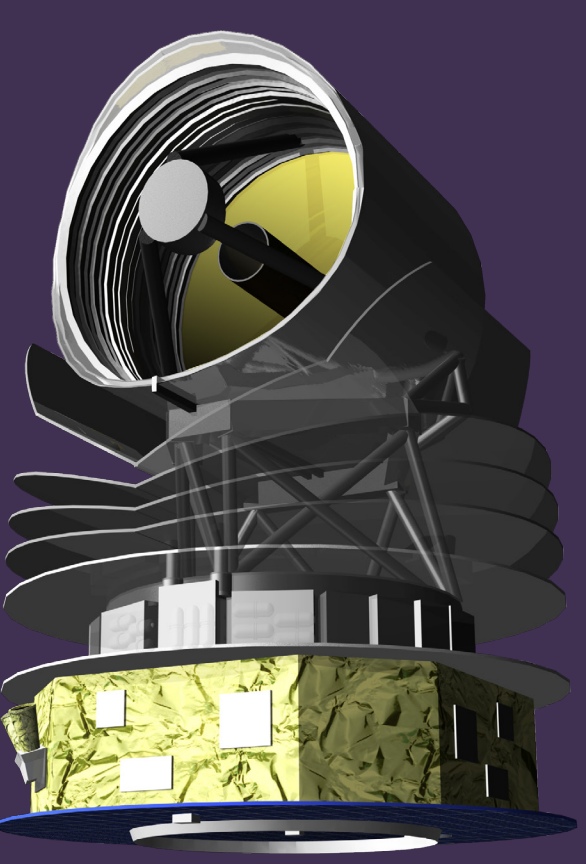


SPICA Mid-Infrared Instrument (SMI)



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SPICA Mid-infrared Instrument (SMI) is one of the two focal-plane scientific instruments planned for SPICA. SMI covers a wavelength range of 12–36 μm with the three spectroscopic channels: low-resolution spectroscopy (LRS; 17 – 36 μm , plus broad-band camera at 34 μm), mid-resolution spectroscopy (MRS; 18 – 36 μm), and high-resolution spectroscopy (HRS; 12 – 18 μm).

SMI specifications

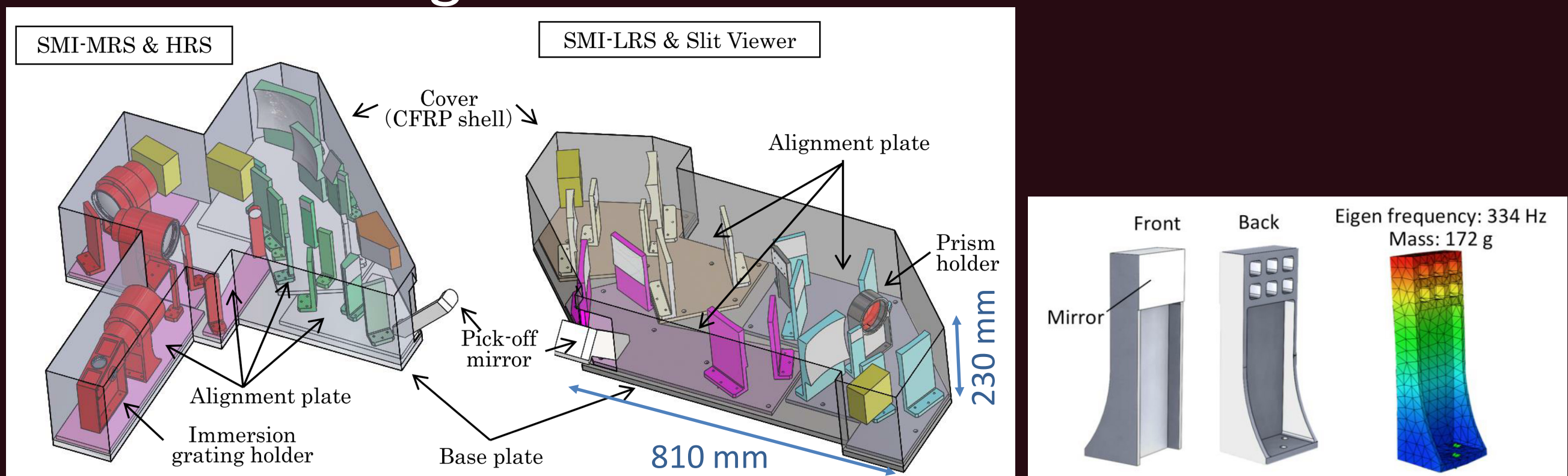
Parameter	LRS	Slit viewer for LRS	MRS	HRS
Band center - μm	27	34	27	15
Wavelength - μm	17 – 36	34	18 – 36	12 – 18
Spectral resolution R (diffuse source)	50 – 120 (20 – 110)	5	1300 – 2300 (1100 – 1400)	28000
Field of view	600" x 3.7" (4 slits)	600" x 720"	60" x 3.7" (1 slit)	4"x1.7" (1 slit)
Band centre FWHM	2.7"	3.5"	2.7"	2"
Pixel scale	0.7" x 0.7"	0.7" x 0.7"	0.7"	0.5"
Detector 1K x 1K	Si:Sb	Si:Sb	Si:Sb	Si:As
Point source sensitivity				
Continuum - Jy	50	13	400	1500
Line - 10^{-20} W/m ²	8	4	1.5	1.5
Survey speed - arcmin ² /hr	~ 16 (100 μJy @ 30 μm)	~ 5900 (100 μJy @ 30 μm)	~ 1.5 (3×10^{-19} W/m ² @ 28 μm)	
Diffuse source sensitivity (5σ , 1 hr)				
Continuum - MJy/sr	0.05	0.05	1	1.5
Line - 10^{-10} W/m ² /sr				
Saturation limit - Jy	~ 20	~ 1	~ 1000	~ 20000

➤ **LRS**: prism (4 slits, 10' long, $R \sim 100$), combined with a 10'x12' slit viewer. **High-speed dust-band mapping.**

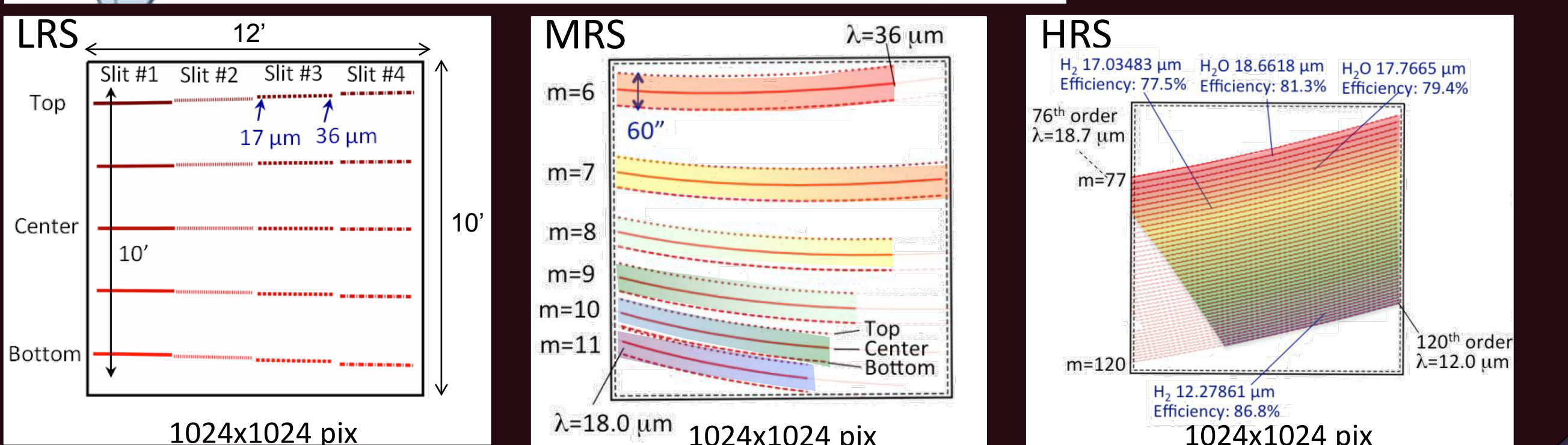
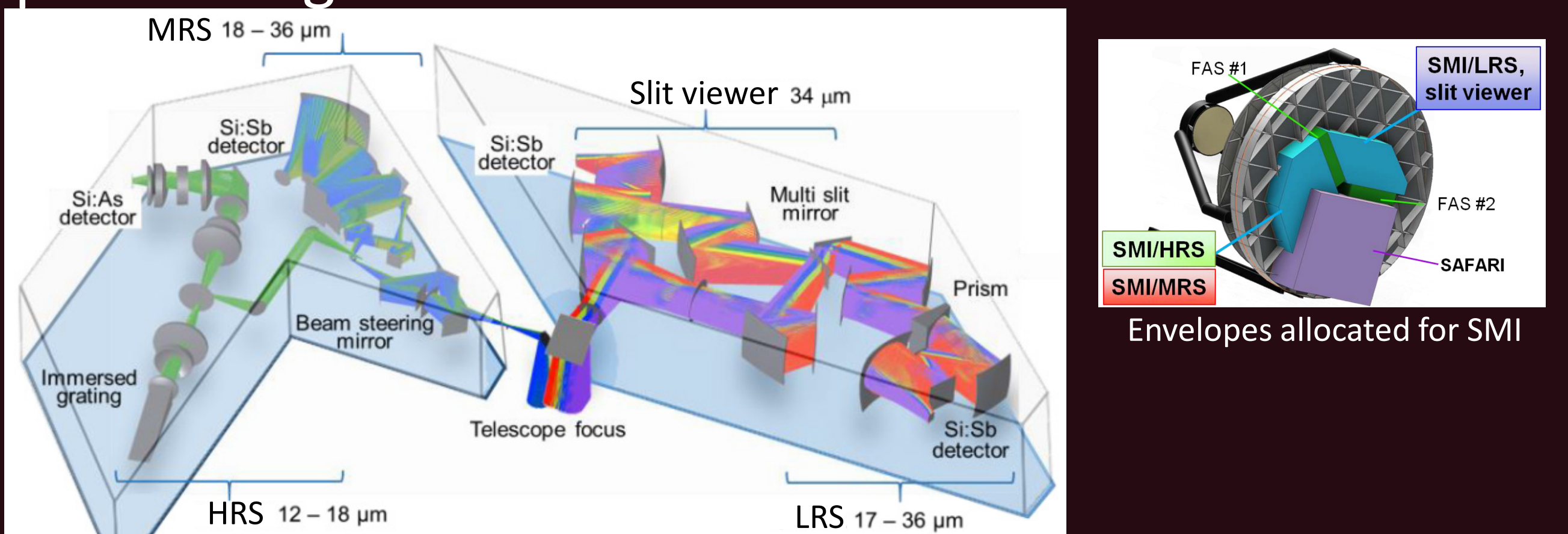
➤ **MRS**: Echelle grating with a cross-disperser (1' long, $R \sim 2000$), combined with a beam-steering mirror. **High-sensitivity multi-purpose spectral mapping.**

➤ **HRS**: CdZnTe immersion grating ($R \sim 30000$), realizing compact optics. **High-resolution molecular-gas spectroscopy.**

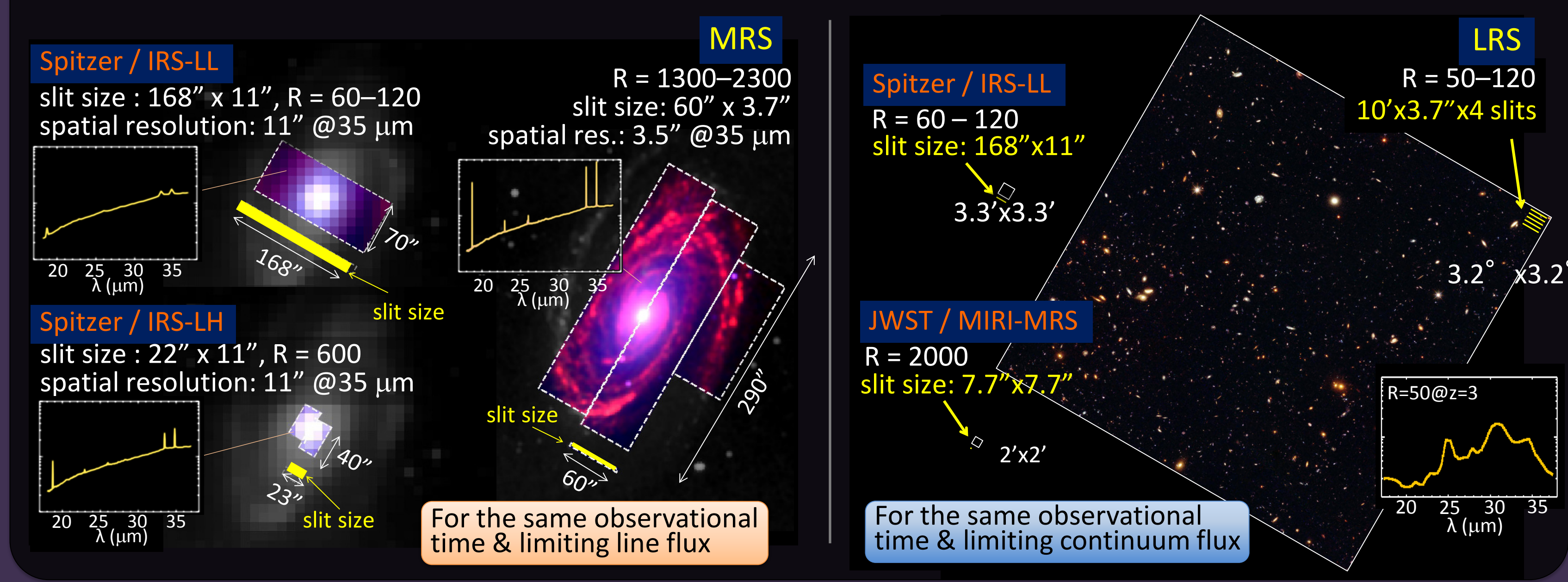
Mechanical design



Optical design



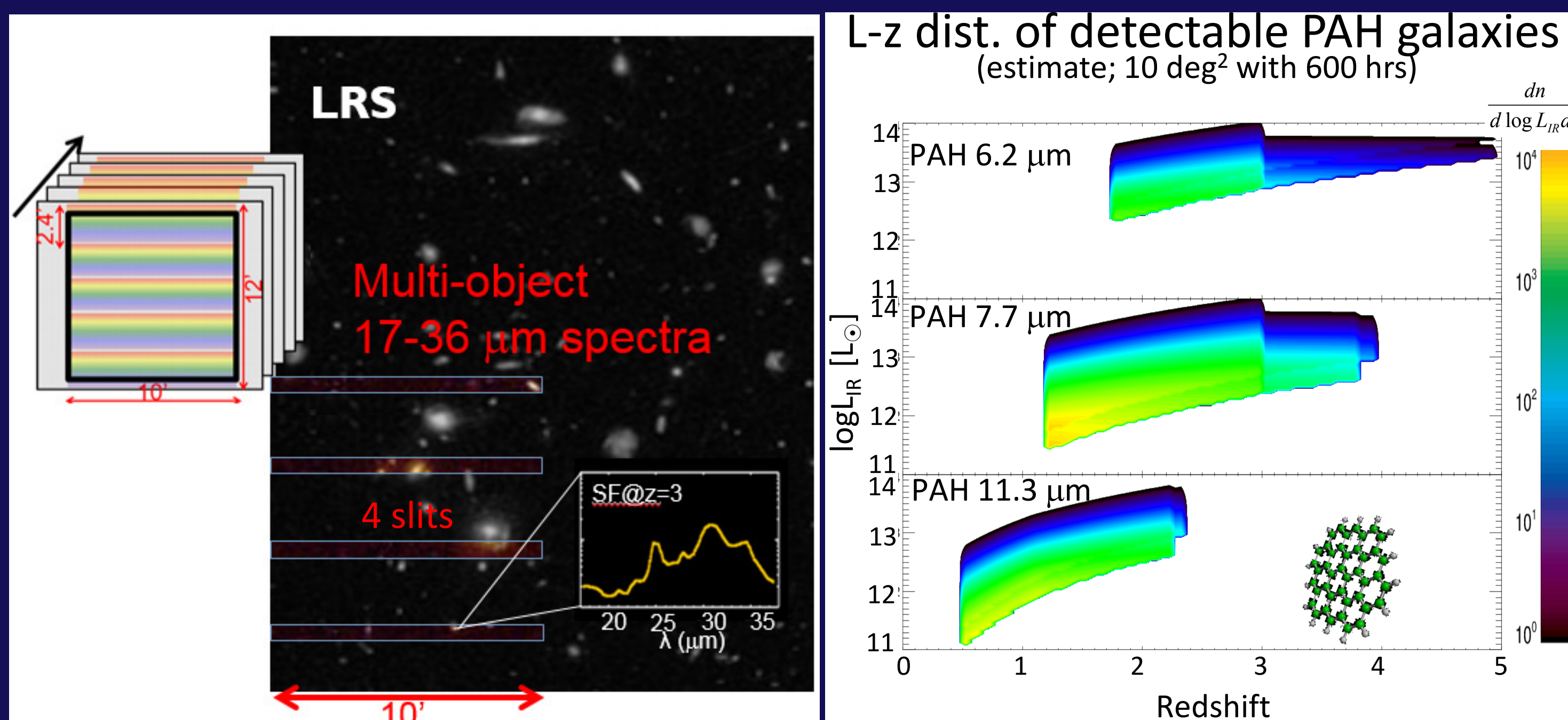
Demonstration of SMI mapping capability



SMI key sciences

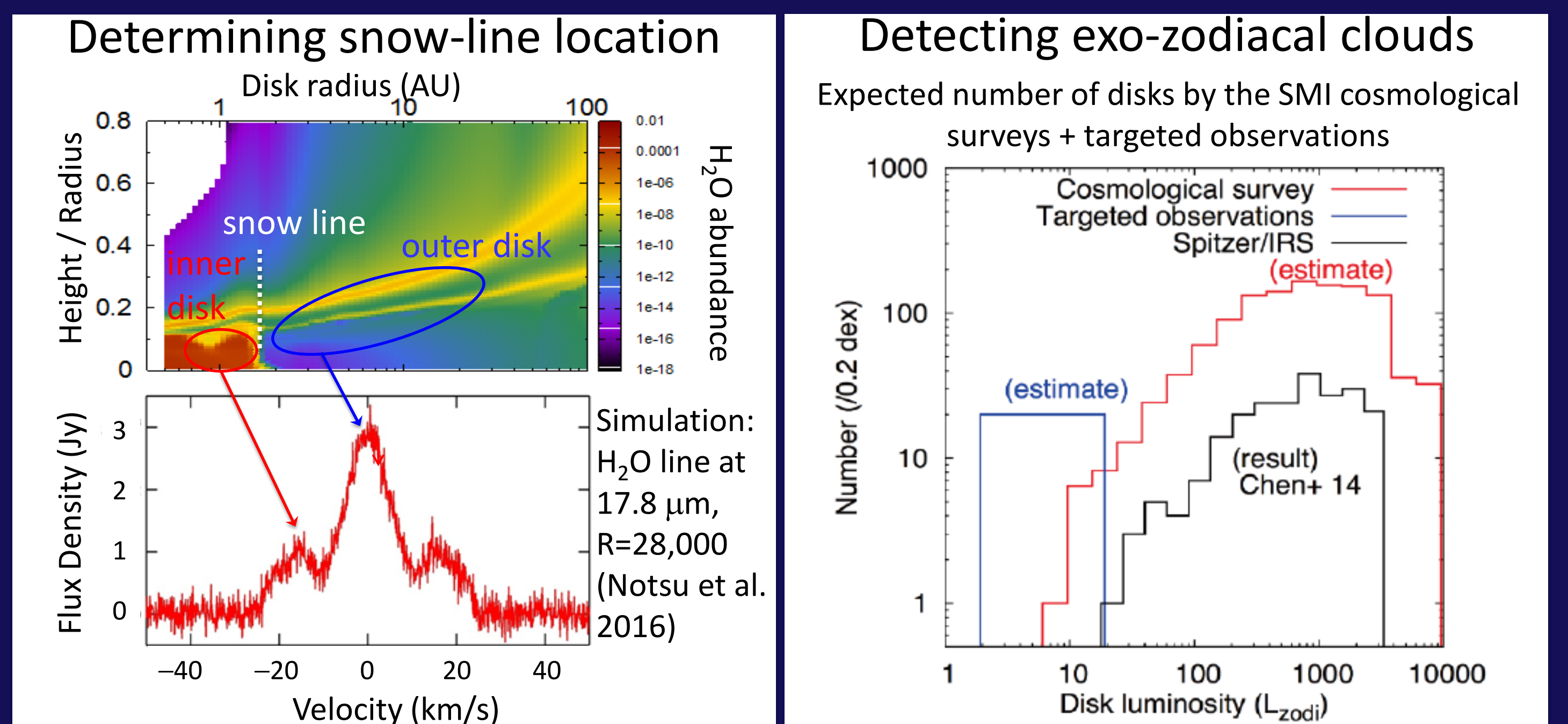
LRS surveys will detect organic matters (PAHs) from many high- z galaxies and minerals from many planet-forming disks, while **MRS** will characterize them. **HRS** will characterize molecular gases and resolve their velocities in planet-forming disks.

PAH galaxy survey in the Universe



Wide area spectroscopic survey with **LRS** (10 deg²; 600 hrs)
 ⇒ Detection of **~50000 PAH galaxies** at z up to 5
 ⇒ Diagnosis of PAH galaxies, & provision of targets for **MRS** and **SAFARI**
 ⇒ Characterization of PAH galaxies in the Universe

Protoplanetary/debris disks to our Solar system



High-resolution spectroscopy with **HRS**
 ⇒ Planet formation and evolution by probing gas dispersal, determining snow-line location
 Wide area survey and targeted observations with **LRS**
 ⇒ Debris disks down to levels close to **our Solar system.**