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Non-common Path Aberration Compensation Using the NWIWM Method

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A number of [iterative] solutions...

Phase diversity
 Gerchberg–Saxton

Focal plane sharpening NWIWM: Noise Weighted Image Width Minimization











Encircled energy, scalar function of all (N) actuators:



$$EE(a_1, a_2, \dots a_N) = \sum_{r} p$$

$$p = \text{pixel value}$$

$$r = \text{radius}$$

…Extremely simple. More complex functions might also be used, like distance weighted, correlations, trying to exploit the a priori existing knowledge of the diffraction shape.





Some pre-processing always required:

Bias

Flat

Bad pixel removal

(Threshold)

≻ ...

> AVERAGING



NWIWM Algorithm

Keep it simple: "Steepest ascent to the EE peak"







Key concepts

Actuations for gradient measurement is adjusted using S/N values.

New position is found using S/N information.

No knowledge required about DM

No WFS required





Real example:

Starting image Zero actuation AOLI Science Camera (241 actuators DM)

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Simulation results

> OOMAO (C. Correia, R. Conan)

- MATLAB based
- Object oriented
- Open source
- Easy to use

Main parameters

- 97 actuators
- Readout noise = 20 e⁻
- NCPA 200 Zernikes
- Random amplitudes related to order number
- Starting delta = 2 microns
- EE radius = 4 pixels
- Averages = 9
- Target S/N = 3

















Laboratory Results

EDiFiSE (Equalized and Diffraction-limited field spectrograph experiment)

- Prototype for AO + fibre optic equalised IFU + spectrograph
- 97 actuators ALPAO DM + Physik Instrumente Tip-tilt mirror
- 500 frames/second, 16x16 SH WFS (not used for NWIWM)
- FPGA-based RTC controller (only used to command DM)
- PULNIX 6740 science camera simulator, 7.4 µm pixel
- Narrow band I filter

















After 25 iterations:





Main drawbacks:

- Convergence slows near the peak
- Detector dynamic range
- Total measuring time





Execution time estimation for:

- . 40 iterations
- .9 averages
- . 3 exposures for DM stabilization
- . 500 images/sec

	OGS	WHT	GTC	ELT
size (m)	1	4,2	10	39
Estimated Number of actuators	97	241	373	5000
Exposures per iteration	2733	6189	9357	120405
Total (secs)	219	495	749	9632
Total (mins)	4	8	12	161





Future

Extended simulations.

Target S/N, seek length, number of actuators...

Algorithm improvement.

Conjugated gradients, correlation, distance weighted energy,...

- Comparison with other algorithms
 - Phase diversity...
- Extended laboratory tests

Possible use in EDIFISE, AOLI, GTCAO...others?

On sky NWIWM

Directly using bright stars to evaluate PSF, by Lucky Imaging, Speckle Reconstruction,...









Thanks!