Summary report of Microlensing break out session

Toward Precise Mass

Brightness of Distant Star

Finding Planets With Microlensing

Astronomers use a technique called microlensing to find distant planets in the heart of our galaxy, up to tens of thousands of light-years away. This infographic illustrates how NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope, from its perch in space, helps nail down the distance to those planets.

A microlensing event occurs when a faint star passes in front of a distant, more visible star. The gravity of the foreground star acts like a magnifying glass to brighten the distant star. If a planet is present around the foreground star, its own gravity distorts the lens effect, causing a brief dip in the magnification.

The great distance between Earth and Spitzer helps astronomers determine the distance to the lensing planetary system. Spitzer can see lensing events before or after telescopes on Earth, and this timing offset reveals the distance to the system.

Spitzer's Line of S

Foreground star & planet... (not seen by telescopes)

Spitzer sees

planet microlensing

event first

Time

... pass in front of distant star (seen by telescopes)

Ground-based telescope sees planet microlensing event later

Planet causes dip in magnified star brightness

Spitzer is about 40% farther from the Earth than the Earth is from the sun



We propose simultaneous imaging with both LSST & Subaru HSC

✤ 15-30 minute cadence

WFIRST – LSST & Subaru microlensing parallax is only way to measure mass of free-floating planets

WFIRST observing seasons are optimal for parallax signal, but not groundbased observations

Only a small fraction of free-floating planets can be observed from the ground, but even weak detections will be useful.

The only way to provide alerts – WFIRST will not have rapid alerts

Concurrent Observations using ULTIMATE-Subaru ULTIMATE-Subaru



Moderate (50%-ile)

Good (25%-ile)

0.5

FWHM [arcsec]

K-band

0.8

1

Η

κ

0.38

0.38

0.33

0.5

0.25

0.2

0.4

From fact sheet: https://www.naoj.org/Projects/newdev/ngao/20170316/materials/fact_sheet.pdf

0.50

0.46

0.44

0.71

0.60

0.54

0.17

0.15

0.14

0.26

0.23

0.20

0.44

0.39

0.34

Concurrent Observations using ULTIMATE-Subaru

<u>Advantages</u>

- NIR -> can go closer to central bulge
 - Higher event rate
 - Complement to LSST/HSC
- High resolution -> less blending
 - Fainter events
 - Lens flux
- K band capability -> lens' colors
 - Complement to WFIRST (< H band)
 - (Z087 K) and (W149 K) colors
 - Metallicity of M-dwarf host stars can be estimated

Event rate toward the galactic bulge



Sumi & Penny 2016

NIR color-color diagram of nearby M dwarfs



NIR Spec. of Bulge Dwarfs through High-mag µlens

- Environment study of the central bulge
 - WFIRST can examine the dependency of planet abundance on the stellar properties (e.g stellar age, metallicity, and kinematics)
 - Recent studies support the presence of younge (~a few Gyr) populations

- High-mag (A_{max}>50) μlensing events will allow IR spectroscopy of bulge dwarfs

(This idea is also proposed by N. Matsunaga @Univ. of Tokyo)





Bensby et al. 2013

a) List possible Scientific programs.b) Possible feasible scenario

 HSC concurrent observation, 30min cadence, ~2 hours/night, Feb-May, 30sec expuse+30sec readout+throw time, (2filed ~ 7 WFIRST field) 5min/2 fields, x 4 /night x72 = 24 hours/8hr=3nights/season= 18 nights/6season (3/4)=13.5nights/6season (bright night)

2, Ultimate, concurrent survey (WFIRST observe 7 fields.)
0.5min.+0.5min. 32 fileds (32filed = 6.4 WFIRST field) x2 / night 1hr /night x 72/8 = 9 nights / 1season. 54nights/6 season.
(x3/4)=40.5night/ 6season (bright night)

3, IRD, follow-up for high mag, measure extinction, metallicity of source.
Precursor observation during bright time. S/N=50, 30min exp+ 30min overhead.
J<12mag, 1.5hrs per target.
1.5 x 15 alerrts / yr =22.5 hrs/ yr. /8hr = 2.8night /yr. 11.2night / 4yrs. (60events)

c) Procedure to decide the observational programs. WFIRST ML science team including Japanese representative decide