

# How to plan (some of) your observations with DKIST

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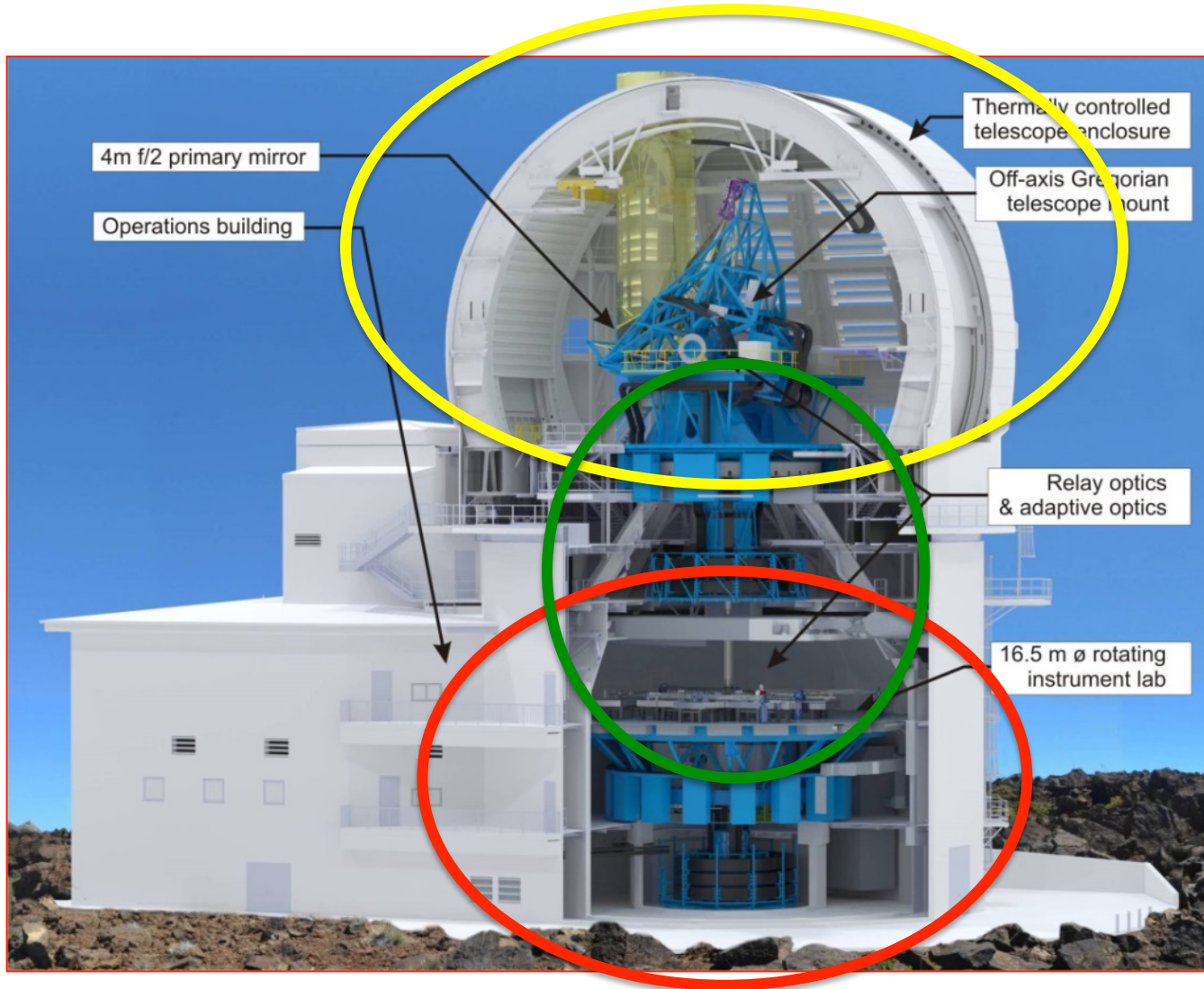


# Daniel K. Inouye Solar Telescope DKIST

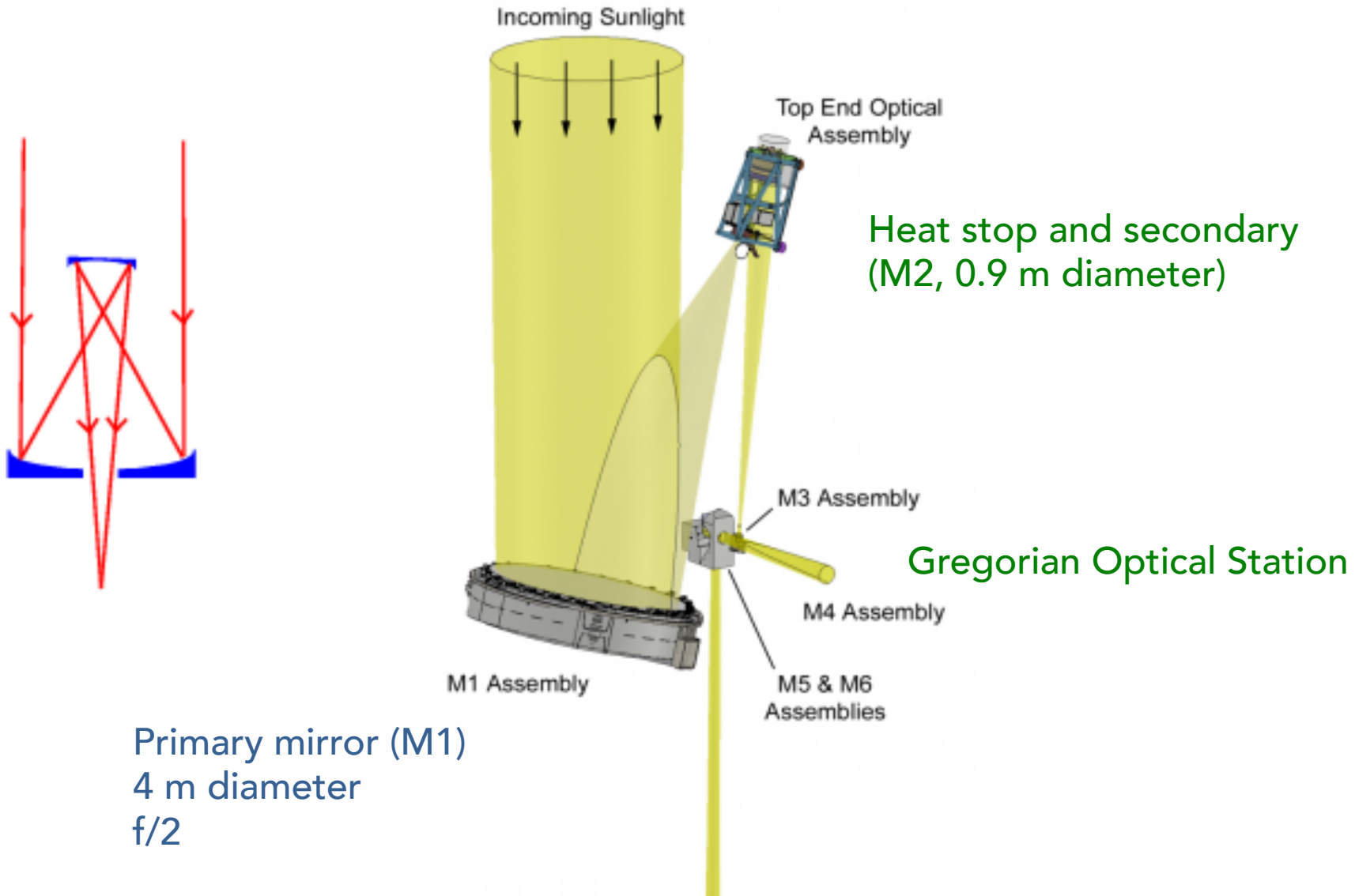


Built on Haleakala (Maui). PI Institute = NSO  
First science light by summer 2020

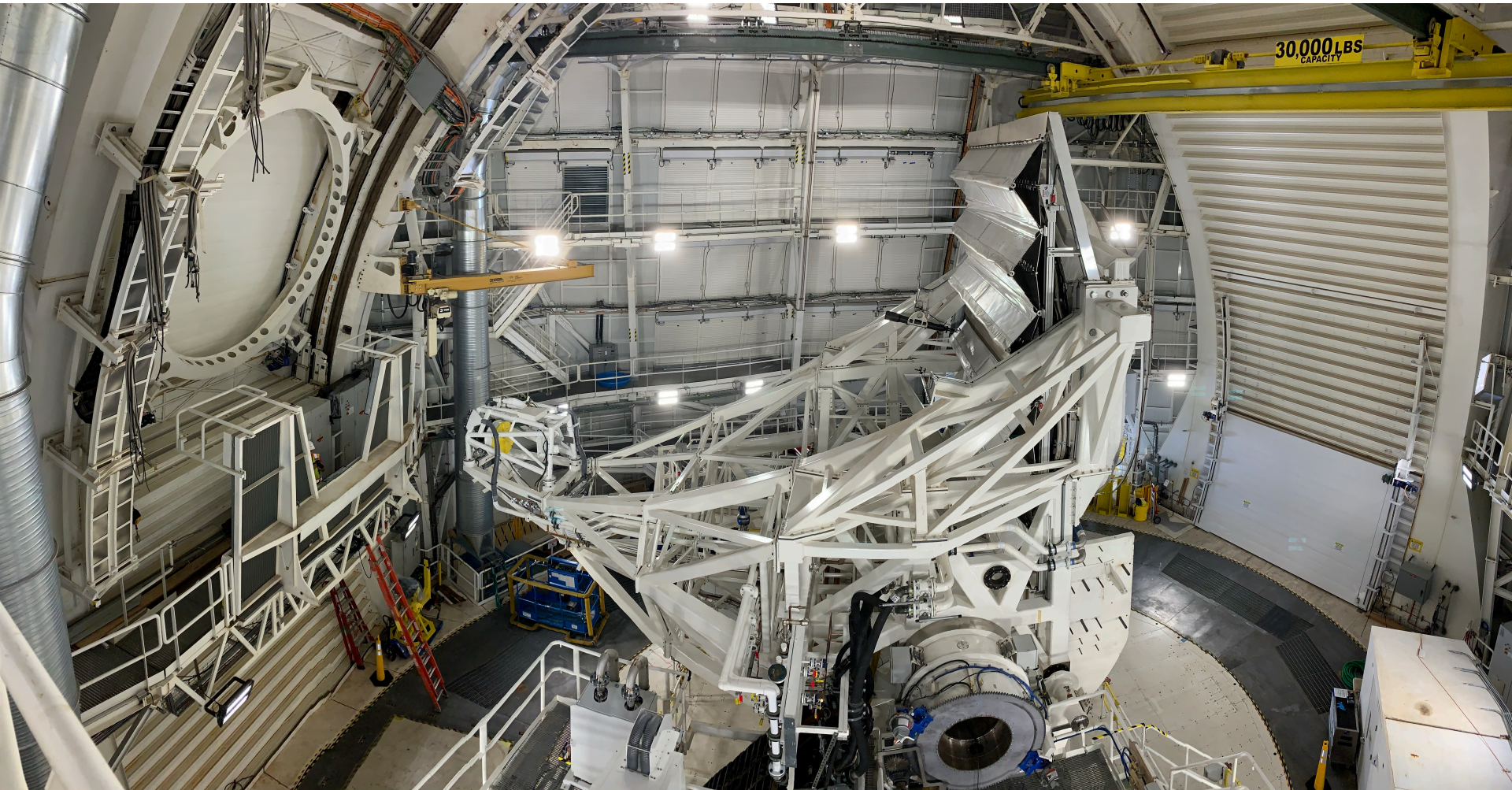
# DKIST cutaway



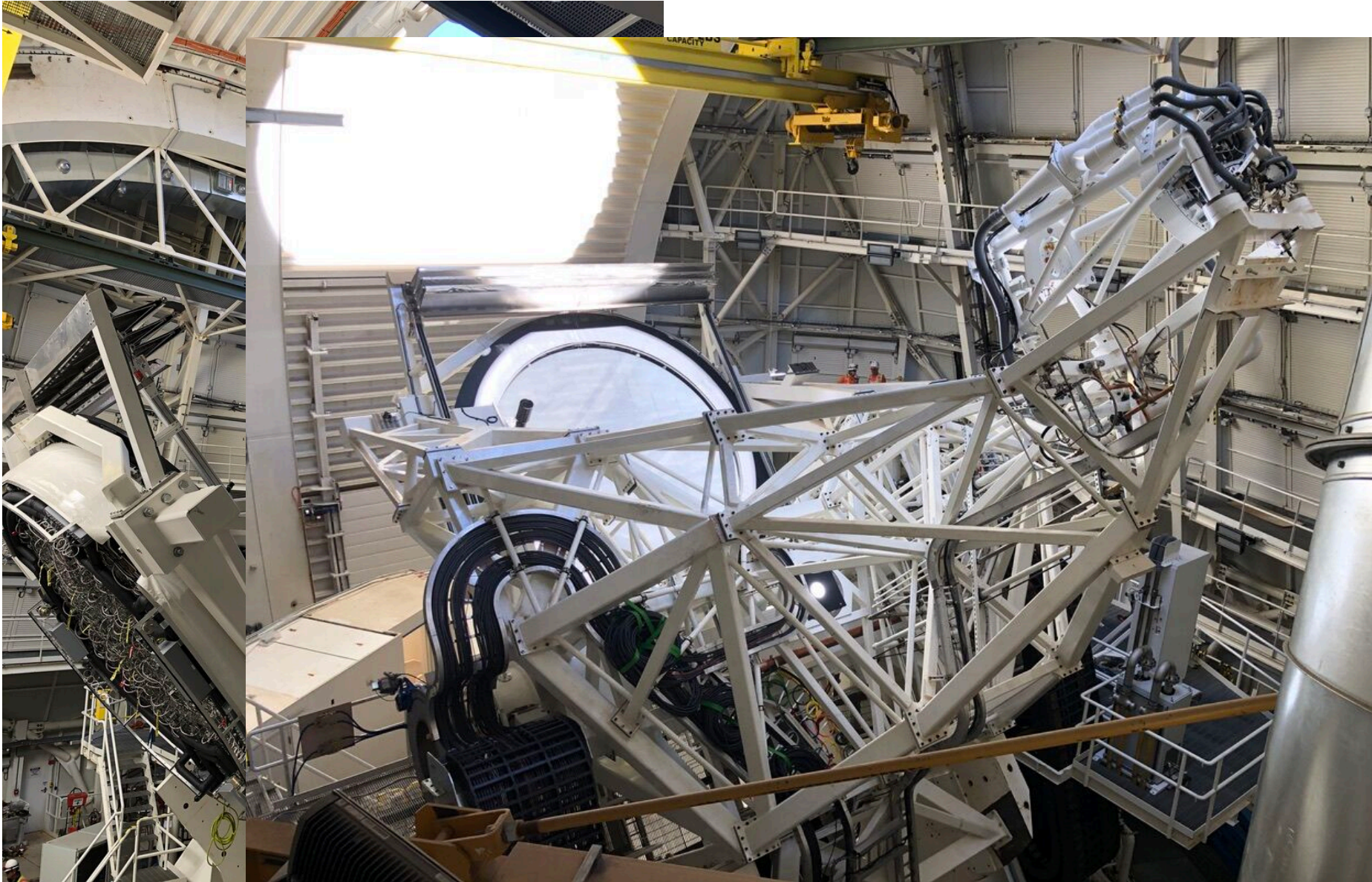
# Off-axis Gregorian Telescope



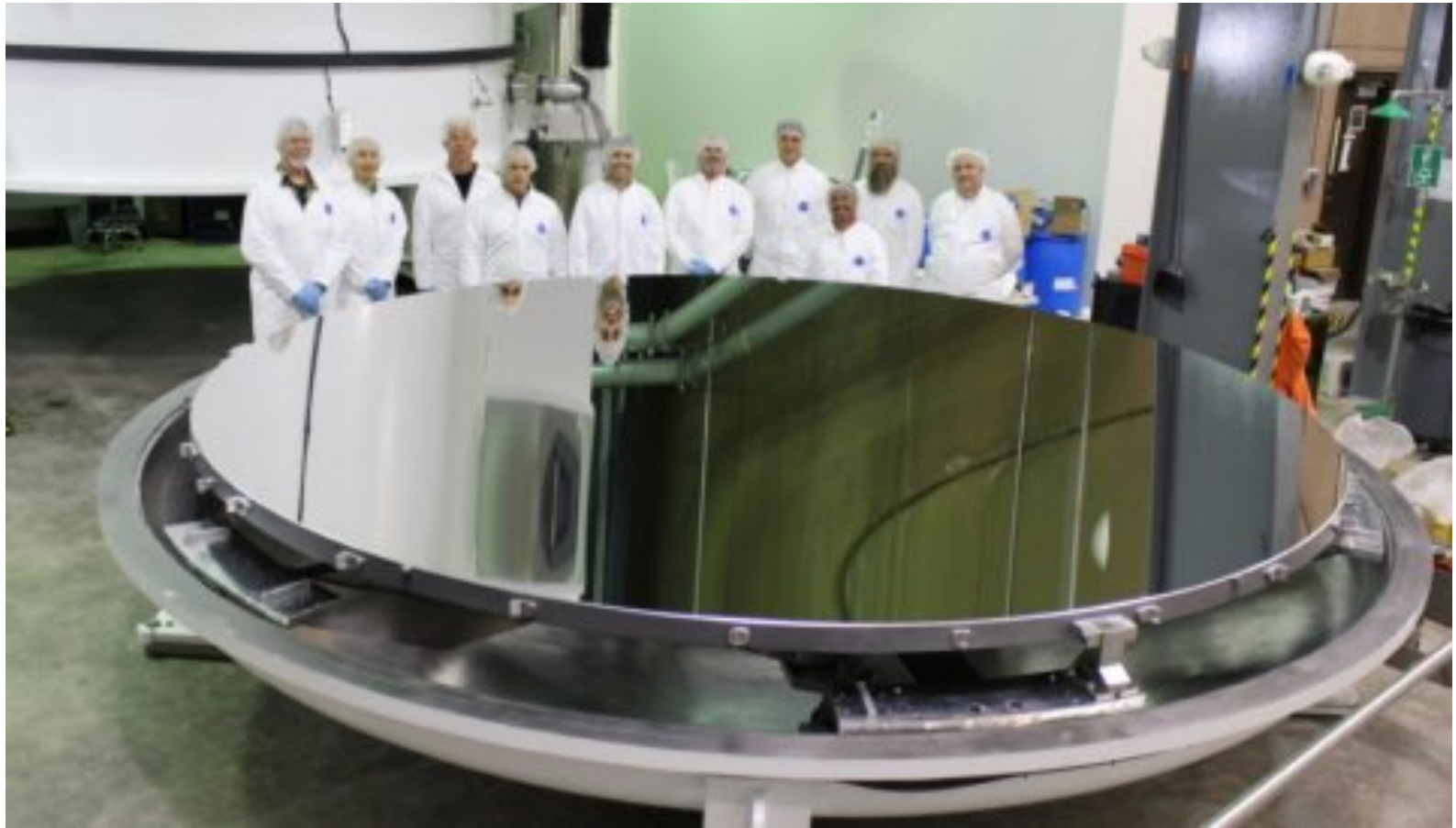
# Telescope + enclosure



# Sunlight!



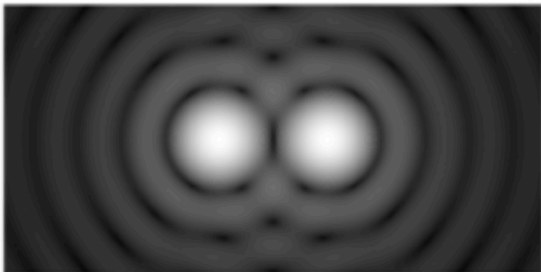
# A transformational facility: 4 m primary



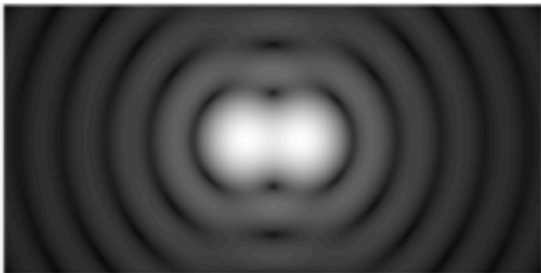
Current largest solar telescope=GST, 1.6 m

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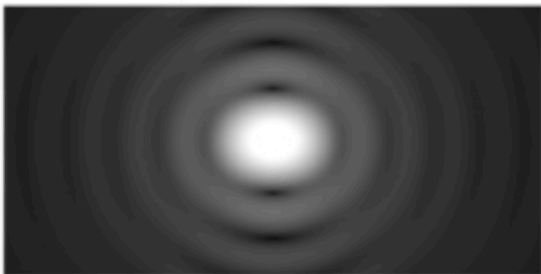
## Rayleigh criterion



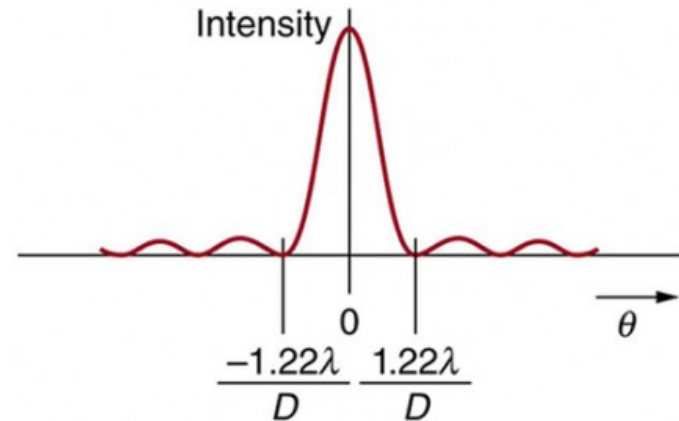
Resolved



Barely  
resolved



Unresolved



(a)

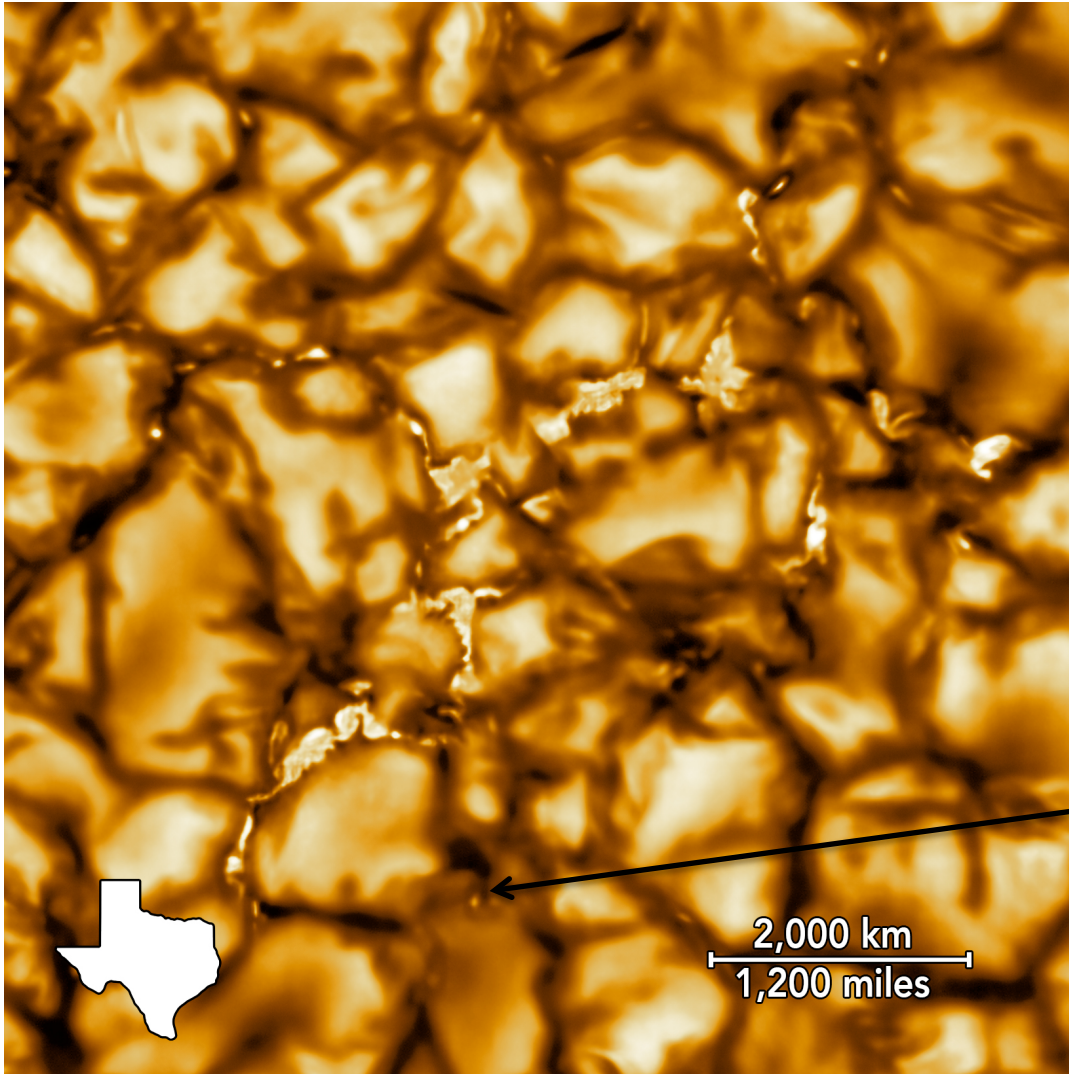
For DKIST ( $D=4$  m):

$$1.22 \lambda/D @ 400 \text{ nm} = 10^{-7} \text{ rad} =$$

$$0.02'' = 15 \text{ km @ the SUN!}$$



# A transformational facility: 4 m primary



**< 40 km resolution!!**

**@ 790 nm**

**But remember: photon flux per spatial resolution element is constant**

# DKIST focal ratio & heat load:

Solar image size at prime focus =  
solar angular size x focal length

DKIST: 30' x 8 m ~ 7 cm

(DST: 30' x 53 m ~ 50 cm)

(McMath: 30' x 90 m ~ 85 cm)

## DKIST focal ratio & heat load:

**Power collected =**

Solar irradiance ('constant') at sea level x mirror area

$$\text{DKIST: } 1 \text{ kW/m}^2 \times (\pi \times 4^2/4) \cong 12.5 \text{ kW}$$

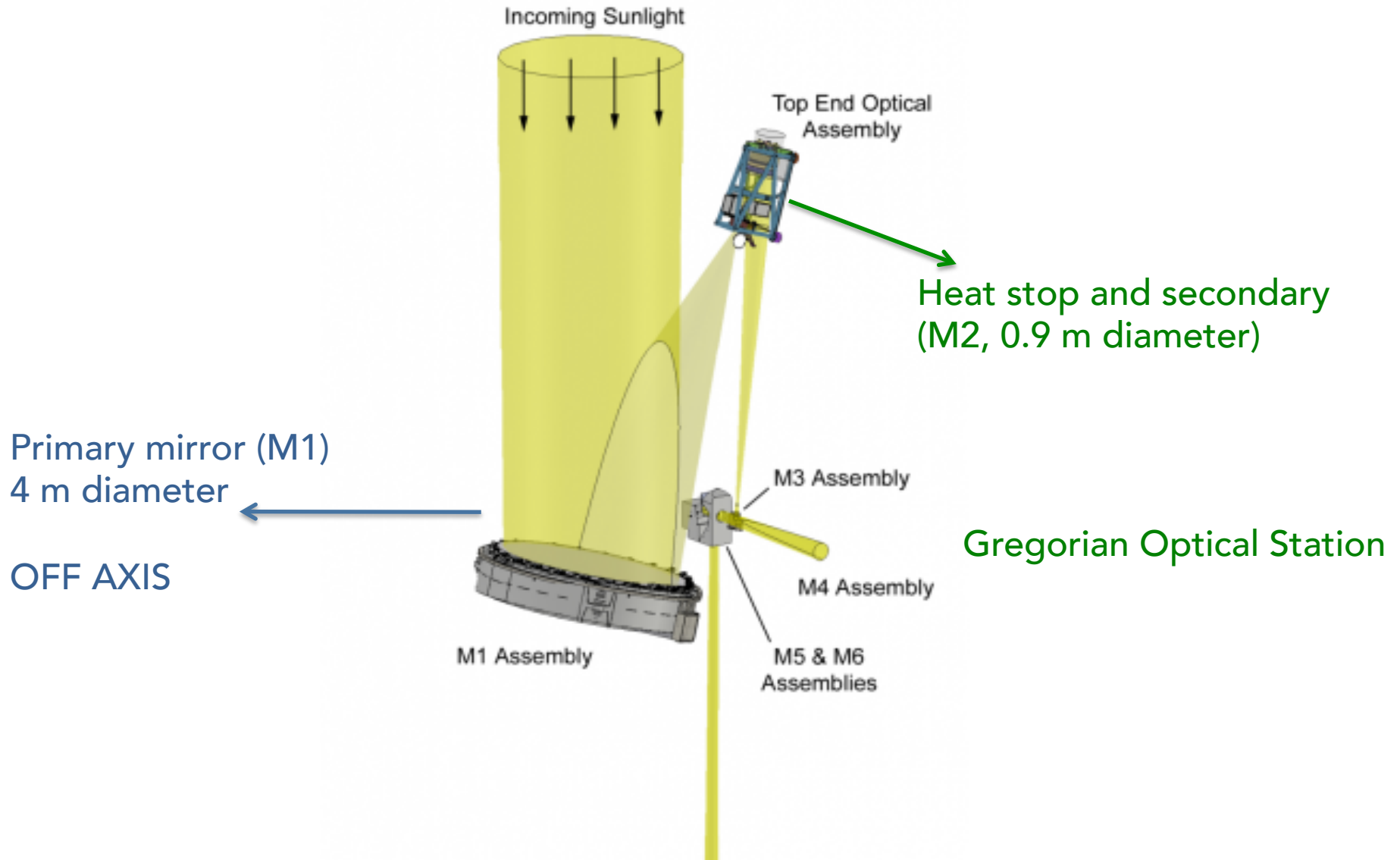
**Heat load at prime focus =**

power collected / image surface

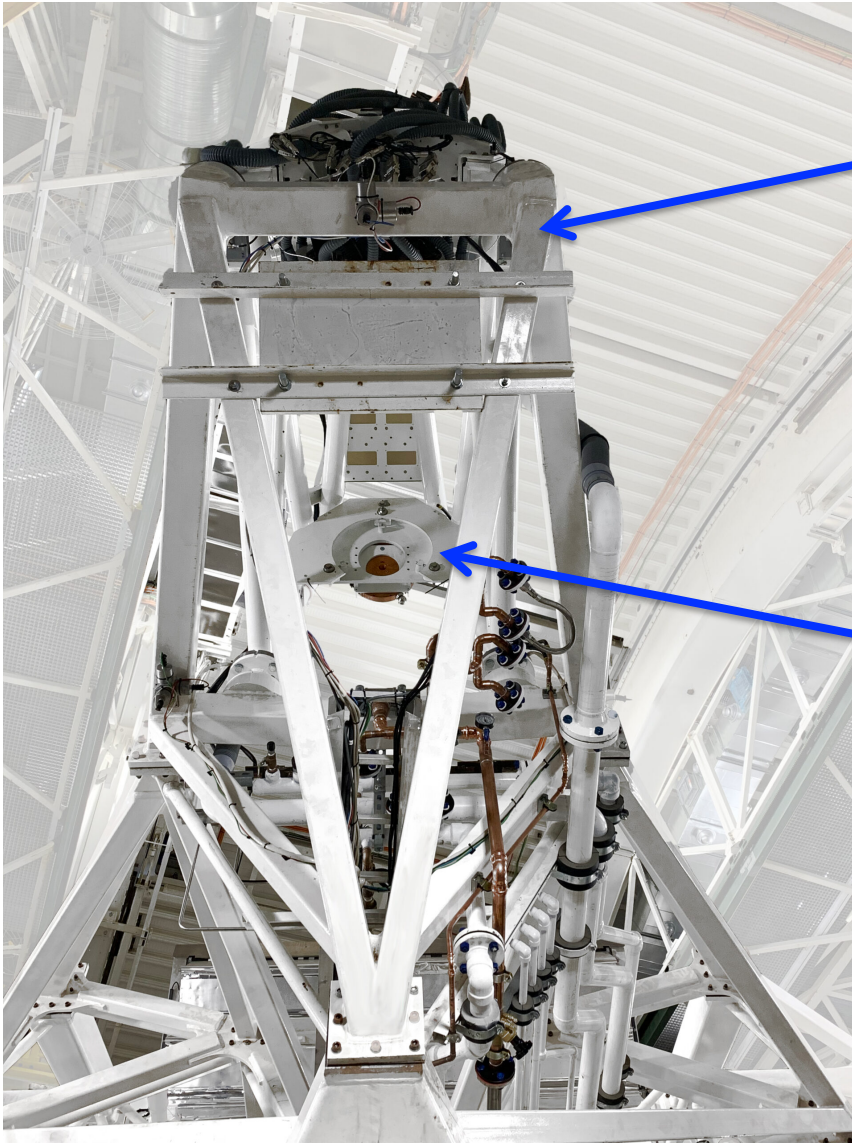
$$\text{DKIST: } 12.5 \text{ kW} / 0.004 \text{ m}^2 \sim 3200 \text{ kW/m}^2 =$$

**3000 Solar Irradiance !!**

# Telescope Optical Light Path



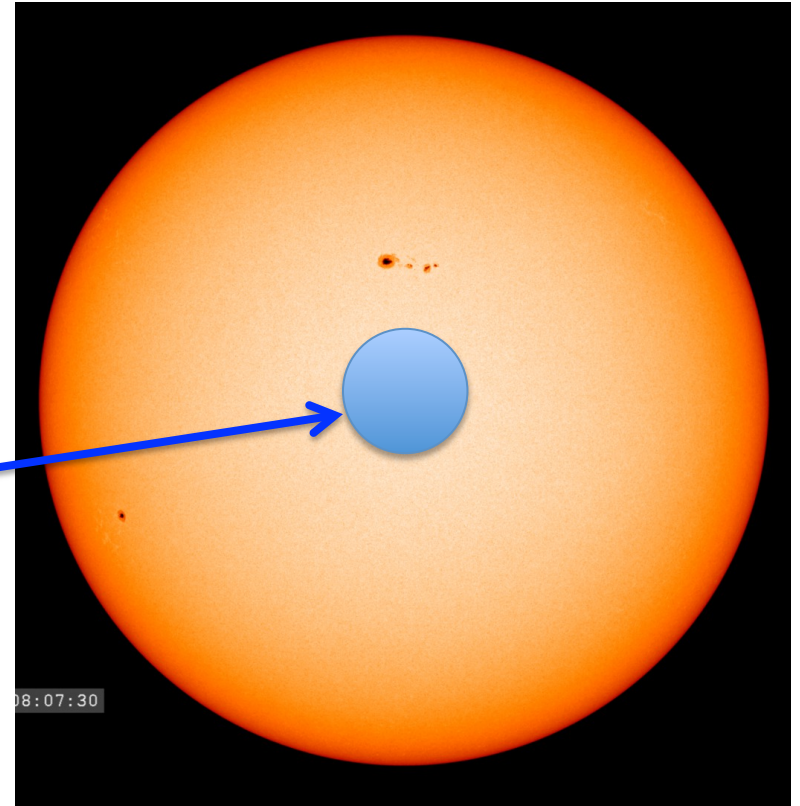
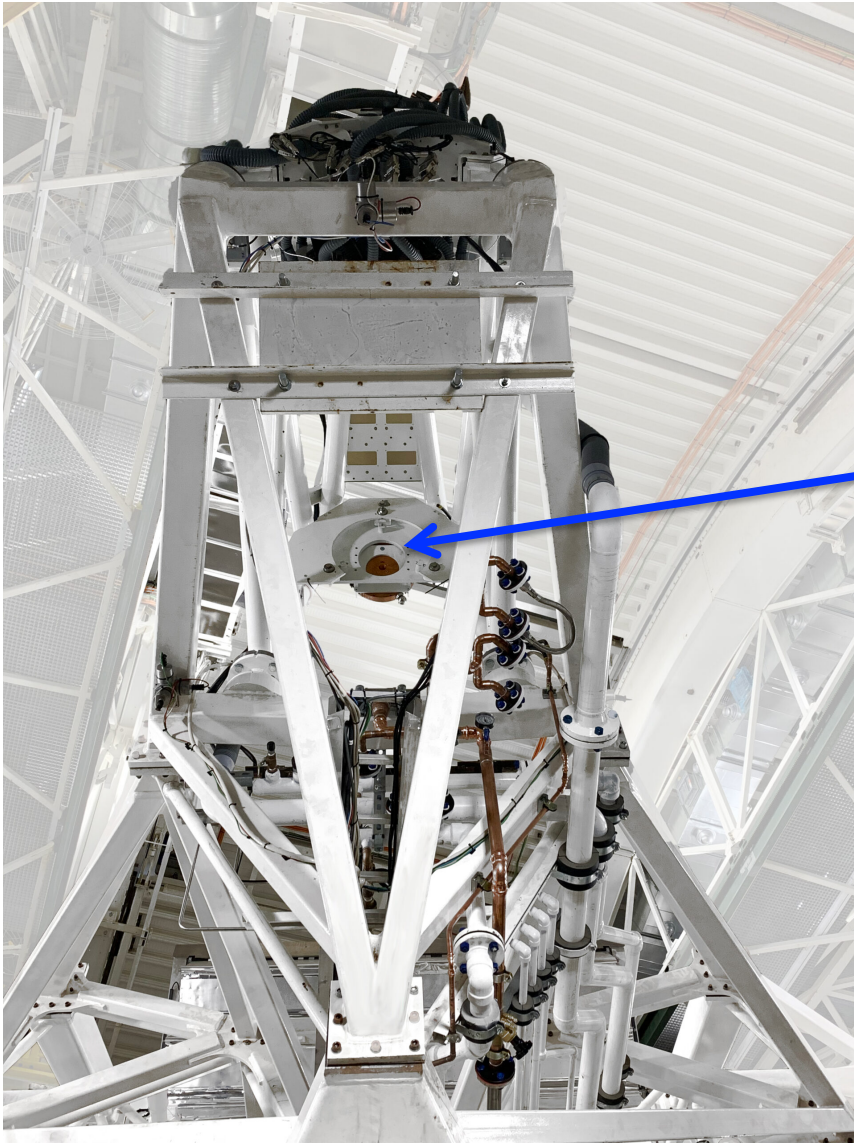
# Top End Optical Assembly



**M2**

**Heat stop**

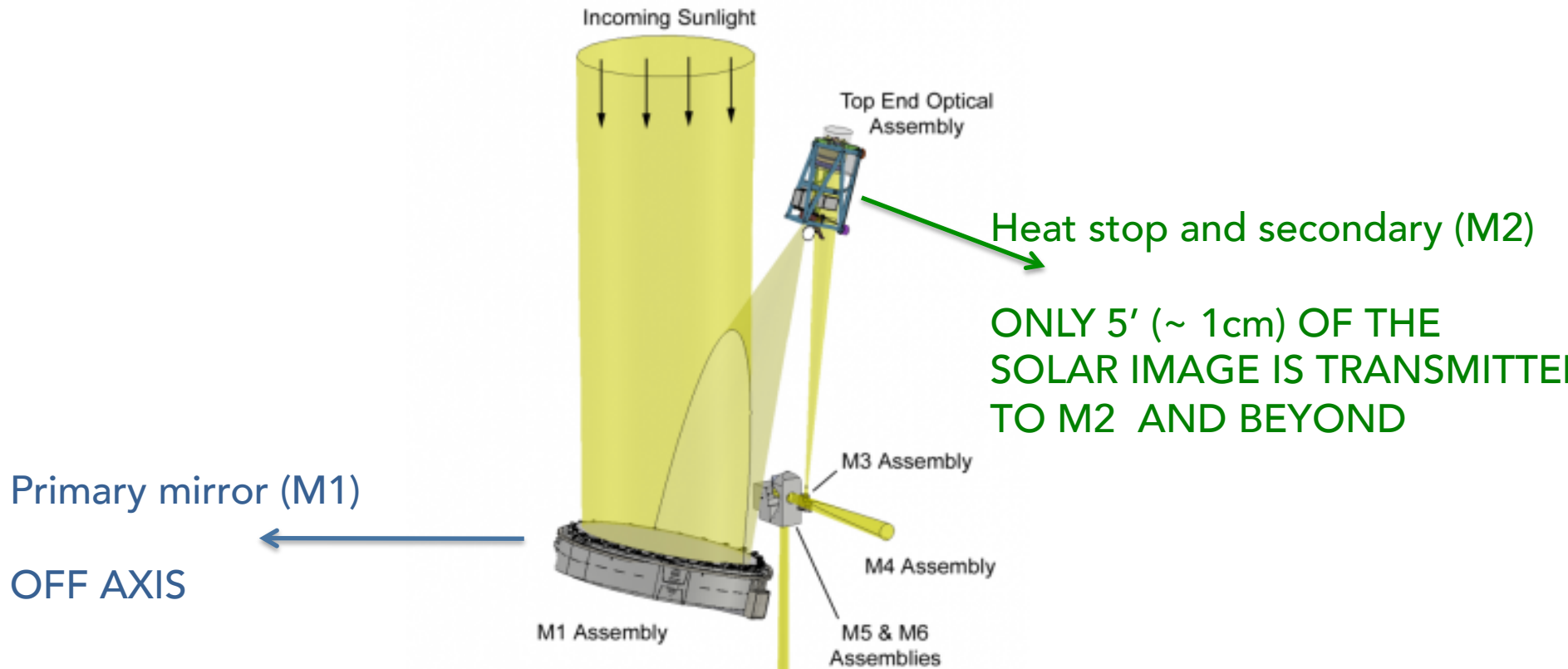
# Top End Optical Assembly



**5 arcmin @ Sun**

**~1 cm hole!**

# Telescope Optical Light Path



The assembly and control of the heat stop mechanism is much simpler, & safer, with an off axis!

# Image quality: on-axis vs. off-axis

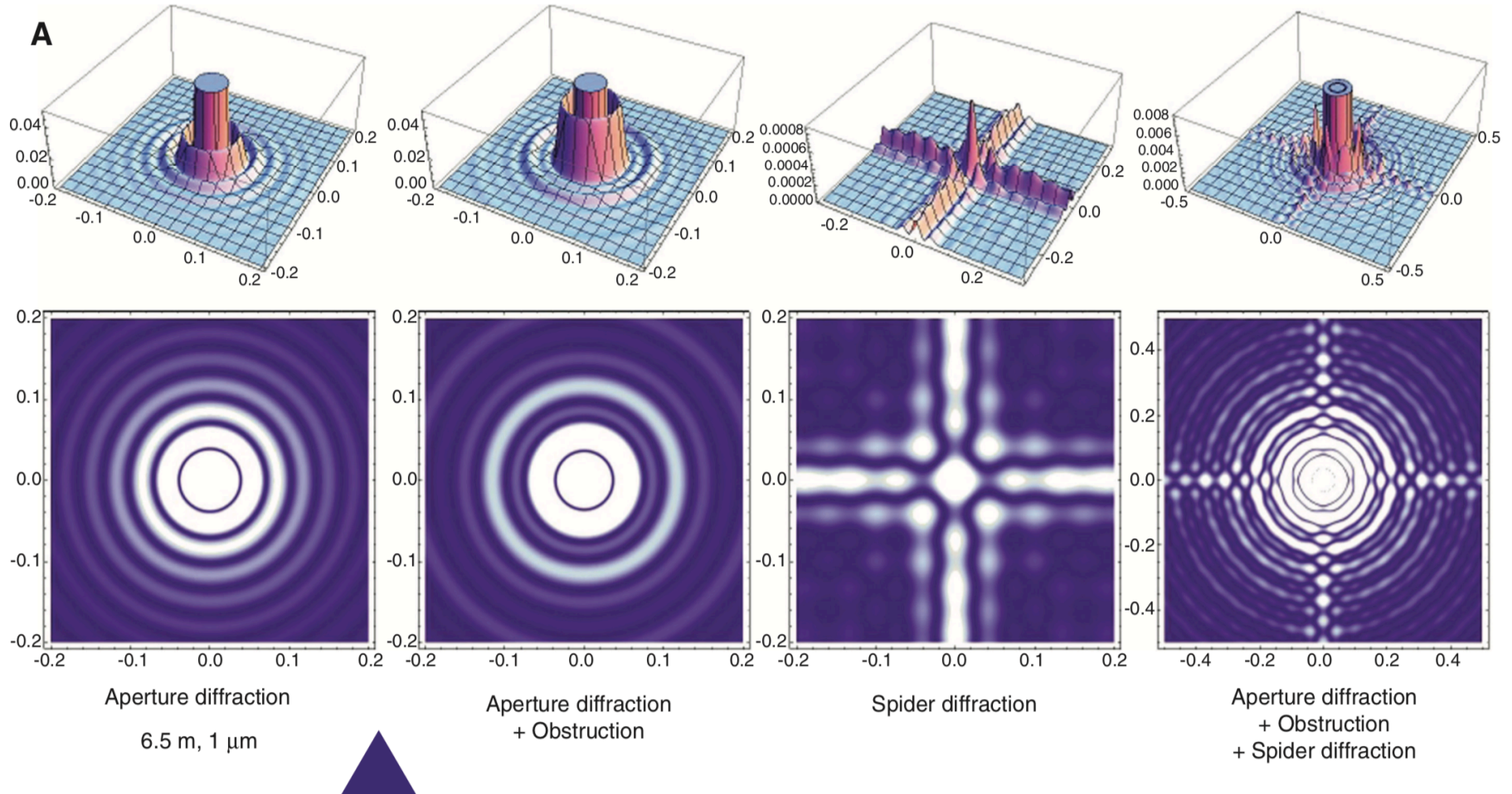
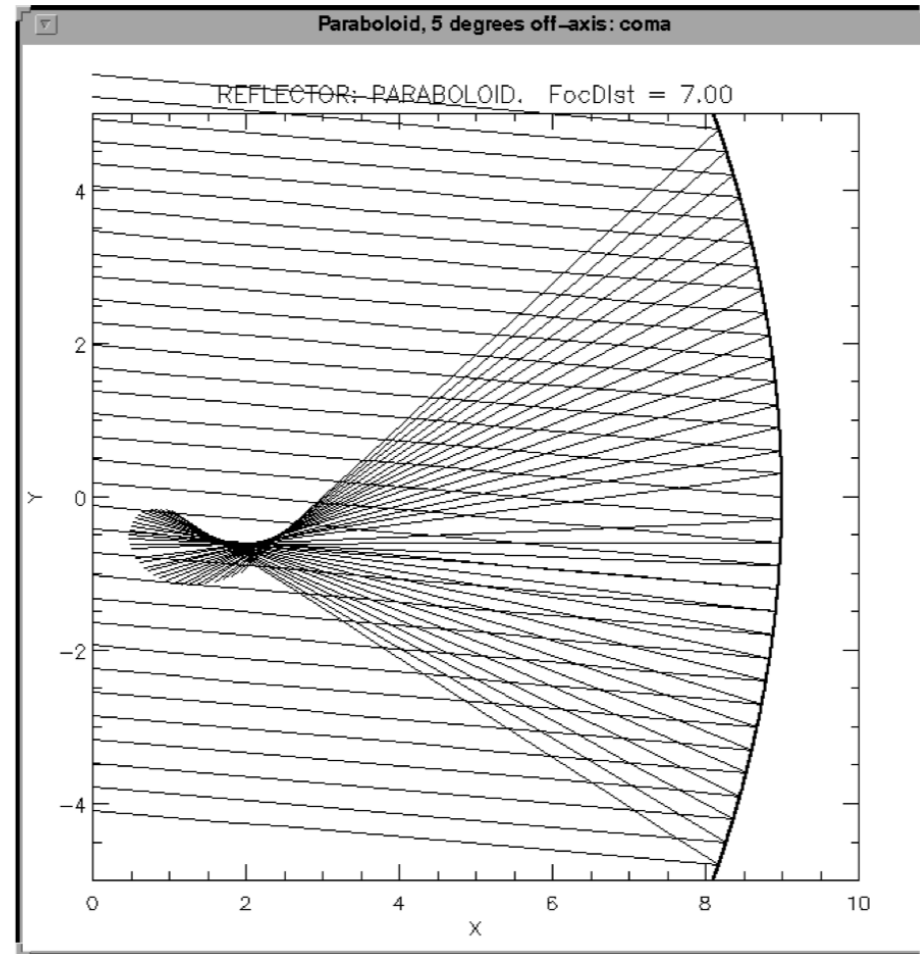
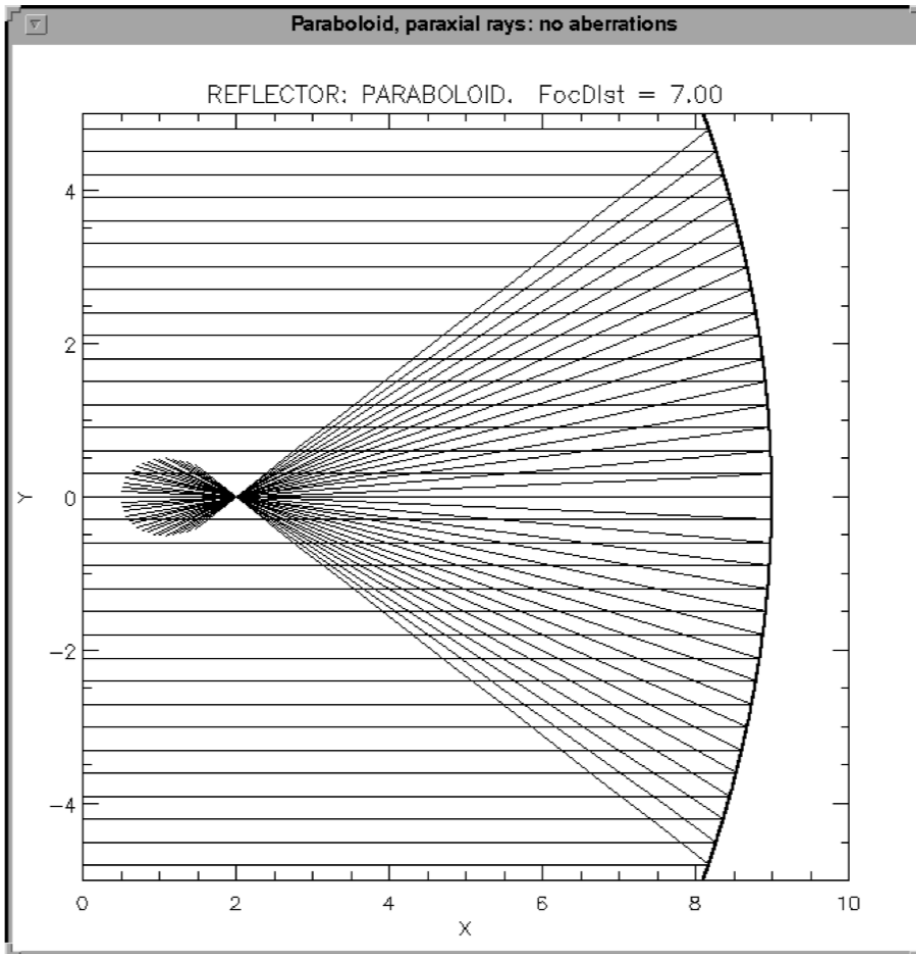


Image quality (in principle) and scattered light (especially) are much improved with an off-axis

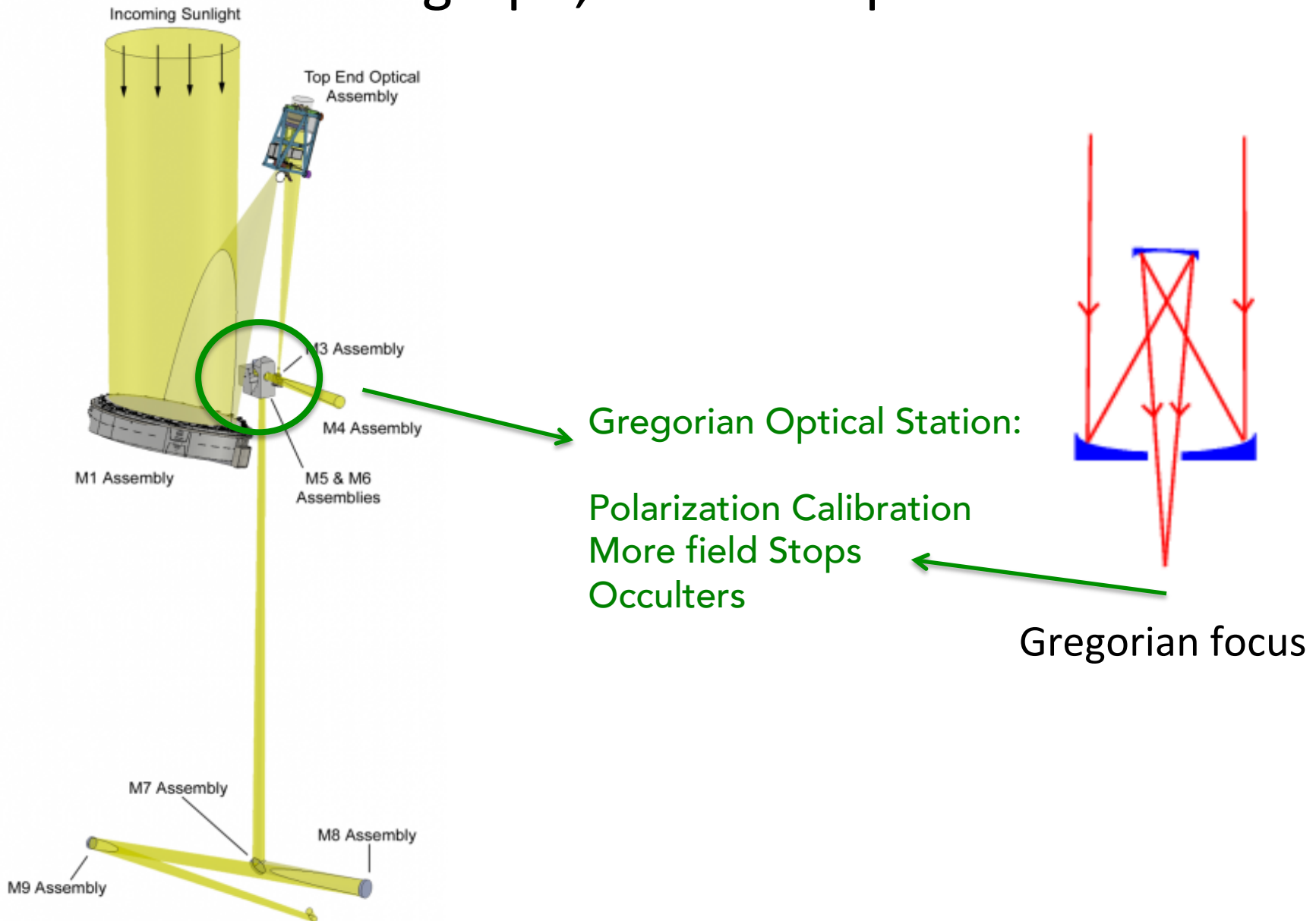


# Image aberration: coma



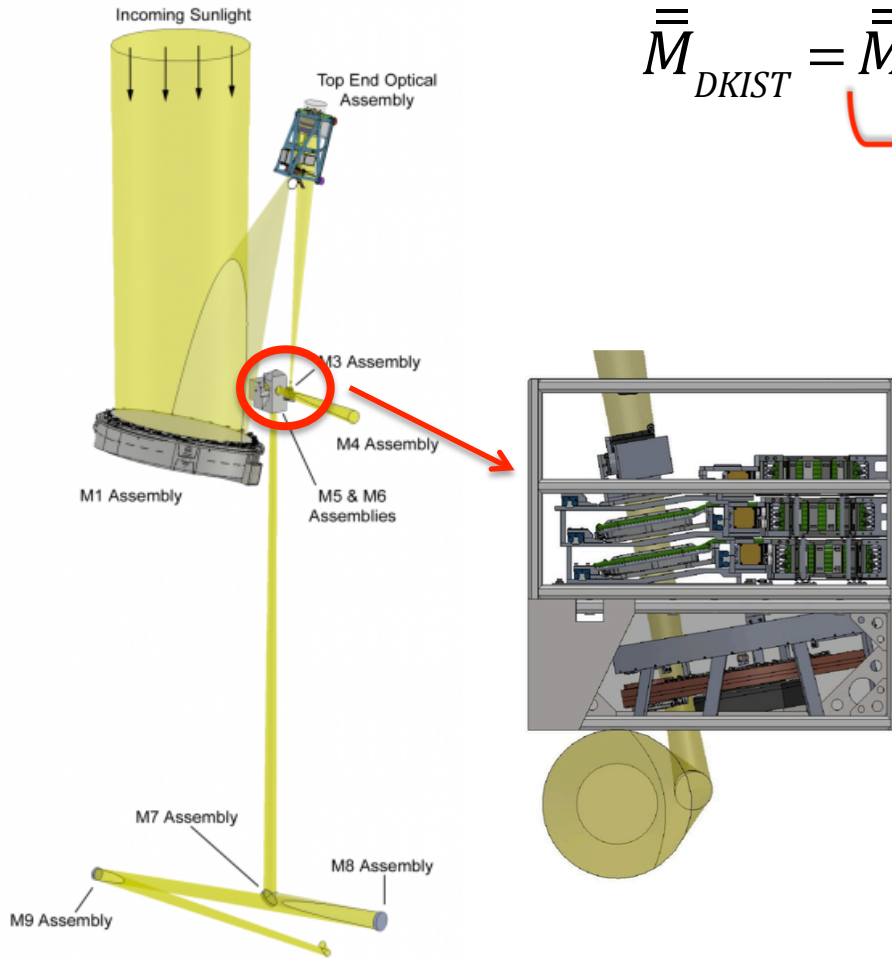
Can be compensated by choosing small FOV and long focal ratios

# A transformational facility: polarimeter, coronagraph, IR-telescope



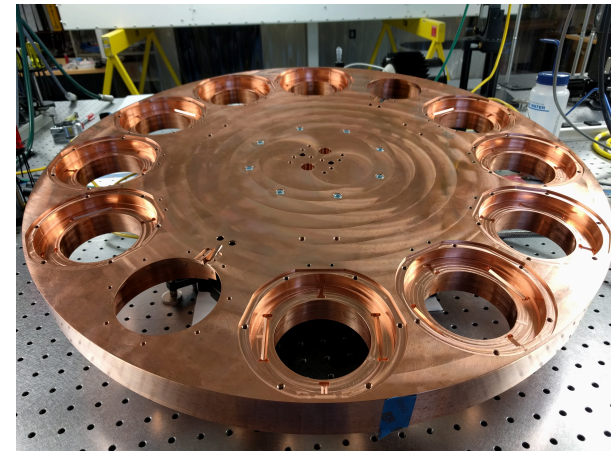
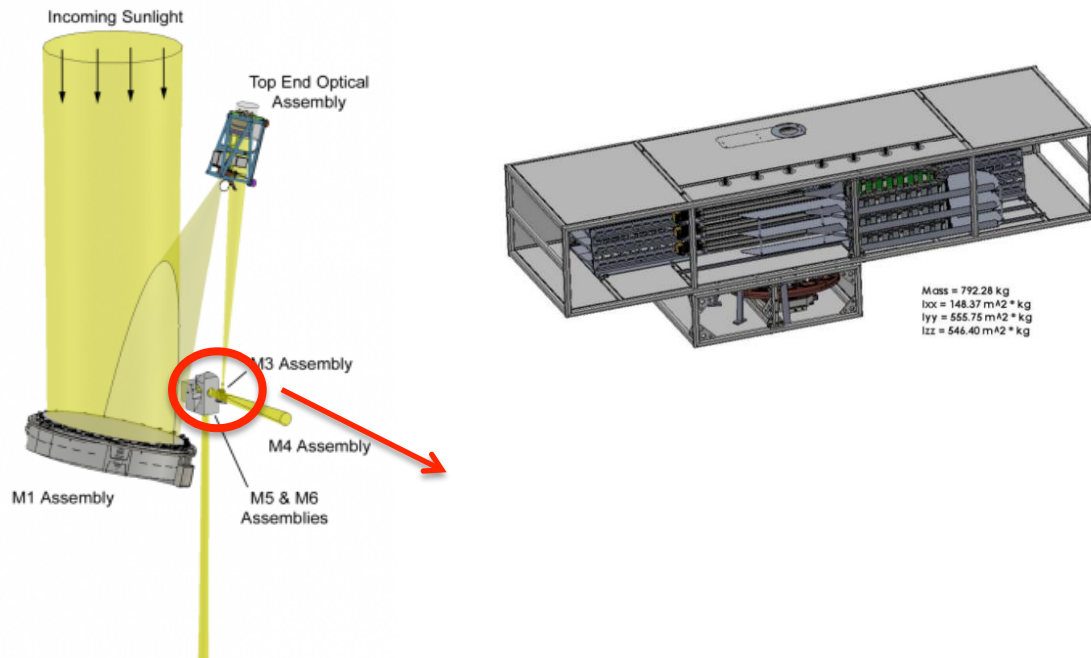
# DKIST as a Polarimeter

$$\bar{M}_{DKIST} = \bar{M}_7 \bar{R}(Az - Table) \bar{M}_{56} \bar{R}(El) \bar{M}_{34} \bar{M}_{12}$$



- Polarization sensitivity  $10^{-5}$
- Polarization accuracy  $5 \cdot 10^{-4}$
- Cal optics after  $M_{12}$  close to Gregorian Focus.
- Calibrates all optics downstream.
- Similar to Gregor.
- Exposure time dependent.

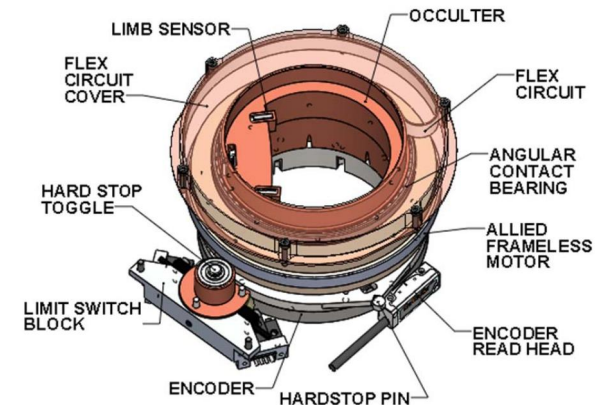
# DKIST as coronagraph



## The Gregorian Optical System (GOS)

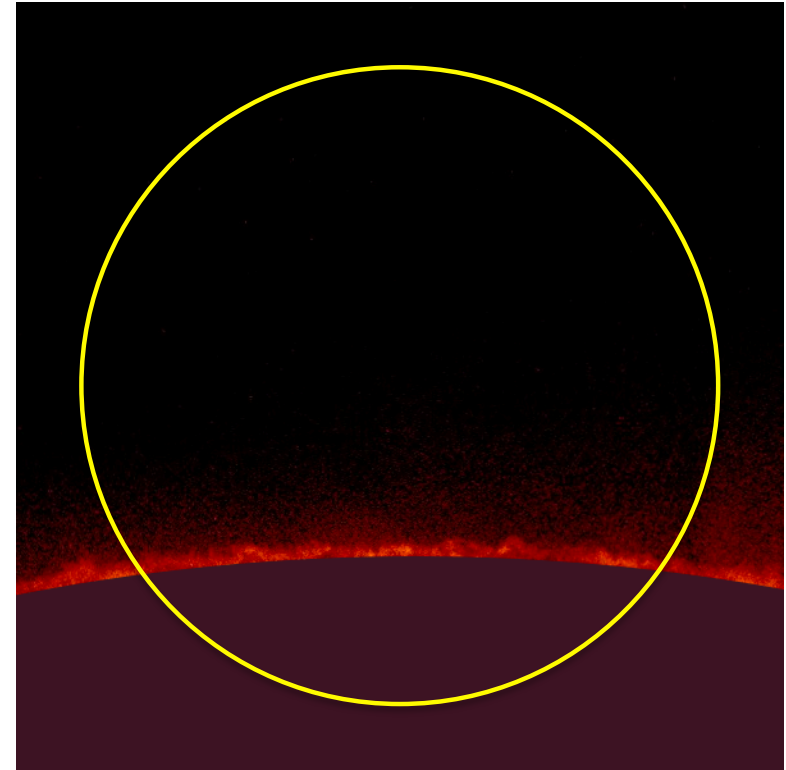
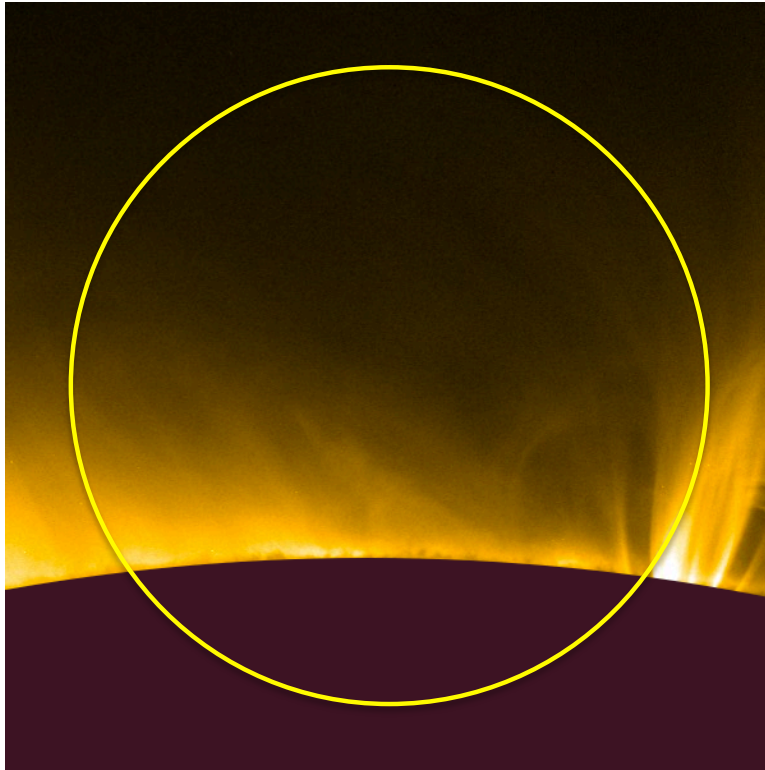
- Limb occulter: Disc(s) to block the solar disc near the limb.
- Limb over/under-occulting of  $\pm 5$  arcsec possible.
- Comes with a "limb sensor" that measure limb motions.
- PLUS, another Field Stop: 2.8'

M9 Asst



# Occulting the Limb

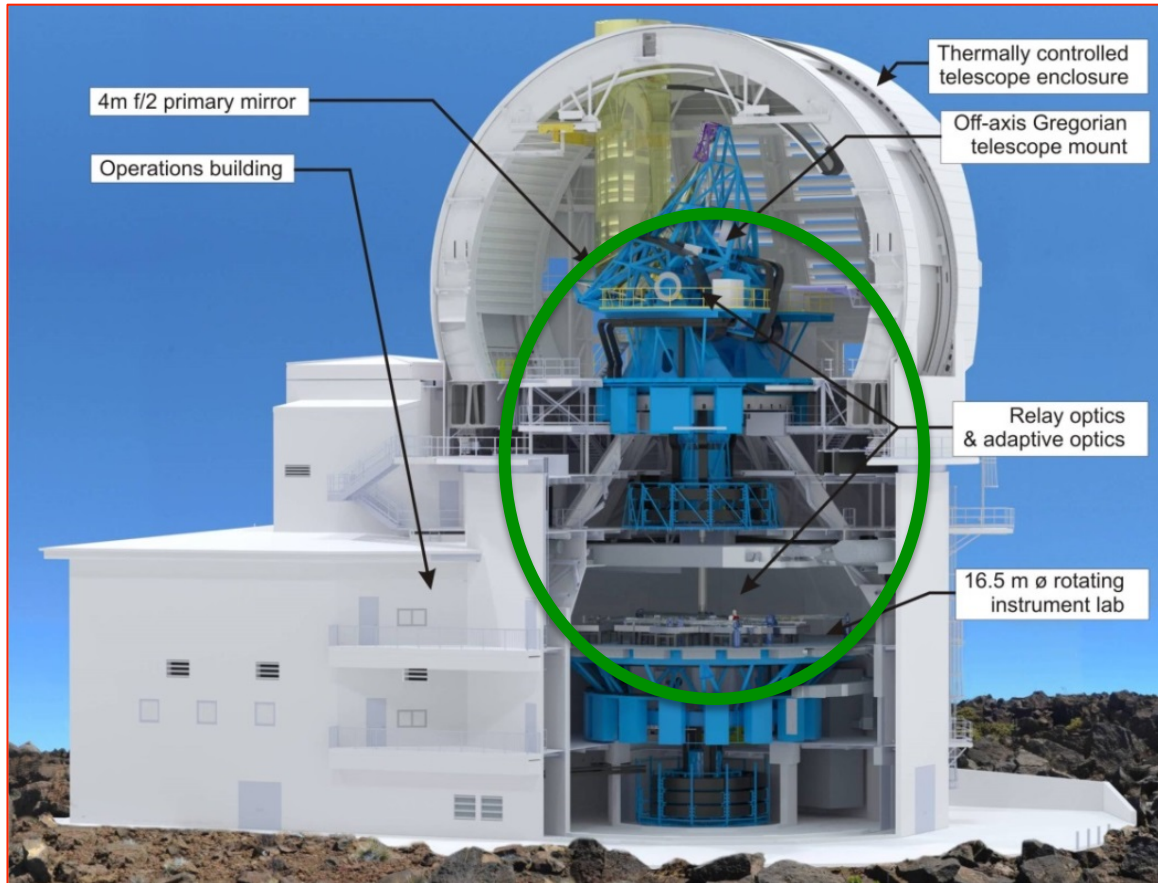
5 arcmin occulter



$\pm 5''$

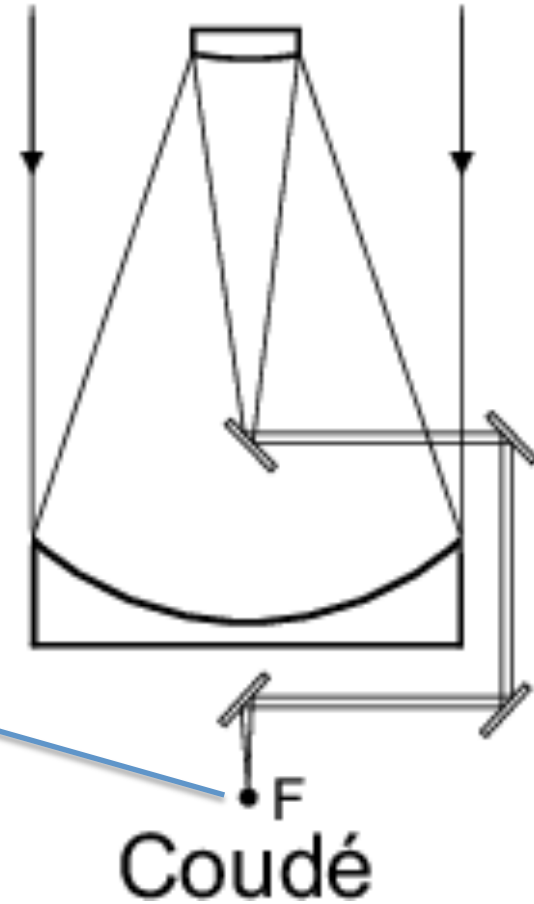
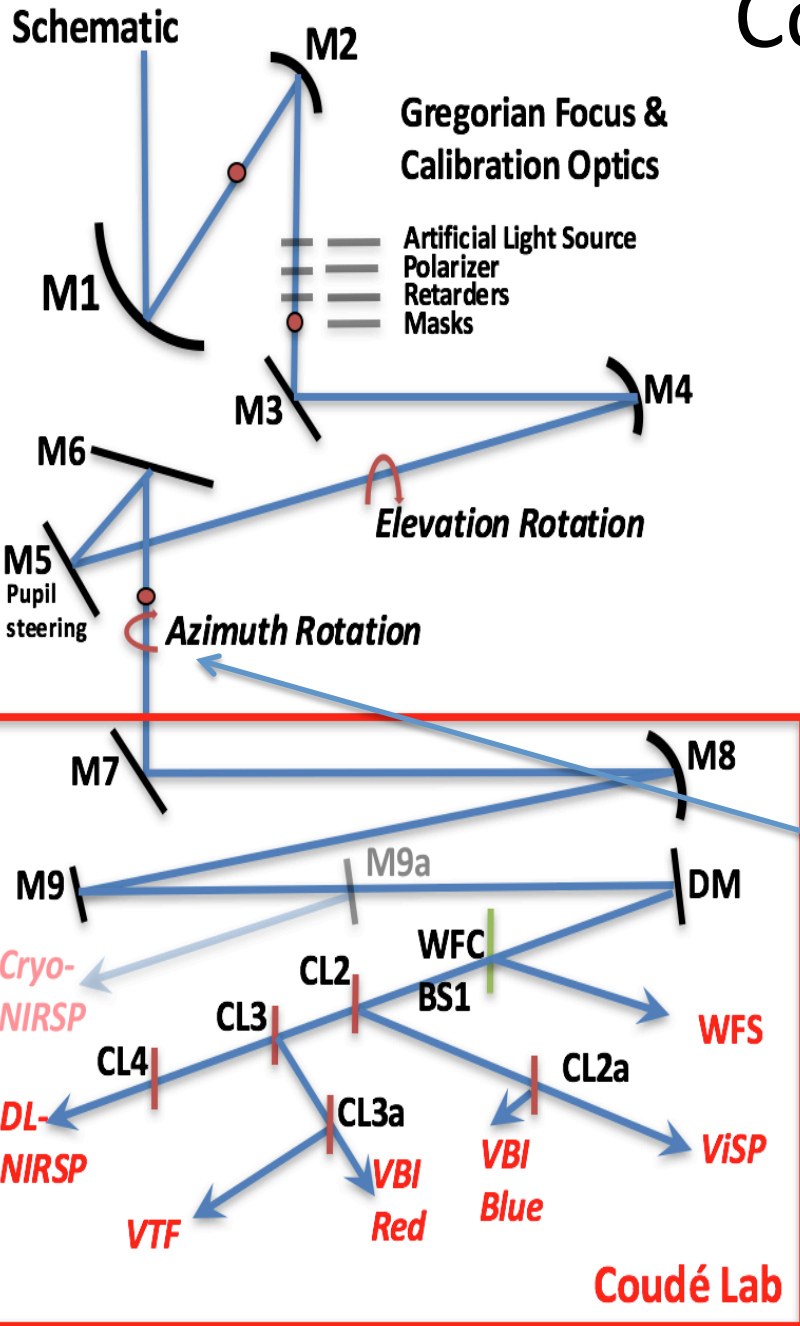
- Limb sensor tracks image motion in both axes, corrected by M2 fast tip/tilt.
- Over/under occultation possible by +/- 5 arcsec.

# Relay optics: all reflective!



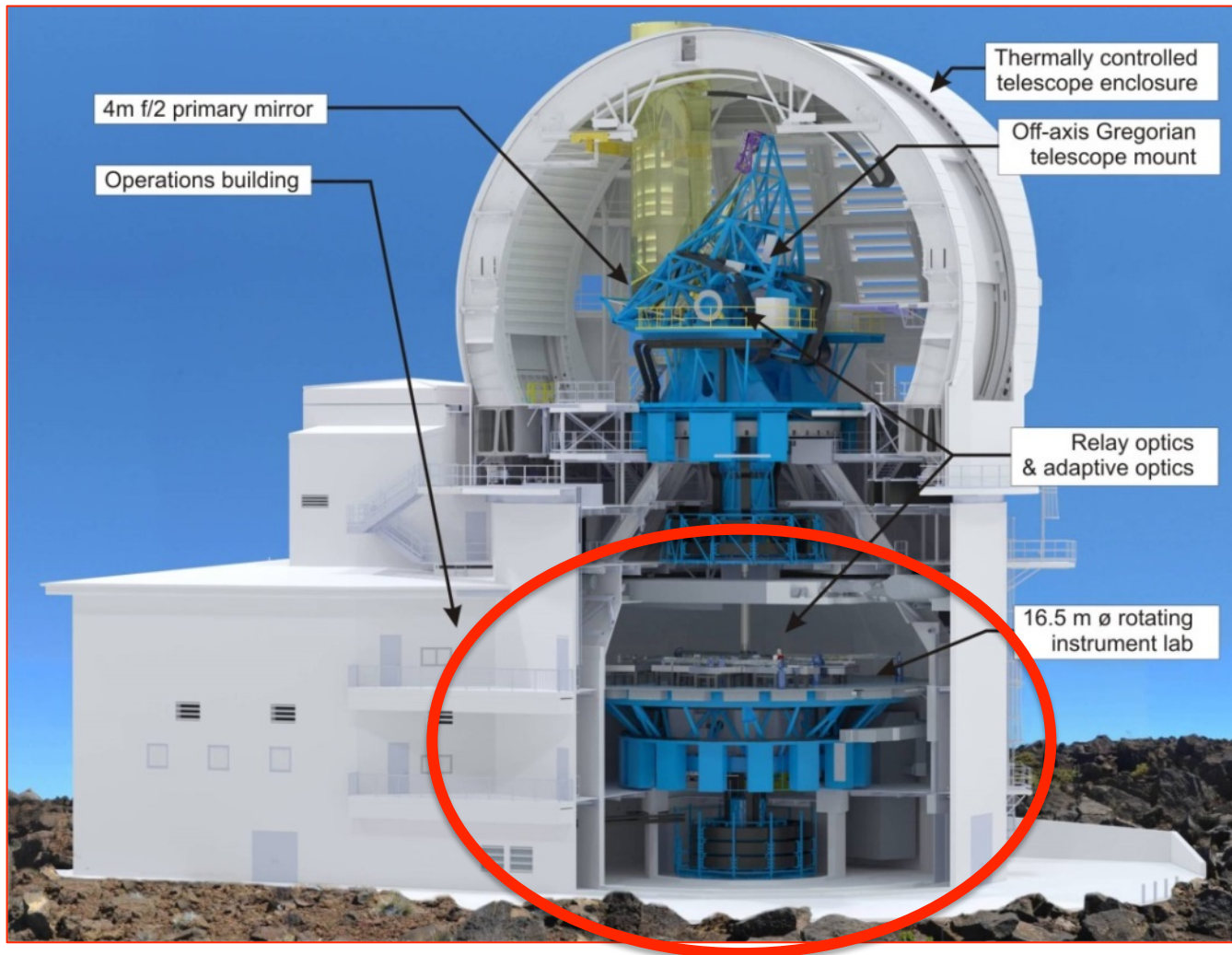
- All mirrors: ACHROMATIC !
- No lenses: can access up to **thermal infrared (~ 28  $\mu\text{m}$ )**
- Current instruments designed for up to 5  $\mu\text{m}$ )

# Coude' focus



Coude' Focus does NOT move as the telescope is re-oriented: useful for large instruments, with long (effective) focal lengths. Used in all major solar telescopes

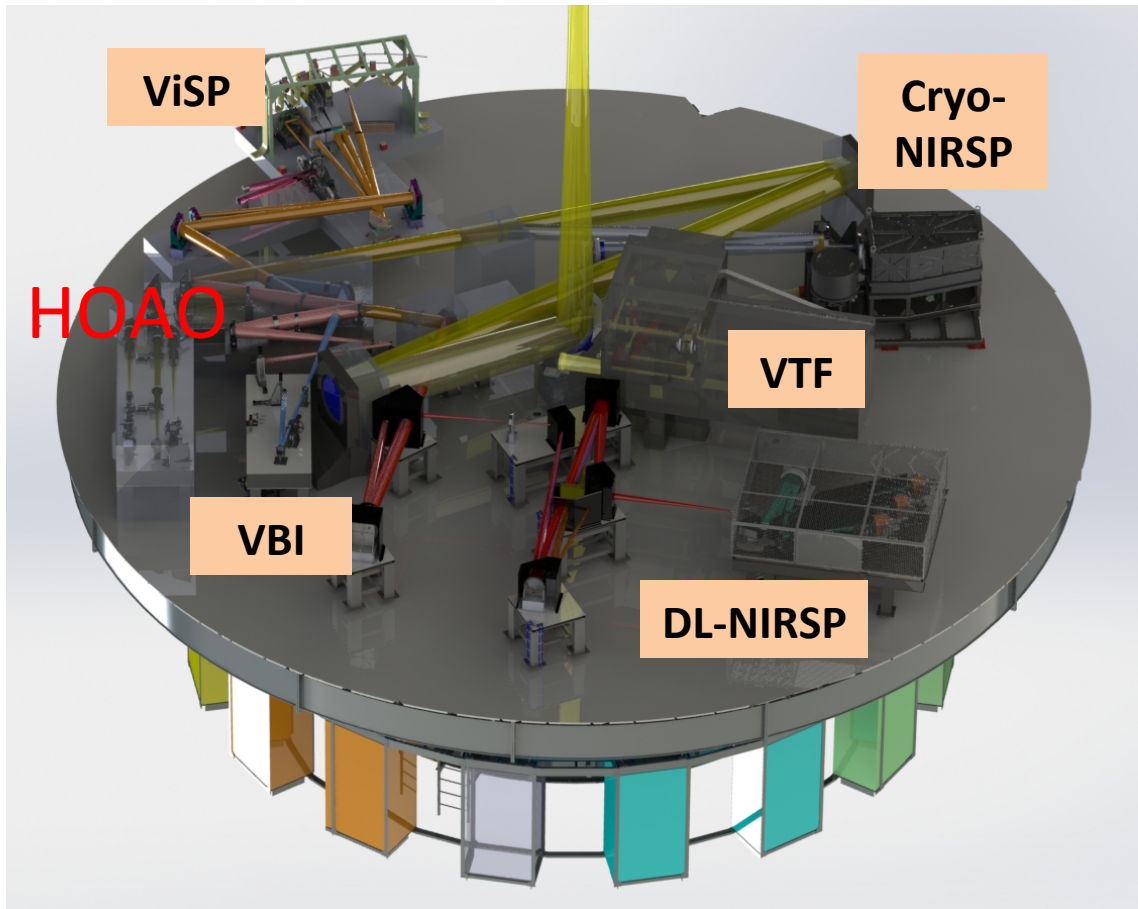
# Coude' lab: where instruments live



The Coude' lab ROTATES during the day to keep constant the solar image orientation on the scientific instruments



# A transformational facility: multi-instrument, multi-height diagnostics!

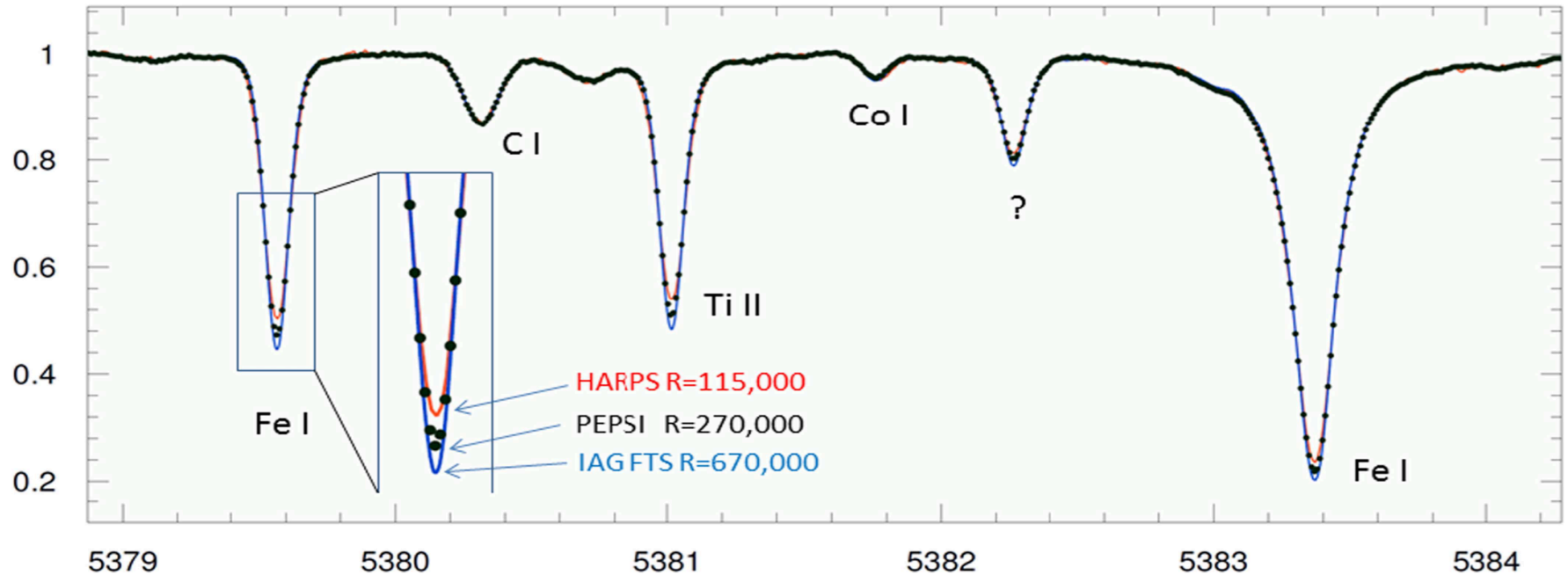


Five *complementary* image-, slit-, and IFU-based instruments.

Spectropolarimetric emphasis.

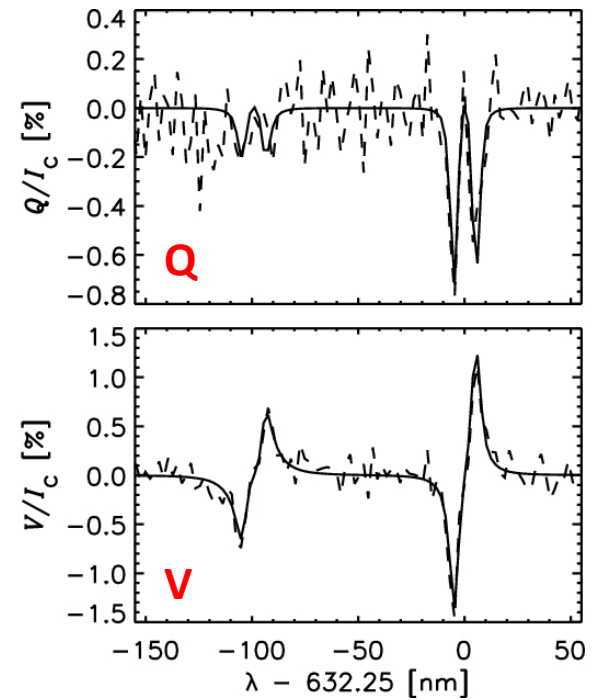
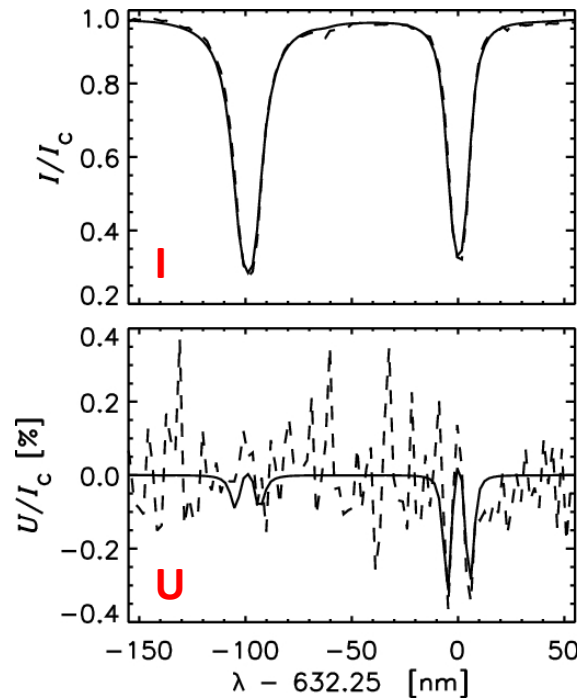
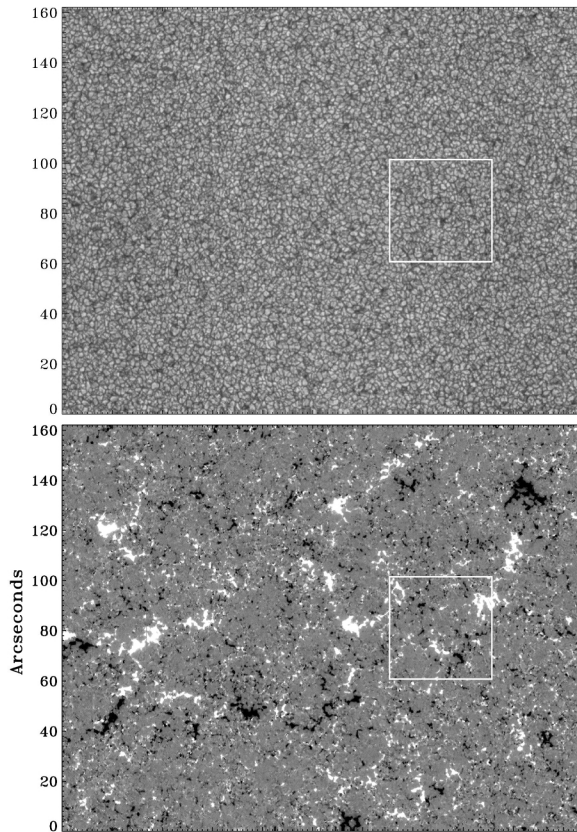
All instruments are fed with a wavefront corrected beam (with exception of Cryo-NIRSP).

# Analyze spectral intensity....



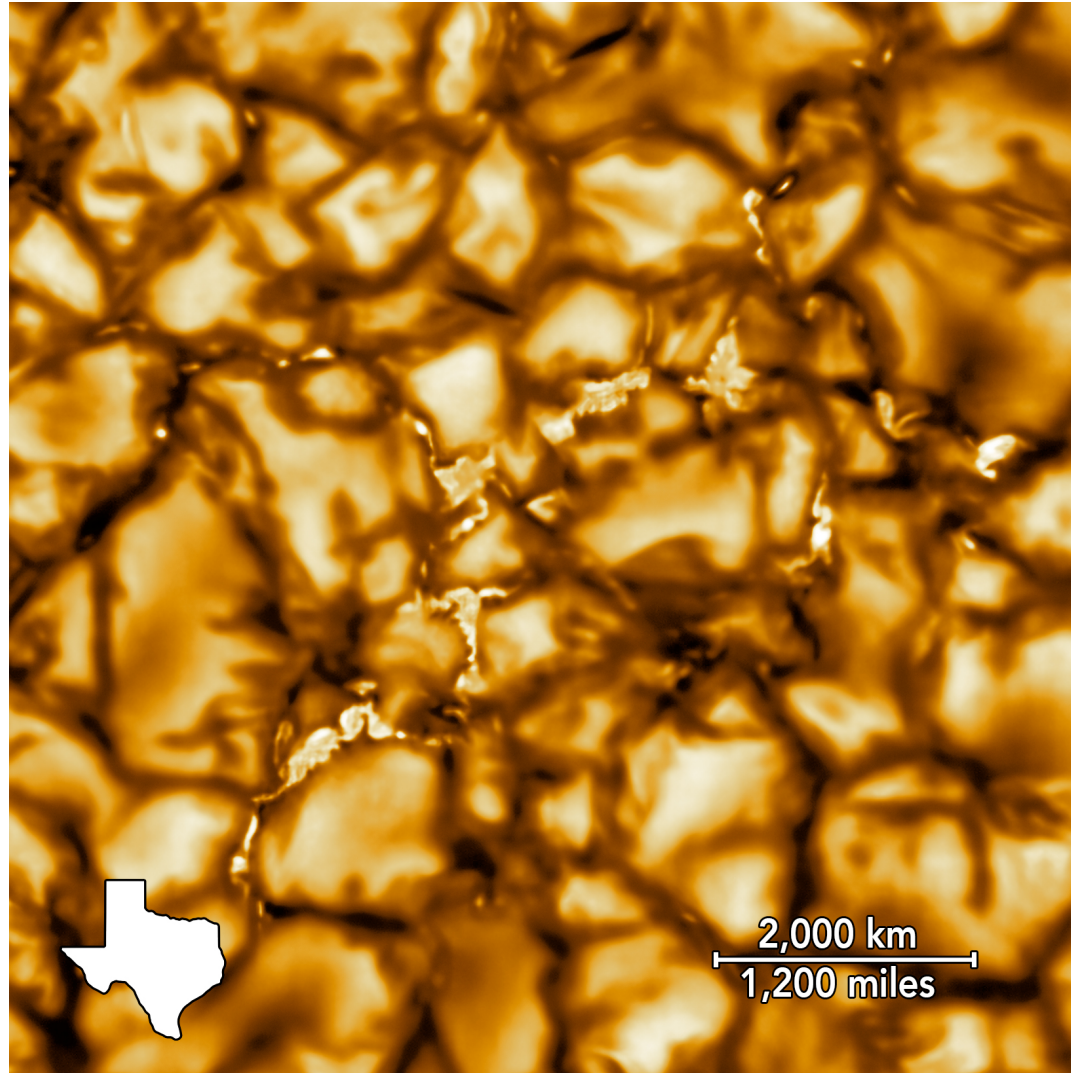
The presence of lines, and their shape, strength, position, polarization state, etc. give us the **physical state of the emitting plasma**: abundances,  $T$ ,  $\rho$ ,  $v$ , ioniz. state, magnetic field, and their temporal evolution.

# And polarization ....

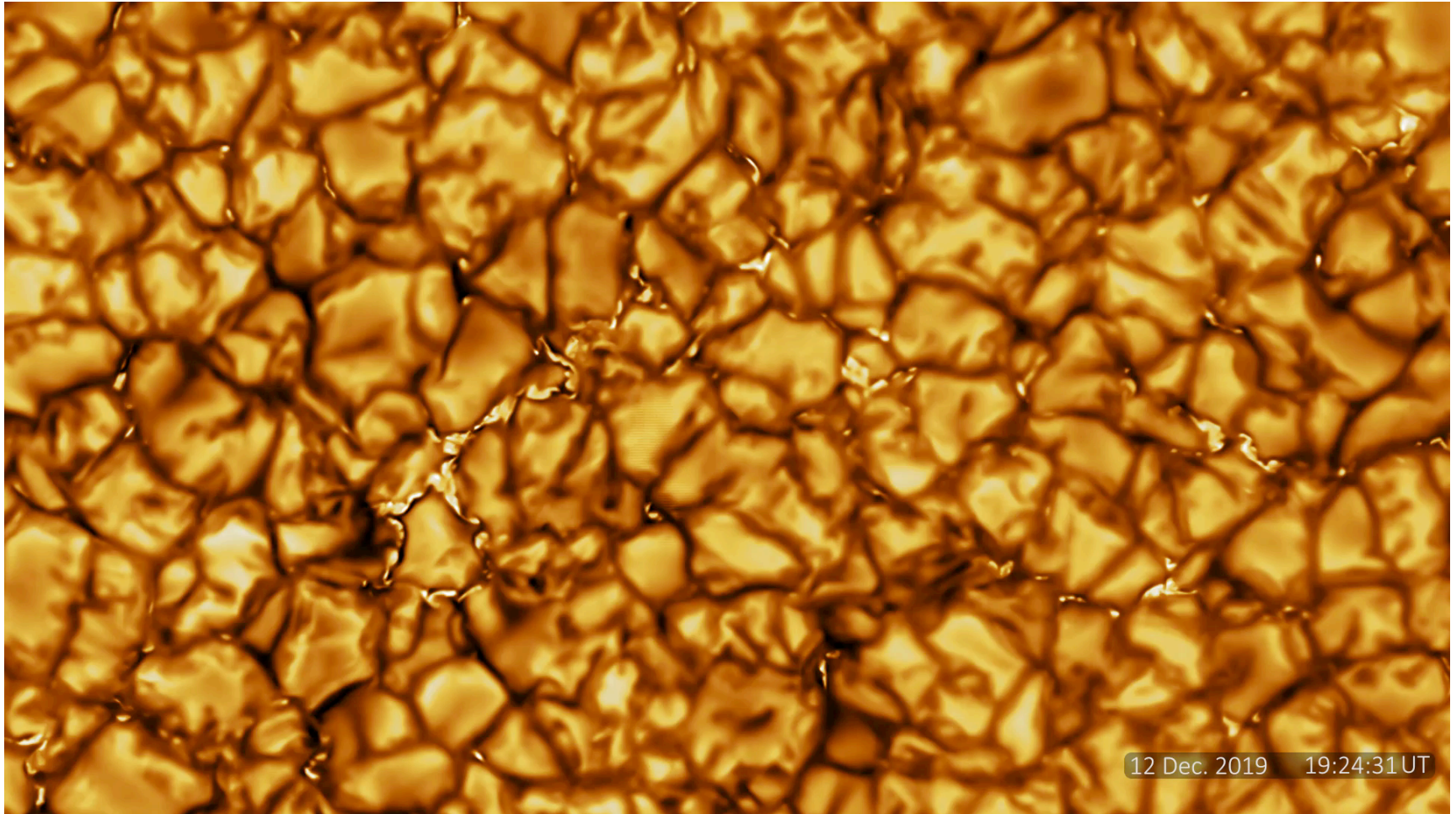


↔ 30,000 km

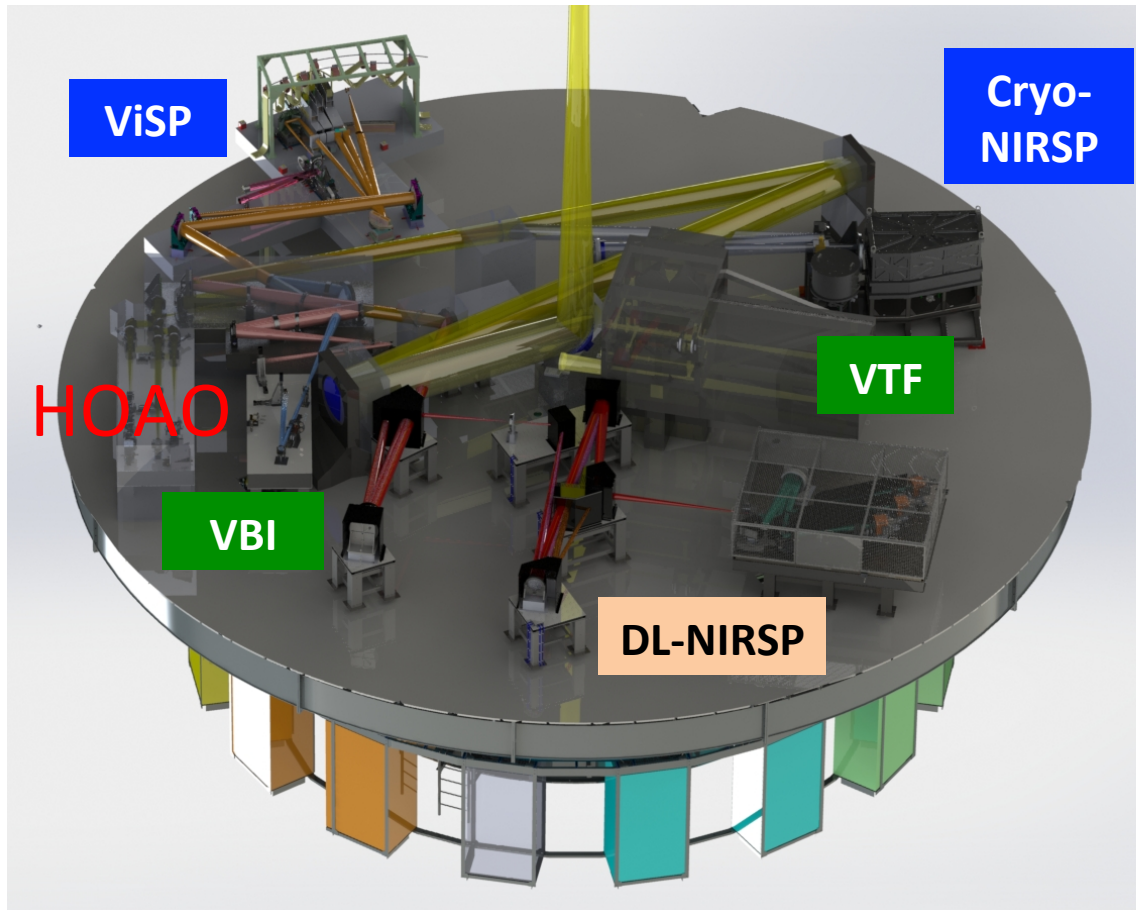
# And spatial distribution ....



# And temporal evolution !



# First-Light Instrument Suite



Two main  
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instruments:

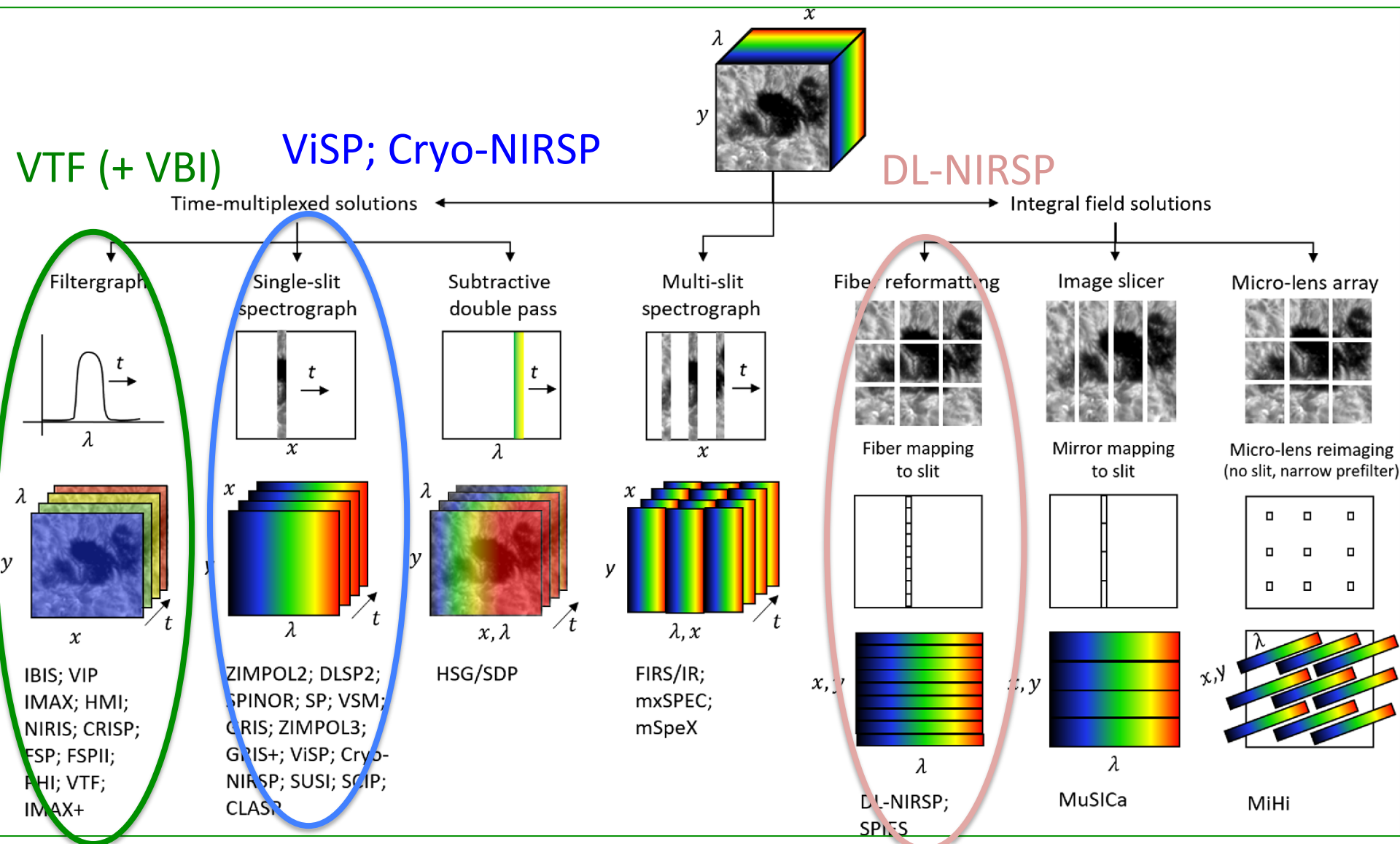
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Emphasis on  
imaging, large  
Field of view

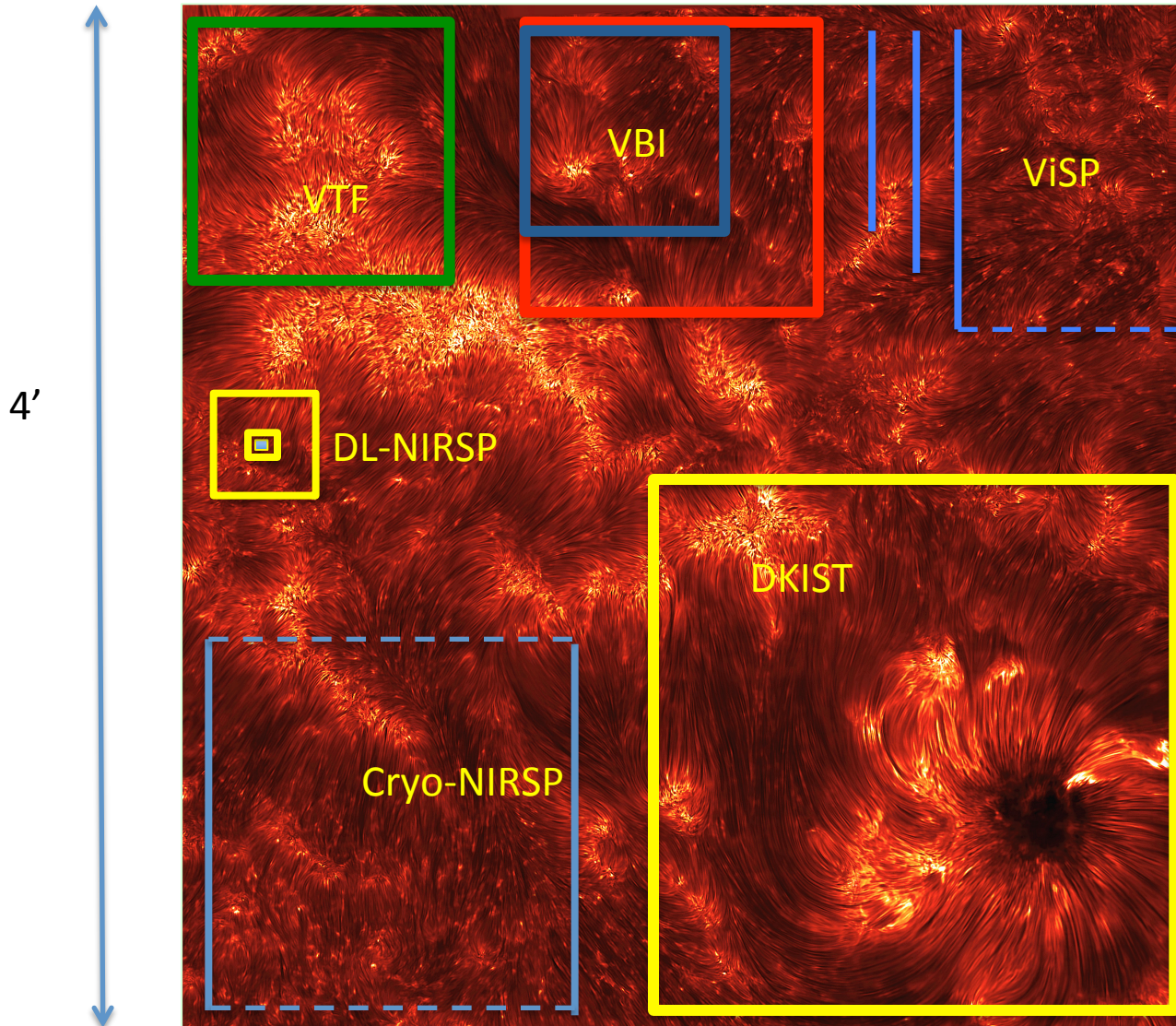
Emphasis on  
spectral fidelity

Both! (but you pay  
with small FOV)

# Slicing your $(x, y, \lambda)$ "hypercube"



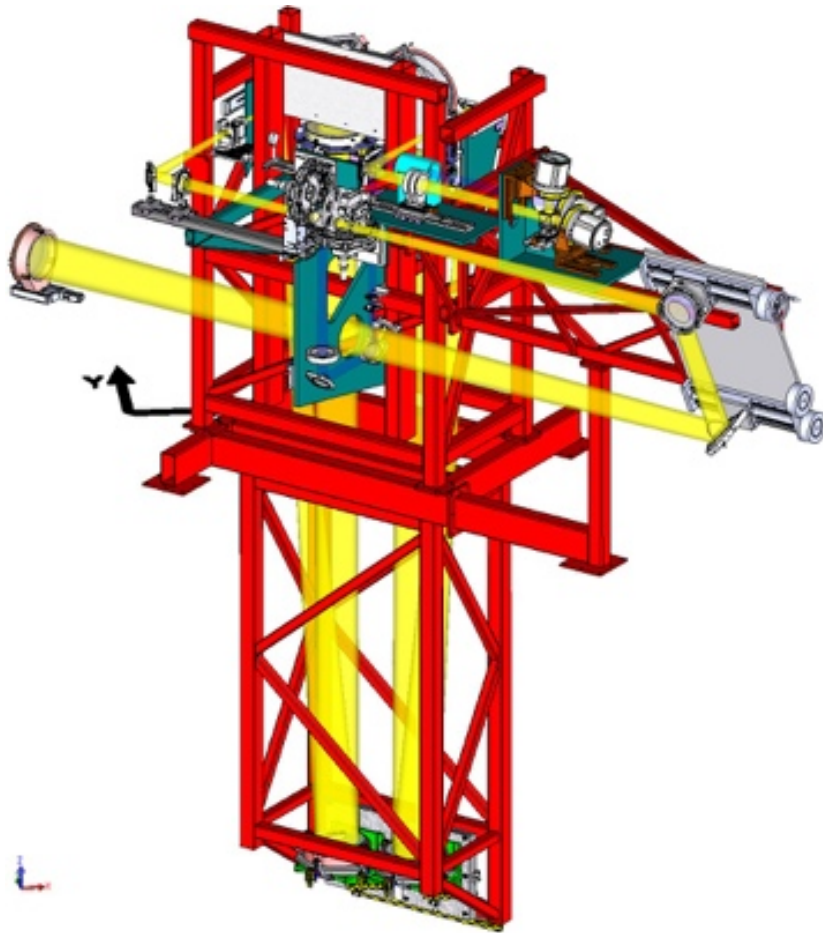
# Instruments' FOV



Note:  
ALL instruments  
co-point !



# Visible Tunable Filter (VTF)



- Dual Fabry-Perot system for imaging spectro-polarimetry (300 mm FP).
- Spectral range: 520 – 870 nm. First light filters: NaD1, FeI 630.2nm, H-alpha, CaII 854.2 nm
- Sequential selection of filters/sampling wavelengths.
- Simultaneous broad-band images.
- Dual beam spectropolarimeter; orthogonal polarization states are imaged on two separate detectors.
- At first light, only one etalon will be available: limited sampling for broad (chromospheric) lines.

# Visible Tunable Filter (VTF)

Instantaneous Field of View:

**60 x 60 arcsec<sup>2</sup>**

Spatial sampling:

**0.014 arcsec/pixel**

Spectral Resolution:

**6 pm FWHM (@600 nm),  $R \sim 100000$**

Temporal Sampling:

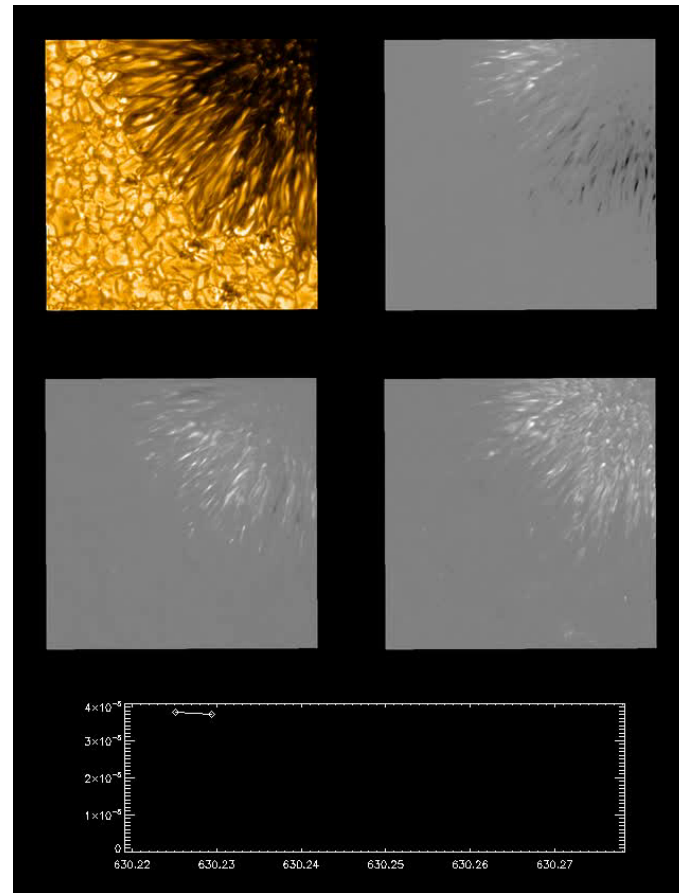
**1-2 s per line scan (spectroscopy)**

**5-10 s per line scan (polarimetry)**

Polarimetric Capability:

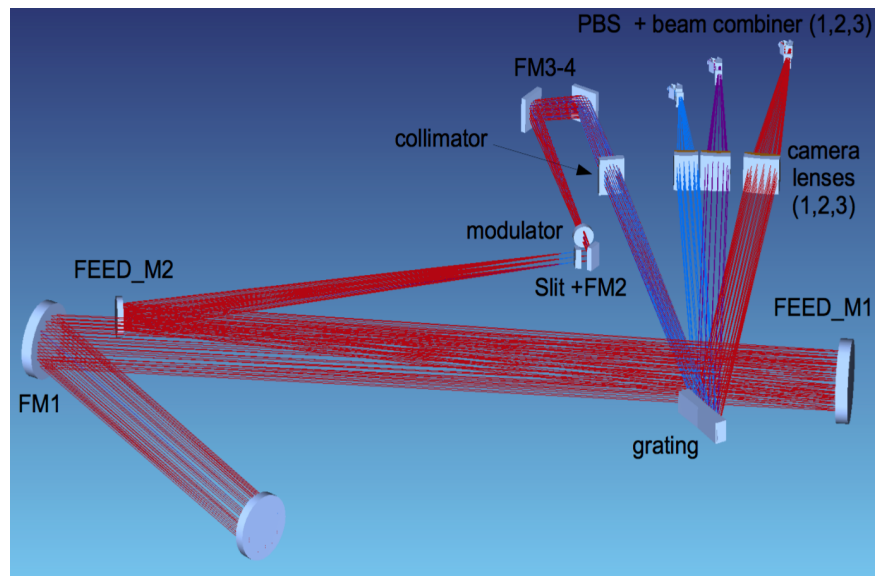
Full Stokes vector polarimetry

Target Sensitivity:  $3 \times 10^{-3} P/I_{\text{cont}}$



VTF will have very high spatial resolution, and allow rapid imaging spectrometry, Stokes imaging polarimetry, and accurate surface photometry

# Visible Spectro-Polarimeter (ViSP)



- Diffraction-grating based spectrograph.
- Access to full visible spectrum: 380 – 900 nm.
- 3 distinct “arms”: up to 3 separate spectral bands (~ 1 nm wide) can be observed simultaneously; different spatial and spectral scales.
- **ANY portion of the spectrum can be imaged on ANY spectral arm** – depending on combination of desired ranges.
- 5 possible slit widths (motorized): from 0.028” to 0.214”.
- Dual beam full Stokes polarimetry.
- Uses VBI blue-channel images for context.

# Visible Spectro-Polarimeter (ViSP)

## Instantaneous Field of View:

slit width x (75", 60", 50")

## Full optical field:

Slit length x 2 arcmin – by slit scanning (slit is moved across solar image).

## Spatial sampling:

0.03", 0.0236", 0.0198" (along slit, arms 1-2-3)

## Spectral Resolution:

$\leq 3.5$  pm @ 630 nm or  $R \geq 180,000$

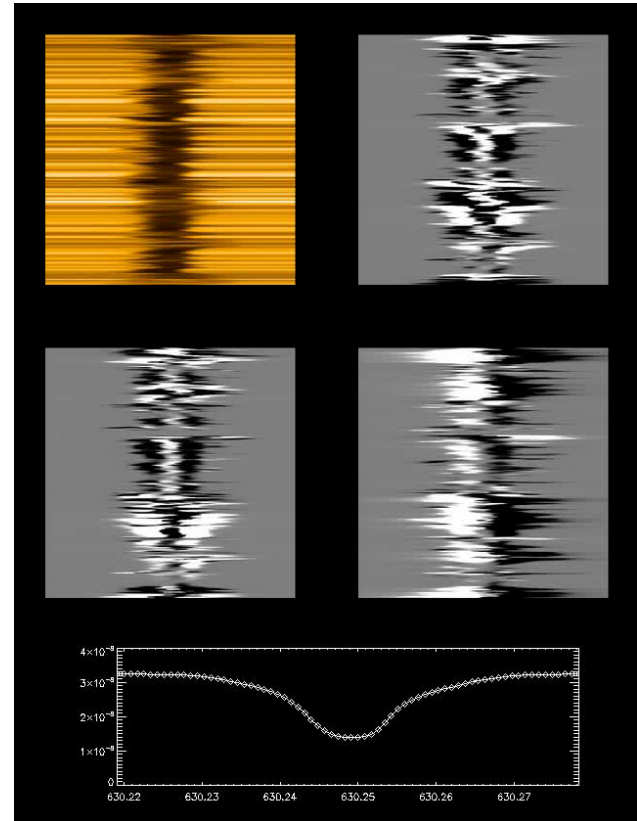
## Temporal Sampling:

0.5-10 sec per slit position (polarimetry);

0.02-0.2 sec per slit position (spectroscopy)

## Polarimetric Capability:

Target Sensitivity:  $10^{-3} P/I_{\text{cont}}$  in 10 sec



ViSP stresses high spectral fidelity and flexibility—  
will deliver high precision spectro-polarimetry

# So, how do we plan the observations?? (single instrument case)

1. Pick a physical problem
2. Think whether you value more the large FOV, the spectral fidelity, whether you want a certain line, etc -> Pick an instrument
3. Let's eyeball how long it will take to get the data we want, with the characteristics we need ("requirements":  
SNR=10E4, resolution = 0.1"; t=20 s; etc)
4. Tweak 3, and repeat
5. *Let's use some more sophisticated tools!!*

# Use case: XXX @ 630 nm

From Ivan (lesson 2):

$I_{\text{sun}}(630\text{nm}) \sim 2.2 \text{ E}13$  (SI units)

Number of photons  $N_{\gamma} = E/E_{\gamma} = (I \times \Delta\sigma \times \Delta\Omega \times \Delta\lambda \times \Delta t) / E_{\gamma}$

For  $\Delta\sigma = 100 \text{ km} \times 100 \text{ km}$ ;  $\Delta\lambda = 0.01 \text{ \AA}$ ;  $\Delta t = 1 \text{ s} \Rightarrow N_{\gamma} \sim 4 \text{ E}8$

From Kevin (lesson 5):

$\text{SNR} \sim \text{sqrt}(N_{\gamma}) \sim 2 \text{ E}4$  (assuming read-out noise is negligible)

Very nice.

maybe too optimistic ....

# Use case: VTF @ 630 nm

Issue 1: telescope is not 100% transparent!!

e.g., 9 mirrors before getting to instruments :  $(0.9)^9 \sim 0.5$

Issue 2: instrument is not 100% transparent!!

e.g., for VTF  $T \sim 0.38$  (0.19 in polarimetry)

Issue 3: cameras are not 100% efficient!!

Balor/Andor (4k x 4k) QED @600 nm  $\sim 0.61$

So now,  $\text{true}(N_\gamma) \sim 0.1 \times N_\gamma = 4 \text{ E}7$ , SNR  $\sim 6\text{E}3$

Still very good.

**BUT.....**

# Use case: VTF @ 630 nm

Number of photons  $N_\gamma = E/E_\gamma = (I \times \Delta\sigma \times \Delta\Omega \times \Delta\lambda \times \Delta t) / E_\gamma$

For VTF,  $\Delta\sigma = 10 \text{ km} \times 10 \text{ km} !!!$

$\Delta\lambda \sim 0.03 \text{ \AA}$

$\Delta t \sim 25 \text{ ms (max) !!!!}$

(plus, transparency issues of before)

$\Rightarrow \text{true(true}(N_\gamma)) \sim 3 \text{ E}4 !!!$

$\text{SNR} \sim \text{sqrt}(N_\gamma) \sim 200 \dots$  (albeit very fast)

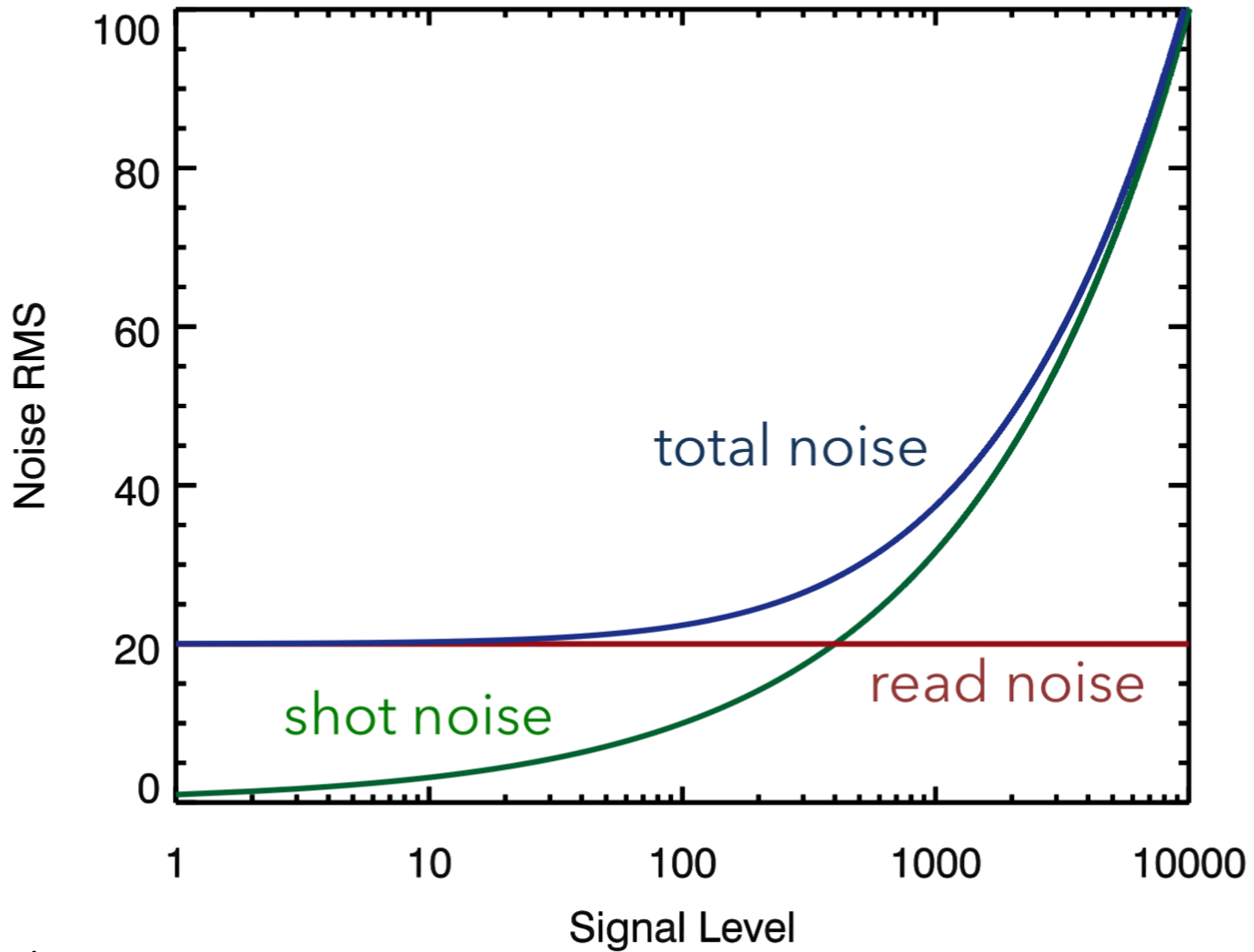
*Note, that an upper limit is given also by the camera saturation level: we cannot just keep exposing ....*



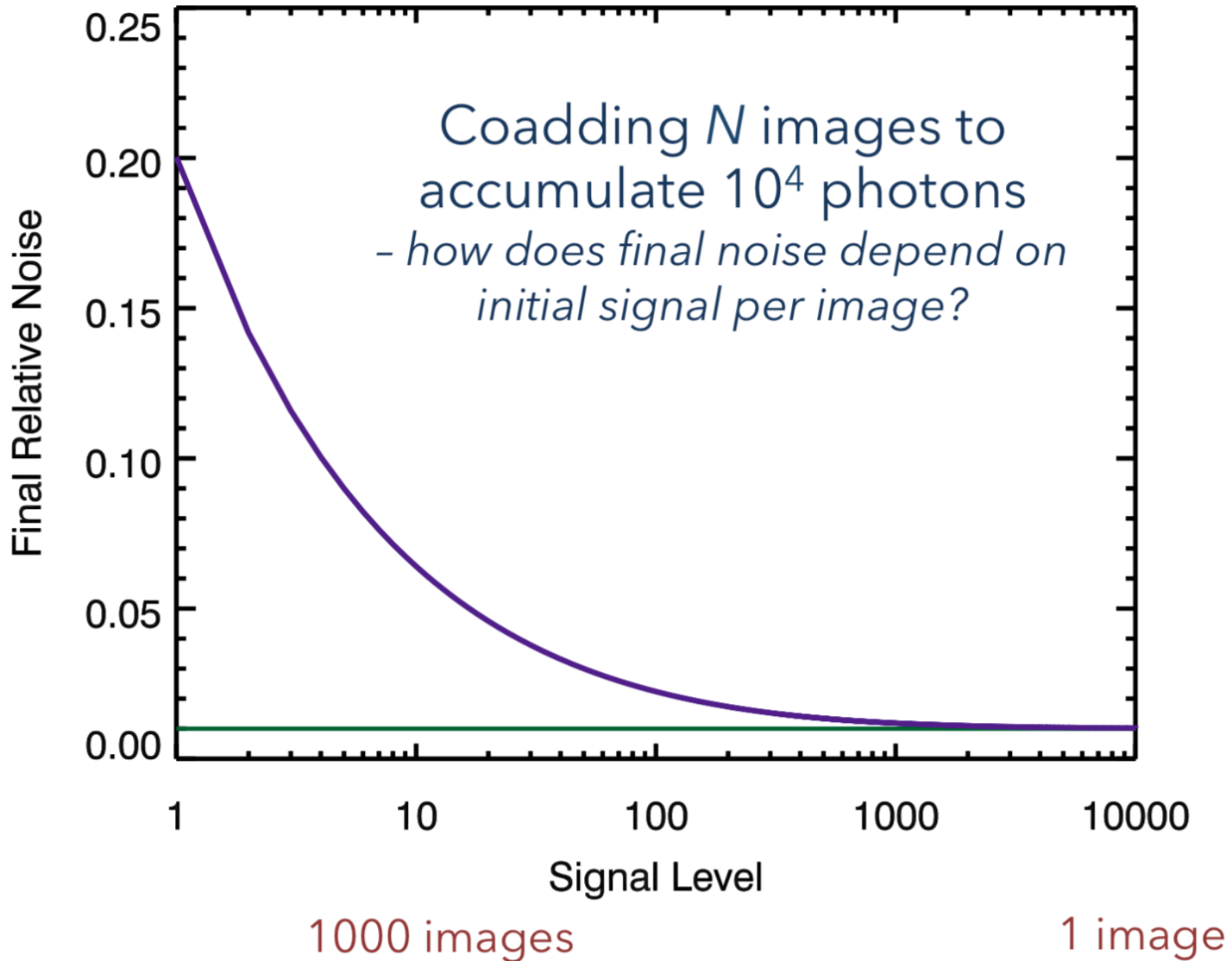
# Andor Balor-X Cameras (VBI, VTF, DL-NIRSP vis)

Feature	Benefit
<b>49.5 x 49.2 mm sensor</b>	Very large field of view from 16.9 Megapixel, 12 $\mu\text{m}$ pixel pitch sensor.
<b>18.5 millisecond readout</b>	Readout a 4k x 4k sensor 2,500x faster than a CCD. More data throughput less downtime!!
<b>Up to 54 fps</b>	Unique solution for a range of high time-resolution observing challenges, without compromising noise or FOV.
<b>Extended Dynamic Range and &gt; 99.7% Linearity</b>	Superb quantitative accuracy across a wide range of magnitudes within a single image.
<b>Readout noise ~ 2.9 e-</b>	Exceptionally low noise, even at max frame rate, suited to short exposure, low light observational challenges.
<b>No inter-pixel "dead area"</b>	No discontinuities in images that could contribute to loss of information.
<b>80 000 e- well depth</b>	Deep well depth, provides high dynamic range (high contrast) images thanks to sCMOS low noise floor. Enables the acquisition of long images without oversaturation of the pixels to record even the weakest signals.
<b>UltraVac™ v1</b>	<b>SNR of single exposure: &lt; 3-400</b> gain unequalled cooling and QE performance, year after year.
<b>CoaXPress as standard</b>	4 Lane CXP-6 interface enabling the highest frame rates over distances up to 30 m.
<b>Rolling and Global shutter supported</b>	Maximum exposure and readout flexibility across all applications. Global Shutter for snapshot capture of fast moving/changing events.

# Noise Regimes



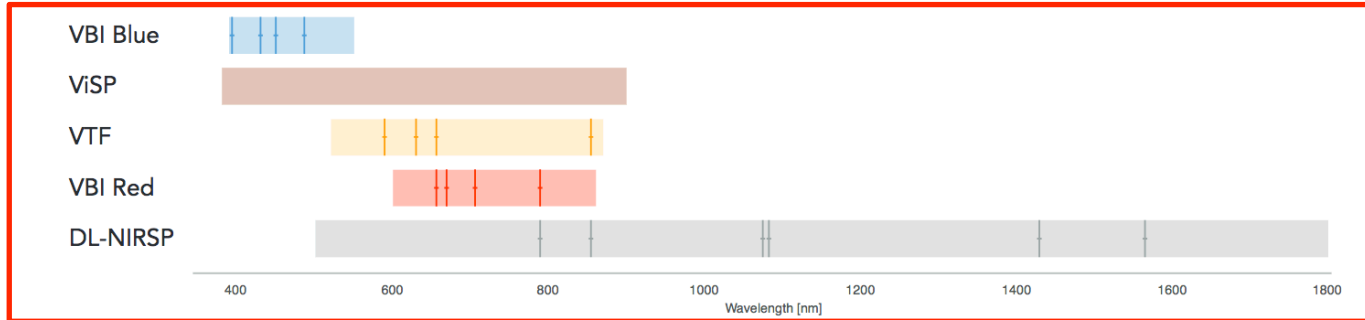
# Noise Reduction with coadding



# So many things to consider....

- Good example of “flux budget explained”. VMP for IMaX case (see, lectures & videos of 1<sup>st</sup> workshop, <https://www.nso.edu/ncsp/ncsp-workshop/intro-to-dkist/>)
- All Instrument Performance Calculators can be found at: <https://www.nso.edu/telescopes/dki-solar-telescope/csp/docs/> (Software Download)
- Let’s play with VTF a bit more

# DKIST as a Multiwavelength Observatory



VBI Blue	ViSP	VTF	VBI Red	DL-NIRSP	Cryo-NIRSP	Cryo Context
Ca II K 393.327nm G-band 430.52nm Continuum 450.287nm H-beta 486.1nm	Access to entire spectral range between 380-900 nm	Na D 589.6nm Fe I 630.25nm H-alpha 656.3nm Ca II 854.2nm	H-alpha 656.282nm Continuum 668.423nm Ti O 705.839nm Fe XI 789.186nm	Fe XI 789nm Ca II 854.2nm Fe XII 1074.7nm He I 1083nm Si X 1430nm Si IX 1430nm Fe I 1565nm	Fe XIII 1074.7nm Fe XIII 1079.7nm He I 1083 nm Si X 1430nm Si IX 3935 nm CO 4651nm	Fe XIII 1074.7nm He I 1083nm J Band 1250nm Si IX 1430nm

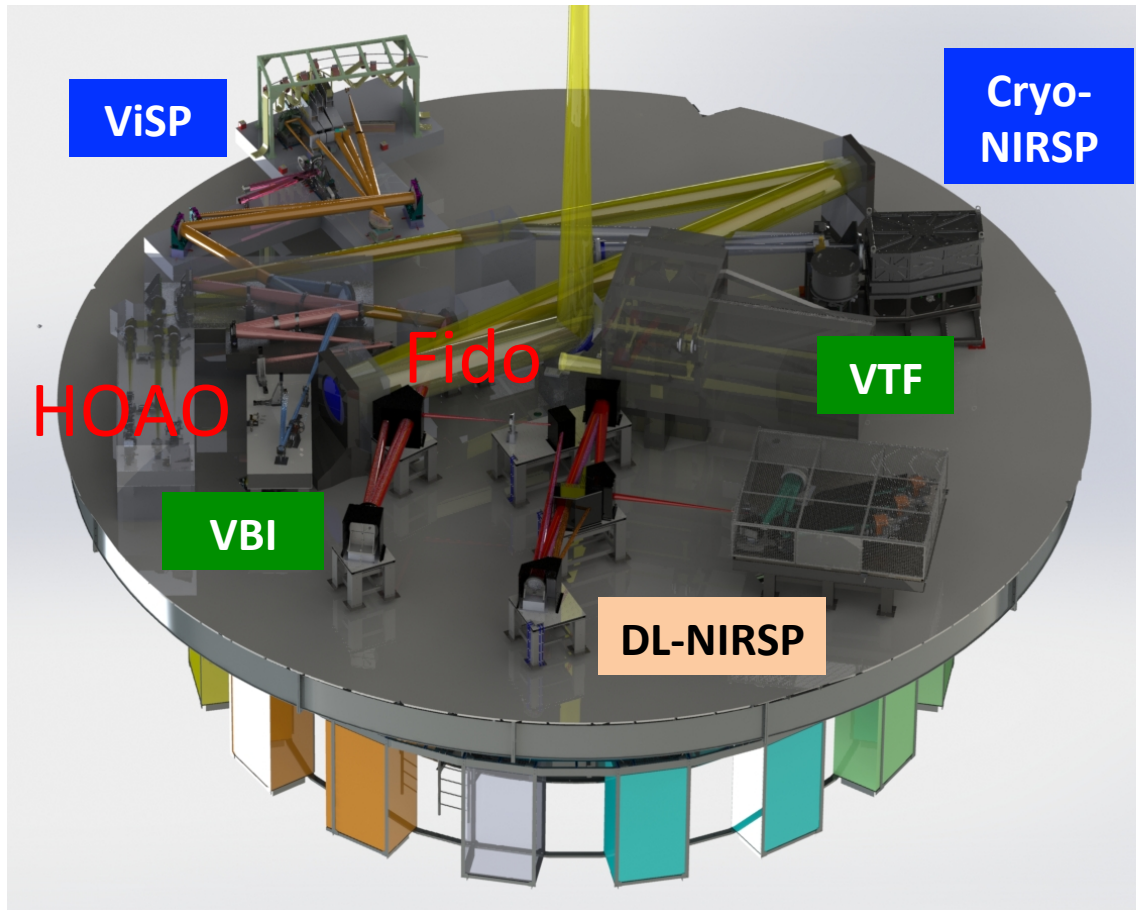
This table is meant to give an idea of the capabilities of the DKIST first light instrument suite. It cannot capture the large trade space that is provided by the flexibility of the instruments. For more information, visit <http://dkist.nso.edu/CSP/instruments>

Visible light cameras for instruments are provided by a UK consortium.

- Instruments – *with the notable exception of the ViSP* – require pre-filters for specific spectral lines.
- Instruments can work alone, or together (Cryo-NIRSP can only work alone)



# First-Light Instrument Suite



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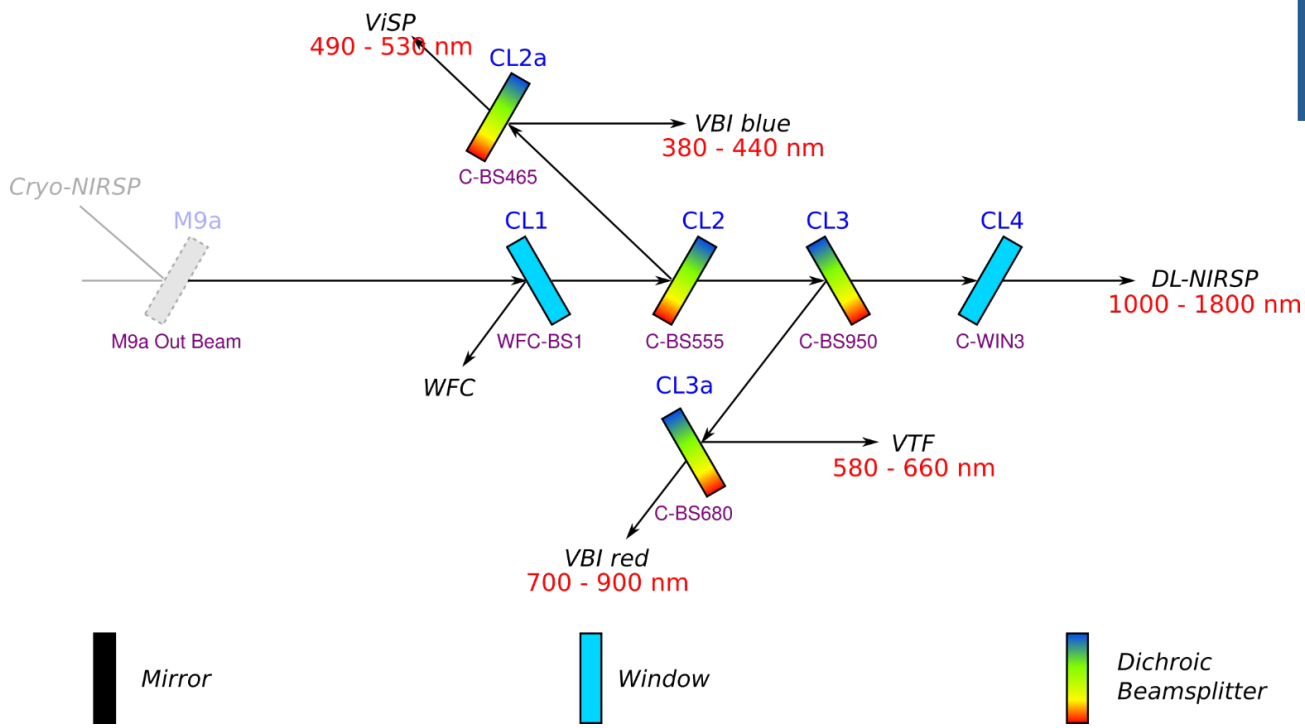
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Emphasis on  
imaging, large  
Field of view

Emphasis on  
spectral fidelity

# DKIST as a Multiwavelength Observatory

**FIDO  
TOOL**



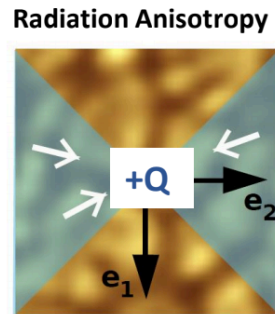
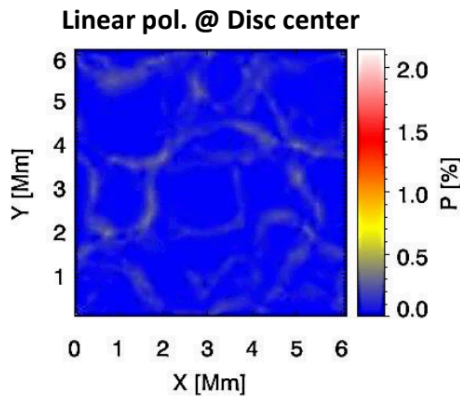
Shorter wavelengths reflected, longer wavelengths transmitted.

# And, HOMEWORK!

## Studying the QS: Hanle diagnosis

- + No signal cancellation
- We are missing spatially resolved measurements of scattering pol.
- Goal: **~0.1 arcsec ; 0.03% ; 20 mA ; Sr I 460.7 nm ; < 10 s !!!**
- Better with aperture >1.5 m and integral field spectrometer

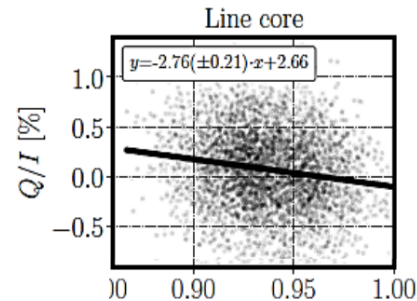
Francisco's requirements:  
(0.03% -> SNR=3E3)



- Positive correlation (ZIMPOL)

Dahra et. al. 2019, A&A

- Negative correlation (FSP)



Note that the best results to date (0.03%) have been obtained with 0.4"; 60 mA, and 210 s!!!

- Negative correlation

Del Pino Aleman et. al. 2018, ApJ

Zeuner et. al. 2018, A&A



# And, HOMEWORK!

So, Neeraj asked: could you achieve those performances with DKIST ?

Can we???? To you the arduous judgement.

ViSP @ 4607 A:

- Detector QE = 0.46
- Inst. Transmission = 0.1
- Modulation efficiency = 0.5
- Camera duty cycle = 0.95
- Pixel size (spatial, arm 1) = 0.03"
- Pixel size (spectral, arm1) = 0.016 Ang
- Slit size (chose 1) = [0.0284; 0.041; 0.0536; 0.1071; 0.2142]"
- (and remember, you can bin...)

Thanks !



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