C19 Observer: Andrew Cardwell (From obs1, x2go session 51) Partner Observer(s): Mark Whittle (UV, remote) Telescope Operator: Steve Allanson

Plan:

We begin with PEPSI PFU. A full set of MODS DG cals were taken last night. Conditions are clouds, with a high probability of rain. The satellite images strongly suggest that cloud will be an issue all night, although we may catch a break for the first hour of the night.

PEPSI: Choose brighter targets. OSU_FGKBDS_VV478 (7 mag) 10 mins OSU_BHB_J1947 10 mins OSU_BHB_J2028 5 mins If clear then: UM_58AqI 20 mins UM_V1405Cas 1.2 hours (check with 1 min exposure first).

Reality: lost first half of night. Began clearing at UT 8, but cloud still possible, so stay with PEPSI and shift to later targets: OSU_FGK_VHN (6 mag); OSU_BHB_0749; OSU_BHB_0139; OSU_FGK_CD24;

Reality: although skycam showed intermittent clear patches from about midnight onwards, there was too much activity in the area and it was unsafe to open the dome.

Observed and completed:

None

Summary:

No observing due to light rain and clouds all night.

Issues:

Overview (times are given in UT):

23:55 Bringing up MODS.23:59 MODS are awake.00:04 Powering up LBCs. TMS reference from last night has been copied over.

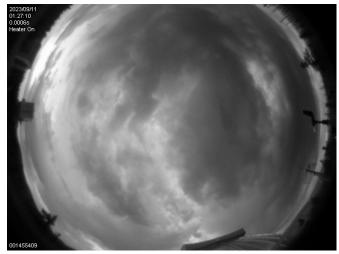
00:28 Steve is cycling the LBCs due to a tracker failure on LBCB.

01:24 Taking simSnap on MODS. Sky is 100% clouded out. 2 Bias Bino checkout on LBCs.

01:27 The first LBCR bias was very ugly, the second near normal. Taking a full LBC bias sequence.

01:29 simSnap looks fine. Taking MODS bias sequence.

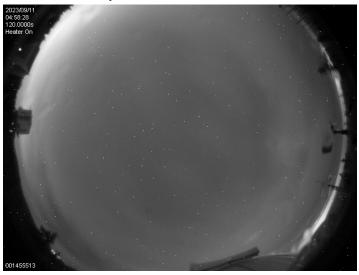
01:30 We will not be opening at sunset.



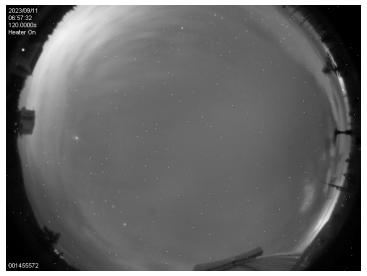
01:39 Sunset01:58 It is currently raining on the summit.02:28 12 degree twilight.02:58 18 degree twilight.

03:16 Clouds persist. They are currently a little patchier, but with the threat of rain it is not safe to open. The satellite animation shows thick clouds, and likely more rain, about an hour away.

05:04 Still cloudy.



07:03 Cloudy.



07:44 We have a promising looking gap in the clouds and are waiting to see if it is stable. Steve reports the enclosure has dried off.

09:13 Conditions were not stable, we have not yet opened. We continue to monitor the situation.10:21 Still cloudy. The clouds appear to be generating as they hit the mountains.11:36 18 degree twilight.

11:51 We are calling the night. Even if we could open right now we wouldn't be on a source until after 12 degree twilight. MODS have been put to sleep, LBCs are powered off. End of night.12:06 12 degree twilight.12:55 Sunrise.