

Homework 2

Look at the APO website at <http://www.apo.nmsu.edu>

Look at the observing schedule and some observing night logs. What are the NMSU programs this quarter?

Under 1Q2016 (the first quarter for this year), there are eight different observing runs listed, each of which include the dates, start/end times, the instrument to be used, and the moon brightness (0 for new moon, 100 for full moon?). The instruments to be used, as written on the site, are ‘V’, ‘DRE’, ‘RS-custom’, ‘D-B1200+R1200’, ‘N’, ‘E’, and ‘R-MSSSO?’. There is no instrument listed under the third observing run.

Check out the 10 micron all-sky camera images at night. What are the images and graphs showing, and what do they tell you?

I clicked the link to the IR All-Sky Camera Image (which I assume is the same thing since 10 μ is in the IR). The two plots show the sky standard deviation and the sky level, both as functions of UT Time. They both describe the ‘sky history’.

Look through the instruments pages, and at anything else that might interest you. If anything stimulates a question, write it down.

Submit housing request for 3/25–3/27 (3 nights).

Apparently this is “Forbidden”... maybe because I’m doing it from my laptop?