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## What's left to say?



#### ...after all those meetings...



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## Outline

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## Once more: NIRSpec overview

- Spectral range: 0.6–5 µm
- Field of view: >9 arcmin<sup>2</sup>
- Multi-object capability: >100 targets
- Configurable masks (MSA, 250,000 shutters, 0.2")
- Fixed slits (0.2", 0.4", 1.6")
- Integral Field Unit (IFU, 30 slices, 3x3")
- Two HgCdTe arrays (SCA), each 2048x2048 pixel
- ESA project, built by EADS/Astrium GmbH

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see Bagnasco et al., 200

#### The Instrument Performance Simulator

- Purpose:
  - Study geometrical effects
  - Verify instrument performance
  - Generate realistic output data
- Software developed by CRAL 2005–2011 (Gnata, 2007, Piqueras et al., 2008, 2010)
- >110,000 lines of C++ code
- End-to-end simulation of NIRSpec:
  - Noiseless electron rates
  - NIRSpec raw data cube







## Auxiliary software for simulations

- Science data input interface:
  - Direct object placement in slits
  - Typical input file types



- "NIRSpec IPS Pipeline Software" (NIPPLS):
  - Spectrum extraction from NIRSpec exposures
  - Uses IPS instrument model to find spectra
  - Standard "long slit" reduction, but flexible for custom tasks
  - Also used for measured data



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## NIRSpec model data

- Collection of measurements and calculations for subsystems
- Efficiencies:
  - Mirrors, filters, detector
  - Gratings, IFU
- Geometries
  - Disperser, MSA, detector
  - Optical distortion
- Wavefront errors
  - Dispersers + IFU
  - NIRSpec optical train, Telescope (te Plate et al., 2007)





## Model verification

- Why?
  - Verification of model as a whole: remove uncertainties, check data interplay
  - Provide input for data processing and simulations
- How?
  - Compare model prediction with calibration measurements (fixed slits and IFU, February 2011)
  - Analysis done in NIPPLS
- What?
  - Instrument geometry and efficiency





#### Geometry: reference data

#### Spatial:Trace polynomials



Spectral:Argon emission lines

Reference data tuples  $(Pixel_i, Pixel_i, \lambda_{ref})$ 

1D spectrum A\_200\_2 CLS Argon G140H 1e7 μm<sup>-1</sup> 1.0 Fitted CLS Argon line A 200 2, G140H 1.2<mark>1e7</mark> Spectral flux / counts s<sup>-1</sup> 0.8 Data Gauss fit μ<sup>-1</sup> 1.0 0.6 Line position Spectral flux / counts s<sup>-1</sup> 0.8 0.4 0.6 0.2 0.4 0.0 0.2 0.8 0.9645 0.9650 0.9655 0.9660 0.9665 0.9670 0.9675 Bernhard Dorner, ELIXIR final presentation, 12 N Wavelength / µm

### **Optimization:** Forward

Total residuals SCA 491

2000

1500



- Instrument requirement (spectral): 1/4th pixel
- Modeling approach works



Total residuals SCA 492

1000

Pixel coordinate i

Absolute residual / pixels

500

1.2

1.0

1 Pixel

500

1500

2000

0.0 0.2 1500

0.6

Pixel coordinate

2000

16

1 Pixel

1.4

1.2

1.0

## Total instrument throughput

#### • Ratio simulated to measured, all dispersers



- Consistent across bands
- Divergence of slits
- Some residual features
- Mean: 0.82±0.05 (Calibration source?)
- Final accuracy: 0-10% absolute, 5% relative



#### ...nearly 14 billion years ago, expansion started...

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# Deep field spectroscopy simulation

- Sky scene from
  - Hubble UDF: Objects with band photometry and derived redshift (Coe et al., 2006)
  - Model galaxy spectra from simulations (Pacifici et al., 2012)
- Simulation with
  - Point sources, CLEAR, PRISM
  - Noise for 945s exposure
- Extraction with NIPPLS





## Multi-object processed exposure



Pixel coordinate j SCA 491

2042044 Pixel coordinate i SCA 491 and 492



#### Multi-object processed exposure



### Galaxy spectrum example

#### z=6.204, mag<sub>H</sub>=26.9



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### An ULIRG in the NIRSpec IFU

- Single Ultra-luminous infrared galaxy with velocity field in integral field mode
- Data:VLT/VIMOS observation of Hα + [NII] (from Bellocchi et al. 2012)
- For NIRSpec: Scale to redshift z=1



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### Observation setup

- Observation of total system brightness
- NIRSpec: special square aperture SI600AI
- Subarray readout (2048x32 pixels)



Input FOV with MSA elements

Q1

Q3

#### Instrumental effects

- High sensitivity: Maximum stellar brightness limits (gratings:  $mag_{K} \approx 6-7$ )
- Readout overheads: Reduction of effective exposure time during transit (up to <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>)



- Limited by photon and readout noise
- Other instrumental noise sources negligible





## HD189733b eclipse



## The bottom line

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- IPS + NIPPLS: useful tools for verifying and simulating NIRSpec data
- Assembly and verification of as-built model: Successful with FMI data
- First science simulations of high-z galaxies and exoplanets: Confirm exceptional capabilities of NIRSpec



#### Conclusion: Network

- ELIXIR: Over, but not dead
- Very beneficial for simulation activities:
  - Spectra for deep-field scenes (Camilla)
  - IFU sources (Enrica)
- Hopefully continuation and further exploitation (still some work on the software)





#### What's next?

- New old job at MPIA: NIRSpec calibration and verification (next campaign in 2013)
- Instrument model: Verify with FM2 data
  - MSA operable
  - Higher orders in optics
  - Throughput
- Continue science preparation with simulations

