

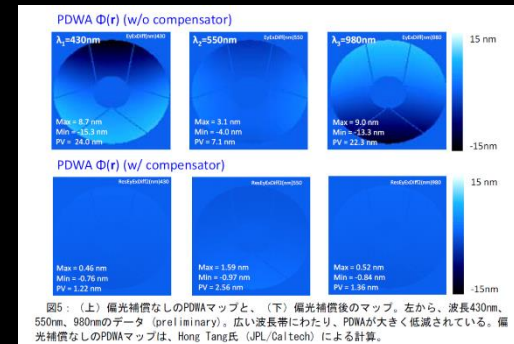


# WFIRST

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# WFIRST <https://wfirst.gsfc.nasa.gov/>

- **Space Telescope Mission planned in middle 2020's**
- NASA's flagship in astrophysics after  
JWST (6.5m IR telescope to be launched in 2018)
- **Highest priority space program in the US**  
**Astrophysics Decadal Survey for 2010's (Astro2010)**
- 2.4m-diameter wide-field telescope given 'free' by  
NRO (National Reconnaissance Office) to NASA
- **Dark Energy / Extrasolar Planets / GO(25%)**
- **International Collaboration: Japan, Europe, Canada**
- To be launched in 2025 (planned) to Sun-Earth L2 orbit
- Expected total cost ~\$2.5B (preliminary, then year)

# @ NASA

- Successful KDP (Key Decision Point)-A,  
**Phase A started in 2016 Feb**
- Formulation Science Working Group started  
FSWG #1 (2016 Feb), FSWG #2 (2016 May), FSWG #3 (2016 Oct)  
FSWG #4 (2017 Feb)
- System Requirement Review in June 2017  
KDP-B (late 2017) KDP-C (middle 2019) expected
- FY14 \$56M, FY15 \$50M, FY16 \$90M , FY17 \$130M
- OTA temperature 260K or 285K
- Star-shade (optional)



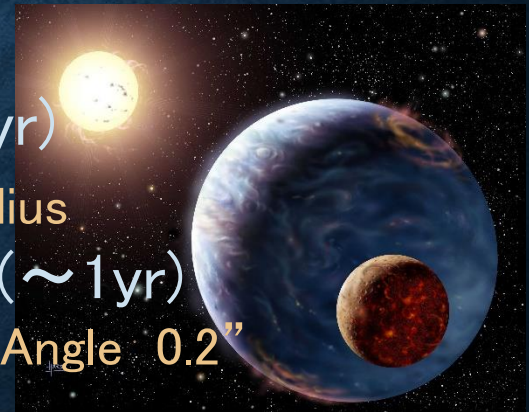
# WFIRST Science Objectives

## ➤ Dark Energy / Modified Gravity ( $\sim 2.5$ yrs)

- ◆ Wide-area galaxy survey (High Ecliptic Latitude Survey)  
Distribution of Galaxies and Dark Matters  
➔ Structure Formation and Geometry of the Universe
- ◆ Type-Ia Supernova ➔ Accelerating Expansion of the Universe

## ➤ Extrasolar Planets ( $\sim 2$ yrs)

- ◆ Gravitational Microlensing Search ( $\sim 1$  yr)  
Galactic bulges, Planets at the large orbital radius
- ◆ Direct Observations with Coronagraph ( $\sim 1$  yr)  
Visual, High contrast goal  $10^{-9}$ , Inner Working Angle  $0.2''$

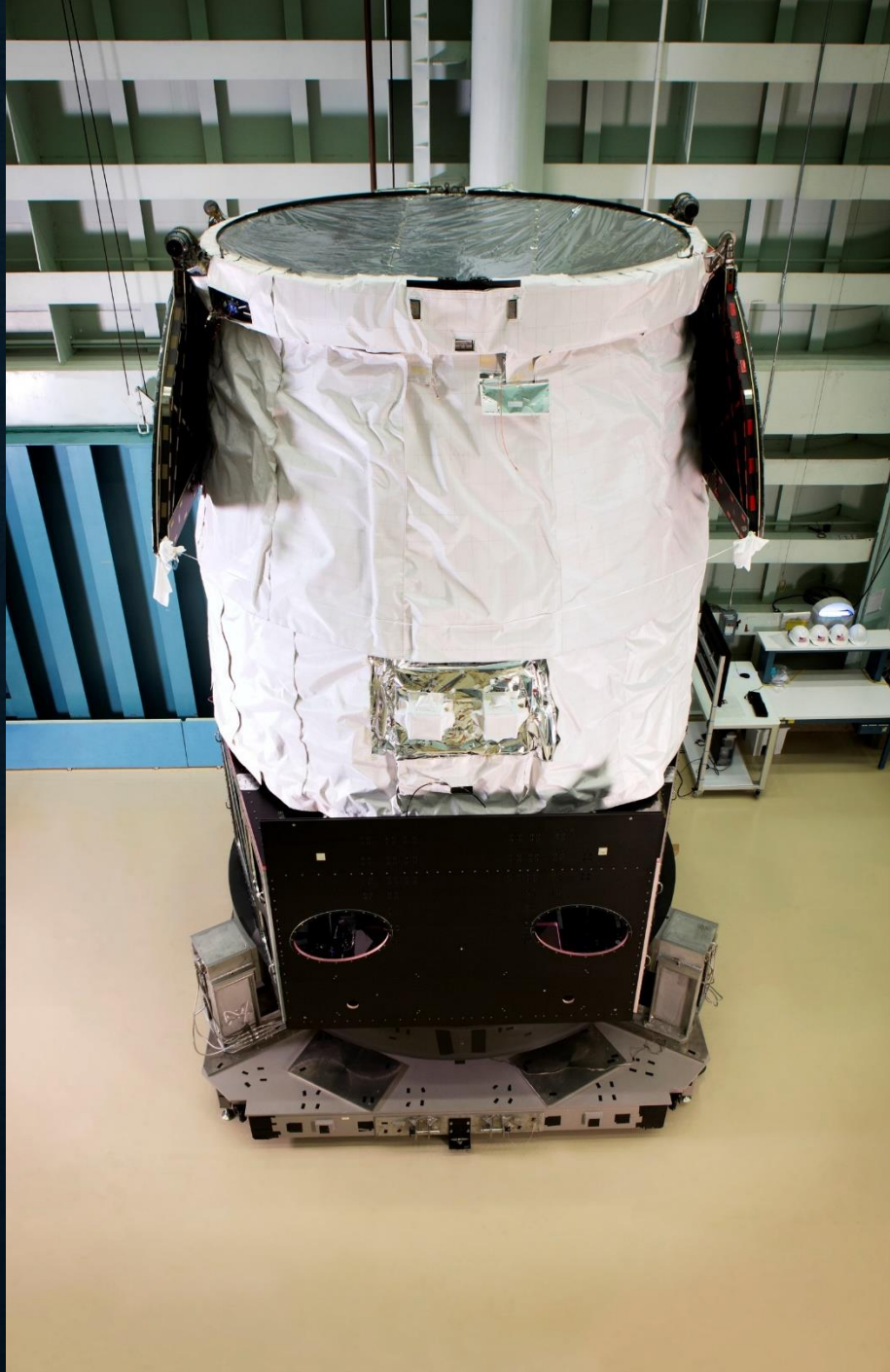


## ➤ Guest Observers' Program (1.5 yrs)











# Japanese Interest to WFIRST

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- Participation in WFIRST SDT (Sumi) 2012
- JAXA representative observer (Yamada) for WFIRST-AFTA Science Definition Team (2013-2015)
- Japanese Interest shown in WFIRST SDT Final Report (2015 Feb)
- Invitation from Dr. Paul Hertz (NASA HQ) (2015 July)
- Observer in WFIRST Formulation Science Working Group (2016 Feb~)





# Interests by Foreign Groups for Potential Contributions



- Japan
  - WFI: Could provide coordinated ground-based observations (wide and deep spectroscopy and deep optical imaging) and microlensing/galactic bulge science imaging processing pipeline & precursor ground observations
  - CGI: Interested in a polarization module, mask fabrication, analysis/algorithm support, PIAA module
- Canada
  - Strong science interest in SN and WL surveys as well as coronagraphy
  - WFI: Interested in the IFU, FGS, photometric calibration (pre-flight or flight), UV/blue wide-field instrument
  - CGI: Interested in the IFS, EMCCDs, LOWFS, filter/mask wheels, data reduction pipeline, data processing, and archiving
- UK and Europe
  - WFI: Interested in the IFU and opto-mechanical systems and associated electronics, ground processing of spectroscopy data, image/data processing and analysis pipeline, lenses and mounts, and calibration hardware
  - CGI:
    - Expertise in flight instruments, high contrast test bed for testing coronagraphs and post-coronagraphic techniques and detector technology
    - Interested in LOWFS design, optical element, CCDs and associated camera
- Korea
  - No formal statement in the report, discussions are at the very early stages, but strong interest & possible funding, likely centered around the HgCdTe detectors

Update of Japanese contribution plan



# Potential Japanese Contribution “Package” for WFIRST

1. Subaru-WFIRST Coordinated/Synergistic Observations
2. Potential Contribution to Coronagraph Instrument  
Polarimetry capability  
w/ Polarimetry Compensation Unit
3. Ka-band Data Downlink Station in Japan
4. Coordinated Ground-based microlensing survey  
pre/concurrent observations with a new 1.8m telescope  
(a dedicated telescope for microlensing)

# 1. Subaru Synergistic Observations

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- Subaru users show great interest in the synergistic observations with WFIRST
- Subaru Telescope can reserve a certain number of nights (~100 TBD) at ~2025 for the Subaru-WFIRST synergetic program, ***if it is supported by the Subaru community.***
- **Letter of Intent** from Nobuo Arimoto, Director of Subaru Telescope to ISAS/JAXA Director General Saku Tsuneta, which is CC-ed to Dr. Paul Hertz of NASA
- **Good support in the GOPIRA symposium (Sept 27, 16)**  
**GOPIRA=group of optical and infrared astronomers**
- **Presenation at HSC consortium meeting (Aug 25, 16)**



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Subaru Advisory committee supported



## Subaru Telescope

National Astronomical Observatory of Japan

650 North A'ohoku Place, Hilo, Hawaii 96720, U.S.A.

September 19, 2016

Dr. Saku Tsuneta,  
Director General, ISAS, JAXA  
3-1-1, Yoshinodai, Chuo-ku,  
Sagamihara, Kanagawa 252-5210

Letter of Intent

Dear Dr. Tsuneta

Subaru Telescope, National Astronomical Observatory of Japan is willing to consider conducting the dedicated Subaru-WFIRST Synergistic Observations program at around 2025.

## ■ Next Step

- ISAS/JAXA WFIRST WG has recommended the names of researchers as SIT 'observers'.

We propose their names

for the certification by NASA HQ and FSWG PIs, and  
by each SIT chairs.

## ■ Toward the Commitment

- Based on the strong support by community,  
Subaru Telescope/SAC will consider to **commit** 100 nights for  
WFIRST-Subaru synergistic observations at around 2025.
- Process to select the programs for 100 nights
- Allocation should be consistent with the planned SSP with PFS

Desired 'return' for the commitment, to be discussed.

- participation to SIT/WGs as members
- participation to GO program (a TAC member)



## SAC News Letter 67 (November, 2016)

WFIRSTとすばるの共同観測を100晩程度2025年以降に  
実行するというcommitment letterを出すことを承認した。  
今後日本の具体的な参加の方法について検討していく。

SAC concluded to certify that NAOJ/Subaru issues  
the Letter of Commitment to NASA to describe  
Subaru reserves ~100 nights after 2025.

Further discussion should be made how to  
implement the program.

# Key Issues *to be discussed with WFIRST FSWG*

- Surveys, or Selected Programs
- Sky Coverage in Surveys (Subaru access)
  - Supernova Survey
  - High Latitude Survey
  - Exoplanet targets
- Strategy
  - to expand the program in 2020's  
( cannot be reserved / committed now)



- Preparation for Subaru-WFIRST Meeting in Japan, 2017
- Involvement in Formulation Science Working Group (FSWG), and Science Integration Team (SIT)
- *Sharing information of our activity with Subaru community*

## 2. Polarimetry Capability for CGI

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### ■ Polarimetry Unit (Imaging Polarimetry)

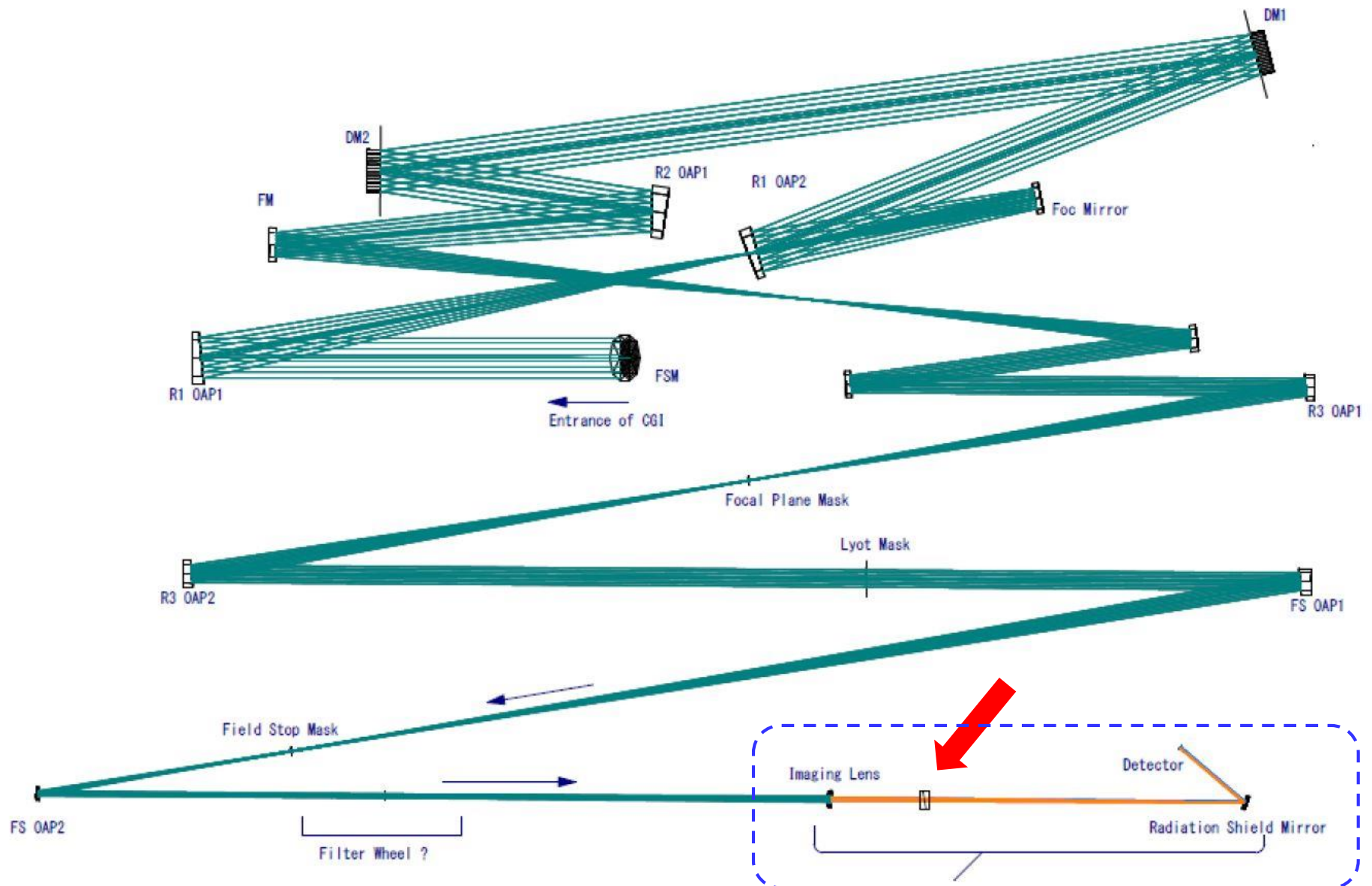
### ■ **Development** of Polarization Compensator correcting polarization-differential wavefront aberration (PDWA)

Adding accurate polarimetry capability

- important science cases for planets and disks
- achieving higher contrast



# WFIRST Polarimeter : Ray Tracing



# Development of Polarization Compensator

N. Murakami, et al.

- **Broadband high-contrast polarimetry observations**

- **Problem:**

- Instrumental polarization causes polarization-differential wavefront aberration (PDWA)
- DM cannot correct different X- and Y-polarized WFs simultaneously

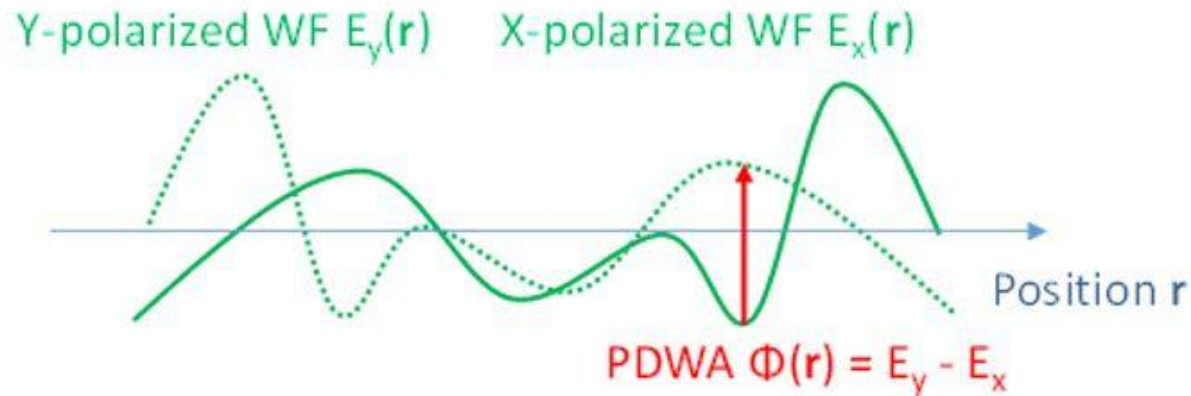
- **Polarization-compensating system**

**Birefringent plates:** reduce the PDWA to make  
the X- and Y-polarized WFs be identical

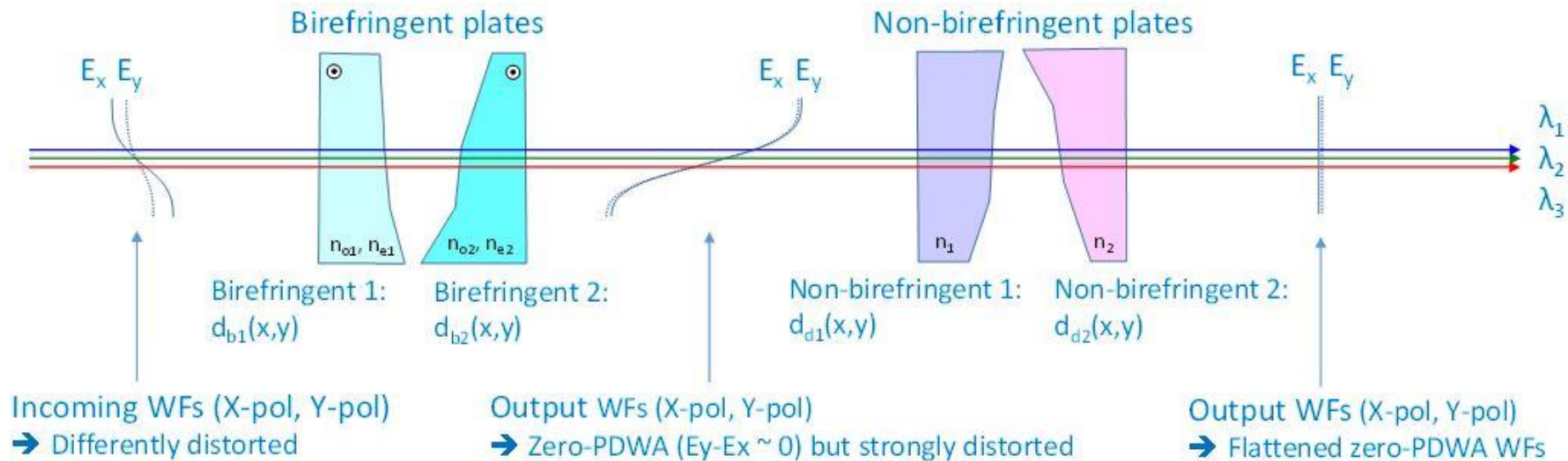
**Non-birefringent plates:** correct (flatten) the distorted WFs

# Development of Polarization Compensator

## Definition of PDWA



## Principle of polarization compensator





# 3. Ground Stations in Japan

- SE-L2 orbit selected, ground-station at Japan longitude is useful
- New Deep Space Antenna (Usuda,  $\Phi 50\text{m}$ , 2019~) now for PDR  
Ka band (need to built a backend receiver system for WFIRST )

## WFIRST requirements

- **26.5 GHz** ( $\leftrightarrow$  32GHz New Usuda Antenna) band science downlink
  - G/T of approximately 48.5 dB/K
- Science data rate 262.5 Mbps
- Rate 7/8 Low Density Parity coding
- S-band housekeeping telemetry and commanding
- Tracking data – Doppler and ranging
- 95% availability
- Up to 12 hour contact each day
- 11.4 Terabits per contact
- **S-band data sent in real time to US**
- **Ka-band data delivered within 24 hours**

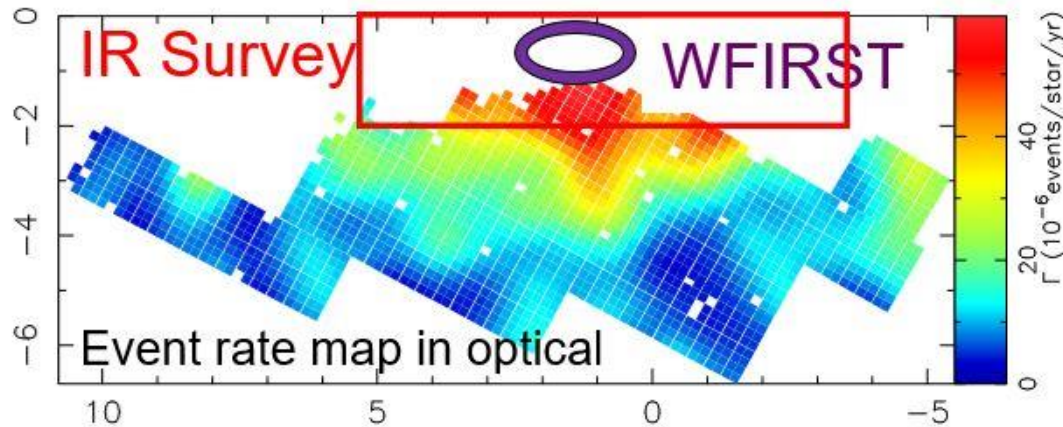


## 4. Ground-based Microlensing Observations

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- Access to the MOA Data for pipeline development
- New microlensing 1.8m IR telescope is funded (FoV  $1.3\text{deg}^2$ , Sumi et al., South Africa)
- World largest class IR camera. Loan four 4kx4k H4RG-10s from WFIRST team
  - 1. Precursor observations for the optimization of WFIRST microlensing survey field
  - 2. Concurrent observations with WFIRST for determination of lensing mass

## 1. Precursor observations for optimizing WFIRST microlensing survey field



## 2. Concurrent observations with WFIRST for lens mass determination via Ground-Space parallax

