

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

Note: These instructions apply to the subaperture relay also known as the WCS (Well Corrected Subaperture) relay, or originally, as the FQPM experiment.

1. To run "normal" AO
  - a. start AO system
    - i. In /opt/ao, "ll bin" and verify that the link points to /home/aocm/ao3/bin
      1. If it doesn't, in /opt/ao
        - a. "rm -f bin"
        - b. "ln -s /home/aocm/ao3/bin"
      - ii. From any directory, "start\_ao -tcs"
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  - b. Once the system is booted then
    - i. move fq\_stim to 500,000 (this makes sure the relay stimulus is out)
    - ii. move fq\_relay to 0 (this makes sure the relay is out and we are looking at the full telescope)
  - 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 "WCS" AO
  - a. start AO system
    - i. In /opt/ao
      1. "rm -f bin"
      2. "ln -s /home/aousr/fqpm/bin"
    - ii. From any directory, "start\_ao -tcs"
  - b. Once the system is booted then
    - i. move fq\_stim to 500,000 (this makes sure the relay stimulus is out)
    - ii. move fq\_relay to 34,500 (this makes sure the 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.

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load wfp=ho, pixel_gains=aocp:/pixel_gains/pixel_gains_no_obs
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  - 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 alphaxxxxu.txt, the u is for no central obscuration for WCS.
  - e. DM Mask
 

**The circular non-obscured mask should be installed on the DM if using WCS relay.** 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\_WCS so that once the AO system is booted this can easily be restored.

3. Switching between “normal” and “WCS” builds without restarting the whole AO system  
**NOT TESTED**
  - a. Exit TAO (the AO GUI)
  - b. cd to “/home/aocm/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\_WCS
  - f. **DM Mask: There should be no DM mask for normal AO and the circular non-obscured mask for “WCS” 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.