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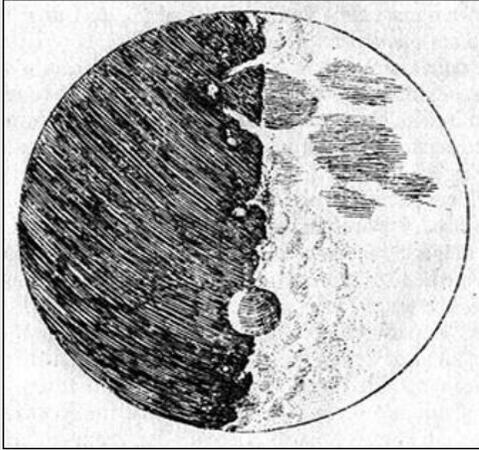
# **INTENSITY INTERFEROMETRY**

## **FROM ASTRONOMY TO PARTICLE PHYSICS, AND BACK**

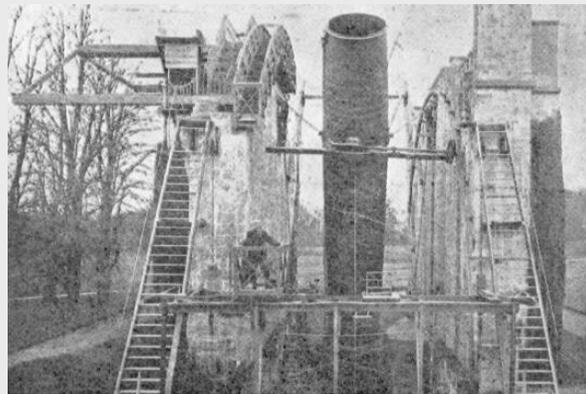
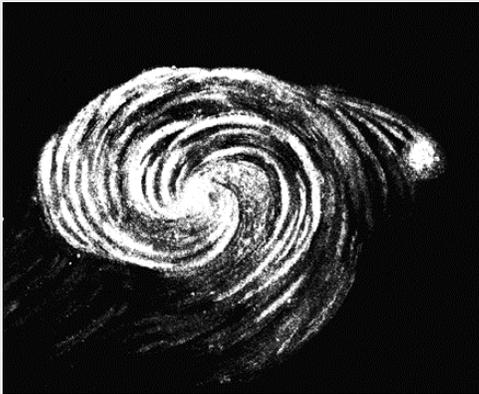
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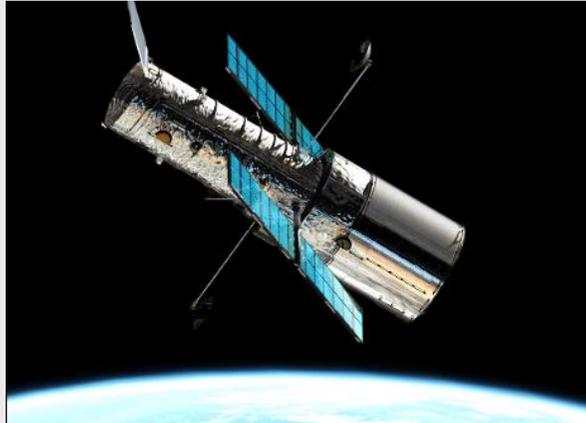
# Quest for highest-resolution imaging in astronomy



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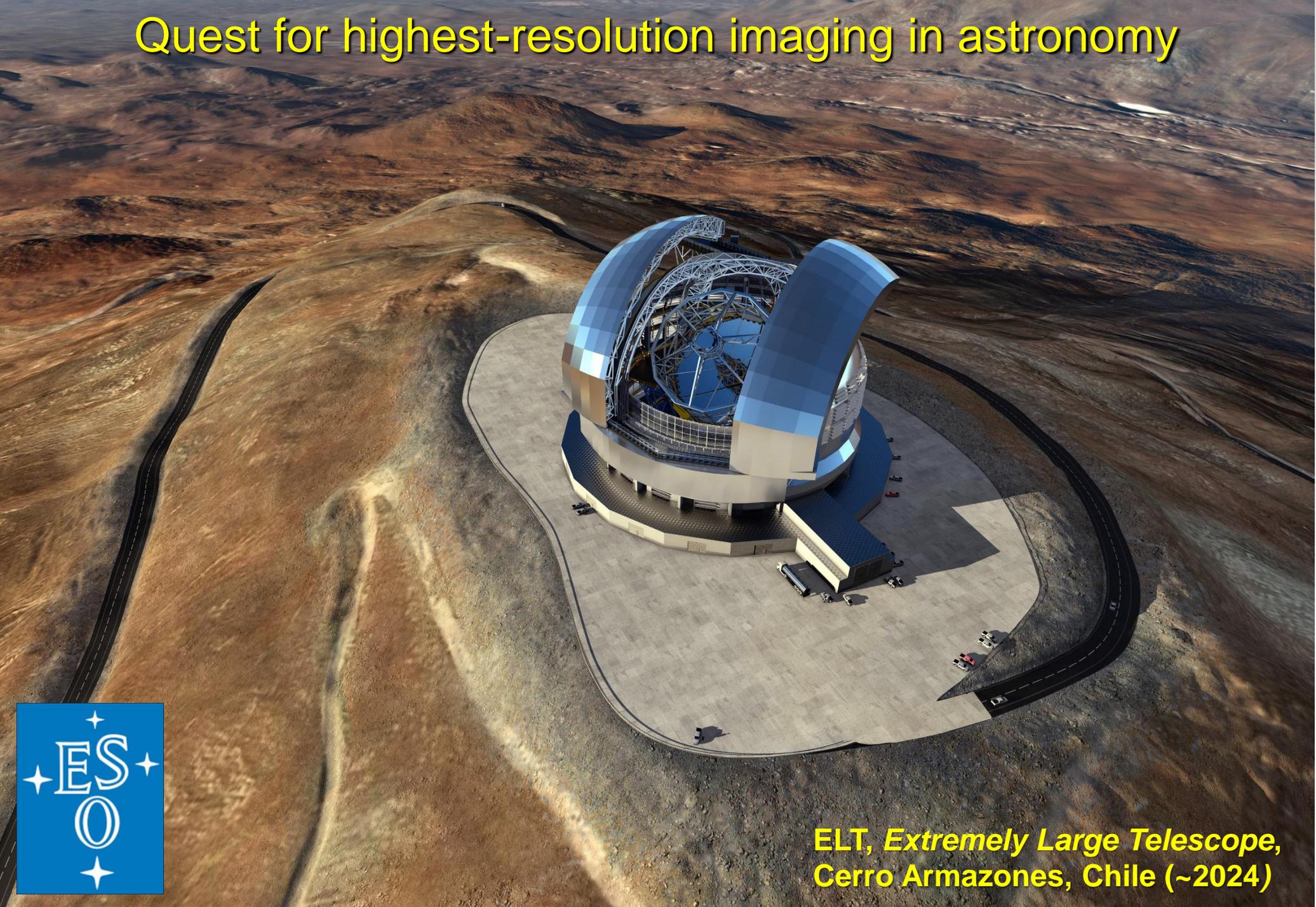


**Lord Rosse (1845)**



**Hubble Space Telescope (1990)**

# Quest for highest-resolution imaging in astronomy



**ELT, Extremely Large Telescope,  
Cerro Armazones, Chile (~2024)**

# Quest for highest-resolution imaging in astronomy

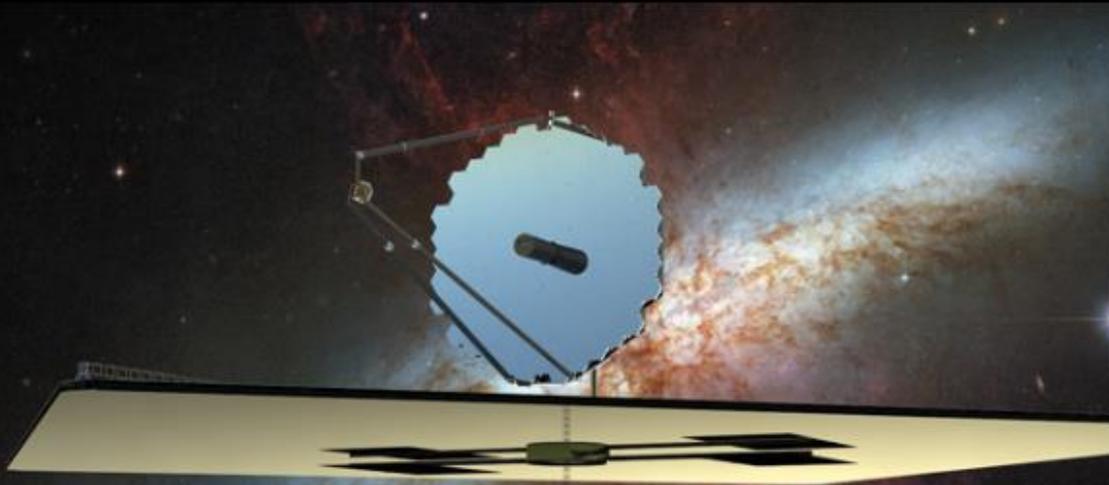
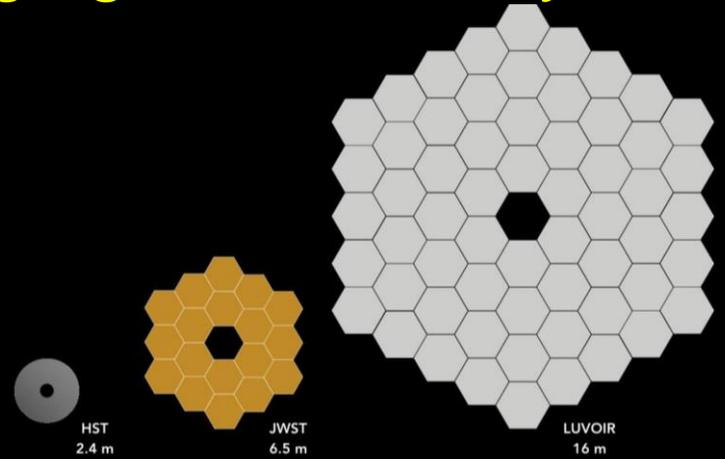
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## LUVOIR

Large Ultraviolet / Optical / Infrared Surveyor



### Outer Bodies

15-m LUVOIR can  
image 3.5 km bodies  
at 40 AU in 75 sec.



Pluto with HST



15-m LUVOIR

NASA / New Horizons

### Ocean Moons

LUVOIR can provide  
spectral imaging of  
water jets from icy  
moons.

Europa jets with  
HST



15-m LUVOIR

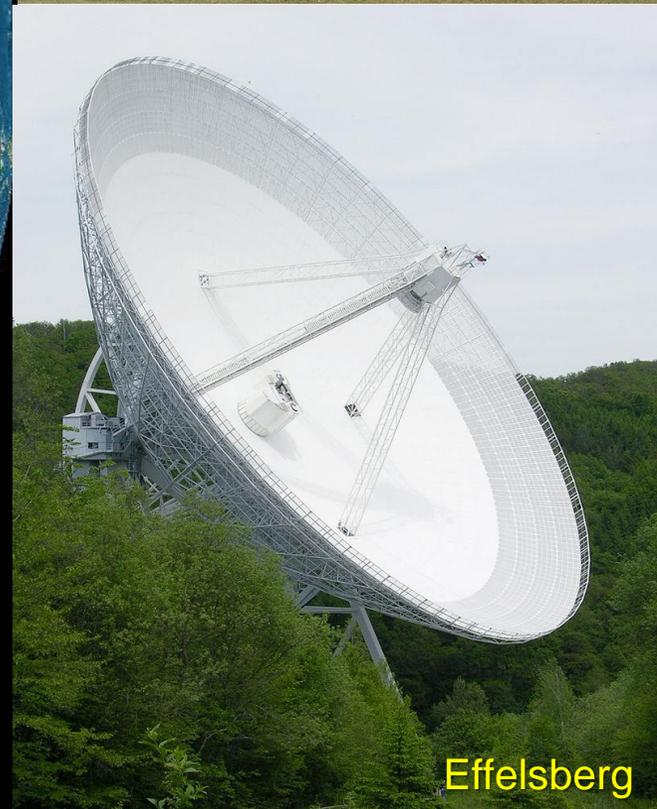
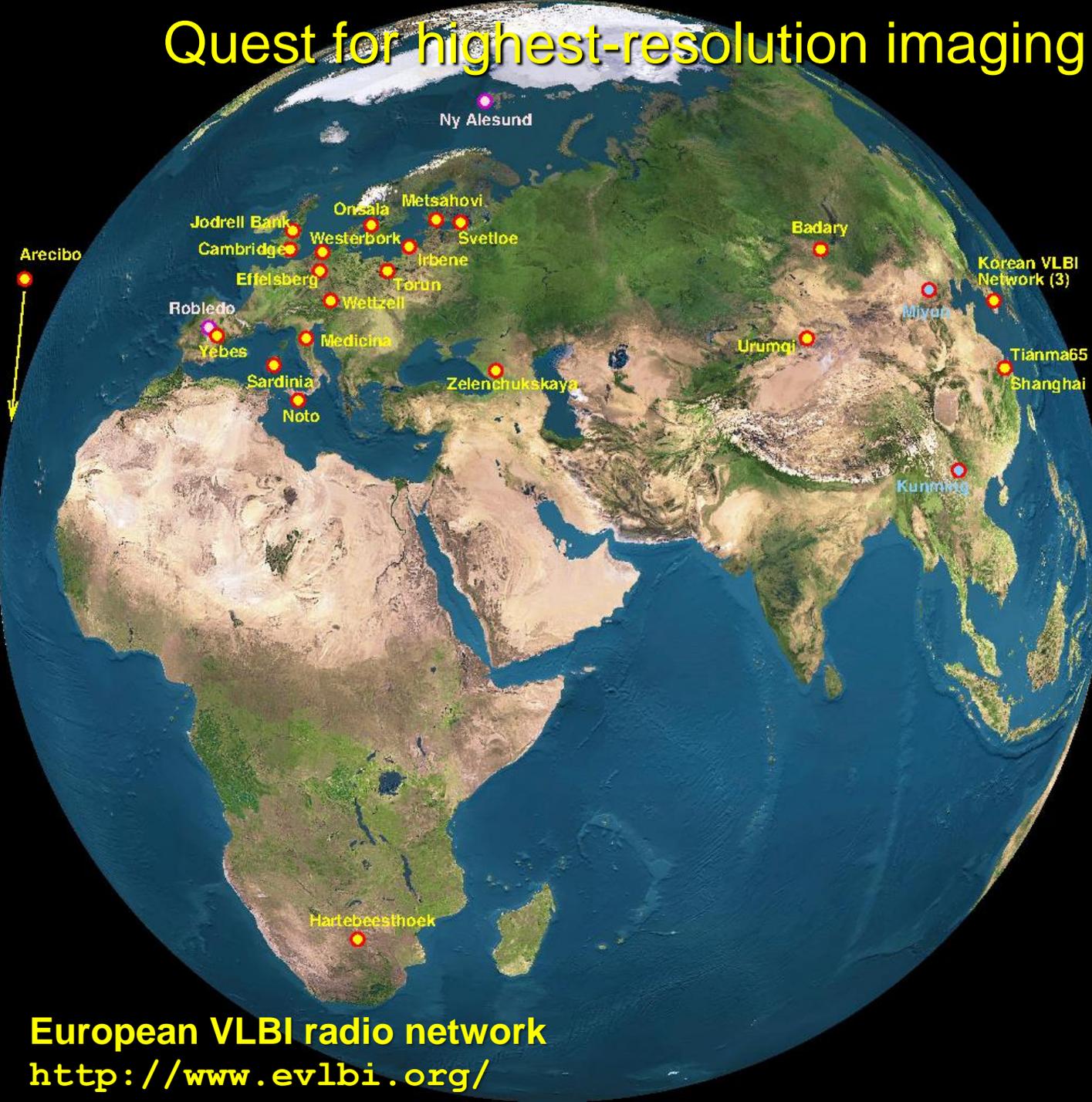


Roth et al. (2014)

G. Ballester (LPL)

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Astronomy and Astrophysics Decadal Survey

# Quest for highest-resolution imaging in astronomy



European VLBI radio network  
<http://www.evlbi.org/>

# Highest-resolution imaging in astronomy

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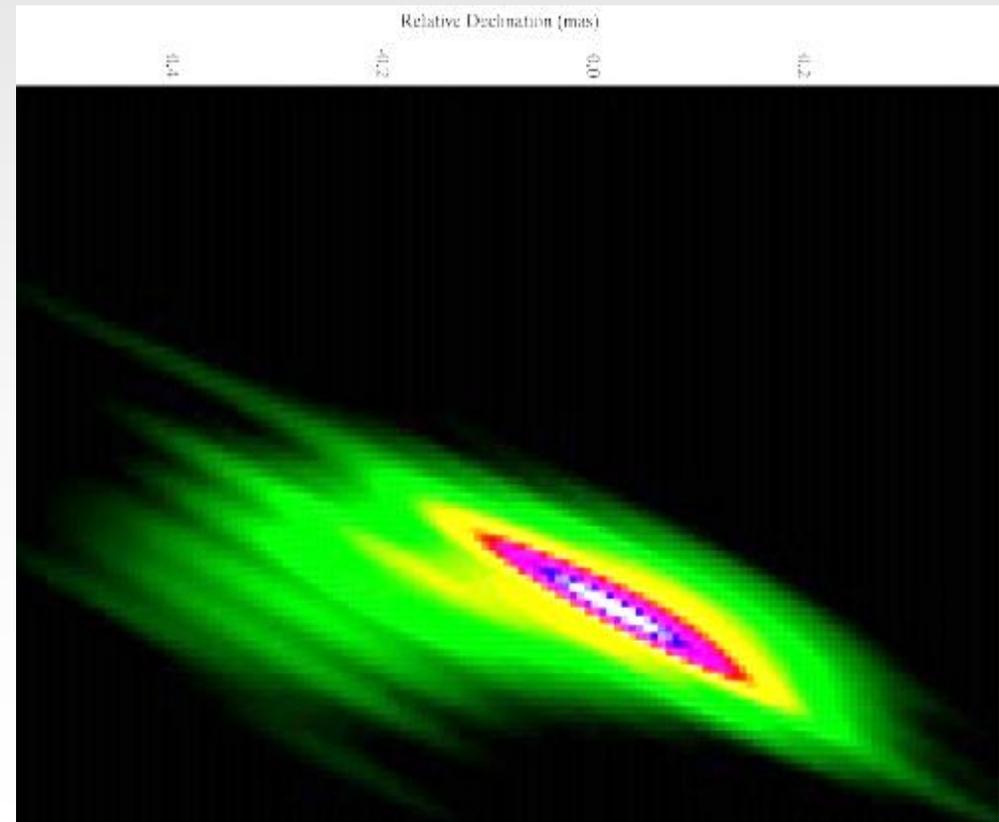
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## PROBING THE INNERMOST REGIONS OF AGN JETS AND THEIR MAGNETIC FIELDS WITH *RADIOASTRON*. I. IMAGING BL LACERTAE AT $21 \mu\text{as}$ RESOLUTION

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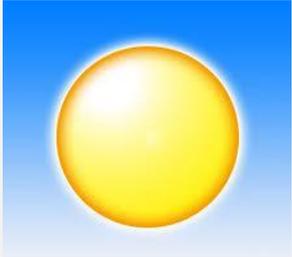
### *RadioAstron* polarimetric space VLBI images of BL Lac at 22 GHz ( $\lambda$ 13.6 mm)

Space-ground fringe detections were obtained up to a projected baseline length of 7.9 Earth diameters.



**Highest-resolution  
imaging in the optical ?**

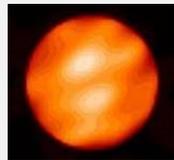
# ANGULAR SCALES IN ASTRONOMY



Sun, Moon ~30 arcmin



Planets ~30 arcsec



Largest stars ~30 mas



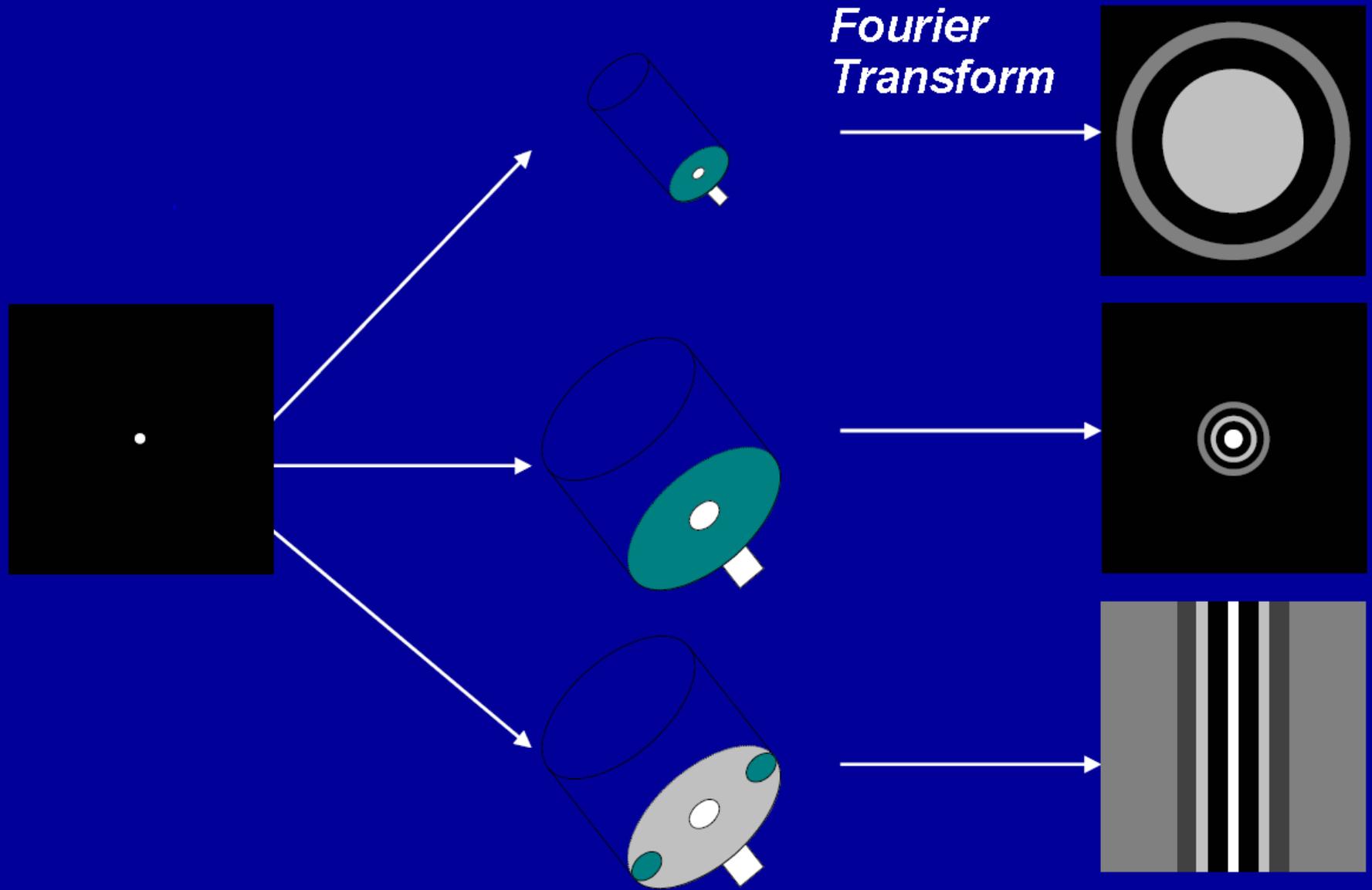
Typical bright stars ~1 mas



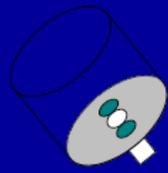
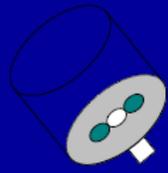
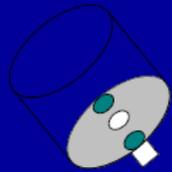
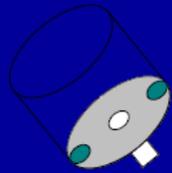
# **Principles of interferometry**

## **Interference of light**

# Point Spread Function of Telescopes / Interferometers

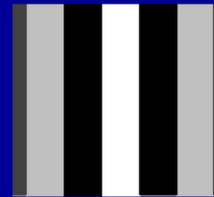
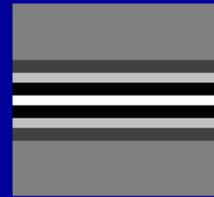


## Primary Mirror Configuration



Synthetic Aperture

## Point Spread Function



Synthetic PSF

# Synthetic Aperture Imaging with an Interferometer



***VLA: The Karl G. Jansky Very Large Array, a radio interferometer located on the Plains of San Agustin, west of Socorro, New Mexico, <http://www.vla.nrao.edu/>***



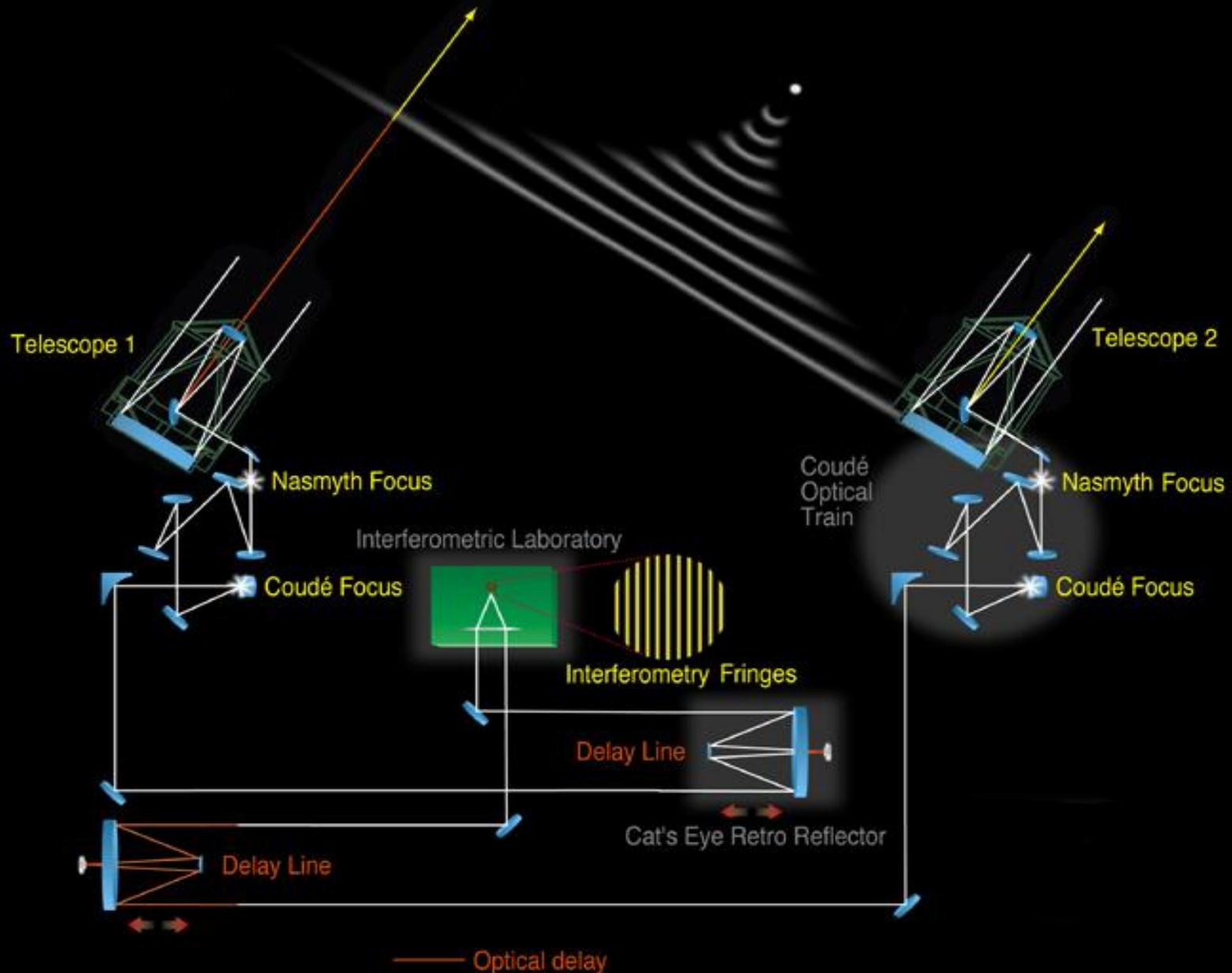
**ESO VLTI**

**Very Large Telescope Interferometer**



ESO, Cerro Paranal, Chile  
VLTI, Very Large Telescope Interferometer

# ESO Very Large Telescope Interferometer





**VLTI delay-line tunnel**

# **Interferometric science**

# Actual image of the Mira-type variable T Leporis from VLT



Image obtained by combining hundreds of interferometric measurements

Central disc shows stellar surface, surrounded by a spherical shell of expelled molecular material

Infrared wavelengths color-coded:

Blue = 1.4 – 1.6  $\mu\text{m}$

Green = 1.6 – 1.75  $\mu\text{m}$

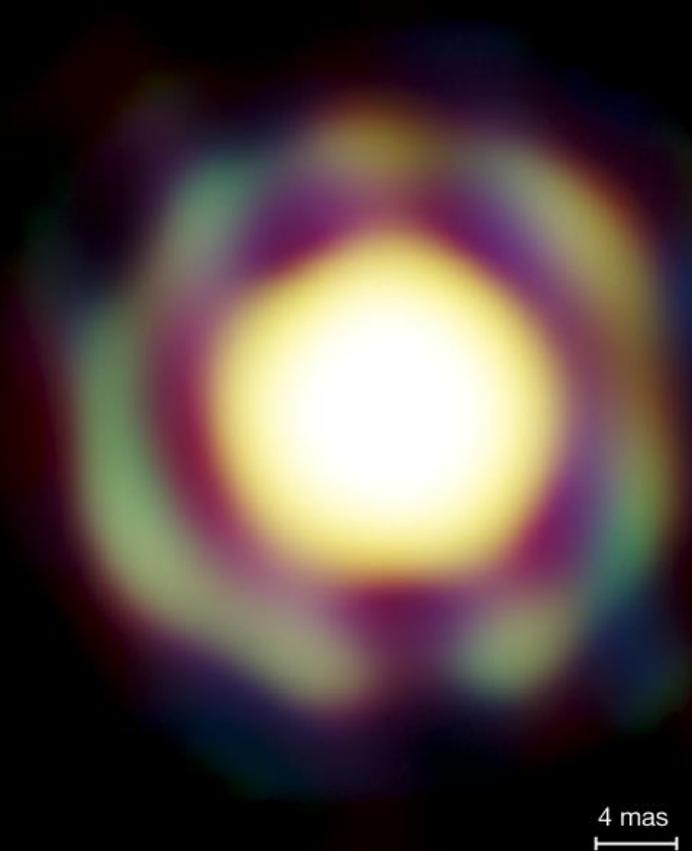
Red = 1.75 – 1.9  $\mu\text{m}$

In the green channel, the molecular envelope is thinner

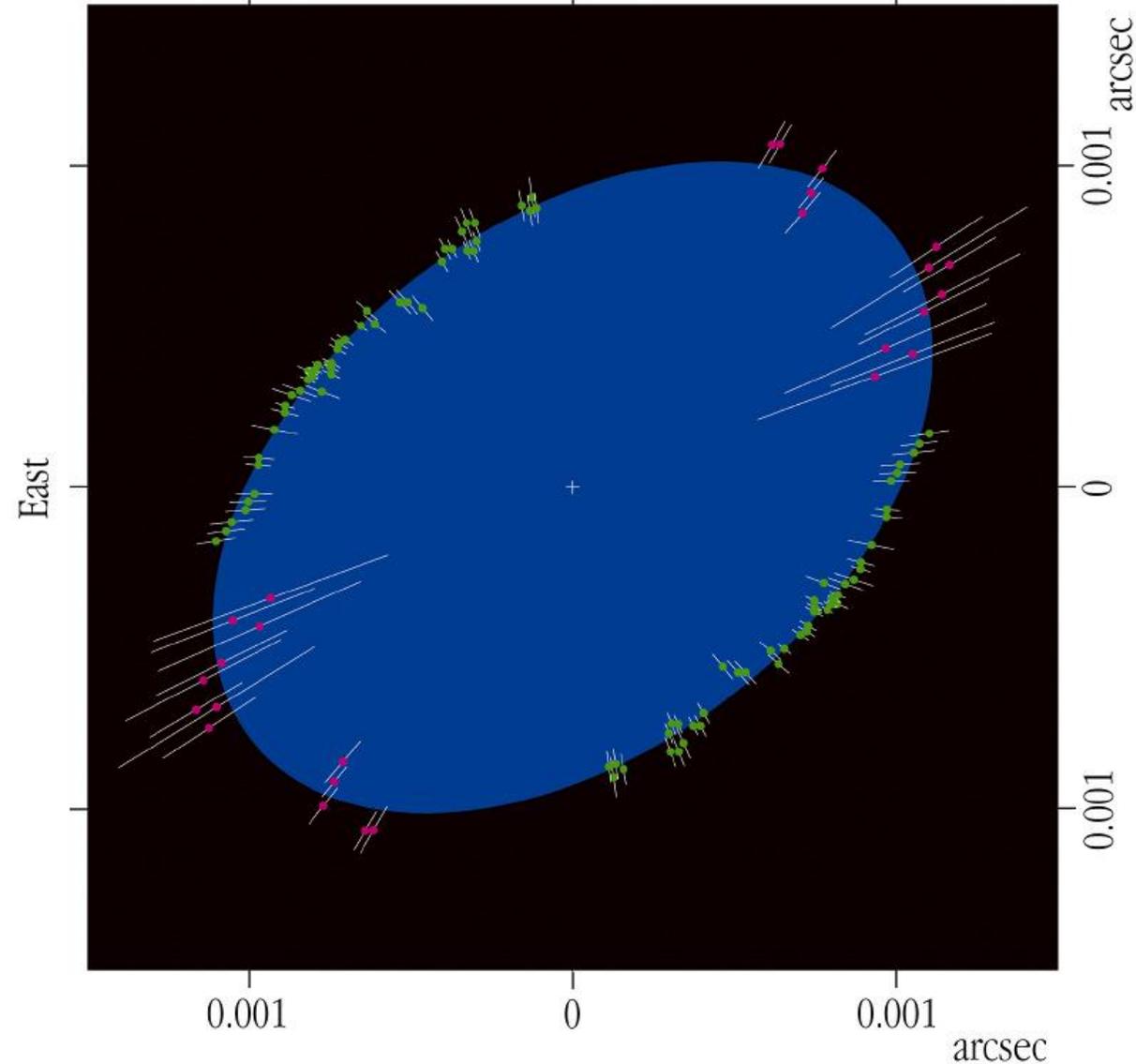
The size of Earth's orbit is marked.

Resolution = 4 milli-arcseconds

(ESO press release 0906, Feb. 2009)



North



## SHAPE OF ACHERNAR

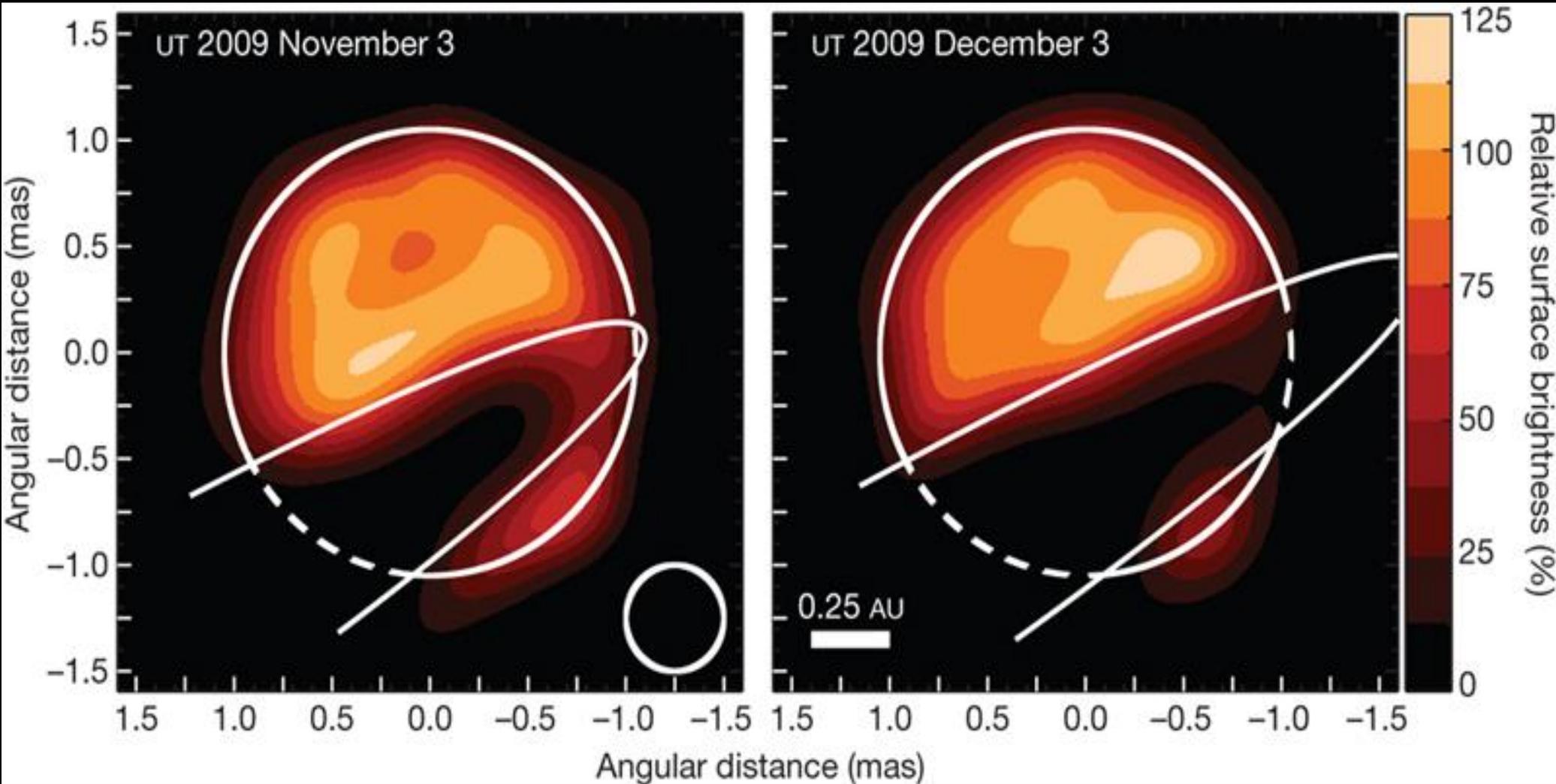
Image of the rapidly rotating ( $V \sin i \approx 250$  km/s) star *Achernar* ( $\alpha$  Eri, B3 Vpe), from VLT/VINCI observations.

Axis ratio = 1.56, the most flattened star seen until then.

Because of the projection effect this ratio is a minimal value; the star could be even flatter.

Individual diameter measurements are shown by points with error bars.

A.Domiciano de Souza, P.Kervella, S.Jankov, L.Abe, F.Vakili, E.di Folco, F.Paresce: *Astron.Astrophys.* **407**, L47



## Interferometric images of the F-type giant $\epsilon$ Aurigae during its month-long eclipse by an opaque disk, occurring every 27 years

B.Kloppenborg; R.Stencel; J.D.Monnier; G.Schaefer; M.Zhao; F.Baron; H.McAlister; T. ten Brummelaar; X.Che; et al.:  
*Infrared images of the transiting disk in the  $\epsilon$  Aurigae system*, Nature **464**, 870 (2010)

# **NPOI**

**Navy Precision Optical Interferometer  
Flagstaff, Arizona**

# NPOI, Navy Precision Optical Interferometer, Arizona



# NPOI, Navy Precision Optical Interferometer, Arizona



# GEOsat Imaging

- 2009: 1<sup>st</sup> Interferometric detection of GEOsat during “glint”

Hindsley et al. 2011, Applied Optics, 50, 2692

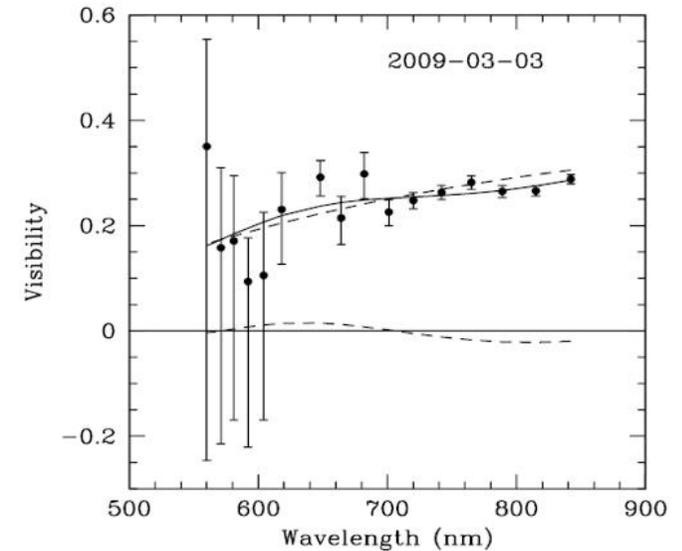
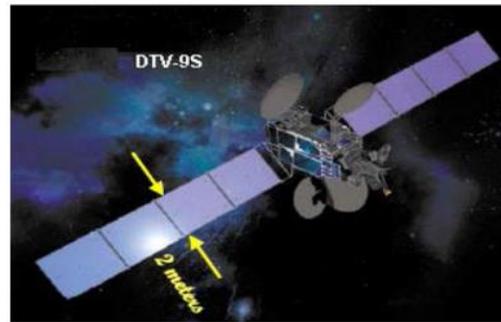


Fig. 5. Calibrated visibilities as a function of wavelength from 3 March 2009 data and from a two-component model fit to the data. The solid curve shows the flux-weighted sum of the two components from the first of the 3 March models shown in Table 1. This model consists of a smaller circular component of size 1.1 m (6.2 mas at geostationary distance) with 46% of the flux (upper dashed curve) and a larger component of 7 m (40 mas) with 54% of the flux (lower dashed curve). This larger, resolved component has a visibility amplitude of almost zero.

**IMAGING  
GEOSTATIONARY  
SATELLITES?**

**Many stars become  
resolved surface objects  
for baselines 100-1000 m**

**Kilometer-scale interferometry!?**

# Concordia Base @ Dome C (3233 m)



[http://www.esa.int/Our\\_Activities/Human\\_Spaceflight/Concordia](http://www.esa.int/Our_Activities/Human_Spaceflight/Concordia)  
<http://blogs.esa.int/concordia/>

# KEOPS: Kiloparsec Explorer for Optical Planet Search



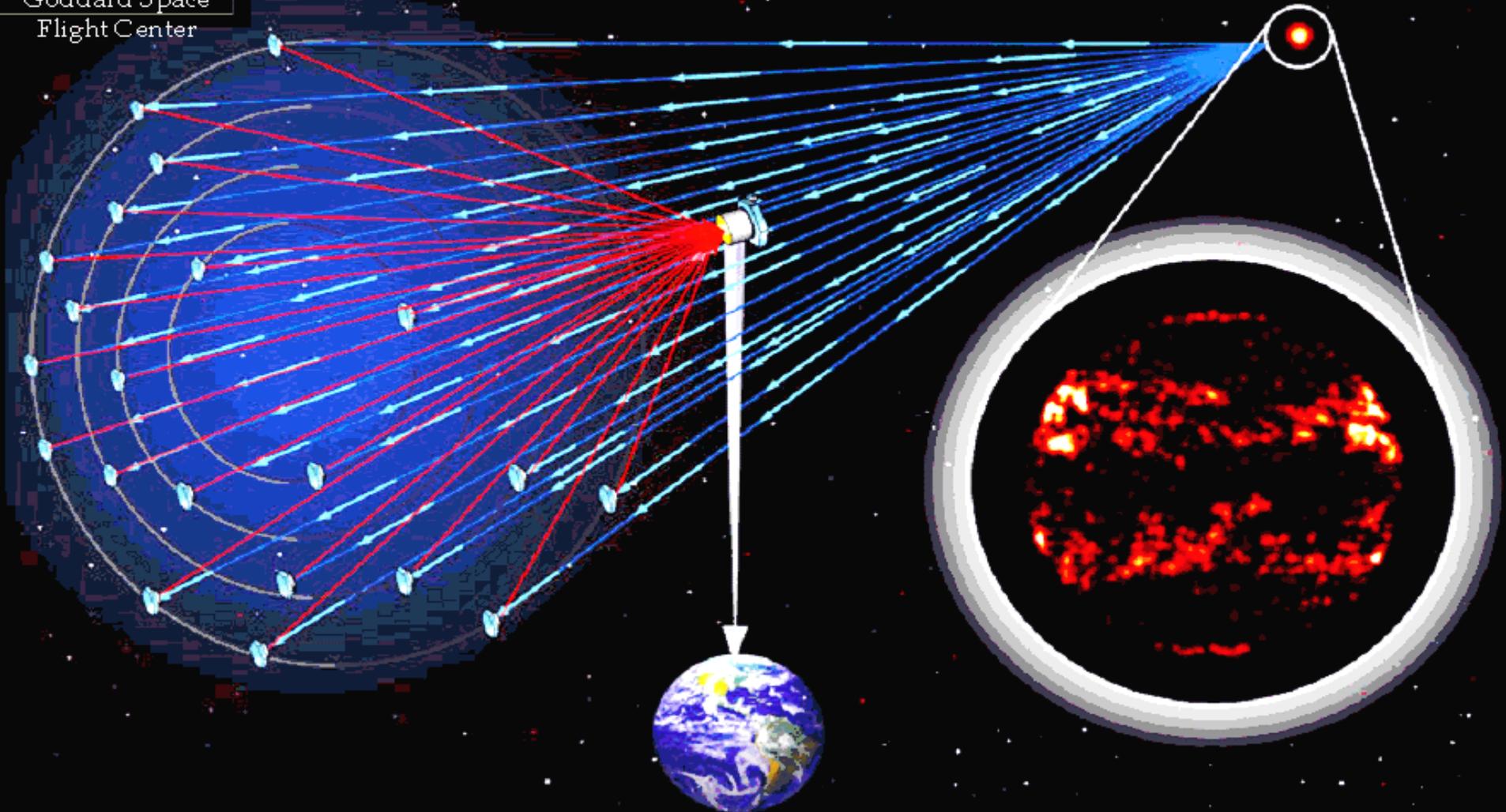
Imaging synthesis optical array proposed at Concordia Base on Dome C in Antarctica.  
KEOPS individual telescopes are grouped around the optical recombiner.  
Concordia station is visible in the distance.

F.Vakili; E.Aristidi; F.X.Schmider; S.Jankov; E.Fossat; L.Abe; A.Domiciano; A.Belu; A.Agabi; J.-B.Daban; et al.:  
*KEOPS: Towards Exo-Earths from Dome C of Antarctica*, EAS Publ. Ser. **14**, 211 (2005)



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# Stellar Imager (SI)



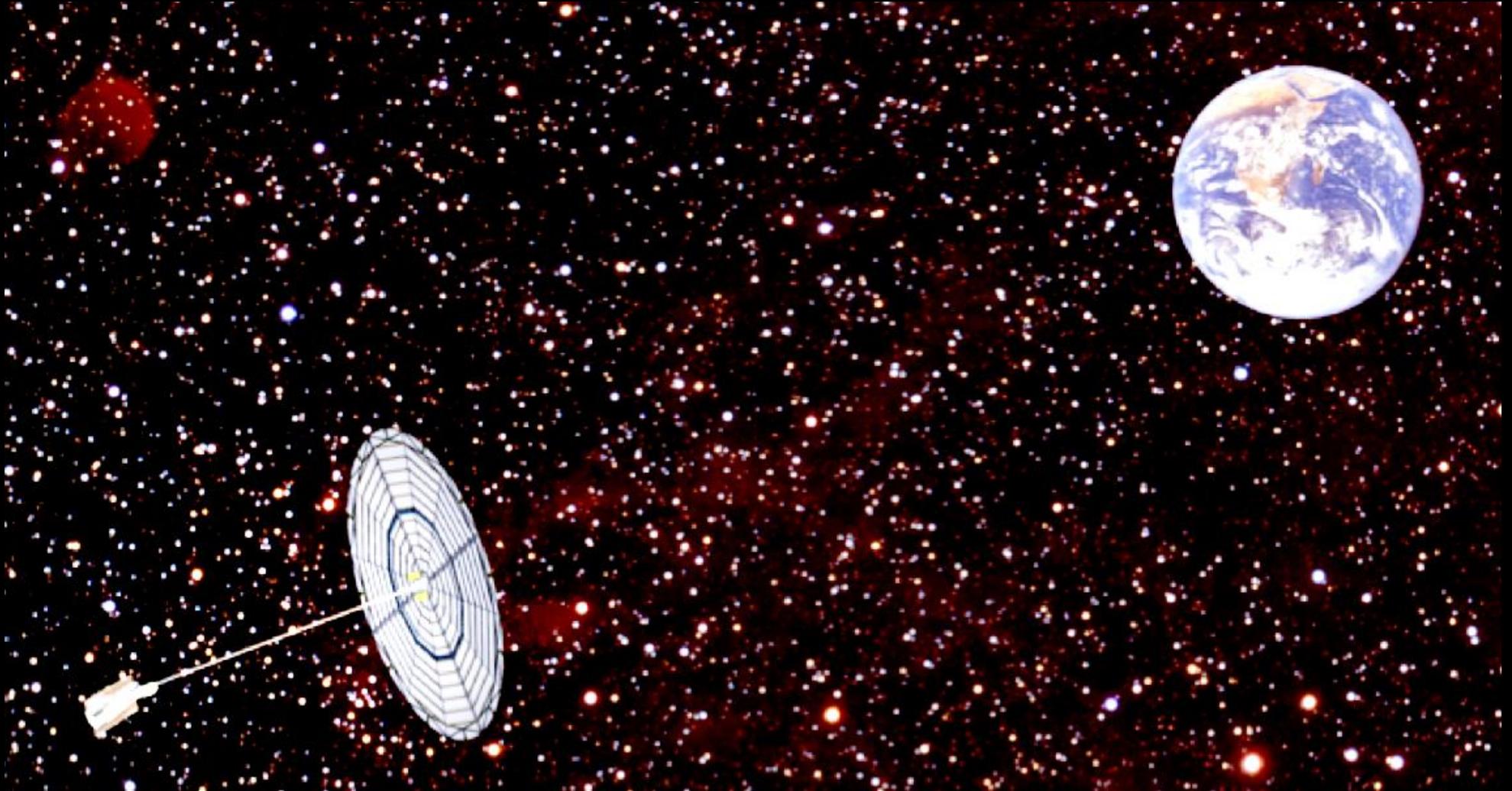
K.G.Carpenter, C.J.Schrijver, M.Karovska & SI Mission Concept Development Team;

<http://hires.gsfc.nasa.gov/si/>

# *ARAGOSCOPE*

Webster Cash, University of Colorado

NASA Innovative Advanced Concept (NIAC) study (2015)



# *Luciola*\* Hypertelescope

\* genus of fireflies

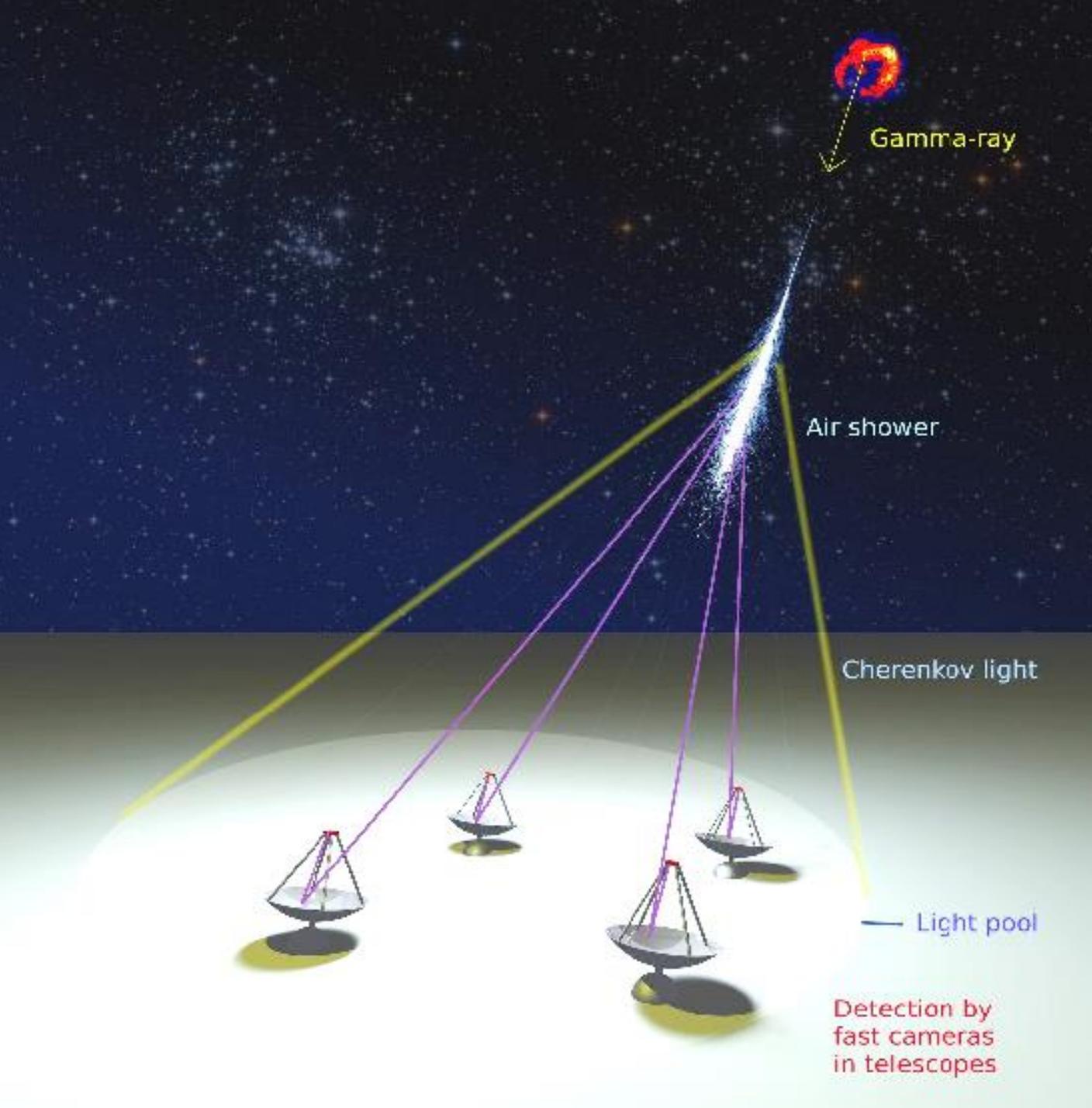


The *Luciola* flotilla of many small collector mirrors operates like one giant diluted mirror. Focal beam-combiners independently exploit the sky image formed at the focal surface.

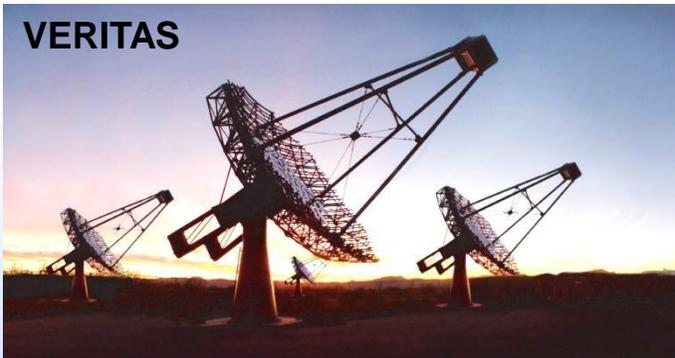
A.Labeyrie, H.Le Coroller, J.Dejonghe, O.Lardière, C.Aime, K.Dohlen, D.Mourard, R.Lyon, K.G.Carpenter, *Luciola hypertelescope space observatory*, *Exp.Astron.* **23**, 463 (2009)

**Isn't there some easier way??**

# Air Cherenkov Telescopes



**VERITAS**



**MAGIC**



**HANLE**



**CANGAROO III**

**H.E.S.S.**



# **AIR CHERENKOV TELESCOPES**

# Artist's vision of CTA-North on La Palma



Four 23-m and fifteen 12-m telescopes will supplement two existing MAGIC 17-m dishes

Image: G.Pérez, IAC; [www.cta-observatory.org](http://www.cta-observatory.org)

Webcam from LST-1 construction site:

<http://www.lst1.iac.es/webcams/current1/1000.jpg>

Vulcano Lullillaco  
6739 m, 190 km east

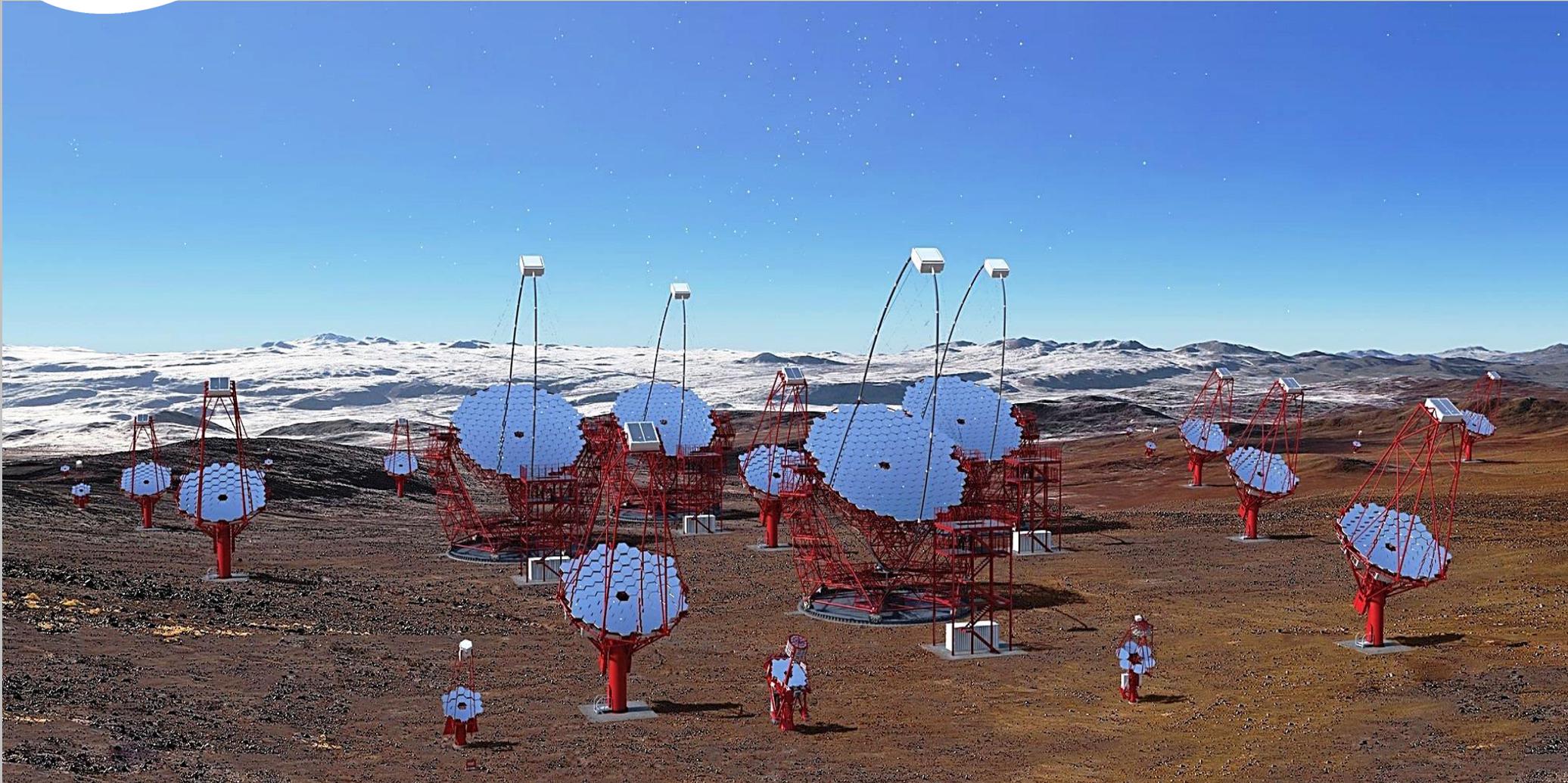
Cerro Armazones  
ELT

Proposed Site for the  
Cherenkov Telescope Array

Cerro Paranal  
Very Large Telescope



# Artist's vision of CTA-South in Chile



**Artist's vision of CTA-South, with different small-, medium-, and large-size telescopes**

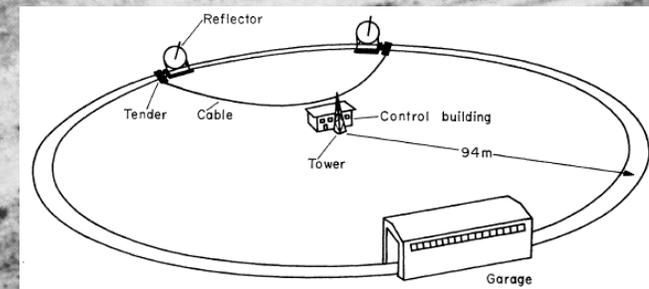
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# **Intensity interferometry**

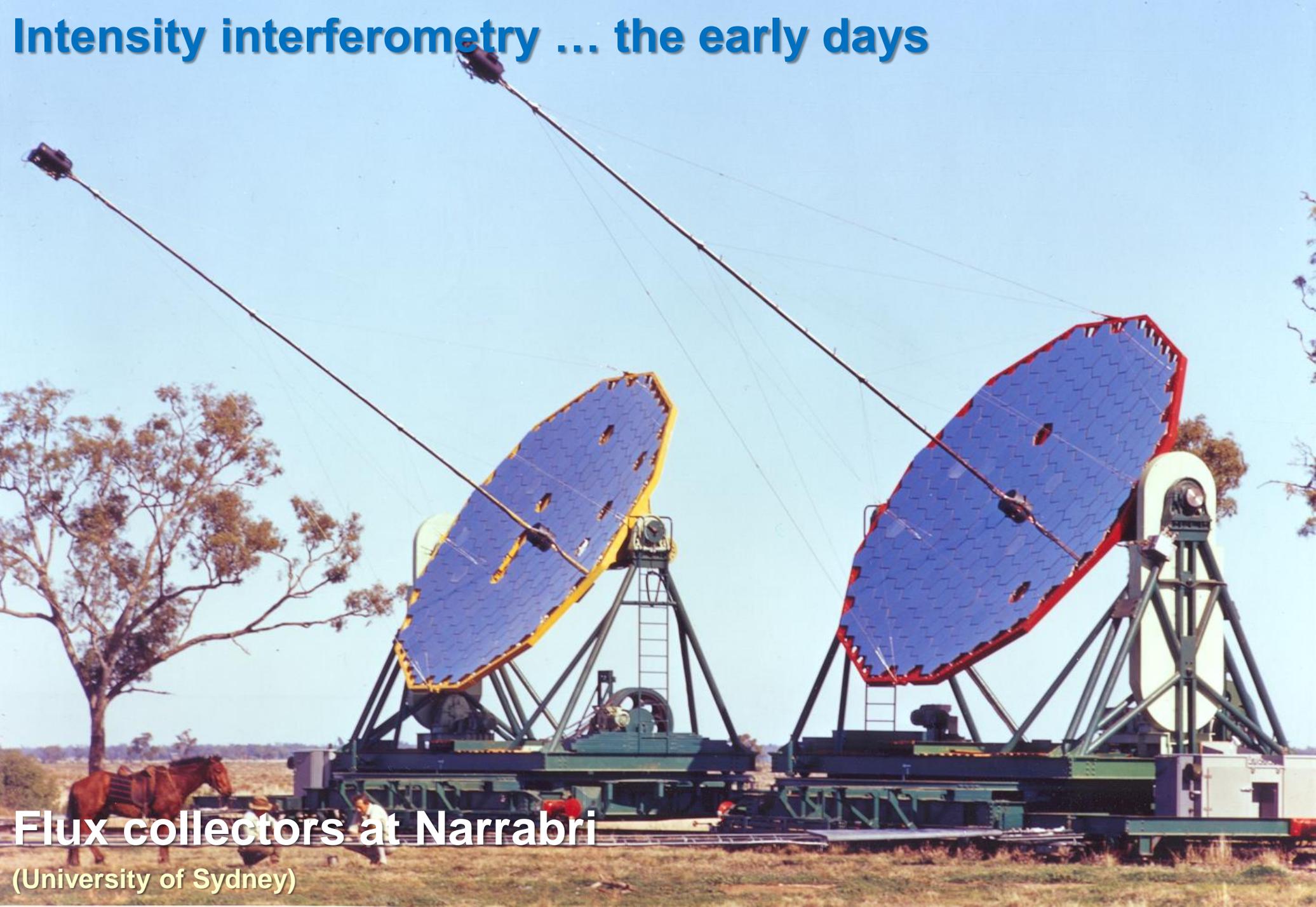
# Intensity interferometry ... the early days

## Narrabri observatory with its circular railway track

R.Hanbury Brown: *BOFFIN. A Personal Story of the Early Days of Radar, Radio Astronomy and Quantum Optics* (1991)



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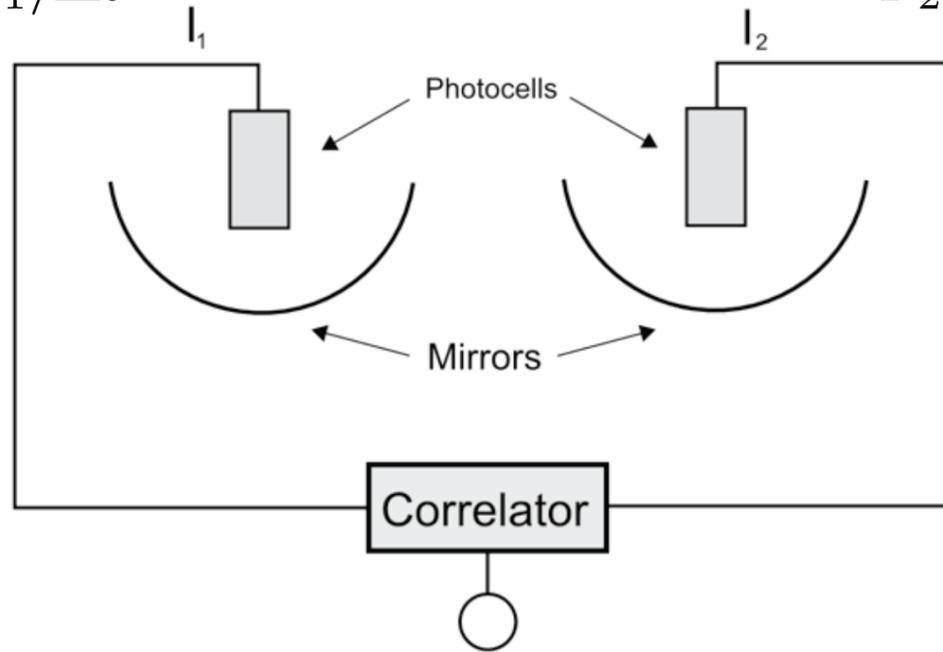


Flux collectors at Narrabri  
(University of Sydney)

# INTENSITY INTERFEROMETRY

$$P_1 = \alpha_1 \langle I_1 \rangle \Delta t$$

$$P_2 = \alpha_2 \langle I_2 \rangle \Delta t$$



$$P_{12} = \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \langle I_1 \rangle \langle I_2 \rangle (1 + |\gamma_{12}|^2) \Delta t^2$$

↑  
Photon clumping

## PHOTON CORRELATIONS\*

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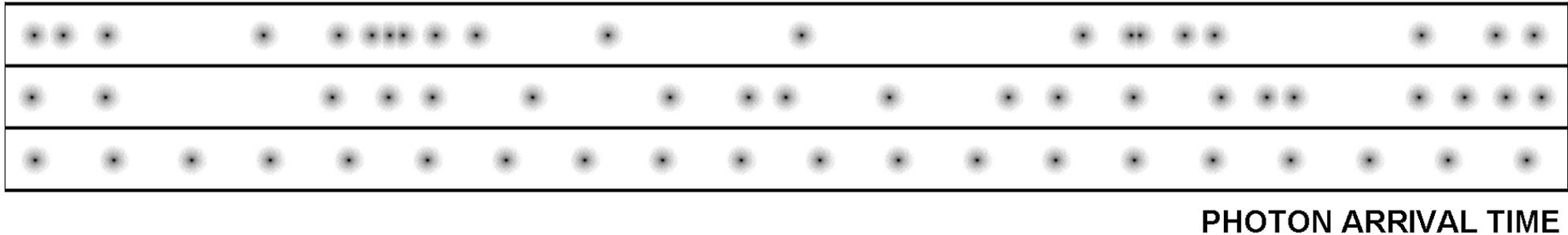
(Received 27 December 1962)

In 1956 Hanbury Brown and Twiss<sup>1</sup> reported that the photons of a light beam of narrow spectral width have a tendency to arrive in correlated pairs. We have developed general quantum mechanical methods for the investigation of such correlation effects and shall present here results for the distribution of the number of photons counted in an incoherent beam. The fact that photon correlations are enhanced by narrowing the spectral bandwidth has led to a prediction<sup>2</sup> of large-scale correlations to be observed in the beam of an optical maser. We shall indicate that this prediction is misleading and follows from an inappropriate model of the maser beam. In considering these problems we shall outline

a method of describing the photon field which appears particularly well suited to the discussion of experiments performed with light beams, whether coherent or incoherent.

The correlations observed in the photoionization processes induced by a light beam were given a simple semiclassical explanation by Purcell,<sup>3</sup> who made use of the methods of microwave noise theory. More recently, a number of papers have been written examining the correlations in considerably greater detail. These papers<sup>2,4-6</sup> retain the assumption that the electric field in a light beam can be described as a classical Gaussian stochastic process. In actuality, the behavior of the photon field is considerably more

# PHOTON STATISTICS



**Top: Bunched photons (Bose-Einstein; 'quantum-random')**

**Center: Antibunched photons (like fermions)**

**Bottom: Coherent and uniformly spaced (like ideal laser)**

After R. Loudon: *The Quantum Theory of Light* (2000)

***Roy Glauber***

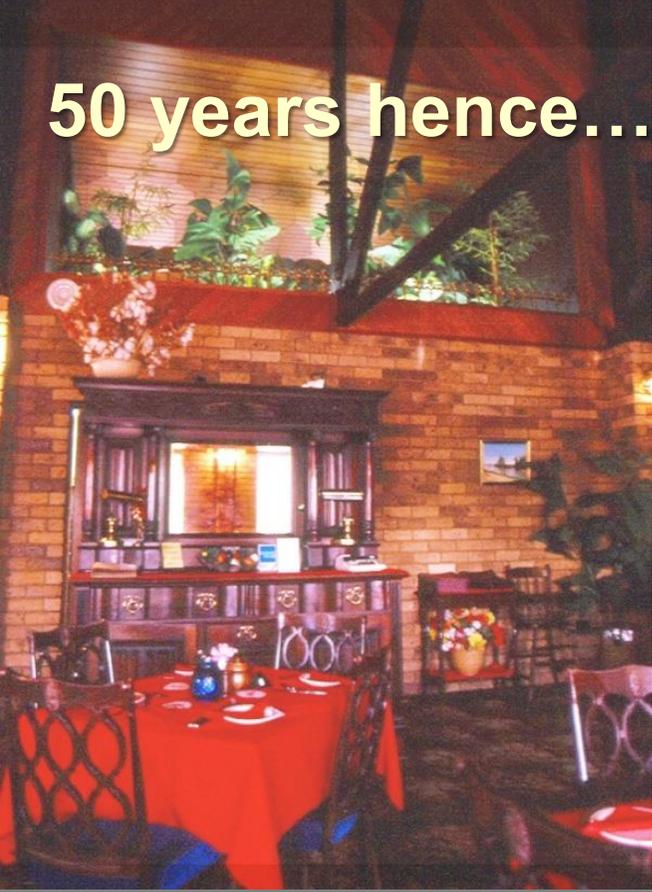
**Nobel prize in physics**

**Stockholm, December 2005**



**"For his contribution to the  
quantum theory of optical coherence"**

50 years hence...



*Sic transit gloria mundi...*

Motel restaurant and bar in Narrabri,  
its wall covered with mirrors from the  
former observatory.

Photos: Dainis Dravins

**Astronomy out ...  
particle physics in**

# PARTICLE PHYSICS

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PHYSICAL REVIEW

VOLUME 120, NUMBER 1

OCTOBER 1, 1960

## Influence of Bose-Einstein Statistics on the Antiproton-Proton Annihilation Process\*

GERSON GOLDHABER, SULAMITH GOLDHABER, WONYONG LEE, AND ABRAHAM PAIS†

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(Received May 16, 1960)

Recent observations of angular distributions of  $\pi$  mesons in  $\bar{p}$ - $p$  annihilation indicate a deviation from the predictions of the usual Fermi statistical model. In order to shed light on these phenomena, a modification of the statistical model is studied. We retain the assumption that the transition rate into a given final state is proportional to the probability of finding  $N$  free  $\pi$  mesons in the reaction volume, but express this probability in terms of wave functions symmetrized with respect to particles of like charge. The justification of this assumption is discussed. The model reproduces the experimental results qualitatively, provided the radius of the interaction volume is between one-half and three-fourths of the pion Compton wavelength; the depend-

ence of angular correlation effects on the value of the radius is rather sensitive. Quantitatively, there seems to remain some discrepancy, but we cannot say whether this is due to experimental uncertainties or to some other dynamic effects. In the absence of information on  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions and of a fully satisfactory explanation of the mean pion multiplicity for annihilation, we wish to emphasize the preliminary nature of our results. We consider them, however, as an indication that the symmetrization effects discussed here may well play a major role in the analysis of angular distributions. It is pointed out that in this respect the energy dependence of the angular correlations may provide valuable clues for the validity of our model.

## HBT Interferometry: Historical Perspective

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Received on 15 December, 2004

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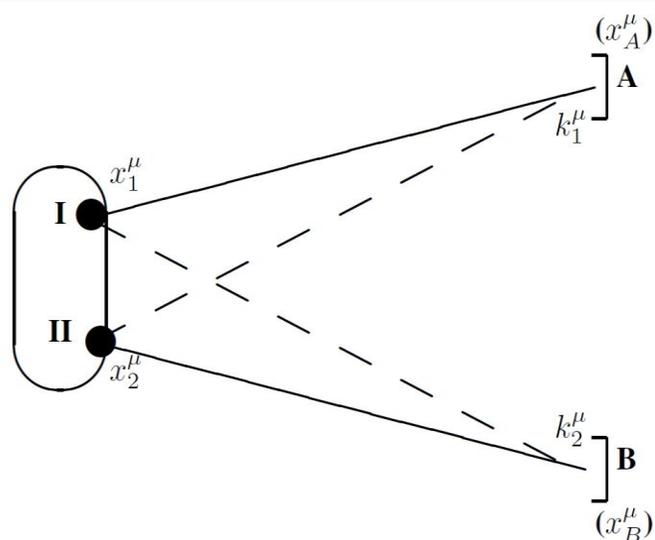


Figure 3. Simplified picture: two point sources, I and II, emit quanta considered as plane waves, which are observed in detectors A and B, respectively, with momenta  $k_1^\mu$  and  $k_2^\mu$ . Since the quanta are indistinguishable, there are two possible combinations for this observation, illustrated by the two continuous and the two dashed lines.

## 1.2 GGLP

In 1959, Goldhaber, Goldhaber, Lee and Pais performed an experiment at the Bevalac/LBL, in Berkeley, CA, USA, aiming at the discovery of the  $\rho^0$  resonance[4]. In the experiment, they considered  $\bar{p}p$  collisions, at 1.05 GeV/c. They were searching for the resonance by means of the decay  $\rho^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$ , by measuring the unlike pair,  $\pi^+\pi^-$ , mass-distribution and comparing it with the ones for like pairs,  $\pi^\pm\pi^\pm$ . Afterwards, they concluded that there was not enough statistics for establishing the existence of  $\rho^0$ . Nevertheless, they observed an unexpected angular correlation among identical pions! Later, in 1960, they successfully reproduced the empirical angular distribution by a detailed multi- $\pi$  phase-space calculation using symmetrized wave functions for LIKE particles. Being so, they concluded the effect was a consequence of the Bose-Einstein nature of  $\pi^+\pi^+$  and  $\pi^-\pi^-$ . They were not aware of the experiment Hanbury-Brown and Twiss had performed previously. Thus, they had discovered, by chance, the counterpart of the HBT effect in high energy collisions.

# PARTICLE PHYSICS

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### Review of HBT or Bose-Einstein correlations in high energy heavy ion collisions

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**Abstract.** A brief review is given on the discovery and the first five decades of the Hanbury Brown - Twiss effect and its generalized applications in high energy nuclear and particle physics, that includes a meta-review. Interesting and inspiring new directions are also highlighted, including for example source imaging, lepton and photon interferometry, non-Gaussian shape analysis as well as many other new directions. Existing models are compared to two-particle correlation measurements and the so-called RHIC HBT puzzle is resolved. Evidence for a (directional) Hubble flow is presented and the conclusion is confirmed by a successful description of the pseudorapidity dependence of the elliptic flow as measured in Au+Au collisions by the PHOBOS Collaboration.

Annu. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 1992. 42:77-100  
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## HADRONIC INTERFEROMETRY IN HEAVY-ION COLLISIONS

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**KEY WORDS:** intensity interferometry, Hanbury Brown and Twiss effect, two-particle correlation functions, transport theory

### THE PHYSICS OF HANBURY BROWN-TWISS INTENSITY INTERFEROMETRY: FROM STARS TO NUCLEAR COLLISIONS \*

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In the 1950's Hanbury Brown and Twiss showed that one could measure the angular sizes of astronomical radio sources and stars from correlations of signals received from two antennas.

Their subsequent application to the study of photon and neutron quantum statistics in nuclear collisions has become a major area of research. This paper provides a review of the basic physics of HBT interferometry in high energy nuclear collisions and its application to the study of matter at high density and temperature.



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25 May 1995

Physics Letters B 351 (1995) 293-301

### Bose-Einstein effects and W mass determinations

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Editor: R. Gatto

#### Abstract

In  $e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^- \rightarrow q\bar{q}_1 q\bar{q}_2$  events at LEP 2, the two W decay vertices are much closer to each other than typical hadronization distances. Therefore the Bose-Einstein effects, associated with the production of identical bosons (mainly pions), may provide a 'cross-talk' between the  $W^+$  and the  $W^-$  decay products. If so, the observable W masses are likely to be affected. We develop algorithms for the inclusion of Bose-Einstein effects in multi-hadronic events. In this way we can study potential uncertainties in the W mass determination. In some scenarios the effects are significant, so that this source of uncertainty cannot be neglected.

## TWO-PARTICLE CORRELATIONS IN RELATIVISTIC HEAVY-ION COLLISIONS

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■ **Abstract** Two-particle momentum correlations between pairs of identical particles produced in relativistic heavy ion collisions are reviewed.

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### FEMTOSCOPY IN RELATIVISTIC HEAVY ION COLLISIONS: Two Decades of Progress

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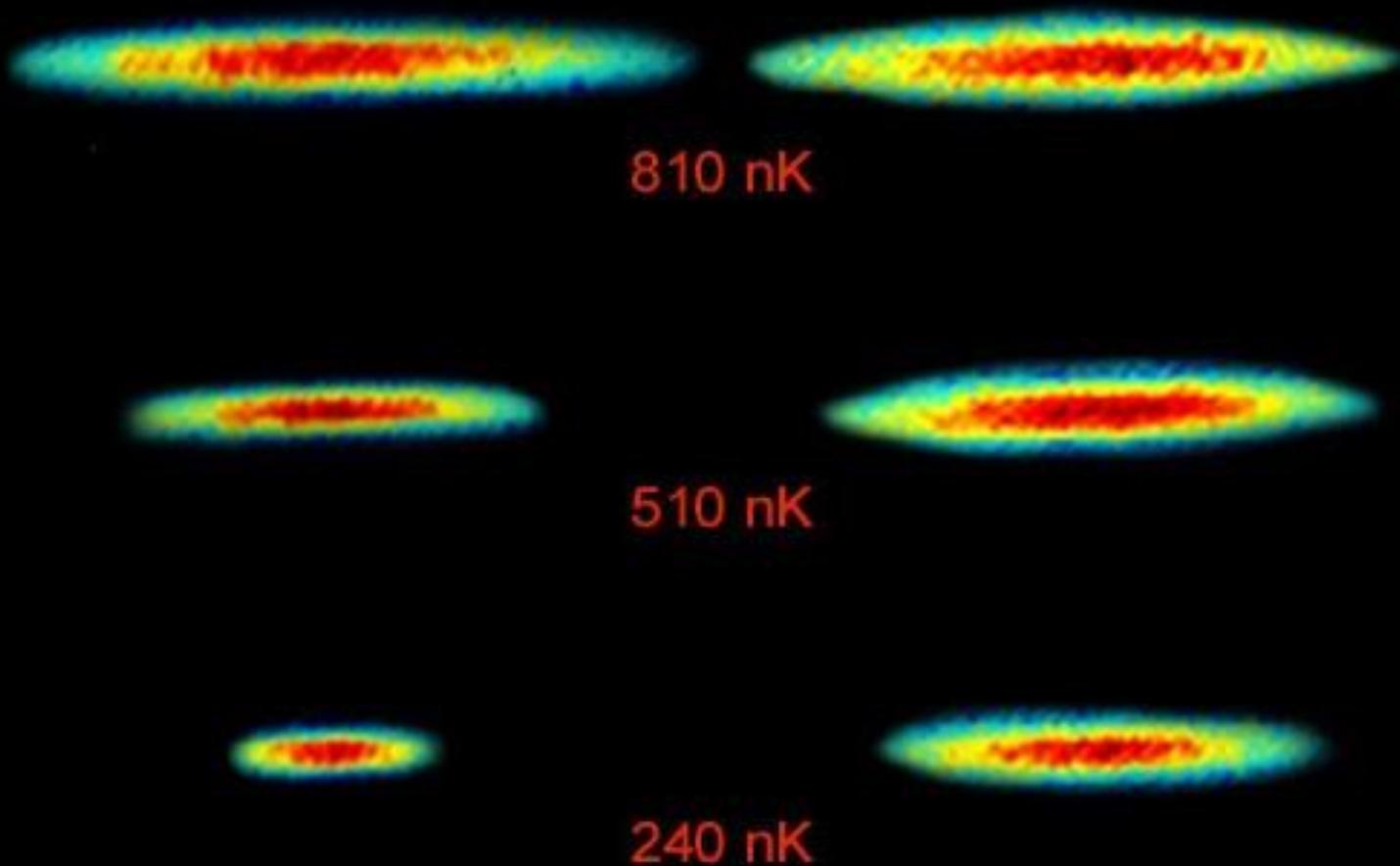
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■ **Abstract** Analyses of two-particle correlations have provided the chief means for determining spatio-temporal characteristics of relativistic heavy ion collisions. We discuss the theoretical formalism behind these studies and the experimental methods used in carrying them out. Recent results from RHIC are put into context in a systematic review of correlation measurements performed over the past two decades. The current understanding of these results is discussed in terms of model comparisons and overall trends.

Bosons

Fermions



**BOSONS BUNCH TOGETHER, FERMIONS DON'T**

*Pauli exclusion principle:*  
Fermions cannot share the same quantum state

**(but bosons can! 😊)**

Bose-Einstein condensates of lithium isotopes;

Left:  ${}^7\text{Li}$  bosons (integer spin)

Right:  ${}^6\text{Li}$  fermions

As temperature drops, bosons bunch together, while fermions keep their distance

Truscott & Hulet (Rice Univ.)

**Back to astronomy ...**

# Intensity interferometry

**Pro:** Time resolution of 10 ns, say, implies 3 m light travel time; no need for more accurate optics nor atmosphere.

**Permitted error budget is ~meter, not ~wavelength of light!**

**Virtually immune to atmospheric turbulence!!**

**Con:** Require high photometric precision, large flux collectors.

**Method not pursued in astronomy since numerous large and widely spread telescopes have not been available.**

# Proposed configurations of the Cherenkov Telescope Array

Image: G.Pérez, IAC

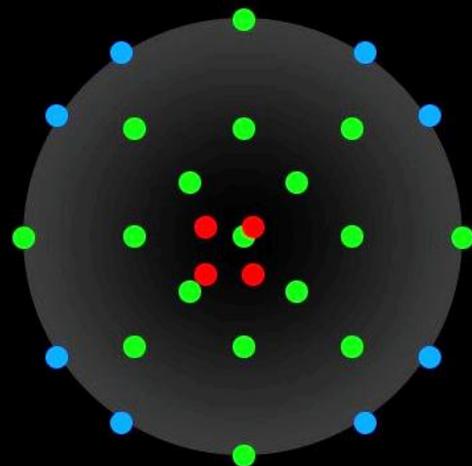
## CTA - North

## CTA - South

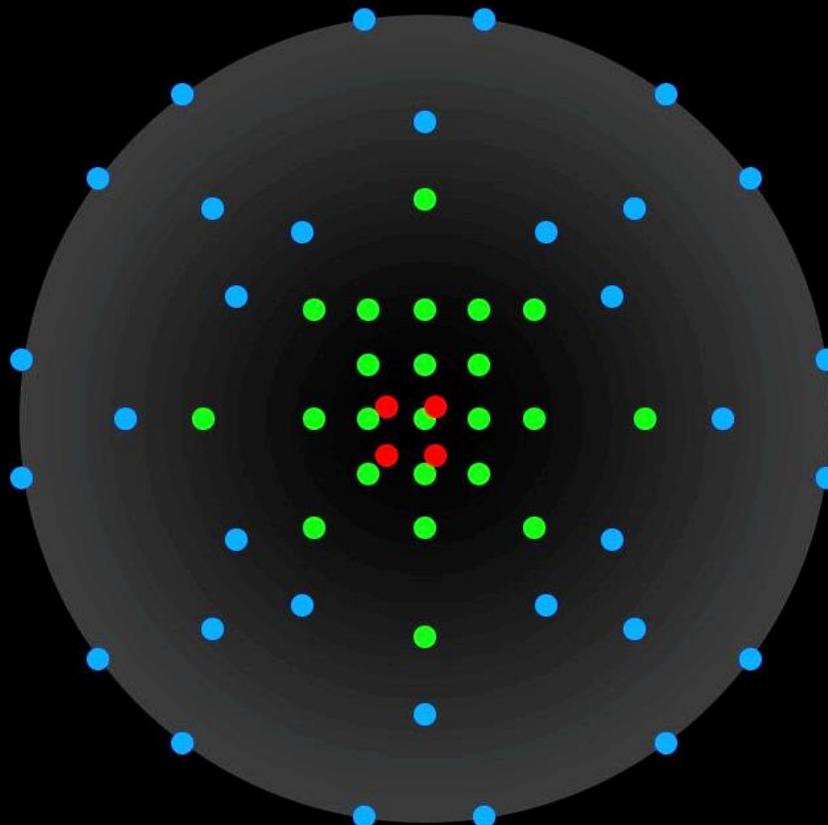
**LST**  
24 m

**MST**  
12 m

**SST**  
6 m



1 km<sup>2</sup>



3 km<sup>2</sup>

# Software telescopes in radio and the optical



LOFAR

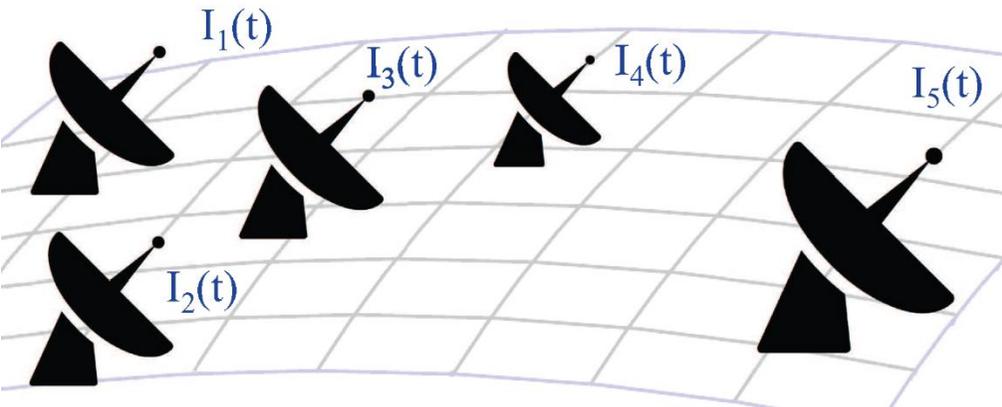


LOFAR low-band antennas at Onsala Space Observatory

## Low-frequency radio waves, ~100 MHz

Many antennas, huge data flows.  
Radio-wave amplitude sampled 12 bits deep.  
Spectral resolution ~1 kHz, bandwidth 32 MHz.  
Measures first-order coherence.  
Large, central on-line data processing facility.

## Optical Intensity Interferometer



## Low-frequency optical fluctuations, ~100 MHz

Many telescopes, moderate data flows.  
Photon counts recorded (1 bit).  
Spectral resolution by optical filters.  
Measures second-order coherence.  
On-line or off-line data processing.

# Laboratory & field experiments

Verify operation of an  
intensity interferometer;  
understand detector properties,  
issues in data handling



## *VERITAS telescopes at Basecamp, Arizona*

### *Site of first full-scale tests of digital intensity interferometry*

- \* Digitally correlated pairs of 12-m telescopes*
- \* Photon rates >30 MHz per telescope*
- \* Real-time cross correlation,  $\Delta t = 1.6$  ns*

(D.Dravins & S.LeBohec, Proc. SPIE 6986)





# STAR BASE UTAH (near Salt Lake City)

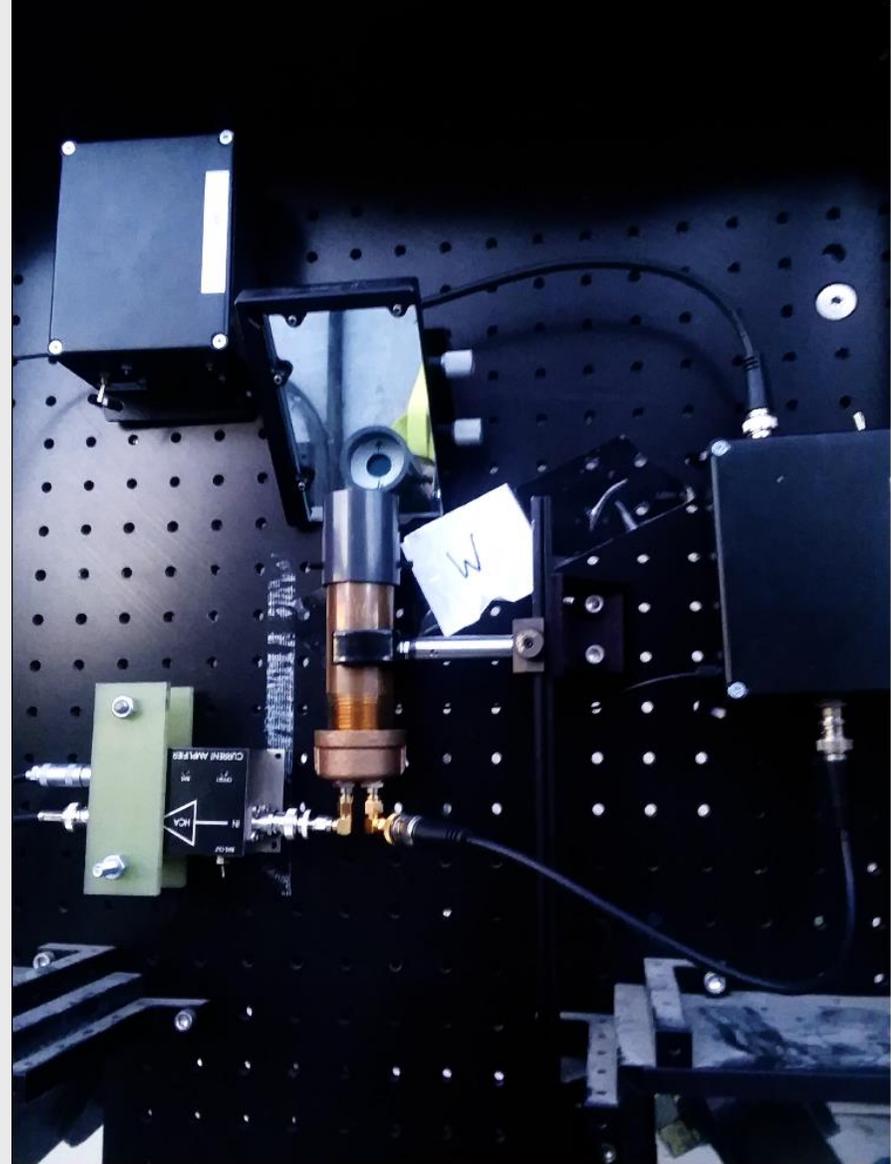
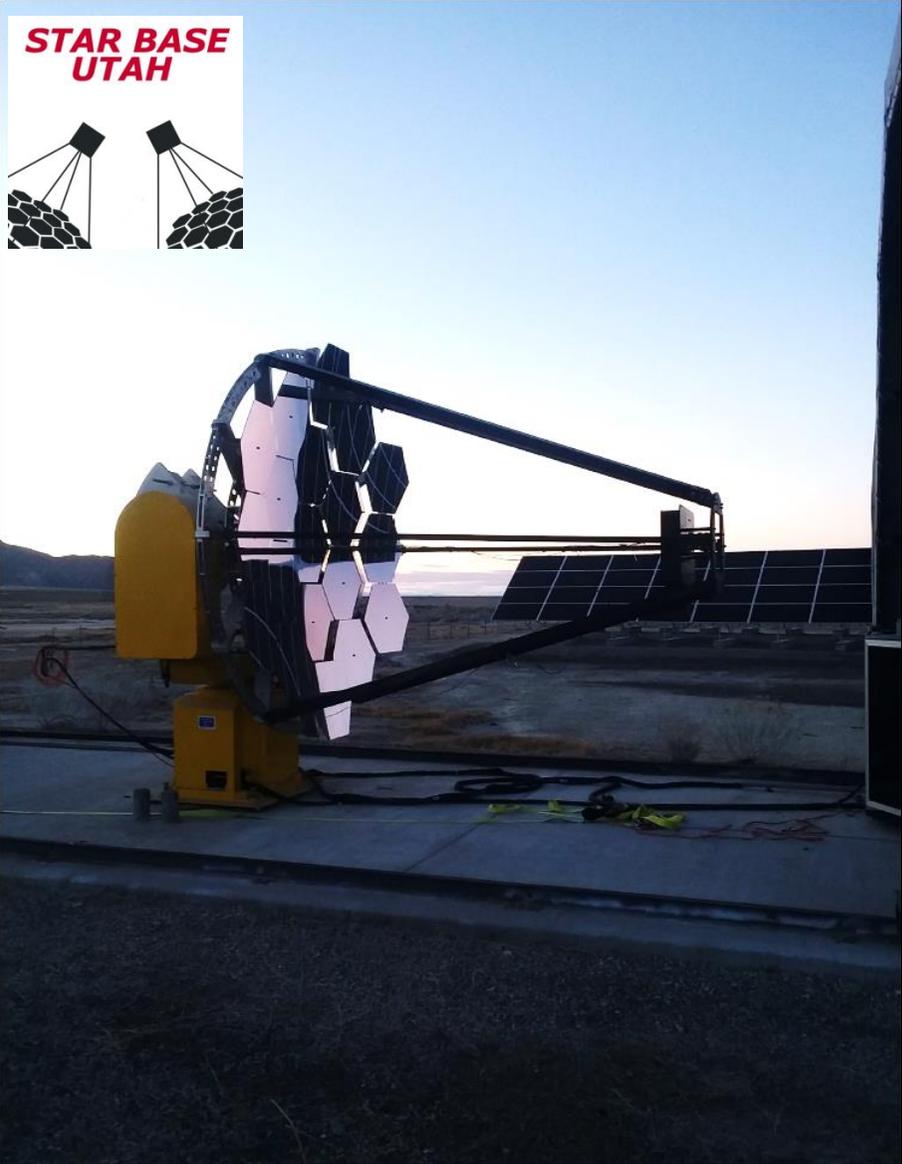
Testbed for intensity interferometry  
& Cherenkov telescope instrumentation



The StarBase 3 m Cherenkov telescopes are protected by buildings which can be rolled open for observation. The control room is located between the two telescopes.

D.Dravins, S.LeBohec, H.Jensen, P.D.Nuñez:

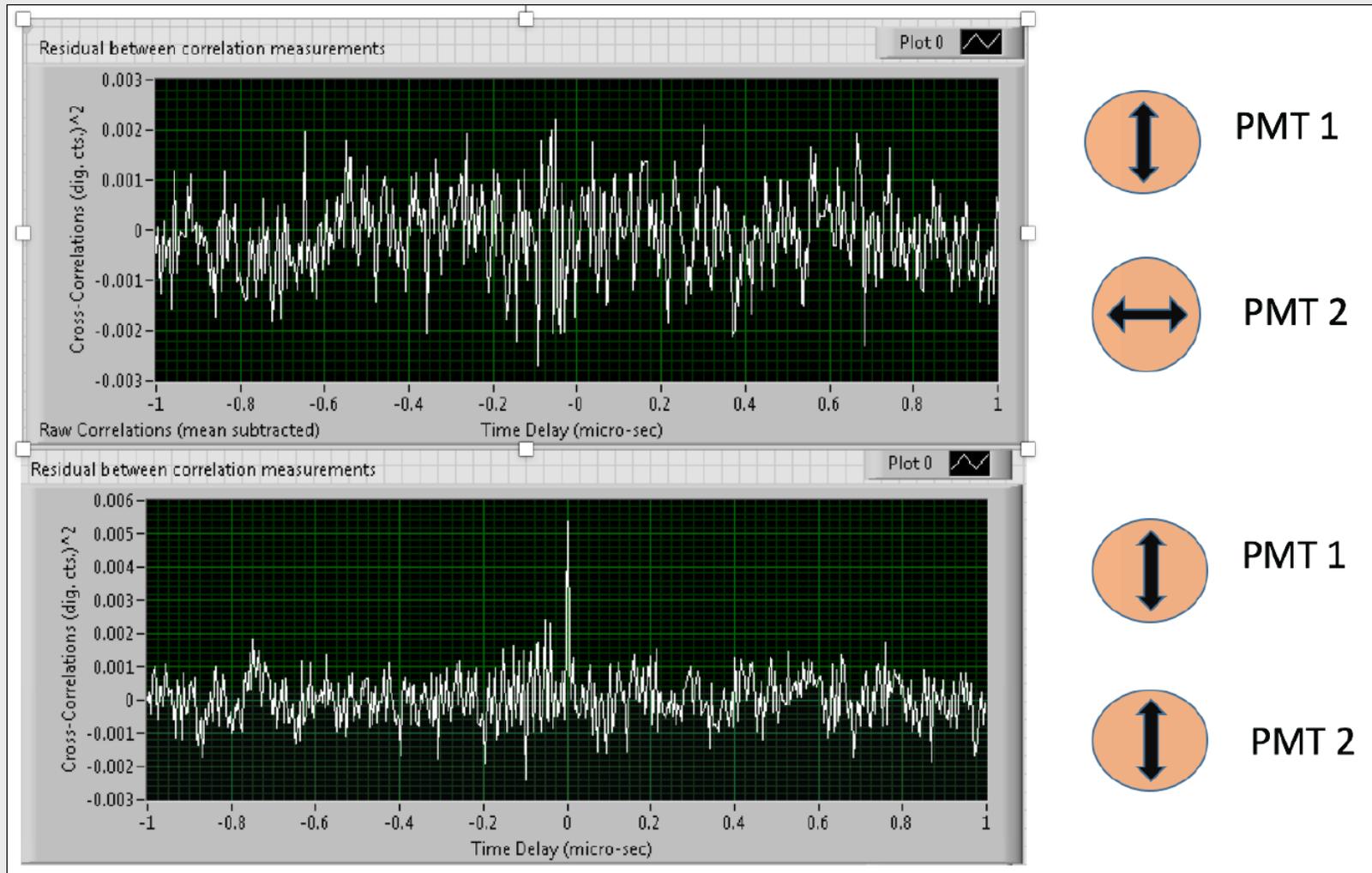
*Stellar Intensity Interferometry: Prospects for sub-milliarcsecond optical imaging*, New Astron. Rev. **56**, 143 (2012)



**Left: One of the StarBase telescopes, having 19 hexagonal mirror facets with total diameter of 3 m. Right: Light is detected by the intensity interferometry camera consisting of a single PMT 'pixel'**

N.Matthews, O.Clarke, S.Snow, S.LeBohec, D.Kieda  
*Implementation of an intensity interferometry system on the StarBase observatory*  
SPIE Proc. **10701**, 107010W (2018)

# Intensity fluctuations in polarized light



**Temporal coherence from a Hg arc lamp in the laboratory at the University of Utah. Upper plot: Non-correlation with perpendicular polarizations. Lower: Observed 2-photon correlation with parallel polarizer configuration.**

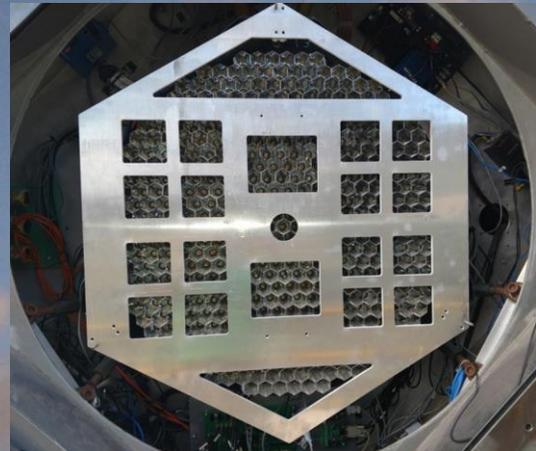
D.Kieda, N.Matthews

*Stellar intensity interferometric capabilities of IACT arrays*

*Proc.Science*, arXiv:1709.03956 (2017)



# *VERITAS Cherenkov telescope on Mt. Hopkins, Arizona*



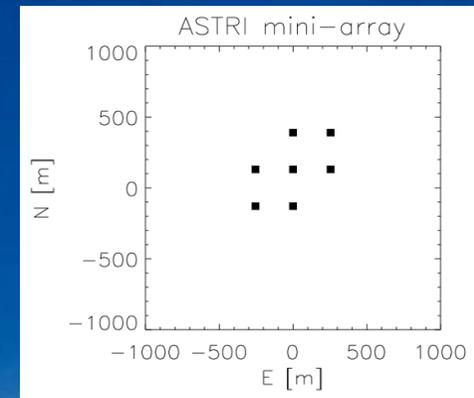
**Camera baseplate for interferometry**  
(David Kieda, Univ. of Utah, Sept. 2018)



# ASTRI\* small-size telescope array

To be set up the CTA Southern site

Telescope spacing  $\sim 250$  m (drawing here not to scale),  
well suitable for intensity interferometry

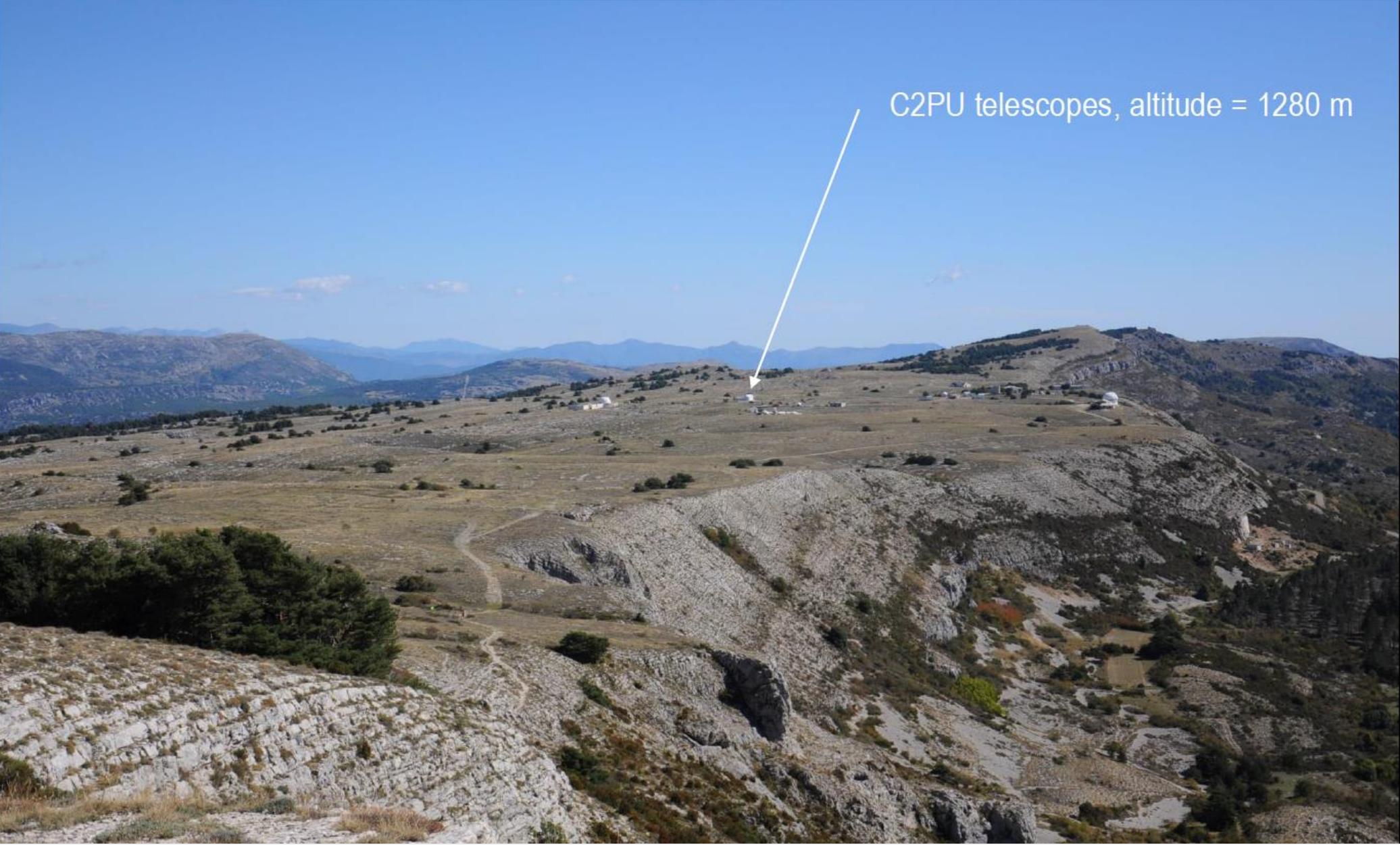


*\*Astrofisica con Specchi a Tecnologia Replicante Italiana*

Luca Zampieri, Gabriele Rodeghiero, Giampiero Naletto, for the ASTRI collaboration

# Plateau de Calern, Observatoire de la Côte d'Azur

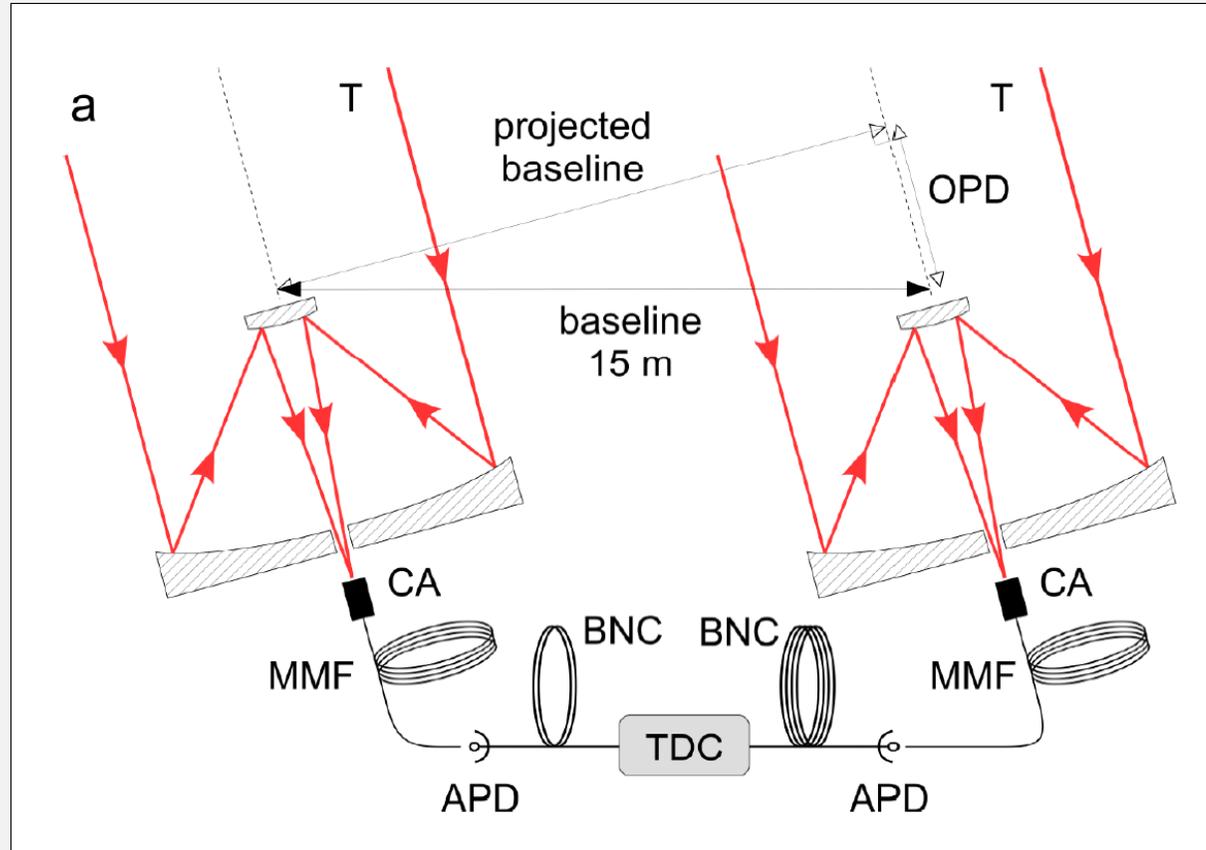
C2PU telescopes, altitude = 1280 m



# Twin 1-m telescopes – *Omicron & Epsilon*, Plateau de Calern, Observatoire de la Côte d'Azur

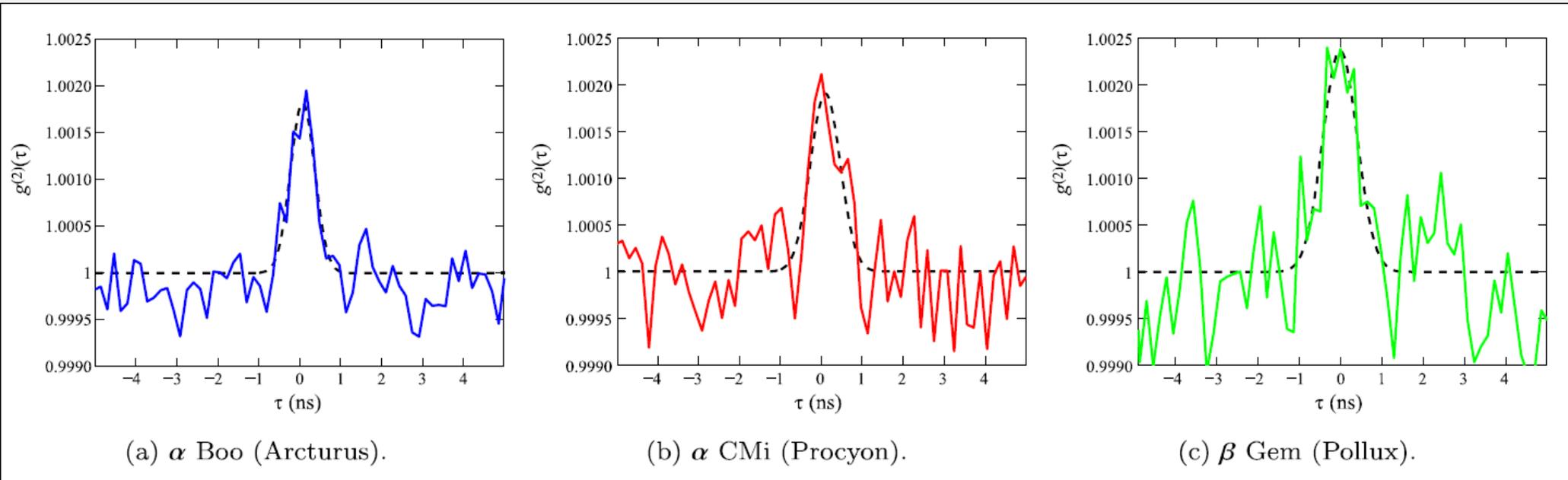


# Measuring stellar intensity correlations between 1-m telescopes on Plateau de Calern



Starlight is collected by two 1-m telescopes and fed into multimode optical fibers (MMF) to an avalanche photodiode (APD), followed by a time-to-digital converter (TDC).

# Photon bunching (intensity correlations) measured on one 1-m telescope

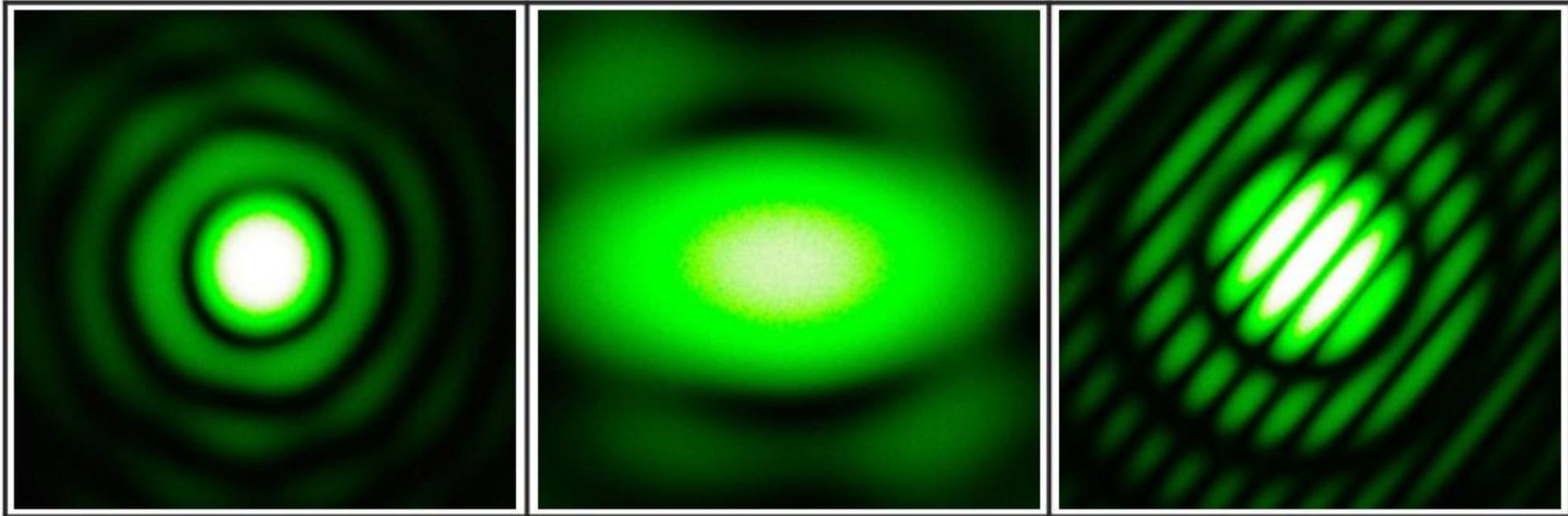


Temporal intensity correlation measured for three different stars. Gaussian fits are dashed.

# Laboratory simulations

End-to-end operation of intensity interferometry in the laboratory: artificial stars; telescope array; photon-counting detectors; reconstructed images.

# Artificial stars in laboratory intensity interferometer



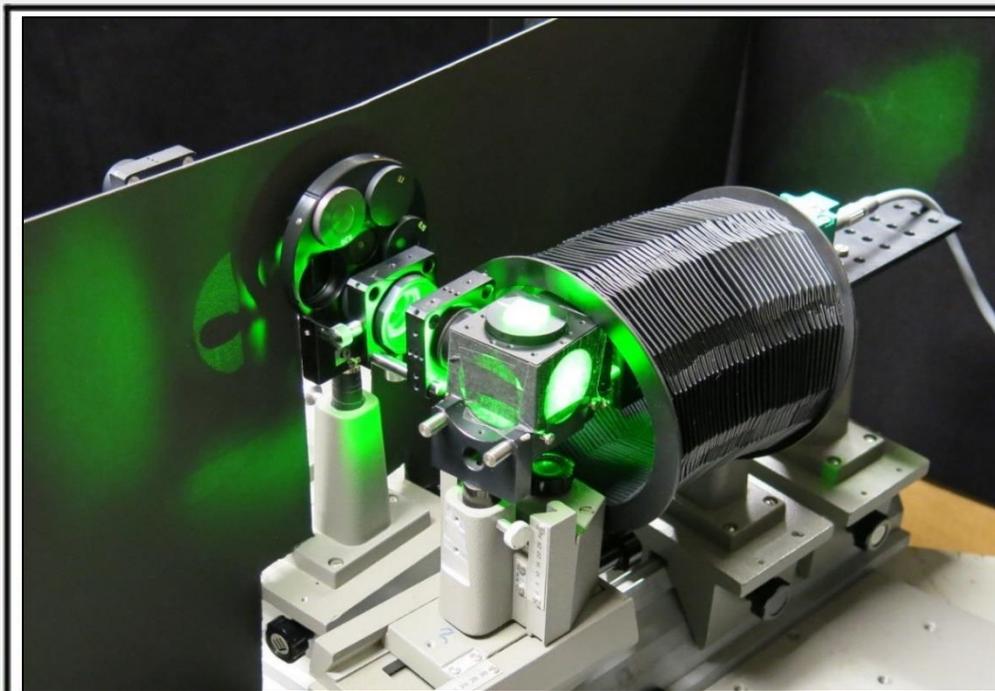
Diffraction patterns with laser light show the [squared] Fourier transforms of some artificial 'stars'. Circular single star; elliptic small single star; binary with equal components. Image widths correspond to ~70 cm in the telescope plane and such baselines are required to retrieve these patterns.

(D.Dravins, T.Lagadec, P.Nuñez, *Astron.Astrophys.* **580**, A99, 2015)

# **How to make an artificial star ?**

**S/N in intensity interferometry depends not only on instrumentation but also on the source brightness temperature**

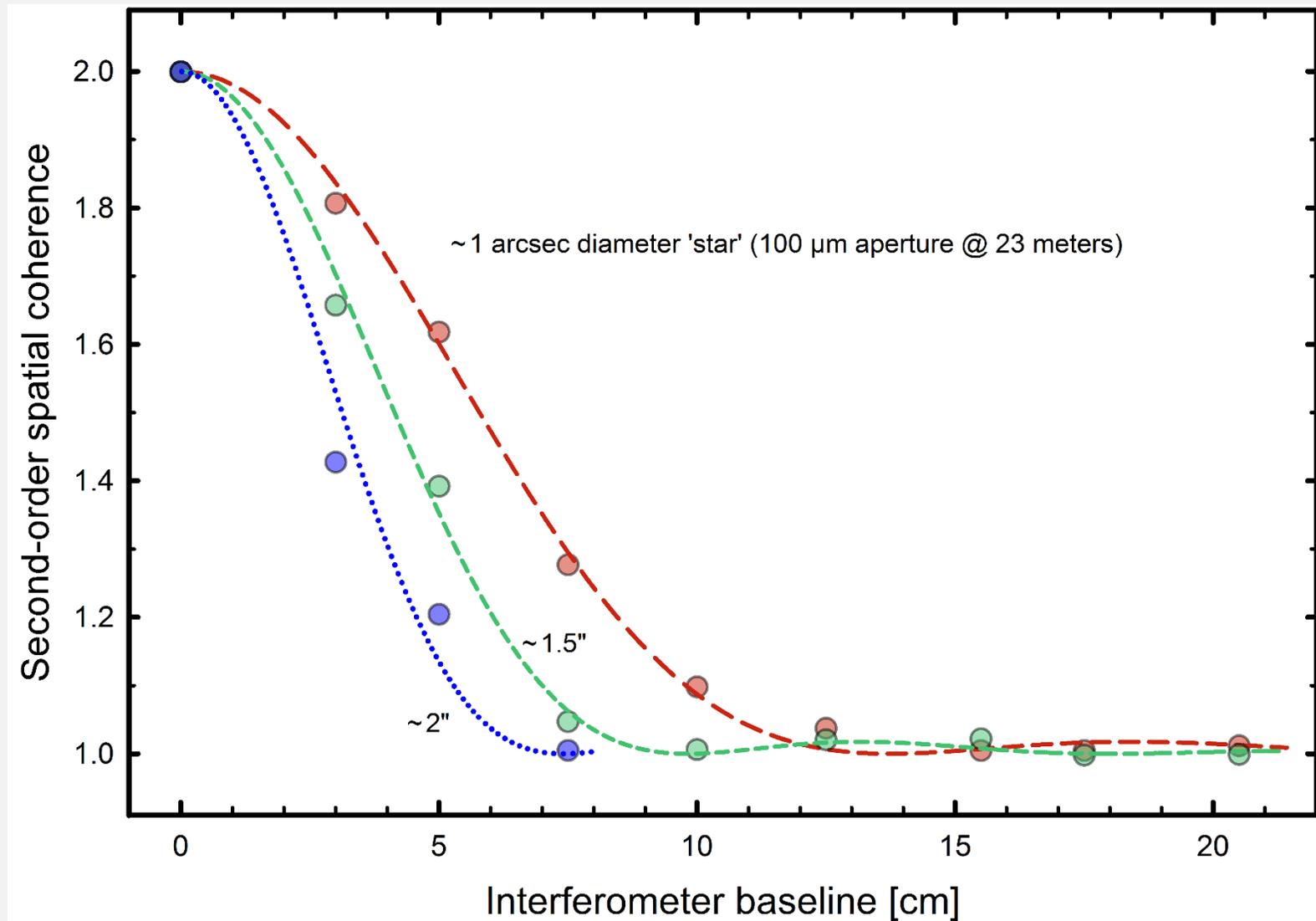
# Laboratory Intensity Interferometer (Lund Observatory)



**Left:** Light from a 300 mW  $\lambda$  532 nm laser is randomized through scattering against microscopic particles in a square-top cuvette and focused by a condenser onto artificial 'stars', being apertures in a rotatable holder. **Right:** The 'stars' are observed by an array of small telescopes, each with a photon-counting SPAD detector. 2-D coverage is achieved by rotating the asymmetric source relative to the plane of the telescopes.

(D.Dravins, T.Lagadec, P.Nuñez, *Astron.Astrophys.* **580**, A99, 2015)

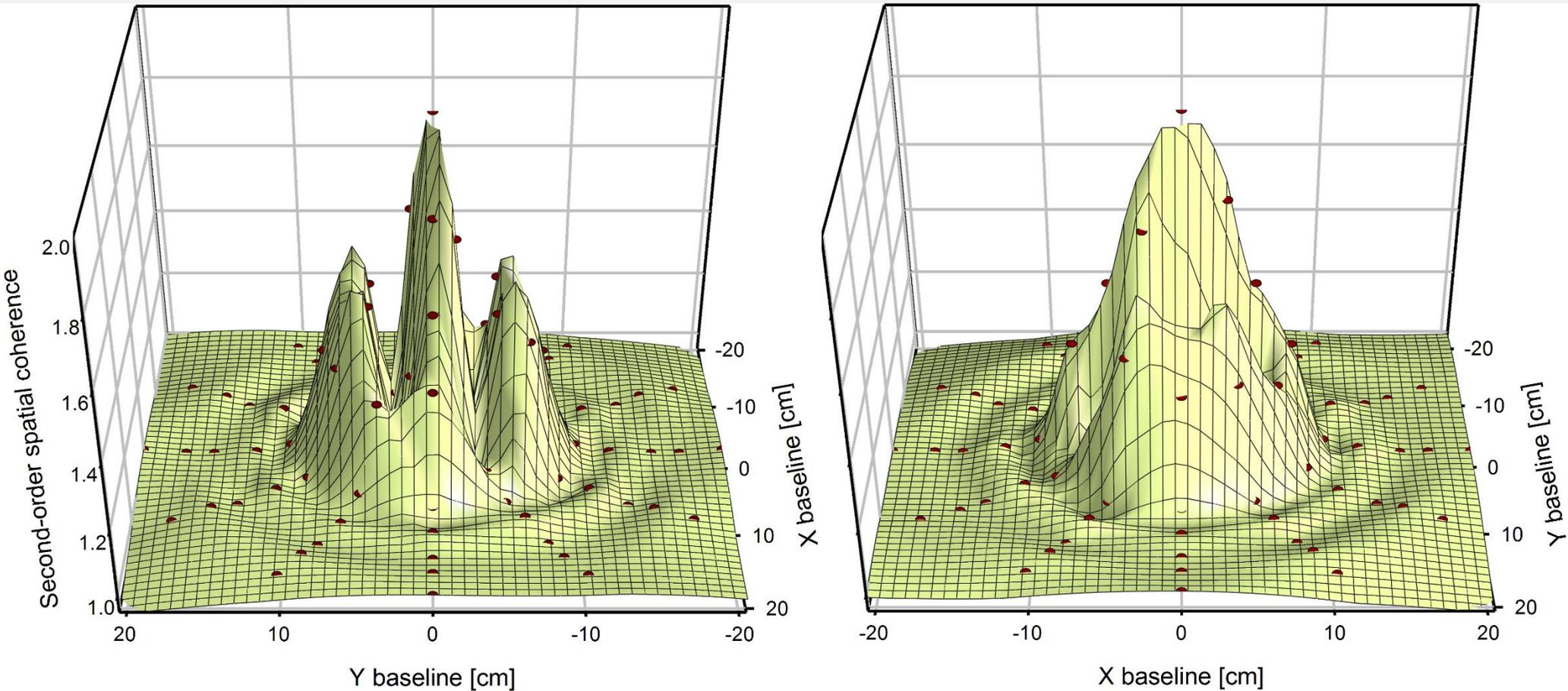
# Laboratory intensity interferometry with few baselines



Second-order coherence  $g(2)$  measured for artificial single stars of different angular sizes. Superposed are Airy functions for circular apertures (squared moduli of the Fourier transforms).

(D.Dravins, T.Lagadec, P.Nuñez, *Astron.Astrophys.* **580**, A99, 2015)

# Laboratory intensity interferometry with many baselines

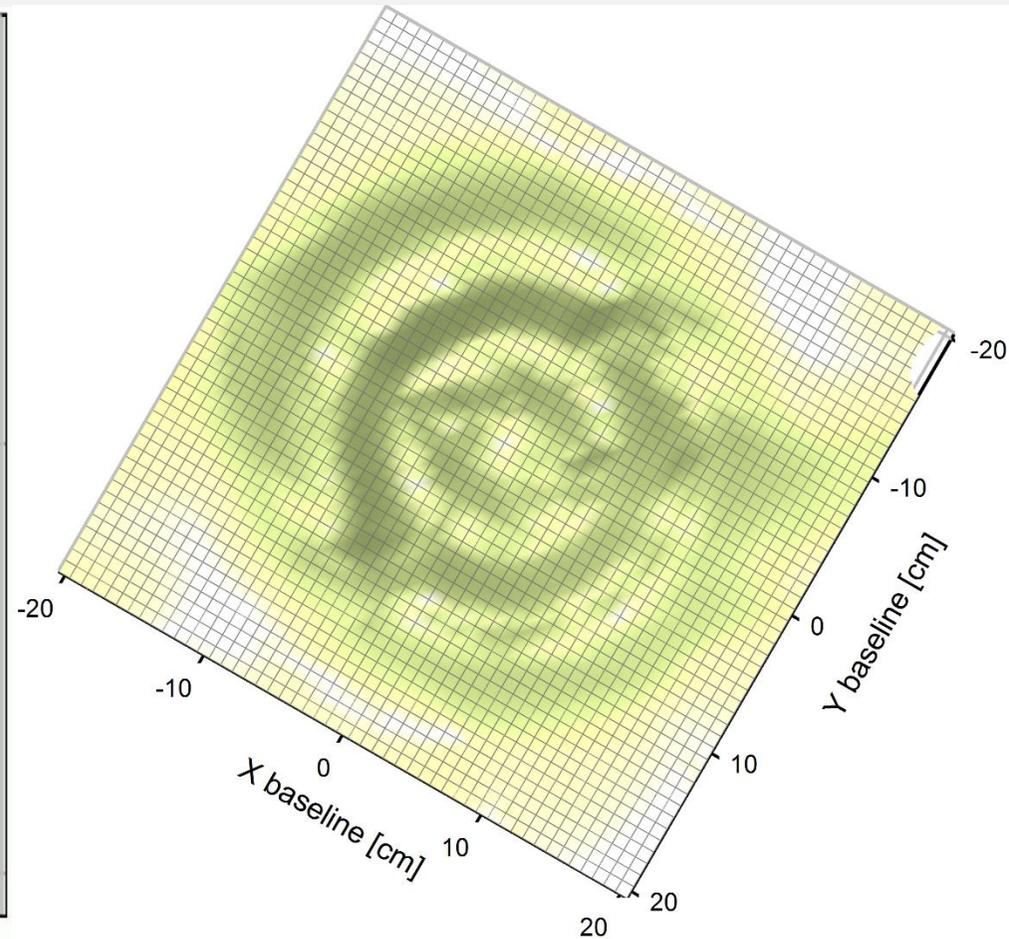
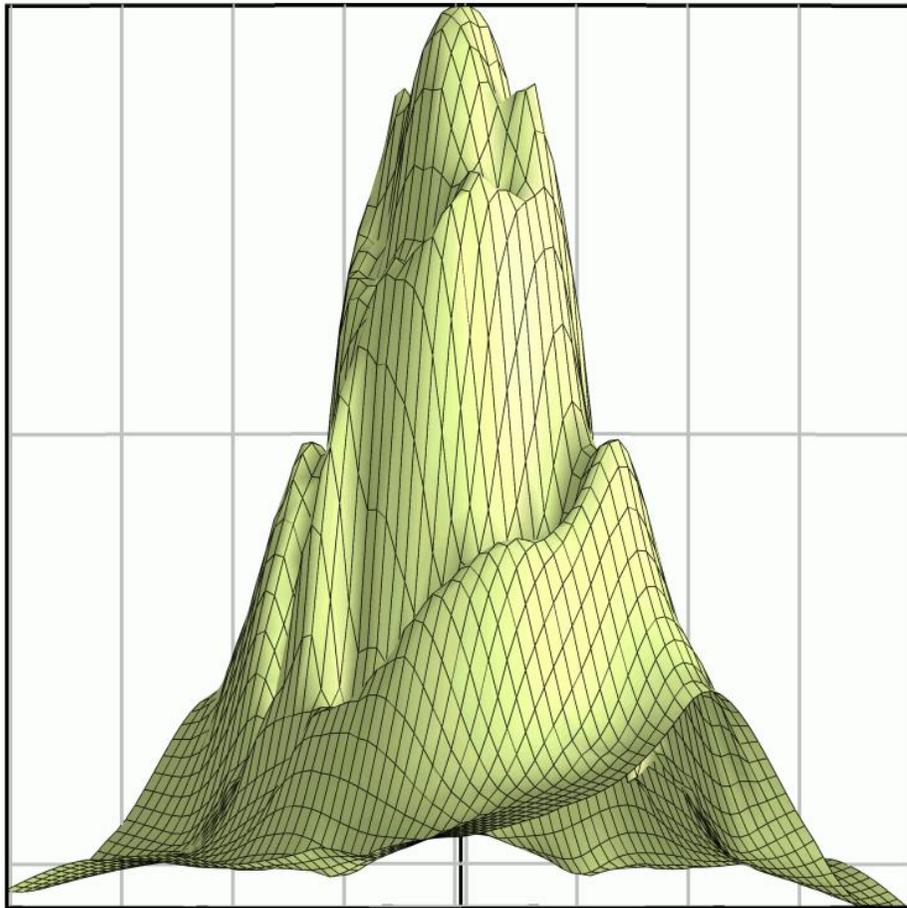


Second-order coherence  $g(2)$  for an artificial binary star with each component of diameter  $\sim 1$  arcsec.

This coherence surface was produced from intensity correlations measured across 60 different non-redundant baselines, illustrating how a telescope array fills in the interferometric plane. The central maxima (left) indicate the binary separation while the symmetric rings reveal the size of individual stars.

(D.Dravins, T.Lagadec, P.Nuñez, *Astron.Astrophys.* **580**, A99, 2015)

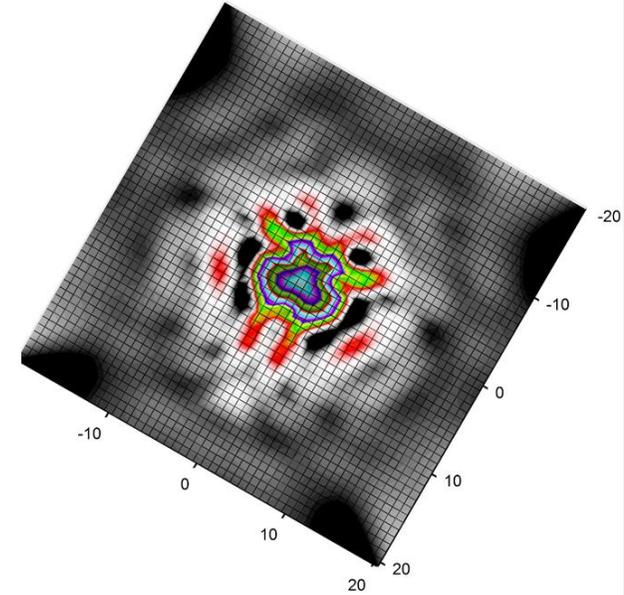
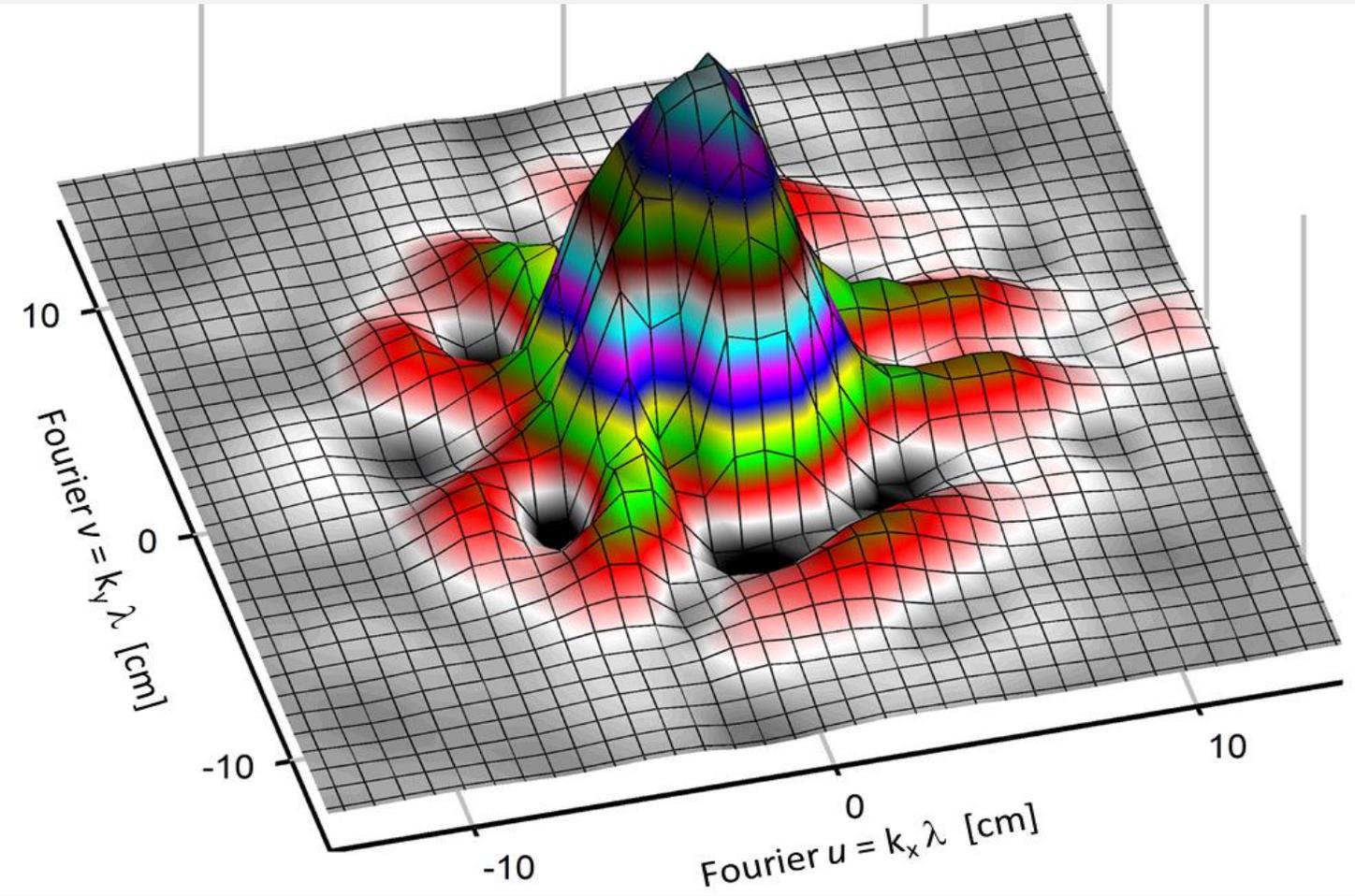
# Laboratory intensity interferometry with 100 baselines



Intensity interferometry measurements with 100 different telescopic baselines. The data largely fill the interferometric  $(u,v)$ -plane of the second-order coherence  $g(2)$  for an artificial star, somewhat irregular and elliptic, with angular extent just below 1 arcsecond. At right, the projection of the 3-D mesh is oriented straight down, showing [the modulus of] the source's Fourier transform ('diffraction pattern').

(D.Dravins & T.Lagadec, Proc. SPIE **9146**, 2014)

# Laboratory intensity interferometry with 180 baselines



Measured second-order spatial coherence  $g^{(2)}$  from intensity interferometry over 180 telescopic baselines. The source is an artificial binary star with differently large components. The structure corresponds to the pattern that would be produced by coherent light undergoing diffraction in a corresponding aperture.

(D.Dravins, T.Lagadec, P.Nuñez, *Astron.Astrophys.* **580**, A99, 2015)

# Image reconstruction

Second-order coherence  $g^{(2)}$

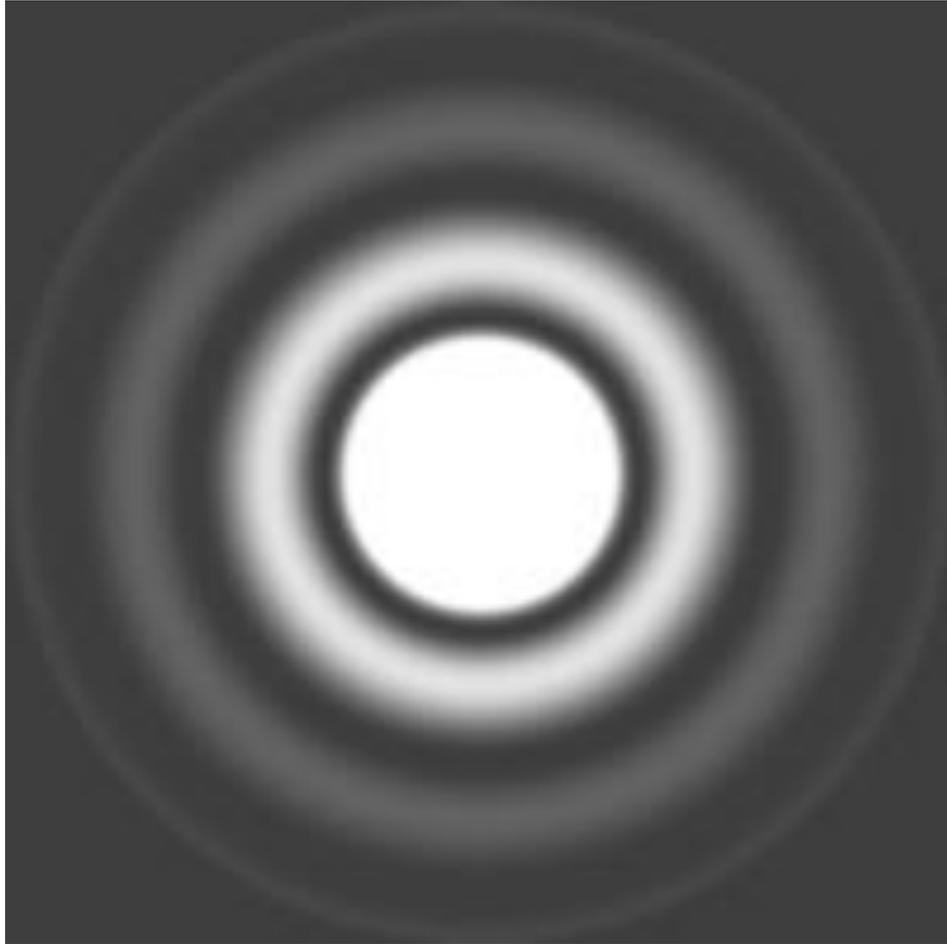
$$g^{(2)}(\tau) = 1 + |g^{(1)}(\tau)|^2$$

Does not retain phase information,  
*direct* image reconstruction not possible.

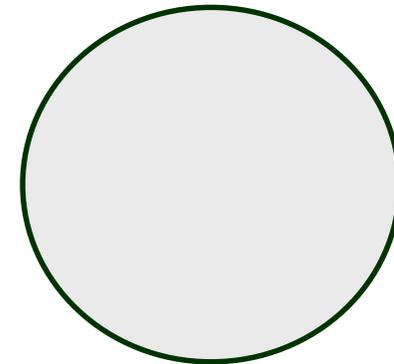
Imaging requires retrieval of  
Fourier phases from amplitudes.

Feasible if dense coverage of (u,v)-plane

# Image reconstruction from intensity interferometry

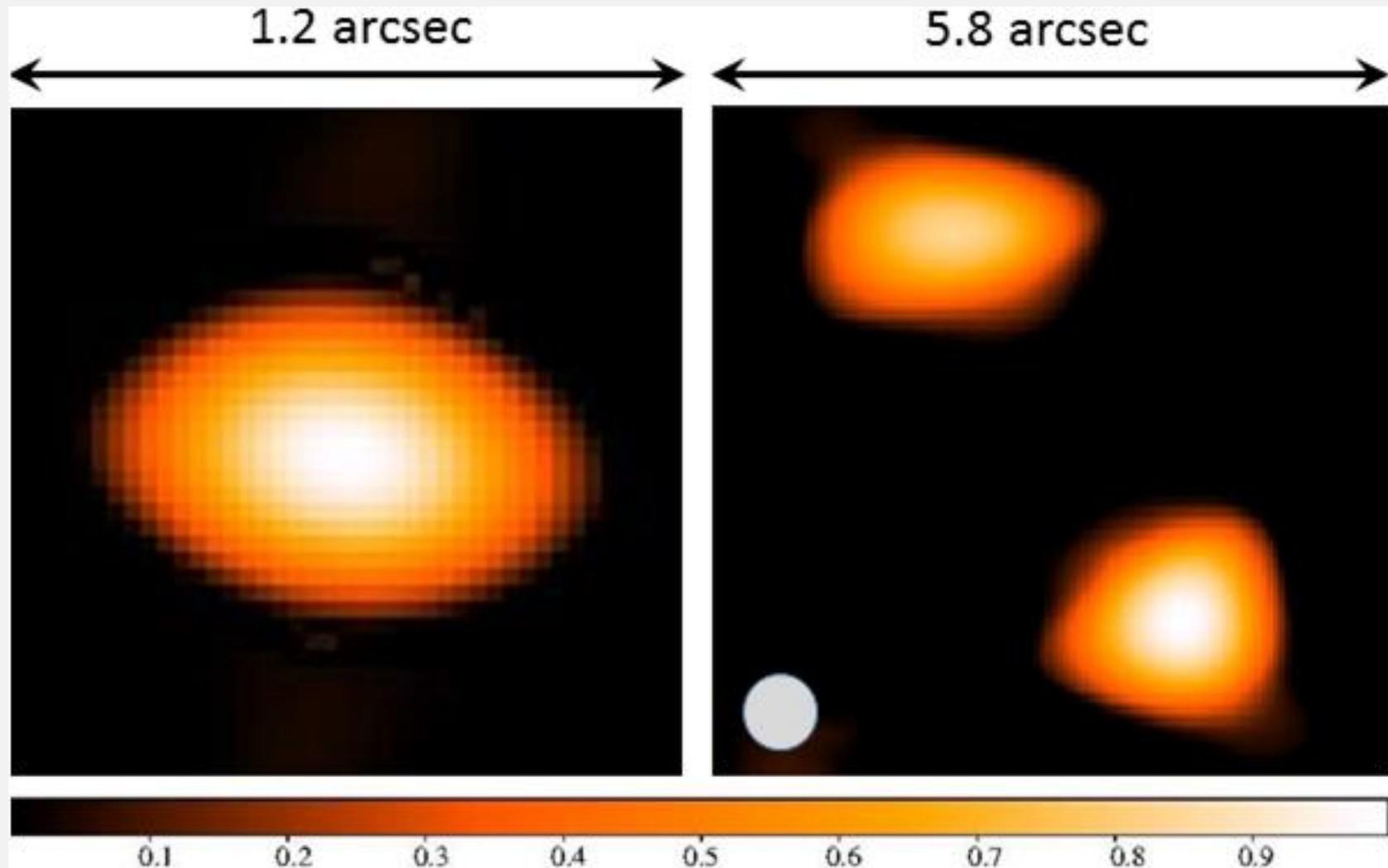


This Airy-disk diffraction pattern is immediately recognized as originating in a circular aperture, although only intensities are recorded.



**Two-dimensional images can be reconstructed without phase information, provided two-dimensional coverage of the  $(u,v)$ -plane is available**

# Image reconstructions from intensity interferometry



Optical images reconstructed from intensity interferometry.  
Measurements with 100 and 180 baselines, of an elliptical 'star', and a binary with brightness ratio 1:4.  
(D.Dravins, T.Lagadec, P.D.Nuñez, *Nature Commun.* **6**, 6852, 2015)

1.2 arcsec

5.8 arcsec

**First diffraction-limited images  
from an array of optical telescopes  
with no optical connections between them**

***... AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE ...***



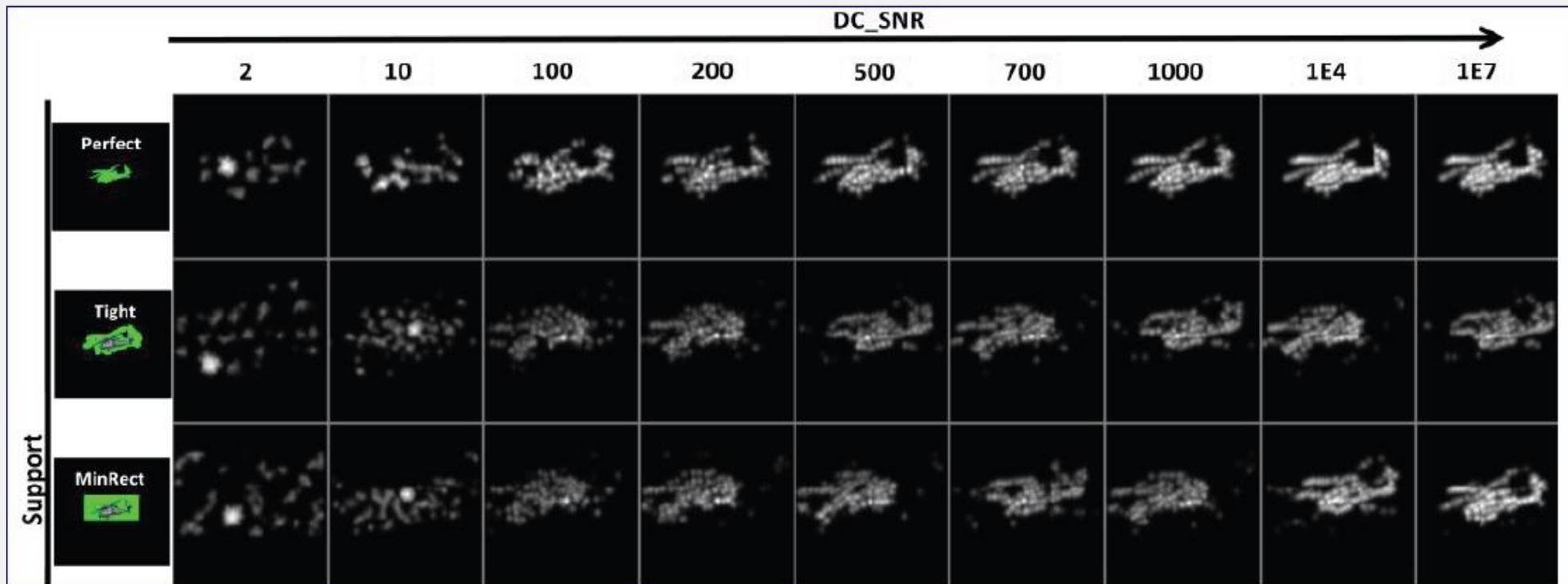
# Cramér-Rao lower bound and object reconstruction performance evaluation for intensity interferometry

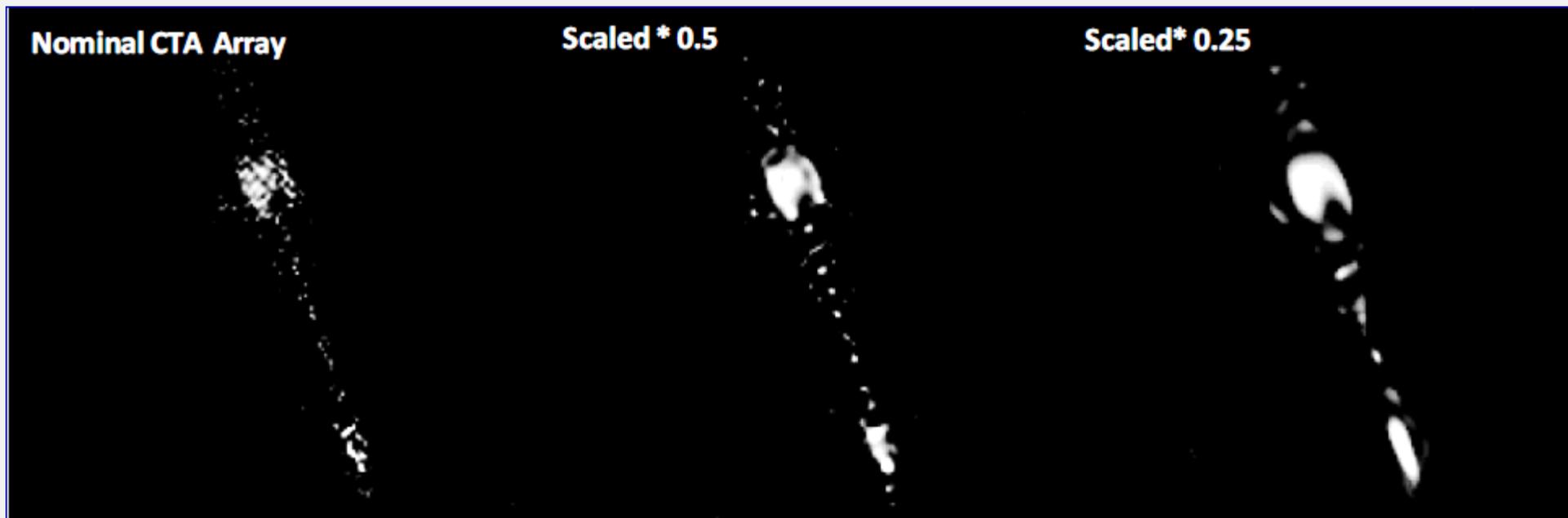
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**Image reconstruction of a geostationary satellite using a nominal CTA layout, and scaled versions**

**Image Reconstruction from Sparse Irregular Intensity  
Interferometry Measurements of Fourier Magnitude**

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# **S/N in intensity interferometry**

## **PROPORTIONAL TO:**

- ★ **Telescope areas (geometric mean)**
- ★ **Detector quantum efficiency**
- ★ **Square root of integration time**
- ★ **Square root of electronic bandwidth**
- ★ **Photon flux per optical frequency bandwidth**

## **INDEPENDENT OF:**

- ★ **Width of optical passband**

# DARK OBJECTS ON BRIGHT BACKGROUND

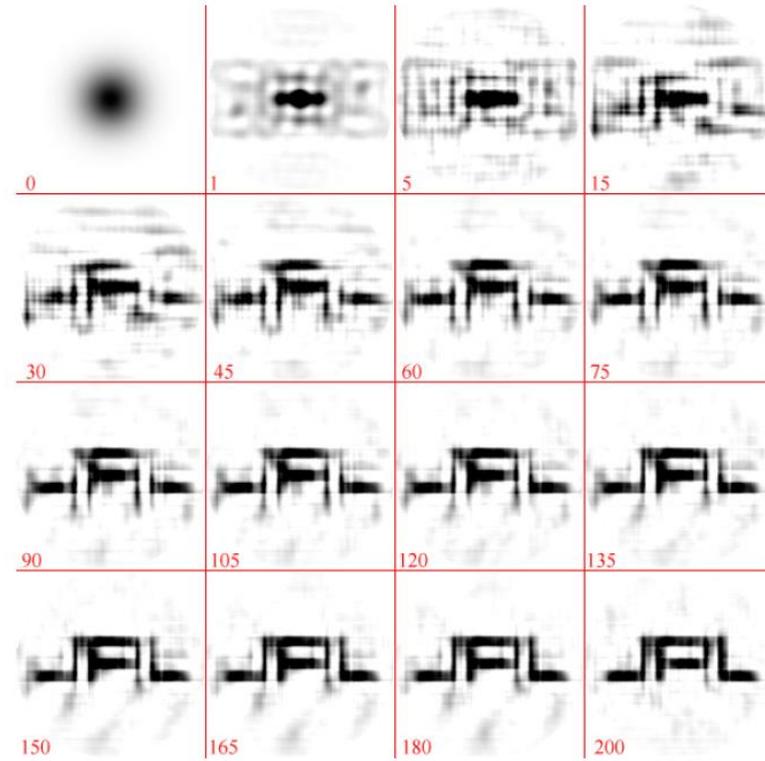
## Imaging dark objects with intensity interferometry

Dmitry V. Strekalov,\* Igor Kulikov, and Nan Yu

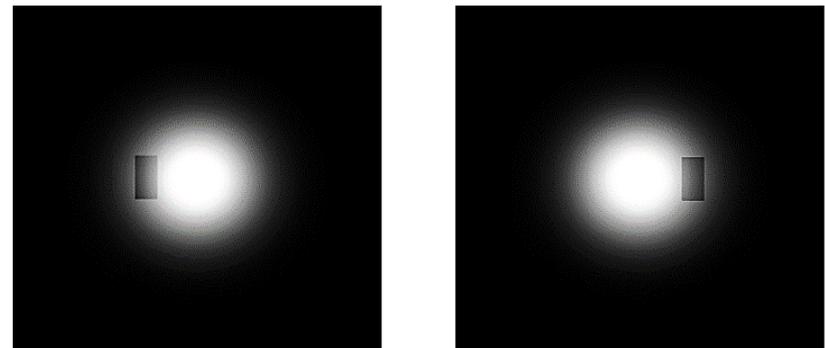
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**Abstract:** We have developed a technique for imaging dark, i.e. non-radiating, objects by intensity interferometry measurements using a thermal light source in the background. This technique is based on encoding the dark object's profile into the spatial coherence of such light. We demonstrate the image recovery using an adaptive error-minimizing Gerchberg-Saxton algorithm in case of a completely opaque object, and outline the steps for imaging purely refractive objects.

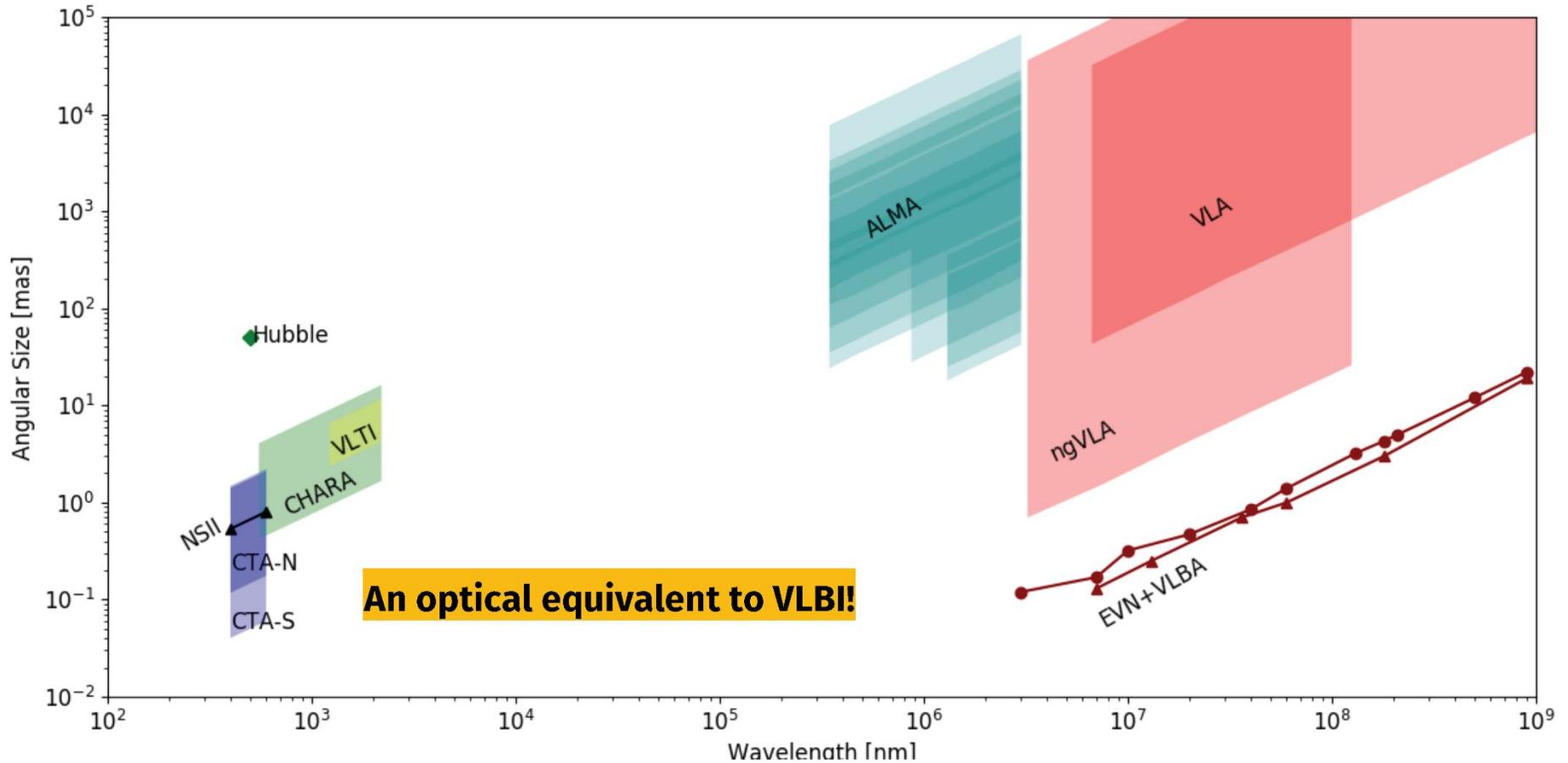


Results of simple image recovery algorithm



Gaussian source with rectangle, reconstructed by Gerchberg-Saxton algorithm

# CTA Potential



(Michael Daniel, CfA Center for Astrophysics & VERITAS, Fred Lawrence Whipple Observatory)

# ***Cherenkov Telescope Array as an Intensity Interferometer***

*Expected resolution for assumed exoplanet transit across the disk of Sirius*



Stellar diameter = 1.7 solar

Distance = 2.6 pc

Angular diameter = 6 mas

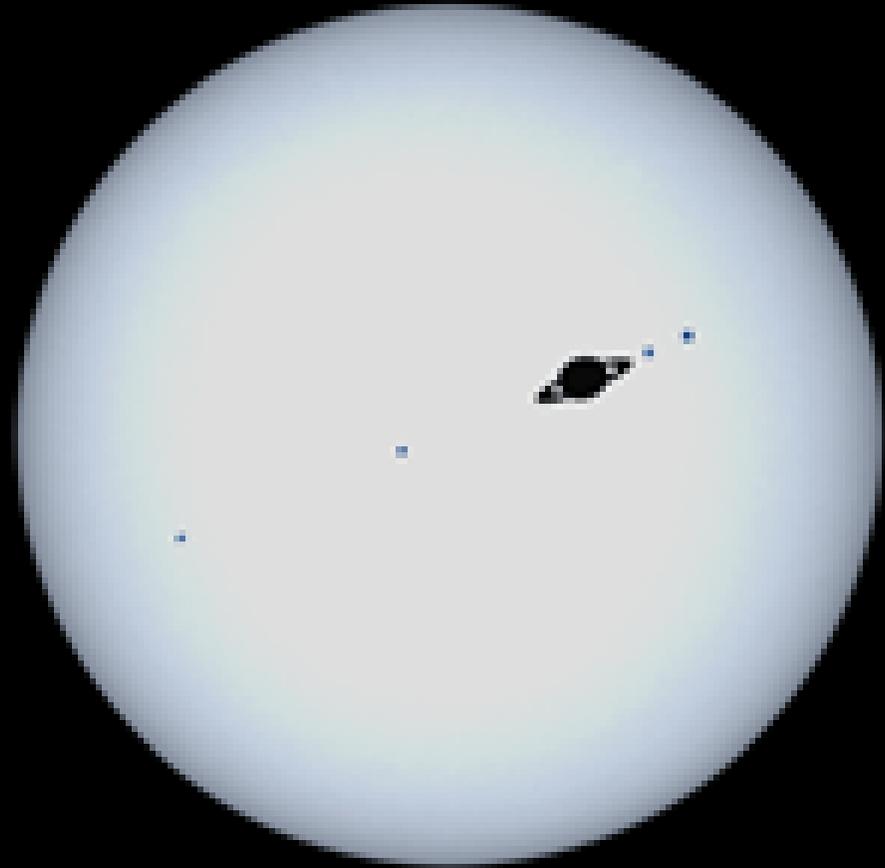
Assumed Jupiter-size planet with rings;

four Earth-size moons;

equatorial diameter = 350  $\mu$ as.

CTA array spanning 2 km;

Resolution 50  $\mu$ as at  $\lambda$  400 nm provides more than 100 pixels across the stellar diameter



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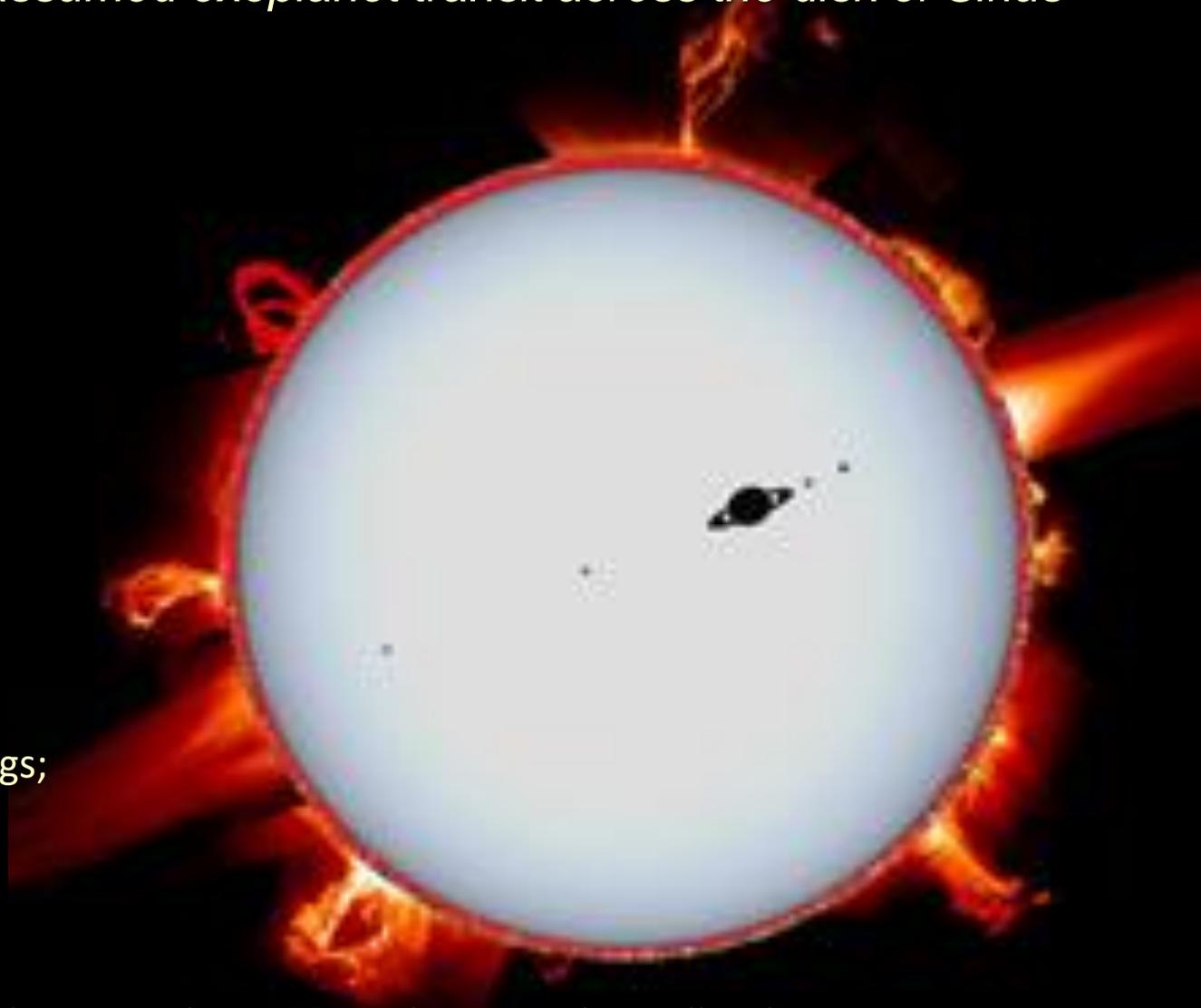
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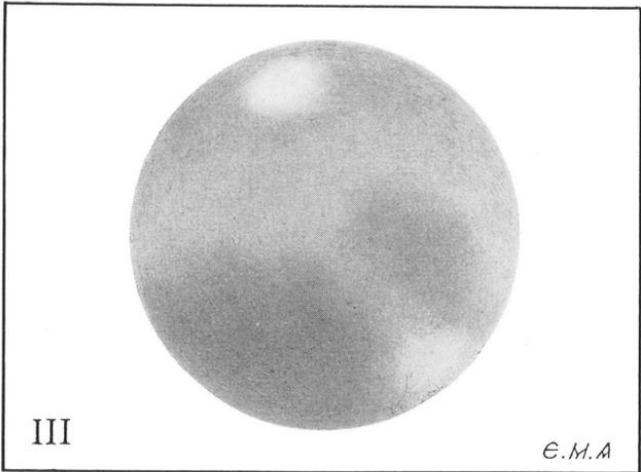
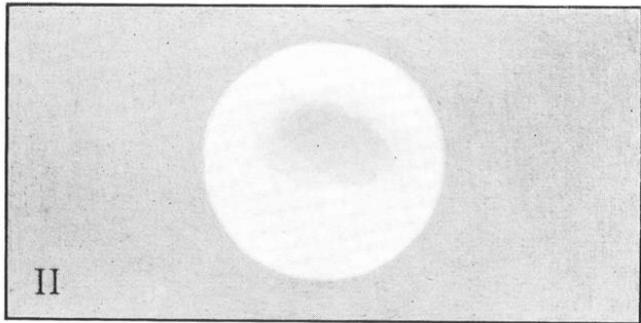
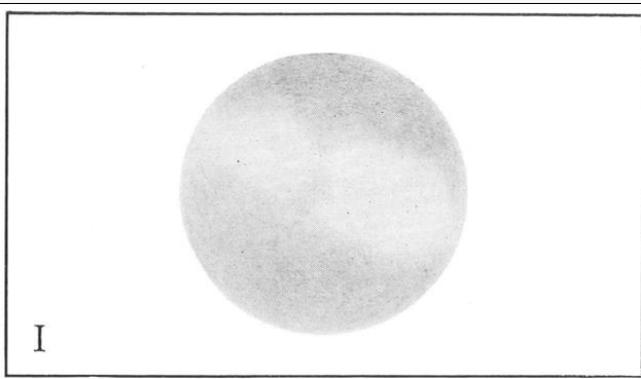
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THE FIRST THREE LARGE SATELLITES OF JUPITER IN TRANSIT

*Upper*—Satellite I, Antoniadi's observations, completed by details discovered by Barnard.

*Middle*—Satellite II, as seen by Antoniadi Sept. 28, 1927.

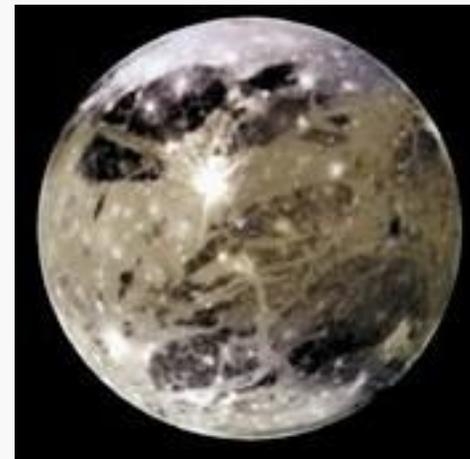
*Lower*—Satellite III, as seen by Antoniadi, with whitish southern spot seen by Barnard.



Io



Europa



Ganymede

# JUPITER'S MOONS

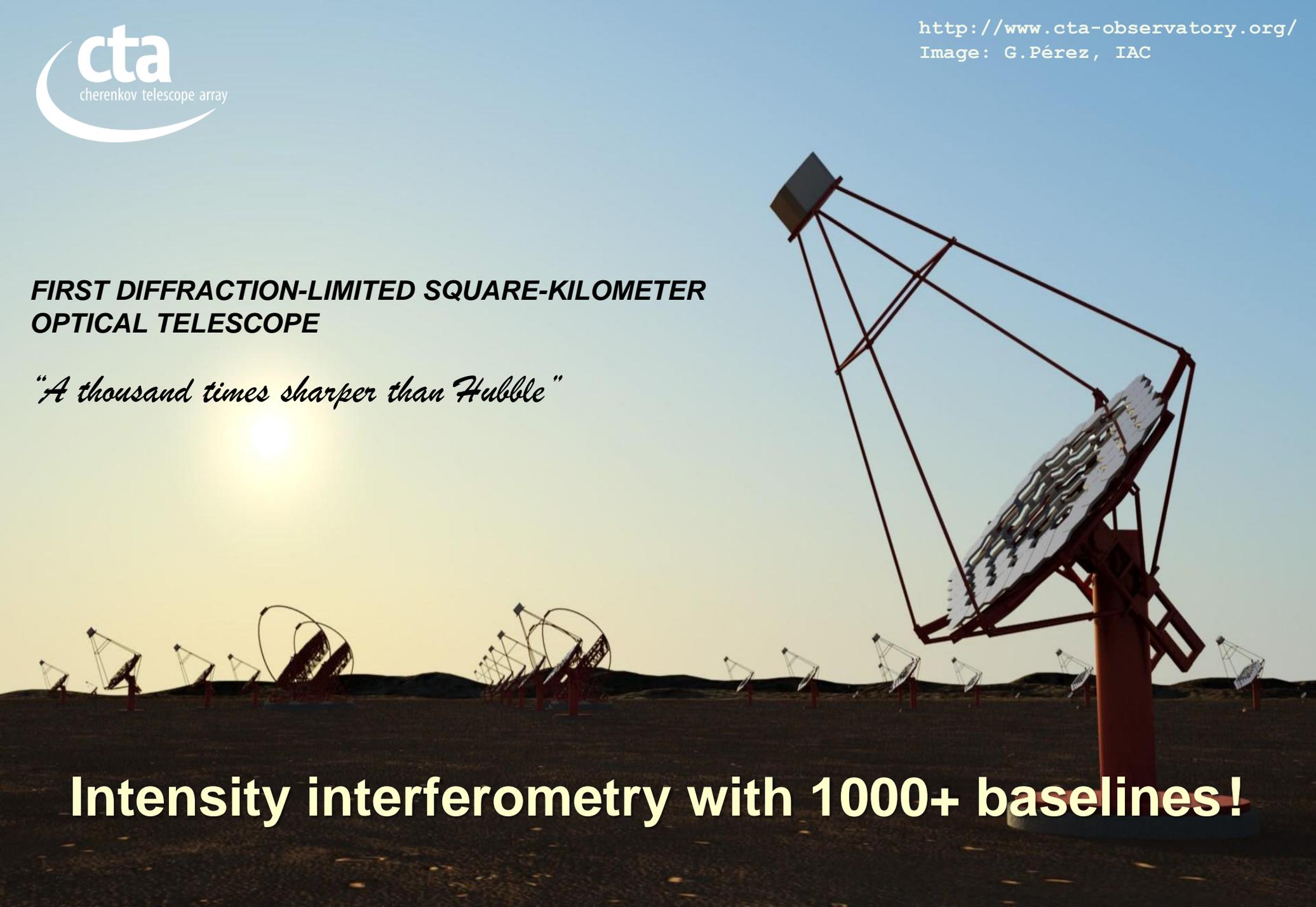
(E.-M. Antoniadi: "On the markings of the satellites of Jupiter in Transit", J.Roy.Astron.Soc. Canada **33**, 273: 1939)

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**FIRST DIFFRACTION-LIMITED SQUARE-KILOMETER  
OPTICAL TELESCOPE**

*"A thousand times sharper than Hubble"*

**Intensity interferometry with 1000+ baselines!**



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