

CanariCam@GTC

Recommissioning & Lessons Learned

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The organization

<http://www.gtc.iac.es/GTChome.php>

- **GTC** telescope is an initiative of the Instituto de Astrofísica de Canarias (IAC)
- Funded by Spain (90%), México (5%), and the University of Florida (2.5-5%). In the process of defining the participation of China as new member.
- Belongs to the set of Spanish *Unique Scientific & Technical Infrastructures*
- Construction started in 2000, first light in 2007, operations started in 2009
- **GRANTECAN** is the company that built, operates, maintains and upgrades GTC
- **GTC** operates in a multi-instrument queue mode
- Public Data Archive: <http://gtc.sdc.cab.inta-csic.es/gtc/index.jsp>

Latitude: 28° 45' 24" N
Longitude: 17° 53' 31" W
Elevation of about 2300 masl



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CanariCam@Nasmyth (Mar 2012 -> Mar 2016)

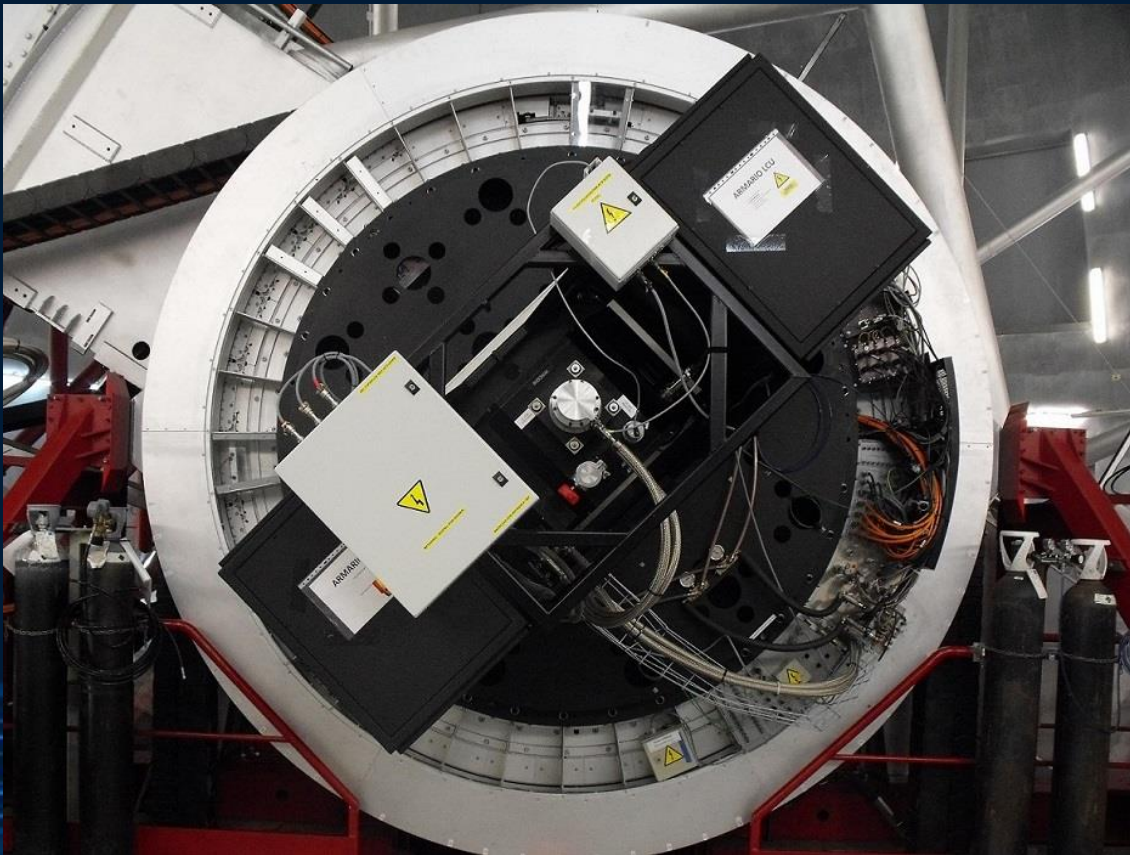


CanariCam@Nasmyth

Instrument Overview

<http://www.gtc.iac.es/instruments/canaricam/>

CanariCam is the facility multi-mode mid-IR (7.5-25 μm) camera on the 10-m Gran Telescopio CANARIAS (GTC) on La Palma, Spain. Designed and built by the University of Florida, it provides imaging, spectroscopic and unique polarimetric capabilities near the diffraction limit of the telescope.



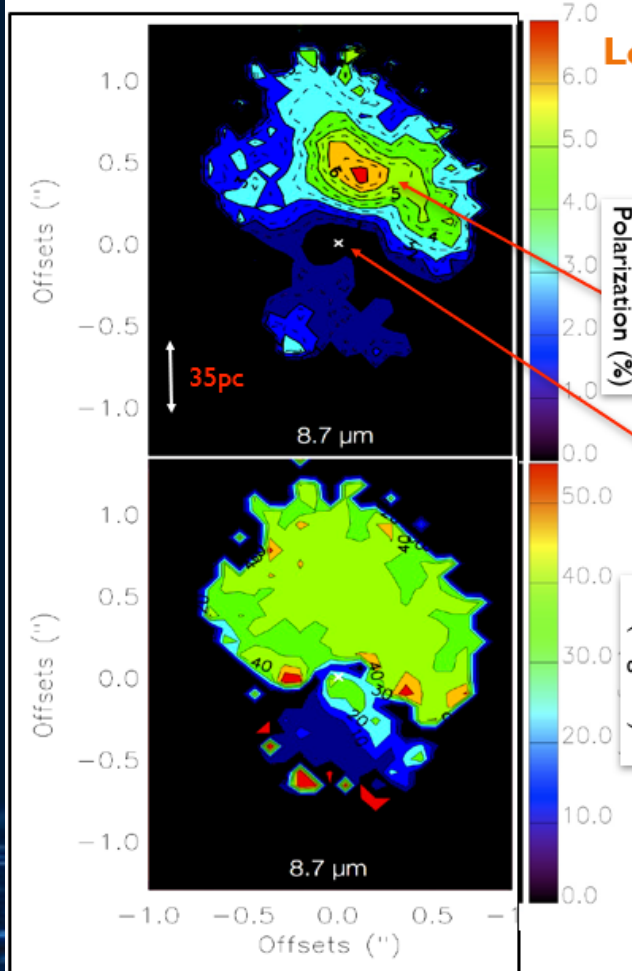
<i>Spectral Range</i>	7.5-25 μm
<i>Detector</i>	Raytheon 320x240 Si:As (cooled to 9K)
<i>Plate Scale</i>	0.08 arcsec pix ⁻¹
<i>Field of view</i>	26 x 19 arcsec ²
<i>Imaging modes</i>	broad/narrow band, polarimetry
<i>Spectroscopic modes</i>	long-slit, polarimetry
<i>Spectral resolution</i>	175 to 1300

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Science Domain - AGNs

MIR polarization of NGC1068 does not peak at the AGN position

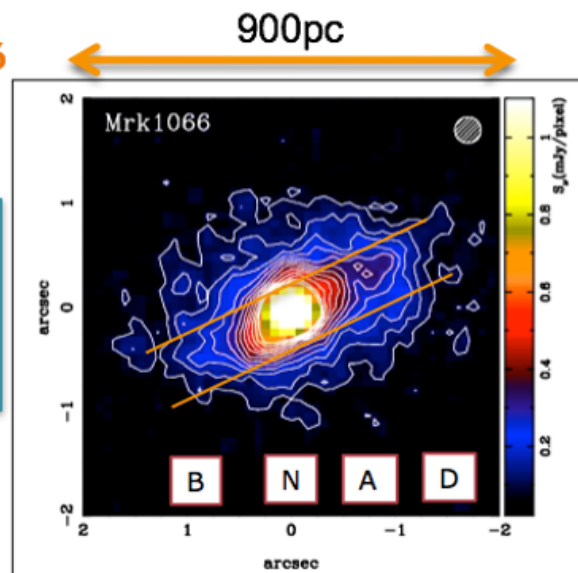
PAHs are not destroyed and are spatially resolved in the nuclear regions of AGN



López-Rodríguez+2016

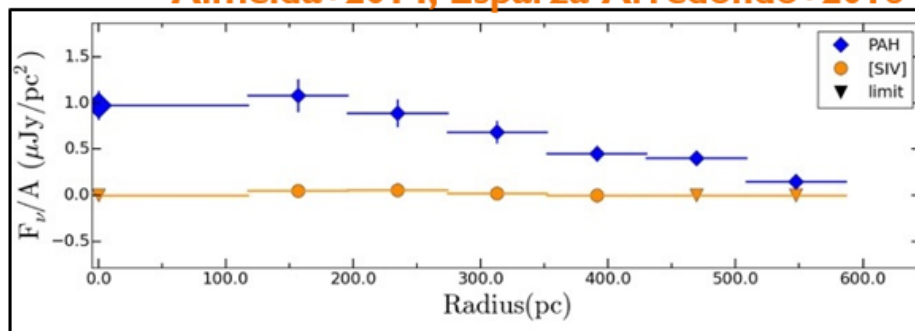
Jet-molecular cloud interaction in northern ionization cone: No silicate feature in polarized light: **dust grains different from those in ISM?**

AGN location <0.3% polarization from the torus



Alonso-Herrero+2014, Ramos

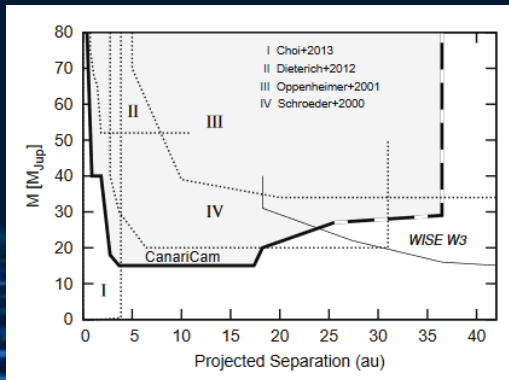
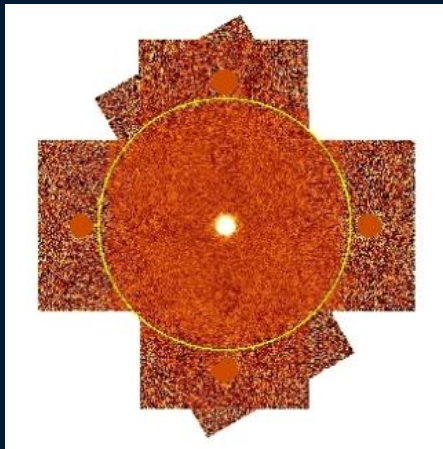
Almeida+2014, Esparza-Arredondo+2018



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Science Domain – Substellar Objects

Constraining the presence of substellar companions around the Barnard's star (Gauza+2015)



Thermophysical modelling of Apophis (Licandro+2015)

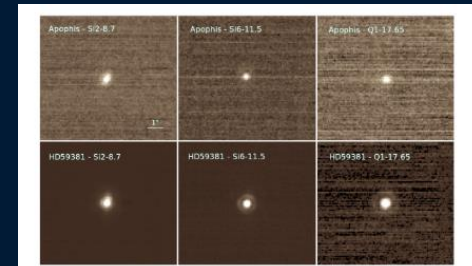
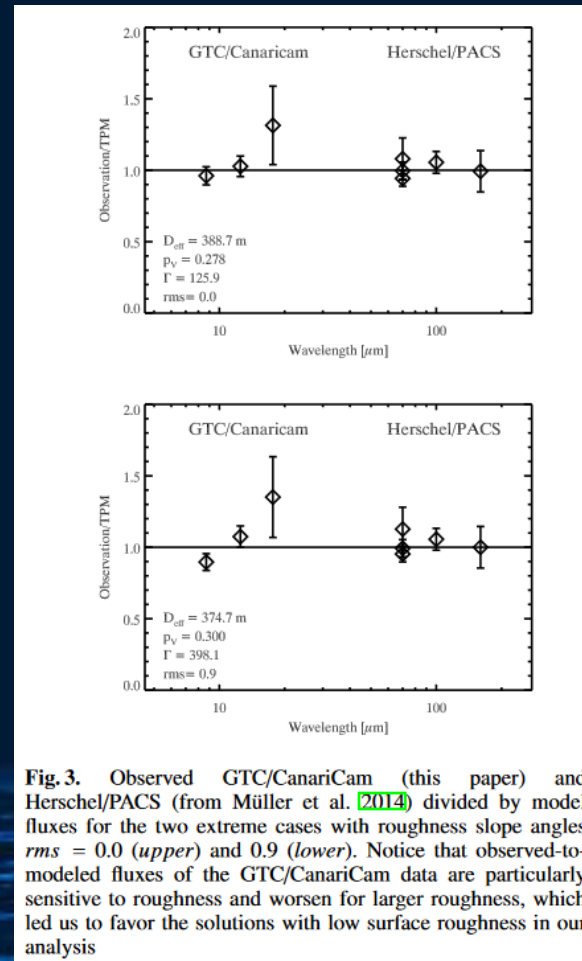
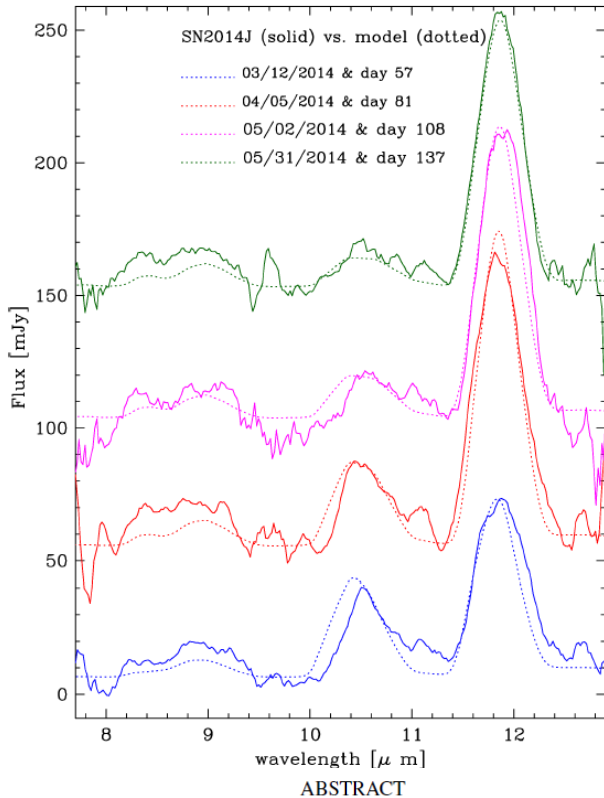


Fig.1. Composed images of Apophis (upper panels) and HD59381 flux standard star (lower panel) in the three filters used.



Broad Science Domain - Supernovae, lensed Quasars...



Mid-IR spectroscopic follow-up of type Ia
SN 2014J in M82 (Telesco+2014)

Lensed Quasar Q2237+0305
(Vives-Arias+2016)

Flux Ratios:
 $B/A = 0.99 \pm 0.10$
 $D/A = 0.69 \pm 0.10$
 $C/A = 0.84 \pm 0.10$

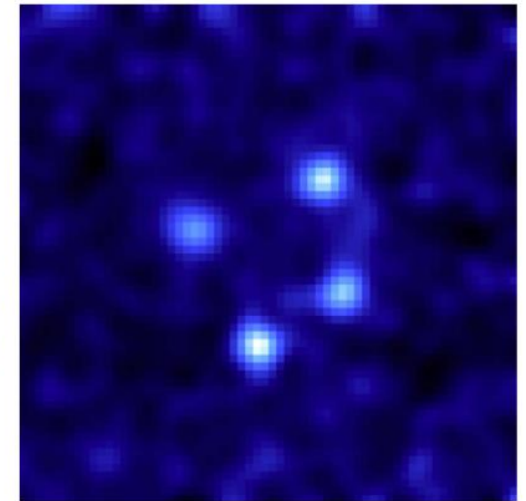


Figure 1. Quadruple lens system Q2237+0305 at $11.6 \mu\text{m}$ using data taken with CanariCam at GTC on 2013 September 18 and 19 (UT). The pixel scale is $0''.08 \text{ pixel}^{-1}$, and the image subtends $5''.12$. North is up, east is left, and the quasar images are, starting from top right and moving clockwise, B, D, A, and C, respectively. This image has been smoothed with a Gaussian kernel of $\sigma = 0''.12$ in order to improve the contrast relative to the noise.

We present a time series of 8–13 μm spectra and photometry for SN 2014J obtained 57, 81, 108, and 137 days after the explosion using CanariCam on the Gran Telescopio Canarias. This is the first mid-IR time series ever obtained for a Type Ia supernova (SN Ia). These observations can be understood within the framework of the delayed detonation model and the production of $\sim 0.6 M_{\odot}$ of ^{56}Ni , consistent with the observed brightness, the brightness decline relation, and the γ -ray fluxes. The [Co III] line at $11.888 \mu\text{m}$ is particularly useful for evaluating the time evolution of the photosphere and measuring the amount of ^{56}Ni and thus the mass of the ejecta. Late-time line profiles of SN 2014J are rather symmetric and not shifted in the rest frame. We see argon emission, which provides a unique probe of mixing in the transition layer between incomplete burning and nuclear statistical equilibrium. We may see [Fe III] and [Ni IV] emission, both of which are observed to be substantially stronger than indicated by our models. If the latter identification is correct, then we are likely observing stable Ni, which might imply central mixing. In addition, electron capture, also required for stable Ni, requires densities larger than $\sim 1 \times 10^9 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$, which are expected to be present only in white dwarfs close to the Chandrasekhar limit. This study demonstrates that mid-IR studies of SNe Ia are feasible from the ground and provide unique information, but it also indicates the need for better atomic data.

Magnetic Field in the GC
by Roche+2018

First-ever spectropolarimetry of
protoplanetary disks in thermal-IR
(WL-16) by Zhang+2016

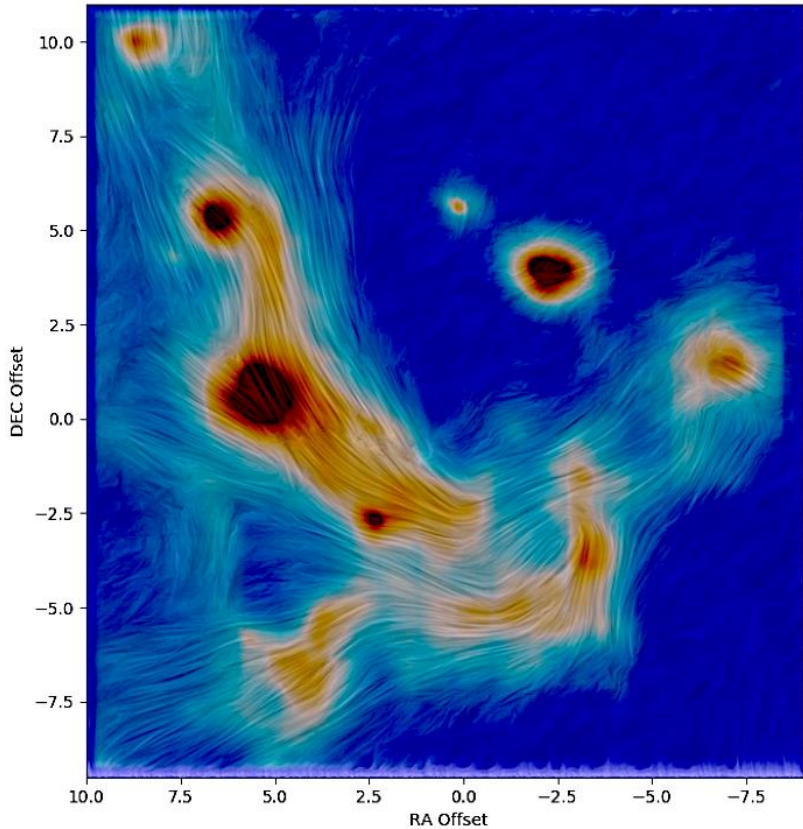


Figure 3. The polarization map of the central 0.75 parsec produced with a line integral convolution to emphasise the coherent structures.

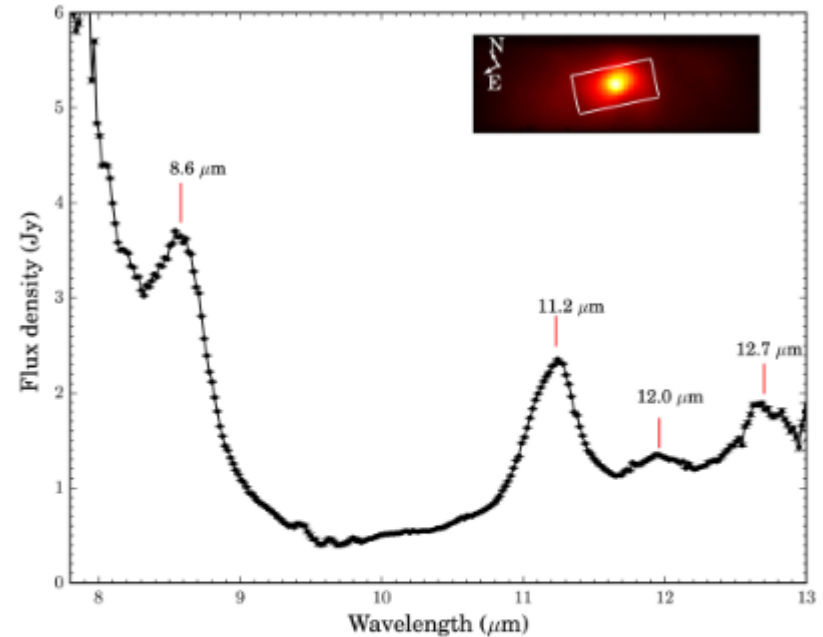


Figure 3. The low-resolution ($R \approx 50$) spectrum of the brightest central 1.6 arcsec (21 pixel) region of WL 16. The slit (white rectangle) is shown on the inset image of WL 16 at 8.7 μm . The raw data were smoothed with a boxcar of 3 pixel (0.06 μm) in width. PAH emission features are seen at 8.6, 11.2, 12.0, and 12.7 μm . The 8.6 μm feature originates from C-H in-plane bending. The 11.2, 12.0, and 12.7 μm features originate from C-H out-of-plane bending.

CanariCam Productivity – 43 papers so far



Year	Authors	Title	Country	Journal	Volume	Page	Instrument	adsLink
2014	Russell et al.	The multiwavelength polarization of Cygnus X-1	ES	MNRAS	438	2083	CANARICAM	http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2014MNRAS.438.2083R
2014	Alonso-Herrero et al.	Nuclear 11.3 mum PAH emission in local active gala...	ES	MNRAS	443	2766	CANARICAM	http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2014MNRAS.443.2766A
2014	López-Rodríguez et al.	Polarized Mid-infrared Synchrotron Emission in the...	US	APJ	793	81	CANARICAM	http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2014ApJ...793...81L
2014	Ramos Almeida et al.	A mid-infrared view of the inner parsecs of the Se...	ES	MNRAS	445	1130	CANARICAM	http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2014MNRAS.445.1130R
2014	Mori et al.	Near- to mid-infrared imaging and spectroscopy of ...	JP	PASJ	66	93	CANARICAM	http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2014PASJ...66...93M
2015	Telesco et al.	Mid-IR Spectra of Type Ia SN 2014J in M82 Spanning...	US	APJ	798	93	CANARICAM	http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2015ApJ...798...93T
2015	García-Bernete	The nuclear and extended infrared emission of the ...	ES	MNRAS	449	1309	CANARICAM	http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2015MNRAS.449.1309G
2015	González-Martín et al.	Nuclear obscuration in LINERs. Clues from Spitzer/...	ES	AA	578	74	CANARICAM	http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2015AA%26A...578A..74...
2015	Gauza et al.	Constraints on the substellar companions in wide o...	ES	MNRAS	452	1677	CANARICAM	http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2015MNRAS.452.1677G
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2015	Barnes et al.	Magnetic field structures in star-forming regions:...	US	MNRAS	453	2622	CANARICAM	http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2015MNRAS.453.2622B
2015	Martínez-Paredes et al.	A deep look at the nuclear region of UGC 5101 thro...	MX	MNRAS	454	3577	CANARICAM	http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2015MNRAS.454.3577M
2015	Pereira-Santaella et al.	Sub-arcsec mid-IR observations of NGC 1614: Nuclea...	ES	MNRAS	454	3679	CANARICAM	http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2015MNRAS.454.3679P
2016	Alonso-Herrero et al.	A mid-infrared spectroscopic atlas of local active...	ES	MNRAS	455	563	CANARICAM	http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2016MNRAS.455..563A
2016	Licandro et al.	GTC/CanariCam observations of (99942) Apophis	ES	AA	585	10	CANARICAM	http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2016AA%26A...585A..10...
2016	González-Martín et al.	X-ray long-term variations in the low-luminosity A...	MX	AA	587	1	CANARICAM	http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2016AA%26A...587A...1...
2016	López-Rodríguez et al.	Mid-infrared imaging- and spectro-polarimetric sub...	US	MNRAS	458	3851	CANARICAM	http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2016MNRAS.458.3851L
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2016	Vives-Arias et al.	Observations of the Lensed Quasar Q2237+0305 with ...	ES	APJ	831	43	CANARICAM	http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2016ApJ...831...43V
2016	Li et al.	An Ordered Magnetic Field in the Protoplanetary Di...	ES	APJ	832	18	CANARICAM	http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2016ApJ...832...18L
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2016	Riaz et al.	A Multiwavelength Characterization of Proto-brown-...	DE	APJ	831	189	CANARICAM	http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2016ApJ...831..189R
2017	Zhang et al.	The mid-infrared polarization of the Herbig Ae sta...	US	MNRAS	465	2983	CANARICAM	http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2017MNRAS.465.2983Z
2017	Ruschel-Dutra, D. et al.	Star formation in AGNs at the hundred parsec scale...	ES	MNRAS	466	3353	CANARICAM	http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2017MNRAS.466.3353R
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2017	Zhang et al.	Detection of Polarized Infrared Emission by Polycy...	US	APJ	844	6	CANARICAM	http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2017ApJ...844....6Z
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2018	Li et al.	Mid-infrared polarization of Herbig Ae/Be discs	US	MNRAS	473	1427	CANARICAM	http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2018MNRAS.473.1427L
2018	Díaz-Luis et al.	GTC/CanariCam Mid-IR Imaging of the Fullerenes-rich...	ES	AJ	155	105	CANARICAM	http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2018AJ...155..105D
2018	Roche et al.	The magnetic field in the central parsec of the Ga...	UK	MNRAS	476	235	CANARICAM	http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2018MNRAS.476..235R
2018	Taha et al.	The spatial extent of polycyclic aromatic hydrocar...	DE	AA	612	15	CANARICAM	http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2018AA%26A...612A..15...
2018	Esparza-Arredondo et al.	Circumnuclear Star Formation and AGN Activity: Clu...	MX	APJ	859	124	CANARICAM	http://adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2018ApJ...859..124E
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2019	Fernández-Ontiveros et al.	A compact jet at the infrared heart of the prototy...	ES	MNRAS	485	5377	CANARICAM	https://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2019MNRAS.485.53...
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2017	González-Martín et al.	Hints on the Gradual Resizing of the Torus in AGNs...	MX	APJ	841	37	CANARICAM	https://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2017ApJ...841.....
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2020	Roche et al.	High resolution imaging of the magnetic field in t...	UK	P&SS	183	104578	CANARICAM	https://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2020P%26SS..1830...

841,67 h delivered

Despite the inherent lower efficiency in ground-based thermal-IR observing, the ratio is good at **19.5 h/paper**

(23 h/paper for TAC programs, 6 h/paper for DDT, **12 h/paper for ESO-GTC large program**)





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Instrument Performance

<http://www.gtc.iac.es/instruments/canaricam/>

Sensitivity Estimates (from commissioning and science programs)

“Shift&Add” used with bright point sources to overcome IQ inestabilities and **the lack of Fast Guiding** (until late 2015)

Filter	Accumulation		Shift and add →		
	FWHM (")	Sensitivity (mJy, 5-σ in 30min on-source)	FWHM (")	Sensitivity (mJy, 5-σ in 30min on-source)	PWV (mm)
Si1-7.8	0.24	6.94	0.24	5.42	7.2
Si2-8.7	0.25	2.15	0.25	1.01	7.2
Si3-9.8	0.25	3.00			
Si4-10.3	0.28	2.69			
Si5-11.6	0.30	3.02			
Si6-12.5	0.34	6.43			
Q1-17.65	0.44	22.81			
PAH1-8.6	0.25	2.03			
ArIII-8.99	0.26	5.29			
SIV-10.5	0.29	5.02			
PAH2-11.3	0.33	3.38			
SiC-11.75	0.32	3.57			
Nell-12.8	0.33	8.46			
Nell_ref2-13.1	0.34	8.73			
QH2-17.0	0.44	50.10			
Q4-20.5	0.50	33.32			
Q8-24.5	0.59	95.62			

CanariCam: Sensitivity vs. long integrations from ESO/GTC large programme

Examples with long integrations with the Si2-8.7 filter using aperture photometry measured with 1"-diameters. PWV values are old uncalibrated ones

EXTENDED SOURCES:

NGC5793 – on-source 15minutes, flux 18.2+/-0.7mJy (SNR=26), 5σ 3.5mJy => 30 minutes on-source, 5σ 2.5mJy **PWV=4.5-5**

UGC5101 – on-source 20minutes, flux 54+/-0.4mJy (SNR=135), 5σ 2mJy => 30 minutes on-source 5σ 1.6mJy (no point-source corr.) PWV=5.9

POINT SOURCES:

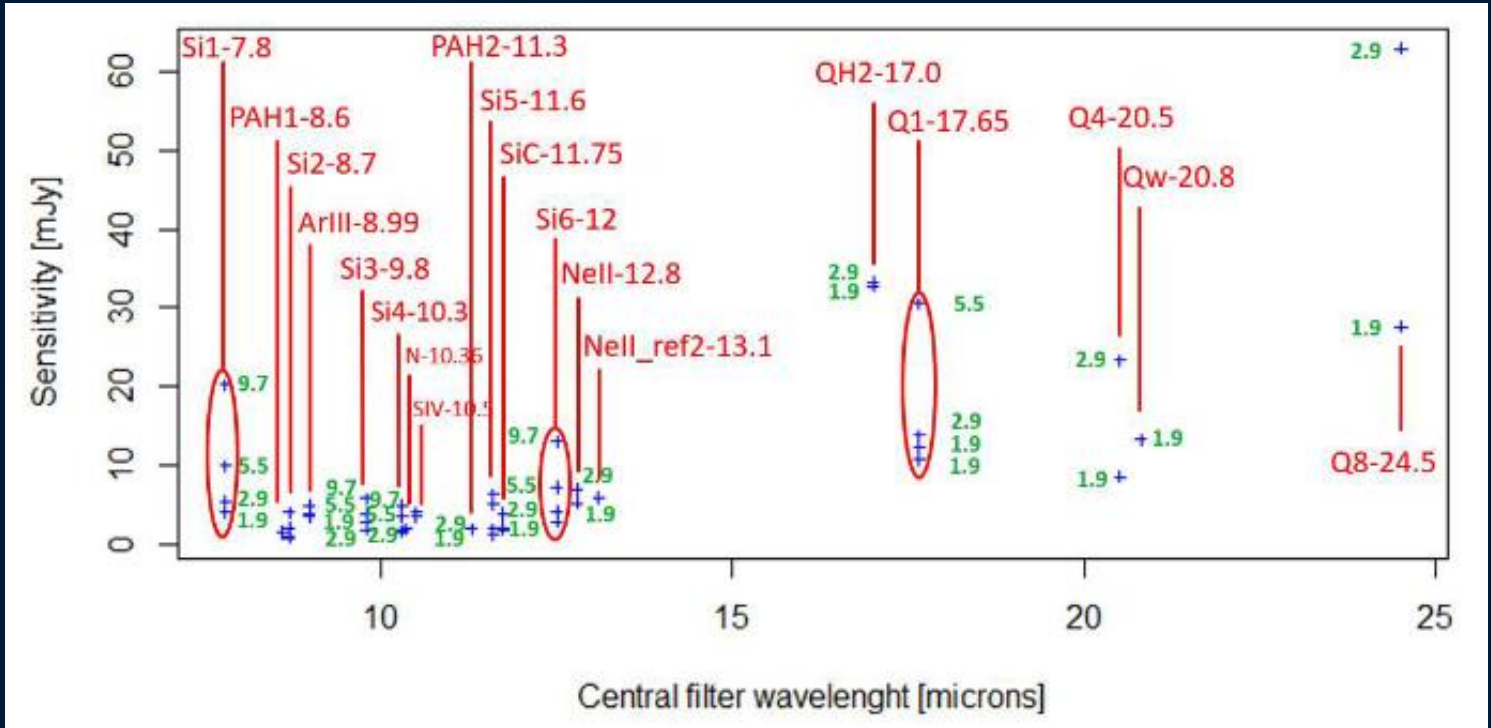
NGC5347 – on-source 15 minutes 91.9+/-0.6mJy, 114 mJy point source (SNR=190), **5σ 3mJy => 30 minutes on-source 5σ 2mJy PWV=4.5-5**

NGC3227 – on-source 15 minutes 150.1+/-0.5mJy, 225 mJy point source (SNR=450), **5σ 2.5mJy => 30 minutes on-source 5σ 1.8mJy PWV=5.9**

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Instrument Sensitivity vs PWV (corrected calibration)

Sensitivity Estimates (from commissioning and science programs)



Perez-Jordan
2018

(Master Thesis
available in the
CanariCam web
page)

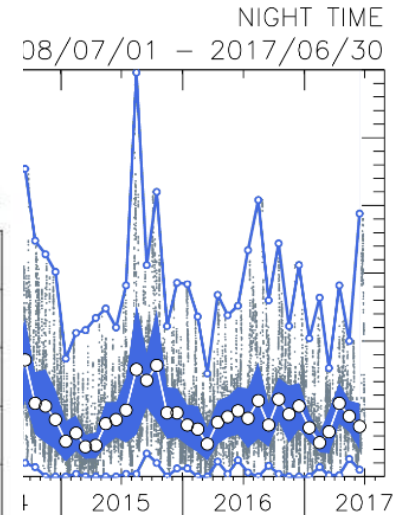
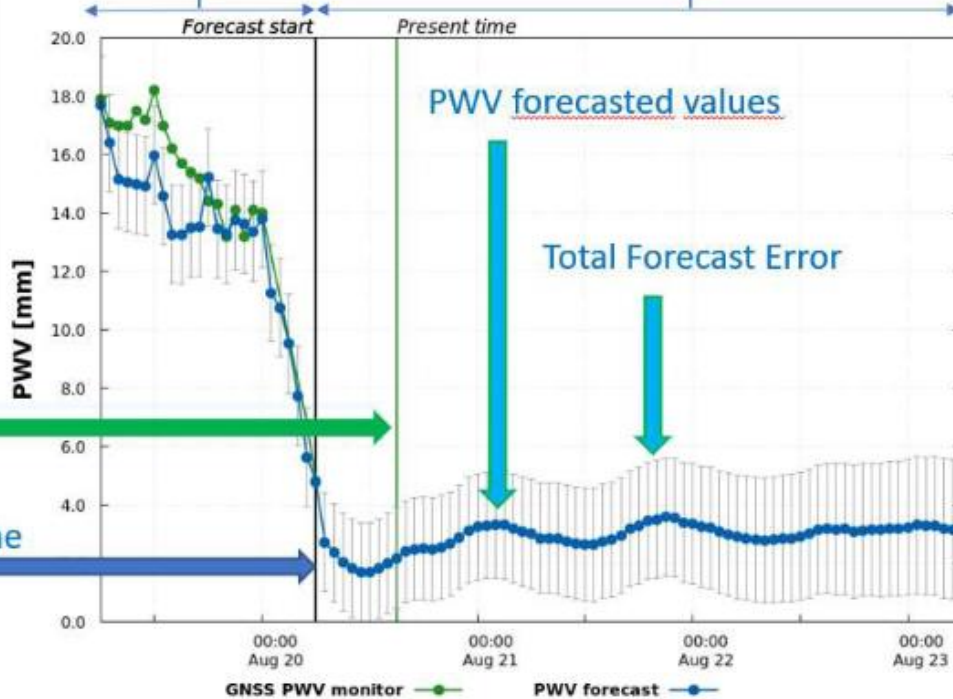
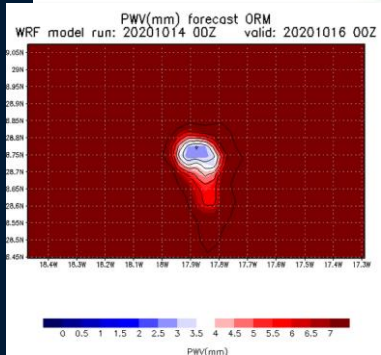
CANARICAM estimated sensitivity (in mJy) for a 5- σ detection in a 30-min on-source time as a function of wavelength and night mean measured PWV. Data points are stacked up at each filter central wavelength, as shown in the figure in red (filter name and central wavelength). For a certain filter, the sensitivity values correspond to different dates with different PWV measured by the GPS monitor (PWV values in millimeters in green colour), with higher values of sensitivity (thus, poorer) at higher PWV. For the sake of clarity, the PWV has been included only for certain points

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PWV monitoring and forecasting at the ORM site → Flexible queue scheduling

Previous 24h PWV forecast
(blue) + previous GPS monitor
Observations (Green)

Next 72h PWV forecast



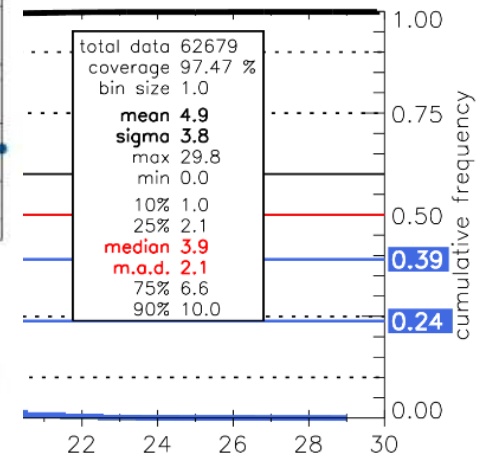
Present time line
(advances
automatically
with time)

Latest WRF run time
(Forecast Start)

Next 72h PWV
forecast statistics

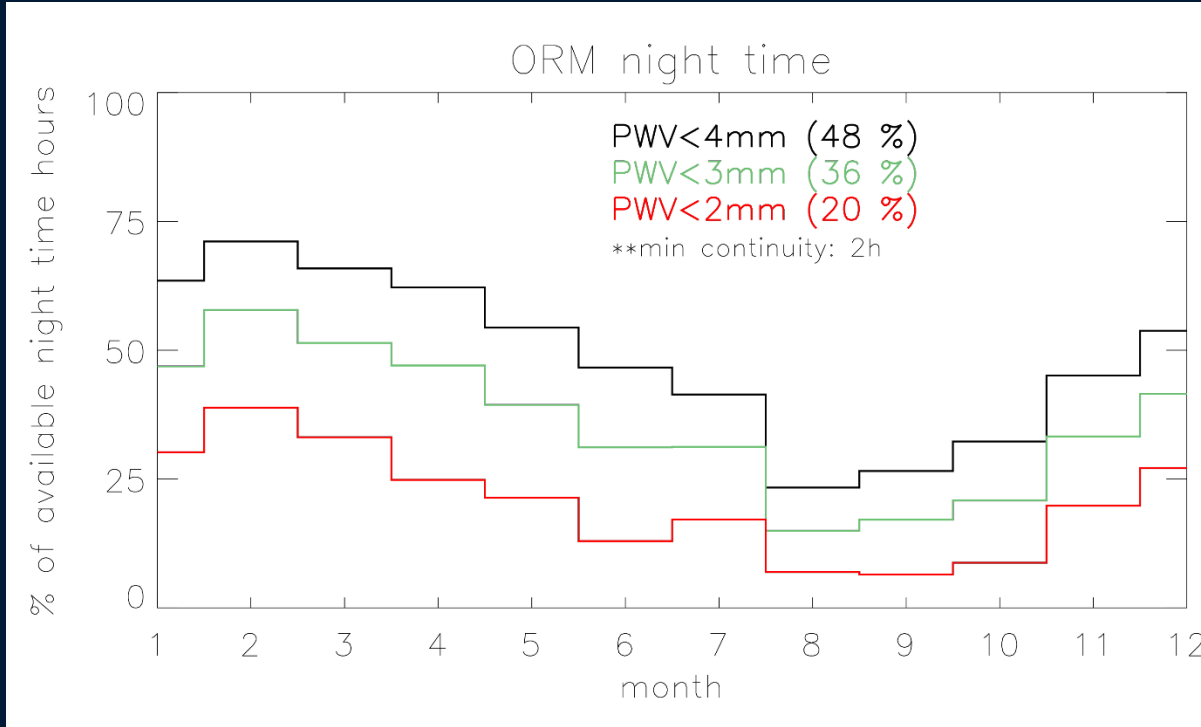
ORM

72 Hours PWV Forecast Statistics:
 Minimum PWV: 1.7 mm Maximum PWV: 4.8 mm
 Mean PWV: 3.0 mm Median PWV: 2.9 mm
 STD PWV: 0.5 mm Stability: 0.1 mm



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PWV stability



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< 2	optimal	2	877	27	731	20
< 2	optimal	6	603	18	471	13
< 3	excellent	0.5	1471	46	1358	39
< 3	excellent	2	1367	42	1263	36
< 3	excellent	6	1089	33	989	28
< 4	valid	0.5	1790	56	1776	51
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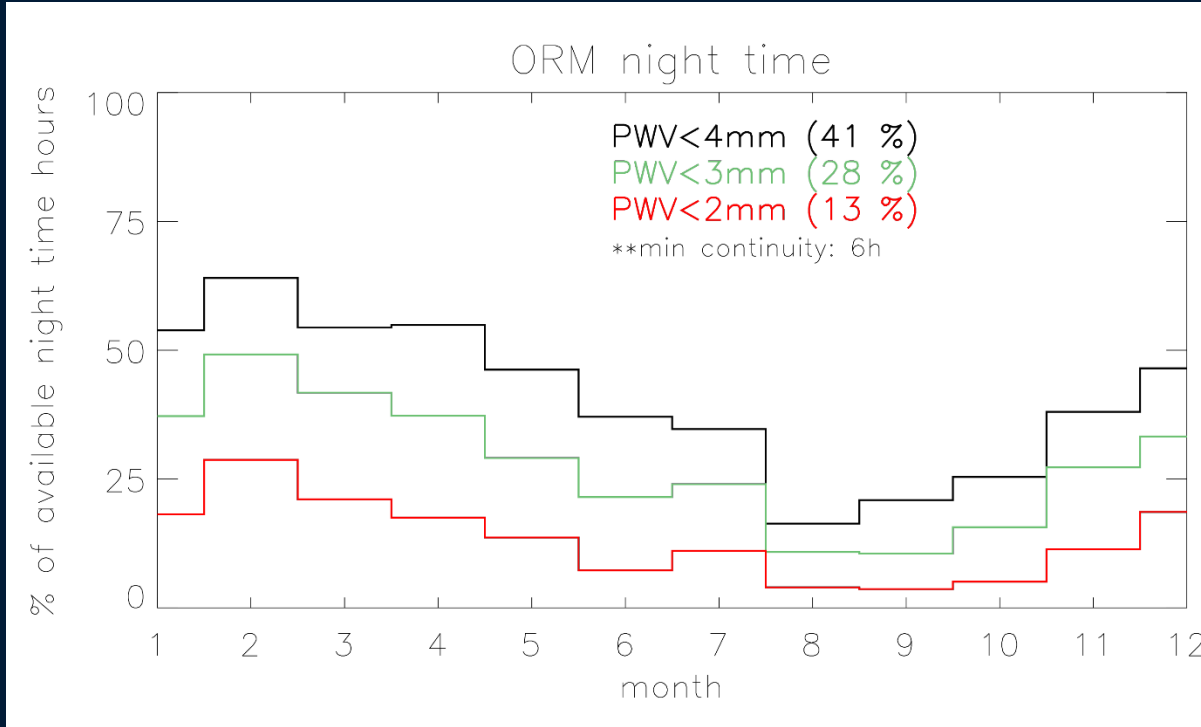
Information provided by the IAC Sky Quality Group (2018)

For further information about this system (monitoring and forecasting), its calibration and results, see Perez-Jordan+ 2015 and 2018, Castro-Almazan+ 2016



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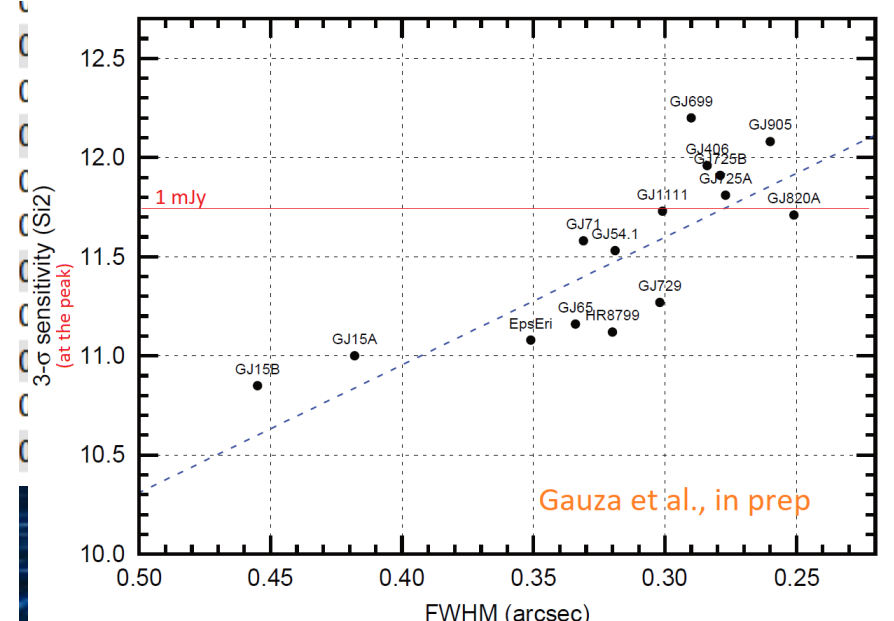
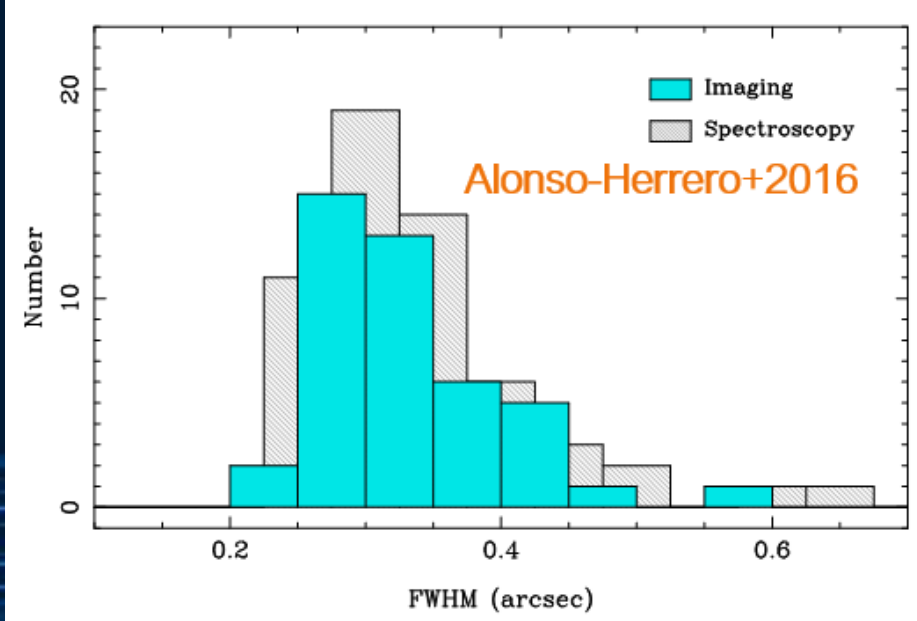


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Instrument sensitivity vs IQ

8" chop-nod – 2 seconds saveset

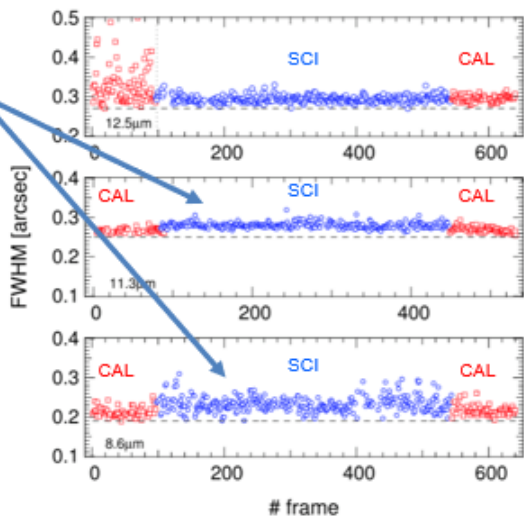
Filter	Accumulation			Chopping	Reduction	FWHM	Sensitivity (mJy)
	Ellip.	FWHM (")	Strehl				
Si1-7.8	0.04	0.24	0.21	Symmetric 20"	Stacking	0.32	1.05
PAH1-8.6	0.05	0.25	0.24	Asymmetric 20"	Stacking	0.40	1.75
Si2-8.7	0.04	0.25	0.29	Symmetric 10"	Stacking	0.27	0.86
ArIII-8.99	0.05	0.26	0.22	Asymmetric 10"	Stacking	0.39	1.47
Si3-9.8	0.03	0.25	0.39	Symmetric 20"	Registration	0.26	0.63
Si4-10.3	0.03	0.28	0.32	Asymmetric 20"	Registration	0.35	1.15
SiV-10.5	0.04	0.28	0.27	Symmetric 10"	Registration	0.26	0.62
				Asymmetric 10"	Registration	0.31	0.79



Science with demanding IQ constraints still possible

- PAHs Observations with CanariCam/GTC in the PAH-1 (8.7 μ m), PAH-2 (11.3 μ m) and Si-6 (continuum, 12.5 μ m)
- Seeing of 0.5" to 0.6" delivers **~90% Strehl** with FWHM ranging from 210 mas to 300 mas and $d(\text{HD179218}) = 290\text{pc}$

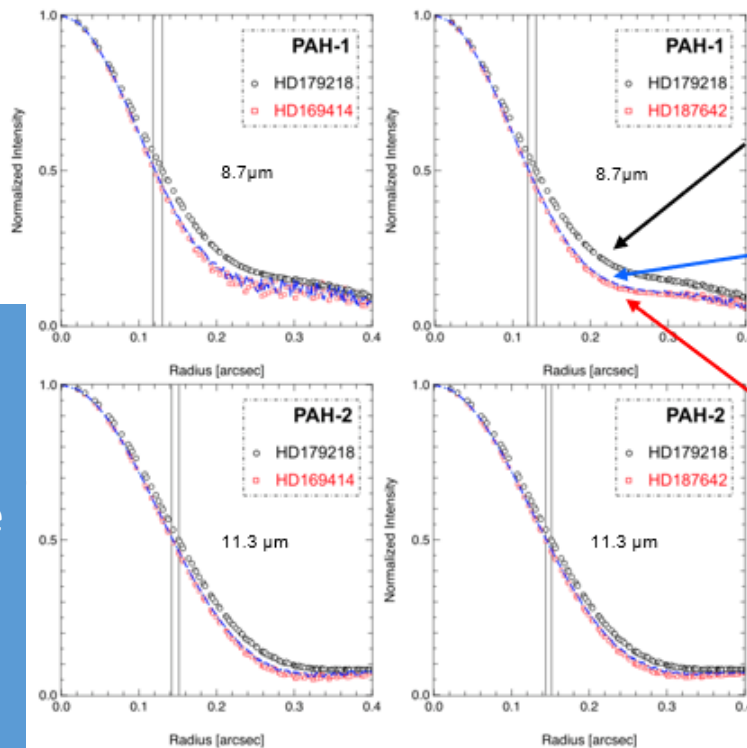
Distribution of FWHM from individual frames with $T_{\text{int}} = 2\text{s}$



Filter	FWHM _{sci} - FWHM _{cal}	$3\sigma_{\text{tot}}$	Resolved
PAH-1	0.019/0.022 (Cal 1)	0.005/0.004	Y
PAH-1	0.015/0.021 (Cal 2)	0.005/0.004	Y
PAH-2	0.013/0.016 (Cal 1)	0.002/0.002	Y
PAH-2	0.012/0.013 (Cal 2)	0.002/0.002	Y
Si-6	0.001/0.002 (Cal 2)	0.002/0.004	N

PAH emission is spatially resolved

Thermal emission is unresolved



Science profile (including PAHs)

Model of thermal emission only

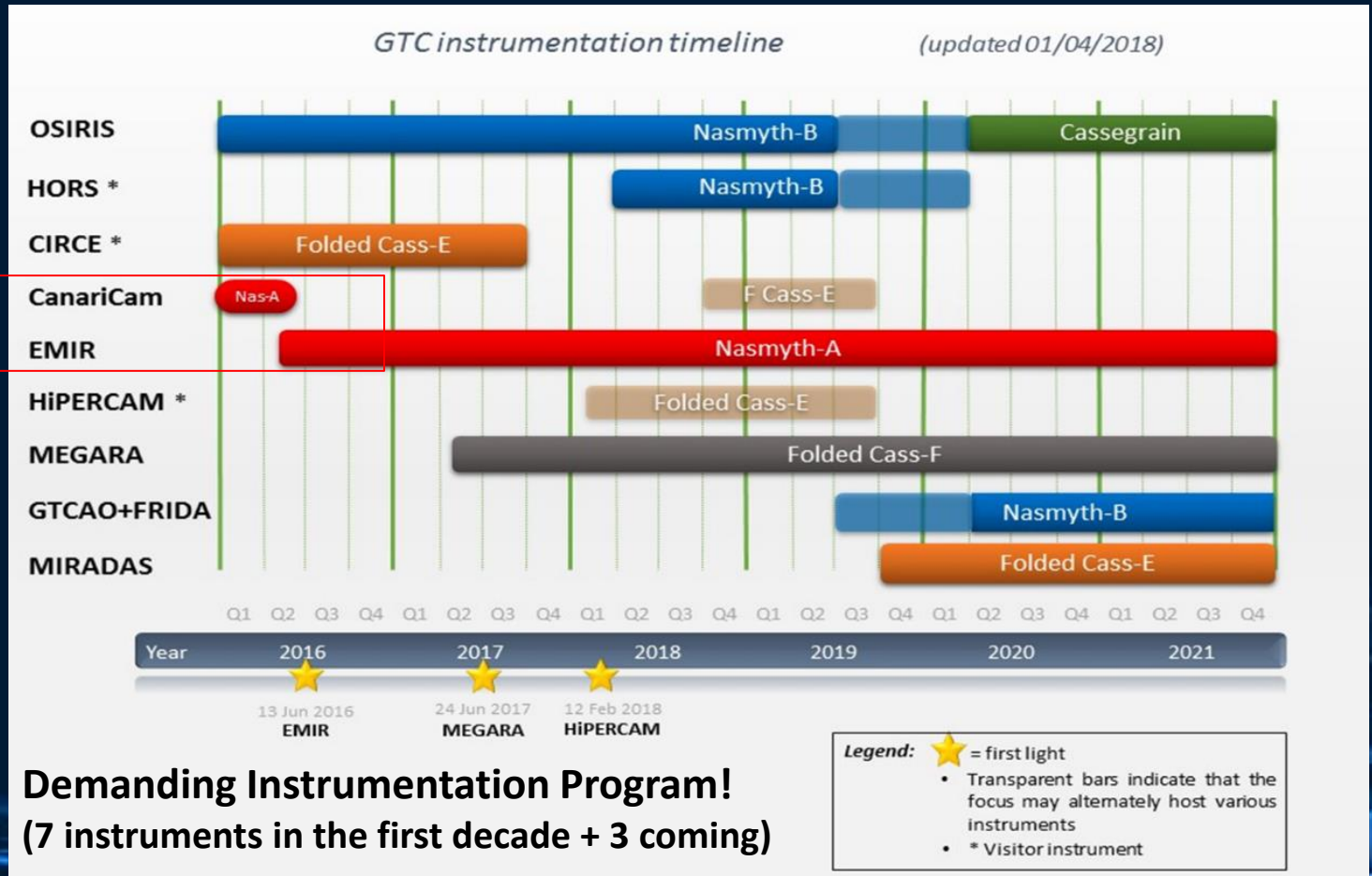
Calibrator profile

This study has exploited the high-resolution capabilities of CanariCam/GTC to explore the spatial distribution of the PAHs species in the archetypal disk of the Herbig star HD179218 and put that in relation with the predominant charge state of these particles (neutral vs. ionized) as probed by spectroscopy



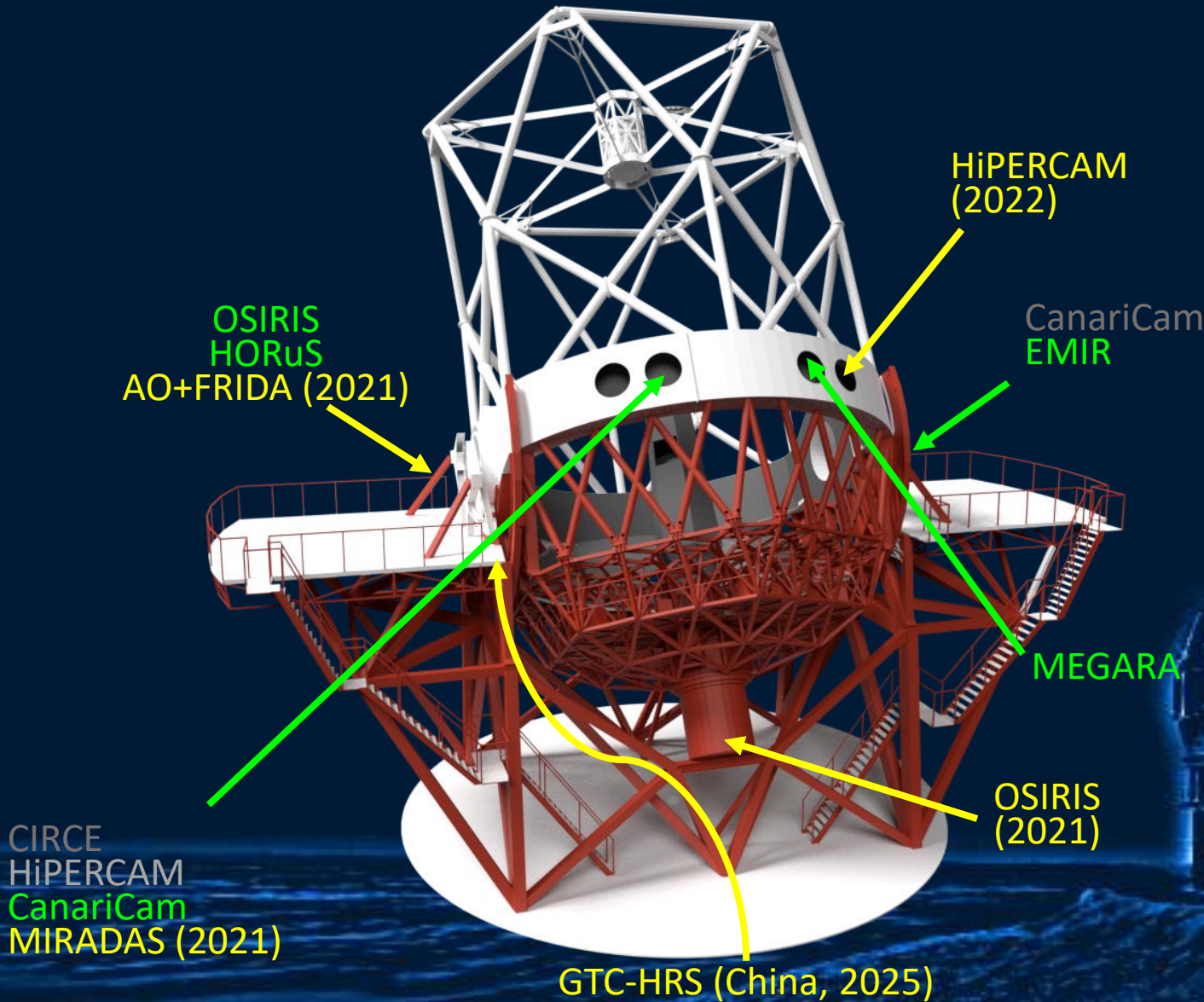
CanariCam@Nasmyth

Decommissioning in April 2016





The GTC focal stations and scientific instruments



Staffing Level ~ 60-70 FTE including astronomers, engineers (operations and development), technicians and administrative (LP & TF)



CanariCam Upgrade Project (2018-2019)



Upgrade Project - Motivation

- **New Focal Station:**
 - Nasmyth-A → Folded-Cass-E (smaller & tight envelope)
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 - Engineering (reliability & FMECA analysis) => Main technical problem with CanariCam was the cryocooler and the He infrastructure!!! (maintenance every 3-4 months)

Daikin (discontinued)



"Compatible Unit"



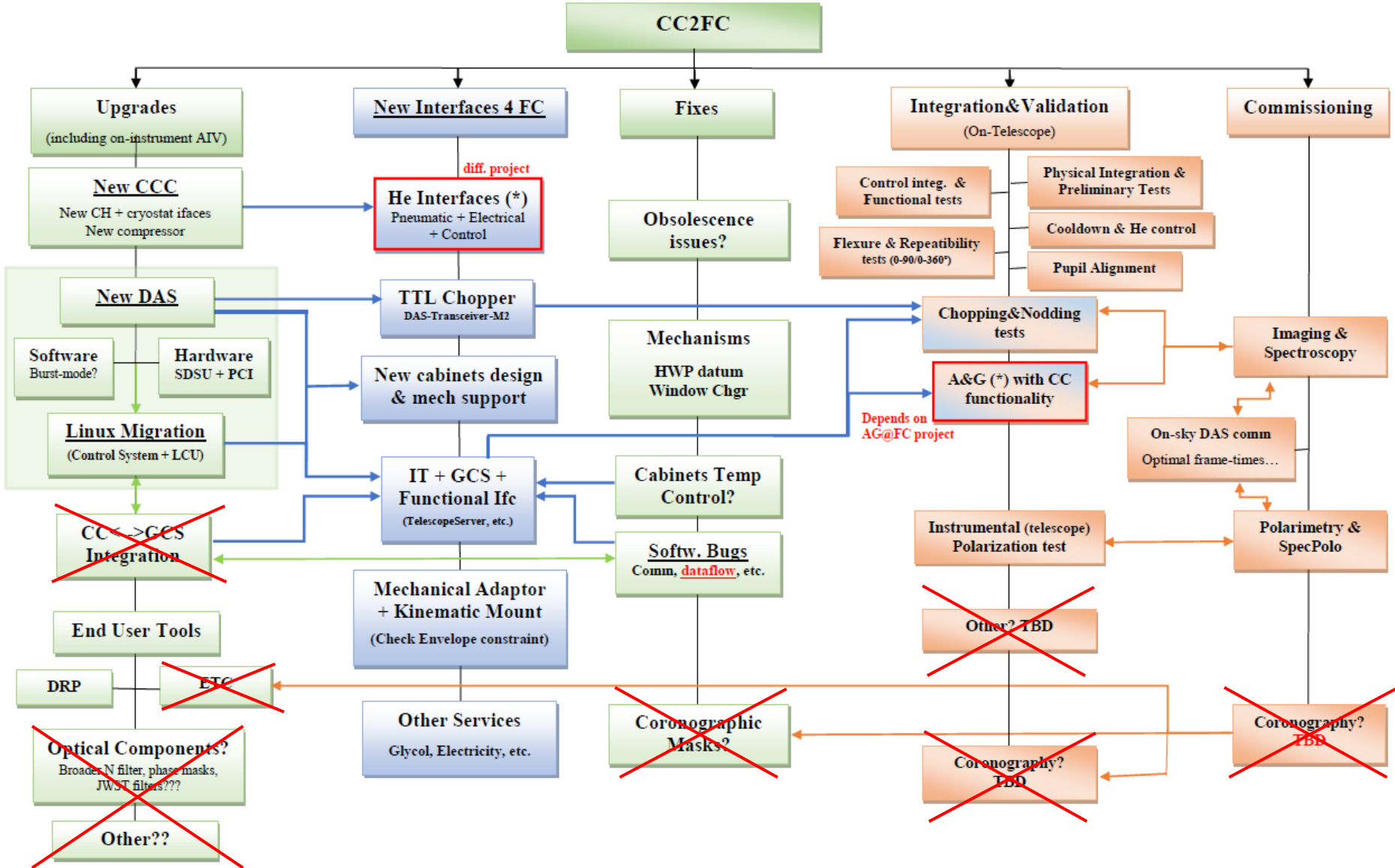


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 - Other operational problems and pitfalls: fault reports analyzed to prioritize their possible solutions
- **Obsolescence**
 - Old detector electronics (MCE heritage from T-ReCS from the 90's)
 - Obsolete COTS
- **New science/modes**
 - Burst-mode, coronagraphy, additional filters (JWST), etc.



Upgrade Project - Conceptual WBS





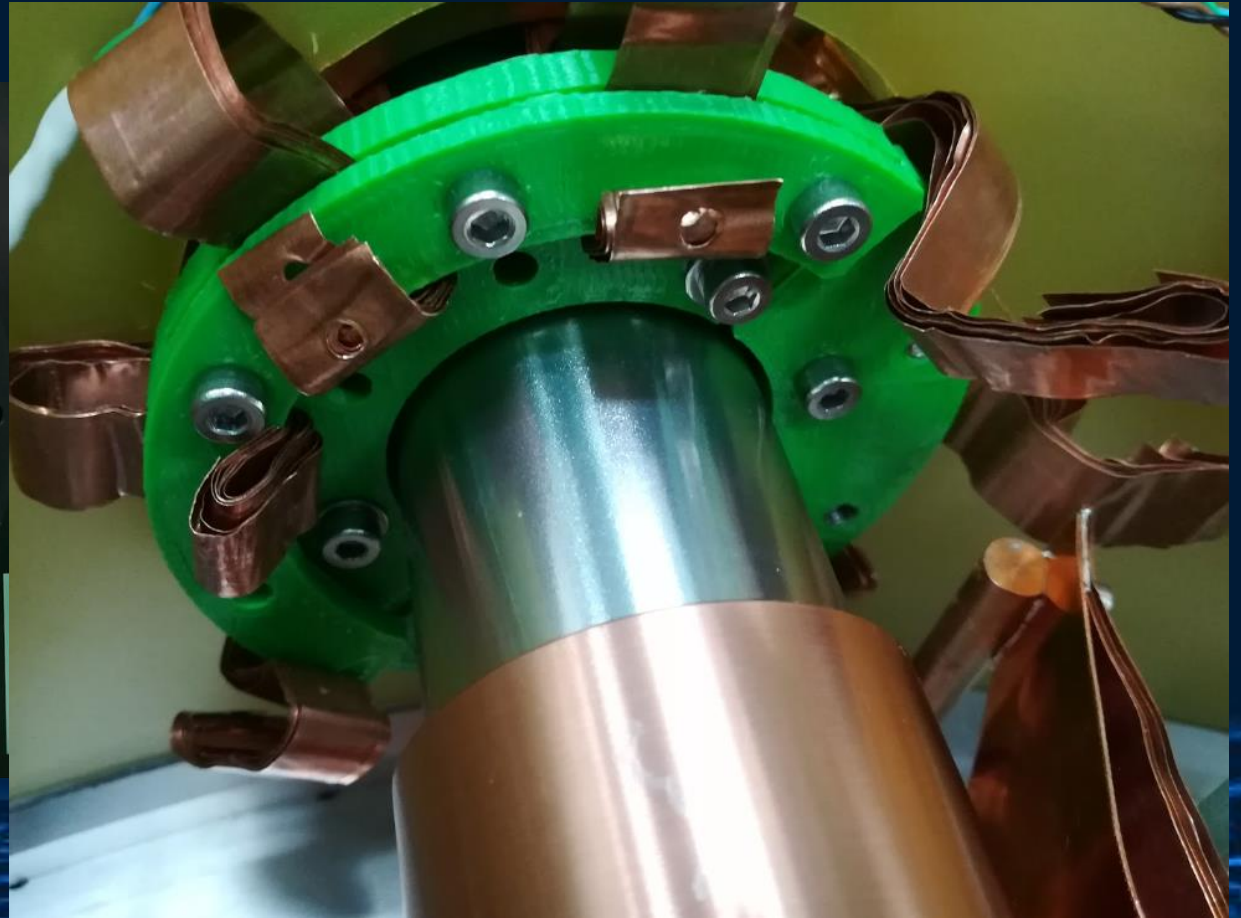
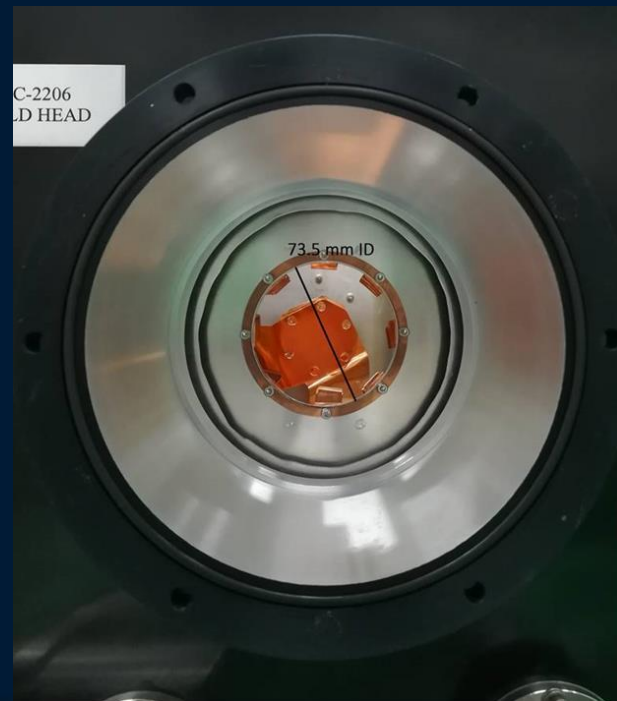
Upgrade Project - Collaboration Agreement signed with UF

- **Project Constraints**
 - ITAR (IR detectors ~ munition): CanariCam Export License from the US
 - Limited Resources at GTC => need for outsourcing
 - Time (funding delay left small opportunity window) => de-scoping options
 - Contracting/Funding applicable Policies
- **Sole-Source “contract” => Collaboration Agreement signed with UF (in April 2018)**
 - Requirements (Non-Profit, common goal and shared contribution)
 - WPs distribution based on expertise, availability of resources, constraints and minimizing external interfaces
 - SOW
- **Major Risks and challenges**
 - Distributed work on a common (remote) system => shared interfaces
 - “Shared” responsibilities
 - Timeframe => shortcut adopted; from CoD to FD and Realization altogether
- **Opportunities**
 - Close Collaboration (and it worked well to its full extent, and beyond...)

Upgrade Project - Collaboration Agreement

- New SUMITOMO Cryocooler (SRDK-415)

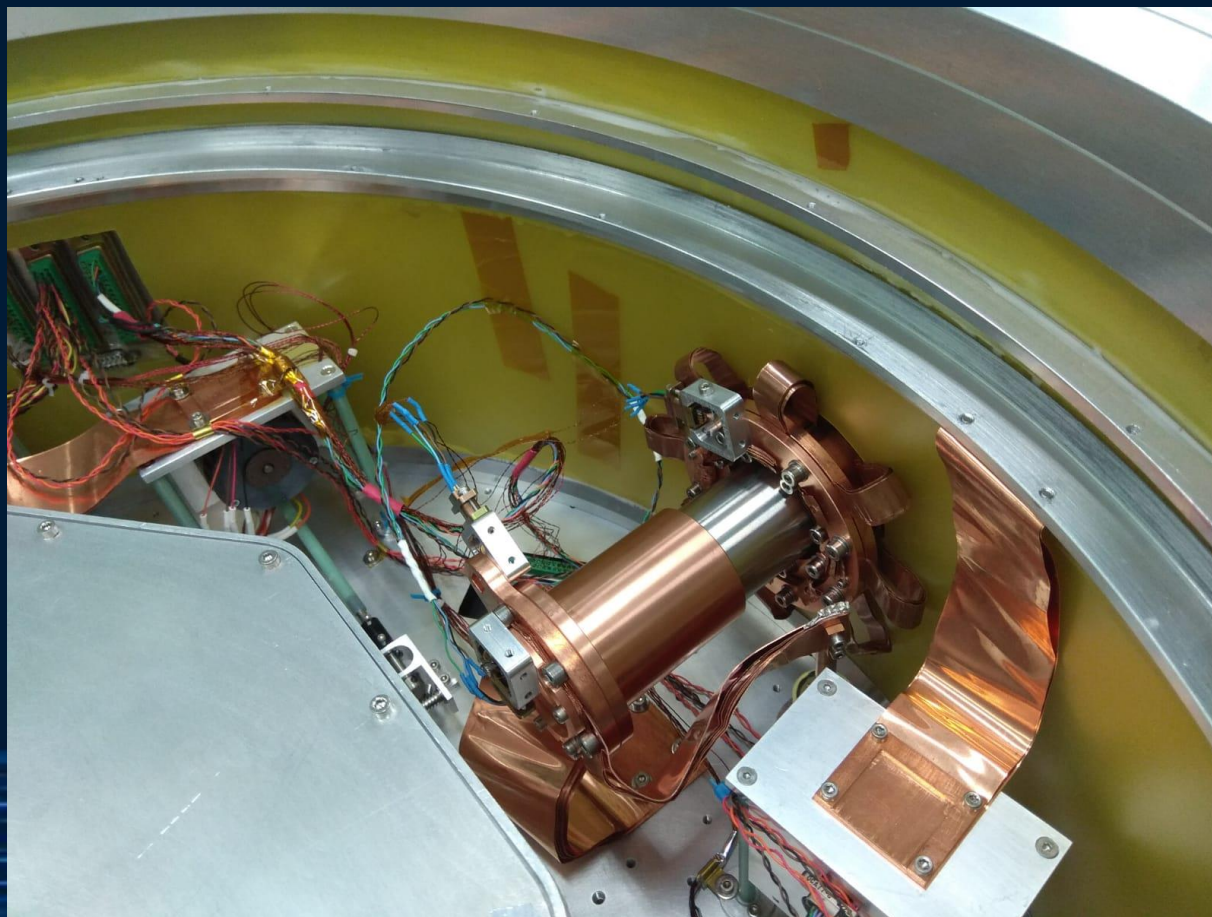
Mechanical and thermal interfaces designed by UF+GTC. 3D-printed parts to fine-tune and validate them before fabrication in the US (thermal conductance vs clearance).



Upgrade Project - Collaboration Agreement

- New Cryocooler + (monitoring, safety and automatic control system)

Successful SUMITOMO RDK-415D 4K coldhead (+ F-50H compressor). It has been operating **1+ year trouble-free with excellent performance (<4K)**.



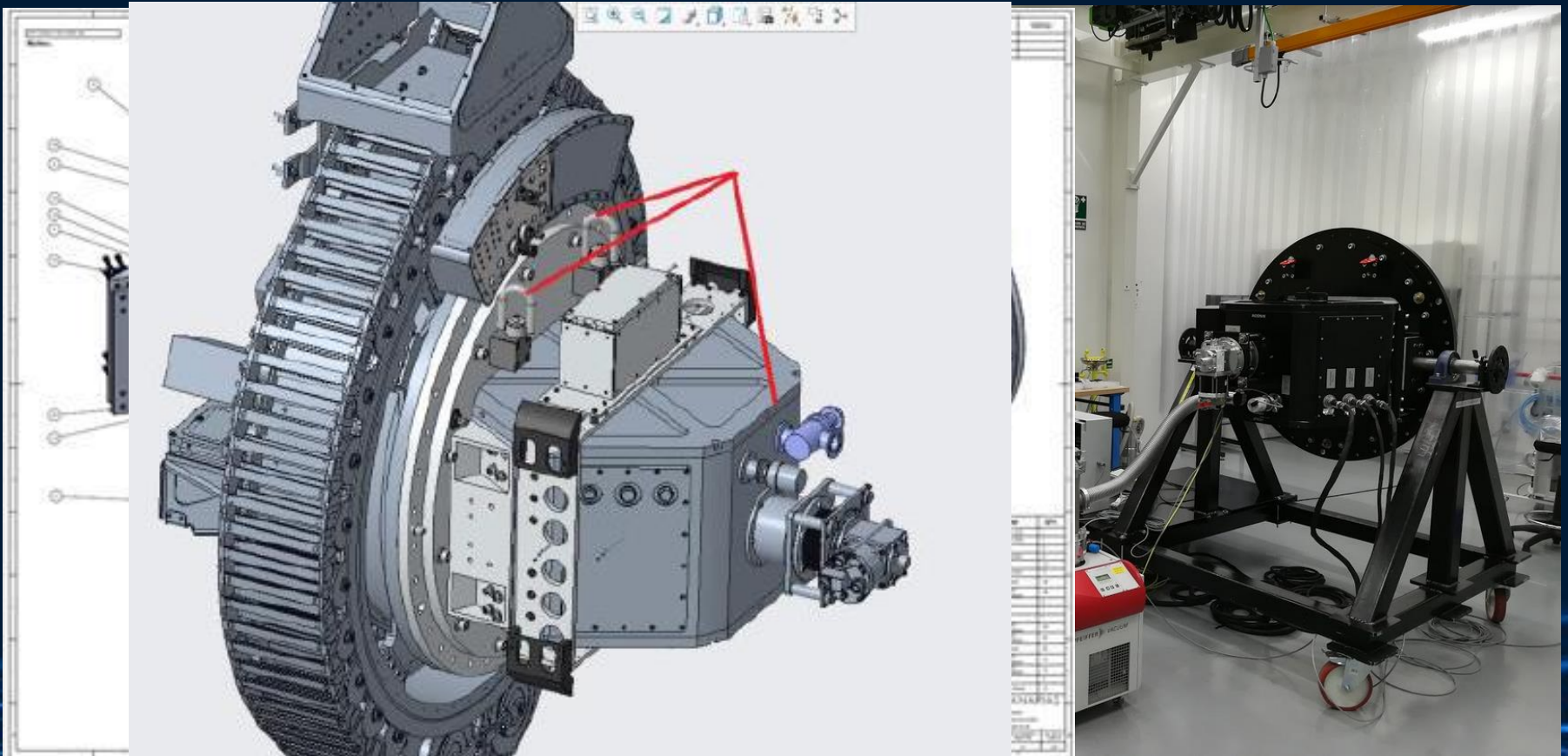
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Lyot Motor	06.121 K	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grating Motor	62.091 K	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Red == Warm, OK to o... Auto Scale
Orange == In Transition Show Grid
Blue == Cold, OK for o...

Upgrade Project - Collaboration Agreement

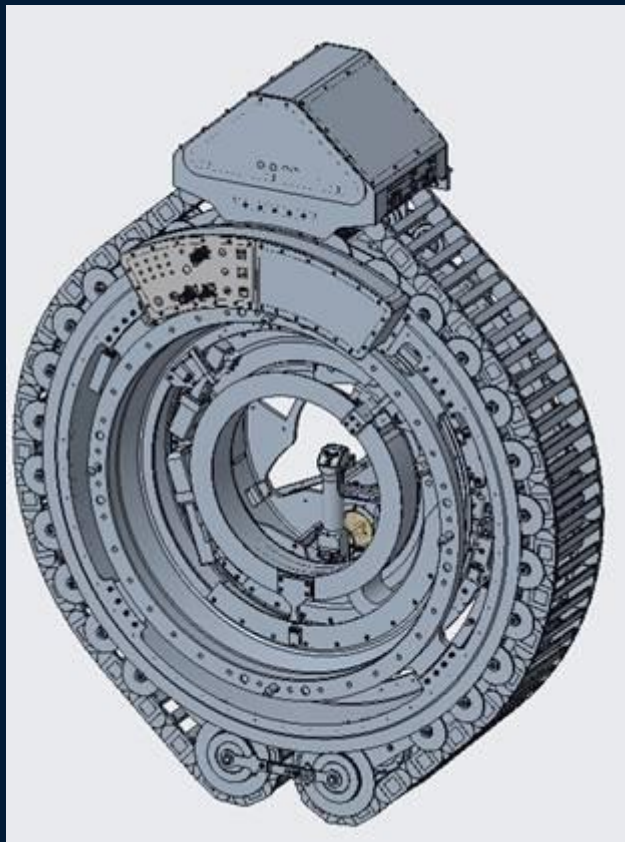
- New Flange for Folded-Cass (+ Handling Cart not anticipated at CoDR)

New (opto)mechanical interface with tip/tilt adjustment mechanism required new handling cart (to ensure quick&repeatable pupil alignment).



Upgrade Project - Collaboration Agreement

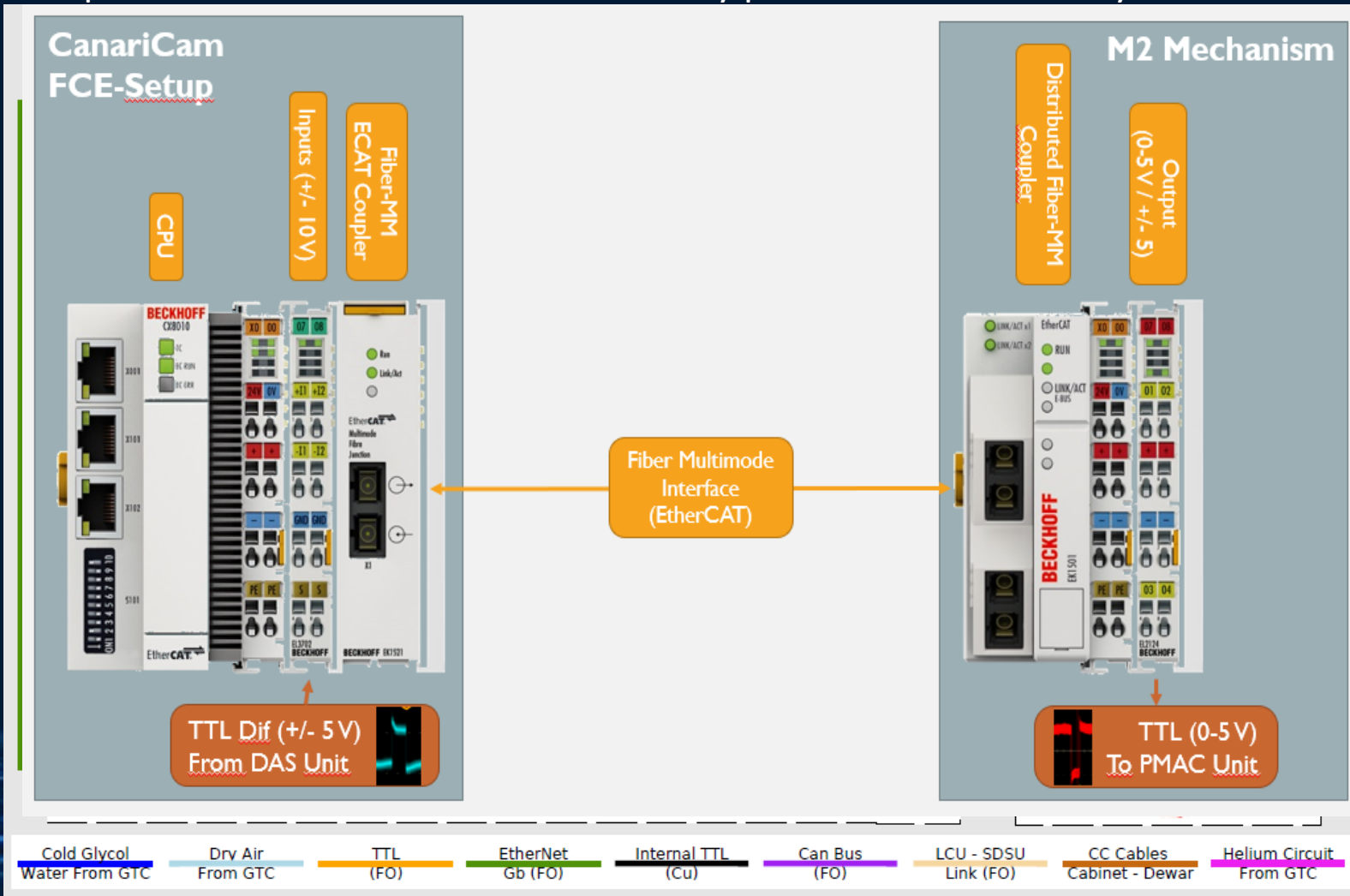
- Reduction of Window Changer envelope (to avoid interference with AG arm)



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Compatible with old and new DAS from any place within the facility



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M2 Mechanism

Distributed Fiber-MM Coupler

Output (0-5V / +/- 5)

**TTL Dif (+/- 5V)
From DAS Unit**

Cold Glycol
Water From GTC

Dry Air
From GTC

TTL (FO)

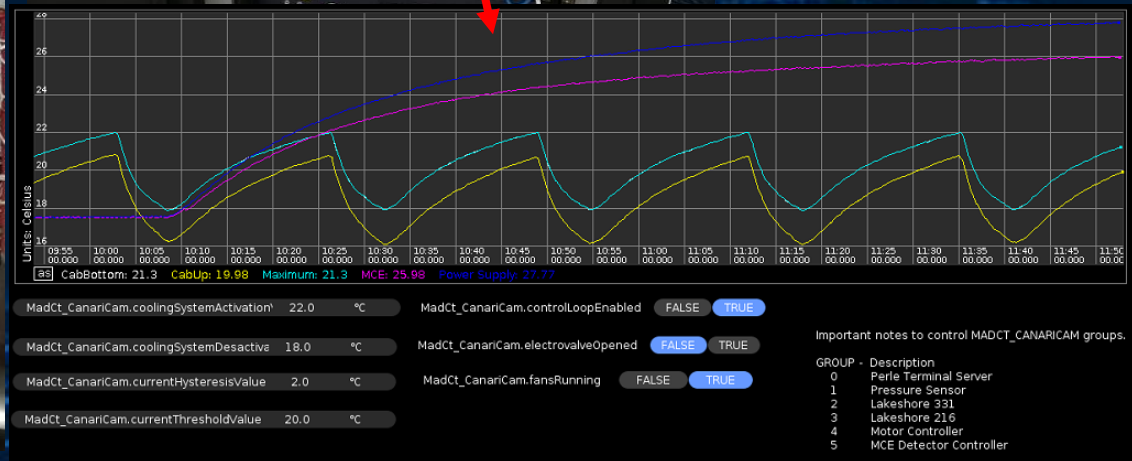
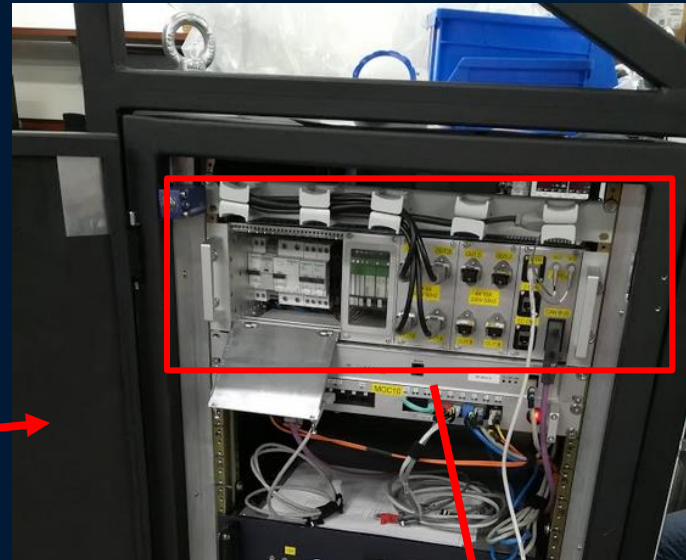
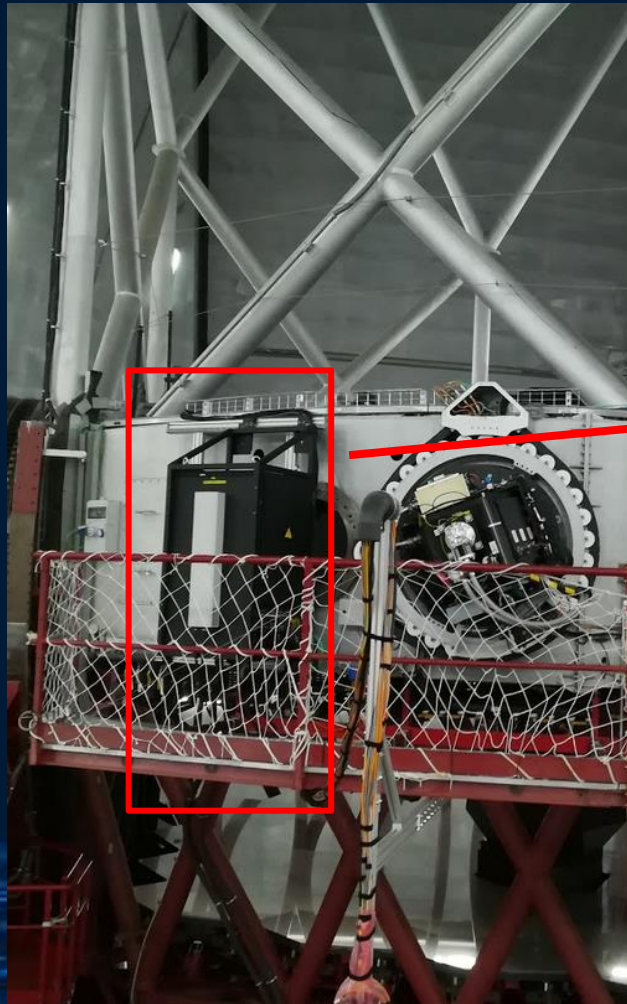
EtherNet Gb (FO)

Legend:

- OpticalEngineer
- Devices
- Guidar
- INSTRUMENTS
- probuWeather
- EMCSWeatherStation
- ObservingEngine
- OEFastOptics
- FG_NB
- Deformation
- TimeService
- DataFactory
- SFS_B
- SFS_A
- CCCS
- MACS
- AzSim
- EISim
- RotGSim
- AsmMathAxis
- ElevationAxis
- NasmythRotatorA
- NasmythRotatorB
- FCRotatorE
- CounterweightCS
- OSIRIS
- CanariCam
- AGCS_NA
- AGCS_NB
- FCCS_F
- MILCS
- M2CS
- M2CS/M2ChopperRelay
- M2Temp
- M2ExternalBaffle
- M2InnerBaffle
- Hexapod
- Chopper
- M2Mirror
- M2Thermal
- M3CS
- ICM
- WeatherStation
- THMonitoring
- SystemSupervisor
- Dome

Upgrade Project - Collaboration Agreement

- New Fixed (non-rotating) Cabinet and MADCT device (Thermal Control and Remote Power unit – prototype for future systems based on Beckhoff PLCs)

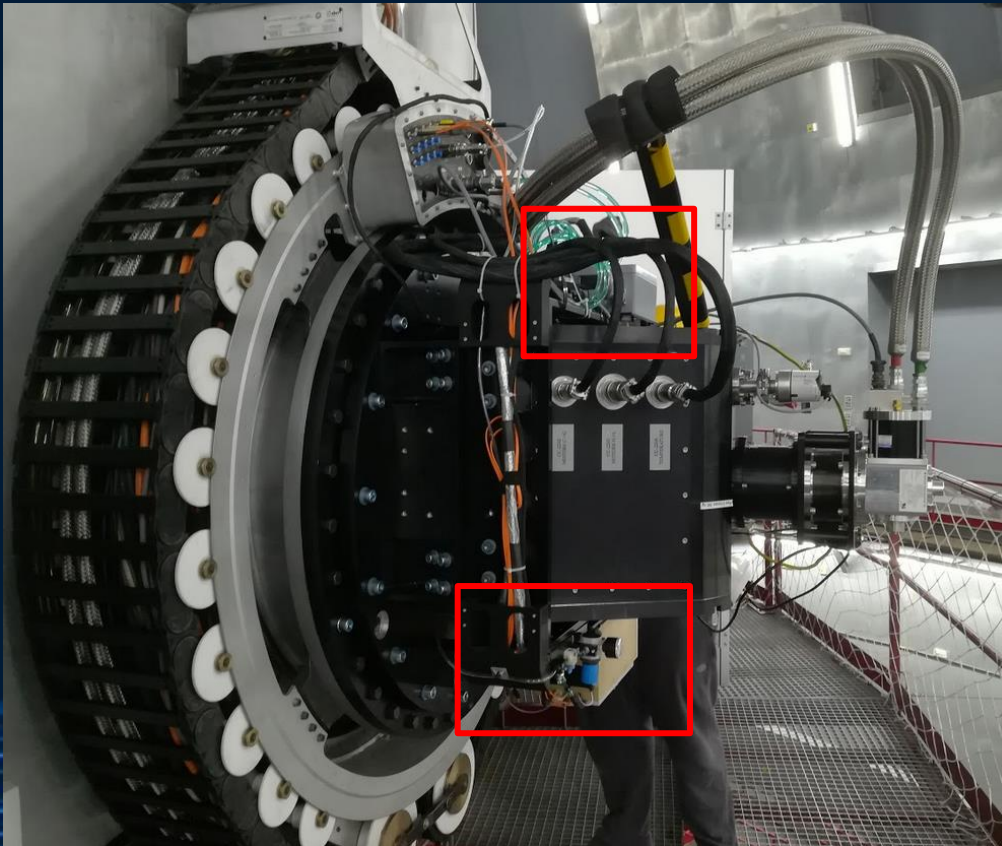


Upgrade Project - Collaboration Agreement

○ New DAS (SDSU Detector Controller + x86 Linux)

Its development took much longer than anticipated (installed on telescope in Sep2019)

MCE sweet point -> SDSU tuning was troublesome (noise & artifacts!)



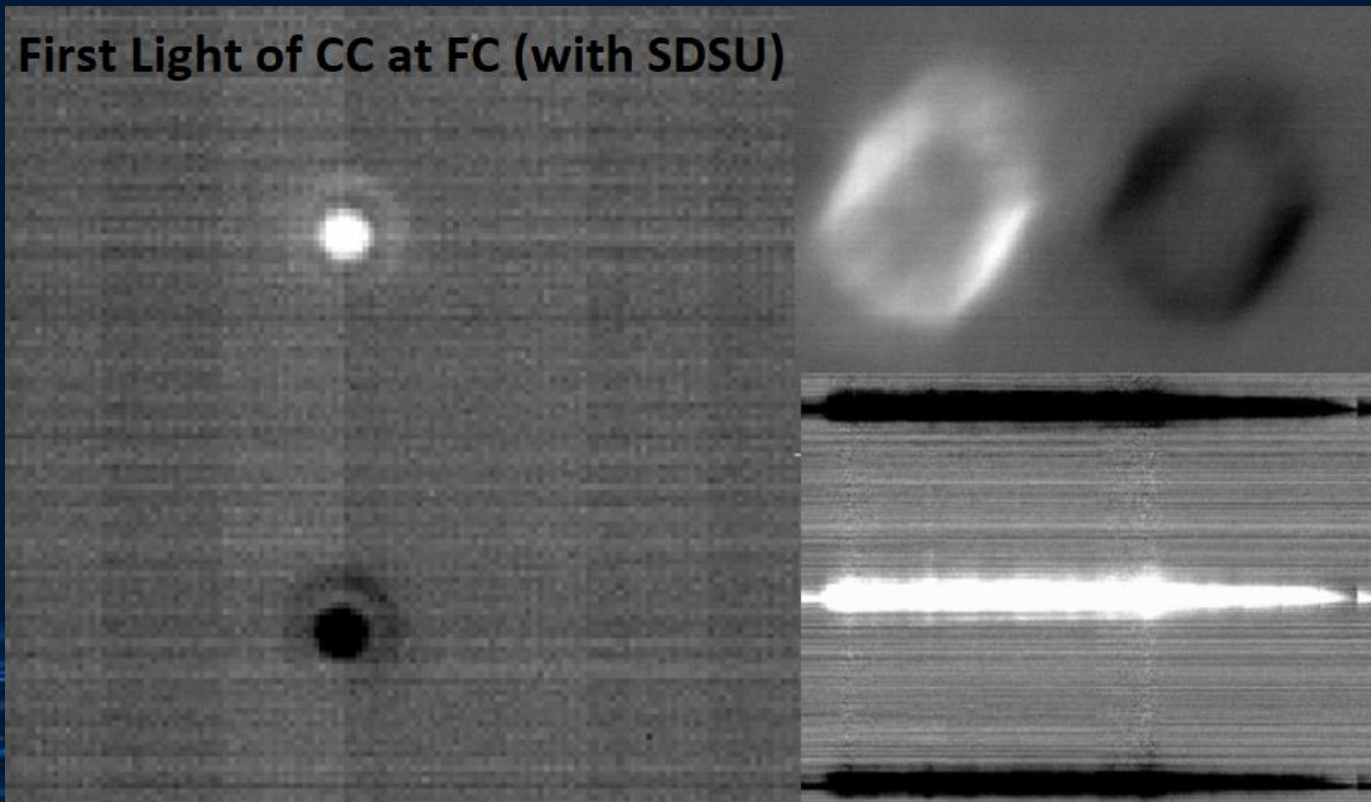
Remaining issues/features:

- CDS (S1R1-CR) only (not CQS S1R3)
- Horizontal stripes and pickup noise
- Shallow well only
- Poorer linearity and lower dynamic range (only uncovered during commissioning)

Upgrade Project - Collaboration Agreement

- New DAS (SDSU Detector Controller + x86 Linux) recommissioning #1 (oct2019)
 - Burst-Mode (saving all individual frames down to 18ms) worked well!
 - Chopping-Nodding worked well out-of-the-box and with Fast Guiding!
 - Shot noise dominated for most science cases, and post-processing technique was available to eliminate patterns of CDS readout... except for Polarimetry!

First Light of CC at FC (with SDSU)



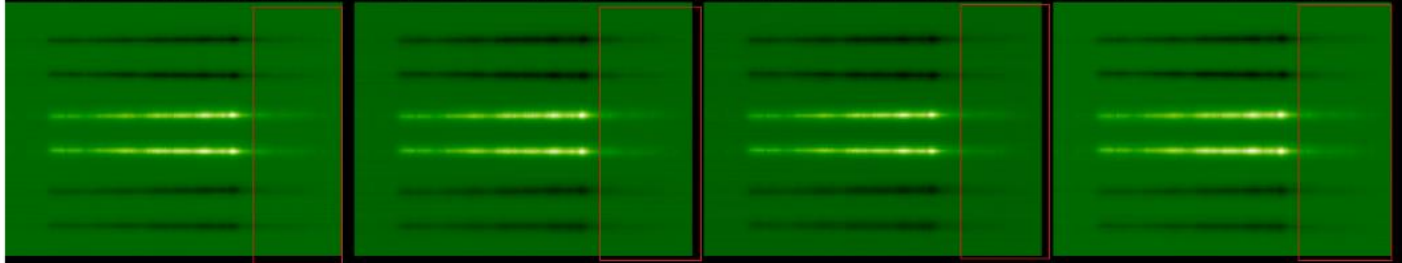


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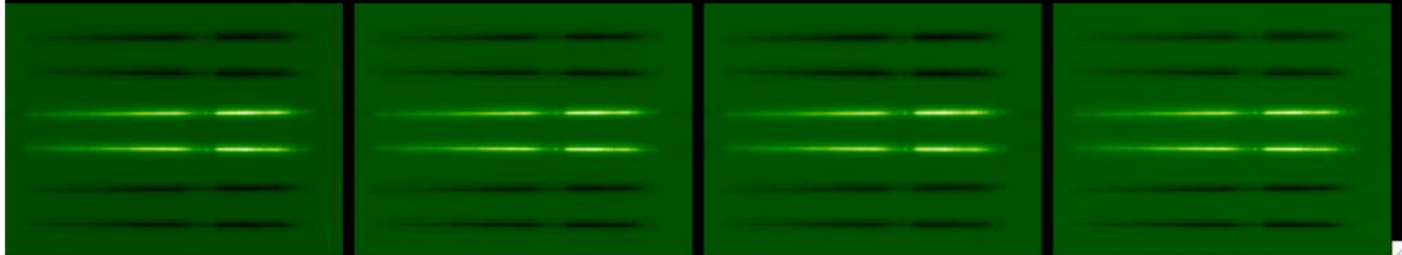
New data with ARC,
taken in Oct2019.
Abnormal shape

S1R1_CR : 34.3 ms : ZnSe : Polm1_2.58" : LowRes-10 : 2019-10-16 : 00:22:46.6 : Shallow : PSF_HD197989 : 69.1 sec
AirMass = 1.60 : Humidity = 29.6 % : PWV = 6.0 mm : RA=+20:46:13.84 : DEC=+33:58:21.844 : max = 2269.4 ADU/sec



Reference data taken in
2015 with the MCE

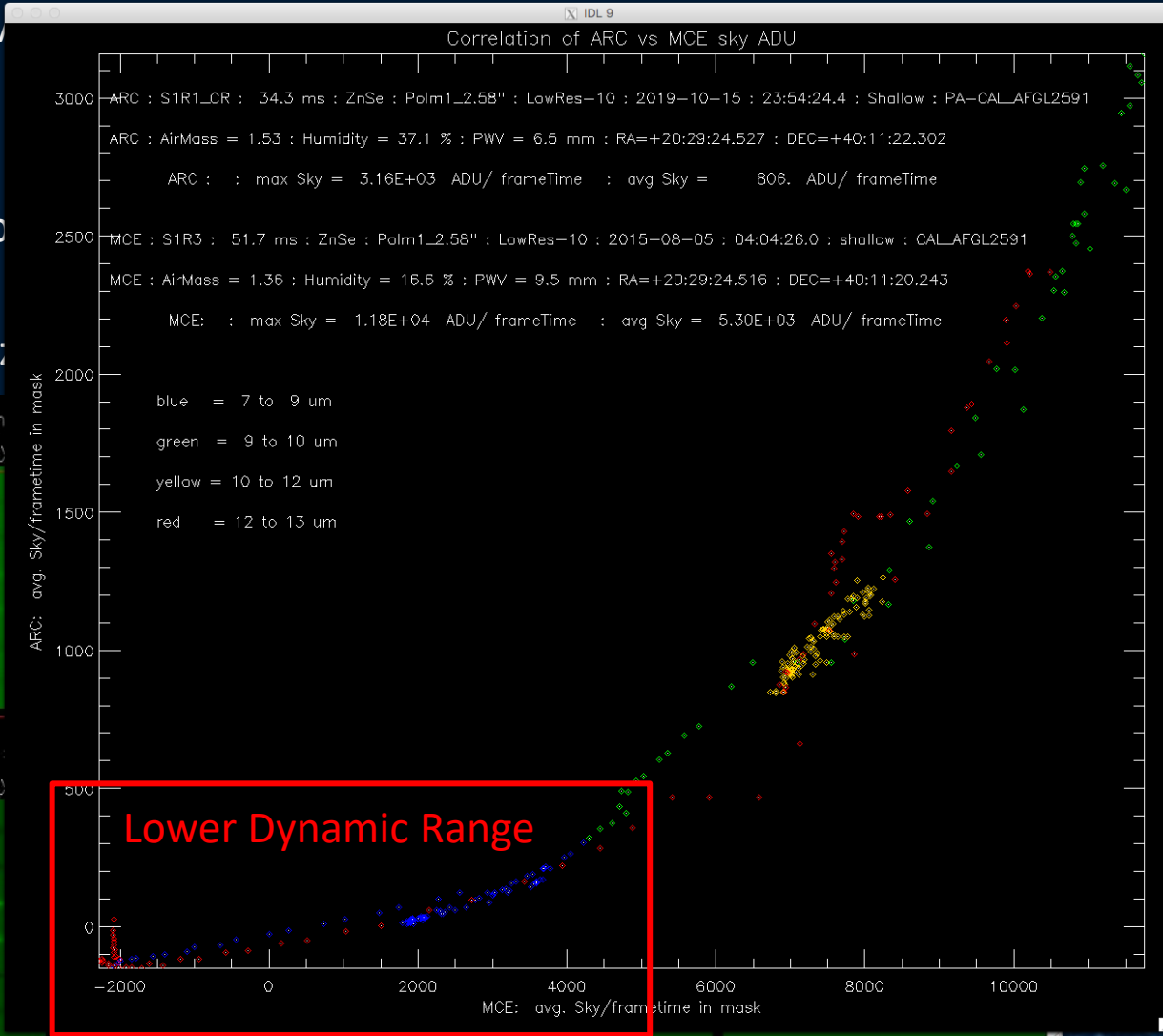
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Upgrade Project - Collaboration Agreement

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- Chopping-Nodding worked
- Shot noise dominated for low fluxes
- was available to eliminate pattern noise
- Uncovered **Linearity issue** in the low flux range, that would jeopardize the science

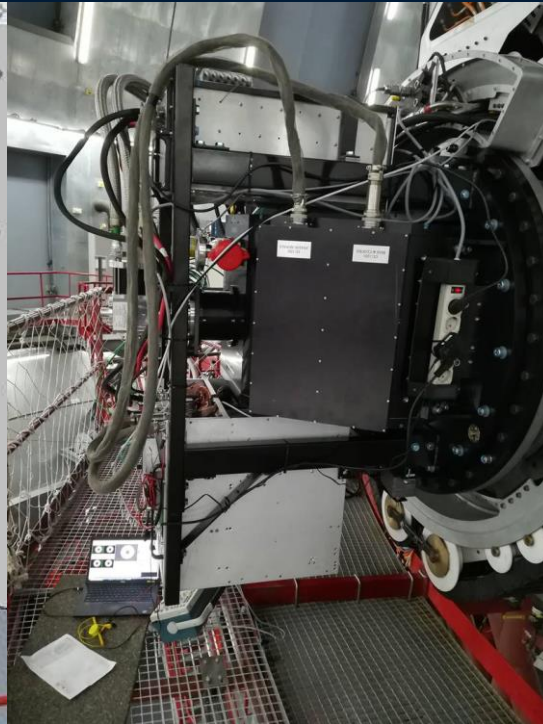
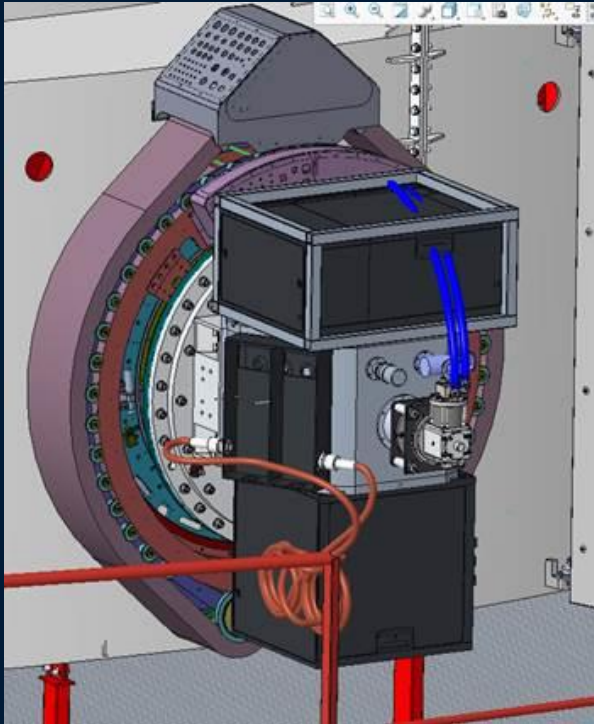


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Upgrade Project - Collaboration Agreement

- Contingency Plan – modified MCE => Commissioning and Science in dec2019
- MCE adapted for the FC envelope and thermal control



From concept (September) to Tests (05dec2019) and to final on-sky tests (14dec2019)



CanariCam@Folded-Cassegrain (2019-2020)

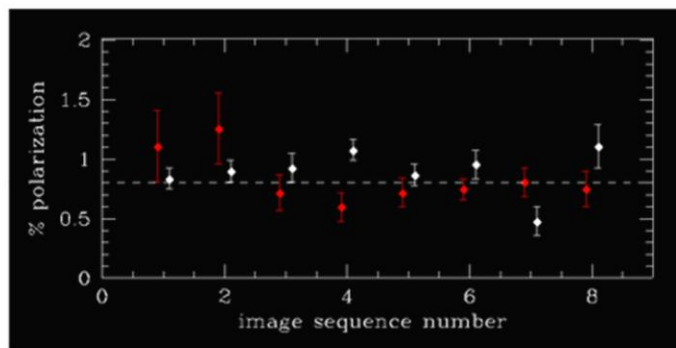
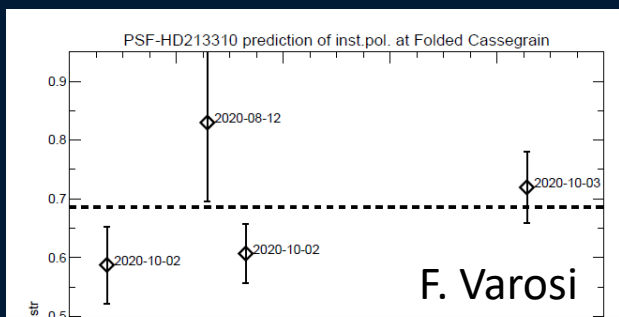


CanariCam@FC - Current status

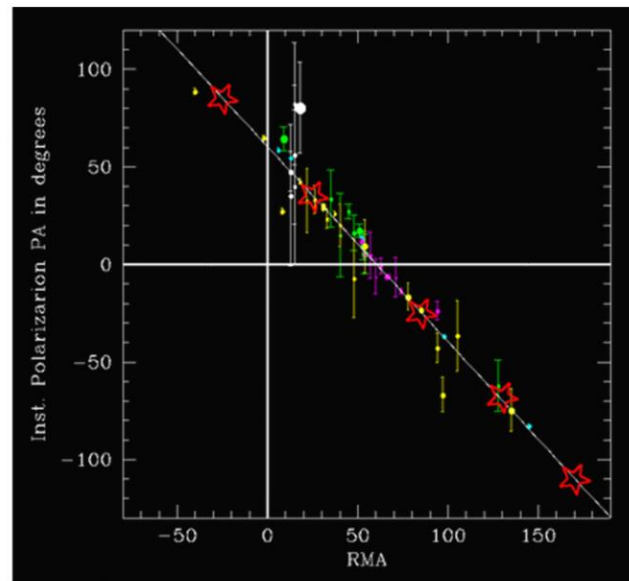
Commissioning

- Basic and limited on-sky commissioning (in December 2019)
- Polarimetry as high-priority and completed just before the lockdown in March 2020. Results as expected and in good agreement with previous knowledge/performance metrics:

http://www.gtc.iac.es/instruments/canaricam/cc_upgrade.php



Canaricam instrumental polarization as measured in a series of images of Pollux (red points) and Sirius. The average value is fully consistent with the value measures before the instrument upgrade. The dashed line indicated the 0.8% polarization level.

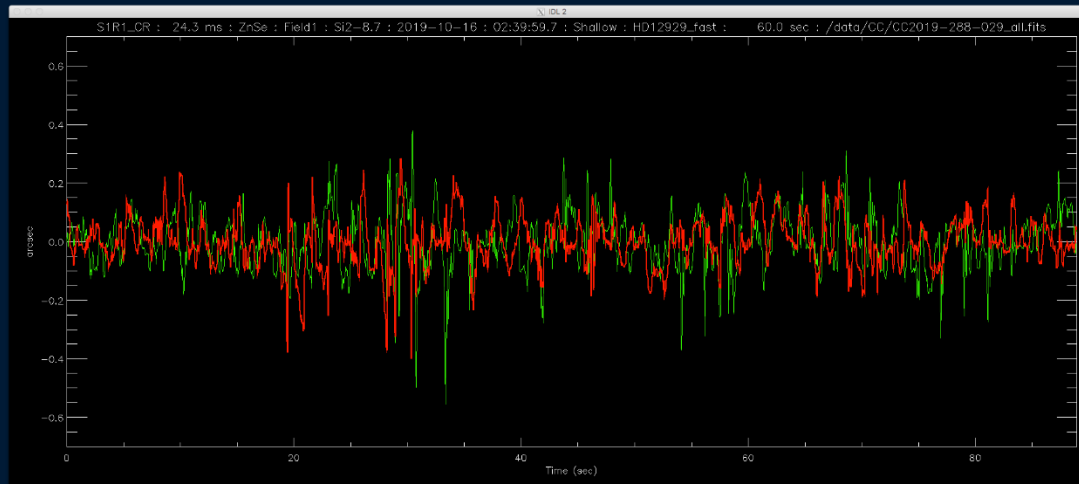


Canaricam instrumental polarization position angle at folded cassegrain focus. Compared to the previous situation, now the dependence on elevation disappeared and the polarization position angle only change according to the rotator position angle RMA. In this figure the old data from Nasmyth focus have been transformed setting elevation = 90 and adding 180 because the instrument is now mounted upside down. The five big stars represent the measurements obtained during the last commissioning run (March 2020). The line is the relation $PA = 60.4 - RMA$.

CanariCam@FC - Current status

○ Commissioning&Technical wish-list

- Further test/analyze the benefit of using Fast guiding with CanariCam under different conditions and for different chopping configurations.
 - Burst-mode allowed to measure an improvement of 20% in image stability.



0.118" vs 0.15" rms

Credit: Frank Varosi

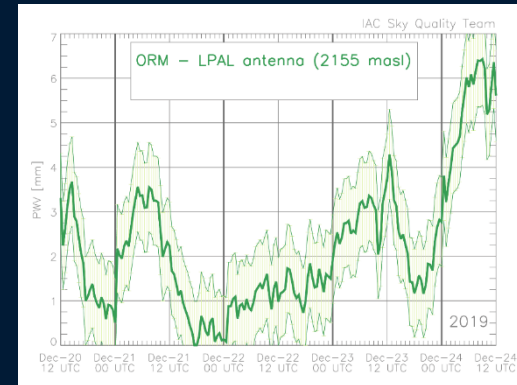
- Better assess instrument sensitivities in all modes and under different atmospheric conditions (IQ, PWV, etc.).
- Further test the Lorentz Center Workshop “Experiments”



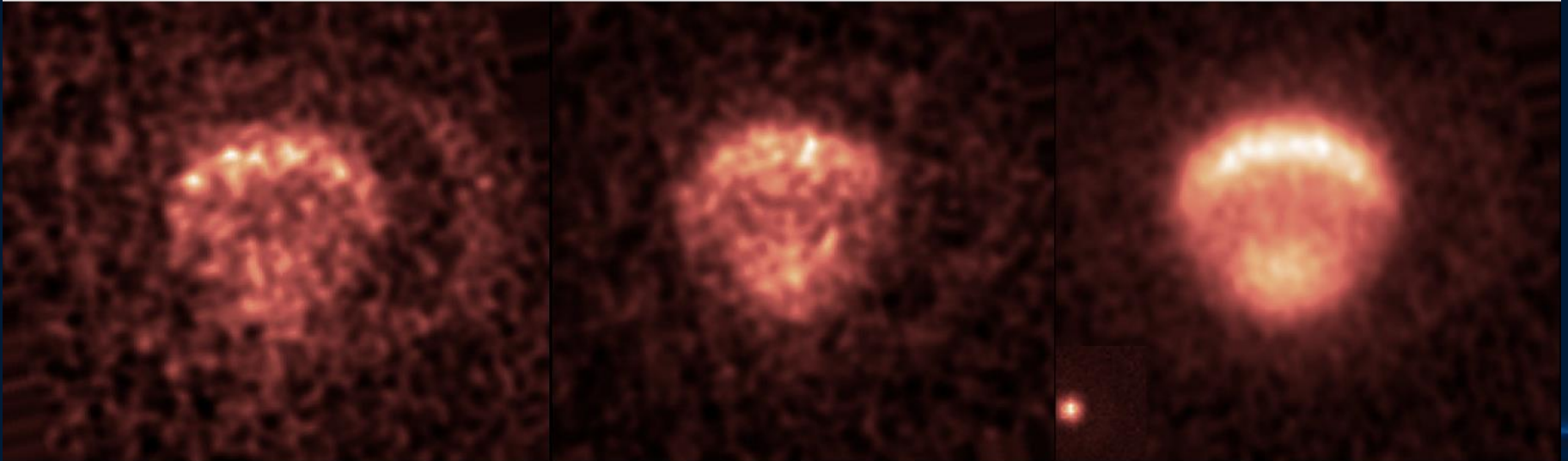
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- Science Observations started in December



Uranus Observations - Roman et al., Manuscript in preparation



Q1 (17.65um)

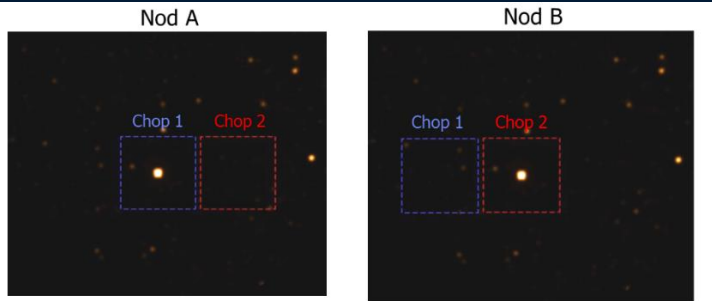
Q4 (20.5um)

Q8 (24.5um)

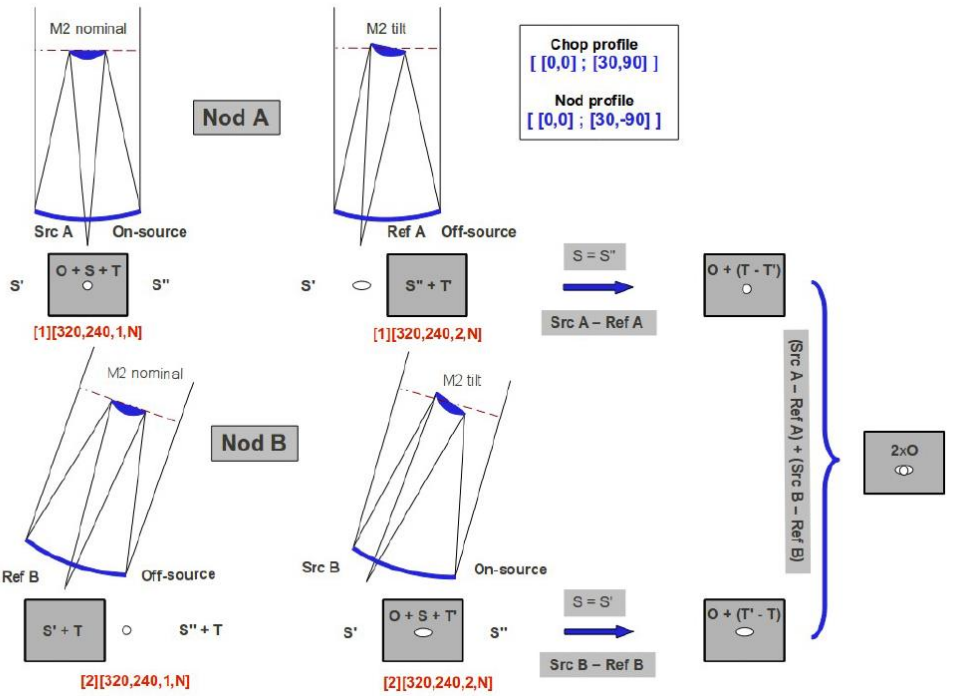
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o Drift-Scanning & Radiative Offset

... or how to get rid of chopping and nodding



Critical for massive ELTs



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The Next Generation of Thermal-IR Astronomy

Workshop @Snellius 12 - 16 November 2018, Leiden, the Netherlands

Scientific Organizers

- Leonard Burtscher, Leiden University
- Mitsuhiro Honda, Kurume University
- Sarah Kendrew, STScI Baltimore
- Nancy Levenson, STScI Baltimore
- Chris Packham, UT San Antonio

Topics

- Review of Existing Instruments
- The Thermal-IR Atmosphere
- Emission from the Telescope
- Background Subtraction Strategies
- Novel Calibration Schemes

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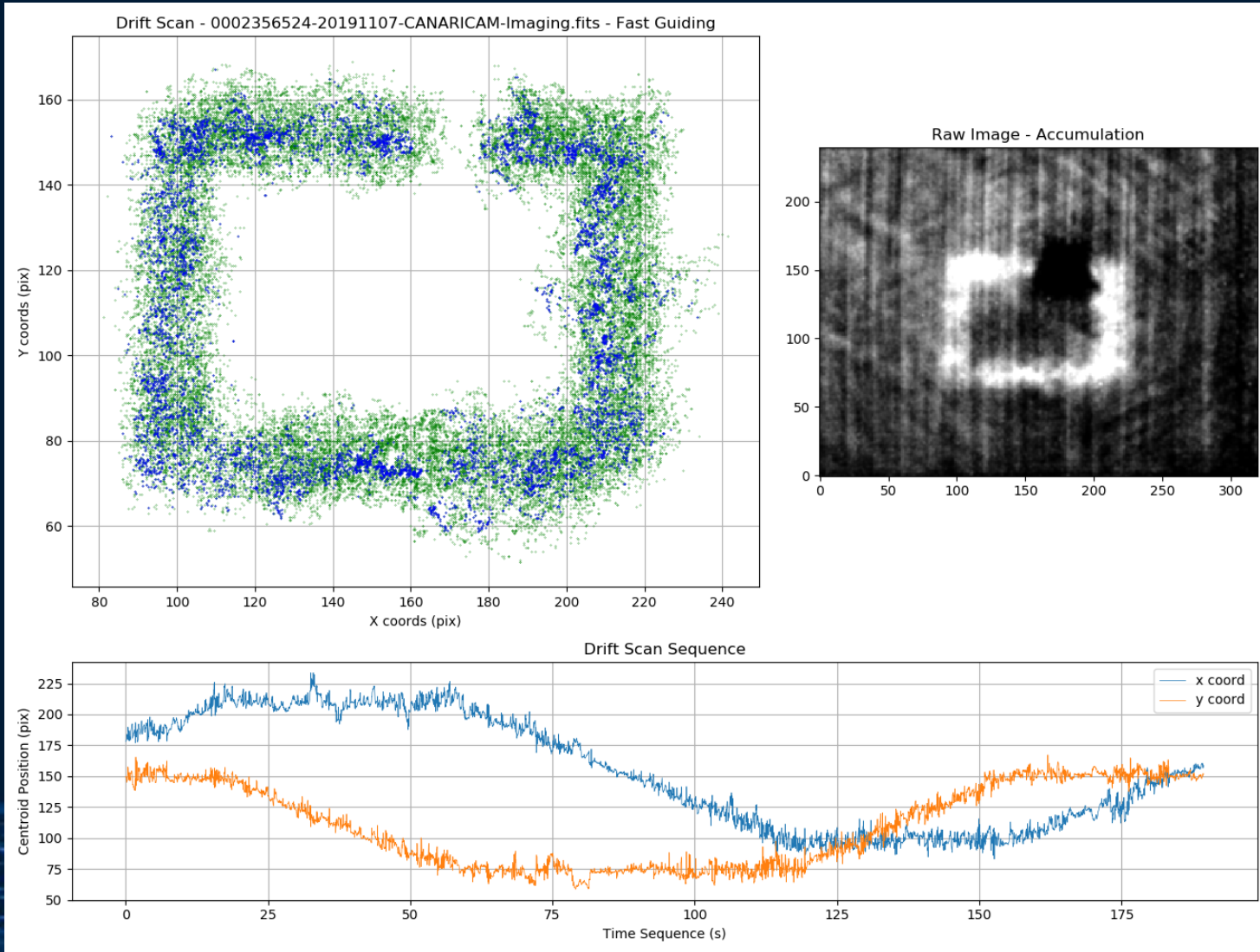
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○ Drift-Scanning

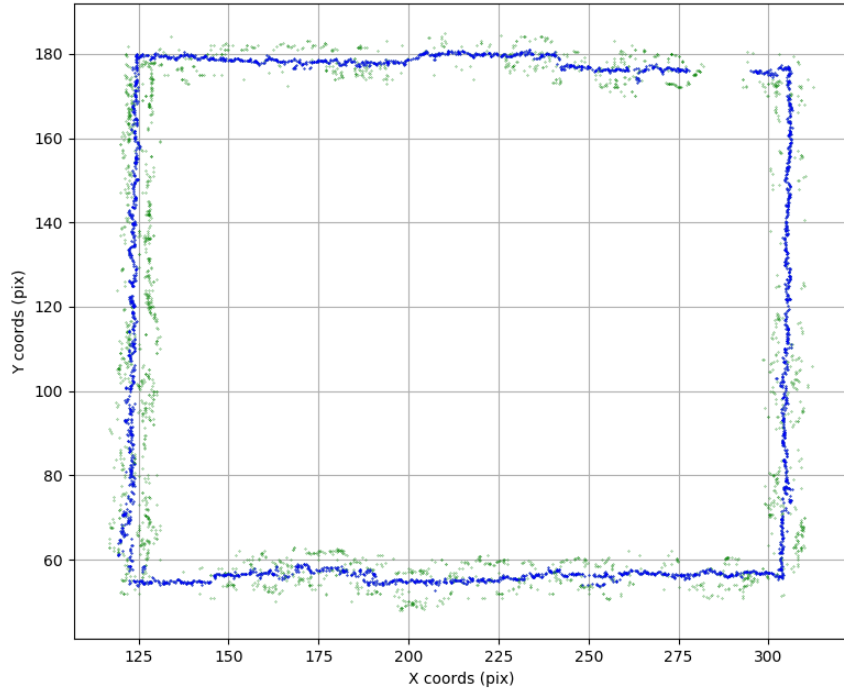


Using the Non-Sidereal Guiding functionality and custom ephemeris files to drift along/across channels at different drift rates

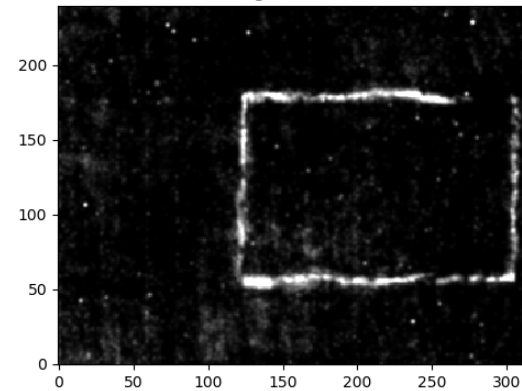
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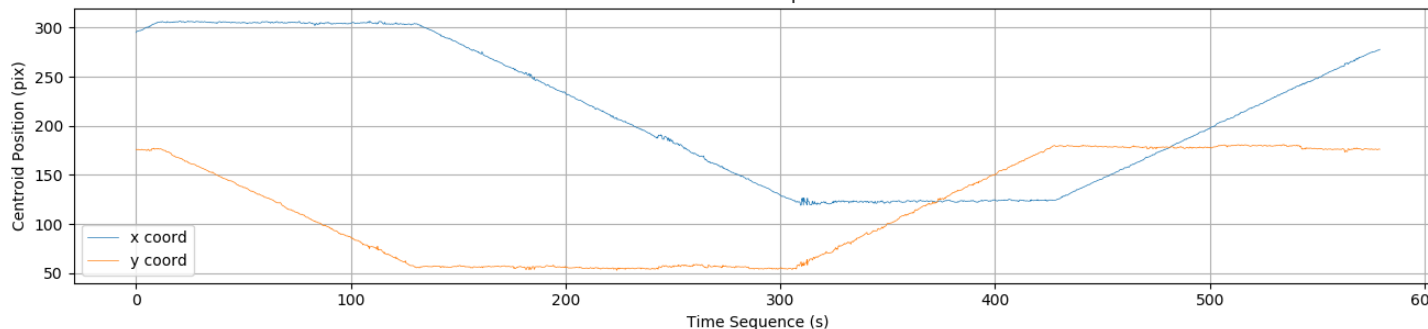
Drift Scan - 0002624002-20200727-CANARICAM-Imaging.fits - Med-speed drift 1 px/s



Raw Image - Accumulation



Drift Scan Sequence

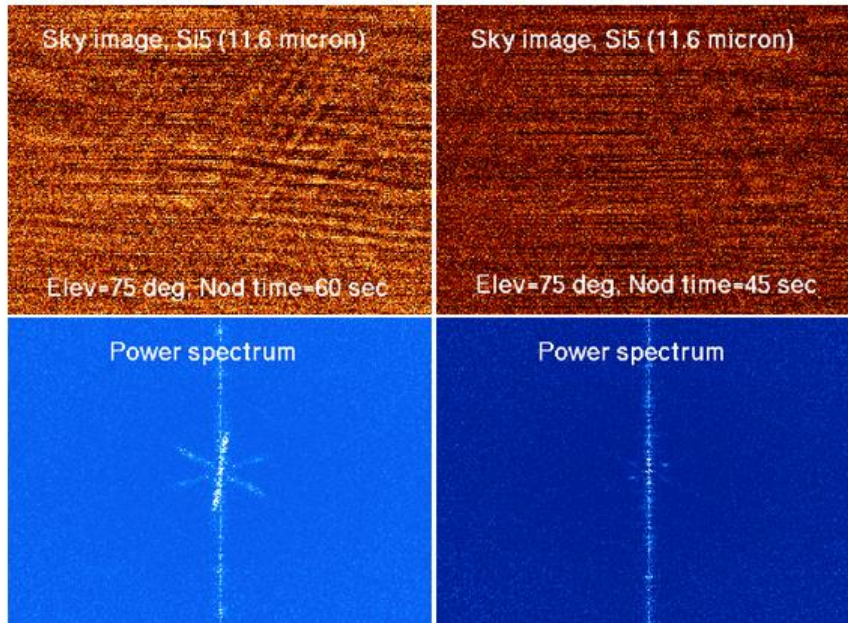


Sensitivity gain is being estimated and will be presented at SPIE (poster - TBC)

Packham, Torres-Quijano & Fernandez-Acosta in prep.

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- Radiative Offset
 - Residual thermal background from the telescope.

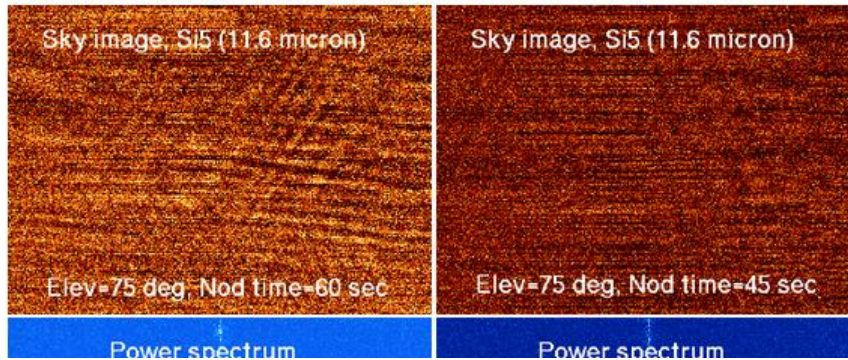


The diagonal wavy pattern noise seen in the top left image is the radiative offset residual, which can be seen much clearer in the Fourier space (bottom left panel). The pattern almost disappears (both, in the image and Fourier space) when a nod dwell time of 45 seconds instead of 60 seconds is used. By measuring the radiative offset residual at different elevations, we found out that the residual can be removed reasonably well with a nod dwell time of 45 seconds at all elevations. It would be possible to nod faster, but the gain in offset removal is counterweighted by a lower observing efficiency, which is 91%, 88% and 84% for nod dwell times of 60, 45 and 30 seconds, respectively. It would also be possible to nod slower than 45 seconds at low elevations, but this would add unnecessary complexity to the observation. **Therefore, the nominal nod dwell time for radiative offset minimization in CanariCam is 45 seconds at all elevations.**

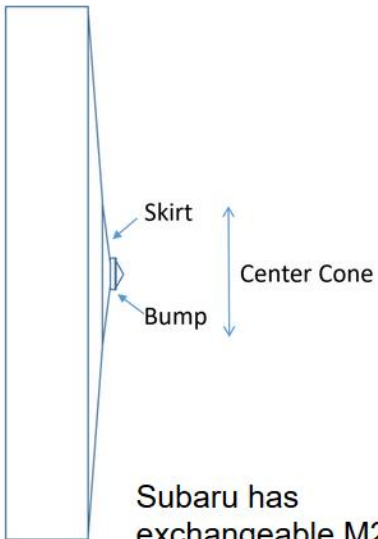
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How stable is it?

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GTC has a hole in the M2

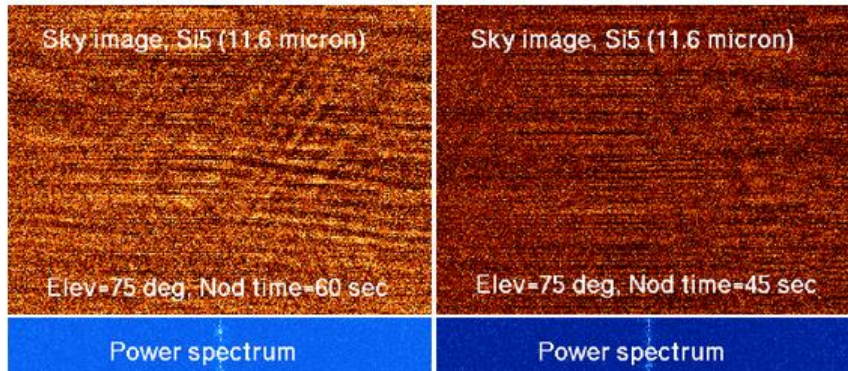


VLT/UT3 M2 (seen from Cassegrain while VISIR was removed)

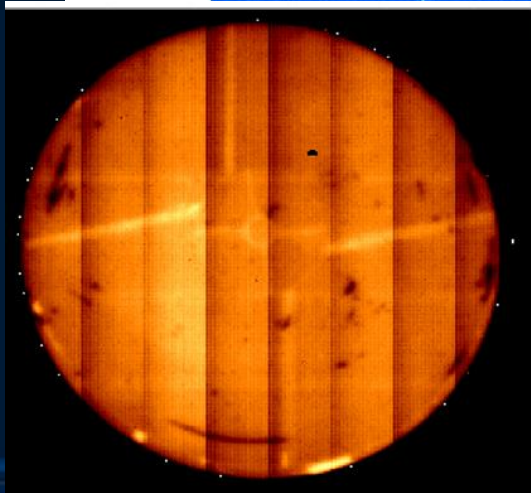
Subaru has exchangeable M2s (for optical / IR)

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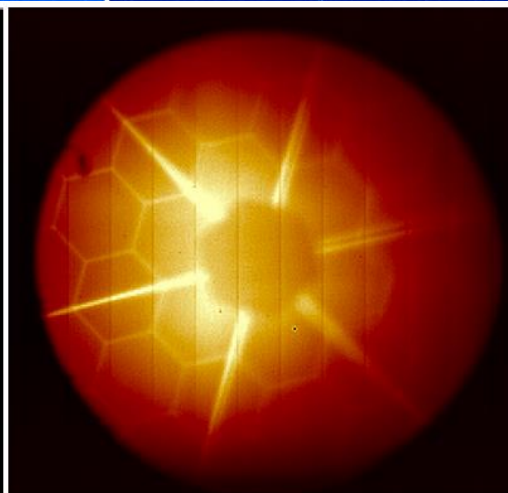
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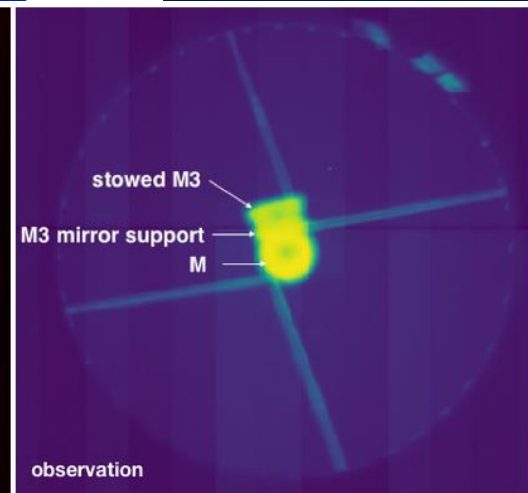
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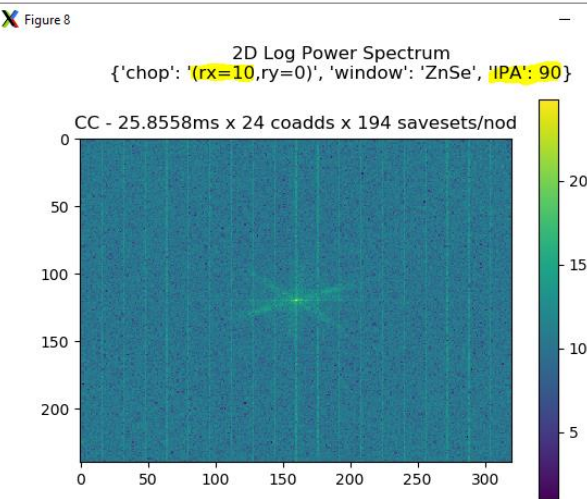
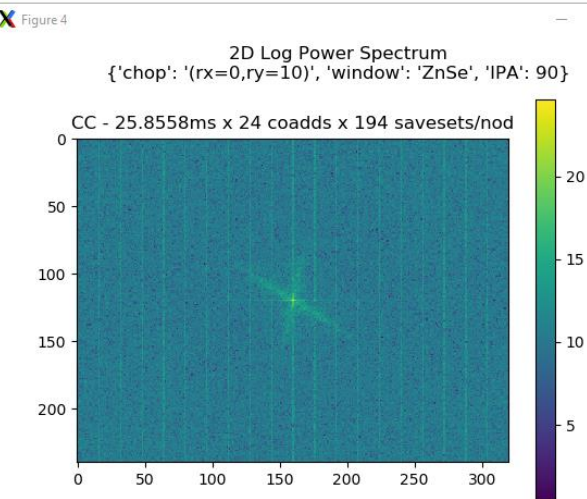
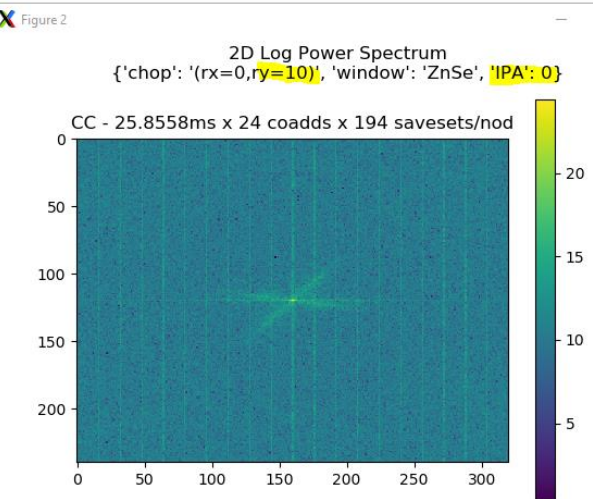
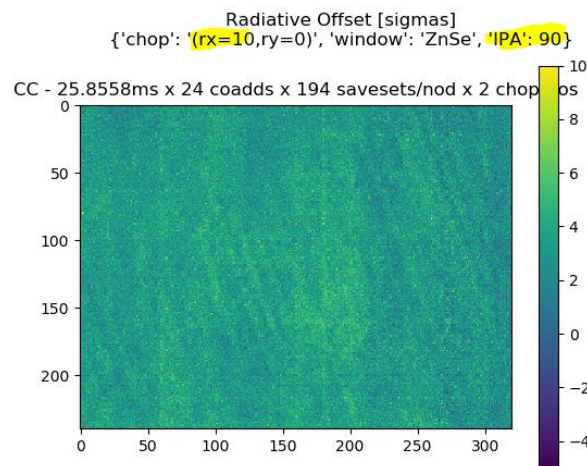
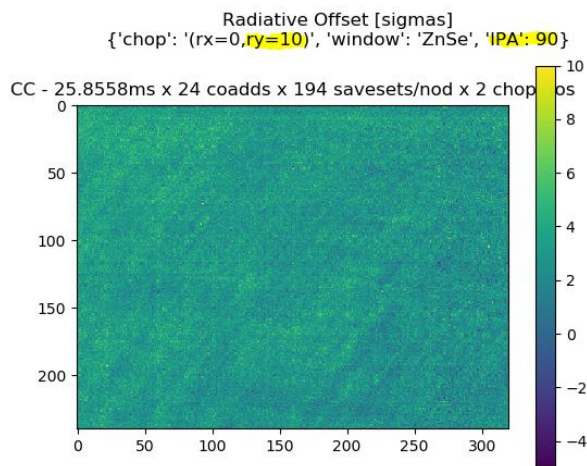
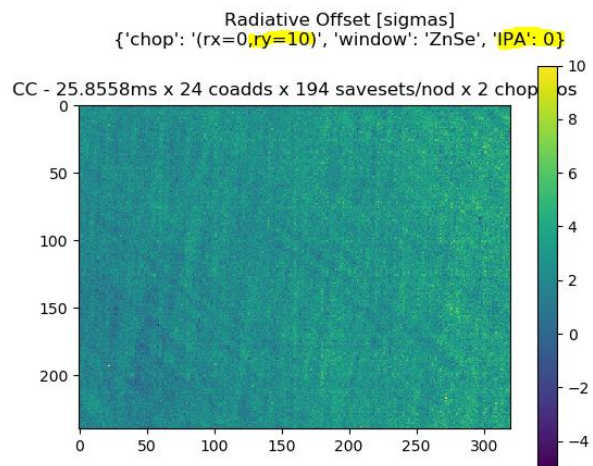
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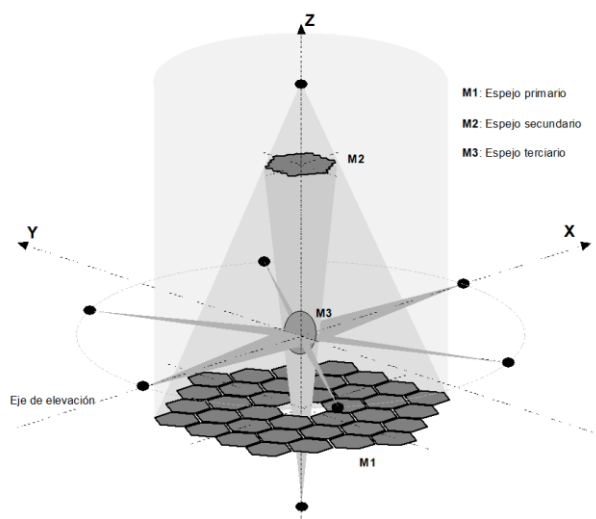
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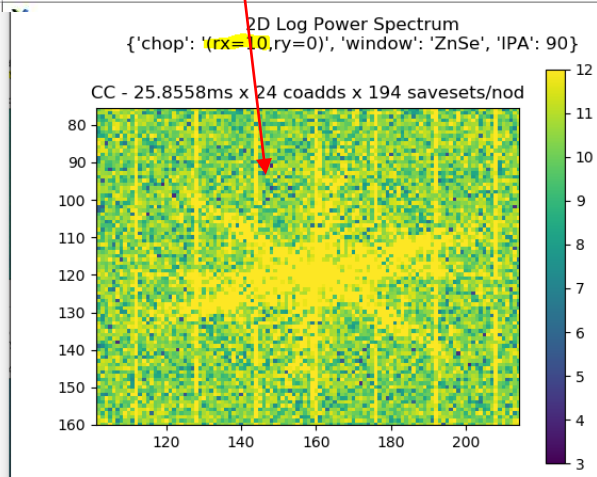
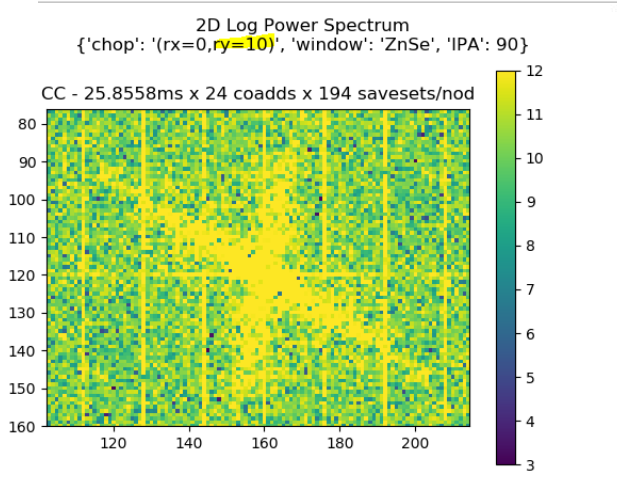
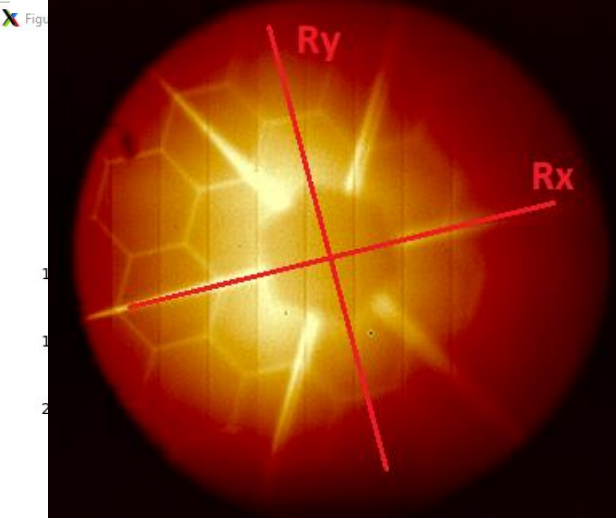
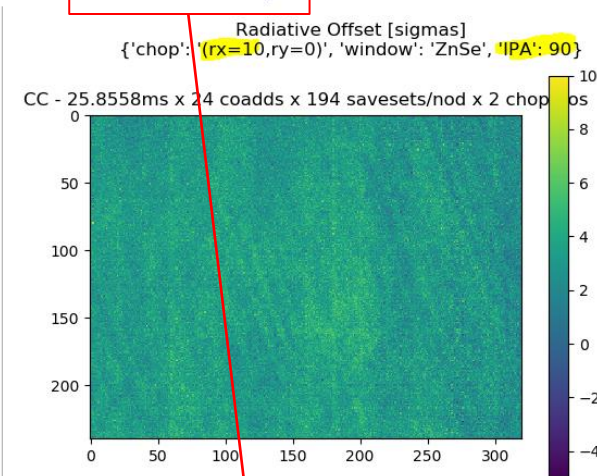
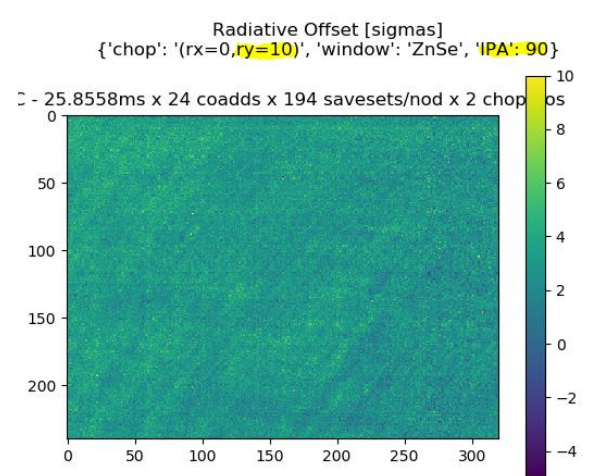
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○ Radiative Offset : Instrument Orientation vs Chopping Orientation



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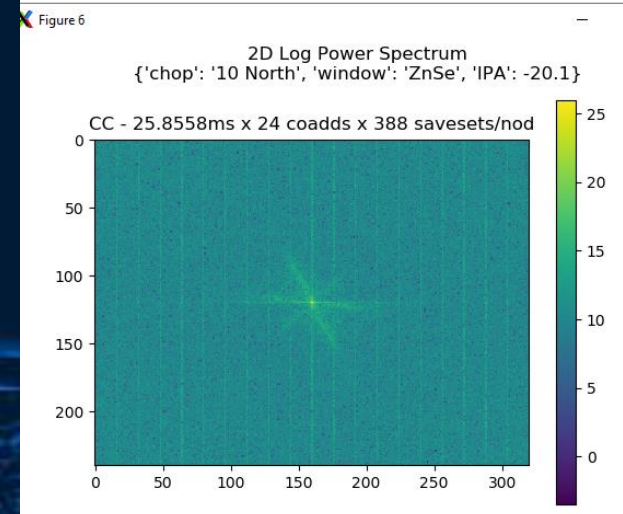
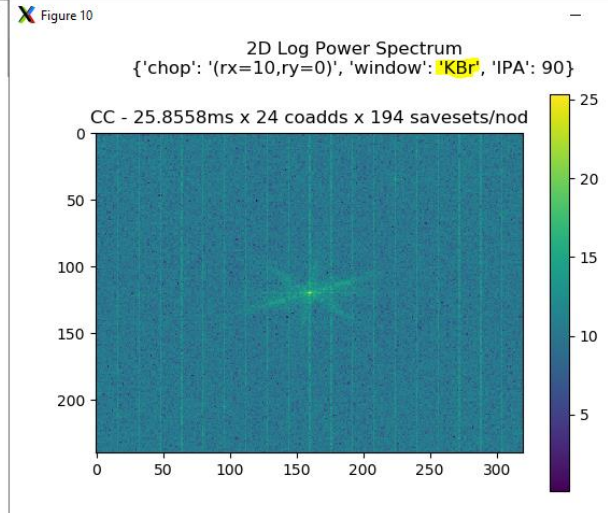
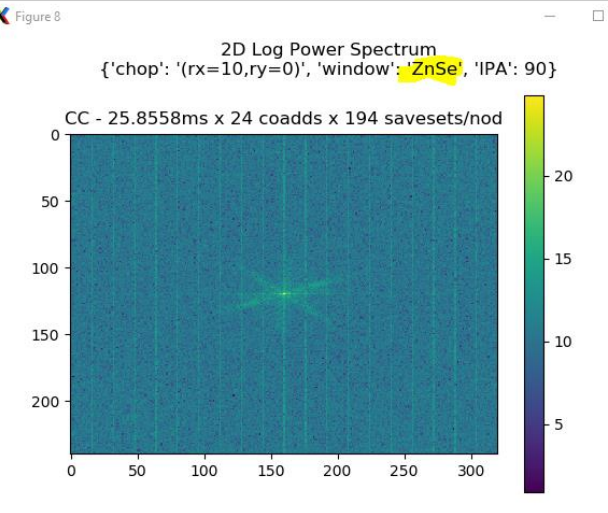
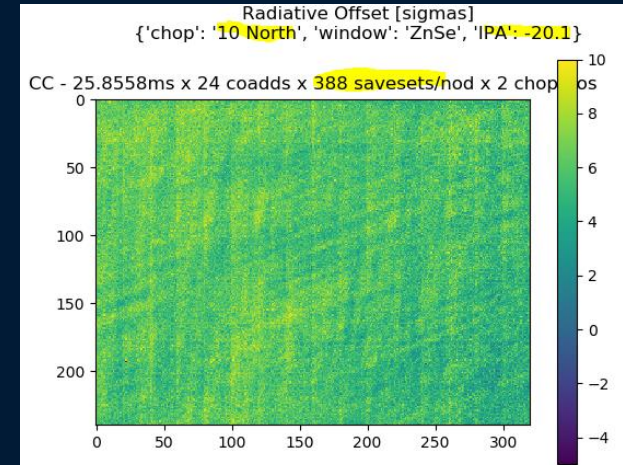
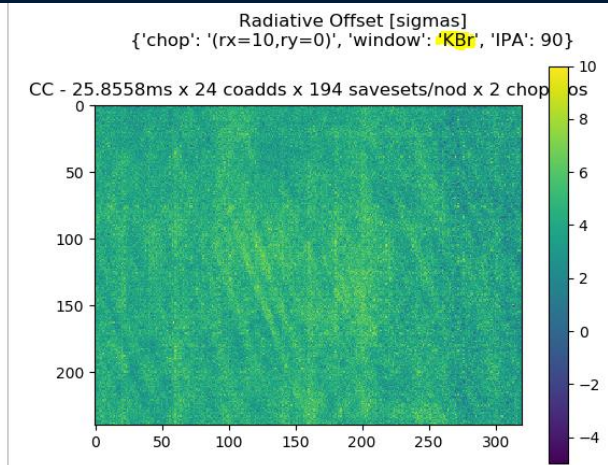
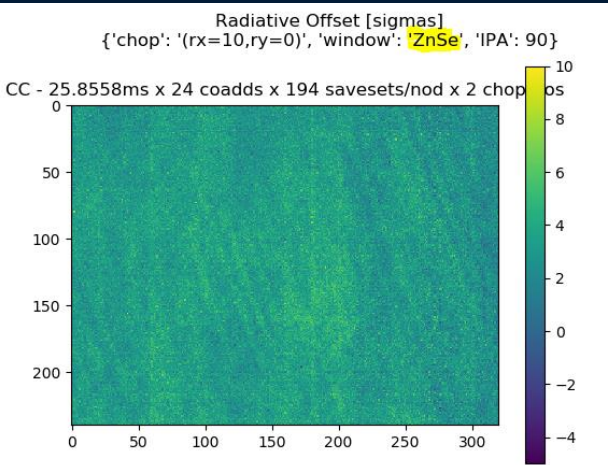
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○ Radiative Offset : Entrance Window

Radiative Offset : Time stability?





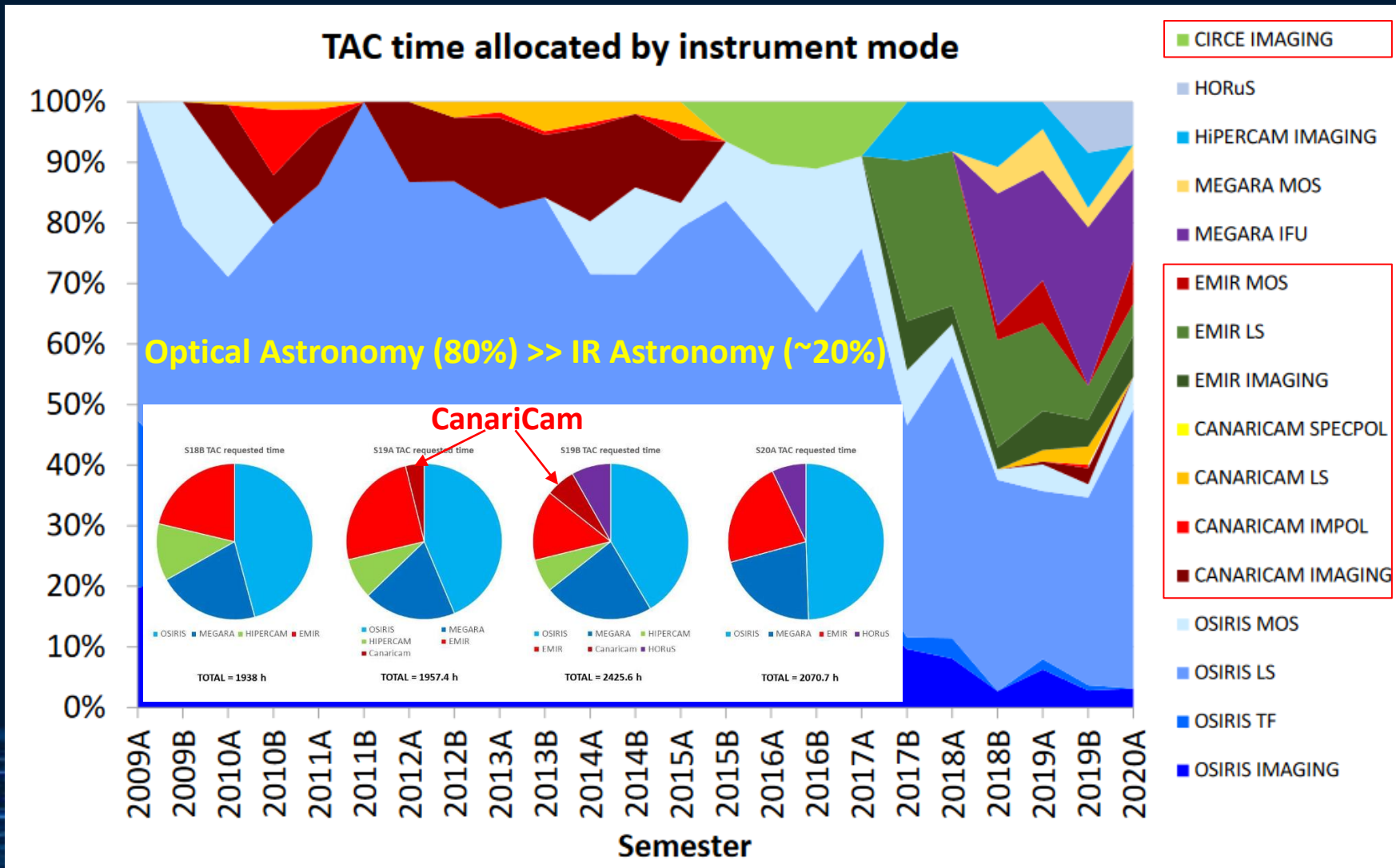
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CanariCam Future

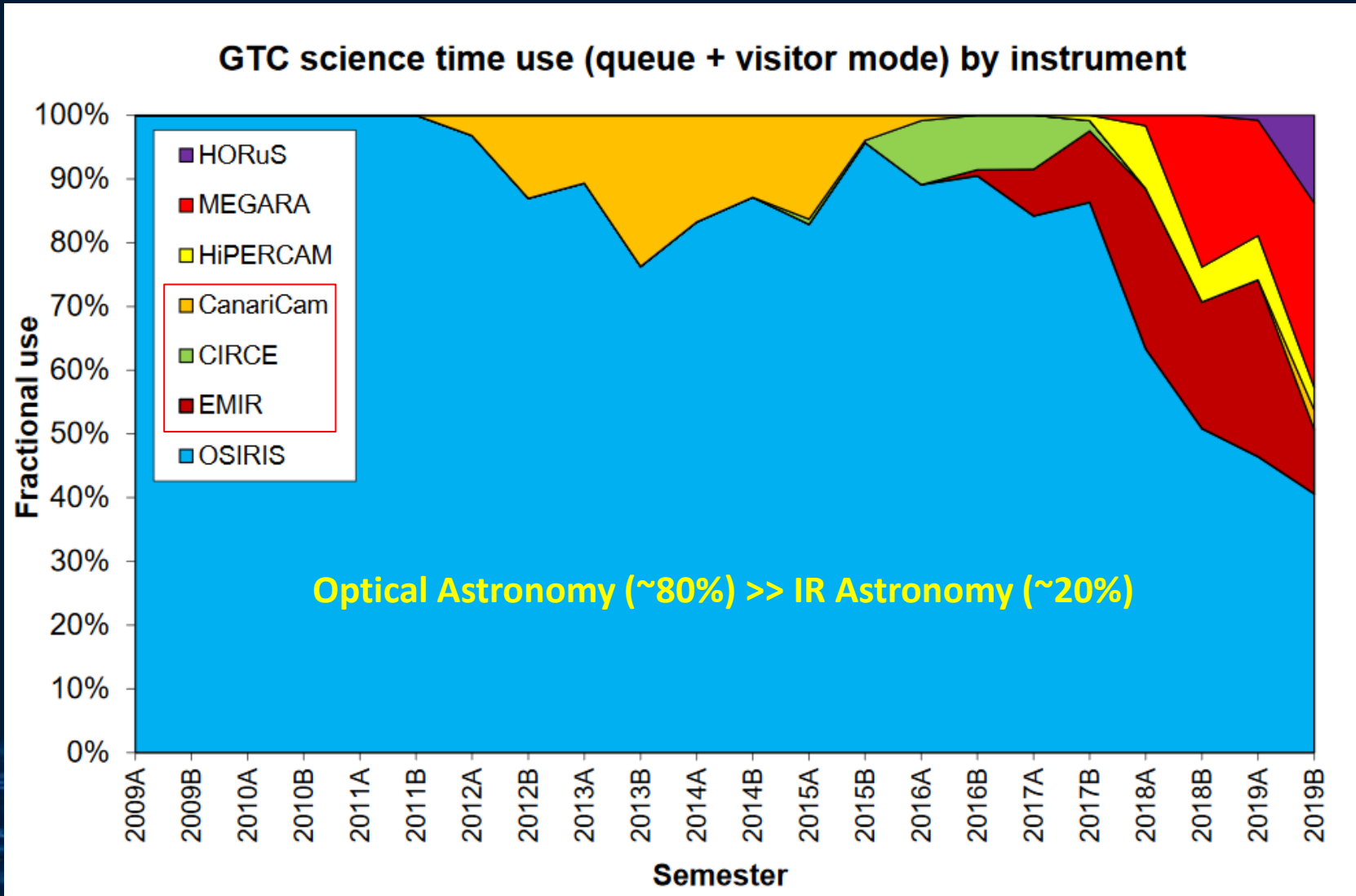
Place of CanariCam within the Instrumentation Program and our community





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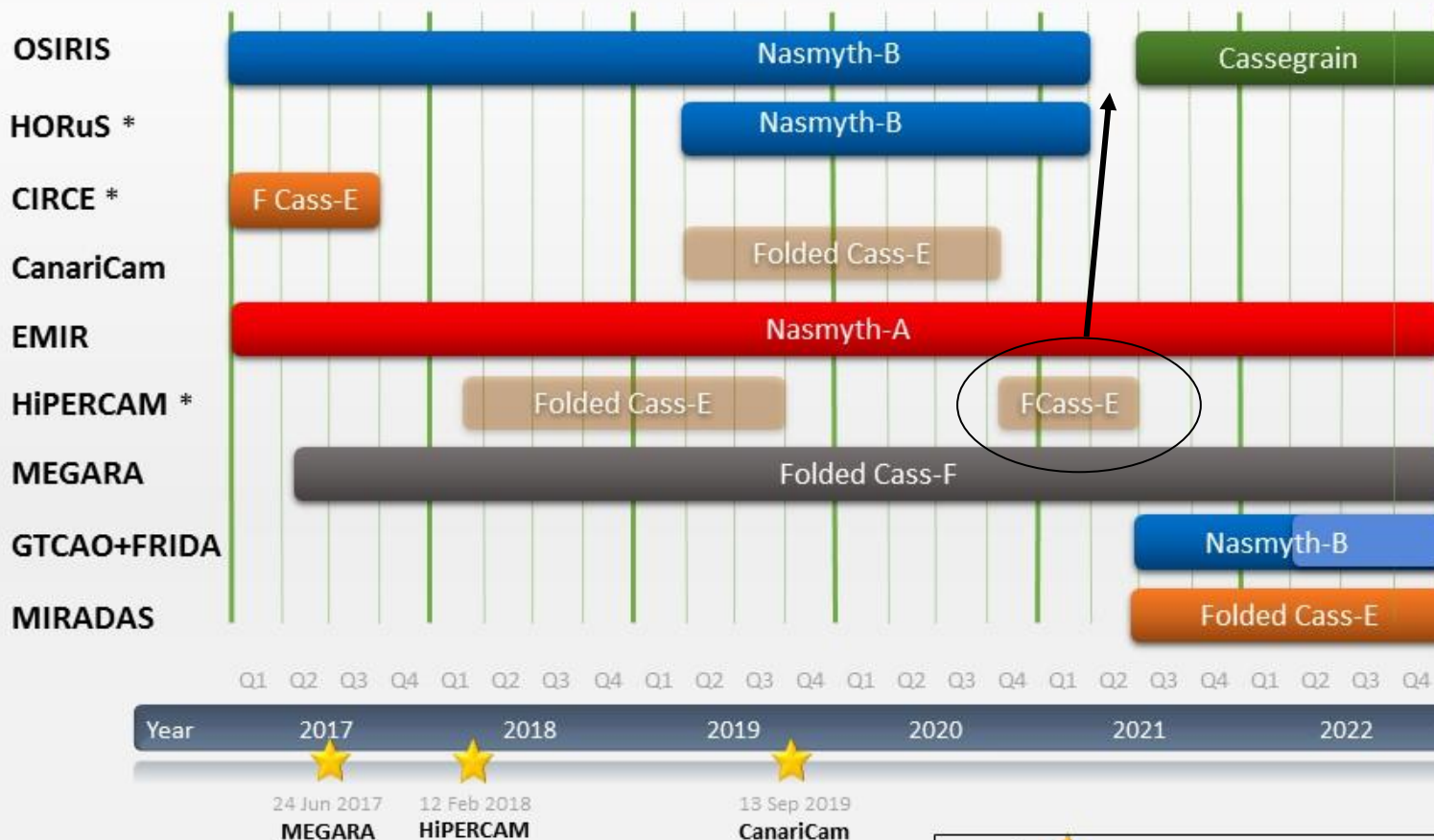
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The GTC focal stations and scientific instruments

GTC instrumentation timeline

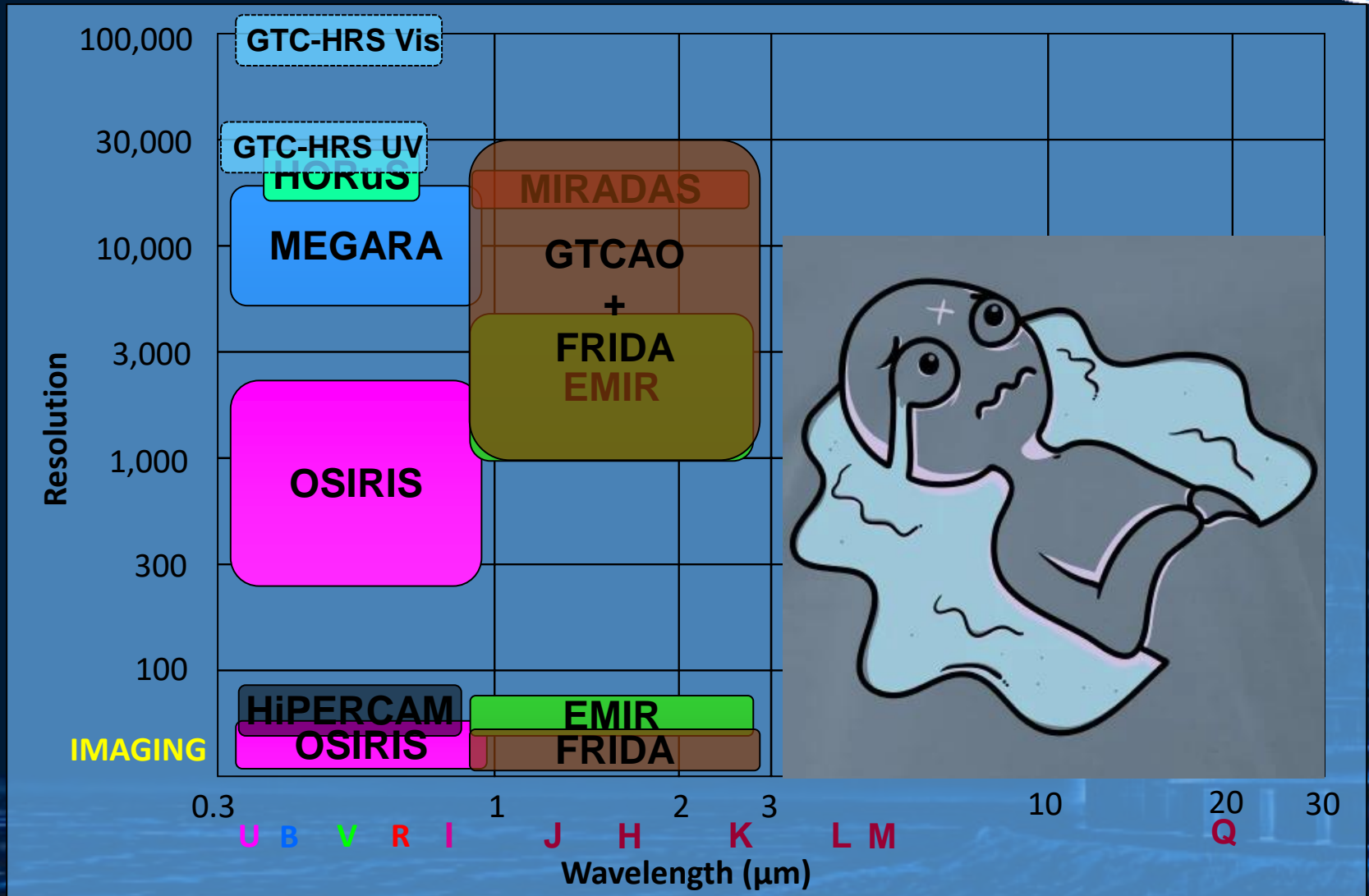
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Legend:

- ★ = first light
- Transparent bars indicate that the focus may alternately host various instruments
- * Visitor instrument

Instrumentation plan (more info at www.gtc.iac.es)





Conclusions and Lessons Learned





CanariCam – Conclusions and Lessons Learned

○ The challenge of Thermal-IR instruments in a single-telescope observatory

Usually perceived as too expensive to maintain wrt to delivered science (quantity-wise). Competing with Optical and NIR facility instruments.

- Design and build a **robust instrument** (must follow space industry standards)
- Build and maintain a large/committed enough scientific and technical **community** behind the instrument to support/demand it (pipelines, etc.). Keep the expertise as ESO

○ General

- **4K cryogenics** is challenging (benefit of gravity invariant vs gravity variant approaches)
- **Polarimetry** will be challenging with the ELT given its complex optical design with several folding mirrors, but it is a very powerful tool enabling unique science cases
- **Image Quality** (stable PSF and high strehl ratio) is a must (chopping, AO, vibrations...)
- **Background subtraction** will continue to be a challenge: PWV forecasting and flexible scheduling can help, and of course innovative observational/reduction techniques
- **Better Detectors are needed**

○ CanariCam

- Unique thermal-IR spectropolarimeter , but being decommissioned
- Main “issues” with CanariCam “1” were the IQ and the cryocooler.
- Main problem with the upgrade project were:
 - Small opportunity window => tight schedule led to shortcuts
 - Technical risk of the DAS upgrade was underestimated
 - Development on remote system (though common nowadays)
 - Full V&V of individual WPs/subsystems was not feasible

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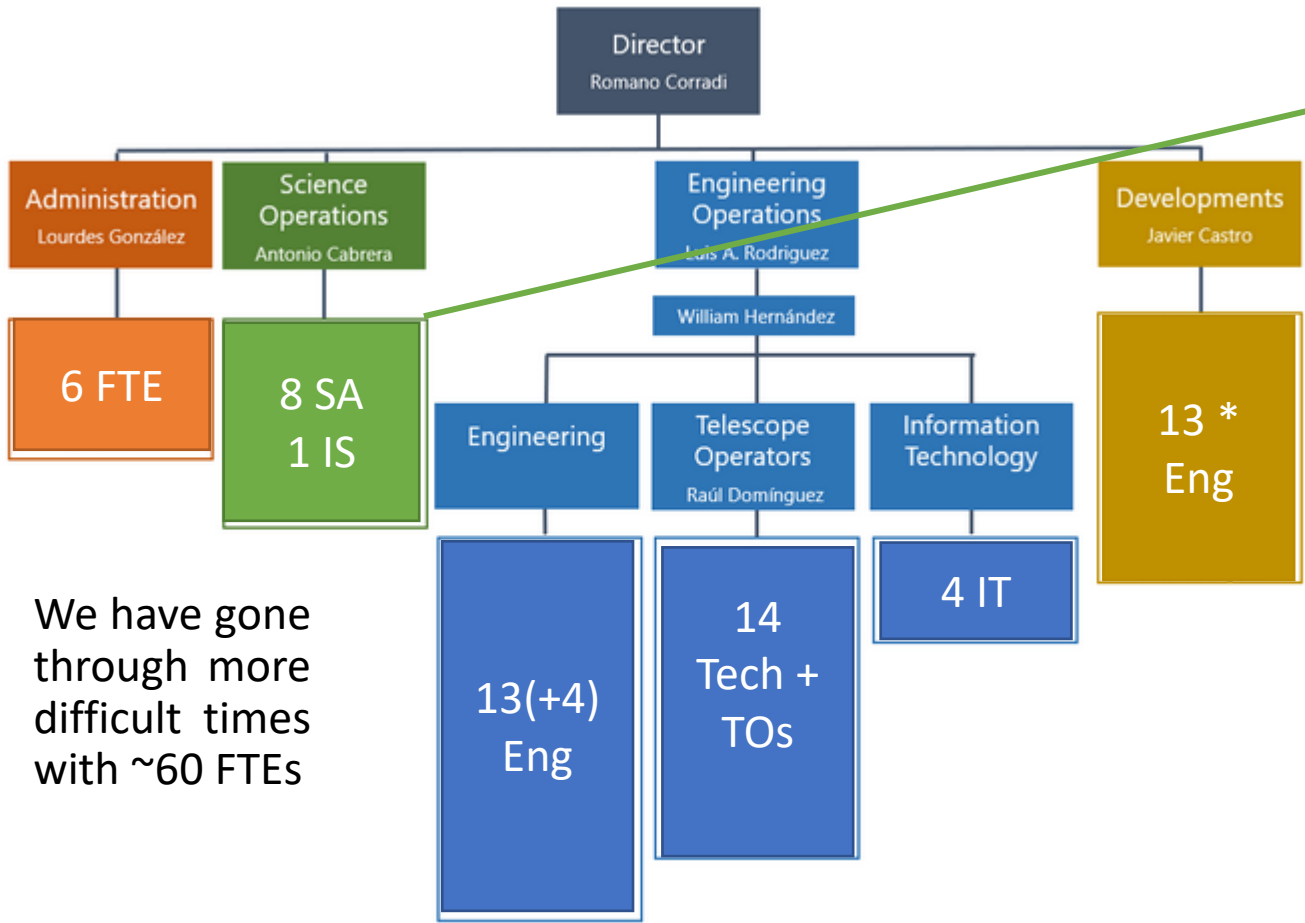
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We have gone through more difficult times with ~60 FTEs

Reminder:

GTC is a highly-flexible multi-instrument queue observatory with a planned suite of 10+ instruments (5 + 2 instruments in a given night)

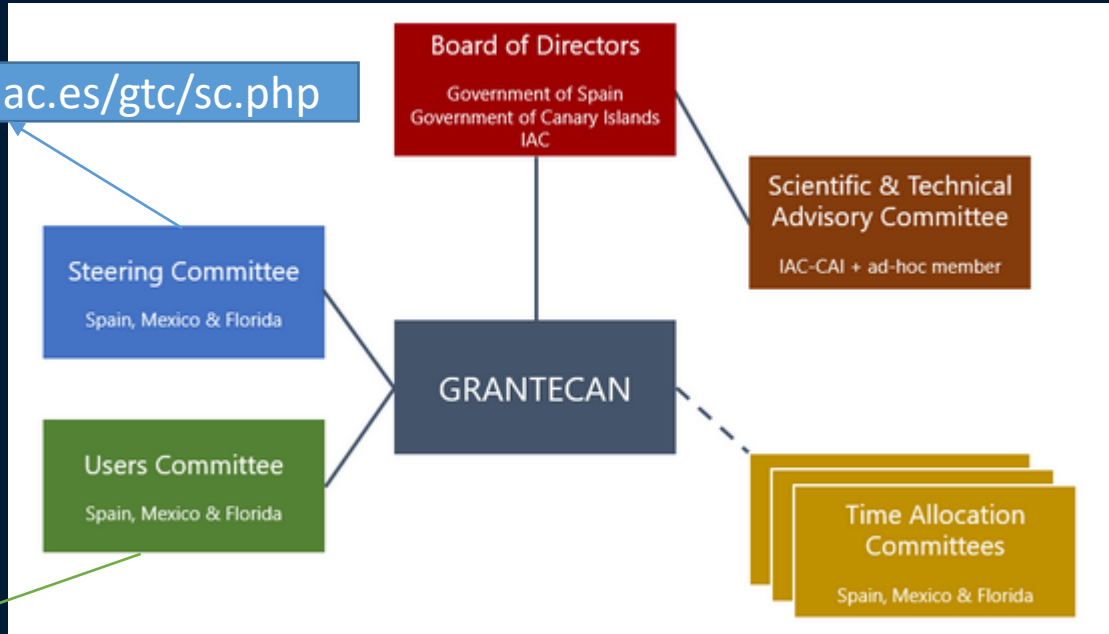




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GUC's Presentations (20-21 Jul 2020)

- Director's Report
- GTC Science Operations Status Report
- GTC Engineering Operations Status Report
- GTC Developments Division Status Report
- **GTC Next Generation Instruments**
- GTC Archive Report

GUC's Reports

- 21st GUC summary report of 10-11 February 2020
- 20th GUC summary report of 29-30 July 2019
- 19th GUC summary report of 20-21 February 2019
- 18th GUC summary report of 19-20 September 2018
- 17th GUC summary report of 10-11 February 2018
- 16th GUC summary report of 27-28 June 2017
- 15th GUC summary report of 17-18 March 2017
- 14th GUC summary report of 26-27 July 2016
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- 4th GUC summary report of 5-6 July 2011
- 3rd GUC summary report of 28 Jan 2011
- 2nd GUC summary report of 20 July 2010
- 1st GUC summary report of 25-26 Feb 2010

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Operations financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)

Financing	Description
Scientific Infrastructure Operational Programme (1994-1999)	Parts of the construction project of GTC
REGIS II Community Initiative (1994-1999)	Parts of the construction project of GTC
Programa Operativo de Infraestructura Científica (2000-06)	Parts of the construction project of GTC
Technology Fund Operational Programme (2007-2013)	Folded Cassegrain
Programa Operativo de Canarias (2007-2013)	Project for the construction of two multi-object spectrographs
Technology Fund Operational Programme (2007-2013)	Improvements of the GTC Dome Shutters
Programa Operativo de Canarias (2007-2013)	Extension of the GTC equipment. Phase 1 (2013-2015)
Programa Operativo de Canarias (2007-2013)	Adaptive Optics System for the GTC
Programa Operativo de Canarias (2014-2020)	Extension of the GTC equipment. Phase 2 (2014-2019)
Programa Operativo Plurirregional de España 2014-2020	Mejora de la ICTS Gran Telescopio Canarias (2016-2020)
Programa Operativo FEDER Canarias 2014-2020	Optimización de las observaciones infrarrojas del Gran Telescopio Canarias (IR_GTC)
Programa Operativo Plurirregional de España 2014-2020	Mejora y consolidación del Gran Telescopio Canarias (MECON_GTC)



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Instrumentation developments for GTC

- Summary
- Day-one instruments
- Visitor instruments
- Second generation instruments
- Third generation instruments
- Next generation instruments + GTC-HRS (China)

<http://www.gtc.iac.es/instruments/media/Doc-GTC-Informe-final-del-New-Instrumentation-Working-Group.pdf>

http://www.gtc.iac.es/instruments/media/Instrumentation_Review_Panel_Report_2013.pdf

<http://www.gtc.iac.es/instruments/media/PublicCallGTCinstrumentation2018.pdf>

White papers Scientific evaluation (GTC STAC + ad-hoc external committee)

Final decisión on instrument(s) to be developed by CSUG (TBD)

Role of GTC in the era of the ELTs and multi-Messenger Astronomy??

By 1 December 2018, we have received up to five "Concept papers" for new science instruments for the GTC. At the conference *VI meeting on Science with GTC*, there will be a special session with oral presentations of these Concept Papers to conduct a general discussion on the different designs described.

On the next table, a summary of the new instruments proposed is given:

Instrument	GTCAO?	Wavelength range	Observing modes	FOV	Spectral Resolution	Budget
BATMAN	No	0.36 - 1.0 μm	Imaging Multi-Object Spectroscopy	2.3 x 1.2 arcmin (DMD-based) 6.0 x 6.0 arcmin (MIRA-based)	500 - 4000 (for 1-0.2 arcsec slits)	10 MEUR
GATOS	No/Yes	0.37 - 2.35 μm (simultaneous)	Imaging Long Slit Spectroscopy High time-resolution IFU Spectropolarimetry	3 x 3 arcmin or 4.2 arcmin (diameter) 3 arcmin long slit 9.7 x 6.8 arcsec IFU 2.5 x 3.6 arcsec IFU (with AO)	4000	9.7 MEUR
GTMCMAO	Yes (MCAO)	0.9 - 2.4 μm	Adaptive Optics Facility	40 x 40 arcsec	-	4.1 MEUR
MAGAM	Yes (MCAO)	0.9 - 2.4 μm	Diffraction limited Imaging	85 x 85 arcsec	-	43 MEUR
NEREA	No/Yes	0.8 - 1.7 μm	Fiber-fed Spectroscopy	-	R > 70000 (req.) R = 110,000 (goal)	4 - 5 MEUR



CanariCam – is there a chance for a third life?

o Discussion raised during the workshop

Given the unique and compelling science that CC-Pol enables, is there a chance for a third live of CanariCam:

- For future short campaigns at GTC?
- What kind of support could the community provide?
- Is it possible to adapt it to another telescope?

Strong science cases are needed to support it.

o Technically speaking, what would be needed for another life?

- Refurbish cryocooler
- Refurbish Wollaston mechanism (parts are already available)
- MCE definitive enclosure or debugging the new controller
- Modifications to interface with a different telescope? (optomechanics, software, etc.)
- Recommissioning

