

User instrument policy

- Definition: Not a facility instrument. Visitor instruments behave as user instruments.
- User instruments do not count towards instrument contributions.

Permissions

- Magellan technical manager, in consultation with observatory staff.
- Letter from PI institution to Magellan technical manager.

Planning documents

- Joint supplemental report to SAC
- Commissioning plan
- Support agreement

Engineering time

- On-telescope nighttime engineering is supplied by the PI.

Costs

- PI is responsible for costs of installing and commissioning.

Availability

- Instrument is available only to the PI.
- PI must be on-site during setup and observing.
- Private collaborations with PI are OK

Scheduling

- A user instrument will not be scheduled for science until the observatory staff and PI agree that it is ready.

Comments

- User and facility instruments have similar workload demands for installation and commissioning.
- An instrument scientist is not required. Instead, the PI must be present at all observing runs.