Okayama-3.8m optical - near infrared telescope

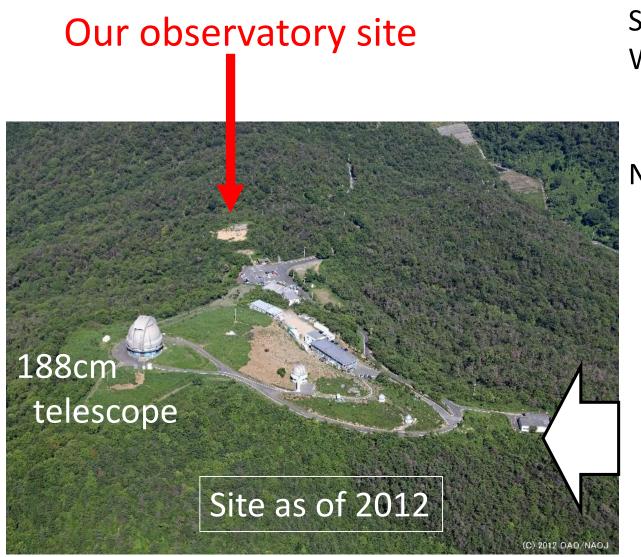


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Chiba (you are here)

Okayama site



Observable nights ~60%
Seeing ~ 1.5"-2"
Weather condition
is almost the best
in Japan
Night sky is not very dark

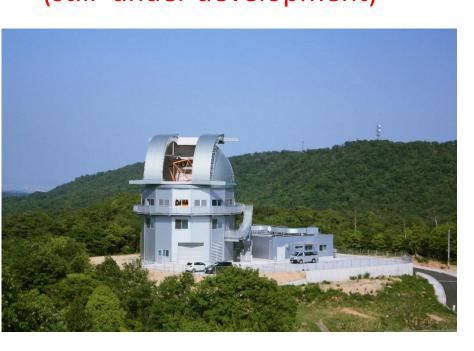
Okayama Astrophysical Observatory, National Astronomical Observatory, Japan (picture taken in 2012)

Okayama 3.8m telescope

nickname: Seimei(晴明*) telescope Kyoto University

Opening ceremony Feb, 2019 (still under development)

X named after famous ancient astrologer





As of Sep, 2018

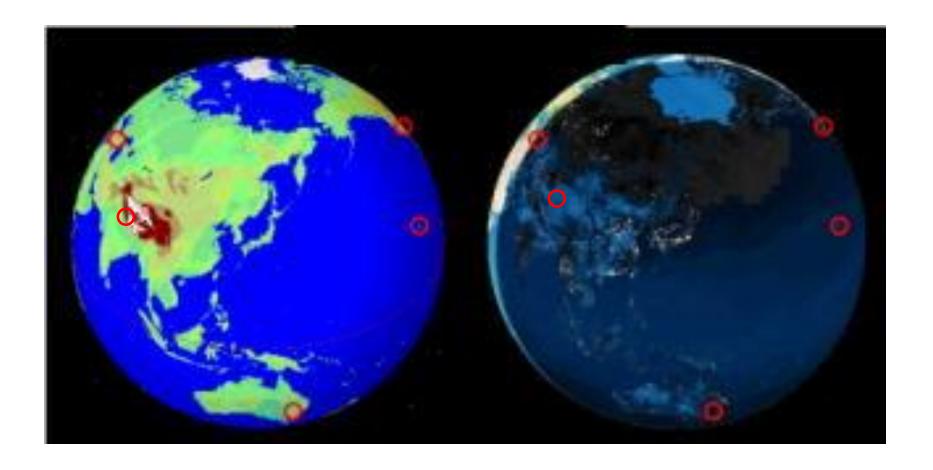
Unique Features of the 3.8m

- 1. Segmented mirrors (petal type) inner 6 segments + outer 12 segments
- 2. Mirror fabrication by mainly grinding (and polishing)
- 3. Light weight torus structure=> rapid slewingslew speed 3-4 deg/sec
- Pointing accuracy ~3" rms=> ~5" rms
- Two Nathmyth foci available

Almost handmade telescope still under development



Another unique feature: longitude



O: >3m opt-NIR telescopes (general purpose)

Instrument currently working

- KOOLS-IFU
- Low/intermediate dispersion optical spectrograph (KOOLS) fed by fiber bundle type IFU

IFU FoV:15"Φ

1 fiber FoV: 0.9"φ

KOOLS spectrograph





KOOLS-IFU: performance

* FOV: 15"Φ
* Wavelength coverage: 4000-10000 A
* Spectral resolution: λ/Δλ ~ 500-2000 depending on grism
* Limiting magnitude: Spec:S/N~10, 18—19AB mag w/ 30min (seeing ~ 1.5") currently ~17 mag

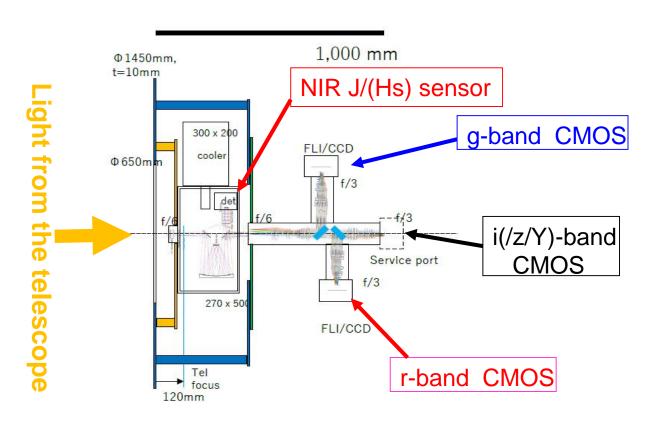
Transient target supply (plan)

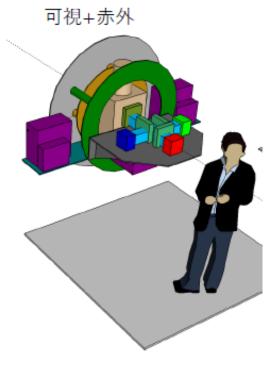
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GRB
  GCN notice (e-mail/socket)
     positional accuracy is ~3" w/SWIFT XRT
    => automatic telescope slewing
  if the pointing accuracy is <3",
        the IFU can catch the target
        (partly archived)
(ii) Neutrino, GW
 candidates by OISTER/J-GEM
                 (incl. Kanata/Tomoe-Gozen)
 => 3.8m telescope
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Instrument under development (related to MMA)

Simultaneous multi-band optical imager

+ NIR imager





Simultaneous Opt-NIR multi-band camera: Expected performance

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Opt:
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FoV: 6'x11' 0.34"/pix

Band: g, r, i, (z, y) (5000-9000A)

Sensor: CMOS

SN~10 ~23 mag (V) w/10min

NIR:

FoV: 2.9'x2.9'

Band: J-band (1.2um), very short H-band

SN? (I don't have info...)

Simultaneous Opt-NIR multi-band camera: Schedule

Opt:

2019FY fabrication 2020FY observation (hopefully)

Future plan:

low/intermediate dispersion spectroscopy
w/ grism(s)

NIR:

2019-20FY fabrication 2021FY observation (hopefully)

Operation of 3.8m telescope

- Observing runs started from March 2019 as a photon bucket telescope
- Except for engineering time,
- Half of the machine time is used for open use for Japanese community
- The other half of the machine time is for Kyoto Univ
- We accept Target of Opportunity observations w/proposal base
- Two semesters: A:Jan-Jun, B:Jul-Dec

Summary

- We have constructed a new 3.8m (Seimei) telescope.
- Once we get target candidates, we will be able to make optical spectroscopic or multi-band imaging (in future) observations quickly.
- But still under adjustment and development