Current Visible Light AO Systems and Science with MagAO and a Look to ELTs

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So Why bother with the Visible...

Visible has many scientific advantages over NIR

# 1. Better Science detectors ( EMCCDs, QE~98%):

- -- Much Lower dark current (by >10x)
- -- Lower readnoise (<1 e- typical now)
- -- better cosmetics (zero bad pixels)
- -- Better QE ~100%
- --warm is OK, just need TE cooling!
- --Compact: Science cameras can be smaller than WFS
- 2. Much Darker Backgrounds

(>1000x darker at K compared to V) skies too...

This is important ---especially for extended objects.



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H-alpha emission (0.656  $\mu$ m for typical young star (LkCa 15 A) *Whelan et al. 2015 A&A* 





4. **Off Rayleigh Jeans tail**: Stars have greater range of colors in the visible (wider range color mag diagrams). Good place to measure Av, L.



-- Smaller  $\lambda$  :

#### Higher spatial resolution!

The 10-20 mas spatial resolution regime opens up on 6-8m class telescope at 0.6 microns...

ELTs could approach even higher 3-7 mas resolutions in the visible... more on that later...



## Current Visible AO systems

- Robo-AO is running well (*automatically*) on a 1.5m scope with a UV laser *Baranec et al.*
- SAM GLAO system at 4m SOAR -- Andrei Tokovin
- SCExAO with VAMPIRES starting to produce visible science the 10mas resolution of μ Cep
- SPHERE/ZIMPOL (in science operations at VLT)



Sphere discovers a companion in the bipolar outflow from The Nearest AGB star: L2 Pup (Kervella et al 2015)

# The 6.5m Magellan Telescope AO system (MagAO). Designed for Visible AO from start.



# Some Keys to Visible AO Design

**1 Good Site** – Large  $r_o$  (long  $\tau_o$ ) + and consistency (like clear weather) helps –clouds can ruin a long ADI dataset.

**2 Good DM and WFS** fast!, <r<sub>o</sub> sampling, no "bad" actuators!

**3 Stiff "piggyback" design** with Visible science camera well coupled to the WFS – *minimize non-common path optics/aberrations (NCP errors), like the ADC. Keep it Simple!* 

**4 Lab Testing:** Lots (and lots) of "end-to-end" closed loop testing with Visible camera...

**5 Modeling/Design:** Well understood error budget feeding into analytical models, must have <135 nm rms WFE.

**6 High Quality IMATs:** Excellent on-scope IMATs with exact pupil (ASM helps here) – *often underestimated…* 

7 IR simultaneous with VisAO: (contingency in poor seeing)





Deep 40% Strehl at 0.98 µm PSF (140 nm rms WFE with 200 modes).



#### MagAO-2K: Better, deeper Images (2kHz, 350 modes)



# Science example: LkCa 15: The Most Famous Transitional Disk



Christian Thalmann



# ZIMPOL uses the polarized nature of scattered light to constrain the geometry of Disk



Christian Thalmann et al. 2015 A&A



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Hα should be common accretion signature

Lets take a look into these disk gaps and see if we can find any GAP Planets by looking at both Halpha and Continuum simultaneously (SDI)



#### Exploring dust around HD142527 down to 0.025"/ 4au using SPHERE/ZIMPOL





#### Avenhaus et al A&A 2017



MagAO Accreting planets! LkCa 15b Sallum et al. Nature 2015 6 sigma detection of accreting planet at just 93 mas! First GapPlanetS result: a faint Hα accreting sources inside T-Tauri Transition disks– *10 sigma at just 83 mas (14 AU).* 

Close et al. 2014 ApJ Lett 781 30







Sallum et al. 2015 Nature

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#### Hα is also a better tracer of low-mass companion accretion disks then Alma? Here we see the low mass (~1myr old)





# MagAO Halpha Jets



• Halpha Jets in 5 min. on a faint binary

Wu et al. 2017 in prep



# MagAO Resolution of 12 mas (30AU) Stellar Wind at $H\alpha$



Eta Car by HST *Wu et al. ApJ* 2017



### Zimpol Can Image at H $\alpha$ too: R Aqr

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![](_page_22_Figure_2.jpeg)

**Fig. 5.** East-west cuts through the R Aqr binary system for different H $\alpha$  filter observations taken in imaging mode. *Left*: B\_Ha and N\_Ha profiles from August 12, 2014, showing the much reduced continuum throughput in N\_Ha (the peak of B\_Ha is strongly saturated); *right*: N\_Ha profiles for August 12, 2014 and October 11, 2014 illustrating the brightness change of the red giant within 60 days. The dotted green curve shows the scaled red giant profile as seen in the CntHa filter (slow pol. mode) from October 11.

mira variable for our ZIMPOL filter observation which are useful for the absolute H $\alpha$  line fluxes of the jet clouds, the determination of upper flux limits for the hot companion, and for estimates of the flux contribution of the mira star to the HST line filter images. Photometric magnitudes are obtained by summing up all counts "ct<sub>1M</sub>" registered in the 10<sup>6</sup> pixels area [ $x_1:x_2, y_1:y_2$ ] = [13:1012, 13:1012] of the 1024 × 1024 pixel detector. This is

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#### ZIMPOL at other optical emission lines: Z Cma

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![](_page_23_Figure_1.jpeg)

**Fig. 1.** (a): Continuum-subtracted (top) and deconvolved (bottom)  $[O_1]$  images of the Z CMa system. The deconvolved image shows only the diffuse emission as reconstructed by the MC-RL algorithm. The centroids of the two stars and the position of the main knots of the FUor jet are indicated. Areas heavily corrupted by artefacts around the star centroids have been masked. (b): Same for the H $\alpha$  observations. (c): Fitted transverse positions of the peak of the FUor jet spatial profile as a function of the distance from the exciting source for both the  $[O_1]$  continuum-subtracted (blue squares) and deconvolved images (red circles). Blue crosses and red pluses indicate the measured profile width of the two images. The solid green line is the best fit of the wiggle produced by an orbital motion of the jet source around a companion (Anglada et al. 2007) to the peaks of the continuum-subtracted image.

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# Visible Exoplanet Science with MagAO – examples that could also be done with ELTs in the future!

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#### We Can Use Visible AO to probe the extinction towards Planetary Mass Companions: Example 1RXS 1609 b

New Extinction and Mass Estimates of 1RXS1609 B with MagAO

![](_page_25_Figure_2.jpeg)

For 1RXS 1609b we find a Av~4.5 mag, Mass 12-15 Jupiters and its own disk, so a BD formed by frag. at ~320 AU proj. sep. *Wu et al. ApJ Lett 2015* 

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We Can Use Visible AO to probe the extinction towards Planetary Mass Companions : Example HD106906b Wu et al ApJ 2016

![](_page_26_Figure_1.jpeg)

**High Contrast in Visible**: Beta Pic b (>100,000x) fainter at 0.5") can be seen at 0.98 micron in 2 hours

of 6.5m time with PCA/ADI.

![](_page_27_Figure_2.jpeg)

Beta Pic b; Males et al. 2014 ApJ 786, 32; Morzinski et al. 2015 ApJ 815, 108 (See *Katie's talk tomorrow 3:30!)* 28

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#### VisAO Can Also Image Debris Disks: HR4796 → (TJ Rodigas et al. ApJ 2014)

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Debris disks are generated by grinding of plentismals –which can be imaged today as asteriods in out own solar system 16 Psyche (10 quadrillion dollars ;-)

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![](_page_31_Picture_2.jpeg)

## Visible AO Science Refereed Papers with MagAO

Exoplanets (Males et al. 2014; Bailey et al. 2014; Close et al. 2014; Follette et al. 2014; Biller et al. 2014; Skemer et al. 2014; Wu et al. 2014, Wu et al. 2015a, Sallum et al. 2014, Wu et al. 2015b, Nielsen et al. 2015, Rodigas et al. 2015b, Morzinski et al. 2015, Sallum et al. 2015, Wu et al. 2015b, Wu et al. 2017, Follette et al. 2017, Rameau et al. 2017, Prato et al. 2017

See Katie Morzinski's exoplanet talk tomorrow at 3:30!

- Star Formation & disks (Close et al. 2013; 2014, Follette et al. 2013; Wu et al. 2013; Biller et al. 2014; Rodigas et al. 2015),
- Halpha emission jets and Knots (Wu et al. in prep),
- Imaging Stellar surfaces Wu et al. 2017
- Imaging the surfaces of asteroids Shepard et al. 2017 Many more papers are coming out soon...

# MagAO Status, June 2017

Both VisAO and Clio have been open to community for science for 3 years (over 100 science nights)  $\rightarrow$  27 ApJ papers (with more drafts submitted or in prep). Three new directly imaged extrasolar planetary systems discovered.

- Visible AO focus of ~50% of the MagAO nights (simultaneous NIR and Visible ~70%)
- Past funding from NSF's MRI,TSIP, ATI
- MagAO<sup>2K</sup> provided 2kHz speed. Jared Males PI

**Near Future:** Fully funded extreme AO on Magellan: **MagAO-X** (NSF MRI, Jared Males PI) has just passed PDR technical first light 2018.

Farther Future: Adapting lessons learned from MagAO and MagAO-X to GMagAO-X on GMT

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**For ELTs** visible AO will be quite complex (particularly w.r.t. servo lag vs. sky coverage) – but big payoff if ~7mas (GMT) to ~3 mas (EELT) can be reached at ~0.7  $\mu$ m.

- But total wavefront requirements no harder than NIR ExAO System requirements...
- Would enable very exciting science...

However, the visible isoplanatic patch will always be small... and the prospect of LGS VisAO on an ELT would be very challenging! So the visible science will remain "niche", yet very important, science.

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## For ELTs VisAO is Possible

It is worth remembering that as long as D/r<sub>o</sub> is the same then any NIR AO system designed for a 10 cm r<sub>o</sub> can be also a VisAO system on the very best nights where r<sub>o</sub> doubles. So if the system can produce 25% SR at J band (1.25 $\mu$ m) on an average 1" night --then it will work at H $\alpha$  (0.65  $\mu$ m) if r<sub>o</sub> gets ~2x better on a 0.5" night.

VisAO is a niche mode achievable with current ELT designs on nights where there is really good (20 cm  $r_o$ ) seeing. We just have allow the possibility...

![](_page_35_Picture_3.jpeg)
#### SO HOW MANY ELTS HAVE VISIBLE AO IN A PLANED FIRST LIGHT INSTRUMENT?

Well None, at least not yet...





For the **EELT** the 2<sup>nd</sup> gen. EPICS ExAO instrument could do certainly visible light AO if a new visible light science camera is added.

For **TMT** is possible to add a visible light science camera right at the corrected beam fed into the NGS Pyramid WFS. But it must be after the modulator and that adds some optomech complexity (a selectable beamsplitter upstream of the modulator).





For the **GMT** it is possible to use an auxiliary port for a gravity invariant visible AO system and coronagraph. It is possible to build an ExAO coronagraph on GMT with all available DM parts (7x3000 actuators) today.

GMT Elevation axis  $\rightarrow$ Auxiliary Port But before we can build a massive woofer tweeter XAO system on GMT we need an ExAO pathfinder! → MagAO-X !



#### MagAO-X an extreme coronagraph for Magellan (Pathfinder for GMT visible AO)

- Funded by NSF MRI program. PI Jared Males, See Jared's MagAOX Poster today!
- 2. 97 actuator woofer and 2000 actuator Tweeter
- 3. 3.3 kHz sample, PyWFS (OCAM2)
- 4. Targeted for 0.5-1.7 micron science
- 5. 80% Strehl at Halpha
- 6. Contrasts of 10<sup>-5</sup> @50 mas and 10<sup>-6</sup>@150 mas on 5<sup>th</sup> mag star in 1 hr. median seeing
- 7. Will feed SDI H-alpha science cameras
- 8. Can feed: MKID (PI Ben Mazin) or RHEA IFS @R=60,000 resolution (PI Mike Ireland)
- 9. On-sky 2018, complete by 2019-2020.





MagAO-X





## MagAO-X Optical Design (10" FOV



## MagAO-X Science Full FOV

MagAO-X Post-Preliminary Design Review 2.1 Overall Optical Mechanical Design





## MagAO-X PyWFS Feed (Very little NCP<30nm)







## MagAO-X Post-Preliminary Design Review 2.1 Overall Optical Mechanical Desi MagAO-X OptoMech Layout





## MagAO-X Model Floating Table

All gray components (bench, table, and legs) are a single custom build, of our design, offered by TMC





## MagAO-X Model at Magellan



MagAOX-001 6/9/2017

v. 24

Status:Draft



#### How Well Will MagAO-X's AO Work On Sky?



70% Strehl at H $\alpha$ 8th mag guide star with turbulence (25%-ile conditions, 0.5" seeing)

End to end 80 element **woofer** 1700 actuators **tweeter** at up to 3.5 kHz update (with OCAM2 as **Pyramid WFS**) closed loop AO simulations by Jared Males (see his poster for more info)





#### MagAO-X vAPP Coronagraph on-sky Contrasts



Date: 6/9/201 Status:Draft v. 2

### Introducing GMagAO-X (a MagAO-X like instrument on GMT)

- A draft design of a GMT ExAO instrument "GMagAO-X" at the gravity invariant auxiliary (AP) port. See Jared Males' Poster today
- Concept Based on talks given by Jared Males, Olivier Guyon and Laird Close at:

#### "Exoplanets in the Era of ELTs" in Sept 2016.

Auxiliary port details based on discussions with the GMT engineering group, in particular Brain Walls (GMTO), and NAU's Nick Herrald (ANU, Australia)



Proof of concept Design of an GMT ExAO Coronagraph (GMagAO-X)

- We believe (based on the six-sided pupil segmentor optic) that the GMT is the only ELT that has the ability to do ExAO coronagraphy with today's "COTS" DMs and WFS detectors. This is unlikely to change in the future, the GMT is the ELT that can do first light ExAO.
- Moore's law doesn't seem to apply to DMs.
- Here we show a proof-of concept optomech design using today's COTS DMs (Seven BMC 3Ks) and WFS detectors (4 OCAM2ks) combined with the stage 1 GMT could be the most powerful ExAO system ever.
- See Jared Males' Poster Today on GMagAO-X and how it could image Proxima Cen b





## Auxiliary Port (AP)



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## The AP is gravity invariant





At Zenith

At low elevation – Still at same orientation w.r.t. gravity

#### A Proof of Concept Design for GMagAO-X





# Extendable platform for maintenance (walls fold out onto the catwalk)



## Front view





Observing mode

Maintenance mode













#### REMOVAL OF AUX PORT INSTRUMENT





#### Remove platform section





#### From Nick Herrald (ANU, Australia)





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## The GMT Tweeter: How Can we have 21,000 actuators when that is not currently possible to fabricate in one DM?



A Boston Micro Machines 3000 actuator DM with 20mm dia. – Today's COTS
# How can you split up the GMT pupil to enable ExAO ?



6 sided reflective pyramid

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6 sided reflective pyramid



### The GMT stage 1 Tweeter: 12,000 Actuators



### The GMT Tweeter:21,000 Actuators



### The GMT Tweeter: Off Axis primary Mirror Optical path



### The GMT Tweeter: Off-axis and On-axis



NOTE: On GMT each pupil would be a 20mm dia. 3000 actuator MEMS DM (300um pitch, 1.5um stroke surface) which would be illuminated by 6° beam 97 mm above the 6-sided pyramid with 42° slope angles to allow a total unvignetted 25m FOV of 2" (really 2.6" with zero misalignments --except for the slightly undersized mirrors (8.25m, 3.6% light loss).









1.4m

### MagAO-X Coronagraph (APP or PIAACMC or others)







Thank-you! Clear Skies!

Interested in Using MagAO?: http://visao.as.arizona.edu/

and use the "Information for Observers" link



Photo by Yuri Beletsky LCO

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### BACKUPS





### Key #1: GOOD SITE

Located at LCO (near ESO's La Silla) in Chile (beside the Giant Magellan Telescope site). The Magellan site is excellent for seeing (<0.7" median, 0.5" nights typical). The MagAO system is on the Clay telescope on the righthand side.



### Key #2: GOOD DM adaptive secondary is thin flexible (<1 ms response time all modes) large (585 actuators) Zerodur shell



851 mm



### VisAO (SDI+ Hα) & CLIO2 IR (H or Brγ) Simultaneous SCIENCE CAMERAS





# Clio is installed (Clio PI Phil Hinz)



## VisAO Visible Light (0.6-1µm) Science Camera



VisAO CCD 20 mas resolution CCD/coronagraph

AO imaging at  $H\alpha$  and longer

 $(0.6 < \lambda < 1.0 \ \mu m)$ 













### Key #3: CCD Camera and WFS on same table









# MagAO <sup>2K</sup> upgrade

- Now 1 kHz PWFS speed → Baseline 1.5 KHz (goal 2 kHz)
- IR camera 512x1024 pixels → Upgrade Clio2 to 2kx2k H2RG MBE 1-5um detector

				Total WFE [nm]			
	Speed	PWFS Sampling	Controlled Modes	25%	50%	75%	Jitter rms
current	1 kHz	27x27	300 modes	102	142	180	8.1 mas
baseline	1.5 kHz	30x30	400 modes	92	121	145	6.0 mas
goal	2.0 kHz	34x34	450 modes	<b>90</b>	114	137	4.0 mas



# Better Calibration $\rightarrow$ 450 modes



Figure 9: The MagAO ASM flat measured using the 4D in the Arcetri test tower lab, which had a 50 nm r.m.s. phase residual. One important goal of this work is to develop the ability to make this measurement at LCO.



Figure 10: Left: The 4D interferometer in use at the Arcetri test-tower lab. This is the unit that will be shipped to LCO for this work. **Right:** Solid model showing the notional layout of the 4D and the mounting ring. NOTE: the complete specification and design of the ICD compliant mechanical interface is part of this effort. These drawings serve only to establish feasibility.



# Current Vibrations ~8mas rms (Goal 4 mas rms)



**Figure 12:** Vibration PSDs measured in 1 kHz closed-loop on-sky. The CCD-47 image position was measured at 42 f.p.s., and the PWFS tip and tilt modal amplitudes were recorded at 333 Hz (1/3 loop speed). The PWFS tip/tilt PSDs (black) were normalized to the CCD-47 PSDs (red) from 15 to 21 Hz (lower frequencies are subject to aliasing). Peaks are labeled with root-integrated-power in mas. The area between the PSD and a simple estimated continuum is also indicated. The bandwidth is obvious at ~95 Hz.



# I band Strehls 32% → 50%

- · The following plots are based on the preceding analysis.
- Comparisons to on-sky data are for alpha Cen A observations of 2014A.





# <100nm rms wavefront error (50% Strehl at I-band)



**Figure 13:** MagAO wavefront error (WFE). **Left panel:** current WFE, in 25%-ile (red), 50%-ile (blue), and 75%-ile (black) conditions without jitter. Lines are the analytic error budget, filled symbols are end-to-end simulations (for 25% and 50%), and asterisks are on-sky measurements from VisAO, corrected for 8.1 mas jitter. Our models of MagAO performance at LCO are validated by the on-sky data. **Right panel:** predicted performance of MagAO-2K under the same conditions. The baseline upgrade will produce performance in 75% conditions equal to current-system performance in 50% conditions.







*Optical Break through:* SDI images are identical to the <0.1% level (best speckle calibration ever)

Deep Stretch shows  $7\sigma$  detection of fake H $\alpha$  planets at  $\ge 0.7$ "  $5x10^{-6}$  times fainter

# SDI Optics are very good now


















## Movie of ASDI data reduction





### Preliminary SCExAO/VAMPIRES science - in preparation

Circumstellar dust around Red Supergiant µ Cephei

Model-fitting reveals extended, asymmetric dust shell, originating within the outer stellar atmosphere, without a visible cavity. Such low-altitude dust (likely  $AI_2O_3$ ) important for unexplained extension of

RSG atmospheres.

Inner radius: 9.3  $\pm$  0.2 mas (which is roughly  $R_{star}$ ) Scattered-light fraction: 0.081  $\pm$  0.002

PA of major axis:  $28 \pm 3.7^{\circ} \cdot \text{Aspect ratio: } 1.24 \pm 0.03$ 

Left: model image, shown in polarized intensity. Middle: model image show in four polarisations. Right: Model image (intensity), shown with wide field MIR image (from de Wit et al. 2008 – green box shows relative scales. Axis of extension in MIR image aligns with the close-in VAMPIRES image.







### KEY #6 Good interaction Matrixes with the CRO



Taking the IMATS with the Loop Closed in an iterative fashion is a great innovation of the LBTAO/Arcetri group

	Bin 1	Bin 2	Bin 3	Bin 4	Bin 5
Maximum number of controlled KL modes	378 300 250 200	120 100	66	28	21 10
Maximum Guide Star V magnitude	8.4	12.7	14.2	15.6	16.0 17

Key #5 well designed **ERROR** BUDGET Simulated system endto-end in CAOS Males et al. 2010,2012

			<b>→</b>
Table 3: E	rror Bud	lget (nm rms) for Mag	
AO system	n for a R=	8 mag NGS. λ=0.76μm	
Term	CAOS	Notes ( <mark>red</mark> terms have	
	value	been independently	
		measured in lab.)	
Fitting	91	$r_o=14 \text{ cm} @V \text{``poor''}$	
		(75%-ile) 0.8" seeing	
Servo	55.4	800 Hz framerate	-
Recon.	47.0	11e RON (9e in lab)	-
Static	30	Verified by 4D int.	-
Noncom	29.0	estimated by 4D in lab.	-
tilt	52.6	5 mas – Assuming	-
		Vibration Control if	
		windy	
Total	135	96 nm obs. in Tower.	102-140 nm
(rms)	100	Corrected to 122 nm for	rms
wavefront	nm	all modes $> 500$ as well.	observed
Strehl	30%	37% expected "on sky"	on-Sky in
0.76µm		correcting from lab.	conditions
Strehl at	93%	95% "on-sky"	
3.4 µm			

Fit: 561 illuminated act. controlling 400 modes Servo:  $Cn^2$  weighted  $\langle V \rangle = 15$  m/s , 1 ms delay added.



# SPHERE/ZIMPOL



• The Nearest AGB star: L2 Pup (Kervella et al 2015)



# ZIMPOL is primarily a polarimeter

### Degree of linear polarization



## Star Surfaces: ~50 mas surface of Betelgeuse, giant convective cells (Kervella et al. A&A 2016)





#### We Can Use Visible AO to probe the extinction towards Planetary Mass Companions: Example CT Cha B



Wu et al. ApJ 2015



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we find a Av=3.4+/-1.1 mag and accretion, hence CT Cha B has its own disk and is a BD formed by core fragmentation at 430 AU MagAo Wu et al. ApJ 2015 122