

# The Origins Space Telescope (OST)

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# The OST NASA Decadal Study

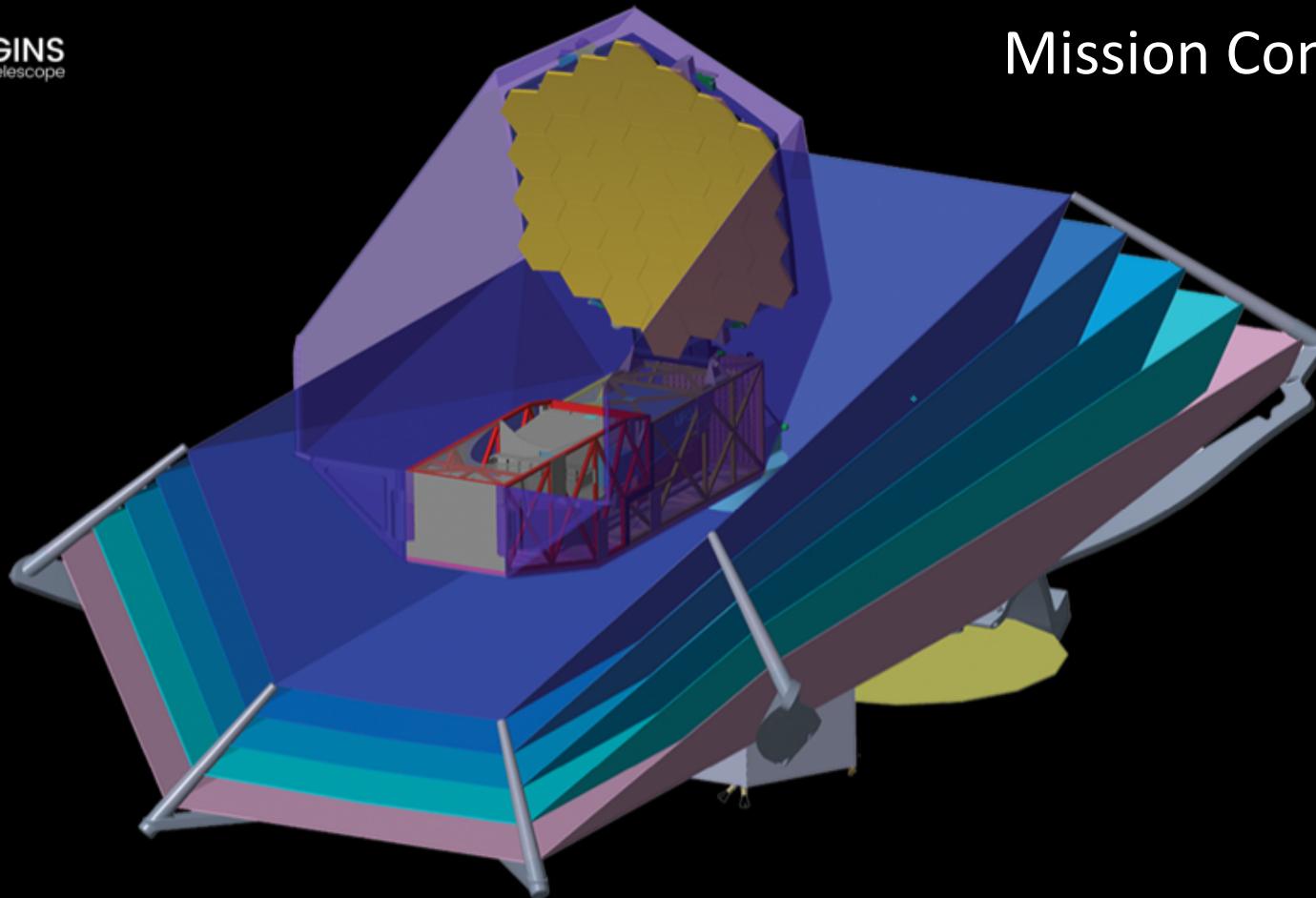
- NASA Astrophysics Roadmap Enduring Quests, Daring Visions: formerly known as Far-Infrared Surveyor
- Origins Space Telescope: 5-660  $\mu\text{m}$
- Goal: large general astronomy mission with exciting science that is technologically executable in 2030s
- Both Science Definition & Technological Implementation important
- OST study has two concepts:
  - Mission Concept 1, completed, described here
  - Mission Concept 2, started – optimization

# The OST Study Team

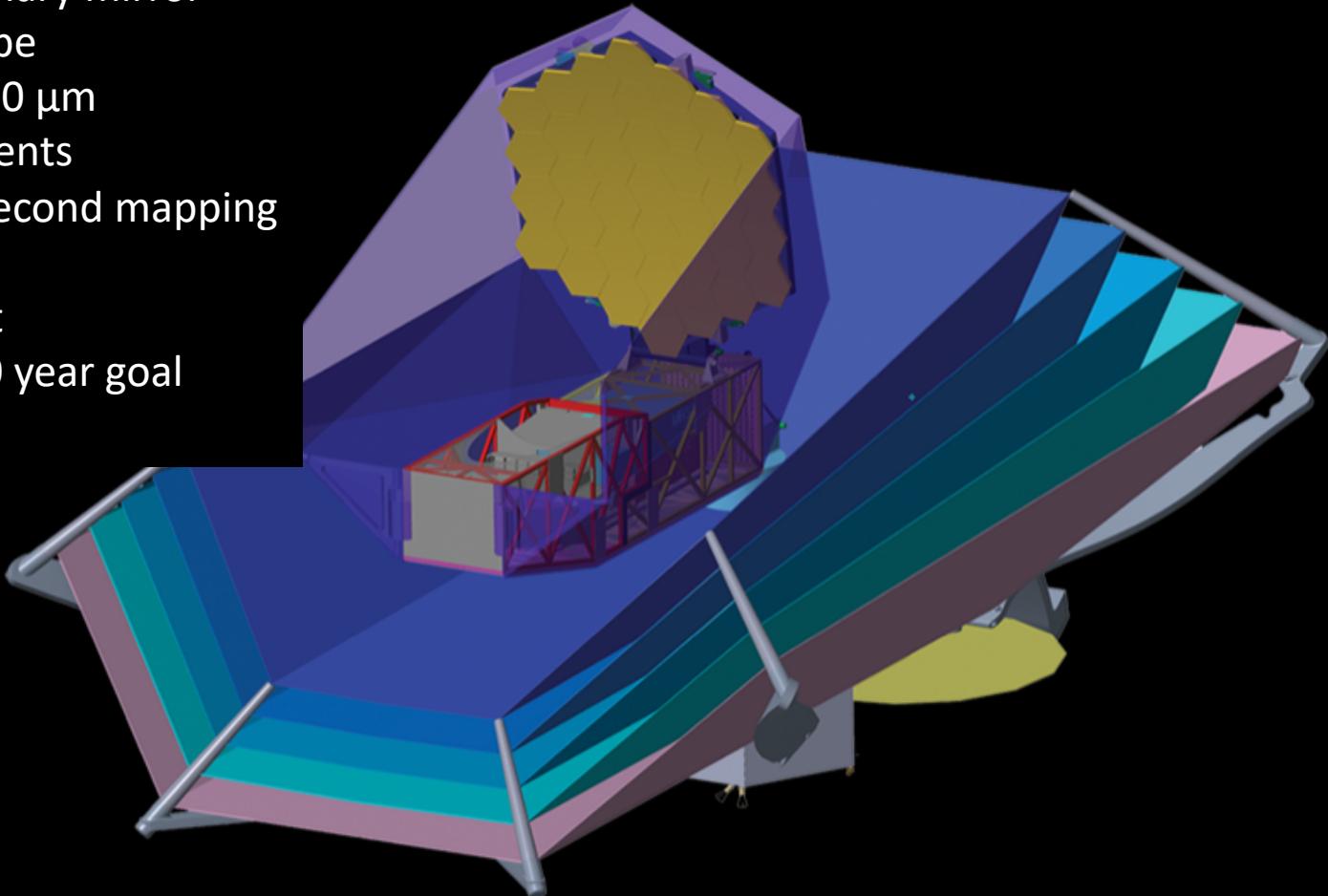


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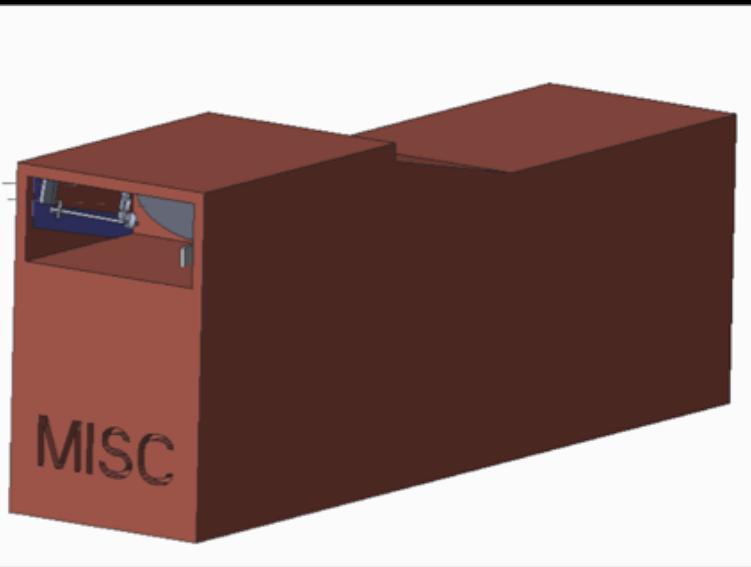
# Mission Concept 1



- 9.1 m off-axis primary mirror
- Cold (4 K) telescope
- Wavelengths 5-660  $\mu\text{m}$
- 5 science instruments
- 100 arcseconds/second mapping
- Launch 2030s
- Sun-Earth L2 orbit
- 5 year lifetime, 10 year goal

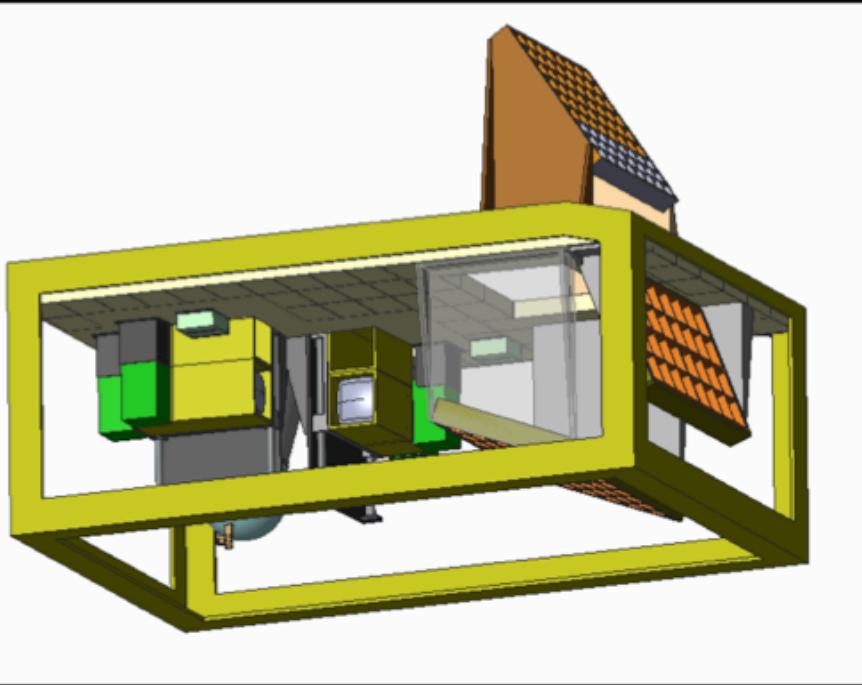


# MISC: Mid-Infrared Imager, Spectrometer, Coronagraph



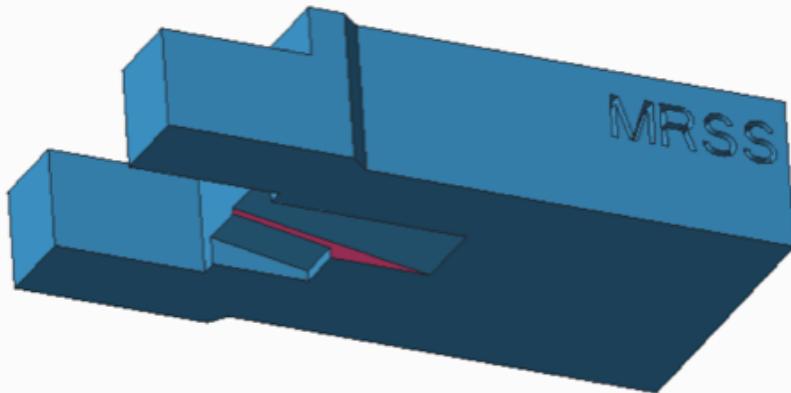
- 5-38  $\mu\text{m}$
- $\lambda/\Delta\lambda \sim 15, 300, 1200, 10^4$
- Imaging
- Spectroscopy
- Coronagraphy  $10^6$  contrast
- Transit spectrometer <10 ppm stability

# FIP: Far-Infrared Imager and Polarimeter



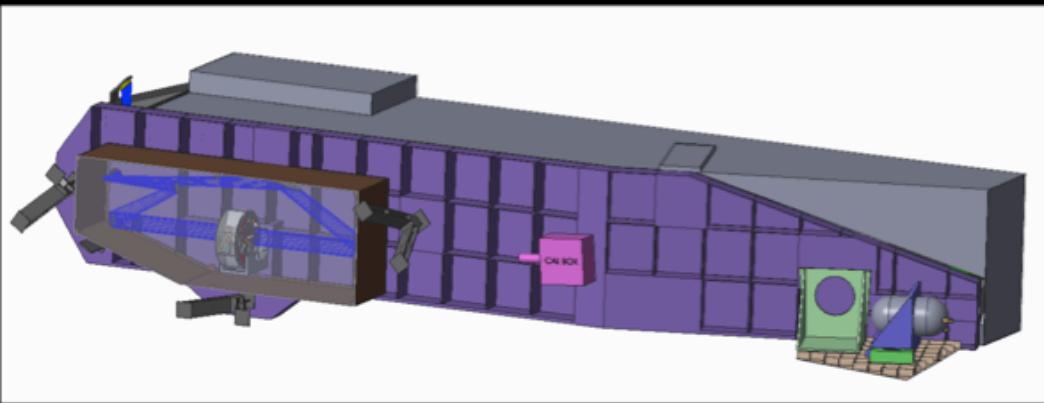
- $40, 80, 120, 240 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$
- $\lambda/\Delta\lambda \sim 15$
- 4 band Simultaneous Imaging
- Differential Polarimetric Imaging

# MRSS: Medium Resolution Survey Spectrometer



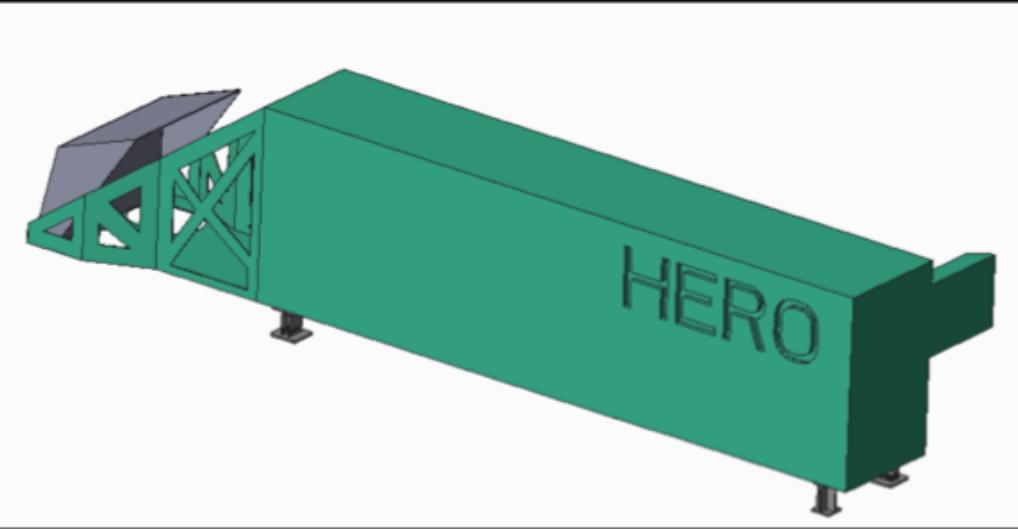
- 30-660  $\mu\text{m}$
- $\lambda/\Delta\lambda \sim 500, 4 \times 10^4$
- Multi-band Spectroscopy
- Survey
- Single Target

# HRS: High Resolution Spectrometer



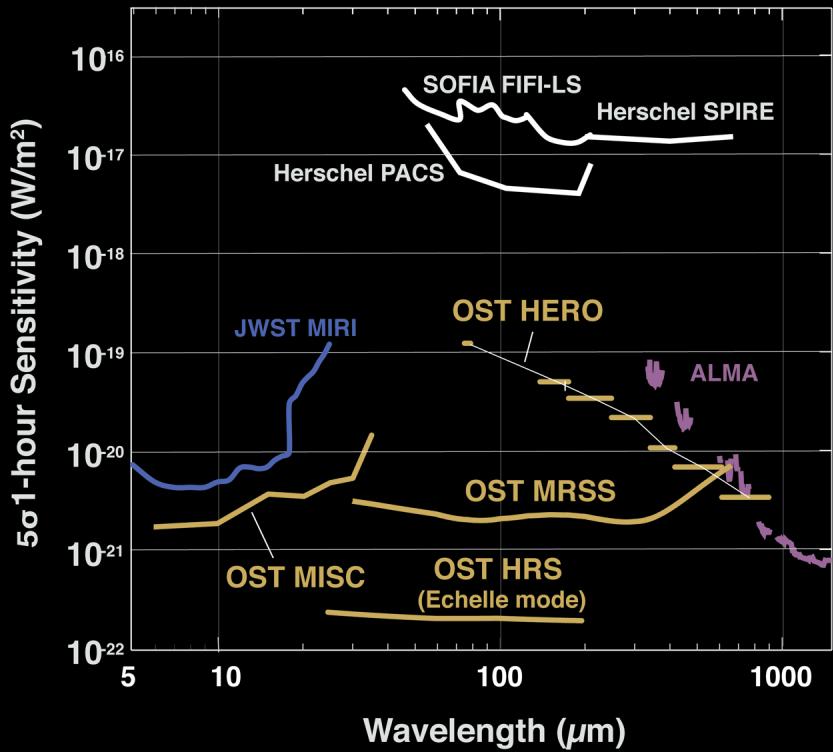
- 25-200  $\mu\text{m}$
- $\lambda/\Delta\lambda \sim 5\times 10^4, 5\times 10^5$
- Spectroscopy
- Single Target
- Small maps

# HERO: Heterodyne Receiver for OST

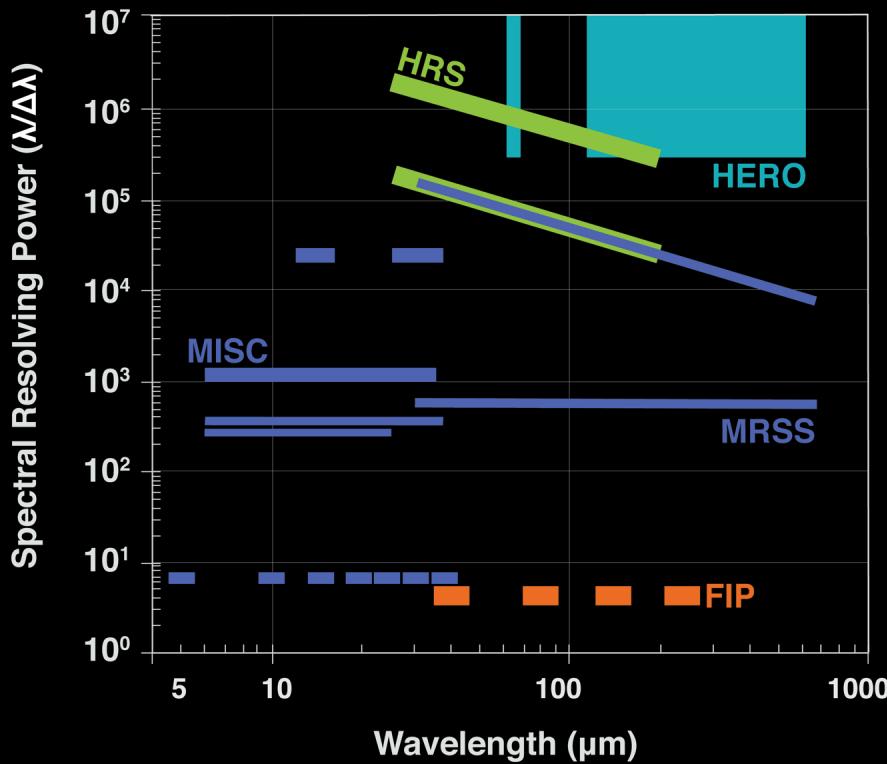


- 63-66, 111-610  $\mu\text{m}$
- $\lambda/\Delta\lambda \sim 10^7$
- Multi-beam Spectroscopy
- Small maps

## Spectral Line Sensitivity



## Spectral Resolution



# Seeing into the dark ages with Origins Space Telescope (OST)

Recombination  
Big Bang

Today

Reionization

First Galaxies

First Stars

Dark Ages

REDSHIFT

1

6

8

12

16

1100

BILLIONS of YEARS AGO

12.6

13.1

13.4

13.5

13.8



DIAMETER

2.4 meter

WAVELENGTH

0.1–2.4  $\mu\text{m}$

TEMPERATURE

260 K

6.5 meter

9 meter

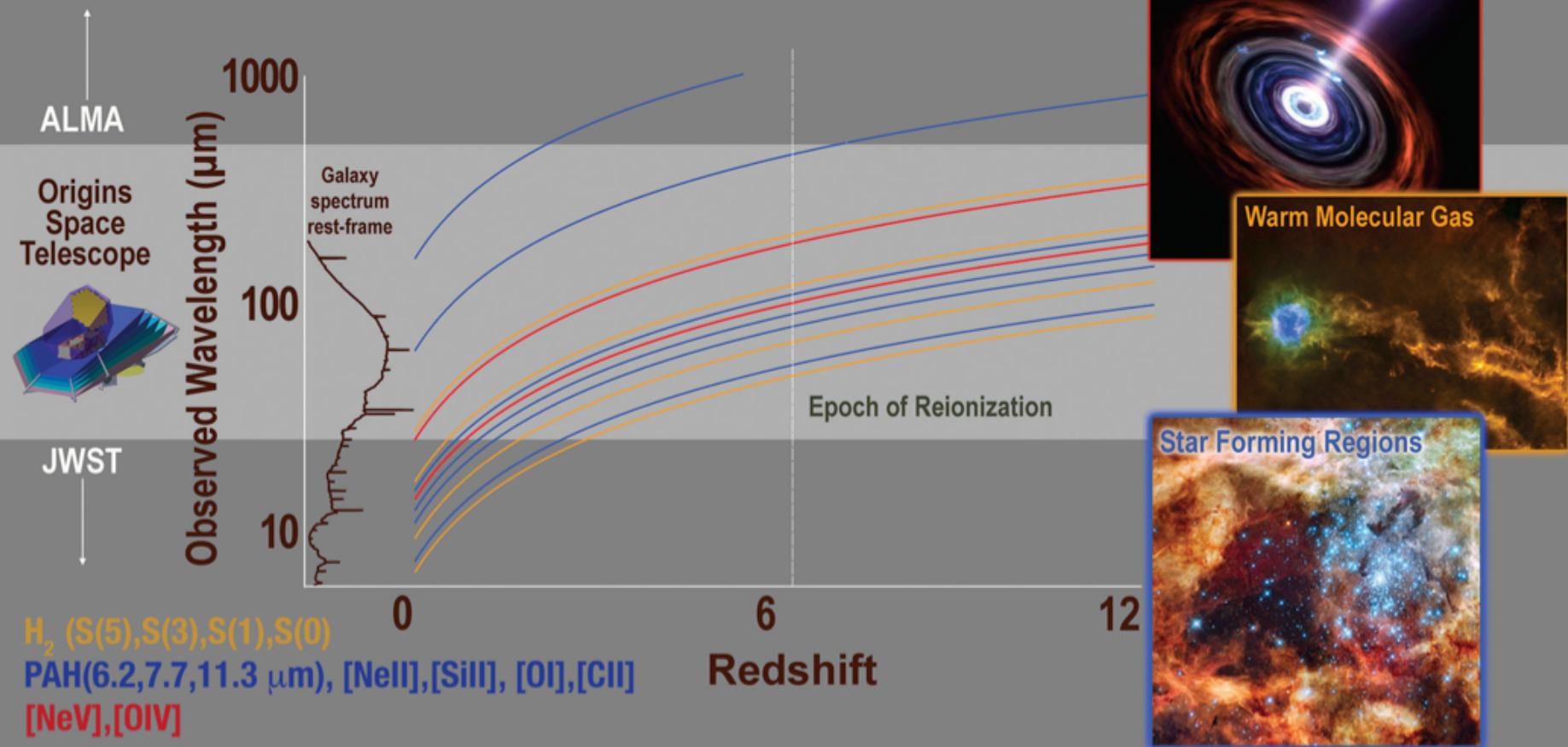
0.6–27  $\mu\text{m}$

5–660  $\mu\text{m}$

50 K

4 K

# Tracing key diagnostics across cosmic time



GOODS-N  
HST ACS/WFC WFC3/IR

B

D

A

C

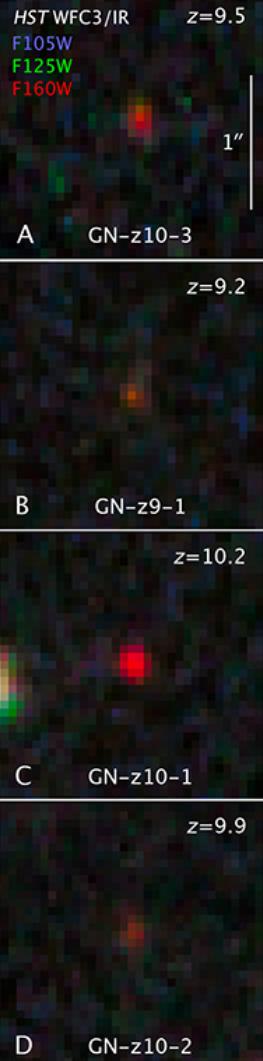
Tier 1: GOODS field N  
deep spectroscopic survey with MRSS  
Imaging survey with FIP

Goal to go very deep: LIRGS @ z=6,

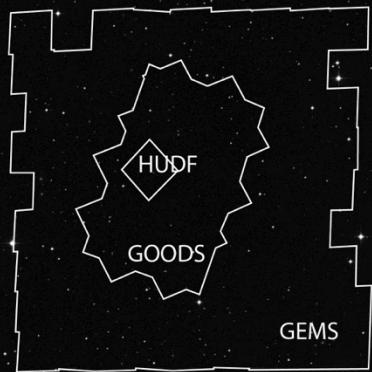
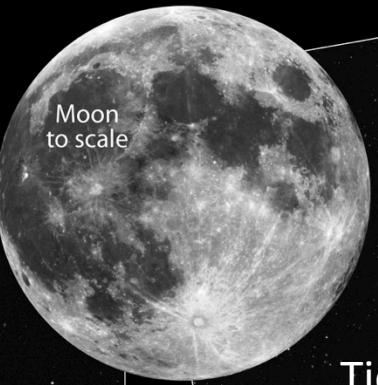
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ACS/WFC F435W + F606W  
ACS/WFC F814W + F850LP  
WFC3/IR F125W + F160W

N  
E



## Relative Sizes of *HST* ACS Surveys



Digitized Sky Survey: ground-based image for comparison

1°

Tier 2: COSMOS  
spectroscopic survey with MRSS  
Imaging survey with FIP

Goal to go deep over a larger area  
LIRGS @  $z=6$ ,

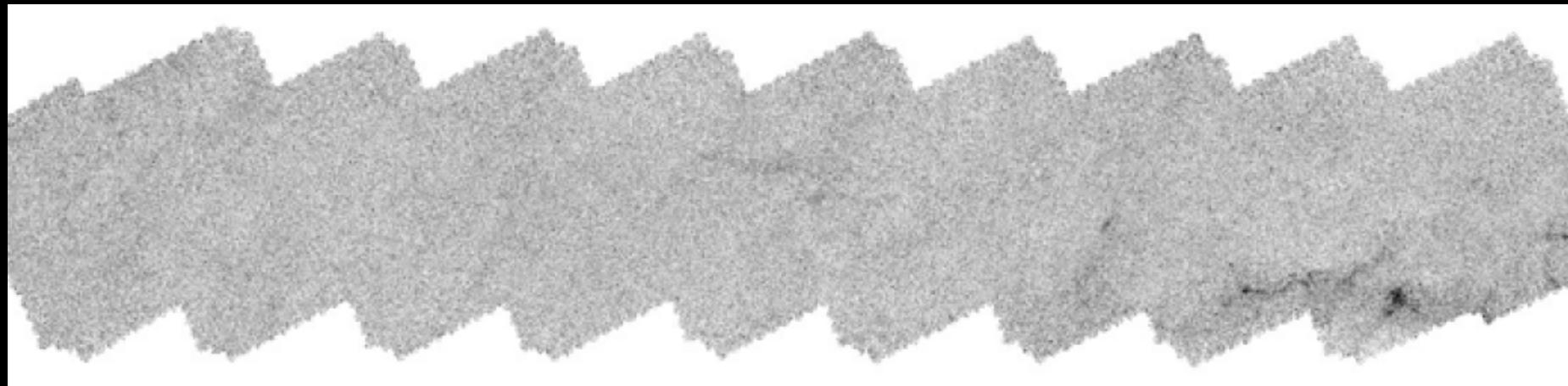
COSMOS

Tier 3: Stripe 82

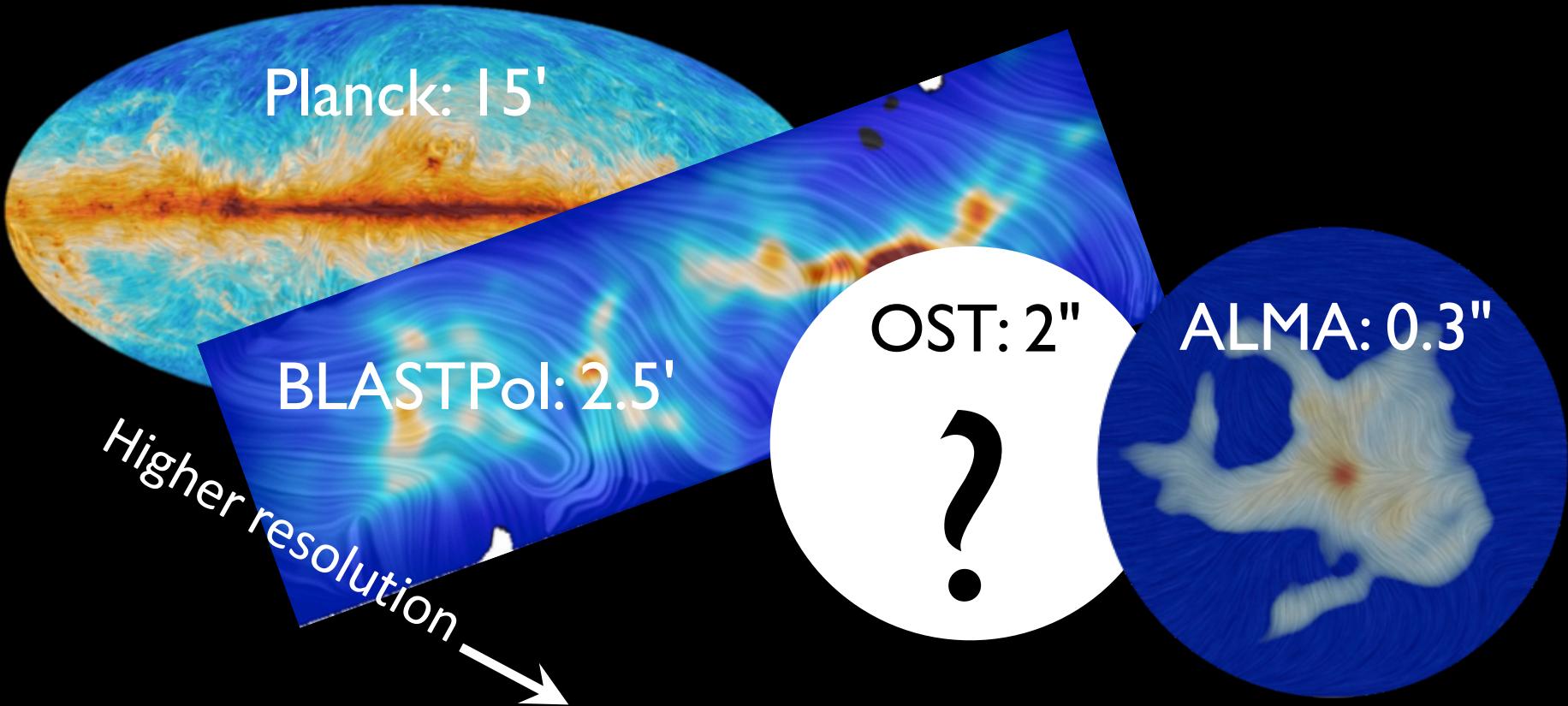
spectroscopic survey with MRSS

Imaging survey with FIP

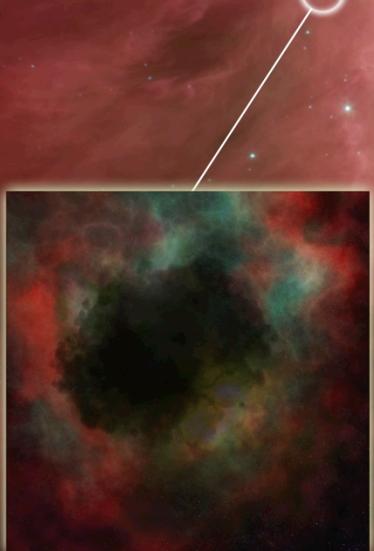
Goal to cover a larger area: ULIRGS @  $z=6$ , millions of galaxies



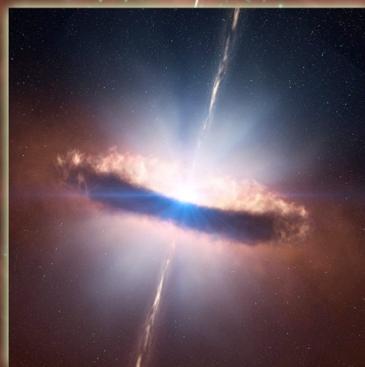
# Magnetic fields (FIP) and turbulence (HERO, HRS)



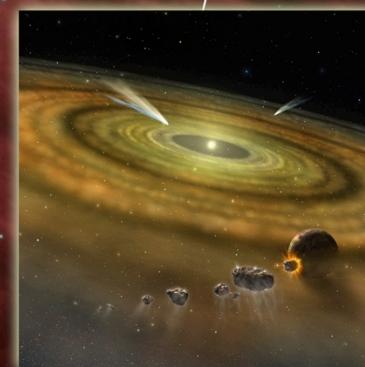
# Following the formation of planetary systems from the interstellar medium to life-bearing worlds



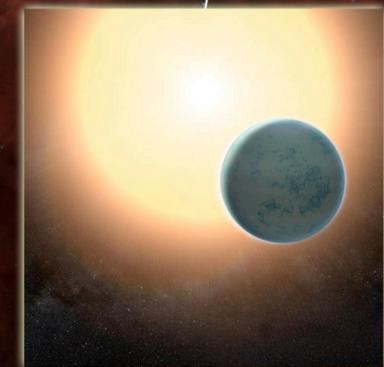
Interstellar medium



Protoplanetary disks



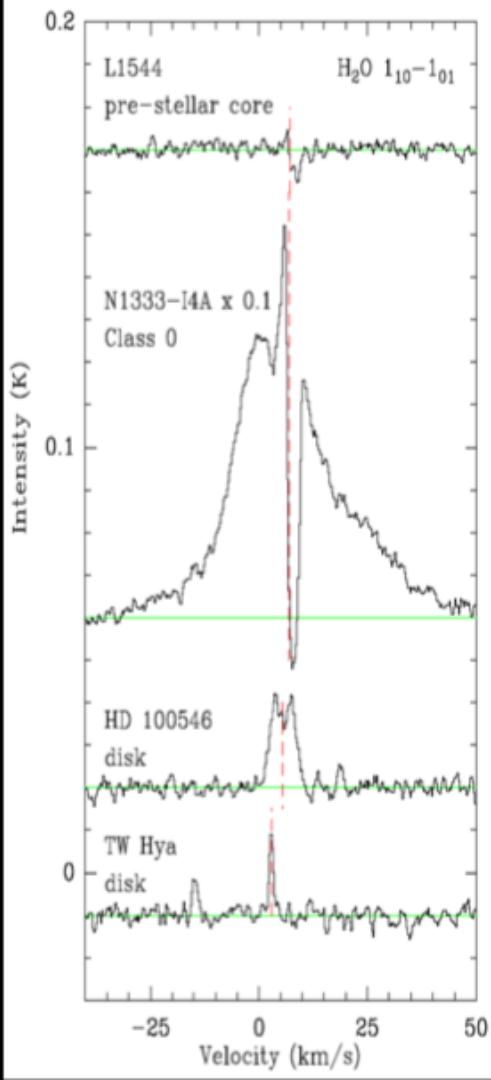
Planetary systems



Exoplanets

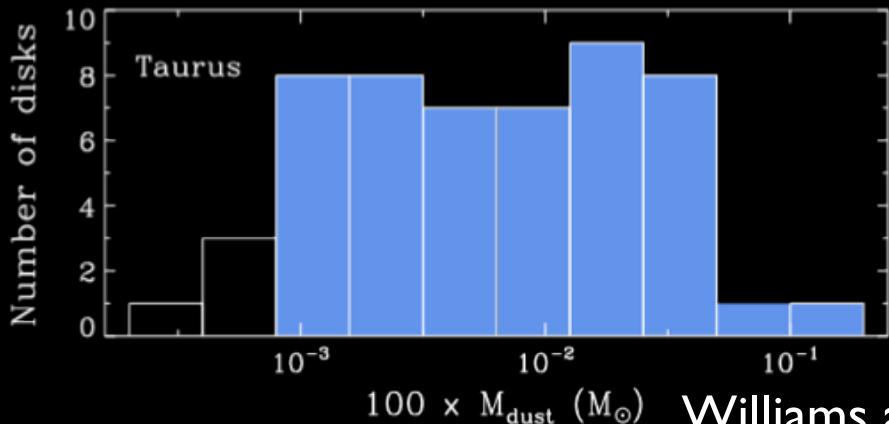
# Water Transport to Terrestrial Planetary Zone (HRS, MRSS, HERO)

**Science Goal:** Observe gas-phase water in interstellar clouds and dense star-forming cores to probe critical processes related to formation and transport of water to the terrestrial planet zone, as a key input to habitability.

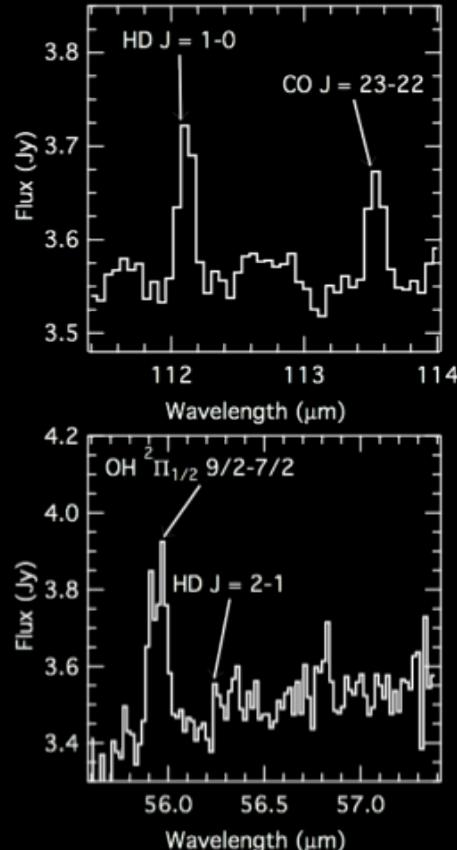


# What are ProtoPlanetary disk gas masses? (HRS,MRSS HERO)

- HD is a million times more emissive than H<sub>2</sub> at T ~ 20 K.
- Atomic D/H ratio inside the local bubble is well characterized ( $\sim 1.5 \times 10^{-5}$ )
- HD will follow H<sub>2</sub> in the gas



→ TW Hya disk  
mass  
 $M_{\text{disk}} \sim 0.05 M_{\odot}$

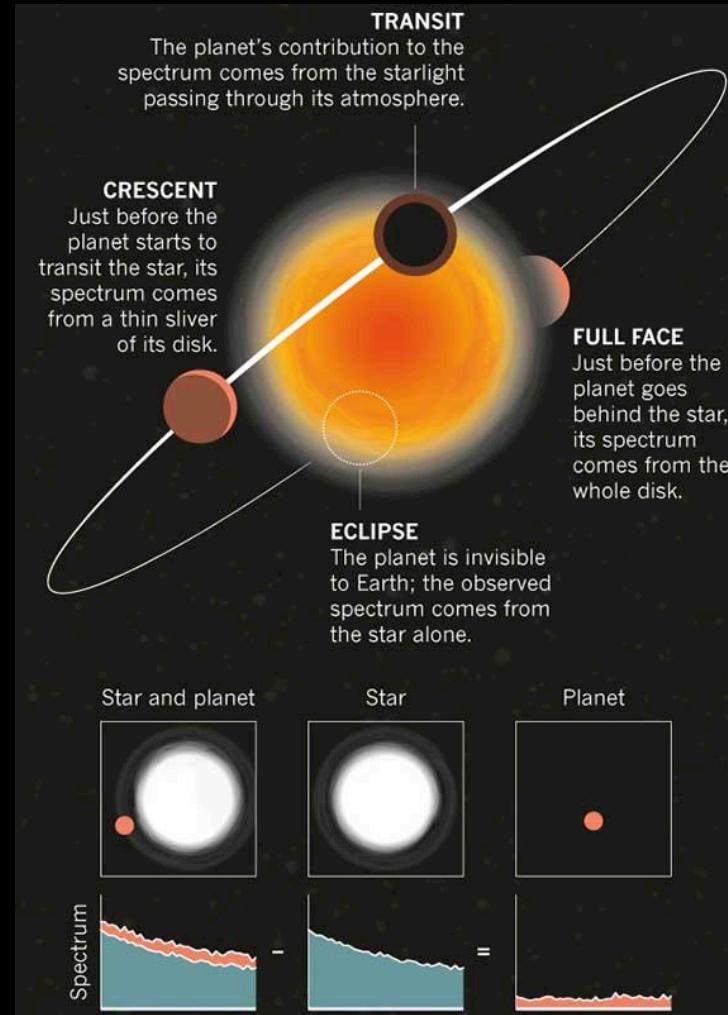


# Exoplanets – Transits (MISC)

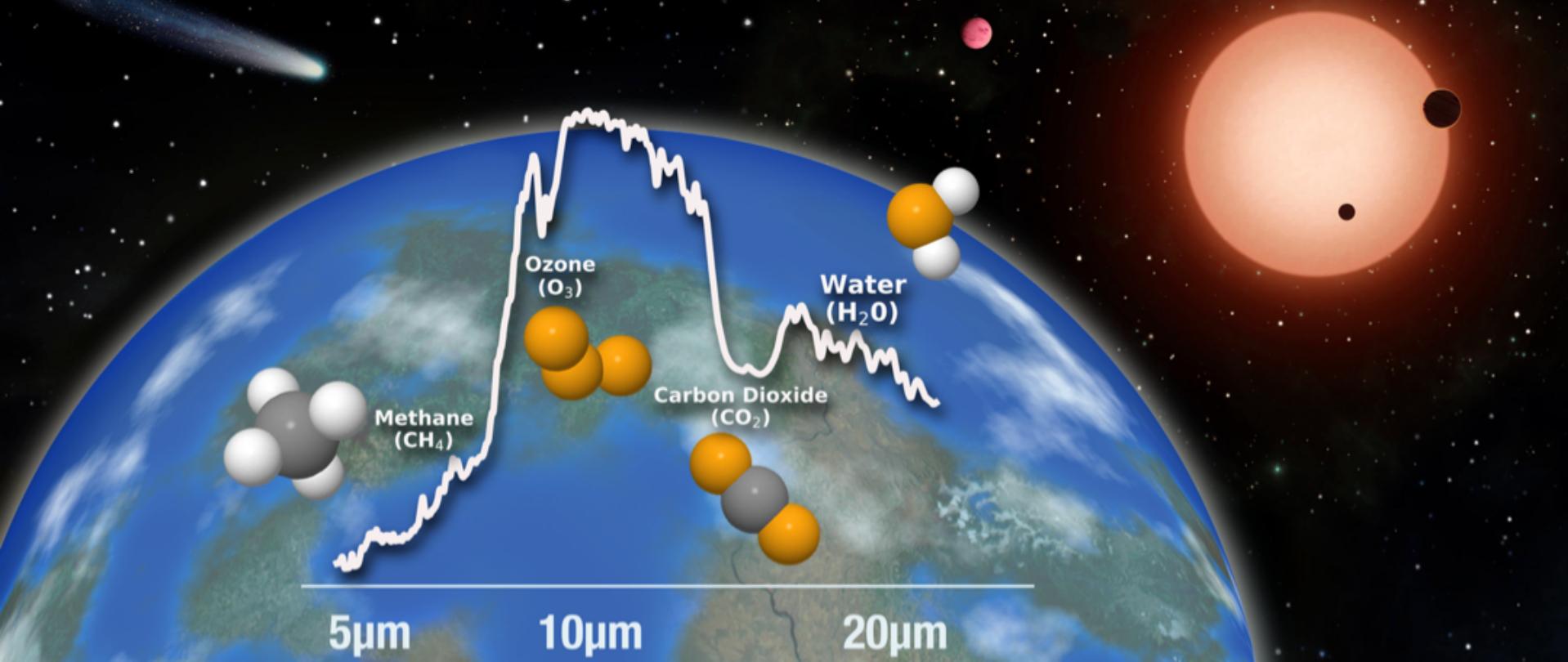
(See Stevenson: special session Wed.)

## Transits for exoplanets

- Primary transit (probes terminator)
- Secondary eclipse (probes dayside)
- Lightcurves can indicate further patterns (time consuming)
- Atmosphere Characterization
- Biosignatures



# Searching for biosignatures in nearby exoplanets



# Exoplanets – Coronagraph (MISC)

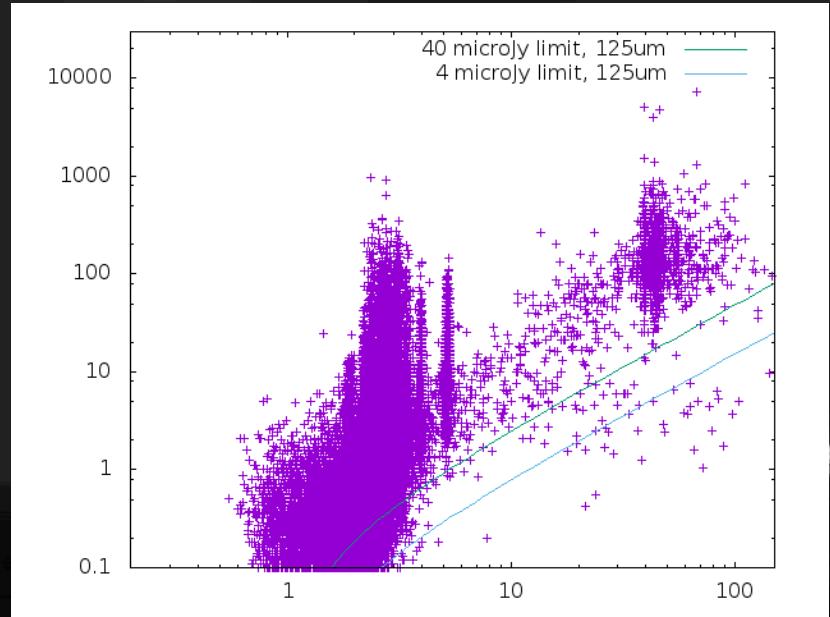
Main targets: Warm Gas Giants & Jupiters

Interesting to help our view of whole Planetary systems

- because of the large IWA, no HZ planets
- Direct imaging doe not drive HZ planet case

Ground-based ELTs searches can provide complimentary VIS/NIR data for such planets

# FIP mapping of Outer Solar System



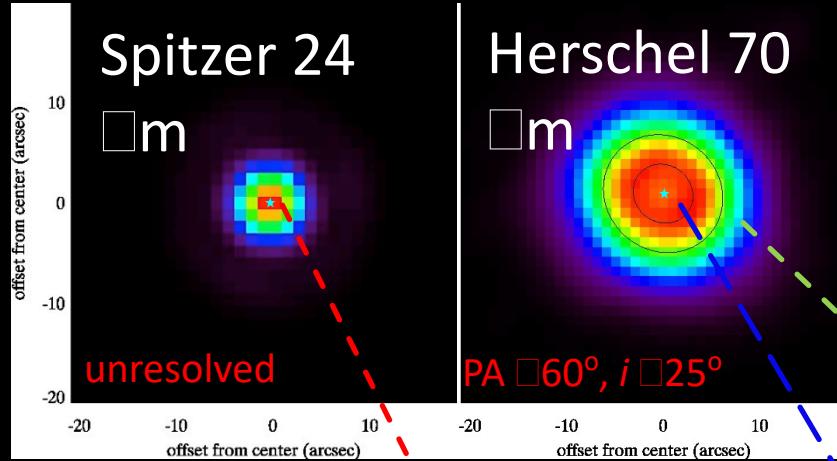
Heliocentric Distance (AU)

- Measure the thermal emission (FIP) of small bodies in outer Solar System – 1000's of targets
- **Constrain the thermal history and evolution of the Solar System.**
- Characterize Planet IX?

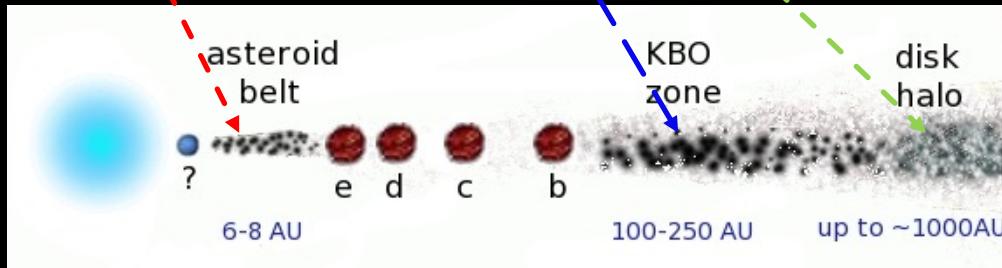
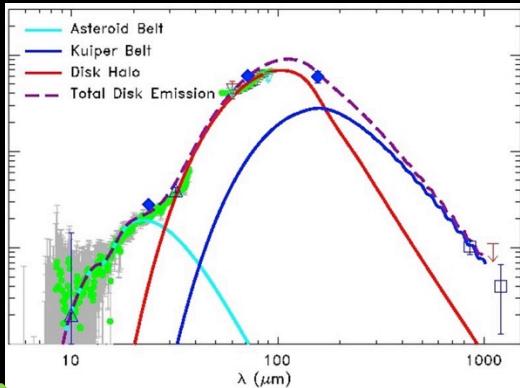
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# Debris Disks and Giant Planets (FIP)



Spectral Energy  
Distribution of HR8799

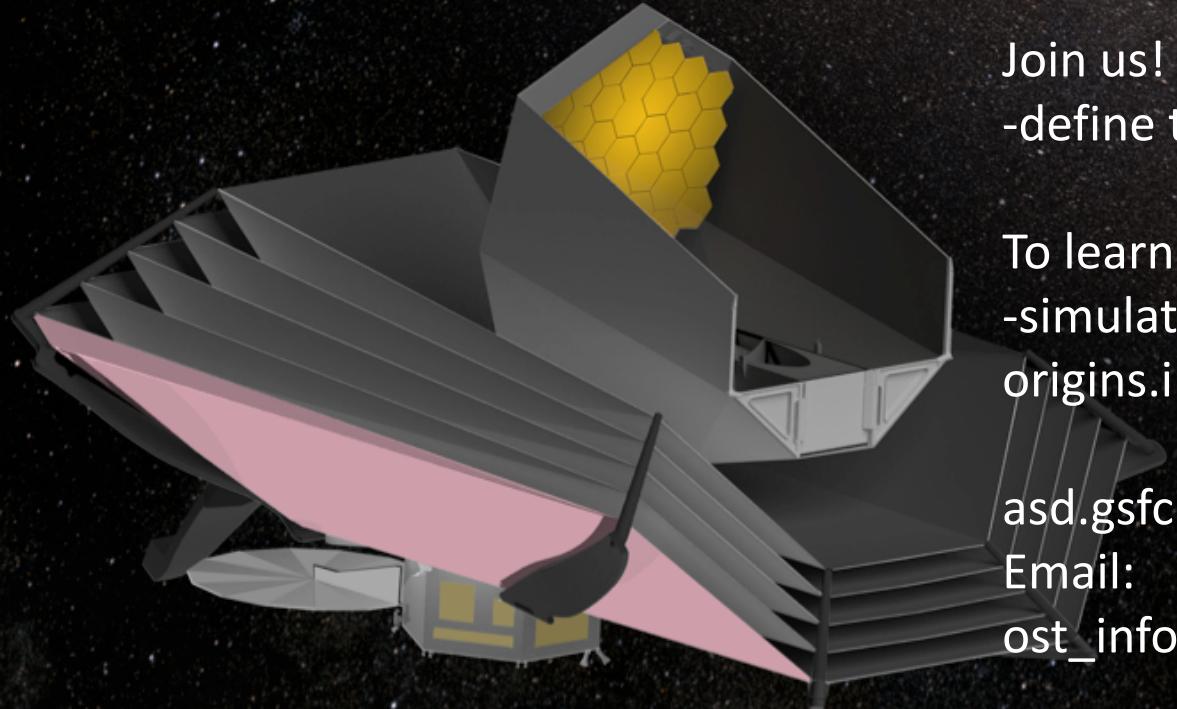


Su et al. 2009

Matthews et al. 2013

Marios et al. 2010





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