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There is always great anticipation when working on the development of a certain type of instrument – we always looked forward to the time when it finally transitioned from a thought to a working device. This was marked by the successful flow of energy from end-to-end throughout the structure, and we called it “First Light”. When the complete system was shown to have processed that light, a great part of our job had been accomplished. We would continue to monitor its operation, but we felt a thrill that something new had been born. Our group had looked at the design in awe, and we all agreed that it was “Good”. There was always a celebratory atmosphere when our Chief Engineer said, “Let there be Light!”

And there was Light!

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