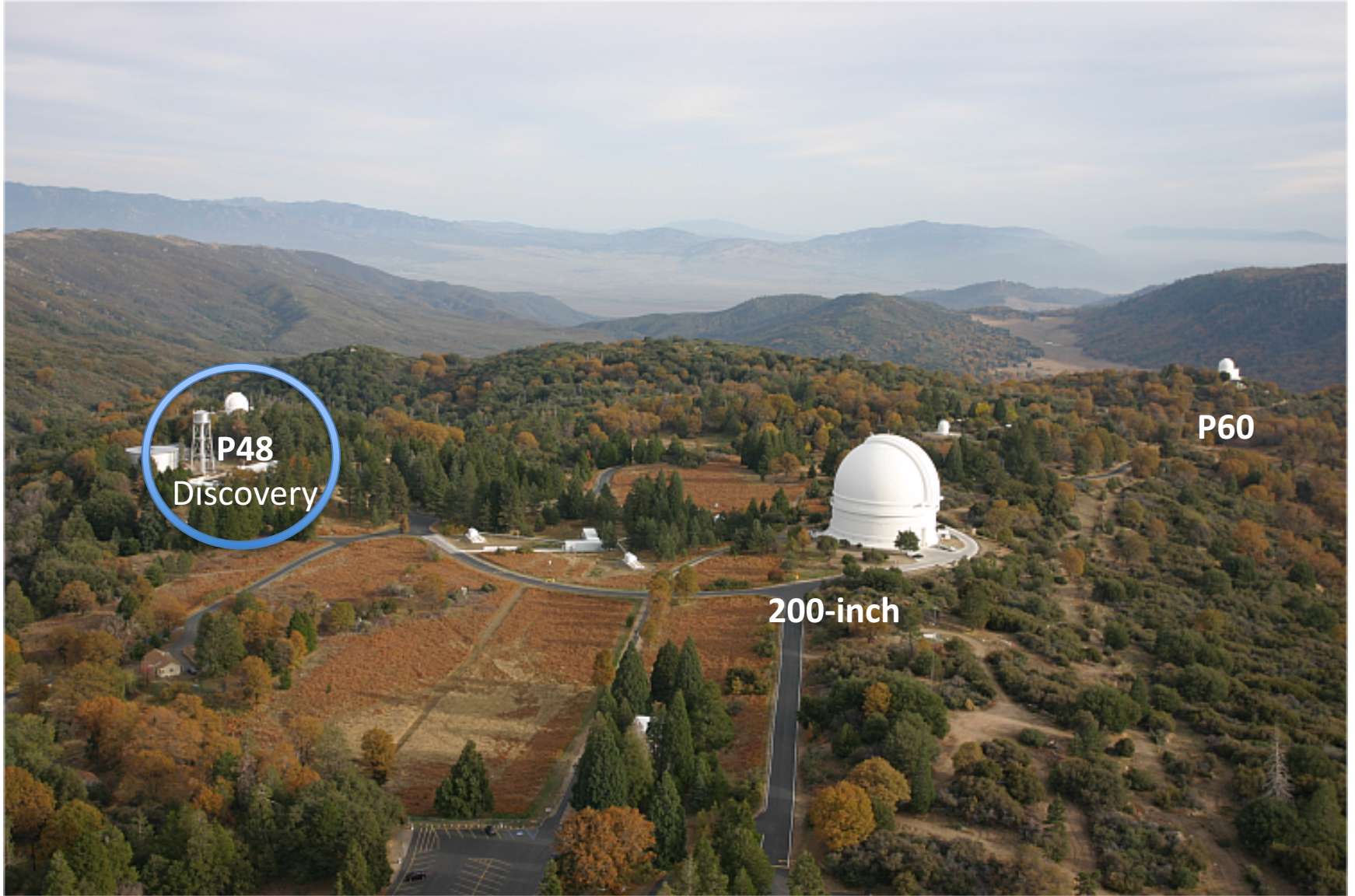


The Zwicky Transient Facility (ZTF)
AAS Meeting, Grapevine, Texas
January 3, 2017

I. WELCOME BY SHRI KULKARNI

Era of Time Domain Astronomy (TDA)

- We are already in the era of TDA
 - CRTS, PTF, PS-1, ASAS-SN, ATLAS (and others)
 - Blanco (DEC) & Subaru (HSC)
 - MASTERS, Evryscope, Armada of Sophisticated Amateurs
- History of ZTF
 - Palomar Transient Factory (PTF; 2009-2012)
 - Intermediate PTF (2013-2016)
 - 2013: ZTF proposed for MSIP (& success!)
 - 2017: Three-year survey expected to start in ~November



Two views of ZTF

- ZTF as a stepping stone to LSST in the field of TDA (variability & transients)
 - “pre-cursor” survey(s)
 - introduce TDA methodology to the wider US community
 - use experience to guide development of tools
 - cf. LSST begins routine survey in 2022
- ZTF is a PI-led science project
 - Surveys address a broad range of both stellar & extragalactic astronomy
 - Initial surveys are now defined (more later)

ZTF: Public-private partnership

- Private
 - NCU-Taiwan, WIS-Israel, OKC-Sweden, DESY-Germany, UMd-College Park, UW-Milwaukee, UW-Seattle & Caltech
- Public (NSFI, MSIP grant)
 - Principal Investigator: S. R. Kulkarni
 - Project Scientist: Eric Bellm
 - Co-Is:
 - R. Dekany (Project Manager)
 - G. Helou (IPAC Data Center)
 - T. Prince (Galactic Plane, Solar System)
 - B. Penprase (EPO)

Resources, Data Center & CSAC

- Allocation of resources (P48)
 - 40% MSIP, 40% Partnership, 20% Caltech
- IPAC serves as the Data Center for all ZTF data
- Community Science Advisory Committee
 - Ridgway (Chair), Agueros, Boroson, Frail, Gehrels, Juric, Kollmeir, Pinsonneault, Shafter, Szkody
- Visit
http://www.ptf.caltech.edu/page/ztf_msip



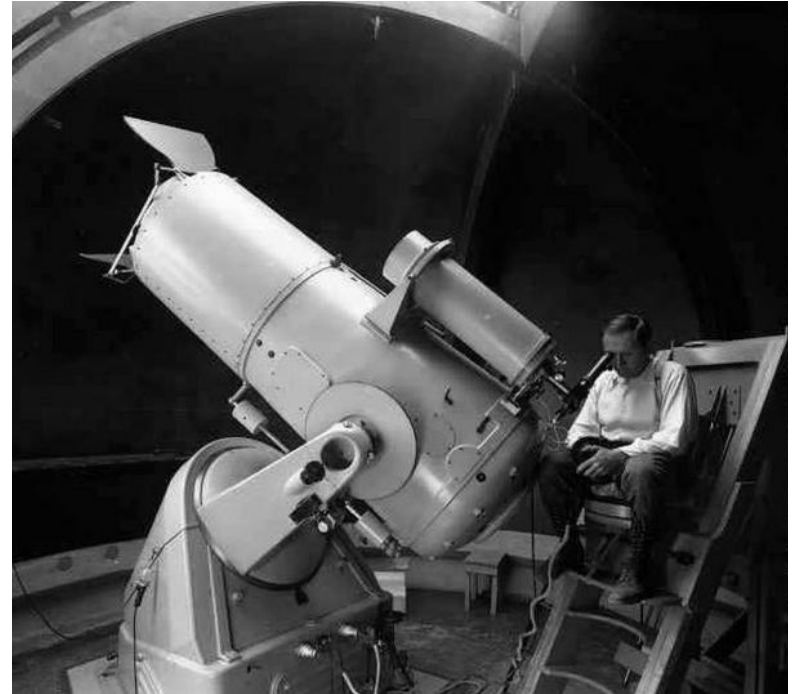
ZWICKY TRANSIENT FACILITY

S. Kulkarni

PI

E. Bellm

Project Scientist



Caltech



II. WELCOME BY STEPHEN RIDGWAY

| The ZTF Community Science Advisory Committee | |
|--|-------------------|
| Steve Ridgway (Chair) | Mario Juric |
| Marcel Agueros | Juna Kollmeier |
| Todd Boroson | Marc Pinsonneault |
| Dale Frail | Allen Shafter |
| Neil Gehrels | Paula Szkody |

| Today's Agenda and Schedule | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| 1:05 | Stats, Status, and Schedule [Eric; 20 minutes + 10 minutes discussion] |
| 1:35 | Public Surveys [Shri: 25+10 minutes] |
| 2:10 | Planned Public Data Products [Eric; 10 + 15] |
| 2:35 | Concerns & Opportunities [Shri; 15 + 10] |
| 3:00 | Refreshments [30 minutes] |
| 3:30 | Open Discussion [Ridgway; 30 minutes] |
| 4:00 | Demonstration & Early Peek at ZTF Data Center [Eric; 20 minutes] |
| 4:20 | Optional: self-organized breakout discussions (meet ZTF team members to explore collaborations or understand opportunities) [all; remaining period] |

http://www.ptf.caltech.edu/page/ztf_msip

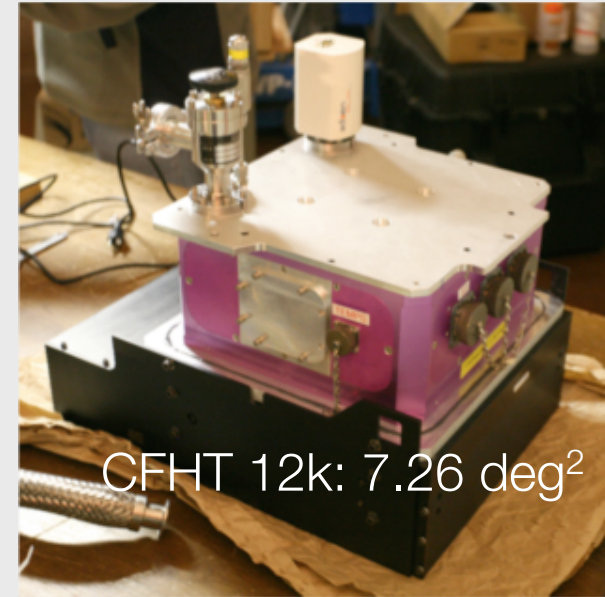
III. ZTF STATS, STATUS, AND SCHEDULE: ERIC BELLM

The PTF survey family has three phases.

PTF *yesterday*

The Palomar Transient Factory
(2009-2012)

General synoptic transient survey



CFHT 12k: 7.26 deg²

178+ papers, 6100+ citations

iPTF *today*

Intermediate Palomar Transient Factory
(2013-2017)

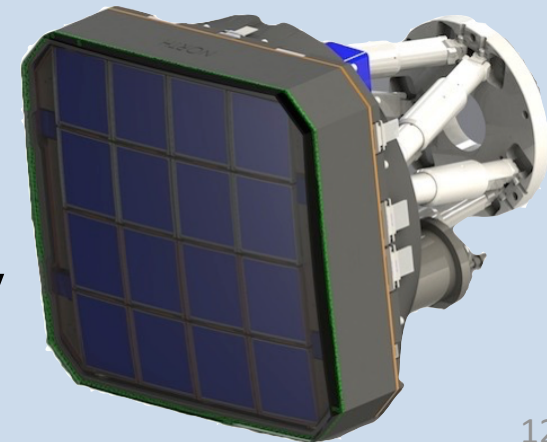
Focused mini-surveys

ZTF *tomorrow*

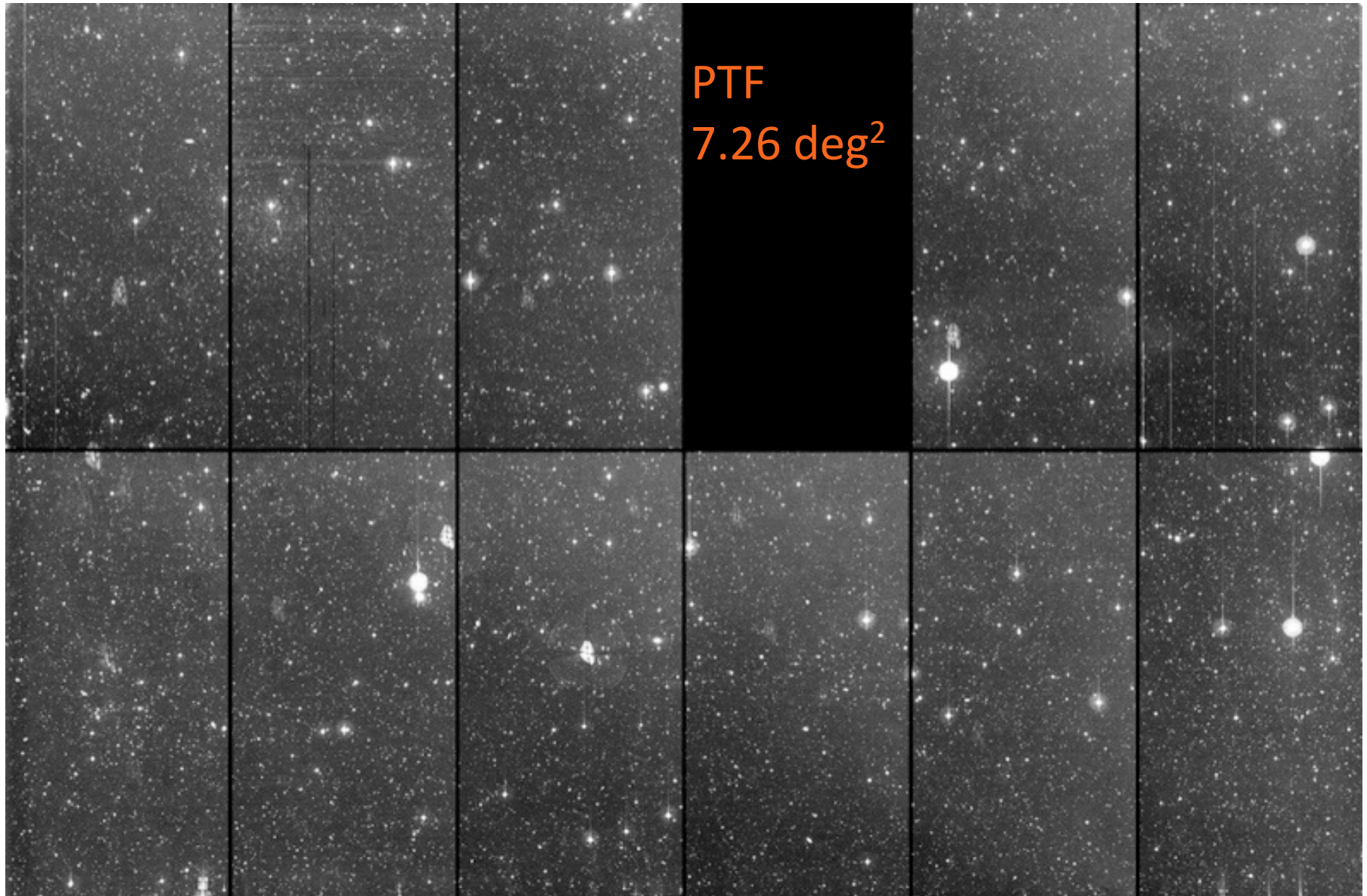
The Zwicky Transient Facility
(2017-2020)

High-cadence, wide-area survey

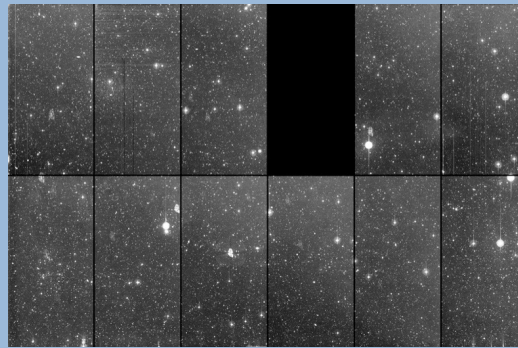
new 47 deg²
camera



ZTF's new camera will fill the P48 focal plane.

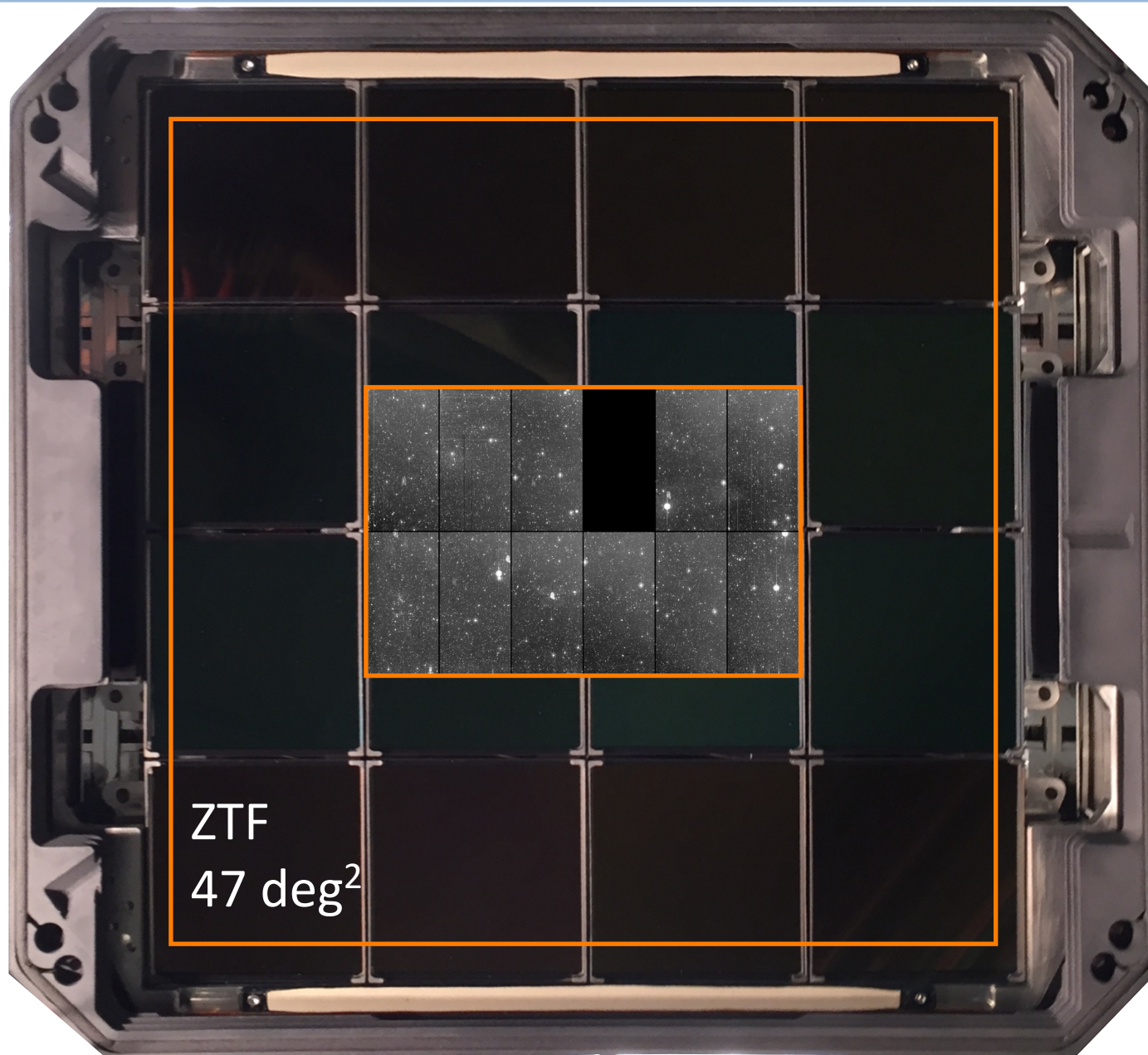


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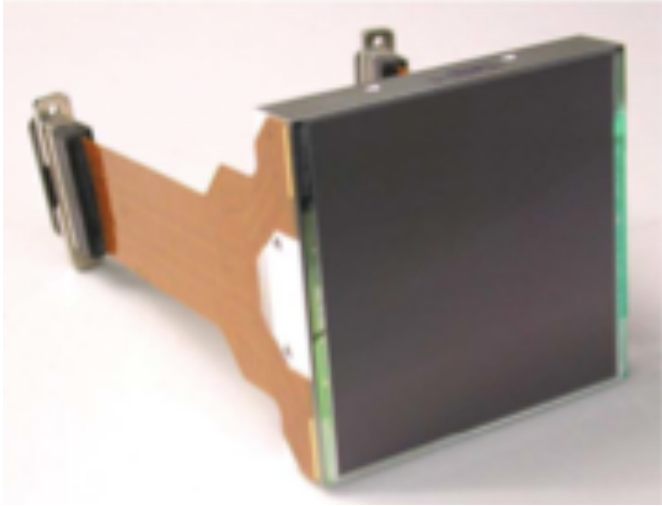
POSS plates
43.6 deg²

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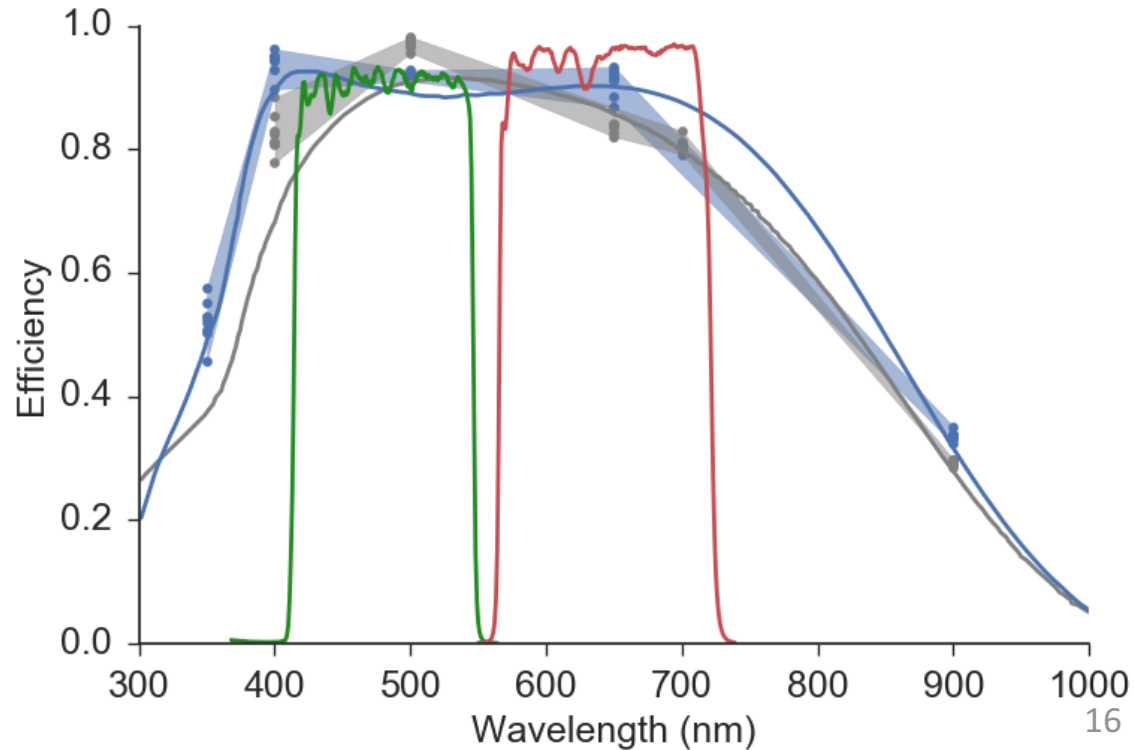


ZTF
47 deg²

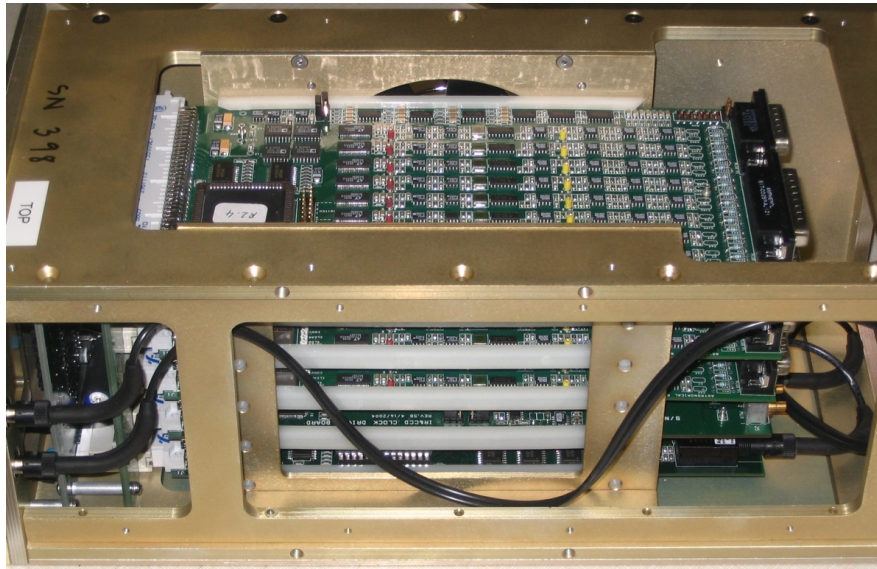
Affordable wafer-scale CCDs make ZTF possible.



| e2v | |
|-------------|--------------|
| dimension | 9.2 x 9.2 cm |
| pixels | 6.1k x 6.1k |
| pixel size | 15 micron |
| pixel scale | 1"/pixel |
| outputs | 4 |

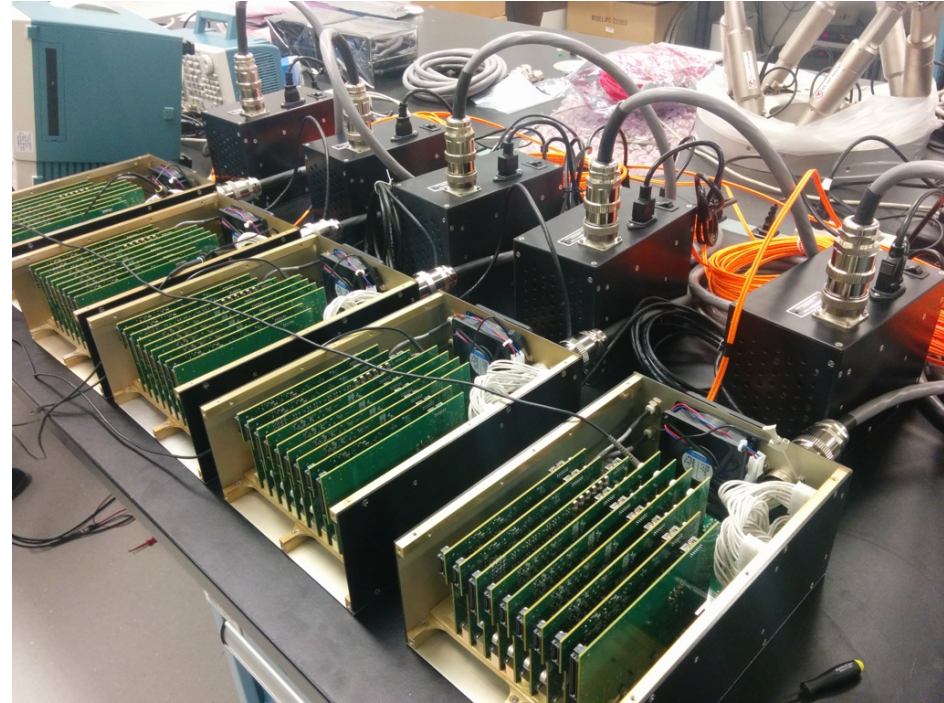


Moore's Law reduces overhead.



PTF

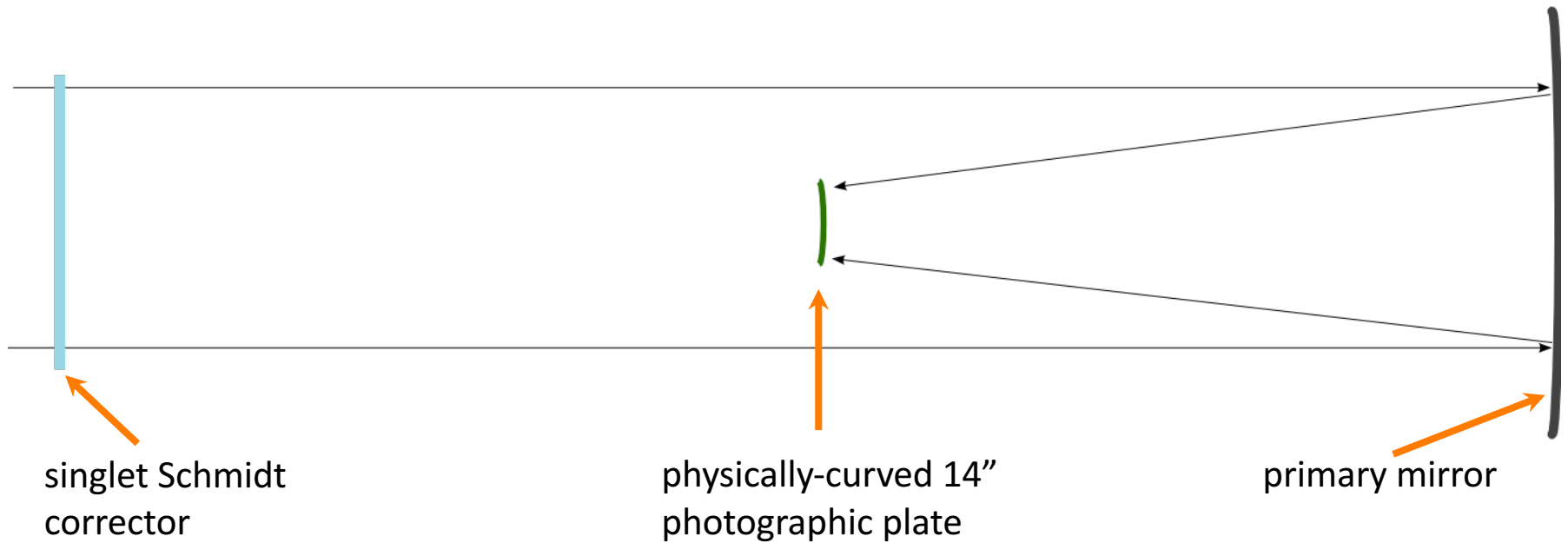
2000-era Leach Gen-II controller
36 second readout of 96 Mpx



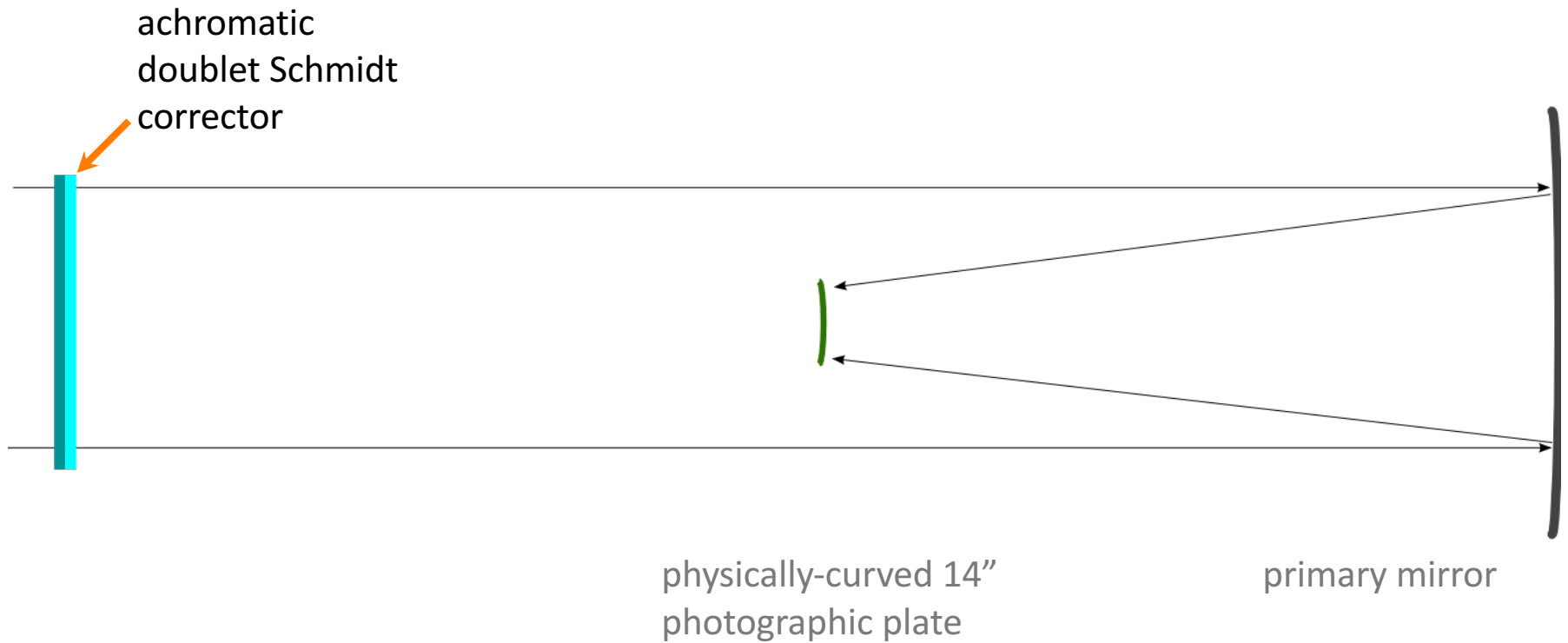
ZTF

modern STA Archon controller
10 second readout of 576 Mpx

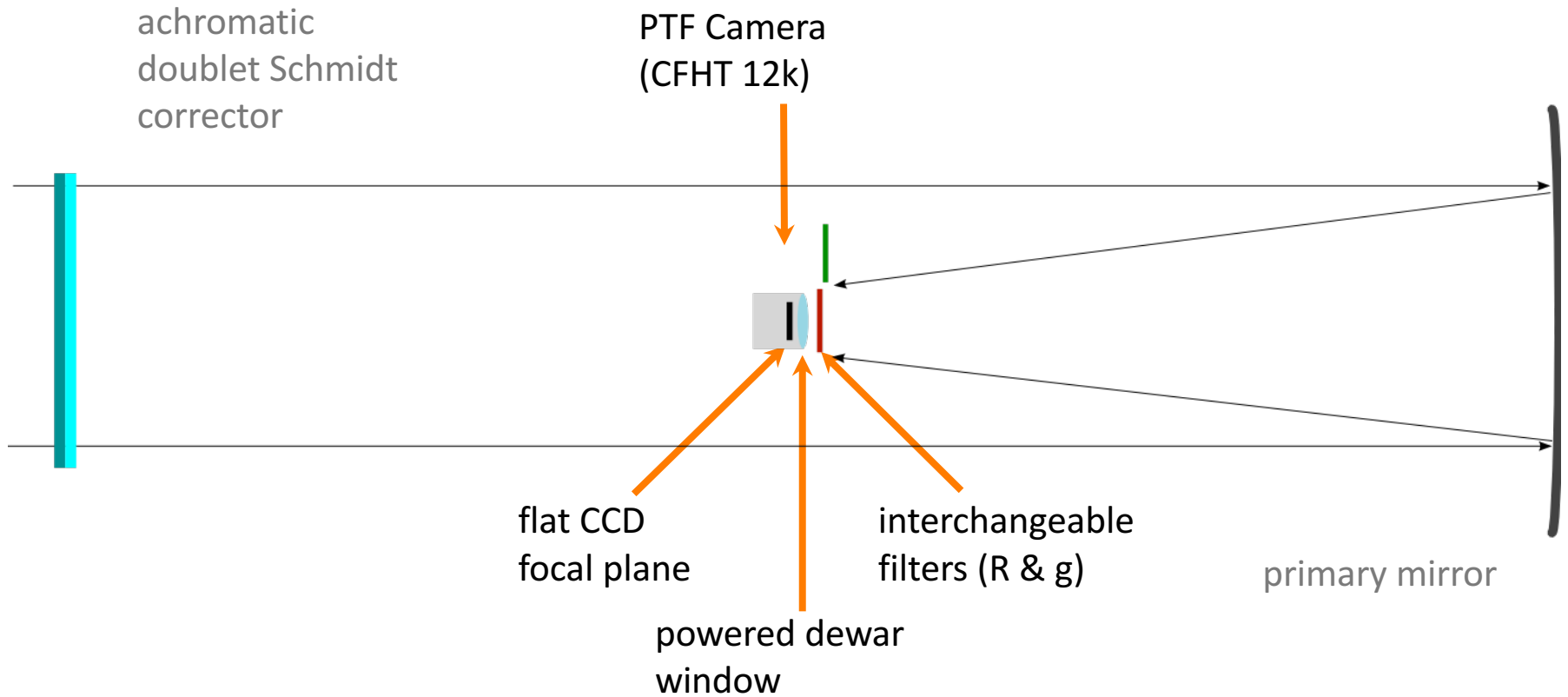
P48 used a basic Schmidt configuration for the first Palomar Sky Survey.



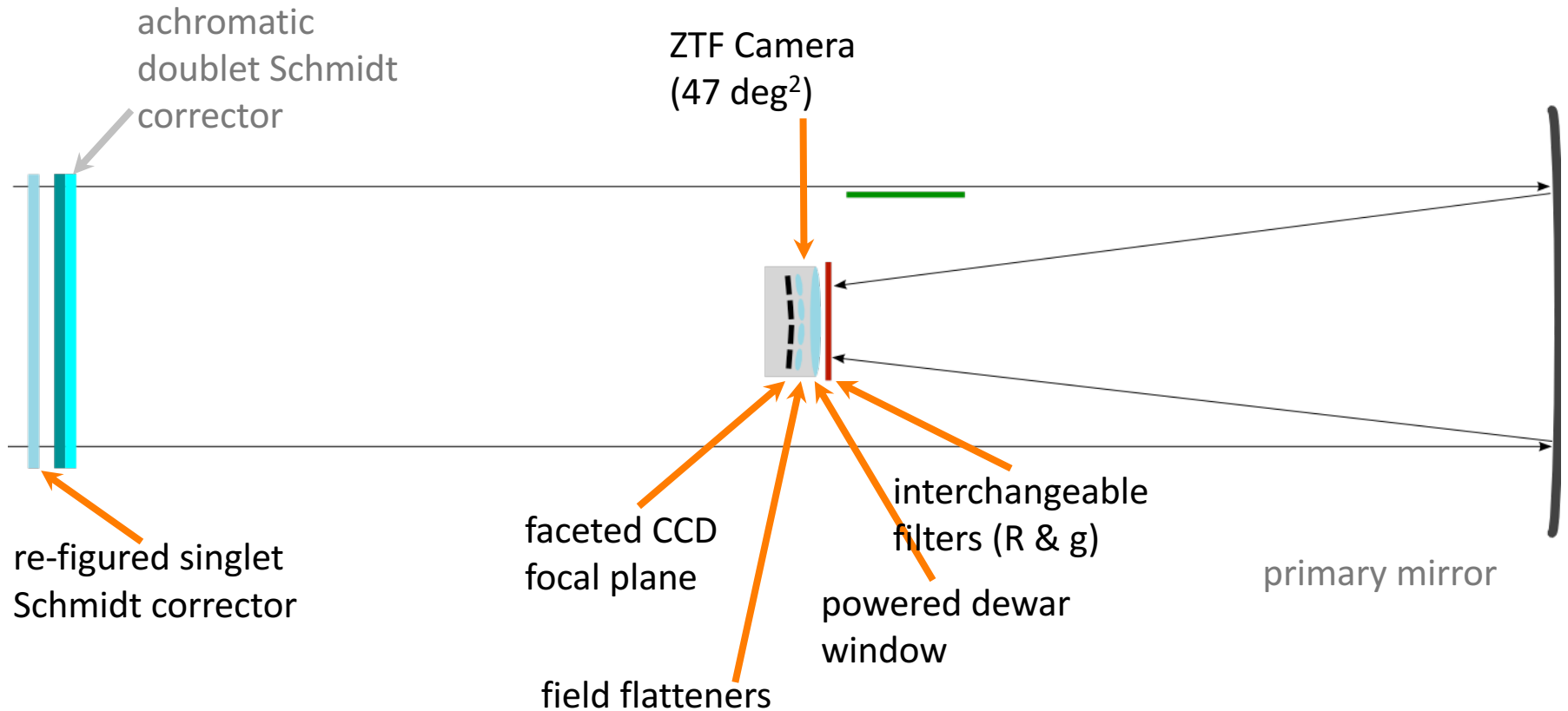
The second Sky Survey added a doublet corrector.



PTF replaced the plates with a CCD camera.

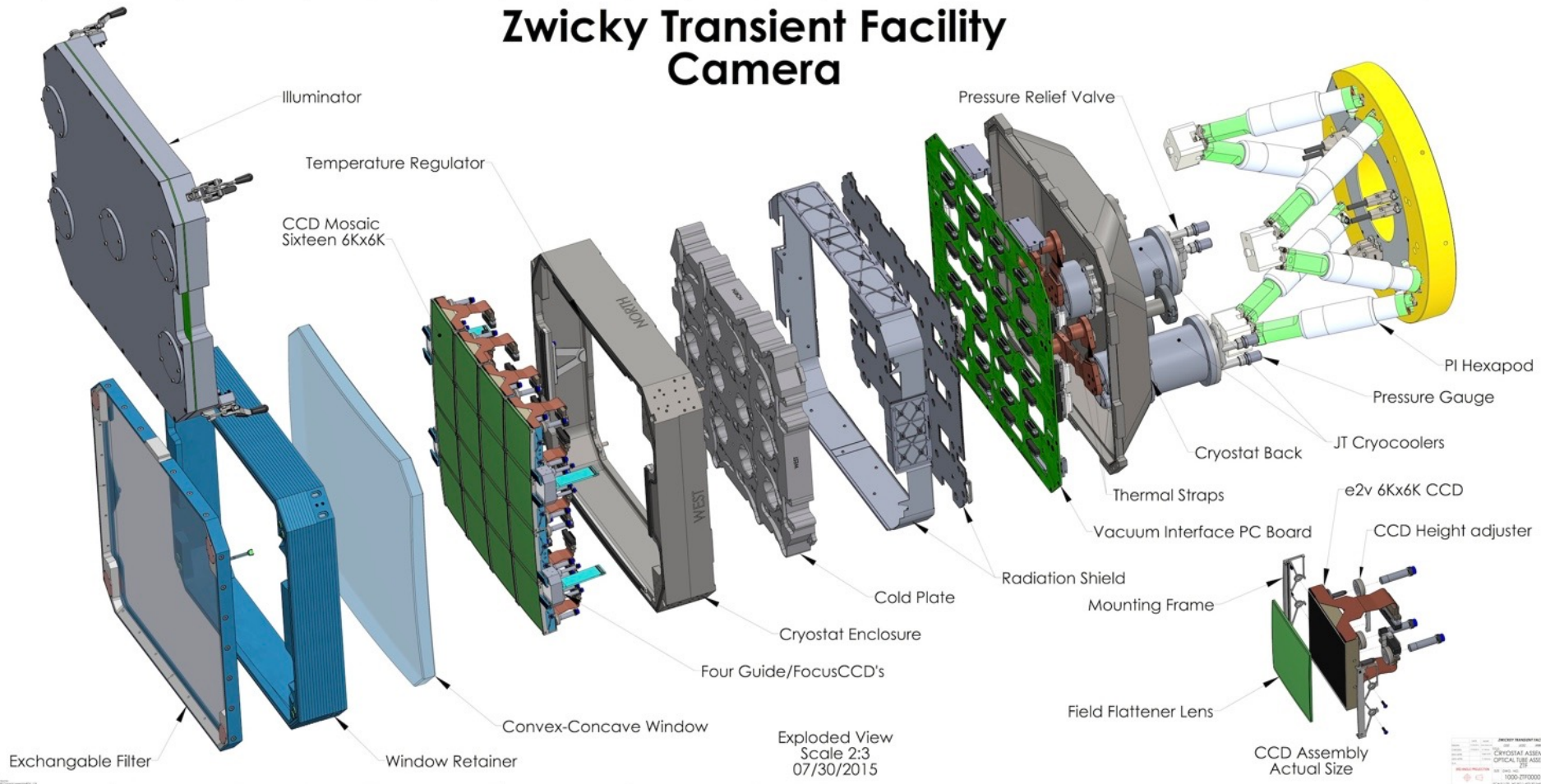


New optics enable ZTF's unprecedented field of view.



*camera & filter optics fabricated;
corrector plate in production*

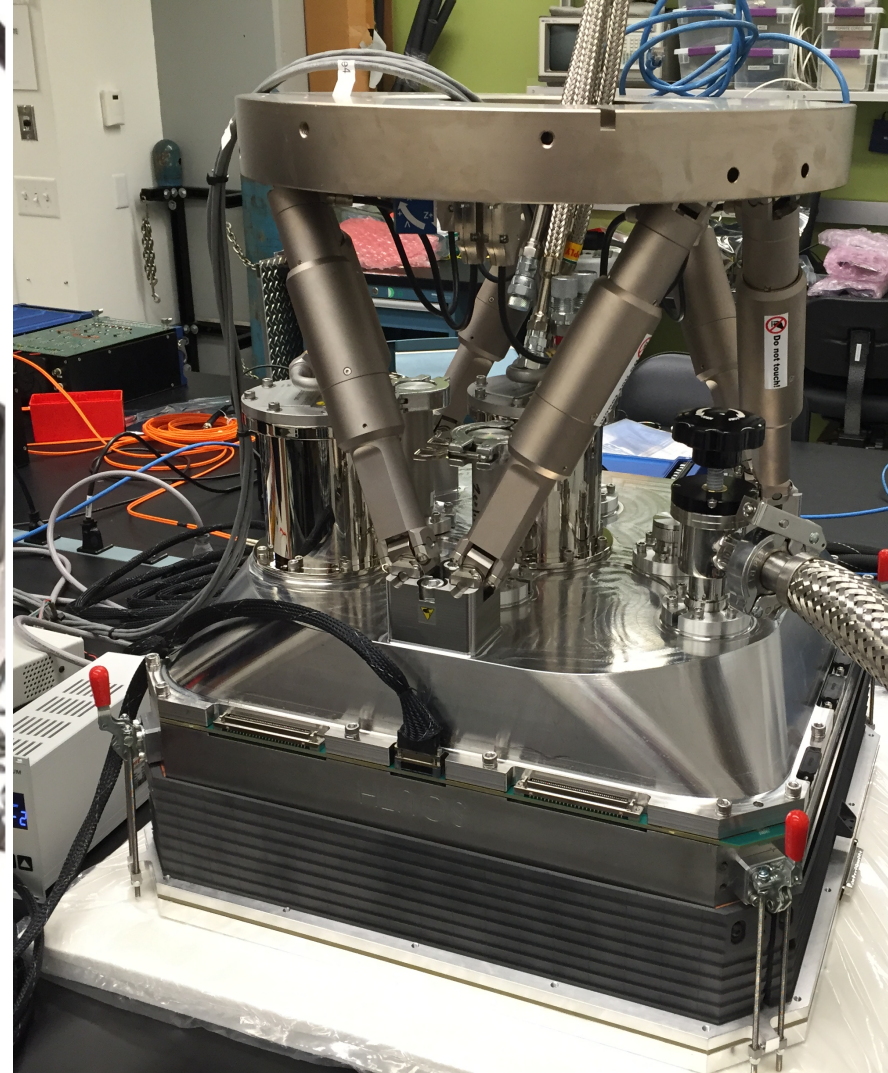
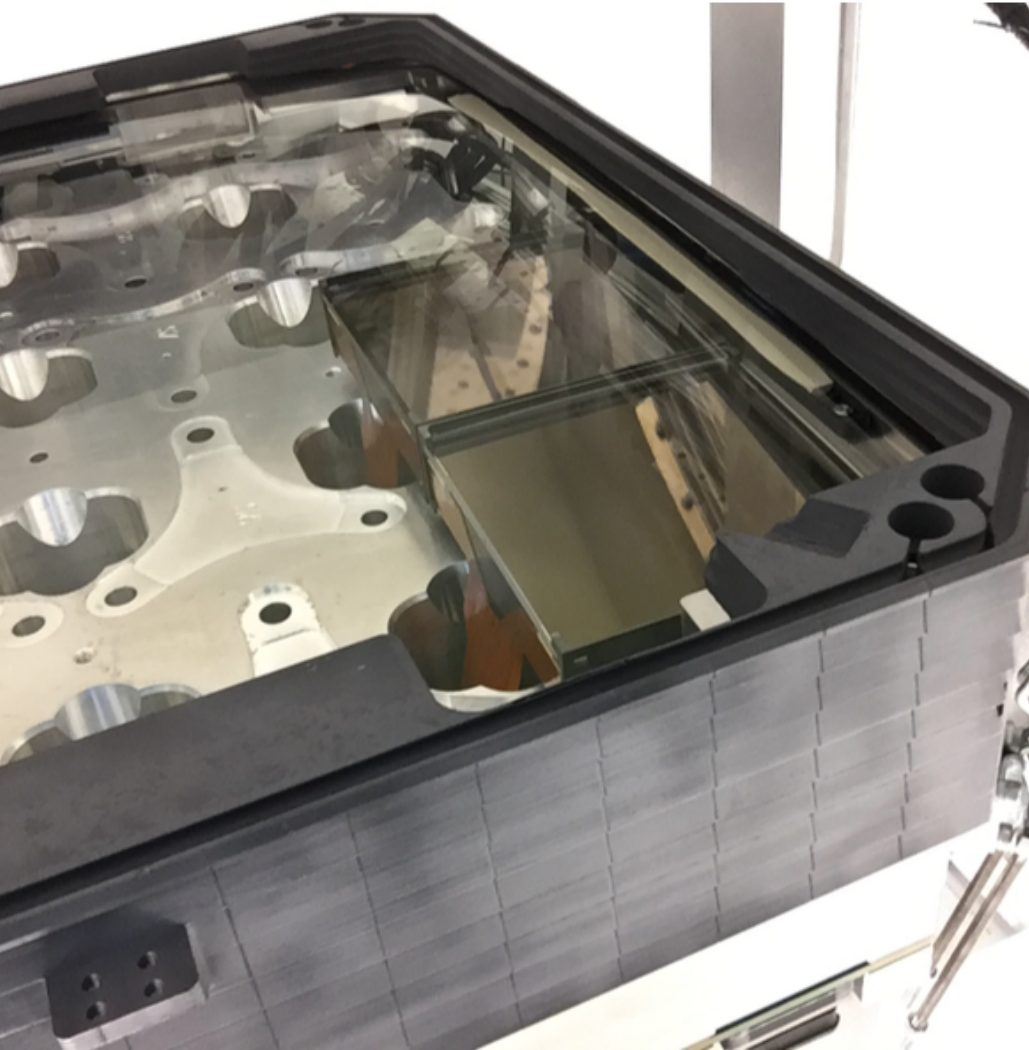
The ZTF cryostat is compact.



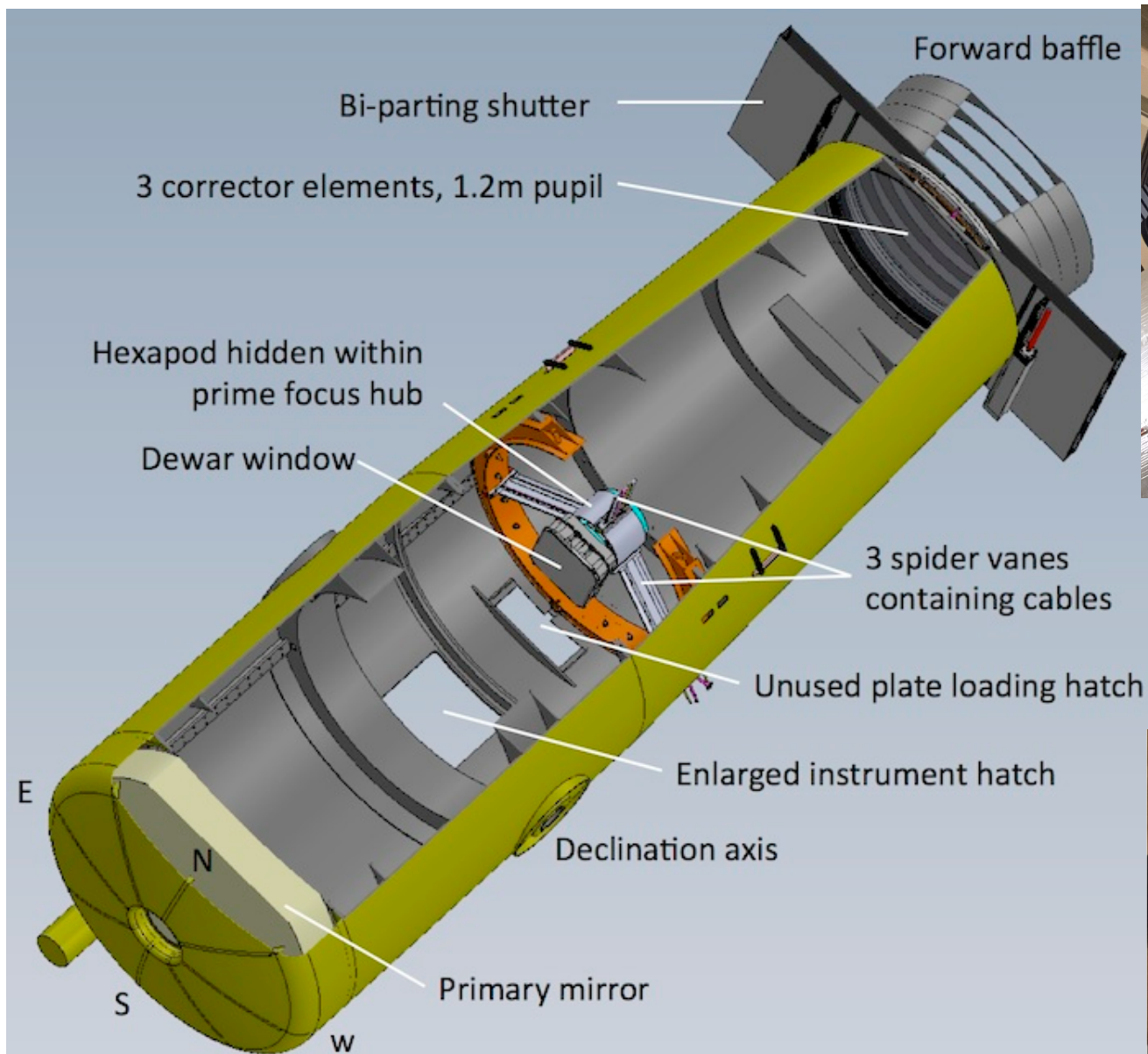
*CCDs loaded,
full system testing in progress*

conceptual design: LBNL
detailed design: Caltech

CCD installation is complete and testing is in progress.



P48 upgrades will ensure robust operation.

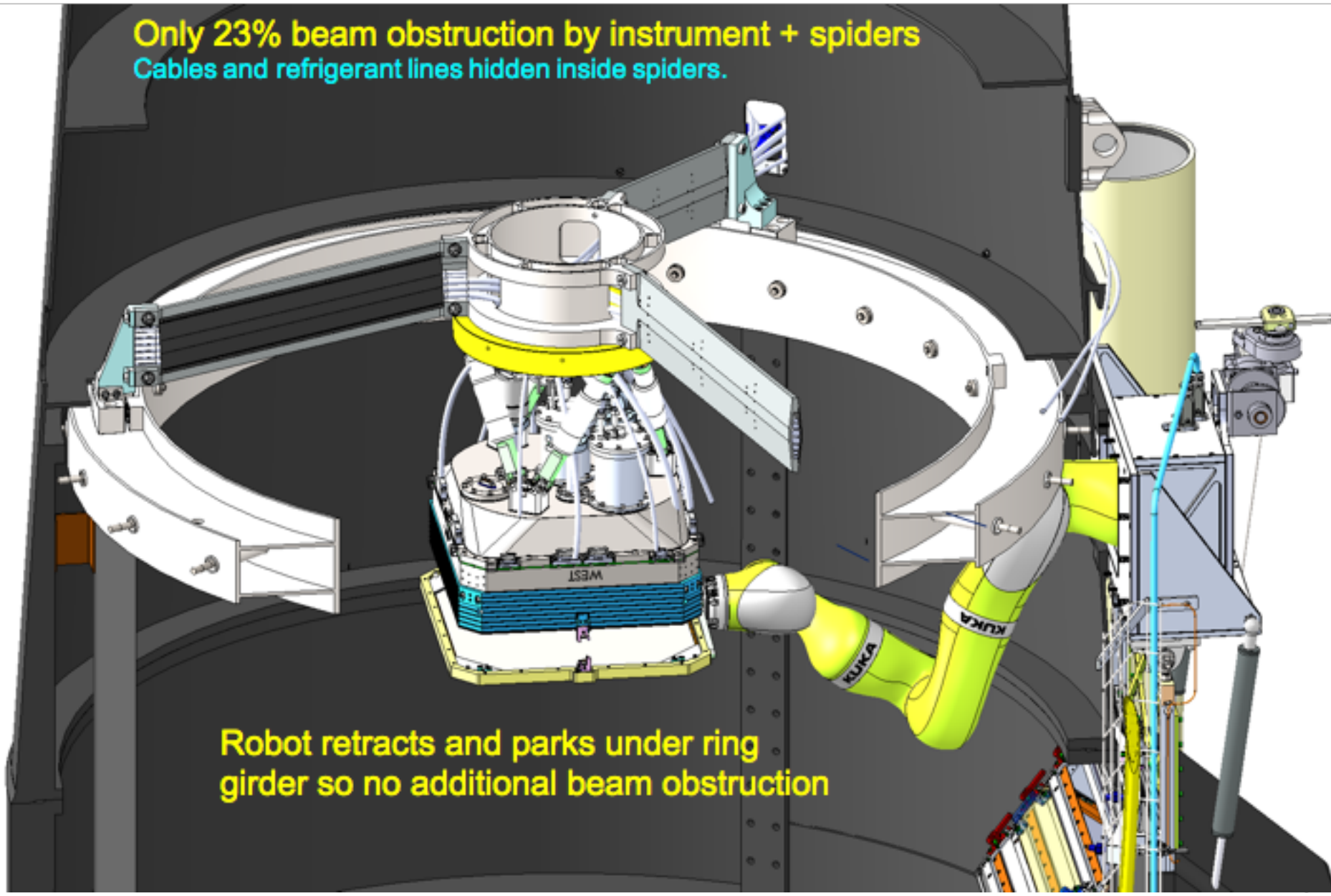


new Bonn shutter mounted on P48; new drive motors



ZTF will use a commercial robotic arm to exchange filters.

Only 23% beam obstruction by instrument + spiders
Cables and refrigerant lines hidden inside spiders.



Robot retracts and parks under ring girder so no additional beam obstruction

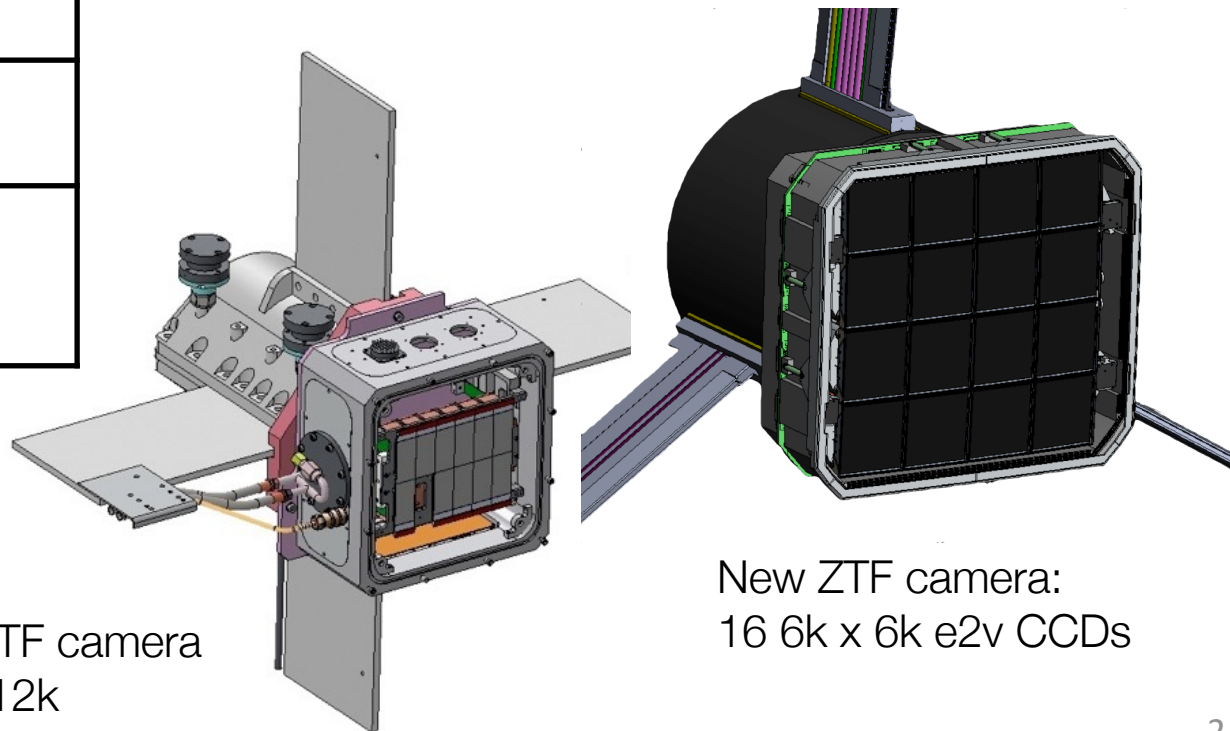
ZTF will survey an order of magnitude faster than PTF.

| | PTF | ZTF |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Active Area | 7.26 deg ² | 47 deg ² |
| Overhead Time | 46 sec | <15 sec |
| Optimal Exposure Time | 60 sec | 30 sec |
| Relative Areal Survey Rate | 1x | 15.0x |
| Relative Volumetric Survey Rate | 1x | 12.3x |

3750 deg²/hour

⇒ 3π survey in 8 hours

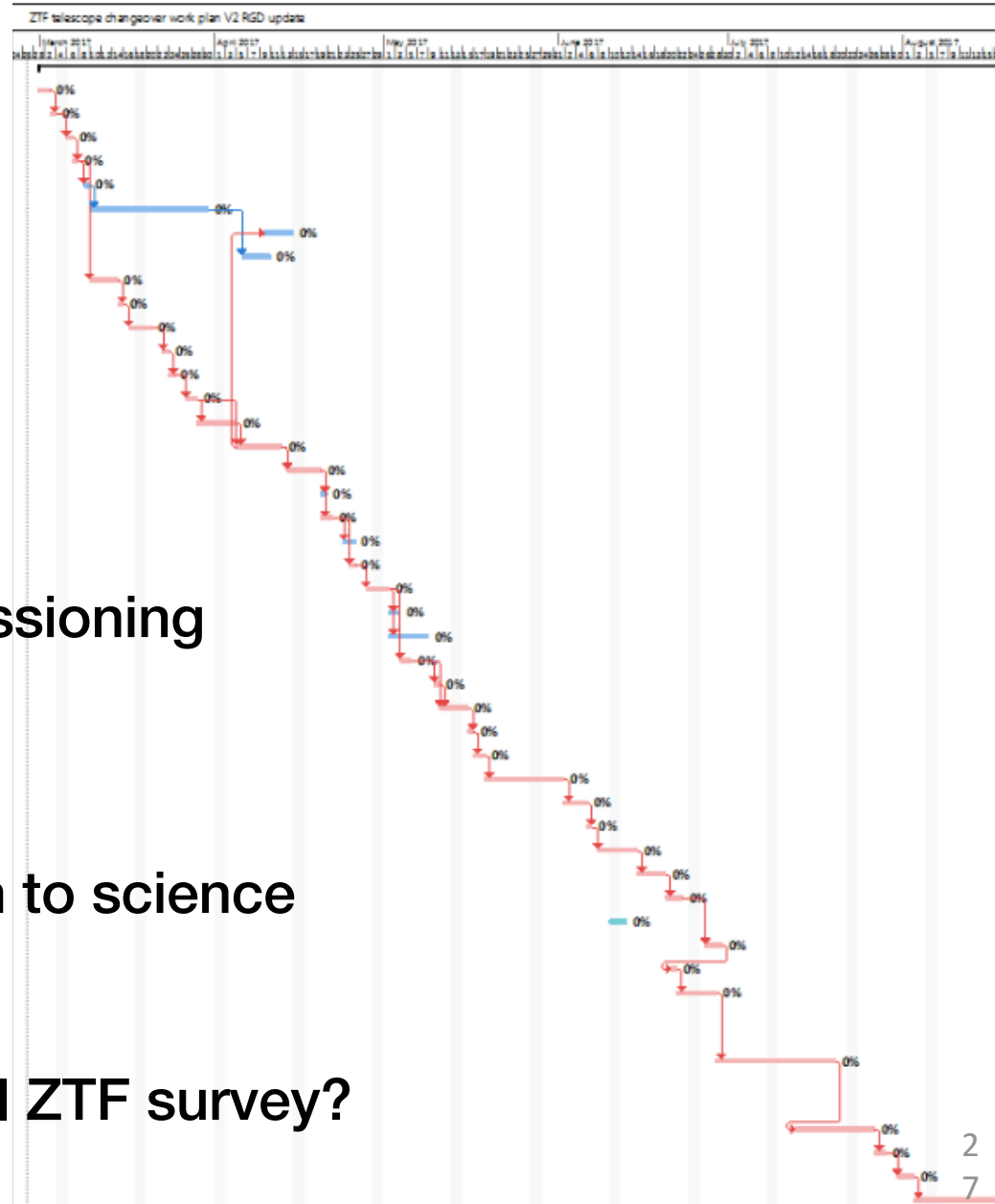
>250 observations/field/year
for uniform survey



Existing PTF camera
MOSAIC 12k

New ZTF camera:
16 6k x 6k e2v CCDs

ZTF goes on sky in 2017.



March 1, 2017: iPTF decommissioning

~July 20: estimated first light

~Sept. 15: estimated transition to science commissioning

~Nov. 1, 2017: beginning of full ZTF survey?

The Amazing ZTF Development Team

Observing System - Caltech

- Roger Smith – Observing System Lead
- Richard Dekany – Project Manager
- Eric Bellm – Project Scientist
- Justin Belicki – Electronics
- John Cromer – Instrument Software
- Alex Delacroix – Cryo & FPA Mechanical
- Gina Duggan – FPA Metrology
- Michael Feeney – Cryo & P48 Mechanical
- David Hale – Camera & Filter Exchanger Software
- Steve Kaye – VIB & Detector Testing
- Thomas Kupfer – Ops Planning
- Peter Mao – Detector Test Automation
- Jennifer Milburn – Autoguider Software
- Patrick Murphy – Electronics & Cryo
- Reston Nash – Exchanger Mechanical
- Michael Porter – Filter Exchanger Lead
- Dan Reiley – Optics Lead
- Reed Riddle – Software Lead
- James Wincentzen – ZTF Documentation

- Jeff Zolkower – P48 Chief Engineer
- Bruce Baker – P48 Supervisor
- Tom Barlow – P48 Operations
- John Henning – P48 TCS
- Dan McKenna – P48 Telescope Engineering
- Victor Tapia – P48 Engineering
- Richard Walters – P48 Operations

Observing System - DESY

- Klaus Reif – Shutter Lead
- Philipp Mueller – Systems Engineering
- Martin Polder - Mechanical

Data System

- Frank Masci – Data System Lead
- Ron Beck – Pipeline Operations
- Lee Bennett – Systems Engineering
- Imel David – IPAC Manager
- Steve Groom – Archive Architect
- George Helou – IPAC Director
- Ed Jackson – Database Mngt
- Russ Laher – Pipeline Infrastructure; Ingest; Test
- Ben Rusholme – Data xfre; Pipeline; Config. Mngt
- David Shupe – Source Matching; Astrometry
- Jason Surace – Image Simulation; Data Analysis
- Lin Yan – Marshal Planning & Summer School

Education and Public Outreach

- Andy Boden – E/PO Lead and HPWREN
- Bryan Penprase – Undergraduate Education

Shri Kulkarni, Principal Investigator & Eric Bellm, Project Scientist

**IV. ZTF PUBLIC SURVEYS: S.
KULKARNI**

MSIP Survey

- Celestial Cinematography (CC)
 - cover large fraction of night sky every 3 nights (15 kilo deg²)
 - g & R separated by ~ 1 hour
- Galactic Plane Sweep (GPS)
 - g & R every night, +/- 6° along the Galactic equator
- At the end of first 12 months of routine survey (~early 2019):
 - By this time data from commissioning and early survey will be available to the community
 - Performance of image differencing and Galactic Plane photometry will be better understood
- Review the status of TDA field, devise new surveys, consult CSAC & ZTF Board and put in effect new surveys

Celestial Cinematography: Exemplars

- Local Volume Supernova Survey
- A complete census of Tidal Disruption Events
- Low redshift Super-luminous supernovae (& star formation history)
- Merger events in the local Universe
- Precision Type Ia cosmology for $z < 0.12$
 - Largest errors at lowest redshift!

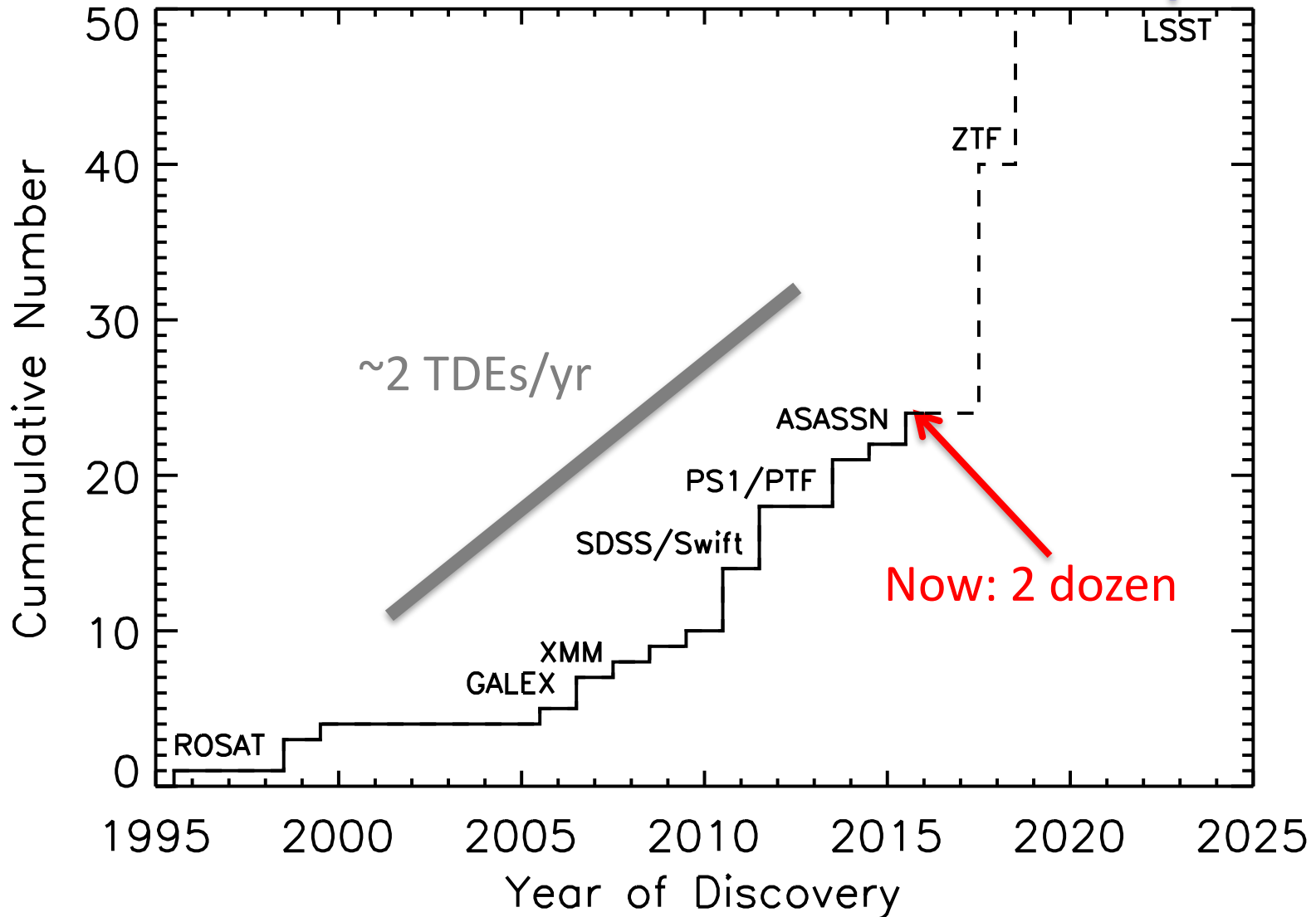
Suvi Gezari

(University of Maryland)

TDE SCIENCE WITH ZTF MSIP

Rate of TDE Discovery

Future:
thousands?



ZTF is a Game Changer for TDE Science

- ZTF will be the first survey to provide a **statistical** sample of TDEs
- This sample of 20 TDEs per year will enable:
 - studies of rates as a function of host galaxy properties and redshift
 - well-sampled light curves (on the rise to peak) to be used to probe black hole masses in normal (inactive) galaxies
 - The search for rare events like TDEs around IMBHs, spinning SMBHs, binary SMBHs, recoiling SMBHs

*With a systematic study of nuclear transients, **expect to detect unexpected phenomena associated with SMBHs!***

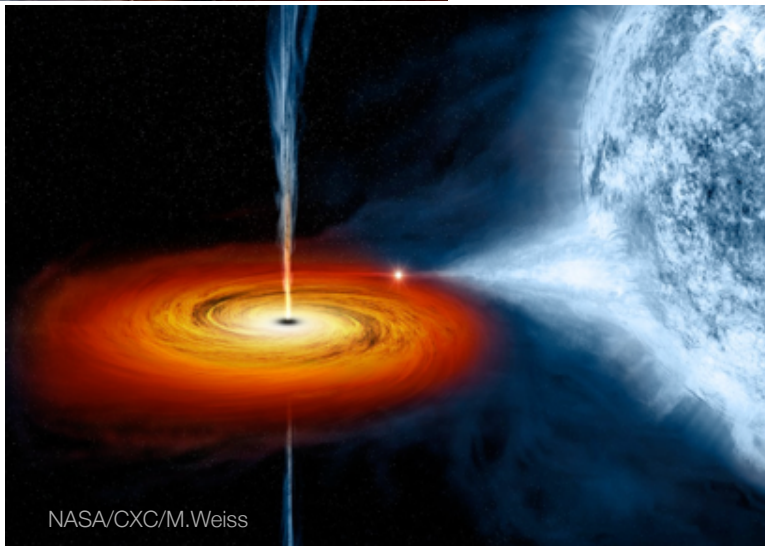
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(Caltech)

GALACTIC PLANE SURVEY

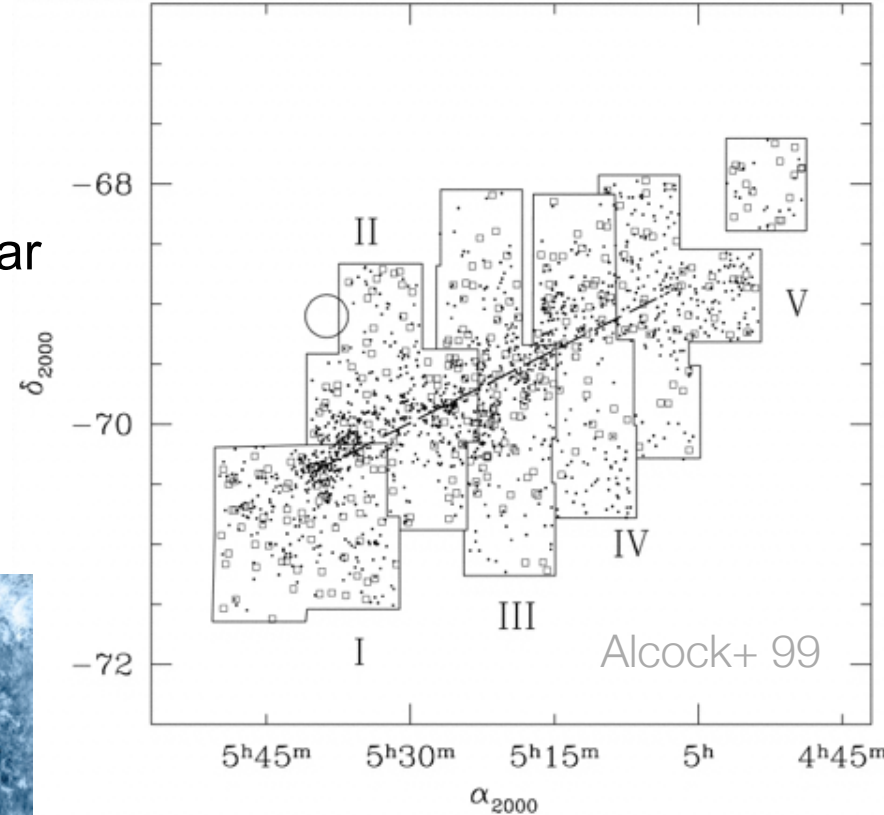
Variability studies in the Galaxy opens new science



Understand accretion in Young Stellar Objects



Find rare compact binaries

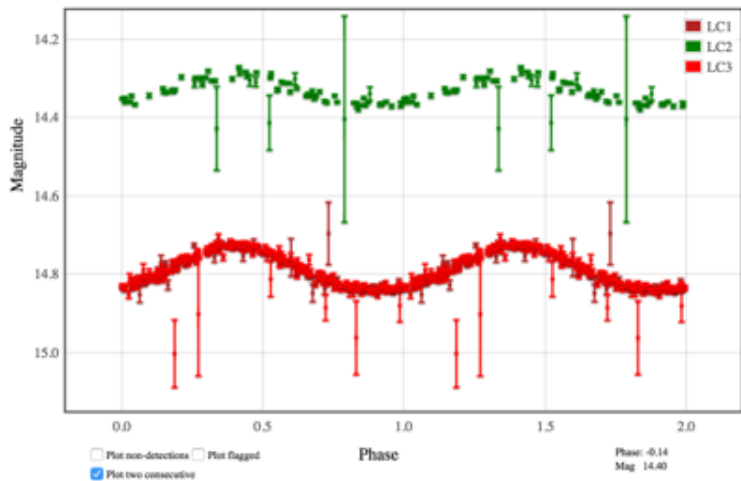


Trace Galactic Structure with Pulsating Variables

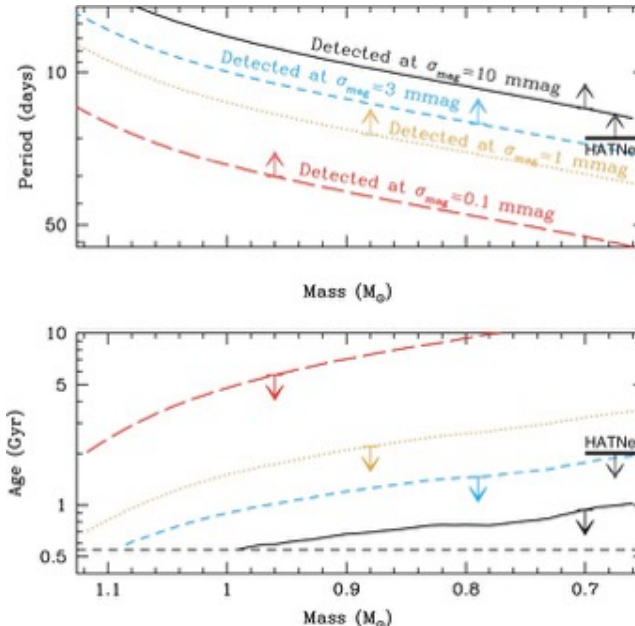
plus: gyrochronology, microlensing, M dwarf flares, rare stellar variables...

Variables in the Galactic Plane

- Galactic Plane generates more attention (e.g. PanSTARRS, Gaia, EGAPS)
 - However, time domain variability data in the Galactic Plane limited
- For the first time, ZTF will provide about >150 in g+r per year in the Plane
- This will allow to discover a large number of periodic/aperiodic variable objects with periods of hours up to months/years e.g.
 - Census of variable stars in the Galaxy (binary evolution)
 - Gyrochronology: Rotation periods of stars
 - Long period variables (e.g. Cepheids)
- g+r will allow for to search for color dependent variability (e.g. reflection effect)



Reflection effect binary star

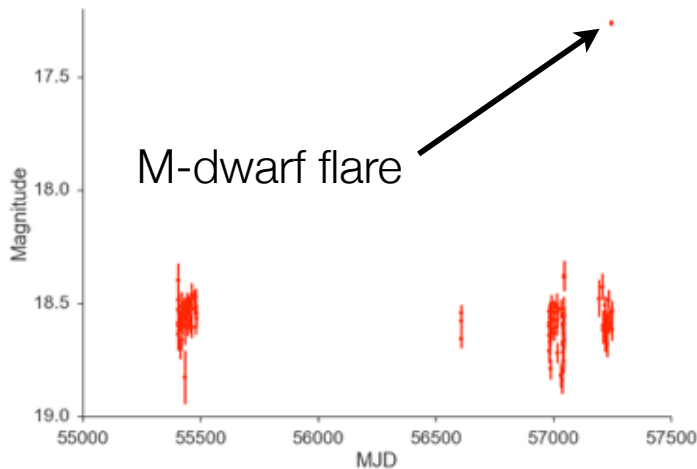


Gyrochronology:

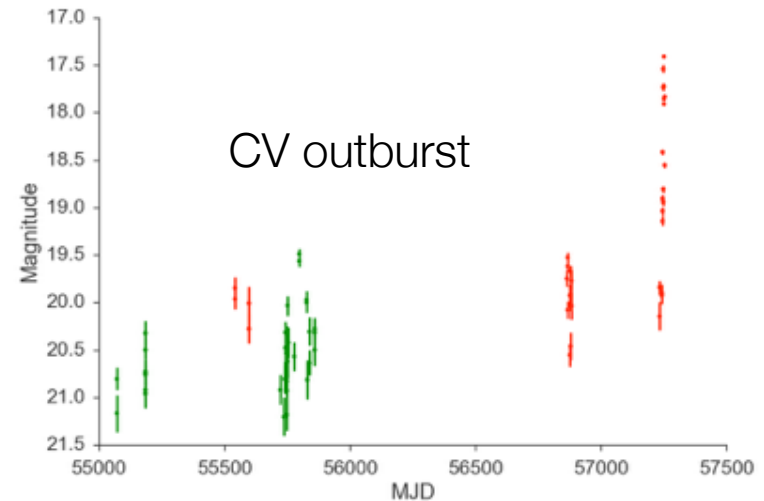
ZTF period measurements of < 1.5 Gyr dwarfs will refine period/age relationships in clusters, test theories of disk migration dynamics

Transients in the Galactic Plane

- Typical Galactic transients are dwarf novae, flaring stars
 - last for hours - days
- With a nightly g+r survey in the Galactic Plane we will be able to detect every individual transient in the Plane
 - Possibility to find rare events, e.g. stellar mergers, Galactic Novae, common envelope events
 - g+r allows for immediate identification by colors
 - dwarf novae, flaring stars are blue
 - stellar mergers, common envelope events are red



Flare star discovered by iPTF



Dwarf novae discovered by iPTF

**V. ZTF PUBLIC DATA PRODUCTS: E.
BELLM**

MSIP funding provides access to PTF, iPTF, & ZTF data.

Raw and processed images

PSF and aperture catalogs

Relative-photometry-corrected lightcurves from catalogs

Image difference alerts from public surveys

Summer schools

IRSA provides access to PTF, iPTF, and ZTF data.

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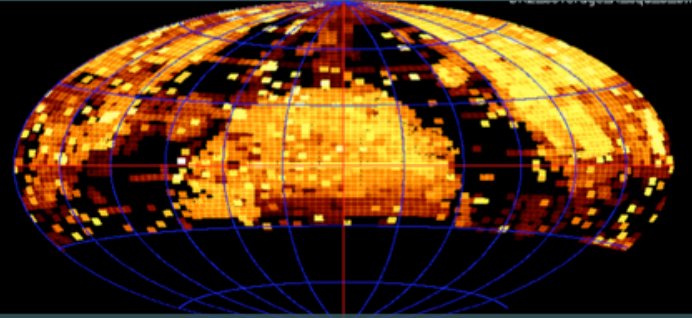
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Search by Position

Image Searches

- [Search by Position](#)
- [Search by PTF Field ID](#)
- [Solar System Object/Orbit](#)

Single Object Multi-Object


Name or Position:

Try NED then Simbad 


Examples: 'm81' 'ngc 13' '12.34 34.89' '46.53, -0.251 gal'
'19h17m32s 11d58m02s equ j2000' '12.3, 8.5 b1950'

Example for PTF name resolver: 10fq5, 09ab


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Arc Seconds 

Return Image Size (leave blank for full images):

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| 133373 | 2010-12-08 08:02:08.880000 | 12.1545740 | 35.7637072 | R | 5 | 4192 | 2.15 | 1.83 | 0.07 |
| 133206 | 2010-12-08 08:12:43.581000 | 12.4670135 | 35.1519269 | R | 0 | 4193 | 2.01 | 1.78 | 0.07 |
| 272195 | 2012-08-30 05:26:12.429000 | 12.1545949 | 35.7635436 | R | 5 | 4192 | 2.08 | 1.71 | 0.98 |
| 272237 | 2012-08-30 07:26:31.179000 | 12.1545554 | 35.7633115 | R | 5 | 4192 | 1.81 | 1.16 | 0.98 |
| 280035 | 2012-09-27 05:37:02.374000 | 12.1546232 | 35.7635659 | R | 5 | 4192 | 3.19 | 1.16 | 0.91 |
| 280062 | 2012-09-27 06:31:50.125000 | 12.1546182 | 35.7635398 | R | 5 | 4192 | 2.30 | 1.06 | 0.92 |
| 280089 | 2012-09-27 07:23:50.975000 | 12.1546224 | 35.7633763 | R | 5 | 4192 | 1.78 | 1.01 | 0.92 |
| 281873 | 2012-10-03 03:20:59.324000 | 12.5143447 | 35.4675562 | R | 0 | 4193 | 1.99 | 1.78 | -0.92 |
| 282281 | 2012-10-04 05:57:10.125000 | 12.1546044 | 35.7634539 | R | 5 | 4192 | 1.96 | 1.07 | -0.85 |
| 282299 | 2012-10-04 06:44:08.874000 | 12.1546199 | 35.7634478 | R | 5 | 4192 | 2.51 | 1.02 | -0.85 |
| 282318 | 2012-10-04 07:31:42.575000 | 12.1546281 | 35.7635623 | R | 5 | 4192 | 1.78 | 1.00 | -0.85 |
| 283132 | 2012-10-06 11:02:05.425000 | 12.1546302 | 35.7634137 | R | 5 | 4192 | 1.87 | 1.39 | -0.67 |
| 283155 | 2012-10-06 11:57:17.025000 | 12.1546516 | 35.7633355 | R | 5 | 4192 | 1.92 | 1.74 | -0.67 |
| 283173 | 2012-10-06 12:44:27.025000 | 12.1546101 | 35.7634401 | R | 5 | 4192 | 2.33 | 2.27 | -0.67 |
| 283172 | 2012-10-06 12:46:03.475000 | 12.5143592 | 35.4674899 | R | 0 | 4193 | 2.37 | 2.06 | -0.67 |
| 283886 | 2012-10-09 02:56:41.974000 | 12.1546307 | 35.7634747 | G | 5 | 4192 | 2.37 | 1.65 | -0.42 |
| 283883 | 2012-10-09 02:58:19.175000 | 12.5749970 | 35.4197868 | G | 0 | 4193 | 2.44 | 1.77 | -0.42 |

Image Preview Coverage Details

PTF Image 1x

Starting with PTF DR3 and continuing with ZTF, IRSA is providing a lightcurve query service.

PTF Lightcurve Table

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SPATIAL CONSTRAINTS

[Coordinate or
Object Name:](#)

Examples:

[NGC6240](#) | [312.333629 -1.078686](#) | [20h 48m 33.35s -01d 05m 19.2s](#) |
[46.44424 -26.44446 ga](#)

Search Method (choose one):

[Cone:](#)

Radius Axial Ratio
($0 < \text{Radius} \leq 30$ arcsec)

[Box:](#)

Size: arcsec
($0 < \text{Size} \leq 60$)

[Polygon:](#)

Vertices:

see <http://www.ptf.caltech.edu/page/lcdb>

Starting with PTF DR3 and continuing with ZTF, IRSA is providing a lightcurve query service.

Catalog Search Result for PTF Lightcurve Table

| Object/Coordinate | Source | Type | Glon | Glat | Equatorial J2000 |
|----------------------|------------|------|----------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| 312.333629 -1.078686 | Coordinate | | 46.34431 | -26.51339 | 20h 49m 20.07s -01d 04m 43.3s |

Cone Search Constraints: No 33 sources found.

Coverage 6.2x

Rubber band zoom/select/filter — click and drag to select an area. ?

[Result IPAC Table](#)
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| obsmjd (days) | mag_autocorr (mag) | magerr_auto (mag) | oid | ra (degrees) | dec (degrees) | clon | clat | |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---|
| 55443.199827200 | 17.172 | 0.028 | 2683200000900 | 312.3336470 | -1.0786560 | 20h49m20.08s | -01d04m43.16s | 2 |
| 55443.155617200 | 17.236 | 0.028 | 2683200000900 | 312.3336470 | -1.0786560 | 20h49m20.08s | -01d04m43.16s | 2 |
| 56820.421957200 | 16.498 | 0.028 | 2683200000900 | 312.3336470 | -1.0786560 | 20h49m20.08s | -01d04m43.16s | 2 |
| 56820.389757200 | 16.823 | 0.030 | 2683200000900 | 312.3336470 | -1.0786560 | 20h49m20.08s | -01d04m43.16s | 2 |
| 56816.435537200 | 17.187 | 0.031 | 2683200000900 | 312.3336470 | -1.0786560 | 20h49m20.08s | -01d04m43.16s | 2 |
| 56816.406667200 | 17.170 | 0.030 | 2683200000900 | 312.3336470 | -1.0786560 | 20h49m20.08s | -01d04m43.16s | 2 |
| 56818.454537200 | 17.075 | 0.025 | 2683200000900 | 312.3336470 | -1.0786560 | 20h49m20.08s | -01d04m43.16s | 2 |

The lightcurve database can be queried by API.

```
In [1]: from astroquery.irsa import Irsa
...: from astropy.coordinates import SkyCoord
...: import astropy.units as u
...:
...: Irsa.query_region(coordinates=SkyCoord('08:22:17.19 +21:37:38.1',
...:                                     unit=(u.hourangle,u.deg)), catalog='ptf_lightcurves', radius=1.5*u.arcsec)
```

Out[1]:

<Table masked=True length=10>

| obsmjd | mag_autocorr | magerr_auto | ... | angle | id |
|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----|--------------------|--------|
| days | mag | mag | ... | deg | |
| float64 | float64 | float64 | ... | float64 | object |
| 55591.424737200003 | 19.503 | 0.17199999999999999 | ... | 12.741400000000001 | 0 |
| 55591.298507200001 | 19.1090000000000002 | 0.218 | ... | 12.741400000000001 | 1 |
| 55591.406387199997 | 19.437999999999999 | 0.17100000000000001 | ... | 12.741400000000001 | 2 |
| 55591.253597199997 | 18.591999999999999 | 0.16 | ... | 12.741400000000001 | 3 |
| 55591.268347199999 | 18.6870000000000001 | 0.16 | ... | 12.741400000000001 | 4 |
| 55591.220597200001 | 18.309999999999999 | 0.159 | ... | 12.741400000000001 | 5 |
| 55591.234247200002 | 18.414999999999999 | 0.159 | ... | 12.741400000000001 | 6 |
| 55591.4401172 | 19.5740000000000002 | 0.17699999999999999 | ... | 12.741400000000001 | 7 |
| 55591.2227872 | 18.3030000000000001 | 0.16600000000000001 | ... | 32.199841999999997 | 8 |
| 55591.267257200001 | 18.5740000000000002 | 0.16700000000000001 | ... | 32.199841999999997 | 9 |

thanks to @keatonb!

Public survey alerts are intended to emulate LSST's.

PTF: 4×10^4 events/night

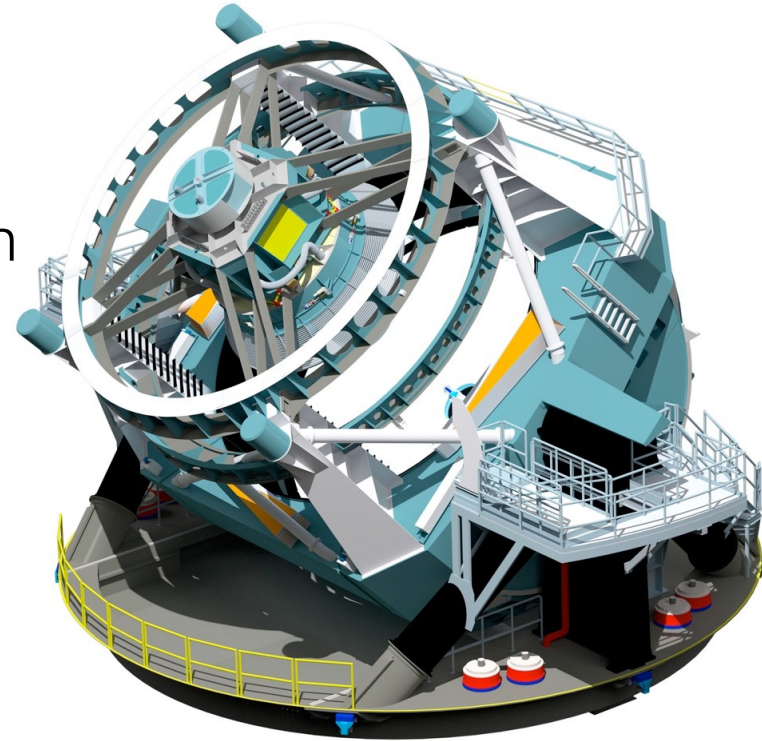
ZTF: 3×10^5 events/night

LSST: 2×10^6 events/night

VOEvent stream with cutouts, cone search history, metrics: will emulate ls.st/dpdd as far as possible

will feed to prototype brokers
e.g., ZTF→ANTARES→LCOGT

other useful interfaces are envisioned but not yet funded



MSIP funding provides access to PTF, iPTF, & ZTF data.

2015: Complete PTF archive released (PTF DR2)

see http://www.ptf.caltech.edu/page/data_access

September 1, 2016: Initial release of iPTF data (PTF DR3)

December 1, 2016: lightcurve interface released

2017: ZTF first light & commissioning

March 1: iPTF decommissioning

~July 20: estimated first light

~Sept. 15: estimated transition to science commissioning.

formal survey starts ~November

What was stated in 2014 proposal:

2018: All-sky reference building for public surveys.

End of year: First ZTF data release (images, catalogs, lightcurves).

2019: Photometric alerts from public surveys; regular catalog releases.

2020: Transient alerts from public surveys. Final data releases.

We intend to do better! See next slide.

There are several prerequisites for image difference alerts.

reference image building

new Real/Bogus system to filter junk

requires time to bootstrap real transient detections with new camera

performance will depend strongly on characteristics of new camera and image subtraction pipelines!

building alert production service that can handle actual number of candidates coming through Real/Bogus

Accepted MSIP schedule had:

photometric alerts beginning in second full survey year.

image differencing alerts start of third full survey year.

We intend to accelerate the image differencing alerts into the first survey year but cannot guarantee a schedule until we see the actual behavior of the camera on-sky. Stream needs to be reliable!

Yearly ZTF summer schools introduce young researchers to time-domain methods.



CONCERNS & OPPORTUNITIES: S. KULKARNI

TDA: A Rapidly Evolving Field

- The landscape has changed since September 2013 (when we submitted phase I for MSIP)
- Now: Quality Image differencing, ML filtering is routine
- Progress in methodology (PTFIDE, ZOGY, other surveys) have lead to increased expectations for any TDA survey (including ZTF)

Data processing at IPAC

- All data (partnership, MSIP, Caltech) will be processed identically at IPAC
- We are not serving raw nor processed data outside IPAC (other than the scheduled releases)
- We are serving a number of products to all parties (but which have different proprietary restrictions)
 - Photometric products (goal: next day)
 - Image differencing alerts (goal: same night)
 - Light Curves (leisurely and released end of semester)

Overview of Data processing (Transients)

- PRELIMINARY (not including MOPS, TOO)
- Layer 1: Stream of candidates, estimated 3×10^5 /night (estimated) cadenced at 10 min (goal)
- Layer 2 (characterizing, filtering):
 - Star-galaxy separation
 - Contextual filters (spatial: catalogs)
 - Temporal filters
- Event flux is now reduced
 - Maintain history of events (-30 days/photometry & stamps)
 - Pass tagged events + history to user groups who will update their Marshal(s)
- Problem: Layer 2 is not yet fully specified
- Solution: Study and specify the scope (and then estimate resources needed)

**UNFUNDED BUT NEEDED TOOLS &
FACILITIES**

RealBogus

- RealBogus
 - Needs to be trained (collect data, identify real transients, train, implement, verify)
 - Needs to be re-trained if pipeline is changed
 - Sustained manpower is needed for all these activities throughout the project
- Problem: Does our base operation cover this level of sustained manpower?
- Solution: Figure out the scope and then seek additional funding if needed

Light Curves for GP Survey(s)

- Image differencing (PTFIDE) produces reliable light curves in crowded regions
- Problem: MSIP mandate for producing GP light curves, but design assumed DAOphot (PSF) photometry rather than image differencing
- Current situation in iPTF
 - Unable to routinely produce reliable light curves for Galactic Plane, especially dense regions (astrometry)
 - As a result limited science productivity in the iPTF era
- What is needed?
 - Needs an industrial strength pipeline & machinery
 - Image differencing light curve data base
 - Need manpower to verify the quality of light curves from dense regions
- Solution:
 - UW perhaps may be interested in database
 - Review IPAC load (transients, GP) & find funds

Photometric Alerts

- Great value for Galactic science in issuing photometric alerts
 - Can potentially invigorate CV science
- Input Catalog Service can add value to ZTF
 - e.g. states of X-ray binaries, FU Ori
 - cf. ASAS-SN CV patrol
- Issue dedicated VOEvent stream
 - Need funding (optimistic of a philanthropic gift)

Co-addition

- TDA on co-added images was not included in the original vision for PTF, iPTF or ZTF. However, there are big gains for a variety of projects by processing “co-adds” (over a night, over a week)
- This is not a technical problem
- It is a funding problem

Tools (urgently) needed by TDA users

- After data are delivered the most basic tool is a “Marshal” to aggregate all data for one’s collections of transients
 - Major TDA groups have this tool (e.g. SNEX, DECAM)
 - Other efforts aimed at open source tools are under away
- “Broker” services
 - Filtering of events upstream (so that user receives optimally filtered event streams)
 - Work in progress (e.g. ANTARES at NOAO/UA)

Facilitating Followup by community

- A joint ZTF-LCO workshop (summer/TBD) to bring together developers and interested users (both neophyte, novice and experts)
- Get ready for follow up!
 - ~November 2017, start of surveys
 - 2018A:
 - Work out kinks in reference image build up
 - Priority to reference imaging
 - Train RealBogus to yield reliably candidates (low false positive)
 - Slow stream of alerts (no promises)
 - 2018B, 2019A: CC & GP survey
 - Expect routine operations
 - Good semester for vigorous follow up
 - Reminder: deadline for NOAO is March & September

Keep abreast

- The primary point for status, data access, white papers & performance is the ZTF website
 - <http://www.ptf.caltech.edu/ztf>
- Feel free to talk to Eric or Shri or members of the CSAC

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 - * (rotating after AAS), ◆: (after commissioning)

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