



MOONS

Multi-Object Optical and Near-infrared Spectrograph for the VLT

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MOONS Nutshell

Field of view: 500 sq. arcmin at the 8.2m VLT

Multiplex: 1000 fibers, with the possibility to deploy them in pairs

Fibers: Aperture on sky = 1.1arcsec; Close pair = 10arcsec; Max 7 fibers within 2 arcmin

Medium resolution:

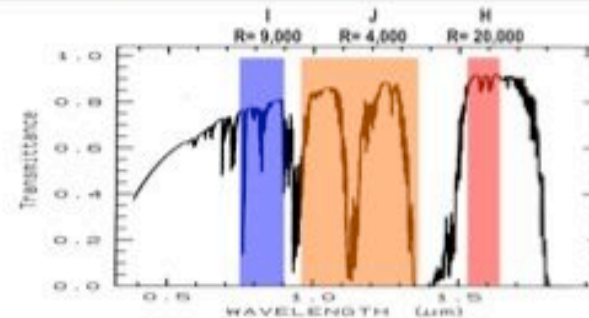
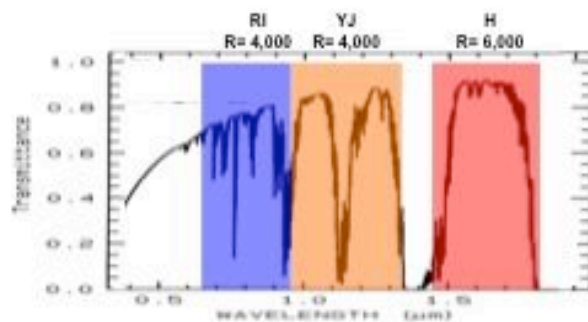
Simultaneously 0.64 μ m-1.8 μ m
at
R=4,000 – 6,000

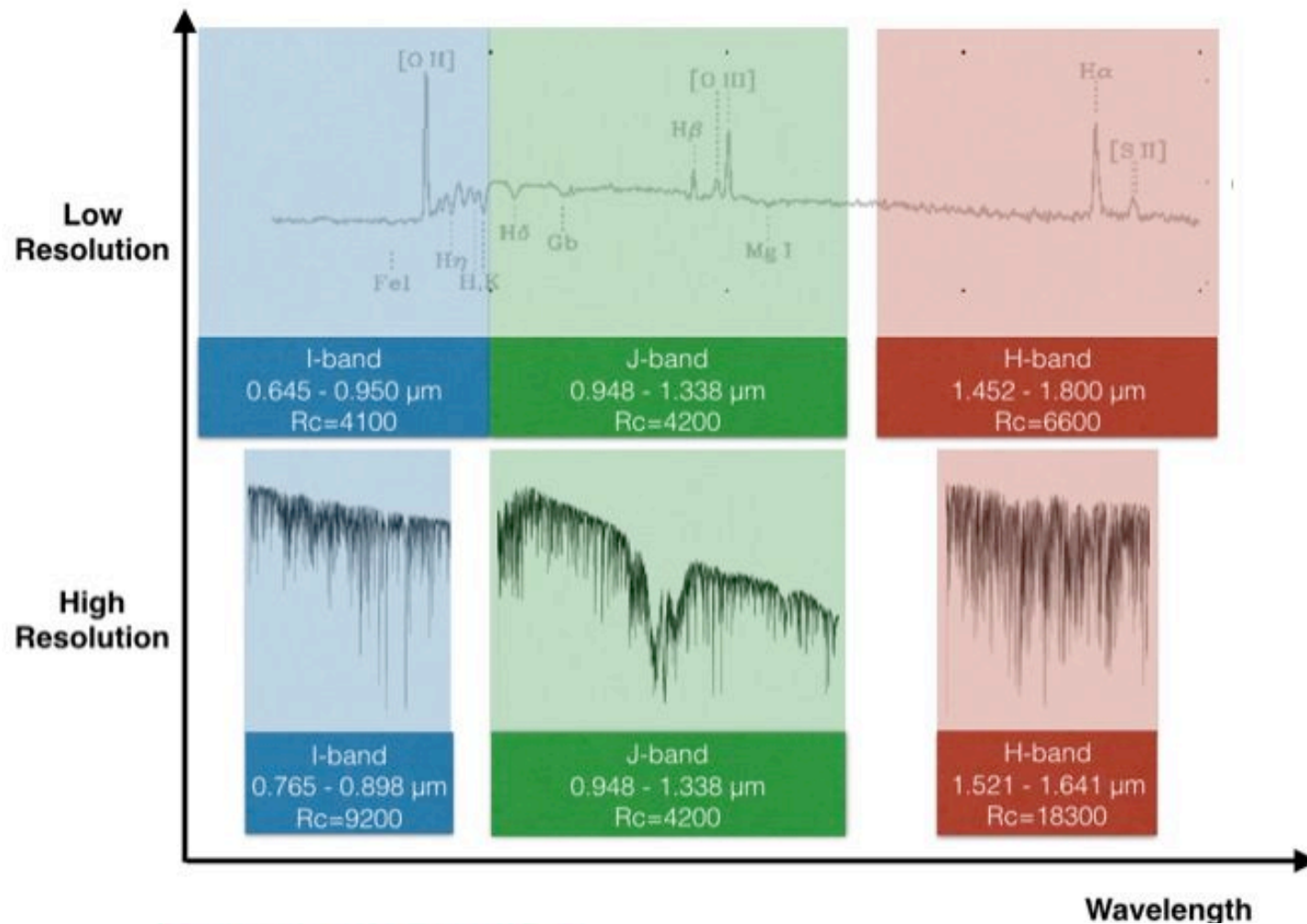


High resolution:

Simultaneously 3 bands:

- 0.76-0.90 μ m at R = 9,000
- 0.95-1.35 μ m at R=4,000
- 1.52-1.63 μ m at R=20,000





Simultaneous coverage in either low or high Res

		RI band	YJ band	H band
Low Res	Wavelength coverage	0.647 – 0.955 μm	0.934 – 1.350 μm	1.452 – 1.800 μm
	Central resolution	4100	4300	6600
High Res	Wavelength coverage	0.765 – 0.898 μm	0.934 – 1.350 μm	1.521 – 1.641 μm
	Central resolution	9300	4300	18300



MOONS France

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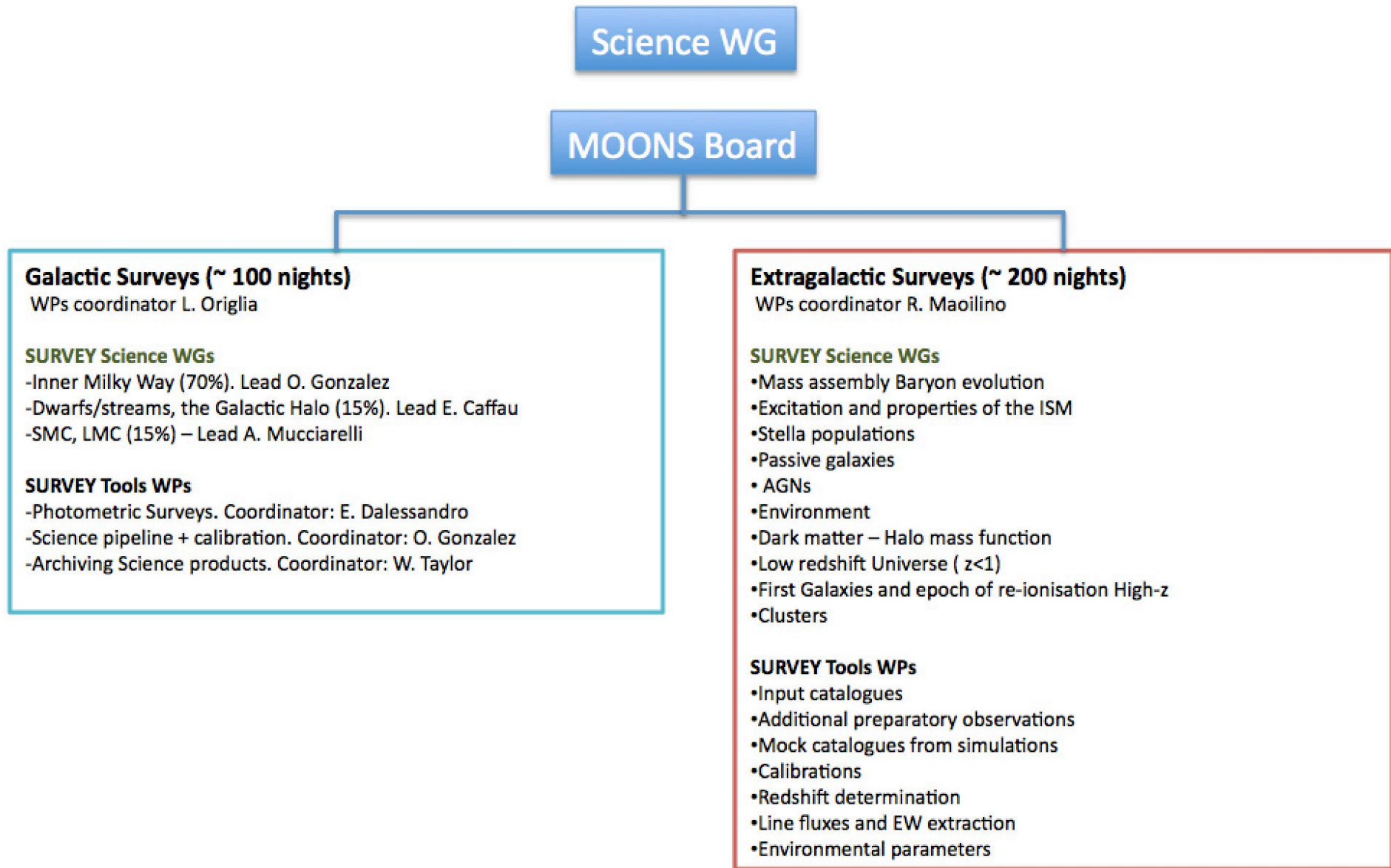
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France 15% of the instrument

17% of the science team

Science: Last meeting Sept 2017 Next March-April 2018

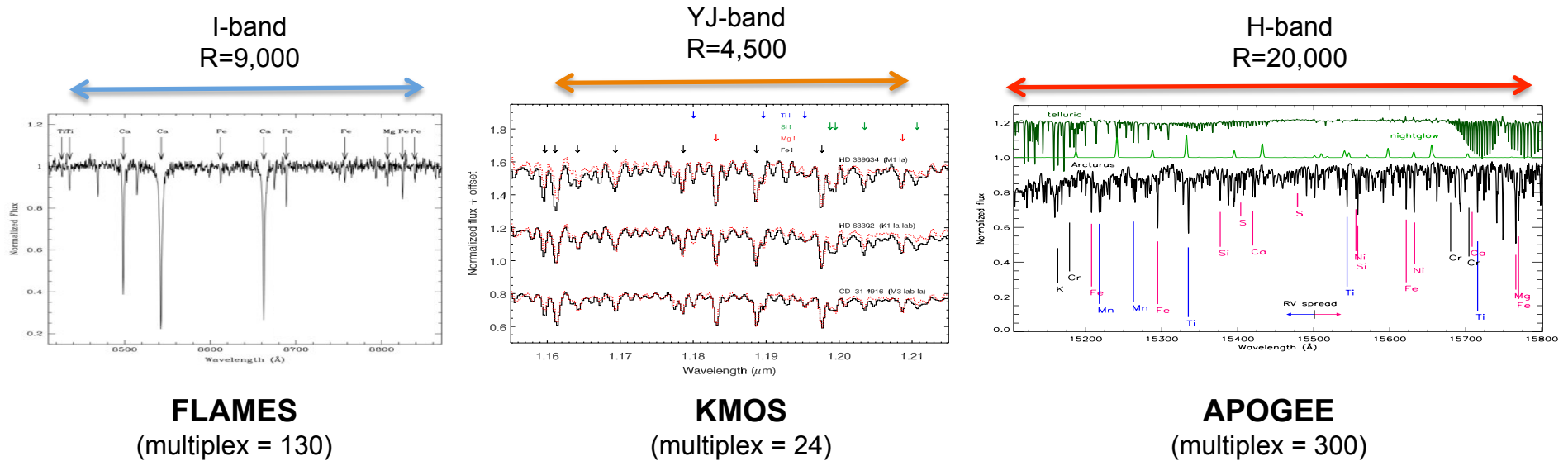


Galactic science cases

On behalf of the Galactic Science Working Group

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MOONS for Galactic studies



Kinematics – Radial velocities (< 1 km/s)

CaT @R=9,000 for $l < 21$ + [M/H] (via Fe, Si, Ti, Mg) @R=4000-6000 (J+H)

Detailed chemical abundances (< 0.1 dex)

(Si, Ca, Ti, Mg, Fe, Cr, Mn, CNO ...) @R=20,000 for $H_{\text{Vega}} < 15.5$
+
CaT @R=9,000

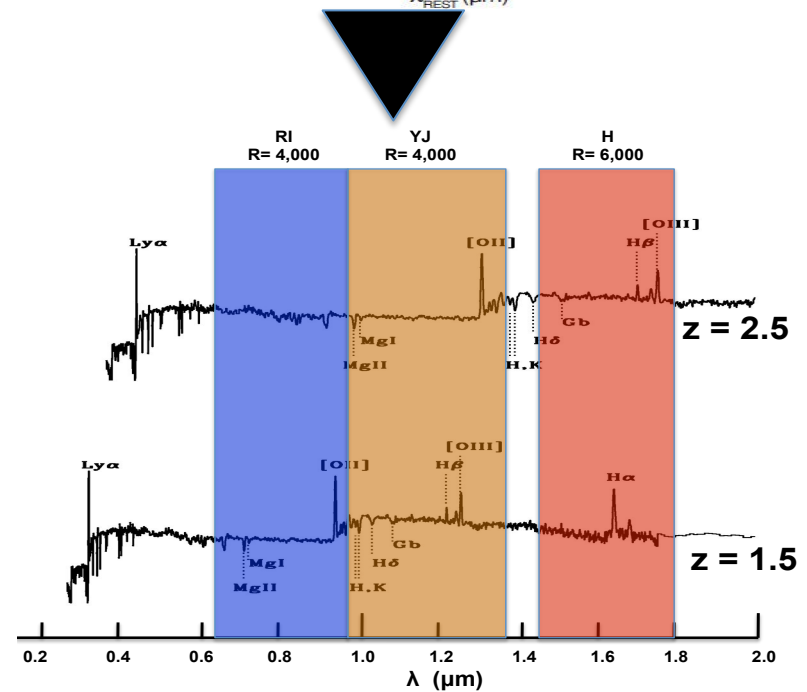
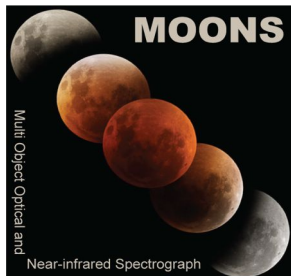
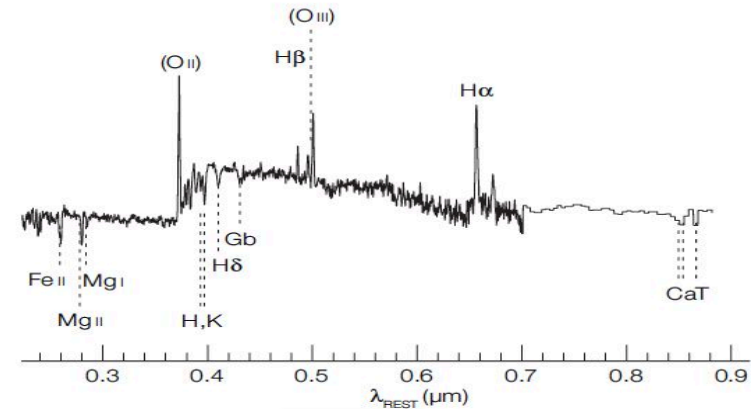
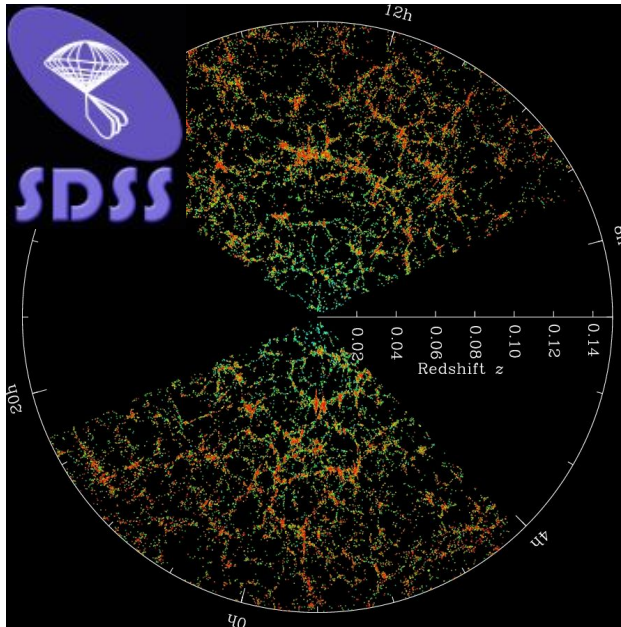
Extragalactic science case

On behalf of the Extragalactic Science Working Group

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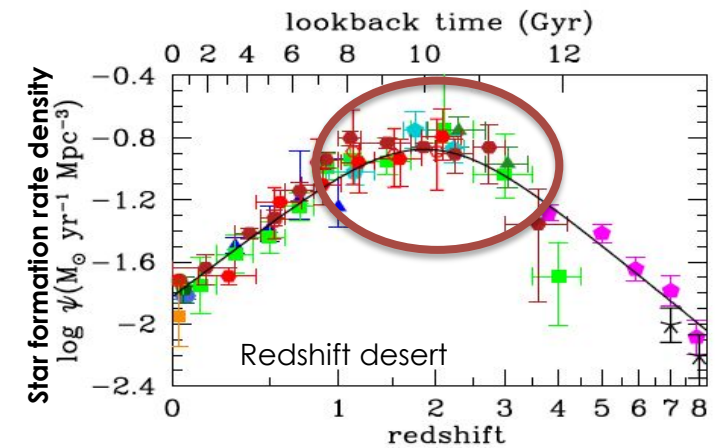
Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS)

In the local Universe the SDSS has been extremely successful due to both size and spectral quality.



Extra Galactic Science Case

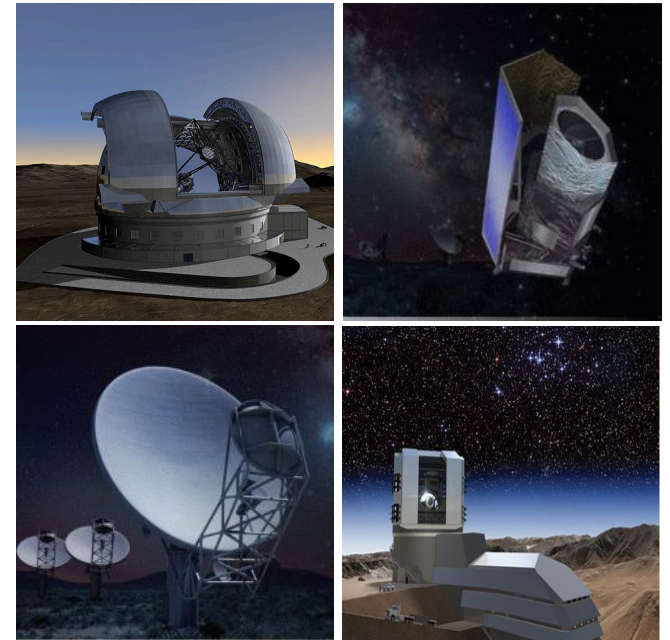
SDSS-like survey
galaxies at $z > 1$ across the peak of star-formation and black hole accretion, up to the very first galaxies at $z > 7-8$



Diagnostics for passive and star-forming galaxies

- *Metallicity (R_{23}, N_2 , stellar indices)*
- *SFR ($H\alpha$, $H\beta$, $[OII]$)*
- *Stellar populations*
- *Galaxy transformation (quenching) mechanisms*
- *AGN power (BPT)*
- *Dust extinction ($H\alpha/H\beta$)*
- *Galaxy mass (σ_v)*
- *BH mass (BLR)*
- *Dependence on environment (large scale structures)*

✓ Follow-up of large-area imaging surveys: VISTA, Herschel, DES, UKIDSS, eRosita, etc.



MOONS Extragalactic Surveys

SDSS-like + Deep Surveys

Physical, Chemical and Environmental properties for
Goal ~1M galaxies at $0.8 < z < 10$

Optimised observation strategy (Under discussion):

$H_{AB} < 23.5$ 1-8hr over 30sq. deg.

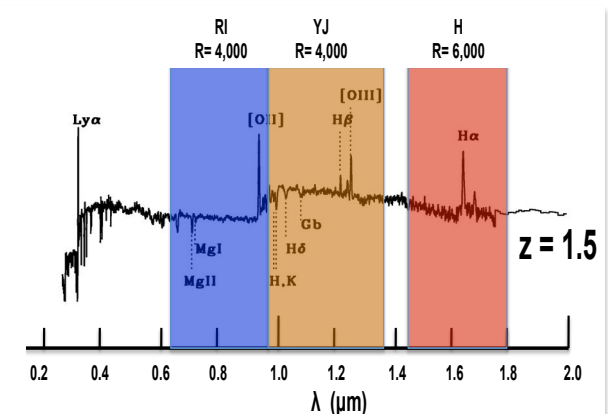
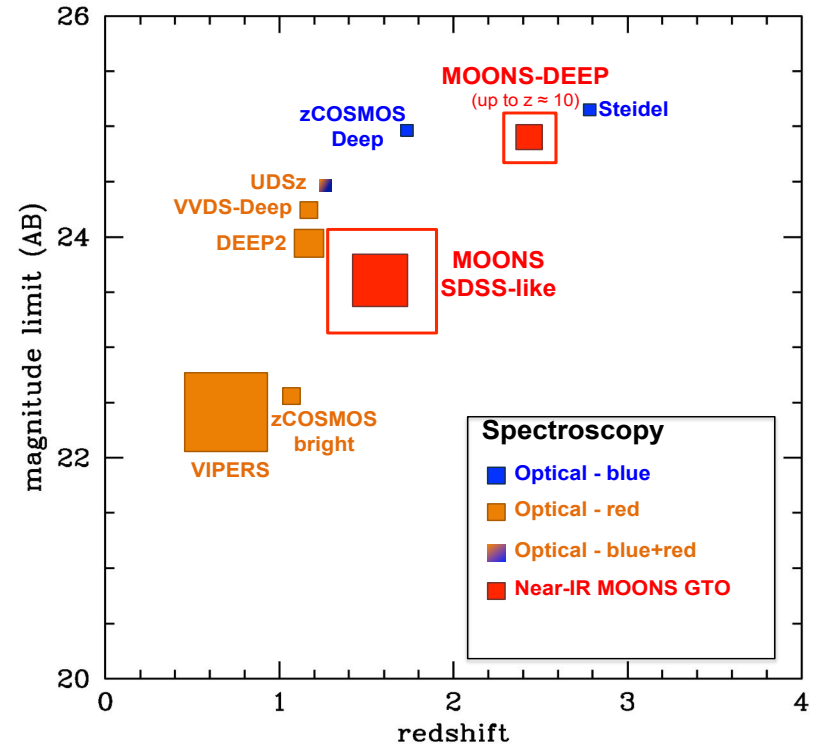
$23 < H_{AB} < 25$ 8-40hr over 5-6sq. deg.

$M \sim 10^9 M_{\odot}$ and $SFR < 1 M_{\odot}/yr$ at $z \sim 1-2$

with multiple lines diagnostics to measure:

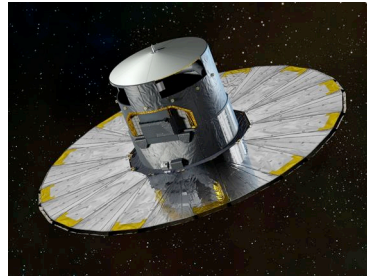
SFR, Metallicity, Ionisation state, AGN, Dust, Environment, etc ...

Considerably deeper if only interested in determining the redshift

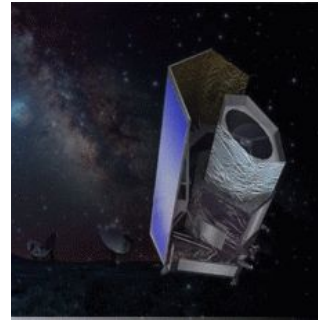


Synergies

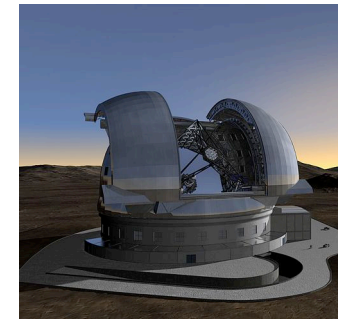
Gaia (ESA): Follow-up



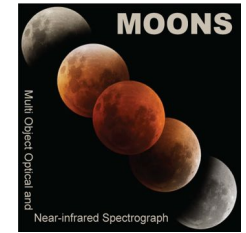
Euclid (ESA): Redshift machine



E-ELT (ESO) :**Tech**: DRS & fiber link -- **Sci**: target for the E-ELT



MOONS: VISTA near-IR imaging surveys (**Ultra-VISTA, VIDEO, VIKING, VVV, VMC**) & radio (MeerKat LOFAR)

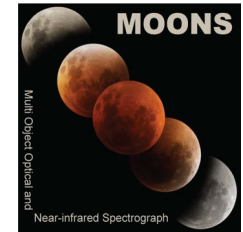


MOONS timeline

- ☑ *October 2015: Preliminary Design Review*
- ☑ *June 2016: started procurement of Teledyne H4RG near-IR detectors*
- ☑ *October 2016: Long lead items (Optics) Final Design Review*
- ☑ *March 2017: Final Design Review → ΔFDR End October*
- ☑ *October 2017: MOONS under construction*
 - *End 2019: Preliminary Acceptance Europe*
 - *Early 2020: Start of science operations*

Summary

MOONS is the long-awaited near-IR MOS for the VLT



Construction phase started in June 2014
Operational by 2020-21

Main science cases:

Galactic Archaeology:

- ✓ Radial velocities and detailed chemical abundances for **several million stars** in our own Galaxy.

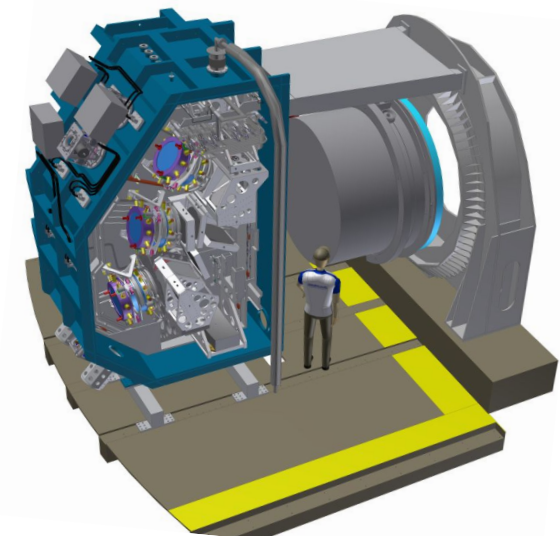
Galaxy evolution:

- ✓ Formidable **SDSS-type survey for >1M galaxies at z>1**. Unique insight into the effect of environment, chemical and physical evolution.

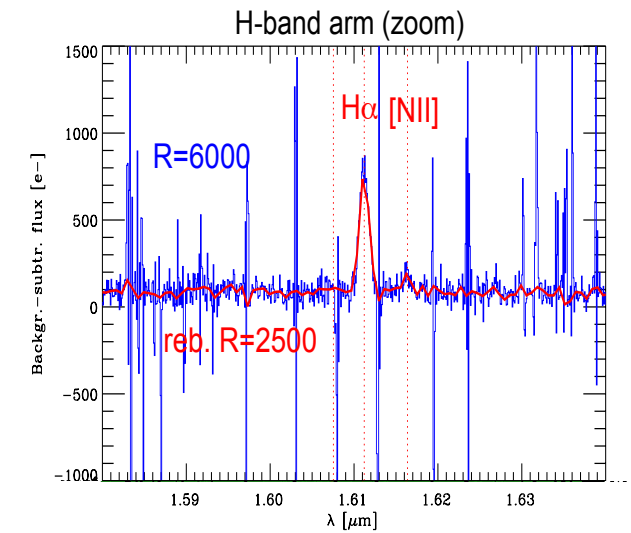
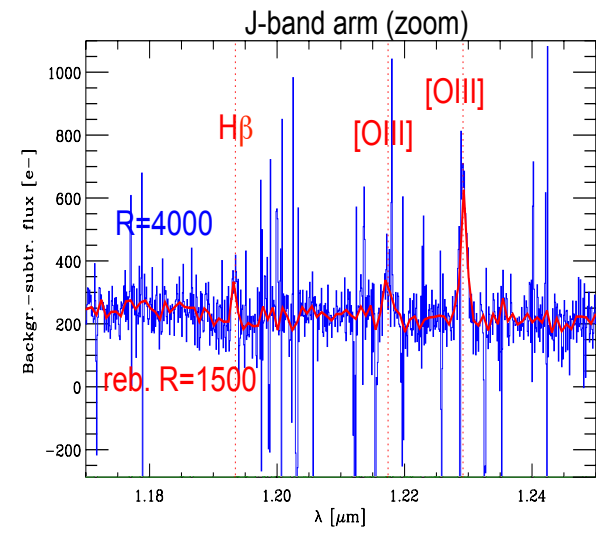
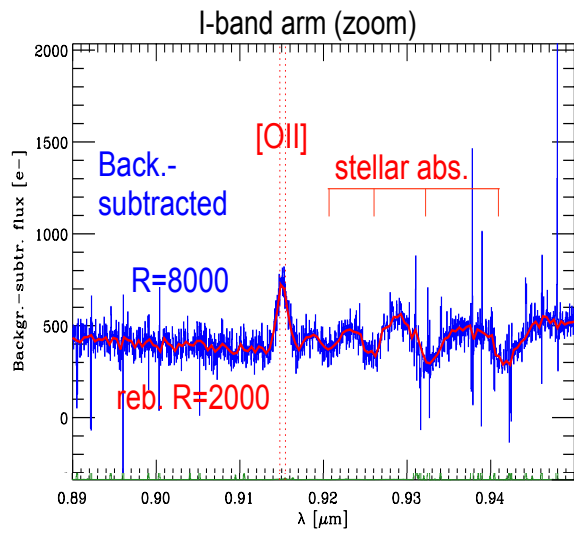
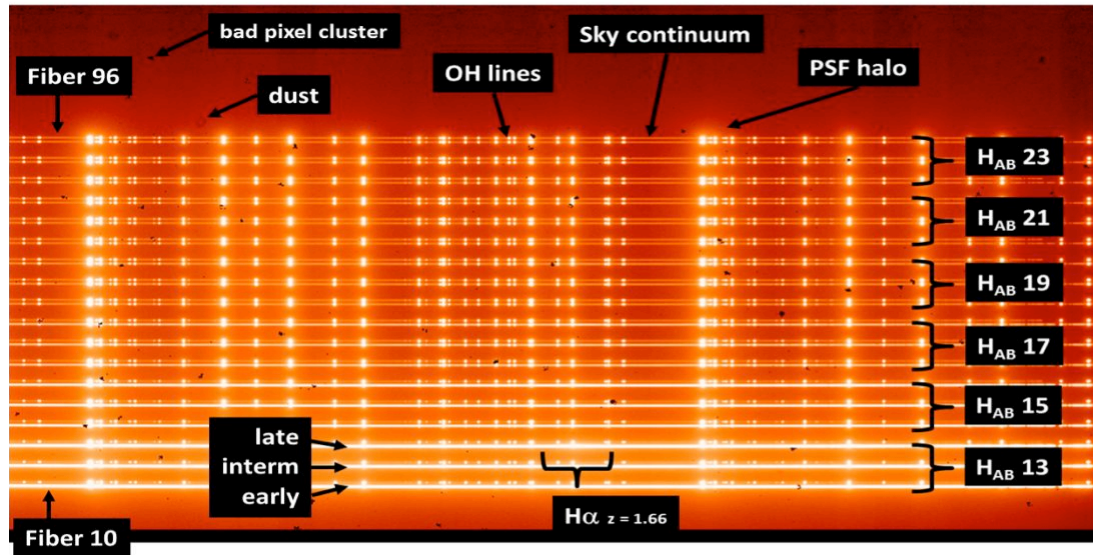
Synergies:

- ✓ Essential follow-up of large-area imaging surveys: Gaia, VISTA, Herschel, DES, UKIDSS, LOFAR, eRosita, Euclid, LSST, SKA

Field of view	500 sq. arcmin
Multiplex	1024 fibres
Low resolution mode	R = 4,000-6000 $\lambda = 0.64\mu\text{m} - 1.8\mu\text{m}$ simultaneously
High resolution mode	R=9,000 for CaT + R=4,000 in YJ-band + R=20,000 in H band
Throughput	> 30 %



WP DRS



z=1.45, H_{AB}=22.7, 1hr