

Palomar LGSAO test schedule  
23-27 March 2007 (local)

v1.0: 04/17/07 - AB

Spotters requested 19:55-05:15 (on station 20:25-05:05)

| Test ID  | PDT start | PDT end | Test Name                          |       |       |      |      | Obs mode | Target | Description                                                         | Priority | Duration | Lead     | Clear sky<br>r0>10cm | Laser |
|----------|-----------|---------|------------------------------------|-------|-------|------|------|----------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------------------|-------|
| 04/23/07 |           |         | 19:31                              | 20:20 | 14:20 | 5:11 | 6:00 |          |        |                                                                     |          |          |          |                      |       |
| 1        | 10:00     | 13:00   | Install LLT                        |       |       |      |      | closed   | zen    |                                                                     | 1        | 3.00     | Doyle    | N                    | N     |
| 2        | 10:00     | 14:00   | AO bench setup and checkout        |       |       |      |      | closed   | zen    | Setup Aerotech controller, co-focus WFS, setup chopper & delay      | 1        | 4.00     | Roberts  | N                    | N     |
| 3        | 13:00     | 13:30   | BTO setup and checkout             |       |       |      |      | closed   | zen    | Test Q3, servo control.                                             | 1        | 0.50     | Angione  | N                    | N     |
| 4        | 13:30     | 15:30   | Prepare laser for observing        |       |       |      |      | closed   | NA     | Final alignment and testing of laser, control loops.                | 1        | 2.00     | Tripathi | N                    | N     |
| 5        | 13:30     | 15:30   | LLT alignment and checkout         |       |       |      |      | closed   | zen    | Align stimulus laser to LLT.                                        | 1        | 2.00     | Moore    | N                    | N     |
|          | 15:30     | 16:00   | <i>status and safety meeting</i>   |       |       |      |      |          |        |                                                                     |          | 0.50     |          |                      |       |
| 6        | 16:00     | 16:30   | Test safety interlocks             |       |       |      |      | closed   | NA     | Install barriers and test interlocks.                               | 1        | 0.50     | Cromer   |                      |       |
| 7        | 16:30     | 17:30   | Verify BTO alignment               |       |       |      |      | closed   | zen    | Verify laser alignment to BTO in Coude, Dome, LLT.                  | 1        | 1.00     | Bouchez  | N                    | N     |
| 8        | 18:00     | 19:00   | Calibrate PHARO                    |       |       |      |      | closed   | NA     | Calibrate centroids for both refl. spot & dichroic.                 | 1        | 1.00     | Hickey   |                      |       |
|          | 18:00     | 19:00   | <i>dinner</i>                      |       |       |      |      |          |        |                                                                     |          | 1.00     |          |                      |       |
| 9        | 20:00     | 20:30   | <b>AO Checkout</b>                 |       |       |      |      | NGS      | V=8    | Measure seeing, NGS performance.                                    | 1        | 0.50     | Hickey   | N                    | N     |
| 10       | 20:30     | 21:30   | <b>LLT boresighting</b>            |       |       |      |      | LGS      | zen    | Project laser at zenith; Check and optimize boresighting.           | 1        | 1.00     | Moore    | N                    | N     |
| 11       | 21:30     | 22:30   | <b>LLT image quality</b>           |       |       |      |      | LGS      | zen    | Optimize LGS spot size by translating LLT secondary.                | 2        | 1.00     | Petrie   | N                    | N     |
| 12       | 22:30     | 23:00   | <b>LGS acquisition</b>             |       |       |      |      | LGS      | zen    | Complete LGS acquisition test plan...                               | 1        | 0.50     | Bouchez  | N                    | N     |
| 13       | 23:00     | 1:30    | <b>LGS bright star performance</b> |       |       |      |      | LGS      | V=10   | Acquire star, optimize servo loops, measure Strehl & PSD            | 1        | 2.50     | Roberts  | Y                    | Y     |
| 14       | 1:30      | 2:30    | <b>UTT vs. CR angle</b>            |       |       |      |      | LGS      | V=17   | Test new reconstructor software                                     | 2        | 1.00     | Bouchez  | N                    | N     |
| 15       | 2:30      | 5:00    | <b>LGS science demo</b>            |       |       |      |      | LGS      | V=15   | Observe 2 science targets and test dithering & backgrounds          | 2        | 2.50     | Bouchez  | Y                    | Y     |
| 16       | 5:00      | 5:30    | <b>Field dependent LOWFS focus</b> |       |       |      |      | NGS      | V=10   | Acquire star at several points in LOWFS patrol field, record focus. | 2        | 0.50     | Bouchez  | N                    | N     |

| 04/24/07 |       |       | 19:32                                   | 20:21  | 14:24 | 5:10                                                         | 5:59 |   |      |          |   |   |   |
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| 1        | 14:30 | 15:30 | Prepare laser for observing             | closed | NA    | Final alignment and testing of laser, control loops.         |      | 1 | 1.00 | Tripathi | N | N | N |
|          | 15:30 | 16:00 | <i>status and safety meeting</i>        |        |       |                                                              |      |   | 0.50 |          |   |   |   |
| 2        | 16:00 | 16:30 | Test safety interlocks                  | closed | NA    | Install barriers and test interlocks.                        |      | 1 | 0.50 | Cromer   |   |   |   |
| 3        | 16:30 | 17:30 | Verify BTO alignment                    | closed | zen   | Verify laser alignment to BTO in Coude, Dome, LLT.           |      | 1 | 1.00 | Bouchez  | N | N | N |
|          | 18:00 | 19:00 | <i>dinner</i>                           |        |       |                                                              |      |   | 1.00 |          |   |   |   |
| 4        | 20:00 | 20:30 | <b>AO Checkout</b>                      | NGS    | V=8   | Measure seeing, NGS performance.                             |      | 1 | 0.50 | Hickey   | N | N | N |
| 5        | 20:30 | 21:15 | <b>LGS acquisition</b>                  | LGS    | zen   | Project laser at zenith, focus, UTT optimization             |      | 1 | 0.75 | Troy     | Y | N | Y |
| 6        | 21:15 | 1:15  | <b>LGS faint target performance</b>     | LGS    | V=17  | Acquire and measure Strehl for 2 stars each at V=14,15,16,17 |      | 1 | 4.00 | Roberts  | Y | Y | Y |
| 7        | 1:15  | 4:00  | <b>LGS science demo</b>                 | LGS    | V=15  | Observe 2 science targets and test dithering & backgrounds   |      | 2 | 2.75 | Bouchez  | Y | Y | Y |
| 8        | 4:00  | 5:00  | <b>Circular polarization experiment</b> | LGS    | zen   | Repeat Jul. 06 experiment. Requires person at prime focus.   |      | 3 | 1.00 | Bouchez  | Y | N | Y |
| 9        | 5:00  | 5:30  | <b>LOWFS transfer curves</b>            | NGS    | V=10  | Measure TT and Focus transfer curves                         |      | 3 | 0.50 | Roberts  | N | N | N |

| 04/25/07 |       |       | 19:32                            | 20:22  | 14:28 | 5:08                                                      | 5:58 |   |      |          |   |   |   |
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| 1        | 14:30 | 15:30 | Prepare laser for observing      | closed | NA    | Final alignment and testing of laser, control loops.      |      | 1 | 1.00 | Tripathi | N | N | N |
|          | 15:30 | 16:00 | <i>status and safety meeting</i> |        |       |                                                           |      |   | 0.50 |          |   |   |   |
| 2        | 16:00 | 16:30 | Test safety interlocks           | closed | NA    | Install barriers and test interlocks.                     |      | 1 | 0.50 | Cromer   |   |   |   |
| 3        | 16:30 | 17:30 | Verify BTO alignment             | closed | zen   | Verify laser alignment to BTO in Coude, Dome, LLT.        |      | 1 | 1.00 | Bouchez  | N | N | N |
|          | 18:00 | 19:00 | <i>dinner</i>                    |        |       |                                                           |      |   | 1.00 |          |   |   |   |
| 4        | 20:00 | 20:30 | <b>AO Checkout</b>               | NGS    | V=8   | Measure seeing, NGS performance.                          |      | 2 | 0.50 | Burruss  | N | N | N |
| 5        | 20:30 | 21:15 | <b>LGS acquisition</b>           | LGS    | zen   | Project laser at zenith, focus, UTT optimization          |      | 1 | 0.75 | Bouchez  | Y | N | Y |
| 6        | 21:15 | 5:00  | <b>Shared-risk Science</b>       | LGS    | V=17  | LGS-AO Multiplicity and Planet Formation at Bottom of IMF |      | 1 | 7.75 | Surace   | Y | N | Y |

| 04/26/07 |       |       | 19:33                            | 20:23  | 14:32 | 5:07                                                      | 5:57 |      |          |   |   |   |
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| 1        | 14:30 | 15:30 | Prepare laser for observing      | closed | NA    | Final alignment and testing of laser, control loops.      | 1    | 1.00 | Tripathi | N | N | N |
|          | 15:30 | 16:00 | <i>status and safety meeting</i> |        |       |                                                           |      | 0.50 |          |   |   |   |
| 2        | 16:00 | 16:30 | Test safety interlocks           | closed | NA    | Install barriers and test interlocks.                     | 1    | 0.50 | Cromer   |   |   |   |
| 3        | 16:30 | 17:30 | Verify BTO alignment             | closed | zen   | Verify laser alignment to BTO in Coude, Dome, LLT.        | 1    | 1.00 | Bouchez  | N | N | N |
|          | 18:00 | 19:00 | <i>dinner</i>                    |        |       |                                                           |      | 1.00 |          |   |   |   |
| 4        | 20:00 | 20:30 | <b>AO Checkout</b>               | NGS    | V=8   | Measure seeing, NGS performance.                          | 1    | 0.50 | Hickey   | N | N | N |
| 5        | 20:30 | 21:15 | <b>LGS acquisition</b>           | LGS    | zen   | Project laser at zenith, focus, UTT optimization          | 1    | 0.75 | Troy     | Y | N | Y |
| 6        | 21:15 | 5:00  | <b>Shared-risk Science</b>       | LGS    | V=17  | LGS-AO Multiplicity and Planet Formation at Bottom of IMF | 1    | 7.75 | Lowrance | Y | N | Y |

| 04/27/07 |       |       | 19:34                            | 20:24  | 14:36 | 5:06                                                 | 5:56 |      |          |   |   |   |
|----------|-------|-------|----------------------------------|--------|-------|------------------------------------------------------|------|------|----------|---|---|---|
| 1        | 14:30 | 15:30 | Prepare laser for observing      | closed | NA    | Final alignment and testing of laser, control loops. | 1    | 1.00 | Tripathi | N | N | N |
|          | 15:30 | 16:00 | <i>status and safety meeting</i> |        |       |                                                      |      | 0.50 |          |   |   |   |
| 2        | 16:00 | 16:30 | Test safety interlocks           | closed | NA    | Install barriers and test interlocks.                | 1    | 0.50 | Cromer   |   |   |   |
| 3        | 16:30 | 17:30 | Verify BTO alignment             | closed | zen   | Verify laser alignment to BTO in Coude, Dome, LLT.   | 1    | 1.00 | Bouchez  | N | N | N |
|          | 18:00 | 19:00 | <i>dinner</i>                    |        |       |                                                      |      | 1.00 |          |   |   |   |
| 4        | 20:00 | 20:30 | <b>AO Checkout</b>               | NGS    | V=8   | Measure seeing, NGS performance.                     | 1    | 0.50 | Burruss  | N | N | N |
| 5        | 20:30 | 21:15 | <b>LGS acquisition</b>           | LGS    | zen   | Project laser at zenith, focus, UTT optimization     | 1    | 0.75 | Troy     | Y | N | Y |
| 6        | 21:15 | 5:00  | <b>Shared-risk Science</b>       | LGS    | V=17  | LGS-AO Observations of Ultraluminous IR Galaxies     | 1    | 7.75 | Lowrance | Y | N | Y |

### Other proposed LGS experiments

|   |       |       |                                   |     |      |                                                          |   |      |         |   |   |   |
|---|-------|-------|-----------------------------------|-----|------|----------------------------------------------------------|---|------|---------|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0:00  | 1:00  | LGS bright star performance       | LGS | V=10 | Acquire star, optimize servo loops, measure Strehl & PSD | 1 | 1.00 | Roberts | Y | Y | Y |
| 2 | 1:00  | 4:00  | LGS faint star performance        | LGS | V=17 | Optimize TT, measure Strehl & PSD for V=14,15,16,17      | 2 | 3.00 | Roberts | Y | Y | Y |
| 3 | 4:00  | 5:00  | Rayleigh scatter characterization | LGS | zen  | Quantify altitude of scattering components on WFS.       | 3 | 1.00 | Bouchez | Y | N | Y |
| 4 | 5:00  | 6:30  | Off-axis acquisition procedure    | LGS | V=10 | Demonstrate off-axis NGS acquisition procedure           | 2 | 1.50 | Bouchez | N | N | Y |
| 5 | 6:30  | 7:30  | UTT performance                   | LGS | zen  | Investigate UTT performance. GOOD.                       | 3 | 1.00 | ?       | Y | Y | Y |
| 6 | 7:30  | 9:30  | LGS performance vs. airmass       | LGS | V=10 | Measure laser magnitude & Strehl at el=90,60,45          | 3 | 2.00 | ?       | Y | Y | Y |
| 7 | 9:30  | 11:30 | LGS isoplanatism                  | LGS | V=10 | Measure LGS and NGS isoplanatic angles                   | 3 | 2.00 | AB      | Y | Y | Y |
| 8 | 11:30 | 12:30 | Test laser frequency lock         | LGS | zen  | Test effects of etalon dither on HOWFS return.           | 2 | 1.00 | Bouchez | Y | N | Y |

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|   |      |       |                             |     |      |                                                                     |   |      |         |   |   |   |
|---|------|-------|-----------------------------|-----|------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---|------|---------|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0:00 | 0:30  | Field dependent LOWFS focus | NGS | V=10 | Acquire star at several points in LOWFS patrol field, record focus. | 2 | 0.50 | Bouchez | N | N | N |
| 2 | 0:30 | 1:30  | LOWFS transfer curves       | NGS | V=10 | Measure TT and Focus transfer curves                                | 3 | 1.00 | Roberts | N | N | N |
| 3 | 1:30 | 3:30  | Demo flexure compensation.  | NGS | V=4  | Good cloudy night test.                                             | 1 | 2.00 | Bouchez | N | N | N |
| 4 | 3:30 | 5:30  | Leaky integrator testing    | NGS | V=4  | Requires stable seeing, clear sky.                                  | 1 | 2.00 | Troy    | N | N | N |
| 5 | 5:30 | 8:30  | Faint object NGS testing    | NGS | V=15 | Need a clear test plan.                                             | 1 | 3.00 | Shelton | N | N | N |
| 6 | 8:30 | 11:30 | LOWFS performance           | NGS | V=16 | Continue LOWFS performance test from Sep. run                       | 2 | 3.00 | Roberts | Y | Y | N |

### Proposed closed-dome experiments

|   |      |       |                                     |    |      |                                                       |   |      |         |   |   |   |
|---|------|-------|-------------------------------------|----|------|-------------------------------------------------------|---|------|---------|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0:00 | 2:00  | Adjust PF diagnostics bench filters | NA | zen  | Using high-power laser in dome.                       | 1 | 2.00 | Moore   | N | N | Y |
| 2 | 2:00 | 4:00  | Demo flexure compensation.          | WL | move | Measure flexure of LOWFS using white light stimulus.  | 2 | 2.00 | Bouchez | N | N | N |
| 3 | 4:00 | 6:00  | Measure LGS NCP flexure             | WL | move | Re-measure flexure while locked on LOWFS.             | 2 | 2.00 | Bouchez | N | N | N |
| 4 | 6:00 | 8:00  | Measure NGS NCP flexure             | WL | move | Measure flexure while locked on HOWFS.                | 2 | 2.00 | Bouchez | N | N | N |
| 5 | 8:00 | 10:00 | Field-dependent LOWFS focus         | WL | zen  | Does not take into account telescope field curvature. | 3 | 2.00 | Roberts | N | N | N |

### Background experiments

|   |  |  |                             |     |  |                                                              |   |  |        |   |   |   |
|---|--|--|-----------------------------|-----|--|--------------------------------------------------------------|---|--|--------|---|---|---|
| 1 |  |  | Aircraft camera sensitivity | NGS |  | Gather statistics on camera vs. spotter aircraft sensitivity | 2 |  | Cromer | Y | N | N |
| 2 |  |  | RADAR sensitivity           | NGS |  | Note range and SNR of all RADAR aircraft detections          | 3 |  | Cromer | N | N | N |
| 3 |  |  | Laser diagnostics benches   | LGS |  | Calibrate output of photodiodes & cameras.                   | 2 |  | Moore  | N | N | Y |
| 4 |  |  | Understand IRCAM latency    | LGS |  |                                                              | 2 |  | Cromer | N | N | N |