

CRIRES+

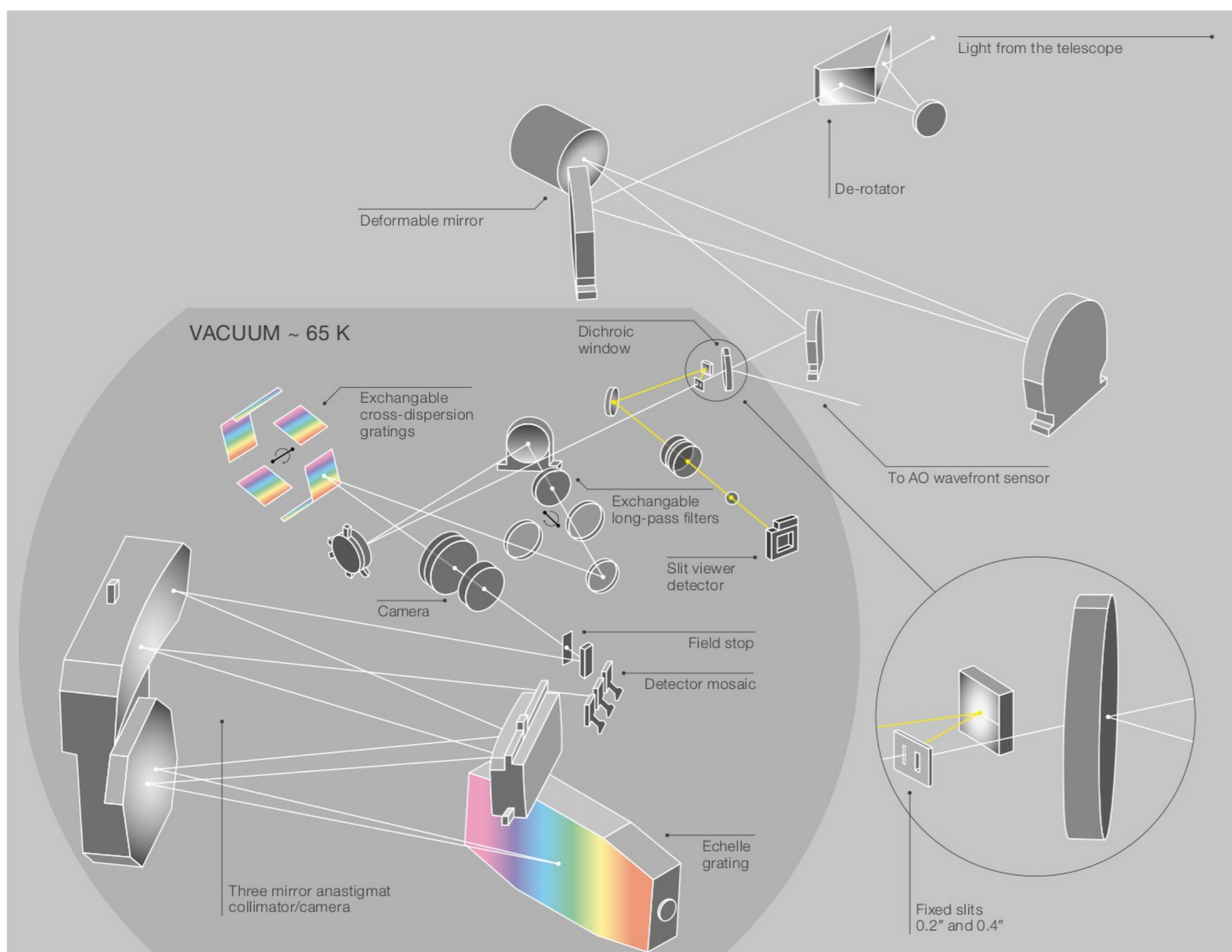
A high resolution near-infrared spectro(polari)meter at the VLT

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OPTICAL DESIGN



CONTEXT

CRIRES - the CRyogenic high-resolution InfraRed Echelle Spectrograph has been removed from the Very Large Telescope in 2014, and shipped back to ESO headquarters in Garching for a massive upgrade.

The instrument will be converted into a cross-dispersed spectrograph and gain a tenfold increase in simultaneous wavelength coverage. The current detectors will be replaced with state-of-the-art infrared detectors developed for the James Webb Space Telescope. In addition, we will add new gas cells to improve wavelength calibration, and a polarimeter to enable spectropolarimetric capabilities.

INSTRUMENT PERFORMANCES

spectral resolution	50,000 and 100,000
wavelength coverage	0.95 - 5.3 μm YJHKLM bands
RV precision	2-3 m/s
slit length	10 arcseconds
slit width	0.2 and 0.4 arcseconds
polarimetry	linear + circular (YJHK bands)
adaptive optics	60 actuator curvature sensing
cross-disperser	6 exchangeable gratings

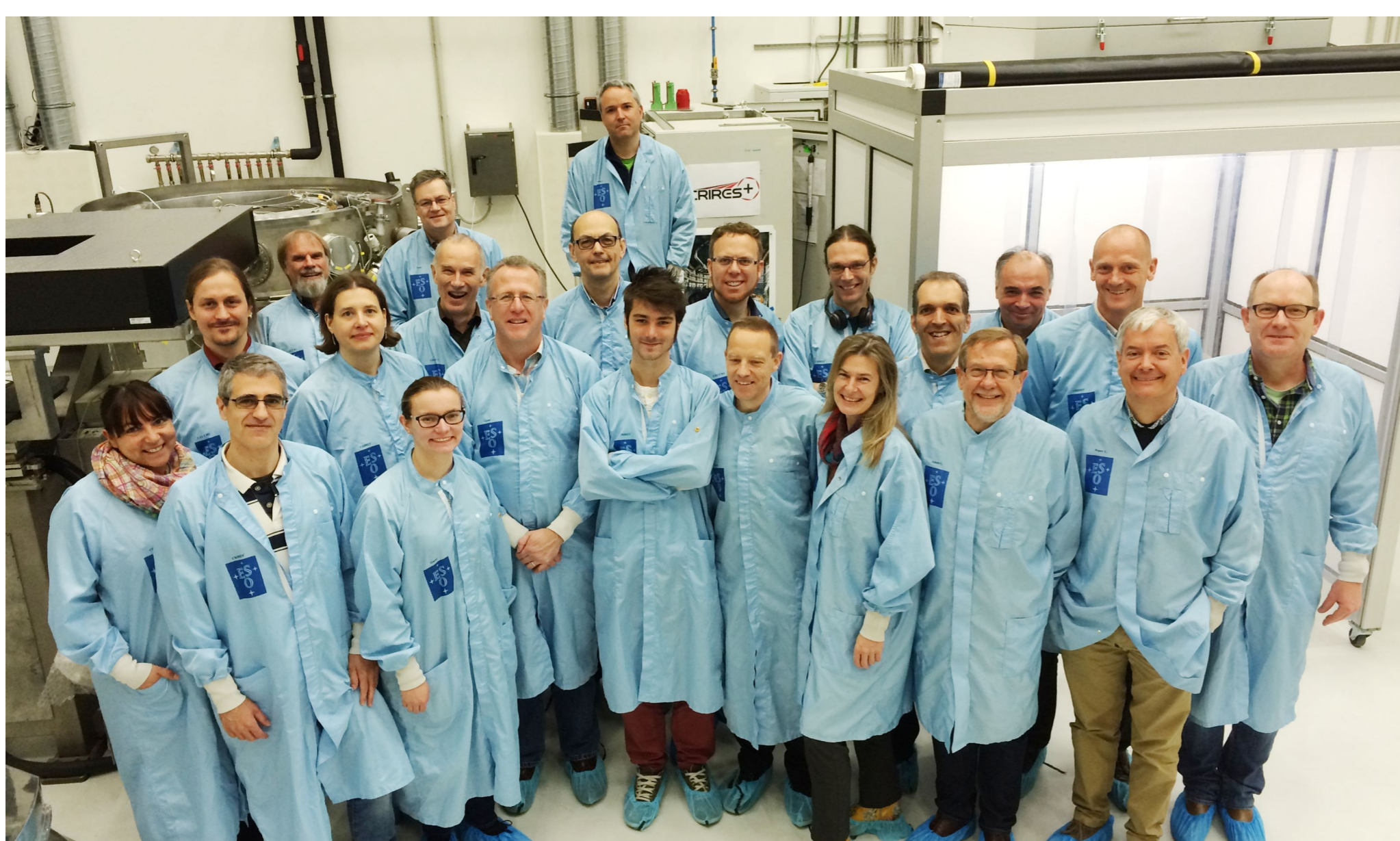
SCIENTIFIC OBJECTIVES

CRIRES+ has been designed to investigate the following science cases:

- searching super-Earths in the habitable zone of low-mass stars
- characterizing the atmospheres of transiting exoplanets
- addressing the origin and evolution of stellar magnetic fields



THE TEAM



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