

Big Science Business Forum 2026

27 – 30 October 2026

MECC, Maastricht, The Netherlands

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Why be involved in Big Science?



Quote:

- “We joined the BSBF for the first time and have made new and promising connections with a few Big Science organisations”





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Reasons provided by representatives from industry involved in Big Science:

- Improving technical knowledge
- Innovation can lead to improved or new products
- Increased sales
- Pathway to new markets
- Marketing purposes; it shows you play at “Champions League” level
- Keeping or attracting new personnel by offering challenging projects
- Experience at one BSO, could lead to involvement at others

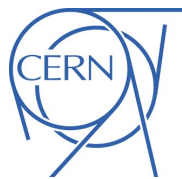


Why participate in BSBF?



In two days one can

- Get informed about Big Science in general
- Learn about the BSO needs in your technology domain:
 - Build to print or co-development opportunities
- Meet representatives of 10 hosting and the associated BSOs
- Engage with both procurement officers and technical experts
 - In B2B meetings or at their or your stand
- Determine whether your competences match their needs
- Visits to laboratories to see set-ups first hand

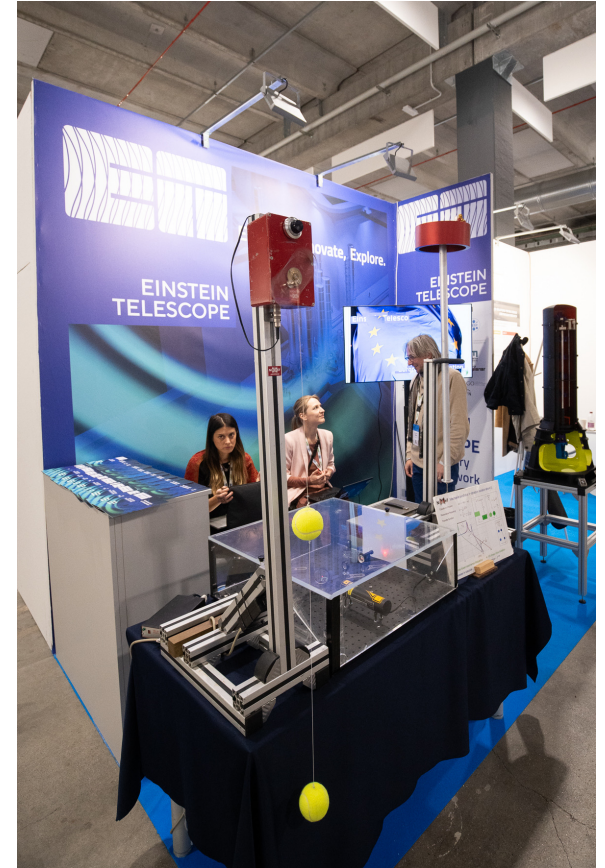




Exhibitor information



- BSBF2024 was fully booked
- Contact info@bsbf2026.org to register interest
- At www.bsbf2026.org sign up for newsletter
- Deadlines for booking a booth will become available in the mid-2025
- Sponsorship packages are available, but custom packages can be discussed
- Standard stand size 2x3 m²





Call to action



- Sign up to the newsletter at
 - www.bsbf2026.org or via
 - info@bsbf2026.org
- Follow us on LinkedIn
 - BSBF2026
- The visits to Big Science Organisations will start in the fall of 2025
- Possibility to be part of the following tracks
 - SME-track, Knowledge transfer track, women in big science, etc.



Programme



Tuesday 27 October

- Satellite events & opening ceremony

Wednesday 28 October

- Plenary & parallel sessions and B2B meetings
- Conference dinner

Thursday 29 October

- Plenary & parallel sessions and B2B meetings
- Closing ceremony

Friday 30 October

- Visits to laboratories

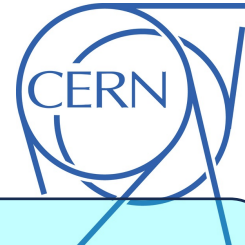


Preliminary parallel session topics



1. Affiliated BSOs
2. High precision, small and large mechanical components
3. Electrical, electromechanical and RF systems
4. Normal and superconducting magnets
5. Knowledge transfer (special topical session)
6. Cryogenic technology and cooling technology
7. IT, Big Data and (tele)communication technologies
8. Engineering methods, mechanical design and tools
9. Servicing and contracting work (maintenance, repair, testing, etc.)
10. SME track (special topical session)
11. Aerospace and Nuclear technologies (radiation protection, dosimetry etc.)
12. Materials and manufacturing technologies: Metal, Plastics, Composites, Aluminium, etc.
13. Instrumentation and controls (Diagnostics, detectors, sensors, optics)
14. Protection of hazardous installations, access control, fire and gas detection
15. Sustainability (special topical session)
16. Civil engineering and construction works (incl. utilities, heavy lifting, transport etc.)
17. Vacuum Technology and leak detection
18. Robotics and remote handling - Remote handling systems (incl. for hazardous environment)
19. Women in Big Science (special topical session)

High energy physics



ASIC development
collaboration serving
many applications



X-ray Diffraction to study crystals
e.g. in medicine quality control



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SCIENTIFIC
INSTRUMENTS



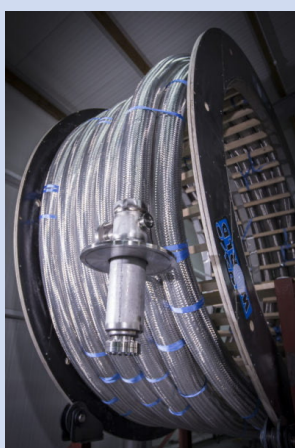
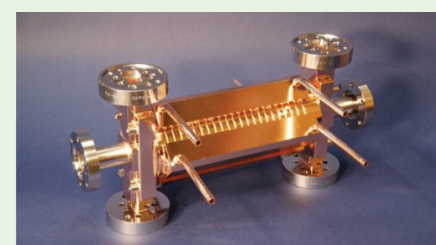
Particle detection with
sub-nanosecond time
resolution



Tuneable monochromatic X-ray
source for material research



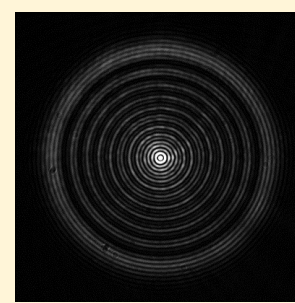
Production of ultra
smooth copper
structures for
accelerators



60m Super-
conductive link
flexible cryostats

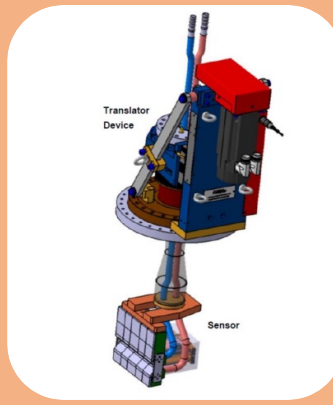


Mark curved surfaces
with structured laser

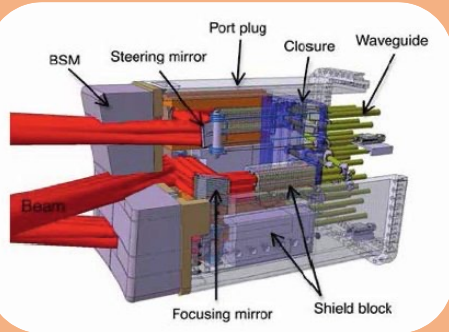




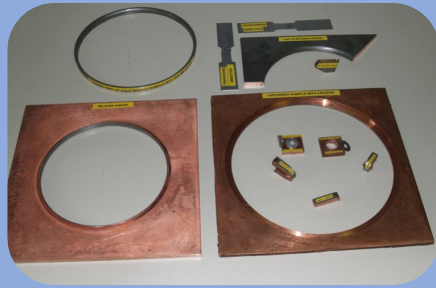
Cold Valve
Boxes for
ITER
Cryopumps



Emittance
Meter Sensor
designed for
the Injector
of the Linear
Prototype
Accelerator



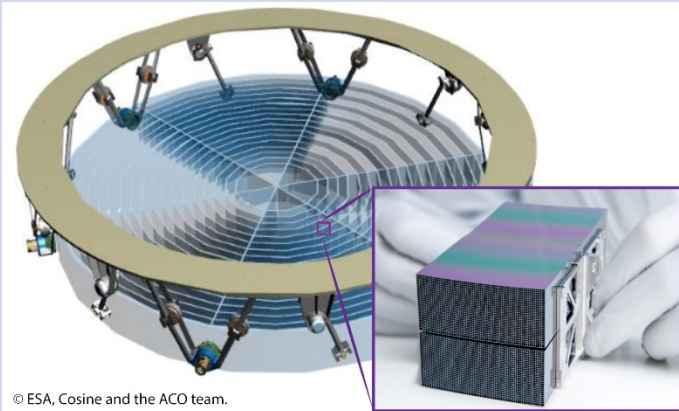
ECH
Equatorial
Launcher
Remote
Handling
VR system



Explosive
welding work
of copper on
molybdenum
for use in the
neutral beam
injectors



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Silicon mirrors for the
Athena mission

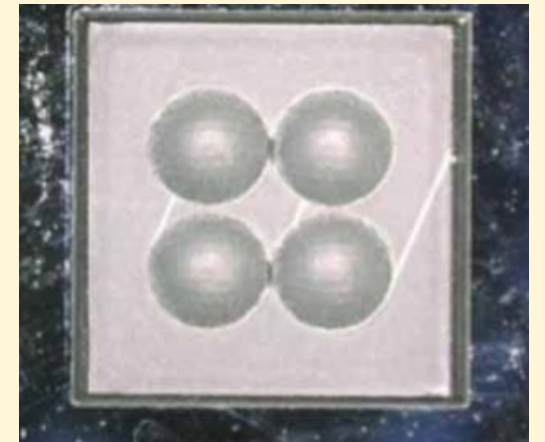
Vacuum chamber for
PLATO cameras and
Cosine mirrors+

MASEVON
GROUP



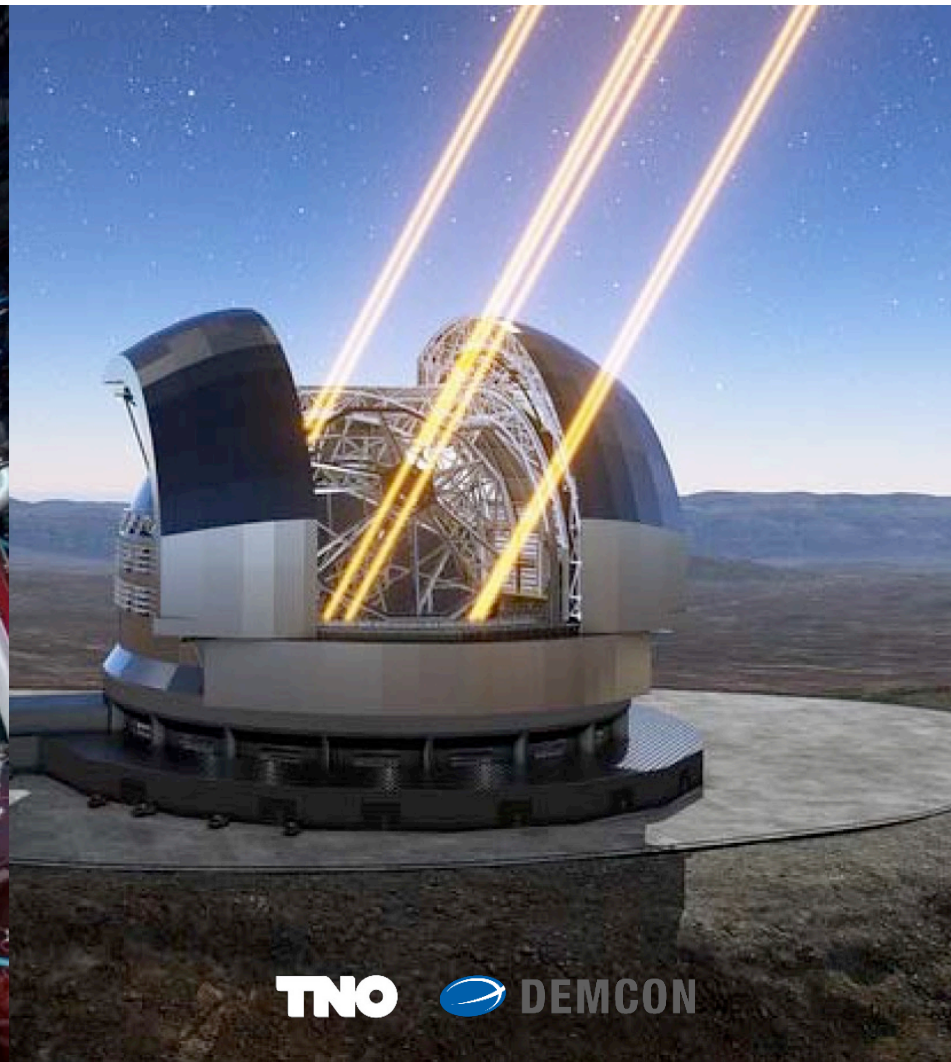
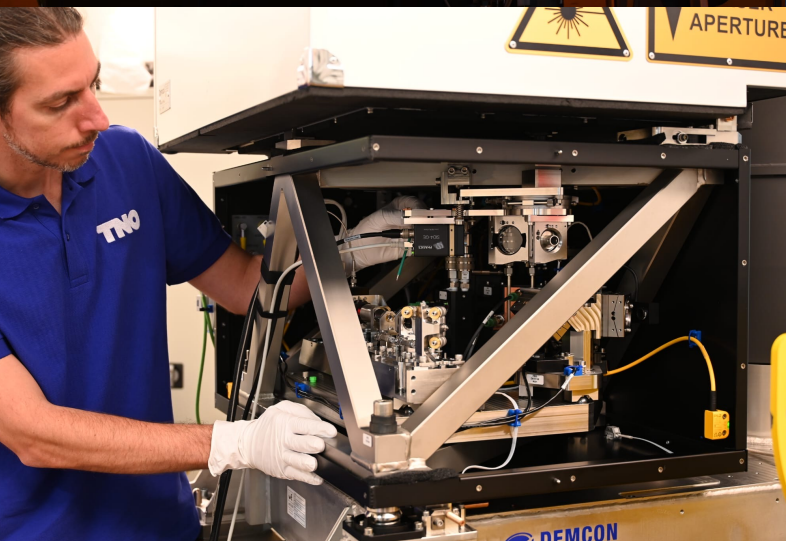
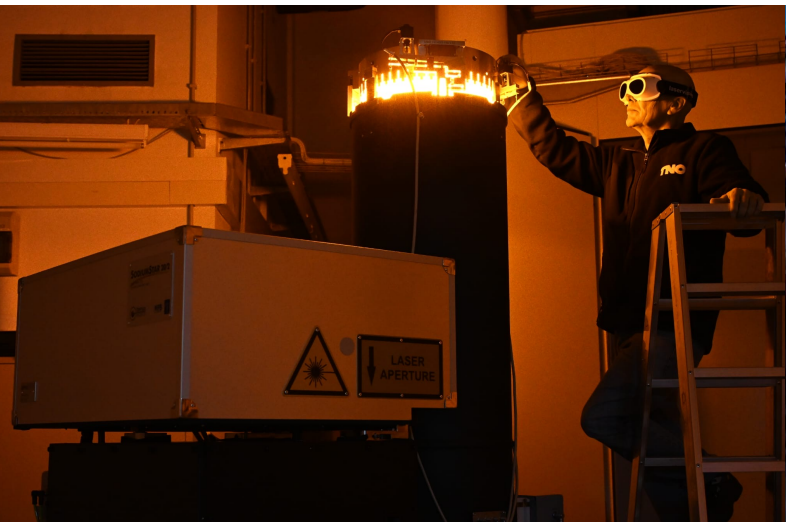
veldlaser

Micro-machined lenses



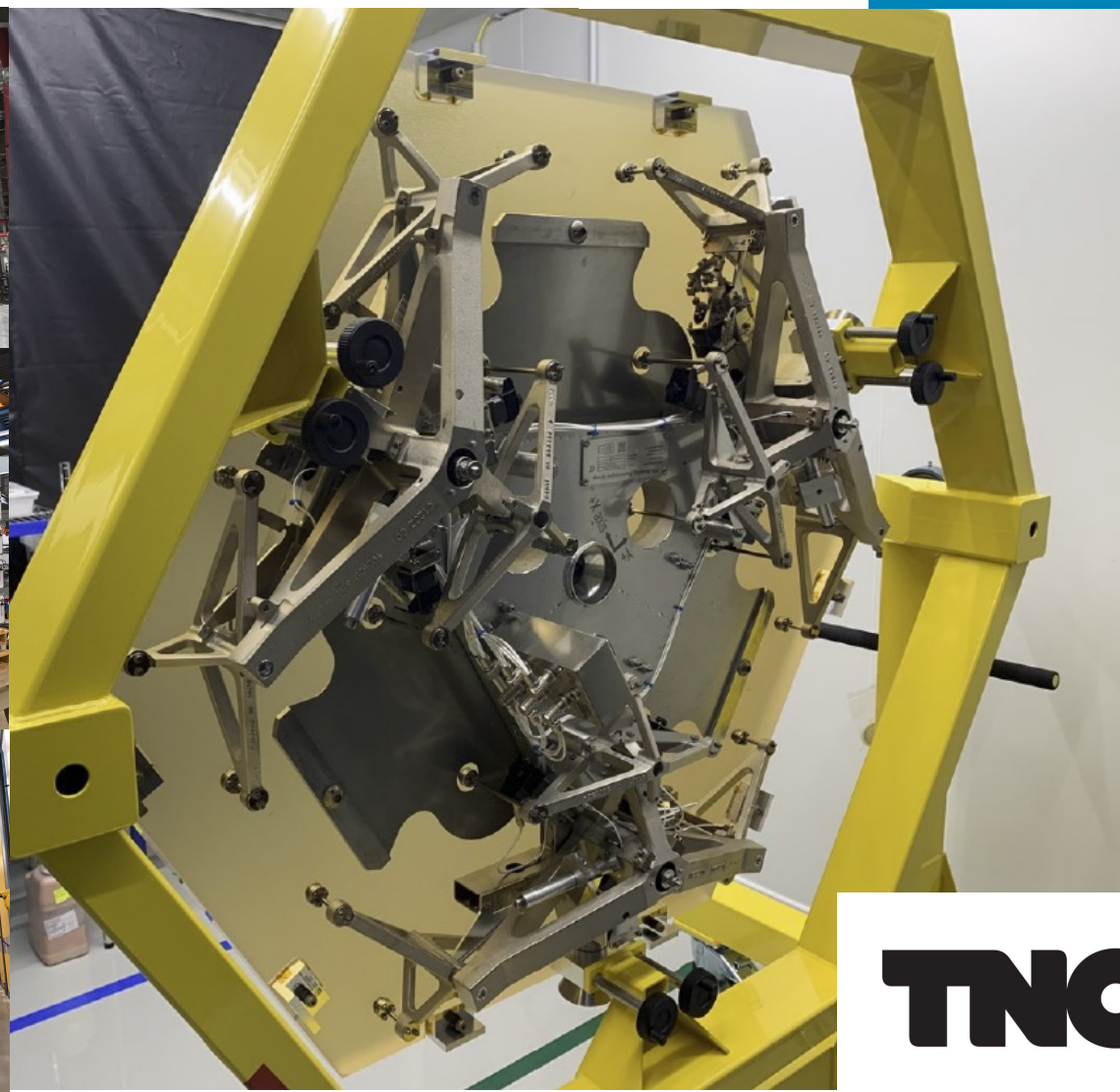
Ground based astronomy

Demcon & TNO deliver the Extremely Large Telescope &
VLT Laser Guide Star Projection System (6 + 3 laser beams)



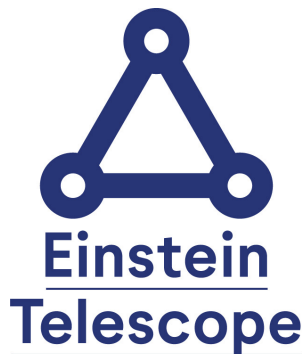
Ground based astronomy

VDL & TNO deliver nearly 1000 Primary Mirror Segment Support Structures for the Extremely Large Telescope



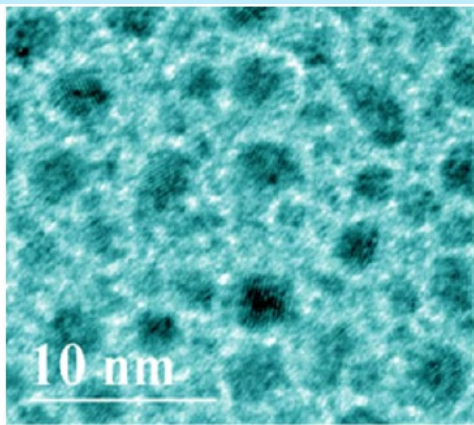
Gravitational Waves

Research consortia on various topics



Optics

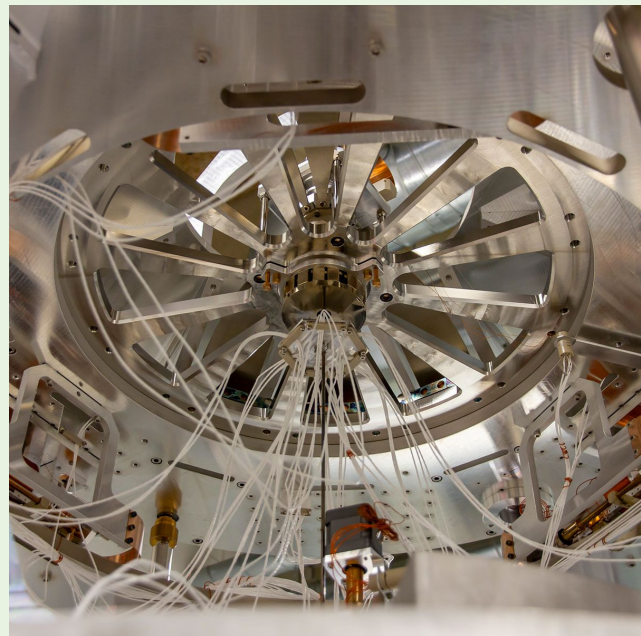
cosine

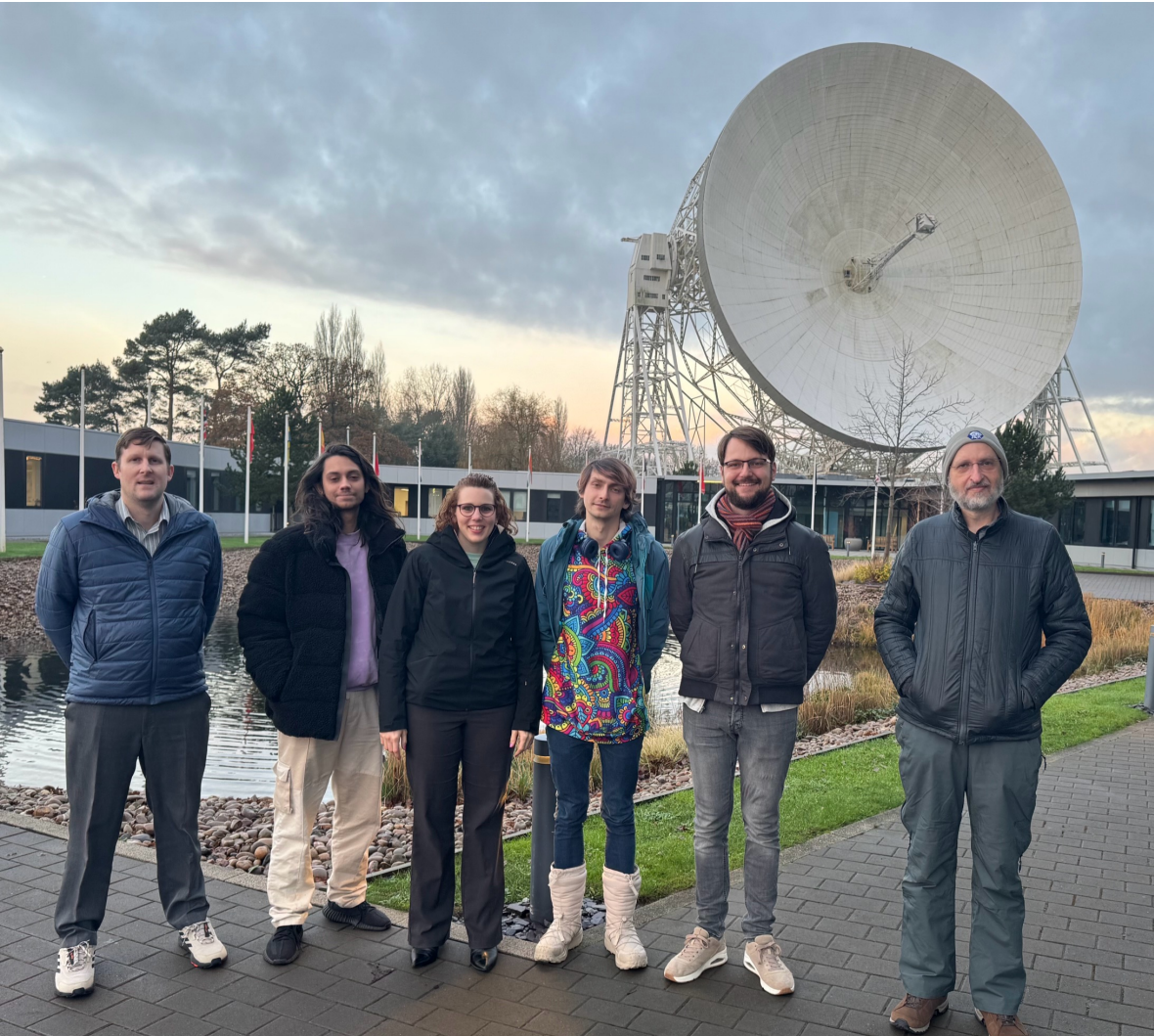


Other consortia on:

- Thermal deformations
- Vacuum system

Damping & vibration free cooling





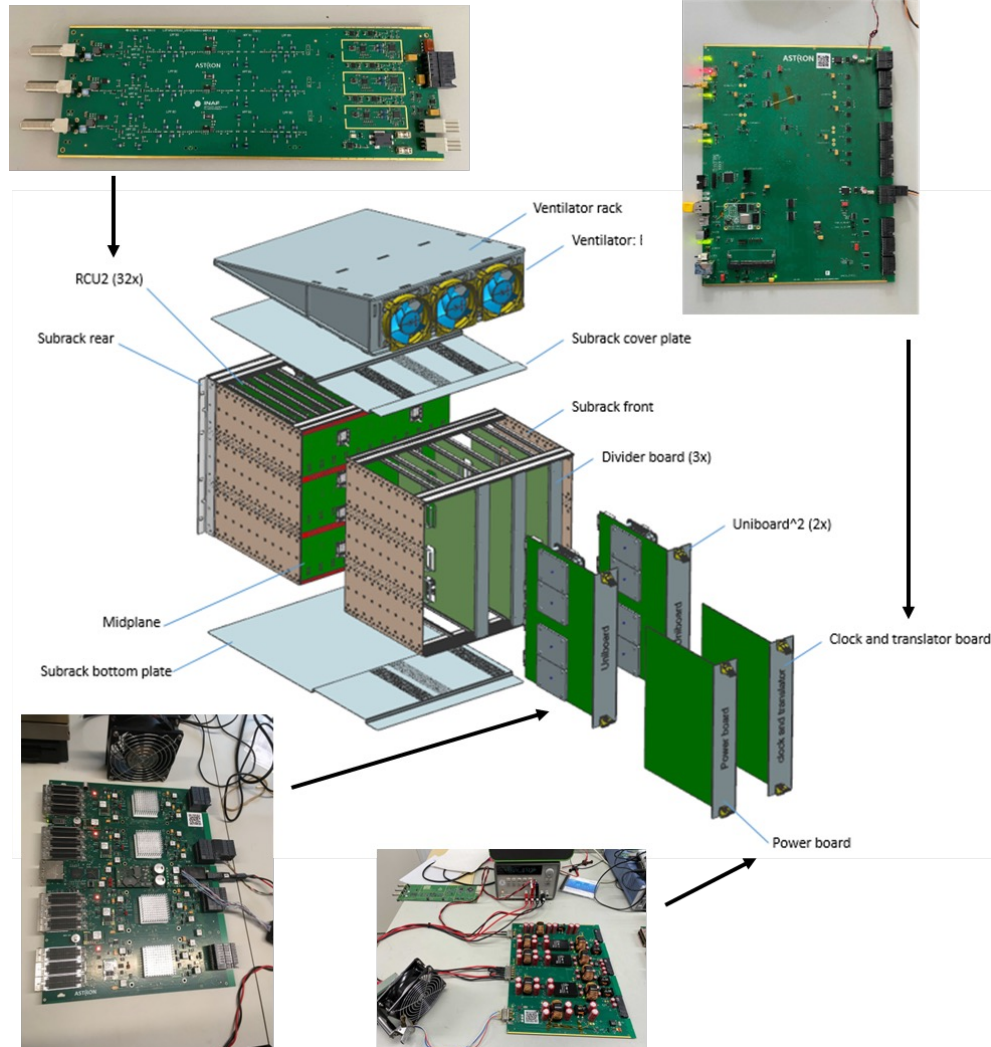
Test and integration of electronic components

Correlator and Beamformer,
Monitoring and Control,
Pulsar Search,
Pulsar Timing

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Radio Telescopes

ASTRON



The LOFAR2.0 stations required new electronic boards, a new clock, the update of the central systems and an upgrade of the network. These industry partners strengthen their competitive advantage by working on state-of-the-art ASTRON technology





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