New technologies for direct imaging of exoplanets from ground and space

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Outline

- Coronagraphy
- Wavefront control
- Differential detection / calibration
- Subaru Coronagraphic Extreme-AO (SCExAO) system
- Can we image Earths with ELT ?
- Imaging Earths from space with a small telescope: PECO

Exoplanet imaging: current and near future capabilities

- We can currently image planets down to ~10 MJ at > 10 AU in very young stars
- We still cannot image the inner part (habitable zone) of planetary systems
 - Reflected light out of reach
 - Habitable zones only probed with indirect techniques with very limited characterization capability

Planetary systems formation & architecture in habitable zone ? How frequent are Earth to Super-Earth planets ? Planet characterization: mass, radius, atmosphere, life ?

Beta Pictoris

Hubble Space Telescope ACS/HRC



Beta Pic is at 20 pc ACS mask is 30 AU radius

I I/D on Subaru in H = 40 mas = 0.7 AU In Taurus, ~ 5 AU



Coronagraphy

Old (current) coronagraph designs are a painful compromise between inner working angle, throughput, angular resolution and contrast

New coronagraph techniques allow 1e6 contrast at 1 I/D (ground) or 1e10 contrast at 2 I/D (space) with no "side effect"

Conventional Pupil Apodization (CPA)

Many pupil apodizations have been proposed.

Apodization can be continuous or binary.

- + Simple, robust, achromatic
- low efficiency for high contrast







Fig. 9.—Top: Asymmetric multiopening mask designed to provide high-contrast, 10^{-10} , from $\lambda/D = 4$ to $\lambda/D = 100$ in two angular sectors centered on the x-axis. Ten integrations are required to cover all angles. Total throughput and pseudoarea are 24.4%. Airy throughput is 11.85%. *Bottom*: Associated PSF. (Note that this mask was originally designed for an elliptical mirror. It has been rescaled to fit a circular aperture.)

Phase Induced Amplitude Apodization coronagraph

Utilizes lossless beam apodization with aspheric optics (mirrors or lenses) to concentrate starlight is single diffraction peak (no Airy rings).

- high contrast
- Nearly 100% throughput
- IWA ~I I/d for Ie6 contrast
- 100% search area
- no loss in angular resol.
- achromatic (with mirrors)

More info on : www.naoj.org/PIAA/



Light intensity

Guyon, Pluzhnik, Vanderbei, Traub, Martinache ... 2003-2006

PIAA Coronagraph Technology Development

Testbed @ Subaru Telescope Ground-based coronagraphic ExAO project 2nd generation PIAA design & manufacturing Space projects studies: TOPS -> PECO, EXCEDE, TPF-C, SPICA

Main funding sources	
Ground-based	Space
	NASA JPL
	Navigator program
Subaru Telescope/NAOJ	
MEXT (Japan)	
	NASA Ames
	TOPS partnership

8.5 PIAA optics sets made so far:

I refractive PIAA system, diamond turned plastic [NAOJ]
2 reflective PIAA systems, Nickel-plated diamond turned AI (I design x2) [Axsys]
6 refractive PIAA systems, diamond turned CaF2 (3 designs x2) [Axsys]
+ I reflective PIAA system, Zerodur, currently in manufacturing [Tinsley]



Light intensity



Subaru lab experiment co-funded by Subaru/NAOJ & JPL





Lab results with PIAA coronagraph + FPAO



Step 1: phase diversity -> DM correction

Lab results with PIAA coronagraph + FPAO with 32x32 MEMs DM



Next important step is to test PIAA coronagraph in High Contrast Imaging Testbed @ NASA JPL

New refractive PIAA optics which are being polished for this Ie-I0 polychromatic contrast test (Funding: NASA Ames) PIAA (Subaru Testbed)



Figure 1.3-2 Comparison between the IWA of a PIAA coronagraph and a Lyot-type band limited coronagraph. Actual laboratory PSFs are shown at the same scale. The high sensitivity regions are in blue (PIAA) and black (band limited). **Example:** HIP 56997 (G8 star at 9.54pc) 0.55 micron, 0.1 micron band Planet at maximum elongation (80 mas) Earth albedo = 0.3 (C=6e9) 4h exposure, 0.25 throughput, perfect detector

Exozodi : 1 zodi System observed at time when zodi is minimal

Each image is 20x20 lambda/d





<u>Linear system in complex amplitude</u> Fourier transforms, Fresnel propagation, interferences, every wavefront control schemes: **all are linear**



Vector A complex amplitudes)

Unitary matrix U

Vector $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{A}$





Problem: stars are not points ! Sun diameter ~1% of 1 AU If 1AU=2 I/d, Stellar radius ~ 0.01 I/d <u>Wavefront control cannot solve it</u>

Radially averaged throughput



Useful throughput - average, 0.1 l/d



Wavefront control

Current WFS schemes are seeing-limited Ex-AO should use diffraction-limited WFS

SHWFS is also suffering from noise propagation



Spot sizes is lambda/r0 at best (lambda/d if d<r0) >> lambda/D

Low order modes suffer from very poor SNR



<u>Problem #2</u>: Low order aberrations "scramble" high spatial frequencies -> defocus distance must be kept small



Wavefront sensors "sensitivities" in linear regime with full coherence (Guyon 2005)



Square root of # of photons required to reach fixed sensing accuracy

plotted here for phase aberrations only, 8m telescope. Tuned for maximum sensitivity at 0.5" from central star.

Why do SH, Curvature (& modulated pyramid) have bad sensitivity for low order aberrations ?

Good measurement of low order aberrations requires interferometric combination of distant parts of the pupil FPWFS does it, but:

- SH chops pupil in little pieces -> no hope !
- Curvature has to keep extrapupil distance small (see previous slides) -> same problem

Things get worse as # of actuators go up. -> This makes a big difference for ELTs

Tip-tilt example (also true for other modes): With low coherence WFS, sigma2 ~ I/D^2 (more photons) Ideally, one should be able to achieve: sigma2 ~ I/D^4 (more photons + smaller I/D) SH: Noise propagation limitation is introduced at the optical level (chopping the pupil in small pieces)

Curvature: Noise propagation comes from processing of WFS frames, which imposes linearity

-> possible to mitigate / solve ?

+/- 1000km

Defocused pupil images are full of lambda/D speckles



+/- 8000km

Standard phase diversity algorithm, working around pupil plane. There are probably better/faster algorithms (see for example: van Dam & Lane 2002, JOSA vol. 19)

kHz operation appears to be possible with current chips for few 100s actuators system (100 32x32pix FFT = 0.2ms on single CPU)



Linear single stroke WFS, 2000 ph total 8m telescope, 0.65 mu, 373 ill. subapert.



Non linear dual stroke WFS, 2000 ph total 8m telescope, 0.65 mu, 373 ill. subapert.



Defocused pupil images

500 ph / frame Top : +/- 2000km Bottom: +/- 8000km Input pupil phase Rec 296nm RMS

Reconstructed phase



Residual: 55nm RMS

SR = 0.763 at 0.65 micron

Magn 16 source -> 2000 ph/ms on 8m telescope

Why is is so good ??? -> uses HSF to infer LSF



Fig. 9.— Wavefront reconstruction using the algorithm shown in fig. 8. Four noisy defocused pupil images (images (a), (b), (c) and (d)) are acquired to transform the pupil phase aberrations (e) into intensity signals. The input pupil phase is 609 nm RMS, yielding the PSF (f) before correction. After correction, the residual pupil phase aberration (g) is 34.4 nm RMS, allowing high Strehl ratio imaging (h). All images in this figure were obtained at 0.65 μ m. The total number of photons available for wavefront sensing in 2e4.




Polychromatic nICWFS with monochromatic wavefront reconstruction algorithm



m ~ 13	LOOP OFF 1537 nm RMS		SH, D/d = 60 Loop frequency = 140 Hz 227 nm RMS		SH, D/d = 36 Loop frequency = 160 Hz 183 nm RMS	
	SH, D/d = 18 Loop frequency = 180 Hz 195 nm RMS		SH, D/d = 9 Loop frequency = 180 Hz 315 nm RMS		nlC, limit = 16 CPA Loop frequency = 260 Hz	
			DMC			
VVF5	Loop frequ		KM15	SK @ 0.85	mu	SK @ 1.6 mu
nlCurv	260 Hz	101 nm		57%		85%
SH - D/9	I 80 Hz	315 nm		~4%		22%
SH - D/18	180 Hz	195 nm		~ 3%		56%
SH - D/36	I 60 Hz	183 nm		~16%		60%
SH - D/60	I 40 Hz	227 nm		~6%		45%

Example of how choosing longer sensing wavelength helps by increasing wavefront coherence (even though phase signal gets smaller !!!)



Fig. 11.— Simulated performance of a non-linear Dual stroke Curvature as a function of sensing wavelength (0.7, 0.85 and 1.0 μ m) and guide star brightness. The stellar magnitudes given in this figure assume a 20% efficiency in a 0.5 μ m wide band. See text for details.

Closed loop simulations



Fig. 12.— Simulated long exposure 1.6 μ m PSFs obtained with a non-linear Dual stroke Curvaturebased AO system. The sensing wavelength was 0.85 μ m for this simulation.



Speckles vs. planet

Spectra differential imaging (SDI)

Optimized for methane-bearing giant planets Will only detect planets with a given spectral feature **Polarization differential imaging (PDI)**

Degree of polarization may be low (few %)

Only works on reflected light

Angular differential imaging (ADI)

Performs well if static speckles are strong Does not work well at small angular separations

Coherent differential imaging (CDI)

Use DM to introduce a know variation in the WF to modulate speckle intensity

Can reach photon noise limit if system is very well calibrated and CDI is performed quickly (or simultaneously)





Speckle calibration with active coherent modulation Focal plane wavefront sensing and CDI use the same modulation: if something is a speckle, we can kill it with the DM !

With FPAO, separation between coronagraph and wavefront control becomes blurry



Subaru Coronagraphic Extreme-AO (SCExAO) system

Motivations

Performance improvement through:

- Smaller IWA (allows 5 AU at Taurus) essential to understand planetary systems formation/evolution
- Higher "raw" contrast (fainter disks & planets)
- Coherent speckle calibration (can allow x10 to x100 gain in final contrast)

Aimed at keeping HiCIAO scientifically competitive in next ~5+ years (GPI & SPHERE come online in ~2 to 3 years).

Fully takes advantage of flexibility offered by AO188+HiCIAO (unique advantage over system like GPI). Rapidly incorporates key technological advances for maximum science return.

HiCIAO can compete with ~\$20M+ Ex-AO systems at a fraction of the cost.

Overall system architecture





AOI88 system at the Nasmyth focus (installed in 2006/9)

AO system

IR camera& spectrograph

Laser room









HiCIAO first light (2007)

NAOJ

Ielescope,

Subaru

CEAO system design drivers:

- CEAO system will preserve previous HiCIAO modes (but add 2 reflections)
- All elements (SRP, PIAA, DM) must be remotely controlled and can be removed at any time within a few sec.
- Space will be made available for one additional HiCIAO-size instrument (Princeton IFU ?)
- CEAO will reuse lower part of HiCIAO frame no change in footprint
- Switch between HiClAO to HiClAO + CEAO system must be quick and safe to comfortably fit between SEEDS observing runs (including time for testing)

Project schedule

- 2003-2007: Lab prototype to demonstrate key technologies (PIAA, focal plane WFC with MEMS) - COMPLETED
- 2006-2007: Design & procurement of key custom-made optics (PIAA, apodizer, SRP) - COMPLETED
- 2008: Assembly & test of full optical train -> Final system design and assembly - ONGOING
- mid 2009: System complete & ready to be interfaced with HiCIAO and AO188 (initial configuration = PIAA + MEMS with slow control)
- From mid 2009: Faster control of MEMS + dedicated WFS for Extreme-AO, upgrade to 4000 actuators MEMS - ONGOING R&D





Spider Removal Plate (SRP)



PIAA refractive optics (CaF2)

removes central obstruction for Subaru



4 mm pupil size



Fig. 1.— Optical layout of a coronagraphic low order wavefront sensor system, shown here with a PIAA coronagraph. See text for details.

Guyon, Matsuo, Angel, 2008 - in press Can also be applied to phase mask type coronagraphs (Matsuo & Guyon, in preparation)



Why a central dark spot?

(1) Signal amplification(2) Accurate reference

Fig. 9.— CLOWFS focal plane mask used in the PIAA coronagraph laboratory testbed at Subaru Telescope. The 100 micron radius mask center is opaque (low reflectivity), and is surrounded by a 100 micron wide highly reflective annulus. The science field, transmiting light to the science camera, extends from 200 micron to 550 micron radius.



time (s)





CEAO lab at Subaru







System already delivers diffraction-limited images in the visible without wavefront control.

Near-IR wavefront quality expected to be excellent (PIAA optics were designed for near-IR, not visible). A very small fraction of the MEMS DM stroke will be used for high contrast imaging (benefit: MEMS DM does not need to be in pupil plane).







Pupil plane images

PIAA lenses

"touch-up" apodizer

Full apodization obtained with SRP + PIAA lenses + apodizer



SRP removes spiders in PSF
Source 20 I/D off-axis

No inverse PIAA

Inverse PIAA



- AO188 / HiCIAO / Nasmyth platform provides ideal environment to quickly implement new techniques on telescope (Can be tested independently of telescope light).
- High flexibility is key to success in this area and maximize science per \$. Continuous dev., watching for new technologies to stay ahead.
- Overlap between and co-location of coronagraphy/ExtremeAO, AO188 & HiCIAO teams highly advantageous
- Subaru CEAO system should be more capable & more flexible than GPI/Sphere
- These techniques also pave the way for highly efficient exoplanet science with ELTs.

Can we image Earths with ground-based telescopes ?

Reflected light:

- Earth/Sun contrast ~ Ie-9
- SuperEarth ~ 4e-9
- Jupiter @ I AU: 2.5e-8

8-m telescope



8m telescope, very good ExAO + slow near-IR correction

mV = 5, mH = 5Contrast in $H \sim 1e-5 \sim 1e4$ ph/s/speckle (H band background $\sim 1/2$ of this) with ~ 10 Hz residual speckle timescale Photon noise from Halo = $1e-7 \times 1/sqrt(t(s))$ Speckle noise from Halo = $3e-6 \times 1/sqrt(t(s))$

in Ihr, 3-sigma detection limit =
I.5e-7 (no differential detection)
Ie-8 (differential detection, I/4 photons)

30-m telescope



30m telescope, very good ExAO + slow near-IR correction

14x more photons in planet and star, contrast 14x better

still ~Ie4 ph/s/speckle (7e-7 contrast)
Photon noise from Halo = 7e-9 x I/sqrt(t(s))
Speckle noise from Halo = 2e-7 x I/sqrt(t(s))

in Ihr, 3-sigma detection limit =
1.1e-8 (no differential detection)
7e-10 (differential detection, assuming 1/4 photons)

Near-IR Earth spectra



Pupil remapping Exoplanet Coronagraphic Observer (PECO)

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PECO overview

High contrast coronagraphic imaging of the immediate environment of nearby stars

Characterization of planets and dust in habitable zone



1.4m diameter off-axis telescope 0.4 - 1.0 micron spectral coverage / R~20

PECO is one of the "probe-class" (\$600M - \$800M) NASA-funded Advanced Mission Concept Studies.



Optimal use of photons from 0.4 to 1.0 micron, for WFC and science

- Common detector for WFS and science
- Dichroics
- EMCCDs
- PIAA coronagraph
- CLOWFS

Dichroics for science (R~15) and wavefront control / coronagraphy

Full angular resolution

Optical Telescope Assembly (TOPS)



Exoplanet science with a 1.4 m telescope ? Don't we need an 8m ? (TPF-C)

Coronagraph technology is making very good progress

- since "TPF-C", we know how to reduce telescope diameter by almost 3x with the same science capabilities.

- Lab testbeds are making huge progress

<u>We can (somewhat) relax number of targets since Eta (Earth+SuperEarth)</u> probably > 0.1 (RV/transits/microlensing)

- This also means we can also spend more time per target (weeks, months...)

- RV and/or astrometry will help constrain mass of planets and increase efficiency of observations. Will also help tell difference between planets and exozodi clumps

Biggest risk is Exozodi. How many systems have < 2 to 5 zodi within ~10pc ? How clumpy is it ?

Characterization on very limited # of targets in red. Low resolution spectroscopy (R~I5 to 20).

Telescope size and coronagraph type	Earth @ 1 HZ albedo 0.3	SuperEarth @ 1 HZ albedo 0.3	SuperEarth @ 1.8 HZ albedo 0.3	Jupiter @1AU albedo 0.6	Jupiter @5AU albedo 0.6
1.0 m PIAA	5	13	23	21	437
1.4 m PIAA (PECO)	20	38	56	52	1179
1.8 m PIAA	41	79	127	103	2545
1.4 m Shaped Pupil	2	2	4	15	131

Table 1.2-1 Number of FGK main sequence stars around which different planet types can be detected (SNR=5 at R=5 at 0.55 micron) with an ideal (perfect wavefront) 1.4m PIAA telescope adn other telescope diameter/coronagraph combinations. Details of this simulation can be found in Guyon et al. 2006. This table assumes a 1 zodi cloud around each star and a 50% throughput loss due to coatings and detector. The numbers given are for 20% detection probability for a single 1 day exposure with no prior information on the planet location, corresponding to 90% probability of at least one detection in 10 uncorrelated visits. Super Earths are assumed here to have 2x Earth radius. The HZ unit denotes the distance at which an Earth-like planet would have the same temperature as the Earth.

Science is steep function of telescope diameter PECO design could be applied to larger telescope size

A "difficult" PECO target

PECO one day image in 0.4-0.5 micron band of an Earth/Sun system analog at 4.5 pc

Illustrates:

- very high SNR detection of exozodi
- risk of confusion with exozodi
- risk of confusion with other planets
 "Earths" are at limit of PECO
- super-Earths are significantly easier
- High contrast needs to be maintained at Ie-I0



PECO's goal is to image and characterize nearby exoplanetary systems (Planets + dust) down to Earth/"SuperEarth" mass

deep survey:
50 targets (~2/3 of observing time)
large survey:
+150 targets (~1/3 of observing time)

Spectral characterization at R~20

-> Planets orbits, colors and map of exozodi cloud
-> understand planetary systems architecture & habitability



Figure 1.2-1 PECO Spectral Bands. Earth's atmosphere has a relatively constant albedo across the PECO bands, with a slight absorption near 600 nm due to ozone. EGPs like Jupiter will have relatively flat spectra, with deep methane absorption in the red adjacent to bright continua arising from clouds. Cooler, lower gravity, and/or methane-rich ice giants like Uranus & Neptune are bluer and much darker in the red.



Kalteneger et al. 2006



