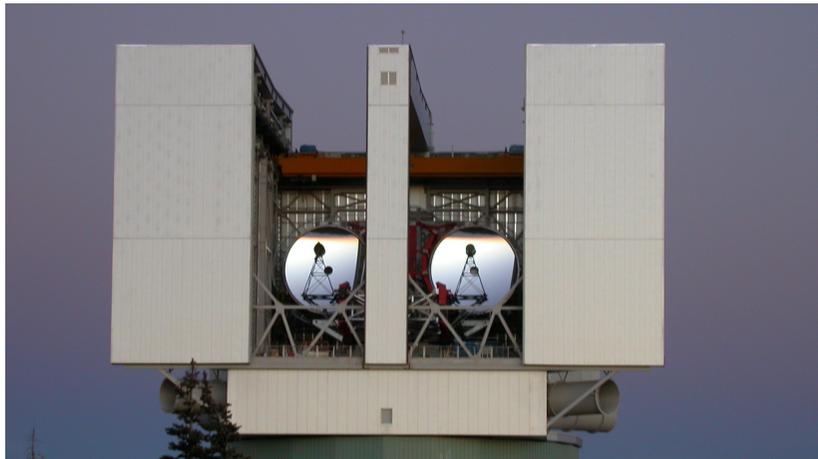


Il gruppo AO di Arcetri



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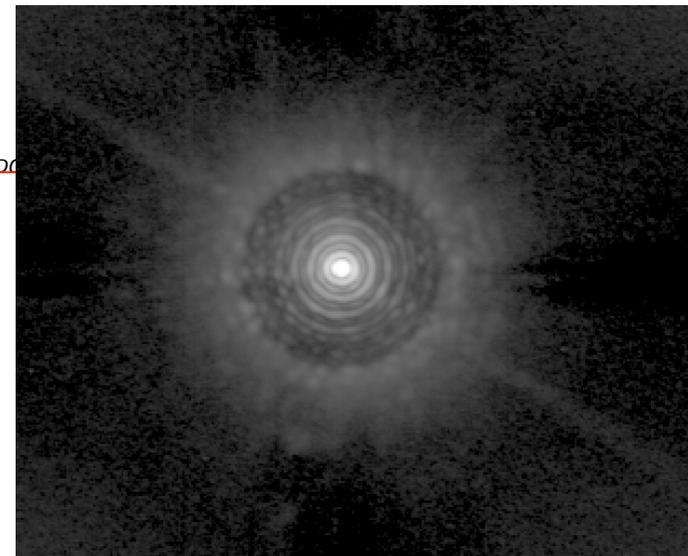


Adaptive Optics for Extremely Large Telescopes, 3rd edition
<http://aotelt3.sciencesconf.org>

Topics:

- ELT astronomy with AO
- AO systems for ELTs
- AO pathfinders & new ideas
- AO numerical simulations and modeling
- Wave-front sensing
- Wave-front correctors
- Laser guide star systems
- System control & algorithms
- Atmospheric turbulence and AO disturbances
- Data post-processing & optimization

26-31 May 2013, Florence, Italy



Incontro Istituto Nazionale di Ottica ed Osservatorio di Arcetri,
20 Febbraio 2013, Firenze.

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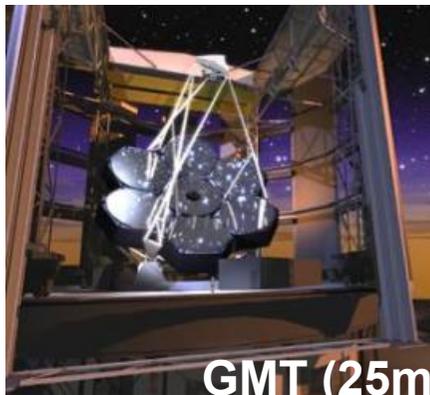
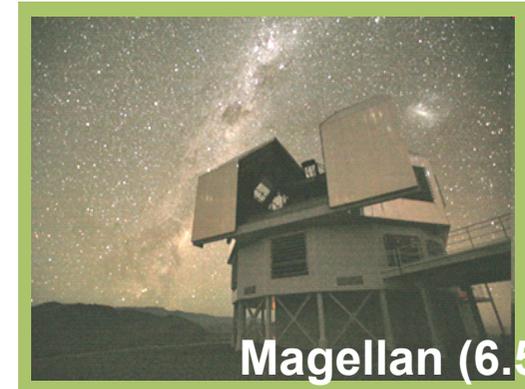
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AO group activity in short

1) The current 8m class telescopes



2) The ELT class telescopes 25/40m



3) Space telescopes

- Adaptive Secondary mirrors
- Pyramid wavefront sensors

A list of current projects:

LBT Telescope (2x8.4m):

- 1) FLAO#1 & FLAO#2 [end by 2014]
- 2) ARGOS [end by 2014]
- 3) Sodium Laser AO upgrade [end by 2015]
- 4) Shark [end by 2015]

VLT Telescopes (4x8.2m):

- 5) UT4 DSM (1170 actuators) [end by 2013]
- 6) ERIS [start Feb. 2013, end 2017]

Magellan Telescope (6.5m):

- 7) VisAO system [end by 2013]

GMT telescope (25m)

- 8) NGAO system [end by 2019]

E-ELT telescope (39m)

- 9) NGWFS system [start off end 2013]
- 10) M4 tower test

LATT telescope (4m)

- 10) Mirror prototype [end of 2013]

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Written by R. Ragazzoni, S. Esposito, E. Giallongo and P. Salinari

ADONI at glance:

Host institution:	Arcetri Astrophysical Observatory
Joint Institutions:	Padova and Roma Astronomical Observatories
Overall personnel involved:	49
Areas of interest:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. AO for 8m class and Extremely Large Telescopes2. Development of new AO concepts and components3. Exploitation of technologies grown in AO framework4. Dissemination of non astronomical AO application
Key goals:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To reach a critical mass to be able to have a key role in AO systems for the largest existing and planned astronomical facilities2. To organize the various forces active in the AO field in Italy in order to maintain the present leadership in the AO field

Il progetto LBT: First Light Adaptive Optics system [FLAO]

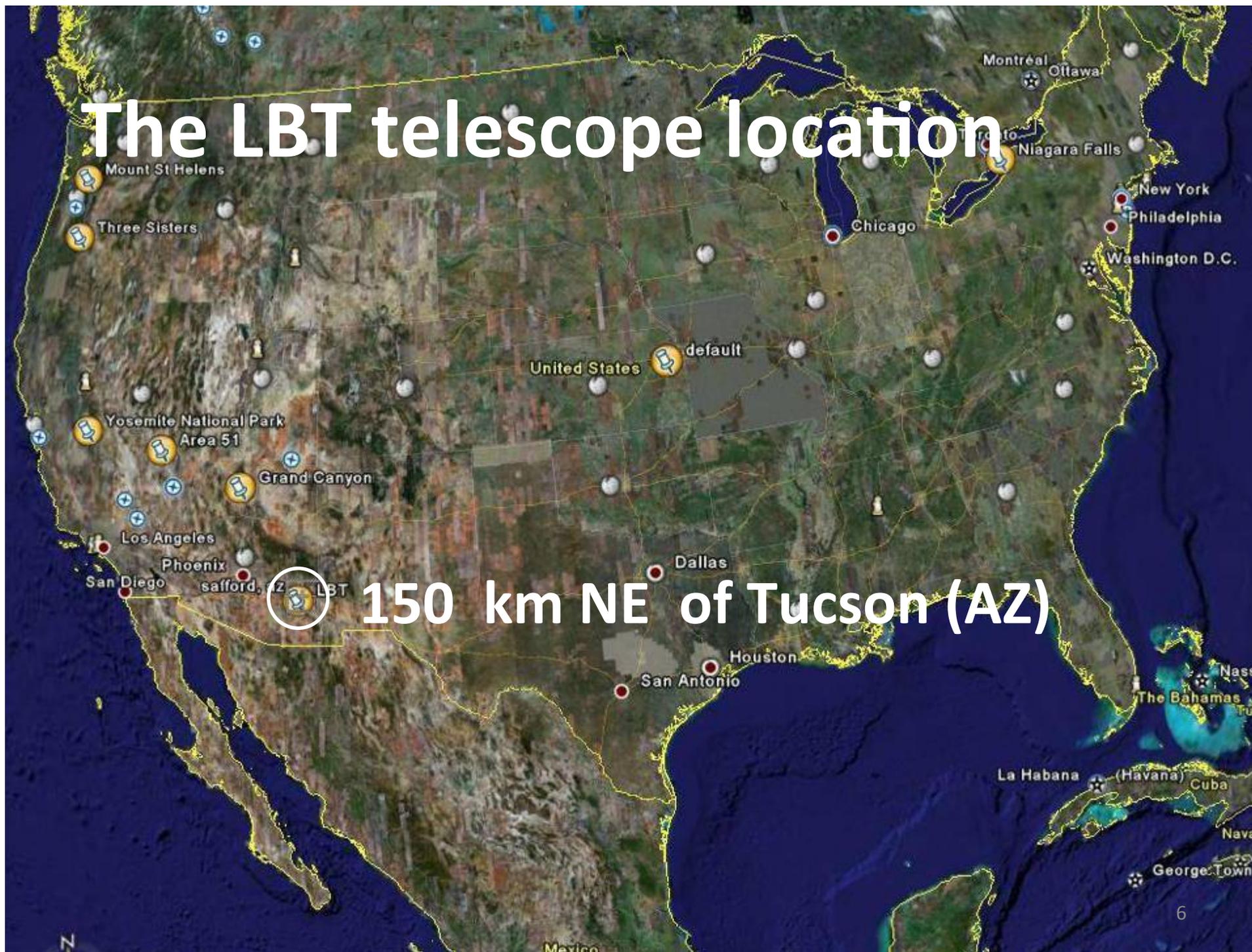


Una meta' del FLAO team ad LBT durante il primo run di commissioning

[Un progetto che si e' esteso dal 2000 al 2010 !!]

The LBT telescope location

150 km NE of Tucson (AZ)





An aerial view of MGIO obs.

Services



Submillimetric
radio-telescope



VATT telescope



LBT



Mt. Graham International Observatory (MGIO)

3200m heigh to sealevel

Lat. 32°:42':05" N, Long. 109°:53':26" W

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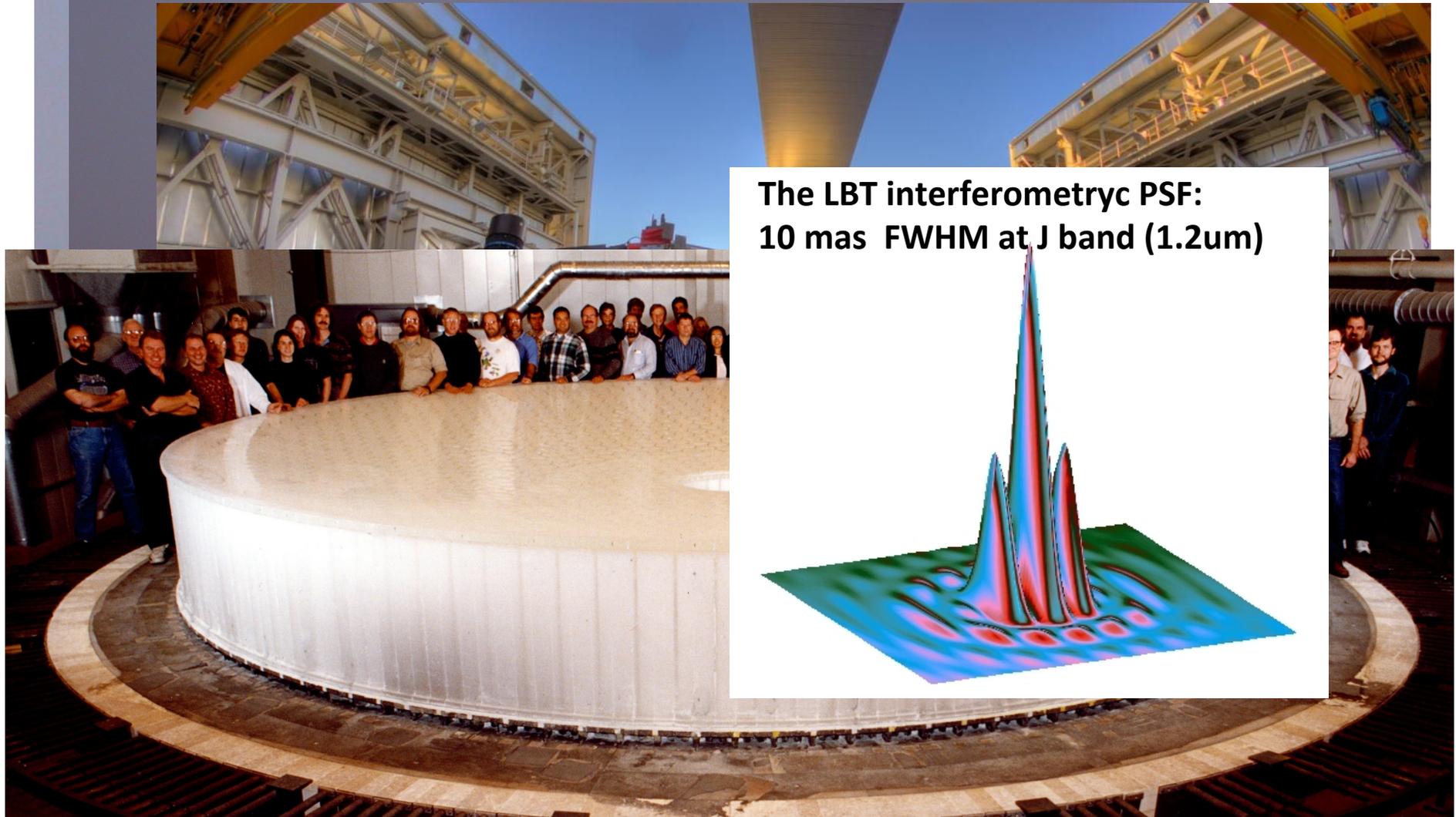
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Pointer: 32°42'05.33" N 109°53'26.15" W elev 3176 m

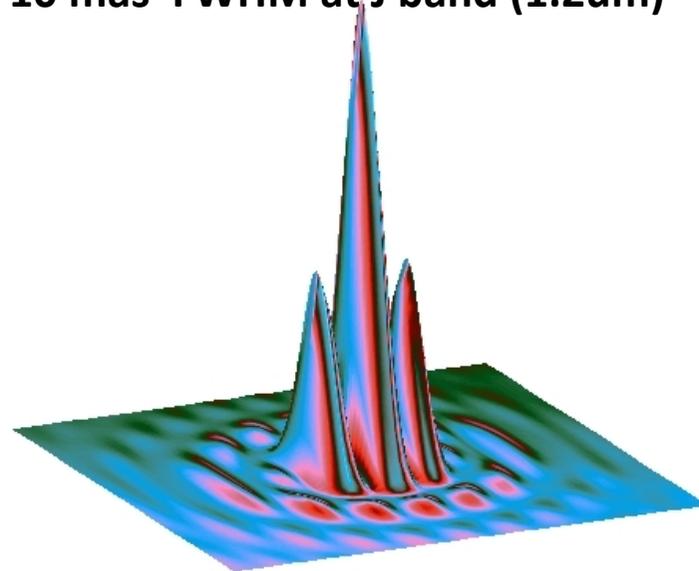
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Eye alt 5.16 km

The LBT telescope: two 8.4m mirrors.



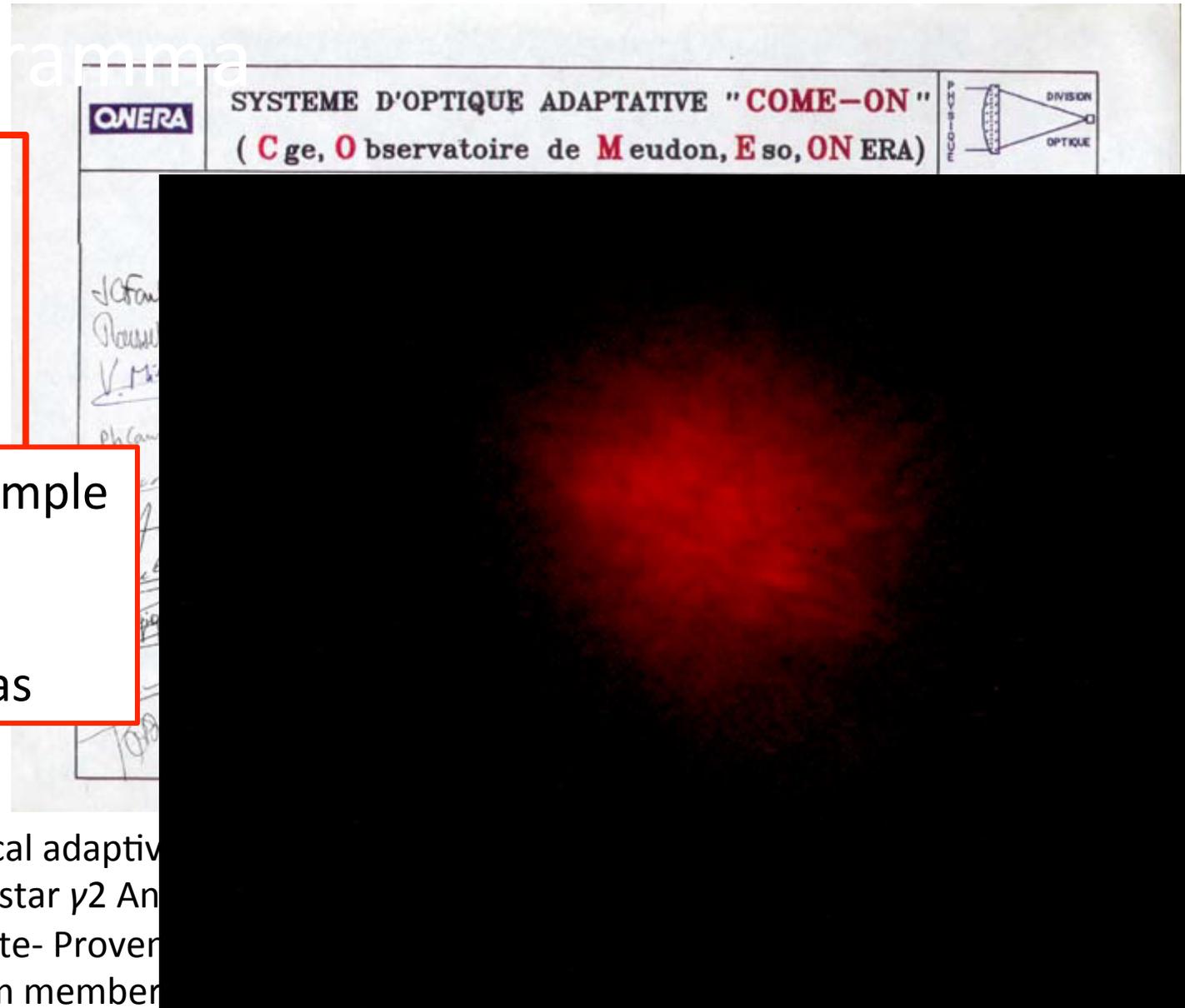
The LBT interferometric PSF:
10 mas FWHM at J band (1.2 μ m)



A first example:

A double star with separation smaller than the seeing value (0.8 arcsec). An example from Come-OnAO system

An updated example from LBT:
SR > 60% H band
FWHM DL 40mas



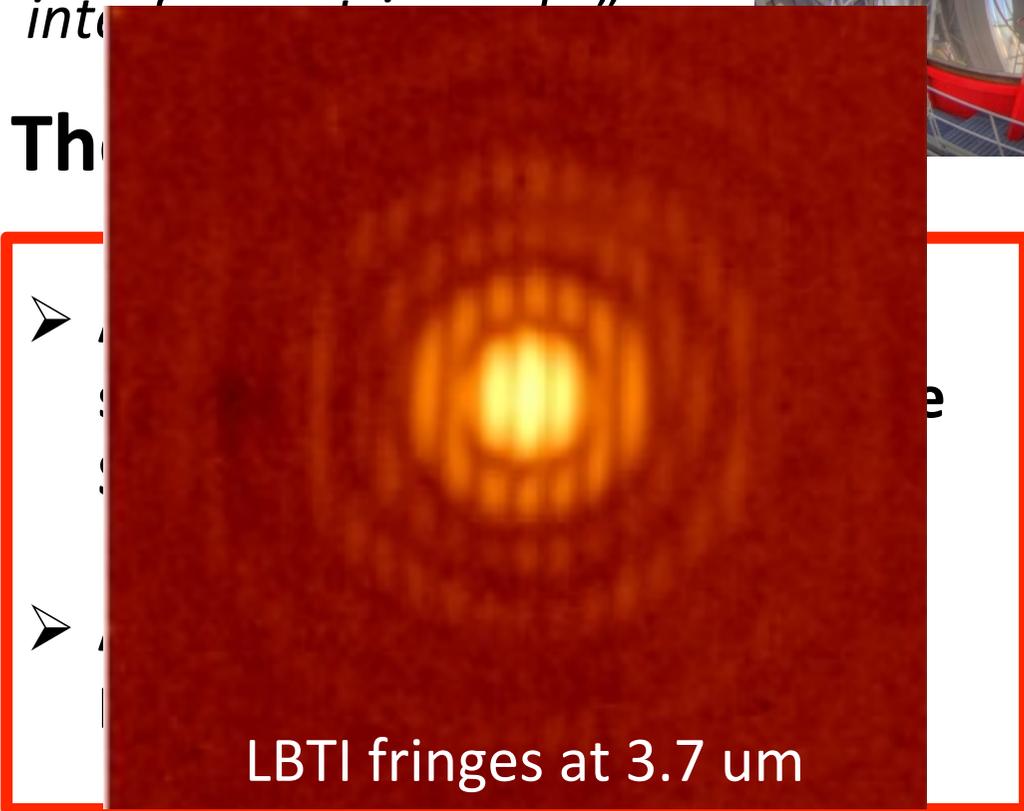
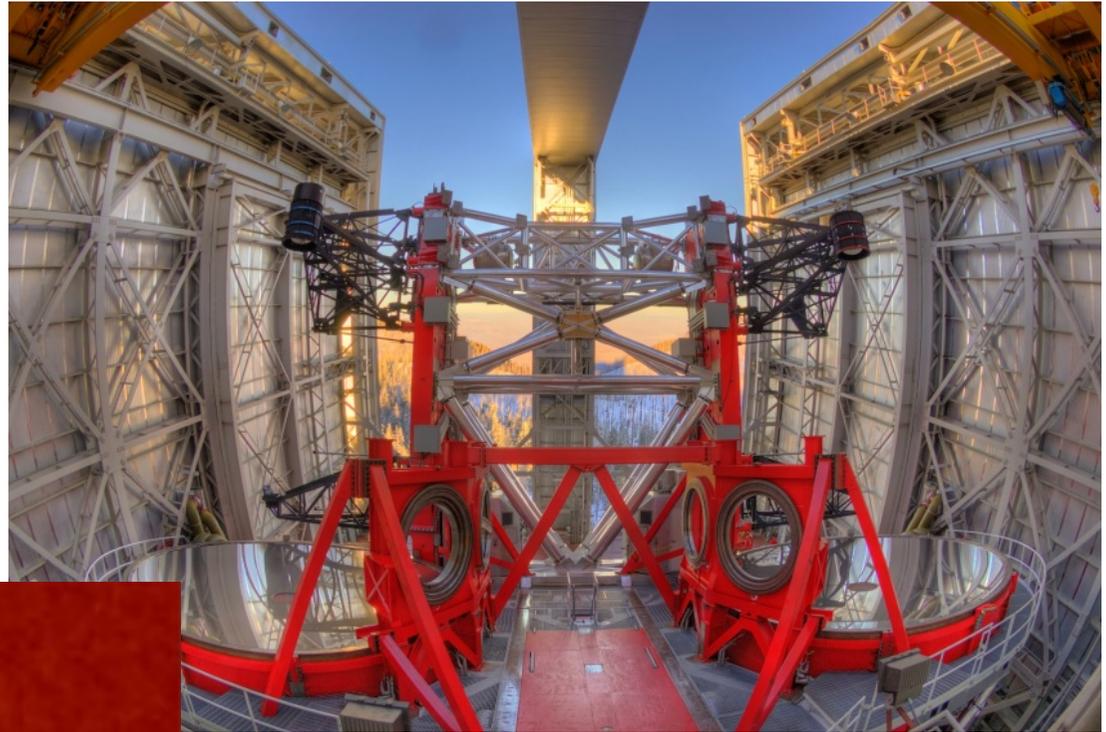
“The first astronomical adaptive image of the double star γ^2 An Observatoire de Haute-Provence Signatures from team member

Rousset and a few others celebrate the event.” (Picture & text from P. Lena, 2009)

LBT Adaptive Optics

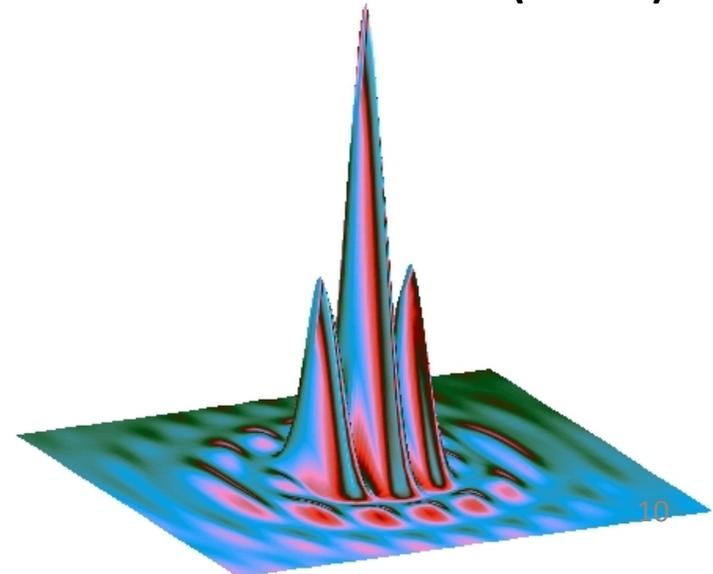
“A powerful and flexible AO system is mandatory to achieve the ELT-like performance of LBT in interferometric mode.”

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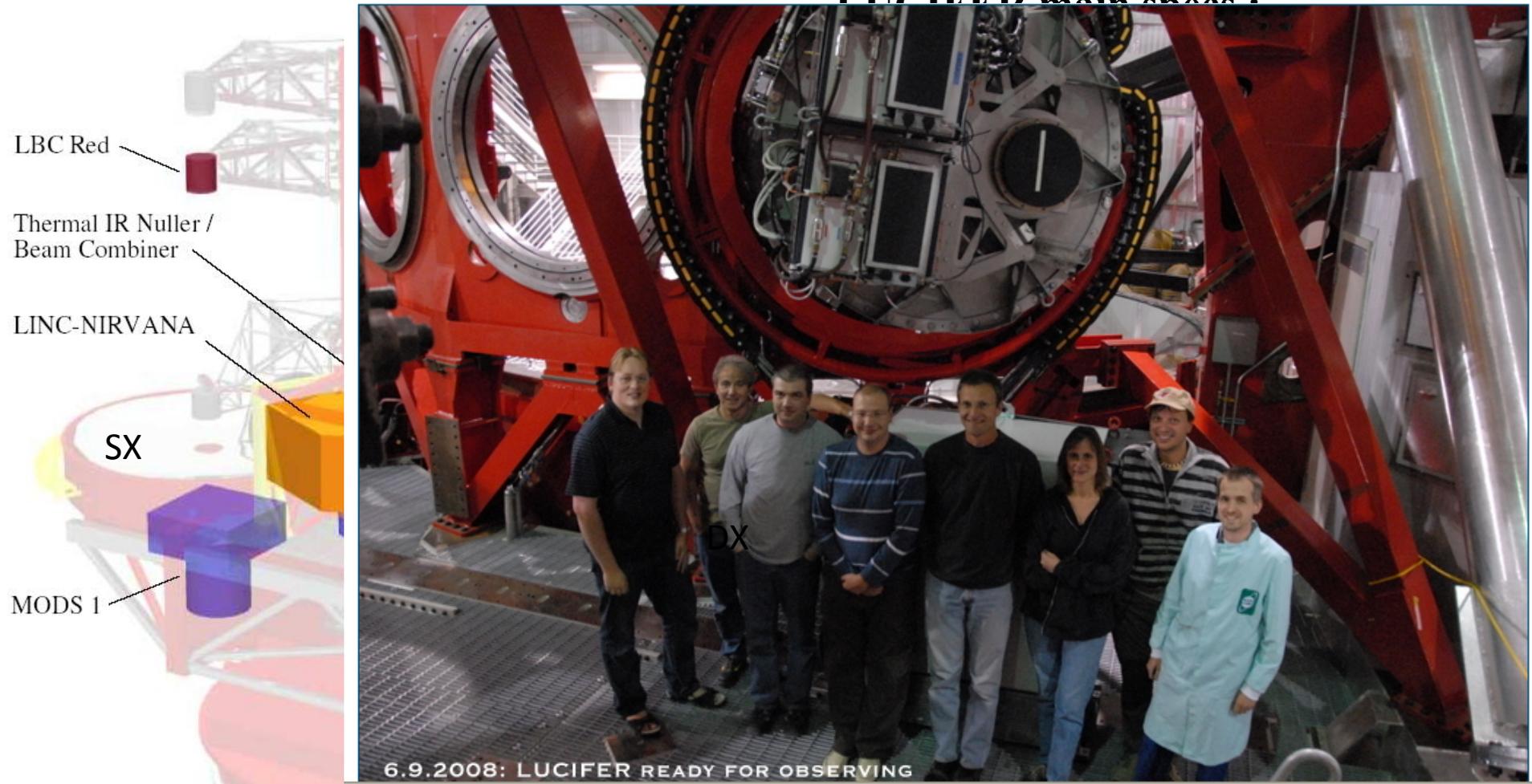
LBTI fringes at 3.7 um

The LBT interferometric PSF:
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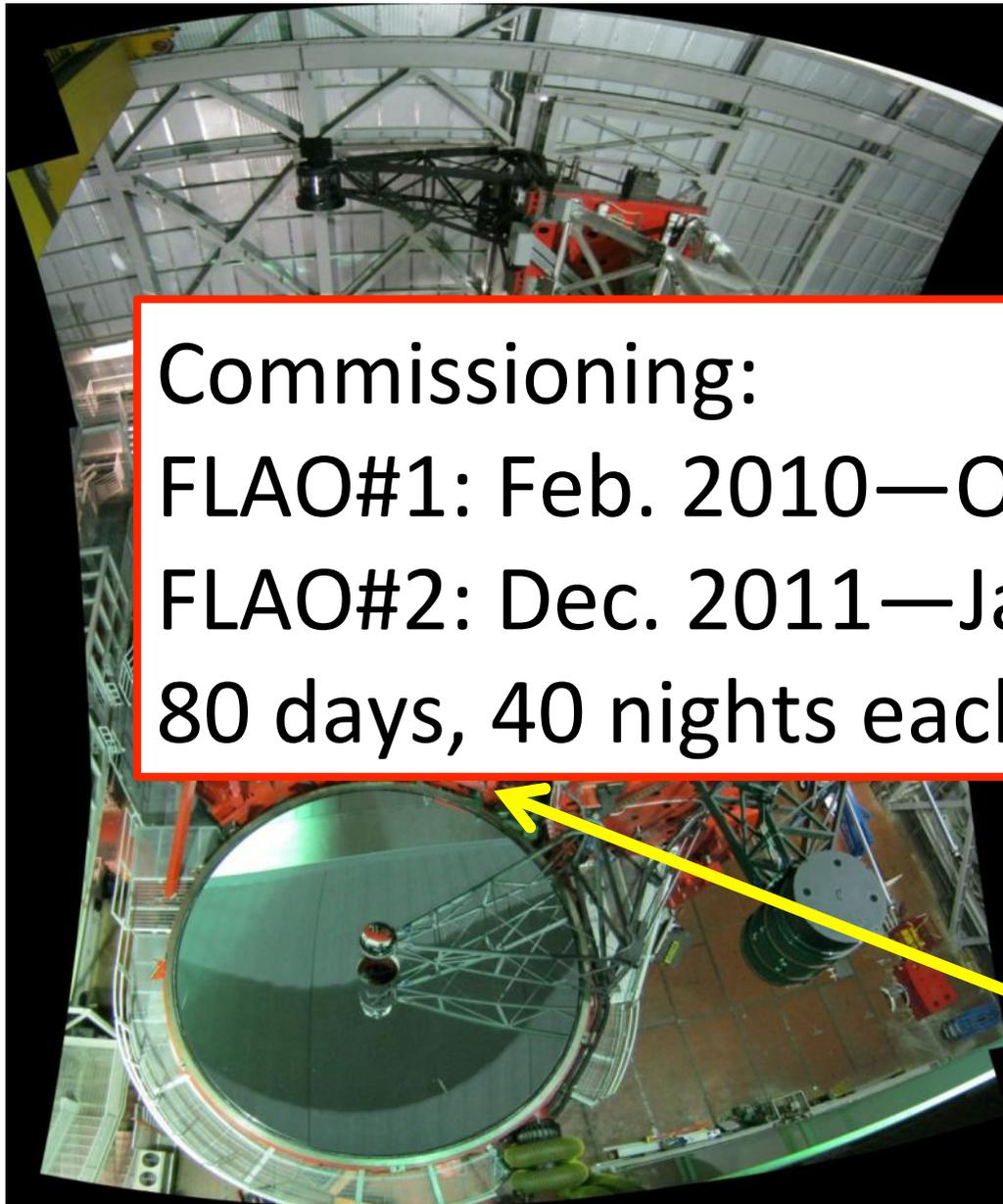
The LBT NIR imager/spectrograph LUCIFER

LUCIFER main spectrometer



Initial Scientific Observation carried out with PISCES NIR camera LUCI2 expected by mid 2013

The LBT FLAOs systems



Commissioning:
FLAO#1: Feb. 2010—Oct. 2011
FLAO#2: Dec. 2011—Jan. 2013
80 days, 40 nights each.



The adaptive secondary mirror with the thin shell covered



The Pyramid wavefront sensor in the AGW unit

The LBT672 unit

Adsec concept, [P. Salinari, 1994]

MMT unit, [Brusa, 1999]

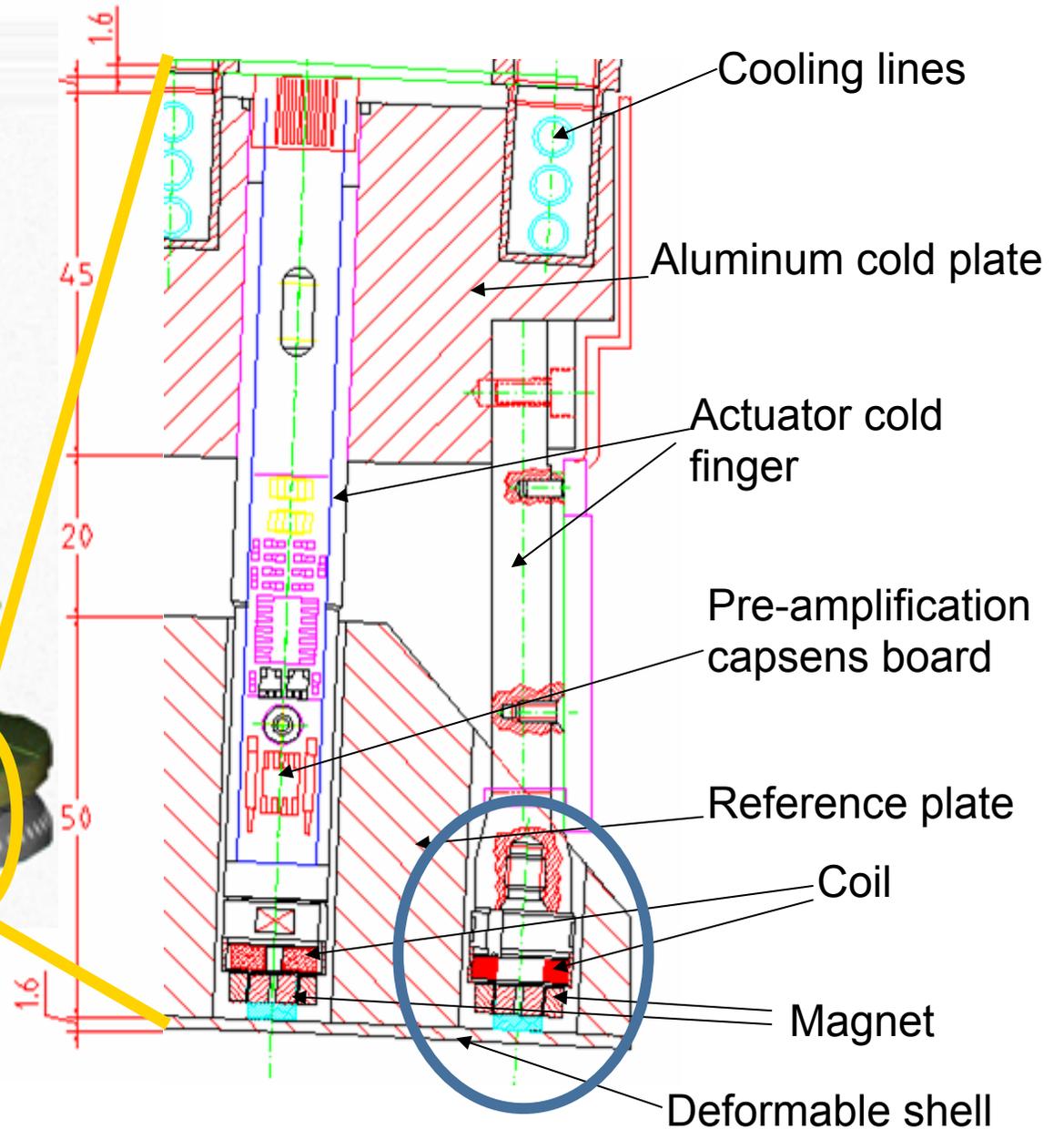
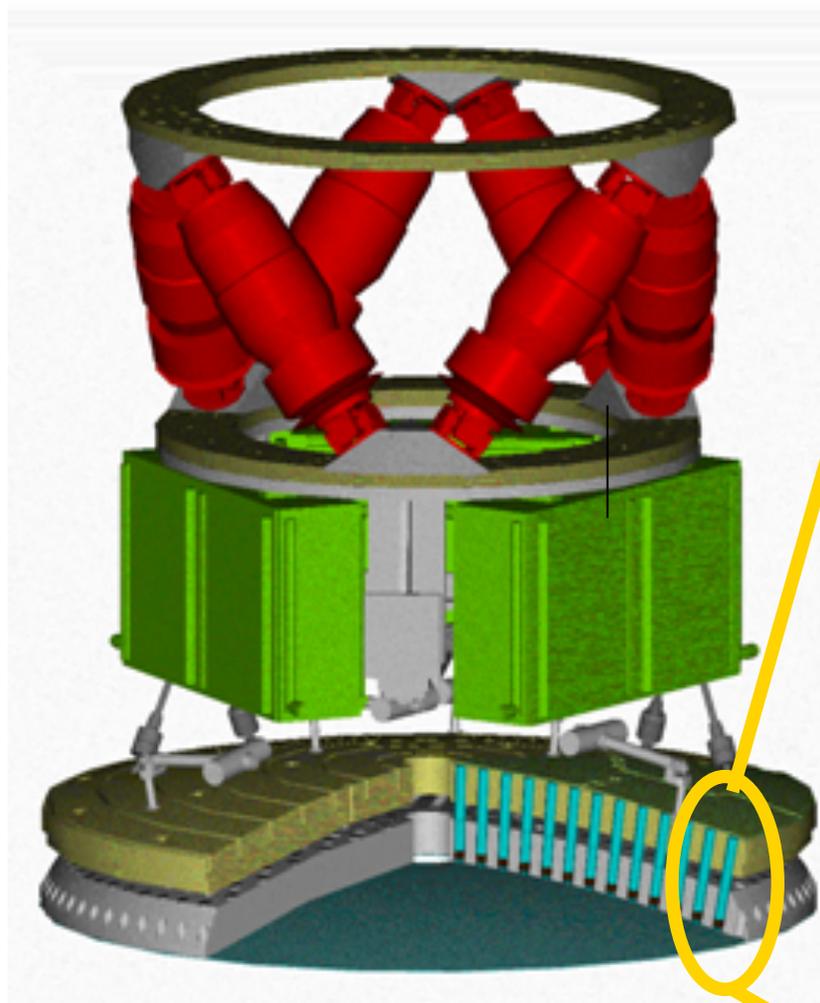
LBT unit, [Riccardi, 2003]

Main specs.:

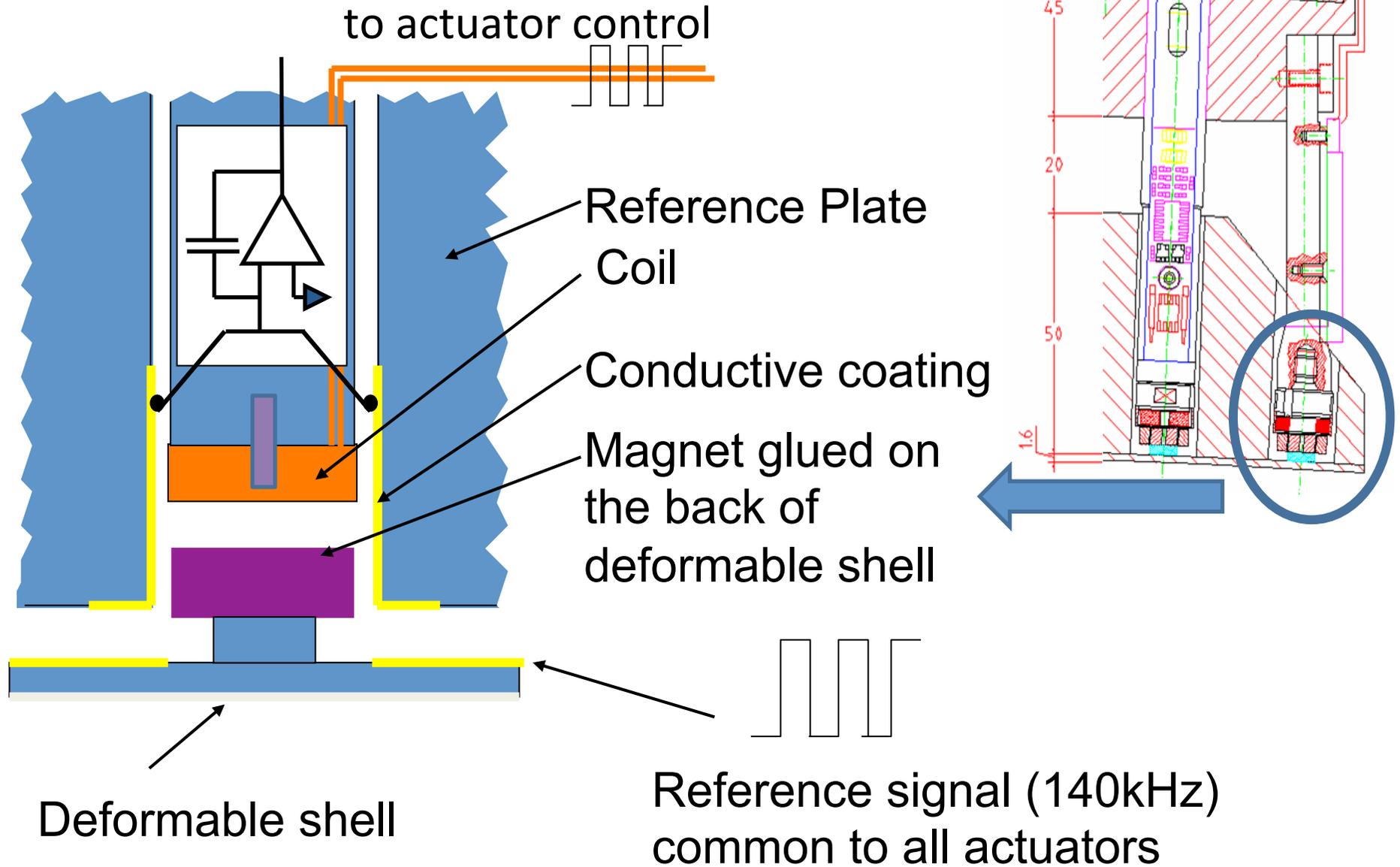
- 672 actuators
- 911mm diam.
- 1.6mm shell thickness
- 30mm act pitch
- 100 μ m stroke
- 360kg (wo hub)
- 1.8kW power
- 10 l/min cooling@-3C



The mirror control I



The mirror control II



The pyramid sensor concept

Introduced by R. Ragazzoni in 1996, as a generalization of the Foucault optical test.

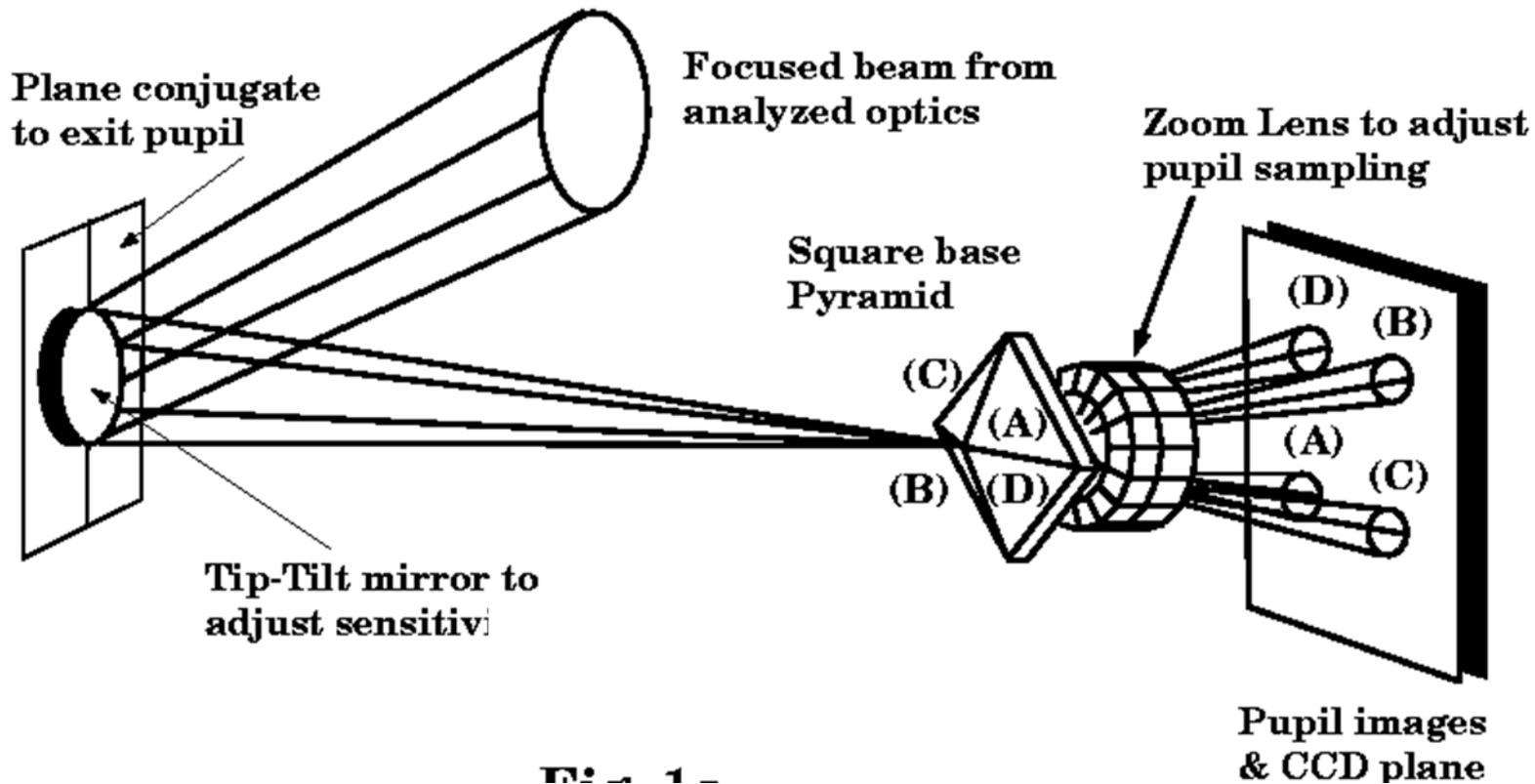


Fig. 1

The LBT pyramid WFS

WFS concept, [R. Ragazzoni, 1996]

TNG AO, [R. Ragazzoni, 1997]

LBT AO&WFS, [S. Esposito, 2003]

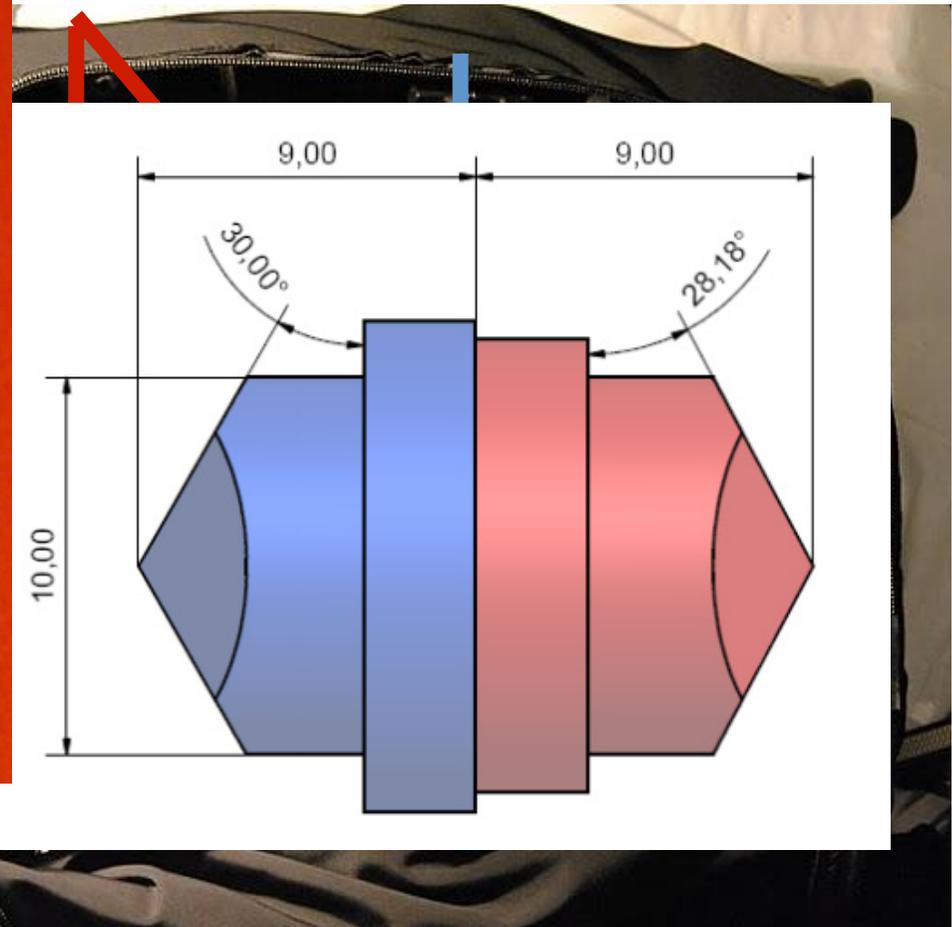
WFS main specs.:

- 30x30 to 5x5 subap.
- Tilt mod. $\pm 2-6 \lambda/D$
- 1Kfps max [30x30subap.]

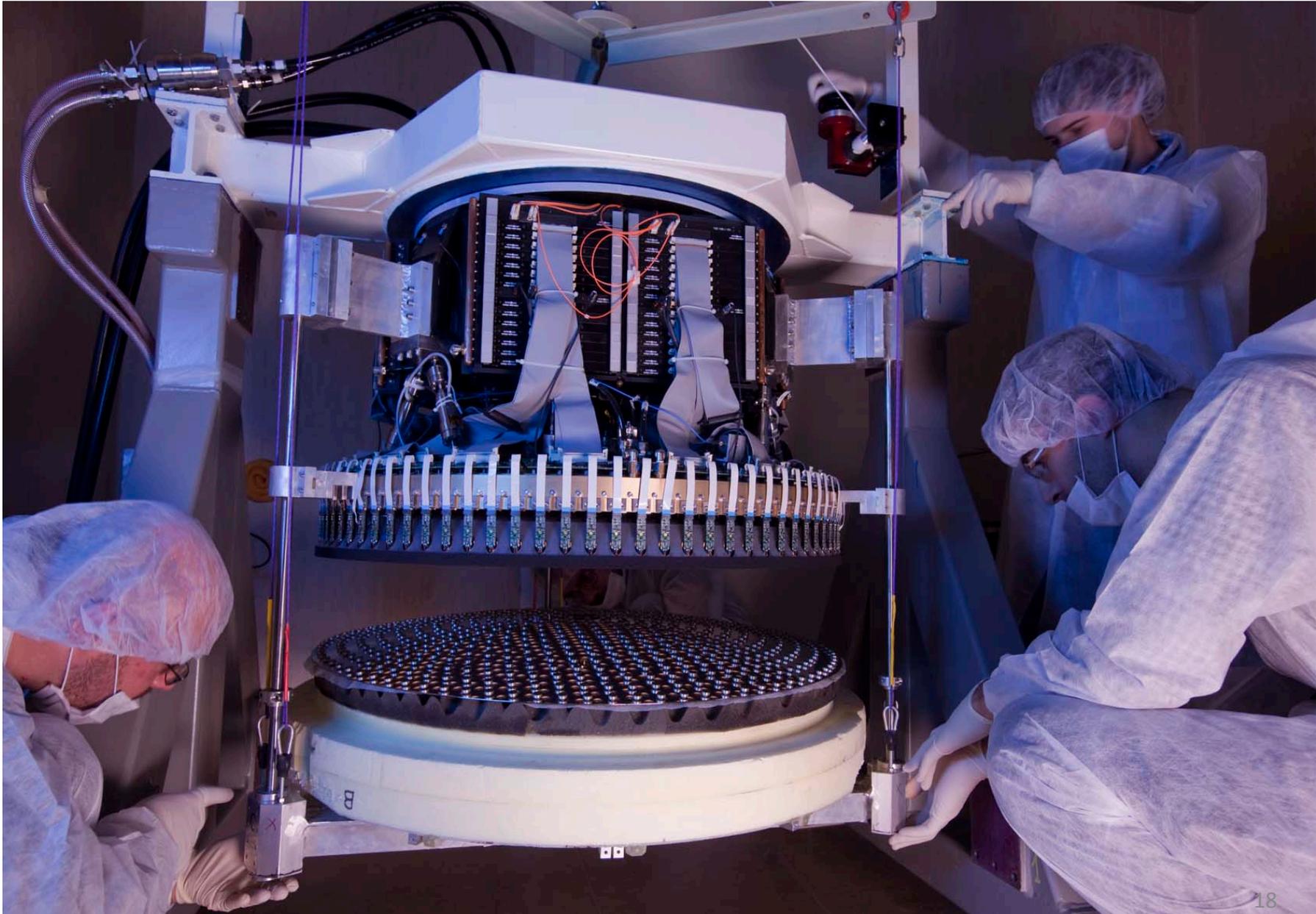
Input beam
from LBT



(600-950nm)
(below
600nm)



FLAO system installation at LBT...(Feb-Mar 2010).



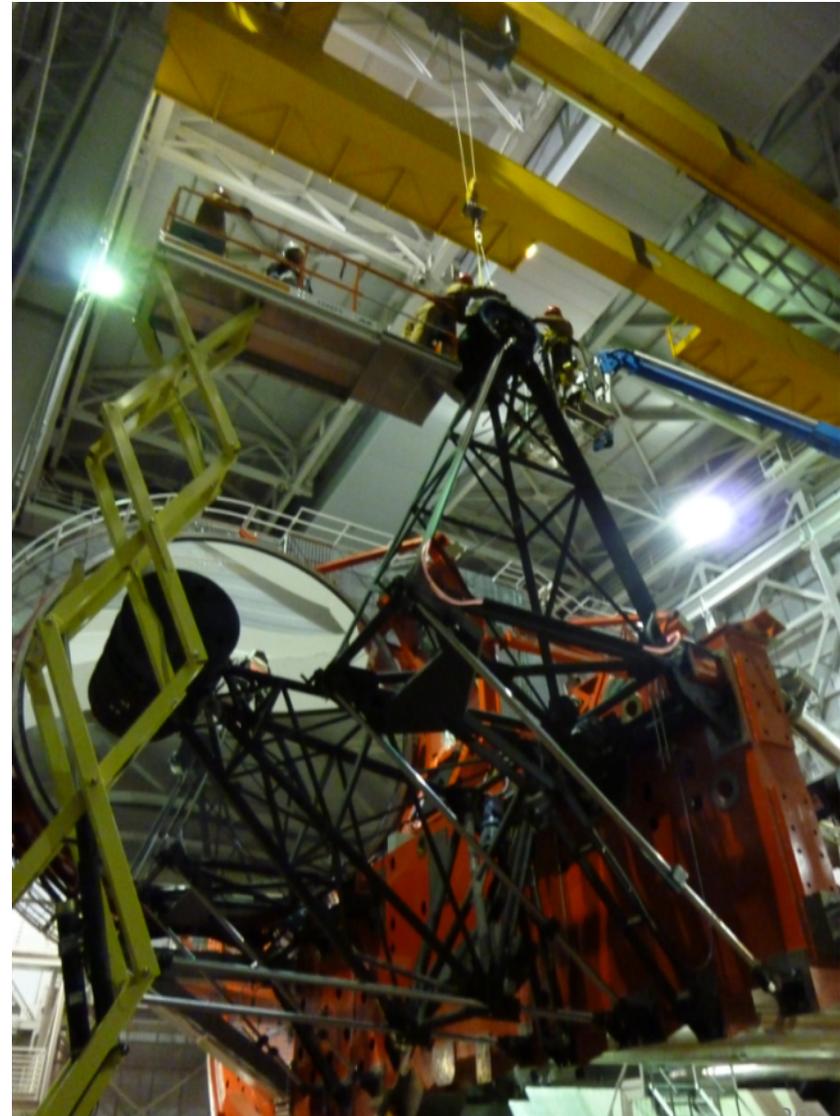
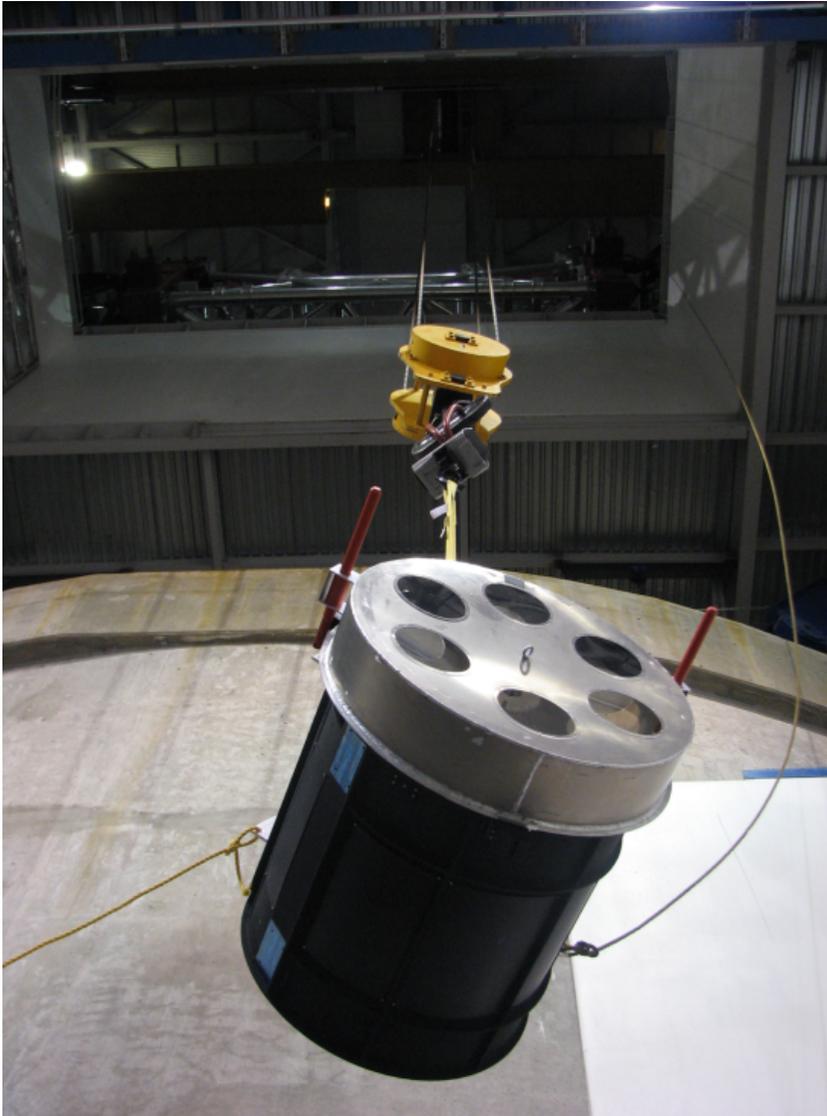
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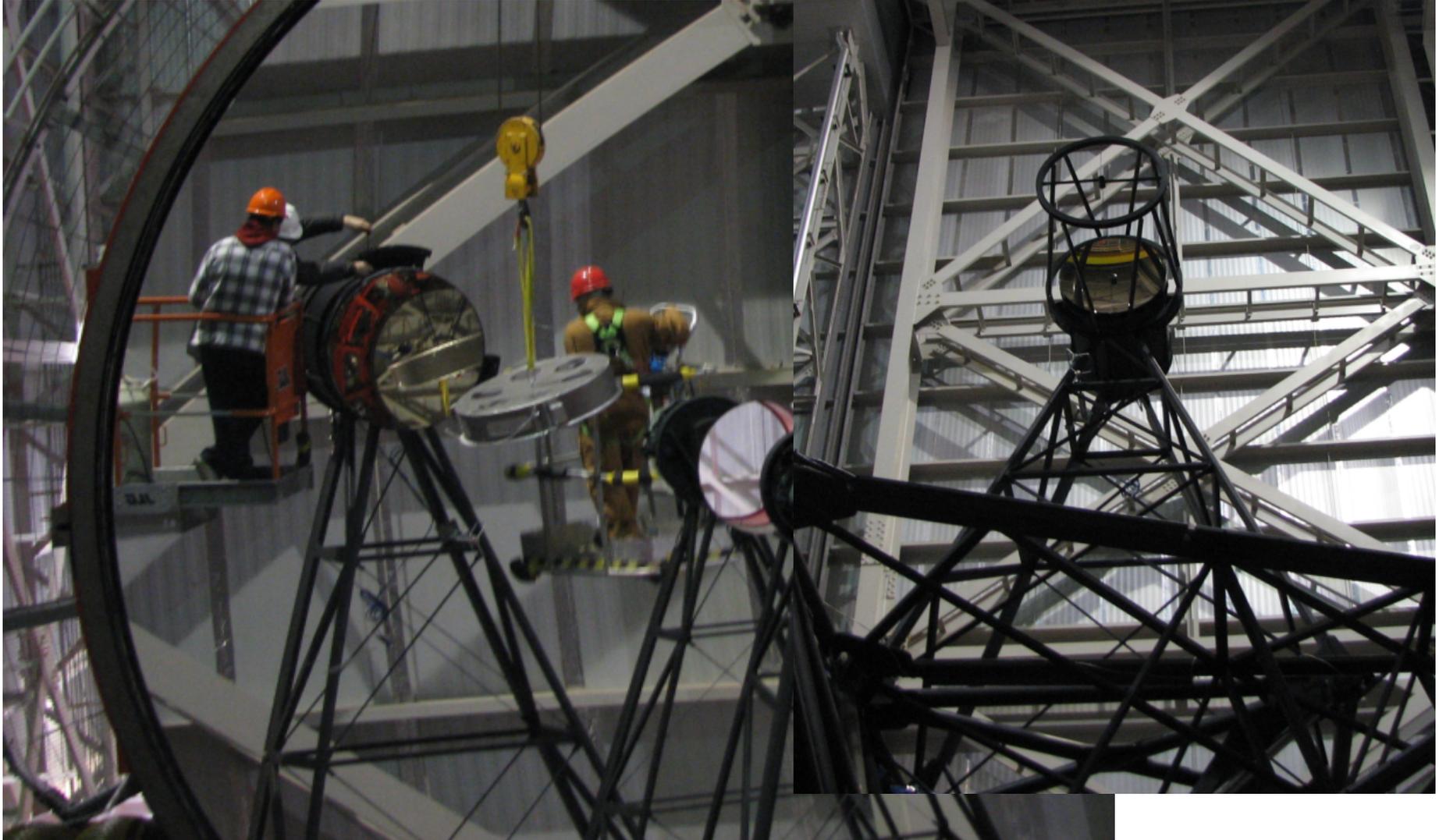
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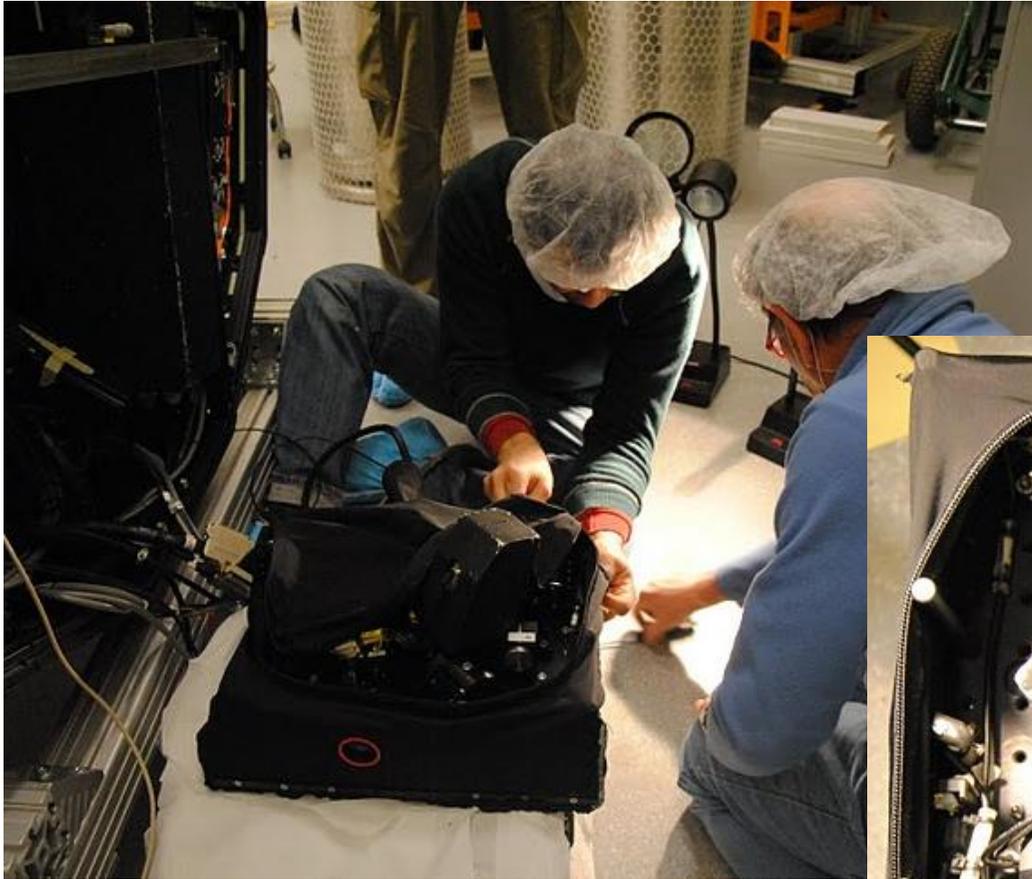


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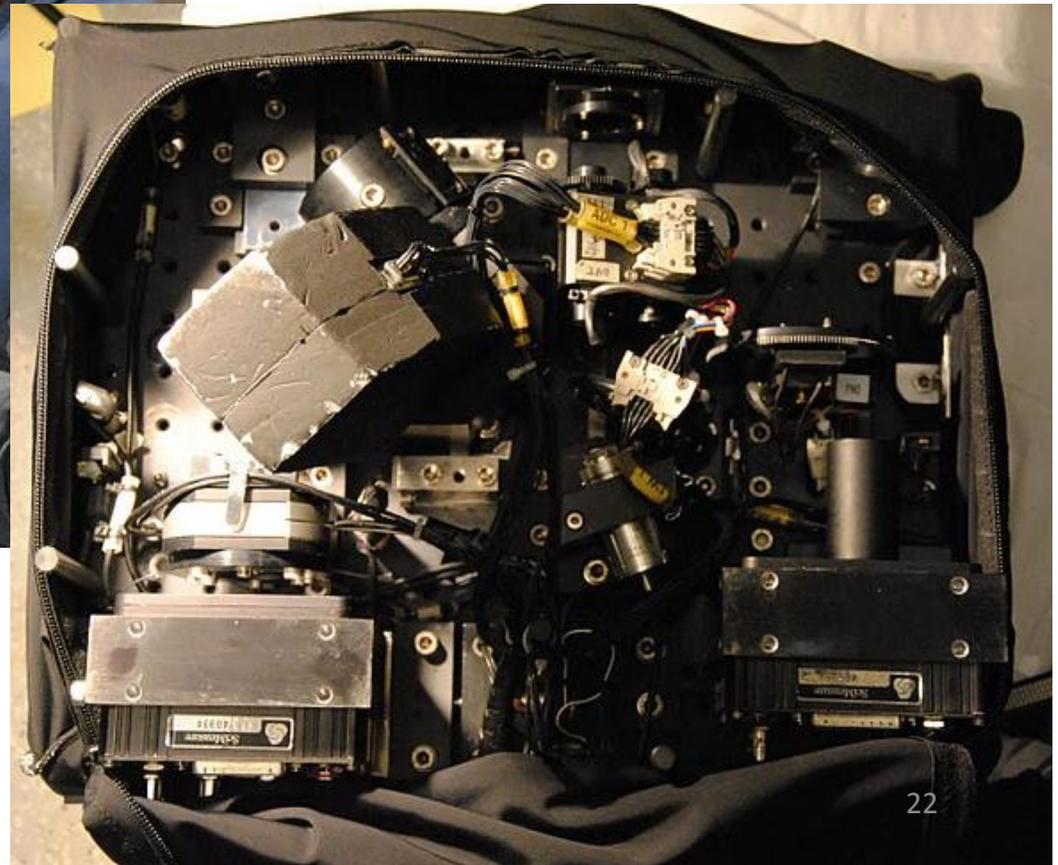
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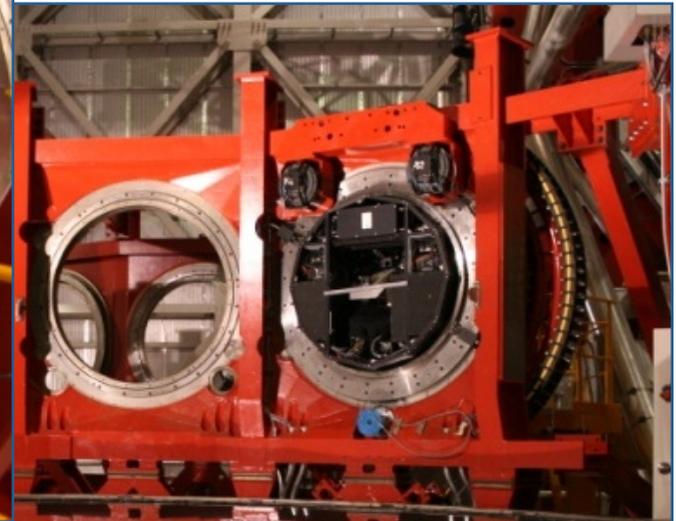
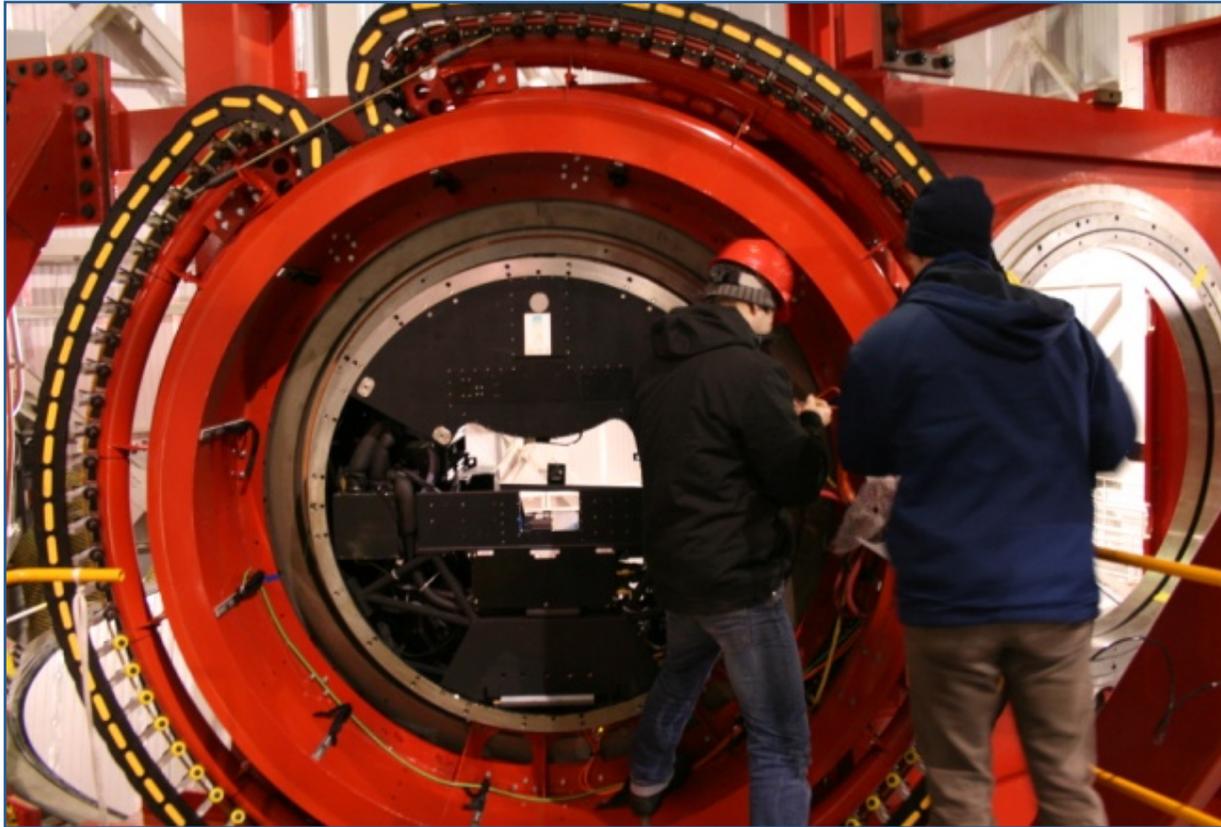


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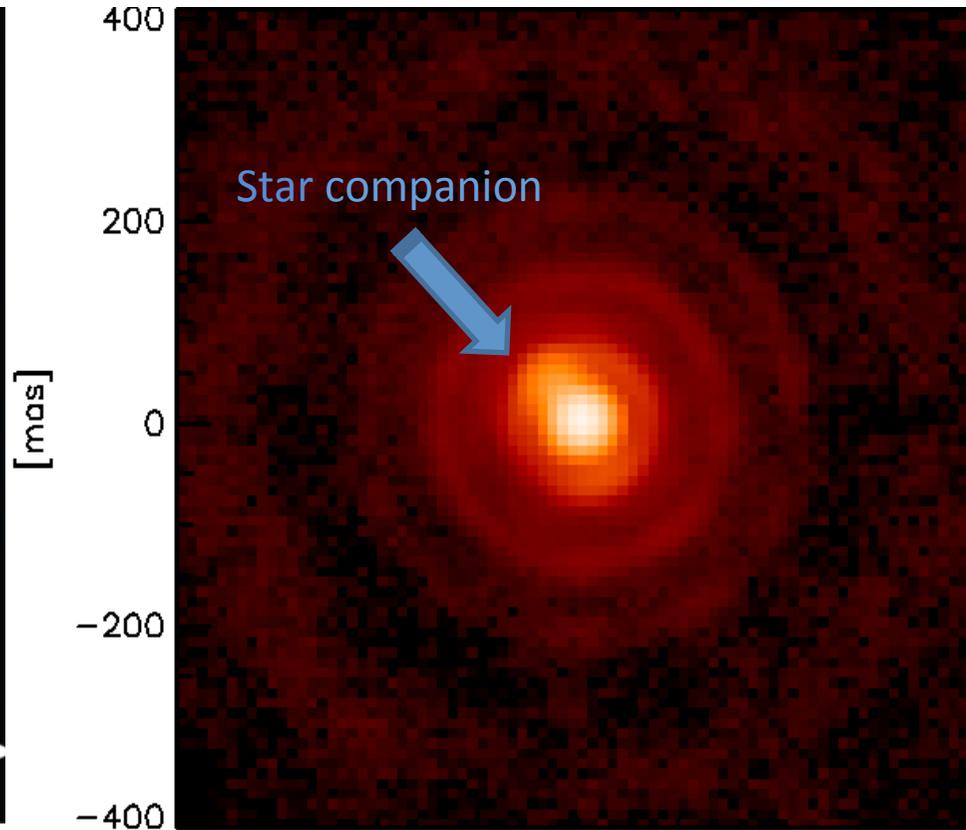
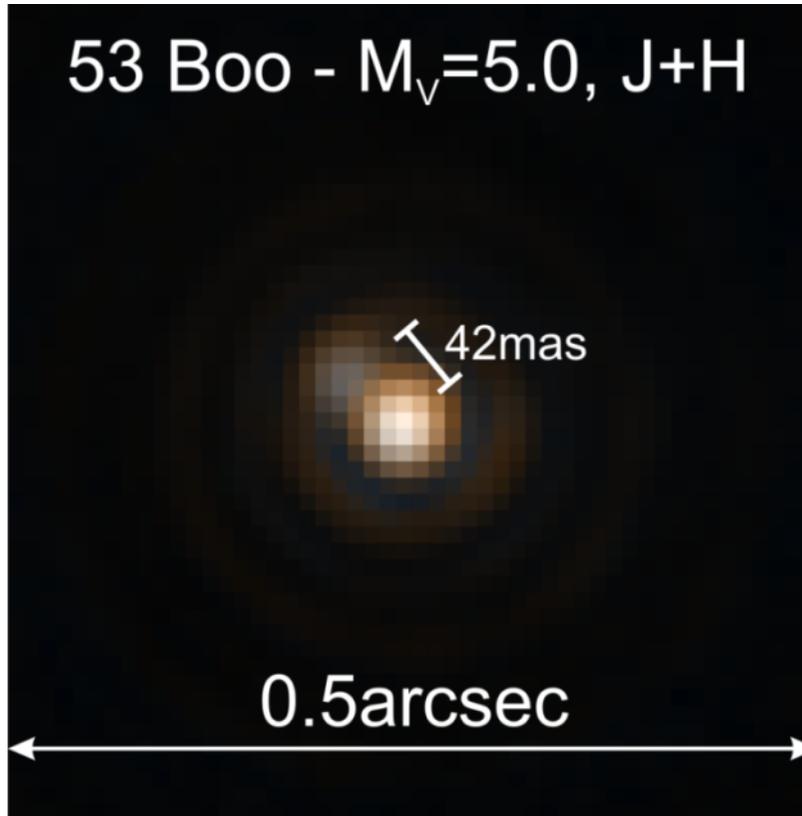
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May2010: first on sky results, a 40mas separation binary



FLAO parameters

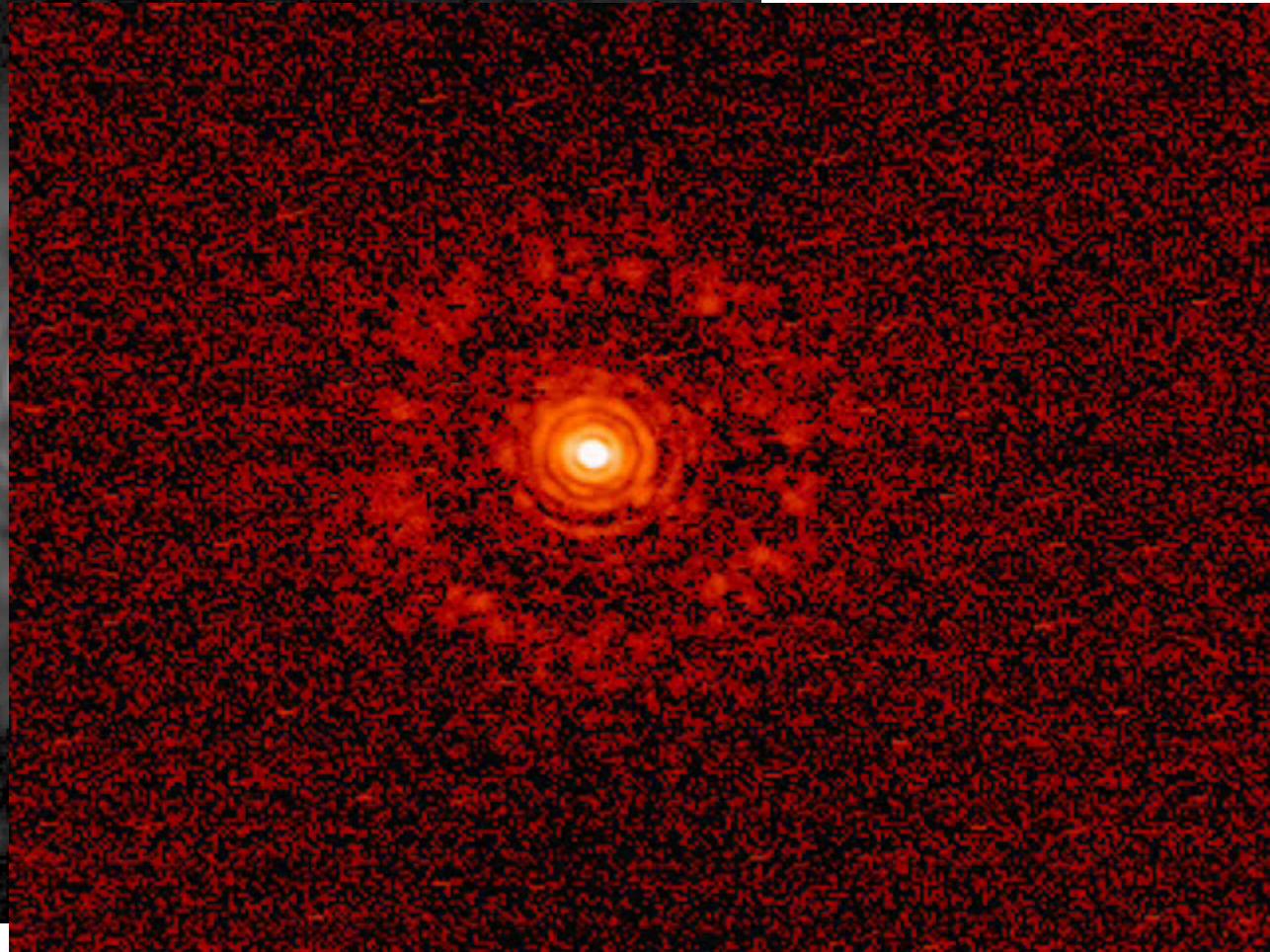
30x30 subaps
400 corrected modes
1Khz frame rate

Image data

H band
4s exposure time
SR > 60% (no correction for 2nd star flux)

High SR images..(H band)

H band SR 80%
8 rings visible

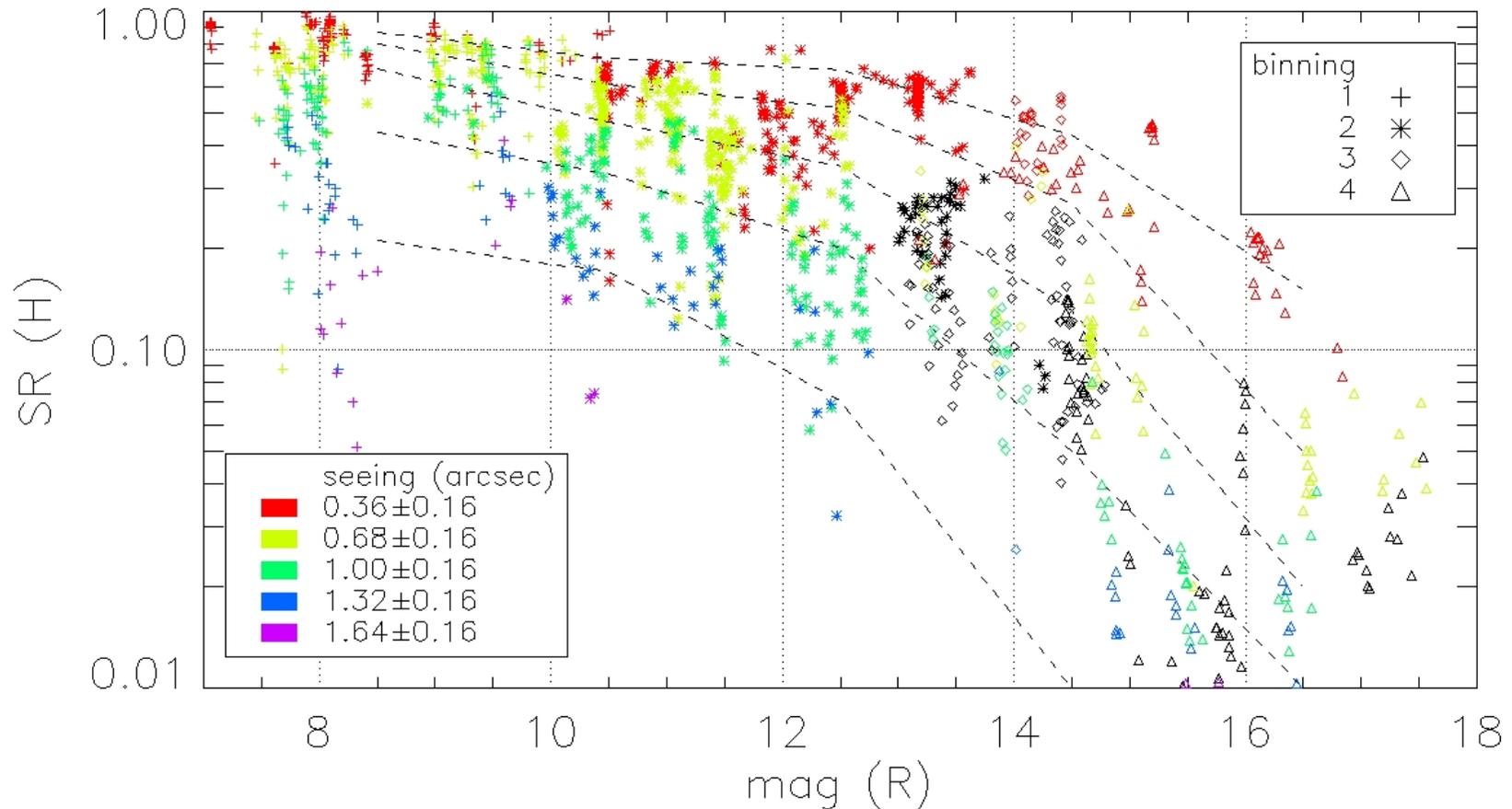


The reference: HD175658, R =6.5, H=2.5

The atmosphere: seeing 0.9 arcsec V band

FLAO parameters: 1KHz, 30x30 subaps, 400 corrected modes

Resuming SR plot for FLAO



- 1) SR > 80% for rmag < 10.0 and 0.7 arcsec
- 2) Limiting mag 17.0, H band SR 2-10% depending on seeing

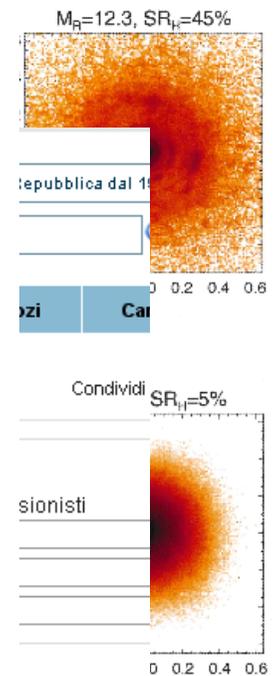
FLAO Press releases and similar..



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Plenary Sessions

Astronomical Optics and Instrumentation Plenary Session

Convention Center, Room 6A

Sunday 21 August 3:30 to 5:00 pm

Session Chairs: **Howard A. MacEwen**, ManTech SRS Technologies (United States); **James B. Breckinridge**, California Institute of Technology (United States)

3:30 pm to 3:35 pm: **Welcome and Opening Remarks**, Dr. James B. Breckinridge, California Institute of Technology (United States)

3:35 to 4:15 pm:

The Little Photometer That Could: Technical Challenges and Science Results from the Kepler Mission

Dr. Jon M. Jenkins, NASA Ames Research Ctr. (United States)

Abstract: The Kepler Mission launched on March 6, 2009, initiating NASA's first search for Earth-size planets orbiting Sun-like stars. This photometer, with a precision near 20 ppm in 6.5 hours, is sensitive to its thermal environment, complicating the task of detecting 84 ppm transit signatures. The first confirmed rocky planet, Kepler-10b, with a radius of 1.4 that of Earth, was announced in January 2011. To date, Kepler has announced 15 exoplanets, including a system of six transiting a Sun-like star, and has identified over 1200 candidate planets in the first 120 days of observations, including 54 that are in or near the habitable zones of their stars.

Biography: **Dr. Jon Jenkins**, SETI Institute Senior Research Scientist, is Co-Investigator for Data Analysis for NASA's Kepler Mission. He developed the algorithms for the science pipeline and leads the team that evolve the algorithms based on instrument performance. Dr. Jenkins received his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

4:15 to 5:00 pm:

Large Binocular Telescope Adaptive Optics System: New Achievements and Perspectives in Adaptive Optics

Dr. Simone Esposito, INAF - Osservatorio Astrofisico di Arcetri (Italy)

Abstract: The LBT is a unique telescope featuring two co-mounted optical trains with 8.4m primary mirrors. The telescope Adaptive Optics (AO) system uses two innovative key-components namely an adaptive secondary mirror with 672 actuators and a high order pyramid wavefront sensor. During on sky commissioning such a system reached performance never achieved before on a ground based large optical telescope. Images with 40mas resolution and Strehl-Ratio (SR) $>$ 90% has been acquired in H band (1.6 μ m). Such images showed a contrast as high as 10^{-4} . We present the telescope on sky results and discuss the application of similar AO systems to the Extremely Large Telescopes projects of the next future.

Biography: **Dr. S. Esposito** is the leader of the Adaptive Optics Group of the Arcetri Observatory. The group developed adaptive secondary mirrors and high order correction pyramid sensors for several international projects and telescopes like LBT, VLT, Magellan and E-ELT. He is currently the PI of the LBT First Light AO system (FLAO).

Symposium-wide Plenary Session

Convention Center, Room 6A

Sunday 21 August 6:00 to 7:25 pm

6:00 to 6:05 pm: **Introduction and Opening Remarks**

6:05 to 6:45 pm:

Nanophotonics: Where We've Been and Where We're Going



Naomi J. Halas, Rice Univ. (United States)

Biography: **Naomi Halas** is the Stanley C. Moore Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Rice University, where she also holds faculty appointments in the Departments of Physics and Astronomy, Chemistry, and Bioengineering. She is author of more than 200 refereed publications, has more than ten issued patents, and has presented more than 300 invited talks. She is known in the field of Plasmonics as the inventor of tunable plasmonic nanoparticles whose optical resonances are controlled by their geometry, spanning the visible and infrared regions of the spectrum. Halas pursues fundamental studies of coupled plasmonic systems, investigating how they give rise to new nanoscale optical properties and effects. She pursues applications of plasmonics in biomedicine, chemical sensing, and energy. She is a Member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a Fellow of five professional societies: the American Physical Society, the Optical Society of America, SPIE, the Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. She is a Visiting Professor at the Institute of Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences and an Associate Editor of Nano Letters.

6:45 to 7:25 pm:

Organic Transistor Based Sensors for Flexible Artificial Electronic Skin



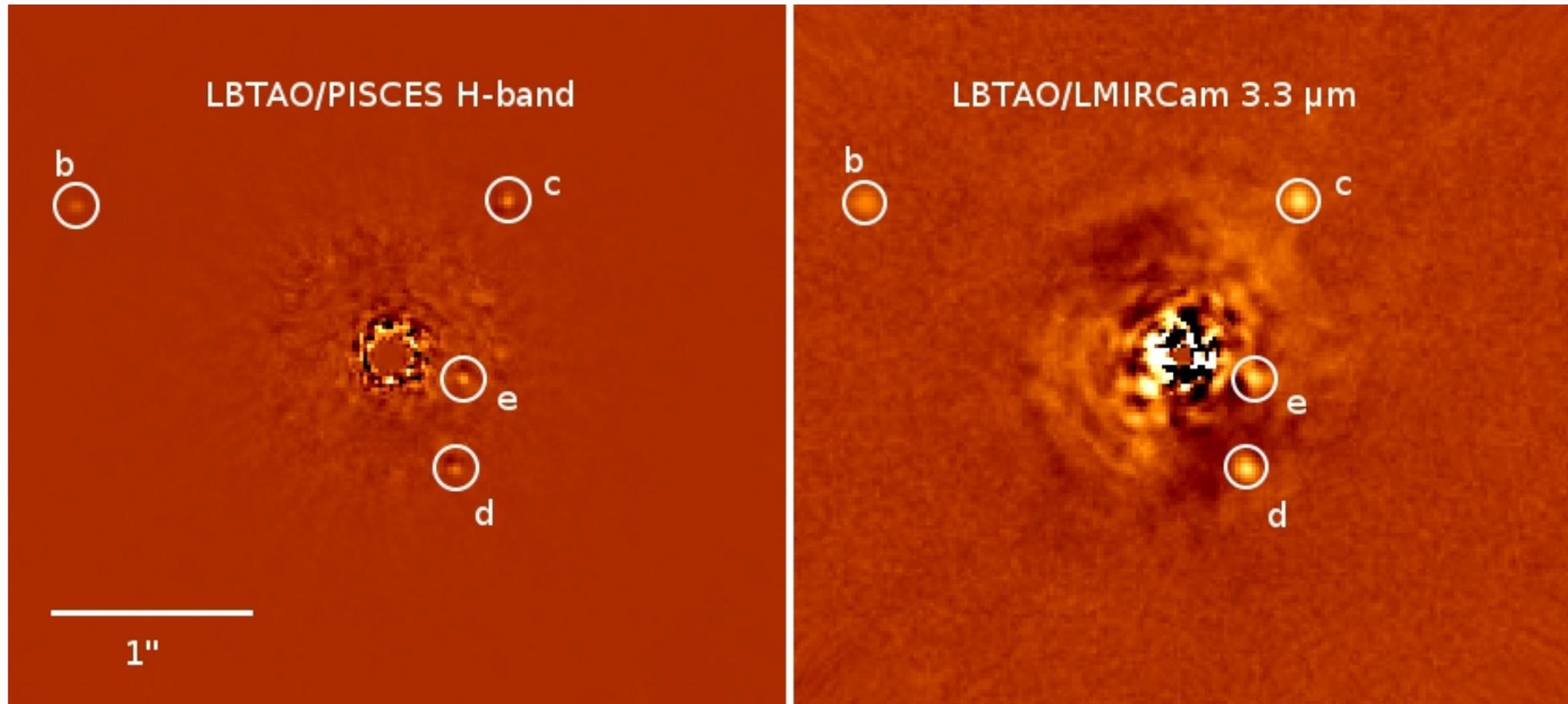
Zhenan Bao, Stanford Univ. (United States)

Abstract: The field of organic electronics holds tremendous potential for applications that benefit from the use of organic materials, (e.g. very low cost, flexible and amenable to large-area processing techniques or roll-to-roll printing). Specifically, these benefits can lead to manufacturing of electronic units for electronic skin, as well as medicinal, food storage, and environmental monitoring applications. We envision an artificial electronic skin platform that includes various sensor, such as touch, chemical and biological sensors. The sensory elements of our electronic skin (composed of Organic Field Effect Transistor, OFET) are akin to the various layers and constituents of human skin, in which each layer of the OFET can be optimized to carry out a specific recognition function. Furthermore, progress in stretchable solar cells may be utilized to enable self-powered electronic skin. This talk will cover present progresses in the fabrication of chemical, biological, pressure sensors and stretchable organic solar cells that are major constituents for a multi-modal sensing electronic skin.

Biography: **Professor Bao** received her Ph.D. from University of Chicago. After spending 8 years in Bell Labs, she joined Stanford as an Associate Professor in 2004. She has over 200 refereed publications and 35 US patents. Selected recent awards include: SPIE Fellow in 2008, ACS Author Cope Scholar Award for 2011, ACS PMSE Fellow in 2011, RSC Beilby Medal and Prize in 2009 and IUPAC Creativity in Applied Polymer Science Prize in 2008 (See: <http://cheme.stanford.edu/faculty/layout.php?sunetid=zbao>).

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LBT AO with PISCES & LBTI



- Esposito S. et al. 2012 - A&A - Title: "LBT observations of the HR 8799 planetary system: First detection of HR8799e in H band "
- Skemer A.J. et al. 2012 - Ap.J.- Title: "First Light LBT AO Images of HR 8799 bcde at 1.65 and 3.3μm: New Discrepancies between Young Planets and Old Brown Dwarfs

A close up view of jet in IRAS 20126+4104



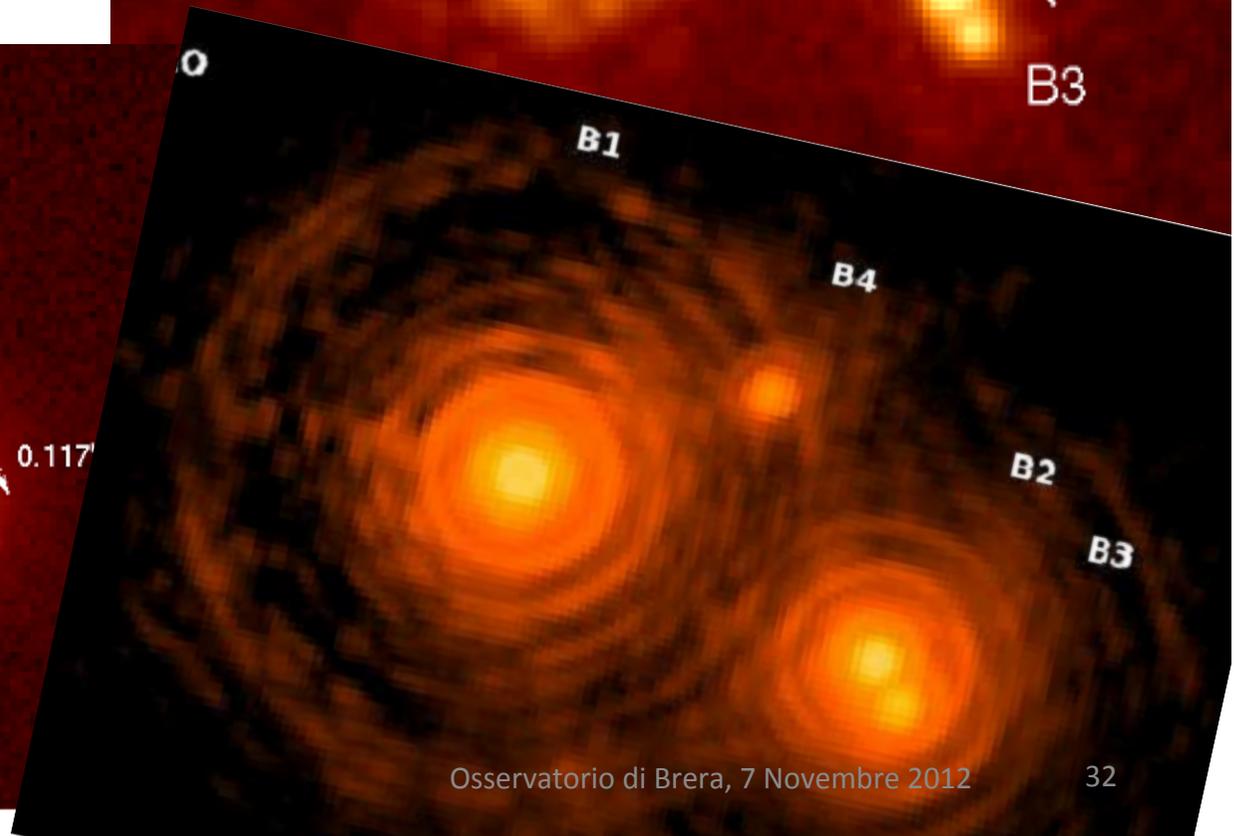
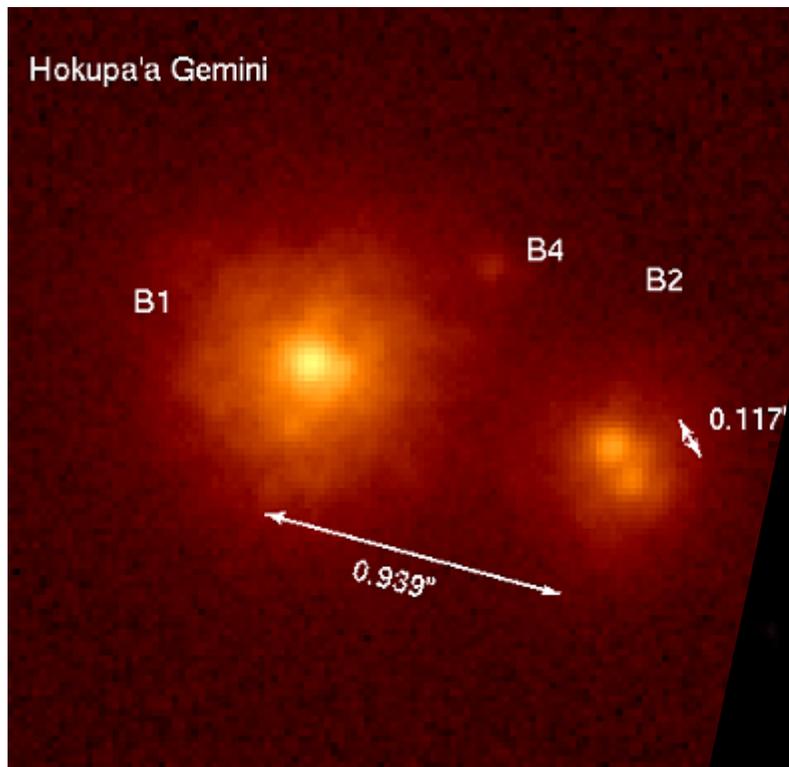
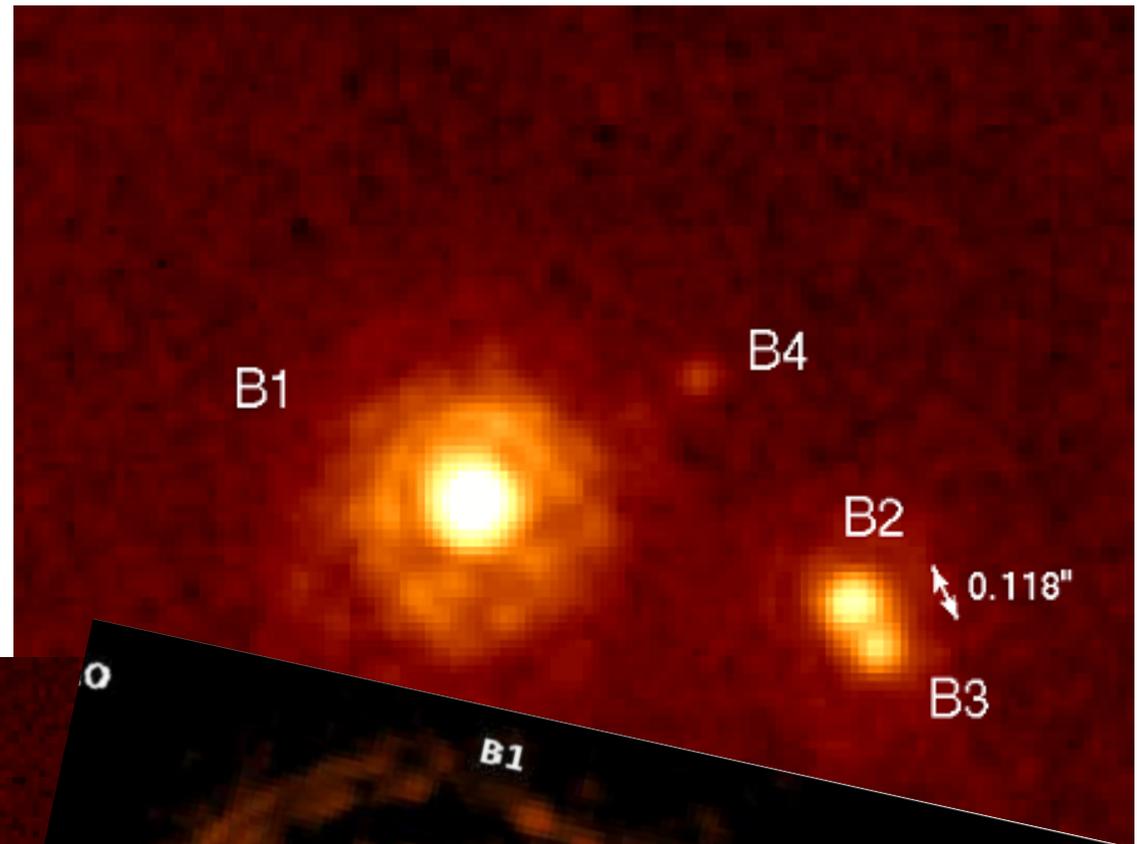
*“The scope of our new observations is to significantly improve (by a factor ~ 3) on the angular resolution of previous IR images and thus shed light on the nature of the structures observed within a few 1000 AU from the IRAS 20126+4104 protostar.”*³¹

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MMT 6.5m

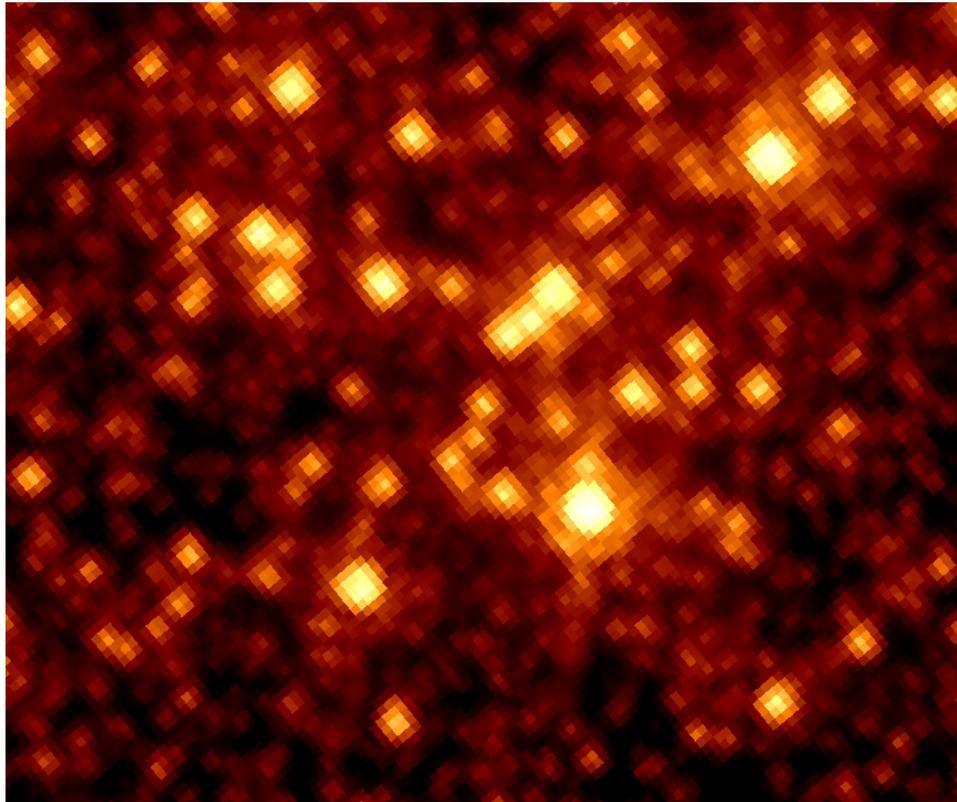
LBT AO

Gemini Hokupaa

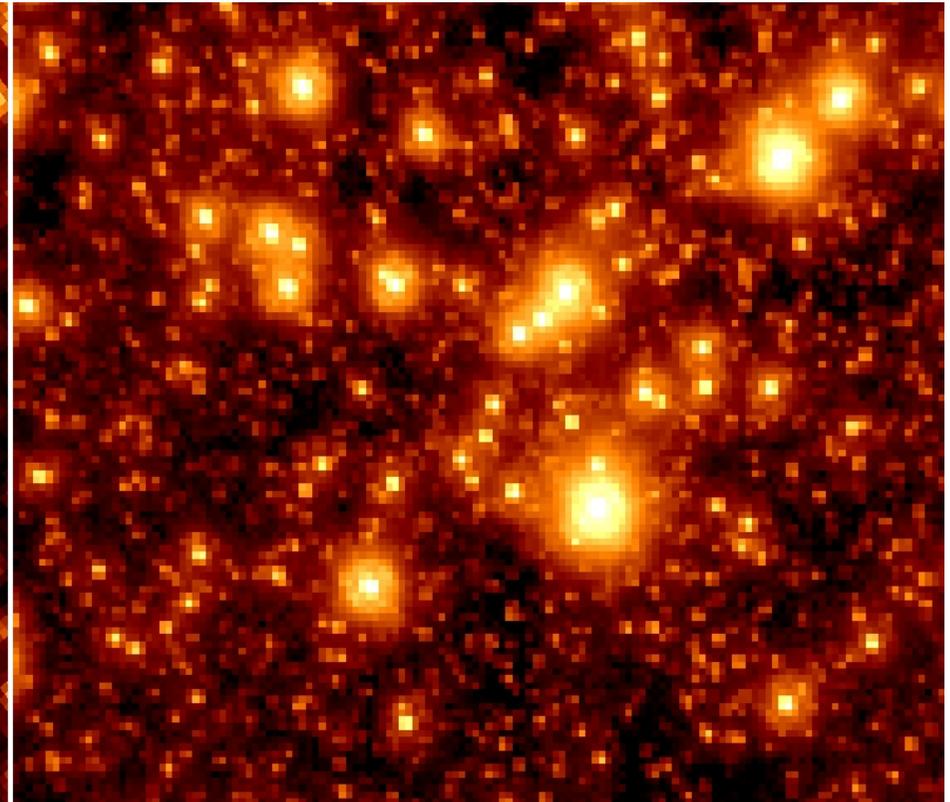


Photometry of crowded fields: M92

← ~15'' →



HST WFPC3, H band, 21 min



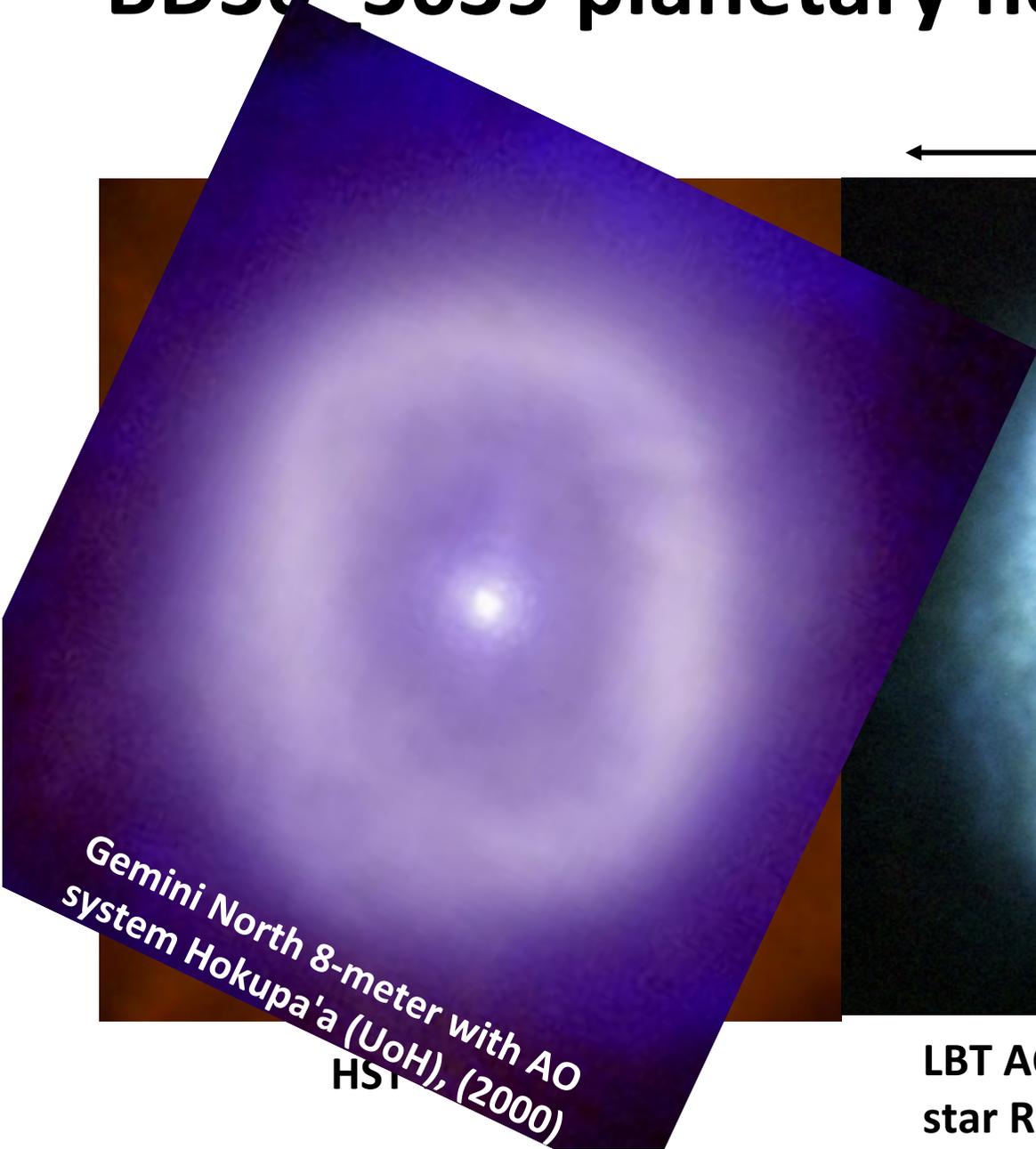
LBT+FLAO, H band, 8 min

Main data: Rmag 11.5, 0.7'' seeing,

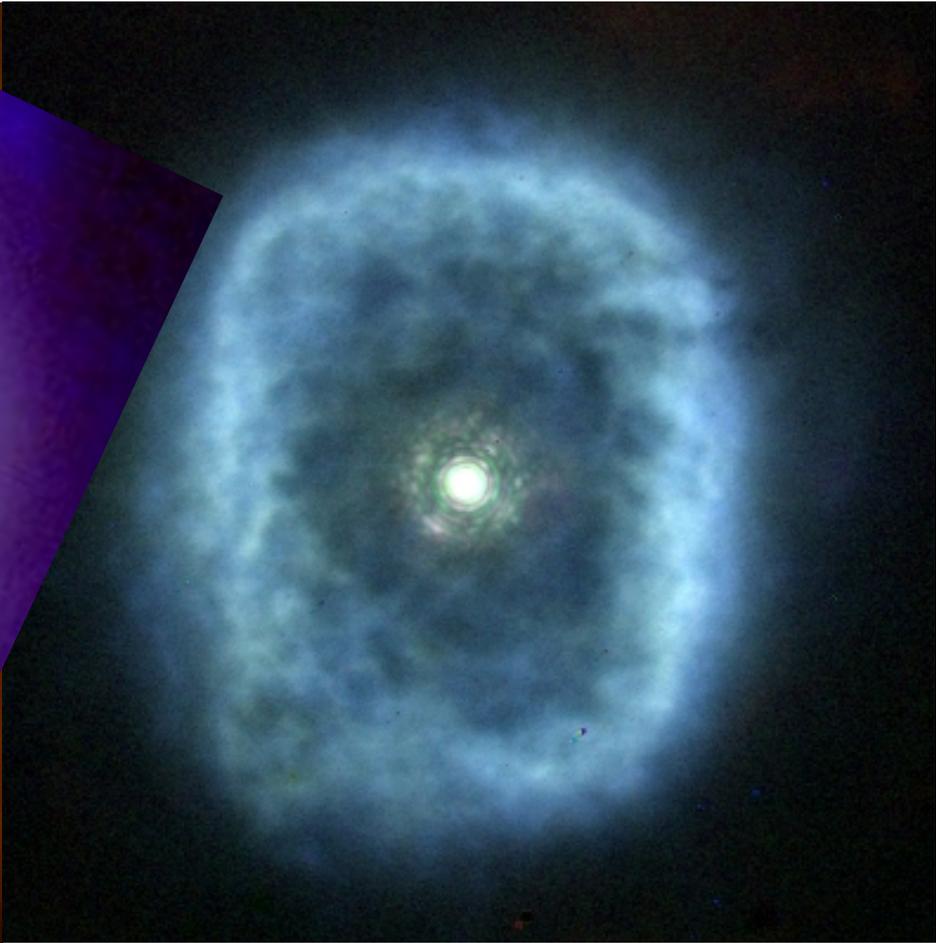
AO settings: 0.5KHz, 15x15 subaps, 153 corrected modes

BD30 3639 planetary nebula (2.1um)

~5"



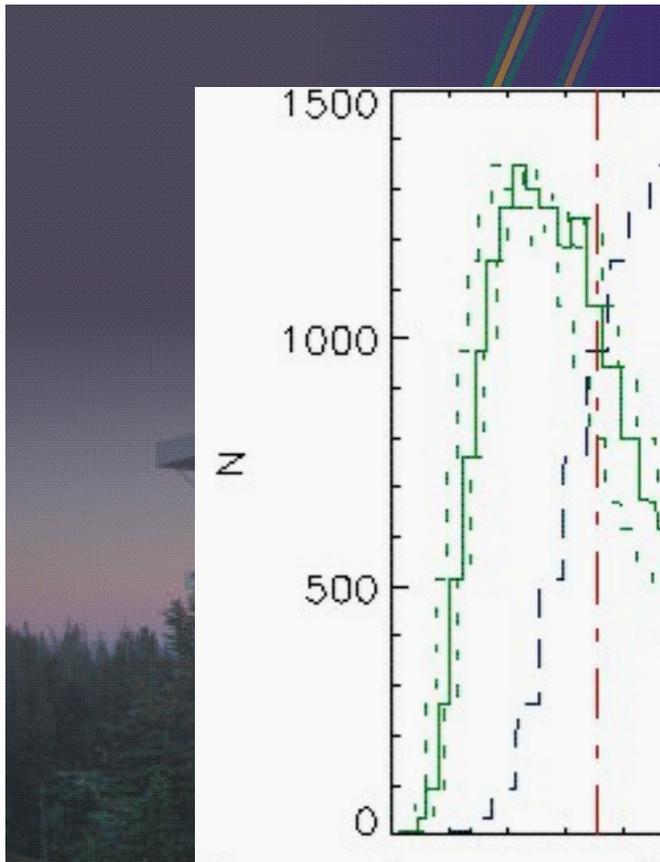
Gemini North 8-meter with AO system Hokupa'a (UoH), (2000)
HST



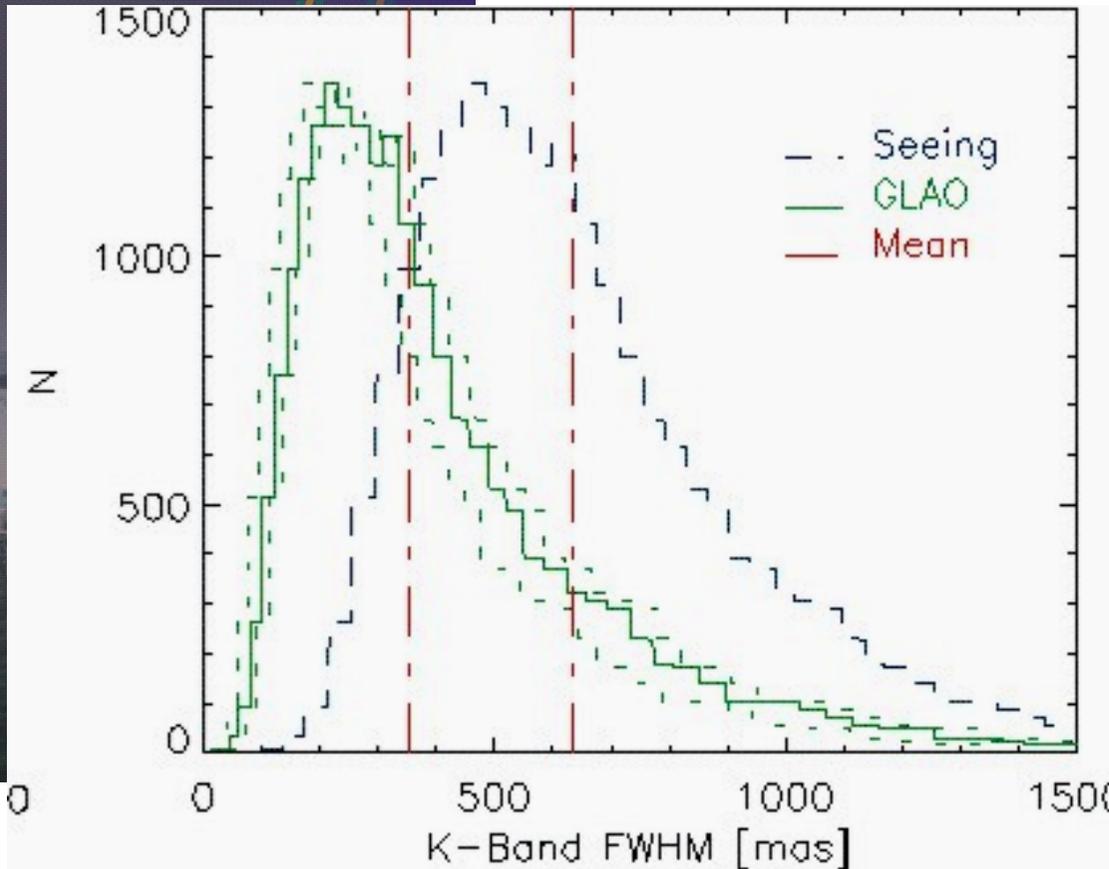
LBT AO, 100s, H2 filter (2.1um), ref. star Rband 11mag, 150modes, 500Hz³⁴

Altri progetti astronomici

ARGOS: LBT GLAO system



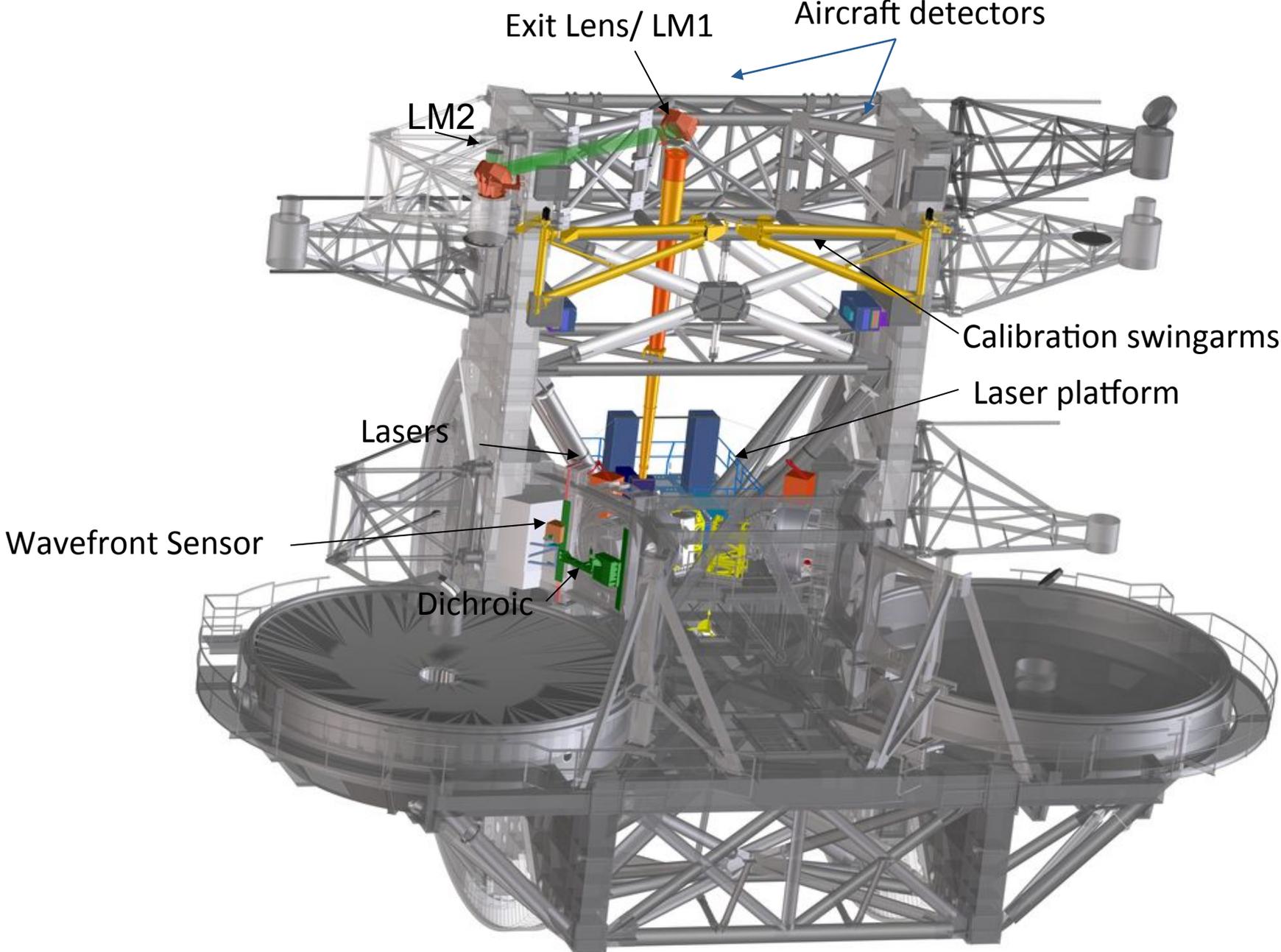
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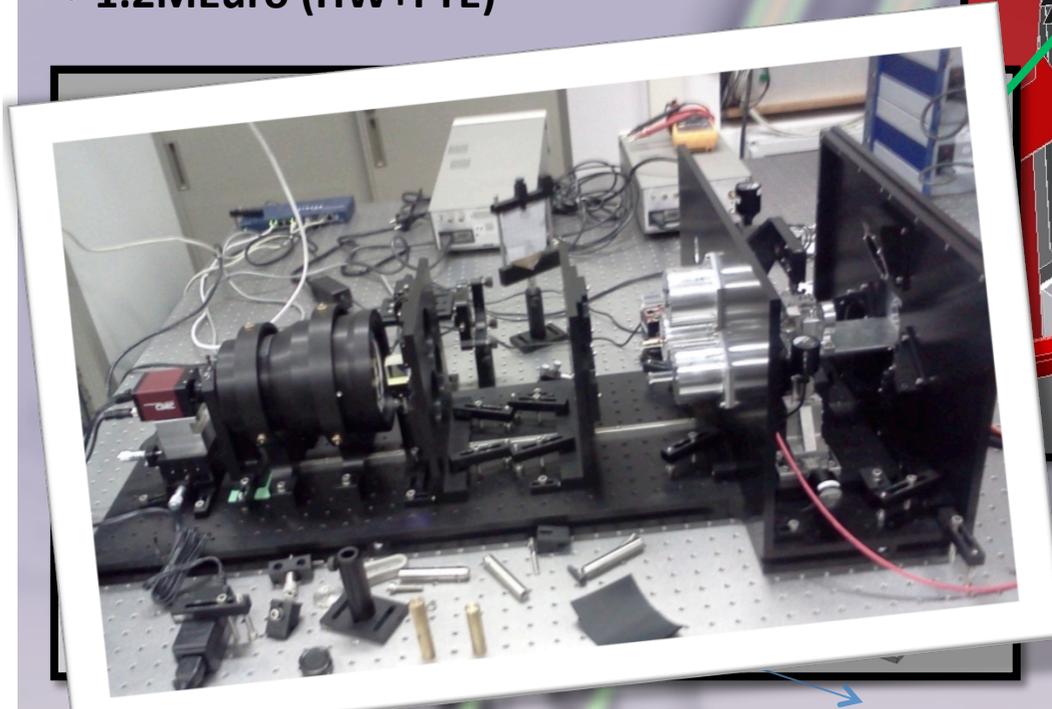
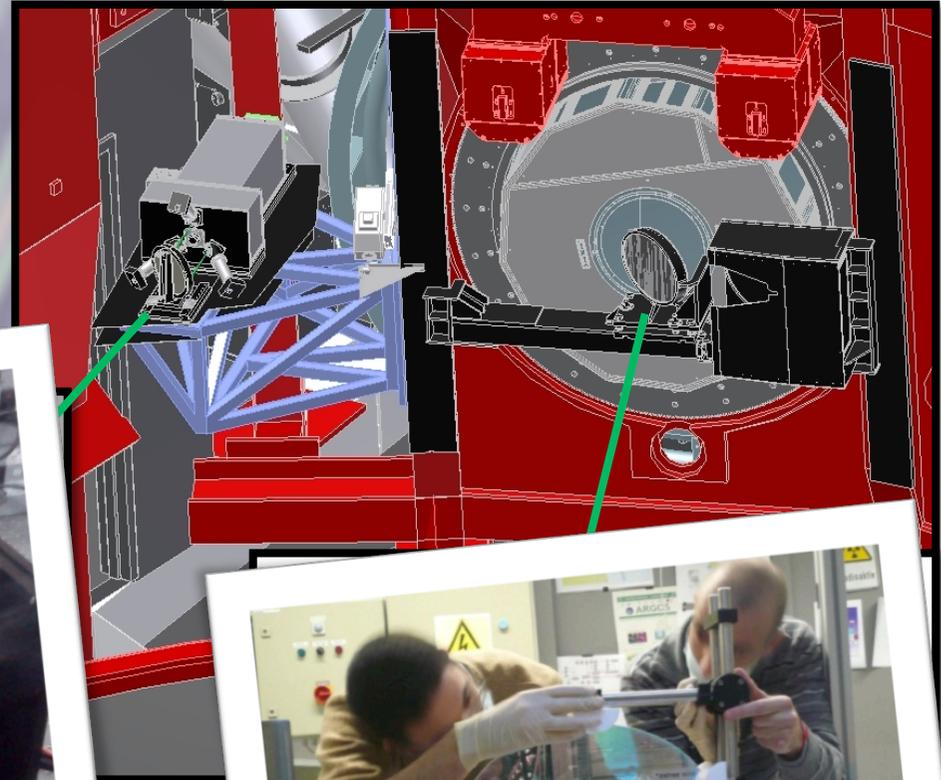
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ARGOS parts locations at LBT

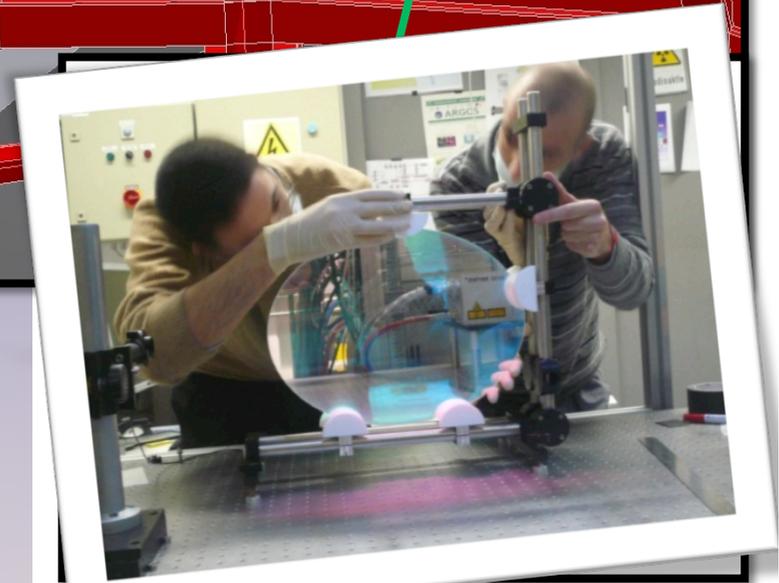


Arcetri's tasks in ARGOS

- Dichroic and LGS WFS design, integration and test
- 10 FTE in 3 years
- 1.2MEuro (HW+FTE)



3 laser beams combined on a single detector
15x15 subaps @ 1kHz, pupil and jitter actively
compensated, acquisition cameras 1' FoV,
Pockels cells to gate @ 12km

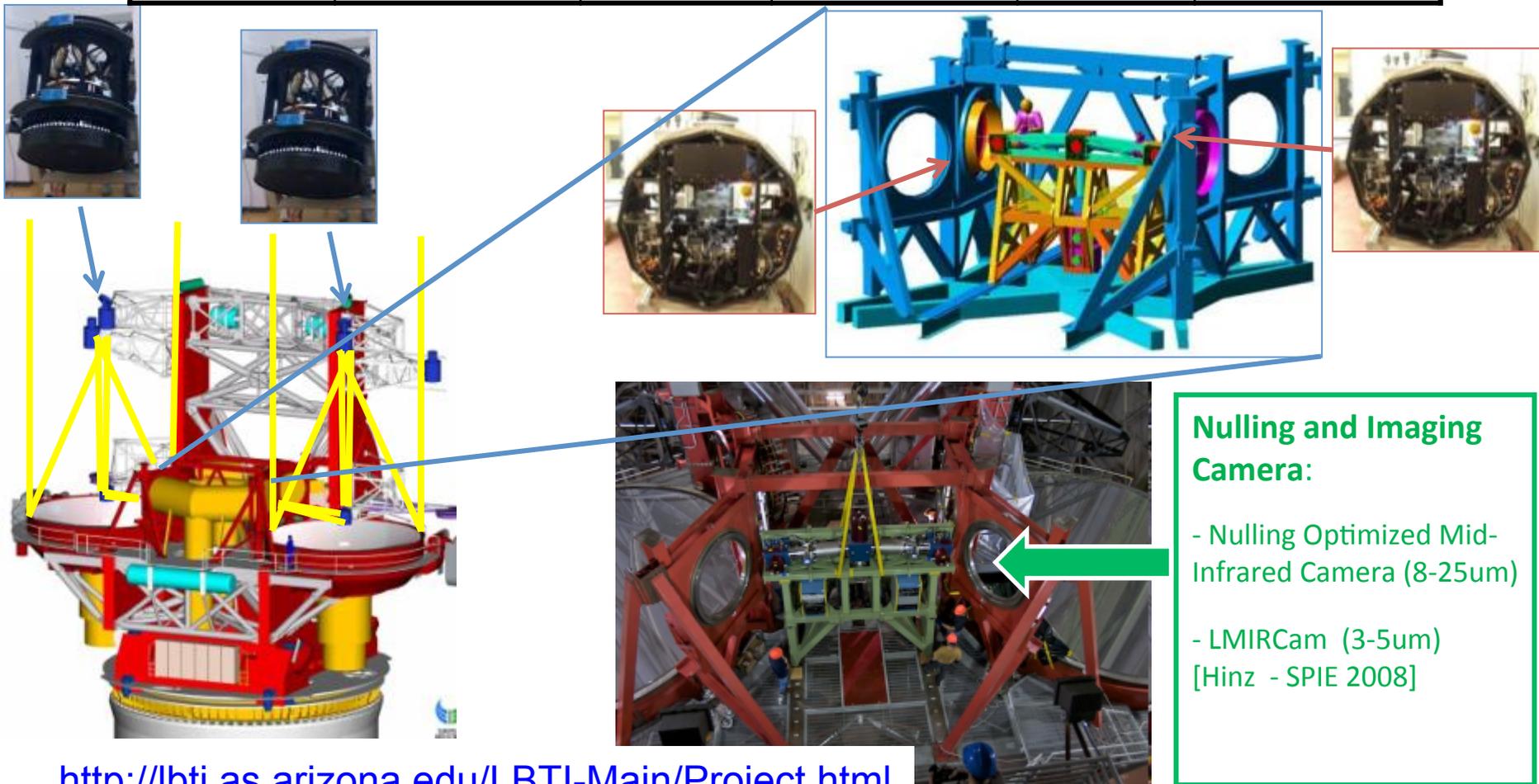


Dichroic unit deployed to split
laser beams from red & NIR

AO system for LBTI



Focal Station	Modes	Spectral Coverage (μm)	Spectral Resolution	Field of View	Pixel Scale (arcsec/pixel)
Center-Bent	Nulling Interf Short Fizeau Long Fizeau	8 - 13 3-5 8-25	2 - 30	25"	0.1



Nulling and Imaging Camera:

- Nulling Optimized Mid-Infrared Camera (8-25 μm)
- LMIRCam (3-5 μm) [Hinz - SPIE 2008]

<http://lbt.as.arizona.edu/LBTI-Main/Project.html>

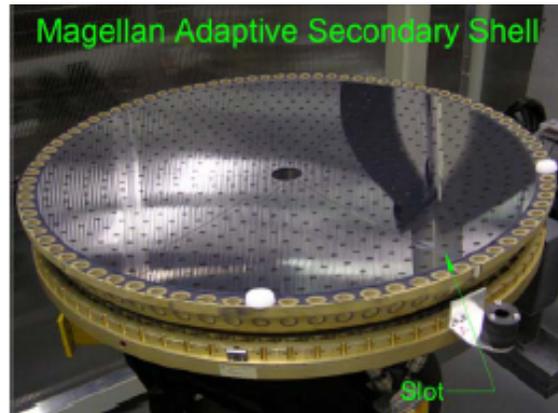
Magellan

Contract with UofA “AO W unit” #2.05.23.01
 Funds to Arcetri: 500 k€ (9 persons)

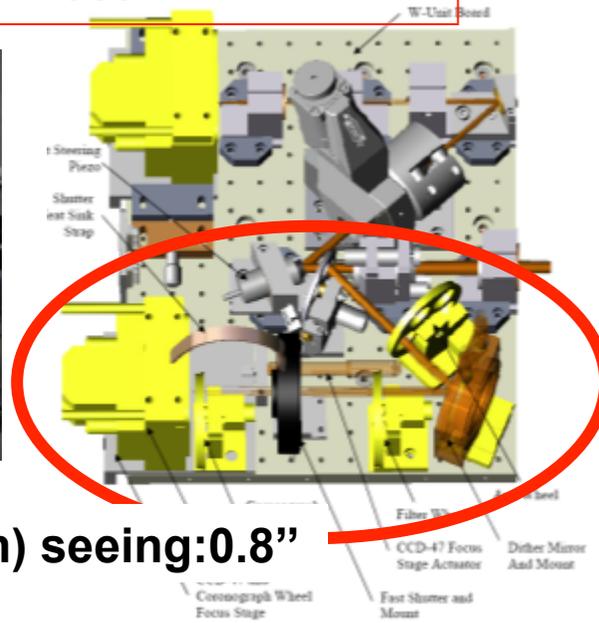
- Pyramid WFS
- AdSec optical calibration
- AO control SW
- AO closed loop tests in Arcetri



Magellan (6.5)



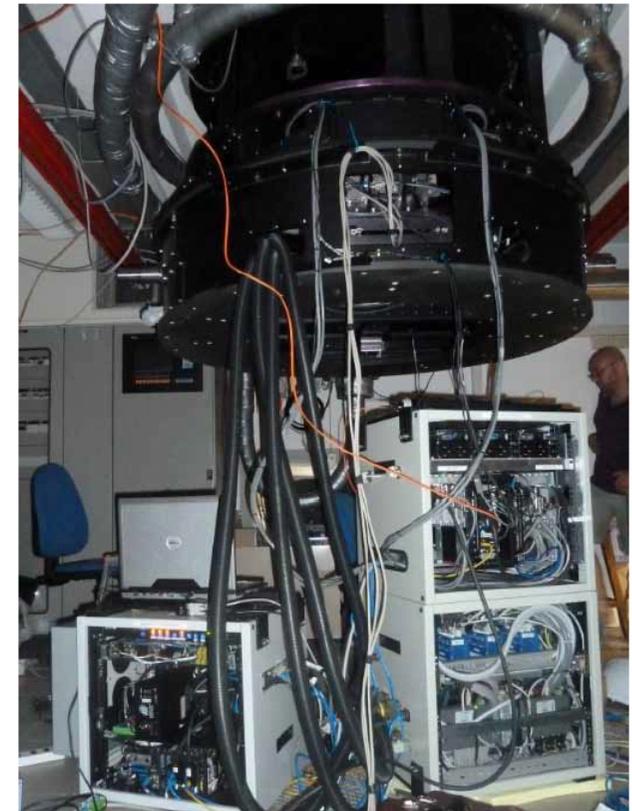
Magellan Adaptive Secondary Shell



VisAO: SR=55%@i'(765nm) seeing:0.8”

Scala temporale

Magellan tasks	dates
AO acceptance ad Arcetri	Feb – Mar 2012
Commissioning a Magellan	Set 2012 – Mar 2013



Accordi per osservazioni future ?

VLT DSM (AOF)

VLT-DSM: 1170act, D=1120mm



VLT-DSM: Contratto Microgate-ESO

- ❑ Arcetri ha partecipato alla fase di disegno con OPTICON (2004-2008)
- ❑ Nell'attuale fase di produzione e test Arcetri partecipa con due sottocontratti verso Microgate:
 - **Software per Maintenance and Calibration DSM (90k€ contratto in essere, 0.5 FTE)**
 - **Test Ottica del DSM a ESO (Assist) (contratto in definizione, 1 FTE)**

Scala temporale

DSM Production, Integration and EM test (Maintenance and Calibration SW)	Lug 2008 - Lug 2012 (Mar 2009 – Giu 2012)
Test ottici DSM a ESO	Gen 2013 – Mar 2013
Test con Strumenti dell AOF a ESO	Mar 2013– Feb 2014
DSM in Cile con AOF	Mid 2014

VLT ERIS (AOF)

ERIS: Enhanced Resolution Imager and Spectrograph

Wavelengths: JHK-LM

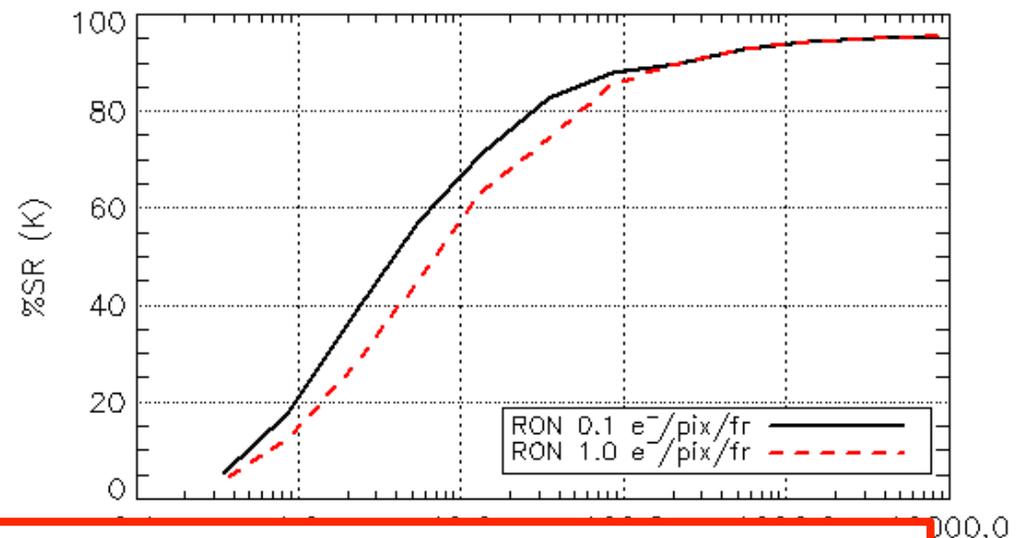
Observing modes: LGS-AO (SH + Pyr), NGS-AO (Pyr)



2012: NACO will be decommissioned Needed general purpose high-res imager in AOF: -> ERIS

2012 VLT-ERIS: Contratto Arcetri-ESO

- Conceptual Design of a NGS Pyramid WFS for ERIS**
- Ott-2011 Apr-2012.**
- 1.4 FTE (8 persons in Arcetri)**
- Total to Arcetri: 60k€**



Submitted on Dic 2012 proposal

Ph. B-C-D-E

4 FTE/year x 3years

+ support test in Gard

+ support commission

2017)

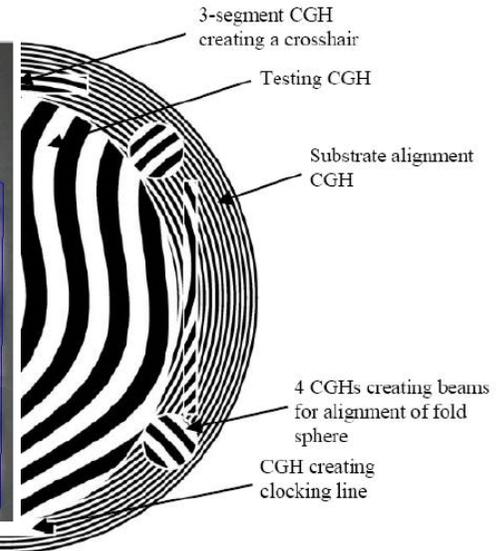
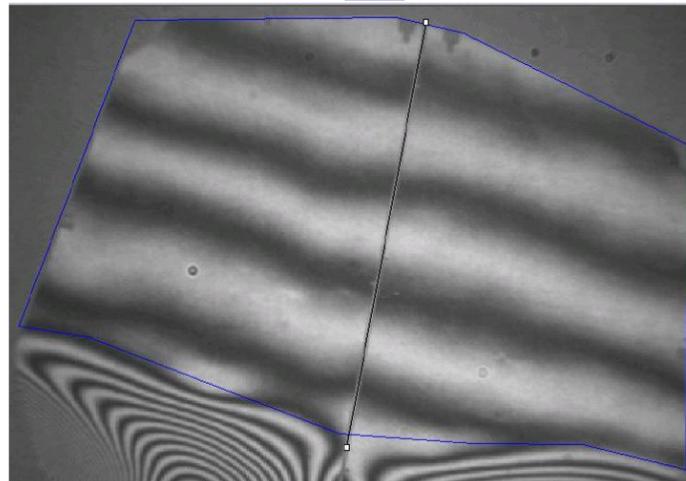
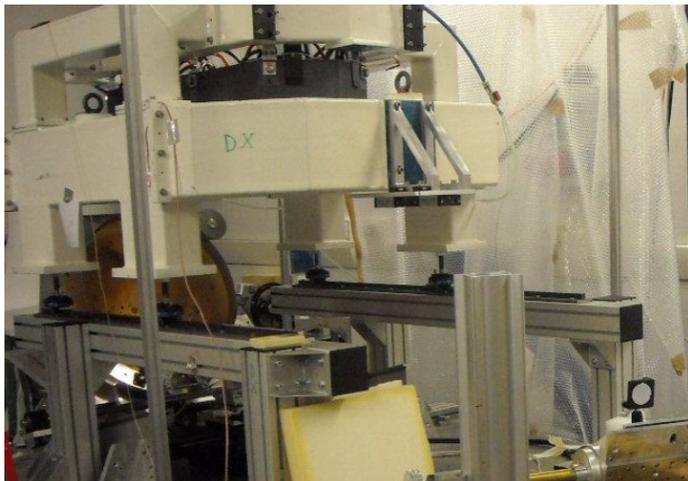
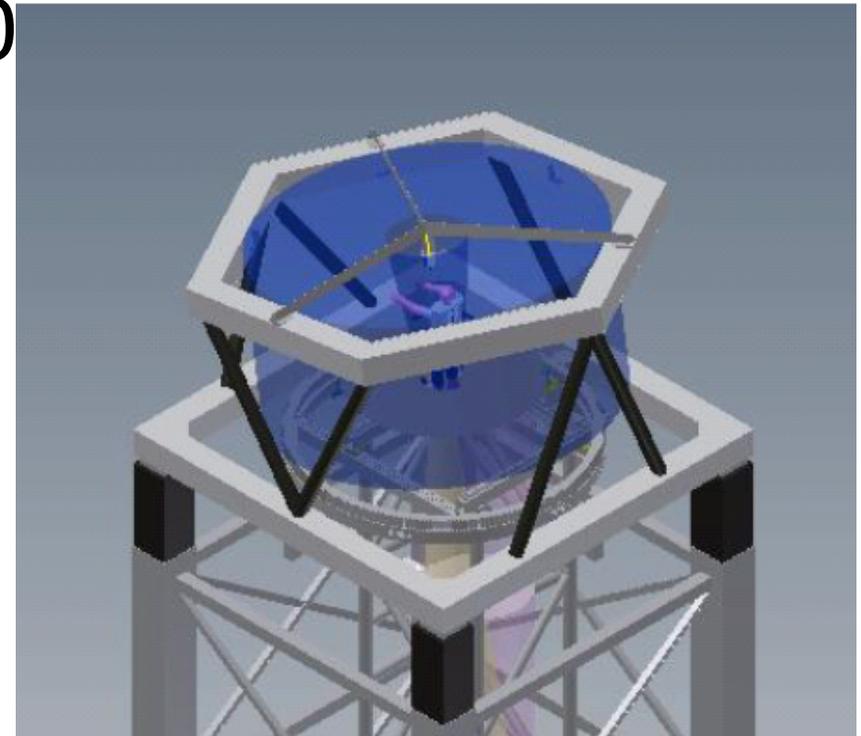
**Proposal di Arcetri approvato da ESO in
Febbraio 2013. Primo meeting il 5 marzo
2013.**

M4-EELT: TecnoINAF 2010

Arcetri + Brera

Development and test of new CGH-based techniques with automate calibration for future large-format Adaptive-Optics mirrors

Jul 2011 – Jul 2013 (to be shift to Dec 2013)
Tot. ad Arcetri: 42.5k€, 2.6FTE (3 persone)



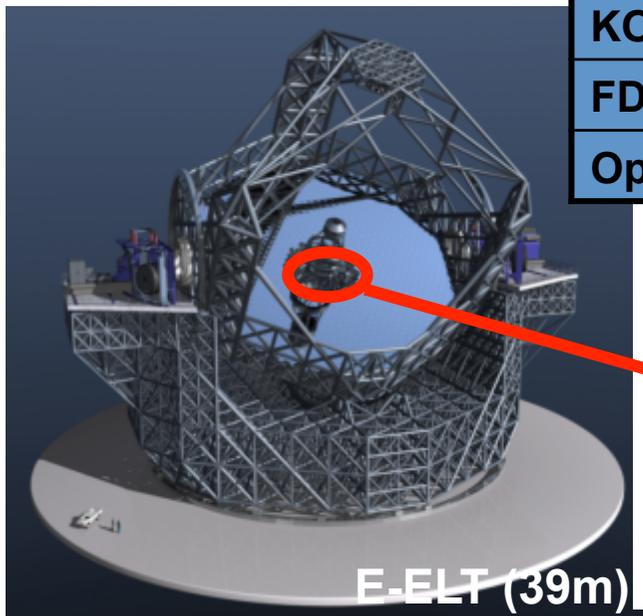
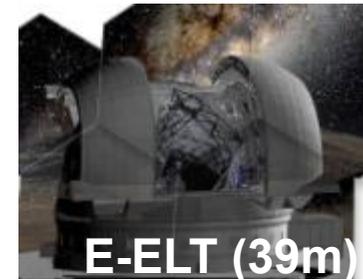
E-ELT: M4 adattivo per E-ELT

Estensione della tecnologia dei secondari adattivi a E-ELT
 Prototyping and Preliminary Design: 2007 - 2010

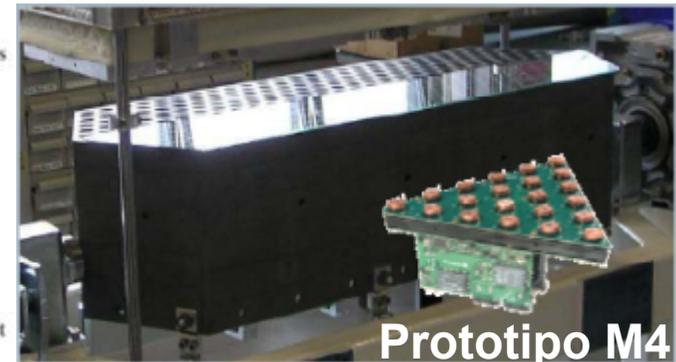
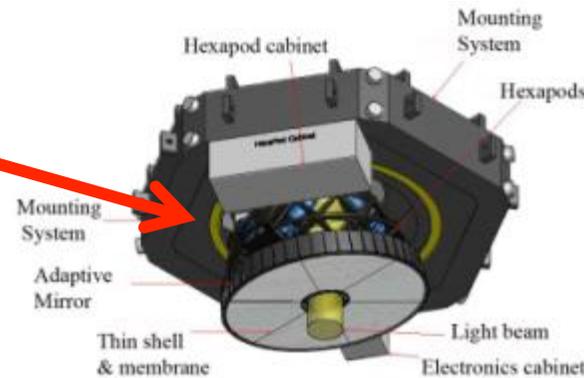
End 2011: ESO Council approva EELT Construction Plan (nostro M4 OK)

Contratto Microgate-ESO (INAF subcontract) 2012-2013 per:

- ❑ Delta PDR per M4 adattivo da 2.6m (~6300 attuatori)
- ❑ Brera: disegno ottico torre test ottico di M4
- ❑ Arcetri: AO-exercise + optical test procedures
- ❑ Totale ad Arcetri: 1M€, 13 FTE (4 persone)



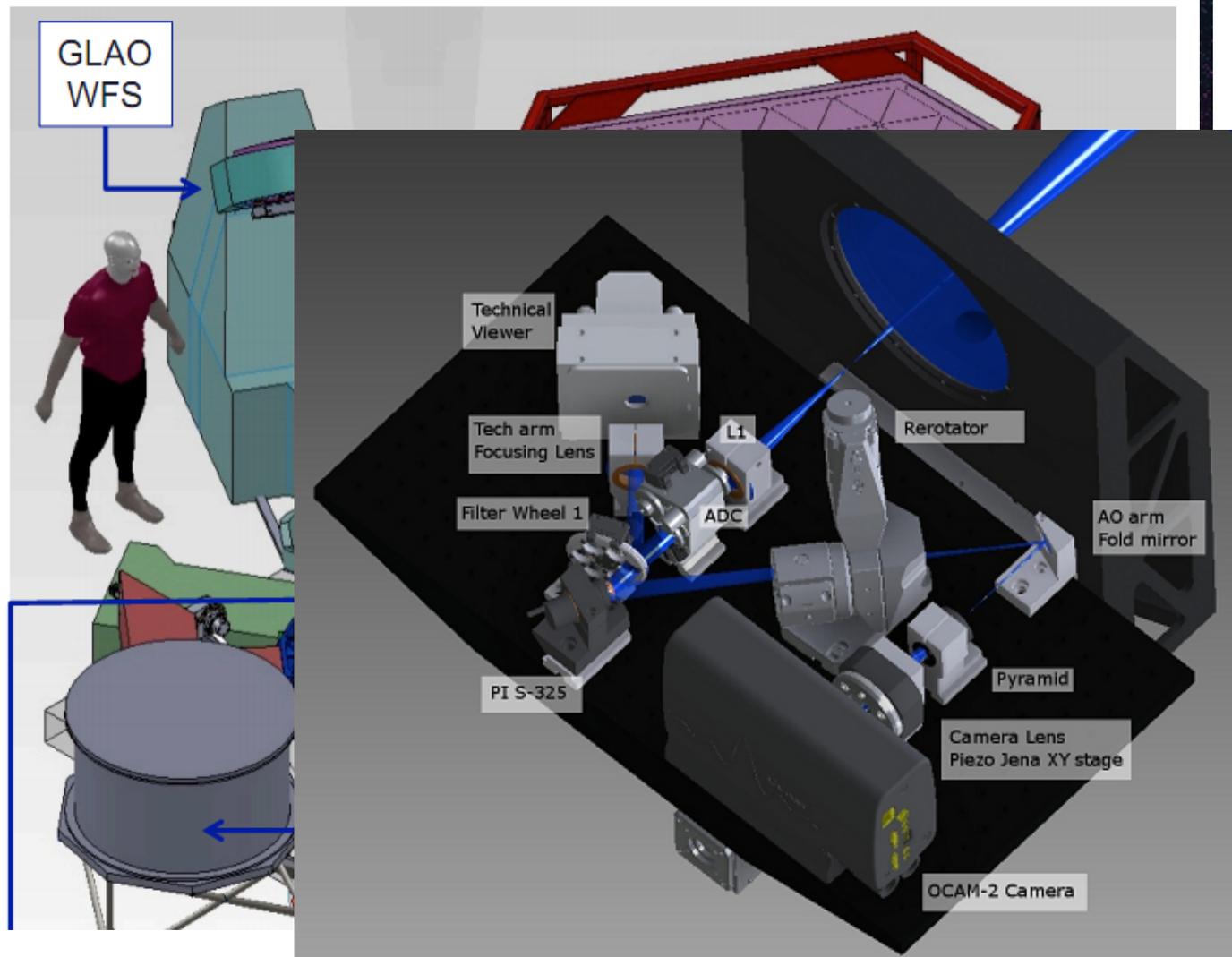
KO	Lug 2012
FDR	Gen 2015
Optical test	2019-2020



E-ELT (39m)

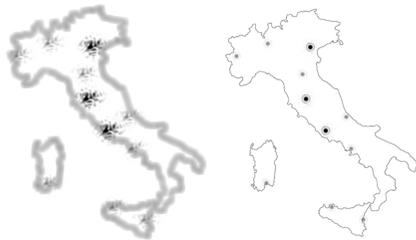
Prototipo M4

NGS wfs (NGWS) study for the GMT telescope



Il laboratorio nazionale di Ottica Adattiva: ADONI.

Espression of Interest in response to INAF Decree 34/2012 proposing the establishment of an
ADaptive Optics National laboratory - Italy (ADONI)



Written by R. Ragazzoni, S. Esposito, E. Giallongo and P. Salinari

ADONI at glance:

Host institution:	Arcetri Astrophysical Observatory
Joint Institutions:	Padova and Roma Astronomical Observatories
Overall personnel involved:	49
Areas of interest:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AO for 8m class and Extremely Large Telescopes 2. Development of new AO concepts and components 3. Exploitation of technologies grown in AO framework 4. Dissemination of non astronomical AO application
Key goals:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To reach a critical mass to be able to have a key role in AO systems for the largest existing and planned astronomical facilities 2. To organize the various forces active in the AO field in Italy in order to maintain the present leadership in the AO field

[Arcetri sede aggregante]



CONSIGLIO NAZIONALE DELLE RICERCHE
ISTITUTO NAZIONALE DI OTTICA

INOA - CNR - INO	
Tit. Cl. F.	
N. 0008100	12/09/2012



Caro Filippo,

ho saputo dell'interessante proposta di INAF che prevede la costituzione di alcuni laboratori nazionali sparsi sul territorio ed ho anche appreso che l'Osservatorio di Arcetri potrebbe essere sede aggregante di un laboratorio nazionale di Ottica Adattiva.

Ritengo che questa sia un'ottima iniziativa per creare iniziative congiunte di ricerca. Infatti, il Colle di Arcetri e Firenze sono, in un certo modo, già un laboratorio nazionale dedicato all'ottica. Ne sono prova le molte collaborazioni in essere tra INO-CNR e Osservatorio di Arcetri, dedicate soprattutto all'*optical design*. Queste collaborazioni, favorite dalla distanza di pochi metri tra le nostre sedi (fattore che resta non trascurabile anche all'epoca del web) hanno permesso un mutuo incremento di competenze. Allo stesso modo assai proficua è stata la collaborazione tra la nostra officina ottica e il personale dell'Osservatorio: in molti casi si è trattato di componenti ottici realizzati ad hoc solo grazie al continuo interscambio di informazioni tra le nostre due strutture.

Allo stesso tempo, è rilevante citare il recente accordo per la valorizzazione della collina di Arcetri, realizzato tra Università di Firenze, Istituto Nazionale di Ottica ed Osservatorio. L'accordo mira a creare sulla collina un centro che possa essere di interscambio di competenze, ma anche una vetrina dell'ottica italiana. In questo senso, il fatto che ai nostri Enti sia stata resa disponibile la Villa il Gioiello, splendida dimora di Galileo, per l'organizzazione di meeting e workshop, permette di avere a disposizione una sede davvero unica per eventuali attività che il futuro laboratorio nazionale volesse organizzare.

A sostegno della candidatura in oggetto, faccio anche notare come Firenze sia anche sede di molte altre strutture di ricerca pubblica dedicate all'ottica (come ad esempio il LENS, Laboratorio Europeo di Spettroscopia Non Lineare, infrastruttura europea di eccellenza), ma anche di molte aziende, da quelle più grandi, come Galileo ed EL.EN, a quelle più piccole ma comunque molto attive. Tutto ciò induce a considerare a considerare la nostra città, come dicevo all'inizio, un naturale polo aggregatore dell'ottica.

Concludo augurandomi quindi che l'Osservatorio possa veder premiata la sua ottima attività nel settore dell'ottica adattiva con la realizzazione ad Arcetri del Laboratorio Nazionale: ne verrebbe sicuramente premiato tutto il nostro Paese.

Ti saluto cordialmente,

Paolo

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Collaborazione INO/OAA.....(Lab. Naz.)

2 Thematic areas of interest.

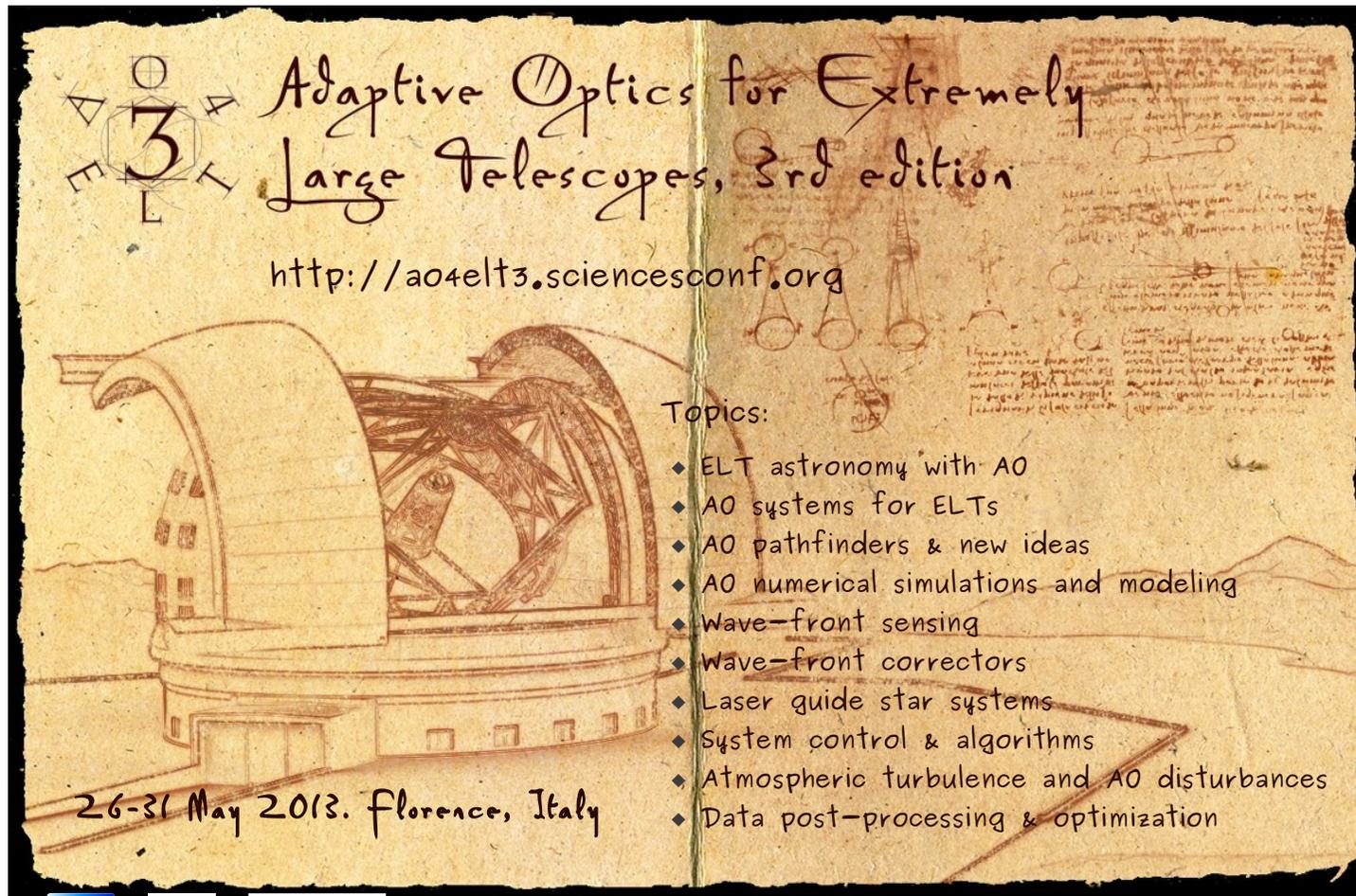
The thematic area of the proposed group is the development of AO Systems, concepts and related instrumentation for Astronomical and non-Astronomical applications; industrial applications are –in fact- a very relevant field for the purposes of the laboratory.

More specifically the goals of the proposed laboratory are briefly summarized below:

- 1) Development and realization of AO systems and instrumentation for ground based Astronomy trough
- 2) Extension of deformable mirrors/pyramid sensor/ AO technologies to active space telescopes.
- 3) Exploitation of technologies and concepts developed in the AO framework in *i)* astronomical and *ii)* non astronomical applications not directly involving AO.
- 4) Non astronomical applications like:
 - AO based ophthalmic instruments and eye surgery,
 - high power lasers beam shaping,
 - space-to-ground satellites communications at visible wavelength,
 - optical metrology for laboratory and industrial use.
- 5) Training of students and industry personnel in the AO field.

AO4ELT3 conference

The third edition of the international conference “*Adaptive Optics for the ELTs*” is organized by Arcetri in Florence (Palazzo degli Affari) on May 26th-31st 2013.



<http://ao4elt3.sciencesconf.org>

A nome di tutti, grazie per l'attenzione.....



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