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# Instrumentation Activities in the AP Division

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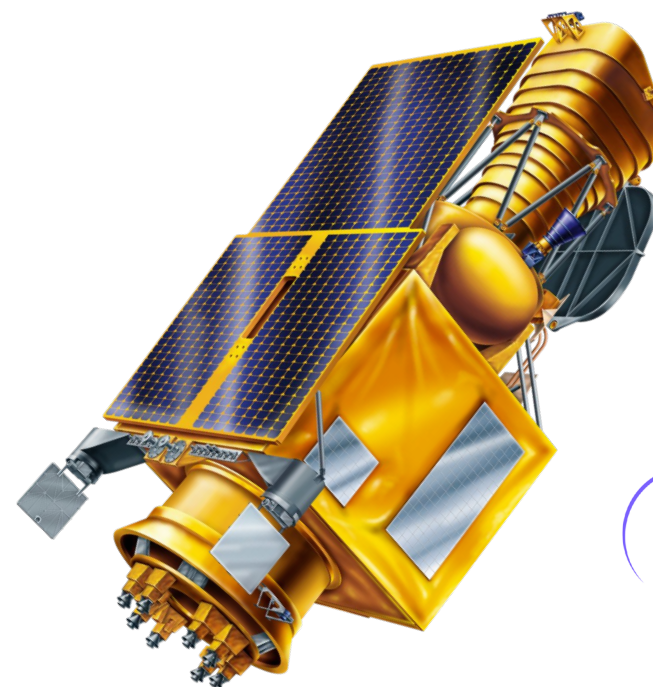
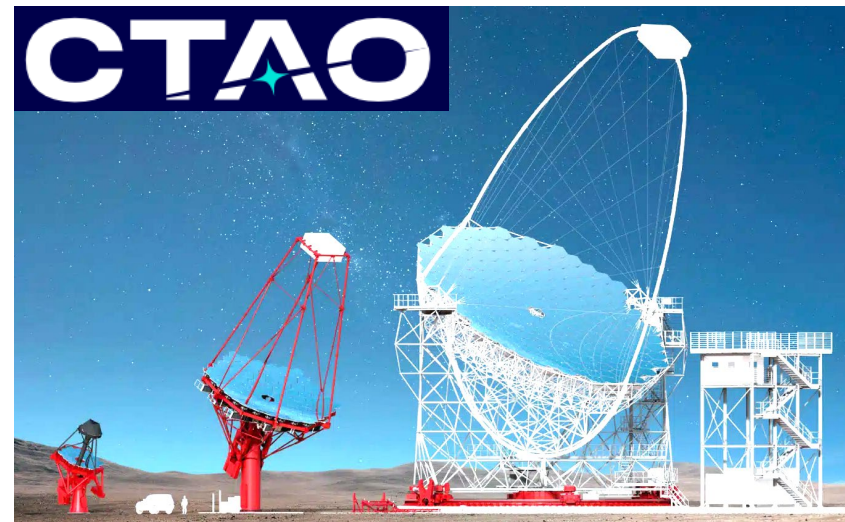
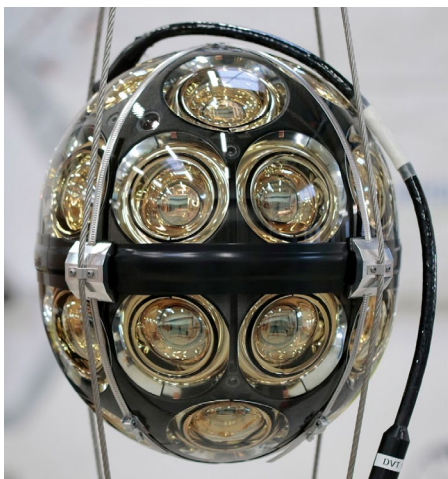




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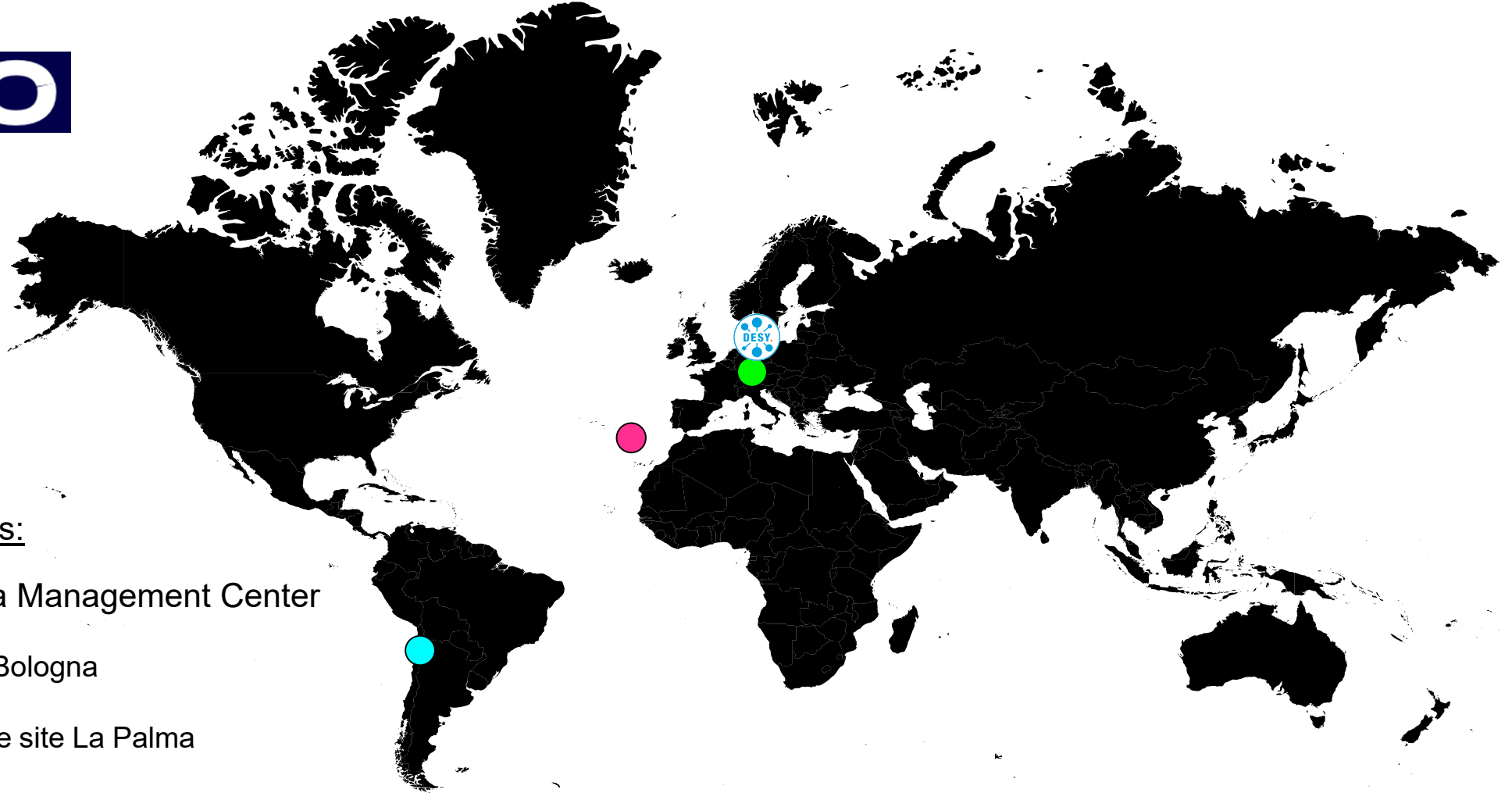


# CTAO – Cherenkov Telescope Array Observatory

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A European priority research infrastructure and global open observatory



1 observatory, 4 sites:



Science Data Management Center



Headquarters Bologna

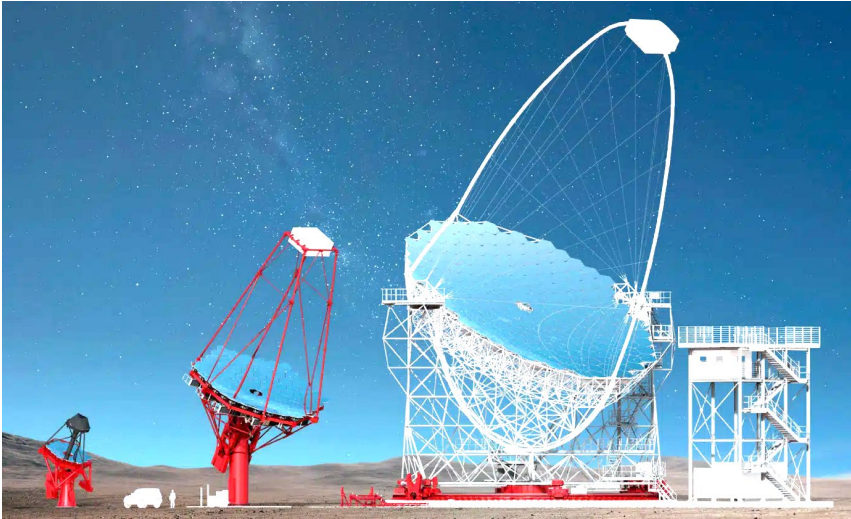
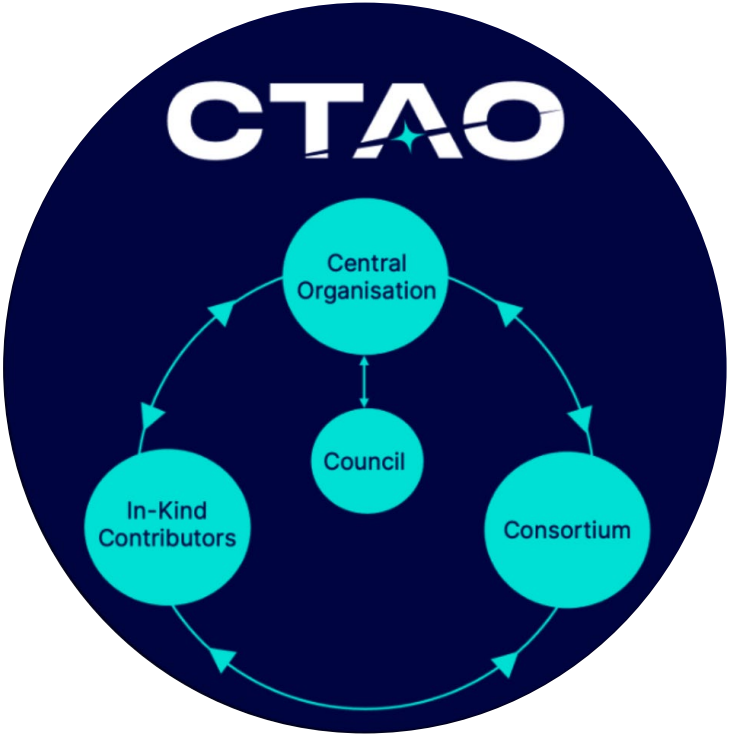


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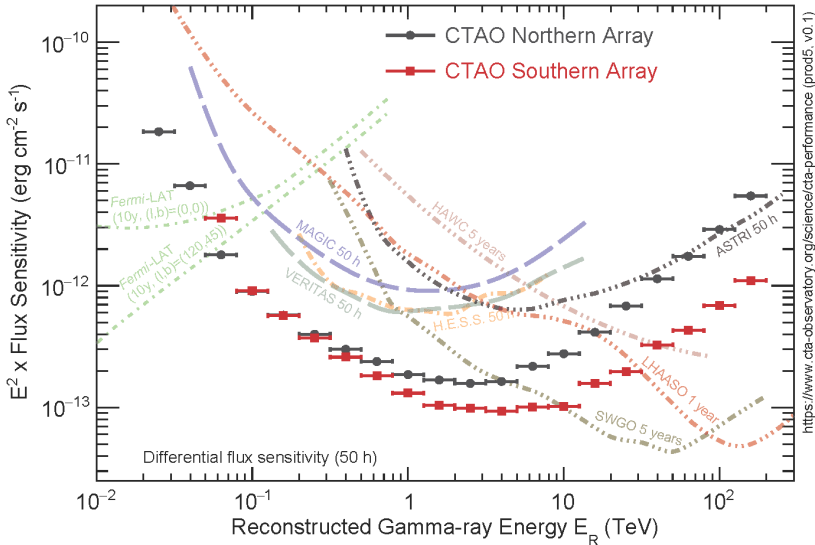


South telescope site Paranal

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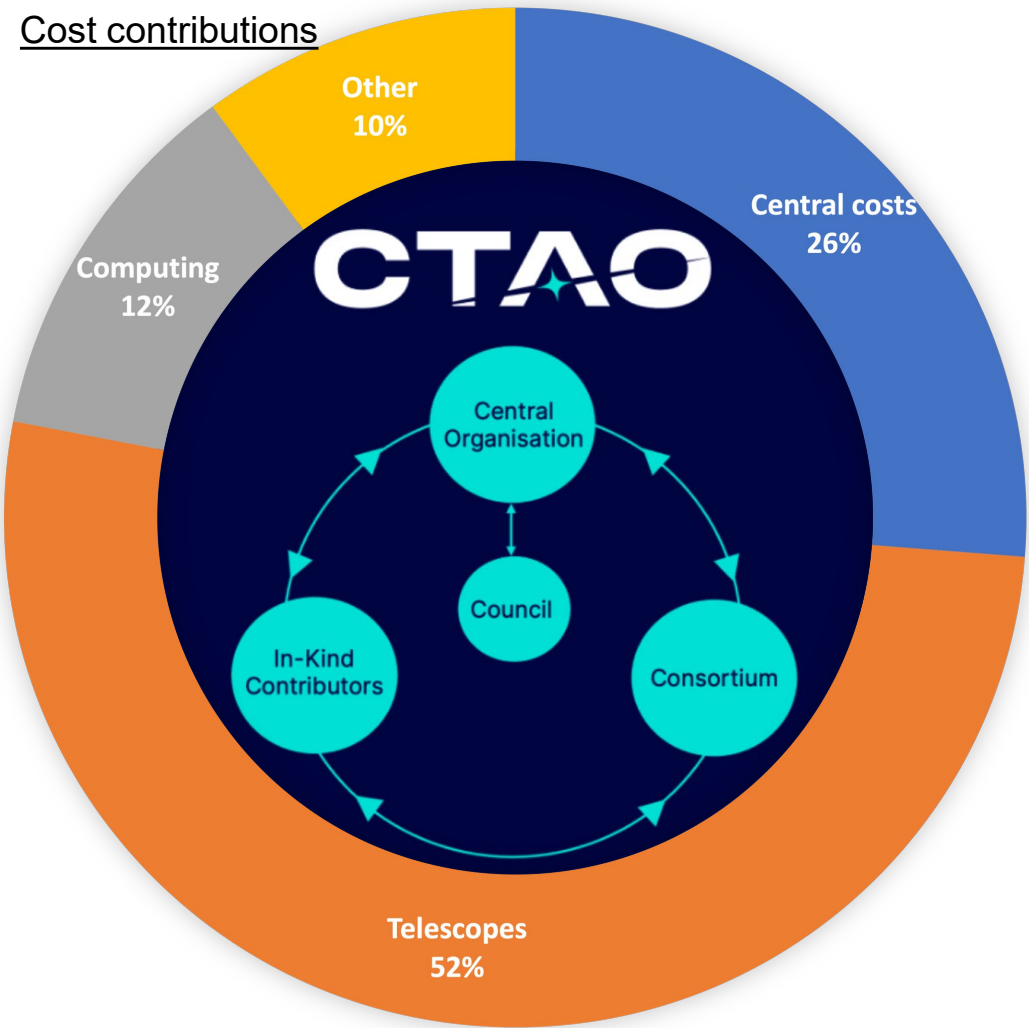
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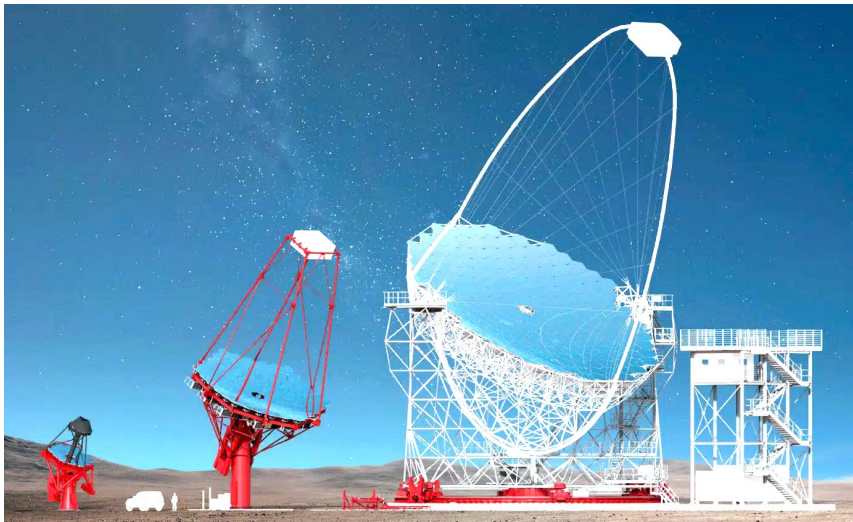


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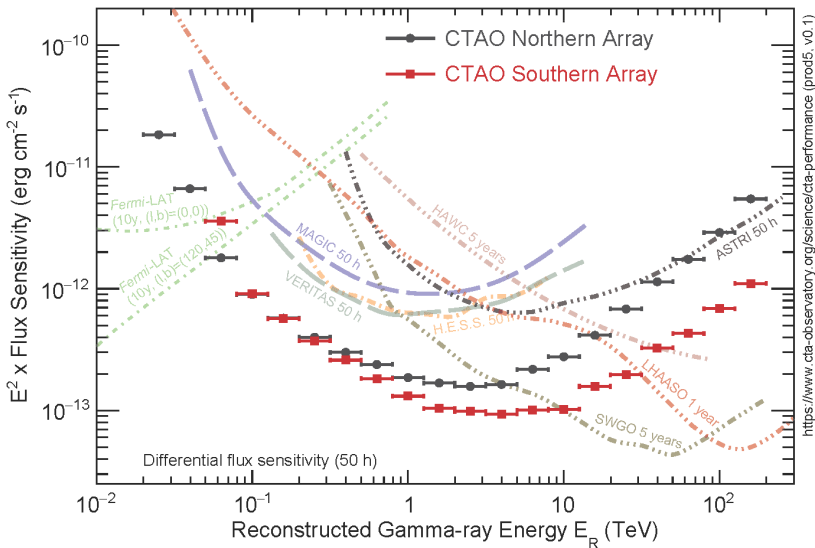
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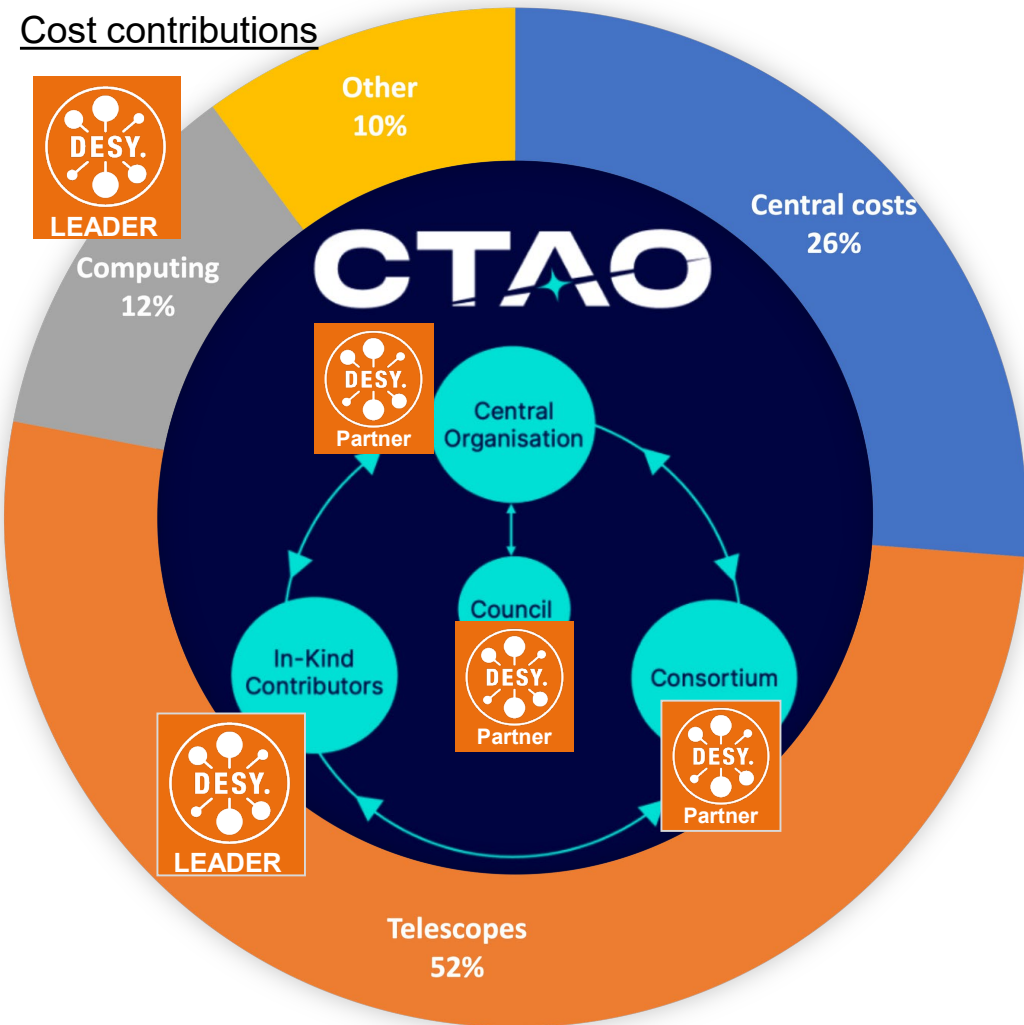


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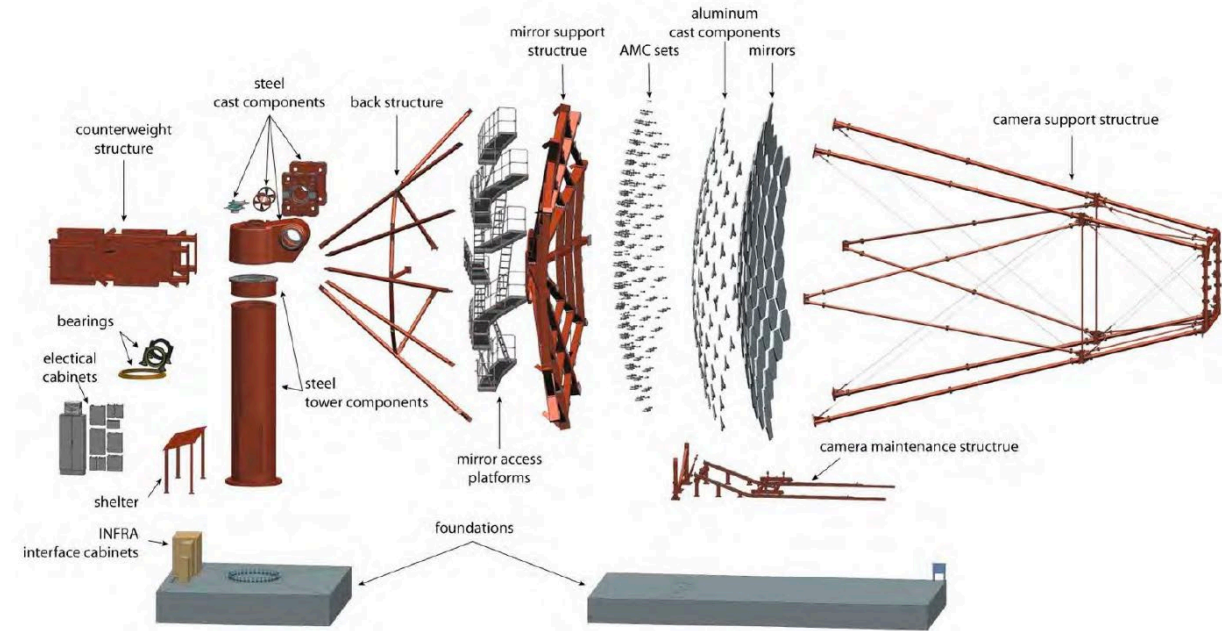
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- CTAO is our flagship project
- We are involved on all levels and spearhead many activities
  - Co-host of CTAO with the SDMC
  - Council member
  - Key member of the user consortium
  - Largest individual In-Kind provider
  - Lead Medium-Sized Telescopes and computing contributions
- We have a lead role in the strong German community

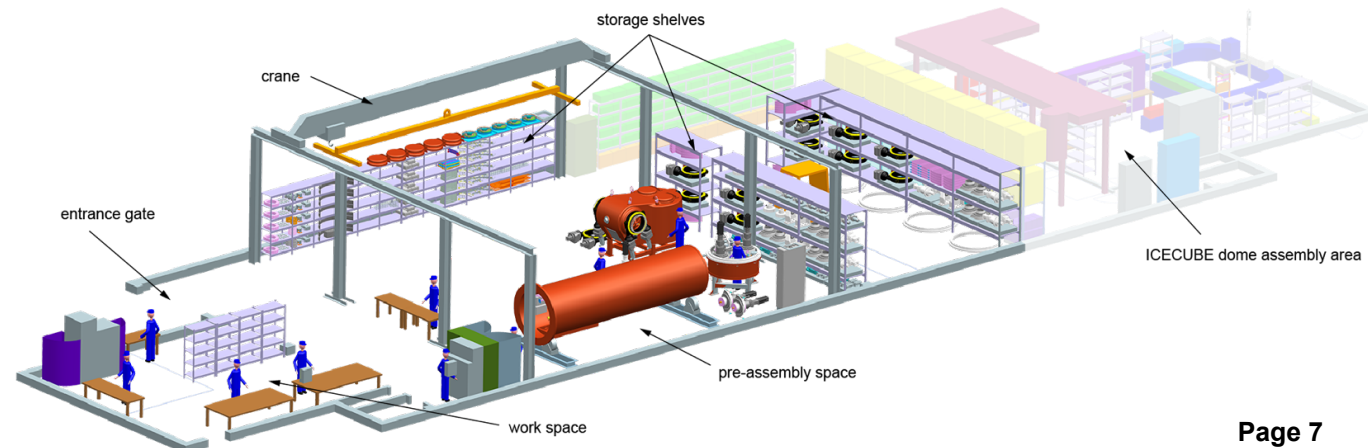
# Medium-Sized Telescopes (MSTs)

## Achievements 2021-2024

- Formed coherent collaboration led by DESY, agreed on construction plan (2 sites, 23 MSTs)
- Critical Design Review telescope structure passed
- Logistics plan with pre-assembly in Zeuthen exists
- Procurement MST pathfinders kicked off
- On-site assembly of 3 MST pathfinders by 2026



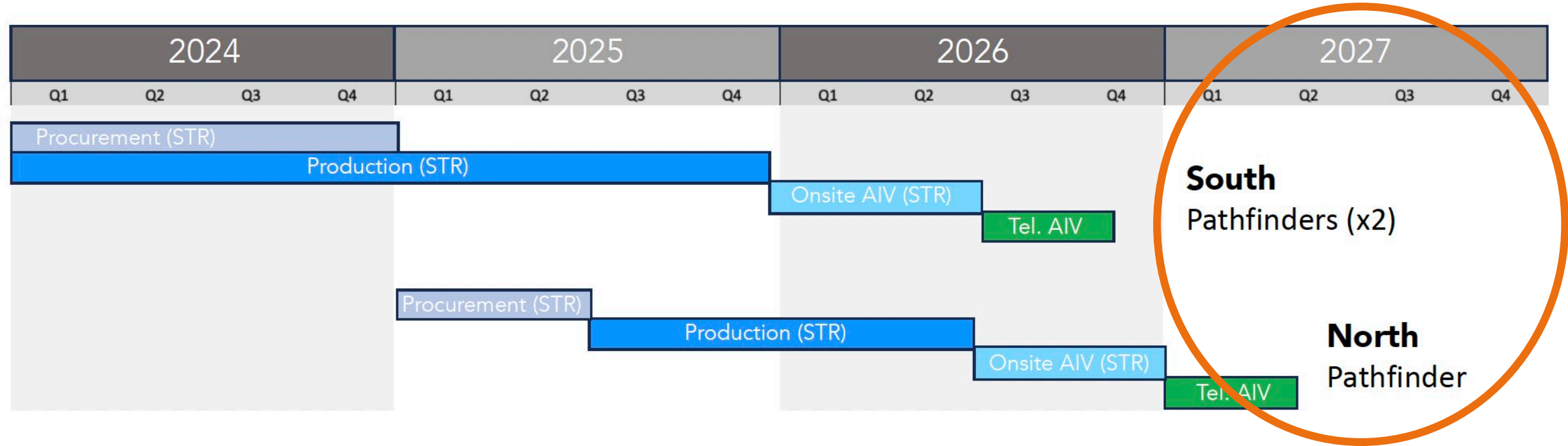
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# Medium-Sized Telescopes (MSTs)

## Pathfinder schedule



We coordinate the MST collaboration of In-Kind Contributors

Early science with “intermediate arrays”



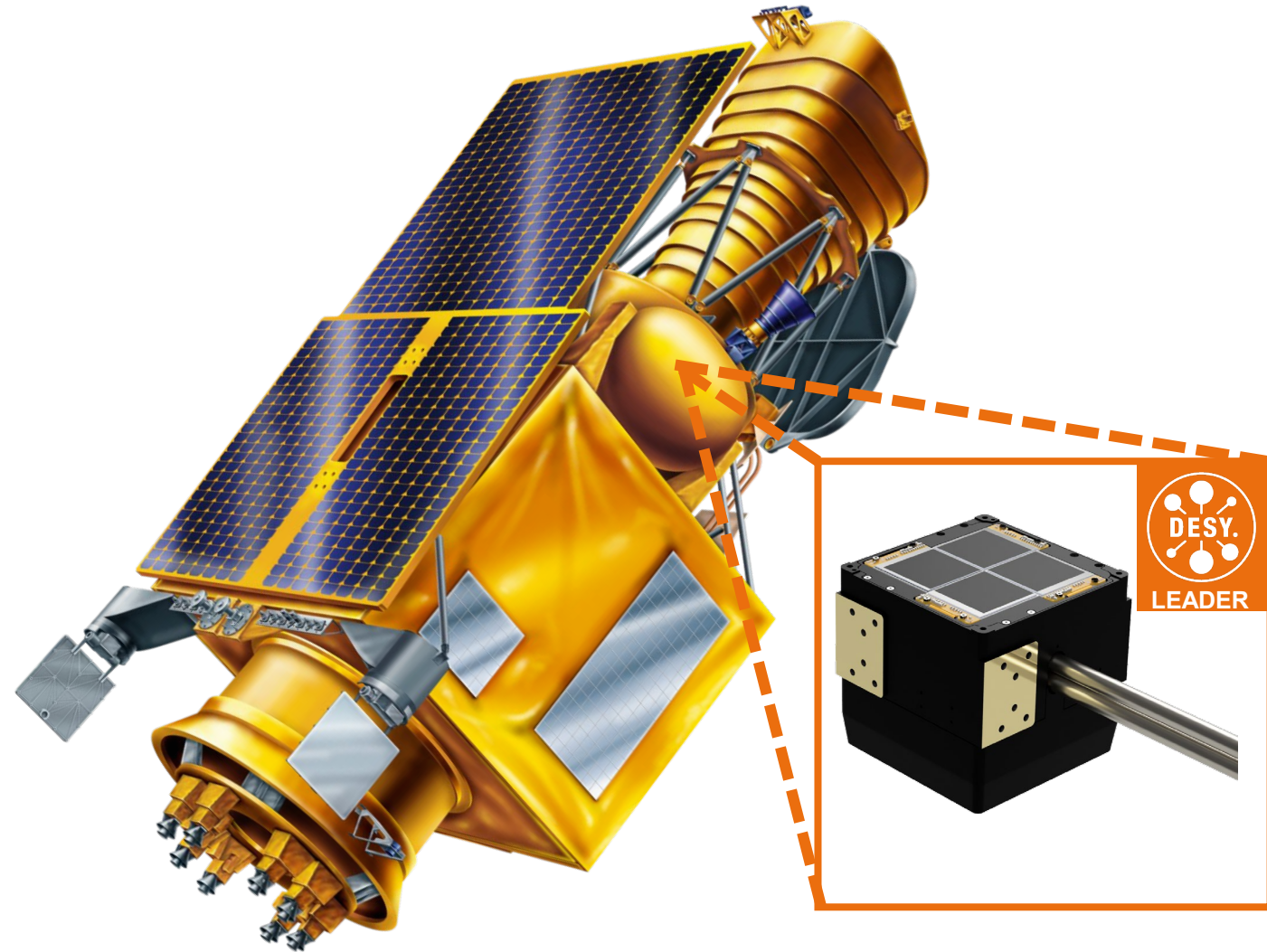
# ULTRASAT

First scientific satellite mission led by Israel

Unprecedentedly large field of view (204 deg<sup>2</sup>)

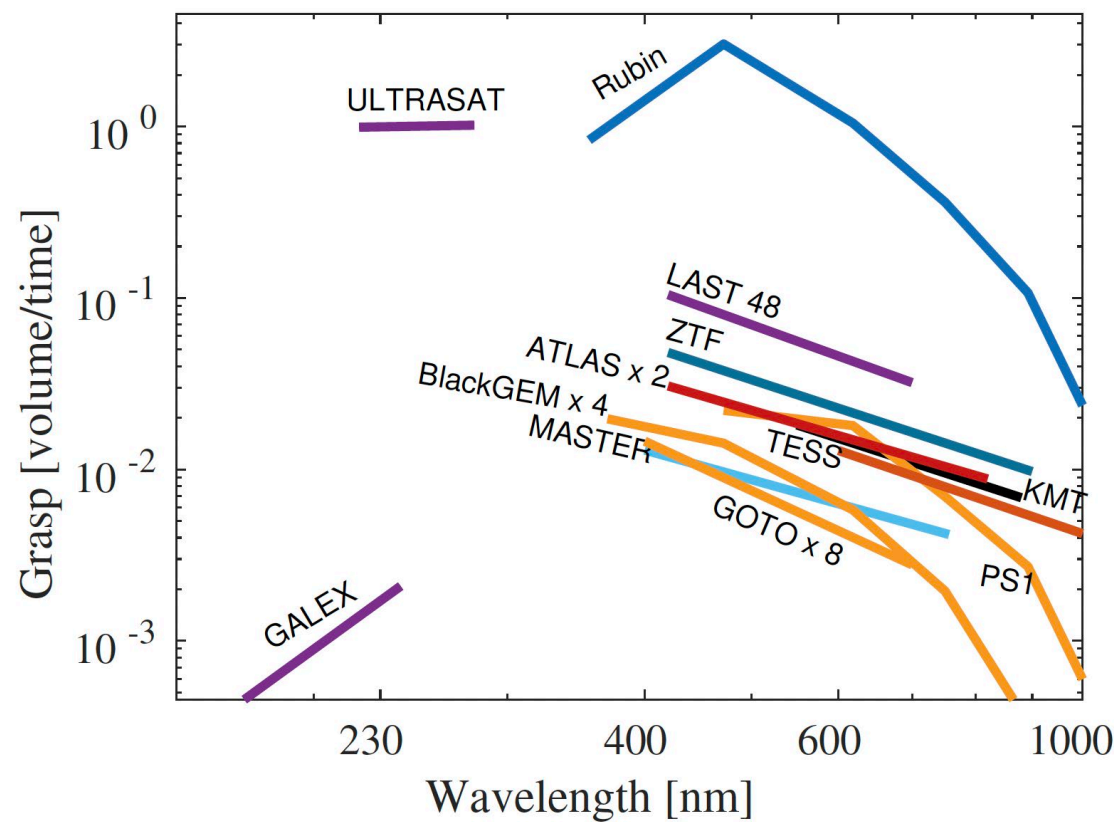
First wide-field survey of transient UV sources

Kick-off in 2019, launch planned for  $\geq 2027$

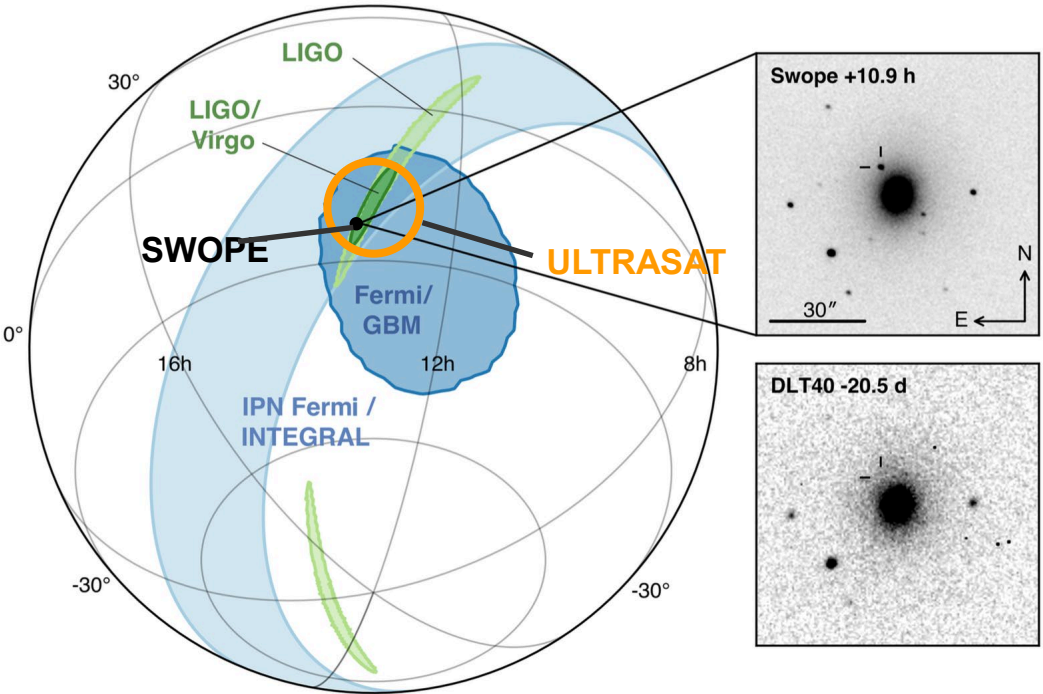


## 5-minute scale UV transients lead the way to high-energy astrophysics

Hot explosions are bright in the UV!



Shvartzwald et al, ApJ 2024



Discovery of GW from neutron star merger and short gamma-ray burst, GW170817



# ULTRASAT at DESY

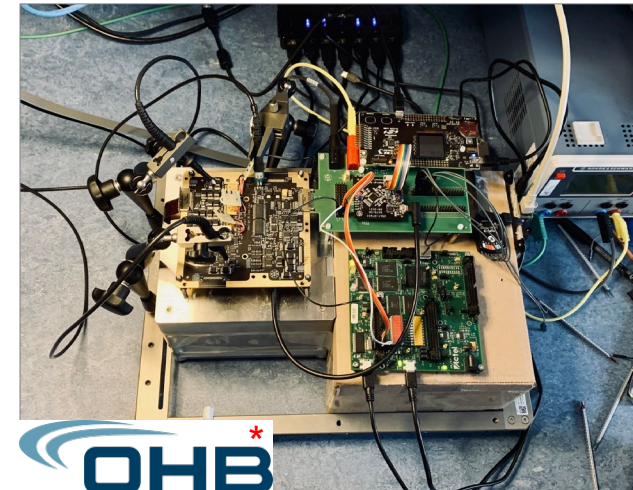
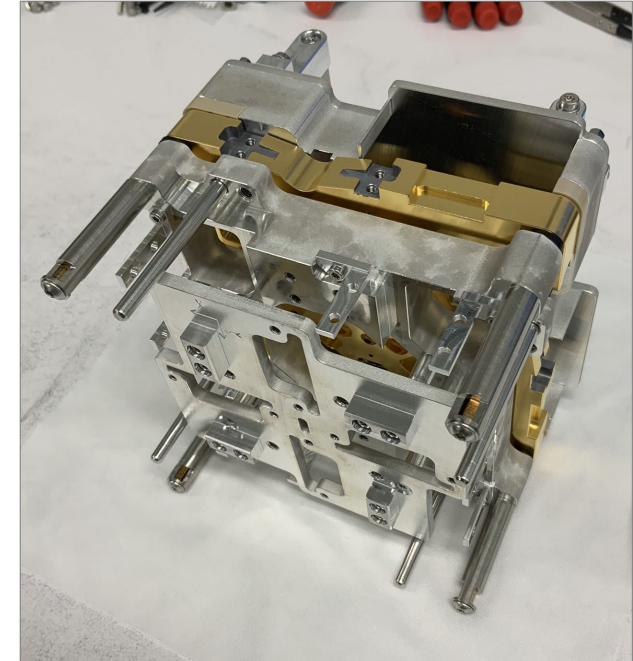
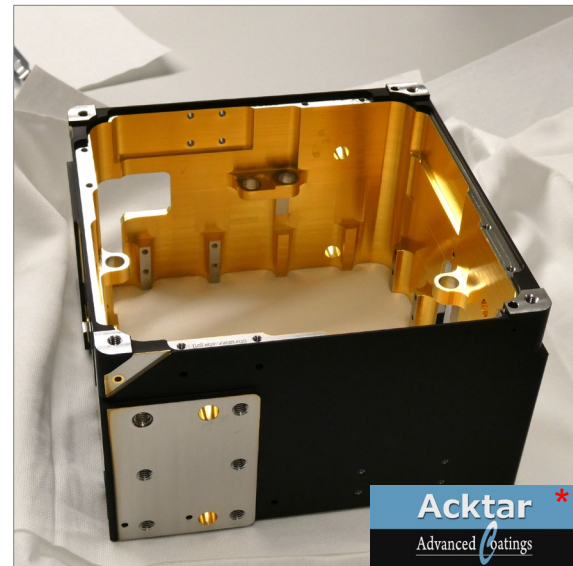
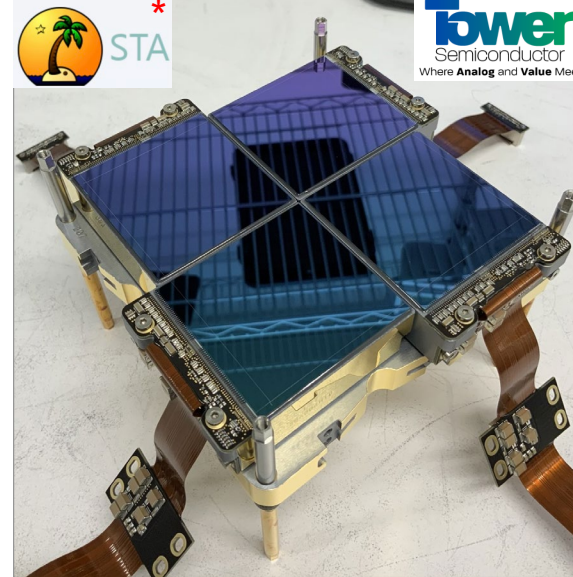
## Achievements 2021-2024

- First DESY satellite mission
- Unique multimessenger science synergies, contribution to space project as part of our strategy
- We started the camera project in 2019 and plan to deliver it by 2026
- New CMOS sensor design verified and being tested
- Electronics, mechanics, thermal system fully developed and being tested at DESY
- New infrastructure (clean room, thermal vacuum chamber) constructed and commissioned for tests



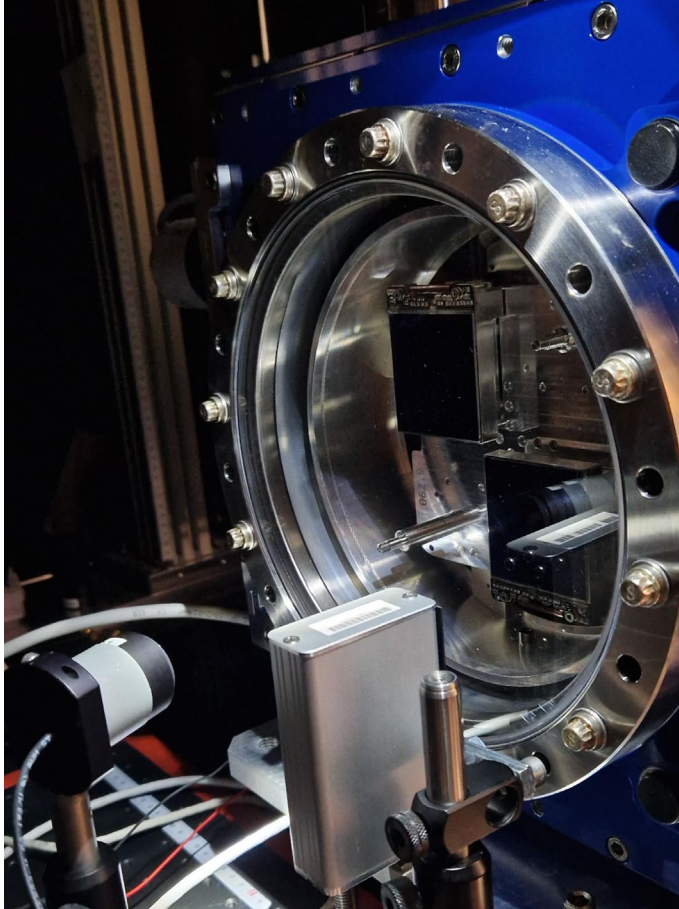
We provide the end-to-end ULTRASAT camera

\* companies we work with





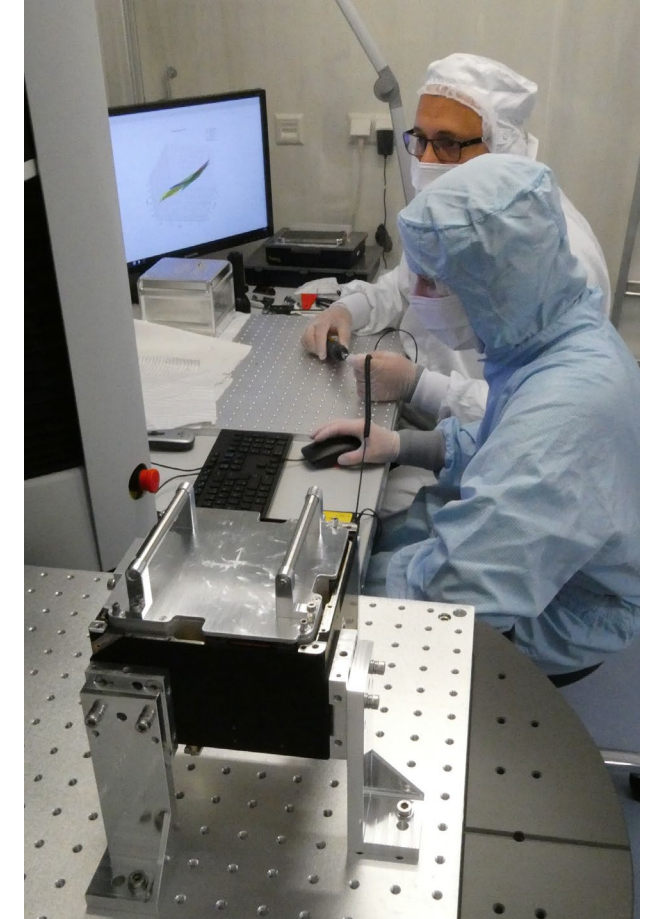
# ULTRASAT camera assembly, characterisation, testing



**Optical calibration setup at DESY has unique precision capacities, also used by NASA and NIST!**



**Dedicated cleanroom built and commissioned, integration tests ongoing**



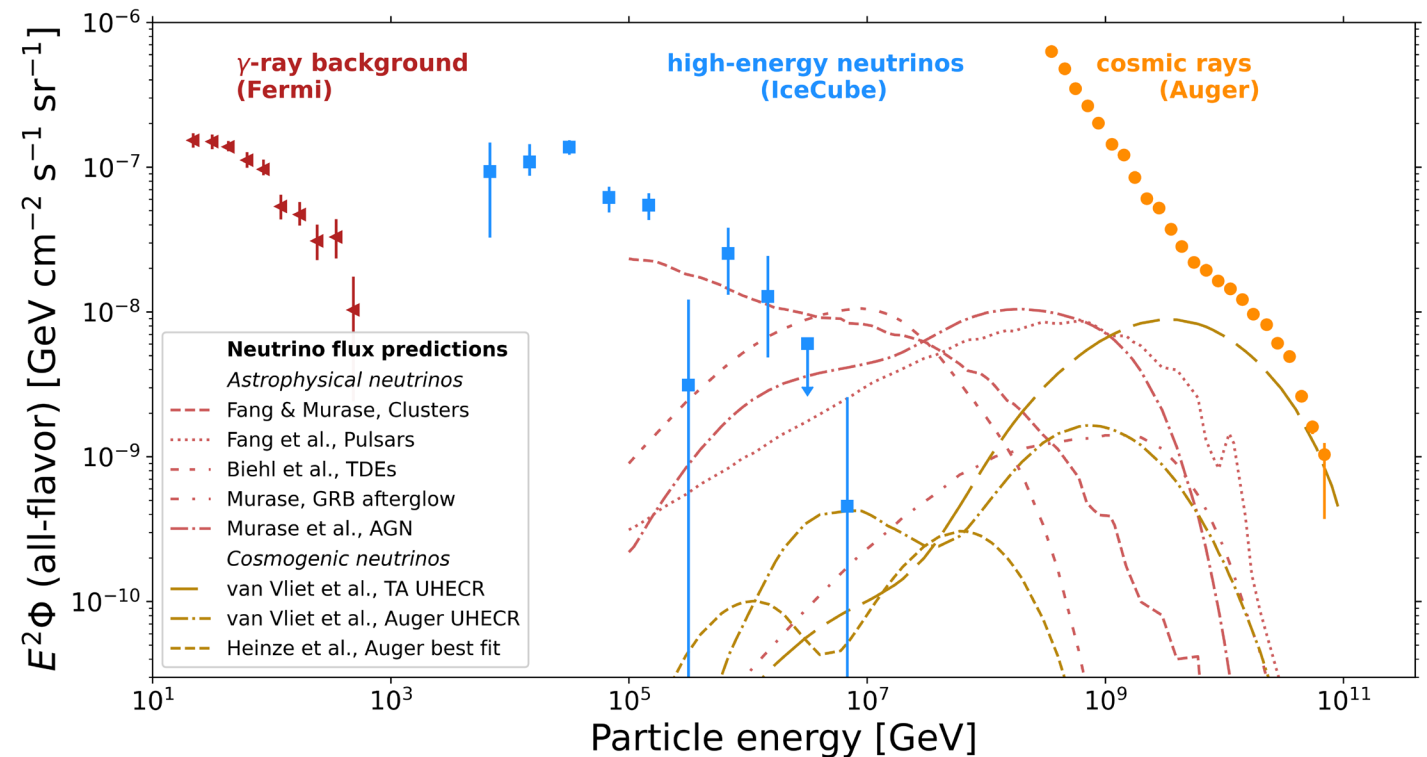
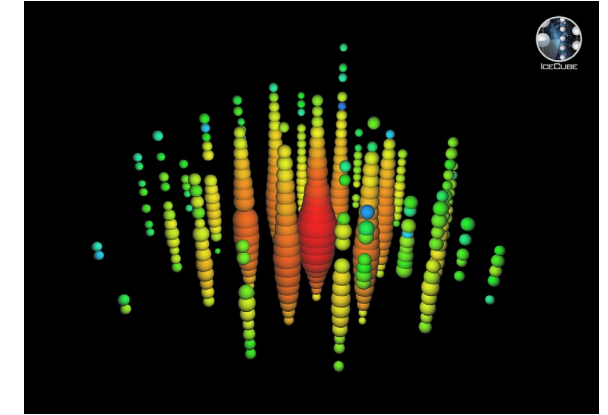


# IceCube – the neutrino astronomy pioneer



## And the leading role of DESY in it

- IceCube has been leading neutrino astronomy for the past decade
- **Discovery of astrophysical flux**
- World-leading **neutrino oscillations** measurements
- **Competitive dark matter and sterile neutrino searches**
- **Discovery of first astrophysical neutrino point sources**



# Where do we want to go in neutrino astronomy?



Our strategy

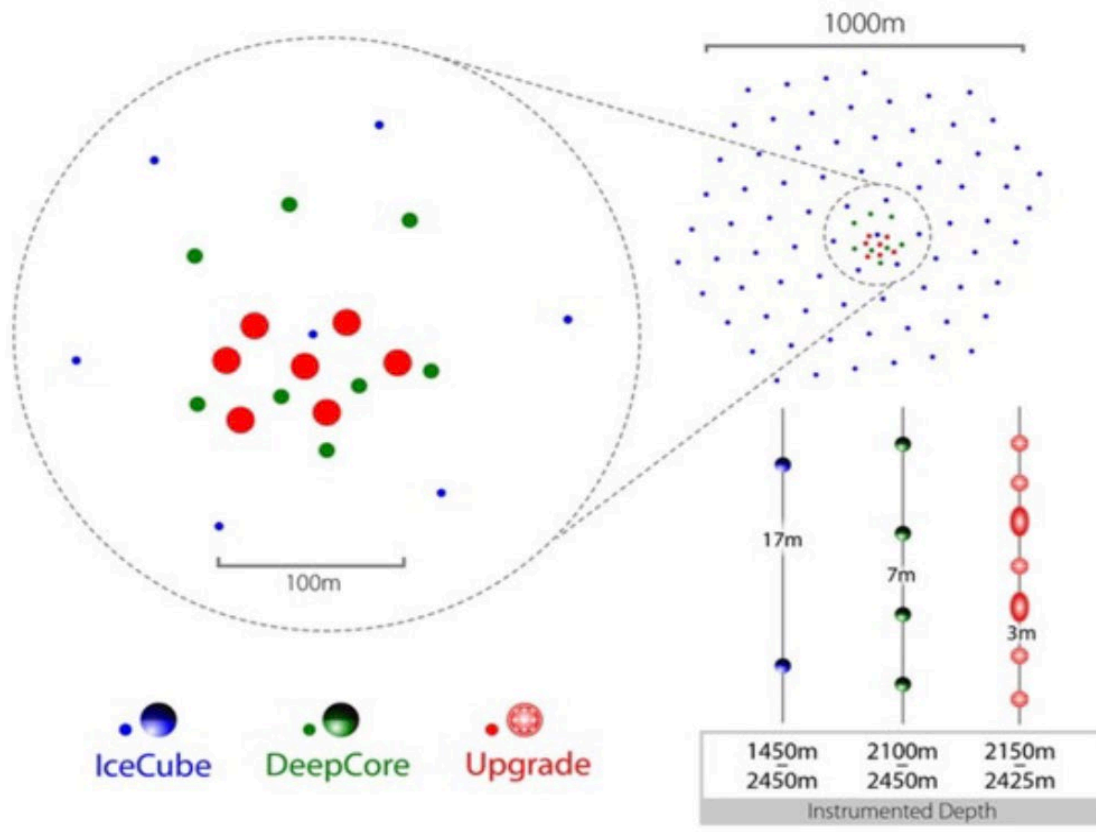


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# IceCube Upgrade

Towards the low energies with the mDOM

To be installed in the 2025/26 field season

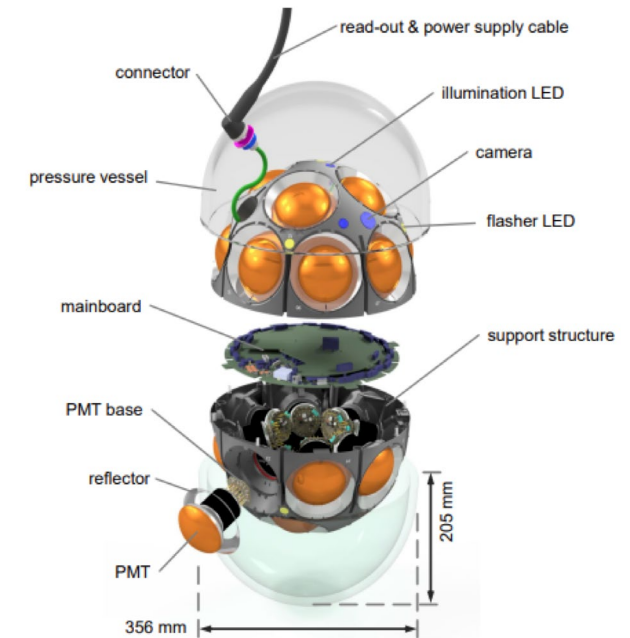
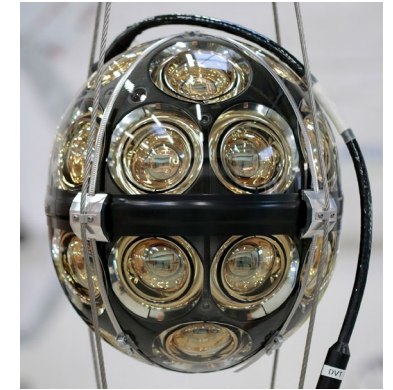


MRU-1 Milestone:  
Upgrade installed (on-track)



The mDOM,  
a German design:

- 24 small PMTs instead of one large one
- Enhances photocathode area by factor 2.5 and multi-faceted approach allows for better reconstruction





# IceCube Upgrade

## Producing the mDOM

- **DESY one of two production centers for the IceCube Upgrade**
- Production line as developed at DESY has been exported to second production line in the US
- **225 of 430 novel optical modules are produced and tested at DESY**
- **On-time delivery of the first two strings to South Pole for installation in 2025/26**



Timo Karg

L2 Manager Sensor production  
coordinator of German contribution





# IceCube Upgrade

This winter at South Pole



MRU-1 Milestone:  
Upgrade installed (on-track)



- Cabling for the seven strings ready



- Drills refurbished
- DOMs and calibration devices arrived

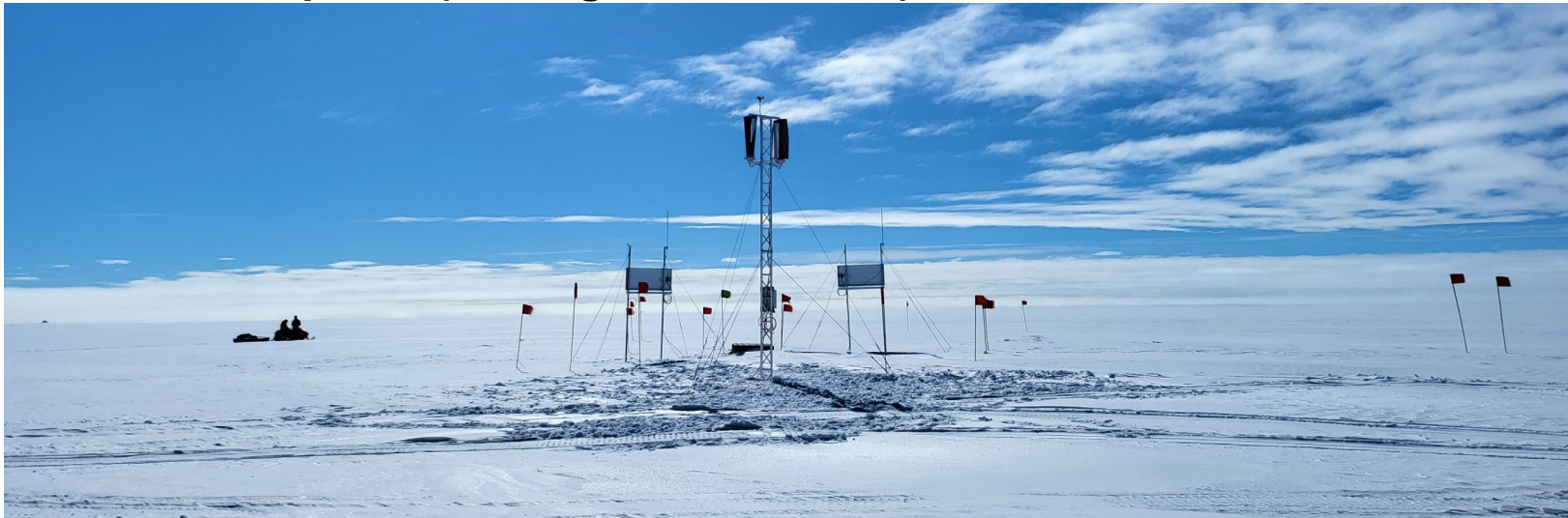


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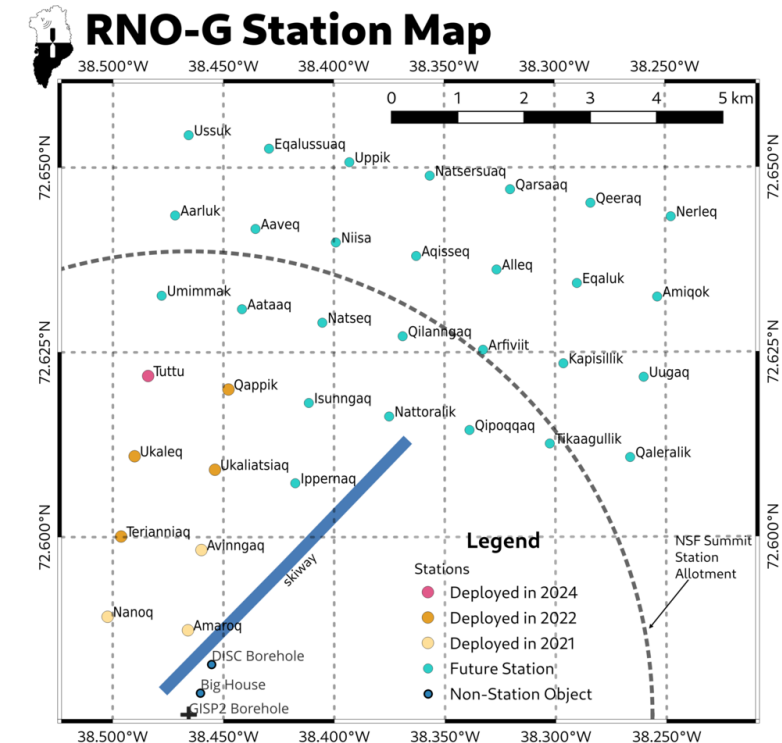


## Towards the ultra-high energies with RNO-G

- Improve the sensitivity of IceCube at the highest energies by exploiting the radio emission following a neutrino interaction
- First large-scale implementation of the radio technique to detect neutrinos (Askaryan effect, coherent Cherenkov-like emission)
- Under construction in Greenland since 2021
- Leadership: US (Chicago, Penn State), Brussels and DESY



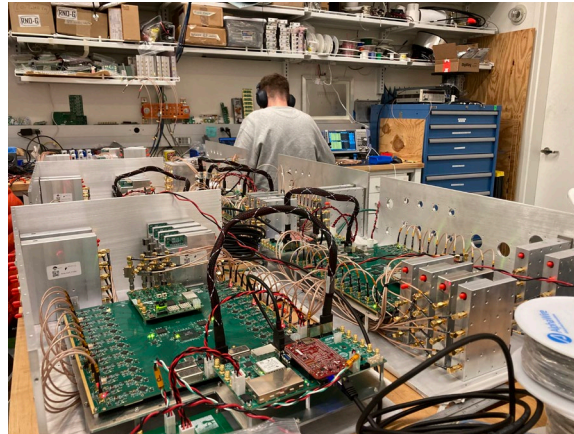
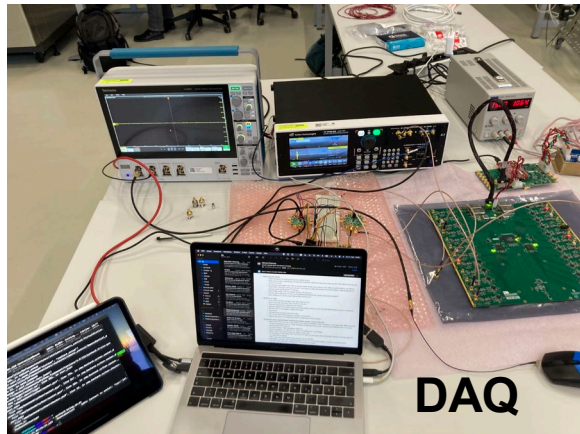
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# DESY Hardware expertise for RNO-G

and R&D for IceCube-Gen2



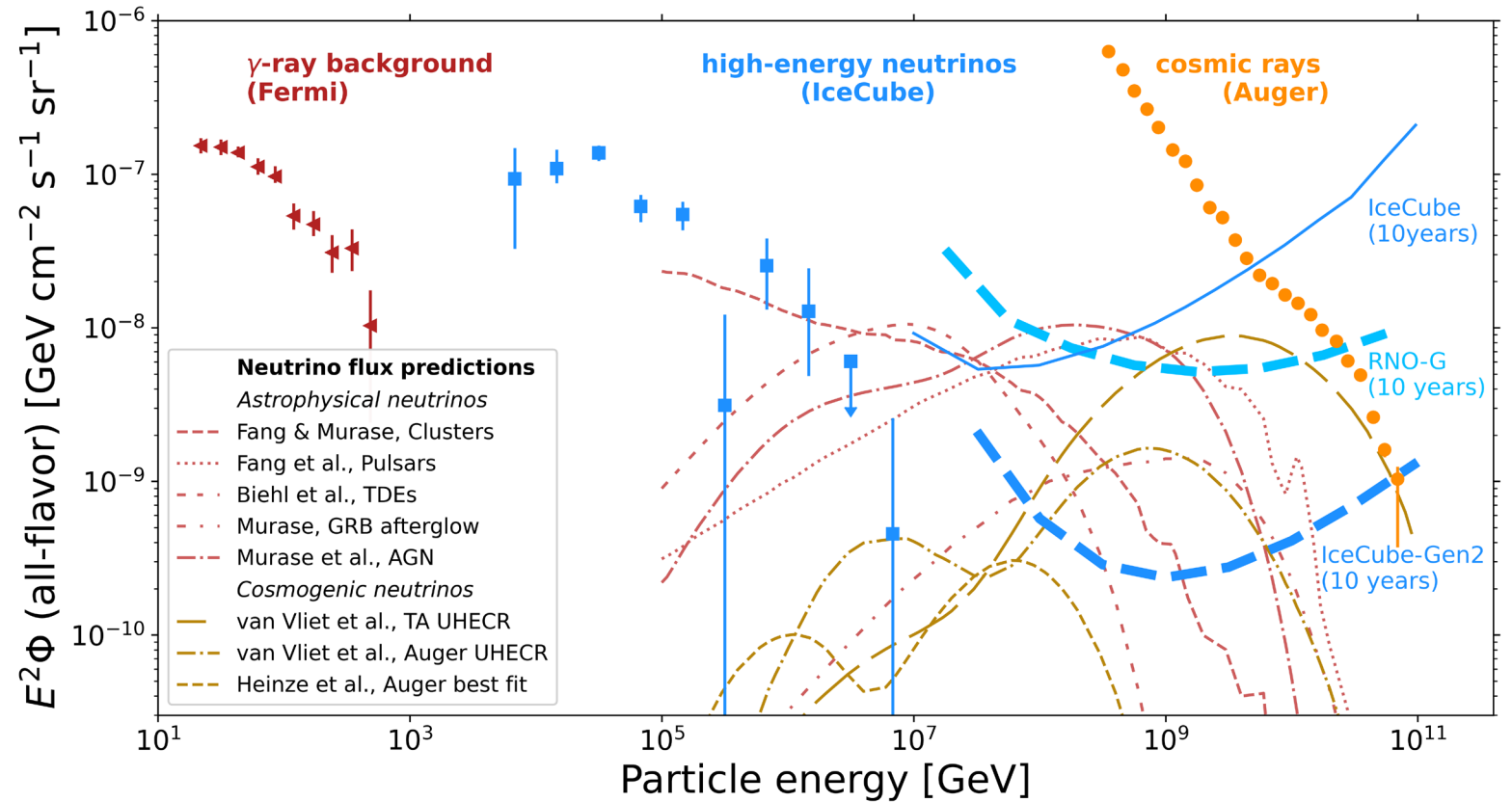
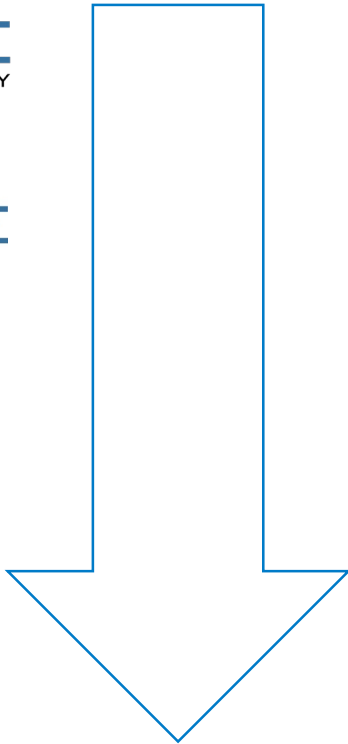
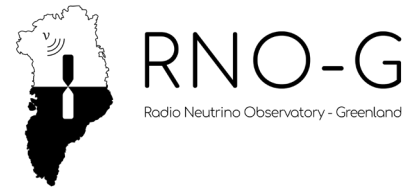
- DAQ component construction and testing
- Drilling and installation support
  - World's largest mechanical ice drill
- Engineering for the renewable energy system of wind-turbines and solar power
- Fuel efficient installation tools with small German company



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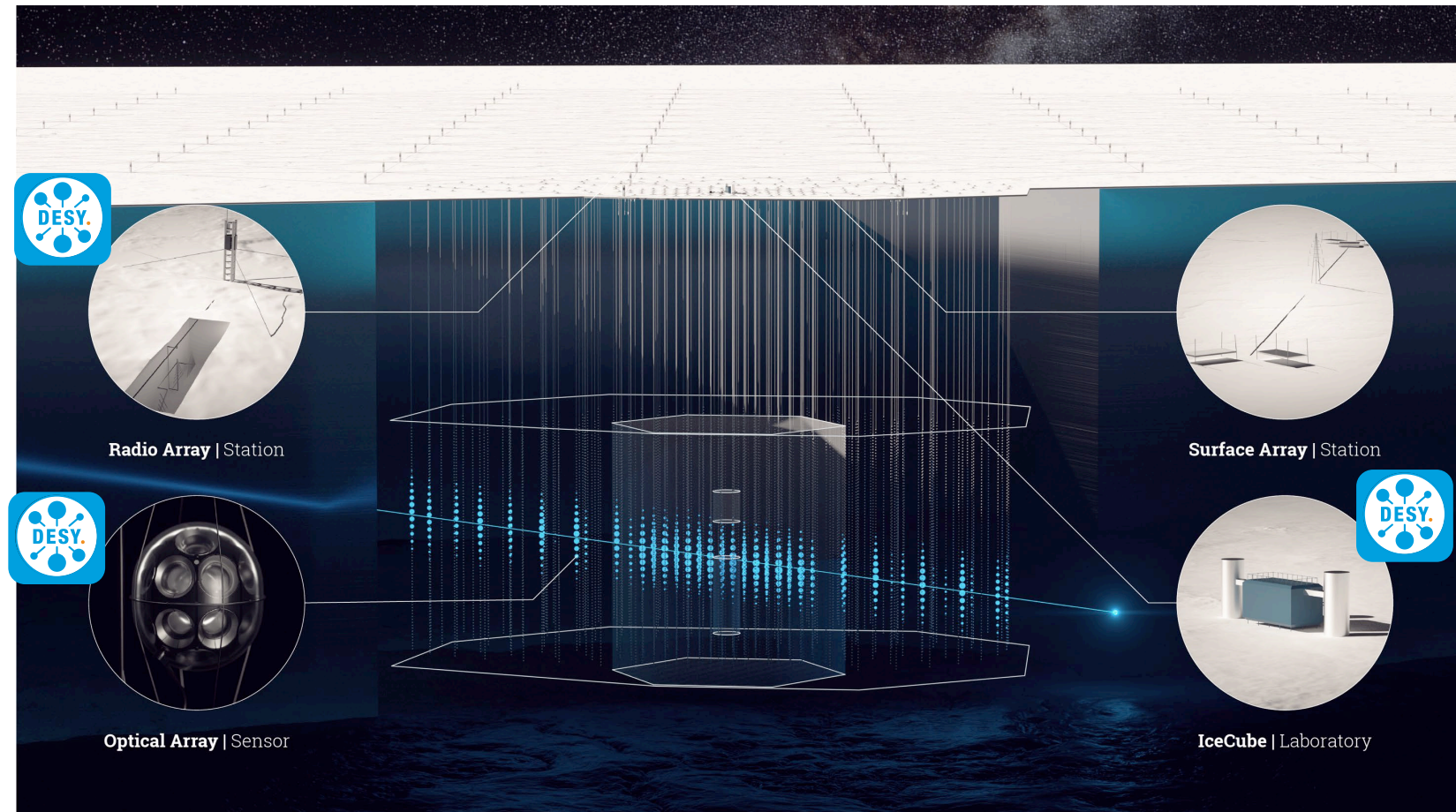
# IceCube-Gen2

## Our path ahead

- Germany second strongest partner: DESY+KIT +10 German universities, ~25% of all authors
- Costs: ~500 Mio \$ (US accounting) with 55 Mio € German in-kind contribution
- Favorably evaluated in: US Decadal Survey, US P5 panel, Japanese MEXT, European APPEC roadmap
- Construction could start as soon as 2028/29 with a 10-year construction phase



MRU-1 Milestone:  
IceCube-Gen2 TDR complete



# Summary

- CTAO is our key flagship project for the future
- ULTRASAT is our first satellite project and promises major discoveries
- Neutrino astronomy targets the next generation neutrino telescope
- IceCube Upgrade and RNO-G clear milestones towards this goal
- *We build, operate, and exploit telescopes. With our deep system expertise we make large projects possible*



# Spares



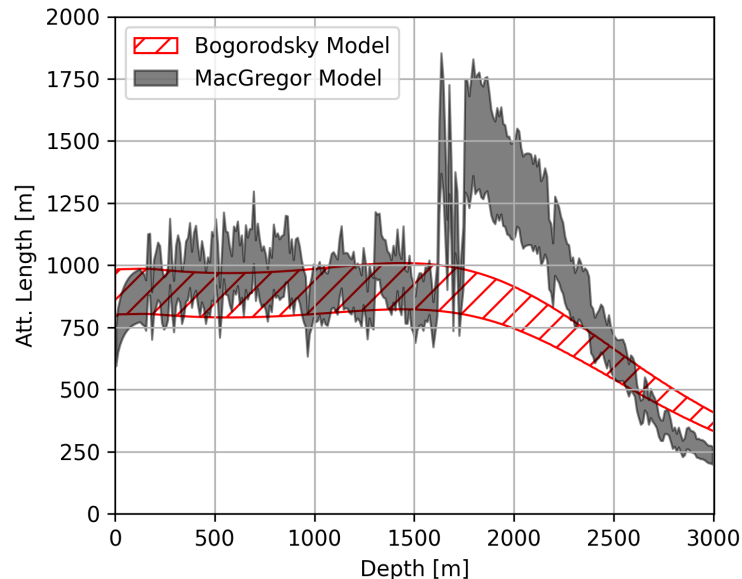


# Radio Neutrino Observatory Greenland (RNO-G)



## Radio emission of neutrinos: profiting from particle physics and ice properties

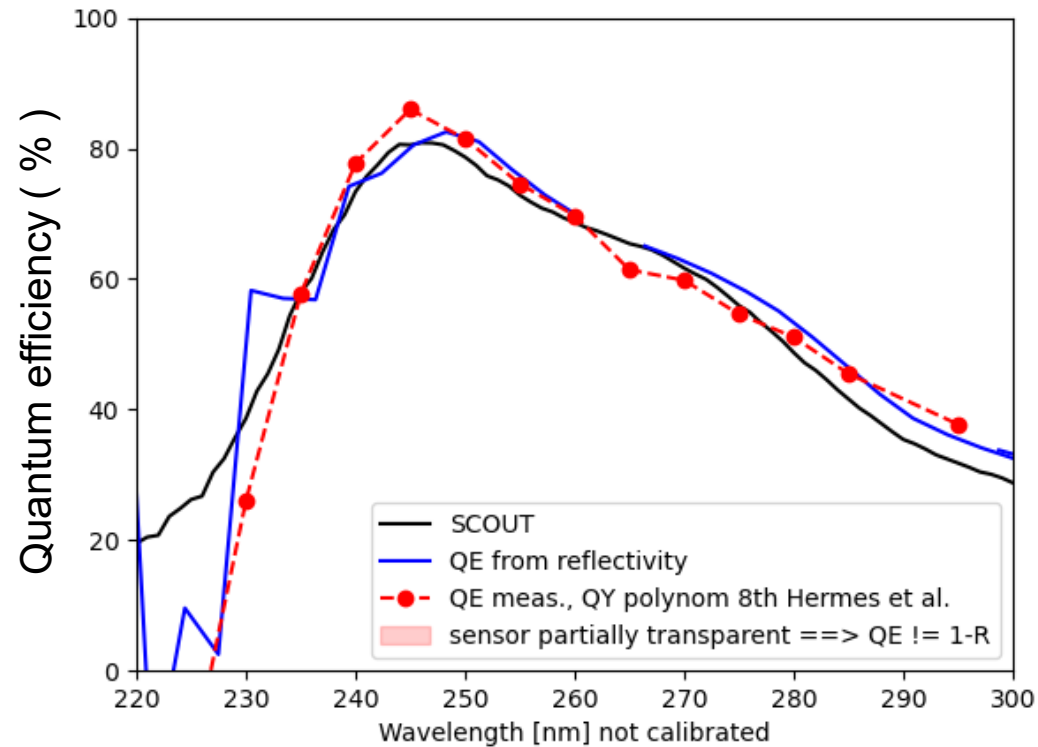
- Compton scattering and positron annihilation lead to a negatively charged shower front, which can become a macroscopic current in  $> \text{PeV}$  showers
- This changing current leads to **coherent radio pulses on at the Cherenkov angle**
- Attenuation length of kilometer scales in polar ice for radio waves: allows to build very sparse detectors: a single station (24 antennas) can monitor  $> 1\text{km}^3$  of ice
- Cost-effectively build detectors for  $> 10 \text{ PeV}$  showers



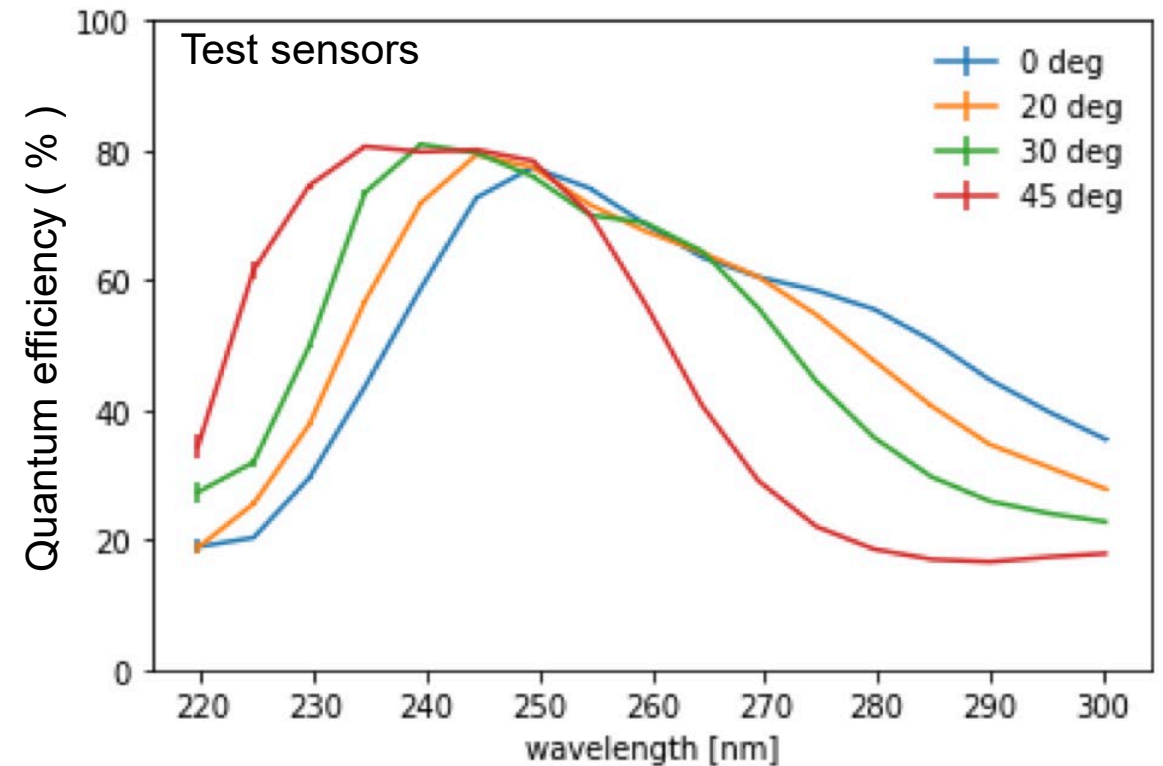


# ULTRASAT Camera Optical Efficiency

Measurements fully performed at DESY



**ULTRASAT sensor fully meets requirements**



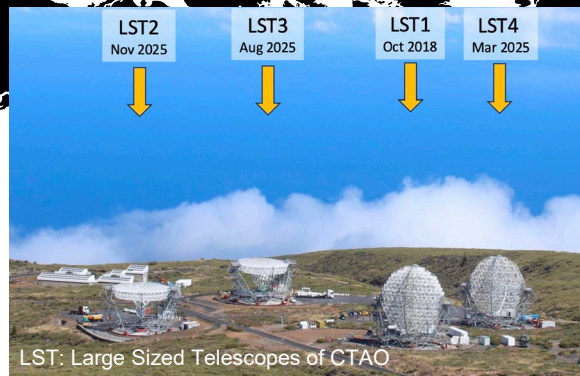
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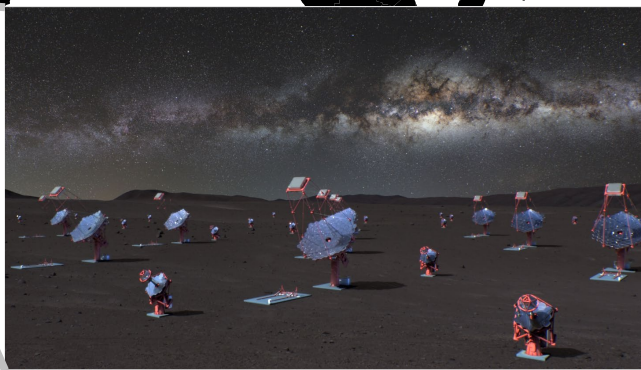
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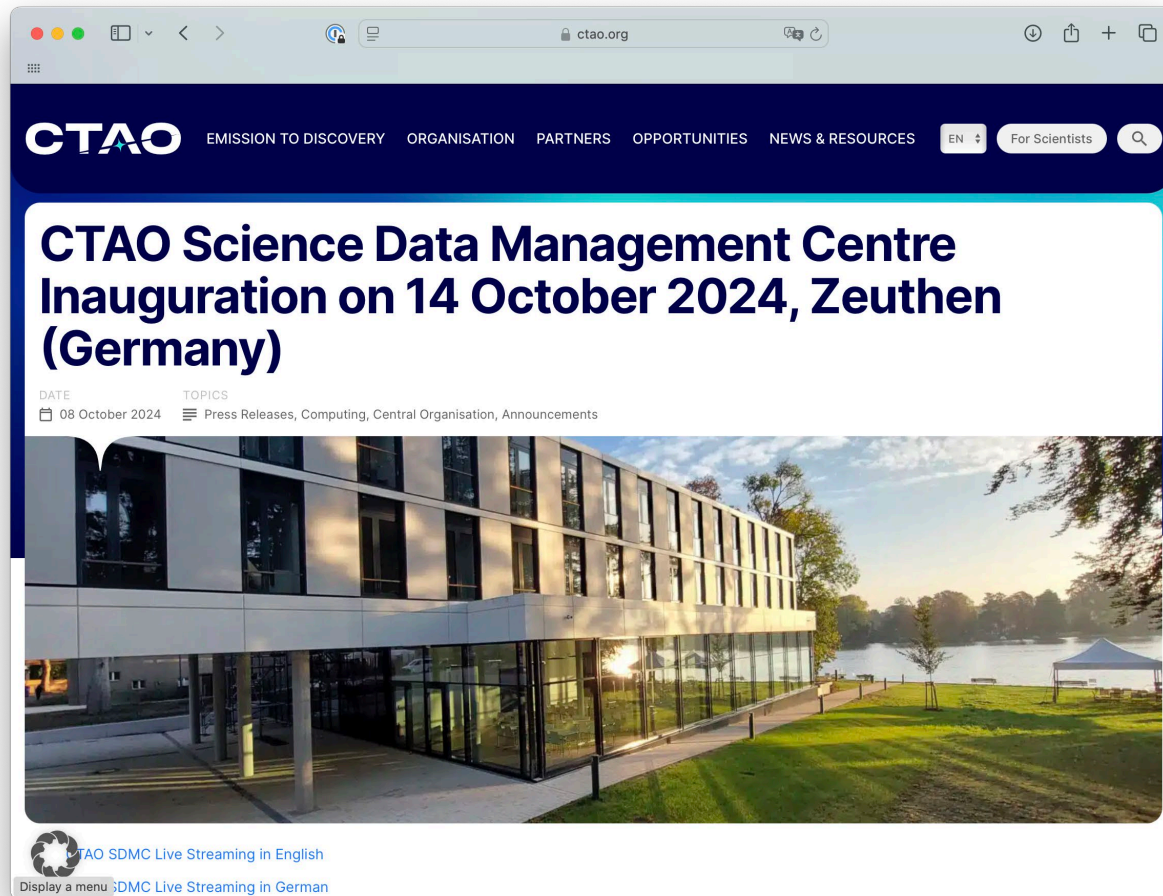


South telescope site Paranal





# Host of CTAO Science Data Management Center



The SDMC is transformational for the DESY campus in Zeuthen  
Our strategy is to exploit synergies in science, computing, software

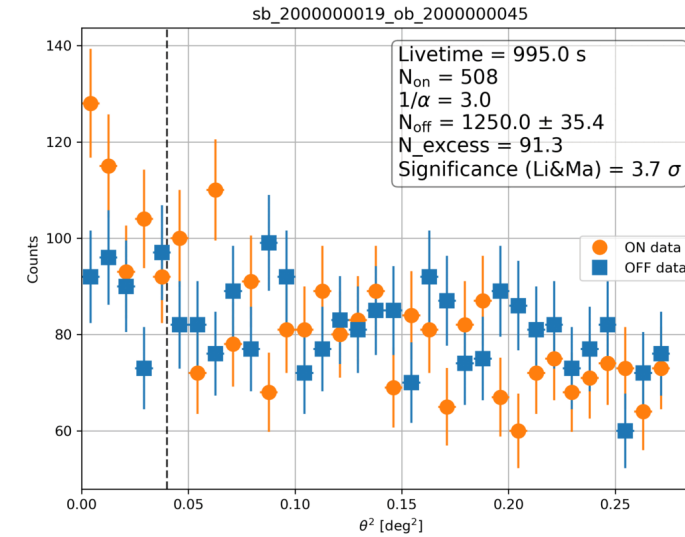
# DESY Computing for CTAO

## Achievements 2021-2024

- SDMC: established its responsibility for computing, software, data management, user access and training
- Established DESY as 1 of 4 off-site data centers – CTAO generates 1 GB / s of compressed data
- Established lead contributions on-site data centers
- Provision of leadership simulations work package
- Provision of computing infrastructure for software development and testing
- Established lead contributions control and data

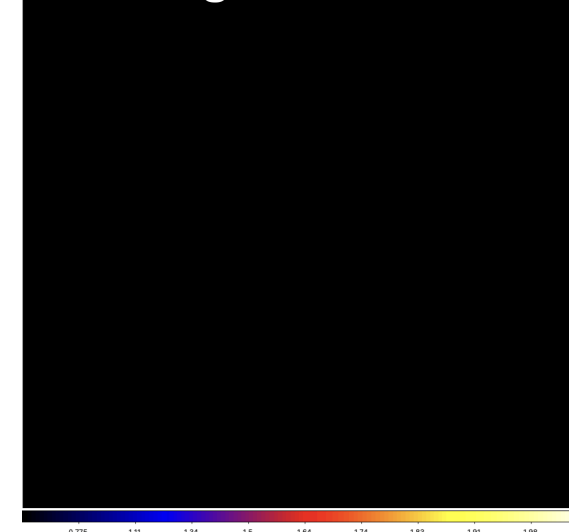


- We are a key and lead contributor to CTAO Computing
- MRU-6 Milestone: First CTAO science results



Telescope integration campaign with strong DESY role

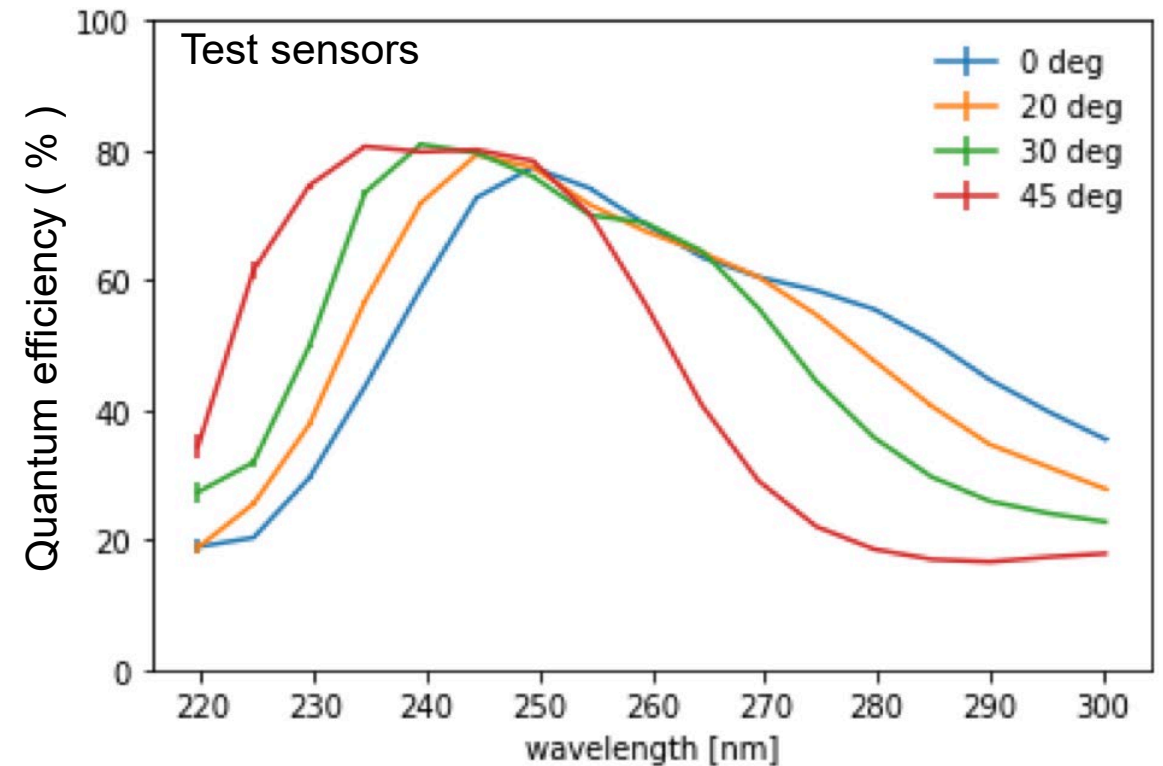
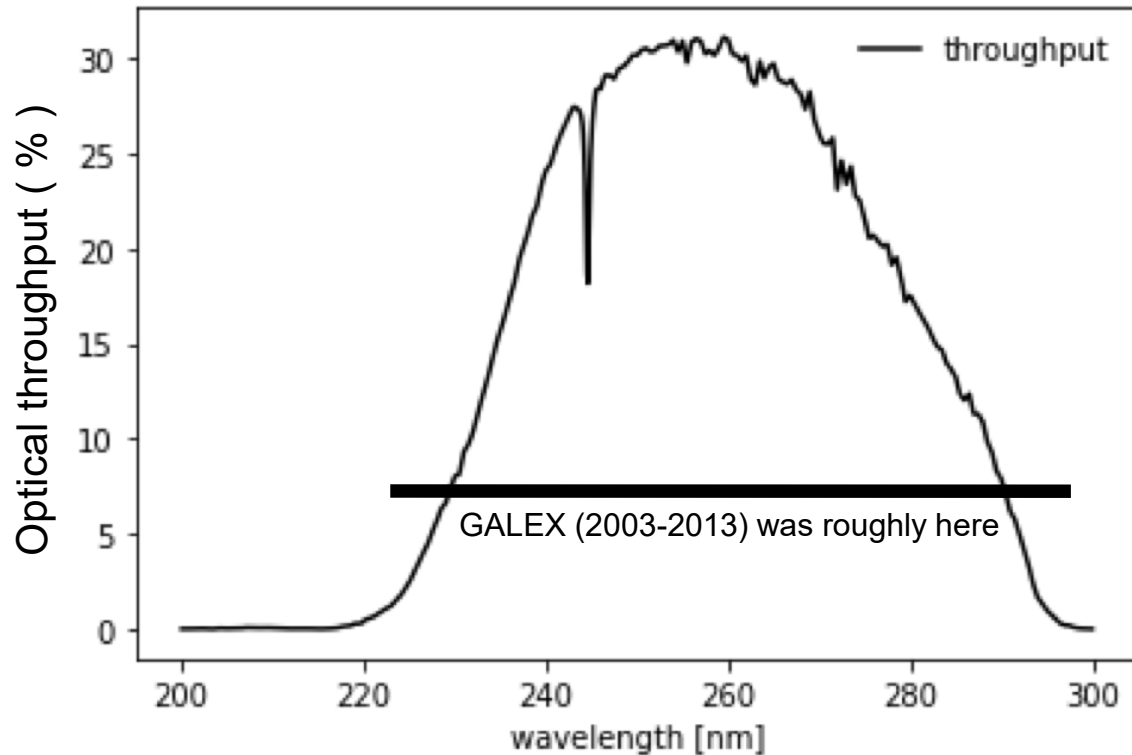
## ‘First light’ Crab nebula





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## Timeline

