Near-Infrared Survey at Dome Fuji

motivation and future plan

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For the direct comparison of models, normal galaxies such like the Galaxy, LMC, SMC, which had been the building block for massive galaxies in early universe, we should know the distribution of normal galaxies.



http://www.mpa-garching.mpg.de/galform/virgo/millennium/



In order to study the optical properties of distant (young) galaxies, powerful telescope and infrared camera should have been constructed.

Subaru telescope



Very low cost

Novel structure, optics & slit mask exchanger



We used as many things off the shelf or self-making and self-designing components at every part as to reduce the cost.

Assembling at Hilo



















Wide field of view and superb image quality



Best image size : 0.18" (without adaptive optics)

Good image quality (~0.2"-0.3") is always available over the field under good seeing

MOIRCS Deep Survey (MODS) Project In GOODS-North region



J,H, Ks-bands deep imaging 4'X7'X4' ~ 100 arcmin²

Near-infrared survey of High-Redshift Galaxies with ground-based telescopes







Evolution of galaxy stellar-mass function

Kajisawa+ (2009)



Clustering analysis

less massive galaxies (stellar mass ~ 10^{9-10} Msun) evolve into normal galaxies in local universe.

Ichikawa + (2007)



Main Results of MOIRCS Deep Survey

Clustering evolution and stellar-mass function of normal galaxies are consistent with CDM hierarchical merging in small scale structure

Next objective



Evolution of normal galaxies in large scale structure



Widest and Deepest High-Redshift Galaxy Survey

Complete samples of $10^9 M_{sun}$ at z~3 (11 Gyr)



Telescope time for 8.2m Subaru is highly competitive.



Wide-field space telescopes would be very effective However, they are quite expensive (>200 M US\$).



Antarctica is a most promising alternative choice.

Antarctic telescopes are economical compliments (<10 M US\$)



Comparison with Subaru for 2.5m Antarctic Telescope

1 hour integration with S/N=5 σ for point source





very low cost

Innovative ultra light weight 2.5m telescope

(Kurita+ 2009)

Light weight is highly appreciated for tower telescope installed above boundary layer (~15m? at Dome F)

Mount for <2.5m mirror

5t w/o mirror

1/5 of conventional 3" absolute pointing error 0.5" tracking error for 5min (w/o guider) Cass instrument ϕ 900x1200 (0.5t)

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Dome Fuji station

National Institute of Polar Research



Pilot Study with a Small Telescope 2011 ~



40cm IR telescope (AIR-T-40) 2Kx2K HgCdTe (VIRGO)

Power Supplier (PLATO)







For long-term continuous observations

Automatic operation with remote control

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Collaboration with Australia group at Dome Fuji



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1kW for 400 days

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Future plane

2009/12-2010/2

first step on Dome Fuji by a Japanese astronomer transmittance by handy infrared spectrograph transmittance by 220GHz radiometer

2010-2015 New Projects by National Institute of Polar Research our proposal for astronomy with small telescopes has been accepted

2010/12-2011/2

deployment of 40cm-infrared and 30cm-THz telescopes at Dome Fuji

2010-2014 Construction of winter-over facilities by NIPR

2011-2012 deployment of PLATO-Fuji by collaboration with UNSW Observations with small telescope over winter (remote operation)

2014?- Construction of large telescope(?)

2. Why astronomy in Antarctica? – the advantages

- Clear sky (photometric day > ~85%)
- Little snow (PW=2.5mm/year, 10-20cm snowfall)
- Low and stable humidity (PWV < 0.6mm)
- Low temperature (-70°C in winter)
- Very good seeing above boundary layer
- Weak wind

3m/s on ground, 5.4m/s at 10m height

Japan has one of best astronomical sites in Antarctica

Seeing strongly depends on boundary layer



Swain & Gallee (2006)



Current status of Japanese activities

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THz Radio Telescope

Pilot studies with small telescopes

40cm Infrared telescope

Stellar halo in clusters of galaxies at 2.4µ m Exoplanet atmosphere by second transit Site test





- It is in very harsh environment
- No access is available in winter time
- It is long way (~1000km, 3 weeks)
- Snow mobiles with sledges are only transportation at present
- No flights are available on the dome 3810m (0.6 atm)



Let's overcome the difficulties.

3. Scientific proposals by Japanese groups

optical, Infrared

- Wide and deep imaging survey at high redshift
 - -- stellar assembly in large scale structure
- Exoplanet atmosphere by transit observations of the second eclipse
- Microlensing observations
- 3-D velocity field information on the full-disk Sun by continuous monitoring in five wavelengths around H-alpha
- Coronal Magnetic field in Sun

THz, submm

- Survey of proto-galaxies at high-z
- Molecular clouds and star forming region in the Galaxy

Multi-object spectroscopy



Aluminum plate with slits or hole cut on the targets

The spectra of ~60 targets can be observed simultaneously.

This is unique capability in infrared among 8-10m telescopes.







Cut by Laser

Distribution of Ly α emitters in SSA22

Optical Survey (Hayashino+ 2004)



Unbiased observations for general low-mass galaxies (building blocks) have been waited.

Dome F is located at the edge of the aurora oval.



http://ja.wikipedia.org/wiki/





MOIRCS

Multi-object Infrared Camera and Spectrograph

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