

The New Landscape of
Data Acquisition and Signal Processing for FRB's
And
The PANOSETI Nanosecond Time Scale
Ultra-Wide-Field Transient Search

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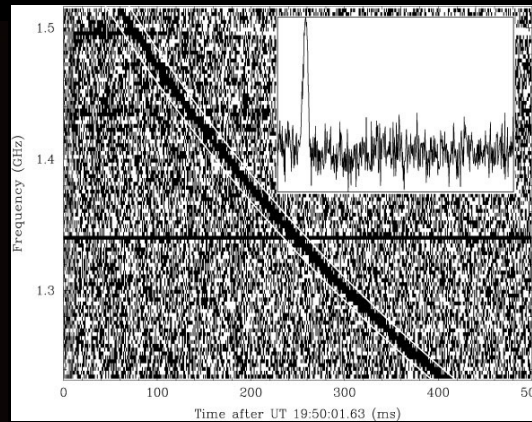
CASPER: Collaboration for Astronomy Signal Processing & Electronics Research

Discoveries Made with CASPER Instrumentation:

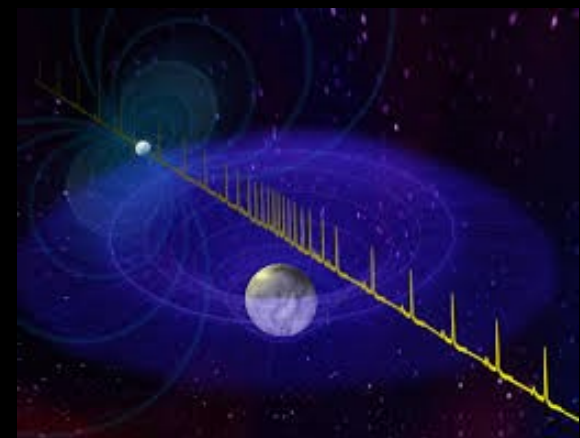
First Image of Black Hole, NSF
The Event Horizon Telescope



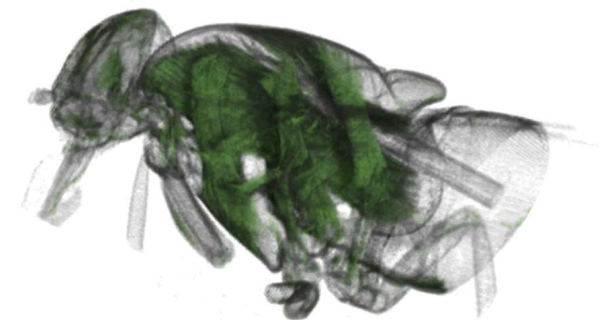
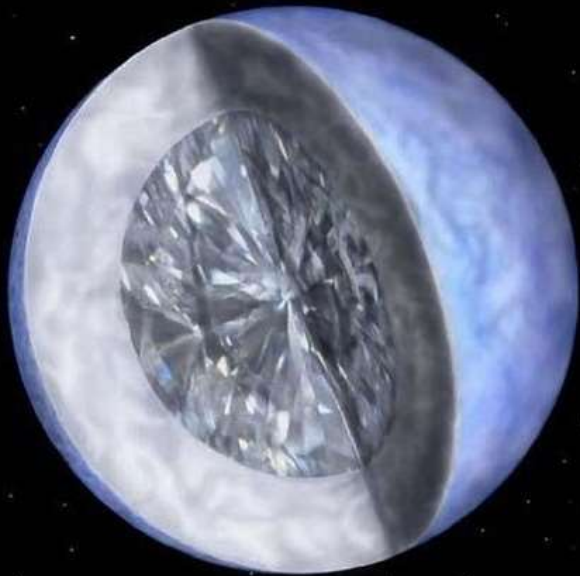
Fast Radio Bursts
Weighing the Universe



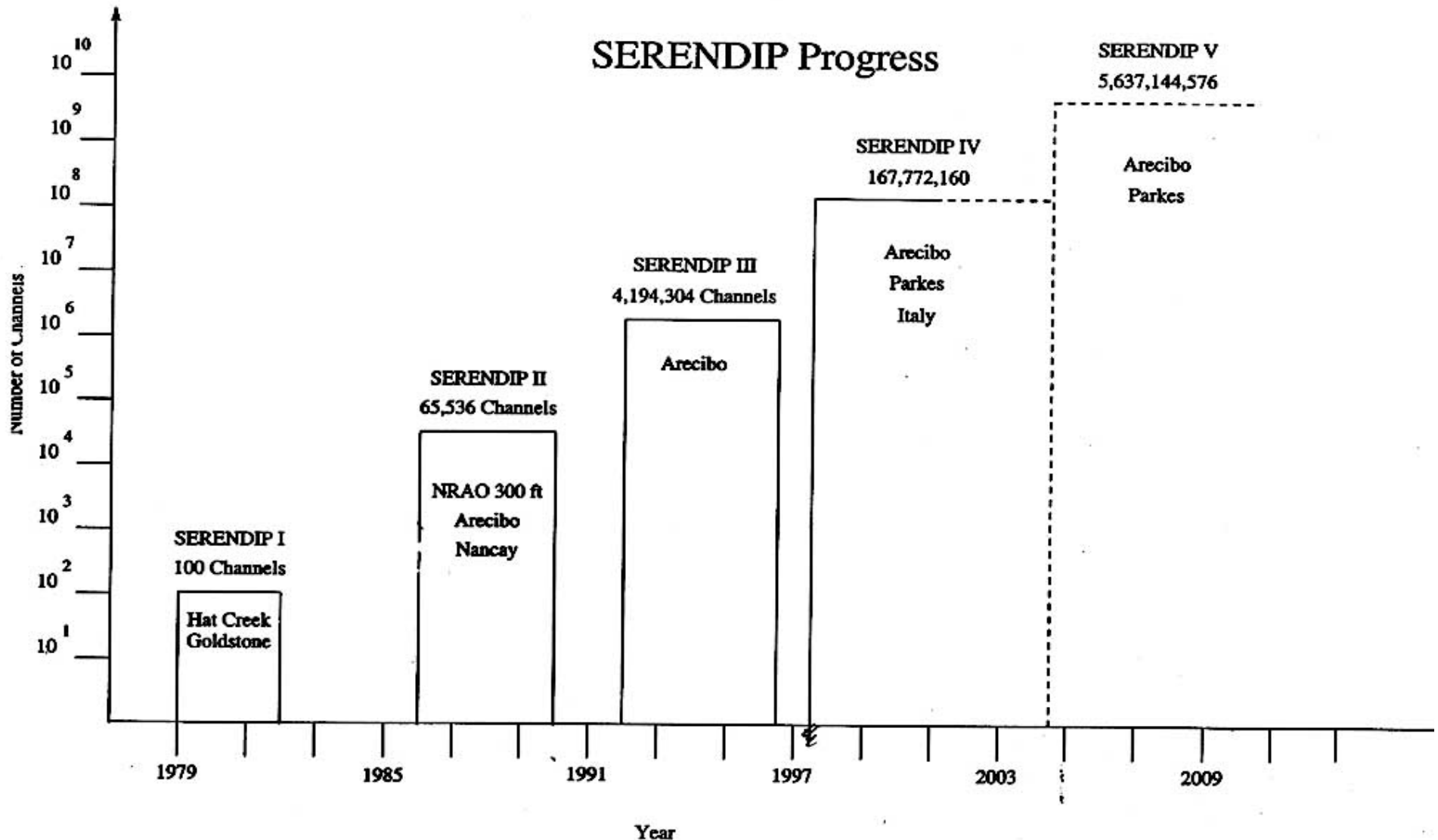
Pulsar Detection & Timing
Gravitational Waves
Equation of State



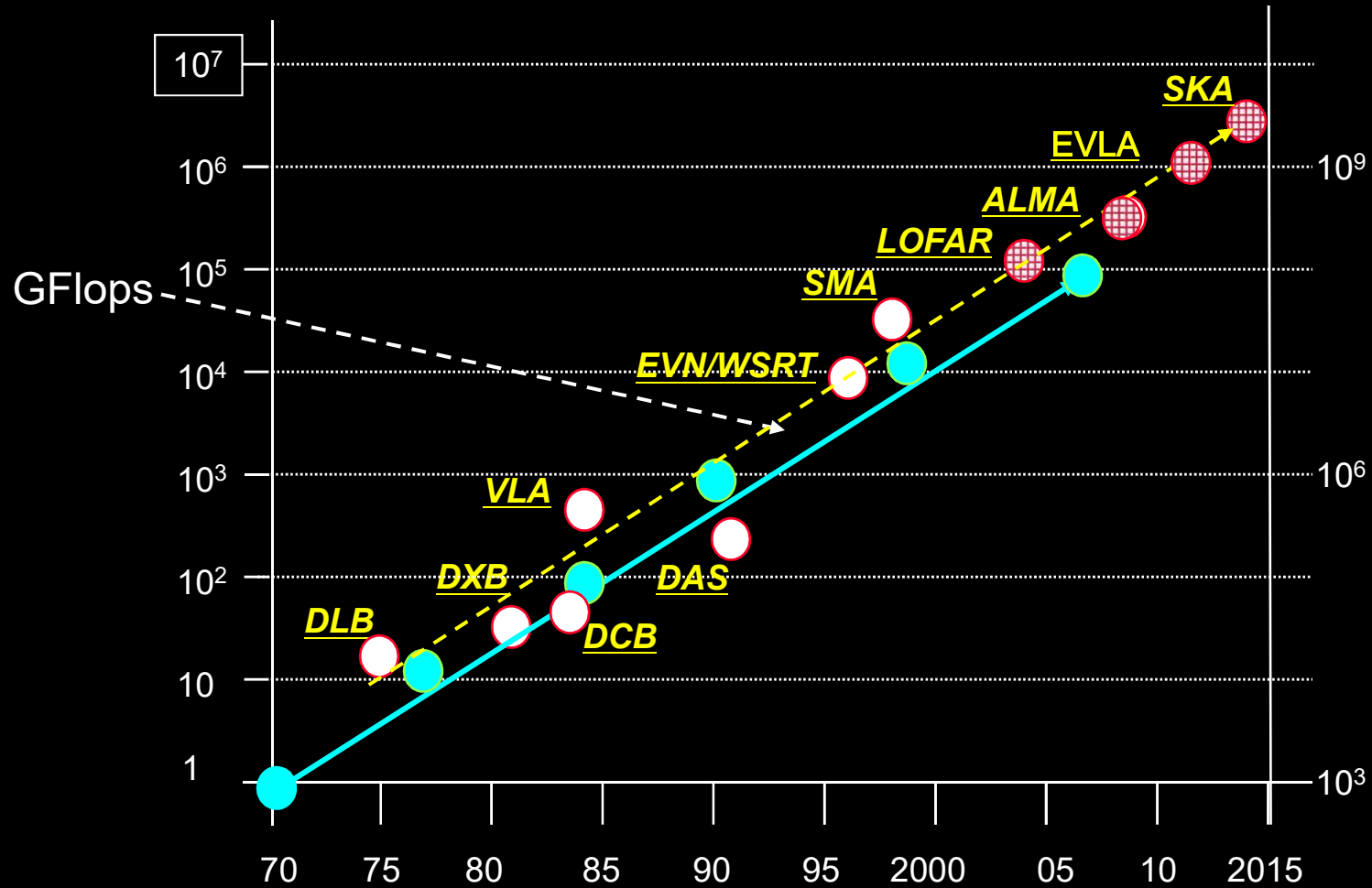
Diamond Planet, Prostheses Control, Neutron Imaging



Moore's Law – Instruments using FPGA's: 2X per year (1,000,000 over 20 years)



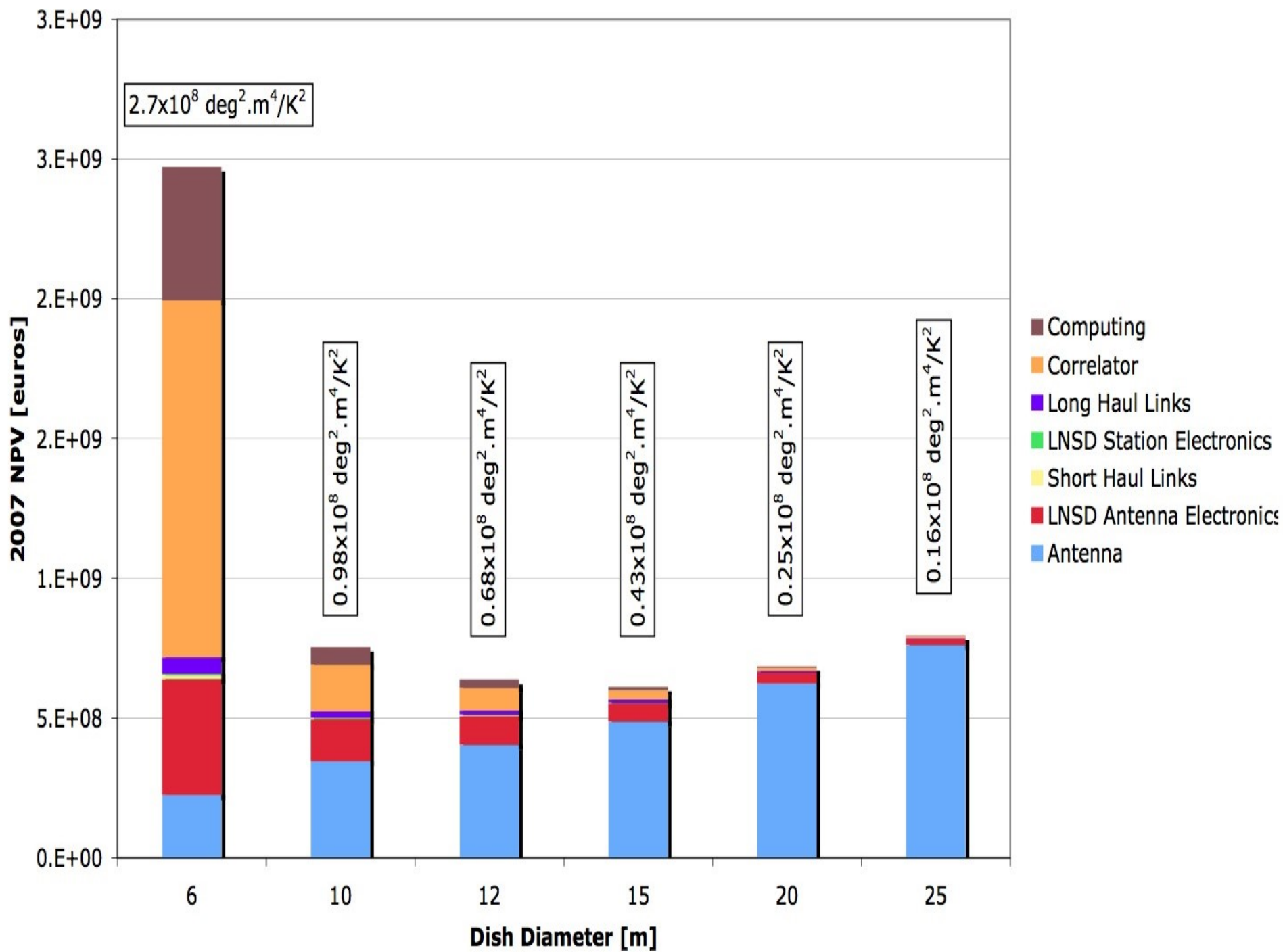
Correlator processing power



source: Arnold van Ardenne

expect (plan for)

- 100 GHz bandwidth
- 1000 to 1M antenna arrays
- 1000 to 1M beams (commensal experiments)
- 6:1 or 20:1 ? Feeds and receivers
- phased array feeds with low T_{sys}



CASPER Philosophy and Religion

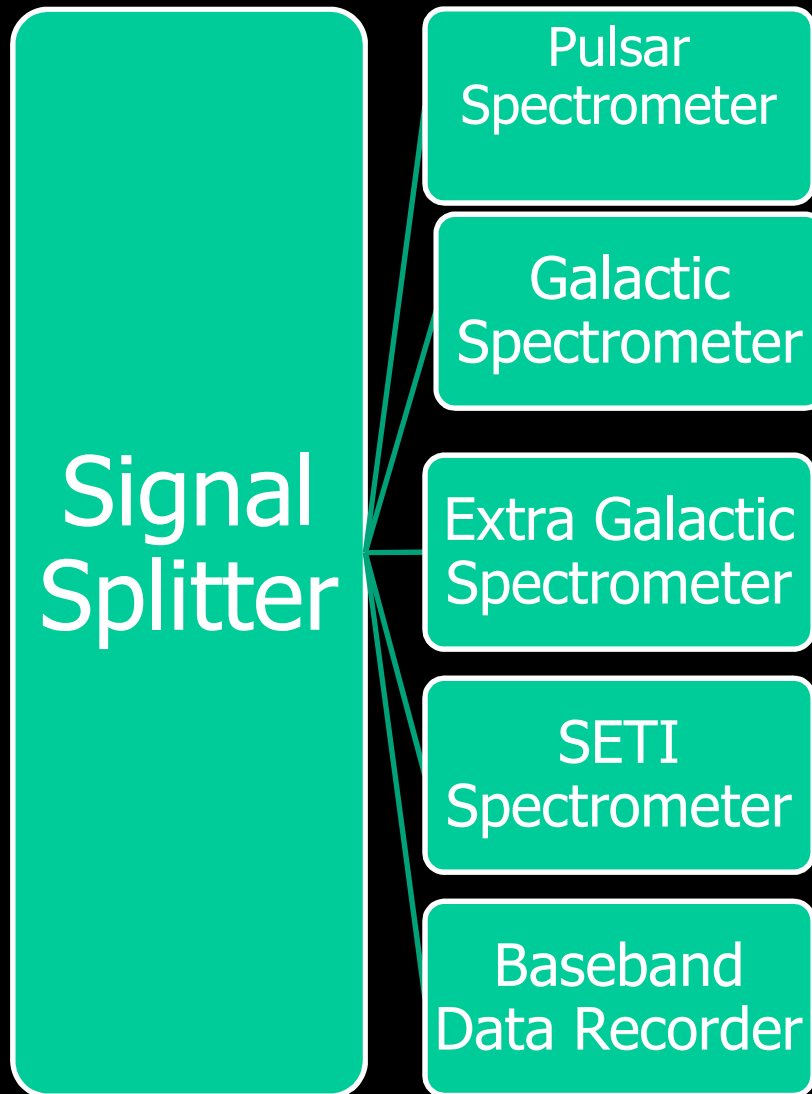
Design Observatories with Plan for Exponential Growth in Digital Processing

- Digital Backend should be replaced every 5 years (keep software, toss old - buy new hardware)
- DSP Part of Operating Costs, not construction costs

Instrument Architectures

- Scalable
- Upgradeable
- Flexible
- General and Multi-Purpose
- Fault Tolerant

Simultaneous Digital Backends Piggyback, Commensal, Sky Surveys



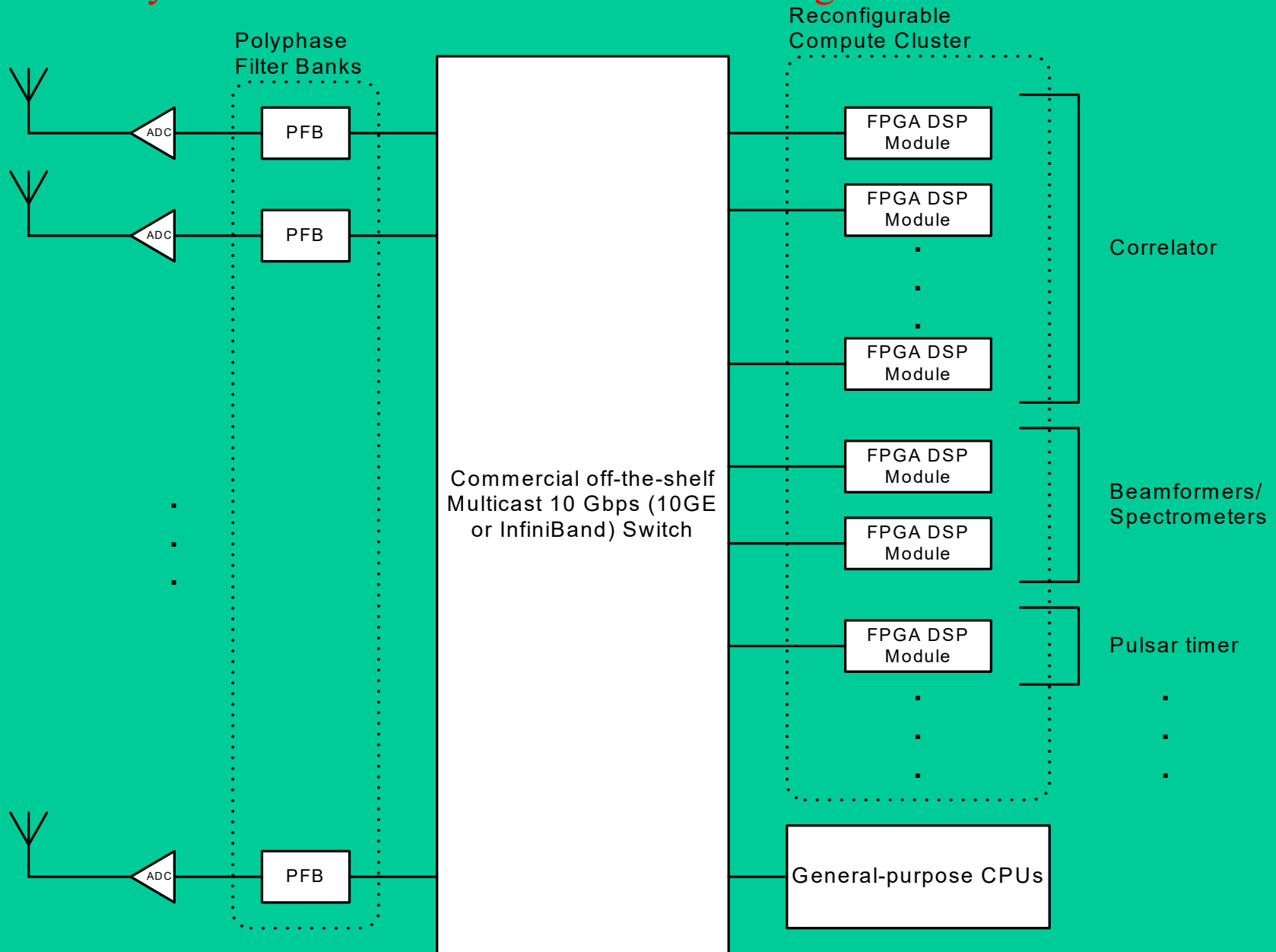
Analog Power Splitters

or

Digital Data Splitter

CASPER General Purpose Architecture “Ethernet Telescopes”

Dynamic Allocation of Resources – Moving GPU Cluster Backends



Board Interconnect - Upgradable

- Problem: Backplanes are short lived

(S100, Multibus, VME, ISA, EISA, PCI, PCIx, PCIE, PCIE2.0, compactPCI, compactPCIE, ATCA...)

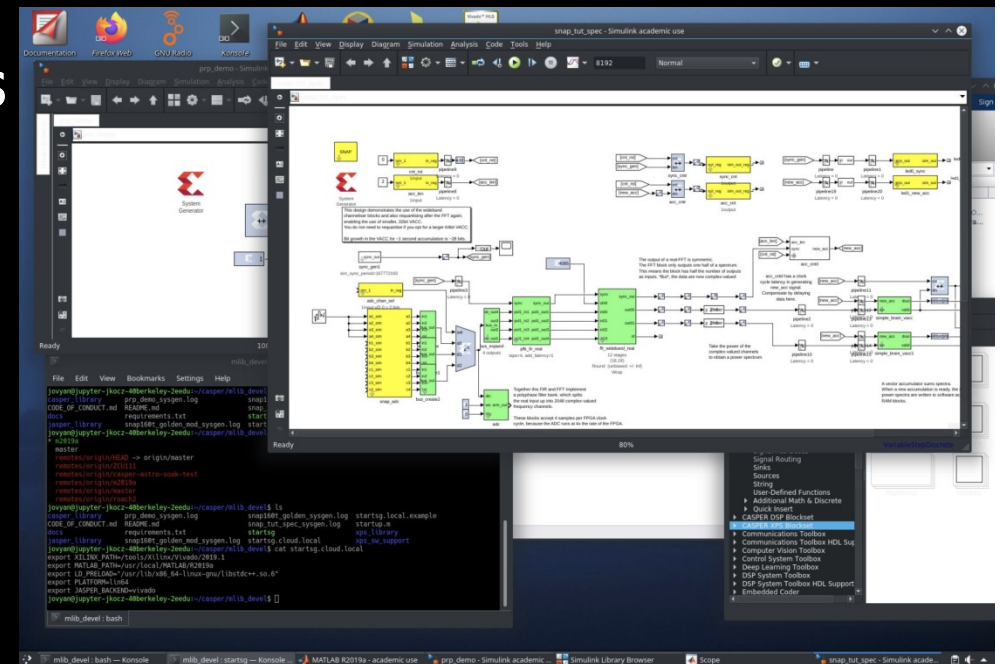
- Solution: 10, 40, 100, 400 Gbit/sec **Ethernet**

Ethernet since 1973 – likely to stay around !

40 Km fiber transceivers: 400 Gbit/s - 10 Tbit/s

Platform-Independent Parameterized Gateway

- Libraries are Independent from Hardware
- Same code ~ 40 FPGA boards
- Matlab Simulink (graphical)
- Linux I/O and Control



Casper Commandments

Thou Shalt Share thy Knowledge

Thou Shalt Help thy Neighbor Casperite

Thou Shalt Covet thy Ethernet to Connect Everything

Switches are Free

CASPER Tutorials

Introduction to Simulink and CASPER

Using 10/40/100 Gbit/sec Ethernet

Spectrometer (400MHz, 2K channels)

Correlator (4 input, 400MHz, 1K channels)

Heterogeneous Computing ADC→FPGA→CPU/GPU

Embedding Verilog/VHDL in Simulink

High Speed Data Transport to/from GPU

Yellow Block Creation (ADC/DAC/Other Interfacing)

Annual CASPER Workshops

morning: talks

afternoon: lab training, tutorials, working groups,
get help designing an instrument....

Busy Weeks, Board Porting Workshops,

HELP: Archived Mail List, Slack, Monthly Telecons

Problem: GPU's are I/O bound

Tensor Cores: Correlators, Beamformer, Filters (not FFT)

Data Transport Software for GPUs

HASHPIPE, PSRDADA, BiFROST

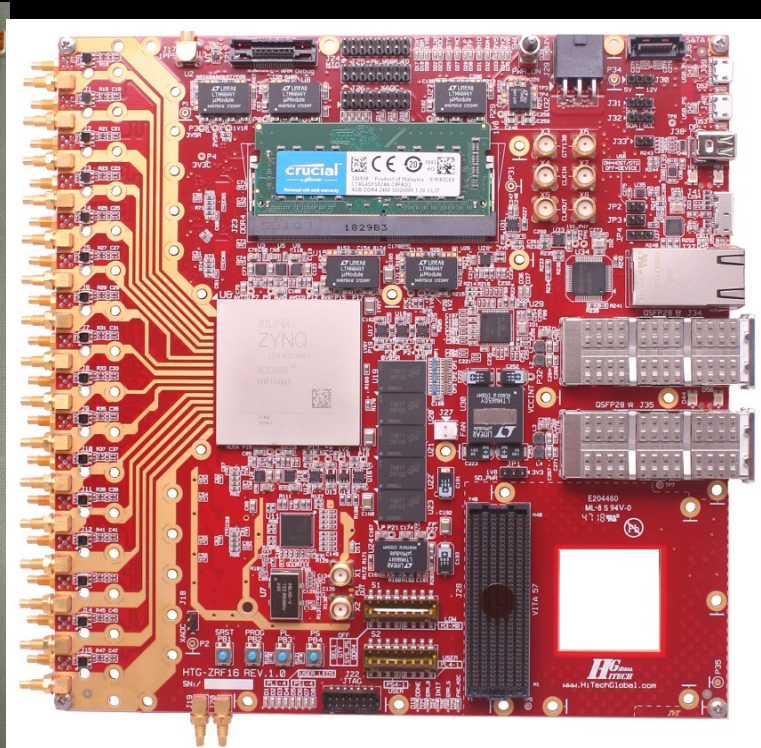
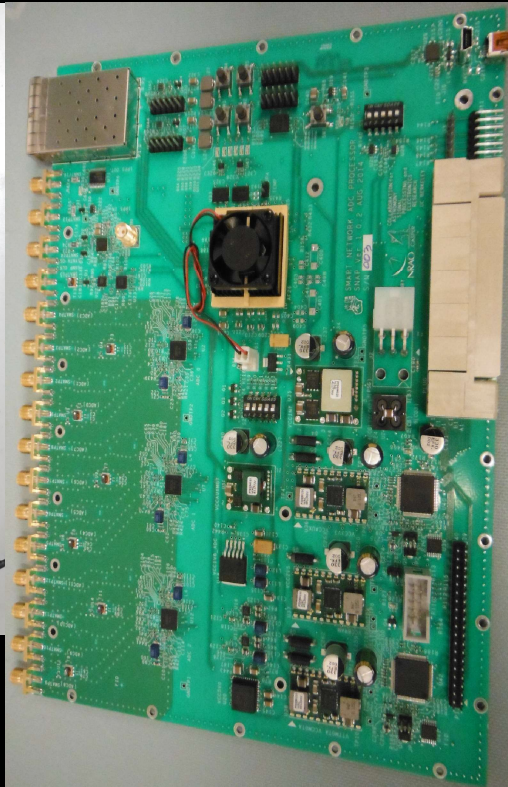
400 Gbit/sec into a GPU (RDMA, ROCE)

Gbe NIC → CPU → GPU → CPU → DISK

QUAD 16 Gsps ADC board
Ultrascale+ FPGA, 4x100Gbe

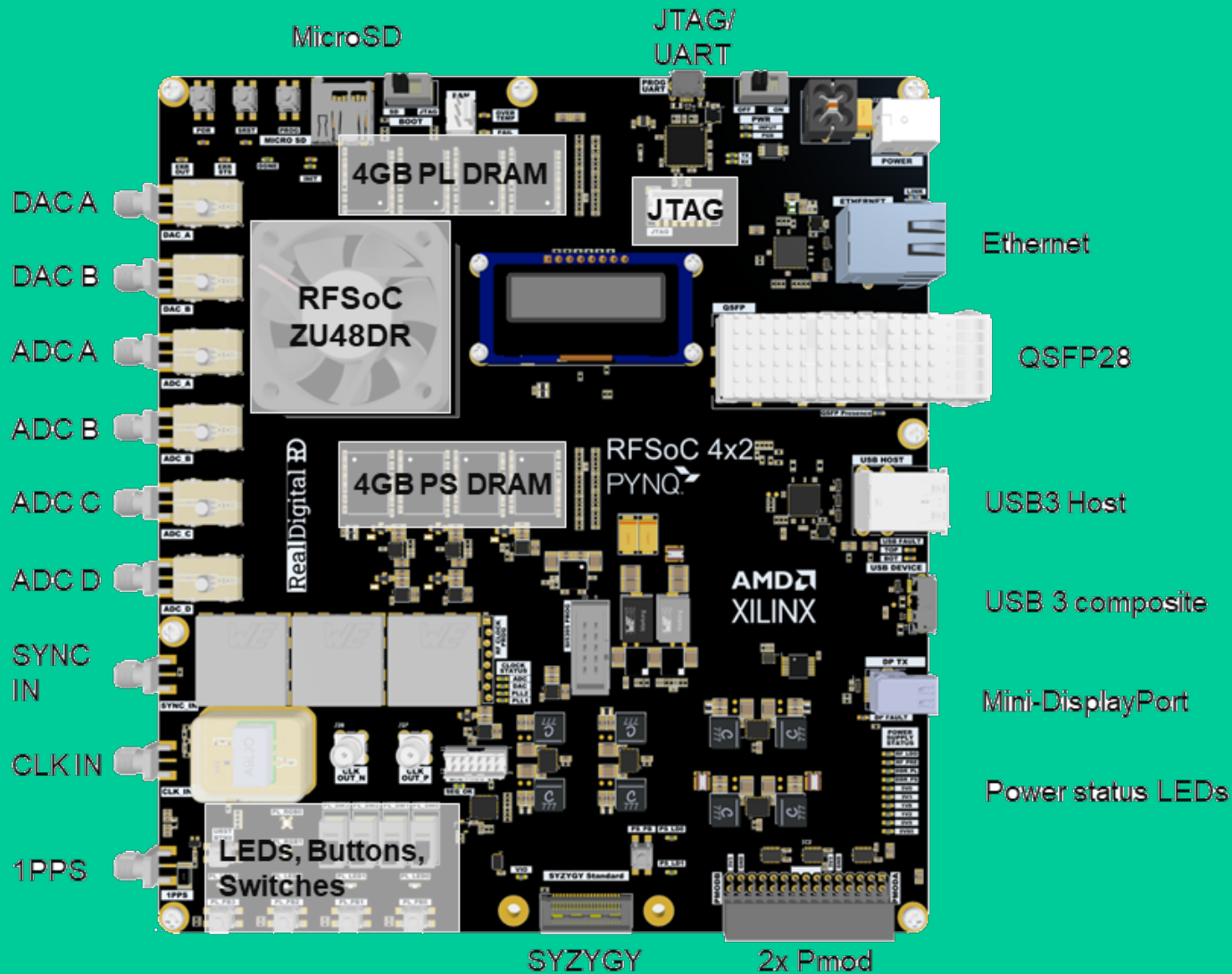
12 ADCs, Synthesizer
\$2.5K FPGA Board

RFSOC Boards (many)
5.9 Gsps 14 bit ADCs
10 Gsps 14 bit DACs



\$2150 RFSOC4x2 Board

Quad 5 Gbps 14 bit, 100 Gbit ethernet



Sparrow

500/800/900
MSPS ADC

4G
RAM

Xilinx ZynQ 7000

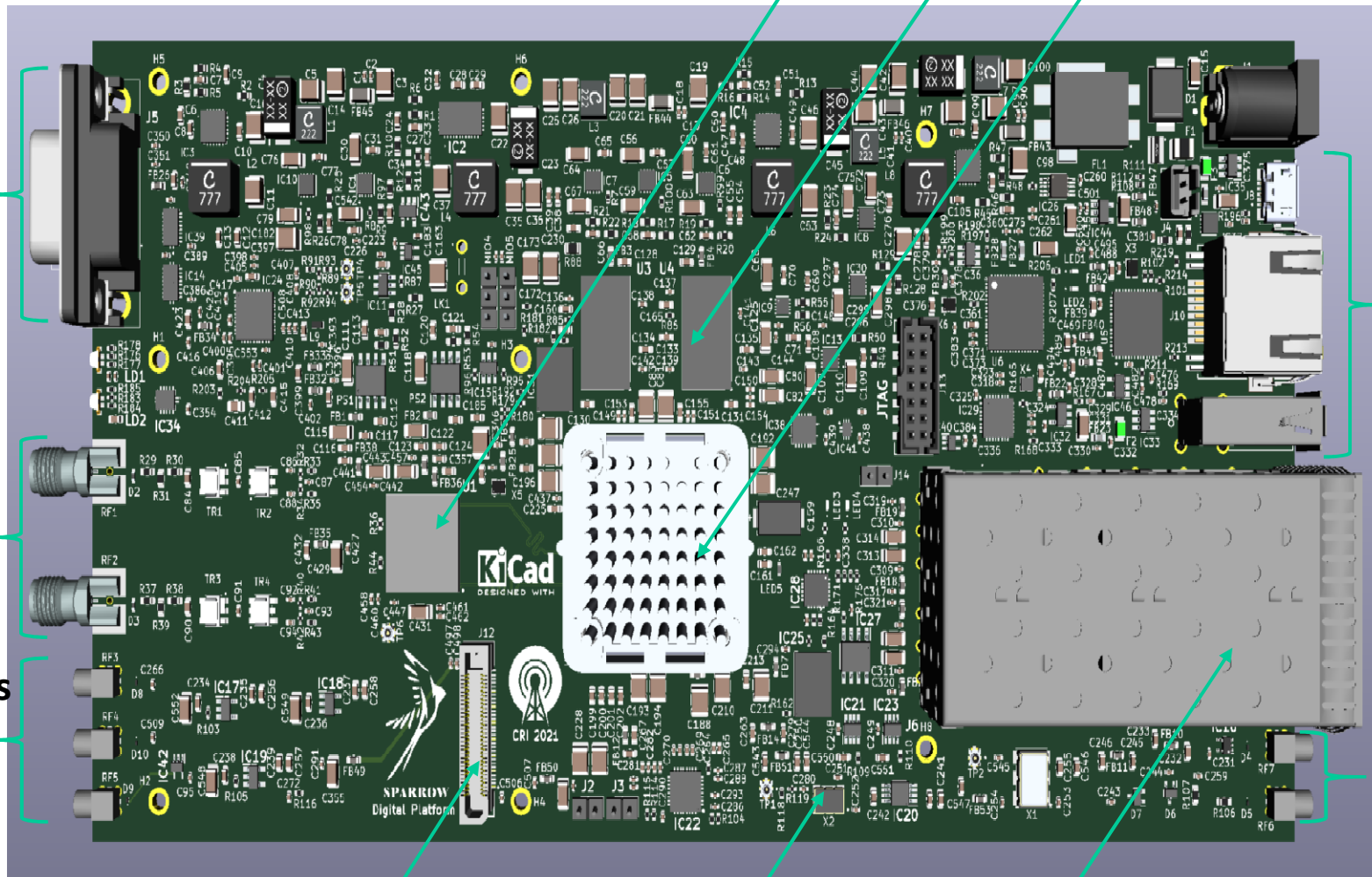
DC,
GPIB,
SPI,
I2C

Dual
RF
inputs

REFCLKs
and
Trigger

RJ45
Ether
net,
USB
and
SD
card

REFCLK,
1PPS

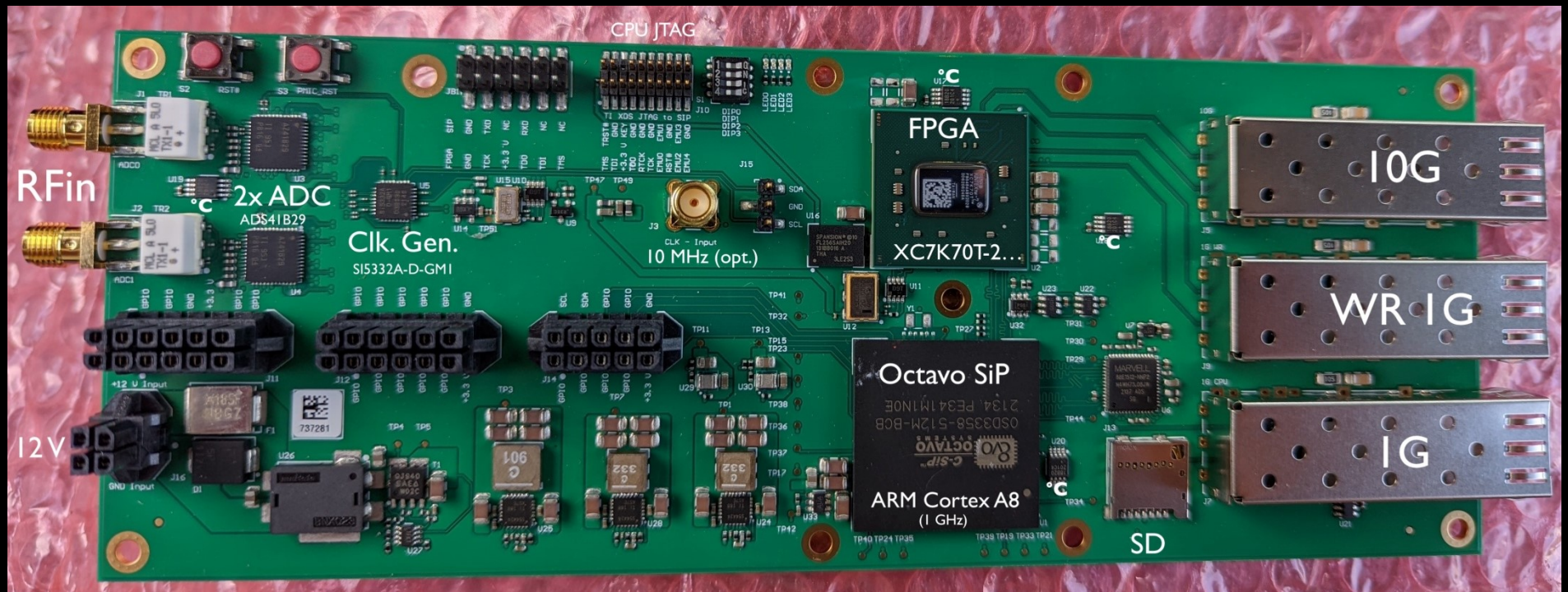


60-pin High speed
Mezzanine

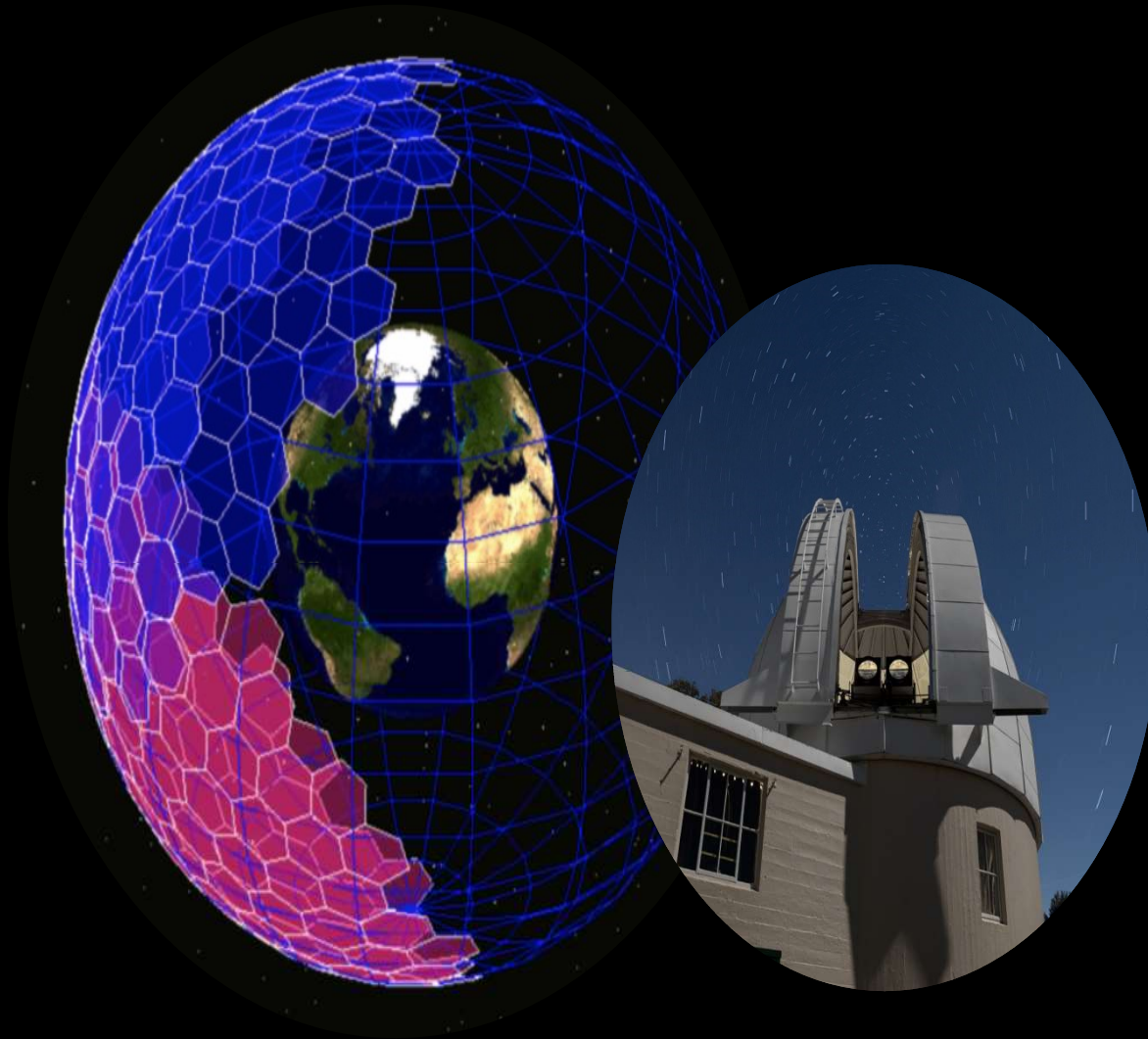
WR
circuits

3x10Gb data
output + WR

Pika Board, 10 Watts, dual 250 Msps, 12bit ADC; Lincoln Green Hill, CFA



THE PANOSETI IR/VIS TRANSIENT SEARCH

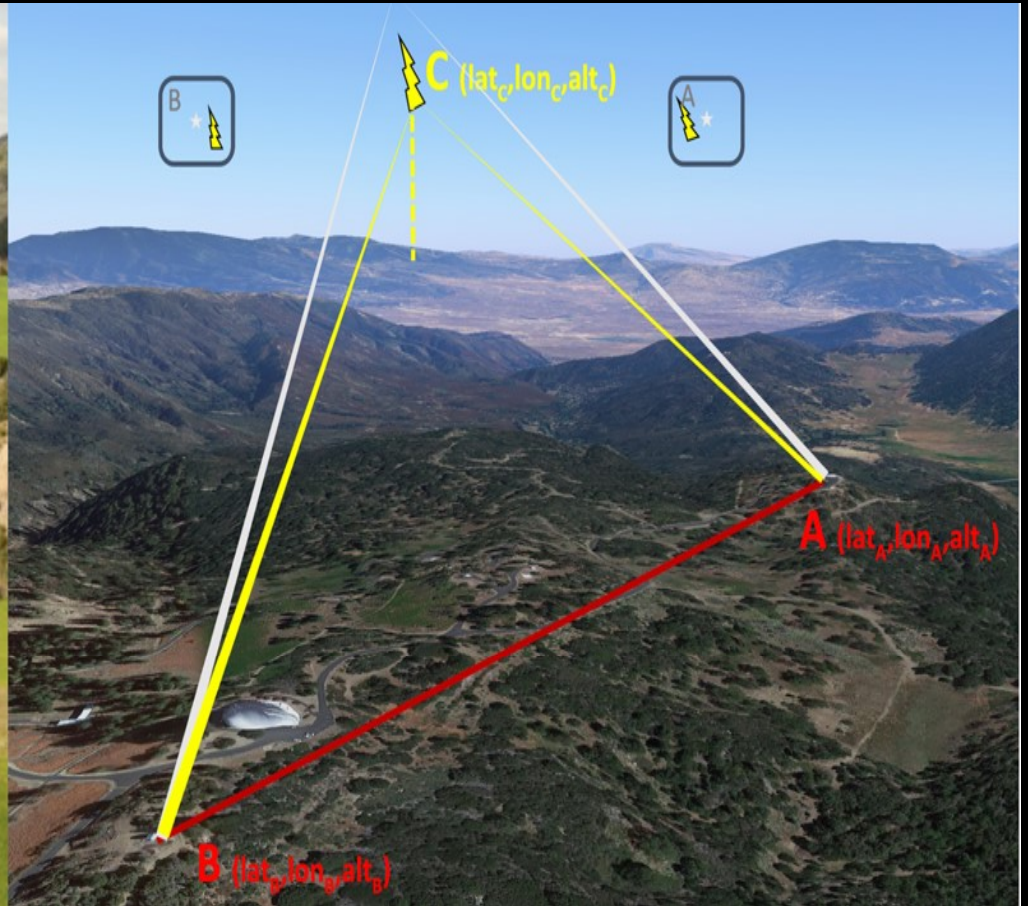


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RESEARCH CENTER**

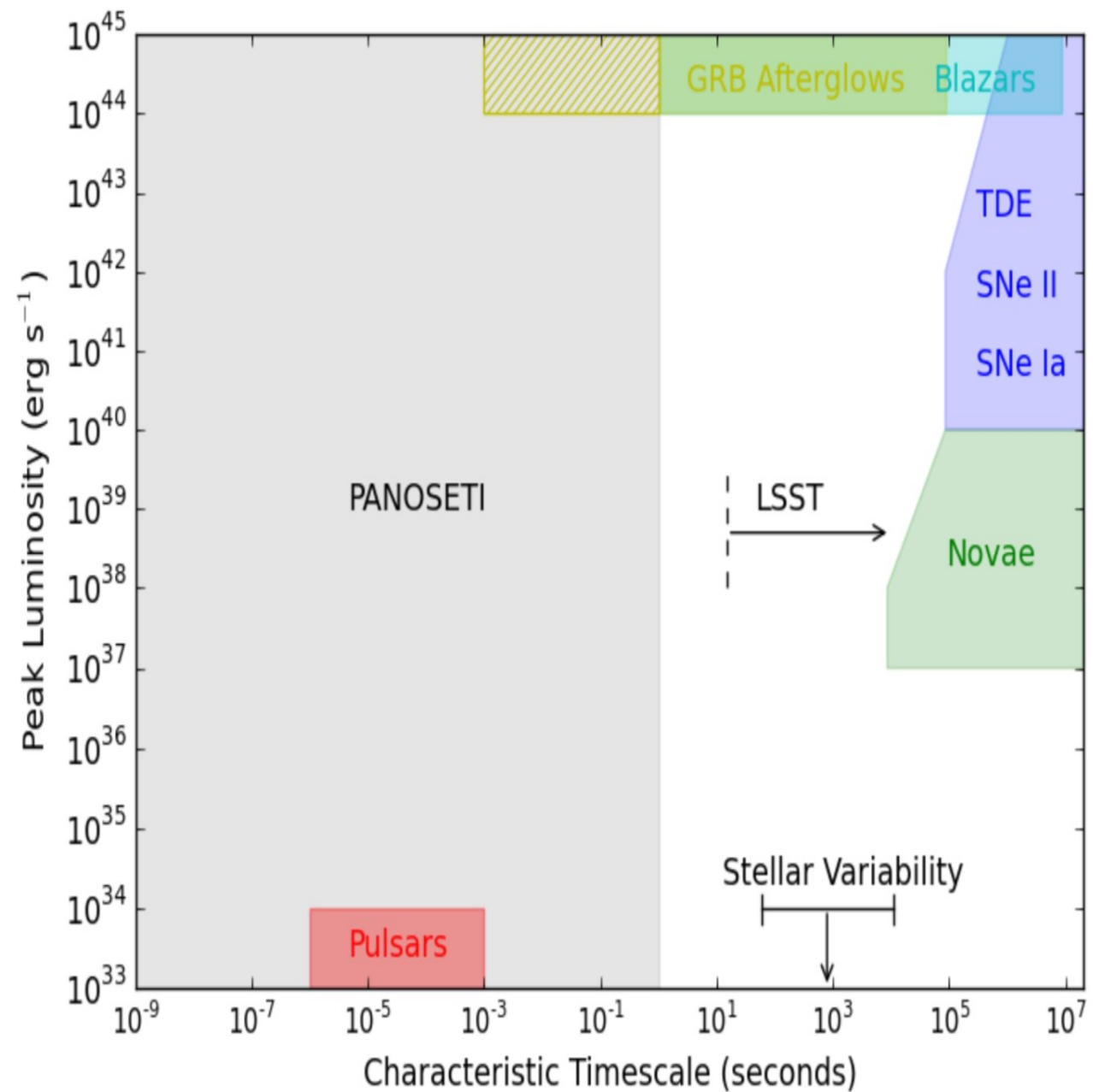




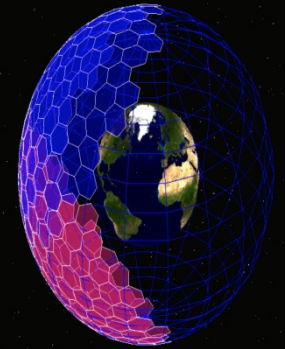
Two sites are critical for unambiguous detection

- PANOSSETI will be built at Palomar Observatory on two sites separated by 1 km
- Capable of distinguishing Cherenkov showers by parallax and timing

PANOSETI
exploring new
time domains
over large sky
coverage with
a long
cadence



PANOSSETI exploring new phase space



- Extending wide-field searches to the desirable ne
- Investigating the entire “observable” sky, increasing field coverage by a factor of 30,000 (Harvard –wide field) and 3,000,000 (APF-targeted)
- Increasing the fraction of time observed on *any* given source by a factor of 100,000
- Enlarging number of observed sources to 100’s of millions stars
- Observations of transient astrophysical sources and coordinating with multi-messenger programs

Near-infrared SETI search at Lick Observatory

Targeted search

1,000s of stars!

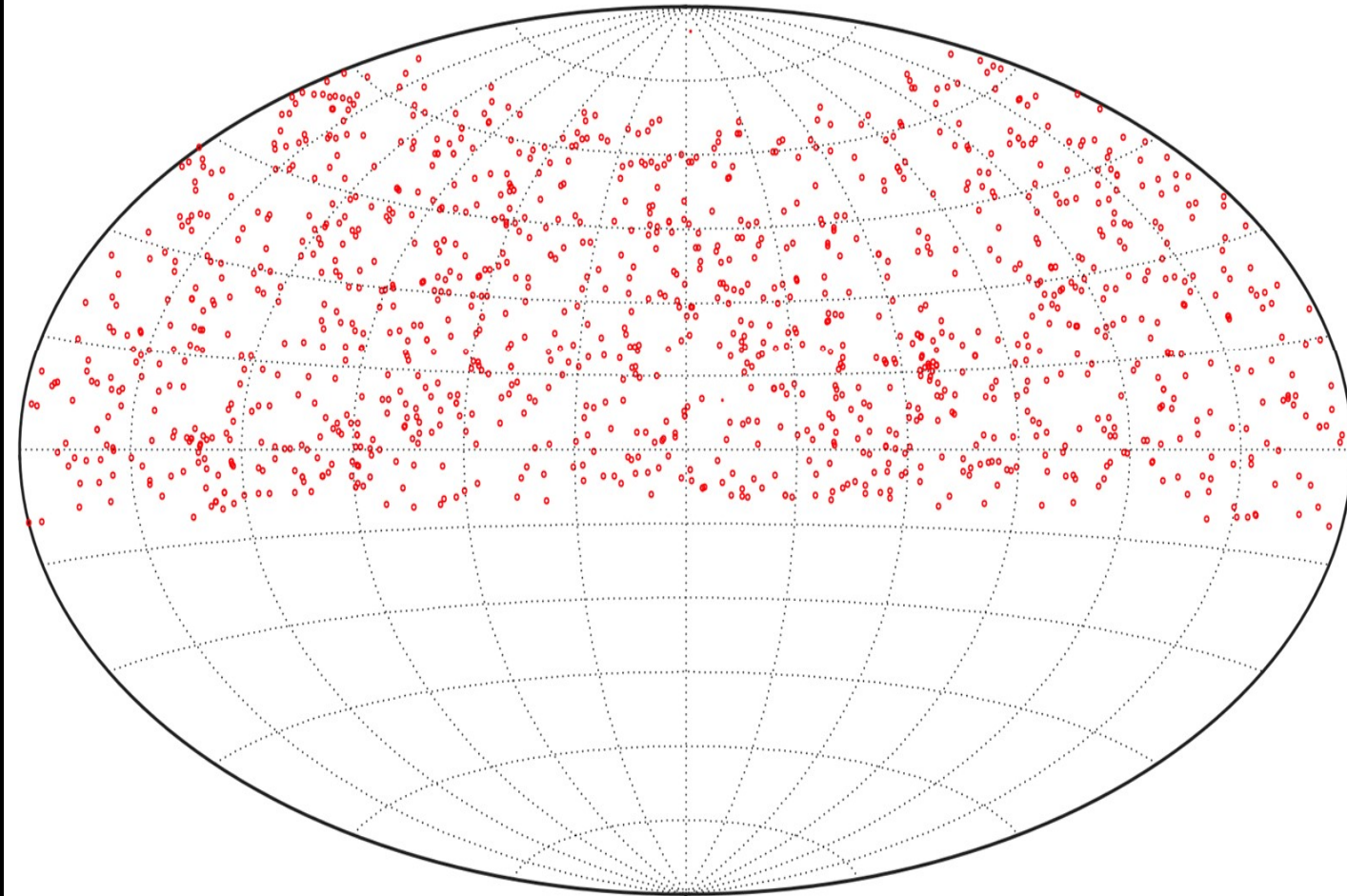
At larger distances in the Milky Way

**Targeting other phenomena:
black holes and neutron stars**



Near-infrared Optical SETI (NIROSETI)

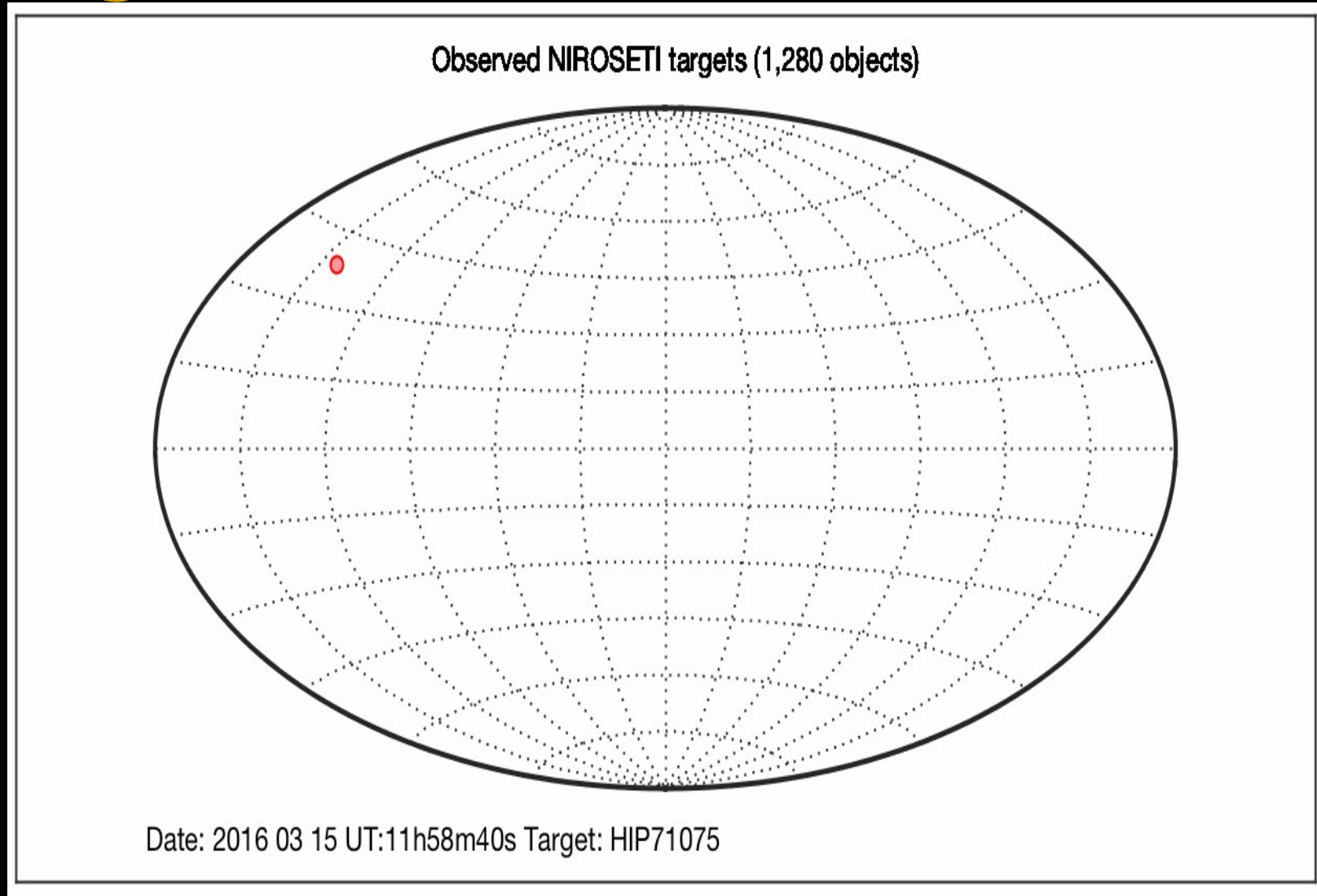
Observed NIROSETI targets (1,280 objects)



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1,280 targets observed; pencil-beam surveys

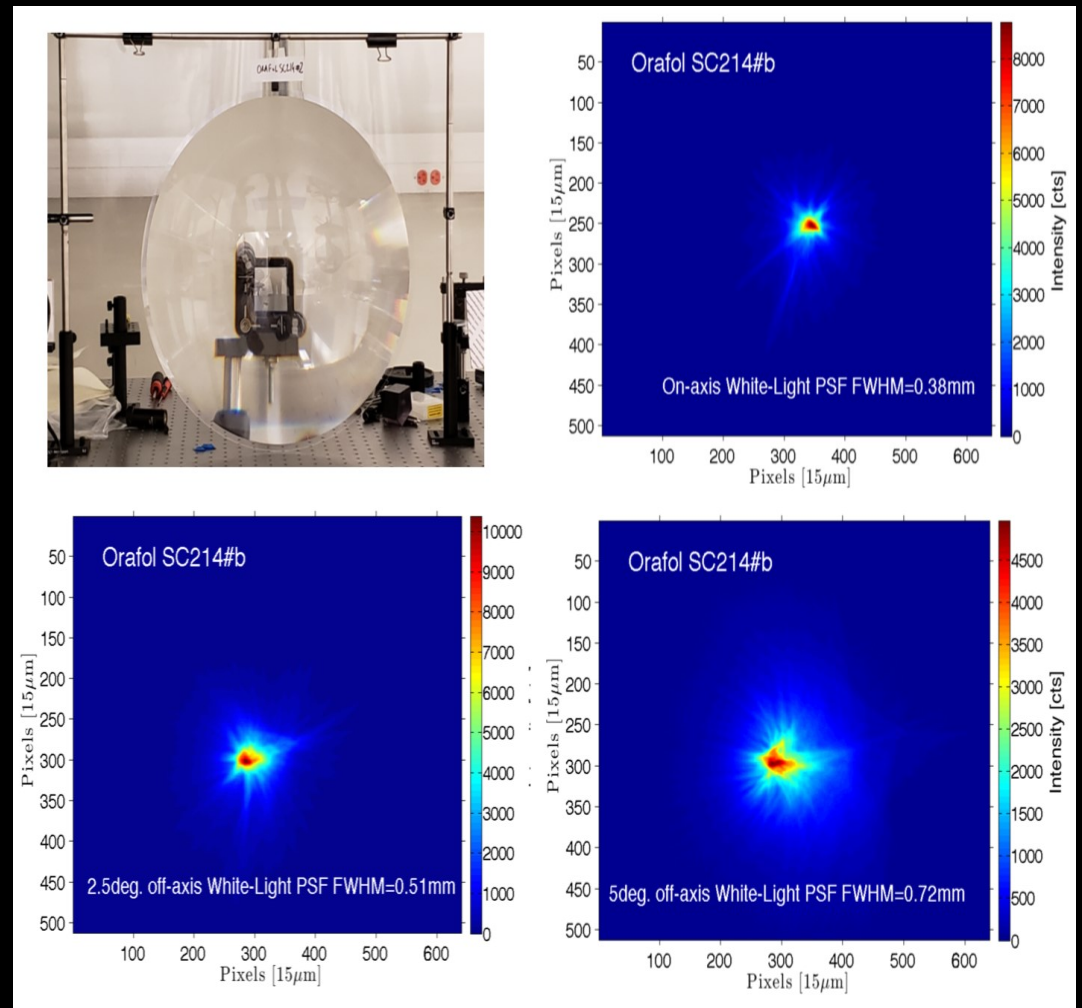
Target search Cadence: NIROSETI



$1/24^{\text{th}}$ second = 300²⁹ seconds on source

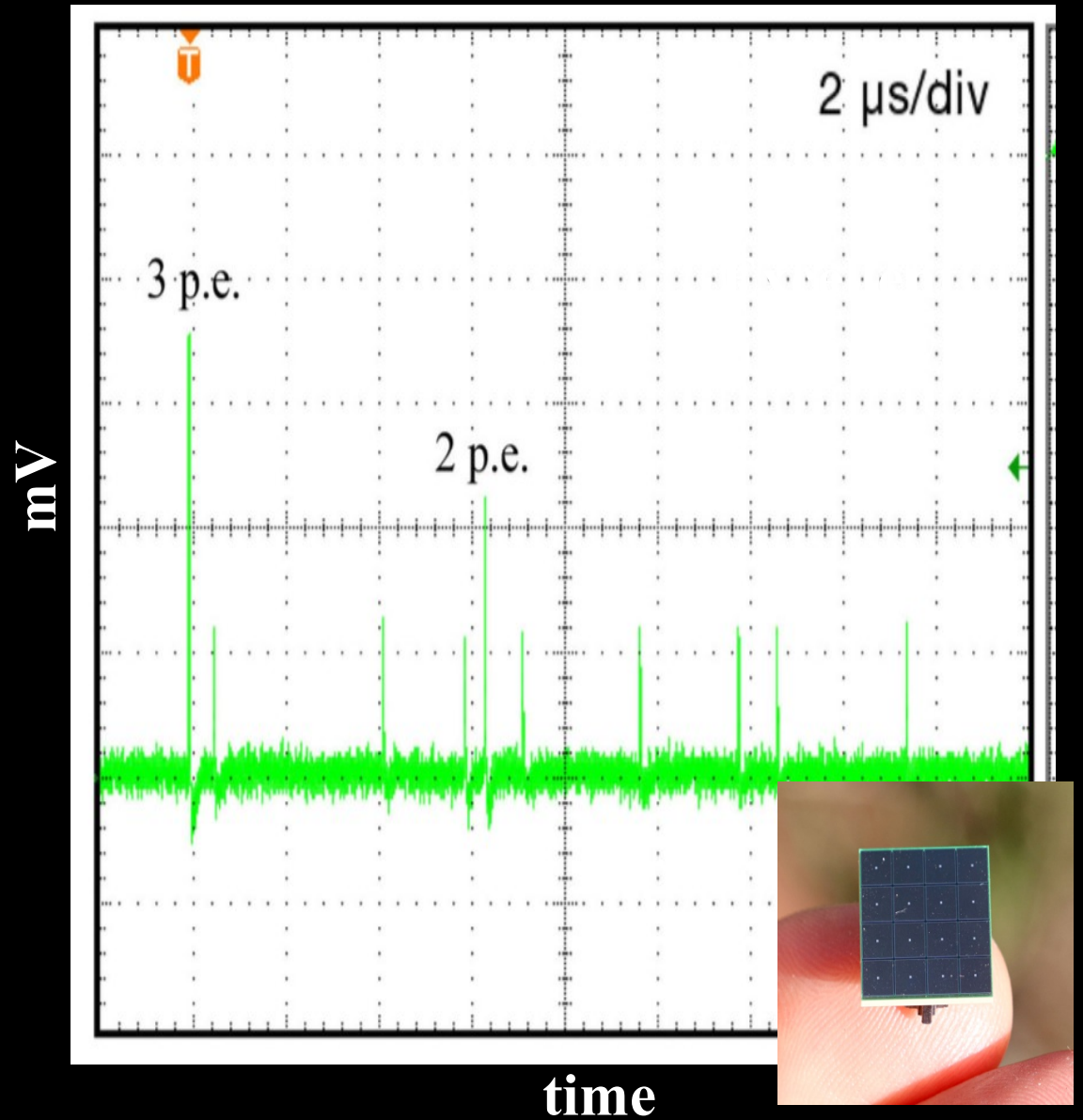
Using multiple Fresnel lenses as an efficient light collecting apertures

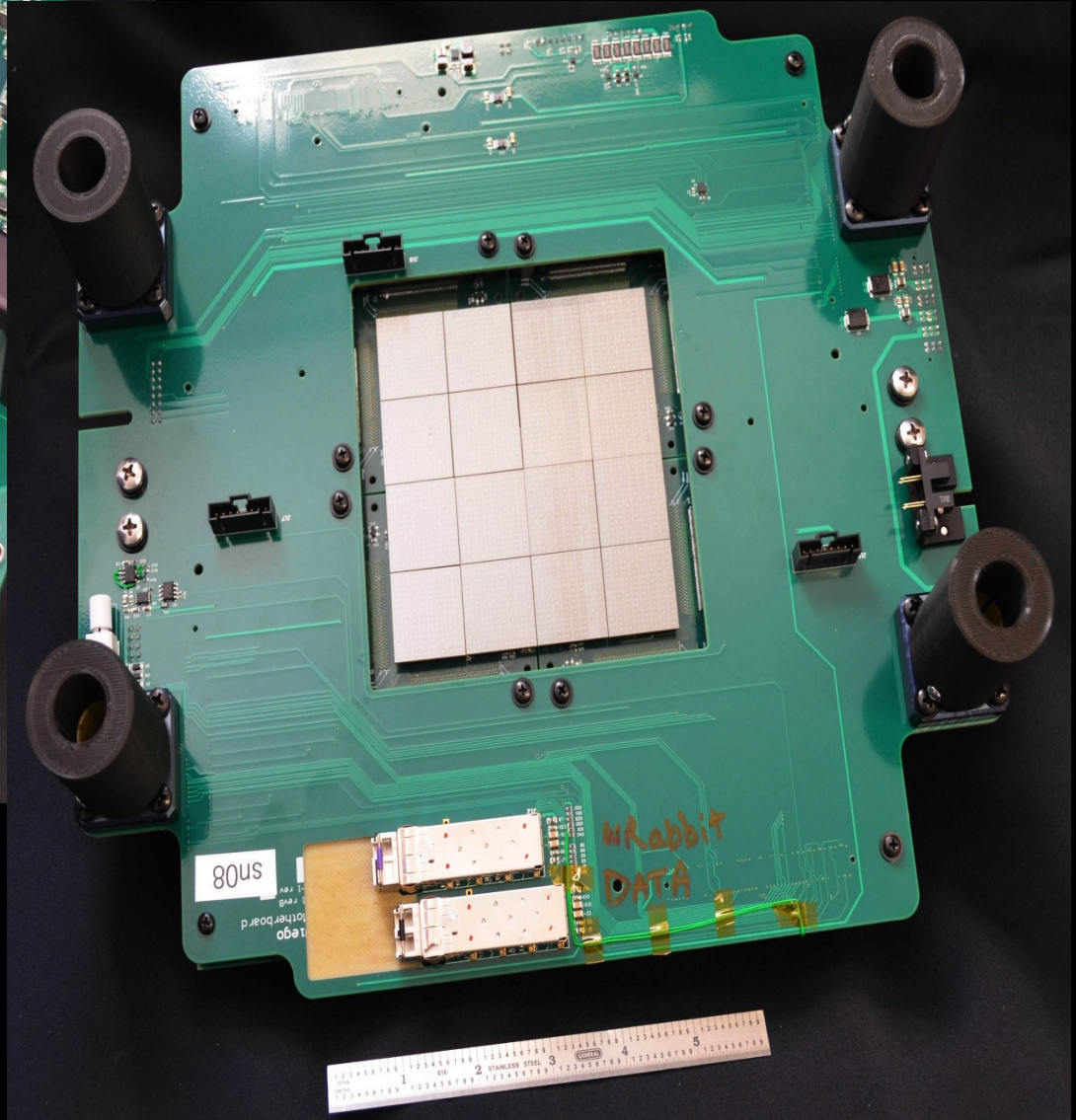
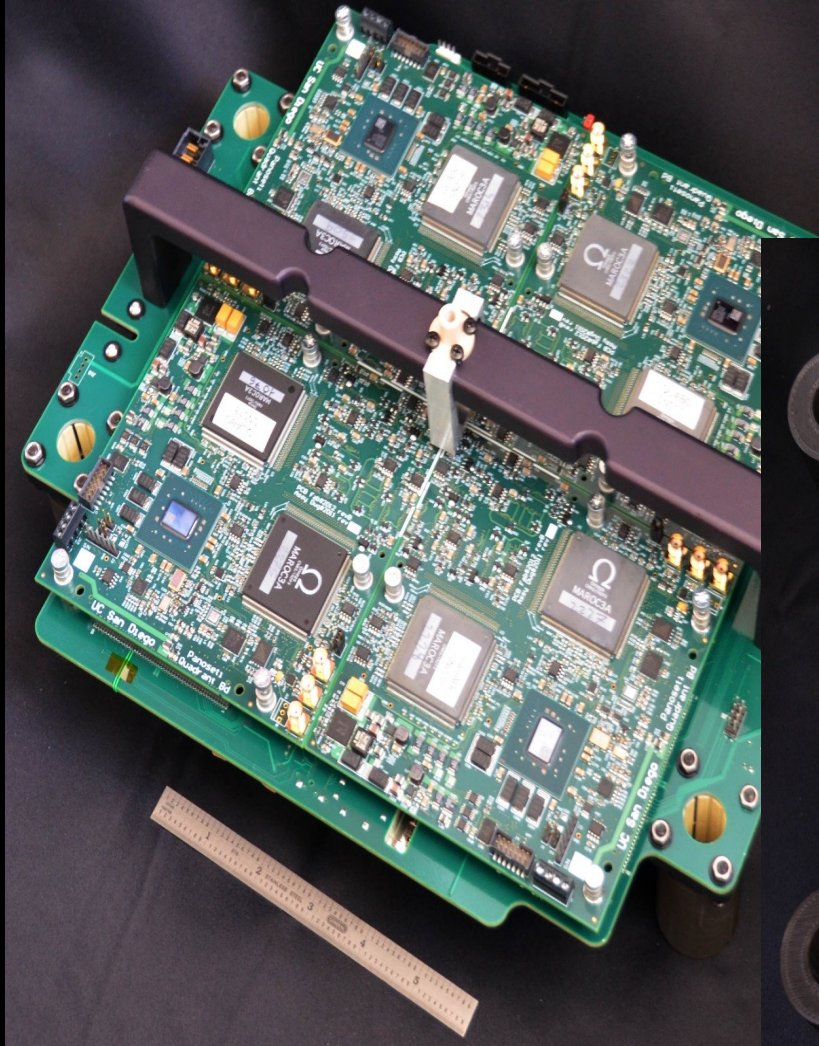
- Lightweight lenses
- Fast focal lengths (f/1)
- Low cost production



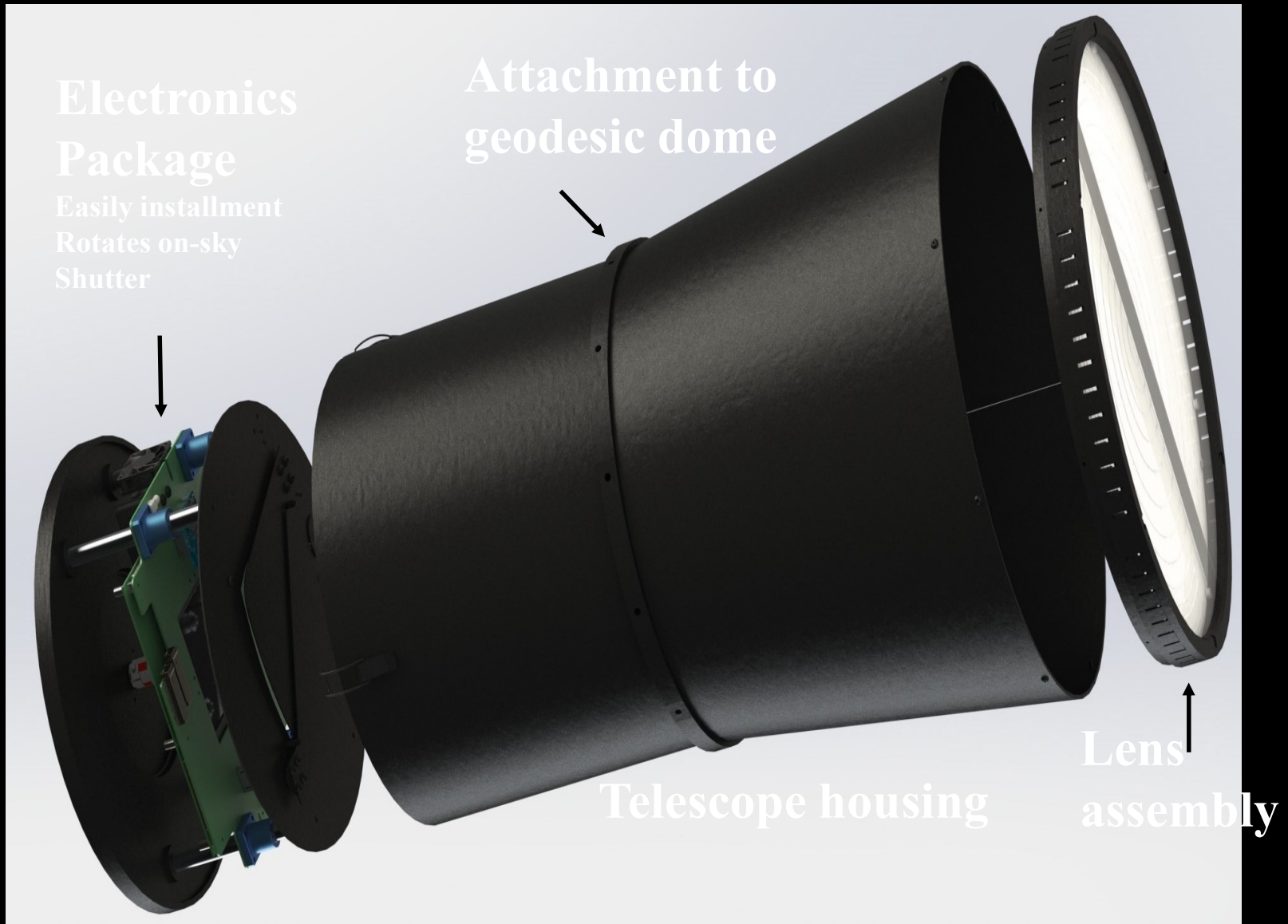
Fast-response optical arrays are now available

- Hamamatsu GHz Optical Multi-pixel photon counting (MPPC)
- Si Avalanche Photodiodes
- 300-850nm
- 14,400 25 μm subpixels per 3mm pixel





Production telescopes



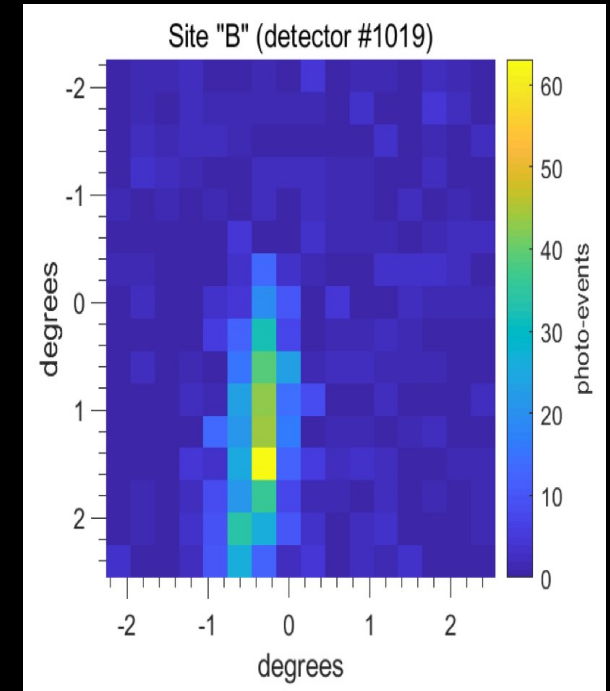
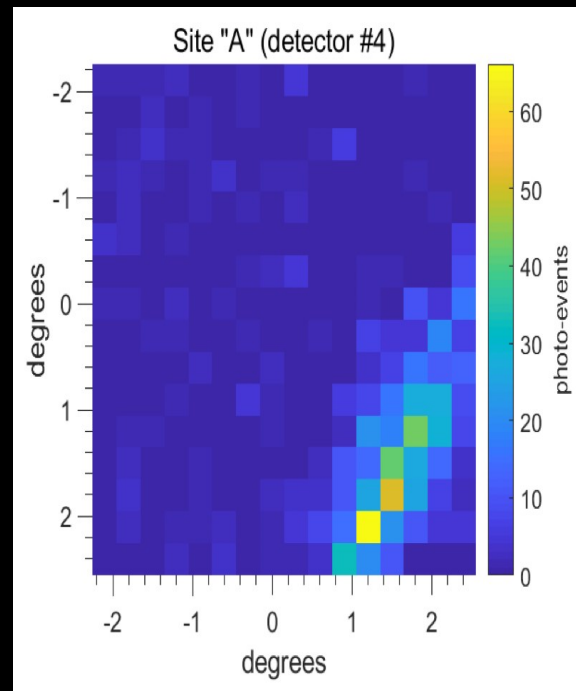
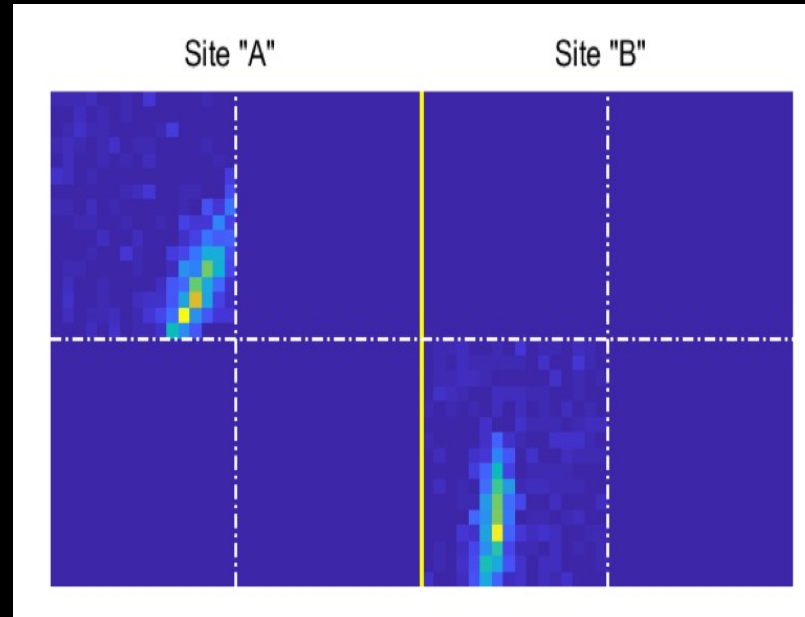
**Two PANOSETI prototype system installed in
Astrograph @ Lick February 2020**





Mesurer une distance ×
Cliquez sur la carte pour ajouter la ligne au trajet.
Distance totale : 797,01 m (2614,87 ft)

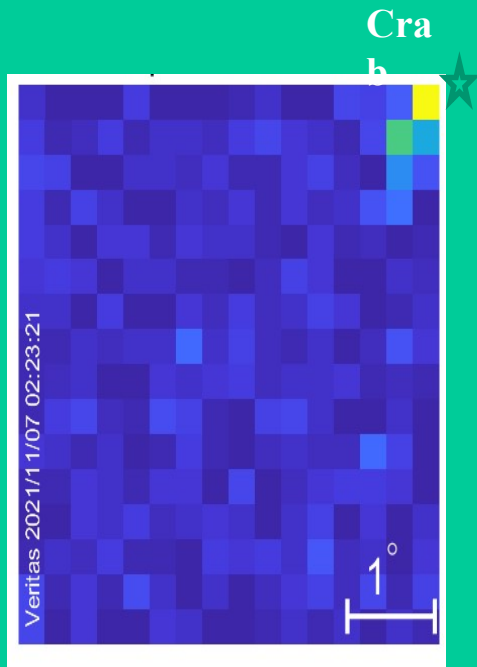
Cherenkov event
between two
Panoseti
telescopes at
Lick
Observatory
separated by
1km



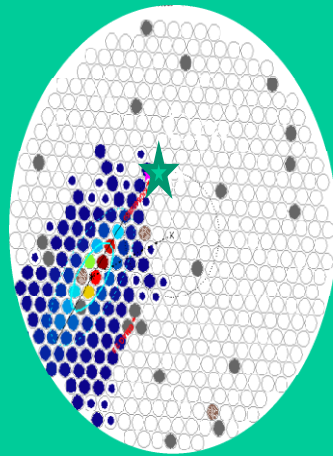
Parallax = 4.7 degrees

PANOSETI Wide Field Array for Extreme Energy Gamma Rays Search 10TeV – >1Pev

PANOSETI



VERITAS T4



15 TeV Gamma-ray

- 2 PANOSETI telescopes operated at VERITAS for five days in November 2021.
- Analysis shows that they can detect gamma-rays with energies greater than ~10 TeV
- This technology has *enormous* potential to explore the extreme Universe.

