

SOXS Day Welcome

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SOXS status



- SOXS will **not** be offered in P117
- goal is to get SOXS offered (and GTO started) as soon as possible

Why GTO programmes?

- consortium that has/is investing funds and human resources into building and operating the instrument
- rewarded by the granting of 900 nights of Guaranteed Time Observations (GTO) over 5 years
- same scheme as other ESO instruments
- ESO would not have had the resources to build and operate SOXS



Why SOXS opened to community?



- ESO is dedicated to serve a wide community
- scheme that has proven extremely successful

How will consortium/community observing time be organised?

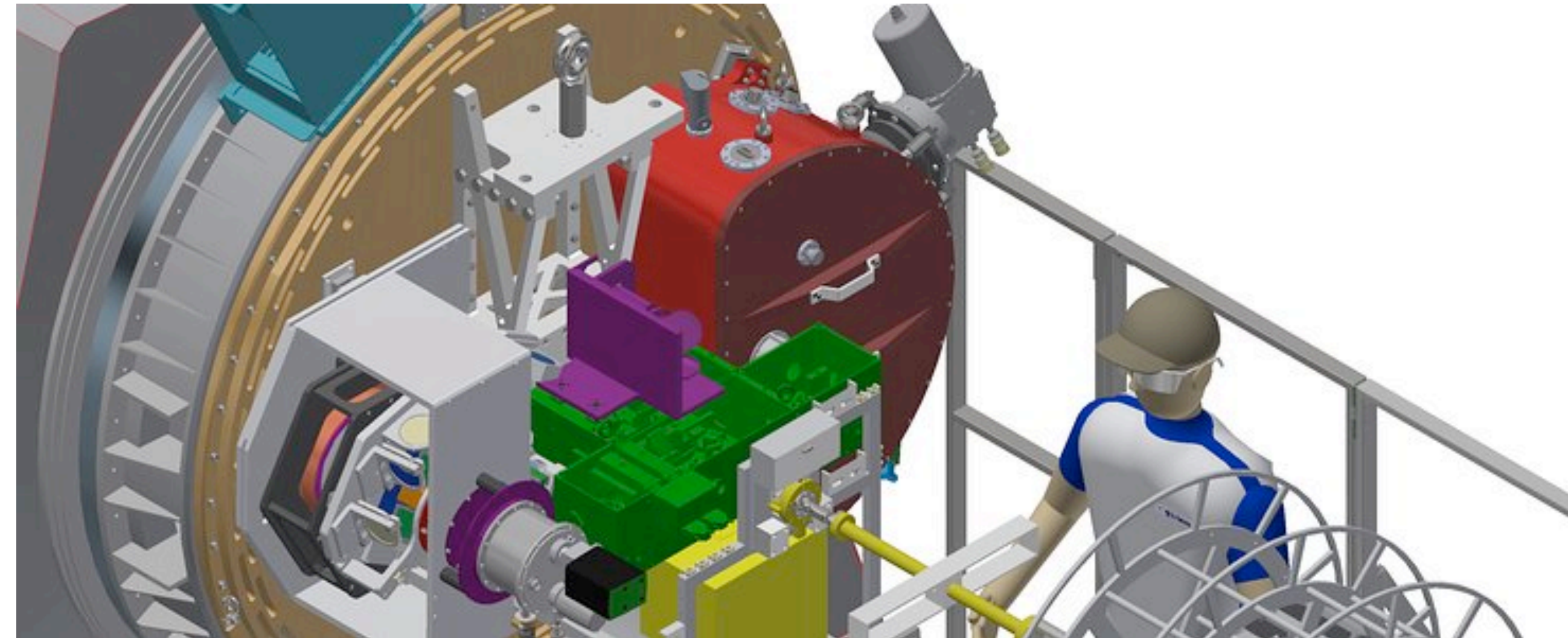


- described in science operation document
- document in the making: **your input welcome**



Why SOXS day today?

- ESO internal/consortium/governing bodies consultation already took place (La Silla Paranal Committee/Science and Technology Committee/User Committee)
- kick-start the feedback from wider committee now



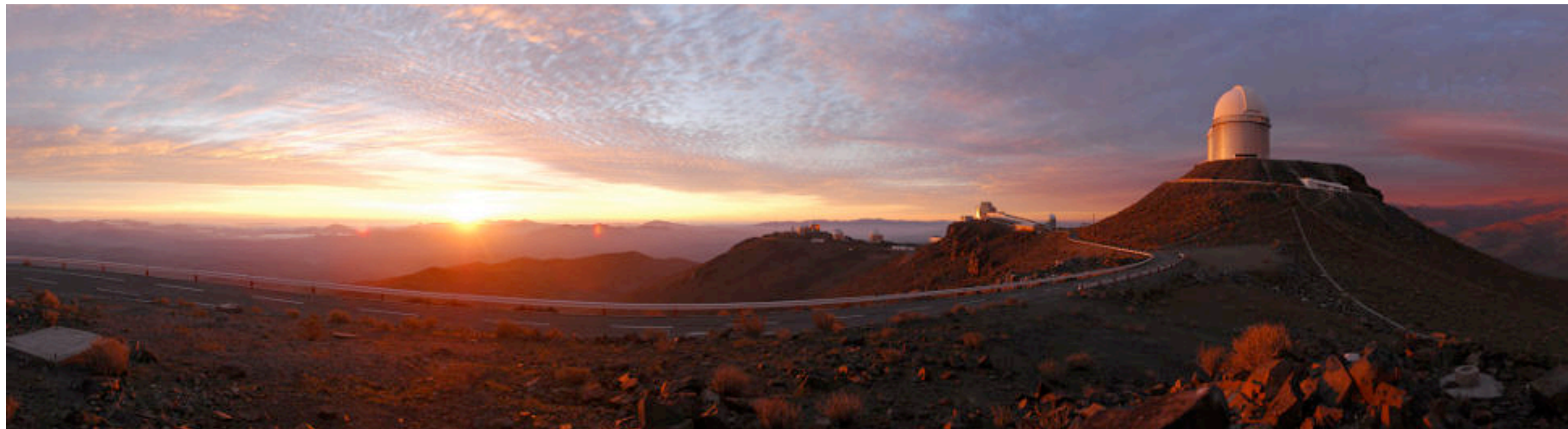
Which science is protected?



- same scheme as other ESO instruments
- but cannot protect targets so need to protect science cases
- **your input welcome**

Take-home messages

- SOXS will **not** be offered in P117
- **your input** on science policies document **welcome**
- **your input** on protected science cases definition **welcome**



Thank you!

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