



Cascaded Relay Requirement Flowdown and Open Issues

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Cascaded Relay

- Preliminary design point choices
 - 1st stage relay
 - K-mirror
 - Rotating reconstructors to handle pupil rotation on DM's (as per Keck AO)
 - F/15 input and output
 - 20 x 20 actuator DM
 - 5 mm pitch; 100 mm pupil diameter
 - DNIRI
 - 6 IFU heads
 - » One may be usable as a PSF camera
 - 32 x 32 actuator MEMS DM used in MOAO mode
 - 2nd stage relay
 - F/15 input and F/45 output (tentative)
 - OAP mirror relay
 - 64 x 64 actuator DM
 - 400 micron pitch; 25.6 mm pupil diameter
 - Up to 5 narrow-field instruments
 - 'LEGO block' instrument stack
 - BFD from output fold mirror > 250 mm
 - Enclosure
 - Cooled to 259K (-16C below ambient at MK summit)
 - Background due to input window must be minimized





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- Preliminary design point choices (proposed)
 - LGS beacons
 - Science Asterism
 - Regular pentagon plus one central LGS
 - Variable radius from 11" to ~71" (TBD)
 - LOWFS NGS sharpening
 - 'Point-and-shoot'
 - » One LGS pointed slightly (~11") outside of NGS location for best tomography (TBC)
 - » 64 x 64 MEM's DM in each LOWFS channel running MOAO (combination of science sexcunx and NGS LGS)
 - Alternative is regular array of 9 beacons
 - » This forces degradation of on-axis tomography to sharpen LOWFS NGS
 - Center projected
 - Pulse format TBD
 - Options: CW, MM pulse, new format?
 - Number of lasers TBD
 - Return needed for science asterism is equivalent to ~90W of SOR CW return (6 x ~15 W in lab)
 - NGS LGS need ~ 15W on sky each (e.g. another 45 W, so 90+45 = 135W total in lab).
 - Degradation with lesser power TBD
 - No uplink compensation
 - But not precluded as future upgrade



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- Preliminary design point choices (proposed)
 - BTO
 - Design choice TBD
 - Maximizing transmission is paramount
 - Each 10% transmission loss requires = 13.5 W lost ~ \$1.5M
 - LGS HOWFS
 - Radially scaling object selection mechanism (OSM)
 - Zoom optics for LGS aberration correction
 - Independent ‘z-stage’ for focus tracking (and asterism plane tilt changes)
 - Detector configuration TBD
 - Options: Square geometry, Radial geometry
 - Max rate, read noise, dark current, diffusion specs all TBC
 - NGS HOWFS
 - NGS requirements not well defined
 - Aircraft, Satellite, and Beam Collision Avoidance (not error budget flowdown)
 - Requirements not written down, but may be similar to Keck AO
 - Issues
 - Reuse of Keck AO subsystems, shared resources with Gemini, Subaru?



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 - NGS LOWFS
 - 2 IR TT trackers + 1 TTFA pyramid sensor
 - Diffraction-limited
 - » 32 x 32 MEMS DM in each channel
 - As much of Y+J+H band as possible (e.g. not being used for science)
 - One TT possibility is Hawaii RG in ROI mode with 0.05 arcsec/pixel
 - » Array detector provides self-acquisition for each (faint) NGS
 - Alternatives
 - 1 TTFA SH sensor in lieu of TTFA pyramid sensor (TBC)
 - IR APD quad-cells (custom) in lieu of array trackers
 - » Transfer the ACQ problem elsewhere
 - Likely to need detailed physical optics modeling
 - Truth WFS
 - Visible light 6x6 SH WFS
 - Single stand-alone sensor
 - Alternative: Might be an On-Instrument WFS (OIWFS) internal to each instrument (?)
 - Alternatives
 - Low-order curvature or phase diversity techniques
 - NIR 6x6 SH WFS



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- Preliminary design point choices (proposed)
 - RTC
 - Requirements TBD
 - Rate, latency, matrix sizes and update rates, servo algorithms, and telemetry req's all TBD
 - Algorithm issues
 - Woofer / tweeter control
 - Robustness to WFS pupil misalignments (strong goal)
 - Upgrade path to MCAO?
 - » Algorithms or algorithms & hardware?
 - PSF estimation pipeline
 - We baseline a dedicated NGAO MASS/DIMM for $C_n^2(h,t)$ measurement
 - Other requirements TBD
 - Issues
 - Development of real astrometry and/or photometry error budgets?
 - Supervisory software (not error budget flowdown)
 - Requirements TBD
 - Issues
 - Extent of practical reuse of Keck AO software unknown
 - Telescope and Instrument interface changes may preclude reuse

