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 2024-03-19

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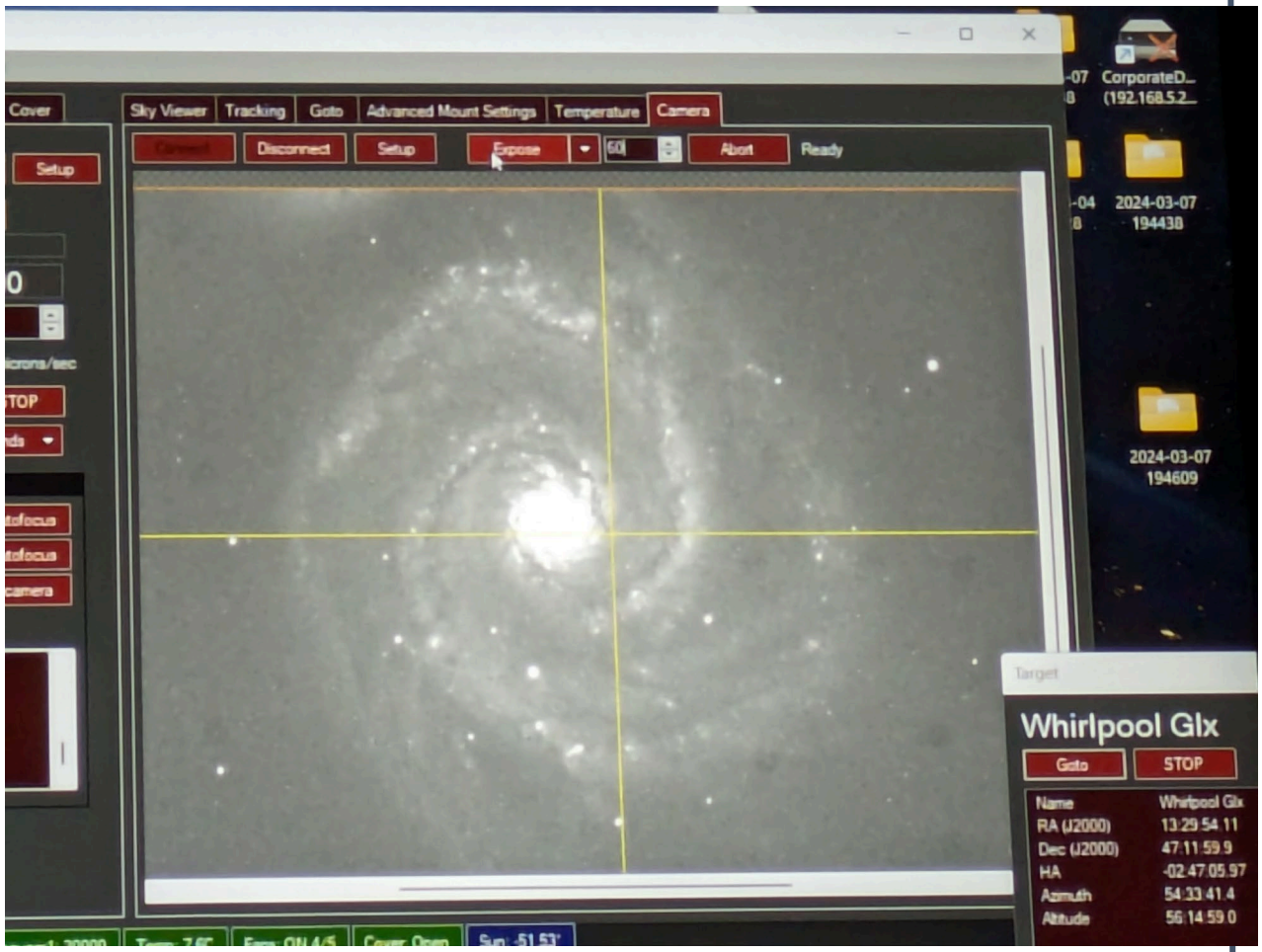
First light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Whirlpool Glx
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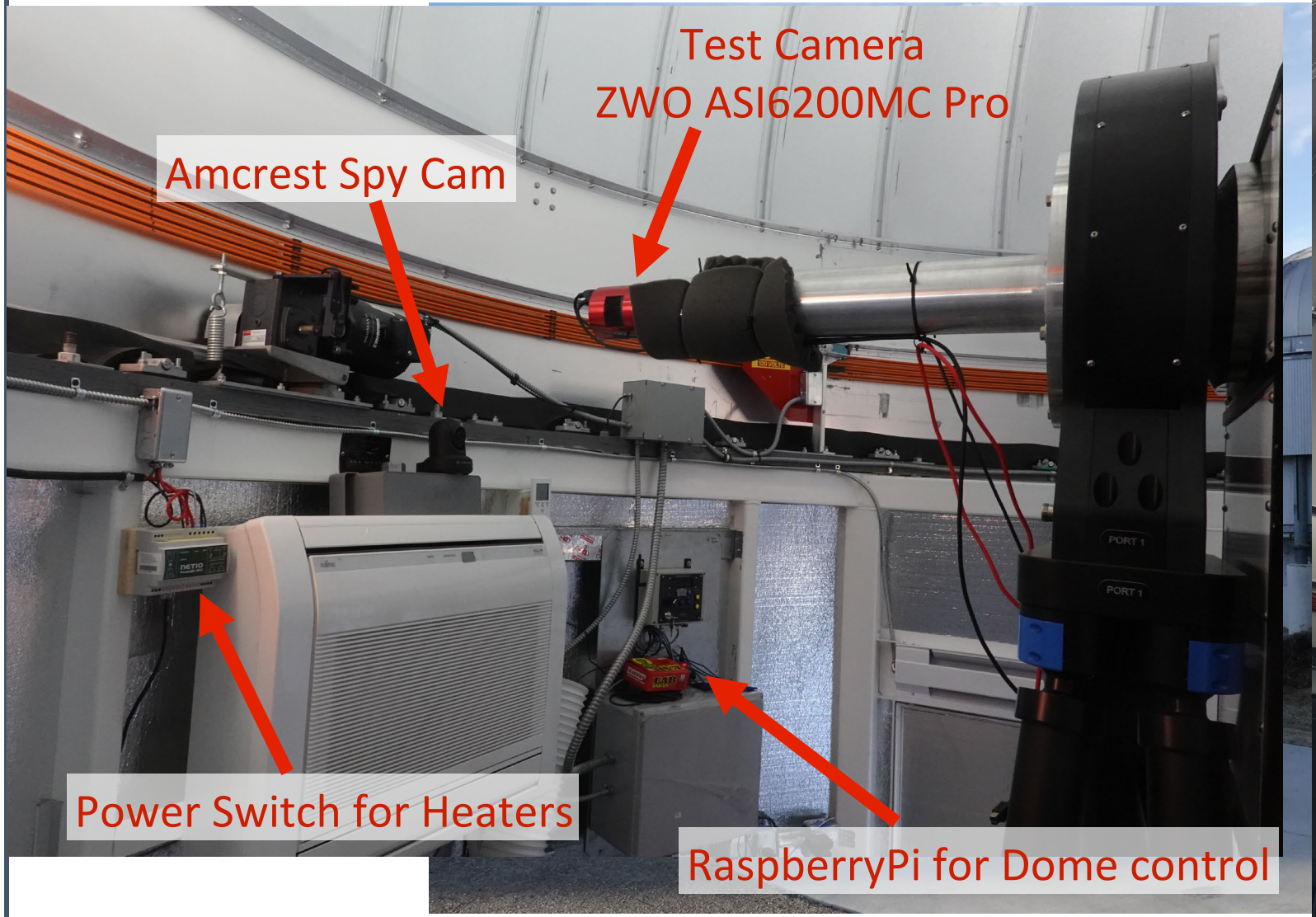
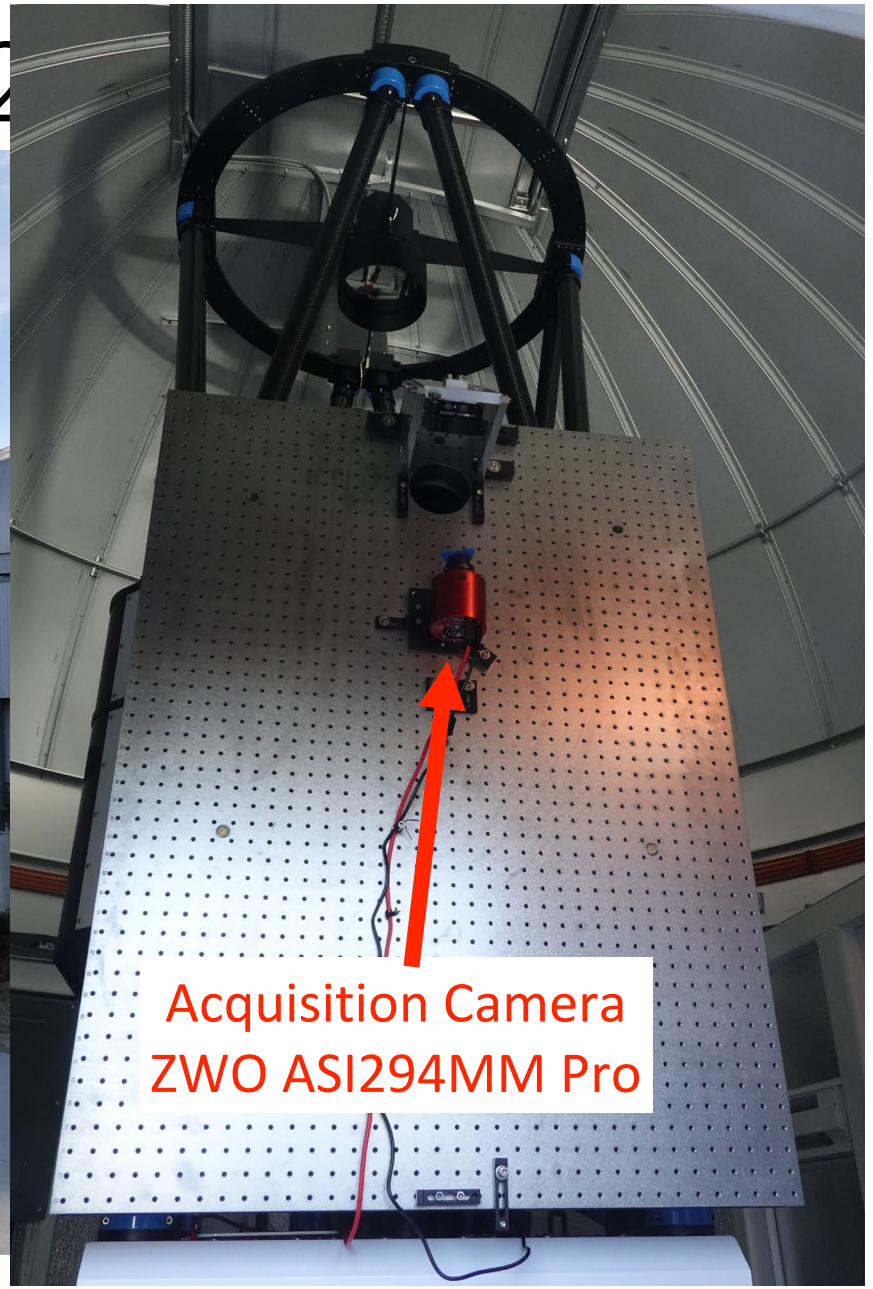
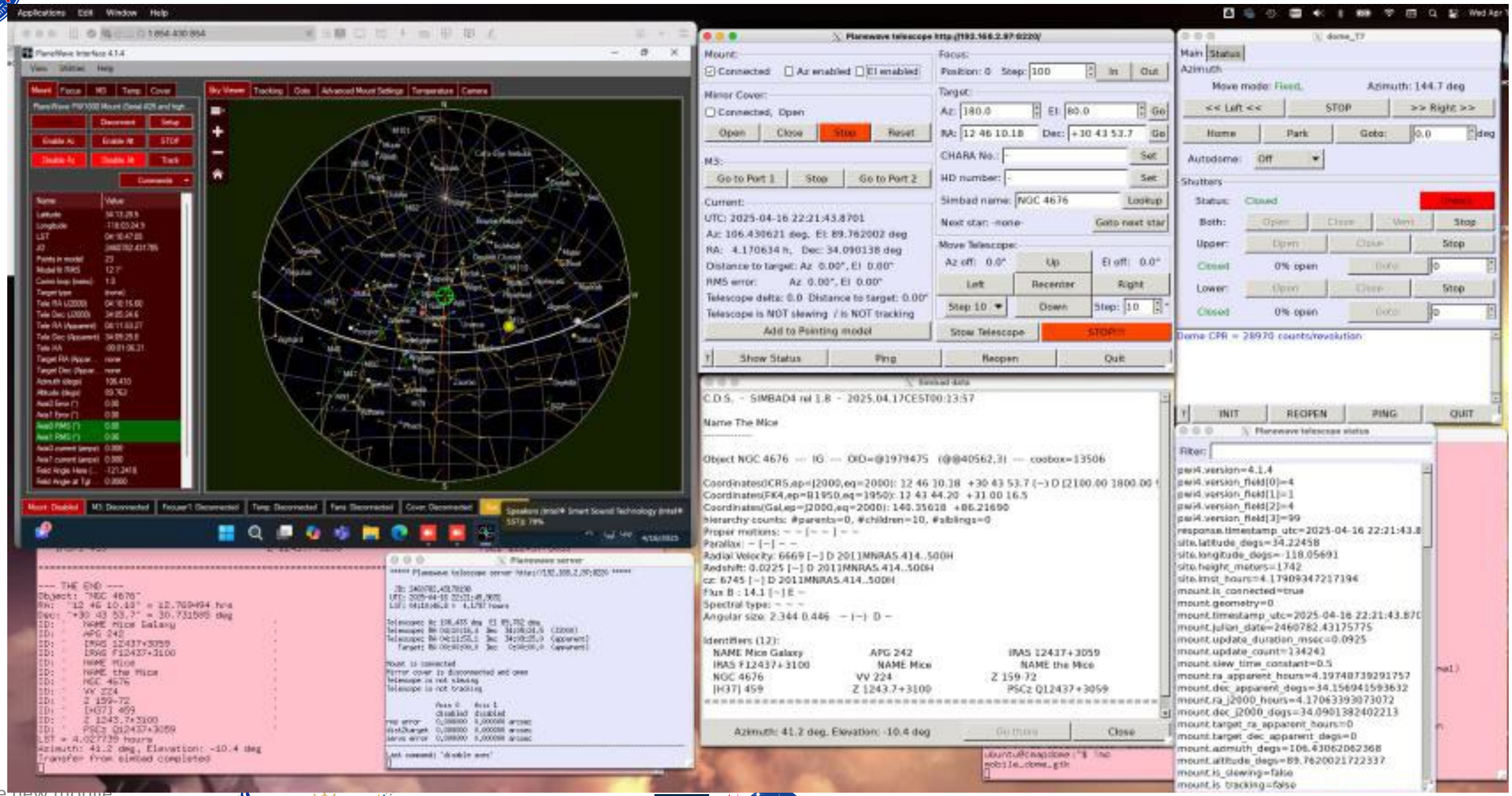




Telescopes do not like it cold

Software



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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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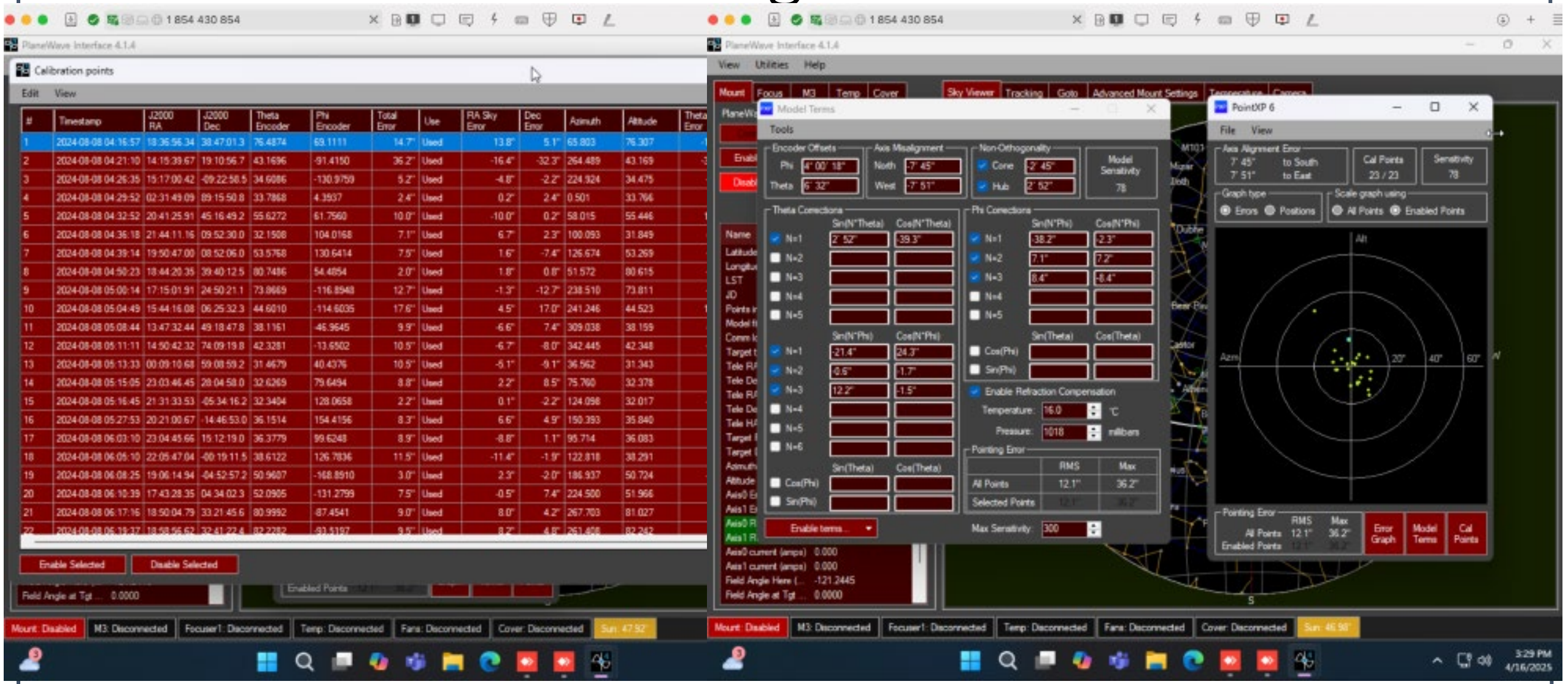

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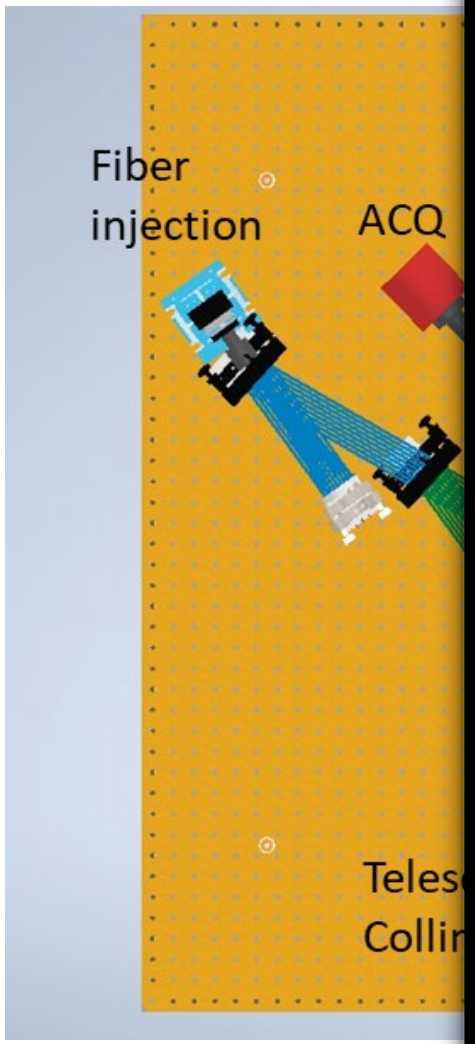

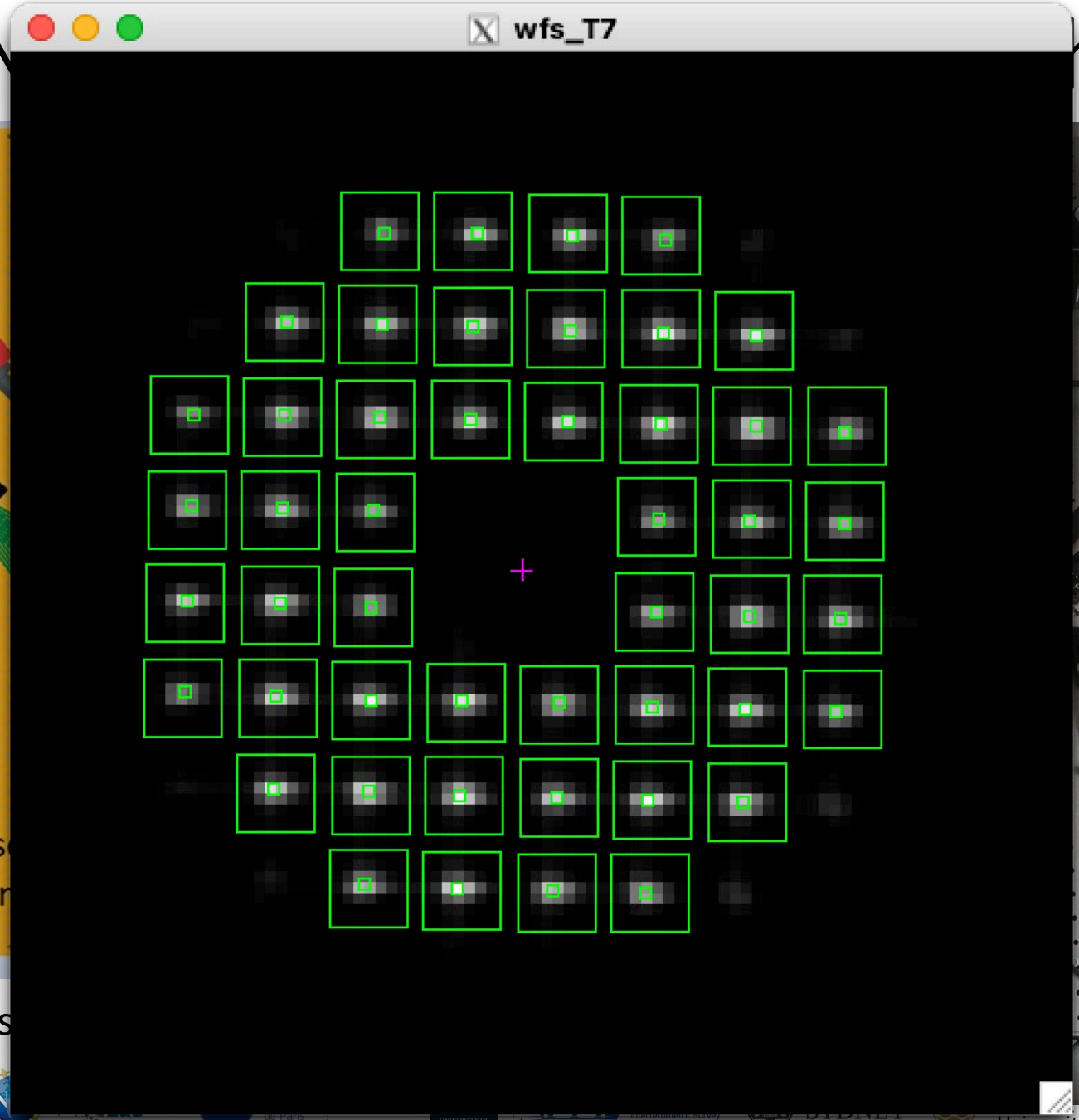

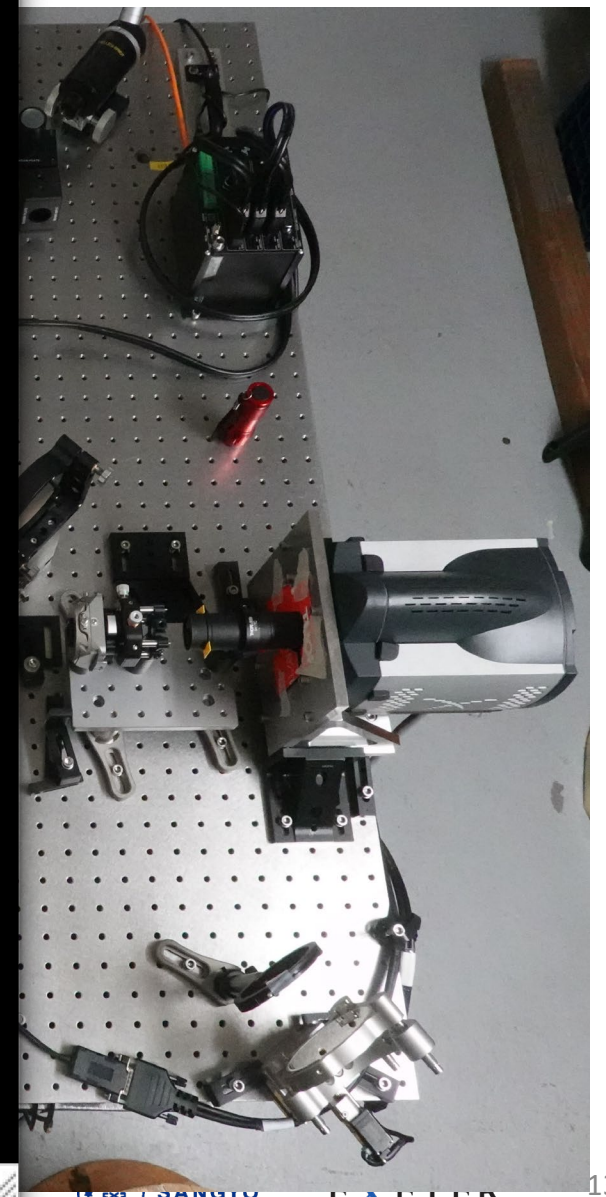

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Next Steps

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

Results so far: pretty pictures