

Design parameters – Summary

Overall characteristics		
Entrance pupil diameter	100-m	
Entrance pupil location	Primary mirror	
Exit pupil location	On M6	
Focal ratio	6.03	
Plate scale	2.924 mm / arc second	(on-axis)
Total field of view	10 arc minutes	(unvignetted)
Linear field size	13994.53 mm	
Diffraction-limited field of view (Strehl Ratio ≥ 0.80)		As-designed
$\lambda=0.5 \mu\text{m}$ (on curved field with R=2209.8 mm)	142 arc seconds (diameter)	Field concave in the direction of light propagation
$\lambda=2.2 \mu\text{m}$ (on curved field with R=2215.4 mm)	245 arc seconds (diameter)	
$\lambda=5.0 \mu\text{m}$ (on curved field with R=2243.1 mm)	360 arc seconds (diameter)	
Image quality at edge of field (10 arc mins)		
Wavefront RMS	1.476 μm	
RMS spot size	0.052 arc seconds	
Field curvature	2209.8 mm	Concave in the direction of light propagation
Central obscuration	35%	(linear)
Distortion at edge of 10 arc minutes field of view	1.31%	
Emissivity (with pupil mask)	20.3%	Incl. intersegments gaps, tensioning ropes
Telescope mount	Alt-az	Elevation axis above primary mirror

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Focal stations		6	Incl. 1 reserved for engineering instrumentation	
Optical design characteristics				
Primary mirror	Shape	Spherical		
	Focal ratio	f/1.25		
Secondary mirror	Shape	Flat		
	Diameter	25.8-m		
M1-M2 separation		92517.5 mm		
M1 segments	Number	3048	Plus min. 98 spares	
	Mass	387 Kg each	(if solid Zerodur)	
	Cut	Hexagonal		
	Optical shape	Spherical		
	Radius of curvature	230-m		
	Dimension (flat-to-flat)	1.6-m	Incl. bevels	
	Thickness	70 mm	For solid glass-ceramic substrate	
	Substrate	Zerodur, ULE or Astrosital	Silicon Carbide or lightweight Zerodur as alternatives	
	Axial support	18 points whiffle-tree	TBC; actively positioned (3 actuators per segment)	
	Lateral support	Central		
M2 segments	Number	216	Plus min. 7 spares	
	Mass	387 Kg each	(if solid Zerodur)	
	Cut	Hexagonal		
	Optical shape	Flat		
	Dimension (flat-to-flat)	1.6-m	Incl. bevels	
	Thickness	70 mm	For solid glass-ceramic substrate	
	Substrate	Zerodur, ULE or Astrosital	Silicon Carbide or lightweight Zerodur as alternatives	
	Axial support	18 points whiffle-tree	TBC; actively positioned (3 actuators per segment)	
	Lateral support	Central		
Corrector		Four-elements		
M3	Type	Thin active meniscus		
	Shape	Aspheric, concave		
	Diameter (useful area)	Inner	1674.0 mm	No vignetting, natural guide stars
		Outer	8241.8 mm	
Radius of curvature	18690 mm			
Mirror substrate	TBD		Low-expansion glass or glass-ceramic	
M4	Type	Thin active meniscus		

Overall characteristics				
	Shape		Aspheric, concave	
	Diameter (useful area)	Inner	1352.0 mm	No vignetting, natural guide stars
		Outer	7762.8 mm	
	Radius of curvature		19970 mm	
	Mirror substrate		TBD	Low-expansion glass or glass-ceramic
M5	Type		Thin adaptive shell	
	Shape		Aspheric, concave	
	Diameter (useful area)	Inner	420.0 mm	No vignetting, natural guide stars
		Outer	3916.4 mm	
	Radius of curvature		8504 mm	
	Mirror substrate		TBD	Provisional unit may be aluminium.
M6	Type		Thin adaptive shell	On tip-tilt mount for field stabilization
	Shape		Flat	
	Tilt angle		16°	
	Diameter (useful area)	Inner		Elliptical; no vignetting, natural guide stars
		Outer	2440 x 2660 mm ²	
	Radius of curvature		Infinite	
	Mirror substrate		TBD	Provisional unit may be aluminium
	Distance M2 – vertex of M4		28235 mm	
	M3-M4 separation		11280 mm	
	Distance vertex M4 to vertex M6		2150 mm	
	Distance vertex M6 to vertex M5		5260.54 mm	
	Backfocal distance (vertex M6 to vertex image surface)		13994.53 mm	
Adaptive Optics design characteristics				
SCAO				
	Deformable mirror		M6	
	Number of guide stars		1	
	Number of sensing elements across pupil		97	Total active sub-apertures: 6354
	Wavefront sensor type		Shack Hartman or IR Pyramid	
	CCD pixels on Wavefront sensor		388x388 (SH), 194x194 (Pyr)	
	Number of actuators across pupil		98	Total active actuators: 6820
	Control bandwidth		500 Hz	
	Corrected field of view (diameter)		~1 arc minute	Limited by anisoplanatism
	Wavelength range (science)		1.25µm - 20 µm	

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GLAO		
Deformable mirror	M6	
Number of guide stars	Up to 6	
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CCD pixels on Wavefront sensor	388x388	
Number of actuators across pupil	98	Total active actuators: 6820
Control bandwidth	500 Hz	
Corrected field of view (diameter)	Up to 6 arc minutes	
Wavelength range (science)	1.25 μ m - 2.5 μ m	
MCAO		
Deformable mirror	M6+M5	
Number of guide stars	Up to 6	
Number of sensing elements across pupil	97	Total active sub-apertures: 6354 per WFS
Wavefront sensor type	Shack Hartman	
CCD pixels on Wavefront sensor	388x388	
Number of actuators across pupil (M6)	98	Total active actuators: 6820
Number of actuators across the meta-pupil (M5, 6 arcmin)	145	Total active actuators: 16512
Control bandwidth	500 Hz	
Corrected field of view (diameter)	1'	
Wavelength range (science)	1.25 μ m - 2.5 μ m	
XAO		
Deformable mirror	M6 + 2 post focal	
Number of guide stars	1	
Number of sensing elements across pupil	150 and 500	
Wavefront sensor type	Pyramid and Shack Hartman	
CCD pixels on Wavefront sensor	300x300 and 1000x1000	
Number of actuators across pupil	~150 and ~500	
Control bandwidth	3000 Hz and 1000Hz	
Corrected field of view (diameter)	~4"	
Wavelength range (science)	0.6 μ m-0.8 μ m and 1.0 μ m -1.7 μ m	
MOAO		
Deformable mirror	M6 (stroke) + up to 30 MEMs	MEMs DM button for each IFU (30 simultaneously)
Number of guide stars	Up to 10	

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CCD pixels on Wavefront sensor		388x388	
Number of actuators across pupil		98	Total active actuators per IFU: 6820
Control bandwidth		500 Hz	
Corrected field of view (diameter)		0	Correction on each object individually
Wavelength range (science)		1.25 μ m - 2.5 μ m	
Mechanical design characteristics			
Overall Dimensions	Diameter	155 m	
	Height	130 m	From ground level
Rotating Mass		14834.5 tons	(2004 design iteration)
Focal Stations	Number	6	1 focal station reserved for engineering instrument including Adaptor Rotator
	Max. instrument mass	15 tons each	
Main structural material		Mild steel	
Altitude Mass Moment of Inertia		1.123 $\times 10^{10}$ kg m ²	(2004 design iteration)
Azimuth Mass Moment of Inertia		3.368 $\times 10^{10}$ kg m ²	(2004 design iteration)
Main axes Drive and Bearing Systems		Friction Drive and Bearing	Bogies
Azimuth Rotation		360 degrees	
Altitude Rotation		± 90 degrees	maximum maintenance range
Altitude require torque		19.6 MNm	2004 Version
Azimuth require torque		58.7 MNm	2004 Version
Sky coverage (altitude)		0.5 to 70 degree (ZD)	From 60 to 70 vignetting due to foundation
Blind angle at zenith		$\leq \pm 0,5$ degree	Paranal location
Maximum Altitude and Azimuth Acceleration		0.1 degree s ⁻²	
Maximum Altitude axis velocity		0.1 degree s ⁻¹	
Maximum Azimuth axis velocity		0.5 degree s ⁻¹	
Locked rotor frequency		2.58 Hz	2004 version
Gravity M1-M2 differential rigid body displacements			
	Piston	3.4 mm	
	Tilt	13.1 arcsec	
	Decenter	17.6 mm	
Altitude axis control bandwidth		1.8 Hz	Tailored to high wind disturbance rejection
Azimuth axis control bandwidth		0.6 Hz	Tailored to low wind disturbance on azimuth axis
Tracking accuracy (Altitude and Azimuth axes)		0.3 arcsec rms	With 10m/s wind speed

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Field stabilization range (M6 surface tip-tilt)	Min. ± 31 arcsec PTV	Equivalent to ± 1.44 arc seconds on-sky
Field Stabilization bandwidth	2 Hz	Performed at Mirror 6
Fiel Stabilization accuracy (M6 surface tip-tilt)	0.01 arcsec rms	Equivalent to 0.00046 arc seconds on-sky
Segment Position actuators		
Maximum load	1700 N	Compression (M1) or tension (M2)
Accuracy	± 5 nm	Goal ± 2 nm
Stroke	15 mm	Goal 30 mm
Control bandwidth	10 Hz	Over fine stroke at nm level
Sliding enclosure		
Overall dimensions	height	147 m
	Length	242 m
	Width	242 m
Enclosed volume		4100000 m ³
Surface area		102000 m ²
Mass		37000 t
Material		30000 t structural steel, 7000 t cladding
	Structure	Mild steel
	Cladding	Aluminium sandwich panels
	Pneumatic seal	Polyester canvas
Maximum deflection under gravity load	150 mm	Coating: polychloroprene
Maximum deflection under operational wind load	200 mm	Vertical
Maximum deflection under OBE	300 mm	
Maximum deflection under survival wind load	450 mm	
Maximum deflection under MLE	550 mm	
First eigenfrequency	0.4 Hz	
Maximum displacement speed	0.8 m/s	Time to move from day to night position 15 minutes
Minimum time for opening arches	TBD	
Distance between day and night parking position	410 m	Axis to axis
Arches drive system	bogies	
Enclosure drive system	Winches and cables	
Site Integration design characteristics		
Handling and hoisting facilities	3 tons	Most of the telescope structure parts can be integrated using small payload facilities.
Metrology	Low tolerances	Most of the telescope structure parts can be integrated using

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low accuracy measurement devices.		
Maintenance design characteristics		
Redundancy		The redundancy of parts and sub-systems embedded in to the design, assures the availability of the telescope.
Segments recoatings	5.1 per day (peak)	Assuming unprotected Al coating, 2-years lifetime
Corrector mirrors recoating (duration)	2 weeks	Expected maximum frequency once every 2 years.