

# Vera C. Rubin Observatory

An aerial photograph of the Vera C. Rubin Observatory under construction at dusk. The main building, a large white structure with a distinctive gabled roof, is illuminated from within, casting a warm glow. Several smaller white domes are visible on the surrounding rocky, reddish-brown hills. In the background, a range of rugged mountains is partially covered in snow. The sky is a deep twilight blue. The overall scene captures the scale and isolation of this major astronomical facility.

Asen Christov

14.10.2024

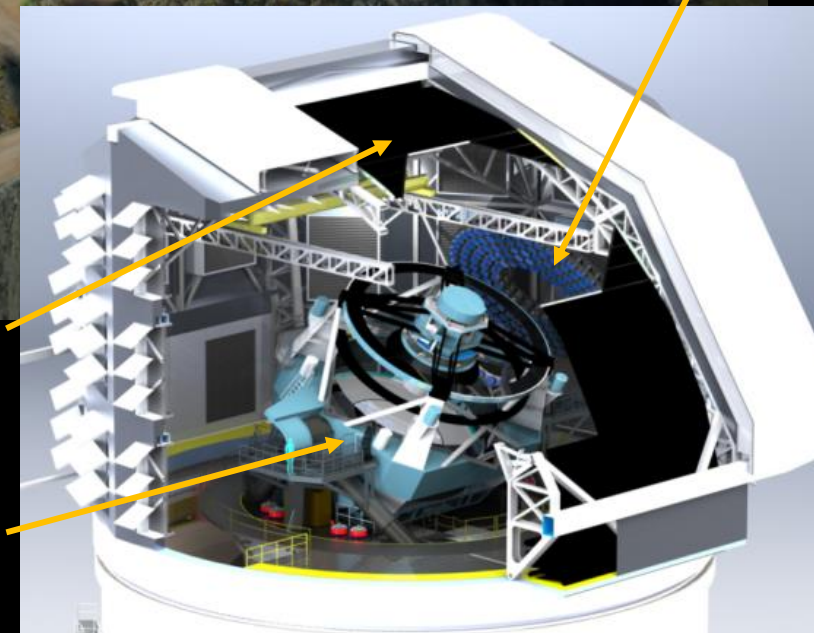
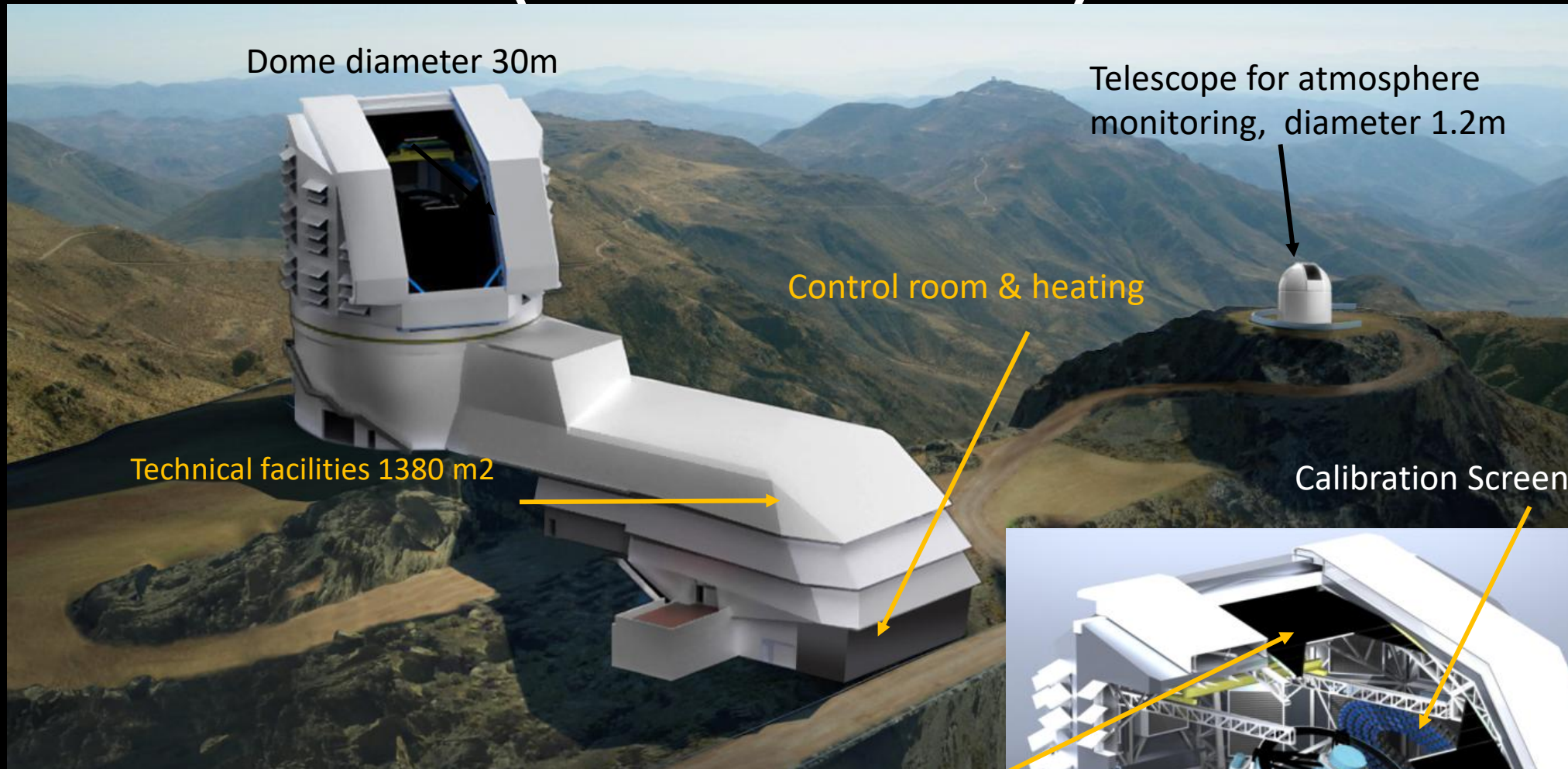


# Location





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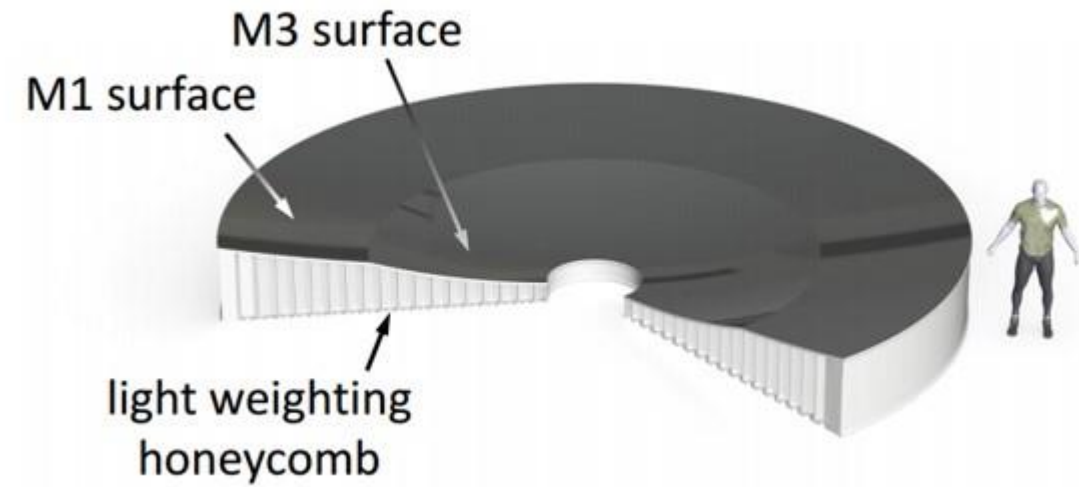
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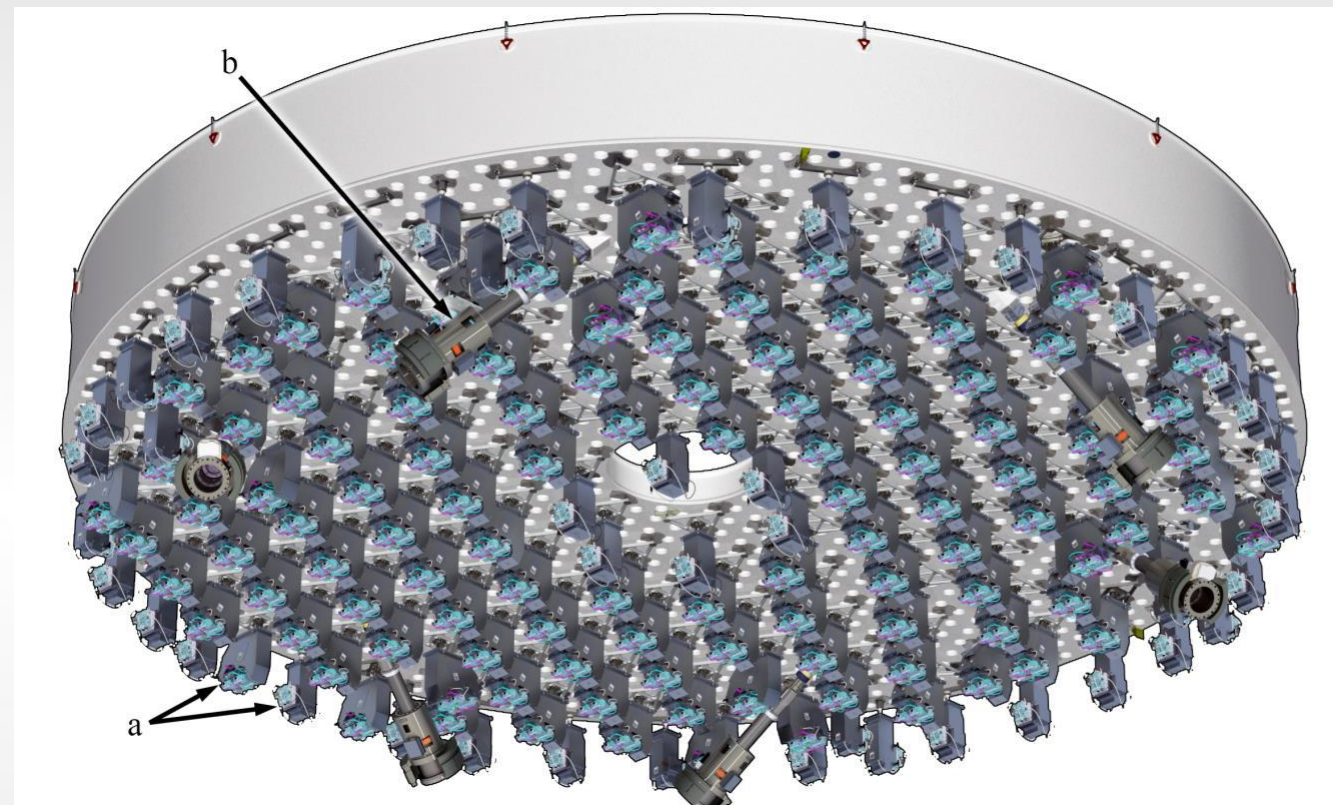


- Primary and tertiary mirror (M1M3)



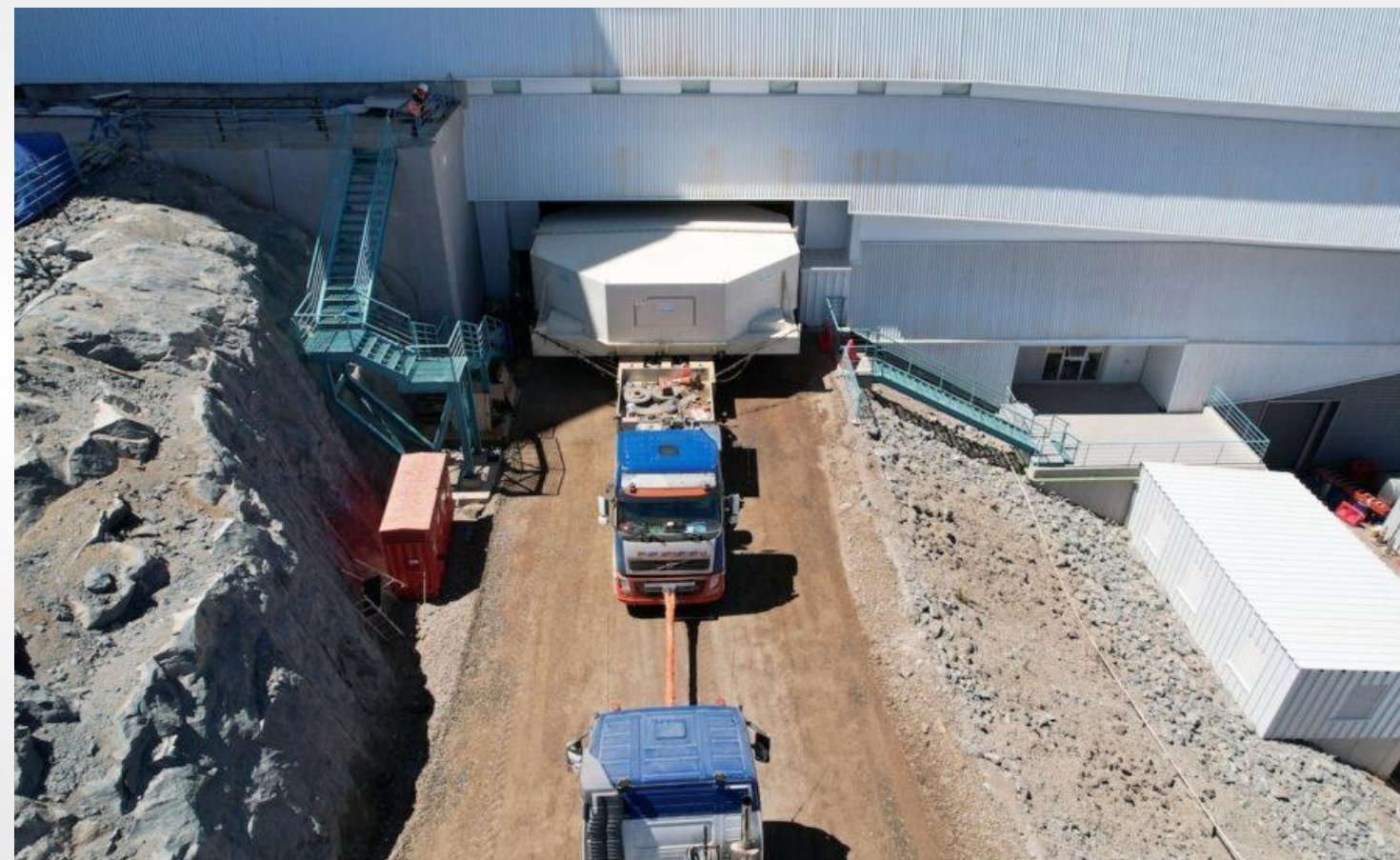


polishing



Actuators for deformation corrections

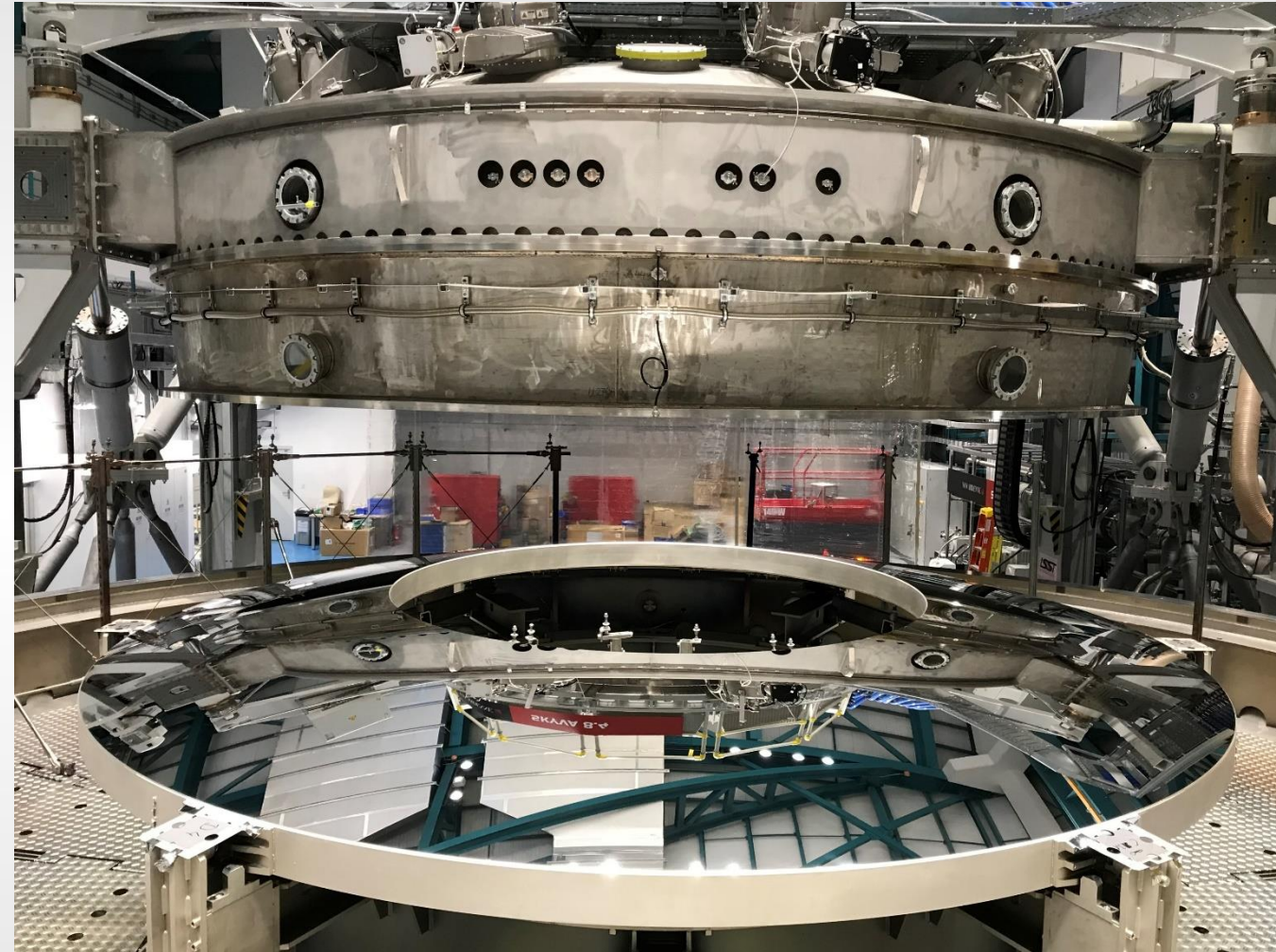




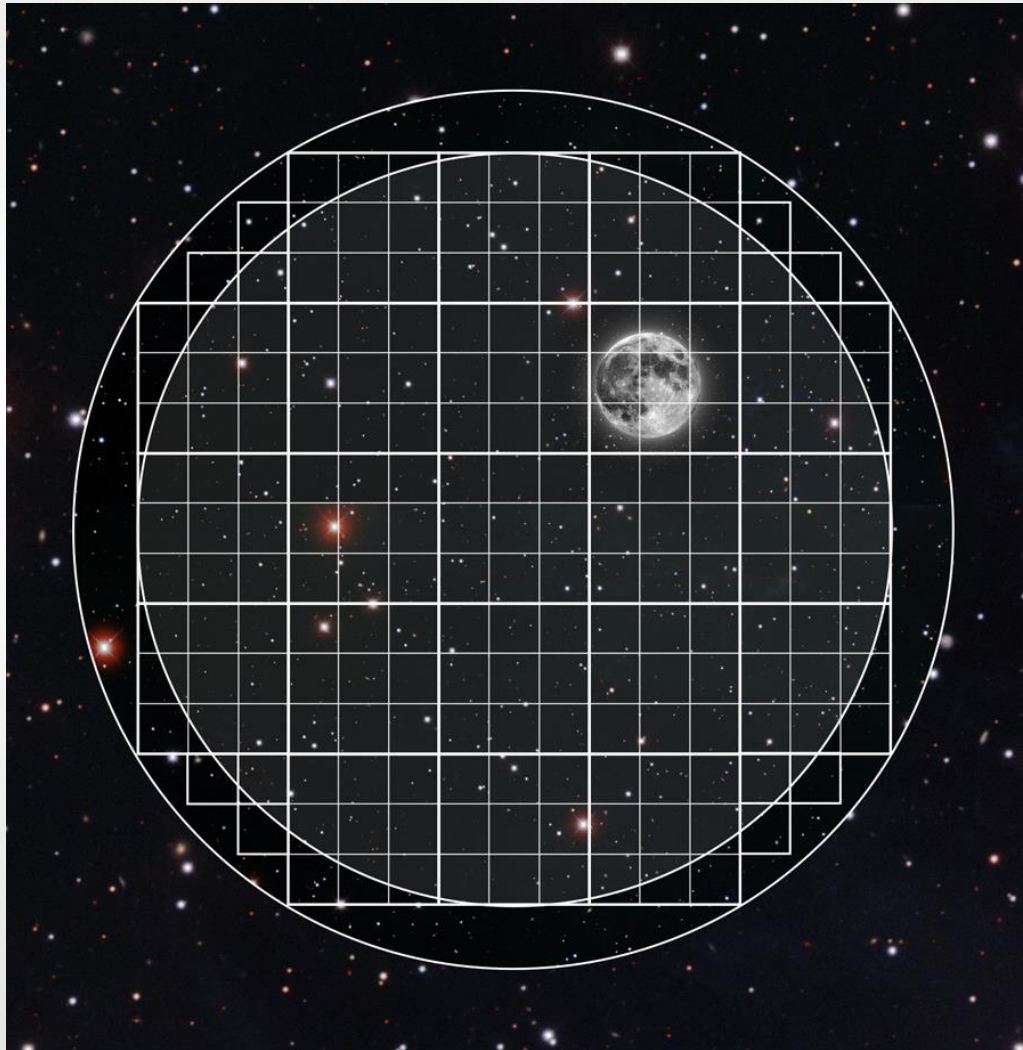




Biggest concave mirror in the world



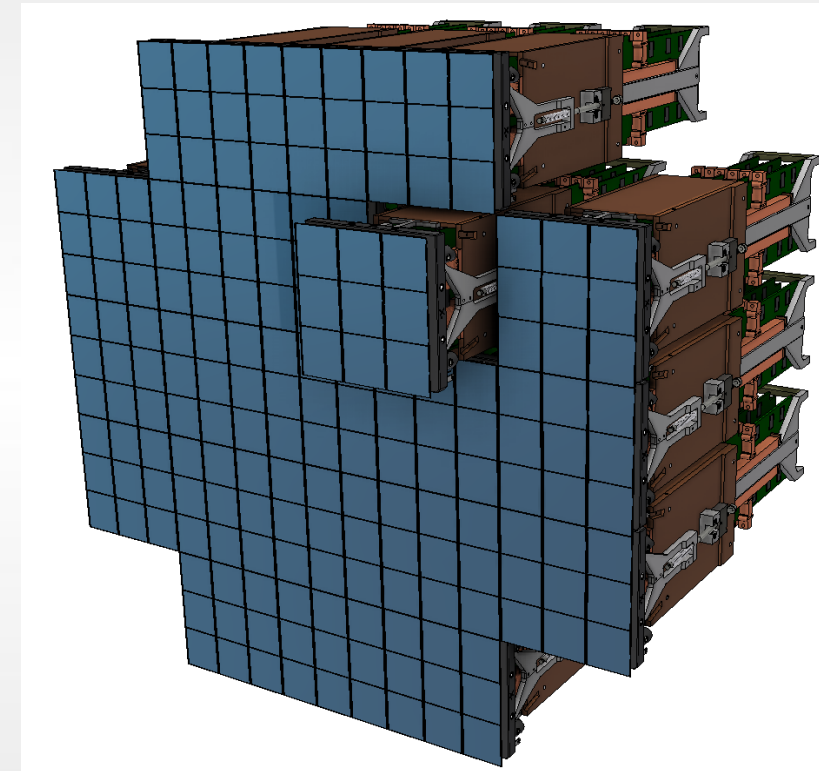
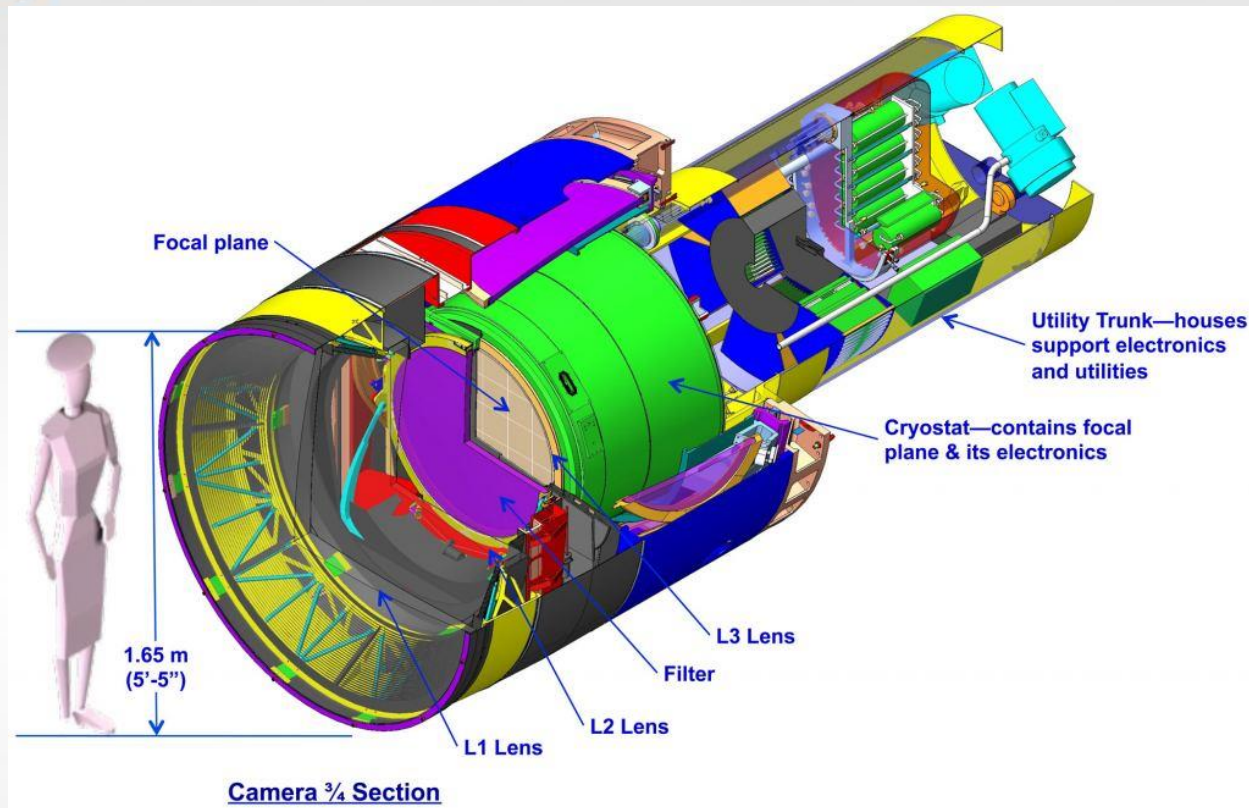




- Field of view 3.5 degrees  
(9.6 square degrees)

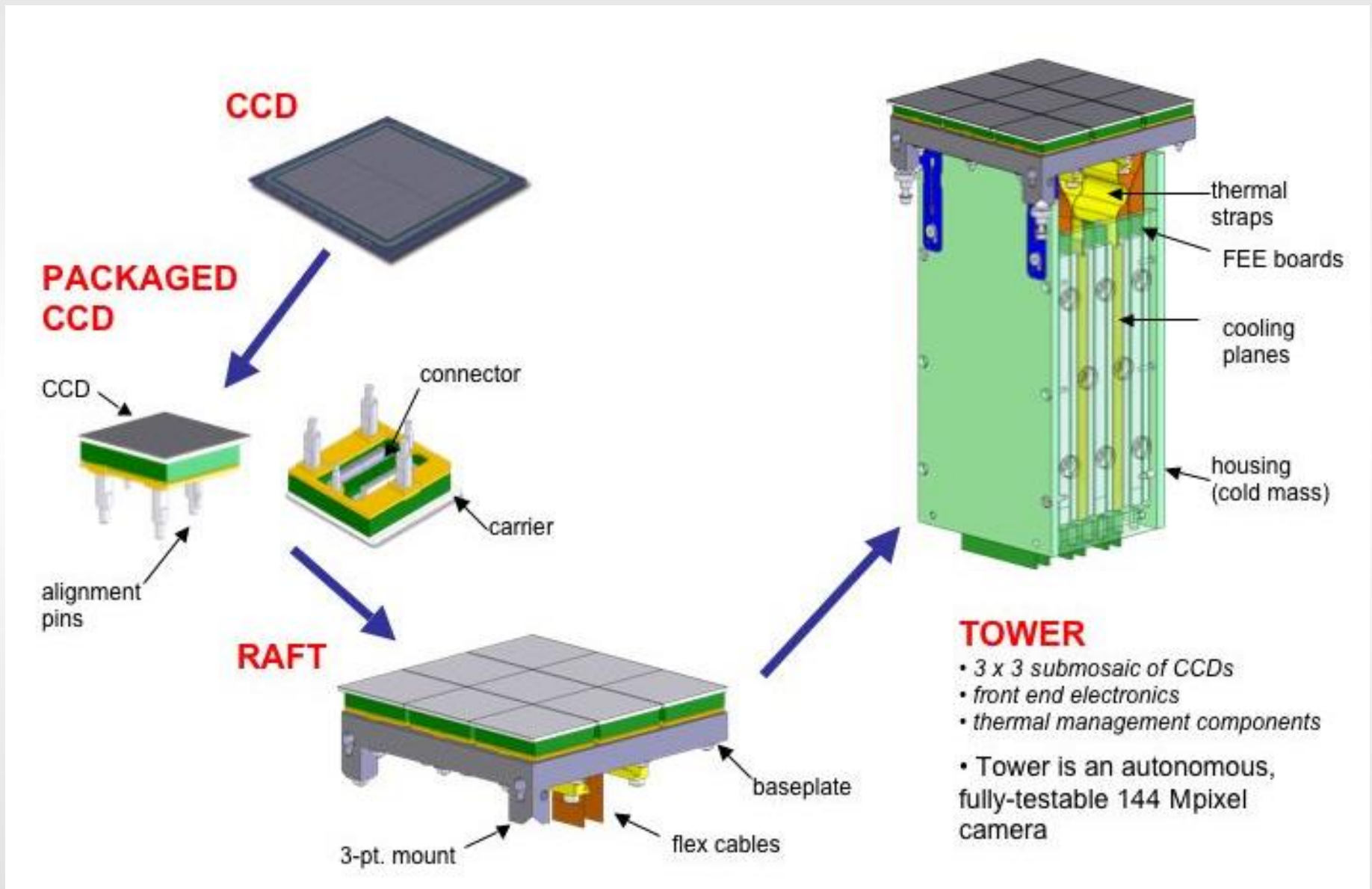


# Camera



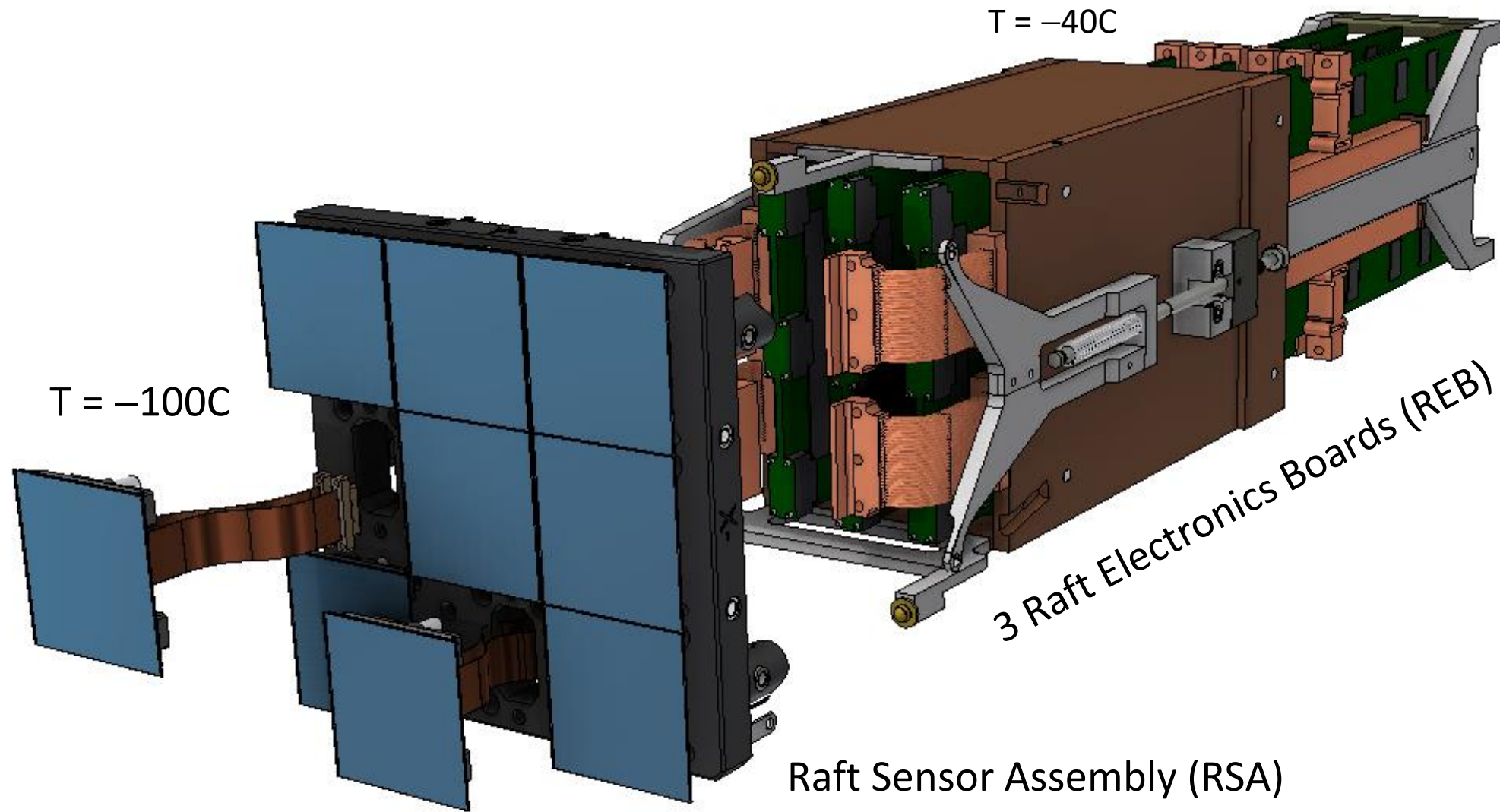
- Diameter of the detection plane: 64 cm
- 189 4K × 4K CCDs → 3 Gigapixels
- 21 rafts, 9 chips each
- Operation temperature -100 °C





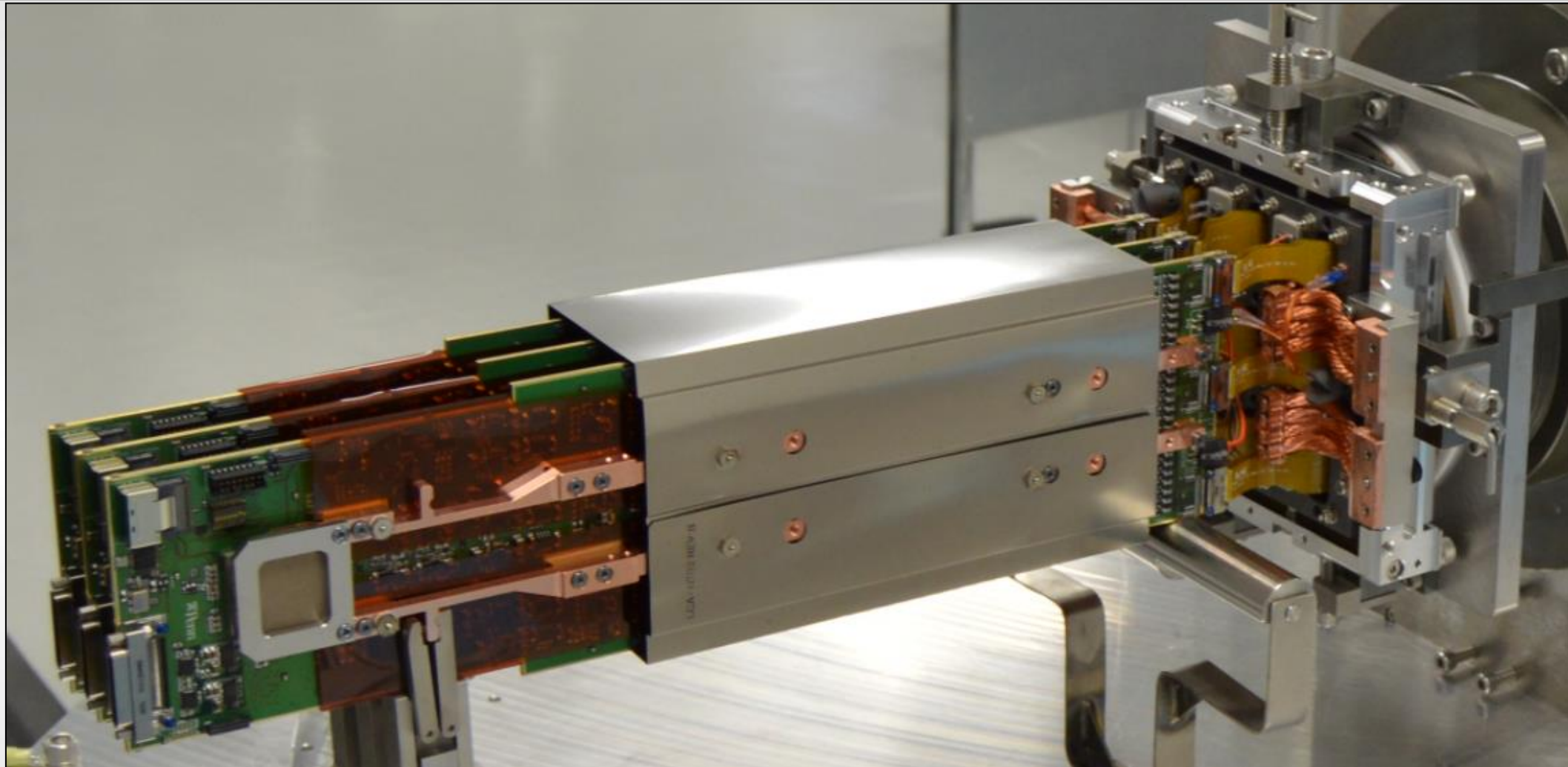


# Raft Tower Module (RTM)





# Science Raft in BNL





# Testing in BNL, participation of FZU



Petr Kubanek, Michal Vrstil  
(M.Prouza group, Institute of Physics, CAS)  
in BNL cleanroom

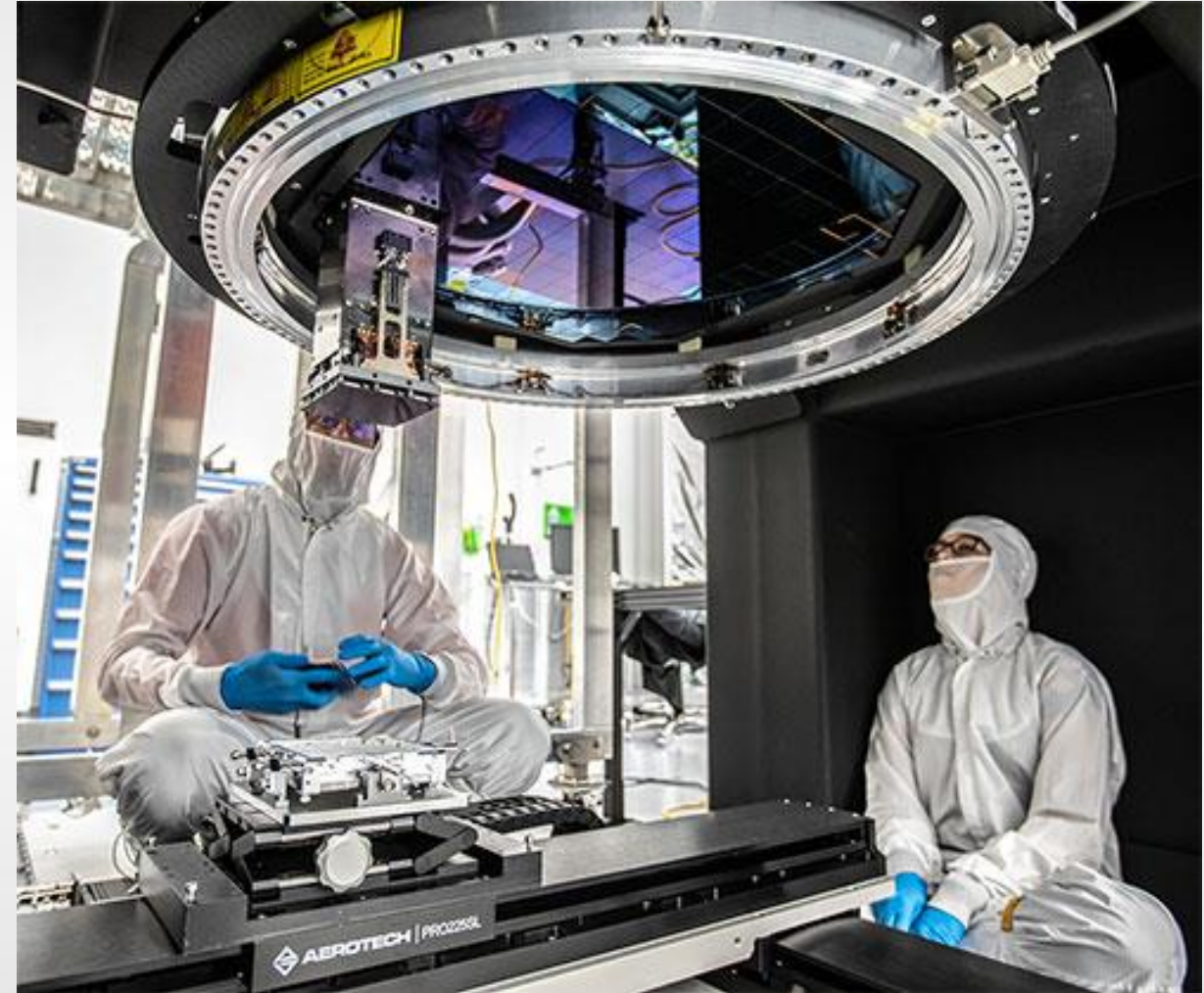
Early participation of M. Prouza and P. Kubánek earned us data rights



Sergey Karpov, Asen Chistov  
CCD characterization

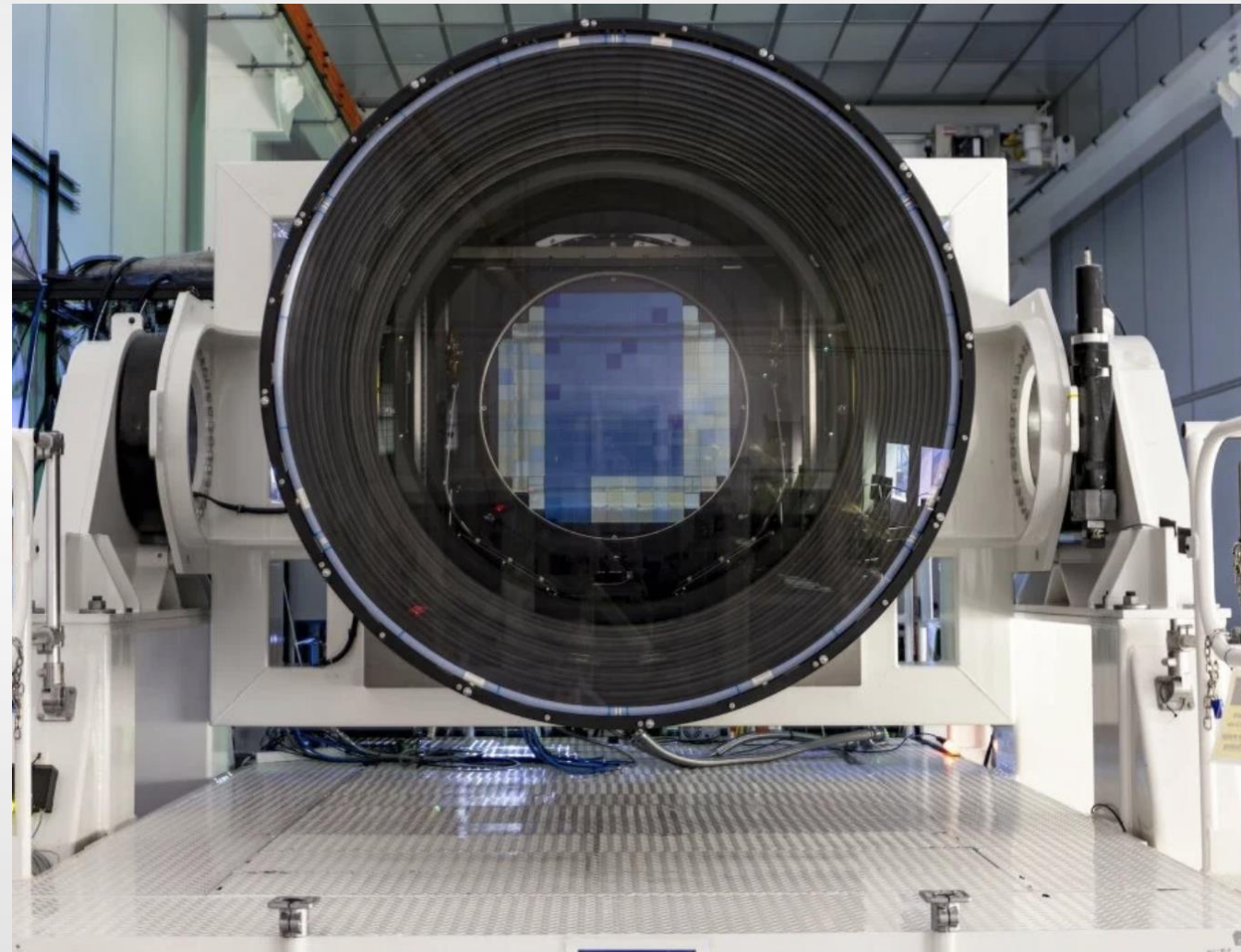
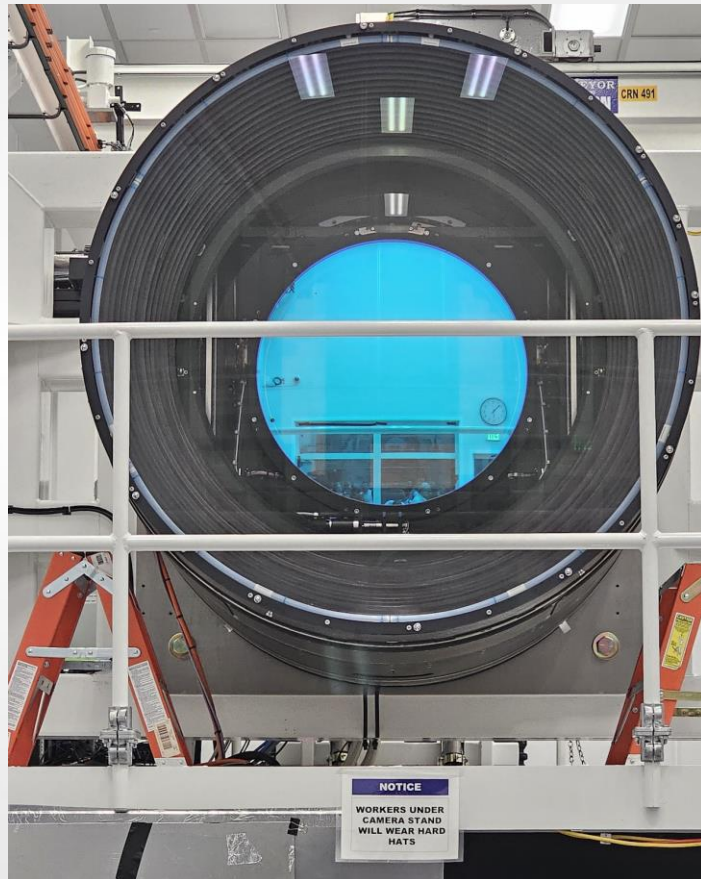


# Final assembly in SLAC





# LSST Camera, SLAC 2023





# Current status

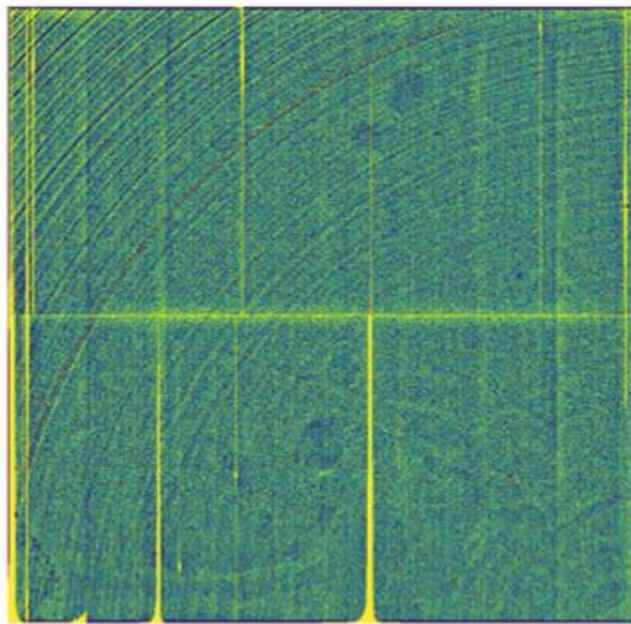
- (Reported by P. Kubánek on the 30.9. )
- The telescope is parked in zenith position, M2 installed
- The main mirror M1M3 installed
- Mid October the telescope should be complete
- Next step to tilt it down from zenith, actuator setup
- "ComCAM" installation at the end of the month
- The main camera is at the site, installation at the end of the year
  
- First light – beginning of 2025



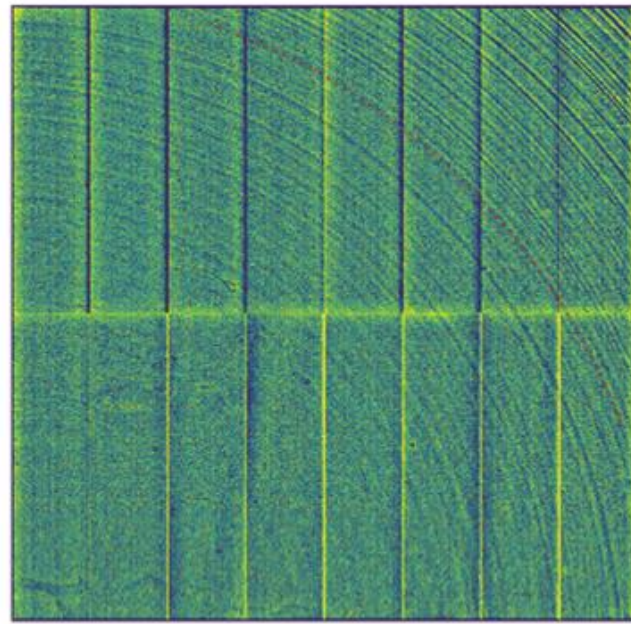




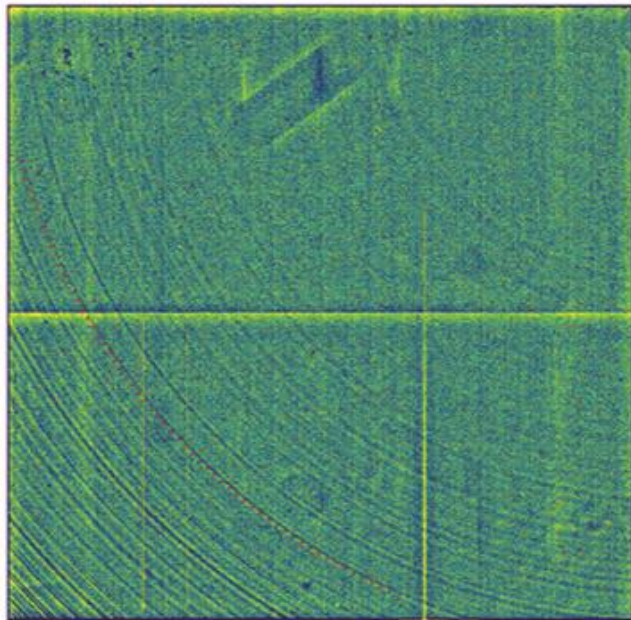
# Tree Ring analysis



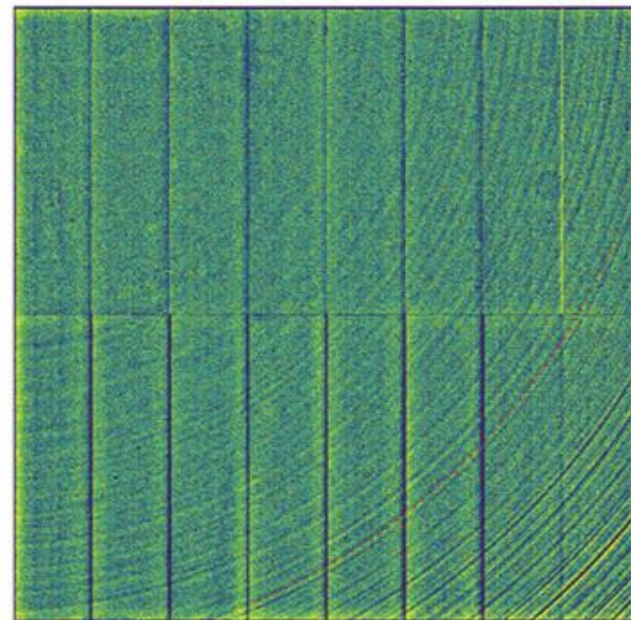
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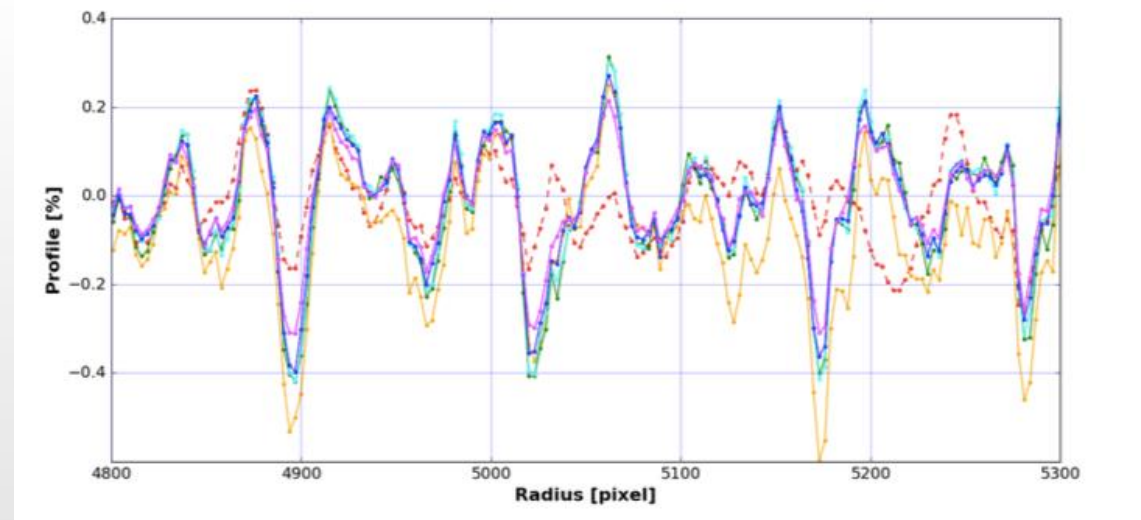
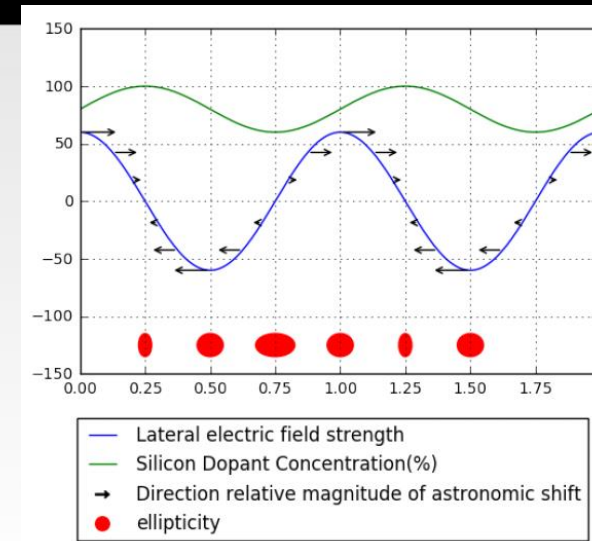
(b)



(c)



(d)





# Tree Rings on LSST production sensors : its dependence on radius, wavelength, and back bias voltage

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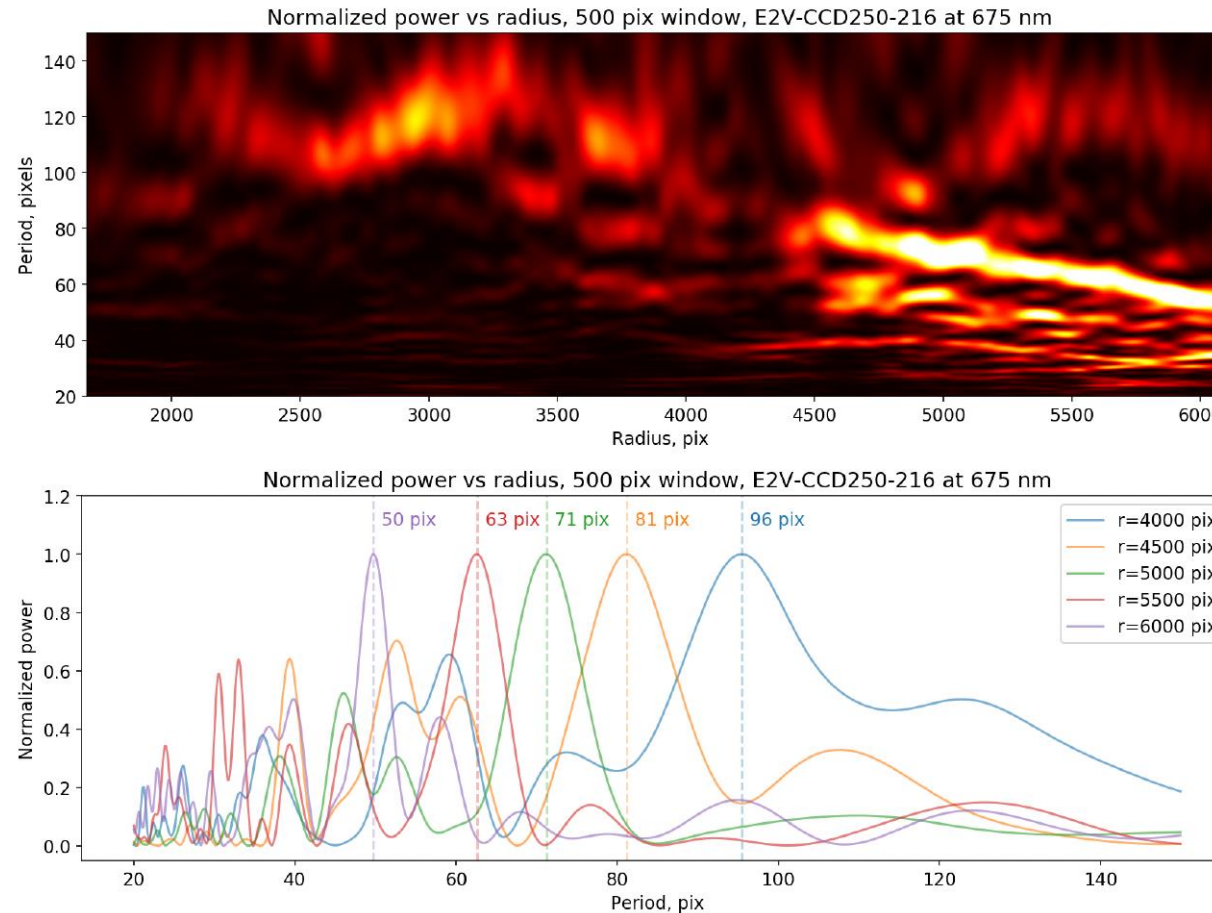
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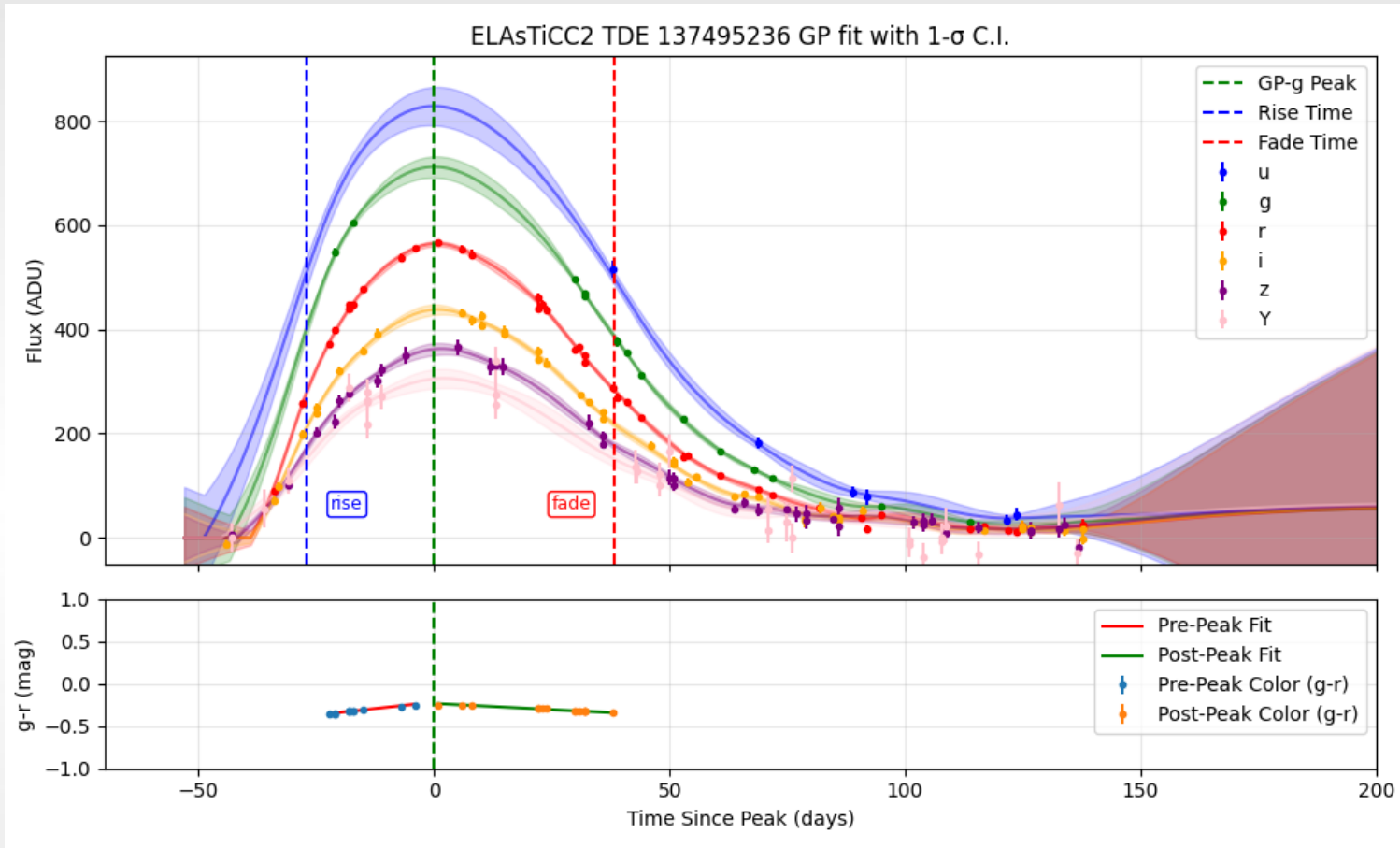
Sergey Karpov, FZU



**Fig 6** Upper panel – radius-resolved periodogram of a tree rings on E2V sensor. The drift of primary period (period decrease with radius increase) is clearly seen. Lower panel – Lomb-Scargle periodograms of the tree rings for the same sensor on several radii, with marked positions of the primary peak, which drifts to lower periods towards the edge of silicon wafer.



# TDE identification



- Current FZU activities
  - TDE identification algorithms
  - Light curves extraction and fits
  - Implementation in the brokers

PhD student **Kunal Bhardwaj**  
 "Gaussian Processes" fit

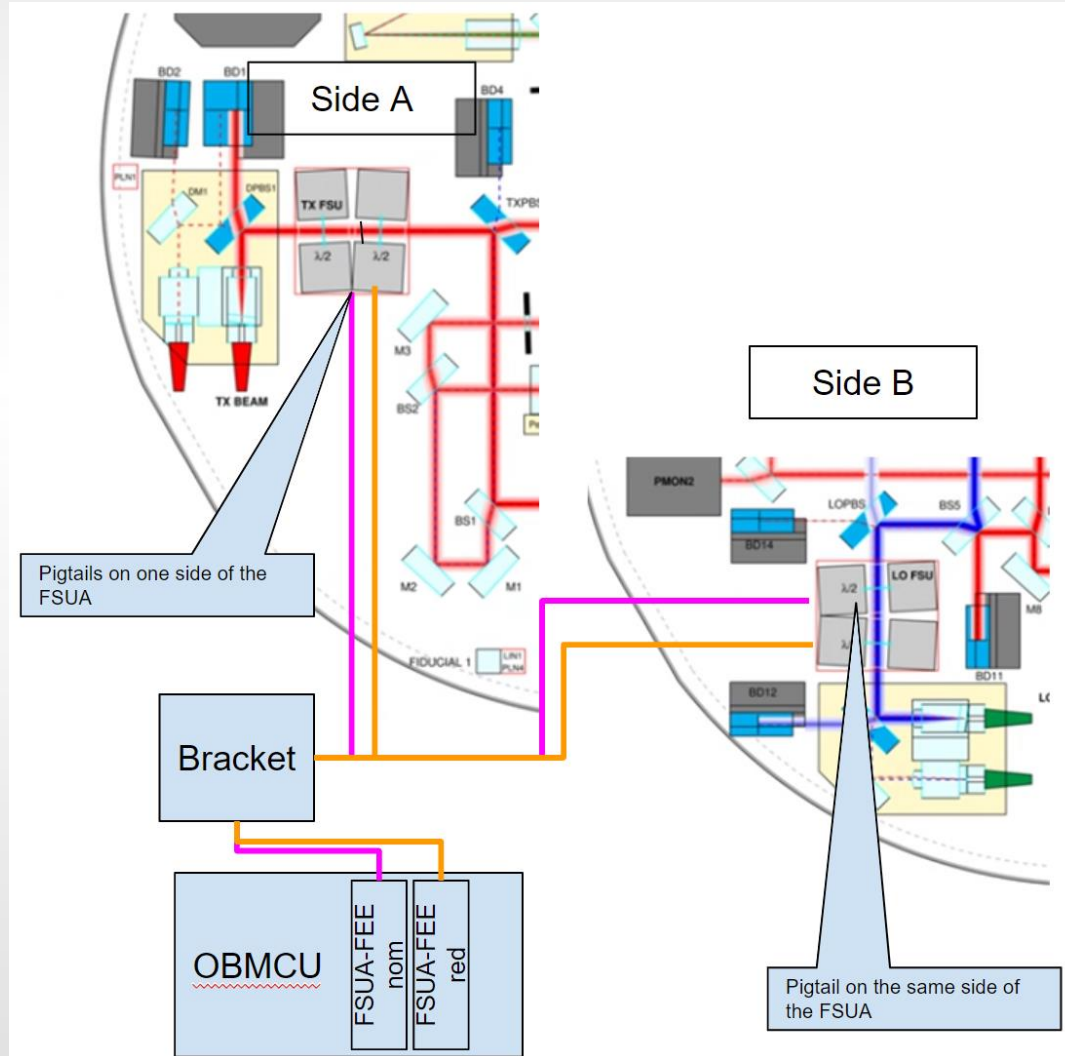


# Czech Contribution to LISA Mechanisms for the Optical Bench





# FSUA system



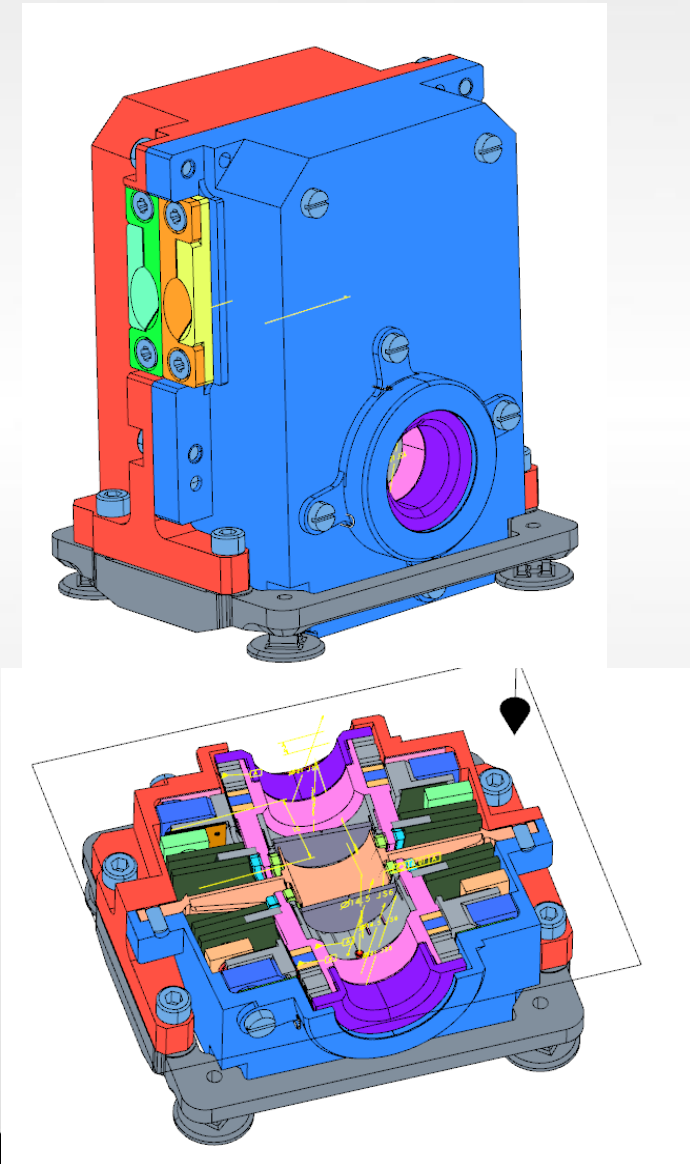
- FSUA = Fibre Switch Unit Actuator
- OBMCU = Optical Bench Mechanism Control Unit
- Goal: reliably rotate polarization of incoming beam
- LISA = 3 satellites
  - 2 optical benches
    - 2 **FSUA**
  - 2 OBMCU
    - 2 control board (**FSUA-FEE**), nominal and redundant, each controlling nominal (redundant) part of two FSUA mechanisms
    - All control boards inside **OBMCU mechanics / housing**



# FSUA mechanism requirements

- Non-magnetic
- Fully redundant (sensing, actuators, optical elements, cabling) – critical mechanism
- Accommodate  $2 \times \lambda/2$  waveplates
- Rotate each of waveplate by 45 deg, but shall be able to rotate to arbitrary orientation
- Each waveplate its own absolute encoder
- High thermal stability

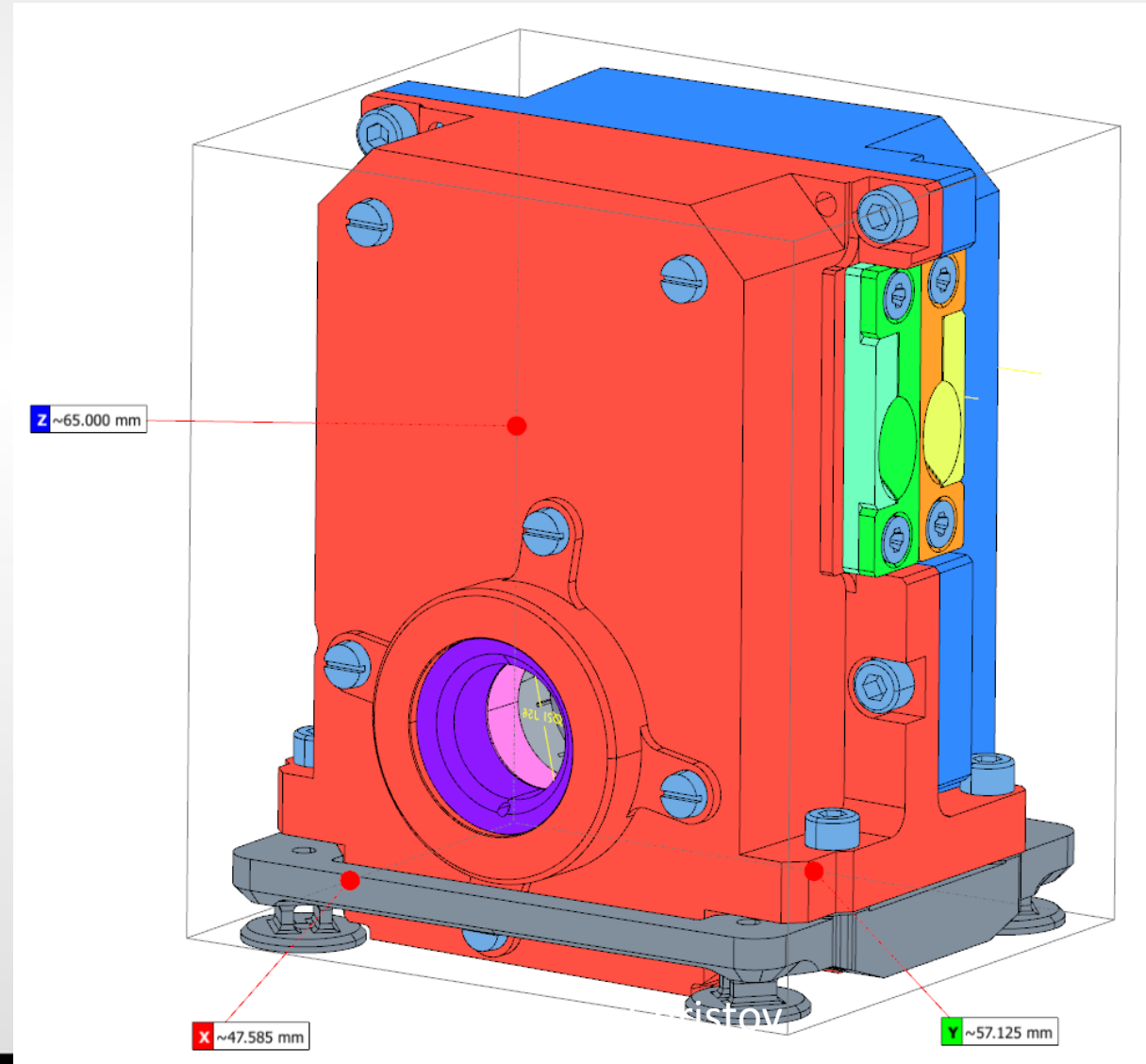
# FSUA mechanism – current status



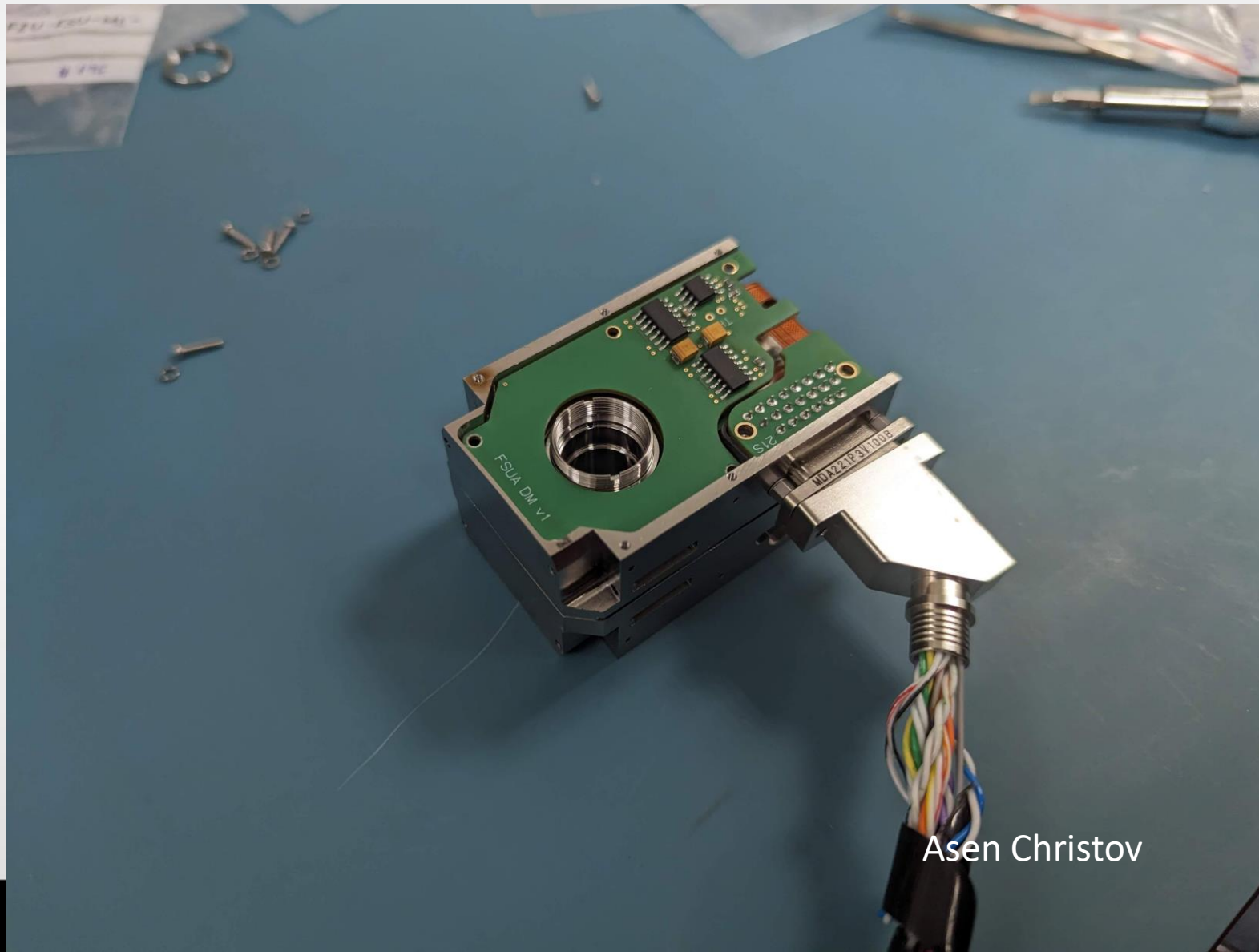
- 2 rotation axes in each mechanism (because of redundancy), including pigtail, encoder, actuator etc.
- Materials
  - Ti gr 5 main parts
  - Inconel screws (typically M2 – M2.5) + brass helicoils (optional)
  - PEEK CA30 slip stick inserts + cable clamps
  - Fused silica encoder (capacitive)
  - Teflon + kapton insulation parts
  - Piezo stacks (8pieces of 6x2x2 mm)



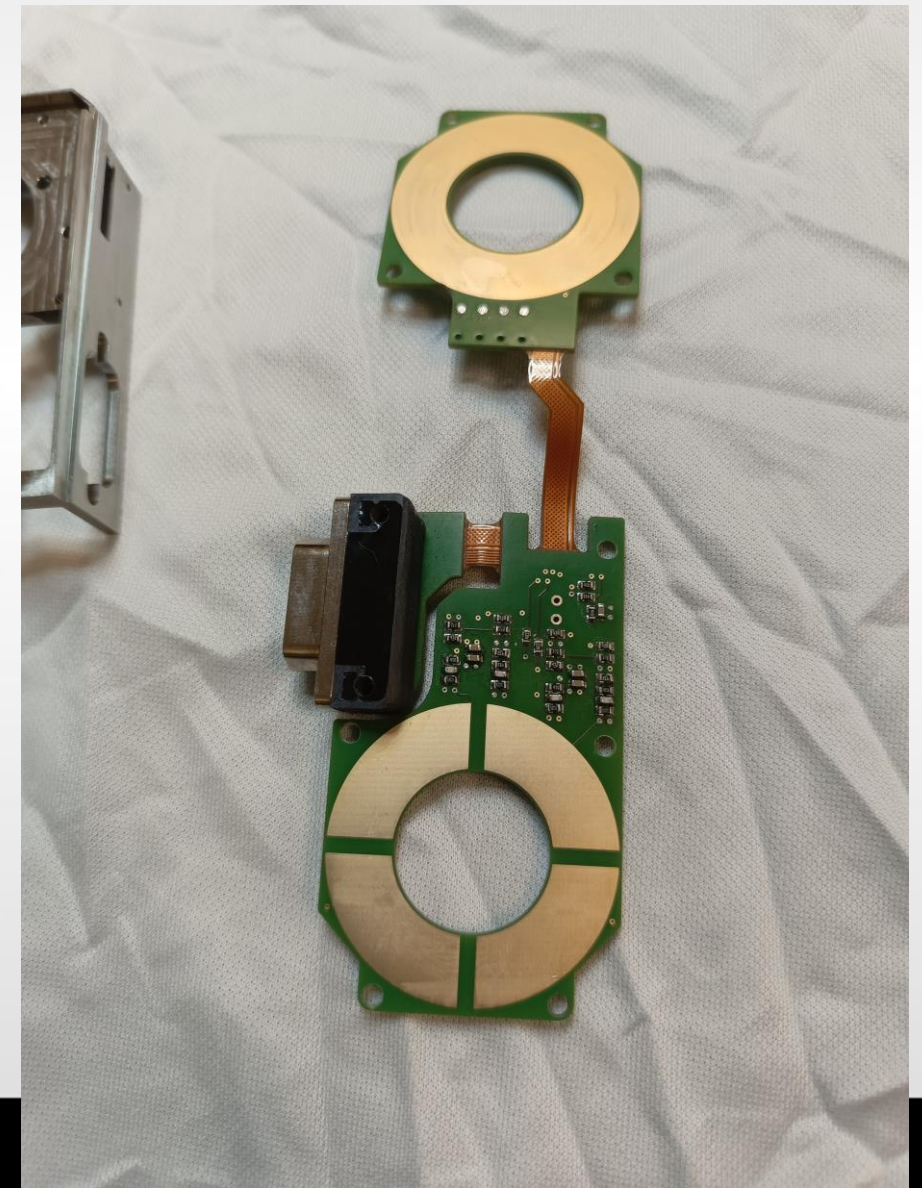
# FSUA mechanism - dimensions



# FSUA mechanism – DM



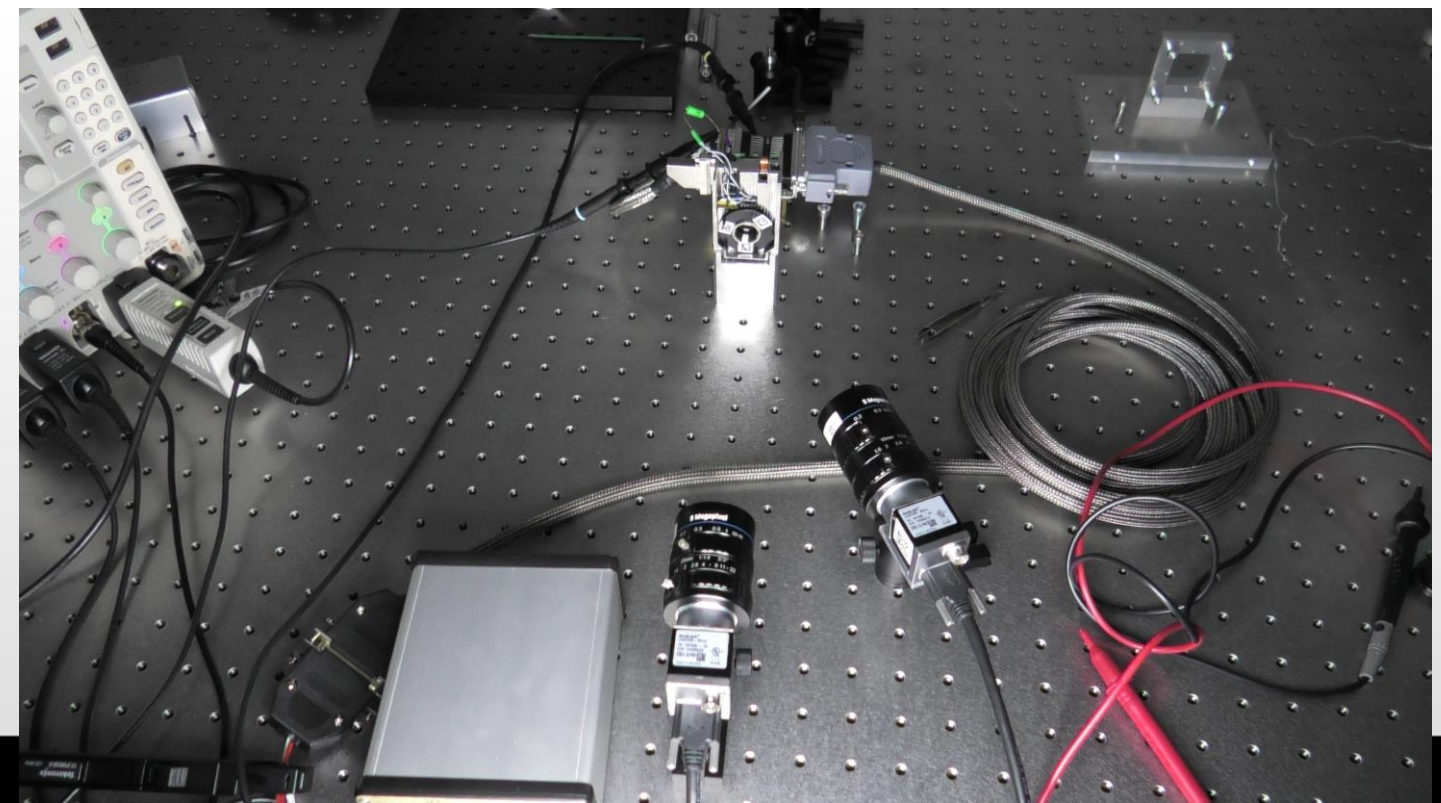
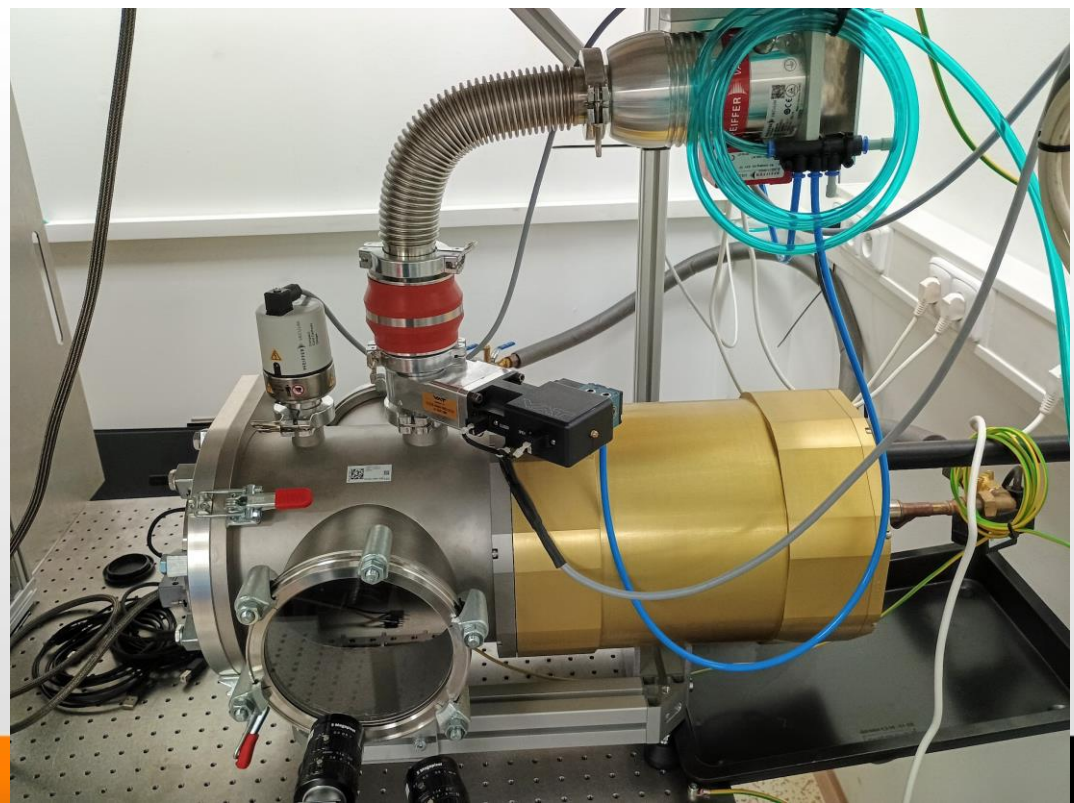
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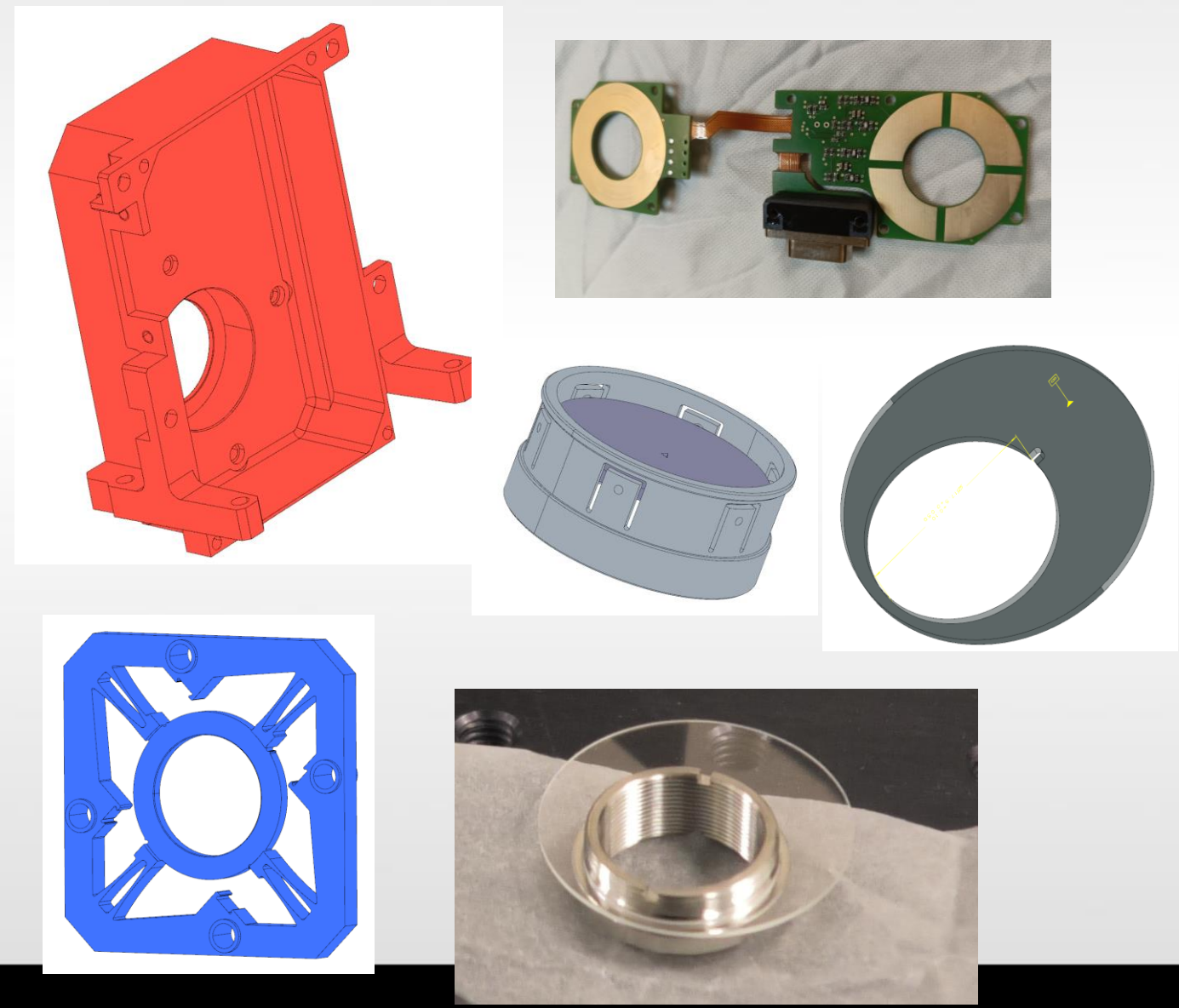


# FSUA DM mechanism - tests

- Air / vacuum lifetime tests
- Speed and stability tests
- Particulate contamination
- Magnetic moment measurements



# FSUA mechanism – procurement



- Mechanical parts manufacturing
  - Precision Ti gr 5, PEEK CA30, Teflon machining brass helicoils (optional) (avoid using EDM)
- Mechanical components
  - Inconel screws
- Optical parts manufacturing
  - Fused silica excentric encoder rotors
- Electronic parts
  - Components – CPPA (ESA)
  - Hybrid Rigid/Flex PCBs
  - Pigtail cables
  - PCB population
- Services
  - Mechanical tests (sine, shock, random), ISO5
  - Optical element gluing (centroscope), ISO5
  - Digital twin metrology, ISO5
  - Degaussing, ISO5
  - Outgassing
  - Thermal stability test



# FSUA mechanism – procurement



- Final test of the DM
- Desing of the EM almost finished
- Next: Production of EM and testing

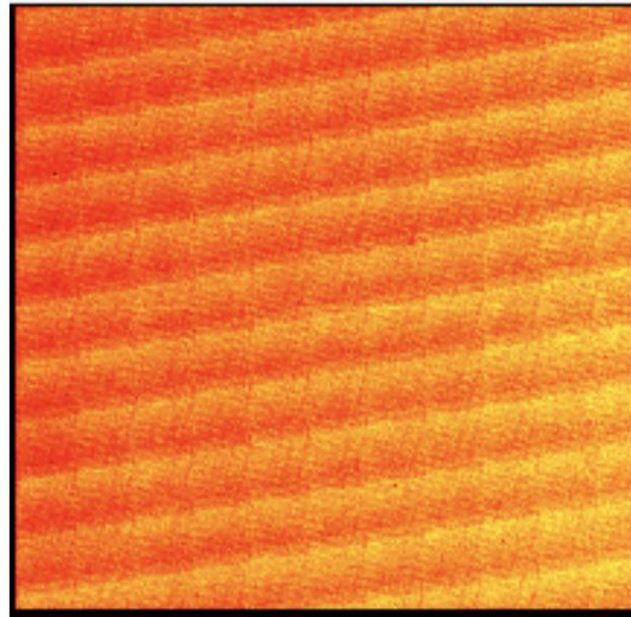


- FOV 3.5 stupně
- Primární zrcadlo 8.4 m
- Ohnisková vzdálenost 6.423 m
- Clonové číslo 1.234
- Kamera 3.060 kg
- M1M3 16.284 kg
- Limitní magnitudy (ve filtrech)
- u: 23.9, 26.1
- g: 25.0, 27.4
- r: 24.7, 27.5
- i: 24.0, 26.8
- z: 23.3, 26.1
- y: 22.1, 24.9
- 3.2 Gpixelů
- 189 4kx4k science CCD
- minimální expozice 1 vteřina
- pixel 10 um
- Medián PSF 0.67"
- 53% fotometrických nocí
- Přesnost fotometrem 10 mmag
- Astrometrie 50 mas
- 20 TB/noc
- 15 PB za deset let (DR11)
- 20 miliard galaxií
- 17 miliard hvězd
- 6 miliónů planetek etc.
- 10 miliónů alertů za noc

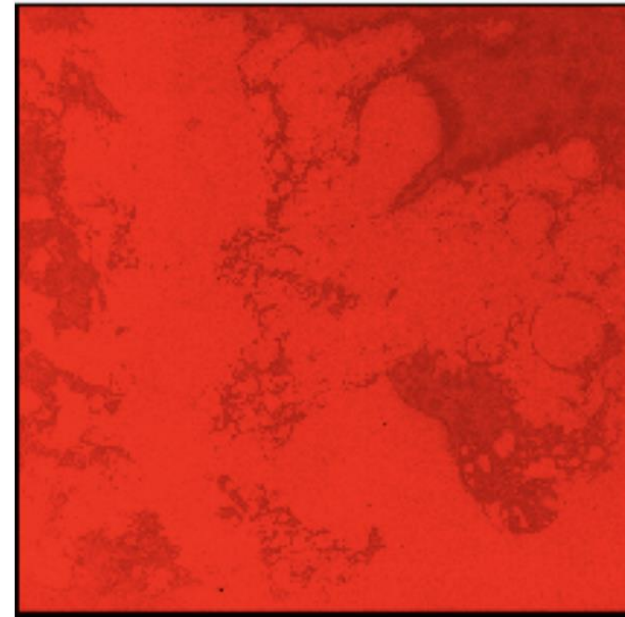
# Backup



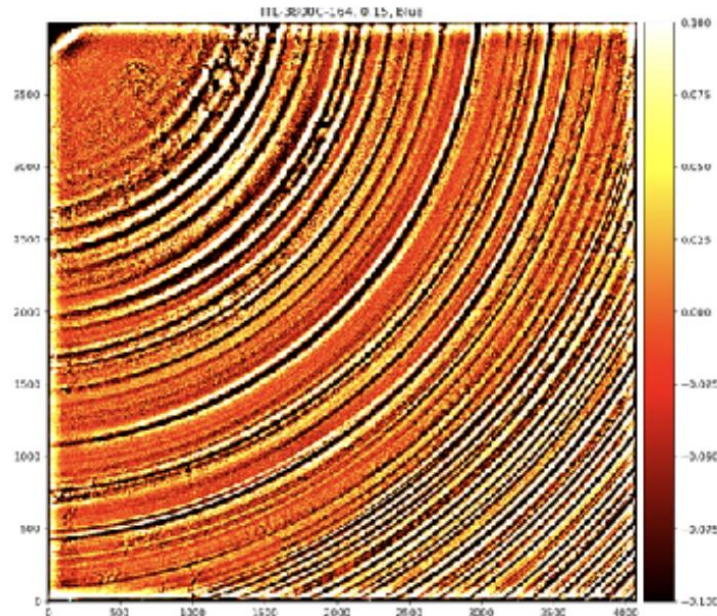
# Features in flat images



Laser annealing pattern in blue for e2v

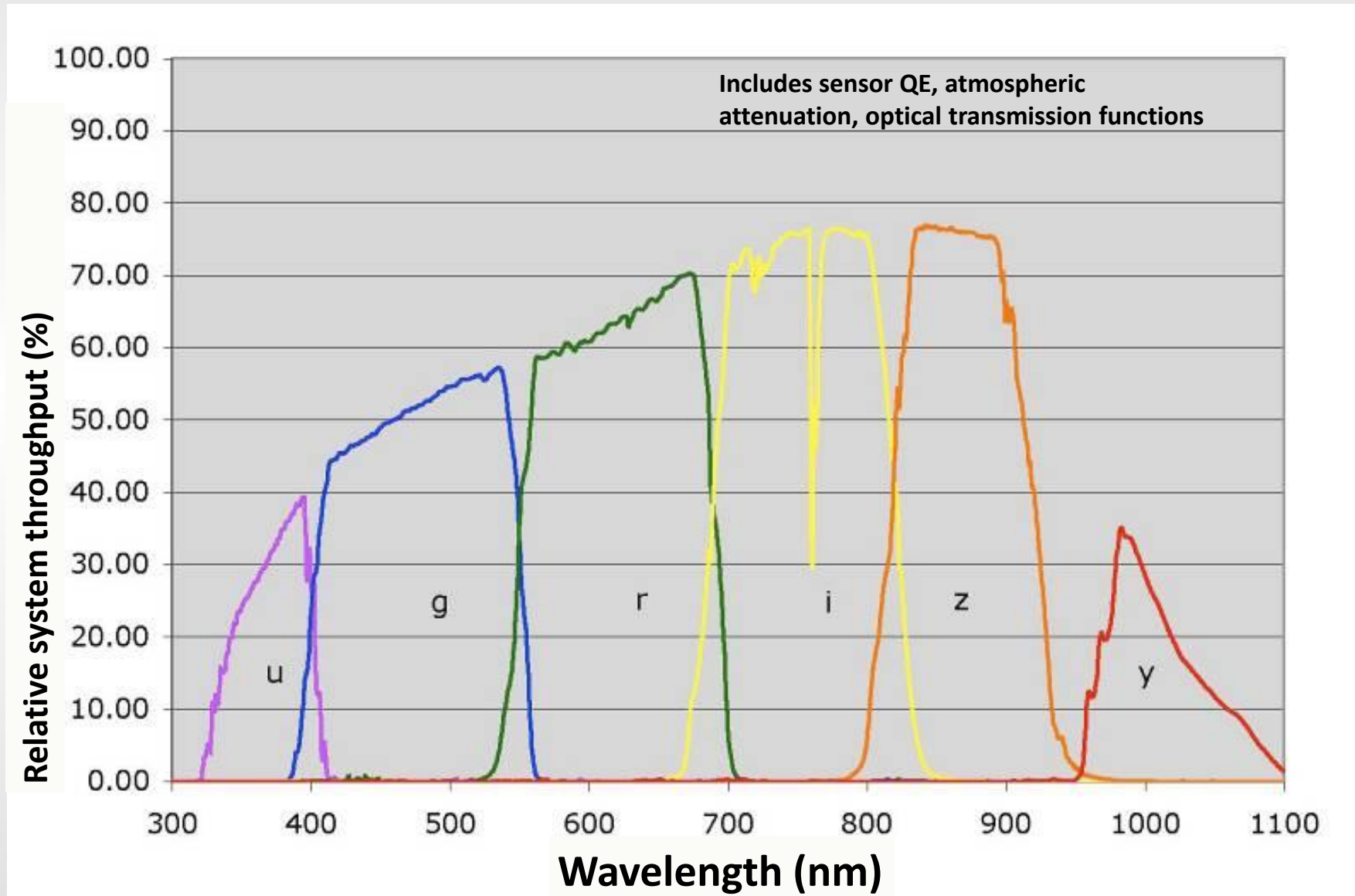


“Coffee stain” — chemical finish pattern in blue? for ITL



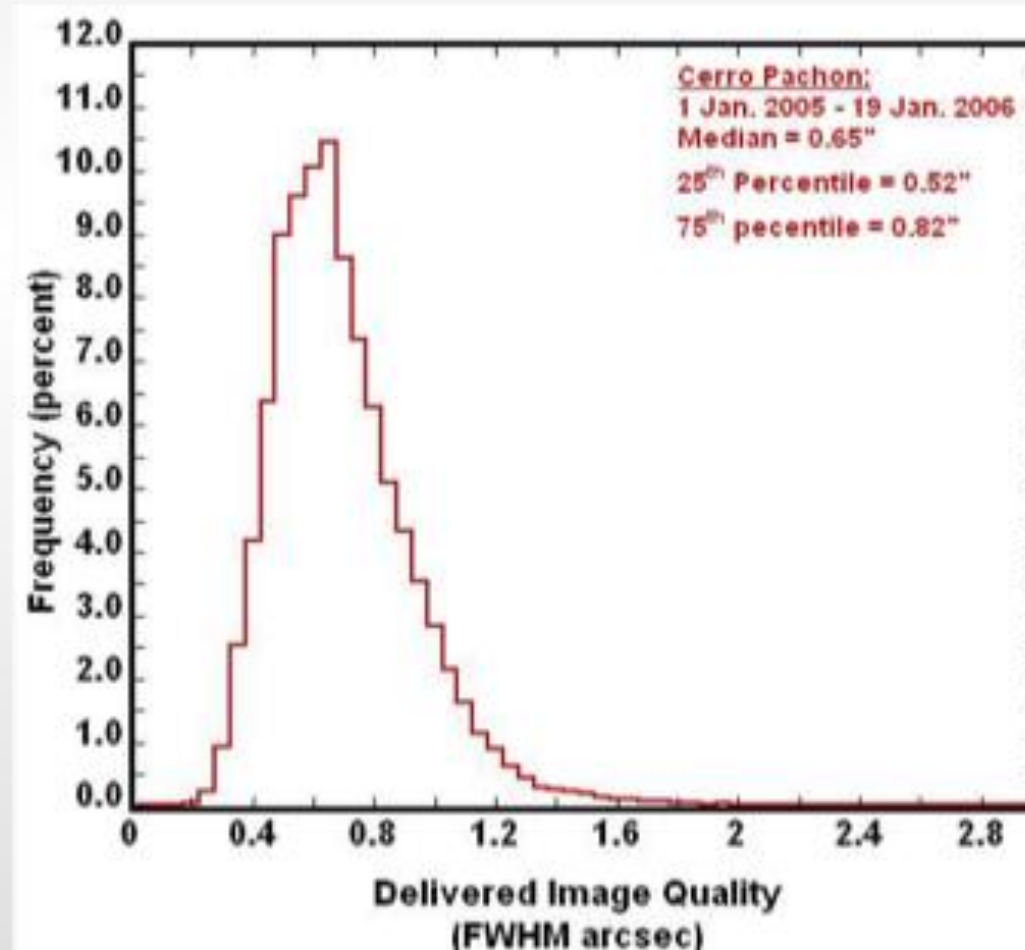
Tree-rings for both types of sensors (significantly enhanced; HV off; see Zhuoqi Zhang’s poster)

# LSST six color system: redshifts





- Blurring due to turbulence of atmosphere



# CCD sensor

- Požadavek: vyčítací čas 2s → 16 zesilovačů per 16 Mpix CCD
- Úroveň sumu 8 e-
- frekvence vyčítání pixelů 550 Kpix/s
- celý čip: 4k x 4k = 16 Mpixels
- velikost pixelu: 10x10 micronů
- tloušťka Si drift zóny 100 micronů →  
Lepší odezva v infračervené oblasti
- antireflexní coating

