

François Rigaut

Curriculum Vitae

About **Employment and education**

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Languages

Fluent in
French/English/Spanish
Notions of Italian/German

Acronyms

AO = Adaptive Optics
MCAO = Multi-Conjugate AO
GeMS = Gemini MCAO system
LGS = Laser Guide Star
GMT = Giant Magellan Telescope

Programming

♥ Yorick
Python, C, IDL
CSS3 & HTML5

since 2012

Associate Professor / AO Group Leader

Mount Stromlo Observatory, RSAA, ANU

At the Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics, Australian National University, I am heading the Adaptive Optics group, comprising (AO) scientists, postdocs and students. When I joined the RSAA at the ANU in 2012, work was proceeding on the Giant Magellan Telescope Laser Tomography System and the Adaptive Optics Demonstrator (in collaboration with EOS). Since then, bridging a gap in the GMT funding, we have successfully diversified our activities: We won an ARC grant for the design and construction of **NGS2**, an innovative focal plane upgrade for the GeMS Natural Guide Star Wavefront sensor; We produced a satellite imaging AO system for the Korean Astronomy Space Science Institute (**KASI**) in association with EOS; We built up comprehensive **AO** laboratory **facilities**. Most importantly, ANU is a core partner in the **Space Environment Management Cooperative Research Centre** (<http://www.serc.org.au>, federal funding of \$20M over 5 years). This CRC is investigating solutions to the space debris problem, which threatens the viability of the entire low earth orbit environment. Thanks to the CRC funding and internal RSAA commitments, our group is growing; we just hired two postdocs and have signed up to train six PhD students in the next four years.

1999-2012

Lead Adaptive Optics Scientist

Gemini Observatory, Hawaii/Chile

The Gemini Observatory is a multinational organisation managing two 8-m telescopes, located in Hawaii and Chile. Over the period I worked at Gemini, the total investment in AO has been close to \$40M. I was coordinating the program on the Adaptive Optics science side, consulting with our community, setting goals and requirements, facilitating the design of the instruments and commissioning them. In 2006, I moved from Hawaii to the Chile Gemini South headquarters to concentrate on the Multi-Conjugate Adaptive Optics instrument, which was successfully commissioned in 2011/2012.

1997-1999

Head of the Adaptive Optics Group

ESO, Munich, Germany

ESO –the European Southern Observatory,– with over 550 employees, is the largest European Organisation for Astronomy. I was heading there a 13 person group in the instrumentation division. My responsibilities, on top of the group management, included defining future AO instrumentation for the VLT (Very Large Telescope array), following instrument design and fabrication.

1992-1997

Project Scientist for the Adaptive Optics Bonnette

CFHT, Hawaii, USA

Thanks to its ease of use, reliability and performance, PUEO, the Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope AO bonnette, has been for a long time the most successful AO instrument in the world. I heavily participated in the design phase, led the instrument commissioning, and insured that the community put it to good use.

1989-1992	PhD Under the supervision of Prof. Pierre Léna, my PhD thesis, entitled “Applications of Adaptive Optics to Astronomy”, was one of the precursor work in this field. I worked on the first AO system dedicated to astronomy, and acted as the <i>de facto</i> person-in-charge for its commissioning. This allowed me to gain first hand experience on the behavior and performance of AO systems.	Observatoire de Paris-Meudon, France
06/1987	Master of Science ”Astrophysique et Techniques Spatiales”	Paris VII University, France
06/1986	Bachelor of Physics (Maîtrise)	Université Claude Bernard, Lyon, France

Achievements and awards

Below are career achievements I am most proud of, sorted by order of importance (to me), most important first.

1992-today	Characterisation of real-world AO systems performance “ <i>First diffraction-limited astronomical images with adaptive optics</i> ”, 244 citations (citation counts from Google scholar, as of November 2015), “ <i>Adaptive optics on a 3.6-m telescope- Results and performance</i> ”, 145 citations and “ <i>Performance of the Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope adaptive optics bonnette</i> ”, 215 citations.
1999-2012	GeMS GeMS, the Gemini MCAO facility instrument, is the first and only Laser Guide Star Multi-Conjugate AO system for night time astronomy. By using a combination of 5 laser guide stars, associated wavefront sensors, and 3 deformable mirrors, this system provides 10x improvement in compensated sky area compared to classical AO systems. Commissioned in 2011-2012, it is now available to the Gemini astronomical community (“ <i>Gemini multiconjugate adaptive optics system review-I and II</i> ”). Science papers published from data obtained with GeMS can be found in the Gemini paper archive.
2001	Seminal paper on Ground Layer AO I invented the concept of Ground Layer Adaptive Optics (now used in several of the largest telescopes –e.g. ESO VLT, LBT– and planned for the majority of extremely large telescopes – the European ELT and the GMT, a total capital investment of over US\$2.6 Billions) and wrote the first paper analysing its performance potential (“ <i>Ground-conjugate wide field adaptive optics for the ELTs</i> ”, 103 citations).
1998	Analytic modelling of AO system performance I invented a novel way (Fourier analysis) of modelling AO performance, followed and built upon by many researchers (“ <i>An Analytical model for Shack- Hartmann-based adaptive optics systems</i> ”, 97 citations).
1992	First assessment of sky coverage in LGS mode and first analytical derivation of noise in Shack-Hartmann systems “ <i>Laser guide star in adaptive optics – The tilt determination problem</i> ”, 216 citations.
2015	h-index of 38 (i-10 index of 96) According to google scholar. In 2008, I was listed by Google Scholar within the 4 main “key authors” in “Adaptive Optics”, along Hardy, Roddier and Wizinowich (since then, Google discontinued this type of ranking).

1994-today	AO simulation packages (yao) I have written several extensive open-source AO Monte-Carlo simulation tools, used by a large fraction of the AO community (GMT, LBT, Keck, CFHT, UofH, Gemini, ESO, NSO, GTC, and many more).
1992-today	Design and commissioning of AO systems I have been the instrument scientist or PI for many successful AO systems: COME-ON (ESO), PUEO (CFHT), Altair (Gemini) and MCAO (Gemini). These instruments represent a cumulative investment of (2015\$) US\$32.4M (involved as PI/Project Scientist) and US\$16M (involved in a managerial position at ESO).
1994-today	Teaching & mentoring I have co- directed the PhD thesis of Olivier Lai (defense in 1996), Jean- Pierre Véran (defense in 1997) and Ralf Flicker (defense in 2003). All obtained their PhD with honours and the first two now hold permanent positions in France and in Canada. I have also mentored a dozen of short term/summer students in the past 10 years.
1996-today	Review panels Chair or member of numerous review panels, including E-ELT telescope readiness reviews, GMT AO, LBT ARGOS, CANARY & many AO systems

Awards

2012	AURA Technology/Innovation Award Granted for the Gemini MCAO system first light
2012	AURA Team Award Granted to the GeMS team for the Gemini MCAO system first light
1999	AURA Science Award Granted for the Gemini MCAO system design concept

Experience, skills & hobbies

Instrumentation

Detailed knowledge and extensive experience in optics, control systems, complex systems, computer hardware, detectors. Broad knowledge in electronics and mechanics.

Computers and coding

I have extensive experience in data analysis, computer simulations and associated languages (Yorick, IDL, some iraf, see the yao website for an example of an AO simulation package I released), web design (html, php) and administration, Unix, Linux, MacOSX. I am an active proponent of open-source software and a co-admin of sourceforge.net project (yorick). I am also proficient in linux, including system administration and package management; I have maintained ubuntu, fedora, mandriva, and archlinux repositories.

Other interests

Cooking, cycling, motorcycling, reading, listening to classical, electronica and world music, diving, hiking, skiing, helping others with computers.

I am also the team leader of my local Community Fire Unit in Canberra Duffy, an organisation of volunteers that provide help and support to fire crews.

Complete publication list

Sorted according to the number of citations (not reported here, see google scholar for details).

Refereed journals

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François Rigaut

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