After a Powercut

After a power cut, the two Diesel generators operated on the mountain should normally supply all telescopes with main power. However, the change to the backup generators is not always smooth and during that time, the UPS batteries at SEST may be used. The UPS can supply power **for not more than 10 minutes** before the batteries are exhausted. If the UPS starts up, the emergency light in the control room will go on. This is the signal to **park the telescope** and follow the **emergency procedures** outlined below. Note that the **compressors are not supported** by the UPS!