

# McMath-Pierce Adaptive Optics Software



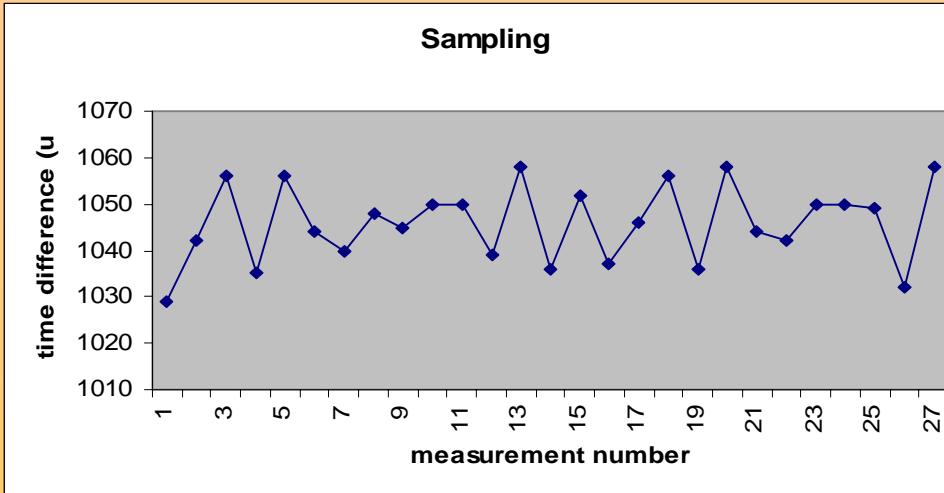
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- Linux, RedHat 7.1 on 1-GHz Pentium III industrial PC (8 ISA / 8 PCI)
- Pentium III MMX and SSE instructions provide parallel processing on 4 to 8 pixels for dark and flat corrections and correlation calculation
- Soft realtime scheduling using standard Linux 2.4 kernel
- GCC with inline assembler code for time-critical areas
- Open-source driver for PC-Dig frame grabber

**WARNING:**  
**I am a ‘nomer, not a software engineer!**

# Linux or RT-Linux ?

- Regular Linux is good enough if soft-realtime scheduling is used



```
#include <sched.h> /* for sched_setscheduler soft-realtime behavior */
...
// variable for soft realtime scheduling
struct sched_param *p;
...
/* set soft real-time scheduling */
sched_getparam(0,p);
p->sched_priority = 50;
if (sched_setscheduler(0,SCHED_FIFO,p))
    fprintf(stderr,"Could not change scheduler settings\n");
```

# *Overall Architecture*

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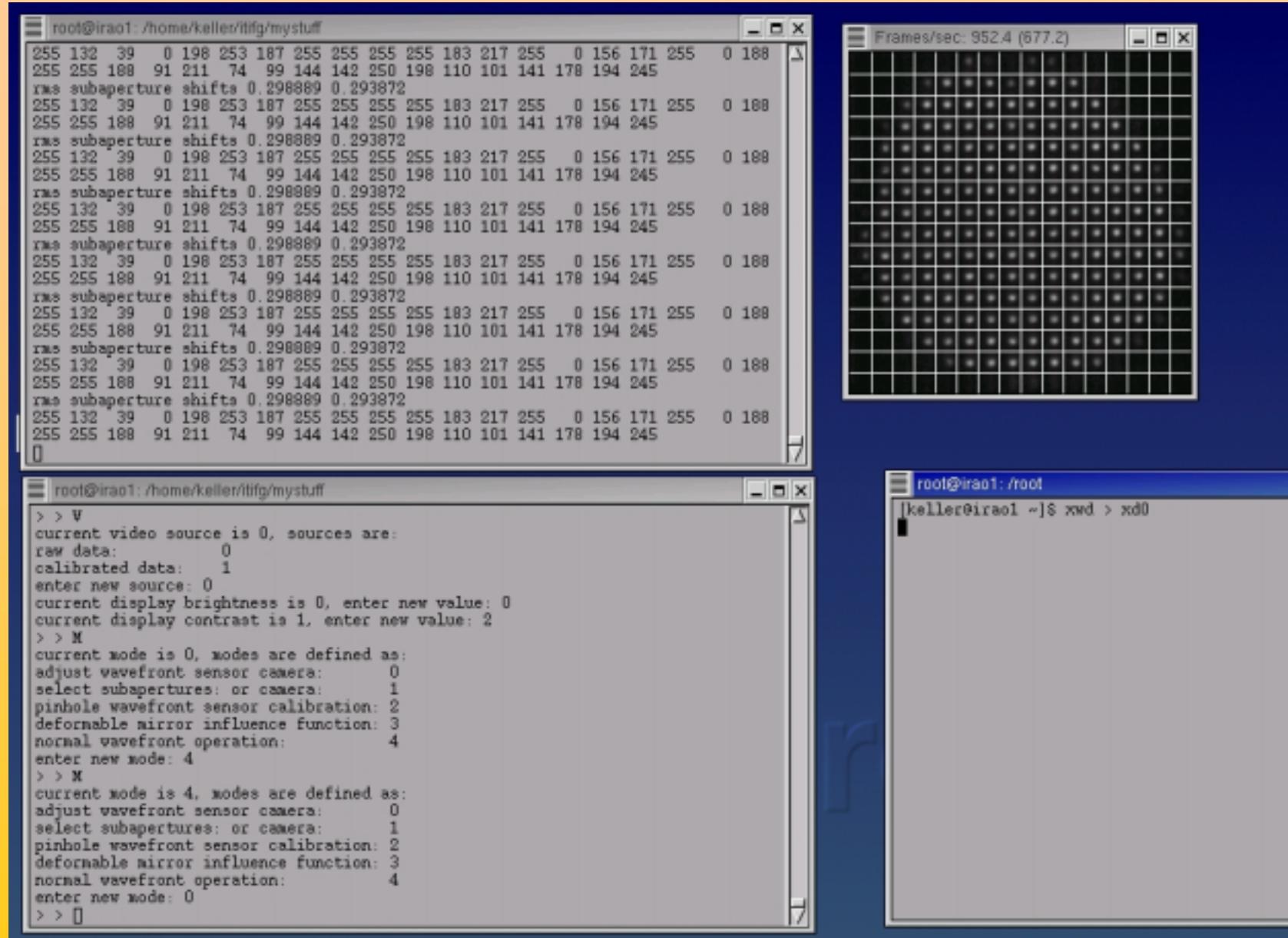
- Real-time program (ao2) based on test\_itifg.c code
- Control program (ctrla2)
- Interprocess communication using 'structure' in shared memory

# Main Software Operations

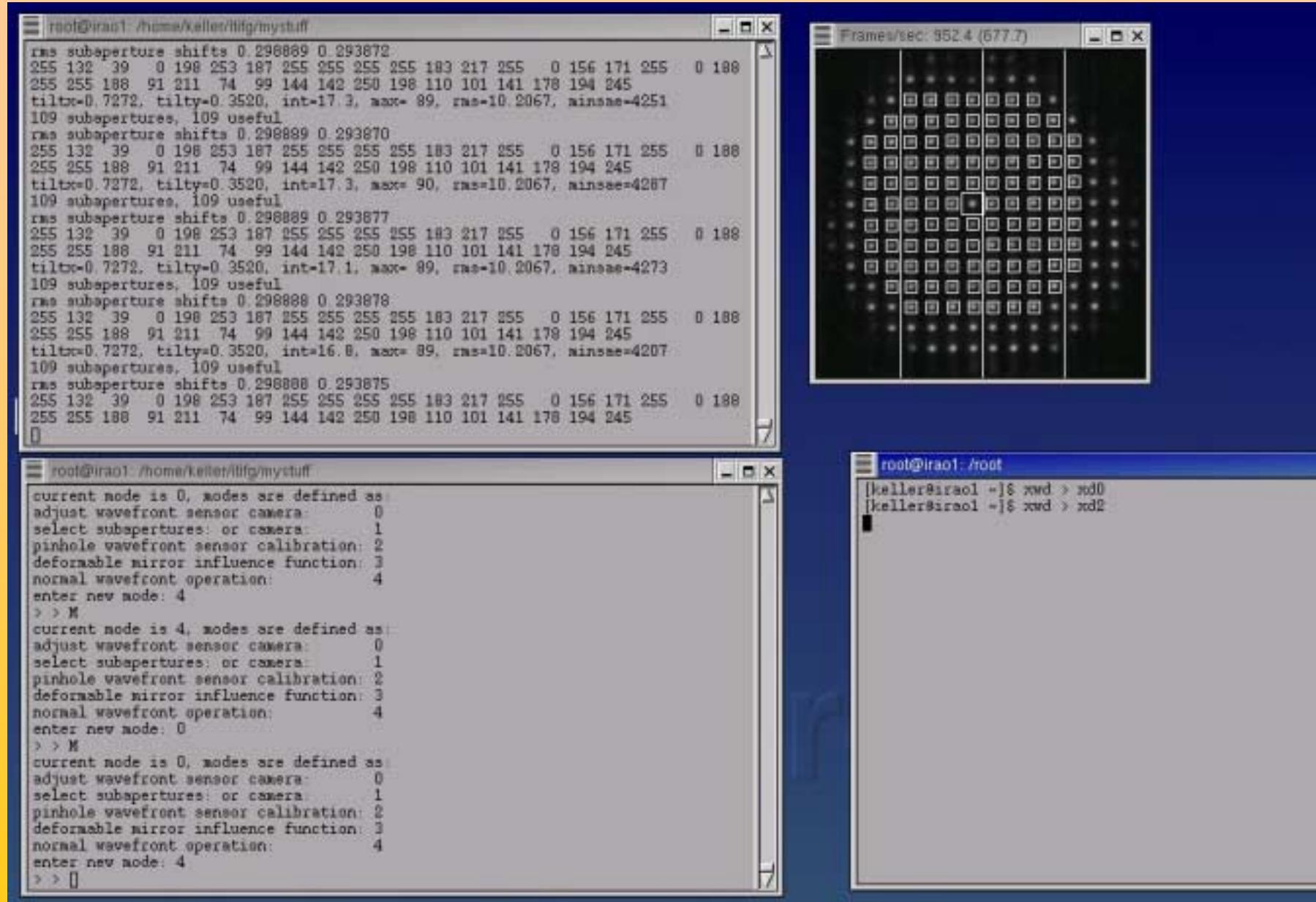
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- M change AO mode
  - 0 adjust wavefront sensor camera
  - 1 select subapertures
  - 2 pinhole wavefront sensor calibration
  - 3 deformable mirror influence function
  - 4 normal wavefront operation
- P change proportional gain of controller
- A select axes of wavefront sensing
  - o open loop (no tracking)
  - c close loop (tracking)
- j jolt mirror and record displacements
- m measure and record displacements
- C calibration (dark current/flat field)
- T acquire new reference image
- r read reconstructor matrix file
- f flatten mirror
- v select live video source, brightness, contrast
- q quit

# Wavefront Sensor Adjustment



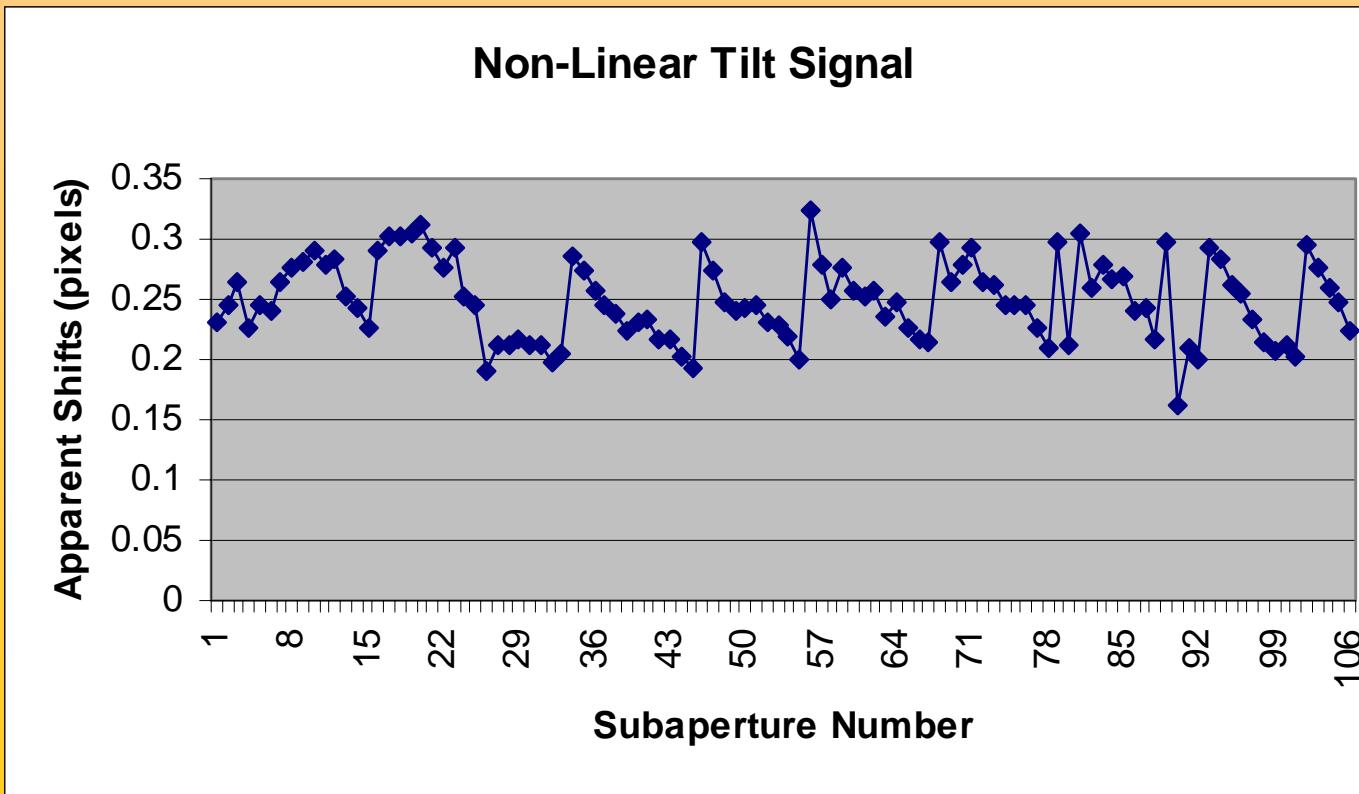
# Subaperture Selection



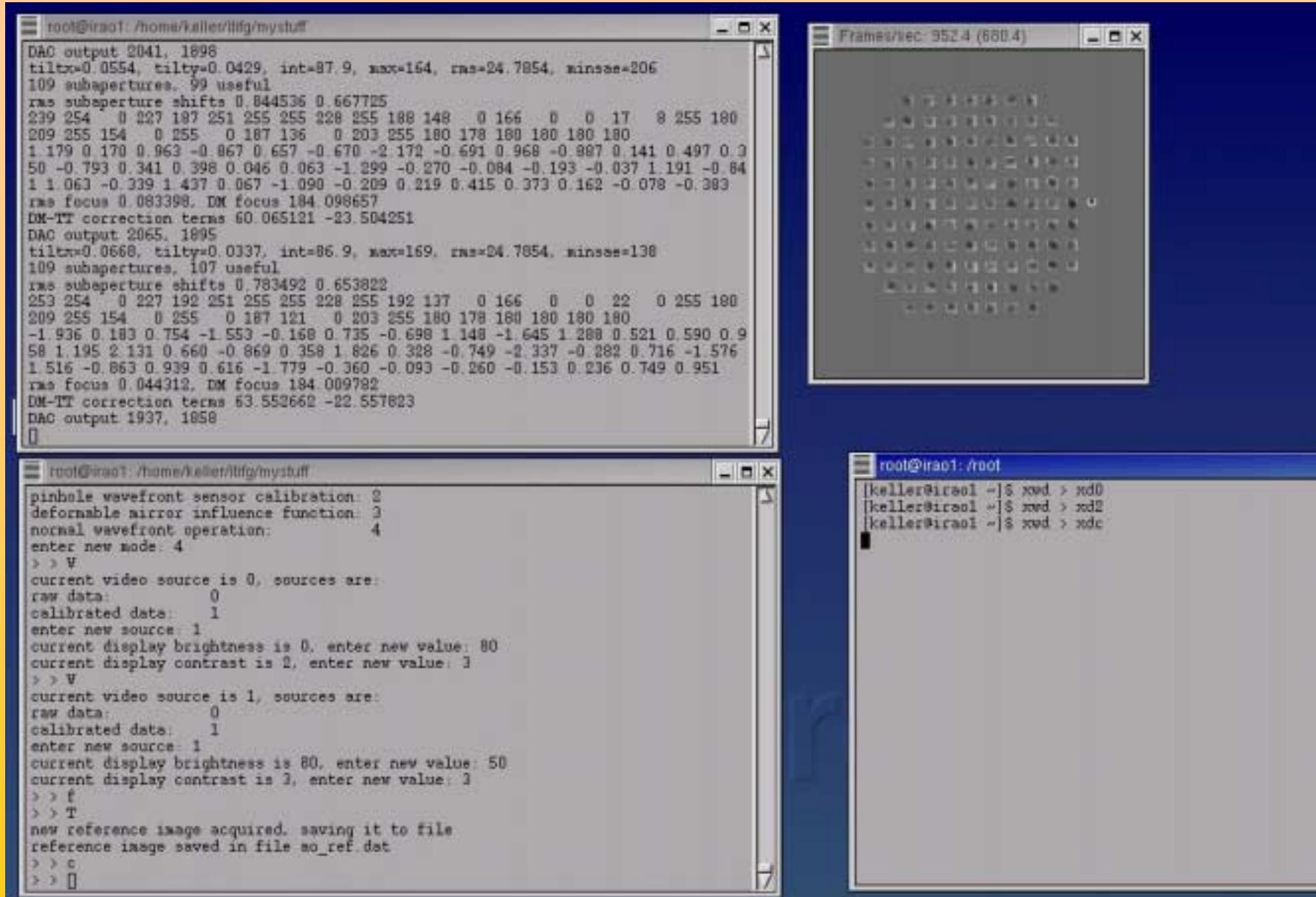
# *Deformable Mirror Calibration*

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- Fast switching between two extrema for every actuator
- Determine DM - tip-tilt cross-talk
- Use Singular Value Decomposition to determine reconstruction matrix, can change number of modes
- Wavefront sensor non-linearities: moving tip-tilt to measure works well



# Closed-Loop Operation



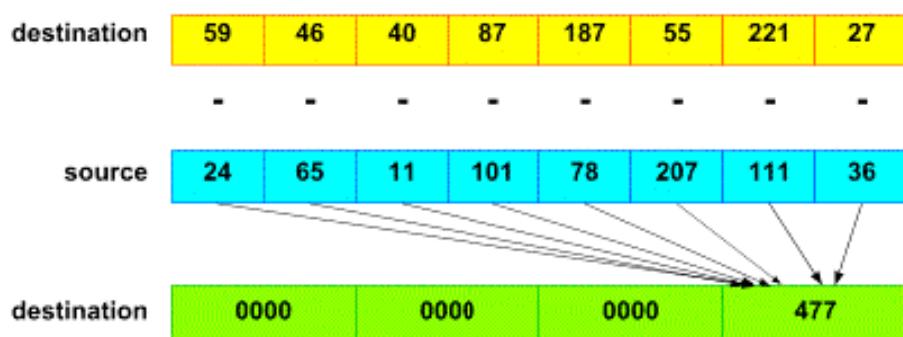
# *Programming Environment*

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- Gcc with inline assembler
- Trivial access to ISA cards (digital-analog converters)
- Itifg device driver for PC-DIG frame grabber
- Pentium III MMX (parallel integer operations on 64 bits) and SSE instructions (parallel floating point operations on 128 bits)
- Profiling with gprof, gcov, PMC

# Code Snippet

```
movq    (%1), %%mm1  
psadbw (%2), %%mm1  
movq    8(%1), %%mm0  
psadbw 8(%2), %%mm0  
paddw  %%mm0, %%mm1  
movq    16(%1), %%mm0  
psadbw 16(%2), %%mm0
```



- **movq** instruction moves 8 pixels simultaneously into MMX register
- **psadbw**: sum of absolute differences of 8 pixels with 8 pixels of reference, every 2.5 clock cycles
- But Pentium III can only load 1 byte per clock cycle (on average)
- Performance is limited by 1GByte/s I/O limit, not by processing power!
- 256 by 256 pixel correlation tracking at >500 Hz
- wavefront sensing at > 1 kHz with 200 8 by 8 pixel subapertures

# Profiling 1

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- Profiling with gprof
- Measures execution time of subroutines

%	cumulative	self		self		total	
time	seconds	seconds		calls	ns/call	ns/call	
42.83	28.79	28.79		117059	245944.35	390230.57	shtracker
25.13	45.68	16.89	400927075		42.13	42.13	sae
22.18	60.59	14.91					main
9.37	66.89	6.30	114020	55253.46	55253.46		shvec2actvol
0.40	67.16	0.27					Sigio_Catcher
0.09	67.22	0.06	117	512820.51	512820.51		Display_Image
0.00	67.22	0.00	1	0.00	0.00		Init_Devs
0.00	67.22	0.00	1	0.00	0.00		Parse_Args
0.00	67.22	0.00	1	0.00	0.00		Setup_Bufs
0.00	67.22	0.00	1	0.00	0.00		Startup_X11
0.00	67.22	0.00	1	0.00	0.00		makedarkgain

# Profiling 2

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- Profiling with gcov
- Counts how often a line of code is executed

```
1232601      switch (axes) {  
1232601      case AO_AXES_XY:  
7395606          for (ix=-NO;ix<=NO;ix++) {  
36978030              for (iy=-NO;iy<=NO;iy++) {  
30815025                  d = sae(ix,iy,sn);  
30815025                  diff[ix+NO][iy+NO] = d*d; // <<<---- squaring now !!!  
30815025                  if (cmin>d) {  
1232601                      cmin = d;  
30815025                  }  
30815025              }  
6163005          }  
1232601      break;
```

# Profiling 3

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- Profiling with Performance Monitor Counters
- Uses hardware counters in Pentium processor
- Measures a large variety of processor events

Event		Events	Events/sec
0x43	67	data_mem_refs	118686424
0x45	69	dcu_lines_in	20469253
0x46	70	dcu_m_lines_in	27167
0x47	71	dcu_m_lines_out	40275
0x48	72	dcu_miss_outstanding	166551179
0x80	128	ifu_ifetch	1630730503
0x81	129	ifu_ifetch_miss	11451
0x85	133	itlb_miss	934
0x86	134	ifu_mem_stall	199408
0x87	135	ild_stall	510

# *Real-time Program (ao2.c)*

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Overall structure in separate window

- Use two vector-matrix multiplications instead of one combined multiplication to see mirror modes
- Add more diagnostic output (mirror modes)
- Add saving of wavefront sensor images
- Include dmrt.gap and svd.c into control program
- Increase display code speed
- Include time/date/AO parameters in measurement files
- Log all commands and output with time/date stamps
- Tip-tilt off-load to telescope
- Complete simulator that runs without instrument
- Improve DM calibration
- Improve WFS calibration