

Instrumentation Projects in Canada

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NRC Astronomy Technology: Our Mission

Astronomy Technology at NRC Herzberg is

- a science driven effort
- that develops and delivers innovative technology, instrumentation, and observatory facilities
- in support of the NRC mandate to operate and administer astronomical observatories on behalf of the Government of Canada

Astronomy Technology creates value for Canadian astronomers by providing innovative astronomy technology, instrumentation, and observatory facilities for them to access for scientific research

NRC Astronomy Technology: Our Resources

- Critical mass of human, infrastructure, and financial resources:
 - 2 sites - Victoria and Penticton, with well established special purpose laboratories
 - ~60 staff - engineers, scientists, technicians, and support staff – matrix organization
- Stable budget baseline, plus project funding
- Healthy collaborative framework, domestic and international, institutional and industry

Advanced Technologies for Astronomy

- Spectrographs
- Adaptive Optics and Wavefront Sensors
- Digital Signal Processing
- Composite Material Dish Antennae
- Real-Time Computing
- Cryogenic Receivers
- Control Software
- Plus many others ...

Canada France Hawaii Telescope (CFHT)

- 3.6 meter optical/IR telescope
- 1979, Mauna Kea, Hawaii
- Canada, France, Hawaii + new partners

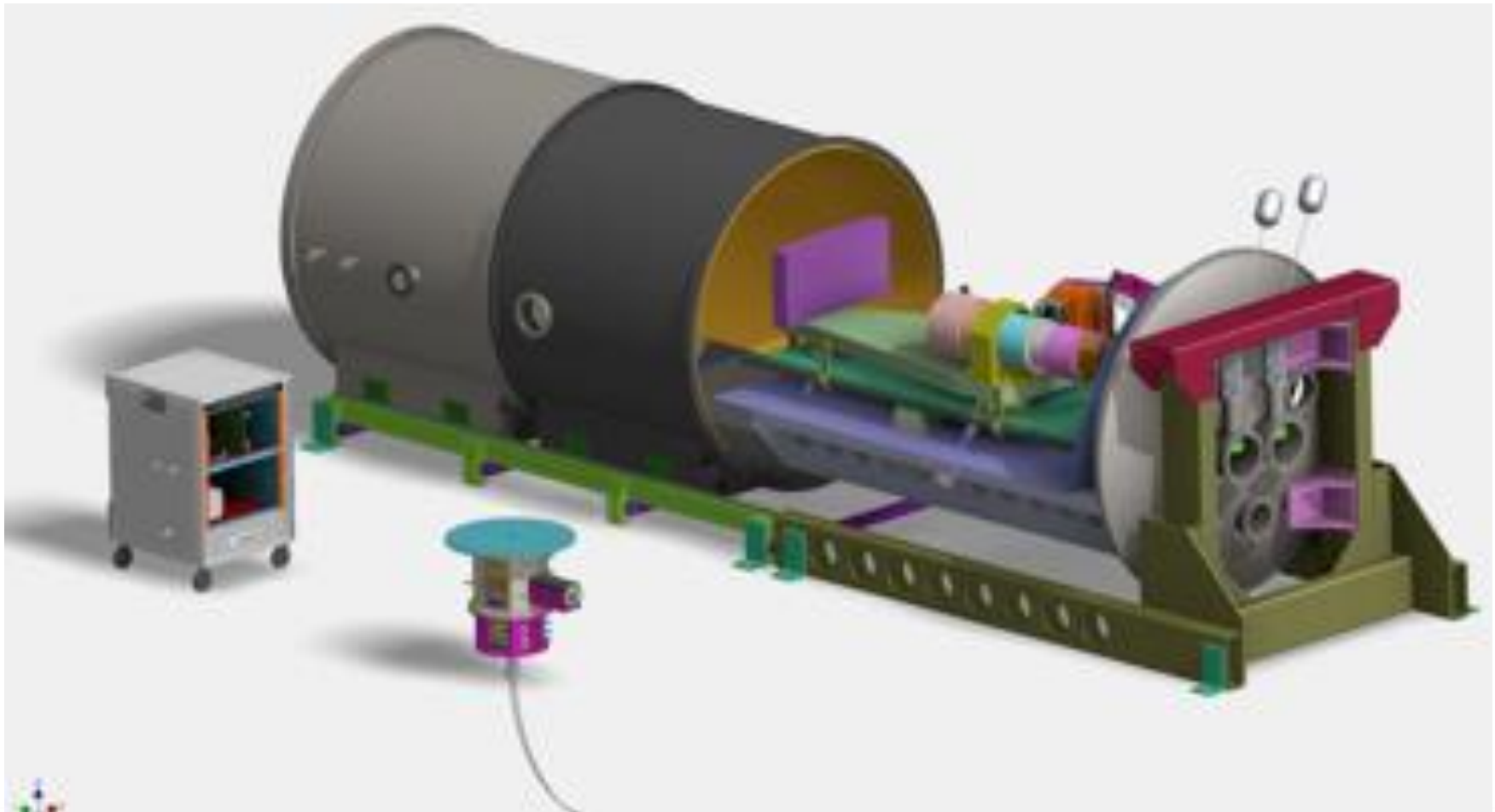
Current projects

- SPIRou hires IR spectropolarimeter
- NIRPS hires IR spectrograph
- MSE studies

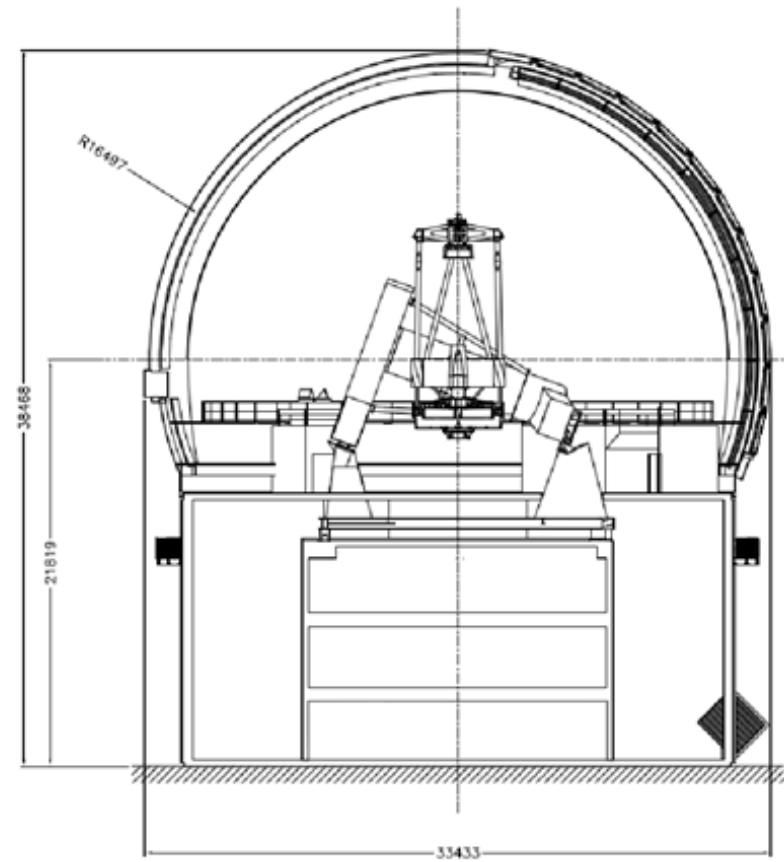
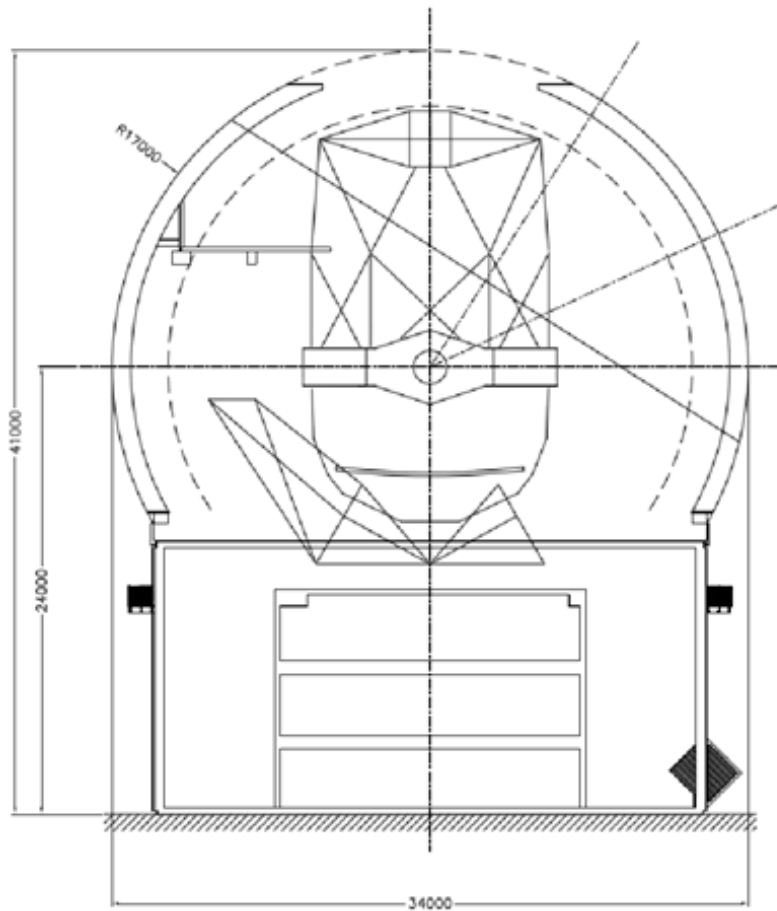


SPIRou Infrared High Resolution Spectropolarimeter

PIs: René Doyon, U Montreal, Jean Francois Donati, IRAP Toulouse



MaunaKea Spectroscopic Explorer (MSE)

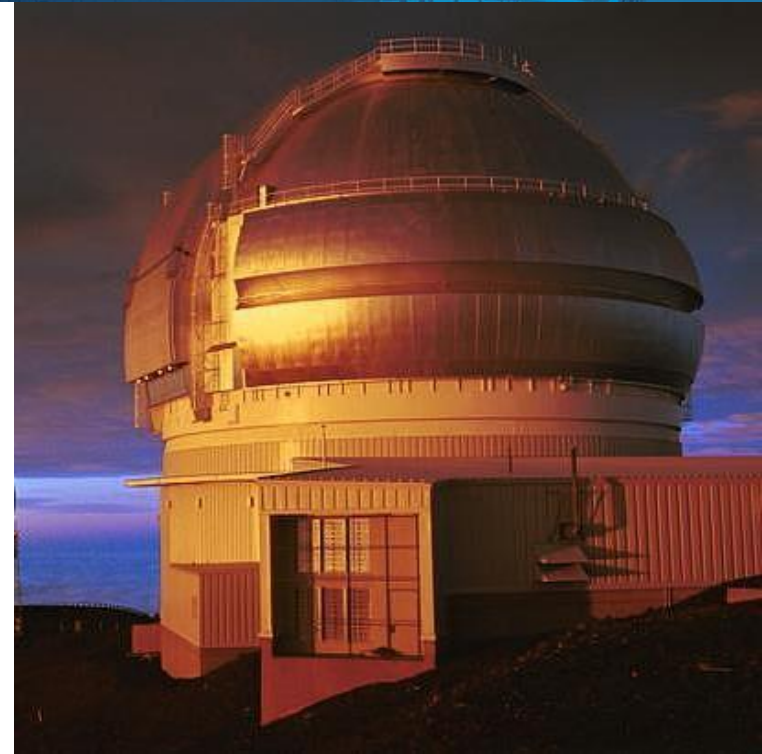


Gemini Observatories

- Twin 8 meter optical/IR telescopes
- 2000, Mauna Kea, Hawaii
- 2001, Cerro Pachon, Chile
- US, Canada, Chile, Brazil, Argentina

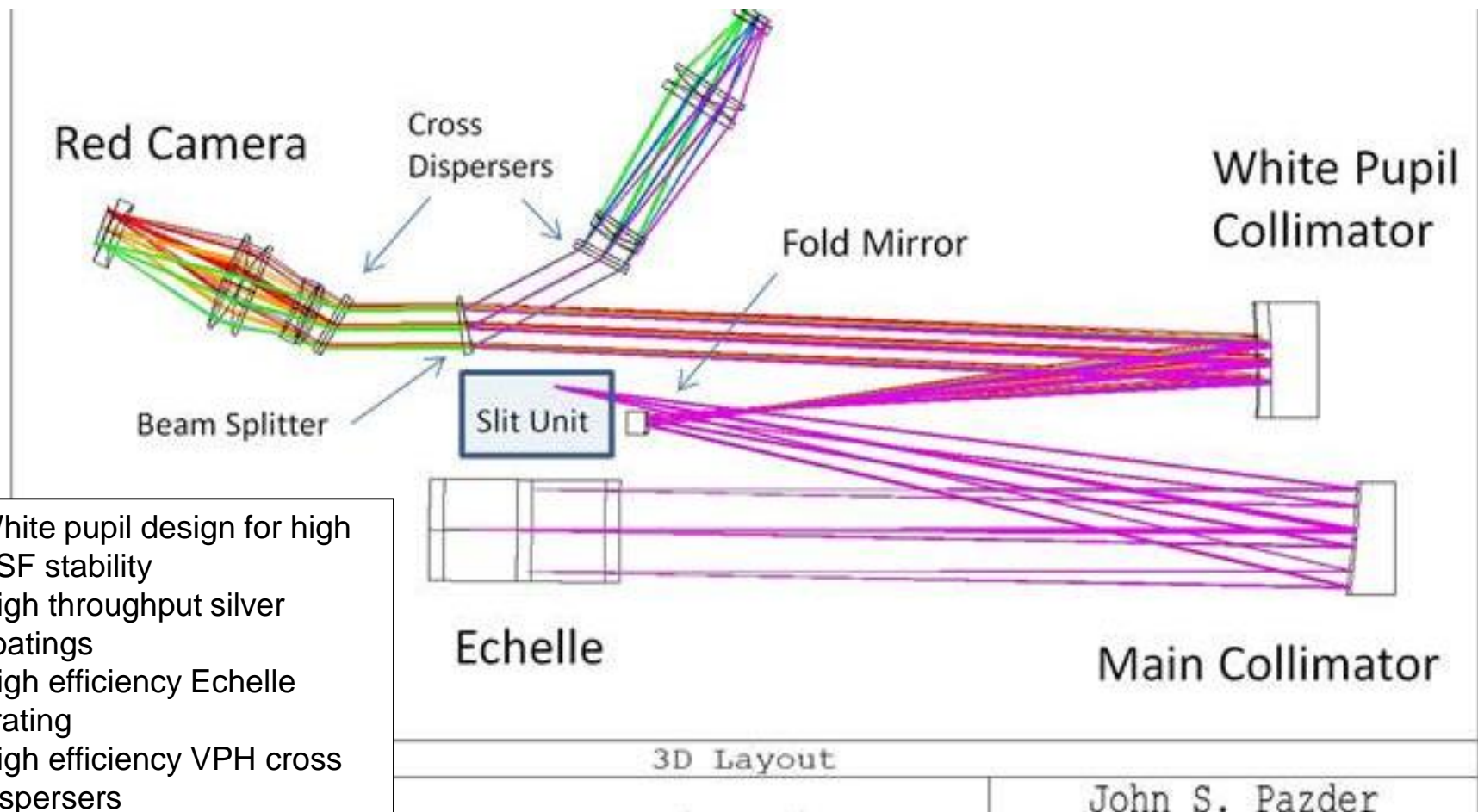
Current projects

- GHOST high-resolution optical spectrograph
- GIRMOS
- Gemini Planet Imager move



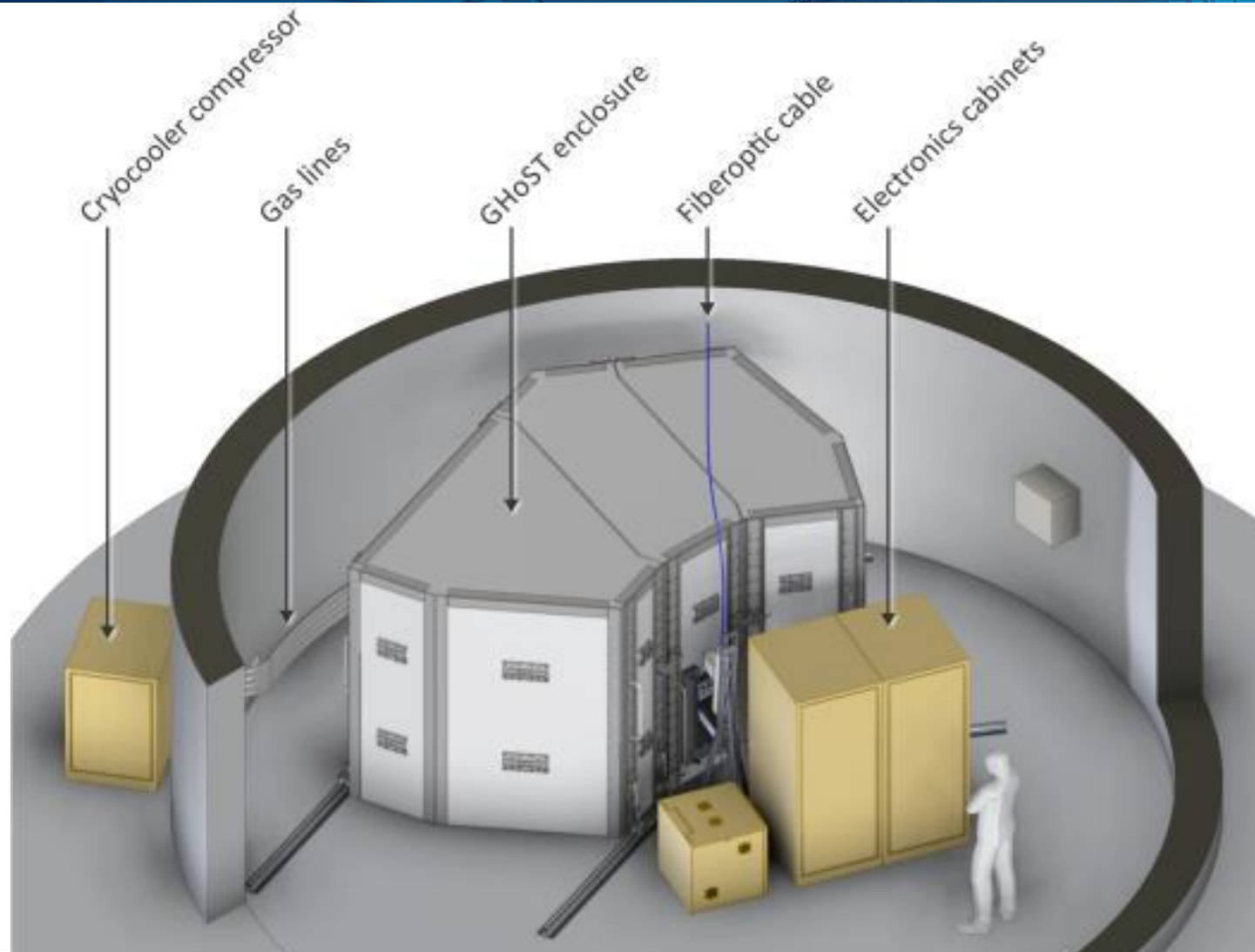
Gemini Hires Optical Spectrograph (GHOST)

Partner institutions: AAO, ANU, Gemini and NRC



- White pupil design for high PSF stability
- High throughput silver coatings
- High efficiency Echelle grating
- High efficiency VPH cross dispersers
- High QE detectors
- No ghosts!

GHOST in Gemini Pier Lab

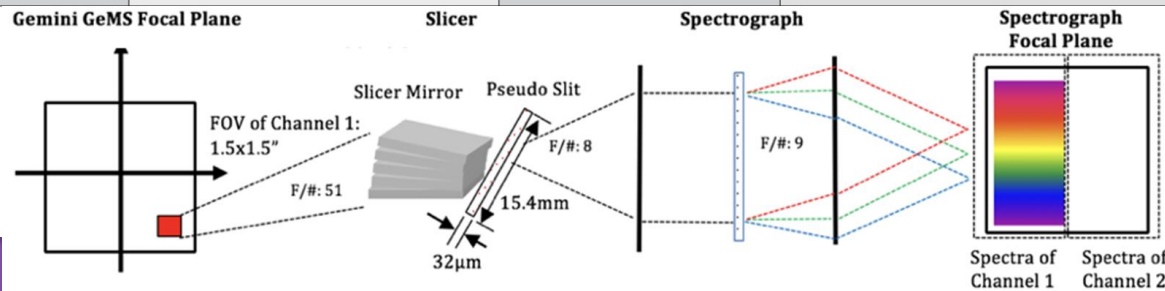


Gemini IR Multi-Object Spectrograph (GIRMOS)

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Requirement</i>	<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Requirement</i>
Telescope Feed	Gemini-South 8.1-meter MCAO f/33 beam	Individual IFU Field-of-view (arcsecs)	0.75x0.75 1.5x1.5 3.0x3.0 6.0x6.0 (Combined)
MOAO Performance	~50% Encircled Energy within 0.1" (H and K-bands)	Spatial Pixel Size (milli-arcsecs)	25x25 50x50 100x100 100x100 (Combined)
Field-of-regard	2 arcminute diameter patrol field	Spectral Resolution R	3000 or 6000
Wavelength Range	1.1-2.4 μm (J, H, or K-bands)	Spectrograph Throughput	>45%
Number of IFUs	4 with possibility for more	Detector	2Kx2K HAWAII-2RG for every two spectral channels

Builds upon
Subaru RAVEN

Leverages the
unique Gemini
MCAO System
(GeMS)



GIRMOS Team (PI: Suresh Sivanandam – Dunlap)

GIRMOS Technology

Project Engineer: Darren Erickson

AO Lead: Scott Chapman

Adaptive Optics

Andersen, Lardiere, Veran, Bradley, Hickson, Lamb,
Sivanandam, Correia, Akiyama

MEMS Deformable Mirrors

Chapman, El-Sankary, Shafai

NIR Spectrographs

Lead: Sivanandam

Moon, Andersen, Simard, Thibault, Akiyama

Calibration

Lead: Hickson

Optical Design and Fabrication

Lead: Thibault

Chen, Sivanandam, Moon

Data Management and Pipeline

Lead: Sawicki

GIRMOS Science

Project Scientist: Adam Muzzin

**Distant Galaxy Formation and
Evolution**

Chapman, Sawicki, Abraham, Murray, Ellison,
Simard

High-z Clusters of Galaxies

Yee, Muzzin

Observational Cosmology

Carlberg

Low Redshift Galaxies and AGN

Sivanandam, Yee, Andersen, Davidge, Akiyama

Stellar Populations

Sivanandam, Davidge

Metal Poor Stars

Venn

Star Formation

Murray

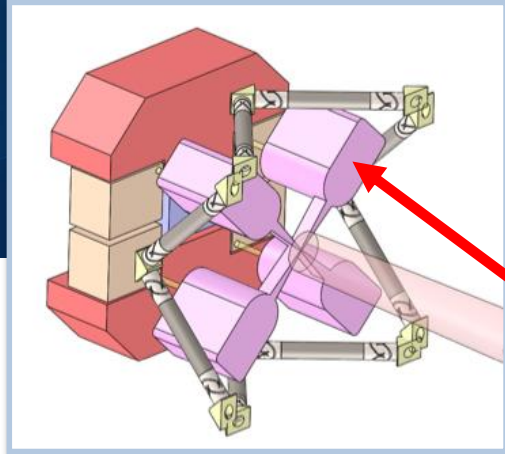
Gemini Scientific User Community

Partners: University of Toronto, Dalhousie, UBC, UVic, Laval, Saint Mary's, NRC-Herzberg, UManitoba,
York U. Gemini Obs.. International Institutions.

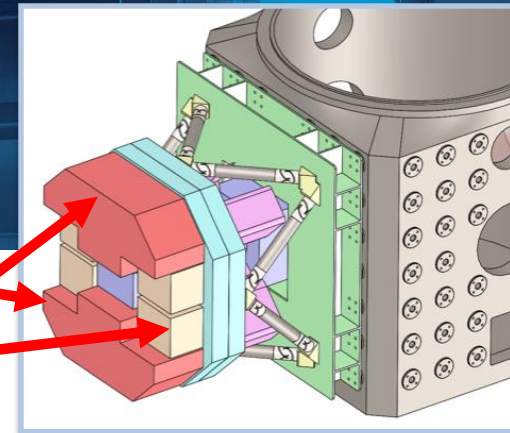


\$15M (CAD) Project - Funded

GIRMOS System Architecture

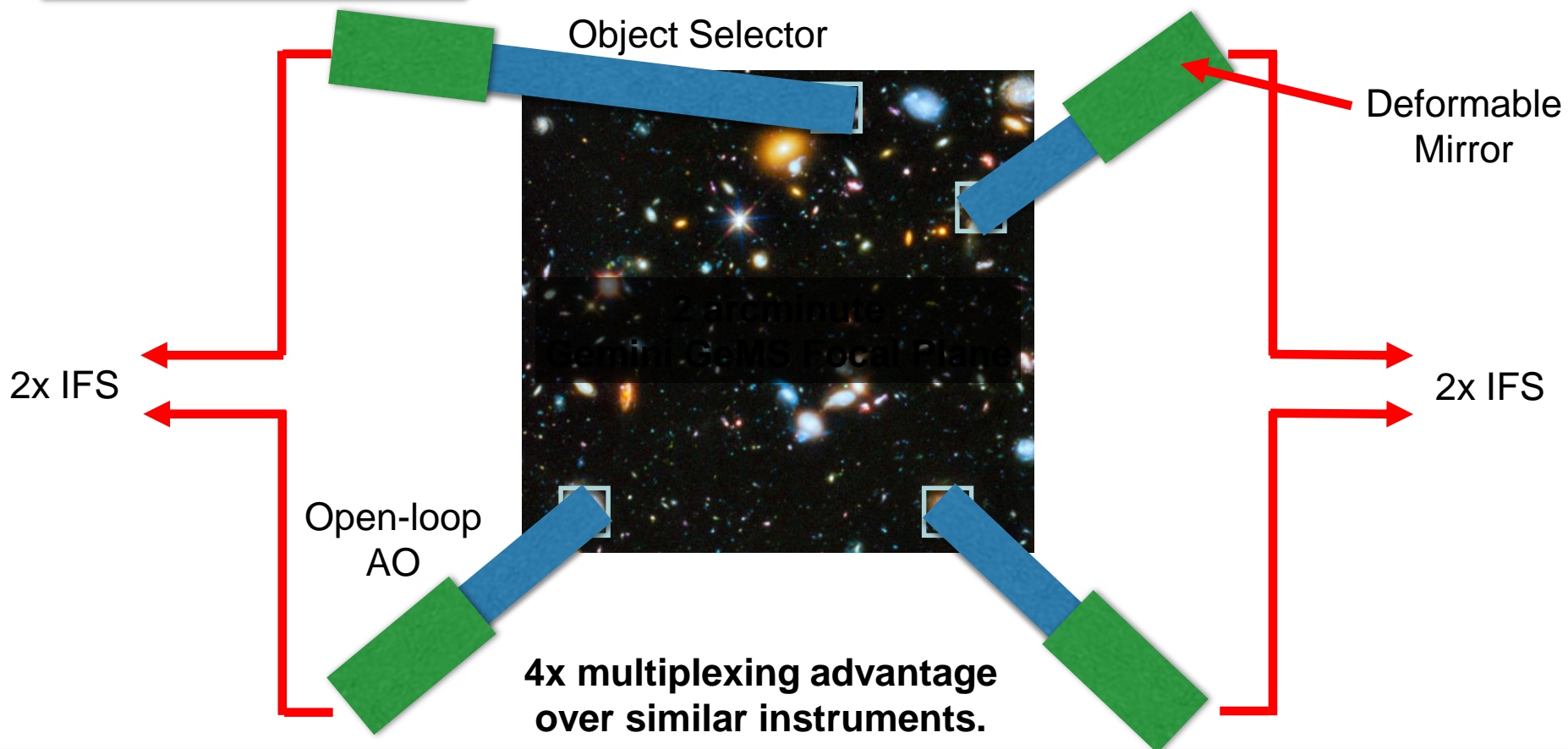


Object Selector



Spectrographs

AO Systems

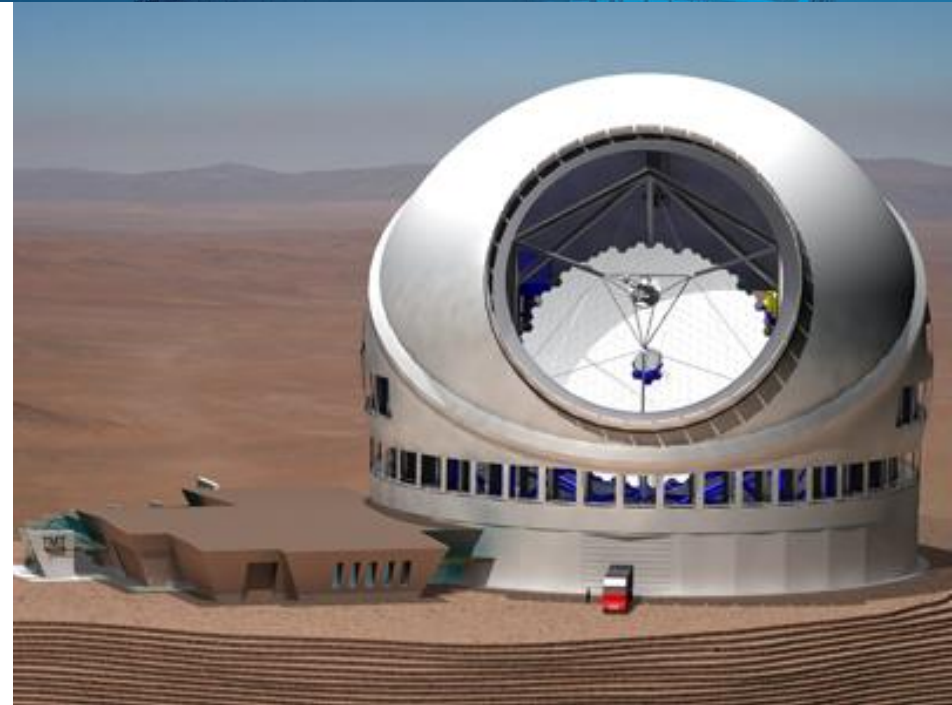


Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT)

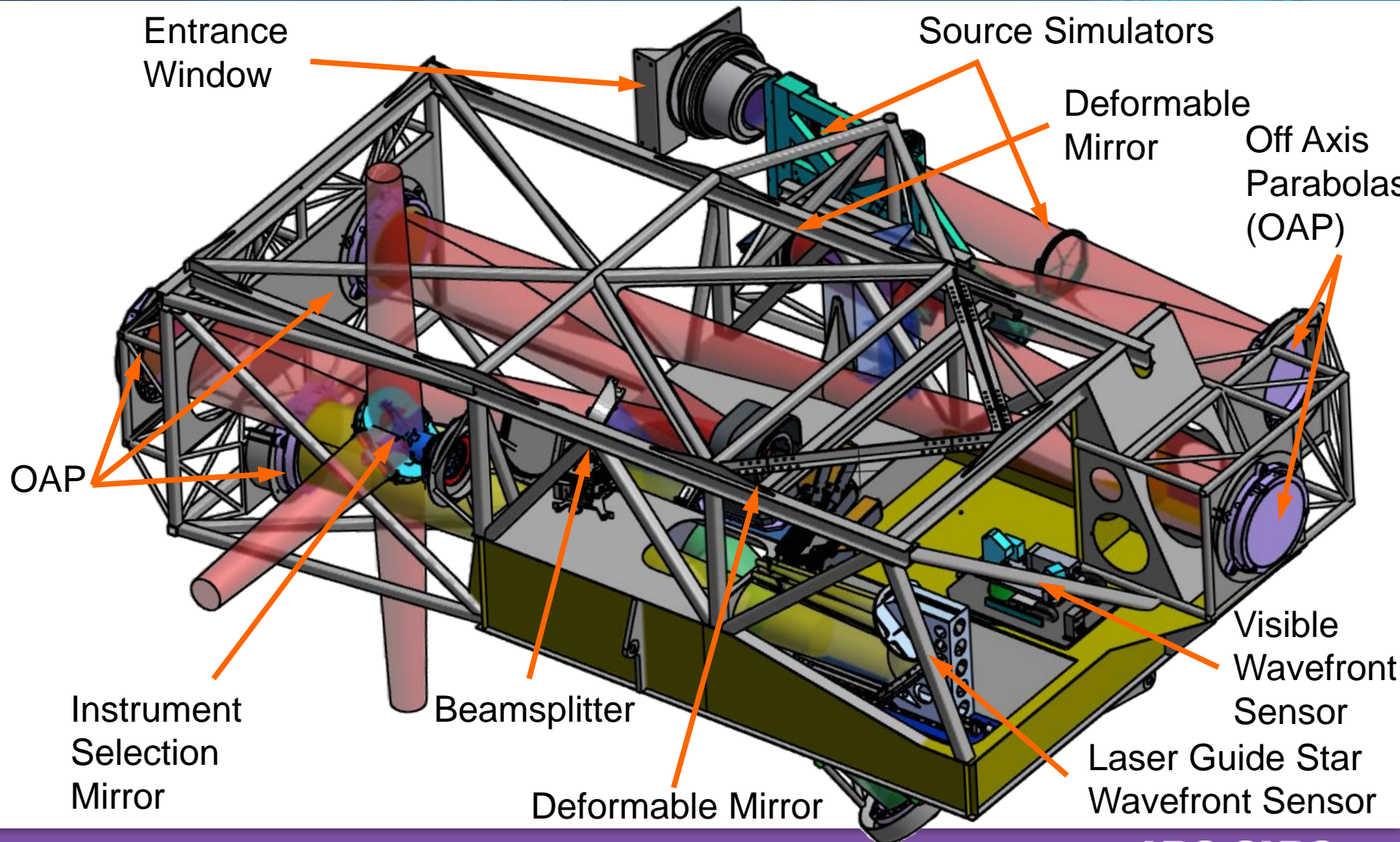
- 30 meter optical/IR telescope
- UC, Caltech, Canada, Japan, China, India
- 492 primary mirror segments

Current projects

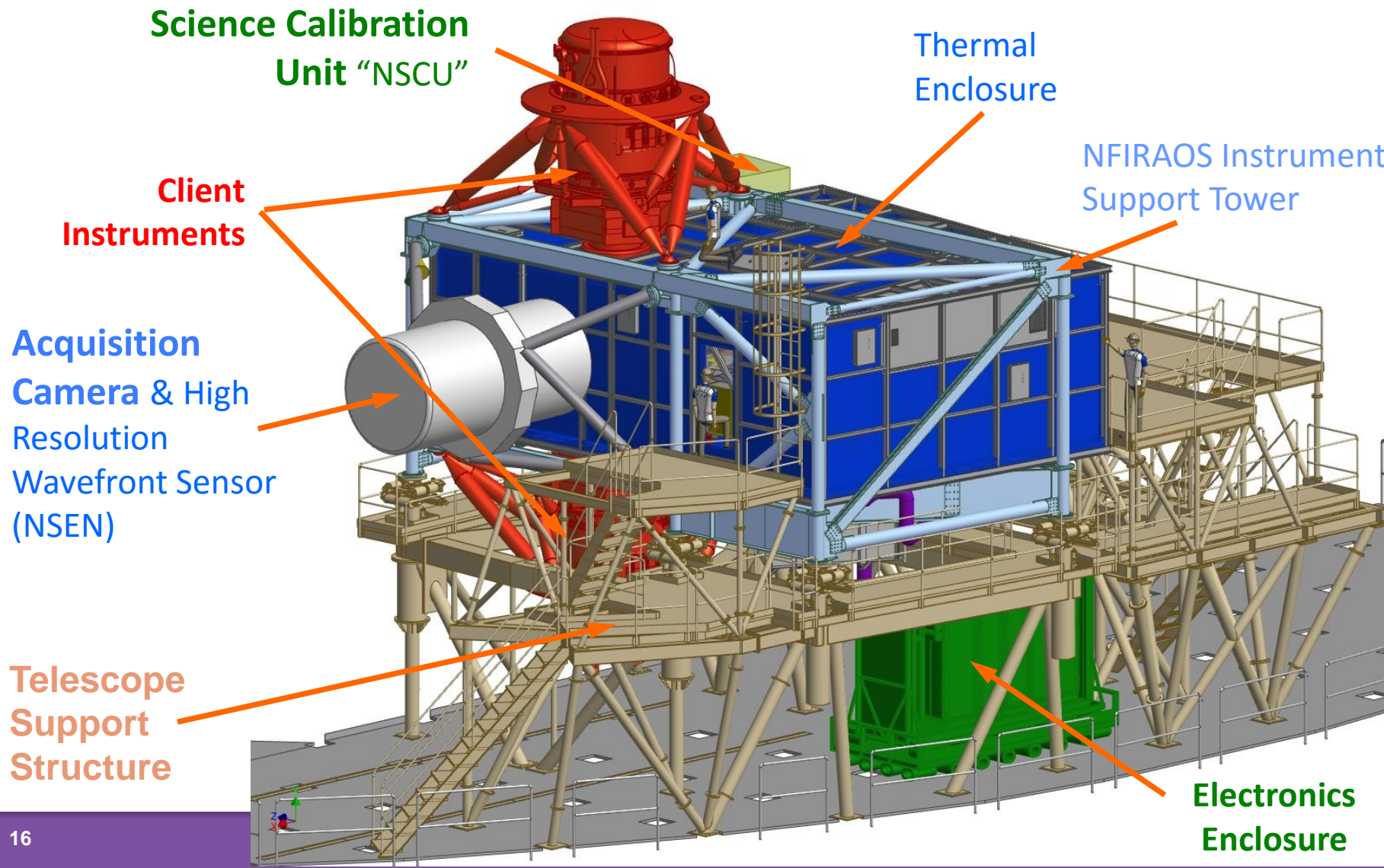
- NFIRAOS AO system
- IRIS science instrument
- AO components
- Enclosure



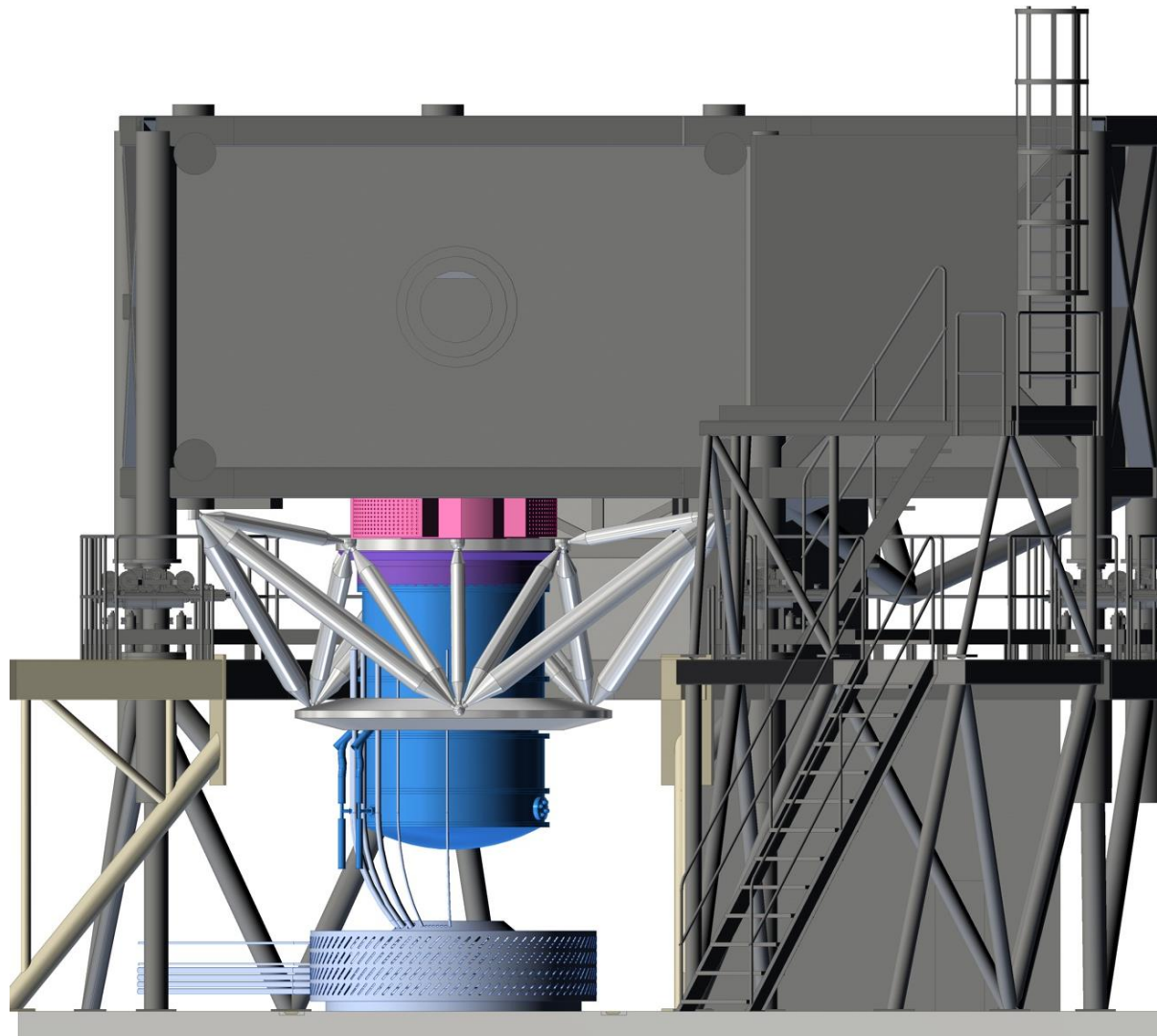
TMT NFIRAOS Facility AO System Layout



NFIRAOS on the TMT Nasmyth Platform



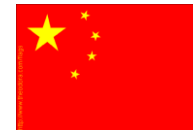
InfraRed Imaging Spectrograph (IRIS)



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