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Observers: Simon, Frantz Configuration: E2/V1/POP2 W2/V2/POP5 W1/V3/POP1 **** NO CLIMB **** UTC03:37: At the beginning of the night, the seeing looks promising, with an average $r0 \sim 15$ cm on the best beam (W1). _____ V43 (O. Creevey) UTC03:38: pointing HD 181440, first calibrator for this program. setting up the VEGA FT initial OPLE offset: +2230 (E2-W2) the left hand side peak on the VEGA FT display initial OPLE offset: -5150 (W1-W2) the right hand side peak on the VEGA FT display. VEGA track rate: 10 sec, coeff "-1" UTC04:01: HD181420CAL1.2014.08.30.03.26 (HD 181440, cal. for HD 181420) 20 blocks UTC04:28: HD181420.2014.08.30.04.17 (science target HD 181420) initial OPLE offset: +2320 (E2-W2) [left] -5250 (W1-W2) [right] 20 blocks UTC04:47: HD181420CAL1.2014.08.30.04.37 (HD 181440, cal. for HD 181420) initial OPLE offset: +2550 (E2-W2) [left] -5120 (W1-W2) [right] 20 blocks Note: in this config, on (E2-W2), to increase the offset (decrease its absolute value) moves the peak to the left. UTC05:08: Crash of the cameras GUIs (ALGOL R & B) when setting up for the spectral calibration. UTC05:11: D_R2720.2014.08.30.05.08 (spectral calibration) _____ _____ V01 (R. Ligi) _____ ------Configuration: E2/V1/POP2 W2/V2/POP5 W1/V3/POP1 **** NO CLIMB **** Seeing conditions still quite good, with an average r0 ~ 10 - 15 cm UTC05:27: HD189733CAL4W1W2E2.2014.08.30.05.16 (HD 204414, cal. for HD 189733) initial OPLE offset: +2590 (E2-W2) [left] -5690 (W1-W2) [right] Track rate: 10 sec, coeff (E2-W2) "+1" (W1-W2) "-1' 20 blocks UTC06:04: HD189733W1W2E2.2014.08.30.05.37 (science target HD 189733) initial OPLE offset: +2280 (E2-W2) [left] -5950 (W1-W2) [right] Track rate: 20 sec, coeff (E2-W2) "+1" can't track this one 30 blocks UTC06:34: HD189733CAL4W1W2E2.2014.08.30.06.18 (HD 204414, cal. for HD 189733) initial OPLE offset: +2960 (E2-W2) [left] -5870 (W1-W2) [right] UTC06:51: shooting for HD 209458 It is fainter (V=7.7, so Chris has doubts about this observation) It sounds like we'll be able to use CLIMB again in ~15 minutes. UTC07:02: we let the crew take the mirror they've inserted on the way to CLIMB for their engineering test (they are done for the night). We take this opportunity to request Chris to do the alignment of the S2 beam, in prep for the next part of the night. Should be a total of ~ 20 minutes before going back to observing.

UTC07:42: Took longer than expected. We are now back on HD 209458,

looking for fringes on VEGA.

- UTC07:55: HD209458W2W1E2.2014.08.30.07.36 (science target HD 209458) E2-W2 only visible in the VEGA-FT, very difficult No fringe tracking during this series 40 blocks UTC08:23: were about to move back to the cal, but figured out we don't have delays anymore. The plot with the observability times for this configuration is wrong (not the right POPs). Started looking for another calibrator, but need to move on if we want to make good use of the observing time. We switch configuration: S2W1W2. UTC08:28: D_R2720.2014.08.30.08.24 (spectral calibration) _____ _____ V38 (M. Challouf) _____ _____ Configuration: S2/V1/POP2 W2/V2/POP5 W1/V3/POP1 + CLIMB Seeing is holding well, and the signal on CLIMB looks quite stable, so this should be a reasonably good data set. UTC08:55: HD22928CAL1.2014.08.30.08.40 (HD 18411, cal. for HD 22928) cophasing: (W2,S2): +3680 um, (W2-W1): -5540 um CLIMB offsets: B1 (S2): -0.24, B2 (W2): -0.03 20 blocks UTC09:13: HD22928.2014.08.30.09.07 (science target HD 22928) CLIMB offsets: B1 (S2): -0.18, B2 (W2): -0.03 20 blocks UTC09:29: HD22928CAL1.2014.08.30.09.24 (HD 18411, cal. for HD 22928) CLIMB offsets: B1 (S2): -0.22, B2 (W2): -0.03 20 blocks UTC09:46: HD22928.2014.08.30.09.39 (science target HD 22928) No changes of offsets on CLIMB this time 20 blocks UTC10:05: HD22928CAL1.2014.08.30.09.57 (HD 18411, cal. for HD 22928) No changes of offsets on CLIMB this time 20 blocks UTC10:17: HD22928.2014.08.30.10.14 (science target HD 22928) 20 blocks UTC10:34: HD22928CAL1.2014.08.30.????? (HD 18411, cal. for HD 22928) ***** For some reason, the GUI did not change the directory name when selecting this target from the program. Will have to check the content of the directories after the night is over **** UTC10:39: HD22928CAL1.2014.08.30.10.37 (HD 18411, cal. for HD 22928) 20 blocks UTC10:40: Have been debating for the past 20 minutes of what to do next. Ideally, we'd switch to E1E2W2 for one more point on at least two objects, but technical constraints (computer issues at CHARA + alignment time) make it a non optimal choice. We've therefore decided to stay on this target and get it as much uv coverage as it can, until the night ends.
- UTC10:52: HD22928.2014.08.30.10.14 (science target HD 22928) 20 blocks

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UTC11:07: HD22928CAL1.2014.08.30.11.03 (HD 18411, cal. for HD 22928) 20 blocks UTC11:22: HD22928.2014.08.30.11.17 (science target HD 22928) 20 blocks UTC11:32: interesting: it turns out that you cannot have more than 10 entries in the LOGOBS GUI! We'll do a spectral calibration, and then create a separate series for the rest of the night. UTC11:32: D_R2720.2014.08.30.11.32 (spectral calibration) _____ V38 (M. Challouf) _____ _____ Same player plays again. UTC11:39: HD22928CAL1.2014.08.30.11.37 (HD 18411, cal. for HD 22928) 20 blocks UTC11:55: HD22928.2014.08.30.11.50 (science target HD 22928) 20 blocks

- UTC12:13: HD22928CAL1.2014.08.30.12.06 (HD 18411, cal. for HD 22928) 20 blocks
- UTC12:xx: D_R2720.2014.08.30.12.24 (spectral calibration)