



Meeting della strumentazione ELT a guida italiana (MORFEO e ANDES)
***“ANDES, the high resolution spectrograph for the ELT:
System Architecture Design”***

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Top-Level Requirements Driving the ANDES Architecture

High-resolution and stability

- Resolving power $R = 100,000$ (-10% / $+30\%$)
- Wavelength calibration precision $< 1 \text{ m/s RMS}$

Spectral coverage with TWO observing modes

- Seeing-limited: **350–2400 nm** (simultaneous, single allowed gap)
- IFU mode: **980–1800 nm** (simultaneous)

Simultaneous object and sky capability

- **Two sub-FoVs observed simultaneously**
- Object–sky separation up to **2 arcmin** (goal: 5)
- Minimum separation **15 arcsec** (goal: 10)

Étendue and focal plane constraints

- Full slit FoV $> 1 \text{ arcsec}^2$ (goal: 2)
- IFU: **7×7 spaxels**, ≥ 2 spatial scales FoV $\geq 0.5 \text{ arcsec}^2$ at largest scale

Throughput and sensitivity

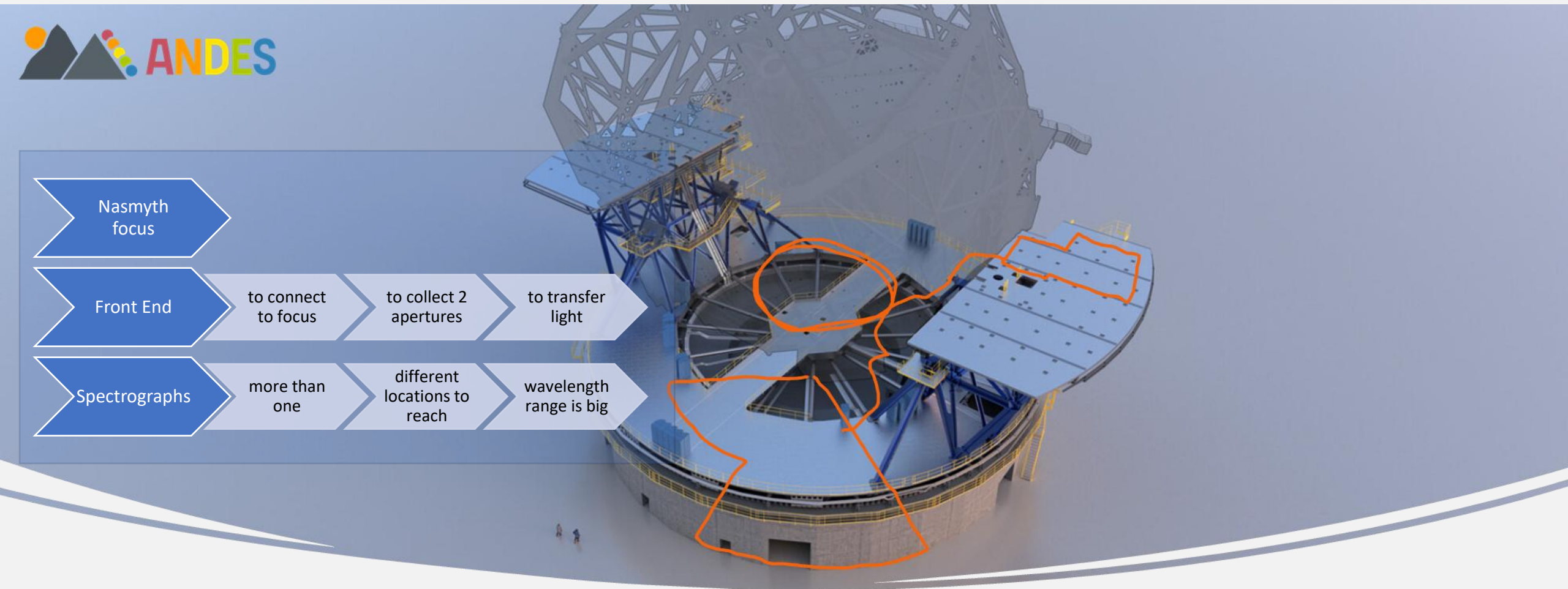
- Average transmission $> 7\%$
- Global minimum $> 4\%$ above **400 nm**

AO-driven requirements

- SCAO loop closure for guide stars
 $6 \leq I_{AB} \leq 15$
- Contrast 10^{-3}



ANDES: deployment – concept in the ELT landscape





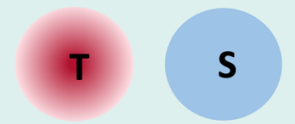
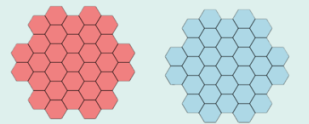
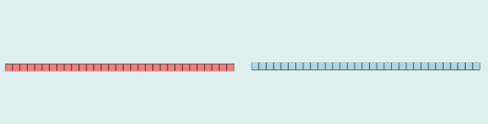
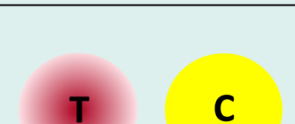
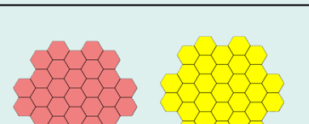
Observing Modes as Key Architectural Driver

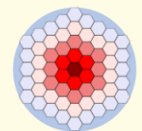
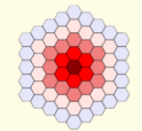
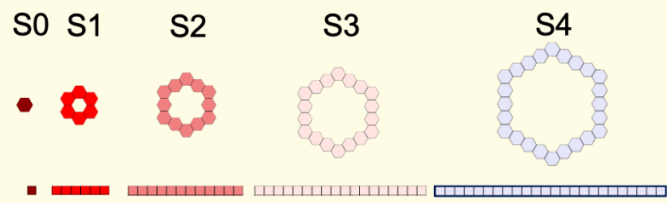
Two baseline observing modes at $R \approx 100,000$

- **SL-UNI**: seeing-limited, uniform illumination
- **IFU-AO**: integral-field spectroscopy with **SCAO**

Modes implemented via **independent fiber groups**

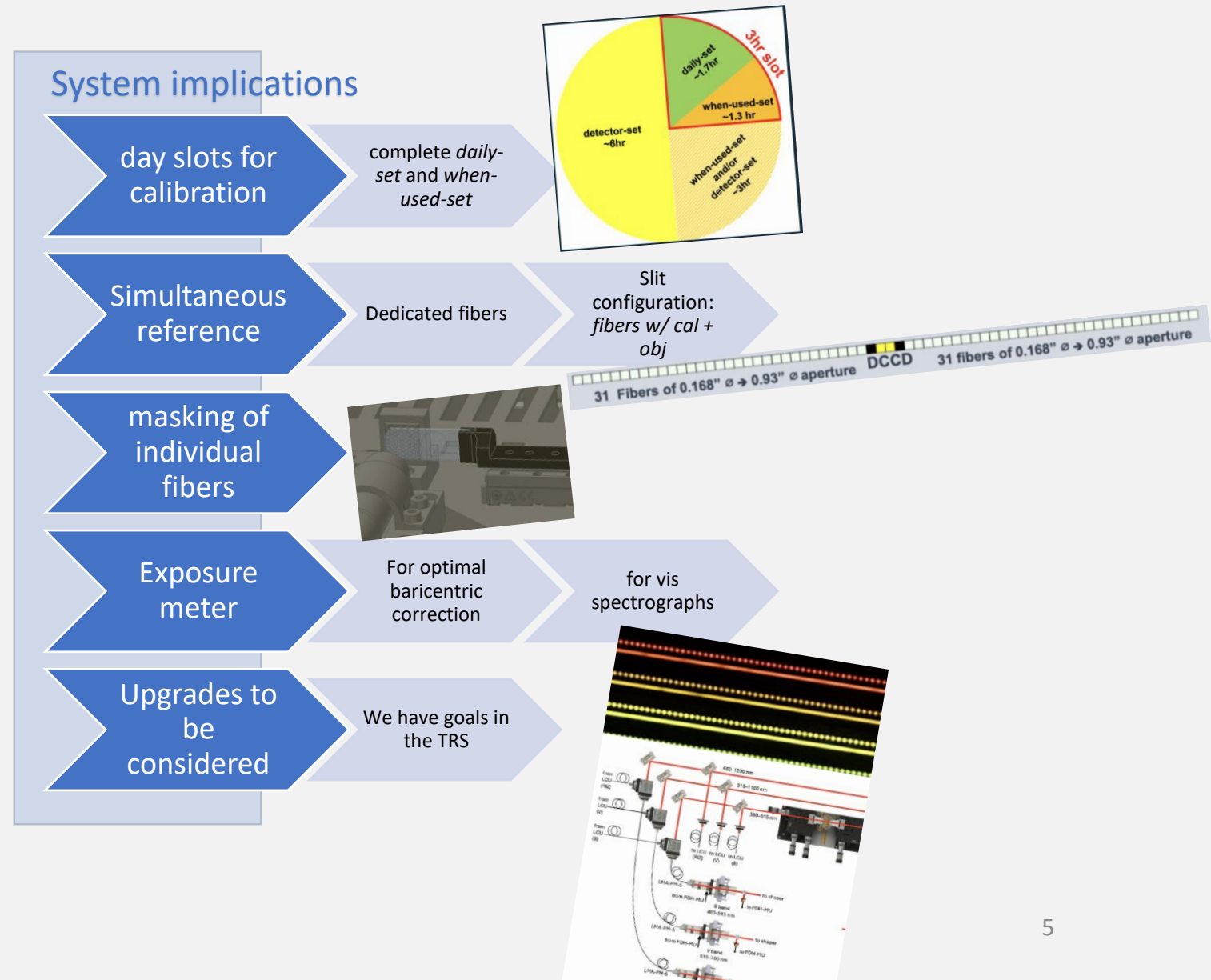
- **Dedicated slits** inside the spectrographs for each mode
- Mode selection performed at **Front-End level**

observing mode	front-end	fiber link	spectrograph slit
SL-UNI [U]BV+RIZ+YJH spectrographs two identical apertures simultaneously illuminated by target and sky (SL-UNI-TS), or target and calibration (SL-UNI-TC) for wavelength reference; beam-switching of the two apertures is possible	input light from the telescope on two, individual large fibers	2 bundles of small fibers uniformly illuminated after scrambler & splicer, to maximize spectral fidelity	2 segments of uniformly illuminated fibers along each spectrograph slit
			
			

observing mode	front-end	fiber link	spectrograph slit
IFU-AO YJH spectrograph IFU of maximum 61 spaxels; 4 spaxel scales of 7, 16, 35, and 100 mas are foreseen	input light from the telescope on a microlenses fiber bundle	fiber bundle after fiber to fiber couplers	4 segments (S1,S2,S3,S4), one per each hexagonal ring around the central spaxel, and the central spaxel (S0)
K spectrograph separate IFU module			

Calibration Strategy and System Implications

- Calibration strategy driven by **stability and operational efficiency**
- **Mostly off-line (day) calibrations**, acquired when ANDES is not observing
- **on-line calibrations**, simultaneous w/ obs. when required by the science case
- Multiple calibration sources:
 - continuum lamps (flat-fields)
 - **HCL** and **FP** (wavelength calibration)
- Calibration architecture tightly coupled to **FE, FL, and spectrograph design**



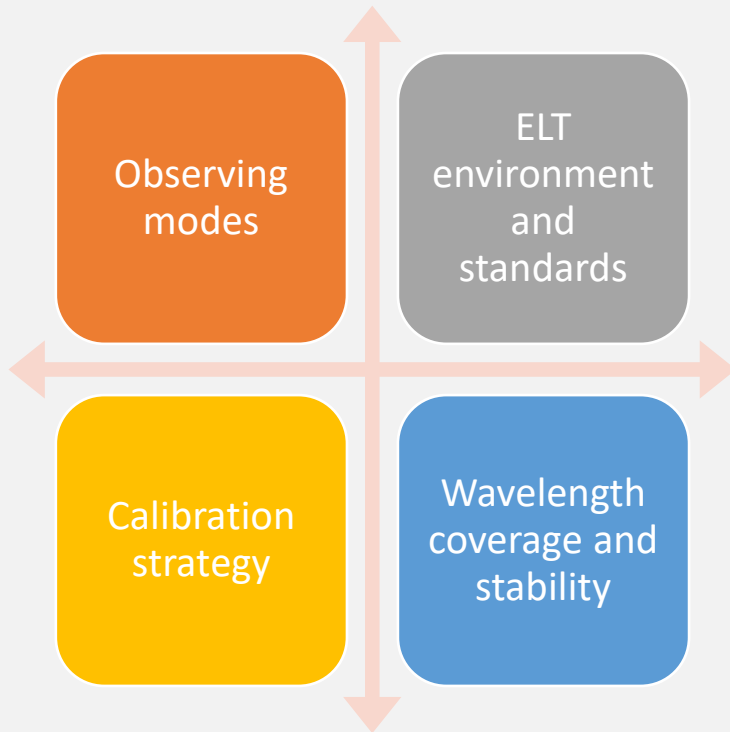


ANDES System Overview

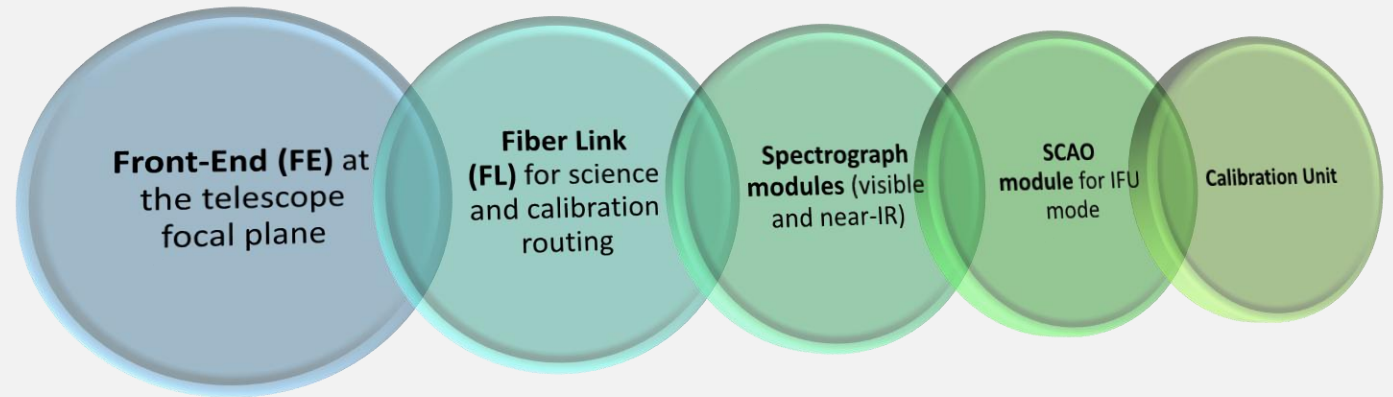
Modular, fibre-fed instrument

Subsystems distributed across **Nasmyth platform** and **Coudé room**

Architecture driven by:



Main subsystem elements:



Model Based Systems Engineering approach

That was the straightforward part; for the remaining specifications and scientific requirements, complexity increases. We have therefore decided to address this through a specific **systems engineering approach**.

Systems engineering
transdisciplinary and integrative approach to enable the successful realization, use, and retirement of engineered systems, using systems principles and concepts, and scientific, technological and management methods (INCOSE definition)

Documents Based Systems Engineering

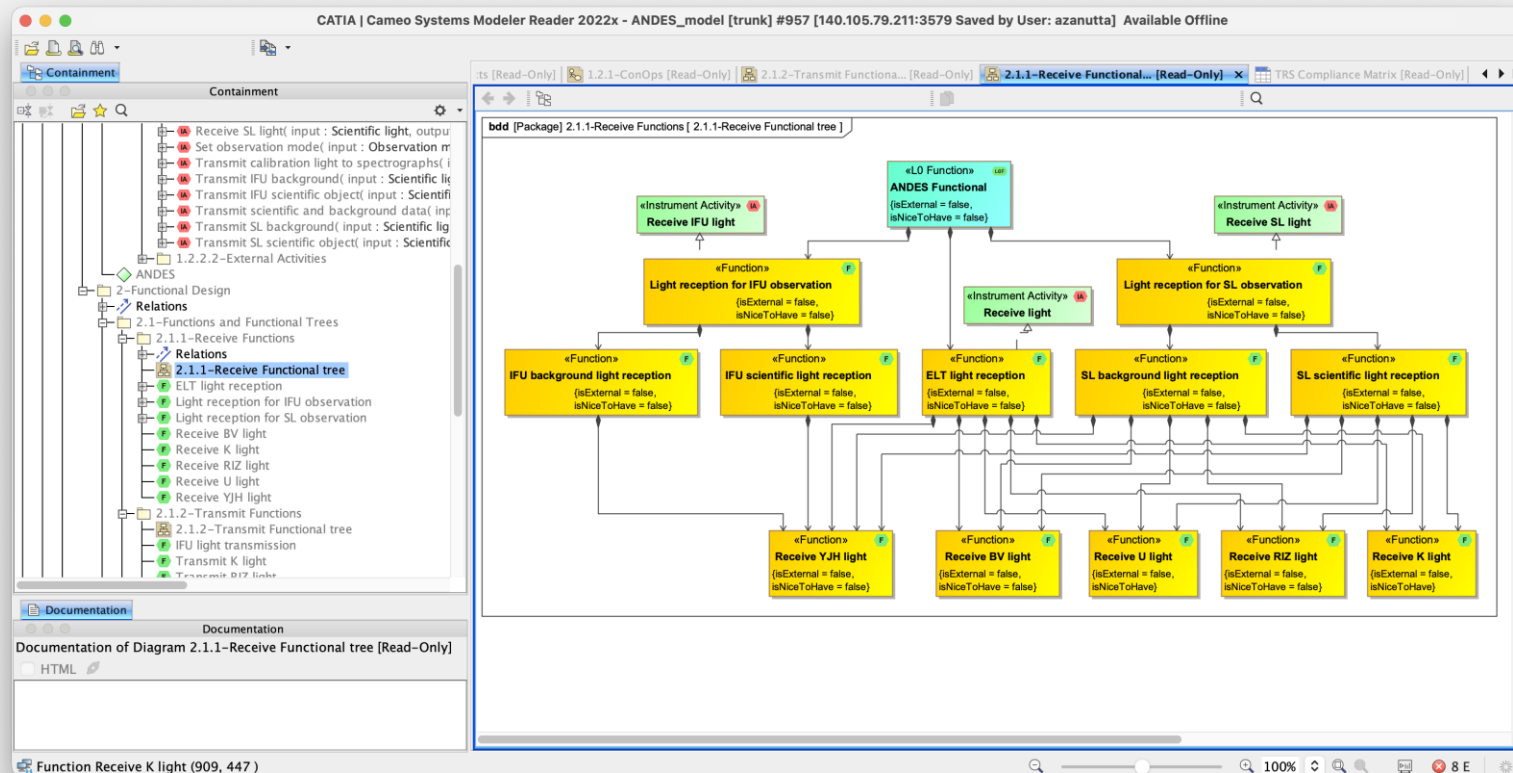
1. Based on system descriptive documents and support material
2. Classical systems engineering methods
3. Use of various software and tools, depending on the application context

Model Based Systems Engineering (MBSE)

1. Based on a system model created and managed as the single source of truth
2. Use of formal languages like SysML and Arcadia
3. Real-time collaborative work

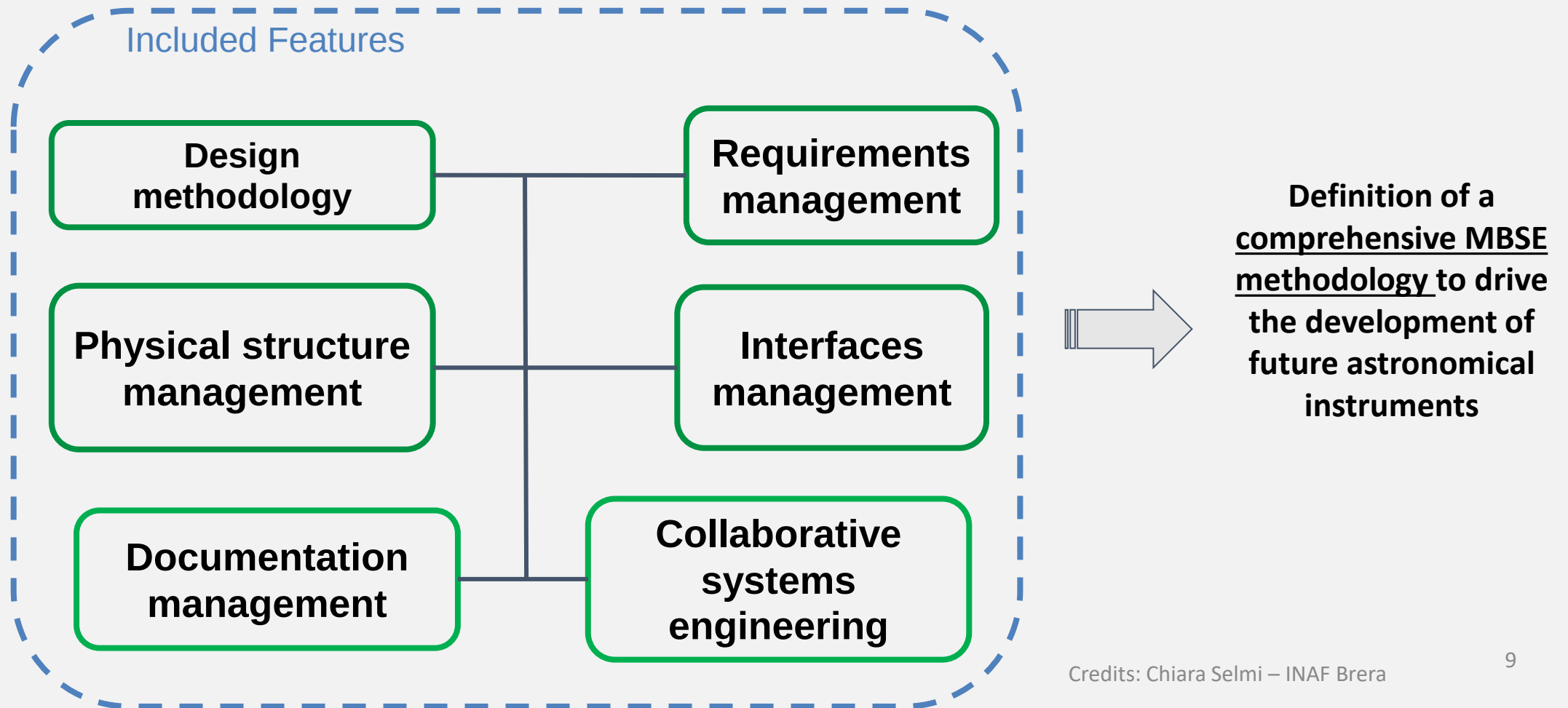
MODEL and CAMEO tool

formalized application of modelling to support system requirements, design, analysis, verification, and validation activities beginning in the conceptual design phase and continuing throughout development and later life cycle phases (INCOSE SE Vision 2020)



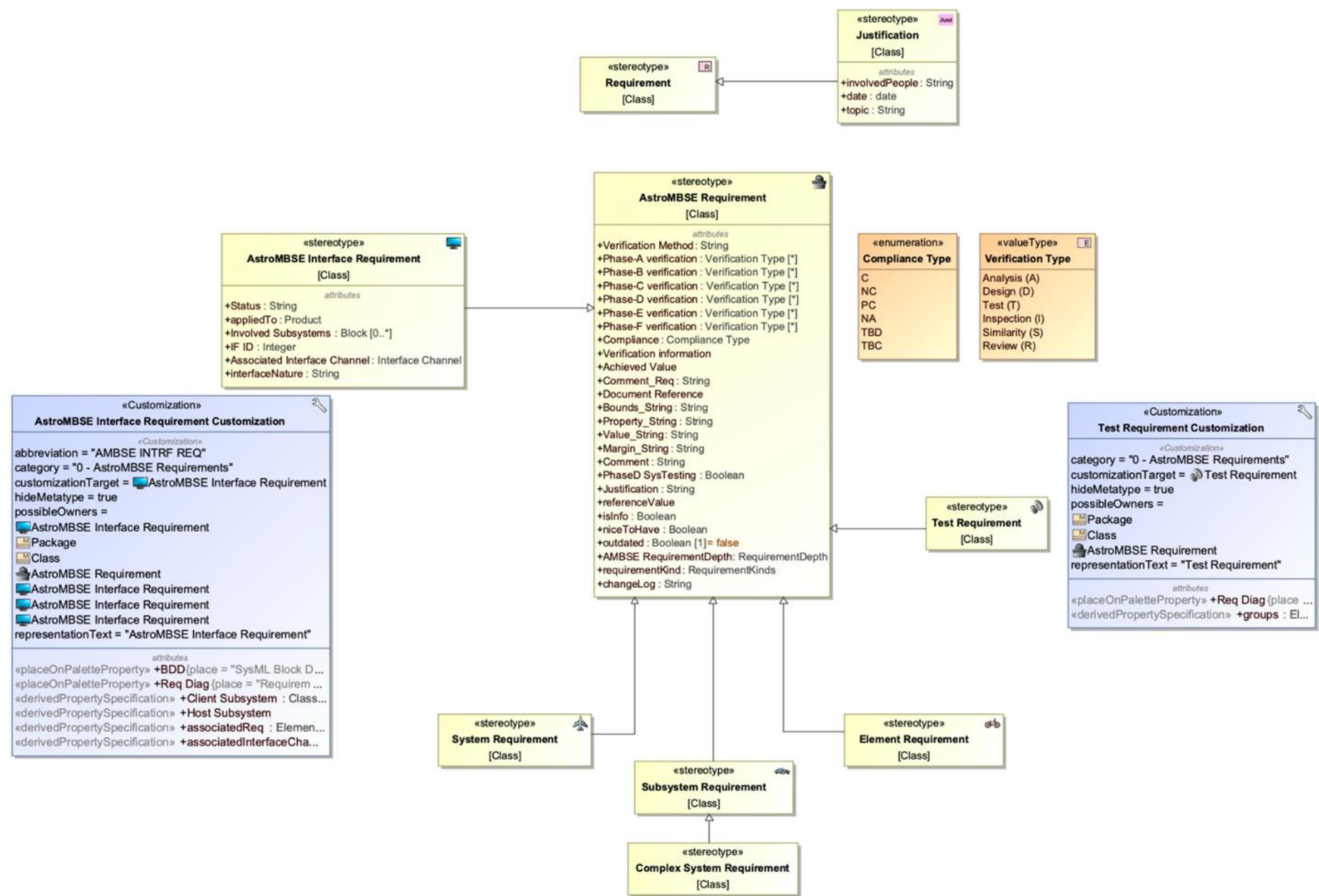
- Univocal system representation
- Complete traceability for all system elements
- Interrelated system representation
- Coherent system representation
- Simple navigation among system information

The **AstroMBSE** profile is a specialized implementation of the MBSE methodology developed by INAF and based on ESO standards



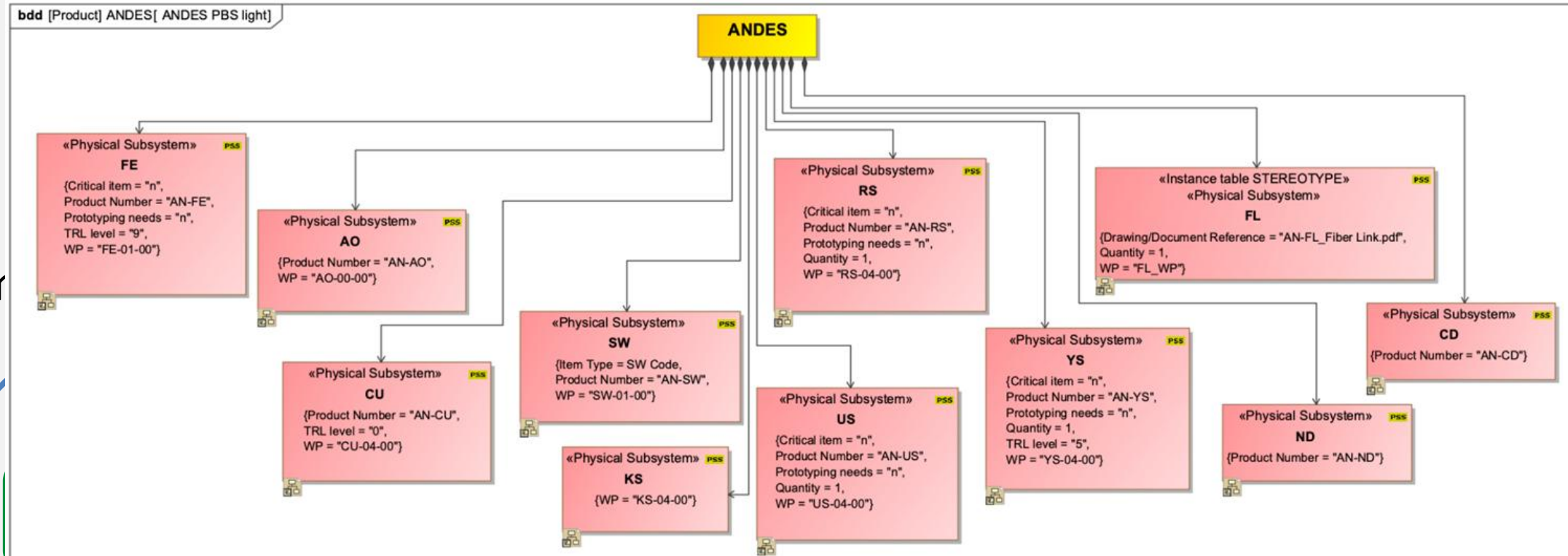
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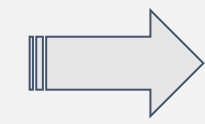


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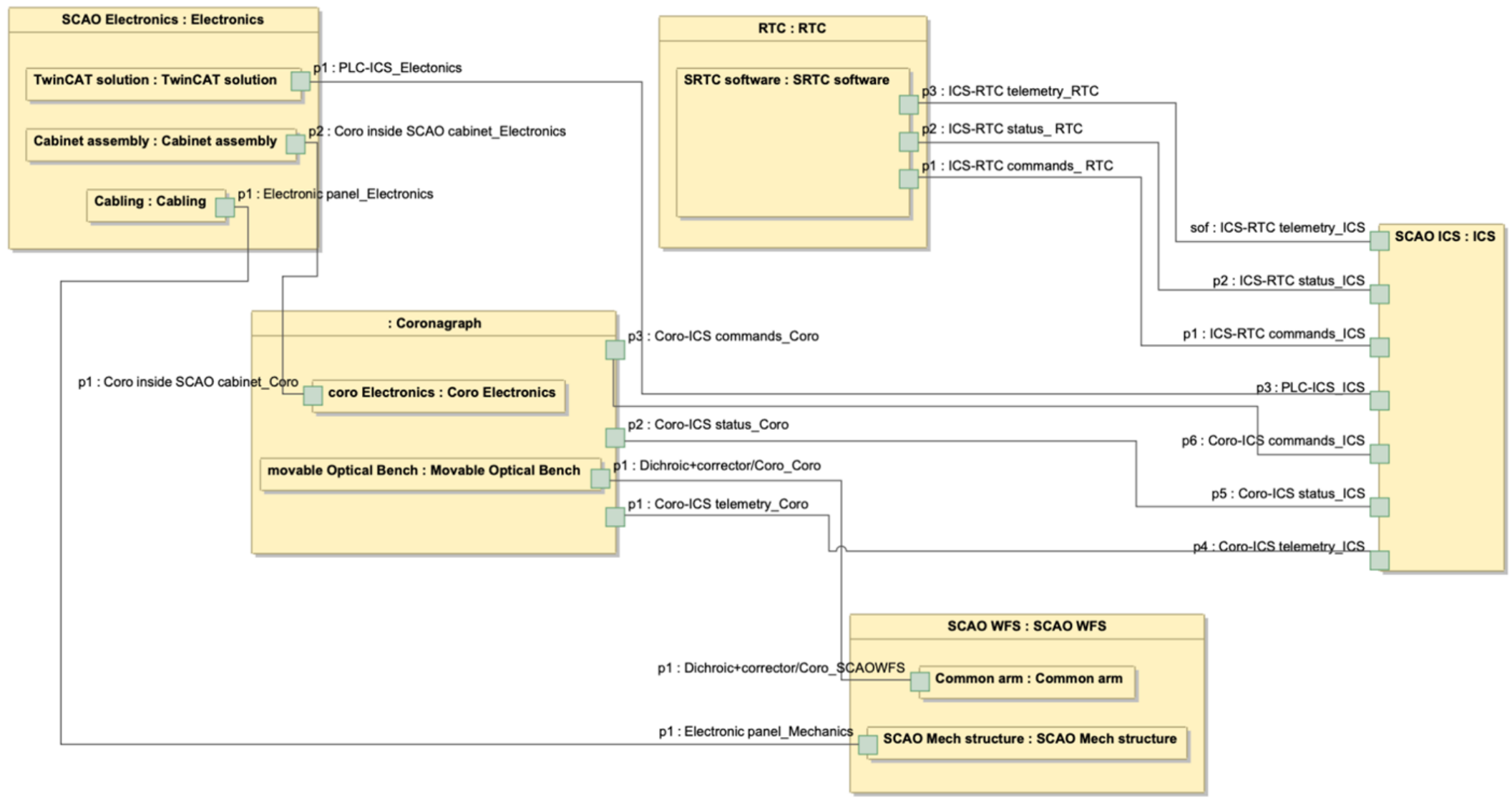
Interfaces
management

Documentation
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Collaborative
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methodology to drive
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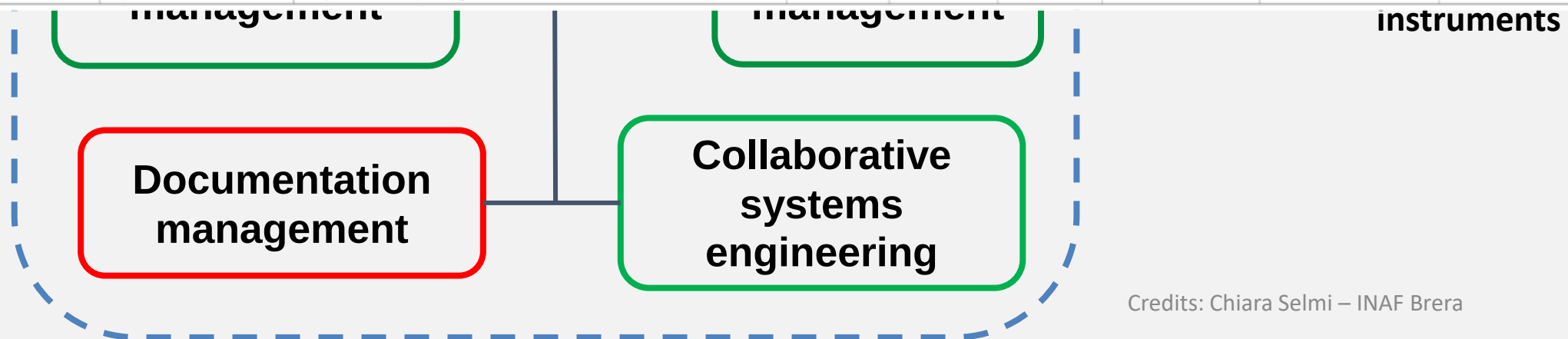


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Verification Instance Table

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ANDES

Introducing ANDES Model Navigation

The instrument model is composed by many browsable folders (with a colored diamond icon) as displayed in the Containment part on the left.
Each folder is representative of a specific activity performed in the model, e.g.,

- Analysis
- Interfaces
- Requirements
- STRUCTURE
- WBS

1. Explore the WBS and the Packages of the Instrument

you can open the diagram that displays the Work Breakdown Structure of the System (Technical part)

WBS

2. Explore the STRUCTURE of the system and its components

you can open the diagram that displays the Product Breakdown Structure of the System and also display it in the table form.

ANDES PBS light

ANDES_ESO_PBS

Instructions to GENERATE the PBS and BoM with new instances are in a separate page:

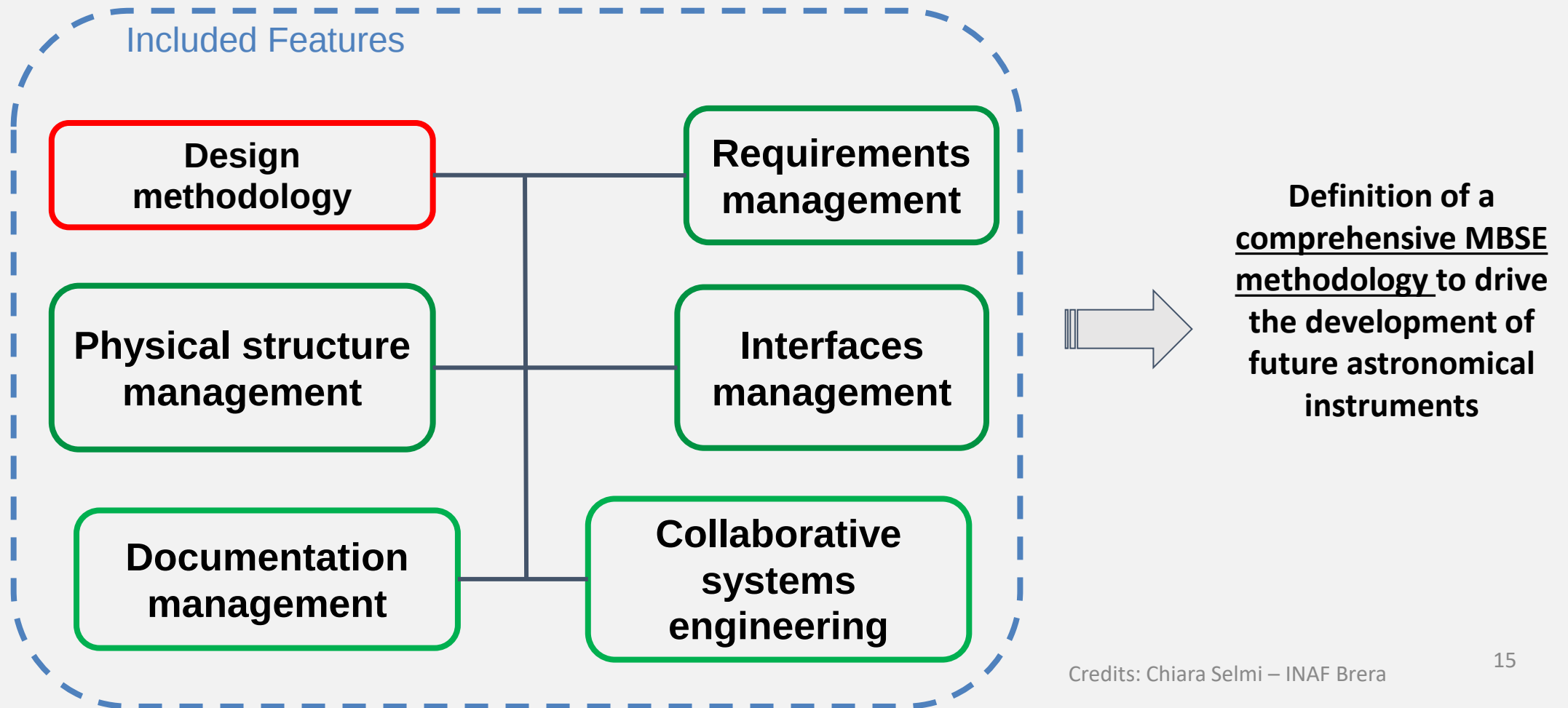
3. Requirements

Within the 5 principal folders, that identify the principal ESO requirements documents specifications, you can find and explore:

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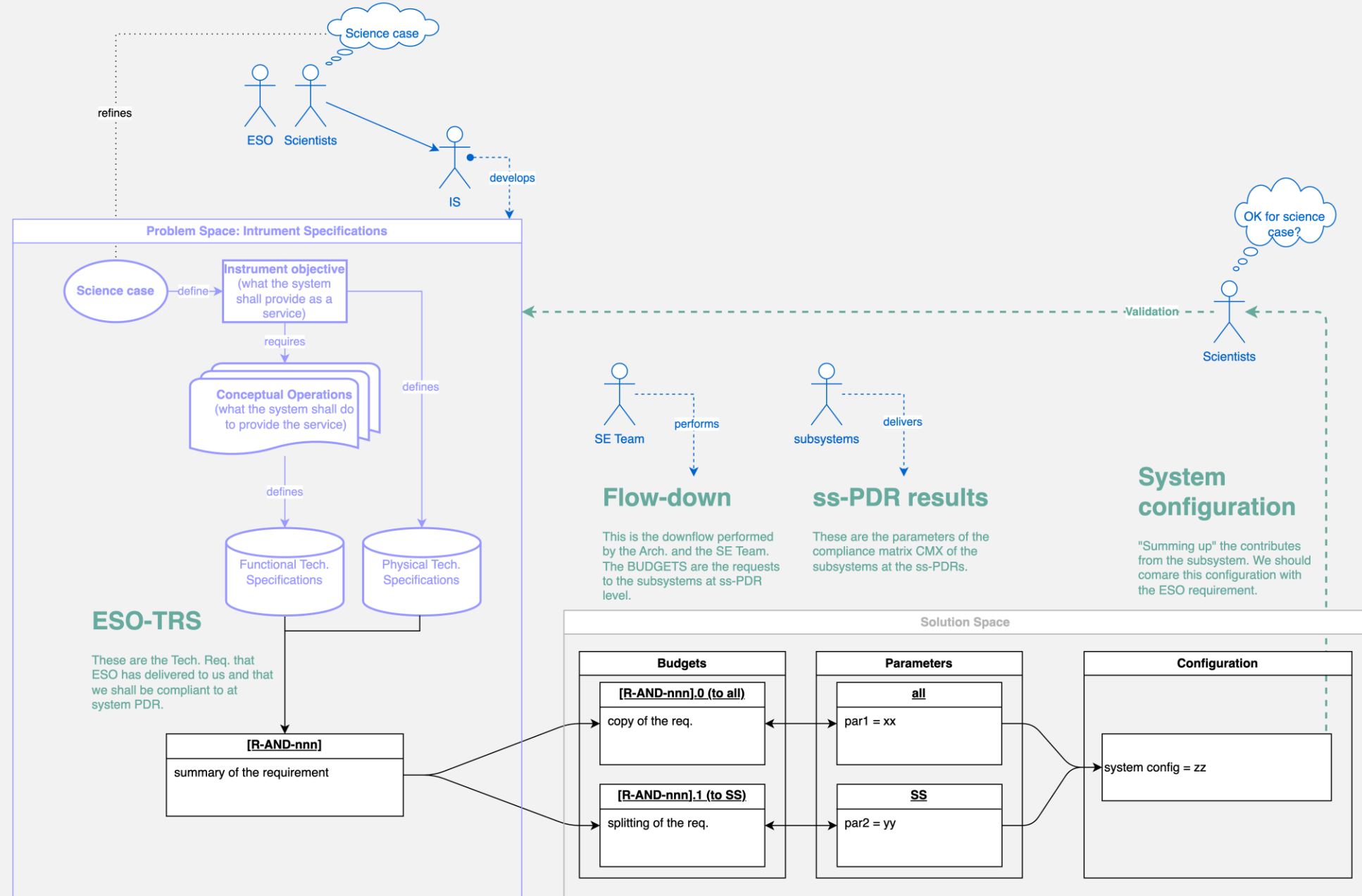
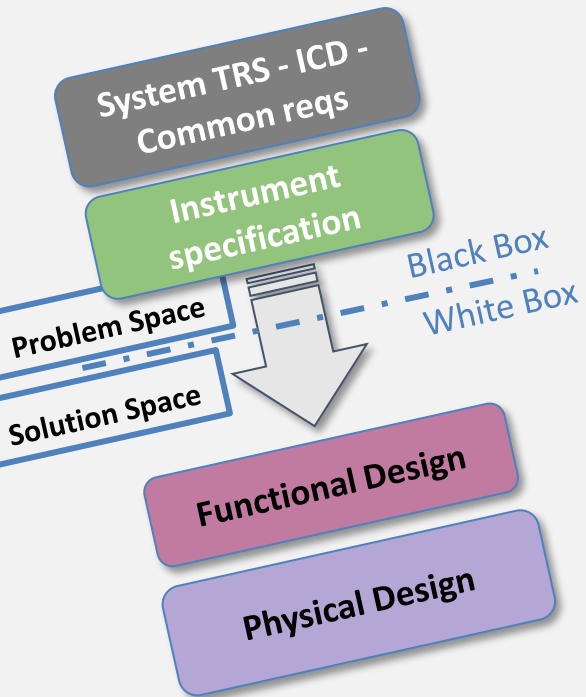
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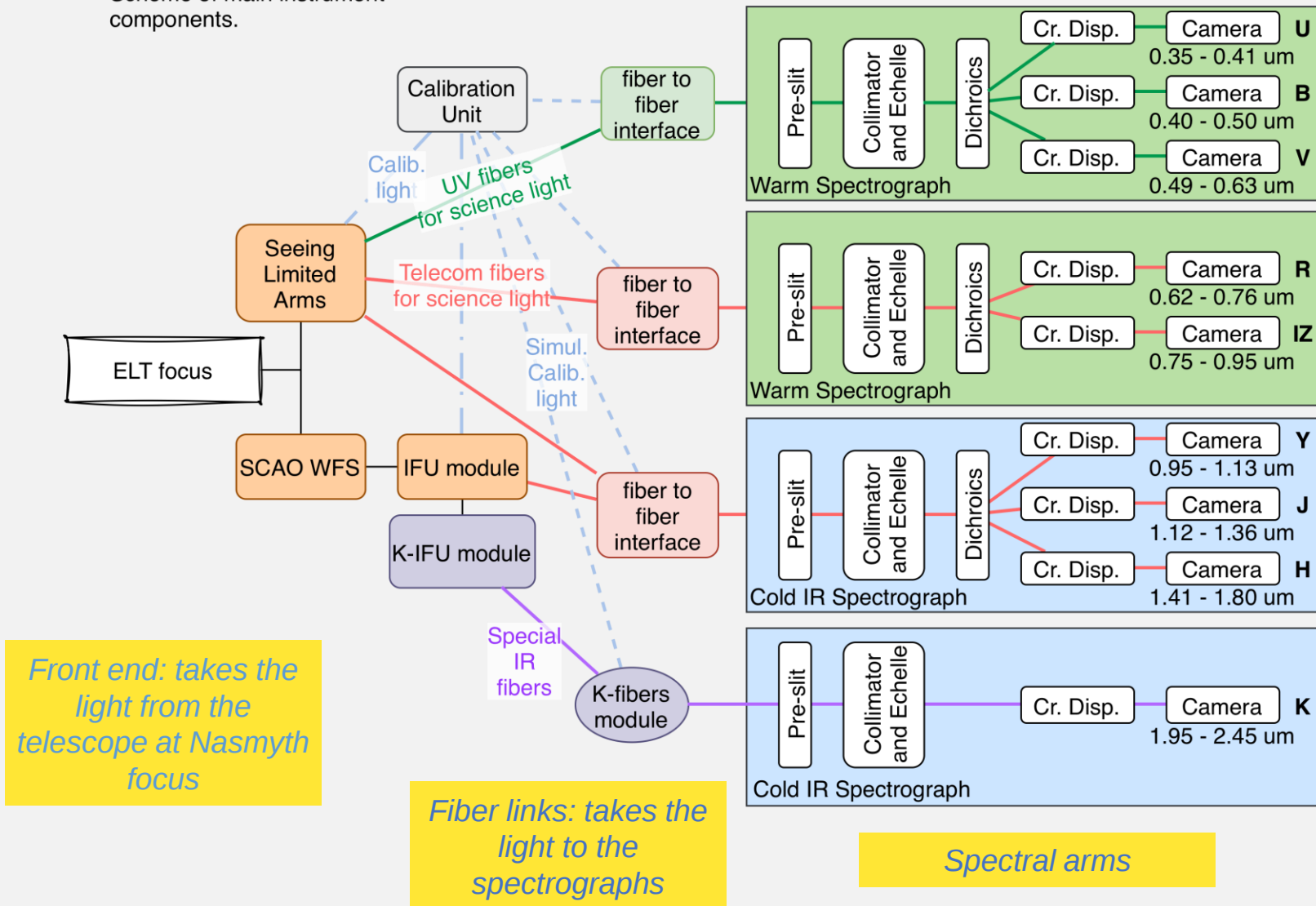


AstroMBSE - Design methodology

Is structured around two fundamental conceptual domains, the Problem Space and the Solution Space.

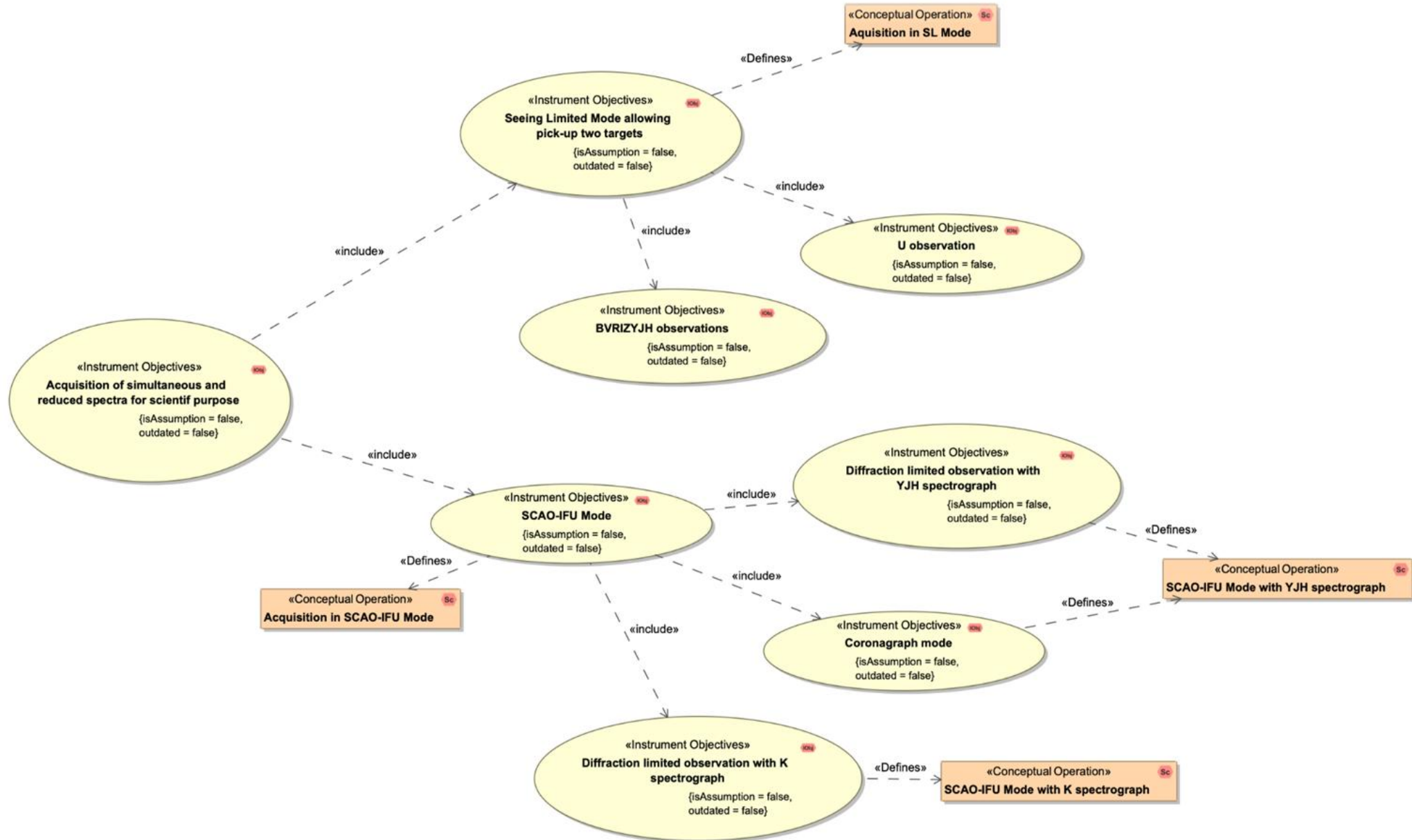


Scheme of main instrument components.



- ✧ Modular fiber-fed cross dispersed echelle spectrograph
- ✧ Simultaneous range (ultra-stable UBVRIZ+YJHK) Resolution $\sim 100,000$
- ✧ interchangeable, observing modes:
Seeing limited & SCAO+IFU

Instrument Objectives

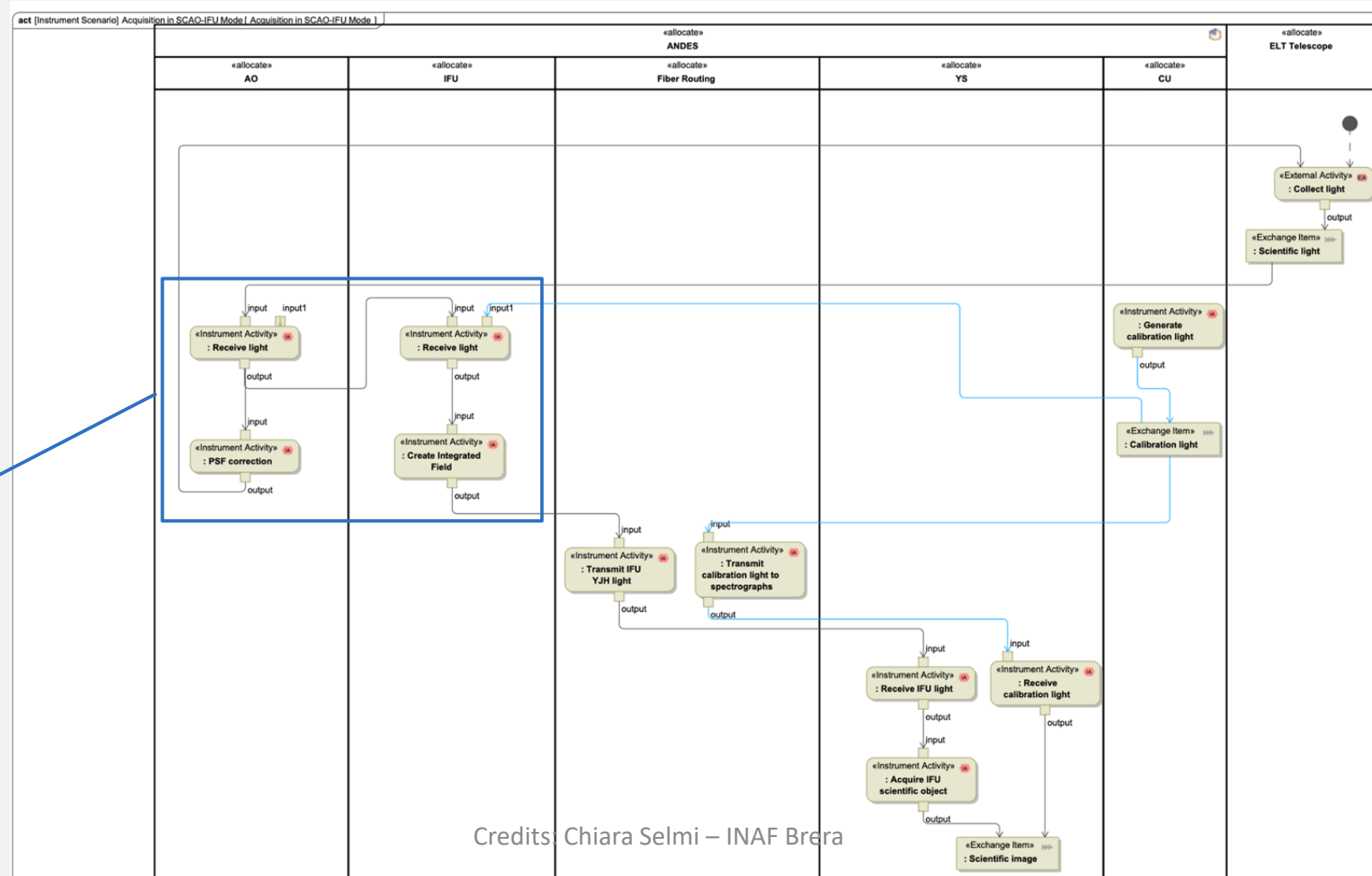
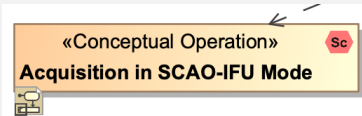




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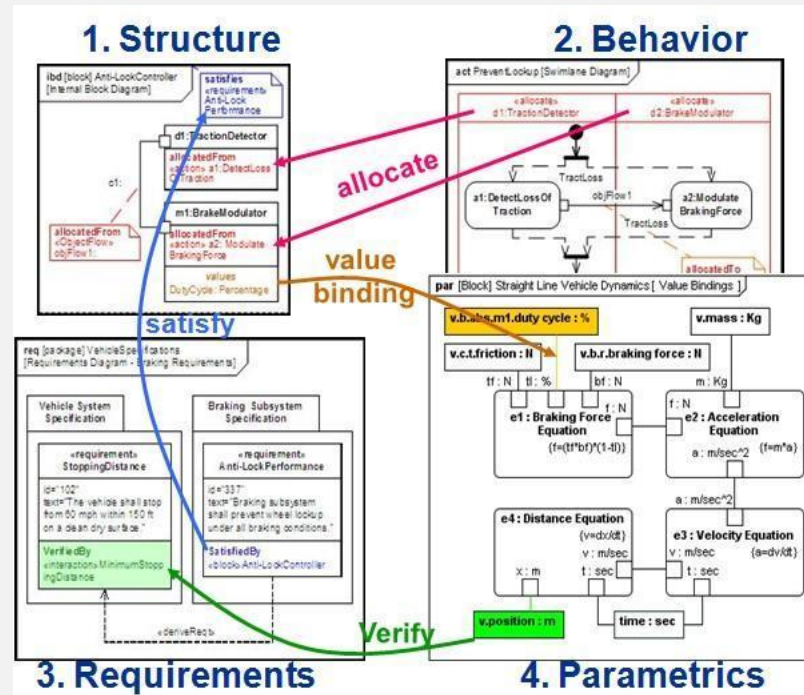
Instrument Activity

Instrument Scenario



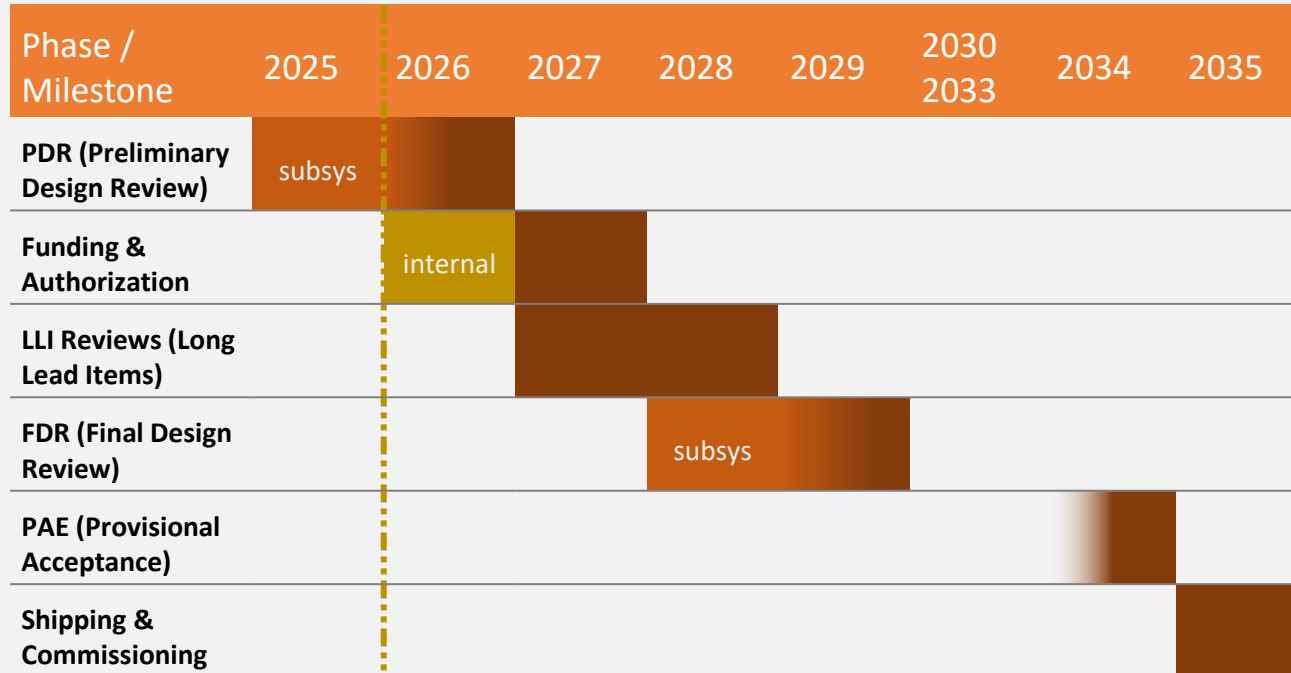
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The four pillars - connections



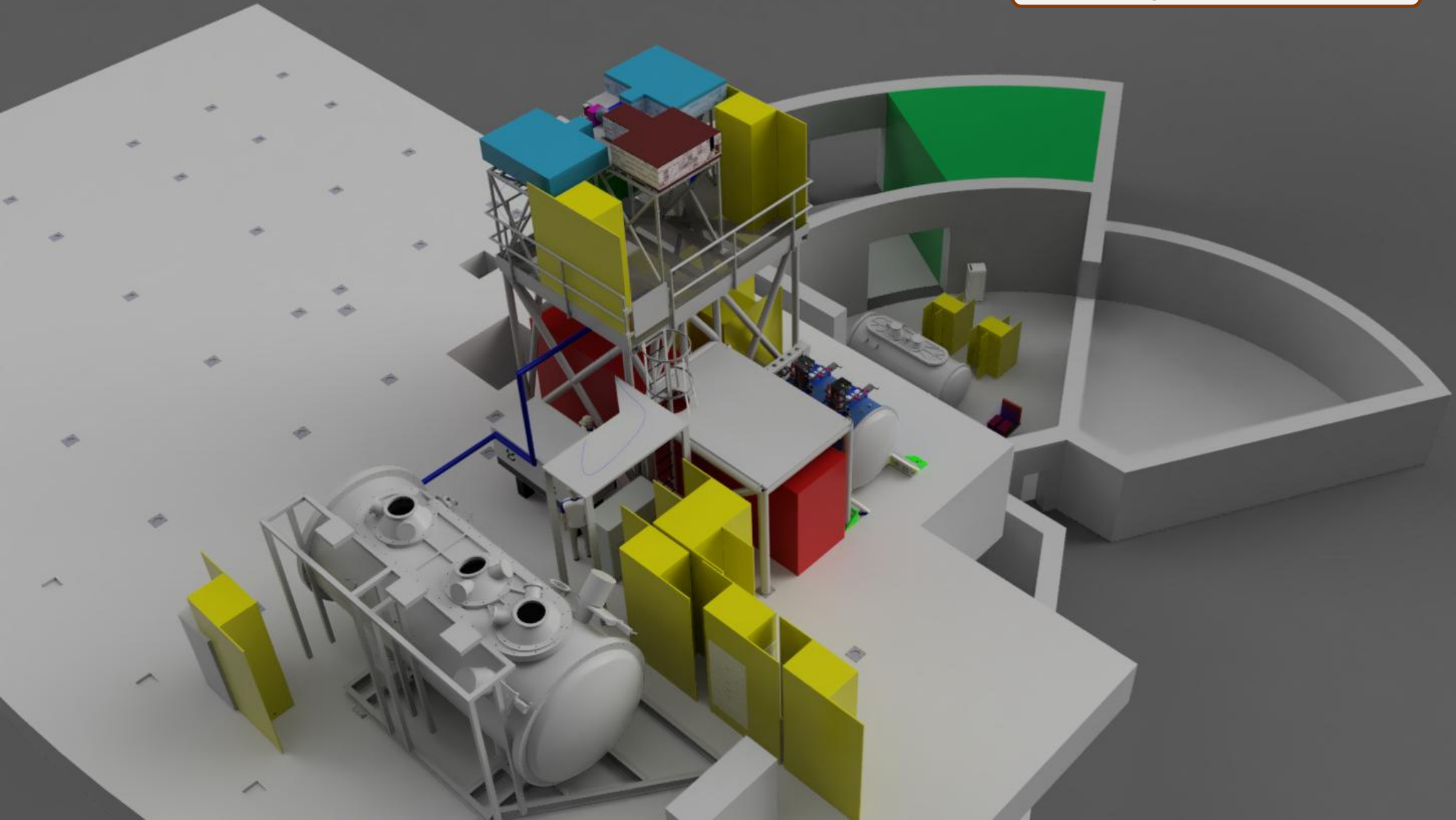
Credits: Dr. Saulius Pavalkis and Gauthier Fanmuy

Project timeline & milestones



PROPOSED SCHEDULE:

- software PDR: Q2/2026
- system PDR: Q2-Q3/2026
- internal funding review (board): Q3/2026
- ESO official funding review: Q1-Q2/2027
- COU authorization: Q3-Q4/2027
- subsystems LLI reviews: 2027 - 2028
- subsystems FDR: 2028 - 2029
- system FDR Nasmyth (FE,UBV,K,FL,CU_{UBV-K}): Q3/2029
- system FDR Coudé (RIZ + CU_{RIZ}): Q4/2029
- system FDR Coudé (YJH + CU_{YJH}): S2/2030
- PAE: Q4/2034
- shipping / commissioning: mid 2035



Front End

Installed at the ELT Nasmyth focal plane

Consists of:

- Structure
- Cabinets
- Five selectable engaging/moving modules:
 - Two Seeing-Limited arms (identical)
 - One SCAO arm
 - One Coronagraph arm
 - One IFU arm

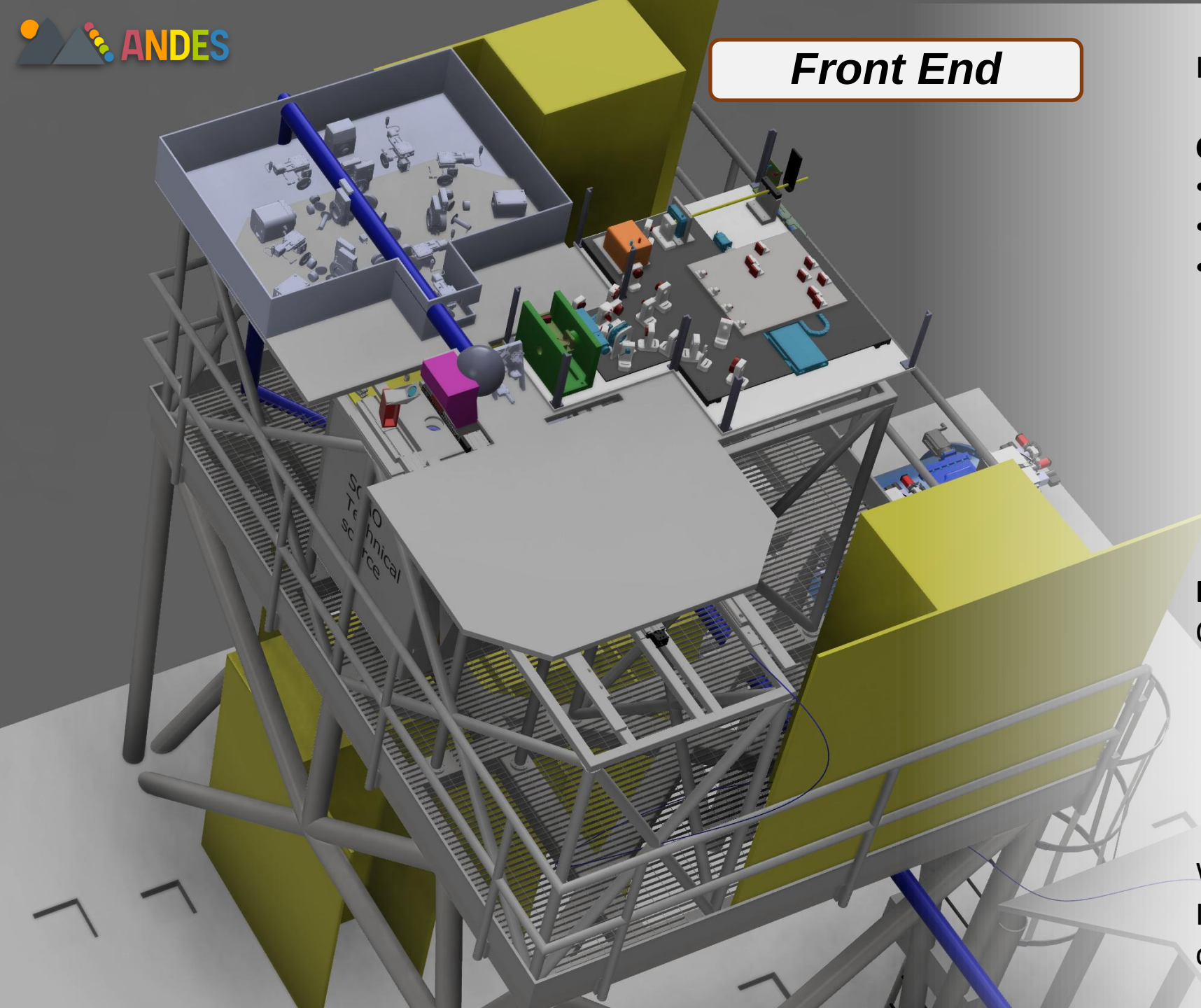
Functions:

Observing mode selection

- SL-UNI: object (in axis) + sky (off axis) observation (w/ star avoidance)
- IFU-AO: SCAO and IFU arms engaged

Wavelength splitting

Injection into science and insertion of calibration fibers



Front End w/ IFU

Integral Field Unit for **AO-assisted** spectroscopy

- Coupled to **SCAO module** at Front-End level

Functions:

- Derotation and Stabilization
- Zoom: reimaging the ETL focal plane in different scales for the microlens array
- Atmospheric dispersion correction
- Send the light to YJH and K spectrograph fibers
- Guiding and monitoring, for the correction and field stabilization

Baseline characteristics:

- **7×7 spaxels**
- **Four selectable spatial scales**
- FoV $\geq 0.5 \text{ arcsec}^2$ at largest scale

IFU output reformatted into **fibre bundle** {then feeding the cold spectrographs (YJH and K)}

Front End w/ SCAO & CORO

SCAO module functions:

- wavefront sensing and correction
- interface with ELT AO infrastructure
- loop closure on science or off-axis reference

Coronagraph functions:

- stellar light suppression
- improved contrast for close-in companions

Key subsystem requirements:

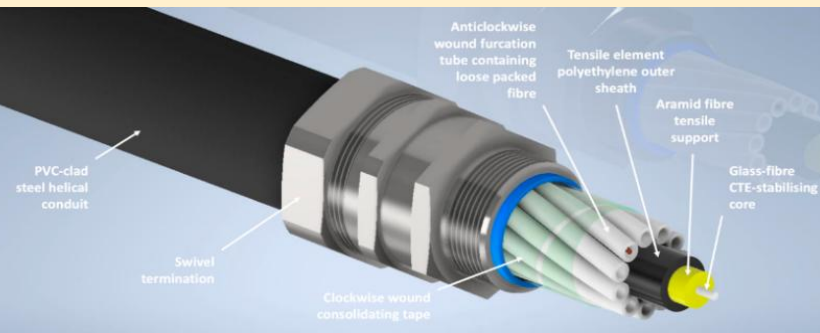
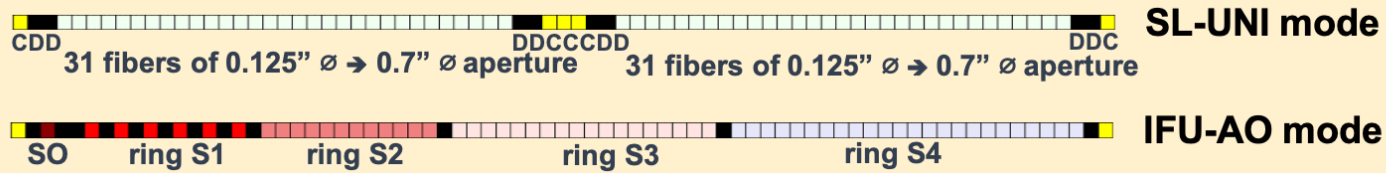
- PSF contrast goal: 10^{-3} at $3\lambda/D$ (25mas) for 1600nm, with $l = 8$ and median seeing conditions
- $SR > 40\%$ in H-band for AO ref $l=12$ under median seeing conditions
- reference acquisition in radius ≥ 5 sec
- operation with reference $6 > l > 15$
- IFU diffraction-limited performance in NIR
- Compatibility with IFU spaxel scales and FoV

Fiber Link

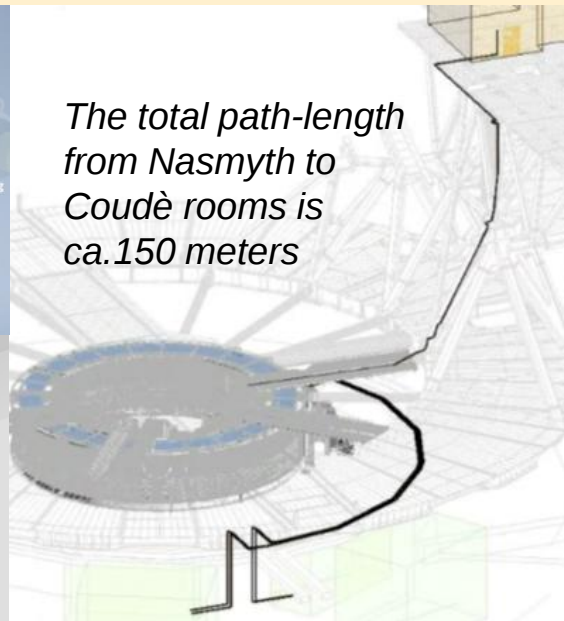
[U]BV, RIZ spectrographs → 9k x 9k detectors, 0.168" x 11.1" slit



YJH spectrograph → 4k x 4k detector, 0.125" x 9.4" slit



The total path-length from Nasmyth to Coudé rooms is ca.150 meters



Fibre-fed architecture connecting **Front-End to spectrographs**

Independent fibre groups for:

- **Seeing-Limited (SL-UNI)** mode
- **IFU-AO** mode
- **Calibration light**

Functions:

- transport of science and calibration light
- Scrambling and uniform (pupil slicing) the light
- Distinguish light of single fiber PSF
- preserve illumination stability

Interfaces:

- Front-End injection w/ CU
- spectrograph slits

UBV spectrograph

Spectral coverage and Resolving power:
350–630 nm , $R \approx 100,000$

Installed on the Nasmyth platform (due to
low T% of fibers under 450nm)

Main functions:

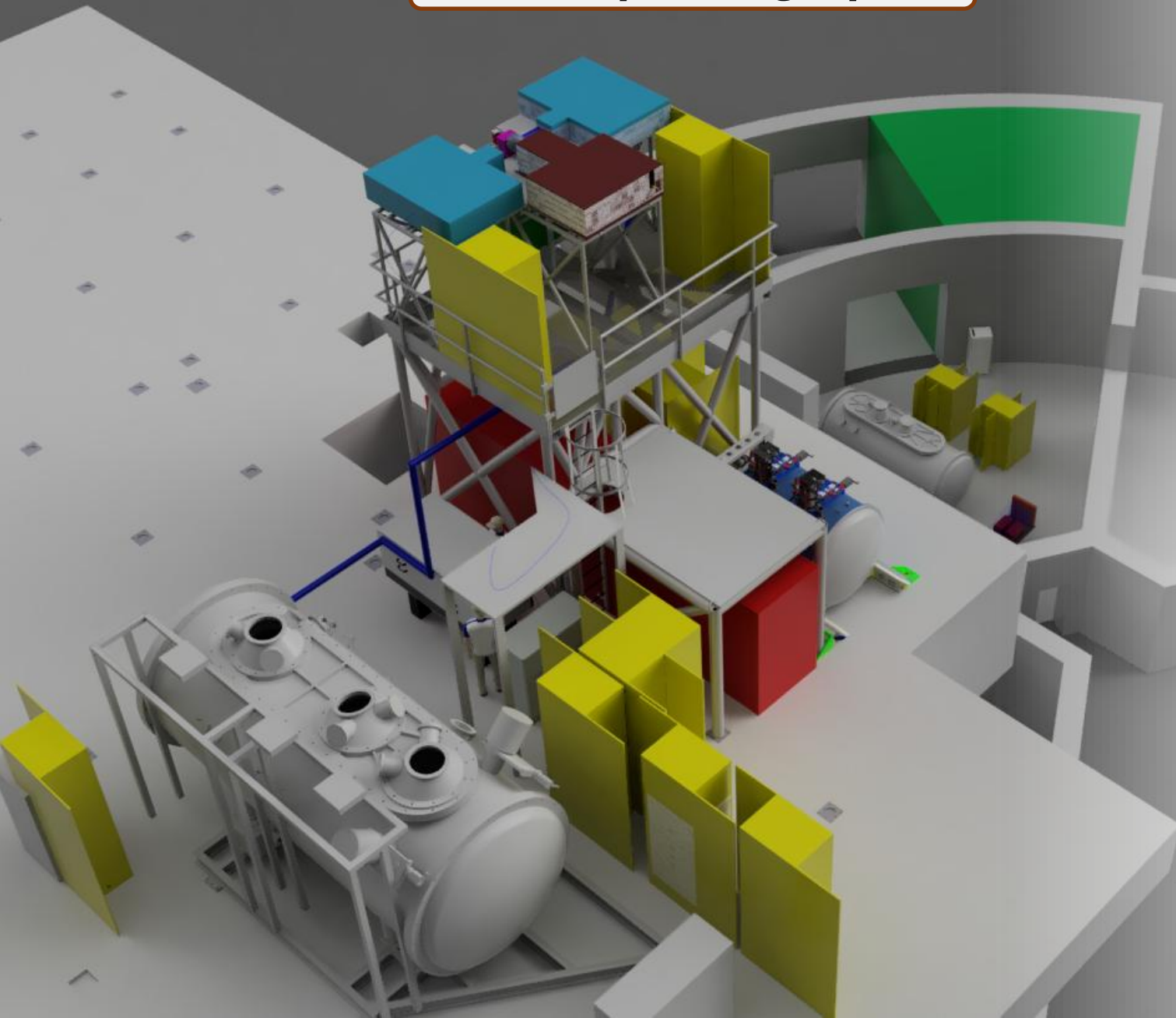
- dispersion and detection of science and calibration light
- wavelength stability for high-precision spectroscopy
- simultaneous flux monitoring via exposure meter

Key technical requirements:

- wavelength stability ≤ 1 m/s
- vacuum operation $< 10^{-4}$ mbar
- thermal stability ≤ 1 mK, 24h
- detectors operated at ~ 163 K

Optical architecture:

- echelle spectrograph with mosaic R4 and Xdispersers (ESPRESSO like)
- beam size 400 mm
- split into U, B and V arms via dichroics
- 3 CCD 9k x 9k, 10um px



RIZ spectrograph

Spectral coverage and Resolving power:
620–950 nm , $R \approx 100,000$

Installed on the Coudé room

Main functions:

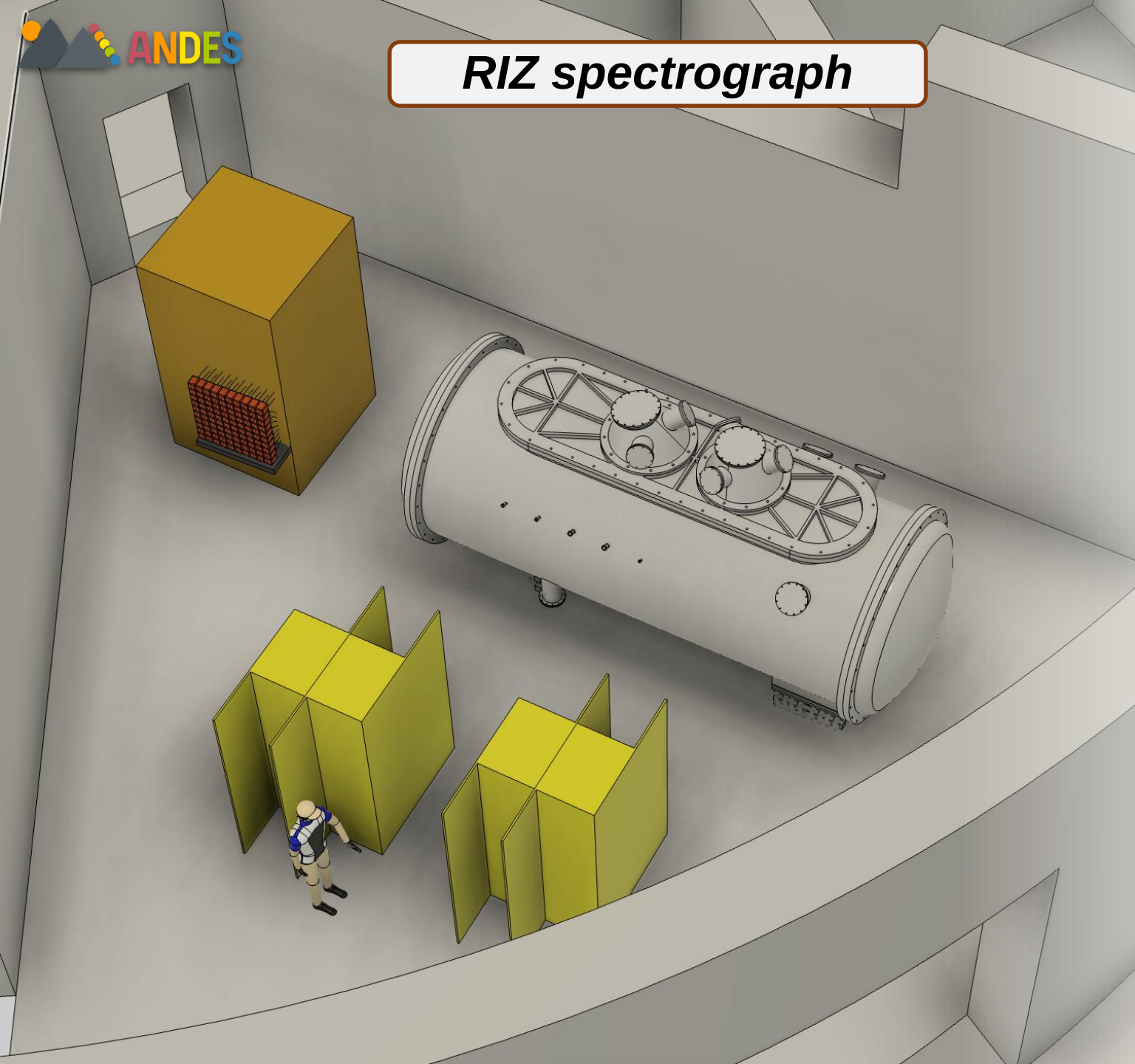
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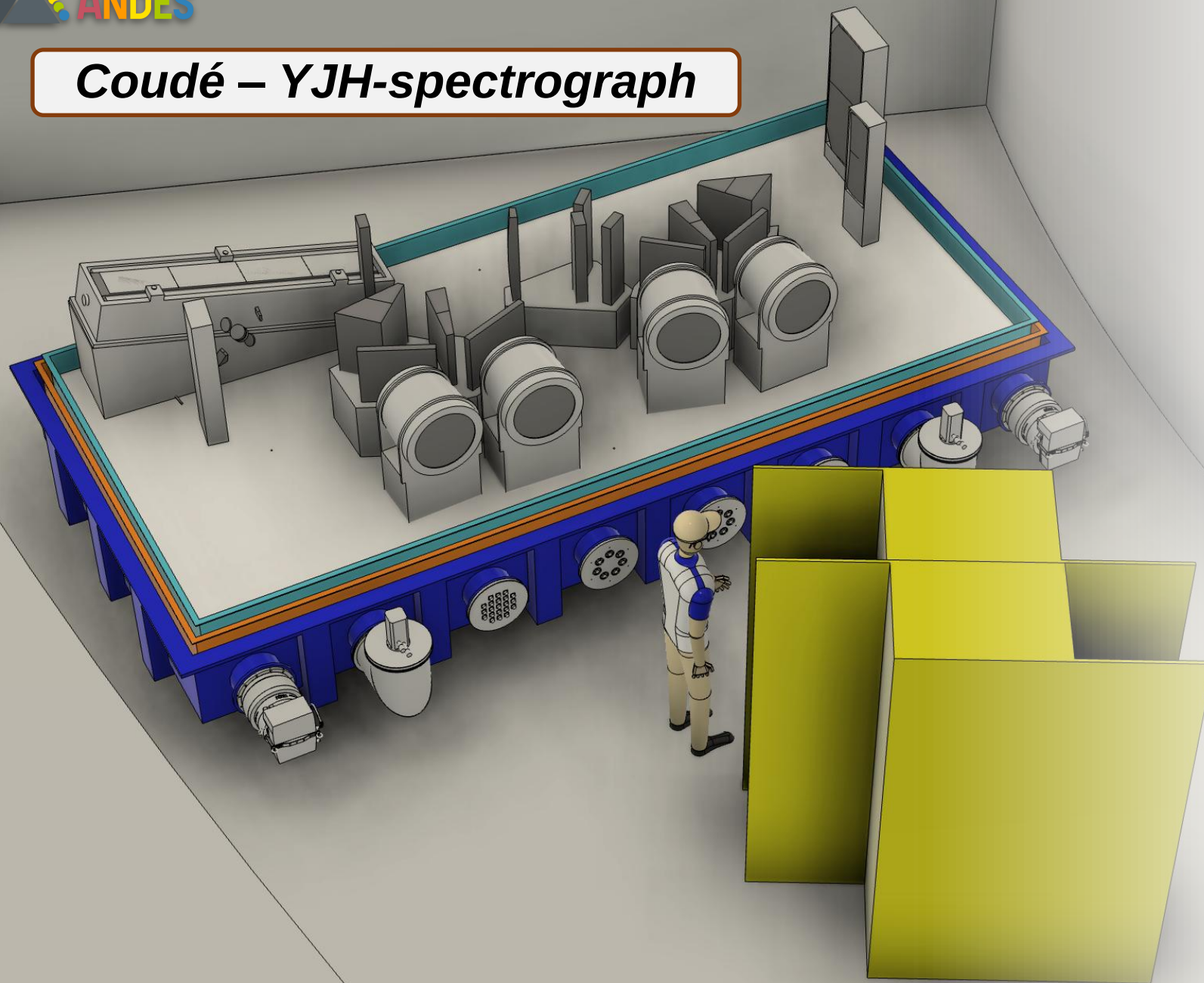
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- beam size 400 mm
- split into R, IZ arms via dichroics
- 2 CCD 9k x 9k, 10um px



Coudé – YJH-spectrograph



Spectral coverage and Resolving power:
950–1800 nm , $R \approx 100,000$

Installed on the Coudé room

Main functions:

- dispersion and detection of science and calibration light
- wavelength stability for high-precision spectroscopy
- simultaneous flux monitoring via exposure meter
- Provide slit entrance

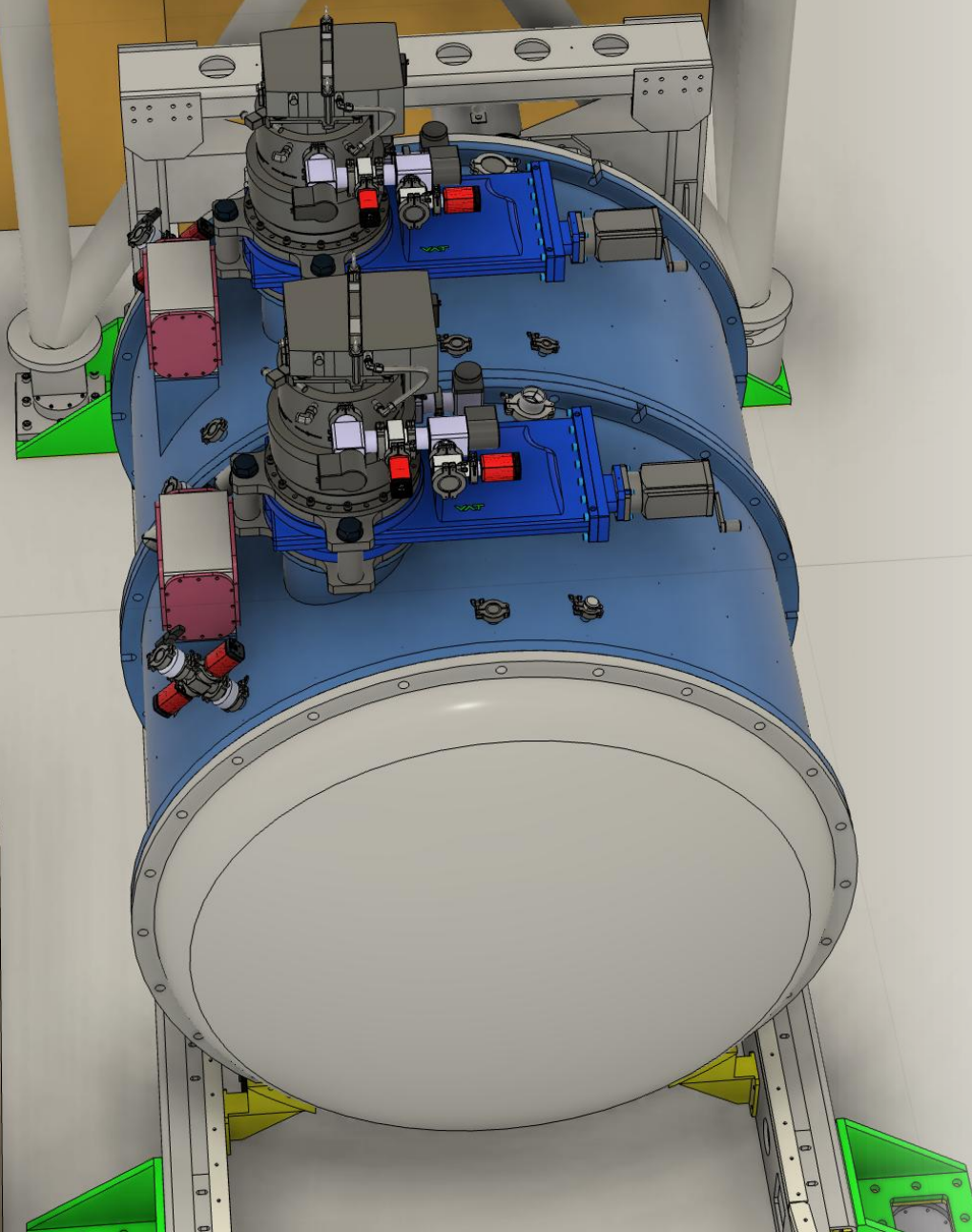
Key technical requirements:

- wavelength stability ≤ 1 m/s
- vacuum operation $< 10^{-4}$ mbar
- thermal stability ≤ 1.5 mK, 24h

Optical architecture:

- echelle spectrograph with mosaic R4 and Xdispersers 16 l/mm
- split into Y, J, H arms via dichroics
- H4RG detectors

K spectrograph



Spectral coverage and Resolving power:
1950–2450 nm , $R \approx 100,000$

Installed on the Nasmyth platform

Smaller (ca. 5 tons, 3x2x3m)

Main functions:

- dispersion and detection of science and calibration light
- IFU connection

Key technical requirements:

- Wavelength temp stability 50 m/s
- Spectral sampling ≥ 2.5 pixel
- Spatial sampling $20\mu\text{m}@F/3.5$ (0.031" on sky)
- Detector 4096 x 4096 pixel (H4RG)
- *Slit size and fibers: 20 x 900 micron / 9*
- special infrared fibres of Zirconium ZrF₄ Fluoride Glass
- Transmission ca. 20 – 24 % (w/ detector)

Optical architecture:

- echelle spectrograph
- beam size 80 mm

Calibration Unit

Functionality	Baseline	Upgrade: LFC (astrocomb)	Upgrade: IRS (FTS)
Order localisation / spectral flat field	FFS (Halogen lamp)		
Wavelength calibration	HCL + FP	LFC	FP
Drift Tracking	FP		
PSF / LSF	FP (?)	LFC	
Calibrator characterization and monitoring	---	---	HCL, FP (LFC)

Dedicated Calibration Unit (CU) per spectrograph (4 independent CUs)
Fully cabinet-based architecture: ESO-compliant electrical cabinets

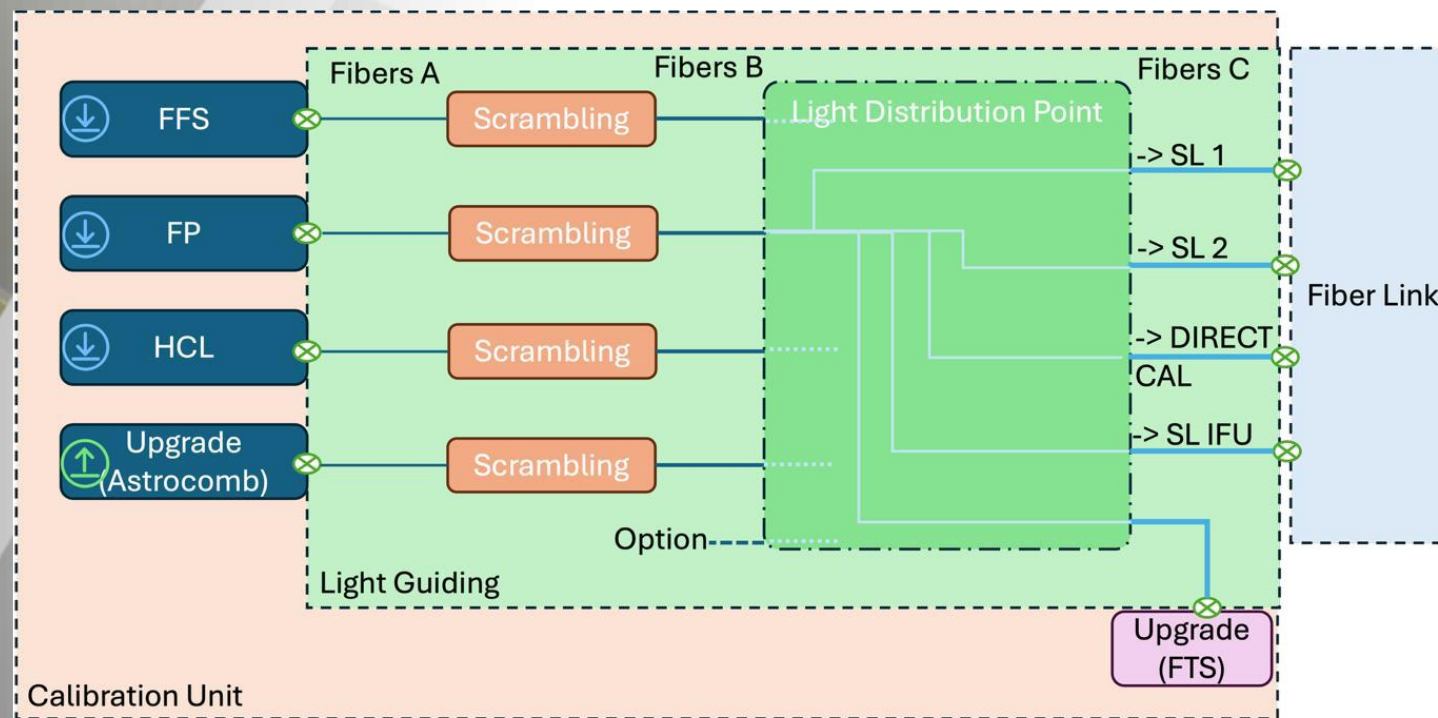
Light Distribution Point (LDP) fully automated and configurable
routes calibration light to:

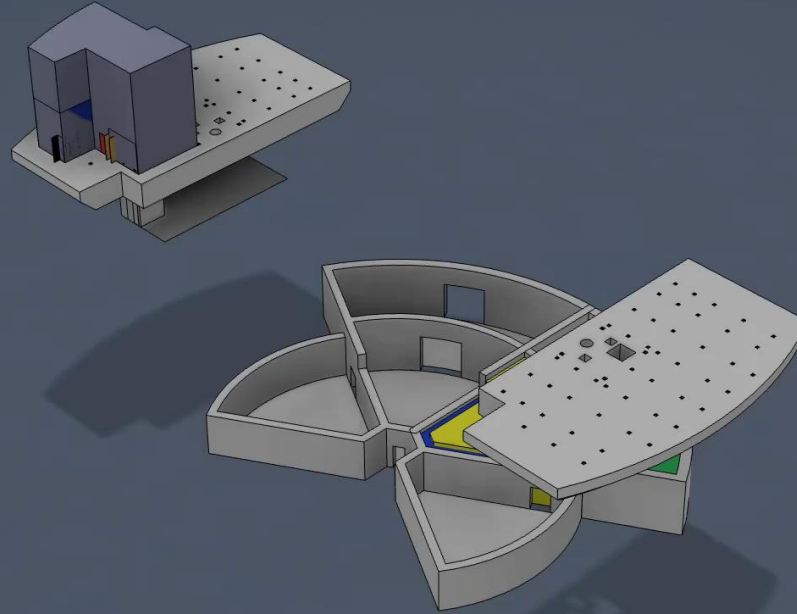
- Front-End (via FL)
- spectrographs (for simultaneous reference)

Baseline calibration sources:

- Flat Field Sources (FFS) – Halogen
- Hollow Cathode Lamps (HCL)
- Fabry–Pérot etalon (FP)

Designed for future upgrades





Requirement-driven (SCI & TECH) system architecture
resolving power, stability, wavelength coverage, observing modes

Modular and distributed design

- Front-End (+) at Nasmyth
- fibre-fed spectrographs at Nasmyth and Coudé

Architecture enabling multiple observing regimes

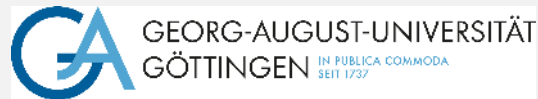
- seeing-limited, IFU-AO
- simultaneous object, sky, and calibration

Calibration and stability at system level

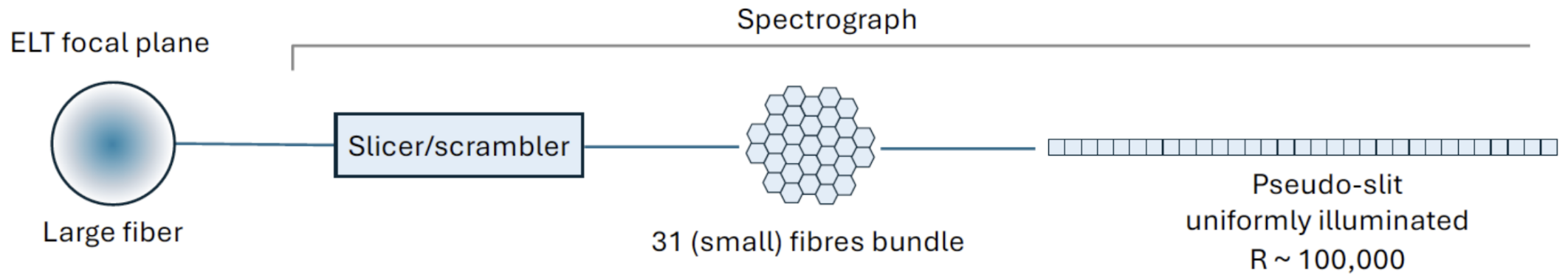
- daily calibration strategy
- Simultaneous direct calibration architecture

Designed for long-term scientific evolution (thanks to ANDES modularity)

- baseline performance fully compliant
- clear path toward ultimate precision goals



FAINT TARGET MODE



Current SL Observing mode (optimized for exoplanets not for 'faint' targets)

- Losses at slicer/scrambler stage
- Spectral resolution higher than typically needed
- Photons spread over entire slit
- **Generally READOUT LIMITED**

New Faint Target Mode (lower RON impact)

- optimal extraction of the signal from illuminated fibres allows for a higher on-chip binning
- overall larger aperture → smaller aperture losses
- skipping scrambler and splicer → higher efficiency

