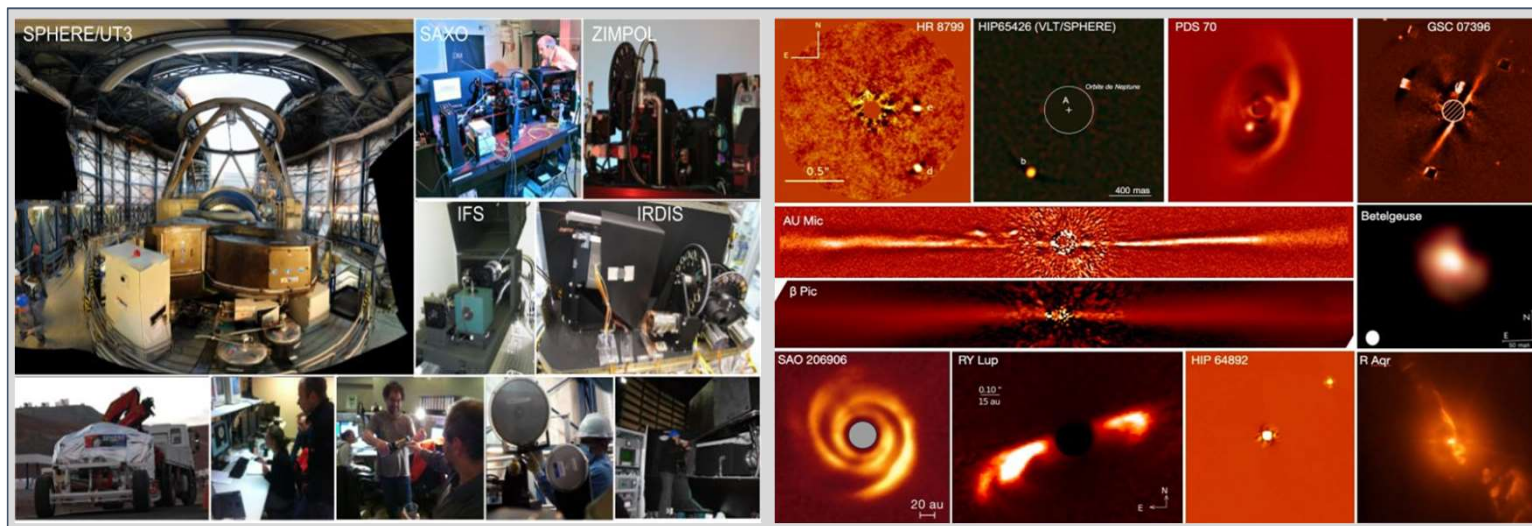


SPHERE+



CONTEXT

- 6 years of expertise with SPHERE
- ~116 Publications by the consortium (~ 200 in total)
- Good ideas of how to boost SPHERE performances
- VLT workshop June 2019 – first proposal
- Identification by ESO of 3 candidates for phase A implementation
- Feb 2020: White paper
- May 2020: 2 instruments selected, not SPHERE+... but identified in the roadmap towards PCS
- Summer 2020: initiate discussions with Tech Dev. Group (PCS)
- OCT 2020: Roadmap confirmed by STC, validated by DG
- MoU 1st draft Dec 2020

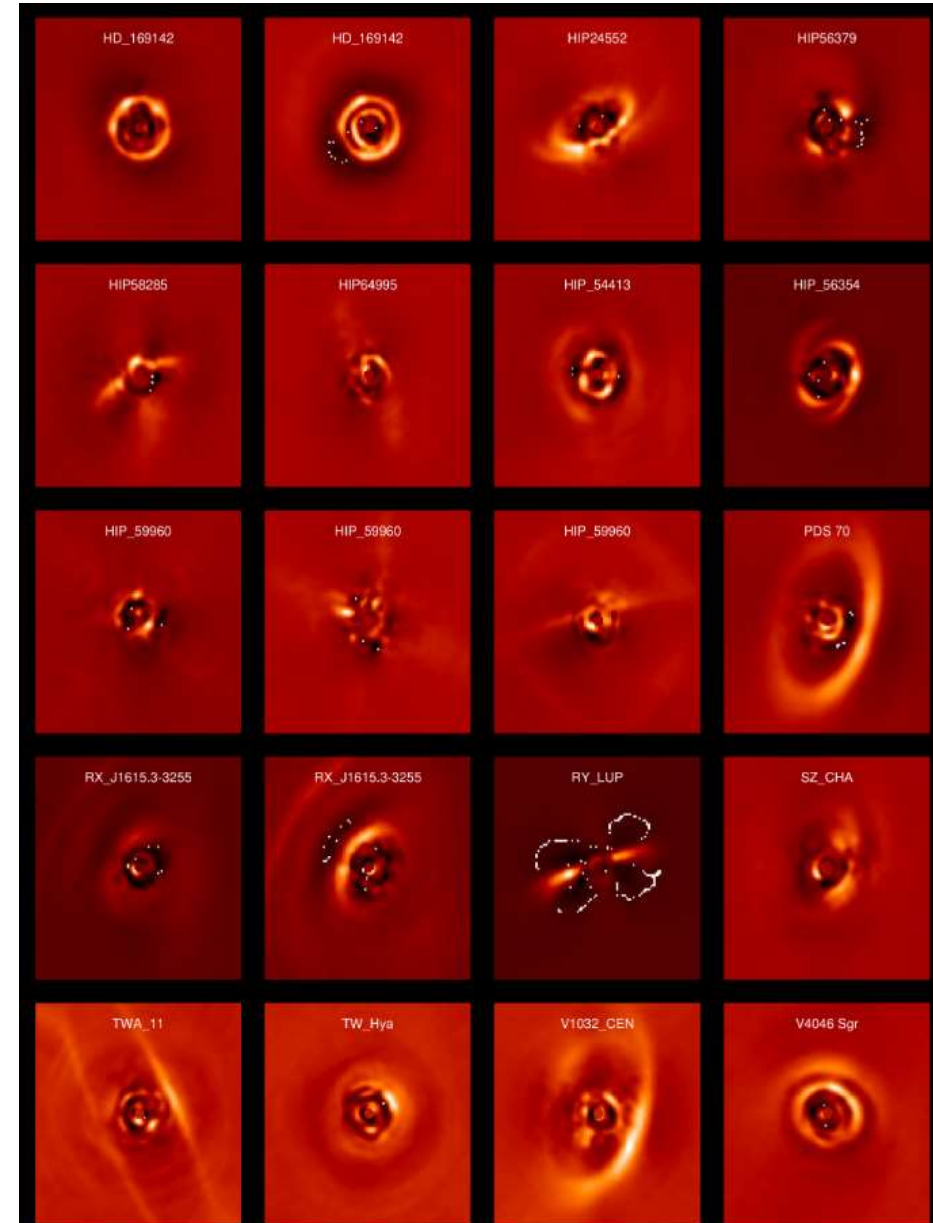
Lessons learned

** Six years of operation & 100+ GTO publications*

Transformational in the
field of optical/nIR
imaging of disks

Diversity of morphologies: spirals, gaps,
cavities, vortices, shadows observed in
scattered-light revealing a zoo of sub-
structures in some cases to possible
planets in formation...

Synergies: ALMA

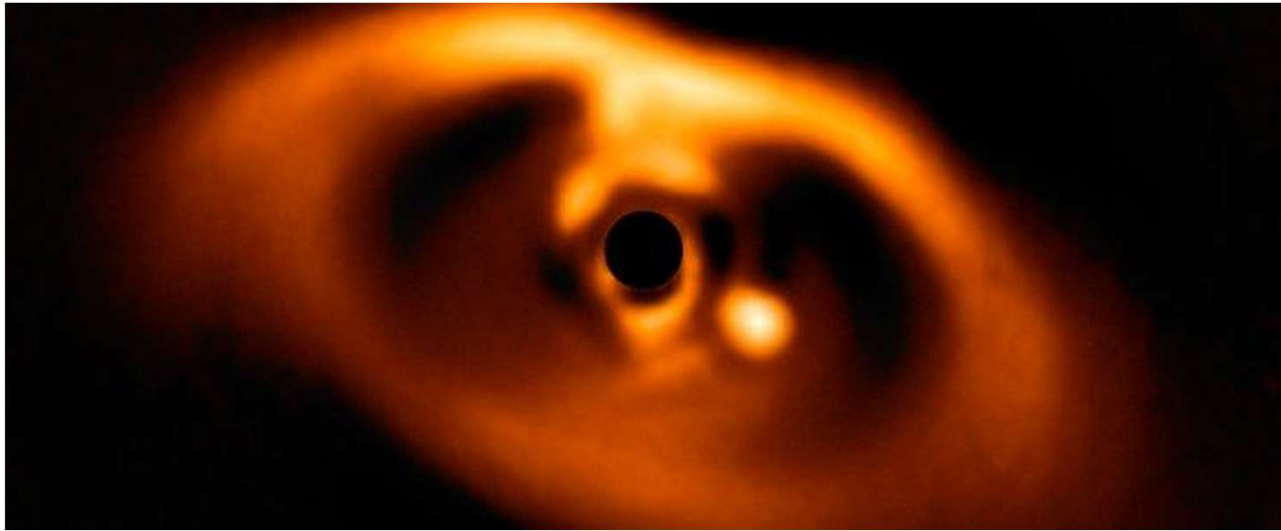


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Planet(s) caught in formation

First Confirmed Image of Newborn Planet Caught with
ESO's VLT

2 July 2018 (ESO - PR 1821)



Insight on: giant planet formation, multiple planetary systems, planet/disk
interactions, architectures & stability, physics of accretion, circumplanetary disks,

...

Synergies: MUSE, ALMA, Gravity...

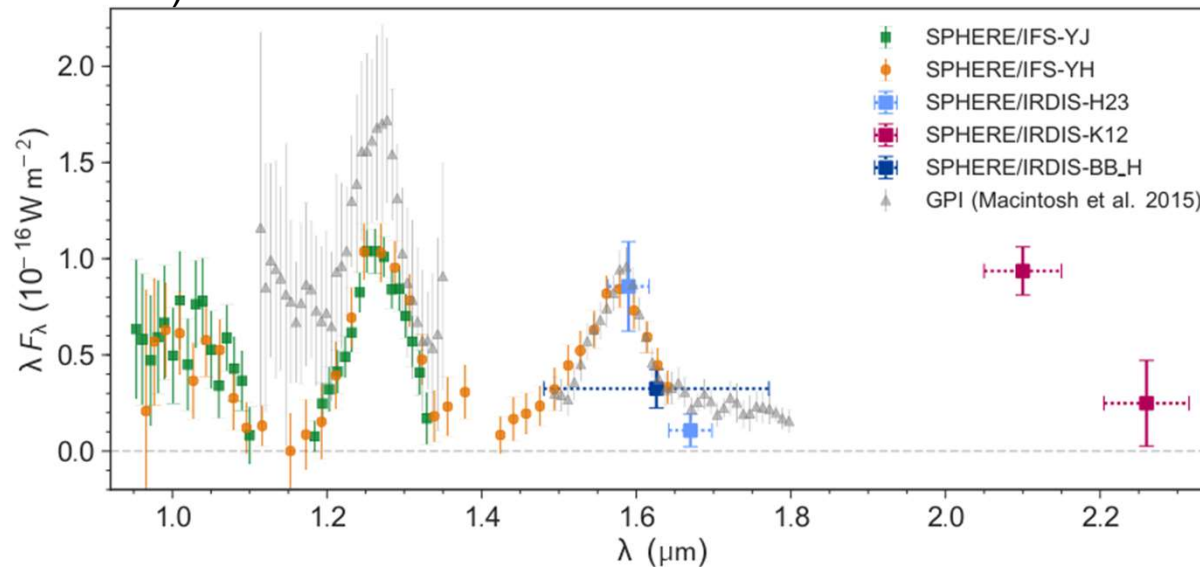
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Physics of exoplanets - Atmospheres

Spectral and atmospheric characterization of 51 Eridani b

19 July 2017 (Astronomy & Astrophysics Highlighted papers of the year 2017)



From color-magnitude diagramme (<2014) to low-resolution spectra of young Jupiters to access effective temperature, surface gravity, clouds & metallicity... Synergies: SINFONI/ERIS(+), Gravity (K-band), CRRES+, JWST (NIRSpec, MIRI...)

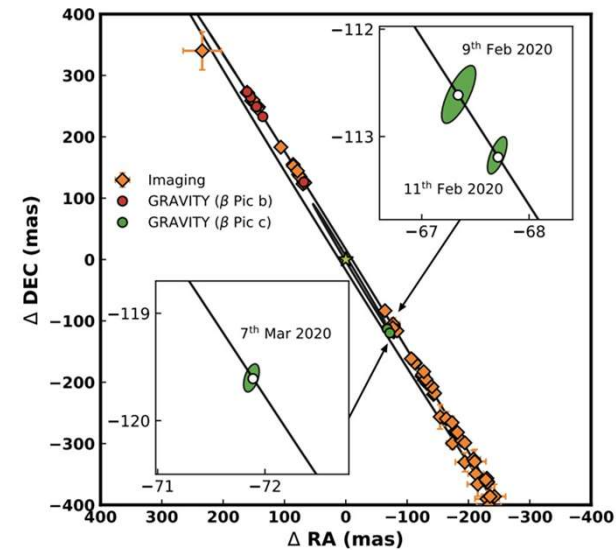
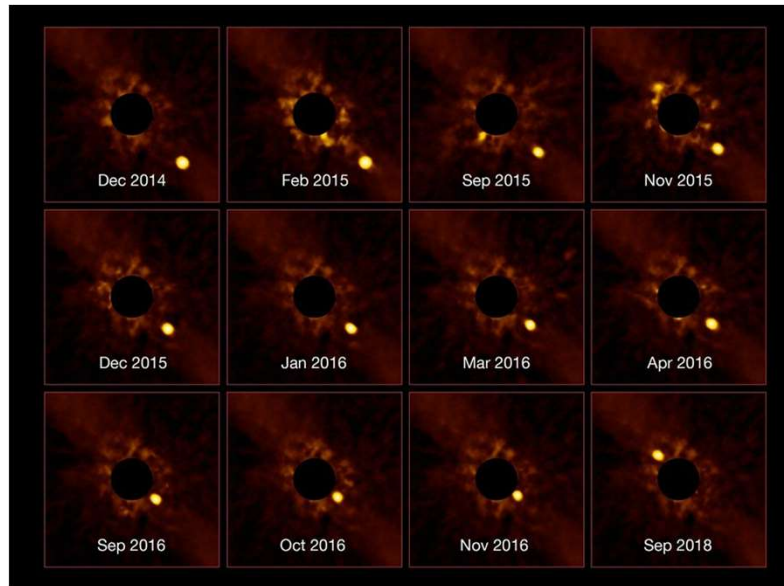
Lessons learned

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Physics of exoplanets - Architectures/Orbits

Stunning Exoplanet Time-lapse of β Pictoris b

12 November 2018 (ESO Picture of the week)



Accessing mas-astrometry for monitoring of exoplanetary orbits, (also shadows & disk features,)

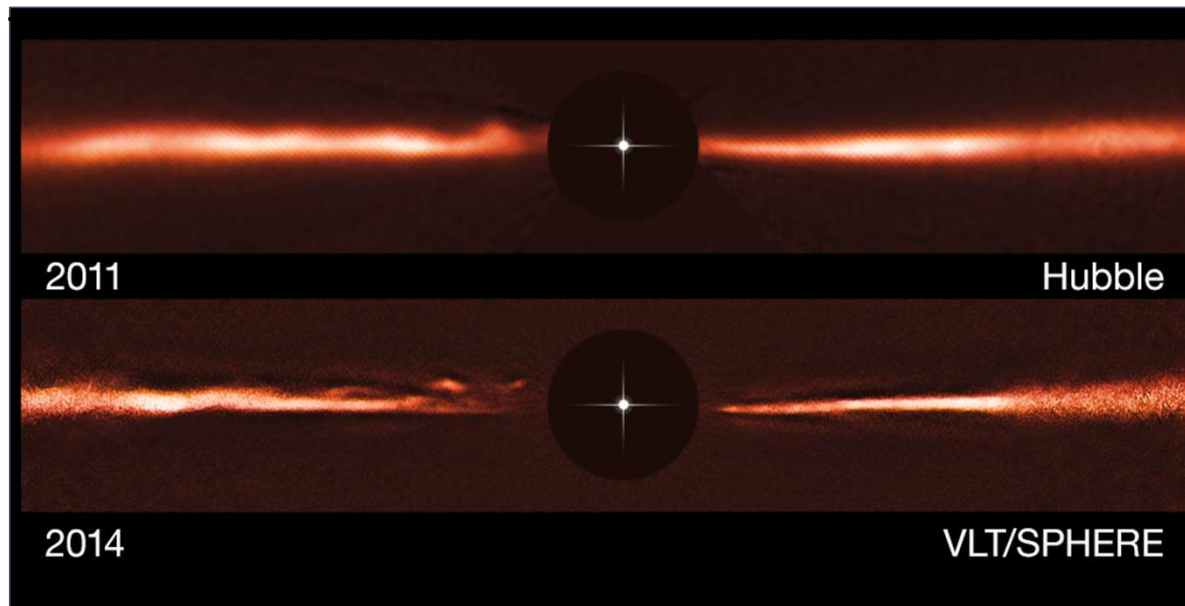
Synergies: Gravity (K-band)

Lessons learned

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Debris disks morphology and mineralogy

Mysterious Ripples Found Racing Through Planet-forming Disc



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Synergies: ALMA, JWST

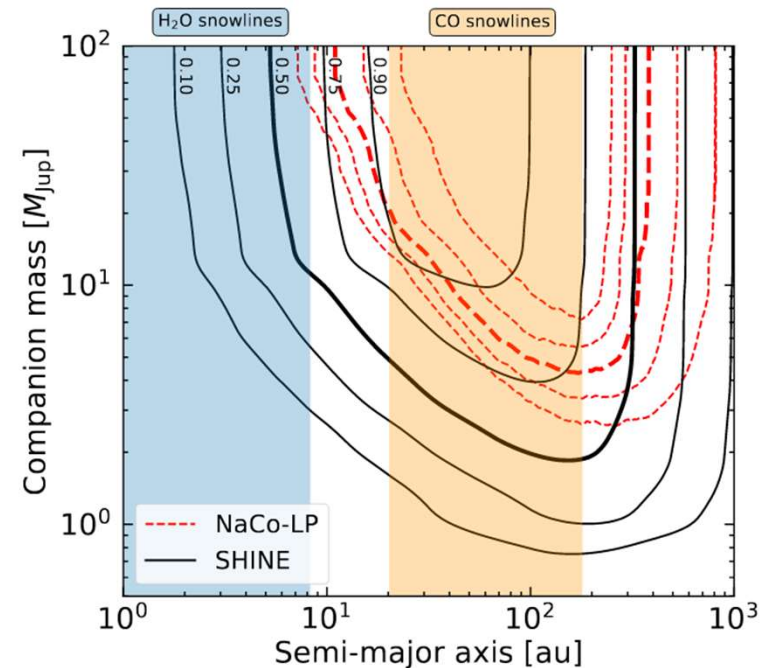
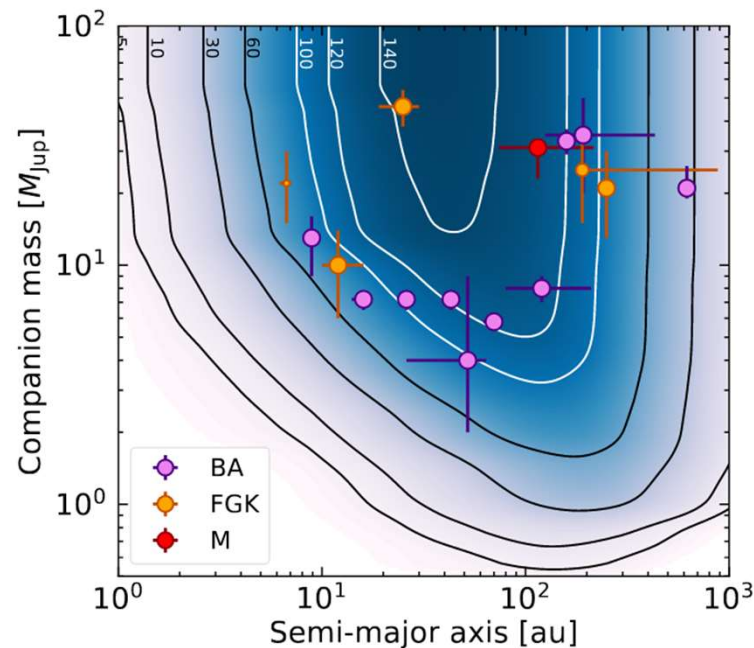
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Exoplanet Demographics

The population of young giant exoplanets below 300 au

9 March 2021 (INSU/INAF/MPIA PR)



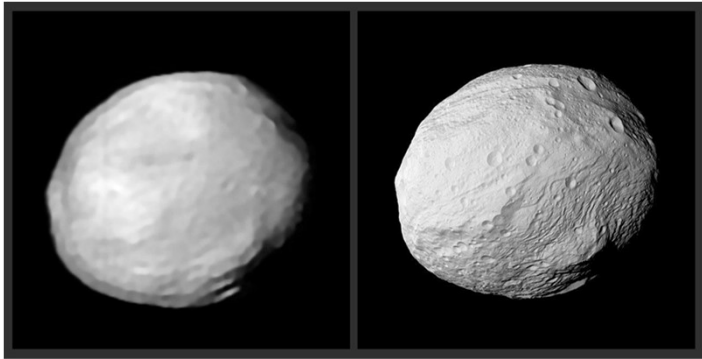
Occurrence of planetary system hosting at least one giant planet (5 - 1000 au, $M > 1 M_{\text{Jup}}$) around young, solar-type stars = 5.7 % ; Overlap of 2 populations (planets/BDs); dependency with $M_{\text{Star}}^{-2.8}$

Lessons learned

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Solar systems, evolved stars, active galactic nuclei...

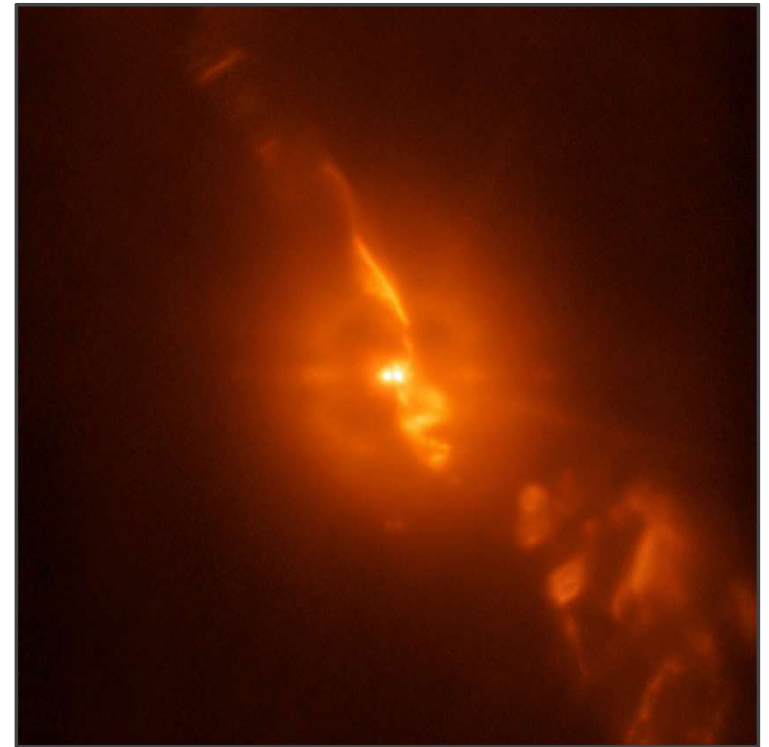
New SPHERE view of Vesta (ESO POTW-1836)



Telescope Sees Surface of Dim Betelgeuse (ESO PR-2003, 2109)



R Aquarii peculiar stellar relationship (ESO PR-1840)



Lessons learned

** Six years of operation & 100+ GTO publications*

Astrophysical success thanks to:

- Well identified science cases, tight specifications & trade-off analysis
- SAXO: xAO high-performances, stability, robustness in terms of operation (<3% downtime),
- Versatile instrumentation: ZIMPOL, IRDIS and IFS in terms of wavelengths, spectral resolution, field of view & observing modes (ADI, SDI, DPI, RDI),
- After 6 years, well identified limitations:
 - Saxo: xAO **correction servo-lag, low-order aberrations, low-wind effects, wind driven halo, NCPAs...**
 - CPI/IRDIS (Polar): Derotator re-coating (beamshift), IRDIS polarizing beamsplitter,
 - ZIMPOL: low-RON mode...
 - Path forward new solutions: PT/DPI mode, star-hopping, NCPA zelda, dark-hole,...

& some unexpected aspects...

- SAXO: HODM and dead-actuators, Kalman filtering (tip-tilt), NCPA not corrected...
- 4QPM not performant in current state, main use of the “classical” APLC coronagraph,
- Designed for H-band, to detect CH₄-atmospheres (DBI), but limited use for exoplanet discovery,
- IFS-YH, not foreseen initially, extremely useful for red L dusty exoplanets (PDS70b-like)

Upgrade? Do not break SPHERE, and push on the instrument strengths!

Lessons learned

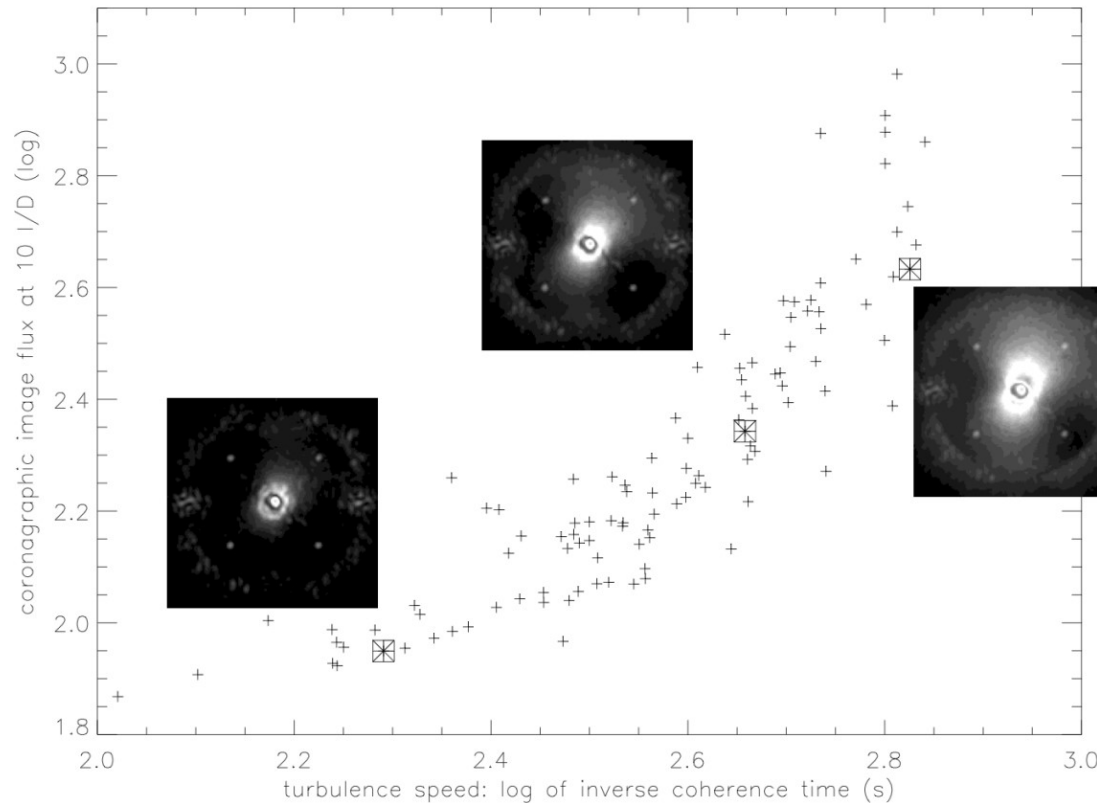
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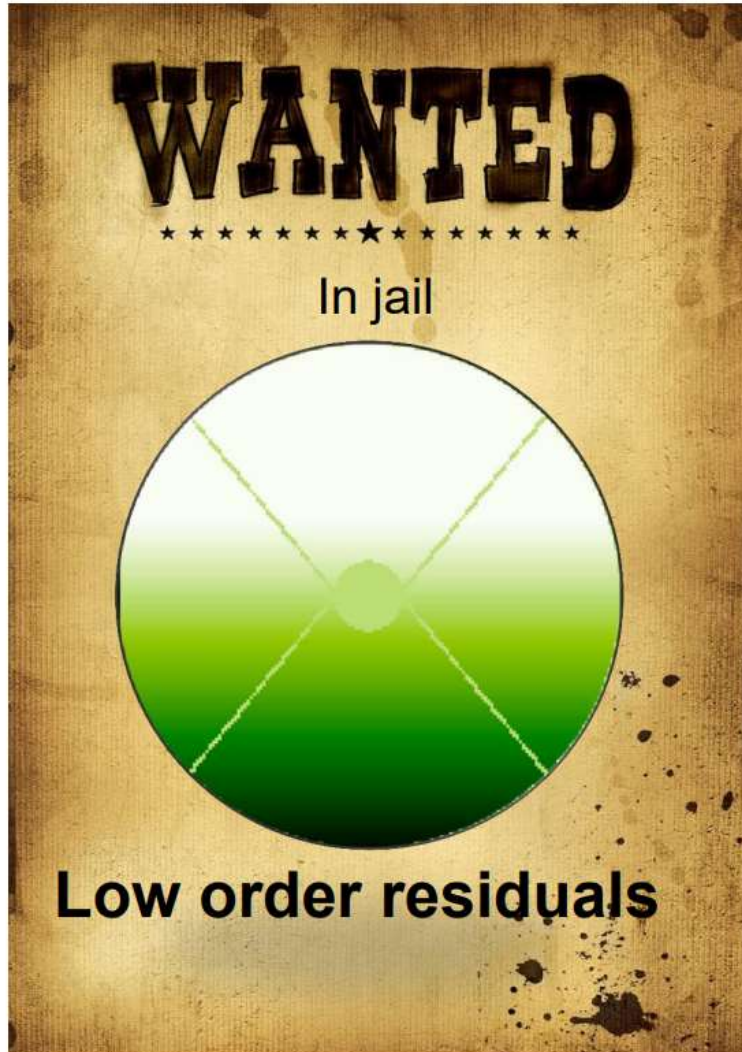
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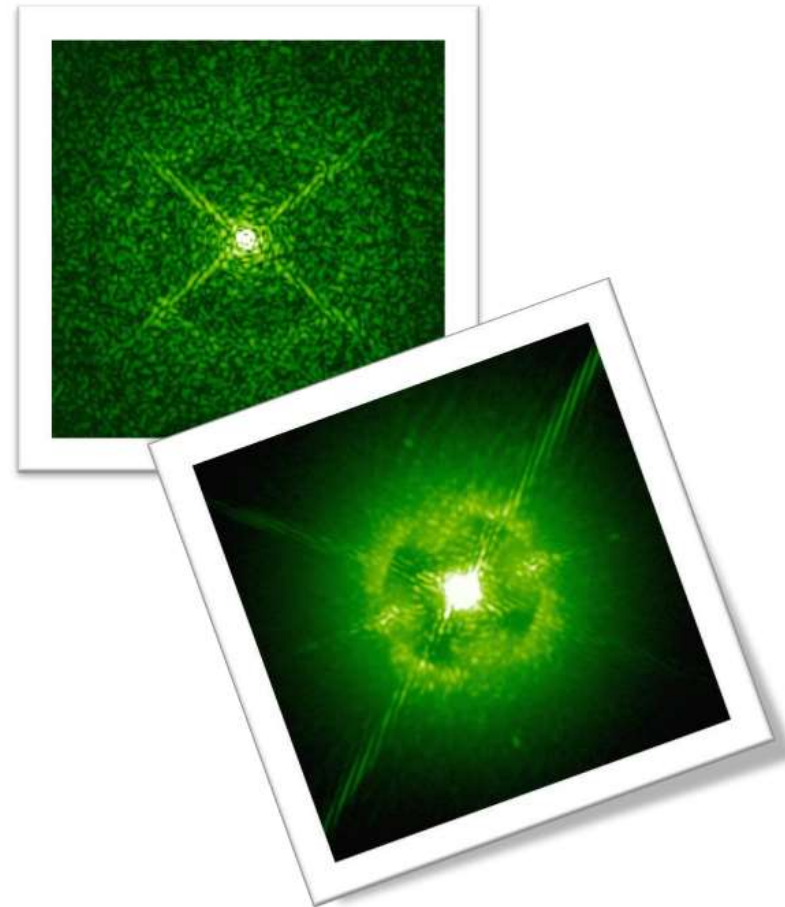
Upgrade? Do



1- Dissection of a SPHERE image



Responsible for the
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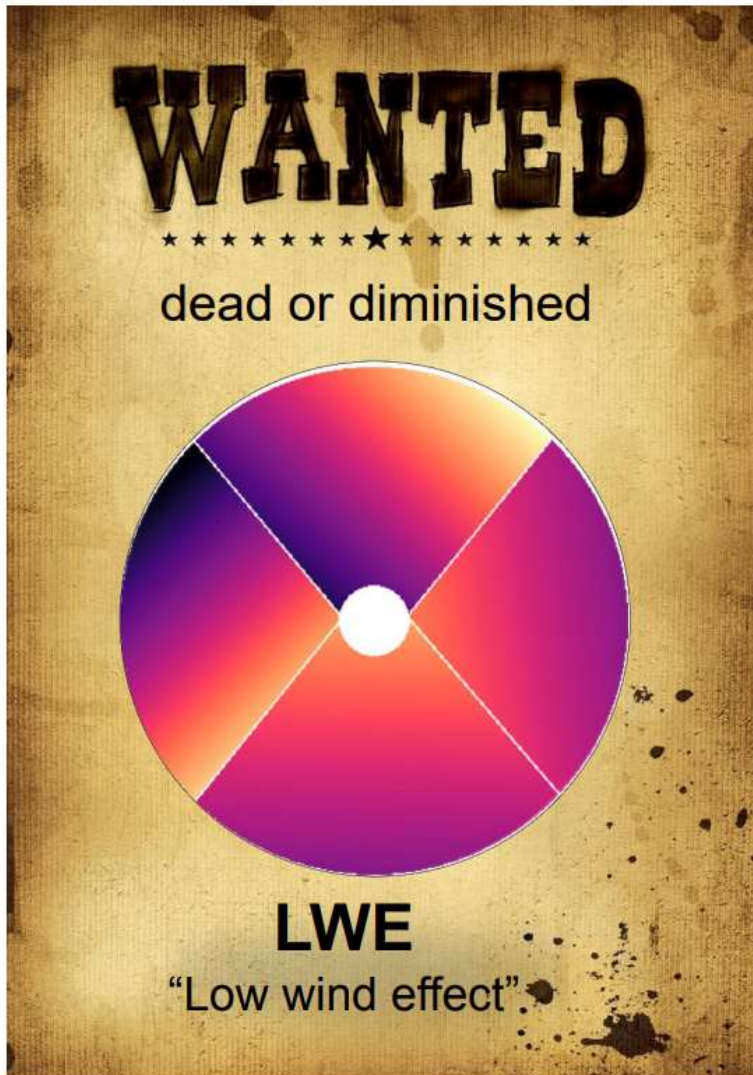
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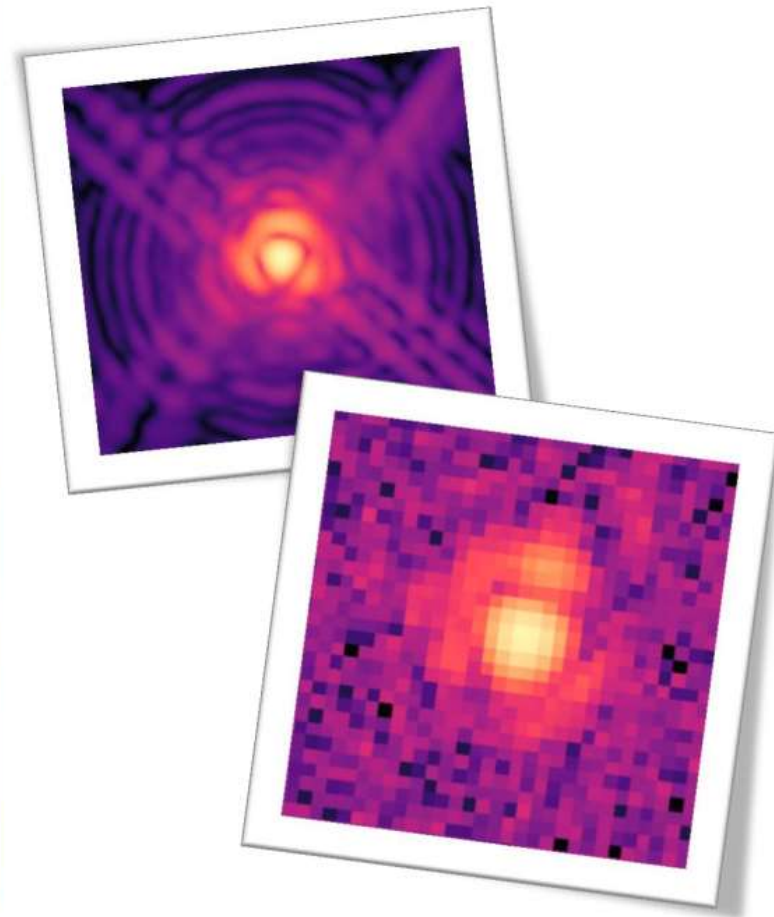
Upgrade? Do



1- Dissection of a SPHERE image



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“Mickey Mouse effect”



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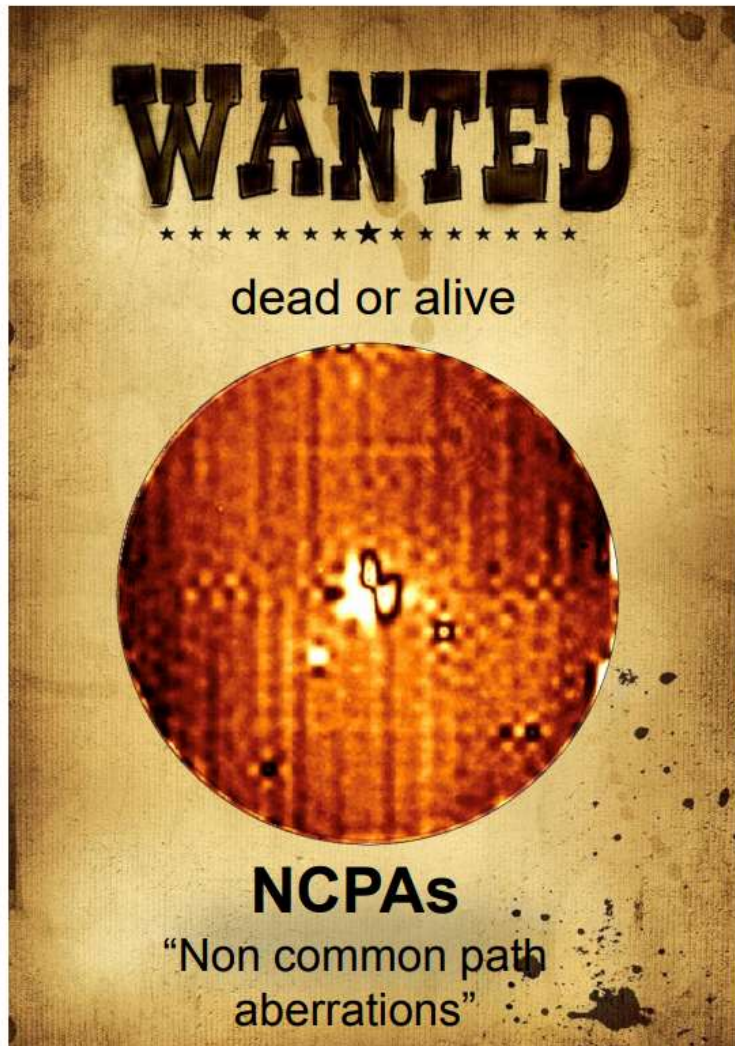
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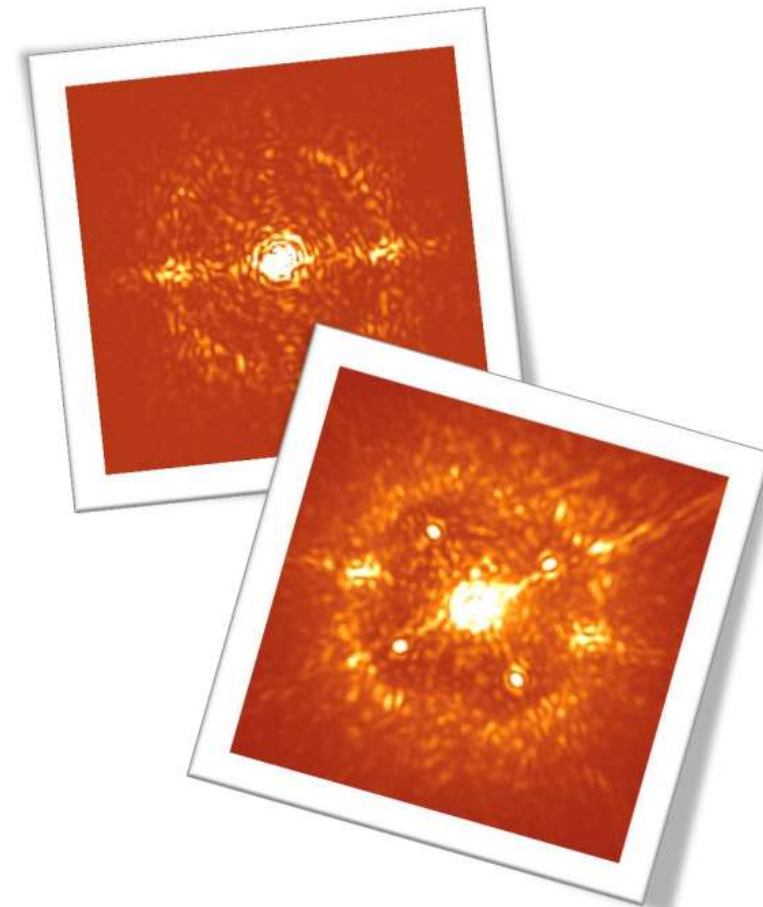
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1- Dissection of a SPHERE image



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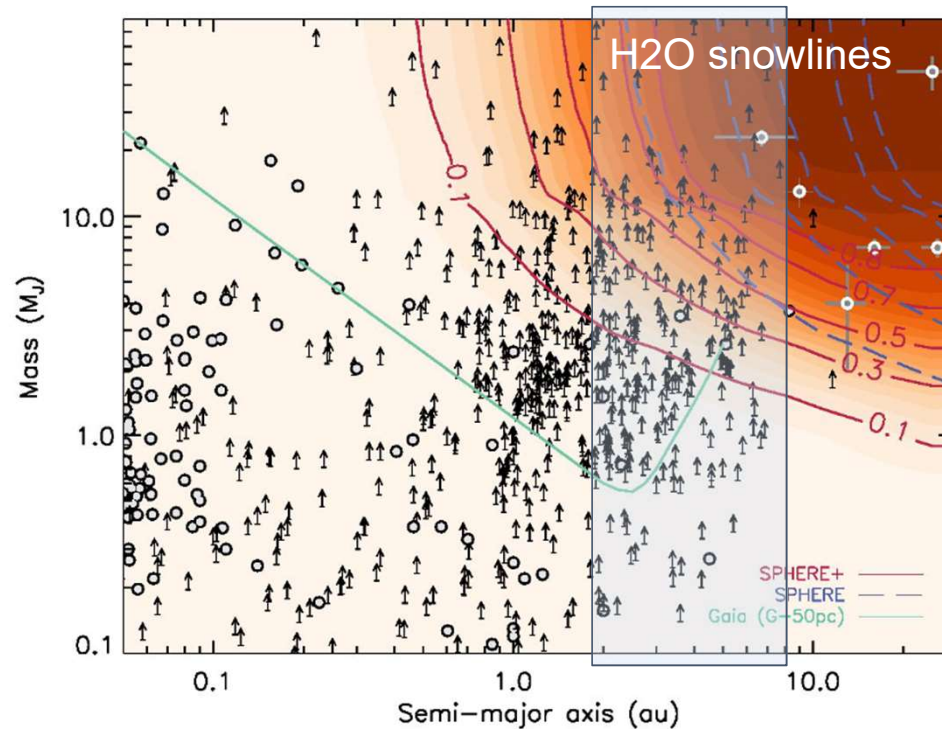


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Science Cases – Main Extension

SC-Exoplanets: [Demographics down to the snow line](#)



Known exoplanets to date
exoplanets.eu

Sample: Young (< 500 Myr), nearby (< 150 pc) stars

Synergies: RV & Gaia (DR3/DR4)

Sc. Req. 1: [Deeper/Closer in contrast](#) (10^{-5} at 100mas, 5σ) on bright ($R < 9.5$) targets at H-band

Trade-off (SAXO+):

2nd stage AO (3kHz) for IR,
RTC integrated solution,
new HODM?

SCIENCE/TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

- sci.req 1: Access the bulk of the young giant planet population down to the snow line
 - tech.req 1: increase bandwidth of AO system
- sci.req 2: Observe a large number of fainter (lower mass) stars
 - tech.req 2: operate WFS in NIR
- sci.req 3: Improve the level of characterization of exoplanetary atmospheres
 - tech.req 3: increase resolution of spectroscopic facilities

MAIN UPGRADES

- 2 main blocks:

PCS
roadmap

- **2nd stage AO (SAXO+)**

- Faster correction (1kHz -> 3kHz) + predictive control
=> contrast gain close to the star
- IR WFS
=> increase coverage of red targets (protoplanets / protoplanetary disks)

Visitor
instrument

- **Medium resolution IFS**

- Boost resolution ($R=50 \rightarrow R=3000-5000$)
- Small FoV

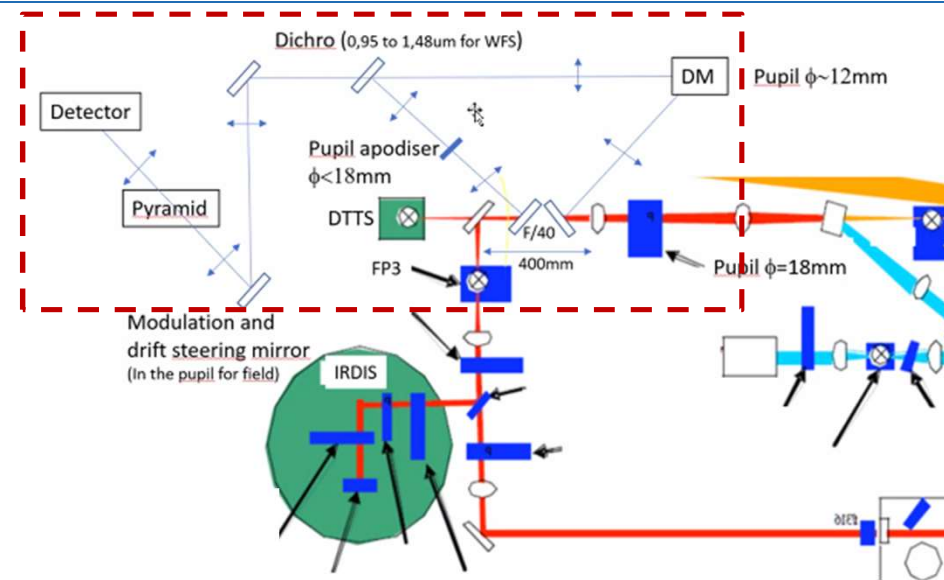
- Smaller upgrades

- Coronagraphy, polarimetry, HIRISE...

MoU ESO-~~SPHERE~~SAXO+ (still under negotiation)

- based on STC recommendation to develop, implement, and test a second stage AO system
- proposition of collaboration between the "PCS roadmap" and SPHERE+ consortium
- common interest in terms of technology (in particular the RTC) and science goal
- **based on best effort, no commitment.** ESO provides: support for analysis, simulations, AIV at Paranal and VLT access, develop predictive control (ML based), access to GHOST (testbench at ESO), help in the review of the project
- **We provide a technological demonstrator. Need acceptance (new proposal) to open the mode if SAXO+ meets performance**

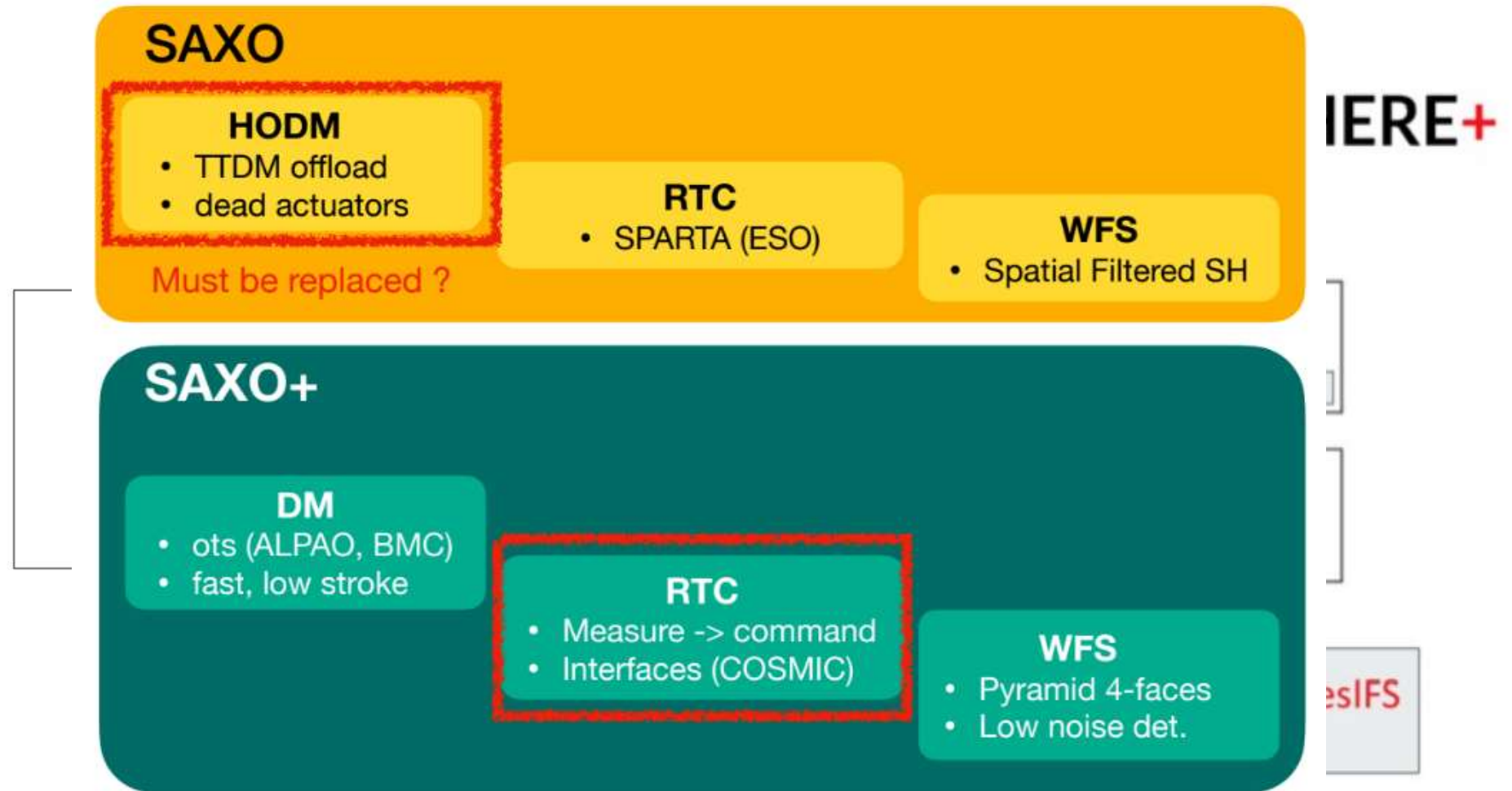
- Test new control approaches on-sky
- Proposal, not yet approved or formalized
- Fast ($> 3\text{kHz}$) PWS using CRED One (Saphira)
- BMC 24x24 or 32x32 DM
- Goal objective: offer to community after



Timeline	SAXO+
Oct 2021	concept phase
Apr 2022	
Oct 2022	
Apr 2023	procurement, AIT
Oct 2023	
Apr 2024	
Oct 2024	
Apr 2025	AIV, 1st light

Adaptive Optics WP AO system lead : F. Vidal (LESIA) AO scientist : F. Cantalloube (LAM)					
System analysis / global Simulation E. Gendron (LESIA)	WFS perf. T. Fusco (LAM)	ICS A. Baruffolo (OAPD)	AO Calibrations M. Langlois (CRAL)	Control algorithms : M. Tallon (CRAL) - direct approach: F. Vidal (LESIA) - iterative approach: E. Thiébaut (CRAL) - machine learning : M. Kasper (ESO)	
Science Trade off J. Milli (IPAG)	Opto Meca E. Stadler (IPAG) / E. Diolaiti (OAB)	WFS detector IR F. Wildi (Obs. Geneva)	RTC platform D. Gratadour (LESIA)	Focal plane sensing J. Mazoyer (LESIA)	AIT (LESIA)

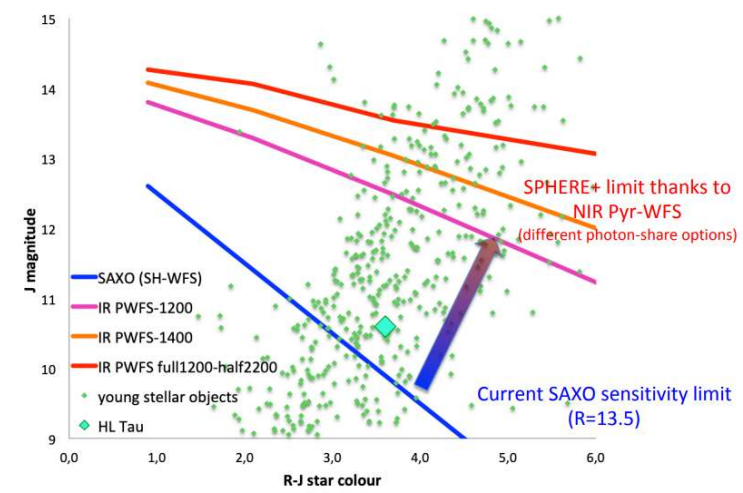
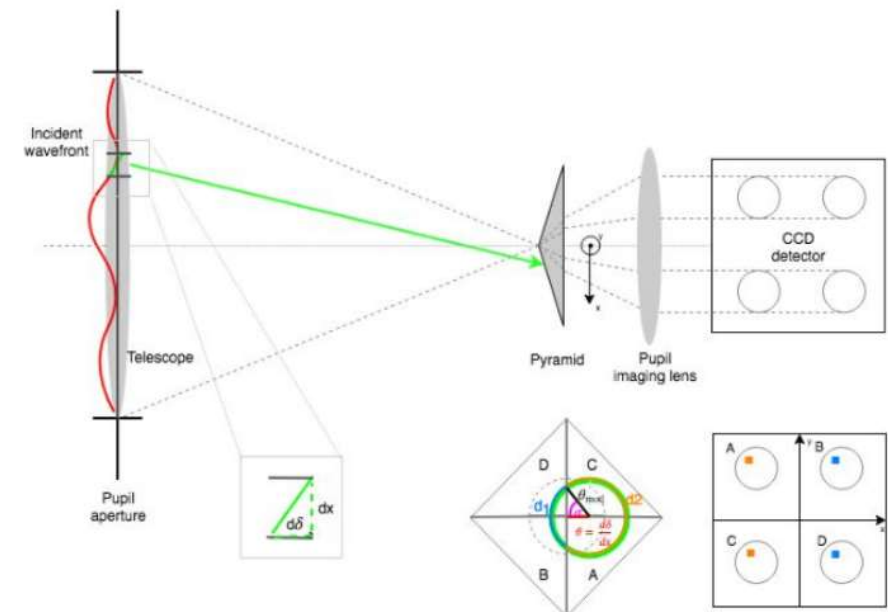
IMPLEMENTATION



WaveFront Sensor type:

Current baseline: Pyramid WFS

- + uses less pixels than a SH.
 - + better overall wavefront sensitivity w.r.t SH
 - + less sensitive to aliasing (> perf at high flux)
 - + lower noise propagation. (> limit mag at low flux)
 - + becoming mature thanks to others instruments (FLAO, SCExAO, MICADO, HARMONI, METIS, ++, ...)
-
- chromatic (=> double pyramid)
 - small linear regime (=> modulate the PSF)
 - cannot handle large NCPAs



Near IR => NIR WFS detector:

Current baseline: First light C-RED one.

- ++ 320x256 pixels J, H, K detector >80% QE in H,K bands
- ++ well suited for PYR WFS
- ++ high speed 3.5kHz speed @ full frame.
- ++ already available camera.

? cryostats modification



=> cool down the entire WFS i.e:

(Modulation mirror) + Field stop + Pyramid + Pupil imaging lens + detector.

=> modification of the C-red cryostat (???)

optical design => where to put the cold stop since no pupil is usually needed in the Pyramid WFS core...

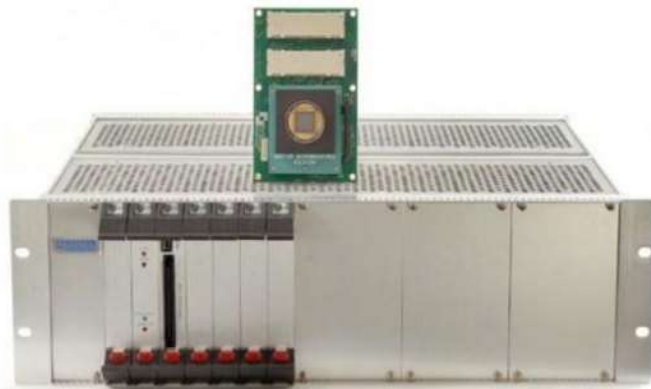
2nd stage deformable mirror:

Current baseline: Boston micromachines 32x32/24x24 actuators
MEMS technology



- ++ already available
- ++ high control speed and high mechanical resonance
- ++ well knowns DMs
- ++ compact...

- limited stroke (=! versions...)
- non linear command (electrostatic shape)
- ...but sometimes too small aperture



DM Models	Total Actuator Count *	Actuator Count Across Aperture	Physical Stroke (μm)	Wavefront Stroke (μm)	Aperture (mm)	Pitch (μm)	Mechanical Response (small step, 10% - 90%) (μs)	Digital Update Rate: Standard (kHz)	Digital Update Rate: High Speed (kHz)	Approximate Inter- Coupling
Multi-C-1.5	137	13	1.5	3.0	3.60	300	<20	2	100	15%
Multi-3.5	140	12	3.5	7.0	4.40	400	<75	2	100	13%
Multi-3.5-L	140	12	3.5	7.0	4.95	450	<75	2	100	13%
Multi-5.5	140	12	5.5	11.0	4.95	450	<100	2	100	22%
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PROPOSED MPIA CONTRIBUTION

Task	Description	Responsible	Time	Units
AO Simulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prerequisite: Existing COMPASS config for SPHERE+ (tbc LESIA) Introduce METIS reconstructor (Zonal VDM) Comparative case study wrt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard performance Impact of LWE Impact of TBD 	M. Feldt H. Steuer	2022-2023	1.0 FTE
Pyramid Prism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review procurement specs handle contact with WZW (attempt others again if necessary) Receive prism handle characterization / verification of pyramid 	TBD	2023	50k€ 0.5FTE
Control Electronics	TBD	L. Mohr	2024-2025	1.0 FTE
Fibre coupling study for IFU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study of optimal design of IFU fibre link <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluating technologies, throughput, Field of View etc New novel concepts (printed reformatters, dithered lenslets) Possibly: Full design of Sphere+ link With money, could build link 	R. J. Harris	2022-2023	R.J.H. gets 20% his time for own research. I would suggest 10% max goes on this