

Integral field spectroscopy with VLT/MUSE

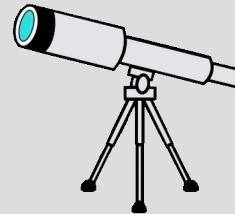
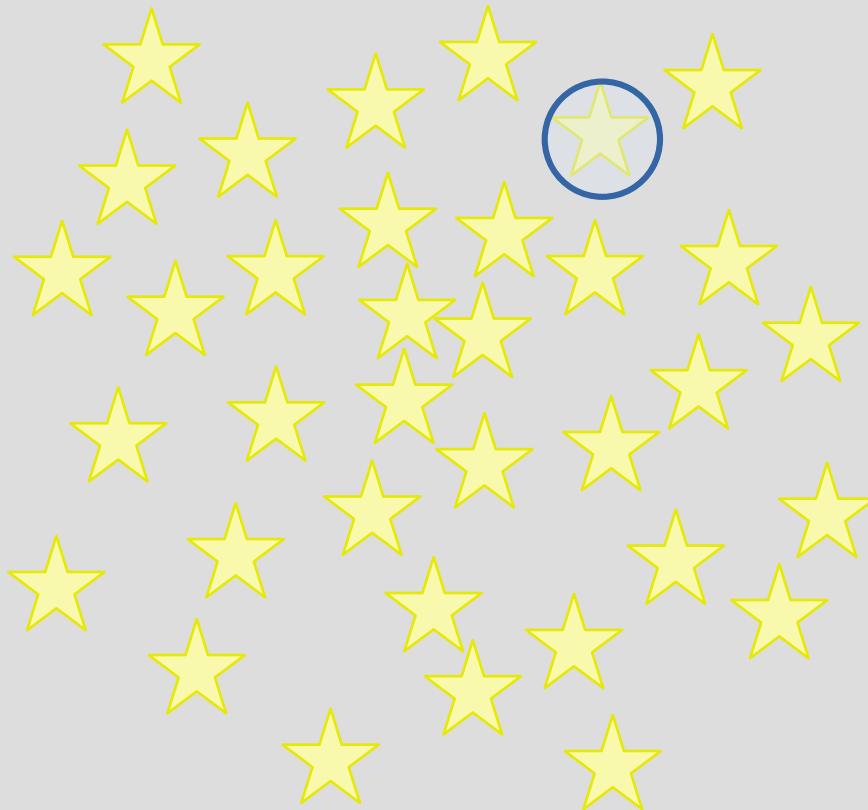
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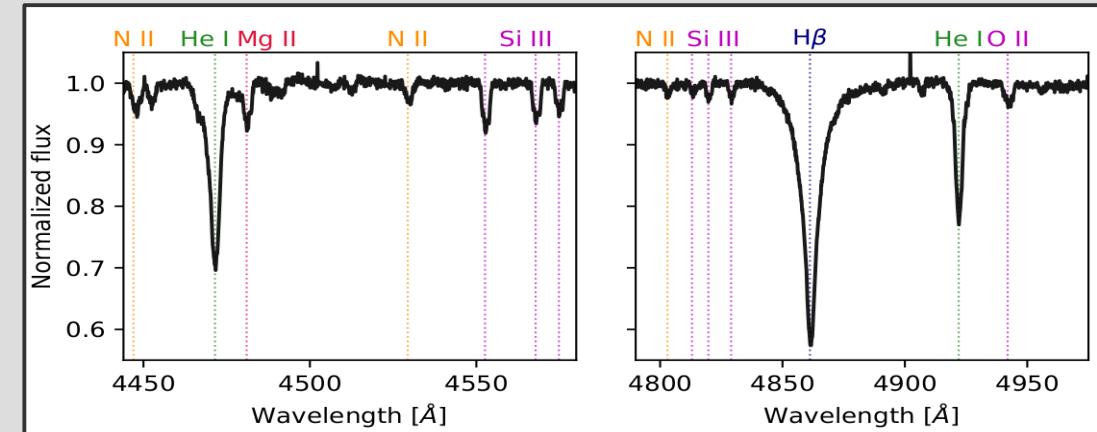
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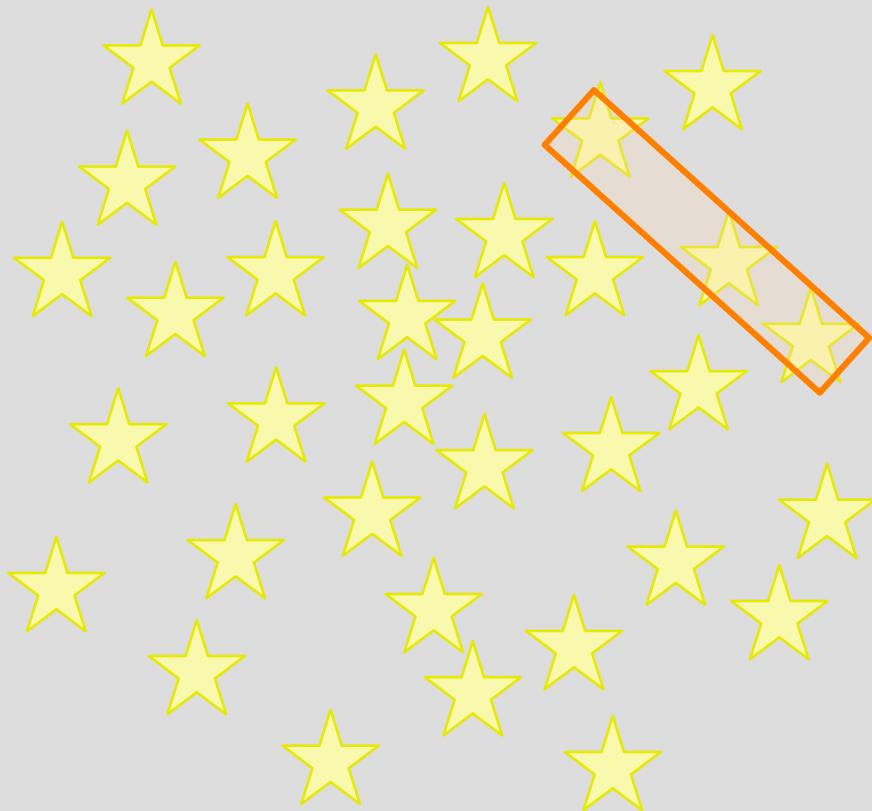
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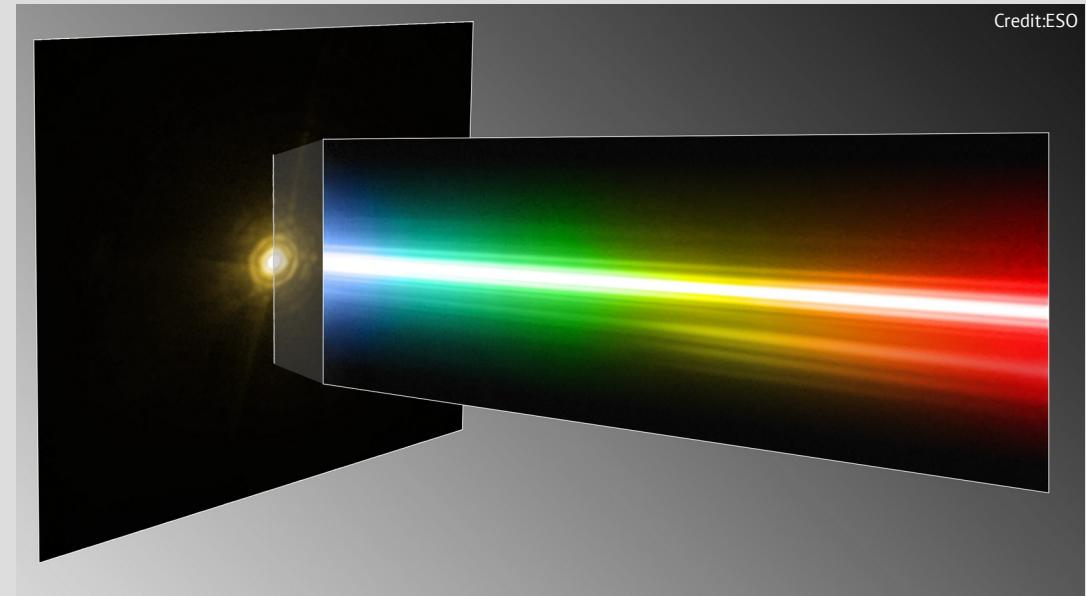
1D spectroscopy
(for example fiber-fed)



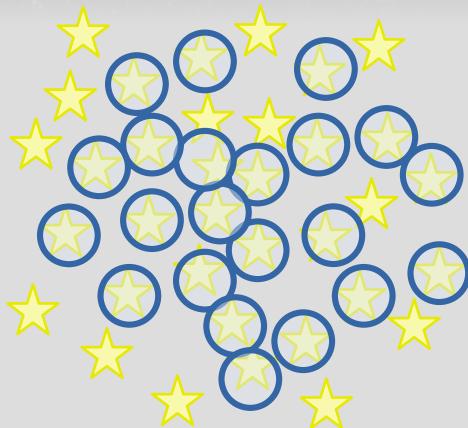
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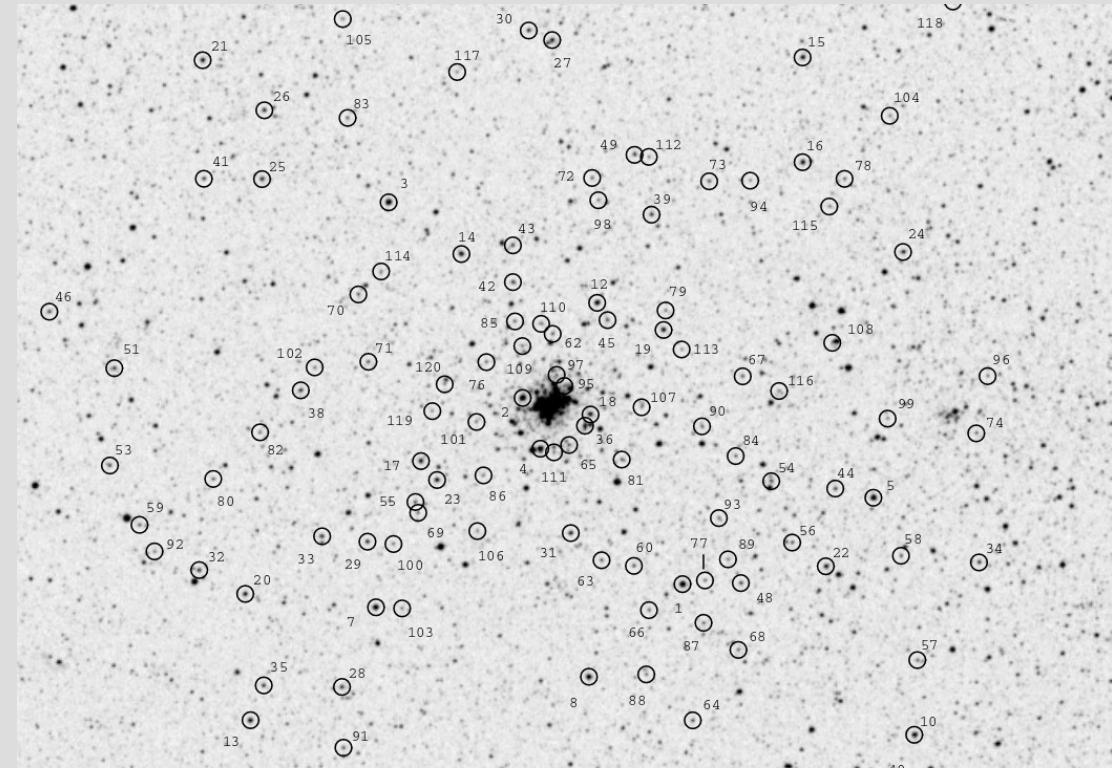
(2D) spectroscopy
for example with a long slit



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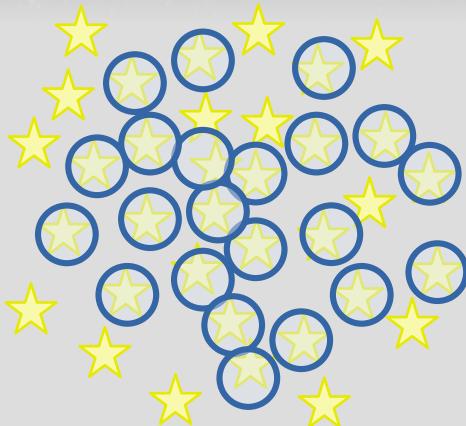


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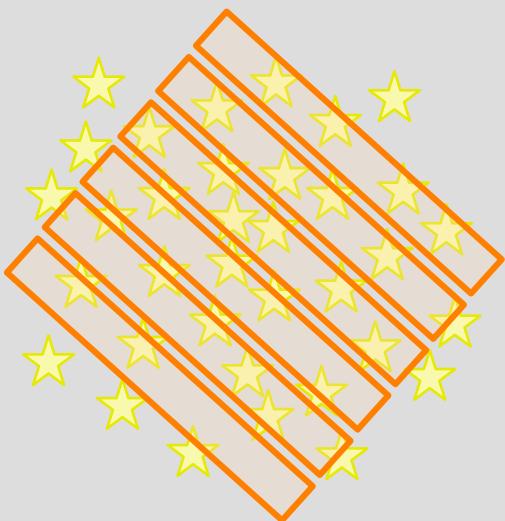


NGC 330 in the SMC
Evans et al. 2006

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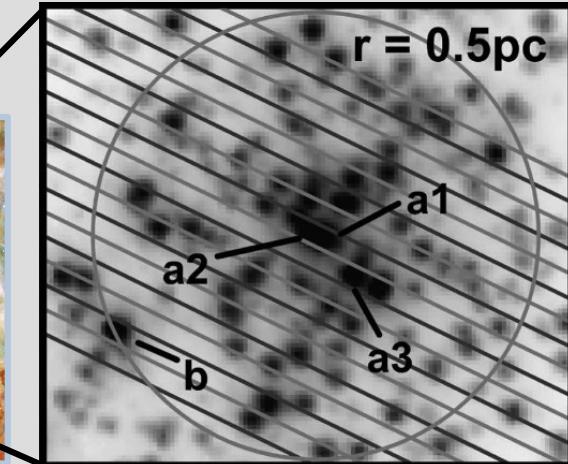
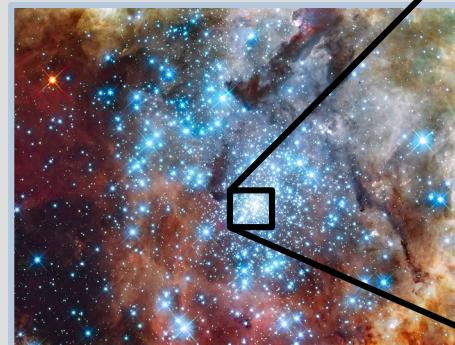


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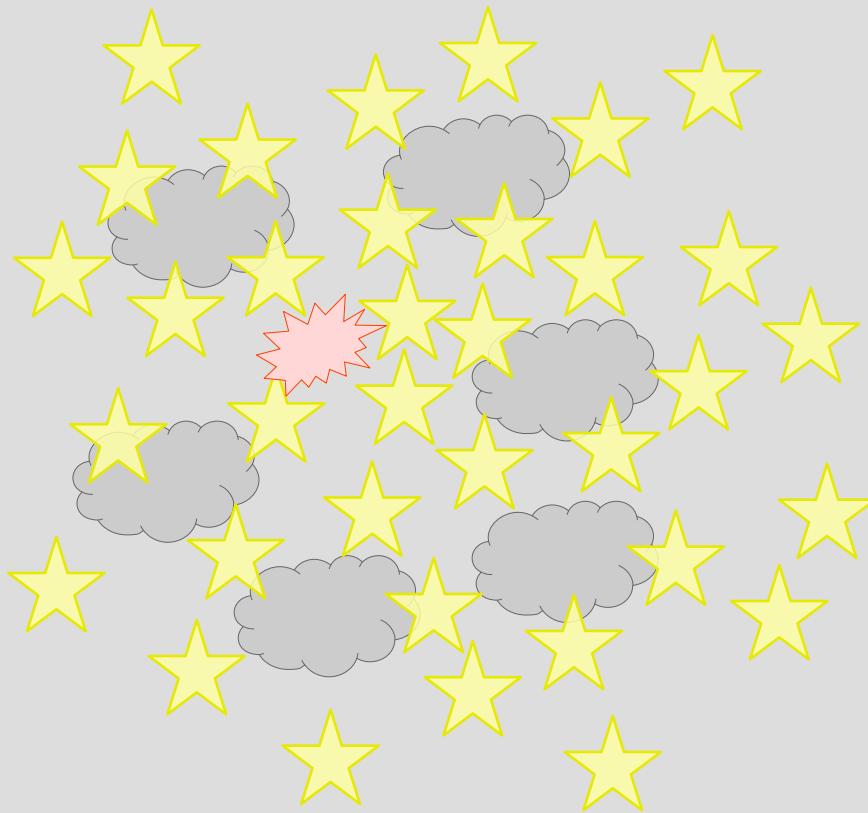


Multi-slit 2D spectroscopy

R136 (LMC)
Crowther et al. 2016

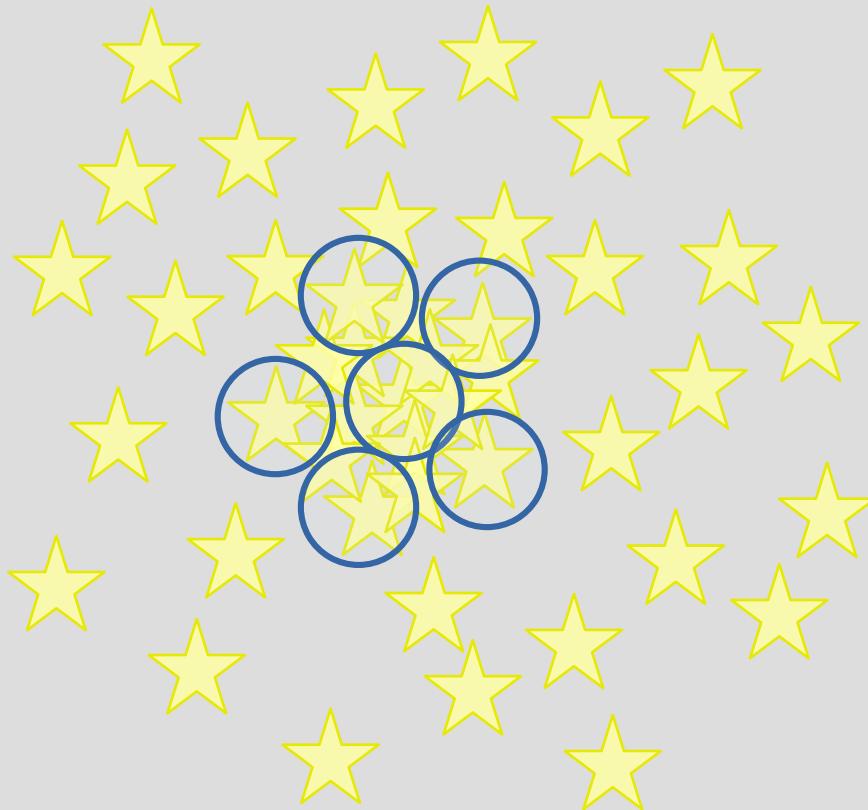


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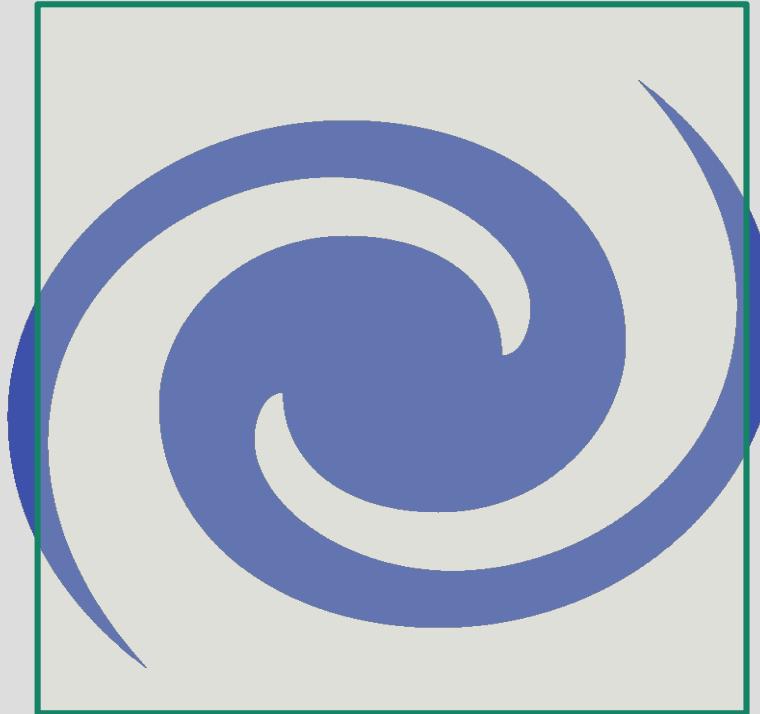
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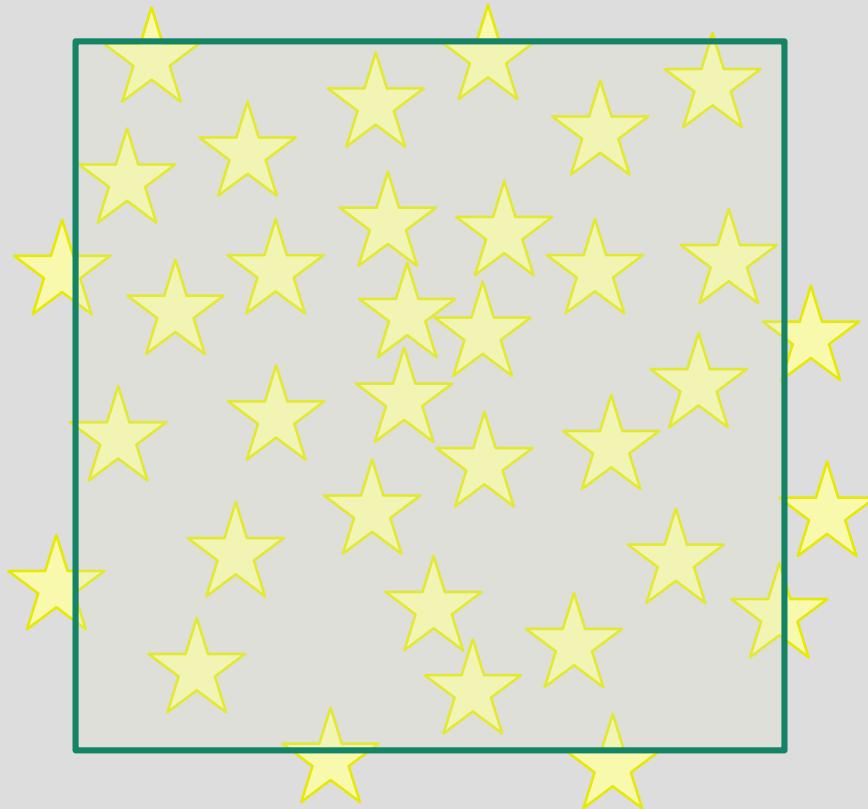
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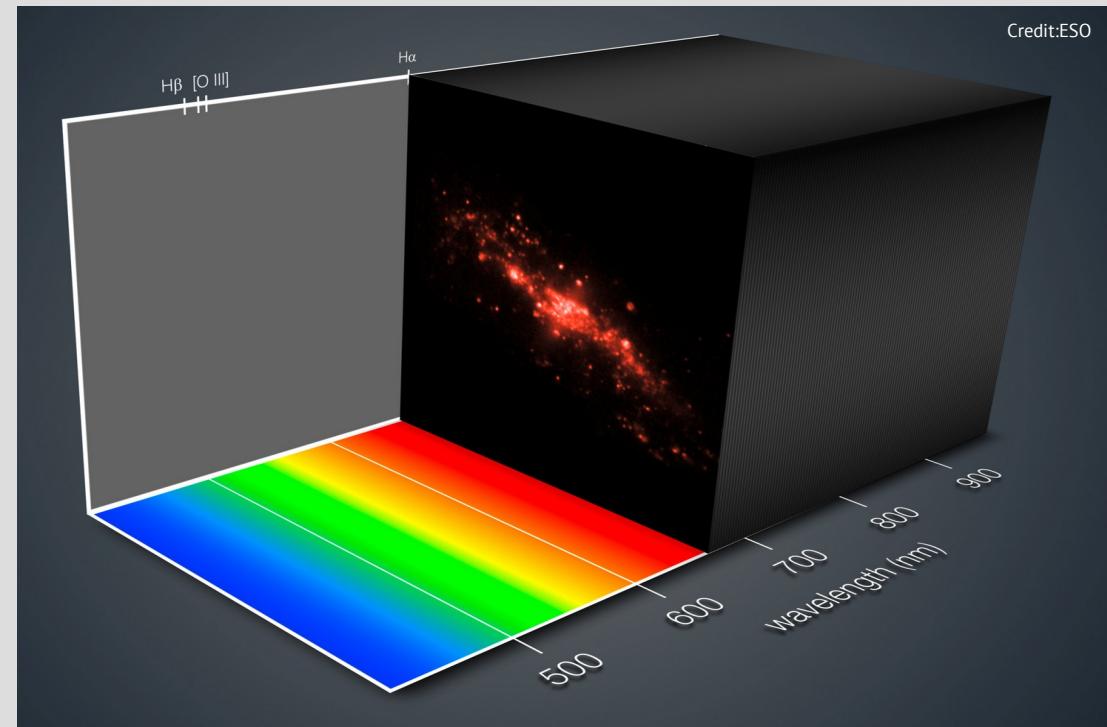
Integral field spectroscopy

- background emission
- very crowded fields
- extended objects

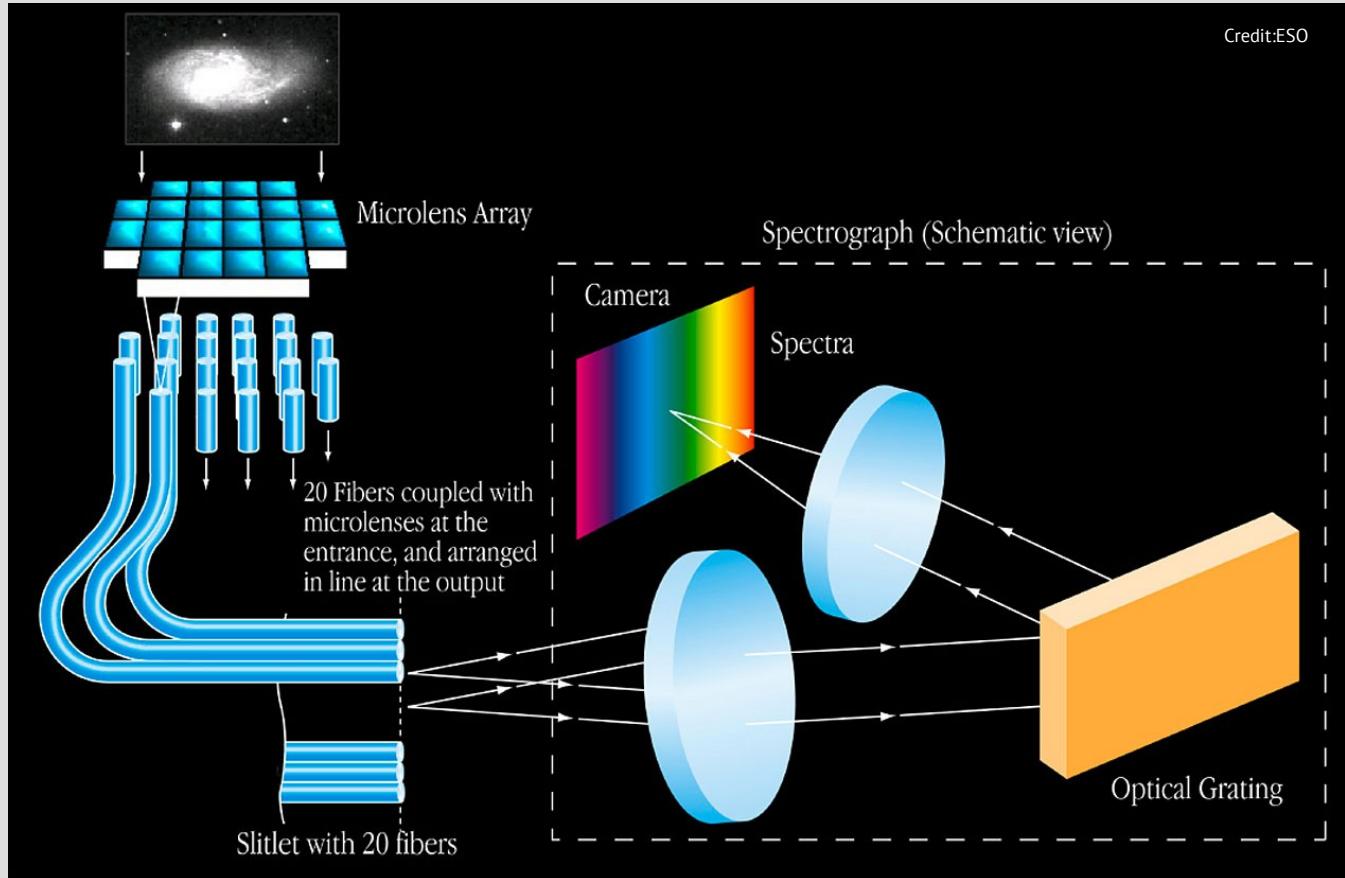
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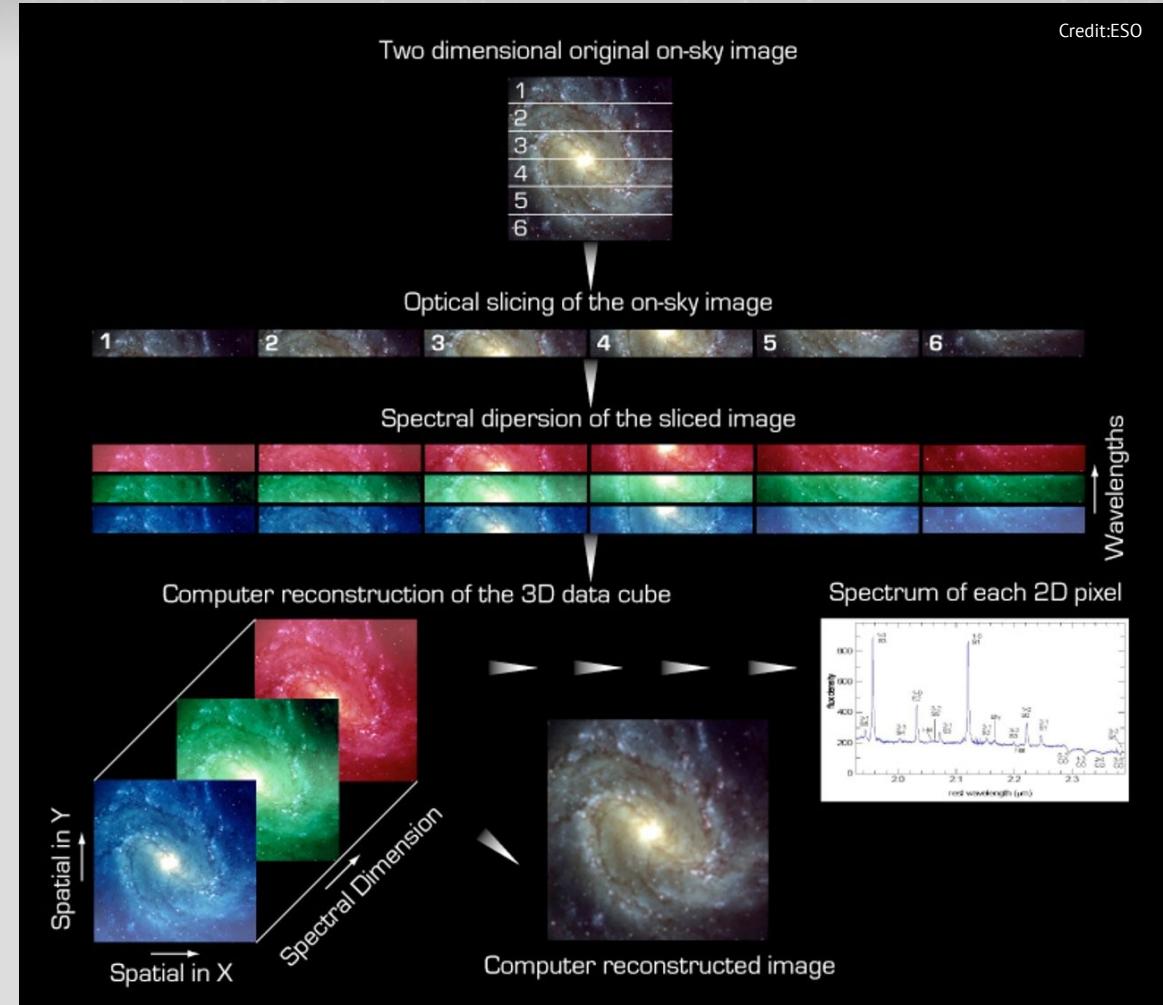
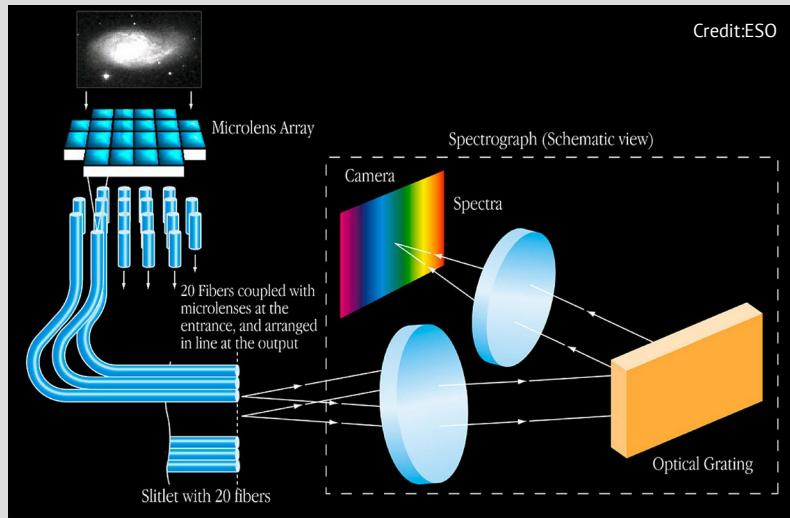
(3D) Integral field spectroscopy
= photometry + spectroscopy



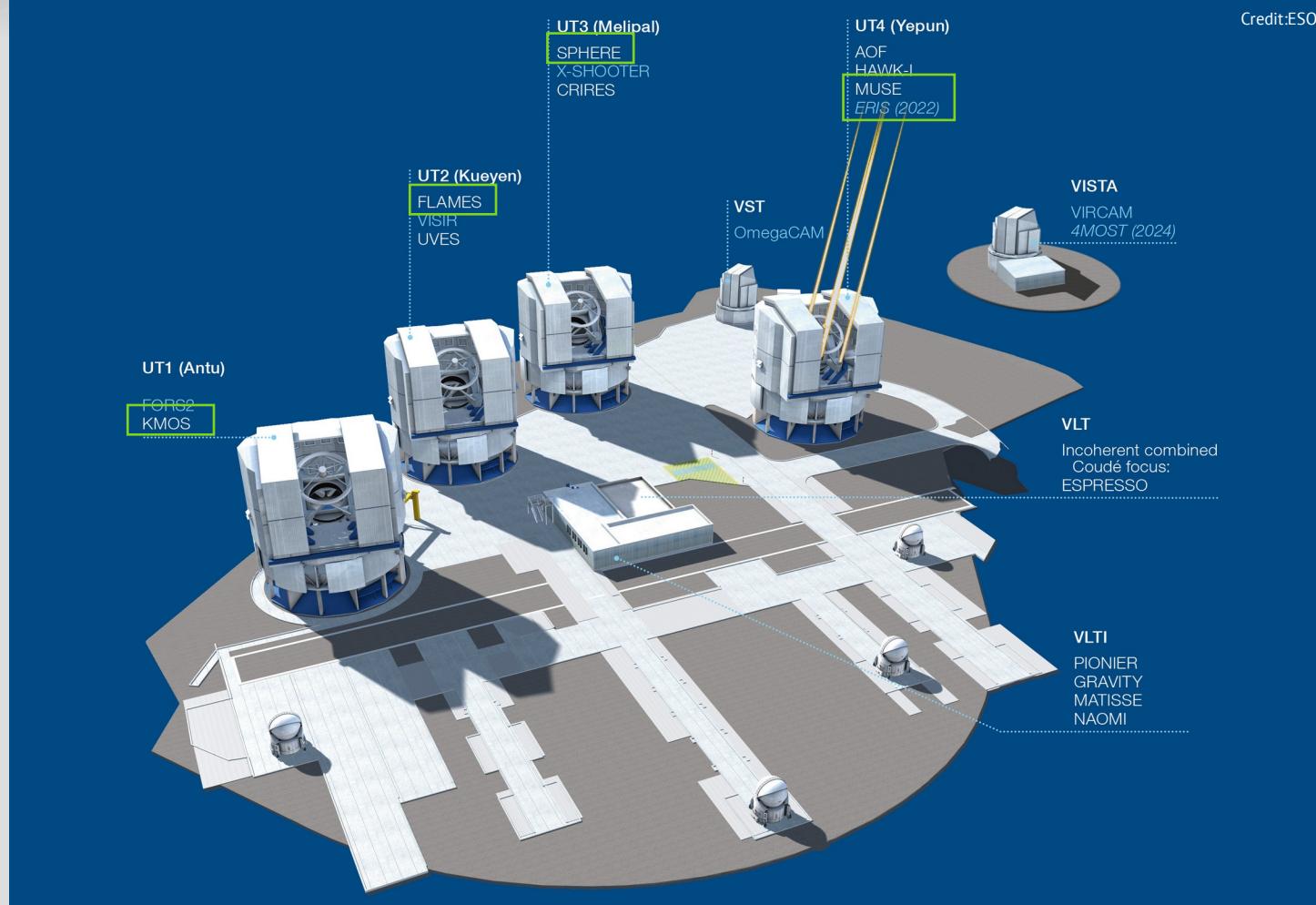
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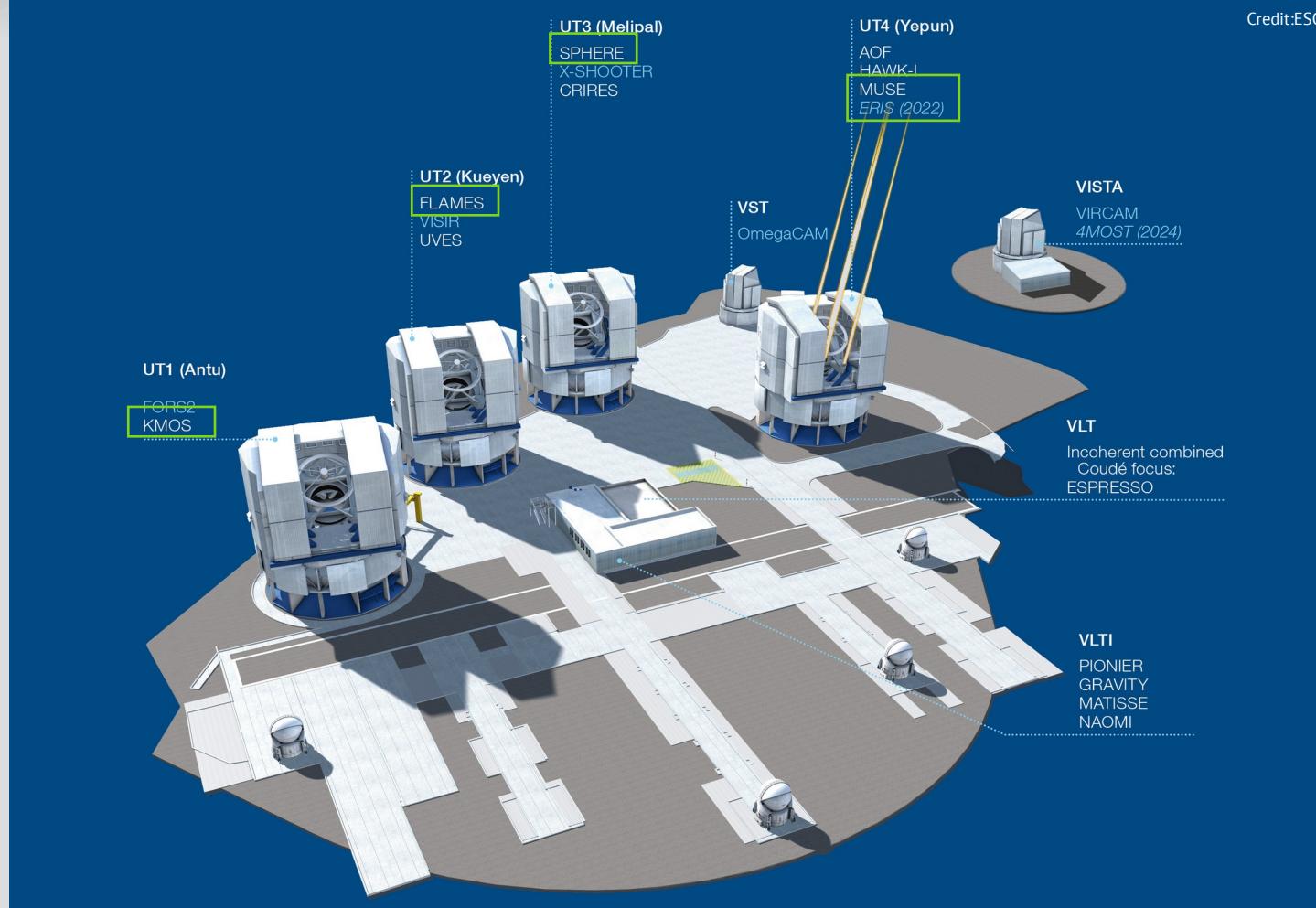
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Different integral field units at ESO



Different integral field units at ESO and elsewhere

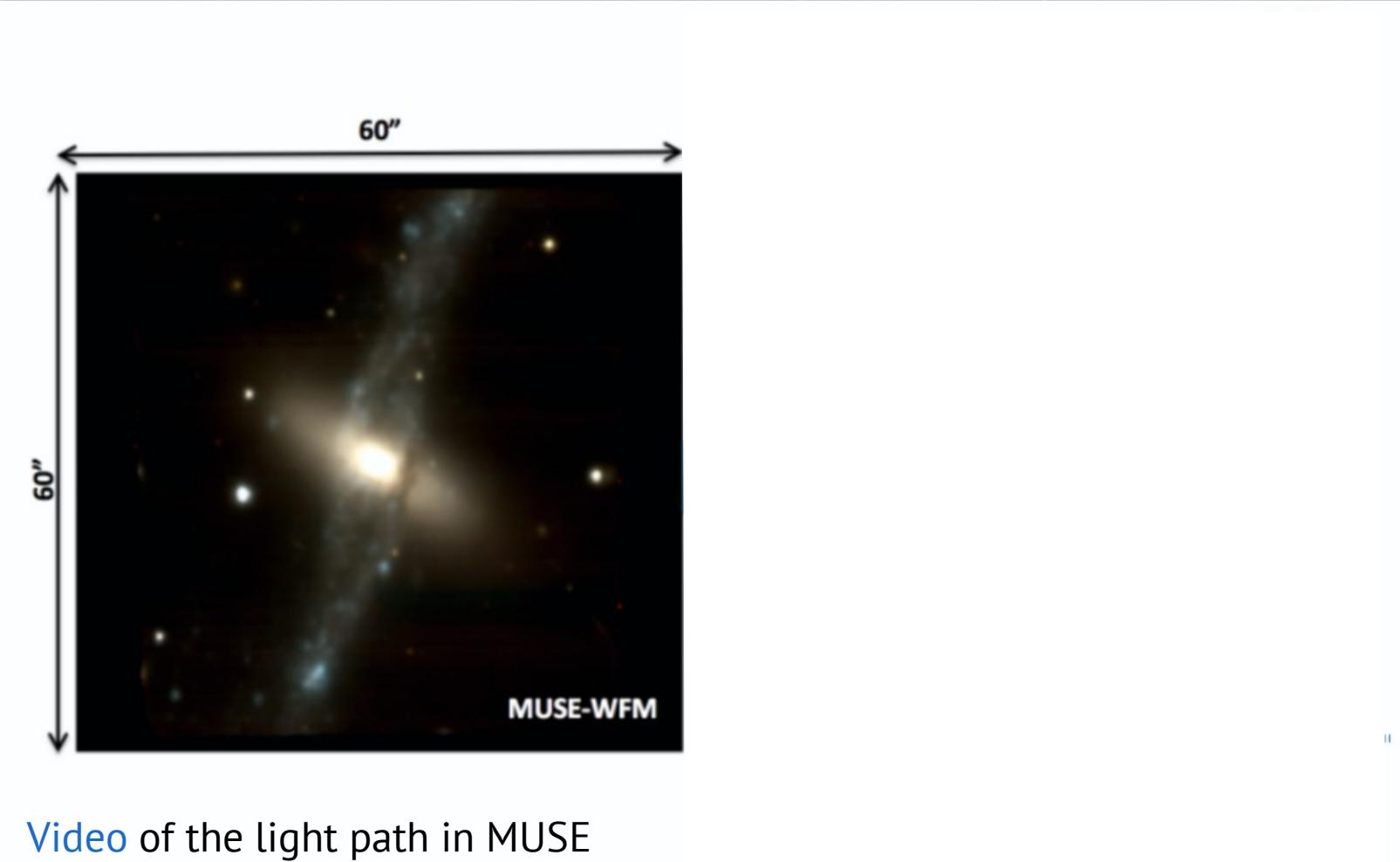


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- MEGARA

JWST
- MIRI
- NIRSpec

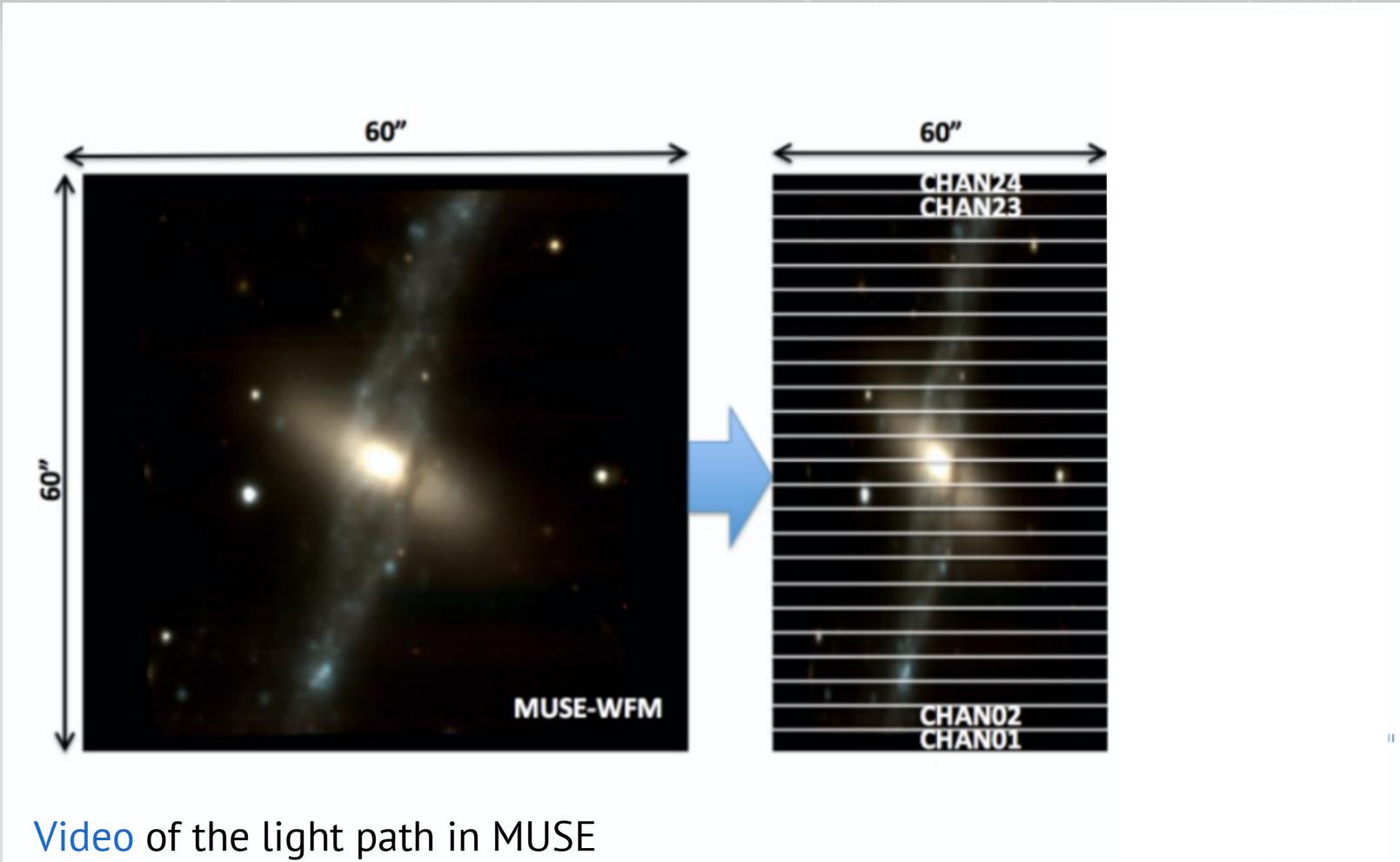
ELT
- HARMONI
- METIS

MUSE image slicing method

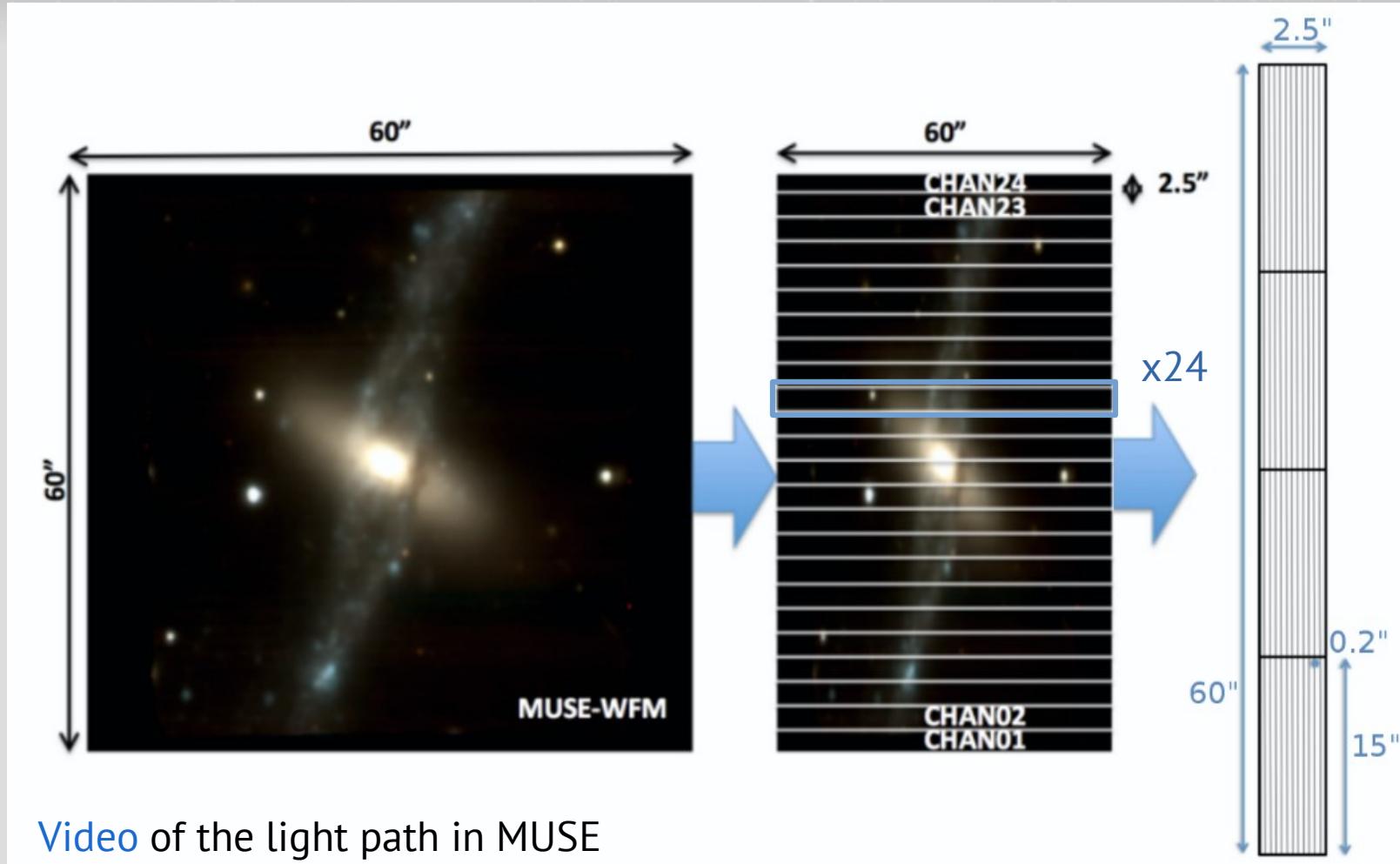


[Video of the light path in MUSE](#)

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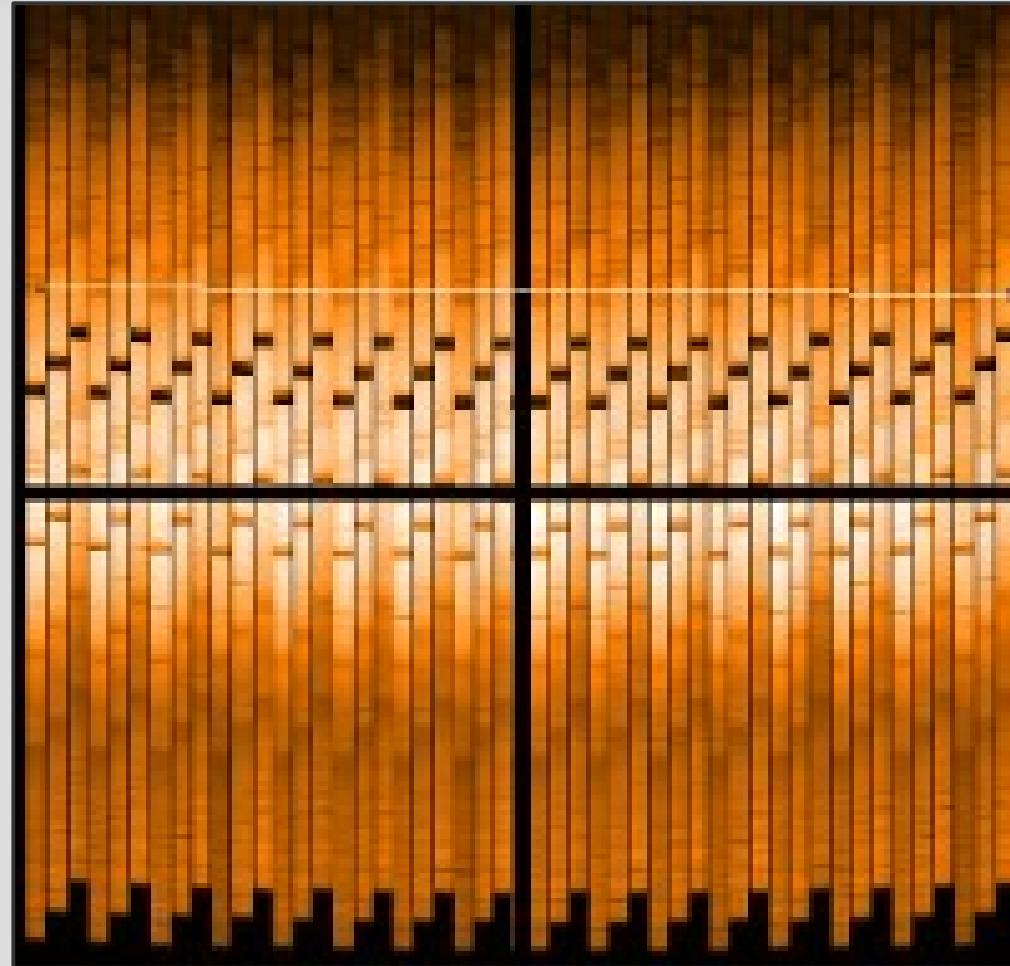
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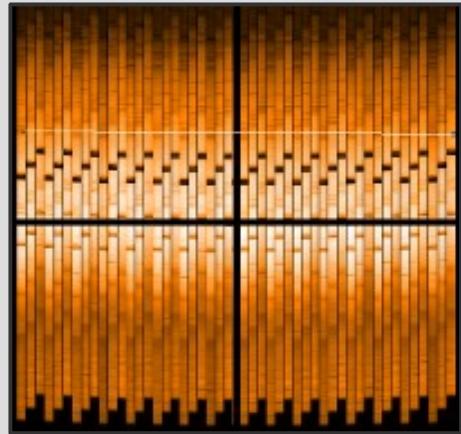
MUSE 'raw' data

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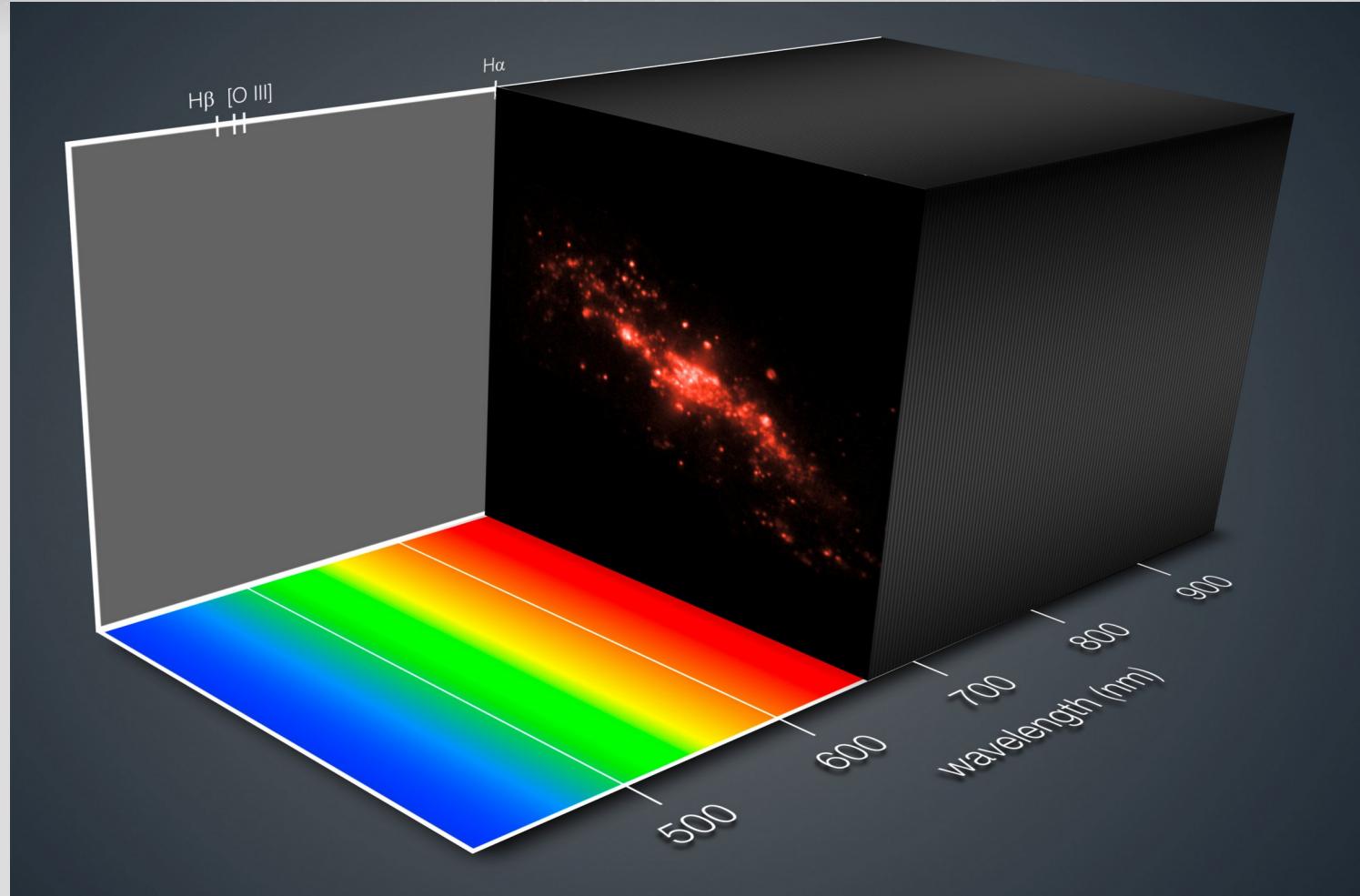


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MUSE reduced data



320 x
321 x



MUSE at the VLT

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MUSE at the VLT

MUSE specs



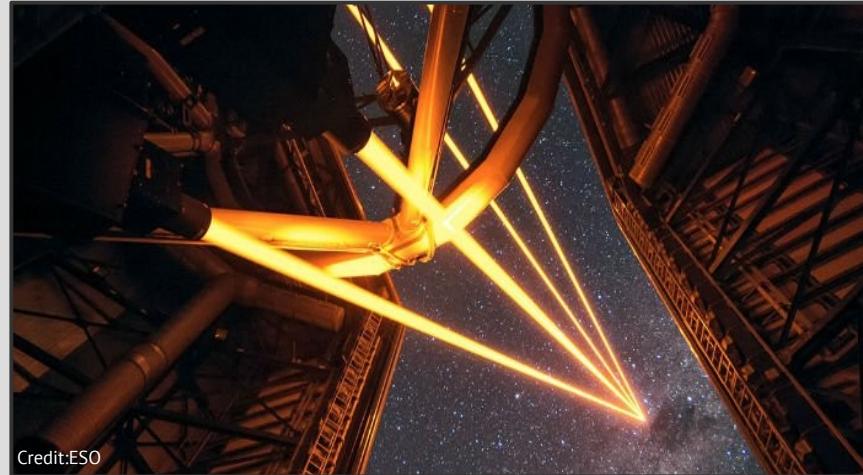
Credit: ESO

- resolution: ~1700 – 3700 (blue – red)
- two FoVs:
 - WFM: $1' \times 1'$ (0.2" x 0.2" sampling)
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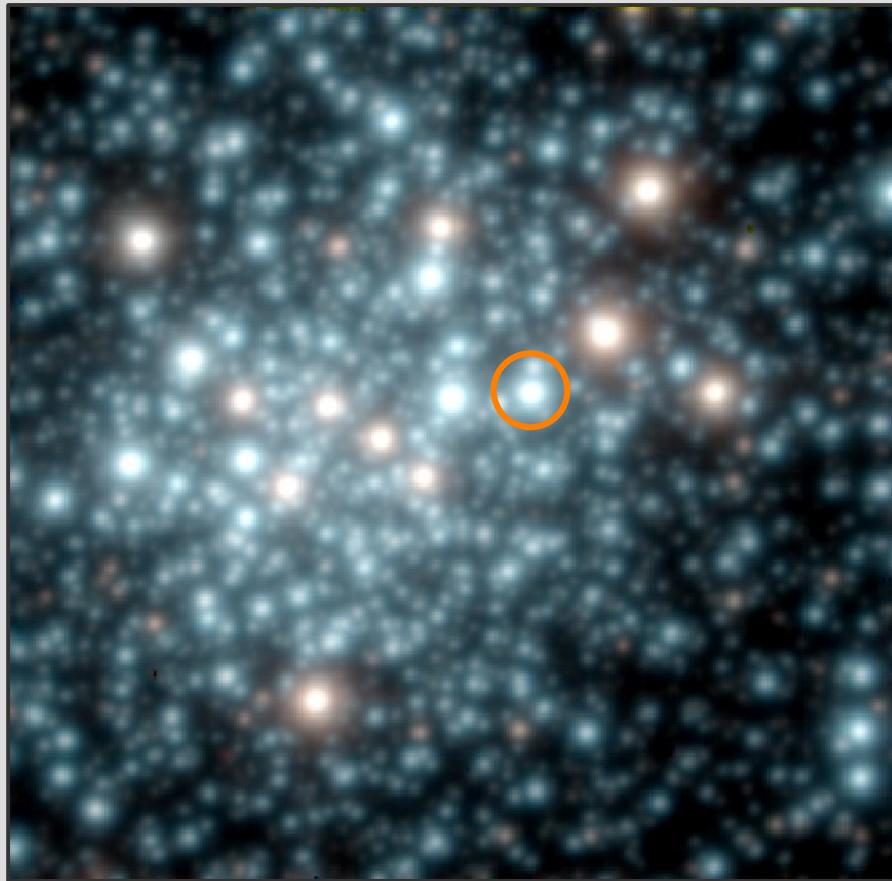
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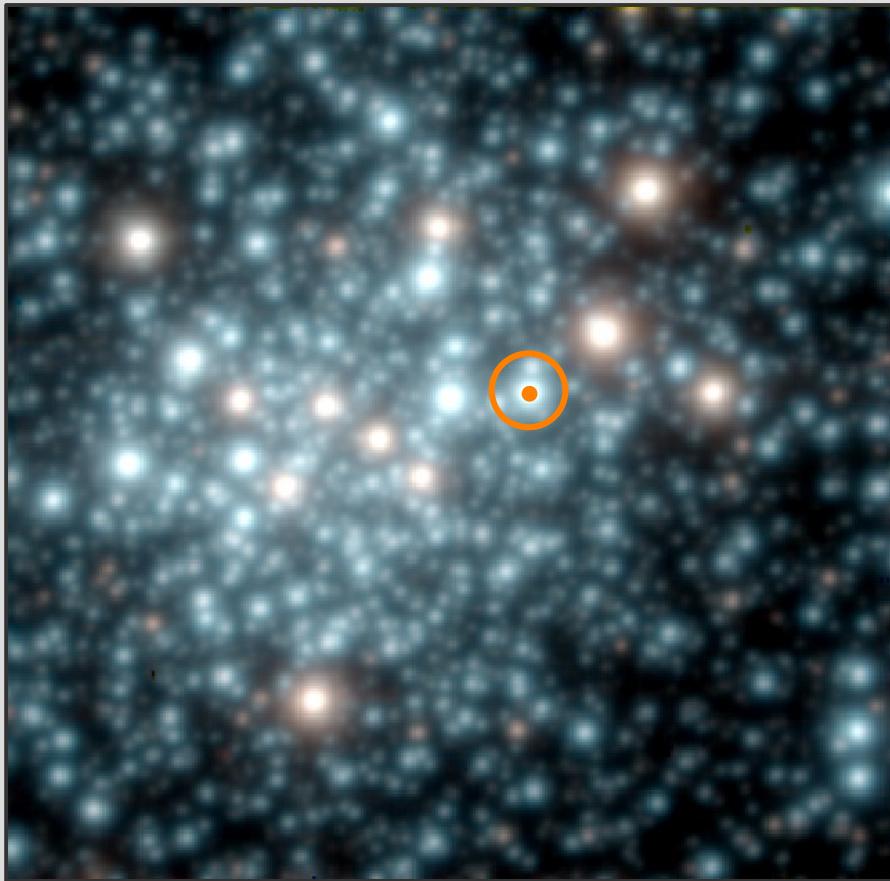


Extraction of spectra



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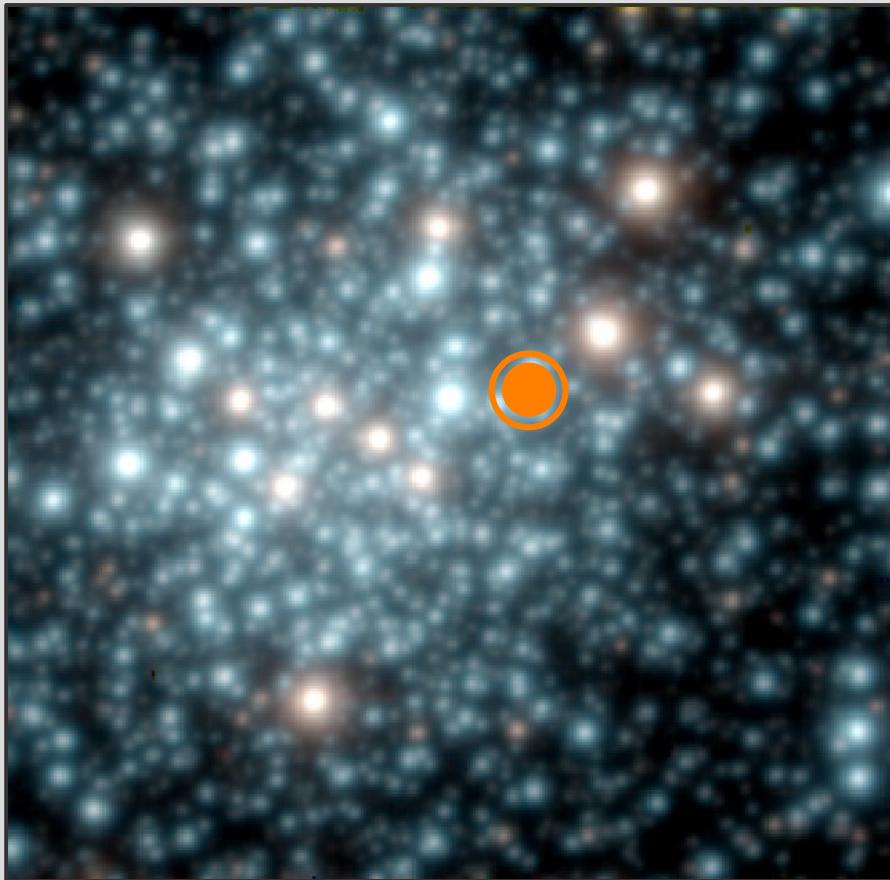


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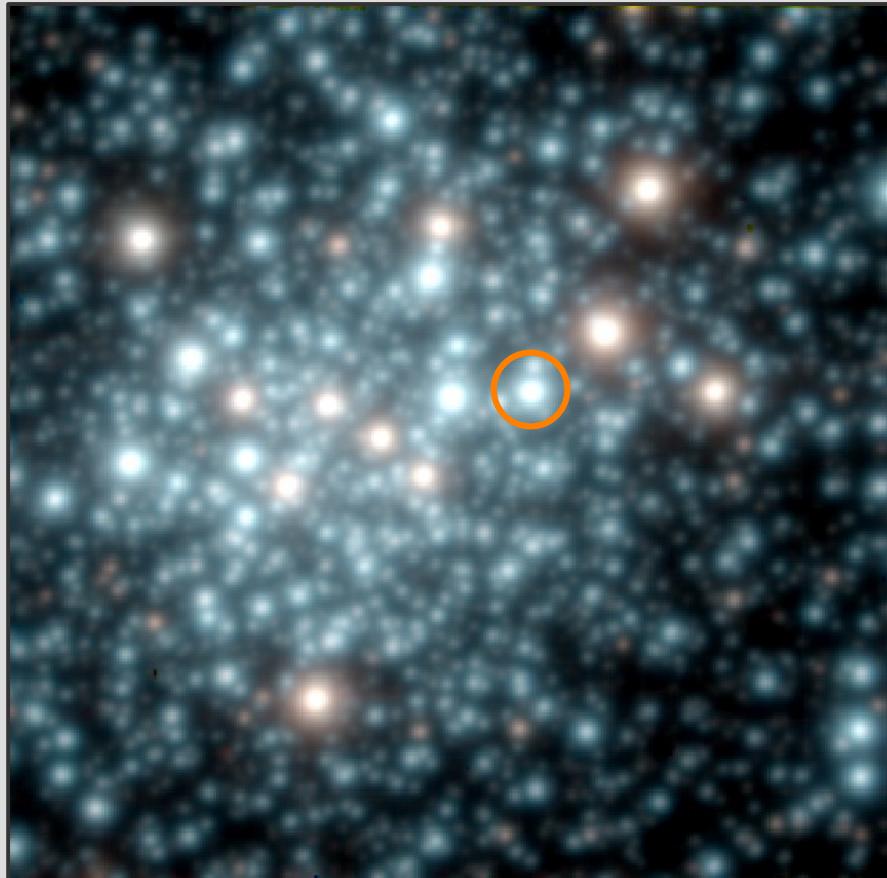


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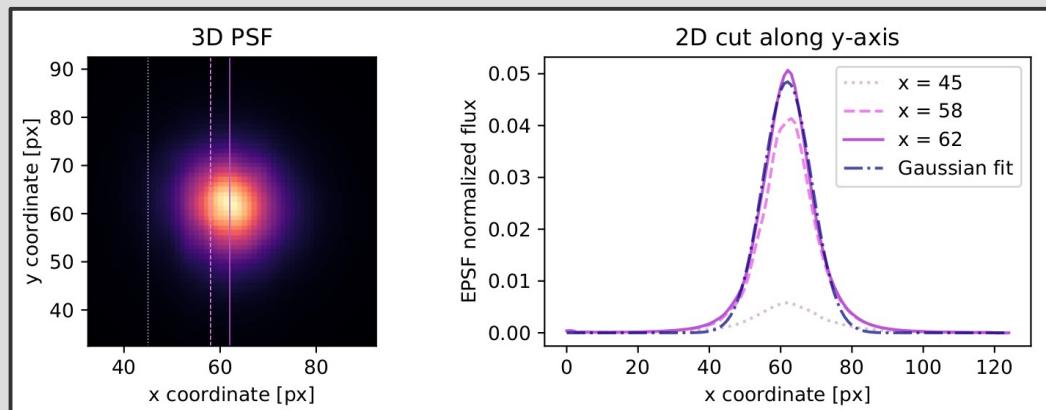
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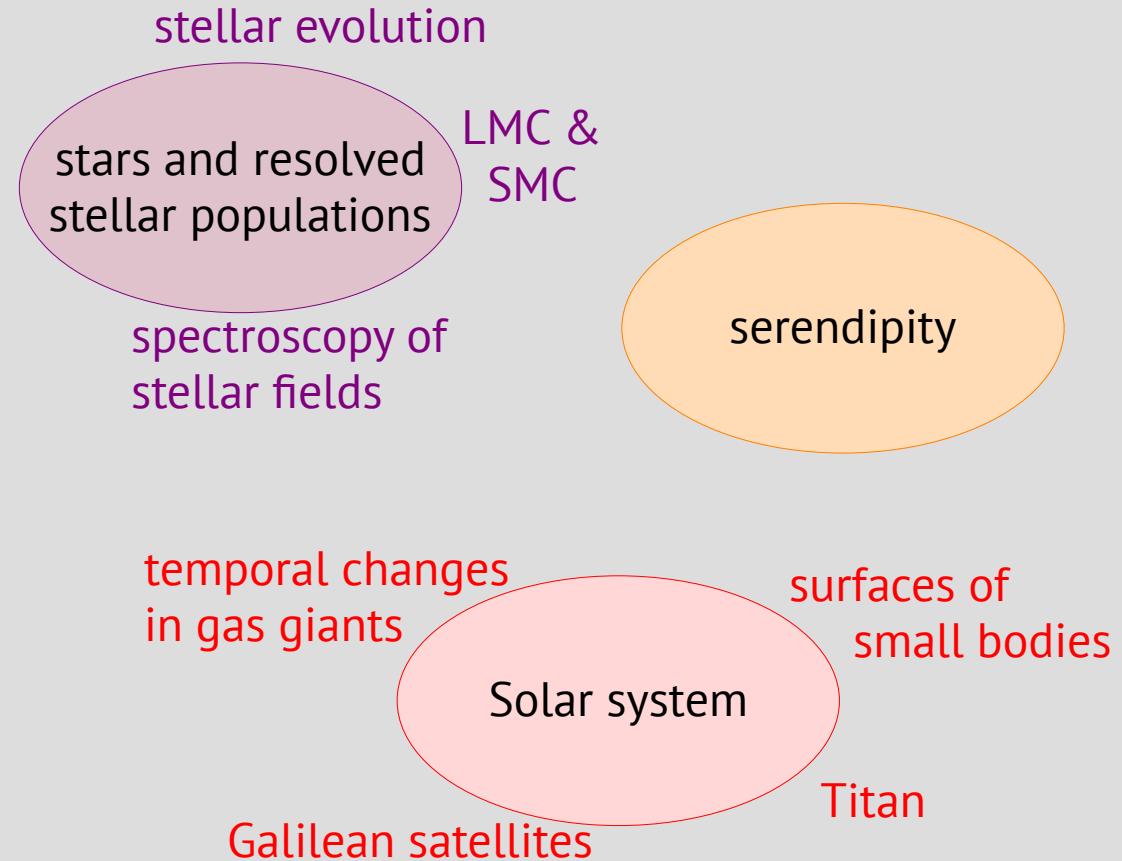
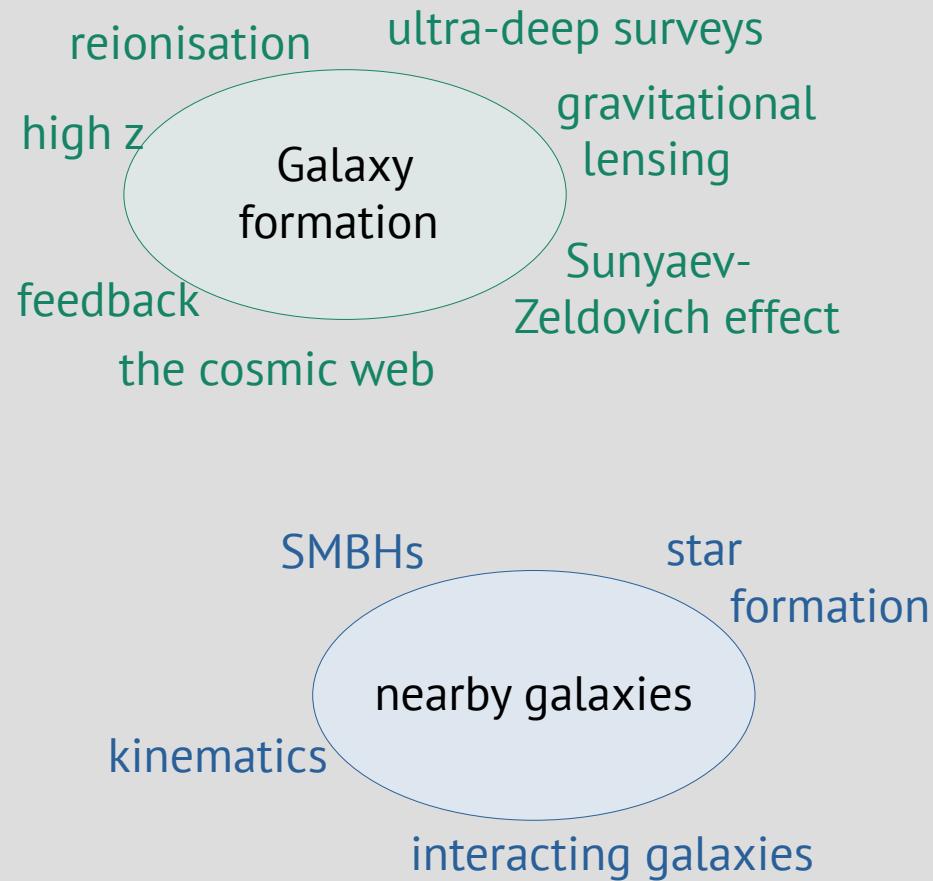


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 - PSF-fitting
- e.g. PampelMUSE (*Kamann+ 2018*)

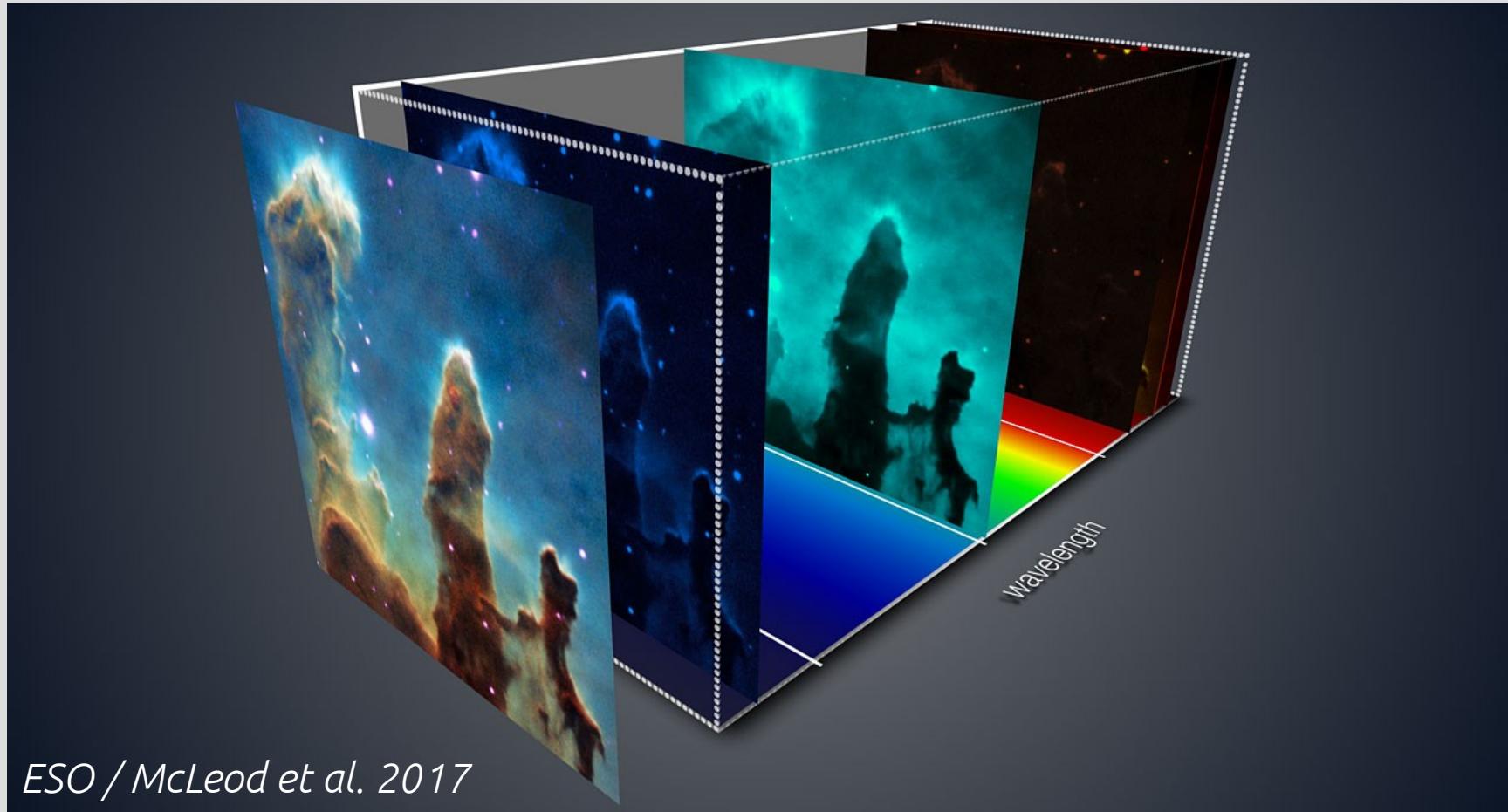


MUSE science highlights



MUSE science highlight I: the pillars of creation

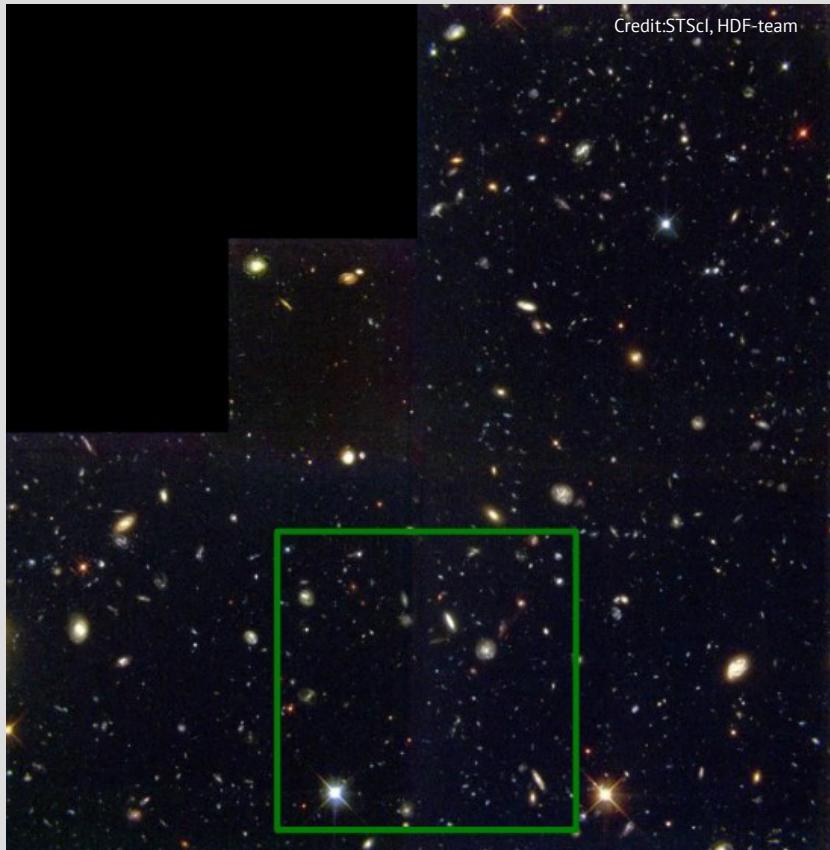
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ESO / McLeod et al. 2017

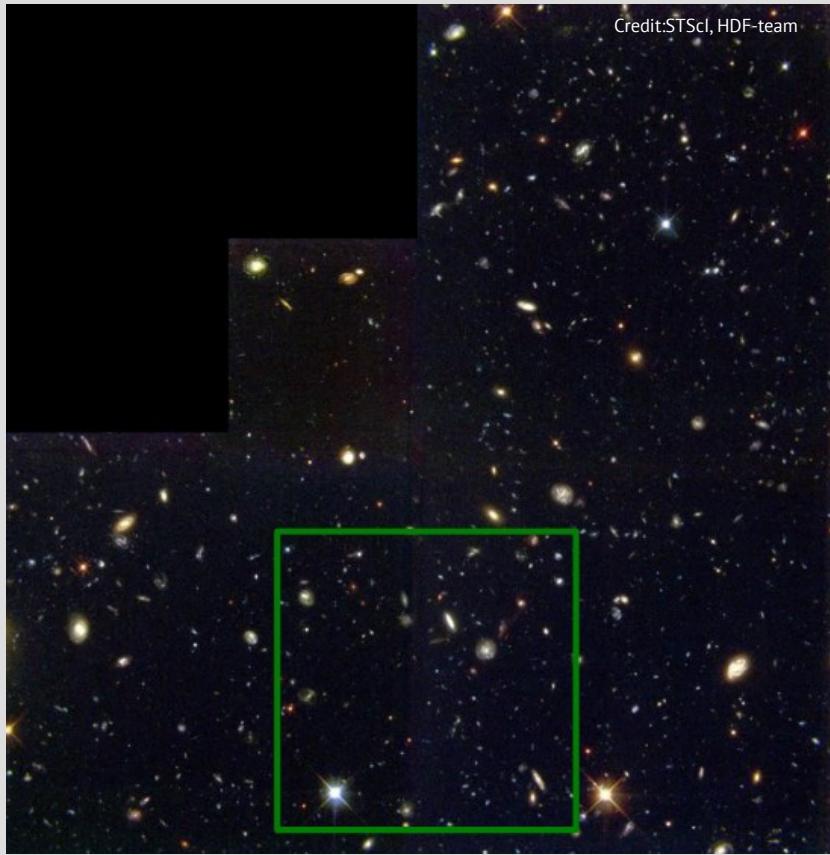
MUSE science highlight II: Hubble Deep field

Bacon et al. 2015

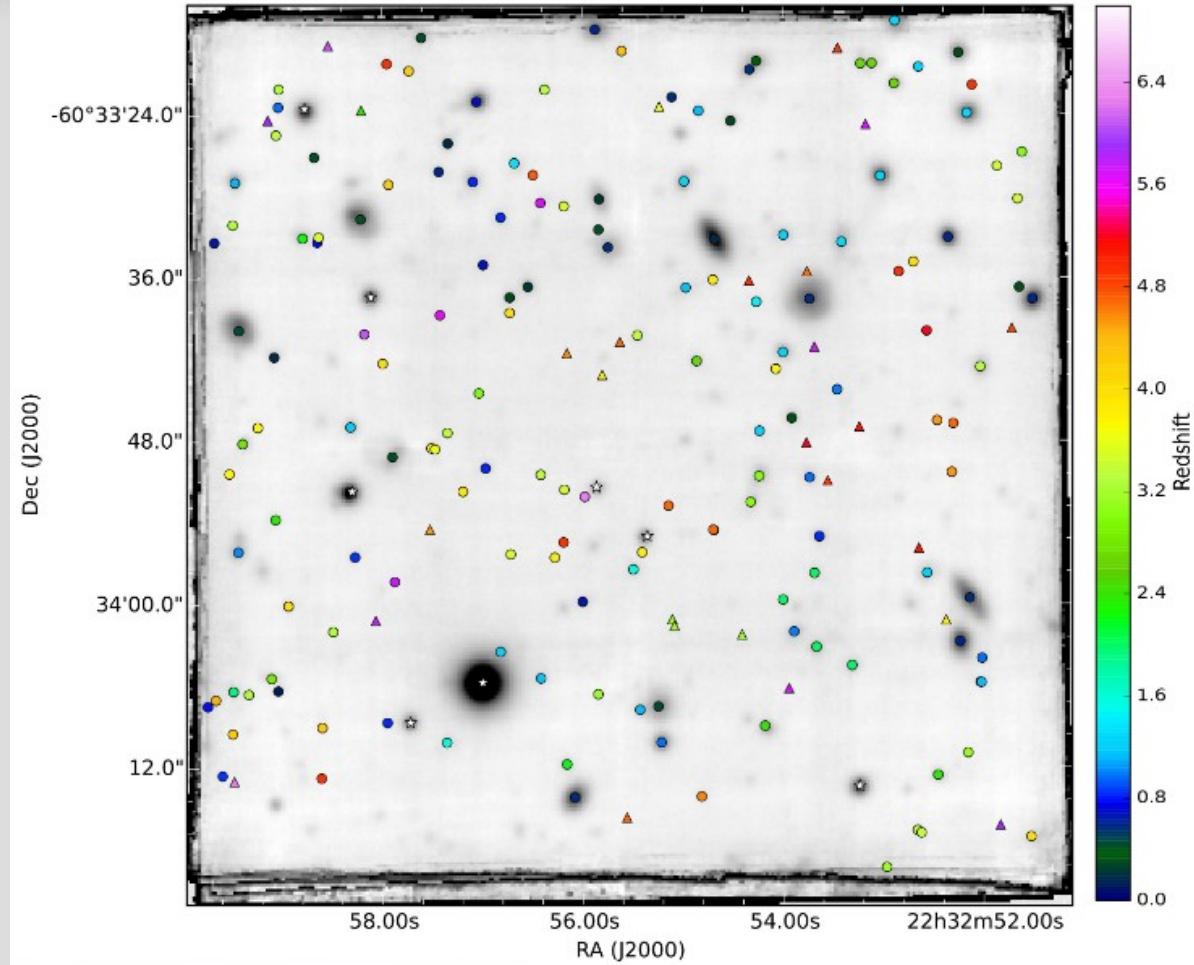


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access the [MUSE data](#)



MUSE science highlight III: mosaic of NGC 4650 A

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MUSE observations of resolved stellar populations

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But see *El-Badry & Burdge 2022*

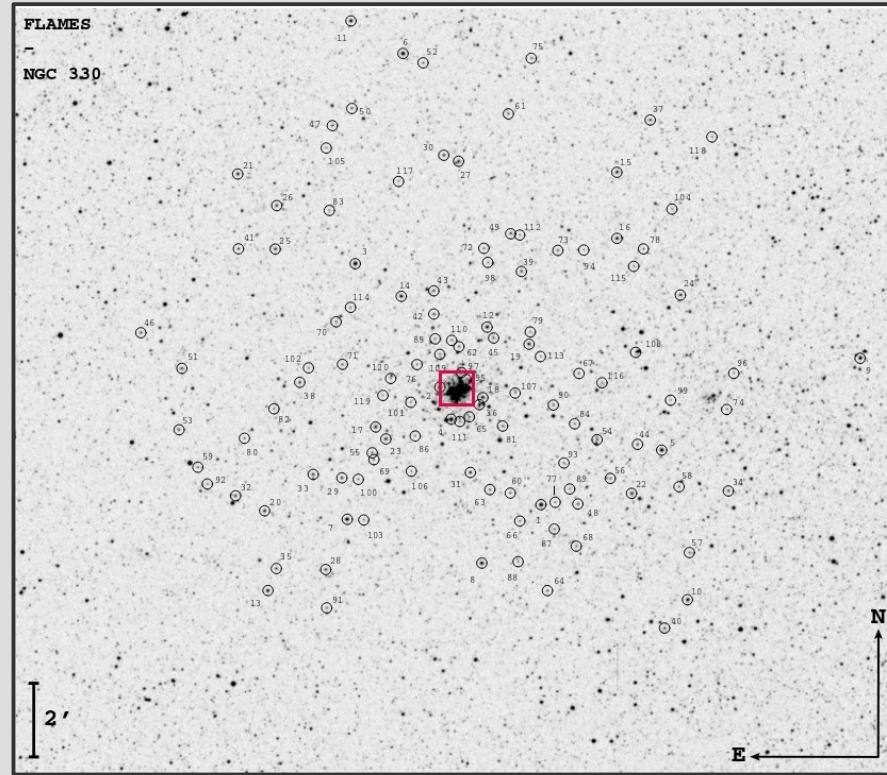


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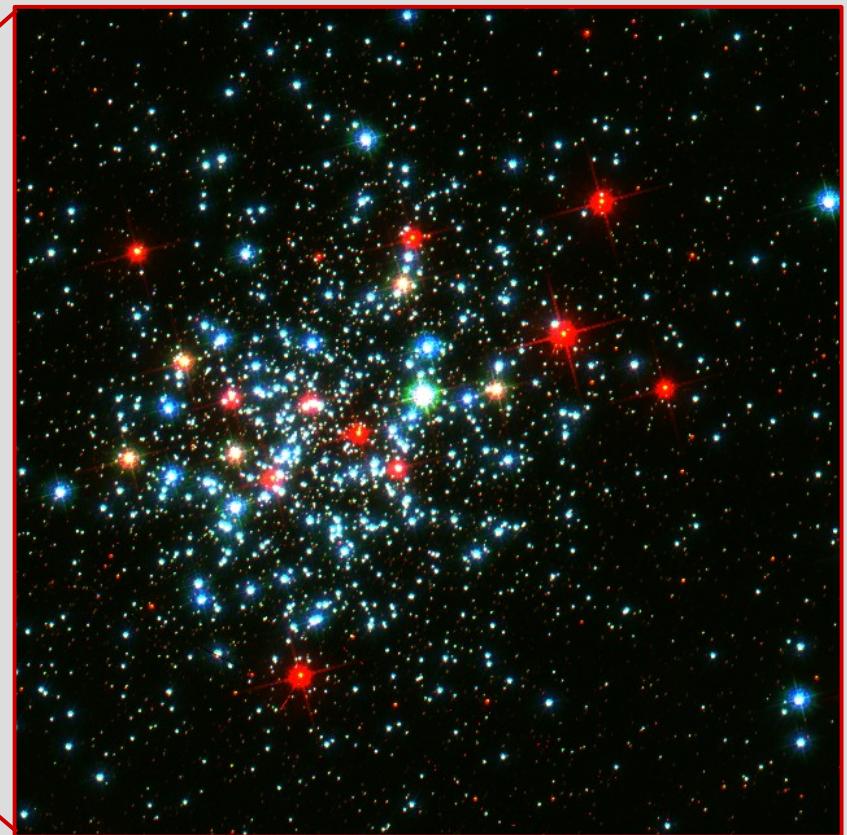
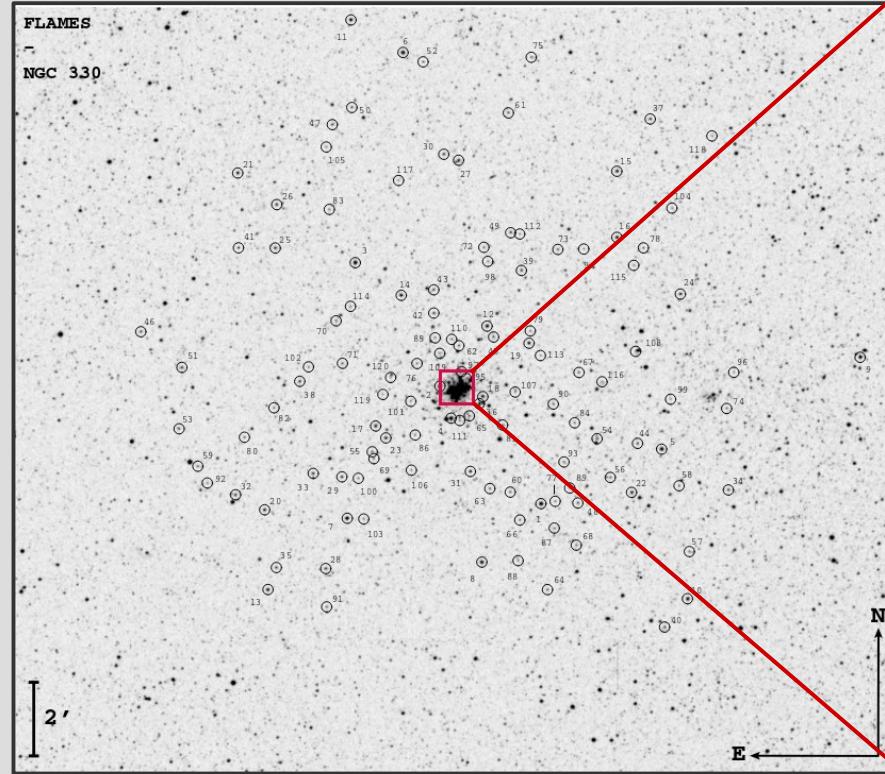
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Evans et al. 2006



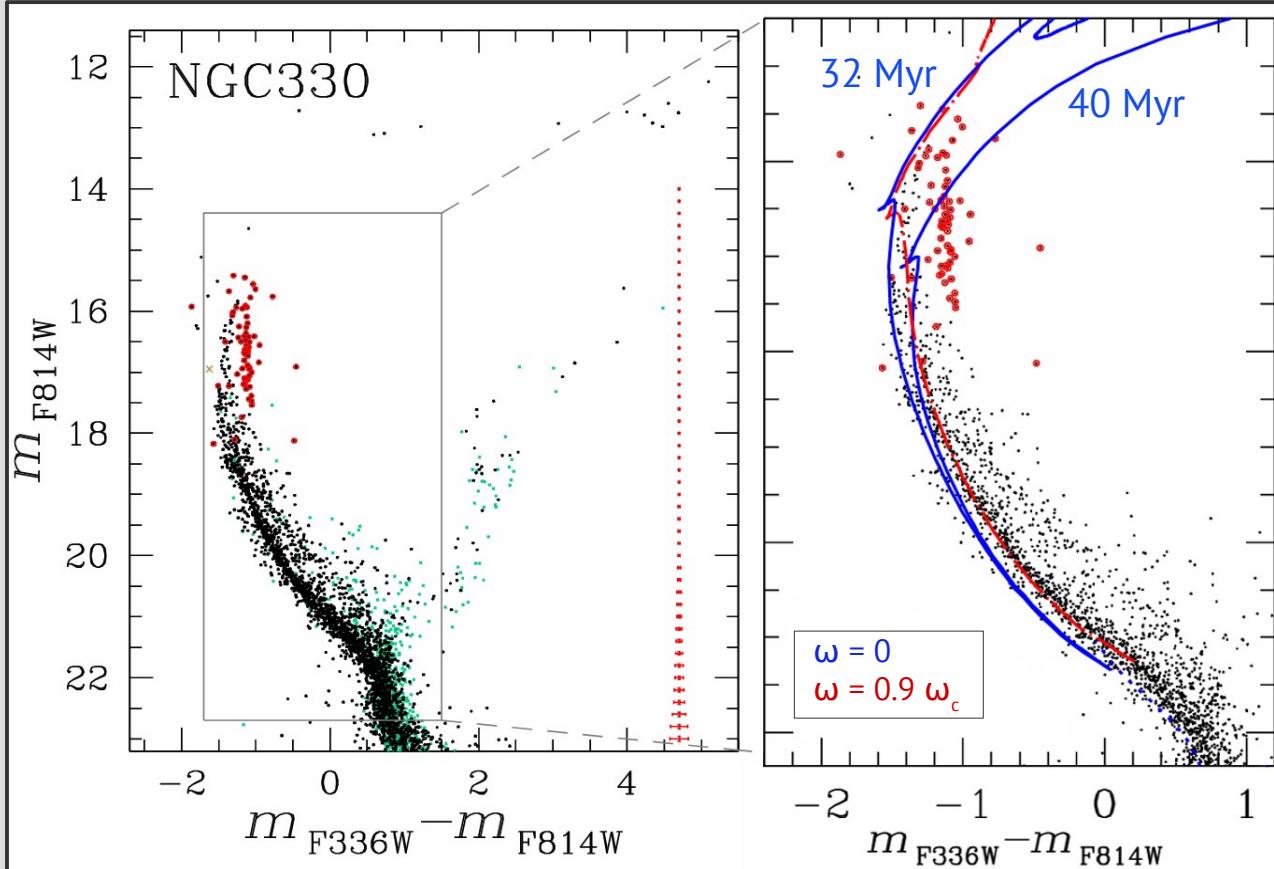
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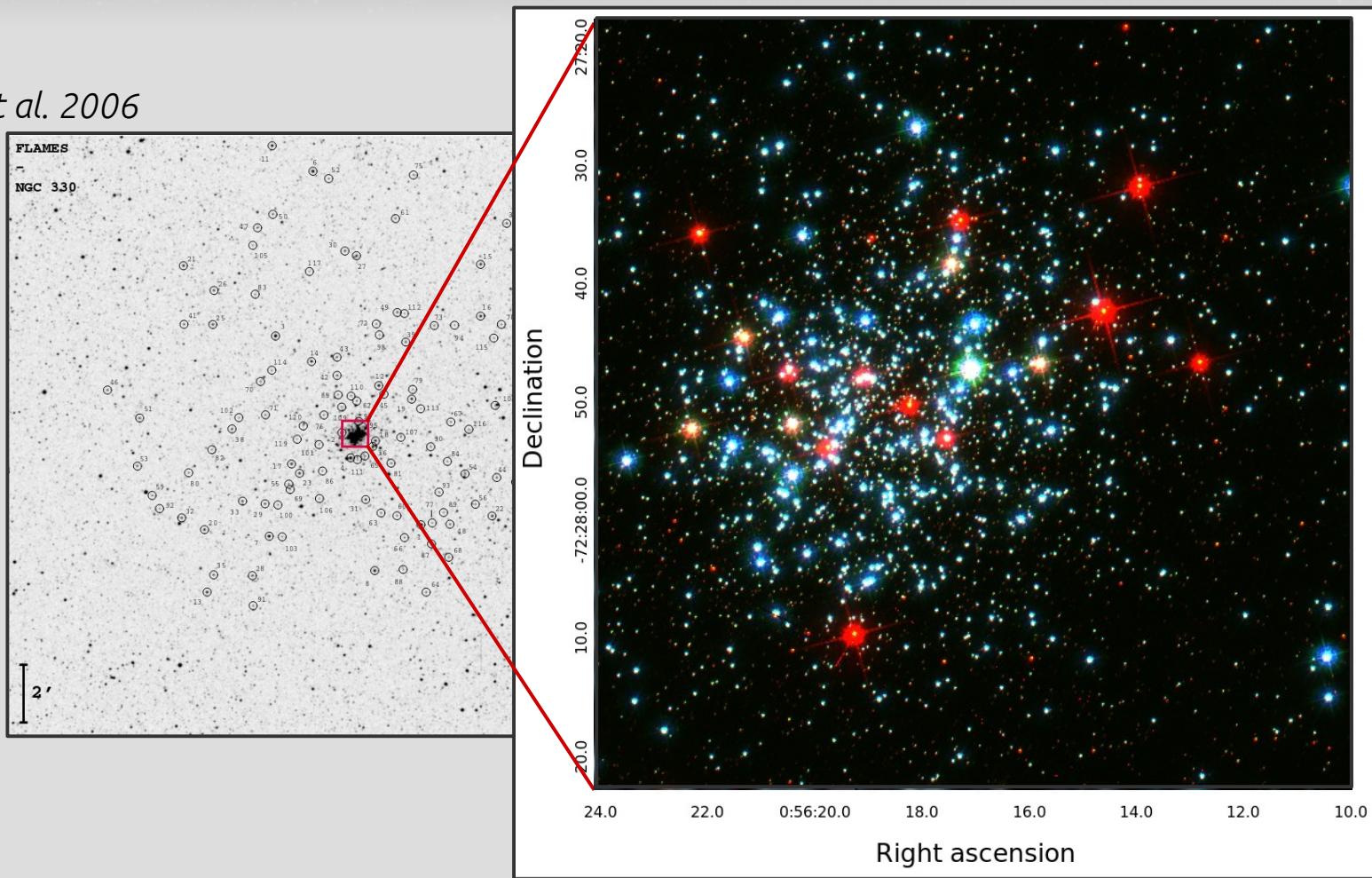


- * intermediate-age cluster
(~35 Myr)
- * Small Magellanic Cloud
($Z = 0.2 Z_\odot$)
- * split main sequence
- * $M_{\text{tot}} \sim 10^5 M_\odot$

HST observations of NGC 330

Milone et al. 2018

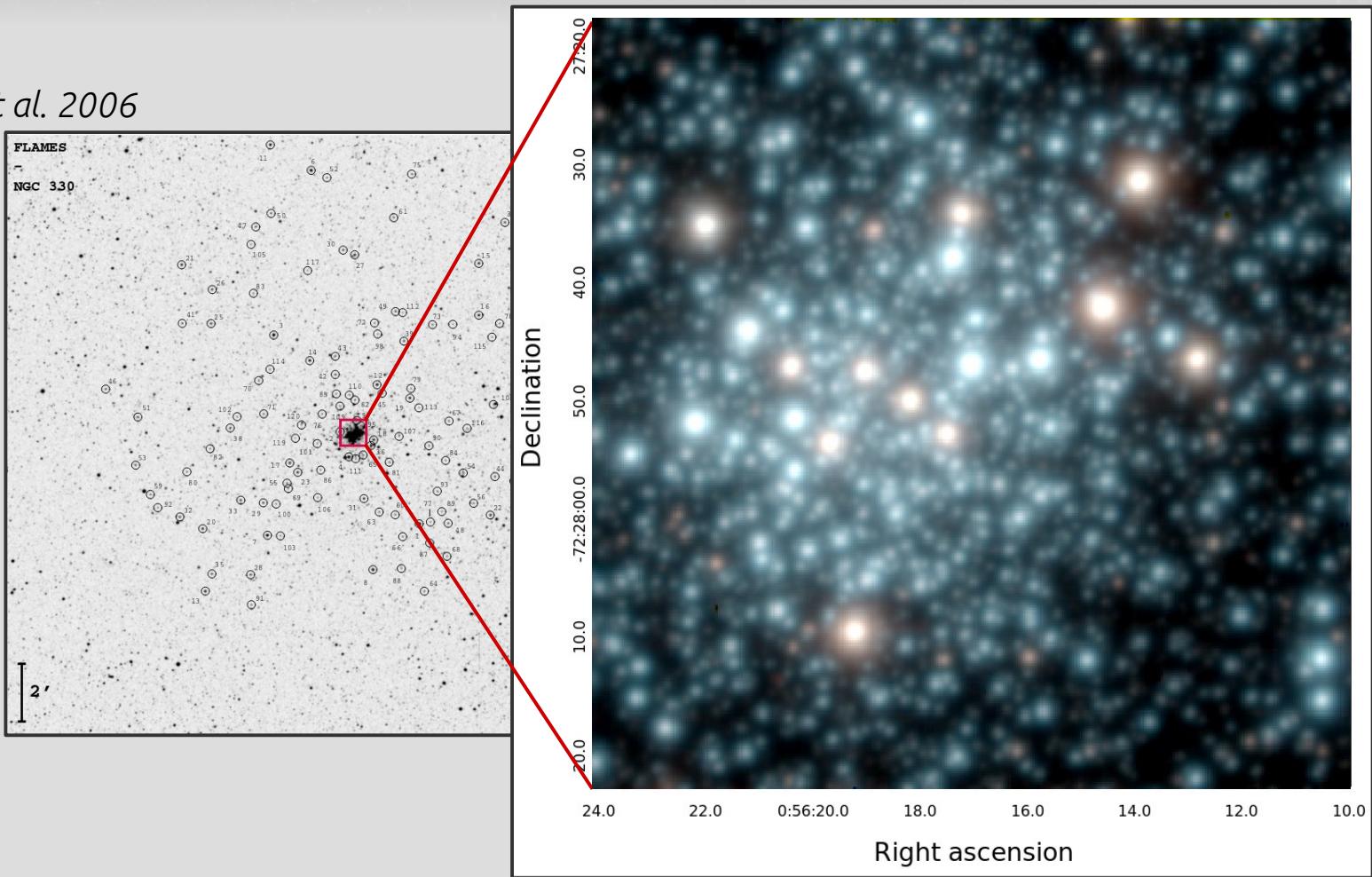
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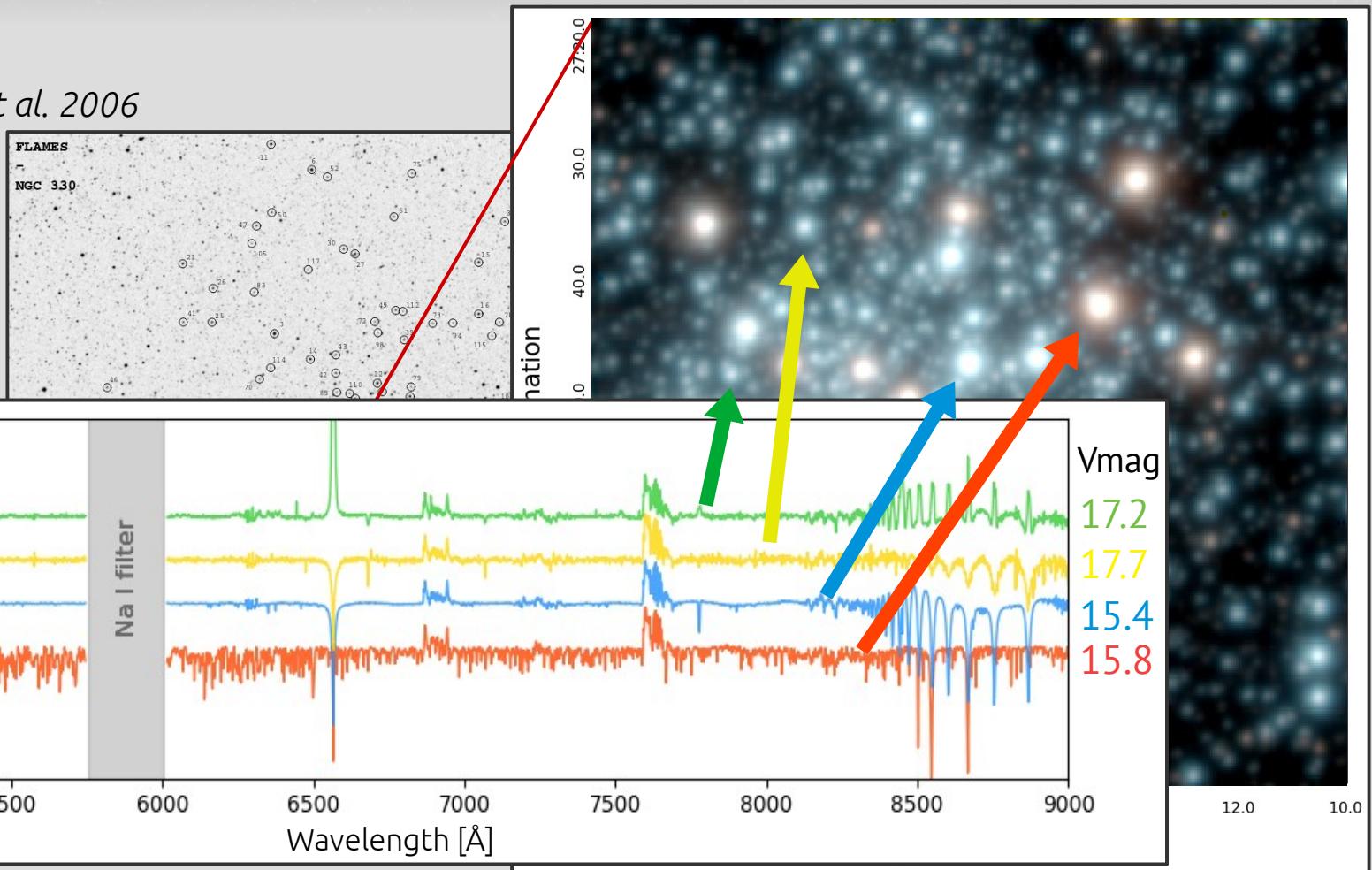
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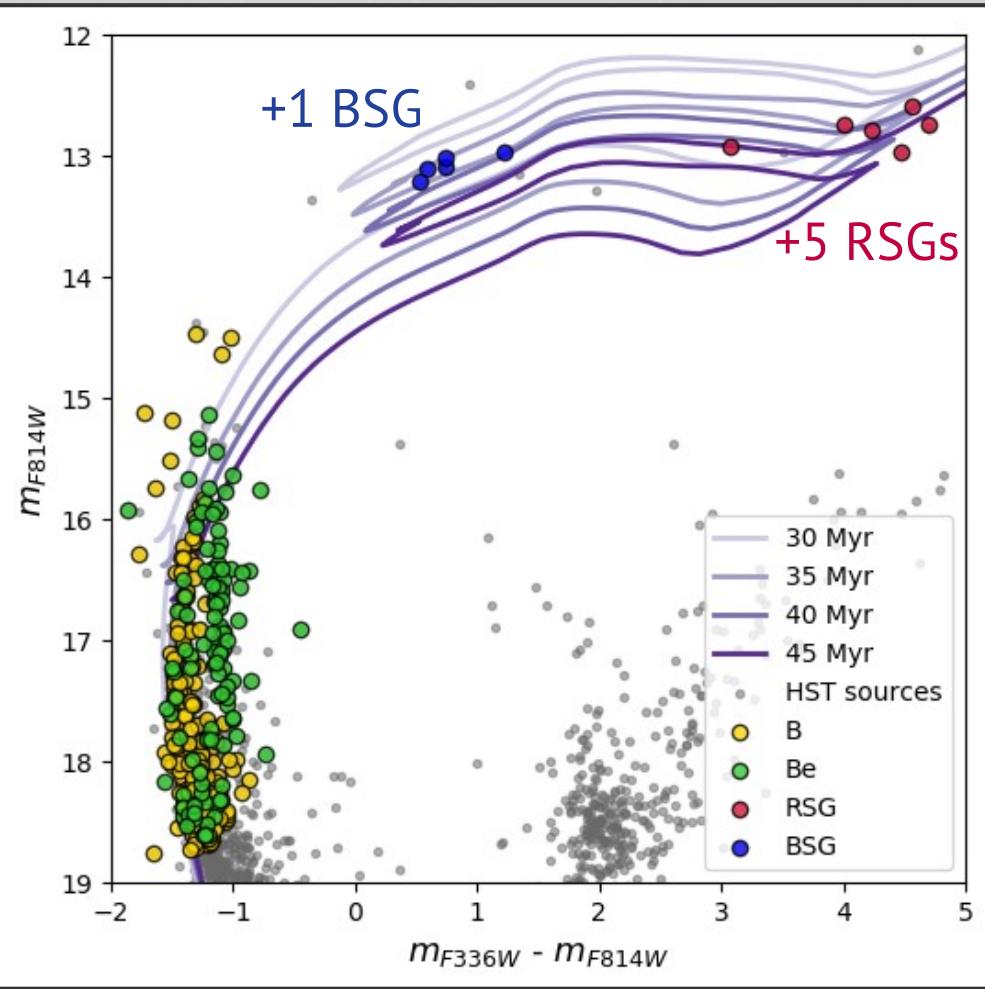
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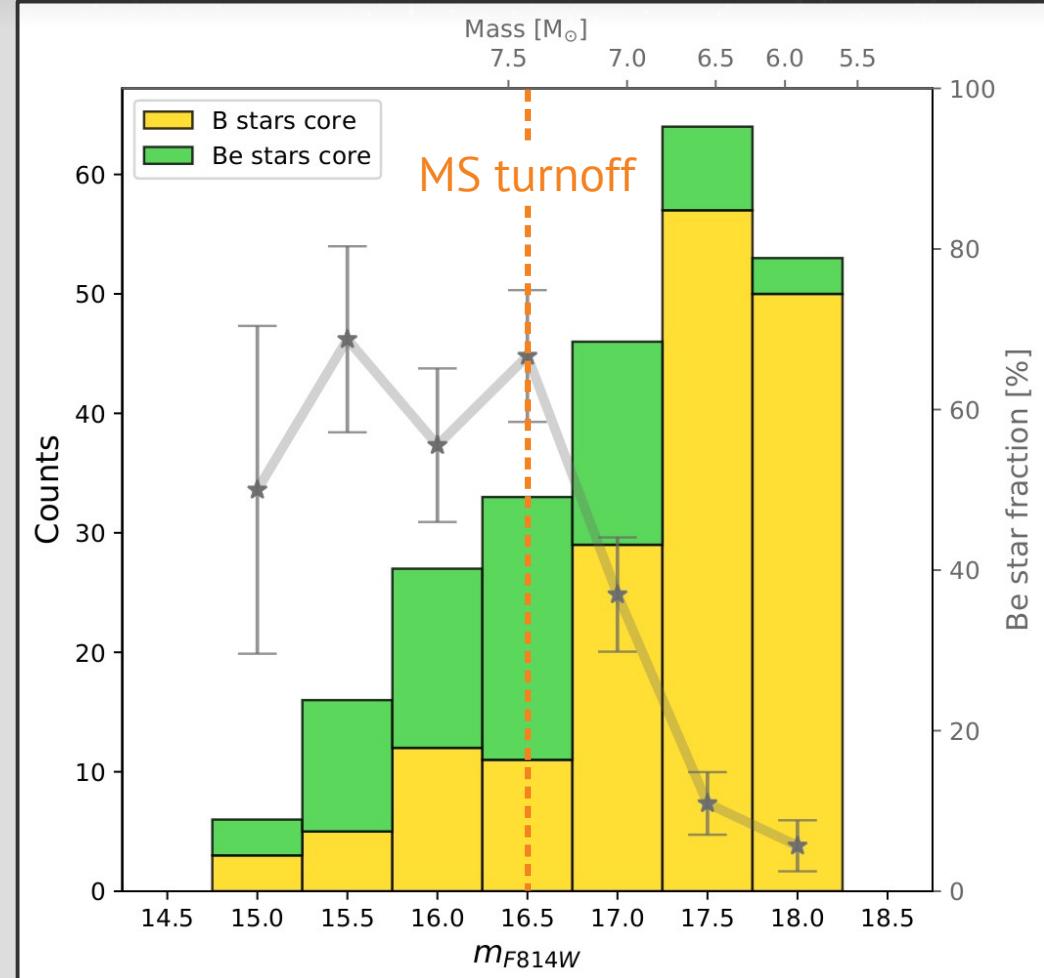
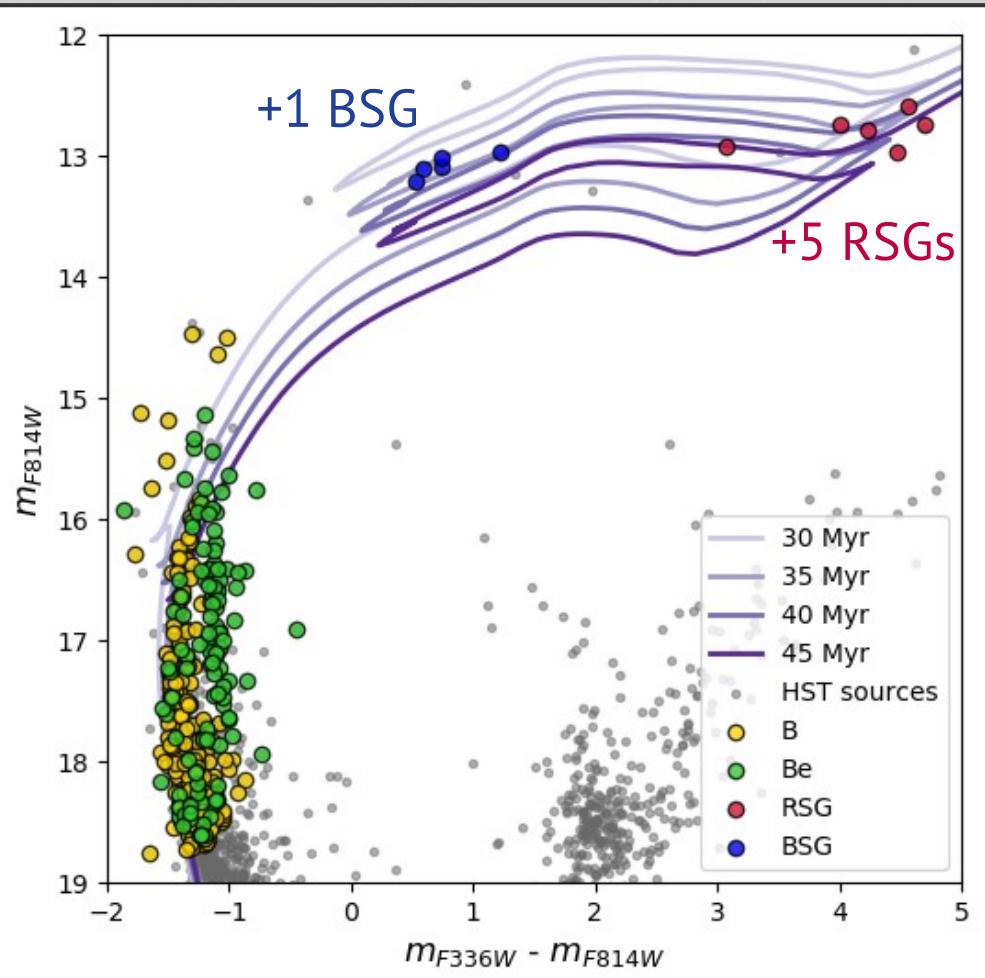
Massive star content



spectra of > 400 stars
(in 1h of observation)

x 6 (epochs)

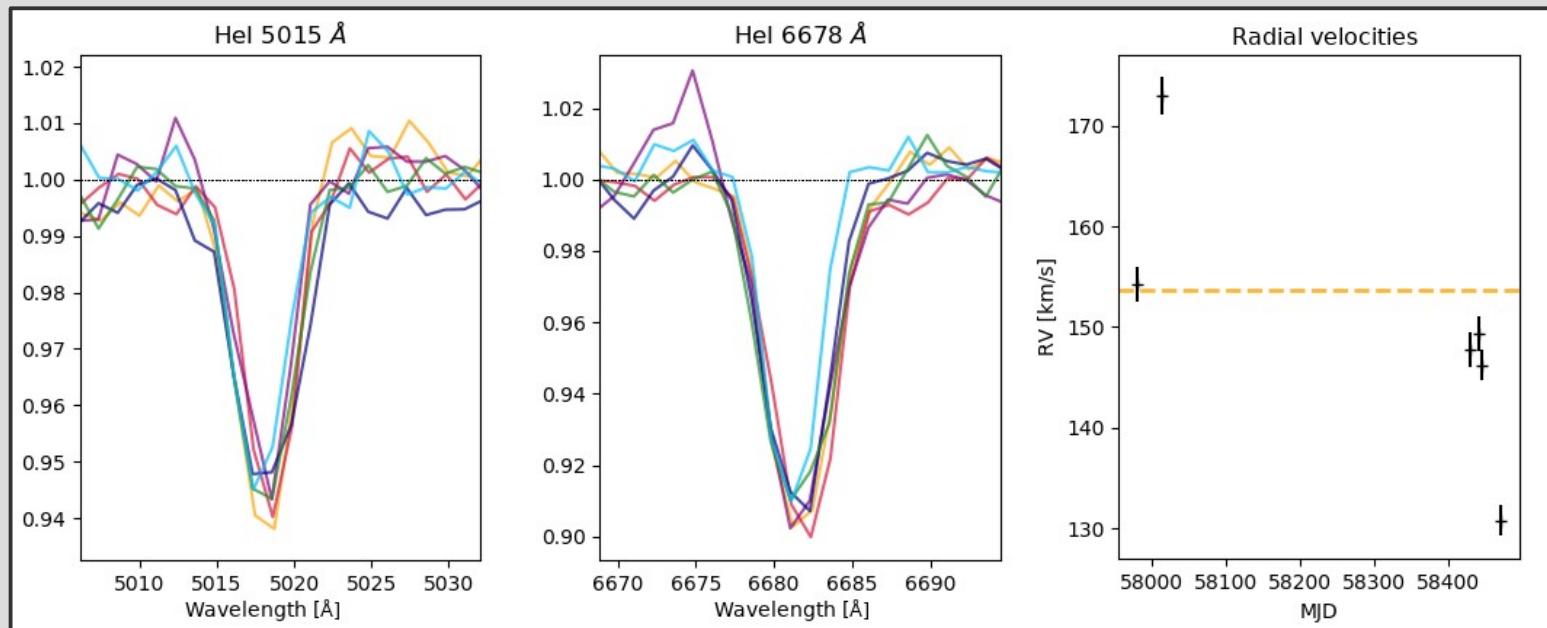
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Binary properties and stellar parameters

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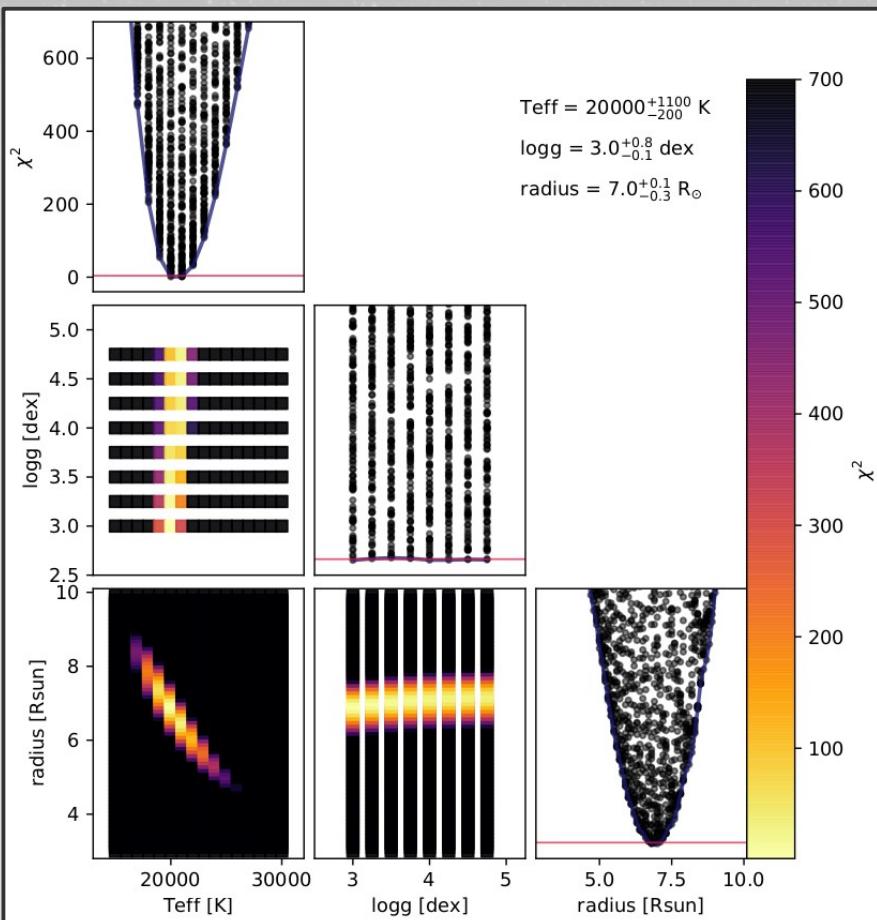
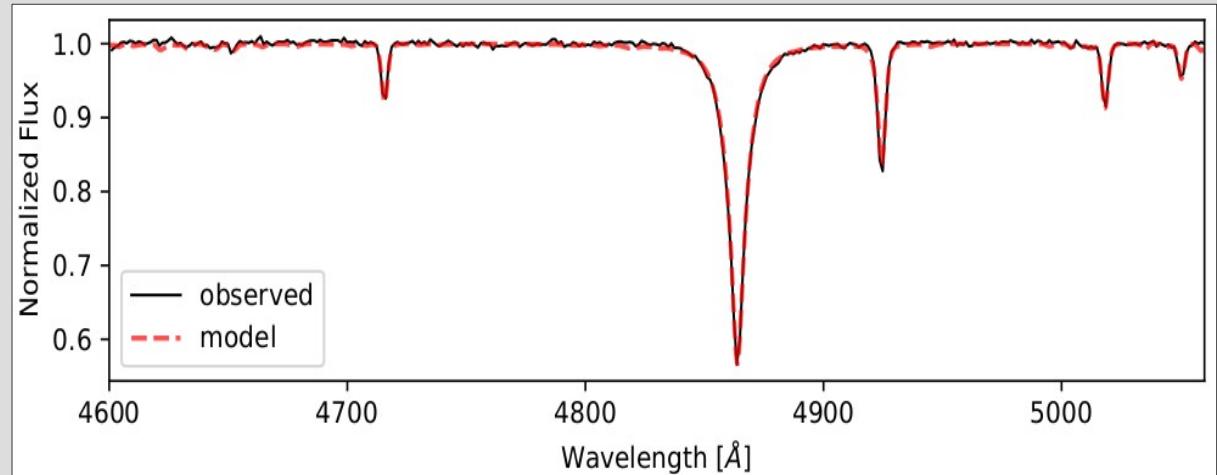
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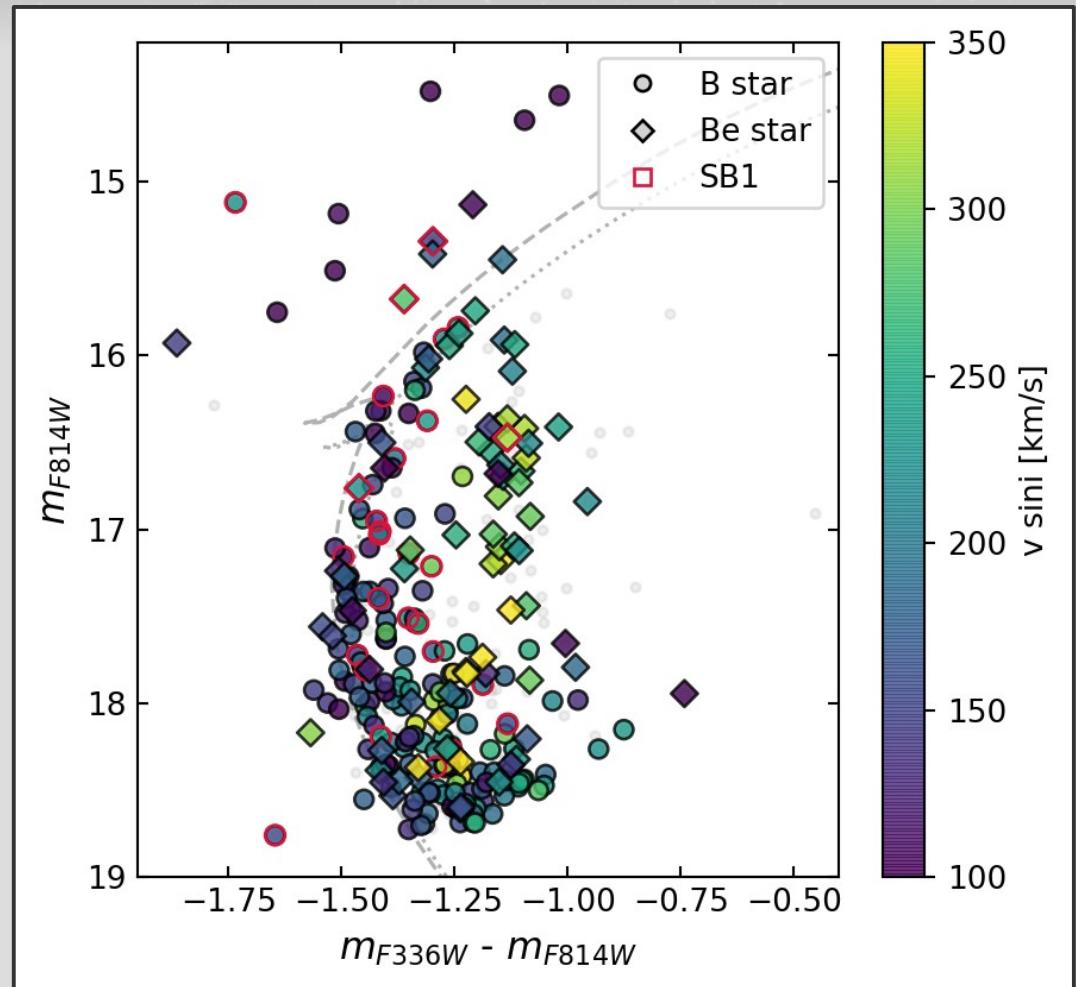
- * combine spectra

- * atmosphere analysis
→ T_{eff} , $\log g$, $v\sin i$

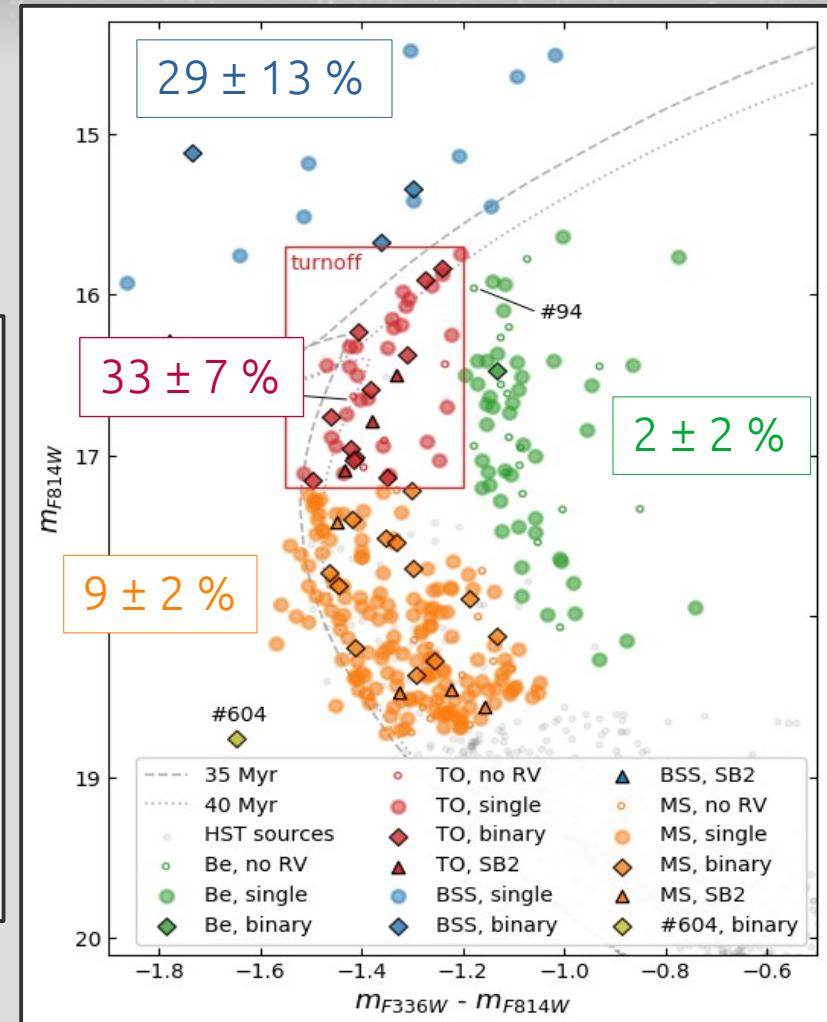
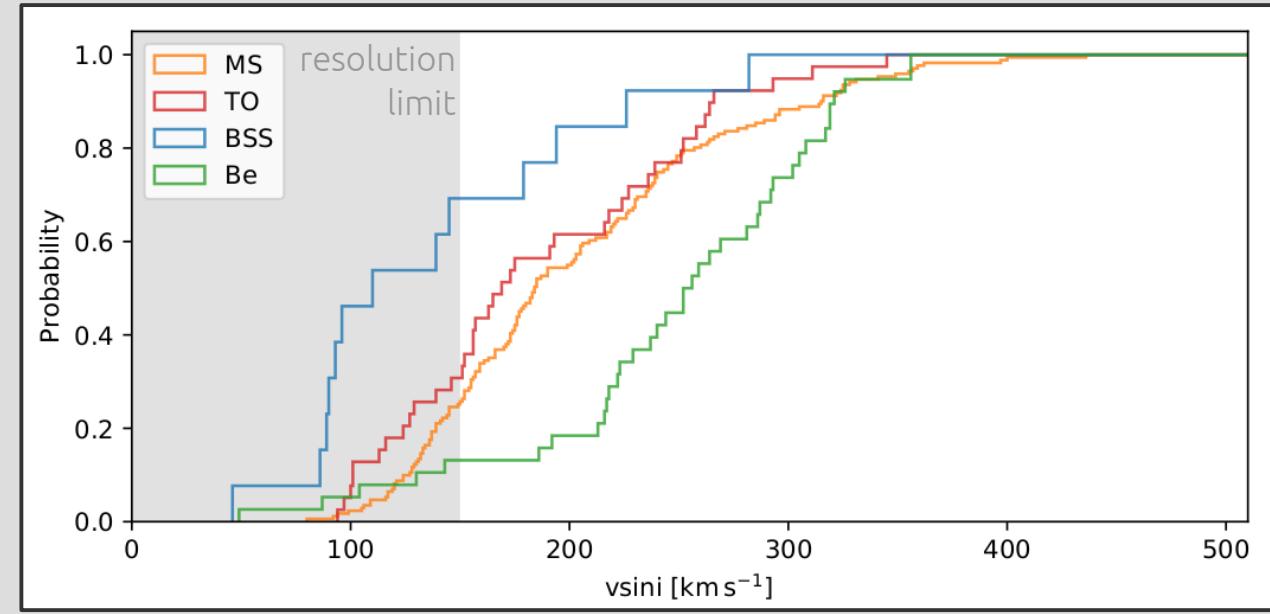


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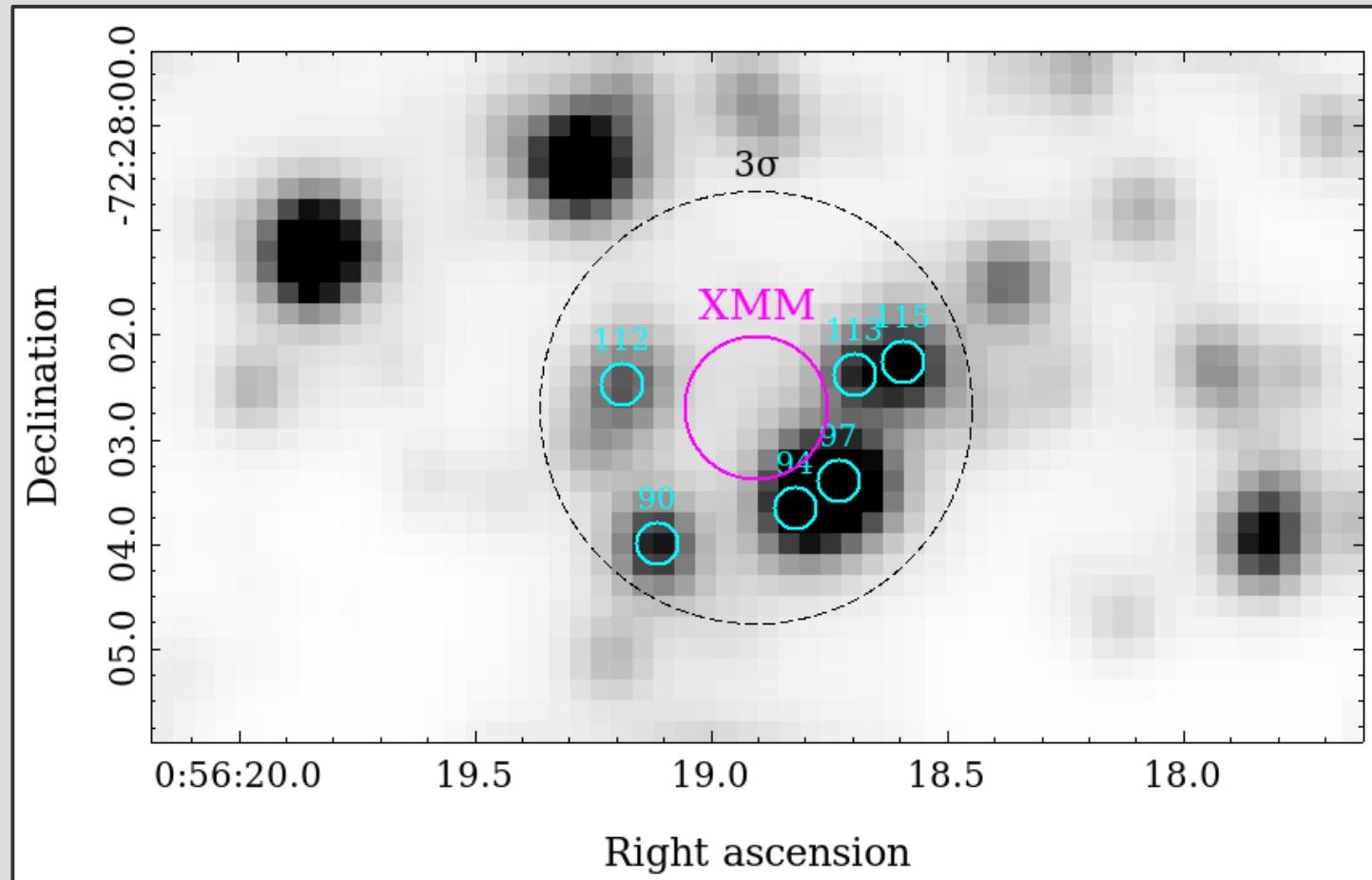
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Stellar parameters in an evolutionary context



A Be-Xray binary candidate

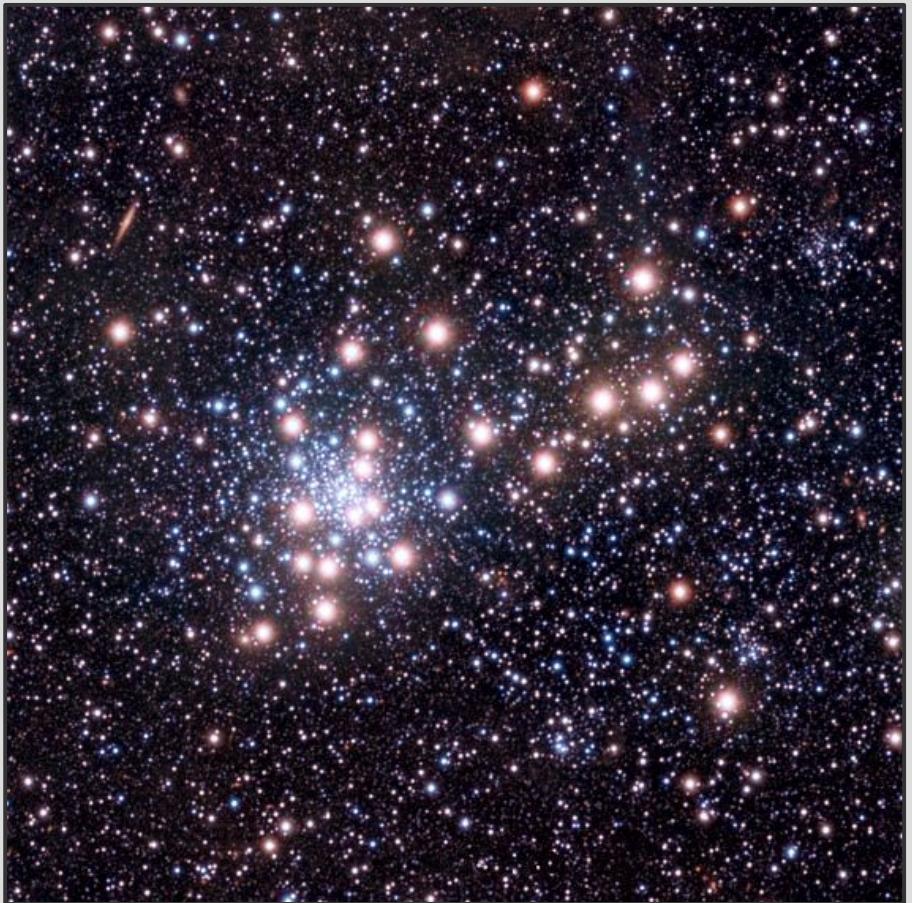


Take-away points

- * IFS is great! :-)
IFS = photometry + spectroscopy
- * ... particularly great for extended objects and resolved stellar populations
- * lots of new IFUs on new telescopes (JWST, ELT)
- * (current) downsides:
 - size of the FoV
 - spectral resolution



Hands-on session: NGC 2100



Hands-on session: NGC 2100



- * play with the cube
- * investigate the interstellar medium
- * find red and blue supergiants
- * find all H α emitters
- * count the O-type stars
- * extract spectra
 - from one pixel
 - with aperture photometry
 - with PSF fitting

Image: ESO/R. Bacon

