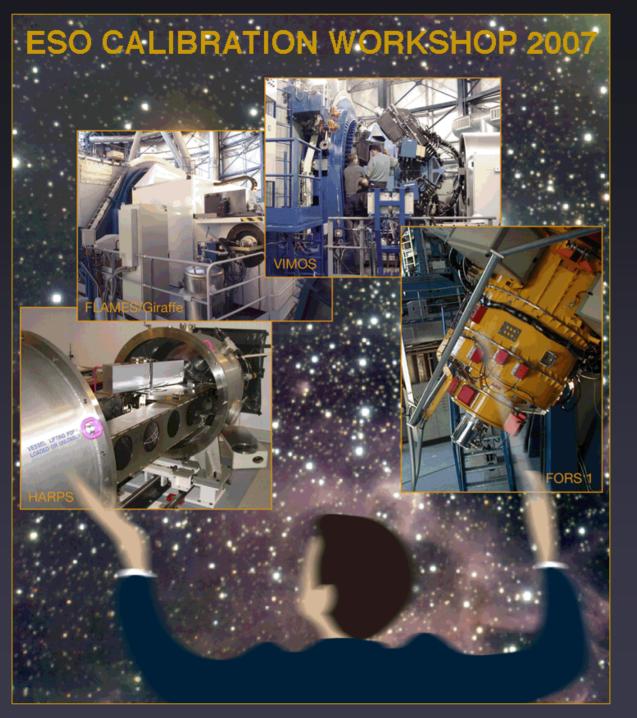




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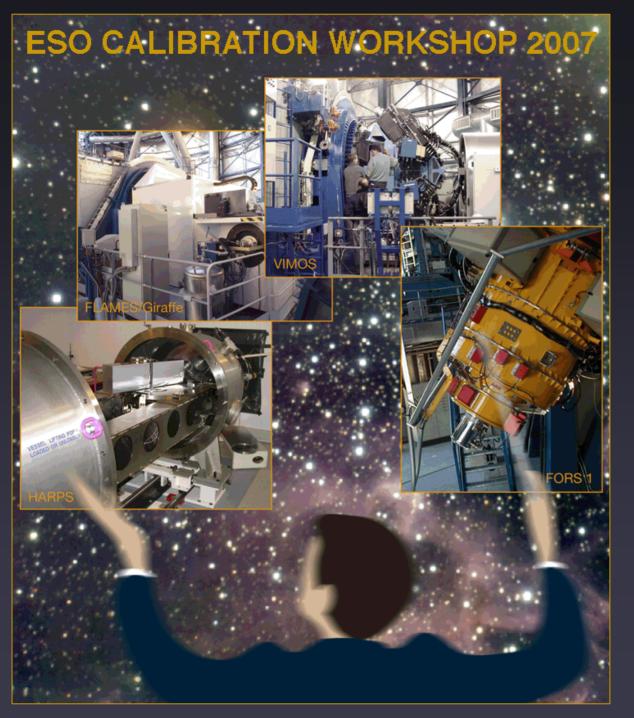




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# In 1995 a first ESO/ST-ECF workshop on

Calibrating and understanding HST and ESO instruments

was held.

## **Topics:**

- Calibration of HST instruments
- Calibration of La Silla instruments
- Preparation for the VLT instruments





The VLT operates since April 1999.

The First Generation of VLT and VLTI instruments is operational.

The merged La Silla Paranal Observatory operates:

10 VLT instruments 2 VLTI instruments

• 8 La Silla instruments

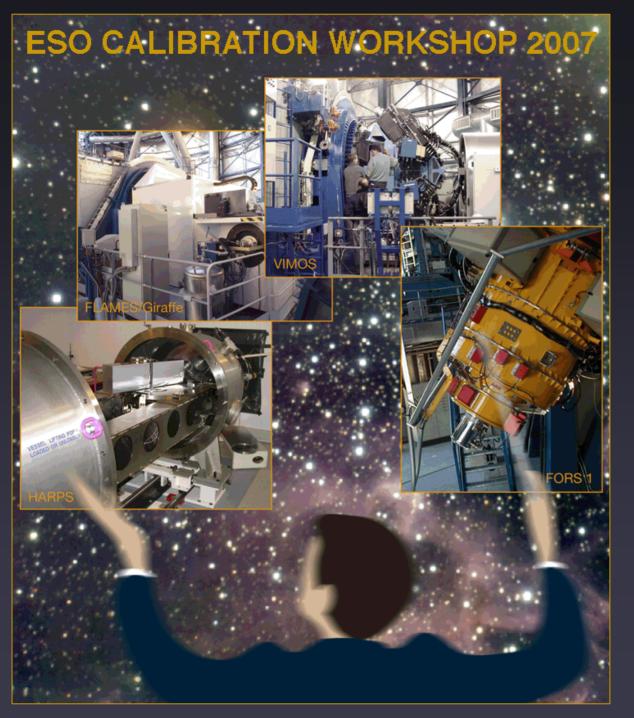




Today, the VLT and VLTI instruments alone produce *every year* 

5 Tb of raw data 380 refereed papers

... and increasing.





### Workshop Goals:

 foster the sharing of information between observers, instrument developers, and instrument operations teams

 review the precision and limitations of the applied instrument calibration plans

 collect the current and future needs of ESO's user community