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Instrumentation Capabilities and Recent Projects

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The distributed IfA





Haleakala High Altitude Observatory Site



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SOUTH ELEVATION

- 280 staff, 80 scientists
- 40 tenure track faculty
- 35 PhD students
- 1000 undergraduate students/yr in Manoa
- 2 observatory sites: Mauna Kea and Haleakala
- base facilities distributed over 3 islands

IfA Technical Staff

- 7 Instrument P.I.s
- 4 Project Managers
- 6 Mechanical Engineers
- 12 Electronics Engineers
- 4 Software Engineers
- 6 Machinists
- 18 Technicians

The IfA technical staff is organized in the JOS system, allowing flexible assignment to projects.

IfA Expertise

- Infrared Detector Arrays (Hall, Hodapp, Onaka, Rayner)
- Optical CCDs (Tonry, Luppino)
- Controllers (Onaka, Hall, Tollestrup, Jacobson, Sousa)
- Wavefront Sensors (Tonry, Chun, Hodapp, Hall)
- Optics (Rayner, Hodapp, Kuhn, Lin)
- Curvature AO Systems (Ftaclas, Chun)
- Cryo Mechanisms (Tokunaga, Rayner, Hodapp)
- Site Testing (Chun)
- Telescope Operations (2.2m and IRTF) (Tokunaga, Tollestrup, Aspin)
- Data Processing, Pan-STARRS (Magnier, Heasley, Jedike, Chambers)
- Observing Condition Forecast (Businger)

HAWAII Heritage

On-chip butting

Reference pixels

Guide mode & read/reset opt.

Stitching

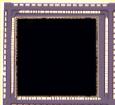
HAWAII - 1

1994



1024 x 1024 pixels
3.4 million FETs
0.8 µm CMOS
18 µm pixel size

HAWAII - 2 1998



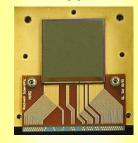
2048 x 2048 pixels 13 million FETs 0.8 µm CMOS 18 µm pixel size **HAWAII - 1R** 2000



1024 x 1024 pixels
3.4 million FETs
0.5 µm CMOS
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HAWAII - 1RG

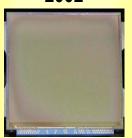
2001



1024 x 1024 pixels
7.5 million FETs
0.25 µm CMOS
18 µm pixel size

HAWAII - 2RG

2002



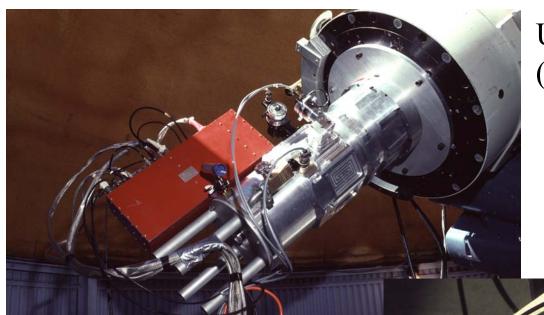
2048 x 2048 pixels 29 million FETs 0.25 µm CMOS 18 µm pixel size

HAWAII - 4RG Family

2004

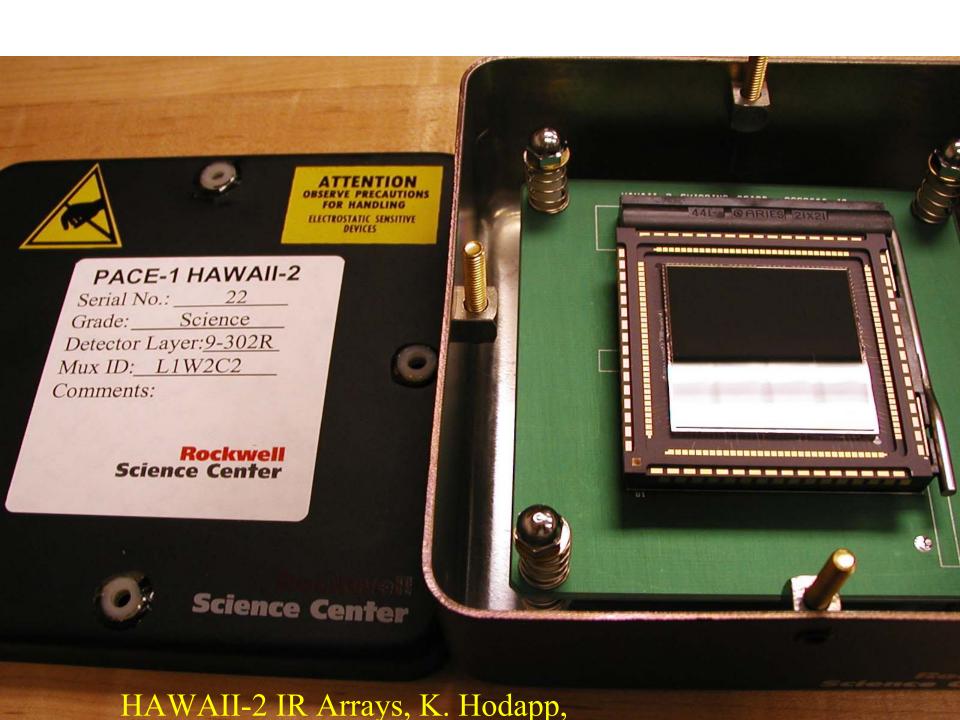
4096 x 4096
120 million FETs
0.16 μm CMOS
15 μm pixel size

8192 x 8192 420 million FETs 0.25 µm CMOS 9 µm pixel size Smaller pixels, Improved flexibility & performance, Scalable resolution



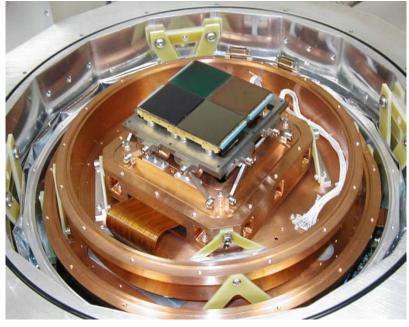
UH NICMOS-3 Camera (1990) NASA

QUIRC (HAWAII-1) (1994) AFRL

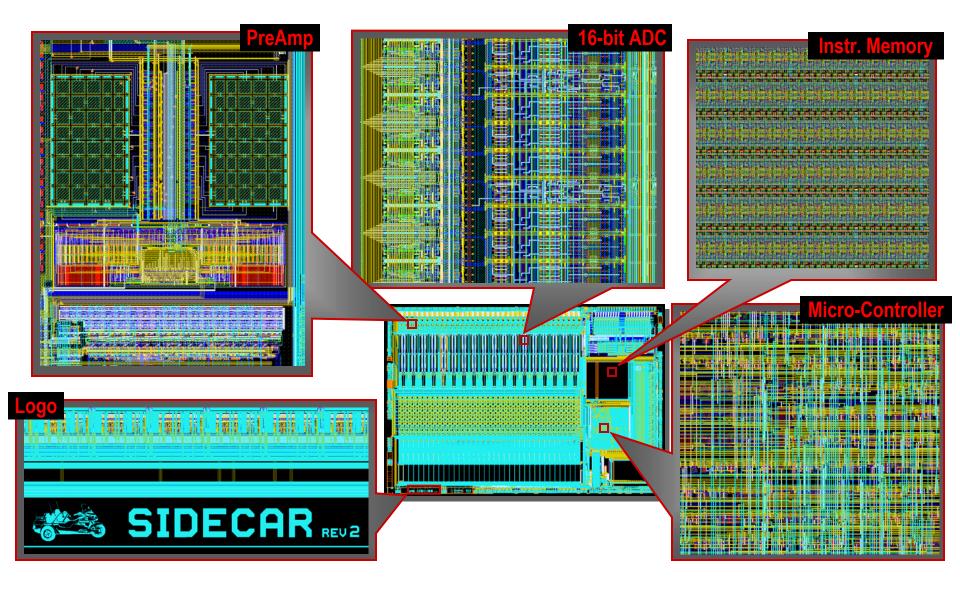


Ultra-Low Background Test Camera (ULB), 2003, NASA P.I. Don Hall

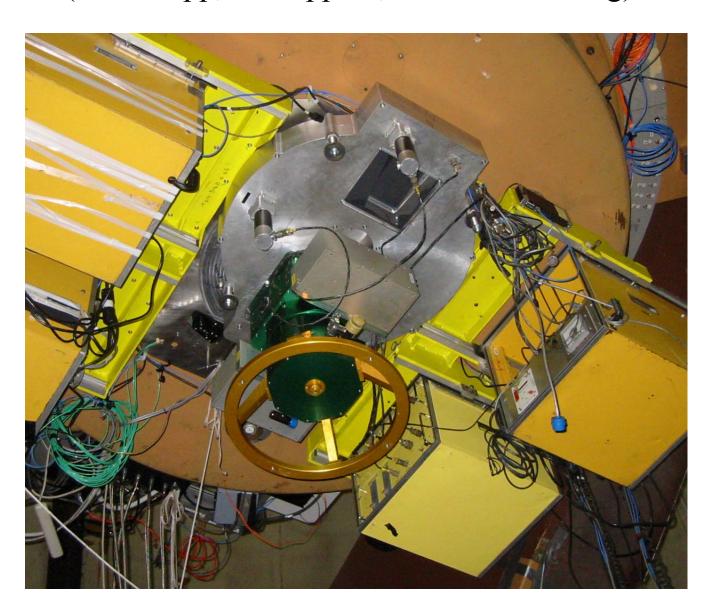




Rockwell Sidecar ASIC (D. Hall, NASA funding)



UH Wide Field Imager (UHWFI) with upgraded UH 8K CCD (K. Hodapp, G. Luppino, NSF ATI funding)

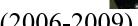


Pan-STARRS Development Schedule

Development, infrastructure, and testing (2003-2006)

Pan-STARRS1

(2006-2009)





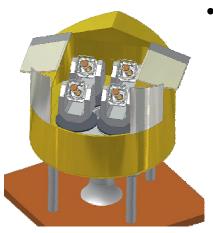
360 Mpix

Test Camera 3

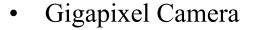
Gigapixel Camera 1



- Pan-STARRS3
- Pan-STARRS4

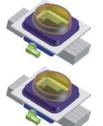






Gigapixel Camera +







5.5 *Gpix*

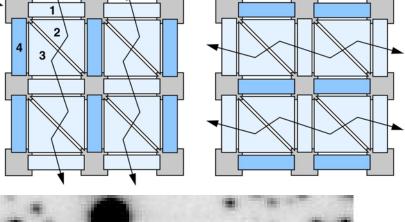


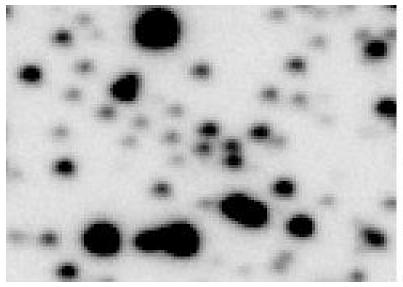
Orthogonal Transfer CCD

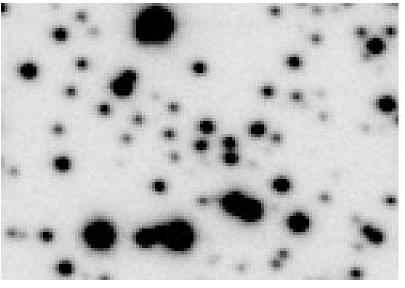
• Orthogonal Transfer CCD

Pixel design which can noiselessly remove image motion at high speed (~10 μs)





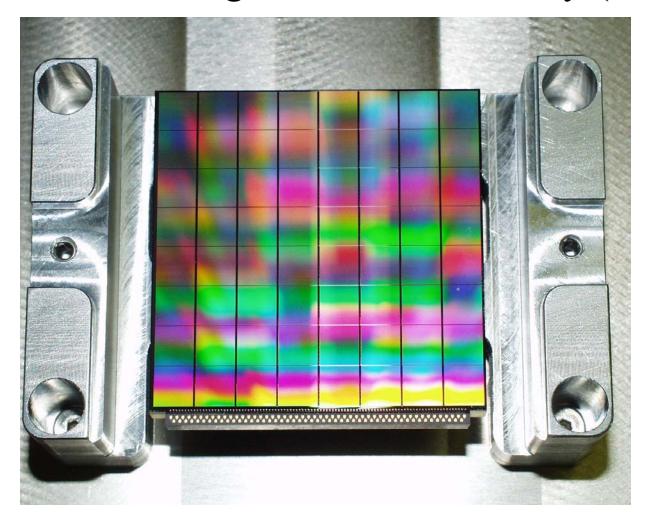




Normal guiding (0.73")

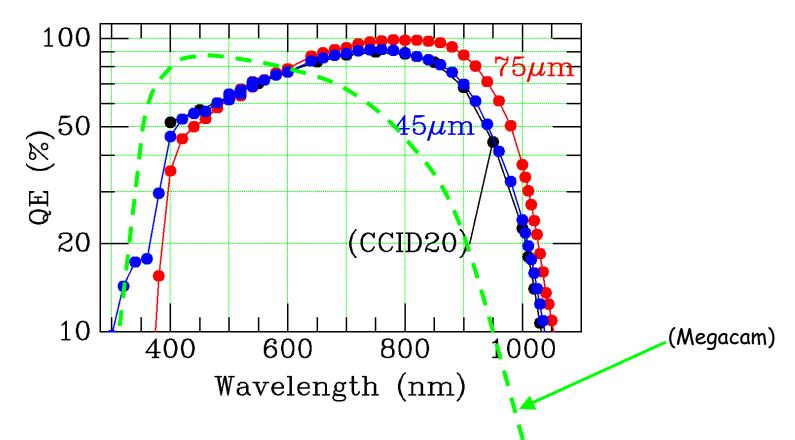
OT compensation (0.50")

Frontside Orthogonal Transfer Array (OTA)



OTA Quantum Efficiency

- OTAs demonstrate expected QE (-65°C)
 - 45μm thick device is virtually identical to CCID20
 - 75μm thick device has 50% enhanced QE at 1μm



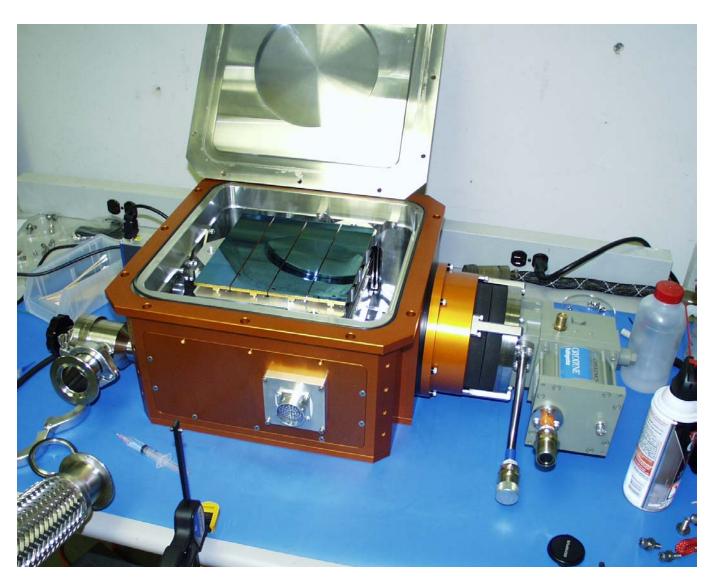
Test Cryostat #1 and Test Bench

- Workhorse for OTA testing, completely automated
 - Server architecture interfaces to multiple clients
 - Simultaneously tests 4 devices
- Computer scripts exhaustively explore parameter space

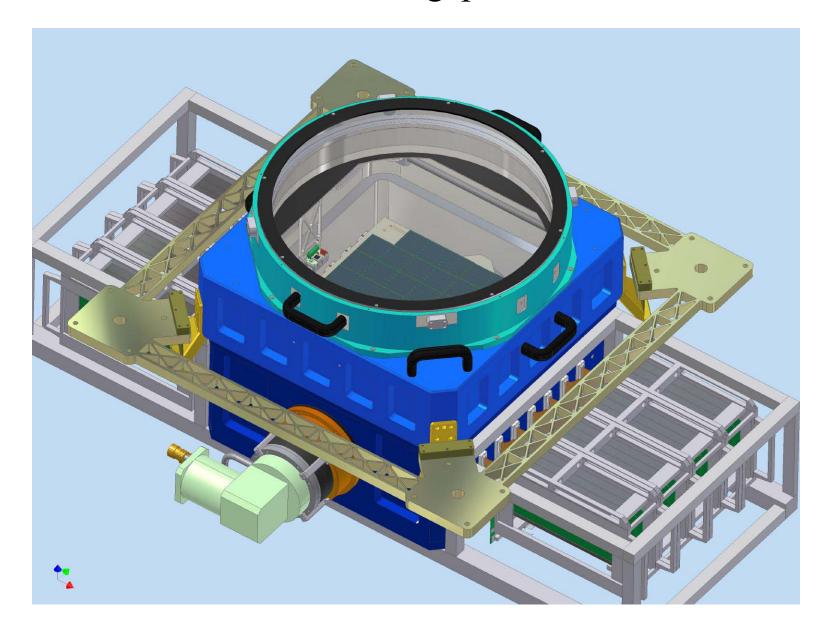




Test Camera 3 (TCS3)

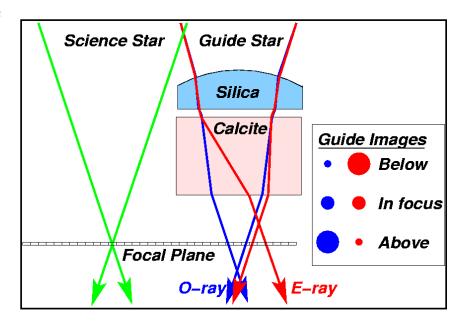


Pan-STARRS Gigapixel Camera

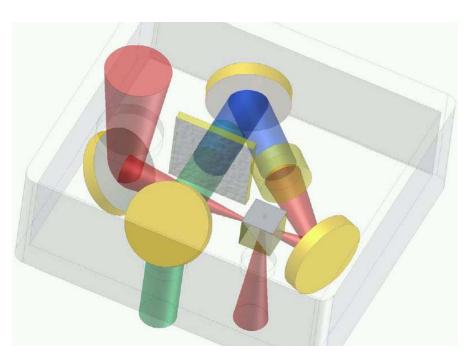


Pan-STARRS Curvature Wavefront Sensing

- Curvature sensing design
 - 2—4 locations, above focal plane but outside 3 deg FOV
 - Converging lens and block of calcite
- Two images of every star provide above and below focus donuts
 - Difference is quite sensitive to wavefront aberrations
 - Operates automatically and continuously with every exposure, no special pointing or overhead.
 - Results available within 30 sec.

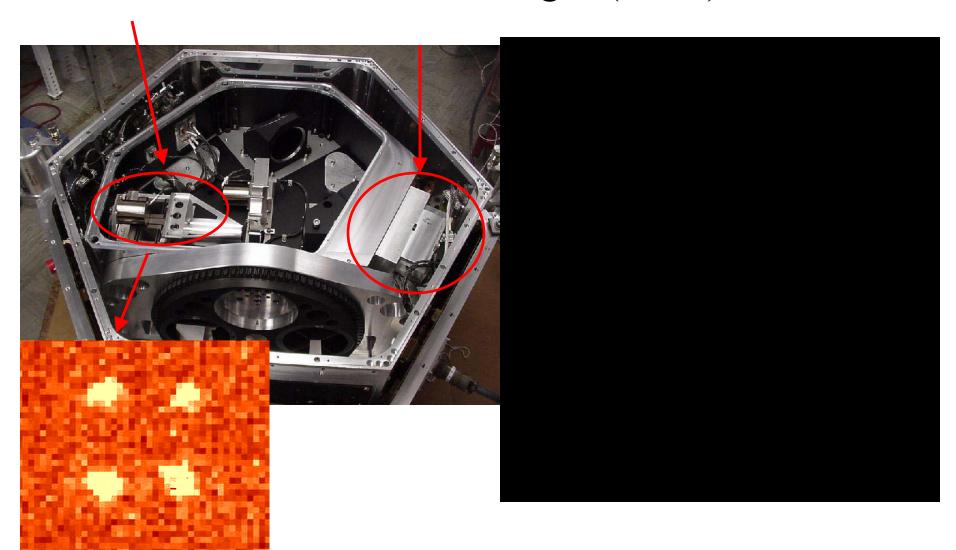


Pan-STARRS SH Wavefront Sensing



- Deployable WFS located in antechamber of camera extends out over focal plane to pick off a star for analysis
- Lenslet images and pupil images are parfocal with normal telescope images
- S-H sensor parked out of field of view for normal operations

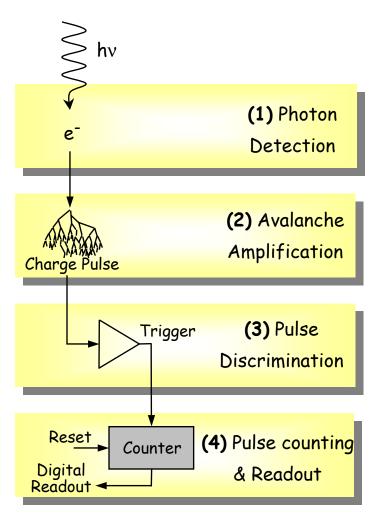
Near-infrared Imager (NIRI)



Geiger APD Sensor Architecture

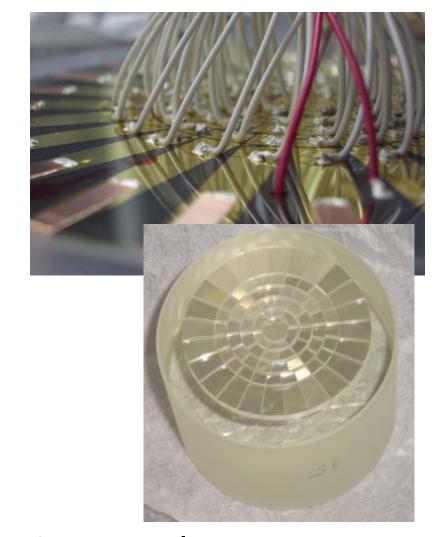
Four main parts

- 1) Photon detection
- 2) Avalanche amplification (pulse generation)
- 3) Pulse discrimination
- 4) Photon counting and readout circuitry
- CMOS circuit used for (3) and (4)
- For (1) and (2) two options:
 - Part of CMOS circuit
 - Put APD into detector material and hybridize to CMOS circuitry



Curvature Adaptive Optics at the IfA (C. Ftaclas, M. Chun)

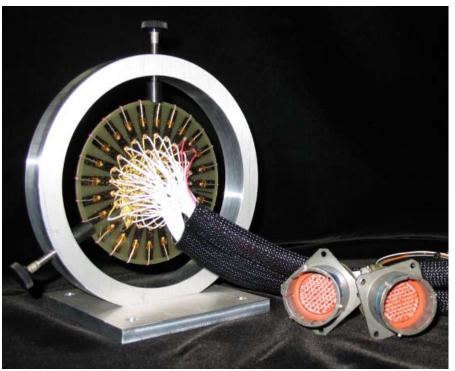




Systems and Components

Curvature AO Components: Deformable Mirror





Minimum Bend Radius = 10m Resonant Frequency > 680Hz Bimorph Edge Benders Front Focus Electrode

Curvature AO Components: Lenslet array



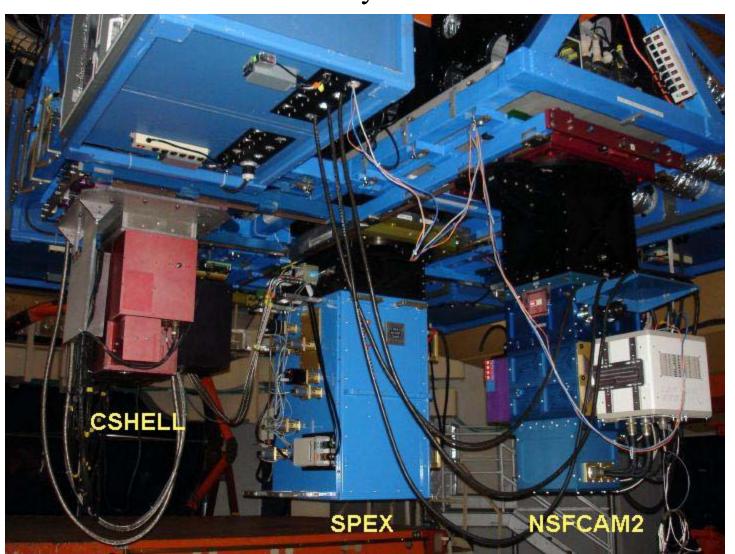


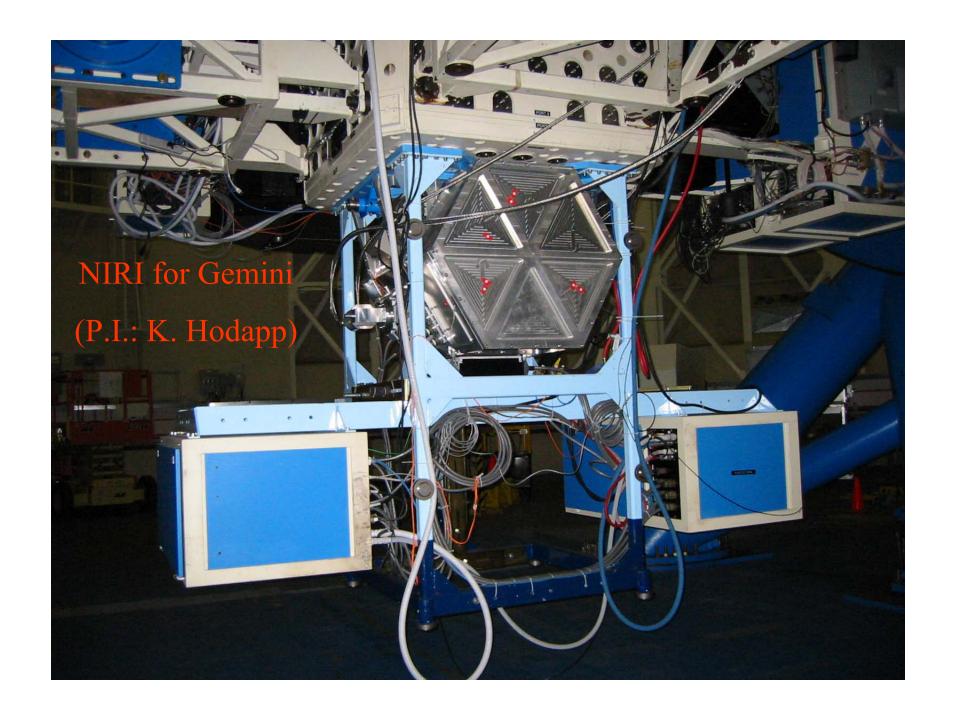


Fiber Coupled Achromatized 0.4 to 1 micron

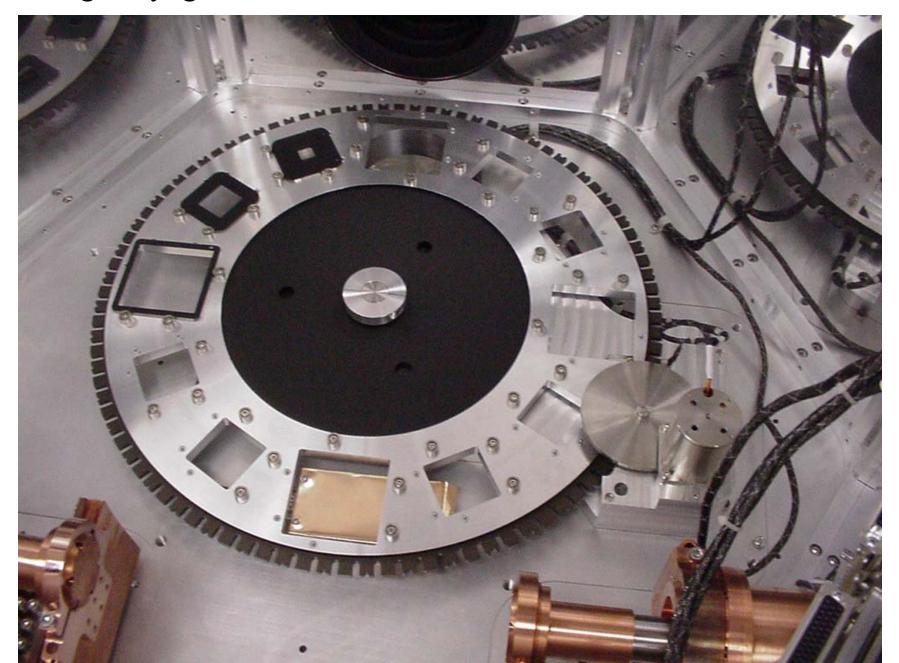
IRTF Instruments: CSHELL (A. Tokunaga), SPEX (J. Rayner), and NSFCAM-2 (E. Tollestrup)

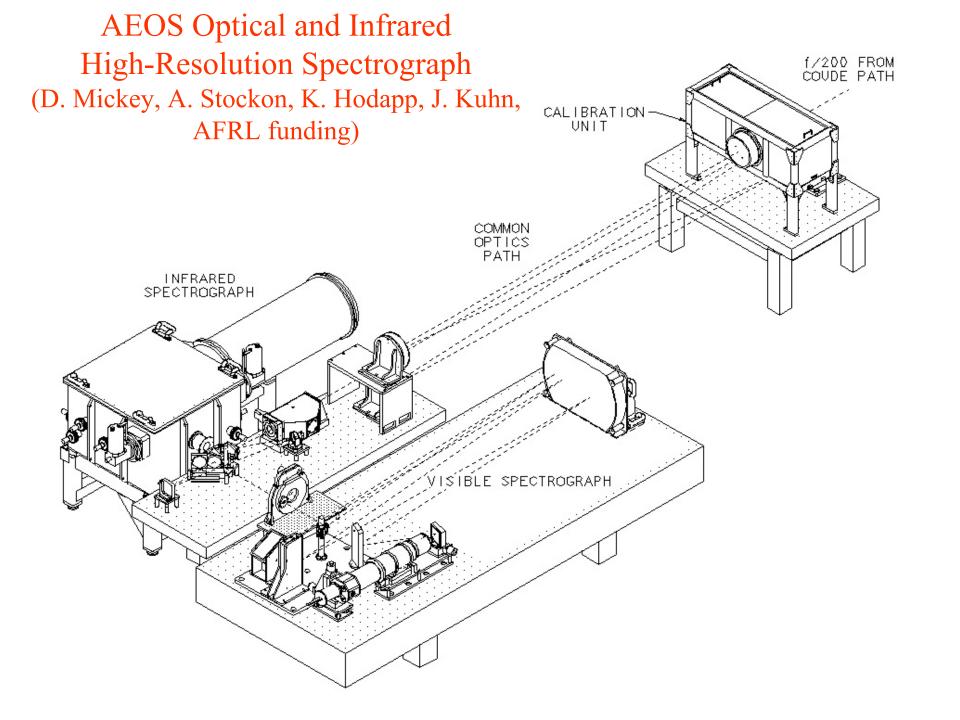
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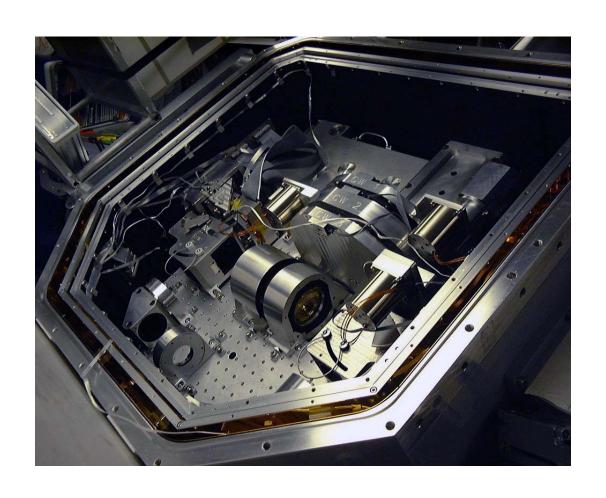


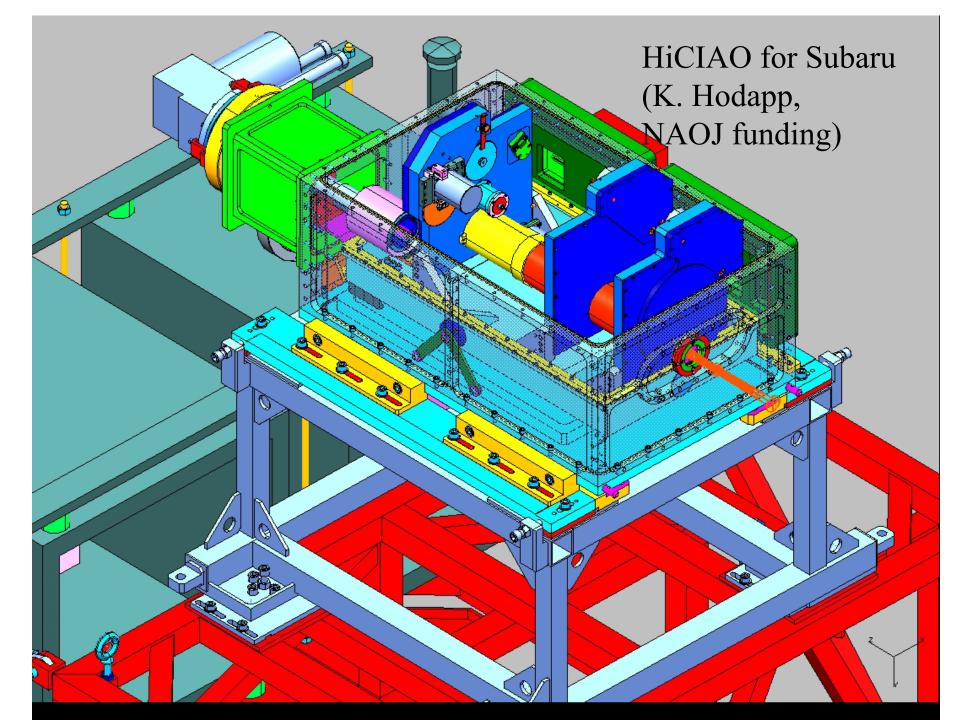
Large Cryogenic Mechanisms: NIRI Focal Plane Mask Wheel



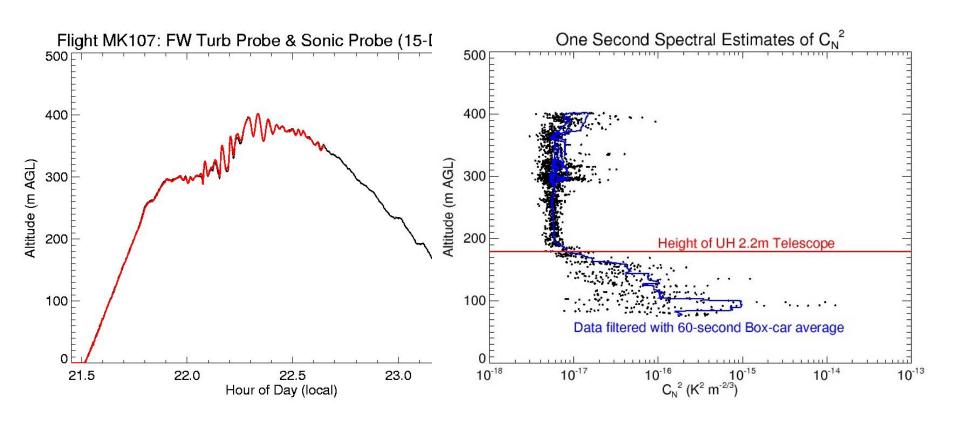


Infrared Camera and Spectrograph (IRCS) for Subaru (P.I. A. Tokunaga)



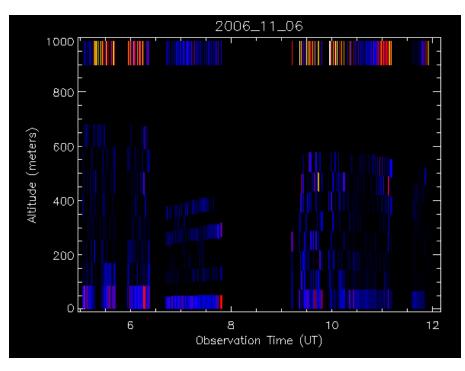


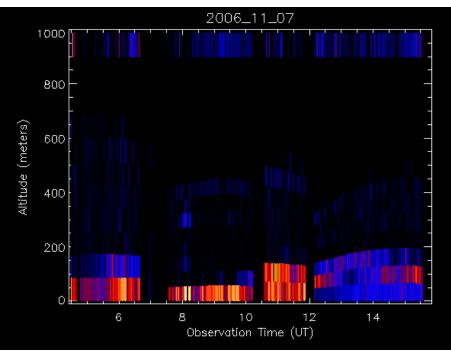
Studies of the boundary layer (M. Chun)



Current activities: Ground-layer characterization (M. Chun)

- New optical turbulence profiler based based on the correlations of the optical wavefront gradients and amplitude fluctuations from double stars.
- Collaboration with University of Durham and UNAM
 - SLODAR: Slope detection and ranging
 - LOLAS: Low-layer SCIDAR.





Mauna Kea Observing Condition Forecast (S. Businger, UH Meteorology)

