Palomar Adaptive Optics Test Plan

Title	Laser, BTO, and safety system checkout
Date	9/05/06
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Time requested	2 hr
Required conditions	Dome closed

Purpose

- 1. Align 660nm laser to LLT.
- 2. Align 589nm laser to BTO.
- 3. Test safety systems, BTO servo loop.
- 4. Verify laser focus.

Previous analysis

Test procedure

In prime focus with 660nm laser:

- 1. Align BTO at zenith [need more detail].
- 2. Adjust LLT top fold mirror to direct light onto FSM.
- 3. Close BTO servo loops to Q3, verify stability.
- 4. Adjust Q3 beamsplitter (with HS closed on Q3) to center beam on FSM.
- 5. Adjust LLT FSM and final fold mirror to align laser to LLT optical axis.

In Coude lab:

- 6. Override safety system zone 8. Coude block in.
- 7. Open shutter.
- 8. Adjust final laser mirror to center beam on M1a.
- 9. Adjust M1a to co-align 589nm and 660nm spots on ceiling.
- 10. Adjust beamsplitter cube to coalign 589nm and 660nm spots at Coude exit window.
- 11. Test laser focus with shear plate. Adjust laser focus motor to collimate. Save default value.
- 12. Close shutter.

In dome:

- 13. Remove coude block.
- 14. At low laser power with personnel in dome, open shutter and verify that BTO alignment looks good (check beam pattern on ceiling.)
- 15. Increase to high power, close BTO loops on Q3. Verify loop stability. Save BTO zenith default positions.
- 16. Enable Q3 safety system.
- 17. Test that shutter can be opened and BTO servo loop closed at zenith.
- 18. Send personnel to prime focus.
- 19. Visually estimate spot size on LLT primary. Adjust laser focus stage if necessary to minimize spot on primary.

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Results and conclusions		