

2020 February 29
Archenhold-Sternwarte Berlin

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Agenda

11.00 Welcome

Part 1: Introduction to basic use

11.10 Presentation and live demonstration



12.00 Workshop on your own computer

13.00 Lunch break

Part 2: Introduction to advanced use

13.30 Presentation and live demonstration

14.15 Workshop on your own computer

15.45 Wrap up and outlook

16.00 End of workshop



IOTA/ES Workshop

QHY 174M GPS

1 Introduction to Basic Use

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1 Introduction to basic use | Outline

1.1 Examples Positive events with QHY174GPS

1.2 Hardware Camera

Adaptation to the telescope

Adaptation to the PC / other HW

1.3 Software Driver

Recording

Data reduction

1.4 Useful links

1.1 Examples: Pos. events w. QHY174GPS | Chr. Weber

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System:

Intel i7 2.2GHz

Total Physical Memory 16.3GB

Available Physical Memory 11.6GB

Operating System: MS W7 Home Premium

OS is 64bit, SharpCap is 32bit; SSD

SC settings for all: Format: SER

Resolution: 16bit

Binning: 1x1

LED-Calibr.: CSP=0, CEP=1000

(= no calibration)

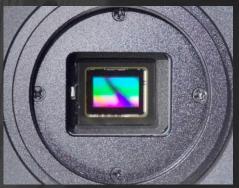
SC free version, 32bit

1.2 Hardware | Camera

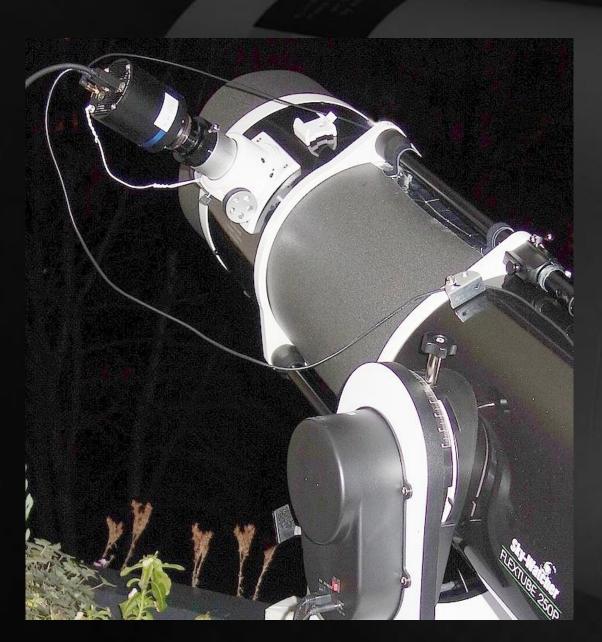








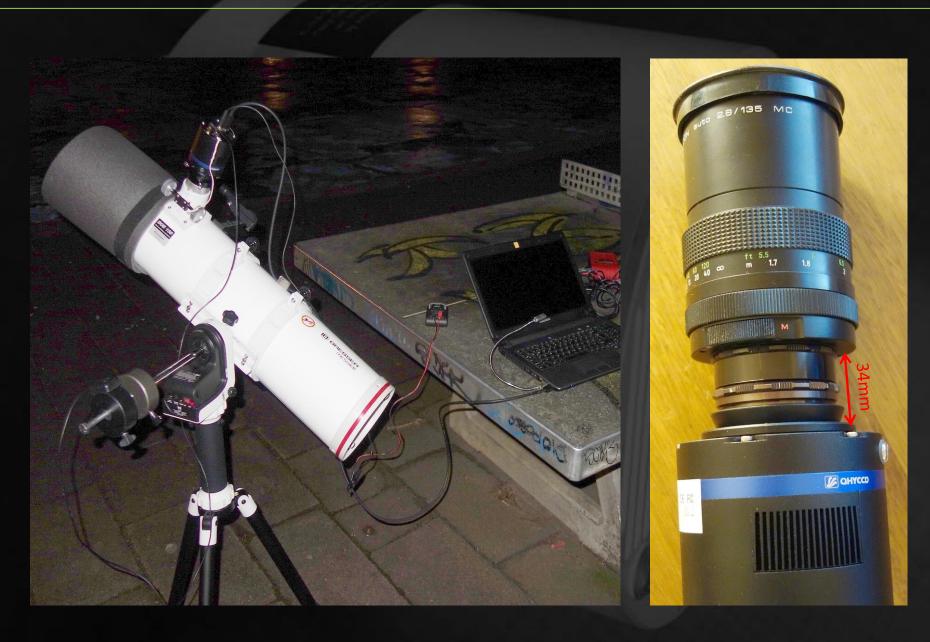
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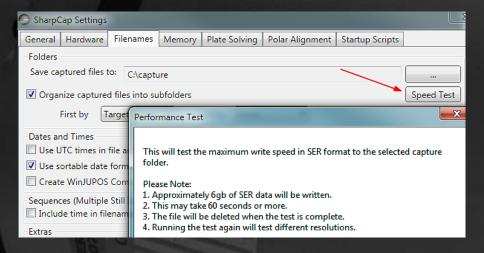


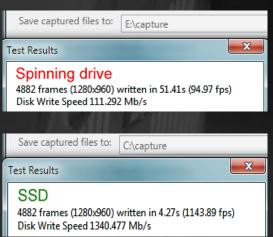


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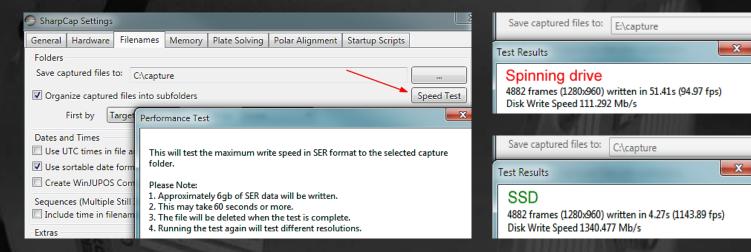


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Check / avoid carefully (MS) updates (especially W10!), provide enough RAM,
Record on a (dedicated) SSD; work with administrator rights





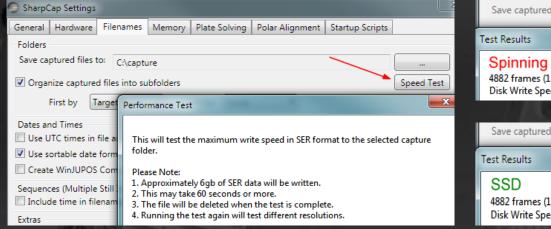
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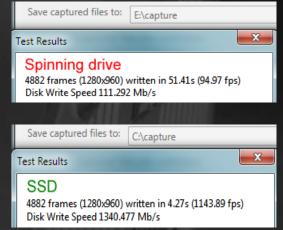


USB: Real USB-3 connection, original cable, high quality cables, < 2-3m, Powered high quality hubs can work, Check PC's USB-powering (System control / Energy options ...), In case of USB problems: https://forums.sharpcap.co.uk/viewtopic.php?f=18&t=349



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So far no optical window dew problem - window is heated



12V: Only for cooling required, cooling recommended - at least for the actual event, Up to 3A required!, Cool down / up slowly (planned SC-feature),

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For extension cables look for: "Eightwood SMA Kabel SMA Male auf SMA Bulkhead Jack Pigtail Kabel RG174 16.5ft" (Amazon)



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Event:

Make a *test record* immediately before the event. This should also include a quick reduction (Tangra). Look for *dropped frames* and *timing inaccuracies*. Adapt the

HW settings.

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TANGRA > PyOTE found dropped frame (see part 2)

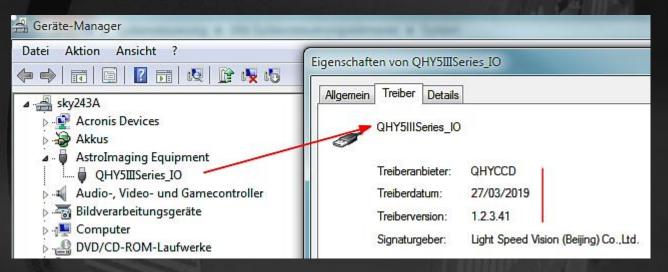
1.3 Software | Driver



QHY Driver:

Only 1 driver for all QHY-cameras: "QHY5IIISeriesDriver": https://www.qhyccd.com/file/repository/latestSoftAndDirver/Driver/QHY5IIISeriesDriverLatestEdition.zip

As of 2020 Feb 11: QHY5IIISeriesDriver200203win7.exe





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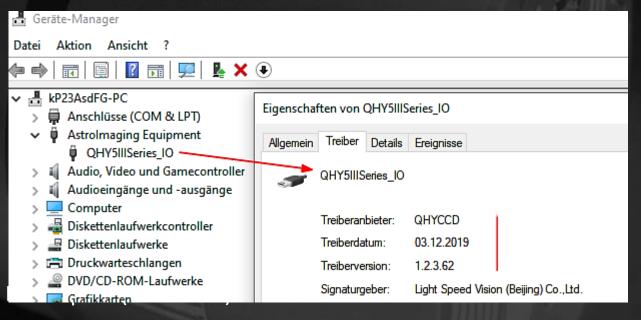


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c:\Program Files (x86)\QHYCCD\QHY5IIISeriesDriver\

Driver history /old versions:

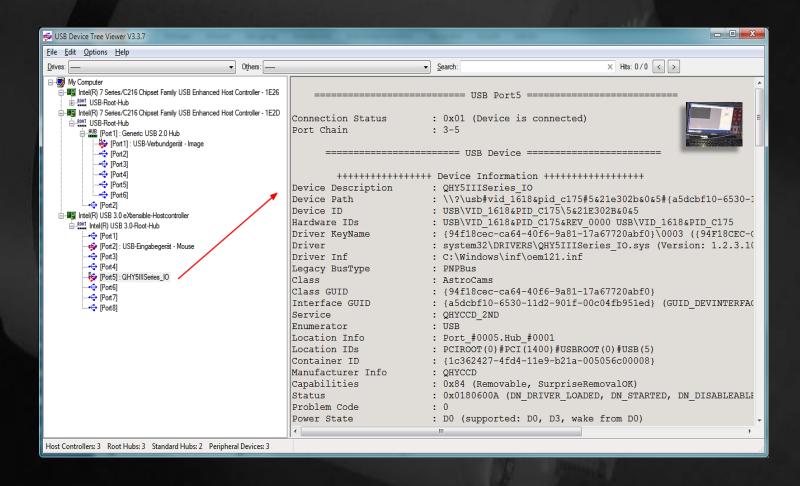
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QHY Driver: USB Tree Viewer:

https://www.uwe-sieber.de/usbtreeview.html





Rec. SW:

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SC 3.2... for W7 – W10, 32 bit version (also for 64 bit OS)

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Install:

You can overinstall... (the personal SC settings will remain)

To be safe: Backup your personal settings (see next page)

Uninstall the old version

(Optionally) clean the registry:

HKEY_CURRENT_USER\SOFTWARE\RWG\SharpCap



SharpCap paths (W7-64 bit):

Program: C:\Program Files (x86)\SharpCap 3.2\

Capt. profiles: C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\AppData\

Roaming\SharpCap\CaptureProfiles\

SC logfiles: C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Local Settings\

SharpCap\logs\

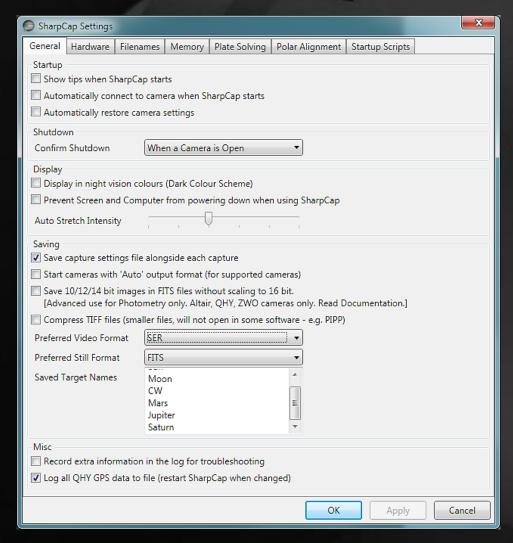
Captures: Chosen capture folder according to SC settings

GPS logfiles: 1 layer above capture folder

Optional: C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\AppData\Local\Temp\

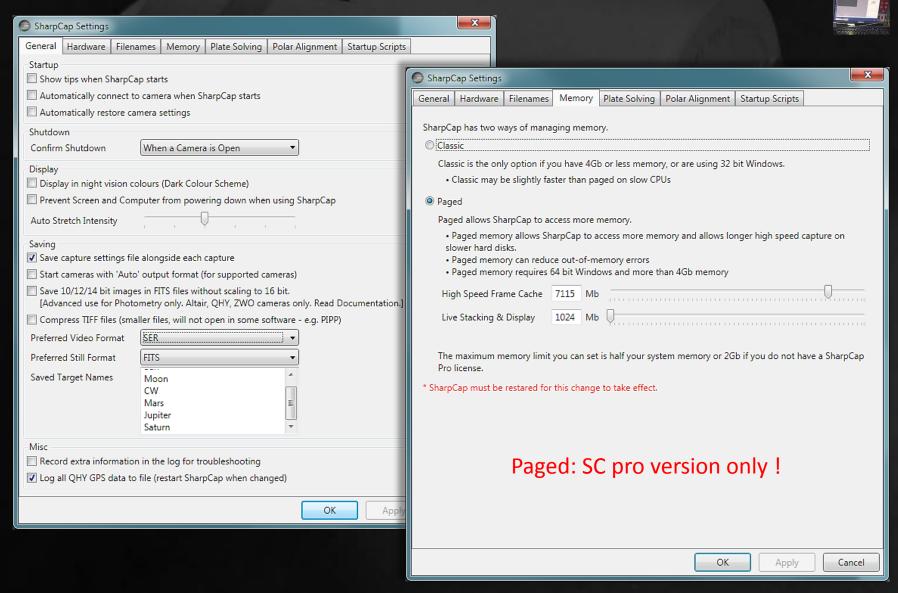
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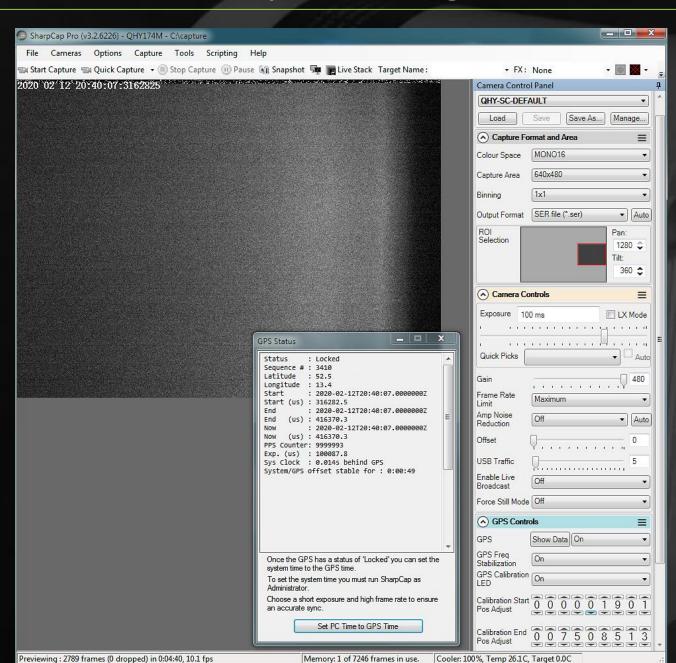






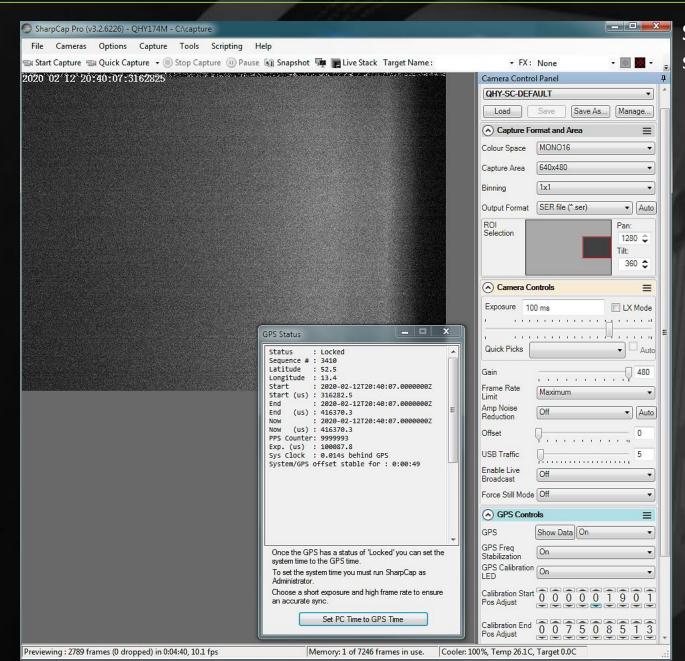










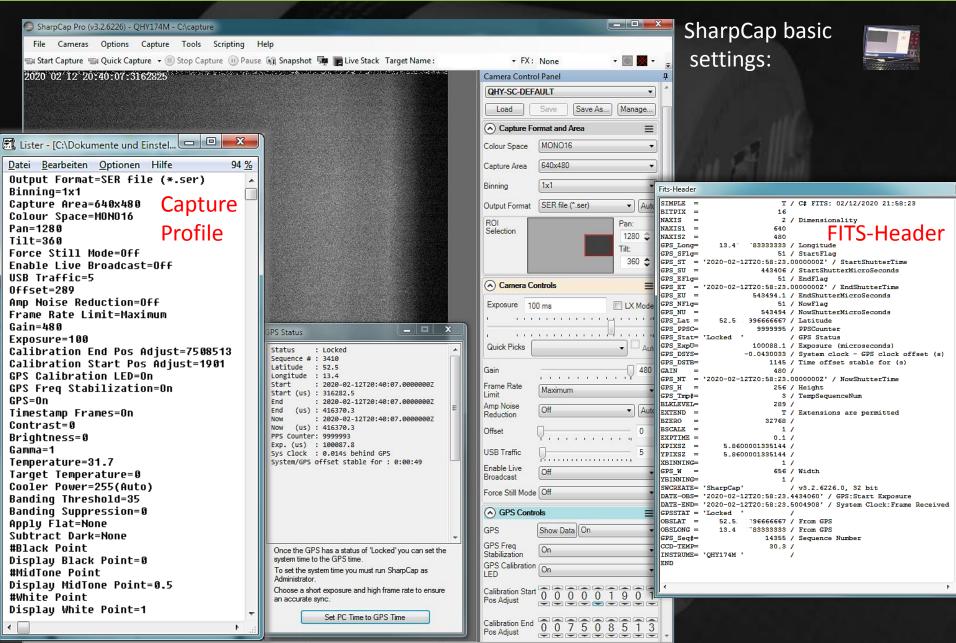




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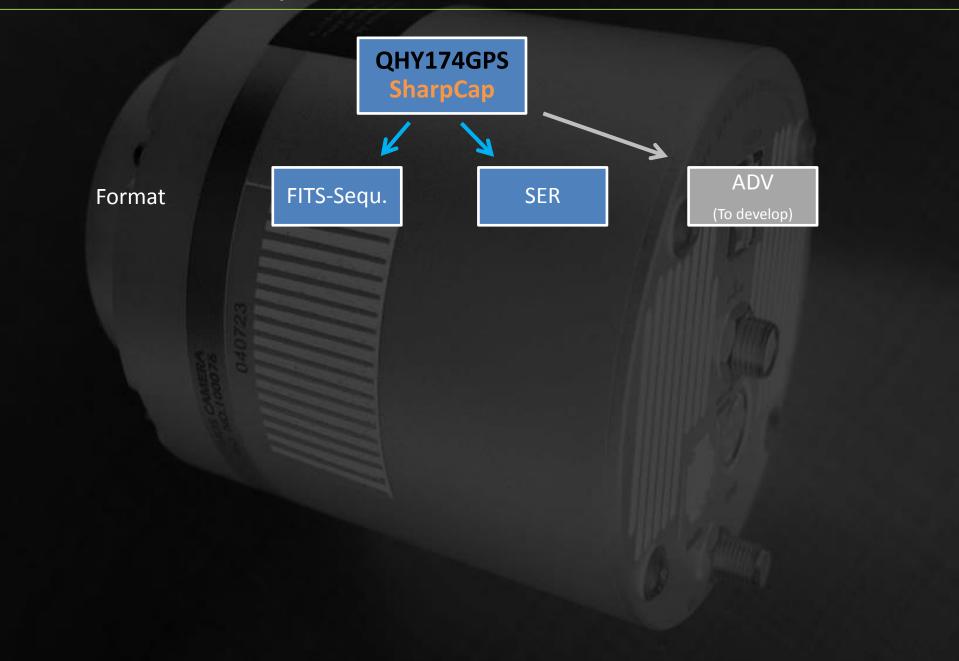


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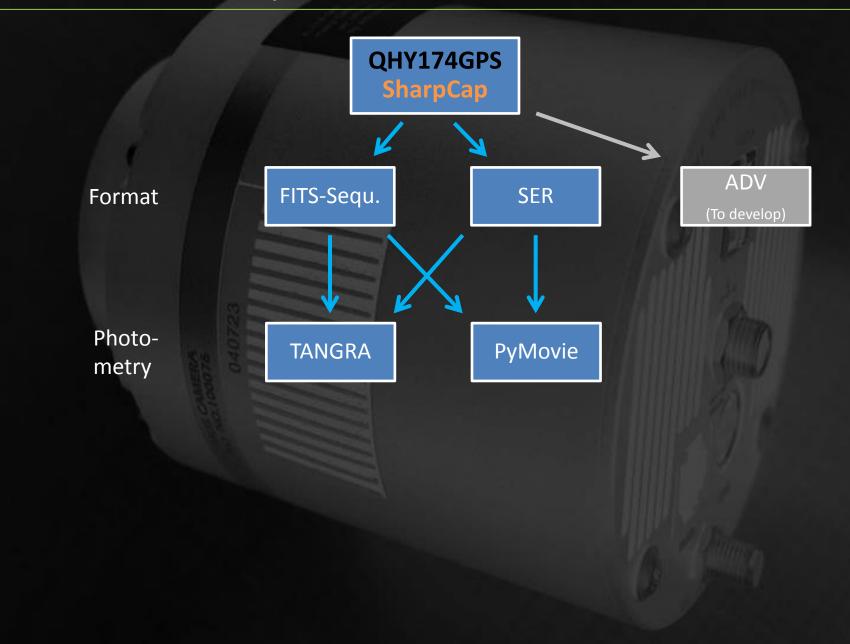


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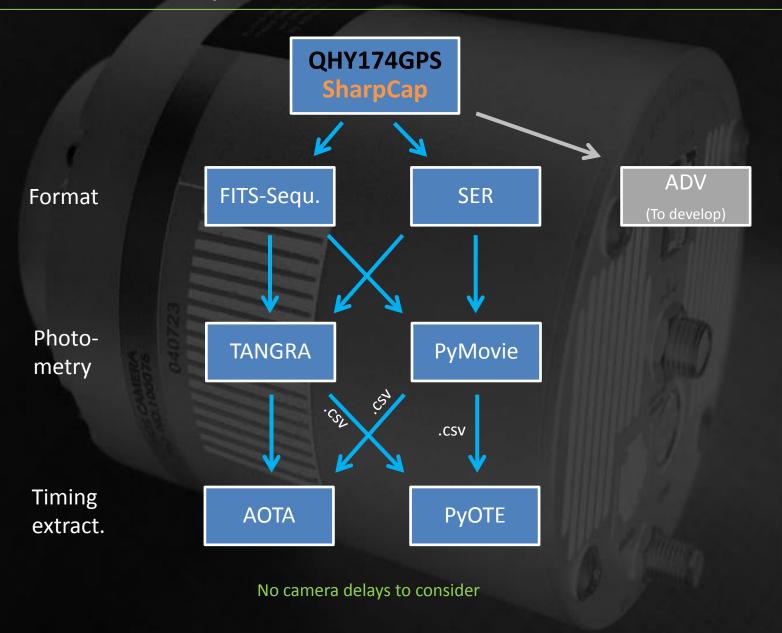
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1.4 Useful links

SER-Player https://sites.google.com/site/astropipp/ser-player#downloads

FitsWork https://www.fitswork.de/software/

Skychart / CDC https://sourceforge.net/projects/skychart/

PyMovie http://occultations.org/observing/software/pymovie/

PyOTE http://occultations.org/observing/software/ote/

SEXTA https://www.kuriwaobservatory.com/SEXTA/SEXTA.html

https://arxiv.org/abs/1503.05705

SC Forum https://forums.sharpcap.co.uk/index.php

ADV format https://forums.sharpcap.co.uk/viewtopic.php?f=8&t=2237

ASCOM https://ascom-standards.org/

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IOTA/ES For providing a QHY174GPS test model

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Thank You