Subaru Instrument Plans toward ~2020s

Subaru internal discussion & discussion items in Subaru UM FY2016

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Background

- Two major milestone :
 - PFS commissioning starts in 2017, EFL 2019
 - TMT operations FL will be in late 2020s.
- Reduction of operation budget from government.
 - International Operation
- Limited number of open-use nights.
- Our direction: focus on wide-field survey.
 - Reduce the number of facility instruments (decommission) while keeping the unique functions of Subaru.
- Trying our best to reduce the operation cost.
 - Pursue more "efficient" telescope/instrument operation e.g. by reducing the frequency of instrument exchange.

Instrument planning activity

- Instrument Planning Task Force in ~2014
 - Member: H. Fujiwara, T. Hattori, M. Imanishi, I. Iwata, N. Kashikawa, Y. Minowa, N. Narita, N. Takato, Masaomi Tanaka
 - Detailed survey/investigation/scoring (publication, workroad, competitiveness,...) on each instrument.
 - Task force web: http://www.naoj.org/Projects/newdev/instplan2015/TF/
- Subaru internal discussion WG in ~2016
 - I. Iwata, T. Hattori, Y. Minowa, Y. Koyama
 - All records of the discussion since 2014: http://www.naoj.org/Projects/newdev/instplan2015/

Timeline

- 2016/09/21: Kick-off meeting (Koyama/Iwata/Minowa/Hattori)
- 2016/10/21: Follow-up meeting (Koyama/Iwata/Minowa/Hattori)
- 2016/11/14: Meeting w/ SciOp Division
- 2016/12/16 : Meeting within Subaru
- 2016/12/19 : Discussion in SAC
- 2016/01/09 : Discussion with community in Subaru UM

Key Points ~ How do we <u>survive</u> PFS era? ~

- HSC & PFS will dominate dark nights.
- Decommission FOCAS (S18B?) for PFS commissioning.
- Keep MOIRCS as the Ist-light instrument of ULTIMATE.
- Keep HDS & COMICS as long as possible (until the day they die?)

 their unique capability is competitive up to TMT era.
- Keep upgrading IRCS & AO188 until we commission ULTIMATE.
- Encourage PI-type instruments (as long as Subaru resources allow) - to promote instrumentation activity in Japan (+ others).

Subaru Telescope Instrument Timeline (version 2016/12/16)



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Example of instrument exchange schedule in PFS era (1)



Example of instrument exchange schedule in PFS era (I)



Example of instrument exchange schedule in PFS era (2)



Example of instrument exchange schedule in PFS era (2)



Proposals (= discussion items)

- Decommission of FOCAS (+CsOpt) in SI8B
 - depending on the PFS commissioning schedule
- Reduce frequency of instrument exchange
 - e.g. one instrument exchange per week
 - need to extend service/queue observation?



Please shout if you want to keep FOCAS during/after PFS commissioning. We will ask the community to submit a report for justification of their need of FOCAS in the PFS era, and how to solve the above paradox.

Appendix A: PFS commissioning schedule

PFS: Commissioning Schedule



Appendix B: Scores for each instrument from Instrument Planning TF (2014)

Optical Instruments







Scores: higher is "better".

IR Instruments

