

Ground Layer AO Performance and Implementation for WFOS on TMT

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LGS wavefront sensors and Real Time Controller for WFOS





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System Parameters and Assumptions for GLAO Performance Modeling

- Field-of-view options (6'x6' and 10'x10') and wavelength range
 - Some early results for MOBIE 8'x3' FoV included for comparision
- AM2 wavefront correction at z=-280m conjugate
 - Somewhat poorer correction compared to 0 m conjugation.
- Asterism of 4 LGS on a rectangular grid, with order 60x60 WFS's
 LGS WFS camera design adopted from NFIRAOS
- Median and 75% turbulence profiles for MaunaKea and ORM
- Other modeling approximations and assumptions:
 - Natural, instead of laser, guide stars (negligible effect for GLAO)
 - Standard <u>7-layer</u> turbulence profiles from TMT site testing campaigns
 - Order 30x30 AM2 with square actuator geometry



A Word on Turbulence Profiles

Current data shows **ORM** having less ground layer turbulence than MK13N, but some measurements are questionable

Is ground layer sampling sufficient for GLAO modeling?

Issue less crucial with AM2 at z=-280m

How about dome seeing??



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Field-Averaged GLAO Wavefront Error vs FoV and AM2 Conjugate Range

- Error increases with larger FoV
- Impact of DM conjugate is modest, but increases with larger FoV
- (RMS WFE does not include effects of WFS noise, servo lag, or AO component imperfections)





GLAO Performance vs FoV AM2 at z=-280m



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Optimizing the LGS Asterism Diameter for 10' and 6' Diameters FoVs



6' diameter FoV 4'x4' asterism is optimal

10' diameter FoV 6'x6' asterism is optimal

- Results for AM2 conjugates of 0m (blue) and -280m (red)
- Plotted values are [RMS Wavefront Error + 3(RMS spatial variability)]



GLAO Performance with 10' FoV and 6'x6' LGS Asterism



DM@0m

DM@-280m



GLAO Performance with 6' FoV and 4'x4' LGS Asterism



DM@-0m

DM@-280m



GLAO Performance vs Order of Wavefront Correction

Diminishing return for order of correction > 20x20



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Field-Averaged PSF Profile at 600 nm



~30% increase in peak with GLAO

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Field-Averaged PSF Profile at 1000 nm



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FoV-Averaged PSF FWHM vs Wavelength and FoV Size



 As expected, GLAO performance improves with smaller FoV, and with longer wavelength



GLAO Improvement to Point Source Sensitivity (PSSN)



Equivalent to the reduction in exposure time needed to detect a background-limited point source

 Exposure time is reduced by factor of 1.2-1.4 in visible, and larger factors in the near IR



Ensquared Energy at 800 nm vs Pixel Width and FoV



Ensquared Energy Improvement Ratios TMT for a 10' Diameter FoV



Best improvement ratios obtained with pixel width < 0.5", regardless of wavelength



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AM2 Conceptual Design Study

- Initial concept for AM2 has been formulated by ADOPTICA:
 - Total of 3756 actuators with 50 mm spacing
 - 2.7 mm thick Zerodur shell in 7 segments
 - Actuators configured in "bricks" for electronics and cooling
 - Double SiC reference body for supporting the shell and bricks
 - Kinematic support structure with 3 bipods
- Conceptual design study (Oct 2017 April 2018)
- TMT will also perform AM2 phasing study with APS





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- WFOS performance benefits from GLAO
 - 10% (400nm) to 33% (1000nm) improvement in PSF FWHM
 - Best improvements achieved with 4' or 6' diameter FoV
 - Corresponding improvements in PSSN (observing efficiency)
 - Penalty of AM2 conjugation to -280m not a showstopper
- Components and design concepts under development
 - Order ~30 x 30 wavefront correction with 4 laser guide stars
 - Guide star lasers and LGS WFS cameras taken from NFIRAOS
 - TMT Laser guide star facility delivers the GLAO asterism
 - WFOS must provide space for LGS pickoffs and WFS cameras
 - Conceptual Design Study for AM2 now underway



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