

Flat-field Imaging for DIS QA/QC

First, very quick & messy test

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Lab Set-up

Goal: take images of a “flat field” to understand/calibrate DIS camera performance

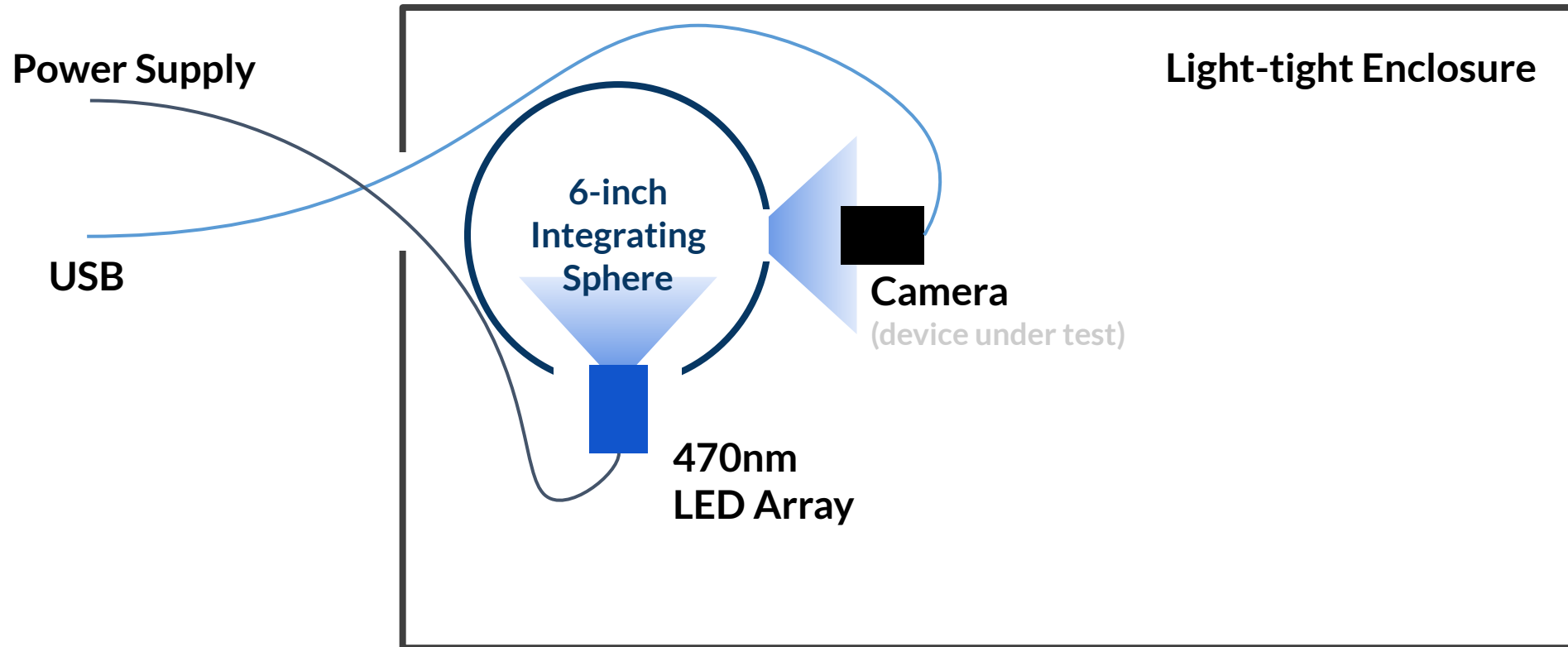
Equipments

- 470nm LED array, Thorlabs ([link](#))
 - With a dedicated power supply, 24VDC
 - 1.5” outer diameter
 - 2” OD adapter and then onto a kinematic mount
(but precise angular alignment of input light source is probably less important)
- 6” integrating sphere ([link](#))
 - 2.5” input port
 - 1” output ports
 - One for camera
 - The other for “monitoring” or simply blocked off
- 2 photodiodes & power meter for monitoring
 - Calibrated by vendor
 - Dual channel power meter



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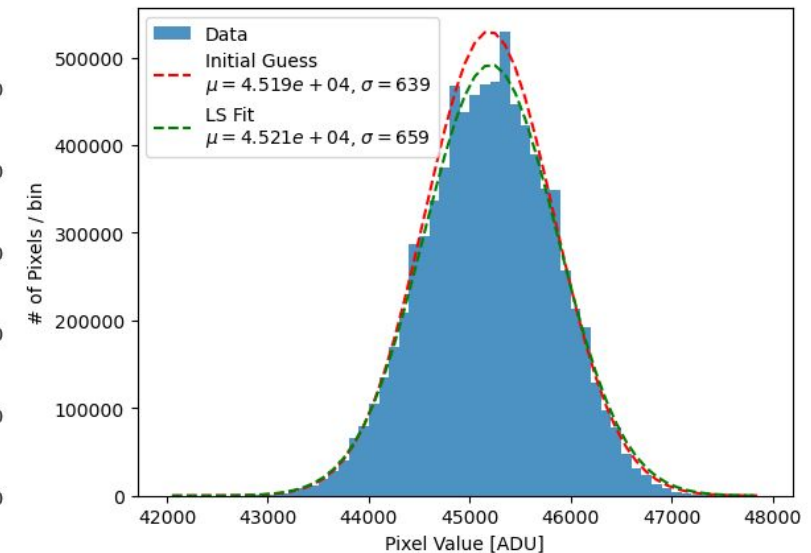
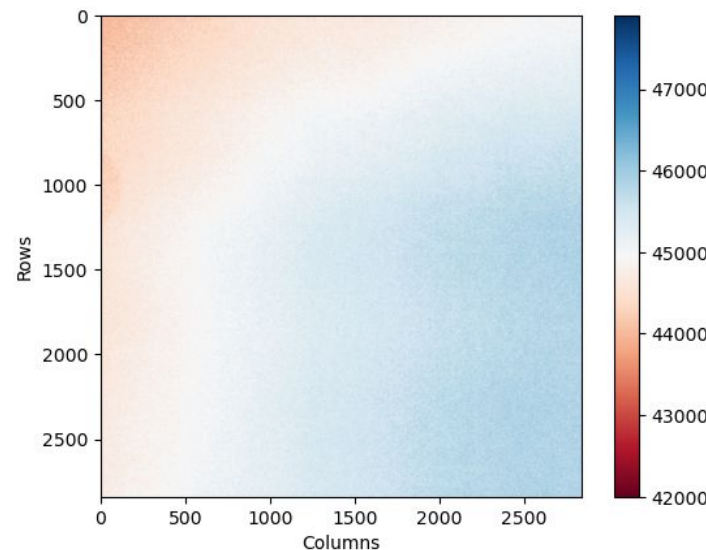
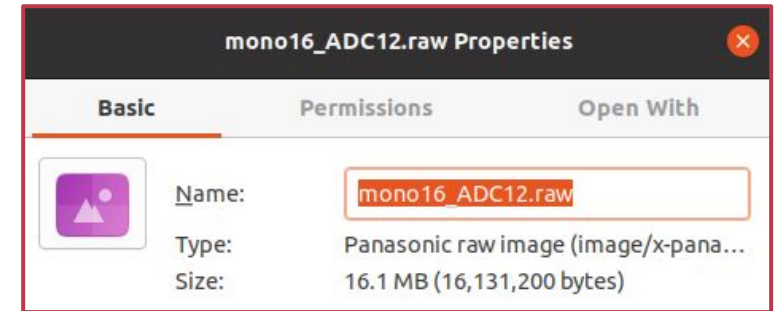


A Very Quick Look at Very Rough First Image

On 2023/09/29, Ariel and Sanha did a very rough initial set-up and **took our first flat-field image!**

- With the set-up mentioned above, but very “messy” and rough alignment / mounting schemes
- Final DIS camera, BFS-U3-80S5M-C
 - Image size: 2840×2840
 - ADC bit-depth set to 12
 - Image format MONO16, so pixel values in $[0, 65535]$
 - **Raw data size: $2840 \times 2840 \times 16\text{bits} = 16.1312\text{MB}$**
 \Rightarrow As expected! :)
- Very quick image analysis

- Image values indeed in $[0, 65535]$
- Overall stats: 45207 ± 659 ADU
- **Values not exactly in increments of $2^{16-12} = 16$**
 - Maybe some “interpolation” setting is turned on?
 - Need to check



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- Overall stats: 45207 ± 659 ADU
 - “Roughly” 1% flatness
 - But this is in some processed ADU, not n_{photons} or $n_{\text{electrons}}$, so further investigation is needed
 - Needs experimental improvements: alignment, mounting, light-tightness, etc.
- Some clear features, not exactly flat
 - Alignment issues
 - Stray reflections e.g. from the optical table

