

# GMT Project in the Year 2023

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# A Brief History (1)

## ➤ 1995 ~ 1997

- A plan to build 6-m class telescope on Haleakala, Hawaii
- Agreed by the Korean government, successful negotiation with UH IfA, but failed to get budget due to national financial crisis in 1997

## ➤ 2001 ~ 2005

- Secured CFHT time, 14 nights per year for 5 years
- First opportunity for Korean community to use large telescope for research
- KASI Vision 21 in 2003; looking for 8-m class telescope in 21<sup>st</sup> century
- KASI Science Working Group for Large Telescope in 2004



May. 31<sup>st</sup>. 2004.

# A Kick-Off Meeting of the Large Telescope Science Working Group



Basket Ball

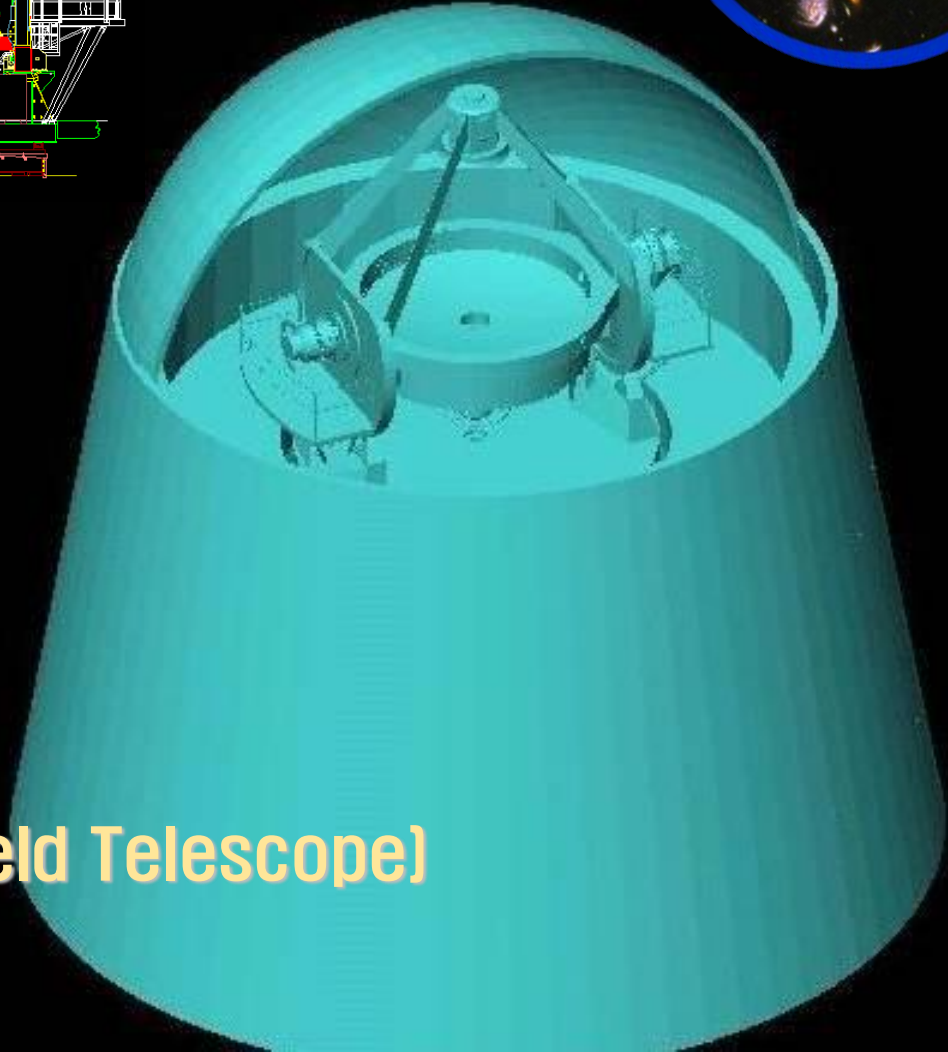
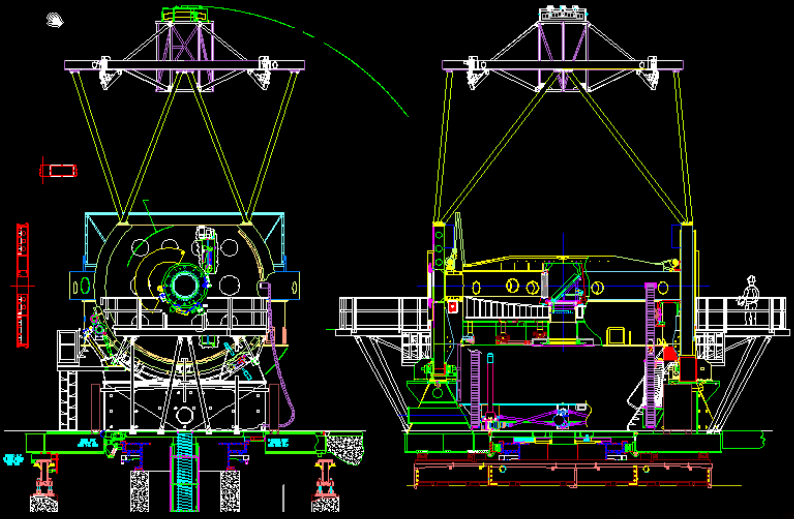
# A Brief History (2)

## ➤ "SPM Twin" International Collaboration in 2005

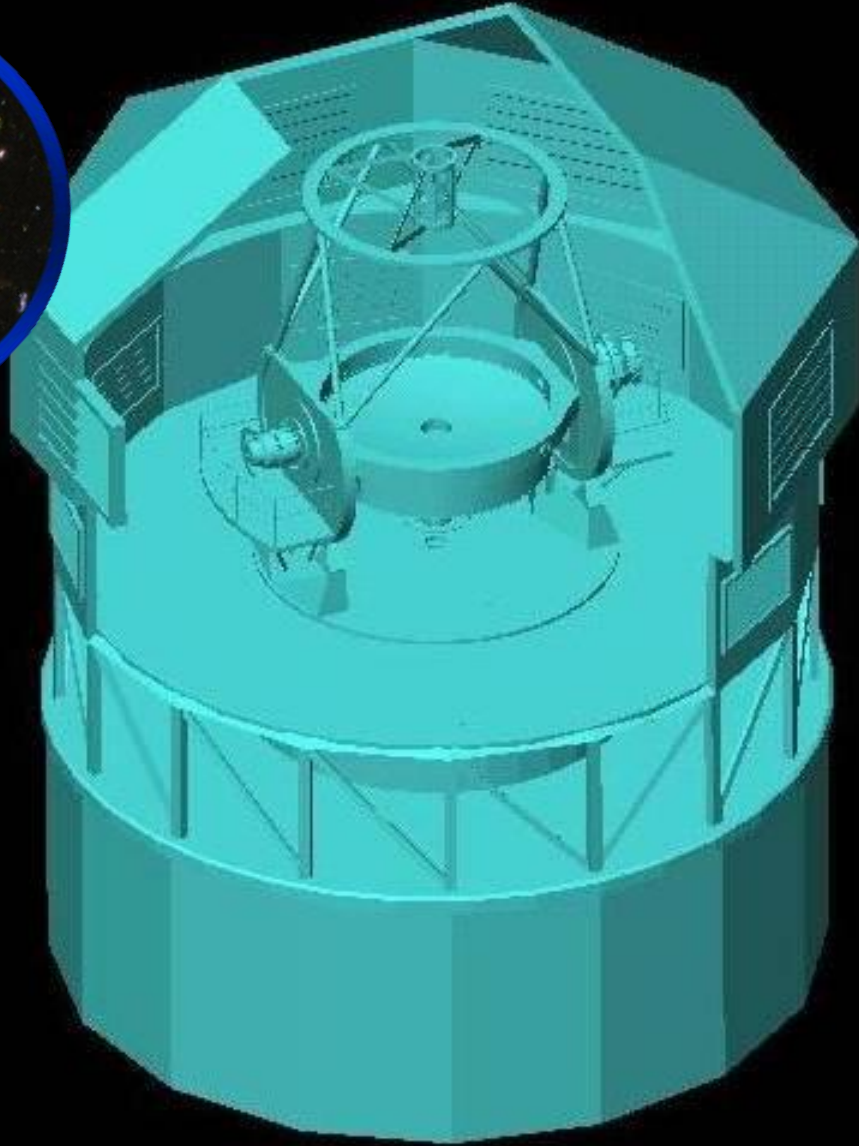
- Construction of twin 6.5m telescope based on Magellan telescopes
  - ✓ SFT : Standard Field Telescope – High resolution Infrared telescope
  - ✓ WFT : Wide Field Telescope – Wide filed Spectroscopic telescope
- Partner Countries : Korea, USA, UK, Mexico
- Location : San Pedro Matir in Baja California, Mexico

## ➤ The plan : Submitted to the government in 2006

- Total budget requested : KRW 80B (50% of total construction cost est.)
- Accepted for "Preliminary Feasibility Study" (사전타당성 조사) by KISTEP
- The first project under the new government regulation for R&D project with total budget over KRW50B



**SFT (Standard Field Telescope)**



**WFT (Wide Field Telescope)**

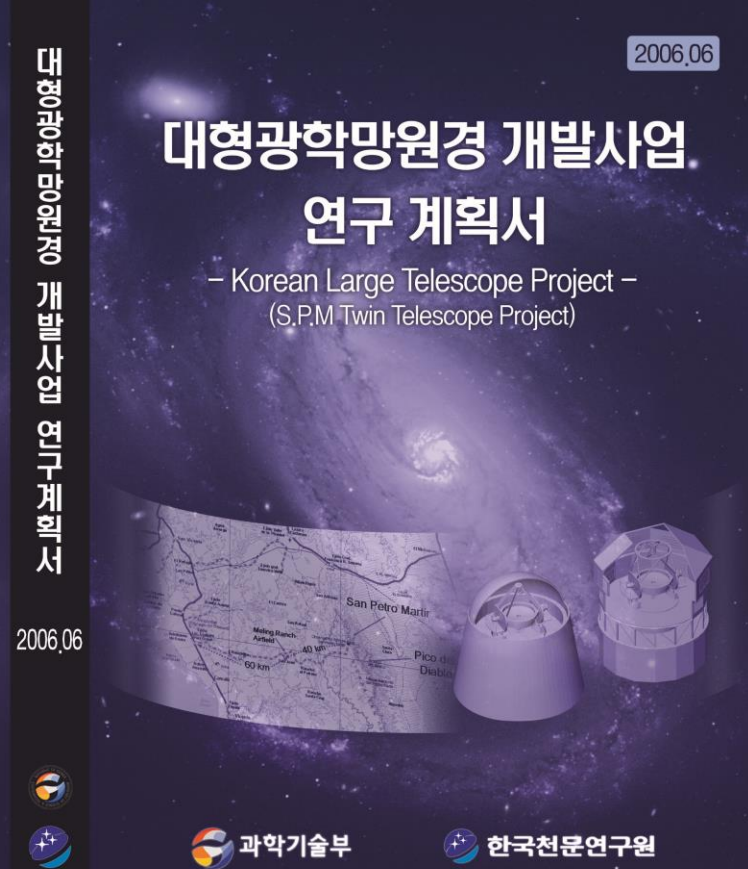
# SPM Twin...and afterwards...

## ➤ 2006 Preliminary Feasibility Study

- the plan was conditionally approved(!), but
- the budget request was not approved.
- project team tried to improve the plan according to the government request, but eventually failed and discarded the SPM twin concept
- **A big cornerstone to success (conditional approval) !!**

## ➤ 2007 Looking for alternative paths

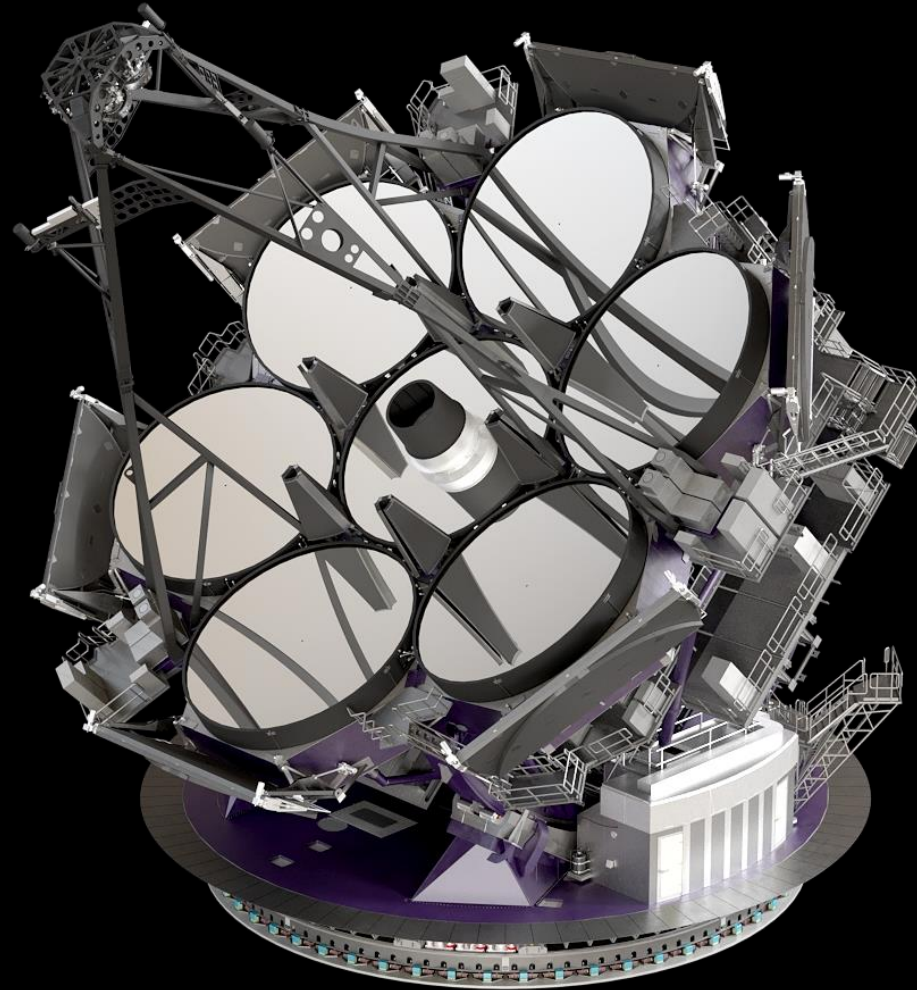
- Various ways were sought –
- Finally, decided to participate in the Giant Magellan Project
  - 10% share & KRW95B
- **in 2008, the budget request was approved with total budget KRW 90.9B (Final success to start the project from 2009!!)**



# Korean GMT Project in 2009



# Giant Magellan Telescope





• Weizmann Institute of Science

• Korea Astronomy and Space Science Institute

• Australian National University  
Astronomy Australia Limited

Arizona State University  
University of Arizona

University of Texas at Austin

Texas A&M University

The University of Chicago

Harvard University

Carnegie Institution for Science

Smithsonian Institution

Giant Magellan Telescope

The São Paulo Research Foundation – FAPESP

# Korean Delegates to the GMT Project

- Founder Representative

- Byeong-Gon Park

- Board of Directors

- Byeong-Gon Park
- Chan Park

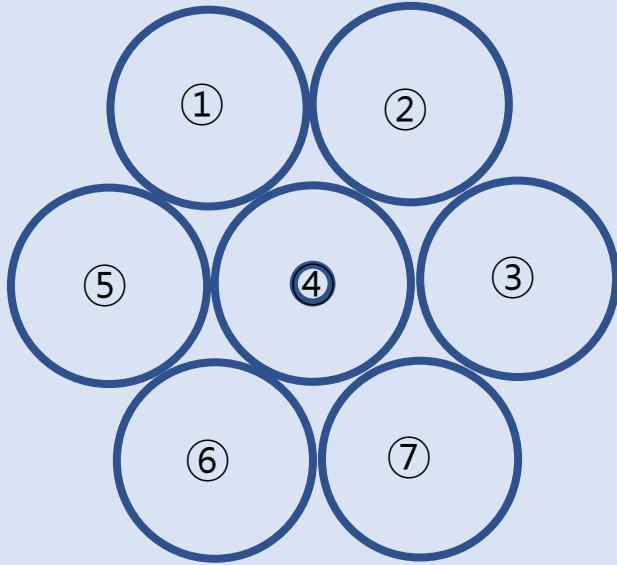
- Science Advisory Committee

- Yujin Yang

- Finance Committee

- Soyoung Hong





## Segment Production Status

S1: completed and stored, 2012

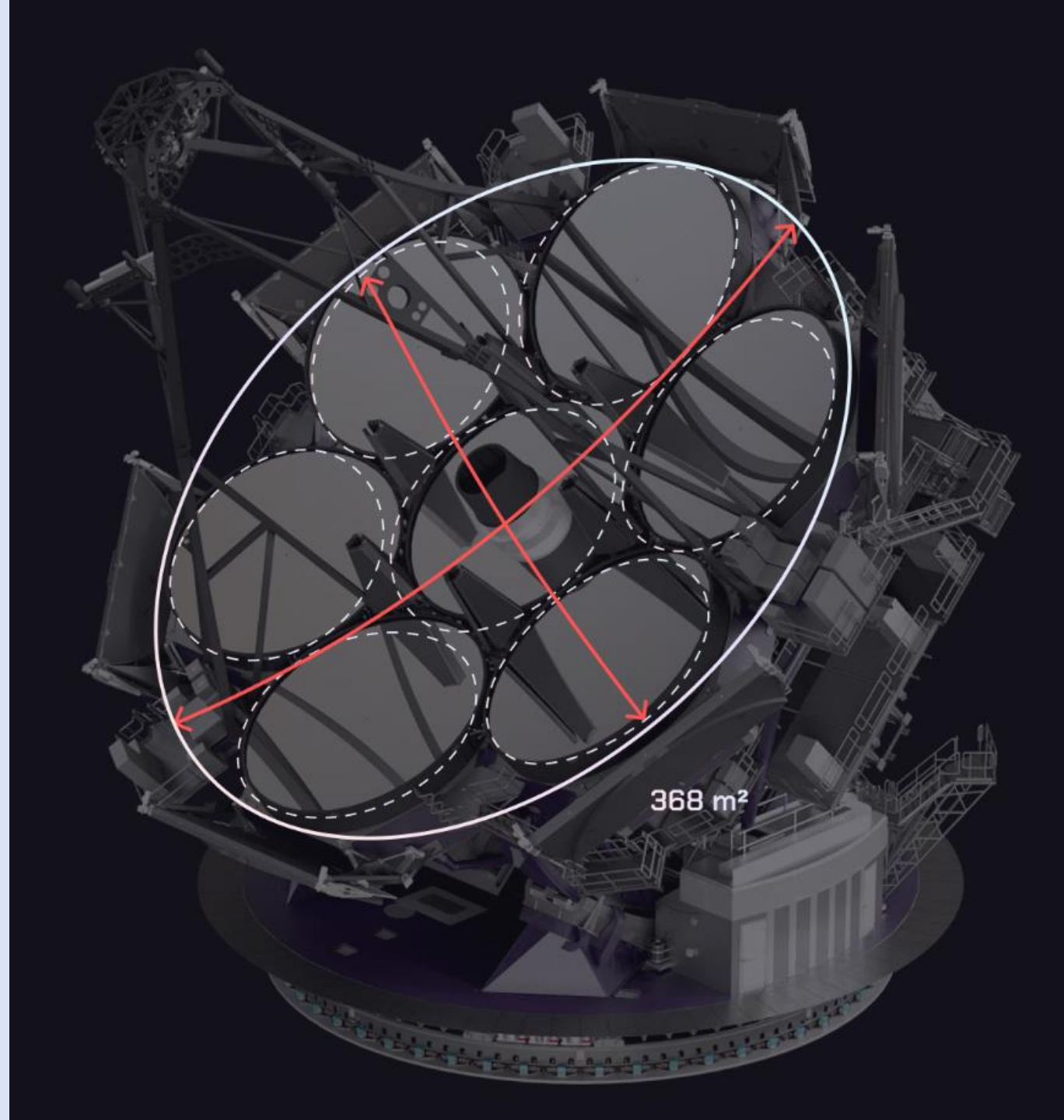
S2: completed and stored, 2019

S3: completed and will test Cell and Subsystem in 2024

S4,S5,S6 : waiting in queue

S7 : cast in 2023 (High-Fire on Oct. 7)

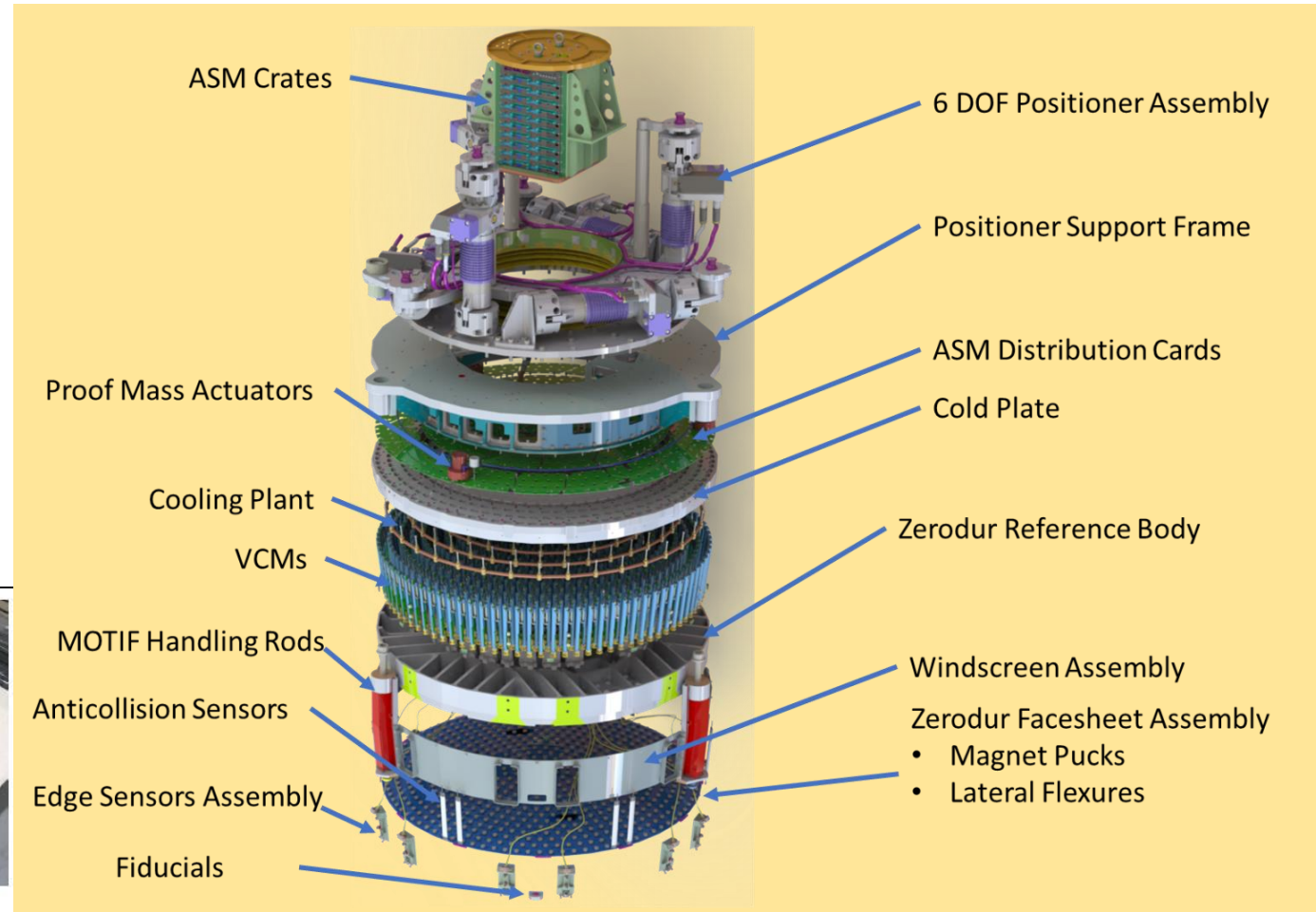
***Note: All segments are either completed or in the production queue!!***



Primary Mirror Support System : Test Cell with Actuators and Surrogate Mirror test completed, Test with Segment 3 planned in 2024.



# Adaptive Secondary Mirror System : ASM Sheet 1 (Gen 4 ASM) completed





Enclosure: IDOM completed 60% maturity review and manufacturability review in April 2023.



Site : Support facilities are ready to accept telescope and enclosure on site.

# Mount: OHB-Direct & IMT Consortium fabricates Azimuth track and structures

## Rockford company to help giant telescope reach for the stars



**Ken DeCoster**

Rockford Register Star

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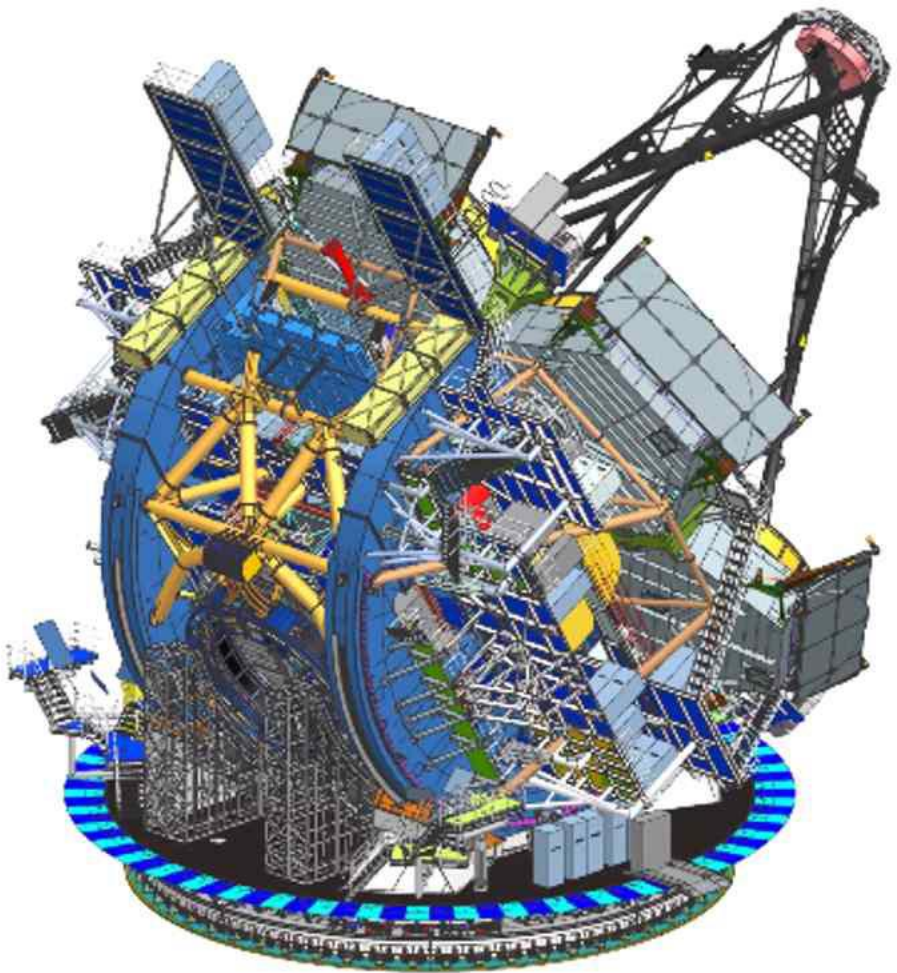
Mastermill, a machine that will produce high tolerance parts, is seen on Thursday, July 21, 2022, at Ingersoll Machine Tools in Rockford. *CHRIS NIEVES/ROCKFORD REGISTER STAR*

ROCKFORD — What is billed as North America's newest, largest and most advanced five axis mill machine was unveiled Thursday at [Ingersoll Machine Tools](#), 707 Fulton Ave., on the Rockford's northwest side.

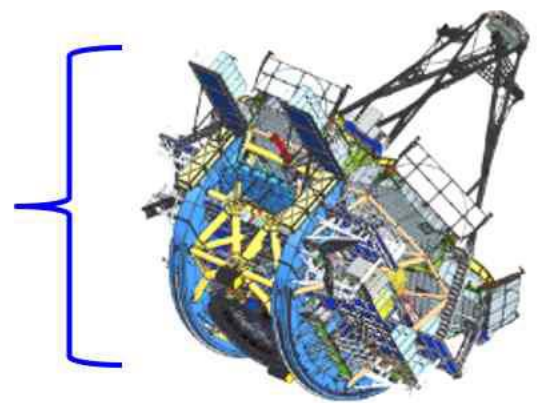
The company's MasterMill will manufacture large components, including an 1,800-ton mount, for the Giant Magellan Telescope, which is heralded as a next-generation giant optical infrared observatory capable of altering the history of space exploration.



# GMT Mount Fabrication – Phase 5A



NSF  
Construction  
Scope  
Phase 5B



Optical  
Support  
Structure

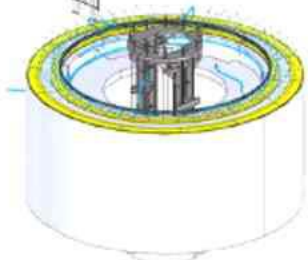
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Construction  
Scope  
Phase 5A



Azimuth  
Structure

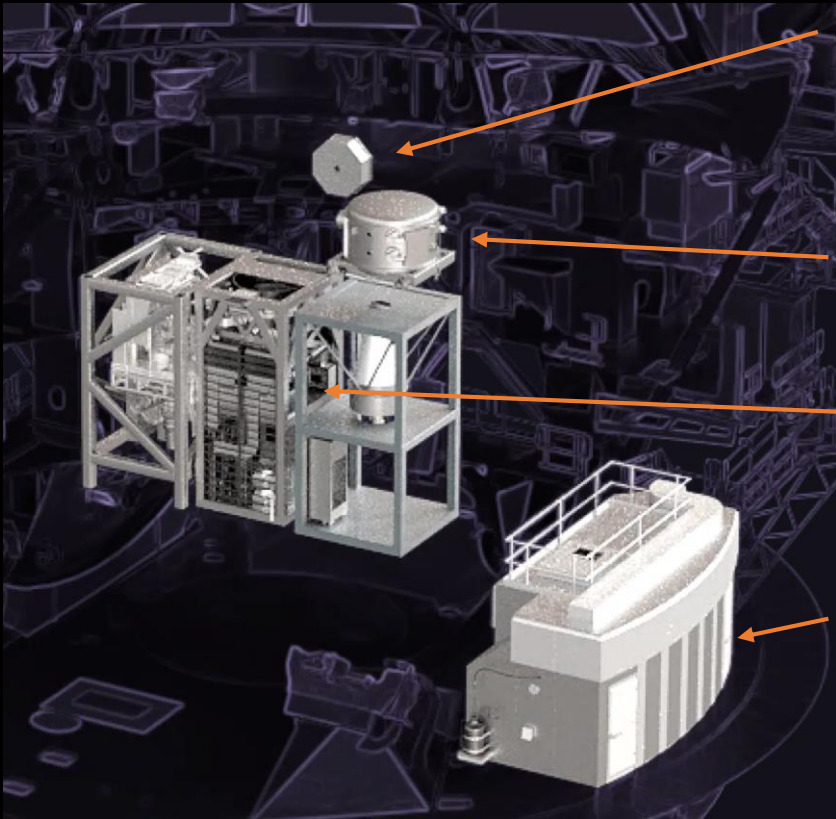


Azimuth  
Track



Pier  
(SEF Scope)

# Instruments



## GMTNIRS(GMT Near InfraRed Spectrograph)



- PDR completed
- Will visit Magellan telescope until GMT is completed

## GMTIFS(GMT Integral-Field Spectrograph)

- Conceptual Design in progress

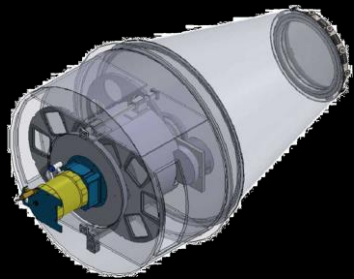
## GMACS(GMT Multi-object Astronomical and Cosmological Spectrograph)

- Conceptual Design 2 in progress

## G-CLEF(GMT Consortium Large Earth Finder)

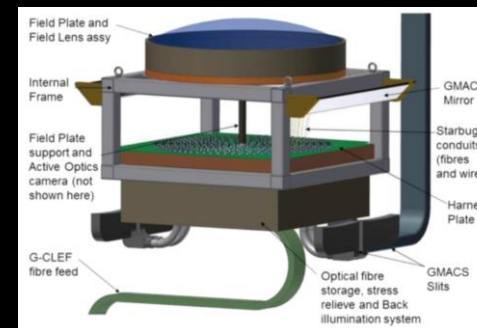


- First light instrument
- FDR completed
- Will visit Magellan telescope until GMT is completed



## Commissioning Camera

- Conceptual Design in progress



## MANIFEST

- Conceptual Design 2 in progress

# GMT 2024-2026

## ➤ Seek construction fund from NSF as a member of the US-ELT Program

- Final Design Phase of the whole GMT system / FDR
- Major Research Equipment and Facilities Construction (MREFC)

