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## Conditions on the Plateau

[A syndication of weather from telescopes on the plateau](#)

[SuperWASP](#)

[SALT Weather](#)

## Seeing

[TimDimm: the current sky image. Also in Movie format!](#)

## Using the "https://topswiki.sao.ac.za thin client" https://topswiki.sao.ac.za computers in the domes

For those who've been here before, we no longer have an s20, s30, s40 and s74 computers in the domes. Those used to be for reduction of data, but now we're using a terminal computer approach. We call this a **thin client** and they're similar to the "https://topswiki.sao.ac.za old days" https://topswiki.sao.ac.za where there was some computer in a basement somewhere and many terminals connected to them.

There should be a username and password on the top of every screen in each of the domes, but the general approach will be ccd<telescope>, and then the standard SAAO password. e.g. ccd40, and <standard password>.

## Telescopes

[74" https://topswiki.sao.ac.za / 1.9m](#)

[40" https://topswiki.sao.ac.za / 1.0m](#)

[Lesedi](#)

[0.75m](#)

[0.5m](#)

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## **Instrumentation**

[Data Transfer](#)

[GIRAFFE](#)

[Lesedi Spectrograph \(name TBD\)](#)

[SAAO CCDs](#)

[SHOC](#)

[SPUPNIC](#)

[STE3](#)

## **Instrument Change Notes**

[74 Inch](#)

[40 Inch](#)

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## **Telescope Emergency Communication System (TECS)**

### **Getting started**

Consult the [User's Guide](#) for information on using the wiki software.

- [Configuration settings list](#)
- [MediaWiki FAQ](#)
- [MediaWiki release mailing list](#)

## Hosted Instrument and Telescopes

We host a number of telescopes and instruments on-site. Here is a list (updated 28/Jan/2015) as well as relevant information about the main contact people, emails, Skype (if available) and anything else we know about them.

### Seismograph

[Seismo's home page](#)

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