



# MAORY-MICADO @ E-ELT

A first look at the extragalactic scientific cases



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# Outline of the talk

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- Summary of the observing capabilities of MAORY-MICADO
- **Some extragalactic scientific issues:**
  - Search and structure of primordial galaxies ( $z > 11$ )
  - Galaxy stellar mass growth and quenching: compact galaxies, spheroids and galaxy central regions.
  - From dual to binary SM Black Hole

# MAORY+MICADO Reference numbers

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## IMAGING

- **53''x 53'' FoV, 4 mas/px**      **MCAO-mode FWHM<0.02 arcsec**
- 16''x 16'' FoV, 1.5 mas/px
- I, z,Y, J, H, K filters + a set of narrow band filters
- **5 $\sigma$  limiting mag.(AB) K=29.5, H=30.4, J=29.7** (5 hours exp)

## SPECTROSCOPY

- Long-slit spectral resolution R=4000-8000
- slit orientation along the parallactic angle (slit width  $\sim 0.04$ )

## KEY POINTS

- Unsurpassed angular resolution at near-IR wavelengths
- Depth

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$$H_0 = 70 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$
$$\Omega_m = 0.3 \quad \Omega_\Lambda = 0.7$$



→ Seeing  $\sim 0.32''$  at  $\lambda = 2.2 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $S = 0.6$  (dl\_FWHM = 0.012 arcsec)

→ MCAO mode  $\sim 70\%$  of flux within **0.02 arcsec, 4 mas/pix**

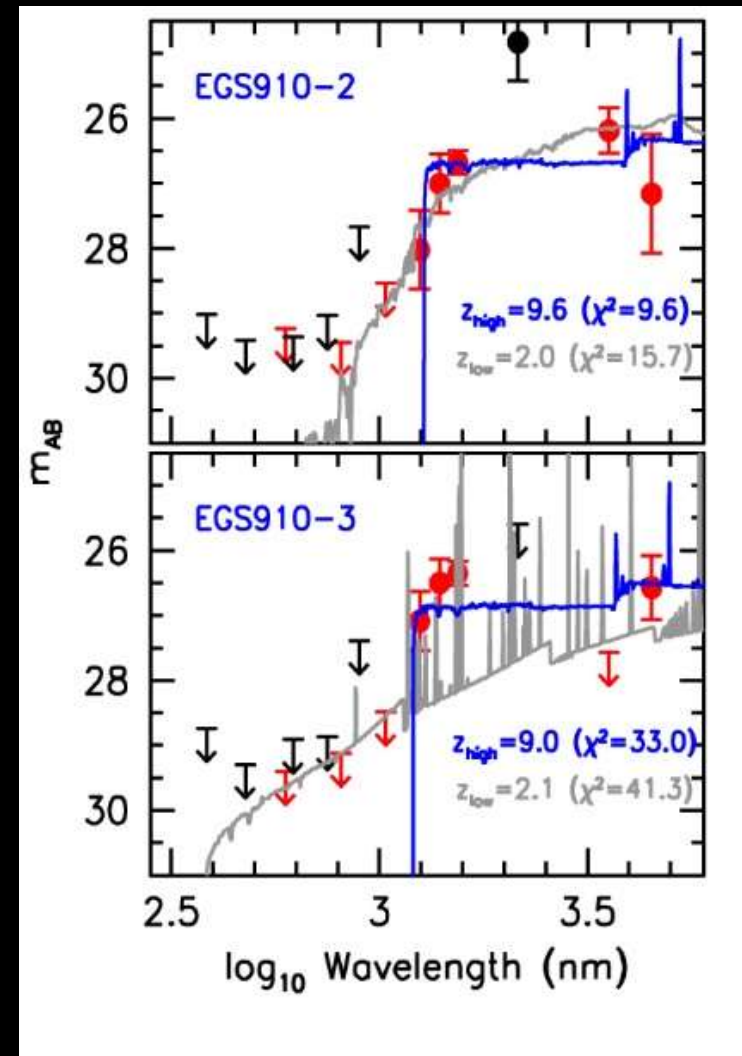
Redshift	MCAO 0.02'' (5 pix)	JWST 0.064'' (2 pix)	HST 0.2'' (1.7 pix)
0.01	4 pc	13 pc	40 pc
0.05	20 pc	65 pc	200 pc
1.5	170 pc	540 pc	1.7 kpc
4	140 pc	442 pc	1.4 kpc
8	96 pc	310 pc	1.0 kpc
12	73 pc	234 pc	730 pc

- Giant molecular clouds (star forming regions)  **$\sim 30-100$  pc**
- AGN torus inner/outer diameter  **$\sim \text{few } (>2)$  pc** up to hundreds pc
- From dual-to-binary AGN: **from  $\sim 1$  kpc to  $\sim 1$  pc**
- Half-light diameter of densest galaxies  **$\sim 1$  kpc**
- Half-light diameter of  $z=8-9$  galaxies  **$\sim 1$  kpc**
- **Primordial galaxies  $z > 11$  ?**

# Searching for primordial galaxies: LBGs at $z > 11$



- Strong absorption of UV flux at  $\lambda_{\text{rest}} < 1200 \text{ \AA}$  (Ly-break) from intergalactic medium
- J,H drop-out,  $z > 10, 13$
- **Blue continuum** at  $\lambda_{\text{rest}} > 1200 \text{ \AA}$



Bouwens et al. 2016

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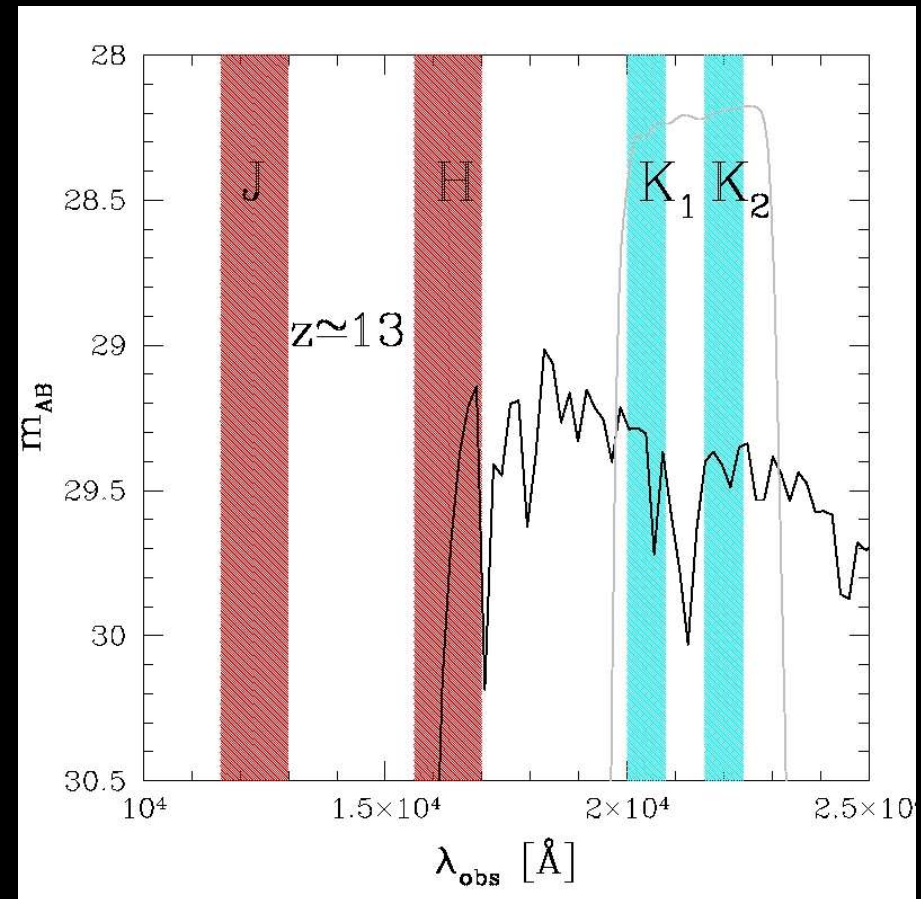


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Color-color diagram

**(J,H-K1)** vs **(K1-K2)**

**K1 and K2** dedicated filters



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Expected volume density at  $z > 13$

$$\Phi_{\text{gal}} < 5-25 \times 10^{-5} \text{ Mpc}^{-3}.$$

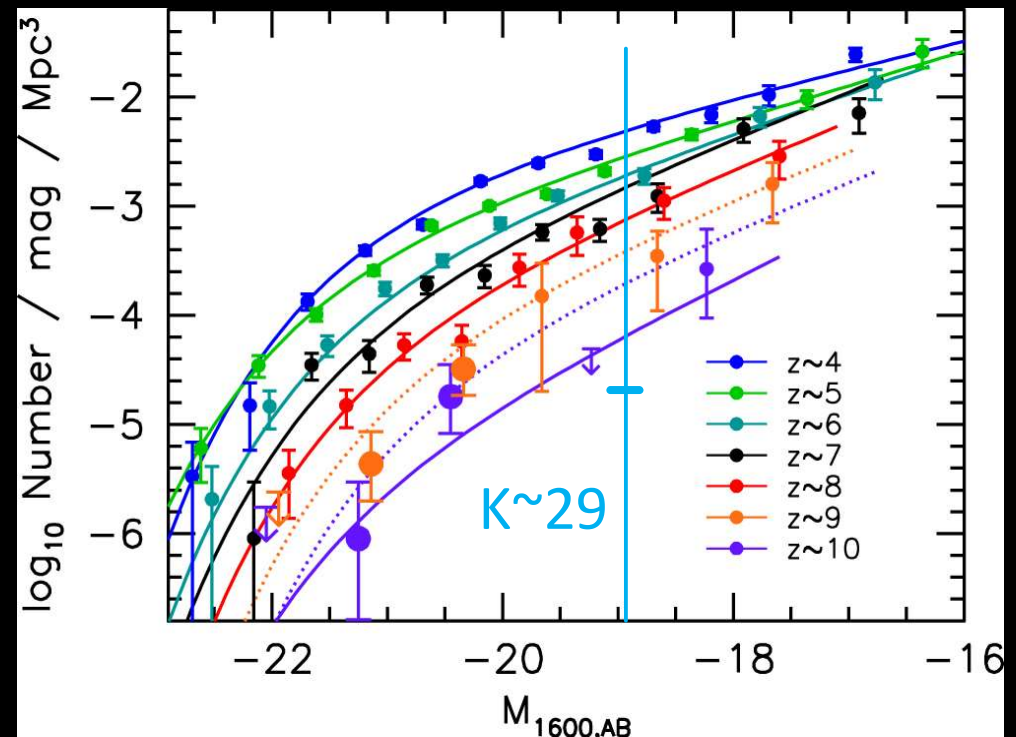
Surface density  $12.5 < z < 15.5$

0.1-0.5 gal/arcmin<sup>2</sup>

MAORY+MICADO      JWST

F.o.v    0.8 arcmin<sup>2</sup>    9.4 arcmin<sup>2</sup>

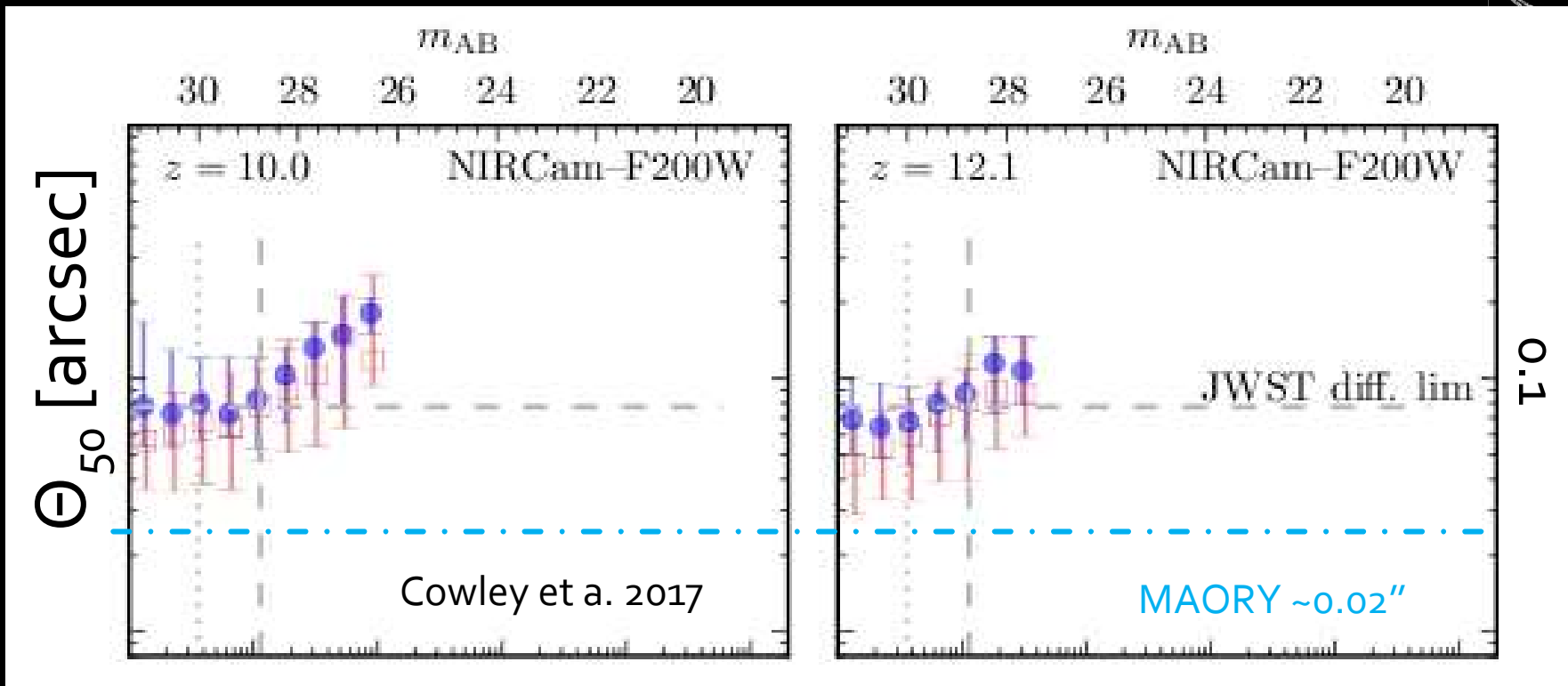
Comparable  $t_{\text{exp}}$  to reach  $K \sim 29$   
(slightly better MAORY but not a factor 10)



Bouwens et al. 2016; Cowley et al. 2017

MAORY *not very competitive in searching for* primordial galaxies,  
*but...*

# The structure of primordial galaxies



Size of galaxies at  $z > 10-11$  comparable to the FWHM of JWST  
→ they will not be resolved by JWST

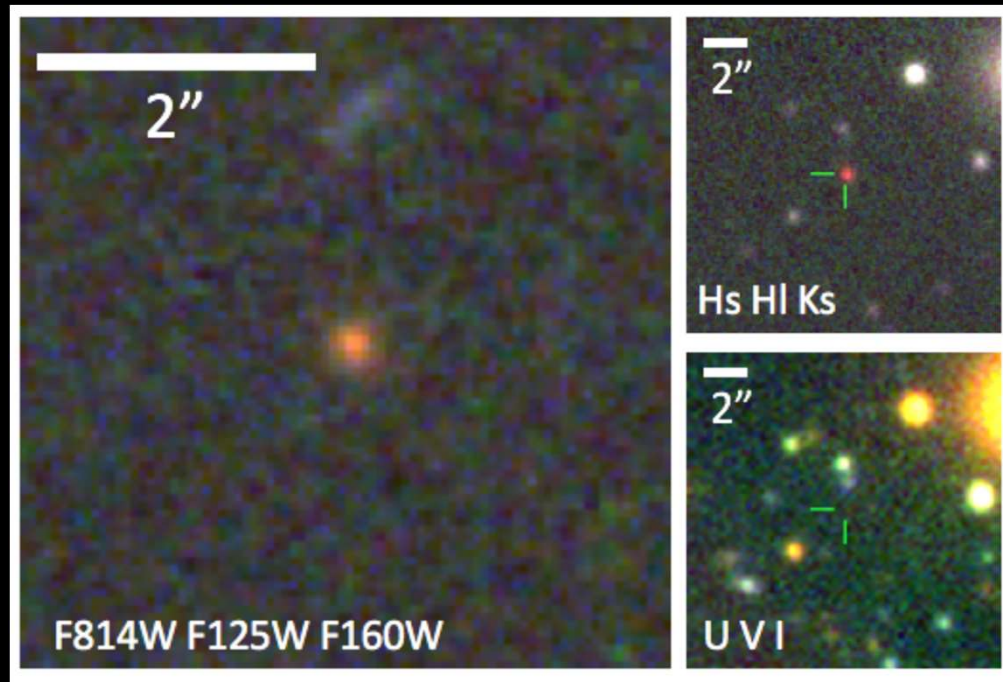
**MAORY+MICADO** the only instrument capable to study the structure (light profile) of primordial galaxies



# Compact star forming galaxies and massive spheroids



How do spheroids assemble their stellar mass ( $>5 \times 10^{10} M_{\text{sun}}$ ) and rapidly ( $<1$  Gyr) quench their star formation ?



Massive spheroid

$M > 10^{11} M_{\text{sun}}$

$R_e = 0.5$  kpc

High mass density  $\Sigma$

$z = 3.7$

age of the Universe 1.5 Gyr

Glazebrook et al. 2017, Nature  
(arxiv.01702)

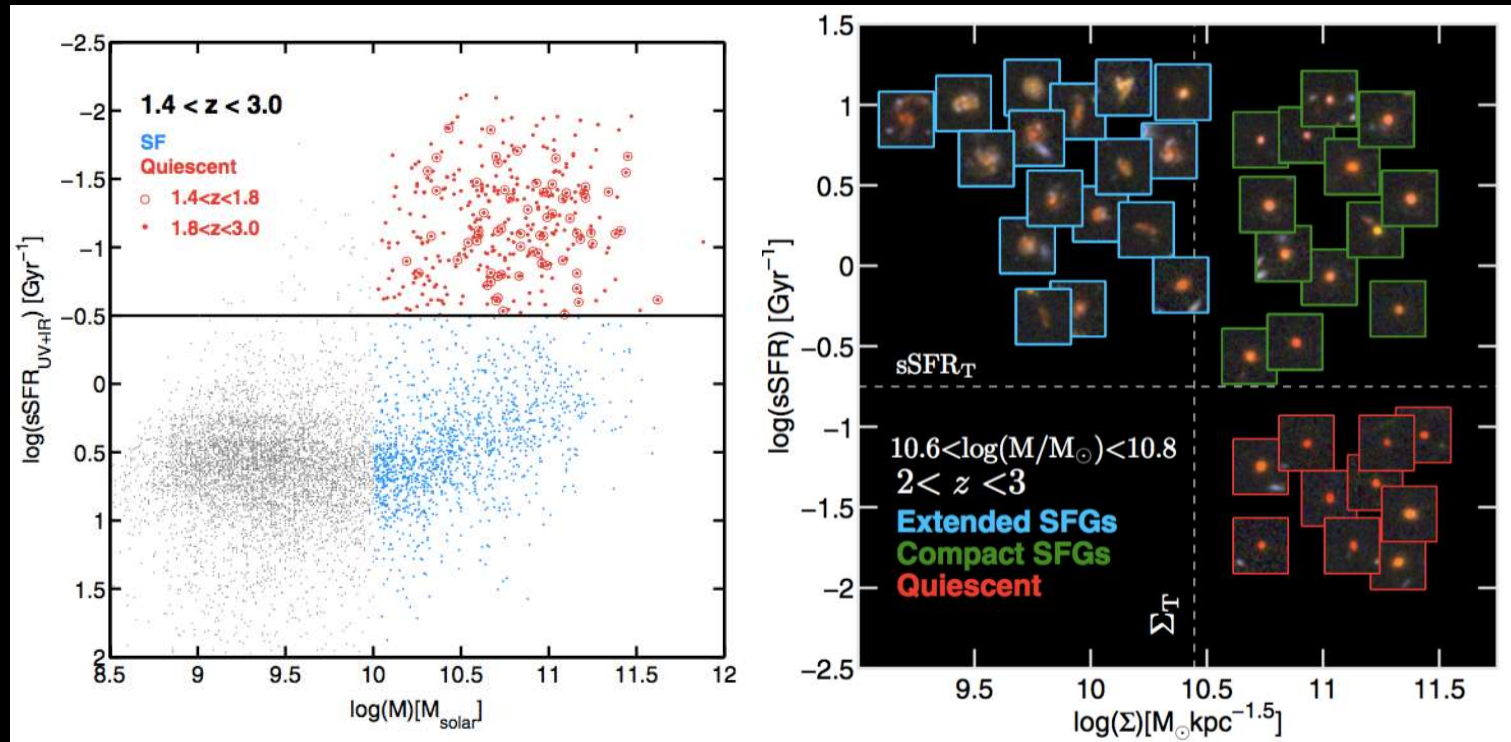
Who are the progenitors ?

What about their mass growth and quenching ?

# Compact star forming galaxies and massive spheroids



A population of compact star-forming galaxies with properties different from those of large SF systems



Barro+13,14, van Dokkum+15

Are compact star-forming galaxies the progenitors of massive dense spheroids ?

## Mass growth, quenching and galaxy central regions

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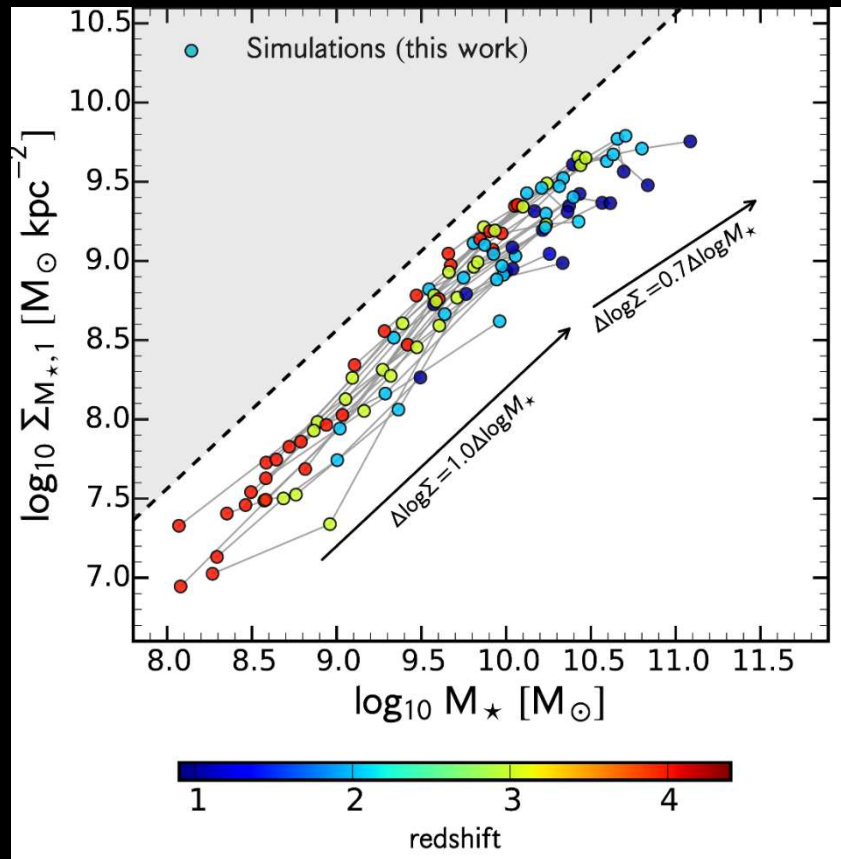
- What is that regulate mass growth and quenching in galaxies?
- What is the main process through which galaxies assemble their stellar mass? Internal star formation (in-situ) or accretion from external processes ?
- How does the quenching proceed ?

Models and observations seem to attribute a role to the galaxy central regions ( $<1\text{kpc}$ ) in regulating mass growth and quenching.

# Mass growth, quenching and galaxy central regions

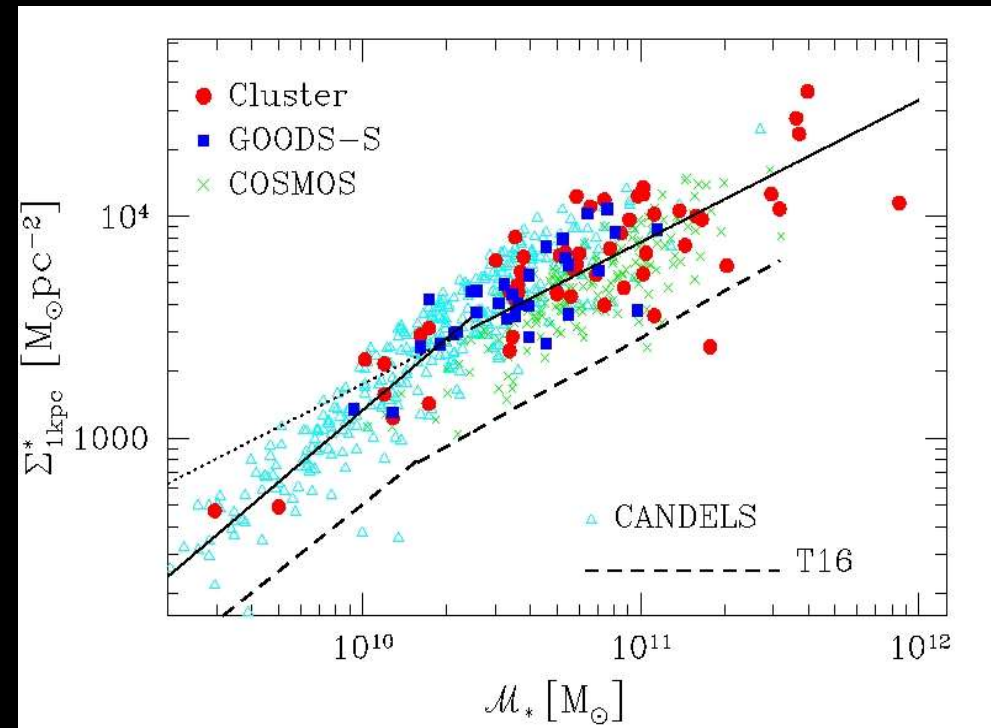


Central stellar mass density  $\Sigma_{1\text{kpc}}$  (<1kpc) < 0.1 arcsec at  $z > 1$



(Tacchella+16)

Early-type galaxies  $1.2 < z < 1.5$ .

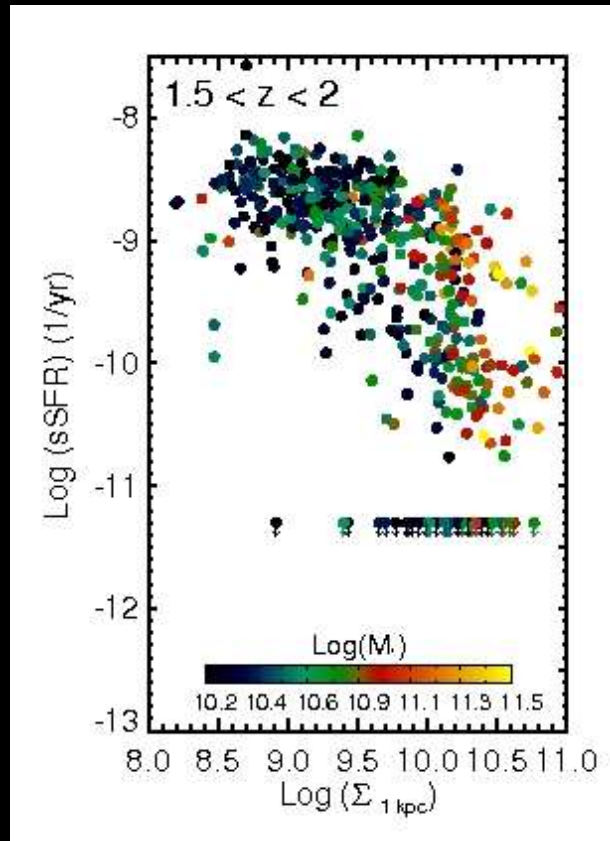


(Saracco+17)

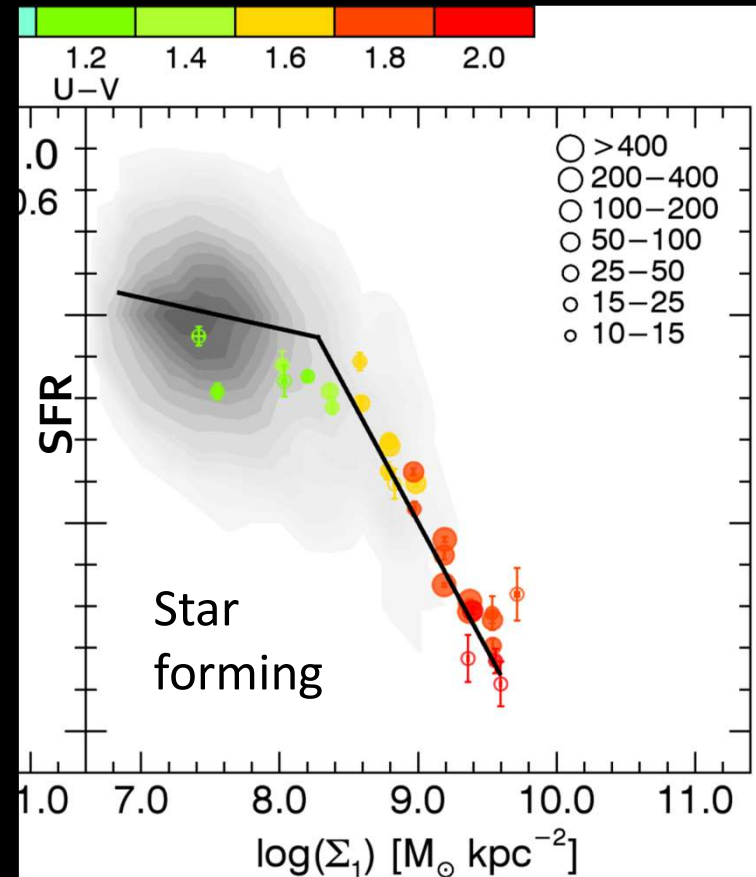
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Central stellar mass density  $\Sigma_{1\text{kpc}}$  ( $<1\text{kpc}$ )  $< 0.1$  arcsec at  $z>1$



(Mosleh+17)



(Whitaker+17)

Causality not yet established, some underlying process?



# Mass growth, quenching and galaxy central regions

## MAORY-MICADO

Spatial resolution  $<150$  pc ( $\sim 0.02''$ ) at  $z > 1$ .....

From J ( $\lambda_{\text{rest}} < 4000$  A at  $z \sim 2$ ) to K ( $\lambda_{\text{rest}} > 6000$  A)

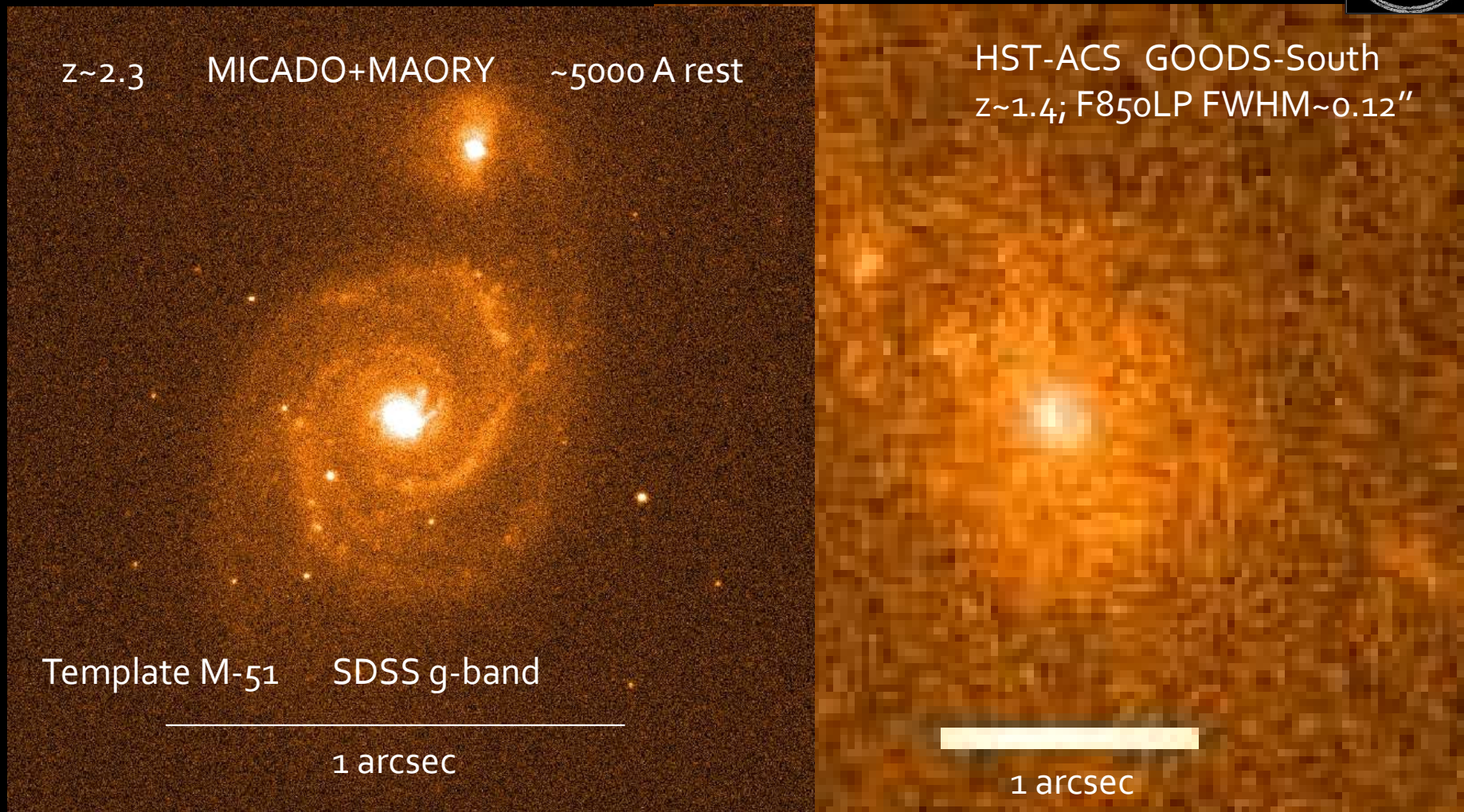
### Imaging

- Morphology and structure of **SF** and **quiescent** galaxies
- **Color profiles**: spatial distribution of the stellar populations.
- **Narrow-band**: spatial mapping of abs. features, stellar population properties (abs. features, e.g. Mgb 5173 A, D4000).  
Optimal targets: high-z proto-clusters/overdensities  
(**tunable filter**...unavailable!)

### Spectroscopy

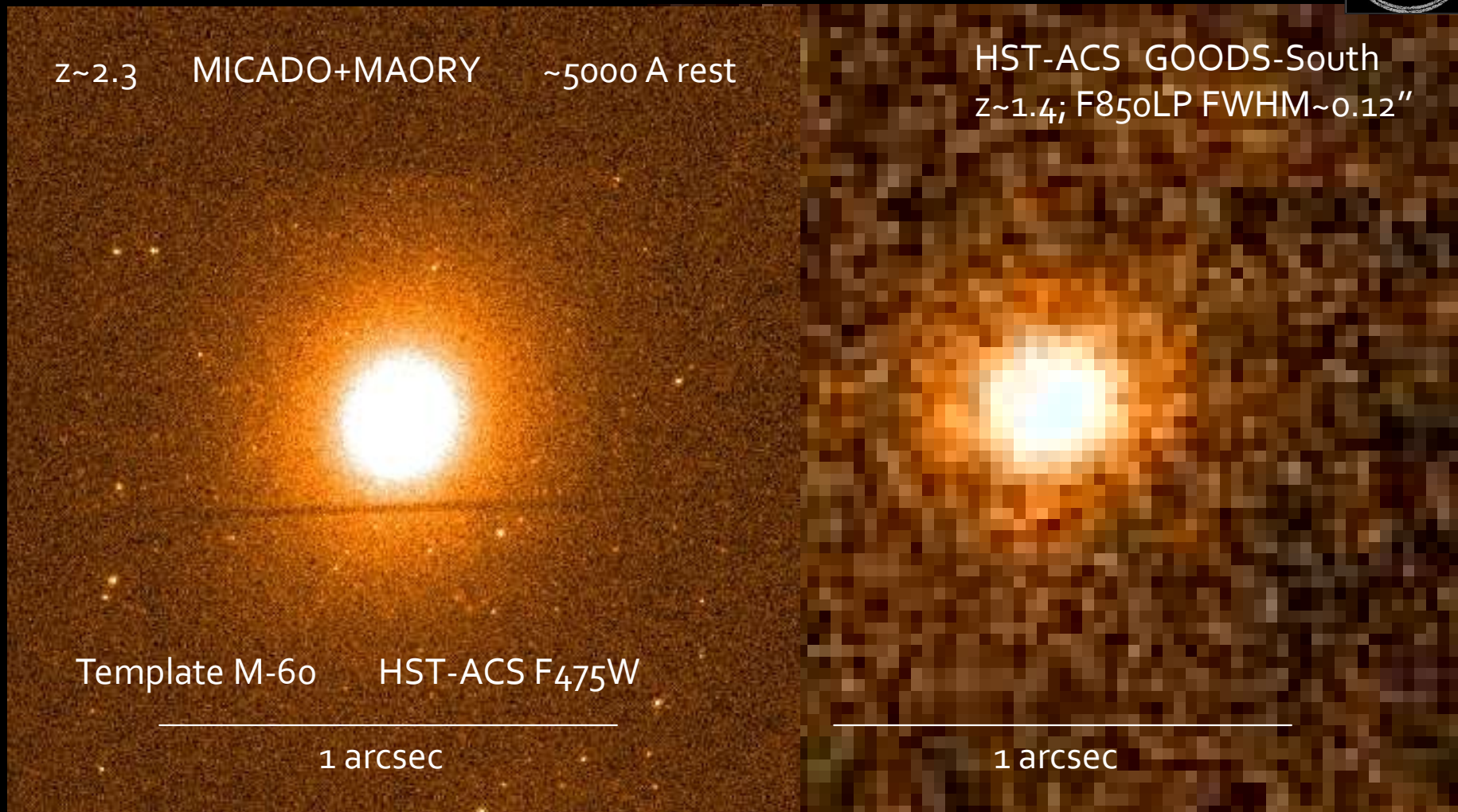
- Star formation history and chemical enrichment in the core of galaxies

# The central regions of galaxies seen by MAORY



Advanced Exposure Time Calculator (AETC; Falomo et. al. 2011)

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# From Dual to Binary SMBH

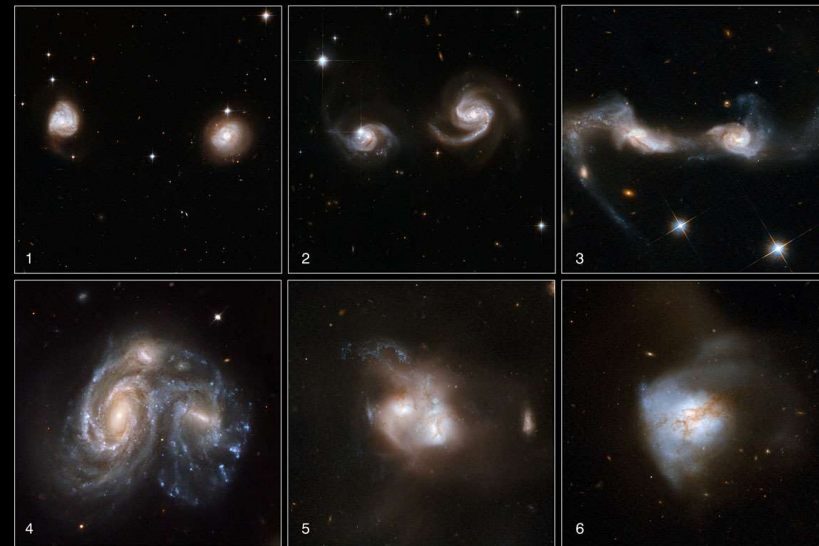
Almost all galaxies with spheroids have SMBH in their cores

Dual and Binary SMBHs are expected in a hierarchical Universe from mergers

### Stages of gravitational interaction:

- Galaxy pairs (tens kpc separation)
- Dual SMBH (kpc scale separation)
- **Binary SMBH (pc separation)**
- **Coalescence (sub-pc separation)**

GRAVITATIONAL WAVES



Encode crucial information about the assembly of galaxy bulges and SMBHs.

# From the observational point of view



- ✓ High resolution imaging to resolve the two active nuclei

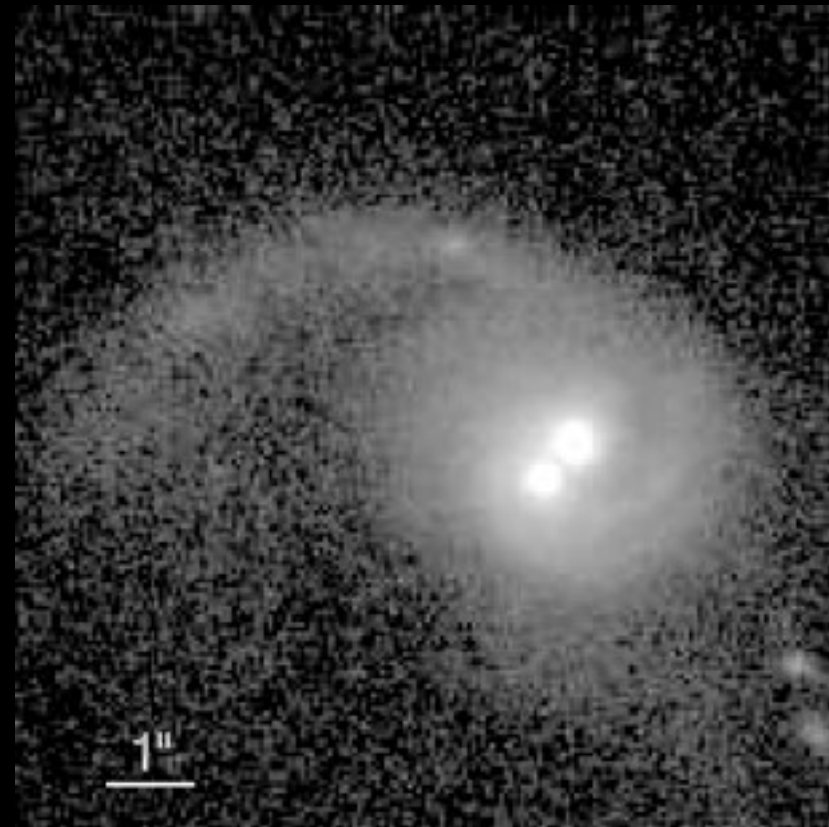
HST F814W ACS image of

J100043+020637

$z=0.36$

Two bright nuclei separated by

0,497" or 2.5 kpc



Comerford et al. 2009

# What we observe...



- Thousands of known galaxy pairs.
- Dozens of dual SMBH at kpc separation
- A few definitive sup-kpc (three?) all at  $z < 0.06$

Huge gap between observed and expected numbers!

# What we need ...

- High sensitivity, high spatial resolution NIR images  
(less affected by absorption effects at least up to  $z \sim 3$ )

MAORY-MICADO would allow to follow the merging phases  
almost up to the coalescence

# Extragalactic scientific issues

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- Structure of primordial galaxies
- Star forming regions/clumps in high-z galaxies
- The assembly of high redshift early-type galaxies.
- The central regions of high-z galaxies
- GCs detection in external galaxies and DM distribution.
- Dual to binary SM Black Holes in local and high-z Universe.
- Strong lensing with MAORY
- The early universe with Gamma Ray Bursts
- .....

**MAORY-MICADO will probe the Universe at  
unprecedented resolution.**

Thank you!