

ESO's Future Projects

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European Southern Observatory

■ Mission

- Develop and operate world-class observing facilities for astronomical research
- Organize collaborations in astronomy

■ Intergovernmental treaty-level organization

- Founded in 1962; today 15 member states
- La Silla Paranal: VLT, VLTI, 3.6m, NTT, VISTA, VST
- Chajnantor: APEX and ALMA partnerships
- Armazones: ELT
- Paranal/Armazones: CTA-S

■ Headquarters in Garching and Office in Santiago



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Paranal 2022

UT1 (Antu)
MOONS
FORS2+
KMOS

UT2 (Kueyen)
FLAMES
X-SHOOTER
UVES

UT3 (Melipal)
SPHERE
VISIR
CRIRES+

VST
OmegaCAM

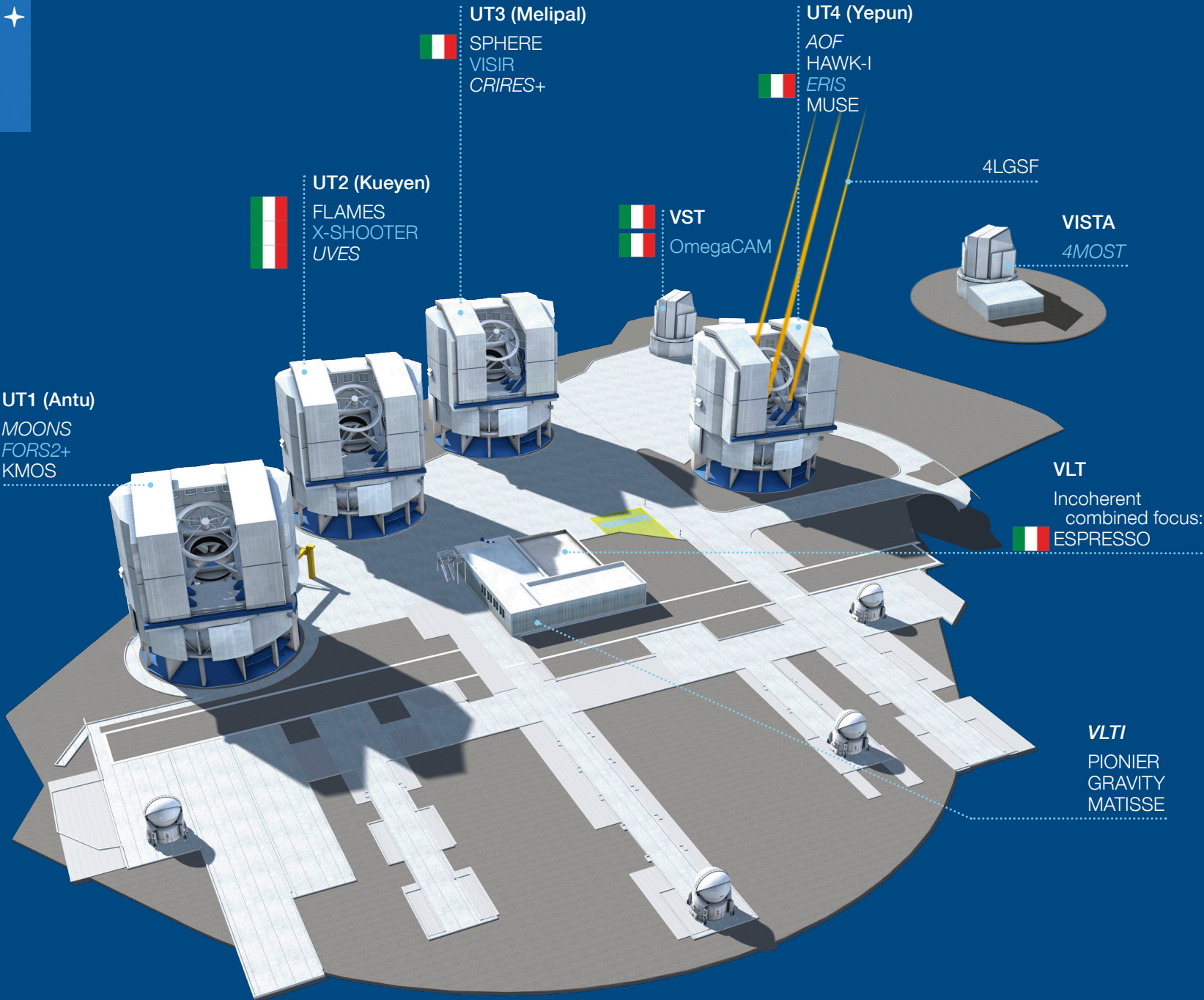
UT4 (Yepun)
AOF
HAWK-I
ERIS
MUSE

4LGSF

VISTA
4MOST

VLT
Incoherent
combined focus:
ESPRESSO

VLTI
PIONIER
GRAVITY
MATISSE



Adaptive Optics Facility

■ GALACSI MUSE WFM offered

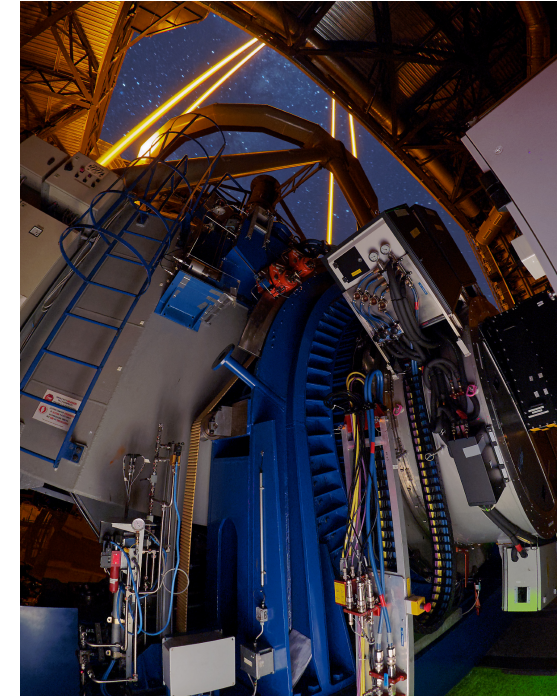
- GLAO to feed the MUSE Wide-Field Mode:
 - seeing enhancer in $1 \times 1 \text{ arcmin}^2$ FoV @ 750nm
 - 4 LGSs located $\approx 1 \text{ arcmin}$ from the optical axis
 - No optics inserted in the MUSE scientific FoV

■ GRAAL + HAWK-I offered

- GLAO to feed HAWK-I camera
 - seeing enhancer in $7 \times 7 \text{ arcmin}^2$ FoV @ 0.9 to $2.2 \mu\text{m}$
 - 4 LGS located outside the FoV

■ GALACSI MUSE NFW offered

- laser tomography adaptive optics (LTAO)
 - full correction (goal 10% Strehl ratio) in $7.5 \times 7.5 \text{ arcsec}^2$ @ 650nm
 - 4 LGS located $\approx 8 \text{ arcsec}$ from optical axis



Four Lasers



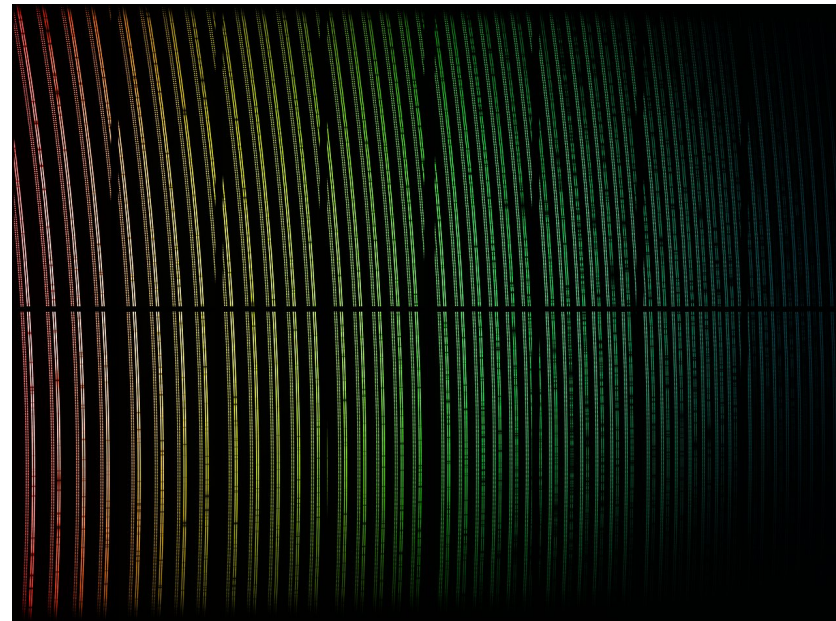


New VLT/I Instruments

- **GRAVITY** – highest angular resolution in K-band
- **ESPRESSO** – extremely stable high-resolution spectrograph
- **Matisse** – mid-infrared interferometry instrument
- **ERIS** – new NIR AO imager (NACO replacement)
 - includes SINFONI upgrade
- **MOONS** – high multiplex NIR spectroscopy
- **4MOST (VISTA)** – high multiplex optical spectroscopy
- Optical AO imager and spectrograph
- **FORS2** upgrade – maintain instrument operational
- UV high-resolution spectroscopy

■ The Echelle SPectrograph for Rocky Exoplanet and Stable Spectroscopic Observations

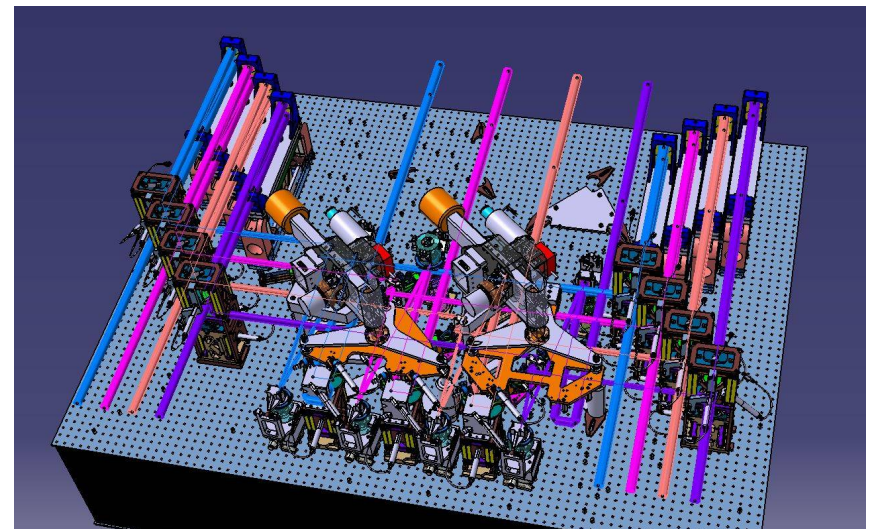
- ESPRESSO is a super-stable optical high-resolution fibre-fed spectrograph for the combined coudé focus of the VLT
- Uses any of the UTs or up to 4 UTs simultaneously
- 0.38-0.8 μm
- $R=120\text{k}-220\text{k}$
- 4UT $R=60\text{k}$
- $V_{rad} \sim 10 \text{ cm/s}$



■ In commissioning

■ Multi-Aperture mid-Infrared Spectroscopic Experiment

- VLTI four-telescope L, M and N-band imager
- Multi-axial beam combination, closure phase imaging
- Spectral resolutions between $R=30$ and 5000
- Operating with UTs and ATs
- Will use GRAVITY as a fringe tracker

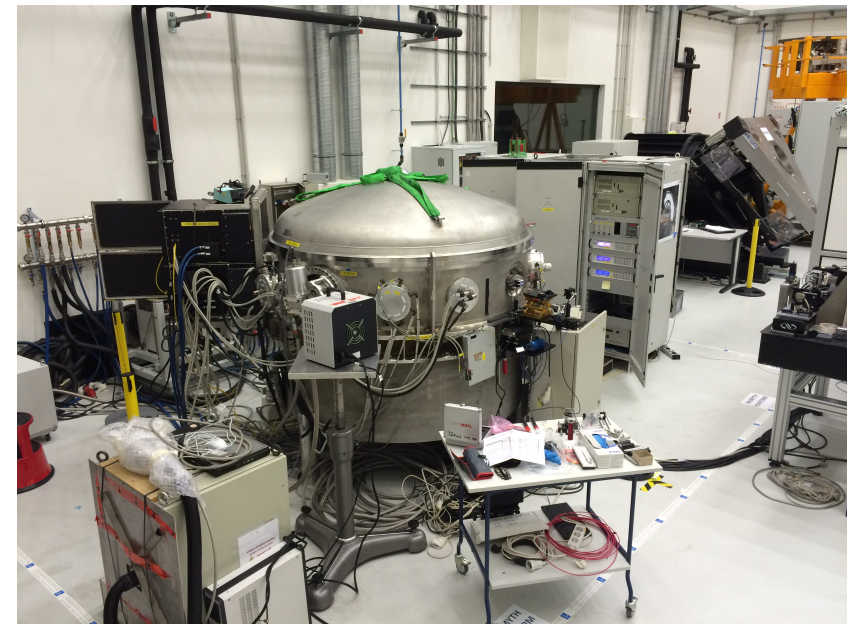


■ Offered in P103

■ CRIRES Upgrade project

- 1-5 microns spectral coverage, $R \sim 20k - 100k$
- Cross-disperser + new detectors will enlarge simultaneous wavelength coverage by ~ 10 times, will cover simultaneously one IR band
- Gas cells will provide few m/s radial velocity precision
- Polarimetric capabilities
- Refurbished AO system

■ Offered in 2019



■ SPIFFI Integral field spectroscopy

- FoV 0.8", 3.2", 8"; R~3000 & 8000; J-K bands

■ NIX (camera)

- J-K narrow/broad bands; 13/27 mas pix (26"/55" FoV)
- L-M broad bands; 27 mas pix (55" FoV)

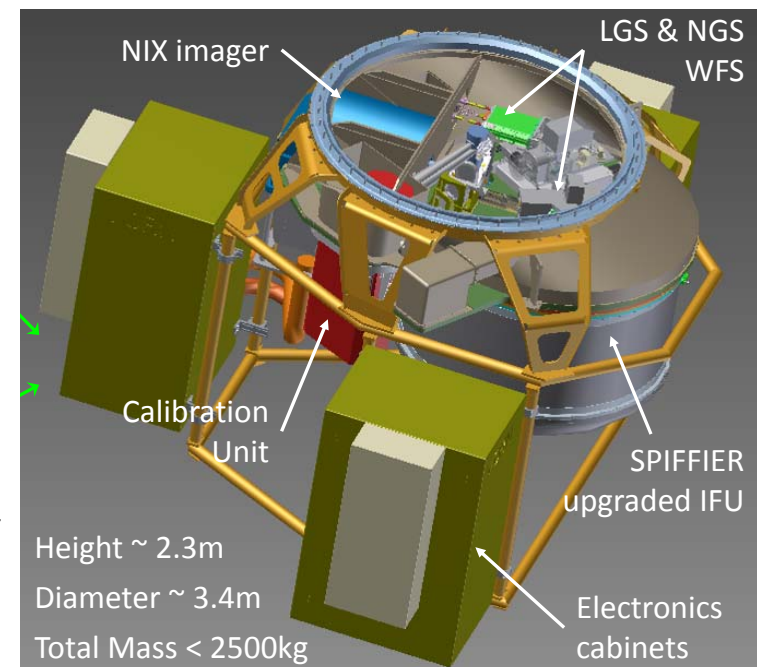
■ High contrast imaging

- Pupil plane coronagraph (L-M)
- Focal plan coronagraph (L-M)*
- Sparse aperture Masking (J-M)

■ Long slit spectroscopy

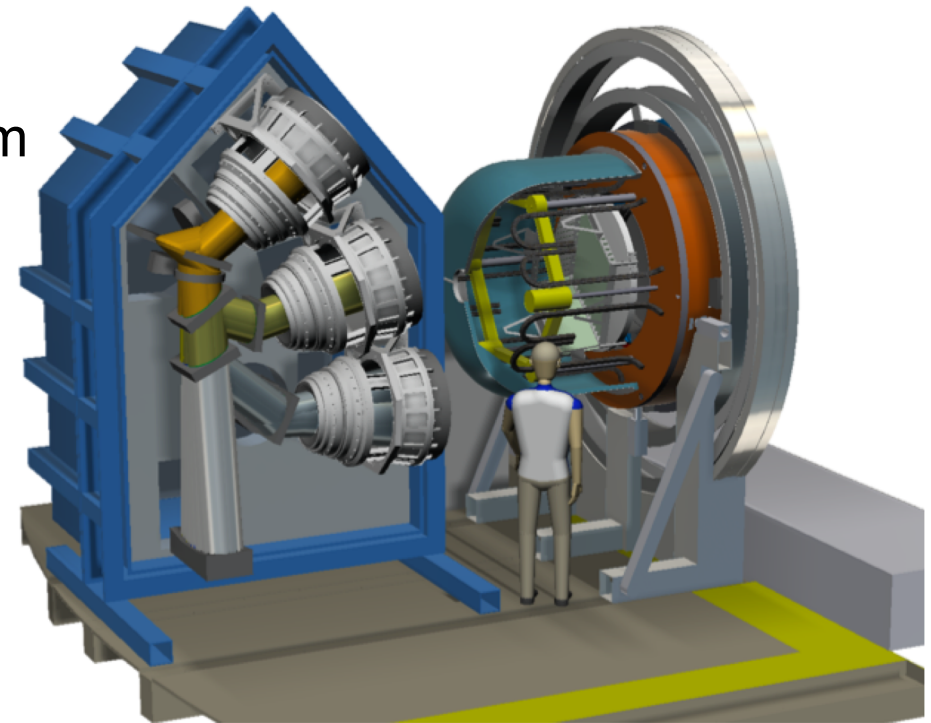
- R=500, LM band simultaneously

■ Offered after 2020



■ Multi-Object Optical and Near-infrared Spectrograph

- Field of view: 500 arcmin² at the 8.2m VLT
- Multiplex: 1024 fibers with the possibility to deploy them in pairs
- Medium resolution:
 - Simultaneously 0.64μm-1.8μm
 - R=4000–6000
- High resolution:
 - Simultaneously 3 bands:
 - 0.76-0.90μm at R = 9000
 - 0.95-1.35μm at R = 4000
 - 1.52-1.63μm at R = 20000

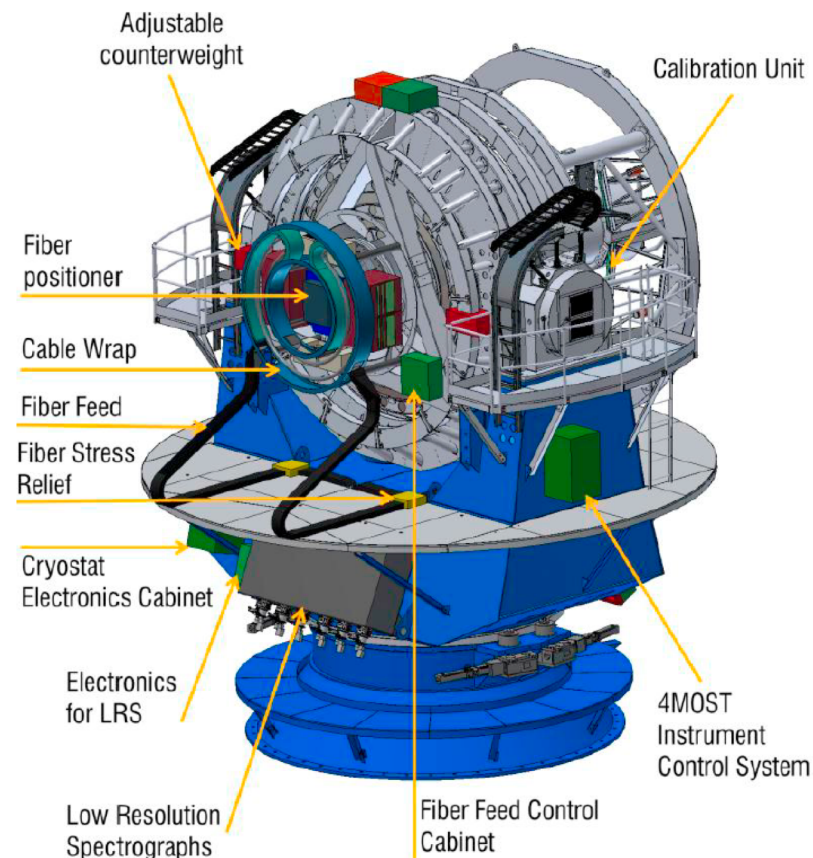


■ Offered after 2020

4MOST

- 4MOST will be a world-class facility for fiber-fed multi-object spectroscopy
 - large field of view ($> 4 \text{ deg}^2$)
 - spectral resolutions (LRM: $R > 5,000$, HRM: $R > 18,000$) for both Galactic and extragalactic applications
 - high multiplex (1600 in LRM, 800 in HRM)
 - broad wavelength coverage in LRM (400-885 nm)
 - broad wavelength coverage in HRM (393-435 nm and 521-571 nm, 610-675 nm)
 - implementation at the Cassegrain focus of the VISTA telescope

■ Offered after 2022



Community workshop
6-8 May 2019



Visible Adaptive Optics Instrument



■ VISIBLE MCAO

- Maintain optical imaging at the level of HST into the next decades
- Strong synergies with ELT

■ Optical camera

- ~7 mas per pixel
- 30 arcsec diameter FoV
- Focus on VRI but also UBz sensitivity

■ IFU Spectroscopy

- ~3x3 arcsec² FoV
- Spec. res. at R~5000

■ Adaptive Optics

- Diffraction limited in V-band (AOF + 2 more DMs)
- Strehl ratio >10% in V-band
- 4 or 5 Lasers
- Near IR WFS



OIR Future Strategies

■ Flexibility

- Astrophysics covers many topics and techniques
- Completeness of instrumentation
- Reaction to interesting new events, object and topics

■ Coordination

- Instrumentations programmes at different facilities
 - either through a large pool or through collaboration between observatories
- Planning between ground and space
- Time allocation between observatories

■ Operations

- inbuilt flexibility
- archive → open distribution of data

La Silla beyond 2020

■ Dedicate large telescopes to specific science topics

- 3.6m telescope: exo-planets, radial velocity studies
 - HARPS; NIRPS
- NTT: transient sky
 - EFOSC2, SOFI, (ULTRACAM); SOXS

■ Hosted telescopes

➤ in operation

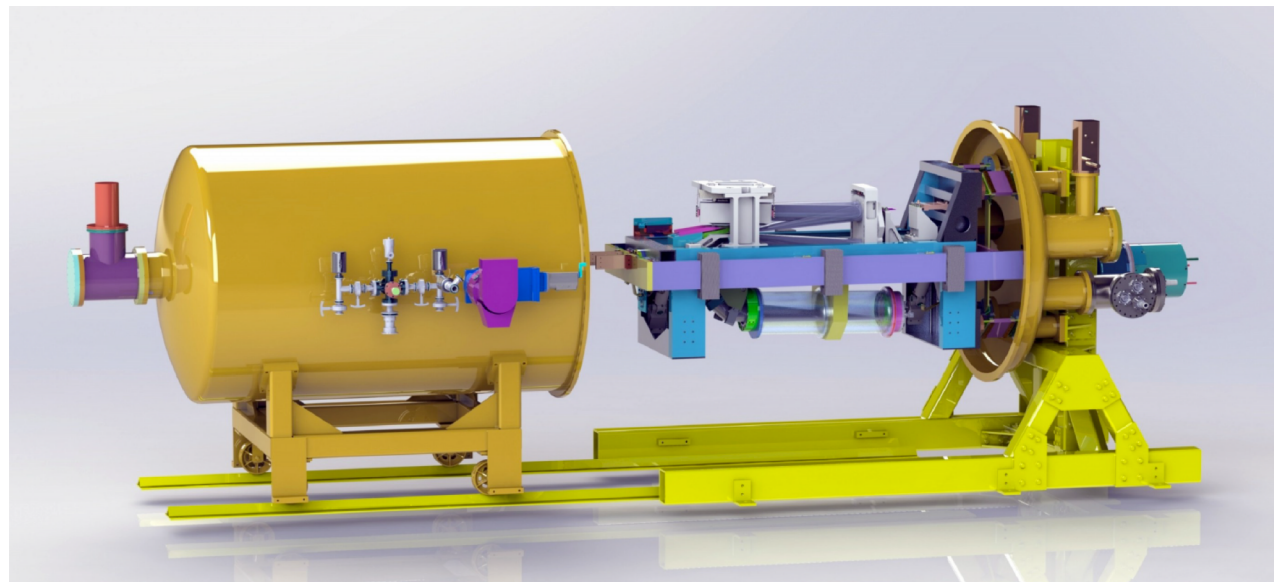
2.2m MPG
 1.54m Danish
 1.2m Euler
 REM
 TAROT-S
 TRAPPIST
 ESO 1m
 ExTra
 MASCARA

upcoming

TBT
 BlackGEM
 NEOSTEL



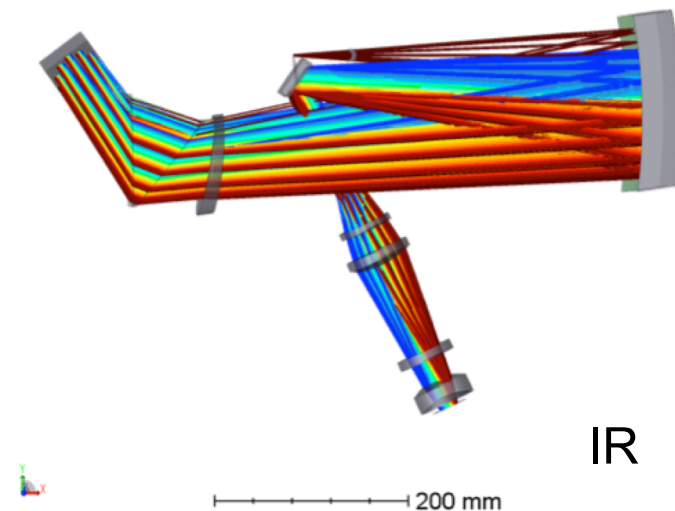
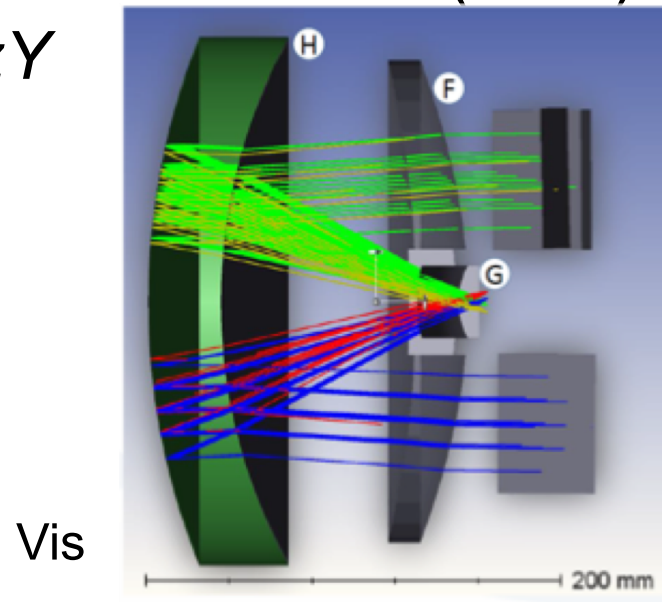
- NIRPS @ 3.6m : High Accuracy NIR Spectrograph
 - NIR (970-1800 nm)
 - High Resolution: $R > 80000$
 - AO-Assisted
 - Simultaneous observations with HARPS
 - $v_{rad} < 1 \text{ m/sec}$



■ SOXS @ NTT

- Broad-band spectrograph, 350nm through 2.0 μ m
- $R \sim 4,500$ (3,500–6,000)
- Two arms (UV-VIS + NIR)
- S/N ~ 10 spectrum, 1-hr exposure at $R \sim 20$
- Acquisition camera (3'x3') to perform photometry in *ugrizY*

ugrizY

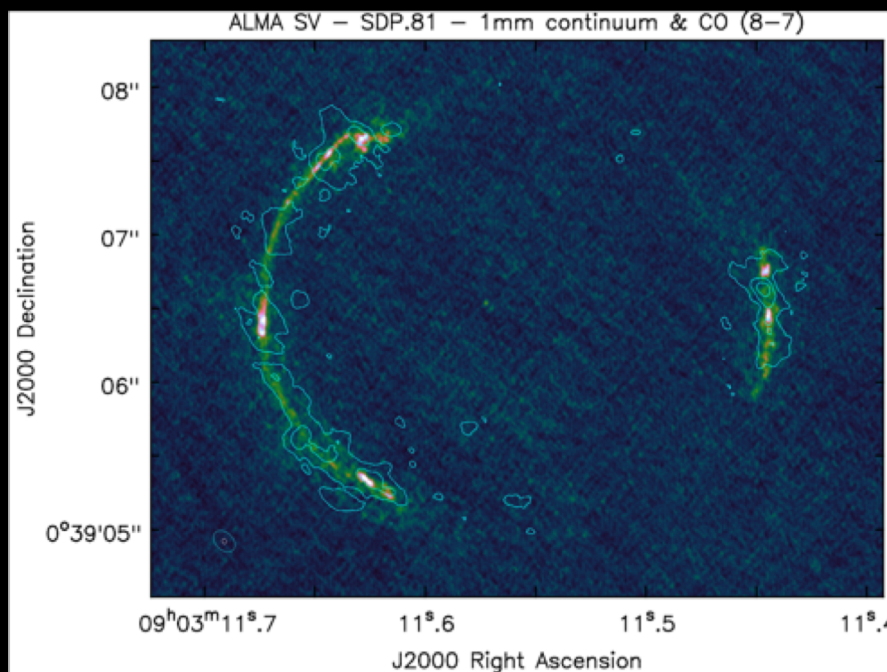
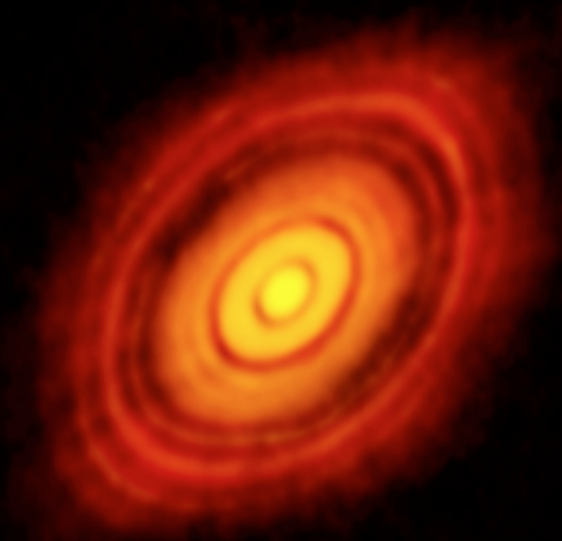
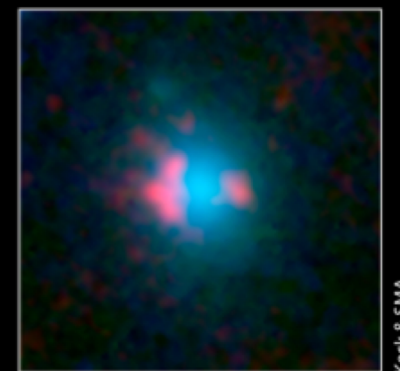
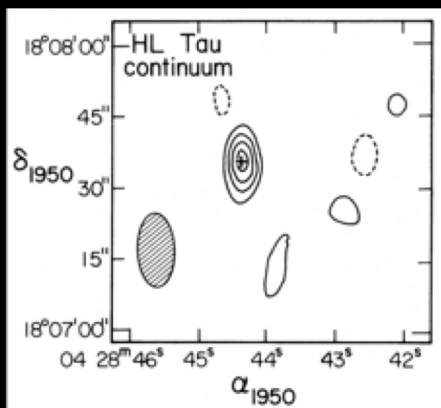


- Observe the cold universe
 - wavelengths from 300 μ m to 1.3mm (1 THz to 200 GHz)
- Global Partnership
 - Europe (ESO), North America (USA/NSF and Canada/NRC), East Asia (Japan/NINS, Taiwan/NSC/ASIAA, South Korea/KASI)
- 66 antennas located at 5000m altitude
 - 50 12m antennas
 - 12 7m + 4 12m antennas (compact array)



The ALMA Revolution

- Increased sensitivity, higher angular resolution



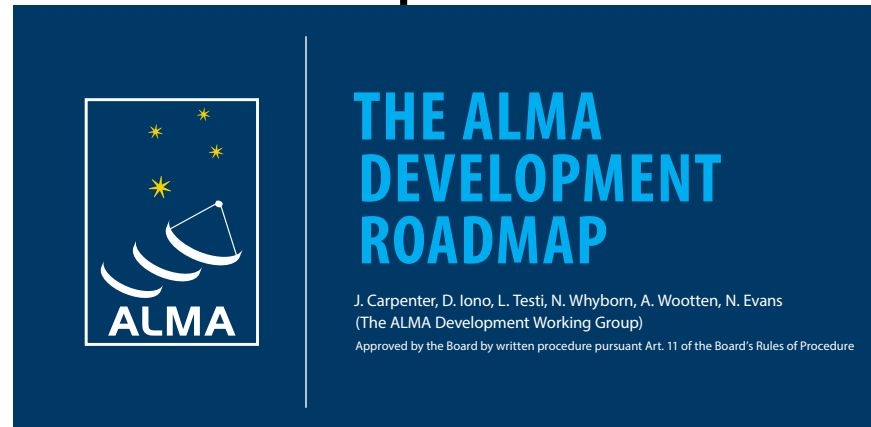
ALMA Receivers

Band	Wavelength (mm)	Frequency (GHz)
1	8,6 – 6	35 – 50
2	4,6 – 3,3	65 – 90
3	3,6 – 2,6	84 – 116
4	2,4 – 1,8	125 – 163
5	1,8 – 1,4	163 – 211
6	1,4 – 1,1	211 – 275
7	1,1 – 0,8	275 – 373
8	0,8 – 0,6	385 – 500
9	0,5 – 0,4	602 – 720
10	0,4 – 0,3	787 – 950



ALMA Plans

■ Defined in the roadmap



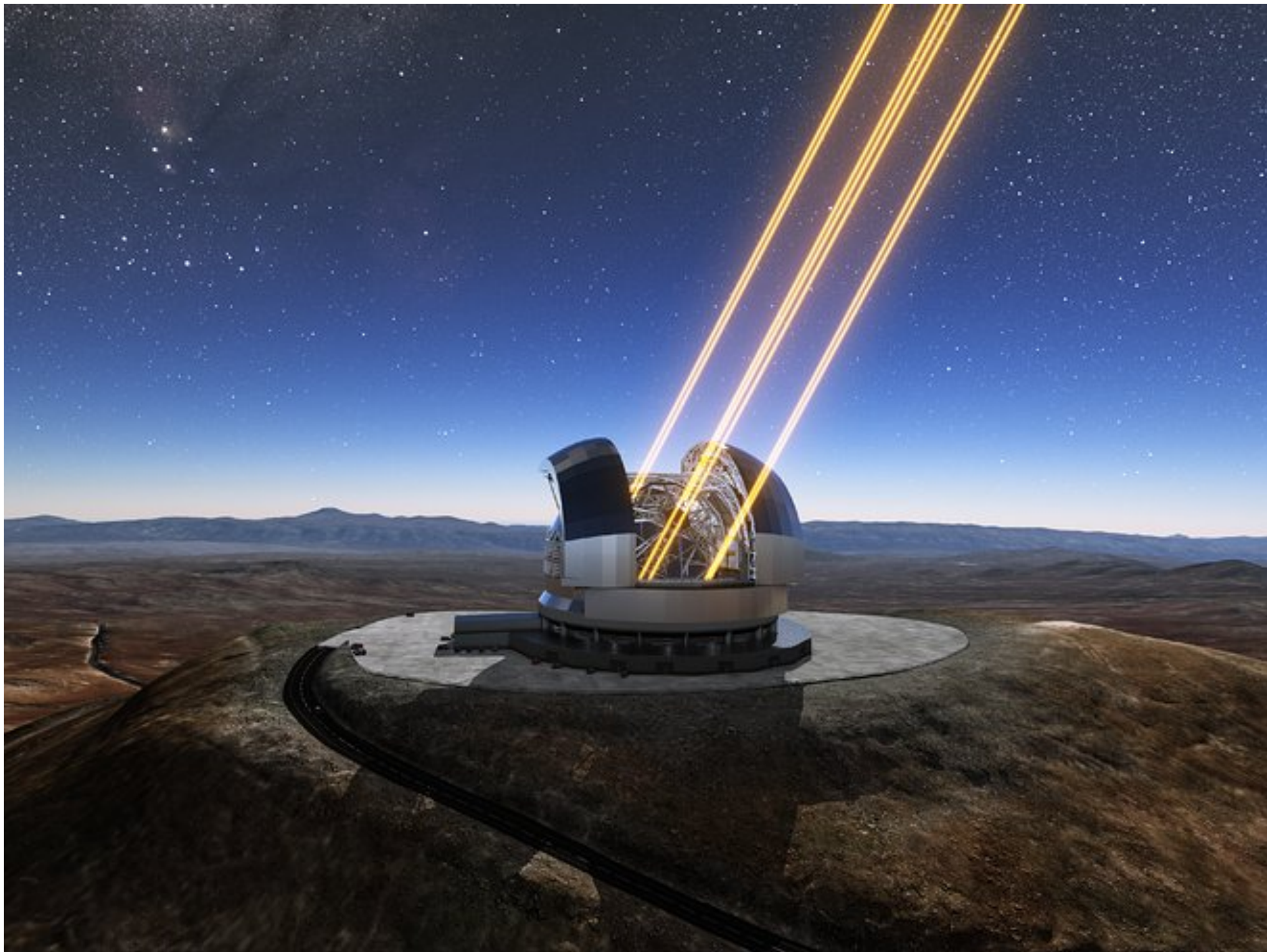
■ Increase receiver bandwidth

- Increased survey speed

■ Improve archive capabilities

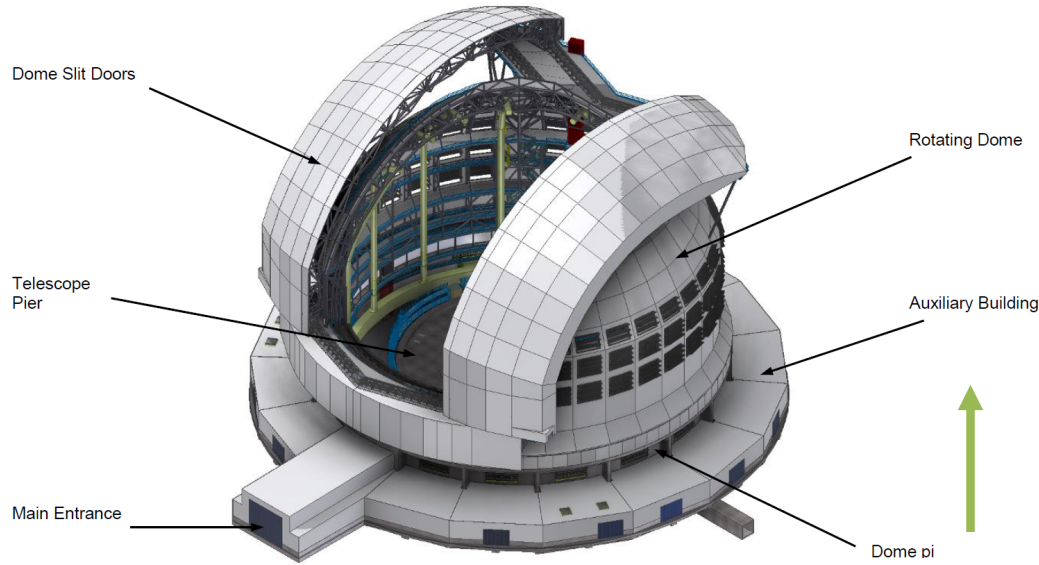
■ Longer-term plans

- Increase maximum baseline
- Focal plane arrays
- More 12m antennas

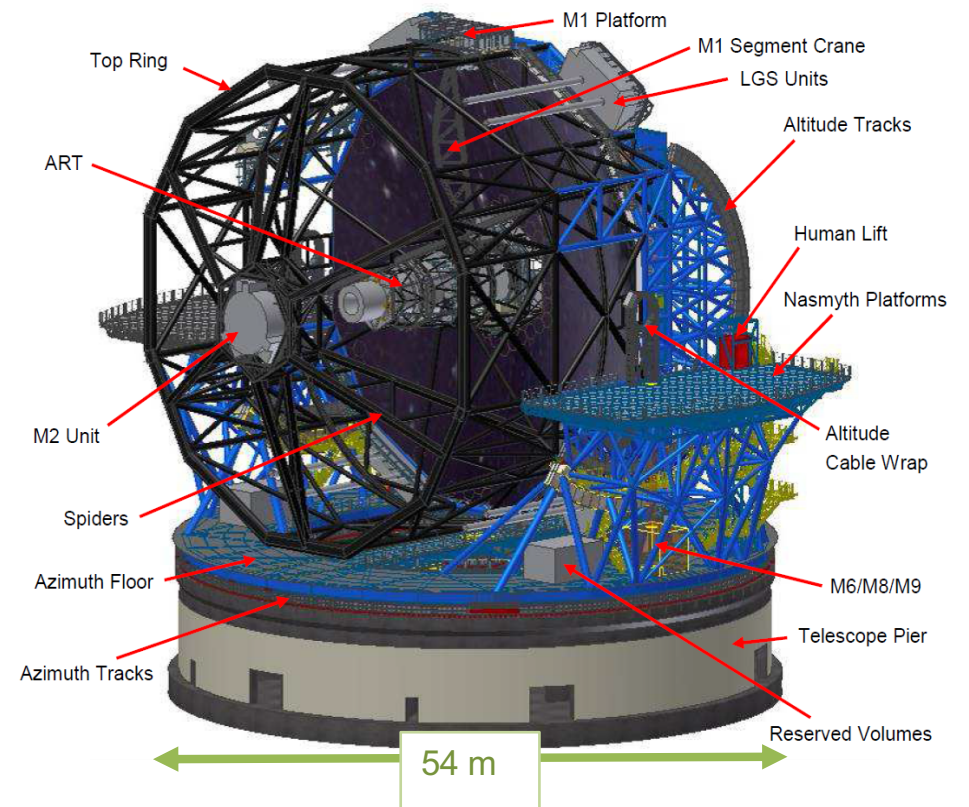




ELT - ESO's next large telescope



~52 m (Horizon)





ELT



120 m

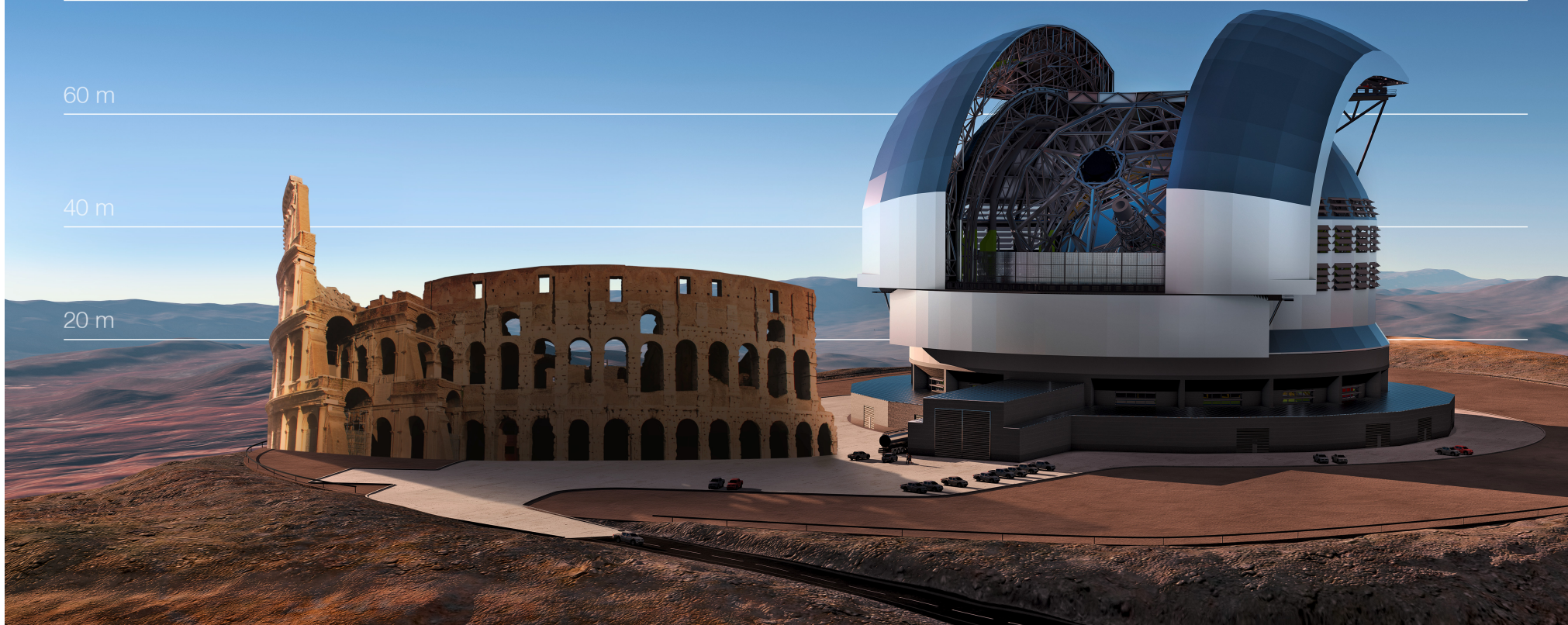
100 m

80 m

60 m

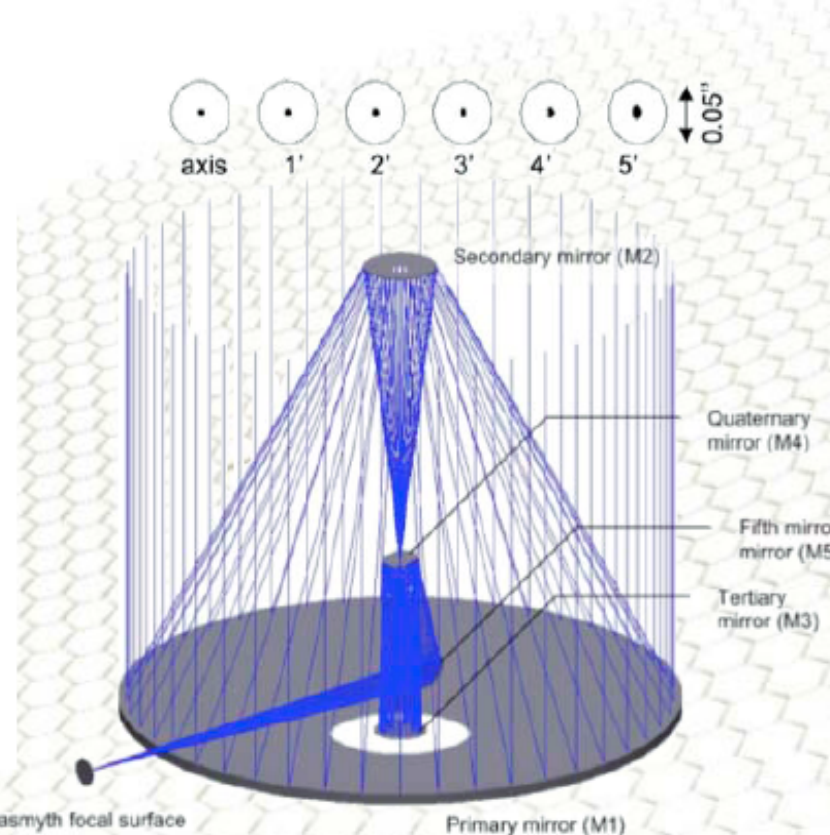
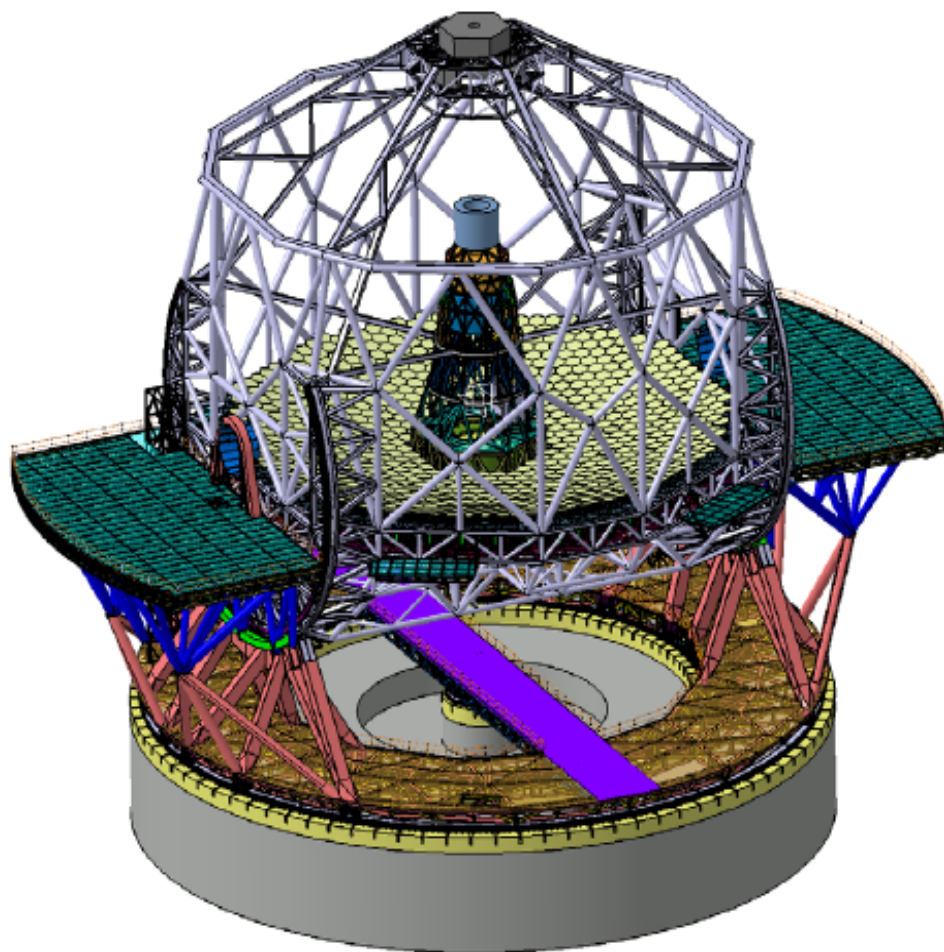
40 m

20 m



ELT Design

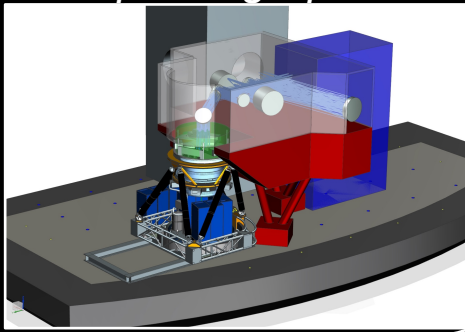
5 mirror telescope with 798 hexagonal segments making up the 39-m primary mirror



ELT Instrumentation Programme

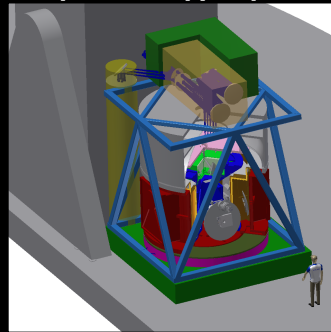
MICADO+MAORY

Imager and single slit spectrograph



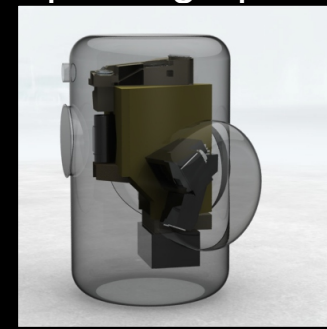
HARMONI

Integral Field Spectrograph



METIS

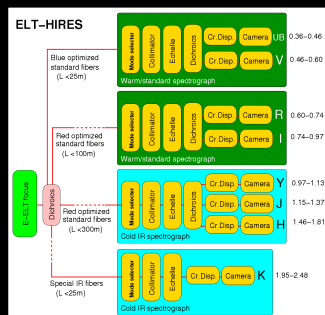
Mid-IR imager and spectrograph



Second generation instruments (completed Phase A)

HIRES

High resolution spectrograph



MOSAIC

Multi-object spectrograph

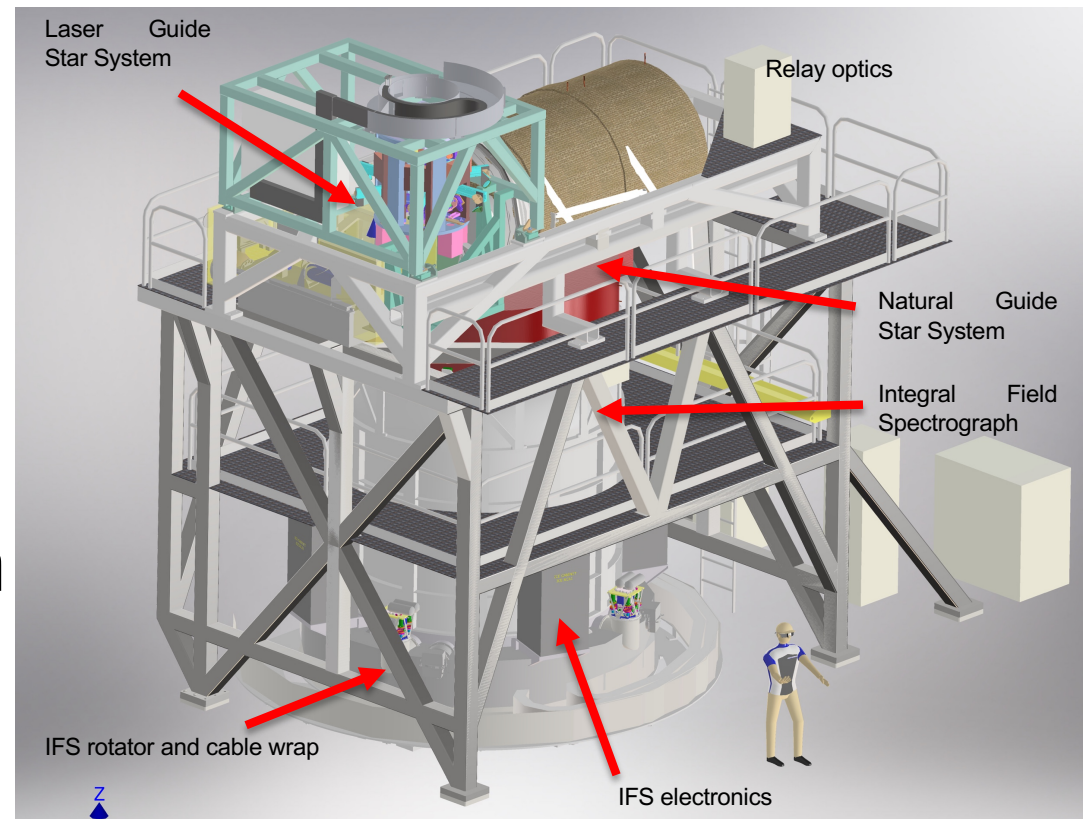


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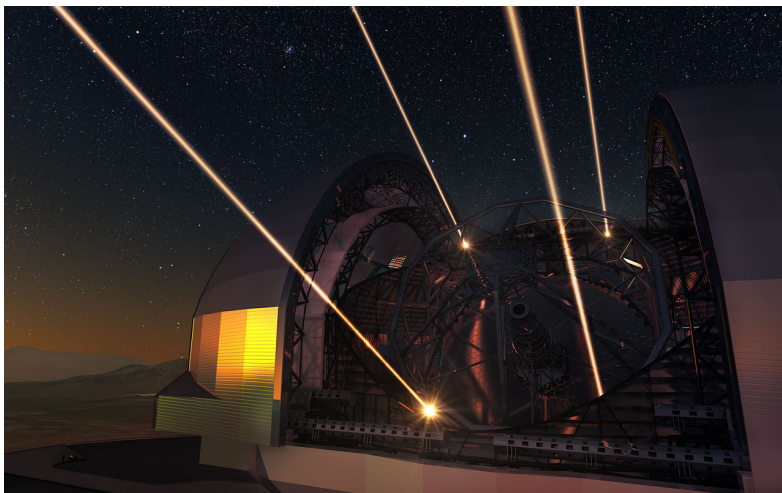
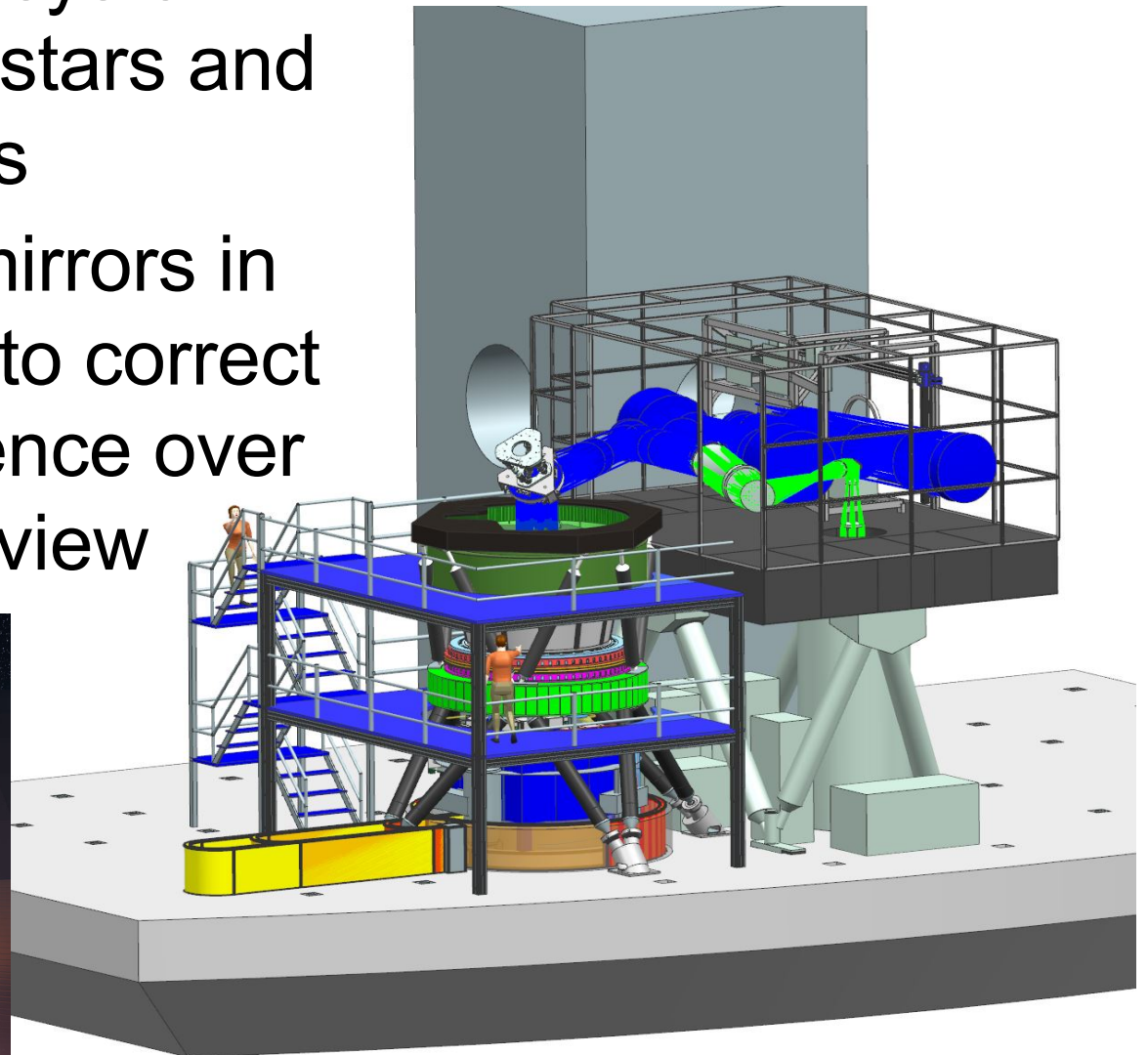
Extreme AO imager and spectrograph

Integral-field spectrograph

- 3D spectrograph (IFU) covering optical (0.47 μm) to NIR (2.45 μm)
- Resolving power $R=3500 - 20000$
- 32000 spatial pixels
- From seeing limited down to the diffraction limit with SCAO and LTAO
- Range of spatial scales with field of views from 9"x6" to 0.8"x0.6"

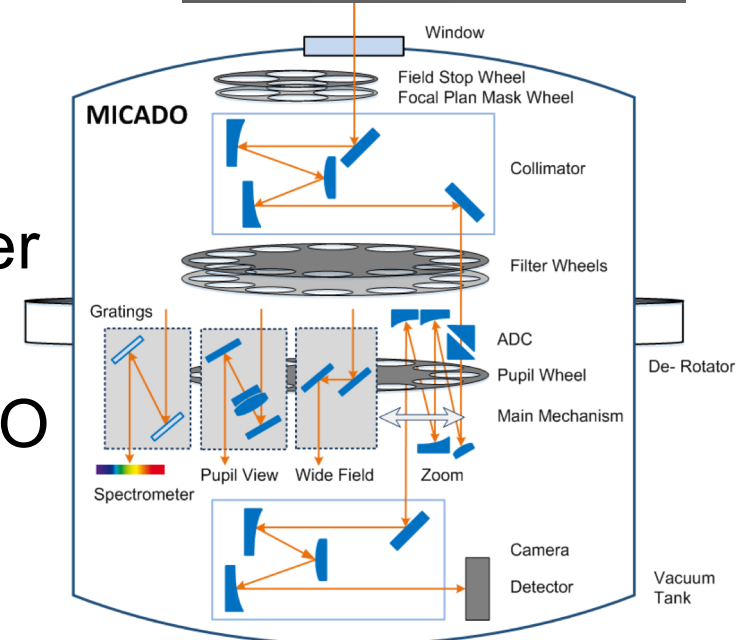
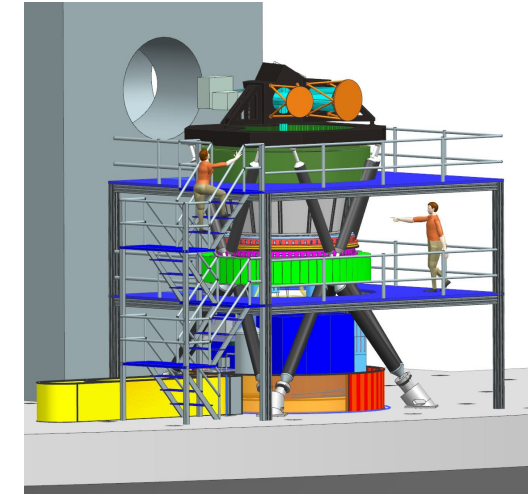


- Multi-conjugate AO system using 6 laser guide stars and 3 natural guide stars
- 1 or 2 deformable mirrors in addition to ELT M4 to correct atmospheric turbulence over 120arcsecs field of view

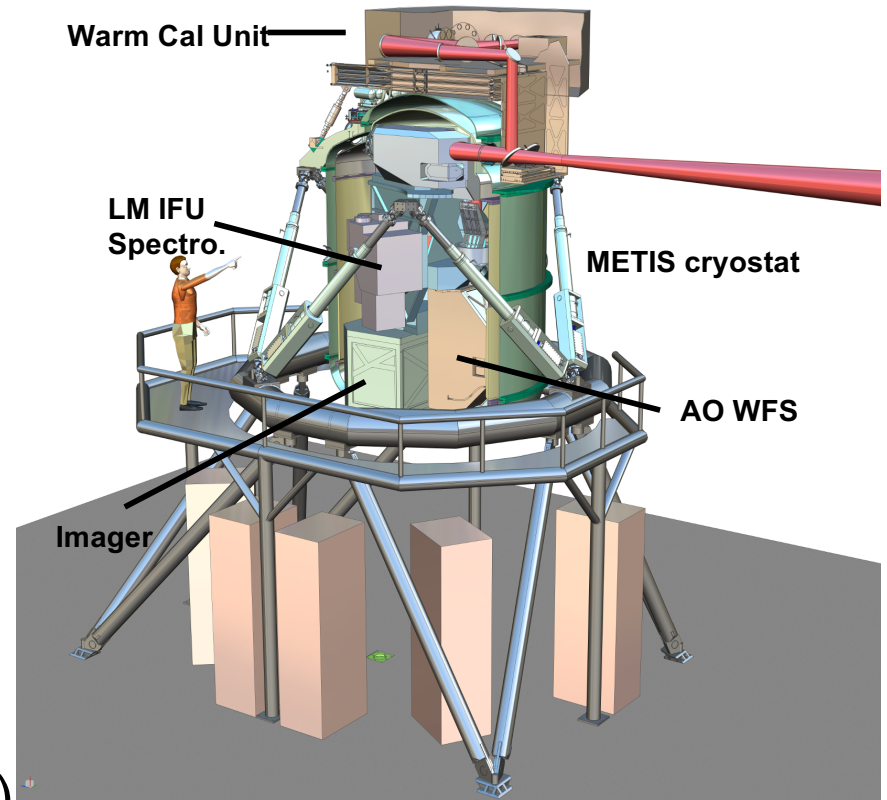


MICADO

- Imaging from 0.8-2.4 μm , > 30 filters, an array of 3x3 detectors with 4096x4096 Pixel scales of 4mas (field of view ~53") and 1.5mas (FoV ~20")
- Astrometric imaging to 50 μarcsec precision across whole image
- Spectroscopy for single compact objects, two settings (0.8-1.4 μm and 1.5-2.4 μm) at spectral resolving power ~8000.
- Coronagraph plus single conjugate AO
- Time Resolved Astronomy as fast as 4mas



- METIS covers the thermal / mid infrared wavelength range from $3\mu\text{m}$ to $19\mu\text{m}$
 - All observing modes diffraction limited. SCAO
- Imaging at L,M, N, Q bands: FoV $10''\times 10''$
- Low resolving power spectroscopy
 - $R \sim \text{few } 10^2\text{-}10^3$, slit spectroscopy, LMN bands
 - High resolving power ($R \sim 100,000$) IF spectroscopy at L,M-band, FoV $0.5''\times 0.5''$
 - GOAL: High resolving power N-band IFS
 - Coronagraphy for high contrast imaging

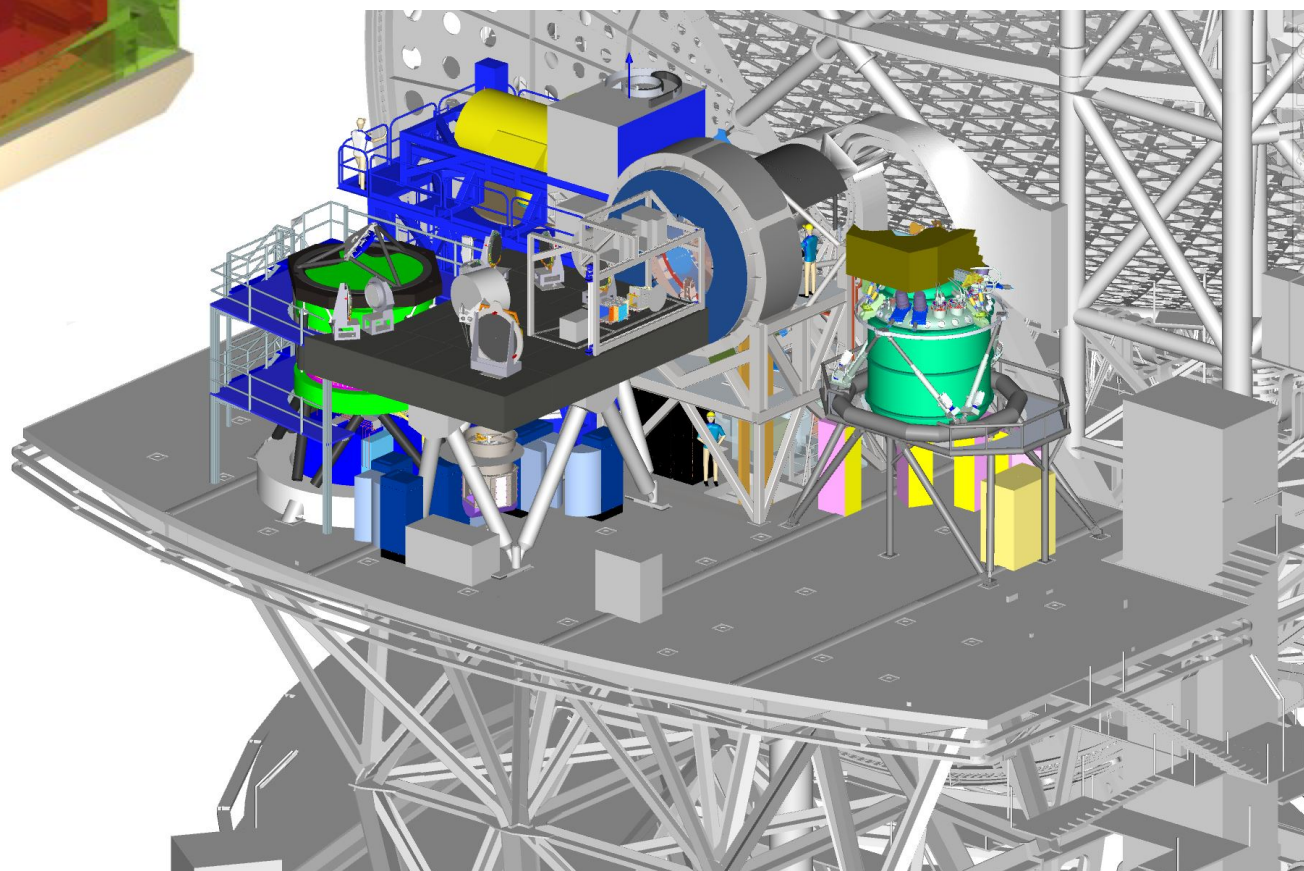
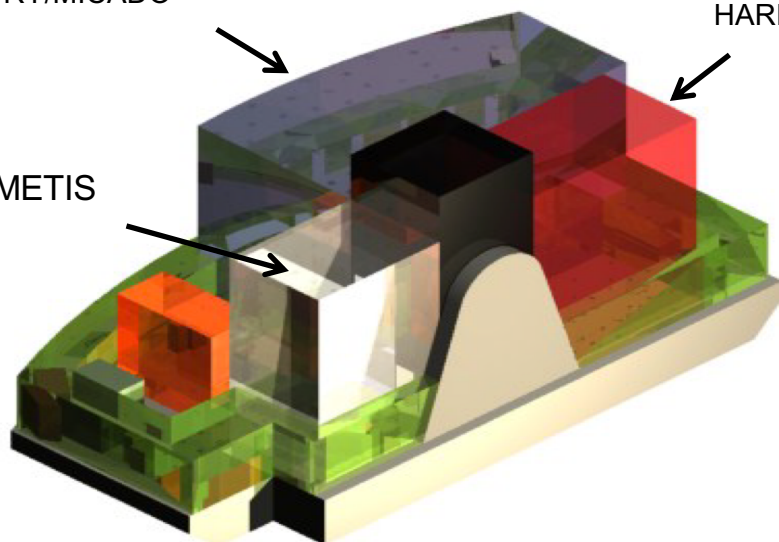


Instruments on Nasmyth A

MAORY/MICADO

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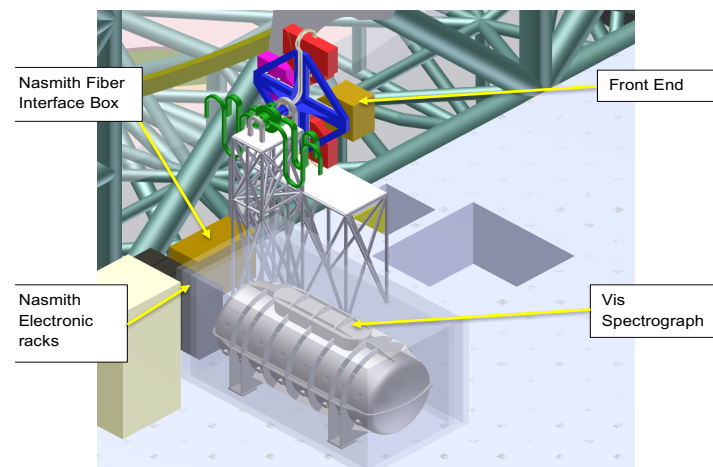
METIS



Phase A studies

■ HIRES

- High spectral resolving power ($R > 100000$)
- Optical to near infrared



■ MOSAIC

- Multi-object spectrograph
- Optical to near infrared
- Single object and multi-IFU

