

# Calar Alto Observatory



The German-Spanish Astronomical Center/Centro Astronómico Hispano-Alemán (DSAZ/CAHA) is an observatory located on the 2168 m high Calar Alto mountain in the Sierra de los Filabres in southern Spain.

The Spanish king Juan Carlos I opened the Calar Alto observatory in September 1979. Over the last 25 years, the telescopes (1.23 m, 2.2 m and 3.5 m) were primarily available to German and Spanish astronomers. Since January 1, 2005, the Calar Alto observatory has been jointly operated on an equal basis by the Max Planck Society and the Spanish Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC).

The PMAS (Potsdam Multi-Aperture Spectrophotometer) of the Potsdam Astrophysics Institute is installed on the 3.5 m telescope.

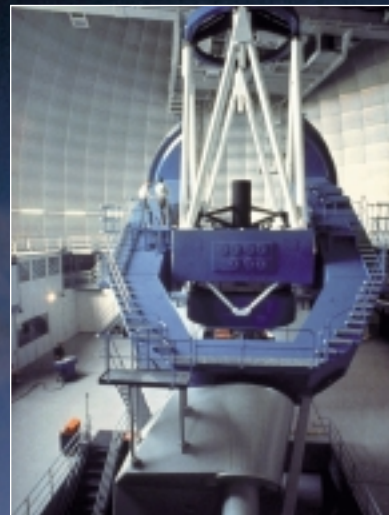


Fig. 1: Dome where the 3.5 m telescope is housed.

Fig. 2: 3.5 m telescope.

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