

Source: LSST

The Large Synoptic Survey Telescope (LSST): big data for astrophysics research

fabio hernandez

Contents

- Overview of the LSST project
- LSST data processing
- Summary

Astronomical catalogs

Astronomical catalog

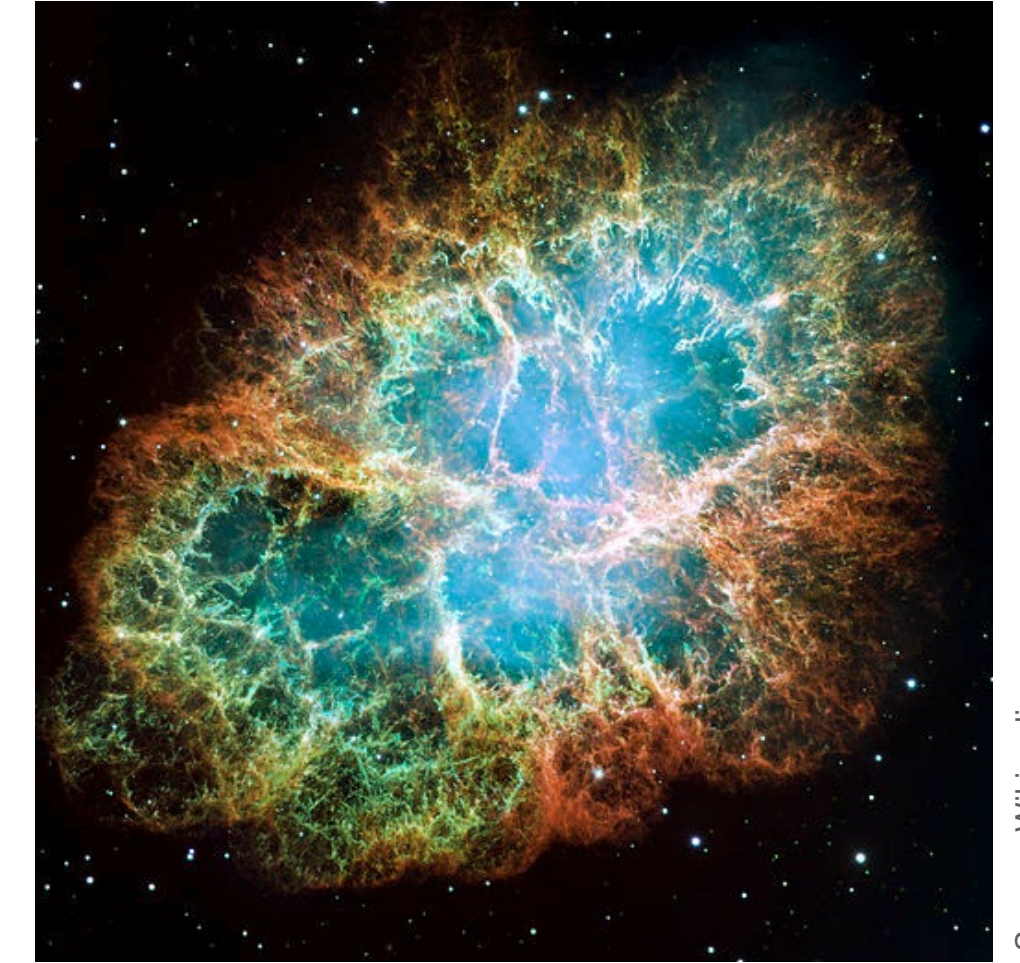


Source: Wikipedia

Charles Messier
1730-1817

DATE des OBSERVATIONS.	N ^o des Nébuleuses	ASCENSION DROITE.		DÉCLINAISON.		Distance en degrés & min.
		En Temps.	En Degrés.			
		H. M. S.	D. M. S.	D. M. S.	D. M.	
1758. Sept. 12	1.	5. 20. 2	80. 0. 33	21. 45. 27	B	
1760. Sept. 11	2.	21. 21. 8	320. 17. 0	1. 47. 0	A	0. 4
1764. Mai. 3	3.	13. 31. 25	202. 51. 19	29. 32. 57	B	0. 3
	8	4. 16. 9. 8	242. 16. 56	25. 55. 40	A	0. 2 1/2
	23	5. 15. 6. 36	226. 39. 4	2. 57. 16	B	0. 3

First 5 entries (out of 110) of the Messier catalog (1781)



Source: Wikipedia

M1 Crab Nebula



Source: Wikipedia

M31 Andromeda galaxy

Source: Wikipedia

The Periodic Table of Messier Objects

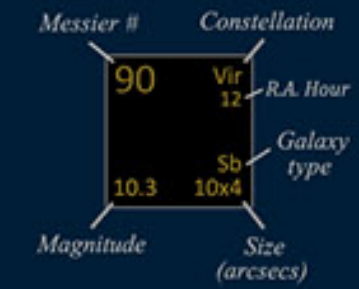
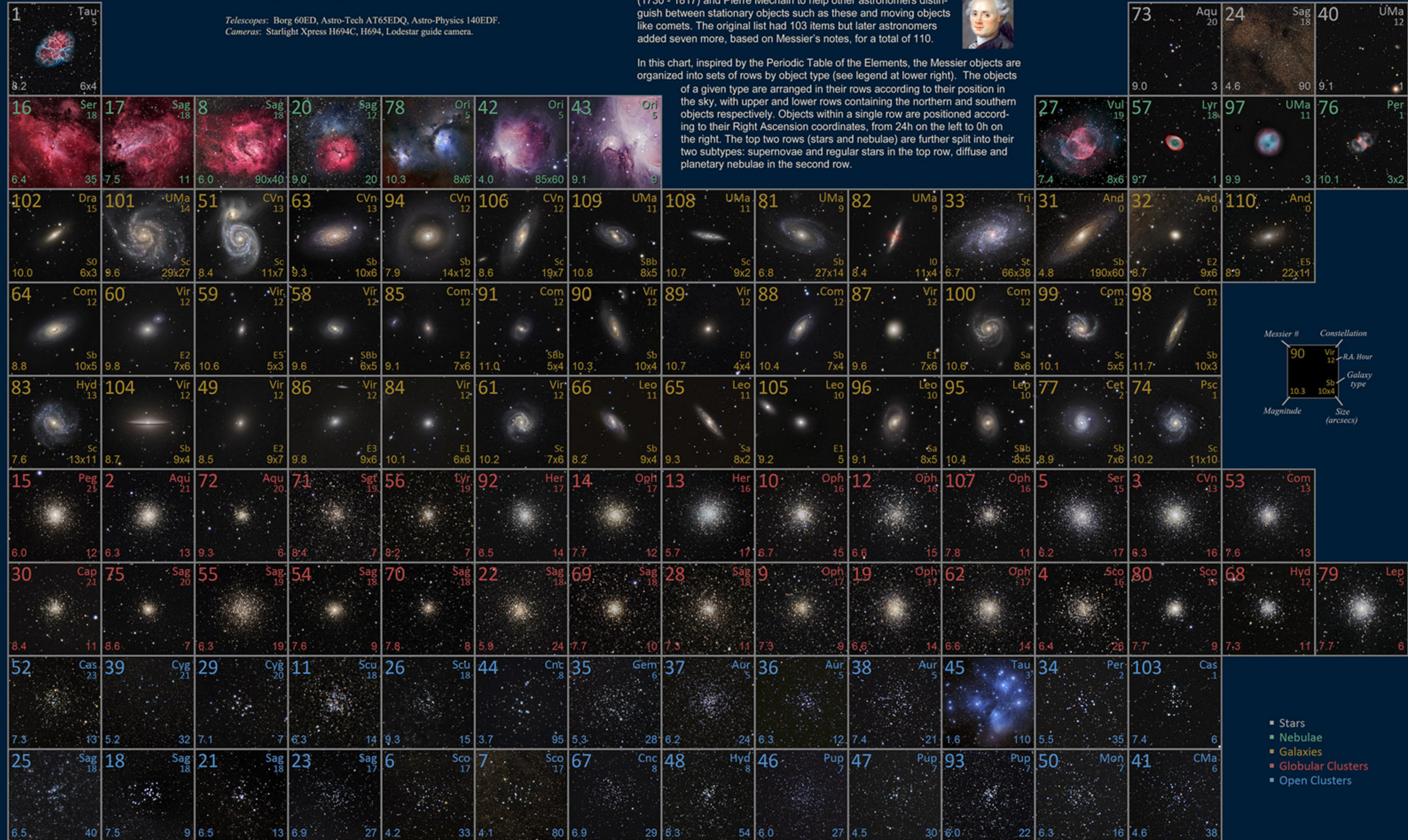
Photographs by Mike Keith, 2012 to 2014

Telescopes: Borg 60ED, Astro-Tech AT65EDQ, Astro-Physics 140EDF.
Cameras: Starlight Xpress H694C, H694, Lodestar guide camera.

This list of 110 deep-sky objects was compiled by Charles Messier (1730 - 1817) and Pierre Méchain to help other astronomers distinguish between stationary objects such as these and moving objects like comets. The original list had 103 items but later astronomers added seven more, based on Messier's notes, for a total of 110.



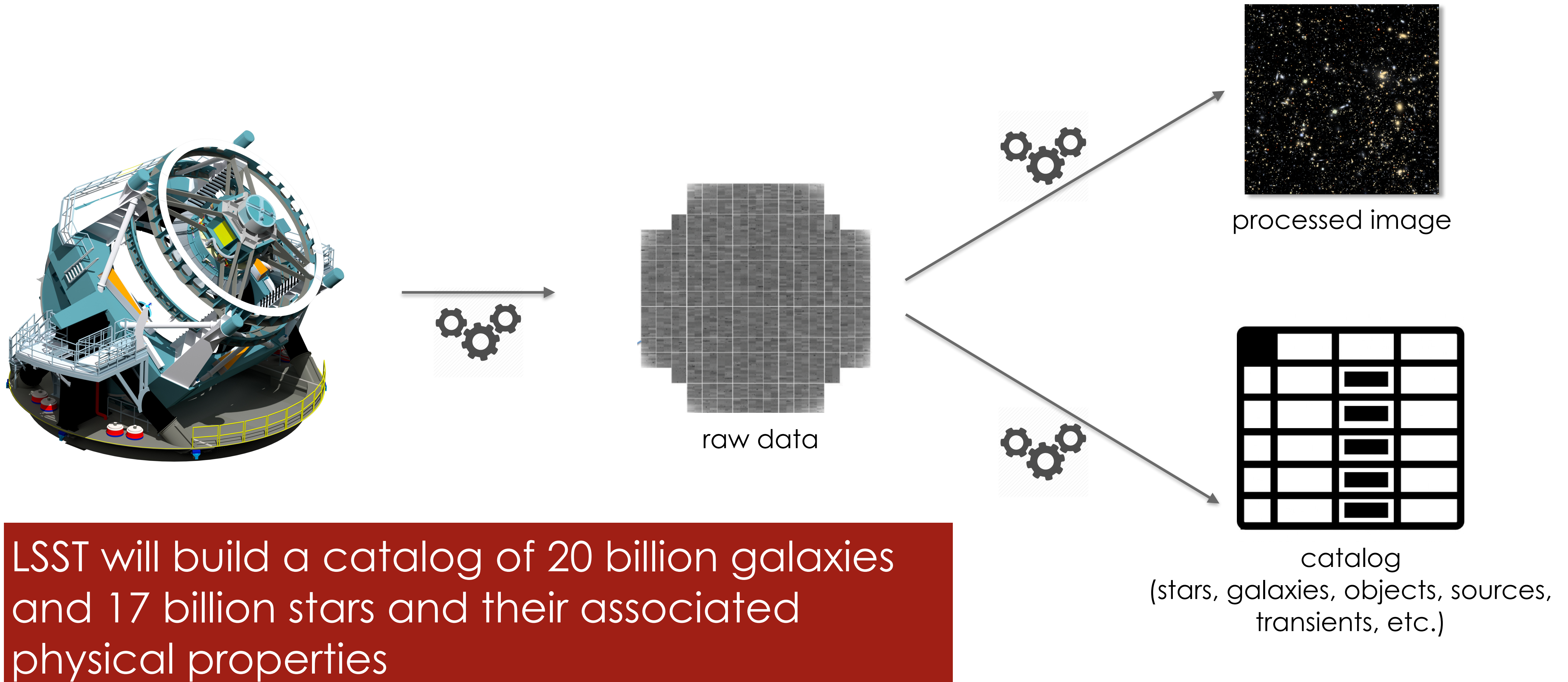
In this chart, inspired by the Periodic Table of the Elements, the Messier objects are organized into sets of rows by object type (see legend at lower right). The objects of a given type are arranged in their rows according to their position in the sky, with upper and lower rows containing the northern and southern objects respectively. Objects within a single row are positioned according to their Right Ascension coordinates, from 24h on the left to 0h on the right. The top two rows (stars and nebulae) are further split into their two subtypes: supernovae and regular stars in the top row, diffuse and planetary nebulae in the second row.



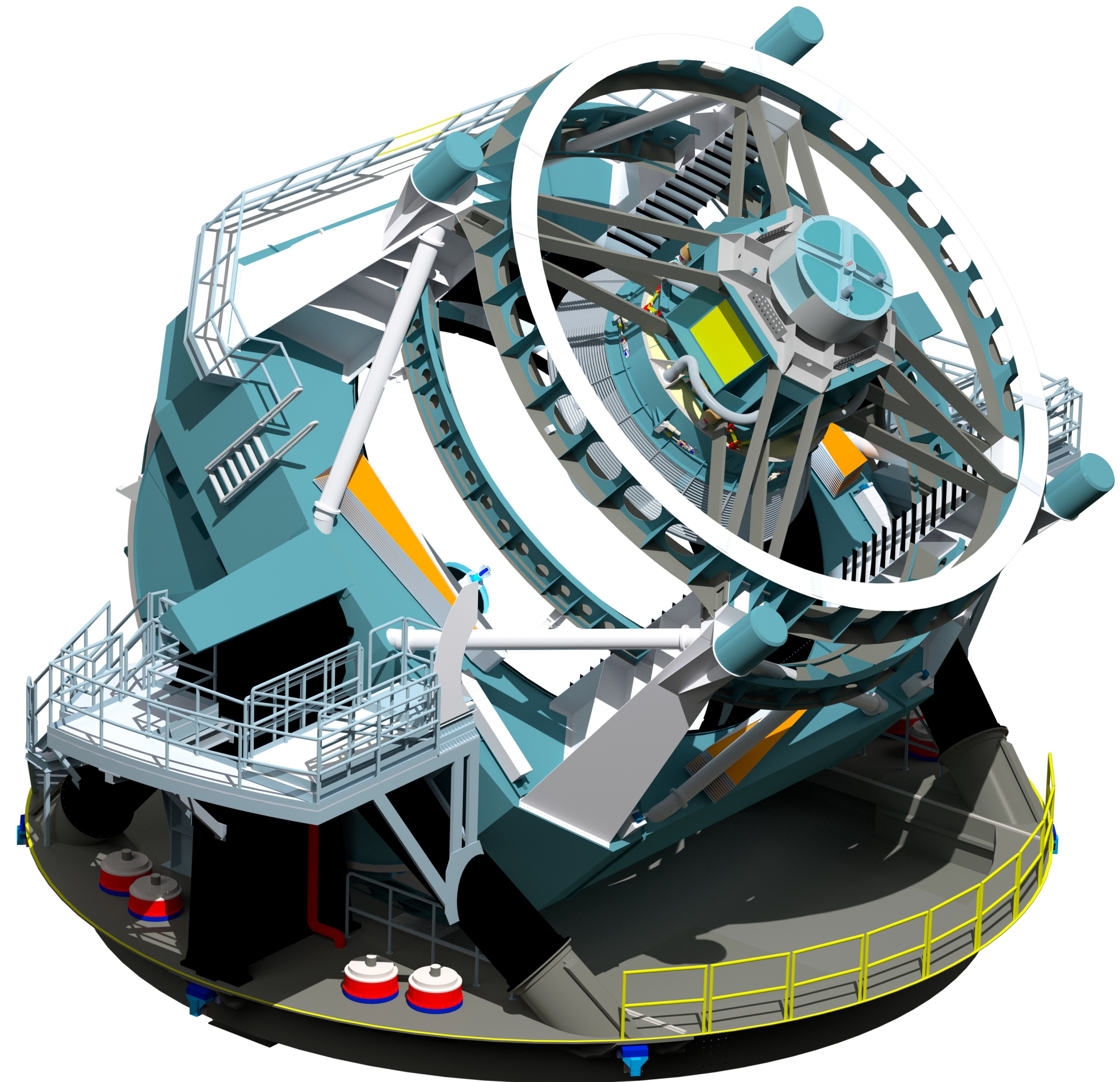
- Stars
- Nebulae
- Galaxies
- Globular Clusters
- Open Clusters

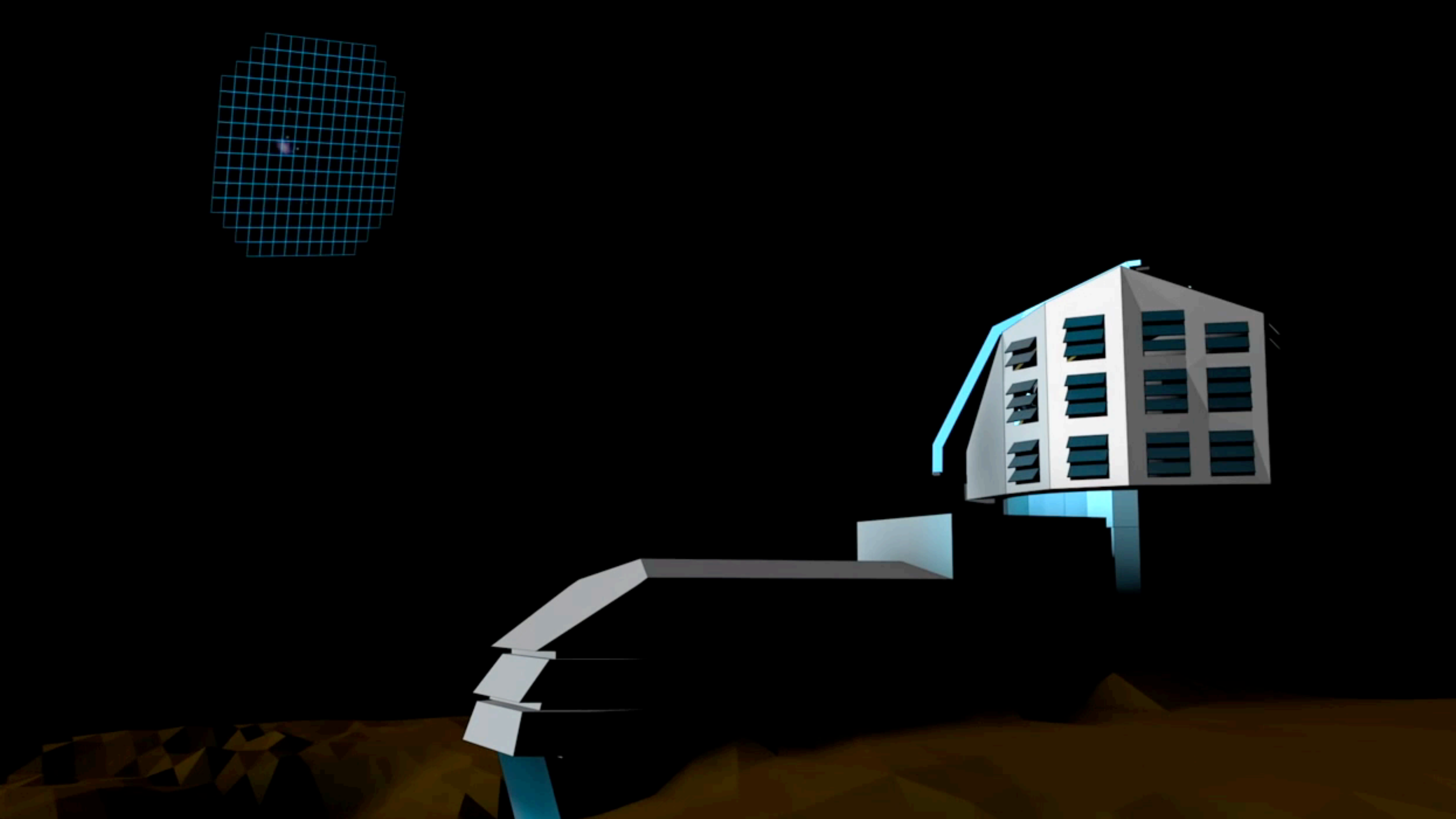
Large Synoptic Survey Telescope

LSST project overview



- Large Synoptic Survey Telescope
*large aperture, wide-field, ground-based **survey telescope***
- Characteristics
***large aperture** to image faint astronomical objects across the sky with short exposures*
***wide field of view** to observe large areas of the sky at once*
***compact** so it can move quickly between images*





LSST project overview (cont.)

- Science themes

*determining the nature of **dark energy** and **dark matter***

*taking an inventory of the **solar system***

*exploring the **transient** optical sky*

*mapping the structure and evolution of the **Milky Way***

- Principle of operations

*90% of the observing time of the telescope devoted to a **deep-wide-fast survey***

one complete visit of the southern hemisphere sky every 3-4 nights, from 2022 for 10 years

each patch of the sky to be visited about 1000 times

43% of the celestial sphere will be covered by this survey

LSST project overview (cont.)

- Deliverable

the science-enabling, ultimate deliverable of the project will be the fully reduced data

the scientific exploitation of the collected data will be performed by the scientific community

- Schedule

construction: 2014 - 2022

operations: 2022 - 2032

first light: 2020

- Open data and open source software

complete cumulative data set (images and catalogs), open to the scientific community of the participating countries, once per year, with no proprietary period

alerts of detected variable sources (transients) made available for world-wide distribution within 60 seconds of observation, published via standard protocols

software: <https://github.com/lst>

LSST project: funding and budget

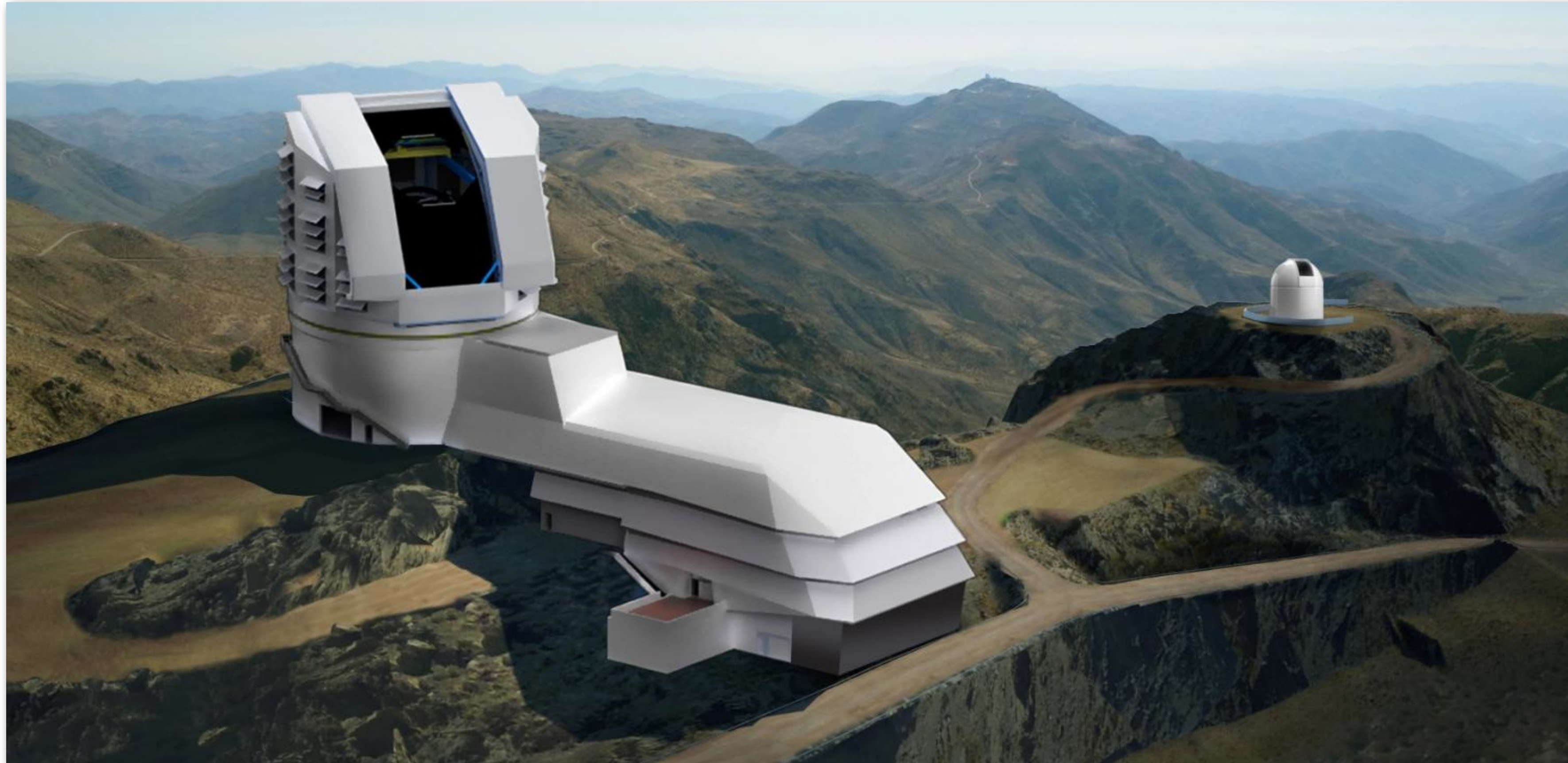
2014-2022 — Construction phase budget: US\$ 671M



About 20% of the construction budget goes to the *Data Management* subsystem

2019-2032 — Operations phase budget: US\$ 41M/year

Observatory



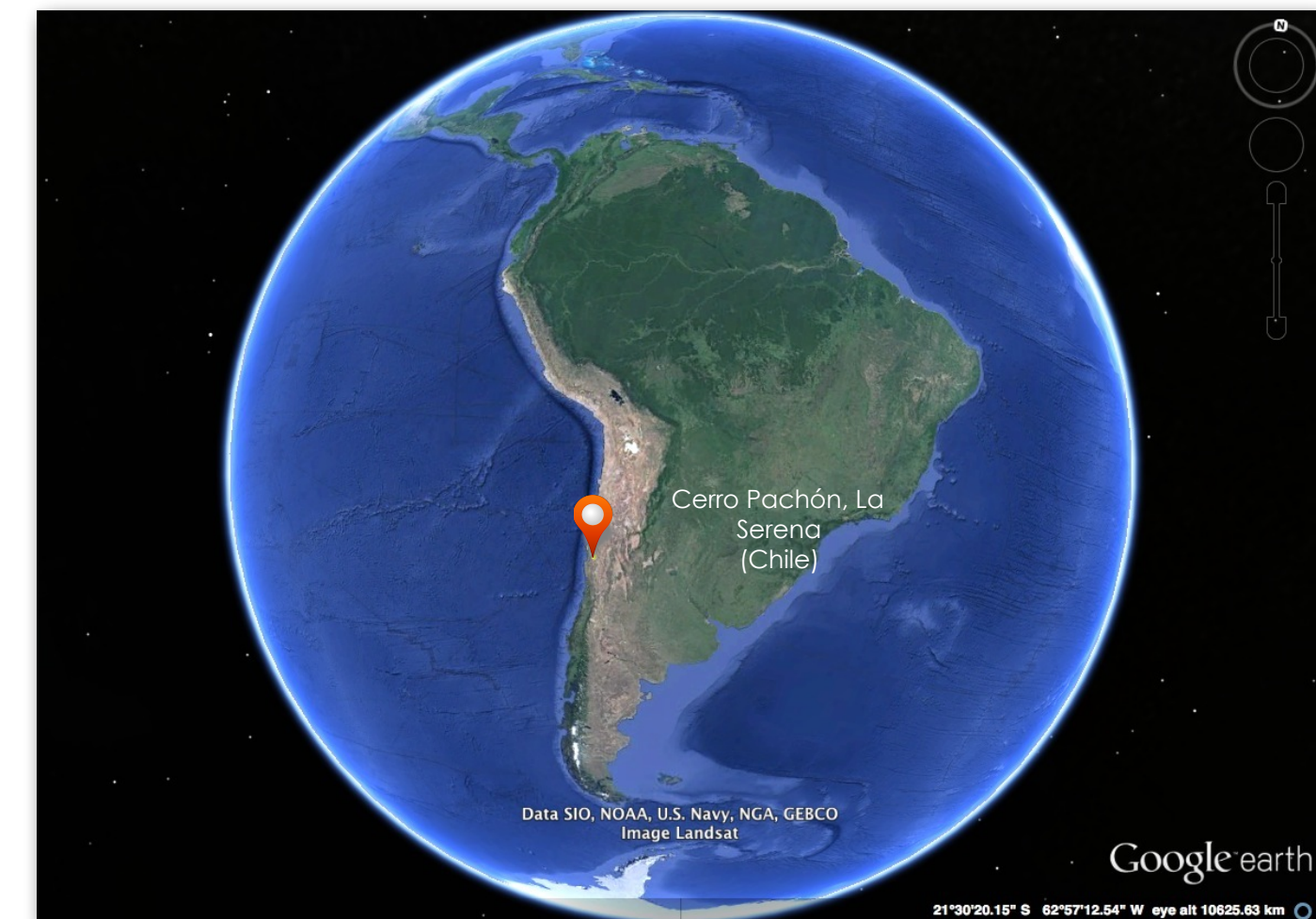
Source: LSST

2647 m a.s.l.

500 km North of Santiago,
90 km East of La Serena

excellent observation
conditions (stable air, clear
sky, dark nights)

stable Chilean infrastructure

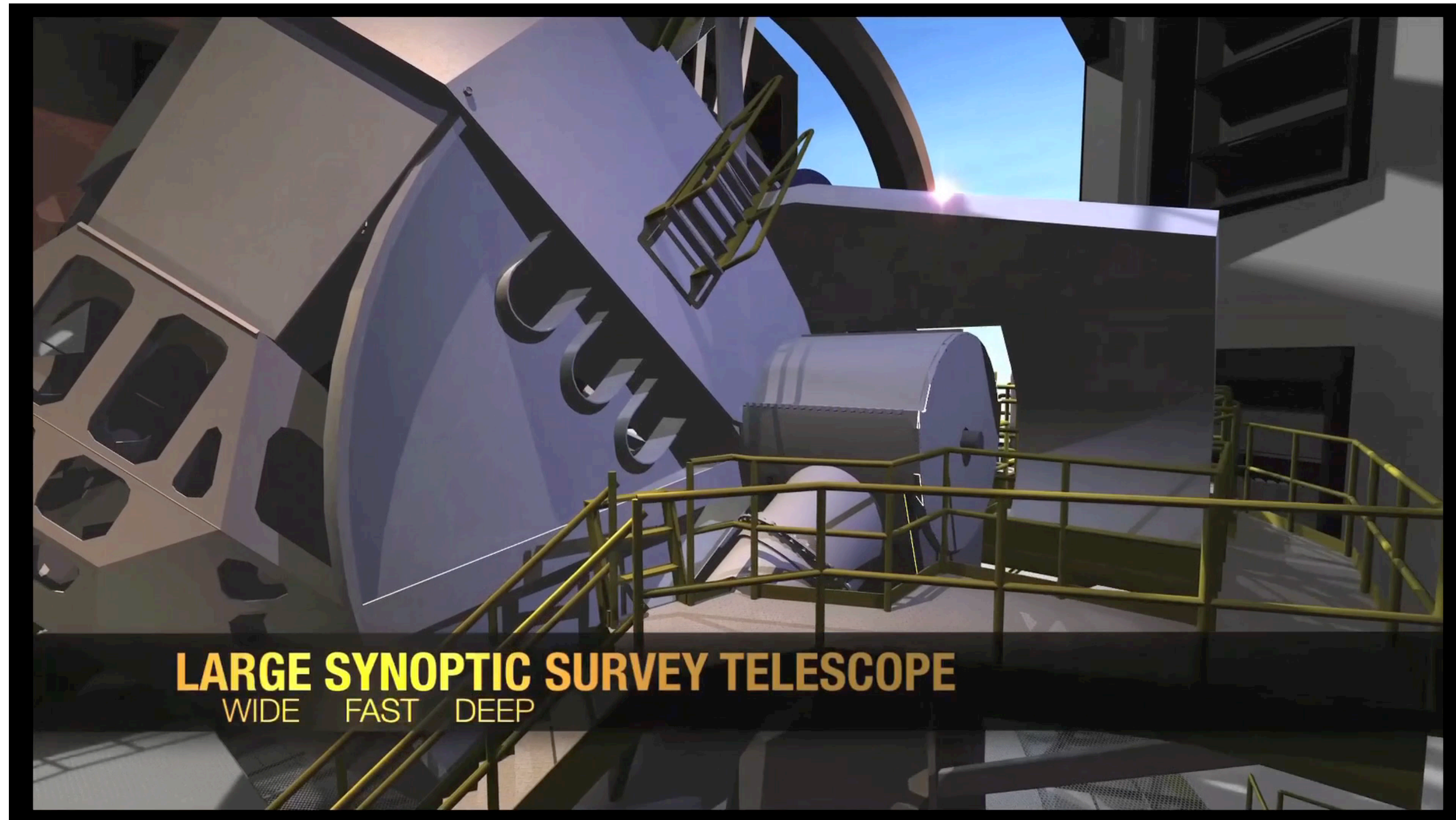


ongoing civil engineering works, Aug 2017

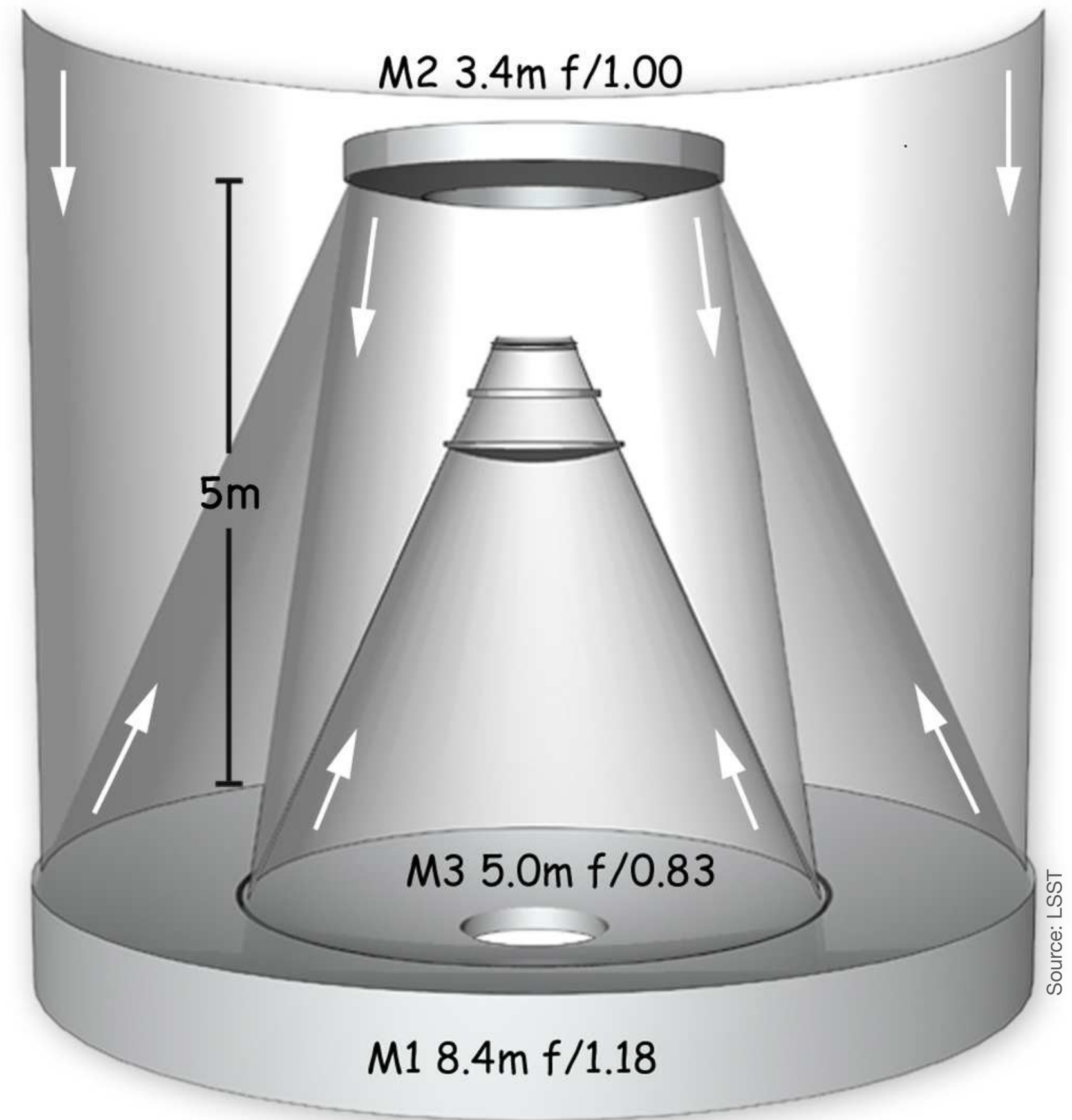


EXCAVACION PROFUNDA

Telescope



mobile structure, 350 ton
to be repositioned about 3 million times over the 10
years of operations



main mirror \varnothing 8.4 m
(effective aperture 6.5 m)
f/1.234

Telescope (cont.)



M1M3 mirrors, built on a single piece of glass

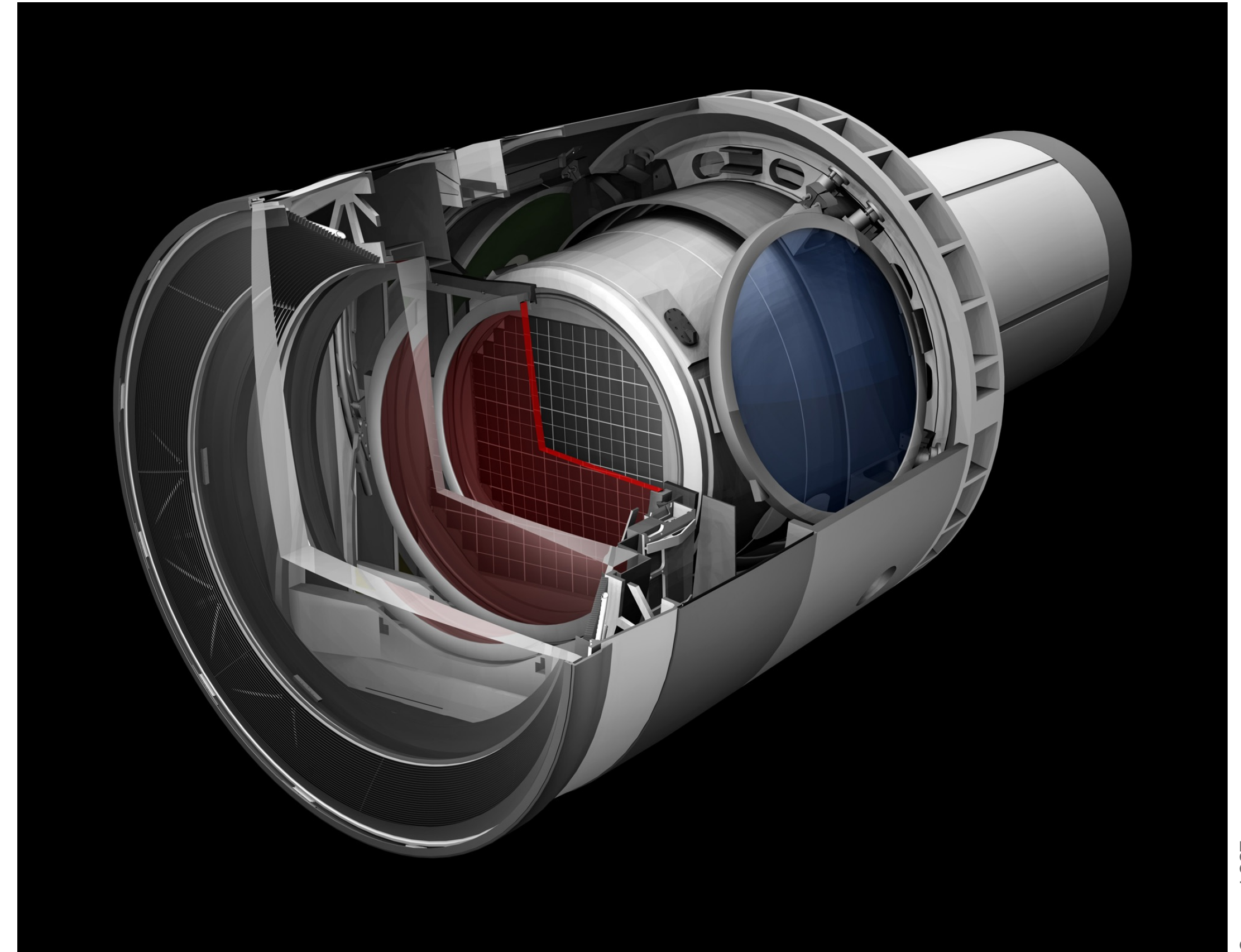
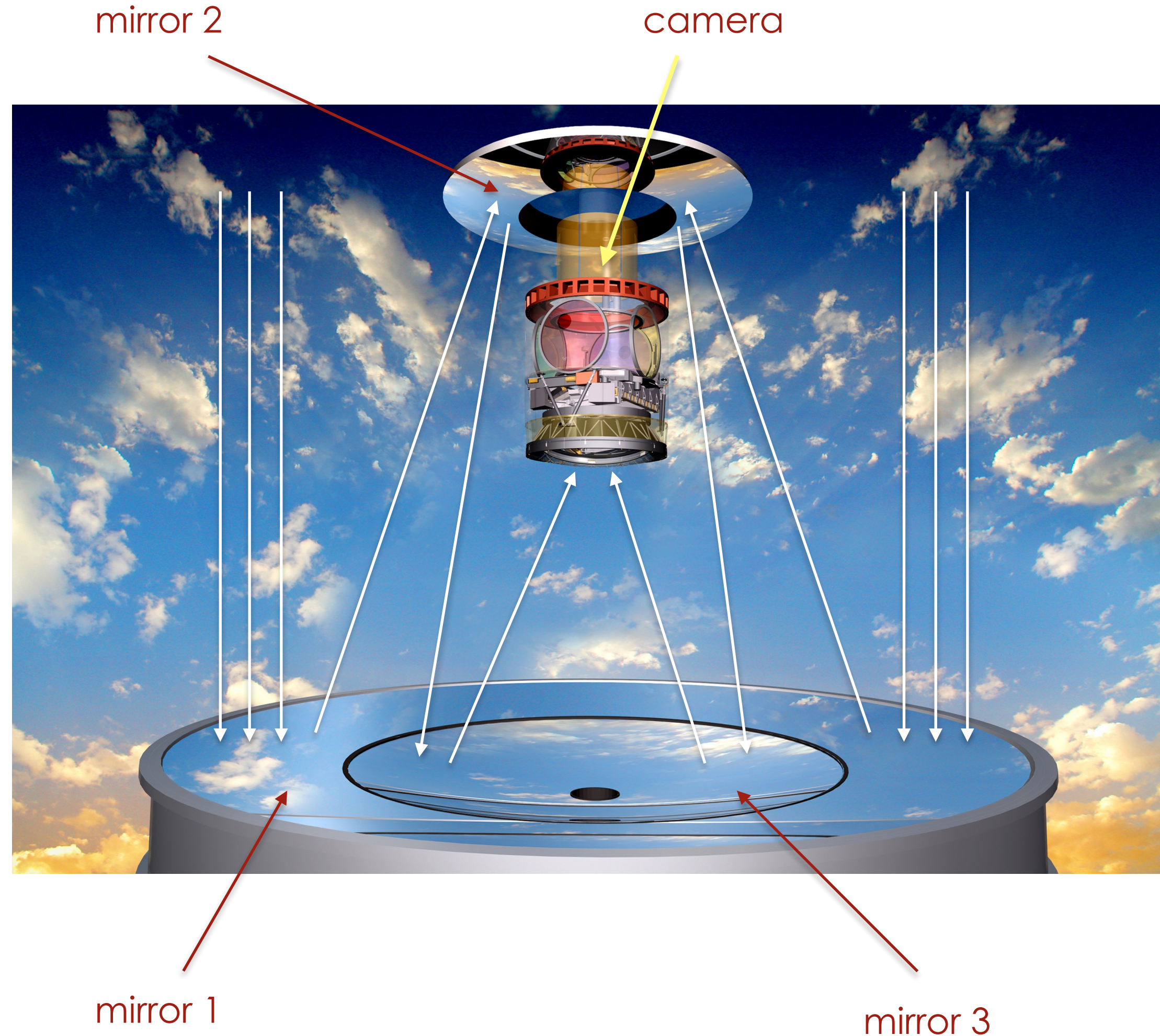
University of Arizona Tucson

16 ton

20M US\$

Source: LSST

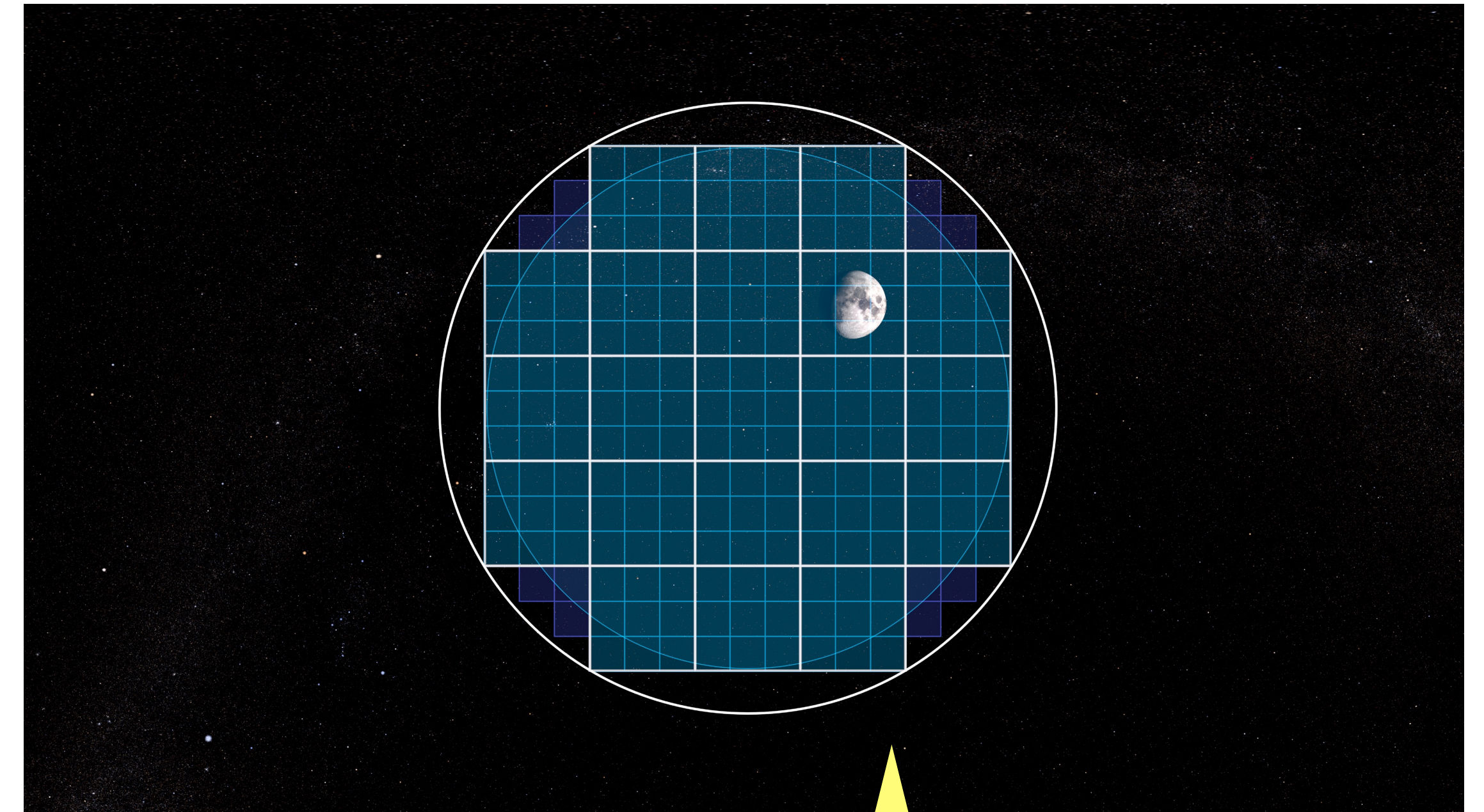
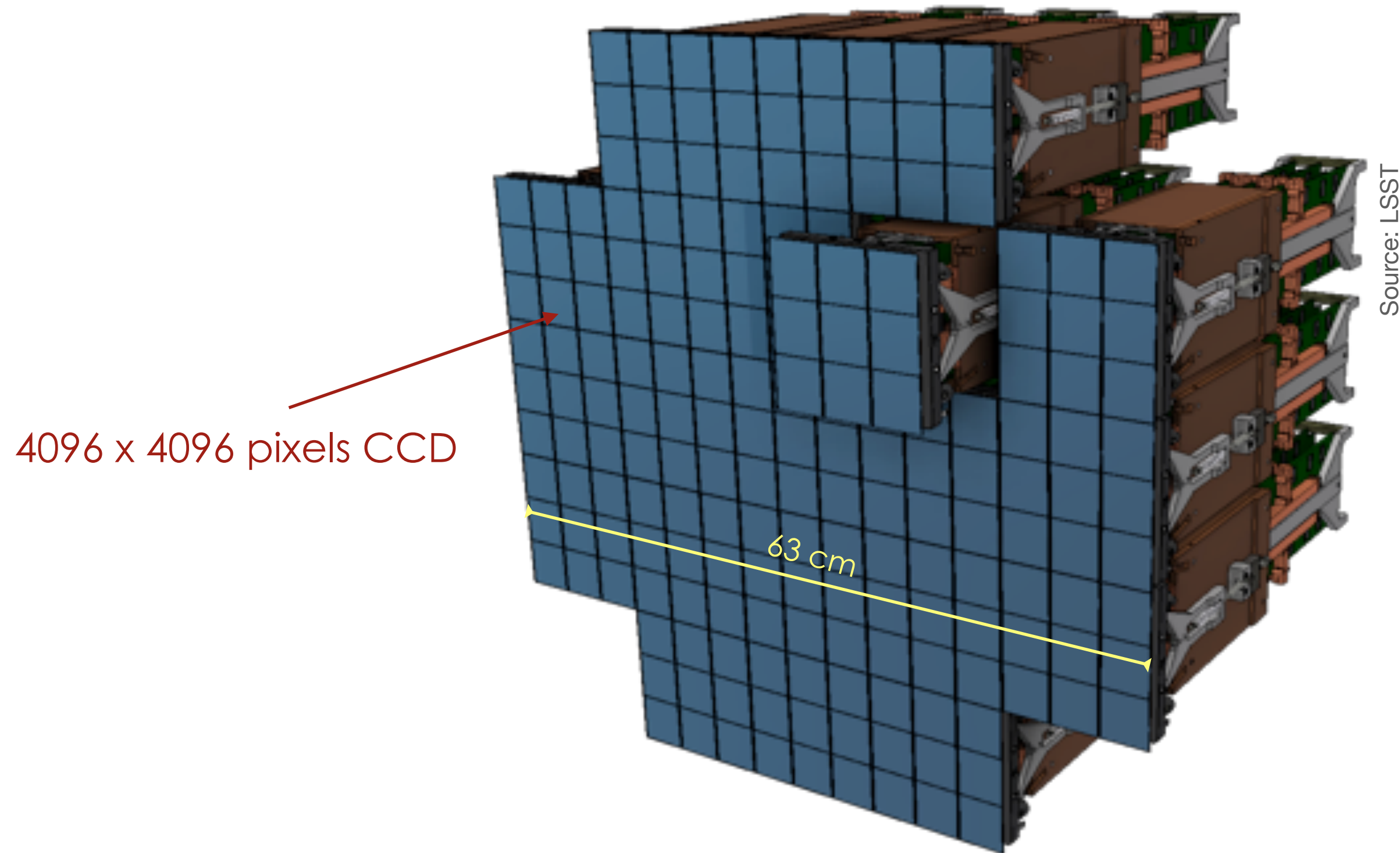
Camera



∅ 1.65 m | 3.7 m long | 3 ton
3.2 G pixels | 3 lenses | 5 embedded filters
3.5° field of view | 9.6 degree²
focal plane and electronics in cryostat at 173K

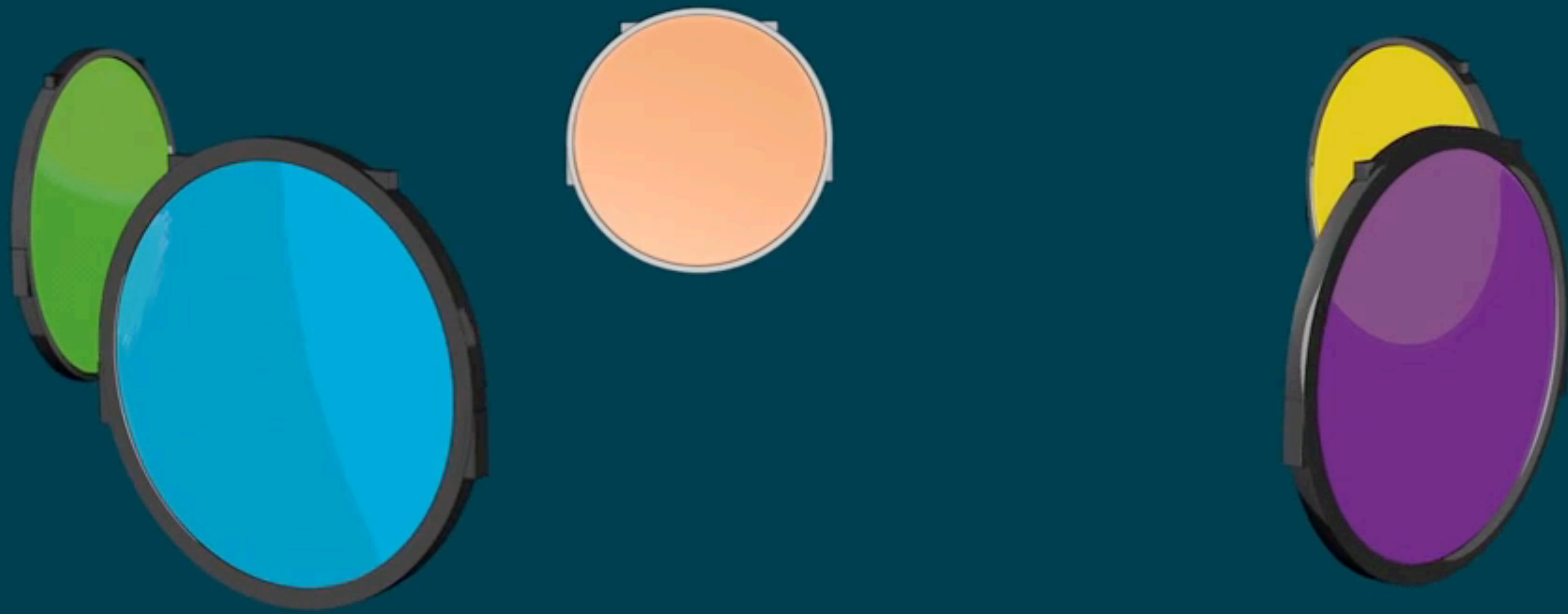
Camera (cont.)

the largest imager ever built for astronomy

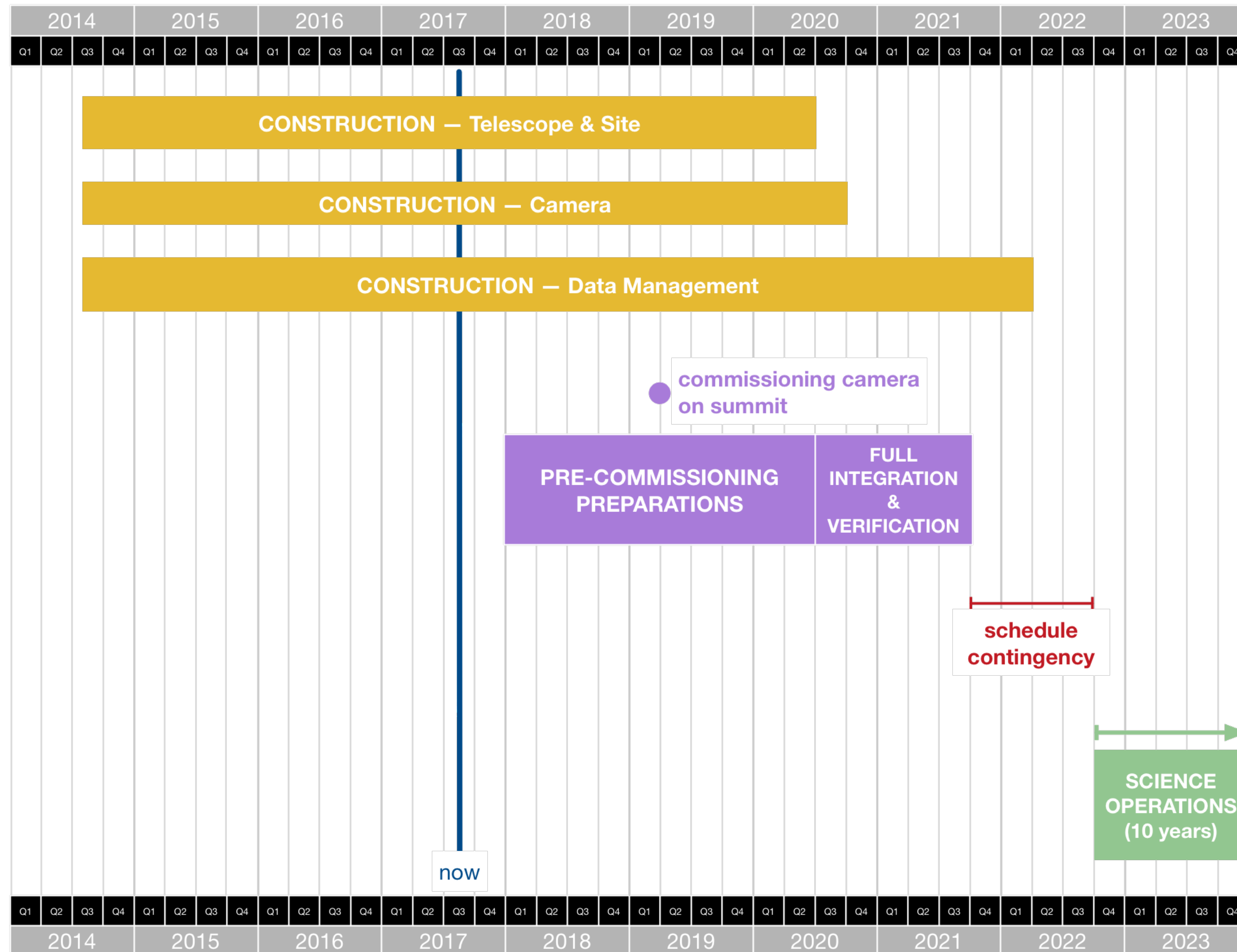


focal plane composed of 189 CCDs organised in autonomous modules of 3 x 3
15 seconds exposures, 2 seconds read-out time
wavelengths: six bands, ultraviolet to near infrared (320 - 1050 nm)
0.2 arcsec per pixel | 10 μ m pixels

sensors can image an area equivalent to 48 full moons



Macro schedule



Adapted from V. Krabbendam

LSST data processing

LSST data management

- Archival

*to **record, transport** and permanently **store raw data** issued by camera*

- Processing

*to **detect transients** and **emit alerts** within 60 seconds after observation*

*once per year, to **release a self-consistent, immutable dataset**, composed of processed data since the beginning of the survey (“Data Release Processing”)*

*to **develop the software** necessary for processing the data: image processing algorithms (calibration, point spread function, co-addition of images, characterization of objects, processing pipelines, ...), catalogue database, middleware (workload management, orchestration, ...), data transfer, etc.*

- Publication

*to **deliver the reduced data** (images + catalogs)*

to facilitate custom data reduction and individual data analysis

Data products

Nightly

Stream of 10M time-domain **events** per night, detected and transmitted to event distribution networks within 60 seconds of observation

Catalog of **orbits** for 6M bodies in the Solar System

Annual

Catalog of 37B objects (20B galaxies, 17B stars), 7T observations, 30T measurements, produced annually, accessible through databases

Deep co-added **images**

On demand

Services and computing **resources** to enable user-specified custom processing and analysis

Software and APIs enabling development of analysis code

Source: LSST

LSST DATA CENTERS



HEADQUARTERS SITE

HQ facility

- observatory management
- science operations
- education & public outreach



ARCHIVE SITE

Archive center

- alert production
- data release production
- calibration products production
- long-term storage (copy 2)
- education & public outreach
- infrastructure

Data access center

- data access and user services

SATELLITE RELEASE PRODUCTION SITE

Archive center

- data release production
- long-term storage (copy 3)



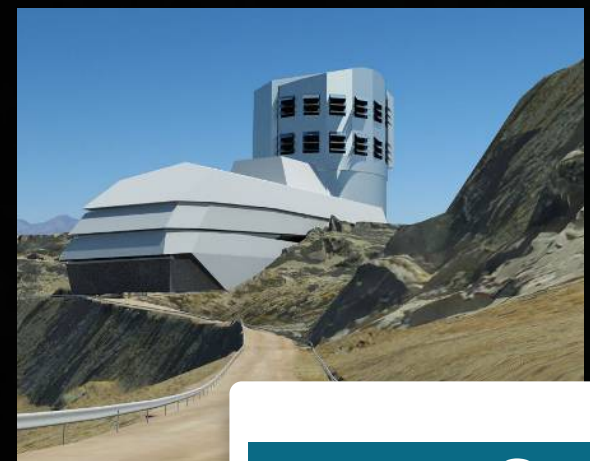
BASE SITE

Base facility

- long-term storage (copy 1)

Data access center

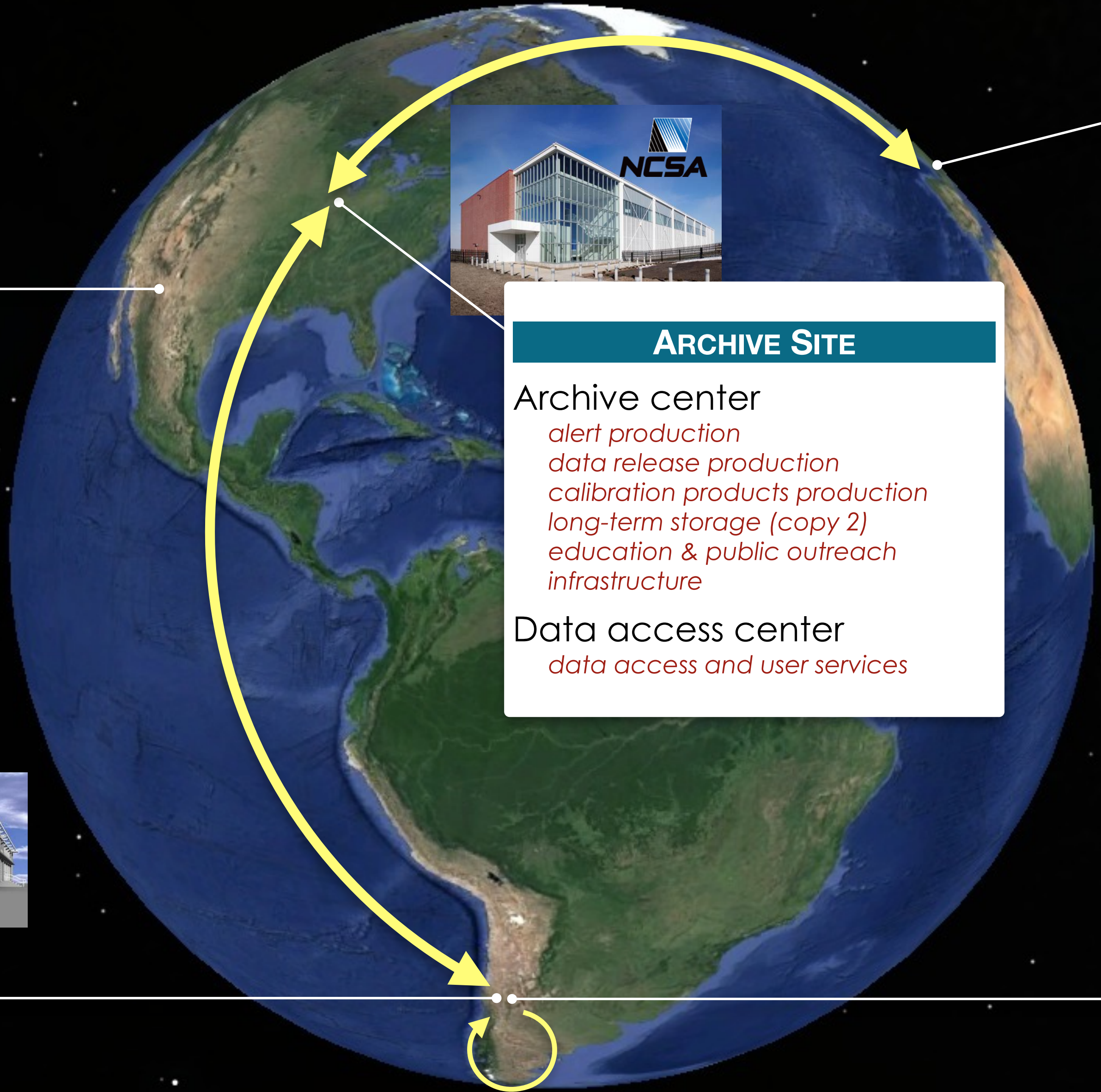
- data access and user services



SUMMIT SITE

Summit facility

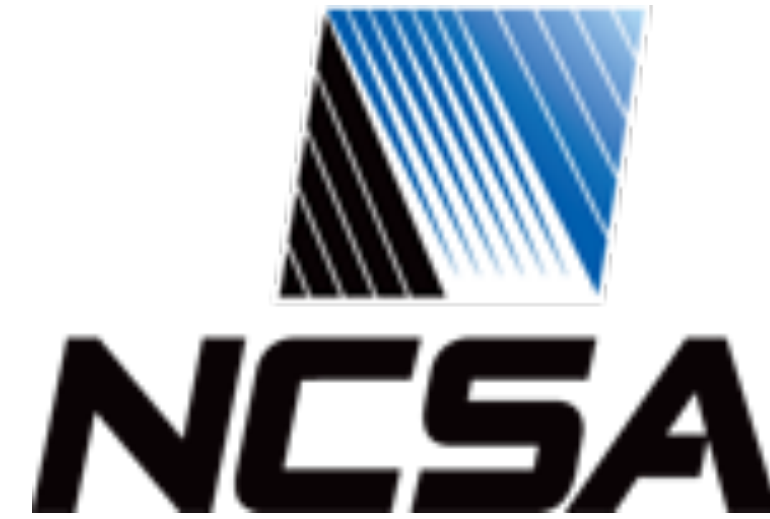
- telescope & camera
- data acquisition
- crossstalk correction



Data management contributors



Stanford Linear
Accelerator Center



National Center for
Supercomputing Applications
University of Illinois at
Urbana-Champaign



Princeton University



Infrared Processing and
Analysis Center
California Institute of
Technology



IN2P3 / CNRS computing center

Data volume

- Raw data

7.2 GB per image

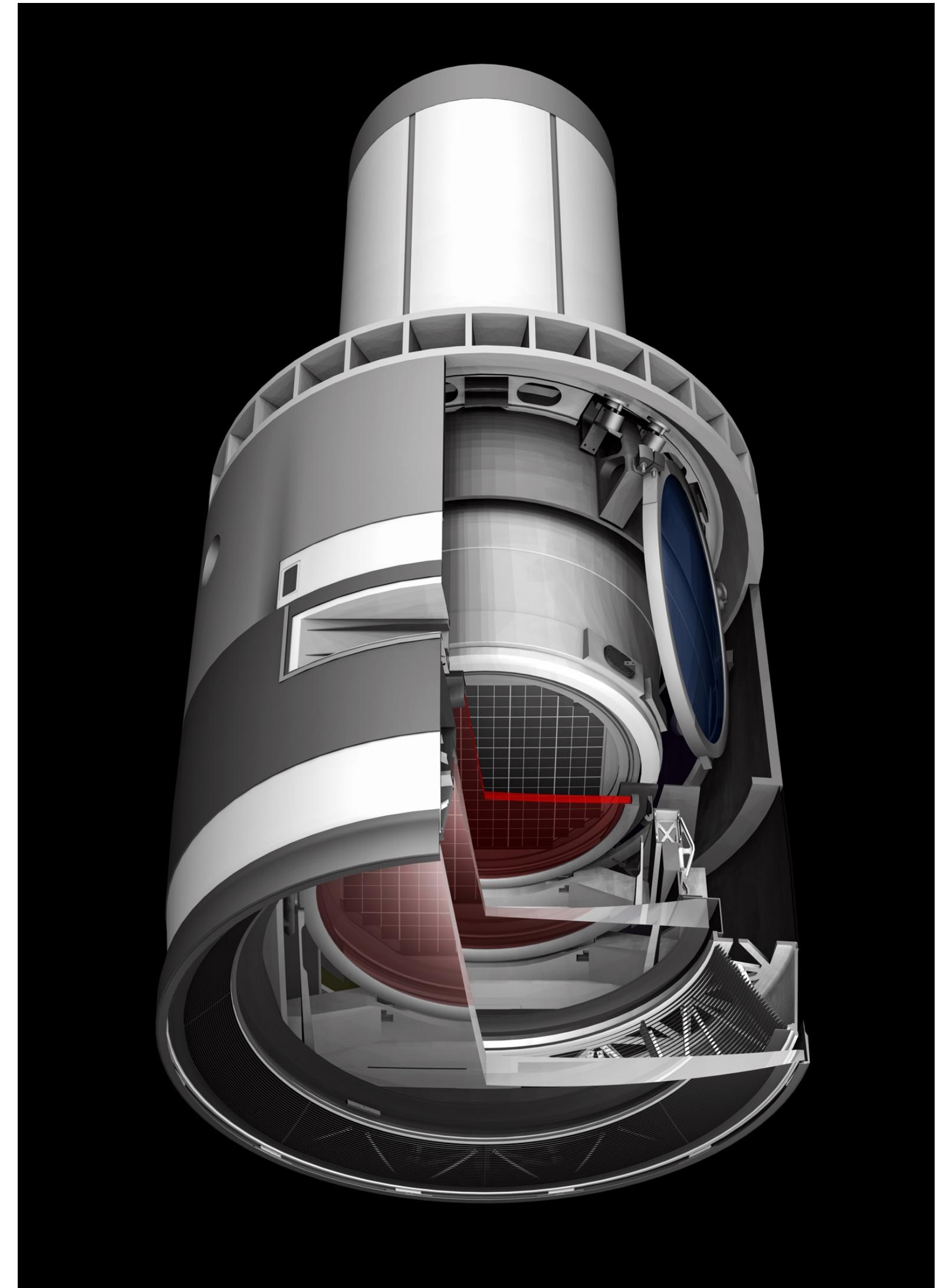
2000 science images + 450 calibration images per night, 300 nights per year

15 TB per night, 4.5 PB per year

- Aggregated data over 10 years of operations, including derived data

images: ~6M exposures, 515 PB

catalog: 83 PB



Source: LSST

LSST astronomical catalog



Examples of queries

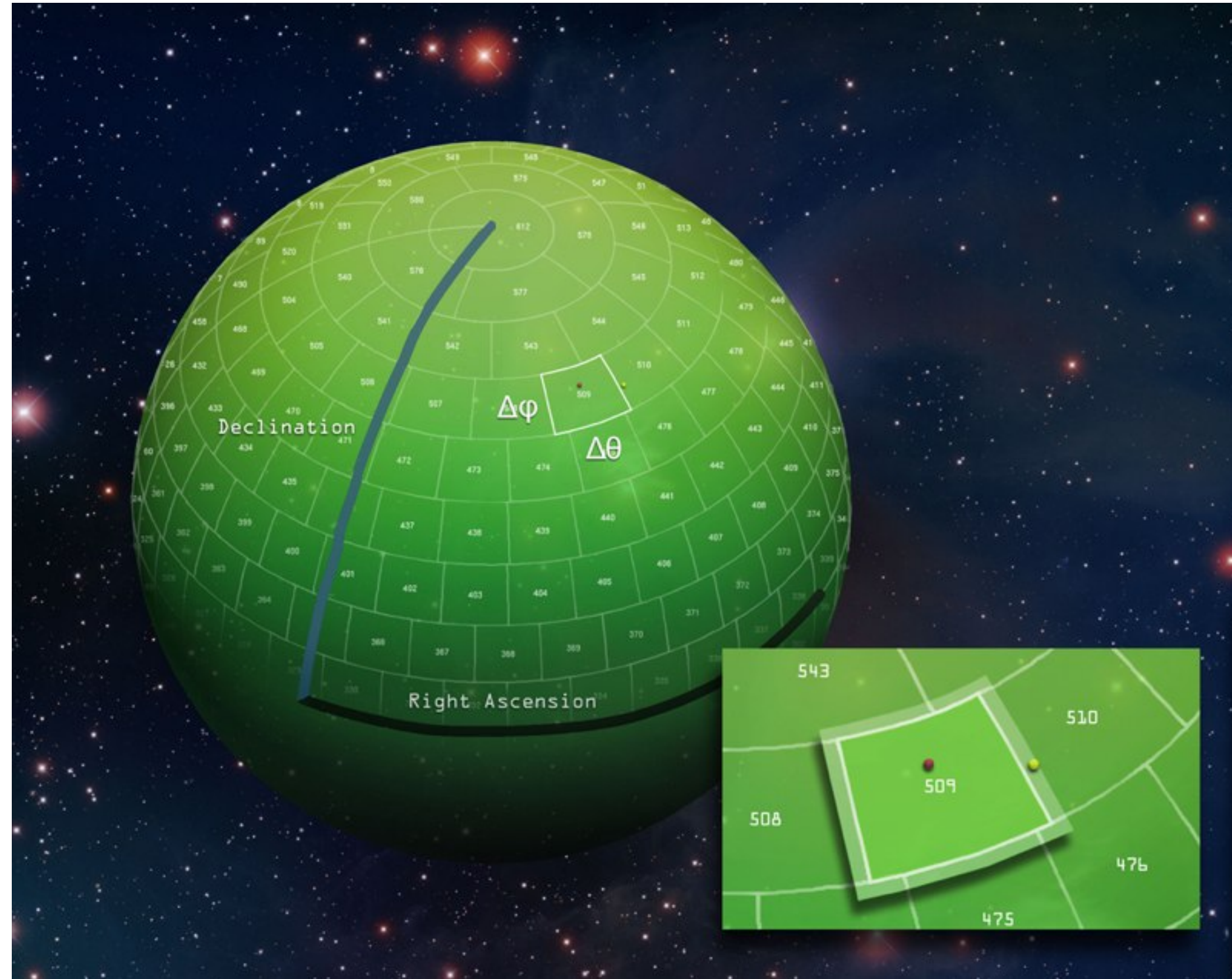
- *find all the observed galaxies in a given region of the sky*
- *find all objects similar to the colors of a quasar with redshift in a given range*
- *find all galaxies brighter than a given magnitude*
- *find all objects within x arc seconds of one another that have similar colors*

Qserv

custom, distributed relational database

spatial partitioning by sky coordinates, with overlaps

very high number of rows: ~37 trillion



Source: LSST

LSST at CC-IN2P3

- Main roles

satellite data release production under NCSA leadership

CC-IN2P3 to **process 50% of the data** and store the full dataset, both raw and derived data

both NCSA and CC-IN2P3 will exchange and validate the data produced by the other party

each site to host an **entire copy of every annual data release**

currently also working towards understanding the scope, requirements and services for a **data access center**

Challenges

- Data volume

500+ PB of image data, 80+ PB of astronomical catalog

- Knowledge extraction in real time

1-2 billion objects monitored nightly for important variations

3 TB per hour must be mined in real time for emitting alerts

- Database for astronomical catalog

to support simultaneous, large spectrum of queries from users over a catalog of ~40 billion rows and 7 to 7000+ columns

- Data analysis

automated detection and extraction of physical properties for a large number of celestial objects (~40 billion) present in a large number of images (100 to 1000) using several models (~200)

International contributions

Construction

United States

Chile

France

LSST-China consortium

Dr. ZHAO Gang (NAOC)
MoA signed in Jan 2014

Operations

Argentina

Australia

Brazil

Canada

China

Croatia

Denmark

Germany

Hungary

India

Italy

Korea

New Zealand

Poland

Serbia

Slovenia

South Africa

Spain

Sweden

Switzerland

Taiwan

United Kingdom

25 countries
39 research institutions

LSST all hands meeting, Aug 2017



Conclusions

Summary

- LSST aims to produce the most complete astronomical catalog as well as a digital color movie of the Universe
the project is set to deliver a processed dataset, science papers will be produced by the scientific community
- Processing LSST data is challenging
significant data volume, large number of objects, sophisticated algorithms, time constraints
- IN2P3 intends to make a major contribution to the LSST data processing effort
in addition to the significant contribution to the camera subsystem
scientists will have the possibility to exploit the data for their research in the best possible conditions
- High-visibility, multi-institution, long term, highly distributed project

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS



Acknowledgements

Acknowledgements

This presentation includes material extracted from several sources, among them:

Isst.org

Mario Juric

Victor Krabbendam

Andrew Connolly

Chris Smith

Michael Strauss

Jim Bosch

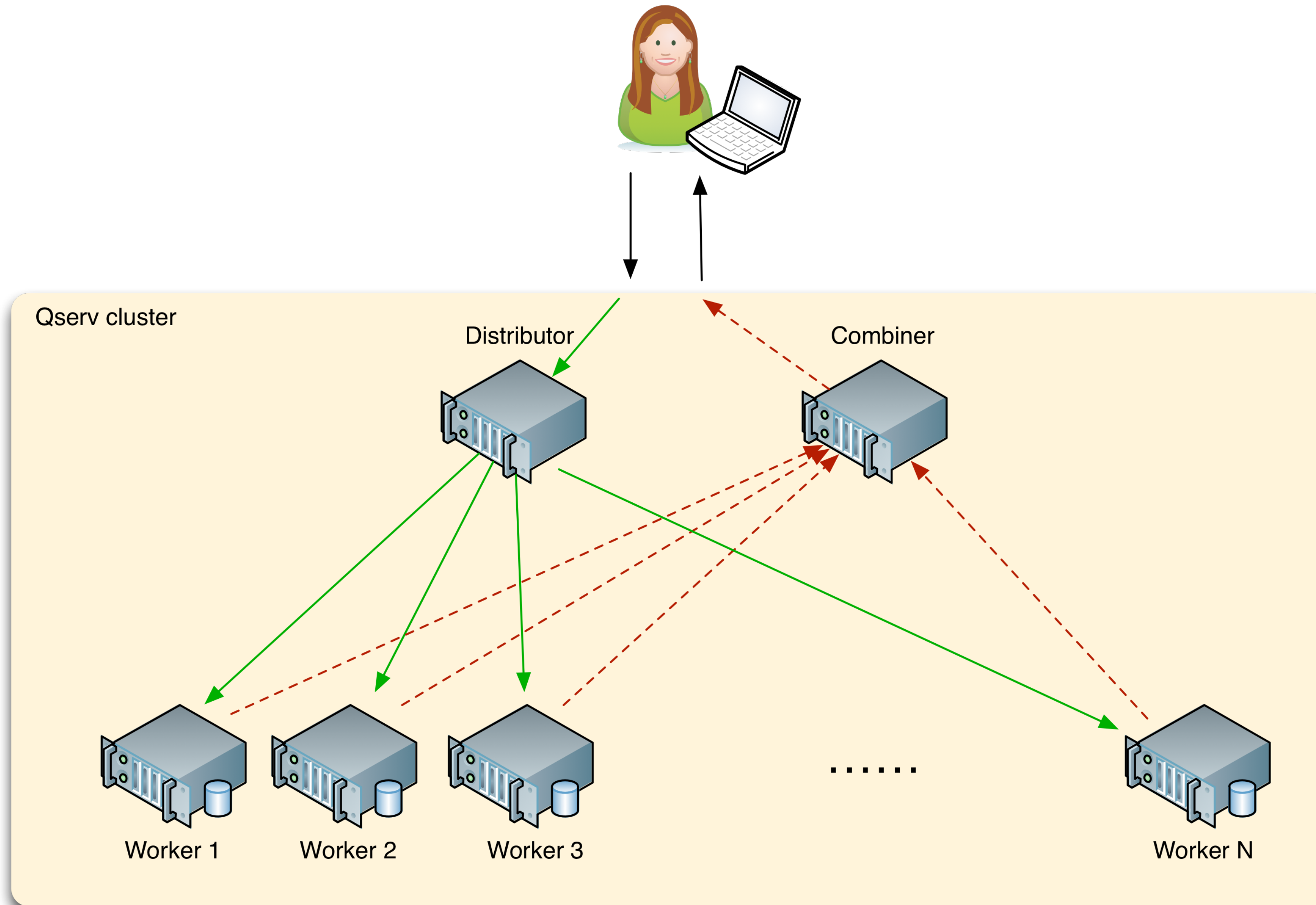
Željko Ivezić

Backup Slides

Who I am

- Senior research engineer
 - computer science background*
 - 25+ years involved in high energy physics research*
- Currently
 - LSST project leader at CC-IN2P3, in charge of preparation of data processing infrastructure*
- Previously
 - senior visiting scientist at CAS' Institute of High Energy Physics (IHEP), Beijing (China)*
 - international technical expert at the office of science of the Embassy of France in China*
 - technical leader of French contribution to CERN's Large Hadron Collider computing grid*
 - CC-IN2P3 deputy director*
 - leader of engineering teams doing grid computing, data center operations, storage & systems administration*

LSST astronomical catalog architecture



user expresses queries in (extended) SQL

distributor interprets the query and dispatches translated requests to the relevant worker nodes

each **worker** performs the requested work against its own independent instance of MySQL with local data

combiner collects results and presents them to the user