

Telescope Modeling Challenge Team Overview (TMT Perspective)

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Outline

Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT)
 Project overview

- Why MBSE?
 - TMT application

Telescope Modeling Challenge Team

Organization and goals



Complexity of TMT

The Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) is no different than other complex systems of systems





- We still need to apply core SE processes
- Difference: telescope community is historically unfamiliar with formal Systems Engineering



TMT Key Science

- Nature and composition of the Universe
- Formation of the first stars and galaxies
- Evolution of galaxies
- Relationship between black holes and their galaxies
- Formation of stars and planets
- Nature of extra-solar planets
- Potential of life elsewhere in the Universe
- Unforeseen discoveries...













TMT Project



- TMT Project formed in 2004
- TMT international partnership grew
 - US (Caltech & UC), Canada, China, India, Japan
- 2004 2008 site studies
 Chile, Mexico, Hawaii
- Mauna Kea, Hawaii selected in 2009
- 2014 start of TMT Construction Phase



TMT Site



Preferred site:

Canary Islands

Canada

United States

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 Mauna Kea on the Big Island of Hawaii, United States

Japan

India

- Alternate site:
 - Observatorio del Roque de los Muchachos (ORM) on La Palma in the Canary Islands, Spain



TMT Enclosure

- Calotte design
- Azimuth rotation on fixed base ring
- Rotation of cap structure on tilted bearing ring
- Aerodynamic design minimizes degradation image quality due to air turbulence and thermal influences
 - Smooth exterior
 - Minimal size aperture
 - Aperture flaps
 - Ventilation doors





TMT Structure

Elevation structure

- Mounting support for optics and laser guide star facility
- Azimuth structure
 - Supports elevation structure and 2 large Nasmyth platforms for instruments and AO systems
- Elevators, stairs, walkways, and all utility lines





TMT Optics



- 3x larger, 9x more powerful than today's best telescopes
- Ritchey-Chrétien design
- Segmented primary mirror (M1)
 - 492 segments, < 2 m across
 - Collects/concentrates light
- Secondary mirror (M2)
 - Works with M1 to form wellcorrected focus
- Tertiary mirror (M3)
 - Steers light to adaptive optics system and science instruments on Nasmyth platforms





Mirror Path 3







Mirror Path 4



Primary Mirror (M1)







- Segmented primary mirror
 - 492 hexagonal segments
 - 1.44 m across corners
 - 2.5 mm gaps (0.1 in, 0.6% lost area)
 - Thin glass (~2 in) reduces mass and thermal inertia
- Reduces difficulties:
 - Fabrication
 - Testing
 - Transportation
- Reduces risks:
 - Breakage of single segment is less catastrophic
- Moderate cost and complexity

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Secondary and Tertiary Mirrors (M2 and M3)



- Secondary Mirror (M2)
 - 3.1 m convex hyperboloid mirror
 - Mounted to telescope top end

- Tertiary Mirror (M3)
 - 2.5 m x 3.5 m flat steerable mirror
 - Rotates and tilts to deliver image to instruments on Nasmyth platforms
 - China (CIOMP) is responsible for design and fabrication





Segmented Mirror Control

- Segmented M1 must perform like a single, smooth mirror to provide optimal image quality
 - **Coaligning**: stacking images produced by each segment to form single image
 - **Cofocusing**: focal lengths of individual segments are equal
 - **Cophasing**: no discontinuities between edges of neighboring segments
- If not phased, image quality = that of individual segment





Alignment and Phasing System (APS)

- Alignment and diagnostic instrument located on a Nasmyth platform
- Modified Shack-Hartmann wavefront sensor
- Responsible for pre-adaptive optics wavefront quality
- Uses starlight to measure wavefront errors and determine commands to send for aligning optics







TMT Controls/Software

- Responsible for 30,000 I/O channels, 12,000 controlled DOF
- Telescope Control System
 - Synchronization of subsystems comprising wavefront control capability
 - Software architecture with 5 functionalities
 - Communication flow by events/commands between systems





Software Block Diagram







TMT Adaptive Optics (AO)

- Cancel blurring effects of atmosphere to obtain optimal image quality
- Wavefront sensing and correction
 - Measures distortions to be nulled
 - Requires a bright "guide star" or point source near science target
 - Laser system to generate artificial guide stars
 - 2 deformable mirrors correct wavefront errors
 - Corrected wavefront is directed to science instruments



deformable mirror



TMT Instruments

- Powerful suite of 8 instruments to solve key science objectives by exploring wide astronomical terrain
- 3 first light instruments
 - Wide Field Optical Spectrometer (WFOS)
 - InfraRed Imaging Spectrometer (IRIS)
 - InfraRed Multi-object Spectrometer (IRMS)





MBSE: TMT Application

Why MBSE?

- Emphasizes rigor and precision, best practices
- Helps manage complexity
- Horizontal (life cycle) and vertical (multiple domain) integration

TMT SysML model

- Created to better understand and communicate complex system behavior
- Executable SysML model to capture requirements, use cases, system decomposition, subsystem relationships
- Analyze system design against power, mass, duration requirements
- Produce engineering documents (ICDs, etc.)
- Use standard language and techniques (communication)



Solution: Hybrid Approach

Traditional SE

- Clear, defined deliverables
- Easily accessible
- Shallow learning curve
- Simple traceability

MBSE

- Understanding behaviors of a system
- "Rich" capability to represent complex systems

Exploit the advantages of each approach



MBSE: TMT Application

- TMT SysML Model does not model the entire telescope
- Main objective is to model operational scenarios and demonstrate that requirements are satisfied by the design
- Motivator for TMT MBSE = optimization
- Ex: JPL modeling of APS subsystem
 - Use Case: Post segment-exchange alignment, 2h requirement
 - Component characteristics (power, mass)
 - Relationships (TCS, M1CS)
- Ex: Monte Carlo simulations for acquisition and slew time
 - To minimize loss of observing time, TMT should be able to move from one target to another and acquire it in 3 min or less



- Formalized SE practices are "new" to the telescope community
- Challenge team will be investigating applicability of MBSE to specify, design, analyze, and verify telescope systems
- New revision of Cookbook for MBSE with SysML
 - Best practices to support common SE tasks
 - Lessons learned
- SEBoK TMT Case Study for Fall 2017 publication
- Collaboration in telescope community
 - MBSE Telescope Workshop II, April 2017



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