

An Introduction of Department of Astronomy, the University of Tokyo

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History

SHIBUKAWA, Harumi (渋川春海) ・ astronomer, Go (game) player, 1639-1715

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- made the first Japanese original lunisolar calendar "Jokyo Reki" (貞享暦) used during 1685-1755, based on his own observations
 - before this, old calendar imported from China was used from 9th century for more than 800 years
- the first director of the Observatory of the Tokugawa Shogunate (幕府天文方), established in 1685



- the Shogunate Observatory continued until the end of the Edo (old Tokyo) era (1867)
- The main site located in Asakusa, Tokyo
- drawn in Hokusai's "Torigoe-no-Fuji" (鳥越の不二図)







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Mt. Fuji on Nov. 5, 2016 3776m

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Mt. Aconcagua on Nov. 6, 2016 6961m





- Soon after the Meiji Restoration (1868), the University of Tokyo was established as a modern university in 1877
 - the Shogunate Observatory is one of the three progenitors of UTokyo
 - Astronomy was one of the 8 departments of School of Science
 - Only three universities in Japan (Tokyo, Kyoto, Tohoku) have Astronomy Departments independent of physics





UTokyo Campuses



Astronomy in UTokyo

- UTokyo astronomy staff (responsible for undergraduate astronomy students)
 - Department of Astronomy in School of Science (Hongo campus)
 - 4 prof., 3 associate prof., 3 assistant prof.
 - Institute for Astronomy (IoA) in School of Science (Mitaka campus)
 - 3 prof., 4 associate prof., 5 assistant prof.
 - ~9 undergrad students every year
- "Extended" astronomy in graduate school with joint-appointment members from institutes other than the department and IoA
 - 18 prof. and associate prof. from other institutes in UTokyo, NAOJ, JAXA
 - NAOJ was originally Tokyo Observatory of UTokyo (est. 1888), and became an independent nation-wide institute in 1988
 - ~20 graduate course students every year
 - The largest astronomy department in Japan, covering wide fields in astronomy & astrophysics
 - theory
 - optical & near-infrared
 - radio
 - X-ray, gravitational waves, …



Institute for Astronomy in Mitaka

Promoting observational projects such as Kiso Observatory and TAO in Chile

IoA building in Mitaka

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Further Astronomy/Astrophysics in UTokyo

Some groups in Department of Physics

- theory, X-ray, radio, gravitational waves, …
- Institute for Cosmic Ray Research (ICRR)
 - Super-Kamiokande

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- Telescope Array (ultra high energy cosmic rays)
- KAGRA (Japanese gravitational wave experiment)
- CTA (Cherenkov Telescope Array) (very high energy gamma-rays)

Kavli Institute for Physics and Mathematics in the Universe (IPMU)

- theory (fundamental physics, early universe, astrophysics, \cdots)
- Subaru HSC/PFS

Some Recent Scientific Results (from the Hongo campus staff)





Supernova remnant?



The AKARI spectrum shows peculiar emission, which can be accounted for by highly blue-shifted (V <-2000km/s) CO(v=1-0) The large IVI and H₂-poor characteristics together with the similarity to the Cas A spectra suggest that it may come from a unknown supernova



Tamura's Lab Activities: Exoplanets and Planet Formation Observations and Instrumentations

SEEDS – Strategic Explorations of Exoplanets and Disks with Subaru

- The first "Subaru Strategic Program (SSP)"
- 120 nights from 2009; **finished in 2015,** only <1 night loss due to HiCIAO
- NIR direct imaging and census of giant planets in the outer regions (10-100AU) around ~500 solar-type and massive stars
- Exploring **protoplanetary disks** and debris disks for the origin of their diversity and evolution at the same radial (10-100AU) regions
- Direct linking between planets and protoplanetary disks







Resolution

=0.1-0.2"

Neptun Jupier * Erde 7.101 GI 758 C? C? B

Solar-System Scale (<100AU) w/ <u>HiCIAO</u>



Motohide Tamura UTokyo & NINS



Improved by ~10

Resolution

Contrast

=0.05-0.1"

<u>SEEDS has revealed gaps & rings of <100AU scale in many disks by</u> polarimetric imaging (Res.~0.06", IWA~0.1")

Note that ALMA HL Tau image (2015) is thermal emission .



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GLAFIC TEAM'S MASS MODELS



(see Kawamata's talk later)

Critical curves for a z=8 source Positions of multiple images





Michiko FUJII

Computational Astronomy, N-body simulation

• Formation and Evolution of Star Clusters

- From star forming regions to young star clusters
- Massive clusters
- Formation of binary black holes in star clusters
- Gravitational waves from binary black holes

Dynamical Evolution of Disk Galaxies

- Formation and evolution of bars and spiral arms
- Coevolution of galaxies and supermassive black holes
- Galaxy formation

Formation of Planets

- Formation and dynamical evolution of planets in star clusters
- Evolution of planetesimals

Drawing the map of the Milky Way

• Cepheids as tracers of obscured regions in the MW discovered by infrared observations



Totani's group cosmology, galaxy, and high energy phenomena

FastSound: the largest volume galaxy redshift survey at z > 1 using Subaru Telescope FMOS spectrograph (NIR)

~4,000 redshifts at 1.2 < z < 1.5in 20 deg²

the first detection of redshift space distortion at z > 1

test on gravity theory to study the origin of accelerated cosmic expansion

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- fast radio burst (FRB) follow-up by Subaru
- mysterious radio transient with only 1 msec duration
 - dispersion measure implies cosmological distance z~1

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 host galaxy identification of FRB 150418 at z = 0.49

- Subaru data played a crucial role
- consistent with dispersion measure
- missing baryon problem solved
- but dispute… may be an AGN radio flare, needs more observations



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