



# ESO specific observations preparation: tools and concepts.

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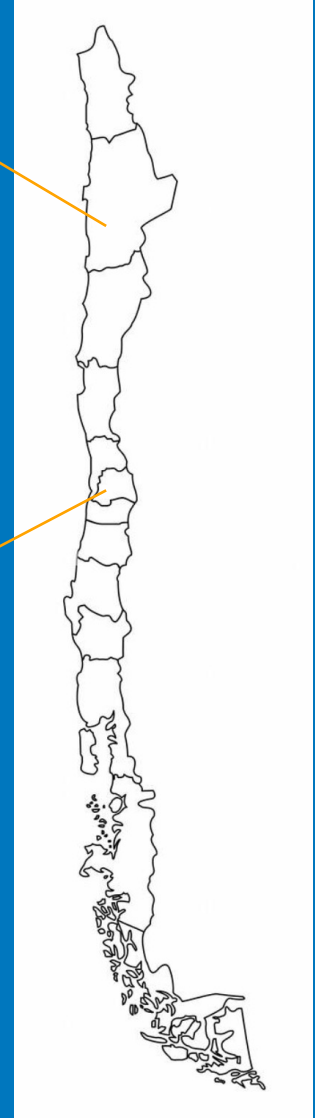
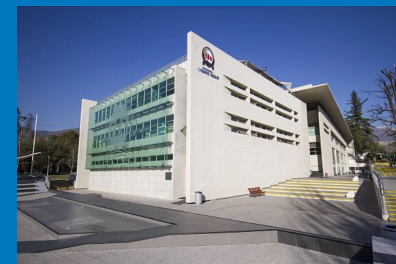
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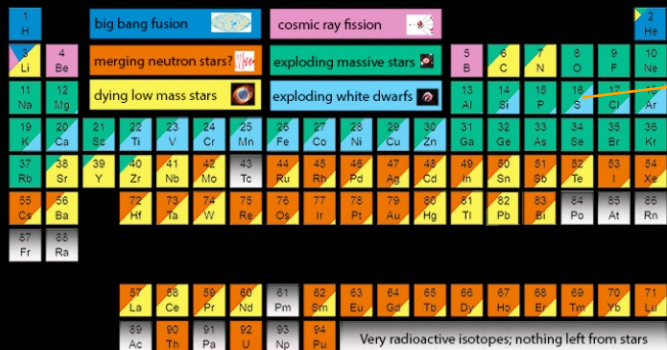


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# The Origin of the Solar System Elements



Graphic created by Jennifer Johnson  
<http://www.astronomy.ohio-state.edu/~jaj/nucleo/>

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**Sulfur\***

atomic number: 16      atomic weight: 32.066

symbol: S

electron configuration: [Ne]3s<sup>2</sup>3p<sup>4</sup>

name: sulfur\*

acid-base properties of higher-valence oxides: Strongly acidic

crystal structure: Orthorhombic

physical state at 20 °C (68 °F): Solid

Other nonmetals: [Orange box]

Solid: [Blue line]

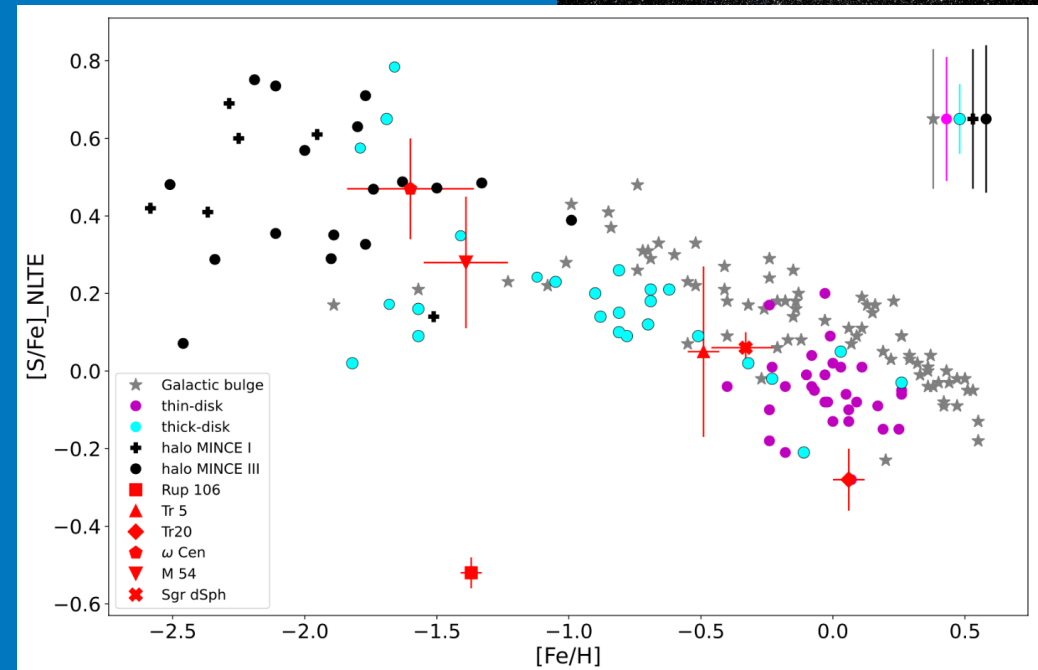
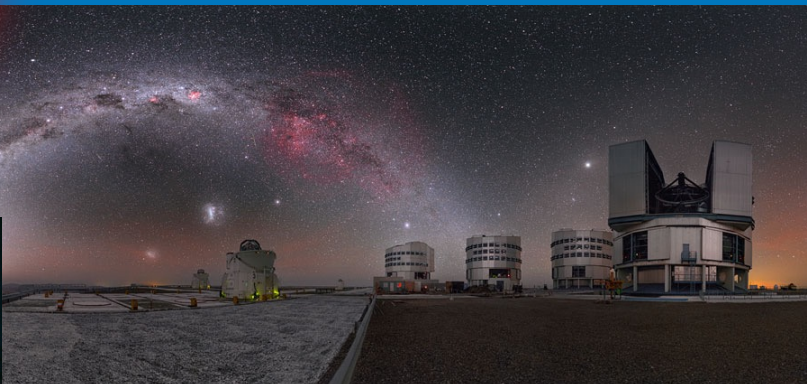
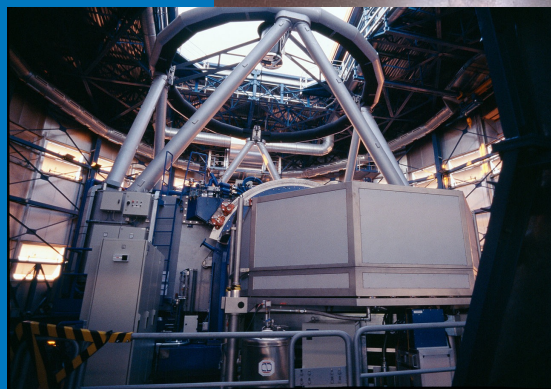
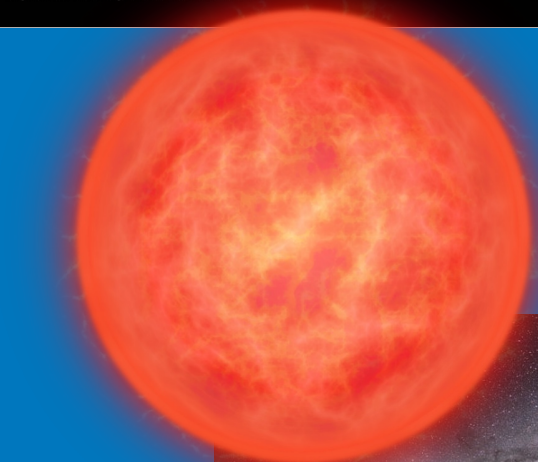
Orthorhombic: [Blue cube]

Strongly acidic: [Blue circle]

\*Also spelled sulphur.



# CHEMICAL (Sulfur!) ABUNDANCES





## Science Users Information

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## Observing Tools and Services

Every stage of an observational project must be carefully planned and executed, from the preparation of the proposal to the execution of the observations themselves to the analysis of the data. In order to help astronomers at every stage of their observational research, ESO provides a number of tools for:

- Observing proposals preparation and submission: the web-based Phase 1 submission system ([p1](#))
- Observations preparation: the web-based tool for preparation of Phase 2 observing material ([p2](#))
- Evaluating the time required to make the observations: [ESO Exposure Time Calculators \(ETCs\)](#)
- Determining when objects are best observed, including calculating airmass and other observing parameters: [Ephemerides and Calculators](#);
- Assessing the current and near future weather prospects: [Weather Images](#), [Astroclimatology](#) and [Meteo Information](#);
- Accessing a number of astronomical archives and data catalogues: [Archives and Catalogues](#).
- Visualization of images and access to catalogs: [Skycat](#).

## Content

- ESO TOOLS - <https://www.eso.org/sci/observing/tools.html> :
  - Ephemerides → Object visibility (STARALT), airmass calculation, observing parameters
  - Archives and Catalogues
  - ESO Exposure Time Calculation (ETC)
- OBSERVATION PREPARATION → Phase 2 (P2)





# Ephemerides - <https://www.eso.org/sci/observing/tools/calendar/skycalc.html> -

## Tables that give the position of astronomical objects

European Southern Observatory

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### Sky Ephemerides

See also: [Object Observability](#) - [Daily Almanac](#) - [Sky Calendar](#)

This tool produces a nighttime calendar of phenomena for a single site. The listing includes

- Sun rise and set times
- Astronomical twilights, both in civil time and LST
- Moon rise and set times and phase for each night in the month

All times are given for the local time, including daylight saving times when applicable. Please be aware that the dates of the change of saving times are generally not correct, and there may be difference with local time around these dates.

Select site, month and year, then press **Compute**.

More detailed information is provided in a separate document [Notes for Skycalc](#) by John Thorstensen.

Site:

Year:  From:  To:

**Compute**

*SkyCalendar* provided by courtesy of John Thorstensen, Dartmouth College. [John.Thorstensen@dartmouth.edu](mailto:John.Thorstensen@dartmouth.edu)



# Ephemerides - <https://www.eso.org/sci/observing/tools/calendar/skycalc.html> -

## Tables that give the position of astronomical objects

\*\*\*\*\* 2024 FEBRUARY \*\*\*\*\*

### MOON PHASES FOR 2024, at ESO La Silla

Times and dates are given in Chilean time, zone = 4 hr West. They are generally better than +/- 2 minutes. Daylight savings time used.

The end of the previous year and the beginning of the next are included for continuity.

NEW	1ST	FULL	LAST
Dec 12 20 32	Dec 19 15 40	Dec 26 21 34	Jan 04 0 33
Jan 11 8 58	Jan 18 0 54	Jan 25 14 55	Feb 02 20 20
Feb 09 20 01	Feb 16 12 02	Feb 24 9 31	Mar 03 12 25
Mar 10 6 03	Mar 17 1 12	Mar 25 4 02	Apr 02 0 16
Apr 08 14 23	Apr 15 15 14	Apr 23 19 51	May 01 7 28
May 07 23 24	May 15 7 50	May 23 9 56	May 30 13 14
Jun 06 8 40	Jun 14 1 20	Jun 21 21 11	Jun 28 17 55
Jul 05 18 59	Jul 13 18 50	Jul 21 6 20	Jul 27 22 54
Aug 04 7 14	Aug 12 11 20	Aug 19 14 29	Aug 26 5 29
Sep 02 21 57	Sep 11 3 07	Sep 17 23 37	Sep 24 15 53
Oct 02 15 51	Oct 10 15 56	Oct 17 8 28	Oct 24 5 05
Nov 01 9 48	Nov 09 2 57	Nov 15 18 30	Nov 22 22 30
Dec 01 3 22	Dec 08 12 28	Dec 15 6 03	Dec 22 19 20
Dec 30 19 28	Jan 06 20 58	Jan 13 19 28	Jan 21 17 32

Calendar for ESO La Silla, west longitude (h.m.s) = 4 42 55, latitude (d.m) = -29 15.4  
Note that each line lists events of one night, spanning two calendar dates. Rise/set times are given in Chilean time (4 hr W), for 2347 m above surroundings, DAYLIGHT time used, \* shows night clocks are reset. Moon coords. and illum. are for local midnight, even if moon is down. Program: John Thorstensen, Dartmouth College.

Date (eve/morn) (2024 at start)	JDmid (-2460000)	LMSTmidn	Sun: -----				LST twilight:		Moon: -----				
			set	twi.end	twi.beg	rise	eve	morn	rise	set	%illum	RA	Dec
Thu Feb 01/Fri Feb 02	342.6	7 04 21	20 48	22 08	5 46	7 06	5 12	12 51	0 19	.....	58	14 05.3	-13 23
Fri Feb 02/Sat Feb 03	343.6	7 08 18	20 47	22 07	5 47	7 07	5 15	12 56	0 51	.....	48	14 52.4	-18 13
Sat Feb 03/Sun Feb 04	344.6	7 12 14	20 46	22 06	5 48	7 07	5 18	13 01	1 28	.....	38	15 43.2	-22 21
Sun Feb 04/Mon Feb 05	345.6	7 16 11	20 46	22 05	5 49	7 08	5 21	13 06	2 13	.....	28	16 38.4	-25 28
Mon Feb 05/Tue Feb 06	346.6	7 20 07	20 45	22 04	5 50	7 09	5 24	13 11	3 06	.....	19	17 37.8	-27 14
Tue Feb 06/Wed Feb 07	347.6	7 24 04	20 44	22 03	5 51	7 10	5 27	13 16	4 09	18 19	11	18 40.3	-27 20
Wed Feb 07/Thu Feb 08	348.6	7 28 00	20 44	22 02	5 52	7 11	5 30	13 21	5 19	19 18	5	19 43.8	-25 36
Thu Feb 08/Fri Feb 09	349.6	7 31 57	20 43	22 01	5 53	7 12	5 33	13 26	6 33	20 10	1	20 46.2	-22 03
Fri Feb 09/Sat Feb 10	350.6	7 35 53	20 42	22 00	5 54	7 12	5 36	13 31	.....	20 55	0	21 45.9	-16 58
Sat Feb 10/Sun Feb 11	351.6	7 39 50	20 41	21 59	5 55	7 13	5 39	13 36	.....	21 34	2	22 42.5	-10 46
Sun Feb 11/Mon Feb 12	352.6	7 43 47	20 40	21 58	5 56	7 14	5 42	13 41	.....	22 09	7	23 36.4	-3 55
Mon Feb 12/Tue Feb 13	353.6	7 47 43	20 40	21 57	5 58	7 15	5 44	13 46	.....	22 43	14	0 28.6	3 05
Tue Feb 13/Wed Feb 14	354.6	7 51 40	20 39	21 56	5 59	7 16	5 47	13 51	.....	23 16	23	1 20.3	9 51
Wed Feb 14/Thu Feb 15	355.6	7 55 36	20 38	21 55	6 00	7 17	5 50	13 56	.....	23 51	33	2 12.7	16 00
Thu Feb 15/Fri Feb 16	356.6	7 59 33	20 37	21 54	6 01	7 17	5 53	14 01	.....	0 29	44	3 06.4	21 13
Fri Feb 16/Sat Feb 17	357.6	8 03 29	20 36	21 53	6 02	7 18	5 56	14 06	.....	1 12	55	4 02.0	25 15
Sat Feb 17/Sun Feb 18	358.6	8 07 26	20 35	21 52	6 03	7 19	5 59	14 11	.....	1 59	65	4 59.1	27 55
Sun Feb 18/Mon Feb 19	359.6	8 11 22	20 34	21 50	6 04	7 20	6 01	14 16	.....	2 51	74	5 57.0	29 04
Mon Feb 19/Tue Feb 20	360.6	8 15 19	20 33	21 49	6 04	7 20	6 04	14 21	17 28	3 48	83	6 54.3	28 43
Tue Feb 20/Wed Feb 21	361.6	8 19 16	20 32	21 48	6 05	7 21	6 07	14 26	18 17	4 46	89	7 49.6	26 58
Wed Feb 21/Thu Feb 22	362.6	8 23 12	20 31	21 47	6 06	7 22	6 10	14 31	18 59	5 44	95	8 42.0	23 58
Thu Feb 22/Fri Feb 23	363.6	8 27 09	20 30	21 46	6 07	7 23	6 13	14 35	19 35	6 40	98	9 31.4	20 00
Fri Feb 23/Sat Feb 24	364.6	8 31 05	20 29	21 45	6 08	7 23	6 15	14 40	20 07	.....	100	10 17.8	15 17
Sat Feb 24/Sun Feb 25	365.6	8 35 02	20 28	21 43	6 09	7 24	6 18	14 45	20 36	.....	100	11 01.9	10 02
Sun Feb 25/Mon Feb 26	366.6	8 38 58	20 27	21 42	6 10	7 25	6 21	14 50	21 02	.....	98	11 44.6	4 29
Mon Feb 26/Tue Feb 27	367.6	8 42 55	20 26	21 41	6 11	7 25	6 23	14 55	21 28	.....	94	12 26.6	-1 12
Tue Feb 27/Wed Feb 28	368.6	8 46 51	20 25	21 40	6 12	7 26	6 26	15 00	21 54	.....	89	13 09.0	-6 50
Wed Feb 28/Thu Feb 29	369.6	8 50 48	20 24	21 39	6 13	7 27	6 29	15 04	22 21	.....	82	13 52.7	-12 14
Thu Feb 29/Fri Mar 01	370.6	8 54 45	20 23	21 37	6 13	7 28	6 32	15 09	22 51	.....	74	14 38.7	-17 13





### Object Visibility – STARALT

Staralt is a program that shows the observability of objects in various ways: either you can plot altitude against time for a particular night (**Staralt**), or plot the path of your objects across the sky for a particular night (**Startrack**), or plot how altitude changes over a year (**Starobs**), or get a table with the best observing date for each object (**Starmult**). For further information, click on the "help" button at the bottom of the page.

**Mode**

**Night**    or date when the local night starts. *Staralt, Startrack only.*

**Observatory**   
 Select one above or specify your own site with this format:  
 Longitude(°E) Latitude(°N) Altitude(metres) UT-offset(hours)  
 Ex.: 289.2767 -30.2283 2725 -4

**Coordinates** Formats can be any of these:  
 name hh mm ss ±dd mm ss  
 name hh:mm:ss ±dd:mm:ss  
 name ddd.ddd dd.ddd  
 name must be a single word with no dots, avoid using single numbers. Every entry must be in the same format, do not use different formats with different entries. We recommend a maximum of 100 targets per submission.

Alternatively, you can upload a file with coordinates. You can use the same format as in the [TCS catalog](#). Target names must be single words with no dots.  
 No file chosen

**Options**  Included on plot. Moon coordinates at ~02:00 UT. *Staralt only.*  
 Min. elevation (or max. airmass X). *Starobs, Starmult only.*  
 Output format

**Submit**

**Telescope limits** **WHT:** 89.8° < Altitude < 12° (plot). Targets with +28:57:40>Dec>+28:33:40 won't be accessible when transiting the zenithal blind spot (~0.2° size).  
**INT:** 90° < Altitude < 33° (20° if lower shutter raised), -6h < HA < +6, +90°>Dec>-30° 09' 30" (HA-Dec plot - lower shutter raised; lowest altitude-Dec plot).

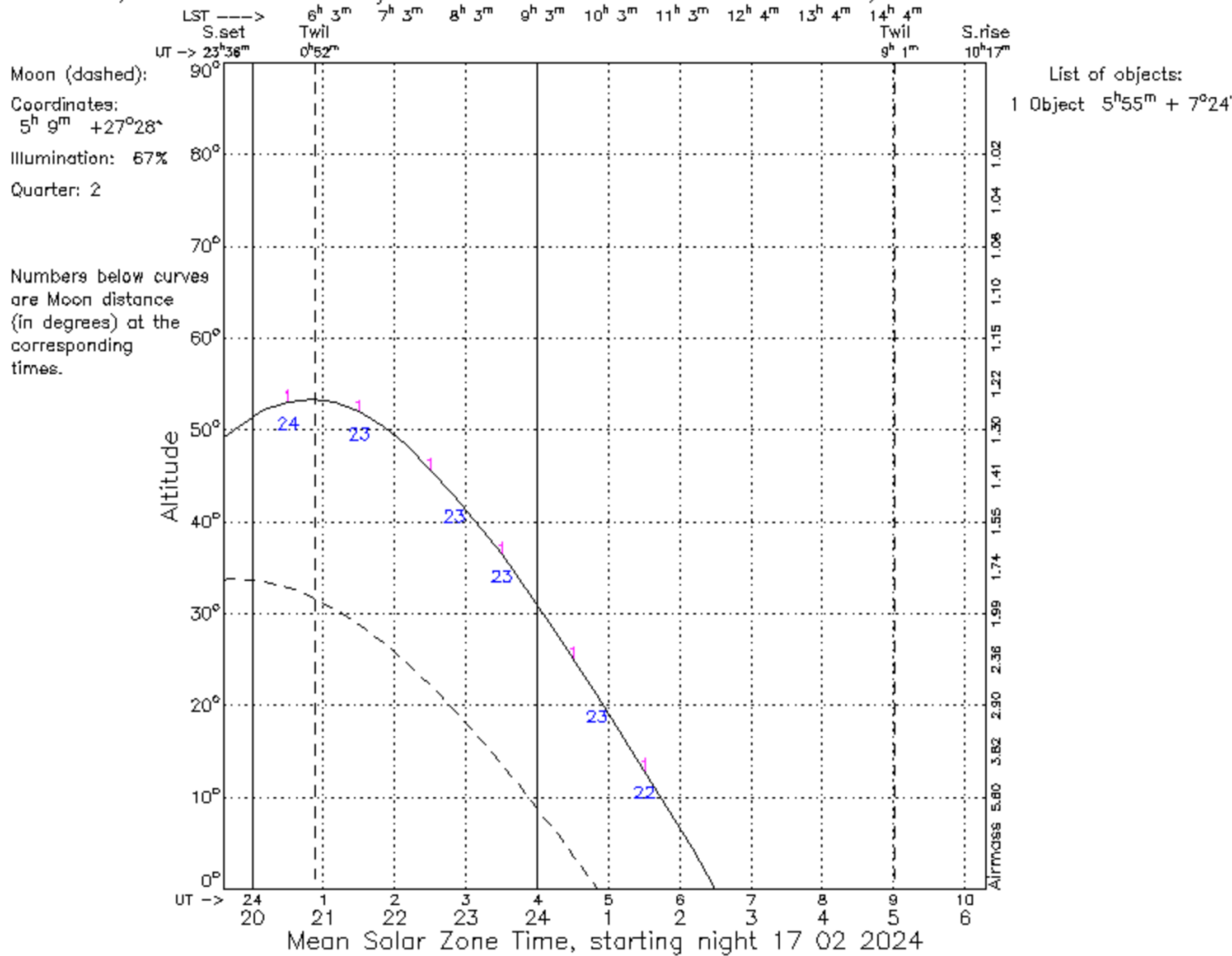
**More** These are other useful resources for planning observations: [iObserve](#), [astronomy tools](#), [JSkyCalc](#), [obstools](#), [NOT's visplot](#).

# Object visibility: STARALT



-<http://catserver.ing.iac.es/staralt/index.php> -

Altitudes, La Silla Observatory 289.2700E -29.2567N, 2347 m above sea level



# Sky Model Calculator: SKYCALC

- <https://www.eso.org/observing/etc/bin/gen/form?INS.MODE=swspectr+INS.NAME=SKYCALC> -

Coordinate system:  Projection:   Milkyway

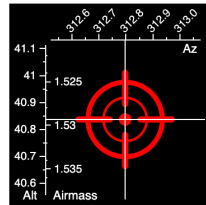


**Optional Parameter Initialisation using Almanac Service**

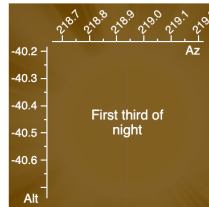
**Site**  
 Observatory:   
 La Silla -29°.2563, -70°.738 (-29°15:22, -70°44:16)  
 Apparent horizon altitude = -1°.87

**Time**  
 UT   
 MJD   
 Time step forward/back:    
 La Silla Local Civil Time LCT = 00:00:00  
 La Silla Local Sidereal Time LST = 08:11:20  
 First third of night

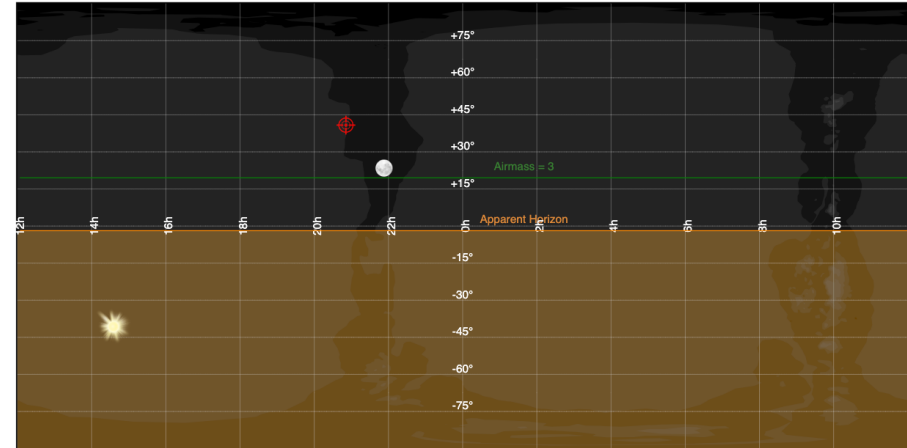
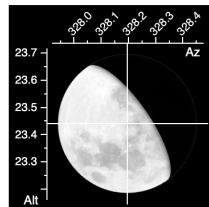
**Target**  
 Target coordinates from CDS Simbad searching by  
 Name or ID:    
 $\alpha$    $\delta$     
 Barycentric velocity correction  $dv = 25.447$  km/s,  $dz = 8.488e-5$   
 Hour Angle HA = 02:16:10  
 Target az = 312°.80 alt = 40°.83  
 Zenith distance = 49°.17  
 Airmass = 1.529  
 Ecliptic heliocentric coords = 121°.90, -16°.02  
 Galactic coords = 199°.76, -8°.95  
 Moon/target separation = 21°.67



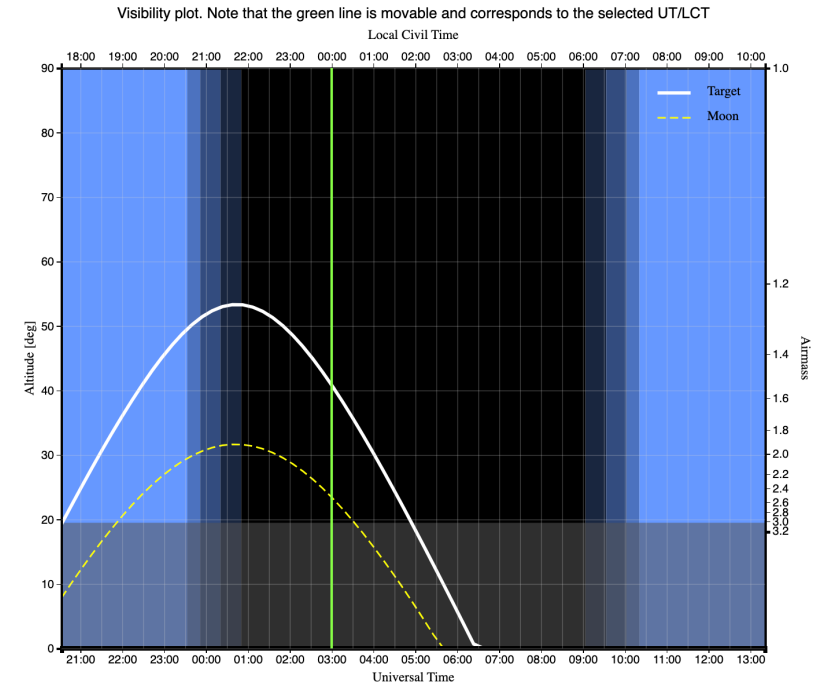
**Sun**  
 Sun alt = -40°.46, az = 218°.94  
 $\alpha_s = 22:08:10$ ,  $\delta_s = -11:29:13$   
 Sunrise / noon / set = 10:20 / 16:55 / 23:33 UT  
 Solar radio flux data is not yet available  
 Note: The Cerro Paranal Advanced Sky Model does **not** take telluric scattered sun light into account



**Moon**  
 Moon alt = 23°.44 decreasing  
 $\alpha_c = 05:56:59$ ,  $\delta_c = 29:04:16$   
 Moonrise / culm. / set = 19:34 / 00:41 / 05:50 UT  
 Phase angle=119°.23, FLI  $\approx 0.744$  Waxing  
 Position angle=272°.87, Zenith angle=124°.60  
 Earth/Moon distance normalised = 1.01546  
 Apparent diameter = 0°.50995 = 00°30'35"



Sun and Moon symbols are not to scale. The red target symbol can be moved.





# Sky Model Calculator: SKYCALC

- <https://www.eso.org/observing/etc/bin/gen/form?INS.MODE=swspectr+INS.NAME=SKYCALC> -



Observatory Height above Sea Level

Altitude of Target above Horizon alt= [19.5, 90]°  
zenith distance  $z=0^\circ$

*alt, z and x are coupled through the plane parallel approximation  $x=\sec(z)$ , z being the zenith distance  $z=90^\circ-alt$*

Airmass x =  [1, 3]

Season and Period of Night Season:

Night Period:

Precipitable Water Vapor PWV =  mm

Monthly Averaged Solar Radio Flux  sfu

## Select Components to Include in the Radiance Model:

### Scattered Moonlight

Note the following moon coordinate constraints:  $|z - z_{\text{moon}}| \leq \varrho \leq |z + z_{\text{moon}}|$   
where  $\varrho$ =moon/target separation,  $z=90^\circ-alt$  and  $z_{\text{moon}}=90^\circ-alt_{\text{moon}}$

Sun-Moon Separation (Moon Phase)  [0,360]° FLI  $\approx 0.500$  (Half Moon Waxing)

Moon-Target Separation ( $\varrho$ )  [0,180]°

Moon Altitude over Horizon ( $alt_{\text{moon}}$ )  [-90, 90]°  $z_{\text{moon}}=45^\circ$

Moon-Earth Distance Normalised  [0.91, 1.08]

### Scattered Starlight

### Zodiacal Light

Heliocentric Ecliptic Longitude of Target  [-180, 180]°

Ecliptic Latitude of Target  [-90, 90]°

### Molecular Emission of Lower Atmosphere

### Emission Lines of Upper Atmosphere

### Airglow/Residual Continuum

### Instrumental Thermal Emission

This radiance component represents an instrumental effect. The emission is provided relative to the other model components. To obtain the correct absolute flux, [documentation](#).

Element<sub>1</sub> (e.g. Telescope)  $T_1 =$   K Emissivity<sub>1</sub> =  [0,1]

Element<sub>2</sub> (e.g. Instrument)  $T_2 =$   K Emissivity<sub>2</sub> =  [0,1]

Element<sub>3</sub> (e.g. Cryostat)  $T_3 =$   K Emissivity<sub>3</sub> =  [0,1]

## Wavelength Grid

- Vacuum
- Air (using the formula of [Edlén 1966](#))

$\lambda_{\text{min}} =$   nm [ $\geq 300$  nm]

$\lambda_{\text{max}} =$   nm [ $\leq 30,000$  nm]

- Linear binning  $\Delta\lambda =$   nm/bin
- Logarithmic binning  $\lambda/\Delta\lambda =$   [ $\leq 10^6$ ]

## Convolving Line Spread Function

- None
- Gaussian FWHM =  bins
- Boxcar Width =  bins

Bins: 13863 bins  
 $\lambda/\Delta\lambda$  : 20000 (max 1000000)  
FITS file size: 0.77Mb (max 30 Mb)  
Approx. response time: 3.2 s

## Outputs

- Plot Radiance Spectrum
- Plot Radiance Components
- Plot Transmission Spectrum
- Plot Transmission Components

Calculate Broad-Band UBVRIZYJHKLMNQ magnitudes per arcsec<sup>2</sup>

Plot LSF Kernel (select an LSF kernel to enable this option)

Submit

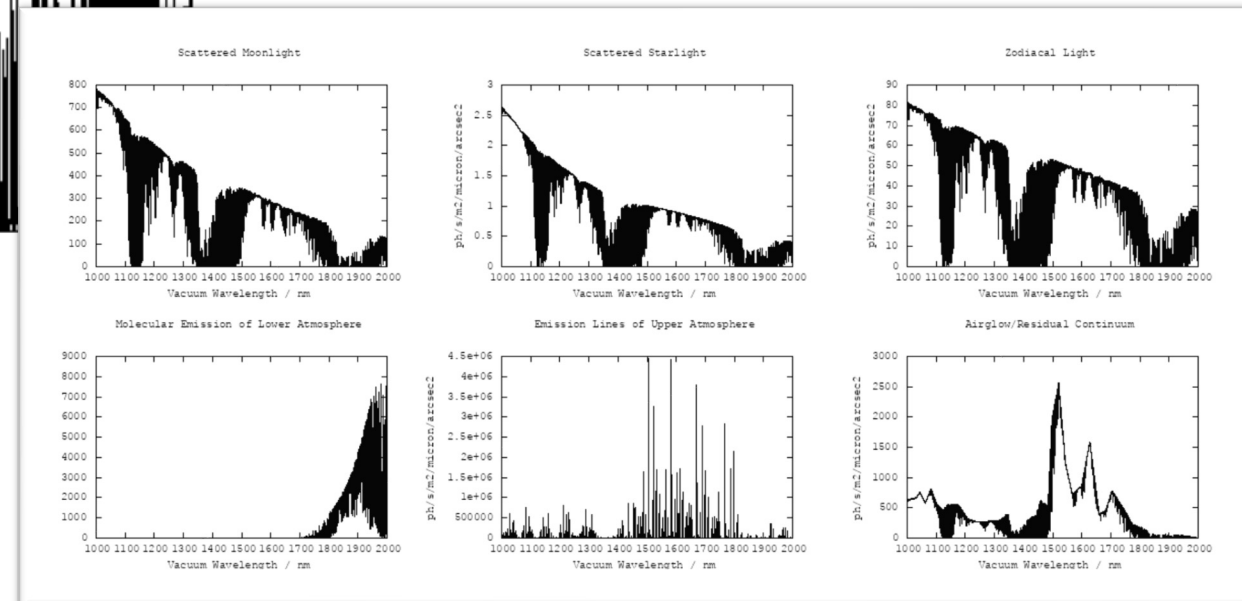
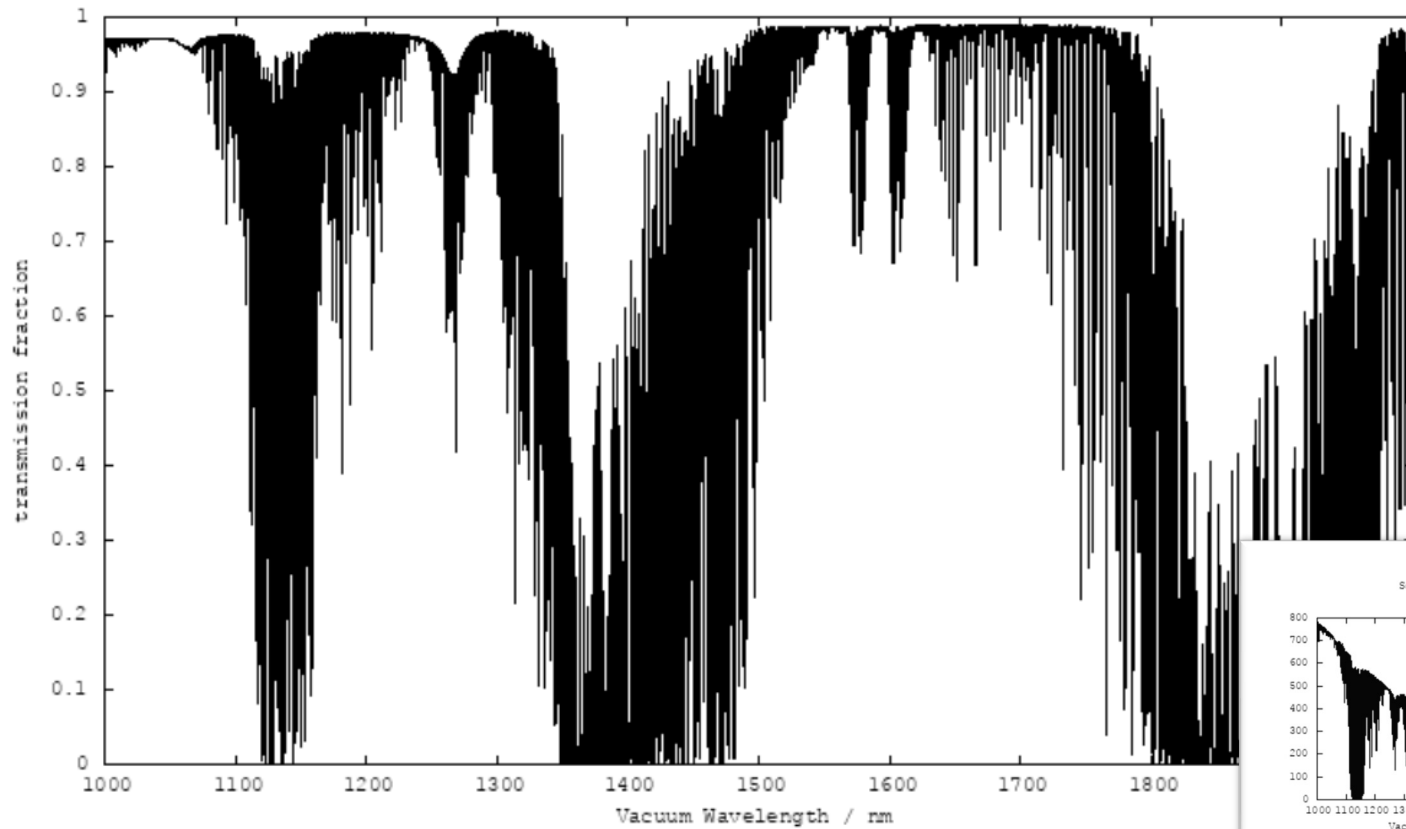
Reset

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Transmission





# Archives and Catalogues

- <https://www.eso.org/sci/observing/tools/catalogues.html> -

## Archives

- [ESO Science Archive Query Form](#) for raw data and [ESO Archive Science Portal](#) for processed data.  
For a comprehensive overview of the on-line ESO/ST-ECF archives and catalogues please refer to the [Science Archive Facility](#).
- [ESO Online Digitized Sky Survey \(DSS\)](#)
- [Interactive 2MASS Image Service](#) for the NASA/IPAC Infrared Science Archive

## Catalogues and Databases

- [Standard Star Catalogue Search Tool](#)
- [HST Guide Star Catalogue \(GSC\)](#)
- [ESO/ST-ECF USNO-A2.0 Catalogue Server](#)
- [Gaia Archive](#)

## Standard Stars Data

### Optical


- [Landolt's Standard Fields](#), with finding charts scanned
- [Peter Stetson's Photometric Standard Fields](#)
- [The General Catalogue of Photometric Data \(GCPD\)](#)
- [Optical and UV Spectrophotometric Standards](#)

### Infrared

- Photometric Standard Stars: [NICMOS](#) and [ARNICA](#)
- Spectrophotometric Standards
  - [Mid-IR spectrophotometric standard stars](#); Mid-IR standards [Siebenmorgen/Sterzik list](#)
  - [List of InfraRed Telluric Standards](#)
  - [Sky map of InfraRed Spectrophotometric standard](#)
  - [UVESPOP](#): A Library of High-Resolution Spectra of Stars across the Hertzsprung-Russell Diagram

## Optical/Infrared Interferometry

- [Bad Calibrators Catalogue for optical/infrared interferometry](#), a registry of stars which have proven to be poor calibrators.

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- Standard Star
    - Telluric correction (mainly IR)
    - Flux Calibration
    - $2 < \text{IR mag} < 9$
  - Guide Star
    - Telescope Guiding (Tip Tilt correction, Field stabilization)
    - $9 < R < 13$



# Archives and Catalogues

- <https://www.eso.org/sci/observing/tools/catalogues.html> -

Found the following stars with  $\text{abs}(X-1.273) < 0.05$  at LST=5:00

ID	RA	Dec	Sp.Type	Vmag	Imag	Jmag	Hmag	Kmag	Lmag	Mmag	Nmag	Airmass	d(airmass)
Hip009022	1:56:9.40000	-49:50:11.3000	B8/B9V	6.37000	6.43000	6.49300	6.52600	6.51700	...	...	...	1.308	-0.035
Hip011900	2:33:33.5600	-62:35:12.3000	B9V	6.79000	6.82000	6.84700	6.90400	6.87500	...	...	...	1.322	-0.049
Hip015251	3:16:44.3900	-3:21:50.3000	B8	7.71000	7.71000	7.69100	7.68700	7.70300	...	...	...	1.230	0.043
Hip016368	3:30:51.6800	-66:29:23.0000	B8V	5.81000	5.84000	5.82300	5.85900	5.81400	...	...	...	1.299	-0.026
Hip020244	4:20:16.6300	7:51:13.3000	B8	7.95000	7.77000	7.71600	7.75800	7.74500	...	...	...	1.275	-0.002
Hip022597	4:51:43.3800	9:58:30.3000	B5V	6.11000	6.04000	5.85700	5.82800	5.86600	...	...	...	1.292	-0.019
Hip024337	5:13:25.1400	-65:14:10.1000	B8V	8.38000	8.42000	8.41400	8.44600	8.51500	...	...	...	1.237	0.036
Hip024632	5:17:5.30000	9:55:38.3000	B8	7.48000	7.45000	7.40000	7.42500	7.42400	...	...	...	1.294	-0.021
Hip026487	5:38:1.11000	7:32:29.2000	B8III	5.87000	5.91000	5.93300	5.99700	5.96400	...	...	...	1.268	0.005
Hip028543	6:1:31.3400	3:11:11.5000	B8	7.19000	7.10000	6.97400	6.97200	6.98200	...	...	...	1.230	0.043
Hip029134	6:8:44.3400	-68:50:36.4000	B8V	5.06000	5.14000	...	5.19600	5.19400	...	...	...	1.322	-0.049
Hip029429	6:11:58.7300	7:23:28.8000	B9.5V	7.04000	7.12000	8.23800	8.23200	8.27200	...	...	...	1.316	-0.043
Hip029907	6:17:49.7900	-64:1:48.9000	B9V	7.53000	7.58000	7.59900	7.68000	7.63500	...	...	...	1.251	0.022
Hip030382	6:23:18.4900	3:45:52.2000	B3V	6.41000	6.56000	6.70400	6.77200	6.79100	...	...	...	1.279	-0.006
Hip030524	6:24:55.8100	-63:49:41.4000	B6V	6.26000	6.36000	6.52300	6.61900	6.62400	...	...	...	1.254	0.019
Hip030798	6:28:16.7700	1:54:45.8000	B9V	6.48000	6.52000	6.53900	6.58800	6.58800	...	...	...	1.263	0.010
Hip031335	6:34:14.4400	-63:55:5.30000	B9V	8.53000	8.57000	8.61500	8.66300	8.70000	...	...	...	1.265	0.008
Hip032950	6:51:48.9800	-65:37:10.6000	B9IV	8.54000	8.55000	8.56000	8.59200	8.55900	...	...	...	1.310	-0.037
Hip034669	7:10:46.9600	-9:20:9.60000	B4V	7.41000	7.51000	7.56500	7.65500	7.64500	...	...	...	1.244	0.029
Hip034772	7:11:54.6200	-6:33:43.8000	B9	8.54000	8.56000	8.47500	8.53300	8.50100	...	...	...	1.277	-0.004
Hip035352	7:18:8.22000	-10:39:33.1000	B8V	8.28000	8.32000	8.32300	8.42700	8.38100	...	...	...	1.255	0.018
Hip036673	7:32:41.8300	-9:40:9.60000	B8V	7.56000	7.61000	7.62700	7.65500	7.67700	...	...	...	1.319	-0.046
Hip037043	7:36:43.9300	-48:49:48.6000	B9.5V	5.69000	5.70000	5.69500	5.70200	5.68700	...	...	...	1.230	0.043
Hip037261	7:39:7.11000	-18:40:42.3000	B6V	6.72000	6.77000	6.76000	6.85700	6.82800	...	...	...	1.263	0.010
Hip037530	7:42:10.2200	-58:37:51.4000	B2.5V	6.40000	6.48000	6.54900	6.66400	6.61000	...	...	...	1.312	-0.039

## Standard Star Catalogue Search Tool

**R.A.:**  **Dec.:**  **Epoch:**  **Location:**

**Target LST:**  **StdObs LST:**

< **SpecType** <  (input eg. B3 and B5)

< **Vmag** <  (magnitude range)

**dX**  - difference in airmass

**Select search catalogue:**  **Alt. search: Object name**





# ESO Exposure Time Calculators



## News and Notes

### August 31, 2023: P113 phase 1

- HARPS/NIRPS detector parameters updated, including saturation limits. Introduced LSF convolution.

### August 24, 2023: P113 phase 1

- ERIS-NIX LSS mode supported.
- XSHOOTER: Added a note about NIR stray-light.
- FORS2 imaging: Updated 530-25 +84 filter profile.




### Bug fixes

[Details here](#)



## Documentation and Tools

- Support: <https://support.eso.org>
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Formula Book](#)
- [Database](#) of efficiency profiles
- Deprecated ETCs
- [SkyCalc](#) Sky Model Calculator
  - with advanced Almanac
  - command-line interface [skycalc\\_cli](#)

 Facility	 Imaging	 Spectroscopy
La Silla	<div data-bbox="1003 404 1240 448">EFOSC2</div> <div data-bbox="1274 404 1510 448">SUSI</div> <div data-bbox="1003 468 1240 512">WFI</div> <div data-bbox="1274 468 1510 512">SOFI</div>	<div data-bbox="1656 404 1893 448">EFOSC2</div> <div data-bbox="1926 404 2163 448">HARPS/NIRPS</div> <div data-bbox="1656 468 1893 512">FEROS</div> <div data-bbox="1926 468 2163 512">SOFI</div>
Paranal UT1	<div data-bbox="1138 538 1375 582">FORS2</div>	<div data-bbox="1656 538 1893 582">FORS2</div> <div data-bbox="1926 538 2163 582">KMOS</div>
Paranal UT2	<div data-bbox="1138 639 1375 684">VISIR</div>	<div data-bbox="1656 609 1893 654">UVES</div> <div data-bbox="1926 609 2163 654">UVES-FLAMES</div> <div data-bbox="1656 674 1893 718">GIRAFFE</div> <div data-bbox="1926 674 2163 718">VISIR</div>
Paranal UT3	<div data-bbox="1003 769 1240 813">SPHERE-IRDIS</div> <div data-bbox="1274 769 1510 813">SPHERE-ZIMPOL</div>	<div data-bbox="1656 739 1893 783">X-SHOOTER</div> <div data-bbox="1926 739 2163 783">SPHERE-IFS</div> <div data-bbox="1791 803 2028 848">CRIRES</div>
Paranal UT4	<div data-bbox="1003 863 1240 908">HAWK-I</div> <div data-bbox="1274 863 1510 908">ERIS</div>	<div data-bbox="1656 863 1893 908">MUSE</div> <div data-bbox="1926 863 2163 908">ERIS</div>
Paranal ICCF		<div data-bbox="1791 929 2028 973">ESPRESSO</div>
Paranal VLTI	<div data-bbox="1062 995 1299 1039">GRAVITY</div> <div data-bbox="1332 995 1569 1039">MATISSE</div>	<div data-bbox="1595 995 1832 1039">VisCalc</div> <div data-bbox="1865 995 2102 1039">CalVin</div>
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- <https://www.eso.org/observing/etc/> -

# ETC

## Target Input Flux Distribution

<input checked="" type="radio"/> Template Spectrum	A0V (Pickles) ▾	Redshift z = <input type="text" value="0.00"/>	Target Magnitude and Mag.System: <input type="text" value="V"/> = <input type="text" value="7.00"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Vega <input type="radio"/> AB <i>Magnitudes are given per arcsec<sup>2</sup> for extended sources</i>
<input type="radio"/> MARCS Stellar Model	Teff=4000 log(g)=-0.5 [Fe/H]= 0 M= 1 ▾		
<input type="radio"/> Upload Spectrum	Select... <input type="text"/>		
<input type="radio"/> Blackbody	Temperature: <input type="text"/> K		
<input type="radio"/> Power Law	Index: <input type="text"/> $F(\lambda) \propto \lambda^{index}$		
<input type="radio"/> Emission Line	Lambda: <input type="text"/> nm Flux: <input type="text"/> $10^{-16}$ ergs/s/cm <sup>2</sup> (per arcsec <sup>2</sup> for extended sources) FWHM: <input type="text"/> nm		

Spatial Distribution:  Point Source

# ETC

## Sky Conditions

Precipitable Water Vapour

Fraction of Lunar Illumination

Moon FLI:     Airmass:

Almanac

PWV:  mm    *Probability > 95% of realising the PWV  $\leq$  30.0 mm*

**Seeing/Image Quality:**

Turbulence Category:     *(FWHM of the atmospheric PSF outside the telescope at zenith at 500 nm)*

IQ:  arcsec *FWHM at the airmass and reference wavelength*

*Seeing is an inherent property of the atmospheric turbulence, which is independent of the telescope that is observing through the atmosphere.*

*IQ is the FWHM of long-exposure stellar images, is a property of the images obtained in the focal plane of an instrument mounted on a telescope observing through the atmosphere.*



# ETC



## Instrument Setup

### Atmospheric Dispersion Compensator

Pre Slit Prism that allow to align the observed spectrum with the slit

ADC  enable ADC

CCD mode: 1x1 (Fast Readout, Low Gain) ▾

*In the binning, the second value refers to the direction of the dispersion in the spectra*

Exposure Time: 60.000

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## Results



Include exposure times for S/N:

**Tables:**  *Toggle All / No Tables*

Spectral Format

Expected Counts

**Graphs:**  *Toggle All / No Graphs*

Input Spectrum

Efficiency

Obj

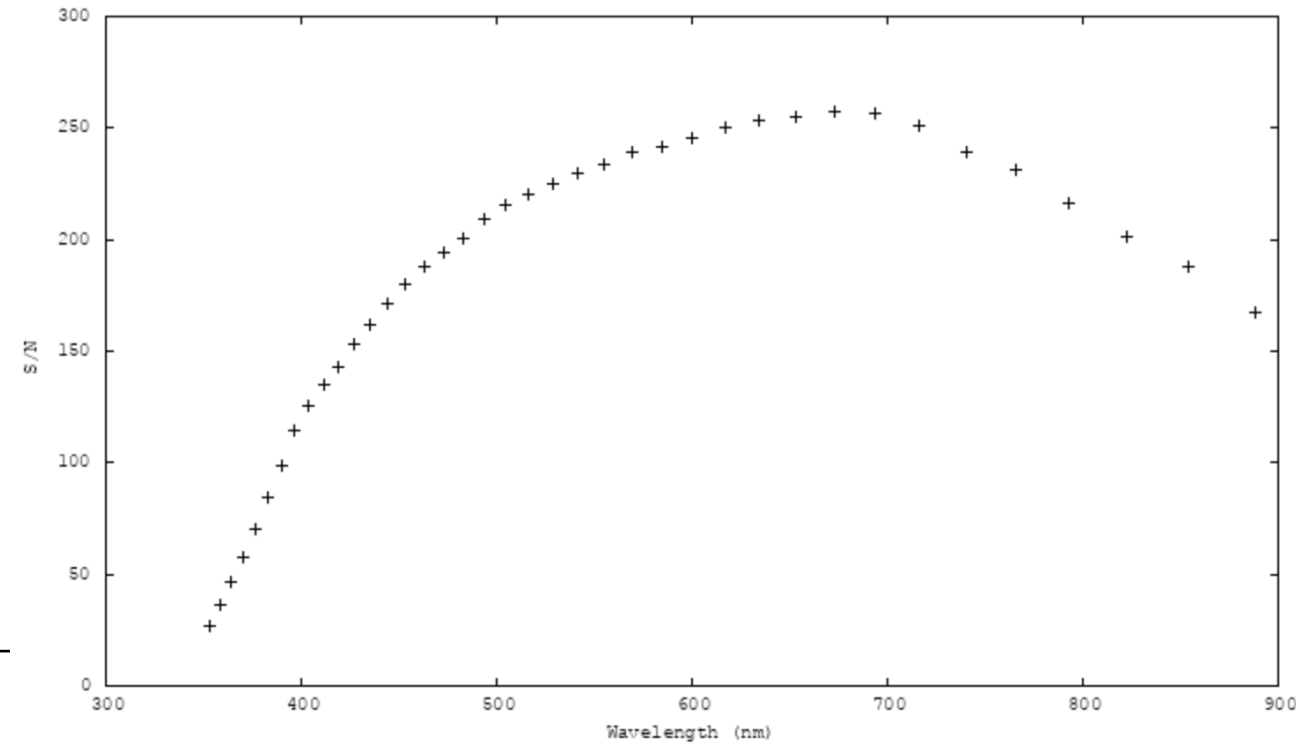
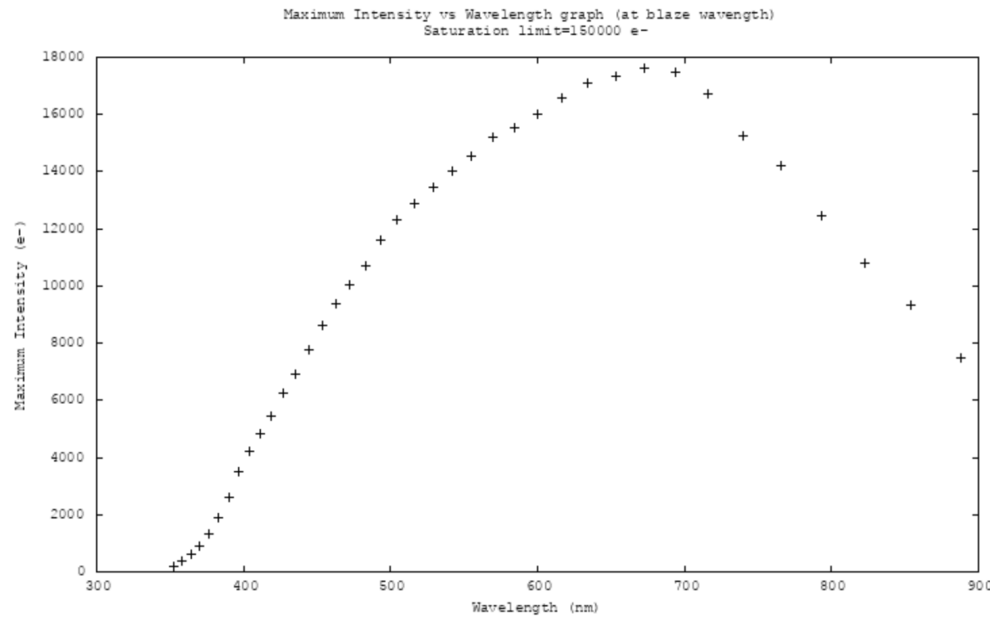
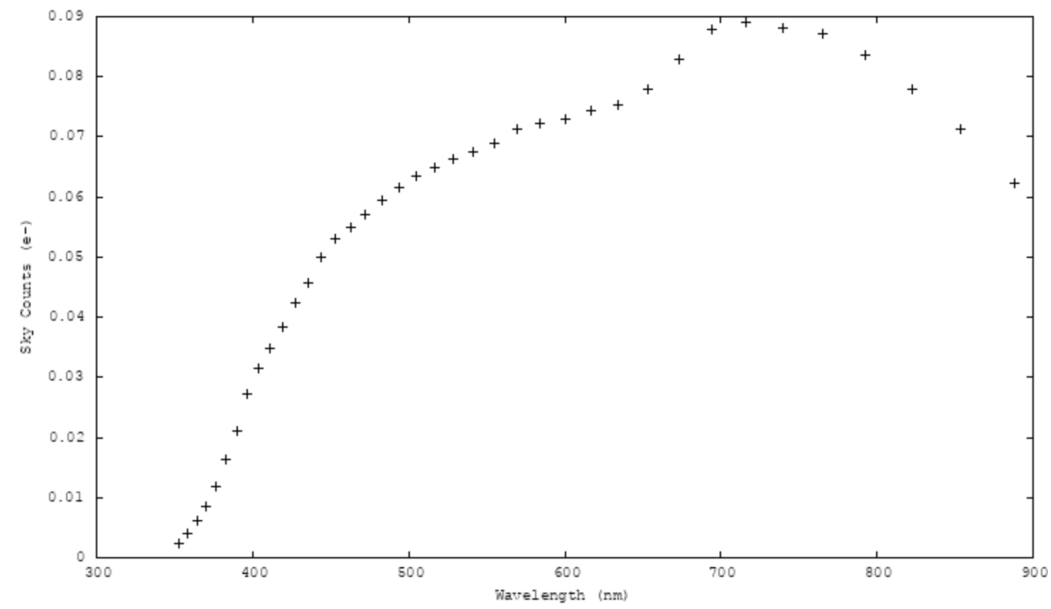
Sky

Maximum Intensity

S/N

# ETC

## Results







## Observation Preparation: Phase 2 (P2) - <https://www.eso.org/p2/> -

The **Observation Block (OB)** is the basic unit for the observation.

- It contains all the important information for a single observation: target position, instrument and exposure parameters, special scheduling requirements, the time constraints, finding charts, etc.
- OB types:
  - Science OB → Astronomical target (and reference) information
  - Calibration Block (CB) → lamp flat field, biases, etc.
- They can be organized in “Scheduling Containers“: groups, concatenations, etc.





# P2: Details

 **Phase 2** v2.20.27 [+ Details](#) [Overview](#) [Schedule](#) [Execution Sequence](#) [? Help](#) UT: 15:05:40 · LST: 19:56:40

### Your Observing Runs

Sort by: Nothing selected

+  60.A-9800(D) · UVES  31

**i** Please expand an observing run on the left by clicking on the + sign next to it to show its content.

# P2: Obs. Description



Phase 2 v2.20.27 Details Overview Schedule Execution Sequence Help UT: 15:14:47 · LST: 20:05:48 Paranal Observatory

**Your Observing Runs** Check Certify Revise Edit Import/Export Delete Refresh OB Reveal in folder

Sort by: Nothing selected

**60.A-9800(D) · UVES · 3831328** La Silla Summer School 2024 Exp. Time: 00:49:58 · Exec. Time: 01:00:00 (Partially Defined)

Obs. Description Target Constraint Set Time Intervals Finding Charts Ephemeris Target Visibility ObsPrep

**Obs. Description: Test** tpl size: normal small tpl/row: 1 2 3 4 5

**Observing Description Name** User Comments

Test metal-poor star

**Instrument Comments** [Expected signal-to-noise ratio (S/N=... @ ...nm)]

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**UVES\_red\_acq\_slit** #1 acquisition 2575194

RA blind offset	0
DEC blind offset	0
Get Guide Star from	CATALOGUE
Guide star RA	00:00:00.000
Guide star DEC	00:00:00.000
Derotation Mode	ELEV
Position Angle	0
Acq. Pre-Slit Filter	FREE
Depolarizer	OFF
ADC	OFF
Iodine Cell	OUT
Pupil Stop	OVSIZ

Delete

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**UVES\_red\_obs\_exp** #2 science 2575195

Red Readout Mode	225kHz,1x1,low
Red Exposure Time	2998
No. of Exp.	1
Source Type	POINT
Number of offsets	1
X offset in arcsec.	0
Y offset in arcsec.	0
Red Mode Central Wlgt	580
Red Slit Width	0.5

Duplicate Delete

Template Type: science Template: UVES\_blue\_obs\_exp Add Template



# P2: Target

## Your Observing Runs

Sort by: Nothing selected

OB 3831328 · La Silla Summer School 2024

OB CB Fld G T C

+ 60.A-9800(E) · FLAMES 22

Check Certify Revise Edit Import/Export Delete Refresh OB Reveal in folder

60.A-9800(D) · UVES · OB 3831328 La Silla Summer School 2024 Exp. Time: 00:49:58 · Exec. Time: 01:00:00 (P)artially Defined

Obs. Description Target Constraint Set Time Intervals Finding Charts Ephemeris Target Visibility ObsPrep

**Target Name**  
 Source 5978034515387558784 resolve

<b>Right Ascension</b> 17:05:23.268	<b>Declination</b> -34:40:21.697
<b>Equinox</b> J2000	<b>Epoch</b> 2000
<b>Proper Motion Right Ascension</b> -0.02775	<b>Proper Motion Declination</b> -0.01663
<b>Differential Right Ascension</b> 0	<b>Differential Declination</b> 0





# P2: Constraint Set

**Your Observing Runs** ↶

Sort by: Nothing selected

**60.A-9800(D) · UVES · OB 3831328 La Silla Summer School 2024** Exp. Time: 00:49:58 · Exec. Time: 01:00:00 (P)artially Defined

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**OB 3831328 · La Silla Summer School 2024**

**OB CB Fld G T C**

**Constraints Name**

**Airmass**

**Sky Transparency**

**Lunar Illumination**

**Image Quality**

**Moon Angular Distance**

**Twilight (min)**

**PWV (mm)**

# P2: Finding Charts

🔍 Check ✓ Certify ↶ Revise ✎ Edit 📄 Import/Export 🗑 Delete 🔄 Refresh OB 📁 Reveal in folder

60.A-9800(D) · UVES · OB 3831328 La Silla Summer School 2024 🕒 Exp. Time: 00:49:58 · Exec. Time: 01:00:00 (P)artially Defined

📄 Obs. Description 🎯 Target ⚙️ Constraint Set 🕒 Time Intervals 📄 Finding Charts 📅 Ephemeris 👁 Target Visibility ★ ObsPrep

### #1 p2fc\_ob3831328\_1.jpg Delete 🗑

**UVES Run ID: 60.A-9800(D) | Observatory | OB: La Silla Summer School 2024**  
 Target: Source 5978034515387558784 | 17:05:23.272 -34:40:21.664  
 Pos.Ang. = Para. Angle [0.0 deg.]

Band: 531 - 710 nm (DSS2-red)

🔴 Acq. 🟢 Gaia detection ➡ Target PM\* (1991.6 -- 1998.0)

### #2 p2fc\_ob3831328\_2.jpg Delete 🗑

**UVES Run ID: 60.A-9800(D) | Observatory | OB: La Silla Summer School 2024**  
 Target: Source 5978034515387558784 | 17:05:23.272 -34:40:21.664

Band: 531 - 710 nm (DSS2-red)

🔴 Acq. 🔴 VLT-GSS ➡ gaia3 PM\* (1991.6 -- 1998.0) ➡ Target PM\* (1991.6 -- 1998.0)

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# P2:

## Overview

Phase 2 v2.20.27								UT: 15:53:00 · LST: 20:44:08		Paranal Observatory	
Your Observing Runs		Obs. Description	Target	Constraint Set	Acquisition Template	Finding Charts	Ephemeris File				
OB	3831328 · La Silla Summer School 2024	P Test	Source <a href="#">5978034515387558784</a>	No Name	UVES_red_acq_slit	(2) p2fc_ob3831328_1.jpg p2fc_ob3831328_2.jpg					

## Schedule

Phase 2 v2.20.27								UT: 15:53:31 · LST: 20:44:39		Paranal Observatory	
Your Observing Runs				User Priority	Absolute Time Intervals	Group Contribution	Earliest/ Latest after previous				
OB	3831328 · La Silla Summer School 2024		P	1	0						






1 < Priority < 10  
 High priority → 1  
 Low priority → 10



# Thank you!

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