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- **Physical context**
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- **Project management & Systems** engineering
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TSPM Operational Concept

- A legal entity, say TSPM Observatory, will build and operate the TSPM.
- The TSPMO will not be part of the OAN-SPM, even though it will be located within its premises.
- Presumably, telescope time will be awarded in proportion to the partner contributions, so
 - most or all development, upgrades, and major repairs will take place at the partner institutions
 - the TSPMO will be mostly concerned with building and operating the TSPM and should be staffed to focus on these priorities.

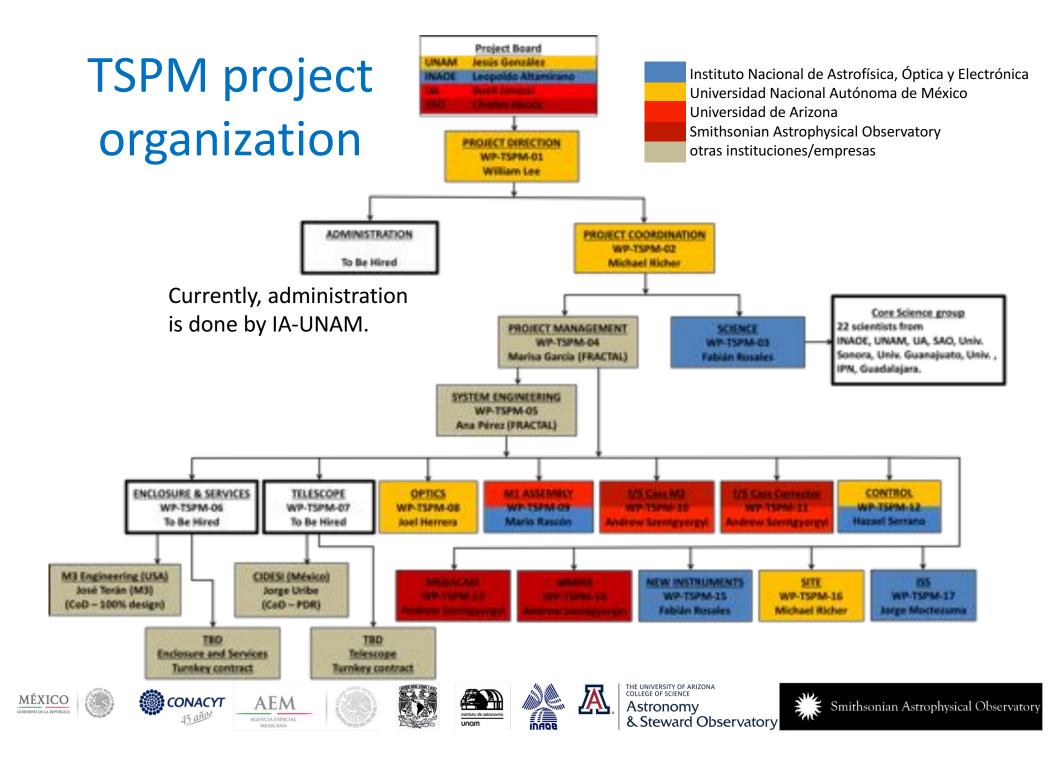
TSPM Operational Concept

The TSPMO will require

- director, responsible to the Project Board and who leads day-to-day operations,
- an administrative structure as well as
- technical and scientific staff for its operation
- The TSPMO administrative staff will not be at the OAN-SPM, but ideally in some other single location. Ensenada is the closest sensible location.
- The OAN-SPM is too remote for daily commuting to be reasonable; staff working at the TSPM will have to live on-site during their work periods.
 - Effectively, this implies that, for each person physically required on site at the OAN-SPM, at least two must be hired.

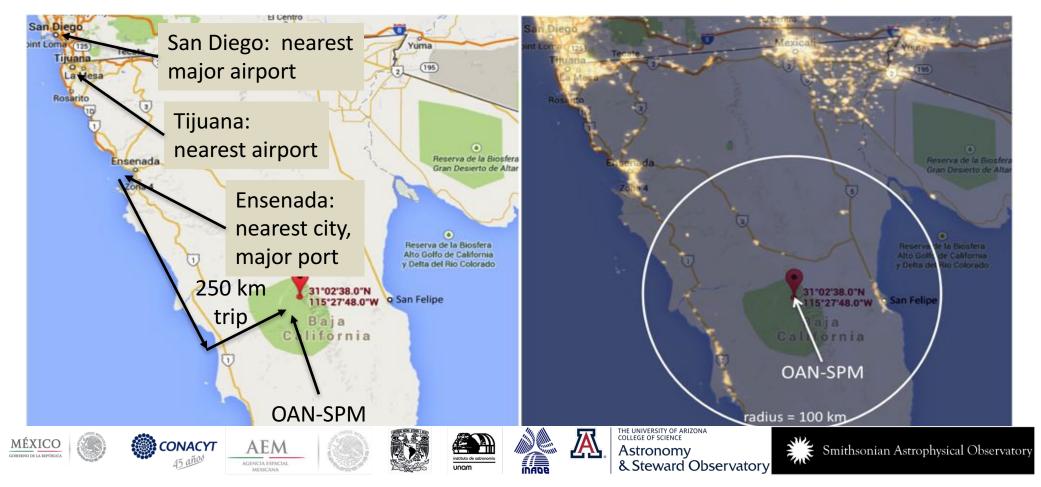
TSPM Operational Concept

- The TSPM's primary operational objective is to provide a facility that permits world-class astronomical research.
- The partners expect the combination of the TSPM the MMT to be a general-purpose observatory, operating in at least the visible and nearinfrared.
- In its initial configuration, the TSPM must be functionally equivalent to the f/5 Cassegrain configuration of the MMT.
- Beyond "Day 1", the TSPM should allow the partners to develop other capabilities that will sustain their growth over the next four decades.



Physical Context: OAN-SPM

The TSPM will be located at the OAN-SPM in north central Baja California (long. 115° W, lat. 31° N, alt. 2800m).



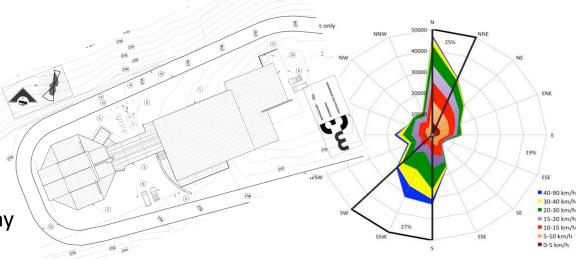
Physical Context: Climate

(statistics: 2006 June to 2013 August)

The temperature

- total range: -16.7°C to +23.9°C
- 90% range (frequency):
 -2°C to +18°C
- 95% range (frequency):
 -5°C to +18°C
- varies with the seasons.
- median daily excursion is 5.9° C.
- variation is greater during the day and during the winter.
- is lowest at dawn, on average.
- is correlated between sunrise and sunset on the same day: for sunrise temperatures exceeding 0°C (85% of the time), they differ by less than $+1^{\circ}\pm2^{\circ}$ C.
- At night, winds blow primarily from
 - S-SW: dominate Dec.-June (and overall)
 - N-NE: dominate July-Nov.
- Winds from the S-SW are stronger.
- Winds are weakest from May to September.





not quite perpendicular to the enclosure orientation



Physical Context: Astroclimate

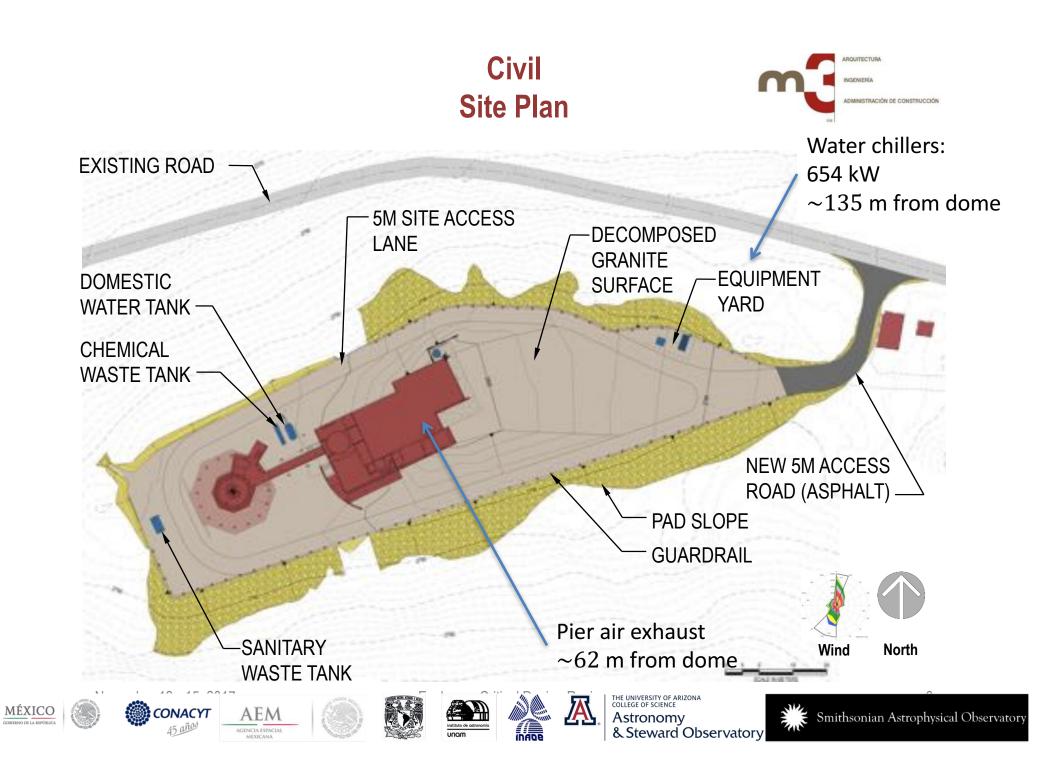
- The OAN-SPM is a dark site, comparable to other major observatories (B=23.1 mag, V=21.8 mag; Plauchu-Frayn et al. 2017).
- The OAN-SPM is a clear site (1982-2006, Tapia et al. 2007):
 - 80% of nights spectroscopic
 - 65-70% of nights photometric
- Late spring/early summer has the largest fraction of clear nights.
- The median seeing is 0.79" and the 10th percentile is 0.50" (Skidmore et al. 2009; TMT study).
- The seeing (TMT study)
 - is stable from sunset, but degrades somewhat before dawn.
 - has no dependence upon the wind direction, but does degrade as the wind speed increases.
 - improves with height near the ground .



Enclosure design: M3

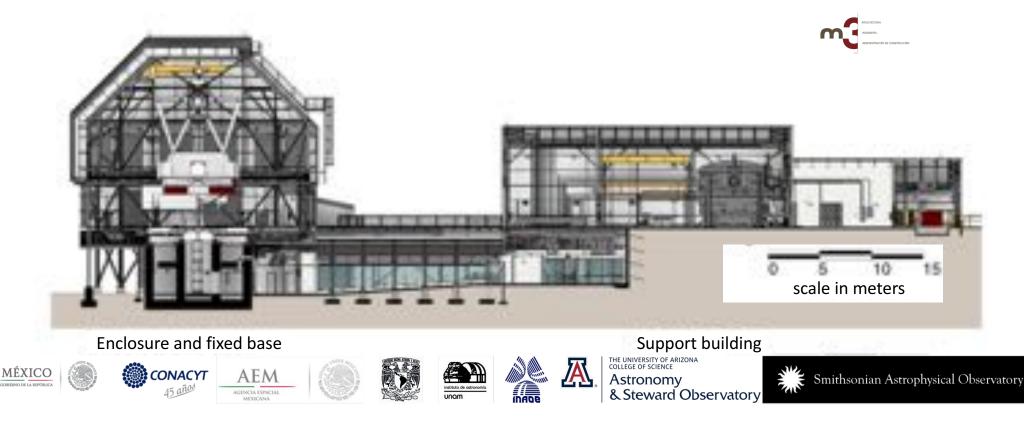


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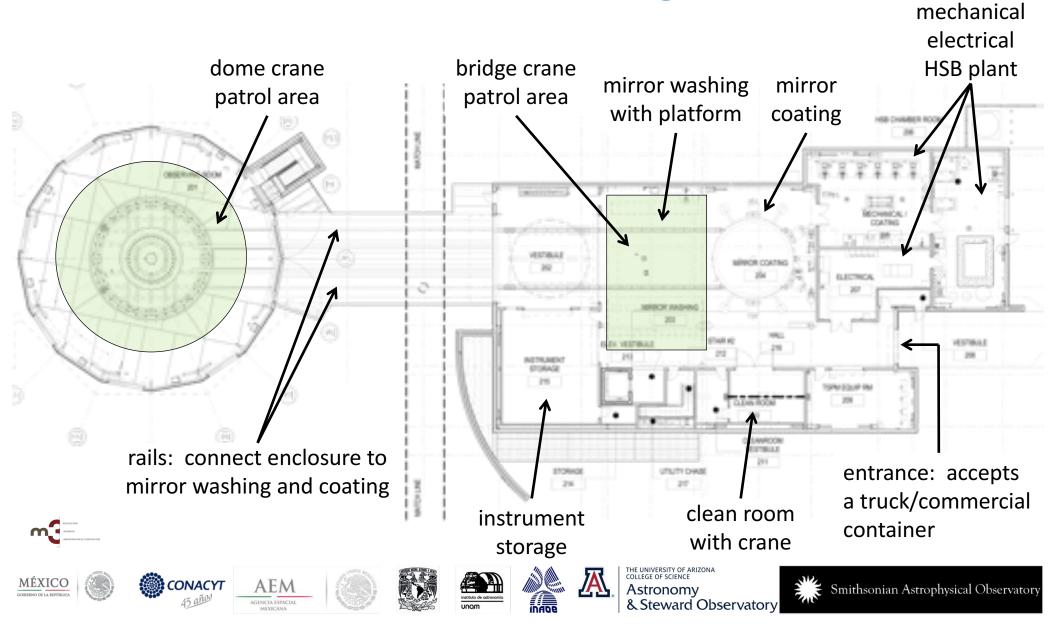


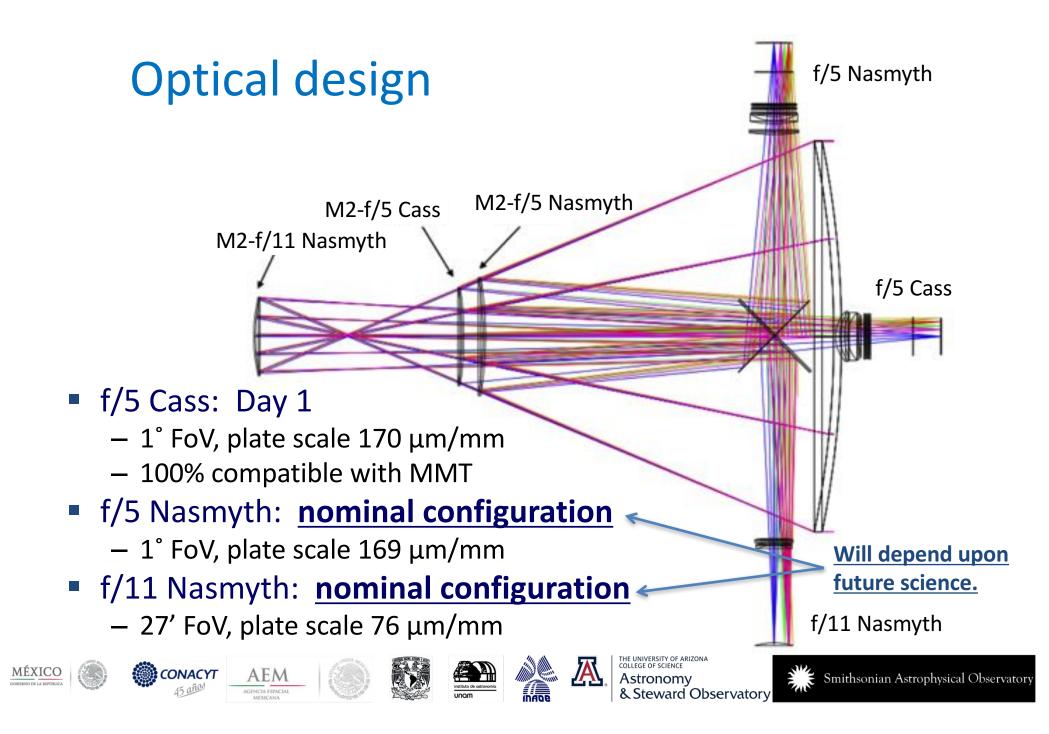
Enclosure design

- The telescope enclosure and pier follow Magellan.
- The handling of the primary mirror follows Magellan.
- All maintenance occurs on a single level (inc. delivery and commissioning).
- Control room, data archiving, etc. on lower level of support building.

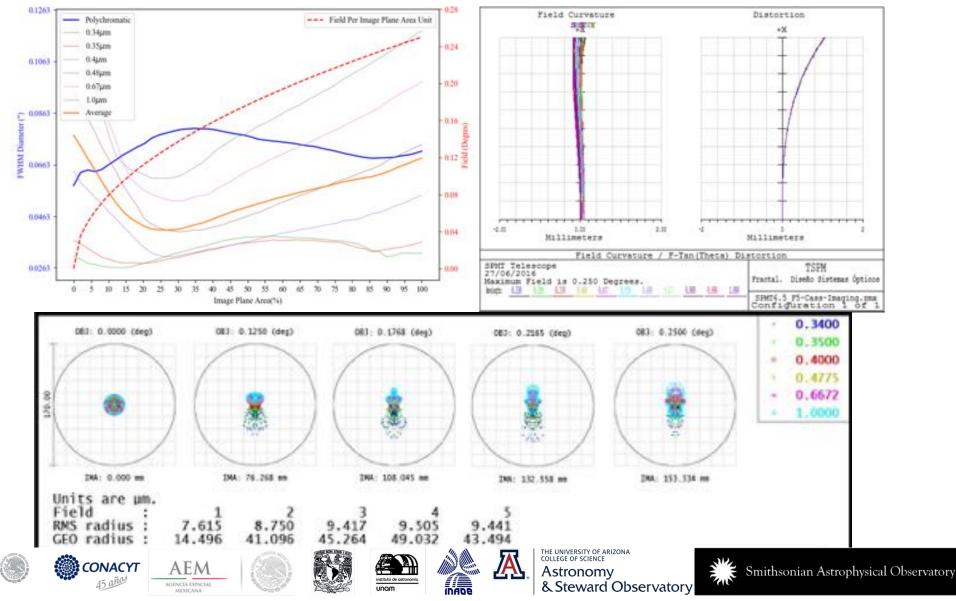


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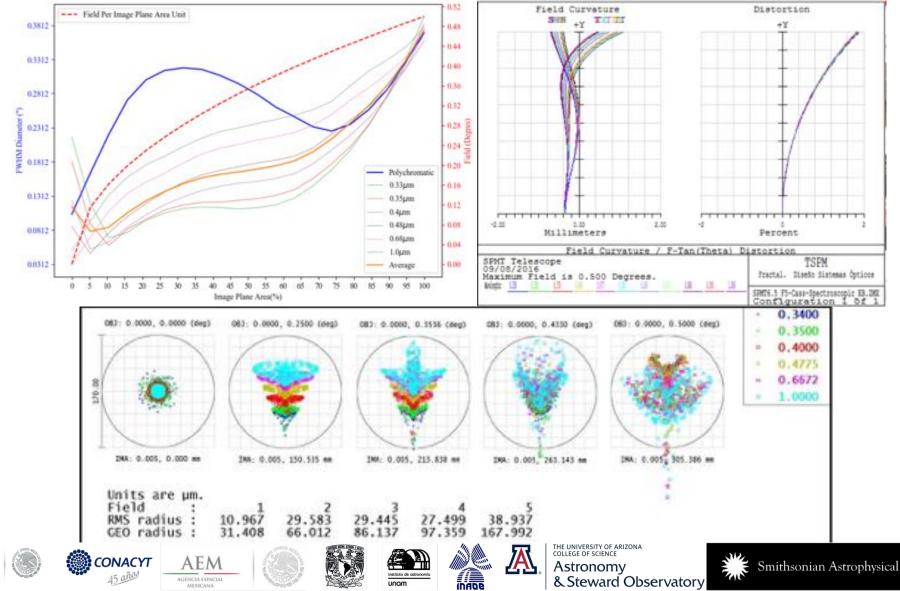


Optical Design: f/5 Cass, imaging



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Optical Design, f/5 Cass, spectroscopy



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M1, transport box

- The primary mirror system (a list of items, including M1) is a contribution of **INAOE** and UA.
- The primary mirror is currently in storage at an Air Force base in Tucson, AZ.
- The primary mirror is scheduled to begin polishing in 2019.







M1 cell fabrication

The M1 cell is being fabricated and is progressing well.

Heat treatment: Feb. 2018

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45 años

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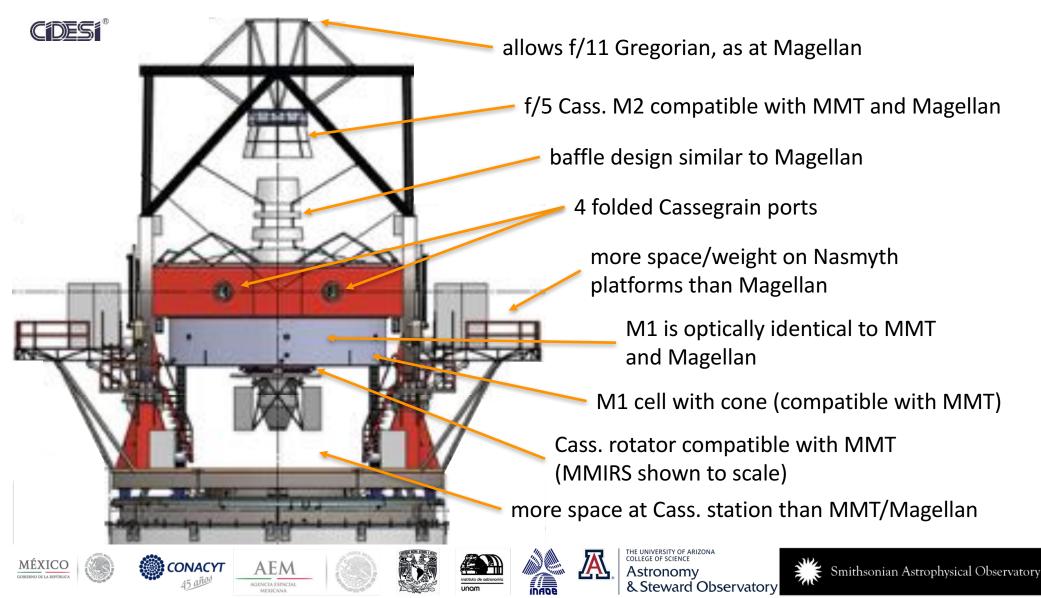


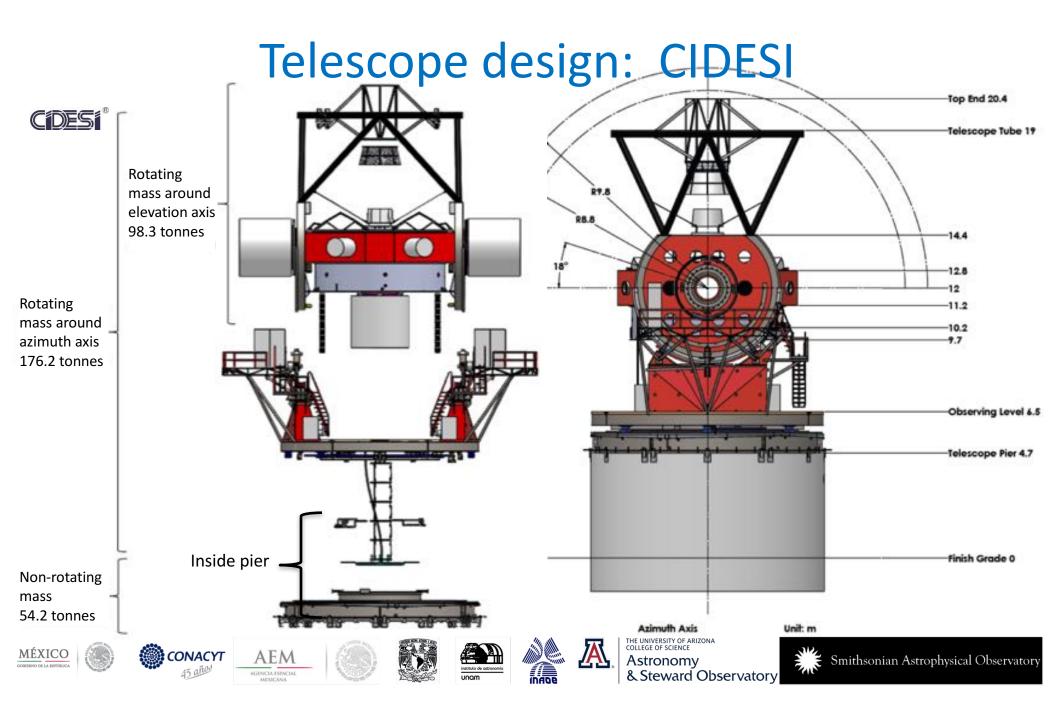


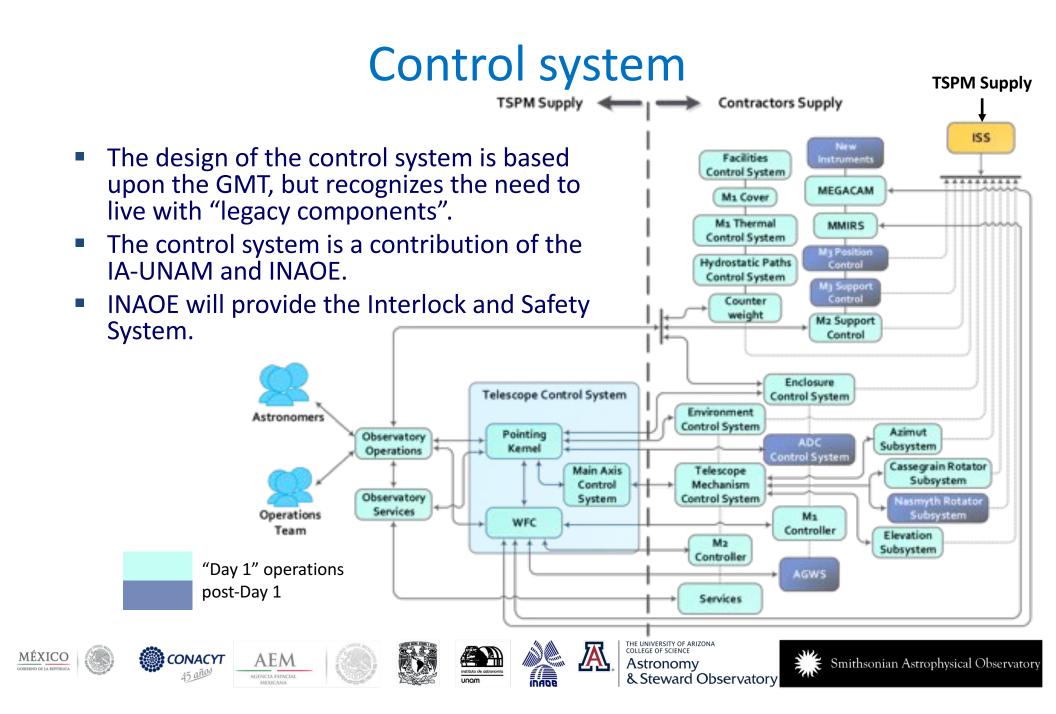
M2/f/5 Cass corrector: in use @ Magellan2/Baade



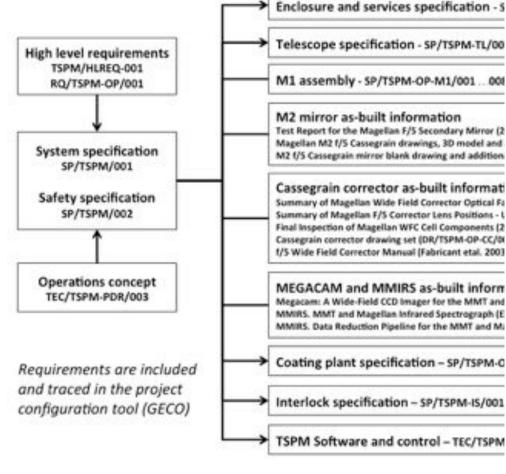
Telescope design: CIDESI







Systems engineering and Project Management



- Systems engineering and project management use tools from Fractal S.I. N.F.
- All subsystem specifications are defined.
- The physical interfaces have been defined, but some operating system and interlock/safety interfaces are pending.
- Error budgets exist (image quality, differential distortion, pointing, tracking, guiding)
- Technical budgets exist (mass, heat dissipation, consumption, RAMS)
- Currently, the project is driven by the budget and associated cash flow.











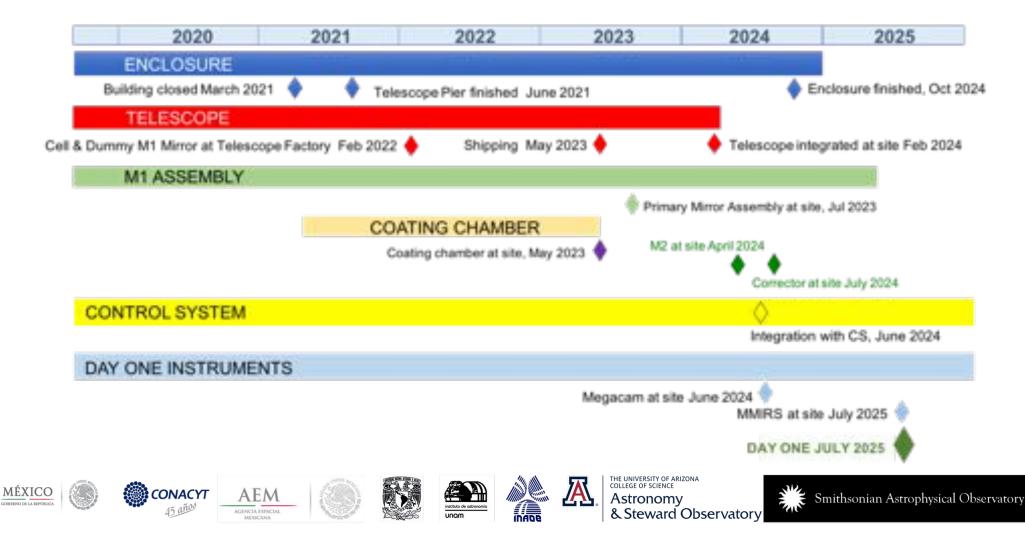








Systems engineering and Project Management TSPM First Light Overall Calendar



Next steps

- Wind tunnel and CFD studies of the enclosure and surroundings are underway in collaboration with UNAM's Instituto de Ingeniería.
- The environmental impact study for the TSPM project has been submitted to the authorities.
- INAOE, IA-UNAM, SAO, and UA/SO are working on a draft Memorandum of Understanding.
 - This will give the TSPM project a firmer legal standing.
 - This will provide more leverage for funding with Mexican funding agencies.
- CIDESI continues to work on the detailed mechanical design of the telescope.
- Work continues on the control system and the interlock and safety system.
- Polishing of M1 will begin in 2019.





Thank you!

