

GFA ETC Online Pipeline

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ETC Pipeline Overview

Delivers seeing, transparency and sky level to online ETC & observers.

Provides online image quality diagnostics.

Does not require any catalog or WCS.

Fast with minimal dependencies.

Documentation:

- [DESI-5315](#)
- notebooks in <https://github.com/desihub/desicmx/tree/master/analysis/gfa>



ETC Pipeline Inputs: GFA Data

e2v CCD230-42: 2K x 1K sensor with 15um pixels (0.214" / 0.197")

Bias ~ 1150-1700 ADU: subtracted using overscan

Bias spatial variation ~ 15 ADU: calibrated

Readout noise ~ 5 ADU: calibrated

Gain ~ 3.7 elec/ADU: calibrated

Dark current ~ 30-55 elec/pix/s at 11C +23%/C: calibrated & subtracted

Dark current spatial variation ~30 elec/pix: calibrated

(GFA temperature measured to ~0.025C)

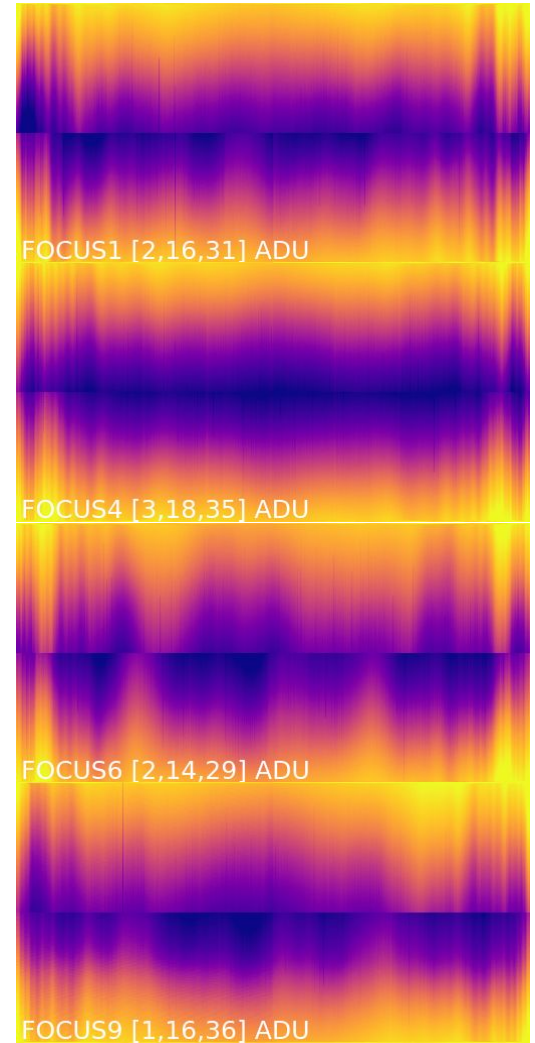
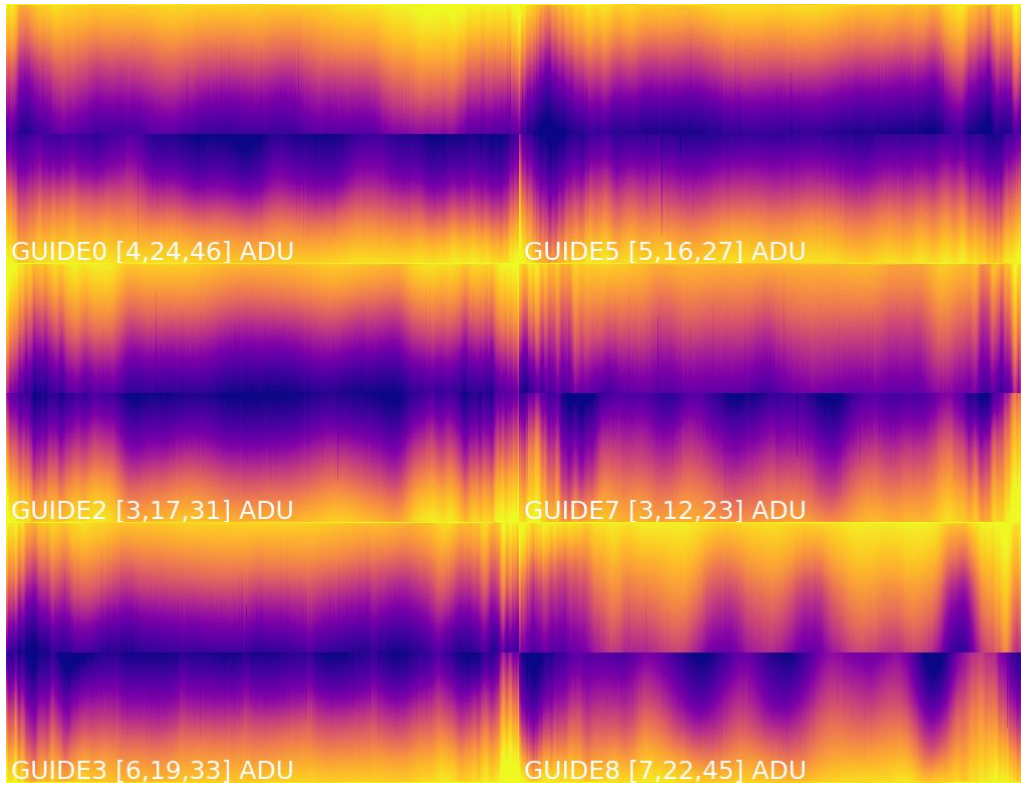
Dark sky level ~ 10 elec/pix/s

Bleed trails > 100K elec (full well ~190K elec, 32-bit max ~ 1.2M elec)



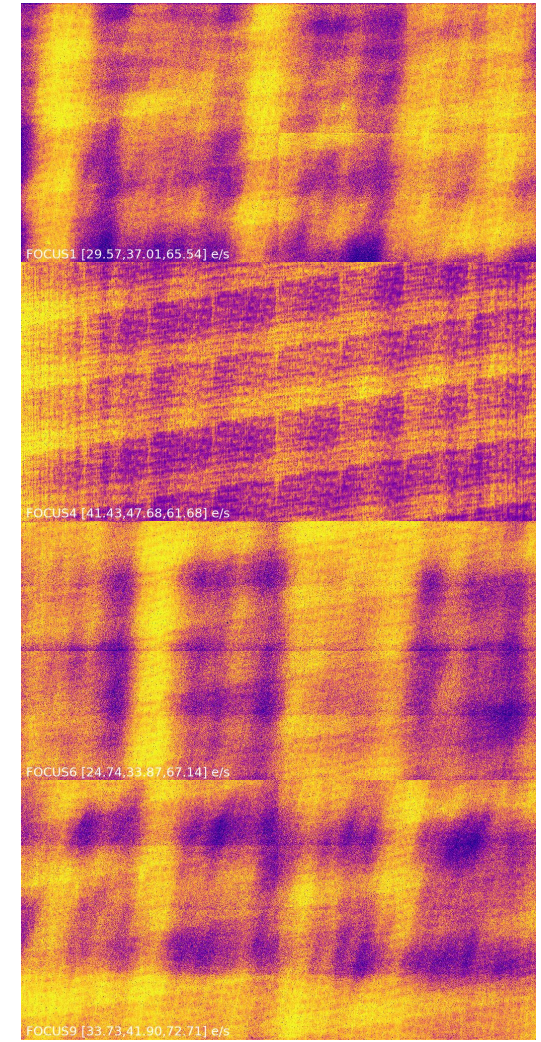
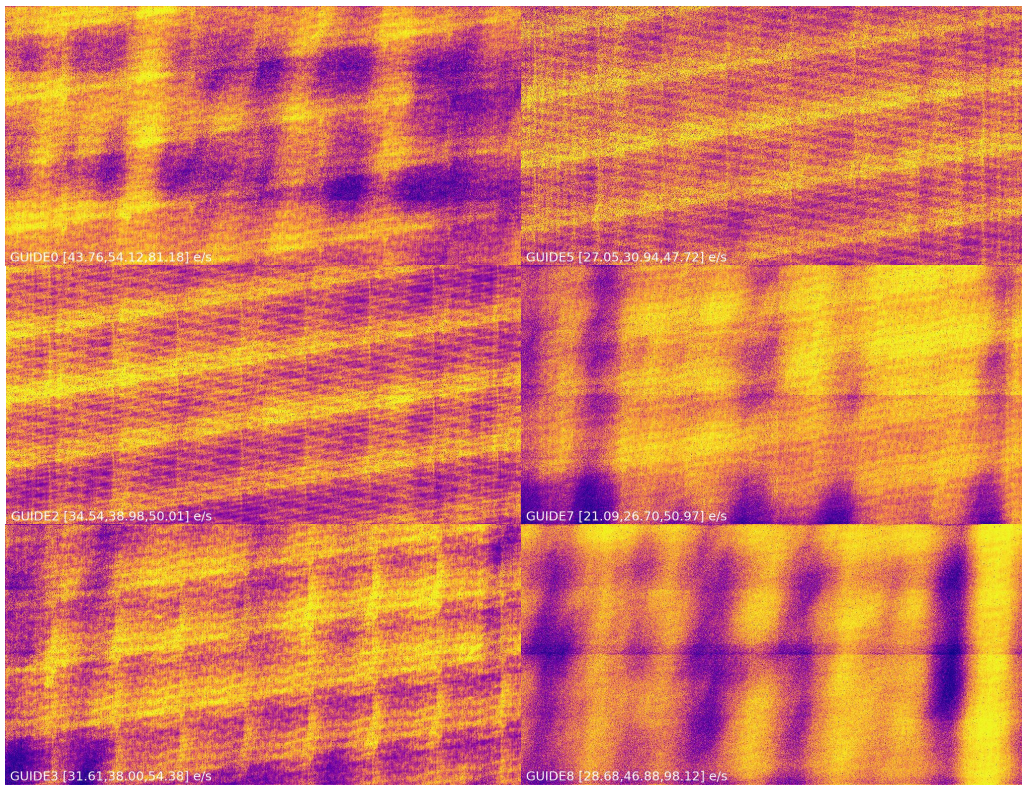
Master bias images

Residuals after overscan subtraction are +0-40 ADU.

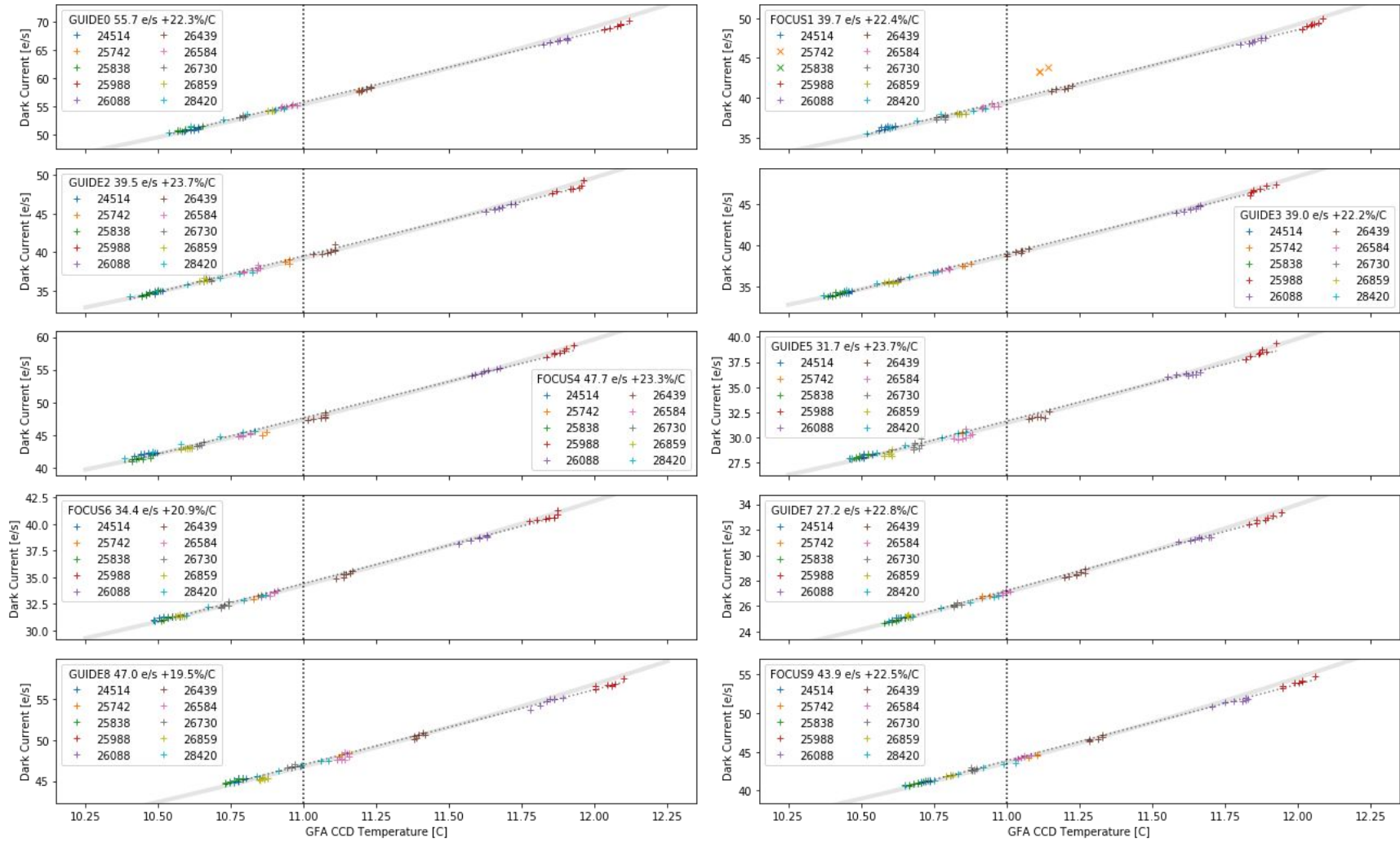


Master dark images

Dark currents are (30 - 55) elec/s at 11C.
Prominent geometric waffle structure due to laser annealing of sensor.



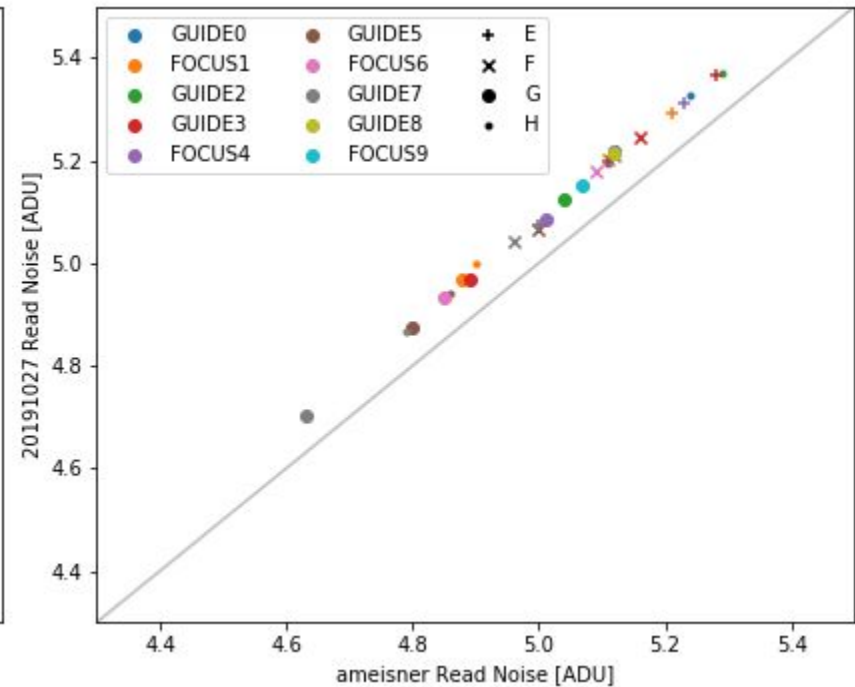
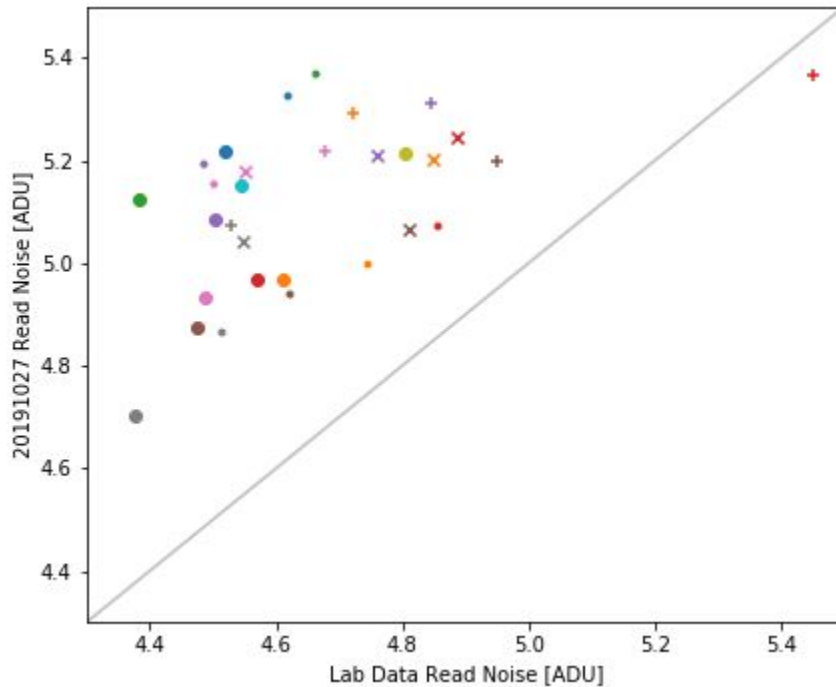
Temperature calibration



Read noise comparisons

Aaron used a different method on the same data, obtaining consistent results (but with a shift of ~ 0.08 ADU).

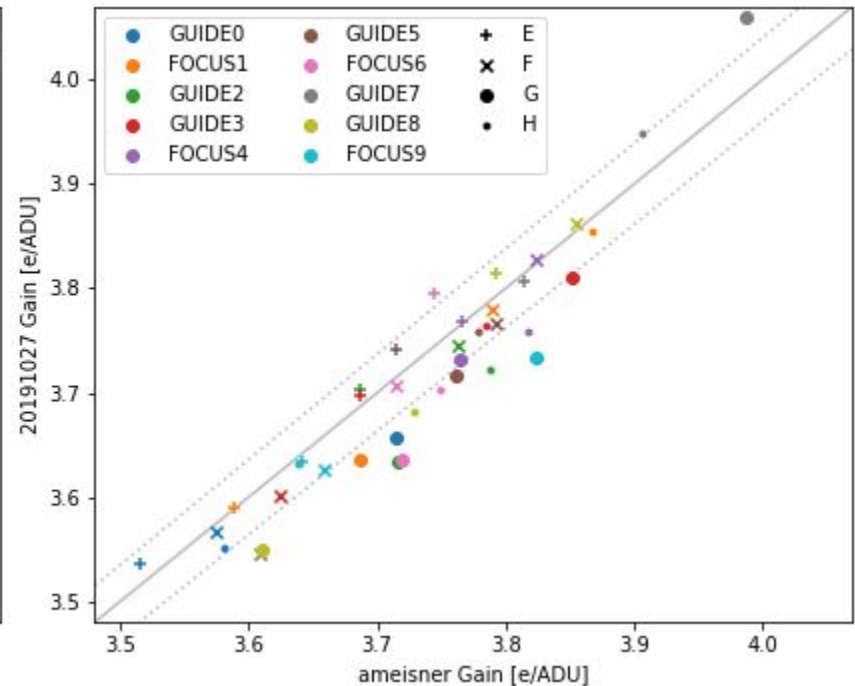
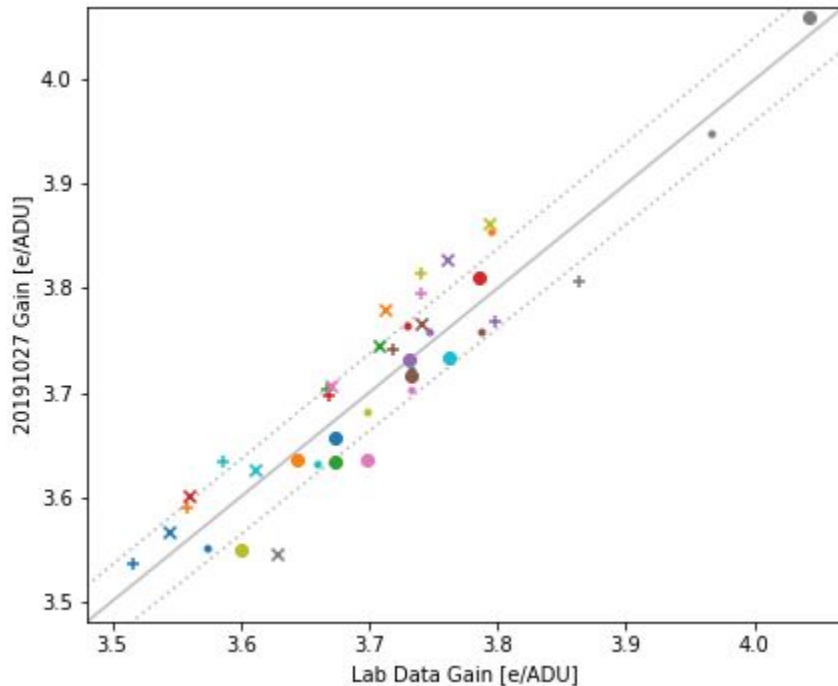
Neither analysis of 20191027 data is consistent with lab data.



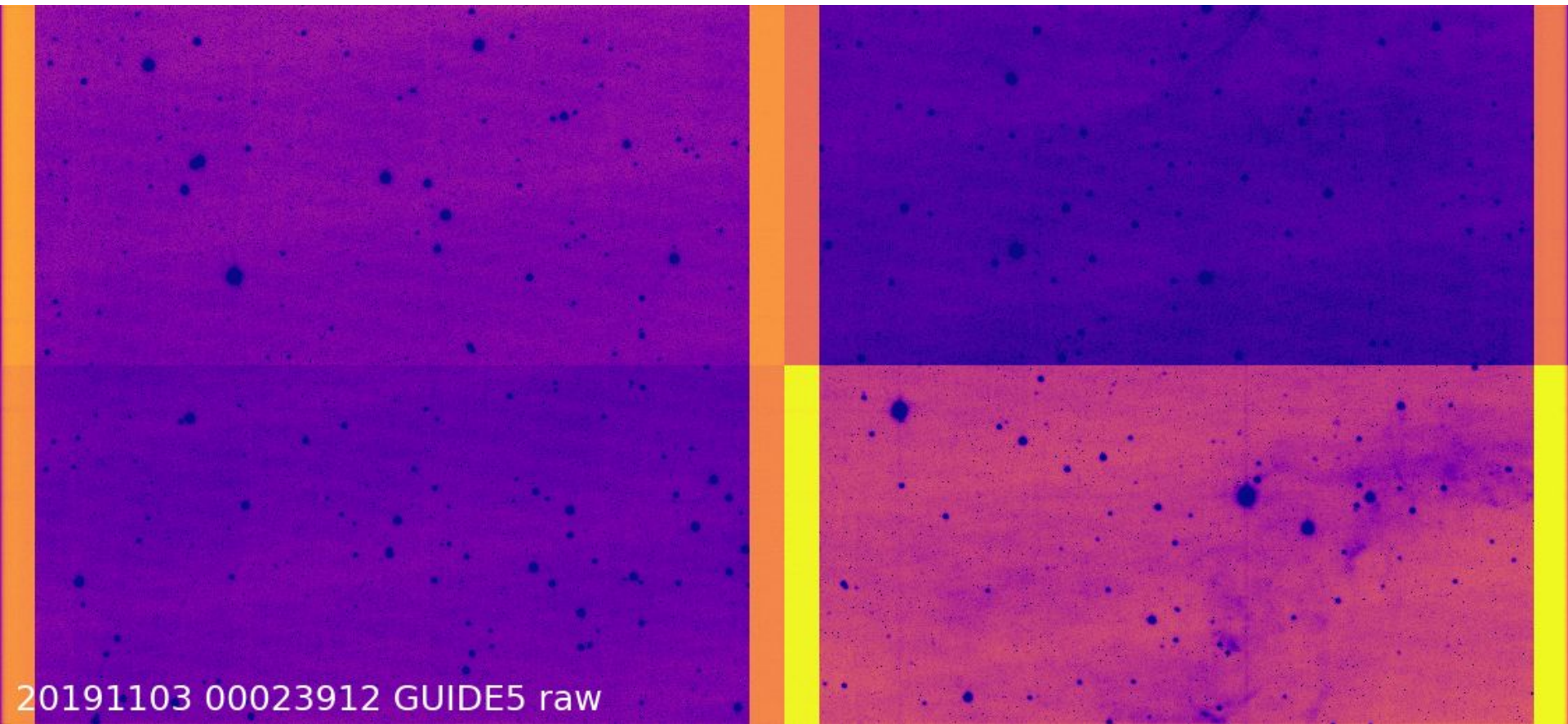
Gain comparisons

Results agree with lab data at better than 1% level.

Aaron's gains are slightly lower on average (-0.02 e/ADU) likely due to extra variance in the "flat" images.



Pipeline Steps: Raw Data



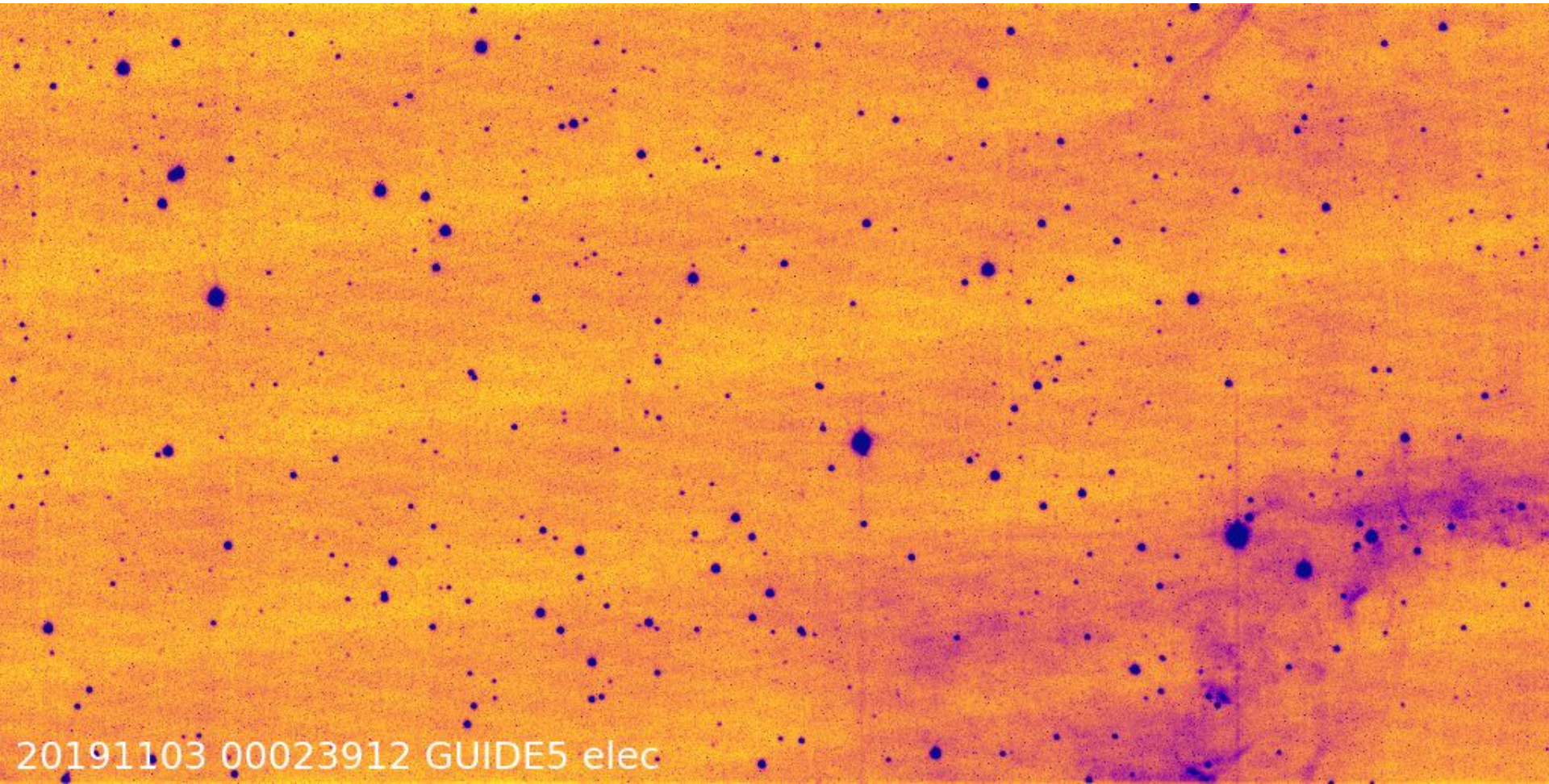
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Pipeline: Calibrated Data

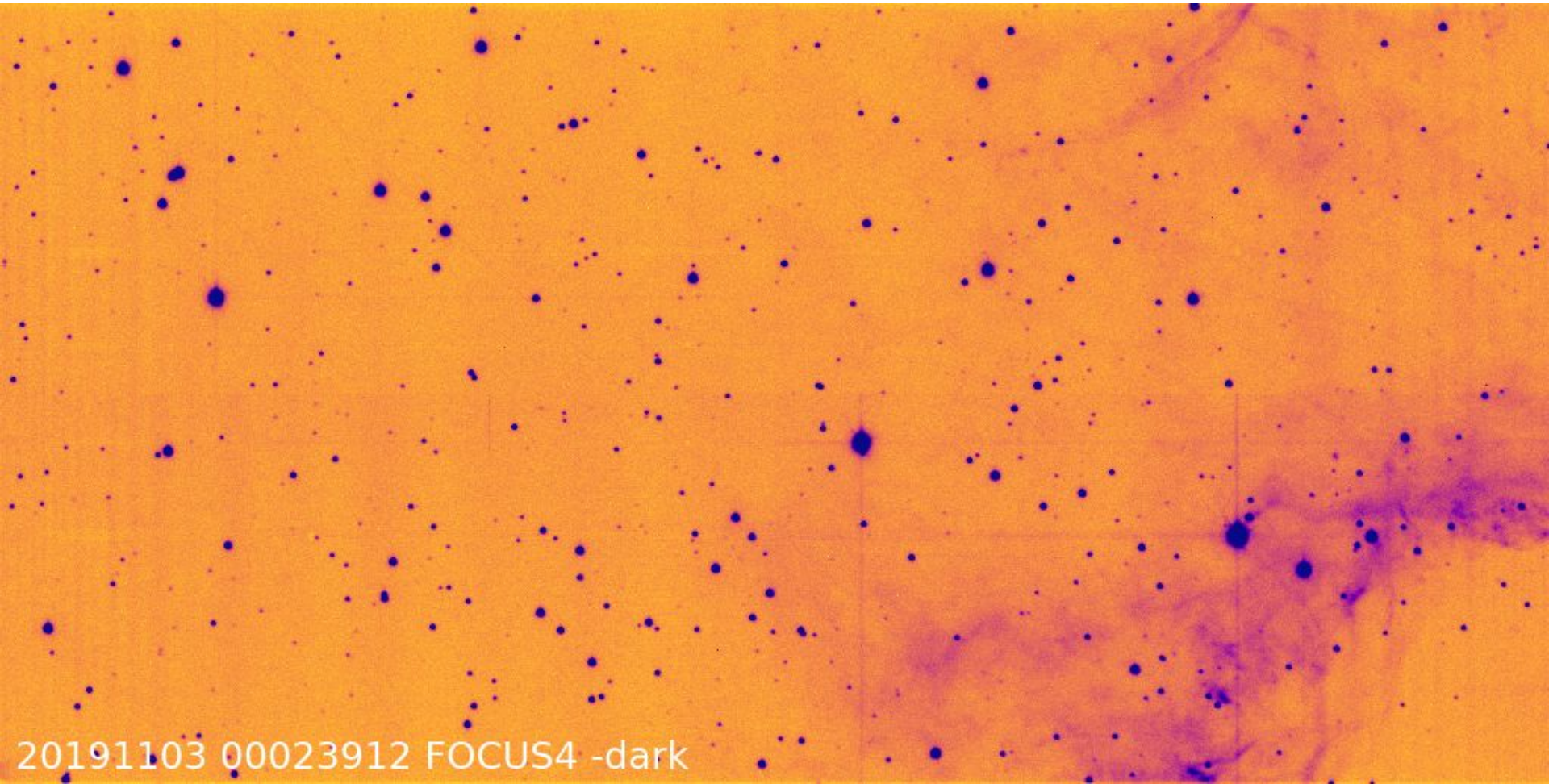


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Pipeline: Dark Current Subtraction

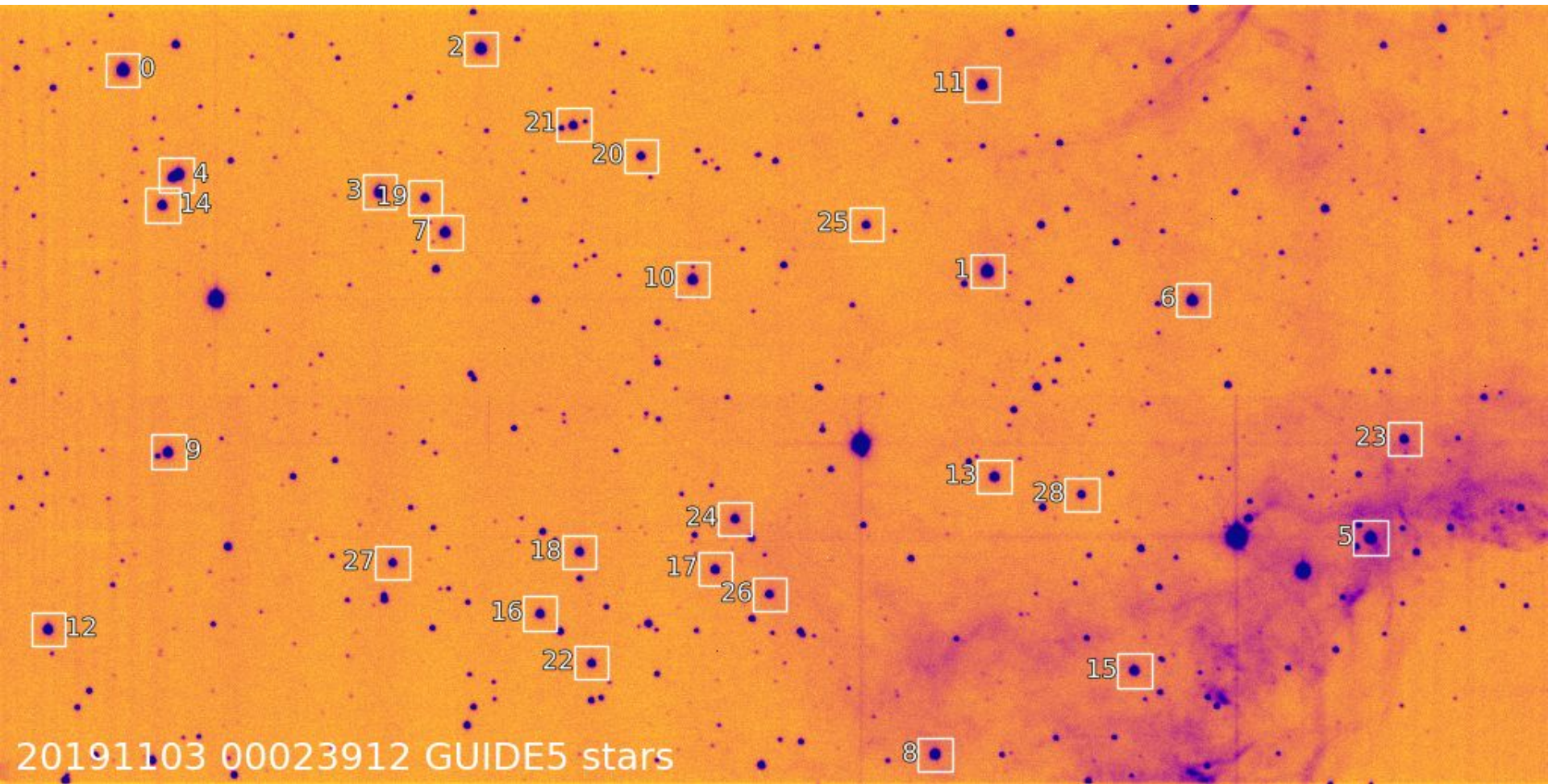


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Pipeline: Detected Stars

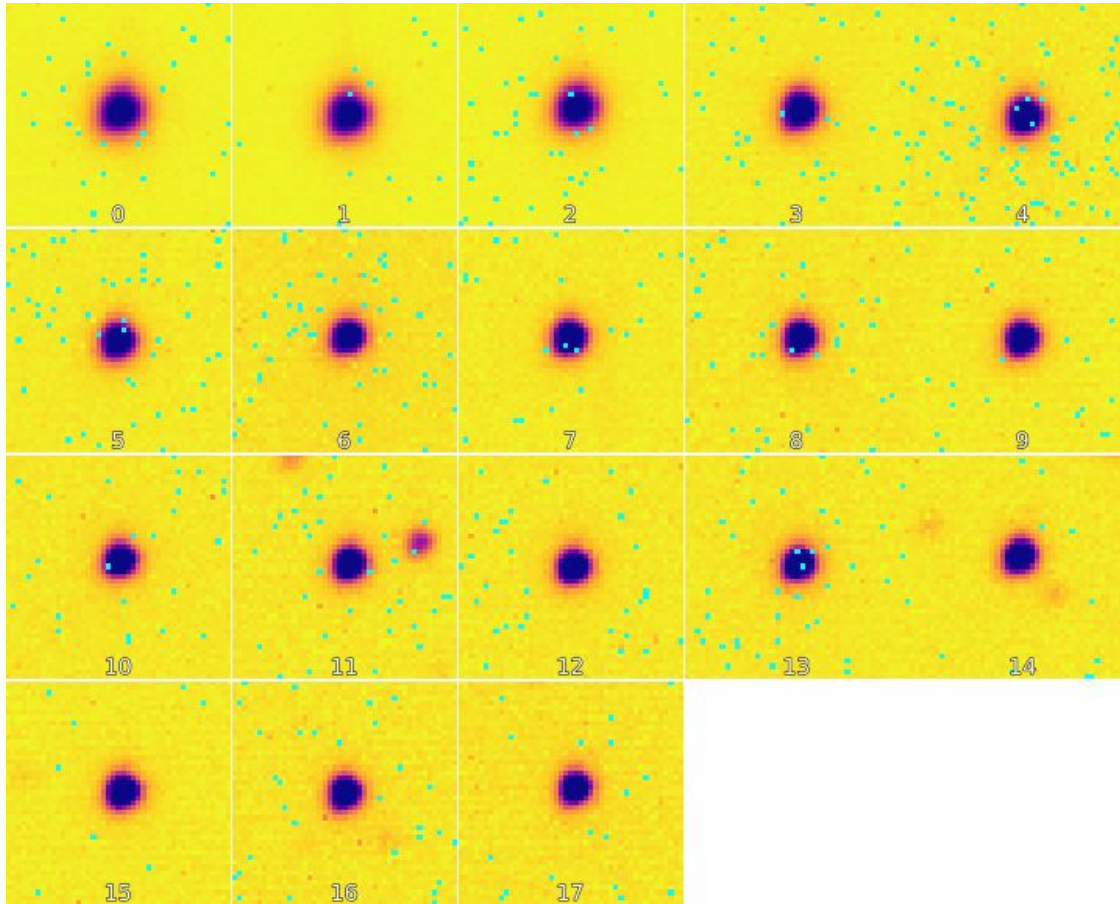


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Pipeline: Stacked PSF

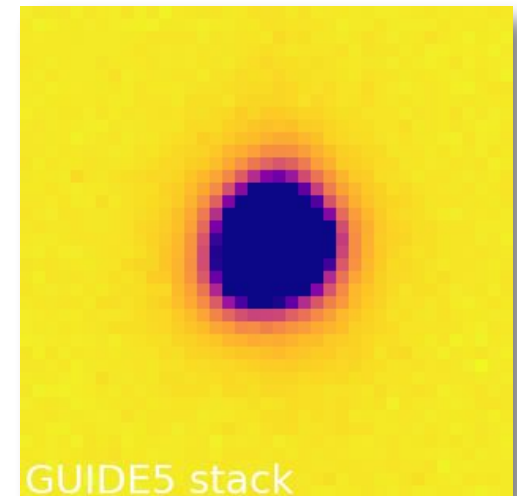


Ignore saturated stars and sensor edges.

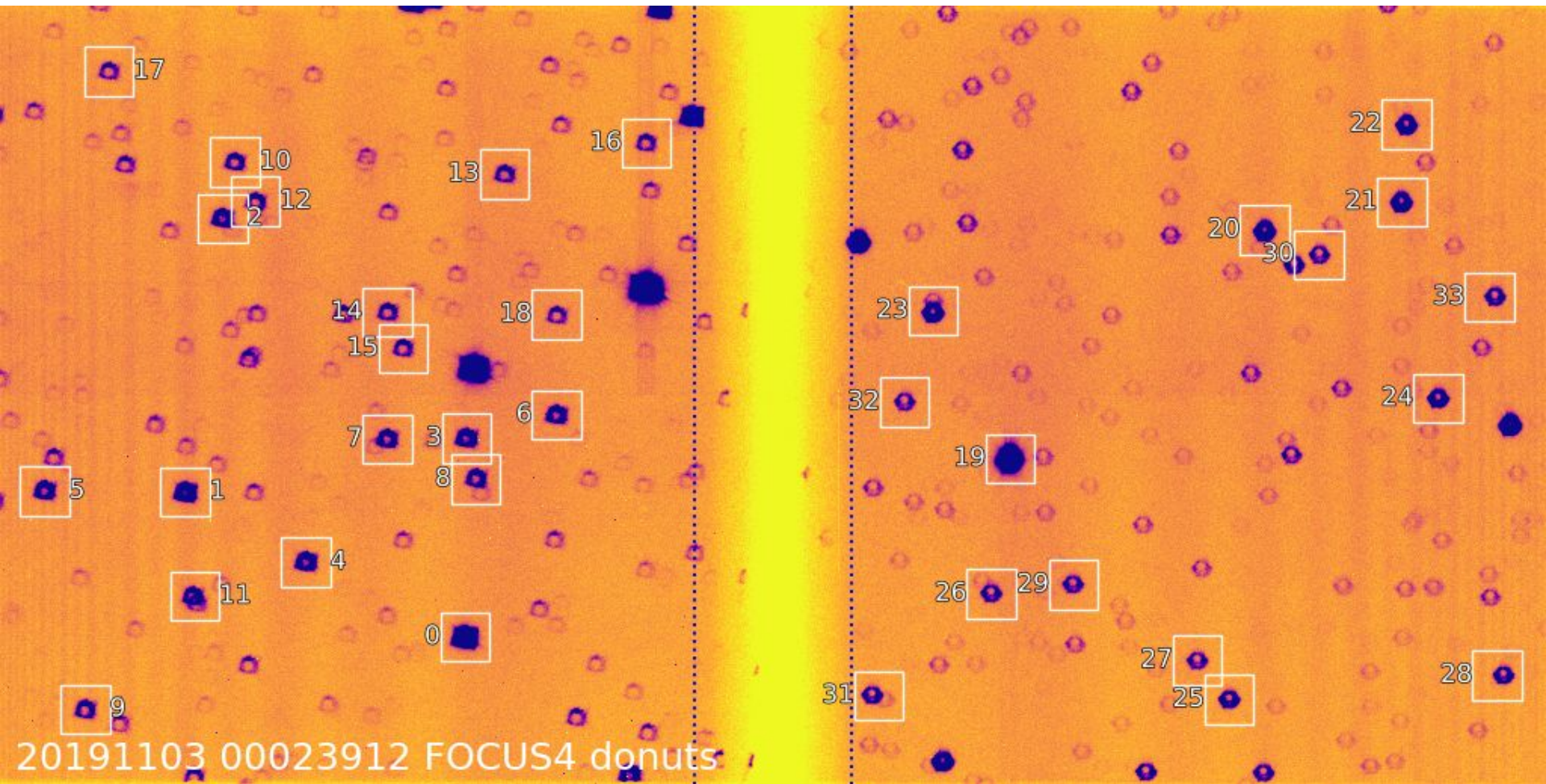
Reject outliers (galaxies, blending, etc)

Center each PSF & calculate ivar-weighted stack.

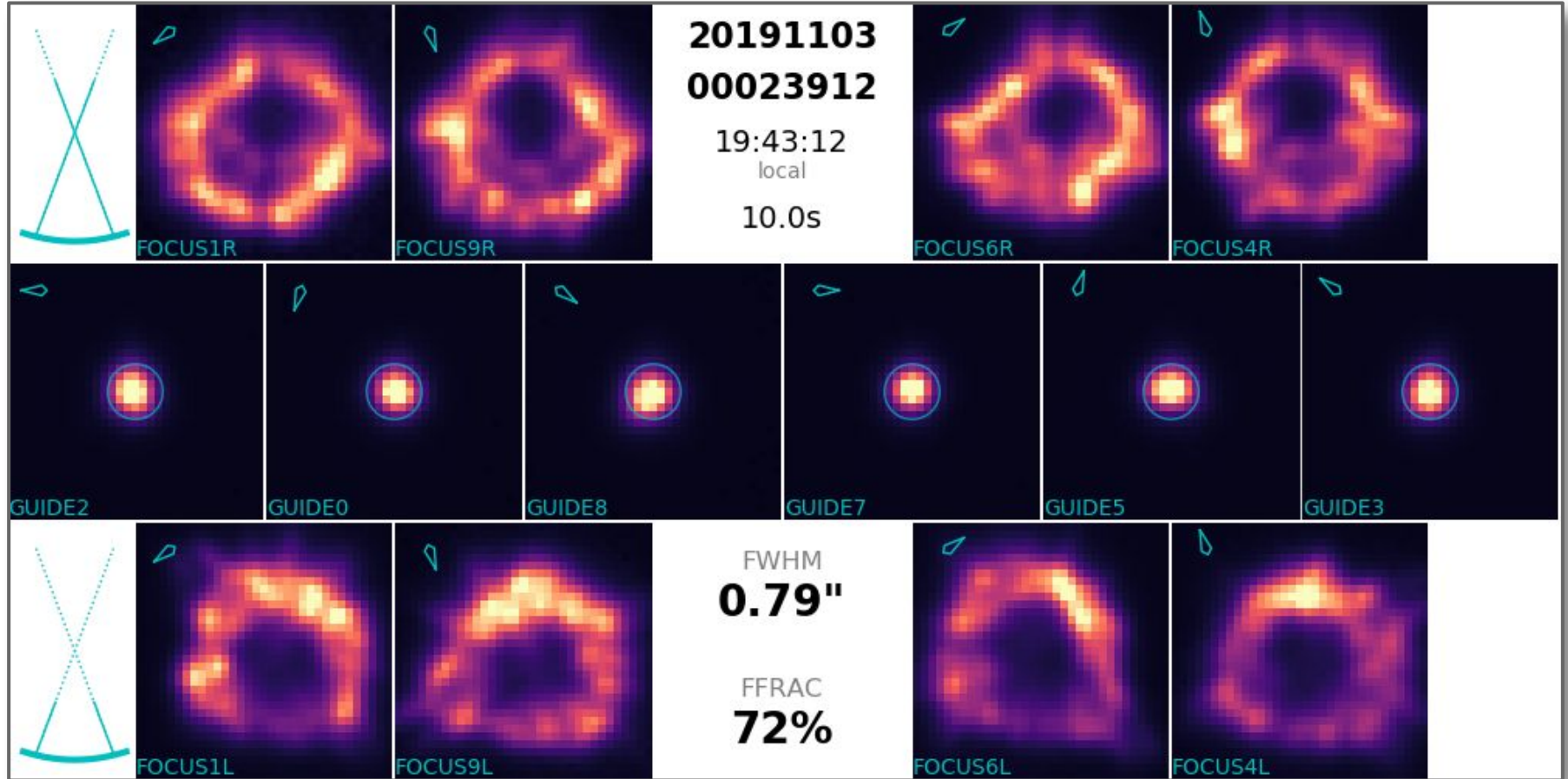
Result is a high-SNR PSF with propagated ivars:



Pipeline: Detected donuts



Online image quality diagnostics



Open Issues: Overview

Sensor & readout:

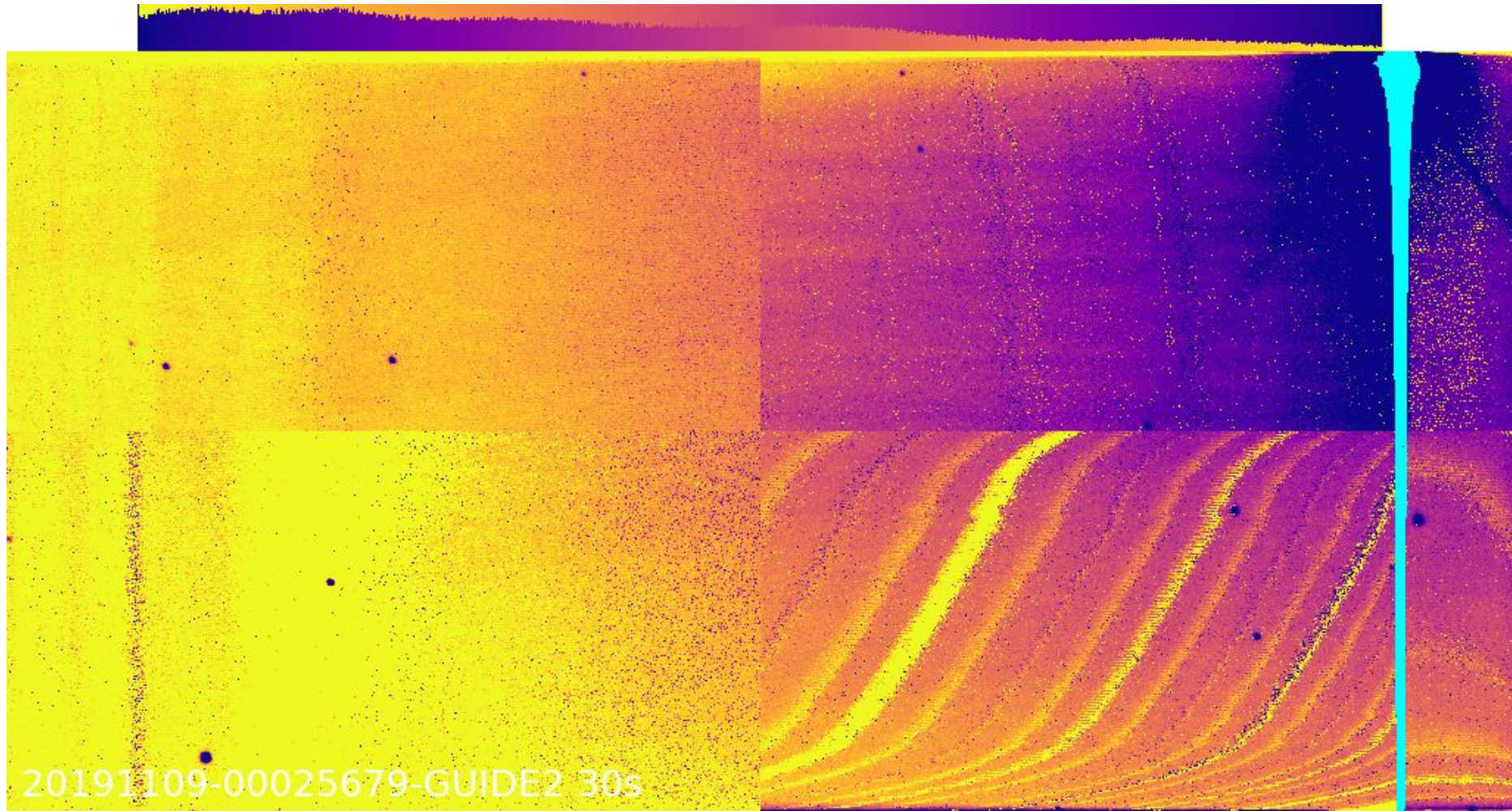
- High-noise state (fixed by "denoising" process)
- Bad pixels
- Pattern noise
- Saturation horizontal streaks
- Gain variations
- Dark current versus exposure time

Telescope & optics:

- No shutter
- Dust pinhole images
- Vignetting at large radius
- Asymmetric plate scales and optical PSF



High-noise state



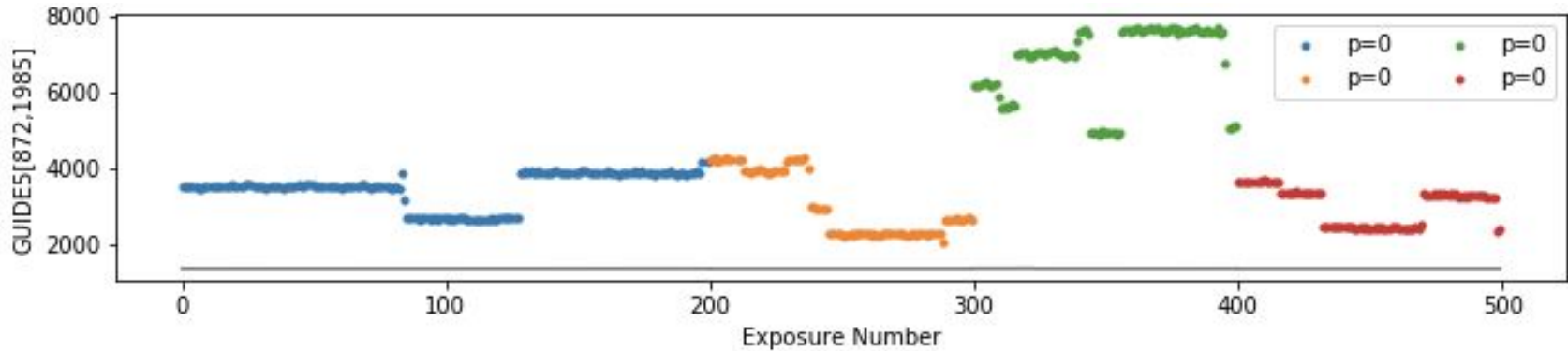
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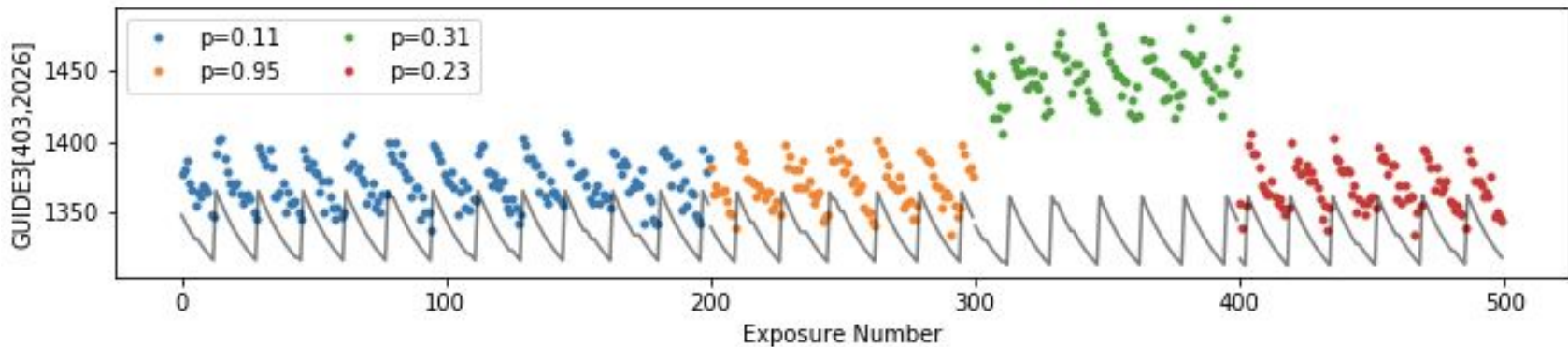
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Bad pixels

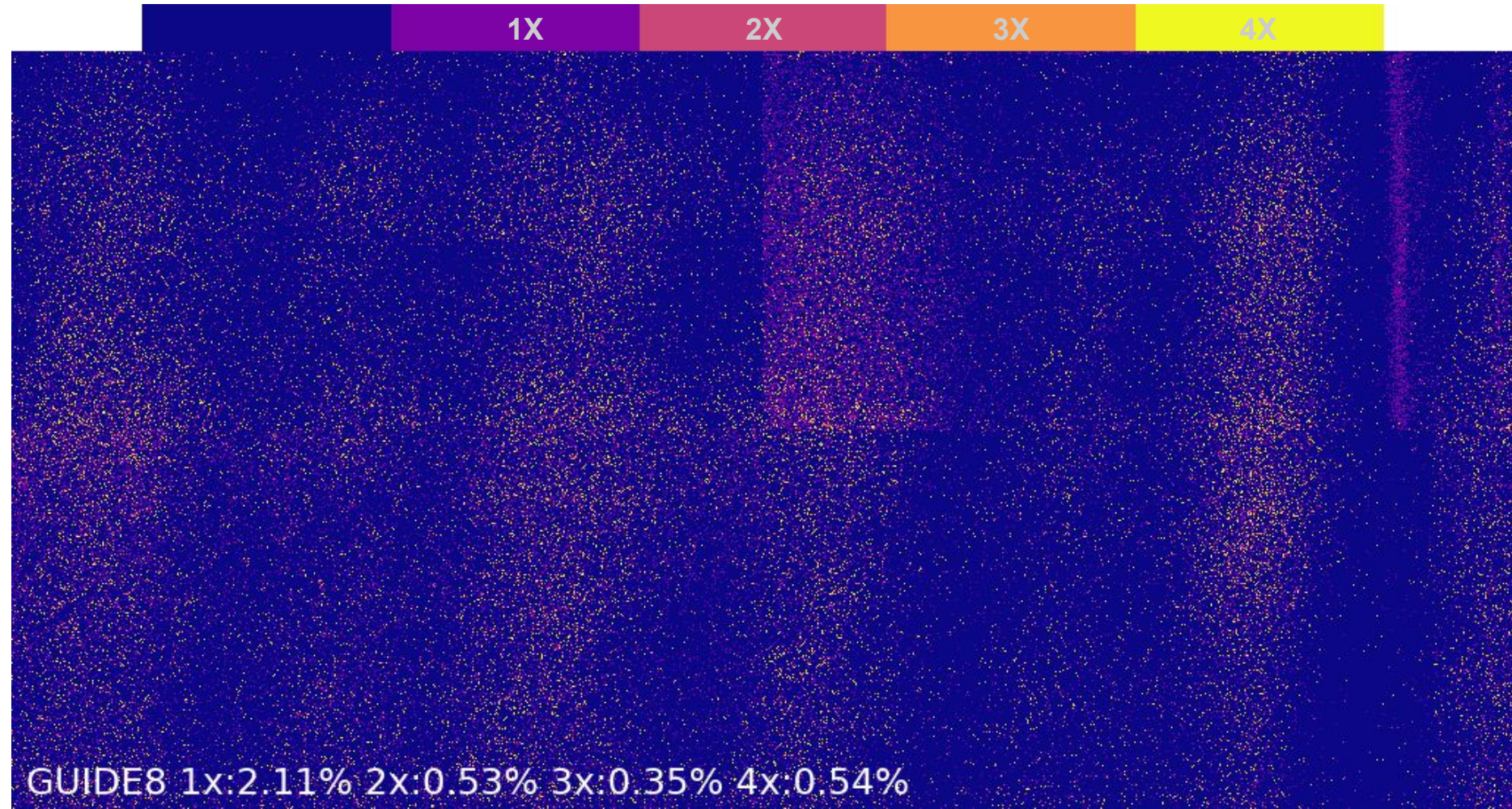
ADC bit flips: <https://desi.lbl.gov/trac/ticket/465>



Bias sawtooth: <https://desi.lbl.gov/trac/ticket/466>

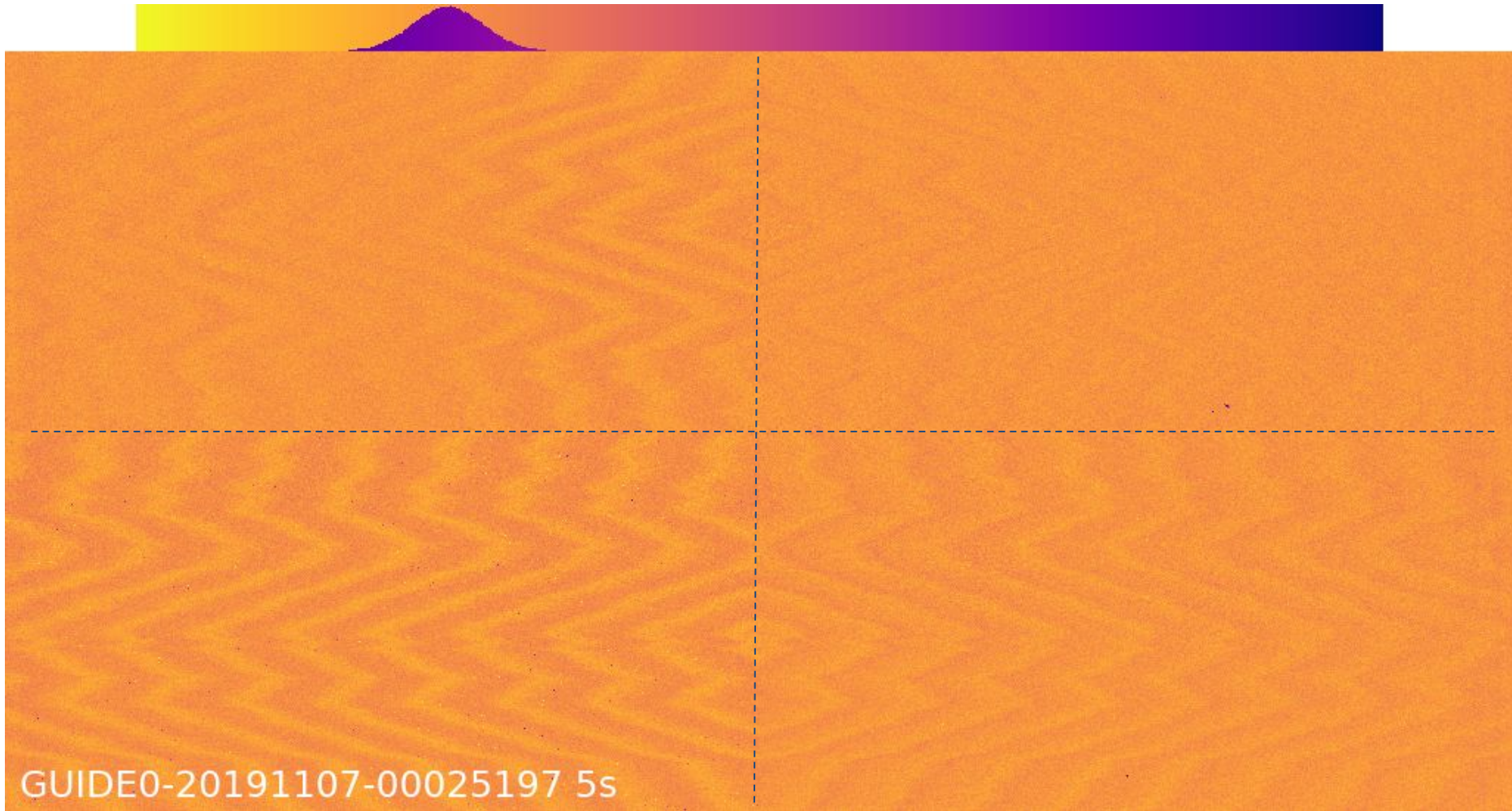


Bad pixels



Pattern noise

<https://desi.lbl.gov/trac/ticket/482>



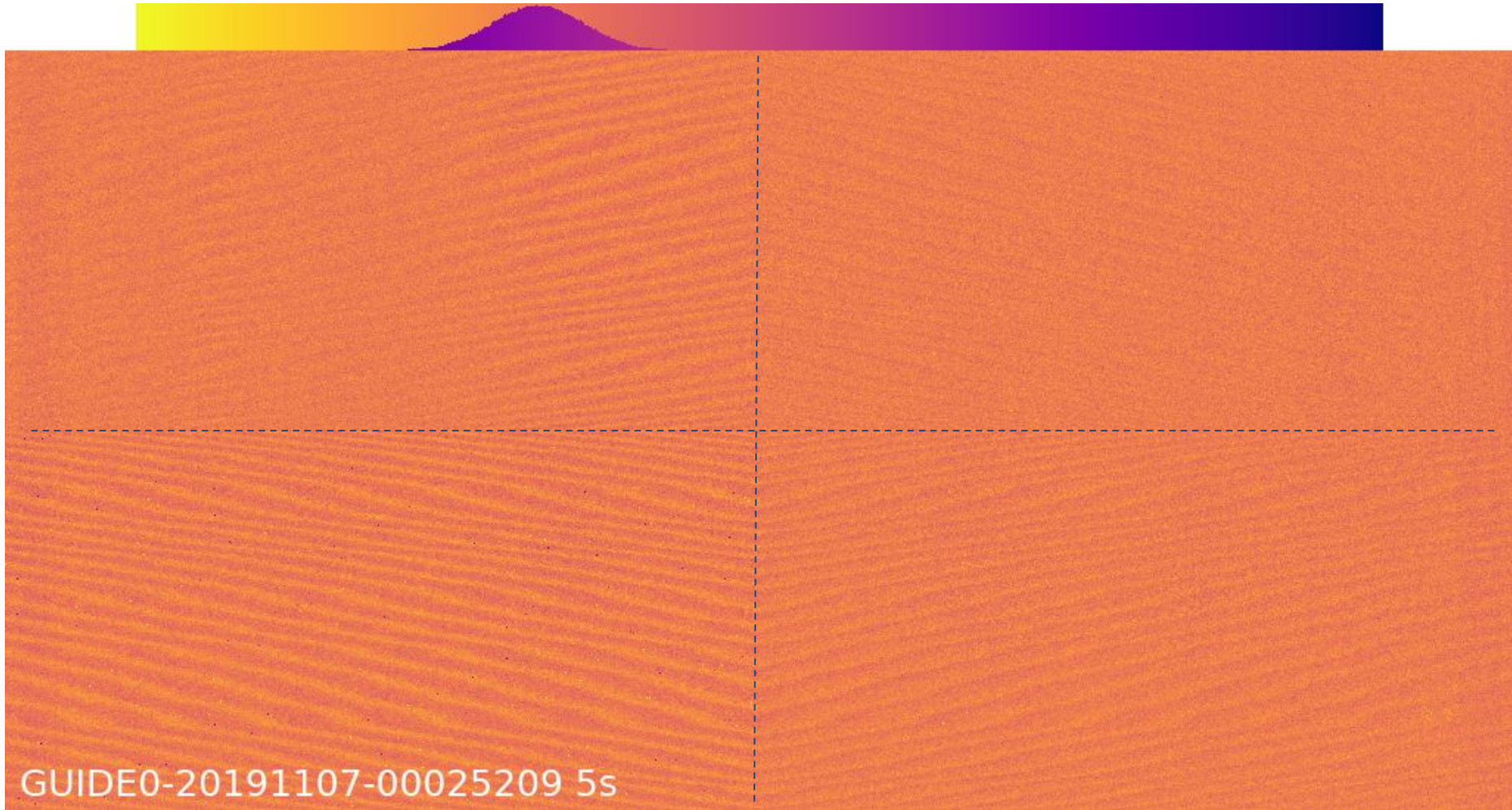
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Pattern noise

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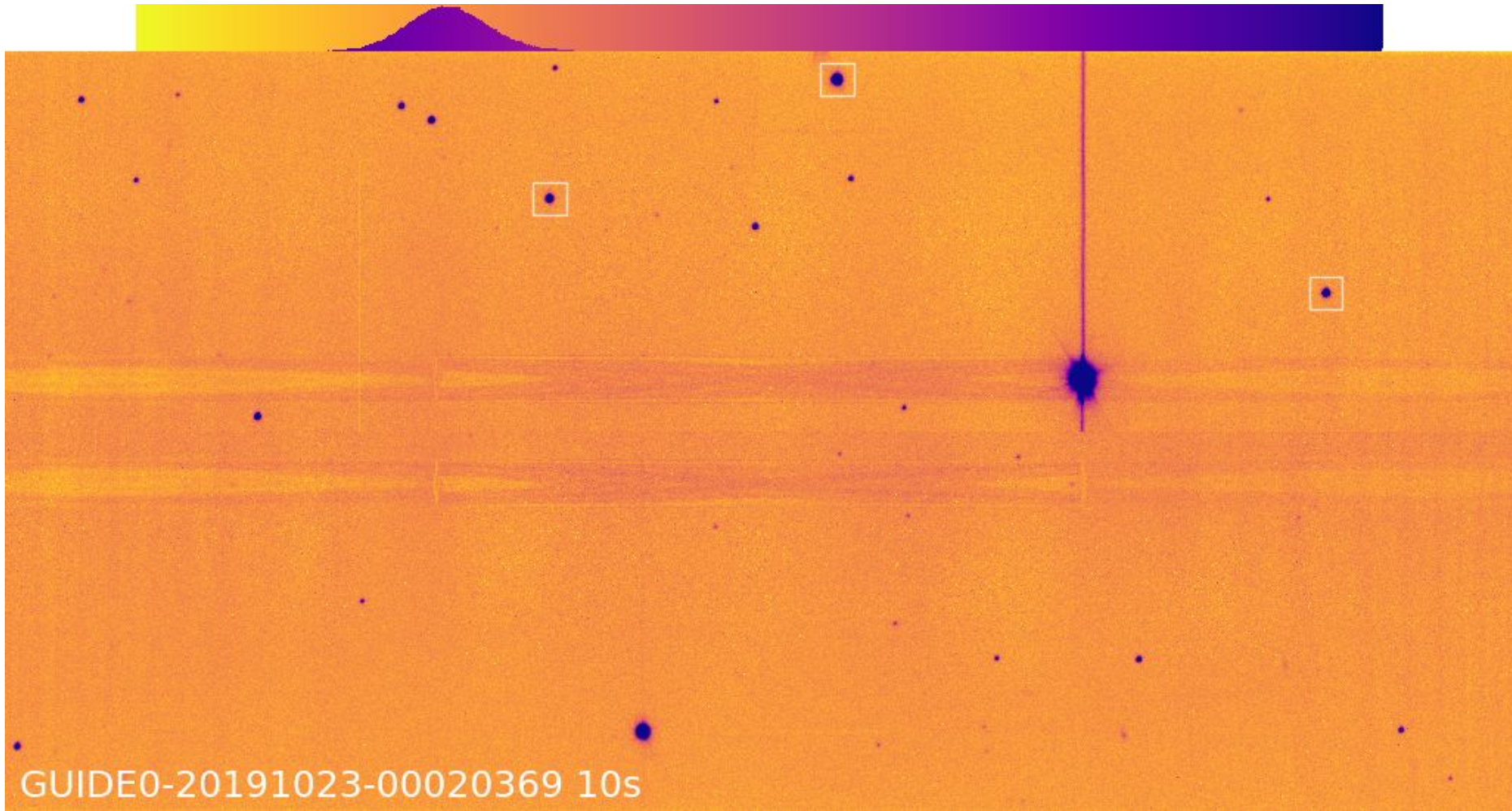


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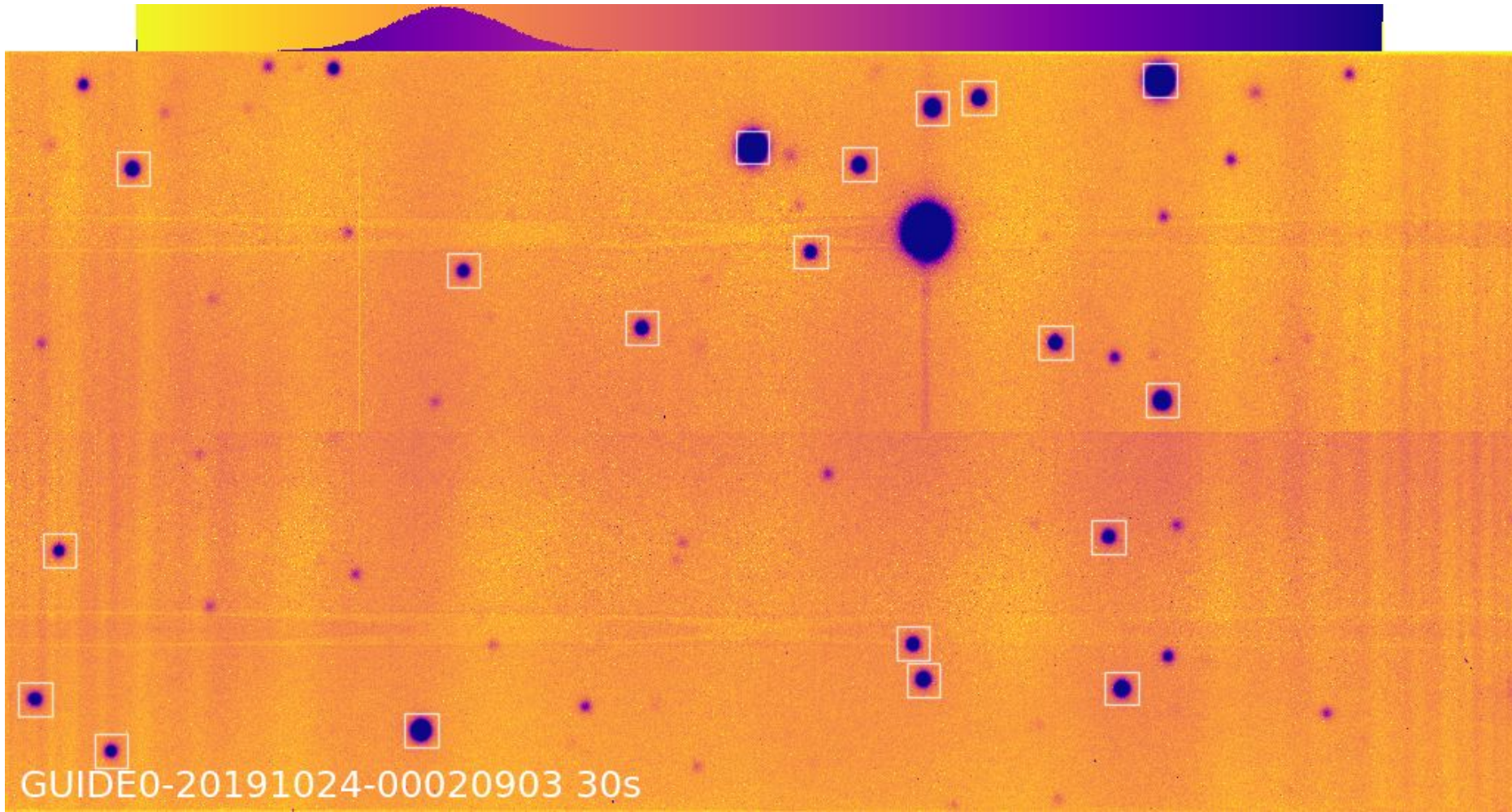
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Horizontal streaks



Horizontal streaks

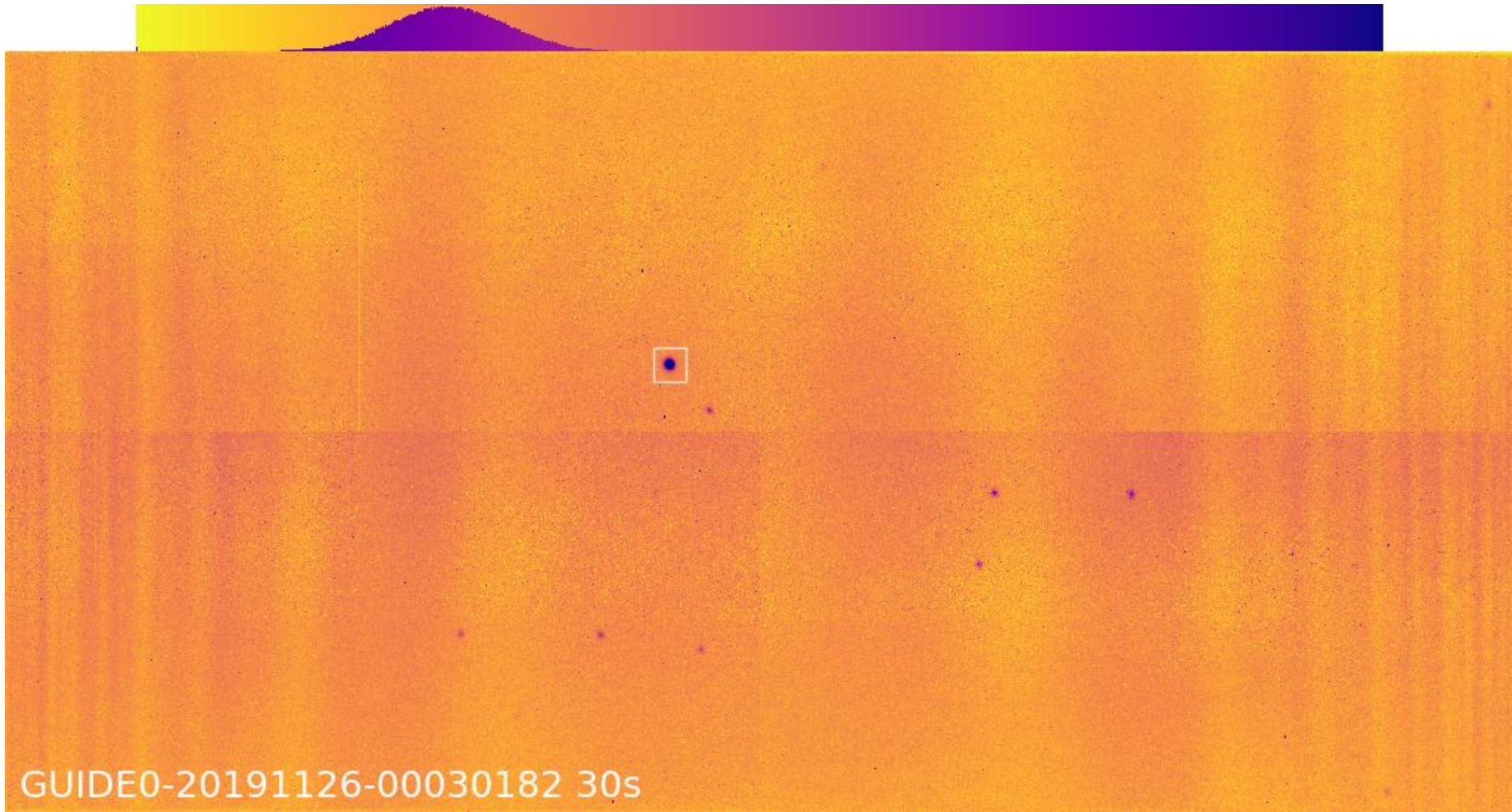


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Gain variations



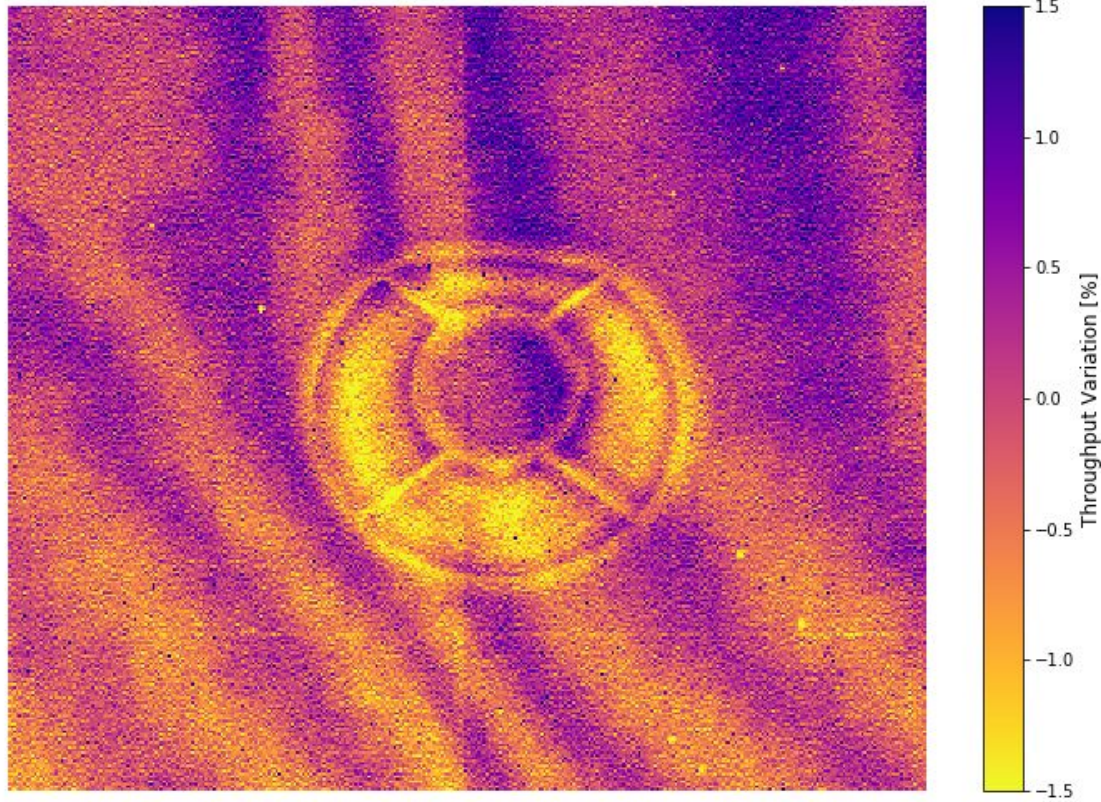
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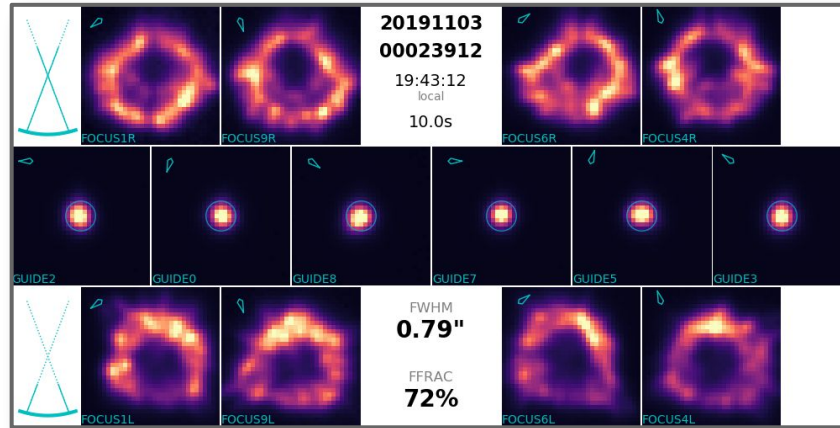
Dust pinhole images

Out of focus dust in front of GFA acts a negative pinhole camera. Introduces few % level variations in throughput:



Next steps

Provide operator script to generate image quality diagnostic plot:



Run on all "GFA science" exposures to compile seeing statistics.

Add transparency and sky background estimates.

Adapt to guider cubes to track fiberloss fraction.

Plug into ICS ETC wrapper.