# High-Contrast Instruments (Theory) 

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## Star and Planet



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See Goodman, Introduction to Fourier Optics

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This is too complicated so we approximate in different regimes.

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$$

Fraunhoffer (far field)

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## Star \& Planet with Diffraction



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Circular
Aperture


## Resolution

Two Meter Telescope

## Ten Meter Telescope




Even a two-meter telescope can resolve a planet at 1 AU about closest stars.

## The Problem is Contrast



## High-Contrast Imaging

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- Contrast: The ratio of the peak of the stellar point spread function to the halo at the planet location.
- Inner Working Angle: The smallest angle on the sky at which the needed contrast is achieved and the planet is reduced by no more than 50\% relative to other angles.
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# In the remainder of this talk I will describe how we achieve highcontrast using a coronagraph. 

Later, Aki Roberge will describe how it is done using a Starshade.

Tomorrow, Laurent Pueyo will describe how the planet is extracted from the image.

## Coronagraphy

Modify the optical path of the telescope to reduce the stellar halo in the planet "discovery zone" (increase contrast) while allowing sufficient planet light to transmit through.

## The "Lyot Coronagraph"



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## Bandlimited Lyot

Classical Lyot (Gaussian)

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a)


## Aperture

A(u)
b)


Conjugate of Mask ATF
$\mathrm{M}(\mathrm{u})$
c) $\left.\begin{array}{r}0.5 \\ 0.0 \\ -0.5\end{array}\right)$

The Second Pupil Field $\mathrm{M}(\mathrm{u})$ * $\mathrm{A}(\mathrm{u})$
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Kuchner \& Traub (2002)

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A sin^4 mask.


Throughput reduced by image plane mask \& Lyot stop.
a) Ma\&k

c) Pupil

b) Conjugate of Mask Function

d) Lyot Stop


## A General Picture

## Coronagraph is a linear operator

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\text { Reduce the exit amplitude }
\end{gathered} \begin{aligned}
& \text { Shift the energy } \\
& \text { (uncertainty principal) }
\end{aligned}
$$

## Coronagraph Families

- Lyot \& Bandlimited Lyot (Gemini, Keck, Hubble, Subaru, Palomar, VLT, JWST NICI, AFTA)
- 4 Quadrant Phase Mask (JWST MIRI, VLT, LBT)
- Optical Vortex (Palomar, VLT, LBT)
- AIC, VNC and other nullers
- Apodized pupils (VLT)
- Shaped pupils (SPICA, Subaru, AFTA)
- Pupil remappers (PIAA) (Subaru)
- Apodized phase plate (MMT, Magellan, VLT)

APLC
(GPI,
VLT/SPHERE,
Palomar)



## Coronagraphs That Change Amplitude

Focal Plane Amplitude Mask: Lyot \& Bandlimited Lyot, AIC

Focal Plane Phase Mask: 4QPM, Vector Vortex

Four-Quadrant Phase Mask coronagraph (Rouan) (4QPM)


Pupil plane Image plane w/ mask Pupil plane Vector vortex coronagraph (Mawet)


## Coronagraphs That Reshape PSF

Pupil Plane Amplitude Mask: Shaped Pupils, PIAA

Pupil Plane Phase Mask: APP

## Pupil Apodization to Reshape PSF

Slepian, D., "Analytic Solution of Two Apodization Problems",
September, 1965

Pupil Apodization


Point Spread Function


The "optimal" apodization that maximally concentrates light is the Prolate Spheroidal Wavefunction, based on finite uncertainty principle.

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## Shaped Pupil Zoo (1D)



Shaped pupils: $A(x, y)$ is zeroone valued (holes in masks)

- Advantages:
- simple to manufacture
- inherently broadband
- minimally sensitive to aberrations
- no off-axis degradation of PSF
- Disadvantages:

- throughput (though roughly the same as $8^{\text {th }}$ order Lyot coronagraph)
- IWA (better IWA can be achieved through less discovery space or greater simplicity)


## Pupils designed via optimization under certain constraints

## Direct 2 D Optimization of SPs


$\frac{\text { JWST }}{45 \% ~ T h r o u g h p u t ~}$
5 to 15 lambda/D
$10^{-5}$ Contrast

## First Lab Test of 2D SP at Princeton


A. Carlotti, E. Young, G. Che

## Manufacturing 2D-Optimized Shaped Pupils

- Recent breakthrough: Reflective SPs (RSPs)
- Silicon wafers with absorptive (black silicon) and reflective regions

- Testing $1^{\text {st }}$ black Si masks now in HCIL.



## Shaped Pupil Coronagraph for WFIRST-AFTA

Riggs et al. (2014)

Telescope Pupil

Shaped Pupil "Characterization" Mask

First Focal Plane Bowtie Mask


Intensity in First Focal Plane


Contrast in Final Image ( $10^{-8}$ )


## Pupil Mapping (PIAA)



Pupil Mapping for Apodization

Nearly 100\% throughput 100\% search area small (<2 lambda/ d) Inner Working Angle

Guyon (2003), Vanderbei \& Traub $(2003,2005)$

## Apodizing Phase Plates (Codona, Kenworthy)



One sided discovery zone

2 sided: with 0/ד masks (Carlotti) ... or with quarter wave plates

\& Wollaston prism (Snik)


## How is Phase used to Change Amplitude?

## Coronagraphs That Combine Both

Combine apodized pupil with focal plane mask and Lyot stop: APLC, SPLC, ACAD

## Apodized Pupil Lyot Coronagraph

Soummer et al. 2005, 2009, 2011



GPI design: contrast > 1e7 at $5 \lambda / \mathrm{D}$ with central obstruction and 20\% bandpass

## Apodized Pupil Lyot Coronagraph

- Generalized prolate spheroidal apodizers exist for any aperture geometry and focal mask diameter
- Quasi-Achromatic Solutions exist for large enough mask (e.g. with GPI with 5.6 lambda/D mask diameter)



Soummer et al. 2011

## Shaped Pupil Lyot Coronagraph



Simultaneously optimize pupil and Lyot plane

Gains smaller iwa and more throughput
from Neil Zimmerman


Band-ave yOt StOP


Phase mask coronagraphs with on-axis telescopes (Carlotti, Mawet, Pueyo) ; here w/ 4QPM ; ask D.Mawet for Vortex. obscuration \& spiders limit high-contrast ; apodizer can retrieve it


## Shaped Pupil Lyot Coronagraph for WFIRST-AFTA

From Neil Zimmerman, Princeton

Shaped Pupil
"Characterization" Mask

First Focal Plane
Bowtie Mask

Lyot Stop 90\% undersized

Intensity in First Focal Plane


Intensity in Lyot Plane


Contrast in Final Image (10-8)


## Instrument Performance (off-axis behavior)


$E_{i} \mathcal{A}(x) \mathcal{C}\left\{E_{i}\right\} \quad \mathcal{A}_{o}(x)$

Detection Time (Kasdin et al. 2006)

$$
\begin{aligned}
& t_{d}=\frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\left(K-\gamma \sqrt{1+\frac{\tilde{Q} \Xi_{\Delta S}}{\Psi_{\Delta S}}}\right)^{2}}{T_{R} \tilde{Q} \Psi_{\Delta S}} \\
& \beta=\epsilon \eta^{2} \Delta \lambda I_{p} A\left(T_{A}\right)_{a i r y}
\end{aligned}
$$

Off-Axis Point Spread Function

$$
P_{o}(\omega)=\left|\mathcal{F}\left\{\mathcal{A}_{o}\right\}\right|^{2}
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## Metrics

- Throughput (and iwa)
- Sharpness
- $\tilde{Q}=Q \sum_{\Delta S} \bar{P}_{i j}$

Q is the ratio of the planet flux at the center of the PSF to the background flux there.

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t_{s}=\frac{(S N R)^{2}\left(\Xi \tilde{Q}+\Psi_{\Delta S}\right)}{\beta Q \Psi_{\Delta S}}
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## Throughput

There are four possible measures of throughput often quoted:
Total Throughput:

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$$

## Airy Throughput:

$$
T_{A}=T \frac{\iint_{\Delta S} P_{o}(u, v) d u d v}{\iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} P_{o}(u, v) d u d v}=\frac{\iint_{\Delta S} P_{o}(u, v) d u d v}{\iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(u, v) d u d v}=\frac{\iint_{\Delta S} P_{o}(u, v) d u d v}{A}
$$

## Useful Throughput (Guyon, et al. 2006):

Maximum fraction of planet light that can be separated from starlight.
Effective Throughput:

$$
T_{R}=\frac{\iint_{\Delta S} P_{o}(u, v) d u d v}{\iint_{\Delta S} P(u, v) d u d v}=\frac{T_{A}}{\left(T_{A}\right)_{a i r y}}
$$

Note: $P_{0}$ is a function of angle in image plane.

## Inner Working Angle

Where the effective throughput drops by $50 \%$
(Maybe where $\mathrm{t}_{\mathrm{d}}$ doubles to allow for sharpness change?)

Perfect Coronagraph

$$
T_{\Omega} \leq 1-A^{2}(\theta)
$$

A = Airy Function

Guyon, Pluzhnik, Kuchner, Collins \& Ridgway 2006, ApJS 167, 81

## Sharpness

$$
\Psi_{\Delta S}=\frac{\sum_{i j} \bar{P}_{i j}^{2}}{\left(\sum_{i j} \bar{P}_{i j}\right)^{2}}
$$

Note that sharpness is a strong function of the PSF sampling.

Critically sampled Sharpness

- Airy $=0.12$
- Prolate = 0.08
-Lyot $=0.06$



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## Star Image

Images and Video from UC Santa Cruz Adaptive Optics course.


## Typical Ground Adaptive Optics <br> Phase Conjugation

Without
Adaptive Optics


## Planet imaging requires "Extreme Adaptive Optics" with Shigh format DMs to correct mid-spatial frequencies.



## Deformable Mirrors



Xinetics Electrorestrictive

## MEMS Deformable Mirror (BMC)

Continuous facesheet
FOV determined by number of actuators
Model surface as linear sum of basis functions Usually influence function as basis function

Measured response from a single poked actuator Approximately Gaussian shape

## Direct Images of HR8799 with AO

Marois, Macintosh, et al. (2008)


Gemini/NICI (Lyot)

The planets were later "discovered" in older HST images without AO.
$\varepsilon_{b}$

Keck

## Next Generation of Extreme AO on ground

 GPI, SPHERE, SCExAO+CHARISCourtesy Bruce Macintosh



Gemini Planet Imager
APLC coronagraph with 4000 actuator MEMS DM.

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## Beyond Extreme AO

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Today, "coronagraph" refers to both the optical design and the wavefront control system!

## Focal Plane Wavefront Sensing \& Control



Need to estimate complex field from only intensity

Control Algorithms:
Speckle Nulling (Brown \& Burrows) Energy Minimization (Malbet \& Shao) Electric Field Conjugation (Giveon) Stroke Minimization (Pueyo)

Estimation Algorithms: DM Diversity (Borde \& Traub, Belikov)
Gerchberg-Saxton (Kay)
Kalman Filtering (Groff)

## Single DM Control

Because controlling amplitude, only single-sided dark hole.


Shaped Pupil

- 4-10 $\lambda / D$
- $10 \%$ bandpass
- $2.4 \times 10^{-9}$ contrast [Belikov et al. 2007]


Band-Limited Lyot

- 4-10 $\lambda / \mathrm{D}$
- $10 \%$ bandpass
- $6.4 \times 10^{-10}$ contrast
[Moody et al. 2008]


PIAA

- 2-3.4 $\lambda / \mathrm{D}$
- monochromatic
- $1.9 \times 10^{-8}$ contrast [Belikov et al. 2011]

Because using phase to amplitude conversion, controller is chromatic and bandwidths limited. OWA determined by \# of actuators.

## Dual DM Control

First test at JPL HCIT in August, 2013 (monochromatic).


$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{IWA}=5 \lambda / \mathrm{D} \\
& \mathrm{OWA}=9 \lambda / \mathrm{D} \\
& 3.6 \times 10^{-9} \text { contrast }
\end{aligned}
$$

## Future?

Hybridizing coronagraph with DMs to generate contrast


DM Setting


Shaped Pupil


One-Sided Dark Hole

- Contrast: $5 \times 10^{-9}$
- Transmission: 61\%
- Stroke: 0.91 Vambda
- IWA: 4 Vambda/D
- OWA: 22 Vlambda/D


## Hybrid Lyot Coronagraph



## Baseline design for WFIRST/AFTA

From John Trauger, JPL

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