# The release of a faster ITM

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#### Electronic upgrades: one box per functionality



#### SW upgrades: INDI architecture



## SW upgrades: pyINDI@OAVdA architecture

- Pure python INDI-protocol implementation
- AsyncIO based
- MMT Observatory repository (focused on monitoring via web)
- Our repository (forked) focuses on schedule observation automation:

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- Flat-field acquisition
- Best focus procedure
- Mount goto
- $\circ$  CCD acquisition
- Autoguide loop

https://github.com/MMTObservatory/pyINDI https://github.com/stefano-sartor/pyINDI

#### SW upgrades: Autoguide loop using science frames



#### Pointing Model: Analytical approach WholeSky (ALMA\*)



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#### Pointing Model: Analytical approach NN-Segmented (ALMA\*)



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#### Pointing Model: Analytical approach residuals



#### Pointing Model: AI approach - RF





#### **Observations:** Scheduling

For each TESS Object of Interest (TOI) the following constraints, which must be valid during all the transit duration, are checked:

- astronomical night
- Moon separation >= 45 deg
- Sun separation >= 60
- Elevation >= 20 deg
- Elevation <= 82 deg
- Transit depth >= 4 mmag
- Transit duration <= 5 hours
- Star mag <= 12.5
- At least 5 stars in the field with similar magnitude (+/- 0.5 mag)

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Overlapping scheduled TOIs are manually handled

#### **Observations:** Scheduling





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#### **Observations:** Image Acquisitions



TOI\_3066.01 2023-06-20T09:45:42.980 Exptime: 60 Binning: 4x4

TOI\_3066.01 2023-06-20T09:45:42.980 Equivalent exptime: 360 (6\*60) Binning: 4x4

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#### **Observations:** FOV solving and indexing



Astrometry.net **solve field** ran after acquisition

#### Sextractor source extraction

**Source filtering** on flux and FWHM, object shapes

Matching indexes on all images on WCS and proximity

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Target identification

TOI\_4973.01 on UT 2023-06-29 14:18:38.186 ITM@Dome C (755-123E) ( R, aper. radius=6 px - 4.1",exp.time=60s)



#### Single Star Photometry

Aperture photometry for all sources; local background computation + annulus

#### **Differential photometry**: $\Delta$ magnitude = (Targ. - Reference Star)

Find **best aperture** based on a minimum-RMS for the target light curve

Reference Star selected from the sample

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#### **MD1** Photometry

Photometric light curves **using all stars** detected in the field

Differential photometry between target and all stars:  $\Delta$  magnitude(i) = Targ. - Reference Star(i)

Reference stars are the **subset which minimizes the RMS** of the differential light curve of the **target** 

Find best aperture

Burke et al. 2006 Giacobbe et al. 2012



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#### **MD2** Photometry

Photometric light curves **using all stars** detected in the field

Differential photometry between target and all stars:  $\Delta$  magnitude(i) = Targ. - Reference Star(i)

Reference stars are the **subset which minimizes the RMS** of the differential light curve of **each potential reference star** 

Find best aperture

Burke et al. 2006 Giacobbe et al. 2012



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#### How to quantify dispersion in light curves?

Best aperture is the one which **minimizes the dispersion** in the lightcurve of the target

Four methods to quantify this dispersion:

- RMS: Root mean squared
- RMS-w: Root mean squared with a moving window
- STD: Standard Deviation
- STD-w: Standard Deviation with a moving window

Pipeline computes light curves for all these four methods (for MD1 and MD2 model), **case by case investigation** to choose the most relevant light curve



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#### New Optical Scheme: M2 mechanical support





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Secondary mirror Vertex radius: 1697.697 mm Conic constant: -2.78 Diameter: 250 mm Substrate: Fused Quartz Coating: near-infrared optimized Silver

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#### New Optical Scheme: M2 interferogram





PV: 0.168 wv @ 632.8 nm

RMS: 0.028 wv @632.8 nm

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Strehl ratio: 0.969

Excellent work ASA!





#### **New Optical Scheme: M3**







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#### New Optical Scheme: M2-M3 mirror's coating

ITM efficiency (CBE)



## **New Optical Scheme:** Spot Diagram

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Configuration 1 of 3

Configuration: RC Telescope focal length: 9600 mm (F/12) Unvignetted FOV: 22 arcmin diameter Wavelength: UV-Visible-Infrared (300 nm - 10 um) Scale plate: 21.5 arcsec/mm

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#### Surface: IMA

Spot Diagram			
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Scale bar : 100 Reference : Centroid	IRAIT_F12_70mm-longer-BFL.zos		

Configuration: RC + 0.75X focal reducer Telescope focal length: 7613 mm (F/9.5) Unvignetted FOV: 18 arcmin diameter Wavelength: Visible (435 - 750 nm) Scale plate: 27.1 arcsec/mm



#### New Optical Scheme: PSF and RMS spot radius



### New Optical Scheme: Focuser



- Crayford style focuser with 40 ball bearings, specially designed for very high load capacity (up to 10 kgs) with no flexure
- Low profile design with only 65mm thickness (91mm with internal flange).
- 35mm focuser travel with an incredible resolution of 0.04 microns per step!

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### New Optical Scheme: Rotator



- Low profile rotator 23mm of body thickness
- -1 arc second resolution per step
- 76.3mm of free aperture
- Specially designed full aluminum case, for rotating heavy cameras and accessories without any flexure

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- M81 threaded

# Thanks!

## Any questions?

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# Software upgrades: INDI-Ekos-Kstars

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# Software upgrades: Encoder closed loop

