The 492-DM: A high performance wavefront corrector for astronomy and imaging applications.

The 492-DM is an enabling component for precise, high speed, high resolution wavefront control. With 492 actuators controlled to under 1 nm of precision and no hysteresis, this system is ideal for demanding applications in astronomy and next-generation imaging. The high-speed electronics driver is capable of 60 kHz frame rate and 14 bit step resolution. As an alternative to the popular Kilo-DM, the 492-DM can be used at a lower cost with powerful results.

MEMS Deformable Mirrors

MEMS deformable mirrors (DM) are currently the most commonly used in many adaptive optics applications given their versatility, maturity of technology, and the high resolution wavefront correction capabilities. Using advanced, inexpensive manufacturing technology, MEMS DMs’ performance strengths are inherent to micromachining:
1. Large actuator arrays create high resolution wavefront correction.
2. Advanced microstructures allow minimal influence between adjacent actuators for high spatial frequency surfaces
3. Optimized design enables rapid wavefront shaping for high speed applications.

DM Specifications:
- Continuous (DM) or Segmented (SLM) Surface
- 492 actuators (24 across a circular aperture)
- Coating: Aluminum, Gold or Protected Silver
- Protective window with AR coating
- Zero hysteresis
- Fill Factor >99% (DM), 98% (SLM)
- Sub-nm average step size
- Surface Finish: <30 nm RMS
- Stroke: 1.5 μm, 3.5 μm
- Aperture 6.9 mm, 9.2 mm
- Pitch: 300 μm, 400 μm

Driver Specifications:
- DIO Interface: SFP fiber link connection via PCIe Interface Card
- 14 bit step resolution
- Maximum Frame Rate: 34 kHz / 60 kHz (Low Latency)
- Response Time: 22μs / 17μs (Low Latency)
- Dimensions: 5.25" x19" x14" (3U Chassis)
- Power Draw: <40W
The **Kilo-DM**: A high performance wavefront corrector for demanding applications in astronomy, laser communications and imaging through scattering media.

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