

# Large Synoptic Survey Telescope

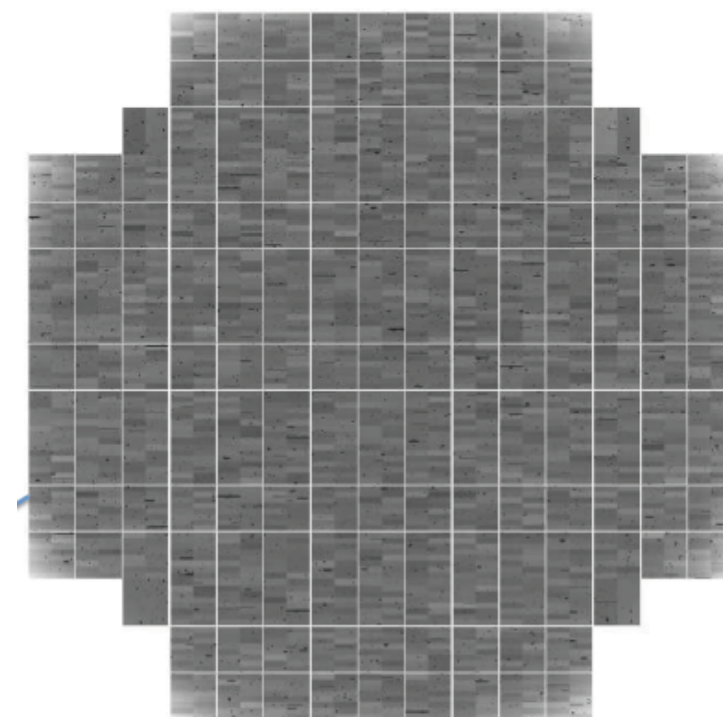
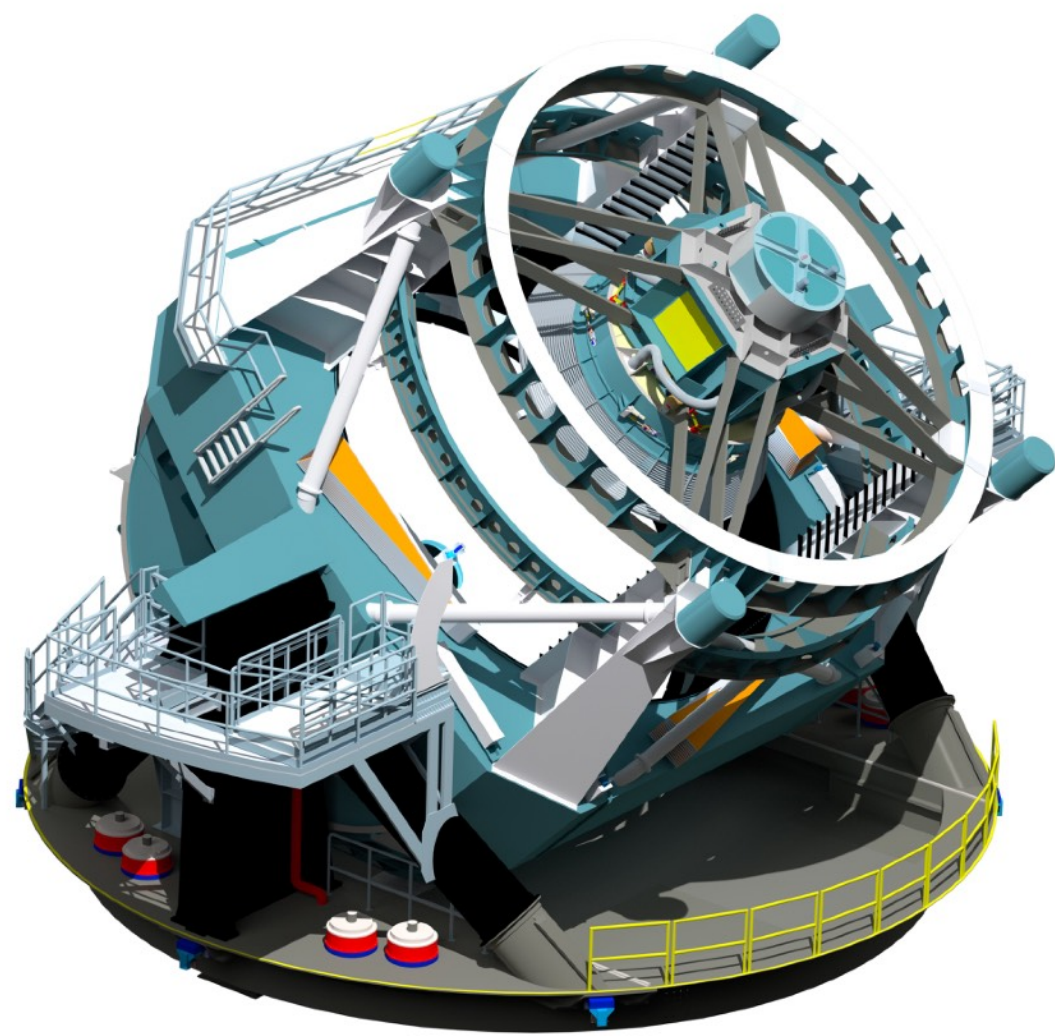
*inputs to ESCAPE*

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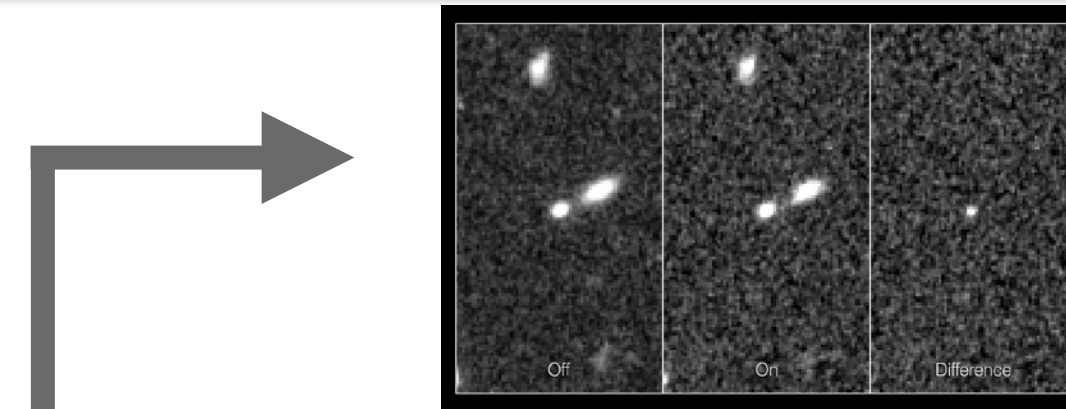


# LSST OVERVIEW

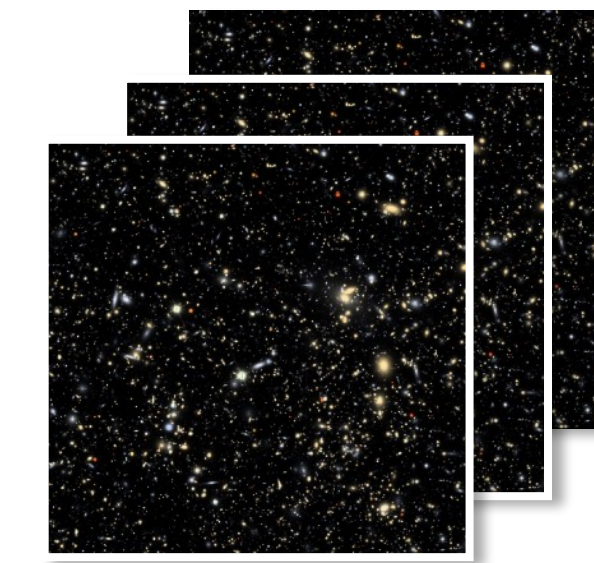
# LARGE SYNOPTIC SURVEY TELESCOPE



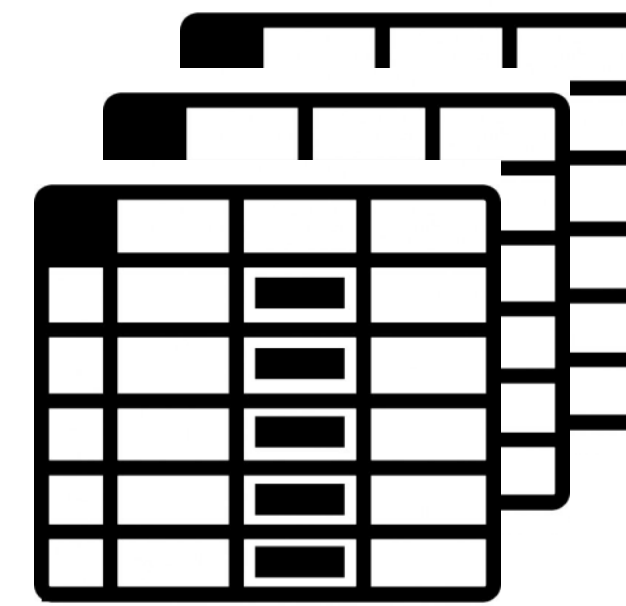
raw images



alerts



calibrated exposures  
co-added images



astronomical catalog



science  
collaborations

LSST aims to deliver a catalog of 20 billion galaxies and 17 billion stars with their associated physical properties

# LSST OVERVIEW (CONT.)

- 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***

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

*each patch of the sky to be visited about 1000 times*

- Science themes

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

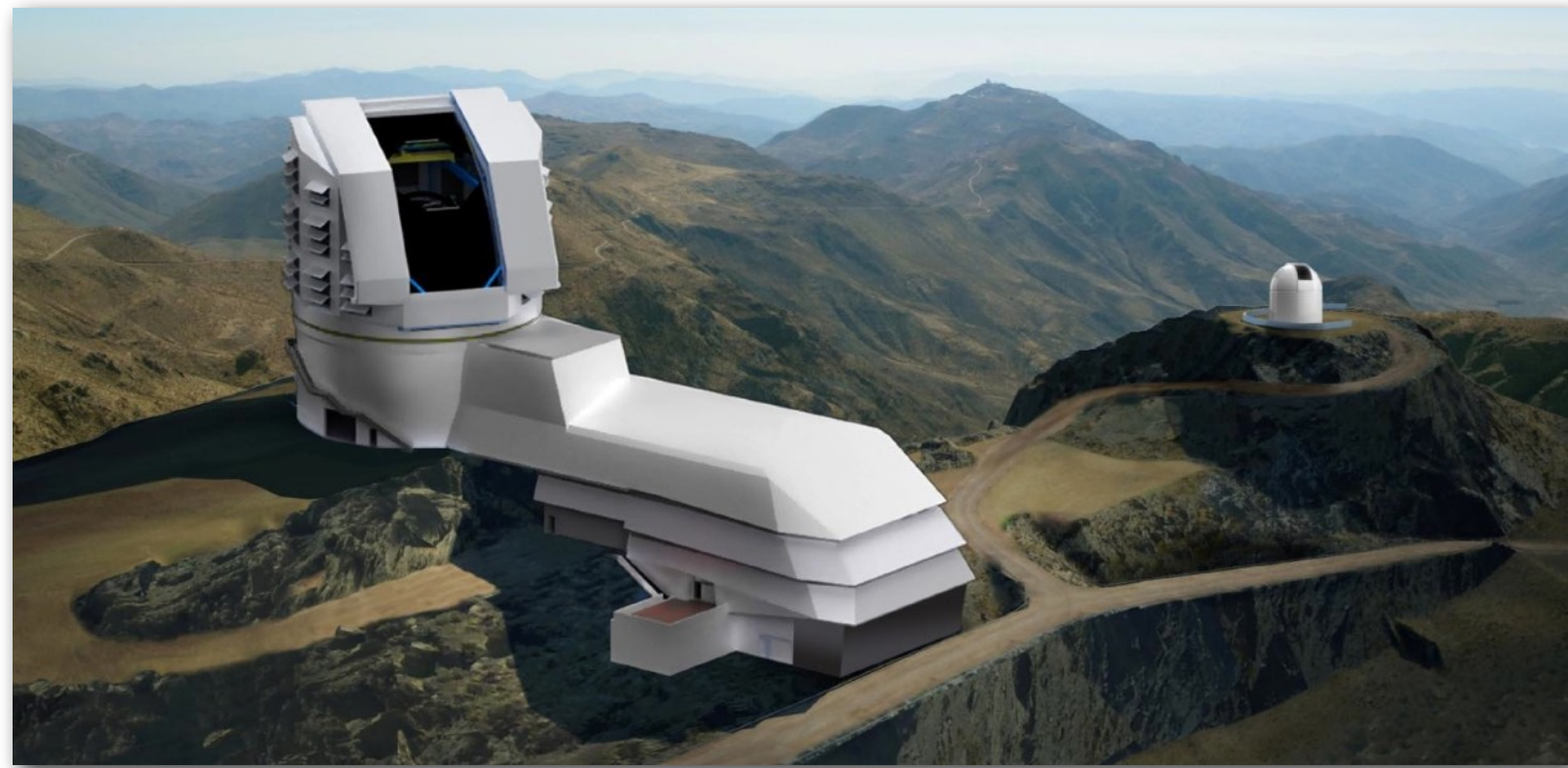
*taking an inventory of the **solar system***

*exploring the **transient** optical sky*

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

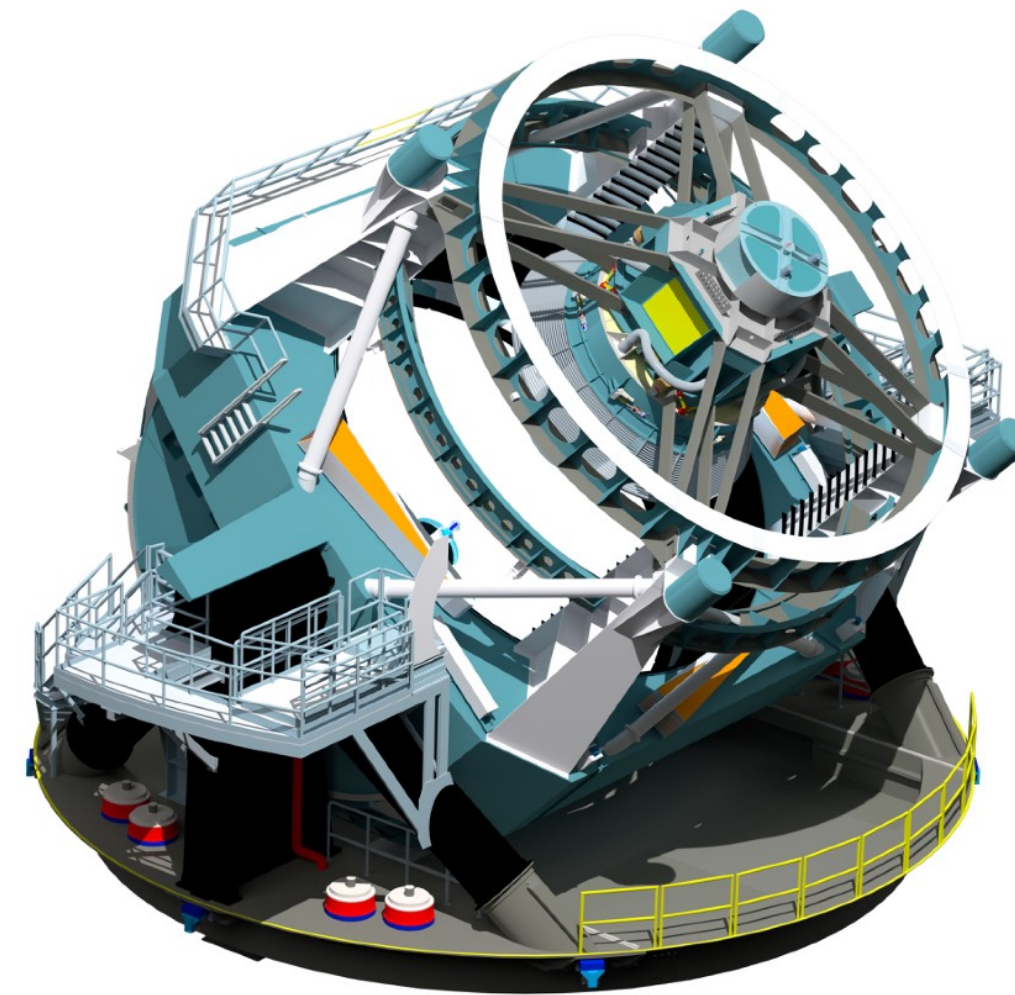
# LSST OVERVIEW

## OBSERVATORY



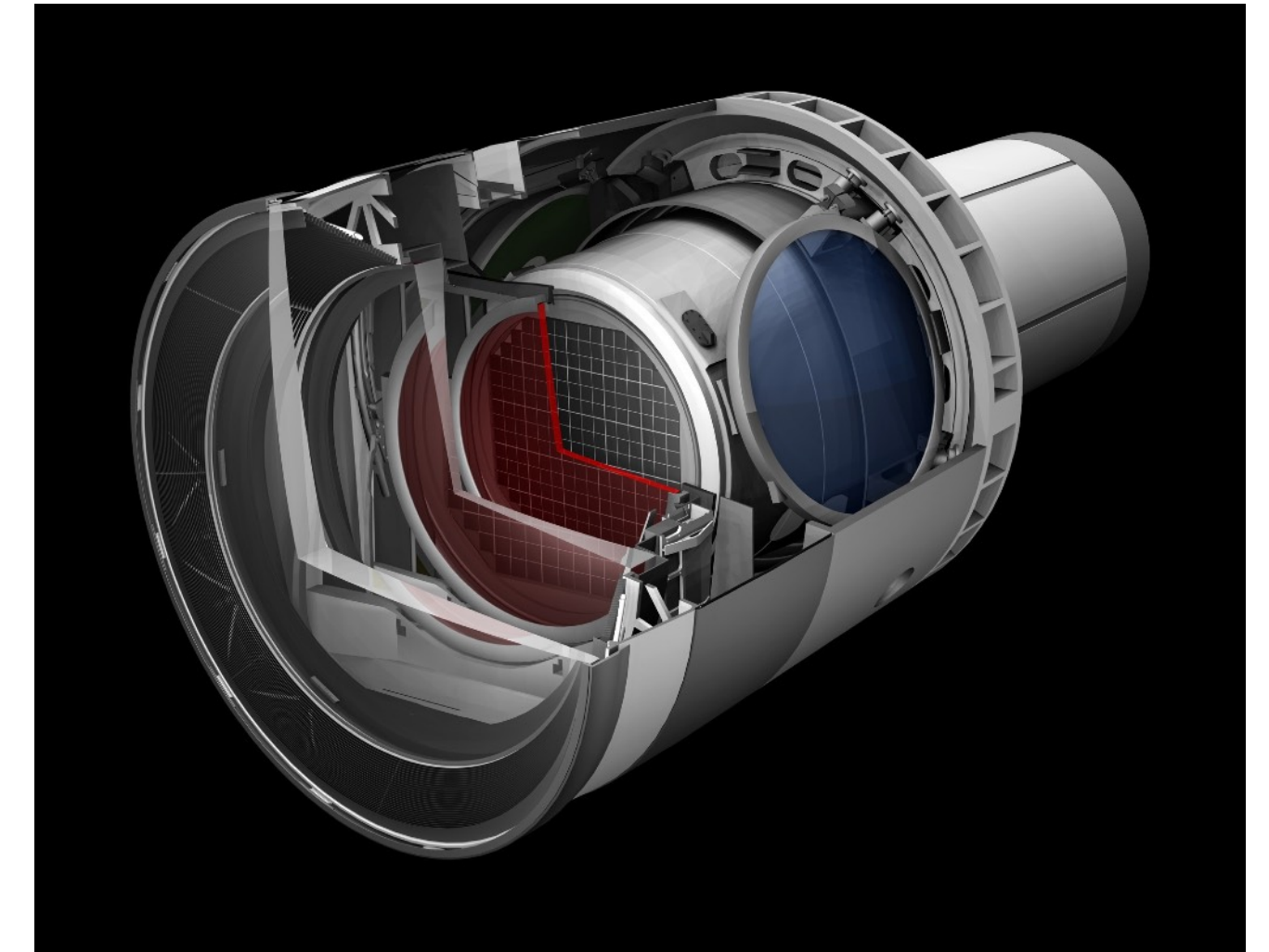
south hemisphere | 2647m a.s.l. |  
stable air | clear sky | dark nights  
| good infrastructure

## TELESCOPE



main mirror  $\varnothing$  8.4 m (effective  
aperture 6.5 m) | large  
aperture: f/1.234 | wide field  
of view | compact | 350 ton |  
to be repositioned about 3M  
times over 10 years of  
operations

## CAMERA



**3.2 G pixels** |  $\varnothing$  1.65 m |  
3.7 m long | 3 ton | 3  
lenses |  $3.5^\circ$  field of view |  
9.6 deg<sup>2</sup> | 6 filters ugrizy |  
320–1050 nm | focal plane  
and electronics in cryostat  
at 173K

# LSST DATA PRODUCTS

## PROMPT: REAL-TIME DIFFERENCE IMAGE ANALYSIS (DIA)

NIGHTLY

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

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

## DATA RELEASE: REDUCED SINGLE-EPOCH & DEEP CO-ADDED IMAGES, REPROCESSED DIA PRODUCTS

ANNUAL

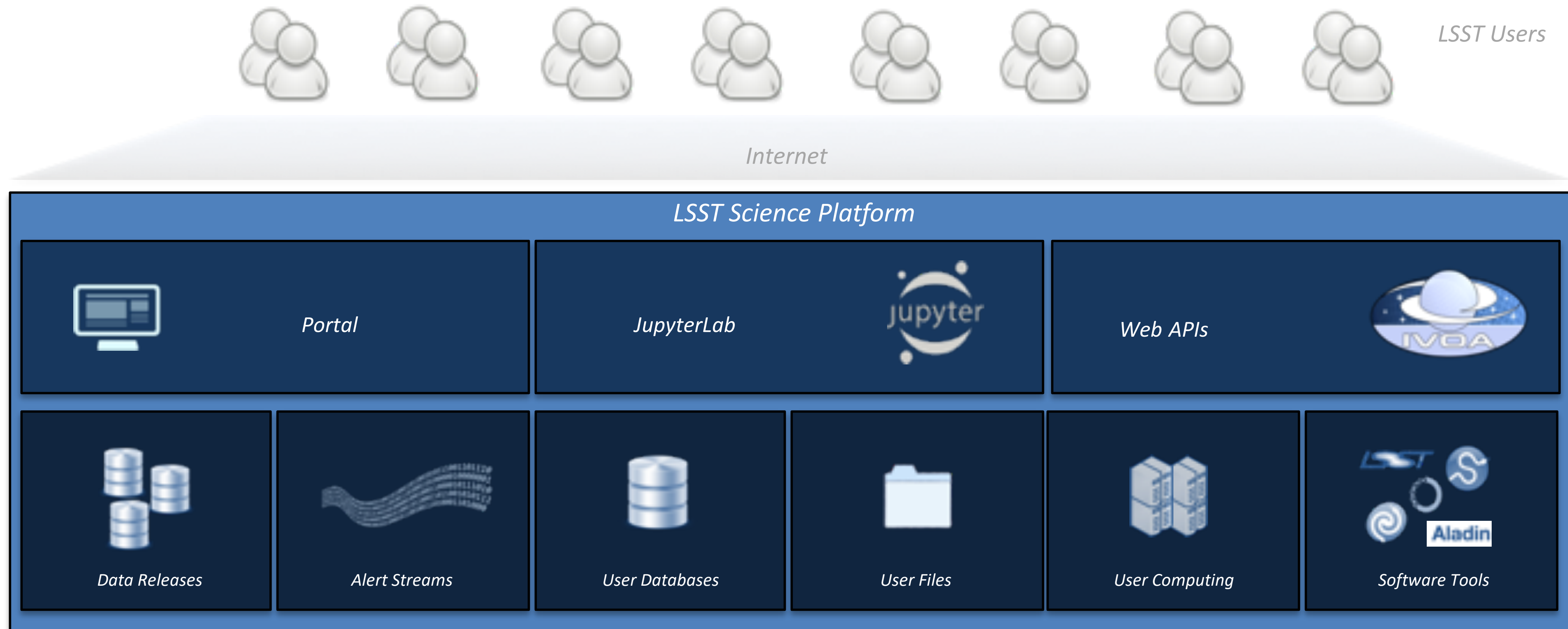
**Catalog** of 37B objects (20B galaxies, 17B stars), 7T observations, 30T measurements, produced annually, accessible through online databases

Deep co-added **images**

Source: LSST

User-generated data products not shown

# LSST SCIENCE PLATFORM



Set of integrated web applications and services, through which the scientific community will access, **visualize**, subset and perform **next-to-the-data analysis** of the data

# LSST AT CC-IN2P3

- **Main roles**

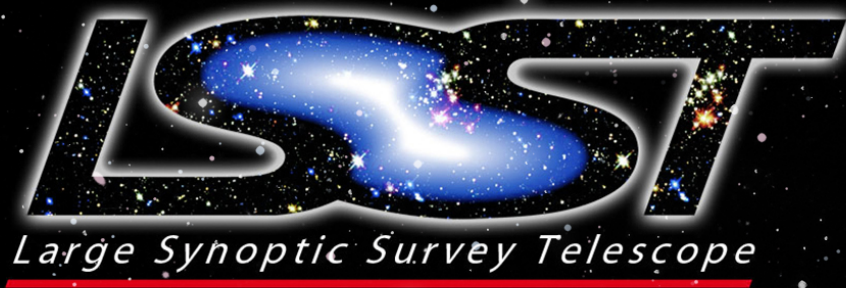
*satellite data release processing under NCSA leadership*

*CC-IN2P3 to **process 50% of the raw 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 both raw and reduced data**, i.e. the products of the annual data release processing (images and catalog)*





# LSST Operations: Sites & Data Flows



## French Site CC-IN2P3, Lyon, France

Satellite Processing Center  
Data Release Production  
Long-term Storage (copy 3)

## HQ Site Tucson, AZ

Science Operations  
Observatory Management  
Education & Public Outreach

## LSST Data Facility National Center for Supercomputing Applications (NCSA), Urbana-Champaign, IL

Processing Center  
Alert Production  
Data Release Production  
Calibration Products Production  
EPO Infrastructure  
Long-term Storage (copy 2)  
  
Data Access Center  
Data Access and User Services

## Base Site La Serena, Chile

Base Center  
Long-term storage (copy 1)  
  
Data Access Center  
Data Access & User Services

## Summit Site Cerro Pachón, Chile

Telescope & Camera  
Data Acquisition  
Crosstalk Correction

# DATA RELEASE PROCESSING

- **Data release processing pipelines**  
*set of stages for extracting information from images: detect astrophysical objects and their physical properties*  
*produce the data to populate the astronomical catalog*  
*C++ and Python 3*
- **File size in the range 50 - 100 MB**  
*1 file per CCD (there are 189 CCDs in the focal plane)*  
*currently FITS format*  
*~10B files aggregated over the 10 years of operations (raw + derived)*
- **High-level I/O abstraction layer designed to make life easier for scientists**  
*currently requires POSIX API and needs control the file namespace*  
*ongoing work to improve this situation to include requirements for bulk processing*
- **During annual release processing, only a few production accounts interact with the file catalog**  
*however, access to previous years' data releases covered by embargo only accessible by individuals with data rights*

# ANSWERS TO QUESTIONNAIRE

# DATA PRODUCTION

- Estimated number of files: ~1 billion / year, 10 years of operations  
*this includes intermediary data that we don't keep forever, so real number may be less*
- Data file sizes  
*raw: exposures of 3.8 GB composed of 189 files of 20 MB each*  
*derived: calibrated exposures composed of 189 files of 110 MB each*  
*several other kind of products: ~100 MB each*
- Primary data already compressed
- Primary data as well as the released data products to be archived

# DATA MODEL

- Raw data is collected at the summit where the instrument is located (Chile)  
*1st copy stored at the base center in La Serena (Chile)*
- Immediately transported to Champaign, IL (USA)  
*2nd copy stored there*
- Without significant delay, transported to Lyon (France)  
*3rd copy stored there*
- Raw data produced nightly: 20 TB, 300 nights per year

# DATA MODEL (CONT.)

- Every year, all the data collected since the beginning of the survey is reprocessed and a new release of the data products is delivered  
*both images and astronomical catalog*
- Derived data, ready for analysis produced yearly  
*images: ~10 PB*  
*astronomical catalog: ~10 PB*

*user-derived data: ?? PB*

- **Data lifecycles**

*a copy of all data products (image and catalogs) archived on tape*

*2 more recent data releases are kept on disk*

- **Searchable metadata**

*image metadata already stored in each image*

*image registry contains excerpts of that metadata*

# DATA ACCESS AND DATA PROCESSING

- Need for quasi-online data processing of primary data before analysis?  
*yes, for alerts, but this will be taken care of separately*
- Protocols to transfer data  
*my preference HTTP (or anything else provided it is standard) including for making data downloadable for users*
- Protocols for accessing data  
*currently POSIX only*  
*future, object store + POSIX (on local file system to the worker node)*
- Data caching for file re-usability ?  
*yes, for exposing final products (images, not catalog) to partner sites or even end-users*
- Read-ahead cache for latency hiding purposes ?  
*maybe, a system that understands the file format (e.g. image vs. tables) could be useful not for accessing the catalog database*
- QoS for storage ?  
*I don't know, I would say throttling data transfer to different sites and end-users would be useful*

# DATA ACCESS AND DATA PROCESSING (CONT.)

- **File popularity management service ?**

*collecting information on the popularity of files would be useful, but I'm not sure if we could automatically take decisions on the data placement based on that information*

*how to articulate this mechanism with the I/O abstraction layer on top of which all the LSST software is based ?*

- **Data access patterns**

*copy the data to the local worker node storage ? possible, but also using a network file system (within the same site)*

*consume full contents of files ? I have no figures yet, but I guess yes, but not necessarily sequentially (FITS files)*

*evaluation of the impact of remote depending on RTT and bandwidth ? not considered so far*

*processing of data stored on tape ? scheduled recall campaigns, no direct access to tape*

- **Workload management system**

*at the level of a single site, yes. At the level of the experiment, not clear. Static partitioning of the workload may be possible*

*data placement probably managed somehow separately from data processing*



# DATA ACCESS AND DATA PROCESSING (CONT.)

- **CLIs, APIs and/or Web Interfaces?**

*I would say that programming language-neutral APIs is the minimum, so that CLIs and web interfaces can be built, if not included in the products*

- **MPI jobs ?**

*currently using MPI as a mechanism for exploiting several CPU cores in a single node  
not tested MPI in a multi-node setting, but this would probably work*

- **Event-driven data processing ?**

*yes: triggering actions based on events emitted by the storage system, e.g. for shipping data products to a partner site, pre-processing images just imported, etc.*

- **Impact of data loss**

*don't want to loose raw data nor released data products, hence at least 3 copies around the world  
temporarily unavailable data acceptable, depending on the length of the period*

# DATA ACCESS CONTROL

- Annual data releases only available to project members during the first 2 years after publication  
*then publicly available to anyone*
- Anonymous access to data products after the embargo period  
*the mechanisms to make the data publicly available still to be precisely defined*
- ACL needs from a global perspective  
*raw data: read-only except for a few production accounts*  
*data products: read-only for project members only*  
*during embargo period, data accessible only to **authorized members of the project***
- Groups with privileges ?  
*production users vs. project members vs. anonymous*

# AAI QUESTIONS

- Is there an identified AAI expert ? yes

- Number of active users: > 1000

- End-users will access data through notebooks (including terminal sessions) and web-based applications

*I don't think there will be LSST-specific native applications, but I suspect users will want to use their preferred image visualisation tool*

*users may want to transparently access published data (e.g. images) from their comfort of their laptop, for instance for visualisation purposes (likely not for bulk processing) ⇒ caching (?)*

- Current authentication tools

*CILogon, ssh keys, X.509 certificates (web application), Kerberos tickets*

- User registration and lifecycle management for experiment

*not clear for me: I suspect that currently this is handled by each site independently, but eventually a central registration will be needed, or at least, a central directory service where users with data rights will be registered*

- Authorization structure

*access to data is currently controlled by what the file system provides (uid/gid, ACLs)*

# QUESTIONS & COMMENTS



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BACKUP SLIDES

# IN2P3

## A DISTRIBUTED LABORATORY

*2500 researchers, engineers and technicians*

*700 post-docs and PhD students*

*25 laboratories and research platforms in France, 16 international laboratories*

**COMPUTING CENTER**



# IN2P3 COMPUTING CENTER

- **CC-IN2P3**

- 84 people, 80 FTE, 80% permanent positions*

- ~15 M€ overall annual budget*

- scientific data center, high throughput computing*

- well connected to national and international networks*

- **Shared computing facility supporting the institute's research program**

- ~70 projects in high energy physics, nuclear physics and astroparticle physics*



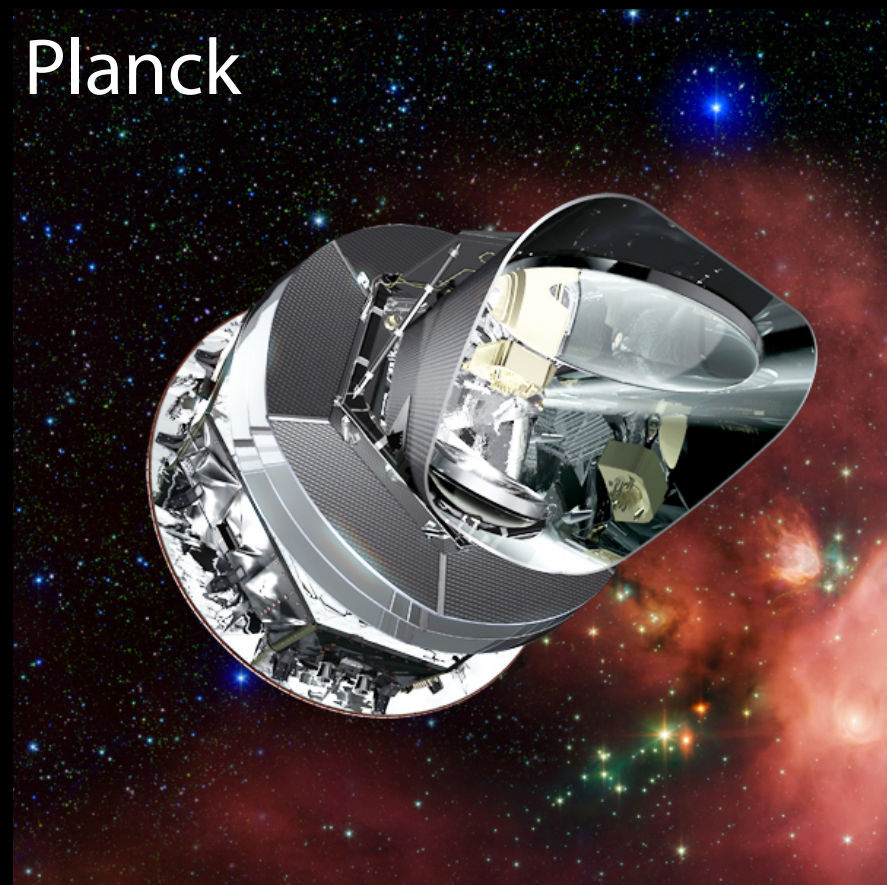
- Operations: 24x7  
*unattended during nights and weekends*



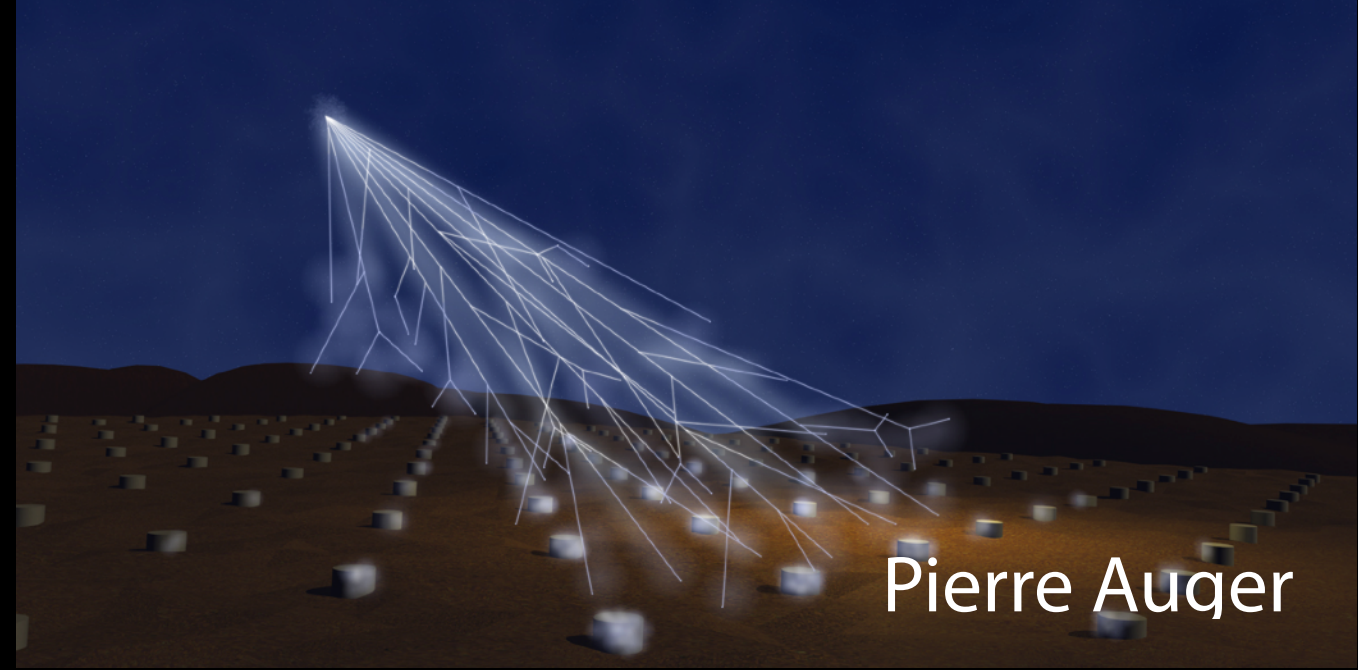


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Planck



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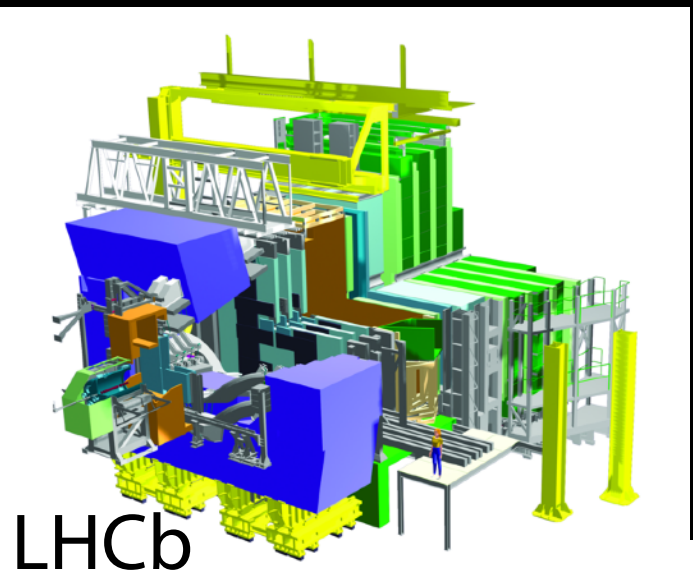


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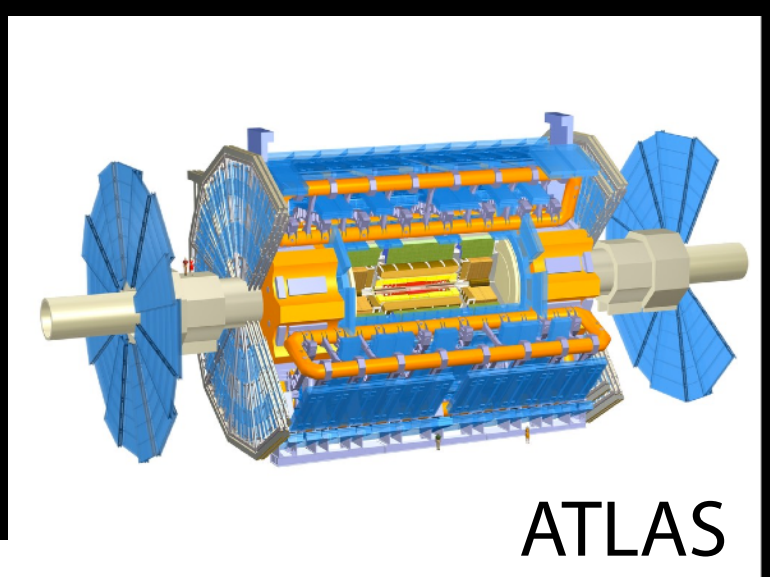
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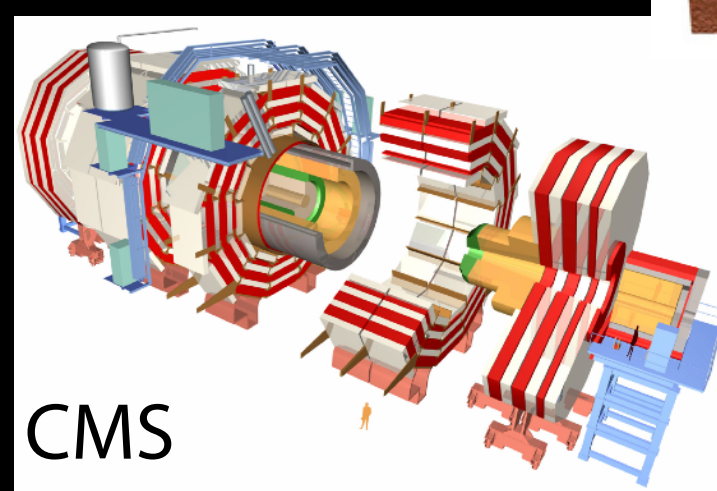
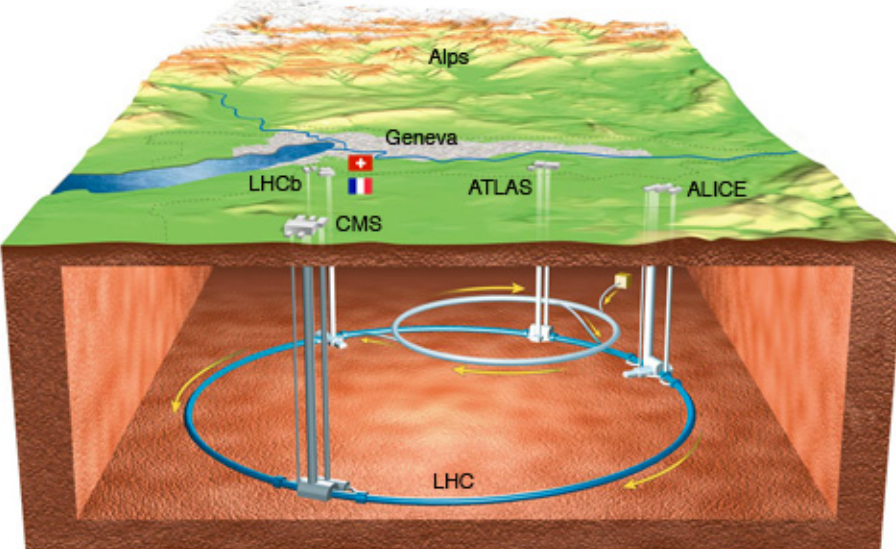
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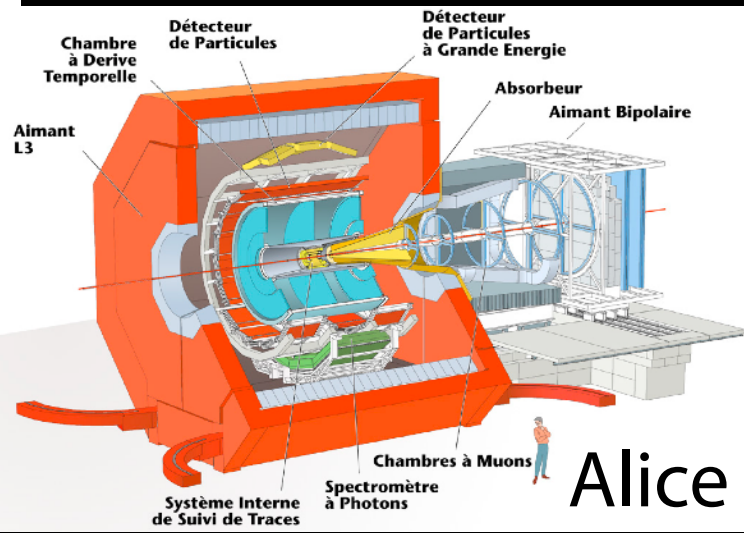
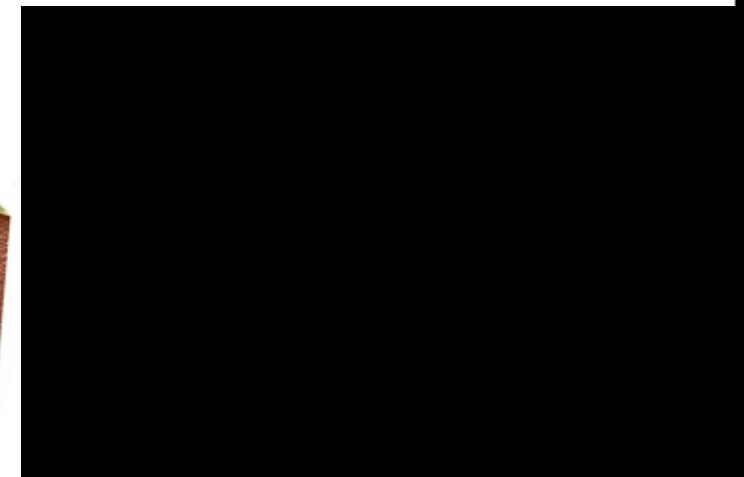
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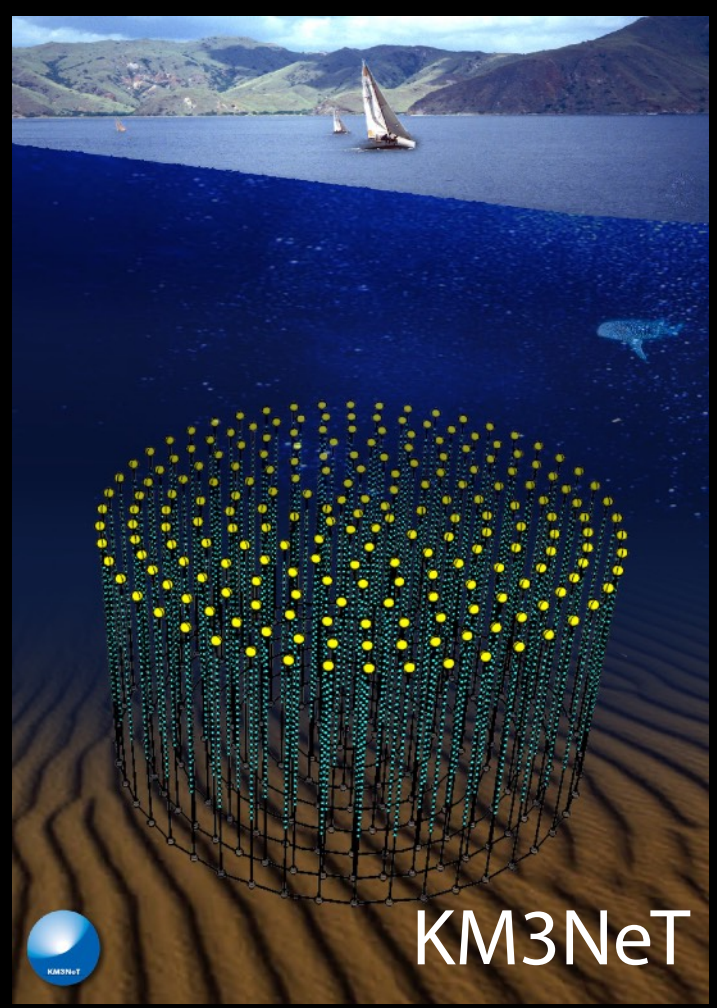
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CMS



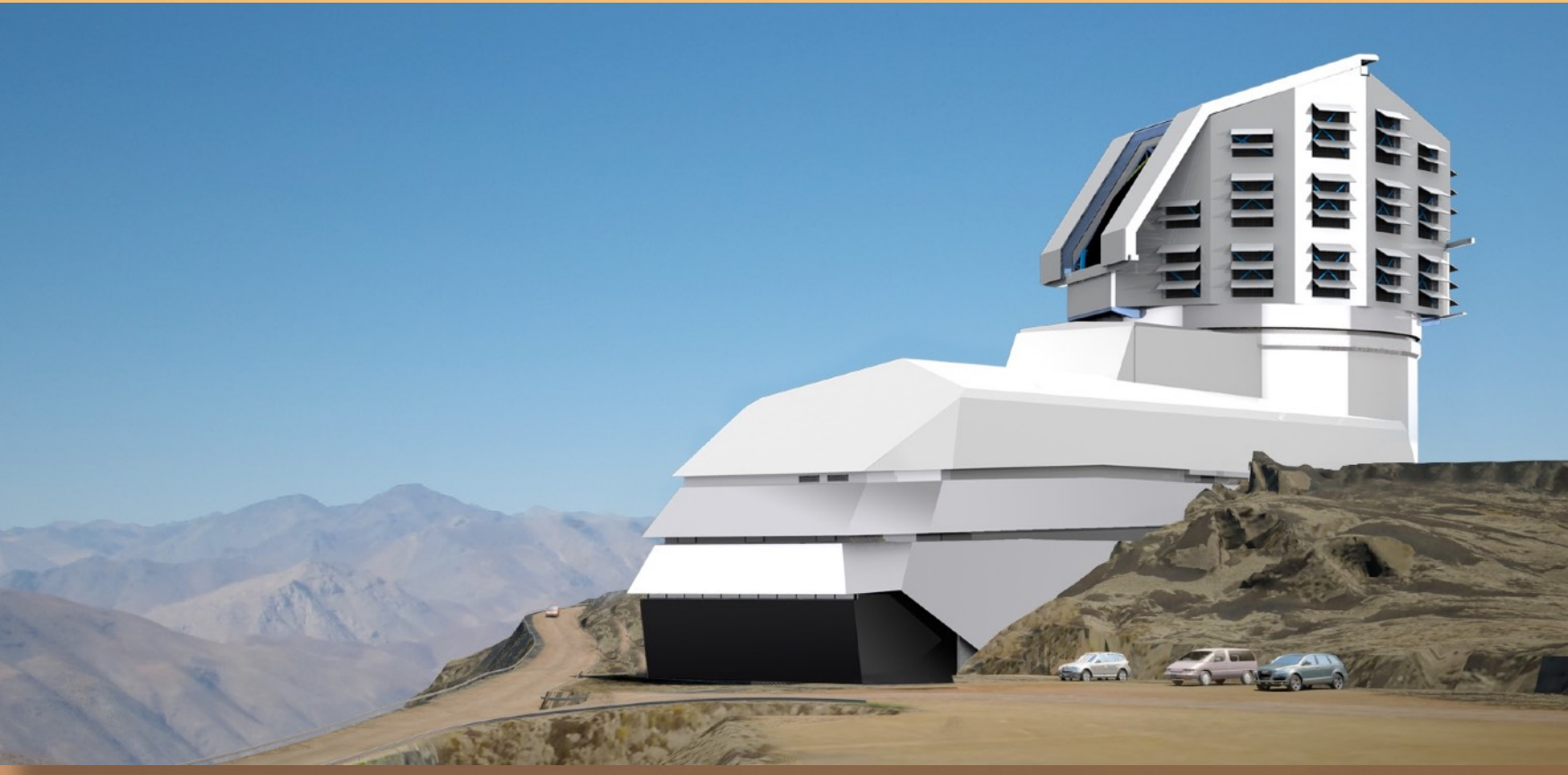
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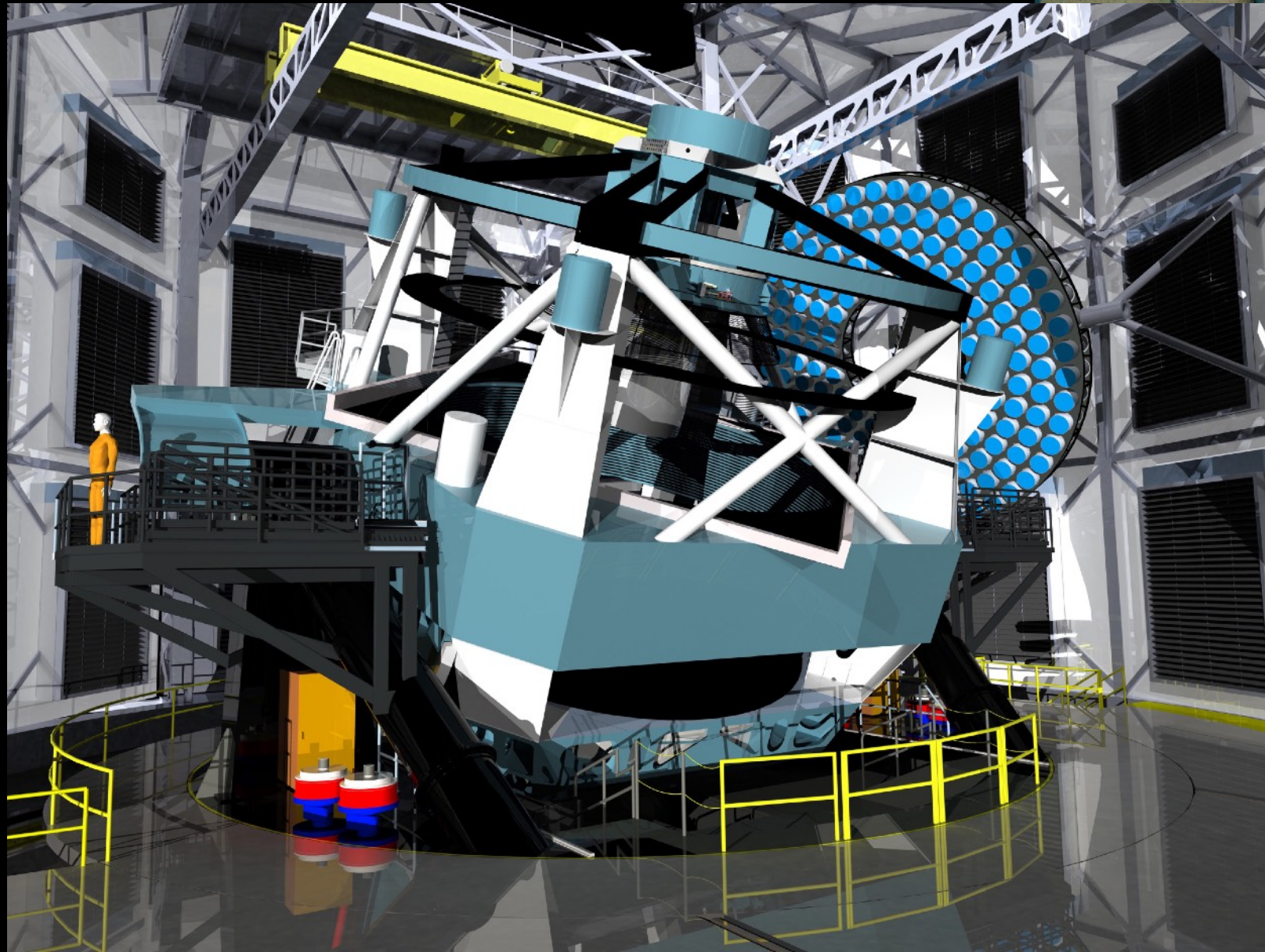


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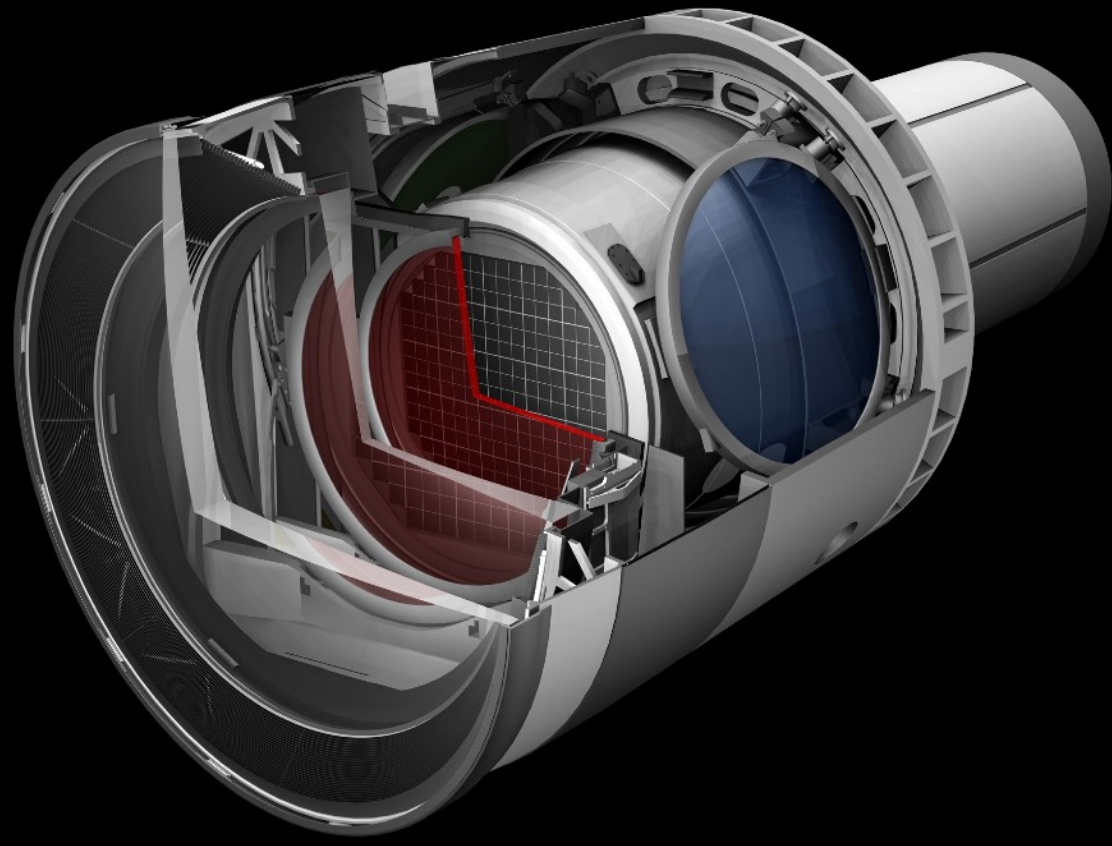


Virgo





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**3.5° SLEW-SETTLE: 5 s**



 SAFRAN

# LSST DATA MANAGEMENT CONTRIBUTORS



Princeton University



National Optical  
Astronomy Observatory



SLAC National Accelerator  
Laboratory  
Stanford University



Infrared Processing and  
Analysis Center  
California Institute of  
Technology



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

## DATA RELEASE PROCESSING CENTRES



CNRS / IN2P3 computing center

# LSST DATA MANAGEMENT SUBSYSTEM

- **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 **produce a data release**: a **self-consistent, immutable dataset**, composed of **processed data since the beginning of the survey***

*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**

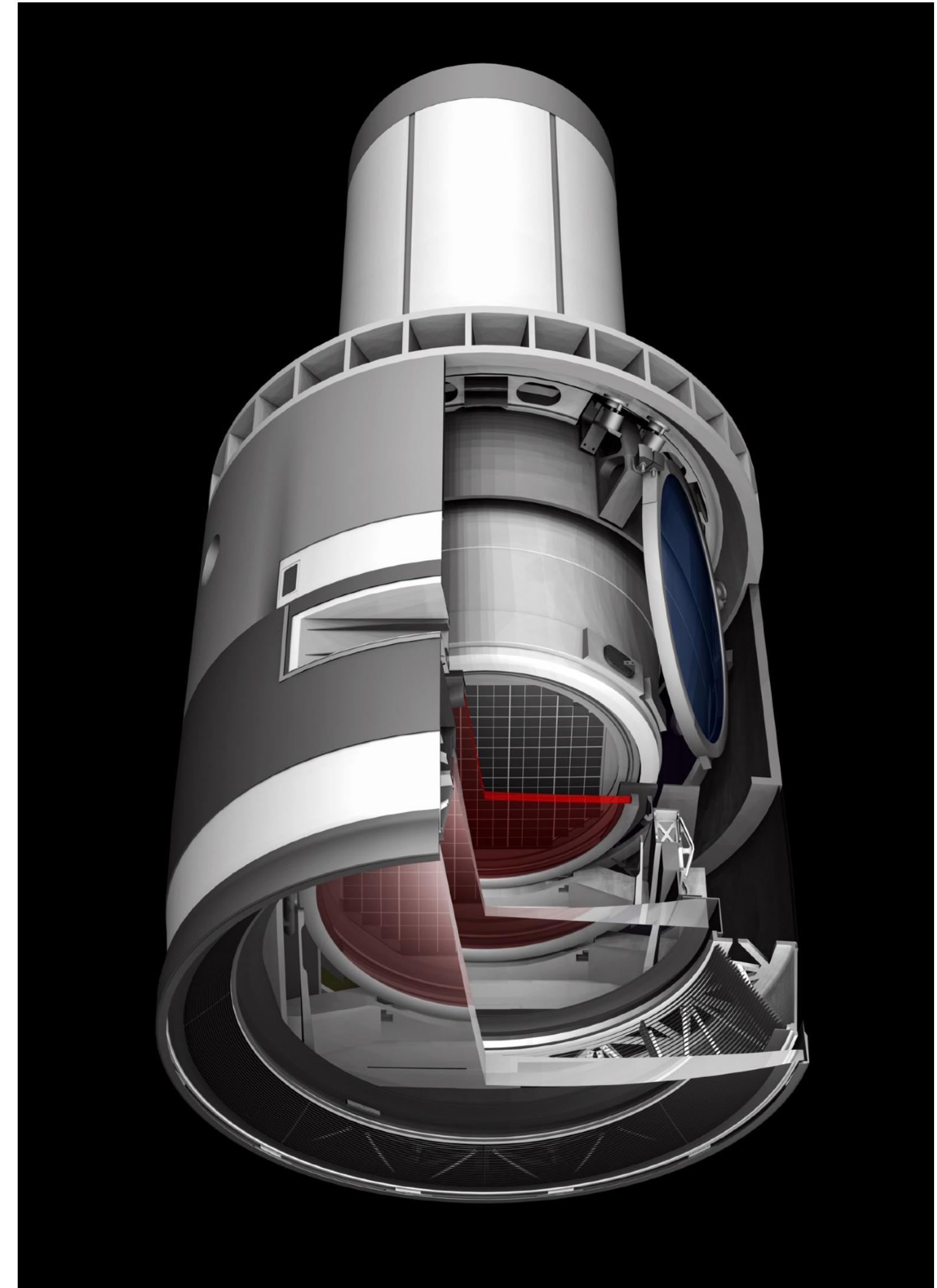
*to **deliver the reduced data** (images + catalogs)*

*to **facilitate custom data reduction and individual data analysis***

# DATA ACQUISITION

- **Raw data**
  - 7.2 GB per image*
  - 2000 science images + 450 calibration images per night*
  - 300 nights per year, ~20 TB per night  $\Rightarrow$  ~6 PB per year*
- **Aggregated data over 10 years of operations\***, including derived data
  - images: ~6M exposures, 515 PB*
  - final catalog database: 15 PB*

\* source: [LSST key numbers](#)



Source: LSST