

# Setting the scene: the VLTI in (2001, 2011 and) 2016

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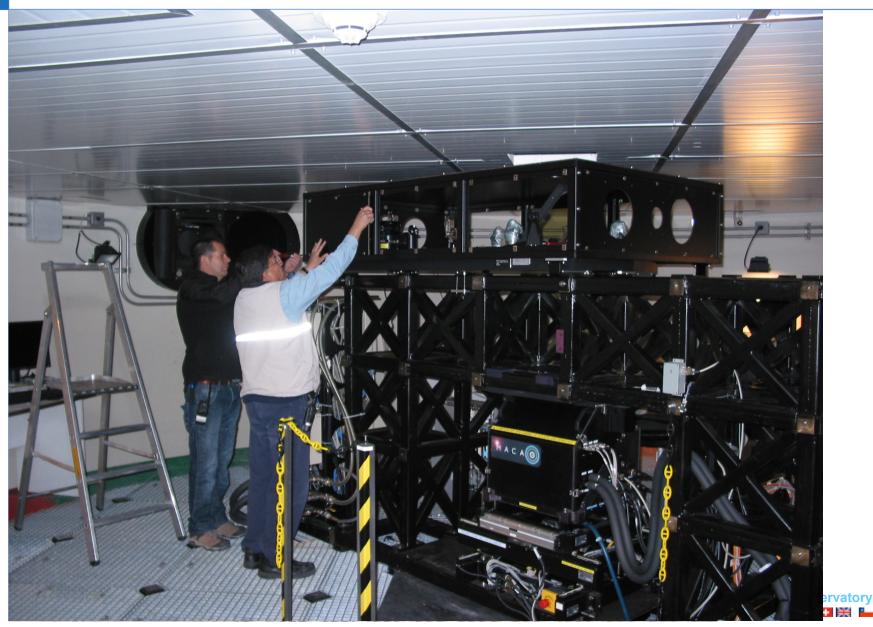


# The VLTI in 2001 and today





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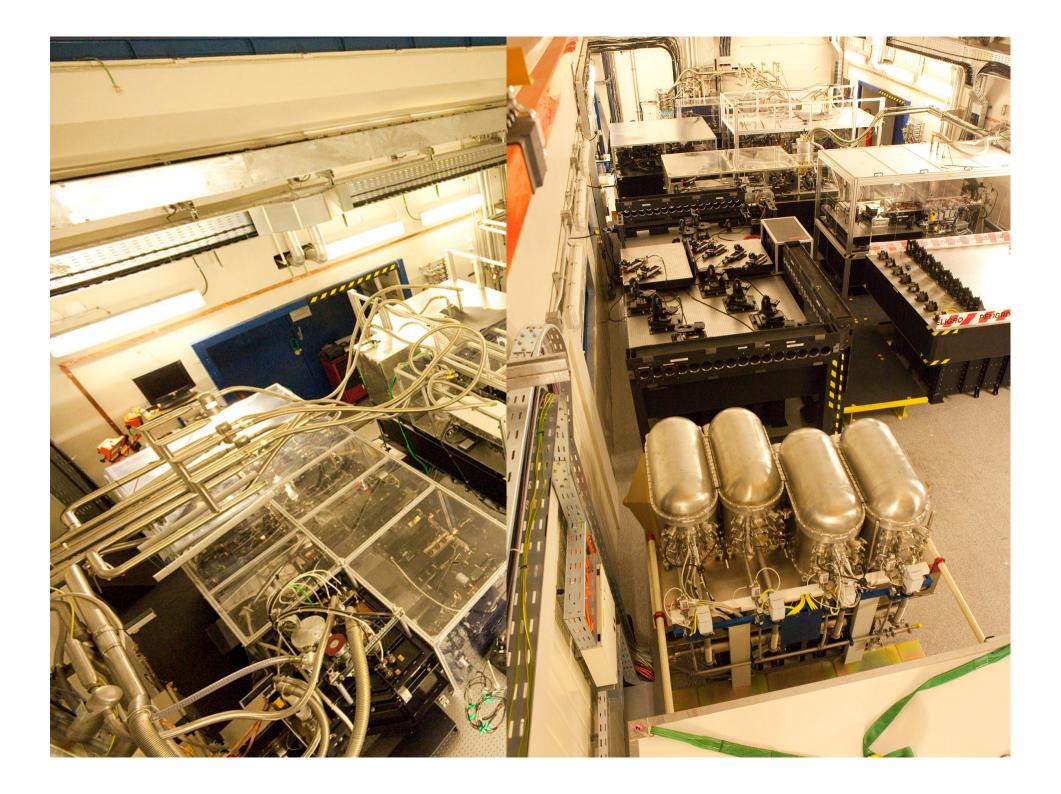




## The VLTI before 2001 and today







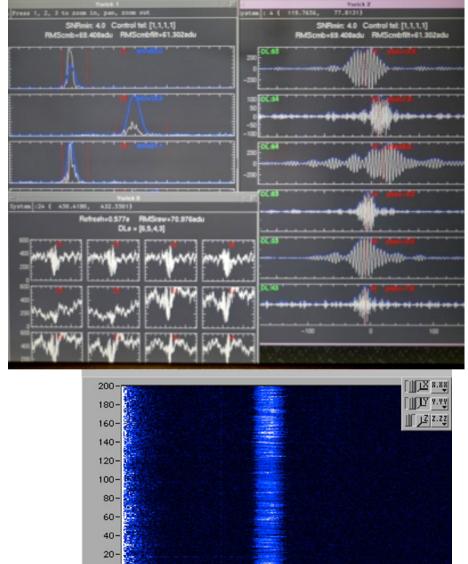


VLTI in 2001 and today

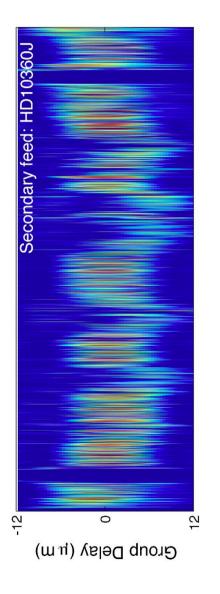


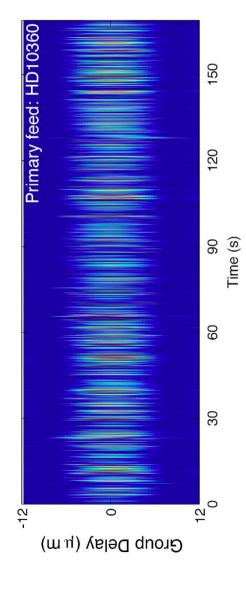


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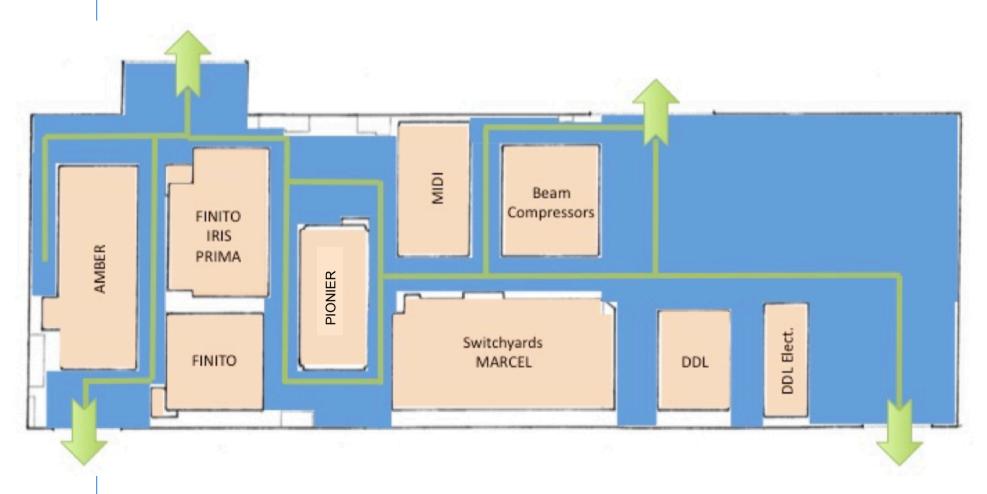
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#### The VLTI Laboratory today







#### The VLTI Laboratory in 2016







#### The VLTI in 2016

- 4 UTs with MACAO adaptive optics, hopefully "limited vibrations" (~250-300nm rms per baseline), with or without dual-feed (PRIMA)
- 4 ATs with NAOMI adaptive optics (diffraction limited images also with bad seeing down to J-H-bands), with or without dual-feed (PRIMA)
- Matisse: 4 telescopes, L-N bands, imaging
- Gravity: 4 telescopes, K band, astrometry & imaging
- AMBER: 3 telescopes, J-H-K bands
- PACMAN: 2 telescopes, astrometry, K band
- DDLs for off-axis 4 telescopes
- off-axis fringe tracker for 4 beams
- IRIS for 4 on-axis beams + IRIS2 for 4 off-axis beams
- PIONIER++ ??





#### The VLTI in 2025 ??

