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Leading the light



### **Connecting Space and Earth**

Free-Space Optical Communication has grown at an exponential rate over the last decades. It enables secure, high-bit communication over distances without the need for a physical connection. It can be used in a variety of different environments, notably through the atmosphere.

With Adaptive Optics, users can easily overcome atmospheric turbulence. By compensating the perturbations exhibited by the optical beams, they can guarantee reliable, secure and fast communication from end-to-end.

#### Secure Cloud

High directivity of the beam

Line of sight required

Hardly detectable wavelengths

#### Quantum Communication

Quantum Key Distribution compatible

Eavesdropping proof

#### Uncongested Network

Low probablity of interference

Uncluttered frequency space

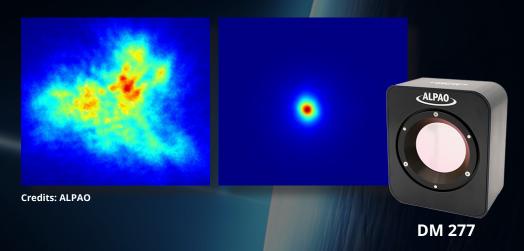
#### High Speed Connection

Higher bandwith

Up to gigabit-per-second rates

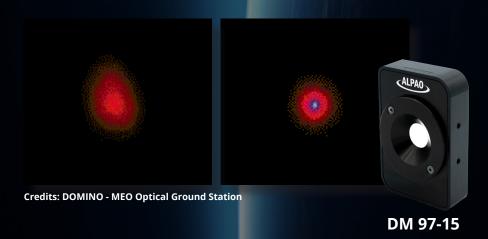
"We estimate that for every 1% increase in light coupling, the cost of the system is reduced by 2%. In traditional AO, improving light coupling in a 40cm telescope rather than using a 60cm telescope results in savings of at least fifthy thousand USD for the mount and telescope system, at least thirty thousand USD in the wavefront sensor, and at least twenty thousand USD in the dome enclosure."

Payam Parvizi et al. Reinforcement learning-based Wavefront Sensorless Adaptive Optics



"An increase in transmit power or using diversity can improve the performance of the FSO system. But in order to have further improvements in SNR with a reduced transmit power requirement, AO has proven to be very beneficial."

Hermani Kashual et al. Optical Communication in Space: Challenges and Mitigation Techniques



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