# Lunar irradiance measurement and modelling for absolute radiometric calibration of EO sensors

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#### Objective of the study



- Define a strategy for the measurement of the lunar spectral irradiance variation from the ground
- Demonstrate the feasibility of such measurements
- Compile a database of such measurements and on that basis improve the modelling of the lunar disk irradiance variations through its cycles (targeting sub-2 % absolute radiometric accuracy)
- Compare the improved lunar disk irradiance model to various independent sources of lunar observations from space

#### **Planning**



- ✓ KO of activity in Sept. 2017
- ✓ KO+2 months: definition and procurement of lunar photometer
- ✓ KO+6 months (19<sup>th</sup> of March 2018): Review of instrument characterisation (spectral, geometric and radiometric), calibration and derivation of measurement uncertainties.
- KO+6 months (19<sup>th</sup> of March 2018) to end:
  - ✓ Lunar data collection at Pico Teide / Izana (Spain)
  - ✓ Development of a model of lunar irradiance
- KO+12 month to end: comparison of the model of lunar irradiance to:
  - ✓ lunar observations: from Proba-V, PLEIADES and a subset of the GLOD
  - ✓ Other lunar model(s): GIRO

**Duration:** 21 months

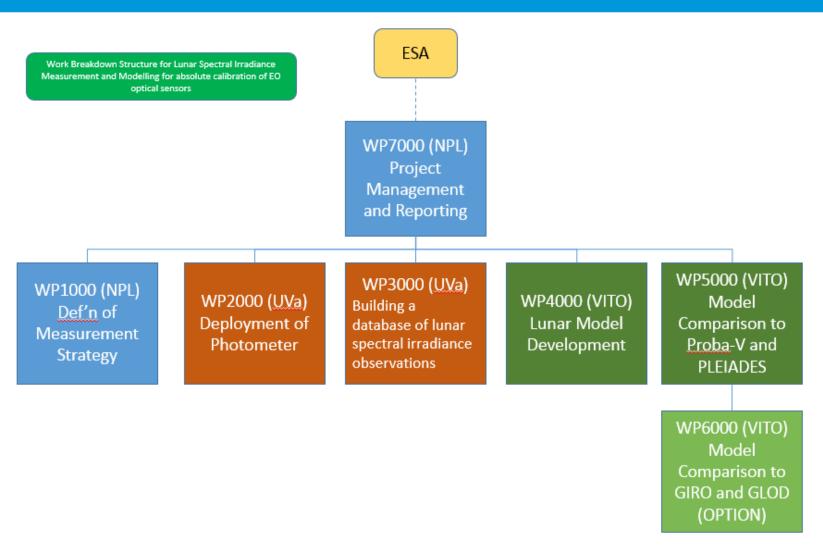




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#### Project team





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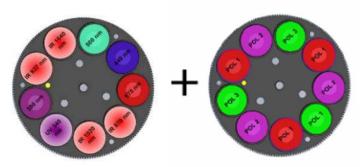
### WP 1000: Instrument specification, characterisation, calibration and uncertainty budget





Instrument selected is the Sun-Sky-Lunar photometer CE318 from CIMEL designed for night aerosol retrieval and specifically for this project:

- Spectral channels: 340, 380, 440, 500, 670
  870, 936, 1020, 1640 nm
- Double filter wheel for polarimetric measurements
- Modification of firmware for polarimetric capabilities in direct lunar observation configuration



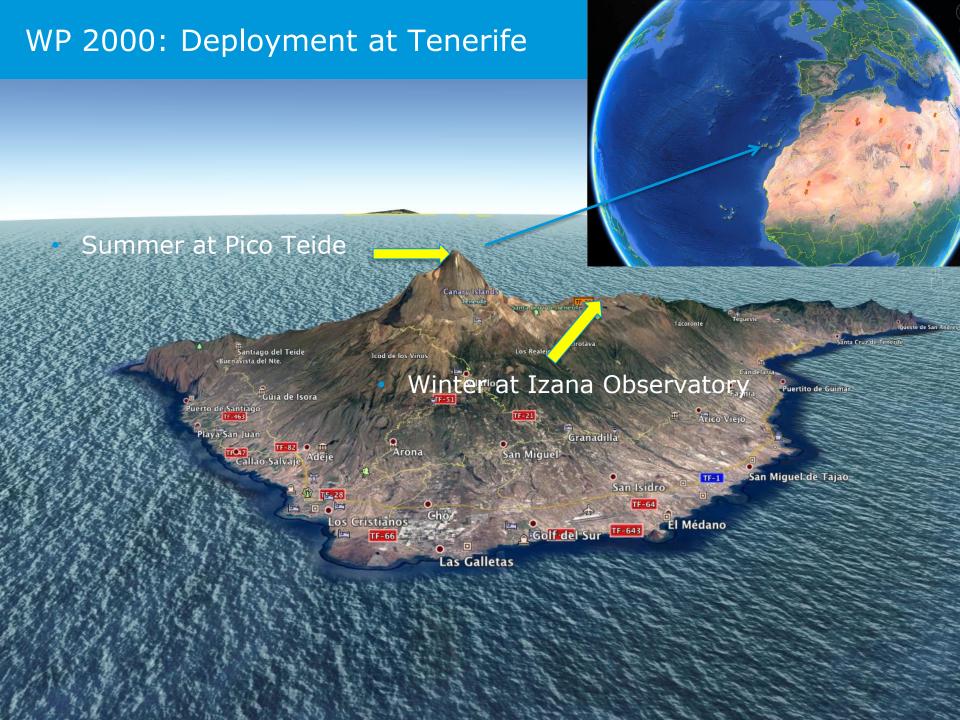
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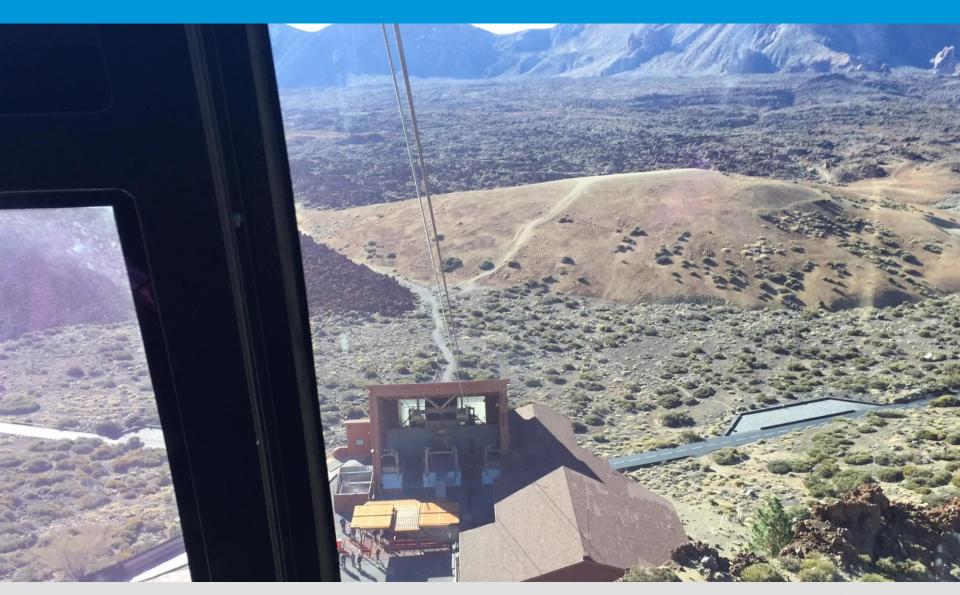
- Temperature characterization (UVa)
- Irradiance / radiance responsivity (NPL/UVa)
- Linearity of the instrument (NPL)
- Final tests at Izana Observatory (Uva)





#### WP 2000: Deployment at Tenerife

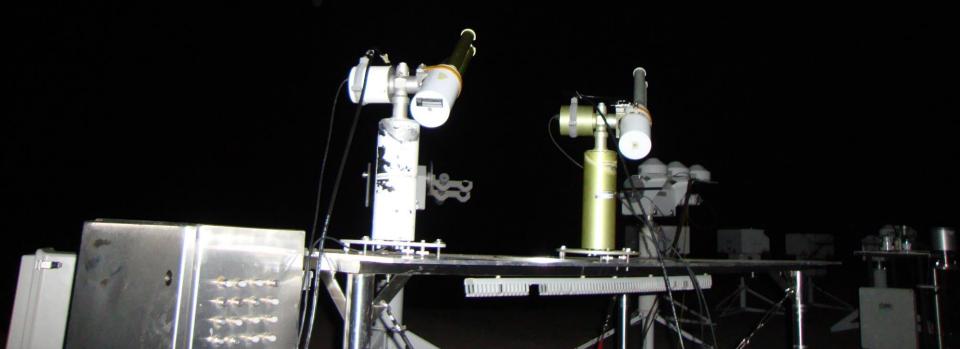




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#### Measurement principle

- Lunar Langley plots for AOD and TOA lunar irradiance measurements
- Sun Langley plots used for radiometric calibration stability monitoring

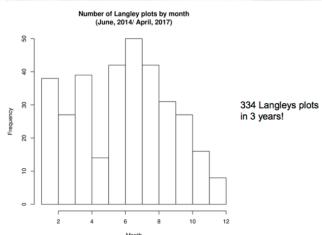


#### WP 2000: Deployment at Tenerife





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| MAR | •••                 | •••   |
| APR | •••                 | •••   |
| MAY | 0.020               | 0.009 |
| JUN | 0.042               | 0.085 |
| JUL | 0.091               | 0.160 |
| AUG | 0.078               | 0.082 |
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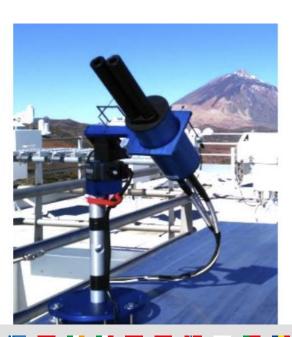
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Additional instrument (already previously) deployed will include:

- Standard lunar photometer CIMEL (no polarimeteric capabilities) => 3 years of lunar irradiance measurements available for this project
- ASD spectrometer + Pandora-2S with lunar tracking capabilities => will support the hyperspectral interpolation of multi-spectral photometer irradiance measurements

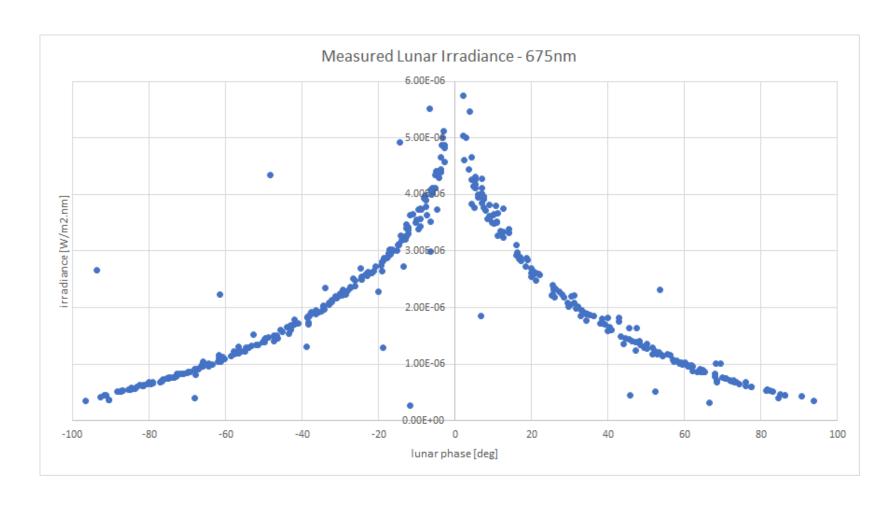






### WP 2000: Deployment at Tenerife – Supporting instruments





### WP 3000: Building a database of quality controlled measurements



- Develop an automated processing scheme for the derivation of lunar spectral irradiance measurements
- Archive the raw data
- Process the raw data into lunar spectral irradiance measurements
- Build a database of lunar spectral irradiance measurements

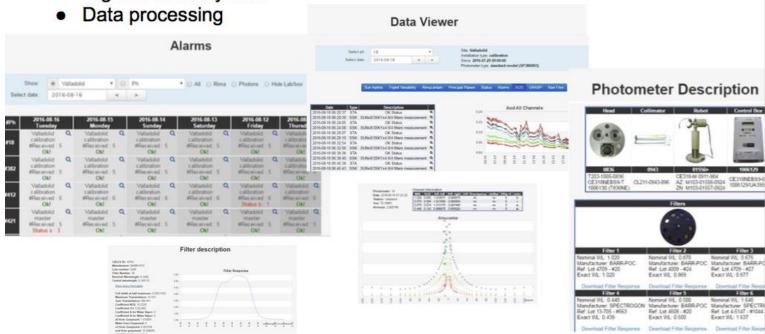
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#### Photometer DB: CÆLIS

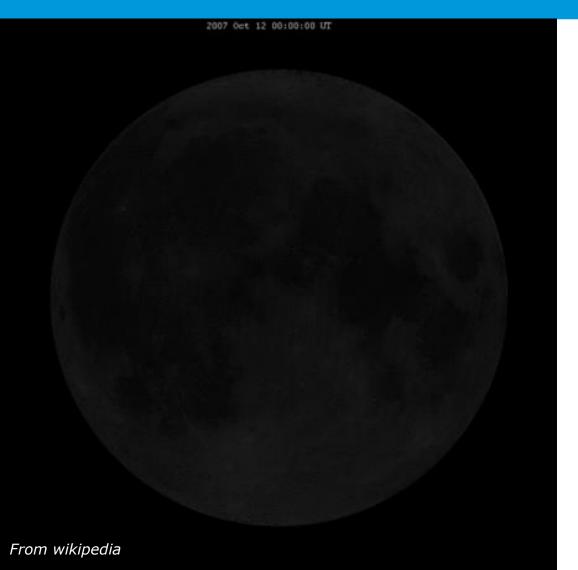
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- Network management tool
- · Database archive for raw data
- Quality control in real-time
- Meta-data: site information, calibration coefficients, configuration parameters, interference filter response, etc.
- Digests ancillary data



### WP 4000: Lunar spectral irradiance model development





- Define a strategy to derive the model regression coefficients (ROLO based) from the lunar measurements
- Derive regression coefficients from database of measurements
- Measurements
   uncertainty propagation
   in to the model
   parameters / regression
   coefficients

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## WP 5000/6000: Comparison of the lunar spectral irradiance model to space borne observation and other models



- Lunar observations:
  - ✓ Proba-V (ESA mission operated by VITO)
  - ✓ PLEIADES (through an agreement with CNES)
  - ✓ GLOD: access requested via EUMETSAT
- Other lunar model(s):
  - ✓ GIRO: access requested via EUMETSAT



Thank you for you attention

























