

The next generation of near-IR  
spectrographs  
*KMOS* and *MOONS*

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# Outline

- Why near-IR spectroscopy
- KMOS
  - Unique features
  - Science
  - Latest news
- MOONS
  - Status
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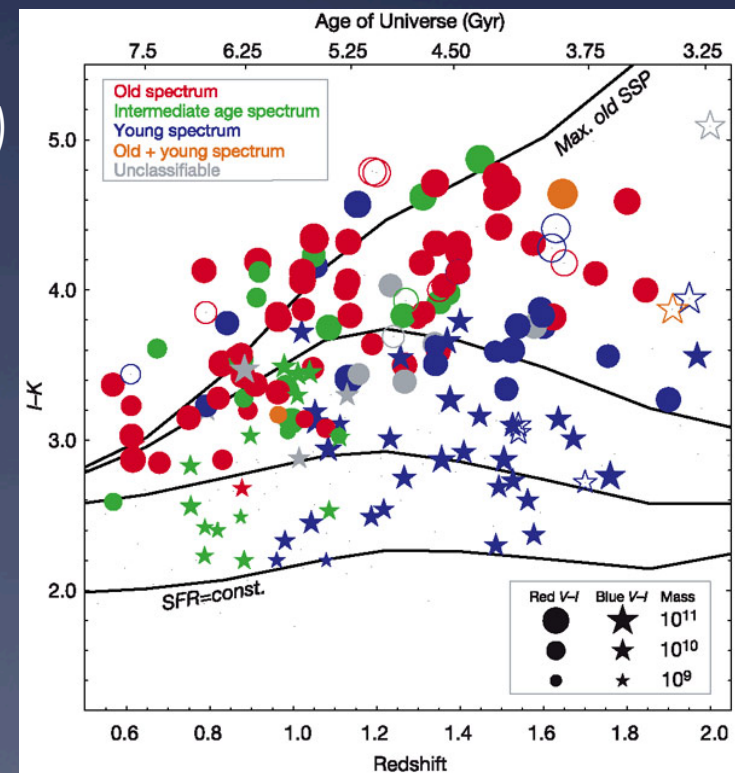
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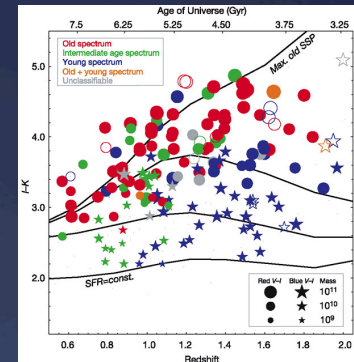


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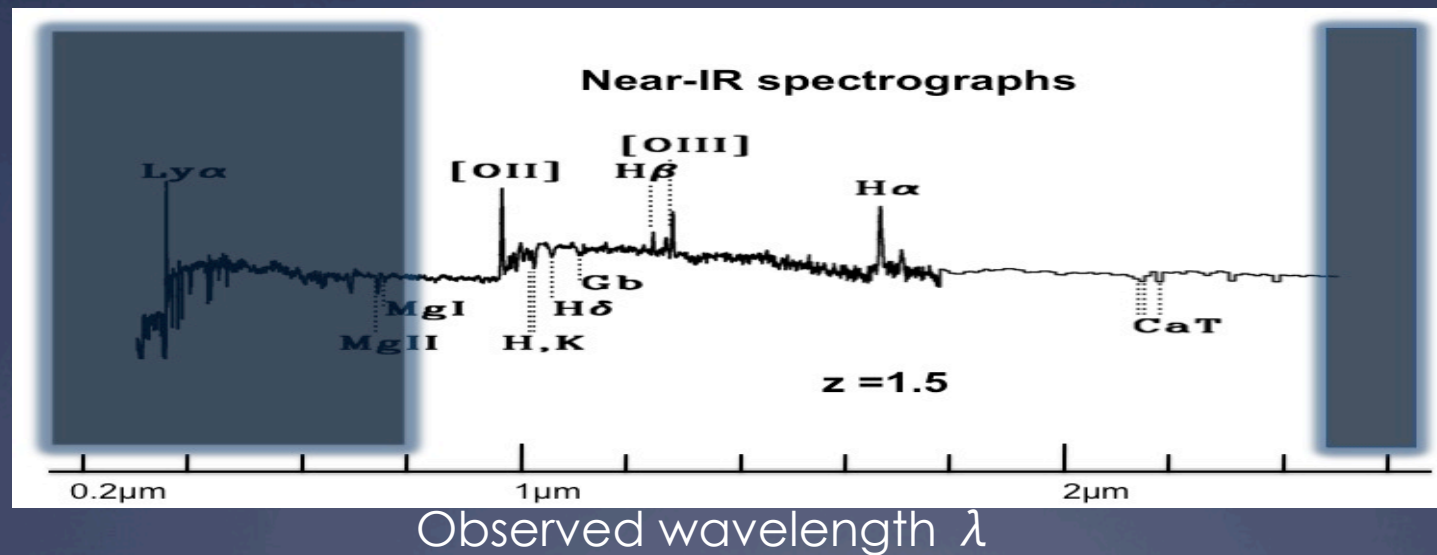
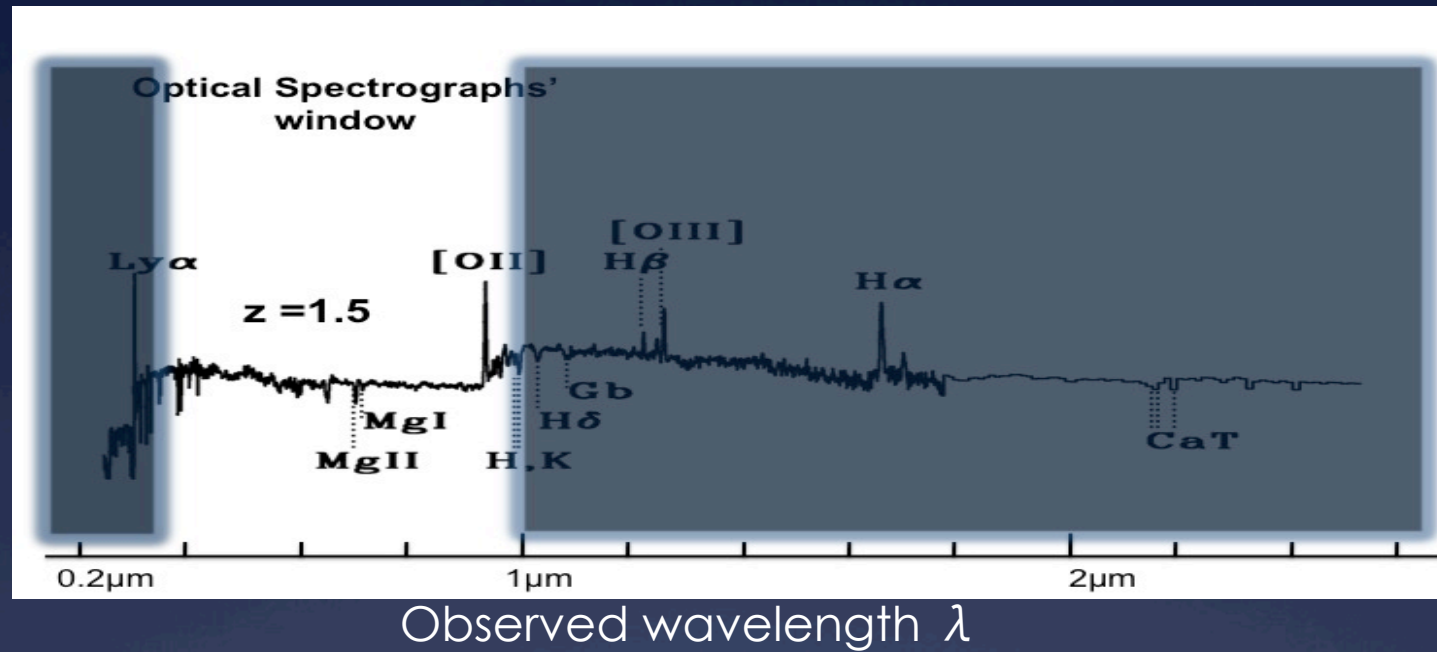
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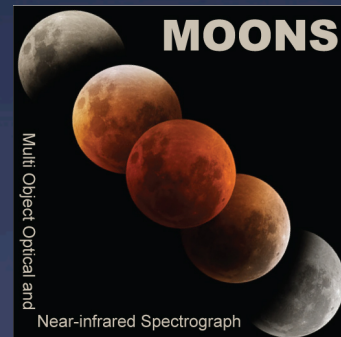
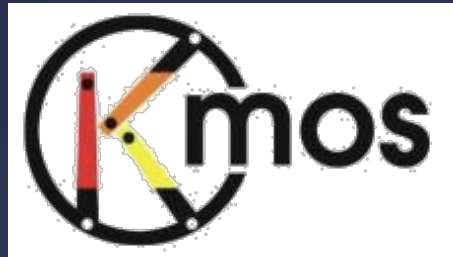
3. At  $z > 1$  most of the key spectral features are  
reshifted in the near-IR



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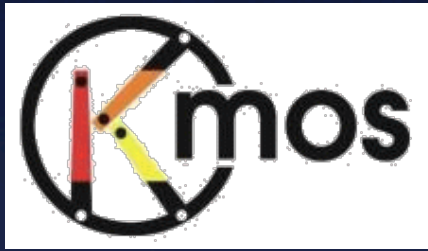
# Ground-based Near-Infrared spectroscopy



2013

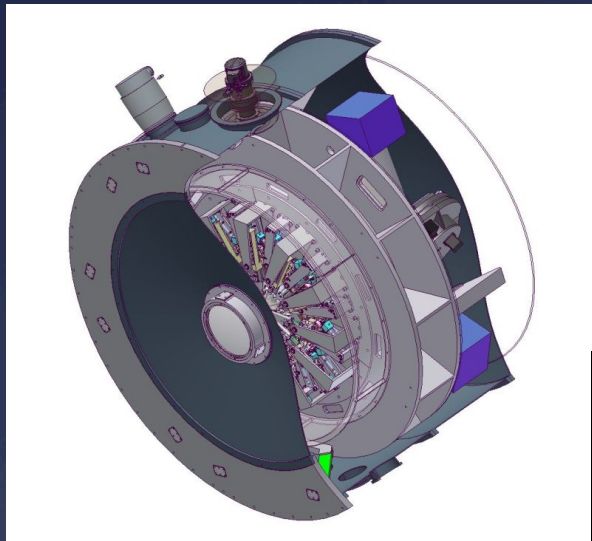
2017-18

2020+



## KMOS Near-IR multi-object IFU for VLT

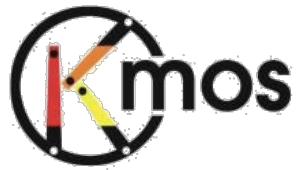
First commissioning on sky in November 2012



PI: R. Sharples

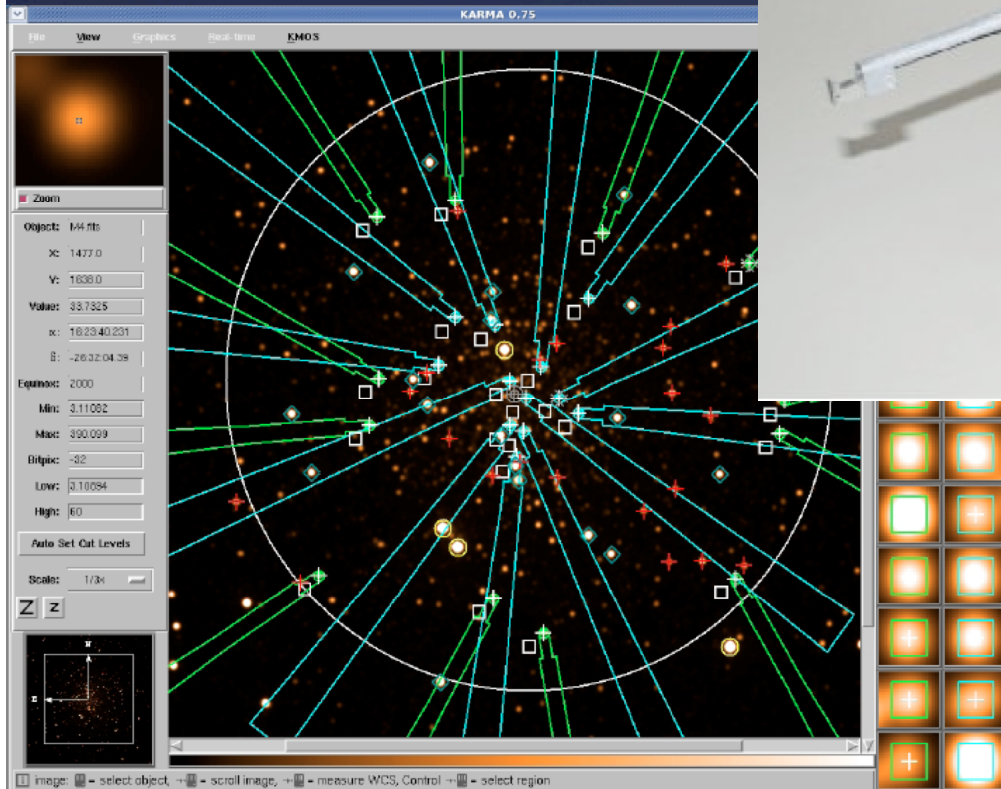
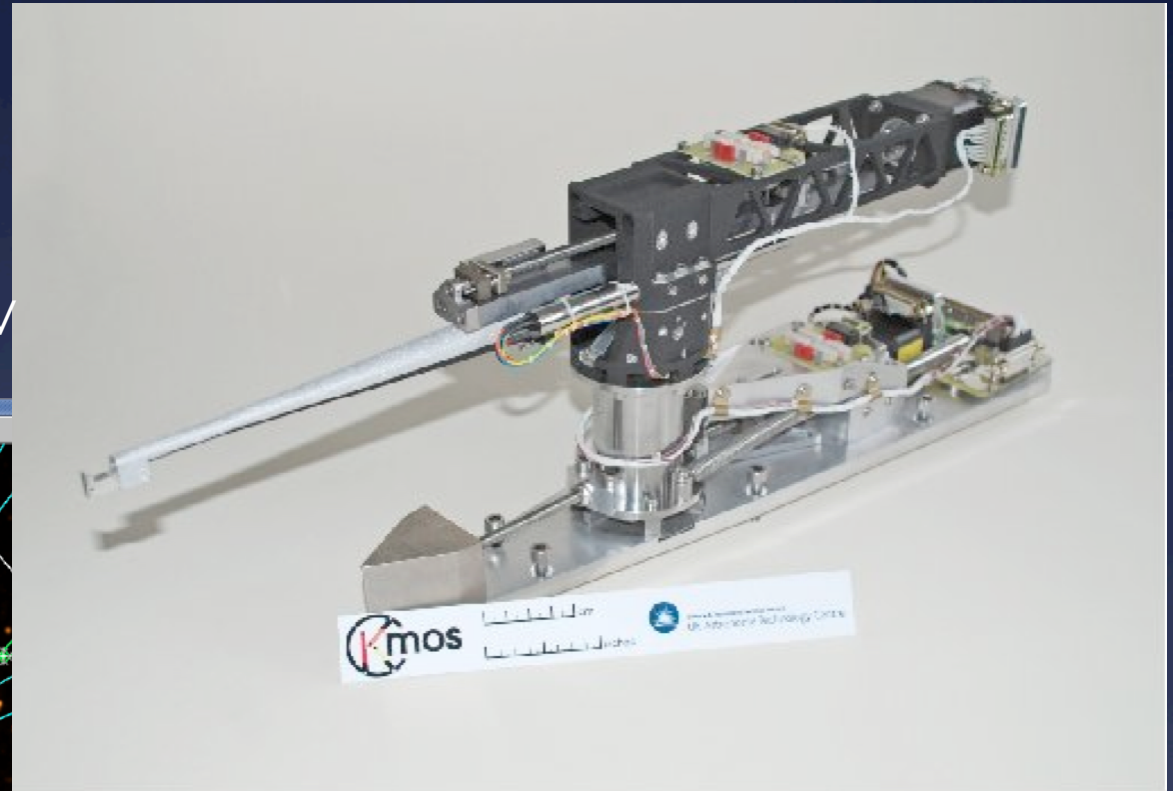
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Instrument scientist: Cirasuolo

<b>Wavelength coverage</b>	0.8 $\mu$ m to 2.5 $\mu$ m
<b>Spectral bands</b>	IZ, YJ, H, K, H+K
<b>Spectral resolving power</b>	R = 3400, 3600, 4000, 4200, 2000 (IZ, YJ, H, K, H+K)
<b>Number of IFUs</b>	24
<b>Extent of each IFU</b>	2.8" x 2.8" (14 x 14)
<b>Spatial sampling</b>	0.2" x 0.2"
<b>Patrol field</b>	7.2 arcmin diameter circle
<b>Close packing of IFUs</b>	$\geq 3$ within 1 sq. arcmin
<b>Closest approach of IFUs</b>	$\geq 2$ pairs of IFU separated by 6 arcsec

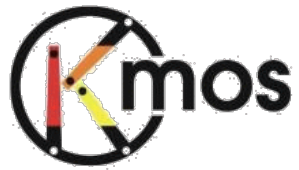


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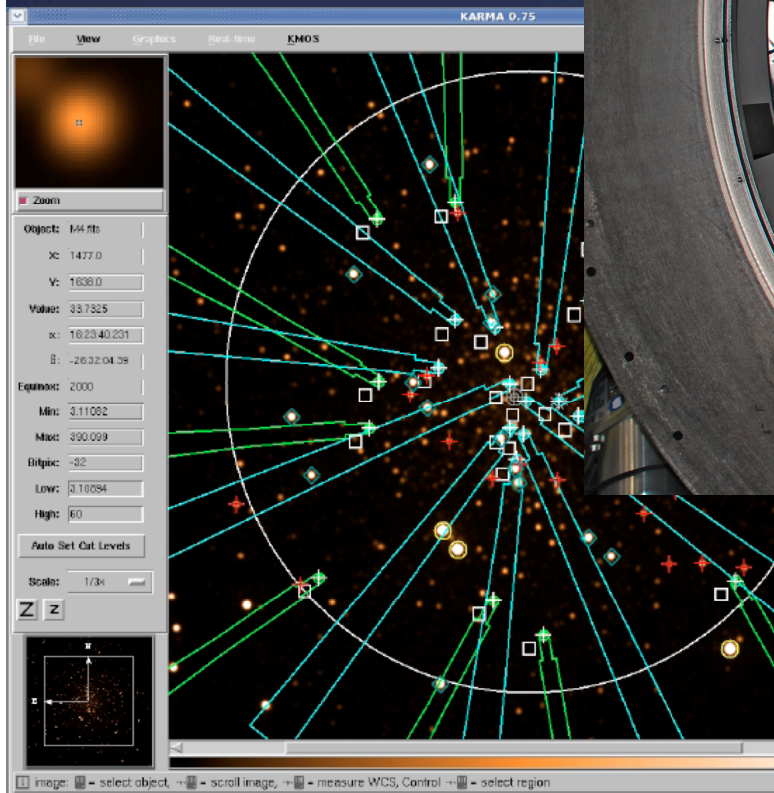
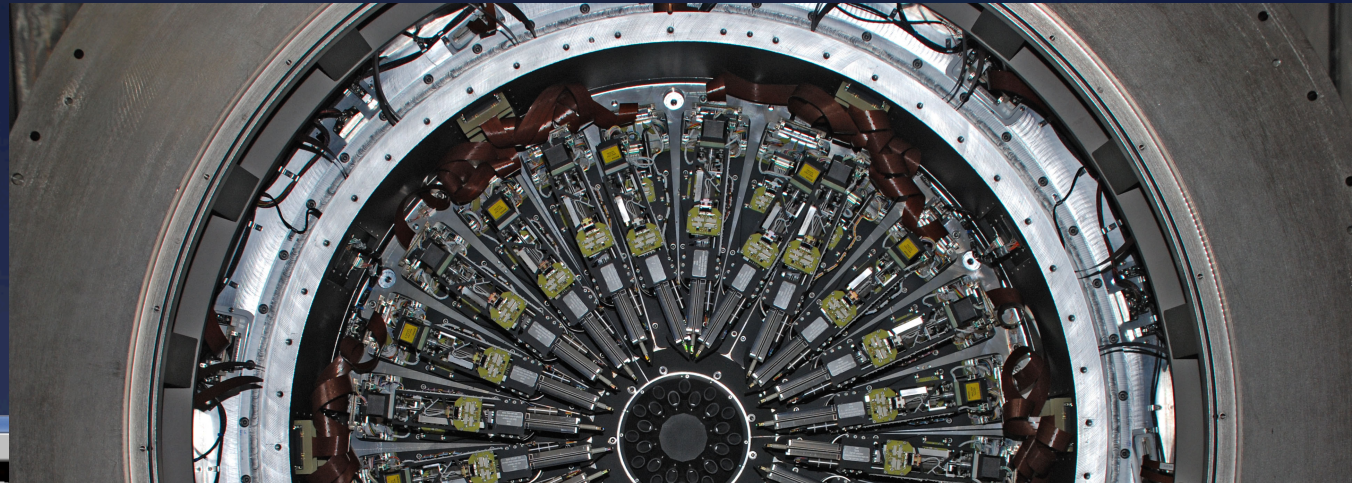
7 arcmin diameter FoV







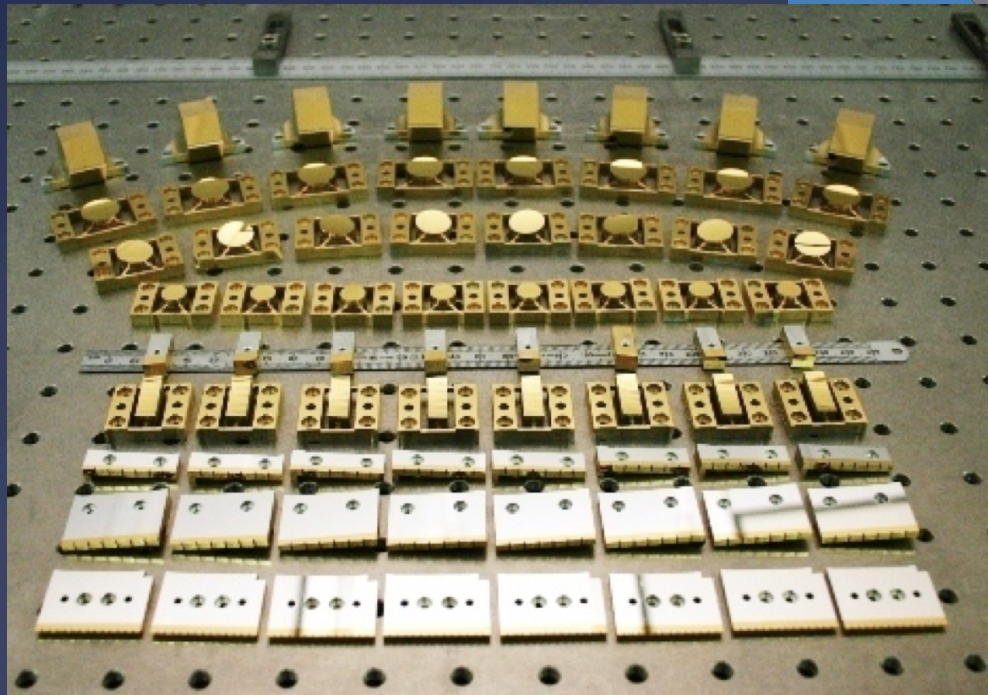
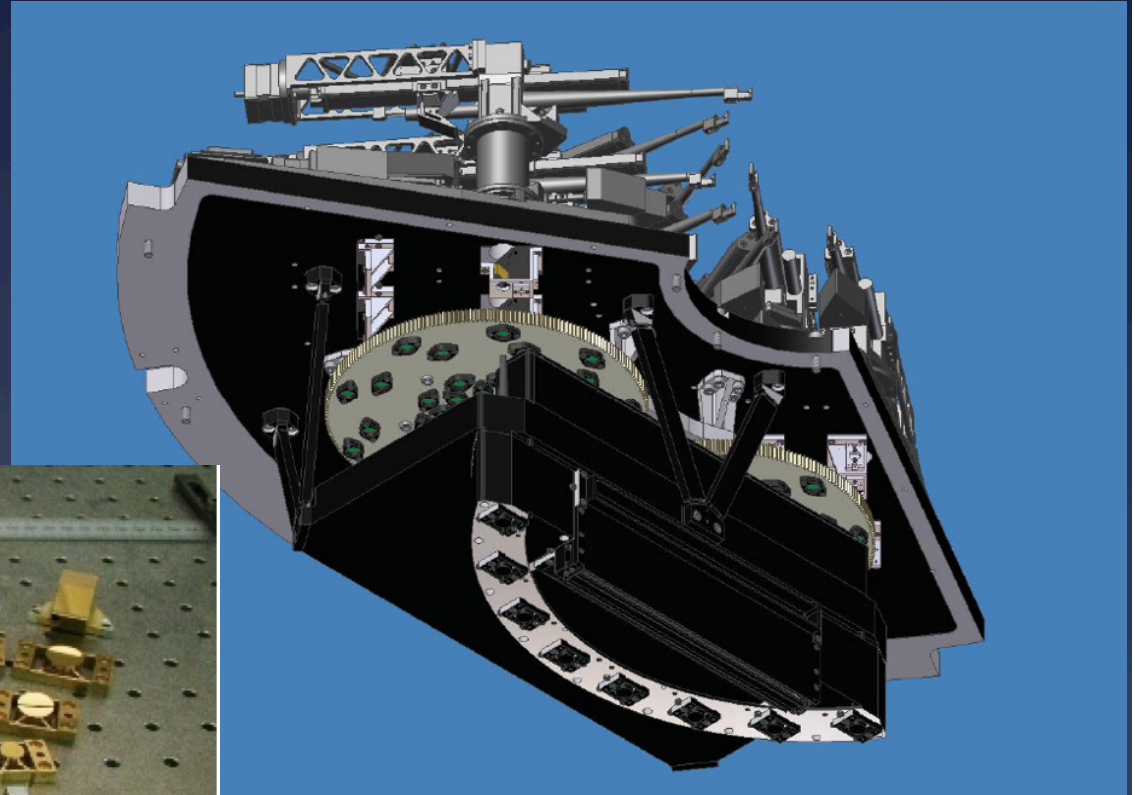
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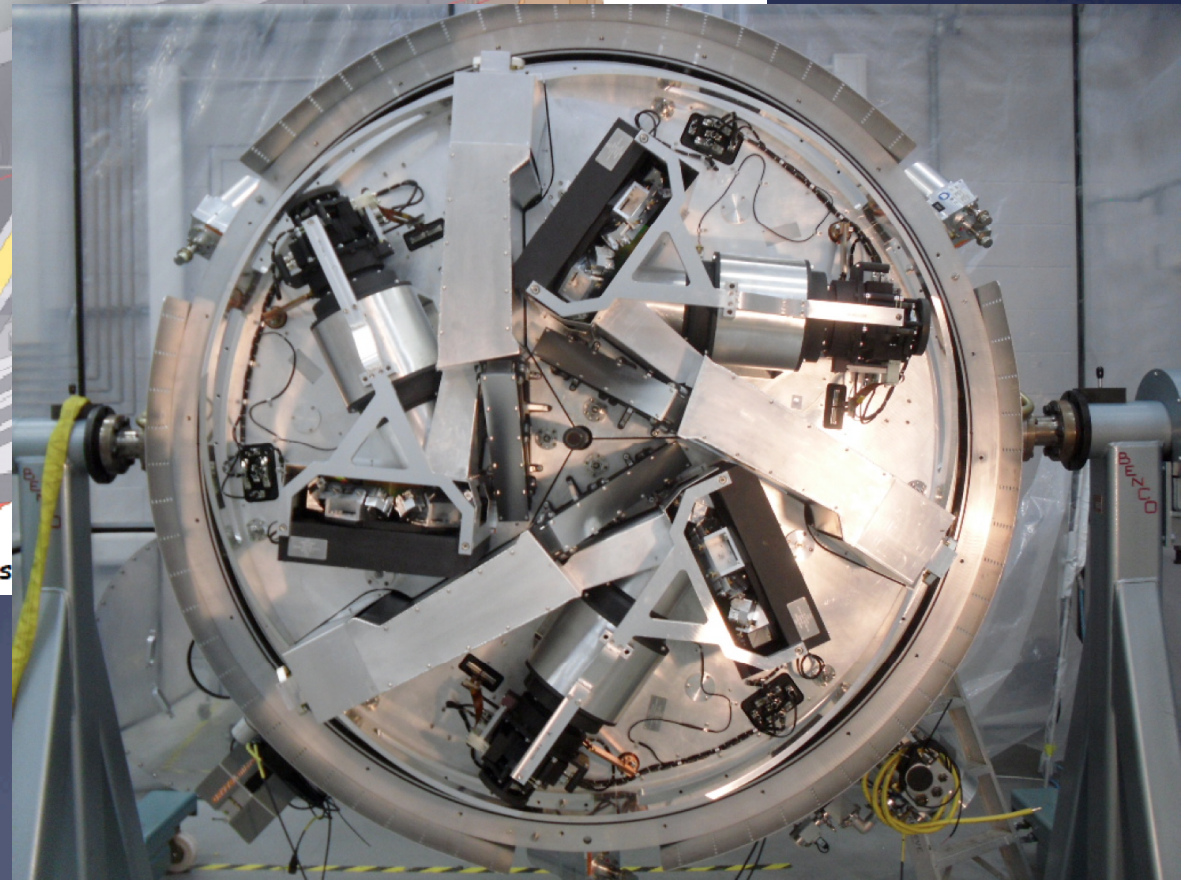
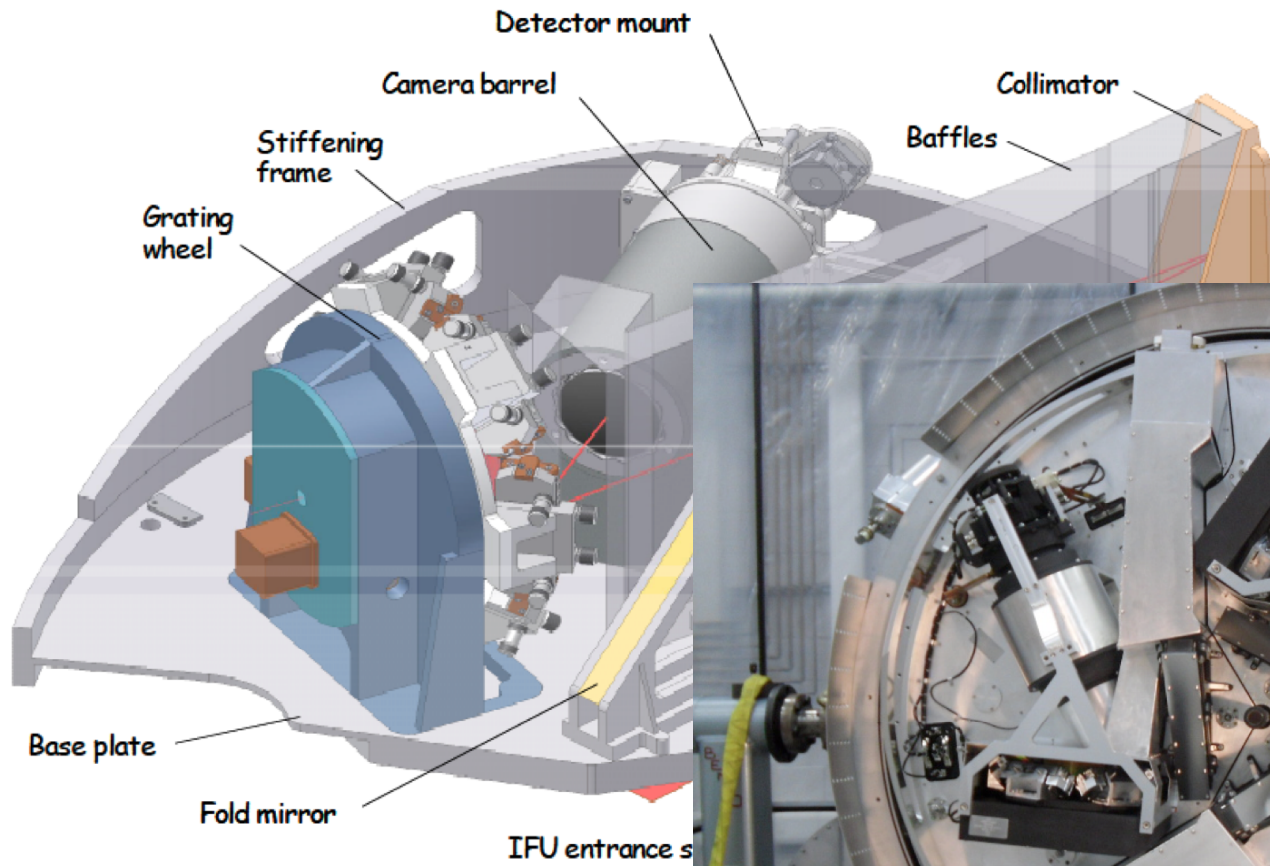
# Integral Field Units

The light from 8 pick-off arms is sliced and reformatted into a pseudo long slit and injected into 1 spectrograph



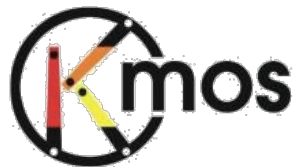
Built by Durham University

# 3 identical spectrographs



Built by Oxford University

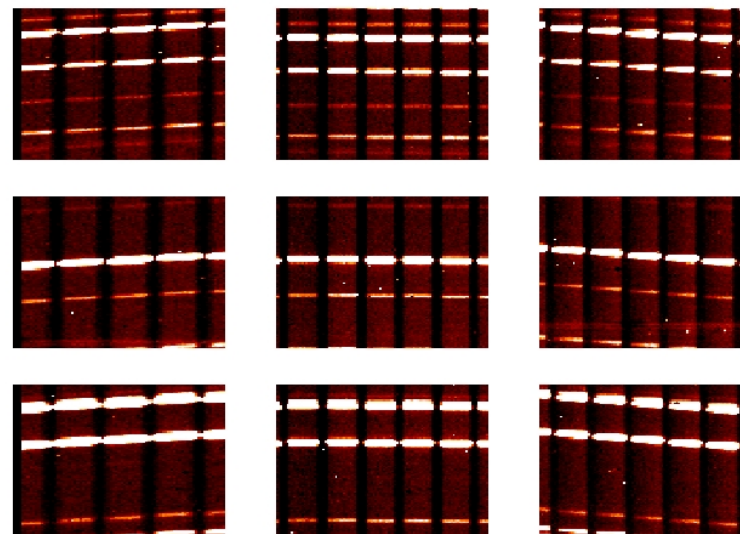
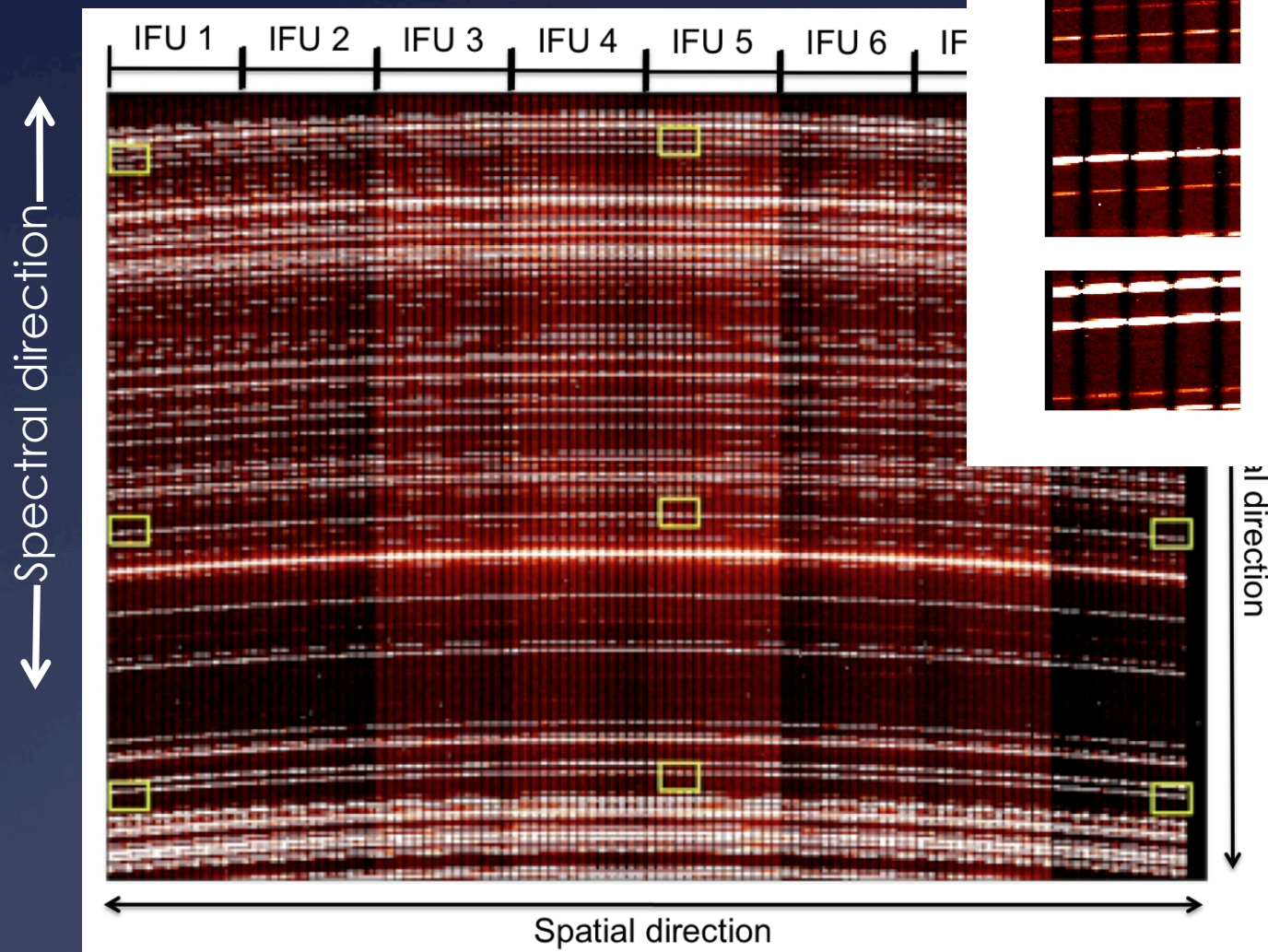




# KMOS data

ARGON lamp

1 detector, 8 IFUs



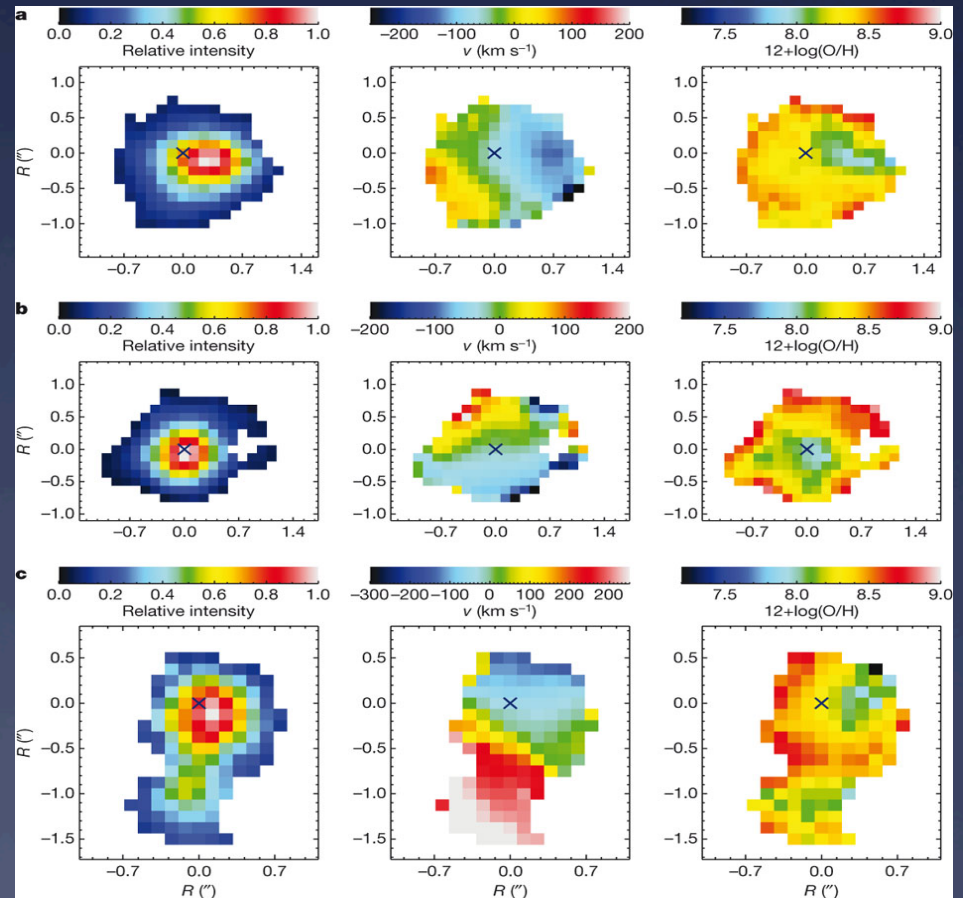
Spatial image quality  
0.2 arcsec

Spectral image quality  
2 pixels

# Science with KMOS

Spatially resolved spectroscopy on kpc scales:

- Star formation history
- Dynamics
- Extinction
- Metallicity
- Mergers



# Latest news

- Passes PAE and shipped from Edinburgh in July/August
- Arrived at Paranal beginning of September
- Reassembled and tested in the assembly hall

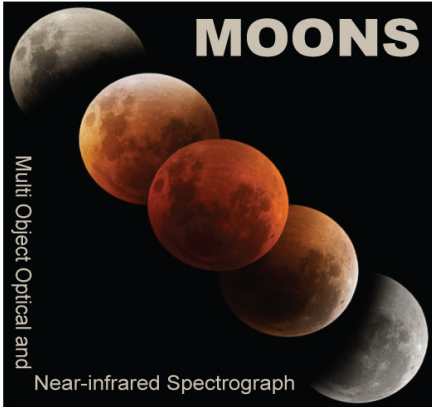
*All is OK and working .... with great relief of the team !!!!*

- First commissioning on sky: 21<sup>st</sup> November

Stay tuned ...

One more step forward...





# MOONS

Multi-Object Optical and Near-  
infrared Spectrograph for VLT





# MOONS

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- Consortium: UK, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Chile, Switzerland, Sweden, ESO

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# MOONS

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Selected by ESO for a Phase A study as  
a wide field MOS in combination with 4MOST

The aim for MOONS is to be operational on sky by 2017-18



# MOONS in a nutshell

**Field of view:** 500 sq. arcmin at the 8.2m VLT

**Multiplex:** 1000 fibers, with the possibility to deploy them in pairs

## Medium resolution:

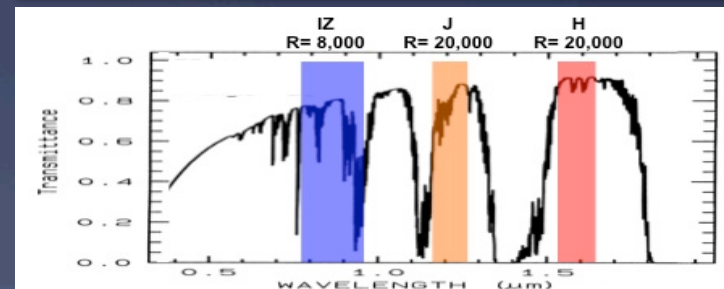
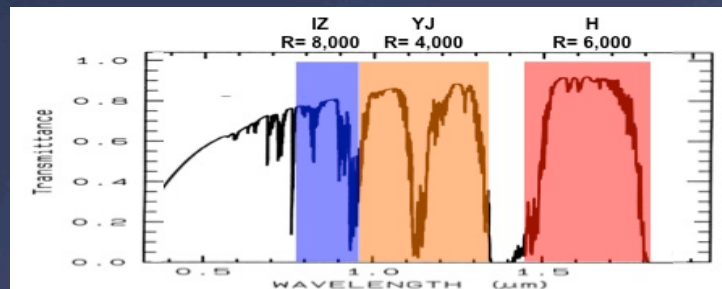
Simultaneously 0.8-1.8  $\mu\text{m}$   
at  
R=4,000 – 6,000



## High resolution:

Simultaneously 3 bands:

- 0.8-0.95  $\mu\text{m}$  at R = 8,000
- 1.17-1.26  $\mu\text{m}$  at R=20,000
- 1.52-1.63  $\mu\text{m}$  at R=20,000



**Throughput:** 20-30 %

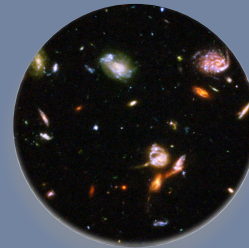


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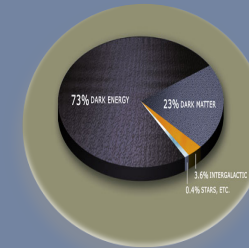
Offers unique features and versatility for a variety of studies



Galactic  
Archaeology



Galaxy  
Evolution



Cosmology





# Galactic Archaeology





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## Gaia - ESA cornerstone mission:

Imaging to measure proper motion (for  $V < 20$ )

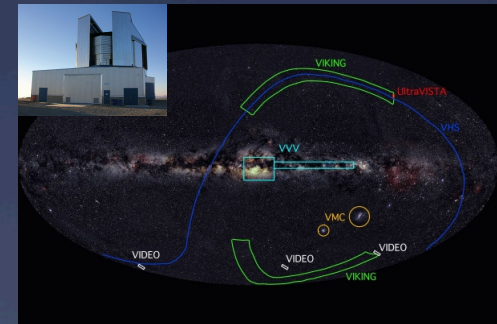
On board spectroscopy is limited to bright objects:

$V < 17$  for radial velocity and

$V < 13$  for detailed chemical abundances



## VISTA public surveys



Ground-based spectroscopic follow-up is essential

## MOONS wil provide

- Radial velocities by observing the CaT at resolution  $R = 8,000$  for  $V < 20$
- Detailed chemical abundances at  $R=20,000$  in (J+H) for  $H < 15.5$

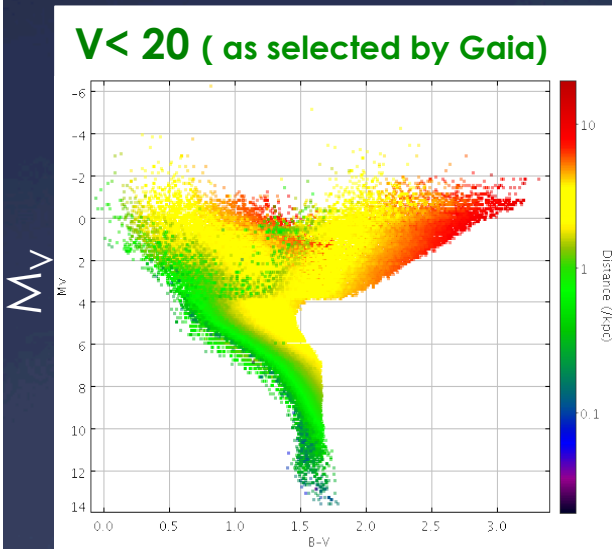
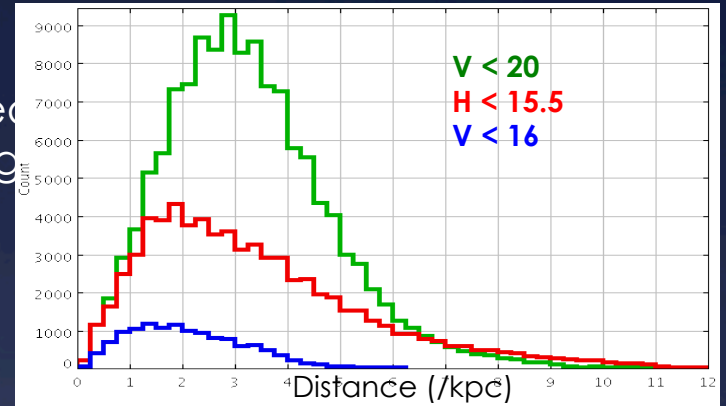


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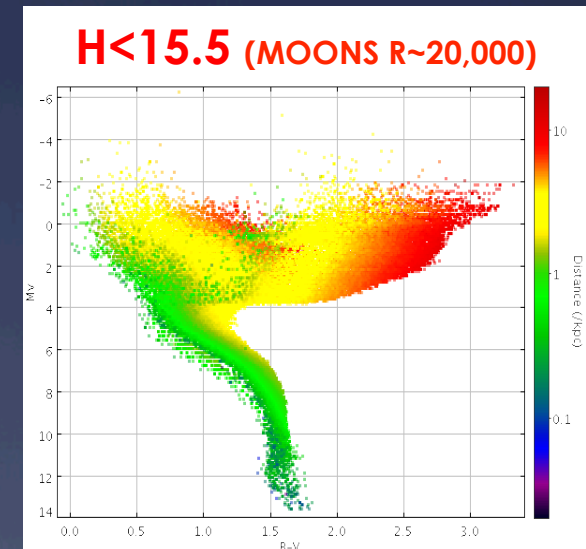
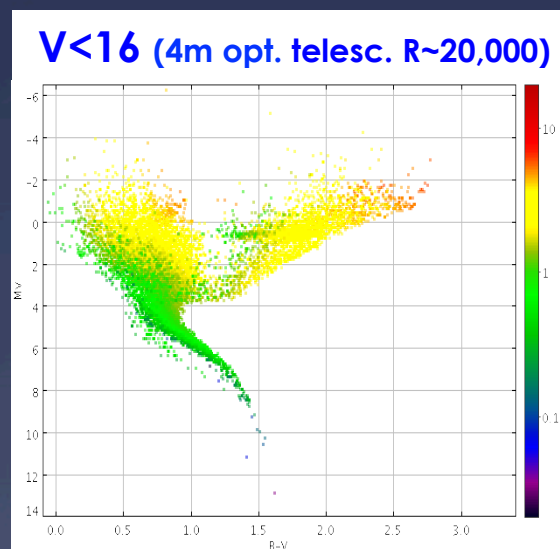
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CMD for the Disc from Besancon Models ( $l=90, b=0, A_v=0.7\text{mag/kpc}$ )



Distance (kpc)



B-V

Medium resolution: 30min - 1hr  
 $I < 20 + J\&H < 17$   
 CaT @R~8,000 +  
 Fe, Na, Al, Mn, S, K @R~5,000  
**Radial velocities and metallicity**

In the Bulge even  
 higher extinction  
 $A_v > 20-30$

High resolution: 1hr integration  
 $I < 20 + J\&H < 15.5$   
 CaT @R~8,000 +  
 Fe, CNO, Ca, Si, Ti, Mg, Cr  
 @R~20,000

**RV + detailed chemical abundances**



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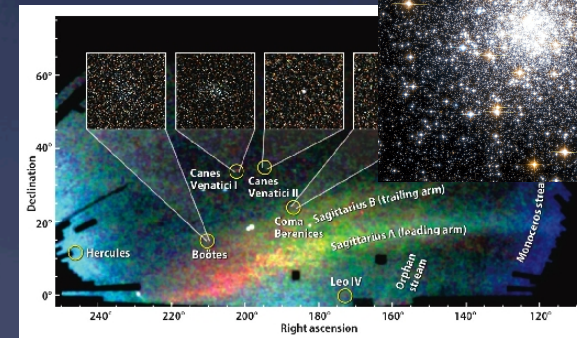
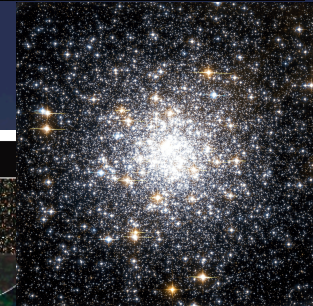
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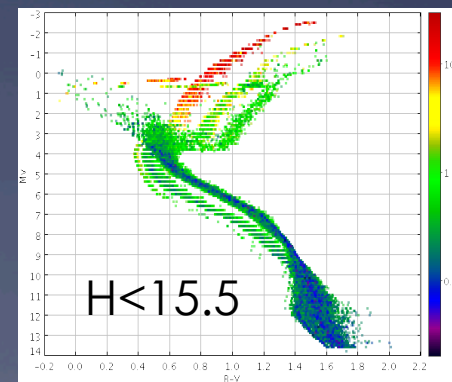
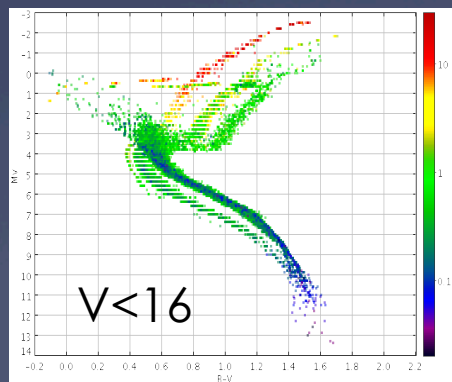
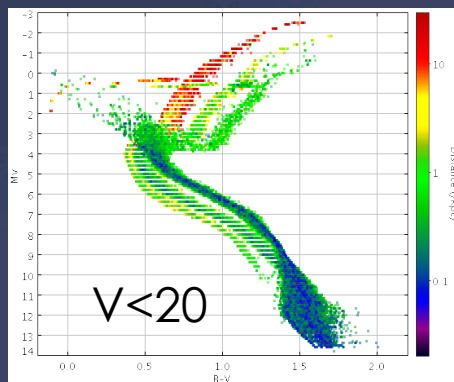


## Streams in the Halo and clusters

Photometrically selected with Gaia, SDSS, Pan-STARRS, VISTA, UKIDSS, LSST etc.



CMD for the Halo from Besancon Models ( $l=90, b=60, A_v=0$ )







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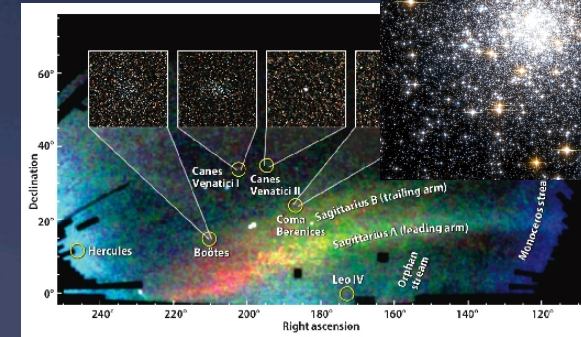
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## Resolved stellar population in external galaxies

Magellanic clouds, Nearby galaxies, follow-up of VISTA and UKIDSS





# MOONS for Galactic studies

MOONS will be able to observe all the main components of our Galaxy

Gaia + VISTA  
imaging

- Position
- Transverse velocities
- Photometry + colours

MOONS  
Spectra

- Radial velocities
- Global metallicity
- Detailed chemistry

MOONS + Gaia  
12+ D

- Position + vel.
- Dynamics
- Abundances
  - Si, Ca, Ti, Mg,
  - Fe, Cr, Mn, CNO
- Astrophysics (ages, histories, etc)

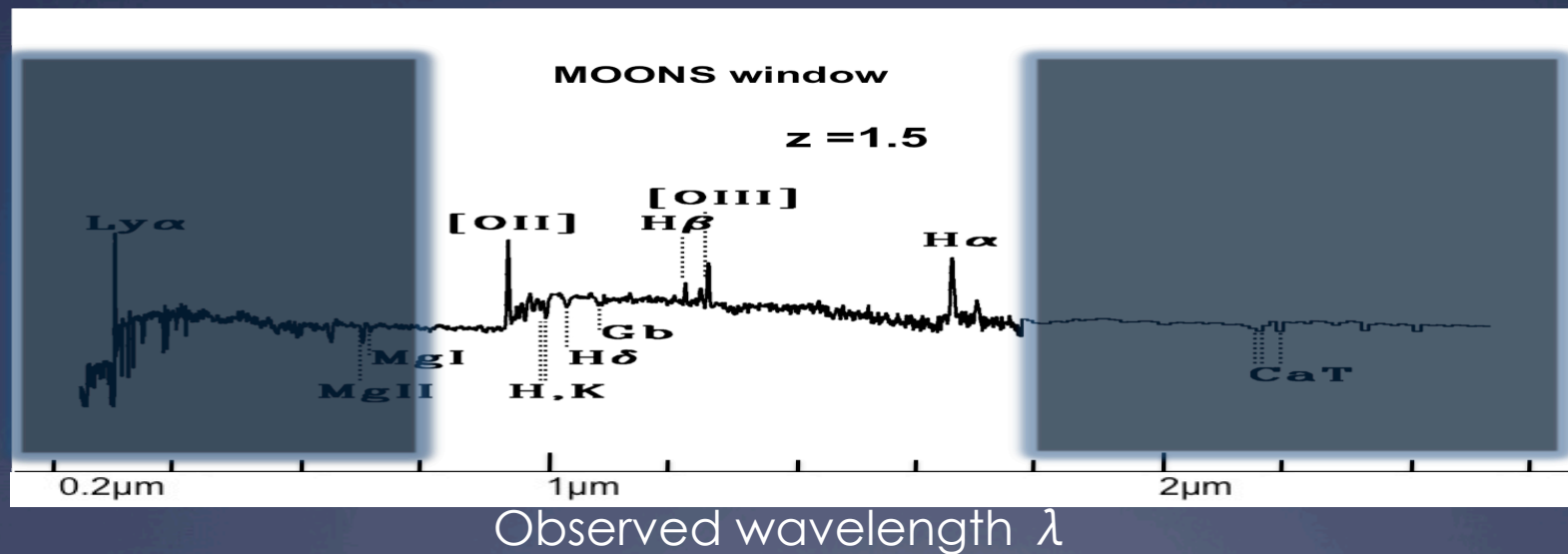
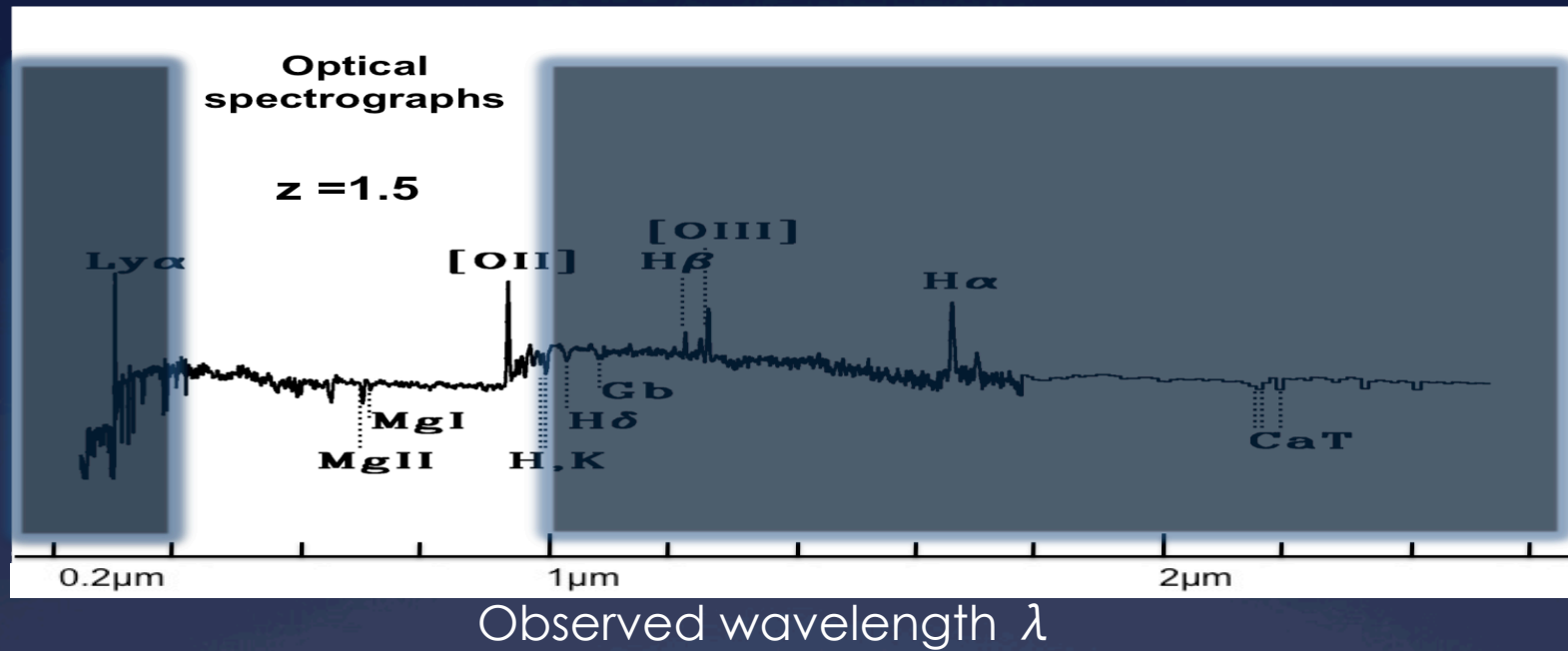
**In 100 nights a year for 5 years => 8 Million stars over > 1000 sq. deg.**

- Nature of the Bulge
- Origin of the thick Disc
- Evolution and structure of the thin Disc
- Kinematic multi-element distribution function in the Solar Neighbourhood.

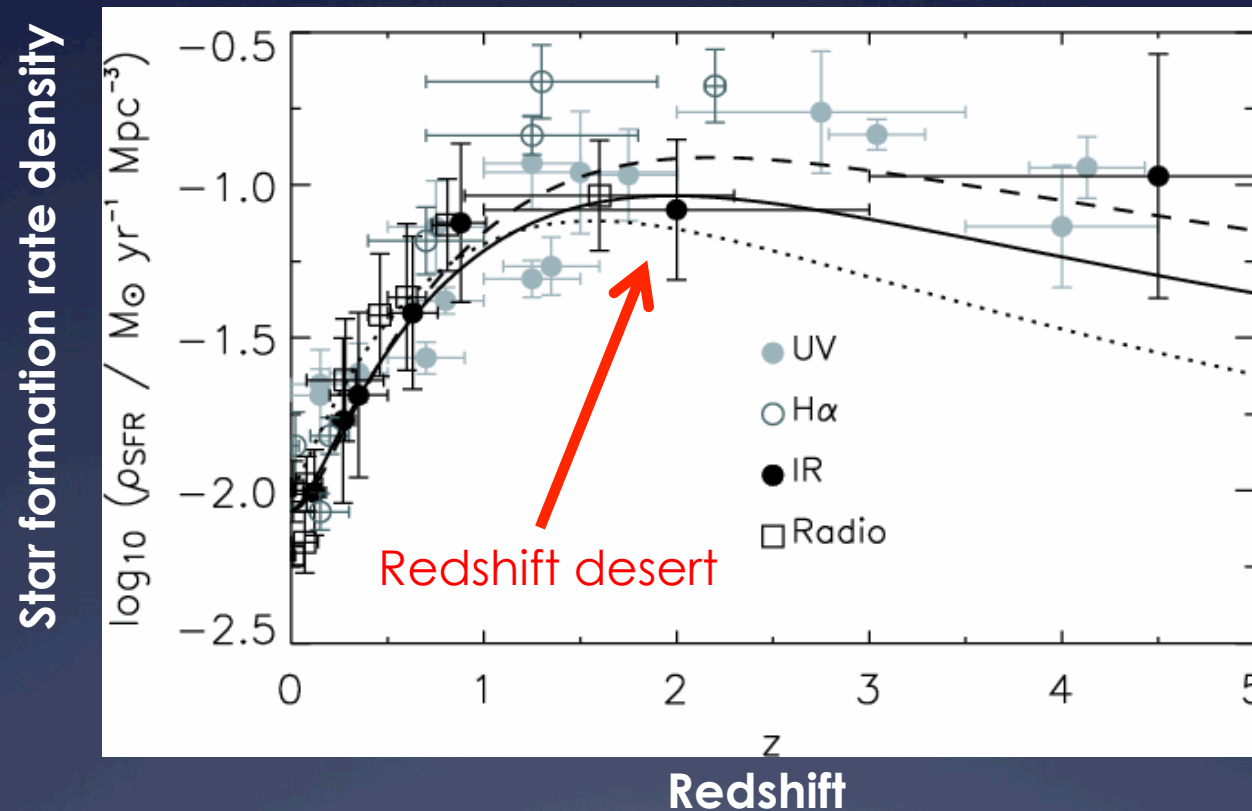
- Open cluster formation and disruption
- Complex physics affecting stellar evolution
- Quantitative studies of Halo substructure, dark matter, and rare stars

# Galaxy evolution at high $z$

# Need near-IR to study galaxy evolution at high-z



# The peak epoch of star-formation and mass assembly

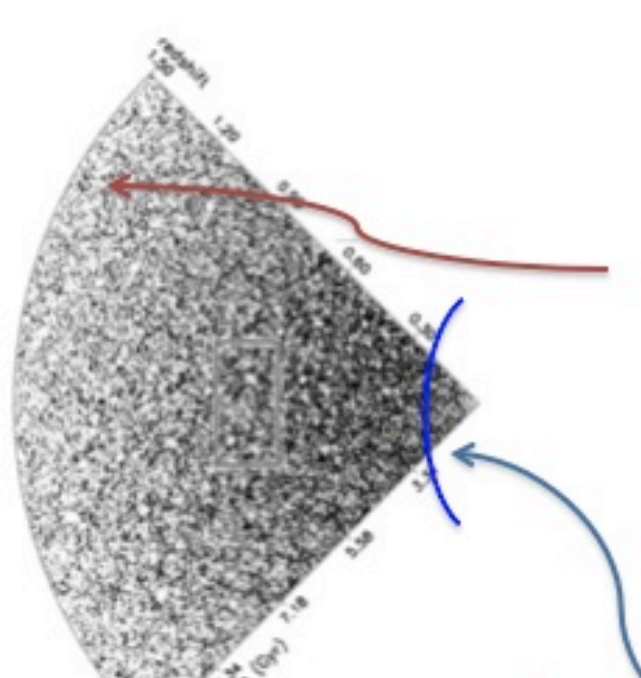


Needed for follow-up of major imaging surveys/facilities:  
VISTA, UKIDSS, Herschel, DES, ALMA, eRosita, Euclid etc

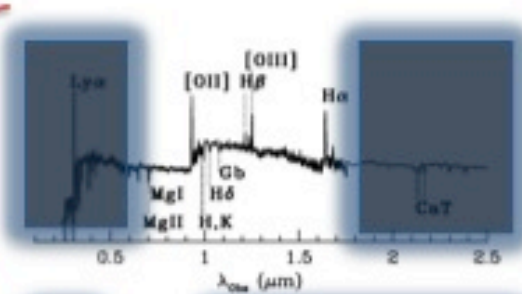




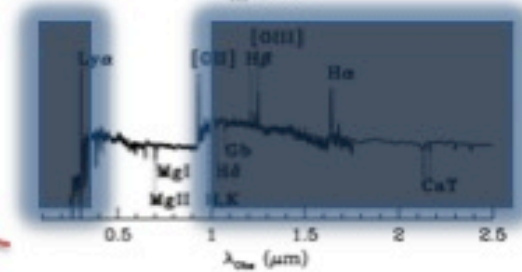
# An SDSS-like survey at $z \approx 1-2$



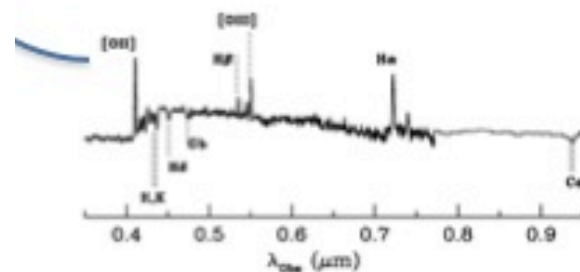
2-3h integration per pointing  
 500 nights survey  
 1 Million galaxies at  $z > 1$   
 Continuum:  $AB \approx 23$  ( $5\sigma$ )  
 Lines:  $F \approx 1 \times 10^{-17}$  erg/s/cm<sup>2</sup>



**MOONS**  
 **$z = 1.5$**



**Optical spectrographs**  
 **$z=1.5$**



**SDSS**  
**at  $z=0.1$**

Possibility for a multi-layer strategy with deeper pointings (10-30hr)

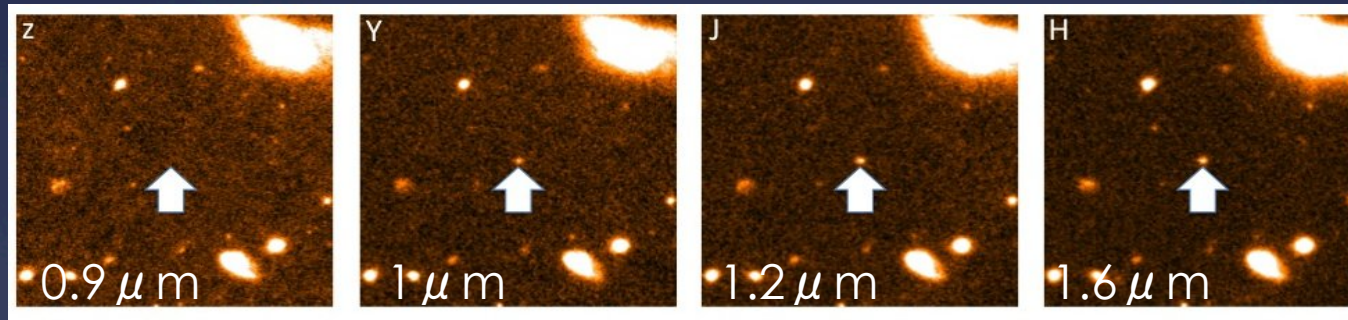
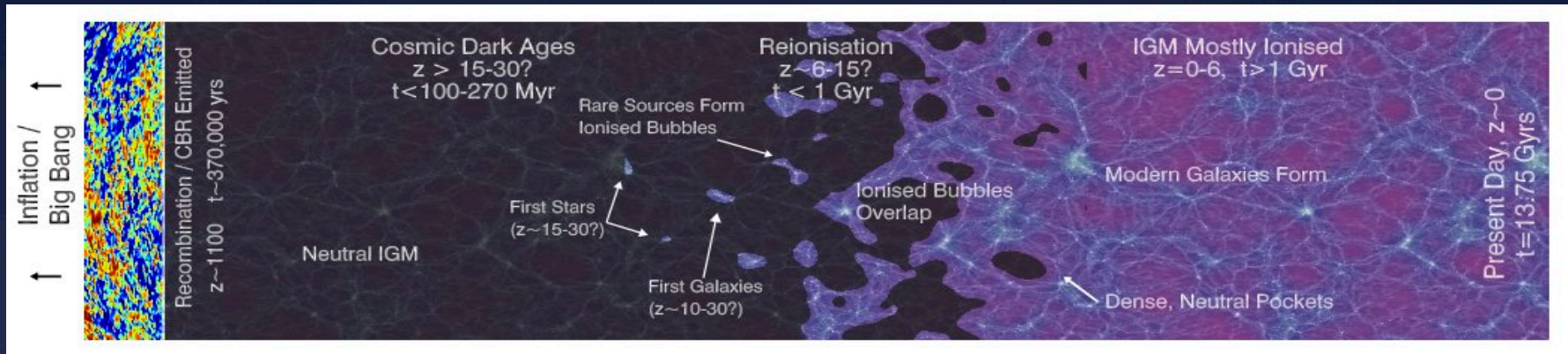


# Legacy value

Unique, large samples of **~ 1M galaxies at  $z > 1$**  to achieve robust measurements of inter-dependence of key physical parameters.

- Accurately determine the critical relation between **stellar mass, star-formation and metallicity** and the role of feedback.
- Study the crucial effect of the **environment**
- Unveil the link between mass accretion and **central black hole growth**
- Determine **the Dark Matter** halo mass function via galaxy groups as a fundamental test of the Cold Dark Matter paradigm.
- Allow **precise clustering** measurements and unprecedented estimation of mass and luminosity function at  $z > 1$ .

# The first galaxies and the epoch of reionization



- ✓ Spectroscopic confirmation of the most distant galaxies.
- ✓ Establish the Lyman- $\alpha$  escape fraction and unveil the physics of re-ionization.
- ✓ Measure star-formation and mass assembly of primeval galaxies.
- ✓ Clustering of high- $z$  galaxies and constrain how re-ionization processes.





# Summary

MOONS is the long-awaited near-IR work-horse  
MOS for the VLT

Galactic studies: essential follow-up of Gaia and VISTA

- ✓ Radial velocities and detailed chemical abundances for **several million stars** over **>1000 sq. deg.**
- ✓ Best instrument to study the Bulge and Disk
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MOS for the VLT

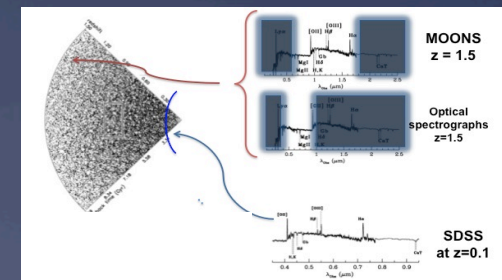
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- ✓ Follow-up of the very first galaxies at  $z > 7$  into the **epoch of re-ionization**.
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- ✓ Pathfinder for E-ELT and ALMA.



# ROE workshop 2012

**Synergies between large-area infrared surveys, VLT-MOONS and Euclid**

Royal Observatory Edinburgh, 5-6th November 2012

<http://www.roe.ac.uk/roe/workshop/>

Deadline for abstract and registration: 19<sup>th</sup> October

More information on MOONS at: [www.roe.ac.uk/~ciras/MOONS.html](http://www.roe.ac.uk/~ciras/MOONS.html)





# MOONS: a world leading facility

Instrument	Number of objects	Filter/wavelength	Resolutions	Field View	Survey speed (nights)
KMOS	24 IFUs	Iz, YJ,H, K	3500	7' diameter	400
Flamingos II	Up to 80 slits	JH & HK	1200 or 3000	6' x 2'	500
EMIR	Up to 50 slits	z, J, H, K	4000	6' x 4'	200
MOSFIRE	Up to 45 slits	Y, J, H, K	3300	6.1' x 6.1'	220
LUCIFER	Up to 20 slits	z, J, H, K	7000-8000	4' x 3'	500
MOIRCS	Up to 40 slits	z, J, H, K	600 - 1500	7' x 4'	250
FMOS	200 obj + 200 sky fibers	0.9 – 1.8 $\mu$ m zY, J, H	500 2200	30' diameter	50 †
<b>MOONS</b>	<b>500 objects + 500 sky fibres</b>	<b>0.8(0.5)<math>\mu</math>m-1.8<math>\mu</math>m</b> <b>In bands</b> <b><math>\lambda</math>~0.1<math>\mu</math>m</b>	<b>3000 – 5000</b> <b>20,000</b>	<b>25' diameter</b>	<b>20</b>

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- FLAMES on VLT will provide cutting-edge work at optical wavelengths and the first Gaia follow-up via upcoming large public spectroscopic surveys.
- AAT-HERMES is on a 4m telescope and not ideal to study the obscure Disc and Bulge

## High resolution ( $R > 20,000$ ) in the near-IR:

- The Apogee survey is carried out with a small 2.5m telescope and it is the North.