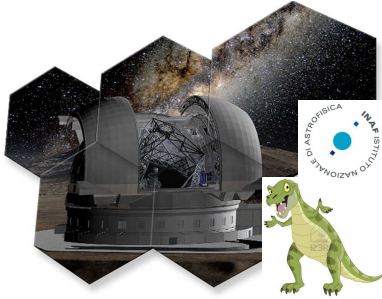


T-Rex Unit for ELT-CAM and sub-Unit for MAORY

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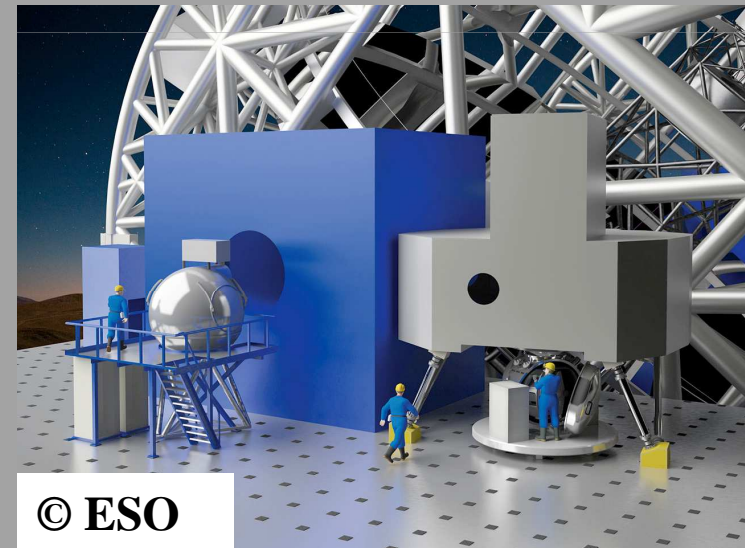
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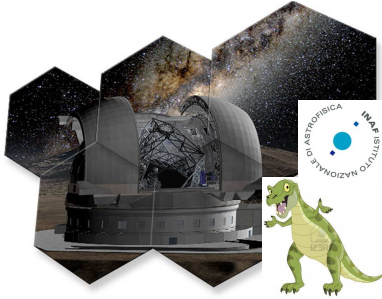


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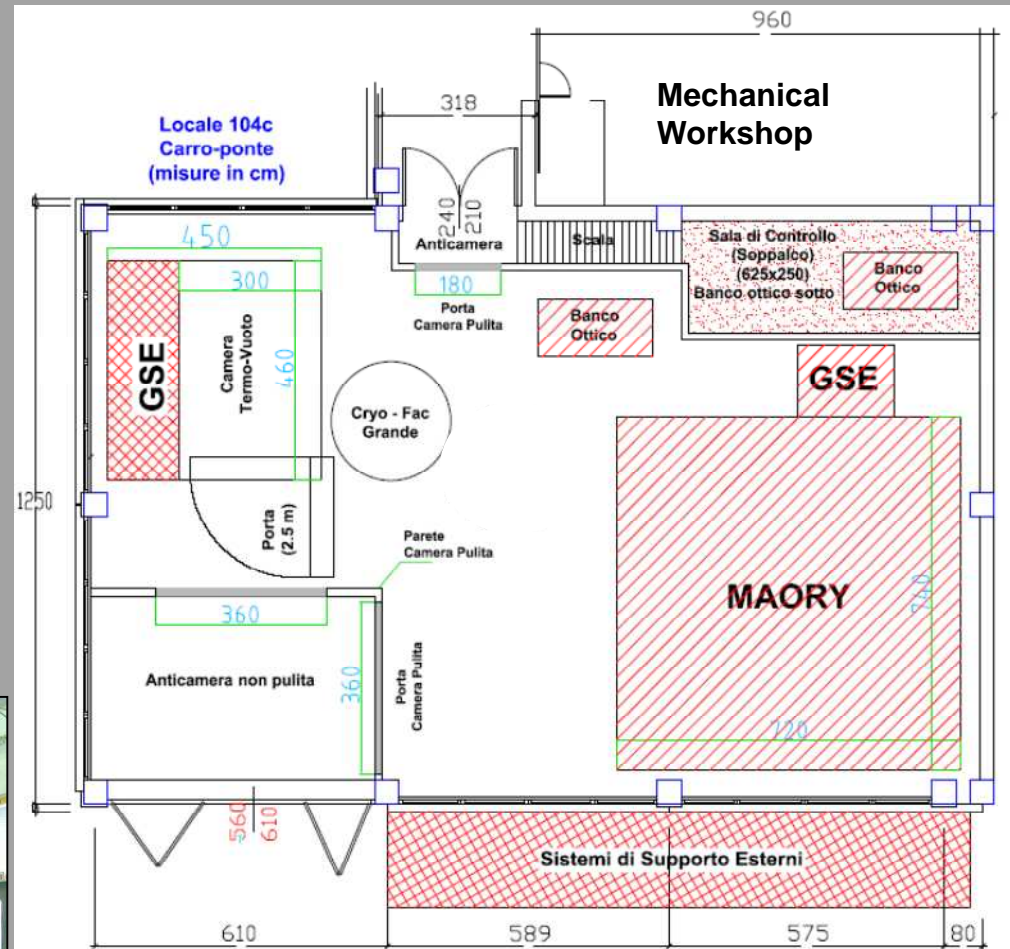
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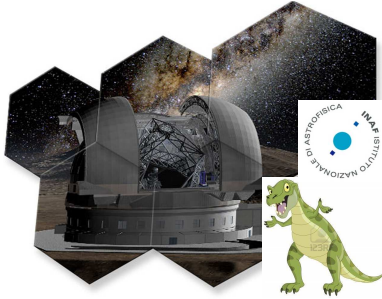
- Objective: support INAF contribution to first light instrument ELT-CAM (MAORY and MICADO)
 - For MICADO → talk by R. Falomo
 - For MAORY → this talk
- ELT-CAM Unit in numbers
 - Almost 40 persons involved
 - 6 INAF institutes
 - Budget
 - MAORY: 480 k€ Personnel
1500 k€ Investment
 - MICADO: 160 k€ Personnel
 - General: 10 k€ Travel





T-Rex Project Integration room

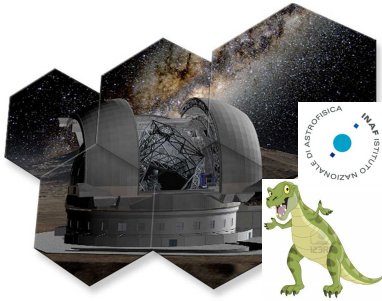




MAORY Project

Instrument requirements

- Multi conjugate Adaptive Optics Relay
 - Compensate atmospheric turbulence
 - Relay light to science instrument
- Main requirements related to client instrument MICADO
 - Wavelength range 0.8-2.4 μm
 - Field of view 53"×53"
 - Uniform adaptive optics correction with high sky coverage
- Other requirements
 - Lateral exit port for another possible instrument

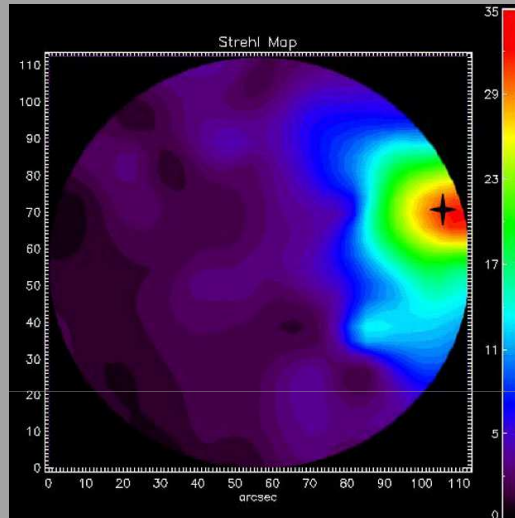


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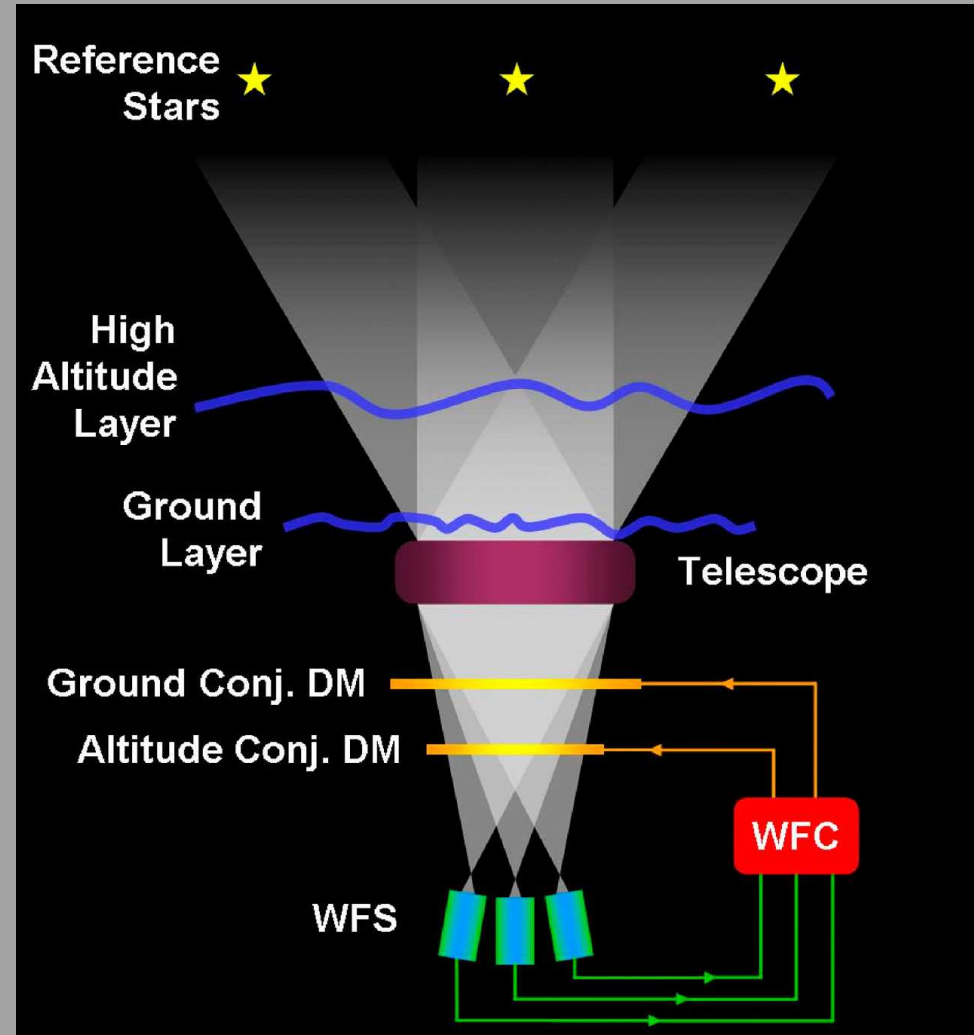
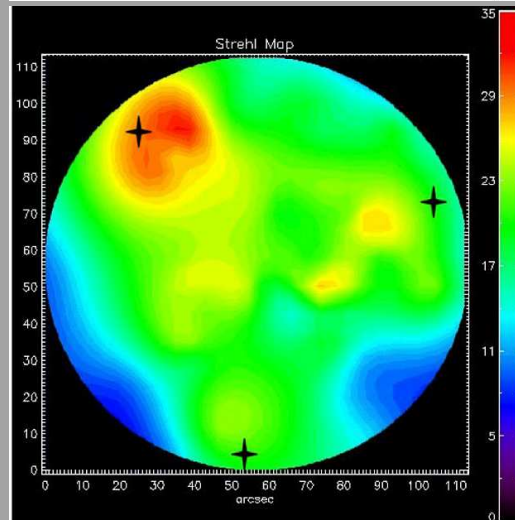
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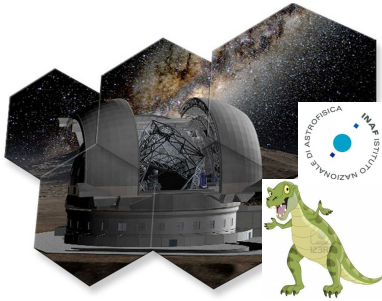
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Strehl Ratio maps @K (2.2 μm)



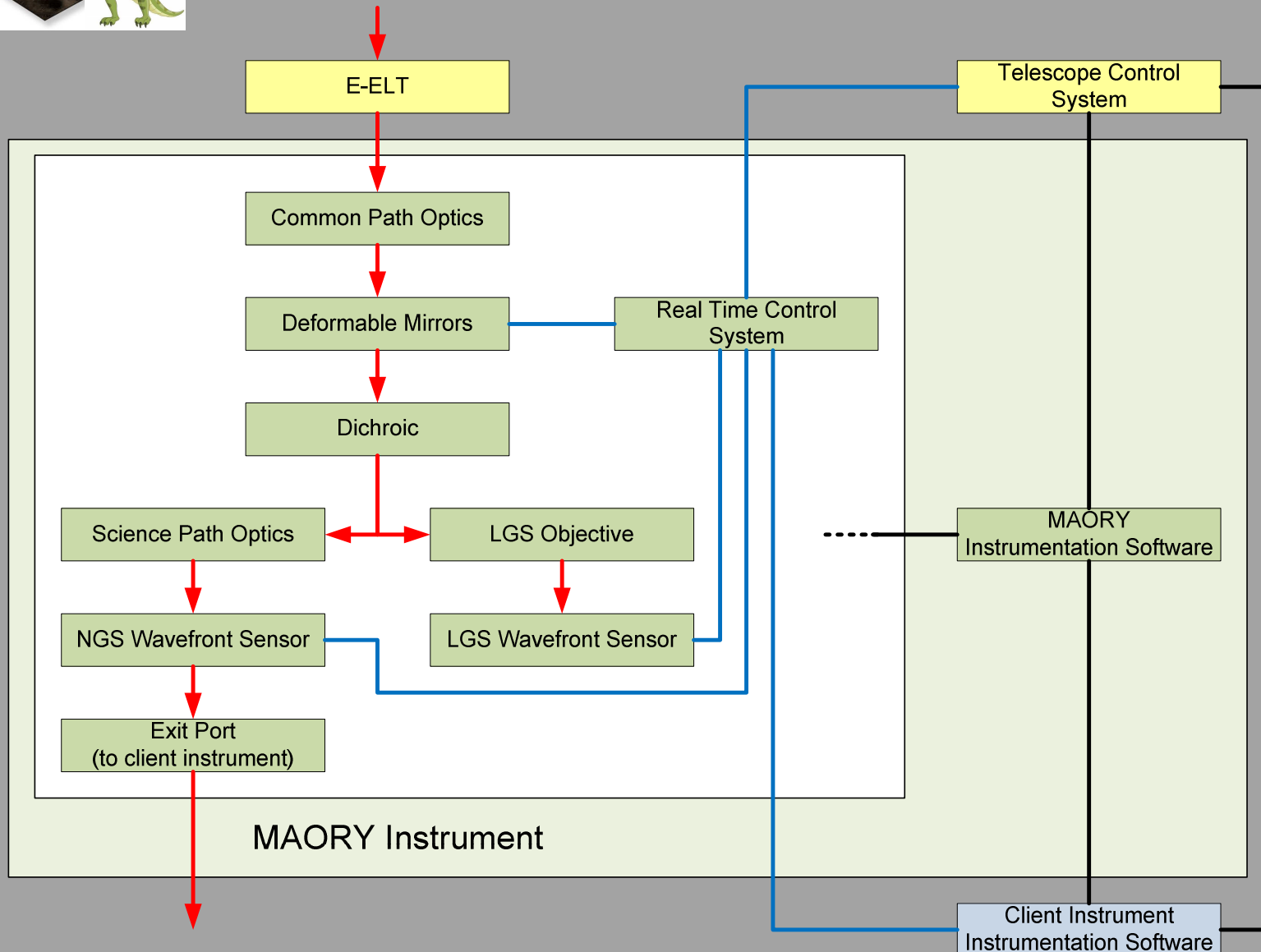
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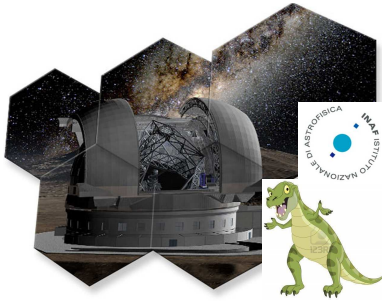




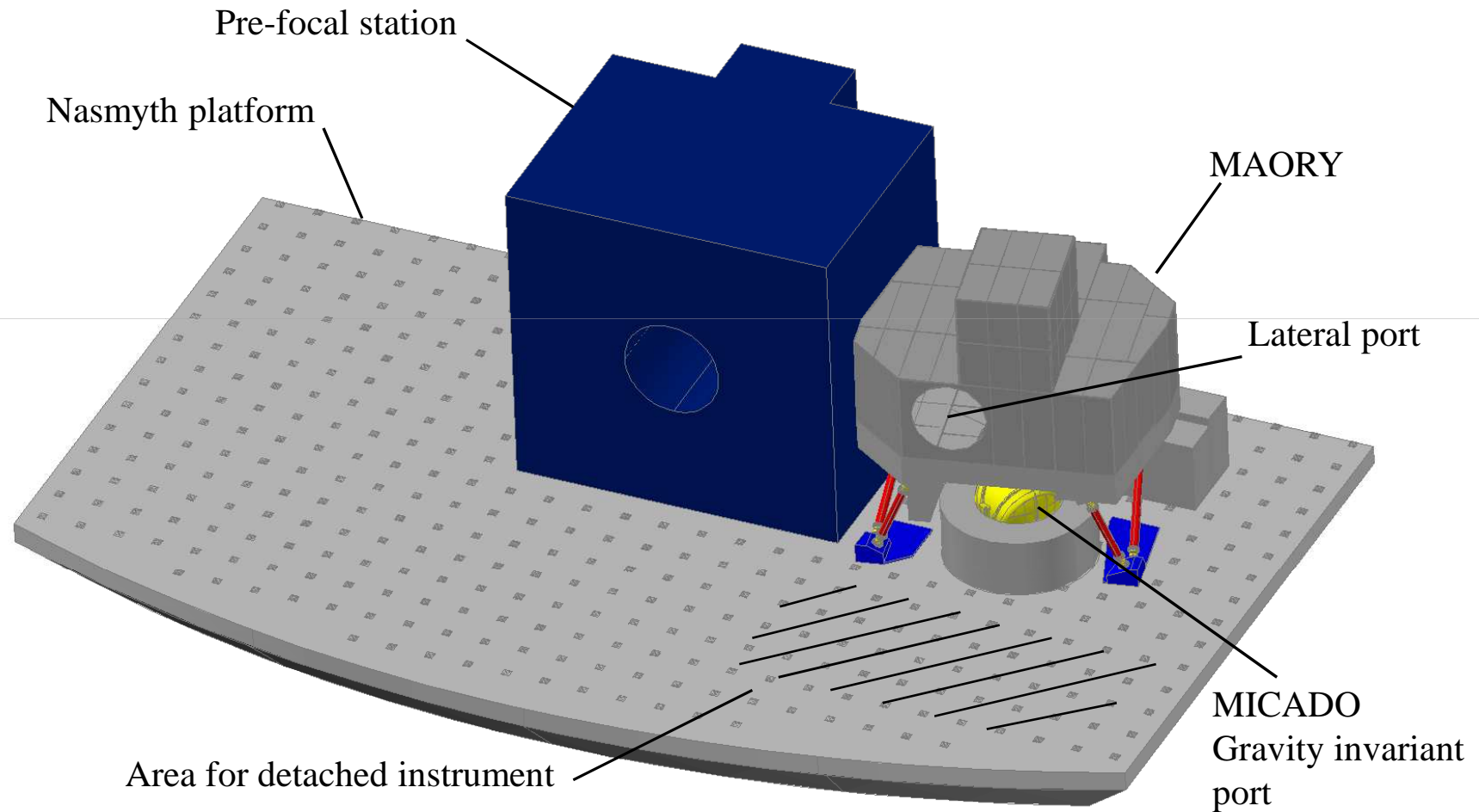
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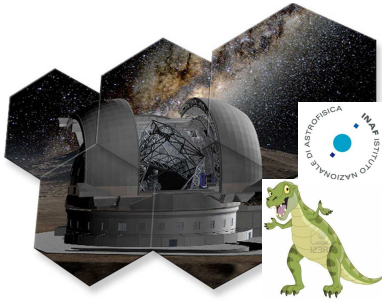
Instrument architecture





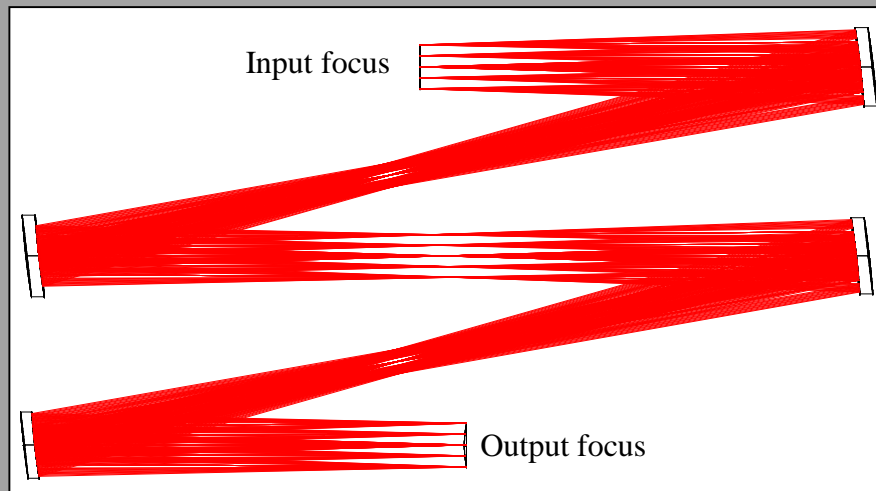
MAORY Project Instrument layout



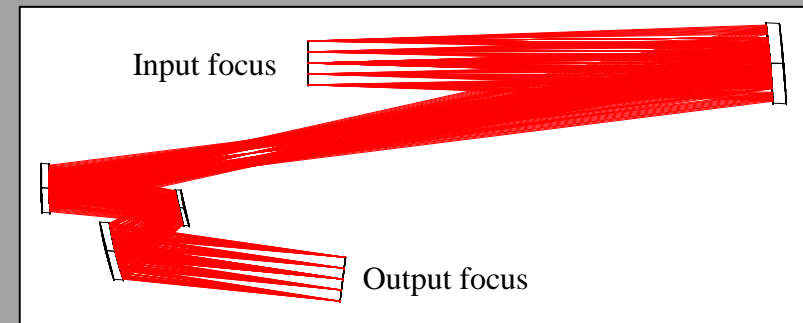


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Post-focal relay optics

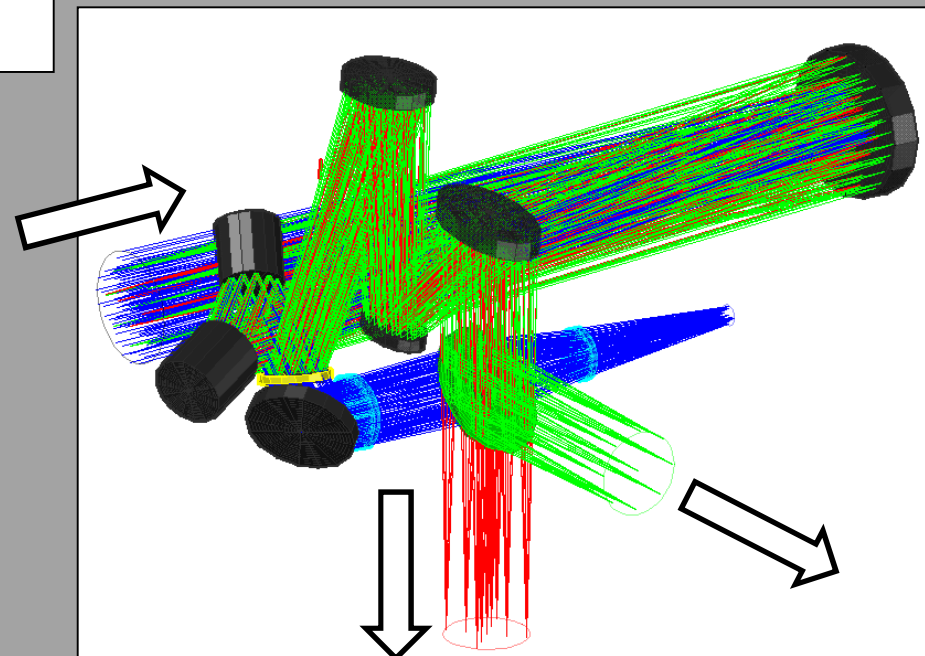


Phase A design

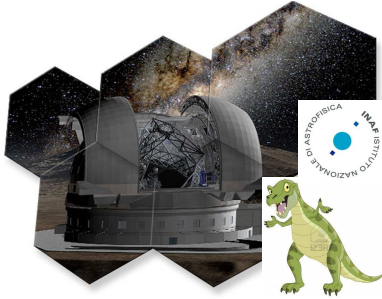


1000 mm

Alternate design under discussion



Baseline post-focal deformable mirrors are based on piezo-electric actuator technology (under review)



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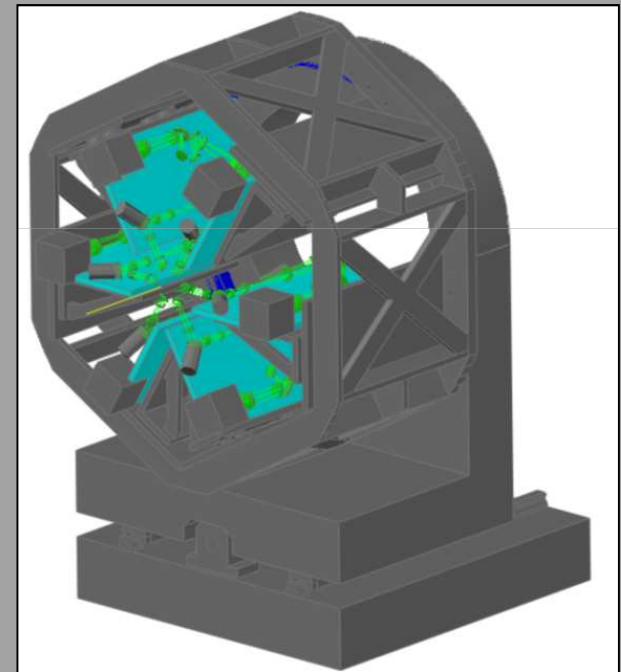
LGS Wavefront Sensor

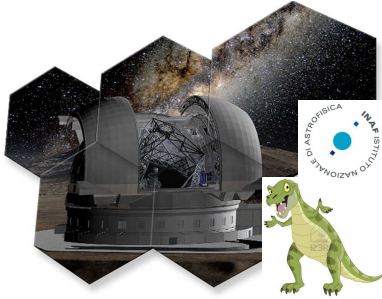
Why Laser Guide Stars?

- Sky coverage (and performance uniformity)
- Demonstrated by GeMS on Gemini Telescope in MCAO mode

Wavefront Sensor description

- 6 Sodium Laser Guide Stars (LGS)
- Wavefront Sensor type: Shack-Hartmann (~80×80 subapertures, 500 fps)





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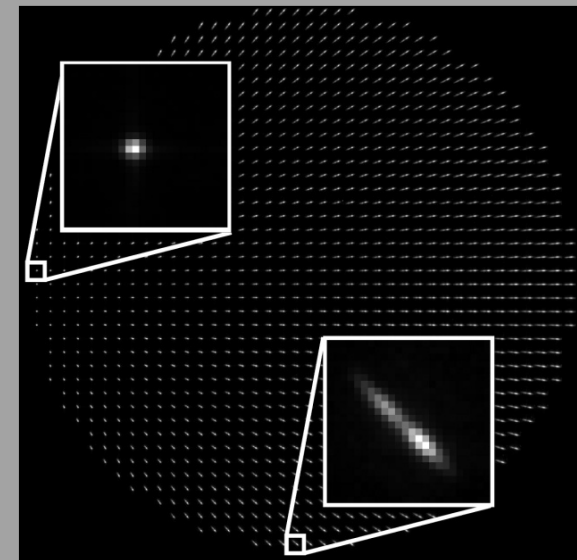
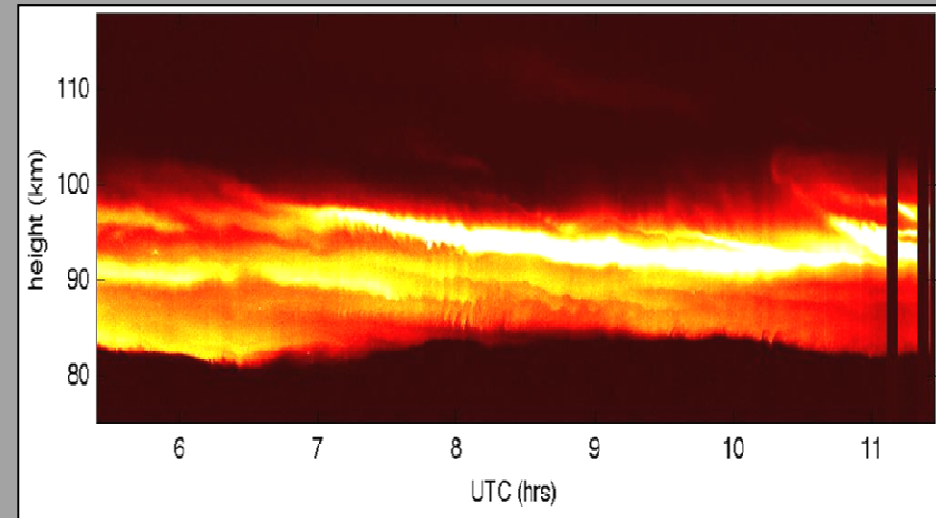
LGS & Sodium layer issues

Laser Guide Stars issues

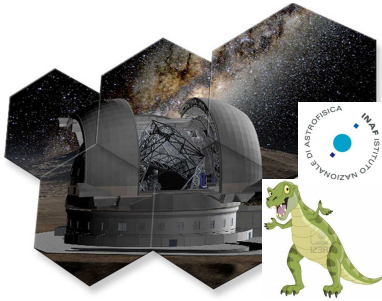
1. Tip-tilt indetermination
2. Variation of mean height of Sodium layer → LGS focus not fully reliable
3. Variation of Sodium layer density profile introduces low-medium order wavefront distortions

1, 2: fast; 3: slow

→ Natural Guide Stars are required



Sodium layer data kindly provided by Paul Hickson, University of British Columbia



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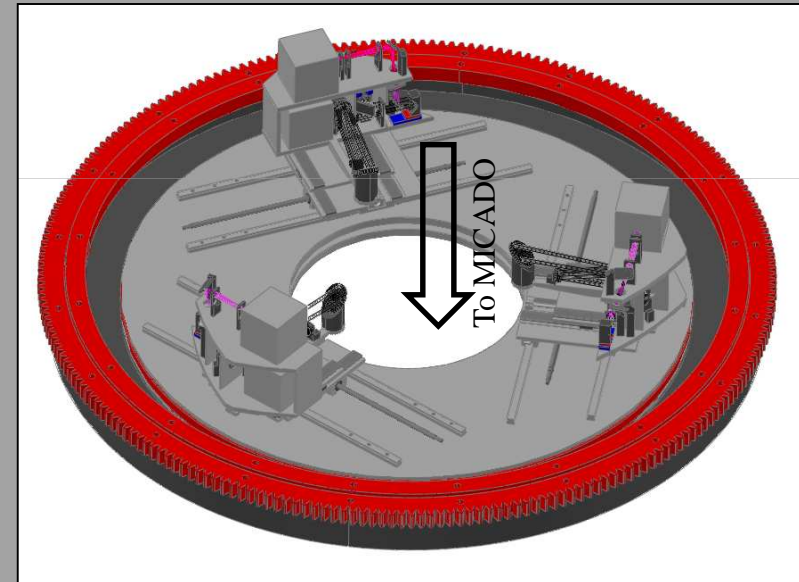
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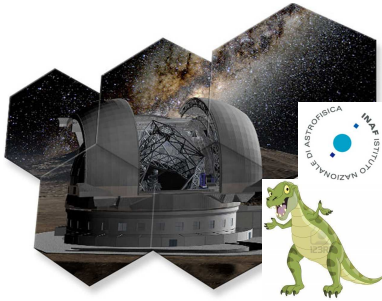
Tip-Tilt & Focus channel (1.5 - 1.8 μm)

- Shack-Hartmann, 2 \times 2 subap
- 100-500 Hz frame rate

Reference channel (0.6 - 0.9 μm)

- Monitor low order aberrations induced by Laser Guide Star Wavefront Sensor due to Sodium layer properties
- Normal operation mode: $\sim 10 \times 10$ subap, ~ 0.1 Hz frame rate
- Pyramid WFS
- Full Natural Guide Star mode for engineering purposes

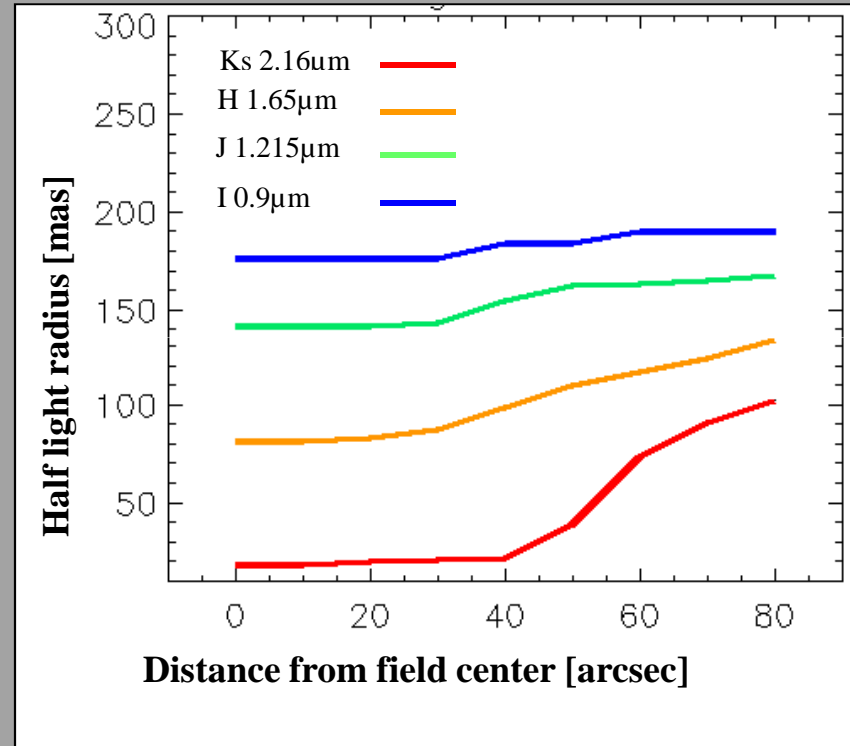
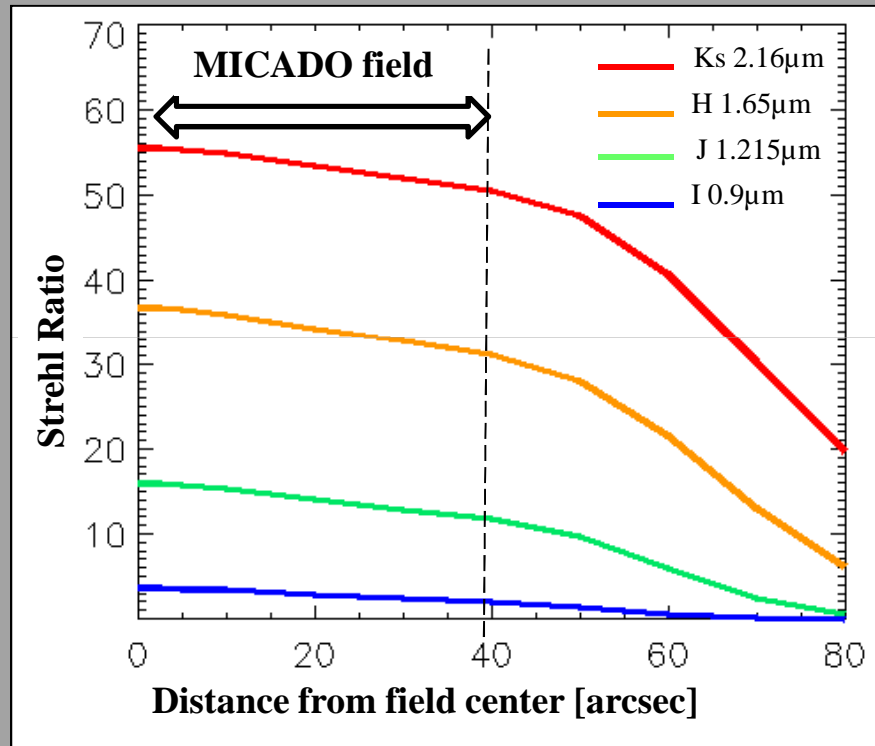




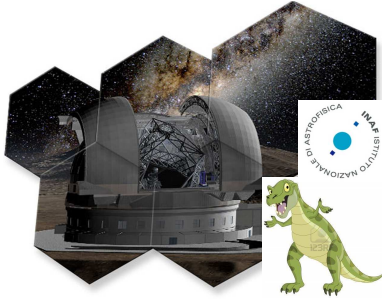
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Adaptive optics performance

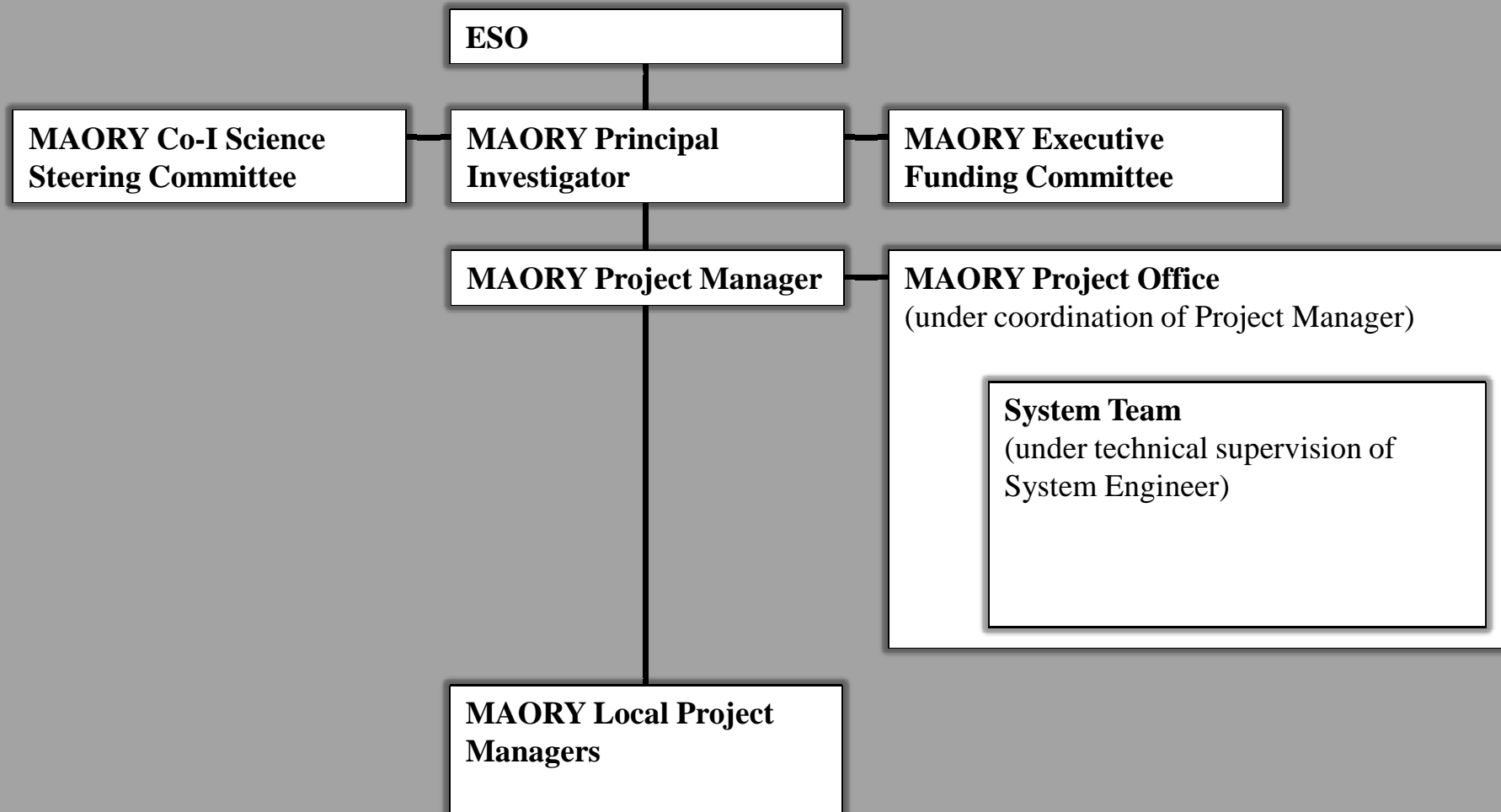
(Median atmospheric seeing 0.8")

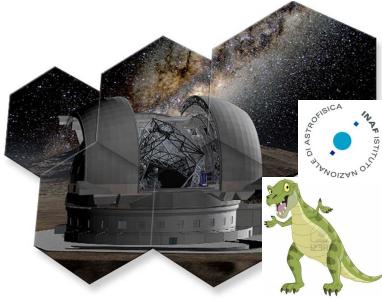


Minimum field-averaged Strehl Ratio (53"×53")				Sky Coverage @Galactic Pole
2.16 μm Ks	1.65 μm H	1.215 μm J	0.9 μm I	
0.53	0.34	0.14	0.03	39%
0.51	0.32	0.13	0.03	50%
0.41	0.22	0.06	<0.01	80%



MAORY Project Management Structure



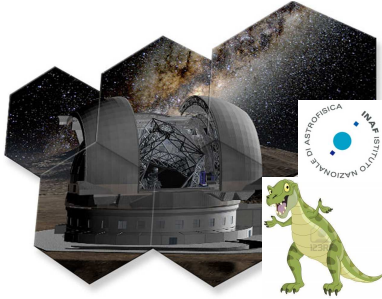


2nd T-Rex proposal

ELT-CAM Unit

- Include MOSE project in ELT-CAM Unit of T-Rex
- **MOSE: Modeling ESO Sites**
 - PI: E. Masciadri (INAF)
 - Phase A: 4/2011-4/2013
 - ESO Board: P.Y.Madec, H.Kuntschner, M.Sarazin, F.Kerber
 - GOAL: Feasibility study to set-up at Cerro Paranal (VLT) and Cerro Armazones (E-ELT) an automatic system for the forecast of
 - optical turbulence (C_N^2 profiles and integrated astro-climatic parameters)
 - all classical atmospherical parameters
- Support from T-Rex 2nd year to cover personnel costs for development of MOSE project





2nd T-Rex proposal

ELT-CAM Unit

- Extend support to MAORY and MICADO (2nd year of T-Rex project could partially overlap with Phase B of instrument projects)
- Technical work in preparation for Phase B
 - Development of tools (simulations, wavefront sensor prototype)
 - Study of wavefront sensing strategies
 - Activities to be defined in collaboration with ESO related to hardware components considered critical items (deformable mirrors, LGS wavefront sensor cameras)
- T-Rex funds allocation
 - Personnel
 - Additional equipments if needed
 - Research & Development, including possibly involvement of Italian industry