

## Large Earth Finder GCLEF

A high-spatial-resolution, visible light, echelle spectrograph with red and blue channels, capable of utilizing natural seeing and adaptive optics. It is the only such spectrograph planned for the first decade on the two US-based ELTs and for the first-generation instrument suite on the European ELT.

### Science Capability

- Exoplanets: planetary characteristics, precise velocities, atmospheric properties, biosignatures
- Stars: abundances, isotopes, and velocities
- Dwarf galaxies: abundances, dark matter
- Cosmology: chemical evolution, fine structure constant

### Technical Specifications

SPECTRAL RESOLUTION <b>20,000–100,000</b>	WAVELENGTH RANGE <b>350–950 nm</b>
VELOCITY PRECISION <b>&lt;50 cm/s per observation</b> <b>&lt;10 cm/s over time</b>	FIELD OF VIEW (Imager) <b>300 arcmin<sup>2</sup></b> with fibers (MANIFEST)

MODES  
High throughput, medium-resolution, high-resolution, precision radial velocity, multi-object (with MANIFEST fiber system)

### AO Modes

**NS** **GLAO** **NGAO** **LTAO**

**Designer:** Harvard and Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, with contributions from several partners in the Giant Magellan Telescope international consortium

## Multi-Object Spectrograph GMACS

A versatile spectrograph with red and blue channels that is optimized for observation of more than 100 objects simultaneously using slits or fibers in natural seeing or ground layer adaptive optics modes.

### Science Capability

- Nearby galaxies: chemical enrichment history, dark matter distribution, stellar populations and evolution, transient follow-up
- Distant galaxies: Lyman- $\alpha$  luminosity function at  $z < 6.5$ , chemical enrichment of ISM, redshift surveys

### Technical Specifications

SPECTRAL RESOLUTION <b>1,000–6,000</b>	WAVELENGTH RANGE <b>330–1,000 nm</b>
FIELD OF VIEW (Imager) <b>300 arcmin<sup>2</sup></b> with fibers (MANIFEST)	FIELD OF VIEW (Diameter) <b>7 arcmin × 6 arcmin</b> with slits
ALTERNATE INPUT <b>100s of fibers</b>	Multi-slit mask count <b>24 masks 50–100</b> masks/slit

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**Designer:** Harvard and Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, Steiner Institute for Instrumentation and Data Science

## Integral-Field Spectrograph GMTIFS

A high-throughput, high-spatial-resolution spectrograph, and diffraction-limited imager, accommodating up to sixteen filters and operating across the YJHK bands using natural guide star and laser guide star adaptive optics.

### Science Capability

- Young stars: star and planet formation processes
- Nearby galaxies: chemical enrichment history
- First galaxies: structure and assembly
- Massive black holes: masses and physics of galaxy nuclei
- Gamma ray bursts: intergalactic medium at  $z \sim 7$

### Technical Specifications

SPECTRAL RESOLUTION <b>5,000/10,000</b>	WAVELENGTH RANGE <b>0.9–2.5 <math>\mu</math>m</b>
SPATIAL RESOLUTION (IFU) <b>6/12/25/50 mas</b>	FIELD OF VIEW (IFU) <b>0.5 arcsec × 0.25 arcsec–</b> <b>4 arcsec × 2 arcsec</b>
SPATIAL RESOLUTION (Imager) <b>0.005 arcsec/pixel</b>	FIELD OF VIEW (Imager) <b>20 arcsec × 20 arcsec</b>

### AO Modes

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**Designer:** Australian National University

## Near-Infrared Spectrograph GMTNIRS

A single-object, near-infrared to mid-infrared, echelle spectrograph that provides extraordinary efficiency with simultaneous coverage of the full JHKLM bands. It is ideal for spectroscopy of young star and planet formation.

### Science Capability

- Exoplanets: atmospheric chemistry and internal structure
- Stars: formation of stars, disks, and planets, abundances
- Nearby galaxies: chemical evolution history and current stellar composition
- Distant galaxies: composition of universe in Lyman- $\alpha$  systems, and evolution

### Technical Specifications

SPECTRAL RESOLUTION <b>65,000 (JHK)</b>	WAVELENGTH RANGE <b>1.1–5.4 <math>\mu</math>m</b>
SPECTRAL RESOLUTION <b>80,000 (LM)</b>	SLIT LENGTH <b>1.2 arcsec</b>

### AO Modes

**NS** **GLAO** **NGAO** **LTAO**

**Designer:** The University of Texas at Austin in collaboration with the Korean Astronomy and Space Science Institute





**GIANT MAGELLAN TELESCOPE**  
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# GIANT MAGELLAN TELESCOPE

Science Instruments  
and Observing Modes

## Four Observing Modes

### **NS** Natural Seeing

Available over the Giant Magellan's full wavelength range and field of view, with image quality limited by atmospheric wavefront distortion.

### **GLAO** Ground Layer Adaptive Optics

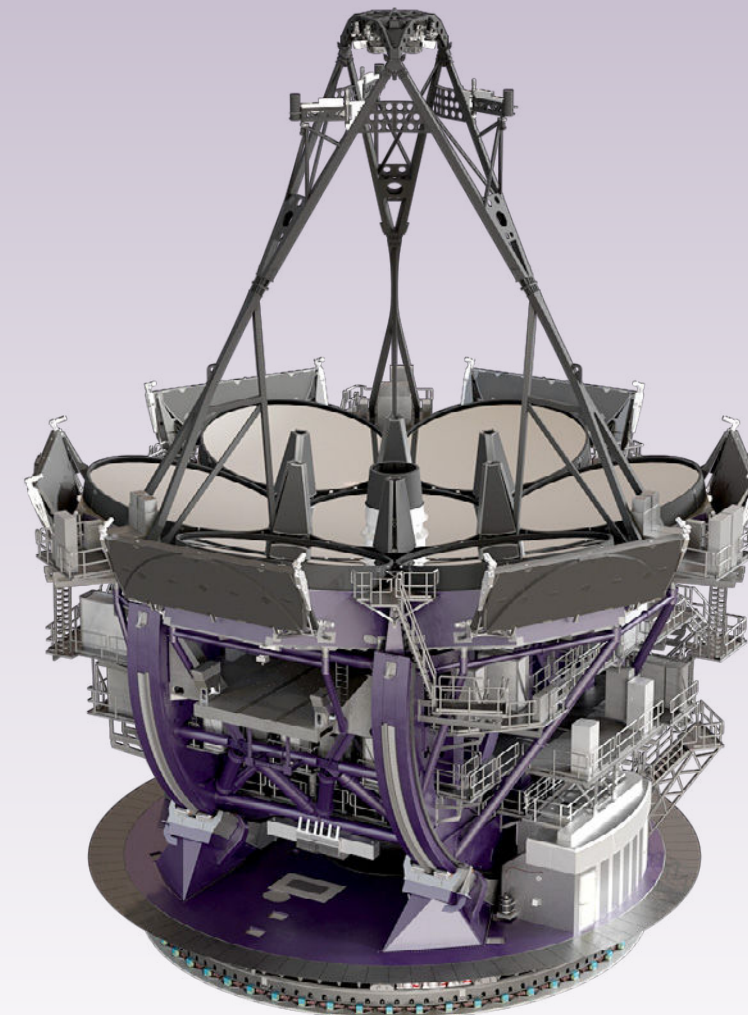
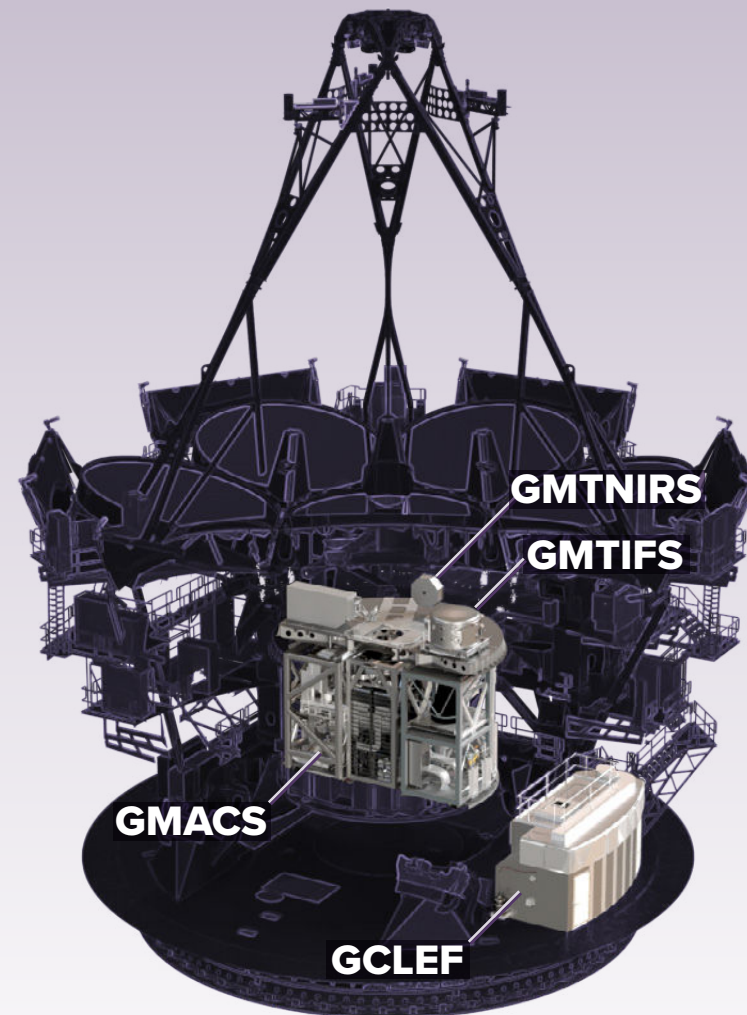
The Gregorian design and integrated adaptive optics system allow ground layer atmospheric turbulence to be corrected over a wide field of view, improving natural seeing image quality by 20–50% from the visible to near-infrared (with the greatest improvements at red wavelengths). The Giant Magellan uses wavefront sensors that allow any instrument to receive GLAO corrected images.

### **NGAO** Natural Guide Star Adaptive Optics

NGAO uses a single natural guide star (bright) to deliver diffraction limited, high Strehl ratio images (>75 % Strehl in the K band) at wavelengths from 0.6  $\mu\text{m}$  into the mid-infrared over a field of view a few arcseconds in diameter.

### **LTAO** Laser Tomography Adaptive Optics

LTAO uses six laser guide stars and a single natural guide star (faint) to extend diffraction-limited performance to nearly the full sky with moderate Strehl ratio (>30 % Strehl in the H band) at infrared wavelengths over a much wider field of view than NGAO ( $\sim 20''$  at  $1\mu\text{m}$ ) and is available to any instrument designed to use this mode.



## The Giant Magellan Telescope

can accommodate ten visible to mid-infrared instruments designed to take advantage of the telescope's four observing modes. This specialized suite of high-resolution imagers and spectrographs will explore the unknown: From analyzing exoplanet atmospheres in search of biosignatures to resolving galaxy formation and the coevolution of galaxies with black holes over cosmic time. The discoveries they make could rewrite history as we know it.

## Performance Specifications

Optical Prescription	Aplanatic Gregorian
Focal Plane Scale	0.997 arcseconds/mm
Wavelength Range	0.32 – 25 $\mu\text{m}$
Field of View	20 arcminute diameter
Primary Mirror Diameter & Collecting Area	25.4 m, 368 $\text{m}^2$
Primary Mirror f/#	0.71
Final f/# [with Wide Field Corrector]	8.16 [8.34]
Diffraction-limited Angular Resolution	0.01 arcsecond at $1\mu\text{m}$

The focal ratio of the Giant Magellan ( $\sim f/8$ ) will come to focus twice as fast as the other Giant Segmented Mirror Telescopes. This enables the telescope enclosure to be more compact than a larger focal ratio optical system and deliver a smaller plate scale at the focal plane, which in turn enables the instruments to remain relatively small while still capturing a best in-class wide field of view.

For more technical specifications and capabilities,  
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Technology designed to  
explore and discover the unknown