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WaSP first light image of the Crab Nebula (M1) showing WaSP's large field of view.

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By Andy Boden

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The E2V science detector... No. 3 Newsletter. Please feel free to contact WIRC+Pol team sources with J > 12, since the sensitivity gain is significant. The data reduction pipeline for WIRC+Pol upgrade

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