The Beginner's Guide to JCMT Observing Projects

The lifecycle of a project and the responsibilities of the proposing team and the observatory.

Before Observing

Team propose a Project

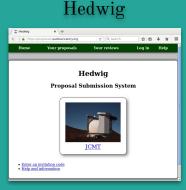
- \rightarrow Proposal is Assessed by TAC/Referees.
- \rightarrow Awarded time (hopefully).
- \rightarrow Assigned a priority in the upcoming semester.

Project Created in the OMP and team notified!

Team upload MSBs

- → Friend of Project (FoP) checks MSBs.
- \rightarrow If required, back and forth between FoP and team.
- → FoP enables project in queue once MSBs are OK.

Project MSBS are now in the queue for observing!







During Observing

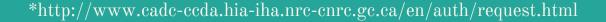
- → MSBs sit in queue for observing.
- → Telescope observes MSBs based on weather, availability and TAC priority.
- \rightarrow OMP 'flex' account emails team every night with details of observations.
- \rightarrow Links/emails available to follow observing live.
- \rightarrow Pipeline reduced observations are uploaded to CADC every night.



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Team check data promptly

- Using your CADC account* download data from archive.
- Report problems and request time back if required (via flex).
- Follow observing live through email links/zoom.
- Update science program/MSBs if required.
- Check DR and ask for changes to recipe and re/running of data.



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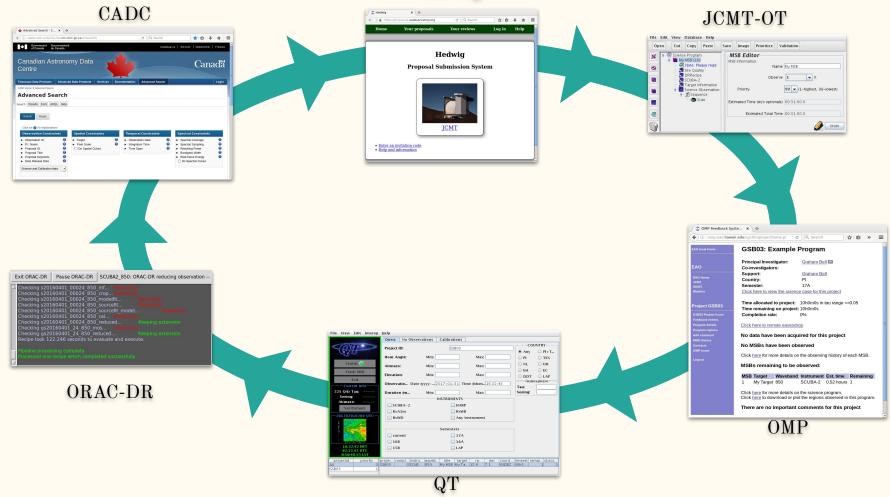
Team finalise data reduction

- → Observatory provides software, pipelines and support.
- \rightarrow FoP and SciCom staff available for questions and help.

Team analyse data and publish

- Quote their JCMT project code in the observations or acknowledgements section of paper.
- Acknowledge JCMT and cite relevant instrument papers.
 - \rightarrow FoP and Observatory staff available for help with technical issues/calibration etc.

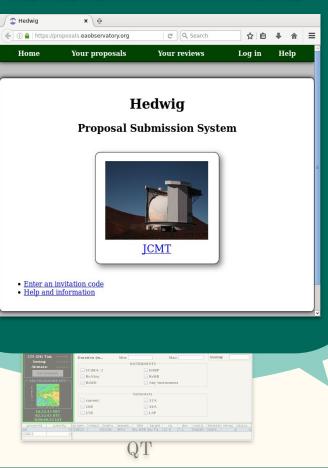
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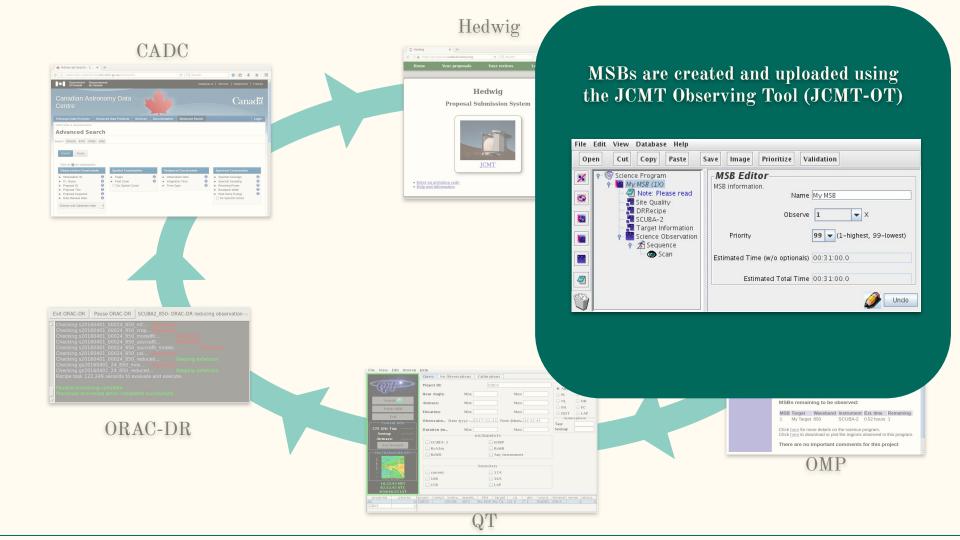
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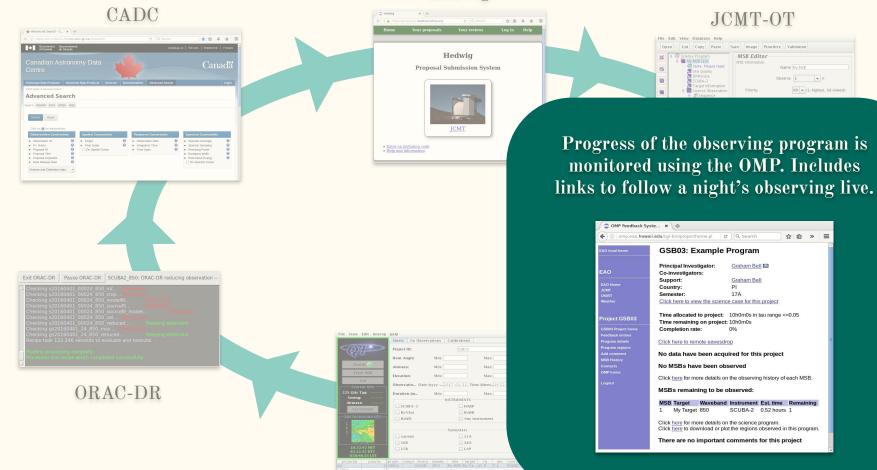
Proposals are submitted using Hedwig



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Hedwig

Proposal Submission System

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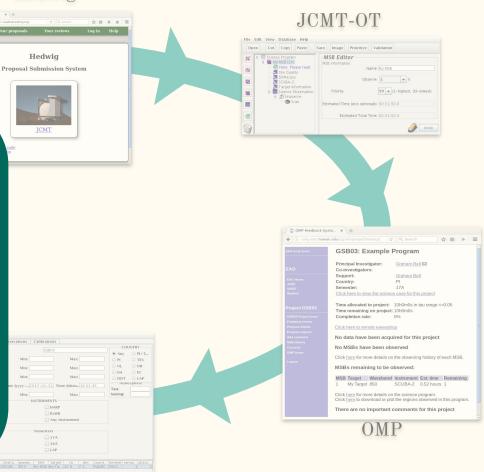
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The ORAC-DR Data Reduction pipelines are run on the observations, both during the night so the Telescope Operator can assess quality, and the next day for a high quality reduction.

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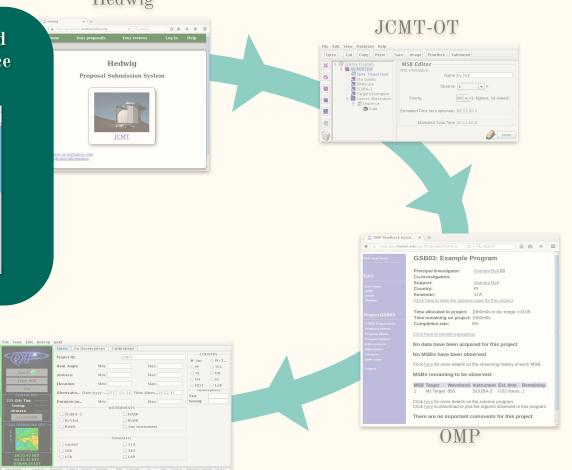
Raw and Reduced data are uploaded within 24 hours to the JCMT Science Archive at CADC.

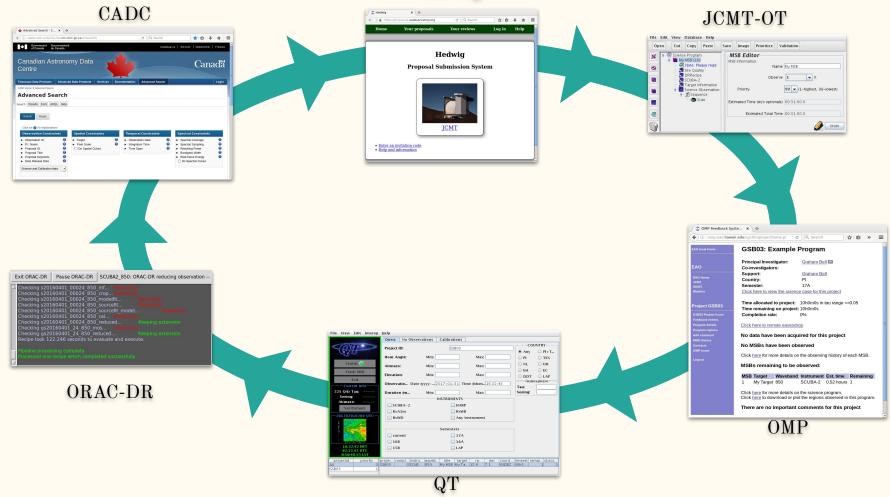


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1 year later...

- → 1 year after the end of the semester data are taken in, they become publicly available to the world at CADC.
- → Other scientists can now make use of the data.

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Now at a CADC near you!

It's the data! Its come back to life! Run for your papers!