Log CHARA/VEGA 2017-11-09

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UT2h00: we start everything. Clear sky but >80% RH. UT5h00: RH is going down very rapidly. The hope is back.

V65: S2P1B1-E2P4B2-W2P5B3-W1P3B4

UT5h40: preparation of the opening. Observation is possible up to UT7h10 UT6h10: We open and slew to HD3360 the check star. Alignment of NIRO and VEGA. Search for fringes at 7h30. S2=-1500, E2=-570. W1=2.38. B1=-0.31, B2=0.07.

UT7h40: target V649Cas. Pupils realigned. R0 around 8/9 cm. S2=-1730, E2=-360. W1=2.72 but hard to see them and not sure there are at the correct place. No possible tracking on W1. Recording V649CAS.2017.11.09.06.55. r0 around 10cm. Fringes ok on CLIMB. S2 is lost at block 25. Stop. Block 25 is not good. As a conclusion, this program is really hard even with 10cm r0. Probably the star is too faint without the AO.

UT7h07: HD2011, CAL2. R0=11cm. V649CASCAL2.2017.11.09.07.14. S2=-1660, E2=-480, W1=2.62. Recording. Tracking ok on CLIMB with some piston. Manual tracking on W1. 30 blocs.

D_R2720.2017.11.09.07.29

V66: <u>W2P5B3</u>-W1B4P1

UT7h28: we start on HD35411. W1=+3.39. HD35411W1W2.2017.11.09.07.44. r0 between 7 and 10cm now. Very nice fringes well tracked. 30 blocs. Lower quality in the second half of the recording. UT7h59: next object is HD35439. W1=+2.97. HD35439W1W2.2017.11.09.08.04. r0 around 10cm. Good fringes. 20 blocs.

UT8h14: next object is HD45542. W1=+2.0. HD45542W1W2.2017.11.09.08.18. r0 around 10cm. Nice fringes. 20 blocs. 400µm offset at bloc17.

UT8h31: last object (HA=+3h): HD6811. Hard time to find the fringes. Rehome W2 cart but Ok. W1=3.6. HD6811W1W2.2017.11.09.09.01. Contrast very low apparently. Hard/impossible to track. r0 around 9cm... Really hard to see fringes.

D_R2656.2017.11.09.09.12

V72: S2P5B1-E2P4B2-<u>W2P5B3</u>-W1P1B4

UT9h10: we slew on the target directly (bright) HD58715=beta CMi. Alignment of NIRO and VEGA. We added a ND=0.3 for bet CMi=2500 photons/frame. S2=-1.52, E2=-2.77, W1=2.58. B1=-0.37, B2=0.01. The cophasing of B1B2 has been hard and we have just do the same correction as on B3B2. BETACMI.2017.11.09.09.39. r0 around 11cm. CLIMB tracking is quite good but with some piston excursion. Nice fringes. VEGA tracking on W1 is ok also.

UT9h48. We go to Cal1=HD58187. **BETACMICAL1.2017.11.09.09.53**. S2=-1.41, E2=-2.67, W1=2.42. So the previous cophasing was ok. Great. R0=10cm.

UT10h05: we go to Beta Cmi. **BETACMI.2017.11.09.10.12.** Offsets: S2=-1.38 mm, E2=-2.49 mm, W1=2.58 mm. R0 ~ 10 cm. 20 blocks.

UT10h20: calibrator 1. **ETACMICAL1.2017.11.09.10.36**. Offsets: S2 = -1.30 mm, E2 = -2.17 mm, W1 = 2.45 mm. Seeing is better: R0 ~ 10-15 cm. 20 blocks.

UT11h47: target. **BETACMI.2017.11.09.10.50.** Offsets: S2 = -1.29 mm, E2 = -2.07 mm, W1 = 2.70 mm. R0 around 10 cm.

UT11h00: we change the POPs for S2 (POP3) and E2 (POP1) before going to calibrator 1.

S2P3B1-E2P1B2-W2P5B3-W1P1B4

NIRO alignment. Using Beta Cmi for check.

UT11h20: we go to calibrator 1. Recording. **BETACMICAL1.2017.11.09.11.28.** S2 = -1.49 mm, E2 = -1.52 mm, W1 = 2.83 mm. Seeing is around 11 cm. Nice pic on VEGA W1W2.

UT11h37: back to Beta Cmi. Recording. **BETACMI.2017.11.09.11.48.** S2 = -1.47 mm, E2 = -1.37 mm, W1 = 3.14 mm. Seeing around 11 cm too. Nice pic on VEGA (W1W2), nice fringes on CLIMB.

UT12h00 : we go to calibrator 2 (HD 58923). **BETACMICAL2.2017.11.09.12.05.** S2 = -1.50 mm, E2 = -1.15mm, W1 = 3.38 mm. Seeing around 10 cm. Fringes on CLIMB are not quite stable. Not so bright fringe on VEGA (W1W2).

UT12h15: back to the target Beta Cmi. Humidity is around 70% and shows a trend of increasing. BETACMI.2017.11.09.12.19. S2 = -1.42mm, E2 = -0.91 mm, W1 = 3.51 mm. Seeing around 8 cm. Nice fringes.

UT12h30: back to calibrator 1 now. Recording: **BETACMICAL1.2017.11.09.12.32.** S2 = -1.43 mm, E2 = -0.73mm, W1 = 3.50 mm. Seeing around 9 cm.

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V52: W2P5B3-W1B4P1

UT12h58: we start program V52. We go to T Mon (target, HD 44990) for searching fringes. We go to calibrator 2 (HD 43247). Recording 20 blocks. TMONCAL2W2W1.2017.11.09.13.03. W1= 4.61 mm. Seeing is around 11 cm. We see fringe on VEGA.

UT13h11: to the target. Recording 20 blocks. **TMONW2W1.2017.11.09.13.15.** W1 = 5.02 mm. Seeing ~ 9 cm. Faint pic on VEGA. Humidity is decreasing (around 60%). Probably not a problem for the end of observations.

UT13h25: to calibrator 2. TMONCAL2W2W1.2017.11.09.13.27. W1 = 4.95 mm. Seeing ~ 10 cm. No fringes after block 8 in reason of delay.

UT13h37: we try calibrator 3 (HD 46487). Fringes found on VEGA, recording.

TMONCAL3W2W1.2017.11.09.13.42. W1 = 6.04 mm. Seeing ~ 8 cm. Nice pic on VEGA. It is the last point of the night. Spectral calibration.

D_R2700.2017.11.09.13.56