



EPICS, exoplanet imaging with the E-ELT

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Outline



- > Science goals
- > Instrument concept (brief)
- > Science Output prediction



EPICS phase-A study



- ➤ E-ELT phase-B will conclude in 2010 with an instrumentation plan suitable to cover the highest priority scientific objectives (which include Exoplanets)
- > EPICS phase-A (feasibility) study is one of these E-ELT instrument studies and has been kicked off in October 2007
- EPICS phase-A study goals: requirements to the E-ELT and the associated site, feasible instrument concept, scientific capabilities, cost, FTE effort, construction schedule
- > EPICS phase-A is partially funded by ESO and the European Framework Programme 7 (FP7).



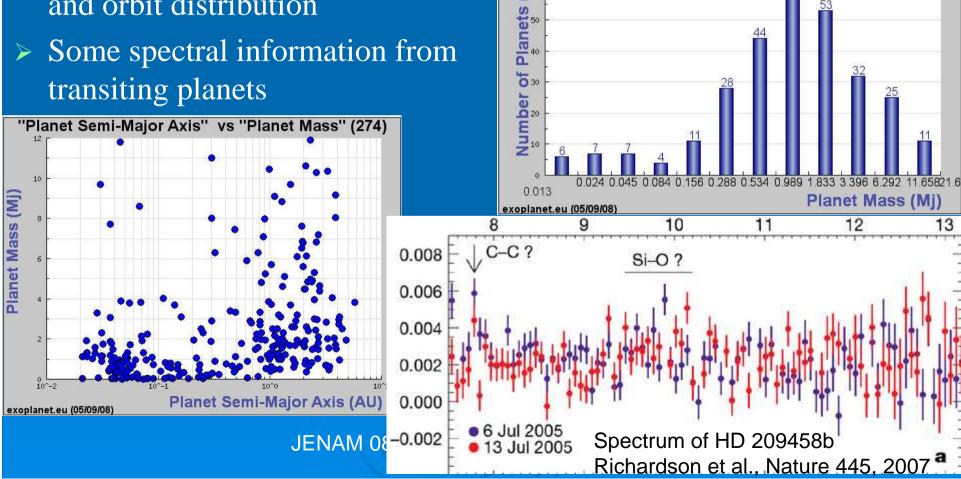
Exoplanets 2008

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~ 300 Exoplanets detected, >80% by radial velocities, mostly gas giants, a dozen Neptunes and a handful of Super-Earths

- Constraints on Mass function and orbit distribution
- Some spectral information from transiting planets





(Some) open issues



- Planet formation (core accretion vs gravitational disk instability)
- ➤ Planet evolution (accretion shock vs spherical contraction, "hot start")
- ➤ Orbit architecture (Where do planets form?, role of migration and scattering)
- > Abundance of low-mass and rocky planets
- Giant planet atmospheres



Object Class 1



Young self-luminous planets in star forming regions or young associations

Cluster	Lupus	Taurus- Auriga	Oph	Eta Cha	Cha	Upper Sco	Sco Cen	TW Hya
Age (Myr)	1	2	2	4-7	1-10	1-10	1-25	10
Distance (pc)	150	140	125	100	140	145	130	60
Separation Snow line G2V (arcsec)	0.016	0.017	0.019	0.024	0.017	0.017	0.018	0.040
I (G2V)	9.9	9.7	9.5	9.0	9.7	9.8	9.6	7.9

Requirements:

Moderate contrast ~10-6

High spatial resolution of ~30 mas (3 AU snow line for solar type star at 100 pc)

Host stars red and relatively faint: XAO constraint JENAM 08, Vienna, 8 September 2008



Object Class 1 science



Planet Formation

Gravitational instability faster than core accretion ⇒ Frequency of planets at very young ages will help to differentiate formation models

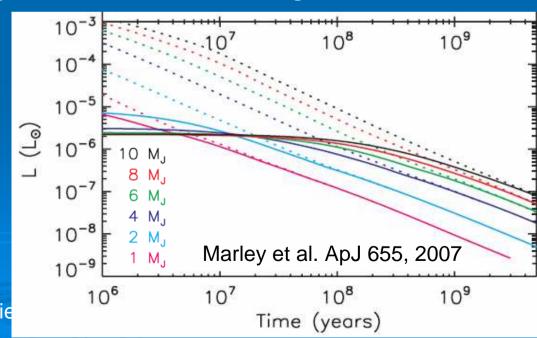
Spherically contraction brighter than simplified core accretion

⇒ Brightness vs dynamical mass known from RV (e.g. with CODEX at the EELT) to differentiate.

RV challenging for young stars (cf. TW Hydrae), but ok to determine amplitude of known orbit

Young planets are subject to migration

⇒ Orbital evolution indicates migration efficiency



JENAM 08, Vie



Object Class 2



Nearby (≤ 20 pc) Stars

~500 stars from Paranal \pm 30 deg, ~60-70% M-dwarfs

Detection of gas giants at orbital distances > ~5 AU and low-mass planets down to the Super-Earth domain.

Requirements

Small inner working angle: e.g. Gl 581 d (~8M_E) with contrast 10⁻⁸ at 40 mas

High contrasts:

Jupiter at 10pc: $\sim 10^{-9}$ at 500 mas



Object Class 2 science



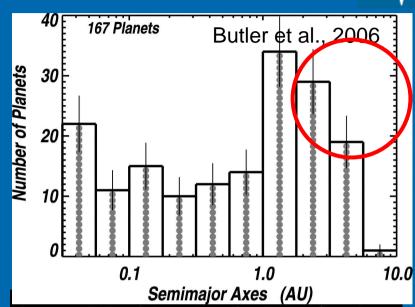
Frequency and mass distribution of giant planets at old ages

compare with star forming regions.

Orbit architecture (where do planets form?, role of migration and scattering)

Abundance of low-mass and rocky planets

basic parameter for models of planet formation.





The Planetary System in Gliese 581





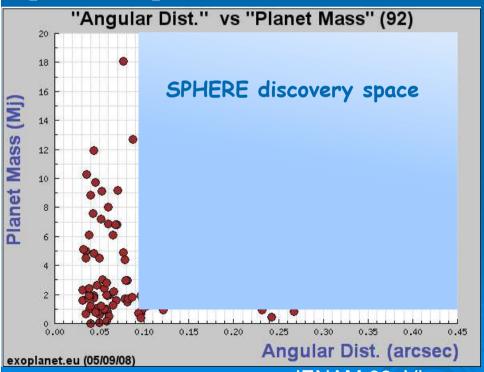
Object Class 3

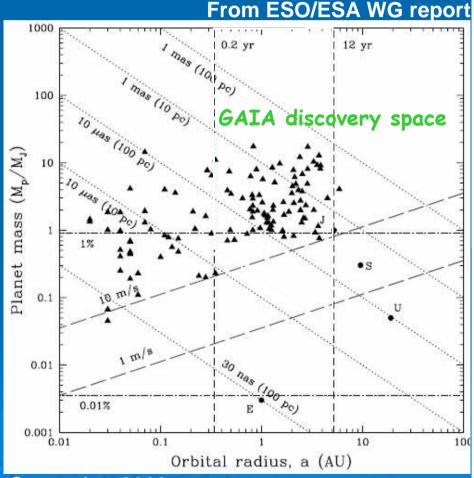


Known Planets

discovered by RV, direct imaging (SPHERE, GPI) or astrometric methods (GAIA, PRIMA)

Requirements: as object class 2 Spectroscopic mode needed







Object Class 3 science



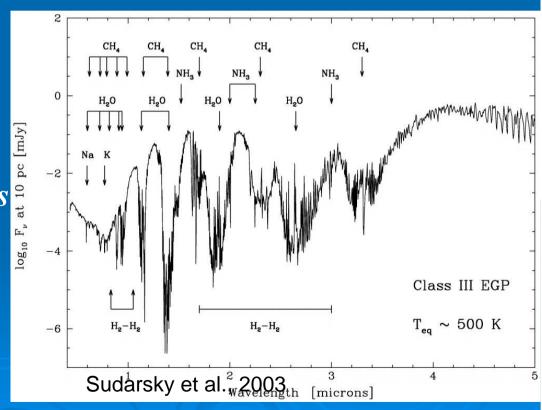
Test planet evolution models

Compare modeled spectrum to measurement for objects with known physical parameters (current issue in BD science)

Dynamic masses from orbit

Age and metallicity constrained by star

Understand planet atmospheresChemical compositionEffects of clouds







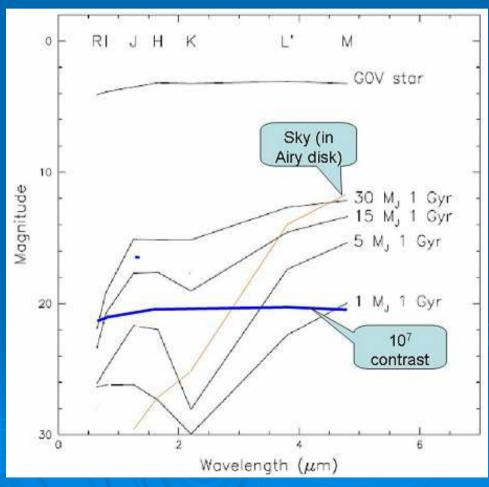
Concept



Concept: MIR?



- Massive and young planets or planets in close orbits are warm and can efficiently be observed in the MIR (4-5 μ m)
- ➤ Pb: ~4x lower spatial resolution and high sky background
- Object class 1: too low spatial resolution *
- ➤ Object class 3: too low spatial resolution or too low sensitivity ★
- ➤ Object class 2 ok, but not at the requested >5 AU ⊕
- ⇒ EPICS in NIR, complemented by METIS in MIR





Top Level Requirements



a) Contrast requirements Y-H band (10h telescope time, reference seeing conditions, 5σ detection):

Brightness ratio	30	100	300	Limiting stellar
at distance: [mas]				Magnitude I
				band:
Science Case 1	10 ⁻⁶	10 ⁻⁶	10 ⁻⁶	9 (goal: 10)
Science Case 2		2 10 ⁻⁹ (goal 10 ⁻⁹)	10 ⁻⁹ (goal 4 10 ⁻¹⁰)	7 (goal: 8)
Science Case 3	10 ⁻⁸	10 ⁻⁹	10 ⁻⁸	7 (goal: 8)
Science Case 4	2 10 ⁻⁹ (goal 10 ⁻⁹)	10 ⁻⁹ (goal 4 10 ⁻¹⁰)	5 10 ⁻¹⁰ (goal 2 10 ⁻¹⁰)	5 (goal: 6)

b) Contrast requirements I band (10h telescope time, reference seeing conditions, 5σ detection, for differential signal contrast ($I_1(planet)-I_2(planet)$)/($I_1(star)+I_2(star)$) where I_1 and I_2 are fluxes in two spectral bands (on/off CH₄ absorption) or I(parallel) and I(perpendicular) for polarimetry]:

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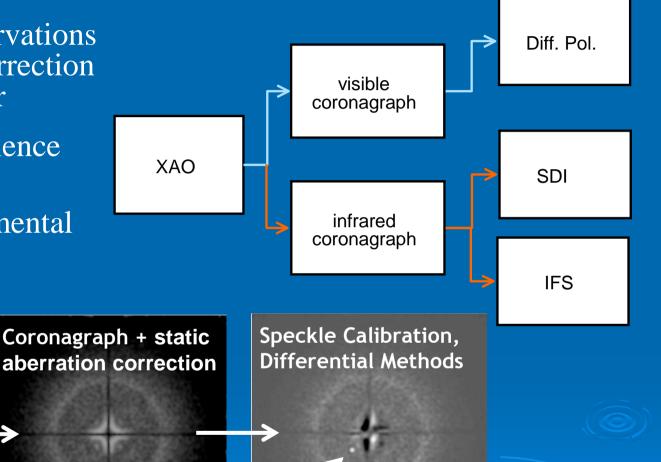


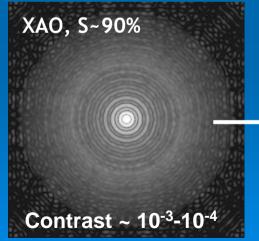
Concept: Achieve very high contrast



Highest contrast observations require multiple correction stages to correct for

- Atmospheric turbulence
- **Diffraction Pattern**
- 3. Quasi-static instrumental aberrations





aberration correction Contrast ~ 10⁻⁶-10⁻⁷

Contrast ~ 10⁻⁹

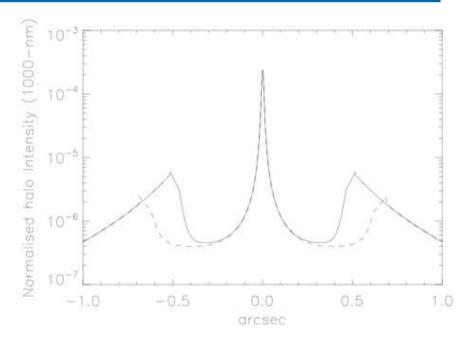


XAO



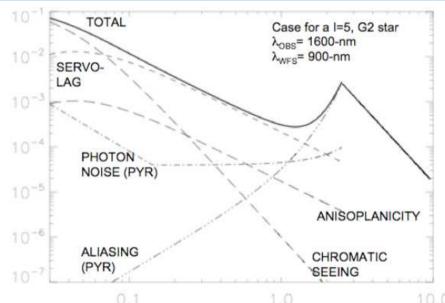
Main parameters

- Pyramid wavefront sensor
- Sensing wavlength: 900 nm
- > Framerate: 3 kHz
- > Actuator spacing: 0.2-m -> 200x200
- ➤ M4 + Tweeter DM



Features

- ➤ Turbulent speckle halo 10⁻⁵-10⁻⁶
- Servo-lag is dominant error
- > Smaller actuator spacing ineffective



S_H = 90%, 0.5" seeing, 8-m aperture (Esposito et al., Aller-Carpentier et al., SPIE08)



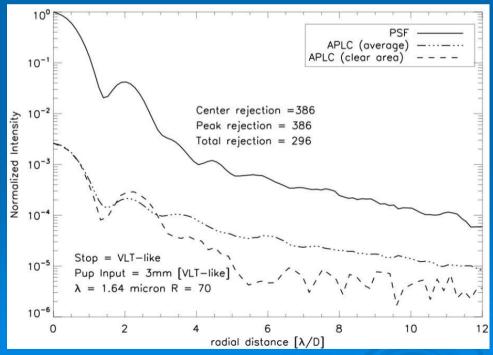
Coronagraphy

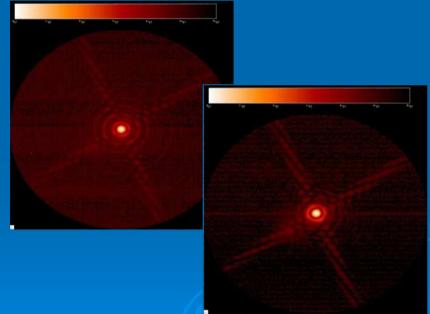


- Diffraction residuals have similar effects as quasi-static aberrations
- Global study (Martinez et al. in prep) considering liability to real-life effects suggest
 APLC (possibly multi-stage) as baseline

Complementary concepts (Dual-zone, multi-stage 4QPM) are **prototyped in the frame of FP7**. Initial results encouraging (MS-4QPM: 10⁻⁸ at 5λ/D for 20%

bandwidth, Baudoz et al. SPIE 7015, 2008)





See Martinez et al, SPIE 7015, 2008 APLC: $5x10^{-6}$ at $\sim 5\lambda/D$ measured



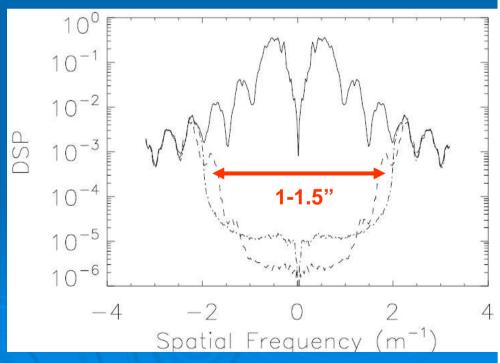
Correction of quasi-static WFE



- ➤ Need to measure static aberrations at level of coronagraph with some nm rms at science wavelength
- Correction by XAO DM or dedicated DM. DM "cleans" its control area from speckles (rejection better than 10-4)

Standard WFE specs ok for most optics

Measurement device to be demonstrated ⇒ FP7 funded exp.





Data reduction, speckle calibration



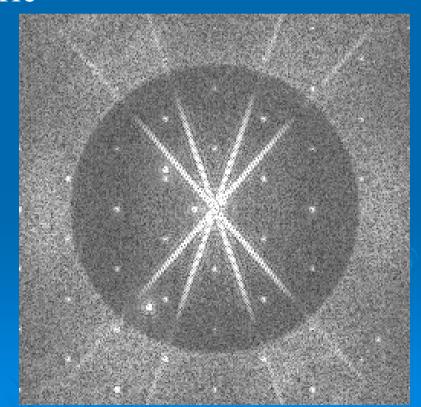
Getting from systematic PSF residuals (10⁻⁶-10⁻⁷) to 10⁻⁸-10⁻⁹

> Spectral Devonvolution (Sparks&Ford, Thatte et al.)

> Multi-band spectral or polarimetric

differential imaging for smallest separation

- Angular Differential Imaging (ADI)
- Coherence based methods (speckles interfere with Airy Pattern, a planet does not)





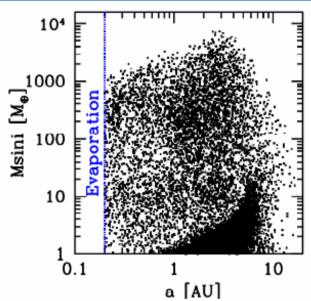


Detection rates, MC simulation



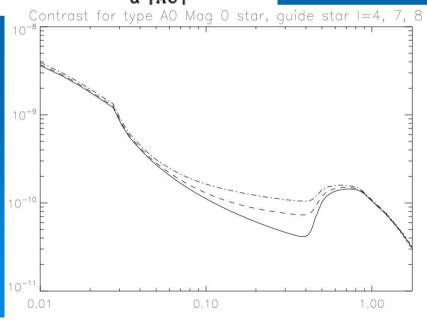
Predicted Science Output





MC simulations

- planet population with orbit and mass distribution from e.g. Mordasini (2007)
- Model planet brightness (self-luminous, in reflection, albedo, orbital position,...)
- > Match statistics with RV results



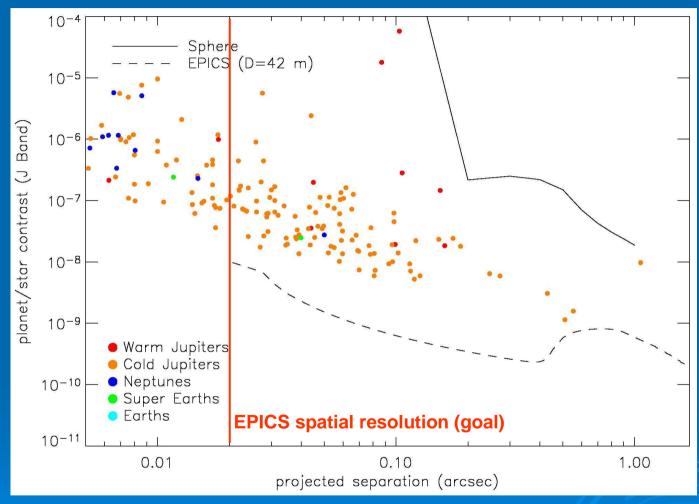
Contrast model

- Analytical AO model incl. realistic error budget
- Actual wavelength range and throughput estimate, 4h obs
- Data analysis considered
- Idealized Coro + statics corr.
- 8 September 2008







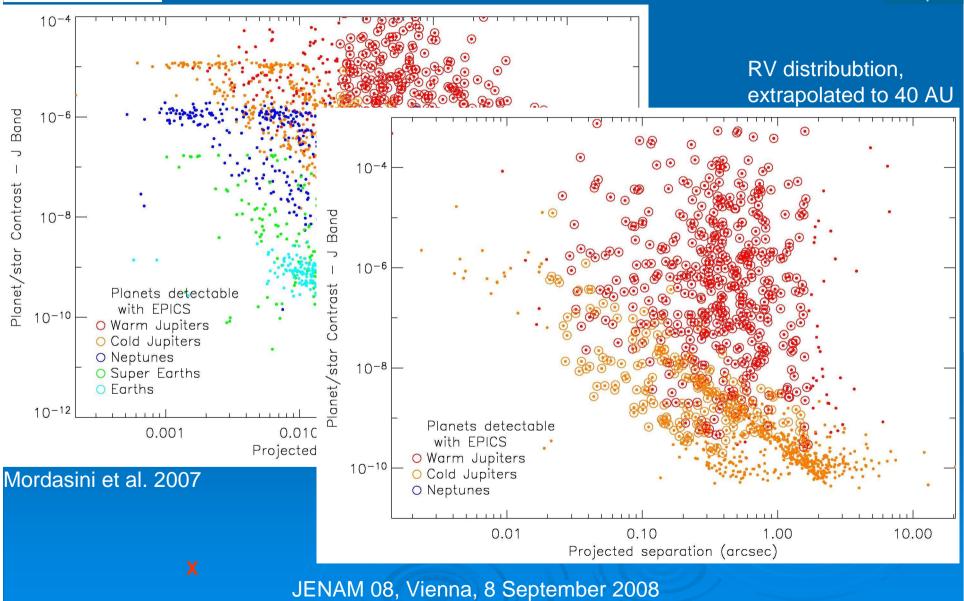


About 100 currently known targets are readily observable with EPICS, and many more are expected to be discovered by e.g. GAIA or SPHERE



Detection rates, nearby+young stars







Predicted detections with EPICS



Target class	# targets	Self- luminous planets	Giant planets	Neptunes	Rocky planets
1. Young stars	688	>100	>100	Dozens	Very few
2. Nearby stars	512	Dozens	>100	~100	Dozens
3. Stars w. planets	~100	Some	>100	A Dozen	2+



Summary



- ➤ EPICS is the NIR E-ELT instrument for Exoplanet research using a "standard" high contrast imaging approach.
- Phase-A to study concept, demonstrate feasibility by prototyping, provide feedback to E-ELT and come up with a development plan
- > Conclusion of Phase-A in 2010 with E-ELT phase B
- ➤ Potential to exploit the E-ELT capabilities in order to greatly advance and provide unique contribution to Exoplanet research



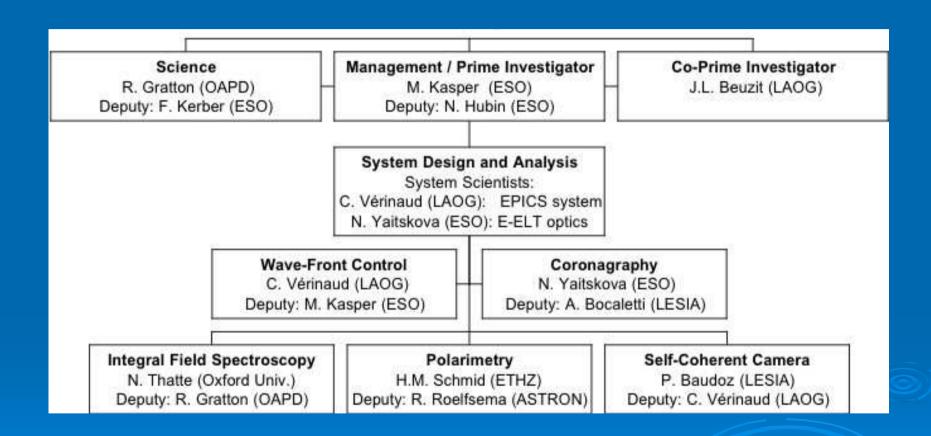


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EPICS organigram





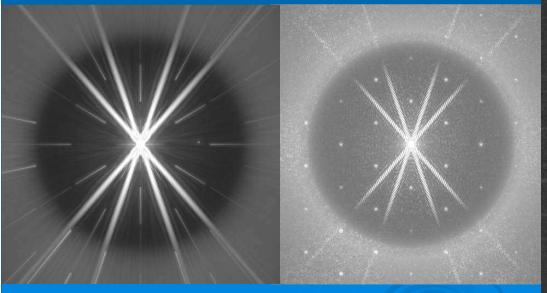


SD test, no photon noise

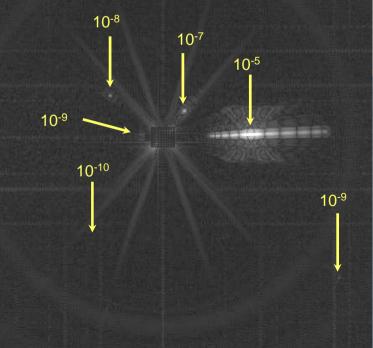


Error source	Nominal values
Seg. Piston and tip-tilt	90-nm rms
Seg. Mis-figure	30-nm rms
EELT 5 mirrors HF	sqrt(5) *20 nm rms
XAO static in band	5-nm rms (f ⁰ , phase meas.)
Reflectivity dispersion	1% rms

PSF residuals reduced by >10³



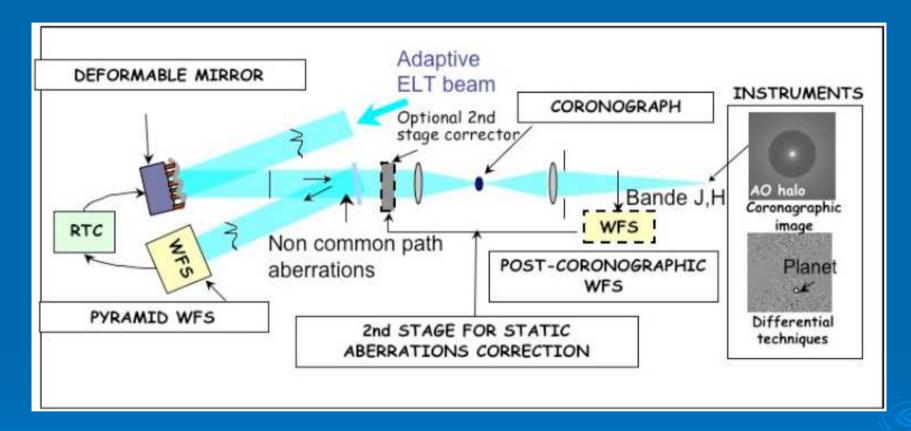
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EPICS concept





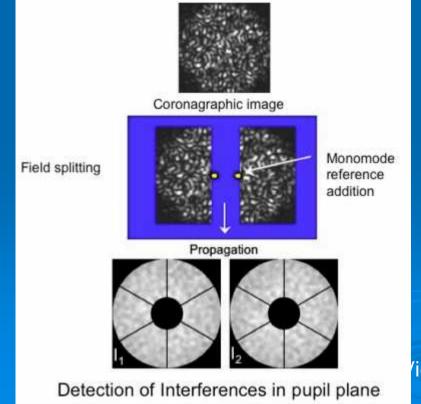
- "Traditional" concept
- Active control of quasi-static aberrations with FPWS



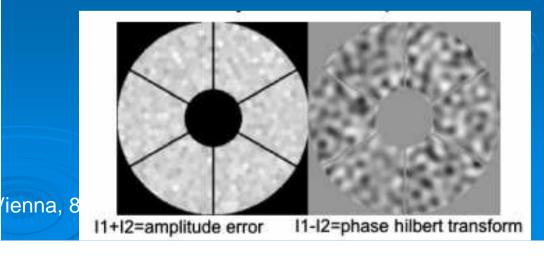
Focal Plane Wavefront Sensor



- > Measure quasi-static WFE at scientific wavelength
- > Expected to measure WFE at a precision of some nm rms
- ➤ Correct with either WFS offsets or 2nd DM
- ➤ Residual 2nd order speckle level of <10⁻⁶



Prototype at LAOG supported by FP7 See Verinaud et al. in about one hour

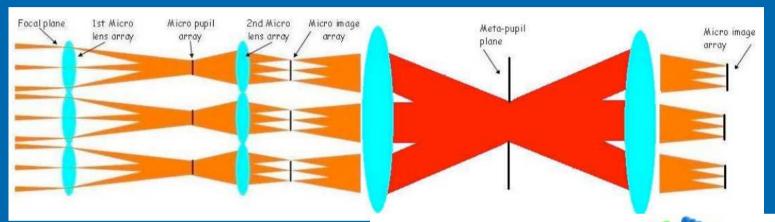




Integral field spectrograph

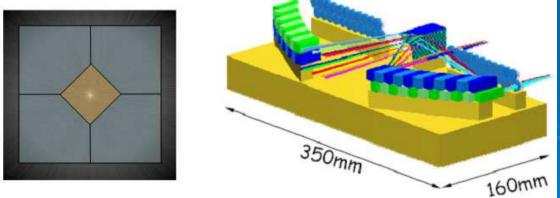


Yes of course, but which type?



Analysis and experiments in the frame of FP7 to study lenslet and slicer based IFS aspects:

- Liability to IFS optics WFE
- Cross-talk
- Sampling and detector usage

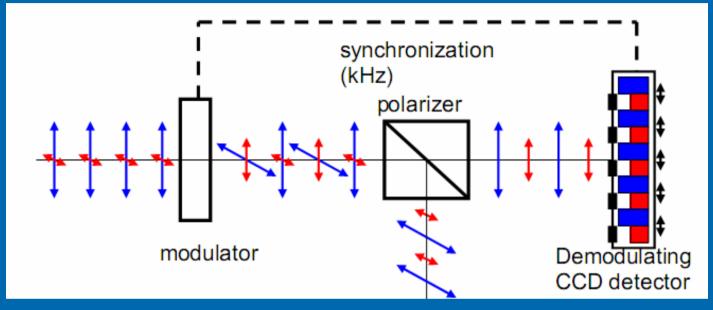


EPICS concept may finally involve both types covering different FoV



E-POL





Convert polarization into intensity measure obtained on identical CCD pixels

- No flat field issues
- No chromatic effect
- differential aberration only from modulator and possibly birefringent components, calibrated to some extent by HWP and ADI
- Simultaneous detection with IFS tremendously reduces false-alarm probability

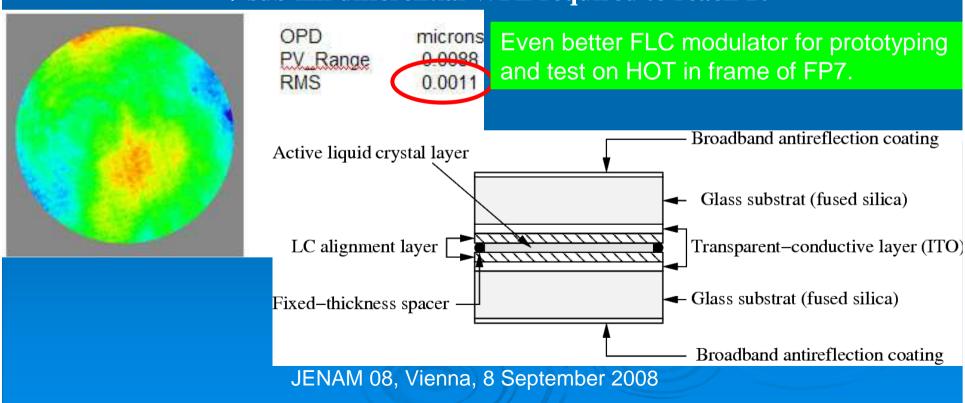


Differential aberration requirements



- ➤ A priori differential speckles are not compensated by DM and not calibrated by data reduction ⇒ stringent WFE requirements for optics
- ➤ Differential speckles connect to features of the residual coronagraphic PSF and are proportional to those in intensity
- ➤ The dominant such feature is usually the coronagraphic PSF core (typical level 10⁻³)

 ⇒ sub nm differential WFE required to reach 10⁻⁹





Self Coherent Camera



Further development supported by FP 7

see Baudoz et al, this conference

