Major operational solar telescopes have AQ -AO routine for almost all observations



Goode Solar Telescope Big Bear, USA 1.6 m 8 cm subap. 357 act. 2.2 kHz highest order



GREGOR Tenerife $1.5 \, m$ 9.6 cm subap. 256 act. 2.1 kHz



Solar Telescope La Palma 1 m 10 cm subap. 85 act. 2 kHz



New Vacuum Solar Telescope China 1 m 8.3 cm subap. 151 act. 3.5 kHz



Dunn Solar Telescope Sunspot, USA 0.76 m 7.6 cm subap. 97 act. $2.5 \,\mathrm{kHz}$ first solar AO



Vacuum Tower Telescope Tenerife 0.7 m 10 cm subap. 37 act. 2.1 kHz

Schematic of Shack-Hartmann Adaptive Optics





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Pupil Wavefront into Subapertures





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Effect of Telescope Resolution - Intensity







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GST Scientific Instruments



- Adaptive Optics System (AO: AO-76, AO-308, GLAO & MCAO)
- Visible Imaging Spectrometer (VIS, VISP)
 - Near InfraRed Imaging Spectropolarimeters (IRIM, NIRIS) –
 - Cryogenic Infrared Spectrograph
 (CYRA)
 - Broad-band Filter Imager (BFI)
 - Fast Imaging Solar Spectrograph
 (FISS)

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1st Generation AO: AO-76





AO-76



- Xinetics Deformable Mirror with 97 actuators and 7 mm spacing
- Baja camera with a frame rate of 2500 Hz for 200 by 200 sub-array
- Bitware Hammerhead Boards with 40 digital signal processors (DSPs)
- Closed-loop Bandwidth: 120 Hz
- Strehl ratio: 0.7 in the NIR under median BBSO seeing
- BBSO $r_0 = 6 \sim 8 \text{ cm} \oplus 500 \text{ nm, GST}$ requires 20 sub-apertures across pupil
- Note: @ 1000 nm $r_0 = 14 \sim 18$ cm, 10 sub-apertures across (r_0 varies as $\lambda^{6/5}$)

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2nd Generation AO: AO-308

- AO-308 is operational, AO-308 is a collaboration between BBSO and NSO
- Shack Hartmann WFS with 308 subapertures (AO-308): 20 sub-apertures across the NST primary mirror
- Xinetics Deformable Mirror with 357 actuators and 5 mm spacing
- Phantom V.7.3 camera with a frame rate of 2000 Hz for 400 by 400 pixel sub-array
- Bitware TigerSHARC Boards with 16 digital signal processors (DSPs)
- Closed-loop Bandwidth: 120 Hz
- Acquire diffraction limited imaging over the telescope's full range of operation



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400 pixels (20 subapertur

TiO (705 nm): 2010 (AO-76, 70"x70") vs. 2013 (AO-308, 50"x45")







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CAO (Gen II, AO-308) – Off & On CAO On + Speckle Image Reconstruction



Adaptive Optics Off

Adaptive Optics On

AO On with image post processing

2 September 2013 - TiO



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Classic AO Sunspot

- May 22, 2013
 - 43 mins
 - TiO (705 nm)
 - 50"x45" FOV

Flare 5 July 2012





- 1083.0 nm
- Nearly 3 hrs
- CAO & Speckle
- At 21:47 FOV Lit
- Need sub-second timestep over FOV
- 50000 km x 50000 km field
- Spot roughly the size of Earth

Why Isn't One Adaptive Mirror (DM) Enough?







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MCAO Schematic







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Generic Solar MCAO: WFS, DMs, & Guide Regions

- Why 3 DMs?
 - Rough expection:
 - One for groundlayer
 - One for transition layer
 - One for jetstream?
- How Many Guide Regions are Required?
 - FOV & location of turbulent layers
 - # of Guide Regions & # of DMs Roughly Related
- WFSs
 - Two at first







Meta-pupil Diameter =D+2 θ H = 1.6 + θ (arcsec)/60 H(km)/3.5

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Setup with WFSs Downstream of DMs/



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MCAO Design





Pupil Mirror

Three Cooktops Randomly Placed in Optical Path



CAO (1DM) No AO MCAO (3DM)



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Narrowing the FOV (Rigaut et al. 2000) from 70"x70" to 35"x35"

Narrow FOV (θ) & Increase Depth of Field (Δh_{max})

$\Delta h_{max}(in km) = 3.6 d_{act}(in cm)/\theta(in arcsec)$

- 35" FOV, this is approximately 3.6x9 cm/35" ≈ 1 km for the DM conjugate to the pupil,
- approximately ± 2 km for a DM when conjugate to 3 km,
- and about ± 3 km for a DM in 8 km,
- Thus, continuously cover the range from 0 to 11 km with the reduced wavefront sensing FOV

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Setup That Worked

- Clear Successful MCAO Demonstrator
- Cut FOV from 70"x70" to 35"x35"
 - Narrow FOV to increase Depth of Field (Depth inverse to FOV)
 - Conjugated DMs to 0, 3 & 8 km covers 0-11 km (0-1, 1-5, 5-11 km resp.)
 - 9(3x3 over field) Guide Regions (analogous to nighttime guide stars)
- New MD-WFS Camera
 - 208 (16 across diameter, 8.8 cm) subapertures, each with 3x3 guide regions
 - Camera 992x992 px able to read 208 @ 1600 fps (but limited to 1000 Hz by control computer)
- MCAO Light Feed
 - Highest conjugated DM to Mid-DM to Pupil DM to WFS
 - Same order as is Gemini South (two DMS & 3 Natural/5 Laser Guide Stars)
- "Science Camera": PCO.2000 (2Kx2K) 15 frames/s
- 3DMs better than 2 DMs

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MCAO (53''x53'') GLAO (7/27/16) CAO



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Upper Left Corner of MCAO Reconstructed VS. MCAO Summed

7/27/16 TiO ~15"x10"

Observatory

G-Band (430.5 nm) 53"x53" FOV





Sunspot 7/21& Fried Parameter

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7/21 Another Sunspot 3 Hours Later



0.7 μm Vs. 1.56µm - - Trial Run Data from 10/26/17

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- Feed current MCAO setup to BBSO spectro-polarimeters for origins of space weather studies
 - Lead in to Prof. Vasyl Yurchyshyn's Talk



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