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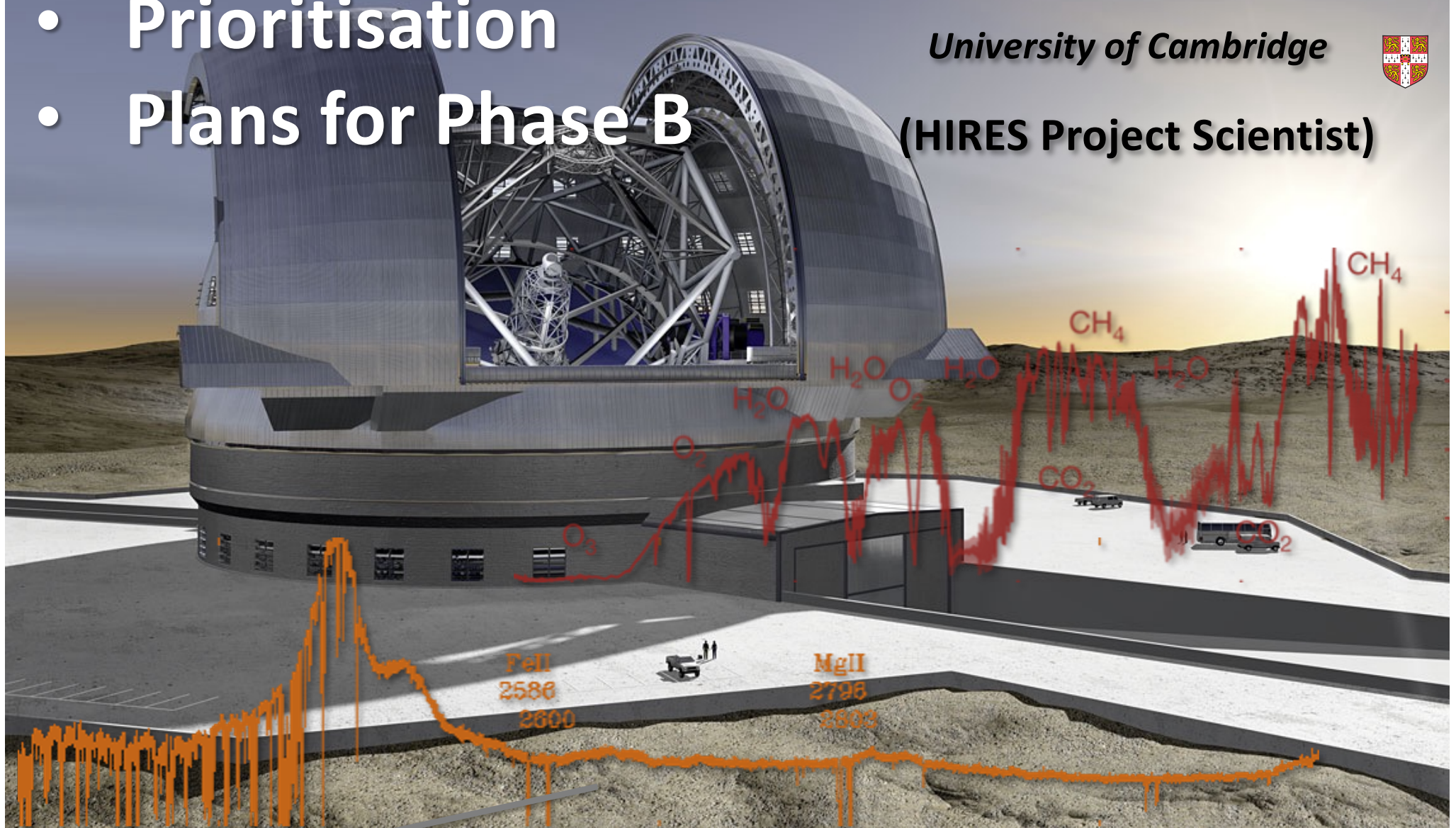
- Science cases
- Prioritisation
- Plans for Phase-B

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HIRES' uncommon breadth

High resolution spectroscopy at the ELT can tackle a **huge range of diverse interdisciplinary science cases**, spanning most fields of Astrophysics, going even beyond the traditional boundaries of Astronomy

(HIRES White Paper, Maiolino+2014)

Wide **transversal support** from scientists across the most diverse fields in Astronomy and Physics

Phase A (& pre-B) Science Organogram

Science Advisory Committee (SAT): 63 experts in High-Res spectrosc.

Project Scientist
& SAT Chair
(R. Maiolino)

WG1
Exoplanets and
Circumst. Discs

Chair: E. Palle
Co-Chair: C. Lovis

20 scientists

WG2
Stars and
Stellar Pop.

Chair: C. Allende
Co-Chair: A. Korn

17 scientists

WG3
Galaxies and
IGM

Chair: V. D'Odorico
Co-Chair: E.
Zackrisson

17 scientists

WG4
Cosmology and
Fundam. Physics

Chair: J. Liske
Co-Chair: C. Martins

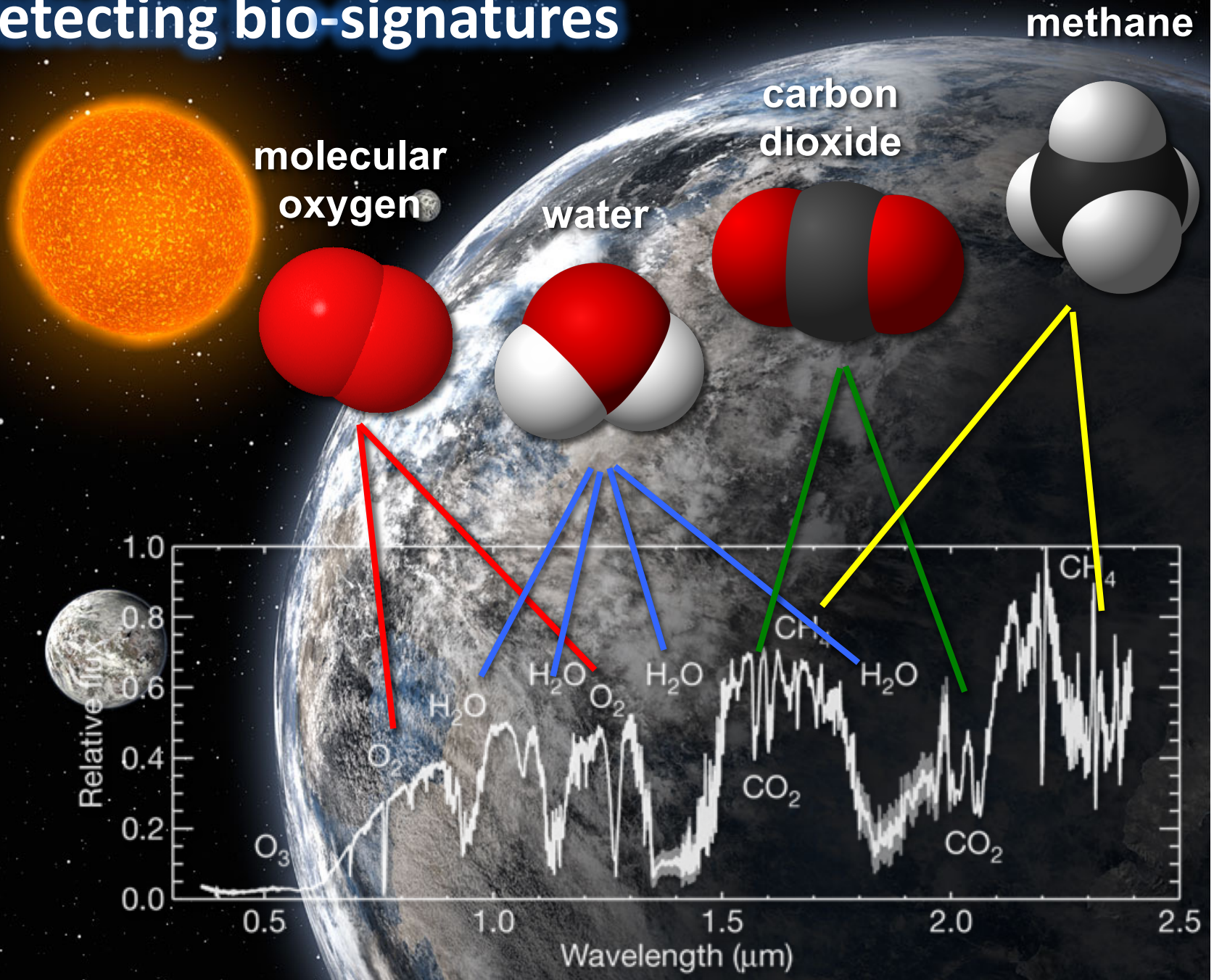
9 scientists

➔ **Definition of science cases, priorities and requirements**

A subset of the HIRES Science Cases

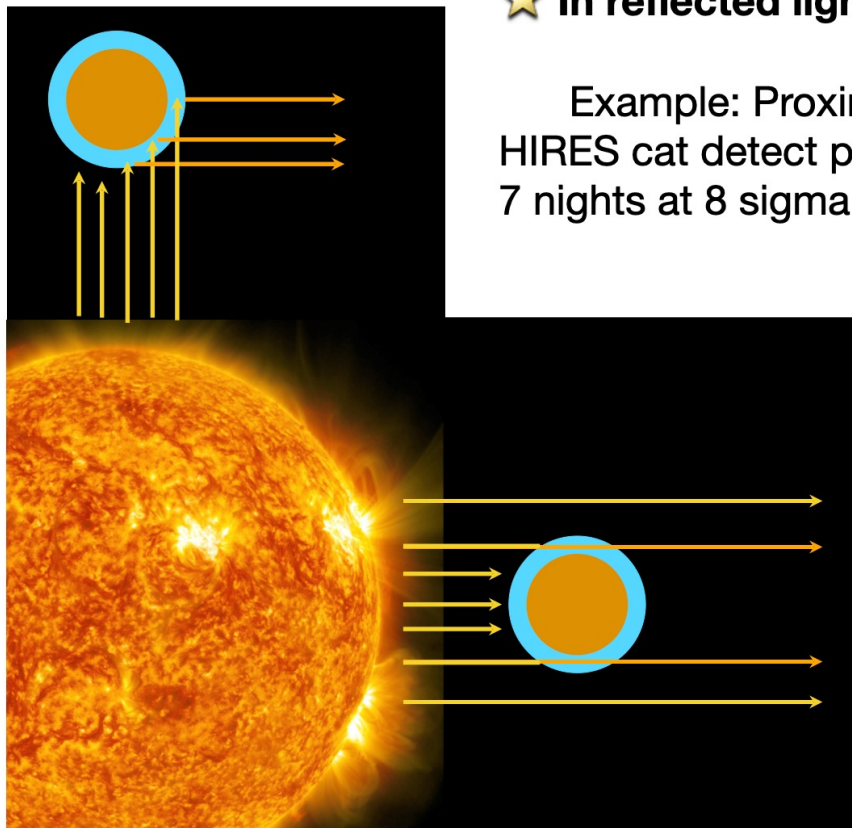
- **Exoplanets** (characterisation of Exoplanets Atmospheres: detection of signatures of life)
- **Protoplanetary Disks** (dynamics, chemistry and physical conditions of the inner regions)
- **Stellar Astrophysics** (abundances of solar type and cooler dwarfs in galactic disk bulge, halo and nearby dwarfs: tracing chemical enrichment of Pop III stars in nearby universe)
- **Stellar Populations** (metal enrichment and dynamics of extragalactic star clusters and resolved stellar populations)
- **Intergalactic Medium** (Signatures of reionization and early enrichment of ISM & IGM observed in high-z quasar spectra)
- **Galaxy Evolution** (massive early type galaxies during epochs of formation and assembly)
- **Supermassive Black Holes** (the low mass end)
- **Fundamental Physics** (variation of fundamental constants - α , m_p/m_e Sandage Test)

Exoplanets atmospheres, with the ultimate goal of detecting bio-signatures



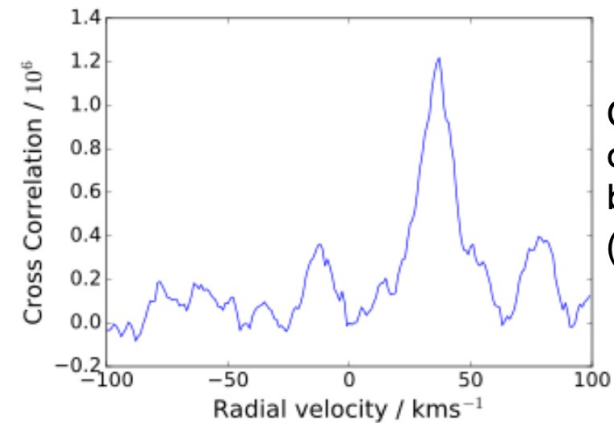
Exoplanet atmospheres

Use high-resolution spectroscopy to disentangle the planetary and stellar spectra by comparing the combined spectrum to a star-only reference spectrum aided by the radial velocity offset (e.g. Snellen+15)



★ In reflected light

Example: Proxima b
HIRES cat detect planet in
7 nights at 8 sigma level



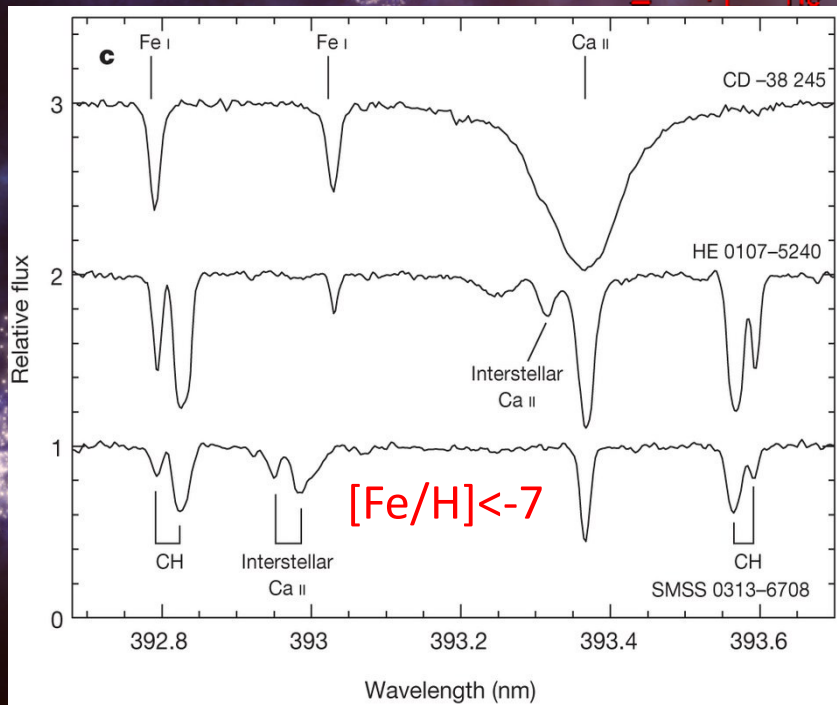
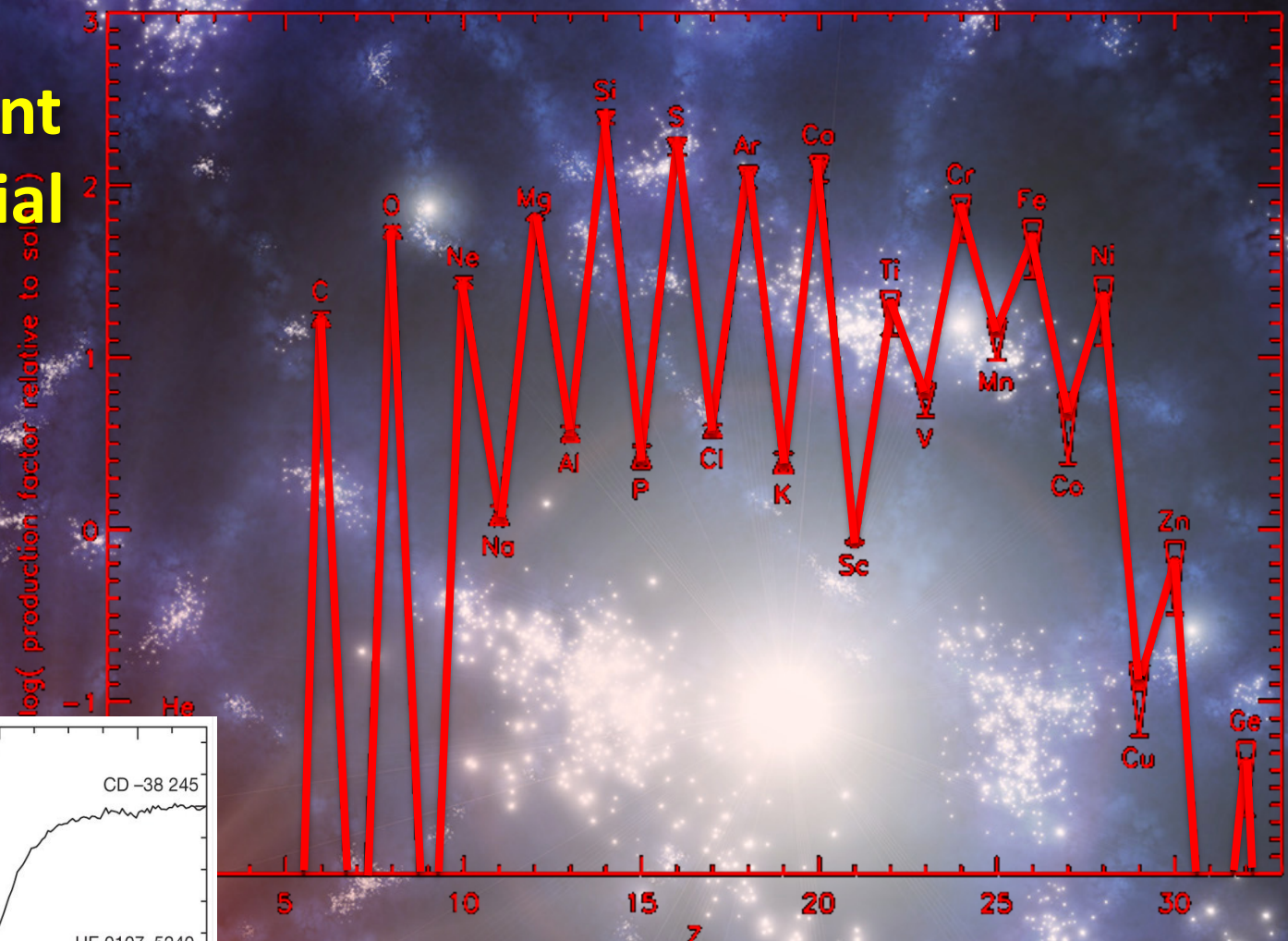
CCF with the
detection of Proxima
b in O₂ in 70h
(Hawker & Parry 19)

★ In transmitted light

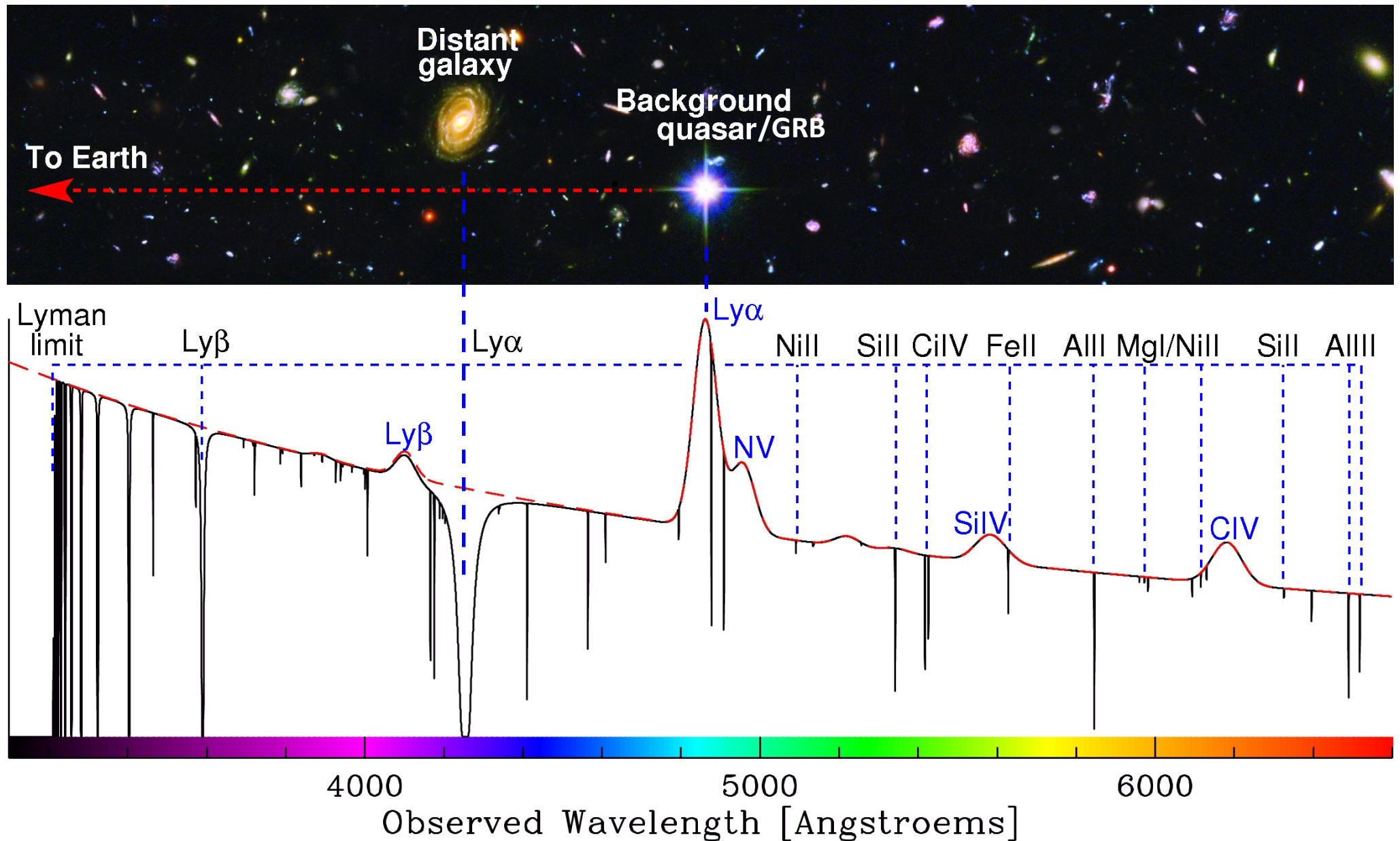
Example: Trappist 1 & 2 HIRES cat detect:

- H₂O (1.3-1.7 μm) in 2 transits
- H₂O (0.9-1.1 μm) in 4 transits
- CO₂ in 4 transits
- O₂ in 25 transits

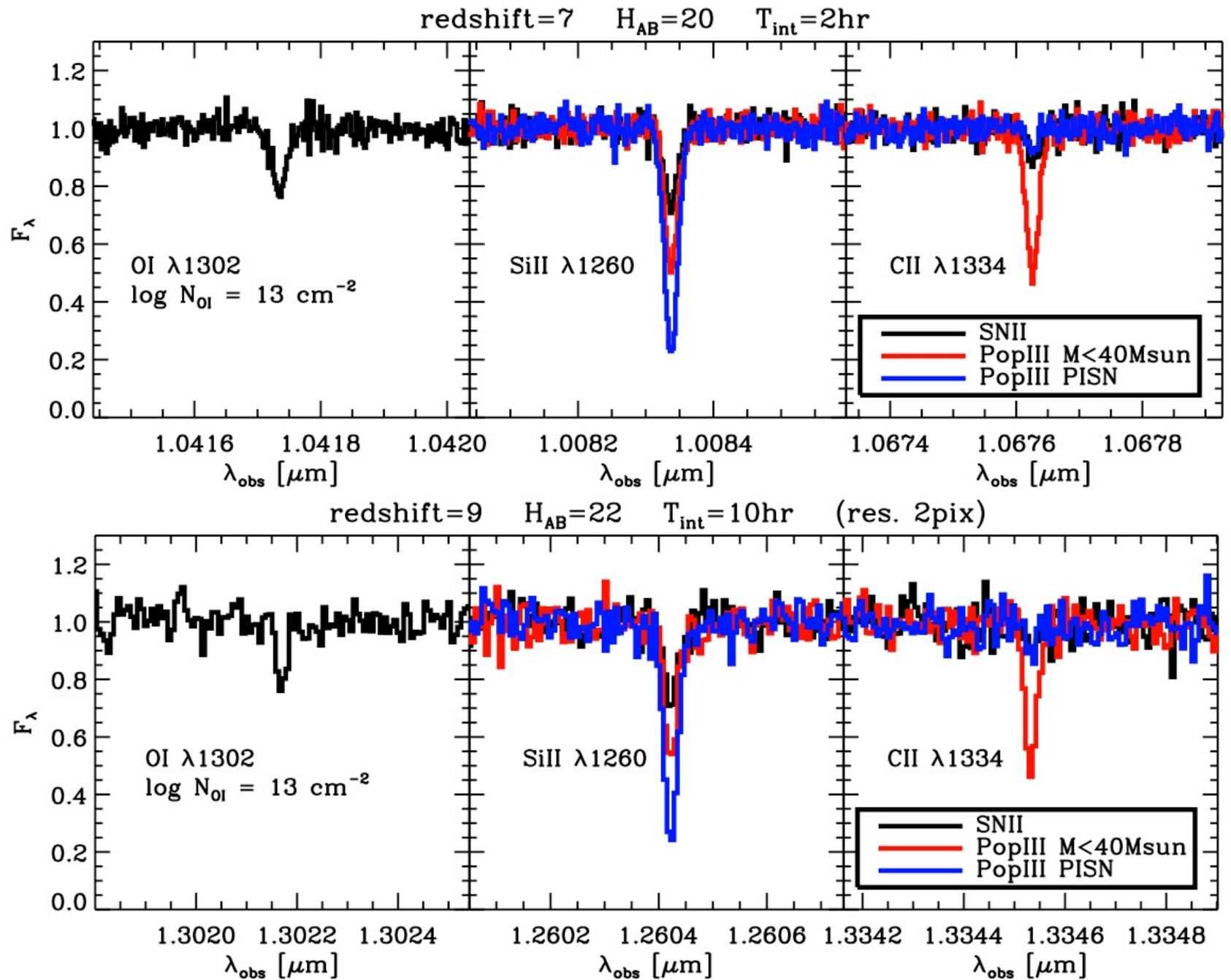
Searching the chemical enrichment imprint of primordial supernovae: PopIII signatures in extremely metal poor stars



The Inter-Galactic Medium: tracing the reionization process and chemical enrichment of the primeval Universe

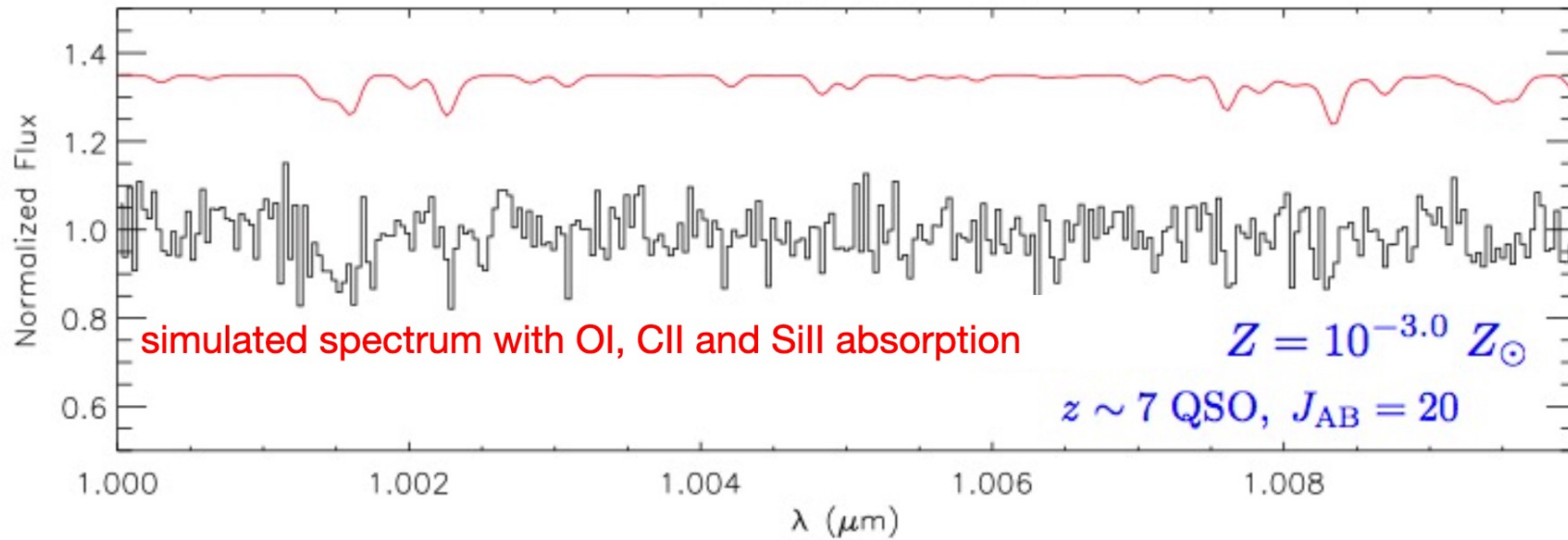


Chemical fingerprint of primordial supernovae: PopIII signatures in the intergalactic medium in the early Universe

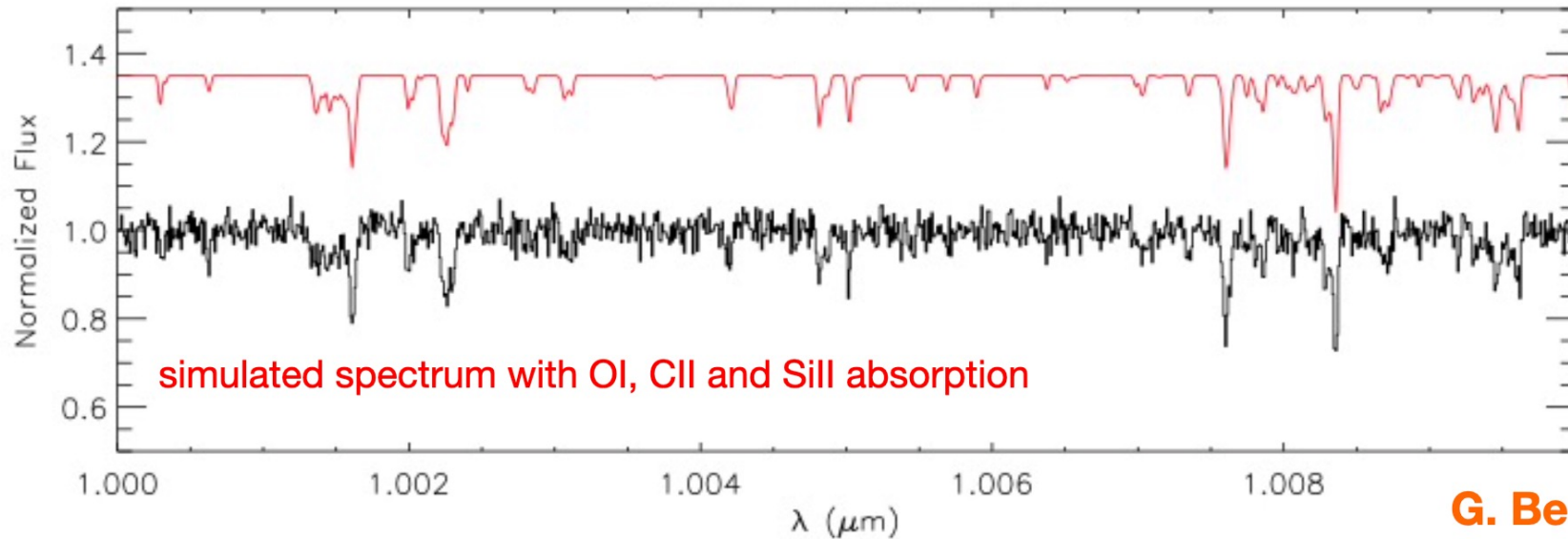


Probing the early chemical enrichment

VLT X-shooter 25 hours



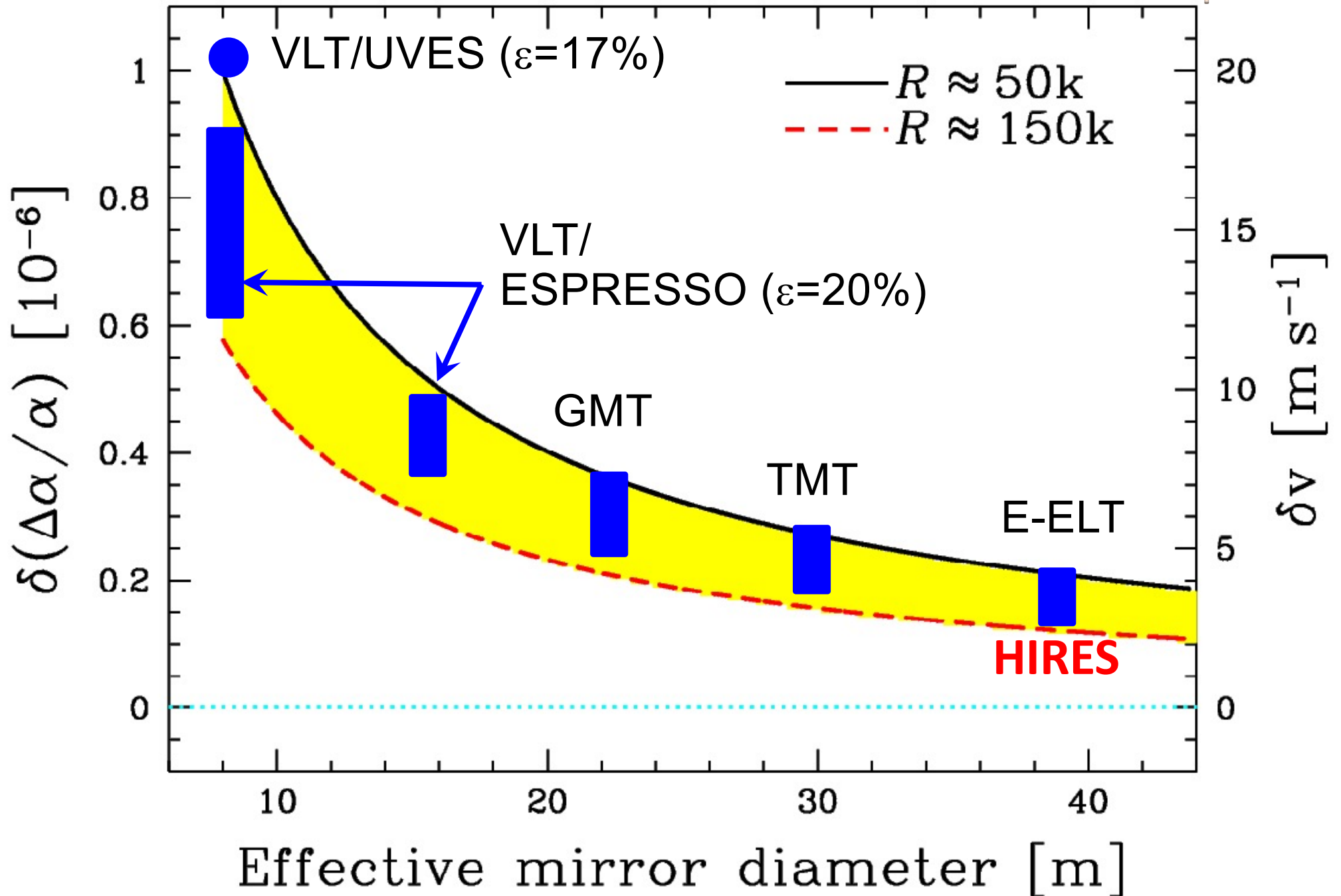
ELT HIRES 5 hours



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Fundamental Physics:

variation of the fundamental constants ($\alpha=e^2/\hbar c$, $\mu=m_p/m_e$)

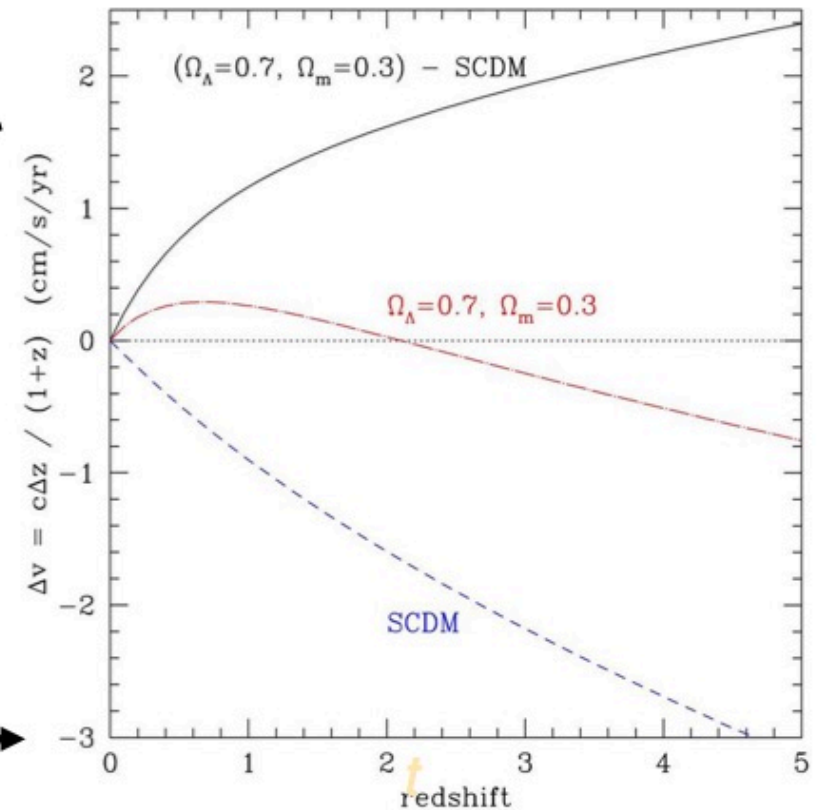
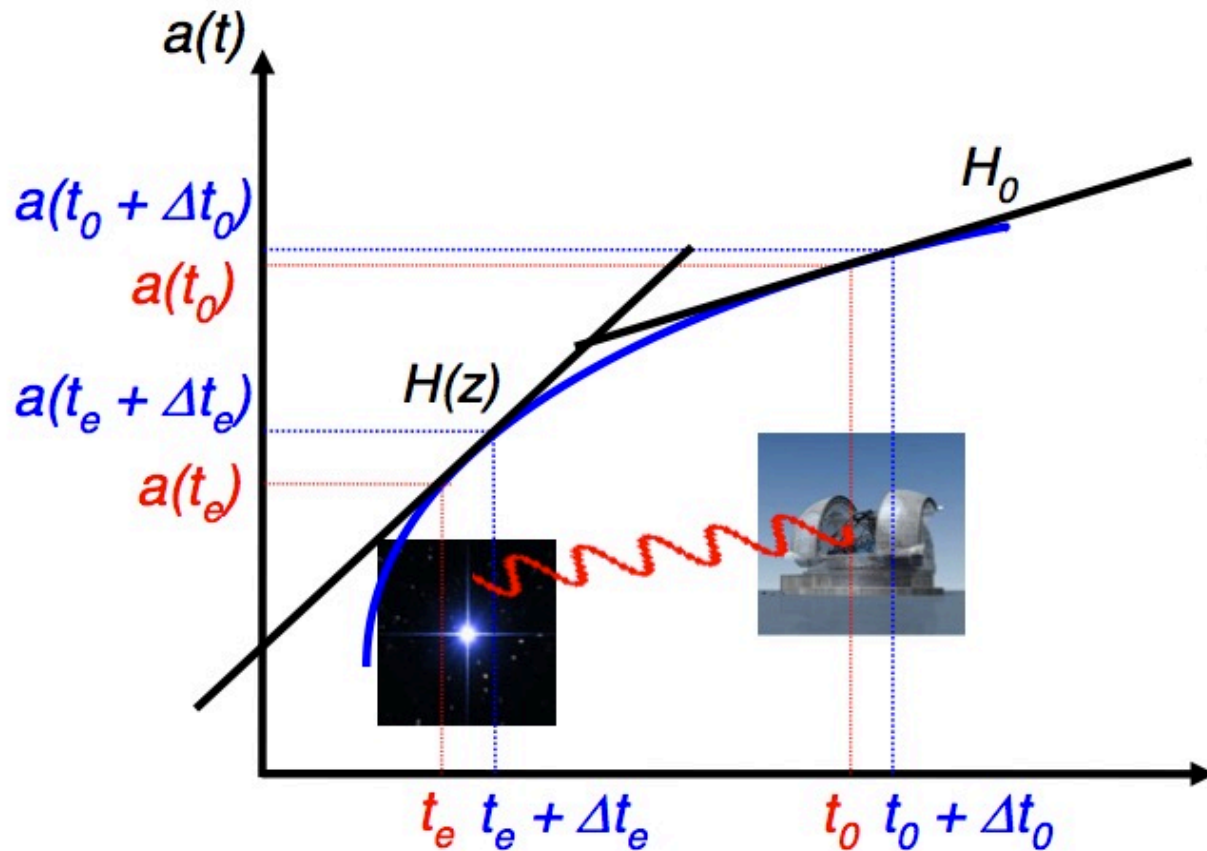


Redshift drifts (“Sandage test”):

Direct non-geometric (model-independent)
measurement of the expansion history of the Universe

→ alternative to all other geometrical methods

→ exploring potential new physics



**... and ~30 additional science
cases illustrated
in the HIRES White Paper
and Phase A documents**

Science Priorities

★ Priority 1: Exoplanet atmospheres via transmission spectroscopy (potential detection of bio-signatures)

- **TLR 1: $R > 100,000$, 0.5-1.8 μm , *et alia***
- Enables: reionization of Universe; characterization of Cool stars
- Doable: detection and investigation of near pristine gas; 3D reconstruction of the CGM; Extragalactic transients

★ Priority 2: Variation of the fundamental constants of Physics

- **TLR 2: blue extension to 0.37 μm**
- Enables: Cosmic variation of the CMB temperature, Determination of the deuterium abundance; investigation and characterization of primitive stars

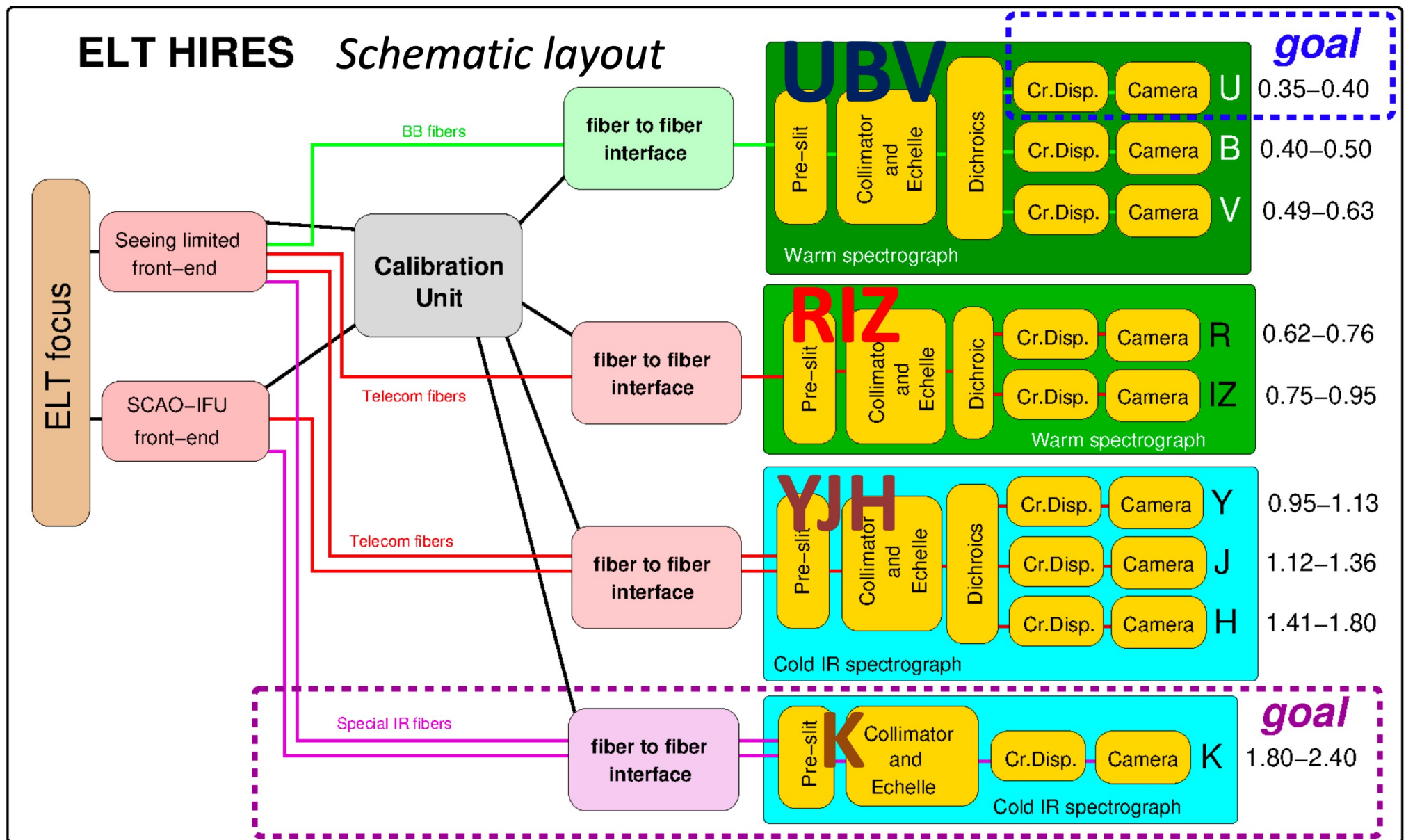
★ Priority 3: Exoplanet atmospheres via reflection spectroscopy (potential detection of bio-signatures)

- **TLR 3: SCAO+IFU**
- Enables: Planet formation in protoplanetary disks; characterization of stellar atmospheres; Search of low mass Black Holes
- Doable: characterization of the physics of protoplanetary disks

★ Priority 4: Redshift drift (Sandage test)

- **TLR 4: λ accuracy 2 cm/s, stability 2 cm/s**
- Enables: Mass determination of exoplanets (Earth-like objects)
- Doable: Radial velocity search for exoplanets around M-dwarf stars

Resulting Baseline concept and extension goals



Phase B

Definition of the Science Team

- Formally, the Science Team does not yet exist: it **should be established based on the “Partners Shares”** (which are still tentative, until Funding Review)
- Starting from the Phase-A/pre-Phase-B composition, the board is **updating proposals for membership** (taking into consideration new circumstances, additional active people in the various fields, new partners,...)
 - > **nominations by end of January 2022**
- **PS, PI, WG coordinators will assess nominations** taking into account: affiliations/shares, expertise in various areas, balance, etc...
 - > **converge on a Science Team of ~80-100 members by ~mid February (to be approved by the Board)**
- **Kickoff meeting end of February/early March**
- **Science Team composition will be revised after Funding Review**

Preliminary List of Action for the ST in Phase-B

(additional input/feedback welcome)

- **Re-write the Science Document**, which is now 4 years old, which may result also into a **new White Paper** (which is 7 years old). The new document will also confirm the priorities, or revise them if needed, at the light of the more recent developments in the various fields.
- **K-band spectrograph**: Revise the science case and its importance + iteration with possible technical solutions
- **UV extension**: Revise the science case and its importance
- **IFU and AO modes**: Expectations and potential revision of requirements, in particular:
 - **IFU+SCAO** mode: contrast requirements + science implications of solutions adopted (AO solutions, choice of fibres, scrambling, etc...)
 - **IFU-seeing limited** mode: FoV, sensitivity and science implications of solutions adopted
- Together with IS:
 - **Calibration requirements and strategies**
 - **End-to-end simulator**

Thank you!

