

# Remote Operation (Control & DRS) VEGA on CHARA "GROC" Jean-Michel Clausse



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# Vega Software Concept

-Vega software was design from the beginning to permit remote observation using the client/server concept based on TCP socket communication.

- We use XP server when we have:

- Device deliver with a driver
- When we have old software working well on GI2T
- We use Visual C++

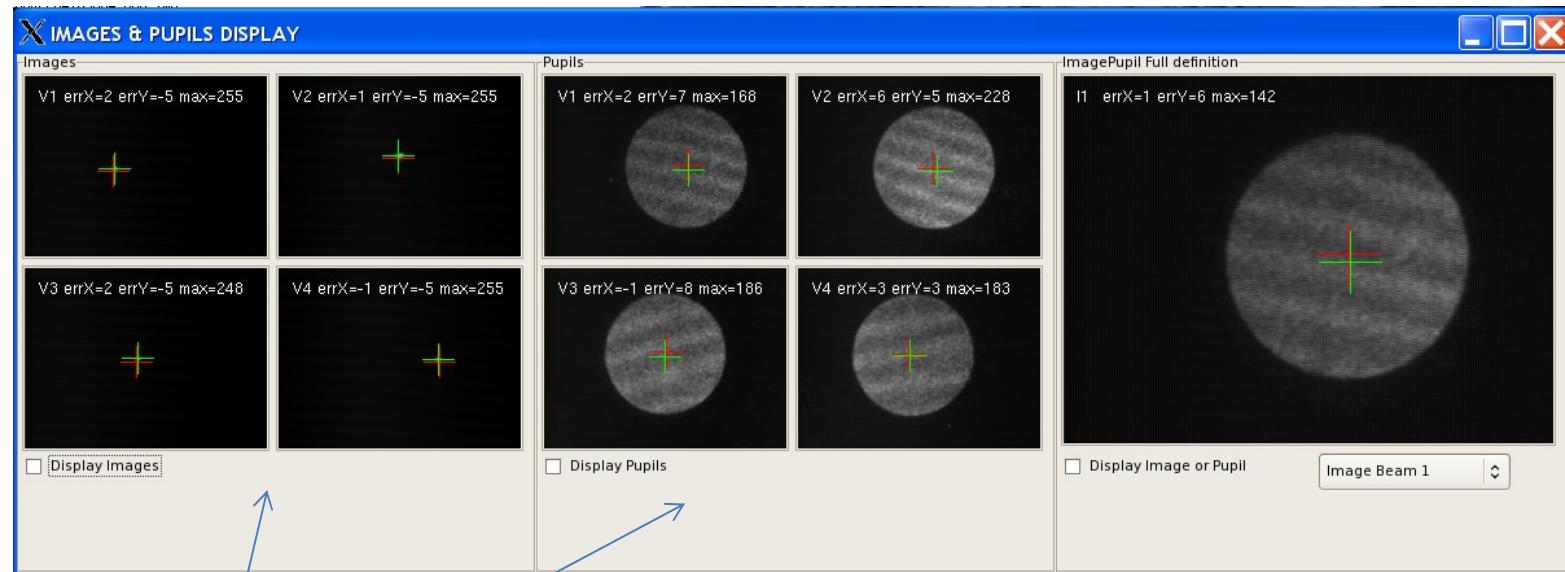
-We use Linux Fedora server for all others purposes

- All server softwares are in C
- All GUI are in C & GTK and are the same for local or remote usages



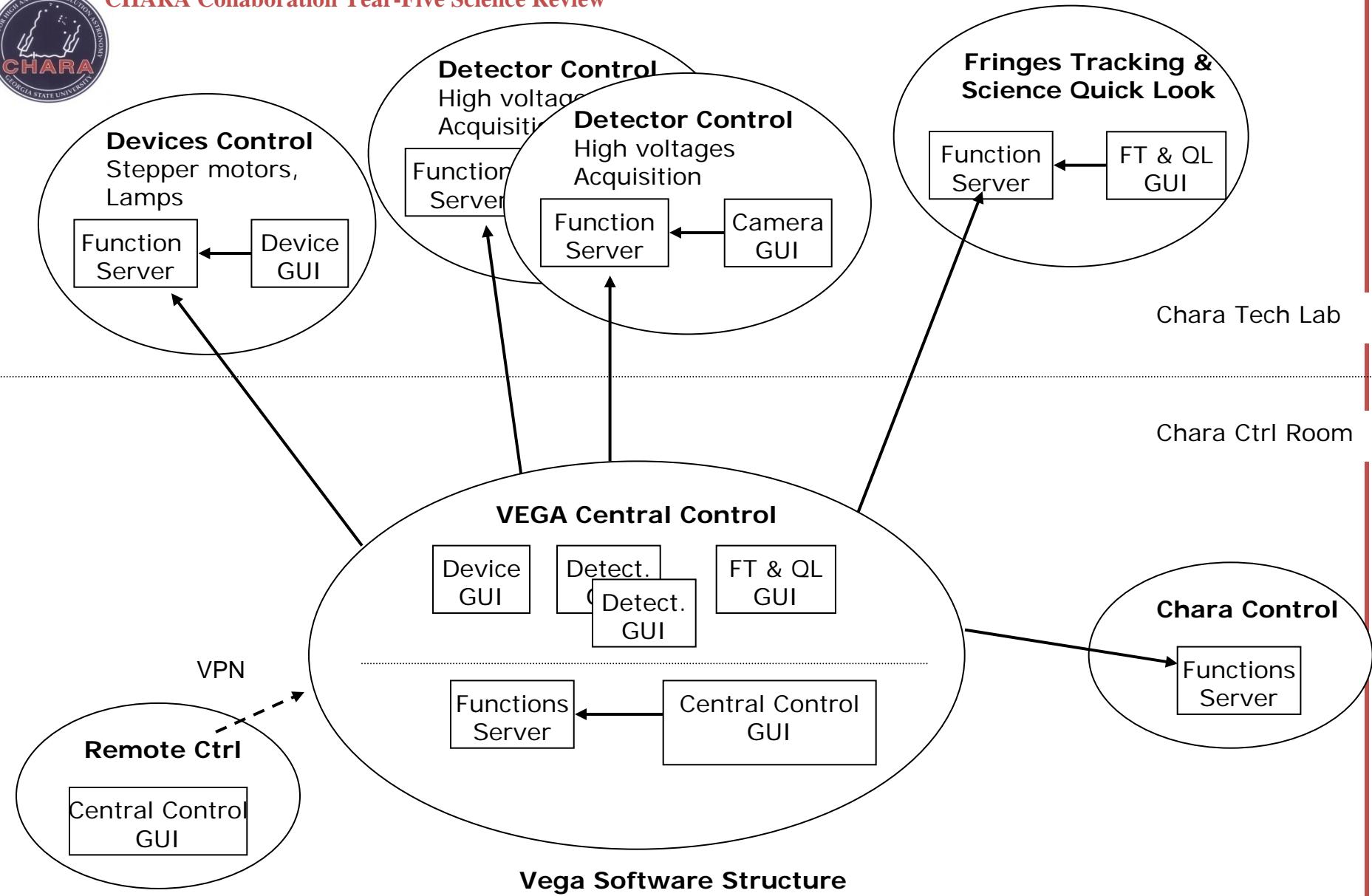


# Pupil & Image Display during alignment phase



800\*600 binned to 400\*300 pixel

Full resolution of the chosen  
pupil or image





# Vega Grasse Remote Control Room



Working Area



Relax Area



# Solutions for dataflow reduction

- The VPN throughput is around 120 Kbytes/sec.
- The client window (in C & GTK) is displayed on the remote side.
- Data come from the server side
- For a graphic (curve or 2D frame) display, values come through the network with the minimum data size & are drawn locally
- To reduce the needed dataflow, we apply a binning method on frames.
- Frame or curve displays could be disabled.





# Coming soon new Vega Tools

VegaPlan will evolve to allow 3T or 4T preparations taking advantages of charaplan2 and mircplan softwares.

This tool will permit to see the night schedule in an array form with the possibility of selecting a time range for each observation.

For the next run, a new tool will be tested:

- VegaPlan output is a starlist file with all observations informations (stars, Chara config, Vega config).
- Before observation we have to verify if there are no errors in the starlist file (star & spectral calibration, Night Pop configuration, etc)



# Data Reduction Software (DRS)

- Initial data reduction software coming from GI2T:
  - In C & Pv-Wave.
  - A lot of graphical functions.
  - Not really possible to work in remote mode.
- The new software dedicated to Vega:
  - GUI is in IDL connected to a server (where are the data) locally on the computer or on a distant computer.
  - Main functions are in C.
  - The server receives request, computes data, returns a 2D or 1D array as the result.
  - 2T, 3T and 4T operation
  - Application of all the bias corrections
  - FITS and OIFITS for the results
  - More simple use in relation with the observing mode



# Structure of Vega DRS

## (data reduction software)

Observation Data

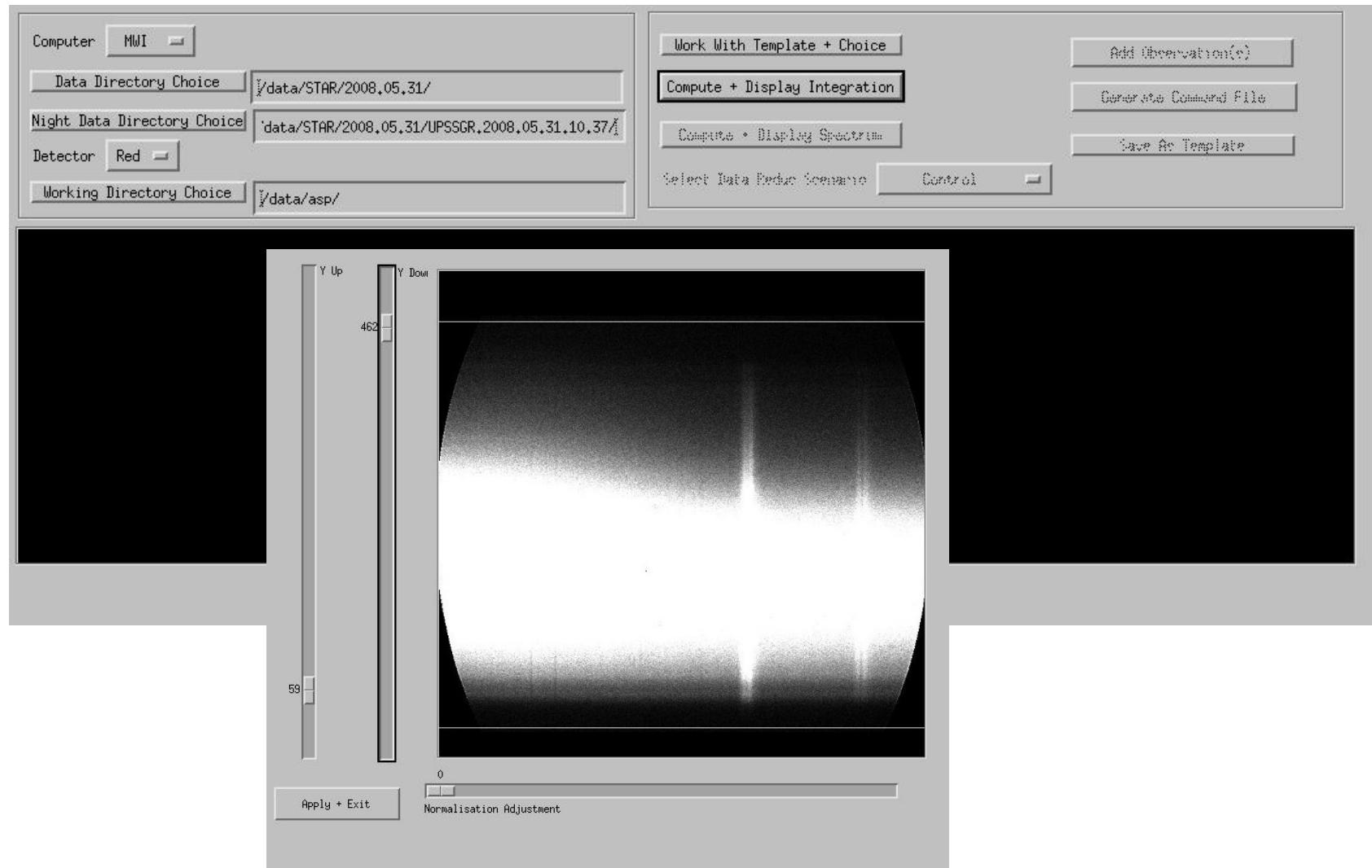
First automatic preprocessing

Data Reduction pipeline defined  
through IDL GUI on local or remote  
computer.  
A parameter file is generated

Processing is done in batch by a  
script using the parameter file  
generated a step before



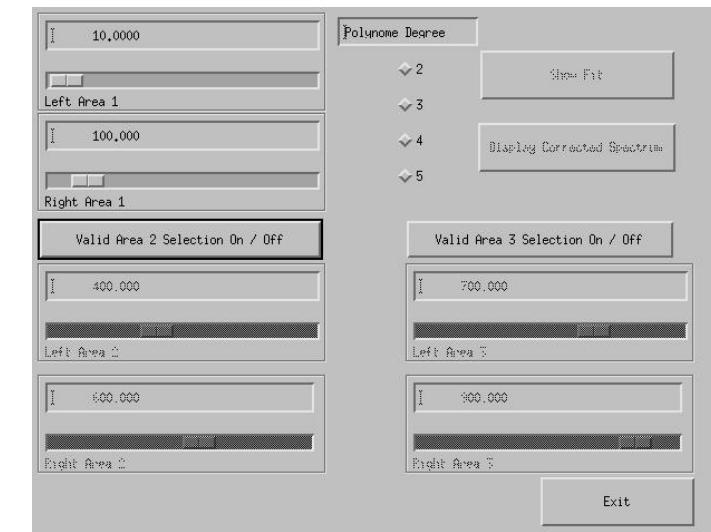
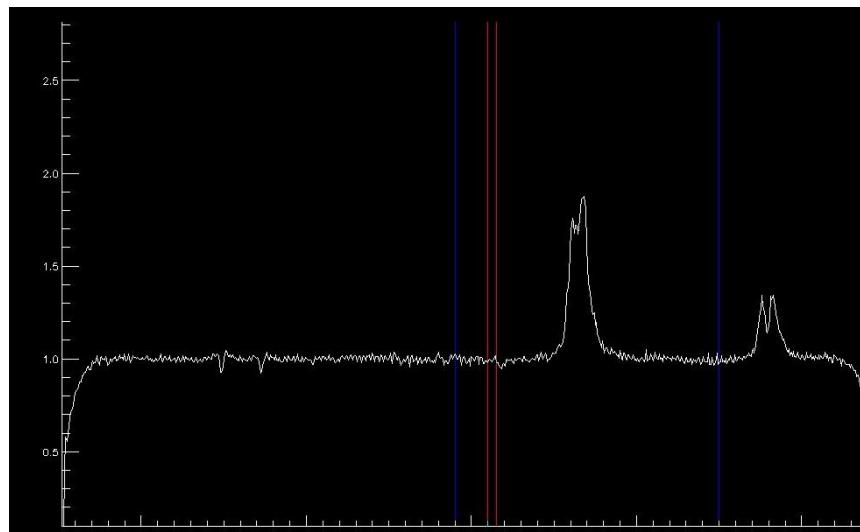
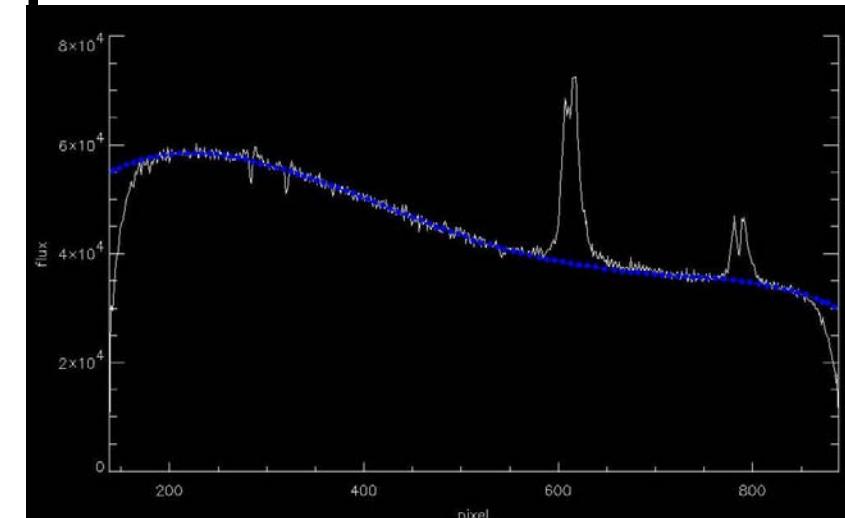
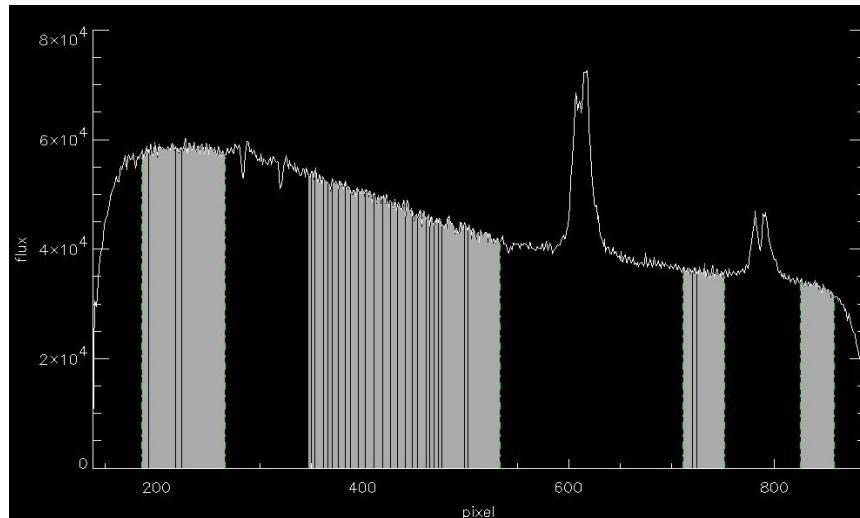
# Work on main panel & integration frame



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# Work on spectrum





# Remote control

is better for the planet



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# Calern

GI2T in Winter

Grand Interféromètre à 2  
Télescopes

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# Grasse



Vega team & GROC  
place



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# Nice Mont Gros



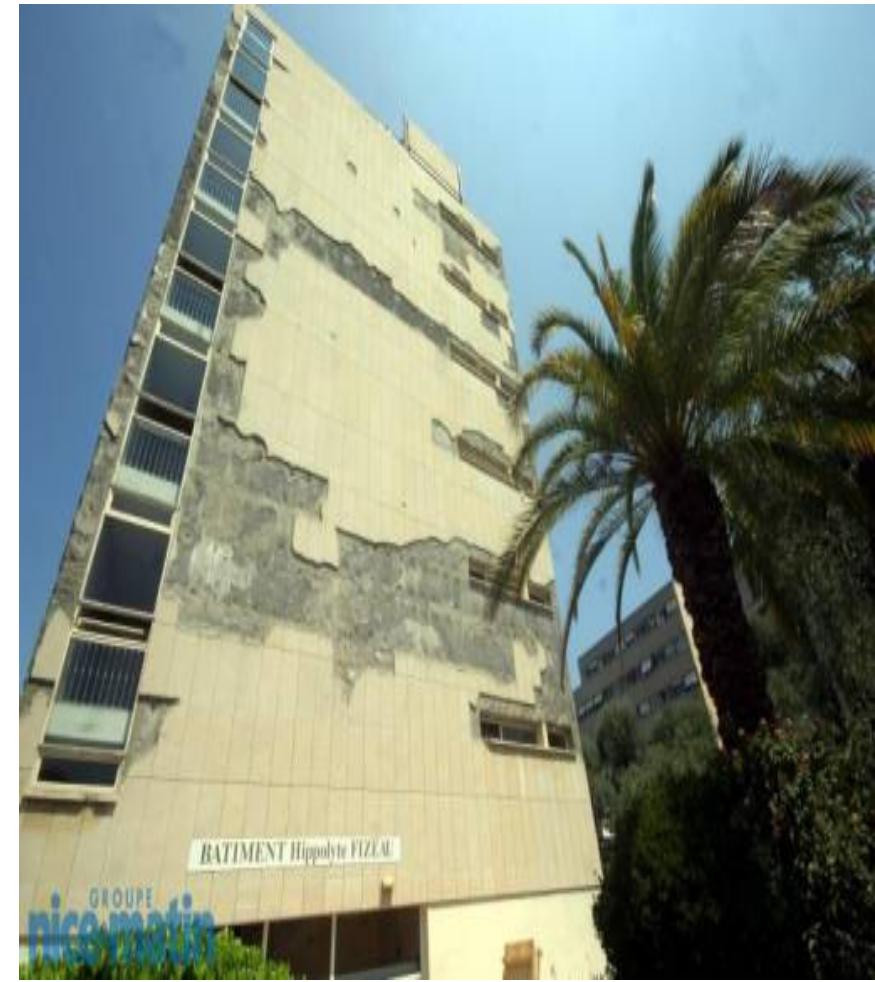
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