# Preliminary Design Review - Mechanisms Design -



# iSHELL Preliminary Design Review: Mechanisms

#### • Mechanisms Overview:

Layout #	Name	Abbrev.	Туре	# of Discrete Positions
5	Image Rotator	IMR	Continuous Angular Position	N/A
6	Slit Mechanism	SLM	Discrete Angular Position	5 (10)
0	Dekker Mechanism	(DEK)	Discrete Linear Position	4
7	Filter Mechanism	FWM	Discrete Angular Position	15
8	Spectrograph Detector Focus Stage	DET	Continuous Linear Position	N/A
9	Order Sorting Mechanism	OSM	Discrete Angular Position	10
10	Immersion Grating Mechanism	IGM	Discrete Linear Position	2
11		XDM	Discrete Angular Position	11
	Cross-Disperser Mechanism		Continuous Angular Position	N/A



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#### • High-Level Requirements:

Mechanism	Тетр	Туре	Range	Repositioning precision	Element size
CB mirror	~280 K	In/out	2 positions	± 0.5 mm	Beam
Gas cell	~280 K	In/out	2 positions	± 0.5 mm	Beam
Window cover	~280 K	In/out	2 positions	± 0.5 mm	Beam
K-mirror	75 K	Continuous	> 360 degrees	$\pm$ 0.1 deg on sky (1 pixel)	Beam
Slit wheel	75 K	Detent	5 positions	± 1 pixel	30 mm diameter
					5 mm thick
Dekker stage	75 K	Detent	4 positions	± 1 pixel	n/a
SV filter wheel	75 K	Detent	15 positions	± 0.1 mm	25 mm diameter
					~5 mm thick
Order sorter wheel	75 K	Detent	10 positions	± 0.1 mm	6 x 10 mm
					~3 mm thick
IG selection mirror	75 K	In/out	2 positions	± 0.1 mm	Beam
XD wheel	75 K	Detent	12 positions	± 1 pixel (15 arcsec)	~32 x 50 mm to
					~32 x 40 mm
					~ 7 mm thick
XD wheel tilt	75 K	Continuous	± 5 degrees	± 1 pixel (15 arcsec)	n/a
Spectrograph focus	75 K	Continuous	± 2 mm	± 50 μm	n/a



# **GENERIC BEARING MOUNT**



# **Athermal Bearing Mount**



## **Athermal Turret Axle Design**





# **Athermal Turret Behavior**

- Components contract as turret cools from ambient to operating temperature
- Aluminum turret & axle contract/expand as a rigid body





## Athermal turret axle design

- Eliminates axial & radial displacement of turret relative to axle due to CTE mismatches between steel bearings and aluminum turret during cool-down/warm-up.
- Turret/axle assembly (CTE) behaves as though it were a single material as temperature changes
- Turret remains aligned when warm or cold
- Don't need to design in "warm" bearing clearances that makes turret sloppy when warm & tight when cold



# DISCRETE ANGULAR POSITION MECHANISMS (DAPM)



### **DAPM:** Choice of a type of wheel

Here is a summary of the pros and cons of a Geneva drive versus a compliant worm drive:

- Pro: Geneva mechanisms locate the wheel close to the required position
   => less detent force required
- Pro: Geneva mechanisms require less time to index than a worm drive because the reduction ration is usually less
- Con: Geneva mechanisms usually require the use of gear reduction.
- Con: due to the reduction and the use of a cam, Geneva mechanisms have more moving parts than a worm drive
- Pro: Geneva wheels are less expansive to fabricate than worm drives
- Con: Geneva mechanisms are limited in the number of discrete positions.









- In the detent position, the cam has a "dip" so that the detent arm is no longer in contact with the cam but only with the detent seat.
- when the drive bearing disengages from the Geneva wheel, the wheel is still held by the cam



- Zone 1 Ramp up
- Follower travels from fully seated position to fully disengaged position
- Zone 2 Constant speed
- Crank engages with the Geneva slot Turret gets moved to the next position
- Crank disengages with the Geneva slot
- Zone 3 Ramp down
- Follower lowers back down and detent seats in V-groove of the next turret position to locate turret.





#### Geneva Drive Motor Loads For 1 Cycle:





### **DAPM: Slit Wheel + Order Sorter**



## **DAPM: Order Sorting Mechanism**





- 10 Discrete Positions
- Gearing = 2:1 ratio
- Enclosure:
  - 3-point mount ("ears")
  - Filter Cell Access
- 45° Fold Mirror Mount
  - Motor Location:
    - Easier Access
    - Light-shielding

## **DAPM: Slit Wheel Mechanism**



- 5 (10) Discrete Positions
- Gearing = 2:1 ratio
- Enclosure:
  - 3-point mount ("ears")
  - Slit Mirror Cell Access
- "light seal" around the Dekker mask.
- 22.5deg conical turret -> axle // to OSM axle

# **DAPM: Slit Wheel Mechanism**





# **DAPM: Filter Wheel Mechanism**



- 15 Discrete Positions
- Gearing: 1:1 Bevel + 4:1
   Phytron Planetary Gear
- 45deg Turret for optimized space usage
- Light-tight Motor Mount



## **DAPM: Filter Wheel Mechanism**



- Filter Cells Facilitate swap/replacement of filters
- 3-point support = Statically Determinate
- 2 different Cells with 2 different angles (Ghost)



# **DAPM: Filter Wheel Mechanism**

Motor Mount Concept:





### **DAPM: Cross-Disperser Mechanism**



 Grating angle to wheel optimized to reduce overall diameter while clearing the bearings mount

- 12 Discrete Positions (+ Tilt)
- Gearing: 3:1 Bevel +
  4:1 Phytron Planetary Gear



### **DAPM: Cross-Disperser Mechanism**





- Gratings are mounted in removable modules
- Optics modules are unique but are machined from identical blanks.
- Each grating is mounted in a module with mounting features that fully support the grating without over constraining it.
- The grating modules have no provisions for tip/tilt adjustment. One-time adjustments may be necessary by machining optics mounting surfaces.



# CONTINUOUS ANGULAR POSITION MECHANISMS (CAPM)



# **CAPM: Image Rotator**



- Designed by G. Muller
- First Concept



## **CAPM: Image Rotator**

#### <u>New Concept</u>: 2 Folds and Cold Stop separated to facilitate Alignment





### **CAPM: Image Rotator**

#### K-Mirror Assembly and K-Mirror Hub:



Note: The middle mirror of the K-mirror assembly is separated from the main hub because it would be very difficult to fabricate as one part.



### **CAPM: Image Rotator Drive**



- a) 120 tooth brass worm gear
  b) Hall effect sensor
  c) Vespel worm
  d) Drive shaft bearing
  e) Flex coupling
  f) Stepper motor
- Home position determined by state change of Hall-effect sensor (i.e. sense to not sense, but not vice versa)
- Count steps from home to determine position (Requires initialization procedure at startup)



## CAPM: Image Rotator Anti-Backlash Feature



- The brake straddles the worm gear similar to a bicycle brake and provides a clamping force via a compression spring.
- The braking force is adjustable by adjusting the compression spring preload



# **CAPM: Cross-Disperser Tilt Mechanism**





# **CAPM: Cross-Disperser Tilt Control**

• Choice of a type of position sensor:

VS

#### 1. Hall Effect Sensor (F.W. Bell FH-301-040) :

Pros	Cons
<ul> <li>Price</li> <li>Already implemented in SpeX</li> <li>Passive Sensing. Can be used simultaneously with Detector Readout.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Unknown Accuracy</li> <li>⇒ Too much effort needed to quantify at the level of accuracy required.</li> <li>- Range is limited. "Physical range reduction trick" (*) isn't applicable.</li> <li>- No package or mount included.</li> <li>- Potential irregular magnetization</li> </ul>

#### 2. Eddy Current Sensor (Kaman DIT-5200L / 20N):

Pros	Cons
<ul> <li>Known accuracy.</li> <li>Comes as a set: Sensors + Electronics.</li> <li>Extremely Linear.</li> <li>Range can be tuned using a "Physical range reduction trick". (*)</li> <li>Easier to implement</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Price.</li> <li>Needs Coax cables.</li> <li>Active sensor: can perturb detector readout.</li> <li>Needs 10/15 minutes to warm up and give reliable data after turning it on =&gt; RF switch needed.</li> </ul>

(\*) The "Physical Range Reduction Trick" Can only be used with an active sensor and a passive target (aluminum). See Next Slide.



# **CAPM: Cross-Disperser Tilt Control**



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# DISCRETE LINEAR POSITION MECHANISMS (DLPM)

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## **DLPM: Dekker Mechanism**

Mask Shape and Dimensions:

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- $4 \neq$  Slit Length
- Step width > widest slit to decrease accuracy requirement on X.
- 22.5deg inclination of the opening to be // to the beam.

## **DLPM: Dekker Mechanism**

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#### First Concept:

- Off-the-Shelf Piezo-Stage with Encoder (Cryogenic rated)
- Miniature Design
- Light-tight enclosure of the piezo-stage.

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### **DLPM: Dekker Piezo-Stage Testing**

- Refurbished an old instrument into a test dewar.
- Test plan includes cryo& vacuum test, position hold test, re-initialization test, hard-stop test and Lifecycles.
- First and second tests unsuccessful. No movement at 77K. Still troubleshooting with Vendor.

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# DLPM: Dekker Piezo-Stage Alternative Concept

- Flexure Stage designed using Flex-Pivots.
- Powered using a Stepper + Worm Gear + Eccentric Cam.

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### **DLPM: Immersion Grating Mechanism**

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- Light-tight motor mount
- Mounting Sub-plate
- Preloaded Mirror Mount
- 45deg stage due to available Space

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## **DLPM: Immersion Grating Mechanism**

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# **DLPM: Immersion Grating Mechanism**

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# CONTINUOUS LINEAR POSITION MECHANISMS (CLPM)

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### **CLPM: Detector Mount and Stage**

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### **CLPM: Detector Mount and Stage**

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- Focus Stage Design based on SpeX Flexure-Stage but with simplified gearing (off-the-shelf planetary) and improved antibacklash system.
- "Configuration Board" for ARC controller cabling

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## **CLPM: Detector Focus Stage**

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#### Anti-backlash System:

- Split-Nut preloaded with wave-spring
- Nuts shaped to stop relative rotation
- Preload > Flexure Axial Force + Moving Load

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![](_page_43_Picture_7.jpeg)

### **CLPM: Detector Mount and Stage**

H2RG Mount with New Configuration Board:

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