



LESSONS LEARNED

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Hardware

- There is no substitute for a good mount. Let me repeat that – there's no substitute for a good mount
- Make sure your spectrograph and telescope are well focused and make sure you focus right before you collect your data so the temperature will be the same
- Put the star on the slit and keep the star on the slit
- Keep a log book (thank you Francois)

Software

- If you're using ISIS, be very careful with your file names
- Keep all your files well organized – design a scheme that works for you and stick to it
- Back up everything and make sure you have offsite backups

Take advantage of available resources

- Yahoo Mail Groups
 - *spectro-l*
 - *astronomical_spectroscopy*
 - *astrobodger*
 - *Rspec_Real_Time_Spectroscopy*
 - *staranalyser*
- ARAS Spectroscopy Forum (www.spectro-aras.com/forum/index.php)
- Cloudy Nights -> Observational Astrophysics forum

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■ Websites:

- www.shelyak.com
- www.astrosurf.com/buil/index.html
- valerie.desnoux.free.fr
- www.astrosurf.com/vdesnoux/
- www.rspec-astro.com
- arasbeam.free.fr/?lang=en
- basebe.obspm.fr/basebe/