

# **The Thirty Meter Telescope**

## **Observing Capabilities and Timeline**

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**LUVOIR STDT Face-to-Face**

**GSFC**

# ASTROPHYSICS

## Decadal Survey Missions

1990



1972  
Decadal  
Survey  
*Hubble*

1999



1982  
Decadal  
Survey  
*Chandra*

2003



1991  
Decadal  
Survey  
*Spitzer*

LRD: 2018



2001  
Decadal  
Survey  
*JWST*

LRD: 2020s

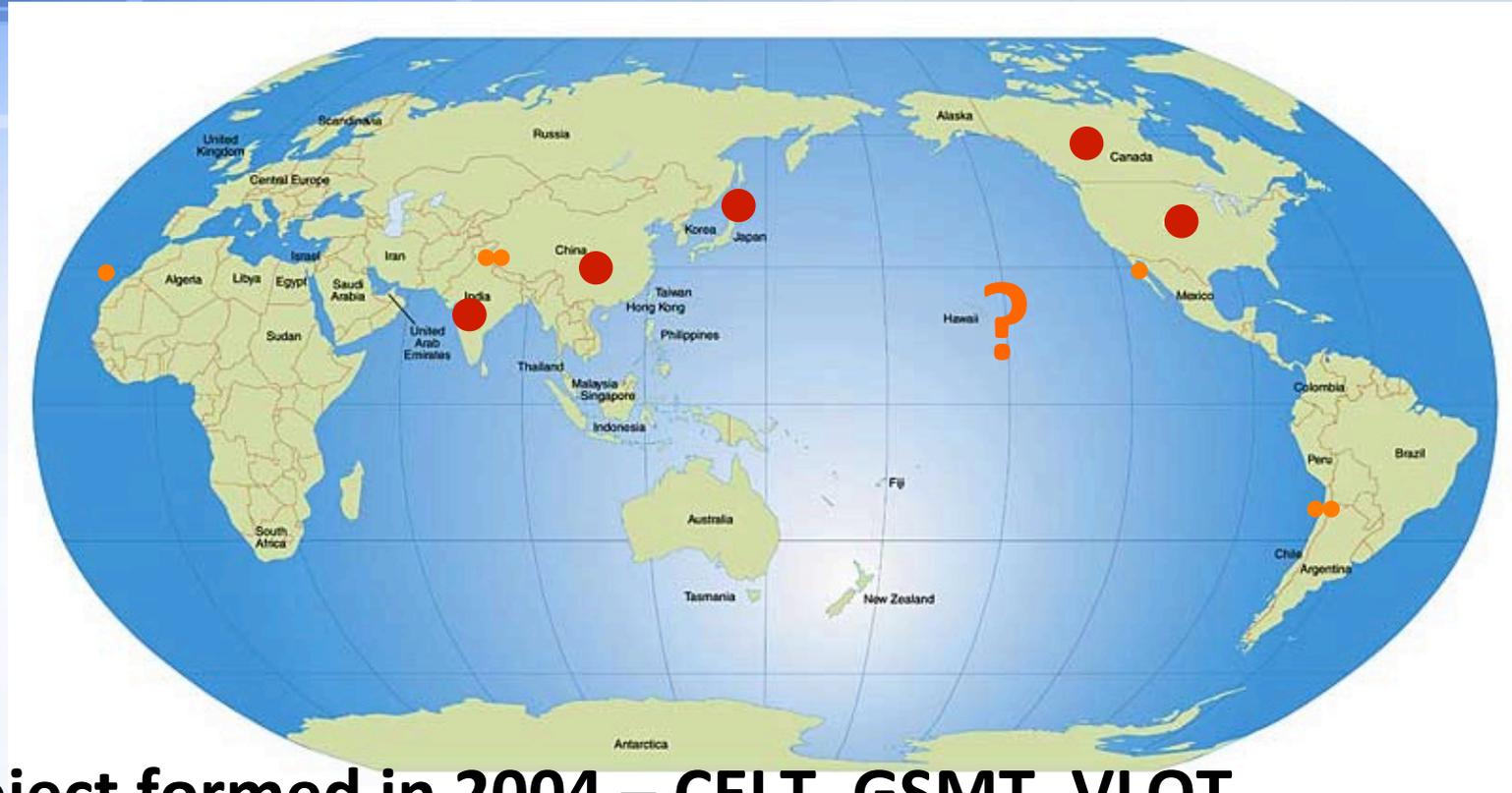


2010  
Decadal  
Survey  
*WFIRST*

Launch date late 2030s?

LUVOIR and ELTs overlap.  
ELTs have long lifetimes.

# TMT Partnership and timescale



**Project formed in 2004 – CELT, GSMT, VLOT**

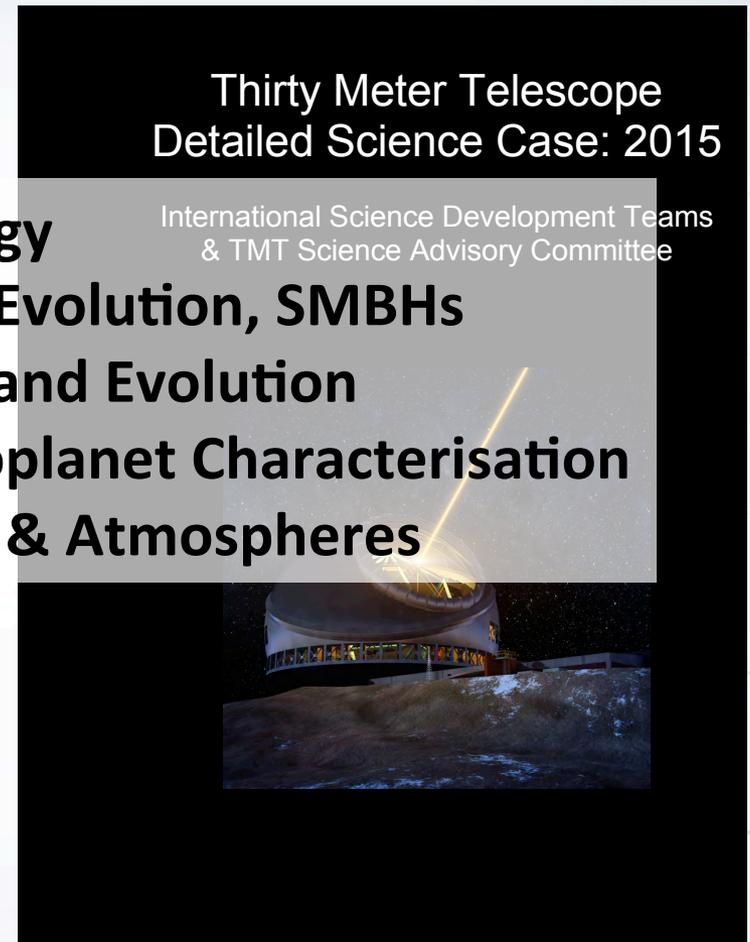
**Q2 2014 – Construction Phase**

**Q2 2018 – Heavy Construction**

**Q4 2026 – Science Operations**

**Construction activities continue.  
All major and critical systems are  
construction ready (FDP or PDP).  
Aggressive effort to finalise site.**

# Detailed Science Case 2015 by TMT International Science Development Teams



Reference: Skidmore et al. 2015, Research In Astronomy and Astrophysics (RAA), Volume 15, Issue 12, Article id. 1945  
<http://www.tmt.org/sites/default/files/documents/application/pdf/tmt-dsc-2015-release-2015apr29-s2.pdf>

*TMT resolution at  $1\mu\text{m}$  is 7 mas*

*7 mas = 200m at 5Mkm, 25 km at 5 AU (Jupiter)*

*0.035 AU at 5 pc (nearby stars), 0.034 pc at 1 Mpc, 300 pc at  $z\sim 2.5$*

**Ritchey-Chrétien optical design**

**f/15 final focal ratio, 20" FOV**

**2.62m diameter focal plane**

**0.00046"/ $\mu\text{m}$  platescale**

3.1m convex hyperboloid  
secondary mirror

30m hyperboloid f/1 primary

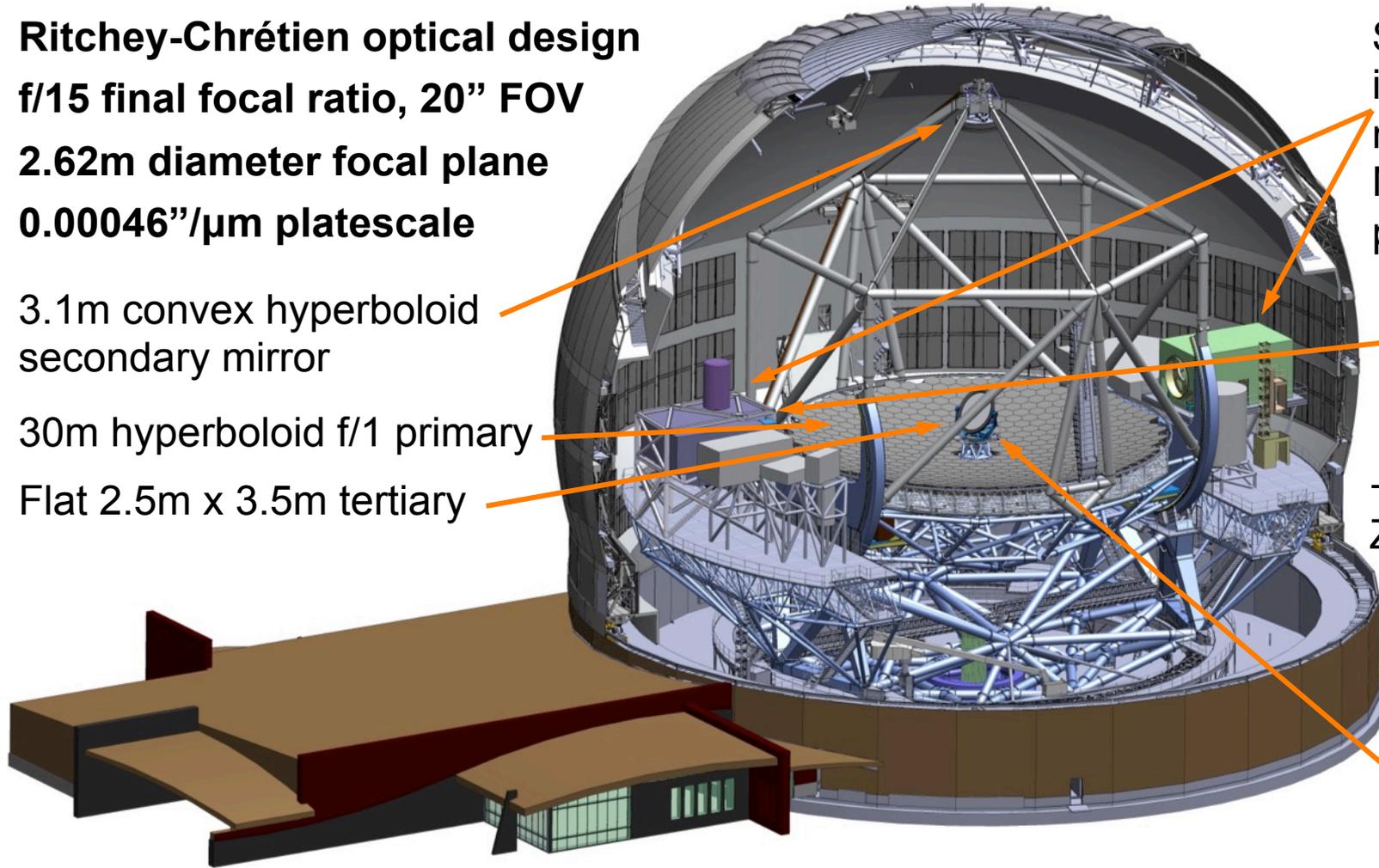
Flat 2.5m x 3.5m tertiary

Science  
instruments  
mounted on  
Nasmyth  
platforms

Adaptive  
optics system

+1° to +65°  
Zenith angles

Rapid  
response



Cross partner large programs  
Small programs

Flexible scheduling  
Remote PI led and queue scheduled  
observations, eavesdropping if needed

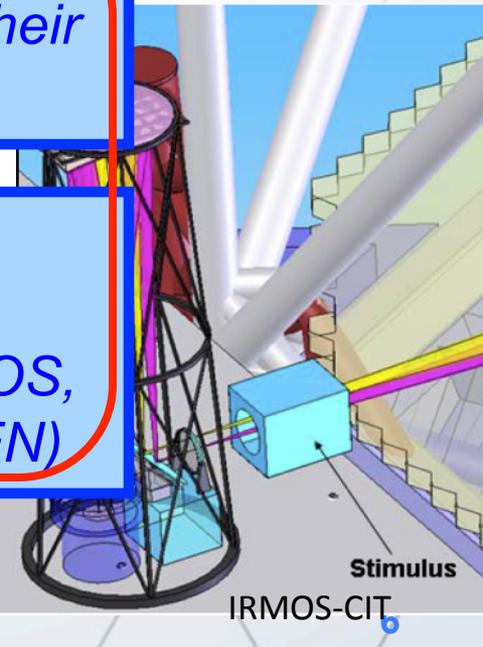
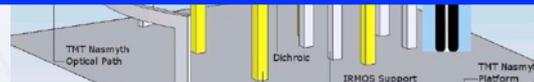
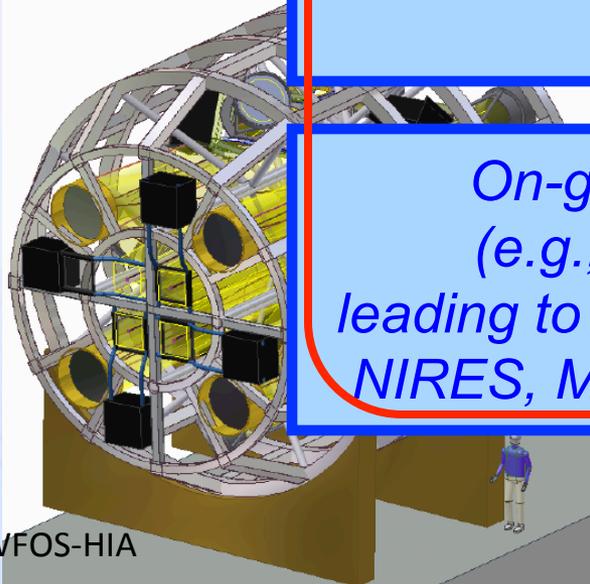
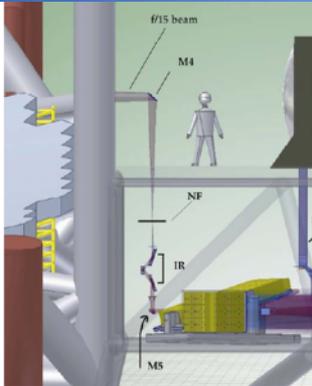
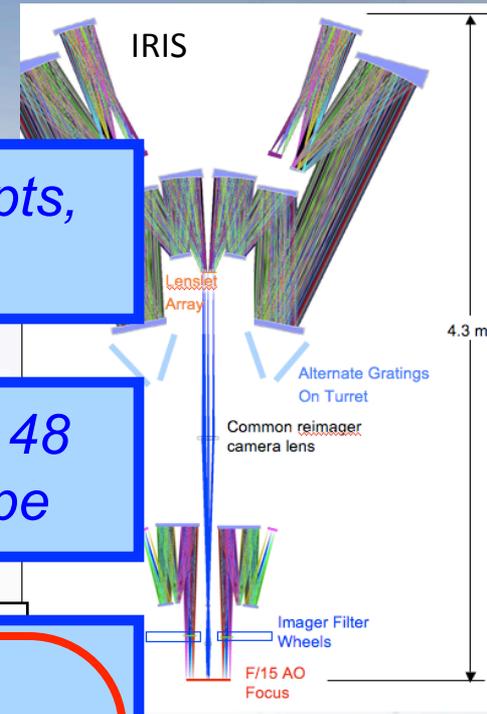
# A Powerful Development Model – 2005/6 Studies

*Observing programs, requirements, concepts, performance, etc.*

*More than 200 scientists and engineers at 48 institutes across North America and Europe*

*International partners have also been developing science cases and conducting their own instrument studies*

*On-going “community explorations” (e.g., workshops, testbeds, studies) leading to new concepts (MICH, SEIT, HROS, NIRES, MODRES) and instruments (RAVEN)*



# Nasmyth Configuration: Full Instrumentation Suite

**NIRES-B** (side port)

**IRIS**  
(bottom port)

**IRMS**

**NFIRAOS**

**PFI**

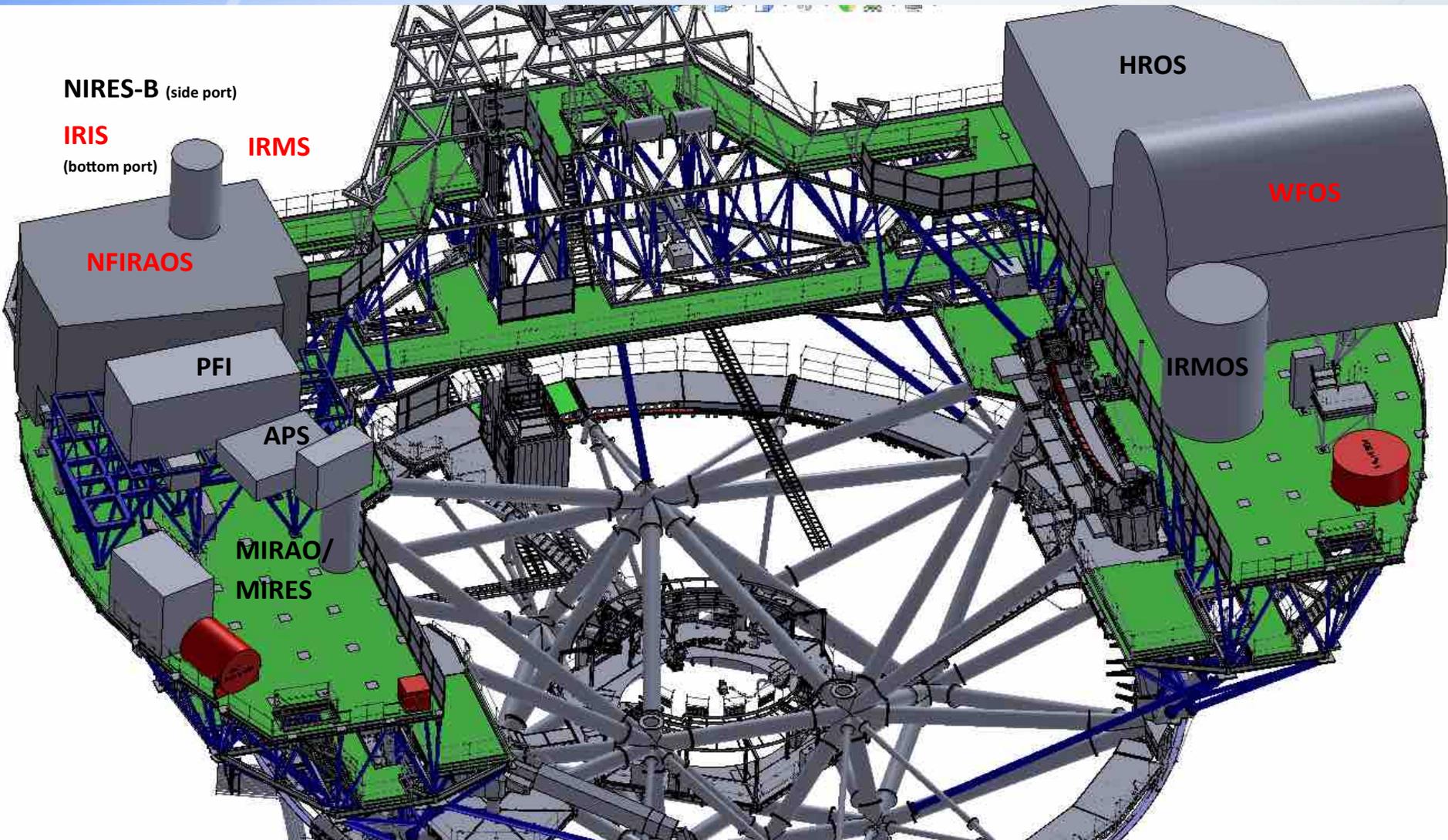
**APS**

**MIRAO/  
MIREs**

**HROS**

**WFOS**

**IRMOS**



# TMT Planned Instrument Suite

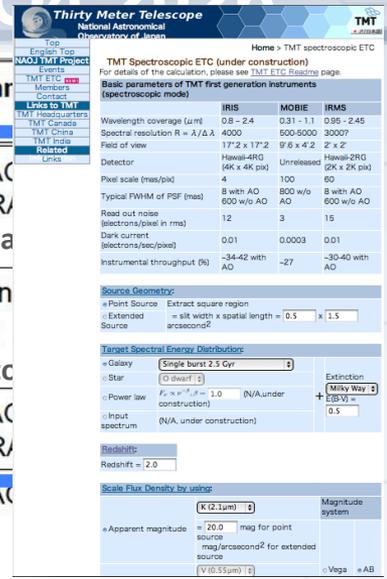
Instrument	Field of view / slit length	Spectral resolution	$\lambda$ ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Comments
InfraRed Imager and Spectrometer (IRIS)	< 4."4 16".4 x (imaging)	0.8-2.5 $\mu\text{m}$ 4.5" FOV IFU 34" FOV Broad Band Imager	2.4	MCAO with NFIRAOS 50 $\mu$ arcsec astrometry
Wide-field Optical spectrometer (WFOS)	40.3' s 576" (	0.31-1.0 $\mu\text{m}$ 40"² Imager 200 objects. R up to 16000		Seeing-Limited (SL)
InfraRed Multislit Spectrometer (IRMS)	2' field deploy	0.95-2.5 $\mu\text{m}$ 2' Imager 46 objects. R up to 5000	5-2.45	MCAO with NFIRAOS
Multi-IFU imaging spectrometer (IRMOS)	3" IFU diamet	multiple 3" FOV IFUs 0.8-2.5 $\mu\text{m}$ 5' field	0.8-2.5	MOAO
Mid-IR AO-fed Echelle Spectrometer (MIRES)	3" slit 10" im	8-18 $\mu\text{m}$ R~100,000 10" Imager	8-18 4.5-28(goal)	MIRAO
Planet Formation Instrument (PFI)	1" oute angle, working angle	1-2.5 $\mu\text{m}$ R~100 IFU >10 <sup>8</sup> contrast, 1" IWA	1-2.5 1-5 (goal)	10 <sup>8</sup> contrast 10 <sup>9</sup> goal
Near-IR AO-fed Echelle Spectrometer (NIRES)	2" slit	1-5 $\mu\text{m}$ R~100,000 Facility AO fed	1-5	MCAO with NFIRAOS
High-Resolution Optical Spectrometer (HROS)	5" slit length	50000 0.31-1.1 $\mu\text{m}$ R up to 50,000	0.31-1.0 (goal)	SL
"Wide"-field AO imager (WIRC)	30" im	0.8-5 $\mu\text{m}$ Imager 30" FOV, R~5 to 100	0.8-5.0 0.6-5.0(goal)	MCAO with 8 NFIRAOS

# TMT First Light Instrument Suite

## Part of Observatory Construction Q4 2026

Instrument	Field of view / slit length	Spectral resolution	$\lambda$ ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Comments
InfraRed Imager and Spectrometer (IRIS)	< 4."4 x 2".25 (IFU) 2x2 16.4"x16.4" (imaging)	4000-8000 5-100 (imaging)	0.8 – 2.4	MCAO NFIRAOS 50 $\mu$ a
Wide-field Optical spectrometer (WFOS)	40.3' squared (FoV) 576" (Total slit length)	1000-8000	0.31-1.1	Seeing (SL) Up to
InfraRed Multislit Spectrometer (IRMS)	2' field w/ 46 deployable slits	$R = 4660 @ 0.16"$ slit	0.95-2.45	MCAO NFIRAOS
Multi-IFU imaging spectrometer (IRMOS)	5 IFUs over >5' diameter field	2000-10000	0.8-2.5	MOAO
Mid-IR AO-fed Echelle Spectrometer (MIREs)	3' slit length 10" imaging	5000-100000	8-18 4.5-28(goal)	MIRAO
Planet Formation Instrument (PFI)	1' outer working angle, 0.05" working angle	$R \leq 100$	1-2.5	10 <sup>8</sup> contrast
Near-IR AO-fed Echelle Spectrometer (NIREs)	2' slit length	5000-10000	0.9-2.5	NFIRAOS
High-Resolution Optical Spectrometer (HROS)	5' slit length	50000	0.31-1.0 0.31-1.3(goal)	SL
"Wide"-field AO imager (WIRC)	30" imaging field	5-100	0.8-5.0 0.6-5.0(goal)	MCAO with NFIRAOS

**Possible instruments within TMT instrument roadmap. A call for 2<sup>nd</sup> generation instruments will be released in 2017 (TBC)**



**Thirty Meter Telescope**  
National Astronomical Observatory of Japan

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TMT Spectroscopic ETC (under construction)  
For details of the calculation, please see TMT ETC README page.

Basic parameters of TMT first generation instruments (spectroscopic mode)

	IRIS	MOBIE	IRMS
Wavelength coverage ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	0.8 – 2.4	0.31 – 1.1	0.95 – 2.45
Spectral resolution $R = \lambda/\Delta\lambda$	4000	500-6000	3000?
Field of view	17'2 x 17'2	9'6 x 4'2	2' x 2'

Detector: Hawaii-4RG (4K x 4K pix) / Unreleased / Hawaii-2RG (2K x 2K pix)

Pixel scale (mas/pix): 4 / 100 / 60

Typical FWHM of PSF (mas): 8 with AO / 800 w/o AO / 8 with AO / 600 w/o AO

Read out noise (electrons/pixel in rms): 12 / 3 / 15

Dark current (electrons/sec/pixel): 0.01 / 0.0003 / 0.01

Instrumental throughput (%): -34.42 with AO / -27 / -30.40 with AO

Source Geometry:  
= Point Source: Extract square region  
= Extended Source: = slit width x spatial length = 0.5" x 1.5"

Target Spectral Energy Distribution:  
= Galaxy: Single burst 2.5 Gyr  
= Star: 0 dwarf  
= Power law:  $F_{\nu} \propto \nu^{-\beta} = 1.0$  (N/A under construction)  
= Input spectrum: (N/A under construction)

Resolution:  
Resolnt = 2.0

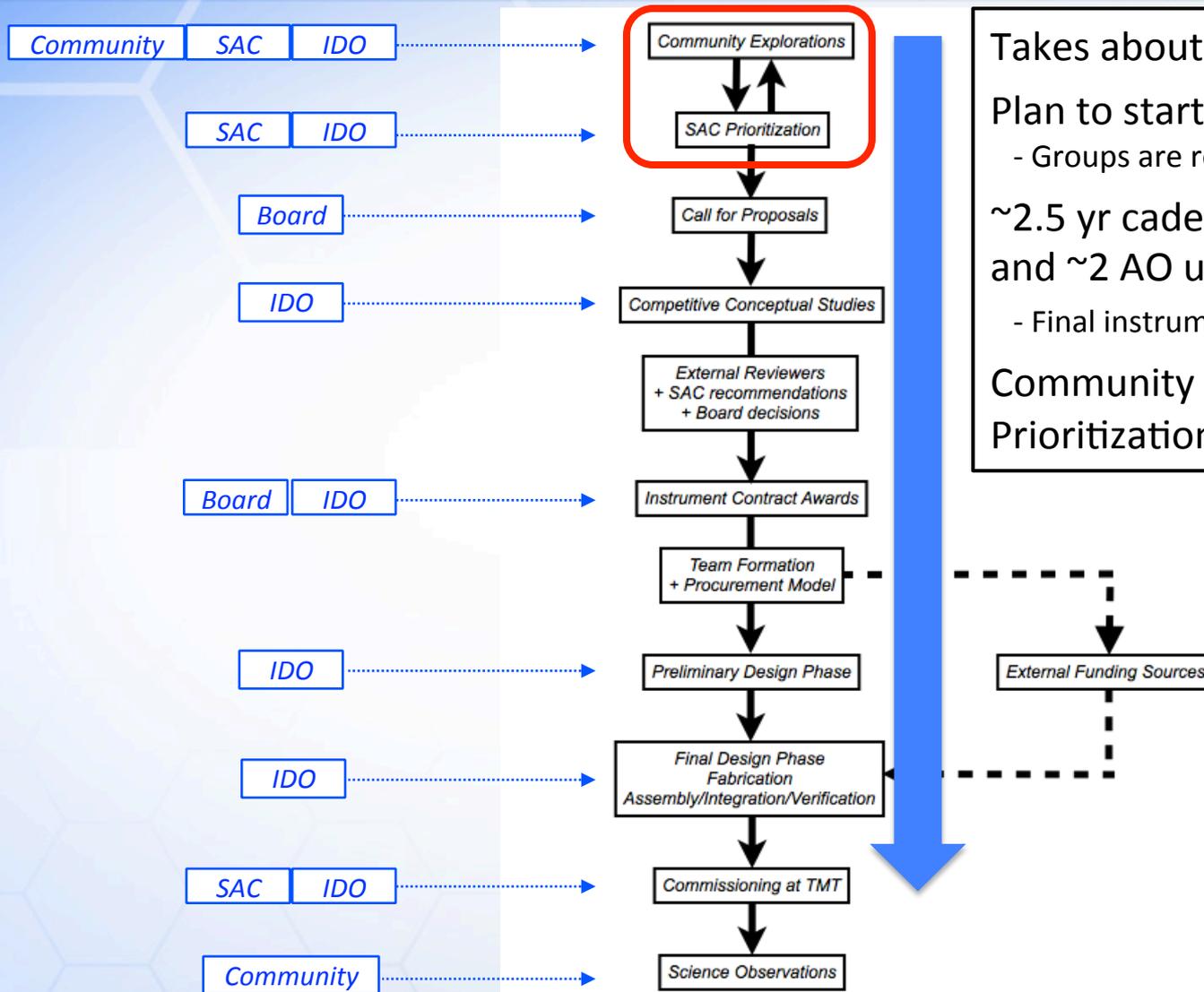
Scale Flux Density by using:  
= Apparent magnitude: = 20.0 mag for point source / mag/arcsecond<sup>2</sup> for extended source  
= Vega = AB

# An ELT Instrumentation “Equivalence Table”

Cheat sheets for  
E-ELT, GMT and  
TMT capabilities

Type of Instrument	GMT	TMT	E-ELT
Near-IR, AO-assisted Imager + IFU	<u>GMTIFS</u>	<u>IRIS</u>	<u>HARMONI</u>
Wide-Field, Optical Multi-Object Spectrometer	<u>GMACS</u>	<u>WFOS</u>	MOSAIC-HMM
Near-IR Multislit Spectrometer	NIRMOS	<u>IRMS</u>	MOSAIC-HMM
Deployable, Multi-IFU Imaging Spectrometer		IRMOS	MOSAIC-HDM
Mid-IR, AO-assisted Echelle Spectrometer		MIRES	<u>METIS</u>
High-Contrast Exoplanet Imager	TIGER	PFI	ELT-PCS
Near-IR, AO-assisted Echelle Spectrometer	GMTNIRS	NIRES	HIRES
High-Resolution Optical Spectrometer	<u>G-CLEF</u>	HROS	HIRES
“Wide”-Field AO-assisted Imager		WIRC/ <u>IRIS (Imager)</u>	<u>MICADO</u>

# Steps Towards Future Instruments



Takes about 10 years  
 Plan to start in 2017 (TBD)  
 - Groups are ready  
 ~2.5 yr cadence for ~6 instruments and ~2 AO upgrades  
 - Final instrument delivery in early 2040s!  
 Community Explorations and SAC Prioritization ensure flexibility

# TMT International Science Development Teams

- ◆ ~215 individuals in 9 teams
  - ◇ Early Universe, Galaxy Formation and the IGM
  - ◇ Exoplanets
  - ◇ Formation of Stars and Planets
  - ◇ Fundamental Physics and Cosmology
  - ◇ Milky Way and Nearby Galaxies
  - ◇ Solar System
  - ◇ Stars, Stellar Physics and the ISM
  - ◇ Supermassive Black Holes
  - ◇ Time Domain Science

# TMT International Science Development Teams

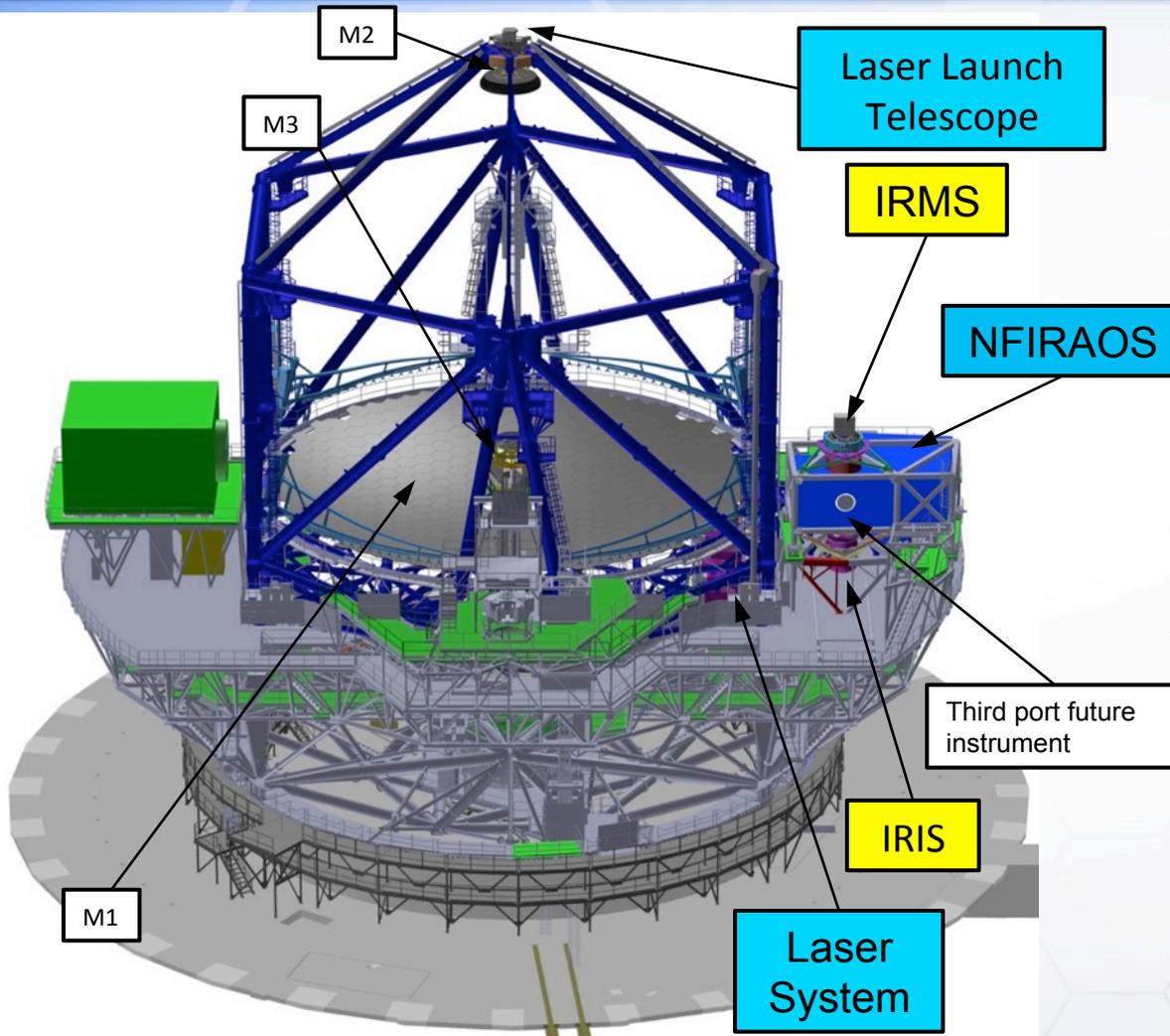
- ◆ All volunteers (no financial assistance)
  - ◇ Annual renewal of membership/calls for new members
- ◆ Coordinated by TMT SAC members Tommaso Treu and Mark Dickinson
  - ◇ Varying levels of self-organisation up to organising topical conferences
- ◆ Activities
  - ◇ All input for 2015 Detailed Science Case from ISDTs
  - ◇ Proposals for Cross-Partner Key Programs
    - ◆ Several dozen proposals for ~15 years of telescope time!
  - ◇ Updated science requirements flowdown
  - ◇ **WFIRST/TMT synergies**

# Summary

- TMT will be a general purpose observatory with all major forms of instrumentation
- Q4 2026 Science operations
  - 1<sup>st</sup> light instruments under development
    - Work horse capabilities, broad use cases
    - Near IR AO fed IFU, imager and MOS
    - Optical wide field MOS
- ~2.5 yr cadence for new instruments and AO
  - Concepts are actively being developed
  - Decision and development process is defined
    - Flexible on the timescale for LUVOIR overlap
- TMT International Science Development Teams
  - Can provide science input if needed
- CHEATSHEETS – TMT, E-ELT and GMT

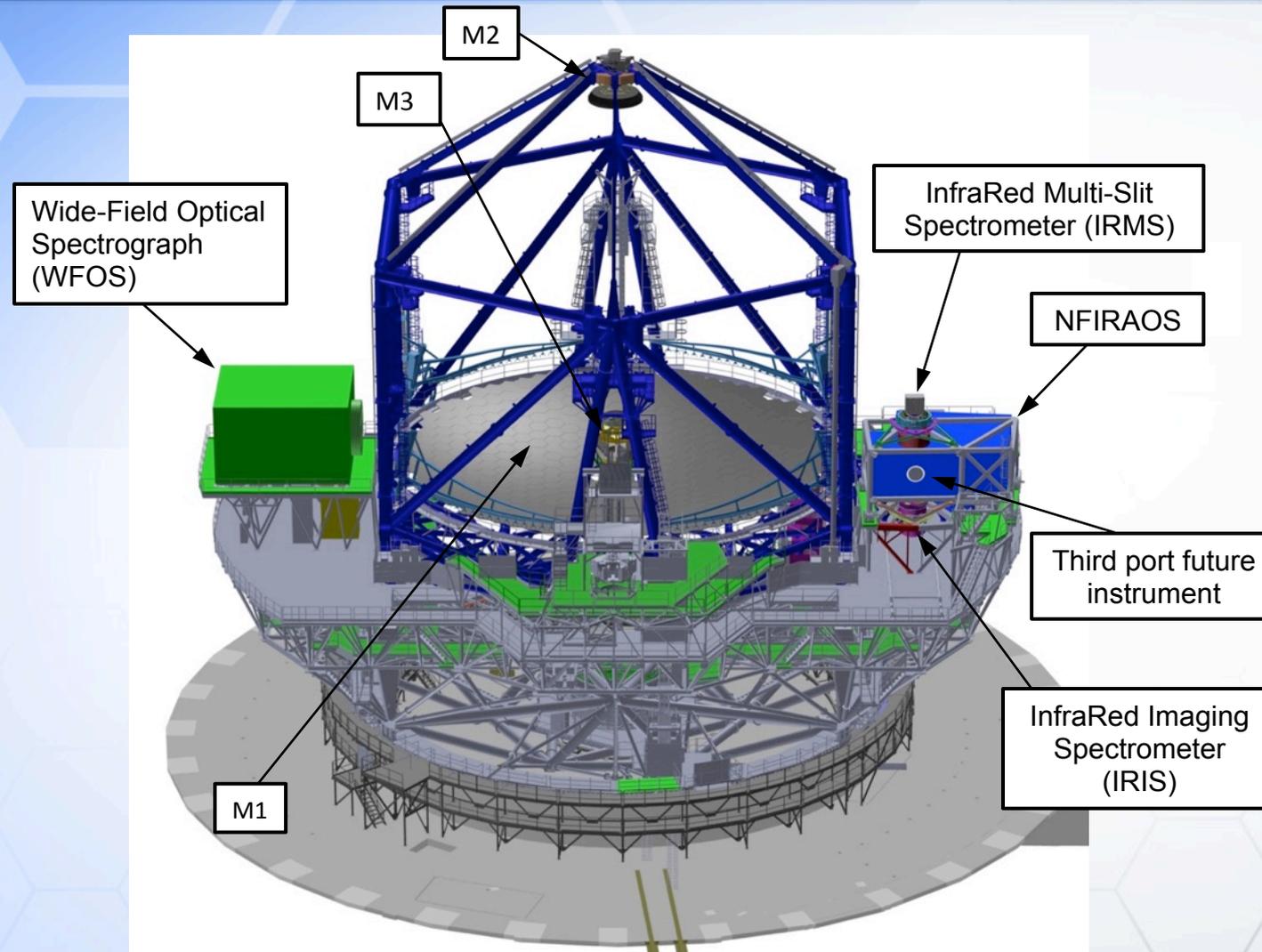
# Backup slides

# TMT First Light AO System



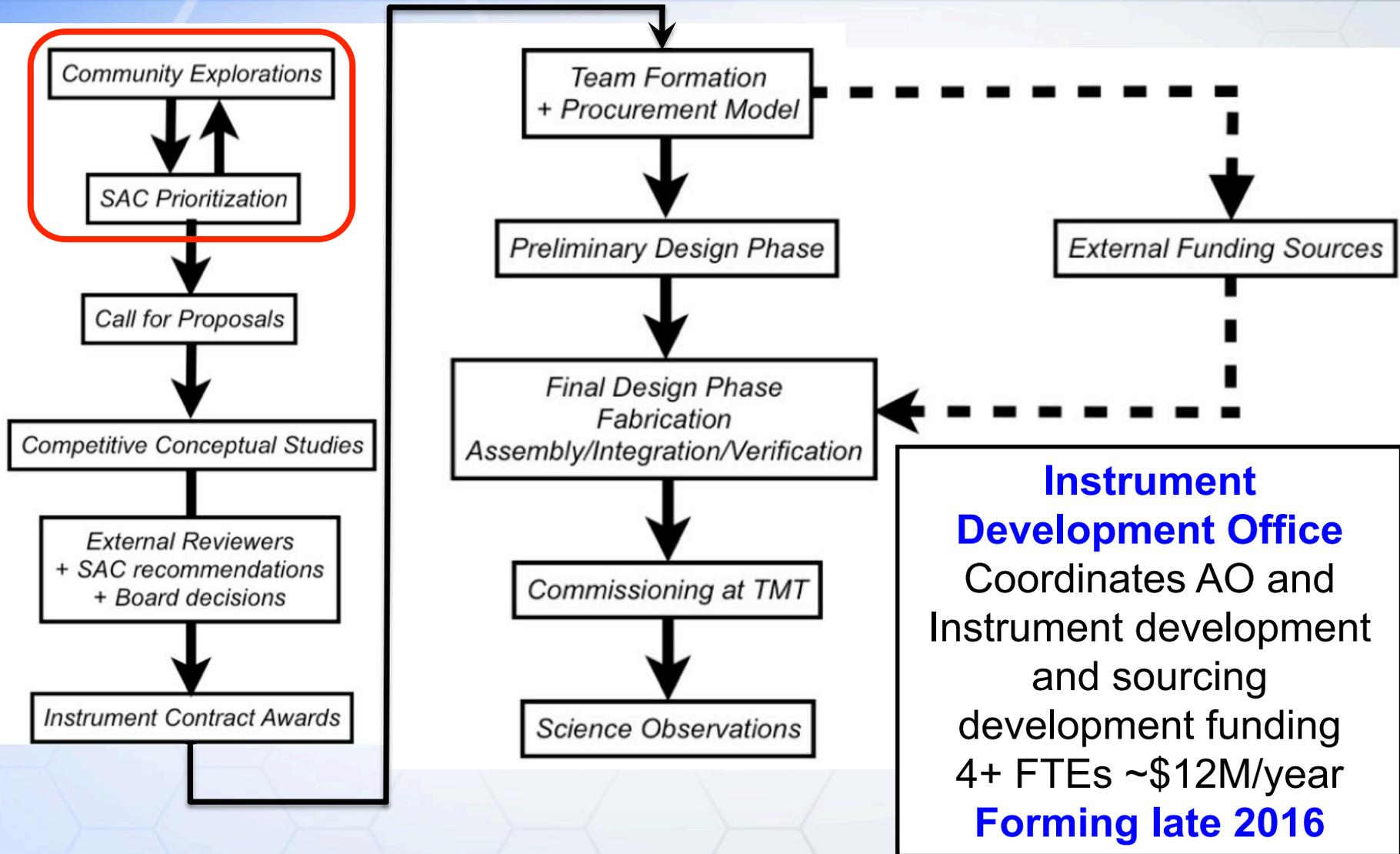
- ◆ **Narrow Field IR AO System (NFIRAOS)**
  - LGS, multi-conjugate AO
  - 6 laser guidestar WFSs
  - Two Piezostack DMs
  - Tip/tilt stage
  - Order 60x60 correction
  - 800Hz update rate
  - Fast (< 5 min) switch between targets with same instrument
- ◆ **Tip/tilt/focus Infrared NGS WFSs in client instruments IRIS, IRMS**
  - Science detector “On Detector Guide Windows”

# TMT First-Light Science Instruments on the Telescope

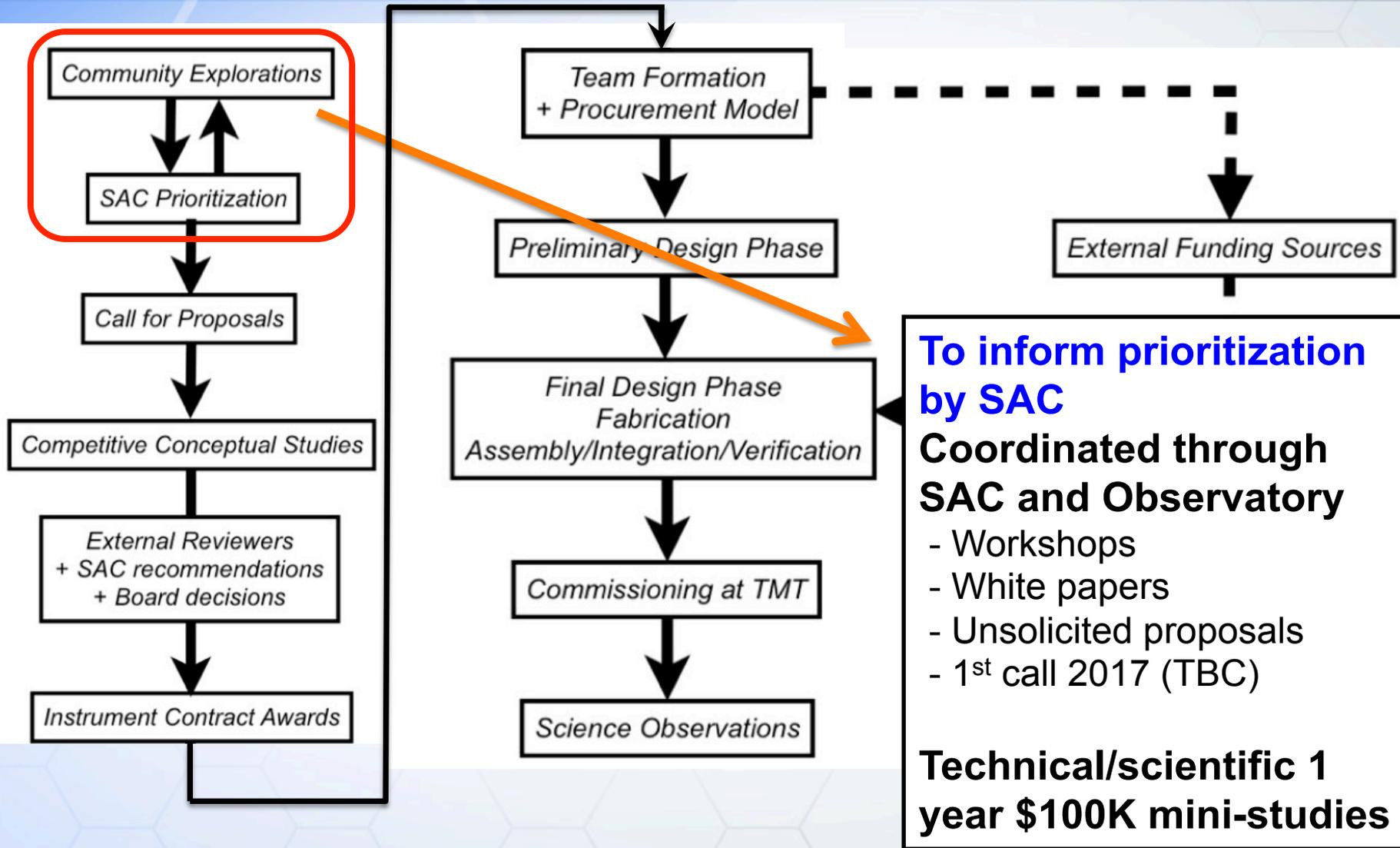


- Ritchey-Chrétien optical design
- 30-m f/1 primary
- 3.1-m convex secondary
- 2.5 m x 3.5 m flat tertiary
- f/15 final focal ratio
- 20' Field of view is 2.62m in diameter
- Science instruments mounted on Nasmyth platforms (fixed gravity vector)

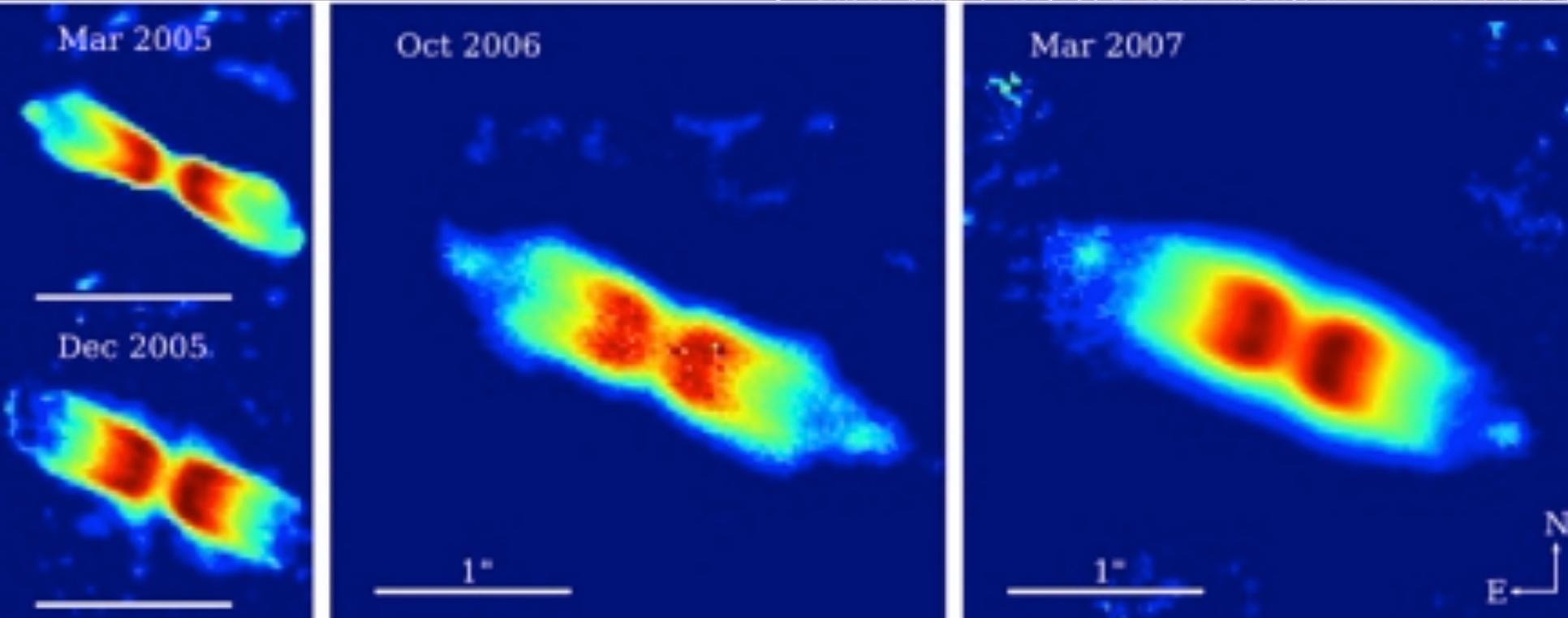
# Future Instrumentation Development Plan



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# Diffraction limited observations with AO on TMT



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7 mas = 200m at 5Mkm, 25 km at 5 AU (Jupiter)  
0.035 AU at 5 pc (nearby stars), 0.034 pc at 1 Mpc, 300 pc at  $z\sim 2.5$*

# Future Instruments: Feasibility Studies?

- ◆ Feasibility studies for future instruments: Why now?
  - ◇ **Very** strong interest across partnership
  - ◇ Updated and/or new instrument concepts
  - ◇ Updated technical information required (e.g., cooling requirements)
  - ◇ Updated cost and schedule estimates for development budget planning
  - ◇ **Foster new collaborations and involve new groups into our instrumentation effort – important at this critical time for TMT**
- ◆ A possible plan:
  - ◇ ~3-4 studies with 1.5 year duration
  - ◇ Modest cash contributions leveraging larger in-kind contributions
    - ◆ MICHI team produced a very impressive feasibility report with NSF ATI funding and Japanese contributions
  - ◇ Call for proposals in 2017Q1 (see proposed timeline)

# Future Instruments Studies: A Proposed Timeline

Step	Description	Timelines			
		First-light Instruments	2nd Gen Instruments Proposed New Timeline	2nd Gen Instruments Original Timeline	
1	<u>Initial</u> science cases and desired <u>capabilities</u>	<= 2004	2016Q1 - 2016Q4	(Missing steps from this timeline -> Future instruments 1 and 2 selected on the basis of 10-year old scientific and technical information)	
2	Call for <u>Feasibility</u> Studies (~\$150K+~1.5 yr / study)	2005Q1 (10 studies; 8 capabilities)	2017Q1 (TBD studies; TBD capabilities)		
3	Feasibility Study Phase: ° Expanded science cases and operational concepts ° <u>Instrument</u> designs and their technical readiness ° Schedule and Budget Estimates	2005Q2 -	2017Q3 -		
		2006Q1	2018Q4		
4	Feasibility Study Reviews	2006Q1	2019Q1		
5	<u>Revised</u> science cases and <u>instrument</u> concept ranking	2006Q2 -	2019Q2 -		2016Q2 -
		2006Q3	2019Q3		2016Q3
6	Instrument concept selection	2006Q4	2019Q4		2016Q4
7	Call for <u>Conceptual</u> Design Studies (~\$1M+ ~1.5 yrs / study)	2007Q3	2019Q4		2016Q4
8	Team selection and formation	2007Q4	2020Q2		2017Q2
9	Statement of Work and work package development	2007Q4	2020Q3 -	2017Q3 -	
			2020Q4	2017Q4	
10	<u>Conceptual</u> Design Studies start	2008Q1 (Two studies: WFOS and IRIS)	2021Q1 (Two studies TBD)	2018Q1 (Two studies TBD)	

# Science Instrument Status

- IRIS: Preliminary Design Phase started in April 2013 and scheduled for completion in November 2016
- WFOS:
  - Conceptual Design Handover Workshop held in October 2013
  - A 1-year “mini-study” phase with participants from 15 institutes across the TMT partnership was completed in April 2015
  - An “Opto-Mechanical Design and Requirements” (OMDR) phase was initiated in January 2016 and is scheduled for completion in January 2017
- IRMS:
  - A 2013 mini-study showed IRMS to be a viable option for TMT +NFIRAOS
  - Mini-studies are under discussion
- Future instruments: Call for Feasibility Study proposals in early 2017 under discussion



# TMT GMT First Generation Instrument Status

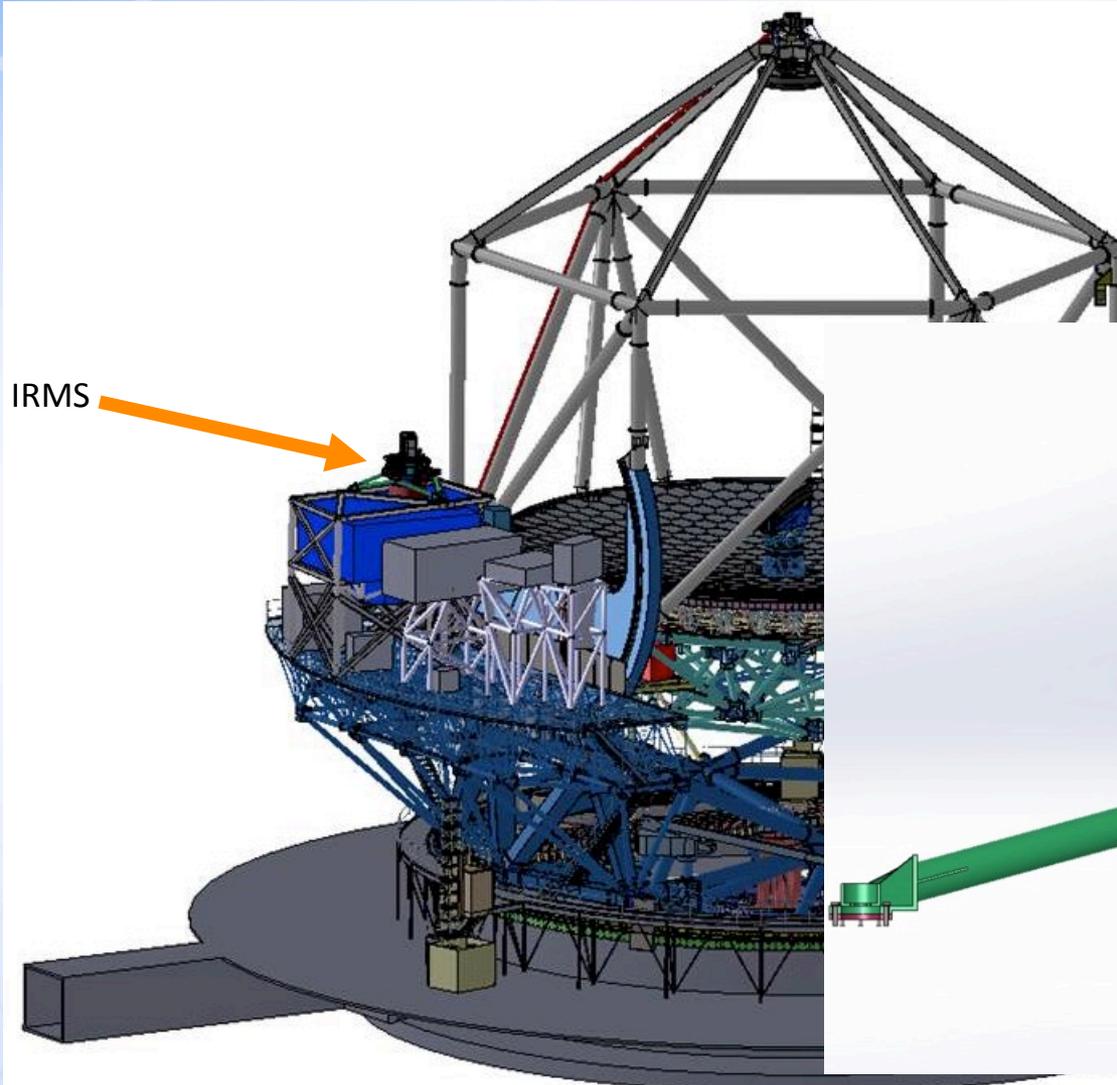
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Instrument / Mode	Capabilities	$\lambda$ Range, $\mu\text{m}$	Resolution	Field of View
<b>G-CLEF</b> / NS, GLAO, NGS AO	Optical High Resolution Spectrograph / PRV	0.35 – 0.95	19,000 – 108,000	7 x 0.7, 1.2" fibers
<b>GMTIFS</b> / LTAO, NGS AO	NIR AO-fed IFS / Imager	0.95 – 2.5	5,000 & 10,000	10 / 400 arcsec <sup>2</sup>
<b>GMACS</b> / NS, GLAO	Wide-Field Optical Multi-Object Spectrograph	0.35 – 0.95	1,000 – 6,000 (8K with MANIFEST)	7.5' diameter
<b>ComCam</b> / NS, GLAO	Optical Imager	0.34 – 1.0	0.06 arcsec/pix	6 x 6 arcmin
<b>GMTNIRS</b> / NGS AO, LTAO	JHKLM AO-fed High Resolution Spectrograph	1.1 – 5.3	50,000 / 75,000 (JHK / LM)	1.2" long-slit
<b>MANIFEST</b> / NS, GLAO	Facility Robotic Fiber Feed	0.36 – 1.0		20' diameter

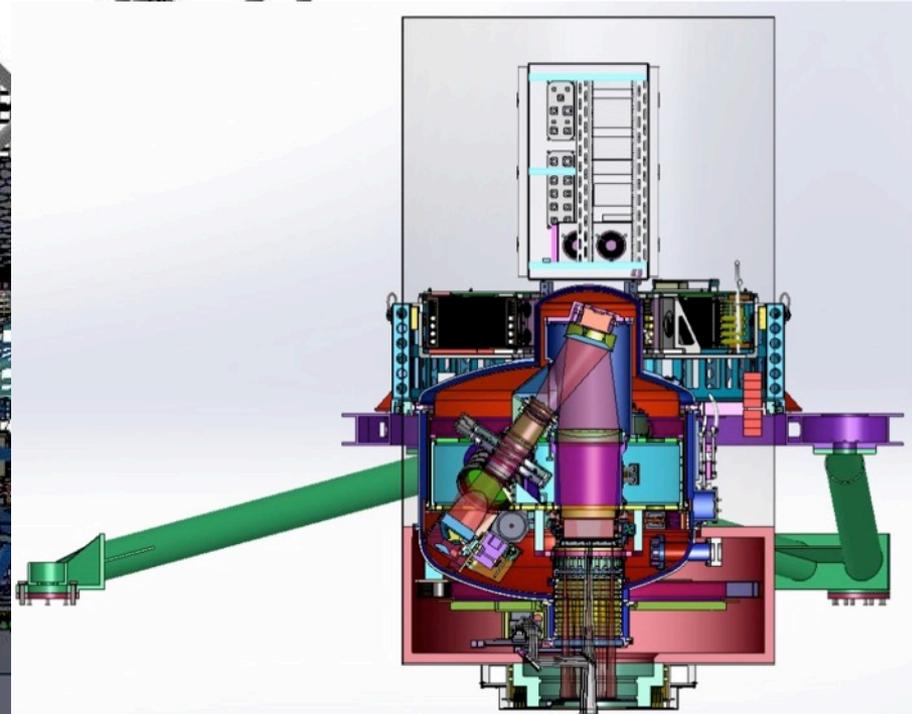
Current Phase	Next Phase
Final Design	Fabrication
Preliminary Design	Final Design
Conceptual Design	Preliminary Design
Silicon Grating Technology Development	Preliminary Design
Science demonstrator closeout	Concept Design

# Additional information

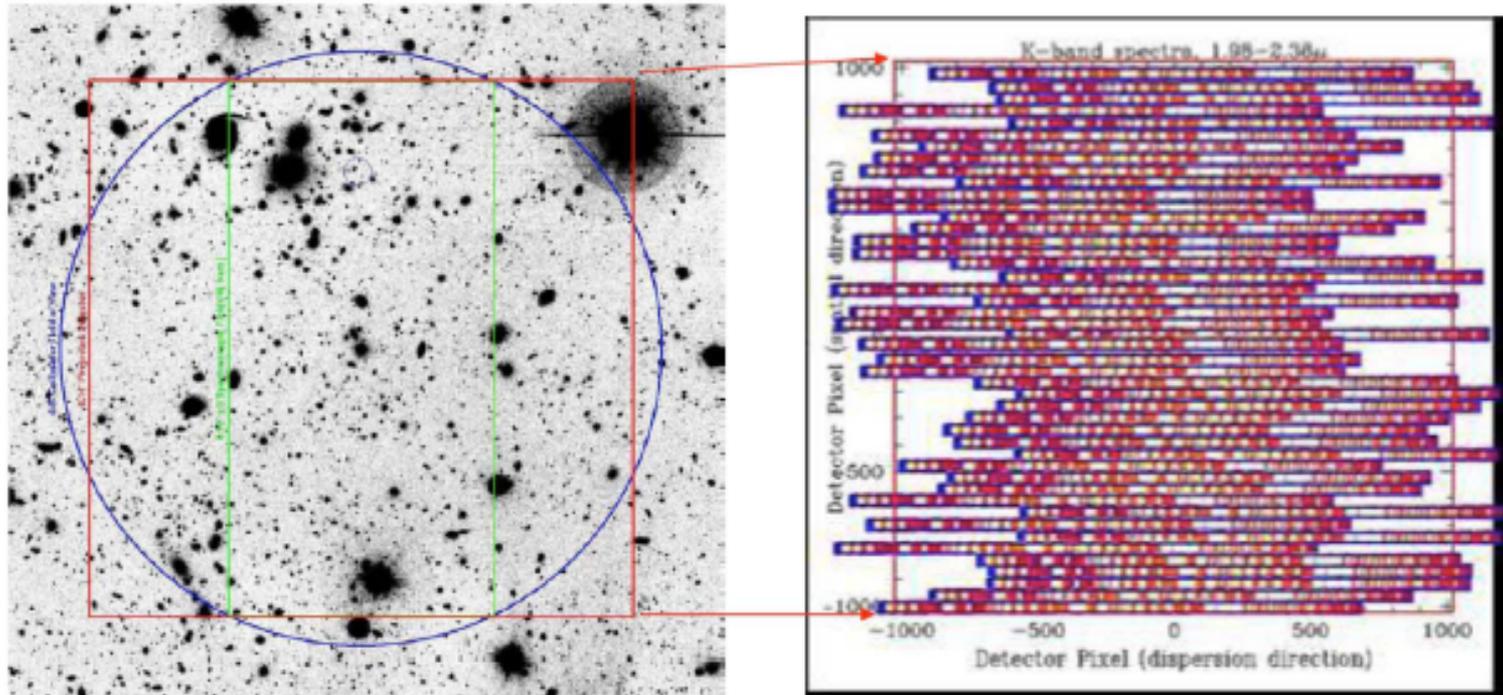
# TMT Instrument – InfraRed Multi-object Spectrograph



Very close copy of  
Keck's MOSFIRE

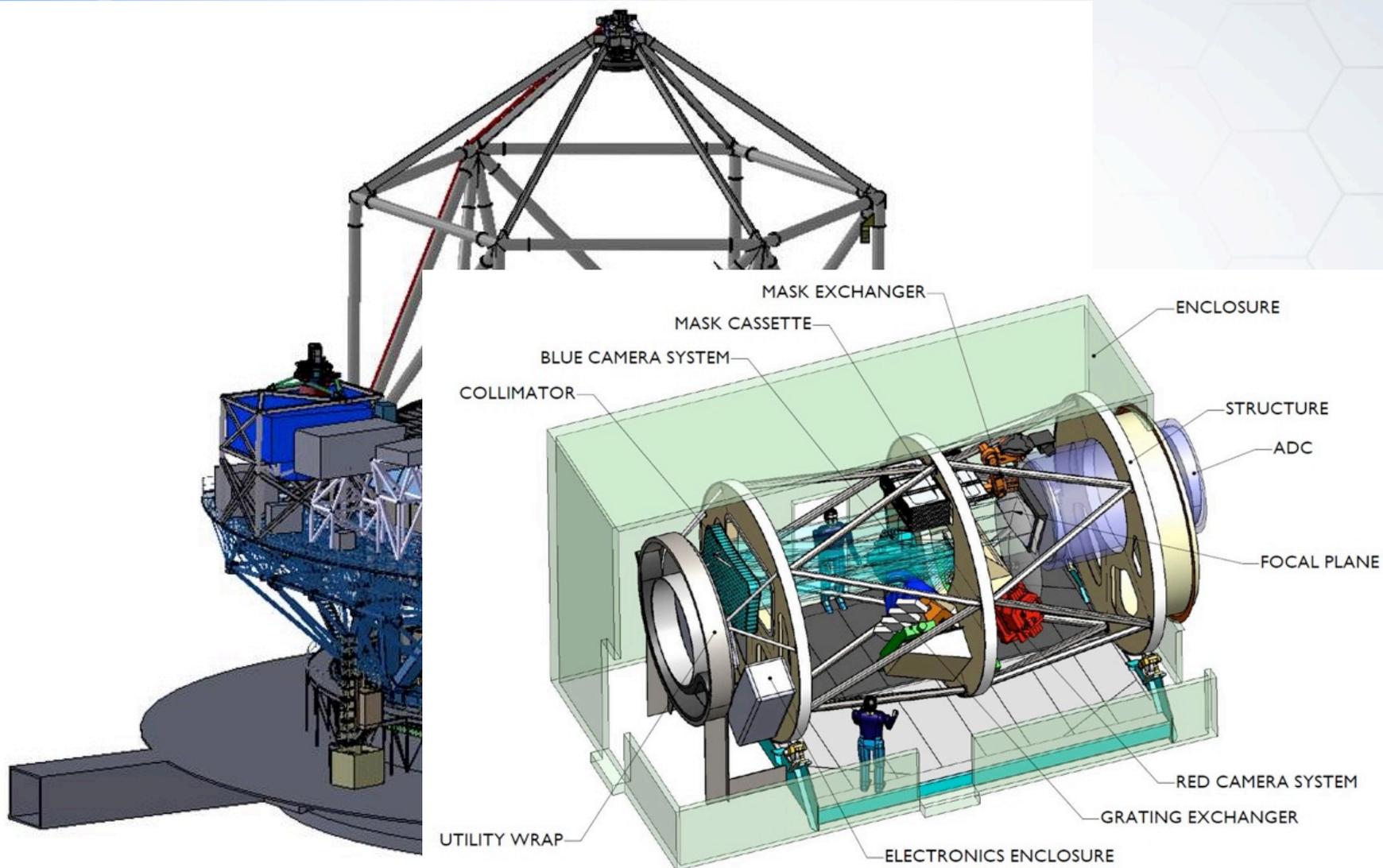


# IRMS Spectra



Full Y, J, H, K spectra with  $R \sim 5000$  with 160mas (2 pix) slits in central  $\sim 1/3$  of field

# WFOS first light instrument



# IRIS Focal Plane: Imager + 2 IFUs + 3 Guide Stars

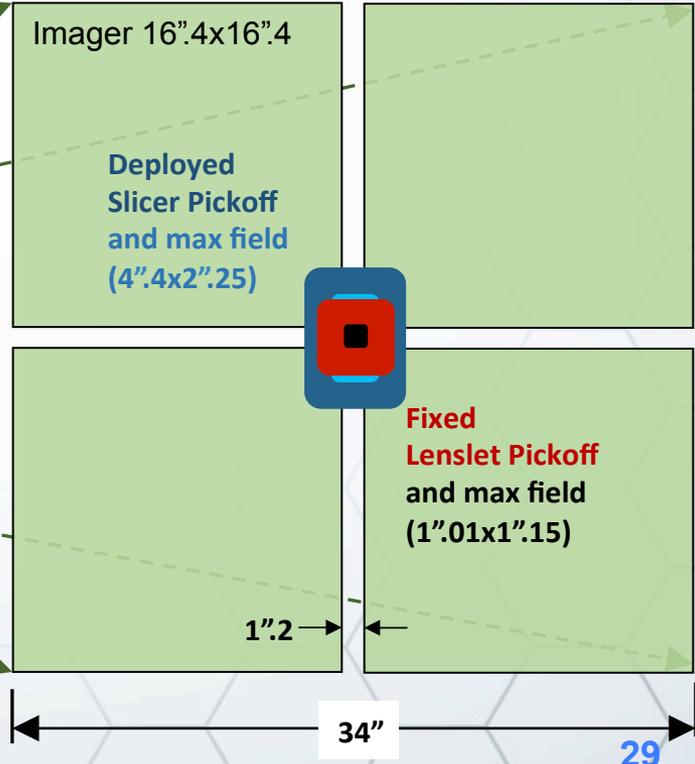
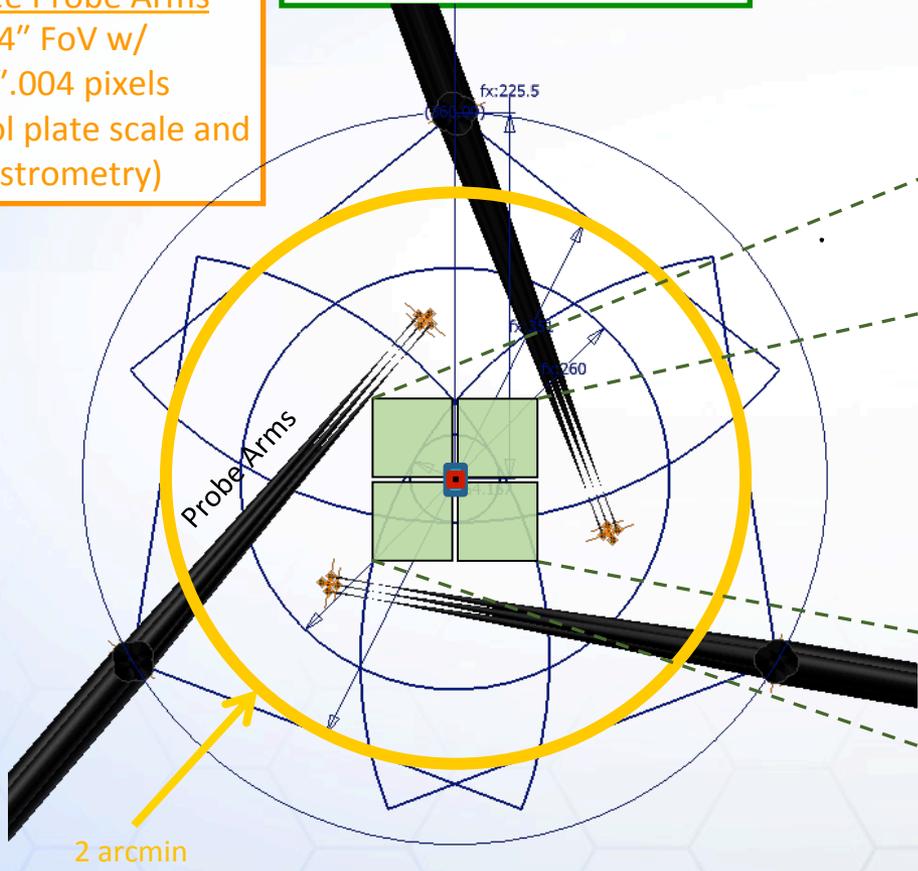
Three Probe Arms  
4" FoV w/  
0".004 pixels  
(control plate scale and  
astrometry)

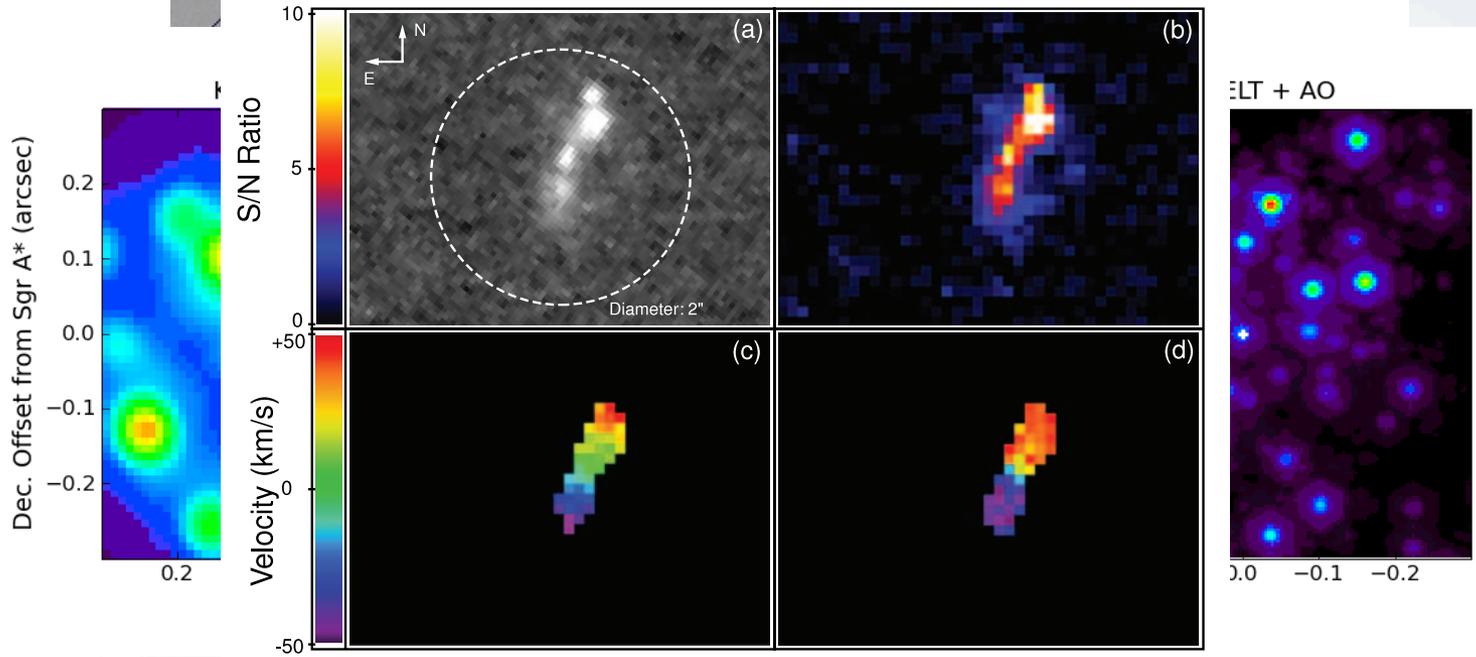
Imager  
16".4x16".4 field (on-axis)  
w/ 0".004 pixels  
(JHK + Narrow-bands)

Lenslet and Slicer IFUs  
0.84 -2.4 $\mu$ m, R = 4000-8000

2 Coarse Scales (Slicer)  
1".13x2".20@0".025  
2".25x4".4@0".050

2 Fine Scales (Lenslet)  
0".45x0".51@0".004  
1".01x1".15@0".009

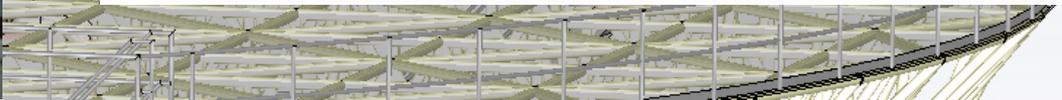
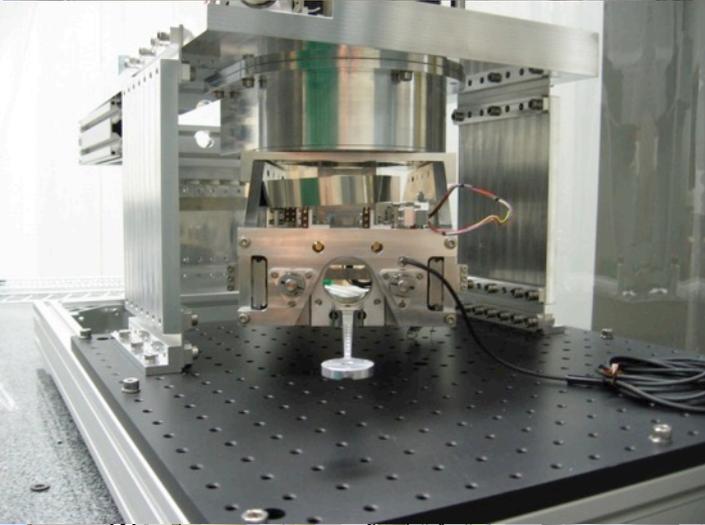
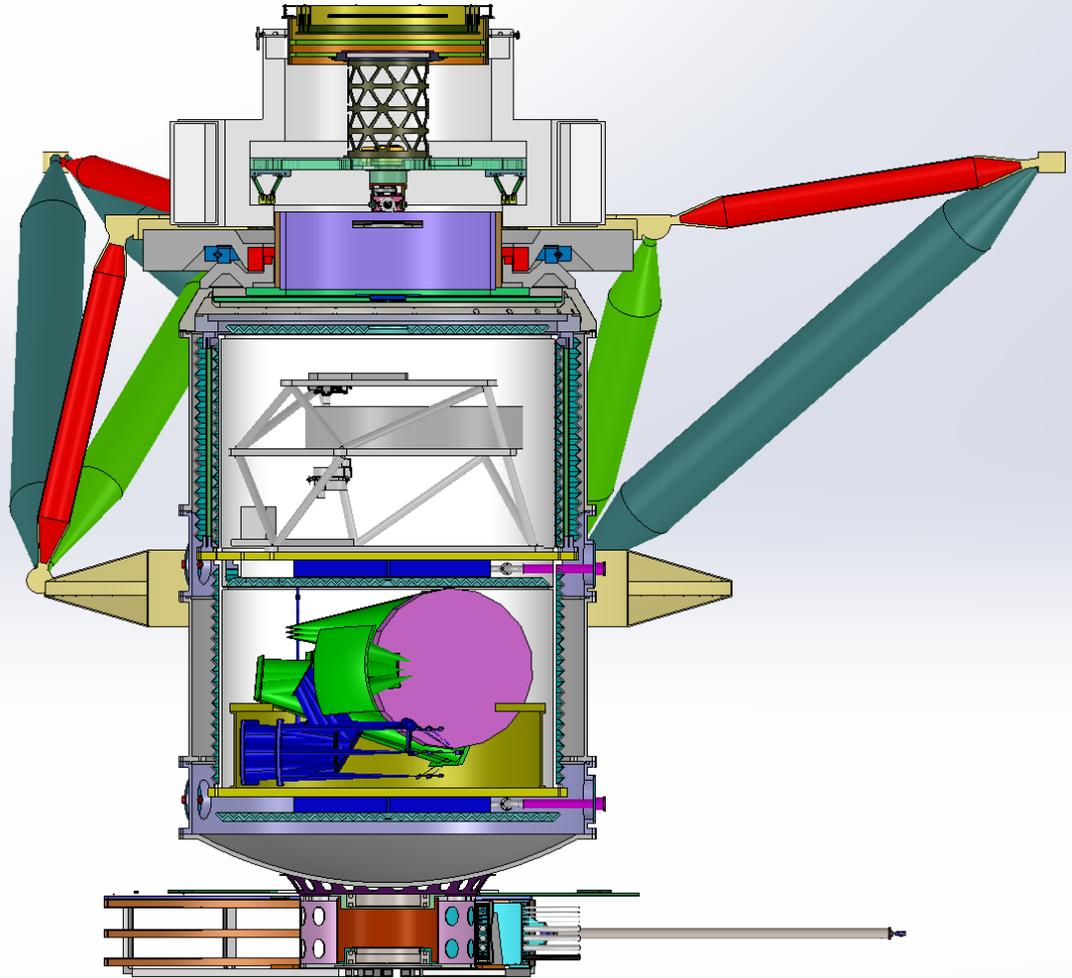
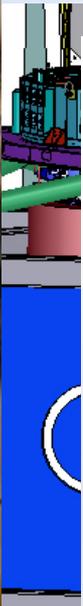
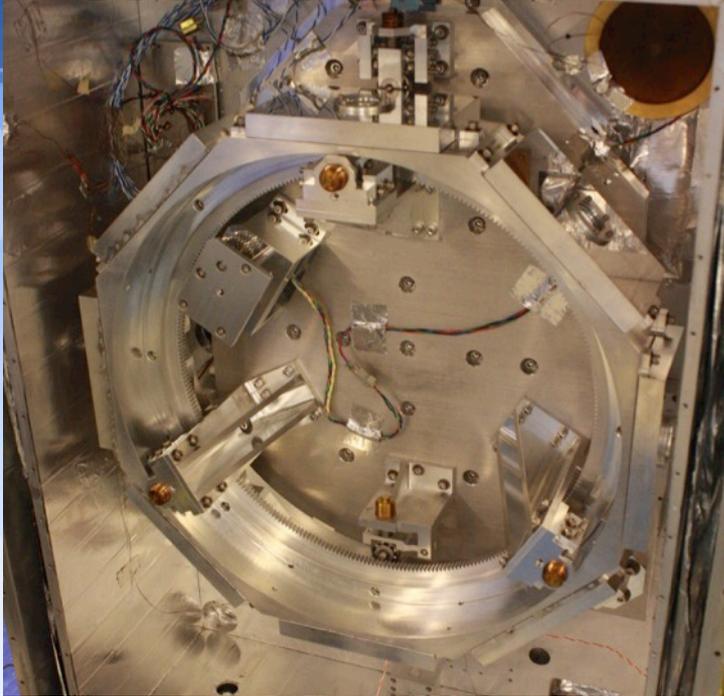




**Galaxy/metallicity evolution**  
**High-z dynamics/morphology**

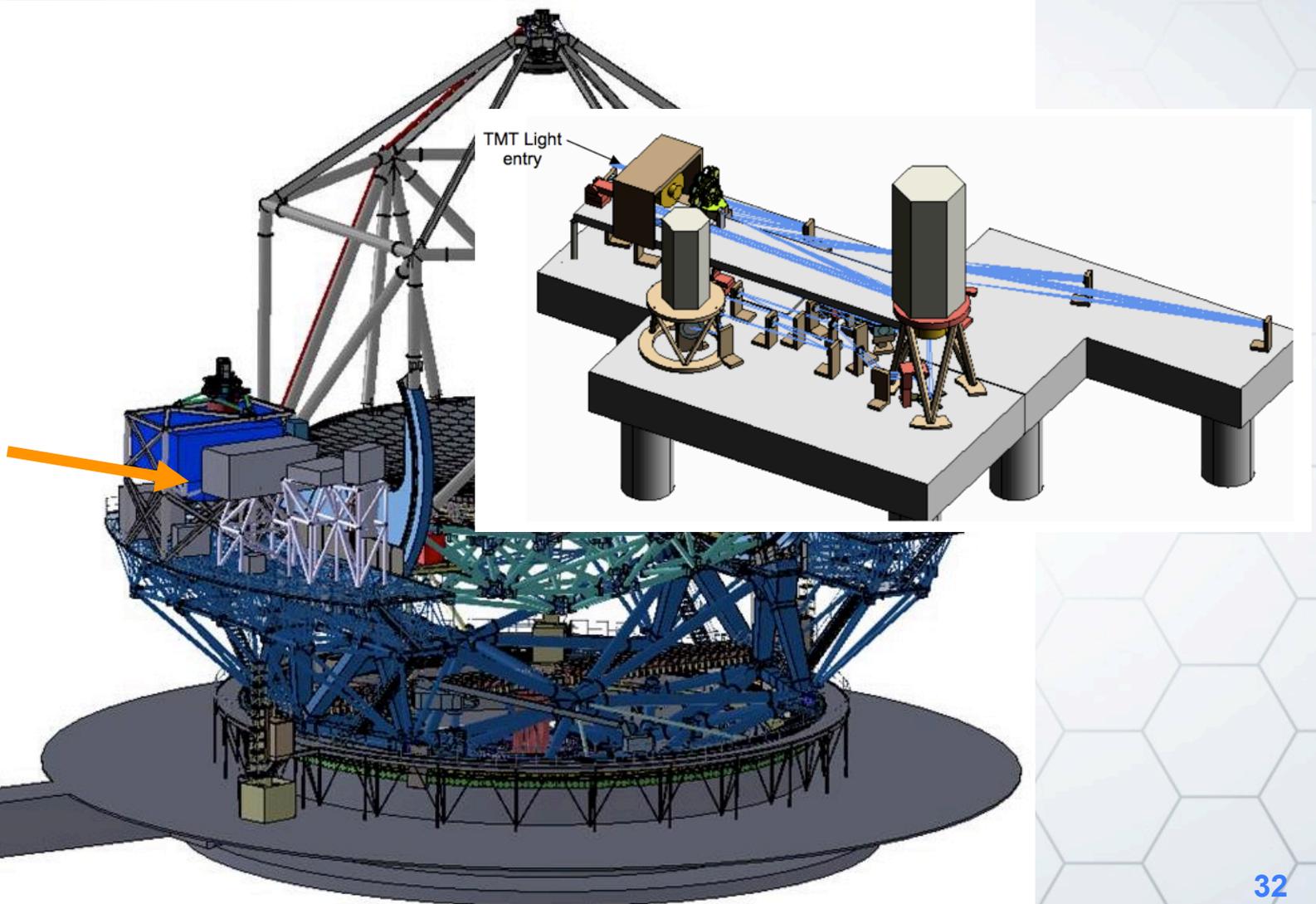


# IRIS Mounted on NFIRAOS

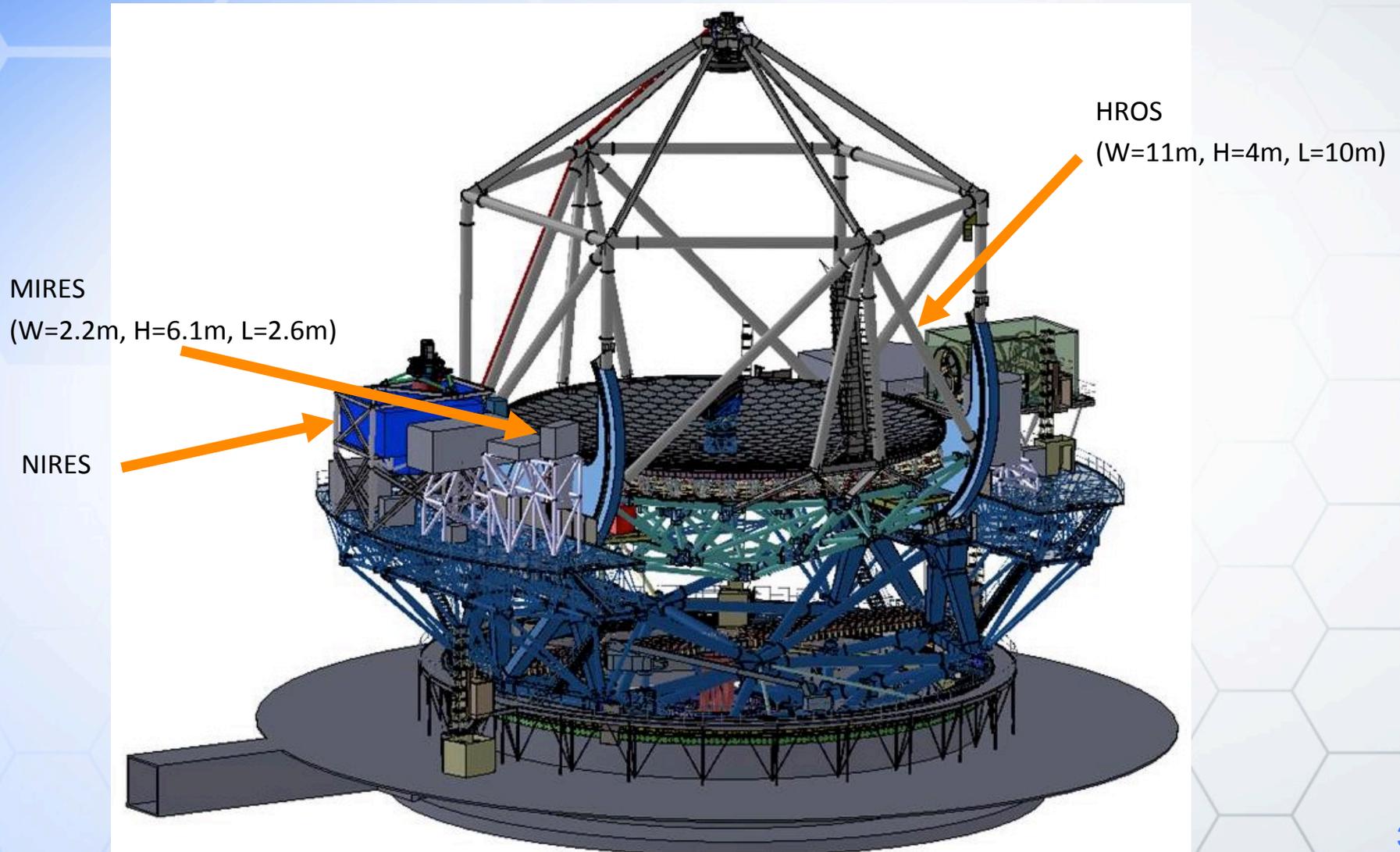


# From Science to Subsystems

Planet  
Formation  
Instrument

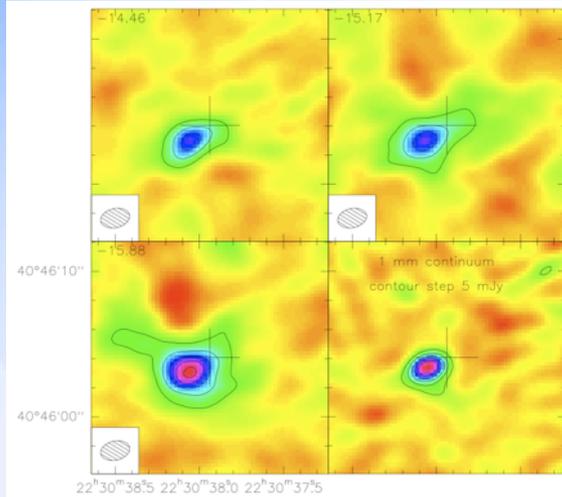


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# Mid-IR spectroscopy - Solar System

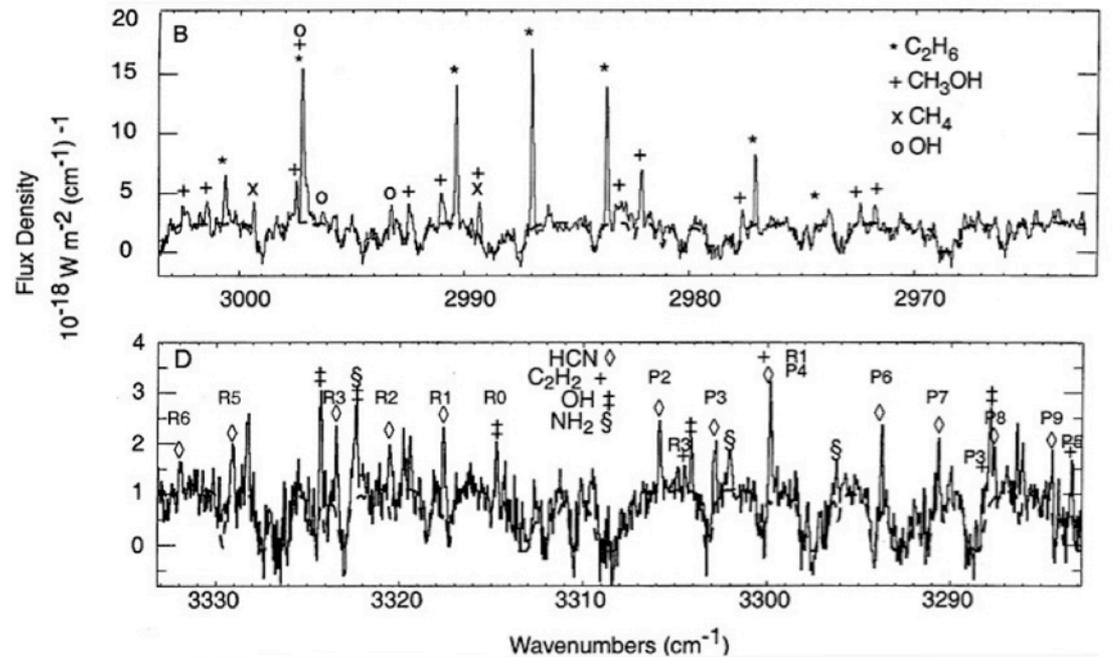
Physics and Chemistry of Cometary Atmospheres – mid-IR requires low PWV and MICH



CO(2-1) emission and dust continuum from Comet Hale-Bopp at 1'' resolution with IRAM

Submm+optical = nucleus albedo and size

(Figure 40 - “Science with ALMA” Document)

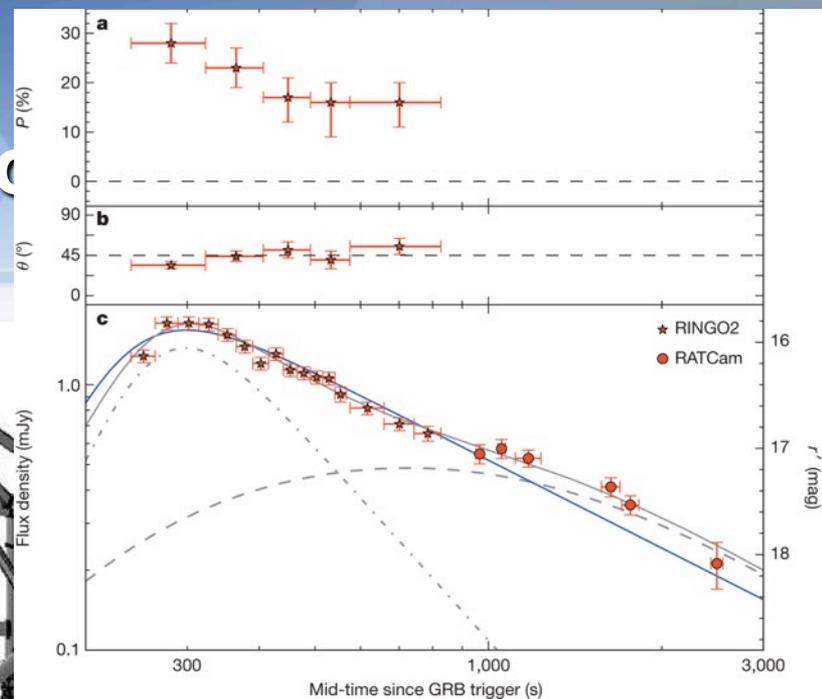


Detection of parent volatiles in Comet Lee (C/1999 H1) at R=20, 000. [TMT/NIRES](#) will allow diffraction-limited observations at R=100,000 over the range 4.5 - 28  $\mu\text{m}$

Look for “chemical families” as probes of the Oort Cloud

# From Science to

10 minute maximum system response time



NFIRAOS fast switching science fold mirror

-X Nasmyth structure

Articulated M3 for fast instrument switching  
+X Nasmyth structure

Fast slewing and acquisition