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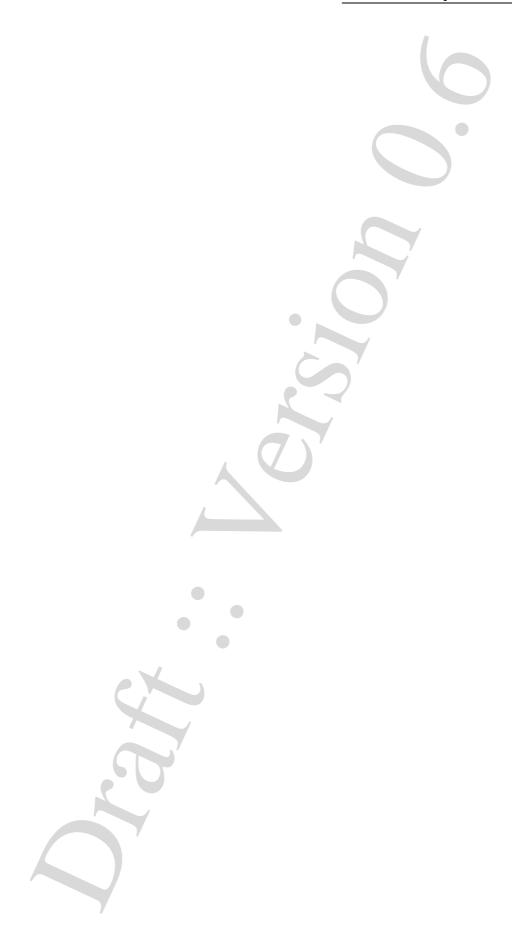
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1 Introduction

This document (2p2-TRE-ESO-22400-0001) describes the **Templates** defined for the Fibre-fed, Extended Range, Echelle Spectrograph (FEROS). FEROS is a bench-mounted, thermally controlled, prism-crossdispersed échelle spectrograph. It is designed to be a high resolution, high efficiency, versatile spectrograph providing in a single spectrogram almost complete¹ spectral coverage from $\sim 350-920\,\mathrm{nm}$. Precise radial velocity work (accuracies of $\sim 25\,\mathrm{m/s}$ or better) is also possible, especially via the Object-Calibration mode.

The spectrograph is fed by two fibres providing simultaneous spectra of object plus either sky or one of the two calibration lamps (wavelength calibration and flat-field). The fibres are illuminated via 2.0 arcsec apertures on the sky separated by 2.9 arcmins. A small amount of rotation of the telescope adapter is possible in the rare case that a field star by chance falls on the sky fibre. The resolving power is 48,000 achieved with a two-slice image slicer over the spectral range of $\sim 350-920$ nm spread over 39 echelle orders. The detector is an EEV $2k\times 4k$ CCD.

In October of 2002 FEROS was transferred from the ESO-1.52m telescope to the MPG/ESO-2.20m telescope. In October-November of 2003 it was upgraded to full VLT-compliance (i.e. OB controlled observing).

The reader is referred to the FEROS user's manual [3] for a full description and detailed of FEROS.

This manual is intended to guide observers through the creation of observation blocks (OBs) with which to make scientific and calibration observations.

The FEROS **Templates** are characterised by the Template Signature Files (TSFs),...

1.1 Applicable Documents

The following documents, of the exact issue shown, form a part of this document to the extent specified herein. In the event of conflict between the documents referenced herein and the contents of this document, the contents of this document shall be considered as a superseding requirement.

- [1] 2p2-SRS-ESO-22400-0001, Pritchard: FEROS-II Software User Requirements
- [2] LSO-URS-ESO-90400-0002, Saviane: Implementation of ADC for FEROS: User requirements

1.2 Reference Documents

The following documents are referenced in this document.

• [3] LSO-MAN-ESO-22200-0001, Pritchard: FEROS-II Users Manual

 $^{^{1}}$ The two spectral ranges 853.4-854.1 nm and 886.2-887.5 nm are lost due to non overlap of the spectral orders.

1.3 Abbreviations and Acronyms

$1.52 \mathrm{m}$	The ESO-1.52 m telescope at the LSO
$2.20\mathrm{m}$	The MPG/ESO-2.20 m telescope at the LSO
ADU	Analog to Digital conversion Unit
AG	Autoguider
BIAS	Brorfelde Image Acquisition System
CCD	Charge-Coupled Device
DCS	Detector Control System
DICB	Data Interface Control Board
DRS	Data Reduction Software
ESO	European Southern Observatory
eu	encoder units
FEROS	Fibrefed, Extended Range Optical Spectrograph
FFHV	FEROS Fibrehead Viewer
FITS	Flexible Image Transport System
FRD	Focal Ratio Degradation
GUI	Graphical User Interface
ICS	Instrument Control System
$_{ m LED}$	Light Emitting Diode
LSO	La Silla Observatory
MPG	Max-Planck-Gesellschaft
PSF	Point Spread Function
SWC	Software and Communications team at LSO
S/N	Signal to Noise
TBD	To Be Done/Discussed/Decided
TCS	Telescope Control Software
TIO	Telescope & Instrument Operator
VLT	Very Large Telescope
ZD	Zenith Distance

1.4 Release Notes

This is version 0.5, the fifth draft release primarily aimed at the Period-72 Service Mode observers.

Versions 0.3 - 0.4 were draft releases circulated for comments. There was no version 0.2 release. Version 0.1 was the first release circulated for comments.

Please mail comments to jpritcha@eso.org.

2 Instrument Modes

FEROS has two observing modes, Object-Sky and Object-Calibration. These are implemented inseparate templates.

3 Template Modes

FEROS templates are split into three groups according to function:

- 1. Aquisition Templates (AT)
 - (a) Acquisition on fibre (FEROS_ech_acq)
- 2. Observation Templates (OT)
 - (a) Science Exposure in Object-Sky mode (FEROS_ech_obs_objsky)
 - (b) Science Exposure in Object-Calibration mode (FEROS_ech_obs_objcal)
- 3. Calibration Templates (CT)
 - (a) Calibration of detector BIAS (FEROS_ech_cal_bias)
 - (b) Calibration of detector DARK current (FEROS_ech_cal_dark)
 - (c) Calibration exposures for wavelength (FEROS_ech_cal_wave)
 - (d) Calibration exposures of continuum lamp (FEROS_ech_cal_flat)
 - (e) Calibration exposures of stabilized LEDs (FEROS_ech_cal_led)
 - (f) Focus telescope exposures (FEROS_ech_cal_focus)
 - (g) Manage DRS initialisation (FEROS_ech_cal_DRS)

4 Templates: General Remarks

4.1 Notation

In this document all template keywords are given in the following notation:

Keyword Name

Parameter Range

Label in P2PP

Within one template the keywords are ordered according to the sequence **DET-SEQ-TEL-INS**. A detailed listing of all free and fixed keywords is given in Appendix B.

4.2 Detector Setups

In all OTs and CTs the detector readout mode, integration time, binning and number of exposures must be specified:

 DET1.READ.SPEED
 60kHz,1,high 225kHz,1,low 625kHz,1,med
 Readout Mode

 DET1.WIN1.UIT1
 0...36000
 Exposure Time CCD Binning (Sets both x AND Y)

SEQ.NEXPO

1...999

Number of exposures

To optimize the S/N in different type of observations while keeping the number of modes to be calibrated reasonable, three standard readout modes have been defined. A readout mode defines the readout speed, the gain, and the binning factors, see table 1. Comparison properties of the previous BIAS system are given in table 2. The format of the readout mode label is speedNo. of portsgain where number of ports is the number of readout ports. The CCD system infact has 2 readout ports, but two port readout is NOT a support readout mode.

Note: that in the current version of the FEROS Instrument Package (Version 1.12), the 625kHz,1,med readout mode is incorrectly labelled 625kHz,1,low.

Note: the 625kHz,1,med readout mode should be considered *EXPERIMENTAL* and should not be used for science data until it has been properly commissioned. This might happen during Period-73.

Readout Mode	CF	RON	ROT		
$60 \mathrm{kHz}, 1, \mathrm{high}$ "	1.0	3.0	148	Service/Visitor	For faint, RON-limited sources
$^{\circ}225\mathrm{kHz},\!1,\!\mathrm{low}$ "	3.2	5.1	41	Service/Visitor	For high S/N observations
$625 \mathrm{kHz}, 1, \mathrm{med}$	2.7	7.2	21	Service/Visitor	For fast monitoring observations

Table 1: FIERA controller Detector Readout Modes: CF is Conversion Factor (i.e. inverse of Gain) [e⁻/ADU], RON is Read Out Noise [e⁻ RMS] and ROT is Read Out Time [sec]. For the 625kHz mode the Read Out Time is limited by the 10Mbit ethernet connection between the FIERA Sparc and the FEROS instrument workstation (wferos).

Readout Mode	CF	RON	ROT,1 × 1	$ROT,2 \times 2$
"60kHz,high,1 Output"	0.55	3.5	152	52
" $60 \mathrm{kHz,low,2~Outputs}$ "	2.8	5.0	77	29

Table 2: BIAS Controller Detector Readout Modes: CF is Conversion Factor (i.e. inverse of Gain) $[e^-/ADU]$, RON is Read Out Noise $[e^- RMS]$ and ROT is Read Out Time [sec] and is shown for both 1×1 and 2×2 binning. The readout times for high gain are for 1 output while those for low are for two outputs, though of course both 1 and 2 outputs were possible for both gain settings.

4.3 FEROS Calibration Unit Setup

The FEROS Calibration Unit consists of two lamps (wavelength calibration and flatfield), the RSM, the FCU-Shutter and the NDFW. Their positions are specified as follows:

INS.LAMP1 INS.LAMP2	ON OFF	ThArNe Wavelength Calibra- tion Lamp Hal+Hal Flatfield Lamp
INS.LAMP3	ON OFF	ThAr+Ne $Wavelength$ $Calibration$ $Lamp$
INS.LAMP4	ON OFF	$D2+Hal\ Flat field\ Lamp$
INS.LED1	ON OFF	$Red\ CCD\ Test\ LEDs$
INS.LED2	ON OFF	$Green\ CCD\ Test\ LEDs$
INS.LED3	ON OFF	$Blue\ CCD\ Test\ LEDs$
INS.RSM	DARK LAMP1 LAMP2 LAMP3 LAMP4	Rotating Selection Mirror
INS.FCSH	DARK BOTHFIBS SKYFIB OBJFIB	$FCU\ Shutter$
INS.NDFW	0.02.5	FCU Neutral Density Filter Wheel

Only two calibration lamps can be active at any time, the other two being in SIMULATION mode. Currently the ThArNe lamp and the Hal+Hal lamps are active.²

4.4 FEROS/WFI Adapter Setup

The FEROS/WFI Adapter consists of the M3, the SCSM and the ADC. The ADC itself consists of two prisms. Their positions are specified as follows:

INS.M3	FEROS WFI	Mirror 3
INS.SCSM	PARK BOTHFIBS SKYFIB OBJFIB	Sliding Calibration Selection Mirror
INS.ADCA	IN OUT	Mirror Atmospheric Dispersion Cor- rector
INS.ADC1	0.0360.0	$\stackrel{\scriptstyle .}{ADC} Prism-A$
INS.ADC2	0.0360.0	ADC Prism-B

4.5 Moving the ADC and/or SCSM

Due to technical constraints, the ADC and SCSM can NOT both be IN simultaneously. Therefore when moving one or other function the following rules MUST be adherred to:

4.5.1 Moving the ADC

Before starting an ADC preset, it must first be verified that the SCSM is in the PARK position. If not it must be preset to that position and it must arrive there BEFORE the ADC preset can begin.

4.5.2 Moving the SCSM

Before starting an SCSM preset, it must first be verified that the ADC is in the OUT position. If not it must be preset to that position and it must arrive there BEFORE the SCSM preset can begin.

²The ThArNe lamp is a single lamp containing a thorium cathode and a gas mix of of ???? (??%), Argon (??%) and Neon (??%). The Hal+Hal lamp in fact consists of two halogen bulbs operated and different currents to provide flux in the blue and red parts of the spectrum (a filter cuts the red flux of the blue bulb). The ThAr+Ne consists of one bulb with a thorium cathode and a gas mix of ???? (??%) and Argon (??%). The D2+Hal lamp is a commercial unit consisting of a Deuterium source and a halogen source.

5 Acquistion Template

5.1 $FEROS_ech_acq$

The FEROS fibre acquisition template. The template will perform the following actions sequentially:

- 1. If Preset flag is TRUE the SCSM is moved to PARK, the FCU-Shutter is moved to DARK and the telescope presets to the specified RA and Dec. Template waits for the completion of the preset. [5min]
- 2. The telescope will offset to the specifed Alpha offset and Delta offset (if non-zero). Template waits for the completion of the offset. [1min]
- 3. Template then pauses to allow TIO to acquire target (or Pointing reference star as appropriate) onto the fibre specified by Target Fibre and of Autoguider flag is TRUE start guiding. Either Guiding on Fibre on the Feros FibreHead Viewing TCCD or the WFI Tracker Chip. Which guiding system to use is generally decided upon by the TIO. [2min]
- 4. Apply the reverse Alpha offset and Delta offset (if non-zero). Template waits for the completion of the offset. Restart guiding if necessary. [1min]
- 5. An image from the FFHV TCCD is acquired and copied to the Visiting Astronomer's DRL. This image is NOT archived in the ESO Data Archive. It is intended to provide correct acquisition of the requested target. [10sec]

Typical times to complete each step of this template are given above, giving a total maximum typical execution time of about **9min**.

The target RA (Right Ascension and Dec (Declination) are specified via the keywords:

 TEL.TARG.ALPHA
 00:00:00.000...23:59:59.999
 Target Right Ascencion

 TEL.TARG.DELTA
 +90:00:00.000...-90:00:00.000
 Target Declination

Target Name, Equinox, Epoch, Class should also be specified.

TEL.OBS.TARG.NAME String Target Name

Target proper motions (proper motion RA and proper motion Dec), and differential tracking rates (Diff RA and Diff Dec) can also be specified if relevant – this infromation is for the header.

For faint $(B \ge \sim 20.0, \ V \ge \sim 20.0)$, extended objects or emmission line objects a nearby (within 10 arcmin) a pointing reference star should be used. In this case non-zero Telescope Offsets (Alpha offset and Delta offset) should be specified:

TEL.TARG.OFFSETALPHA -600.000...+600.000 RA offset [arcsec]
TEL.TARG.OFFSETDELTA -600.000...+600.000 Dec offset [arcsec]

The offsets are defined as follows:

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\label{eq:teltarg} \begin{split} \mathbf{TEL}.\mathbf{TARG}.\mathbf{ALPHA} + \mathbf{TEL}.\mathbf{TARG}.\mathbf{OFFSETALPHA} &= RA(PointingReference) \\ \mathbf{TEL}.\mathbf{TARG}.\mathbf{DELTA} + \mathbf{TEL}.\mathbf{TARG}.\mathbf{OFFSETDELTA} &= Dec(PointingReference) \end{split}
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The Adapter can be rotated a small amount if necessary if by chance a field star falls on the sky fibre:

ADA.POSANG

-10.0...+10.0

Adapter Rotator Position Angle

This is a manual adjustment at the telescope and should be avoided if at all possible!

Differential tracking rates ($Differential\ tracking\ in\ RA$ and $Differential\ tracking\ in\ Dec$) can be specified if relevant:

The required fibre to position the target on must be specified (Target fibre):

TEL.AG.FIBSELEC

OBJFIB | SKYFIB

Fibre to Place Object on

Whether or not to guide must be specified (Autoguider flag):

ADA.AG.STATUS

 $T \mid F$

Autoguiding

Whether or not to actually make the preset must be specified by (Preset flag):

TEL.PRESET.NEW

 $T \mid F$

 $Preset\ telescope$

This option is usually used when an an OB is executed for the same target as the previous OB and hence a new preset is generally not required.

6 Science Templates

The science templates allow the observer to specify the detector parameters, Readout Mode, Exposure Time, Binning and Number of expoures, see section 4.2.

$6.1 \quad FEROS_ech_obs_objsky$

The FEROS science Object-Sky mode exposure template. The template will perform the following actions sequentially:

- 1. Set LEDs OFF [1sec]
- 2. Setup FEROS/WFI Adapter: M3 to FEROS position, SCSM to PARK position, wait for SCSM preset to complete. ADC to IN/OUT position according to the specified mode of operation. If ADC is IN ADC prisms will begin tracking. [1min]
- 3. Setup FEROS Calibration Unit: FCU-Shutter to DARK position. Status of lamps and position of RSM will NOT be changed (to minimise overheads for attached calibrations by minimising function movements and lamp warmup times).[1min]
- 4. Setup Detector according to selected readout mode and windowing
- 5. Template waits for completion of all above setups
- 6. Execute **SEQ.NEXPO DET1.WIN1.UIT1** second exposures in mode NORMAL [**NEXPO**×(**UIT+ROT**)sec]
- 7. At the end of EACH exposure submit image for processing by FEROS-DRS [5sec]
- 8. At the end of the template the status of the FCU lamps and the position of the RSM are unchanged, FCU-Shutter and NDFW and the M3, SCSM and ADC are left in their positions as at the end of the exposure.[5sec]

The total execution time for this template is thus approximately:

 $130 + NEXPO \times (UIT + ROT)$ sec

With binning 2×2 ROT is approximately half those given in table 1.

Whether to use the Atmospheric Dispersion Corrector or not must be specified:

INS.ADC.STATUS

IN OUT

ADC

If the ADC is IN it will automatically track the atmospheric dispersion with an update frequency of approximately once every $\sim 10\,\mathrm{sec}$.

Note: The ADC is not yet implemented and will likely not be implemented till Period-73.

No further parameters can be specified for this template.

6.2 $FEROS_ech_obs_objcal$

The FEROS science Object-Calibration mode exposure template. The template will perform the following actions sequentially:

- 1. Set LEDs OFF [1sec]
- 2. Setup FEROS/WFI Adapter: M3 to FEROS position, ADC to OUT position³, wait for ADC preset to complete. SCSM to SKYFIB or OBJFIB position according to whether OBJFIB or SKYFIB fibre was specified for the fibre to position the target on (in Acquisition). [1min]
- 3. Setup FEROS Calibration Unit: Selected calibration lamp ON if not already on, other lamp(s) OFF, the RSM is moved to the appropriate position according to the selected calibration lamp, FCU-Shutter to SKYFIB or OBJFIB position according to whether OBJFIB or SKYFIB fibre was specified for the fibre to position the target on, Neutral Density Filter Wheel to appropriate position according to specified calibration lamp equivalent time. [1min]
- 4. Setup Detector according to selected readout mode and windowing
- 5. Template waits for completion of all above setups
- 6. Templates waits for specified Lamp Warmup time. [LAMPWAIT sec]
- 7. Execute **SEQ.NEXPO DET1.WIN1.UIT1** second exposures in mode NORMAL [**NEXPO**×(**UIT+ROT**)sec]
- 8. At the end of EACH exposure submit image for processing by FEROS-DRS [5sec]
- 9. At the end of the template the calibration lamps are are left on and off respectively and the RSM, FCU-Shutter and NDFW and the M3, SCSM and ADC are left in their positions as at the end of the exposure. [5sec]

The total execution time for this template is thus approximately:

 $130+LAMPWAIT+NEXPO\times(UIT+ROT)sec$

With binning 2×2 ROT is approximately half those given in table 1.

The calibration lamp to use must be selected here, either Wavelength calibration (default) or continuum source lamp.

INS.OCLAMP WLC | FF Calibration source

The equivalent exposure time must be specified:

SEQ.CALTIME 0..43200 Equivalent exposure time

The equivalent exposure time is used to calculate the density to set the Neutral Density Filter wheel to in order that in the specified object exposure time, the same flux level is obtained in the calibration spectrum as would be obtained in the equivalent exposure time at the NDFW reference density (currently 0.0), i.e. the density will be given by:

 $density = \log_{10}[\texttt{DET1.WIN1.UIT1/SEQ.CALTIME}]$

A lamp warmup period can be specifed.

SEQ.LAMPWAIT 0..43200 Lamp warmup delay

Normally the lamp will be turned off at the end of the exposure. The lamp can be left on by setting to true the *Leave Lamp on*:

³At this time it is NOT clear if the ADC can be used in Object-Calibration mode since under the current design of the ADC unit it is not possible to have both the ADC IN and the SCSM in any position other than PARK????.

SEQ.LEAVELAMPON T|F

Leave Lamp on at end of exposure

The idea here is to avoid having to wait for the lamp to warmup for the following objcal exposure. For Service Mode the lamp should never be left on at the end of an OB, since in general OBs from a given program are NOT executed in sequence.

The ADC can NOT be used in Object-Calibration mode.

Note: The ADC is not yet implemented and will likely not be implemented till Period-73.

7 Calibration Templates

The calibration templates allow the observer to specify the detector parameters, Readout Mode, Exposure Time, Binning and Number of exposures, see section 4.2.

$7.1 \quad FEROS_ech_cal_bias$

The FEROS calibration BIAS exposure template. The template will perform the following actions sequentially:

- 1. Set LEDs OFF
- 2. No change to FEROS Calibration Unit setup
- 3. No change to FEROS/WFI Adapter setup
- 4. Setup Detector according to selected readout mode and windowing
- 5. Template waits for completion of all above setups
- 6. Execute **SEQ.NEXPO** 0.0 second exposures in mode DARK.
- 7. At the end of EACH exposure submit image for processing by FEROS-DRS
- 8. At the end of the template no change to FEROS Calibration Unit or FEROS/WFI Adapter setups

7.2 $FEROS_ech_cal_dark$

The FEROS calibration DARK exposure template. The template will perform the following actions sequentially:

- 1. Set LEDs OFF
- 2. No change to FEROS Calibration Unit setup.
- 3. No change to FEROS/WFI Adapter setup.
- 4. Setup Detector according to selected readout mode and windowing
- 5. Template waits for completion of all above setups

- 6. Execute **SEQ.NEXPO DET1.WIN1.UIT1** second exposures in mode NORMAL
- 7. At the end of EACH exposure submit image for processing by FEROS-DRS
- 8. At the end of the template no change to FEROS Calibration Unit or FEROS/WFI Adapter setups

7.3 FEROS ech cal wave

The FEROS calibration WAVELENGTH CALIBRATION exposure template. The template will perform the following actions sequentially:

- 1. If non-zero Lamp Wait is specified the flatfield lamp is turned on and then the template sleeps for the specified duration (to allow the lamp to warmup)
- 2. Set LEDs OFF and setup Adapter, Calibration Unit and Detector
 - Set LEDs OFF
 - Setup FEROS/WFI Adapter: M3 to FEROS position, ADC to OUT position, wait for ADC preset to complete. SCSM to appropriate position according to which fibre(s) are selected (BOTHFIBS|OBJFIB|SKYFIB). Template will not at this time wait for completion of preset.
 - Setup FEROS Calibration Unit: Wavelength calibration lamp ON if not already on, other lamp(s) OFF, the RSM is moved to the appropriate position, FCU-Shutter to appropriate position according to which fibre(s) are selected (BOTHFIBS|OBJFIB|SKYFIB), Neutral Density Filter Wheel to reference density (configurable by SciOps). Template will not at this time wait for completion of presets.
 - Setup Detector according to selected readout mode and windowing
- 3. Template waits for completion of all above setups
- 4. Execute SEQ.NEXPO DET1.WIN1.UIT1 second exposures in mode NORMAL
- 5. At the end of EACH exposure submit image for processing by FEROS-DRS
- 6. At the end of the template the FCU-Shutter to DARK position, lamps and RSM left in current status. No change to FEROS/WFI Adapter setups

Which fibre(s) to illuminate must be specified.

SEQ.CALFIBER

BOTHFIBS | OBJFIB | SKYFIB

Fibre(s) to illuminate

A lamp warmup period can be specifed.

SEQ.LAMPWAIT

0..43200

Lamp warmup delay

7.4 $FEROS_ech_cal_flat$

The FEROS calibration FLATFIELD exposure template. The template will perform the following actions sequentially:

1. If non-zero Lamp Wait is specified the flatfield lamp is turned on and then the template sleeps for the specified duration (to allow the lamp to warmup)

- 2. Set LEDs OFF and setup Adapter, Calibration Unit and Detector
 - Set LEDs OFF
 - Setup FEROS/WFI Adapter: M3 to FEROS position, ADC to OUT position, wait for ADC preset to complete. SCSM to appropriate position according to which fibre(s) are selected (BOTHFIBS|OBJFIB|SKYFIB). Template does not wait for completion of setup.
 - Setup FEROS Calibration Unit: Flatfield calibration lamp ON if not already on, other lamp(s) OFF, the RSM is moved to the appropriate position, FCU-Shutter to BOTHFIBS position, Neutral Density Filter Wheel to reference density (configurable by SciOps). Template will not at this time wait for completion of presets.
 - Setup Detector according to selected readout mode and windowing
- 3. Template waits for completion of all above setups
- 4. Execute SEQ.NEXPO DET1.WIN1.UIT1 second exposures in mode NORMAL
- 5. At the end of EACH exposure submit image for processing by FEROS-DRS
- 6. At the end of the template the FCU-Shutter to DARK position, lamps and RSM left in current status. No change to FEROS/WFI Adapter setups

Which fibre(s) to illuminate must be specified.

SEQ.CALFIBER

BOTHFIBS | OBJFIB | SKYFIB

Fibre(s) to illuminate

A lamp warmup period can be specifed.

SEQ.LAMPWAIT

0..43200

Lamp warmup delay

$7.5 \quad FEROS_ech_cal_DRS$

The FEROS calibration DRS initialisation template. The template will perform the following actions sequentially:

1. The template will run the shell command ferosDRSinit with the two arguments specified by DPR.DRS.GUESS and DPR.DRS.STEP. The command ferosDRSinit is a shell script which submits via rsh the appropriate command (@@ init ThAr<Guess> <Step>) to the DRS-MIDAS session running on the w2p2off machine.

A Execution times

TBD

B FEROS Template Signature Files

TBD

