



AN OPC-UA BASED ARCHITECTURE FOR THE CONTROL OF THE ESPRESSO SPECTROGRAPH @ VLT

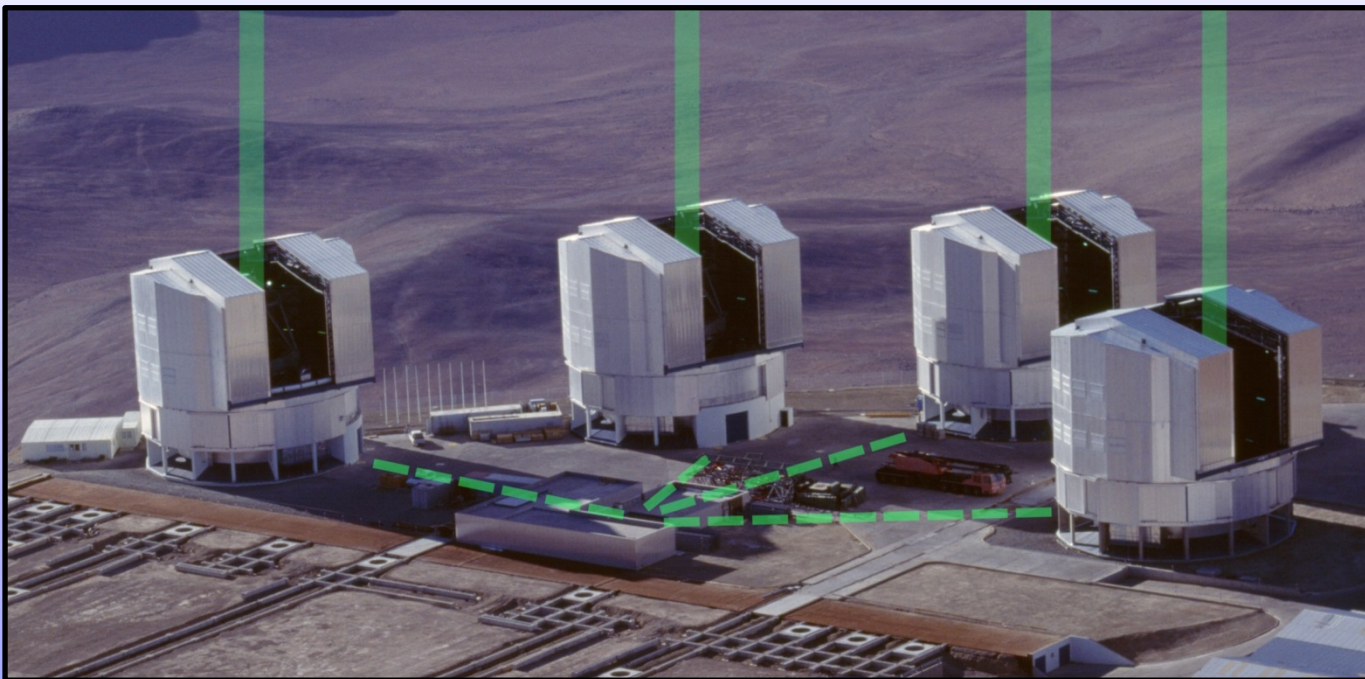
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THE ESPRESSO SPECTROGRAPH @ VLT

- Fiber-fed, cross-dispersed, high-resolution echelle spectrograph for the ESO Very Large Telescope
- Designed to combine incoherently the light coming from up to 4 VLT Unit Telescopes





ESPRESSO CONTROL SYSTEM AND OPC-UA

- **Control software** architecture based on the **VLT Control Software**
- **Control electronics** based on industrial **PLCs**
- **OPC-Unified Architecture**: platform-independent standard through which various kinds of systems and devices can communicate by sending messages between clients and servers over TCP networks
- ESPRESSO uses OPC-UA as communication protocol between the instrument control software and the PLC device drivers