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# HIGH CONTRAST IMAGING (HCI) WITH JWST

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# JWST High Contrast Imaging (HCI) Level 2 Master Class: **Outline**

## Introduction

- ◆ **High Contrast, Direct Imaging**, a powerful technique!
- ◆ JWST's incredible combination of inner-working angle & sensitivity in the IR, synergy with the ground
- ◆ JWST **Coronagraphy: NIRCам & MIRI**
- ◆ JWST **Aperture Masking Interferometry (AMI): NIRISS**

## HCI Roadmap Walk-Through

- ◆ **Parameter & detectability space** of JWST HCI modes
- ◆ **Example Science Programs**
- ◆ The **HR 8799** exoplanetary system, an **ideal use case** for the Master Class

## Proposal Planning Tools & HCI Resources

- ◆ STScI supported: JDox, ETC, APT, CVT...
- ◆ ETC Limitations & high(er) fidelity calculations

**Hands-on session & NIRISS/AMI**

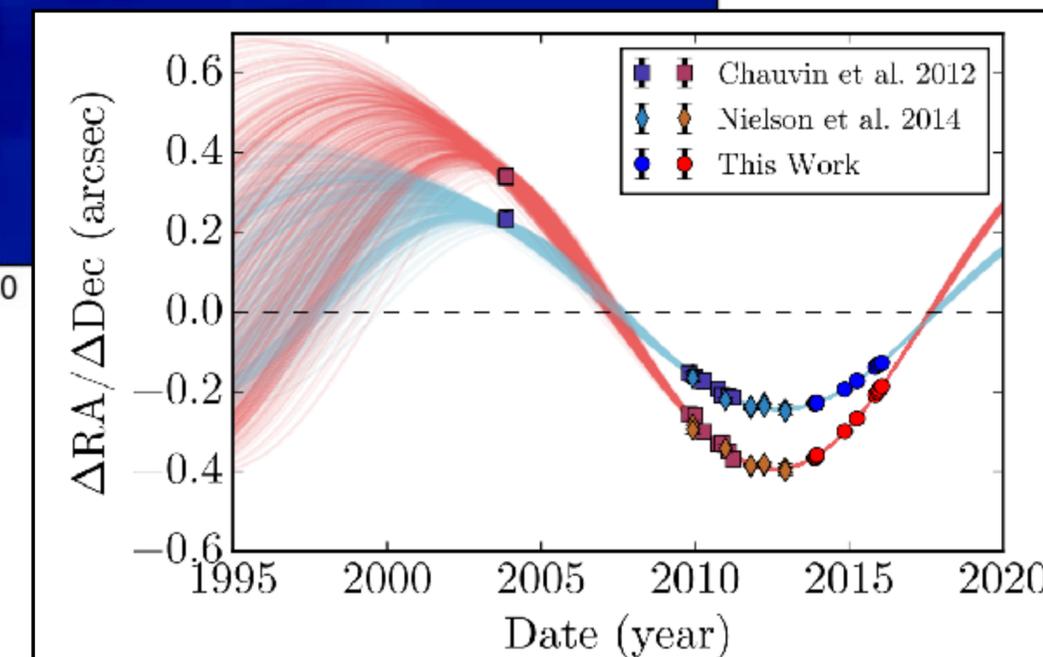
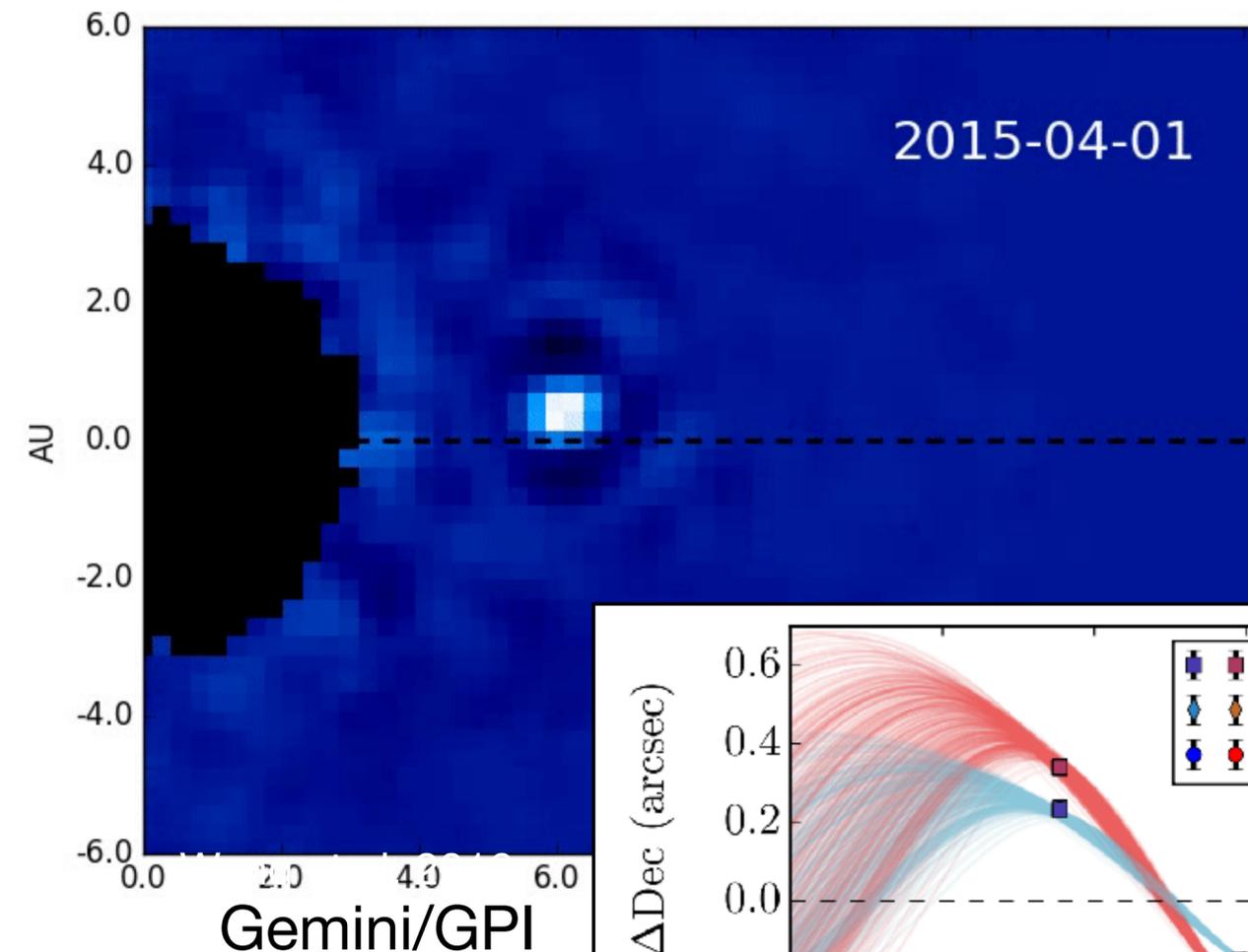
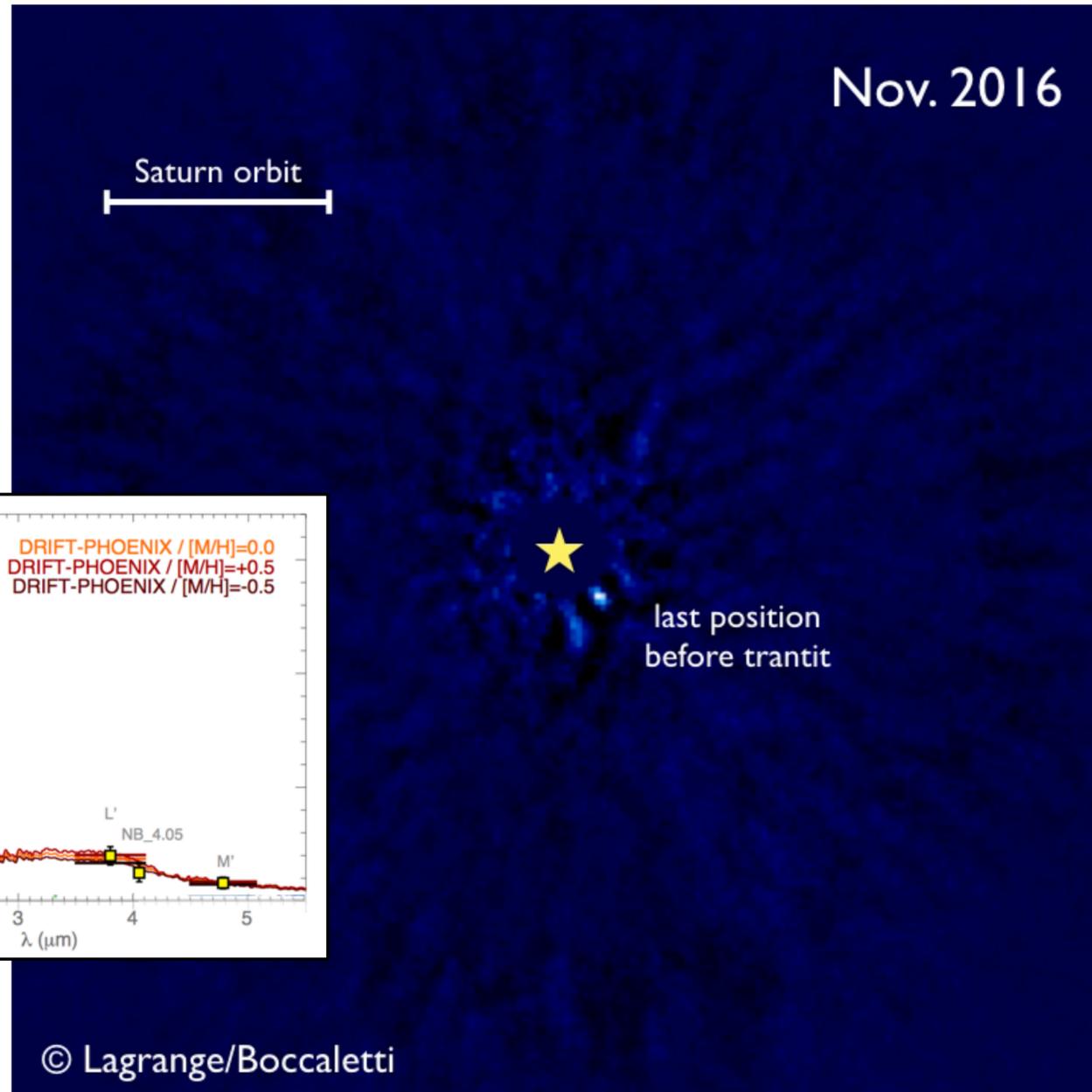
# Introduction



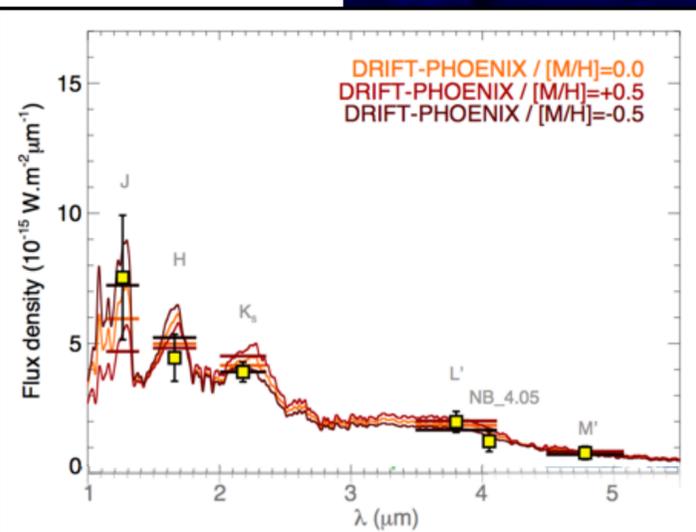


# High Contrast, Direct Imaging: a powerful technique!

Direct measurement, orbital motion, colors: the  $\beta$  Pictoris debris disk &  $\sim 10\text{-}12 M_{\text{Jup}}$  planet



Wang et al. 2016



Bonnefoy et al. 2013

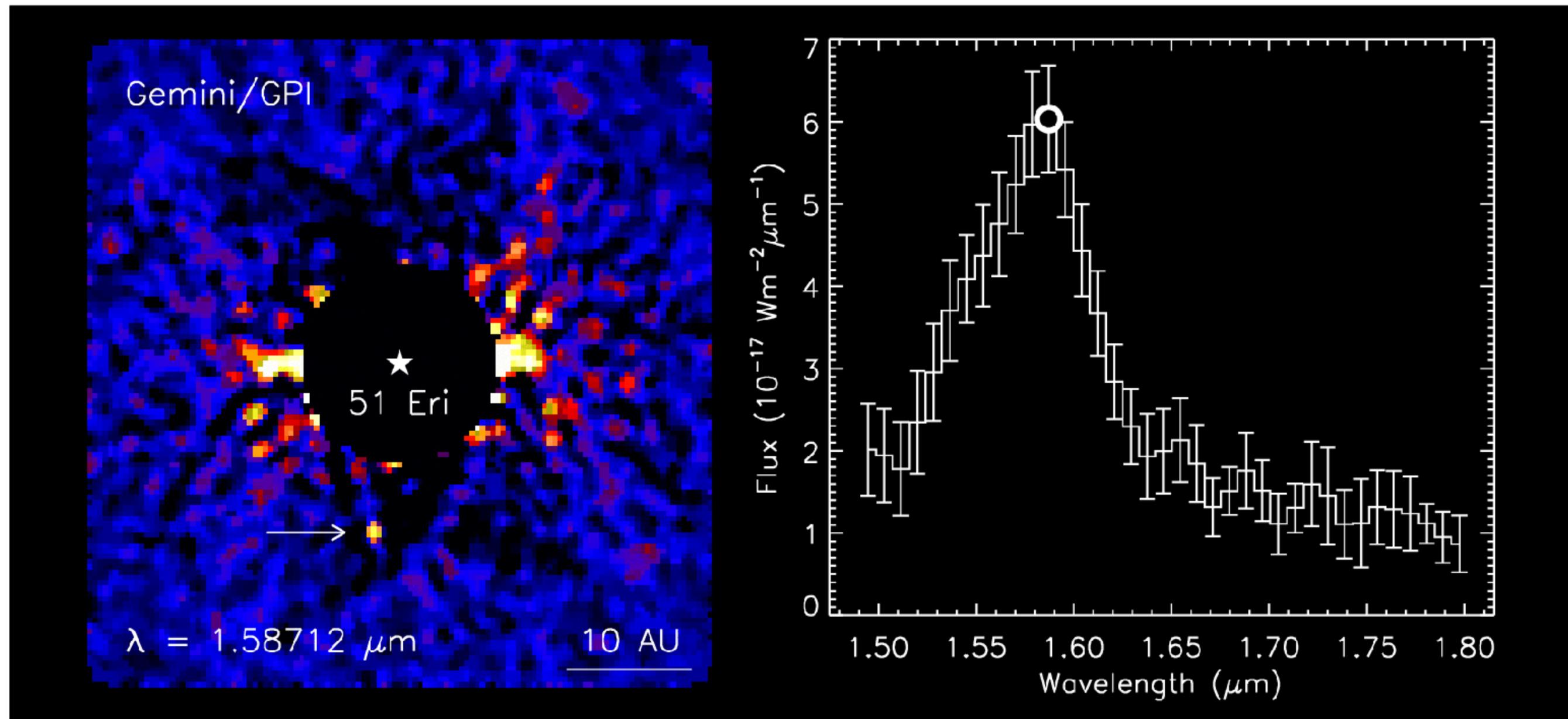
VLT/NACO & SPHERE

Lagrange et al. 2019



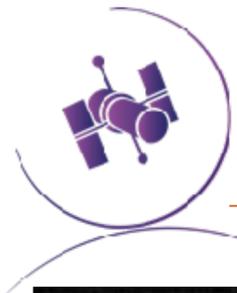
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Low-resolution spectra: **51 Eridani b** planet  $\sim 2 M_{\text{Jup}}$ ,  $\sim 700\text{K}$



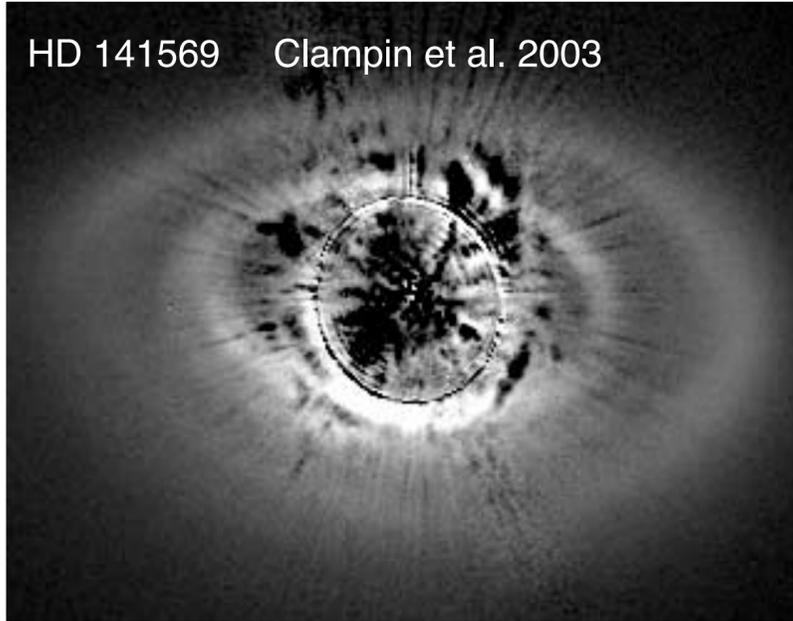
Gemini/GPI

Macintosh et al. 2015, Rosa, R et al. 2015, Rajan et al. 2017

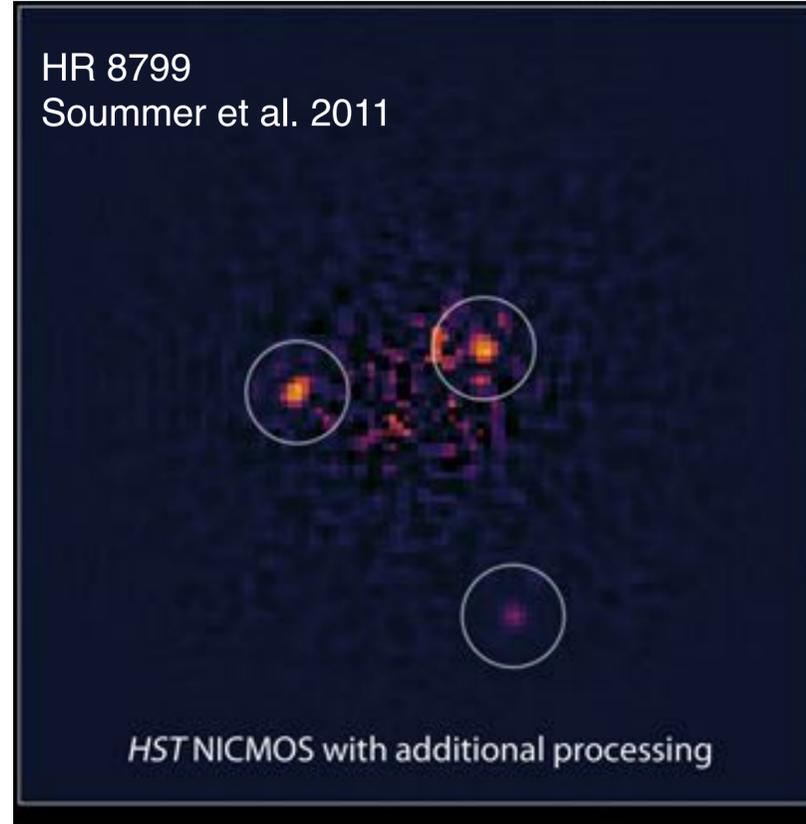


# Coronagraphic studies with Hubble of exoplanets, brown dwarfs, and disks

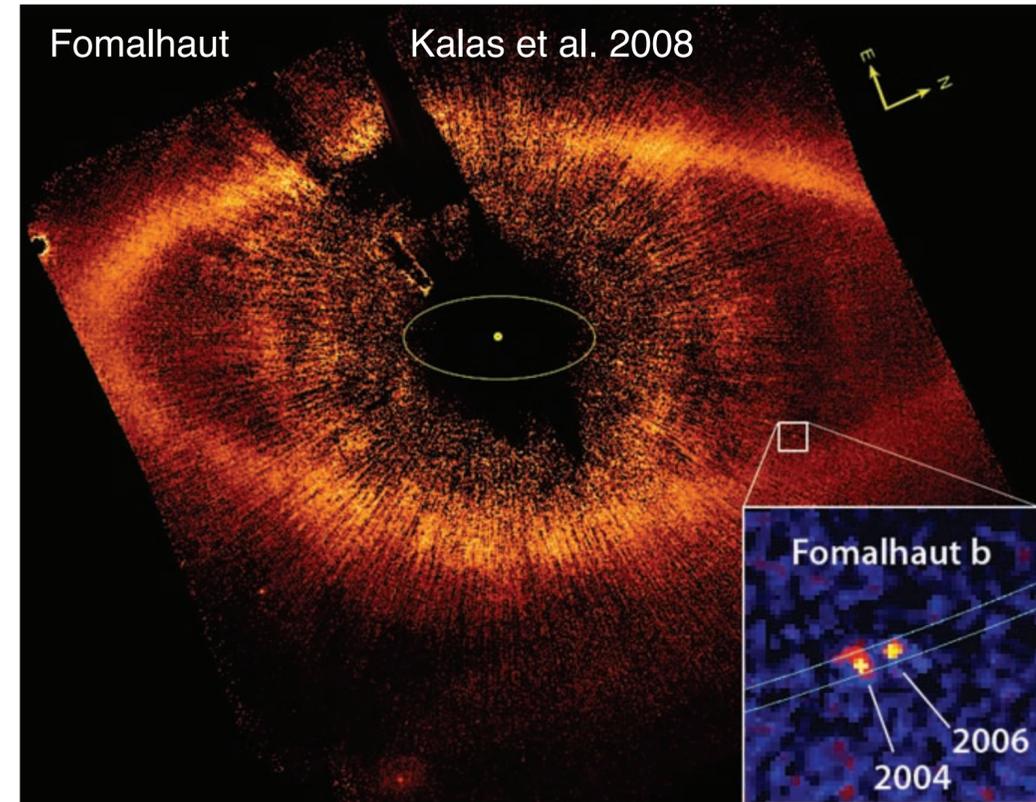
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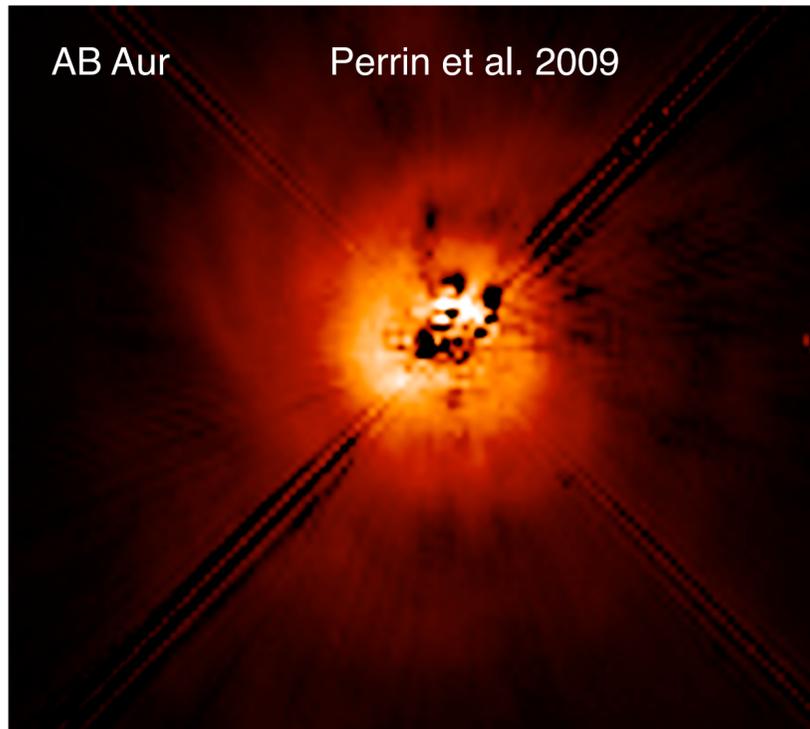
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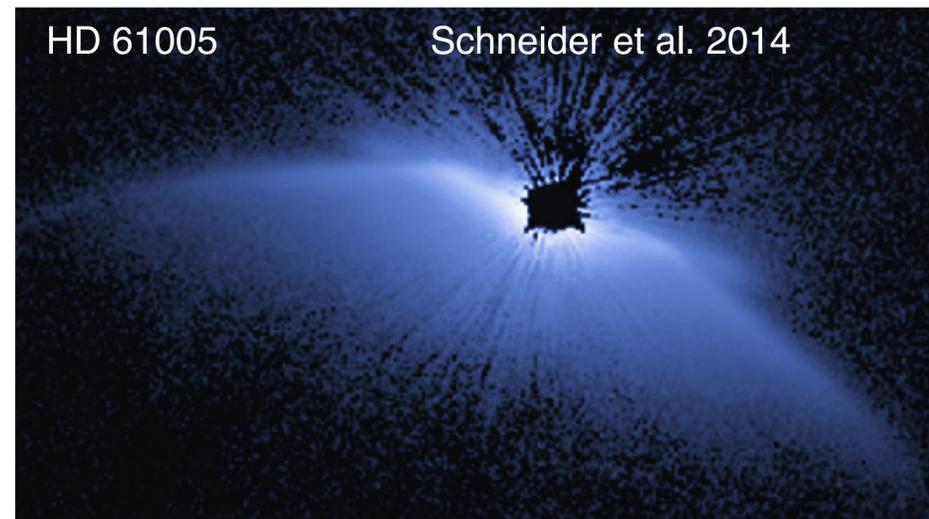
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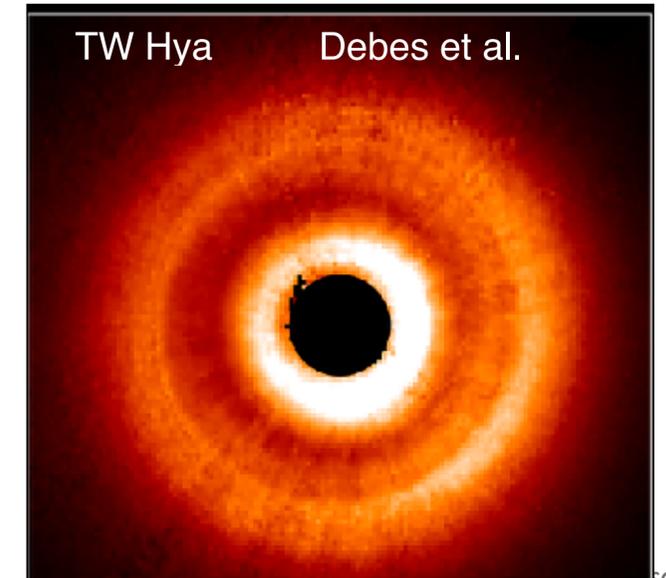
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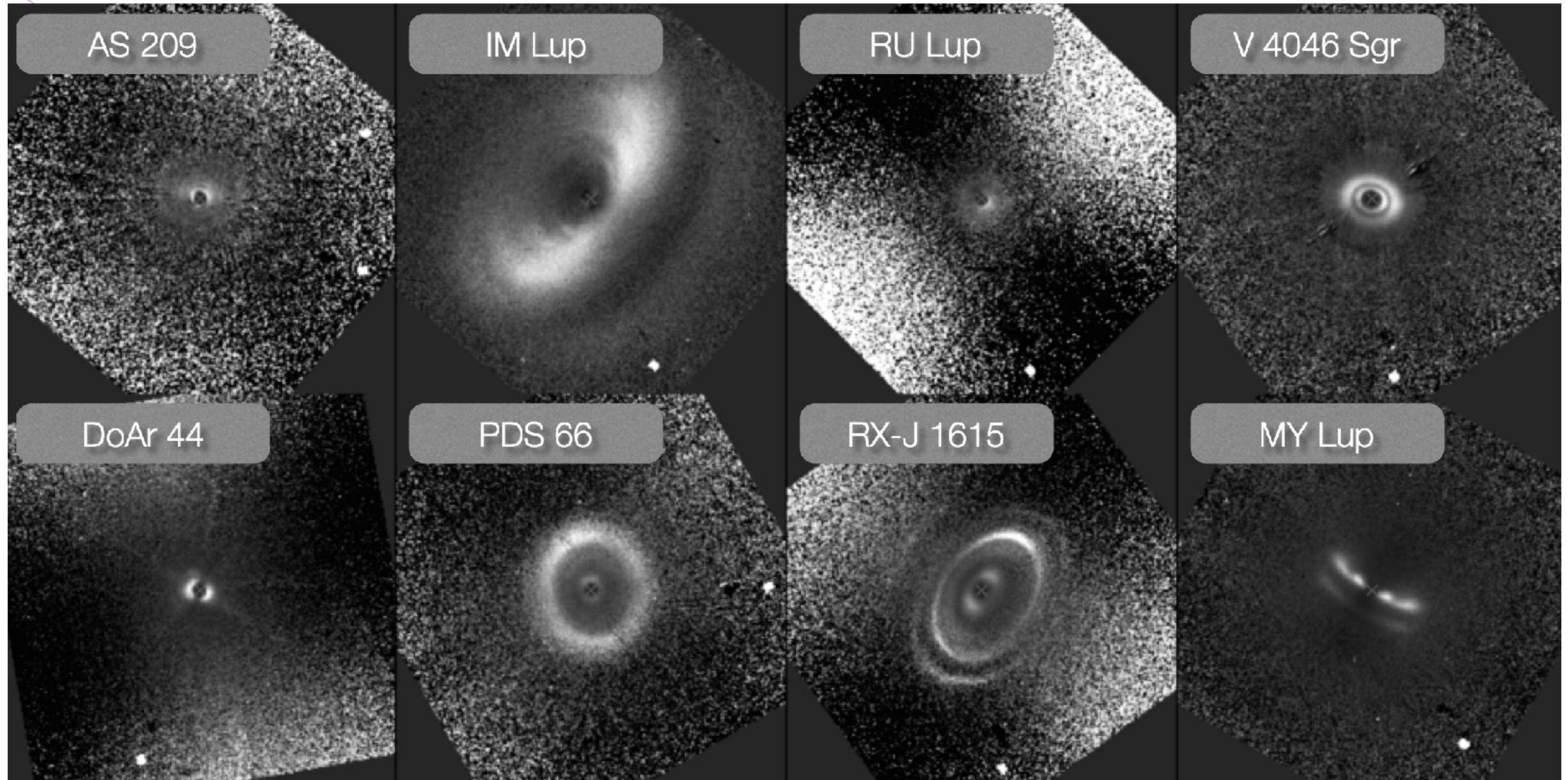


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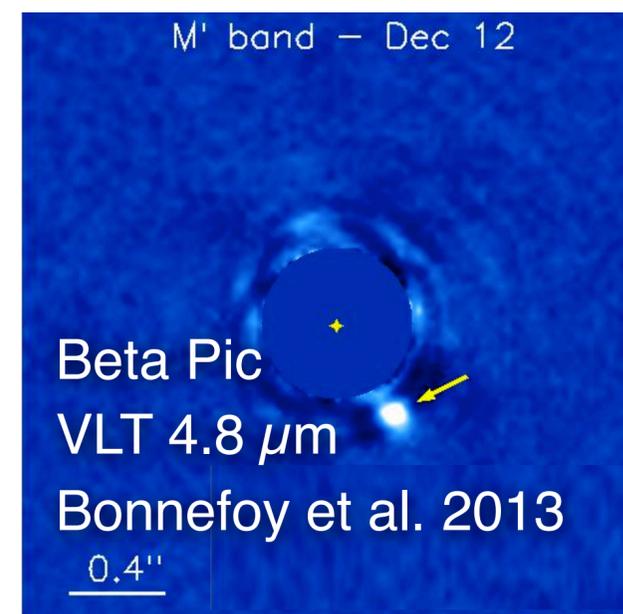
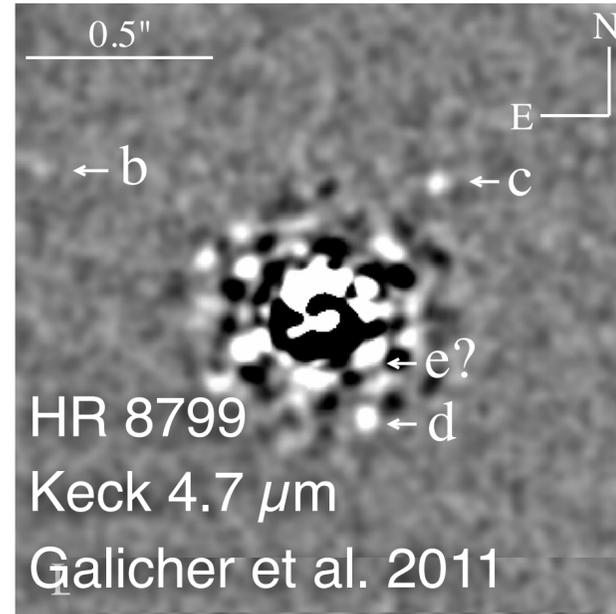
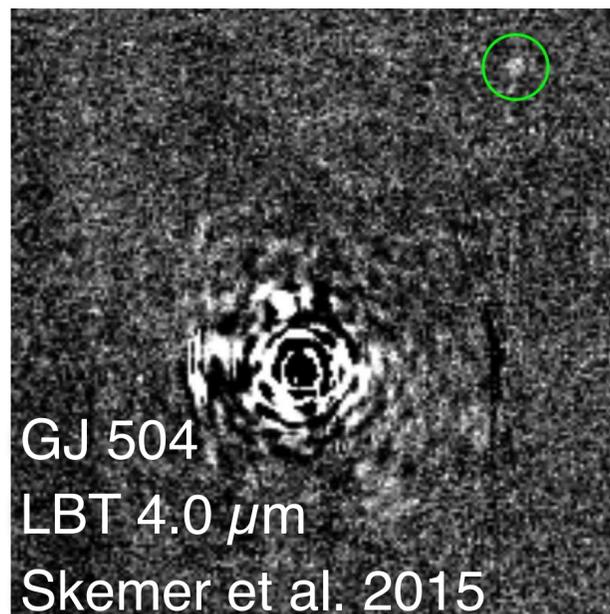
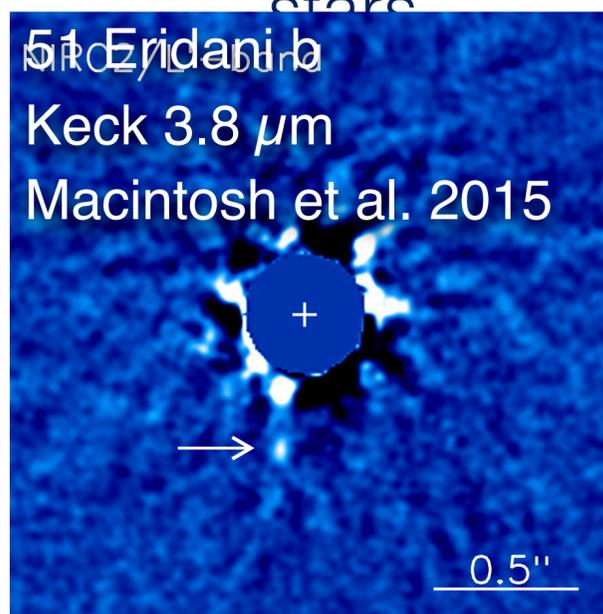
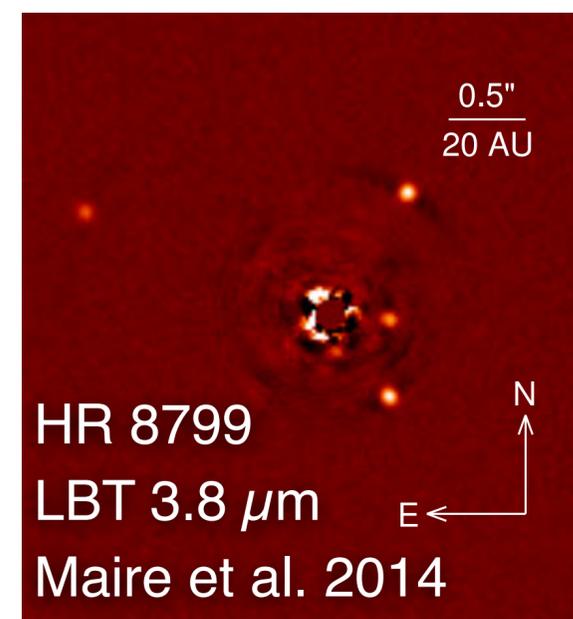
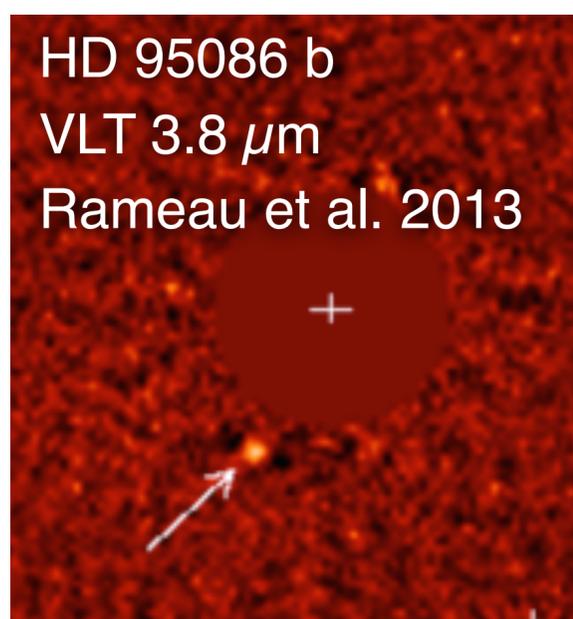
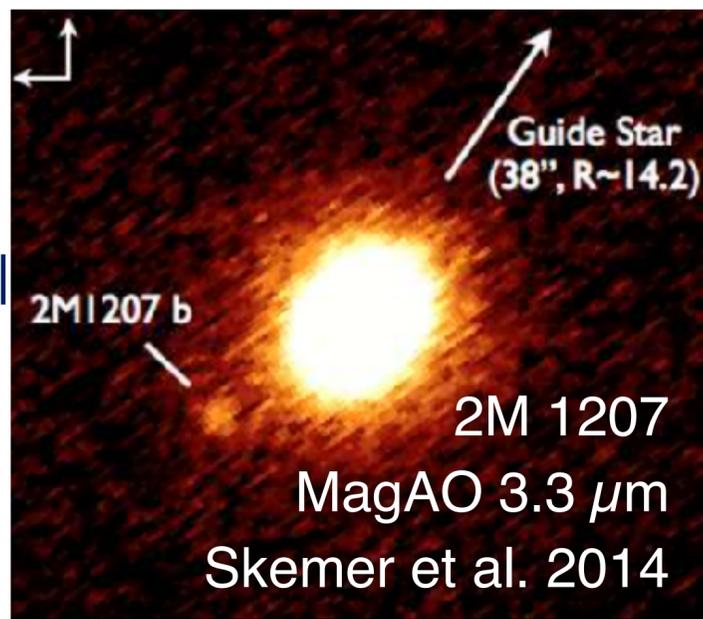
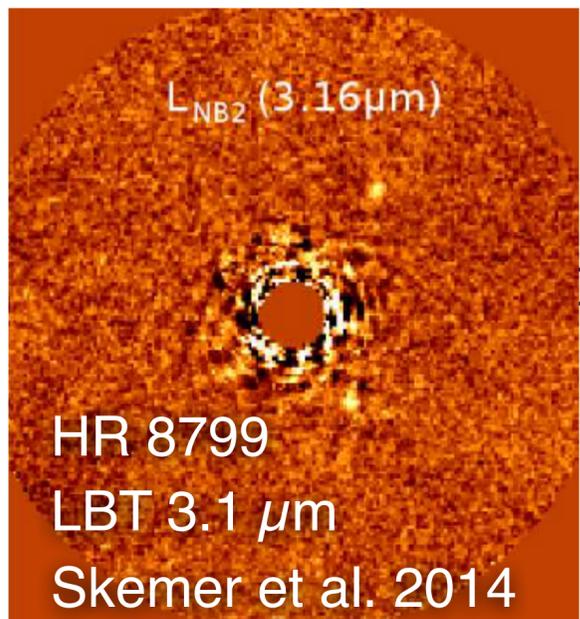
# Coronagraphic images of disks in scattered light from the ground



Gallery, courtesy of H. Avenhaus (SPHERE J-band, Polarized scattered light, FWHM ~ 35-50 mas)



# examples of 3 to 5 $\mu\text{m}$ exoplanet imaging from the ground



**Possible**  
but with  
great difficulty  
and around  
very bright  
& young  
stars



# i.e Coronagraphy & High Contrast Imaging of QSOs

**PG 1700+518**

QSO,  $z \sim 0.3$

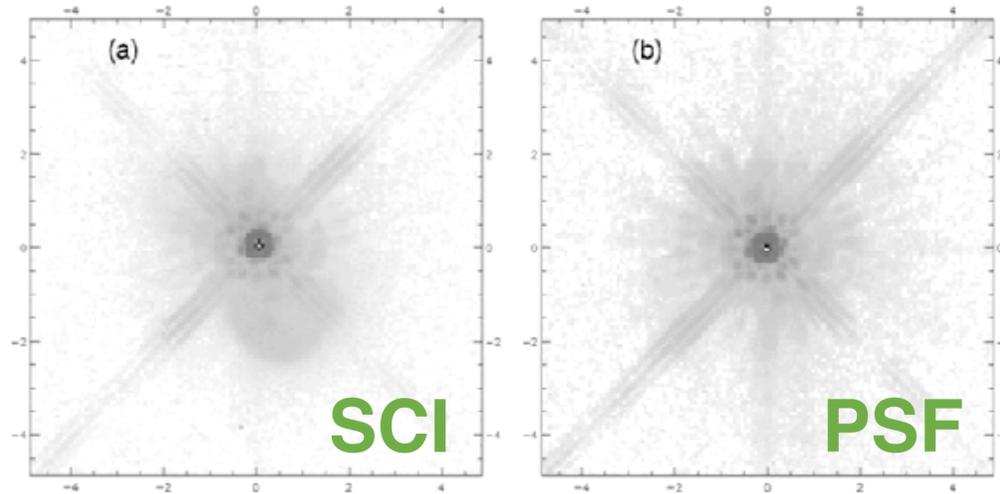
Host Galaxies & Molecular Gas

HST/NICMOS F160W ( $\sim$  H-band)

**Imaging**

1997

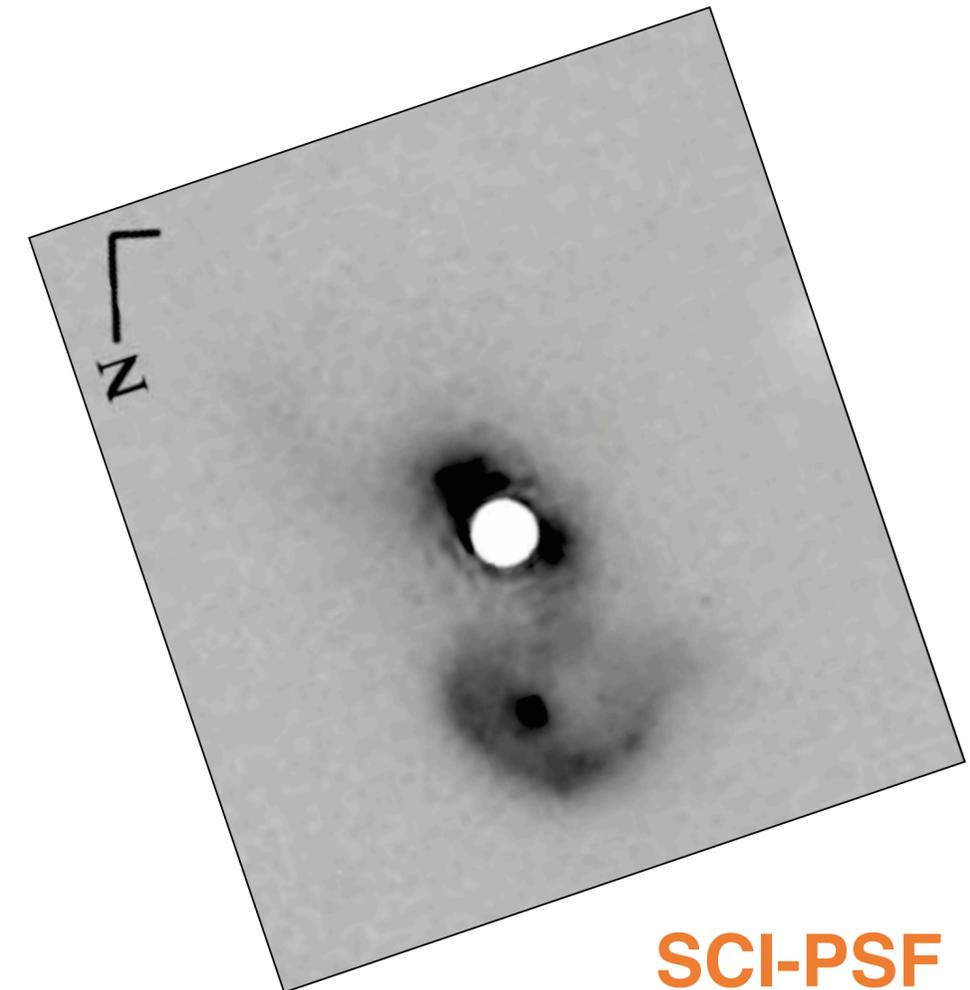
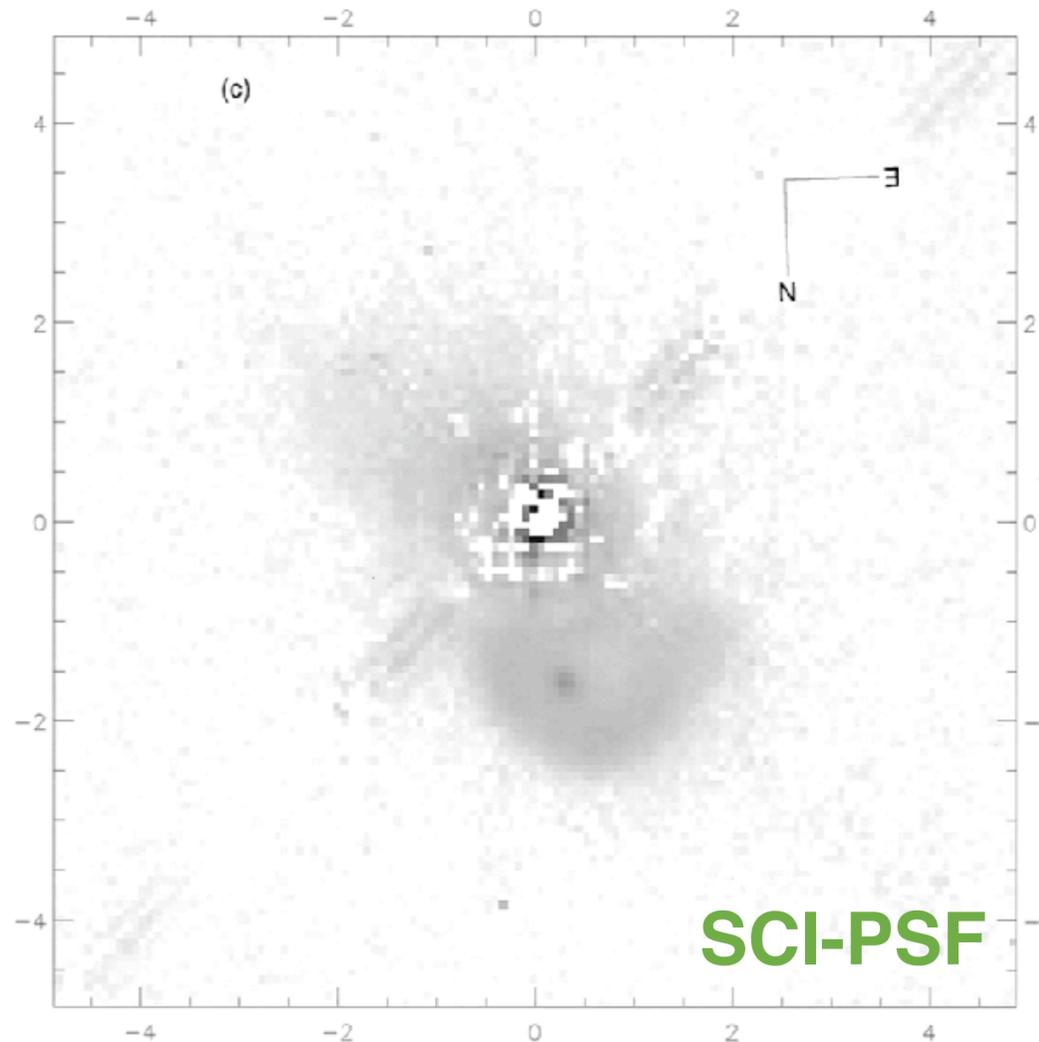
*Hines et al. 1999*



**Coronagraphy**

1998

*Evans et al. 2009*



**SCI-PSF**





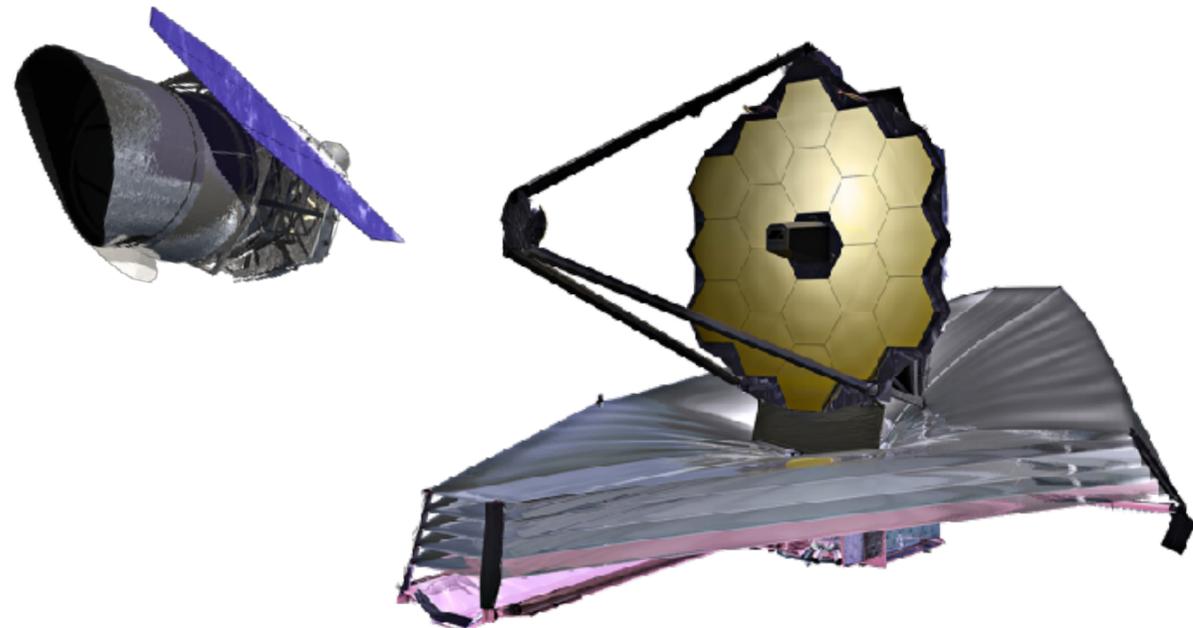
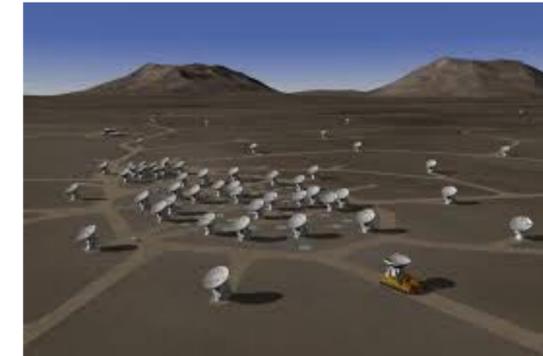
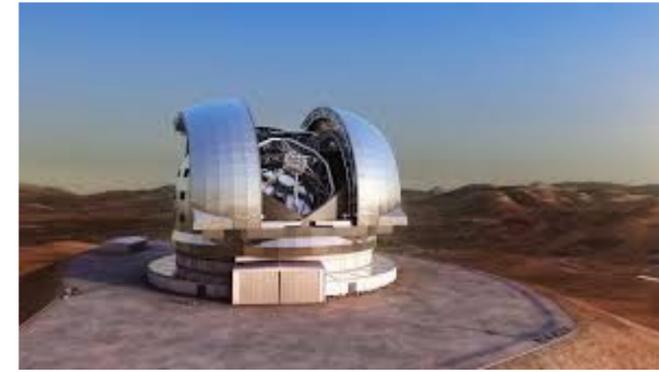
# Complementarity Ground Space, great era for Direct Imaging

**Ground** with eXtreme Adaptive Optics:  
**spatial resolution** (best IWA)

& spectral resolutions (huge instruments)

multiplexing, upgrades, Imaging, Interferometry

ELTs, ALMA (sub-mm), VLTi & CHARA (0.7 - 5 $\mu$ m)



**Space** with HST, **JWST**, WFIRST

Incomparable **sensitivity & stability**,

**field of view** (@diffraction limit)

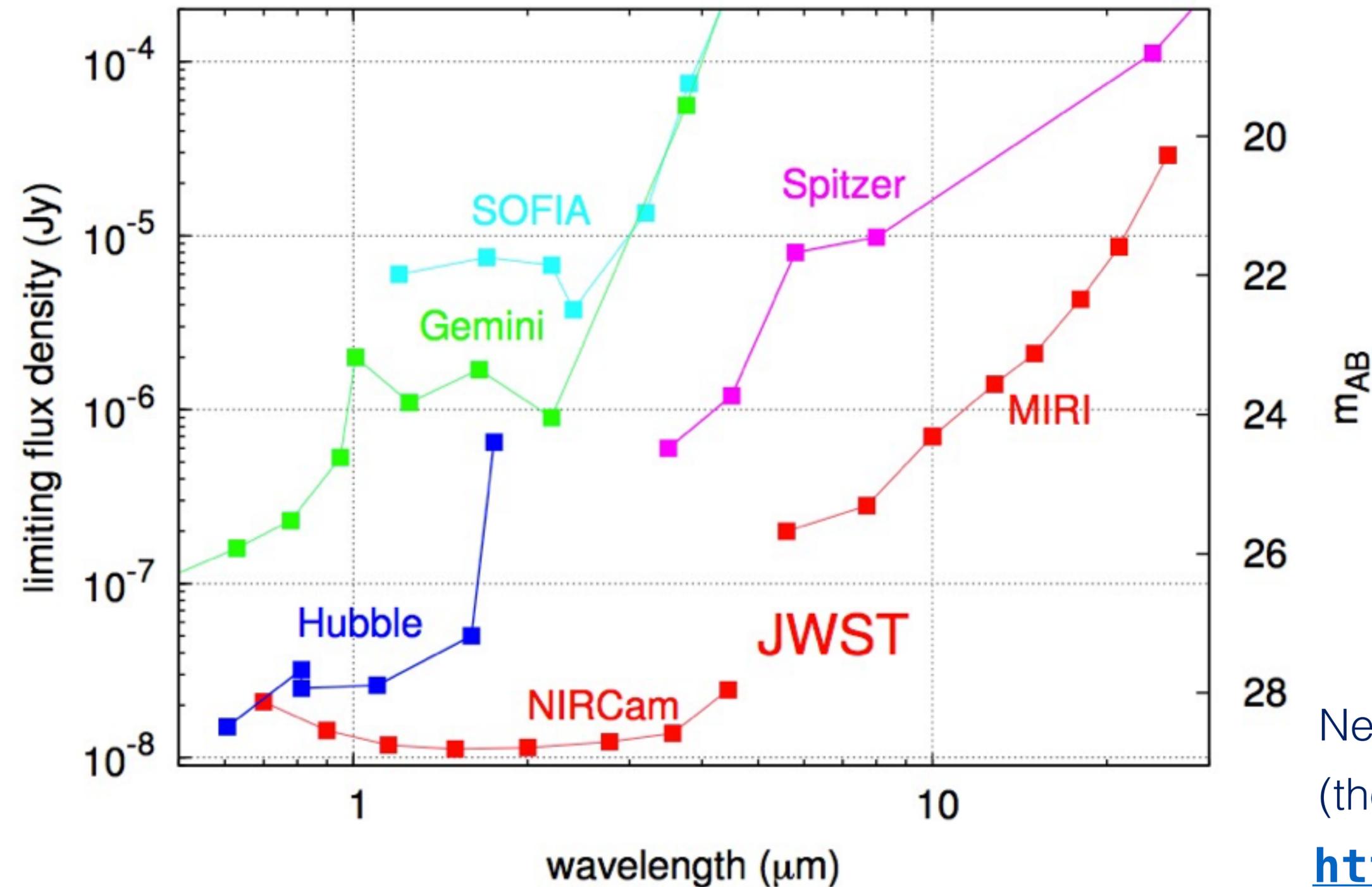
PSF homogeneity

**No atmospheric bands**



# JWST: dramatically better sensitivity > 1.5 $\mu\text{m}$

photometric performance, point source, SNR=10 in  $10^4\text{s}$



In background limited regime  
(i.e beyond  $\sim 1''$ )

**$\sim 100$  x more sensitive at  $2 \mu\text{m}$**

**$\sim 1000$  x more sensitive at  $4 \mu\text{m}$**

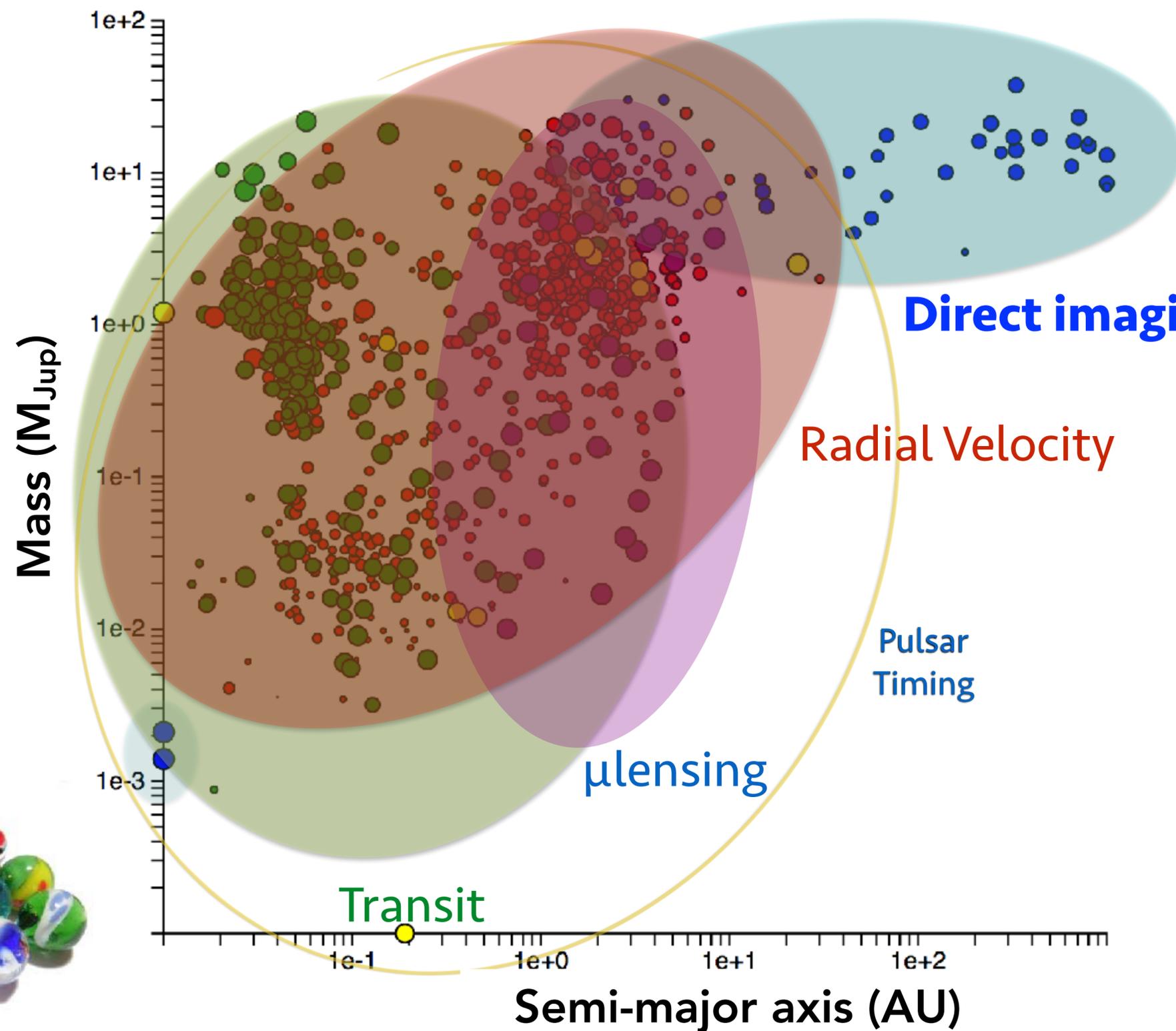
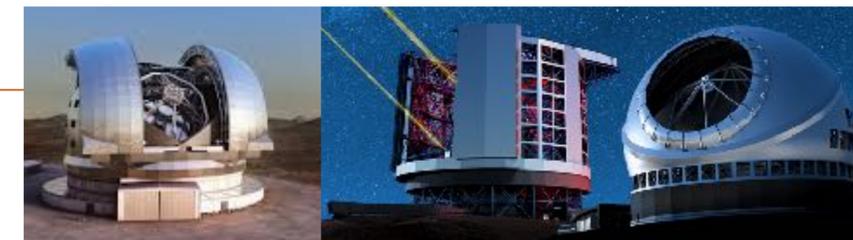
**$\sim 30$  x more sensitive than Spitzer at  $10 \mu\text{m}$  and with better angular resolution**

New Tool to explore sensitivity  
(though no HCI)

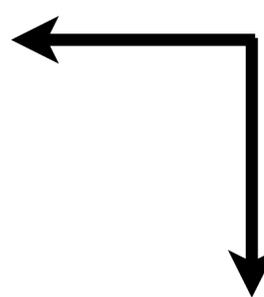
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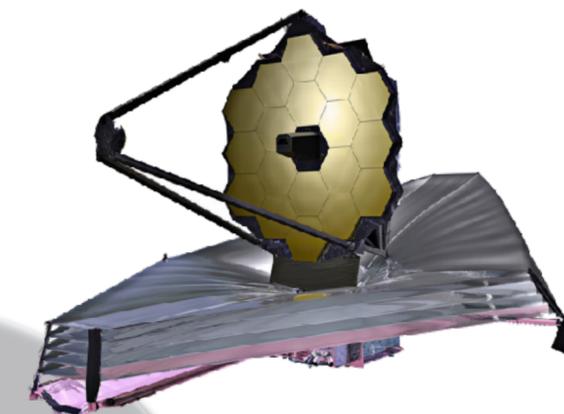
# Exoplanet census & detection techniques



IWA



CONTRAST, SENSITIVITY



+ free floating super-jupiters

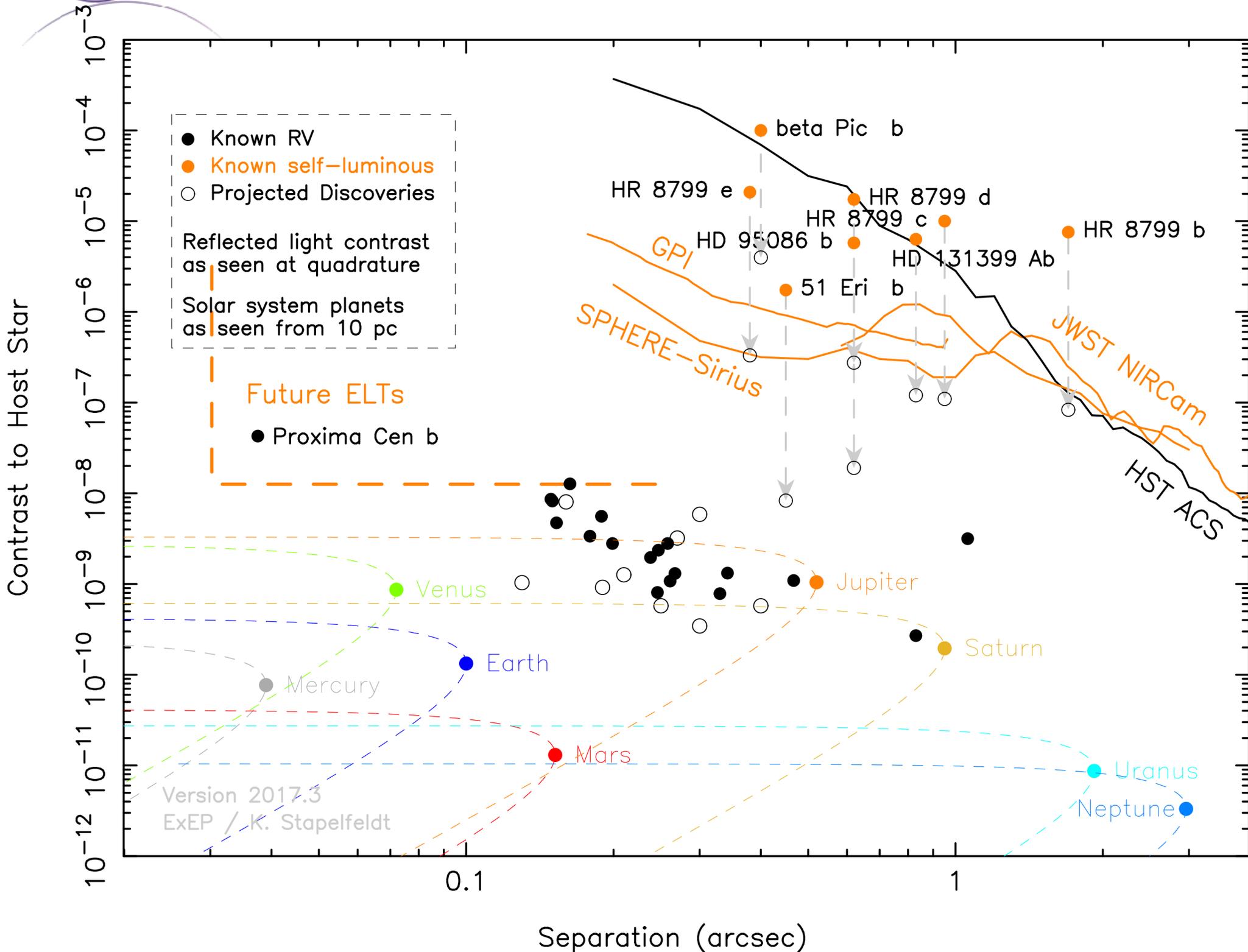
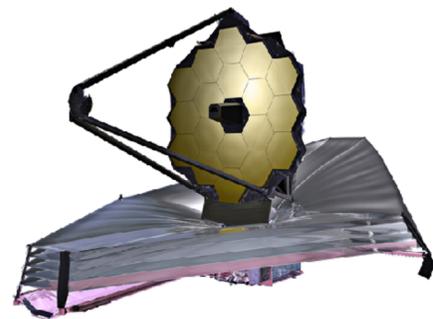




# Great complementarity ground/space, great era for direct imaging

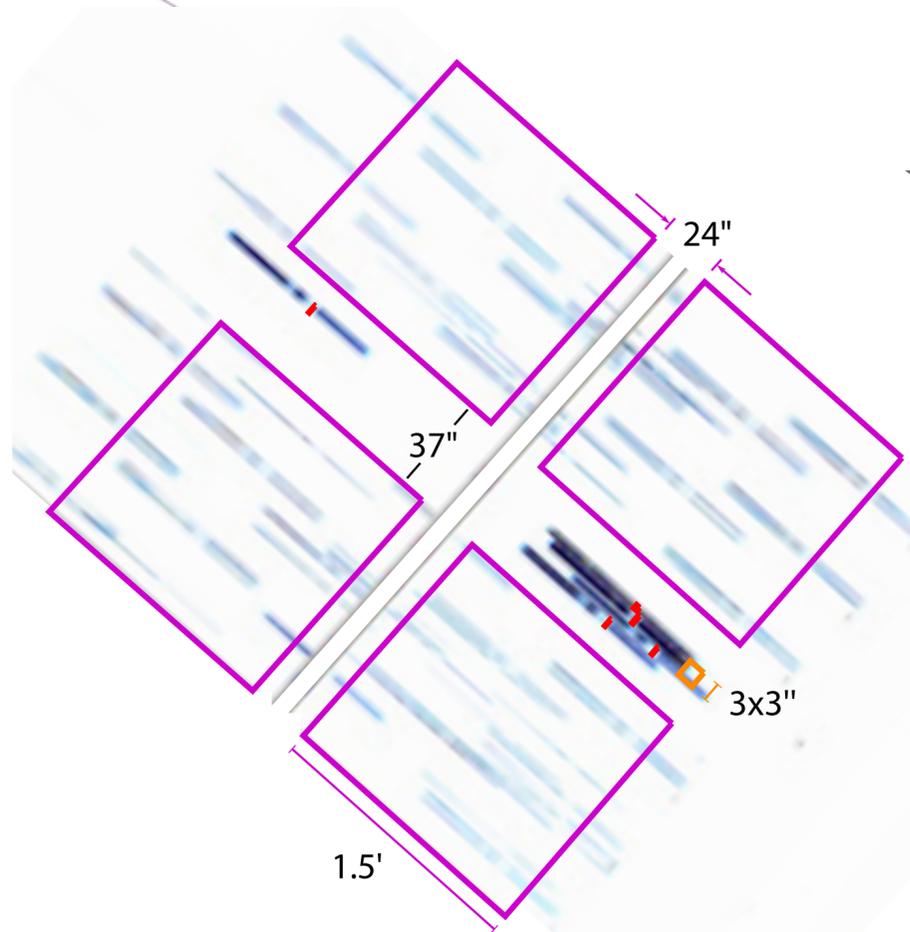
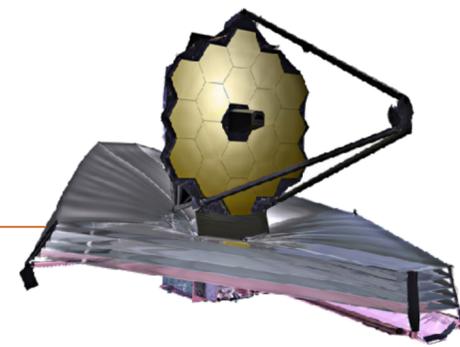
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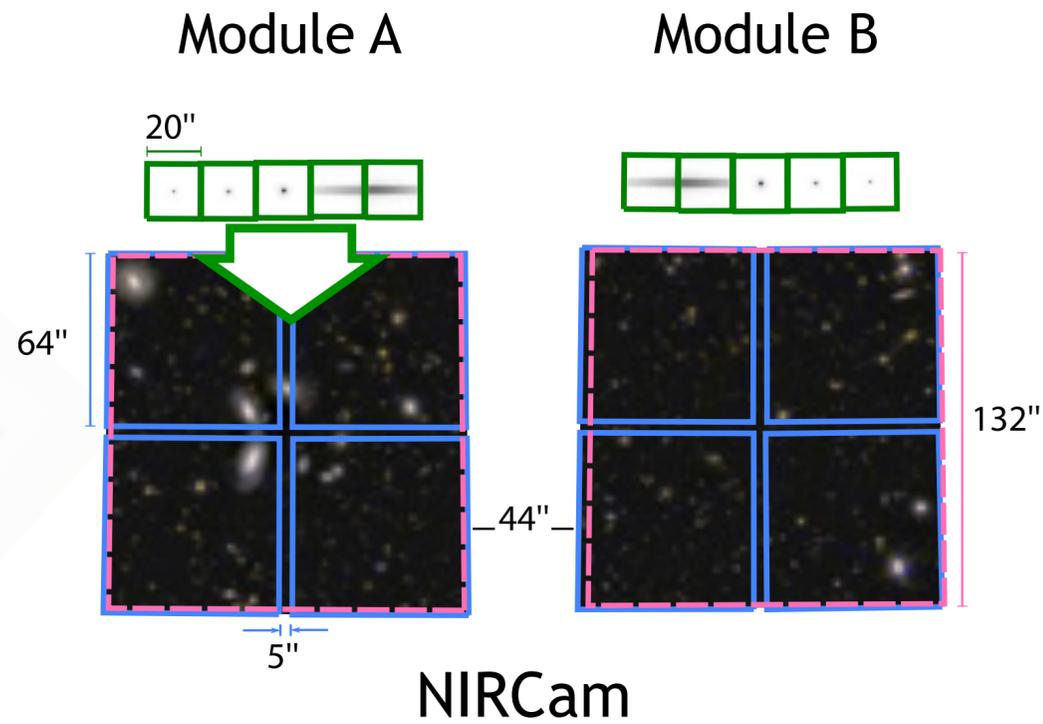




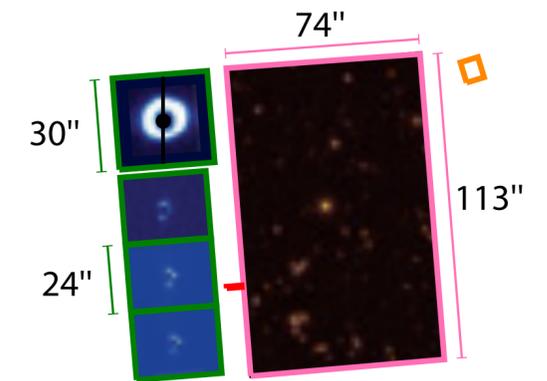
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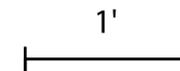
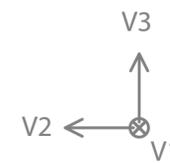
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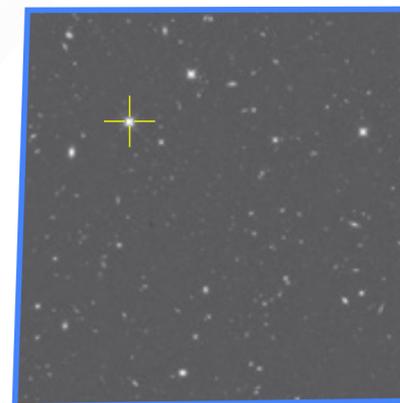
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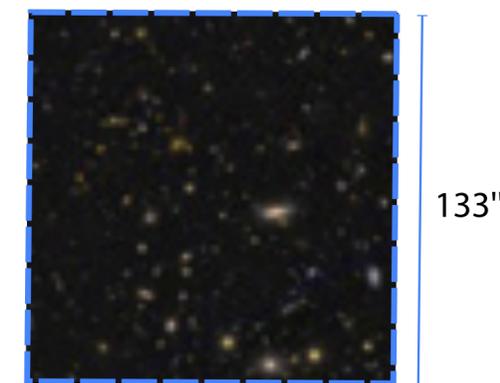
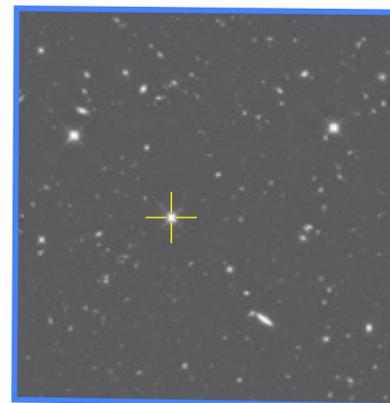
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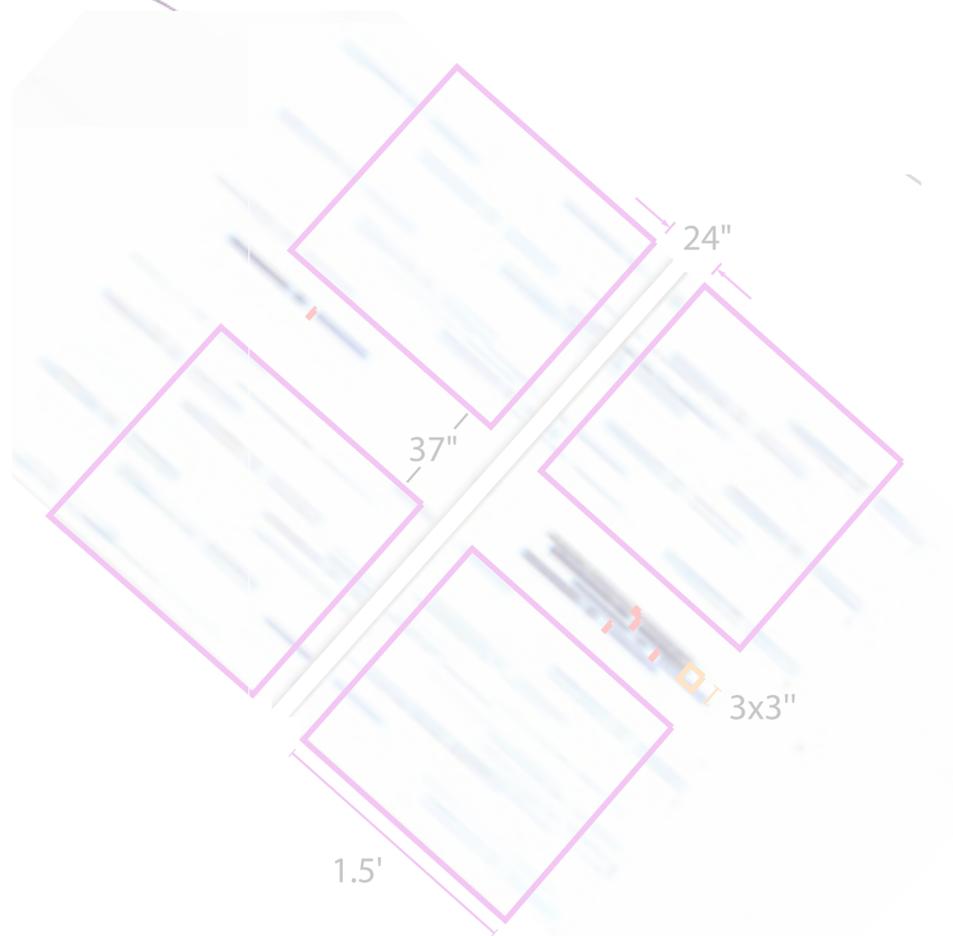
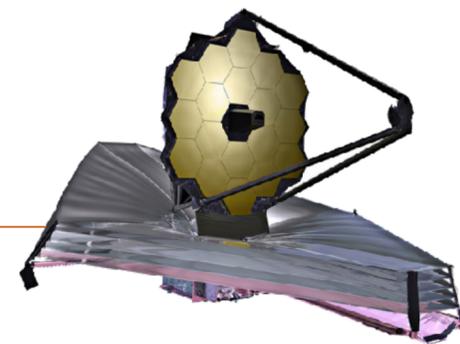
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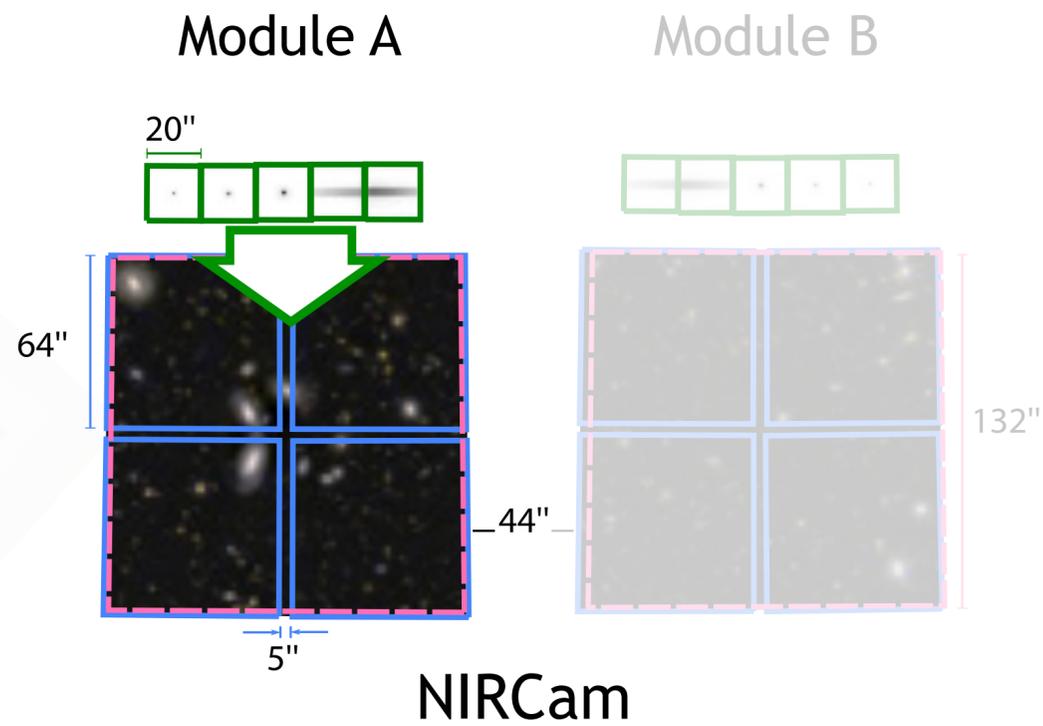
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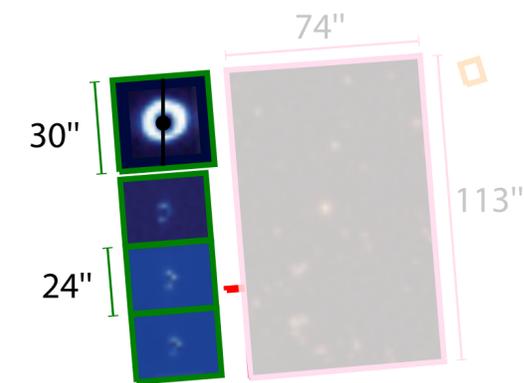
# The JWST Focal Plane and main HCI instruments



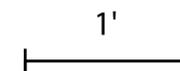
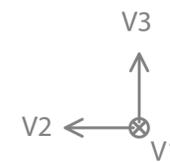
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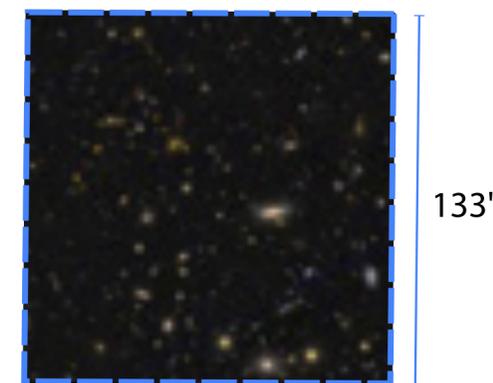
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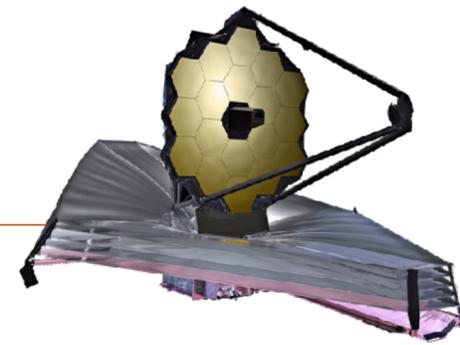
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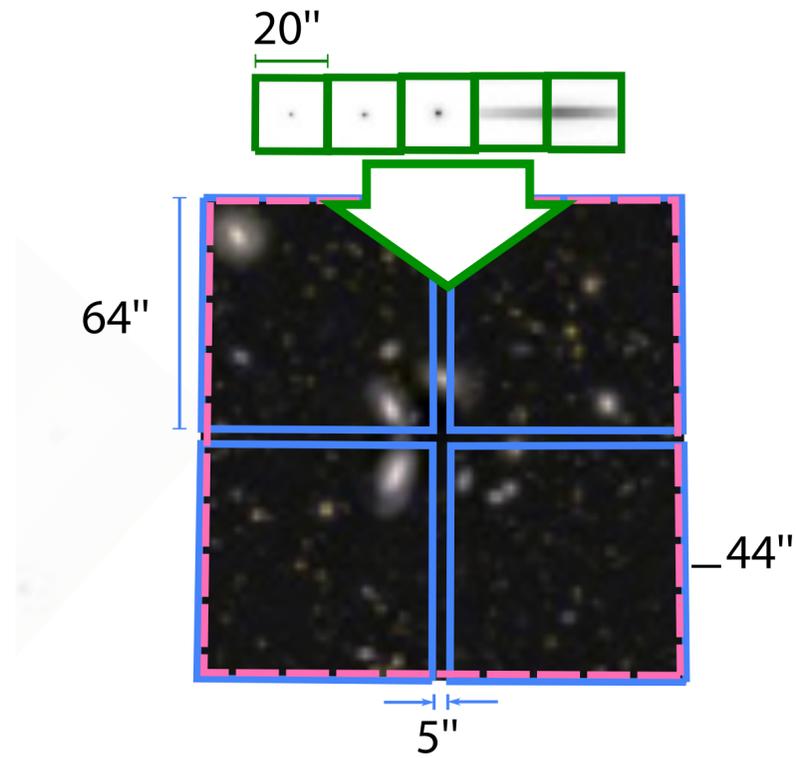
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# NIRCam & MIRI Coronagraphy in the JWST Focal Plane

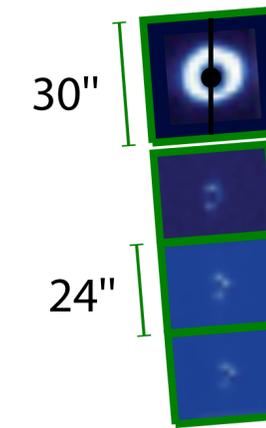


## NIRCam



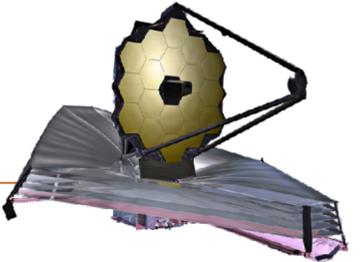
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## MIRI



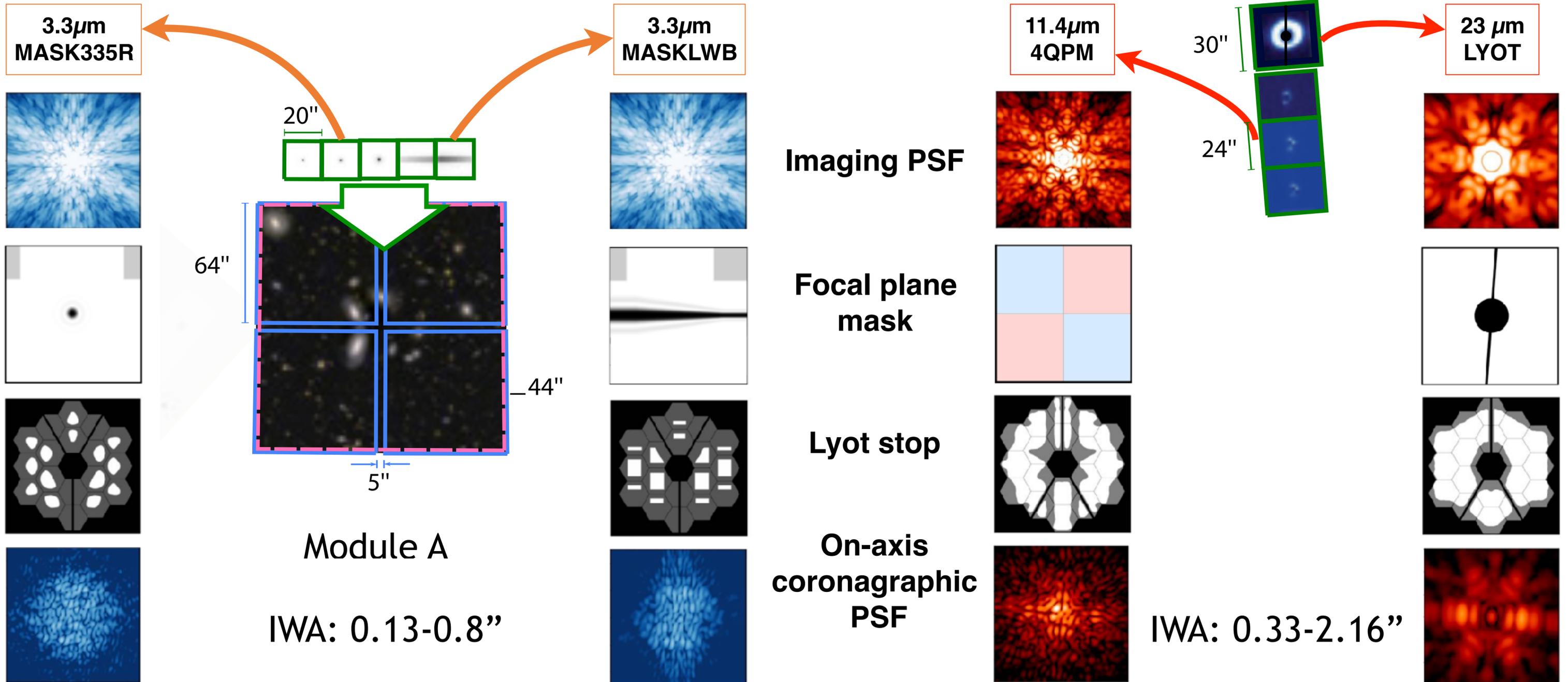


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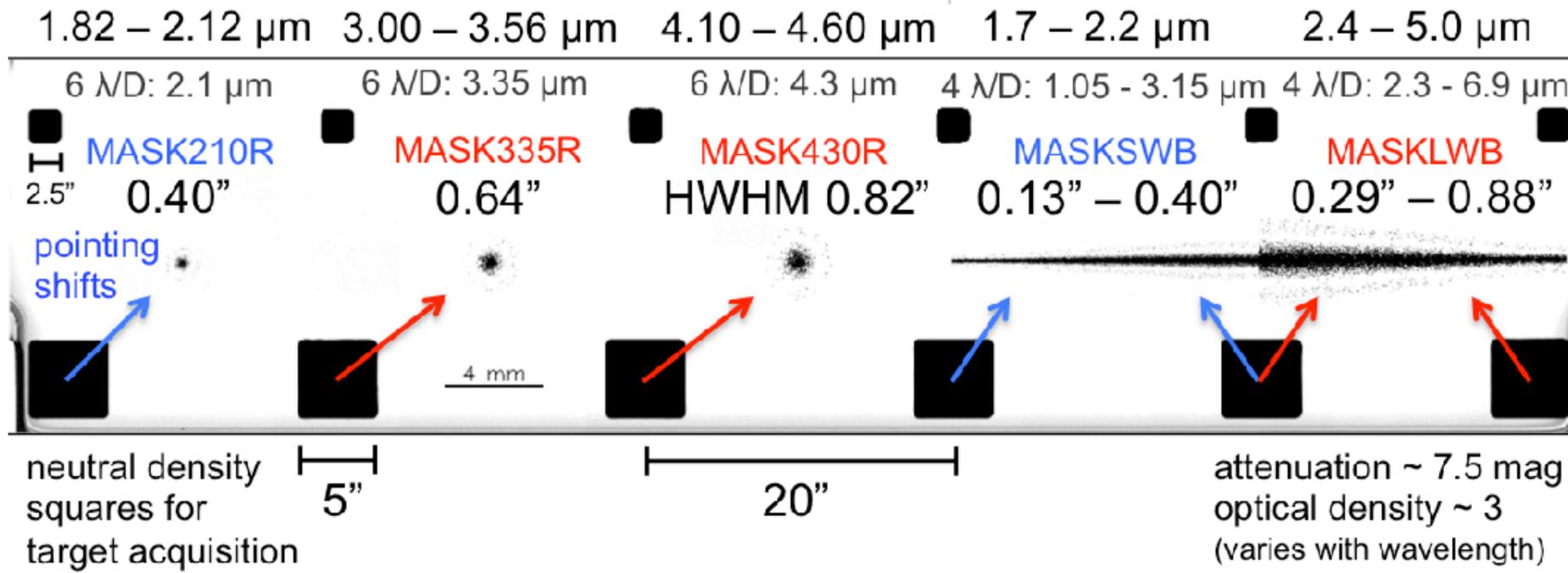




# JWST NIRCам Coronagraphs

round masks

bar masks



Name	Shape	Inner Working Angle	Wavelength Range
<b>MASK210R</b>	round	0.40"	1.8 - 2.2 $\mu\text{m}$
<b>MASKSWB</b>	bar	0.13 - 0.40"	1.8 - 2.2 $\mu\text{m}$
<b>MASK335R</b>	round	0.63"	2.5 - 4.1 $\mu\text{m}$
<b>MASK430R</b>	round	0.81"	2.5 - 4.6 $\mu\text{m}$
<b>MASKLWB</b>	bar	0.29 - 0.88"	2.5 - 4.8 $\mu\text{m}$

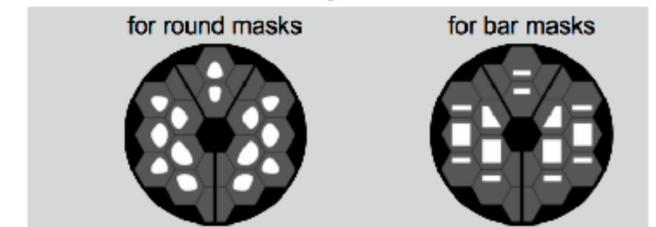
**5 Lyot coronagraphs**, pseudo band-limited with soft-edged grayscale occulters

**Round occulters** provide 360° azimuthal coverage for disk observations and planet searches

Relatively large (HWHM = 0.4-0.8"):  
optimized for 6  $\lambda/D$  at  $\lambda = 2.1, 3.3, 4.3$

**Bar occulters** provide allow selection of inner working angle to match wavelength. Optimized for 4  $\lambda/D$ . Each filter has its own location along the wedge

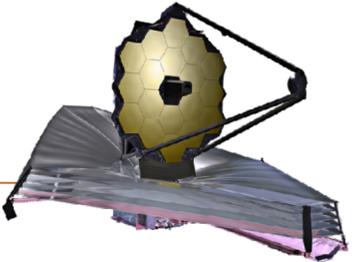
**Lyot stops** suppress PSF wing diffraction. Throughput = 19%



Coronagraph optics are outside the FOV during normal imaging observations

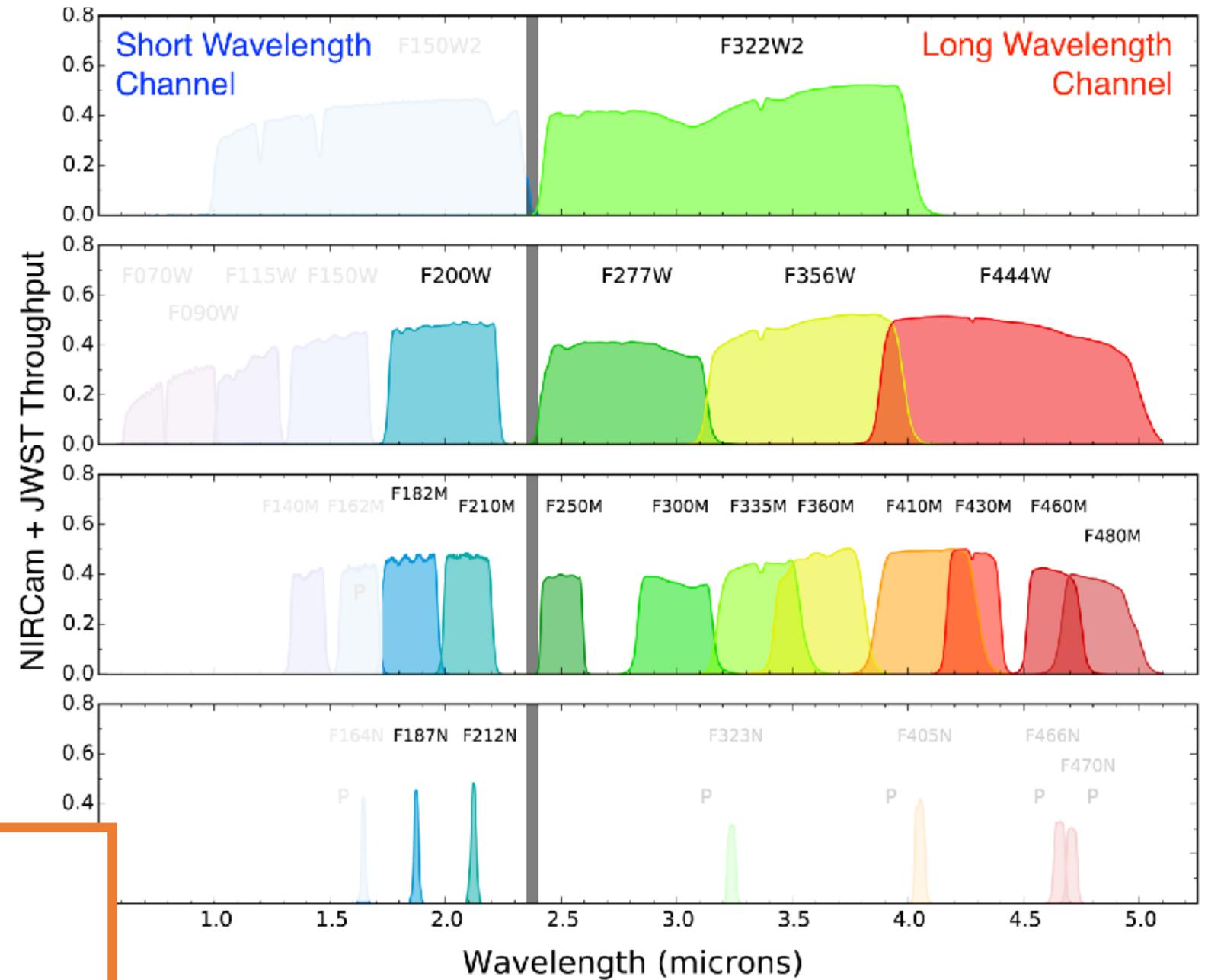
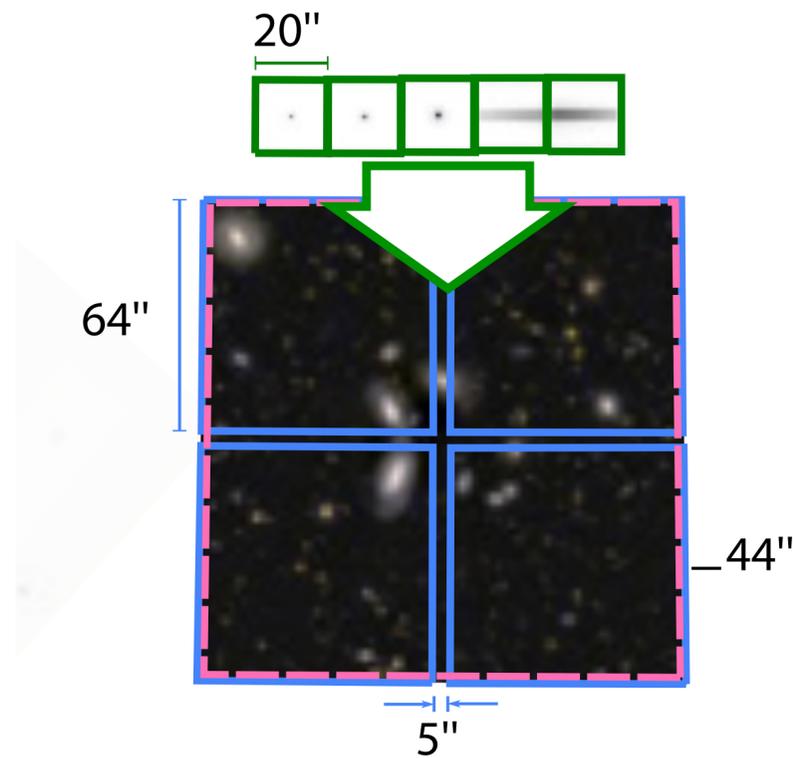


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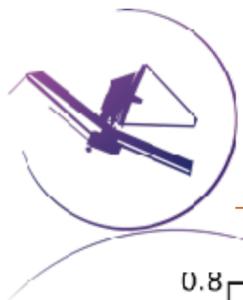
## NIRCam

### Module A

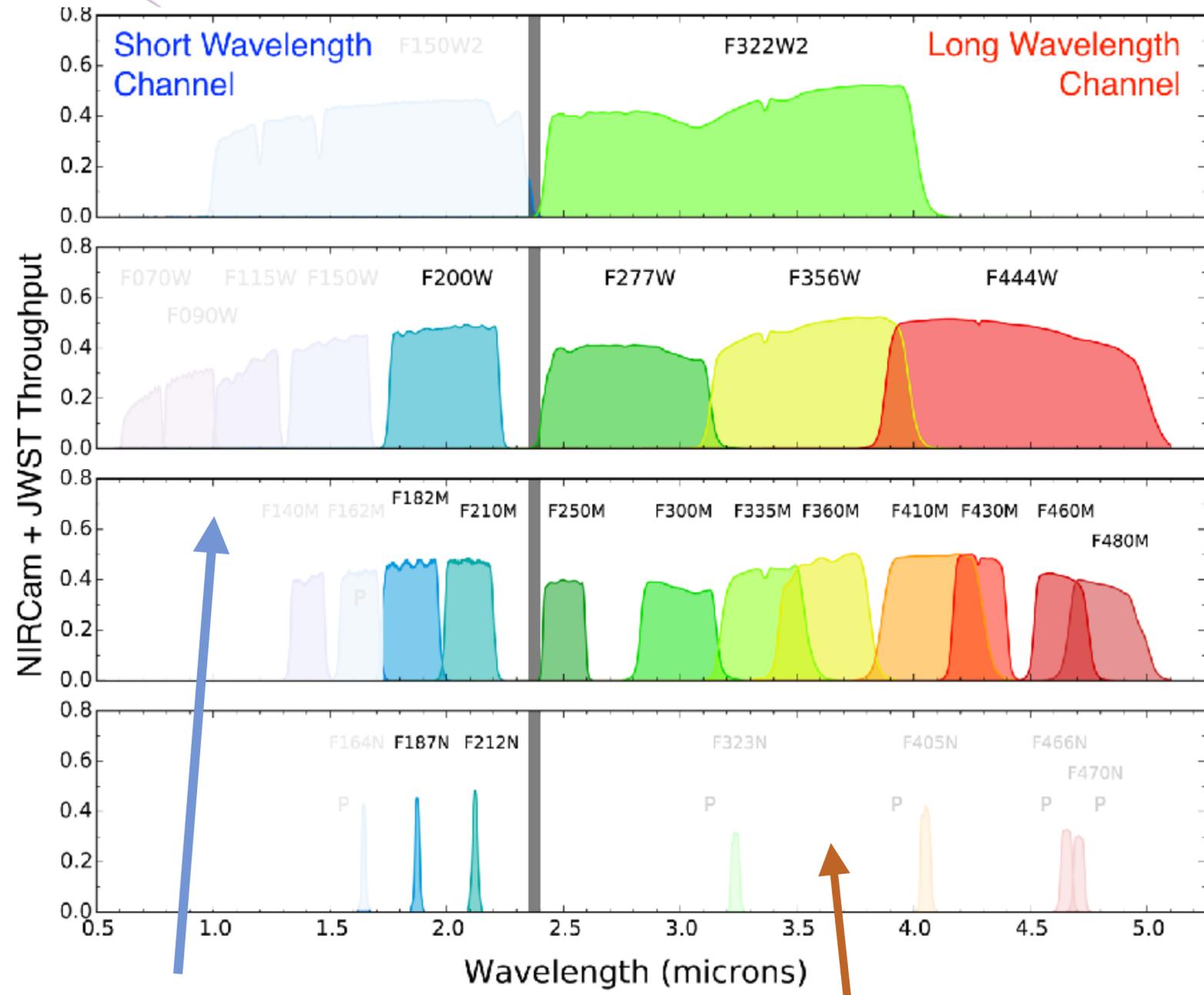


Currently **SW** and **LW** data cannot be saved simultaneously

It may change in later cycles



# Most NIRCam filters are available for coronagraphy



SW filters below 1.8  $\mu\text{m}$  **unavailable**  
 Coronagraph mask anti-reflection coating  
 has low throughput for  $\lambda < 1.8 \mu\text{m}$

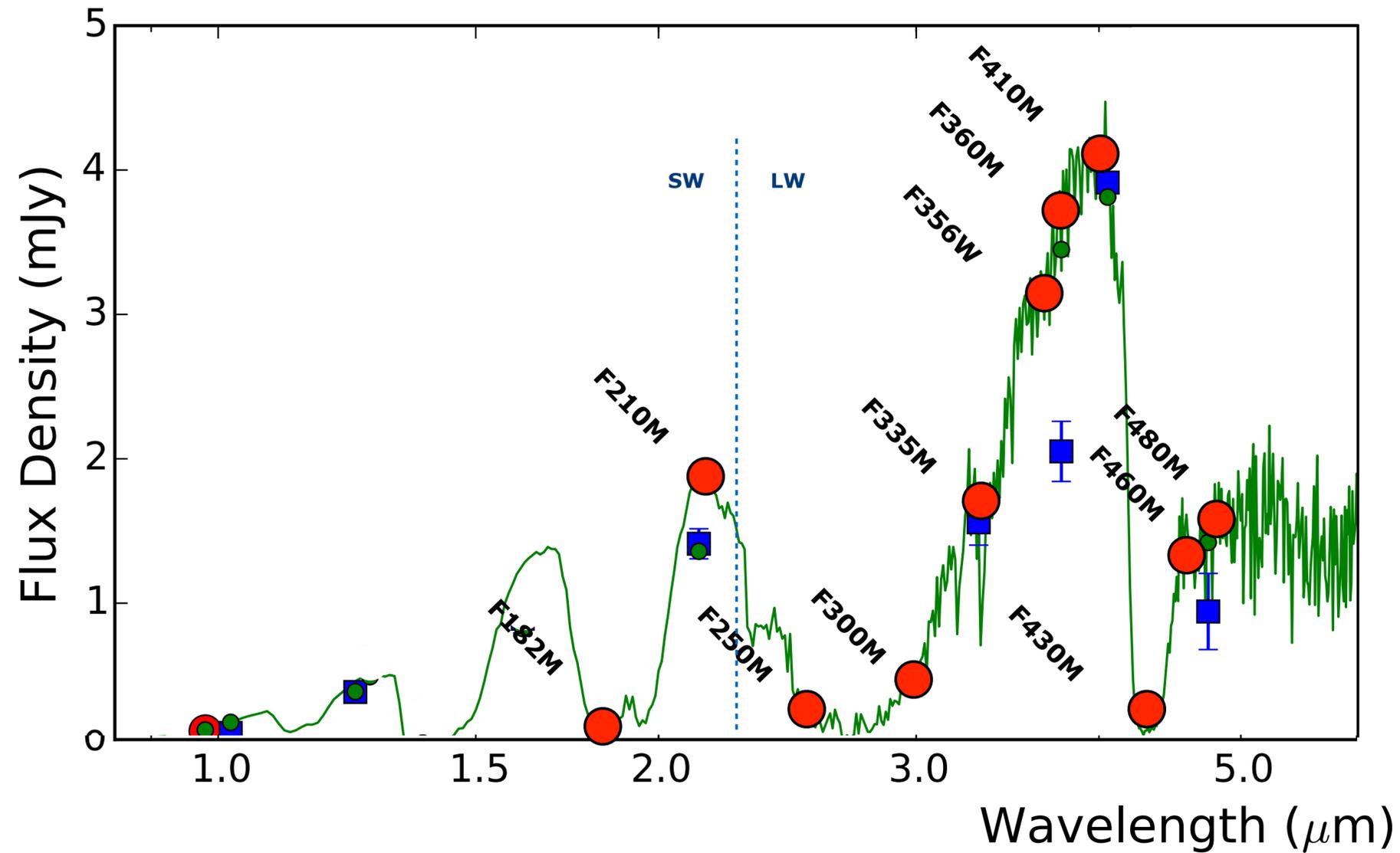
LW narrow band filters **unavailable**  
 as installed in same pupil wheel  
 as the coronagraph Lyot stops

Filter	
F182M	H <sub>2</sub> O, CH <sub>4</sub>
F187N	Paschen Alpha
F200W	continuum
F210M	H <sub>2</sub> O, CH <sub>4</sub>
F212N	H <sub>2</sub>
F250M	continuum, CH <sub>4</sub>
F277W	continuum
F300M	H <sub>2</sub> O ice
F322W2	double-wide, max sensitivity
F335M	PAH, CH <sub>4</sub>
F360M	continuum
F410M	continuum
F430M	CO <sub>2</sub> , N <sub>2</sub>
F444W	continuum
F460M	CO
F480M	CO



# NIRCam is well suited for characterizing substellar companions & disks

## Exoplanet and brown dwarf atmospheres



## Debris disk dust composition and ices

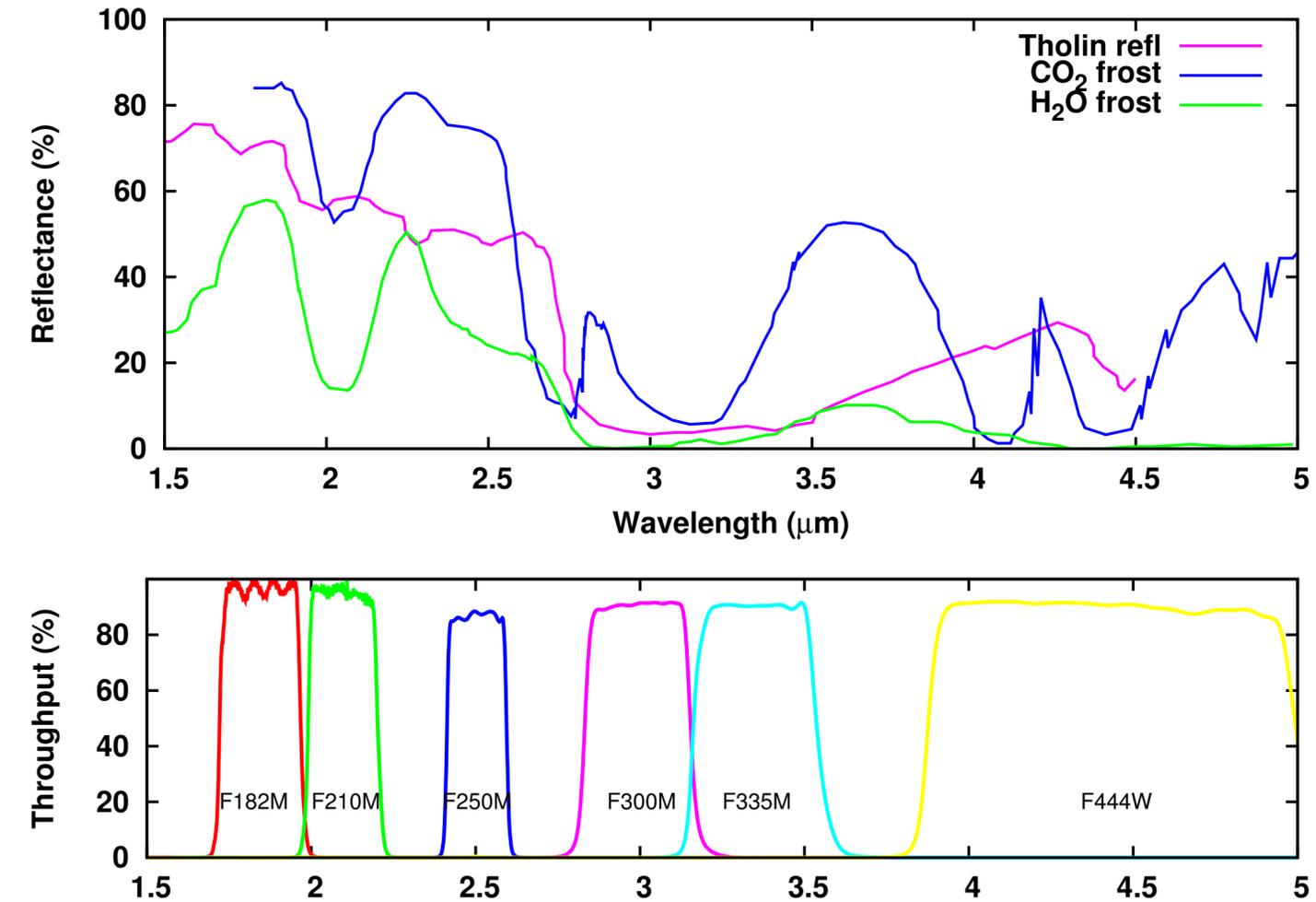
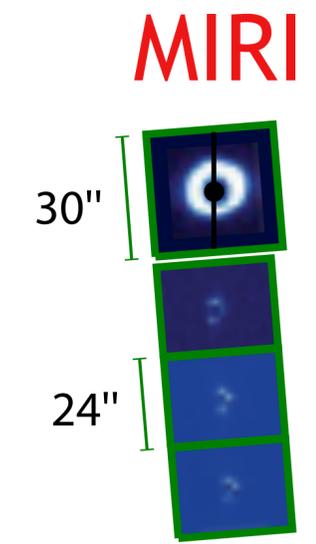
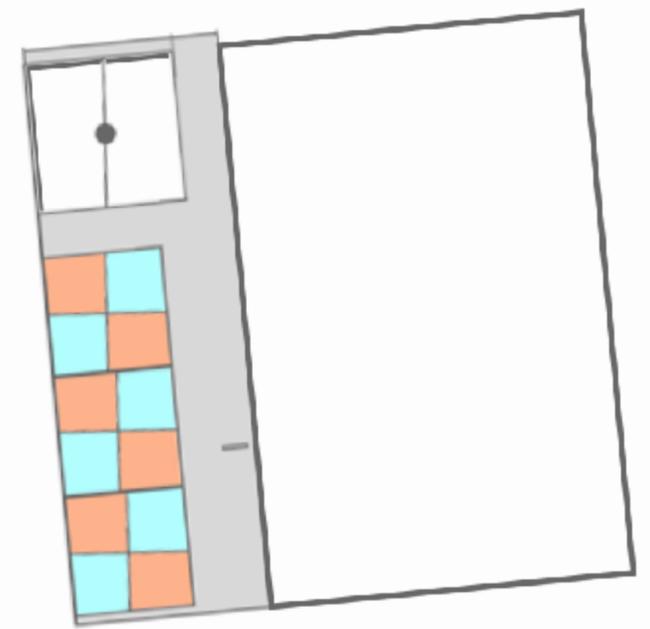
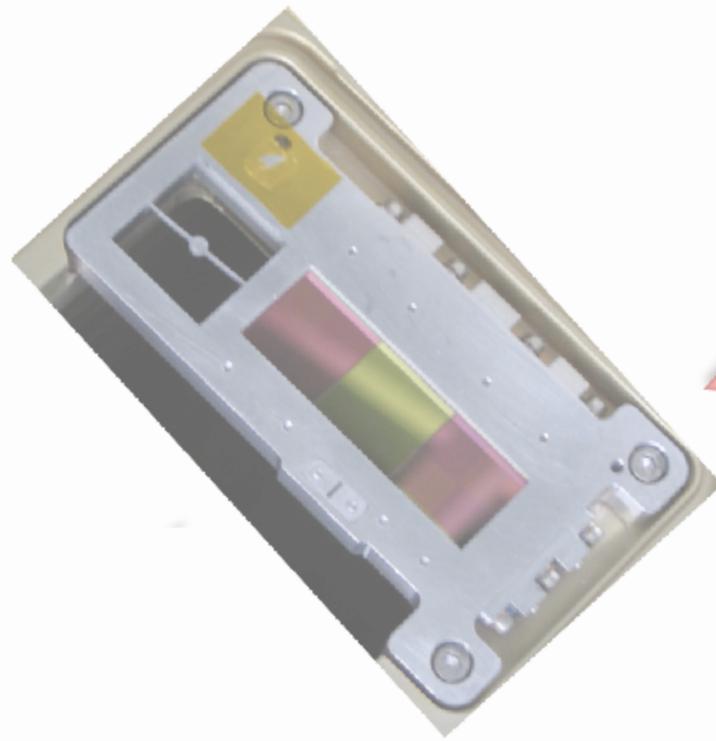
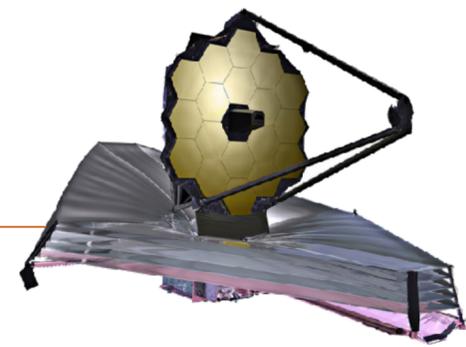


Figure courtesy Andras Gaspar et al. (NIRCam GTO)

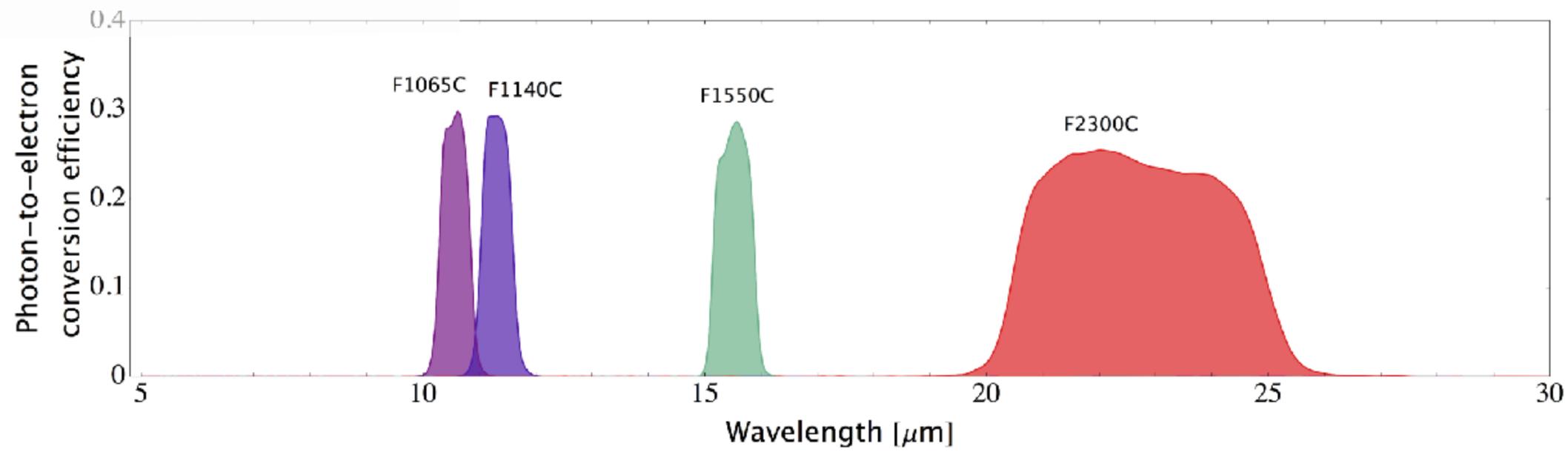
$T_{\text{eff}} = 1000 \text{ K}$ ,  $\log(g) = 3.5$  model from Barman et al.



# NIRCam & MIRI Coronagraphy in the JWST Focal Plane

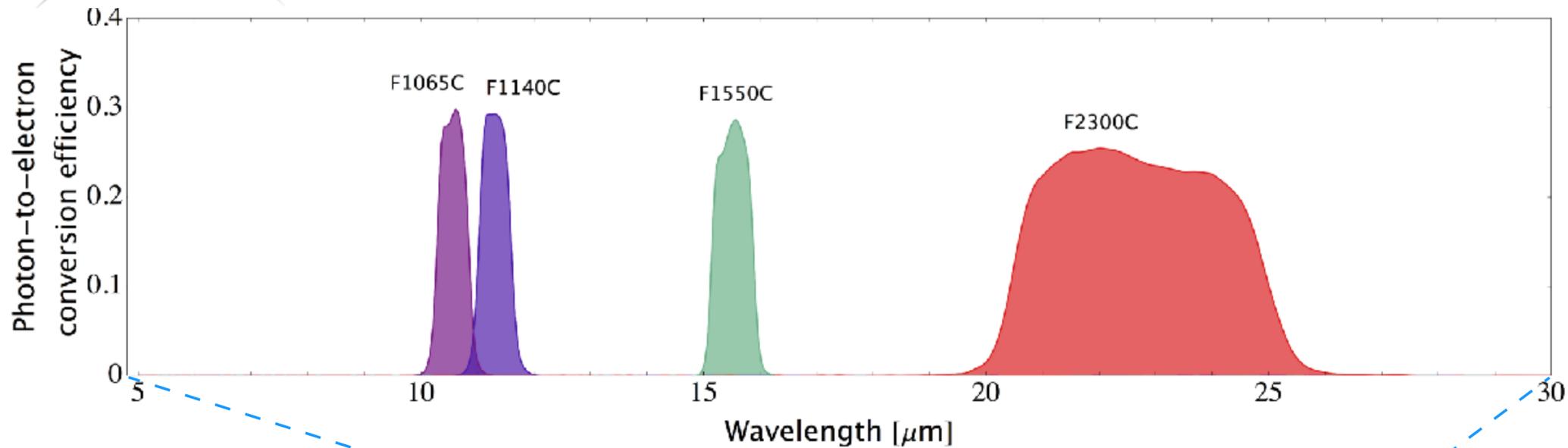


**One mask, one filter**

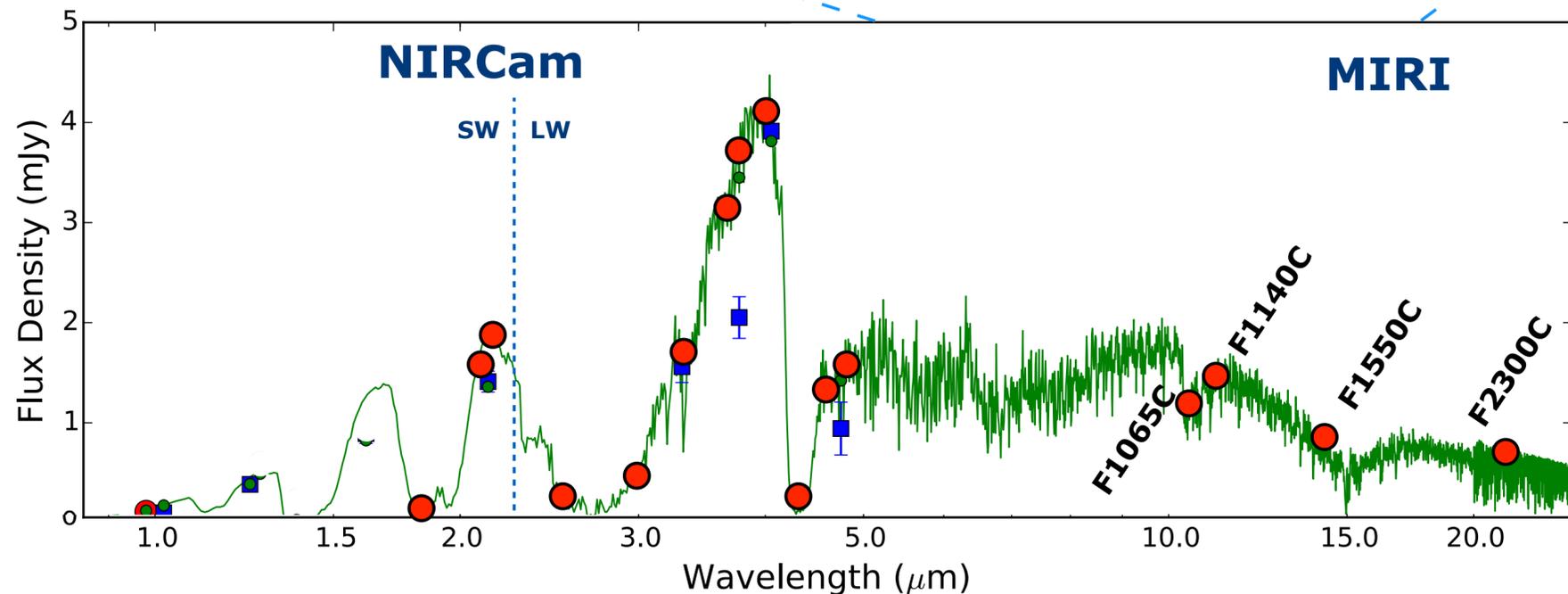




# MIRI filters for coronagraphy



Filter	
F1065C	Ammonia
F1140C	Continuum (planets); Si, PAHs (disks)
F1550C	Continuum
C2300C	Continuum, especially for disks



Ammonia feature at  $10.65 \mu\text{m}$  is main spectral feature at  $5\text{-}20 \mu\text{m}$  for cool exoplanet atmospheres ( $T \sim 200\text{-}500 \text{ K}$ ).

Continuum slope from  $11.4 - 15.5$  measures planet temperature.

These filters also suitable for studies of circumstellar disks and AGN.

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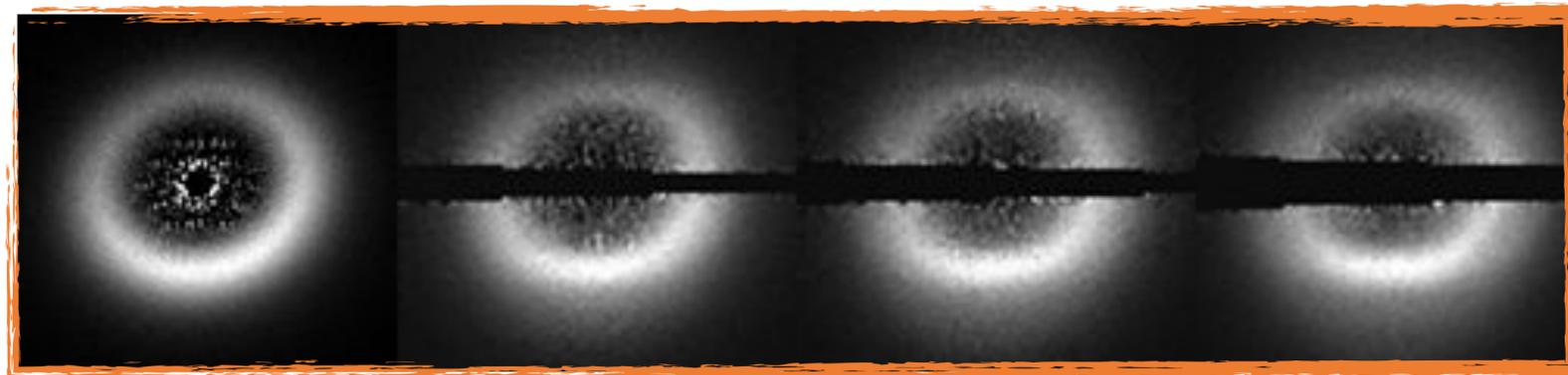


# Studying Disk Compositions: Panchromatic Imaging

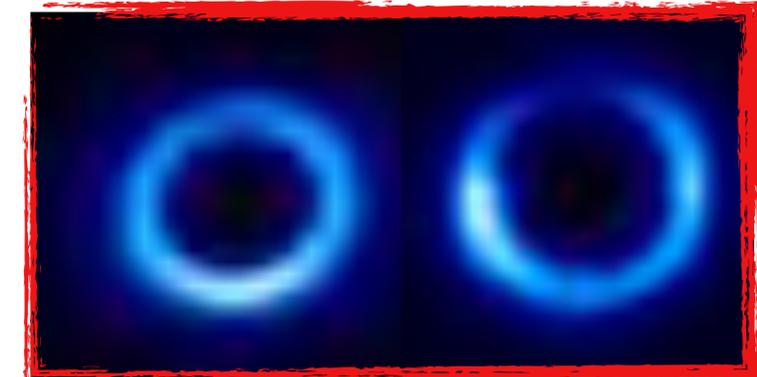
High contrast at longer wavelengths: **3-5  $\mu\text{m}$** , **10+  $\mu\text{m}$**

Much **deeper sensitivity & wider field of view** than AO, superb **optical stability**

Options: **NIRCam** & **MIRI coronagraphs**, **NIRISS AMI**, **NON-coronagraphic PSF subtraction!**



(Simulations by J. Lebreton)

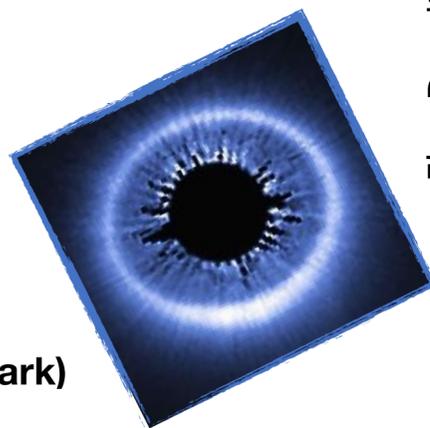


**F1140** **F2300**

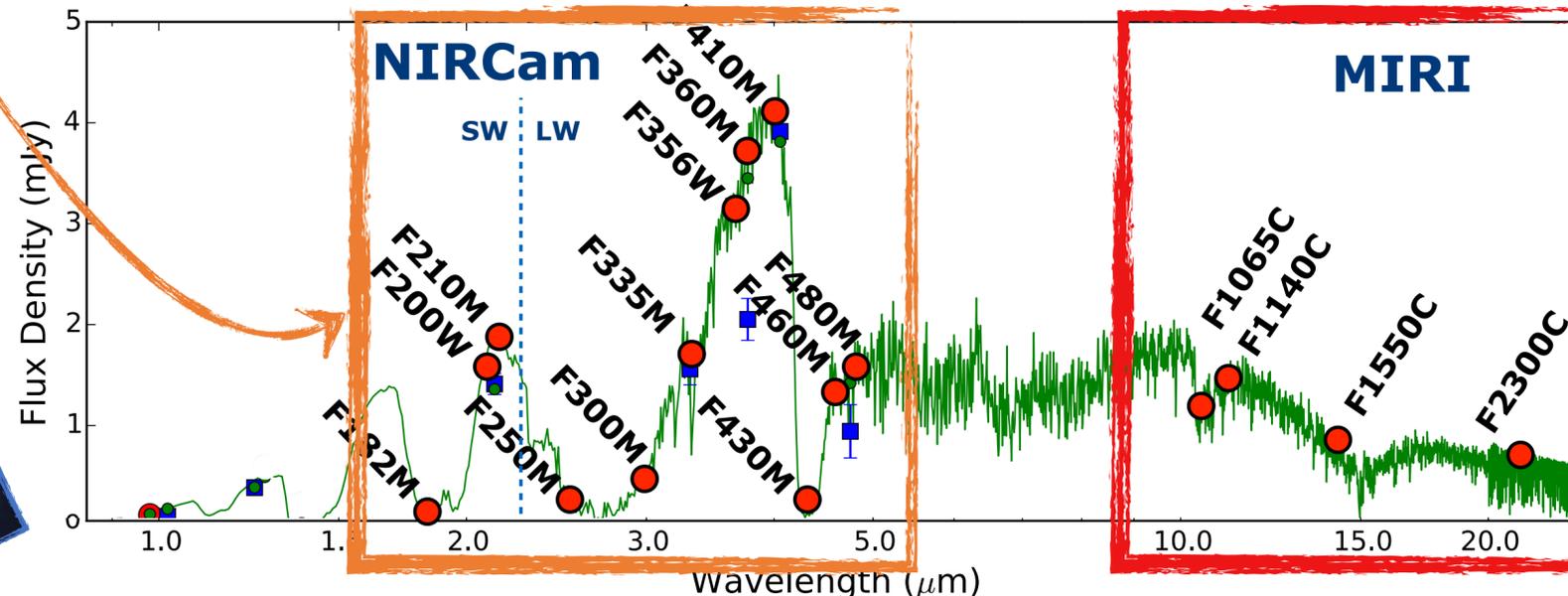
(Simulations by A. Boccaletti)

Colors, albedos, phase functions of scattering particles, Ices at 3.3  $\mu\text{m}$

E.G.: HD 181327



(HST C. Stark)



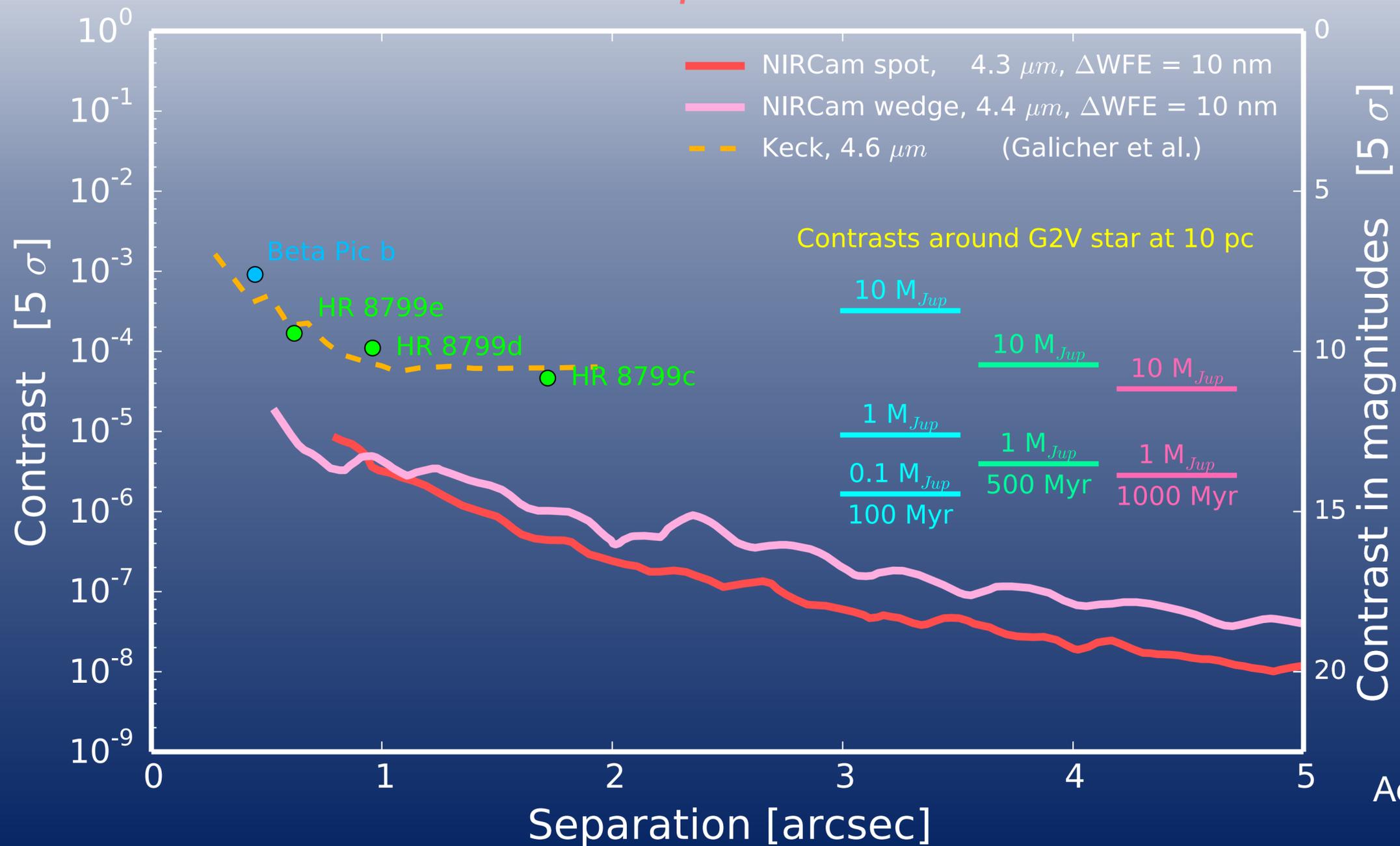
Teff = 1000 K, log(g) = 3.5 model from Barman et al.

Silicates at 10-11  $\mu\text{m}$



# NIRCam Coronagraphy: sensitivity!!!

4-5  $\mu m$



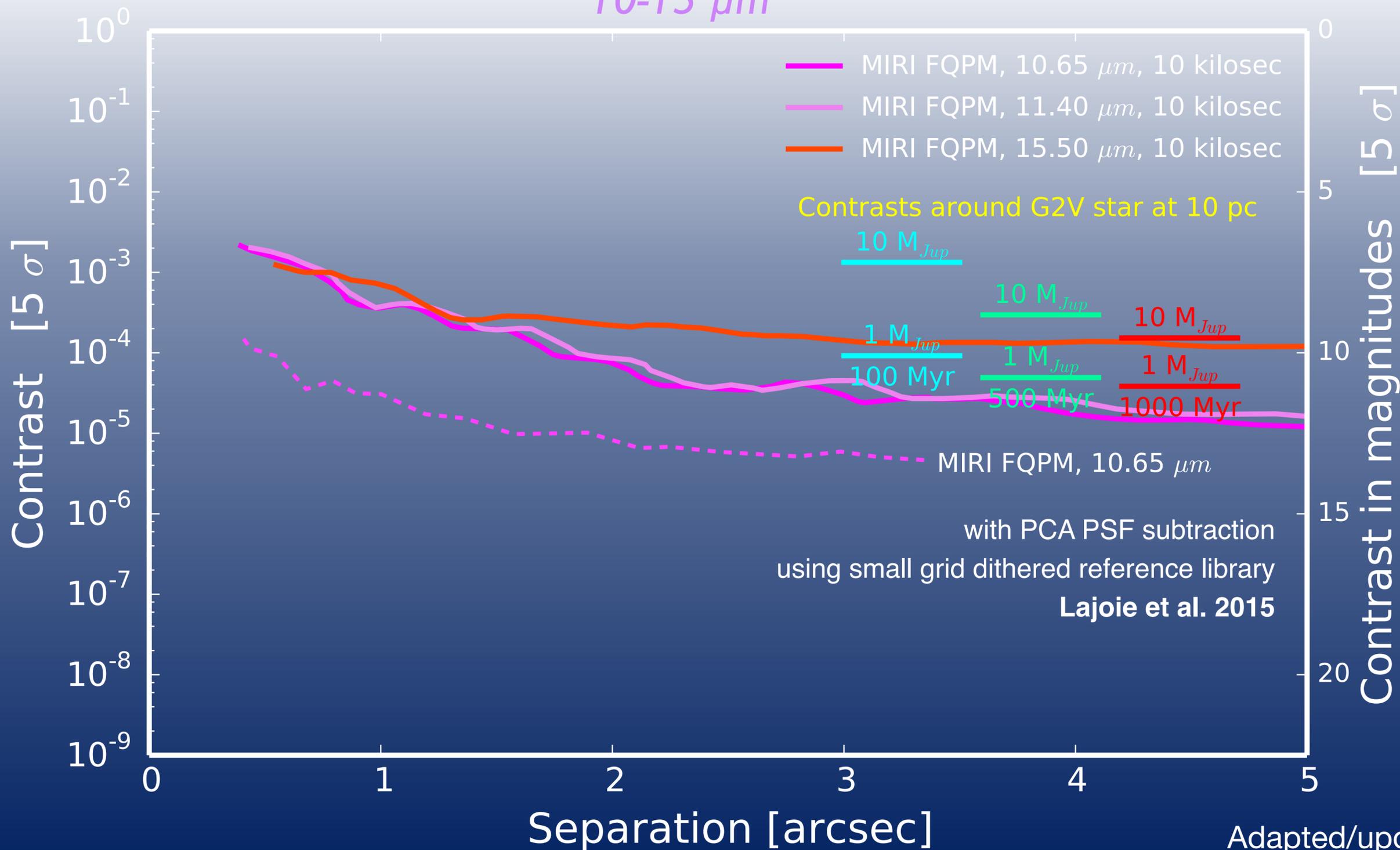
**NIRCam expected contrasts:**  
**below  $10^{-5}$  at 1",**  
 **$10^{-7}$  at 4"**

Adapted/updated from Beichman et al. 2010



# MIRI Coronagraphy: **expected contrasts**

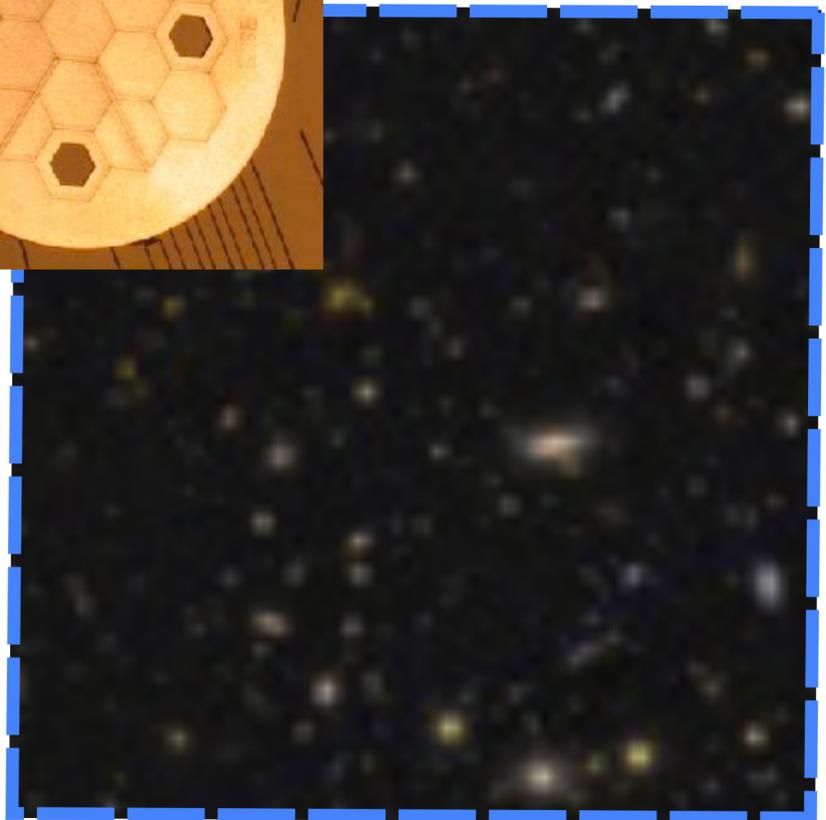
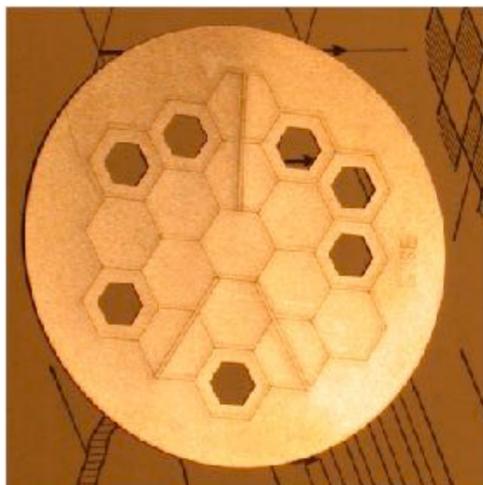
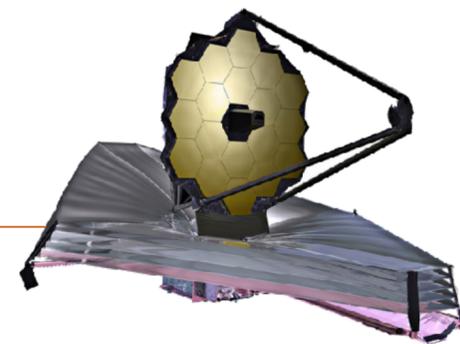
10-15  $\mu m$



**MIRI contrasts:  
10<sup>-4</sup> to 10<sup>-5</sup>  
for r > 1''**



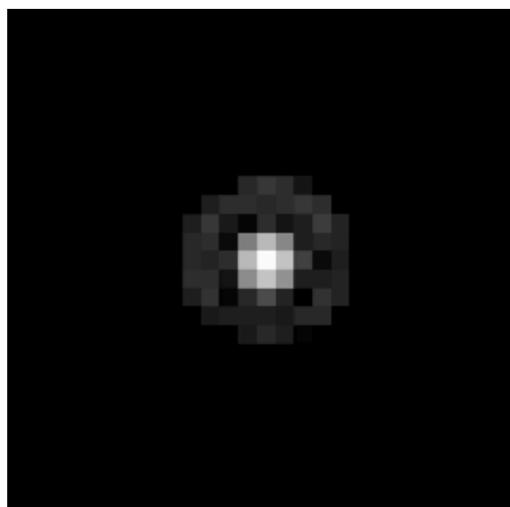
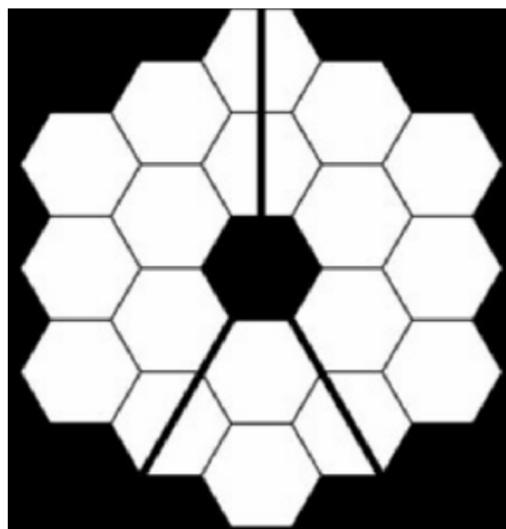
# JWST/NIRISS Aperture Masking Interferometry (AMI)



NIRISS

133"

Full

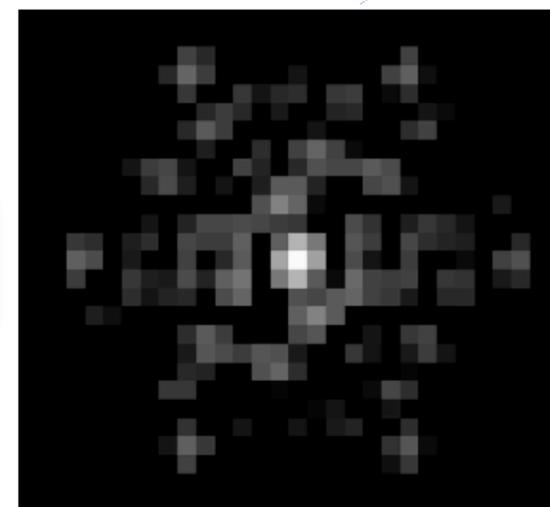


Pupil

Non Redundant Mask

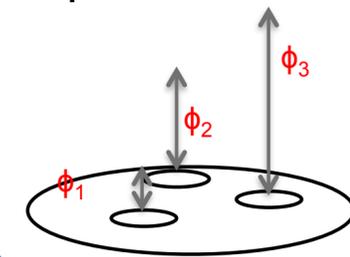


PSF

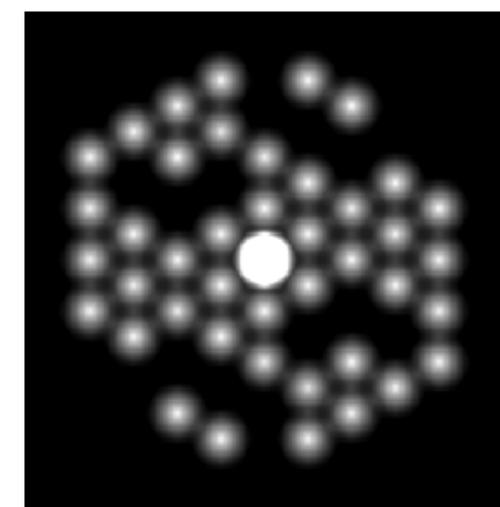


Fourier Space

7 holes  
21 baselines  
Measure:  
• Fringe visibilities  
• Fourier phases



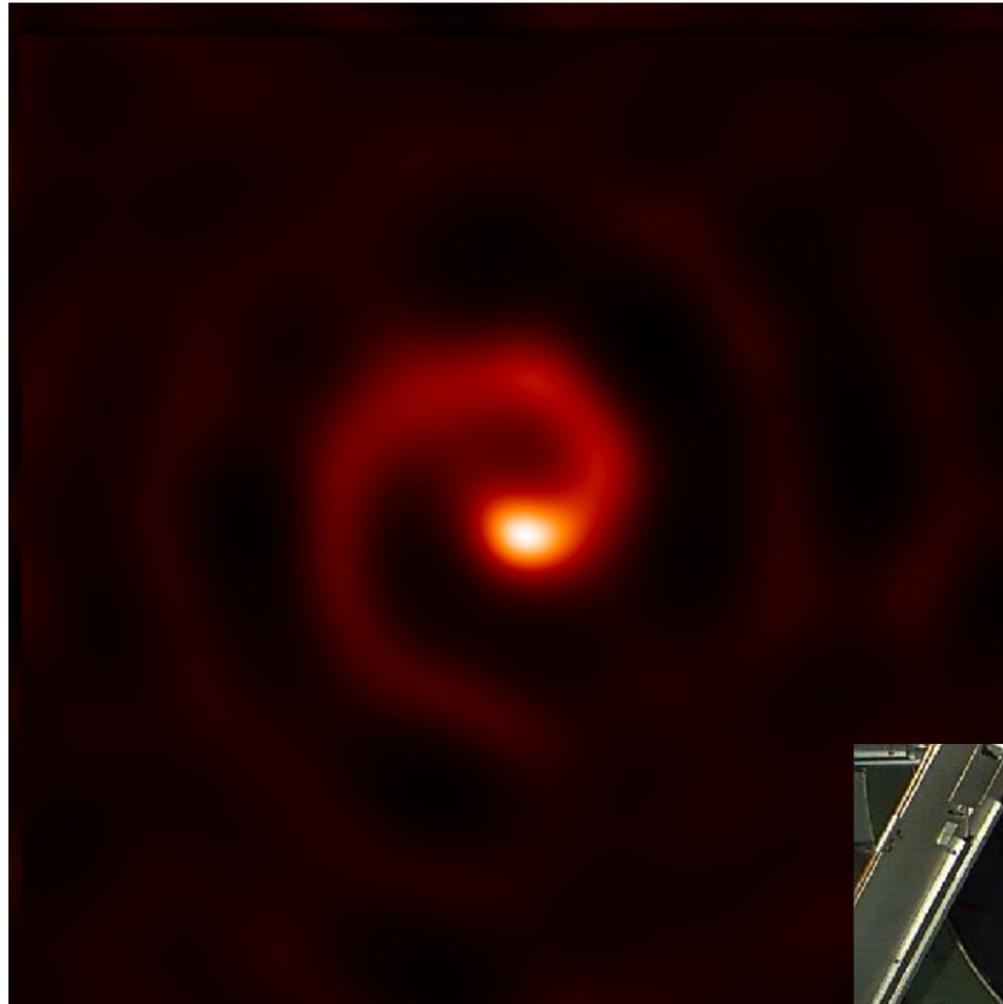
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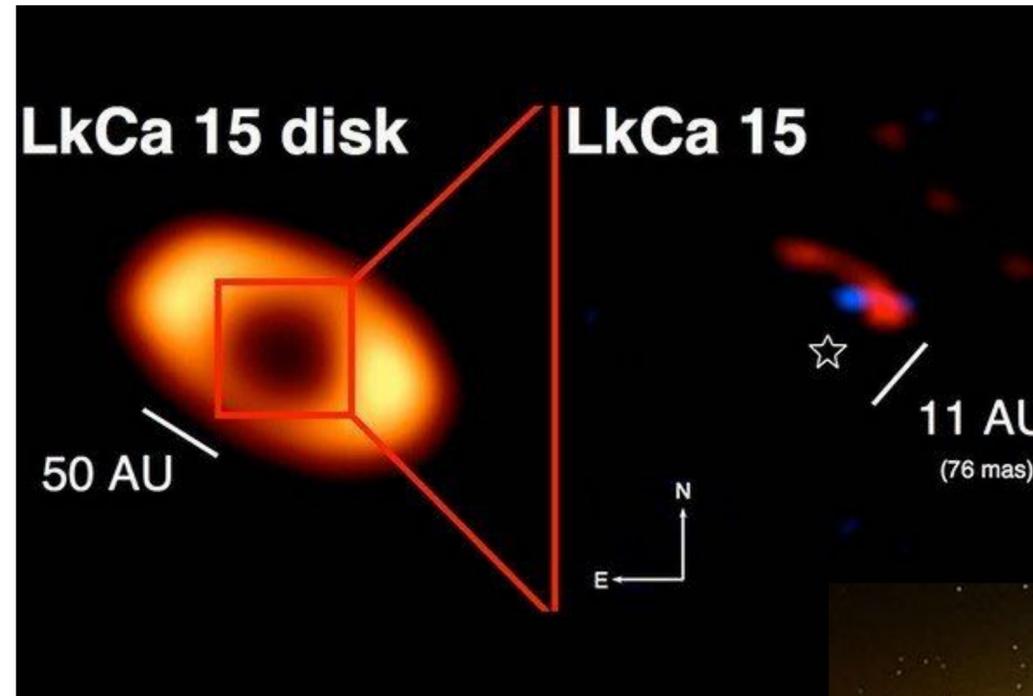
# NIRISS Aperture Masking Results (Keck)

Wolf Rayet 104 or “Pinwheel Nebula”  
Reconstructed images over > 6 years

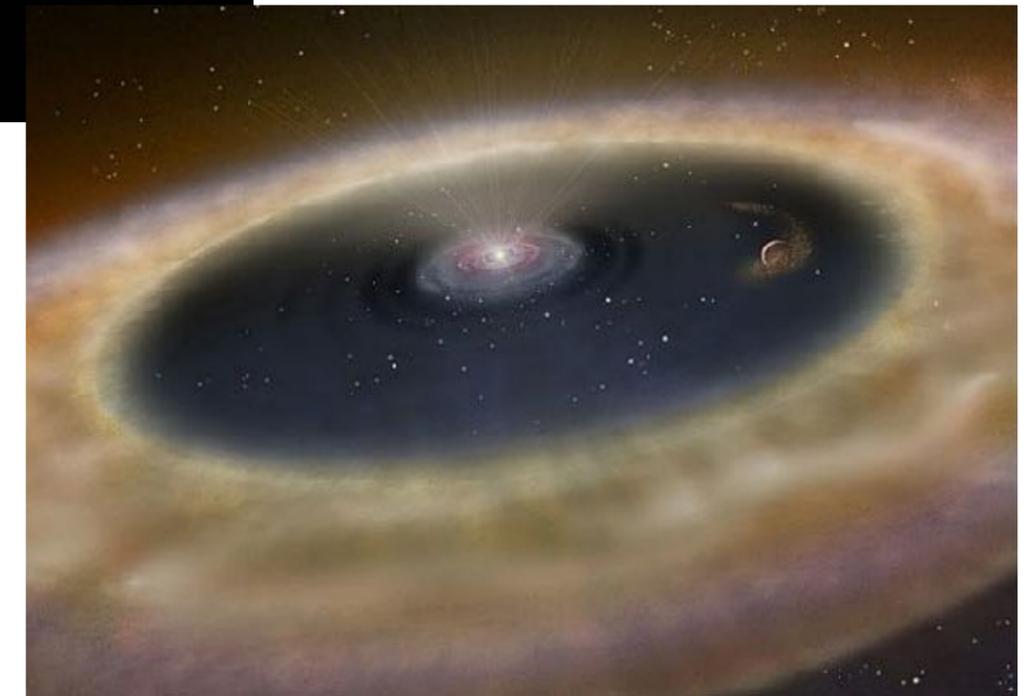


Tuthill (photo), Monnier,  
Danchi 1999

Potential protoplanet LkCa 15 b

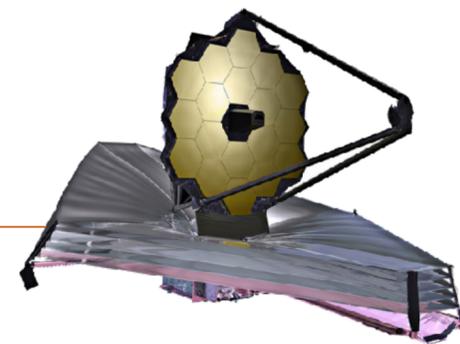


Kraus & Ireland 2012





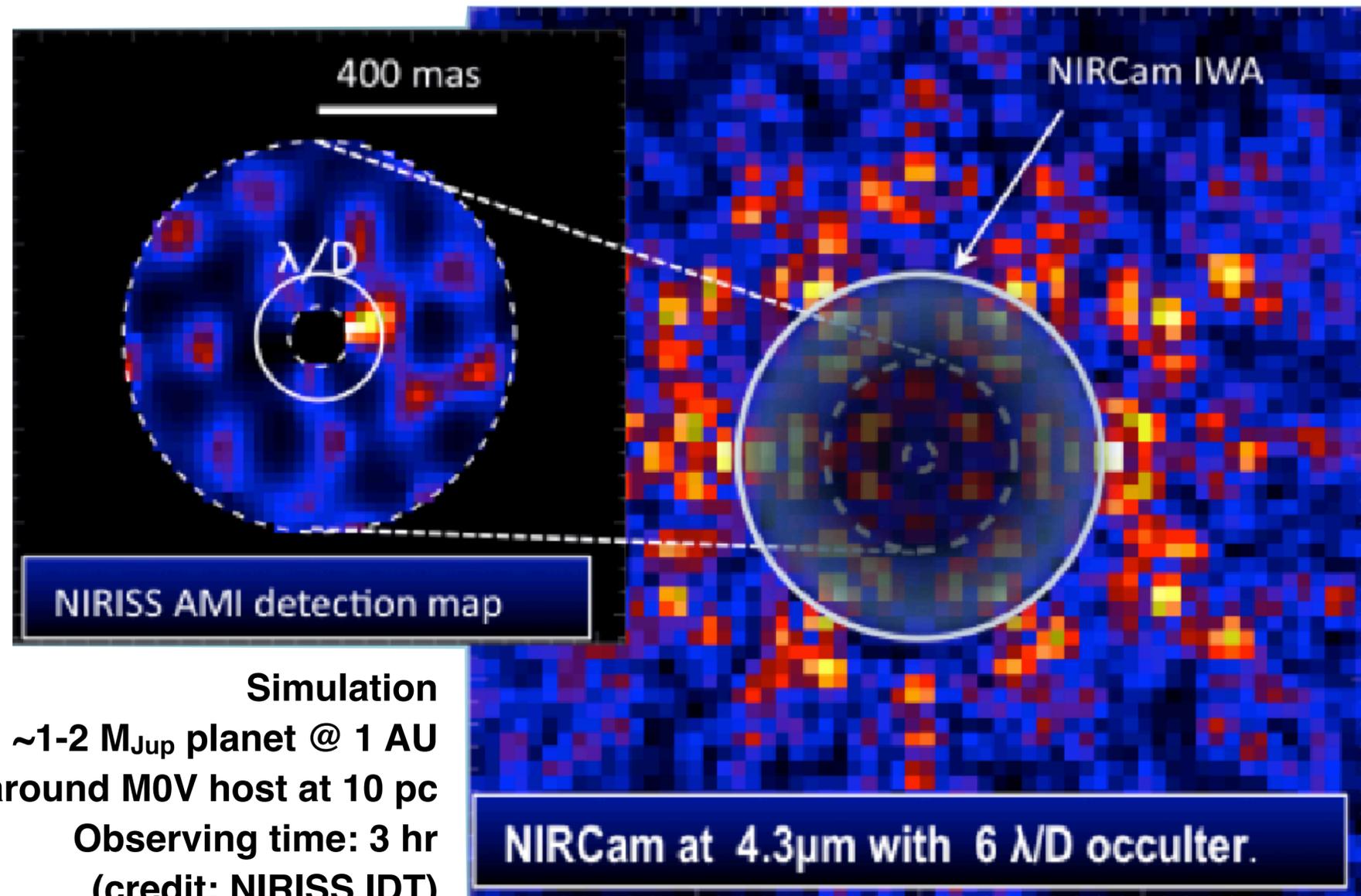
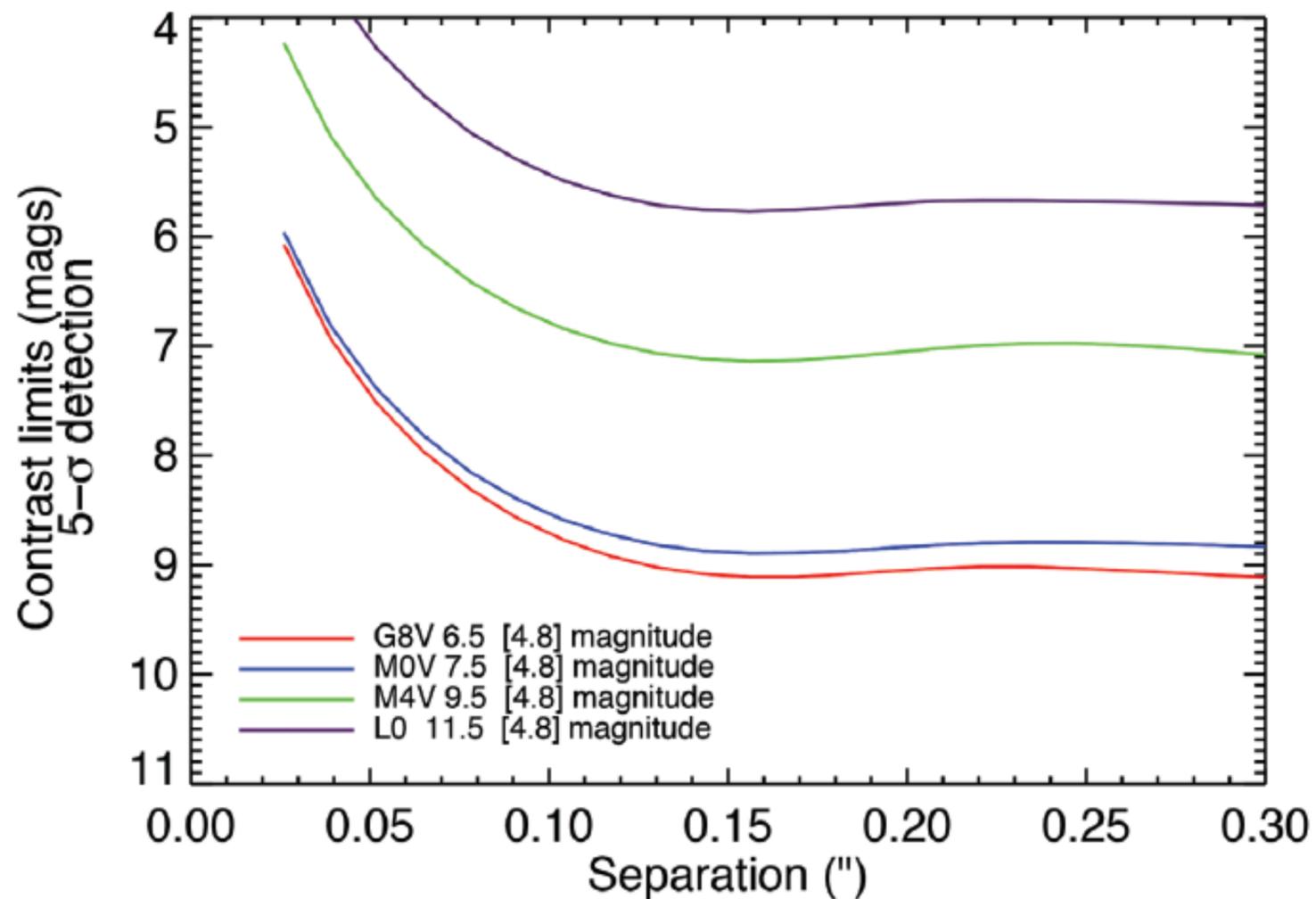
# NIRISS AMI Predicted Performances



Probe separations of ~40 to 400 mas

At contrast of up to 9 mag

Filters: F380M, F430M, F480M, (and F277W)



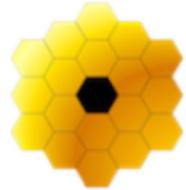
AMI Talk and exercises led by Deepashri Thatte later in this session

# HCI Roadmap Walkthrough

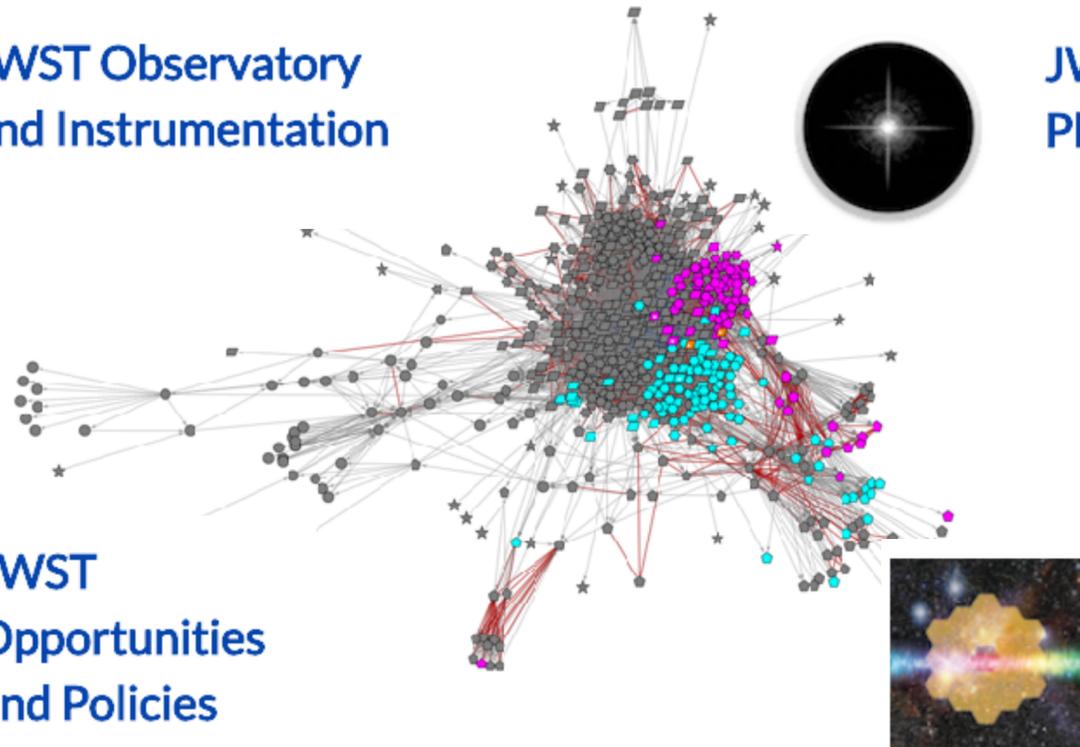




# JDox: the documentation platform: web-based, agile, integrated



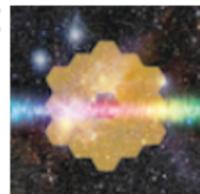
JWST Observatory and Instrumentation



JWST Observation Planning



JWST Opportunities and Policies



JWST Data Calibration and Analysis



[jwst-docs.stsci.edu](http://jwst-docs.stsci.edu)

## James Webb Space Telescope User Documentation





# The HCI Roadmap article

[jwst-docs.stsci.edu/methods-and-roadmaps/jwst-high-contrast-imaging/jwst-high-contrast-imaging-roadmap](https://jwst-docs.stsci.edu/methods-and-roadmaps/jwst-high-contrast-imaging/jwst-high-contrast-imaging-roadmap)

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## Proposing Opportunities

- › JWST Cycle 1 Proposal Opportunities
- › JWST General Science Policies

## Proposal Preparation

- General Proposal Planning Workflow
- Understanding Exposure Times
- ▼ Methods and Roadmaps
  - › Imaging
  - › Wide Field Slitless Spectroscopy
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# JWST High Contrast Imaging Roadmap

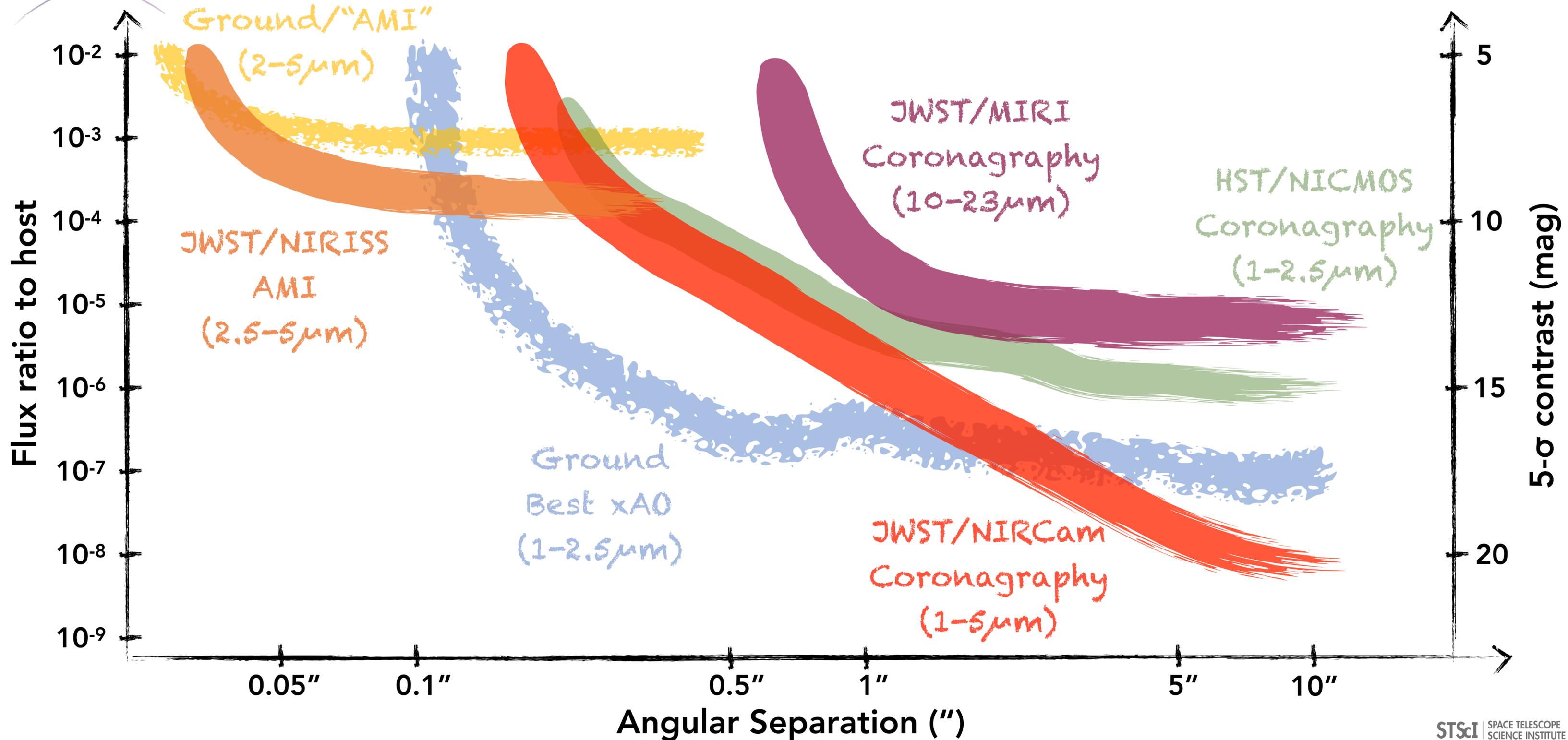
This roadmap outlines the suggested flow of planning considerations required for a High-contrast Imaging (HCI) observation with JWST and should be used in consultation with the General Proposal Planning Workflow.

## On this page

- Stage 1 – Becoming familiar with the HCI capabilities and instrument-specific modes of JWST
- Stage 2 – Comparing your parameter space to the performance limits and capabilities of the HCI observing modes.
- Stage 3 – Selecting a PSF calibration strategy
- Stage 4 – Assessing target visibilities and allowed position angles
- Stage 5 – Using the Exposure Time Calculator (ETC)
- Stage 6 – Selecting a suitable PSF calibrator
- Stage 7 – Finalizing your observing strategy
- Stage 8 – Using the Astronomer's Proposal Tool (APT)
- References

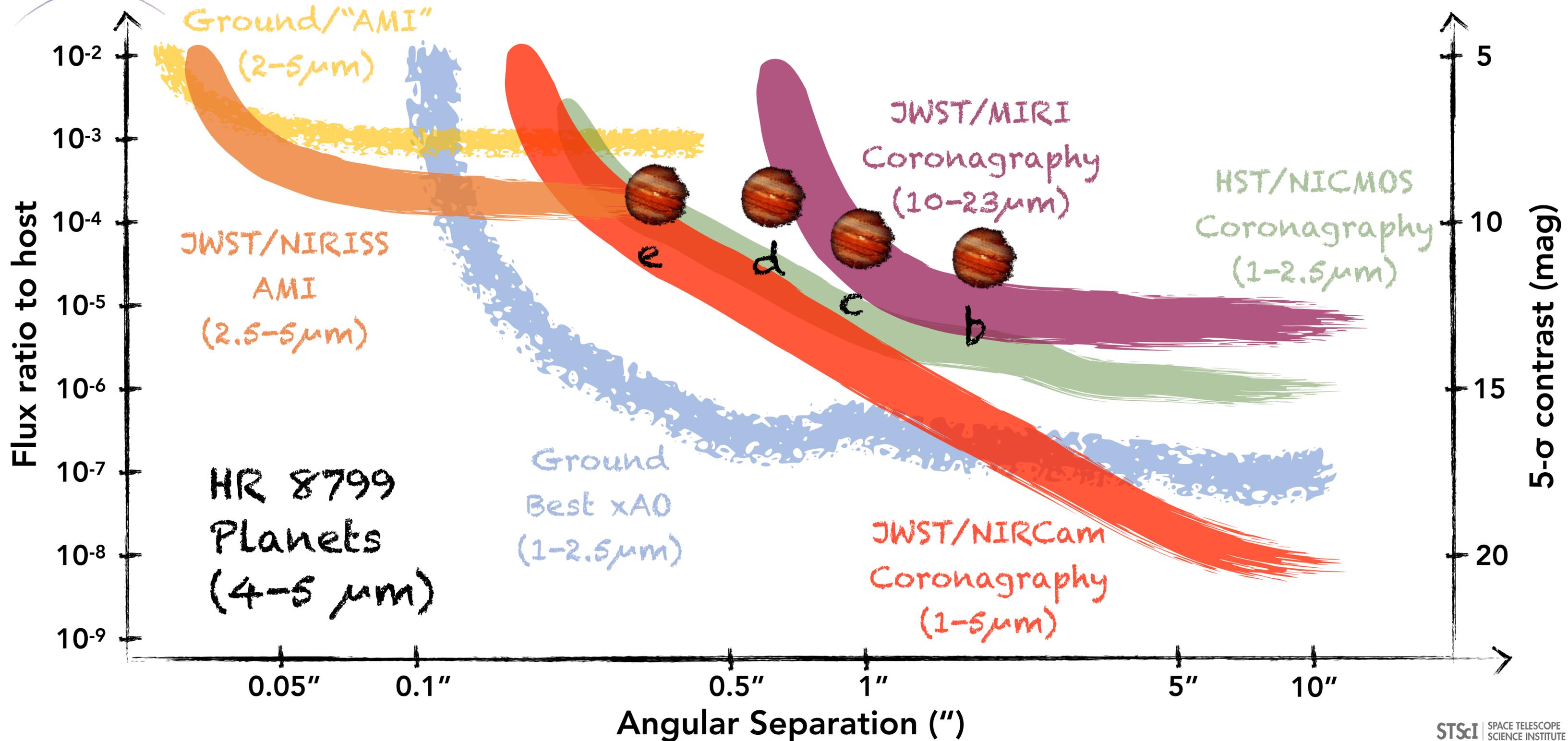


# NIR to MIR Coronagraphy & Aperture Masking: Ground & Space



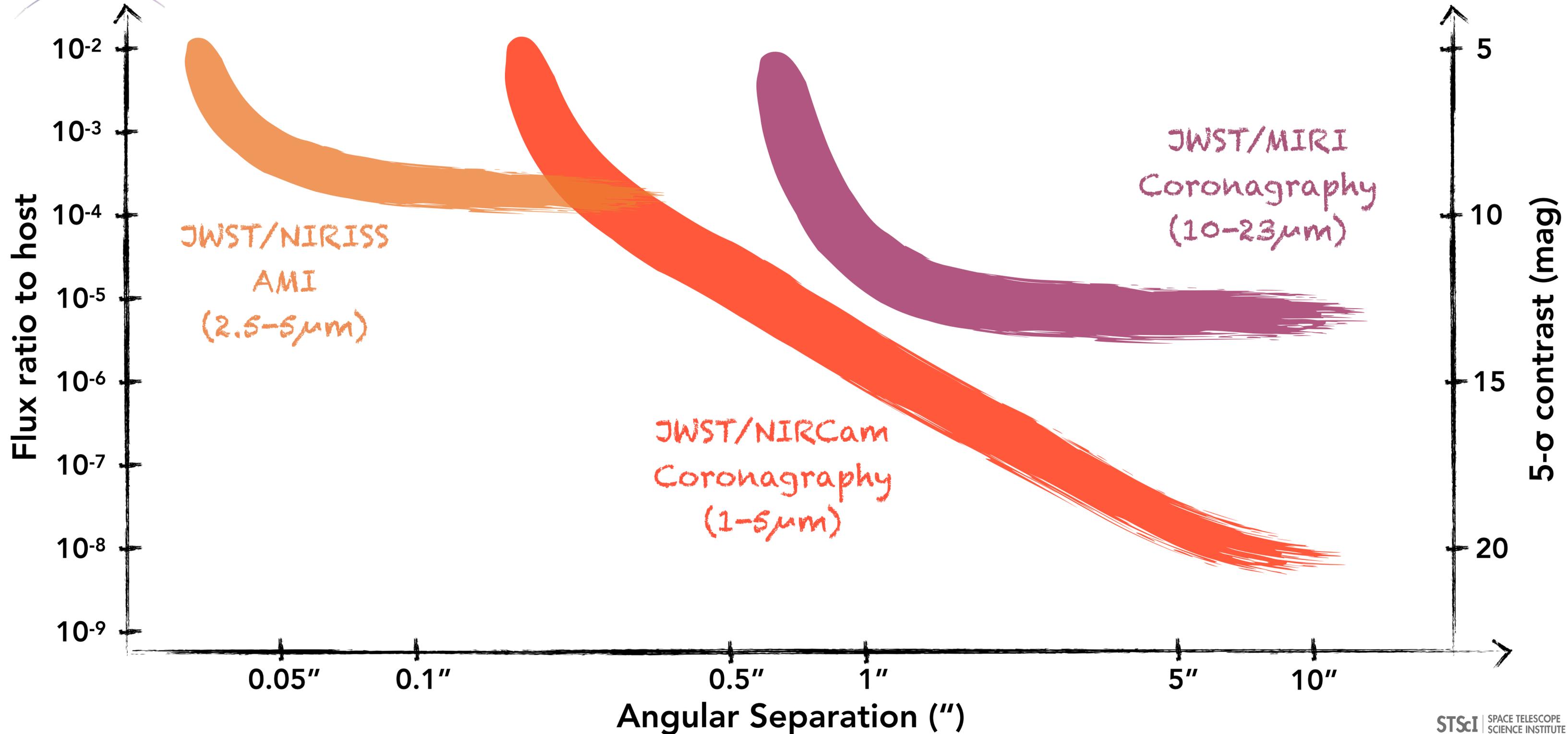


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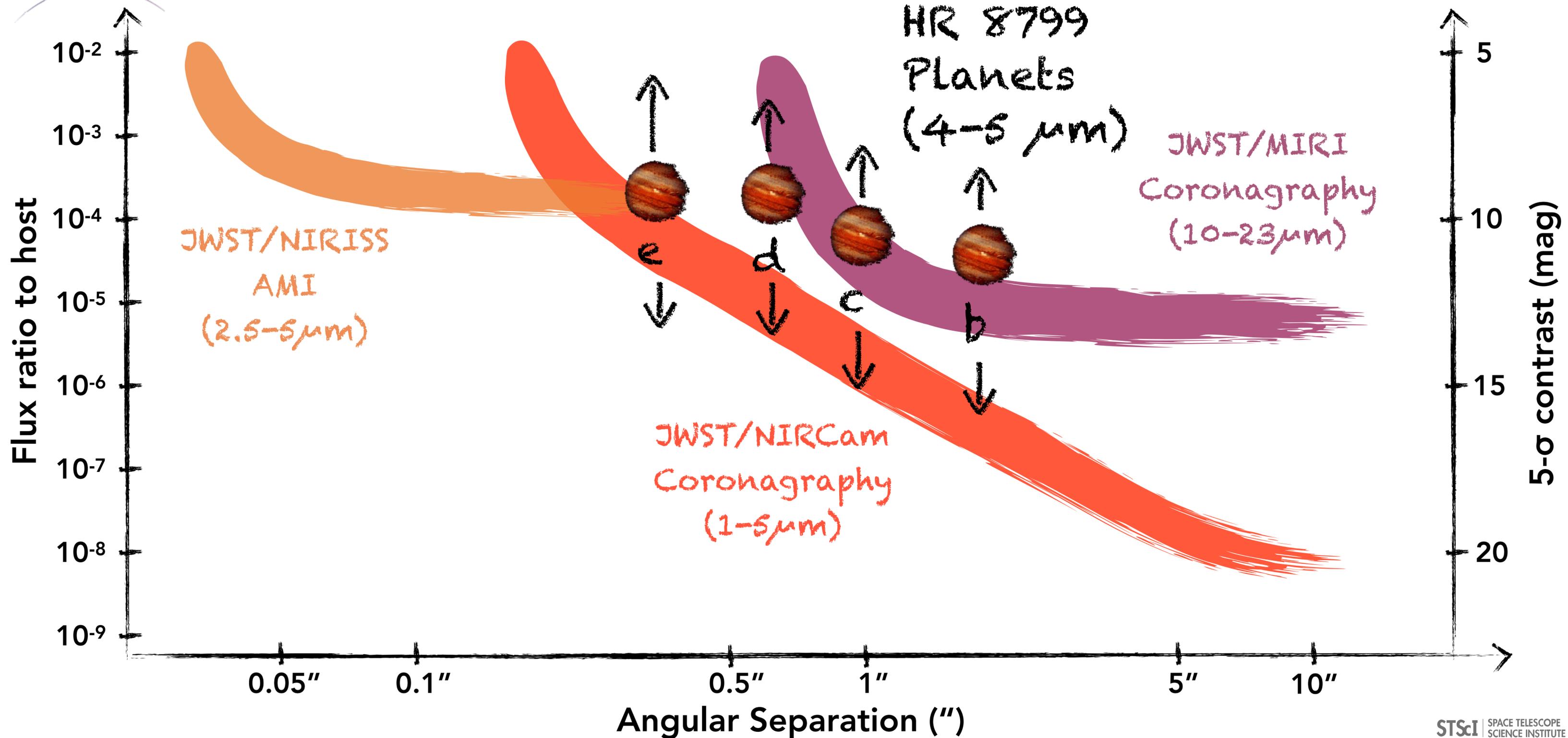


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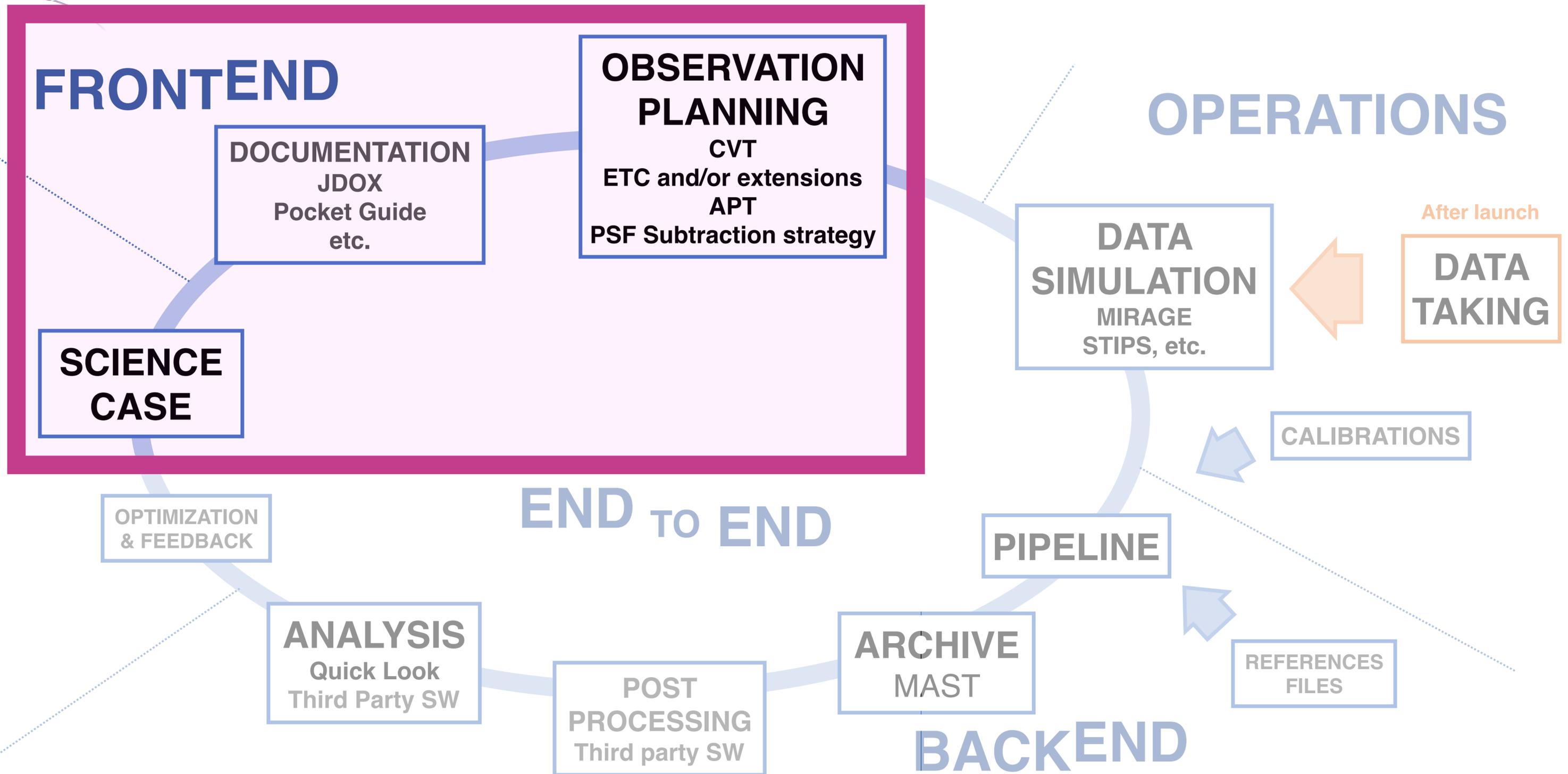
# Proposal Planning Tools & HCI Resources

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# From an astrophysical idea to a result





# Why do we recommend two rolls plus a PSF calibrator?

## Factors degrading PSF calibration and subtraction

Wavefront drifts of the observatory

PSF star color differences

Self-subtraction biases (esp. for disks)

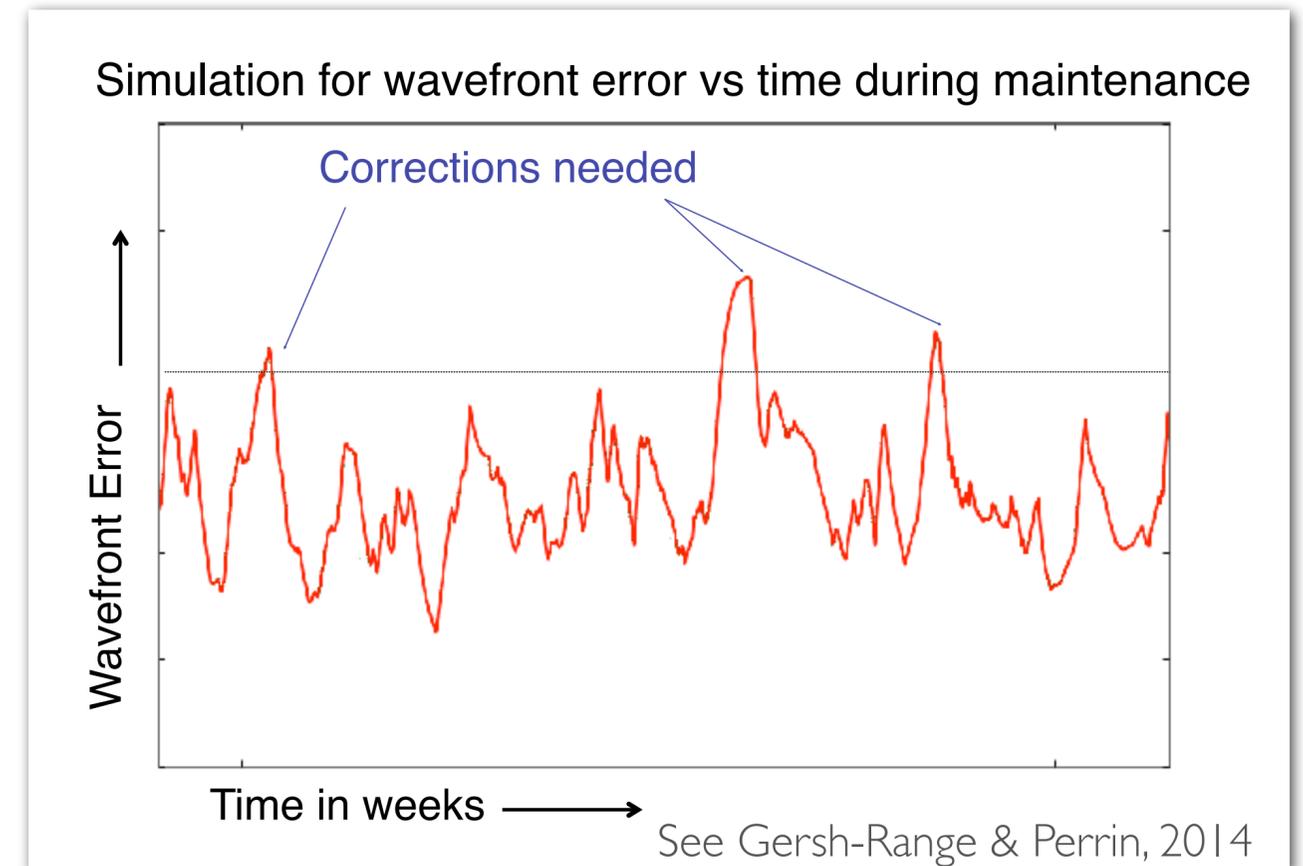
Imperfect target acquisitions

Line-of-sight jitter and dynamic wavefront error

By scheduling science and PSF calibration observations back-to-back, wavefront drifts should be minimized. (predicted to be negligible; sub-nm).

Performance and stability will not truly be known until measurements in flight.

Expect Hubble-like stability:  
small wavefront changes driven by temperature drifts



Changes in sun pitch angle will cause small changes in OTE temperature ( $< 1$  K), but very slowly (predicted time constant  $\sim 5$  to 9 days).



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Observing science target at 2 rolls has proven highly effective with HST. Allows PSF subtraction at nearly same spacecraft attitude (for wavefront stability), eliminates stellar color mismatch terms, increases efficiency (PSF calibrator is also more science data), and helps mitigate detector artifacts.

However, this comes at the cost of introducing self-subtraction biases, especially given the limited available roll ( $\sim 10^\circ$  max) of JWST.

For robustness, we conservatively advocate PSF calibration via both ADI+RDI.



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### Optional:

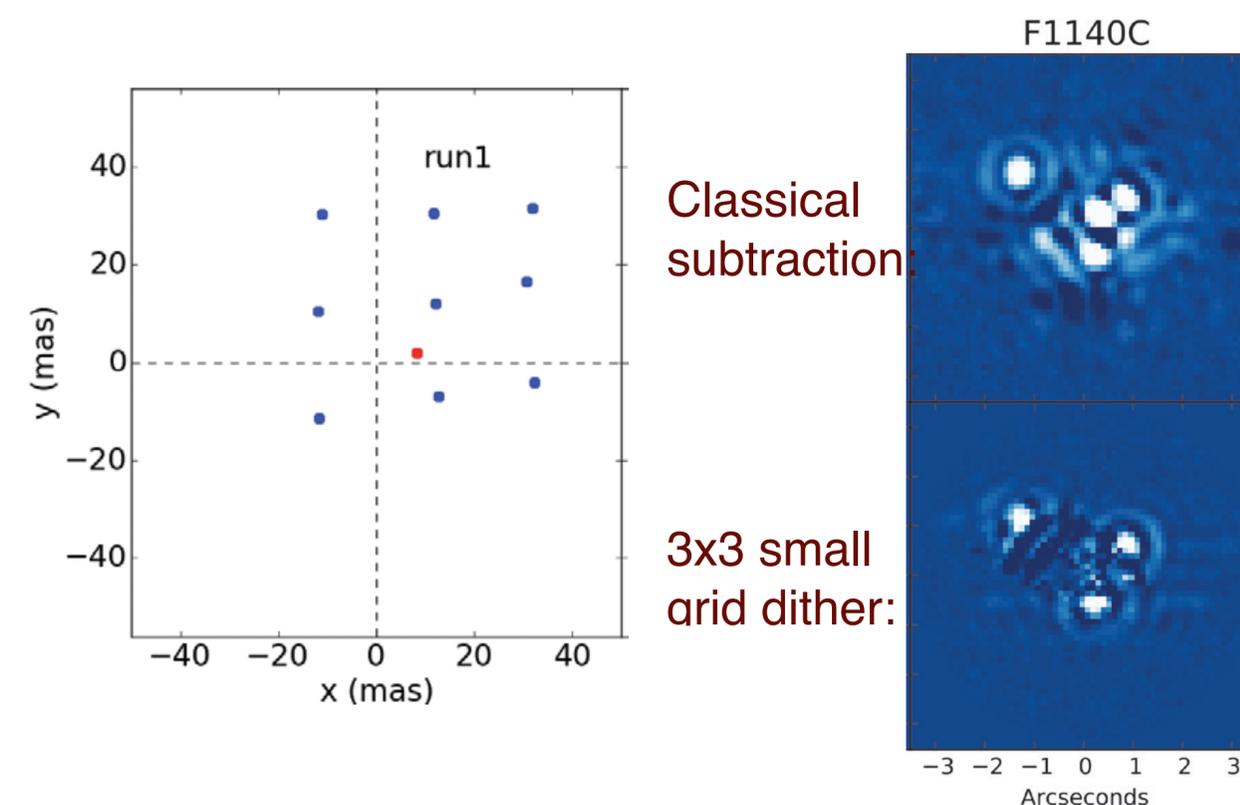
Perform sub pixel dithers of the PSF star to build mini PSF reference library, then synthesize an optimal PSF that matches the target position precisely. “Small Grid Dithers”.

>10x contrast improvement for MIRI,  
3-5x improvement for NIRCам.

Cost: 5-9x longer PSF star exposure times.

Target acq is required for all coronagraphy.  
Expected precision is very good (~ few mas)  
but residuals still matter.

All coronagraphs are sensitive to misalignments;  
MIRI FQPMs more sensitive than NIRCам Lyot coronas.

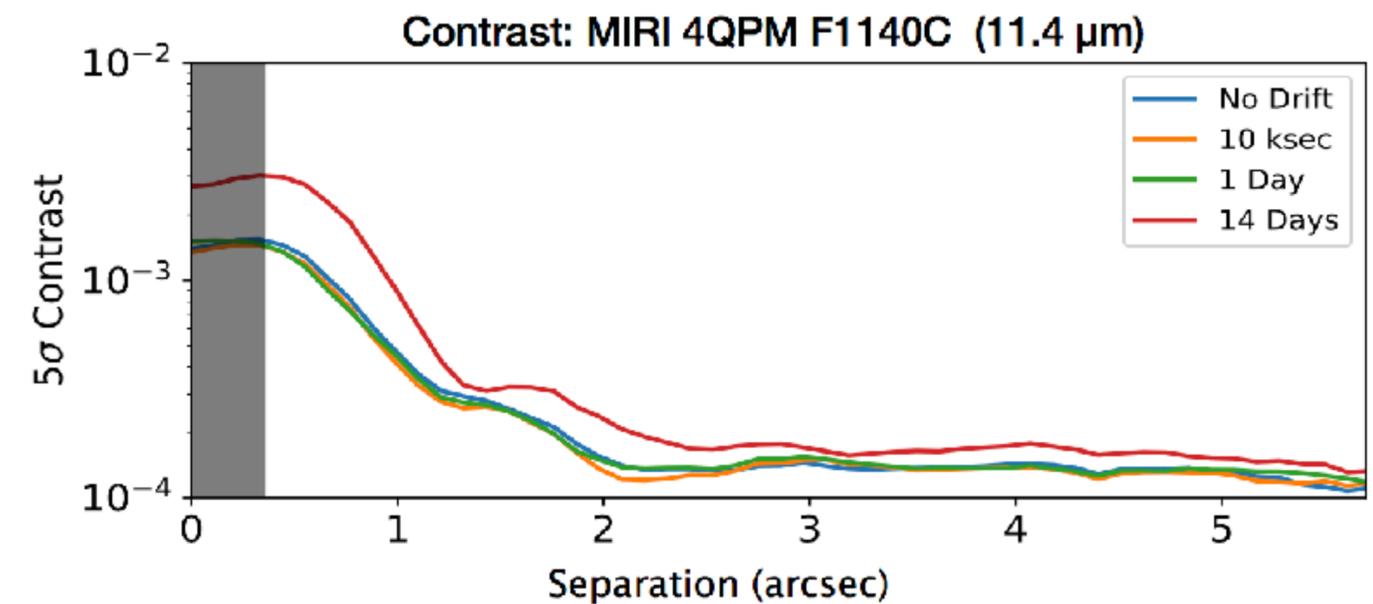
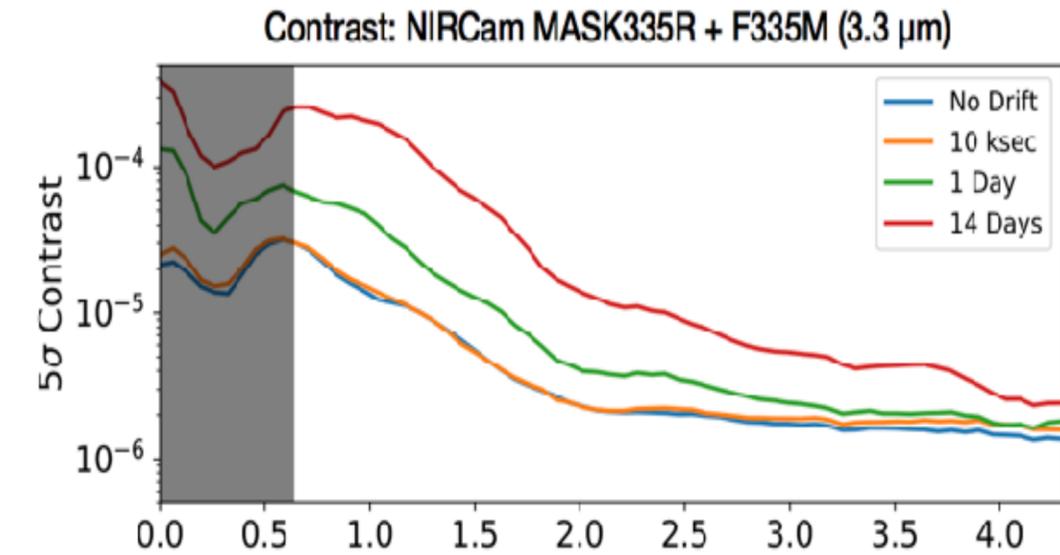
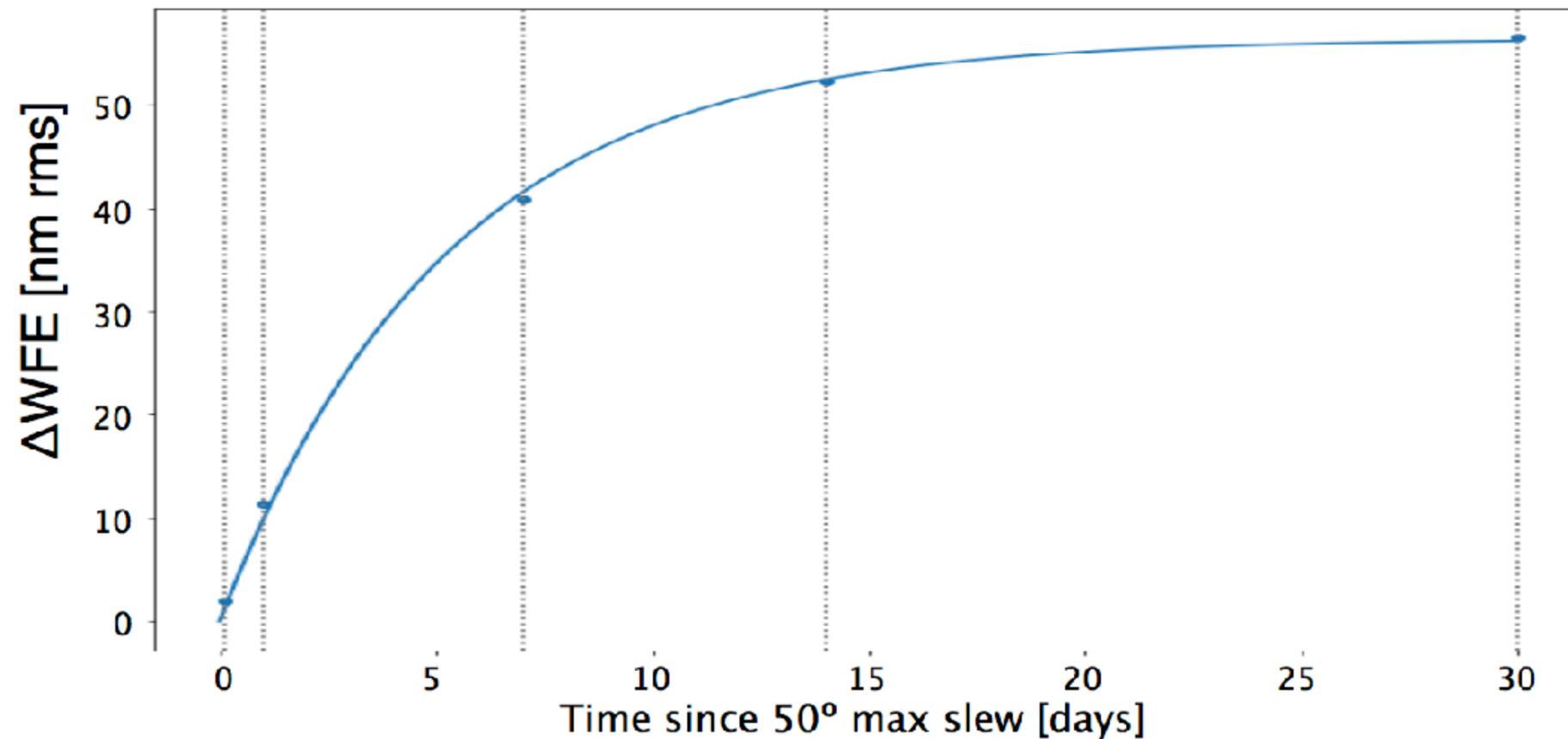


Simulated small grid dither PS subtraction  
Lajoie et al. 2106



# Towards the generation of realistic datasets : impact of slew

Model-predicted  $\Delta WFE$  from maximum hot-to-cold slew



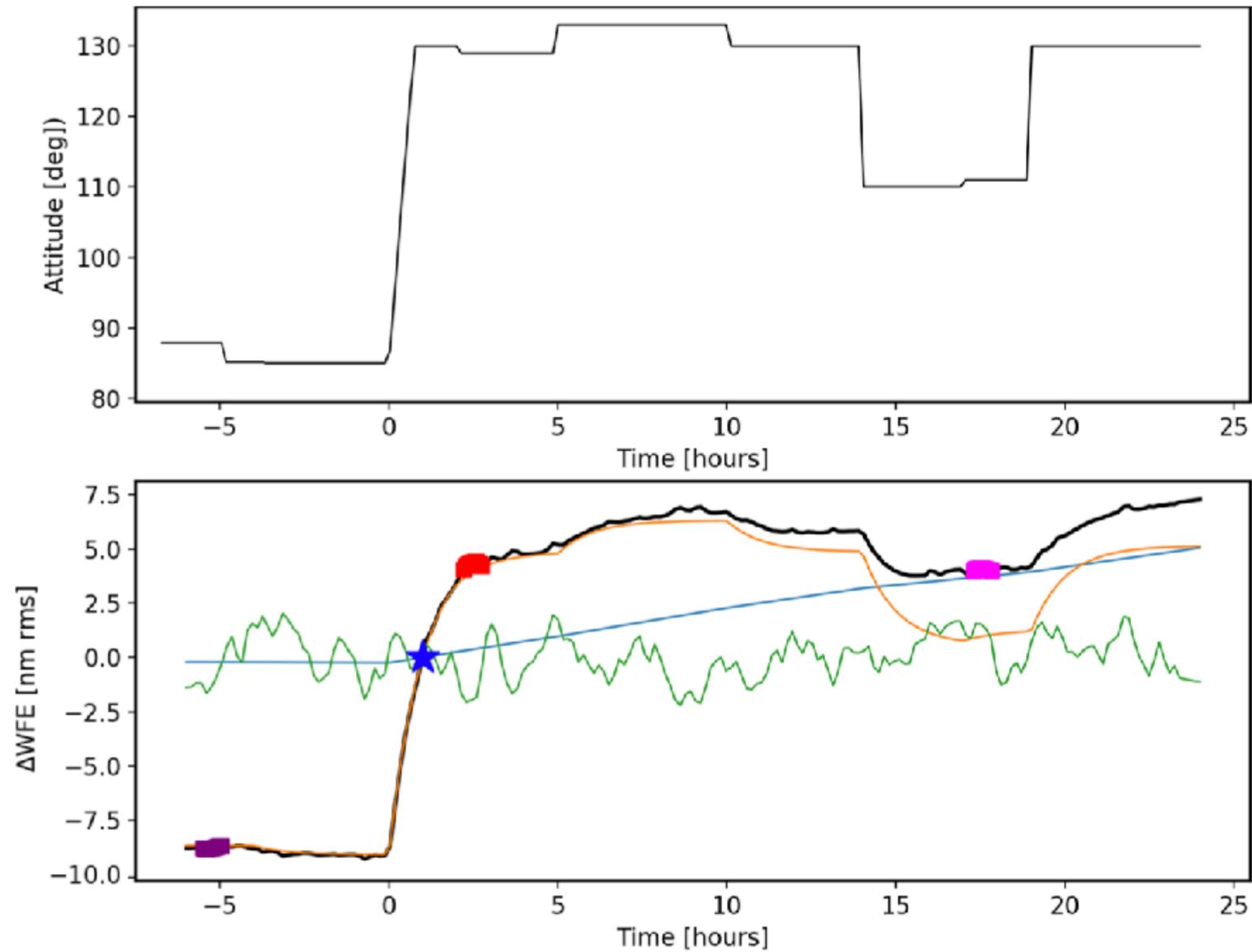
Perrin et al. SPIE 2018

Brooks et al. #AAS233

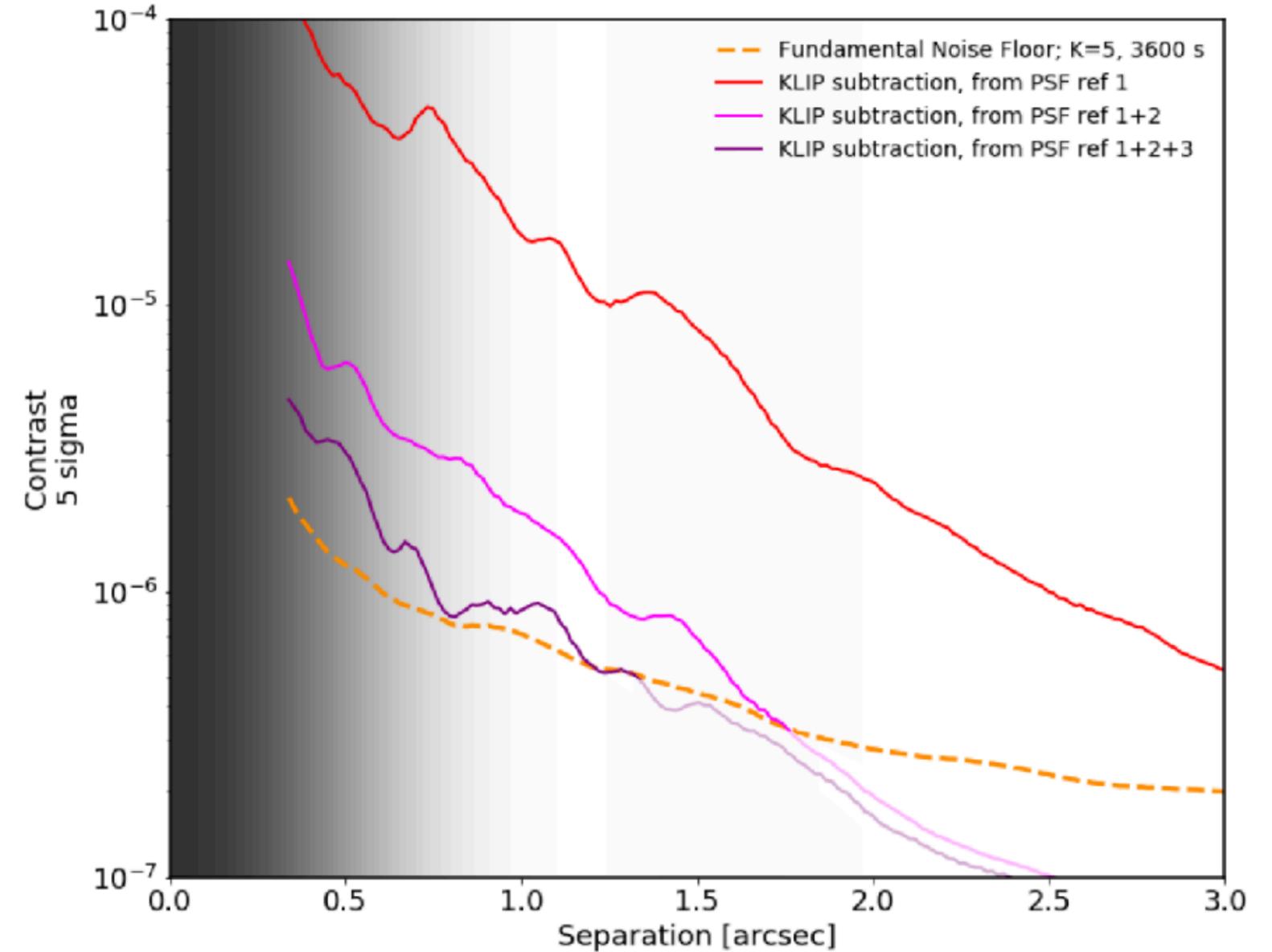


# Towards the generation of realistic datasets : impact of slew

Hypothetical in-flight time series: observatory attitude and  $\Delta$ WFE



Modeled Contrast after KLIP PSF subtraction



Perrin et al. SPIE 2018

Brooks et al. #AAS233



# ETC: Exposure Time Calculator: now at v1.5 (soon 1.6)

<https://jwst.etc.stsci.edu/>

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `jwst.etc.stsci.edu`. The page title is "Exposure Time Calculator". The main heading is "Welcome to the JWST Exposure Time Calculator". Below the heading are four buttons: "Quick Start" (green), "Create User" (white), "Login" (blue), and "Work Anonymously" (white). A light blue box contains a "News" section, which is circled in red. The news text reads: "Welcome to version 1.5 of the JWST ETC! This release features new instrument modes, accuracy improvements, usability enhancements, and more: see the [Release Notes](#) for details, and be sure to review the [Known Issues](#) for this release. When you log in to the 1.5 ETC, your old workbooks will be marked "Out of Date":

- When you load them, they will open in Read-Only mode: this ensures that your previous results are not overwritten and remain available to you for reference.
- If you copy an out of date workbook, and load the copy, all its calculations will be automatically updated for you with the current version of the software.
- For more information, see [ETC Releases and Out-of-Date Workbooks](#).



# ETC for Coronagraphy: PSF subtraction from a reference star

Exposure Time Calculator

Simple planet D1 case

Today is a nice day

Calculations Scores and Sources Upload Spectra Caveats and Limitations

ID	Plot	Mode	Scene	(s)	SNR	
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Scene Backgrounds Instrument Setup Detector Setup Strategy

NIRCam Coronagraphy

Coronagraph: MASK335R

Filter: F335M

Calculation selected: 10, Mode: nircam coronagraphy

Final System Throughput

Images

Calculation selected: 10, Mode: nircam coronagraphy

2D SNR Detector Saturation

Plots

ApFlux ApBackground SNR SNR (time) Contrast

SNR vs On-Source Time

Reports

Calculation selected: 10, Mode: nircam coronagraphy

Report Warnings Errors Downloads

Instrument Filter/Dispenser:	F335M/null
Extraction Aperture Position (arcsec):	(1.73, 0.00)
Wavelength of interest used to Calculate Scale Values (micrometers):	0.35
Size of Extraction Aperture (arcsec):	0.08
Total Time Required for Strategy (seconds):	716.16
Total Exposure Time (seconds):	358.06
Extracted Flux (e-/sec):	76.73
Standard Deviation in Extracted Flux (e-/sec):	0.82
Extracted Signal-to-Noise ratio:	80.65
Input Background Surface Brightness (MJy/ix):	0.14
Total Background Flux in Extraction Aperture (e-/sec):	60.56
Total Sky Background Flux in Extraction Aperture (e-/sec):	1.20
Fraction of Total Background due to Signal From Scene:	0.86
Average Number of Cosmic Rays per Frame:	4.0e-3
Radius at which Contrast is Measured (arcsec):	1.00
Azimuth at which Contrast is Measured (degrees):	0.0
Contrast:	NaN

Example feature:  
Expand SNR  
through filters

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Images

Calculation selected: 10, Mode: nircam coronagraphy

2D SNR Detector Saturation

Plots

ApFlux ApBackground

Seconds	SNR
0	38
50	40
100	55
150	65
200	75
250	82
300	88
350	95
400	100

Instrument: Filter/Disperser: F935m/null

Extraction Aperture Position (arcsec): (1.73, 0.00)

Wavelength of interest used to Calculate Scale Values (microns): 3.35

Size of Extraction Aperture (arcsec): 0.08

Total Time Required for Strategy (seconds): 716.16

Total Exposure Time (seconds): 358.06

Extracted Flux (e-/sec): 76.73

Standard Deviation in Extracted Flux (e-/sec): 0.82

Extracted Signal-to-Noise ratio: 80.65

Input Background Surface Brightness (MJy/ix): 0.14

Total Background Flux in Extraction Aperture (e-/sec): 60.56

Total Sky Background Flux in Extraction Aperture (e-/sec): 1.20

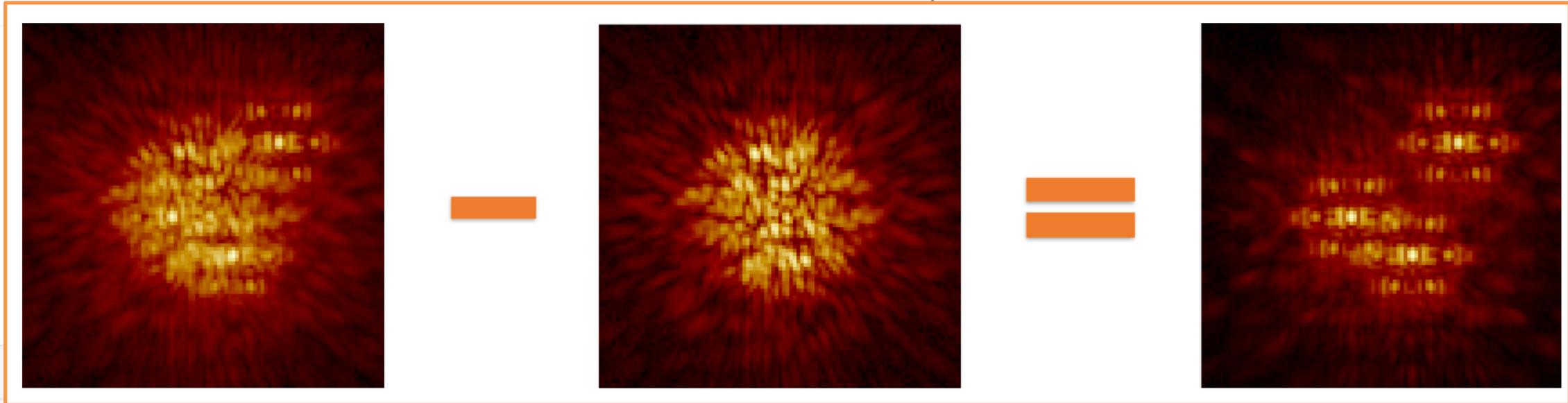
Fraction of Total Background due to Signal From Scene: 0.86

Average Number of Cosmic Rays per Frame: 4.0e-3

Radius at which Contrast is Measured (arcsec): 1.00

Azimuth at which Contrast is Measured (degrees): 0.0

Contrast: NaN



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through filters

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# ETC for Coronagraphy: **Limitations** for High Contrast Imaging

Pre-computed PSF library from WebbPSF with a discrete number of angular separations (sparse spatial sampling)

→ Calculations can be **inaccurate in the speckle limited regime** (close to the coronagraphs, typically at separations  $< 1''$ )

ETC does not account for spectral mismatch (only photometrically) of the PSF reference star

ETC supposes a perfect centering (target acquisition) of all stars

→ Calculations can be **optimistic**

PSF calculations “on the fly” are time consuming: can be done in command line with Pandeia engine or with PanCAKE (not yet fully supported)

◆ Custom small grid dithers and positioning

◆ Custom spectral sampling

◆ Custom field of view

<https://github.com/spacetelescope/pandeia-coronagraphy>

The ETC PSF subtraction strategies assume the **same detector readout parameters for all stars** in a workbook

→ If one wants to use a brighter reference star, several ETC workbooks are needed

The ETC **cannot inject ring like features** or disks

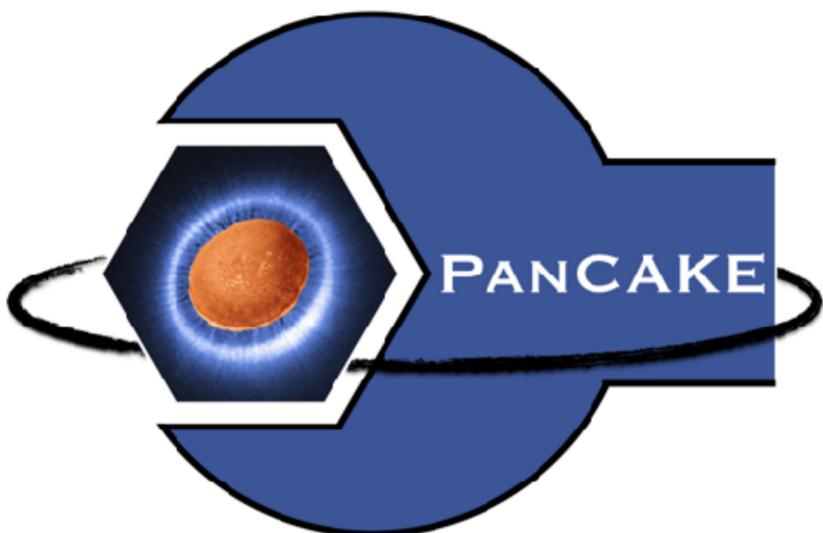
Can be done with **pyNRC** (not supported by STScI)

<https://pynrc.readthedocs.io>



# ETC extensions: PanCAKE (STScI) & pyNRC (NIRCam IDT)

[github.com/spacetelescope/pandemia-coronagraphy](https://github.com/spacetelescope/pandemia-coronagraphy)



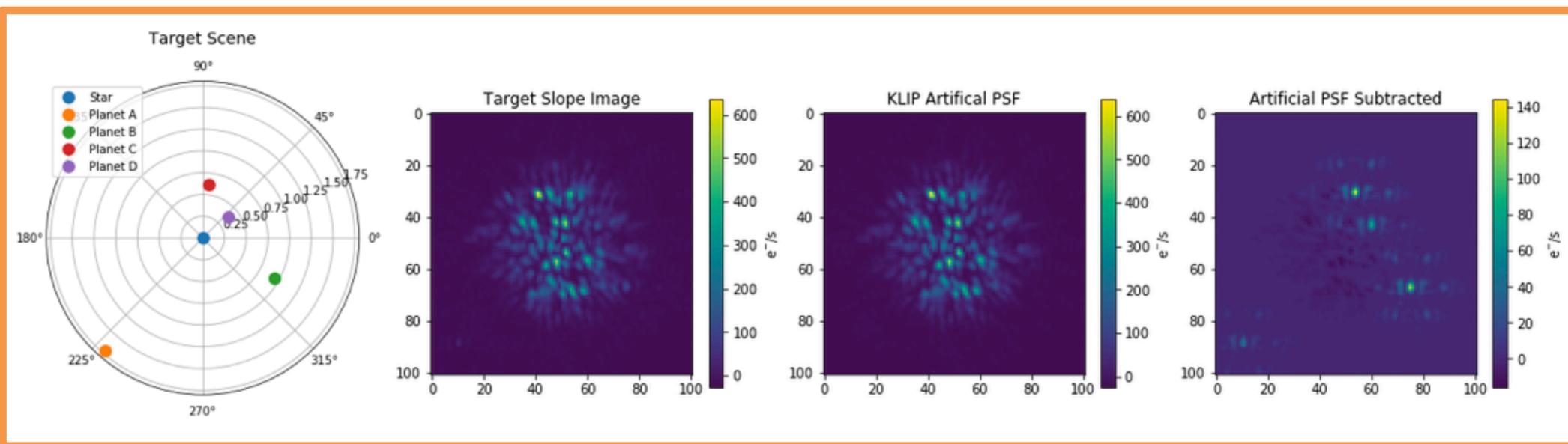
Can call WebbPSF “on the fly”

custom PSF grids/dithers, FoV, spectral sampling, more precise extractions

Several coronagraphic specific functions

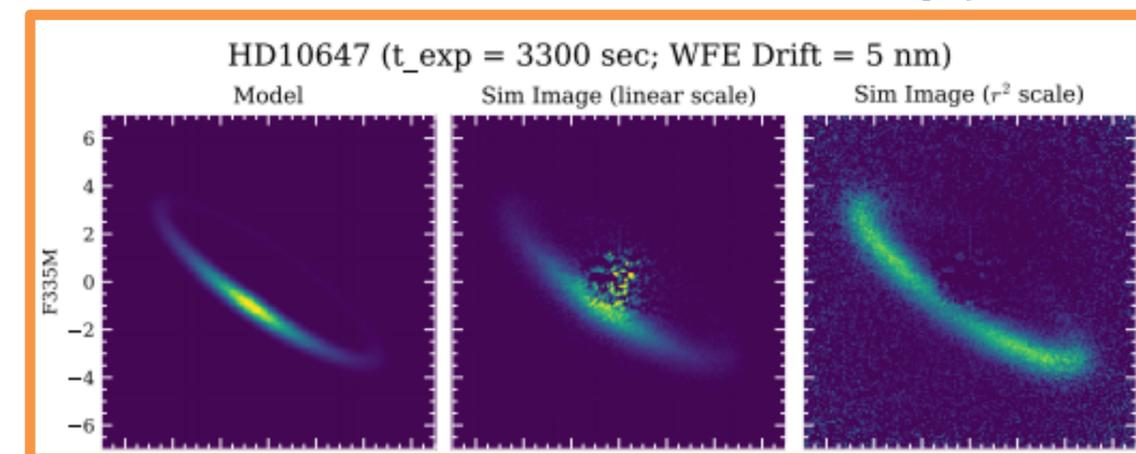
Contrast curves

Currently improving the scene compatibility with ETC UI and outputs



Check also (disks)!

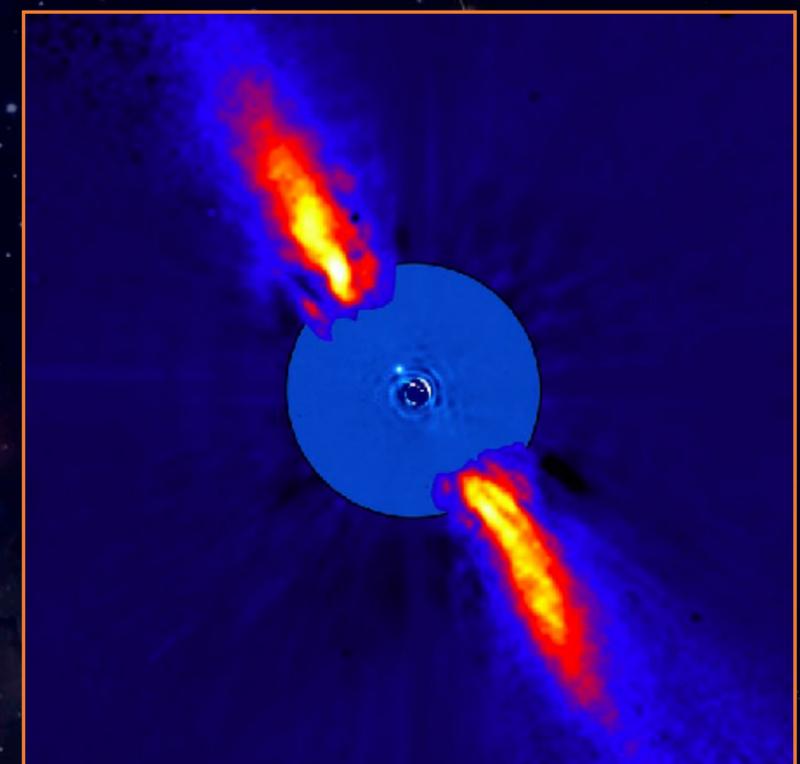
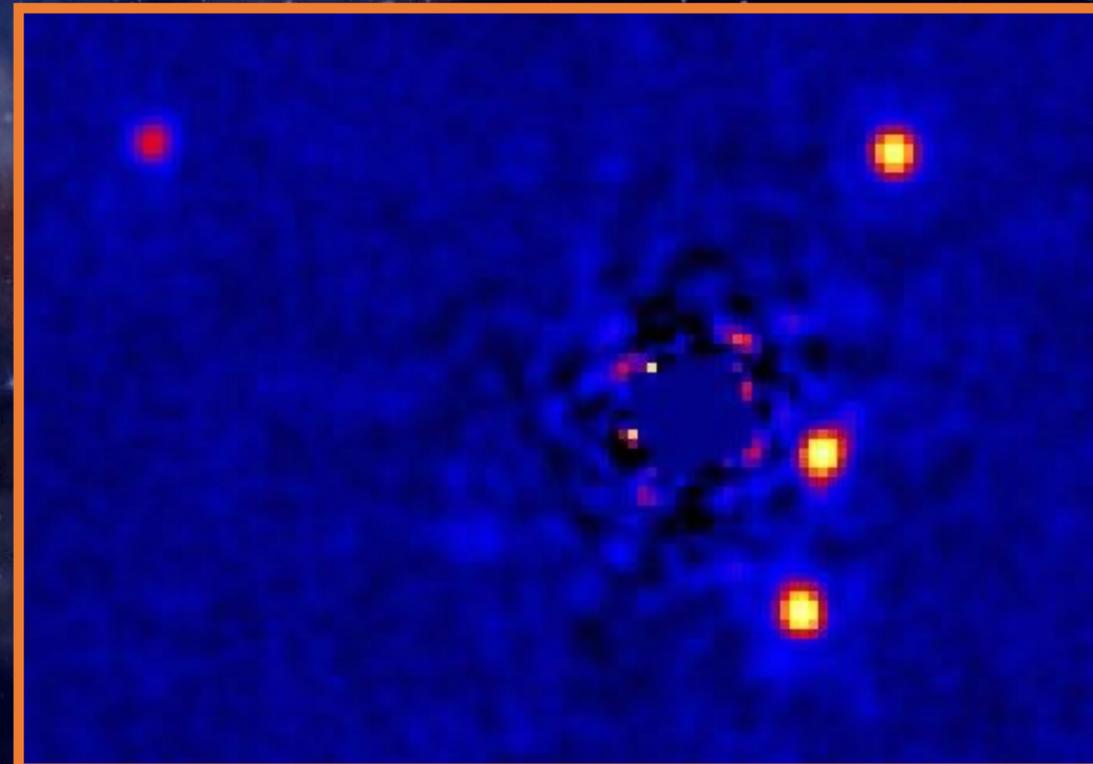
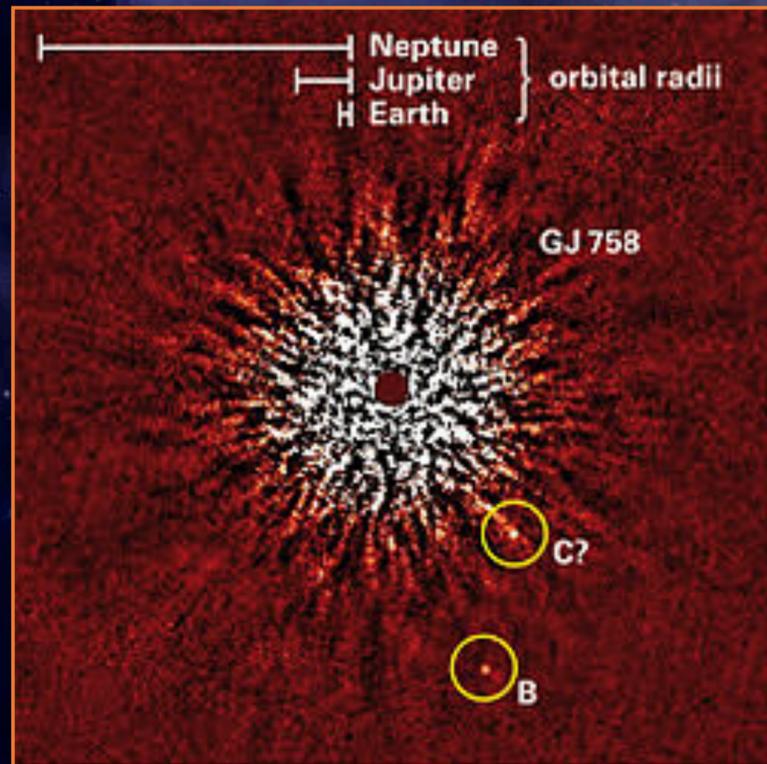
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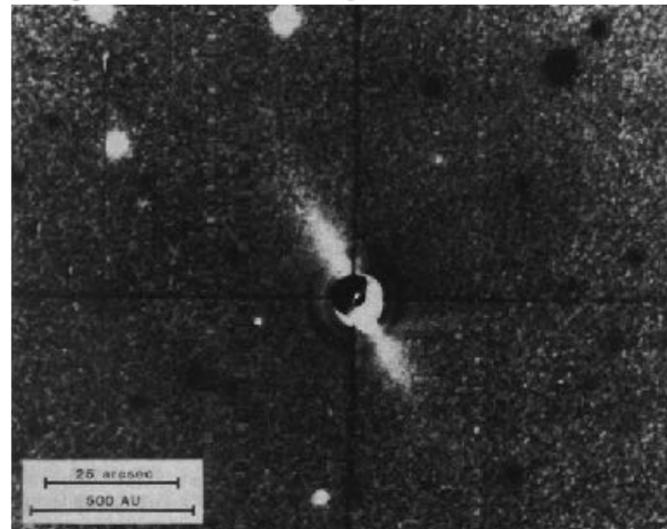
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## Example Science Programs

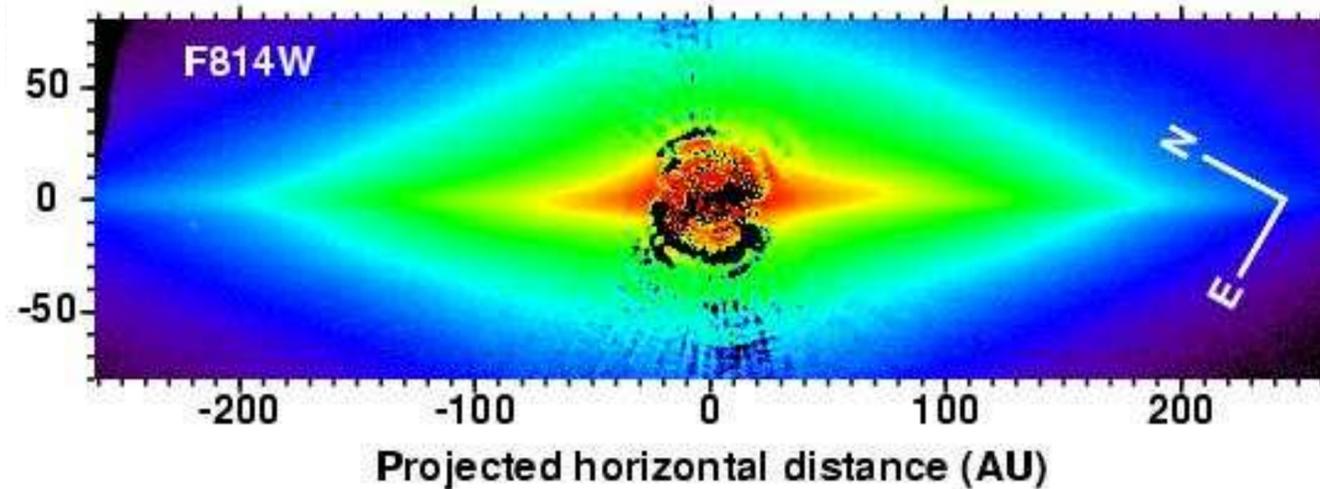




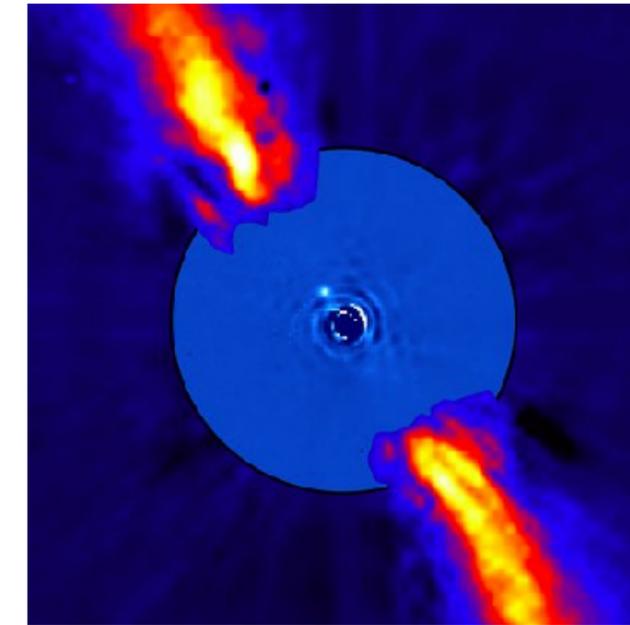
## Example Science Program: deep imaging of the $\beta$ Pic debris disk



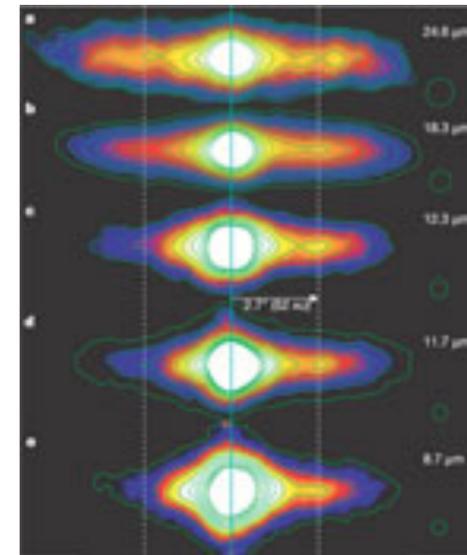
Smith & Terrile 1984



Golimowski et al. 2006



Lagrange et al. 2009, 2010



Telesco et al. 2005

**Goals:** Characterize the archetypal debris disk around Beta Pic with deep imaging in multiple filters across JWST's entire wavelength range.

Measure disk structure, composition, and interactions with planets. Test for presence of water and CO<sub>2</sub> ices, and of organic tholins (like on Titan). Measure color variations and asymmetries across the disk. Probe thermal emission from both the warm inner belt and outer cooler main disk.

Obtain a comprehensive legacy dataset on this target, for analysis alongside similar data on several other debris disks from the NIRCcam and MIRI GTO programs.

(note, observing the known planet Beta Pic b is not a goal of this program given its projected separation in 2019.)



## **Example Science Program: Beta Pictoris debris disk**

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### **Which coronagraphs and filters?**

- NIRCcam, 6 medium band filters for disk composition: 1.82, 2.10 in SW; 2.5, 3.0, 3.3, 4.1 in LW. Use round coronagraphs for full azimuthal coverage (MASK210R and MASK335R).
- MIRI, F1550C (for warm inner disk) and F2300C (for cooler outer disk).

### **Observing strategy and PSF subtraction?**

- Standard sequence, ADI+RDI.
- One of the brightest disks in the sky; a relatively easy target. Does not need small grid dithers.

### **Exposure times?**

- Obtain consistent dataset with NIRCcam & MIRI GTO observations of several other disks; therefore adopted fixed deep exposures per filter list rather than optimizing to source specifics.
- 20 minutes per filter per roll for NIRCcam; 30 minutes for MIRI.
- Note, for NIRCcam can take multiple filters on same coronagraph after one target acq; MIRI needs to switch coronagraph and do target acq for every filter change.



## Choosing a PSF star for Beta Pic

- This time we can take a shortcut for picking a PSF calibrator star:

Science target: Beta Pic. Spectral Type A6, K mag = 3.48. 05 47 -51 03

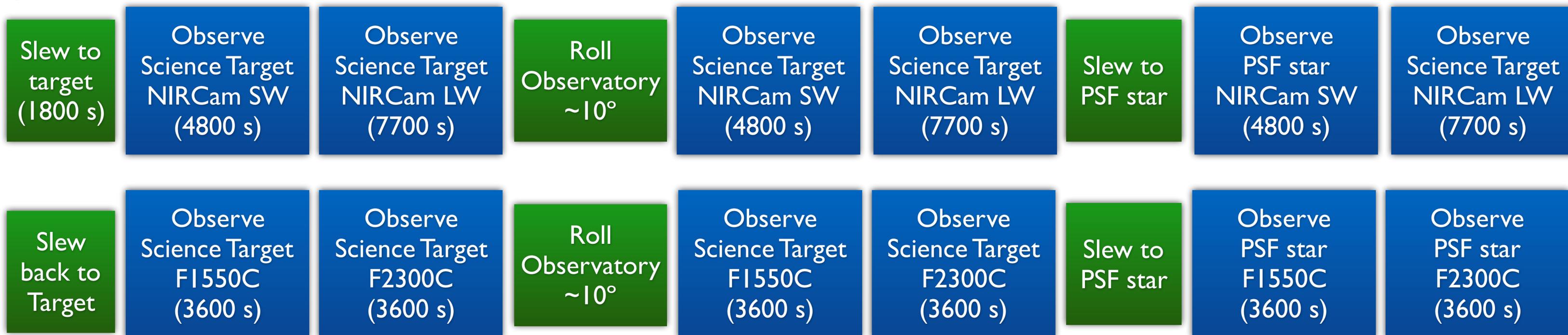
PSF reference: Alpha Pic. Spectral Type A8, K mag = 2.57. 06 48 -61 56

### Why did we pick Alpha Pic?

- Successfully used as PSF reference in many HST observations.
- Close match in spectral type, nearby, 1 mag brighter, known single star.



## Beta Pic observing program overall



Program total time is dominated by overheads. (8.7 hr science time, 18.5 hr total charged).

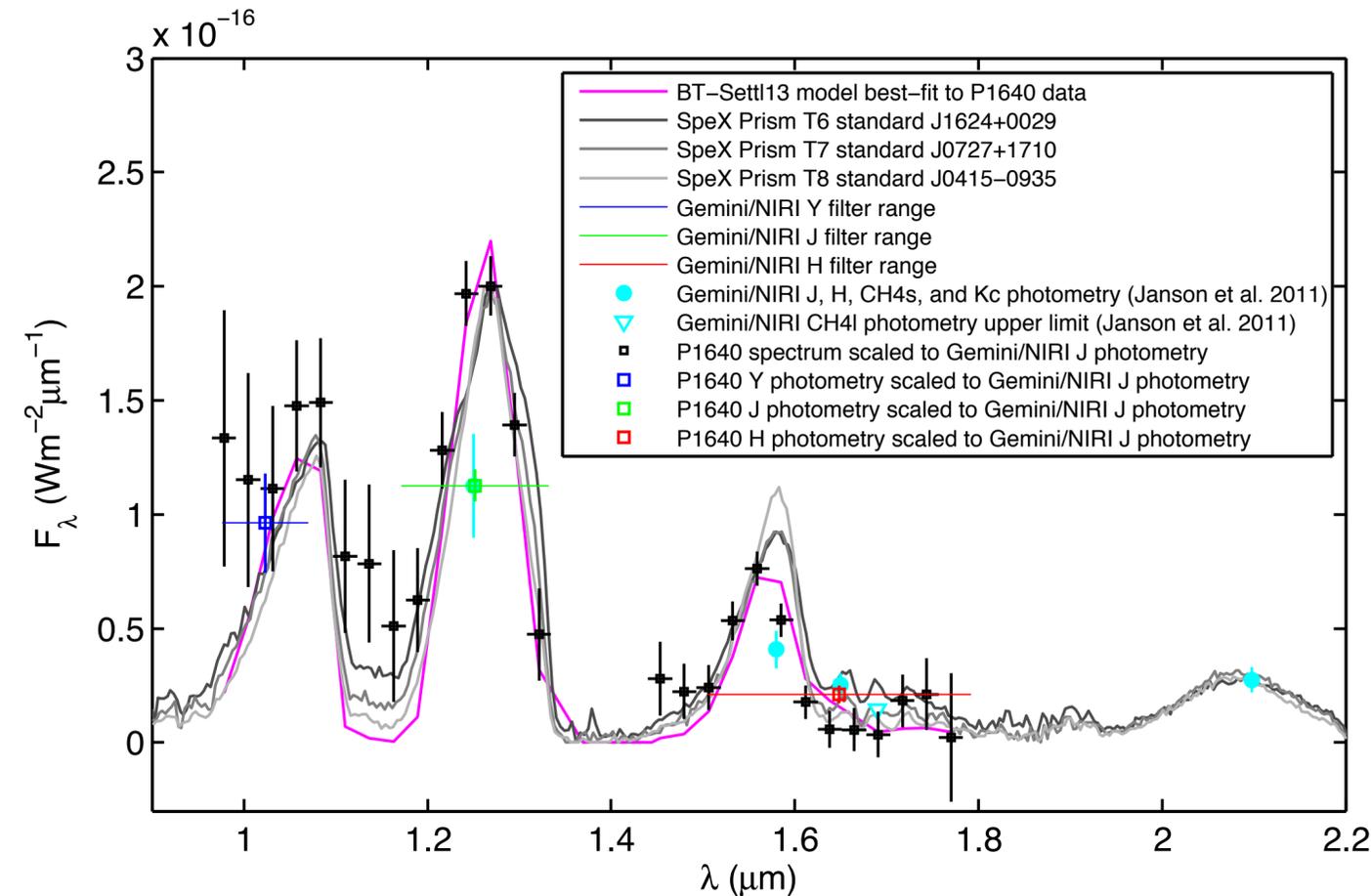
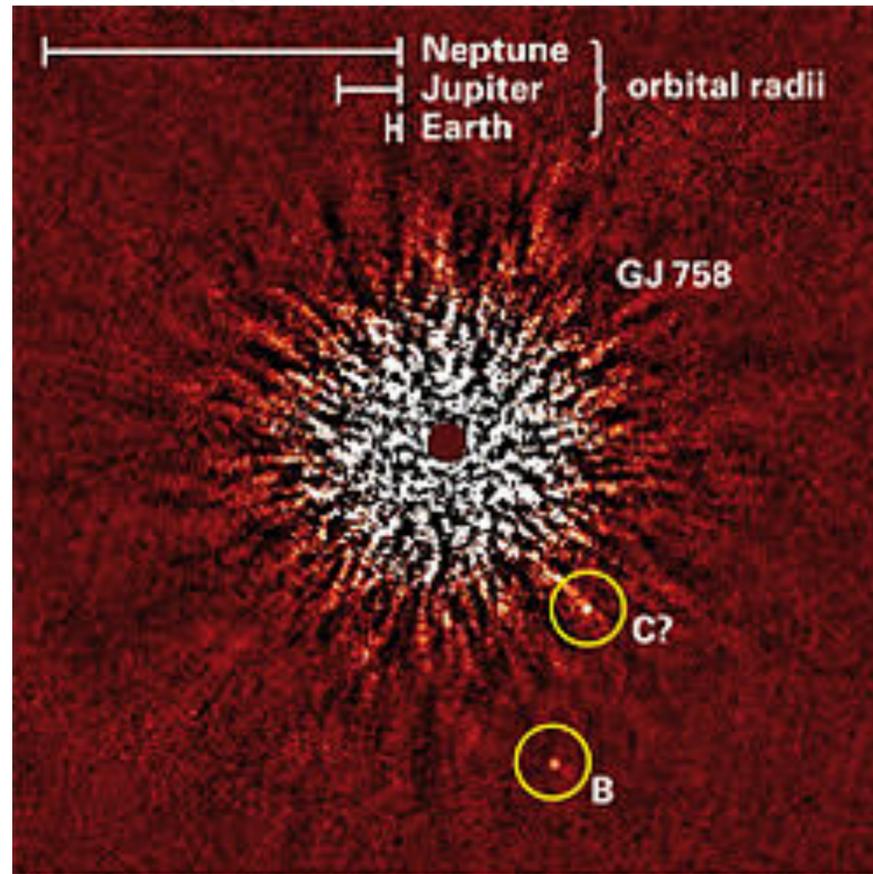
Could save a little time if we minimized slews (reorder to group all PSF star obs at end), but that would increase time delay between some science visits + their PSF reference by over 5 hrs; we opted against this trade.

Notes, need to set orientation constraints to avoid the disk major axis landing along any FQPM quadrant boundaries.

Preferred is  $\sim 45^\circ$  relative to the MIRI FQPM axes (loose tolerance).



# Example Science Program: Characterizing the Brown Dwarf GJ758



~700 K, methane-rich brown dwarf.

Nearly edge-on orbit.  
Radial velocity trends will yield dynamical mass.  
Host star is G9, 19 pc distant.

See:  
Thalmann et al. 2009  
Currie et al. 2010  
Jansson et al. 2011  
Nilsson et al. 2017

## Program goals:

**Characterize the atmosphere of this cool benchmark brown dwarf at long wavelengths.**

Measure effective temperature and atmospheric ammonia absorption.

Compare to atmospheres of field brown dwarfs. Combine with existing shorter wavelength data to retrieve atmospheric properties in detail.



# Example Science Program: Characterizing the Brown Dwarf GJ

## Which coronagraphs?

- MIRI, all 3 FQPMs. To get continuum fluxes, temperature, and ammonia absorption.

## Observing strategy and PSF subtraction?

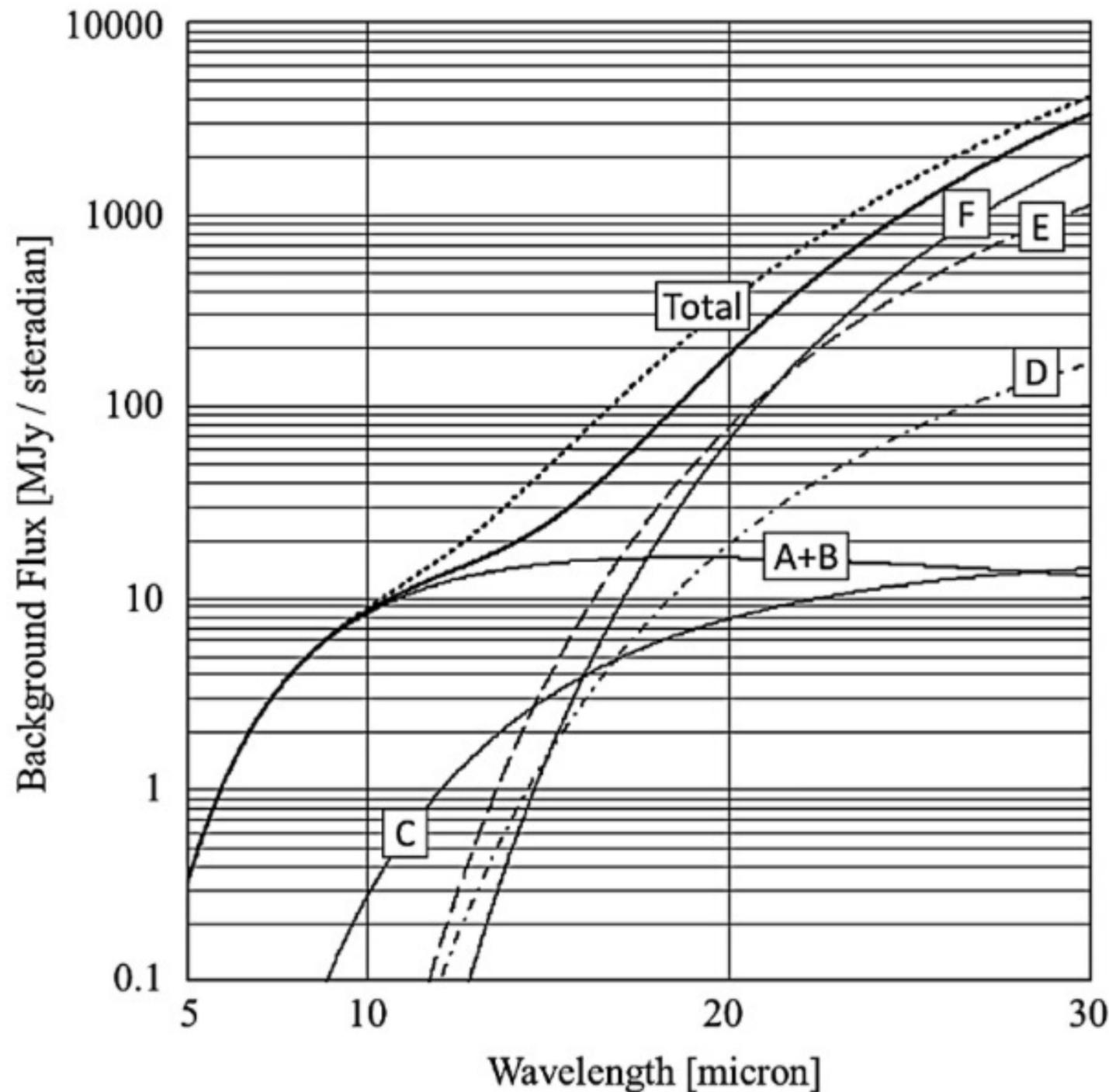
- Standard sequence, 2 rolls science + PSF star, repeat for each FQPM filter.
- Extrapolating from NIR data, companion contrast is moderate  $\sim 10^{-4}$  at  $10 \mu\text{m}$ . But edge-on orbit will move it inward to projected separation of  $1''$  by 2019.
- Therefore use small grid dither on PSF star to optimize contrast close to the star.

## Exposure times?

- Upload to ETC a model spectrum fit to NIR data; normalize to available K band photometry.
- Setup ETC scene with target star, companion, reference star. Calculate exposure times. See splinter session for details!
- Calculated that just a few hundred s yields very high SNR at  $10.6$  &  $11.4 \mu\text{m}$ .  $15 \mu\text{m}$  is much harder due to increased thermal background, needs longer integration.



## Thermal background matters at the longest wavelengths



**Thermal background rises significantly beyond 15  $\mu\text{m}$  from primary mirror & sunshield thermal emission.**

Limiting factor for MIRI F1550C and F2300C coronagraphy; less significant for all other filters.

This is included in the background model used by the JWST ETC.



## Choosing a PSF REFERENCE star for GJ 758

- Science target is quite bright; needs similarly bright PSF reference for comparable exposure times.
- Relatively few 4th mag stars, hence small set to choose from. Here's what we picked:

Science target: GJ 758.      Spectral Type G9, K mag = 4.49.      19 23 + 33 13

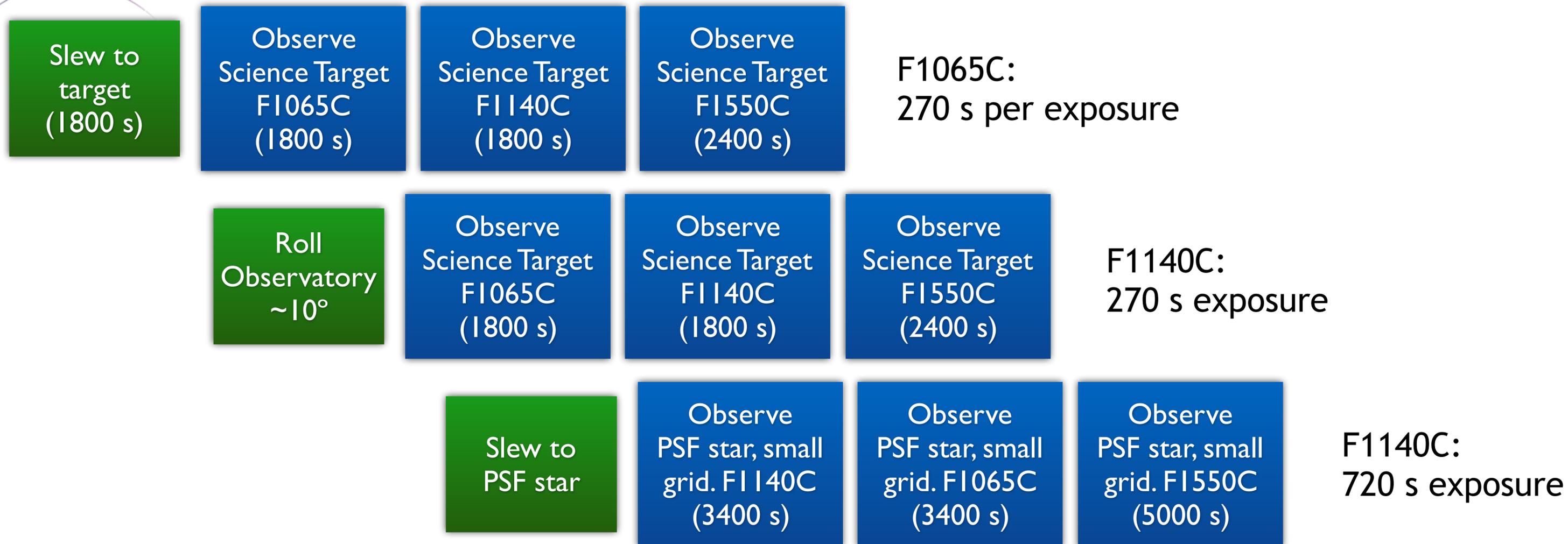
PSF reference: HD 190360.      Spectral Type G7, K mag = 4.08.      20 03 + 29 53

### Why did we pick HD 190360?

- Relatively near by (~9 deg separation.)
- Close match in spectral type (not as critical at MIRI wavelengths but still good to have)
- 0.4 mag brighter (allows shorter exposure time on PSF star, which helps reduce cost of taking PSF observation 9x in small grid dither pattern.)
- We're 100% certain it's not a binary. (known RV planet host star with extensive observations that rule out binarity).



## GJ 758 b observing program overall



Program total time is dominated by overheads: slews, target acqs, etc. (2 hr science time, 7.25 hr total charged).

Reordering visits can (slightly) trade efficiency against closeness in time of PSF calibrators; how this is handled by APT's "Smart Accounting" is still in flux.

Notes, need to set orientation constraints to avoid the companion landing along any FQPM quadrant boundaries.



## The HR 8799 Science Use Case

Face on system (faint debris disk)

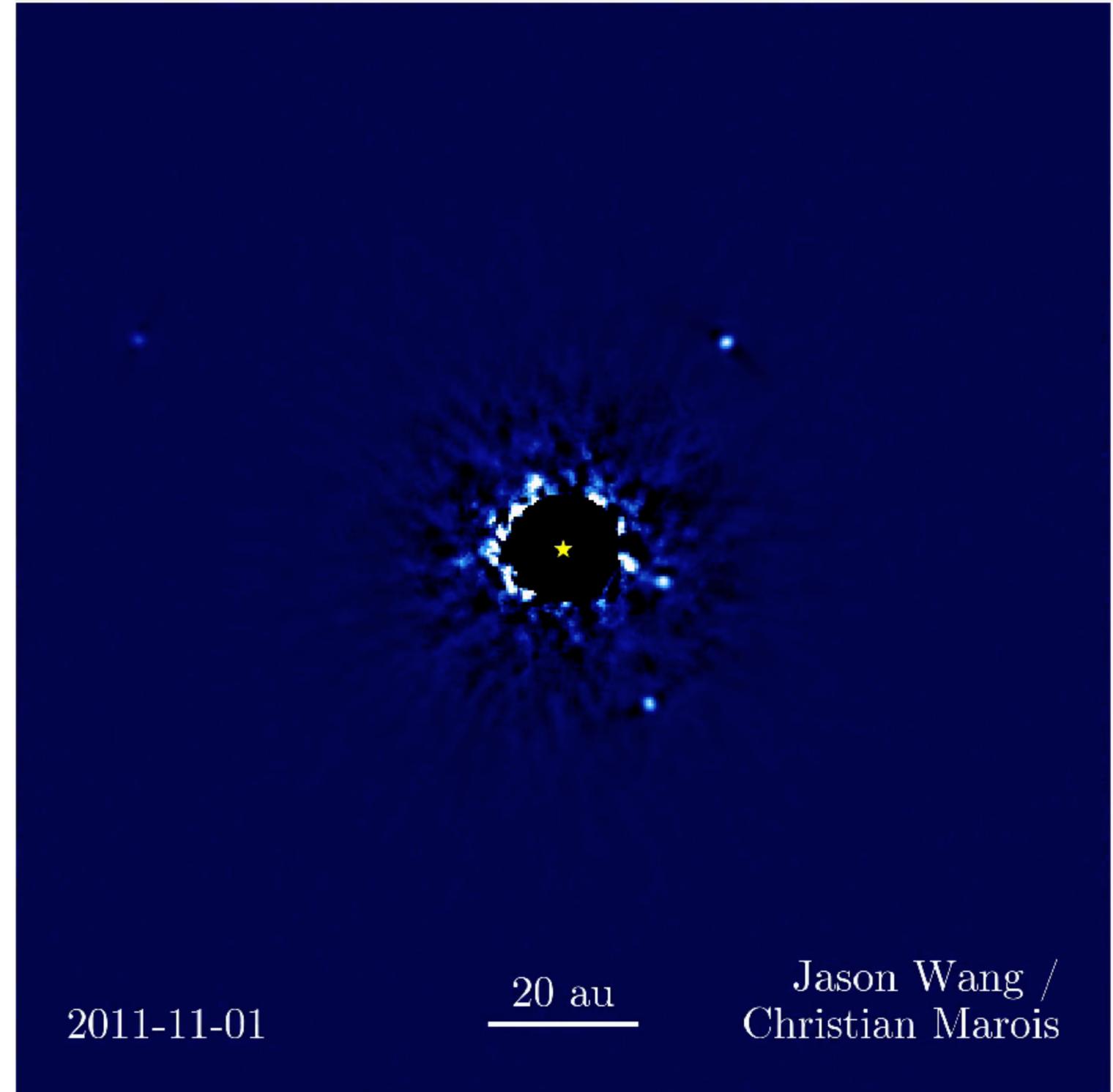
4 planets with mass  $< 8 M_{\text{Jup}}$

b at 1.7" is the faintest

b c d e are all doable with NIRCam  
Coronagraphy

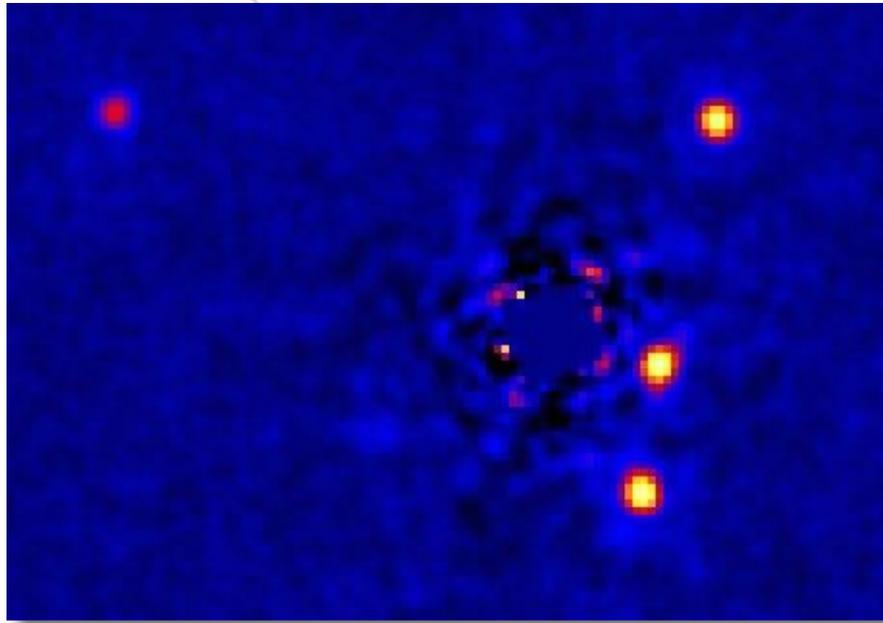
b & c can be done with MIRI 4QFM  
coronagraph

e can be attempted with NIRISS/AMI





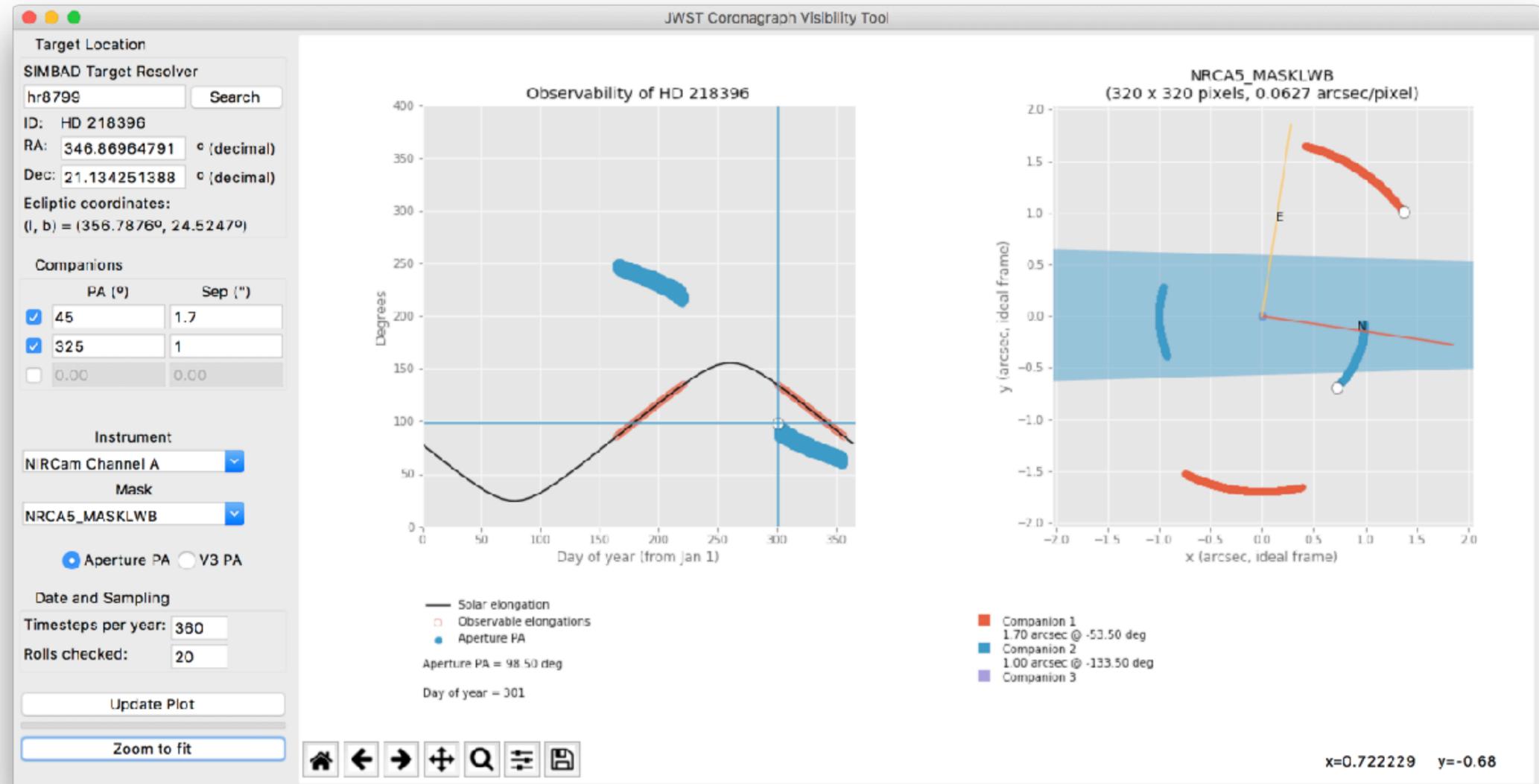
# Example Science Program: the HR8799 4-planet system



discovered by Marois, here Currie et al. 2014

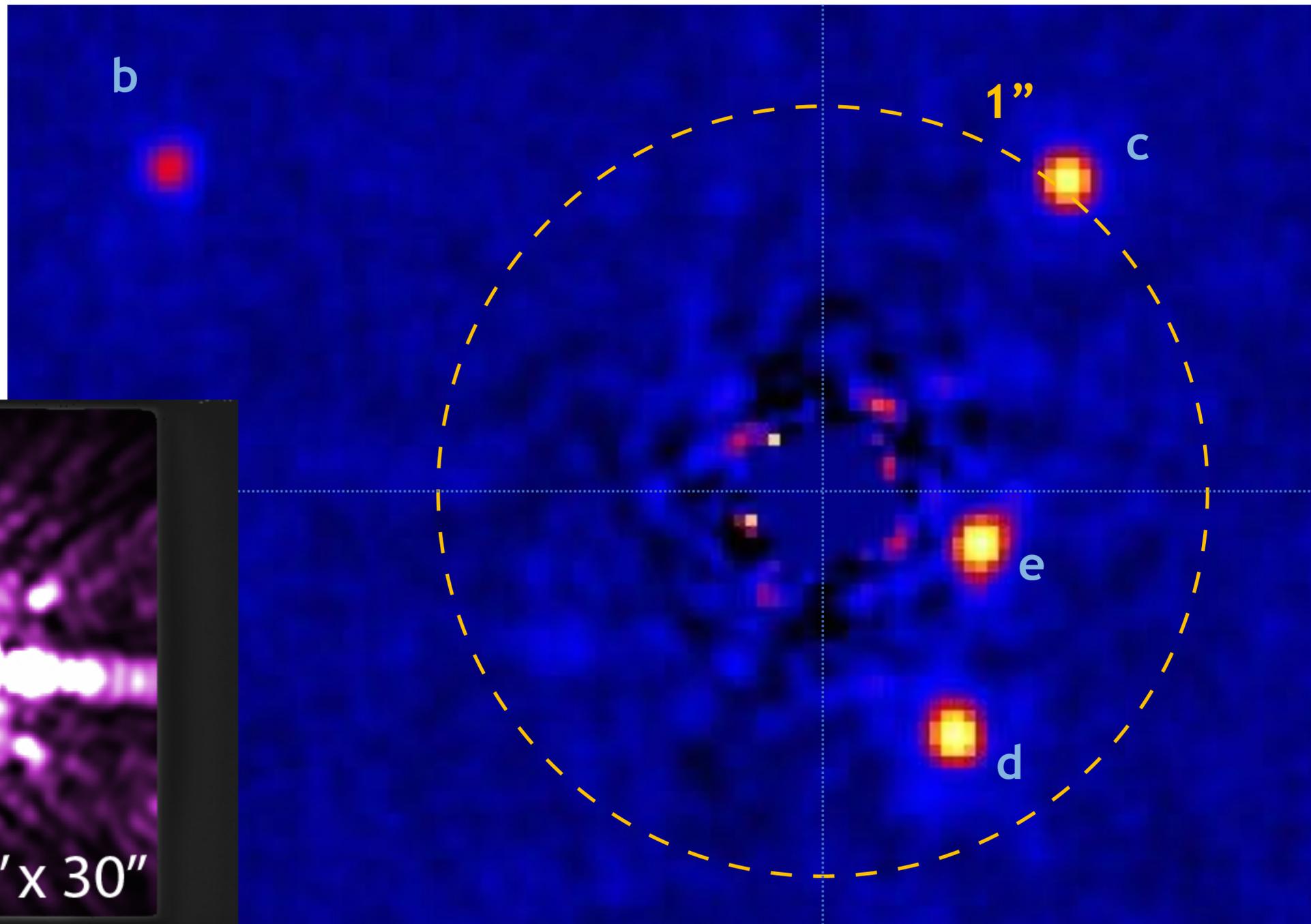
Setting special requirements for position angles

## Coronagraph Visibility Tool (CVT)





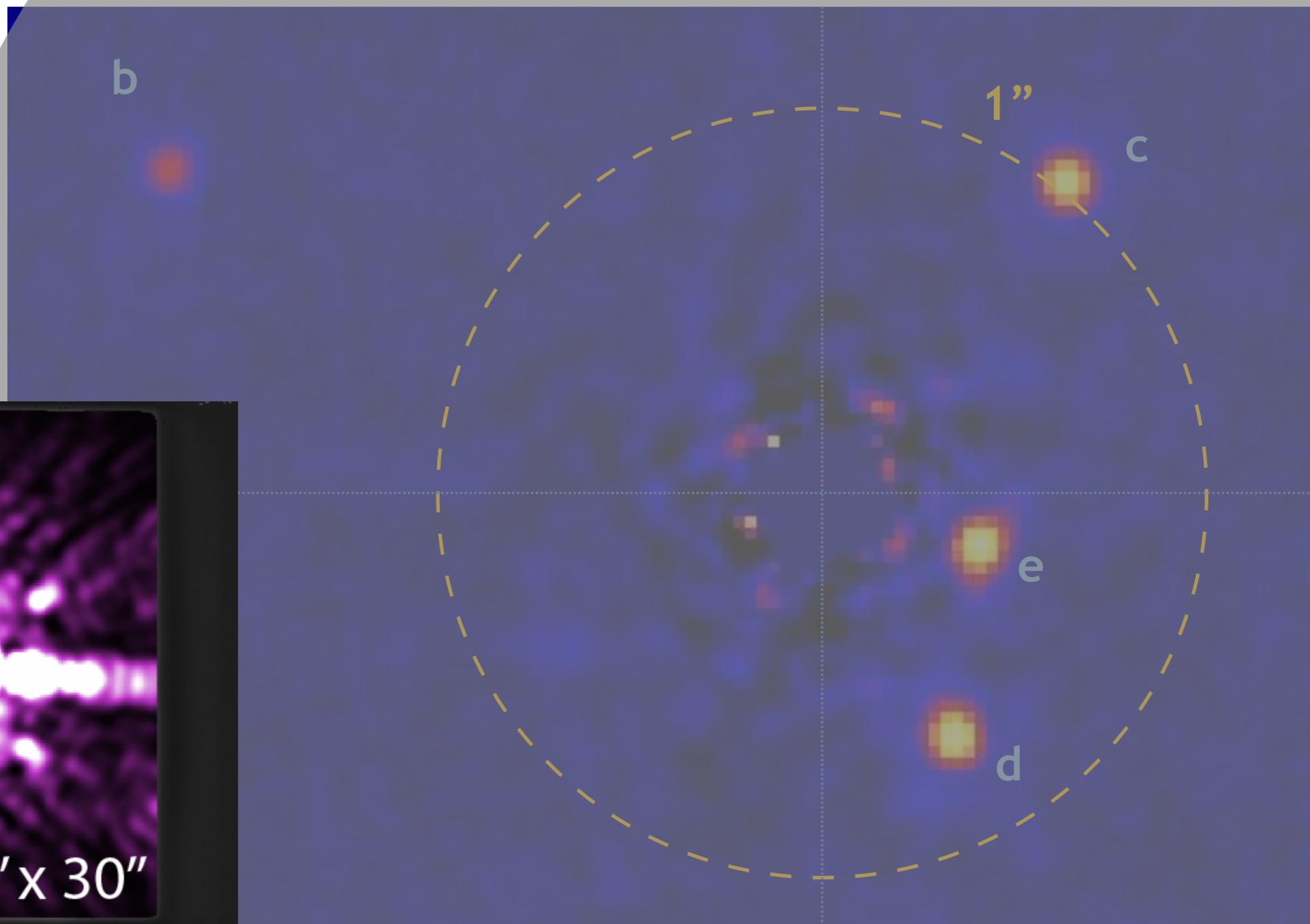
# Example Science Program 1: the HR8799 4-planet system





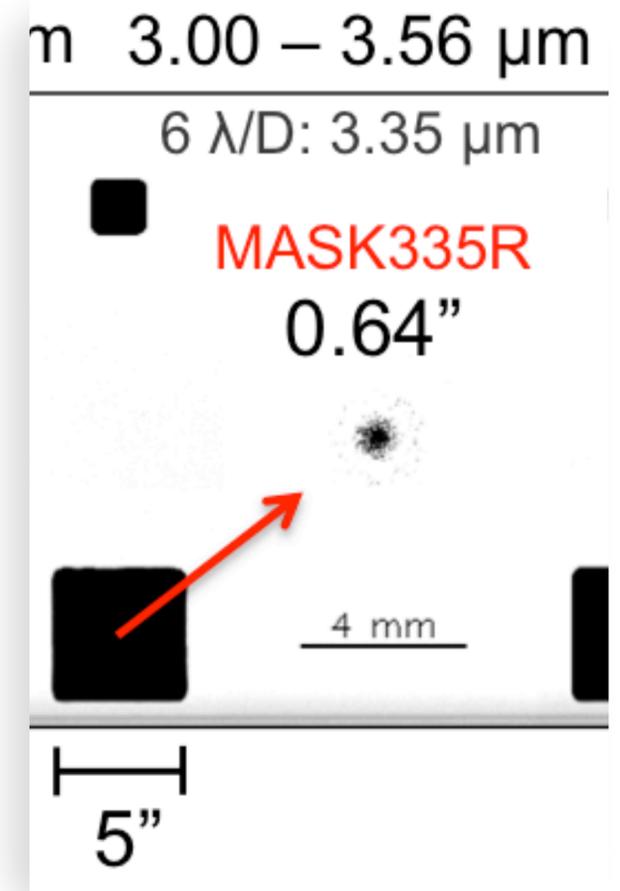
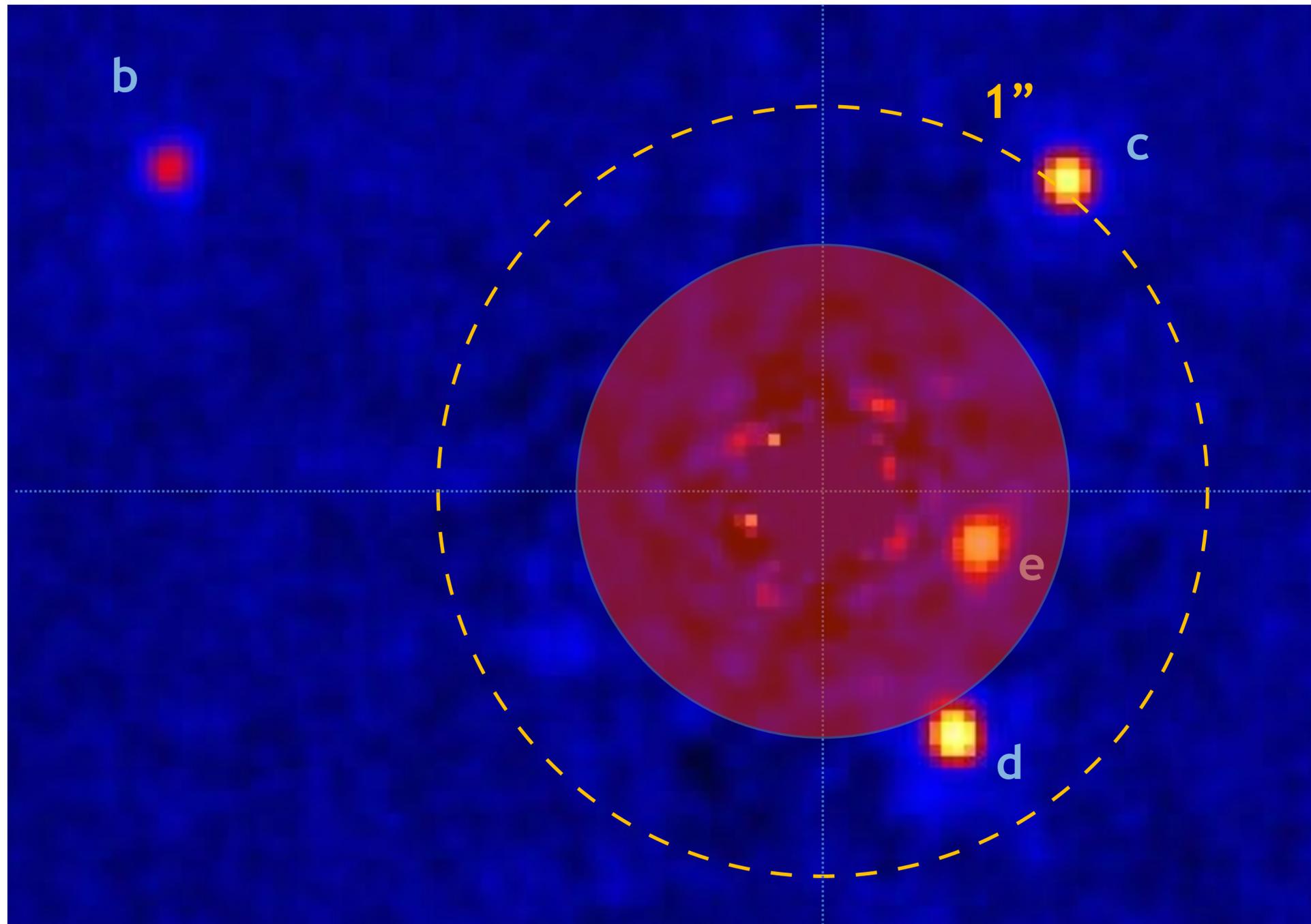
# Example Science Program 1: the HR8799 4-planet system

size  
2.16"!!!





# Example Science Program 1: the HR8799 4-planet system

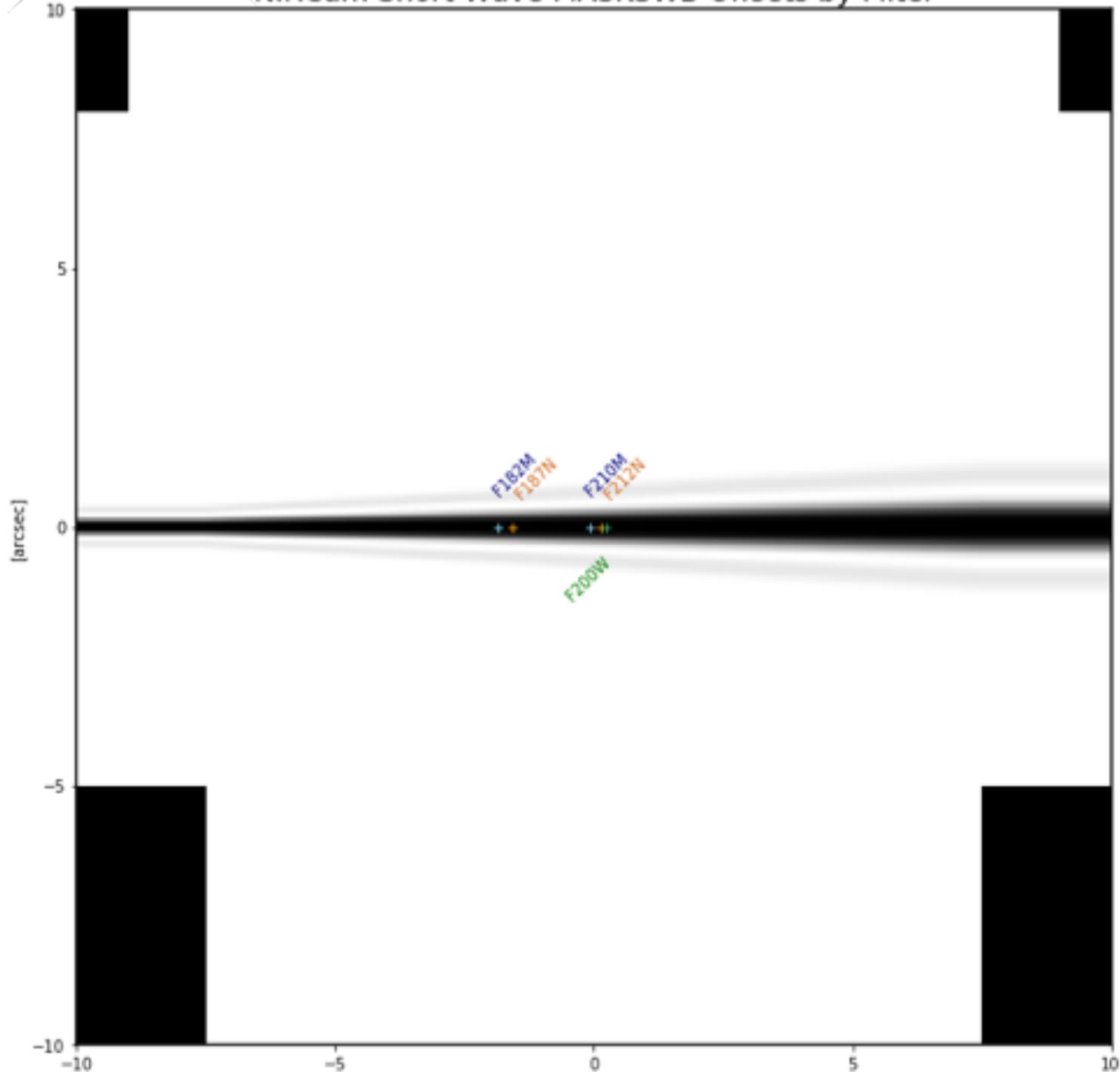


**IWA ~ 0.64''**

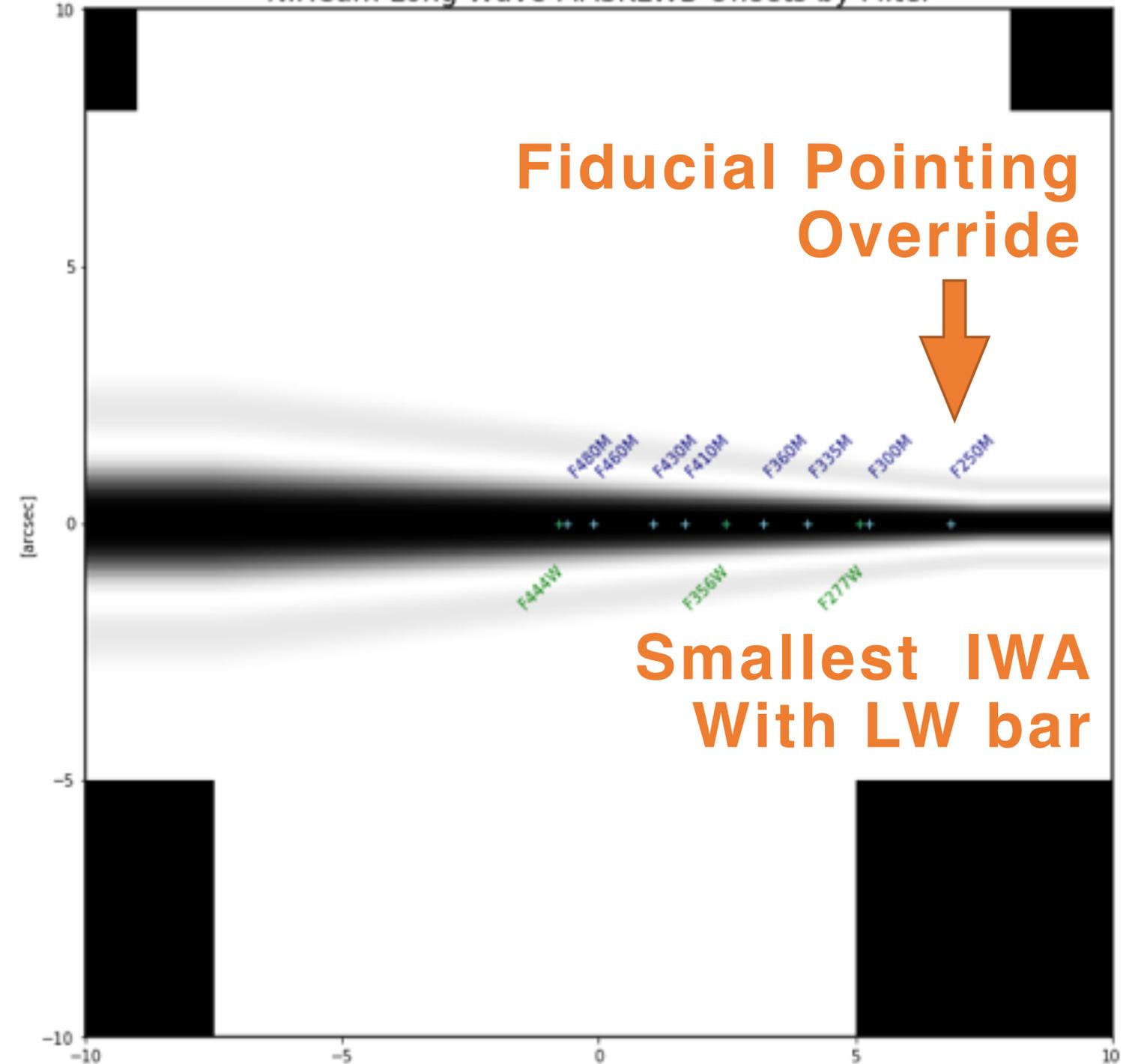


# NIRCam Coronagraphy: bar coronagraphs (wedge occulters)

NIRCam Short Wave MASKSWB Offsets by Filter



NIRCam Long Wave MASKLWB Offsets by Filter



**Fiducial Pointing Override**

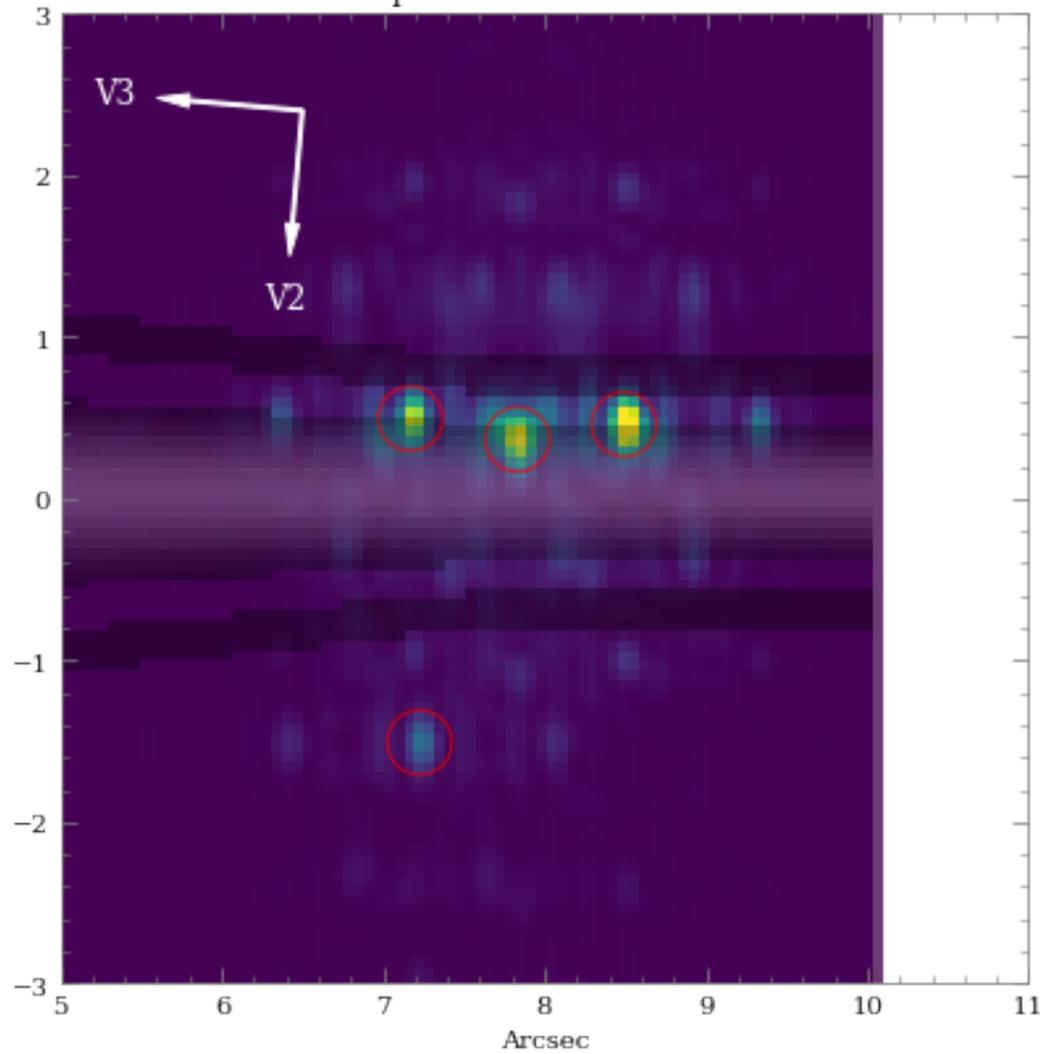


**Smallest IWA With LW bar**

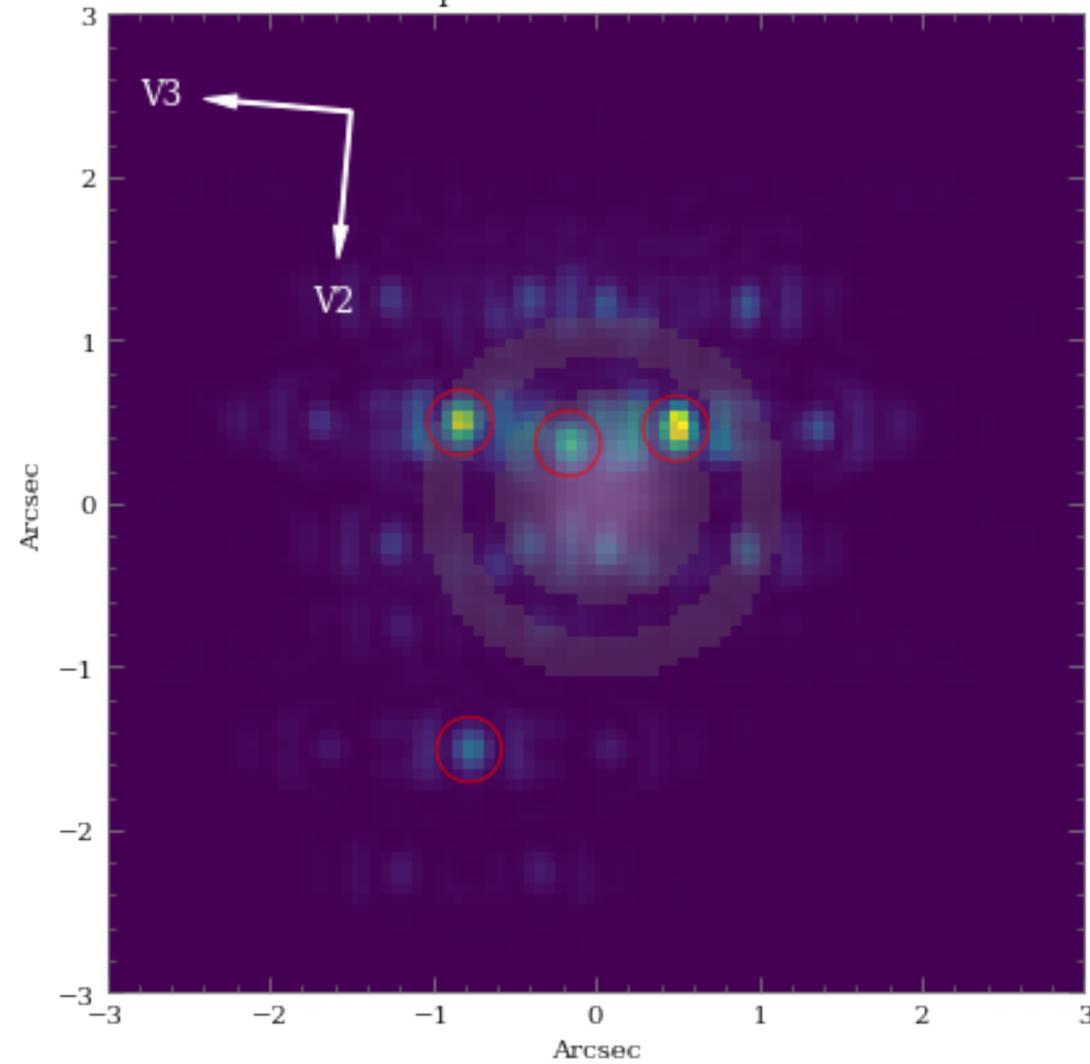


# Example Science Program #36 & NIRCcam Coronagraphs

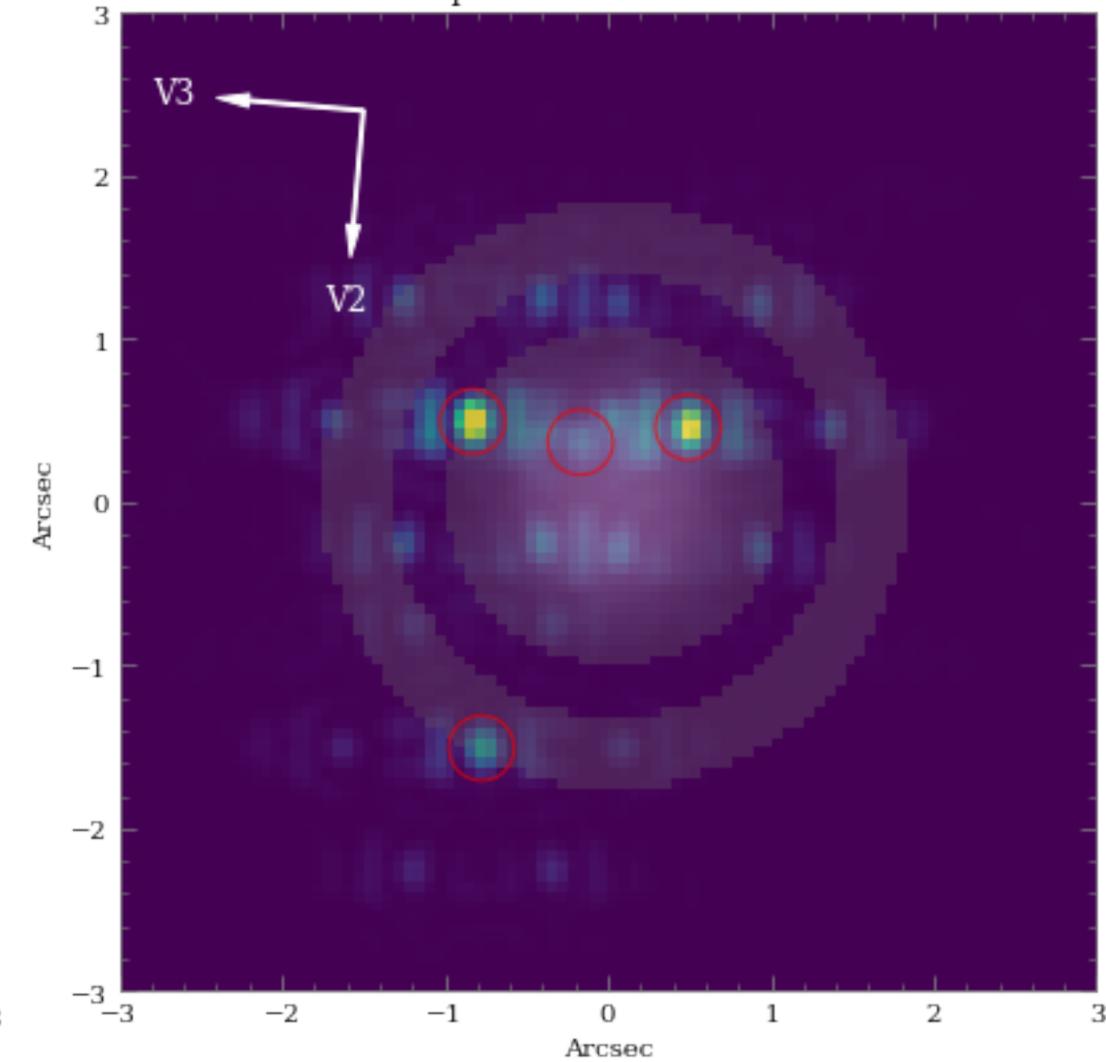
HR 8799 planets -- F460M MASKLWB



HR 8799 planets -- F460M MASK210R



HR 8799 planets -- F460M MASK335R

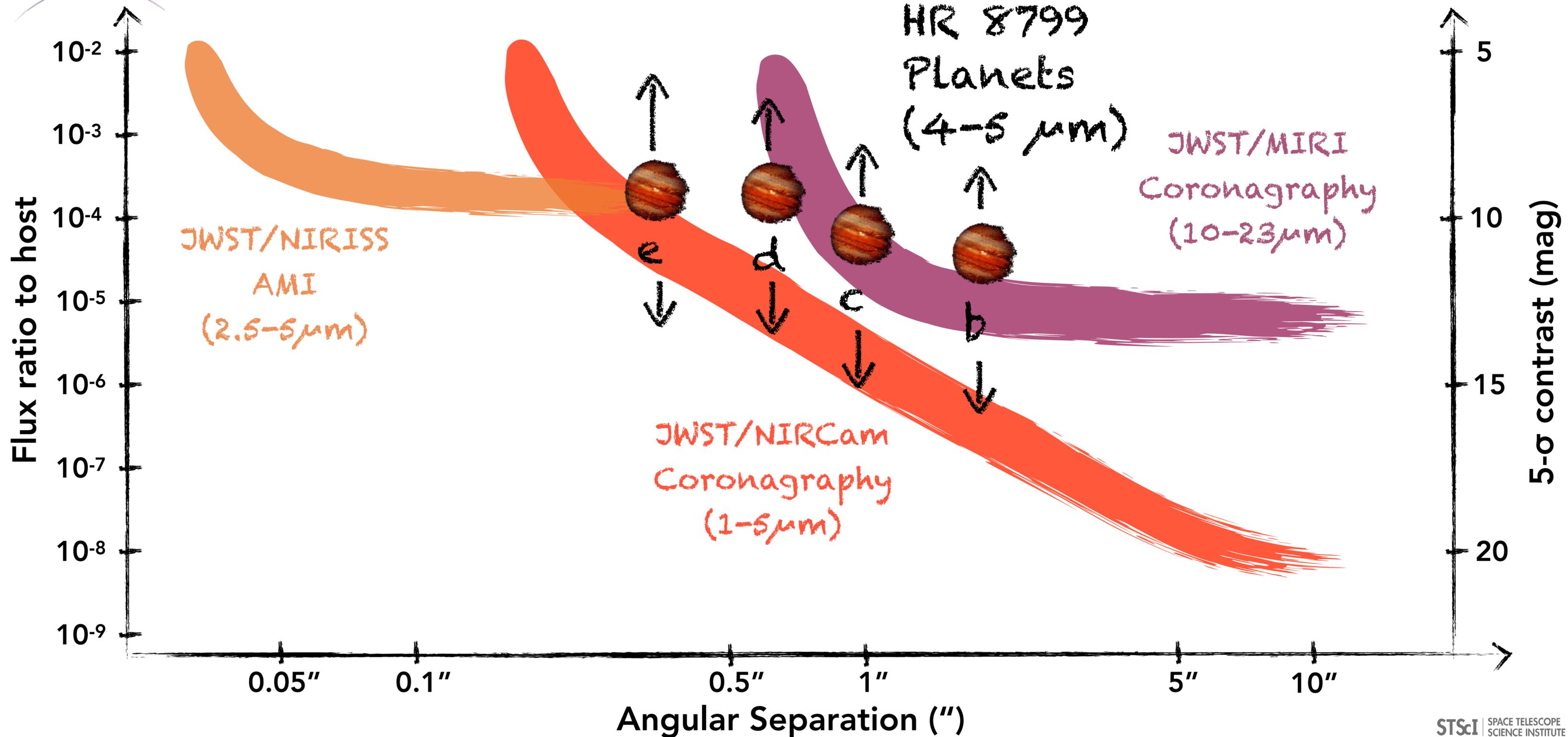


Credit: J. Leisenring (pyNRC, U. Of Arizona)

Note: All compass axes should be (N, E) not (V3, V2)



# NIR to MIR Coronagraphy & Aperture Masking: Ground & Space





**Extra Slides, Extra Resources**

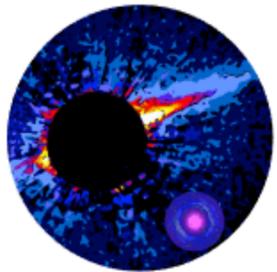


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## Coronagraphy

Ask about NIRCam or MIRI coronagraphic imaging

### Coronagraphy with JWST NIRCam and MIRI

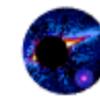
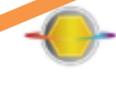
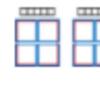
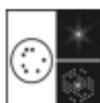
Typical requests include issues with:

- NIRCam Lyot, MIRI Lyot, and MIRI 4-quadrant phase-mask (4QPM) coronagraphy
- Exposure Time Calculator (ETC) estimates
- Designing observations with APT and adopting the best possible PSF subtraction strategy
- The Coronagraphic Visibility Tool (CVT)

For faster resolution, please attach draft APT files, ETC workbook numbers, and/or screenshots.

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# Proposal Planning Workshop: material, presentations

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#### Planning Solar System Observations with JWST - ESTEC venue

Science Meeting • December 13 - 15, 2017 • Noordwijk, Netherlands ESTEC

This 2.5-day workshop will include a mixture of presentations about the promise of JWST for solar system science, specifics on observer planning tools and observatory capabilities, and hands-on training and Q&A with the planning tools. Observations of solar system targets approved for guaranteed-time observers (GTOs) and through the Early Release Science (ERS) program will be summarized. The workshop...

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#### JWST Proposal Planning Workshop

Training Workshop • December 11 - 14, 2017 • Caltech, Pasadena, CA

This workshop will take place shortly after the announcement of the programs selected under the first JWST open call for proposals (the Directory Discretionary Early Release Science Programs), and shortly before their observing files (meant to serve as models for the general observer community) become public. Therefore, the workshop will coincide with active proposal preparation for the next open...





# Approved programs on MAST: example of ERS #1386 (Hinkley)

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## 4 Ideas which aren't always true

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**Coronagraphy** is the **only way** to **perform & achieve high contrast imaging**

**Coronagraphy** & high contrast imaging **do not** concern **extragalactic science**

**Images** from **space** are **sharper**

**Coronagraphic observing strategies** & data (post-)processing are **for experts**



## 4 “Take Home” from this talk!

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**Coronagraphy** is **NOT** the **only way** to **perform & achieve high contrast imaging**

**Moderate to high contrasts can be achieved with other techniques (Imaging, IFU, AMI)**

**Coronagraphy** & high contrast imaging **do not** concern **extragalactic science**

**Images** from **space** are **sharper, in general (HST “trademark”)**

**6.5 to 40-meter class ground based facilities with (x)AO can provide better FWHM in some cases (rather bright objects) but with a limited FoV, stability & sensitivity, unlike NIRCam**

**Coronagraphic observing strategies** & data (post-)processing are **not just for experts**

**At STScI, the CWG works in synergy with other working groups & divisions, the IDTs and the general community to provide the best possible support**



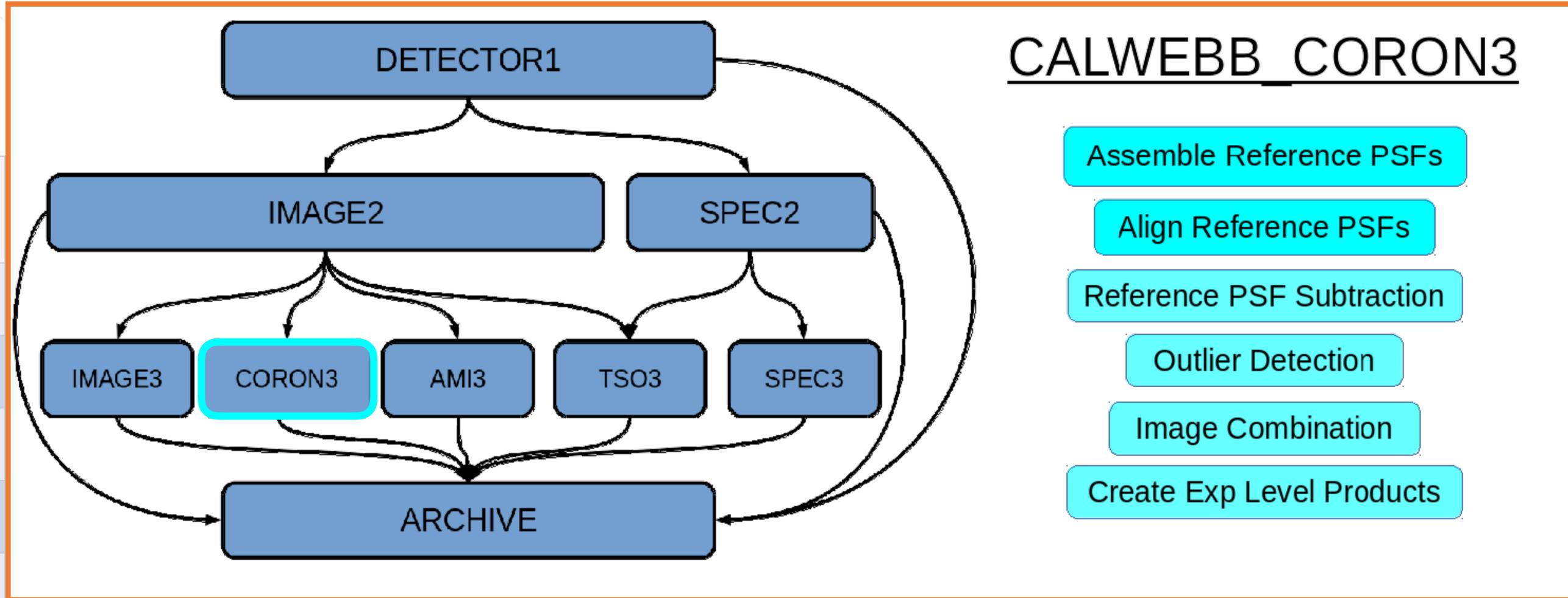
# Pipeline for coronagraphy

Pipeline/Step	Command line	iPython + modules (run method)	iPython + classes (call method)
Detector1	<code>strun calwebb_detector1.cfg &lt;file&gt;</code>	<code>from jwst.pipeline import calwebb_detector1</code>	<code>from jwst.pipeline import Detector1Pipeline</code>
Image2	<code>strun calwebb_image2.cfg &lt;file&gt;</code>	<code>from jwst.pipeline import calwebb_image2</code>	<code>from jwst.pipeline import Image2Pipeline</code>
Image3	<code>strun calwebb_image3.cfg &lt;file&gt;</code>	<code>from jwst.pipeline import calwebb_image3</code>	<code>from jwst.pipeline import Image3Pipeline</code>
Spec2	<code>strun calwebb_spec2.cfg &lt;file&gt;</code>	<code>from jwst.pipeline import calwebb_spec2</code>	<code>from jwst.pipeline import Spec2Pipeline</code>
Spec3	<code>strun calwebb_spec3.cfg &lt;file&gt;</code>	<code>from jwst.pipeline import calwebb_spec3</code>	<code>from jwst.pipeline import Spec3Pipeline</code>
<b>Coron3</b>	<b><code>strun calwebb_coron3.cfg &lt;file&gt;</code></b>	<b><code>from jwst.pipeline import calwebb_coron3</code></b>	<b><code>from jwst.pipeline import Coron3Pipeline</code></b>
DQ Initialization	<code>strun dq_init.cfg &lt;file&gt;</code>	<code>from jwst.dq_init import dq_init_step</code>	<code>from jwst.dq_init import DQInitStep</code>
Assign WCS	<code>strun assign_wcs.cfg &lt;file&gt;</code>	<code>from jwst.assign_wcs import assign_wcs_step</code>	<code>from jwst.assign_wcs import AssignWcsStep</code>

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# Pipeline for coronagraphy



## CALWEBB\_CORON3

Assemble Reference PSFs

Align Reference PSFs

Reference PSF Subtraction

Outlier Detection

Image Combination

Create Exp Level Products

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Image3				3Pipeline
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Spec3				Pipeline

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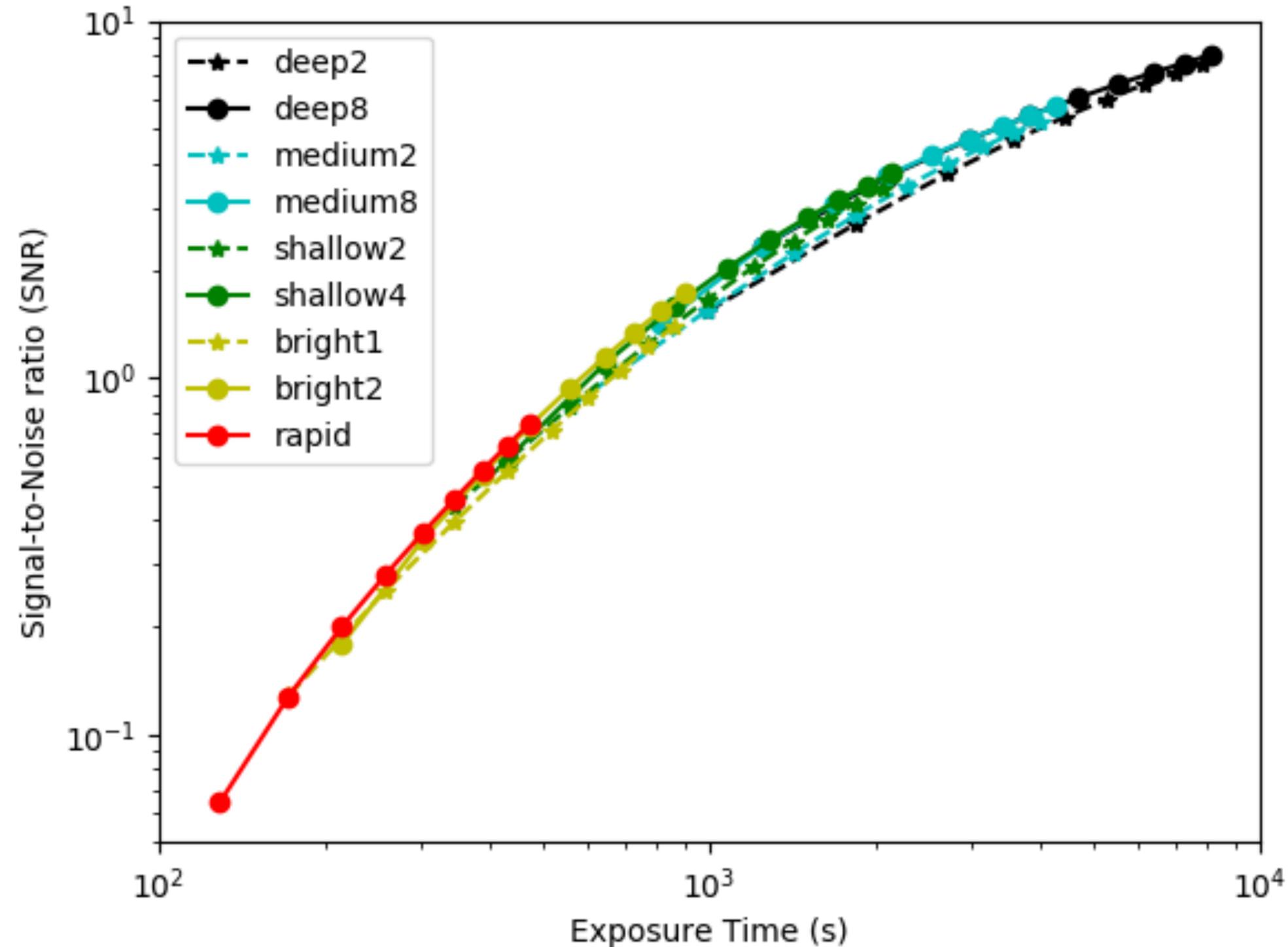




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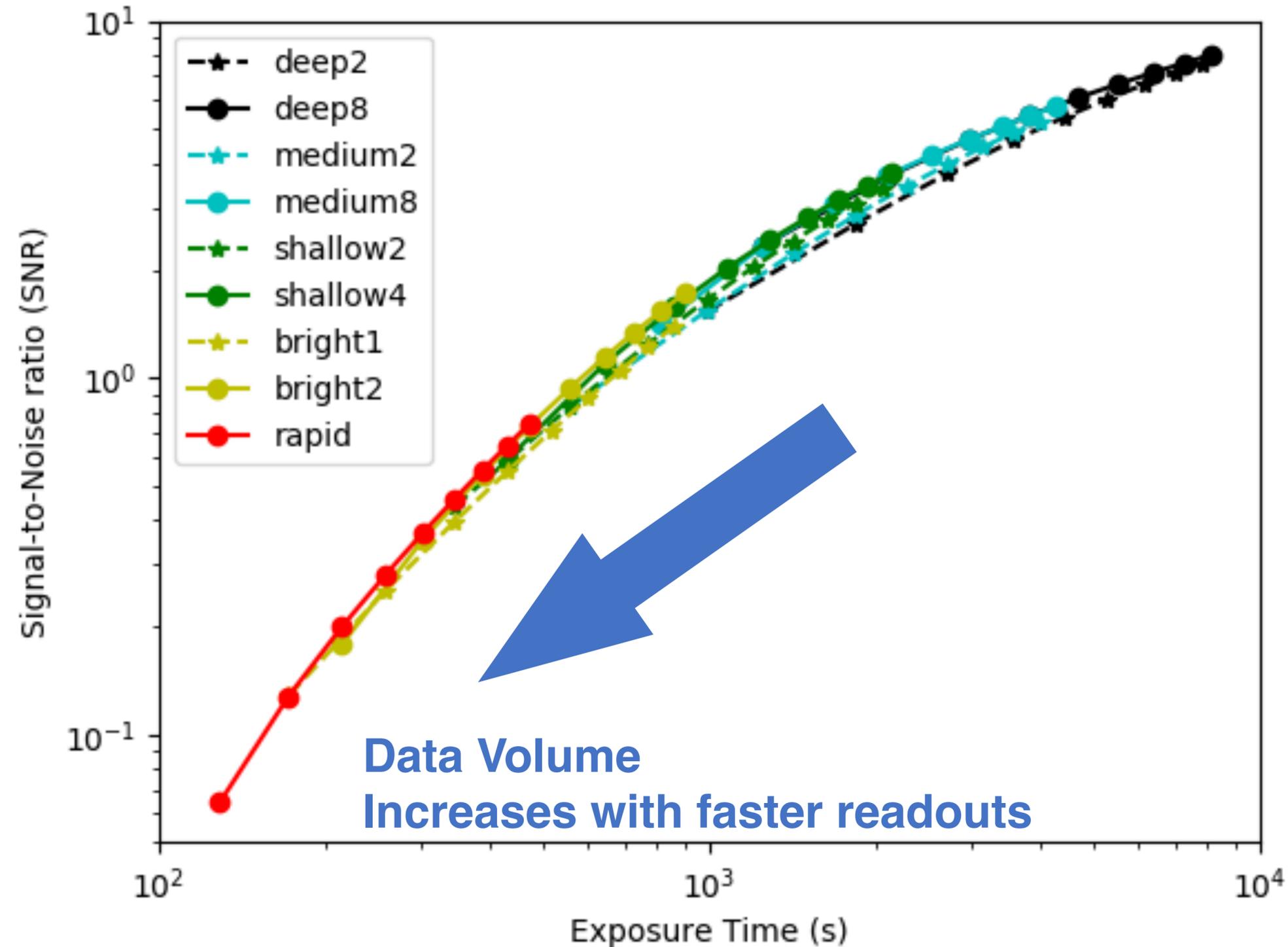




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