



#### JWST and the ELTs Bruno Leibundgut





# Astrophysics in a Golden Age

- Full coverage the of electro-magnetic spectrum
  - $-10^{-8} \text{ eV} < \text{E}_{v} < 100 \text{ TeV}$
  - $-10m > \lambda > 10^{-20}m$
  - MAGIC/HESS/VERITAS → Fermi/INTEGRAL → XMM/Chandra/ Swift/Rossi XTE → Galex → HST → ground-based optical/IR → Spitzer/WISE → Herschel → WMAP/Planck → IRAM/JCMT/APEX/ SMA/ALMA → radio telescopes/LOFAR
  - Large archive collections (e.g. ROSAT, ISO, ESO, HST, MAST)
- Astro-particles joining in
  - –cosmic rays, neutrinos, gravitational waves, dark matter searches

# Fantastic opportunities

Adapted from the Astronet Science Vision Report

# Astrophysics in a Golden Age

- International Year of Astronomy
  - Fantastic boost in the public
  - Increased awareness
  - Strong public support
  - Continued interest
    - Connected to the 'big' questions
    - Where do we come from?
    - What is our future?



Exploring the Cosmic Frontiers Astrophysical Facilities for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

- Conference in Berlin 2004
- Talks available at
  <u>http://www.mpifr-bonn.mpg.de/berlin04/program.html</u>
- Fantastic opportunities discussed
- What can be realized?
  - At that time OWL was still the ESO ELT project
  - XEUS/ConX →IXO
  - Darwin?
- What can we afford?



#### Proven success

- ESO, Keck, Gemini, Subaru and HST contributed to nearly 1900 refereed papers together every year.
- Between 2000 and 2009 (when all were in operations) 15500 refereed papers have

been published.



#### **Research themes**

- Similar for most observatories
- Defined in several community fora
  - Astronet Science Vision and Roadmap
  - ESA Cosmic Vision initiative
  - National decadal surveys
  - Special publications
    - ESA-ESO working group reports
    - Specific fields (e.g. Connecting quarks with the Cosmos)





## Science themes

- What matters in the universe?
- Planets, planets, planets
- How did stars and planets form?
- The Milky Way our Home
- Our own black hole
- How do galaxies form and evolve?
- Fashions and other transients
- When opportunity knocks

# Synergies

- ALMA as partner of the ELTs
- 8m telescopes
- Surveys
- Archives



## The telescope landscape

There are many large optical and infrared telescopes

Telescope diameter	In operation	Construction or Planned
d>10m	4	
7m < d < 10m	9	LSST
5m < d < 7m	6	JWST
3m < d < 5m	16	VISTA, LAMOST, Discovery Telescope

• 3 telescope planned with d>20m

## Further complementarities

- Follow up of imaging surveys
  - UKIDSS, VST, VISTA, LSST/PanSTARRS
  - ESA Cosmic Vision → EUCLID/PLATO
- Follow up of sources detected at other wavelengths
  - Herschel, Fermi, XMM/Chandra, JWST, eROSITA
- ALMA/SMA follow-up/complement

#### Status of the E-ELT

- Council decision on site pending
  - The site selection advisory committee presented a preference for Armazones
- Design Phase being finished
- Construction proposal to be presented to the ESO committees (STC, Finance, Council) in the second half of the year
- External review of the construction proposal (September)
- Construction proposal to be submitted to Council for decision at the December 2010 meeting

## ESO's goals for the next years

- Best science from La Silla Paranal Observatory
  - Second generation instruments (VLT/VLTI)
  - Key surveys with VST and VISTA
  - Long-term programs for unique science on La Silla
  - Prepare for ALMA science with APEX
- Deliver ALMA on time and budget
- Design world-leading E-ELT, and secure funding for construction and operations

