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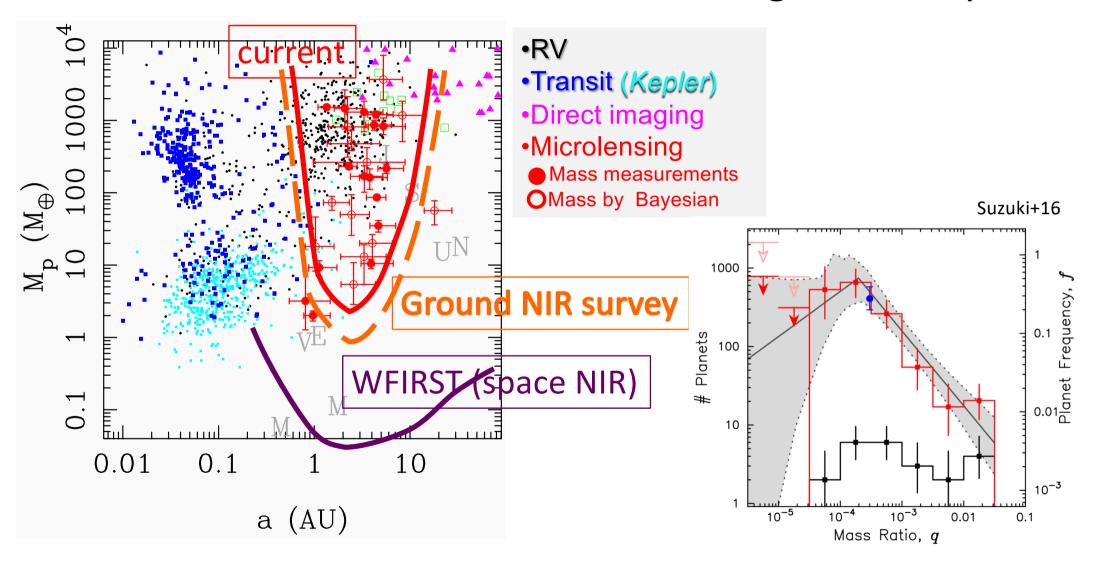


PRIME:

First dedicated NIR microlensing planet survey to study low-mass planets outside snowline

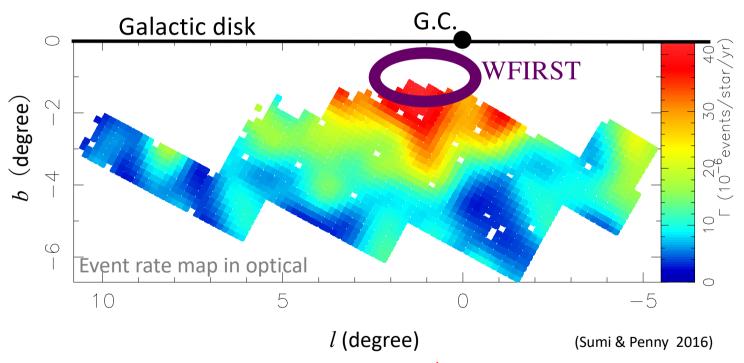
- Wide FOV
- > NIR (mainly H-band for the survey)
- > SAAO

Discovered Planets and microlensing Sensitivity



Precursor obs.

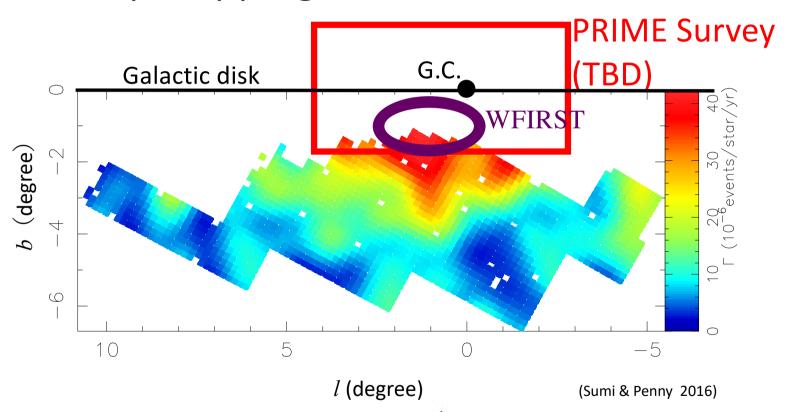
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Finding Planets With Microlensing Astronomers use a technique called microlensing to find distant planets in the heart of our galaxy, up to tens of thousands of light-years away. This infographic illustrates how NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope, from 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.

Concurrent obs.

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



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

Spitzer-Ground delay = 20 days

Spitzer sees planet microlensing event first

Ground-based telescope sees planet microlensing event later

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

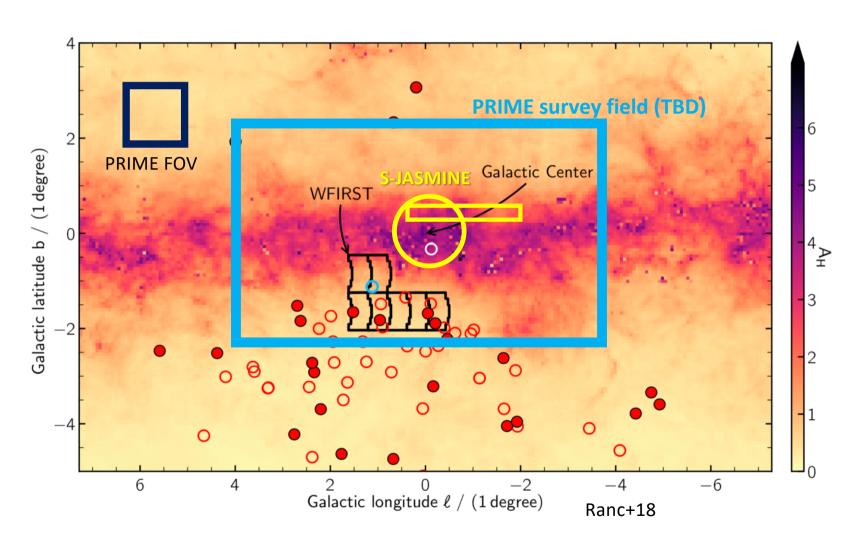
Brightness of Distant Star

Time

Planet causes dip in magnified star brightness

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Galactic bulge surveys in 2020s



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Off Bulge Season (primarily Oct-Mar)

- ➤ NIR RV for habitable planets around M-dwarfs (SAND)
- ➤ NIR transit for M-dwarfs
- Transient GW, High-z GRB, SNe, etc (TBD)

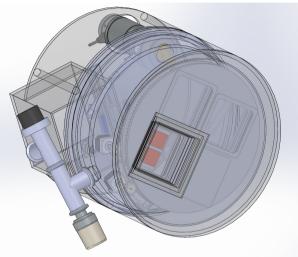
Off-bulge season/time sciences (50% of time)

- NIR RV planet survey (12% for ABC time)
- 12% for Osaka U time
- 12% for UMD/NASA/WFIRST time
- 14% for SAAO time

PRIME

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(PRime-focus Infrared Mirolensing Experiment)





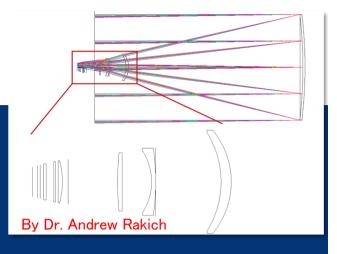
- Primary diameter: 1.8m (f/2.29)
- > FOV: 1.56 deg² (0.5"/pix)
- Ave. Seeing: 1.4" (best: 0.7")
- Detector: 4 x H4RG
- > Filters: Z, Y, J, H, Narrow-bands
 - > 1.06µm low OH
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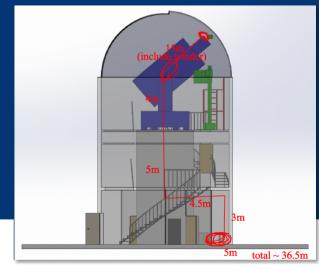
Schedule (as of 2019 Sep)

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manufacture, construction
>2019
>2020
          camera install, first light
>2021
          microlensing survey starts
>2023
          create event rate map in the bulge
>2025
          WFIRST launch, concurrent obs. starts
>2030
          continue to the end of the WFIRST
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Updates...

- >Primary Mirror
 - Ready to be exported to Japan from Russia
- >Lenses
 - AR coating for L1-L4 is done
 - Transmittance in Z-band (AR coating for L2-4) is worse than expected, but negligible for the microlensing survey
 - Will be shipped to Japan from NZ soon.
- ➤ Dome and Building
 - Construction will start in FY2019
- >Test Camera





Summary

PRIME: PRime-focus Infrared Microlensing Experiment

- @SAAO, FOV = 1.56 deg², D= 1.8m, seeing= 1.4", NIR
- $Z_{AB, Lim}$ = 21.7, $Y_{AB, Lim}$ = 21.0, $J_{AB, Lim}$ = 21.0, $H_{AB, Lim}$ = 20.4 (5 σ , 300s exp., TBD)

NB filter:

- 1.06μm (*Y*-band) low OH
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- 1.62 μ m (*H*-band) H α @z=1.5

Off-bulge time science...

- NIR RV planet survey (w/ SAND), NIR transit planet survey, transient (GW, GRB, SNe...),
 Narrow Band survey, etc
- First Light in 2020