The new mobile Telescope at the CHARA array

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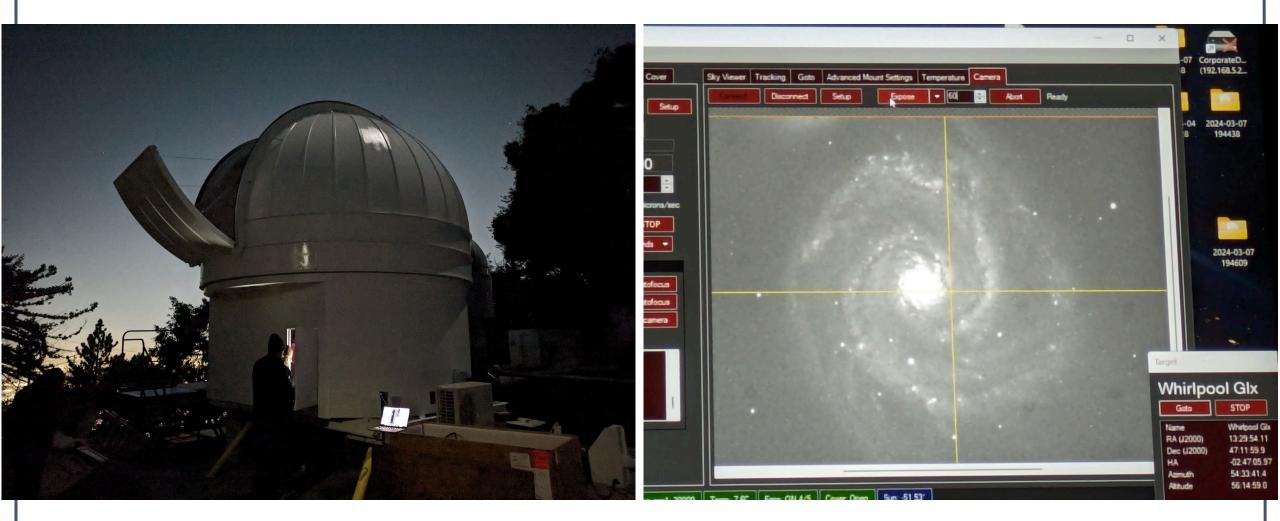
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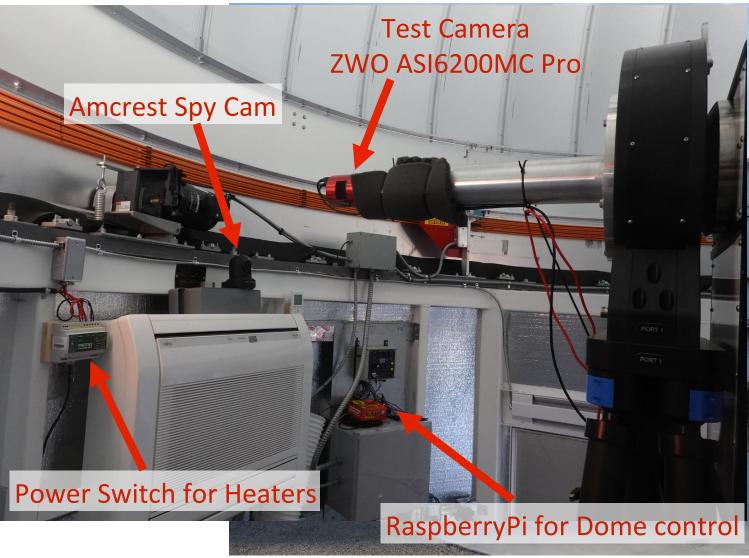




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Acquisition Camera

ZWO ASI294MM Pro



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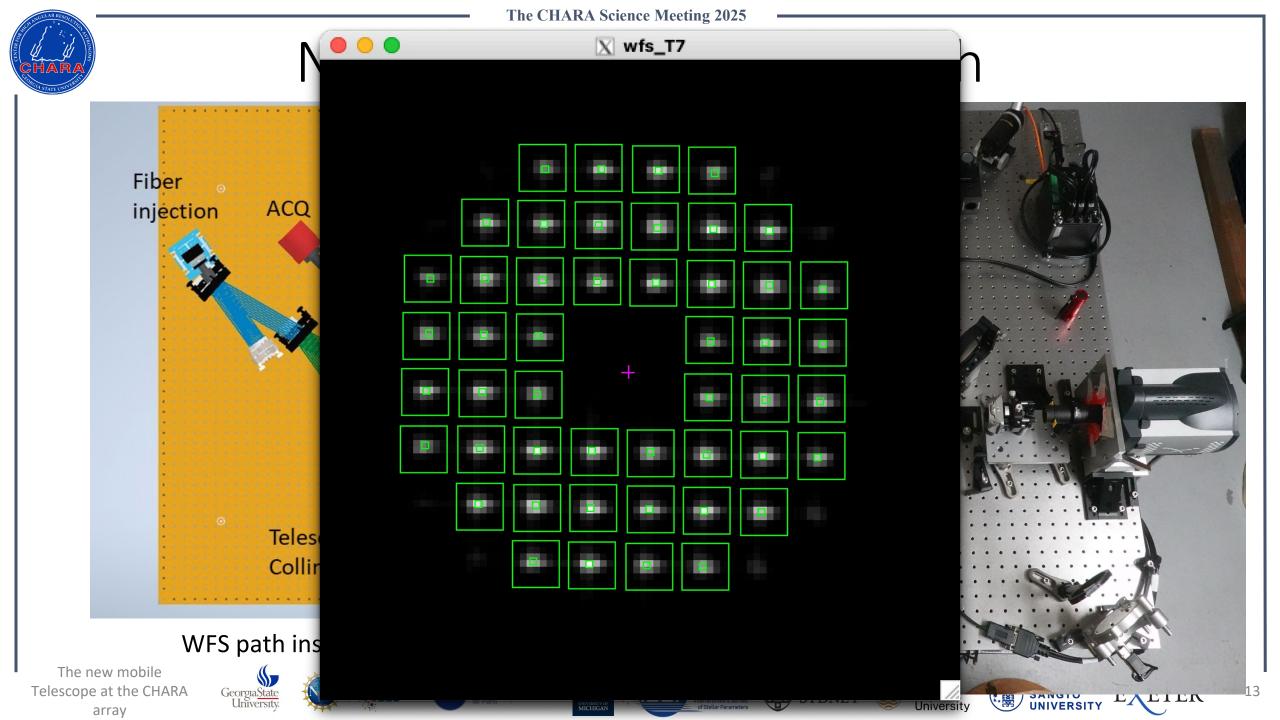
- Integrated in PlaneWave software
- Can work fully automatic: Point telescope, find stars, solve for pointing direction
- Not an option for us: FoV about 1 arcmin
- Do it manually:

Point to bright star, center by hand, add point to model



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Next Steps

- Connect DM
- Close AO loop

Observatoire LESIA

- Acquisition camera
- Mount NIB on telescope



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Results so far: pretty pictures

