Maunakea Spectroscopic Explorer

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Science matrix

- PlaTO follow-up: host star characterisation
- Gaia follow-up: high resolution observations for all stars
- Dark matter: radial velocities
 of numerous faint targets
- Galaxy formation and evolution up to high z
- Transient follow-up over long durations
- Reverberation mapping

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MSE Key Capabilities

Accessible sky	30000 square degrees (airmass < 1.55)									
Aperture (M1 in m)	11.25m									
Field of view (square degrees)	1.52									
Etendue = FoV x π (M1 / 2) ²	151									
Modes	Low		Moderate	High			IFU			
Wavelength range	0.36 - 1.3 μm, 1.5 - 1.8 μm		0.26 0.05							
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Spectral resolution, R = $\lambda_c/d\lambda$	2500 (3000)	3000 (5000)	6000	40000	40000	20000	IFU capable;			
Multiplexing	3249		3249		anticipated					
Spectral windows	Full		≈Half	λ,/30	λ./30	λ./15	generation			
Sensitivity *	m=24.0 *		m=23.5 *		capability					
Velocity precision *	20 km/s ▽		9 km/s 🗸							
Spectrophotometic accuracy	<3 % relative		< 3 % relative							
Dichroic positions are approximate										

* SNR / resolution element = 2

∇ SNR / resolution element = 5

SNR / resolution element = 10

★ SNR / resolution element = 30

- Survey speed: 11.25m primary, >4300 fibres, dedicated telescope
- Spectral performance:
 - simultaneous low & high resolution
 - switching low & moderate resolution, switching J & H band
 - dedicated to spectroscopic surveys: stability, homogeneous databases



International WF-MOS

Class	Facility / Instrument	First light (anticipated)	Aperture (M1 in m)	Field of View (sq. deg)	Etendue	Multiplexing	Wavelength coverage (um)	Spectral resolution (approx)	IFU	Dedicated facility
Comparison	SDSS I - IV	Existing	2.5	1.54	7.6	640	0.38 - 0.92	1800	Yes	Yes
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a http://www.ing.iac.es/Astronomy/telescopes/wht/weavepars.html#dflow										

b https://www.desi.lbl.gov

c https://www.eso.org/sci/facilities/develop/instruments/4MOST.html#status

d https://www.eso.org/sci/facilities/develop/instruments/MOONS.html#status

e http://pfs.ipmu.jp/schedule.html

Also **ESO SpecTel** concept (Ellis et al. 2017); Working Group report; no detailed requirements or design available for comparison (WG recommends 10-12m class telescope, ~5 square degree field of view, ~5000 fibres, possible deployable IFUs)



Facility transformation





Enclosure: Calotte style with vent modules for excellent airflow

Fiber Transmission System: 3,249 fibers leading to low/moderate resolution spectrographs; 1,083 fibers leading to high resolution spectrographs

Low/Moderate resolution spectrographs: located on both instrument platforms Fiber Positioner System: 4,332 positioners providing simultaneous complete full field coverage for all spectroscopic modes, with upgrade path to multi-object IFU system

Wide Field Corrector and Atmospheric Dispersion Corrector: 1.5 square degree field of view

> Telescope Structure: prime focus configuration, high stiffen-to-mass ratio open-truss design to promote airflow

M1 System: 11.25m aperture with 60 1.44m hexagonal segments

High resolution spectrographs: located in Coude room for environmental stability

Telescope and Enclosure Piers: modified CFHT structures



The MSE Team





Telescope (IDOM Spain)

- Segmented primary mirror
 - 60 hexagonal segments
 - 1.44m corner-to-corner (similar to TMT and E-ELT to reuse existing facilities)
 - diameter 11.25m
- Fits inside the upgraded enclosure
 - focal length 18.845m
 - current observing floor removed
 - 10% size increase of the dome
- Prime focus for large field of view
- Instrument platforms due to altazimuthal mount
- Yoke concept rather than rocking chair due to stiffness/mass trade-off





Top end assembly (AAO & DT INSU)

- Includes
 - wide-field corrector optics
 - wide-field corrector positioning
 - fibre positioner and electronics
 - field derotator
- Novel approach to ADC to increase the throughput (reduce the number of optics)
 - shift L2
 - shift all other optics in the other direction
 - translate all the other optics
- Concept design
 - based on spacers to meet the wide range of positions to align optics
 - includes 2 hexapods
 - to move L2
 - to move the whole top end





Positioner (AAO)

- Sphinx
 - based on Echidna concept
 - longer spines (reduced geometric FRD)
 - reduced thermal emission (lower voltages)
 - 57 modules arranged in hexagonal shape
- Fibre arrangement
 - 2 HR / 5 LMR
 - patrol radius 1.2×pitch
 - coverage HR/LMR is:
 - 1 fibre 100%/100% (complete coverage)
 - 2 fibres 58%/100%
 - 3 fibres: 4%/97%
 - high allocation efficiency
- Works with metrology camera located in the centre of M1
 - residual error: 5µm achieved in 5 moves











Fibres (NRC & FiberTech Optica)

- Fibres
 - HR: 80µm (0.8") core, LMR: 100µm (1.0") core
 - high NA fibres to avoid f-ratio adaptation: 0.26-0.28 NA to inject at f/2
 - candidate manufacturers: Polymicro, Ceramoptec
- Fibre link geometries
 - no breaks/connectors
 - 57 identical cables (one per Sphinx module) to LR and LMR
 - lengths: 35m to LMR, 50m to HR





LMR (CRAL & AAO)

- Evolution of the design for Hector (AAO)
- 6 units, 4 arms (3 CCDs, 1 Hawaii4RG)
- Low/moderate switching by exchanging VPHs with grisms
- J/H band switching by exchanging gratings
- Cooled to -63°C





HR (NIAOT)





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- Challenging due to resolution and étendue
- Resolution (3-arm design)
 - 40 000: 401-416nm & 472-490nm
 - 20 000: 626-675nm
- Multiplex: 542 (2 units)
- Optical design
 - driven by feasibility of dispersive elements
 - constrained by injection at f/2 in fibres
 - all channels optimised independently (corrector, disperser, camera)
 - 300mm beams
 - Off-axis f/2.05 collimator
 - f/1.55 transmissive cameras with 3 highly aspheric surfaces
 - 6.2-pixel sampling (10µm pixels)



HR (NIAOT)

- Dispersive element design
 - reduce line density with an immersed grating: grism (design driver)+prism
 - 5700 6500 l/mm
 - 300mm beam
 - grating technology: VPH or ion-beam etching





Project Status



2010: Launch of ngCFHT study

2014: Creation of MSE Project Office

2015 — 2017: Major subsystem conceptual design studies

- **2017:** 10 subsystem conceptual design reviews
- **2018:** System-level requirement and conceptual design review Transition to preliminary design phase
 - looking for a new project scientist (in Hawaii)
 - making the science team and consortium grow
 - collecting funds
 - open to new collaborators for:
 - LMR
 - M1 design
 - software
 - top-end assembly

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