

## Directions on how to run FQPM and/or normal AO with FQPM installed

Note: In this document we refer to FQPM, but this is really applicable to anytime the off-axis re-imager optics are installed on the AO bench.

1. To run "normal" AO
  - a. start AO system
    - i. "cd /home/aousr/ao3/bin"
    - ii. "./start\_ao -tcs"
  - b. Once the system is booted then
    - i. move fq\_stim to 500,000 (this makes sure the FQPM stimulus is out)
    - ii. move fq\_relay to 0 (this makes sure the FQPM relay is out)
  - c. Use the AO system as normal
  - d. DM Mask
 

**There should not be one installed.** Note only AO team members are authorized to remove or install a DM mask.
  - e. PHARO: run xpharo
2. To run "FQPM" AO
  - a. start AO system
    - i. "cd /home/aousr/fqpm/bin"
    - ii. "./start\_ao -tcs"
  - b. Once the system is booted then
    - i. move fq\_stim to 500,000 (this makes sure the FQPM stimulus is out)
    - ii. move fq\_relay to 34,500 (this makes sure the FQPM relay is in)
  - c. Load correct pixel gains file
 

I think you want to use pixel\_gains\_no\_obs, although you might also want to try pixel\_gains\_all.

load wfp=ho, pixel\_gains=aocp:/pixel\_gains/pixel\_gains\_no\_obs
  - d. Faint light performance/optimization
 

You can use play all the usual games as for the "normal" AO system, but if/when you try the optimal reconstructors use alphaxrxxu.txt, the u is for no central obscuration for FQPM.
  - e. DM Mask
 

**The circular non-obscured mask should be installed on the DM if using FQPM.**

Note only AO team members are authorized to remove or install a DM mask.
  - f. PHARO: run xpharo\_fqpm

It might make sense to make a file called DEFAULT\_FQPM so that once the AO system is booted this can easily be restored.

3. Switching between "normal" and "FQPM" builds without restarting the whole AO system  
**NOT TESTED**
  - a. Exit TAO (the AO GUI)

- b. cd to “/home/aousr/ao3/bin” or “/home/aousr/ao3/fqpm” as appropriate for the mode you are switching to
- c. “./tao -ch aocp -th tcs” to restart tao
- d. When TAO is exited PHARO will go into network simulation mode, once TAO is restarted the AO connection can be re-established by de-selecting simulate network from one of the XPHARO pulldown menus
- e. restore the appropriate AO file DEFAULT or DEFAULT\_FQPM\
- f. **DM Mask: There should be no DM mask for normal AO and the circular non-obscured mask for “FQPM” AO.** Note only AO team members are authorized to remove or install a DM mask.
- g. PHARO: exit PHARO GUI and re-start xpharo or xpharo\_fqpm as appropriate.