





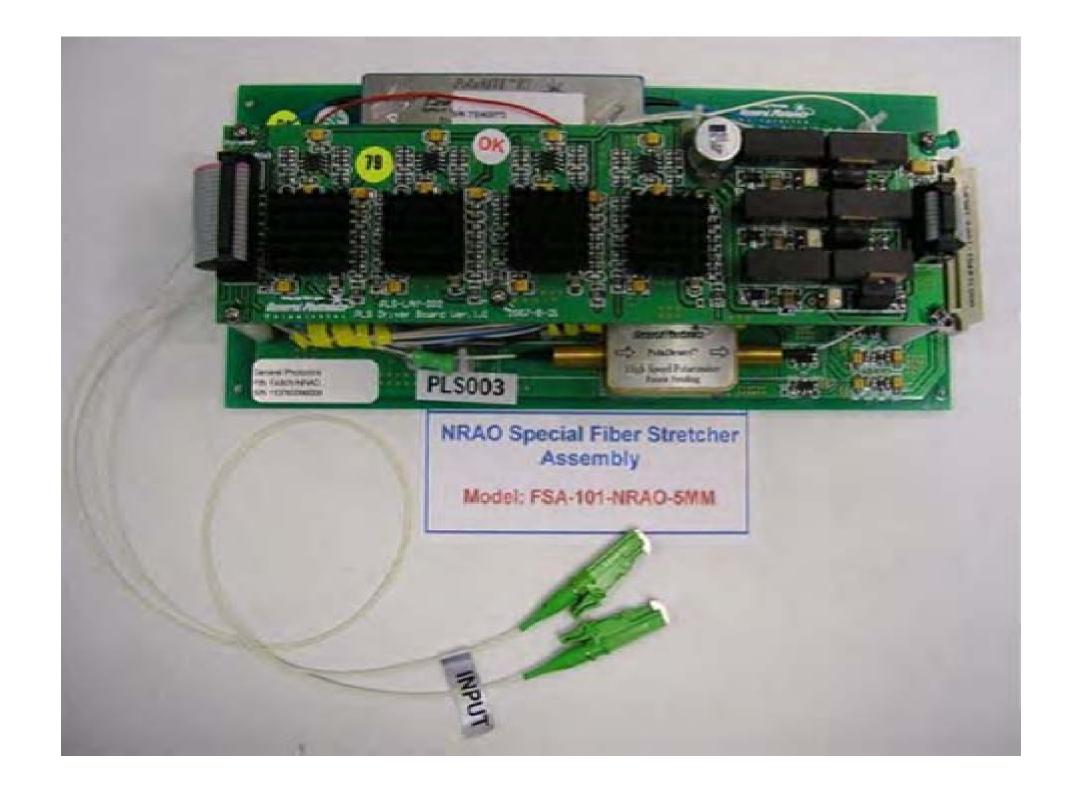


The ALMA Antenna Transporter

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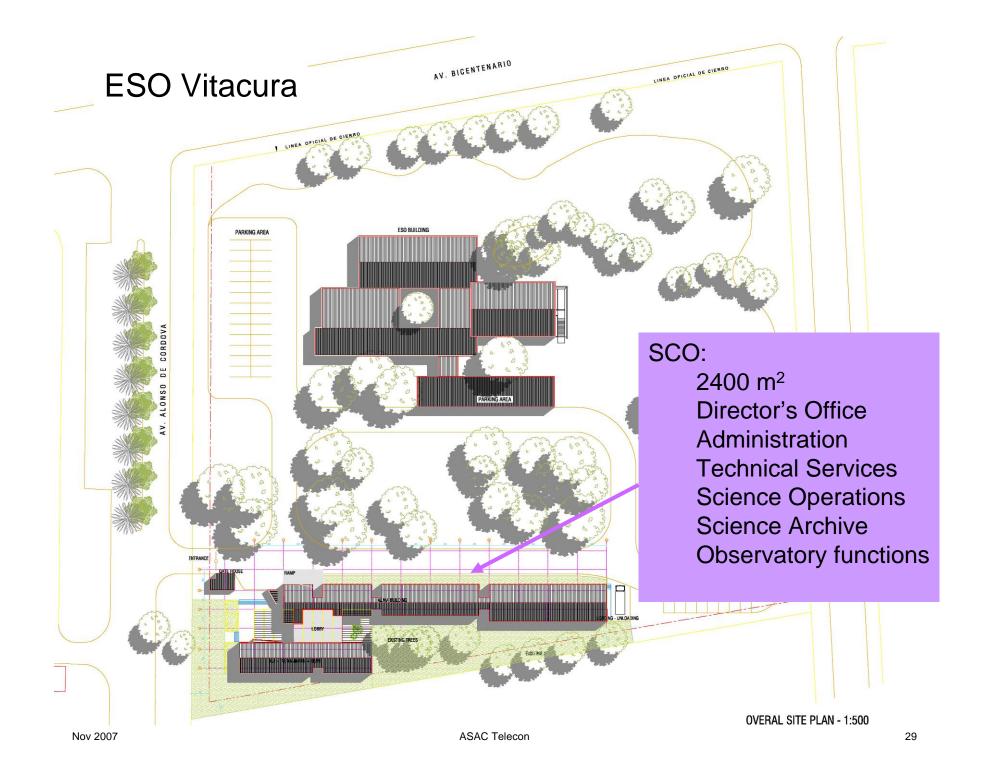




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- Conceptual design process completed; contract kickoff held, detailed design work underway
- Minor issues:
 - Location of guardhouse (Vitacura restrictions)
 - ESO site infrastructure (transformer, generator)
 - "Regularization" of ESO facilities minimize risk
 - Additional parking (ESO) investigation underway...







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