



M4 the ELT's adaptive mirror



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M4 & ELT

- The wavefront corrector of the ELT
- Serving all ELT instruments (MAORY-MICADO-HARMONY-HIRES..)
- Will be the most advanced deformable mirror ever built
- Unprecedented complexity & specifications



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 - OTT 2022
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- Building on PhaseA (OAB)





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- Test plan and procedures
- Support of Tower integration and characterization
- **Optical Calibration**

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- 5. INAF yields its leadership in electronics/control and keeps the optical metrology/WFS one (strategic)
- 6. Industry is now independent, prime contractor vs VLT, KECK, SUBARU, ELT, GMT
- 7. INAF involved in more specific studies

 \rightarrow research, not assembly line

- 8. Industry acquires knowledge in optical metrology
 - \rightarrow industrial application
- 9. INAF: next move?





THE FORCES AWAKEN



1m diam, 672acts

1.2m diam, 1170 acts

40cm diam, 19 acts

2x 30cm x70cm, 2x 111 acts

2015

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Scientific/Technological challenges

- Demanding requirements vs overwhelming noise
 - Accuracy, precision, non-stationarities
- Segments co-alignment and phasing vs vibrations
- Local measurements vs global commands
- Measurement offset: alignment, optics quality...

Convection noise







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SPL id	Range	Fit Slope	Fit offset
#3	-10072 nm to 472 nm	0.9945	-50 nm



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The OTT in a nutshell





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- 99% of works 2015-19 carried out by non-staff:
 - Risks related to loss of knowledge
- In general, difficulties in hiring people
- Need for technical support (to maintain laboratories/facilities)

Leadership

- Large format voice coil adaptive mirrors:
 - Italian-way, with industry mastering the production and INAF the expolitation.
 - Proposed for space applications
- Optical calibration of large deformable mirrors, nm-level optical interferometry in noise
- How to use M4: in-house expertise
 - while it is a black box for others

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