

# SCIENCE WITH MORFEO@ELT

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# AO with MORFEO at ELT

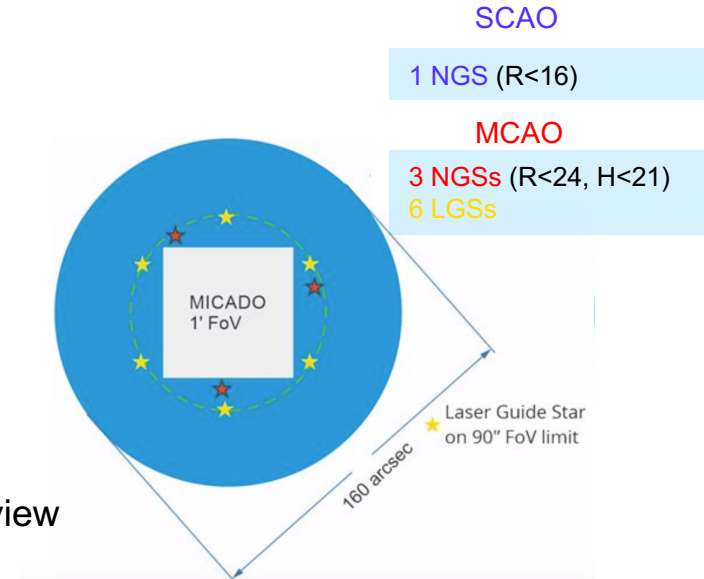
- ✓ MORFEO will provide spatially uniform multi-conjugate adaptive optics (MCAO) correction to MICADO over a large field of view ( $\sim 1 \text{ arcmin}^2$ )
- ✓ MORFEO will also support SCAO over a smaller  $\sim 10''$  field of view



- ✓ Uniform Strehl Ratio and FWHM over a large field of view
- ✓ Large sky coverage



Possibility to address a large variety of science cases based on astrophysical relevance rather than on feasibility criteria



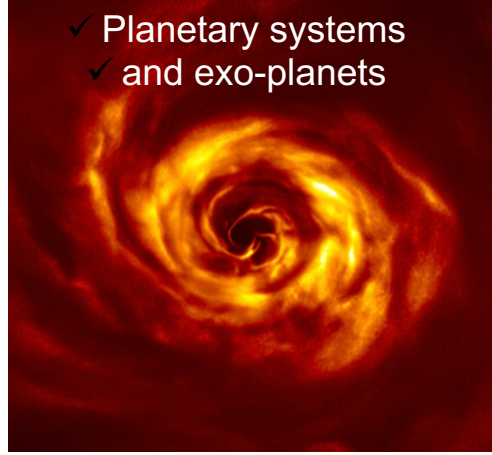


# Science themes with M&M at ELT

Solar system



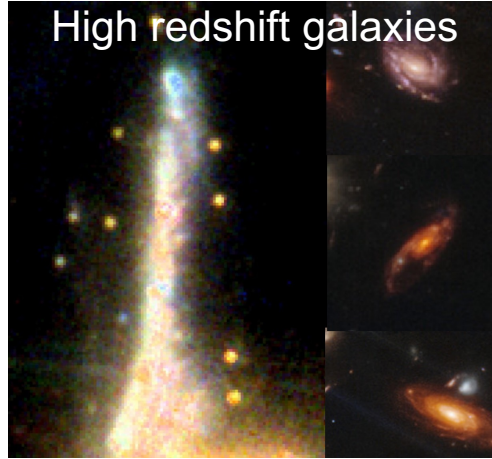
- ✓ Planetary systems
- ✓ and exo-planets



Resolved stellar populations



High redshift galaxies







# The Solar System

## Trans Neptunian objects

- ✓ Beyond Neptune ( $30 < a < 100$  AU)
- ✓ 3500 discovered since the 90's (70,000 > 100 km expected)
- ✓ 30 to 2,500 km in diameter
- ✓  $M_{\text{KBO}} > 100 M_{\text{asteroids}}$ .
- ✓ Icy remnant planetesimals of the disk that formed the Solar System
- ✓ Among the least altered material of the Solar System



provide constraints on the timing and scenario of formation of the early Solar System

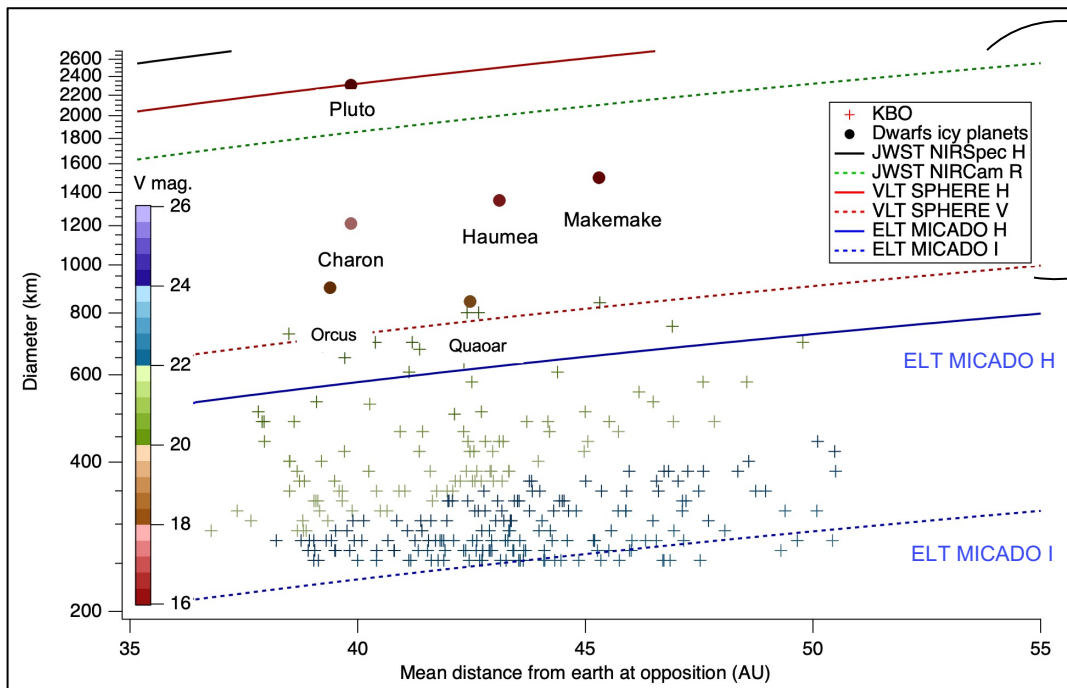






# The Solar System

## Trans Neptunian objects



~20 objects resolved  
in MICADO H

Dwarf planet	$M_V$ [mag]	Apparent D ["]	Spatial Res. [km]	$N_{\text{pix}}$ (D)
<b>Pluto</b>	14	0.104	230	20
<b>Eris</b>	18.7	0.038	400	8
<b>Makemake</b>	16.9	0.04	263	12
<b>Haumea</b>	17.1	0.037	250	10
<b>Sedna</b>	21	0.025	250	6
<b>Quaoar</b>	18.8	0.028	250	6



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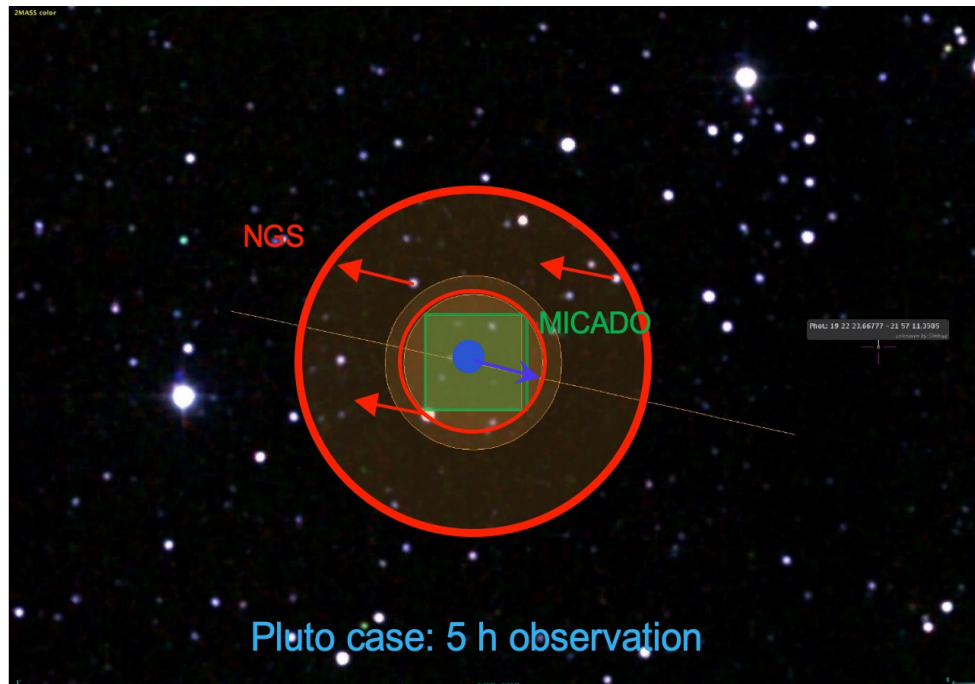
non-sidereal tracking  
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## Trans Neptunian objects

- ✓ Are typically faint ( $24 < \text{mag} < 16$ )
- ✓ Move fast on sky ( $> 0.3 \text{ mas/sec}$ )



- ✓ **non-sidereal tracking** required (telescope tracks the target while moving wrt NGSs)
- ✓ Need to compute target **ephemerides** and searching for 3 NGS in NIR star catalogs
- ✓ Reduced performance (depending on target velocity)





# The Solar System

non-sidereal tracking  
MCAO mode

## Trans Neptunian objects – M&M performances:

### Haumea icy dwarf planet

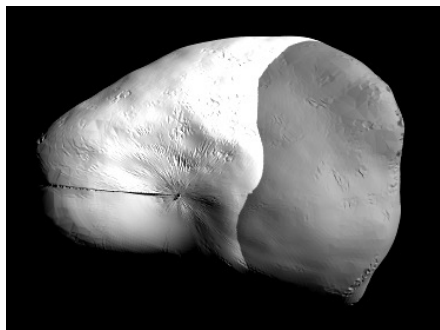
( $D=32$  mas,  $V=19.1$ ,  $PM=0.4$  mas s $^{-1}$ )

#### Model:

shape, topography,  
reflectance  
properties, etc...

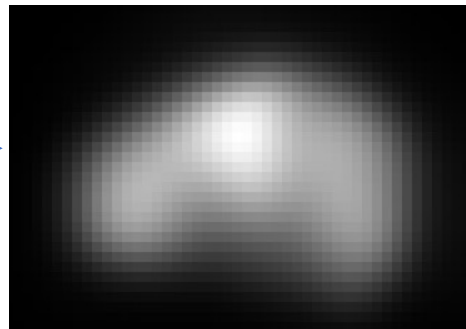
radiative transfer  
model (HYPSIM)

#### Raw source image:



*Simcado*

#### MORFEO/MICADO simulated image



#### HST WFC3 image



Ephemerides +  
NIR star catalog

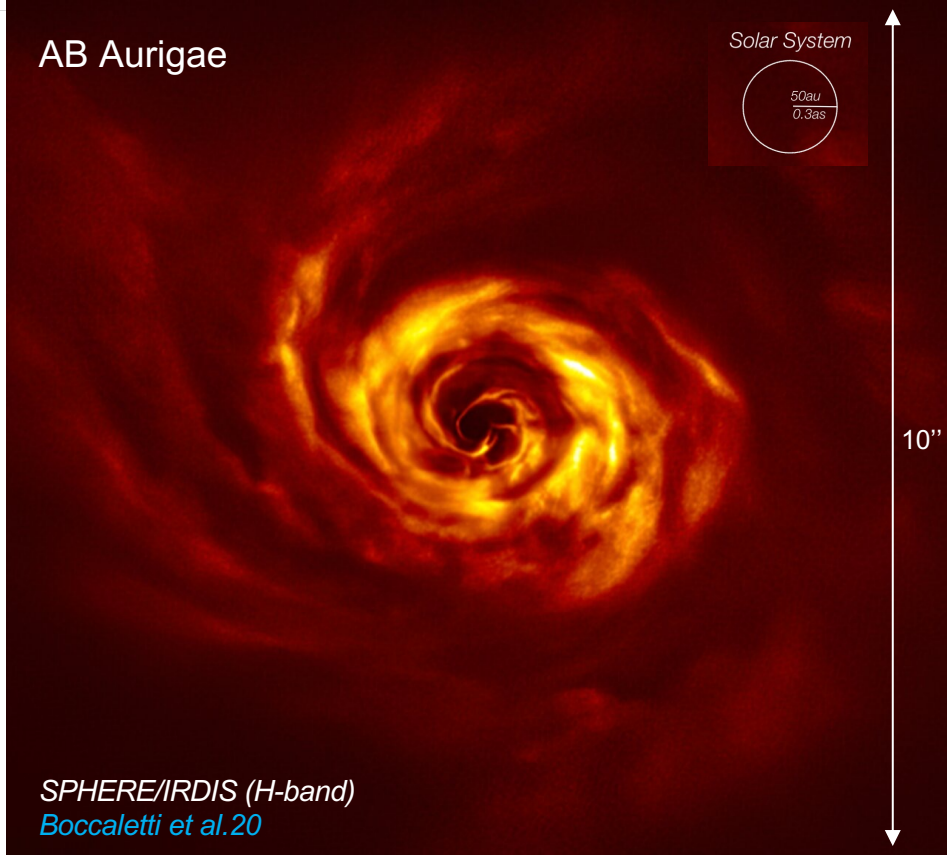
NGS asterism

PSF





# Proto-planetary disks and exoplanets



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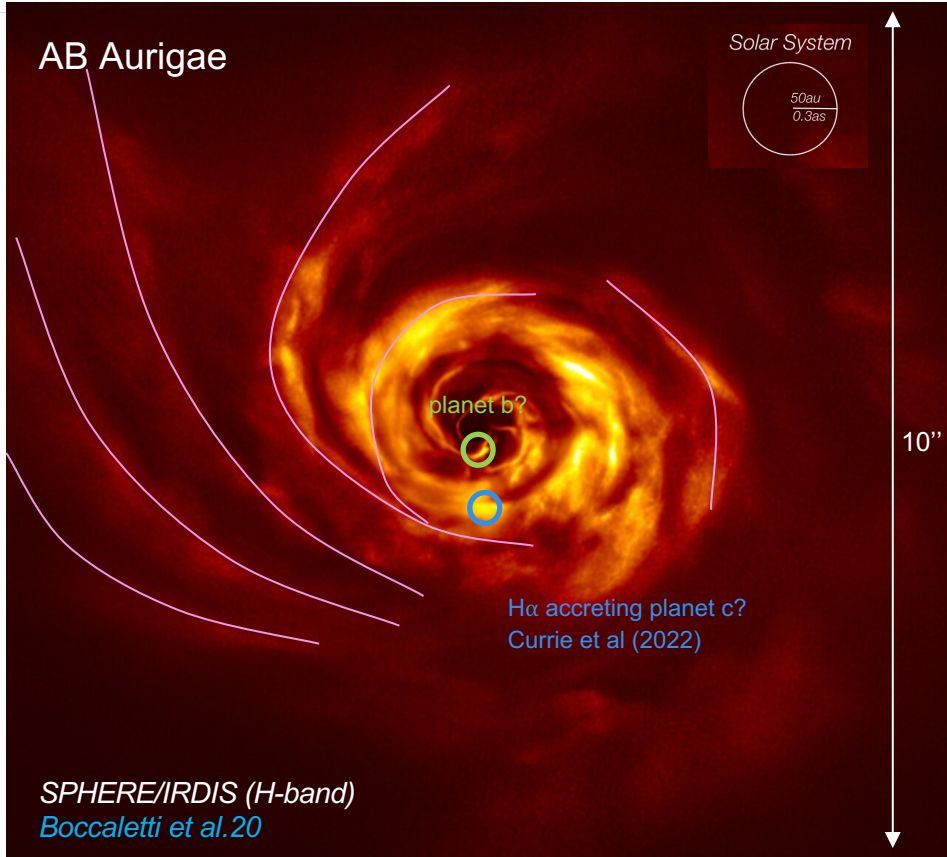
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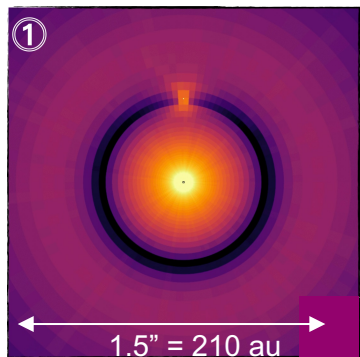


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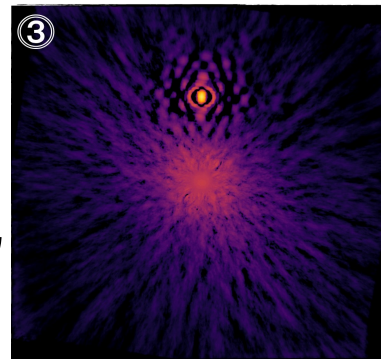
(credit: Antoine Alaguero, IPAG)

SCAO mode

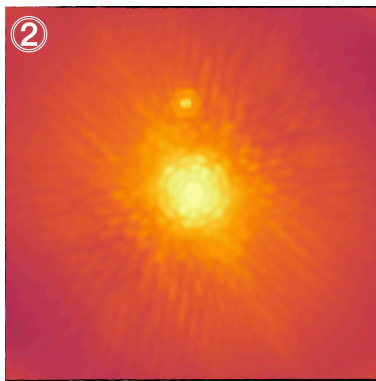
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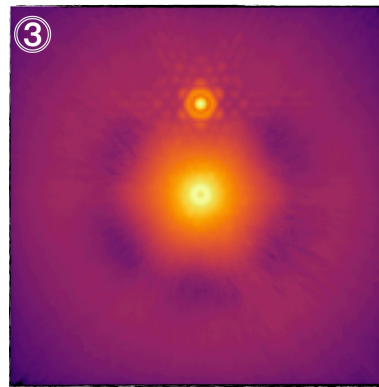
## Angular Differential Imaging



## MORFEO-MICADO simulations



## Reference Differential Imaging



Post-processing

- **star:**  
4000 K,  $1 M_{\odot}$ ,  $2 R_{\odot}$
- **planet:**  
850 K  
 $5 \times 10^{-8} < L_p < 5 \times 10^{-4} L_{\odot}$   
 $5 \text{ au} < D_p < 50 \text{ au}$
- **disk:**  
 $0.01 M_{\odot}$

- **Atmospheric bg**  
(as a function of  $\lambda$ )
- **Lyot coronagraph**
- **PSF sequence**  
90 images, 10 s each  
(COMPASS/MYSTICH software, Baudoz+19)
- **Detector noise**

## RESULTS:

- ✓ Planet detection complicated by disk
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Short  $\lambda$  (J) favors disk
- ✓ Jupiter – like planets recovered also at separations of  $\gtrsim 15 \text{ au}$ .



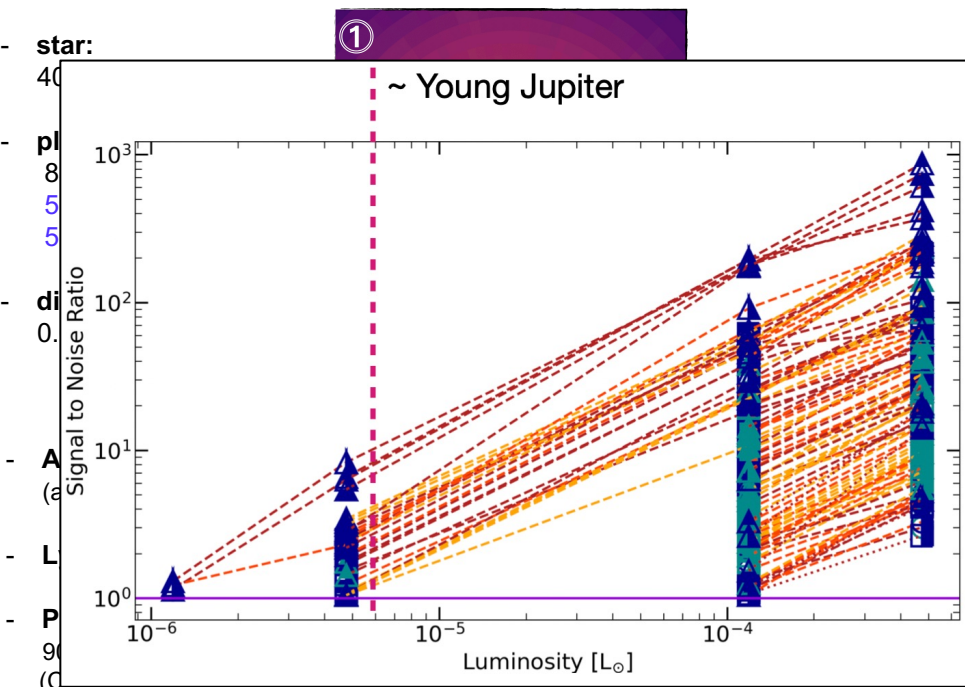


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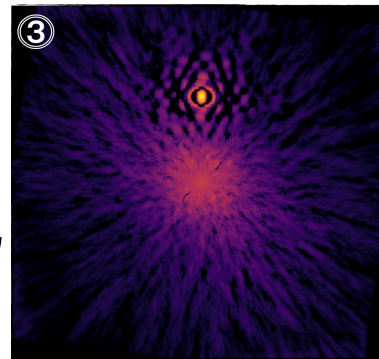
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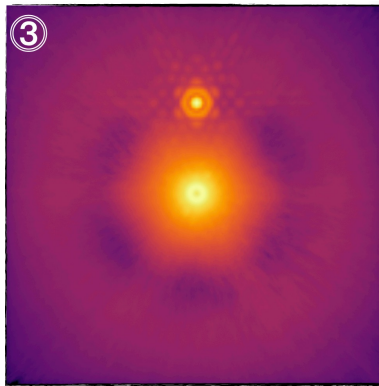
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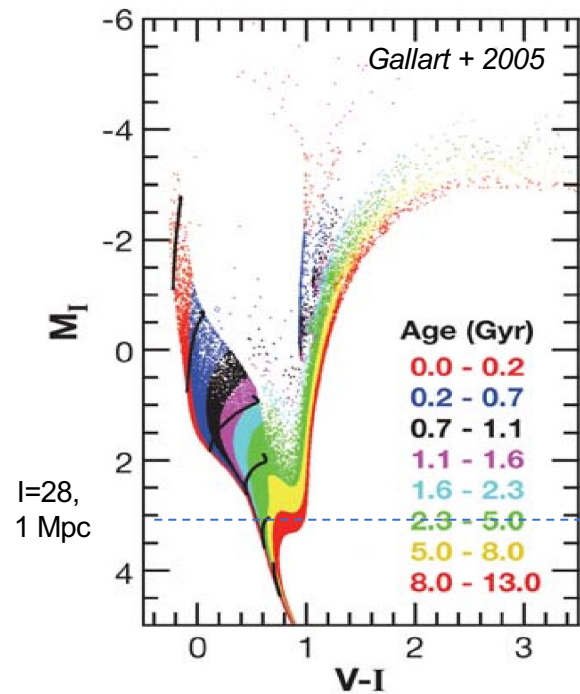
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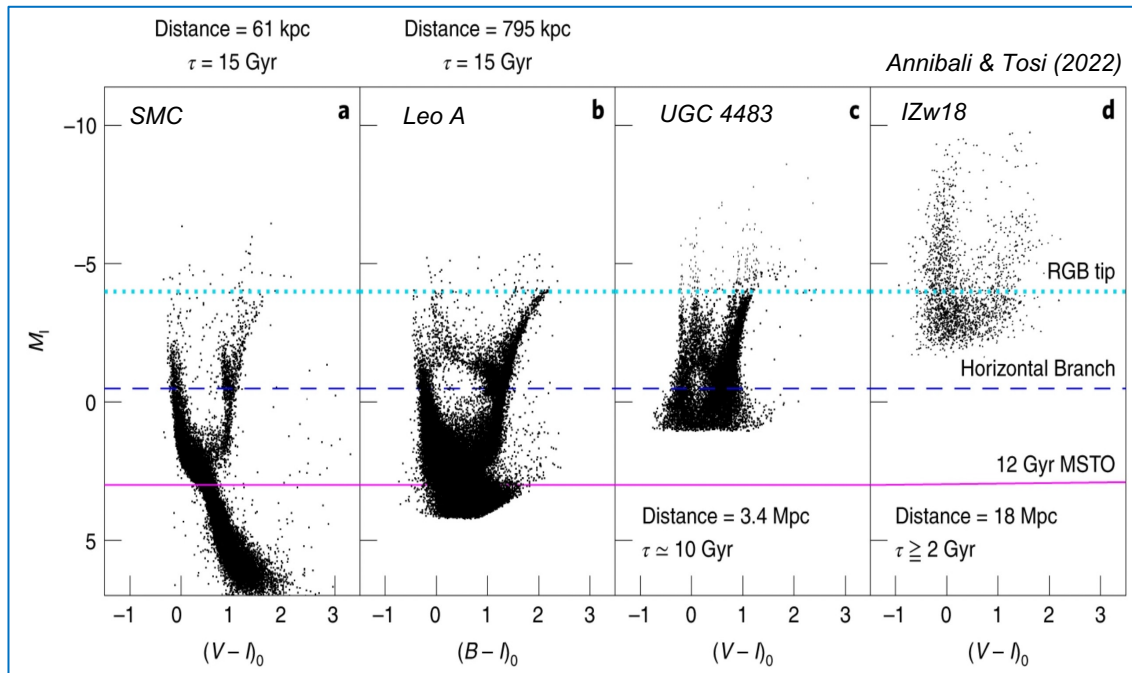
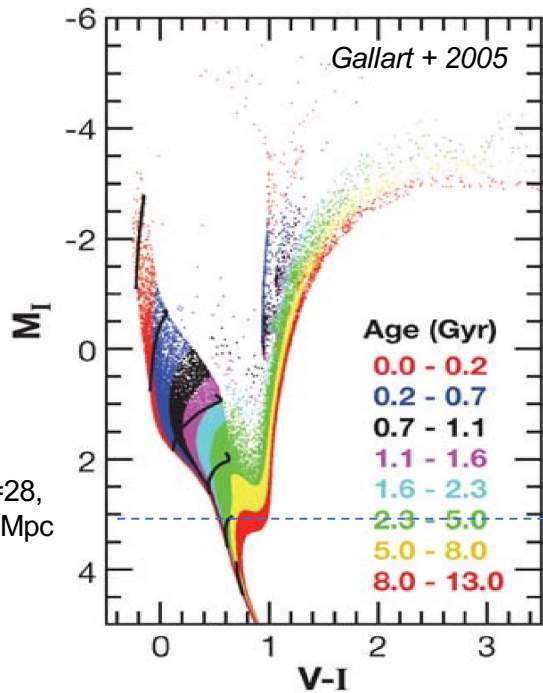
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# Accessing inner regions of Virgo Ellipticals

NGC 4472,  
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NIRCam-JWST

MICADO-ELT

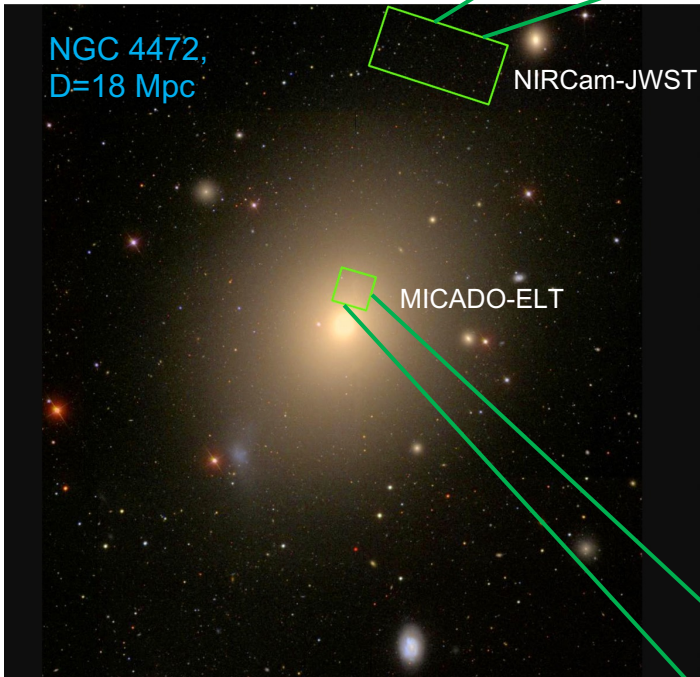


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MCAO mode

Large FoV,  
outer, low-crowding regions

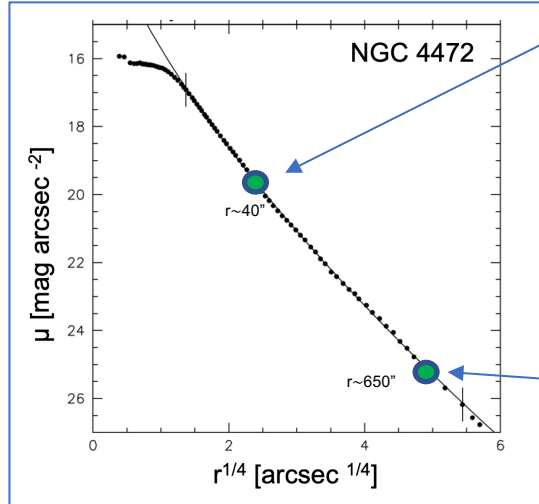
Simulated images



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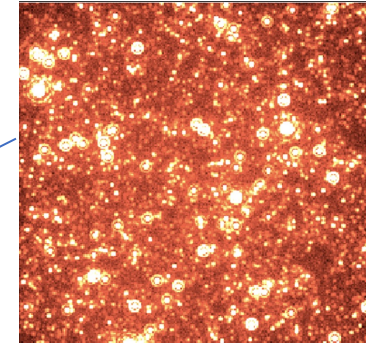
NGC 4472

$\mu$  [mag arcsec<sup>-2</sup>]

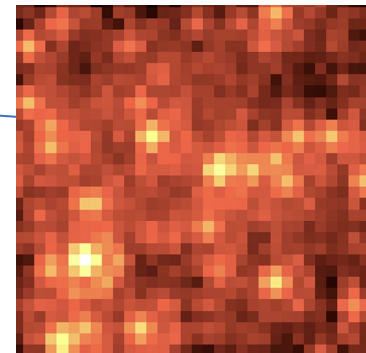
$r^{1/4}$  [arcsec<sup>1/4</sup>]

$r \sim 40''$

$r \sim 650''$



$\mu = 19.6$   
MICADO-ELT



$\mu = 25.2$   
NIRCam-JWST

Small FoV,  
inner, high-crowding regions





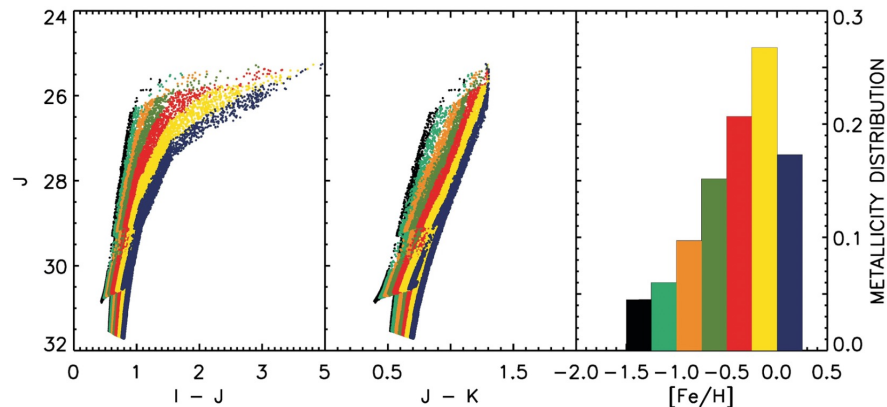
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Schreiber et al. 2014

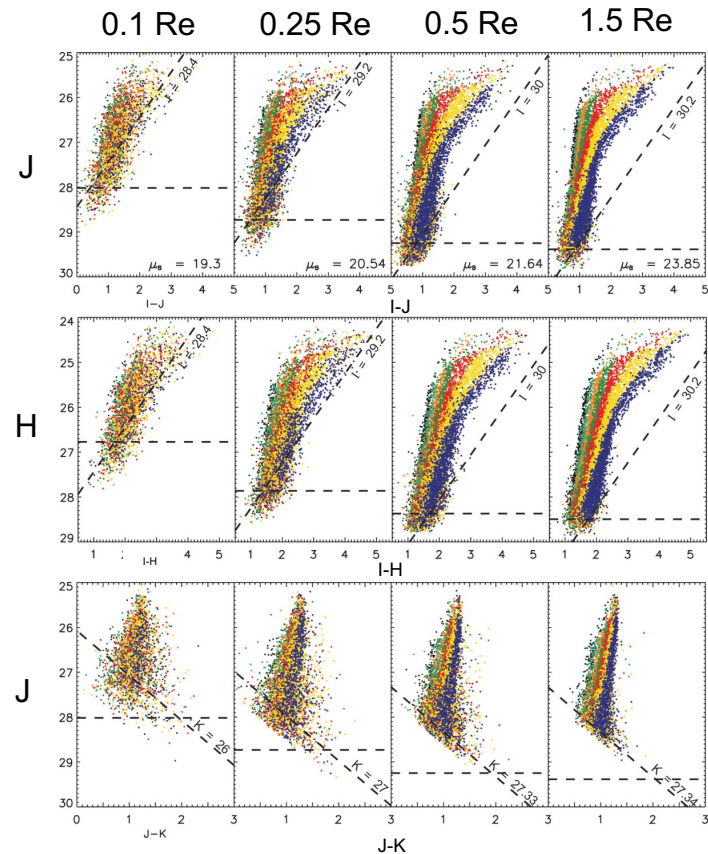
## ASSUMPTIONS:

- ✓ flat age distribution between 10-12 Gyr
- ✓ wide metallicity distribution



## RESULTS:

- ✓ Metallicity distribution is better recovered in lower SB regions
- ✓ Metallicity bins are well separated at  $R > 0.5$  Re
- ✓  $(I-J)$  and  $(I-H)$  diagrams more effective than  $(J-K)$





# Resolving stars in Nuclear Star Clusters

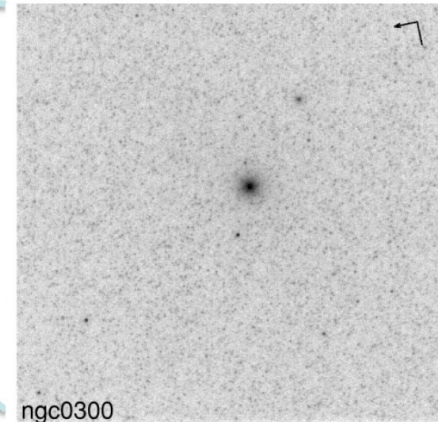
*Gullieuszik et al. (2014)*

SCAO/  
MCAO mode



NGC 300 spiral at  $D=2$  Mpc  
hosting a nuclear star cluster  
( $I \sim 15.3$  mag)

Boker +, 2002, WFPC2 image





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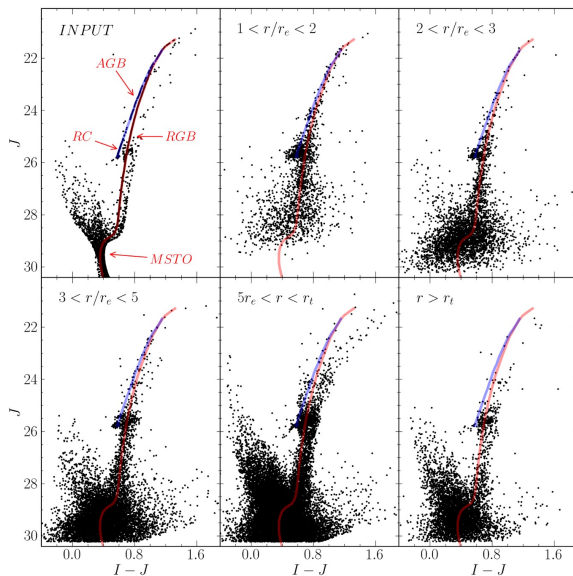
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## Model:

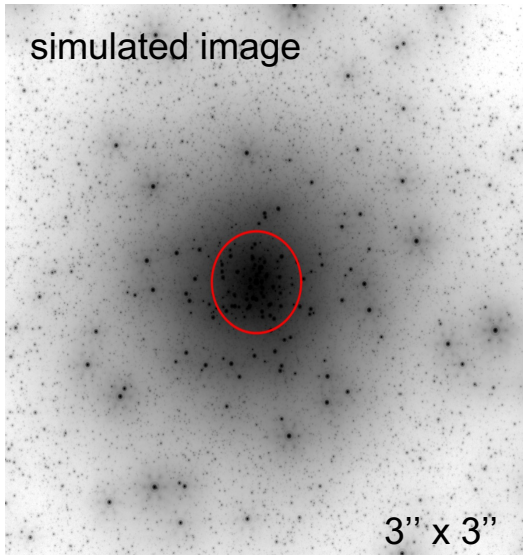
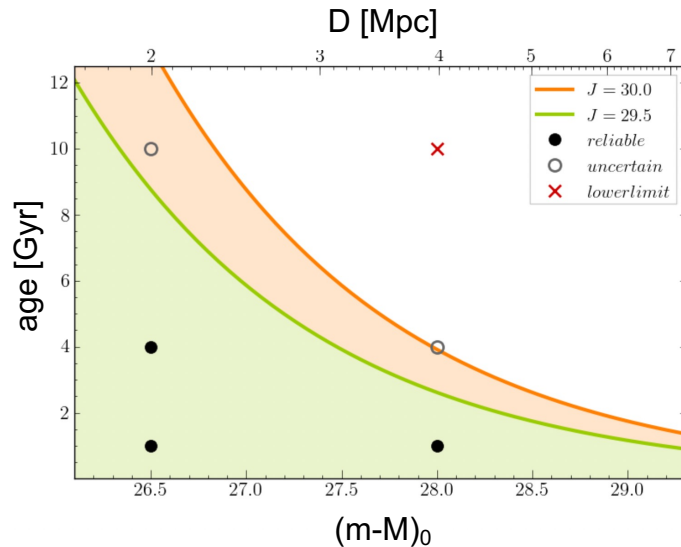
NSC: King profile,  $r_e = 0.27''$ ,  $\sim 10^6 M_\odot$ ,  
(1-4 -10) Gyr  
NGC 300: disk,  $\mu_c(H) \sim 17.3 \text{ mag arcsec}^{-2}$ ,  
const. SF since 12 Gyr ago

## Recovered CMDs

D=2 Mpc, age=10 Gyr



## Age-dating capability



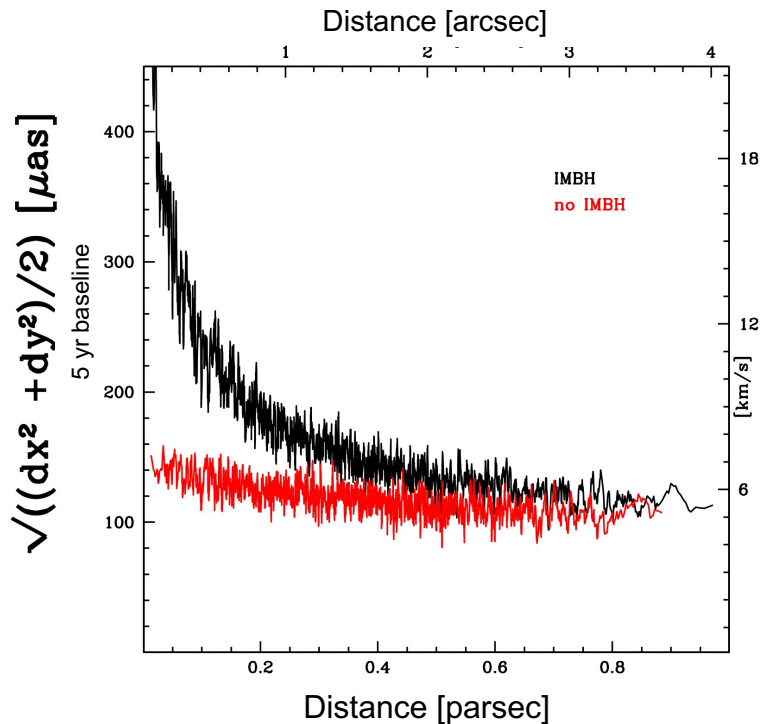
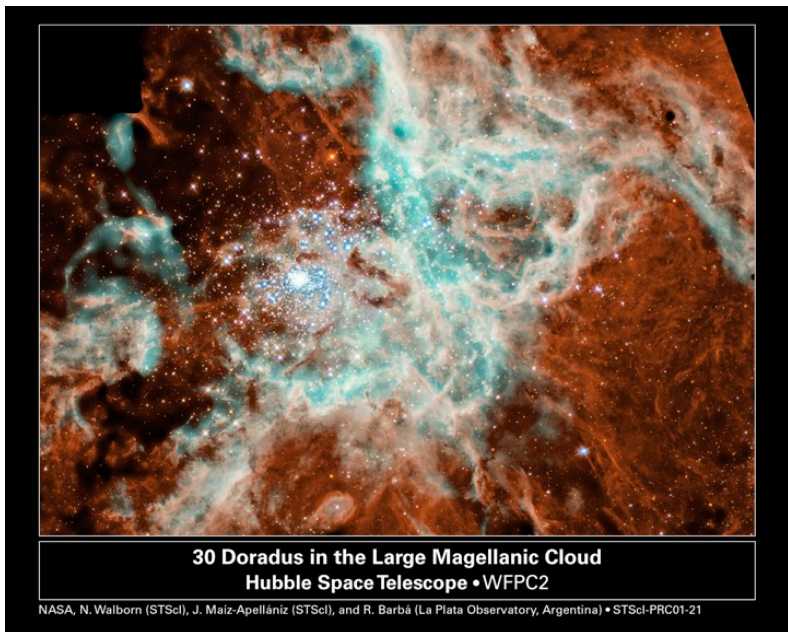


# Dynamics of dense stellar systems with high-precision astrometry

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*Fiorentino et al. (2020)*



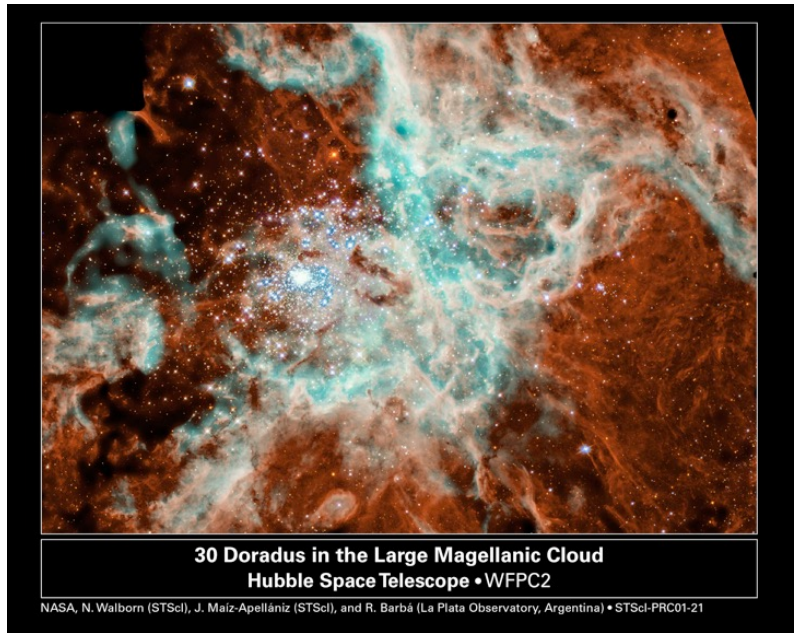




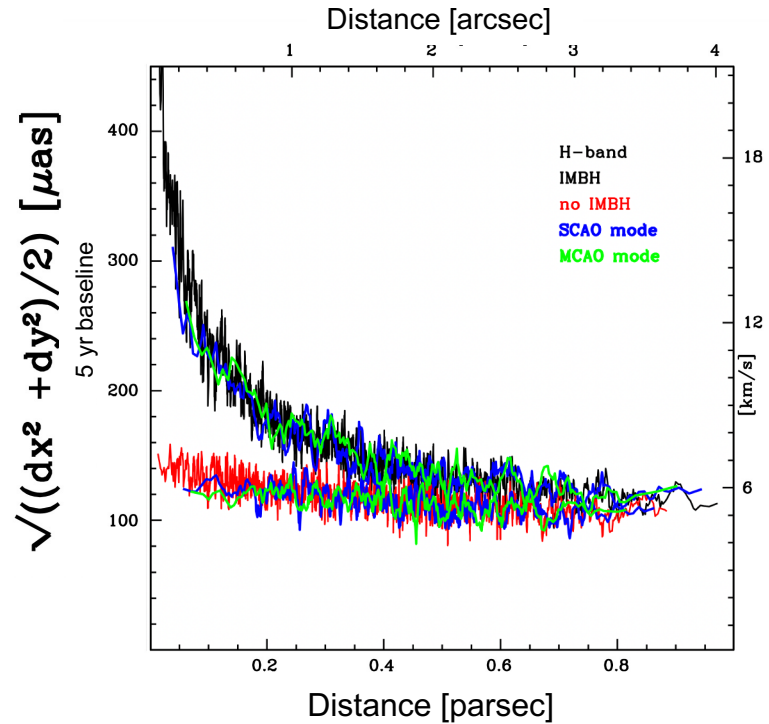
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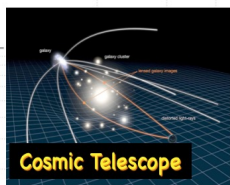
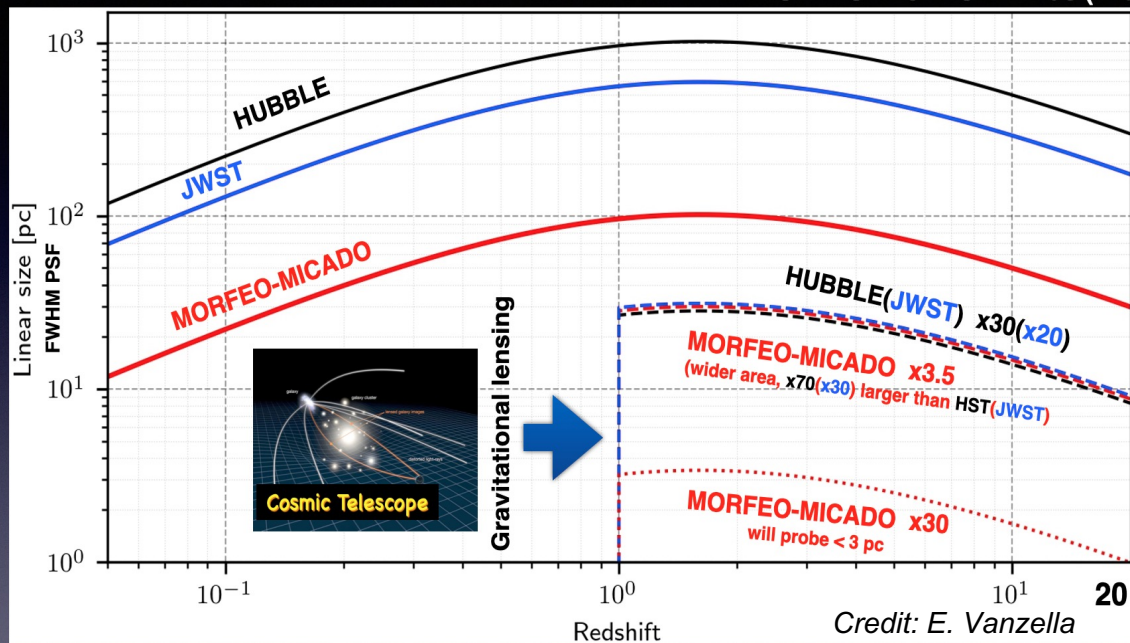


# The high redshift Universe

MORFEO-MICADO at ELT: comparable sensitivity to JWST but ~6 times better spatial resolution

## The physical PSF-scale up to $z=20$

Hubble:  $\sim 120$  mas (F814W)  
 JWST:  $\sim 70$  mas (F200W)  
 ELT/MORFEO-MICADO: 12 mas (H-band)



Gravitational lensing



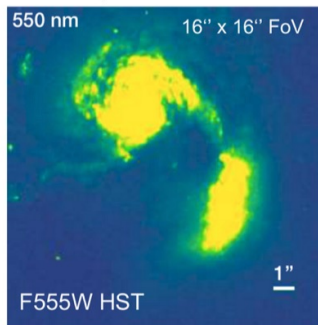
Credit: E. Vanzella



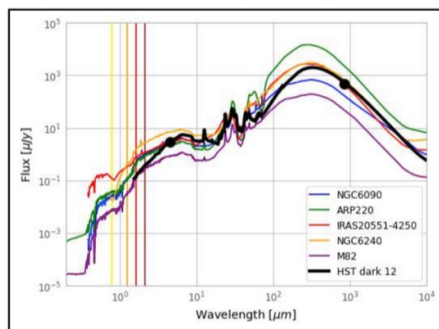
# HST dark galaxies – obscured star formation

## Assumptions:

1) Local template: ULIRG **NGC 6090**



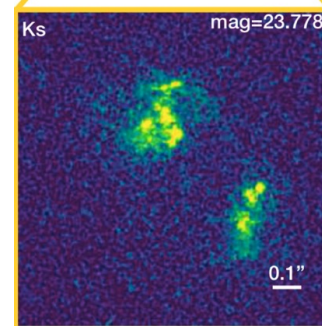
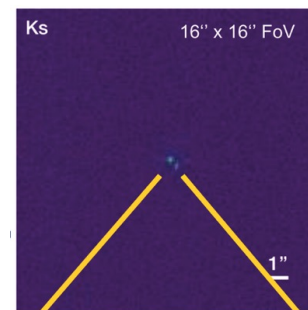
2) HST- dark SED ( $z=2.85$ )



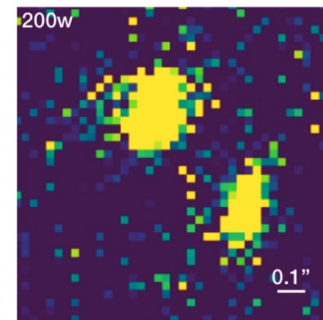
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## Simulated M&M images



$\geq 10$  h exposure time

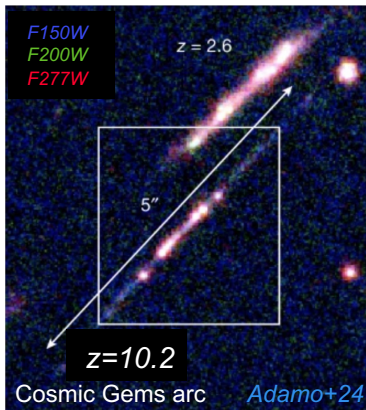


JWST simulation

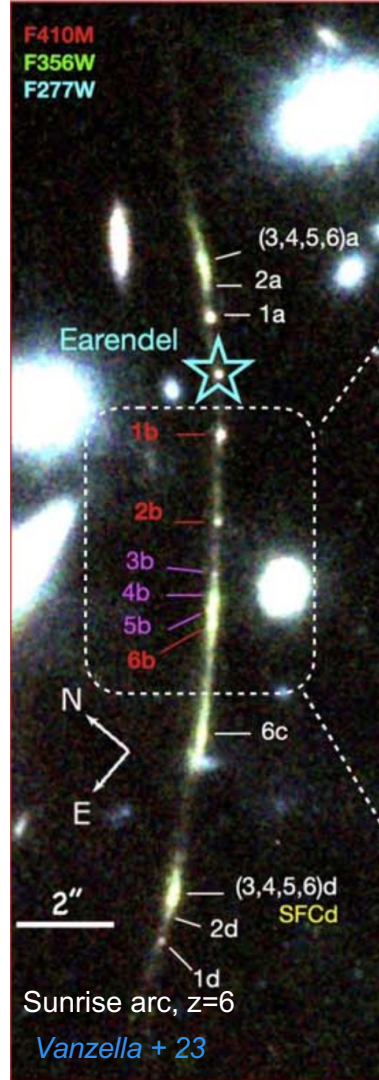
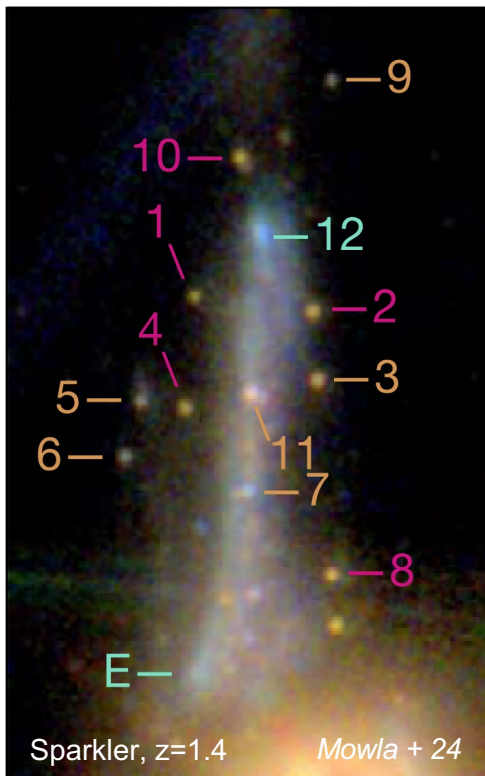
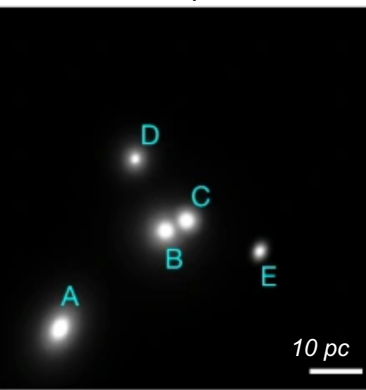


# High-z star forming clumps

JWST –NIRCam images



Source plane



see talk by  
Matteo Messa



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Irene Mini's work -  
PhD student at Bologna University  
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Populating an host galaxy  
with star clusters...

...and moving it to  $z=1$   
behind a cluster ( $z=0.44$ )

model

through lens

lensed model

through instrument

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JWST

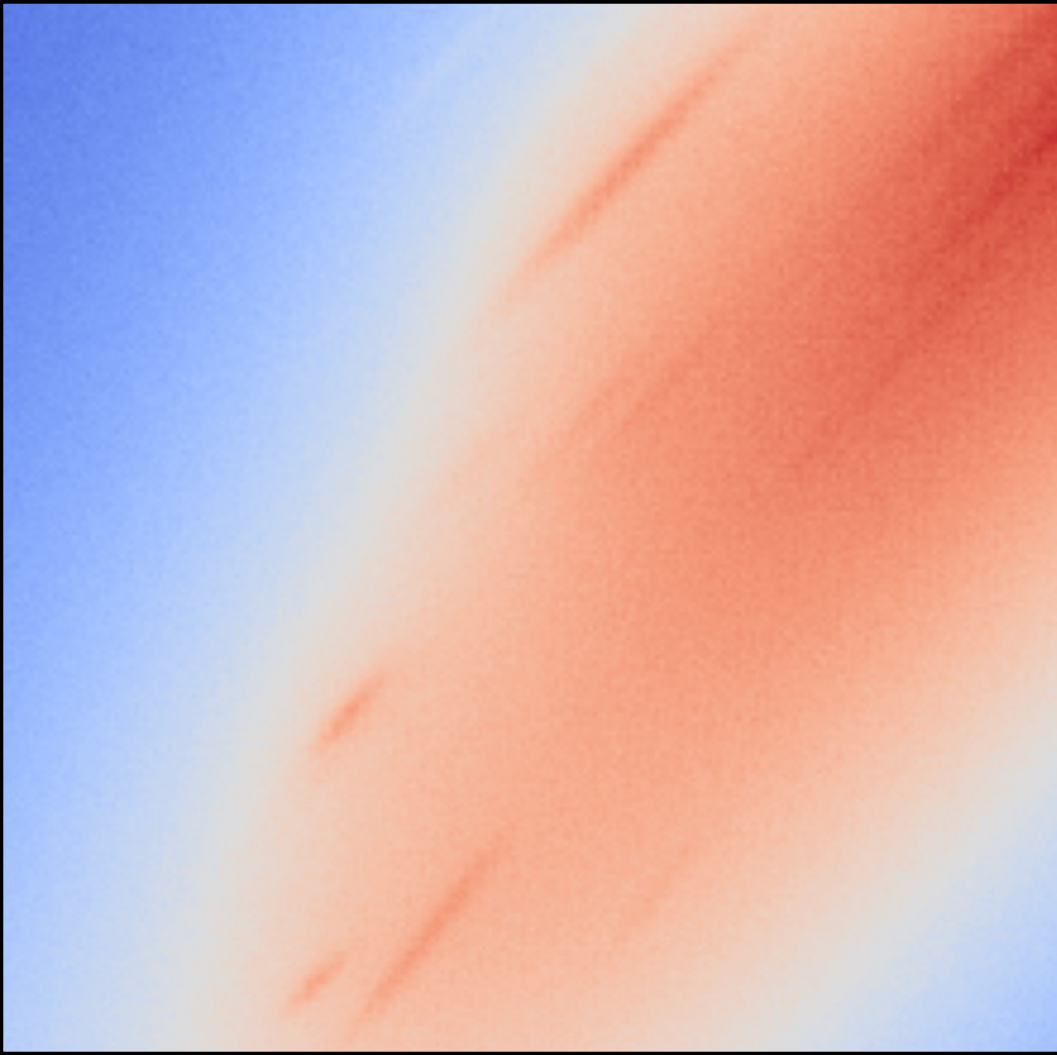
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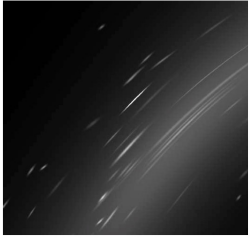
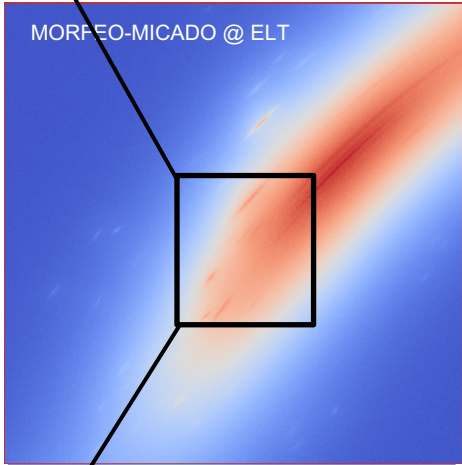


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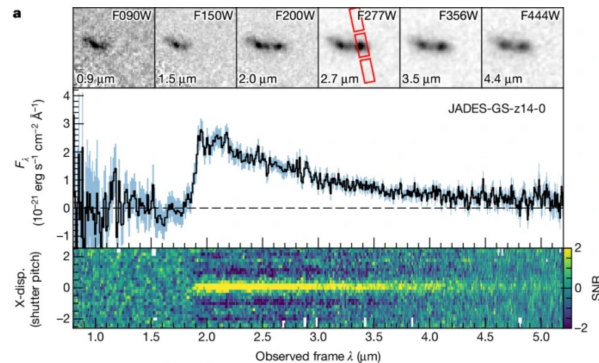




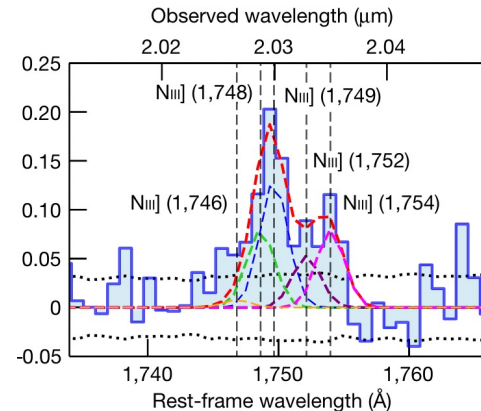
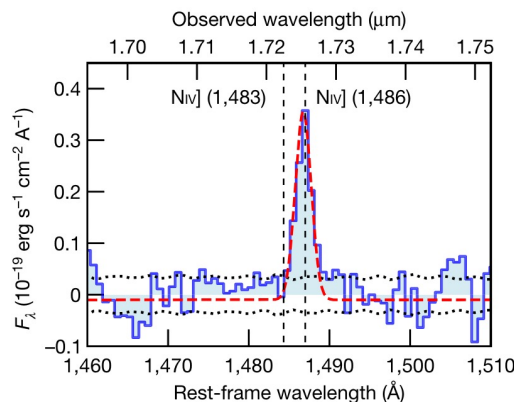


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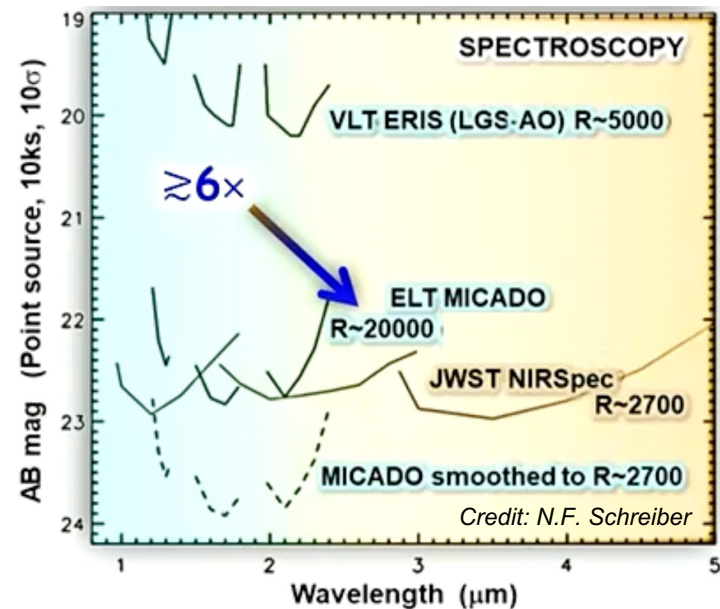
JADES-GS z14-0, Carniani +24



## UV rest-frame diagnostic lines for AGN

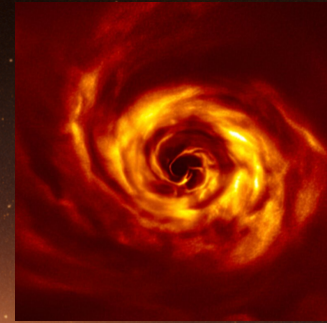
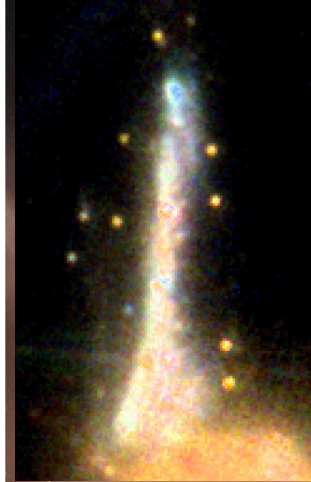


GN-z11, Maiolino et al. (2024)

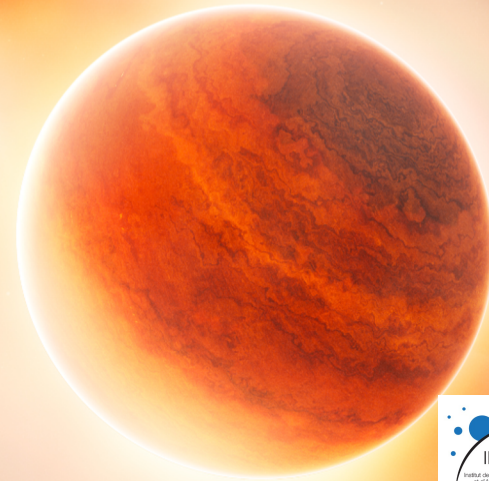


Revealing accreting BH at high  $z$ ,  
down to lower masses than  
accessible before! (IMBH)

*Credit: N.F. Schreiber*



*Thanks!*



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Q1 ( $\epsilon=0.43''$ ) on small FoV ( $\Phi=20''$ )

<b>band</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>K</b>
<b>SR from PSF</b>	0.045	0.13	0.20	0.39	0.58
<b>SR from Marechal</b>	0.03	0.09	0.19	0.38	0.58



# Sky coverage, K band

P50 profile (median conditions)

P90 profile (worst conditions)

P10 profile (best conditions)

