MICADO

The E-ELT Adaptive Optics Imaging Camera



on behalf of nearly 50 people in Germany, the Netherlands, Italy, & France



MICADO: Multi-AO Imaging Camera for Deep Observations

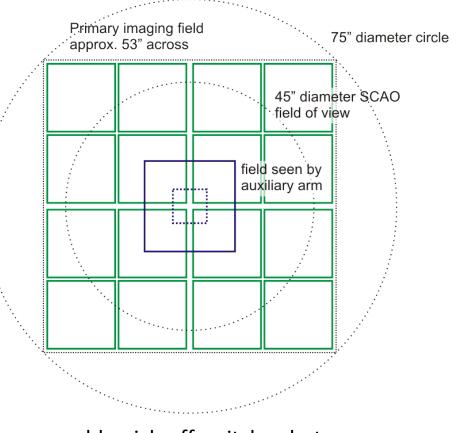
• 0.8-2.5µm

Primary Imaging Field

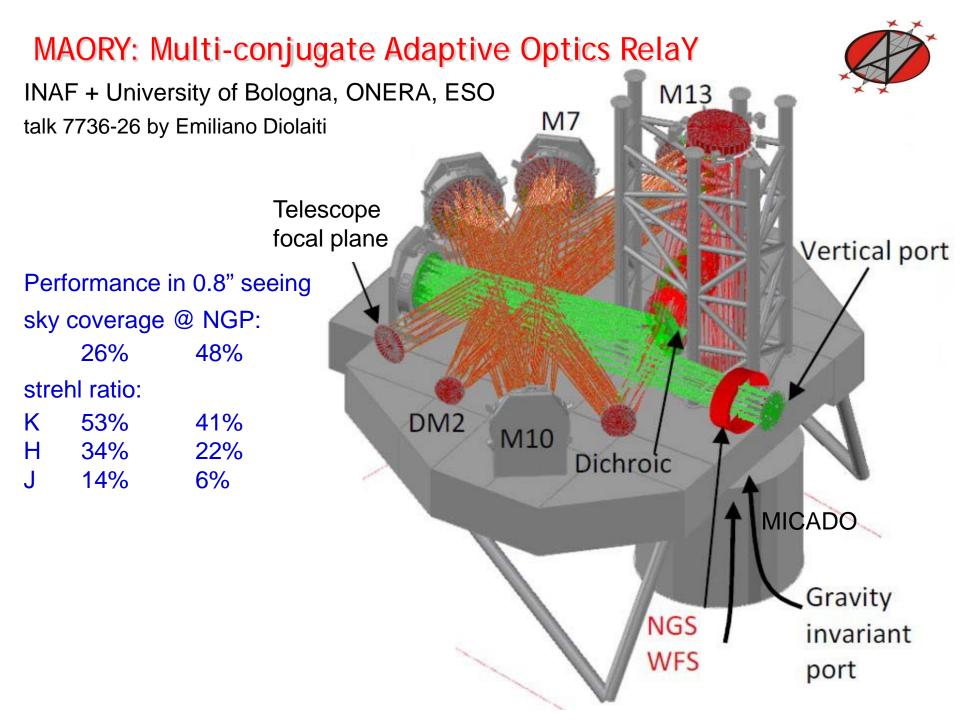
- 53" across, 3mas pixels
- high throughput (>60%)
- 4×4 HAWAII 4RG detectors
- 20 filter slots

Auxiliary Arm

- 1.5mas pixels for imaging
- 4mas pixels for spectroscopy
- 1 HAWAII 4RG detector
- 20 filter slots
- potential for additional options, e.g. tunable filter (dual imager) high time resolution



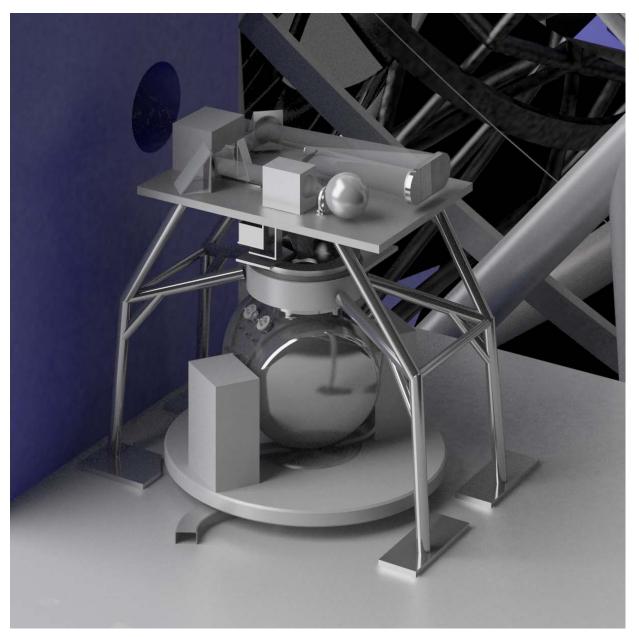
movable pick-off switches between Primary & Auxiliary arms



Phased Approach: using SCAO for initial operations

- simple robust AO using a single NGS
- sufficient science targets for 2-3 years
- optical relay can be used with other AO systems such as ATLAS until MAORY is available

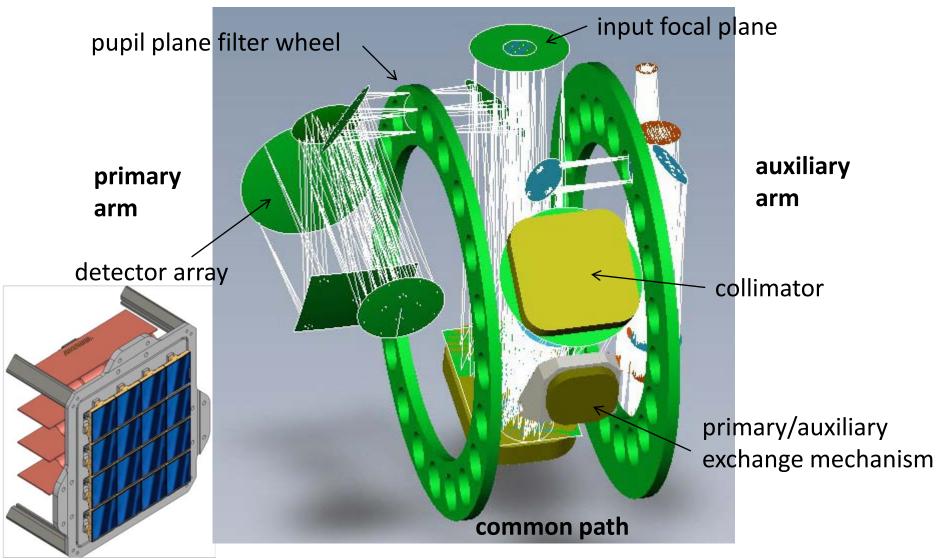
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MICADO opto-mechanics overview

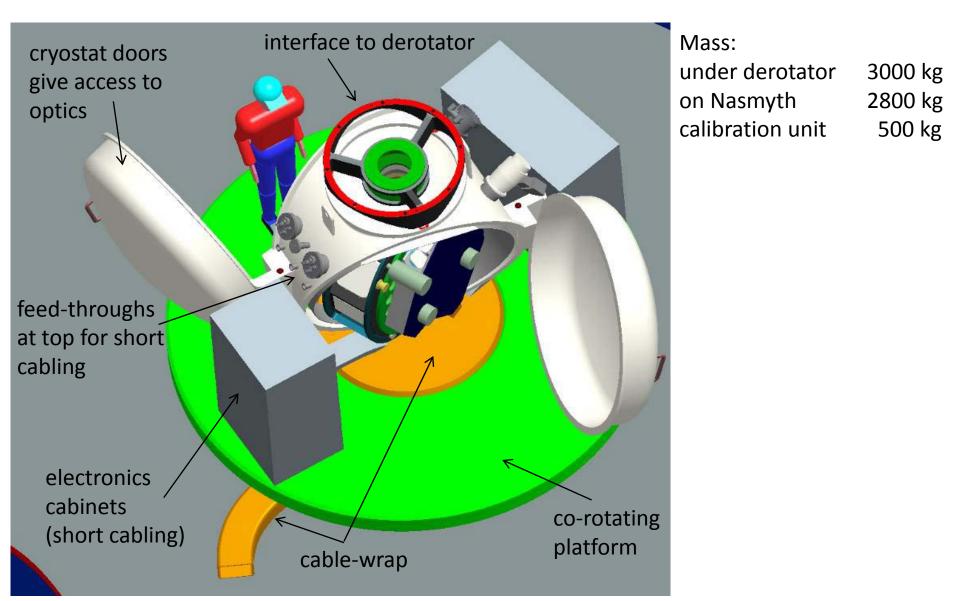
gravity invariant high-throughput reflective design using only fixed mirrors; optimised for photometric & astrometric precision

poster 7735-202 by Demetrio Magrin



Mechanics: instrument & cryostat

cryostat ~2m across; mounts underneath SCAO & MAORY



Operations, Data Rate, & Processing

Imaging & longslit spectroscopy are standard techniques

- use standard procedures for processing data
- astrometry is an exception; detailed astrometric calibration scheme developed

Operations: dithering scheme

- balances requirements of: - science (frequent dithering)

- telescope (infrequent dithering)

- AO (precision vs distance)

small dither	+/-0.3" from centre, accuracy <2mas, cadence 10-30sec
large dither	up to 10" from centre, cadence a few minutes
sky offset	up to 15arcmin, cadence 20-30mins

Data Rates & Volumes:

typical observation for a 1hr OB might be:

preset + [((3s exp. + 1s readout)×5 + 2s small dither)×10 + 20s large dither]×14

1 preset

14 telescope offsets

700 detector readouts (58% efficiency)

700GB raw data (i.e. 6-7TB per night)

MICADO Key Capabilities

Sensitivity & Resolution

Precision Astrometry

High throughput Spectroscopy

Simple, Robust, Available early

• 0.8-2.4μm; JH ~ 30.8mag AB in 5 hrs to 5σ

- JH sensitivity comparable to JWST, up to 3mag deeper in crowded fields
- resolution of 6-10mas over 1arcmin field
- up to 0.5mag deeper with high efficiency broadband filters & OH suppression
- <50µas over full 1arcmin field
- 10µas/yr = 5km/s at 100kpc after 3-4 years
- bring precision astrometry into mainstream
- simple high-throughput slit spectroscopy
- ideal for compact sources
- 12mas slit for maximum sensitivity, R~3000
- JH \sim 27.2mag AB in 5 hrs to 5 σ between OH
- optical & mechanical simplicity for stability
- exemplifies most unique features of E-ELT
- flexibility to work with SCAO, LTAO, MCAO

MICADO Science

Sensitivity & Resolution

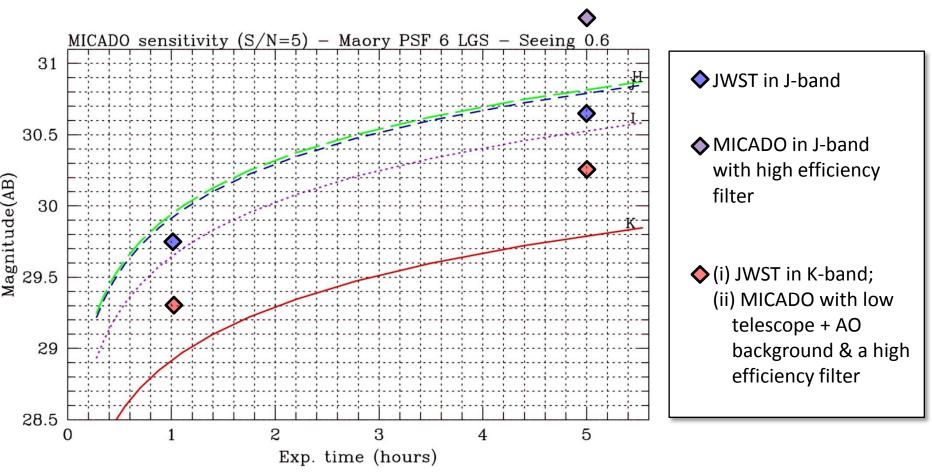
Precision Astrometry

High throughput Spectroscopy

- star formation history via resolved stellar populations to Virgo cluster
- structure of high-z galaxies on 100pc scales: galaxy formation & evolution
- environment and host galaxies of QSOs at high-z
- nuclei of nearby galaxies (stellar cusps, star formation, black holes)
- stellar motions within light hours of the Galaxy's black hole
- intermediate mass black holes in stellar clusters
- globular cluster proper motions: formation & evolution of the Galaxy
- dwarf spheroidal motions test dark matter & structure formation
- Galactic Centre; stellar types & 3D orbits
- stellar velocities in nearby galaxies: M_{BH}, extended mass distributions
- absorption lines: ages, metallicities, central dispersions of first elliptical galaxies at z=2-3
- spectra of first supernovae at z=1-6
- emission lines: redshifts, velocities, metallicities of starburst galaxies at z=4-6

Sensitivity: imaging

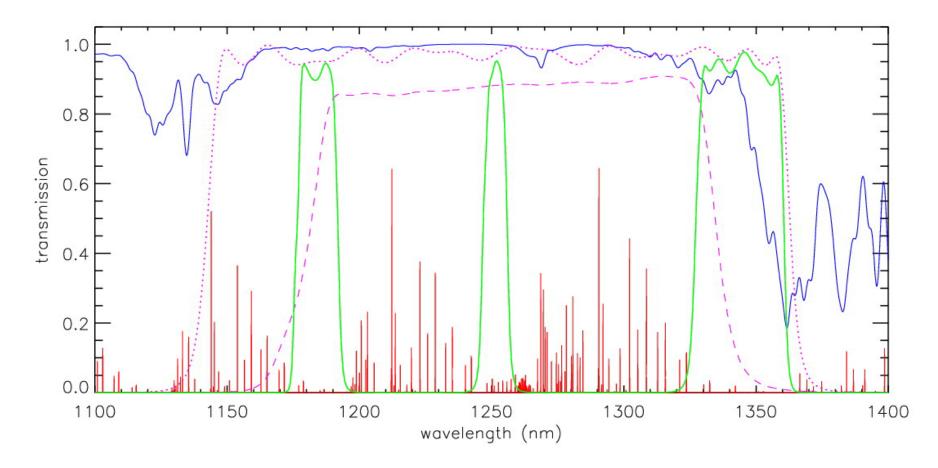
Isolated Point Sources to 5σ



5hrs, 5σ	J _{AB}	H _{AB}	K _{AB}
Imaging	30.8	30.8	29.8
Imaging with advanced filters	31.3	31.3	30.2

High Efficiency Filters

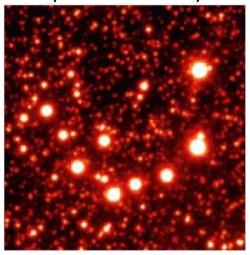
- prototype filters have been manufactured by LZH
- broad J-band with 98% throughput; also OH suppression
 - ×1.34 increase in S/N wrt HAWK-I filters
 - ×1.8 more efficient in terms of observing time to reach same S/N
- technical developments in progress to reach MICADO requirements



Impact of Crowding: MICADO vs JWST

Resolution gives an effective sensitivity gain – cf. 3mag for MAD vs ISAAC.

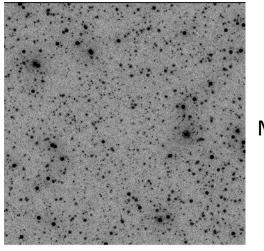
Data for Omega-Cen (Marchetti+ 07)



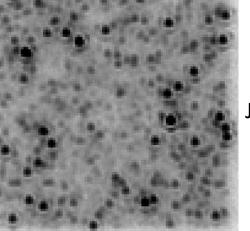
MAD

ISAAC

5-hr K-band simulated exposure

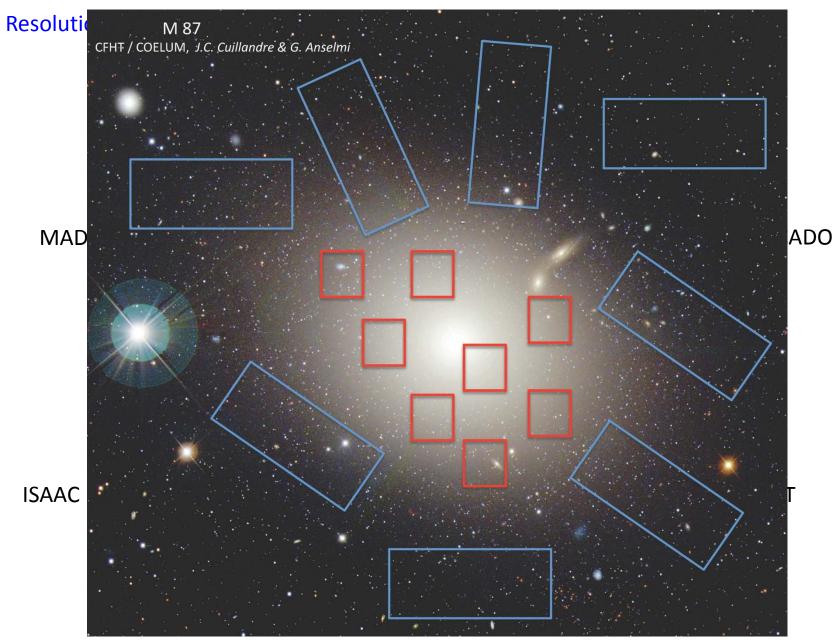


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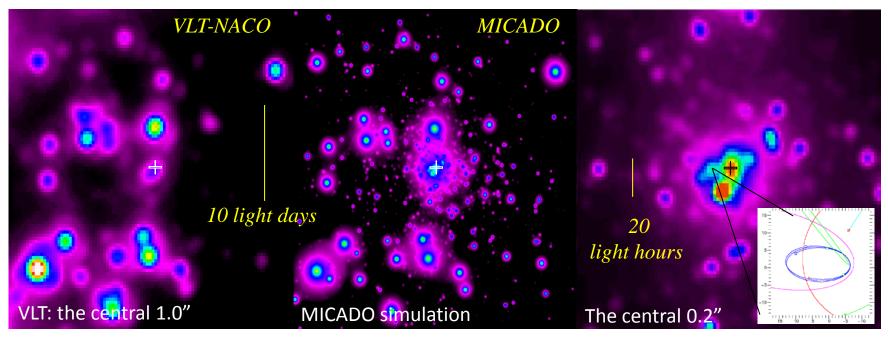
JWST

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Galactic Centers near & far

- Unique laboratory for exploring strong gravity around the closest massive black hole
- Crucial guide for accretion onto black holes & co-evolution of star clusters and AGN
- Other galaxies possible, e.g. Cen A, $M_{BH}=5$ 10⁷ M_{sun} velocities 1000 km/s = 50 μ as/yr



- sensitivity >5mag fainter, resolution & astrometry 5x better than NACO on VLT
- density profile, luminosity function to <1M_{sun}, shape of IMF
- orbits of stars closest to BH; prograde & retrograde precession
- proper motions of ~1000 stars: accurate distance, phase-space clumping (disks), binary fraction, intermediate mass BHs

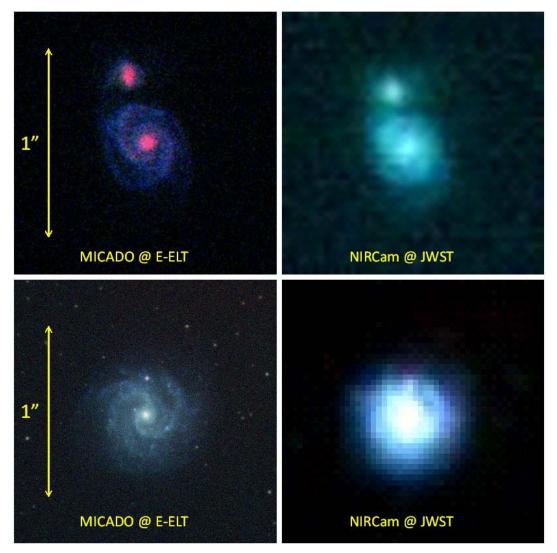
Galaxies at High Redshift

JWST will select samples & measure basic galaxy properties

MICADO will provide the details of their structure to answer: What are the physical processes driving their evolution?

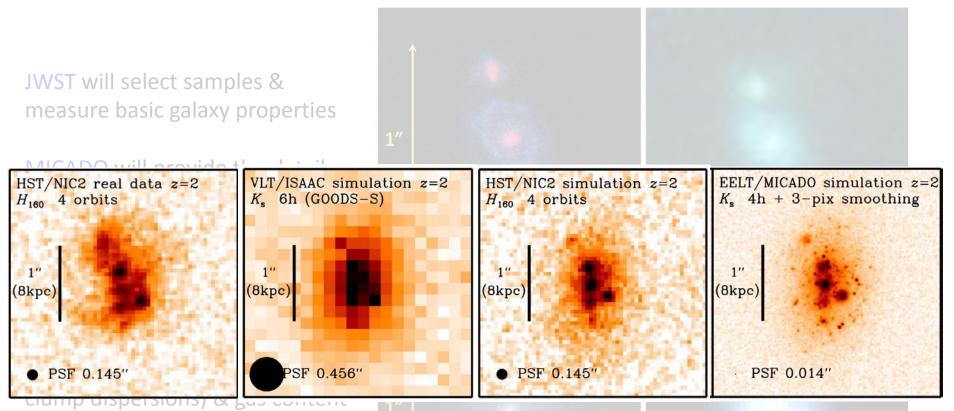
obvious synergies with ALMA, HARMONI, EAGLE

for kinematics (rotation curves, clump dispersions) & gas content



combined JHK images of local templates (BVR bands) shifted to z=2 (top) and z=1 (bottom), with $R_{eff}=0.5$ " and Mv=-21. 5hrs integration.

Galaxies at High Redshift



simulation of a large bright disk galaxy at z = 2.3 ($R_{1/2}$ = 5 kpc, K_{AB} = 21.3), showing that MICADO will be able to measure sizes, distribution and luminosity functions of compact clusters to $K_{AB} \sim 28.5$

MICADO @ E-ELI

NIRCam @ JWST

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MICADO The E-ELT Adaptive Optics Imaging Camera



MICADO + MAORY on the E-ELT: diffraction limited imaging over a nearly 1arcmin FoV

- sensitivity & resolution
- precision astrometry
- high throughput spectroscopy
- simple, robust, available early

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