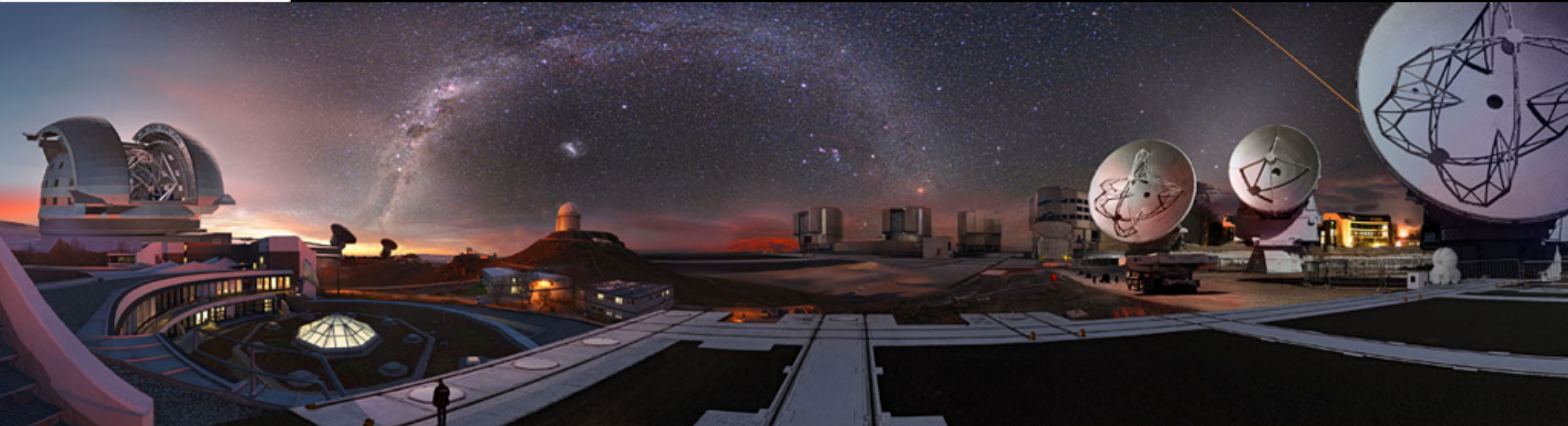




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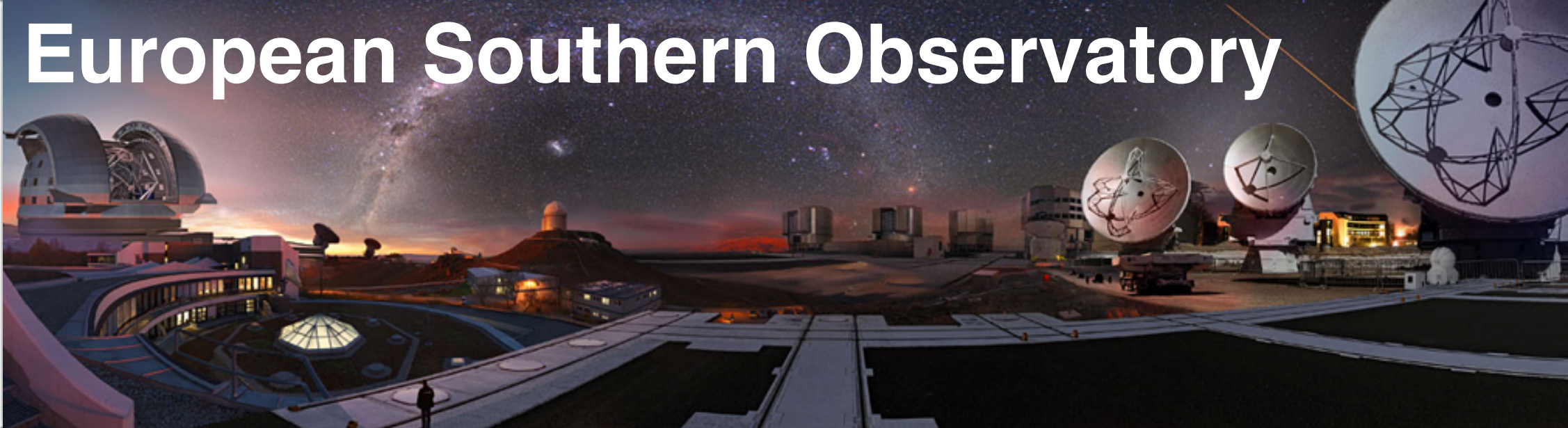
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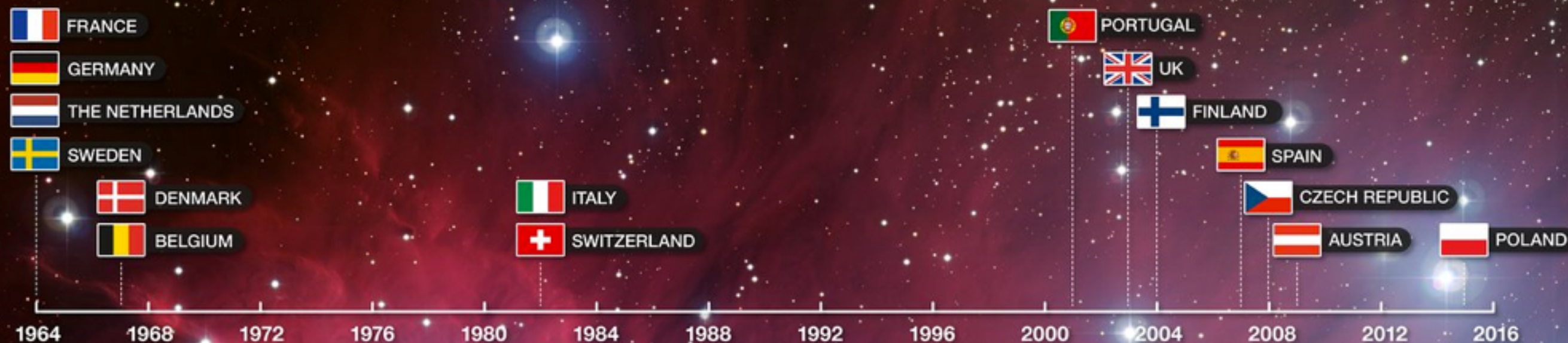




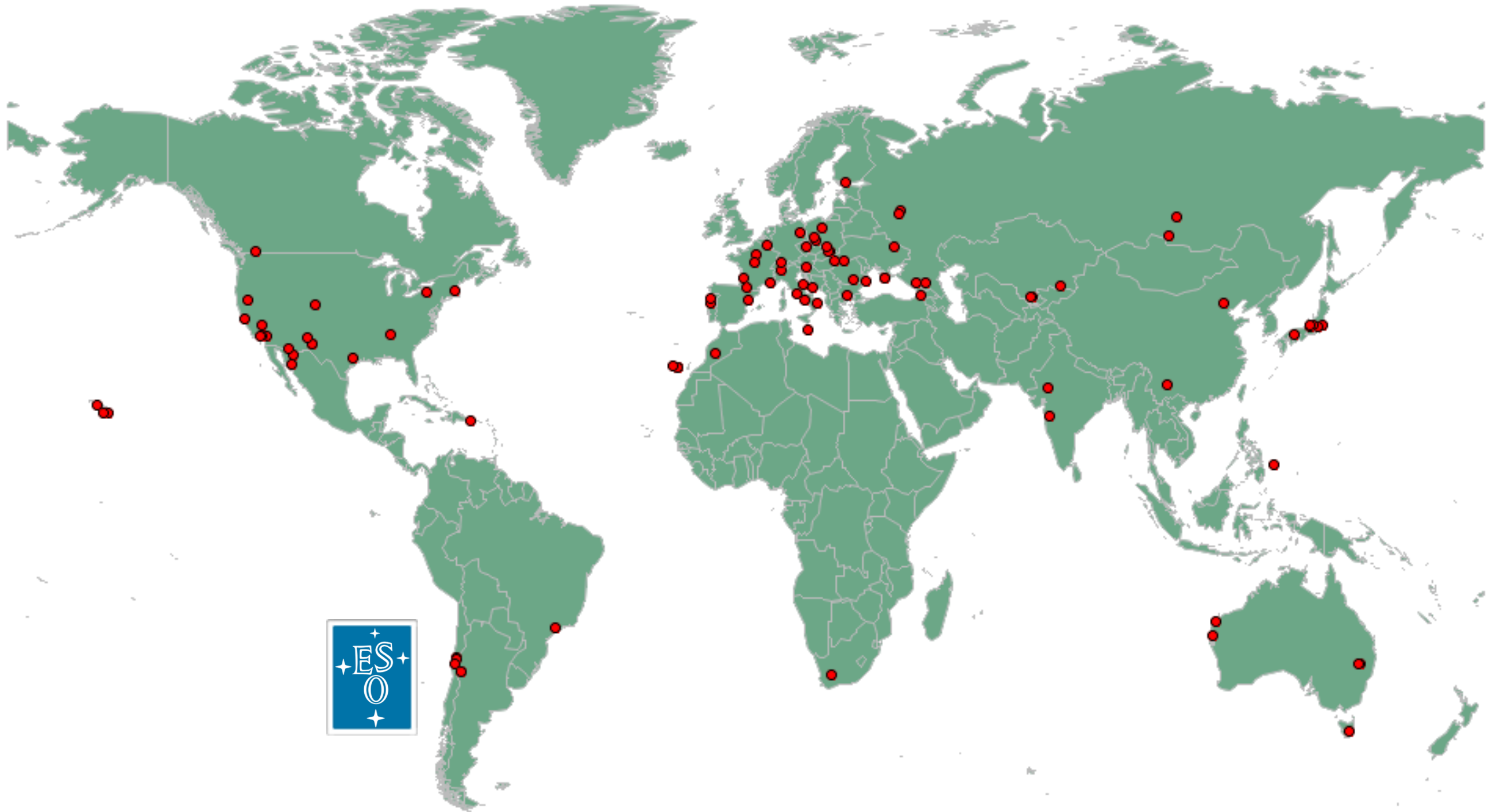
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Astronomical Observatory Map



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Iquique ●

Bolivia

since 2005



Chajnantor (ALMA/APEX) ●

Antofagasta ●



since 1998

Paranal (VLT) ●

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2024?

since 1966



La Silla ●

Argentina

La Serena ●

Santiago (400km) ↓

200 km

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- 66 antenna interferometer
- 0.32 to 3.6 mm,
- 0.018" to 3.4" angular resolution



“Users of any professional background, nationality or affiliation may submit an ALMA proposal (call yearly, deadline in April)”

See separate call

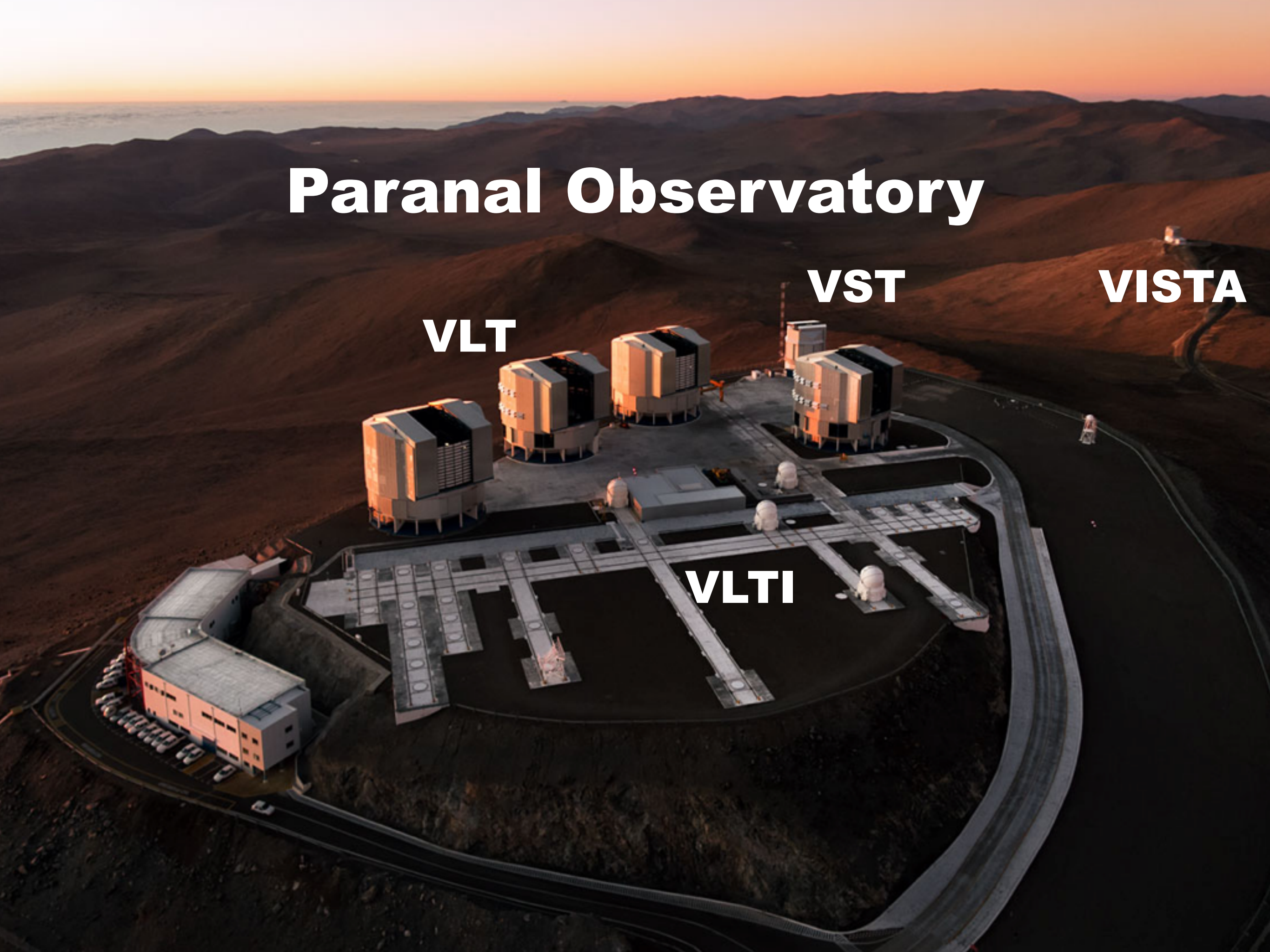
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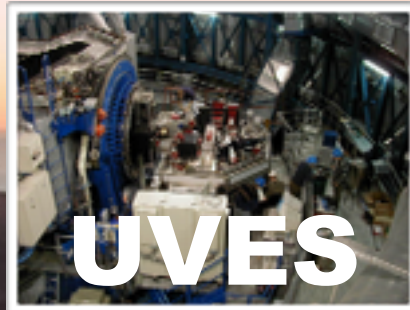
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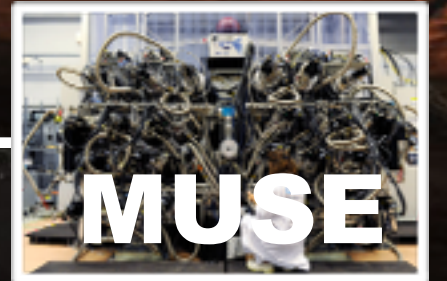
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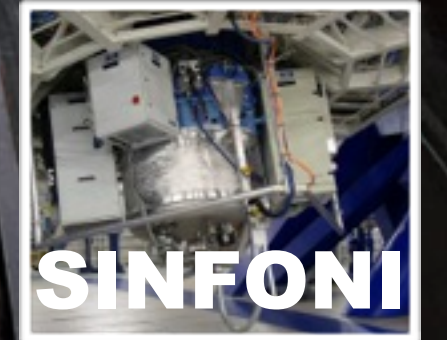
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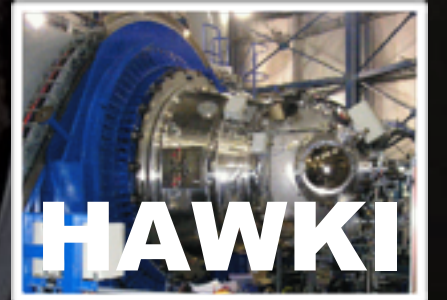
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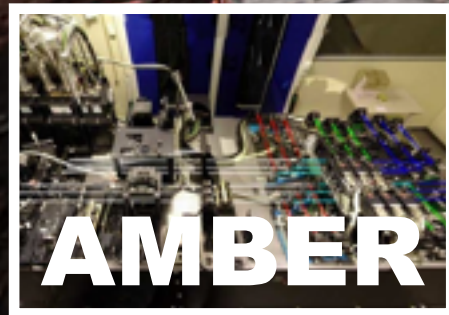
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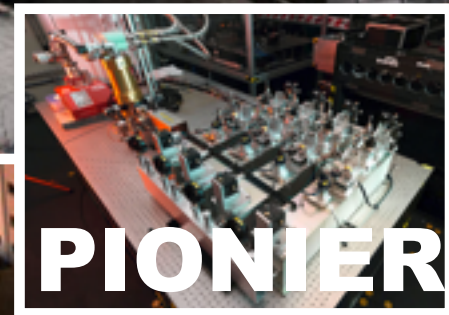
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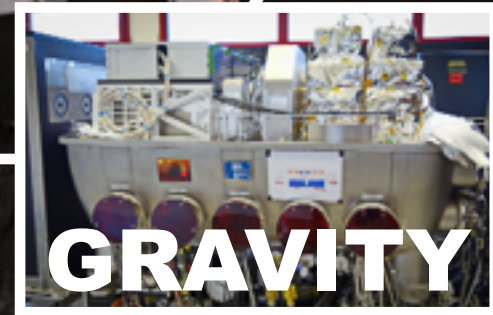
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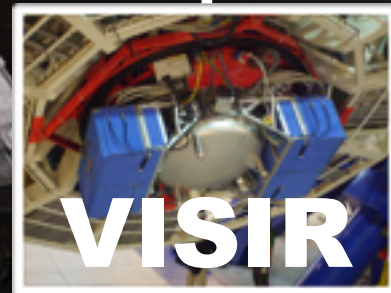
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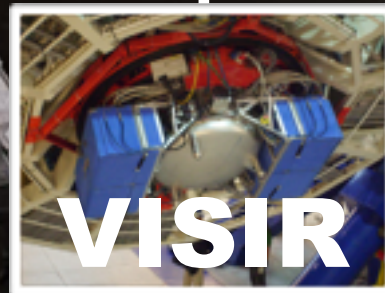
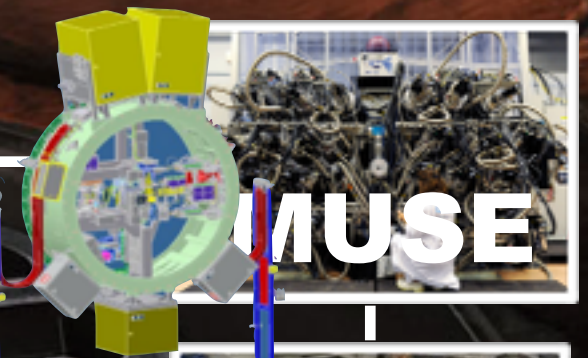
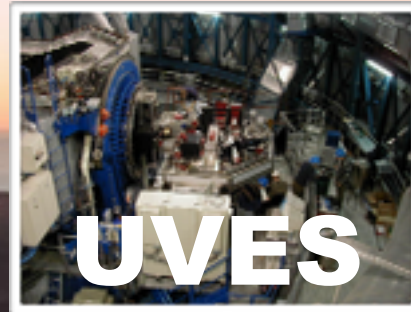
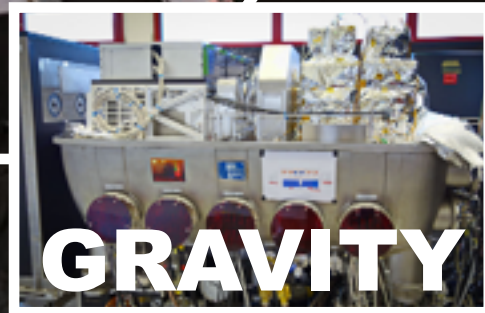
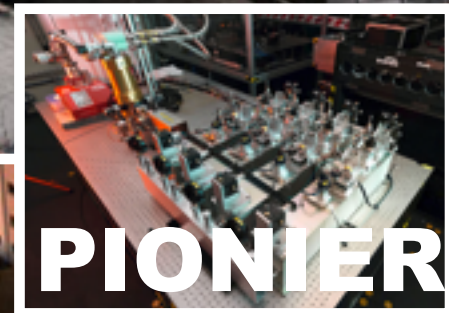
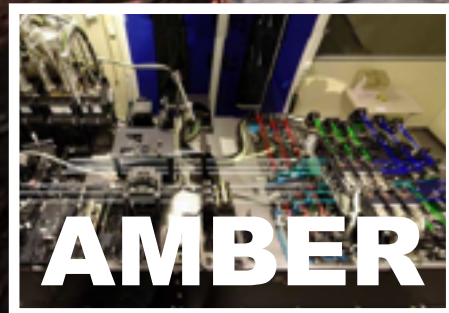
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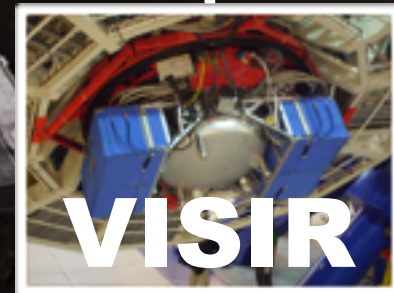
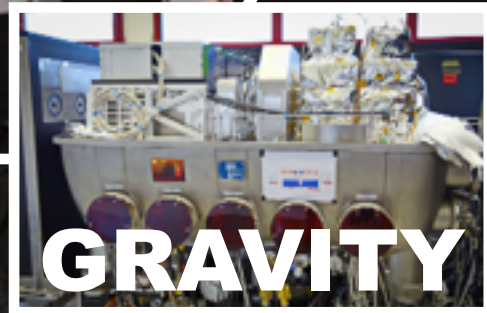
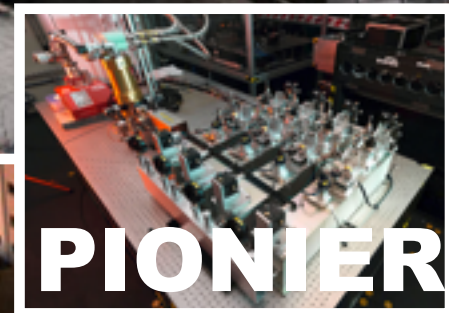
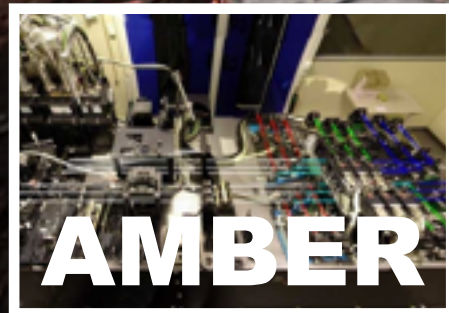
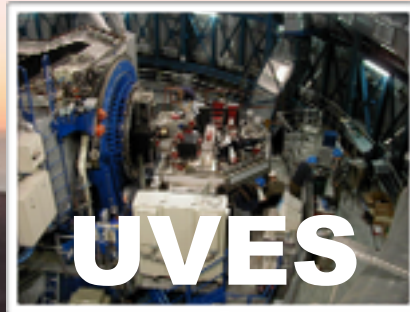


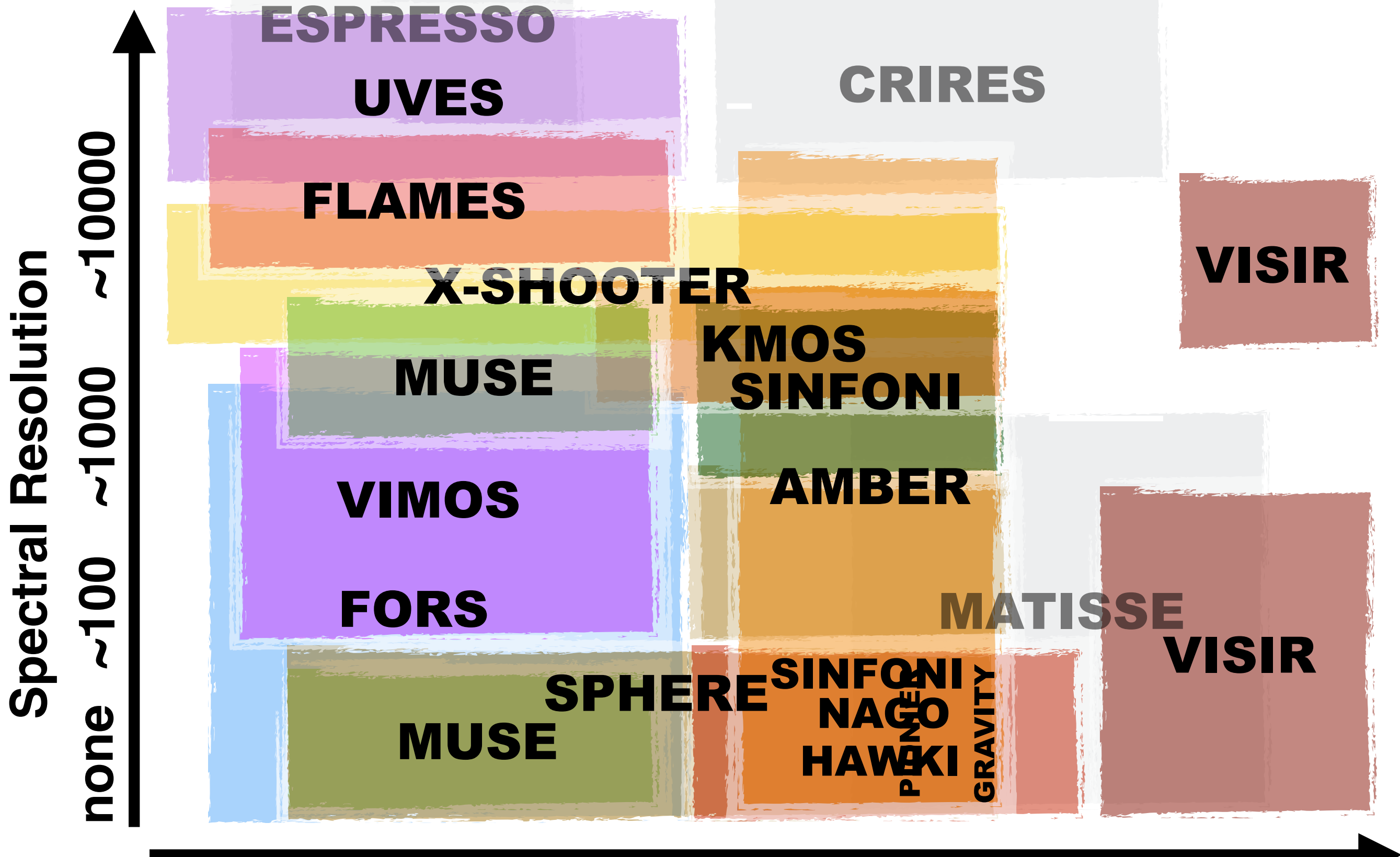
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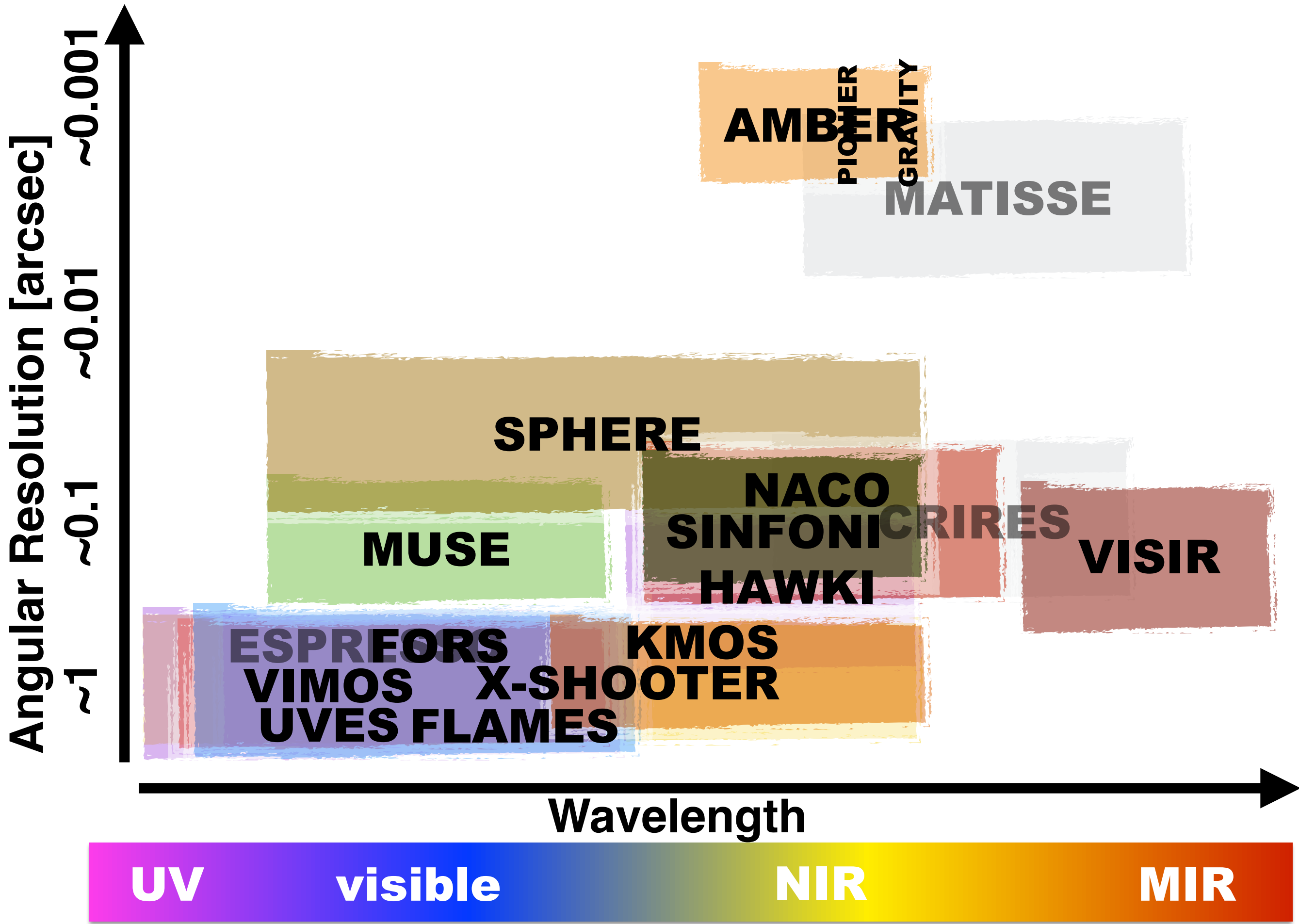


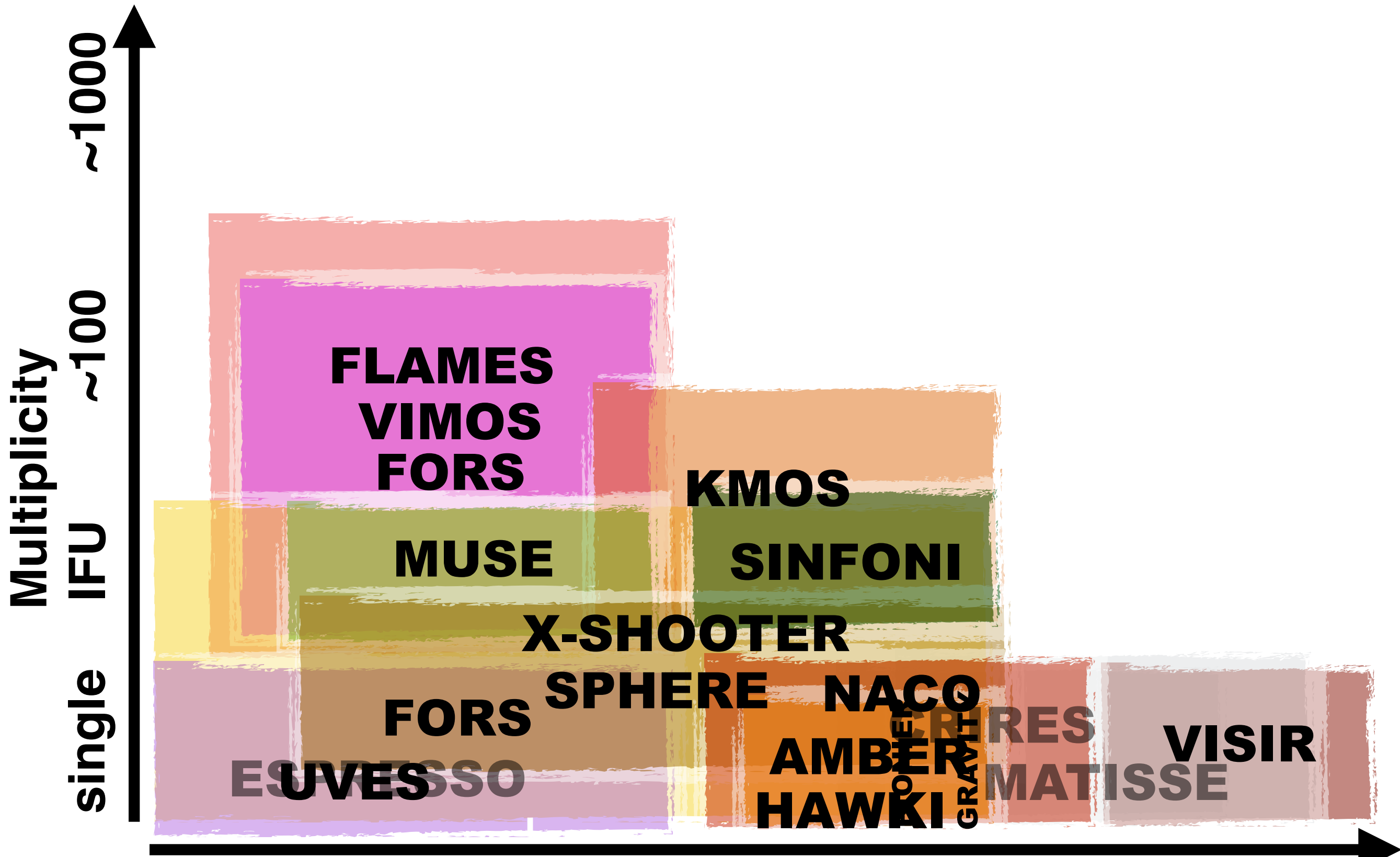
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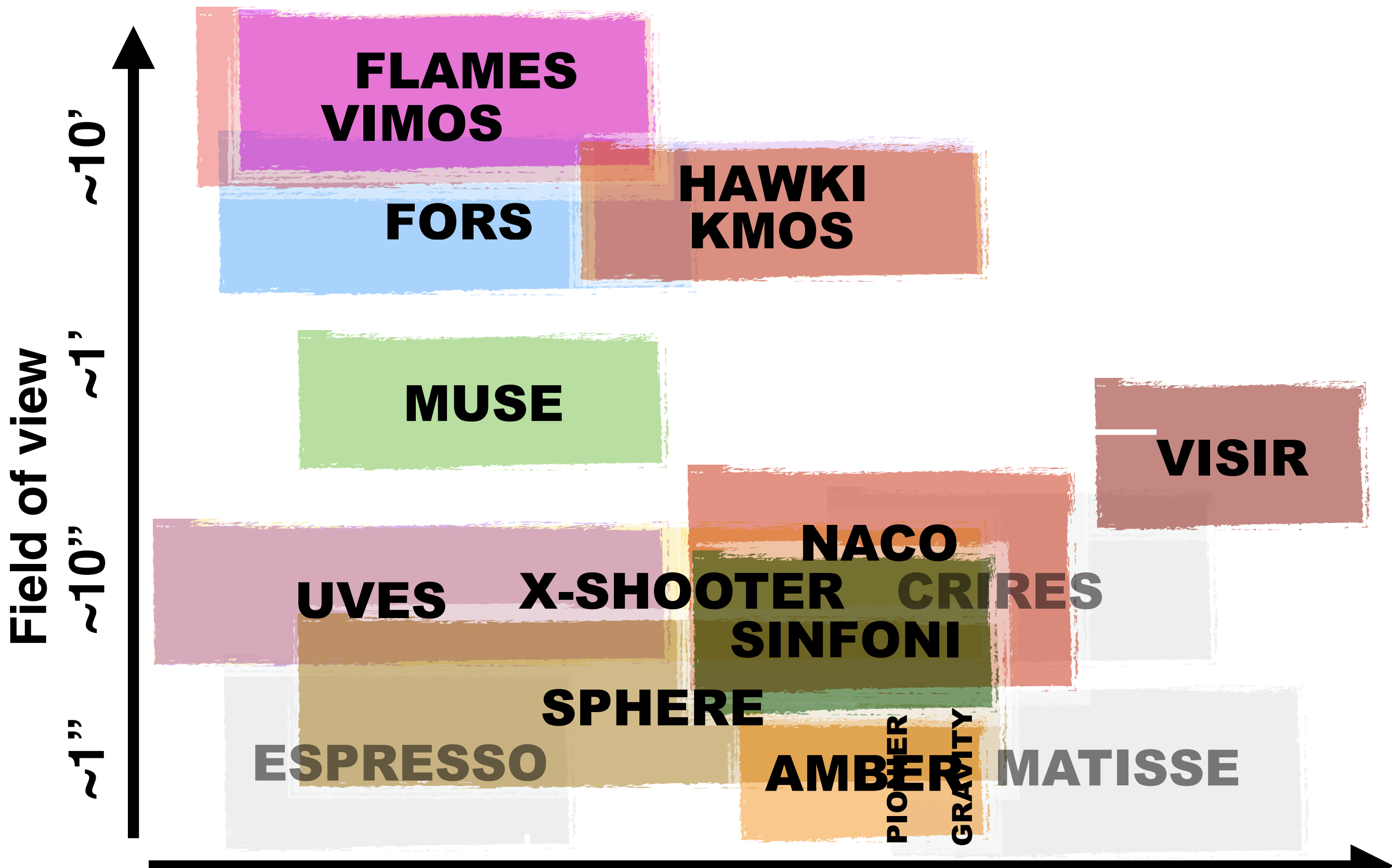












Wavelength

UV

visible

NIR

MIR

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(Visible and Infrared
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VIRCAM

(VISTA InfraRed CAMera)

VST

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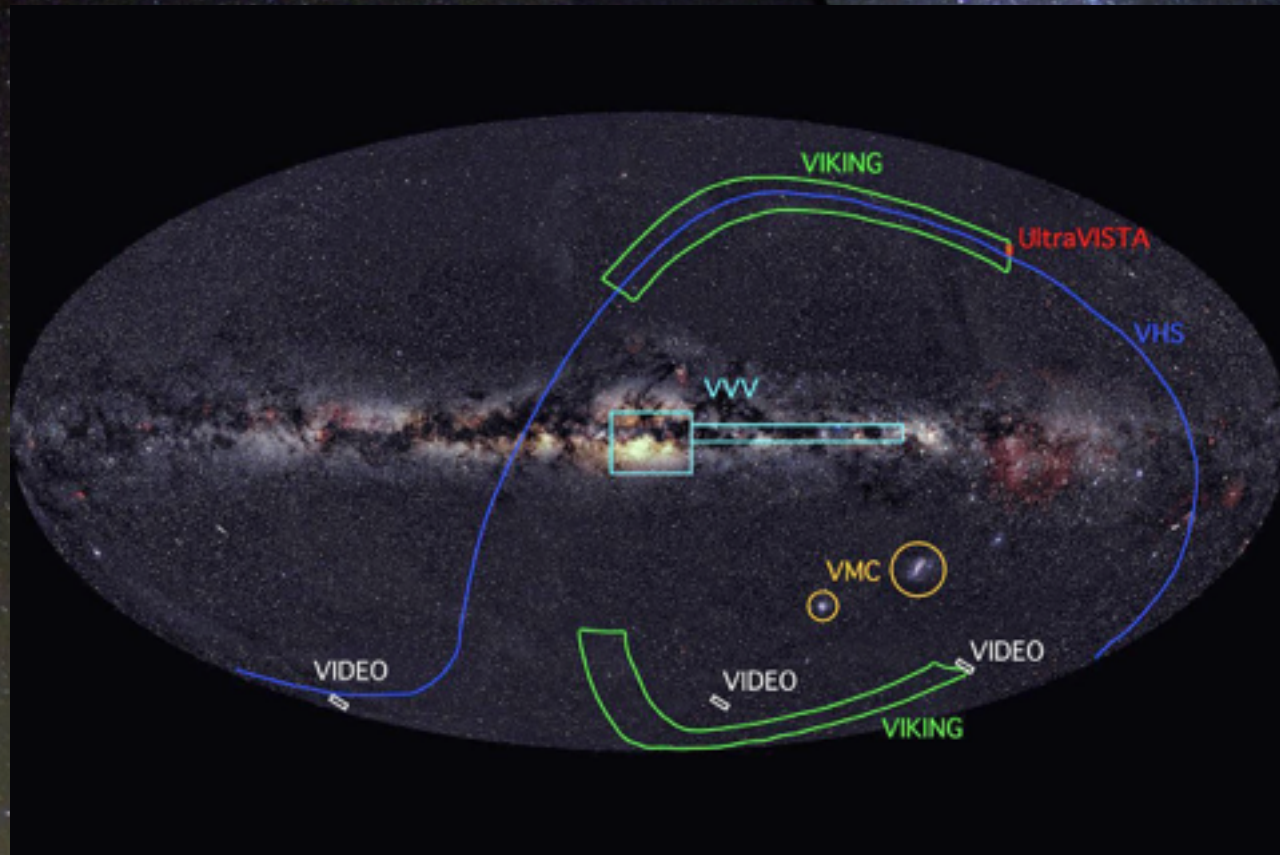


OmegaCAM

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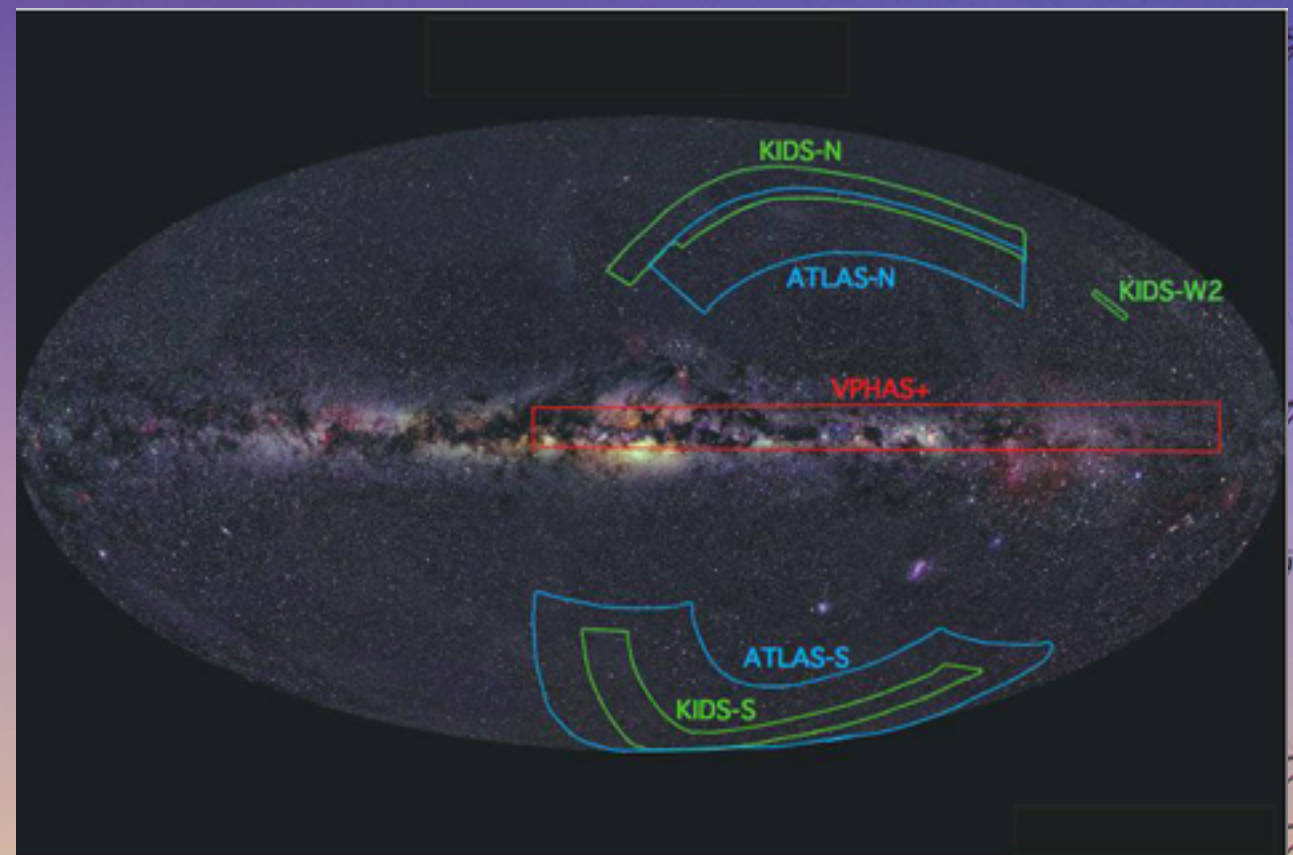


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La Silla Observatory

3.6m

NTT



3.6-metre telescope



HARPS
(High Accuracy Radial
velocity Planet Searcher)

NTT

(New Technology Telescope)



EFOSC2
(ESO Faint Object
SpeCtrograph 2)

SOFI
(Son OF Isaac)

ULTRACAM

APEX (Atacama Pathfinder **EX**periment)

LAPOCA

(Large Apex BOlometer CAmera)

SEPIA

(Swedish ESO PI receiver for Apex)

PI230

(A 230 GHz receiver for APEX)

ArTéMiS

(Architectures de bolomètres
pour des Télescopes à
grand champ de vue dans
le domaine
sub-Millimétrique au Sol)



How to make use of
ESO?



This query interface allows to search and to request raw observational data taken by telescopes of the La Silla Paranal Observatory. At request time the user can decide whether raw or processed calibrations needed to process the selected raw science data should also be delivered.

To search through the raw frames **querying by instrument-specific parameters**, please use the *Instrument-specific Interfaces* link above. To search for **reduced Data Products**, including public surveys and pipeline-reduced and quality-controlled science-ready data, please have a look at the [generic data products](#) query form. A list of other retrievable [advanced data products is available](#).

Checkboxes on the right of the parameters' names define whether or not the relative parameters will be displayed in the query result page; checkboxes on the left of the parameters' values are used to constrain the query on those values.

Output preferences:
 Return max rows.

Target, Program, and Scheduling Information

<p>Target Name <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Resolved by SIMBAD"/></p> <p>RA <input type="text"/> DEC <input type="text"/> J2000</p> <p>Search Box <input type="text" value="00 10 00"/> Input <input type="text" value="RA(h) DEC(deg)"/></p> <p>Output <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="text" value="Sexagesimal (h, deg)"/></p> <p>List of Targets <input type="button" value="Choose File"/> No file chosen</p>	<p>Night <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/> (YYYY MM(M) DD)</p> <p><i>Otherwise give a query range using the following start/end dates:</i></p> <p>Start <input type="text"/> <input type="text" value="12 hrs [UT]"/> End <input type="text"/> <input type="text" value="12 hrs [UT]"/></p> <p>Program ID <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/> Program Type <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text" value="Any"/></p> <p>PLCoI <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/> SY <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text" value="Any"/></p> <p>Title <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/></p>
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A long-exposure photograph of a night sky taken from inside a telescope dome. The stars appear as long, thin lines of light, radiating from a central point in the upper half of the frame. The lines are primarily blue and white, with some orange and yellow. The dome's structure is visible in the lower half, showing a dark, ribbed interior. The overall scene is dark and atmospheric, capturing the motion of the Earth's rotation.


Observing Proposals

Credit: G. Hüdepohl/ESO


Call for proposal twice per year (deadlines end of March & September)

- Document with all relevant info appears ~< 1month before
- Everyone can apply
- Service mode or Visitor mode for Paranal; La Silla only visitor mode (3+ nights minimum); APEX only service mode
- Travel support but only for member state affiliated

**Top Tip: Start at least
1 month in advance with the preparation**



Read it!!!



ESO Call for Proposals – P101
Proposal Deadline: 28 September 2017, 12:00 noon CEST

What telescope/instrument do I need for my science goal?

What can I learn with telescope/instrument X for my science?

Is it feasible???

Has something similar been done before?

Who can help me?

What kind of proposal do I need to write?

What is needed?



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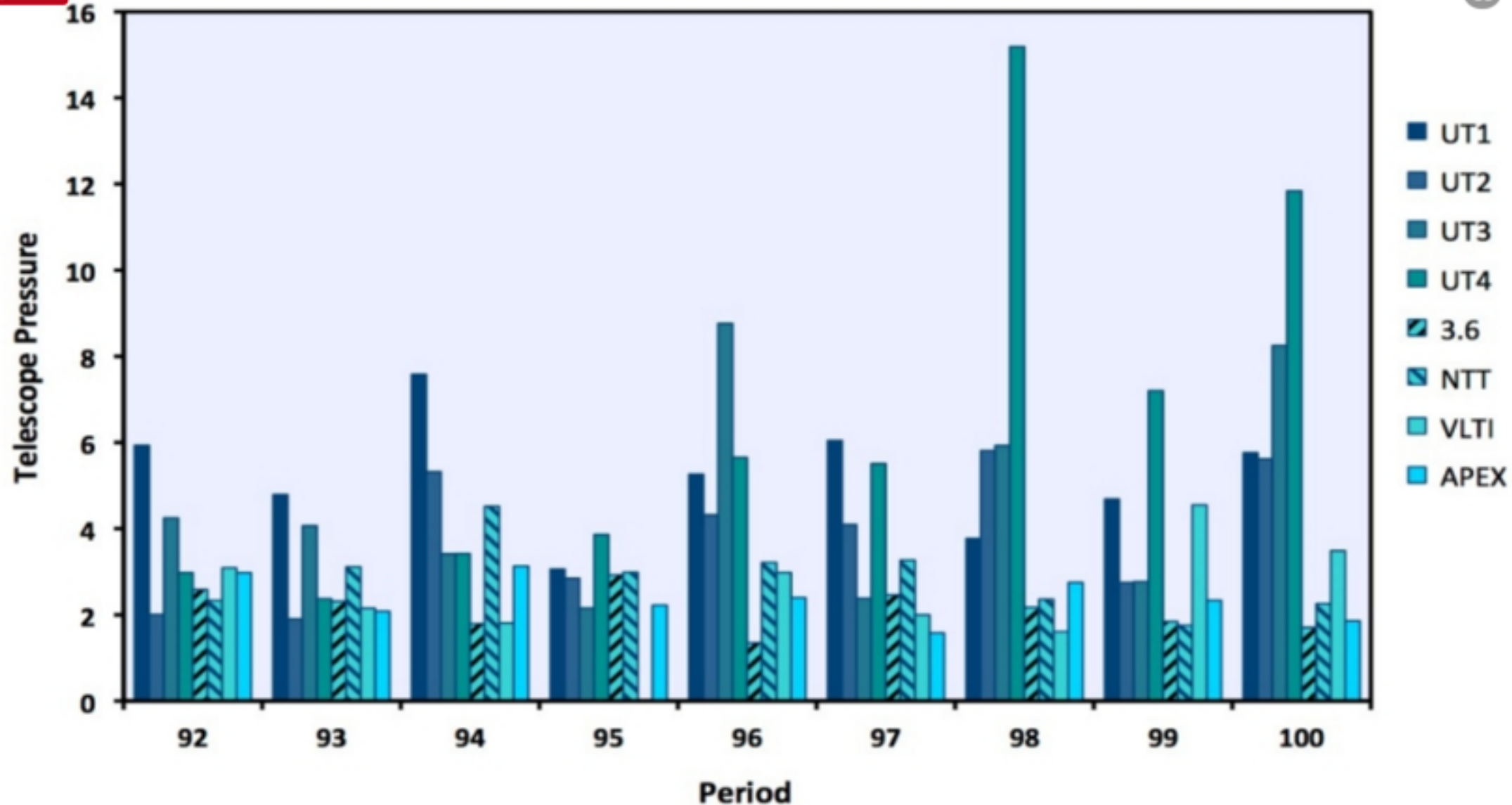
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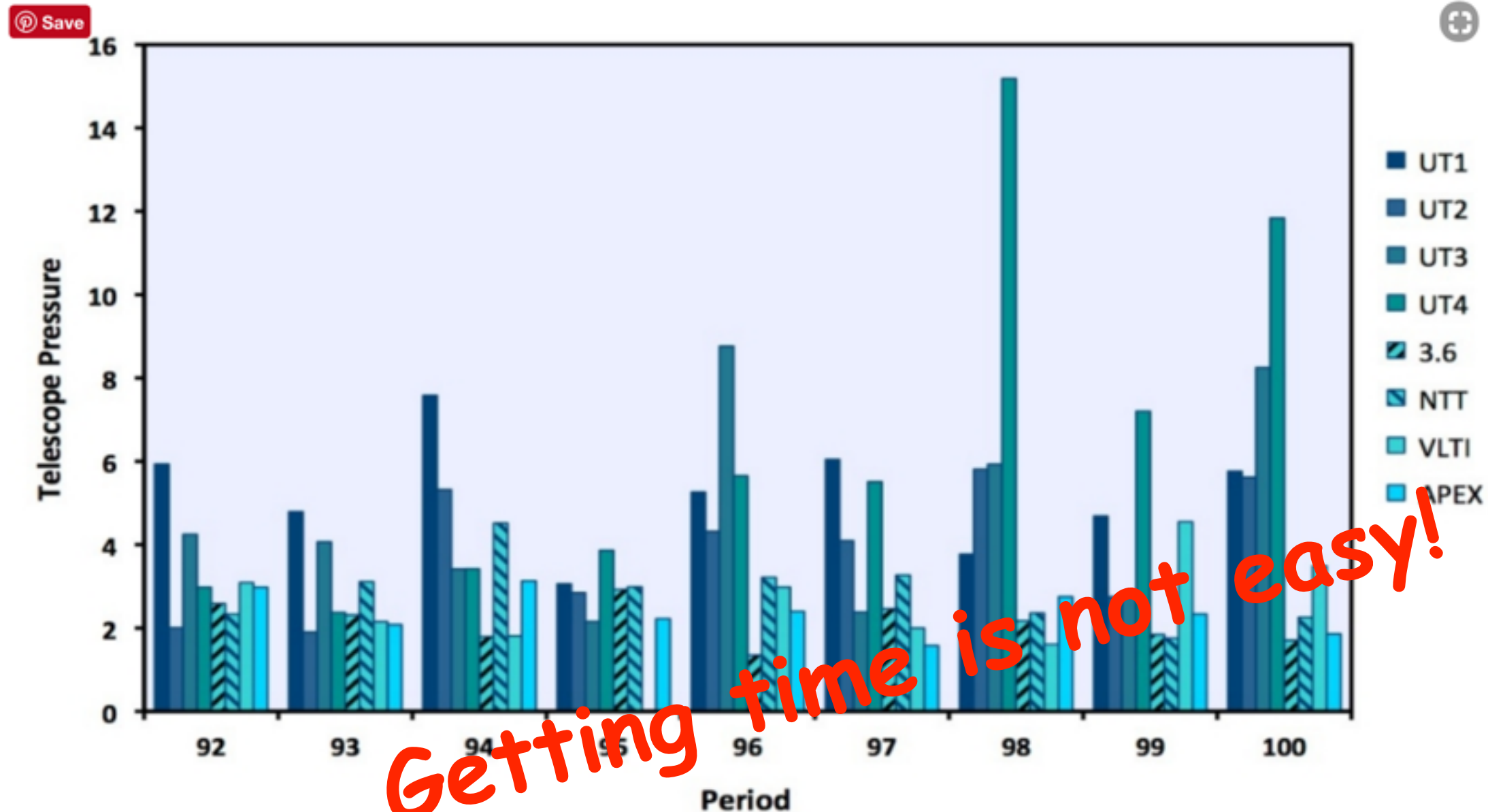
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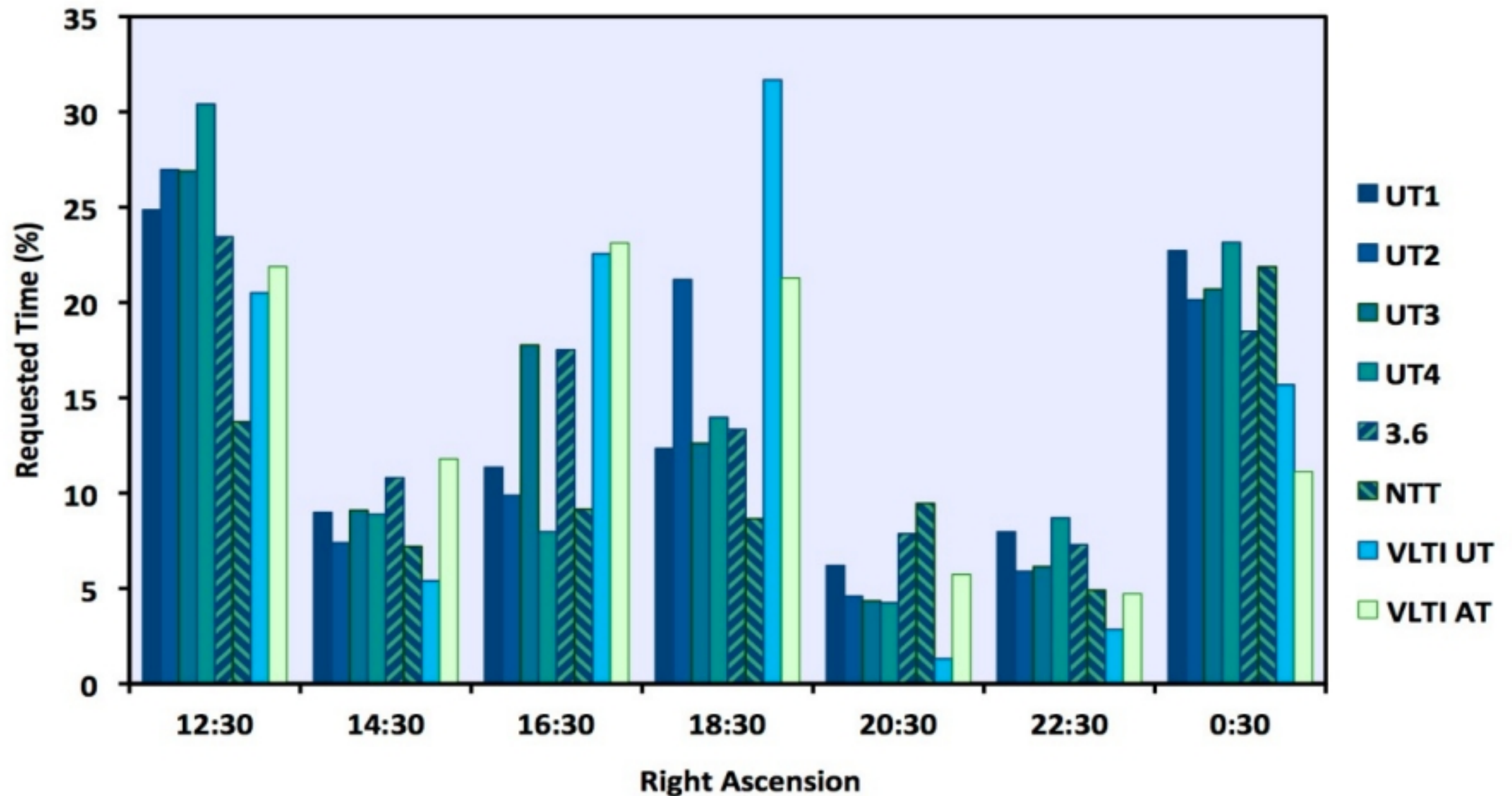
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Sometimes one can optimise chances by choosing the right instrument and targets...





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Iterate it several times. The abstract is critical!!

3.	Run	Period	Instrument	Time	Month	Moon	Seeing	Sky	Mode	Type
A		99	VISIR	19.2h	any	n	0.8	PHO	s	

Which ambient conditions do you need?
This can decide whether you are
scheduled or not!!!
(Revise values at the end)

4.	Number of nights/hours	Telescope(s)	Amount of time
a)	already awarded to this project:		
b)	still required to complete this project:		

5. Special remarks:

Use this box to highlight some important/special aspect of the programme (e.g., this is a resubmission of a scheduled but not executed programme).

6. Principal Investigator: Daniel Asmus, dasmus@eso.org, ESO, ESO Office Santiago

6a. Co-investigators: Do you have the right Co-Is to pull this one off?!!

Here comes the meat. What exactly do you want to do? And why?

7. Description of the proposed programme

A – Scientific Rationale:

A new emerging paradigm for active galactic nuclei? It seems beyond doubt that active galactic nuclei (AGN) contain large amounts of dust which is heated by the accretion onto the supermassive black hole, leading to copious amounts of mid-infrared (MIR) emission, which in fact contains roughly half of the

Short introduction with relevant literature

(2014, 2016) show that most of the MIR emission is coming from a polar extended component extending from scales of a parsec up to tens or hundreds of parsec (depending on the AGN power), while no direct evidence for the presence of a torus was found. Hönig et al. (2012) interpreted this structure as a dusty polar wind driven by the radiation of the accretion disk (something we plan to investigate in another proposal; PI Hönig). In that case, the actual obscurer could be a much more compact and quite hot structure like a puffed up outer accretion disk as also assumed to occur in star forming disks. If this scenario would be true, it would have fundamental impact on the current AGN research field, which based many results on the presence of a prominent clumpy dust torus. Therefore, it is crucial to test how ubiquitous is this polar dust scenario which was developed based on observations of a few objects?

The current situation. In Asmus et al. (2016), we made the first statistical dust phenomenon by looking at all archival subarcsecond resolution MIR images. On one hand, show no nuclear starburst, and, on the other hand, are at least moderately resolved. Only a small fraction (15%) of the objects were found to have polar emission. This is explained by the fact that the AGN emission is not always sufficient to heat the dust. On the other hand, AGN, one expects to be powerful enough, so that the dust emission is resolved. Importantly, most of the objects in our sample have been detected with direct imaging in many cases, and this is a more robustly detect extended emission. So far, with every AGN having strong polar dust emission but its low detection rate leads to a low detection rate.

The Problem...

Explain and justify very clearly sample selection!

The prediction. So, how can we further test the ubiquity of polar dust emission? A detection experiment by utilizing a prediction that is made in Asmus et al. (2016) that the amount of extended MIR emission is correlating with the [OIV] 25.89 μm emission line flux. For all objects above a threshold of $6 \cdot 10^{-13} \text{ erg/s/cm}^2$, it is predicted that they do not have polar emission. Below this threshold, it is predicted that all type 2 AGN have polar MIR emission. There are 29 objects in the literature with [OIV] measurements. Of these, 29 objects are already in the sample of Asmus et al. (2016) because they live in strongly disturbed, starbursting hosts, which leads to complex star formation. Of the remaining 15 objects, 9 are observable from Paranal. Of course, this sample is not complete nor uniform but it rather represents a representative population and thus is well-suited for testing our prediction.

The idea!

B – Immediate Objective: In order to test the ubiquity of the polar MIR emission in AGN, we propose to perform deep VLT/VISIR imaging of the 9 nearby type 2 AGN selected above. Thanks to the superb angular resolution, we will be able to detect polar emission. The imaging will use the most sensitive filters available. Under good conditions, the detection limit will be 10^{-16} W/m^2 at low water vapour absorption. For the first time, we will be able to detect robustly even marginally resolved emission. The detection limit simultaneously is 10^{-16} W/m^2 and 10^{-16} W/m^2 in some cases, probing the dust emission. This was only possible in the past with the N-band observations. The detection of the warmer, more compact polar elongated dust ($\sim 300 \text{ K}$; e.g., NGC 7314). Secondly, we will immediately get information about the individual AGN properties like size and luminosity with the AGN fundamental parameters like bolometric luminosity and Eddington ratio over the

What exactly do you want to do?

What goals and how reached?

Comparison with models? But be specific!

How is this relevant for the wider field?

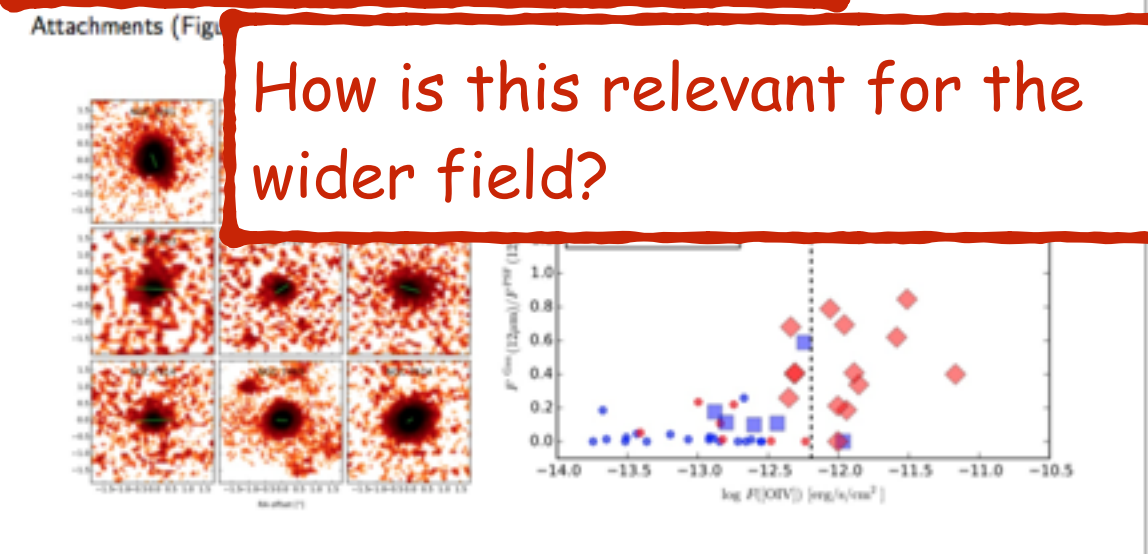


Fig. 1: Left: Example MIR images of the nuclear regions (inner 4×4 arcsec) of 9 of the polar extended AGNs from Asmus et al. (2016). The green line indicates the polar axis of the AGN (from the literature), while its length denotes 100 pc. Right: Relative amount of resolved MIR emission ($F_{\text{Gal}}/F_{\text{PSF}} - 1$) over the [OIV] emission line flux for the unresolved and resolved objects in Asmus et al. 2016. The dashed line denotes the threshold, $6 \cdot 10^{-13} \text{ erg/s/cm}^2$, above which all objects are resolved. Furthermore, the amount of resolved emission increases further with increasing [OIV]. Note that the value on the y-axis is only a lower limit to the actual polar emission which is probably much higher as indicated from the interferometric results (e.g., Tristram et al. 2014).

Be smart with the plot arrangement

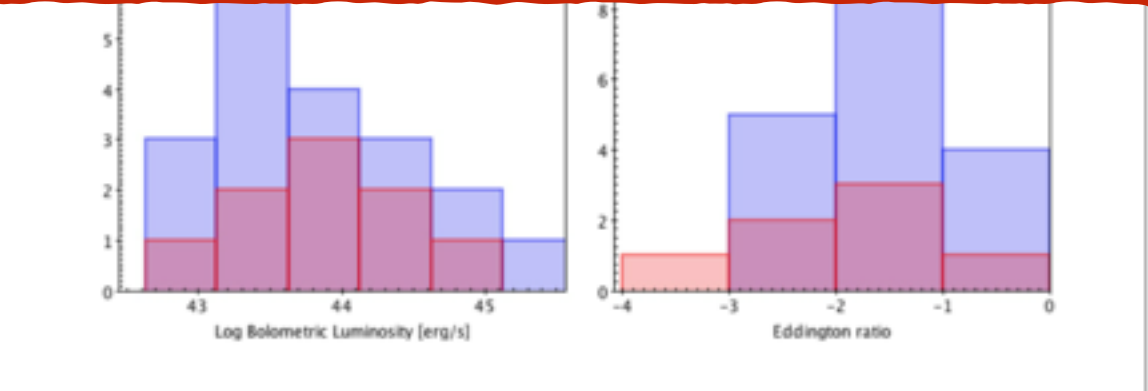


Fig. 2: Left: Bolometric luminosity distribution of the new sample compared to those objects with known polar MIR emission from Asmus et al. (2016). Right: Distribution of the Eddington ratio for the same samples. Note that for 3C 321 and IC 4518W, we could not retrieve black hole masses and thus Eddington ratios yet.

8. Justification of requested observing time and observing conditions

Lunar Phase Justification: Our MIR observations do not have any requirements on lunar phase.

Time Justification: (including seeing overhead)

We want to observe 9 AGN with deep imaging in the filters B12.4 and Q1, which are the most sensitive filters in their corresponding bands. We know the brightness of the targets from previous observations. However, here we aim at robustly detecting relatively faint extended emission, which we want to probe to a similar depth in all objects. Specifically, we aim to detect flux levels of 5 mJy at a S/N of ~ 5 in B12.4, and 10 mJy in Q1. These values represent a compromise between reasonable execution times and a depth sufficient to robustly detect extended emission up to at least 1 arcsec away from the nucleus in all cases. For this, an exposure time of 30 min suffices in both filters according to the ETC 6.2.0 in average conditions for B12.4, while in the Q1, we will use a low PWV constraint (the STDs observed in Paranal show that sensitivities of 20 mJy for 10 sigma/1h are reached for $PWV < 1.5$ mm). We constructed corresponding OBs in p2pp 3.4.2, one per filter with blind acquisition, leading to execution times of 53 min for one.

Since we are looking for relatively small extension, consecutive observation with a PSF reference star is necessary and will take 11 min per object per filter (blind acquisition and 2 min exposure time).

Therefore, we require 1h04min per filter (including calibrator), leading to a total required time of 19.2 hours.

Describe clearly which instrument mode you want to use and how you arrived at the requirements for time and conditions.

Are you sure you understand all technical aspects?

Maybe better consult an expert...

Summary Important Advice:

- Read the Call for Proposals!
- Read the instrument manual!
- Have a clear, well-defined science goal
- Demonstrate how the observations will allow you to reach your goal
- Explain very clearly your sample selection
- Write a concise and interesting abstract, iterate it several times — it is the most important single paragraph in the proposal
- Demonstrate that your team will be able to reduce/analyse the data
- Include one or two clear and optimised figures that are easy to read and understand, supporting your case
- Describe clearly which instrument mode want to use and how you arrived at the requirements for time and conditions
- Check if similar data already exists, and if yes, explain concisely why new ones are needed

If you don't get through the first time(s), don't give up! Try again!

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SLIDES



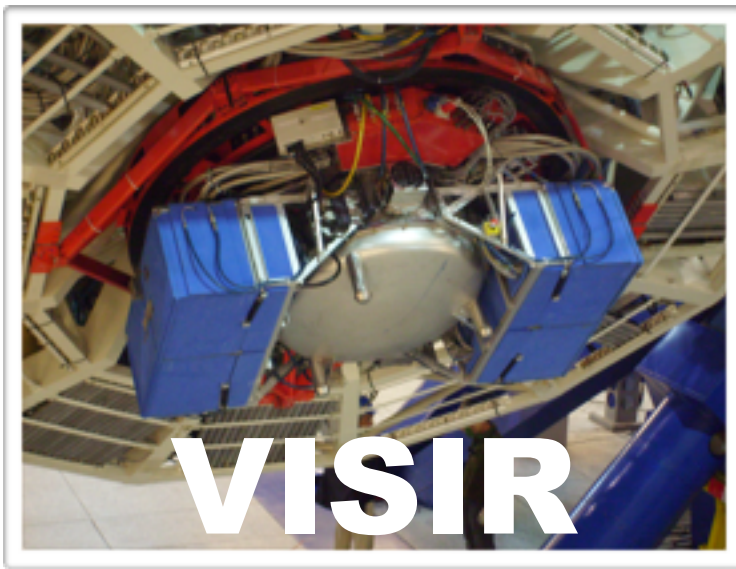
Focal Reducer and low dispersion Spectrograph

- ☆ **Wavelength:** 0.3 to 1.1 micron (UV, visible)
- ☆ **Modes:** imaging, longslit spectroscopy, multi object spectroscopy, polarimetry, spectropolarimetry, high-time resolution
- ☆ **Angular resolution:** seeing-limited (> 0.4 arcsec)
- ☆ **Field of view:** 6.8×6.8 arcmin or 4.3×4.3 arcmin
- ☆ **Spectral resolution:** 260 to 2600
- ☆ **Sensitivity:** ~ 27 th mag (imaging), 24th mag (spectroscopy)



Nasmyth Adaptive Optics System Near-Infrared Camera and Spectrograph

- ☆ **Wavelength:** 1.0 to 4.0 micron (J H K L)
- ☆ **Modes:** Imaging (adaptive optics, noAO), Coronagraphy, Polarimetry, sparse aperture masking, burst
- ☆ **Angular resolution:** ~ 0.03 arcsec with adaptive optics (off-axis possible)
- ☆ **Field of view:** 56×56 to 14×14 arcsec
- ☆ **Spectral resolution:** —
- ☆ **Sensitivity:** ~ 24 th mag, (18.6 in L-band)



Vlt Imager & Spectrograph for the InfraRed

- ☆ **Wavelength:** 5 (M), 7-13 (N), 16-21 (Q) micron
- ☆ **Modes:** imaging, burst, coronagraphy, sparse aperture masking, low and high resolution long-slit spectroscopy, cross-dispersed high-resolution spectroscopy
- ☆ **Angular resolution:** down to 0.2 arcsec
- ☆ **Field of view:** 38 x 38 arcsec
- ☆ **Spectral resolution:** ~200 and ~20000
- ☆ **Sensitivity:** 9th mag (imaging), 7th mag (LR spectroscopy), 3rd mag (HR spectroscopy)



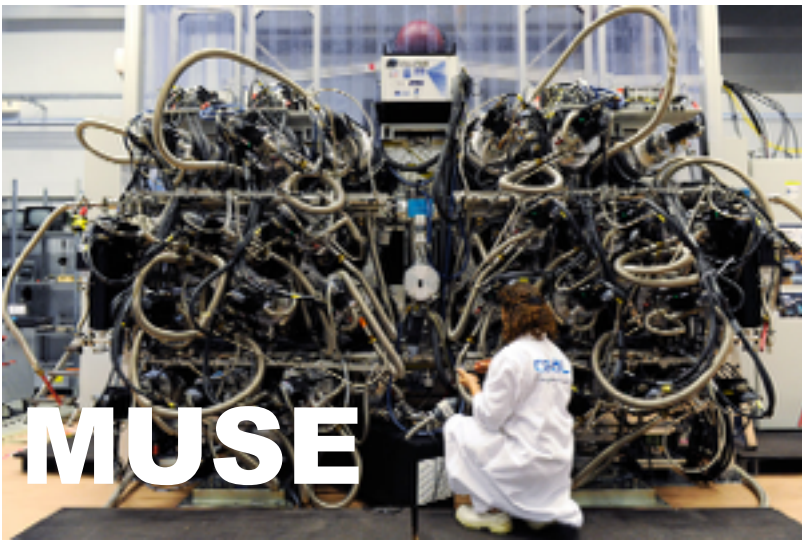
Spectrograph for INtegral Field Observations in the Near Infrared

- ☆ **Wavelength:** 1.1 to 2.5 micron (J, H, K)
- ☆ **Modes:** medium resolution integral field spectroscopy (64 x 32 spaxels)
- ☆ **Angular resolution:** ~0.05 arcsec with adaptive optics (off-axis possible)
- ☆ **Field of view:** 8 x 8, 3 x 3 or 0.8 x 0.8 arcsec
- ☆ **Spectral resolution:** 1500 to 4000
- ☆ **Sensitivity:** ~20th mag



K-band Multi Object Spectrograph

- ☆ **Wavelength:** 0.8 to 2.5 micron (visible, J, H, K)
- ☆ **Modes:** medium resolution integral field spectroscopy (14 x 14 spaxels times 24 arms)
- ☆ **Angular resolution:** seeing limited (> 0.3 arcsec)
- ☆ **Field of view:** 7.2 arcmin & 2.8 x 2.8 arcsec
- ☆ **Spectral resolution:** 2000 to 4200
- ☆ **Sensitivity:** ~20th mag



MultiUnit Spectroscopic Explorer

- ☆ **Wavelength:** 0.5 to 0.9 micron (visible)
- ☆ **Modes:** medium resolution integral field spectroscopy (1024 x 1024 spaxels)
- ☆ **Angular resolution:** seeing-limited (> 0.4 arcsec; but adaptive optics in a few years)
- ☆ **Field of view:** 1 x 1 arcmin
- ☆ **Spectral resolution:** 1800 to 3600
- ☆ **Sensitivity:** ~ 23 th mag

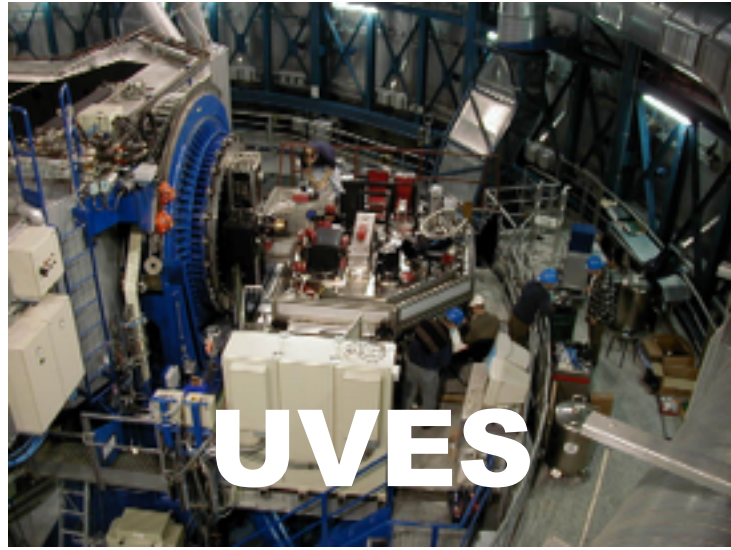


- Visible MultiObject Spectrograph
- ☆ **Wavelength:** 0.36 to 1.0 micron (UV, visible)
- ☆ **Modes:** imaging, multi-object medium resolution spectroscopy, integral field medium resolution spectroscopy
- ☆ **Angular resolution:** seeing-limited (> 0.4 arcsec)
- ☆ **Field of view:** $4 \times 7 \times 8$ arcmin (imaging & MOS), 13×13 to 56×56 arcsec (IFU, 6400 fibers of 0.33 to 0.67 arcsec)
- ☆ **Spectral resolution:** 200 to 3100
- ☆ **Sensitivity:** ~ 27 th mag (imaging)



Multiwavelength spectrograph

- ☆ **Wavelength:** 0.3 to 2.5 micron (UV, visible, J, H, K)
- ☆ **Modes:** medium resolution spectroscopy, integral field spectroscopy
- ☆ **Angular resolution:** seeing-limited (> 0.3 arcsec)
- ☆ **Field of view:** 11 arcsec (slit length) or 1.8×4 arcsec (IFU)
- ☆ **Spectral resolution:** 3000 to 18000
- ☆ **Sensitivity:** ~ 21 th mag



Ultraviolet & Visible Echelle Spectrograph

- ☆ **Wavelength:** 0.3 to 1.1 micron (UV, visible)
- ☆ **Modes:** cross-dispersed high resolution spectroscopy
- ☆ **Angular resolution:** seeing-limited (> 0.4 arcsec)
- ☆ **Field of view:** 10 arcsec (slit length)
- ☆ **Spectral resolution:** 40000 to 110000
- ☆ **Sensitivity:** ~ 19 th mag

Other instruments:

☆ **Current:**

- ☆ FLAMES (visible MOS/IFU),
- ☆ HAWKI (NIR widefield imager),
- ☆ SPHERE (vis/NIR extreme AO imager/polarimeter)
- ☆ VLT/PIONIER and AMBER (NIR interferometer)
- ☆ VISTA/VIRCAM (NIR widefield imager on 4m)
- ☆ VST/OMEGACAM (visible widefield imager on 2m)

☆ **Future:**

- ☆ VLT/Gravity (NIR interferometer)
- ☆ VLT/MATISSE (mid-infrared interferometer)
- ☆ CRILES (1 to 5 micron high resolution AO spectrograph)
- ☆ AO upgrades for MUSE and HAWKI
- ☆ ESPRESSO (high-res spectrograph)