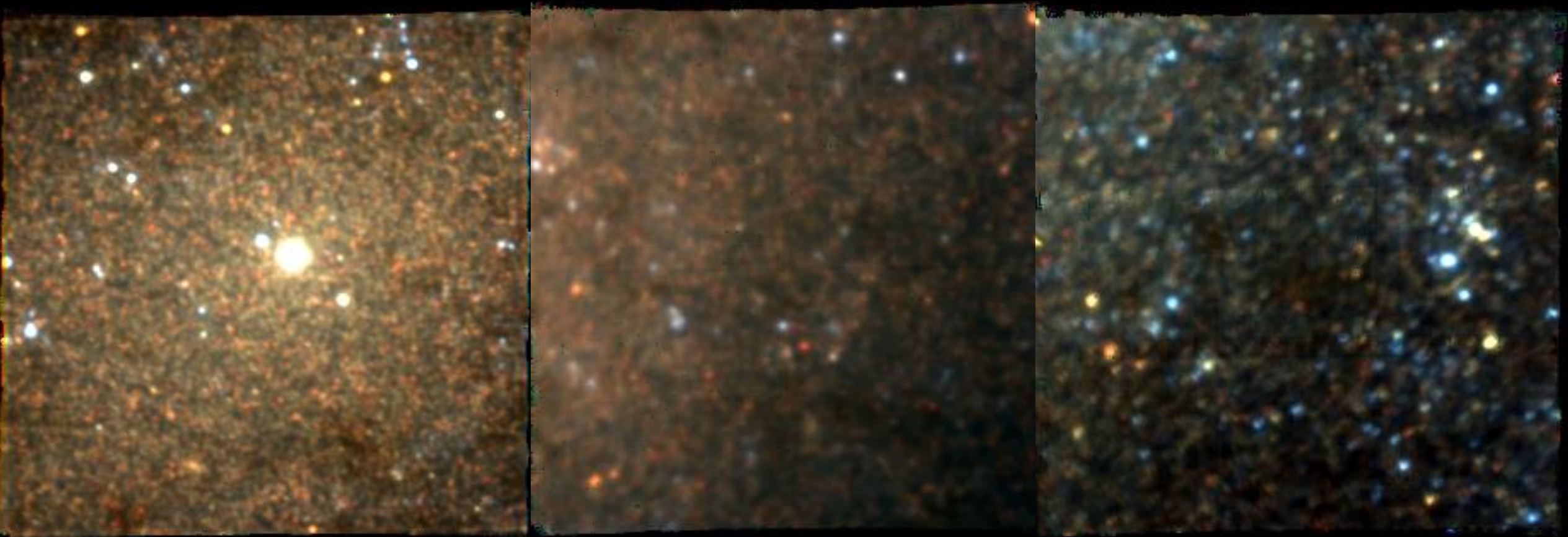


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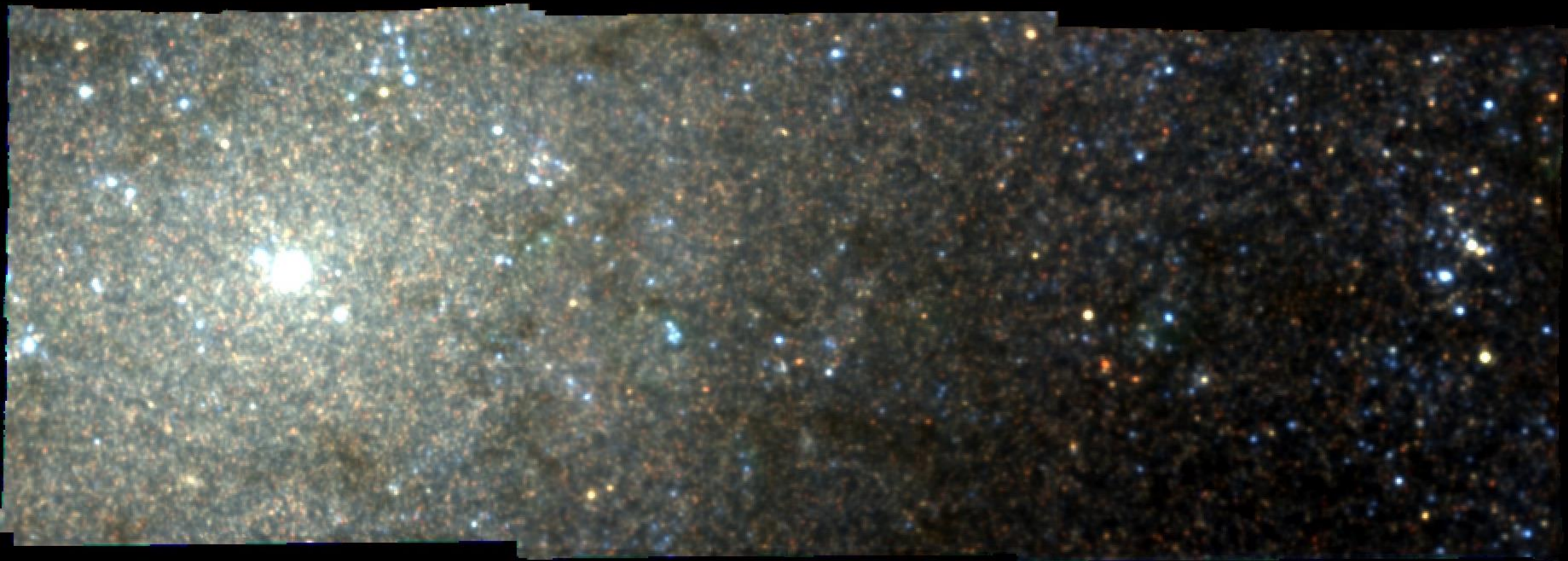


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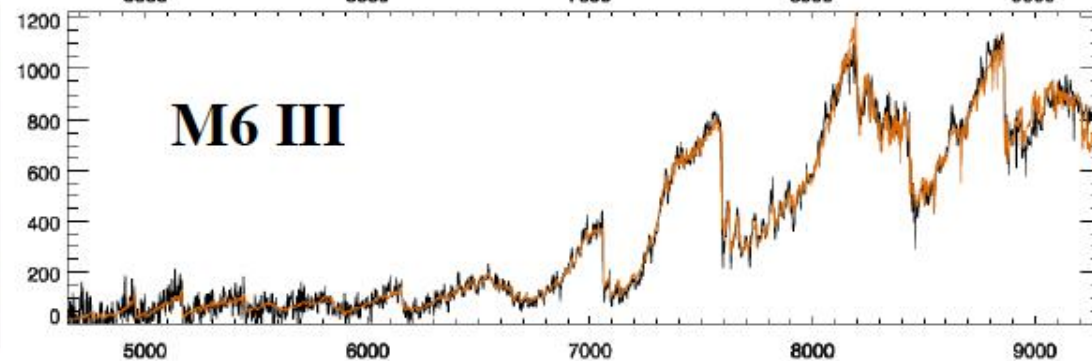
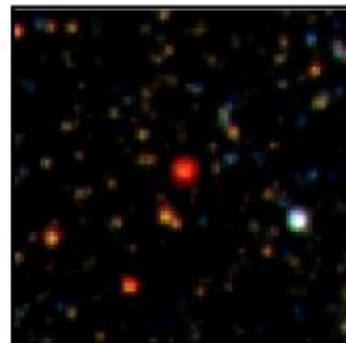
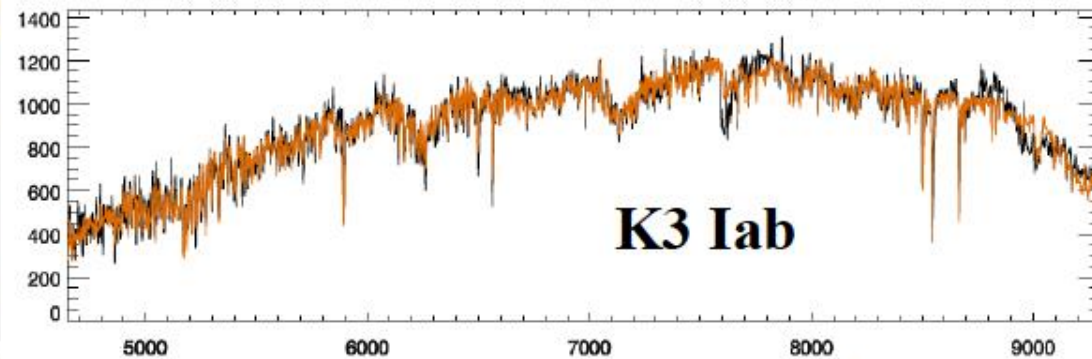
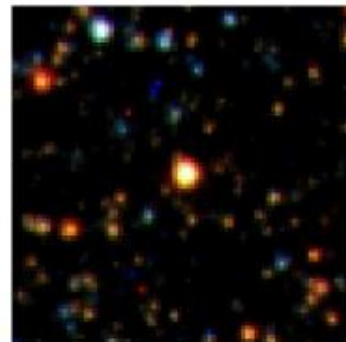
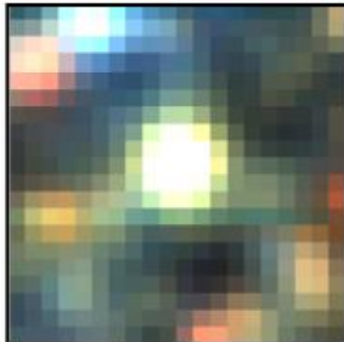
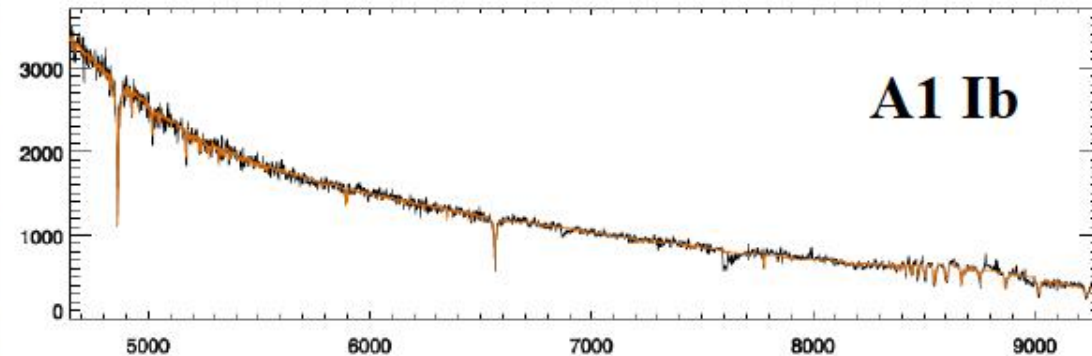
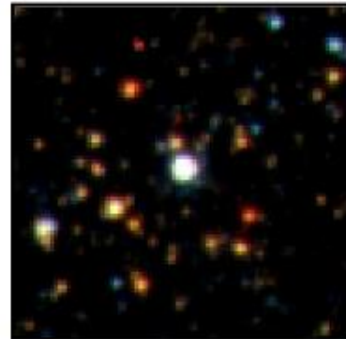


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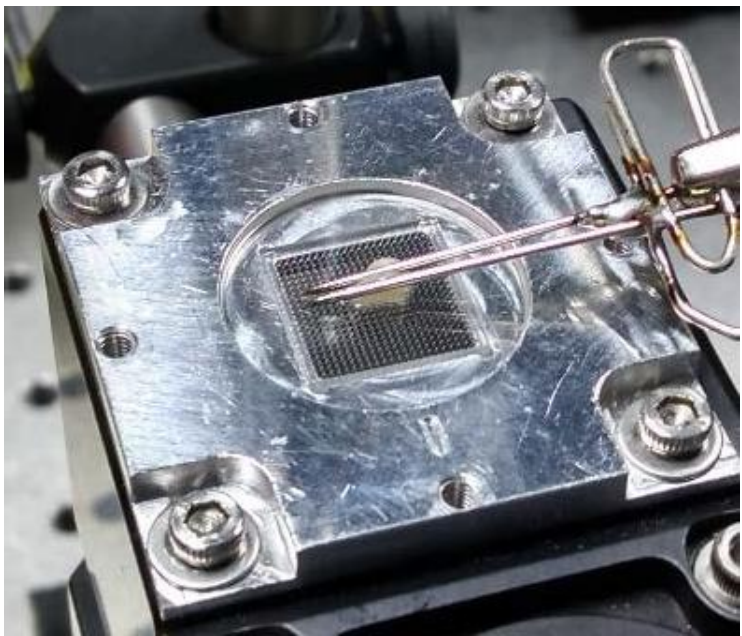
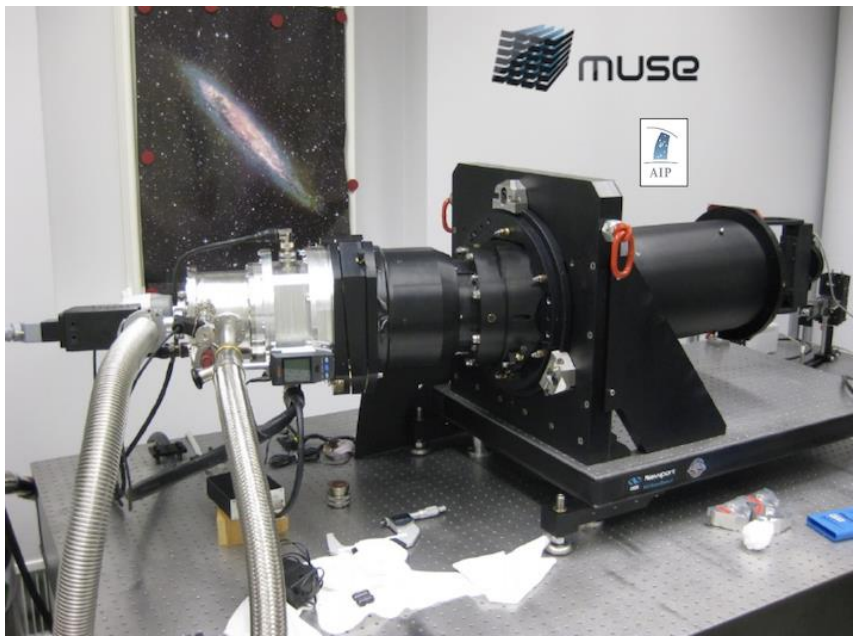
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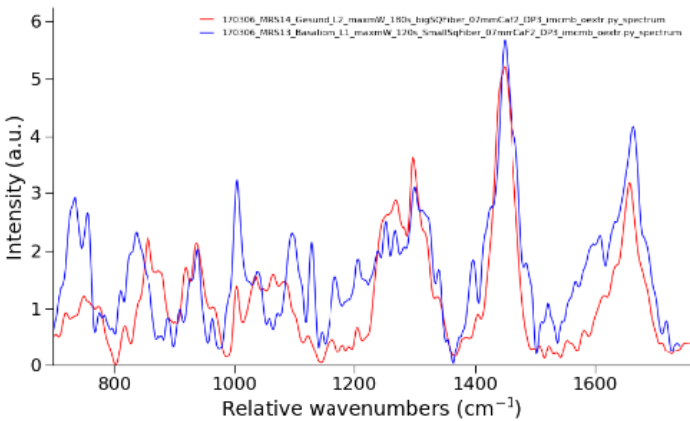
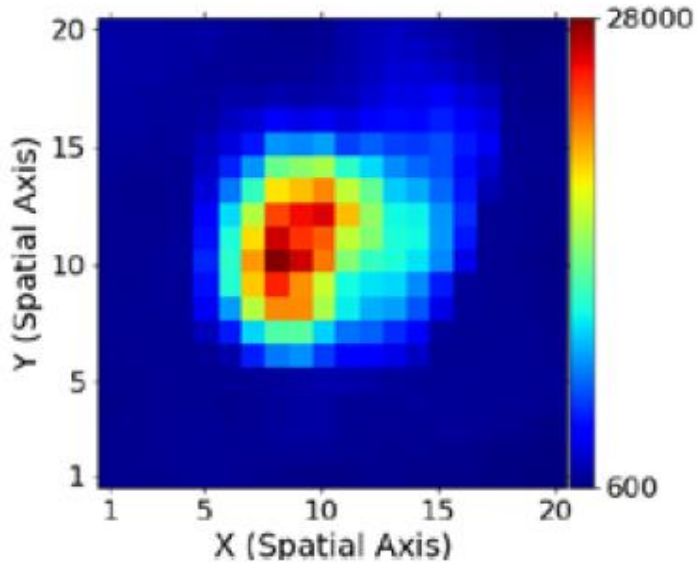
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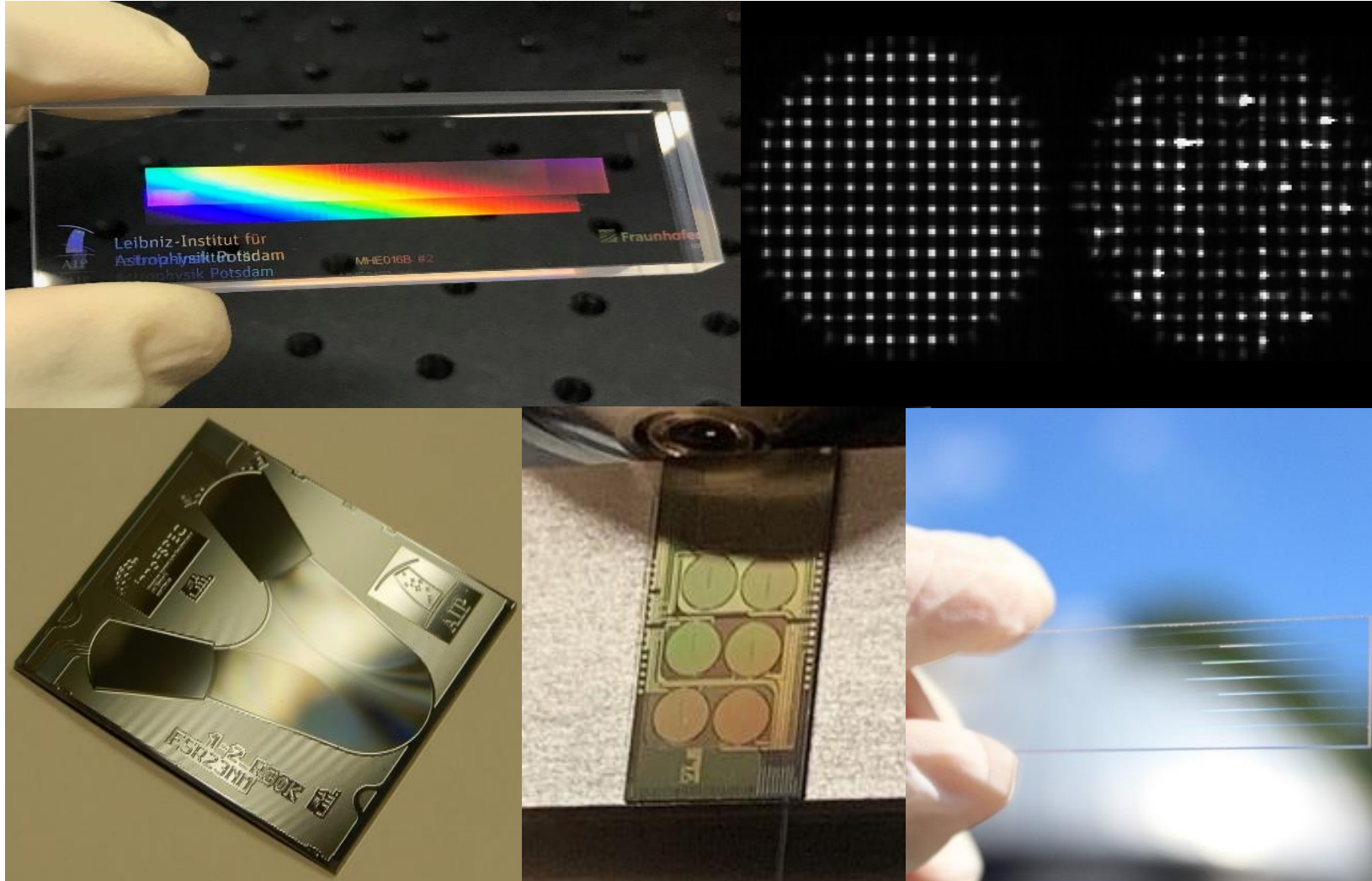


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clinical sample of
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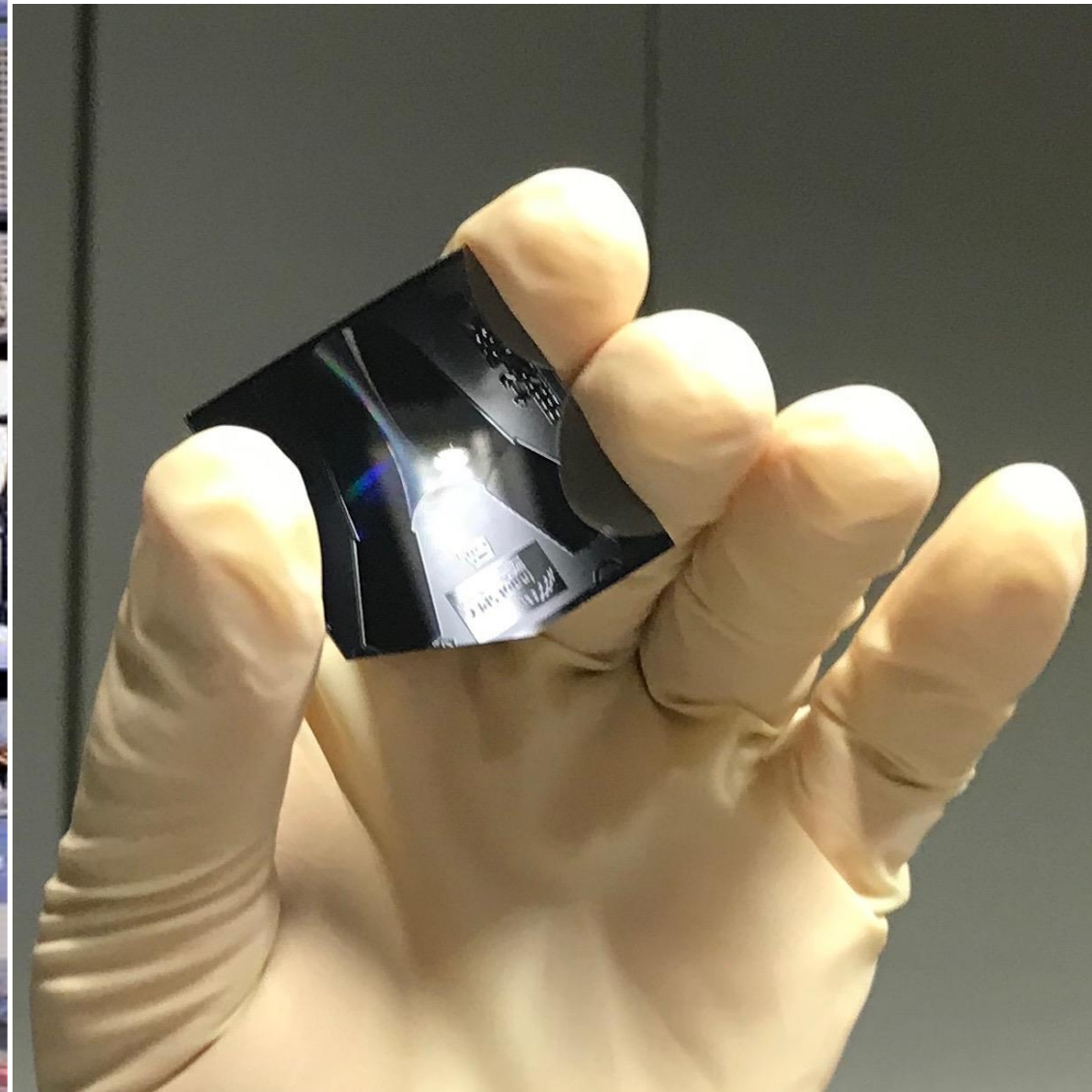


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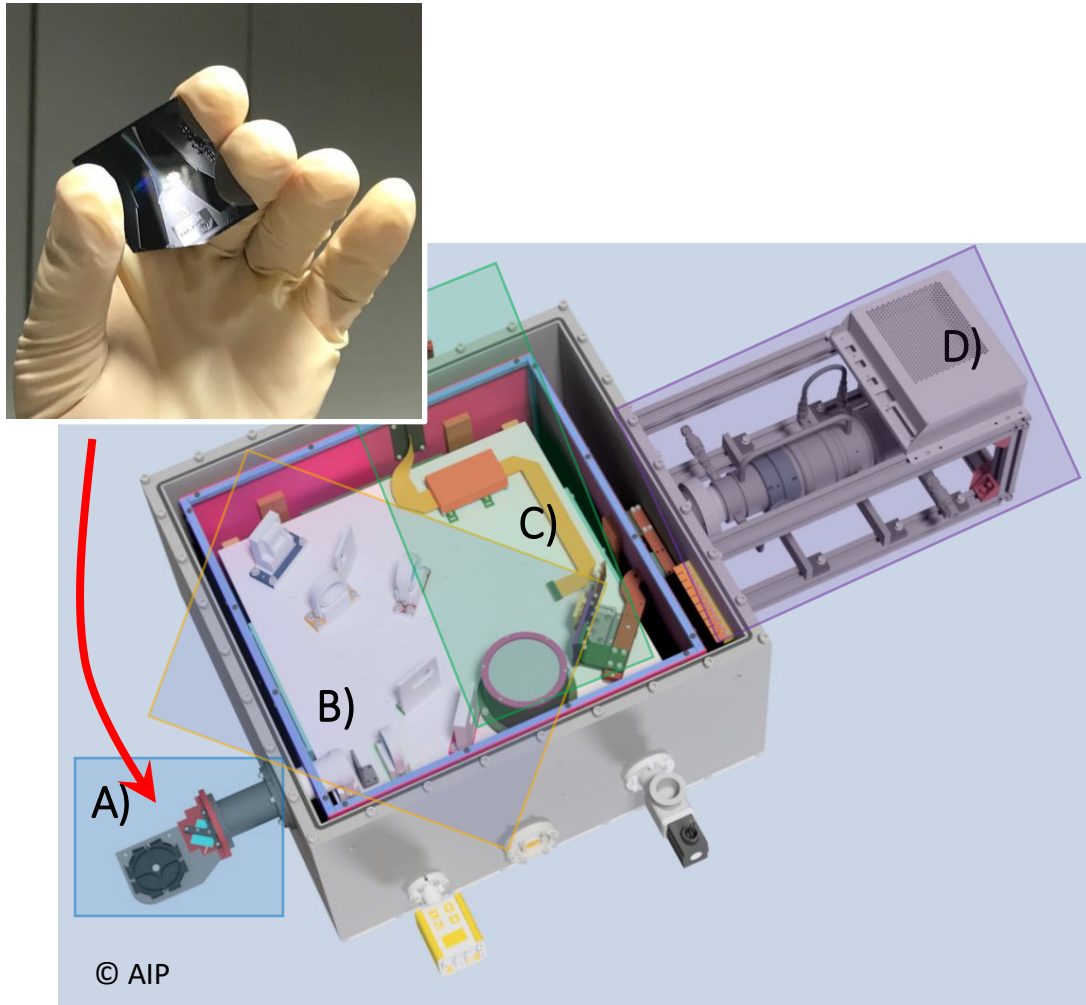


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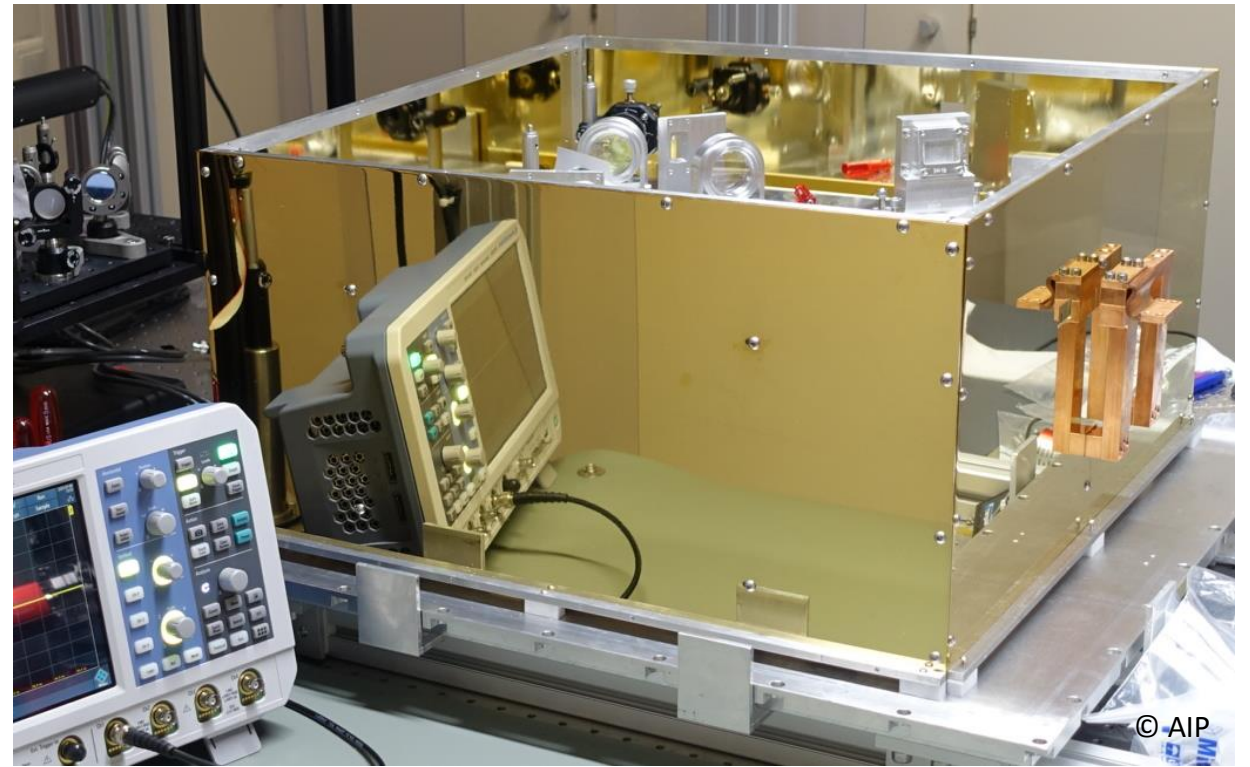


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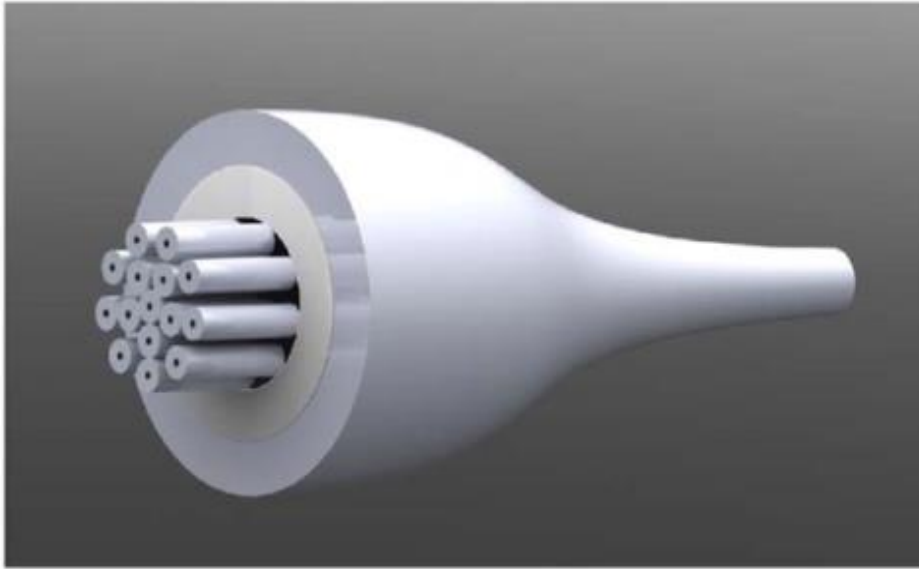
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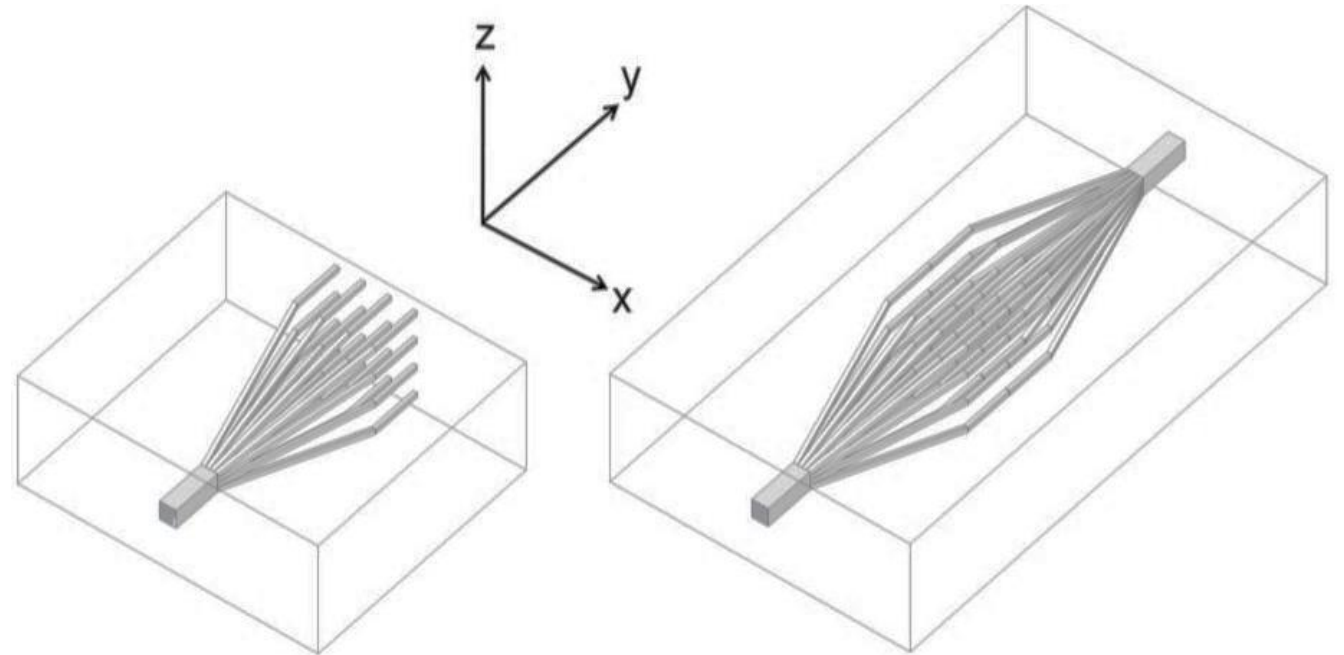
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Photonic Lanterns

Mode converter: **SMF** to **MMF**, or vice versa

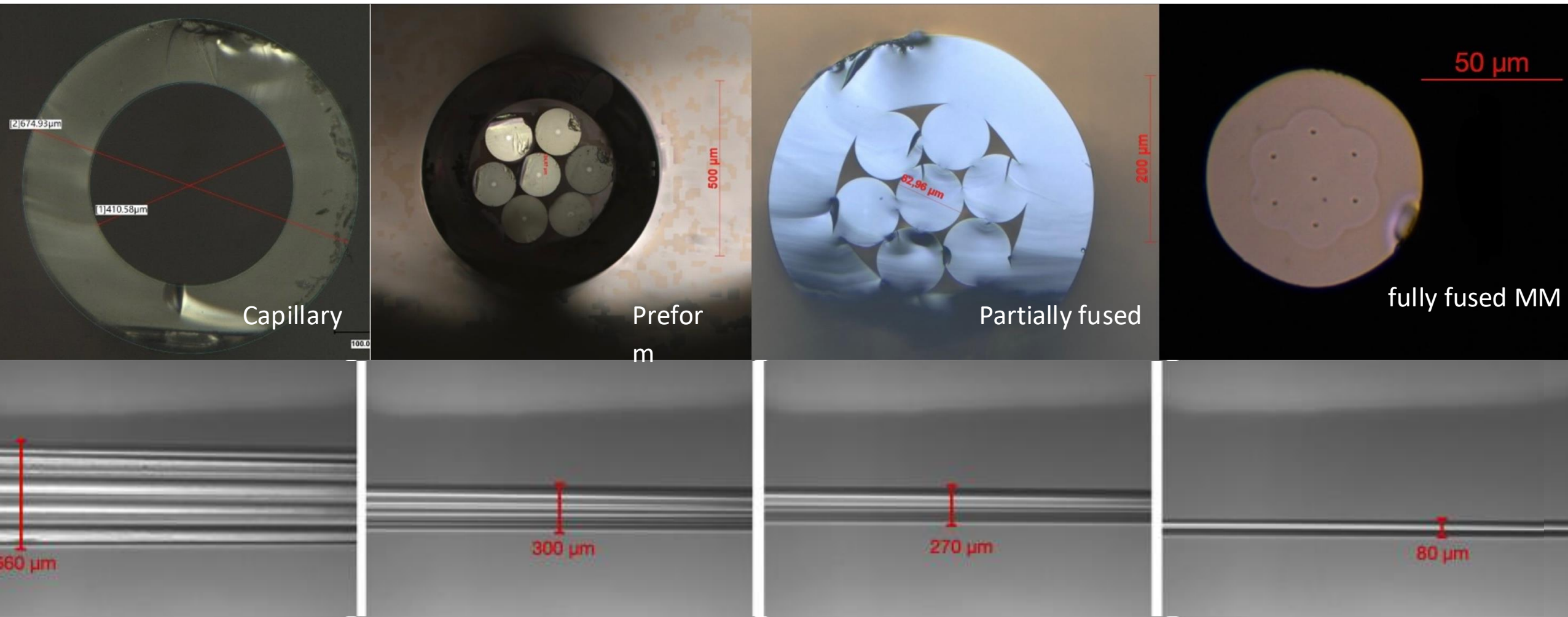


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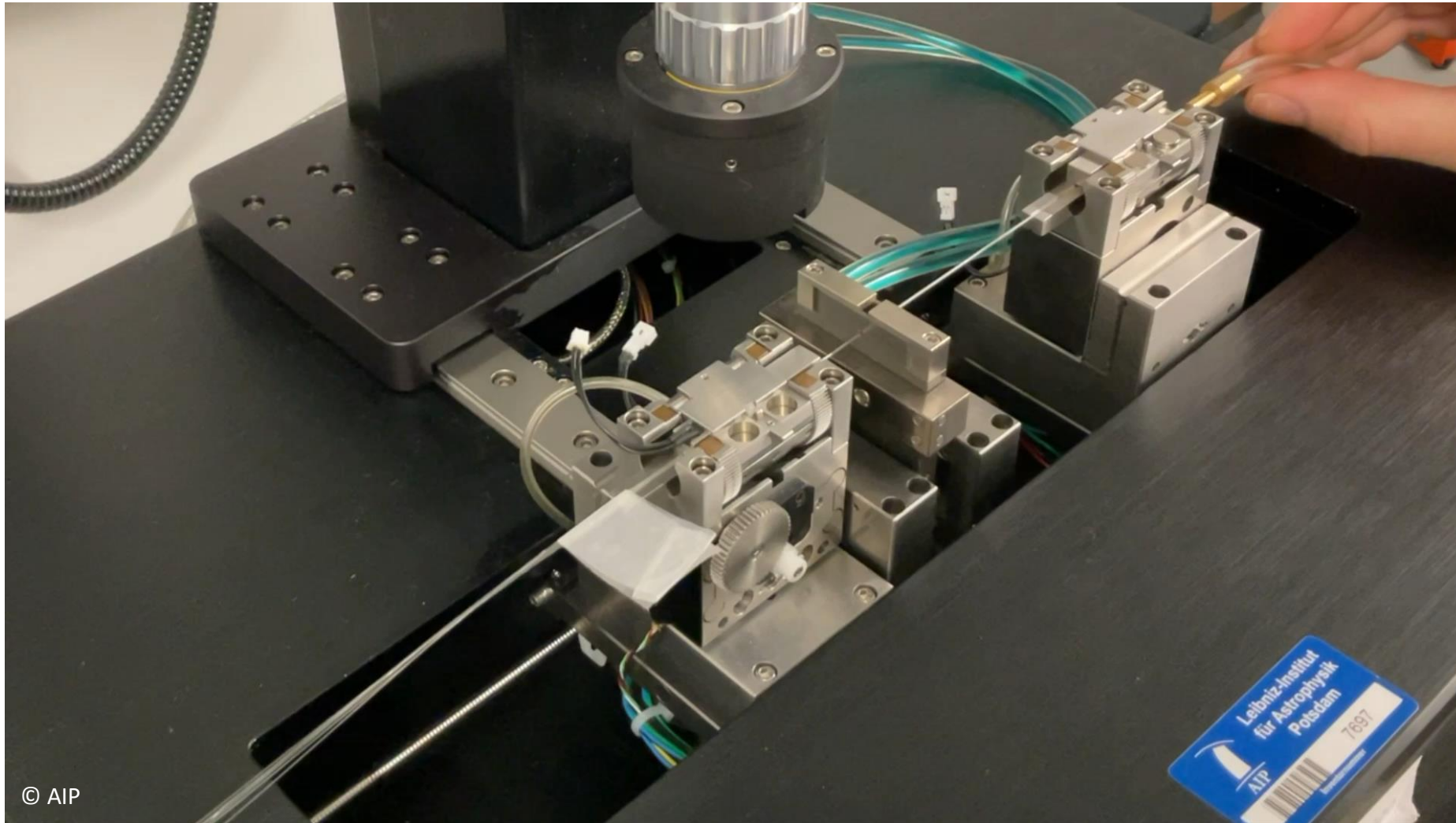
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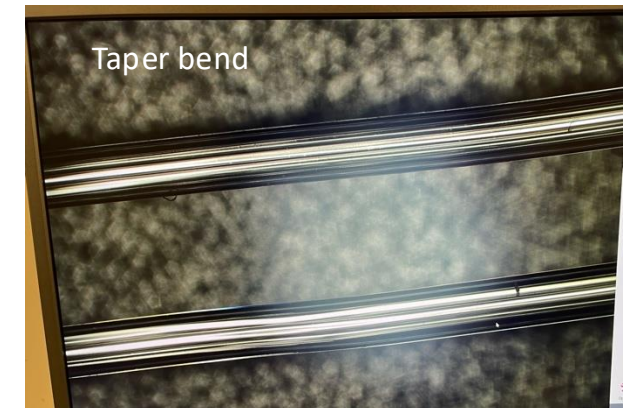
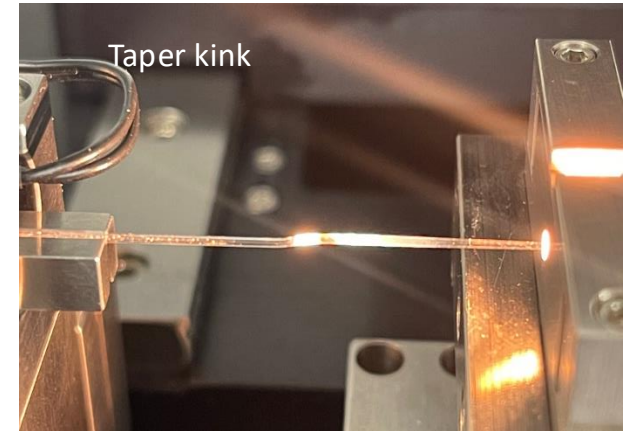
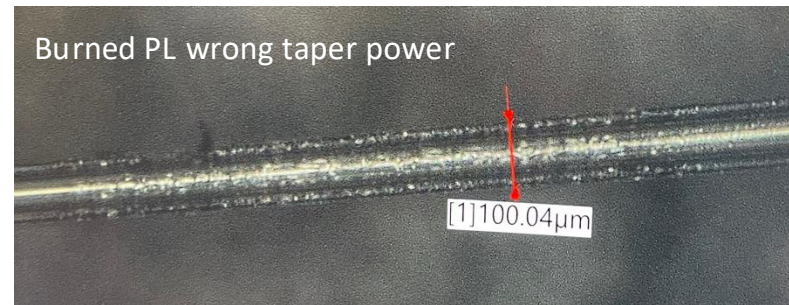
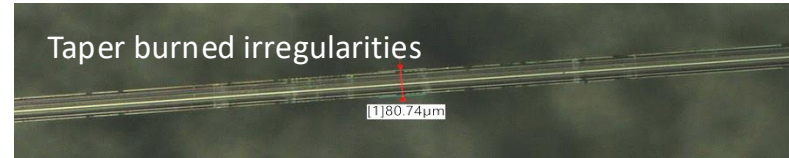
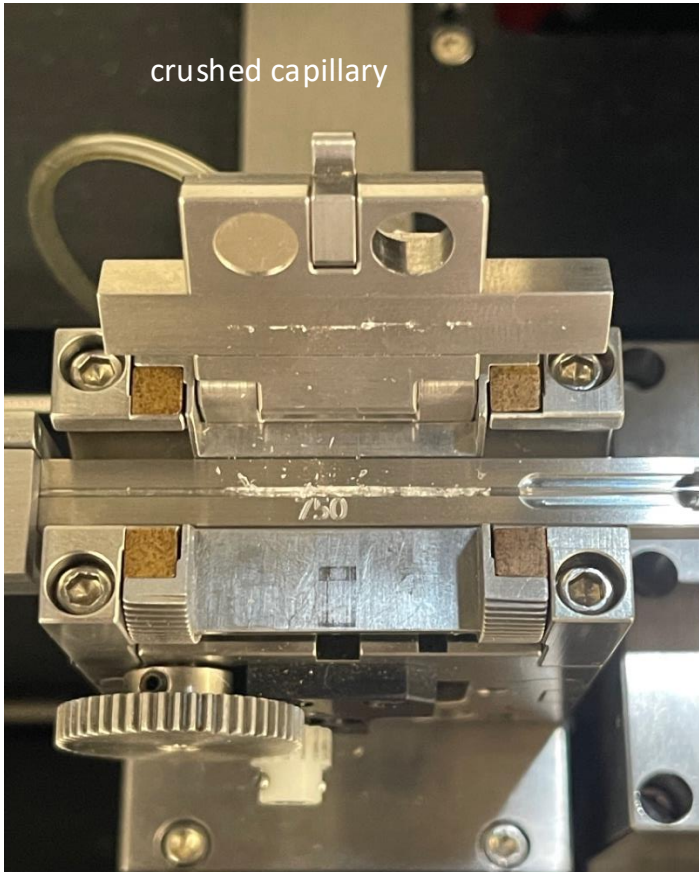
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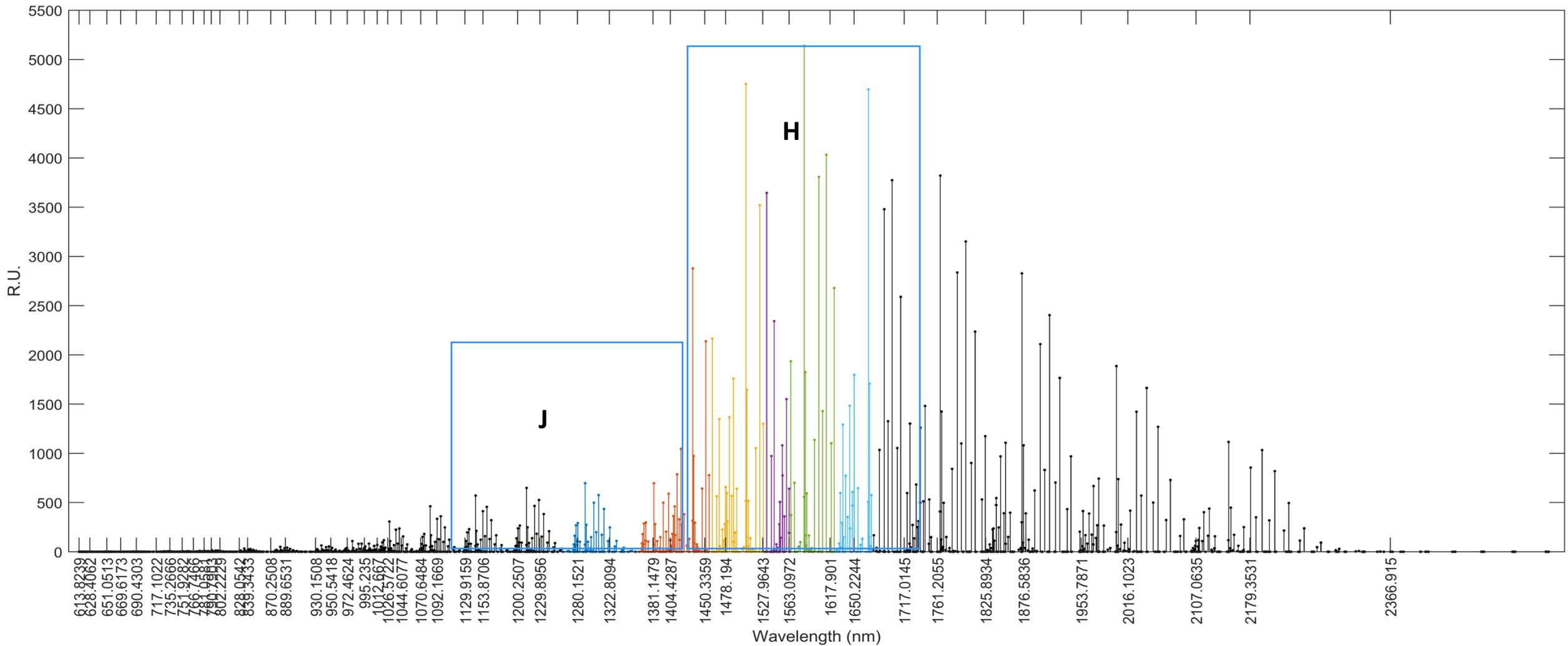
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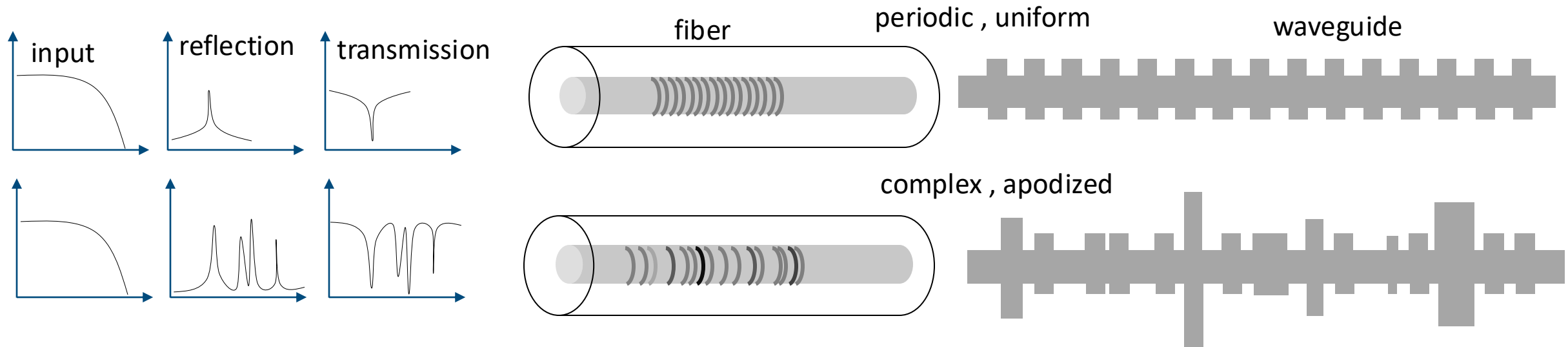
Fiber Bragg Gratings for OH Line Filters

The problem: extremely bright and highly variable OH emission lines in the NIR



Fiber Bragg Gratings for OH Line Filters

Bragg gratings are periodic or aperiodic structures inscribed into a waveguide, typically by changing the refractive index by periodic high power laser inscription



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Fiber Bragg Gratings for OH Line Filters

- Suppress OH lines before light enters spectrograph at high resolution ($R = 10,000$), maintain high throughput ($>80\%$)

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New approach to atmospheric OH suppression using

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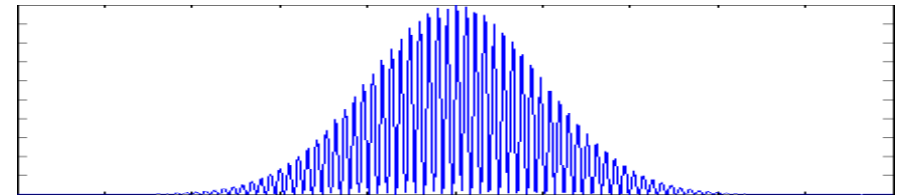
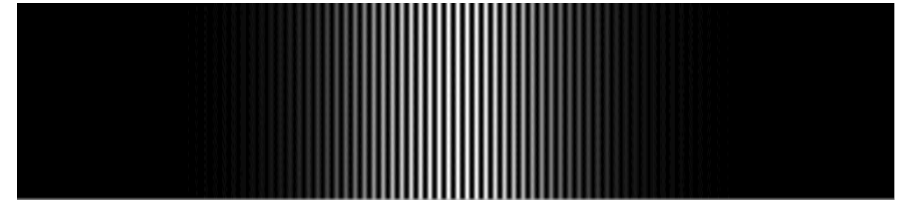
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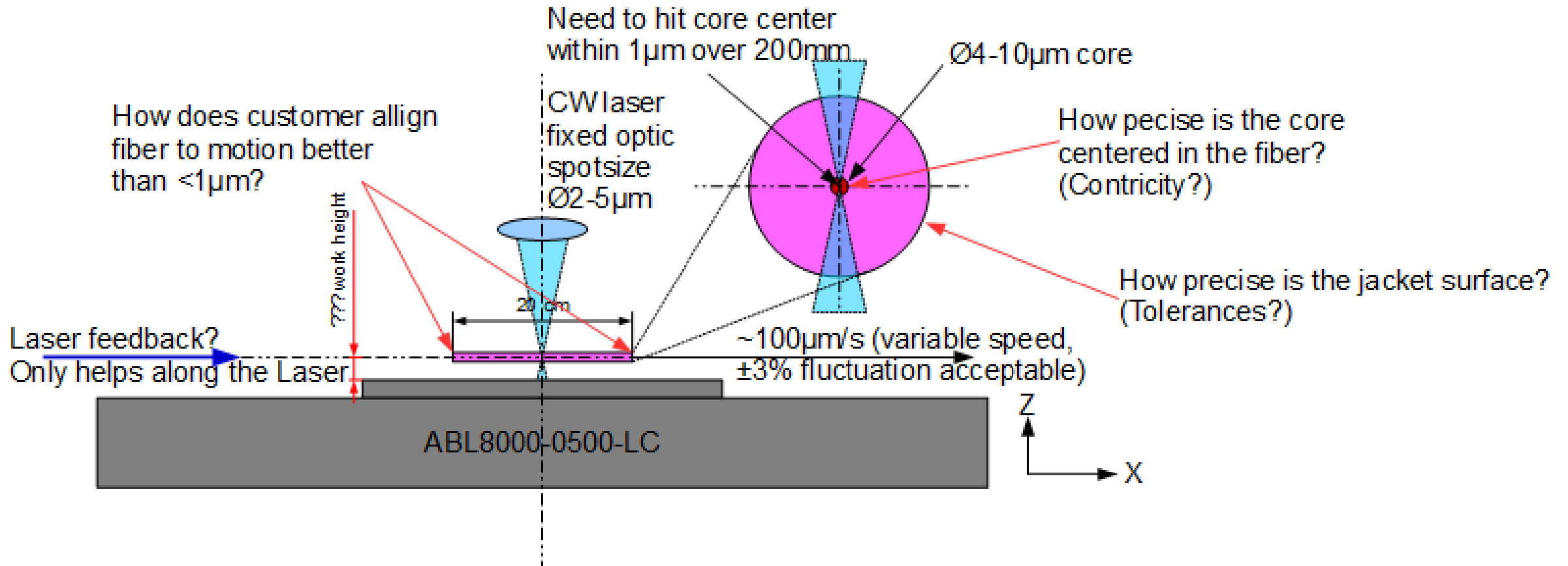
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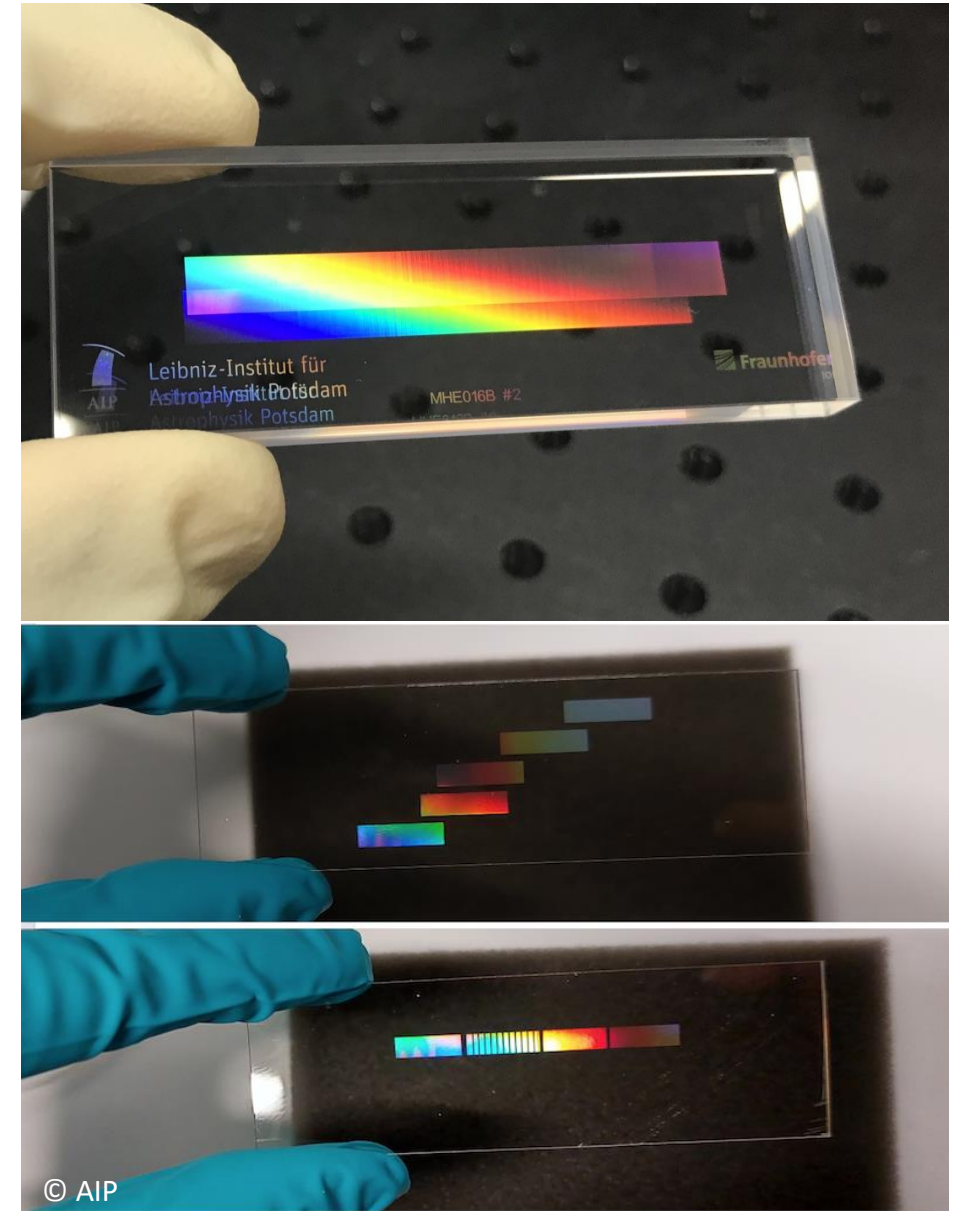
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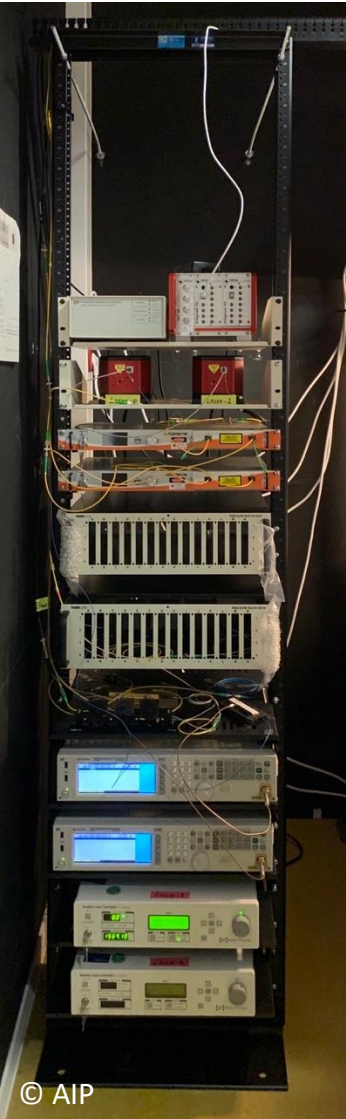
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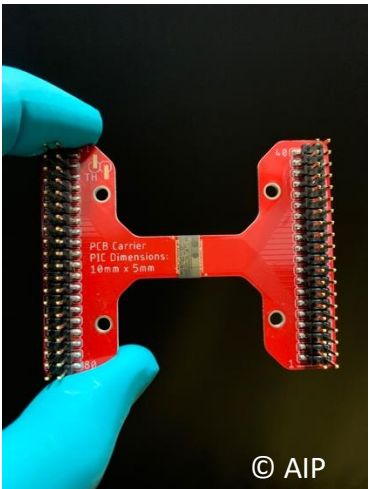
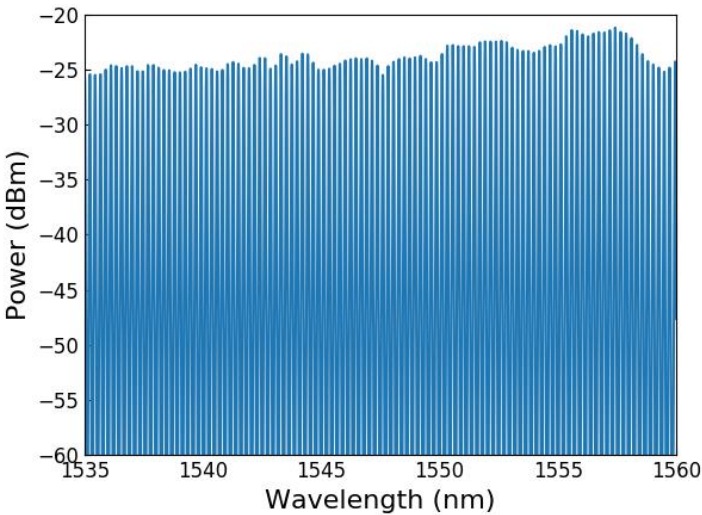
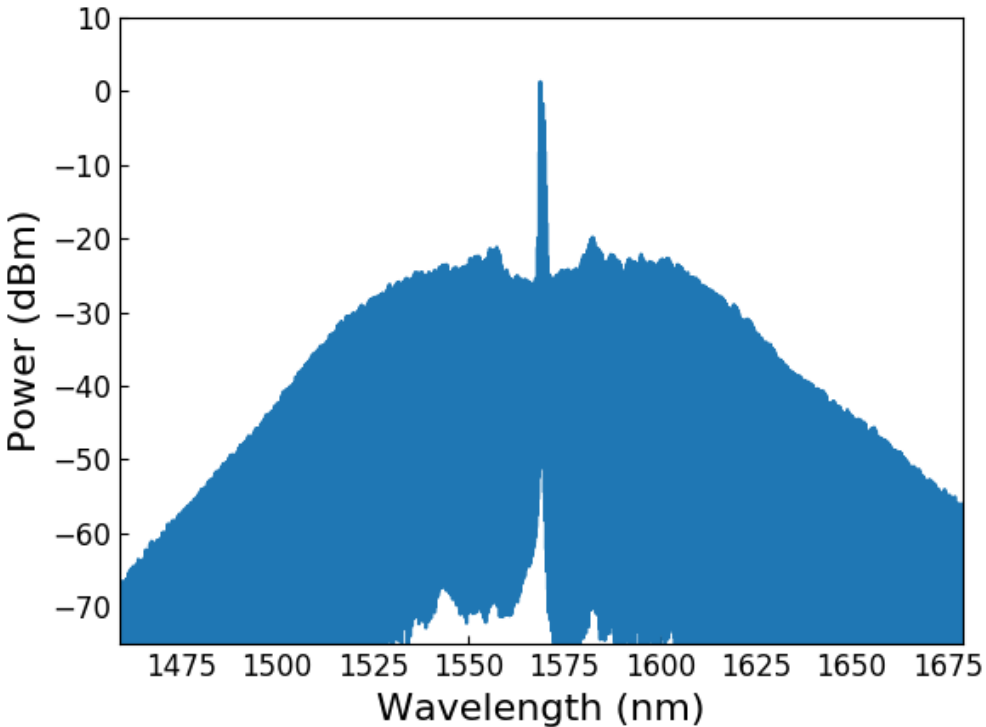
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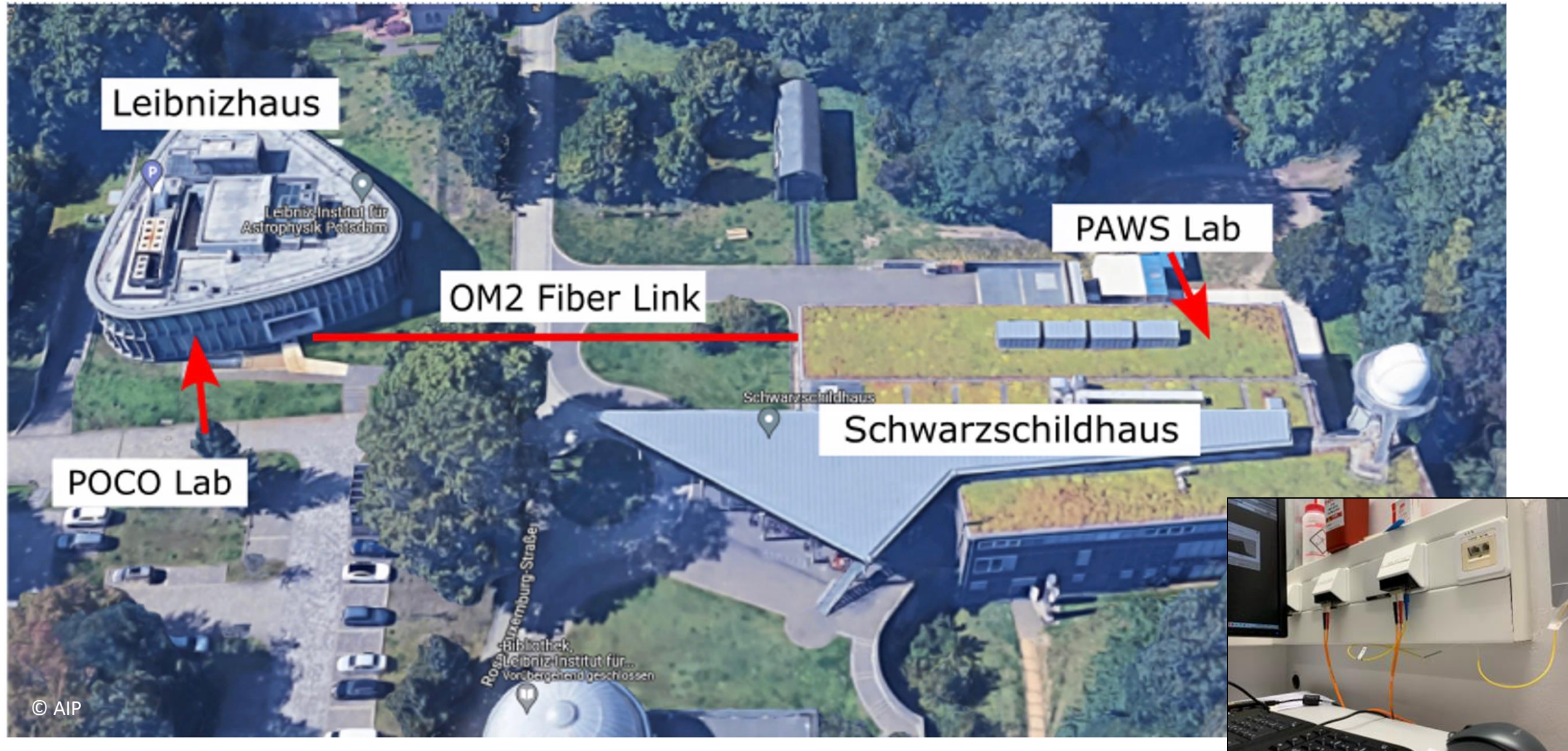
Ring Resonator Frequency Comb „POCO“



Specification	Typical
Comb spacing (f_{rep})	$f_{\text{rep}}=28.55\text{ GHz}$
f_{rep} stability	$\Delta f_{\text{rep}} < 1\text{ kHz}$
f_{CEO} stability (absolute reference)	$\Delta f_{\text{CEO}} < 50\text{ kHz}$
Spectral range	1250-1700nm (NIR) 400nm to 600nm (VIS)
Power per comb line	$>0.1\text{ nW @... (VIS)}$
Line width	1 kHz
Central wavelength	1560nm/1590nm NIR 520nm/530nm VIS
RV stability	25 cm/sec
Form	19" EIA rack
Power	240 VAC@50Hz 1-Phase
Cooling requirements	None
Features	Tuneable

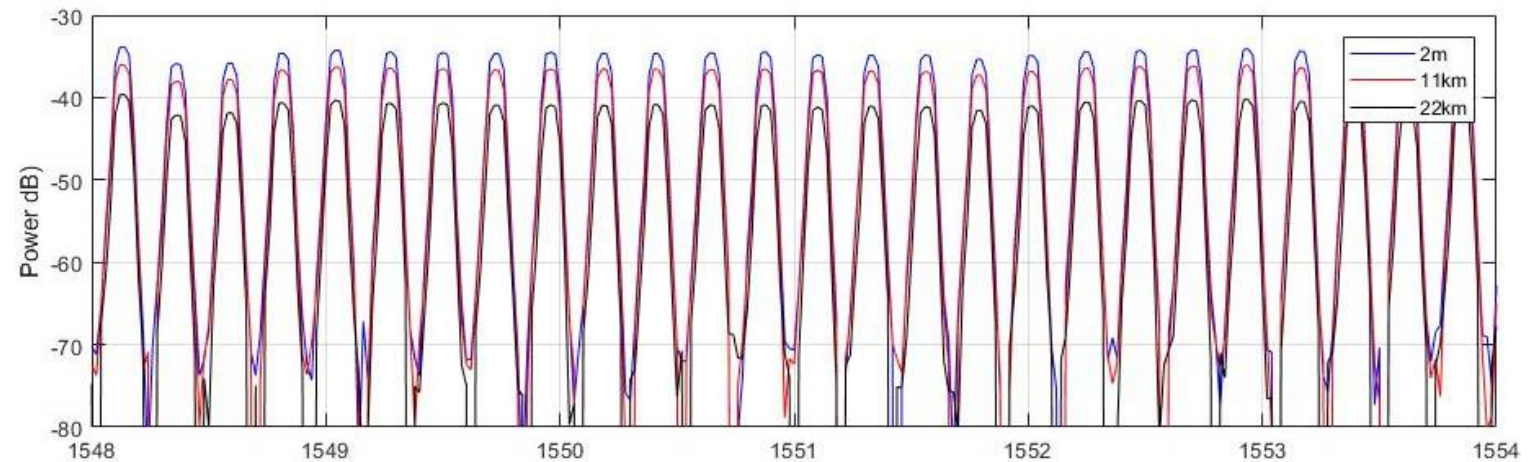
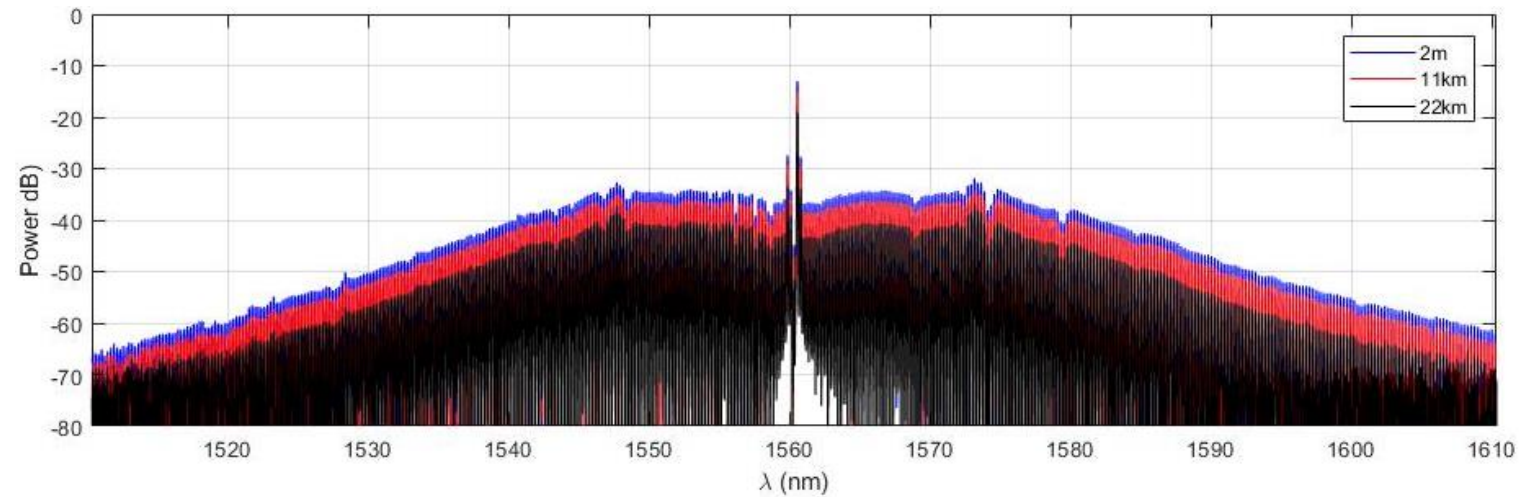


Ring Resonator Frequency Comb „POCO“ tested with PAWS



Ring Resonator Frequency Comb „POCO“ tested with PAWS

Comb transmitted
over 10s of kms



Summary

Coupling telescopes to spectrographs allows to:

- achieve ultra-high stability, e.g. for exoplanet search
- to observe large statistical samples with multi-object spectroscopy
- realize integral field spectroscopy

Optical fibers couple to photonic devices

Optical fibers can be used as filters, even as spectrographs, and sensors

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