

Collaboration Status Between NAOJ/Subaru and Princeton

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Collaboration Agreement History

- Oct 06: First informal discussions of possible collaboration
- Dec 06: Presentation of proposal to NAOJ/Subaru
- Jan 07: Discussion of proposed collaboration at SUM
- Apr 07: Further discussions in Princeton
- Sept 07: Detailed MOU planning begins
- Jan 08: Draft MOU & collaboration plan presented to SUM
- ~Apr 08: MOU finalized
- Sprg-Sum 08: MOU reviewed by NINS, MEXT & PU
- Aug 08: MOU signed by both parties, effective Sept 1, 08
- Nov 08: First N-PAC Council meeting (video)
- Dec 08: First transfer of funds
- Jan 09: N-PAC formation announced (press release) @ SUM

2008 Science Activities

- Did not wait for the MOU, of course!
- Exoplanets & circumstellar disks
 - SEEDS proposal approved (120 nights over 5 years)
 - Elaborate **joint** target selection process
 - Many video conferences & one collaboration mtg
 - Initial HiCIAO+AO188 engineering run (success!)
- Deep & wide field imaging survey(s)
 - Intense **“parallel play”** survey design studies
 - Subaru modifications engineering studies/plans
 - SC upgraded with Hamamatsu CCDs
 - Conceptual design completed (CDR in March)