

# AGN studies in the ELTs era

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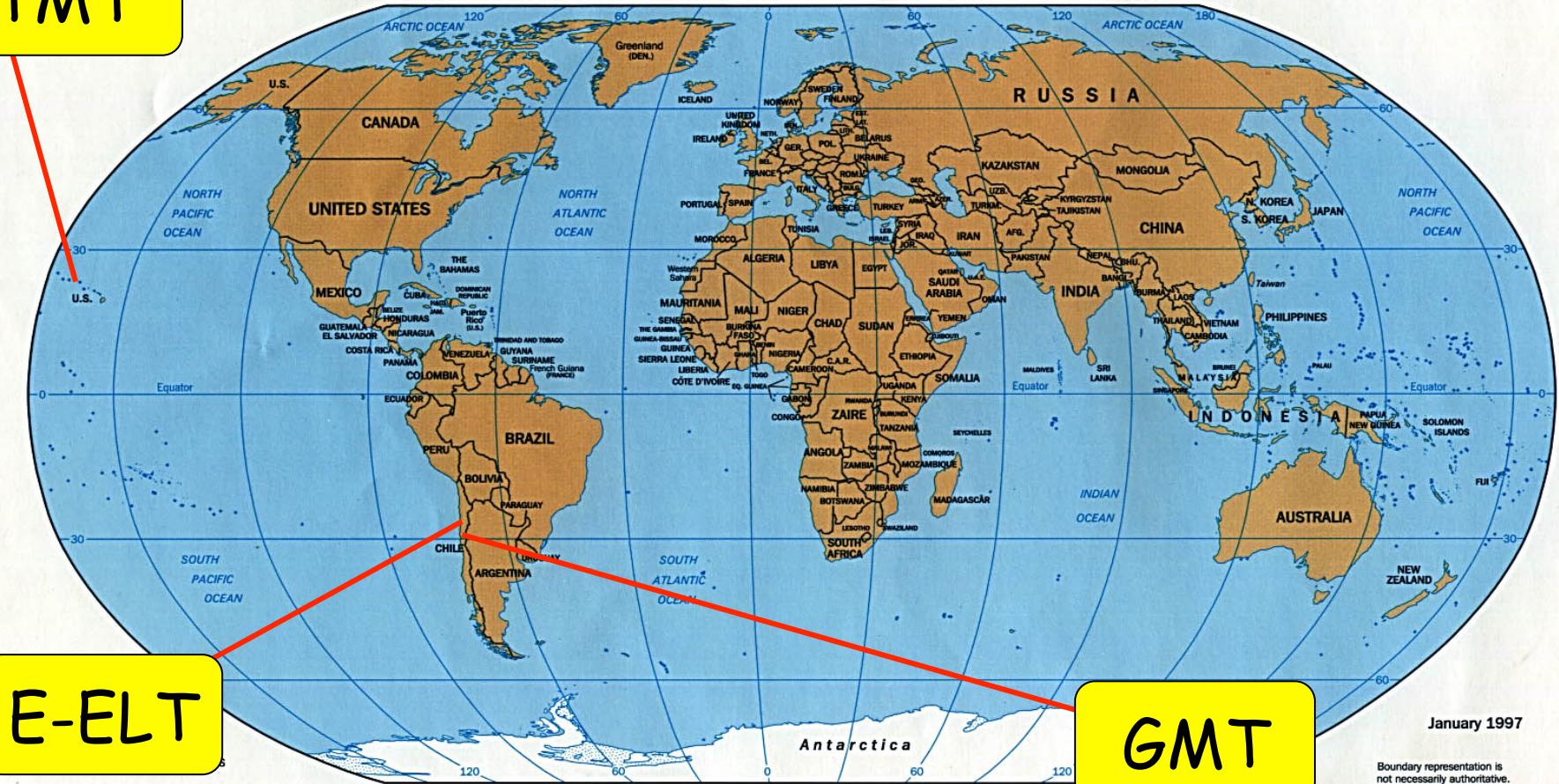
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# ELTs in the next decade

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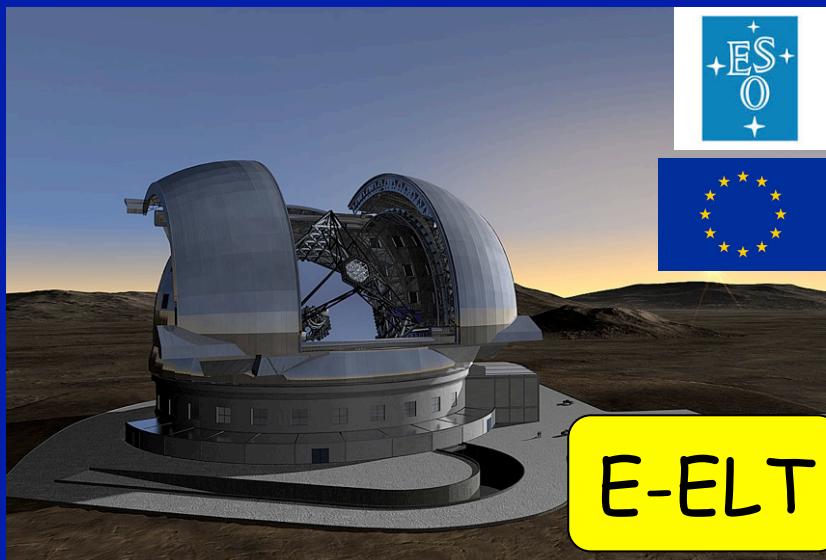
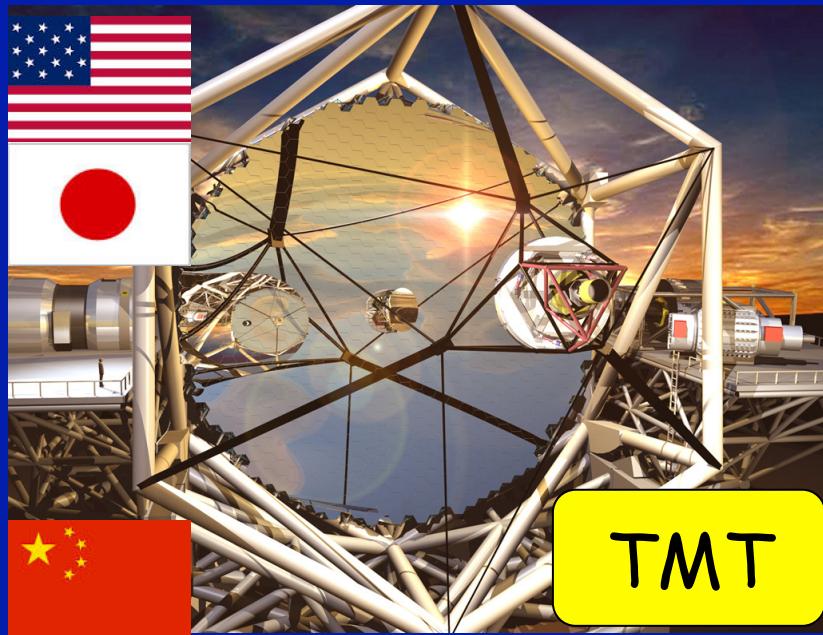


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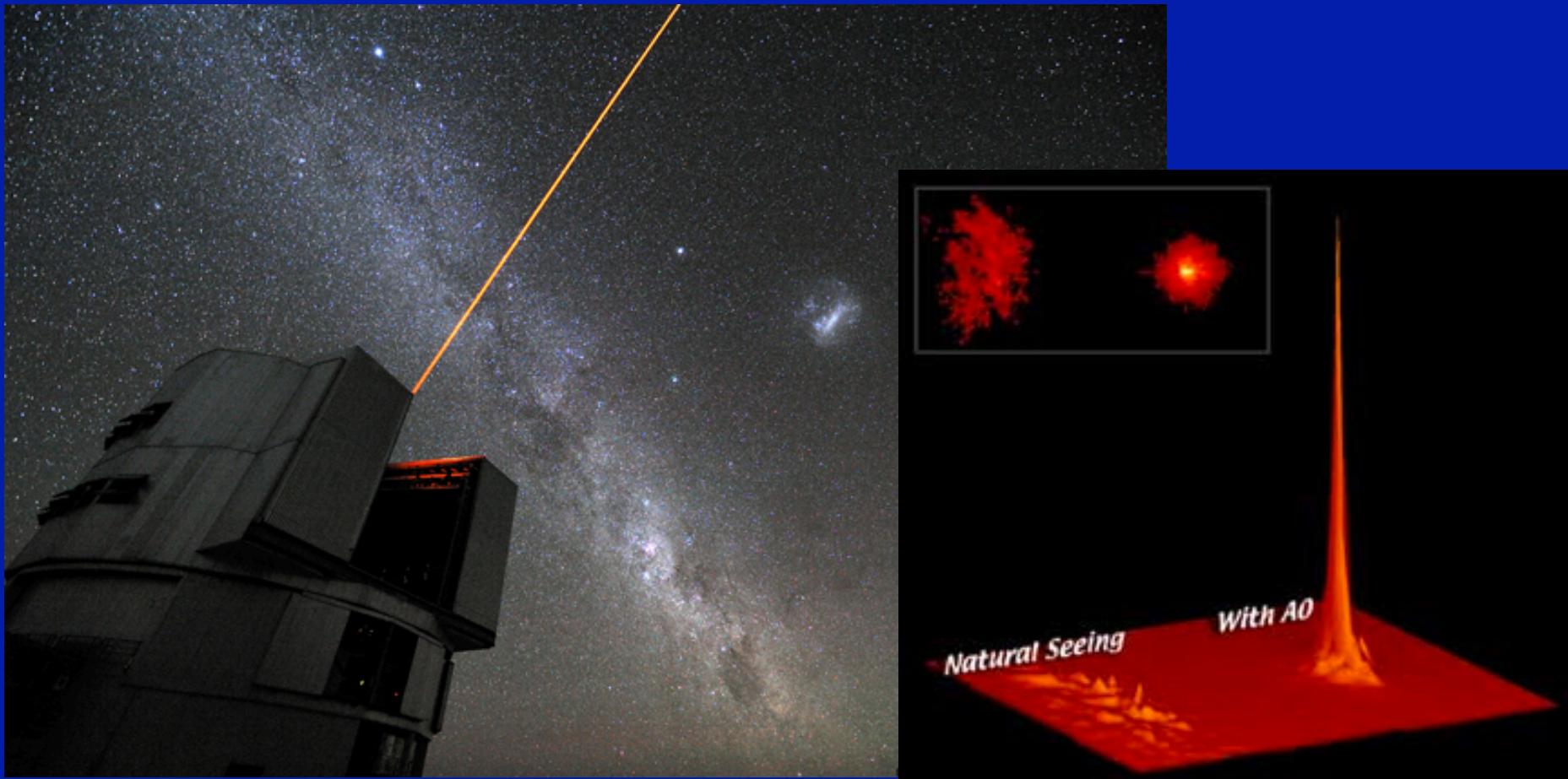
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# Worldwide Extremely Large Telescopes



# Adaptive optics using LGS

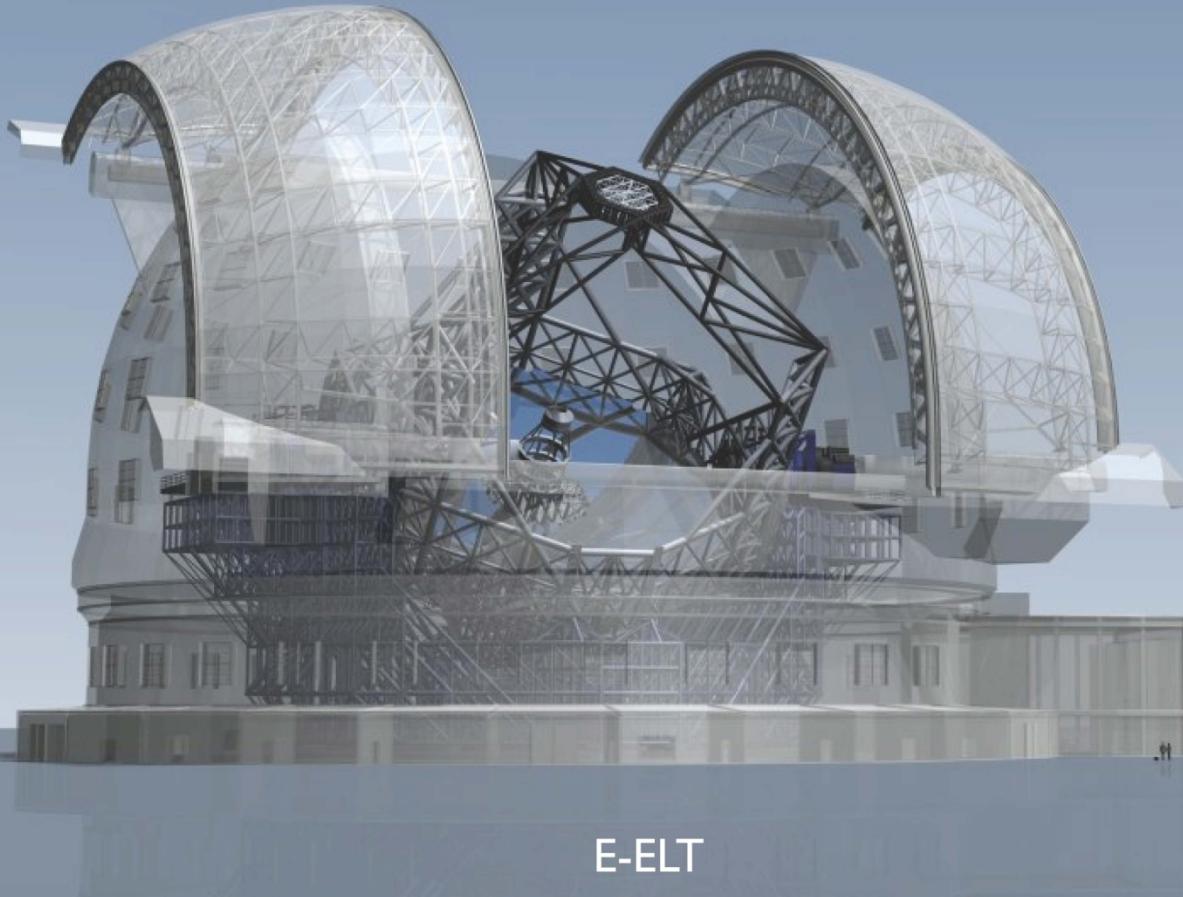


Close to diffraction limited images in the near-IR s



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# The World's Biggest Eye on the Sky



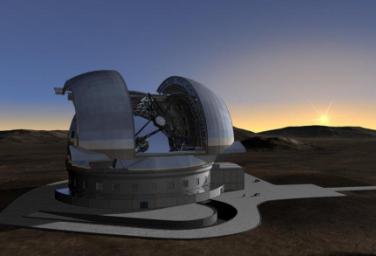
E-ELT



VLT

E-ELT First light in the next decade.

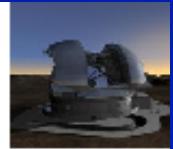
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# E-ELT - Instrumentation



E-ELT Instrumentation Project Office



## Overview of the Ins Studies

ACRONYM (P.I.)	INSTRUMENT TYPE
<i>EAGLE</i> (J.G. Cuby)	Wide Field, Multi IFU NIR Spectrograph with MOAO
<i>EPICS</i> (M. Kasper)	Planet Imager and Spectrograph with XAO
<i>MICADO</i> (R. Genzel)	Diffraction-limited NIR Camera- AO assisted
<i>HARMONI</i> (N. Thatte)	Single Field, Wide Band Spectrograph - AO assisted
<i>CODEX</i> (L.Pasquini)	High Spectral Resolution, High Stability Visual Spectrograph
<i>METIS</i> (B. Brandl)	Mid Infrared Imager & Spectrograph –AO assisted
<i>OPTIMOS</i> (F.Hammer,-O.LeFevre)	Wide Field , Visual, MOS (fibre or slit-based)- AO assisted?
<i>SIMPLE</i> (L. Origlia)	High Spectral Resolution NIR Spectrograph –AO assisted
<b>POST -FOCAL ADAPTIVE OPTICS MODULES</b>	
<i>MAORY</i> (E. Diolaiti)	Multi Conjugate AO module (high Strehl, field up to 2')
<i>ATLAS</i> (T. Fusco)	Laser Tomography AO Module (high Strehl, narrow field)

# MICADO - Main characteristics

Wavelength range : (0.6)-0.8 to 2.5 mic I, Y, J, H, Ks

Field of View : 53 x 53 arcsec

Pixel scale : 3 mas

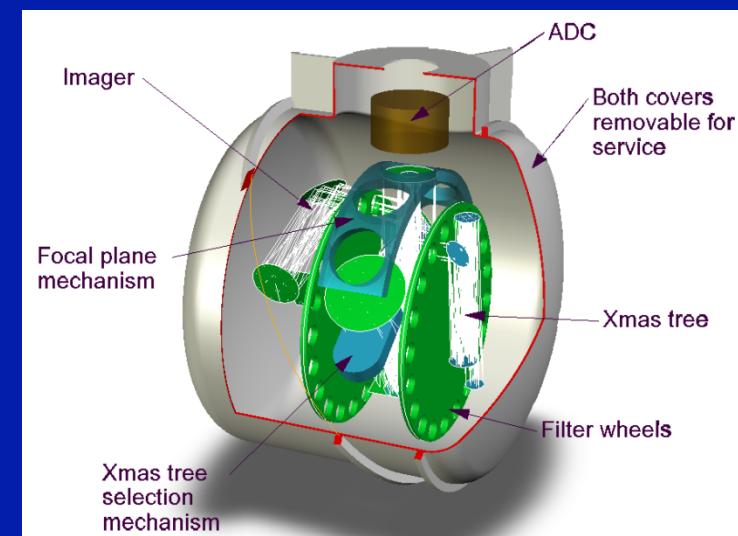
PSF : FWHM 6(J) , 10(Ks) mas

: EE(10mas) 0.10(J) 0.40(Ks)

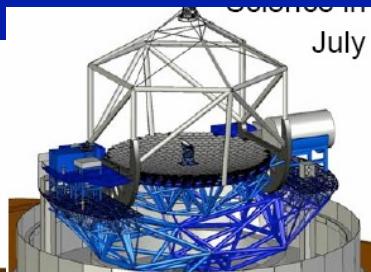
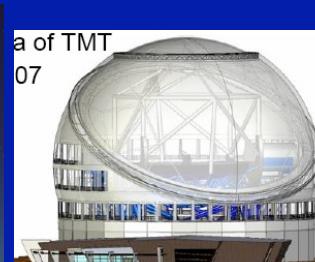
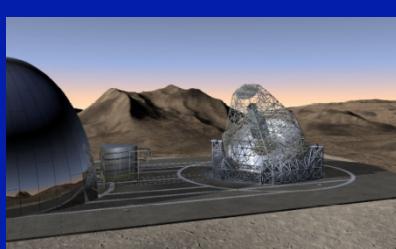
Overall Throughput

40 %

Telescope + instrument + detector



# Future NIR Imaging cameras

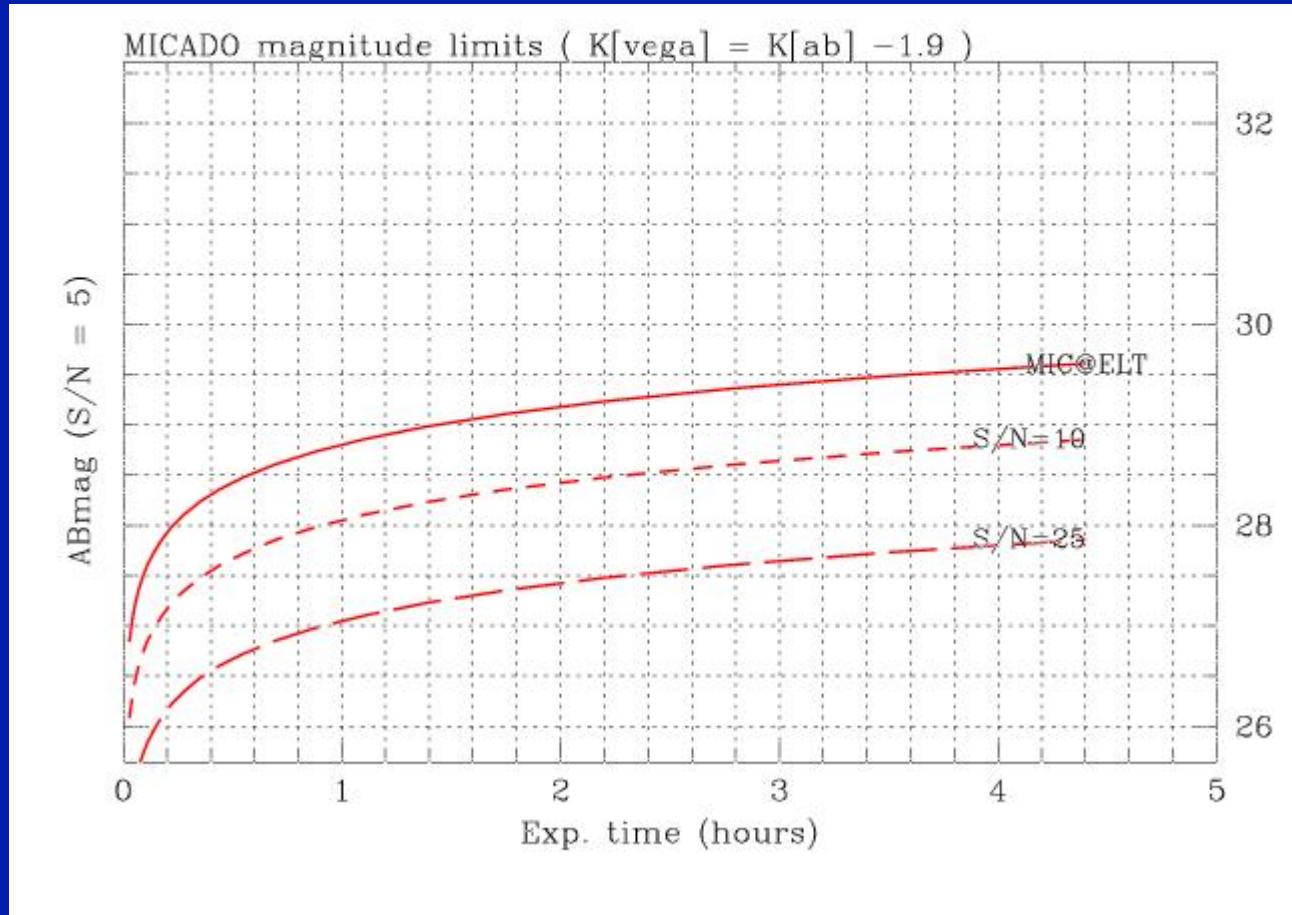


**Table 2:** Basic specifications for MICADO and its competitors

Instrument & telescope	MICADO / E-ELT	NIRCam (short arm) / JWST	IRIS / TMT	HRCAM / GMT
First light date	2018	Launch 2014	2018	2018
Wavelength	0.8-2.5μm	0.6-2.3μm	0.8-2.5μm	1.0-2.5μm
Field & sampling	53''×53'' @ 3mas + 6''×6'' @ 1.5mas	130''×260'' @ 31.7mas	17''×17'' @ 4mas	13''×13'' @ 3mas, 40''×40'' @ 10mas
Resolution wrt MICADO	×1 (10mas @ 2.1μm)	×6.5	×1.4	×1.7
Number of filters	20 primary arm, 20 auxiliary arm	14 (of which 4 are narrow)	unspecified	unspecified
Additional modes	Slit spectroscopy (options: dual imager, high time resolution)	Long arm to 5μm	Integral field spectroscopy	Integral field spectroscopy

# MICADO - Expected performance

AB mag limits for isolated point sources



$J(AB) = 30$  in 5h (S/N=5)

$K(AB) = 29.5$  in 5h (S/N=5)

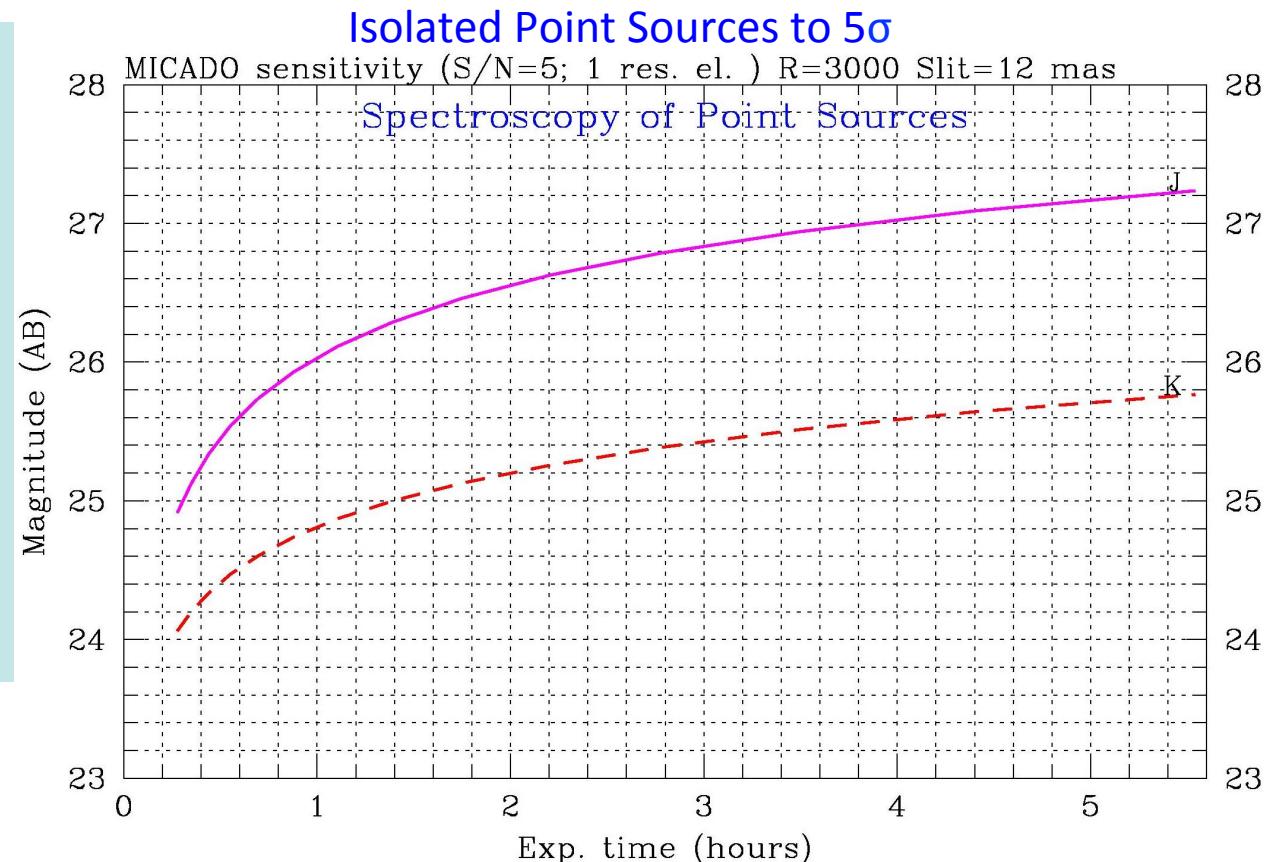
# Sensitivity: spectroscopy

Sensitivity between OH in J & K bands

Slit losses included  
(PSF shape &  
diffraction effects)

narrow slit maximizes  
sensitivity (although it  
reduces throughput)

JH sensitivity for point  
sources is the same as  
HARMONI



5hrs, $5\sigma$	J <sub>AB</sub>	H <sub>AB</sub>	K <sub>AB</sub>
Spectroscopy (between OH)	27.2	27.2	25.7

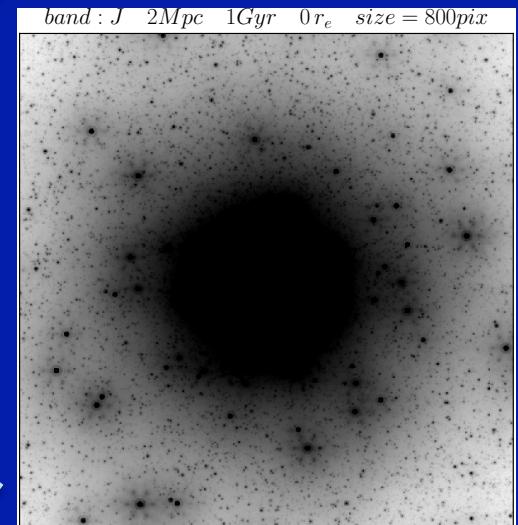
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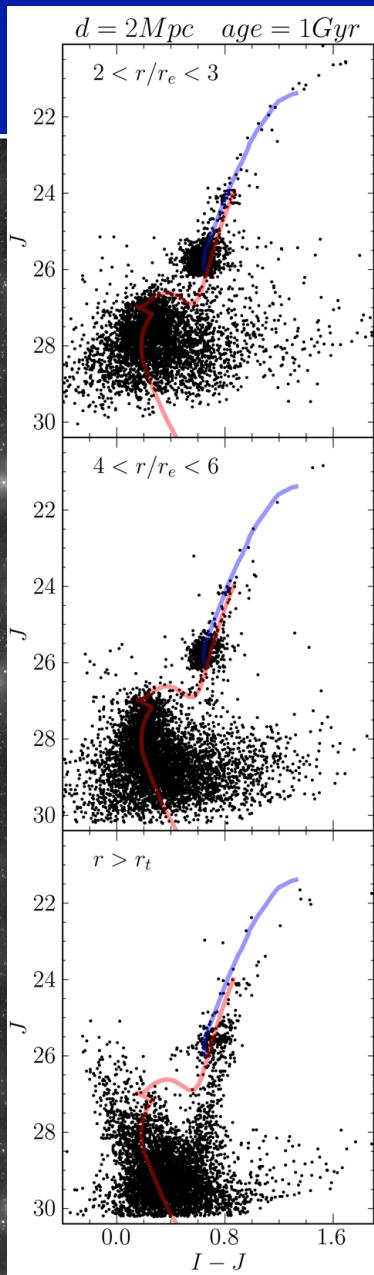
E-ELT + MICADO

Exp = 3 h  
Filter J

NGC 300  
 $D = 2 \text{ Mpc}$   
NSC (king profile)  
 $R_c = 0.095''$   
 $R_t = 2.87''$

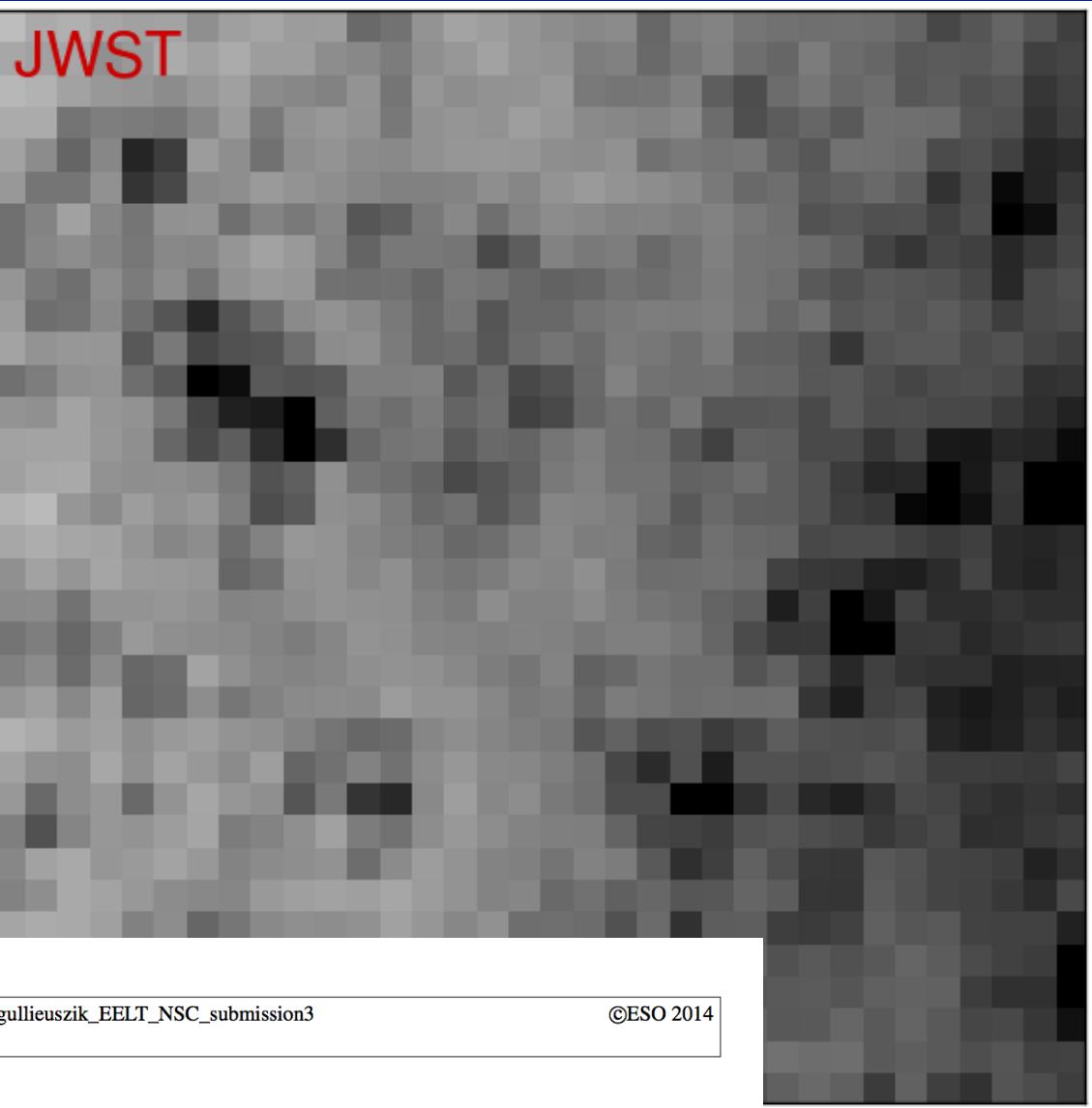
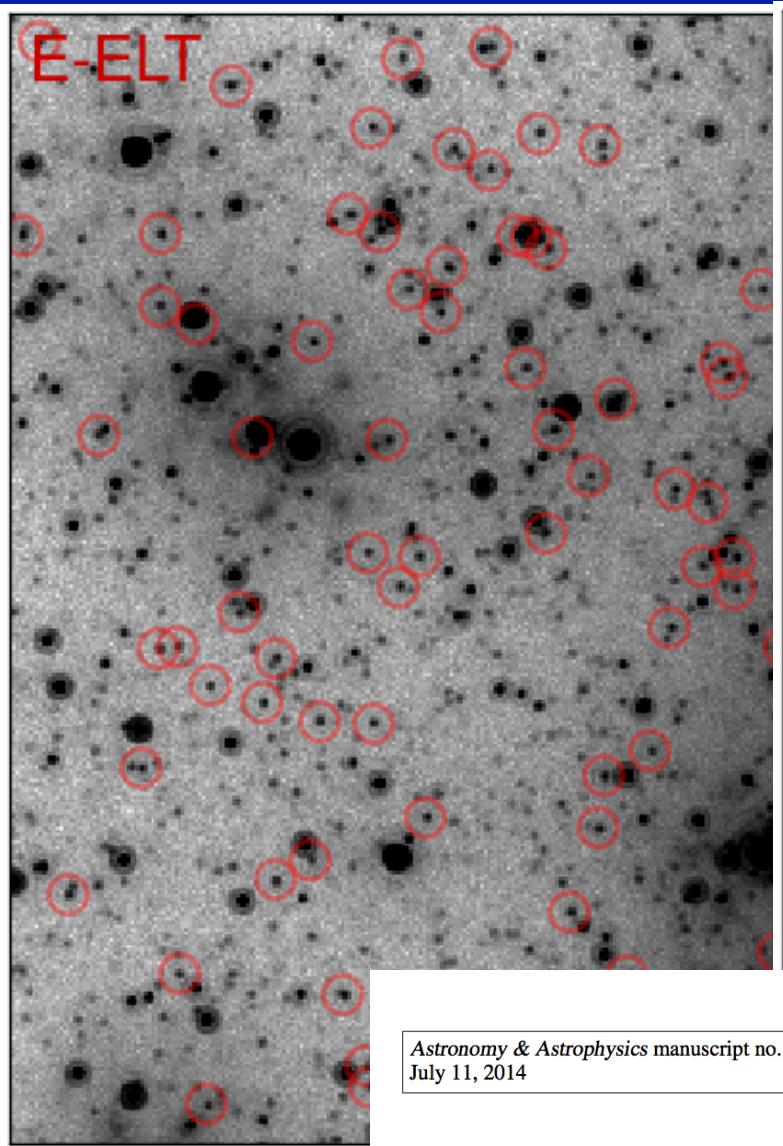


# E-ELT simulation of NGC 300 core



← 1.0'' →

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## Probing the nuclear star cluster of galaxies with ELTs

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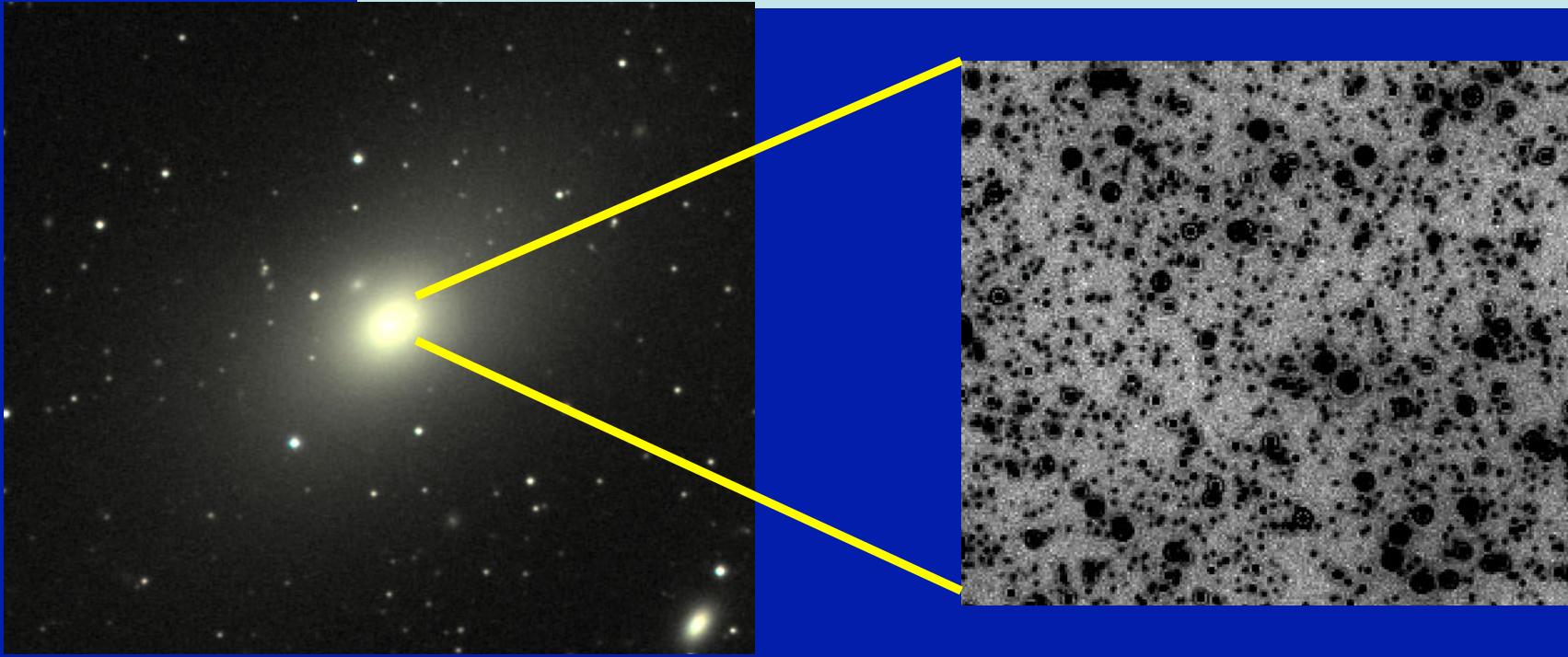
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# VIRGO - the closest rich cluster of galaxies



VIRGO cluster ( DM = 31 )

The study of the resolved stellar population in distant galaxies is one the main science drivers for the realization of ELTs

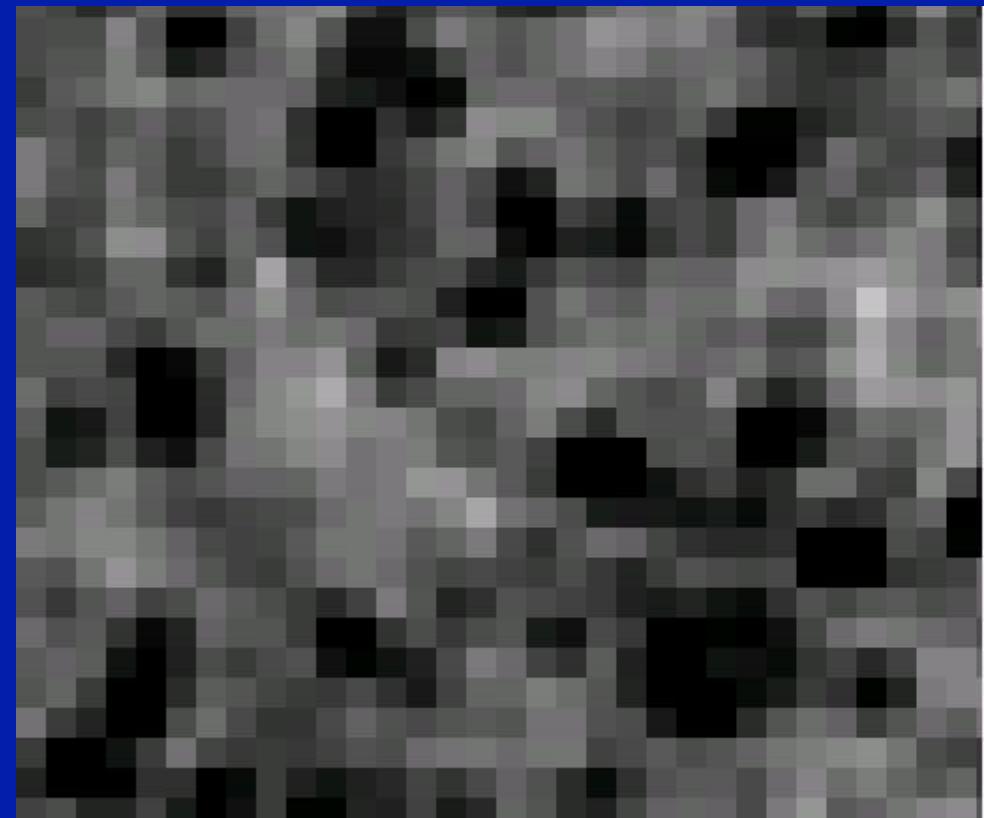
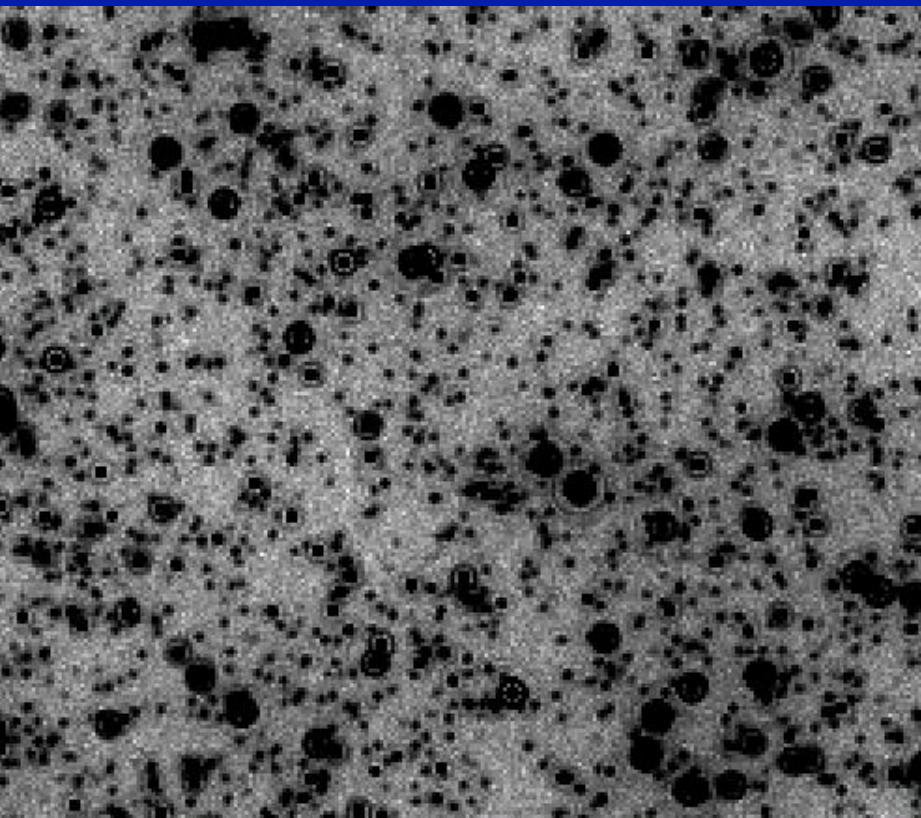


Reconstruction of the star formation history for a stellar system by analyzing its color-magnitude diagram (CMD) is a fundamental tool for understanding its age and chemical composition.

# The view of resolved stellar populations

Elliptical galaxy (old SP)  $M(J) = -23$  ,  $HLR = 5 \text{ kpc}$

Distance = 18.3 Mpc  $R/HLR = 1$



MICADO E-ELT

FoV = 1"

NIRCam JWST

## Resolved Stellar Population of Distant Galaxies in the ELT Era

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**ABSTRACT.** The expected imaging capabilities of future Extremely Large Telescopes (ELTs) will offer the unique possibility to investigate the stellar populations of distant galaxies from the photometry of the stars in very two representative science cases is of distant galaxies. Specifically, distance of 4.6 Mpc and case (2) distance of 18 Mpc). We generate entative instrumental setup, i.e., a discussed in detail, showing how it is approached. We find that (1)



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## Studying the metallicity gradient in Virgo ellipticals with European-Extremely Large Telescope photometry of resolved stars

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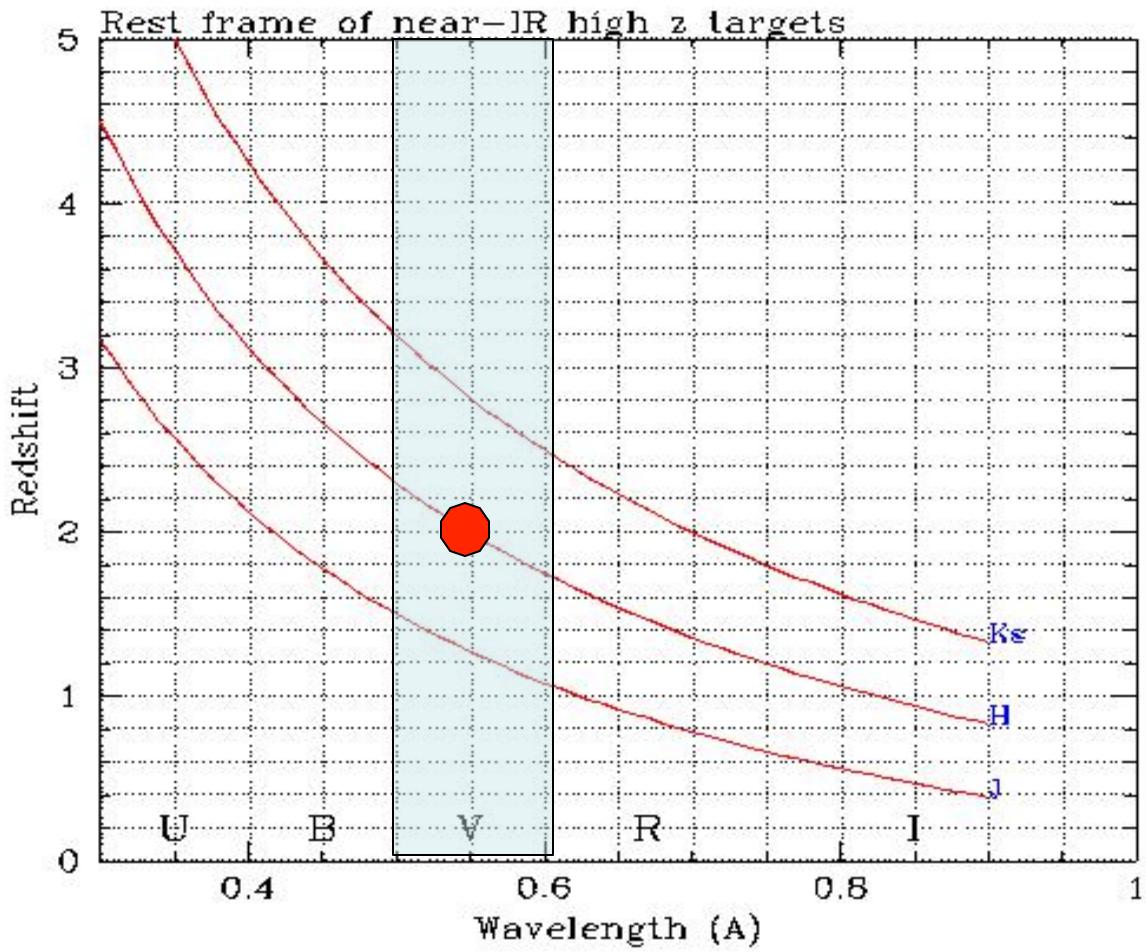
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### ABSTRACT

The next generation of large aperture ground-based telescopes will offer the opportunity to perform accurate stellar photometry in very crowded fields. This future capability will allow one to study in detail the stellar population in distant galaxies. In this paper we explore the effect of photometric errors on the stellar metallicity distribution derived from the colour distribution

# MICADO view of high z galaxies



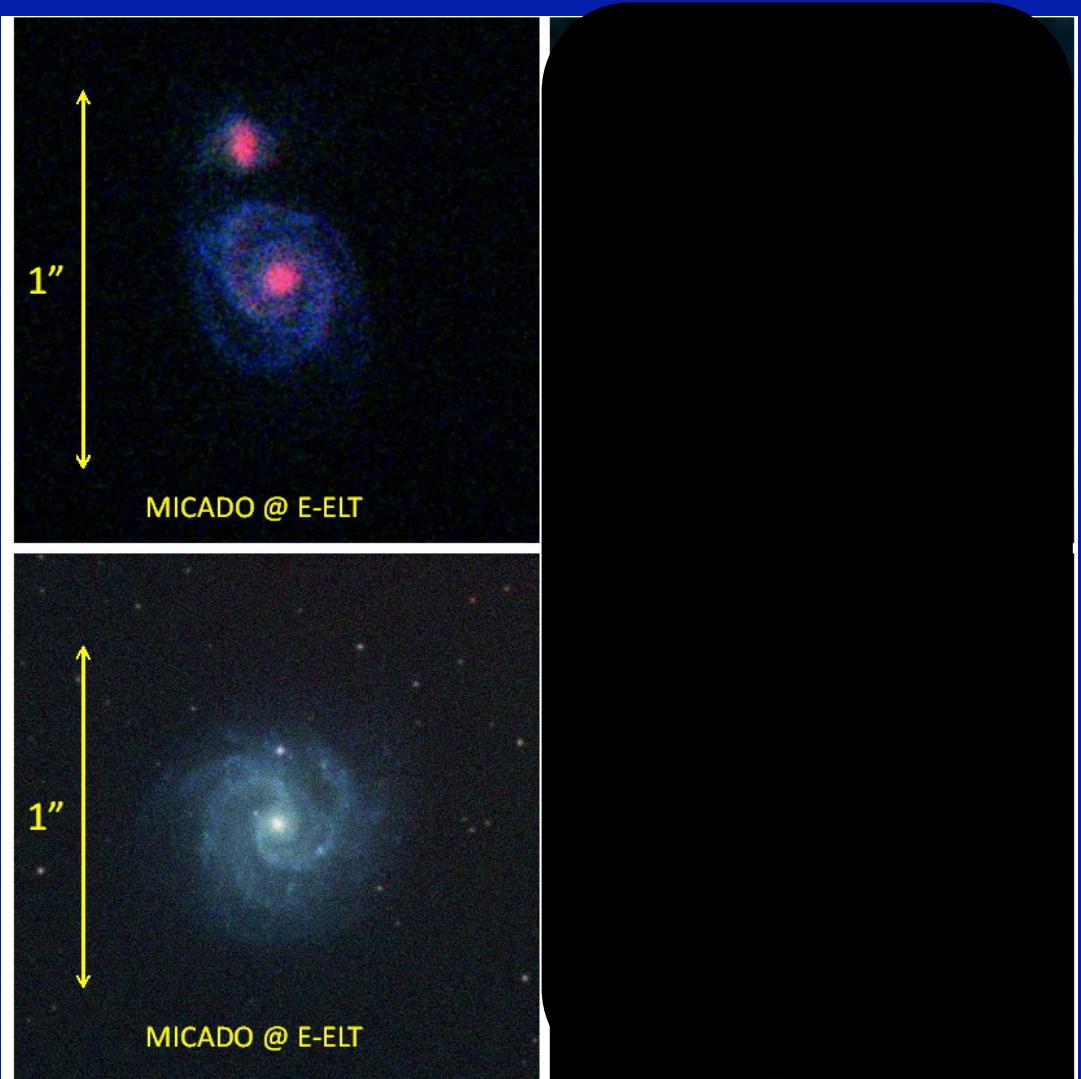
# Color View of High Z Galaxies

AETC

JWST will select samples & measure basic galaxy properties

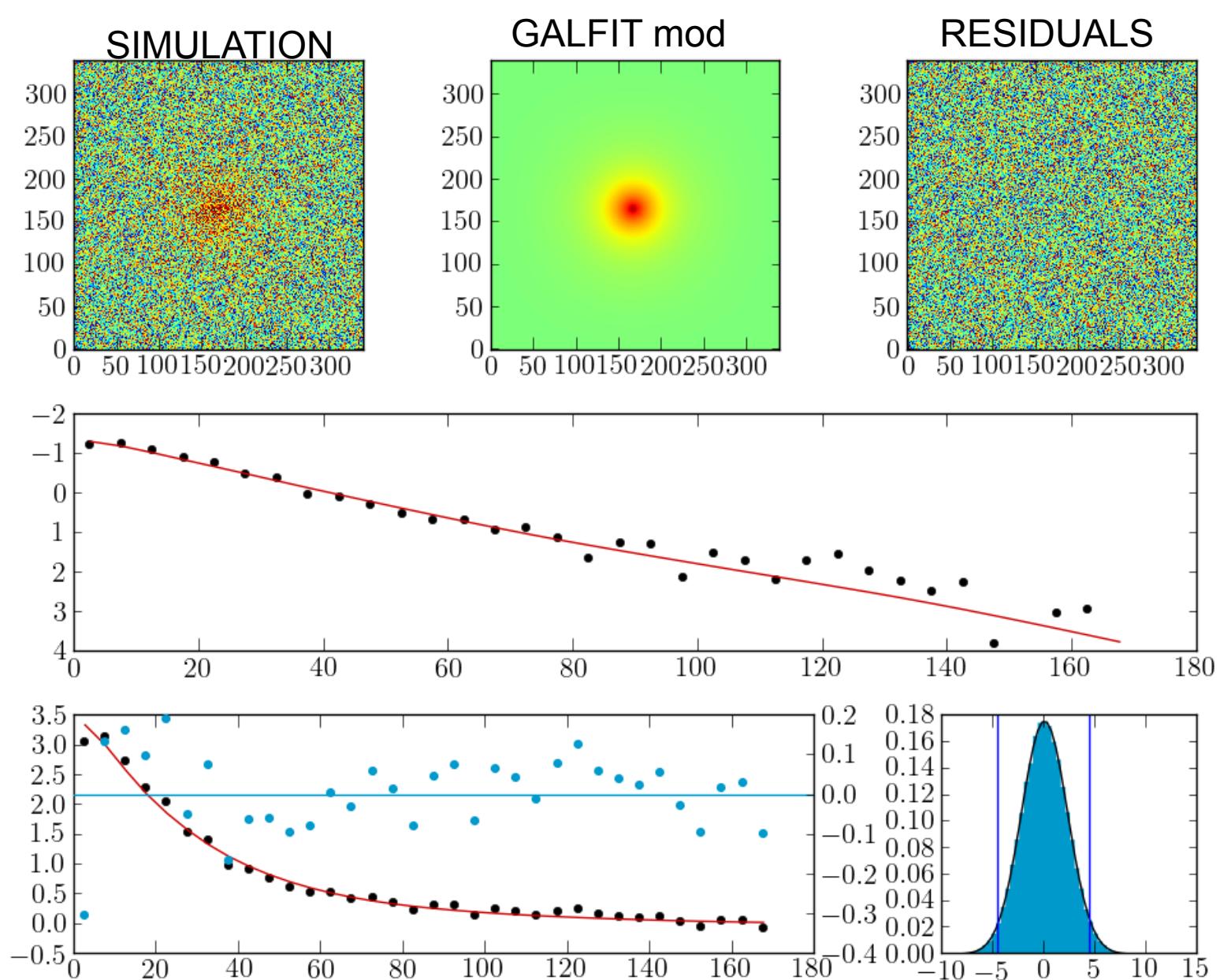
MICADO will provide the details of their structure to answer:  
What are the physical processes driving their evolution?

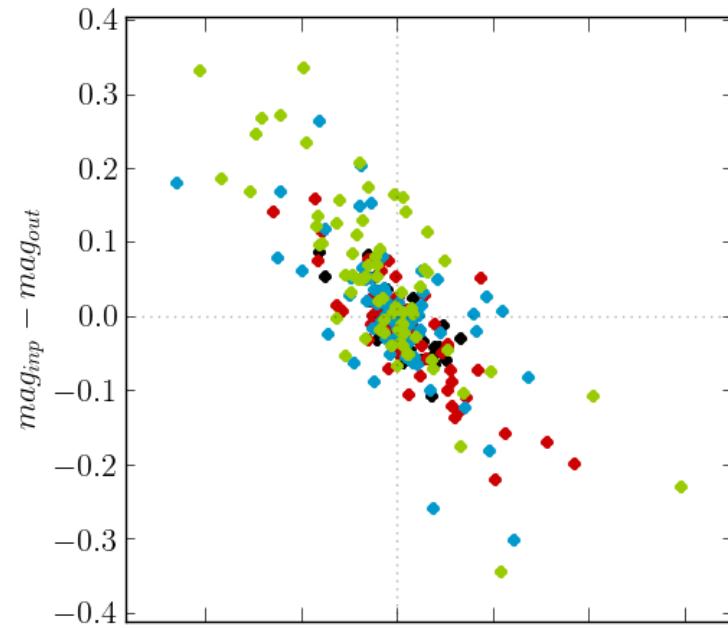
obvious synergies with  
ALMA  
HARMONI  
EAGLE  
for kinematics (rotation curves, clump dispersions) & gas content



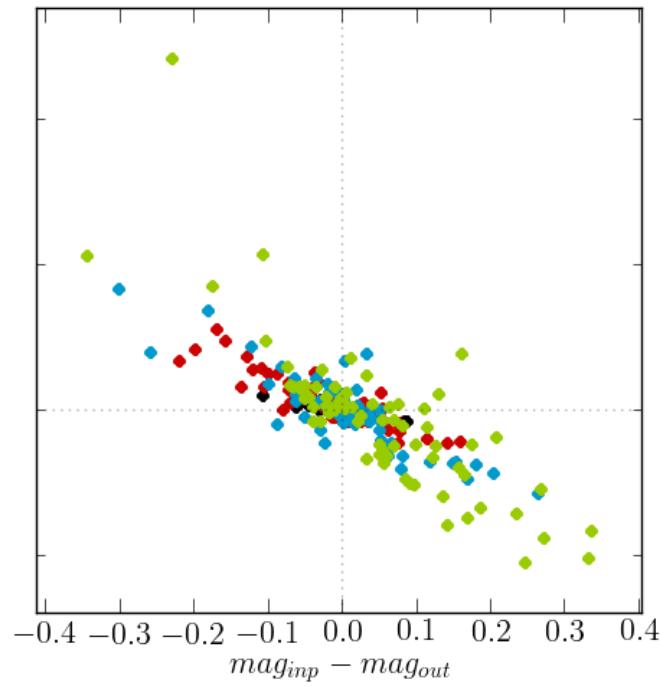
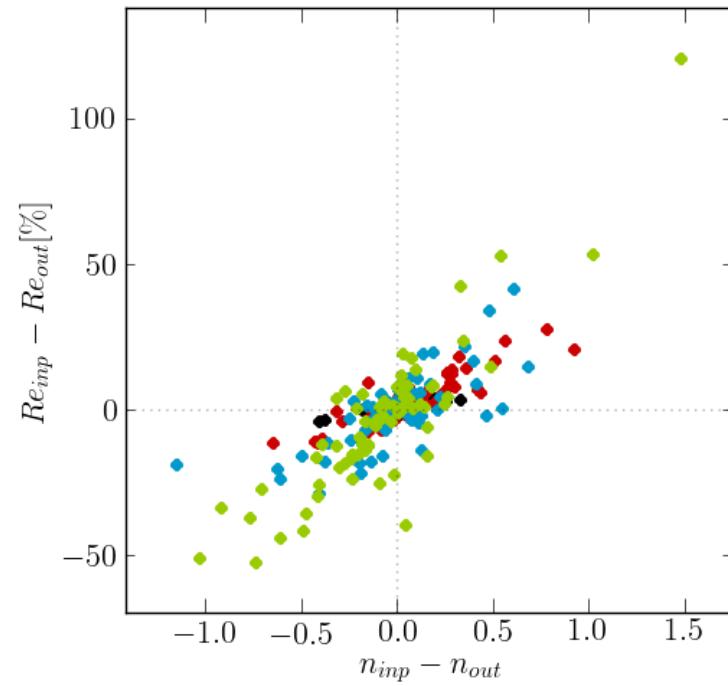
combined JHK images of local templates (BVR bands) shifted to  $z=2$  (top) and  $z=1$  (bottom), with  $R_{\text{eff}}=0.5''$  and  $M_V=-21$ . 5h integration.

# SIMULATION Galaxy z = 2.2 J band 2 h , n=2.5



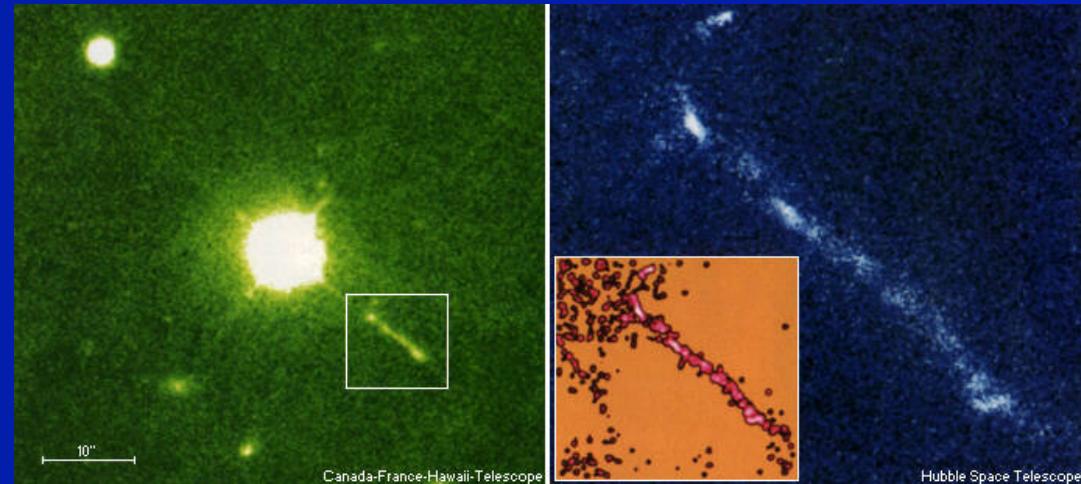
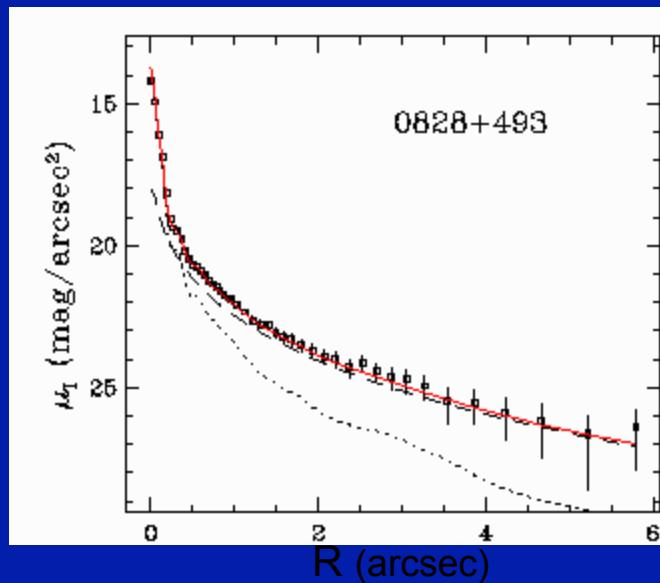


	median	mean	sigma
$n_{inp} - n_{out}$	0.01	0.02	0.12
$n_{inp} - n_{out}$	-0.00	0.05	0.25
$n_{inp} - n_{out}$	-0.02	-0.01	0.28
$n_{inp} - n_{out}$	-0.07	-0.08	0.37
$Re_{inp} - Re_{out} [\%]$	0.44	0.49	1.72
$Re_{inp} - Re_{out} [\%]$	0.73	2.38	7.60
$Re_{inp} - Re_{out} [\%]$	-0.85	-0.43	11.98
$Re_{inp} - Re_{out} [\%]$	-1.64	-3.61	25.04
$mag_{inp} - mag_{out}$	-0.00	-0.01	0.03
$mag_{inp} - mag_{out}$	-0.00	-0.02	0.07
$mag_{inp} - mag_{out}$	-0.00	0.01	0.09
$mag_{inp} - mag_{out}$	-0.00	0.05	0.12

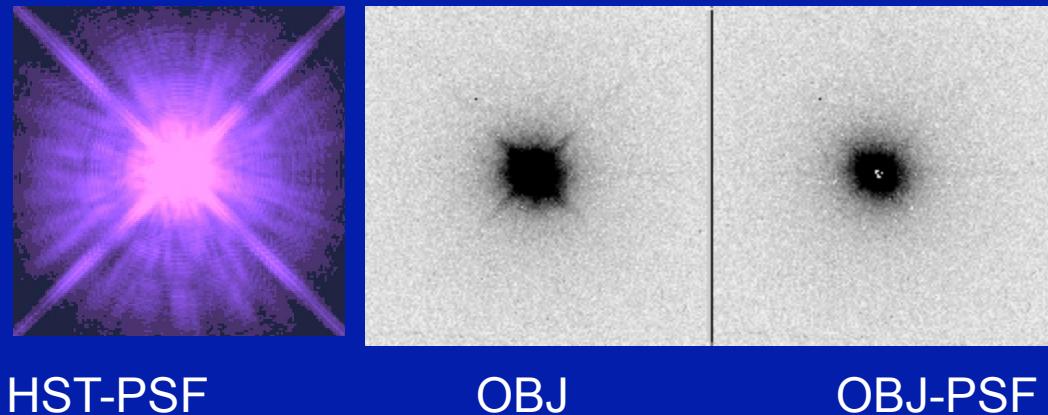


# Imaging the QSO Host Galaxies

QSO-host observations: faint extended nebulosity that is superposed over a bright point-like source.



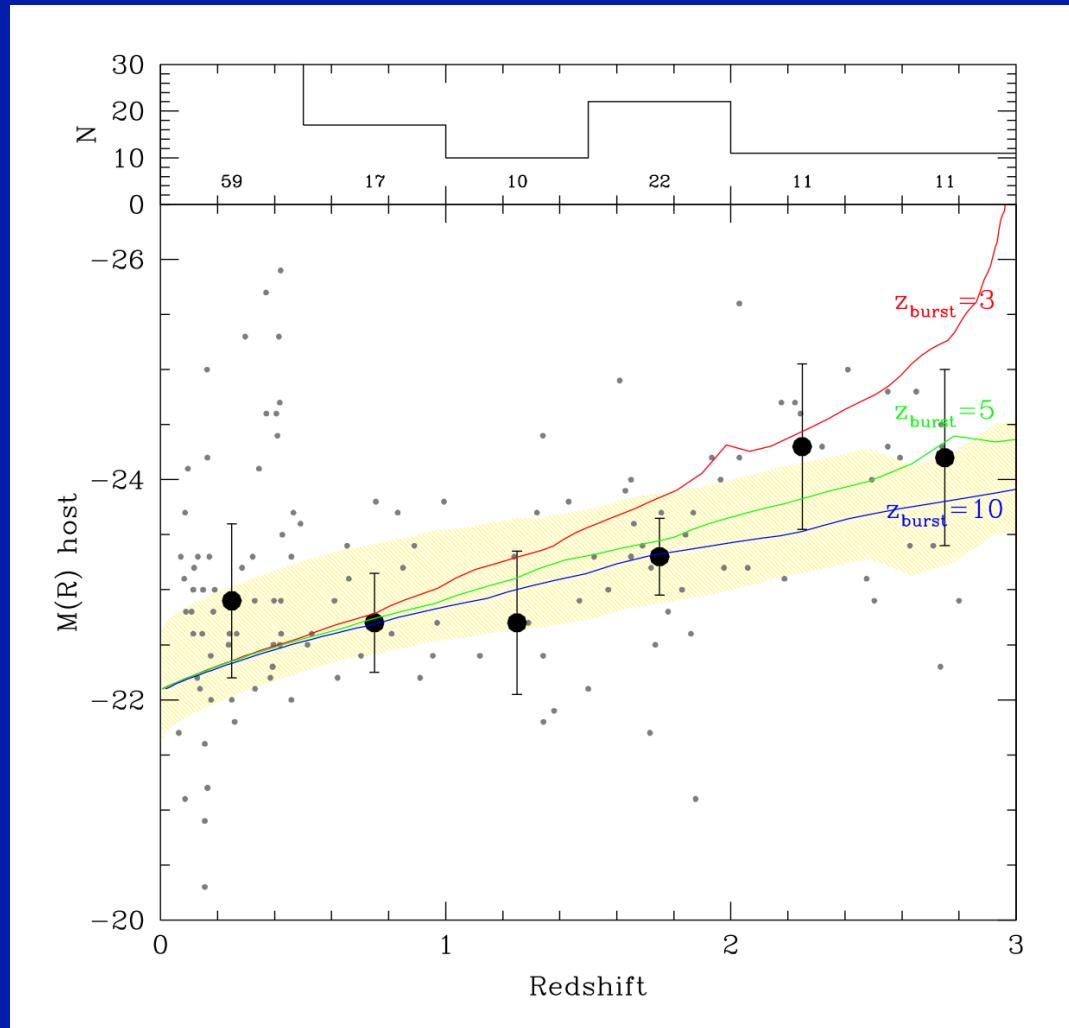
PKS 0828+49 ( $z = 0.548$ )



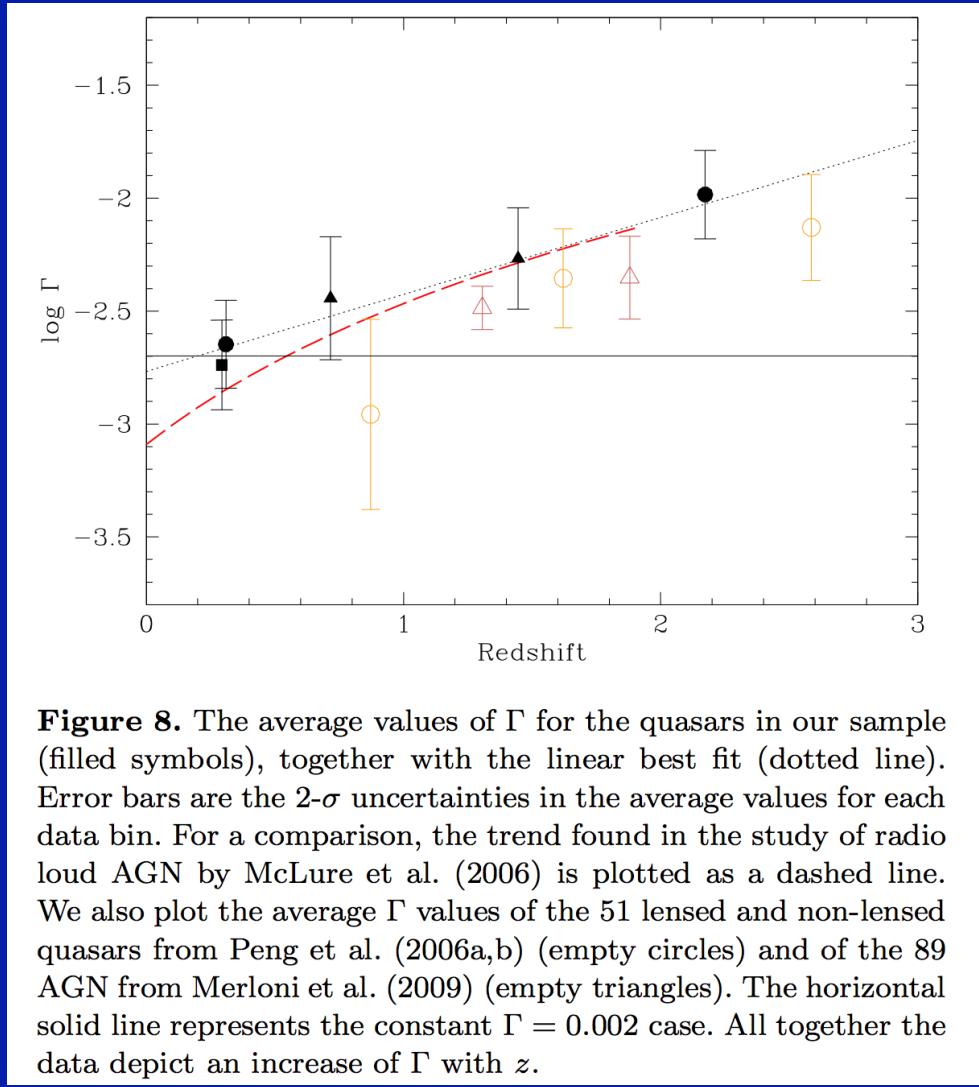
*Host galaxies study needs good PSF and high efficiency to measure the faint surface brightness over the background.*

# Quasar hosts and SMBH evolution

Quasar hosts appear to follow the luminosity evolution of massive spheroidal dominated galaxies up to  $z \sim 3$



# Quasar hosts and SMBH evolution



# High z quasar hosts with ELTs

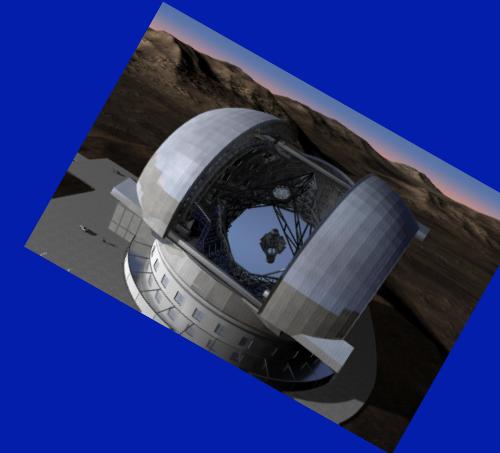
K band observations

V @ z ~

B @ z ~

U @ z ~

QSO : z = 3

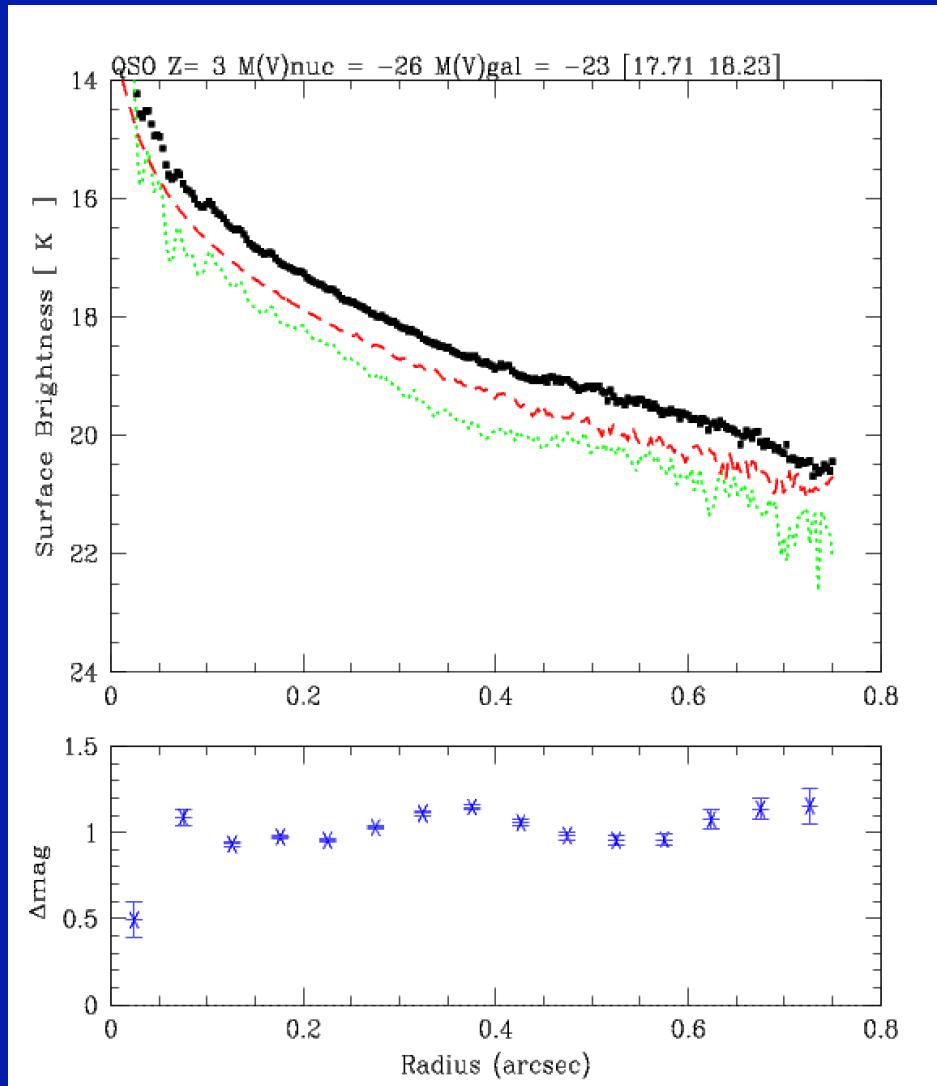


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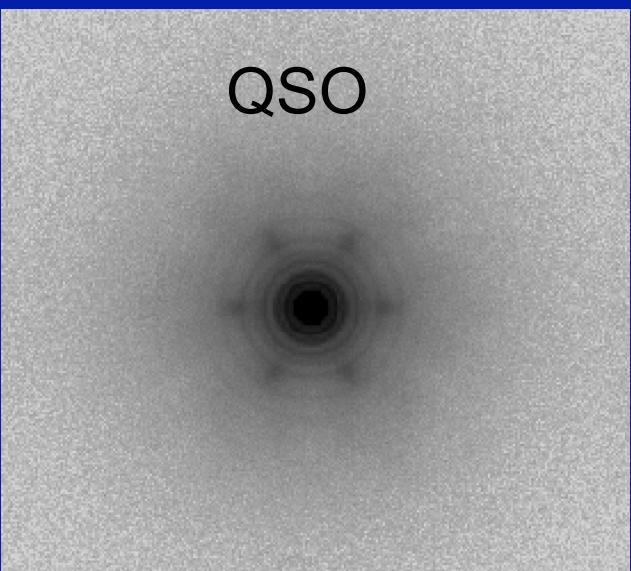
NUCLEUS

HOST

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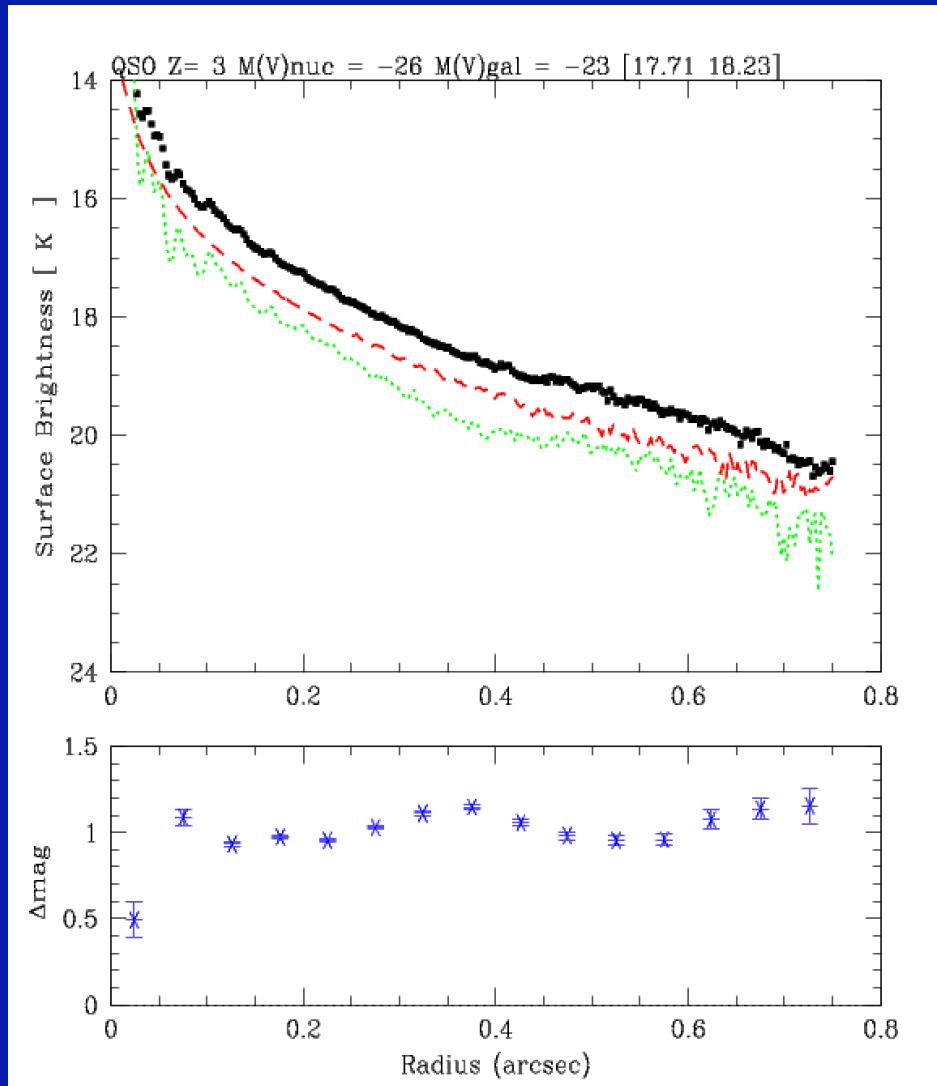


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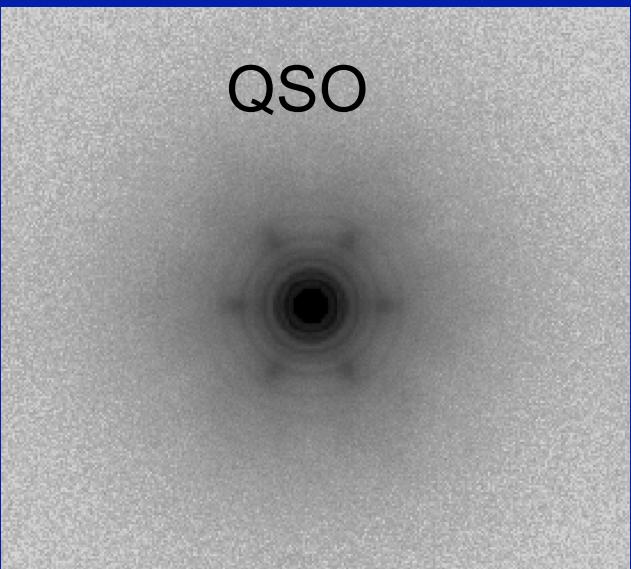


QSO

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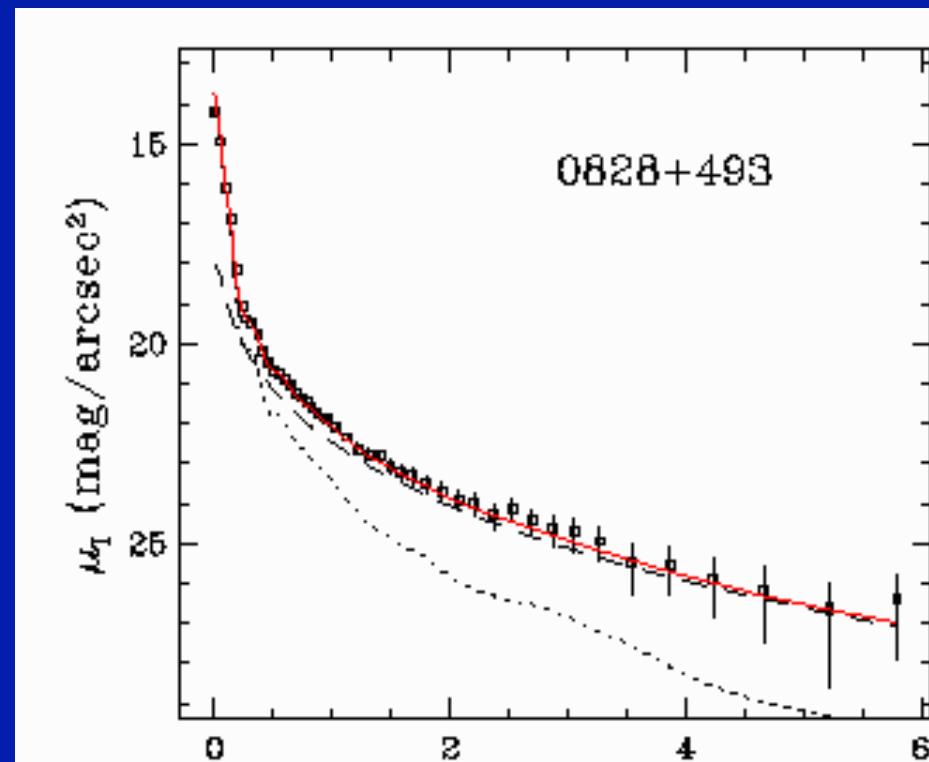
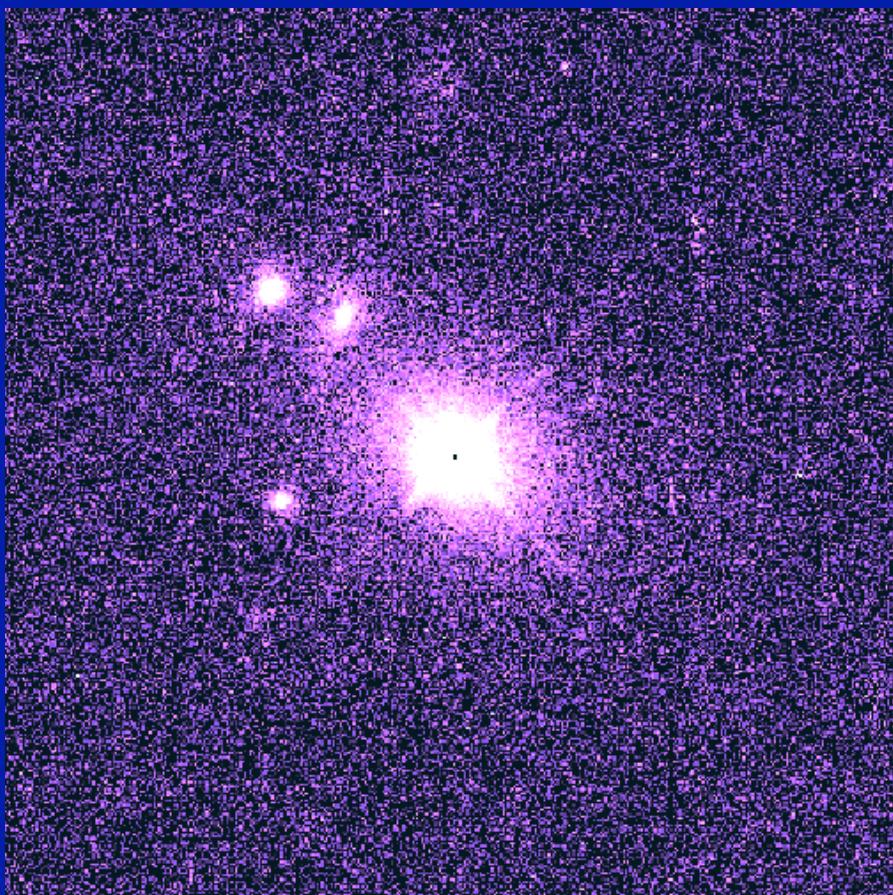
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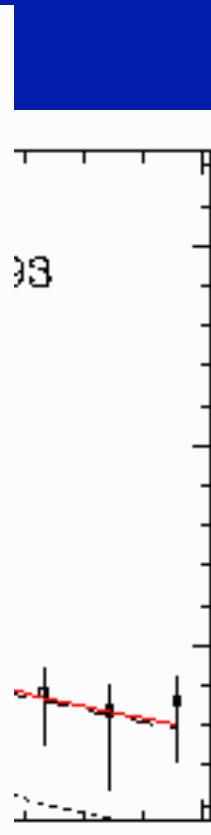
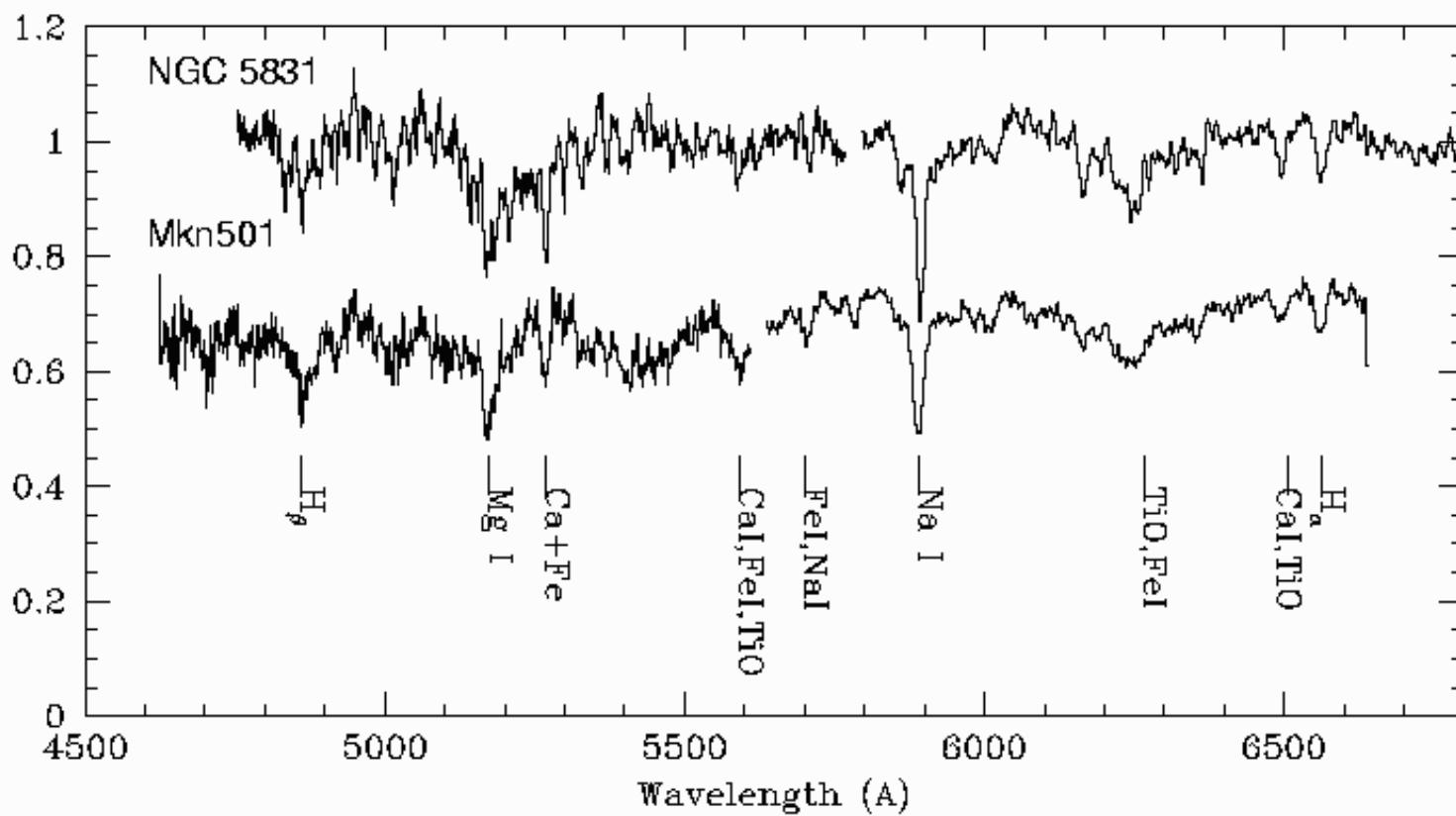
# Redshift of BL Lacs

HST+WFPC2

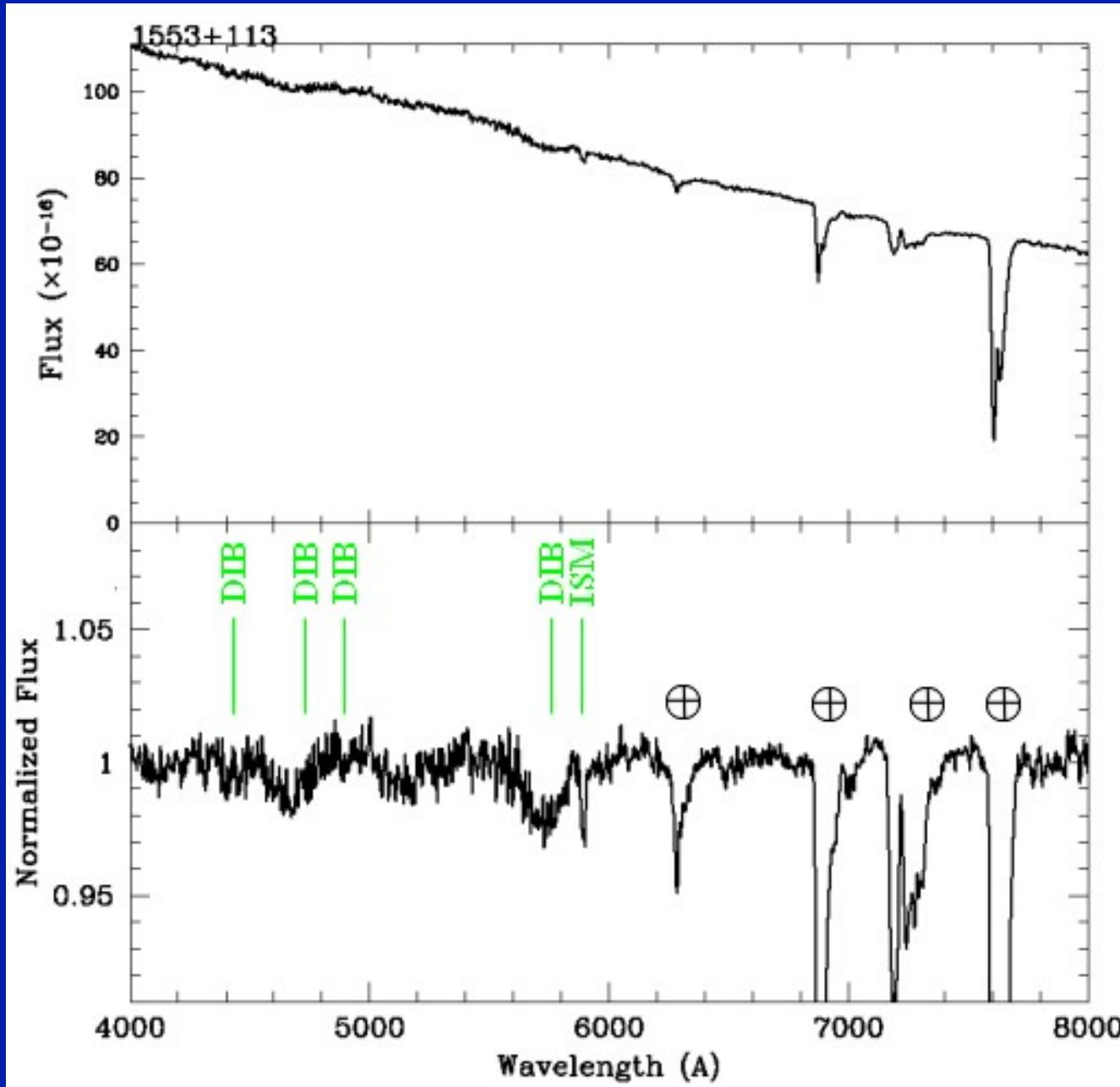


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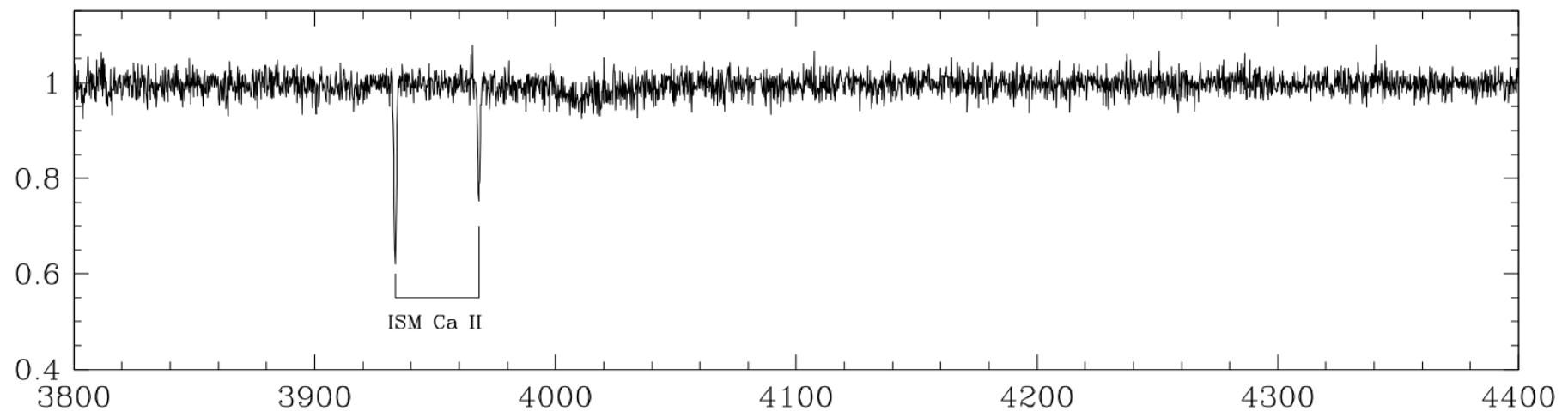
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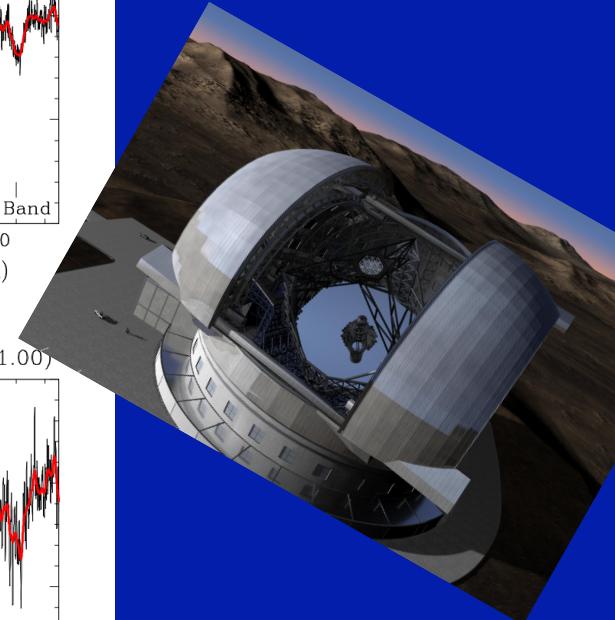
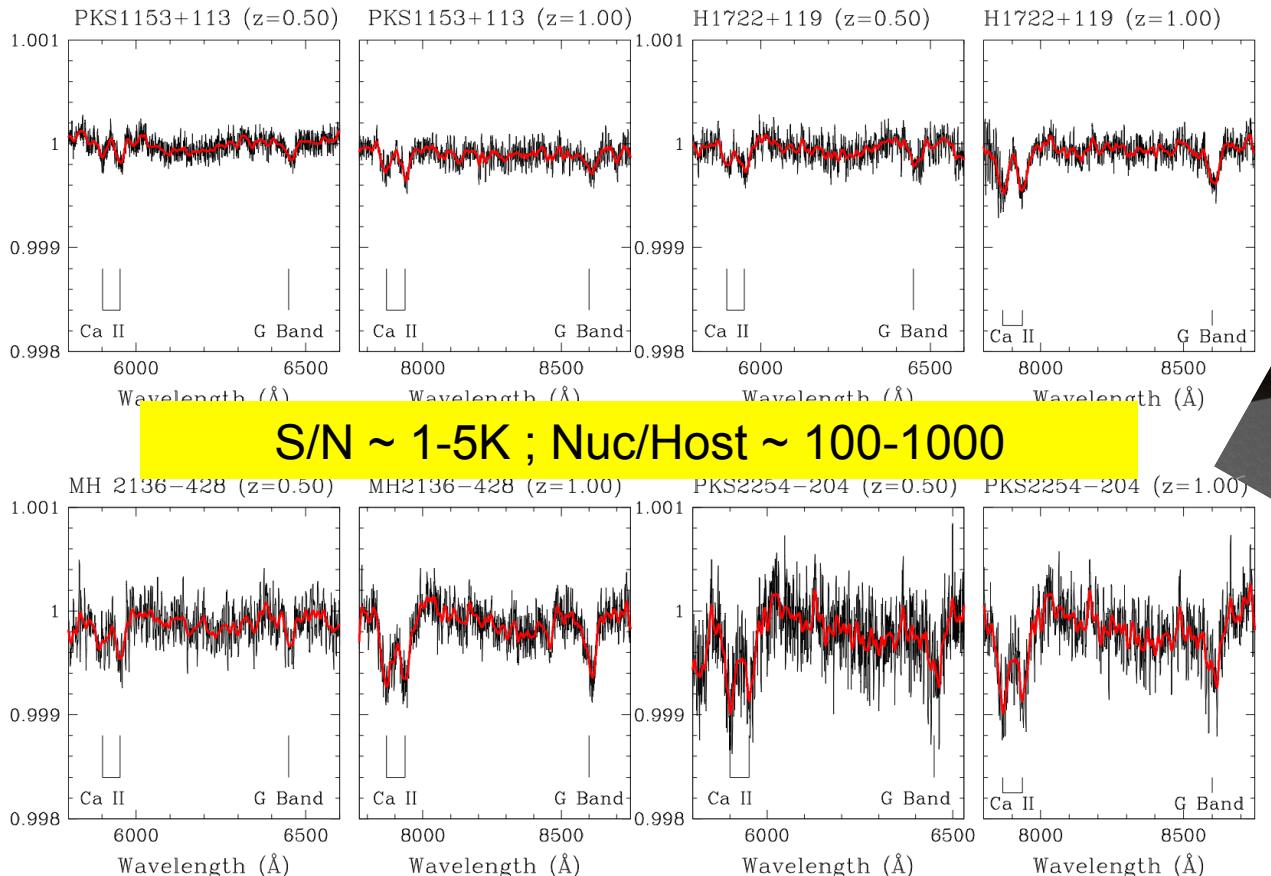


H 1722+119 X-Shooter spectrum



*pure featureless spectrum*

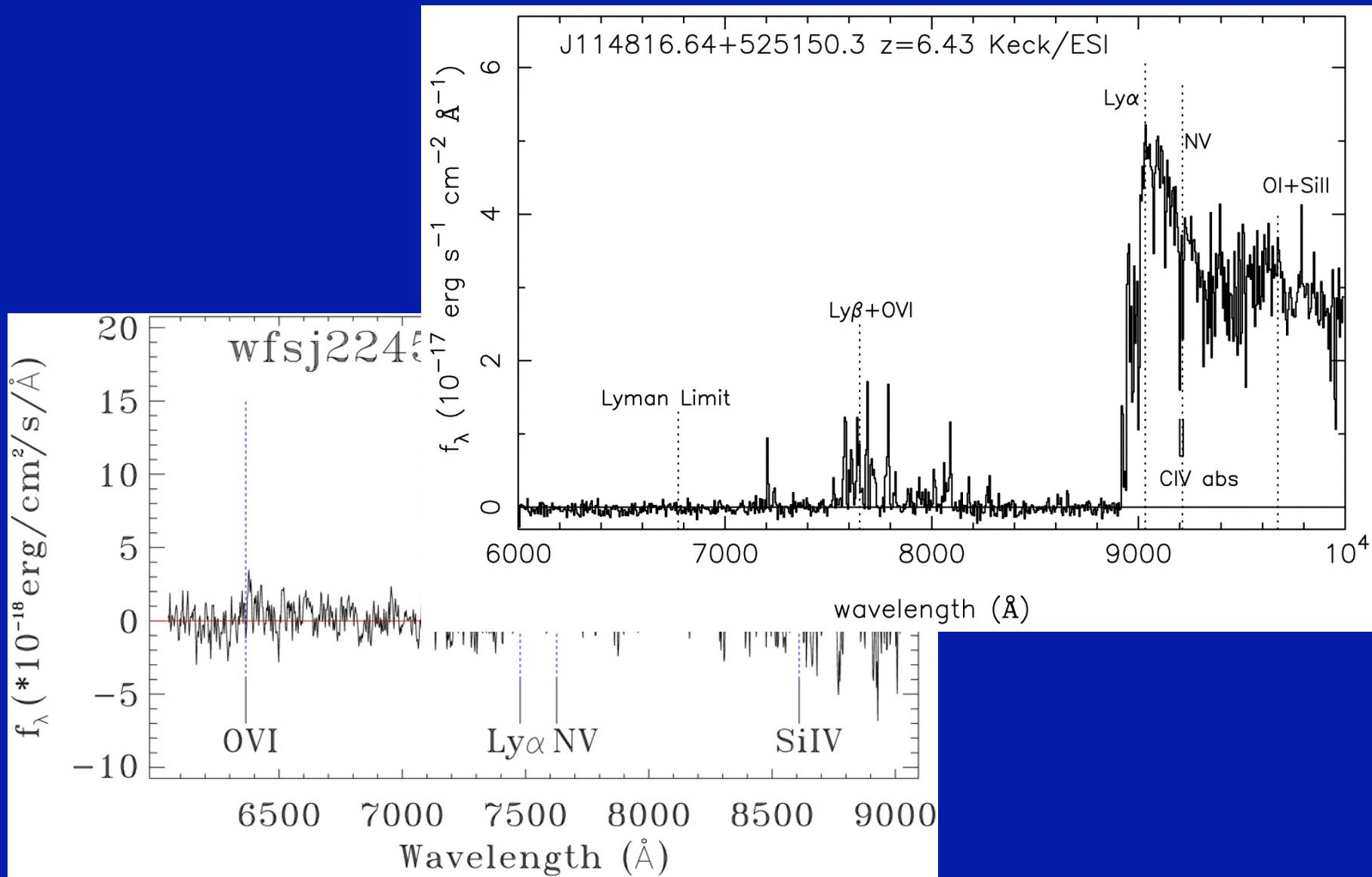
# Redshift of BL Lacs (by ELTs)



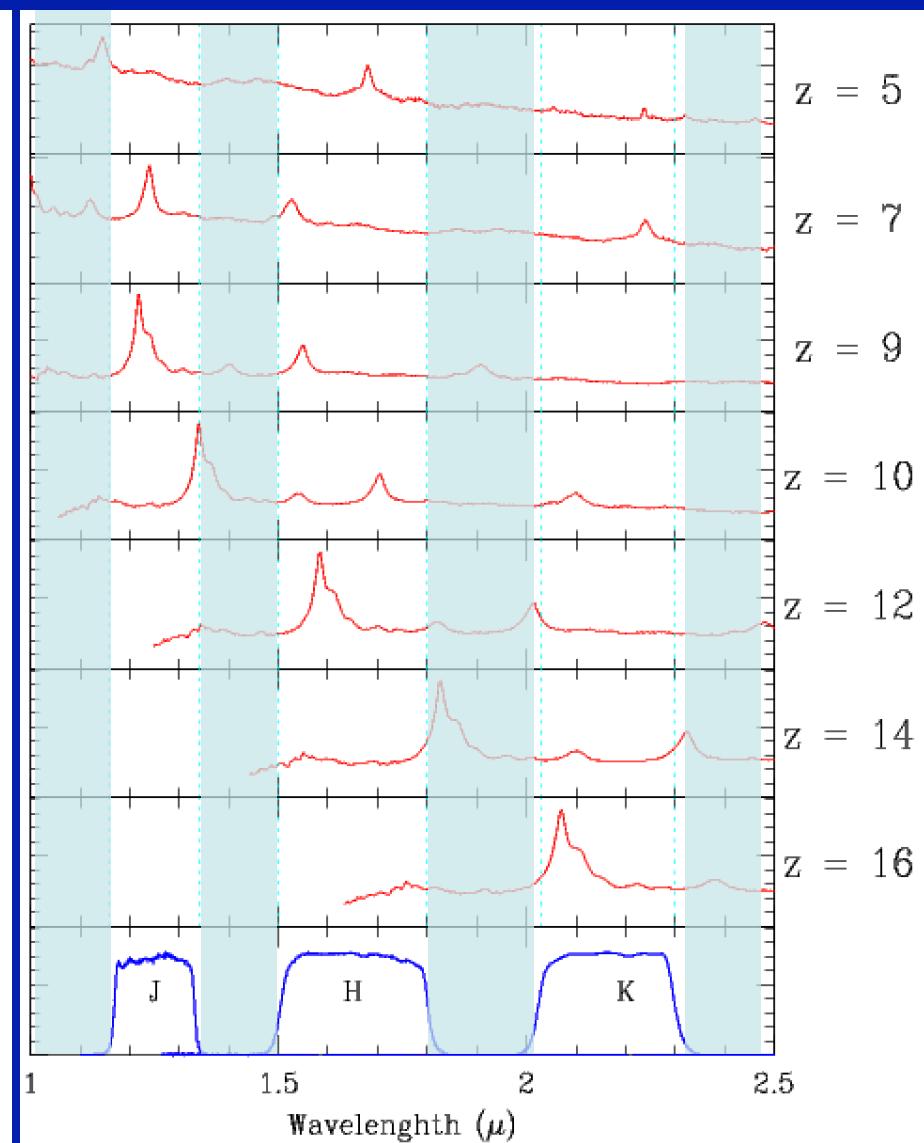
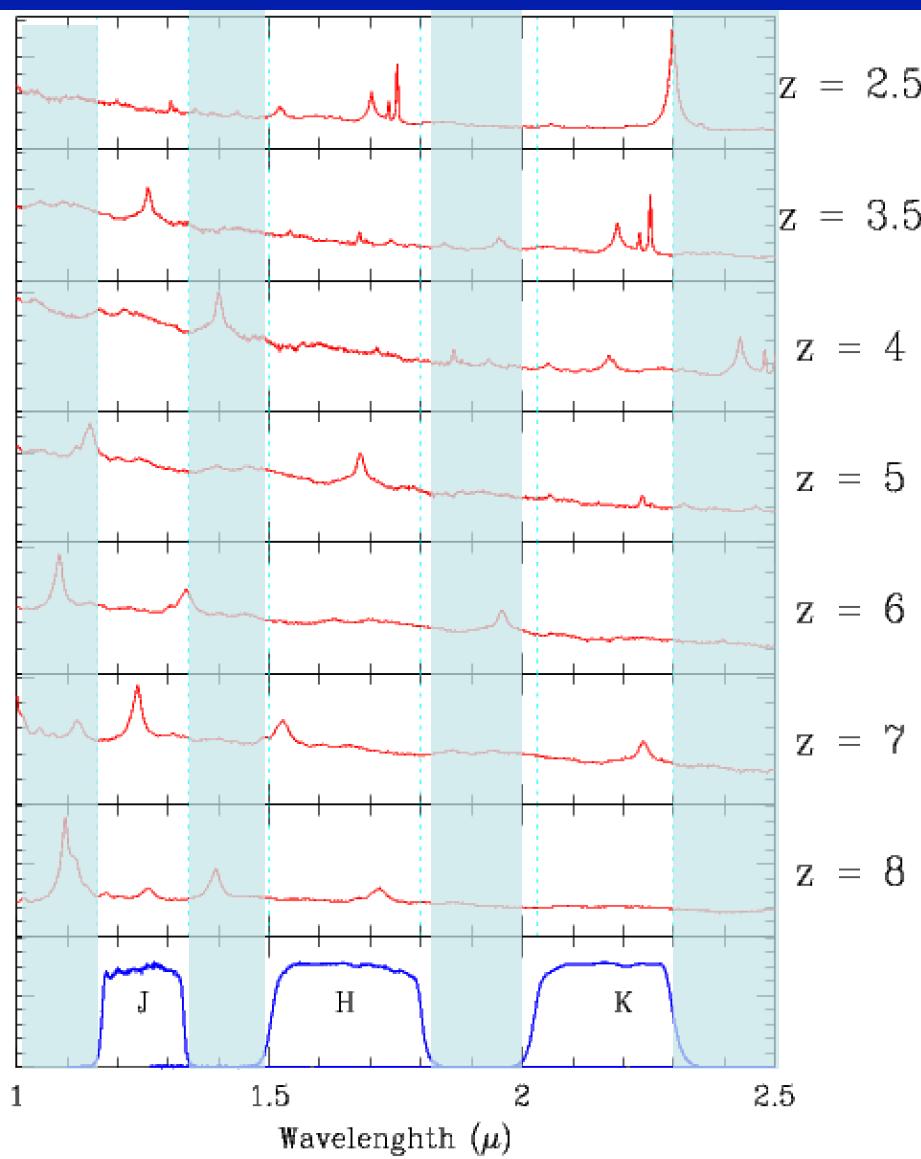
**Fig. 5.** Simulated spectra of four BL Lacs using E-ELT equipped with an X-SHOOTER like instrument ( $t_{exp} = 3600s$ ,  $R \sim 3000$ ). For each object we report two cases at  $z = 0.50$  on the left panel and  $z = 1.00$  on the right panel. The red solid line is the smoothed spectrum obtained by the adoption of a boxcar filter (9 pixels). The spectra represent the maximum N-H flux ratio for which it is possible to detect Ca II and G Band absorption lines of the host galaxy (see details in Table 2).

**ALL redshifts of BL Lacs known in the ELT era**

# QSO spectroscopy in the ELT era



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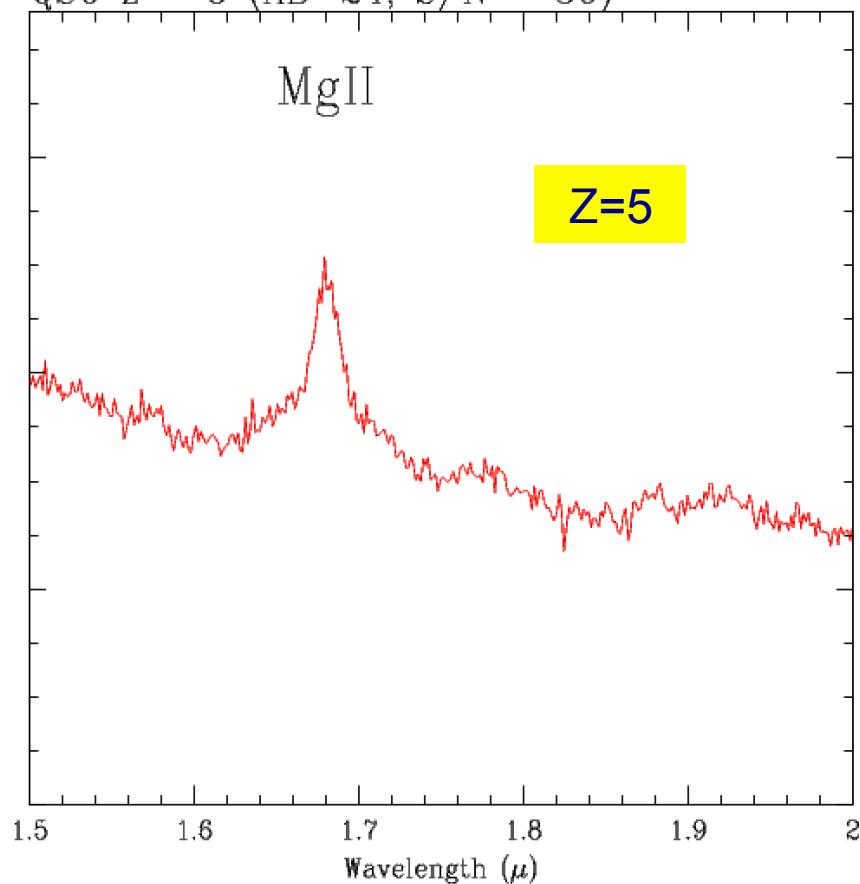


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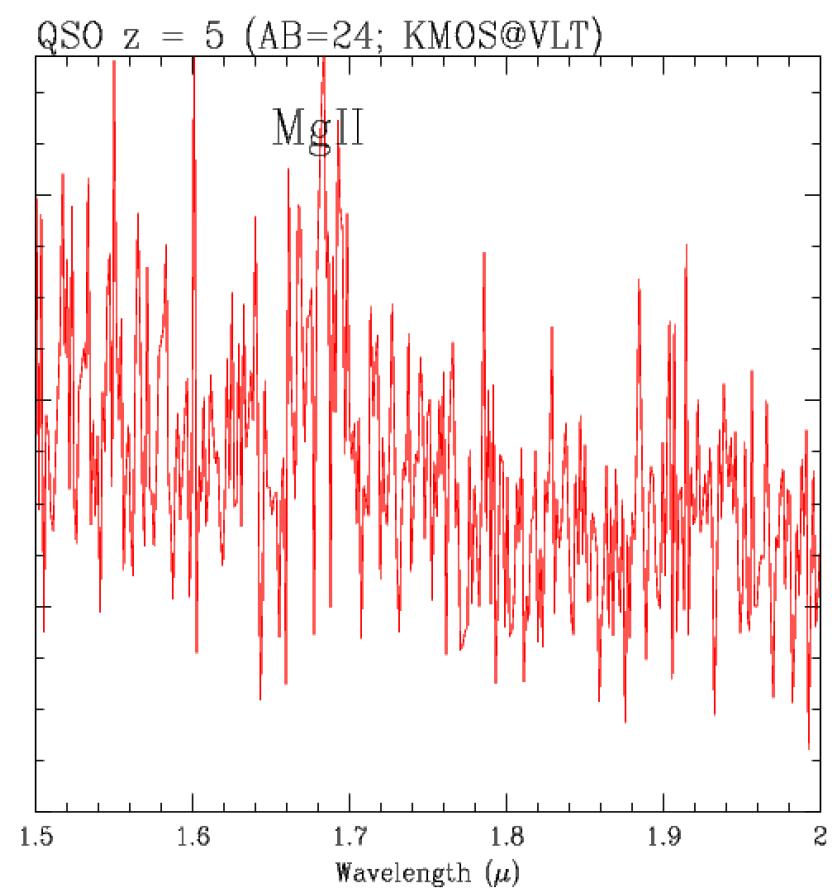
MgII

Z=5



QSO  $z = 5$  (AB=24; KMOS@VLT)

MgII

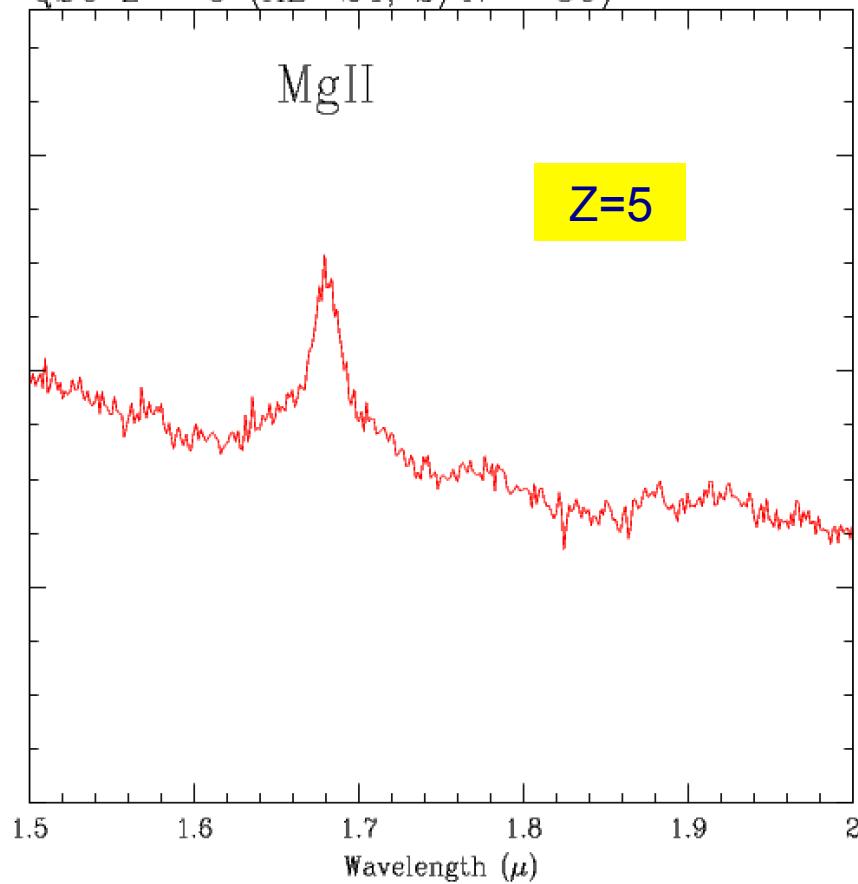


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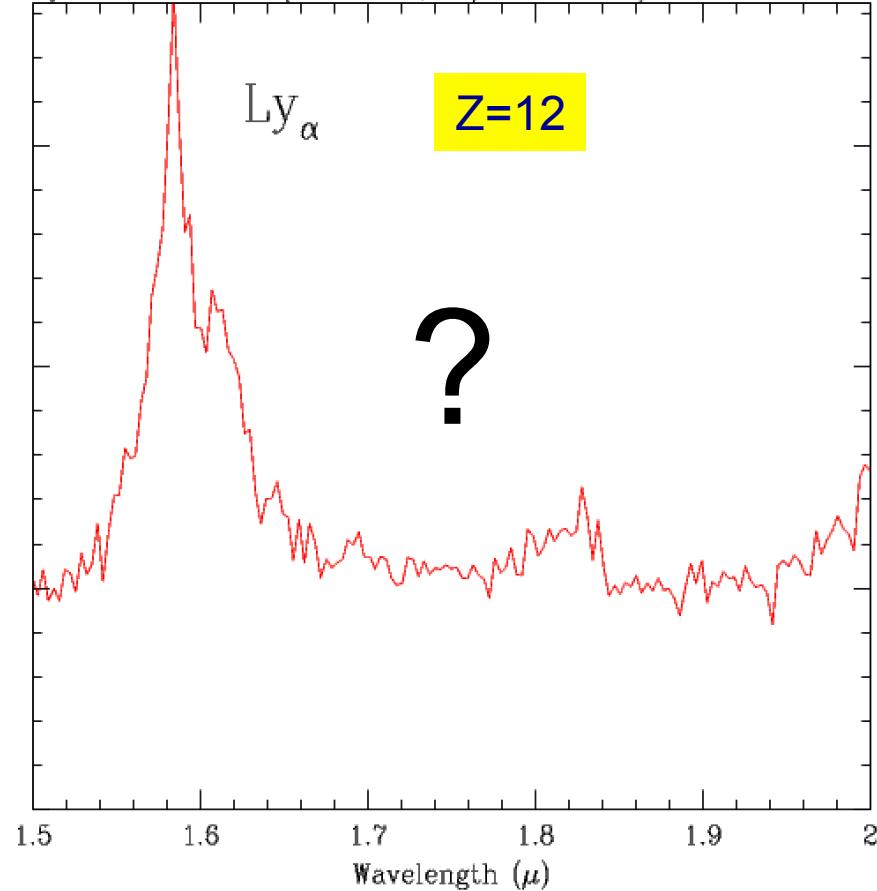


QSO  $z = 12$  (AB=26; S/N = 10)

Ly $\alpha$

Z=12

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*Sept 2026*

*Thank you*