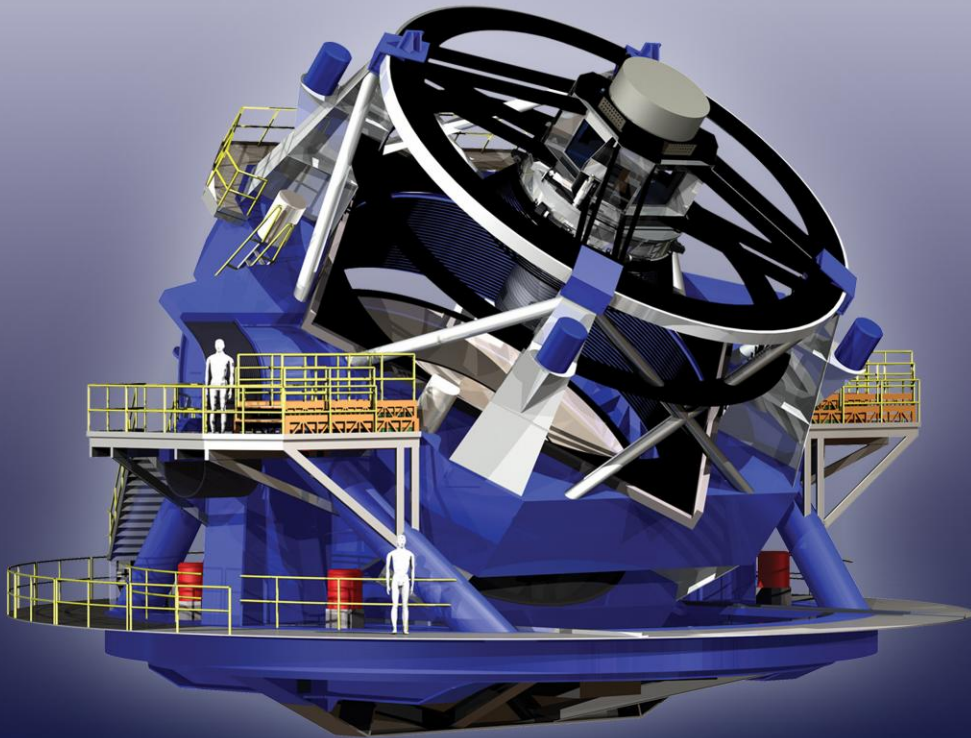


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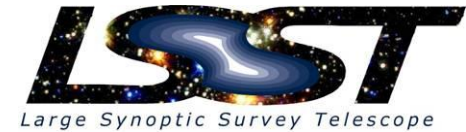
## Large Synoptic Survey Telescope



R. Van Berg  
January 18, 2011

# Synoptic?

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- syn·op·tic (s-nptk) also **syn·op·ti·cal** (-t-kl)*adj.*
- **1.** Of or constituting a synopsis; presenting a summary of the principal parts or a general view of the whole.

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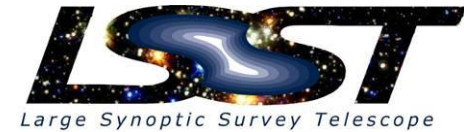
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# Decadal Survey

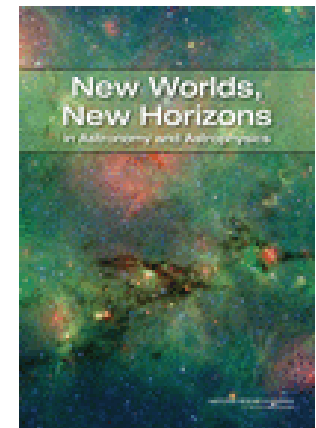
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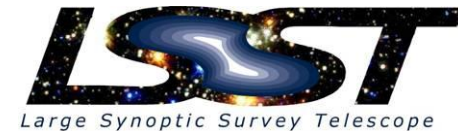
“The committee recommends that LSST be submitted immediately for NSF's Major Research Equipment and Facilities Construction (MREFC) consideration with a view to achieving first light before the end of the decade.

The top rank accorded to LSST is a result of (1) its compelling science case and capacity to address so many of the science goals of this survey and (2) its readiness for submission to the MREFC process as informed by its technical maturity, the survey's assessment of risk, and appraised construction and operations costs. Having made considerable progress in terms of its readiness since the 2001 survey, the committee judged that LSST was the most ready-to-go.”

August 13, 2010



# The LSST Project – $\sim \pi \times \$10^8$



- Telescope & Site

- Telescope Mount

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- Mirrors (M1, M2, M3)

- Observatory + base facility +....

- Data Management

- Data movement, storage, analysis

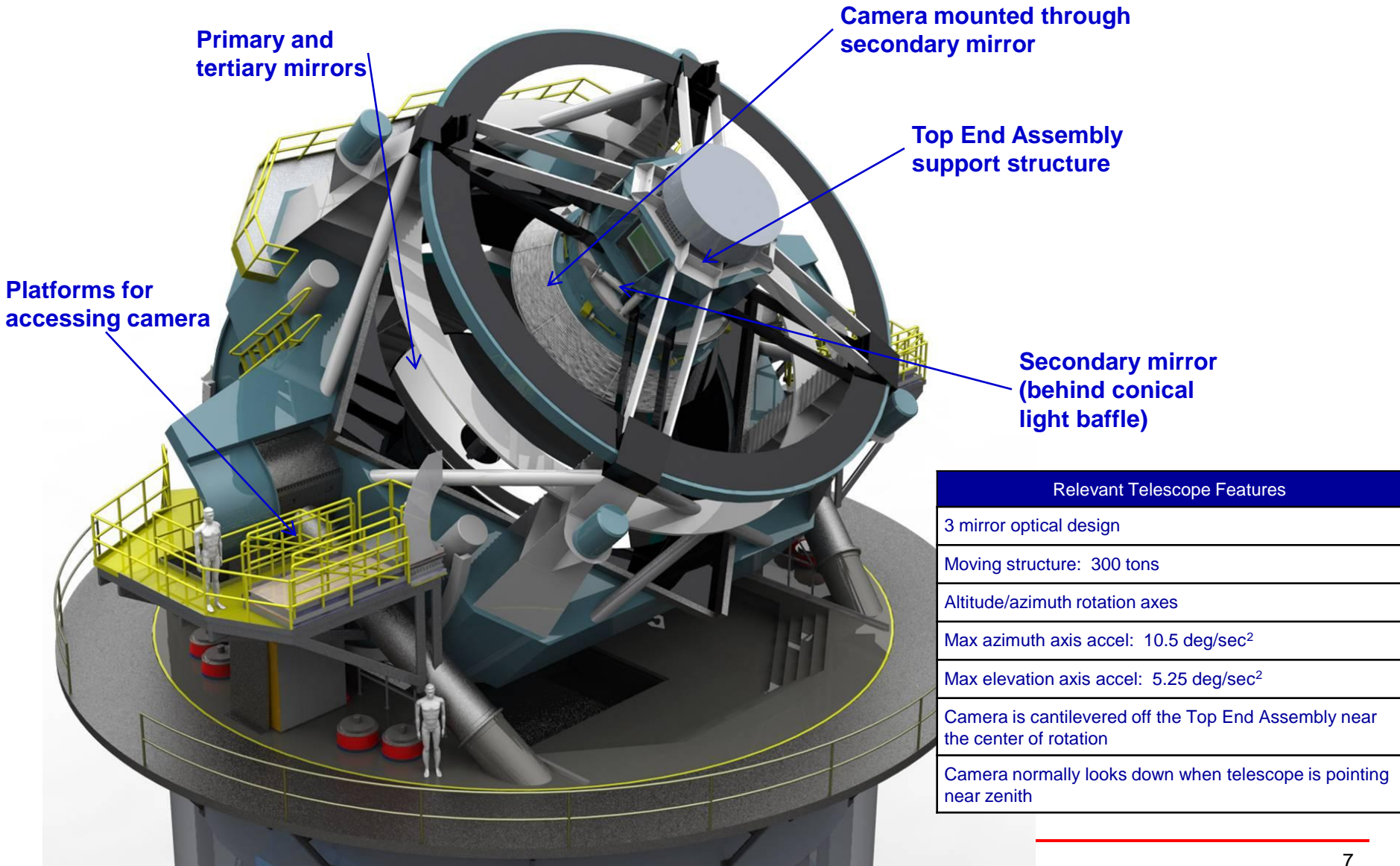
- Camera

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- Lenses, filters, sensors, electronics, etc.



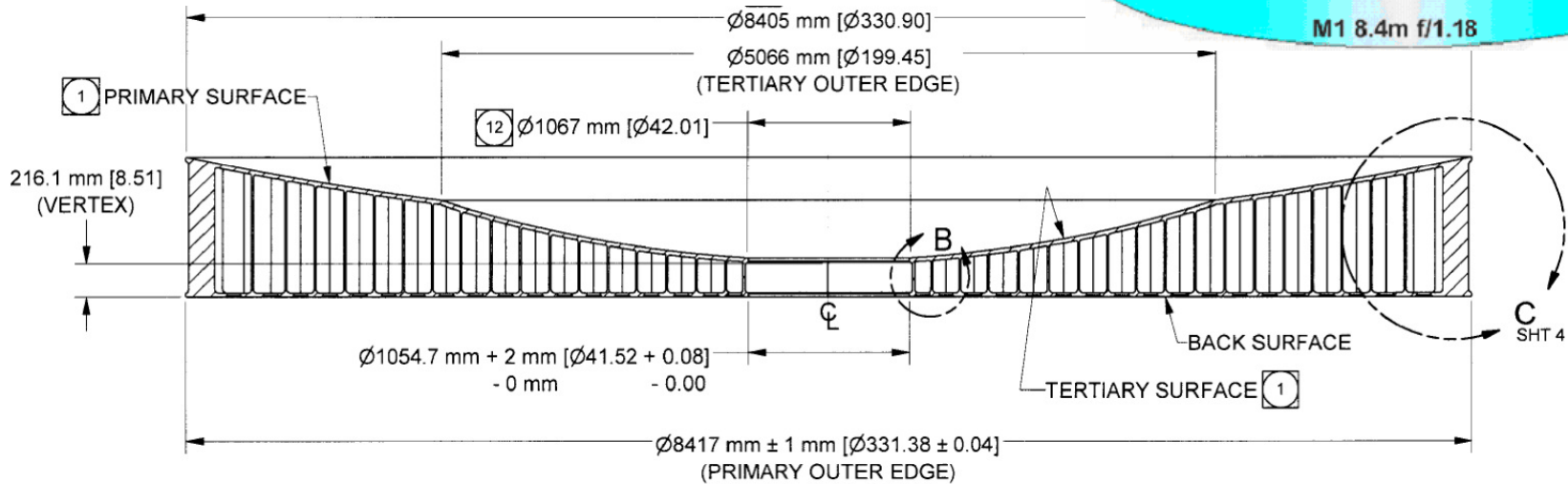
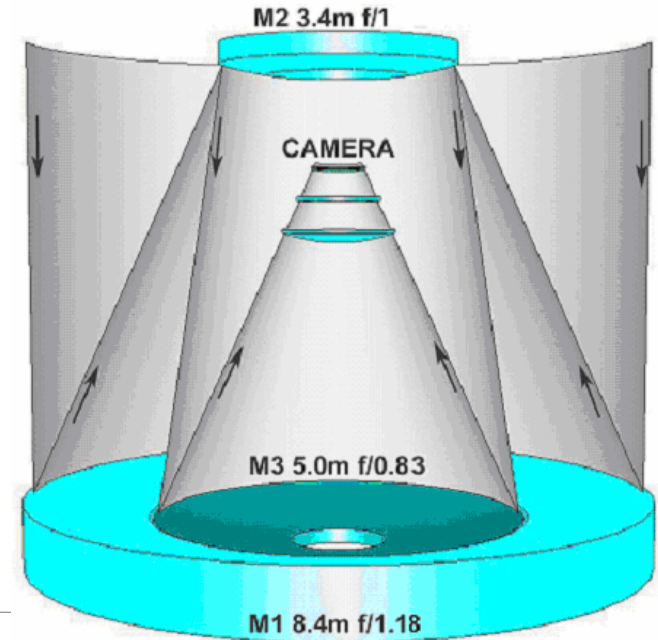
# The LSST Telescope



Relevant Telescope Features
3 mirror optical design
Moving structure: 300 tons
Altitude/azimuth rotation axes
Max azimuth axis accel: 10.5 deg/sec <sup>2</sup>
Max elevation axis accel: 5.25 deg/sec <sup>2</sup>
Camera is cantilevered off the Top End Assembly near the center of rotation
Camera normally looks down when telescope is pointing near zenith

# Telescope Optics

- $f/1.23$
- $< 0.20$  arcsec FWHM images in six bands:  
0.3 - 1  $\mu\text{m}$
- 3.5 FOV
- Etendue = 319  $\text{m}^2\text{deg}^2$

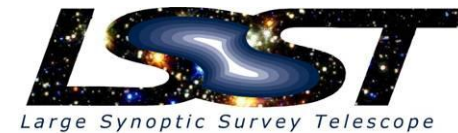




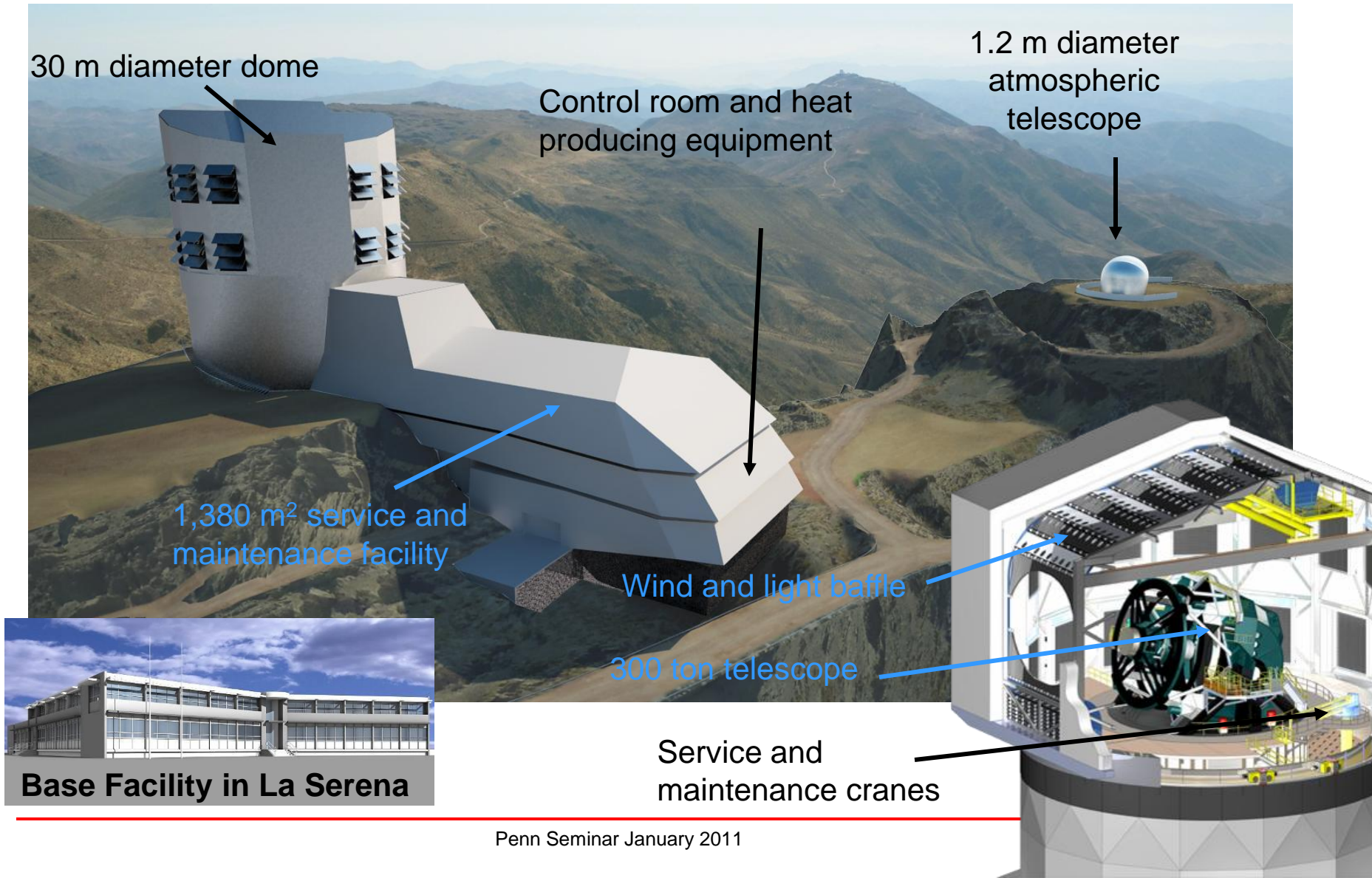
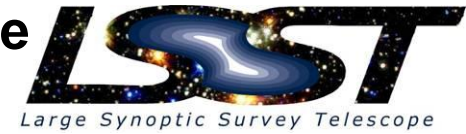
# Primary/Tertiary Mirror (in fabrication)



# Large machinery, large piece of glass, nm precision



# The Telescope and Site includes the summit and base facilities, telescope system, & calibration hardware



30 m diameter dome

Control room and heat producing equipment

1.2 m diameter atmospheric telescope

1,380 m<sup>2</sup> service and maintenance facility

Wind and light baffle

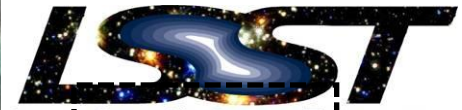
300 ton telescope

Service and maintenance cranes



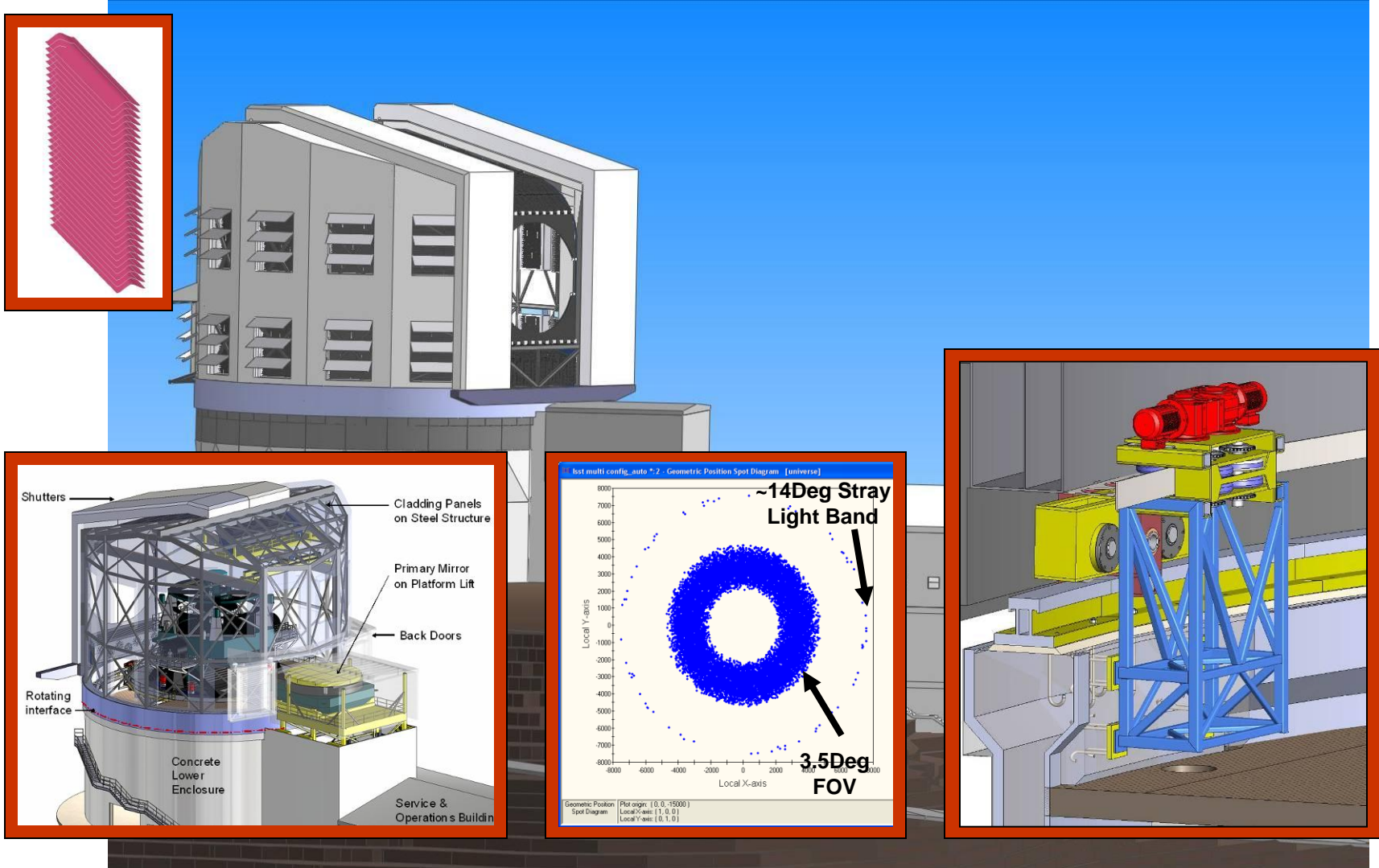
**Base Facility in La Serena**

# The site has been chosen on Cerro Pachón, Chile





# Telescope Dome – an interesting set of challenges





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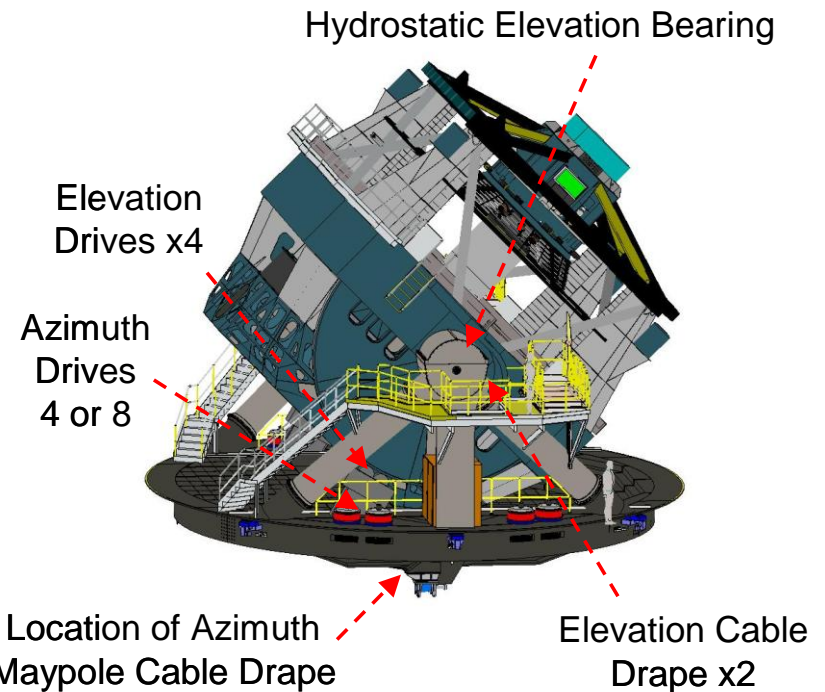
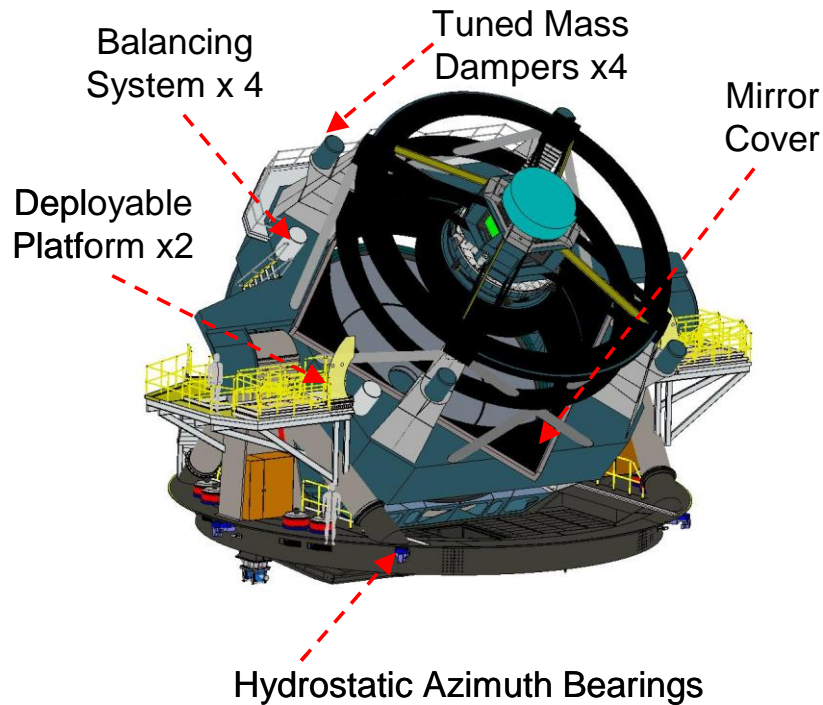
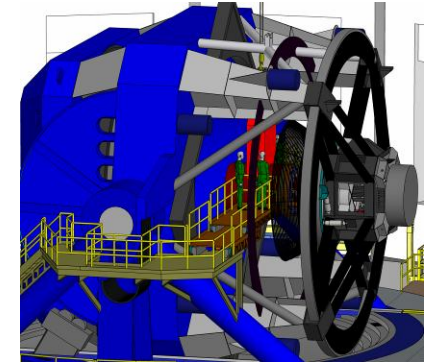
# Telescope Mount

Moving structure: 300 tons

Drive power: 450 hp

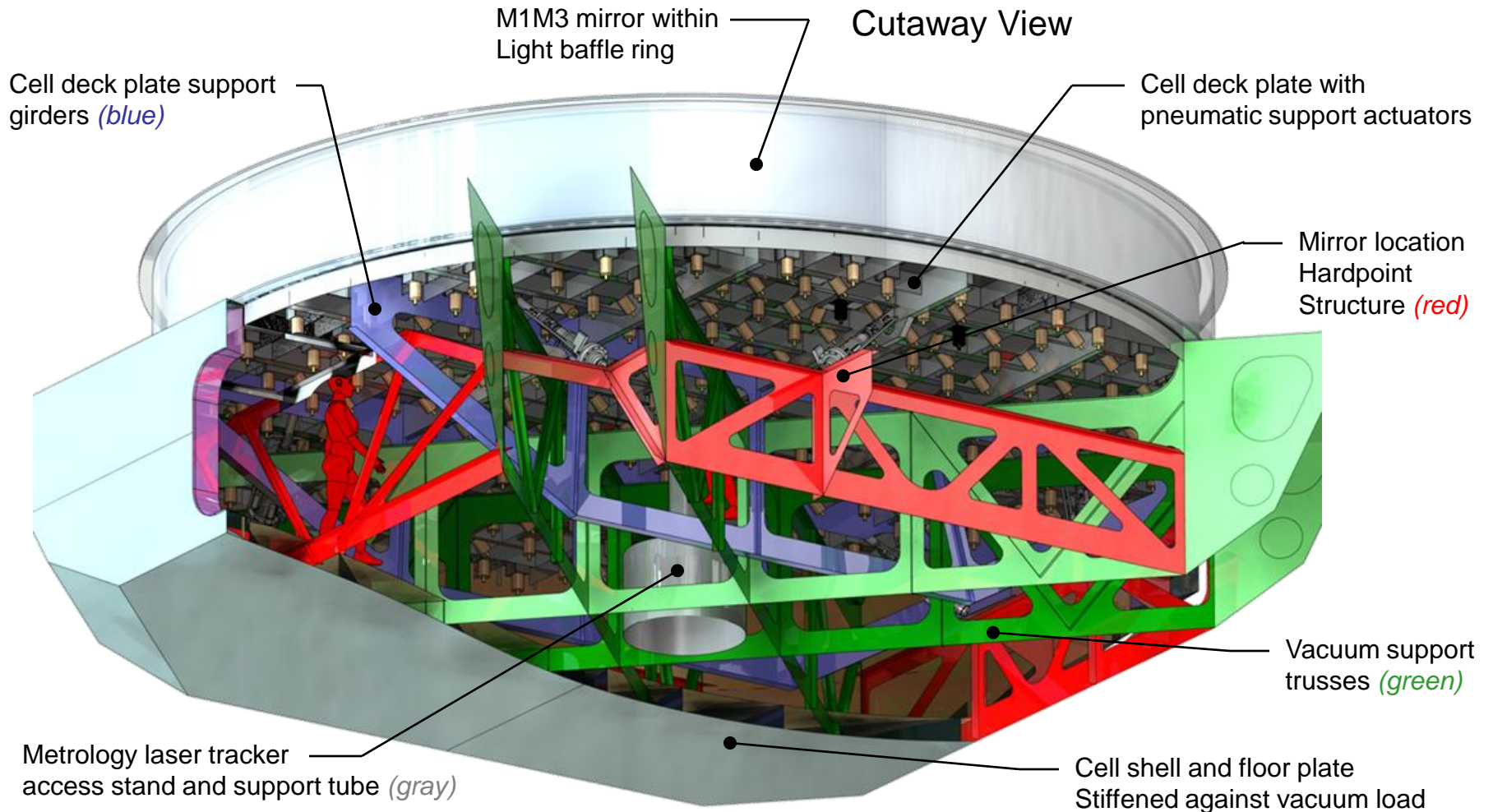
Damping: Tuned masses raise damping to 5%

First Frequency: 8.2 hz (loaded structure on bearings, pier, and summit rock)

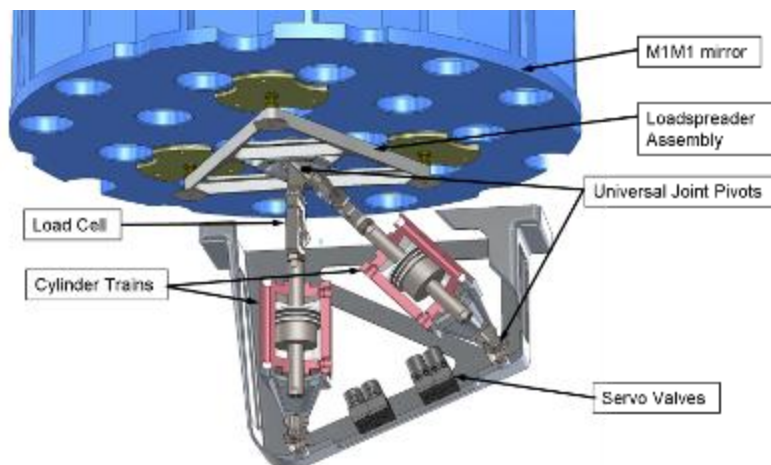




# M1M3 System



# Mirror supports and actuators



# M2 Substrate purchased and completed by Corning using LSST non-federal funding



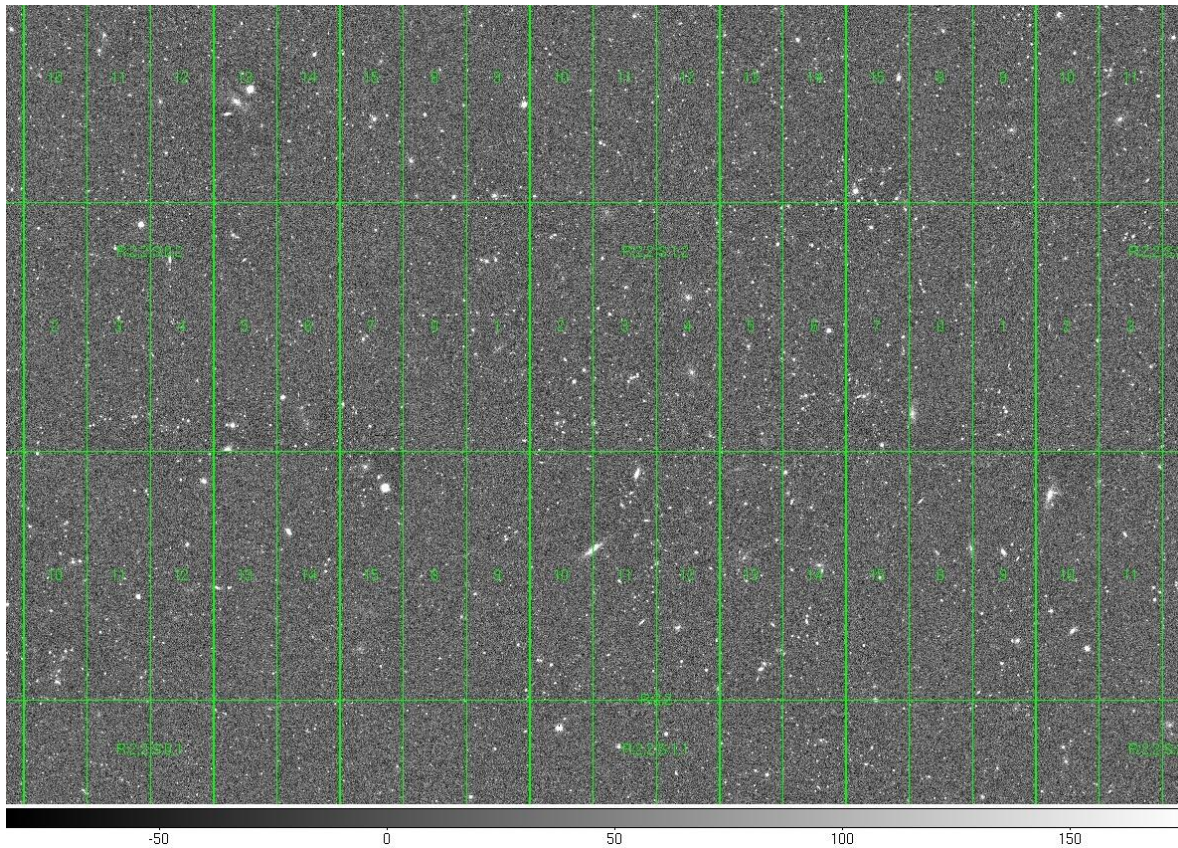


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- Data from Camera –
  - 3 GigaPixels, 2 Bytes/Pixel = 6GB – every 18 s (no “Trigger”!!!)
  - 1200 GB / hour → 12 TB / observing night (ATLAS ~ 16TB/day)
- However, LSST must do fast alerts to Astronomical Community!  
Image stream from camera generates real-time transient alerts
  - Difference image based
  - 60s latency, requires ~37 TFLOPS
- Process entire survey data annually to produce a Data Release
  - Self consistent set of data products, all w/same algorithms
  - Full survey depth to SRD requirements
  - 68 PB images in survey year 10, requires ~ 300 TFLOPS
- Produce calibration data products needed by above
  - Support challenging SRD photometry requirements

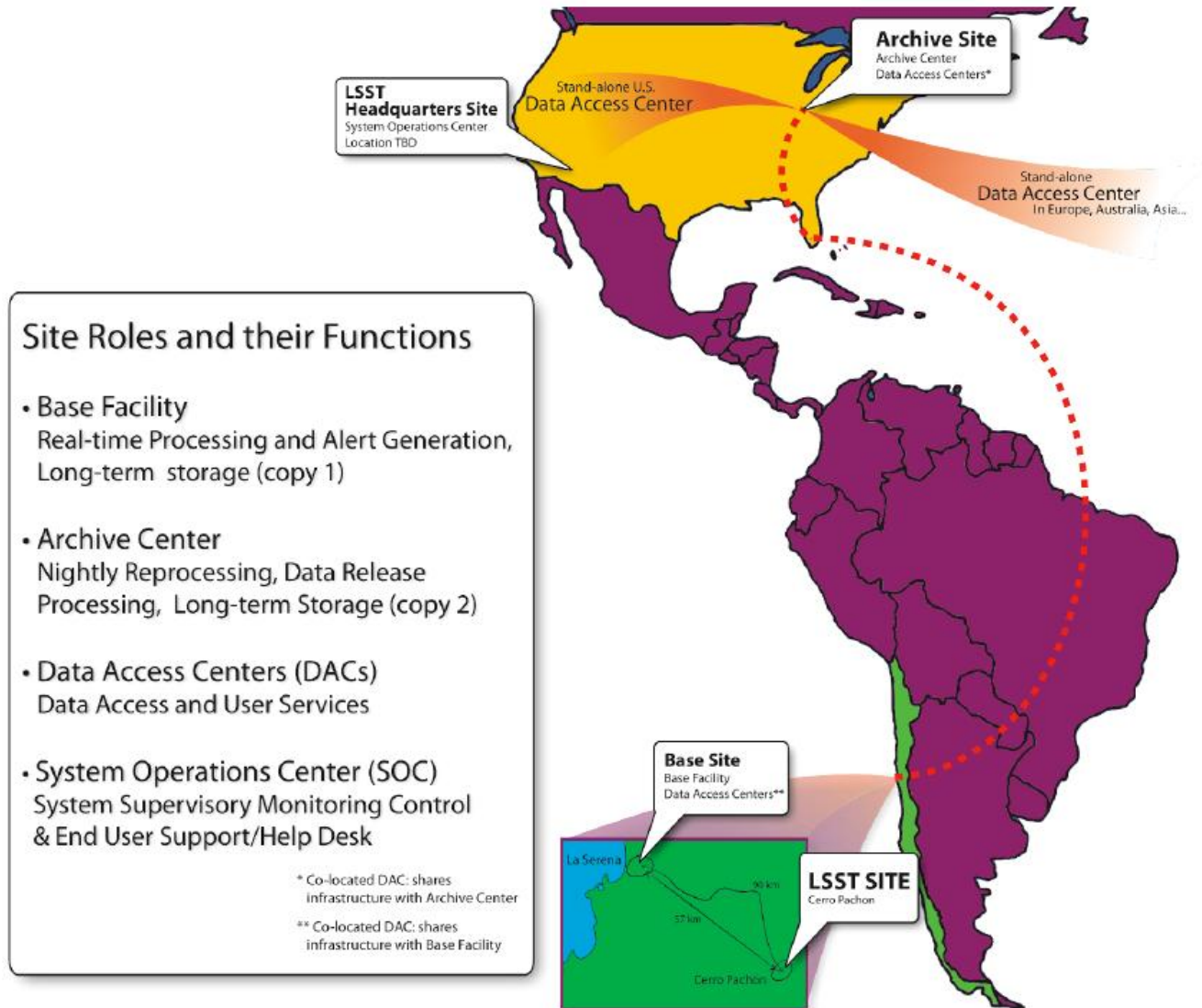
# Data Management II

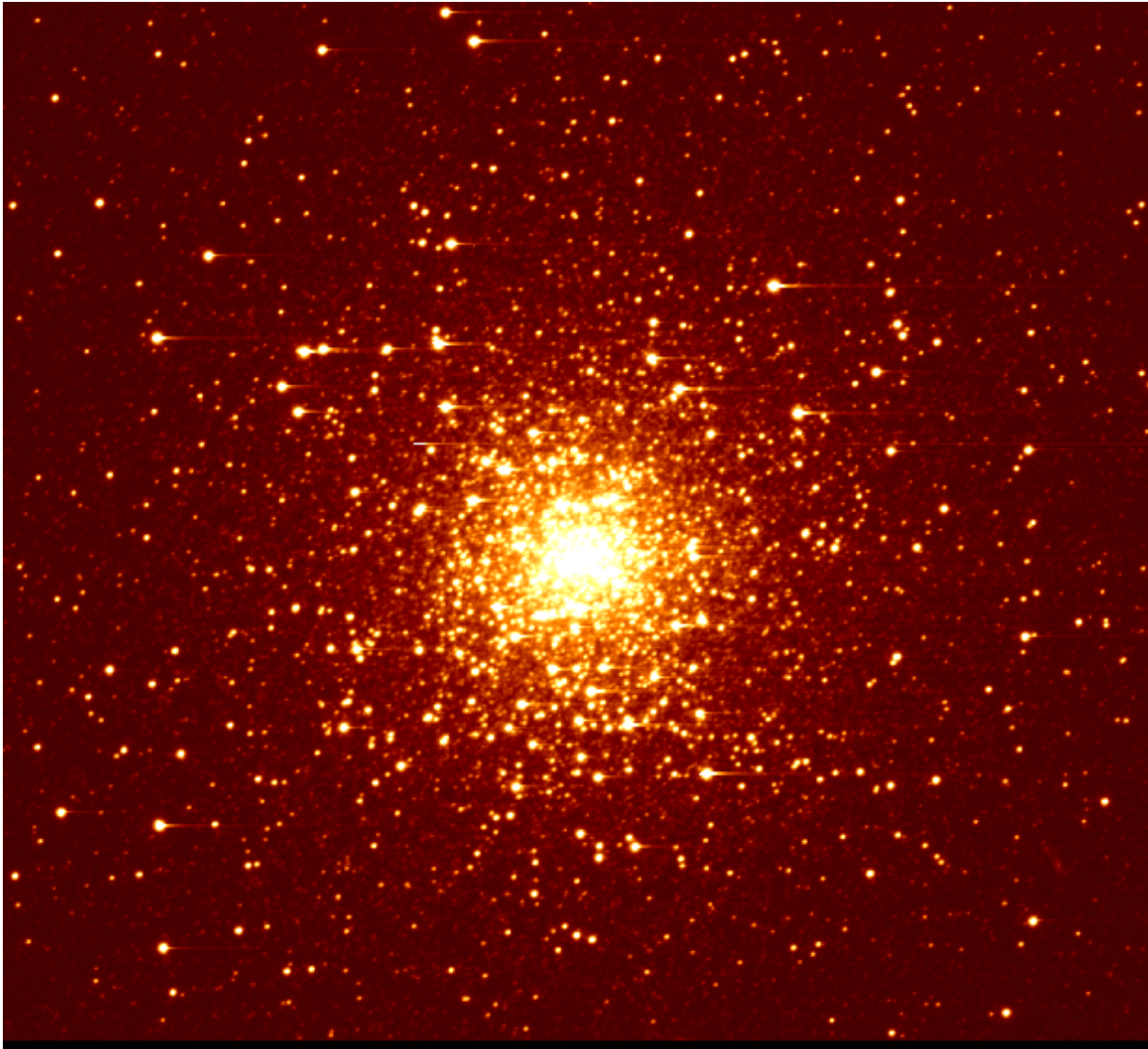
- Make data available to scientists, with enough processing cycles and support to make it useful
  - ~57 TFLOPS, 13 PB storage dedicated for users



Processed from single full Imsim focalplane, binned 4x4, with the markings for the individual amplifiers, ccds.

# Data Management World View



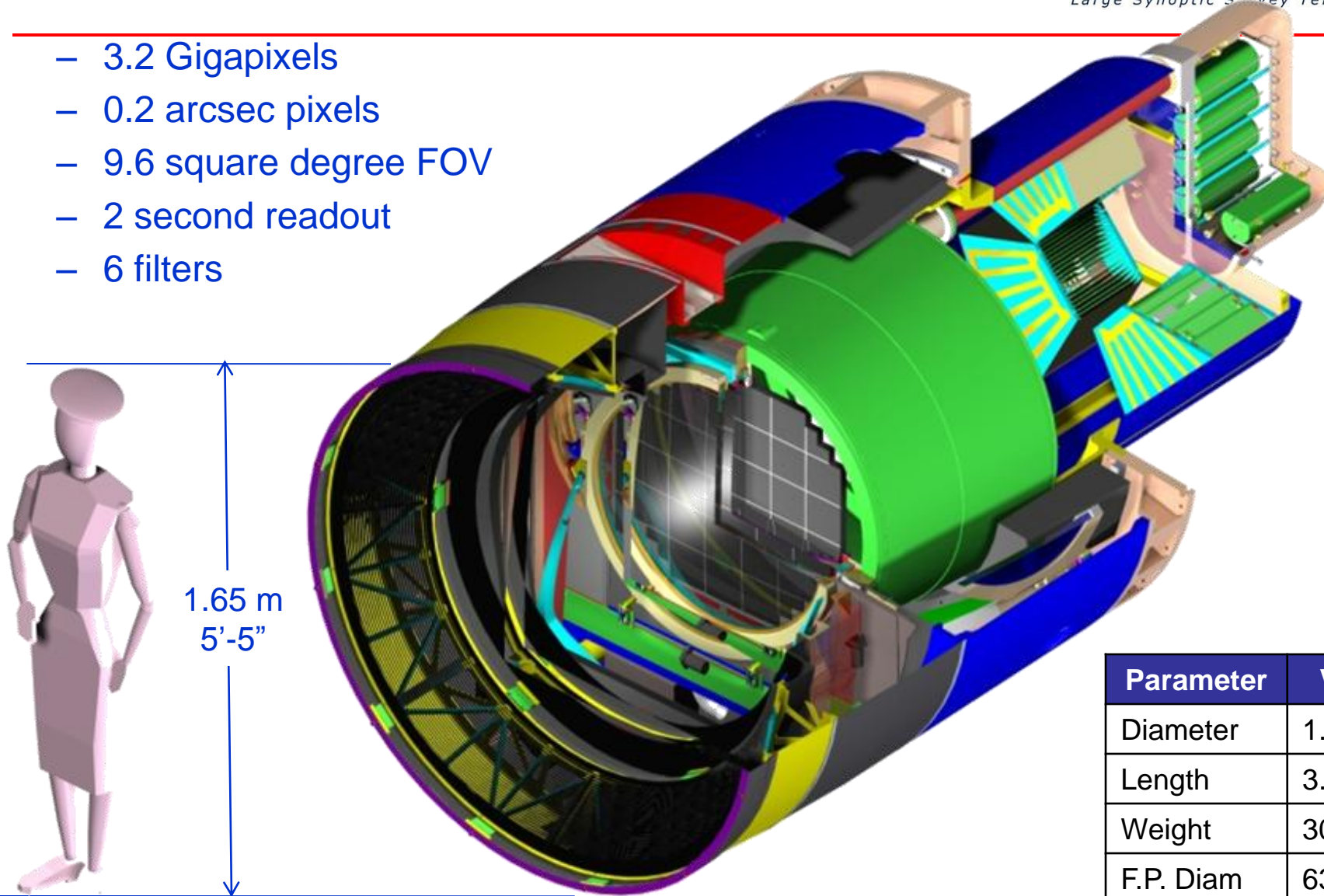


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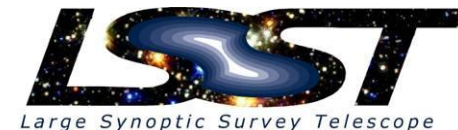
# The Camera.....

- 3.2 Gigapixels
- 0.2 arcsec pixels
- 9.6 square degree FOV
- 2 second readout
- 6 filters



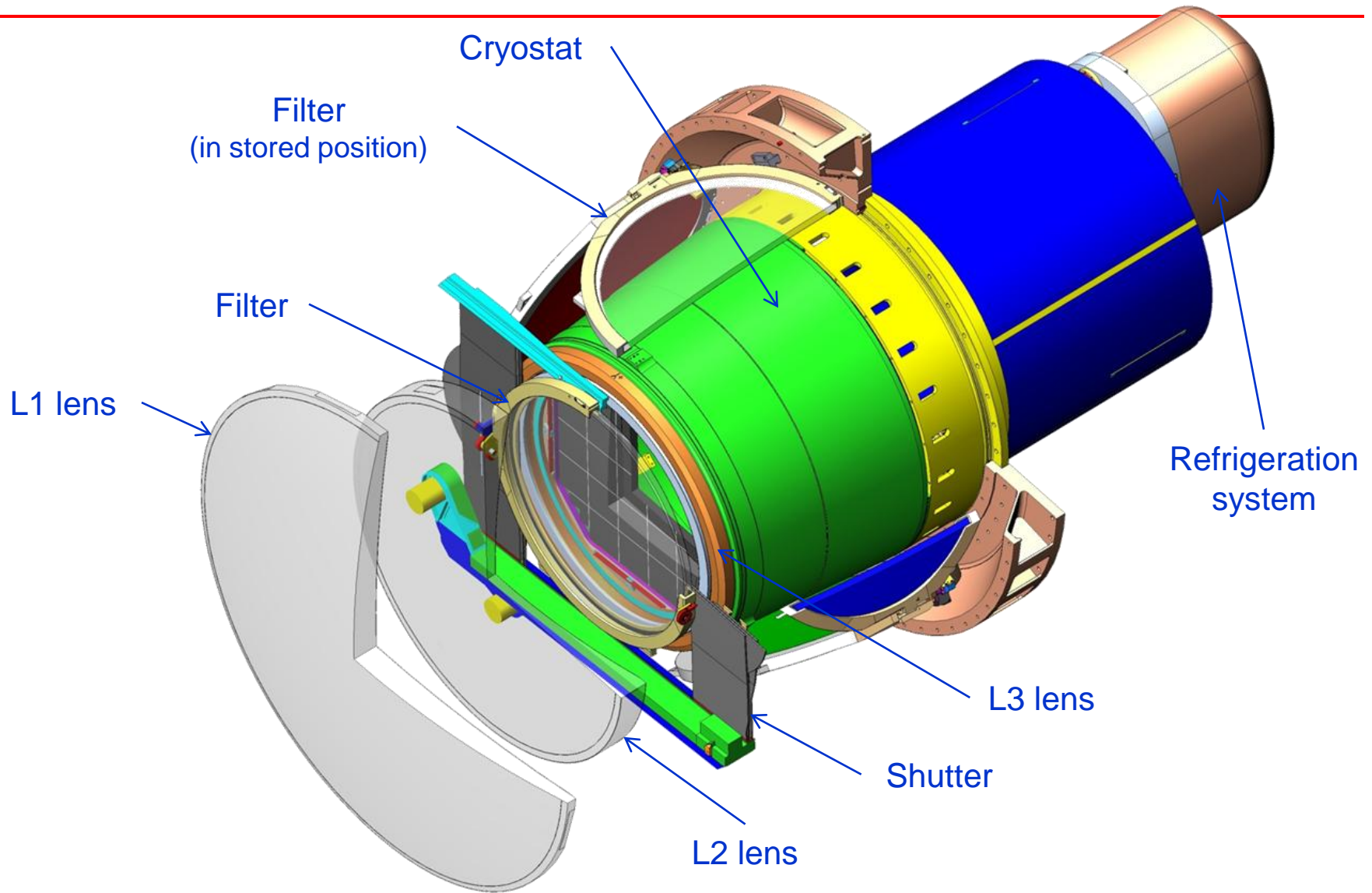
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Length	3.7 m
Weight	3000 kg
F.P. Diam	634 mm

# Unique technical challenges drive camera design

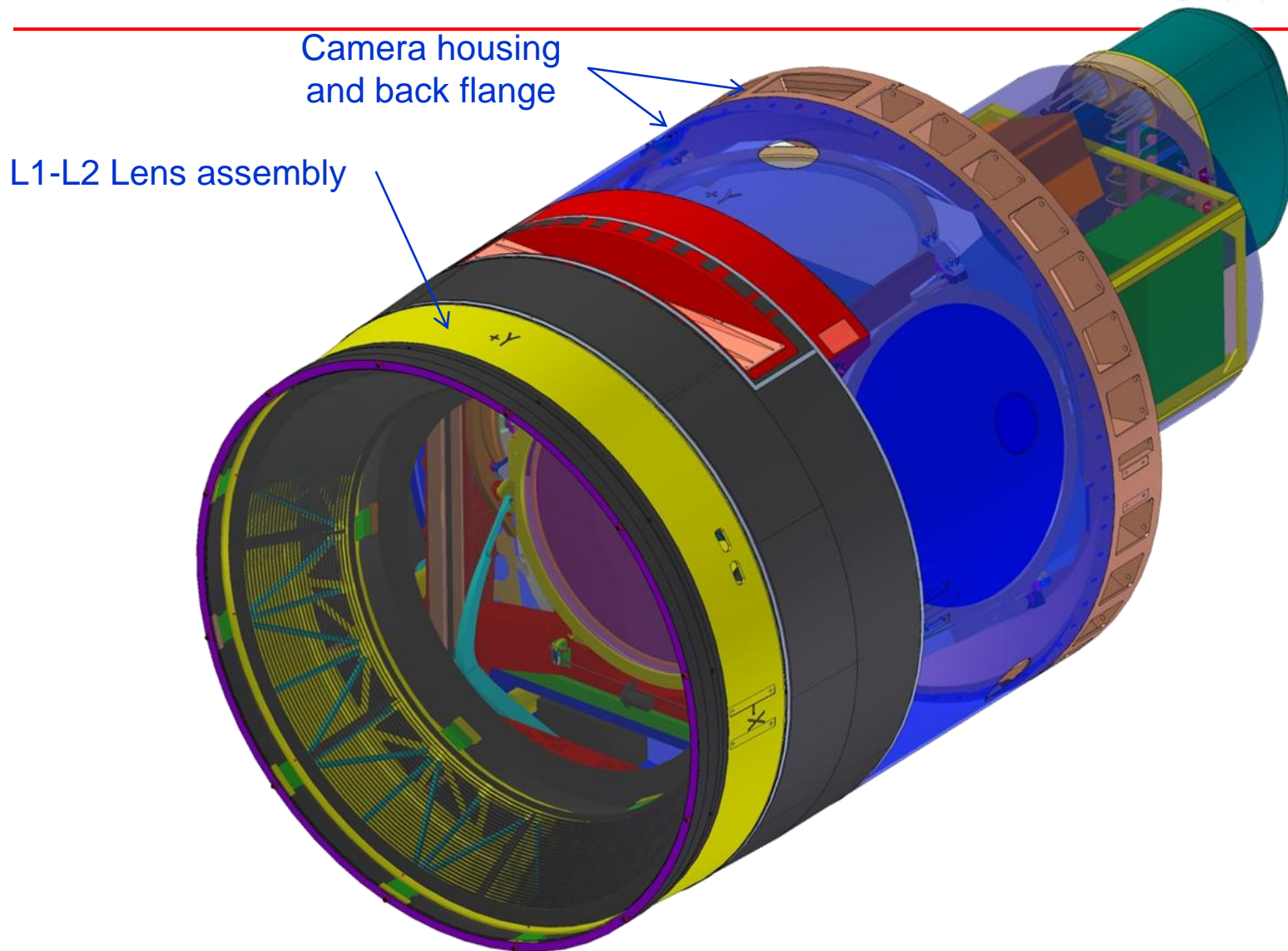


- Very large field of view (9.6 square degree FOV) implies a physically large focal plane (64-cm diameter) with small ( $10\ \mu\text{m}$ ) pixels
  - ⇒ Mosaic of a large number (189) of sensors with narrow interchip gaps ( $250\ \mu\text{m}$ )
- Fast f/1.2 beam leads to short depth-of-focus
  - ⇒ Tight alignment and flatness tolerances ( $15\ \mu\text{m}$  p-to-v) on the sensor array
- Broad spectral coverage (350 – 1040nm)
  - ⇒ Deep, fully depleted CCDs, but with minimal charge spreading; 6 filters
- Fast readout to maintain high efficiency given the short exposures (3.2 Gigapixels in 2 seconds)
  - ⇒ Parallelized design and sensors which are highly segmented (16 readout ports)
- Large number of signal lines and large cryostat & low noise
  - ⇒ Electronics must be implemented in the cryostat
- Camera located in the telescope beam
  - ⇒ Tight constraints on envelope, mass, & heat dissipation

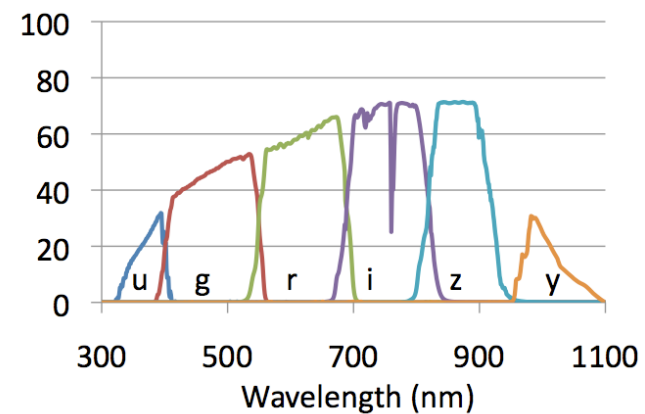
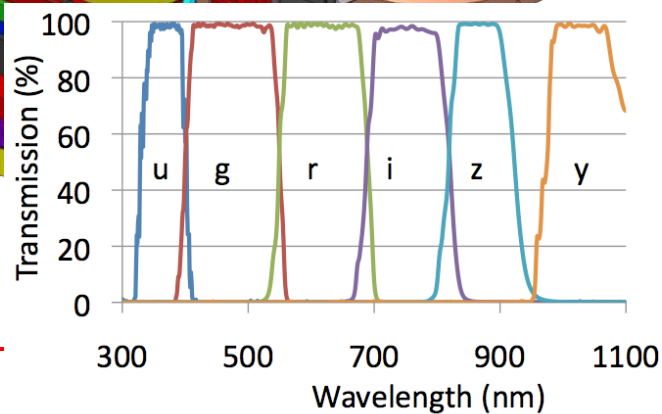
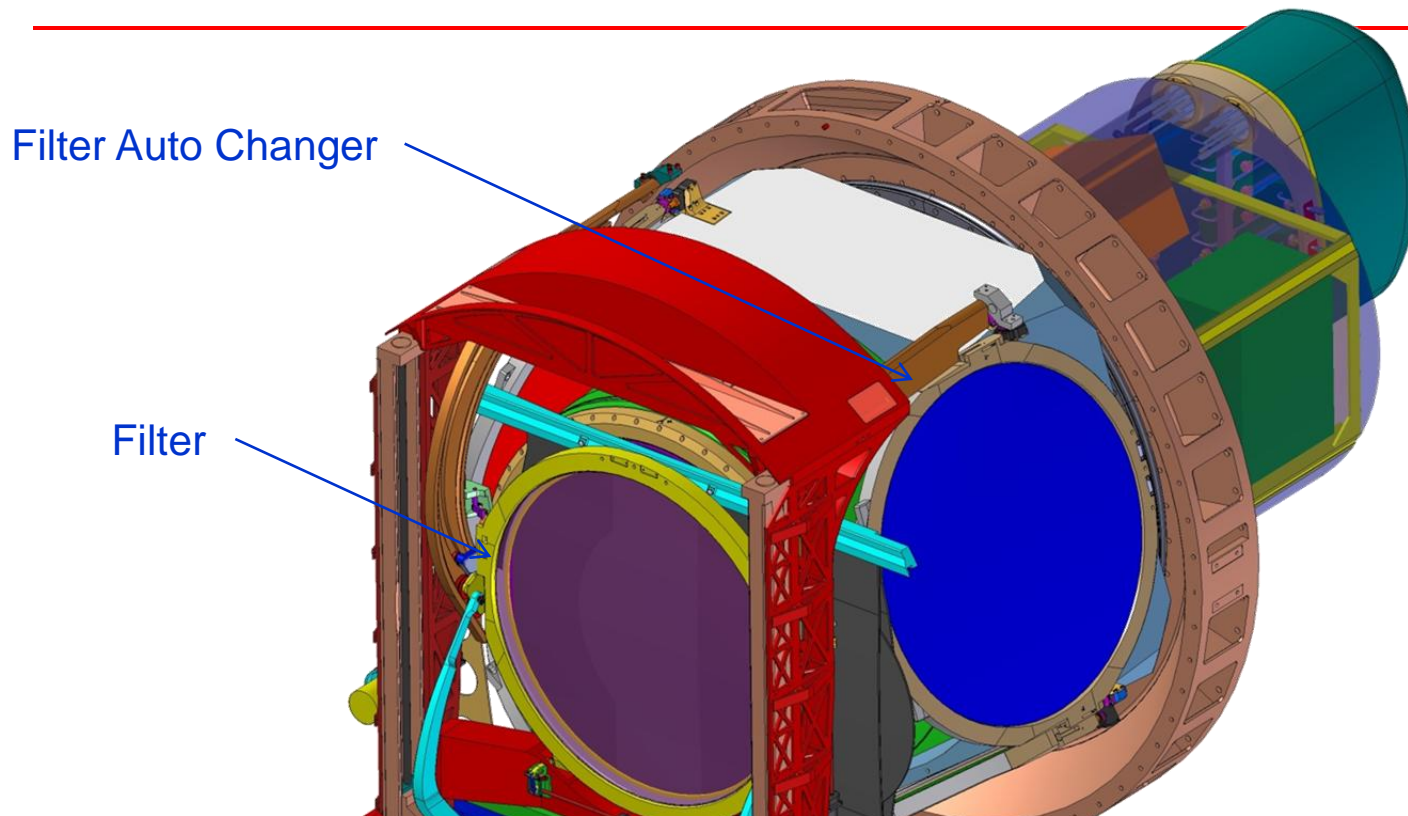
# Integrated complex sub-systems tightly packaged within the telescope's optical constraints



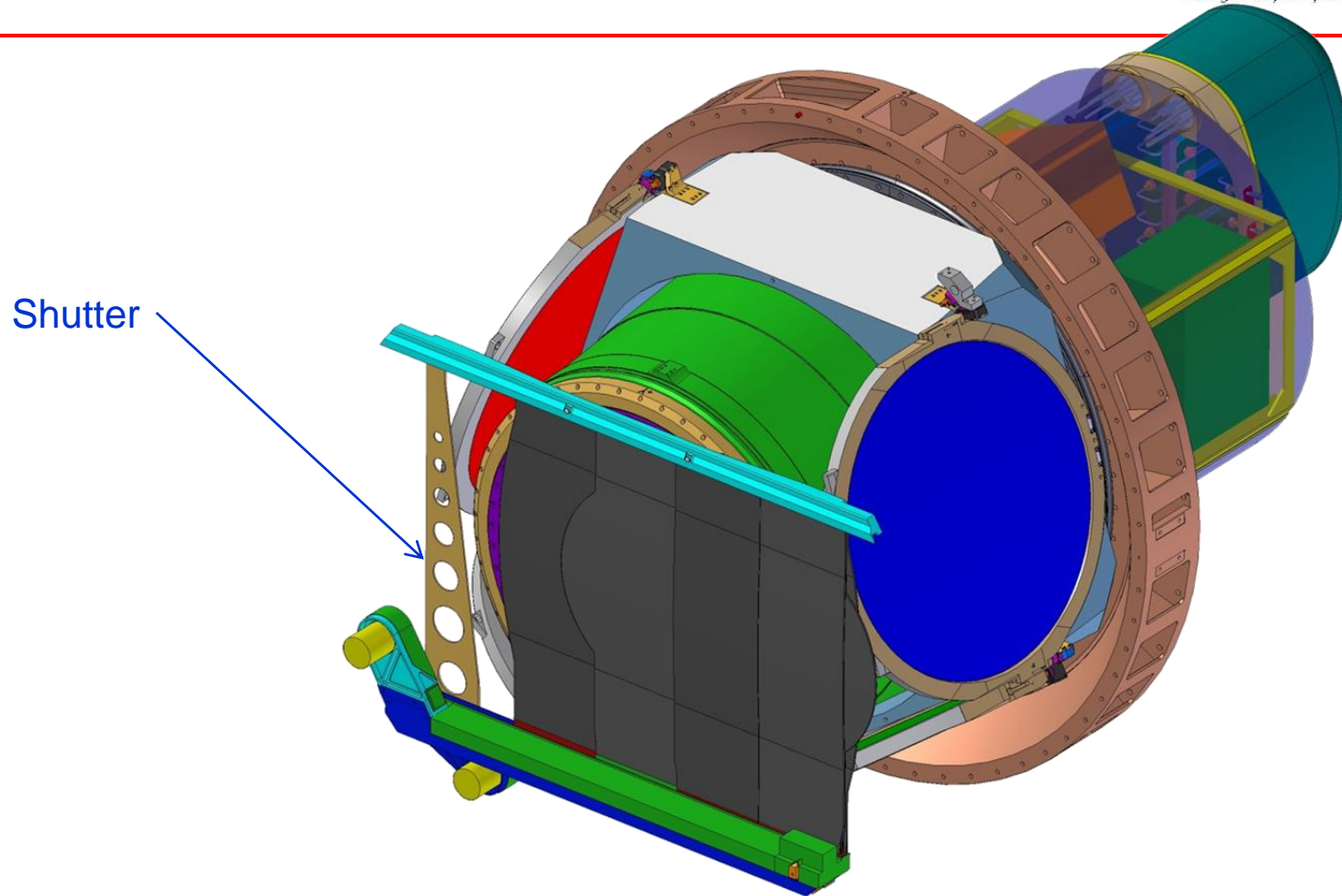
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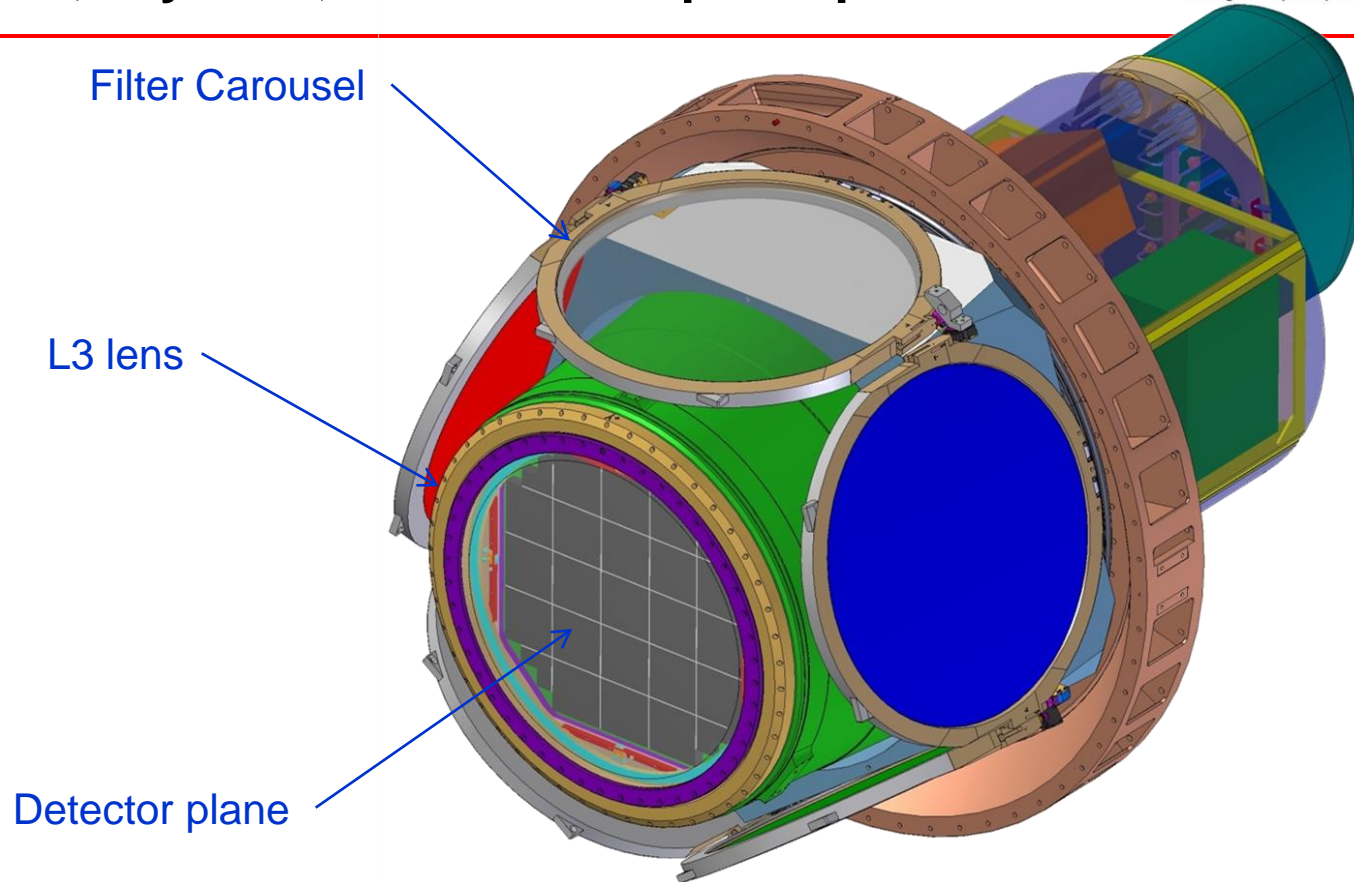
# Walkthrough 2: Camera partial assembly showing Auto Changer



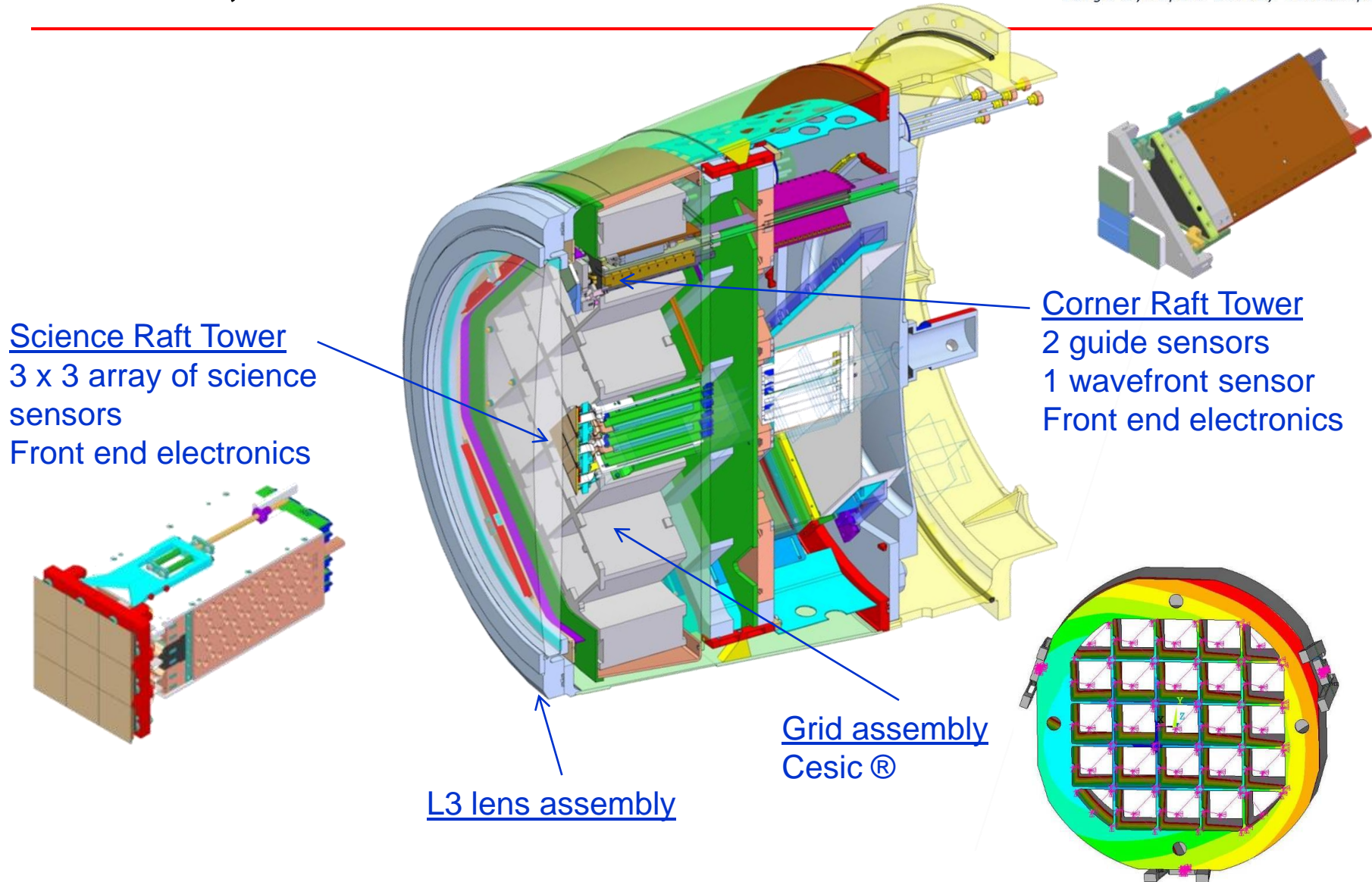
# Walkthrough 3: Camera partial assembly showing Shutter



# Walkthrough 4: Camera partial assembly showing Carousel, Cryostat, and detector plane past L3 lens



# Walkthrough 5: Cryostat section showing detectors, structure and thermal control elements

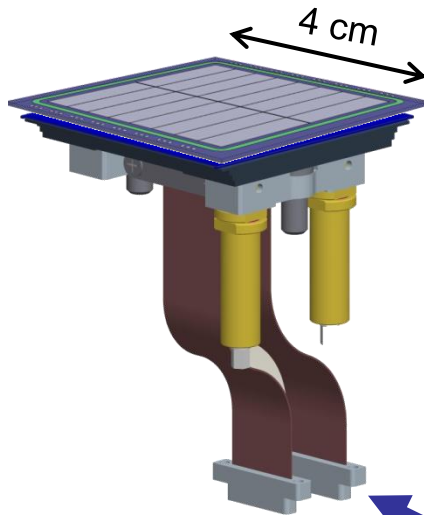




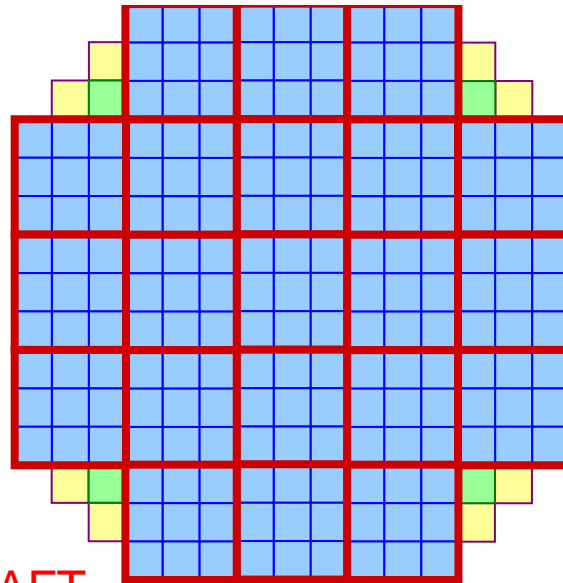
# The Sensors subsystem consists of the 21 “science rafts” that make up the 3.2Gpix focal plane

## 4K x 4K CCD

10 $\mu$ m pixels, .2 arc sec  
extended red response  
16 outputs  
5 $\mu$ m flatness  
Back-side illuminated

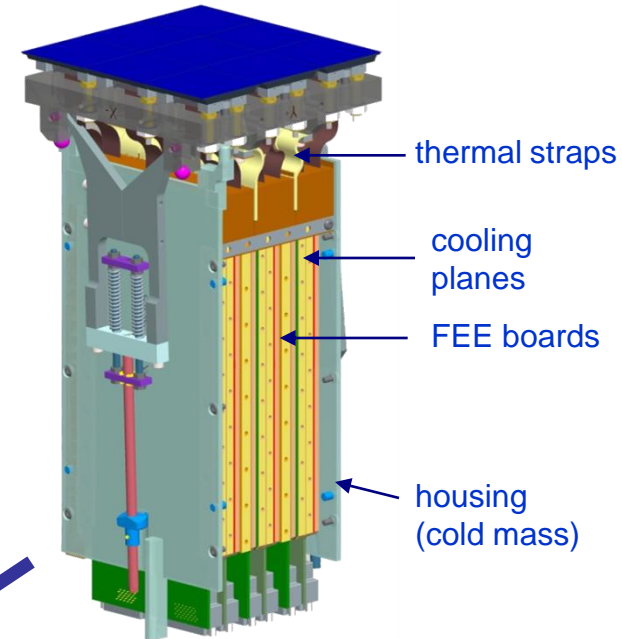
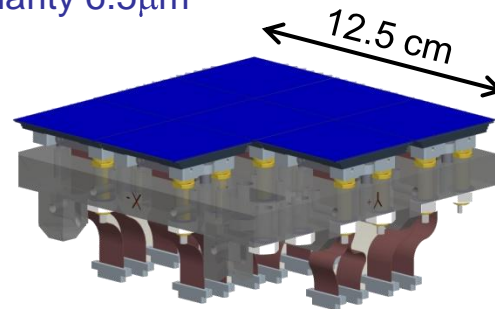


## FOCAL PLANE WITH 21 SCIENCE RAFTS + 4 CORNER RAFTS



## RAFT

9 CCDs  
coplanarity 6.5 $\mu$ m



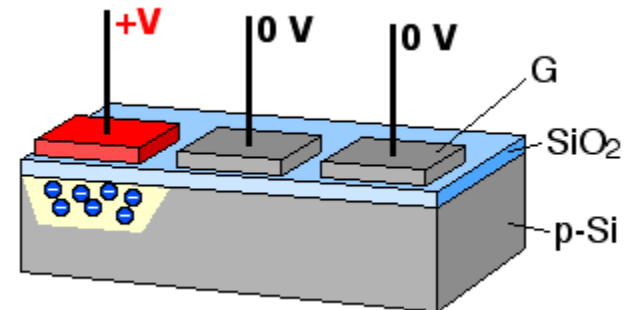
## TOWER

CCDs + front end electronics  
180K operation  
An autonomous, fully-testable  
and serviceable 144 Mpixel  
camera

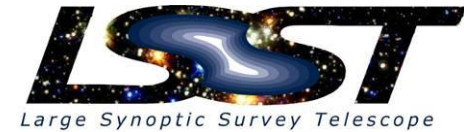


M1

- Charge Coupled Devices –
  - Willard Boyle, George Smith (invented 1969, Nobel 2009)
- Areal array –
  - “parallel shifts” – data to output register (2k)
  - “serial shifts” – data to electronics (512)

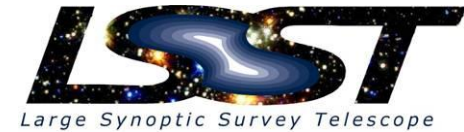


# CCD Challenges



Large field of view implies physically large focal plane (64cm $\Phi$ )	Modular mosaic focal plane construction	21 rafts $\times$ 9 4K CCDs/raft 189 CCDs total 3.1Gpix
Fast f/1.2 beam, shallow depth of focus	Tight alignment and flatness tolerance	Flatness: 5 $\mu$ m Alignment (z axis): 10 $\mu$ m
Plate scale 20"/mm	Small pixels, close butting	Pixel: 10 $\mu$ m Chip-chip gap: 250 $\mu$ m
Fast readout (2s) with low noise (5 e <sup>-</sup> )	Highly parallel readout electronics	16 amplifiers/4K CCD
Broadband, high spectral sensitivity	Thick silicon sensor, back illuminated, AR coat	100 $\mu$ m thickness for IR sensitivity Thin conductive window
Seeing-limited image quality	Internal electric field to minimize diffusion	High resistivity, biased silicon (> 3 k $\Omega$ -cm, -50V)

# LSST's high throughput goals

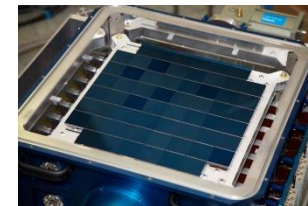


- The largest focal plane

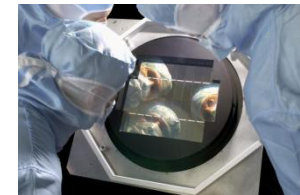
- **LSST:** 3.2Gpix (189 CCDs)
- PanSTARRS GPC1: 1.4Gpix (60 CCDs)
- HyperSuprimeCam: 940Mpix (112 CCDs)
- DECam: 500Mpix (60 CCDs)
- CFHT MegaCam: 340Mpix (36 CCDs)



LSST



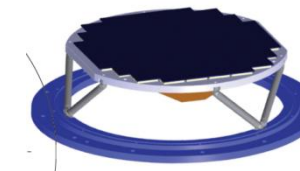
GPC1



MegaCam

- The fastest focal ratio

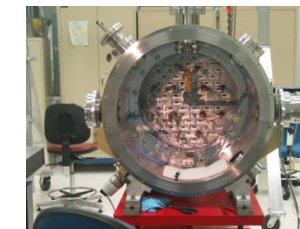
- **LSST:** f/1.23
- SuprimeCam: f/1.87
- DECam: f/2.7
- PanSTARRS: f/4
- CFHT MegaCam: f/4.2



HSC

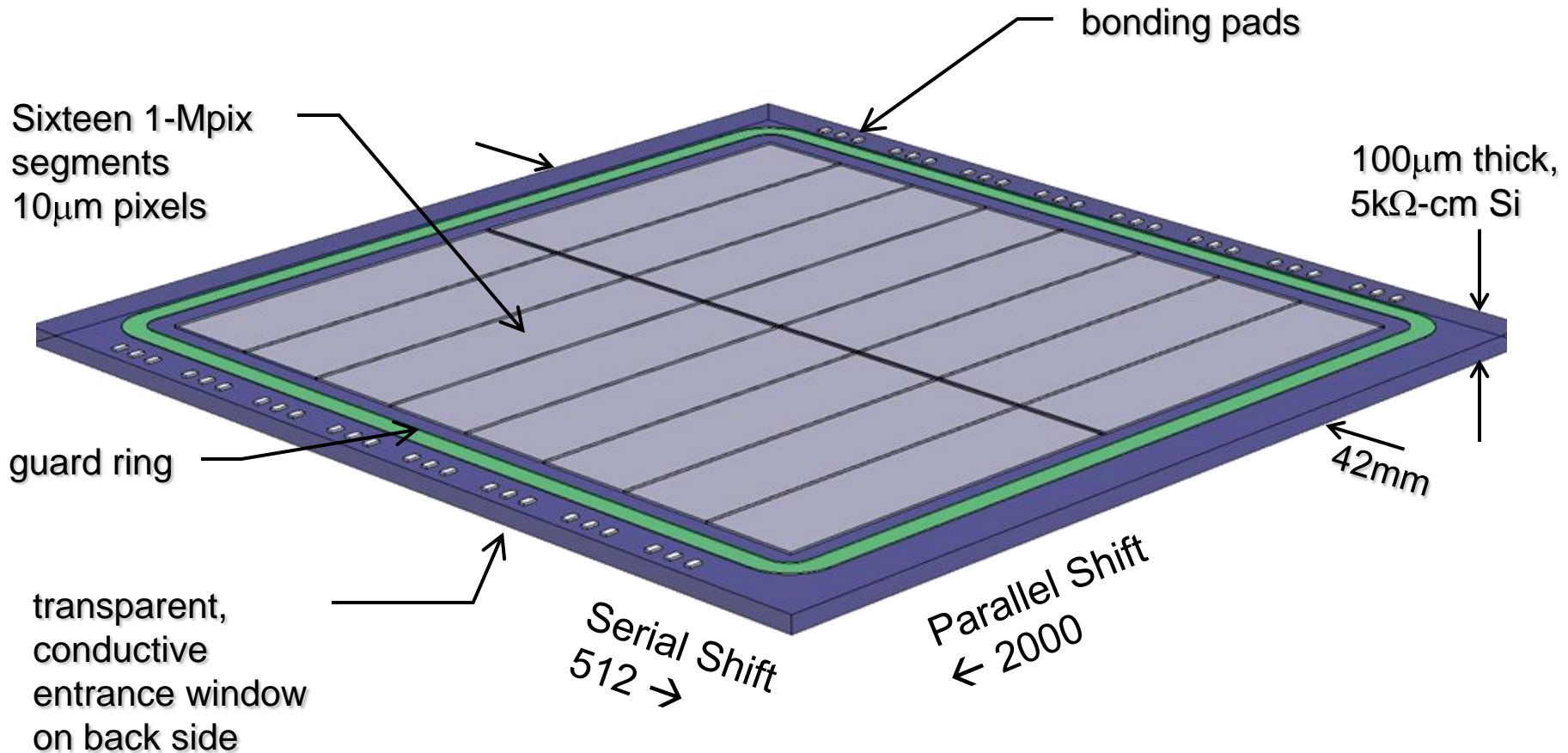
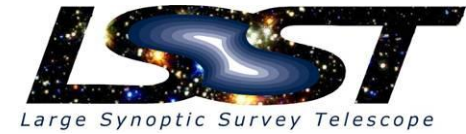
- The fastest readout time

- **LSST:** 2s
- PanSTARRS GPC1: 6s
- DECam: 17s
- CFHT MegaCam: 40s
- Suprime-Cam: 18s

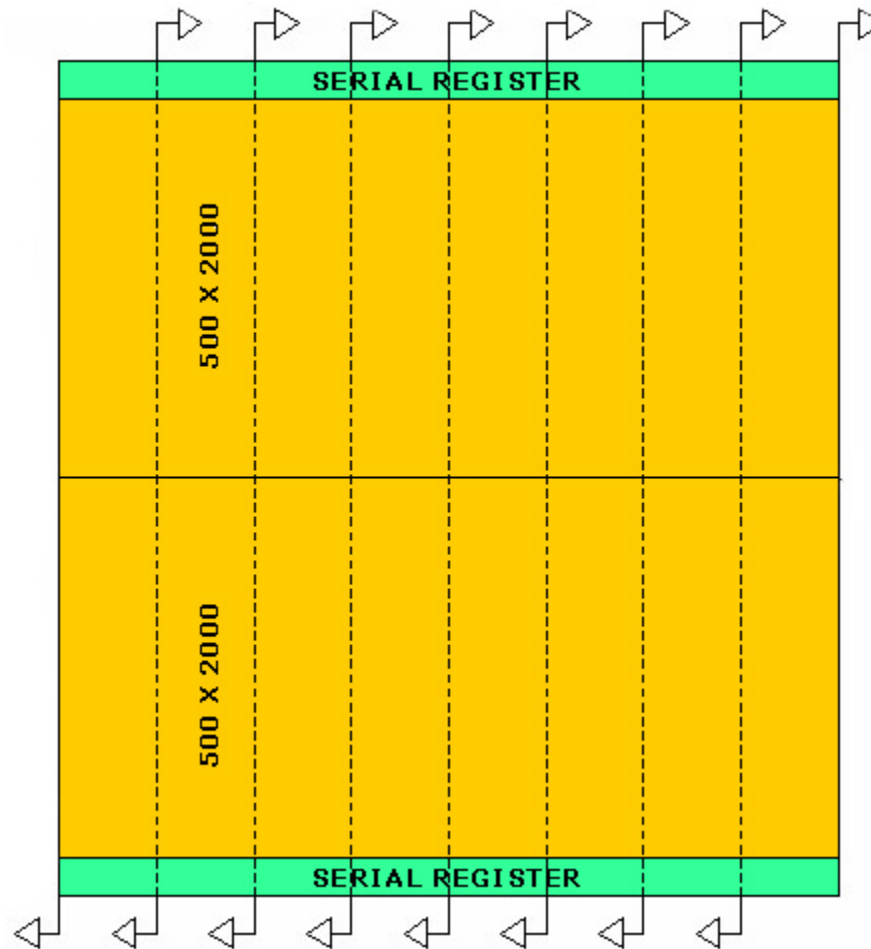
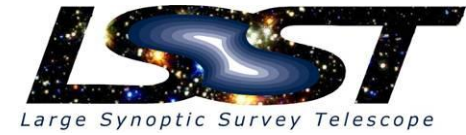


DECam

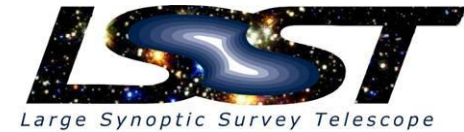
# The 4K x 4K LSST sensor reference design




# LSST CCD Layout



# New technology needed for LSST sensors



Thick, high- $\rho$ bulk Si	100 $\mu\text{m}$ , > 3k $\Omega$ -cm
Highly transmissive, biased window	$\ll$ 10nm, -50V
Flat Si surface	5 $\mu\text{m}$ peak-valley
Package dimensional control	optic axis: 1.5 $\mu\text{m}$ $\perp$ optic axis: 5 $\mu\text{m}$ Chip-chip gap 250 $\mu\text{m}$ Thermally stable
Parallel, multiport readout	16 amplifiers
Low-noise outputs	< 6e <sup>-</sup> at 500kHz
Reproducible and high yield	No individual device tuning

 *semiconductor*  *mechanics*  *amplifiers*  *production*



# Edge effects

Chip-chip gap 0.25mm (5")

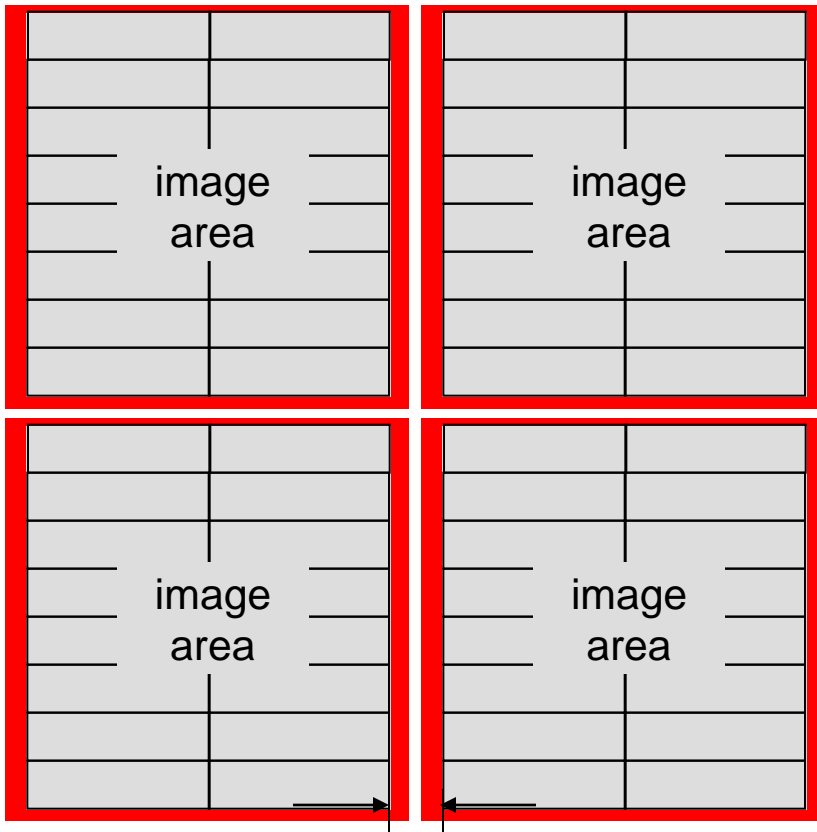
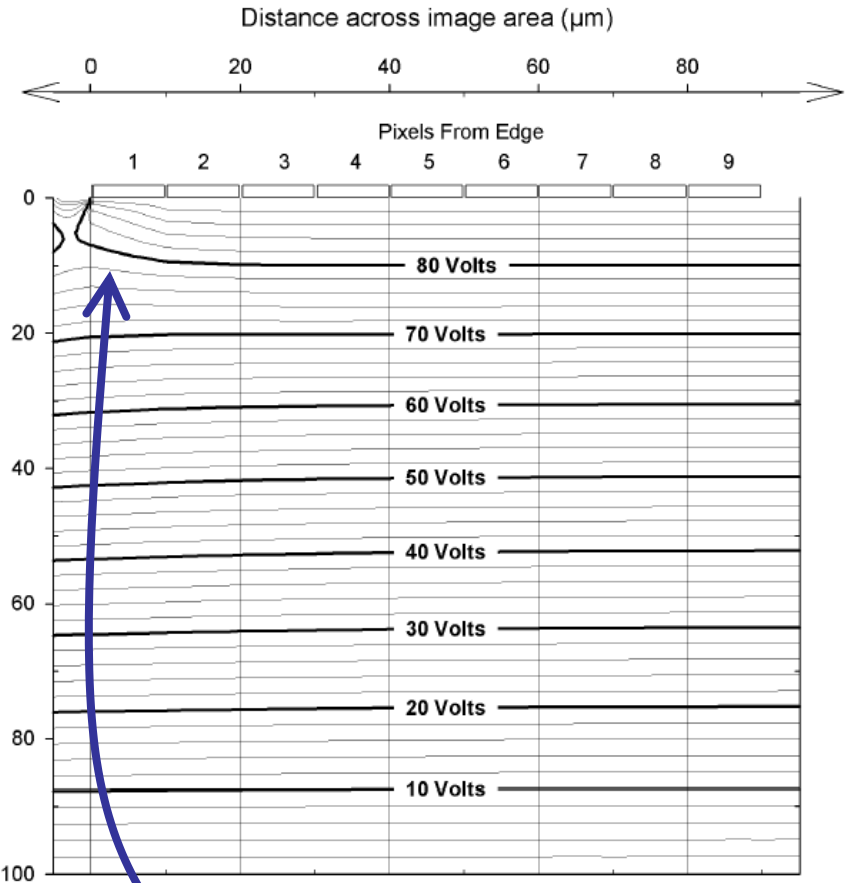


Image-image gap  
2.21mm (44")  
[row direction]



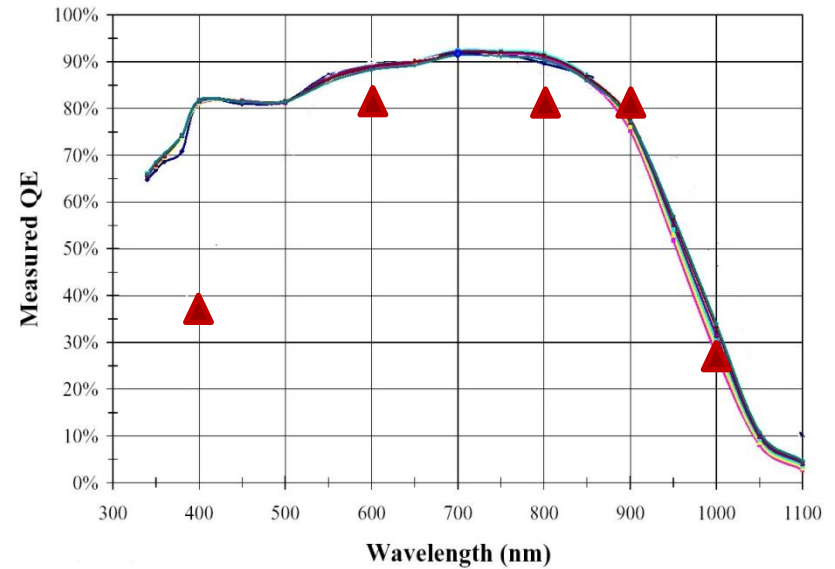
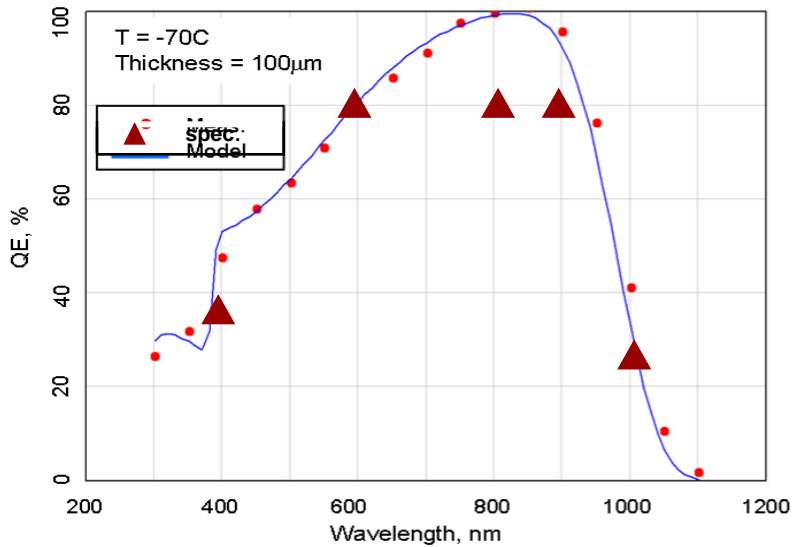
First one-two pixels from edge  
will have larger effective area  
due to field distortion

# Phase 1 device tests -- laboratory

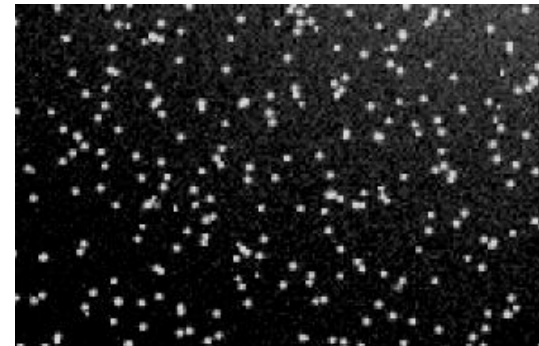
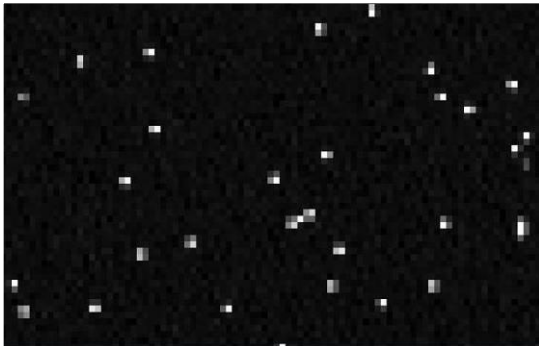
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## Quantum efficiency

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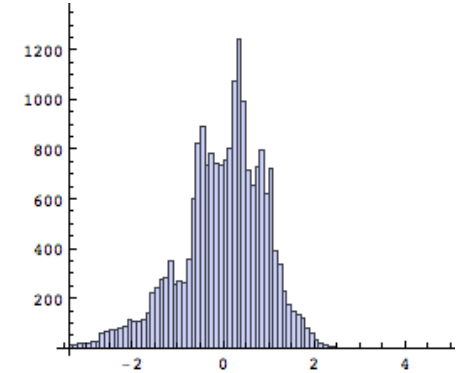
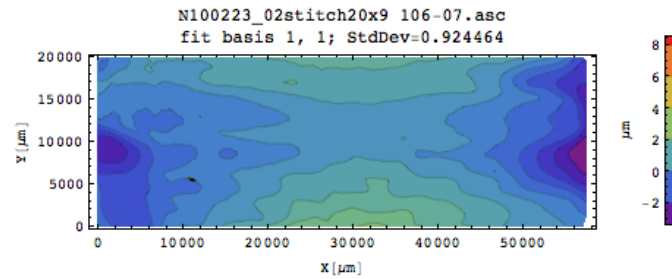
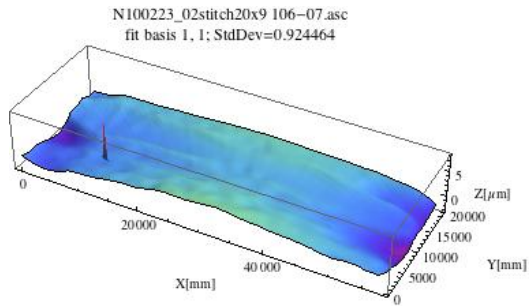


## Charge diffusion (xray PSF)



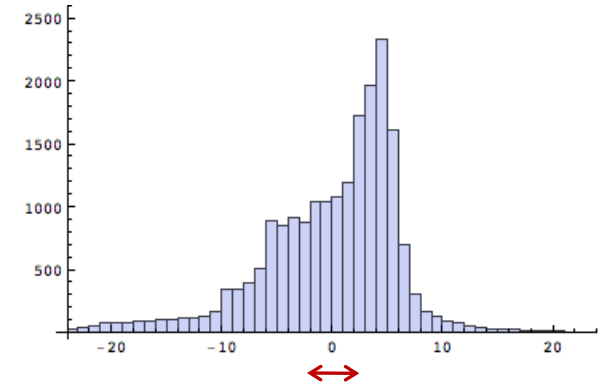
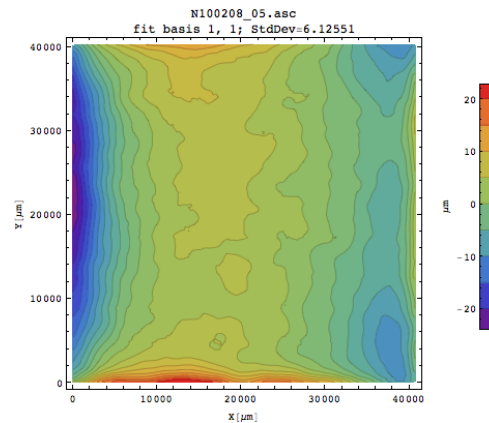
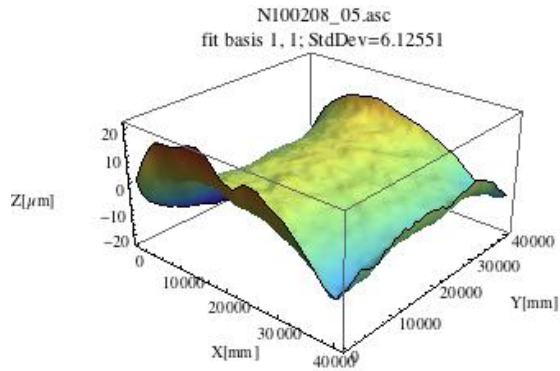
# Phase 1 sensor flatness

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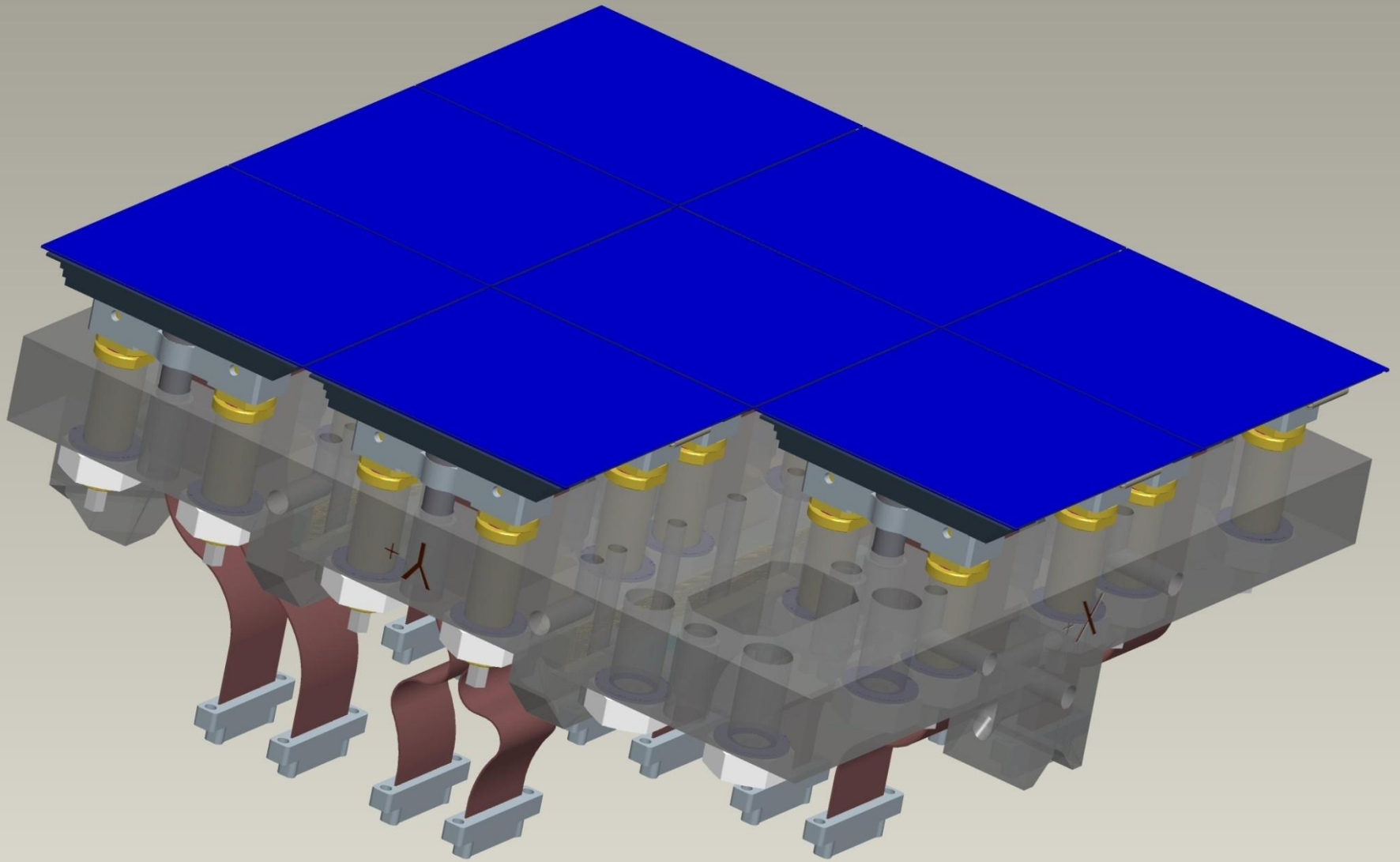


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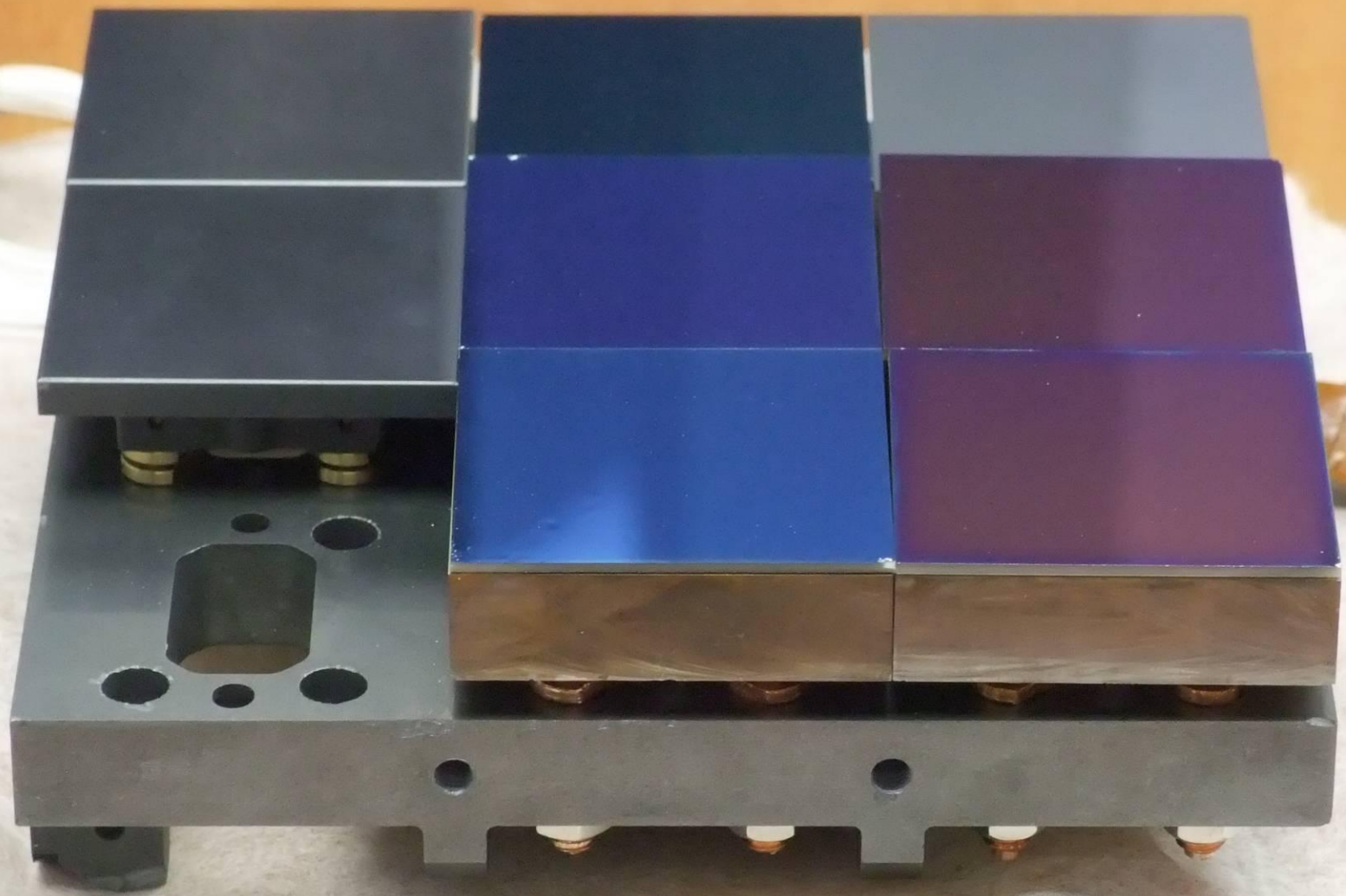
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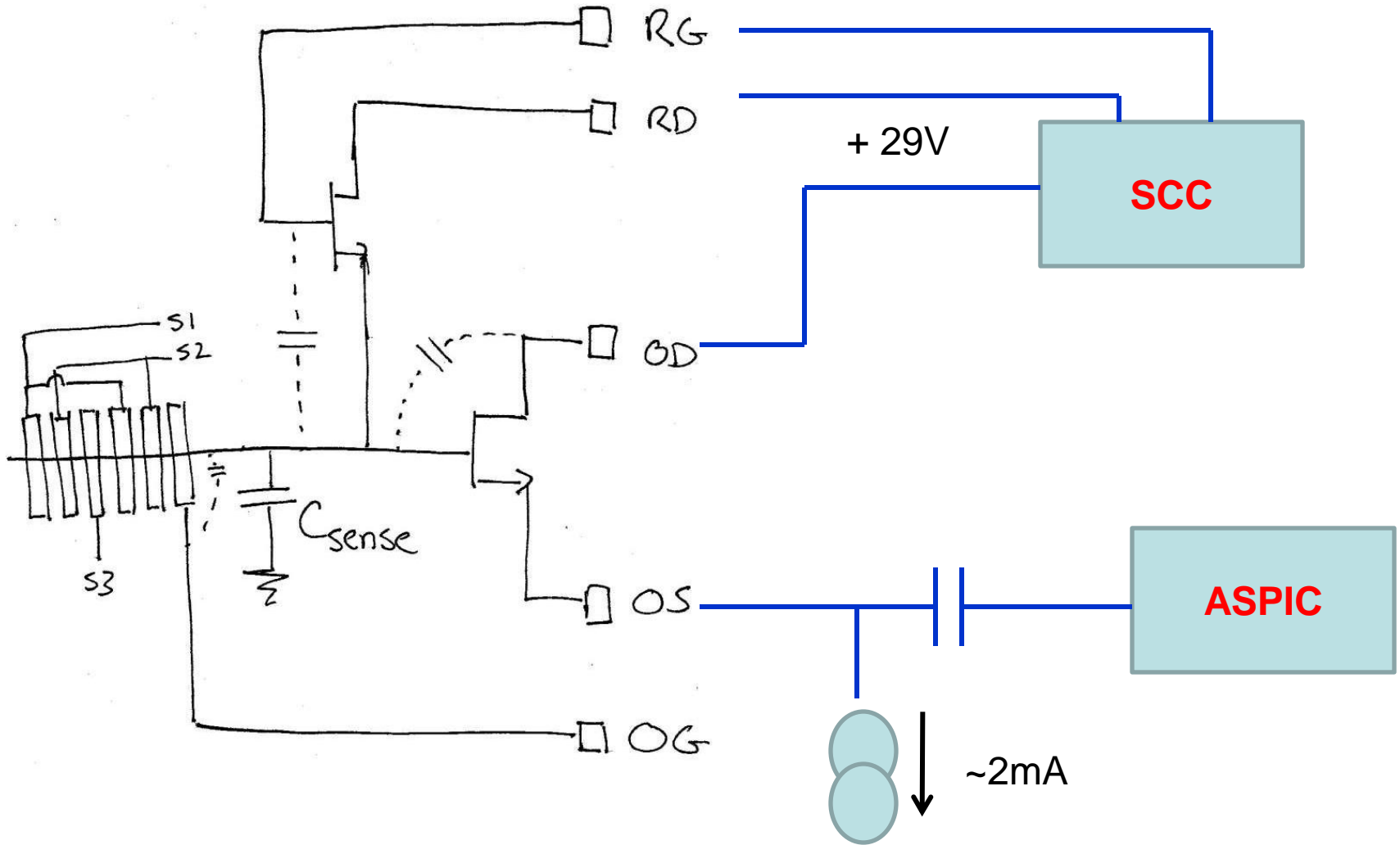
measurements by P. Takacs, BNL



On-Demand Simp Rep:DIFF\_SCREWS



# A CCD Electrically.....



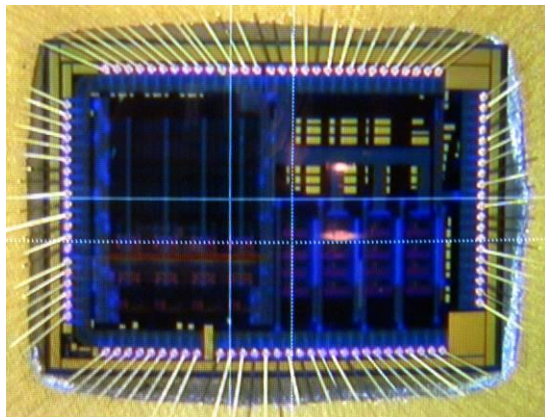


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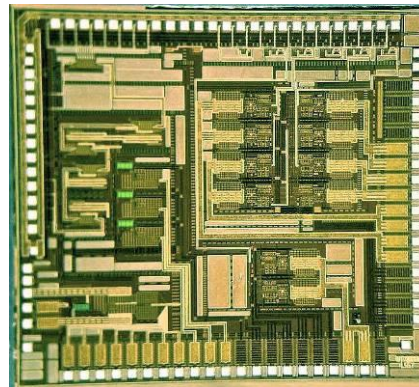
# Highly integrated, in-cryostat electronics

- Total of 3.024Gpix in focal plane
- Goal is 2s readout with 6e- noise
- CCD readout rate must be below ~600kHz to achieve noise figure
  - CCDs must be segmented into 1-Mpix segments with individual readout amplifiers
- Choose 4Kx4K CCD format with 16 2048 x 512 pixel segments
  - Total wire count to CCDs ~15,000
- Impractical to take this many wires through vacuum barrier
  - Implement compact (ASIC-based) electronics chain in cryostat

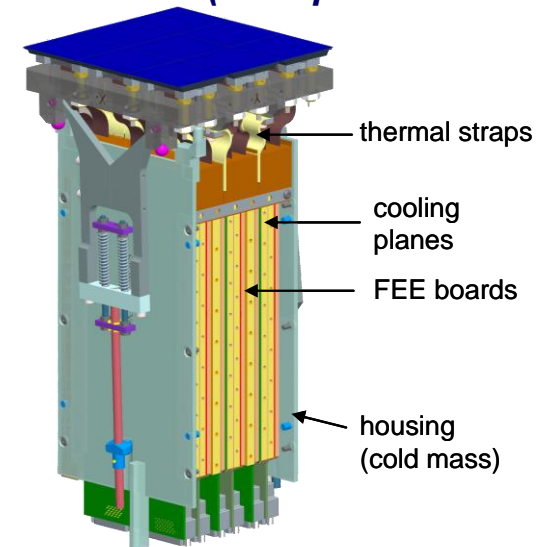
## ASPIC (*video processing*)



## SCC (*clock/bias generation*)

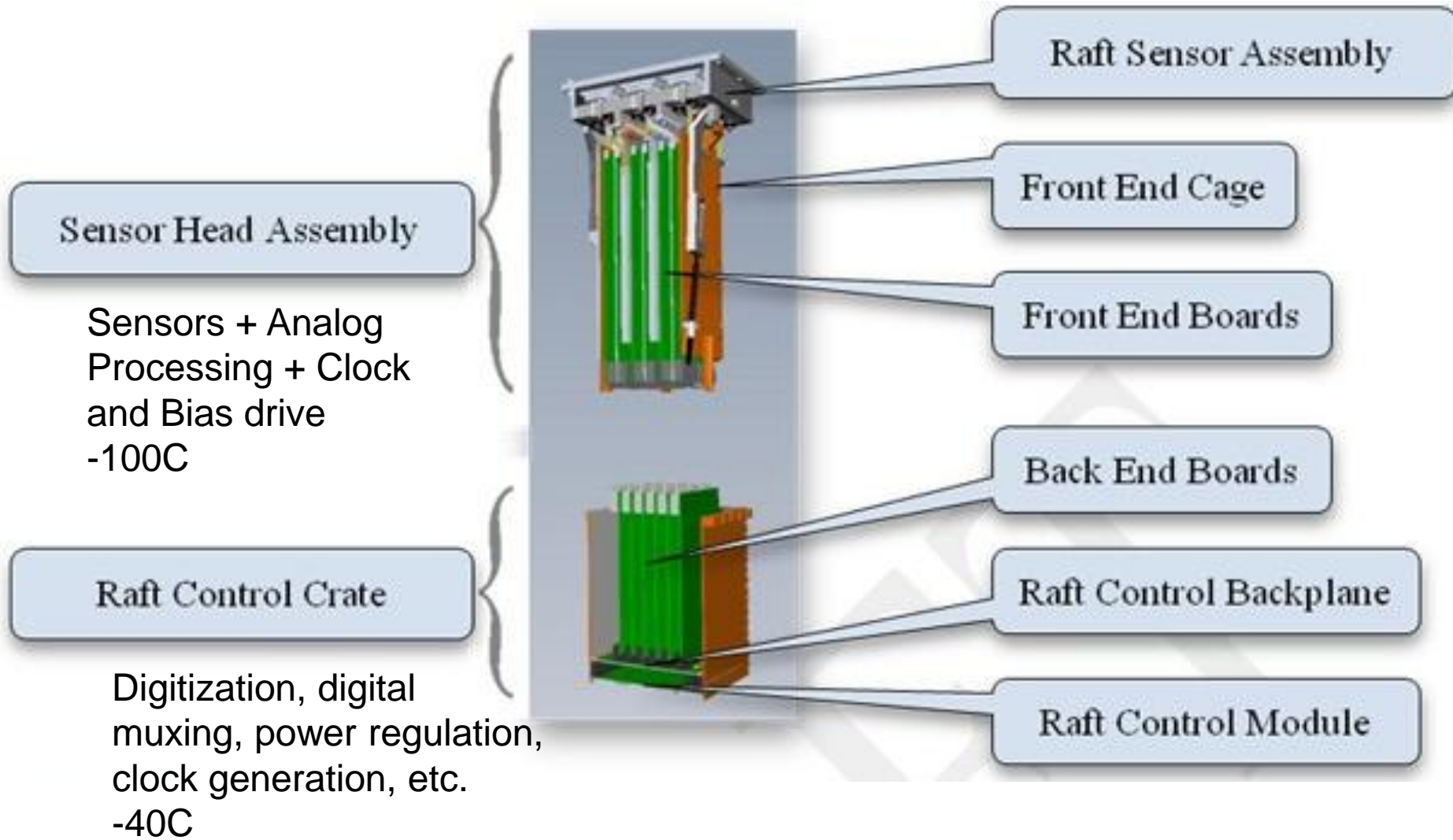


## TOWER (*144Mpix FPA module*)





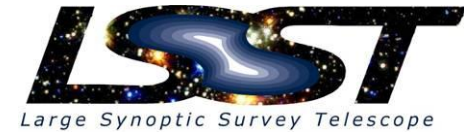
# Raft-Centric Electronics System



# ASPIC Specifications – IN2P3\*

## (Analog Signal Processing Integrated Circuit)

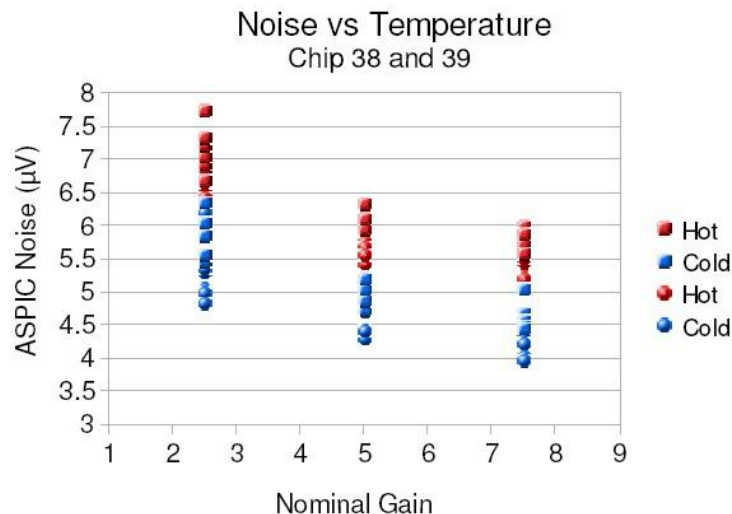
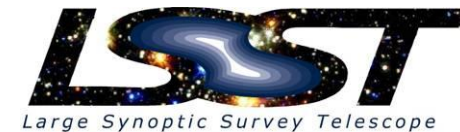
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- Operates at a temperature of 173K
- Noise :
  - $e_n < 5\text{nV}/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$  maximum noise density
  - $e_{nc} < 7\mu\text{Vrms}$  maximum input noise @ 500ns integration time ( $\sim 2e^-$ )
  - Note : Either or both of the above may be met. If, for example, at very long integration time,  $e_n$  will rise but  $e_{nc}$  will fall, and still be an advantage.
- Operation @ 250kHz to 500kHz
- 0.05% maximum crosstalk between channels @ 500kHz
- 100k  $e^-$  full well capacity (350 to 400 mV maximum input)
- 0.5% linearity (defined over 0 to 100k  $e^-$ )
- Differential output
- Output load 50pF // 1k
- Power supply 5V / Gnd - reference  $V_{ref} = 2.5\text{V}$
- Power dissipation 25mW / channel
- The ASPIC is designed in 0.35 $\mu\text{m}$  5V CMOS technology from AMS.

\* With some help from Mitch and John Oliver

# ASPIC – Correlated Double Sampler / Dual Slope Integrator



## ASPIC DIAGRAM

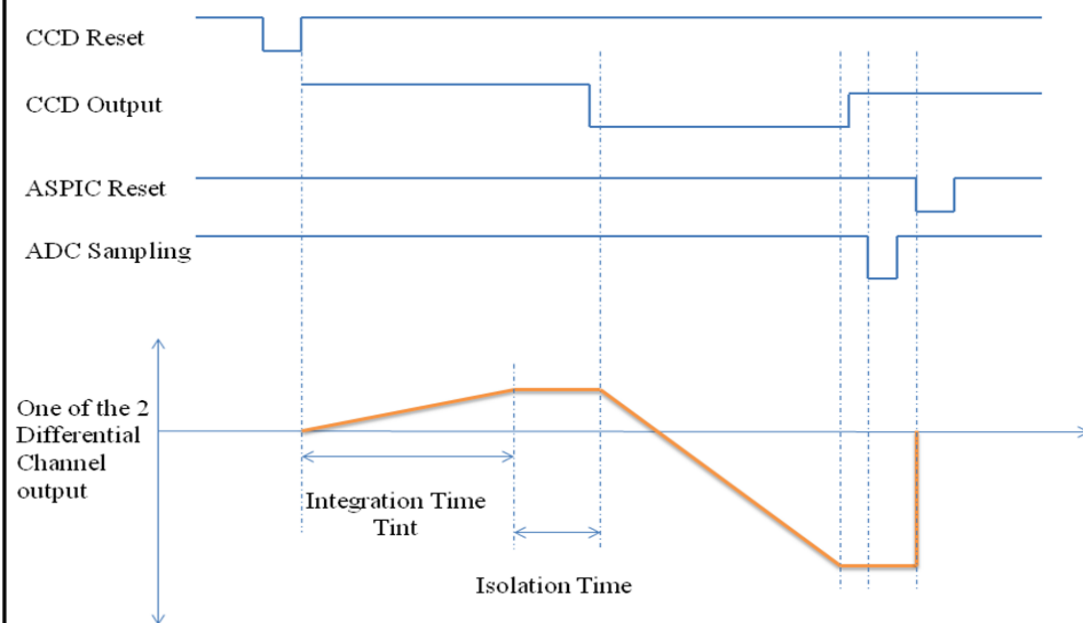
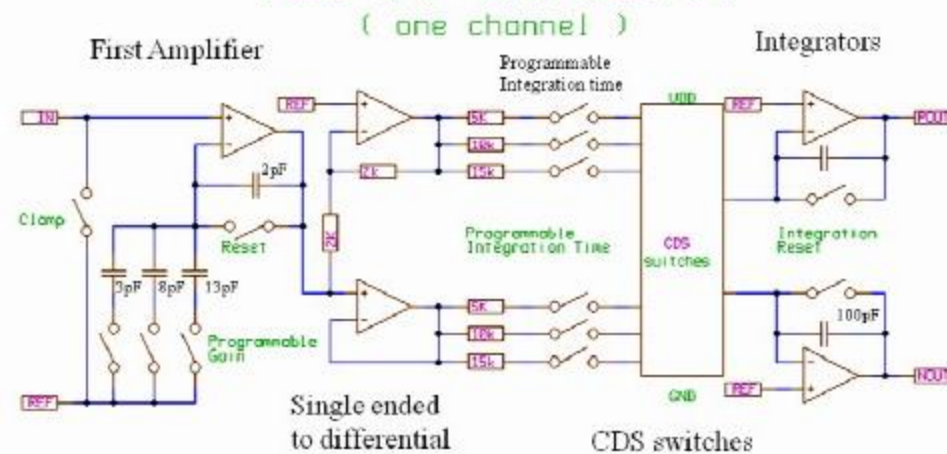
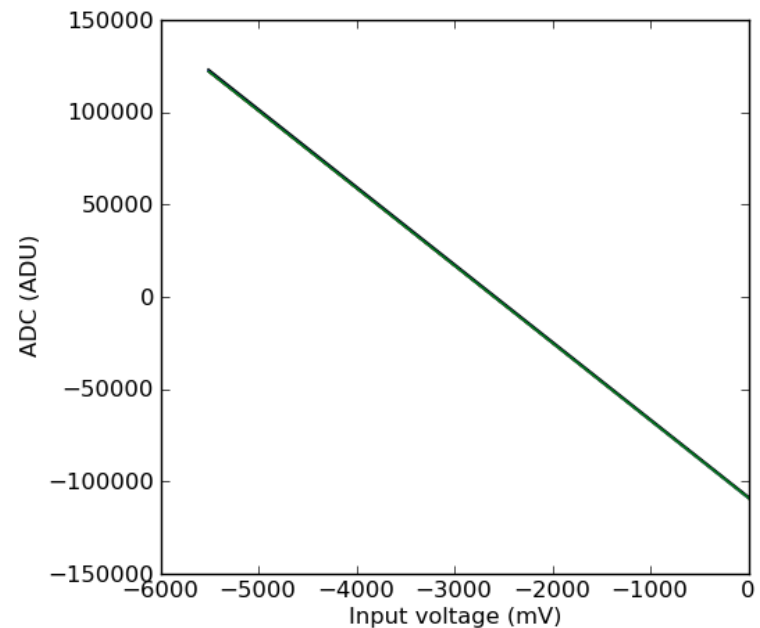
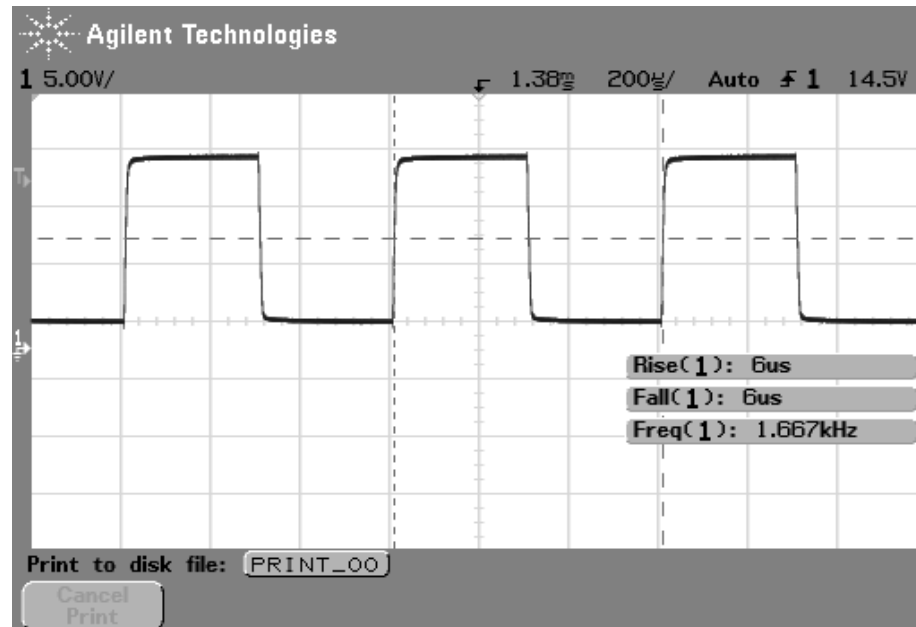
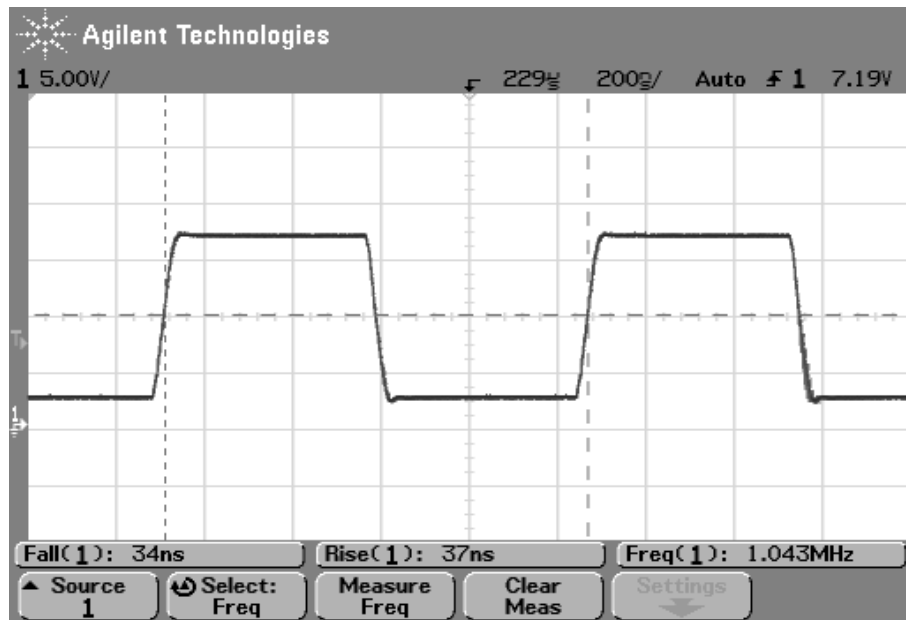
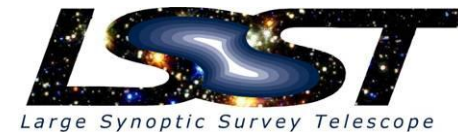


Fig 1 Dual Slope Integration sequence



# SCC - ORNL (Sensor Control Chip)



	Load	Frequency	Rise Time	Fall Time
Switch 1_2	340 pF	1 MHz	35.5 ns	32.5 ns

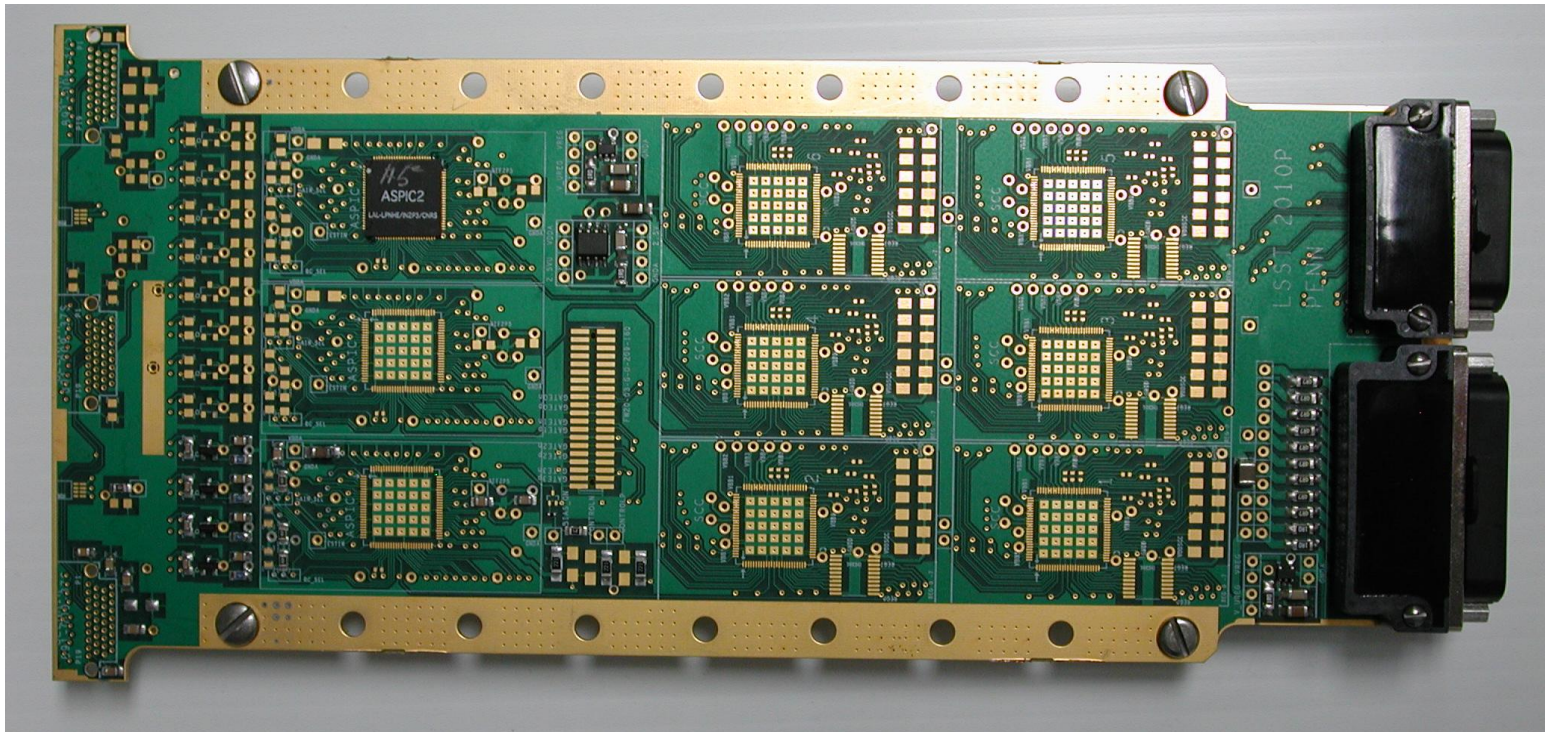
	Load	Freq	Rise Time	Fall Time
Switch 1_4	95 nF	1.6 kHz	7.3 us	7.5 us

# Front End Board - Penn

3 ASPICs  
(24 Channels)

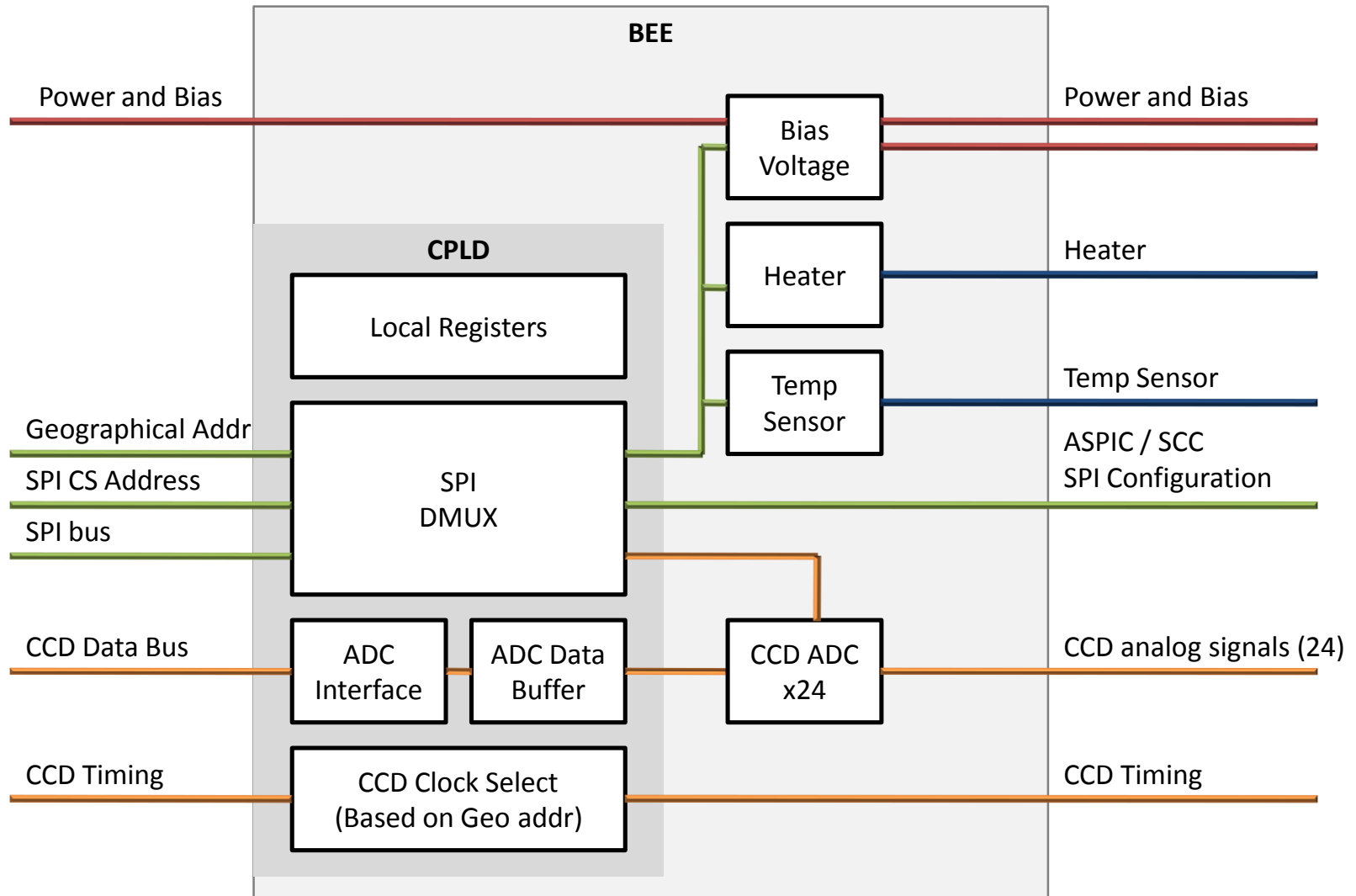
6 SCCs

To CCDs

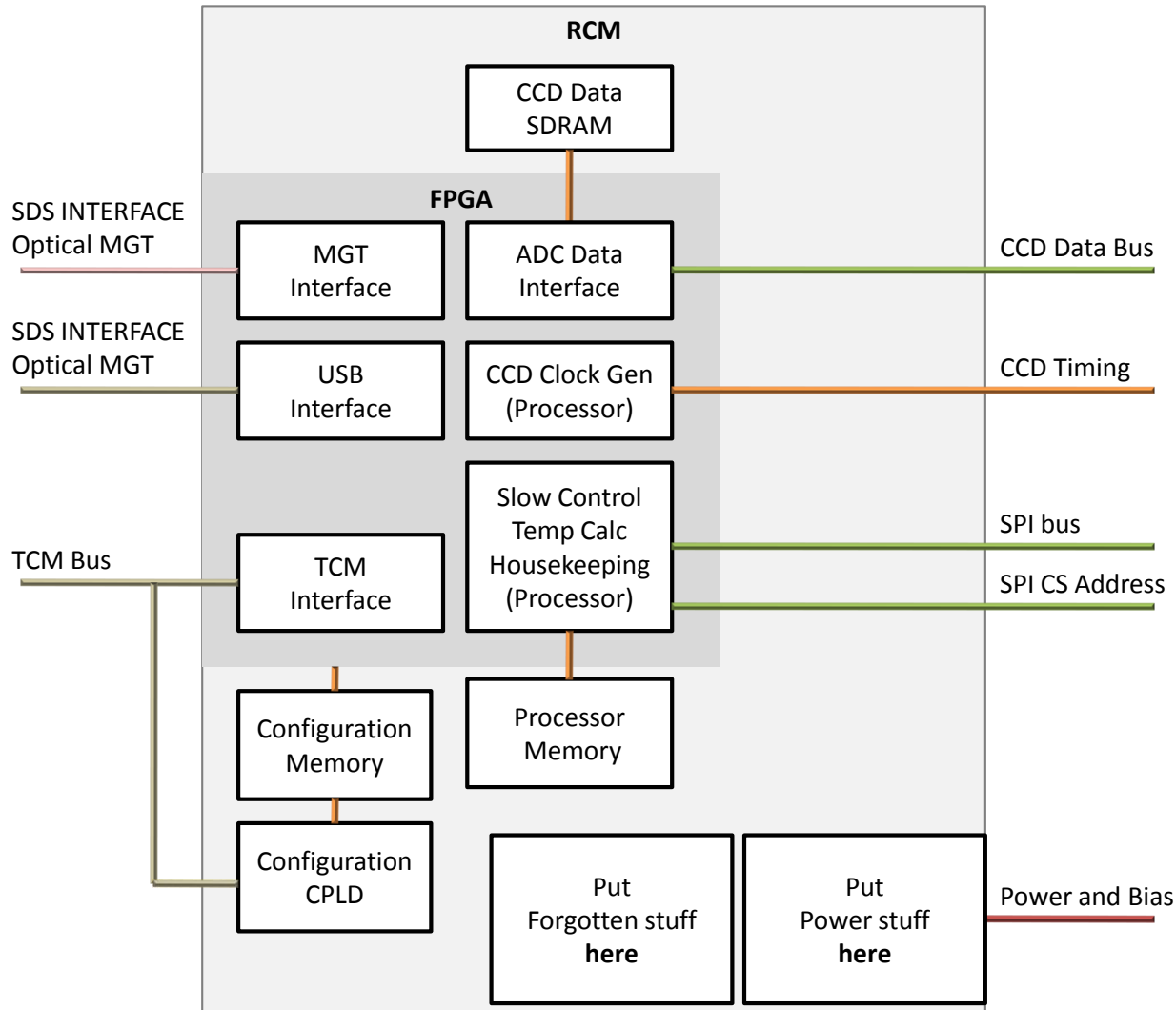


To BEBS

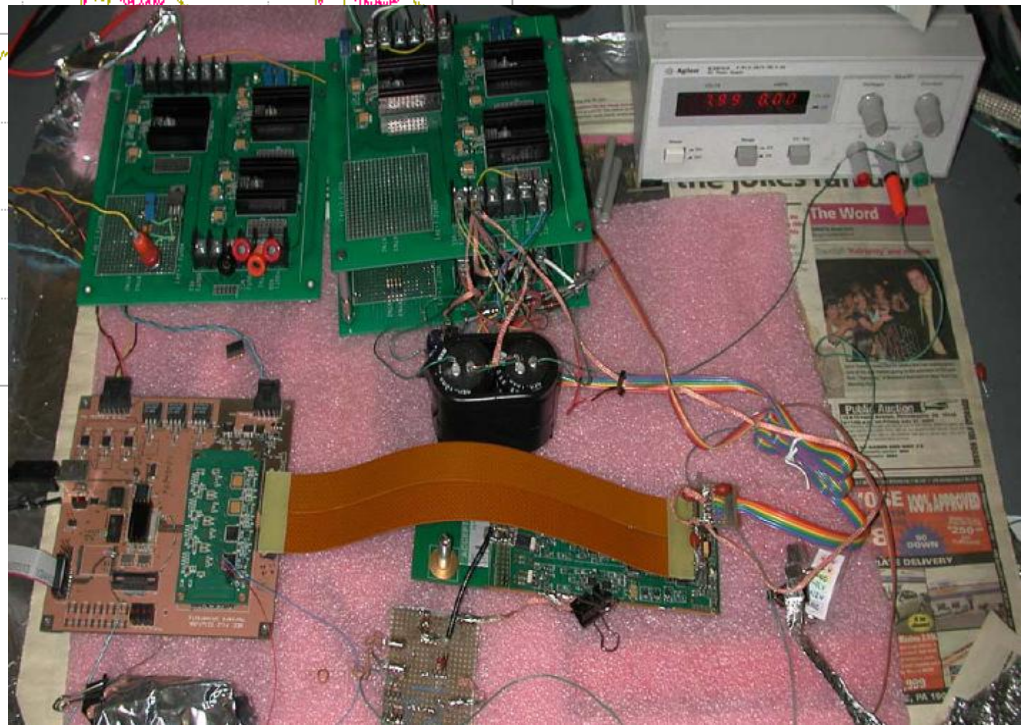
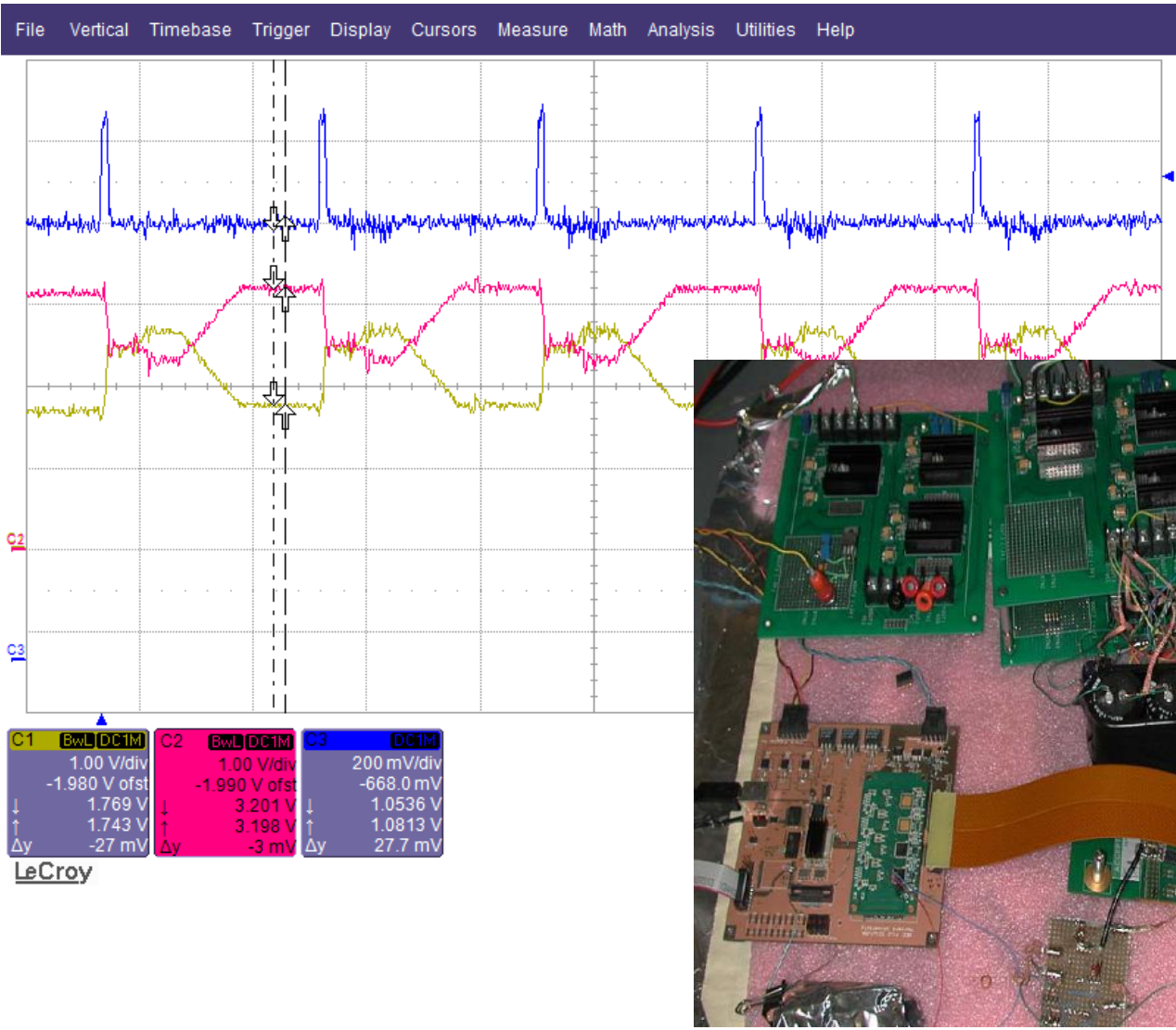
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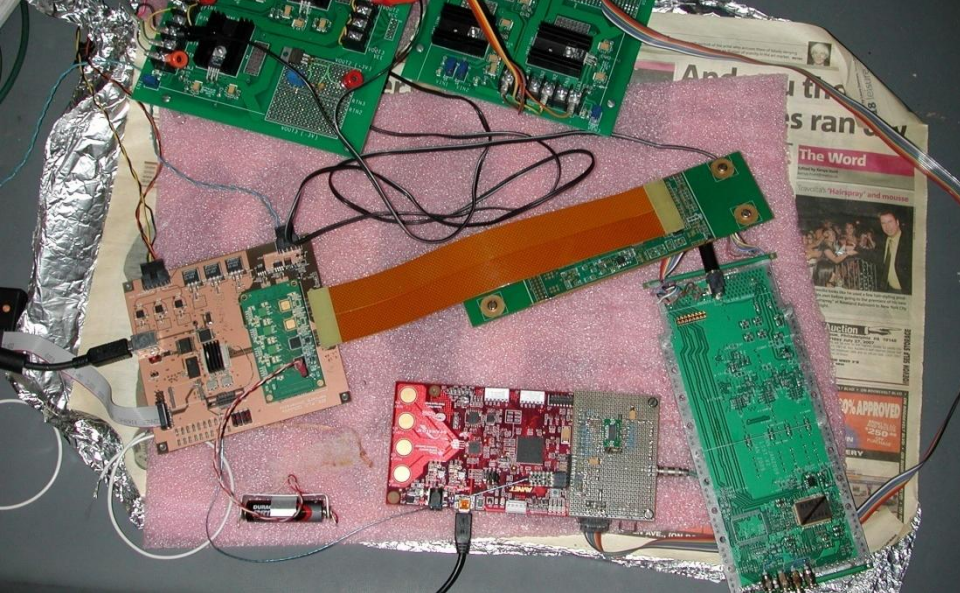
# Raft Control Module - Harvard



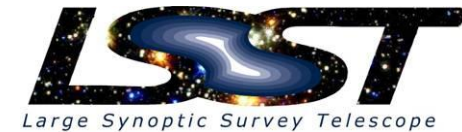
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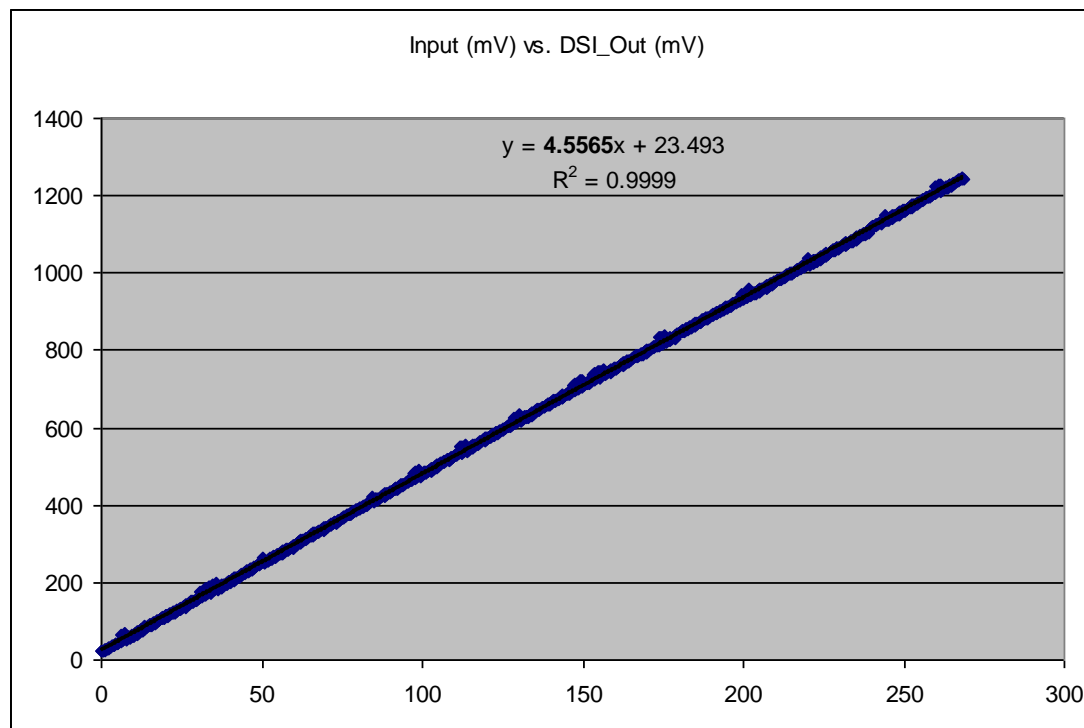




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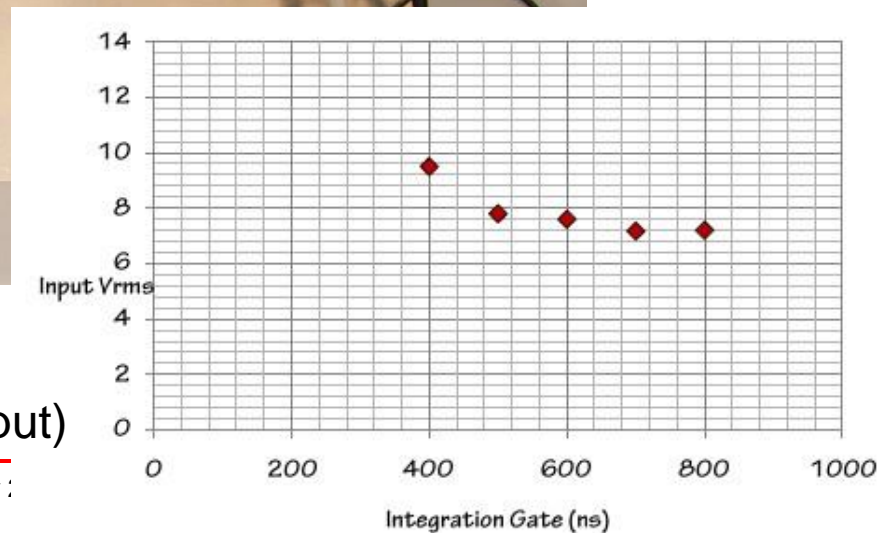
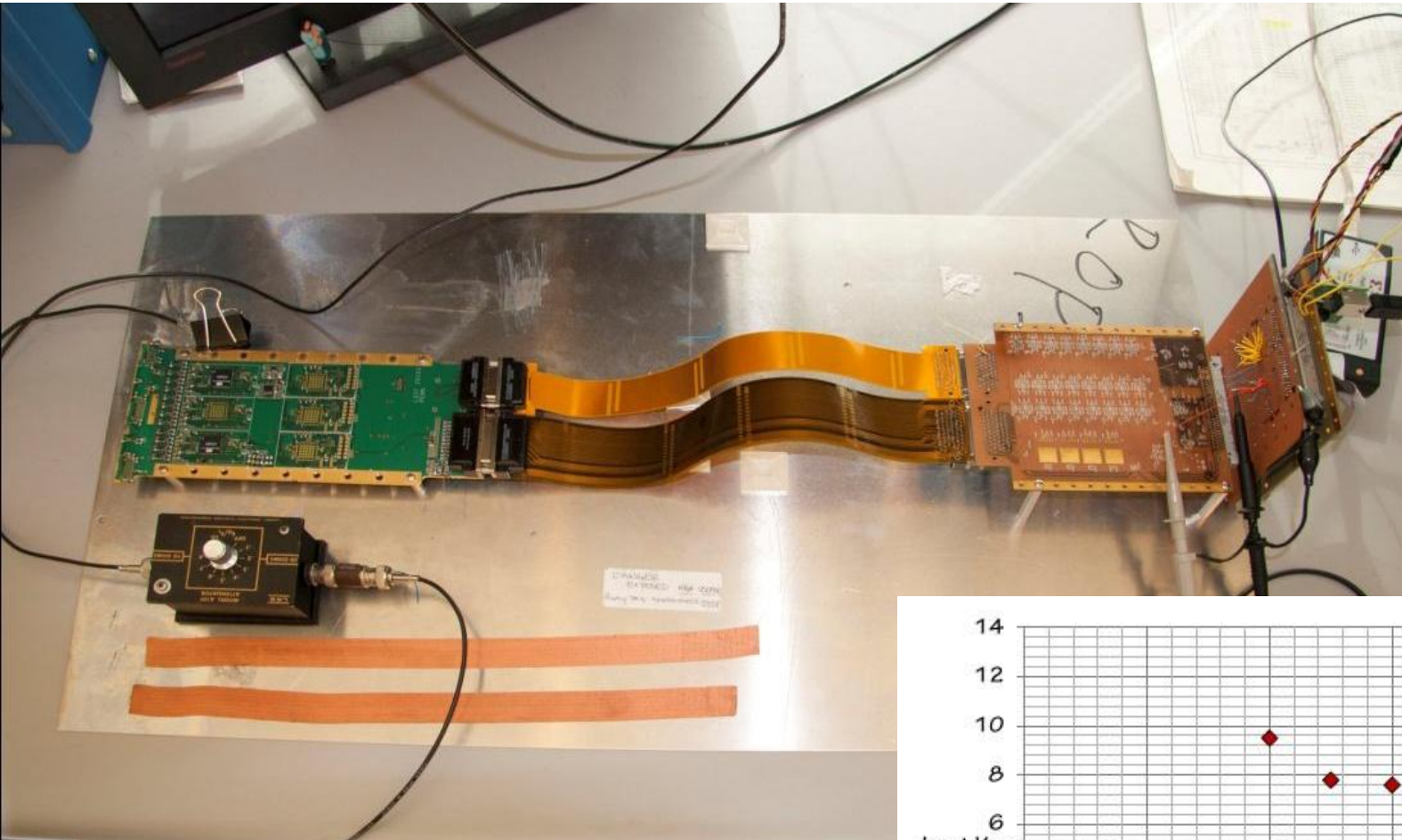


DSI\_Out Gain:  
75  $\mu$ V per  
count



Gain (Input vs.  
Output):  
4.6 mV out  
per mV in

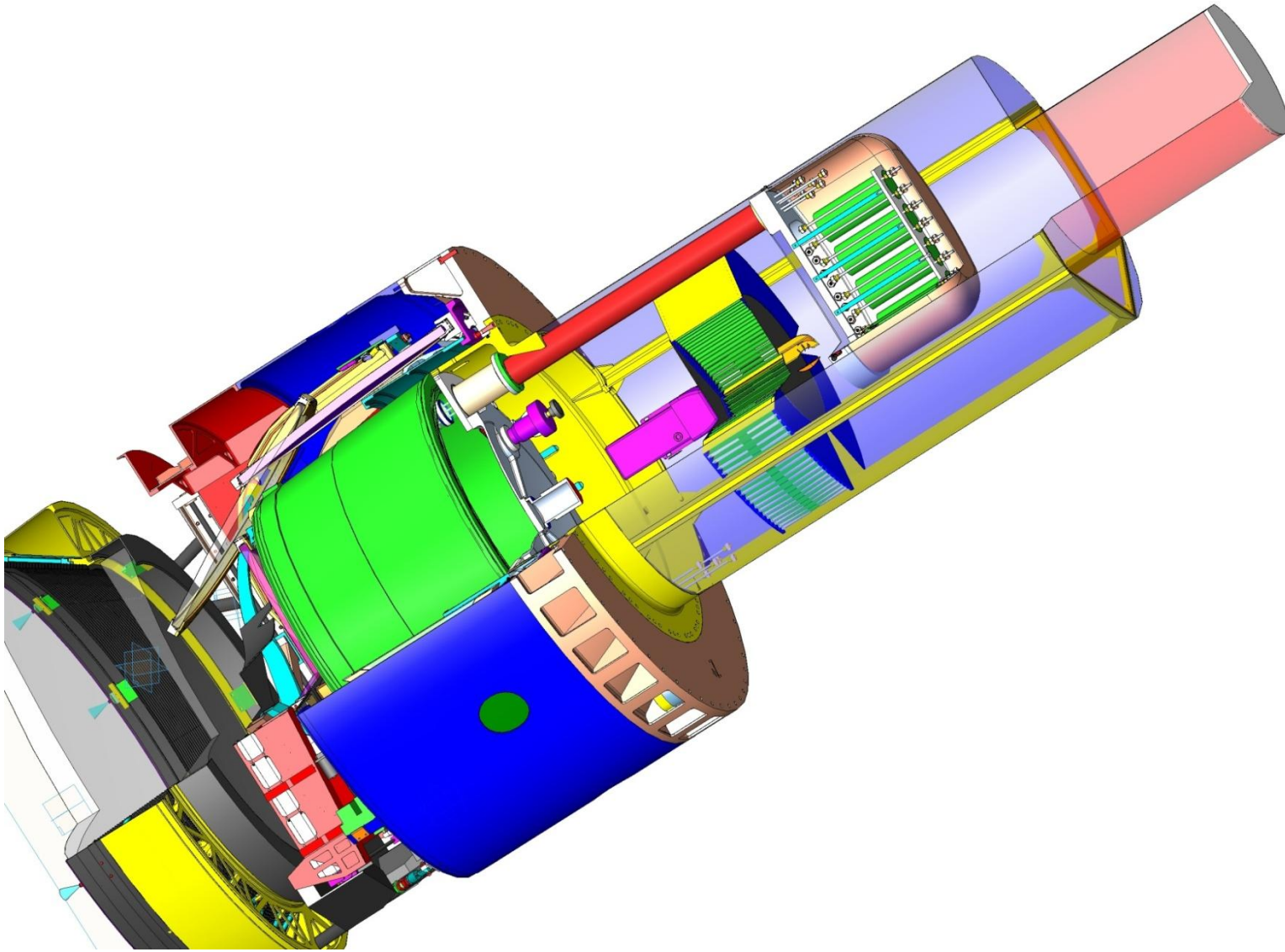
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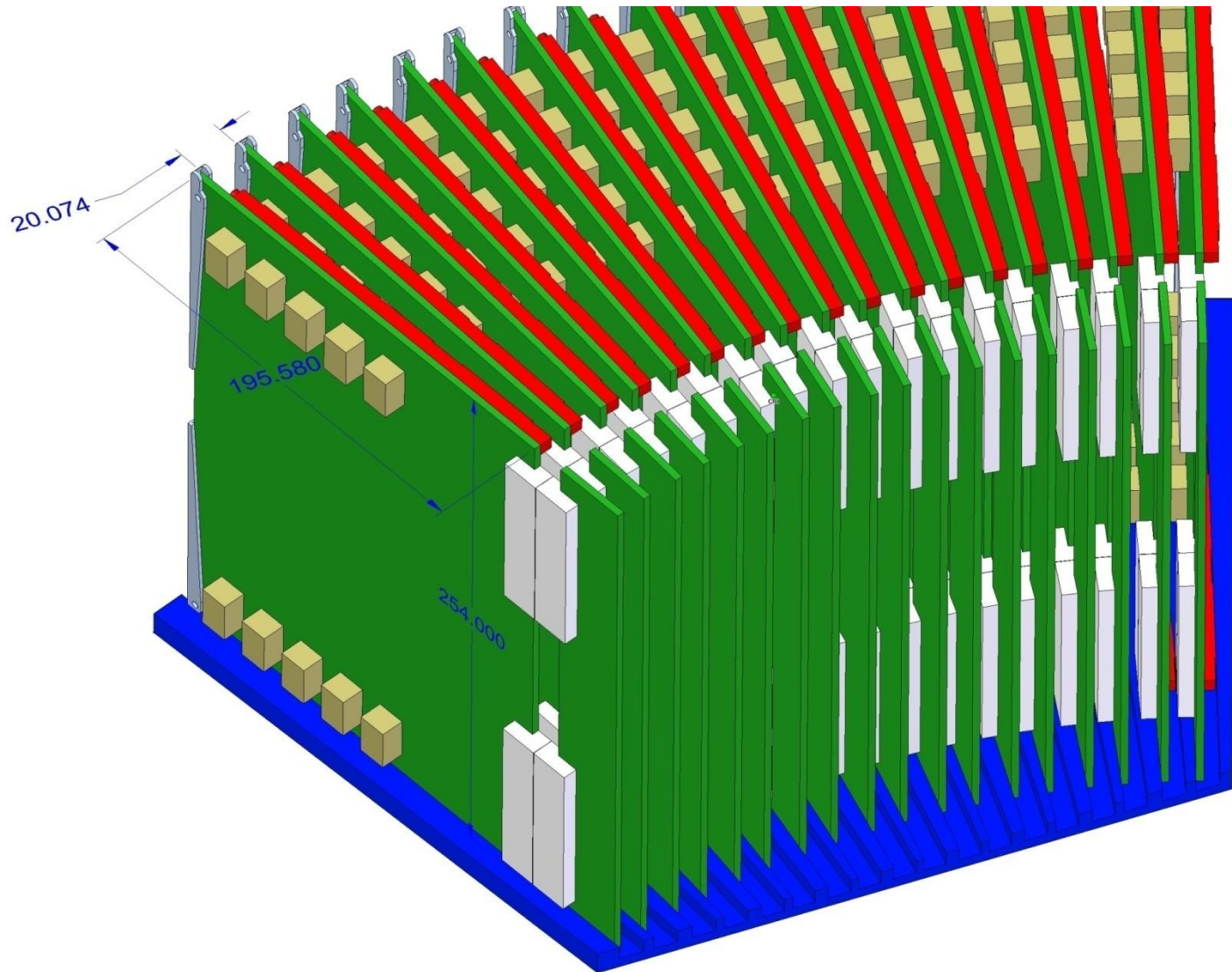
microV (referred to input)

- Power Supplies
- Electro-Optical Converters (DAQ)
- Clock generation and distribution
- Controls for:
  - Shutter
  - Filters
  - Pumps
  - Cooling

# Location, Location, Location



# How to annoy traditionalists....

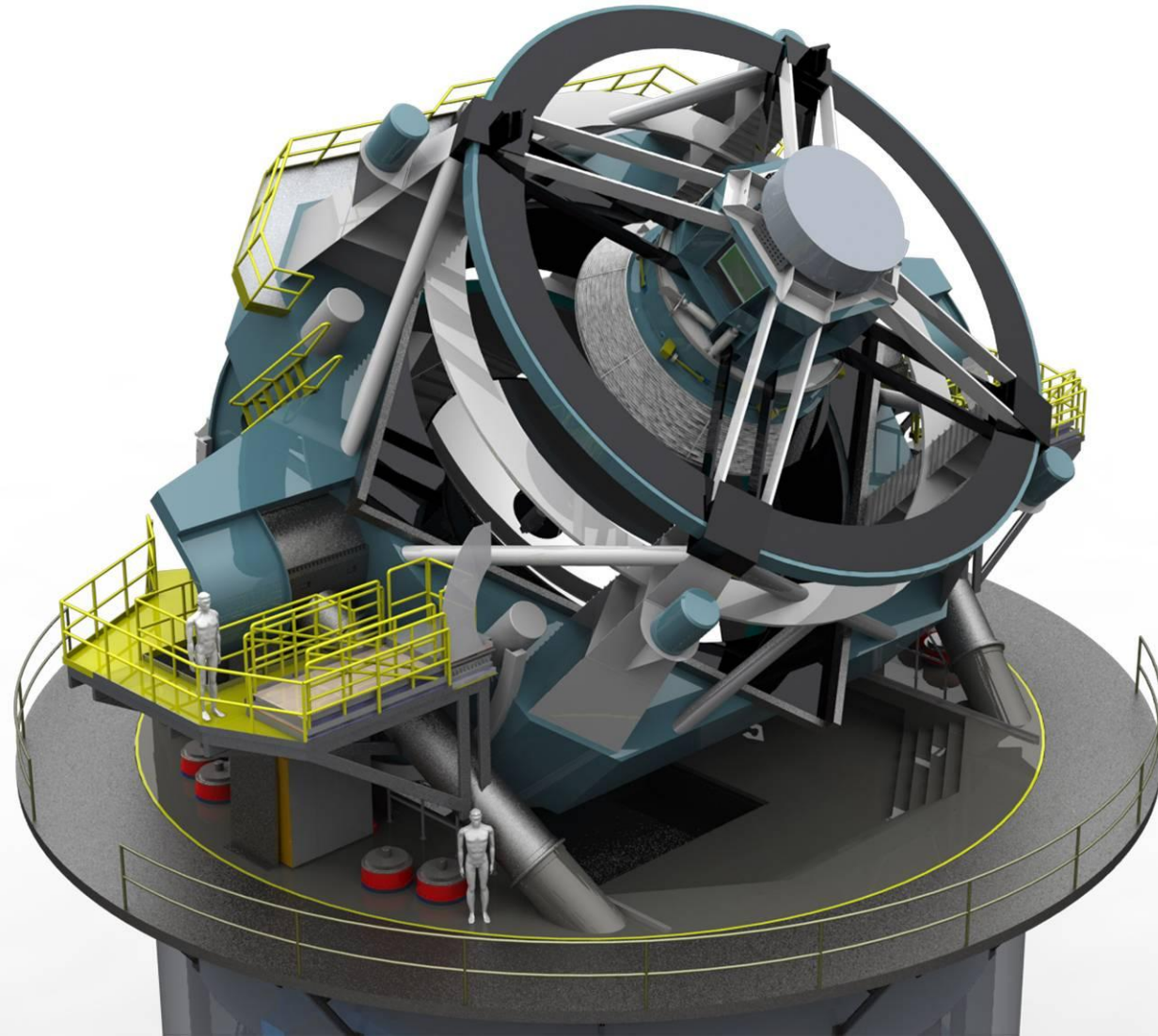


# Things not mentioned....

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- Thermal design
- Grounding & Shielding
- Optical design / filter characteristics
- Camera and Observatory Control Systems
- Data Acquisition System
- Data bases – meta-data for everything
- Image processing (data cleaning and frame co-adding)
- Vacuum design
- Cleanliness, contamination control
- Focal Plane alignment (ppm!)
- Metrology
- Mechanical design
- Calibration
- Observing simulator / planner

First Light – 2018???





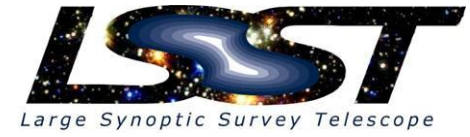




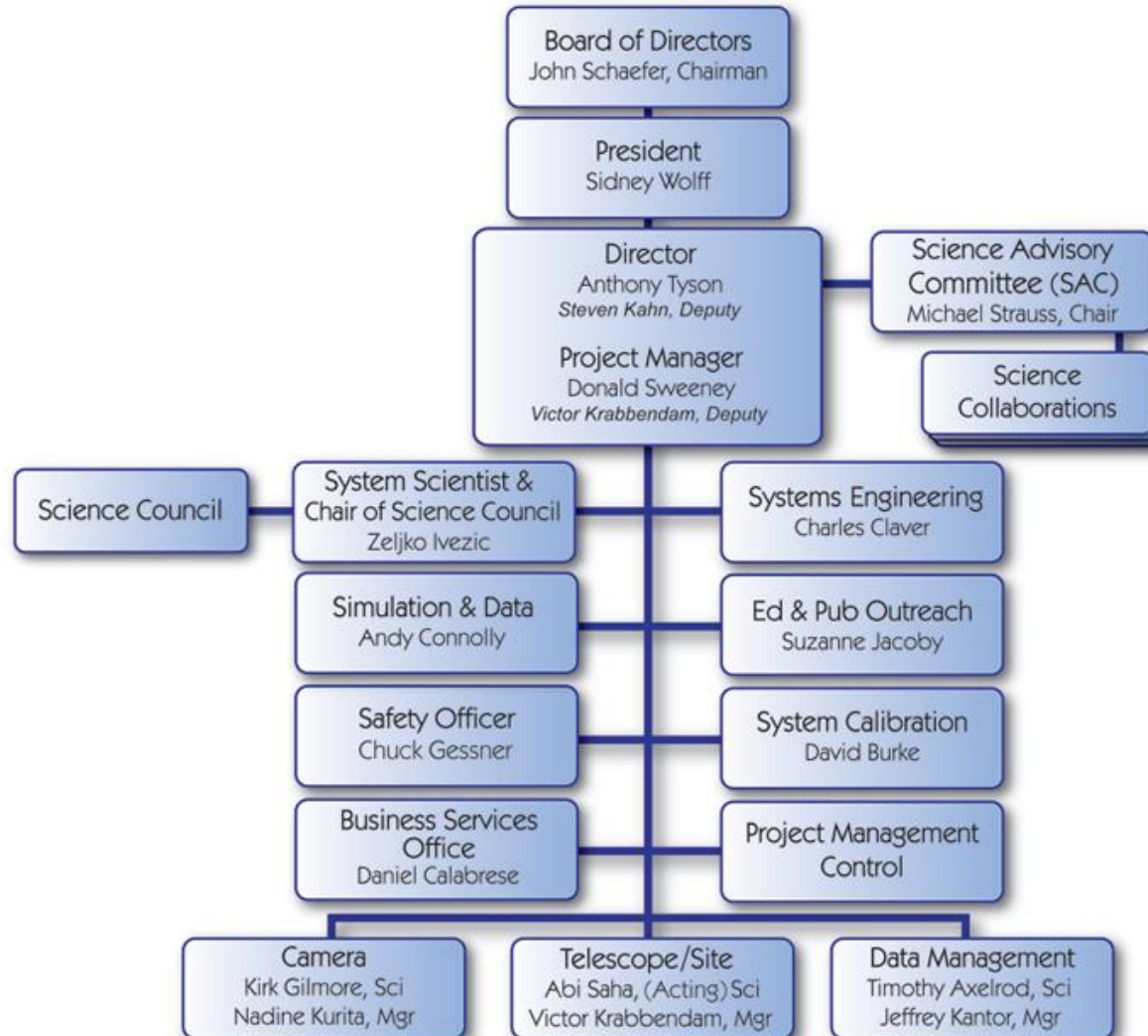
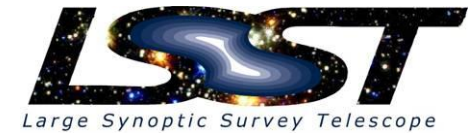
Synoptic!

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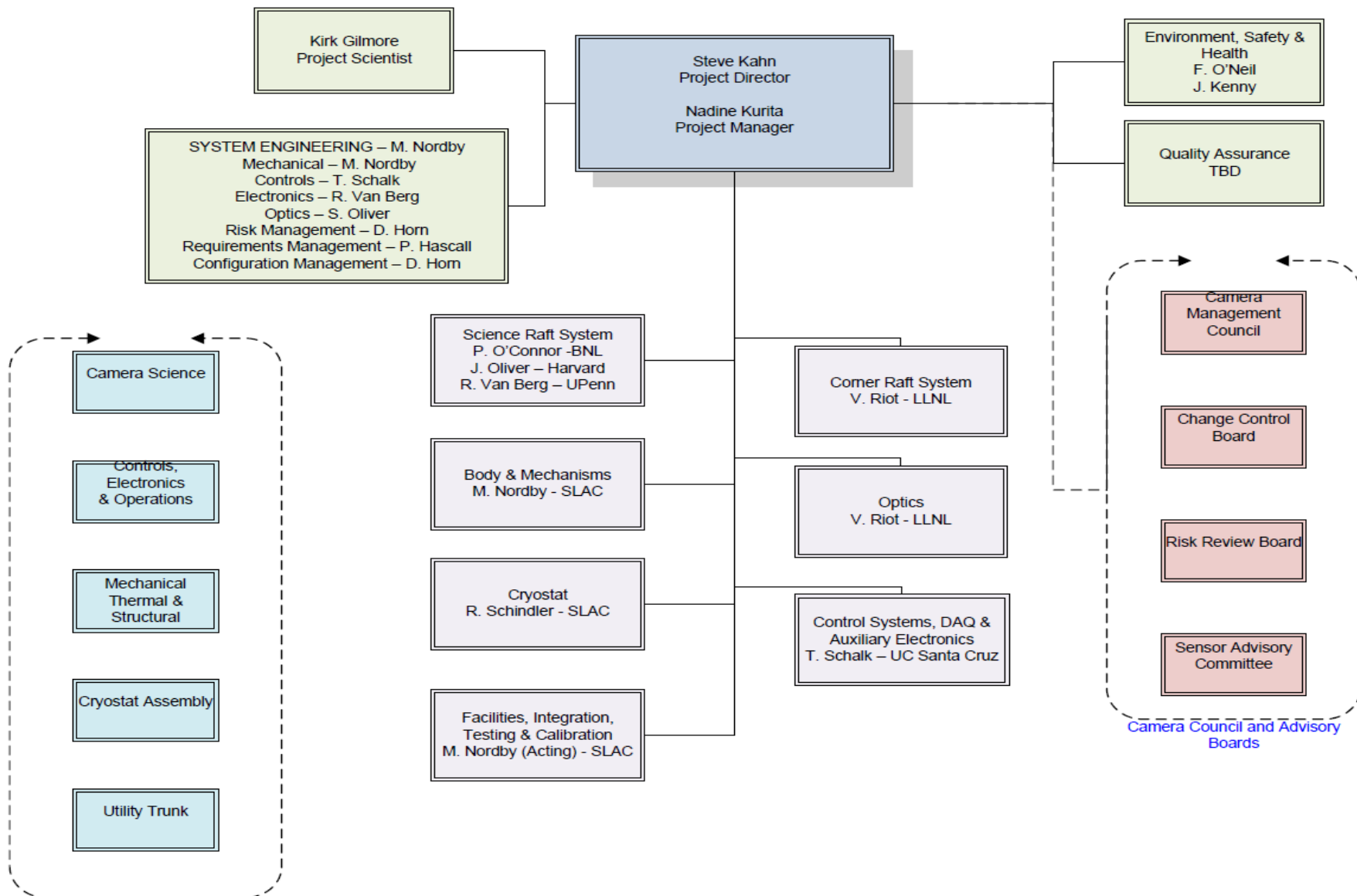
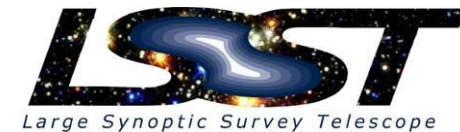
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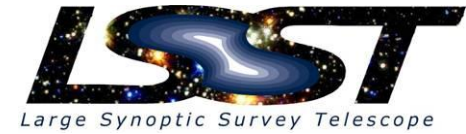
# LSST Boxes



# Camera Boxology



# Calypso has an LSST test camera installed with phase 1 prototype sensor



- LSST's 1.2 meter diameter Telescope on Kitt Peak
- Observing Operations conducted regularly
- LSST U, Y3, and Y4 as well as Sloan filter set on telescope



ITL/STA 1920A at Calypso

M1 (R band, 4Kx4K)



