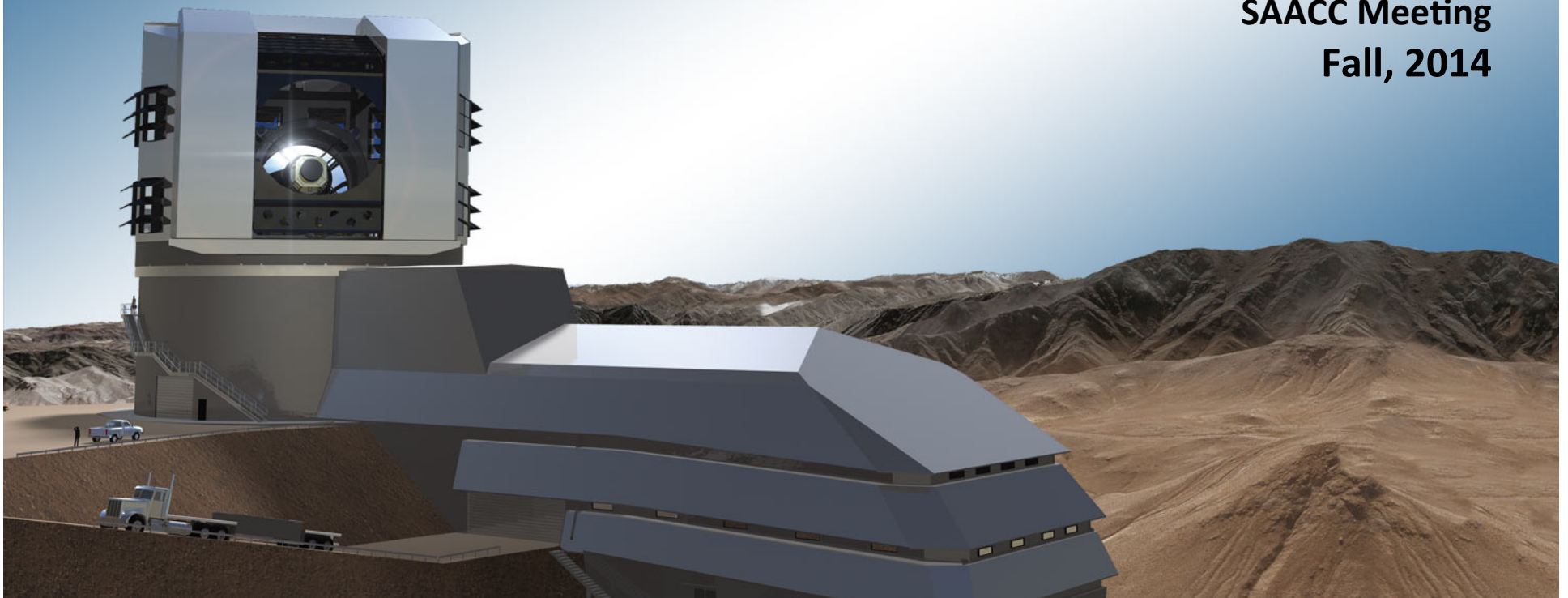


# LSST Project Update

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## LSST MREFC Funding Status



- NSF signed Cooperative Agreement for LSST to proceed with Construction, effective July 1, 2014!
- Contracts with REUNA and FIU/AmLight are in work
- Staff is ramping up across Data Management, doubling in size in FY15 – FY17



The long awaited news has arrived – LSST has received its federal construction start! On Friday afternoon, August 1, the NSF authorized the LSST project for construction with \$27.5M in FY14 and a budget plan that stays within a \$473M overall budget cap. [AURA received NSF support to manage construction of LSST; the NSF press release describes LSST construction as “taking astronomy to the next level”. This marks the official federal start of the LSST project.](#)