



Centroid, Subaperture and Actuator Conventions

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This note documents the labeling conventions of the Keck Observatory adaptive optics systems. We define the subaperture and deformable mirror actuator numbering system and the centroid sign and magnitude conventions.

The deformable mirror has 349 actuators, numbered 0-348, spread over a 21x21 array. The numbering system is shown on Table 1. The Xinetics manual numbers the actuators from 1-349. This difference does not matter: what matters is that the actuator voltages are in the right order.

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Table 1: Actuator numbering system. The DM is looked at from the front, with the bottom of the DM corresponding to actuators 0-6.

Note that due to possibly a wiring problem, the actuators on Keck I are numbered (349-actuator number), where actuator number is the actuator number of Keck II, shown on Table I. We intend to use the convention on Table 1 only.

1.2 Subaperture Numbering System

There are 304 subapertures distributed over a 20x20 lenslet array. The selected subapertures correspond to regions in the pupil that are illuminated and are displayed in Table 2.

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Table 2: Subaperture numbering system

1.3 Centroid ordering system

There are 304 subapertures, resulting in 608 centroid measurements. For consistency with our current code, we would prefer if the centroids were output in the following order: $[C_{0x}, C_{0y}, C_{1x}, C_{1y}, C_{2x}, C_{2y}, C_{3x}, C_{3y}, \dots]$.

1.4 Centroid sign and magnitude convention

For a quad cell, the raw centroid (ignoring pixel thresholding, etc.) is defined as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_2 & I_3 \\ I_0 & I_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$c_x = \frac{-I_0 + I_1 - I_2 + I_3}{I_0 + I_1 + I_2 + I_3} \quad c_y = \frac{-I_0 - I_1 + I_2 + I_3}{I_0 + I_1 + I_2 + I_3}$$

The reader will notice that the definition of the y-centroids is inconsistent: a positive centroid means that the spot is down, but the subapertures numbers increase as you go up. By contrast, a positive x-centroid means that the spot is to the right, which is also the direction of increasing subaperture numbers. While the y-centroid definition is confusing, we prefer to keep it as a lot of user software has been written around this convention.

For the 4x4 centroid, the definition of the centroid is:¹

$$c_x = \frac{\sum_x x \left(\sum_y i(x, y) \right)}{\sum_x \sum_y i(x, y)}, \text{ where } x \text{ is the vector } [-3, -1, 1, 3], \text{ consistent with the definitions for a quad cell.}$$

¹ Erik Johansson *et al.*, NGWFC RTC Requirements, KAON 311