E-ELT:

the European Extremely Large Telescope

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E-ELT in a nutshell (1)

- One of the 2 astronomy projects in ESFRI's (European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures) 2006 roadmap;
- To be built and managed by ESO (the European Intergovernmental Organization for Astrophysics; 15 member states);
- To be built on Cerro Armazones (Chile), altitude 3060 m, in the Atacama desert, 20 km from Cerro Paranal
- Cost: 1100 Meuros including instruments
- First light planned for 2024

E-ELT in a nutshell (1b)





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E-ELT in a nutshell (2)

- Optical/infrared telescope
 (0.4 14 μm depending on instruments)
- Images 15 times sharper than with HST
- 5 mirrors + laser guide star units
- Primary mirror M1: 39 m diameter, largest in the world (4-5 x current largest telescopes)
- M1 segmented (798 hexagonal segments, 1.4 m wide, 5 cm thick)
- M4: 2.6m, segmented (6 petals) and adaptive
- 10x10 arcmin² max field of view





E-ELT Optomechanics



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The E-ELT: Main Structure

The Main Structure is about 2500 tons of steel holding and moving 700 tons of optomechanics and electronics around two perpendicular axes (azimuth and altitude) supported on hydrostatic bearings and driven by electrical direct drive motors with a precision of 0.3 arcsec under the maximum wind disturbance.

Azimuth Structure

Telescope foundation and Azimuth tracks

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E-ELT compared with current ESO 8m telescopes (VLTs) and with a familiar monument



E-ELT in a nutshell (3)

Planned instruments

First light (2024):

- MICADO (imager) + MCAO module MAORY
- HARMONI (IFU spectrograph) (+ LTAO)

Next (Possibly at same time):

• **METIS** (mid-IR imager and spectrometer)

Later (when budget available and selection made):

- **HIRES** (high resolution spectrograph)
- **MOS** (multi-object spectrograph)

Later (call in 2016):

• ELT-6 (could be anything)

Later (when technology ready):

• **PCS** (planetary camera and spectrograph)



The Baseline Roadmap

Instrument	Status	_	
MICADO	For recommendation/approval by Committees		
MAORY	For recommendation/approval by Committees		Constr.
HARMONI/LTAO	For recommendation/approval by Committees		buuget
METIS	For recommendation/approval by Committees		
ELT-MOS	Call for Proposals to be issued July 2015		
ELT-HIRES	Call for Proposals to be issued July 2015		Ops
ELT-6	Call for proposals in 2016		budget
ELT-PCS	To proceed when technology is ready (2019)		



HARMONI & LTAO

- IFU spectrograph from 0.5 to 2.4 µm
- 3 spatial pixel scales
 - From diffraction limited to coarse "seeing limited" scale
- Low (3000) medium (7000) high (20000) spectral resolution
- Includes
 - Non-sidereal tracking
 - Single Conjugate AO mode
- Statement of Work includes LTAO study to PDR. Led by LAM & ONERA. Draft technical specifications are part of deliverables
 - Will go to construction when Phase II funding is confirmed

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MICADO

Precision Imager with 2 pixel scales and >30 filters

• 1-2 mas & 3-4mas

Includes fixed-format spectroscopy mode

Includes

SCAO module (shared with MAORY)

Non-sidereal tracking



MAORY

- Multi-Conjugate 6-laser AO system for MICADO + 1 auxiliary port
 - Corrected field of 70" for MICADO and 2.5' at Aux port
- Designed for 2 internal DMs + M4 (3-layer lacksquarePLE. Diolaiti (INAF) correction)
- Includes lacksquare
 - non-sidereal tracking
 - SCAO module (shared with MICADO)



METIS

L,M,N,Qshort Imager and spectrometer

Imaging

Minimum of 10 filters. 10x10" [20x20] field

Coronagraphy

L,M Spectroscopy

Low, medium, IFU/x-dispersed high resolution

N Spectroscopy

Low and medium resolution

Includes

SCAO and non-sidereal tracking

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Science drivers

- Planets in other stellar systems
 - Imaging and spectroscopy
 - The quest for Earth-like exo-planets
- Stellar populations
 - In galaxies inaccessible today (e.g. ellipticals in Virgo cluster)
 - Across the whole history (i.e. extent) of the Universe
- Cosmology
 - > The first stars/galaxies, closer to Big Bang
 - Direct measure of deceleration
 - Evolution of cosmic parameters
 - Dark matter, dark energy
 - Tests of GR around black holes
- The unknown

> Open new parameter space E-ELT Status, T-Rex Project, 20 July 2015







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Are we alone ?

- Direct imaging of exoplanets around stars < 150 pc away, discovery of exoplanets with astrometry (MICADO)
- Exoplanets atmosphere, rocky planets, habitable zones, detection of life signatures (HIRES, R=10⁵)
- Formation history of solar system (METIS)
- Discovery of earth-like exoplanets from RVs (HARMONY, HIRES)



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Resolved stellar populations (a few examples)

- MBH in GC, 10 Gyr old TO stars resolved in nuclear star clusters at 3 Mpc, RGB in central regions of ellipticals in Virgo (MICADO)
- IMBHs, chemo-dynamics of stars in GC (HARMONY)
- chemo-dynamics of stars LG (HARMONY and MOS)
- formation of stars and proto-planetary disks; detailed chemistry of old and young stars out to nearby galaxies (HIRES)
- Protoplanetary disks (METIS)



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Distant galaxies and the first objects in the universe

- Physical properties of high-z (z≈10) galaxies, of GRBs and host galaxies, from 1st light to 1st galaxies (HARMONY and MOS)
- structural properties and color gradients of z=3 galaxies, extragalactic transients (MICADO)
- 3D IGM reconstruction, chemistry of first objects (HIRES and MOS)
- Nuclei of AGN and ULIRGs => growth of SMBH (METIS)



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Cosmology and fundamental physics

 primordial D, properties at cosmic re-ionization epoch, fundamental constants (fine-structure α, proton/electron mass ratio μ) (HIRES)

INAF contributes to the E-ELT with ~ 4 M€/yr



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T-REX: Main Objectives

- Strengthen the position and role of INAF and Italian Universities in the international consortia, currently under development, for the realization of the E-ELT instruments.
- Support the executive design phase of the E-ELT instrumentation, strengthening facilities and laboratories.
- Promote the formation of young researchers to be employed in the design and construction of instrumentation for the E-ELT via training by highly qualified personnel.
- **Develop new technologies to ensure the feasibility of the E-ELT instruments**. Ensure the maintenance/enhancement of scientific and industrial know-how.
- Promote integration processes between research institutes, universities and industry.
- Promote the transfer of technology from the field of astronomical instrumentation to other fields such as renewable energy, medical technologies, information technology and communication and to technologies aimed at nano-electronics using lithographic techniques.



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T-REX Operating Units (and coordinators)

- OU-1 ELT-INAF COORDINATION (M. Tosi)
- OU-2 ELT-MIRRORS (G. Pareschi)
- OU-3 ELT-CAM (E. Diolaiti)
- OU-4 ELT-HIRES (E. Oliva)
- OU-5 ELT-MOS (B. Garilli)
- OU-6 ELT-PCS (R. Gratton)



Italian Achievements

I'm proud to acknowledge that:

- The ESO ADS-Microgate contract for M4 is in place
- The ESO INAF contract for Maory has been approved
- The HIRES consortium has a solid configuration and A. Marconi (UNIFI) as PI





On-site work



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