CGS4 - a breakthrough instrument

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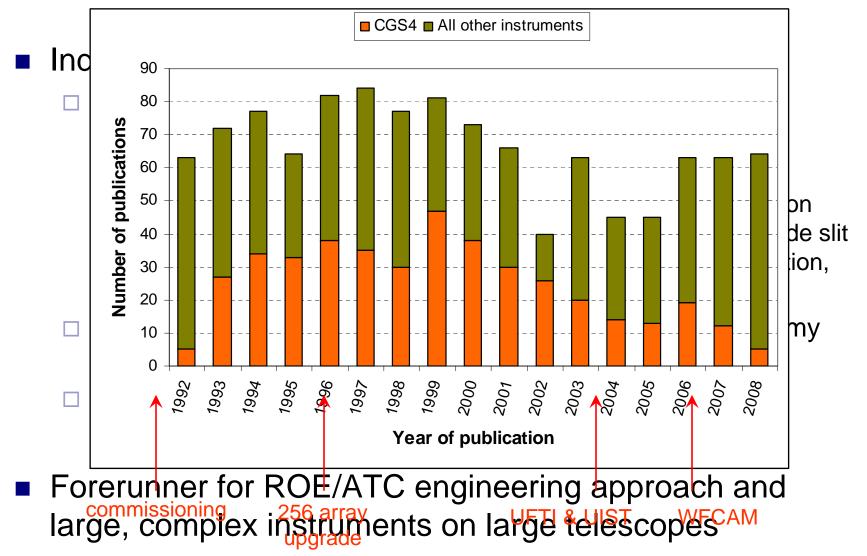
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Outline

- Was CGS4 a breakthrough instrument?
- How was this achieved?
- Some science highlights



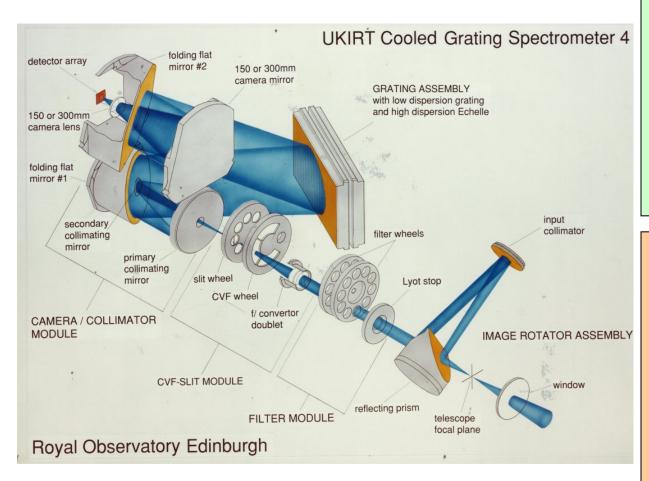
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- Engineering and technical innovations
- Management and team
- Integrated system including telescope and data processing

...each with many challenges

Engineering and technical innovations



Original specifications (from R. Wade):

- Must fit in HD3-8 (CGS2like) dewar
- Weight < 100kg</p>
- Mount on existing UKIRT ISU
- Cost < 500k pounds
- Deliver in 4 years

As built (obeying laws of physics! ...3" slit & resn):

- Size ~ 1m
- Weight 250 kg
- Mounted to UKIRT mirror cell
- Cost ~3000k pounds (RDJ)
- Delivery in ~5 years

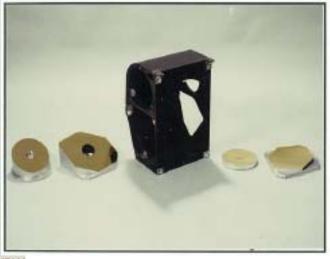
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Engineering and technical innovations

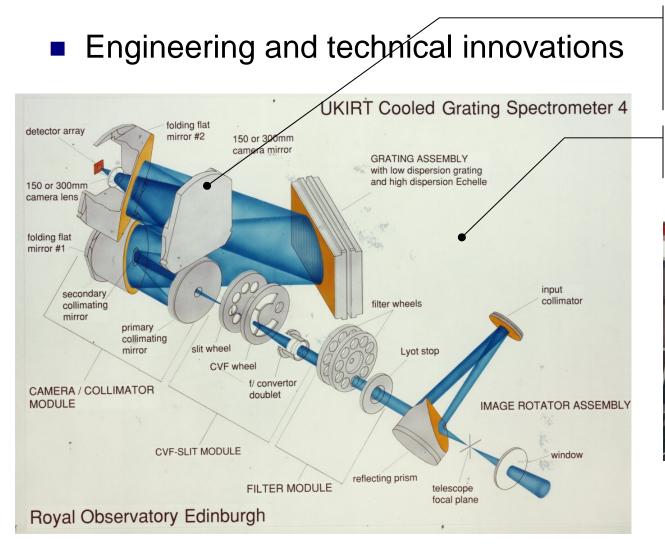
UKIRT Cooled Grating Spectrometer 4

folding flat detector array mirror #2 150 or 300mm camera mirror GRATING ASSEMBLY with low dispersion grating and high dispersion Echelle 150 or 300mm camera lens folding flat mirror #1 secondary collimating mirror primary collimating slit wheel mirror CVF wheel f/ c CAMERA / COLLIMATOR dou MODULE **CVF-SLIT MODULE** FIL Royal Observatory Edinburgh

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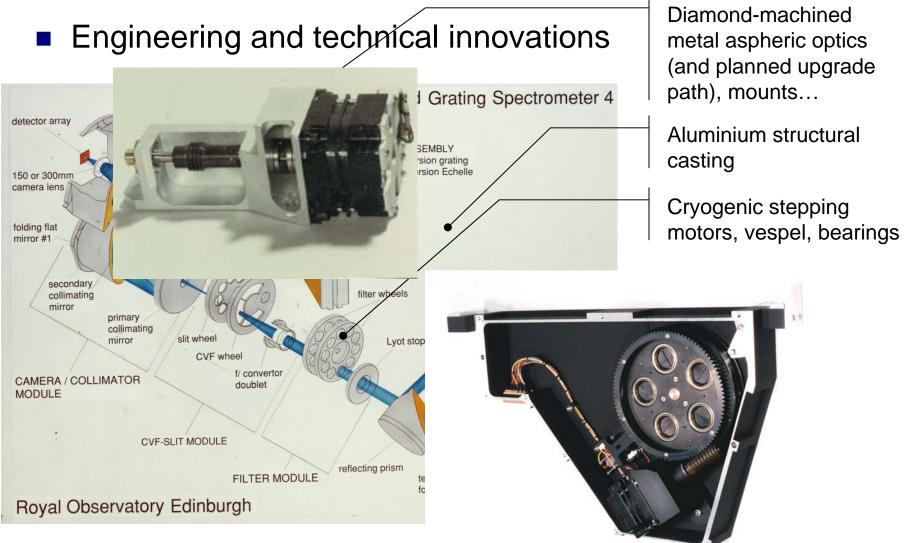
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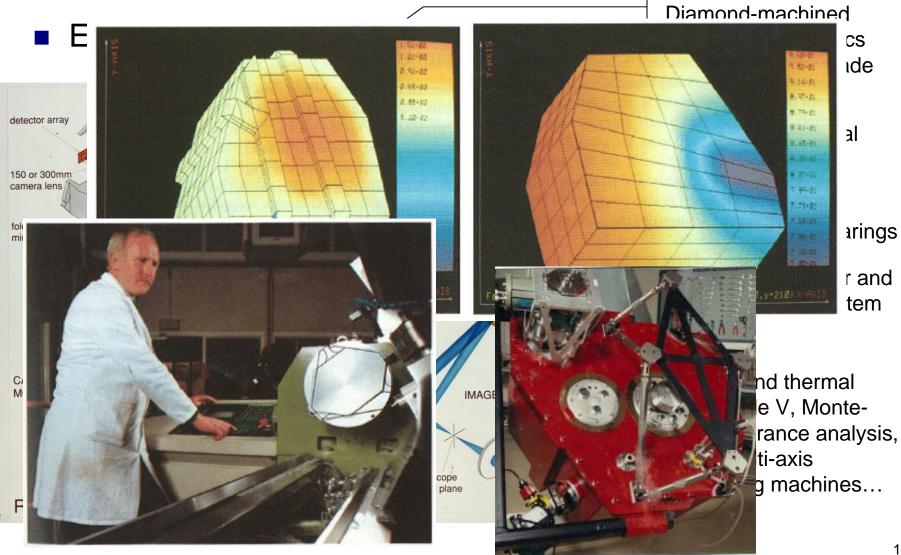


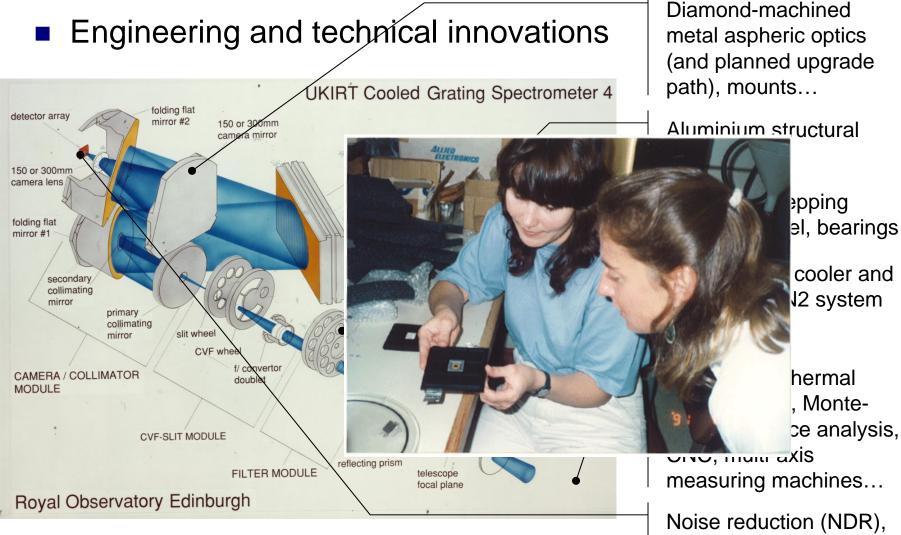
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Aluminium structural casting





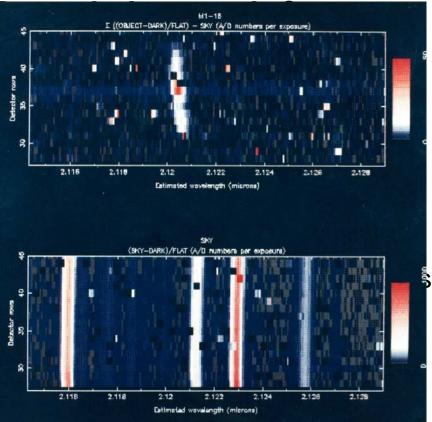




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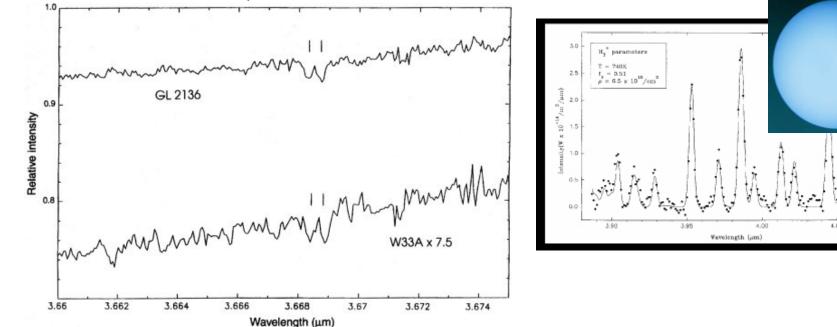
CGS4DR data processing content of the content of

- Presented real-time 1D- and 2D-spectra optionally with backgroundsubtraction, wavelength calibration, atmospheric correction...
- In combination, v. efficient data collection and real-time update of accumulated data for S/N and detection assessment

Some science highlights

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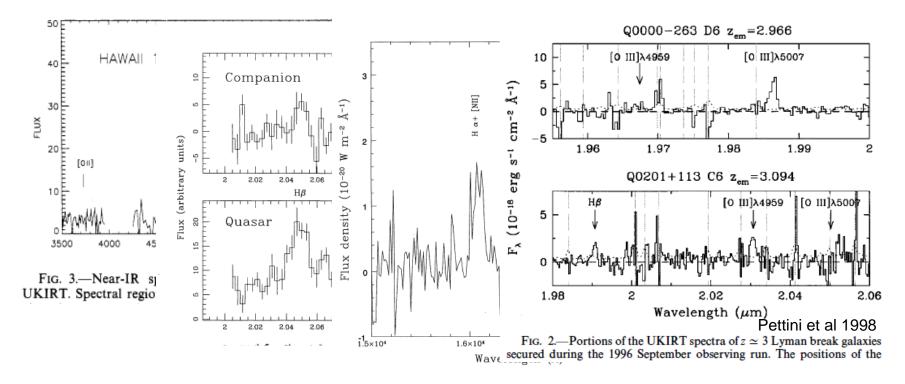
- T. Oka, T. Geballe et al.; see story in UKIRT Newsletter, 24, 7
- Pivotal role in gas phase chemistry; formation of CO, H2O, NH3, CH4 etc
- Also observed in diffuse ISM, gas giant planets (exoplanet searches...)



Some science highlights

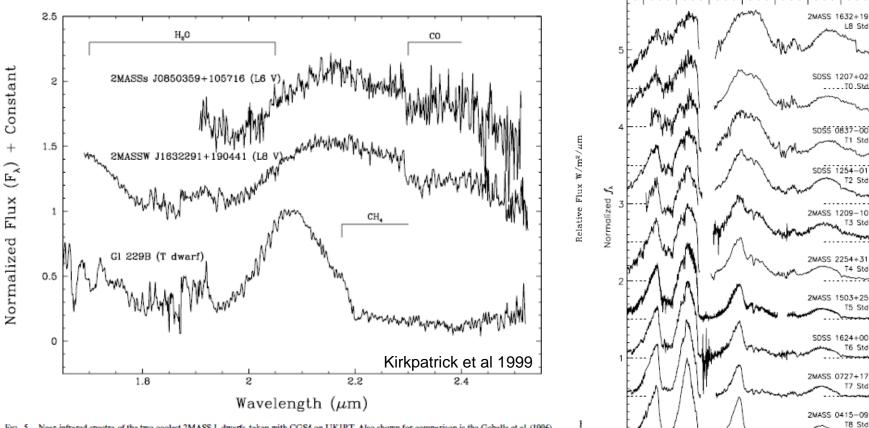
B2 0902+34 z=3.4 radio galaxy

- Eales, Rawlings et al. 1993 (Nature, 363, 140)
- 0902+34 'red bump' from PMS stars may be confused by redshifted [OIII] lines - galaxy (furthest known in late 80s)



Some science highlights

Spectral sequences of stars at the bottom of the IMF



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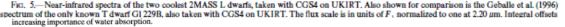
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1.2

1.4

1.6

Wavelength (μm)



Burgasser et al 2006 16 MASS 1632+1904 (Kirkpatrick et al. 1999). *Left*: Low-resolution foderate-resolution CGS4 sample (with SpeX cross-dispersed data

1.8

2.0

2.2

2.4

Summary

CGS4 was a breakthrough instrument because of

- Engineering and technical innovations driven by science goals
- Strong technical and science team encouraged to exploit new processes as necessary
- ...led to more than a decade of top-ranked science
 - ...and was a forerunner for the <u>current</u> generation of large, complex instrumentation

