

PLANETS 望遠鏡の開発 能動主鏡支持機構などを 用いた最終研磨量削減の試み

Development of PLANETS telescope:
An attempt to reduce polishing volume
in final polishing process by using an active mirror support

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High dynamic range observation using a 1.8-m off-axis telescope PLANETS: feasibility study and telescope assembly

Key technology

- 1.85m telescope with **off-axis parabola (OAP)**
- The primary mirror (M1) is mounted on the active support system
- Various observation equipment : coronagraph, polarimetry, and high-resolution spectroscopy
- Will be installed at the **Haleakala observatory**, Hawaii in collaboration with Japan, USA, Germany, and Brazil

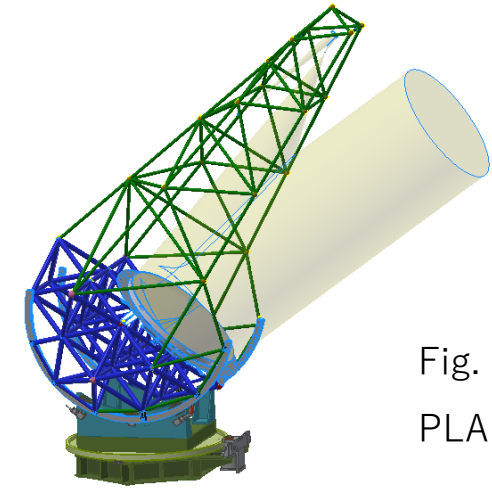


Fig. 1 :
PLANETS overview

Strength

- Low-scattered optics
- High-dynamic range (HDR) observation
- Long-term continuous observations



Scientific targets

Faint atmosphere and plasma emission near bright body

- Icy moons' atmosphere (Europa, Enceladus)
- Magnetospheric plasma (Io plasma torus, etc.)
- Escaping plasma and neutrals (Mars, Venus)

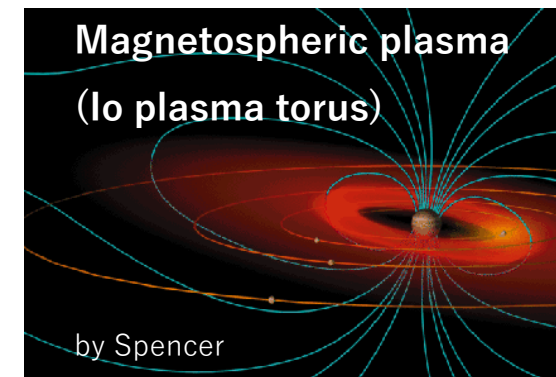


Fig. 2 : Scientific targets

Previous study of active support structure

TMT (Thirty Meter Telescope)

- 30m telescope with segmented mirrors
 - To compensate for residual polishing errors, installation errors, gravity effects and parasitic forces in the whiffletree support, each segment is equipped with 21 warping harness mechanisms
 - The WH mechanism consists of a Linear Actuator, Ball Link and a Leaf Spring with strain gauge sensor
 - With active support, measured Zernike modes were within 4% of commanded modes

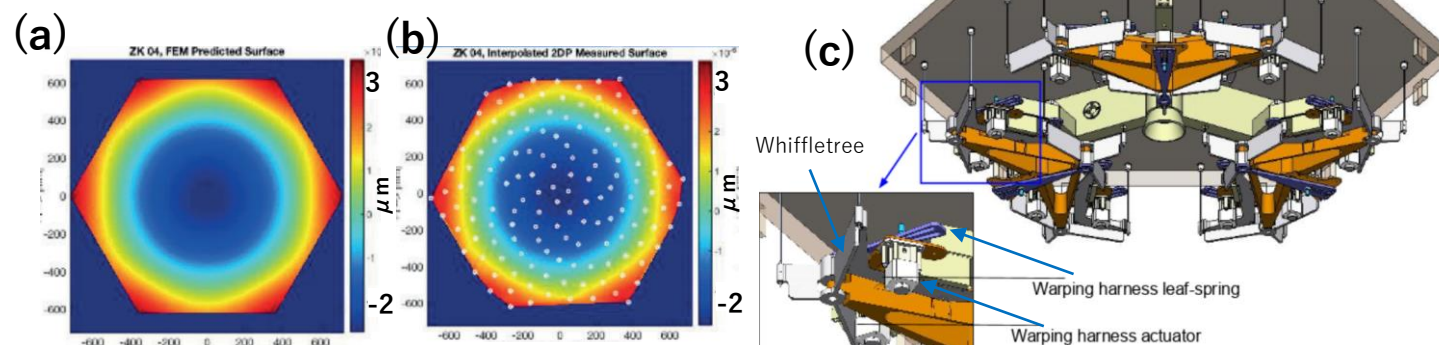


Fig. 3 : TMT warping harness and whiffletree (Visser et al. 2017)

- (a) Predicted surface in FEM (Zernike 4th) (PV=6.276 μ m, RMS=1.597 μ m)
- (b) Interpolated 2D profilometry measured surface (PV=1.663 μ m, RMS=5.549 μ m)
- (c) Leaf springs are used to apply a moment to the whiffletree

DKIST (Daniel K. Inouye Solar Telescope)

- 4.2m off-axis solar telescope
 - Consists of 118 axial actuators and 24 lateral actuators, and each axial support force is about 220~280N
 - Uses active support in polishing and metrology process, but the adjustment for each actuators is about -2.5~+2.5N (only 1% of the support force)

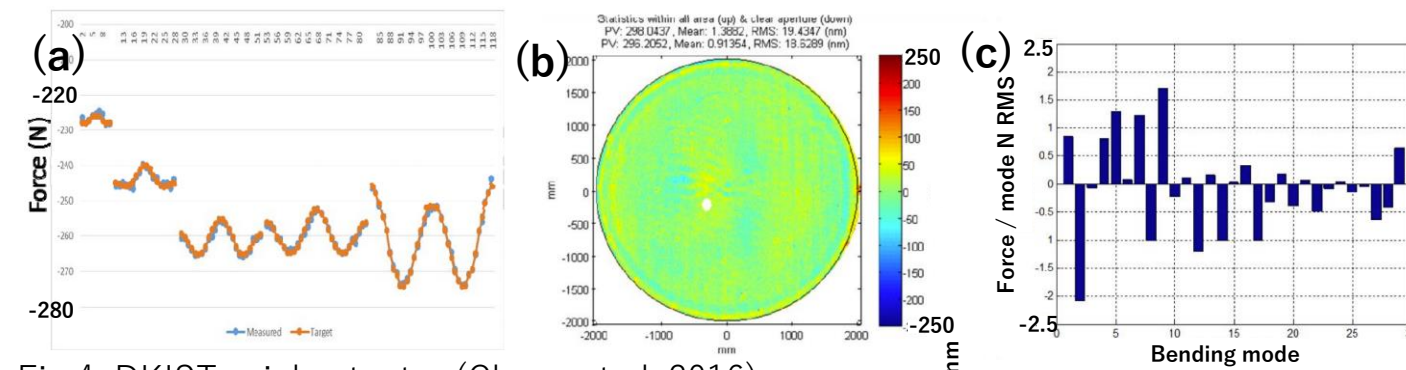


Fig 4. DKIST axial actuator (Chang et al. 2016)

- (a) Targeted supported force distribution and measured force in each axial actuator
- (b) Surface measurement from CGH null interferometry (PV=296.2nm, RMS=18.63nm)
- (c) Modal correction force

Purpose

Surface measurement and polishing of OAP

- In order to compensate for several surface errors in observation, PLANETS adopts whiffletree and active support (warping harness), and they can also be applied to the final measurement and polishing process
- Large volume of mirror material to be removed by polishing (polishing volume) leads to an increase in the time and cost required.

➤ **Purpose : To reduce polishing volume**

We will reduce the polishing volume by using both of the following two methods.

- Tuning off-axis paraboloid parameters**
- Correcting the surface figure error with the active support mechanism**

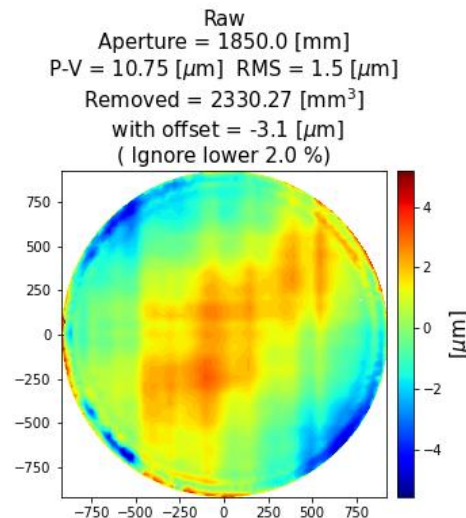


Fig. 5 : Current M1 surface error

The final polishing aims to achieve the surface error < 20 nm RMS for 30-cm spatial scale.

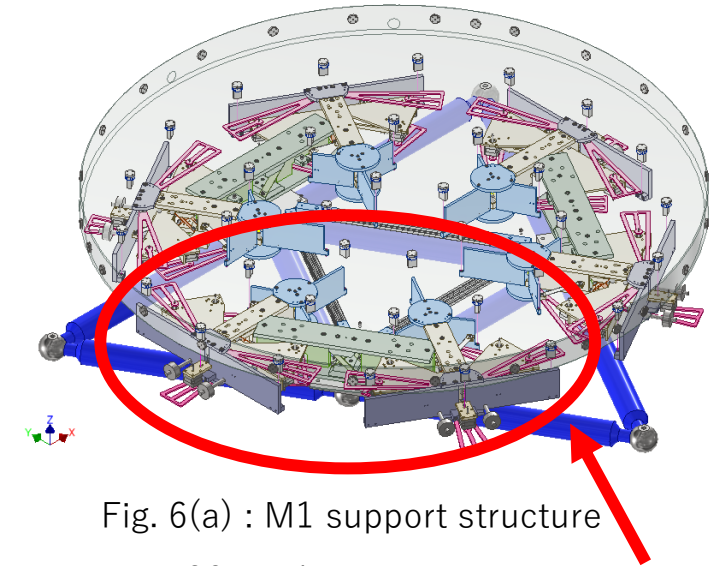


Fig. 6(a) : M1 support structure uses 36 axial actuators

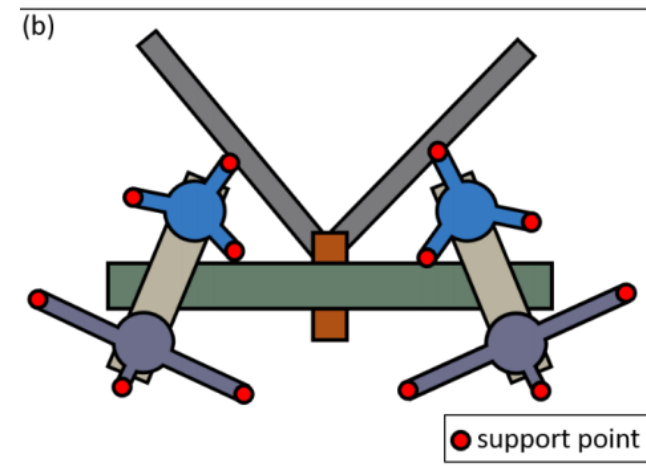


Fig. 6(b) : Enlarged view

Support structure is 120° symmetric

A : Tuning off-axis paraboloid (OAP) parameters

Original OAP

- $p = 8667$ mm :
Radius of curvature
- $q = 1800$ mm :
Off-axis distance
- $\Phi = 0$ mrad :
Rotation angle
on the support structure



Tuning params

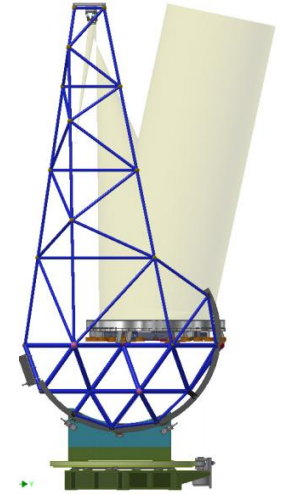
$$p = 8667 \pm 100 \text{ mm}$$

$$q = 1800 \pm 100 \text{ mm}$$

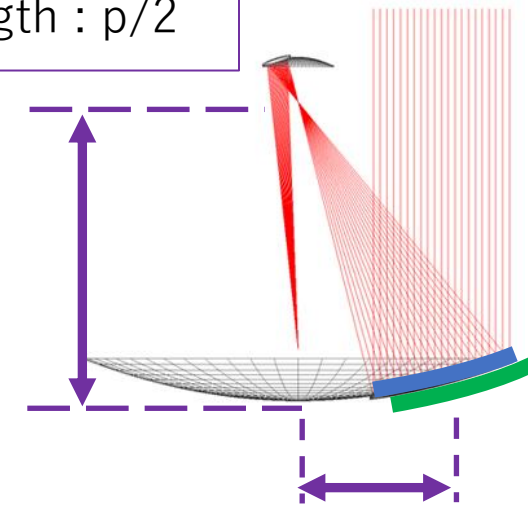
$$\Phi = 0 \pm 10 \text{ mrad}$$

Tuned OAP

- Change of parameters (p, q, ϕ)
deform surface figure
- Polishing volume is minimized with
best-fit parameters



Focal length : $p/2$



Off-axis distance : q

Fig. 9 : each parameters

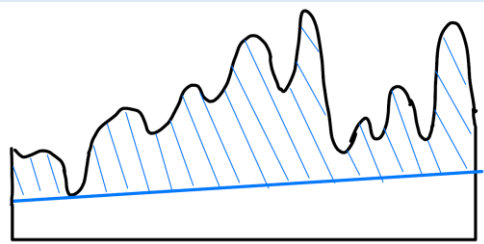


Fig.7 : original OAP
(Large polishing volume)



e.g.) make tilt smaller
using longer q

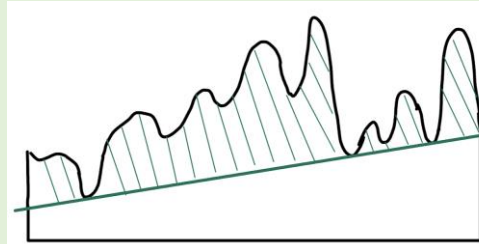


Fig.8 : Tuned OAP
(Small polishing volume)

B : Correcting the surface figure error with the active support

3. Method
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◆ Active support in general telescope

- **Adjust mirror surface error** due to posture change and manufacturing error of support structure in observation

◆ Active support in PLANETS

- Also used in the final polishing process

- Active support consists of 36-point whiffletree and 33 warping harness (leaf springs and linear motors to control the support force at each support point)
- **We also use the active support to reduce polishing volume by decreasing the surface figure error on large spatial scale**
- Active support is mainly used in observation, so small motor drive amount is desirable in polishing process.

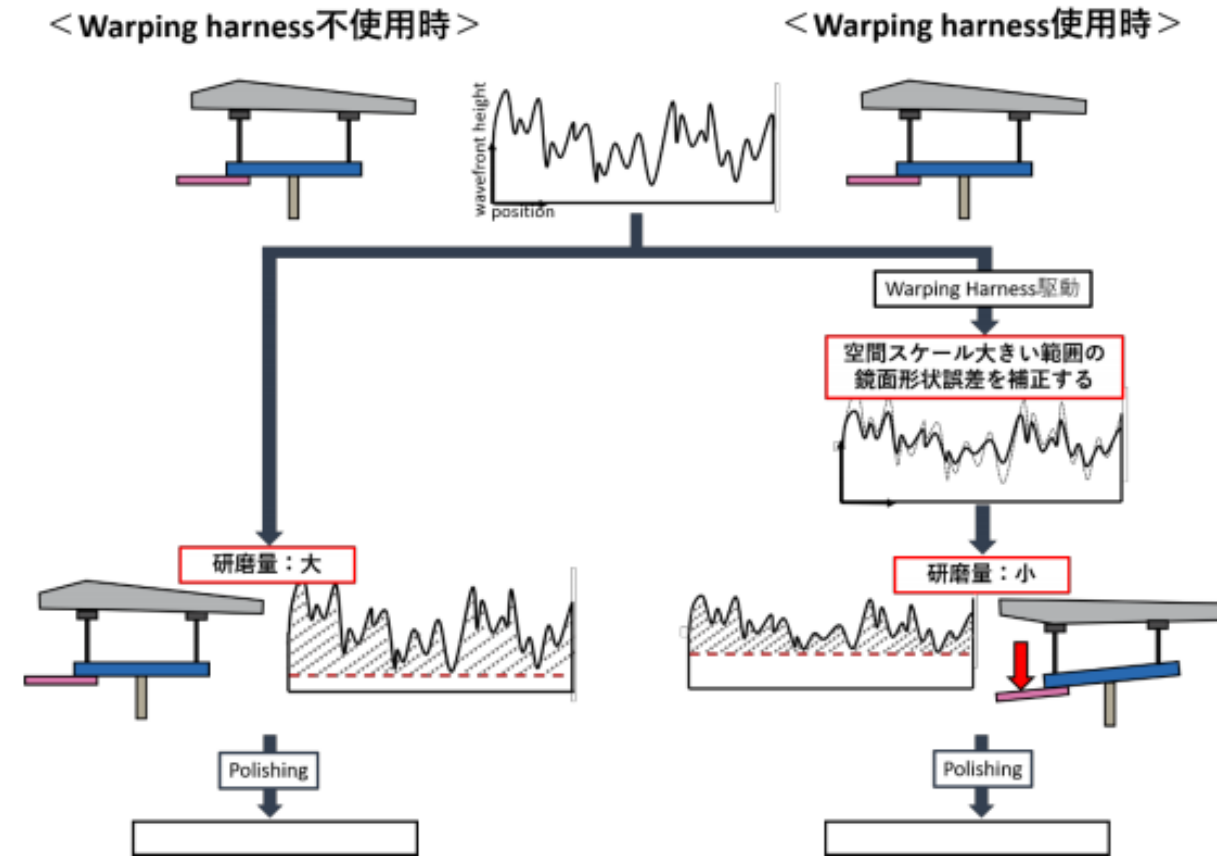


Fig. 10 : Reduce polishing volume with active support (Suzuki 2019)

Combination result of A and B

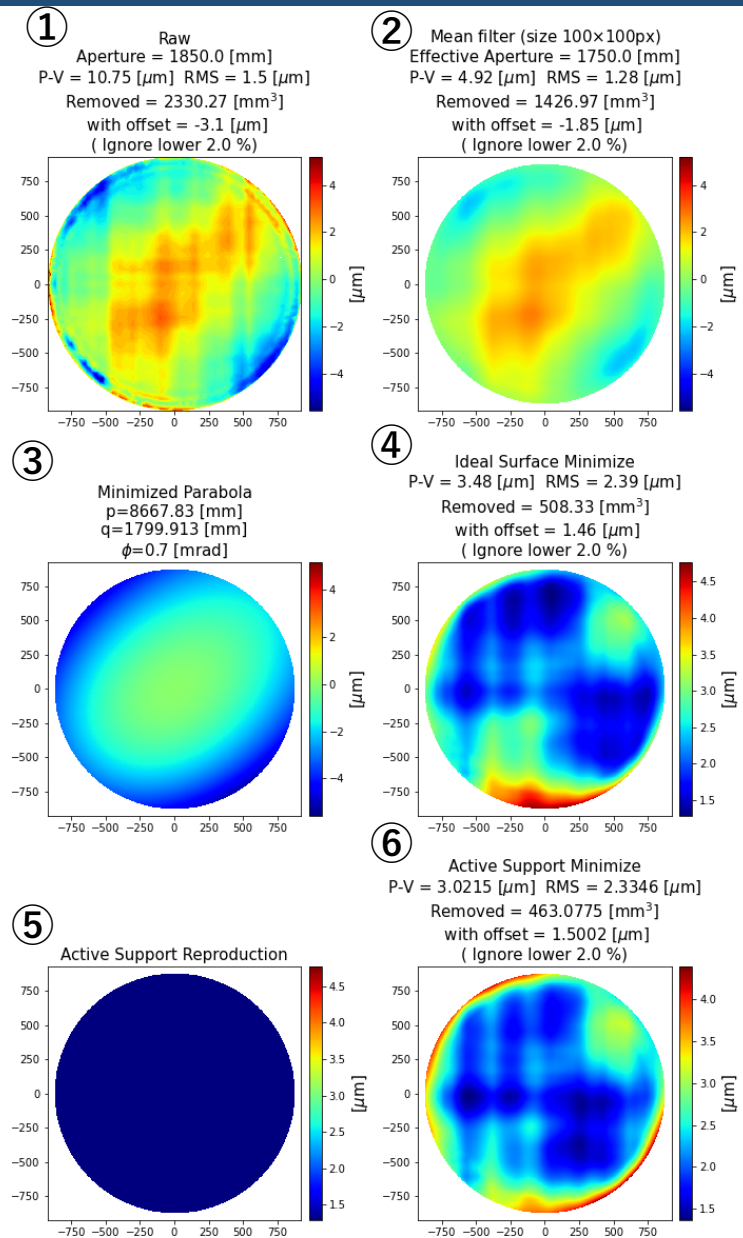
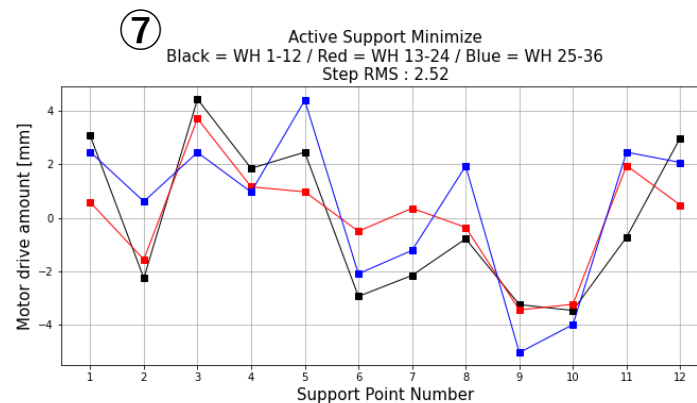


Fig. 11 : Procedure of minimization

- ① Current M1 surface error
- ② Smoothing for ① (to exclude outliers)
- ③ Best-fit OAP for ②
- ④ Residual from ② to ③
- ⑤ Reproduction by active support to ④ simulated in finite element method (FEM)
- ⑥ Residual from ④ to ⑤ (Removed in final polishing)
- ⑦ Motor drive amount for ⑤ (plotted every 120 degrees)



● Current M1 status :

- P-V : 4.92 μm
- RMS : 1.28 μm
- polishing volume : 1426.97 mm³

➤ Only by tuning OAP parameters :

- P-V : 3.48 μm
- RMS : 2.39 μm
- polishing volume : 508.33 mm³
- **Reduced : 64.4%**

➤ If B is also used (combination of A and B):

- P-V : 3.02 μm
- RMS : 2.33 μm
- polishing volume : 463.08 mm³
- **Reduced : 67.5%**
- The maximum motor drive amount of +-5mm is almost used up (e.g. WH03, 29, 33)

Control repeatability and stability of active support

- Give a drive amount for each actuator and measure local tilt in M1 with autocollimator
 - Measure local tilt in the center of M1 and 40mm from the edge
 - Calculate the difference of local tilt (edge - center) and compare with the result of FEM model
 - Check the control repeatability and stability of active support structure
 - Update FEM model



- Repeatability and stability
 - Currently being analyzed.
(Please check the additional resources)
- FEM model
 - doesn't simulate actual surface accurately
 - Not a perfect reproduction of the whiffletree structure
 - In the final measurement process, we use three-probe method with robot-arm. Spatial distribution smaller than the spatial resolution of the method can't measure
 - Necessary to consider the stability when combined with the Optical support structure in the future

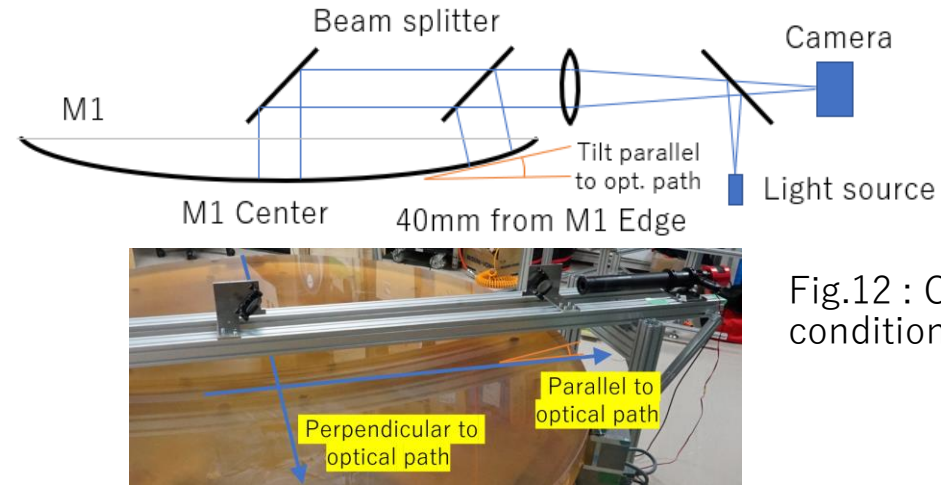


Fig.12 : Optical path and actual condition of the experiment

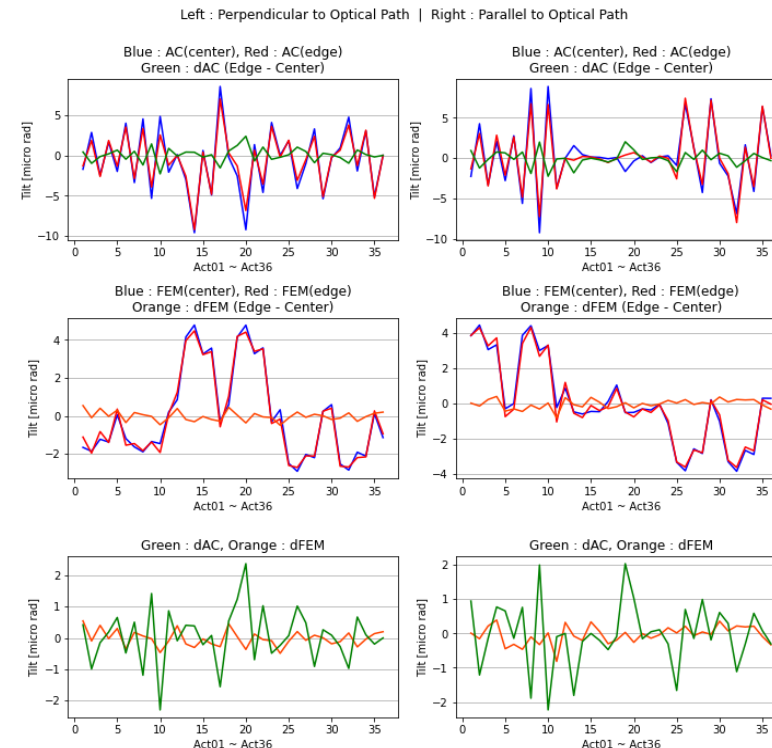


Fig. 13

- By calculating the difference between the tilt of the center and the edge, the influence of entire tilt can be removed.

Discussion

- OAP surface shape is deformed by each parameters (p , q , ϕ) and each minute deformation is a linear superposition
 - Current surface shape can be roughly reproduced by superimposing deformations by p and ϕ
- Depending on the mirror surface error, it is effective to reduce polishing volume by tuning the OAP parameters
- In current surface shape, method B (reduce polishing volume with active support) is unnecessary
 - Only 3% improvement compared to A alone
(Only A : 64.4% \rightarrow A+B : 67.5%)
 - The maximum motor drive amount of $\pm 5\text{mm}$ is almost used up, and leaving no room for correction during observation

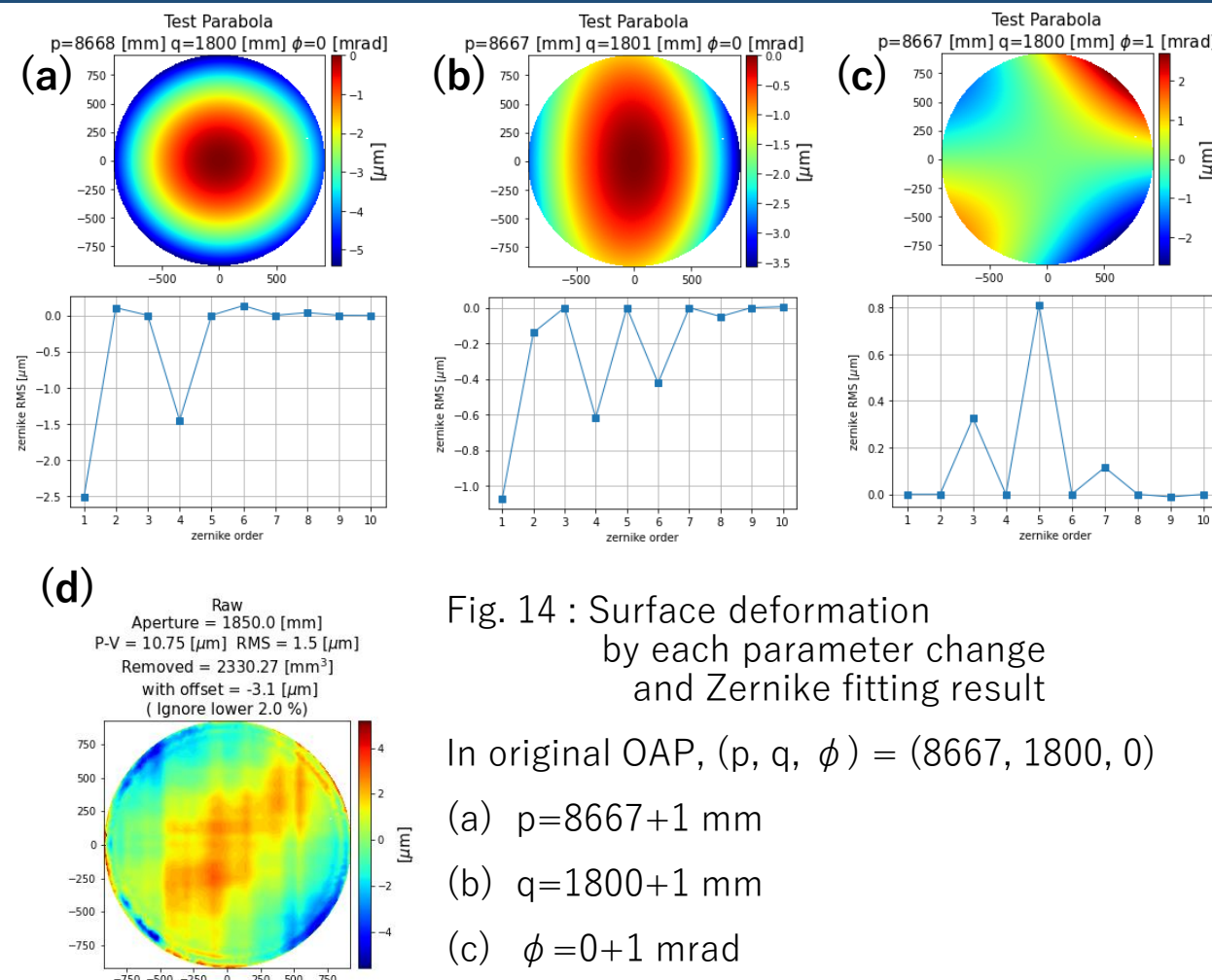


Fig. 14 : Surface deformation by each parameter change and Zernike fitting result

In original OAP, (p , q , ϕ) = (8667, 1800, 0)

(a) $p=8667+1$ mm

(b) $q=1800+1$ mm

(c) $\phi=0+1$ mrad

(d) Current M1 status

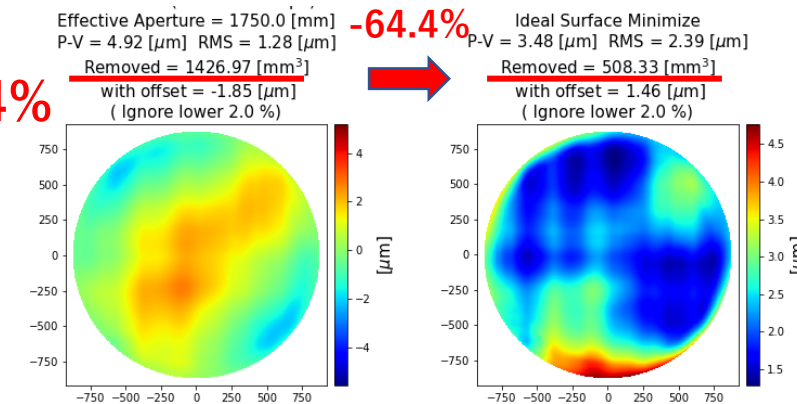
Background : PLANETS is 1.85m telescope with **off-axis parabola (OAP)** for the observation of the planetary faint atmosphere and plasma

The final polishing process of the primary mirror (M1) will be held in June 2021

Purpose : In the final polishing process, small polishing volume is desirable.

Method : A : Tuning OAP parameters to find best-fit parameters
B : Correcting the surface figure error with the active support mechanism

Result : With only A method, **polishing volume is reduced 64.4%**
With combination of A and B method, reduced 67.5%
FEM model doesn't simulate actual surface accurately



Discussion : **It is effective to reduce polishing volume by tuning the OAP parameters**

For current M1 surface error, we will only use method A

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