

The new mobile Telescope at the CHARA array

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Status at last year's CHARA meeting



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Telescope Installation

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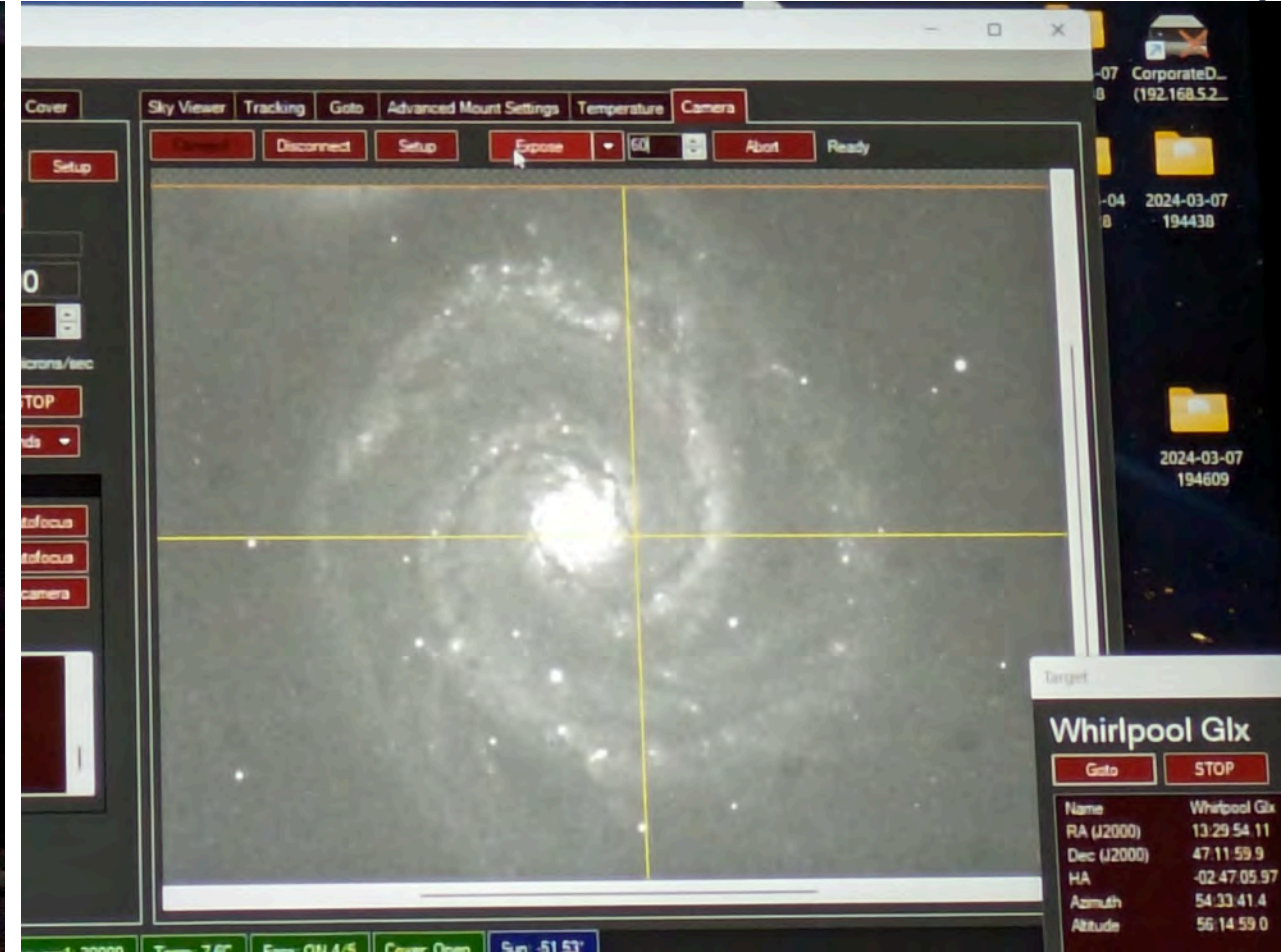
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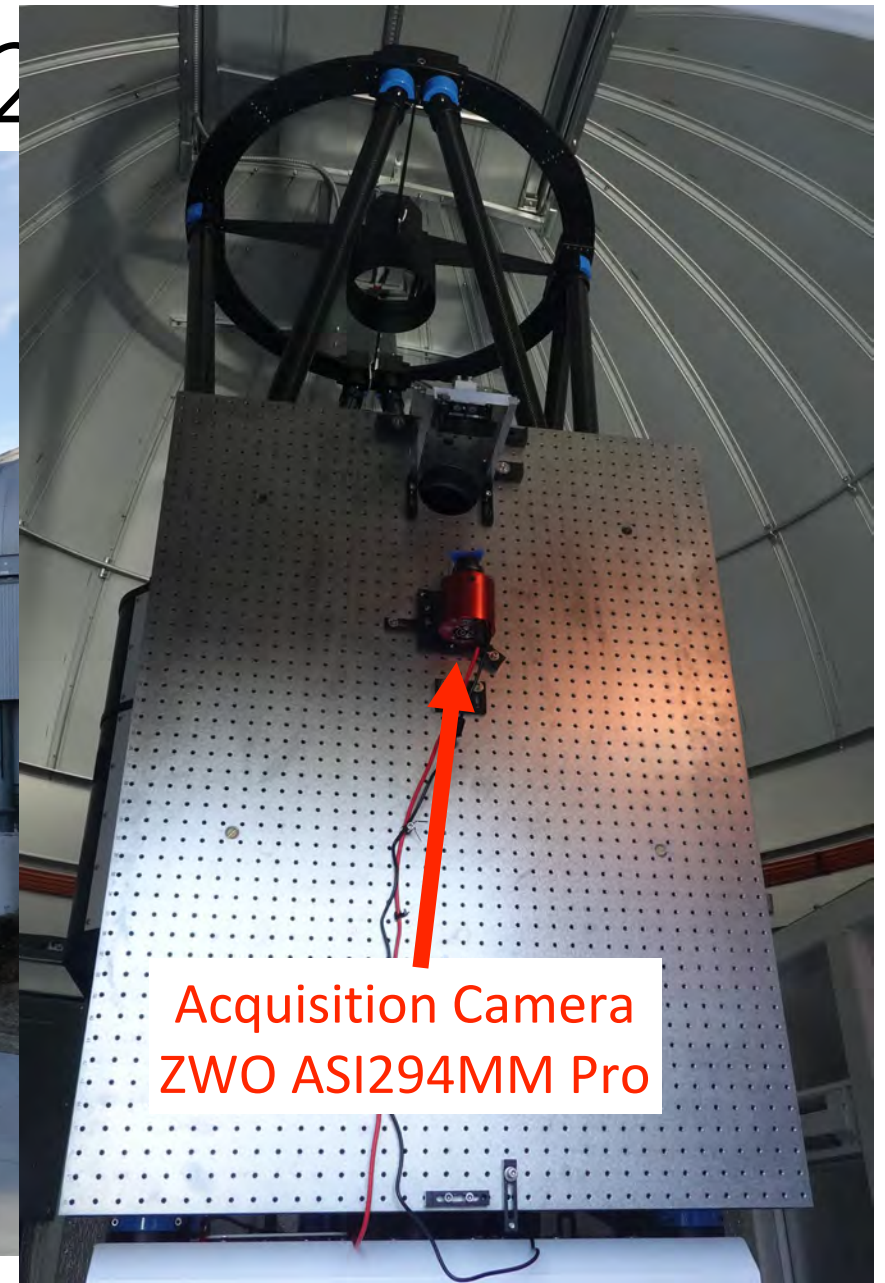
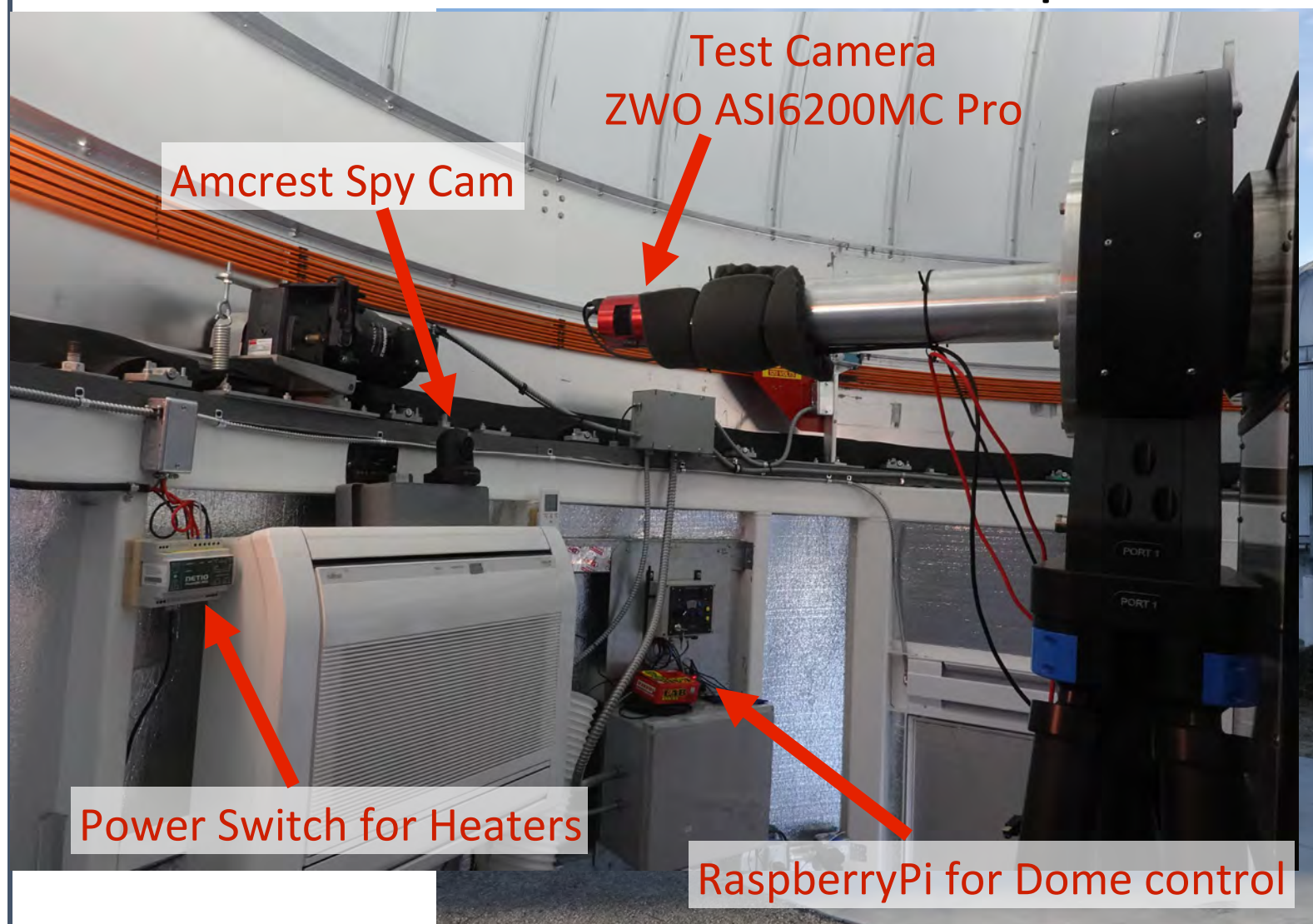


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First light



Status April 202



Telescopes do not like it cold



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Software

The screenshot displays the CHARA software interface, which is used for controlling the CHARA array telescopes. The interface is divided into several panels:

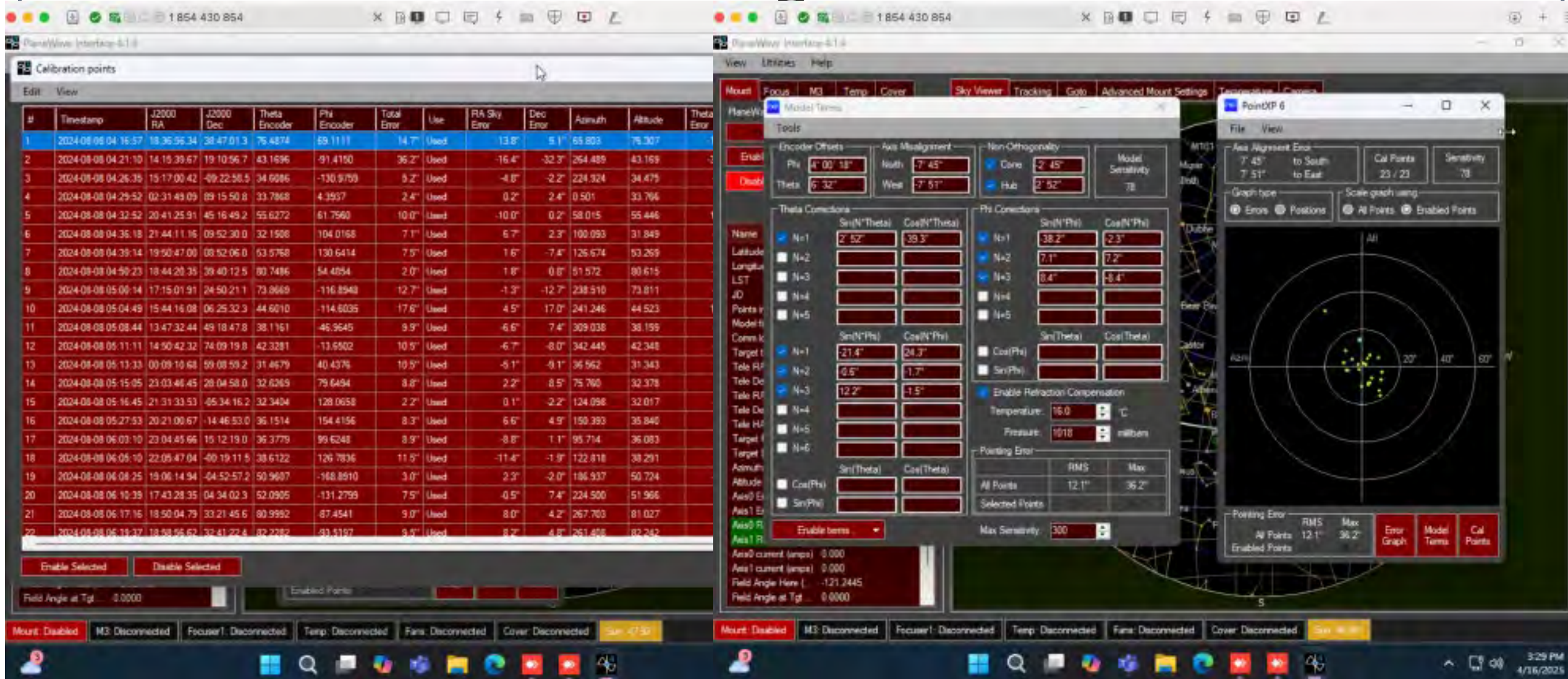
- Left Panel (Mount/Telescope Control):** Contains a list of telescope parameters and a "Mount/Telescope" section. The "Mount/Telescope" section shows the current status of the telescope, including its position, orientation, and tracking status. The "Mount/Telescope" section also includes a "Mount/Telescope" button and a "Mount/Telescope" button.
- Center Panel (Star Field):** A circular star field showing the current field of view. The stars are labeled with their names and coordinates. The center of the field is marked with a red crosshair.
- Right Panel (Object Data):** Displays detailed information about the selected object, NGC 4676. This includes its coordinates (RA, Dec), distance to the target, and other relevant data. The "Object Data" section also includes a "Mount/Telescope" button and a "Mount/Telescope" button.
- Bottom Panel (Status/Log):** Shows the current status of the telescope and a log of recent events. The "Status/Log" section includes a "Mount/Telescope" button and a "Mount/Telescope" button.

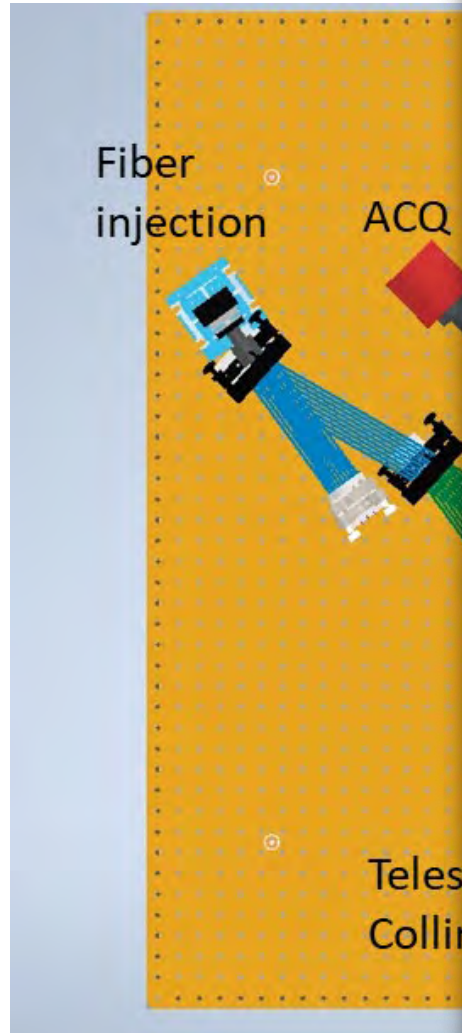
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Pointing Model

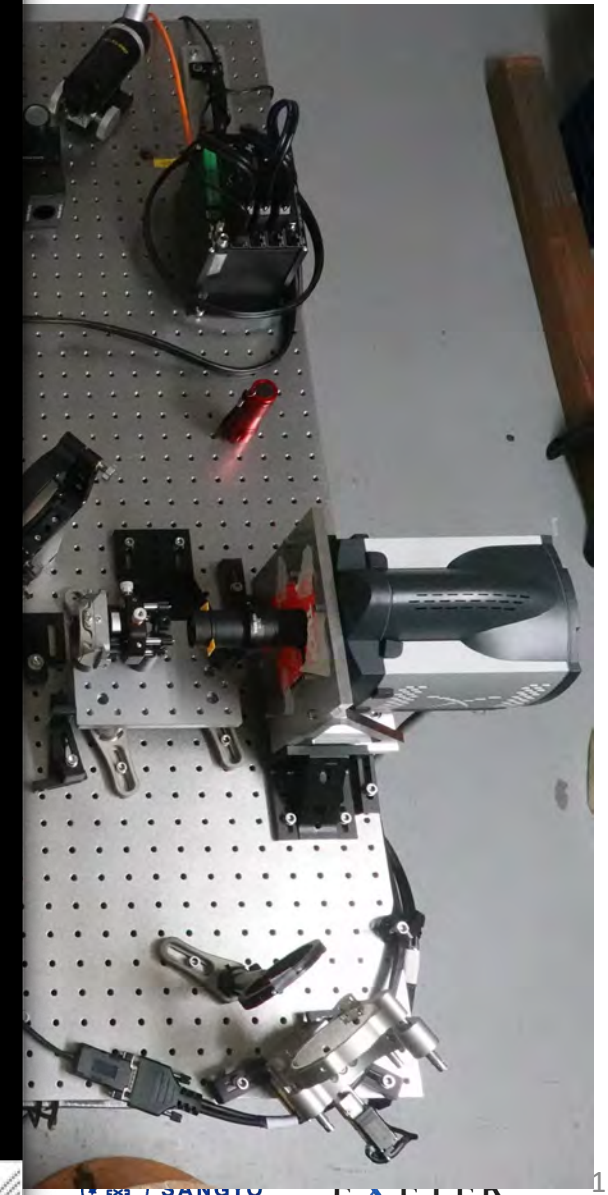
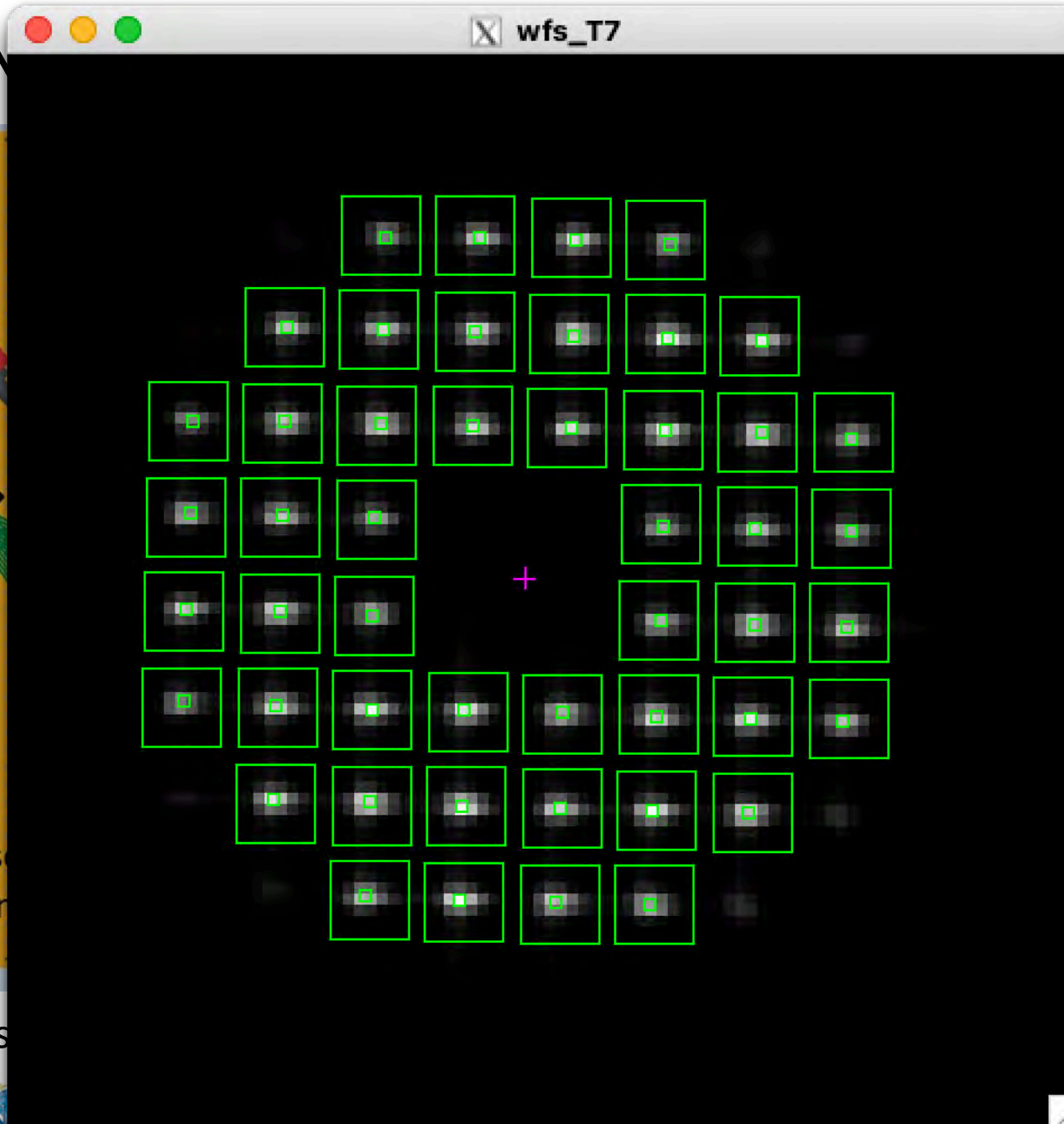
- Integrated in PlaneWave software
- Can work fully automatic:
Point telescope, find stars, solve for pointing direction
- Not an option for us: FoV about 1 arcmin
- Do it manually:
Point to bright star, center by hand, add point to model

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WFS path ins



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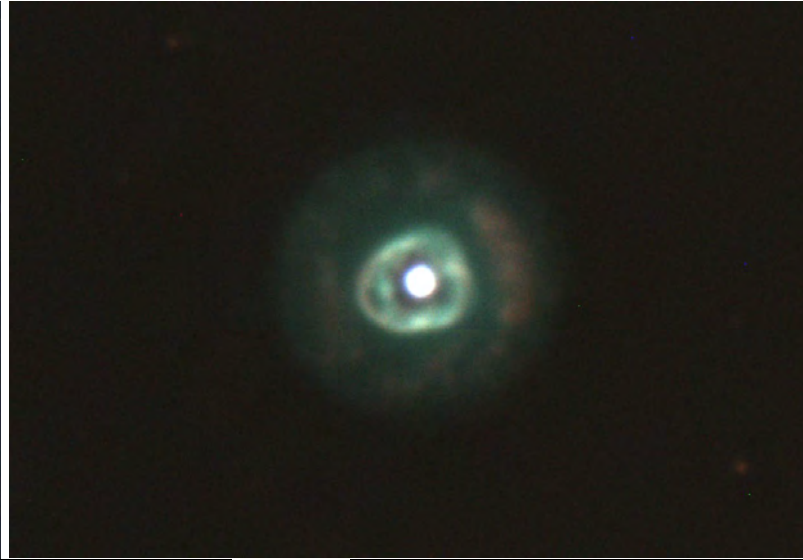




Next Steps

- Connect DM
- Close AO loop
- Acquisition camera
- Mount NIB on telescope

Results so far: pretty pictures



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