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UltraPhot, *a photometric mode for FLAMES*

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UltraPhot Science : Variable Objects, Transits, Occultations

Temporal resolution is a relatively unexplored region of the observational parameter space:

CCD cameras =>> frame rate \leq one frame per minute

Few instruments =>> continuous high-speed observations :

telescope	frame rate Hz
Hale	1000
GHO	7.5
Mayall	24000
Keck II	14
ULTRACAM	500
SAAO	1
Gemini South	7
SALT	10
NOT	30

(Dhillon, 2008)

$$t_{dyn} \approx \sqrt{\frac{2R^3}{GM}}$$

ranges from second (white dwarfs) to millisecond (neutron stars and black holes)

UltraPhot allows high speed visible photometry
in three colors
of large number of objects
with frame rate of 100 Hz

UltraPhot Science : Variable Objects, Transits, Occultations

Potential interested scientific fields are numerous :

- Cataclysmic Variables, accreting white dwarfs
- Black-holes, X-ray binaries
- Stellar occultations (outer solar system)
- Extrasolar Planets Transits
- Pulsars
- Young Stellar Objects

ULTRACAM : ultrafast triple beam camera (Dhillon, Marsh)
87 nights on WHT and 23 nights on VLT - 25 refereed papers - in 4 years

ULTRACAM	UltraPhot
imaging	photometry (3 pts)
1-2 targets	50-100 targets
500 Hz	100 Hz

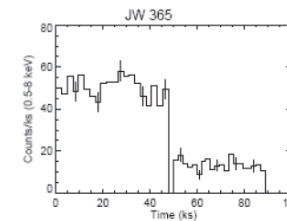
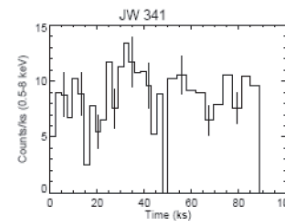
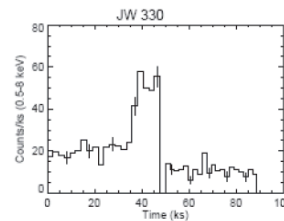
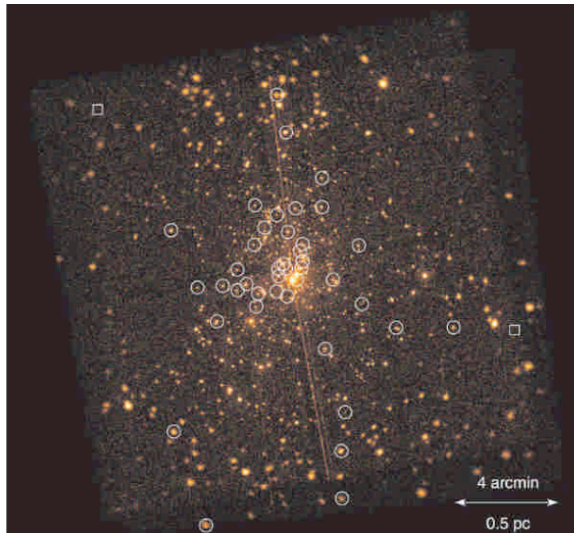
UltraPhot Science- Young Stellar Objects

Variability of Young Stellar Objects :

- Rotation, derived from hot spots
- Eclipse/occultation - protoplanets, protoplanetary disks
- Accretion
- Flares

Goal : flares frequency with mass/age - disks accretion rates...

A possible target : Orion Nebula Cluster : 2000 stars in a 8' radius sphere



Feigelson et al, 2002

UltraPhot Science - Compact Objects

Neutron stars, black holes in X-ray binaries

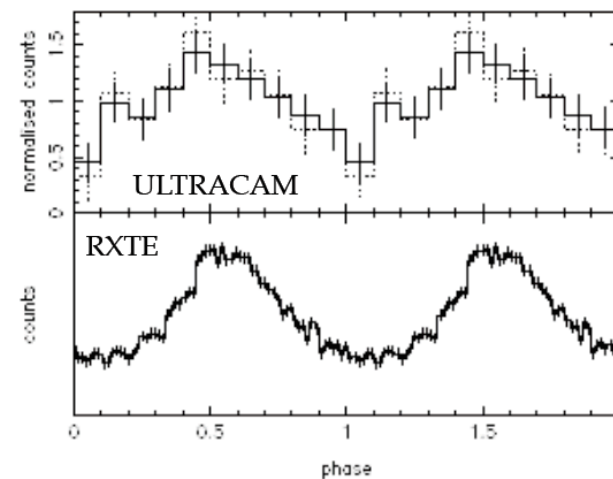
Variability of compact binaries :

- orbital period
- Super orbital period (precession)
- Pulsation
- Quasi-Periodic-Oscillations

Dynamical time scale:

seconds (white dwarfs) - milliseconds (black holes)

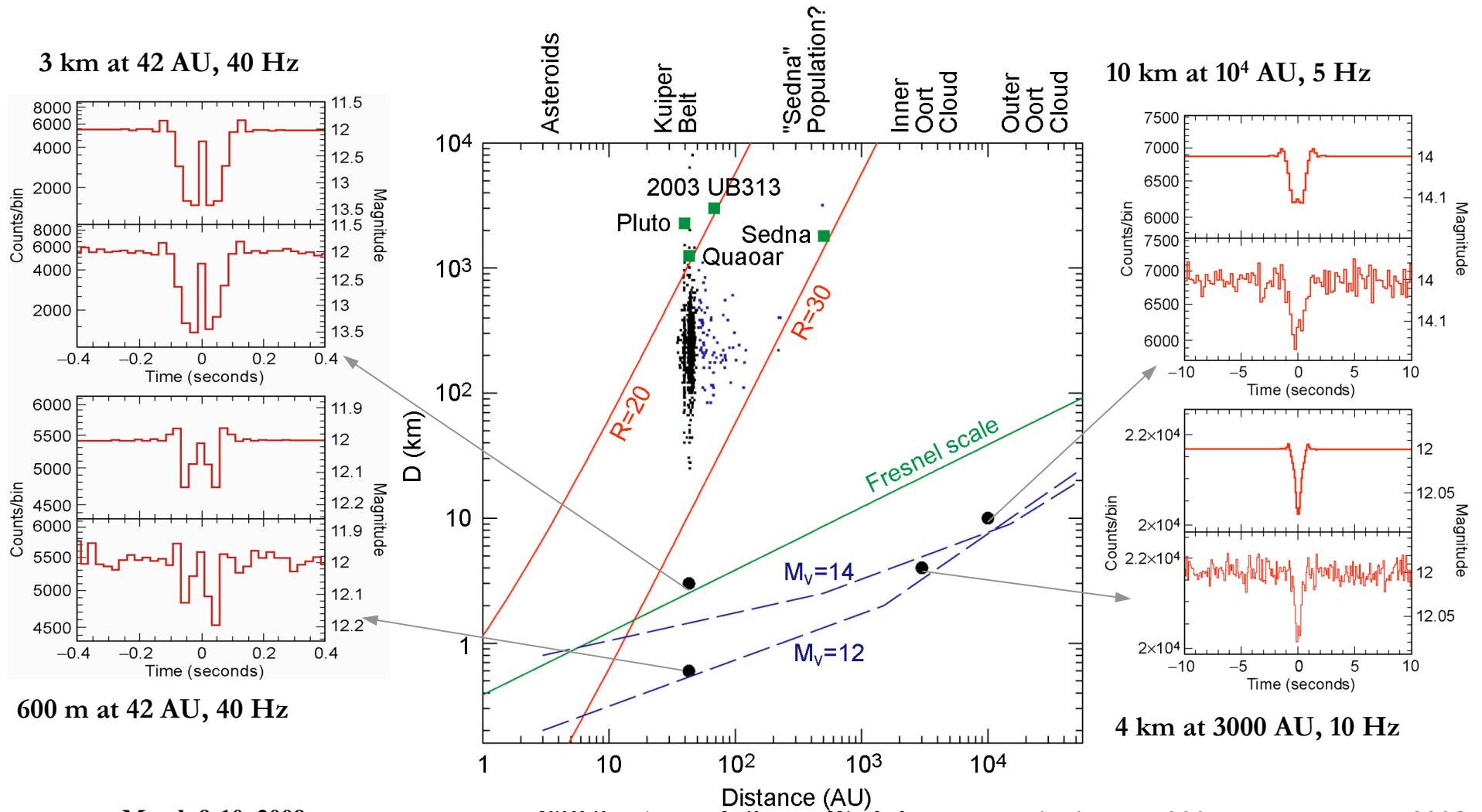
**Echo-tomography : time delay between X and
optic : UltraPhot-ASTROSAT (launched in 2009)**



Dhillon et al. 2009

UltraPhot Science - Outer solar system - Stellar occultations

(NASA: Whipple - Canadian-Space-Agency : microsatellite)

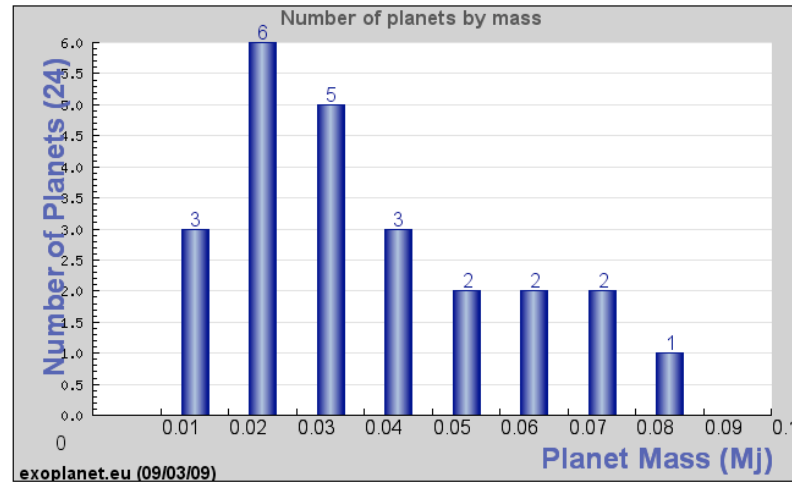


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Nihei et al., 2007, Roques et al., 2008

UltraPhot Science - Exoplanets



Transit Timing Variations : changes in the parameters of the transits.

Timing accuracy of *6 seconds per epoch* (Steffen et al. 2007)

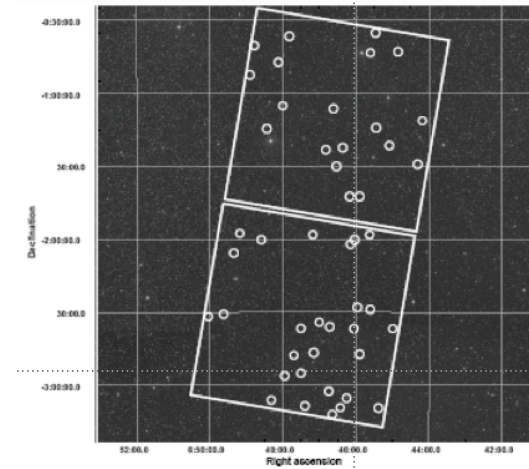
Multiple planetary systems: $\Rightarrow 5 M_{\text{moon}}$ (Algol et al. 2005)

Exomoon $\Rightarrow 0.44M_{\oplus}$ (Kipping et al., 2008)

Transits Research : Earth-like planet are detectable. Fast photometry avoids red noise

Corot targets monitoring : hundredths of potentials transits need to be confirmed by multi-colors observations

Kepler targets



(Carpano et al. , 2009)

UltraPhot Science - Exoplanets « Transit Timing »

starting night 11-03-2009

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Observatory: Paranal, Latitude = -24.6251, Longitude = -70.4027, Height = 2635.43 m, Sun Set: 20090311 23:08, Sun Rise: 20090311 06:08
 Transit type = Primary, Minimum object altitude = 20, Maximum Sun altitude = -12, Minimum moon distance = 0

Object	RA	DEC	E	JD	YYYYMMDD	UT	ERROR	ALT	HA	SUNALT	MD	MI	VMAG	DEPTH	T14
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LRa02 E2			113	2454902.52405	20090312	00:35	0:00	69.5	00:21	-21.7	78.3	98.8	12.52	0.66	1.9
LRa02 E1			163	2454902.54636	20090312	01:07	0:02	65.7	00:52	-28.7	78.3	98.8	15.41	0.52	1.2
LRa01 E2			534	2454902.57076	20090312	01:42	2:34	57.1	01:35	-36.1	80.9	98.7	11.67	0.03	1.1
LRa02 E2			76	2454902.59430	20090312	02:16	0:05	55.6	01:59	-43.0	78.4	98.7	16.03	0.68	1.5
LRa02 E2			51	2454902.61053	20090312	02:39	0:04	50.0	02:26	-47.4	79.4	98.6	14.65	0.39	3.3
LRa02 E1			70	2454902.67529	20090312	04:12	0:02	28.5	04:02	-60.5	80.8	98.5	13.63	1.59	2.3
LRc01 E1			576	2454902.85445	20090312	08:30	??:??	23.2	-04:18	-30.2	106.2	97.9	15.20	0.13	1.0
LRc01 E2			638	2454902.88450	20090312	09:14	??:??	32.7	-03:30	-20.8	104.9	97.9	15.23	0.32	1.9

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UltraPhot : scientific specifications

- 300-900 nm spreaded in 3 colors
- acquisition frequency ≥ 100 Hz
- number of targets ≈ 100
- photometric precision

$$SNR = \sqrt{T} .6. \frac{10^{5-0.2m}}{\sqrt{f}}$$

- T: transmission factor $> 20\%$
(Ultracam/VLT $\Rightarrow T=30\%$)
- input aperture on the sky > 5 arcsec diameter
- temporal and relative stability of the fibres

Two operating modes :

- dedicated program
- survey mode (occultations, transits)
simultaneously with Giraffe/UVES

UltraPhot concept

Ultraphot is composed of :

- a multi-object fibres link + Ozpoz (magnetic buttons + retractors)
- a photometer :optics (relays, mirrors, lenses, dichroics...) + CCD-camera

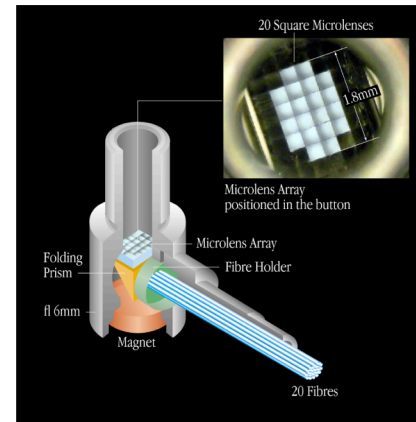
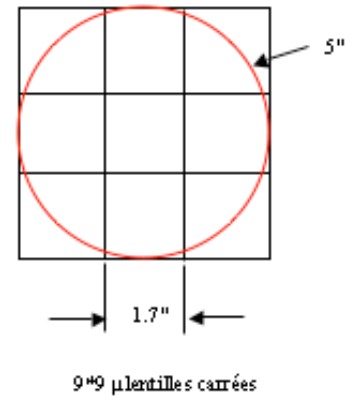
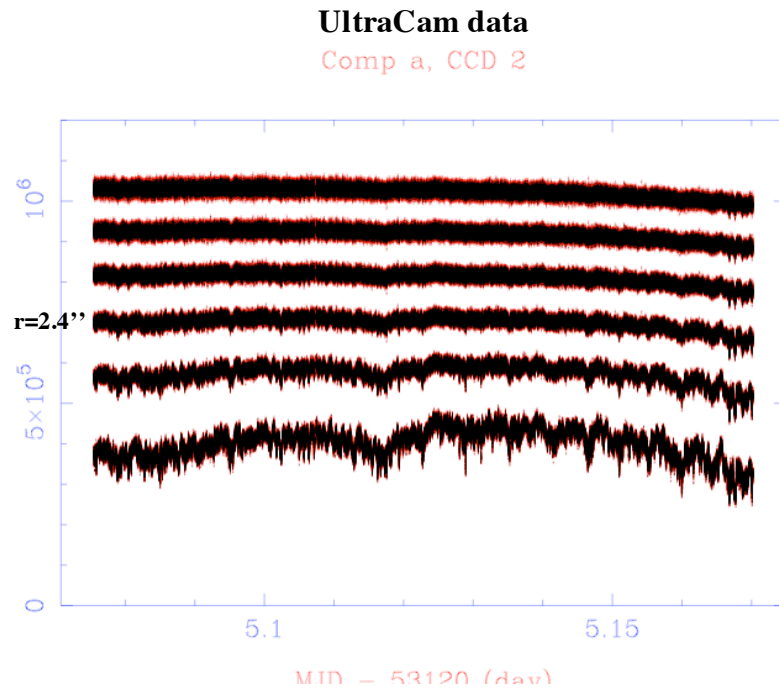
The photometer is

- small (600x600x60mm)
- with no moving part
- motorized setting

Two options :

- equipate free places (84-69) on existing plates
- build 2 supplementary plates

UltraPhot - aperture size



Mechanical Design of an IFU

ESO PR Photo 05d.02 (28 January 2002)

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UltraPhot - Optical design

The optical design below allows to throw 3 images of fibres in 3 different spectral ranges. The parabolic mirror collimates the beam and allows to use a dichroic mirror. The camera reduces the image size of the entrance field to the dimensions of the detector.

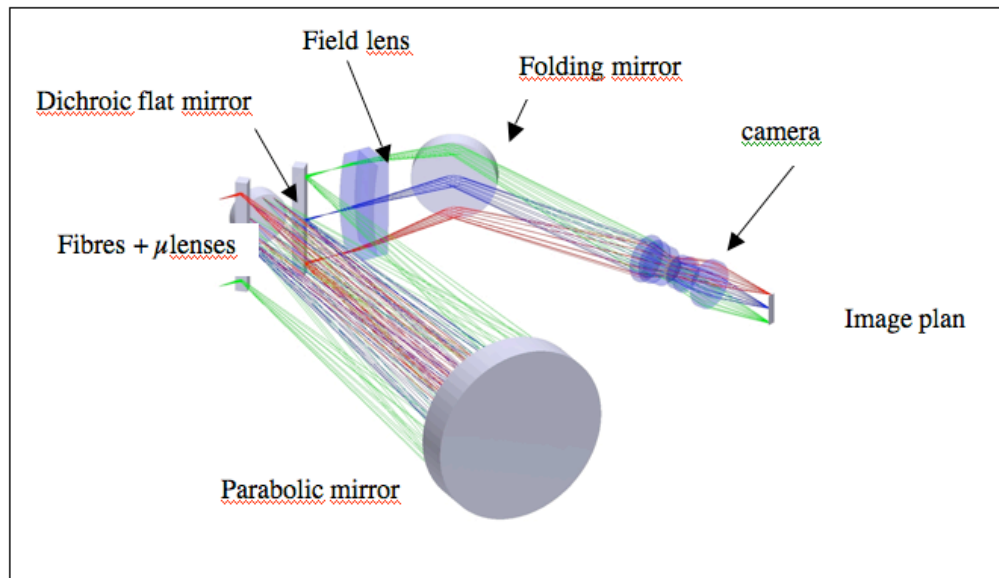
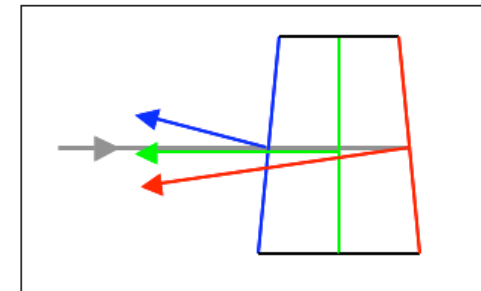
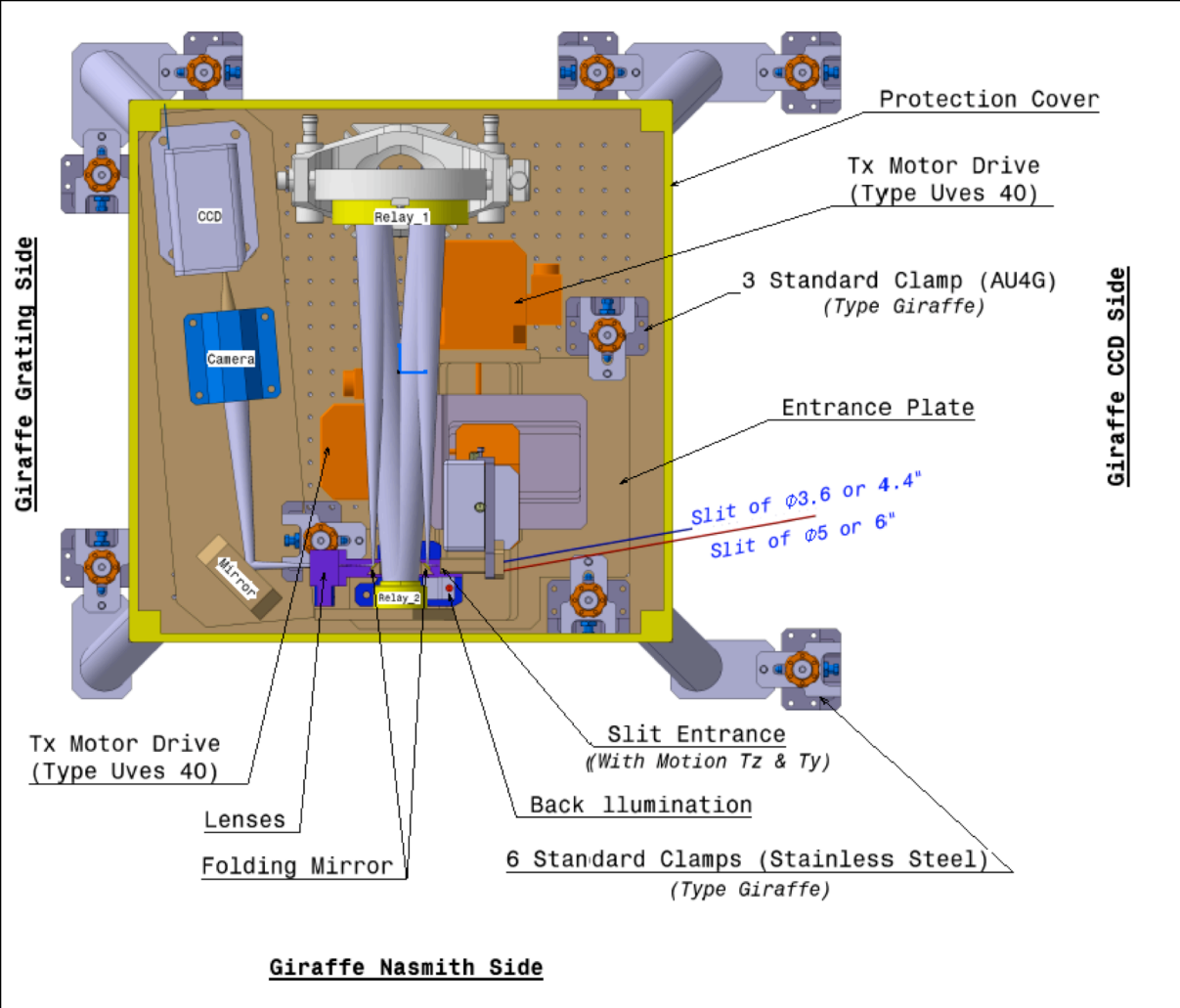


Figure 15 : Optical design



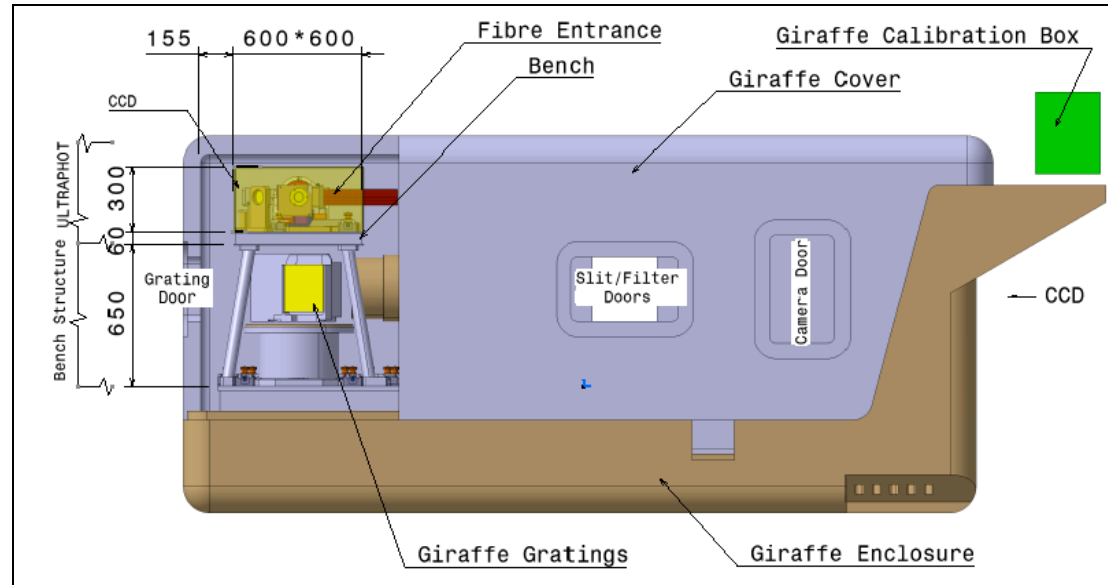
David Horville, GEPI

UltraPhot - photometer design



Michel Marteau, LESIA

UltraPhot - position



or
under the floor?

Michel Marteau, LESIA

UltraPhot - camera

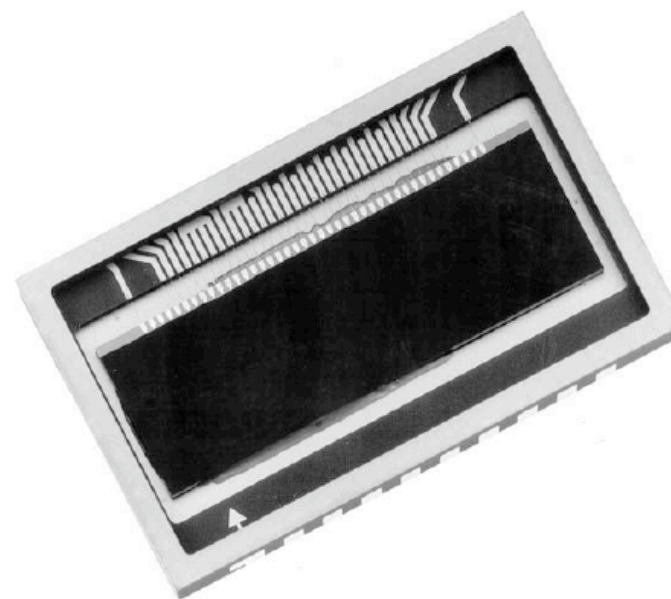
E2V Technologies **CCD42-10 Back Illuminated** **High Performance AIMO CCD Sensor**

FEATURES

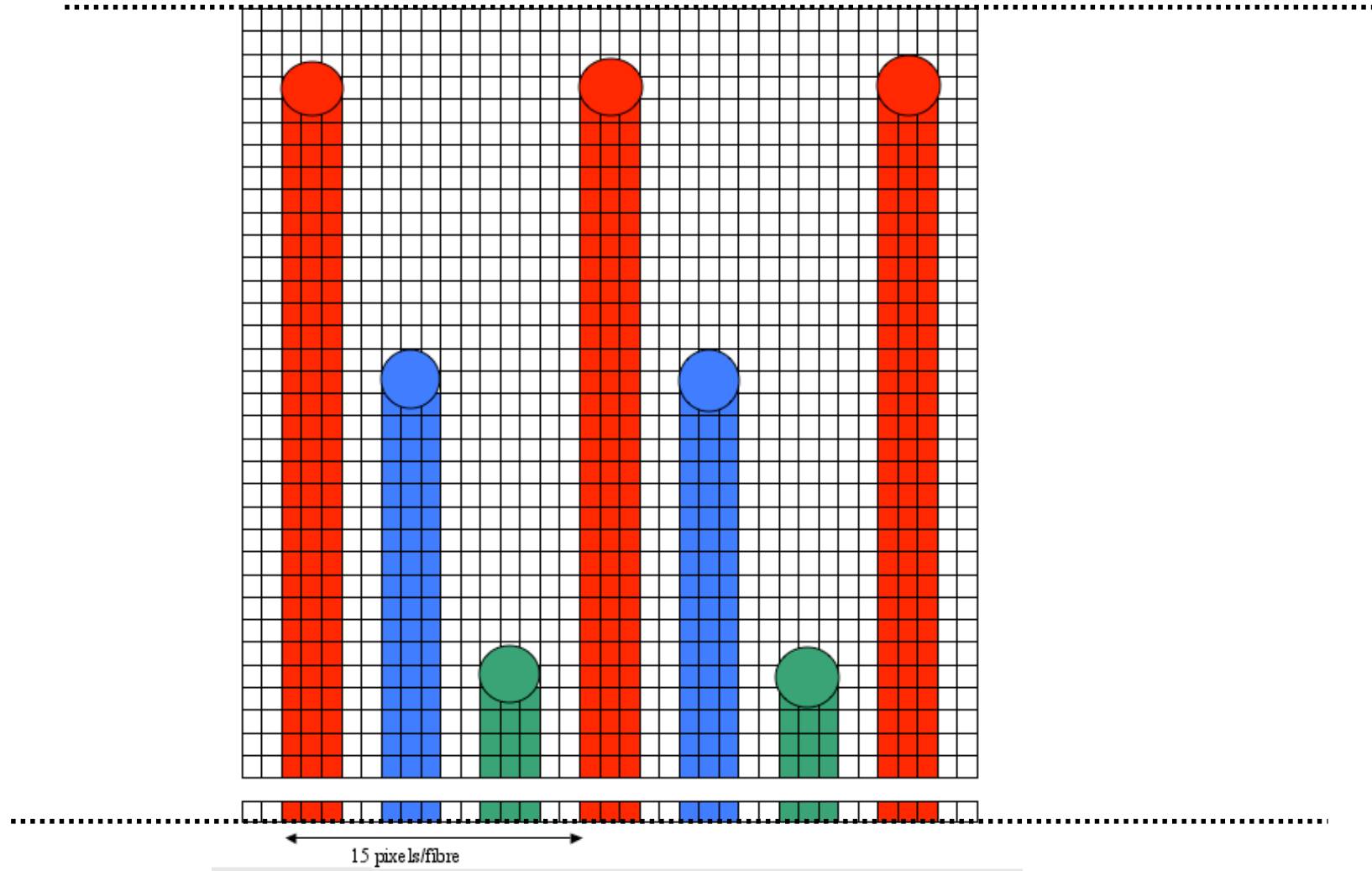
- 2048 by 512 Pixel Format
- 13.5 μm Square Pixels
- Image Area 27.6 x 6.9 mm
- Wide Dynamic Range
- Symmetrical Anti-static Gate Protection
- Back Illuminated Format for Enhanced Quantum Efficiency
- 3 Standard Anti-reflection Coatings
- Advanced Inverted Mode Operation (AIMO)
- Dump Gate on Readout Register
- Zero Light Emitting Output Amplifier

APPLICATIONS

- Spectroscopy
- Scientific Imaging
- TDI Operation



UltraPhot - camera



UltraPhot - camera

- **First step : Integration of light.**

This duration is called the "integration time". During it, no phases are clocked and the photo integrated and stocked in the pixels.

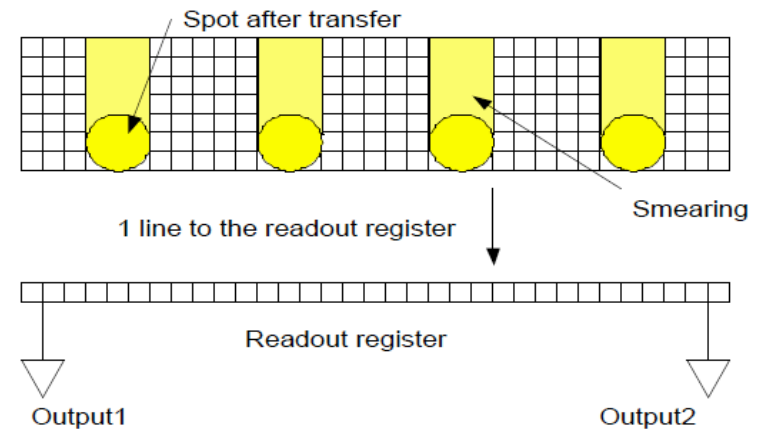
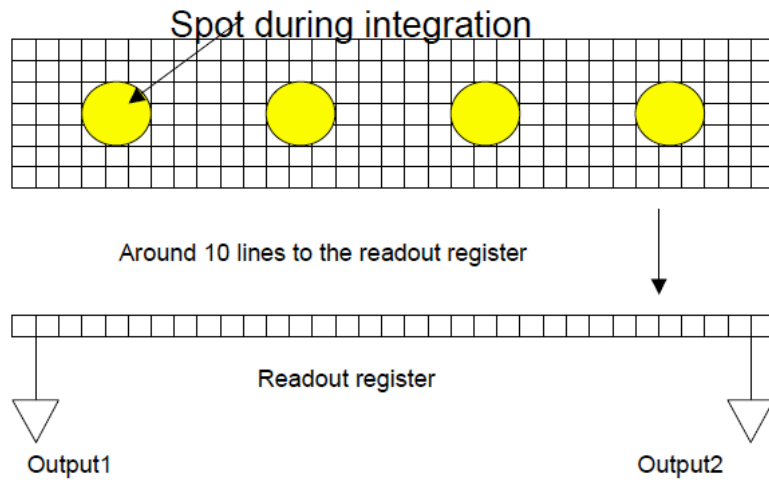


Figure 18 : Integration in the sensitive area of the CCD.

“Full Frame CCD” => no dead time
one cycle = integration : 8.7 ms - transfert+binning+reading : 1.3 ms

Jean-Tristan Buey, LESIA

UltraPhot - Software

- **Ozpoz Robot software** : introduction of more fibres, back-illumination system control
- **Fibres configuration program** to support the new fibre type
- **UltraPhot observing mode** :
- **P2PP software**
- Tests, calibration, documentation

The linear CCD can be read with the new NGC (Next Generation Controller)

Data rate is quite important : 20 Gbits/night

UltraPhot and Giraffe

A concern about this project is to assure it does not modify FLAMES programs.

The coexistence of UltraPhot and Giraffe must be studied at several interfaces :

1. focal plate and positioner: Buttons are added and the Ozpoz software must be modified to position the UltraPhot fibres.
2. UltraPhot inside the Giraffe enclosure presents several advantages but needs careful studied to insure no perturbation for the spectrograph : mechanic stability, thermal stability, accessibility
3. Software: the FLAMES observing mode and P2PP

UltraPhot - Realisation

Technical manpower :2.8 FTE

LESIA-GEPI implication >2.2 FTE

Estimation of cost (optics-mechanic): Lesia, Gepi, NTHU

Fibre link 50 k€

Mechanical 45 k€

Optical 30 k€

Camera 70 k€

Others 15 k€

Total 210 k€

ANR (french research agency) : 140k€

NSC (taiwanese research agency): 70k€

Estimation of cost (retractors, soft) AAO

Total 62 k€

Planning

T0 + 9 months : end of the design

T0 +21 months : end of the manufacturing

T0 + 24 months : end of integration

UltraPhot team

	Scientific PI	Technical PI	Scientific involvement	Technical involvement	<i>Financial involvement</i>
Paris O.-LESIA	X		X	X	<i>X</i>
Paris O.-GEPI		X		X	<i>X</i>
NTHU (Taiwan)			X	X	<i>X</i>
Napoli O. (Italia)			X		
Paris O.-Luth			X		
IAP			X		
AAO				X	

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Conclusions

UltraPhot :

- unexplored domain of observation parameters
- challenging science
- reliable
- versatile
- small
- cheap
- rapid manufacturing
- experienced team
- test for more sophisticated instrument ?

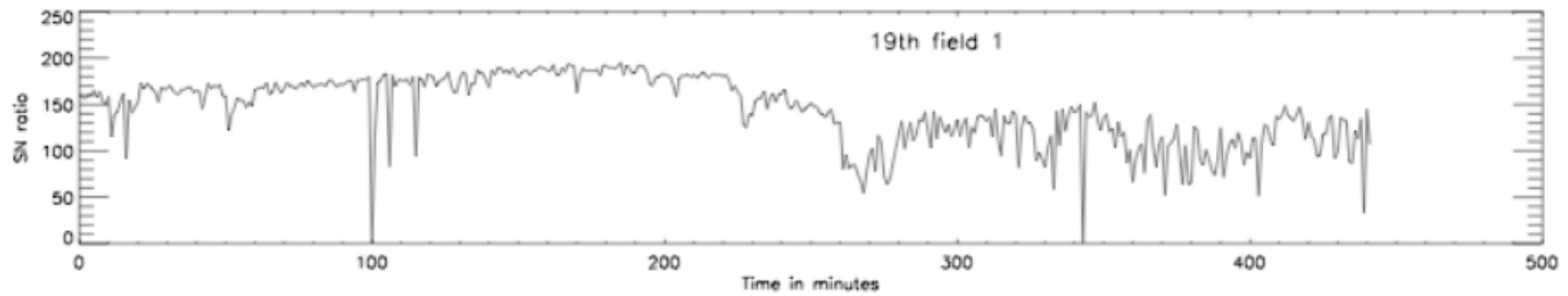
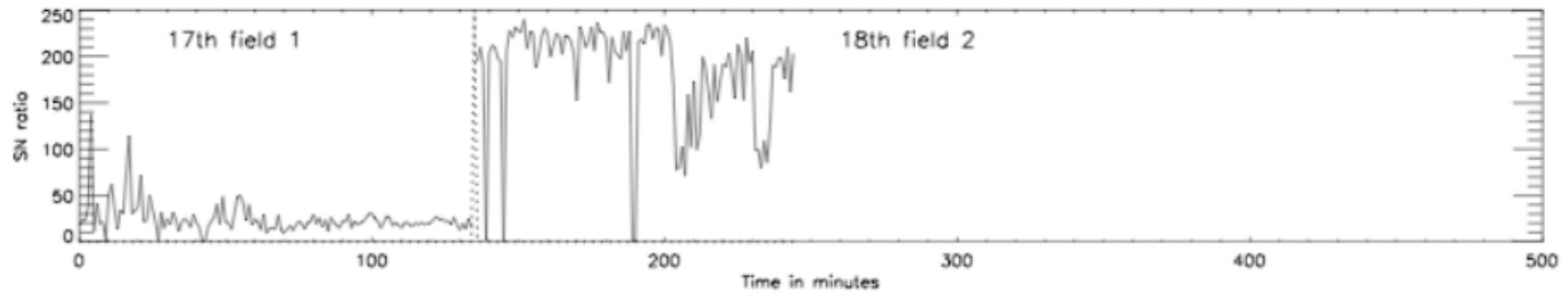
so why not?

Thank you!

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**SNR :
VLT/ULTRACAM - 46 Hz**



Whipple: A Space-Based Occultation Survey of the Outer Solar System



Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory



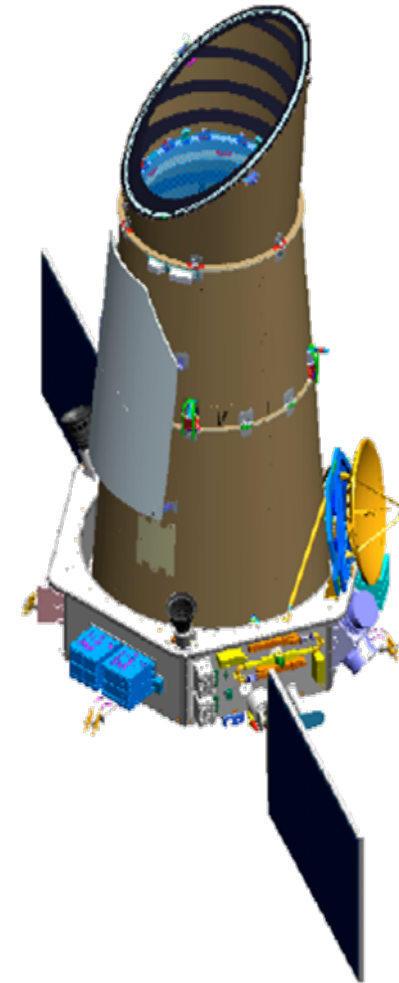
Ball Aerospace



Jet Propulsion Laboratory

Spacecraft based on *Kepler* design

- 95 cm Schmidt optical system
- 100 square degree field of view
- Articulated solar arrays
- Hybrid CMOS focal plane array (Rockwell HyViSI/Hawaii-2RG)
- 140,000 stars, 40 Hz readout



THE TAIWANESE-AMERICAN OCCULTATION SURVEY: THE MULTI-TELESCOPE ROBOTIC OBSERVATORY

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ABSTRACT

The Taiwanese-American Occultation Survey (TAOS) operates four telescopes to search for occultations of stars by Kuiper Belt Objects. This paper provides a detailed description of the TAOS multi-telescope system.

TAOS telescopes

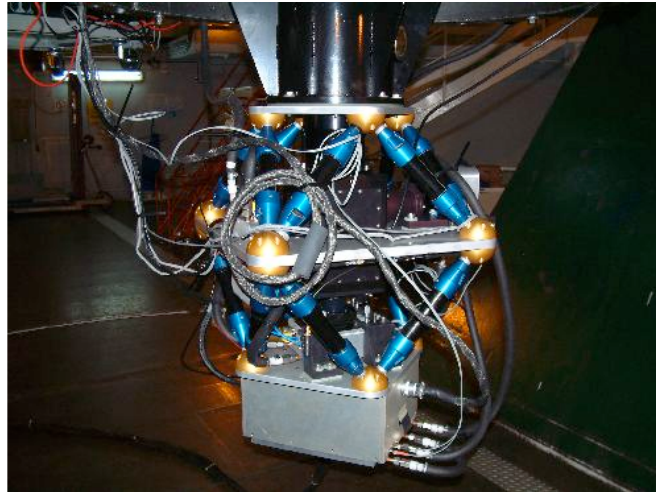
- 4 telescopes
- 50cm aperture
- f/1.9
- 3 deg² field



Lulin Observatory
2862m (9890 feet)
Lulin mountain
Yu-Shan National Park, Taiwan

ULTRACAM :

an ultra-fast, triple-beam CCD camera (V. Dhillon and T. Marsh)



- William Herschel Telescope
- VLT

- u' : $0.36 \mu\text{m}$, g' : $0.48 \mu\text{m}$ and i' : $0.77 \mu\text{m}$)
- two fields : one target + one reference

