



*Astronomical calibrations of the
AKARI Far-Infrared Surveyor*

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Outline of this presentation

- AKARI Mission
- Current status of the FIS (flux) calibration
- Possible contribution of AKARI data to Herschel calibration

All results we will give here are
preliminary!



AKARI Satellite



Height: 3.7 m

Weight: 952 kg (@Launch)

A 68.5 cm ϕ cooled telescope

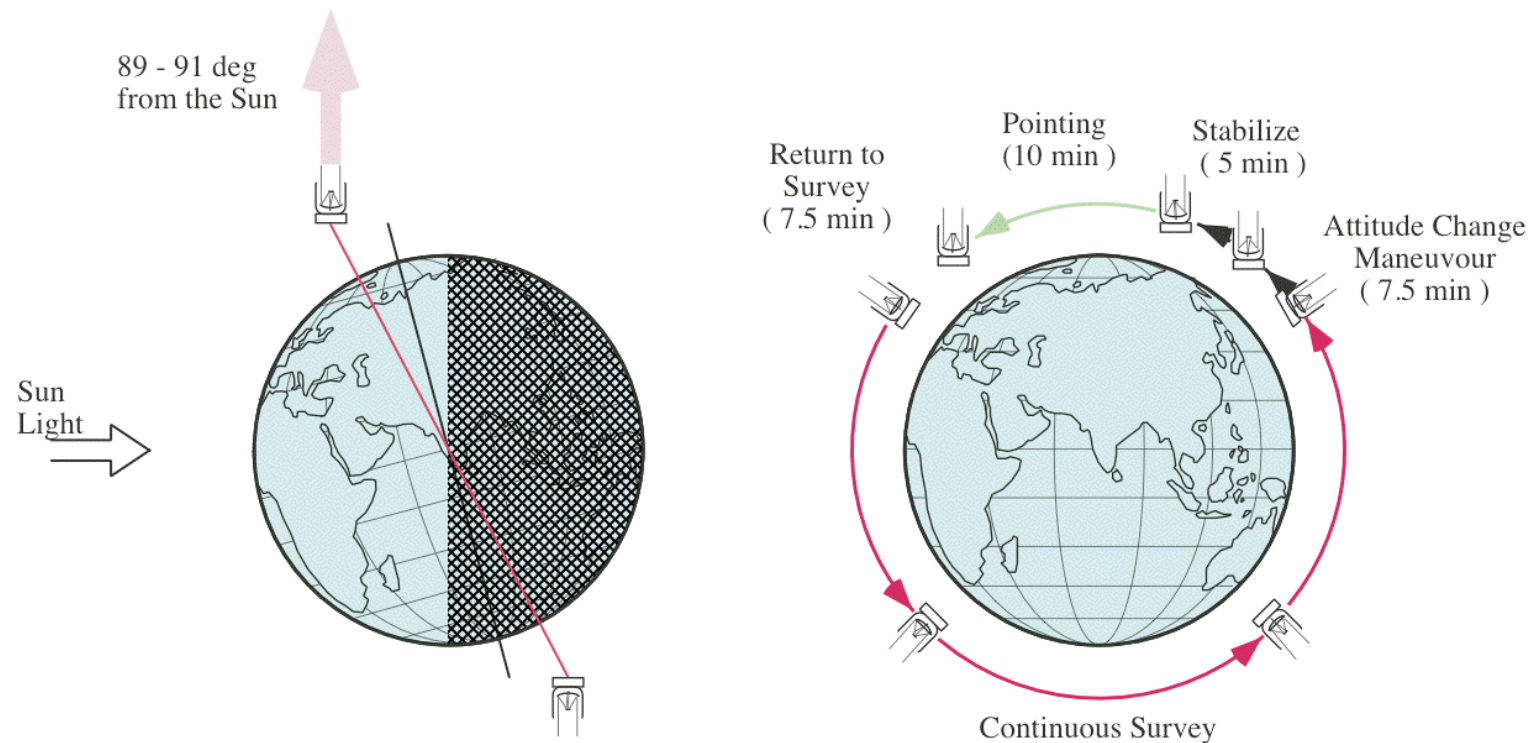
Two scientific instruments covers wavelength in 1.8~180 μm

The telescope and focal-plane instruments were kept in 2~6 K by stirling coolers and liquid Helium



Orbit and Operation Modes

- Sun-synchronous polar orbit
- Altitude: 700 km
- Orbital Period: 100 min



Survey Mode & Pointing Mode



Telescope

- Aperture 68.5 cm, F/6.1
Ritchey-Chrétien system
- Mirrors were made by SiC
- Weight:
11 kg (Primary mirror)
42 kg (Total)

- Cooled down to ~ 6 K
- Diffraction limit at $\sim 6\mu\text{m}$



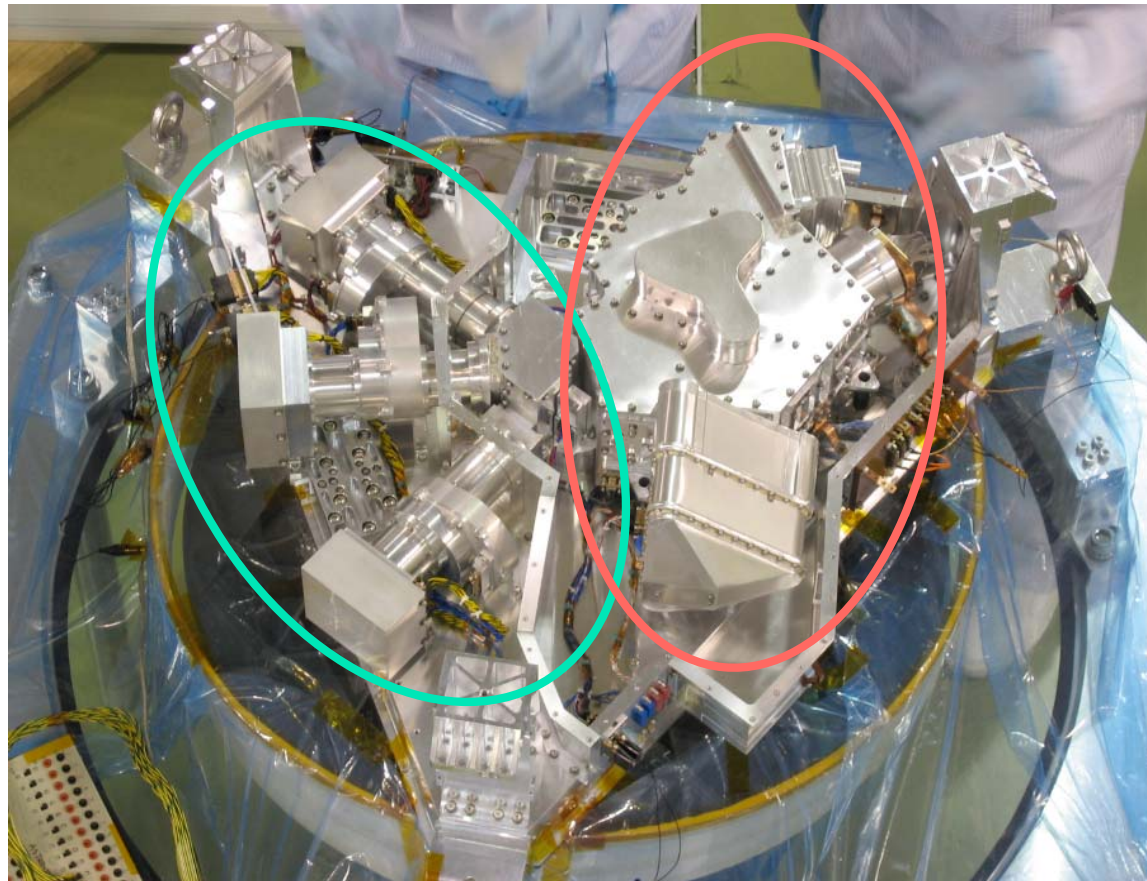


Focal Plane Instruments

(Far-Infrared Surveyor)

FIS

50–180 μm



1.8–26 μm

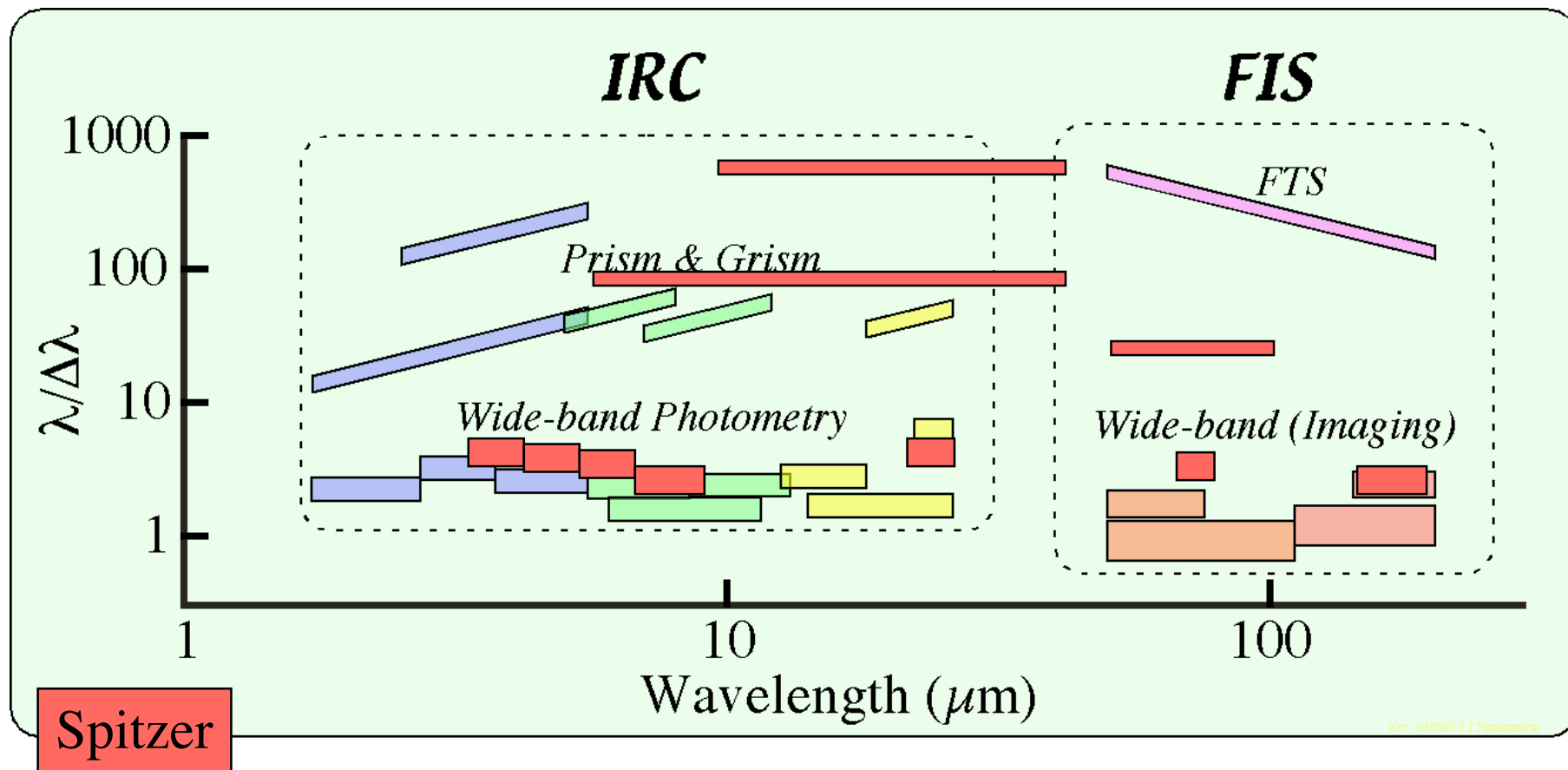
IRC

(Infrared Camera)



Onboard Instruments

Photometric & Spectroscopic Capabilities



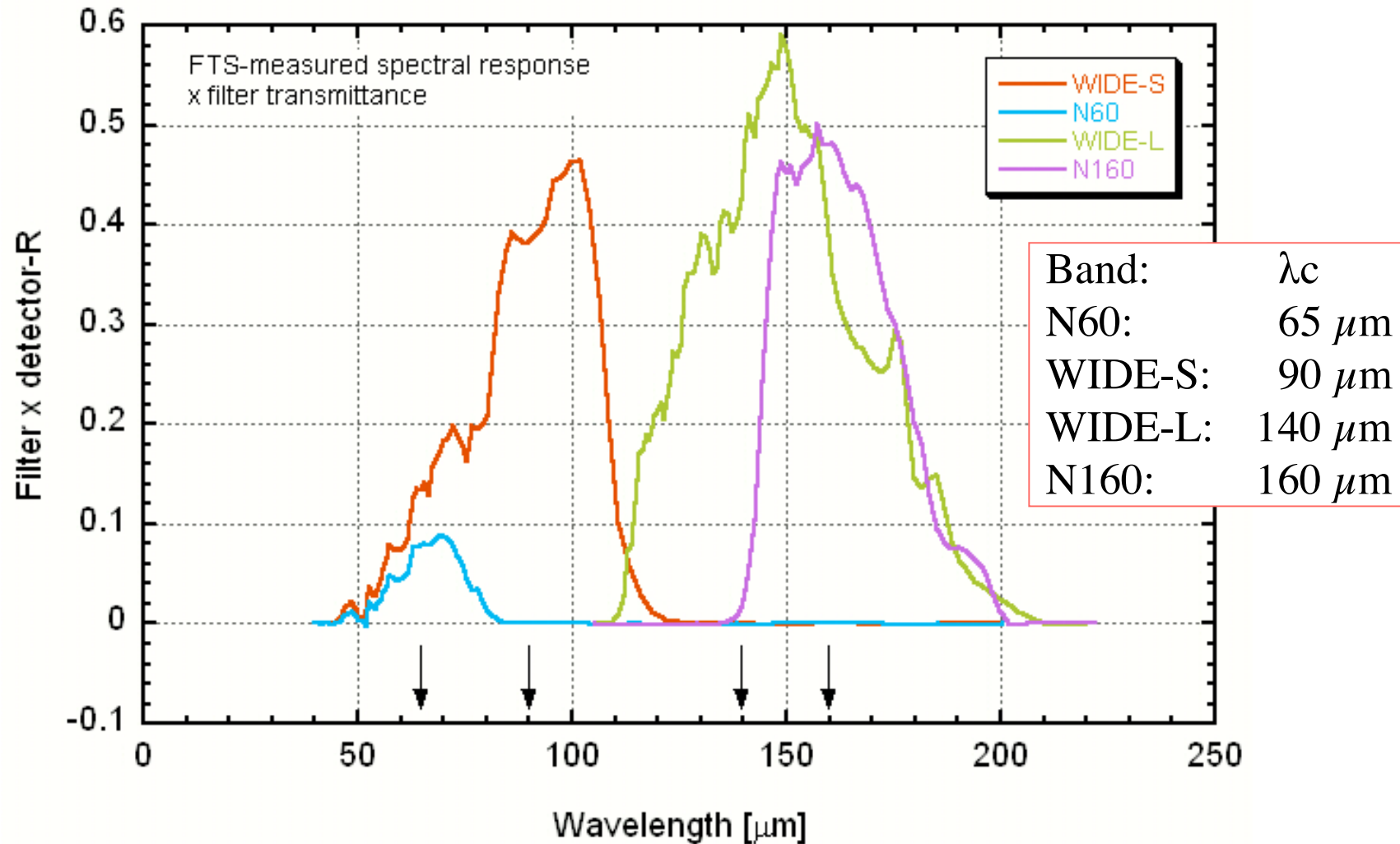


FIS Photometric Mode

Band	N60	WIDE-S	WIDE-L	N160	
Wavelength	50–80	60–110	110–180	140–180	[μm]
Central Wavelength	65	90	140	160	[μm]
Detector	Monolithic Ge:Ga		Compact Stressed Ge:Ga		Ge:Ga chips supplied by NICT
Readout	Charge Trans-Impedance Amplifier (CTIA)				
Array format	20 x 2	20 x 3	15 x 3	15 x 2	Pixels
Pixel size (Physical size)	27 x 27 (0.5 x 0.5)	27 x 27 (0.5 x 0.5)	44 x 44 (0.9 x 0.9)	44 x 44 (0.9 x 0.9)	[arcsec ²] ([mm ²])



FIS RSRF

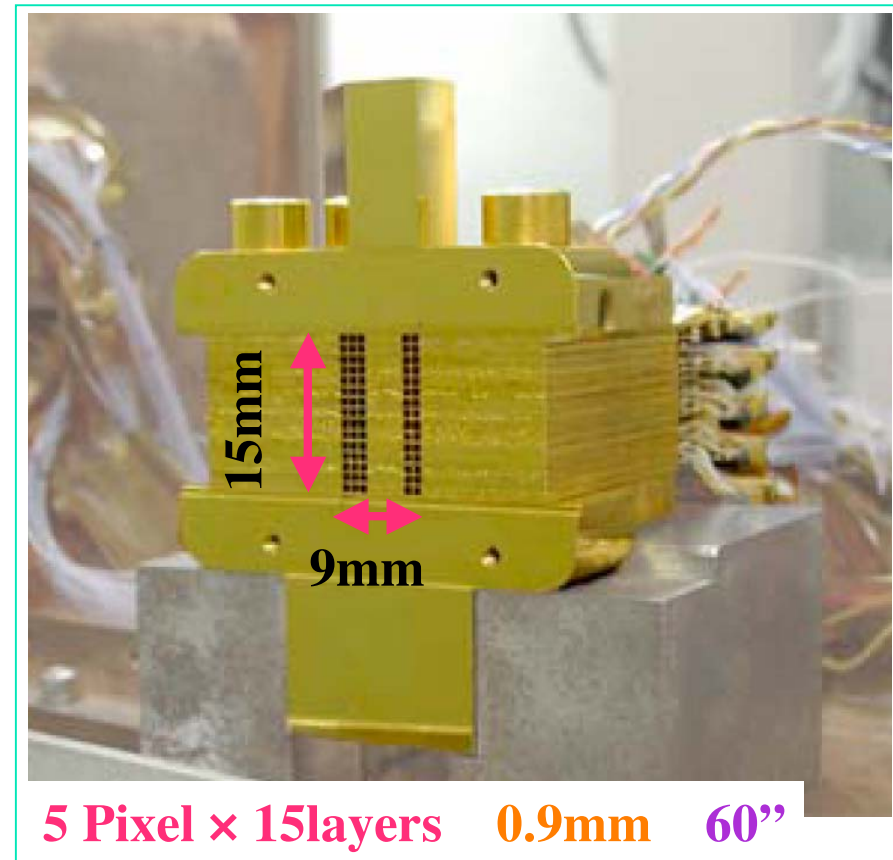
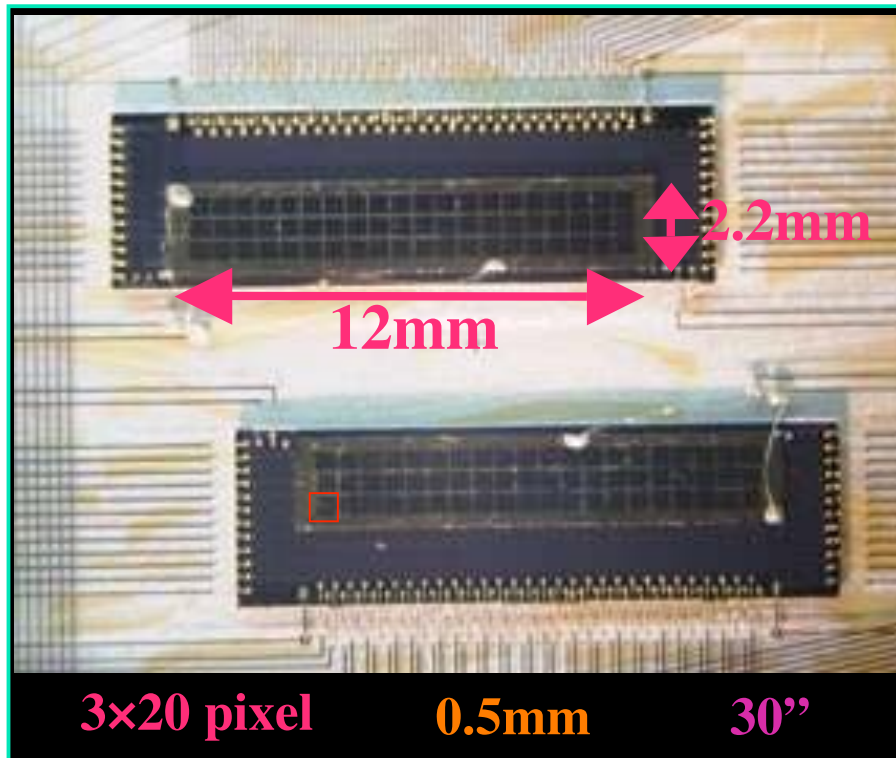




FIS detectors

Short wave band (50-100 μ m)

Long wave band (110-180 μ m)



- Ge:Ga monolithic array

- stressed Ge:Ga stacked array

**The FIS detectors were developed with the participation of NICT.*



FIS Detectors

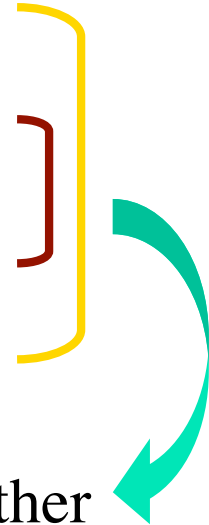
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N60: 2x20

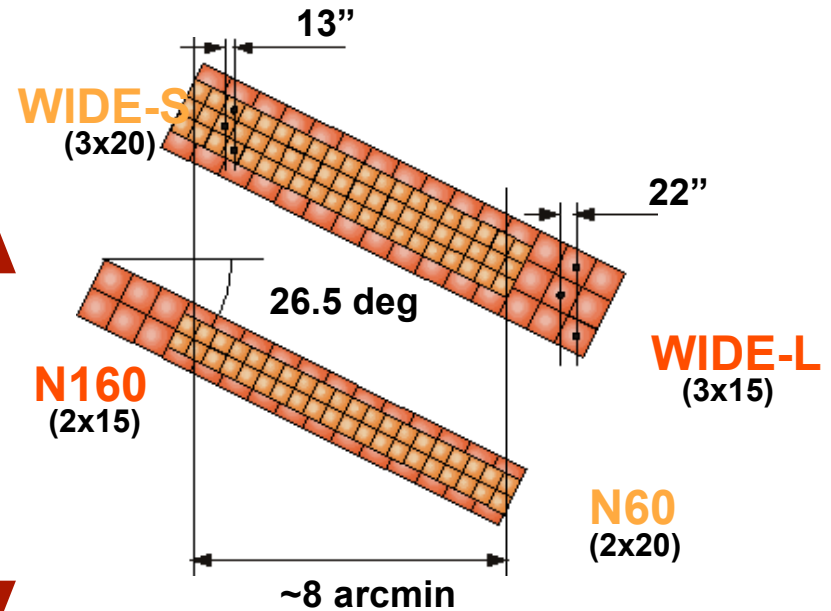
N160: 2x15

WIDE-L: 3x15

Overlap each other



Scan Direction



FoV of the FIS

Scan direction ~ along the constant Ecliptic longitude

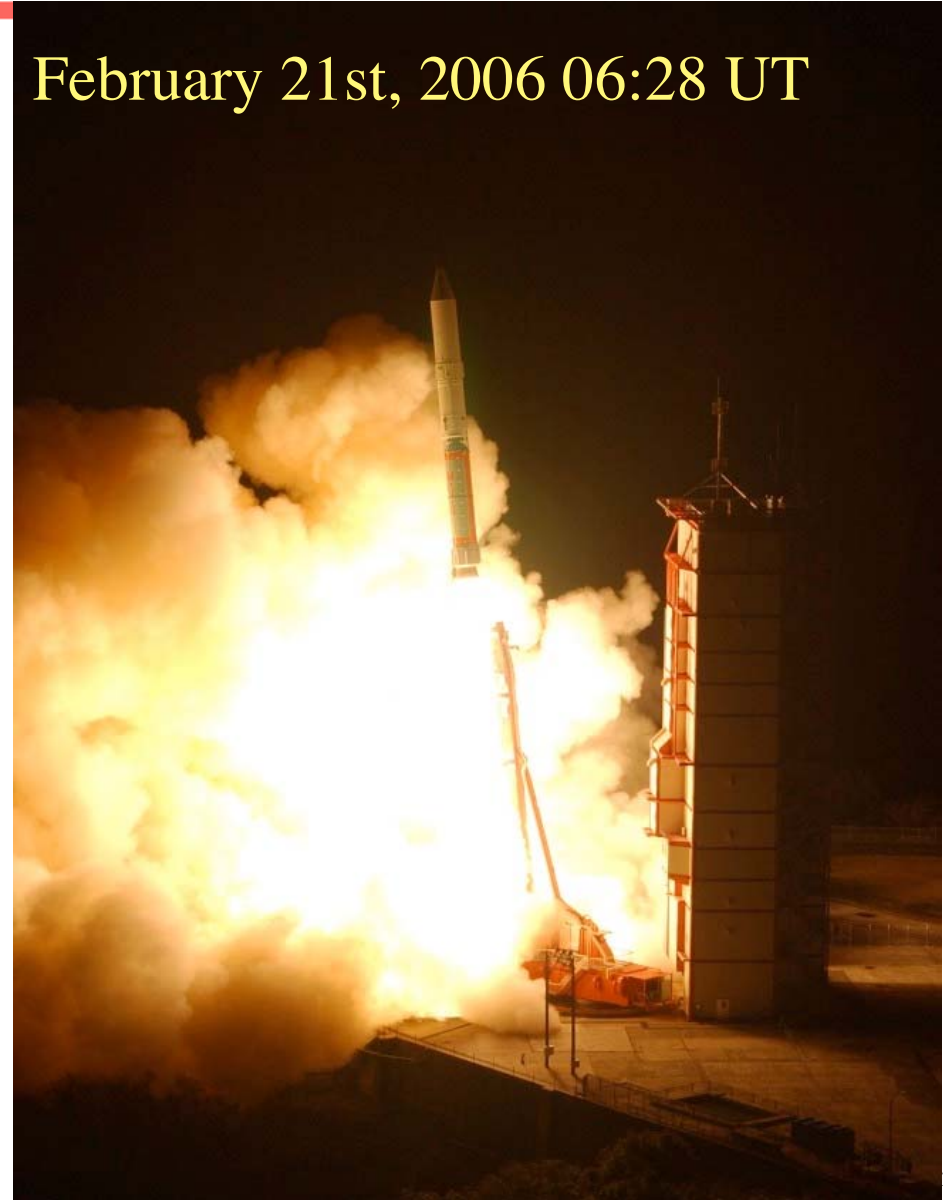


AKARI Launch



M-V-8 rocket

February 21st, 2006 06:28 UT





Initial Operation

- Launch: 2006 February 22nd (JST)
- Two Sun sensors did not provide signal
 - Instruments seemed working well.
 - Also several problems on other instruments.
 - Something mask the sensors?
- Onboard attitude control program revised not to use the Sun sensors
- Aperture Lid Open = First light on April 14th (Originally March 8th)
- Extra consumption of liquid He.



AKARI Operation Phases

Launch

<i>Checkout</i>
<i>Phase 1 (~180 days)</i>
<i>Phase 2 (~300 days)</i>
<i>2nd PV</i>
<i>Phase 3 (>365 days)</i>

Apr. 14, 2006

Checkout & Performance Verification

May 7, 2006

FIS all-sky survey: 1st priority
LS+Some MP Pointed Obs

Nov. 10, 2006

MP + OT Pointed Obs.

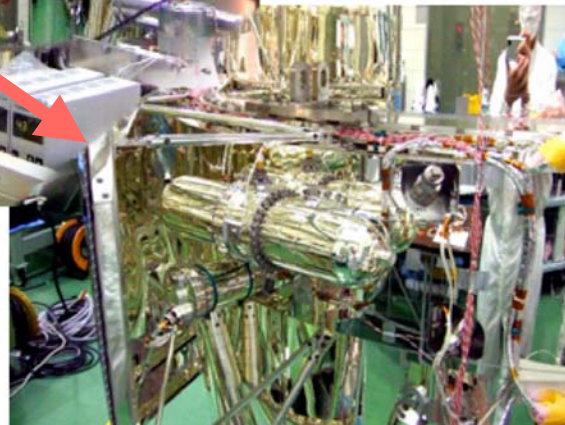
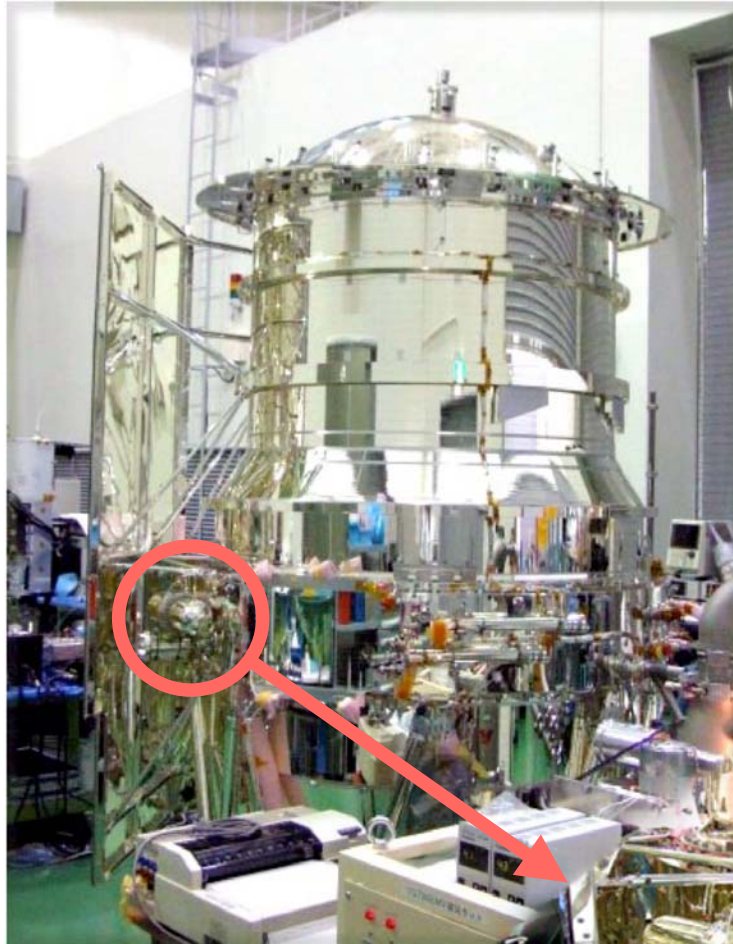
Supplemental FIS survey

LHe boil-off (Aug. 26, 2007)

only NIR in operation
MP + OT pointed Obs.



Cryogenics



170 *liter* liquid Helium
+
Two-stage Stirling Cycle
Cryocoolers
=
Liquid He lifetime: 550 days



Cryogenics: Performance

- He tank:
 - 1.5 K (pre-launch expected 1.6 K)
- Telescope
 - Primary mirror: 6.2 K (5.6 K)
- FIS
 - Body temperature : 1.7 K (1.9 K)
 - SW detector: 2.0 K (2.2 K)
 - LW detector: 1.9 K (2.1 K)
- IRC
 - NIR detector: 10 K
 - MIR-S/L: 7 K

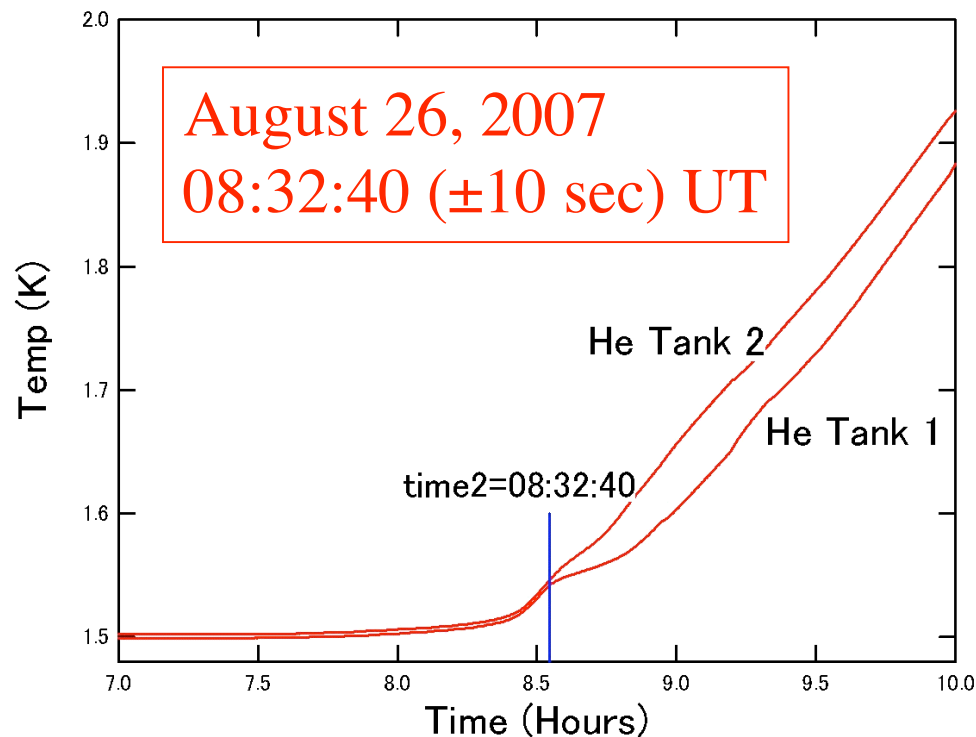
He evaporation rate is slightly lower than expected.



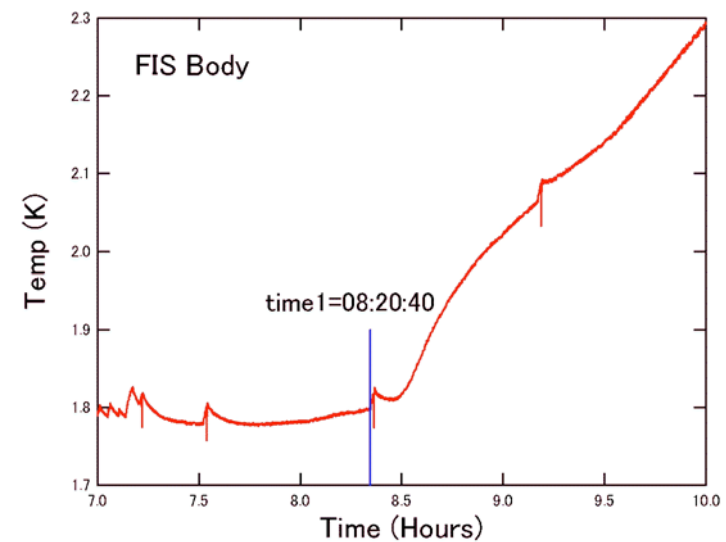
Liquid Helium boil off

- Temperature from two thermometers in the He tank started deviating = film flow broke

550.5 days since the launch



The FIS body temperature started increasing earlier.





What we have done.

- All observation instruments worked properly during the whole mission without trouble.
- Optimization of the observation sequence done during the operation.
- All-Sky Survey:
 - The FIS scanned 94 % of the entire sky more than twice.
 - The IRC scan did for more than 90 %.
- Pointed observation
 - More than 5000 pointings were carried out.



FIS Detectors

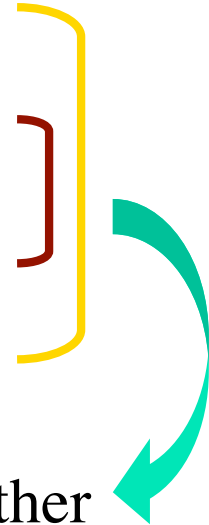
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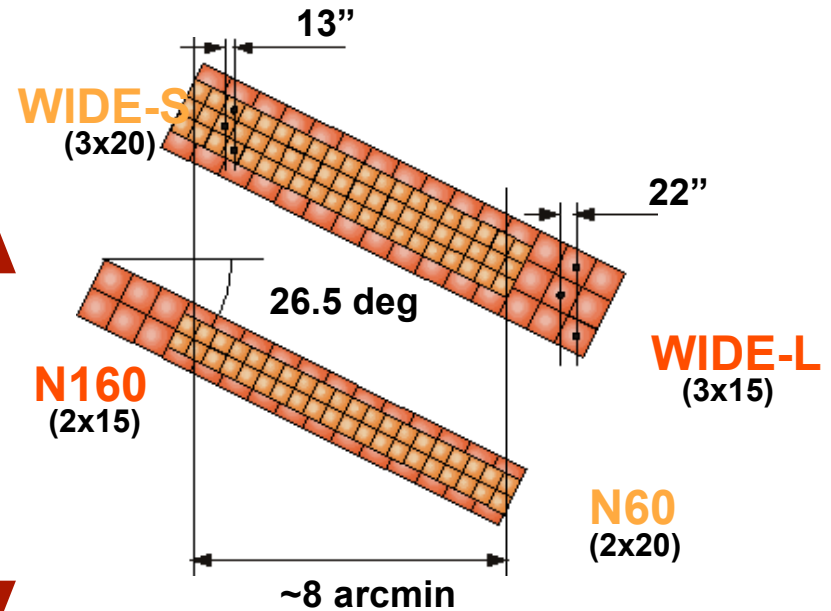
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Scan Direction



- 44.2" x 44.2" / pixel
- 26.8" x 26.8" / pixel

FoV of the FIS

Scan direction ~ along the constant Ecliptic longitude

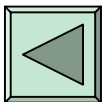
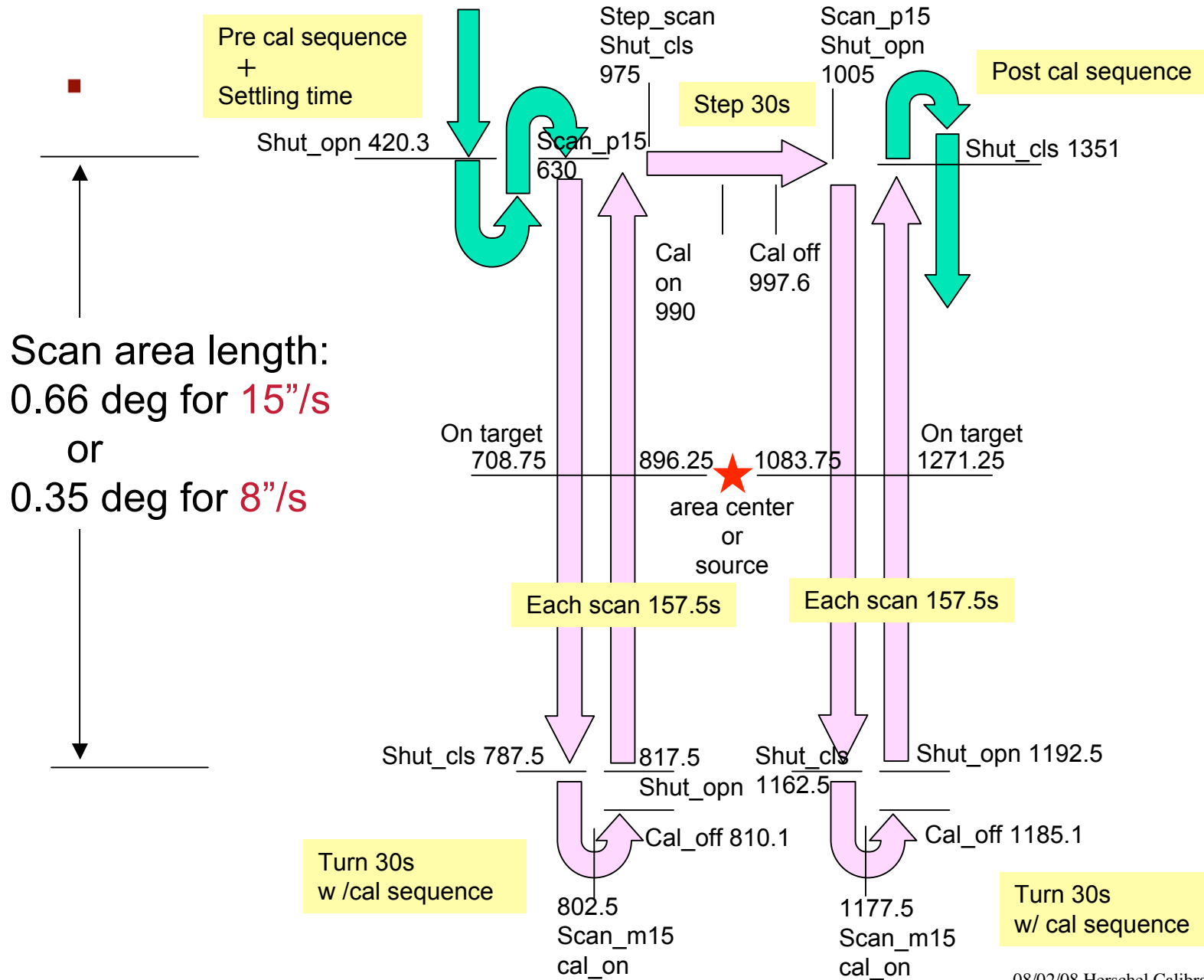


FIS Observation Modes

- All-Sky Survey: continuous data acquisition while the spacecraft scans the sky at 3.6 arcmin/sec.
- Pointed Observation: Observations of target positions. *~12 min exposure / obs.*
 - Slow-Scan: Taking images by scanning the sky. Data acquisition is identical with the survey.
 - FTS: Data acquisition at the higher sampling rate while scan mirror is driven. Staring pointing.

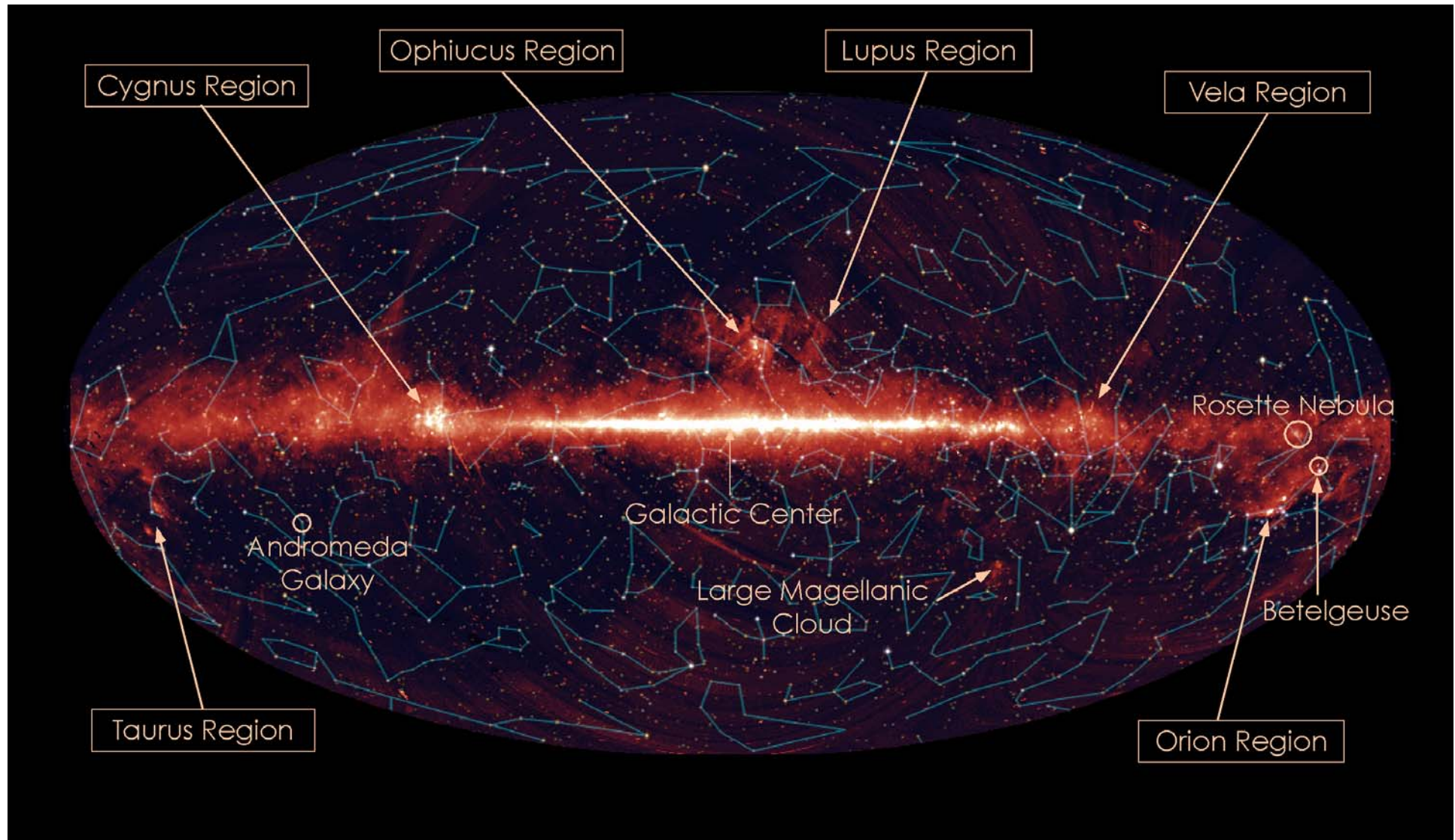


Observation Sequence (FIS01)



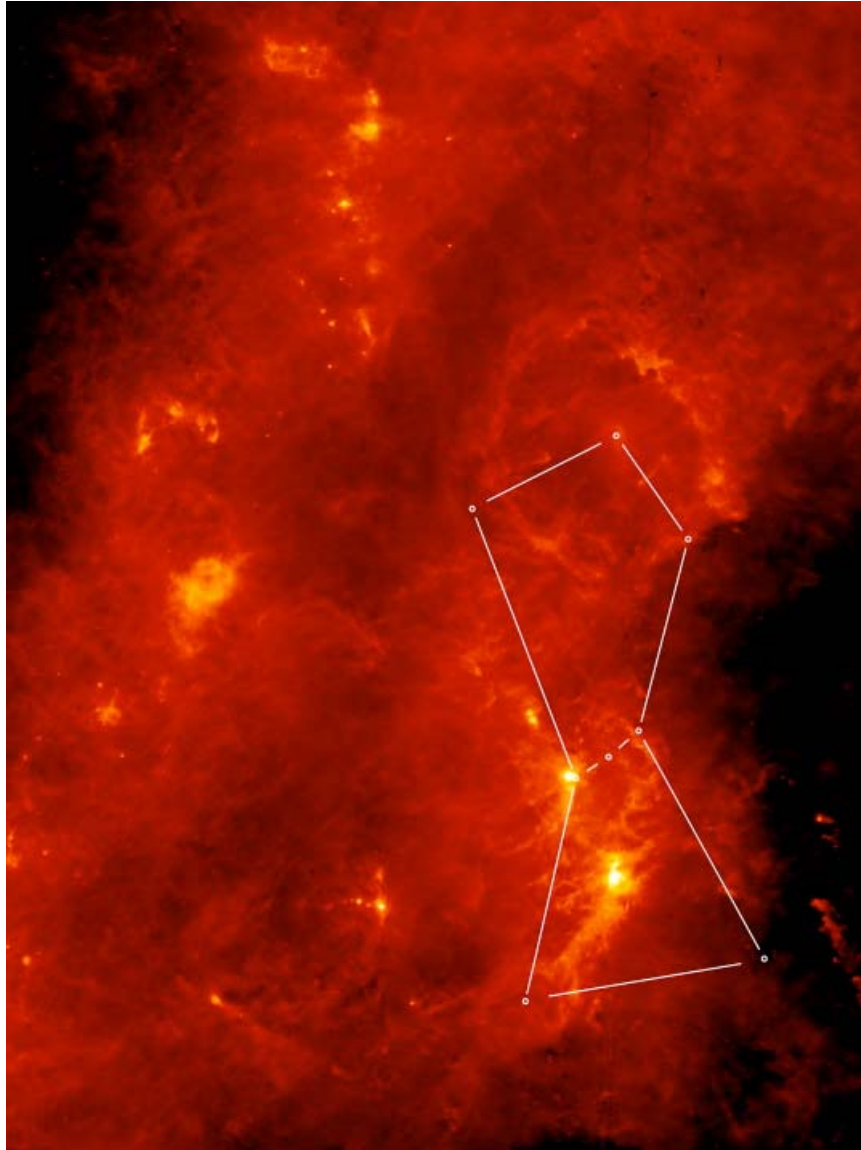


The entire sky at 9 μm





Orion region at $140 \mu\text{m}$



- Reconstructed image from the **FIS All-Sky Survey** (WIDE-L = $140 \mu\text{m}$).
- No scientific quality calibration has applied yet.

Doi et al.



The FIS data reduction and calibration scheme



FIS Flux Calibration Strategy

	Purpose	Requirement	Timescale	Source
Internal Calibrators	Relative	Stability	< 100 min	Cal. lamps
External Calibrators	Relative	Stability Visibility	> 100 min	Stars
Absolute Calibrators	Absolute	Accurate flux	∞	Stars Asteroids



Flight performance

	N60	WIDE-S	WIDE-L	N160
All-Sky Survey [mJy]	2400 (500)	550 (100)	1400 (100)	6300 (300)
Slow-Scan* [mJy]	130 (45)	26 (9)	67 (6)	330 (12)

- 5-sigma noise level per scan
- Slow-Scan is for the scan speed of 8 arcsec/sec and reset interval of 2.0 sec.
- Main causes of the degradation:
 - Detector bias lowered (LW)
 - Detector temperature was too low (SW).
 - Glitches cause unstable signal level.

Kawada et al., 2007, PASJ 59, S389



Visibility constraint

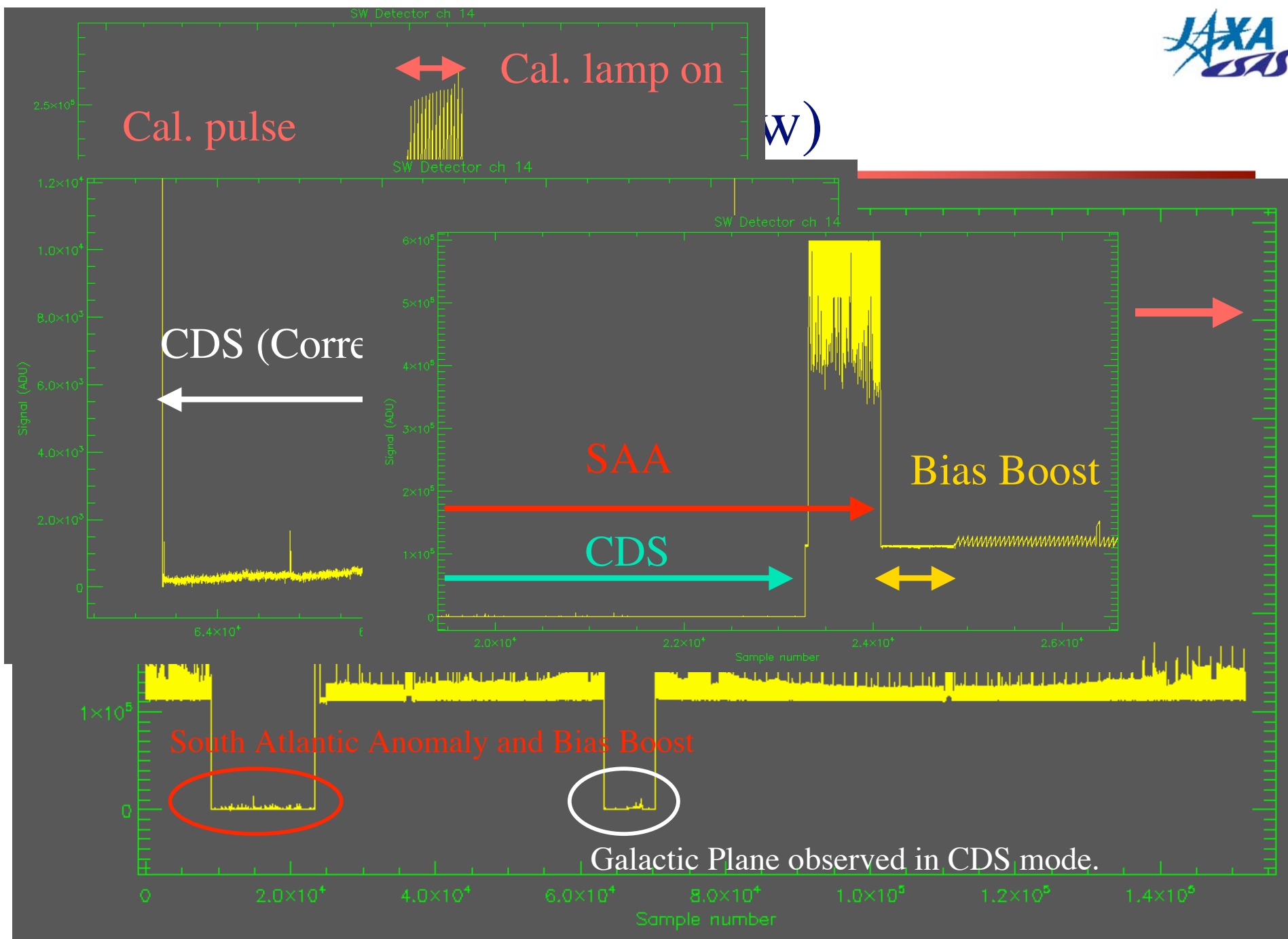
AKARI has severe constraint on visibility.

- Pre-launch design
 - Cross-scan offset was only allowed within ± 1 deg.
 - cf. IRAS could have offsets of 30 deg.
- In the real operation
 - Allowance angle was even narrowed to ± 0.6 deg due to trouble on Sun-sensors.
- Hard to find monitoring target.



Our primary calibration standards

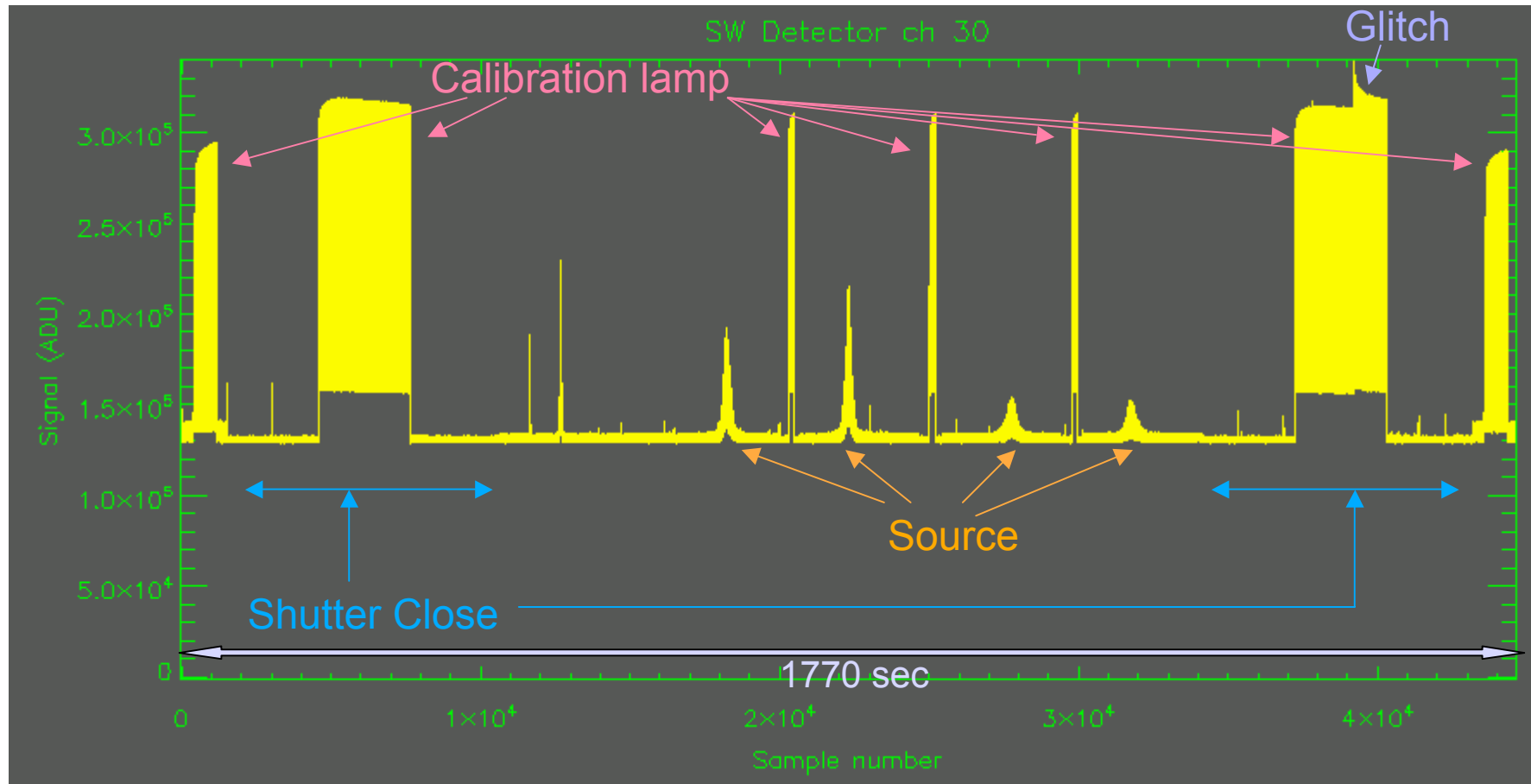
- Asteroids
 - In-collaboration with Thomas Müller.
 - 55 candidates of flux standard asteroids are being evaluated with AKARI data.
- Stars
 - In-collaboration with Martin Cohen.
 - All-sky standard network consisting with 614 stars.
- Planets
 - Model flux provided by courtesy of Raphael Moreno.
 - Mainly for the FTS calibration.





Slow-scan data example in TSD file

AOT : FIS01



Displayed by FISv (TSD file viewer)

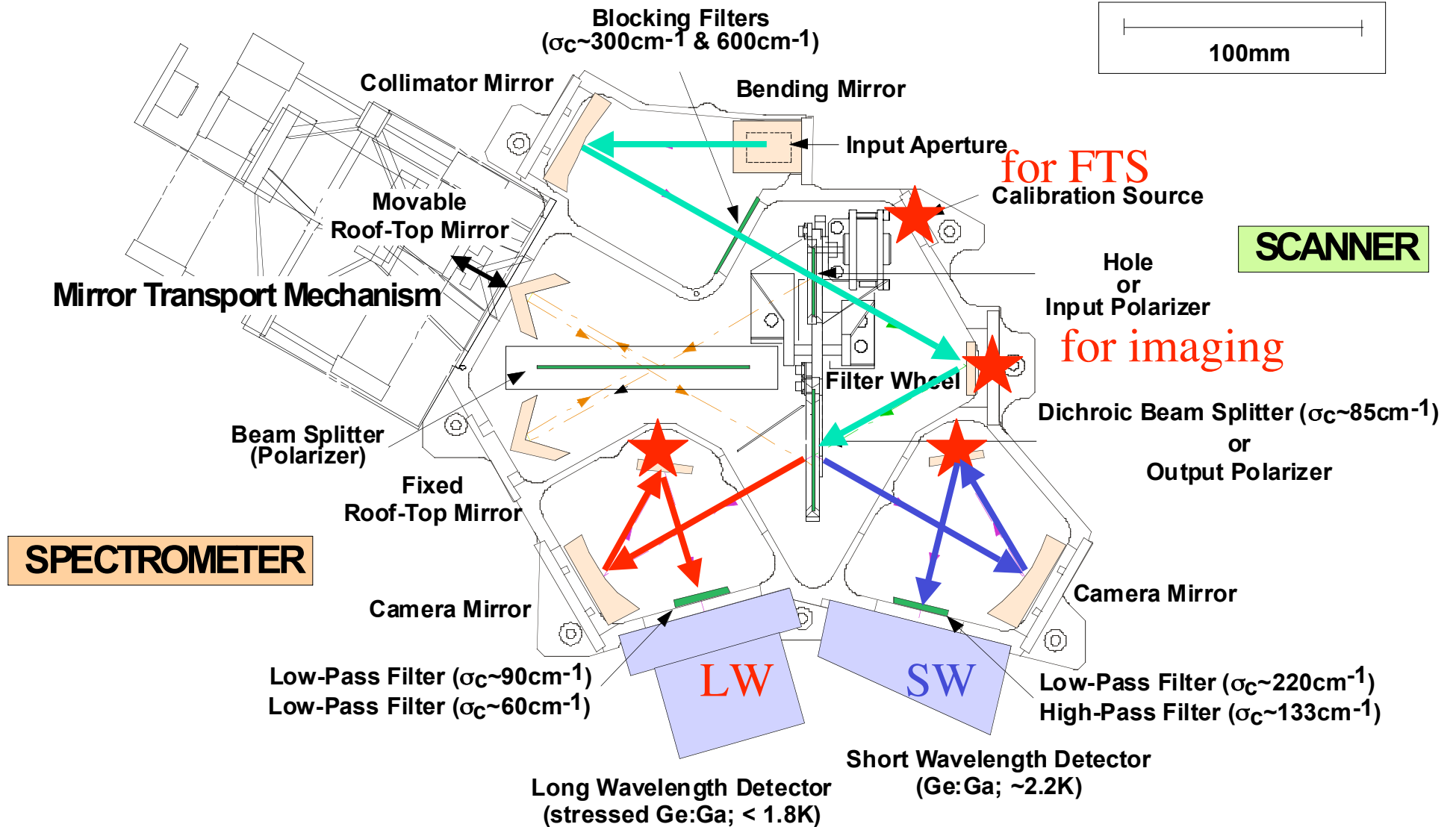


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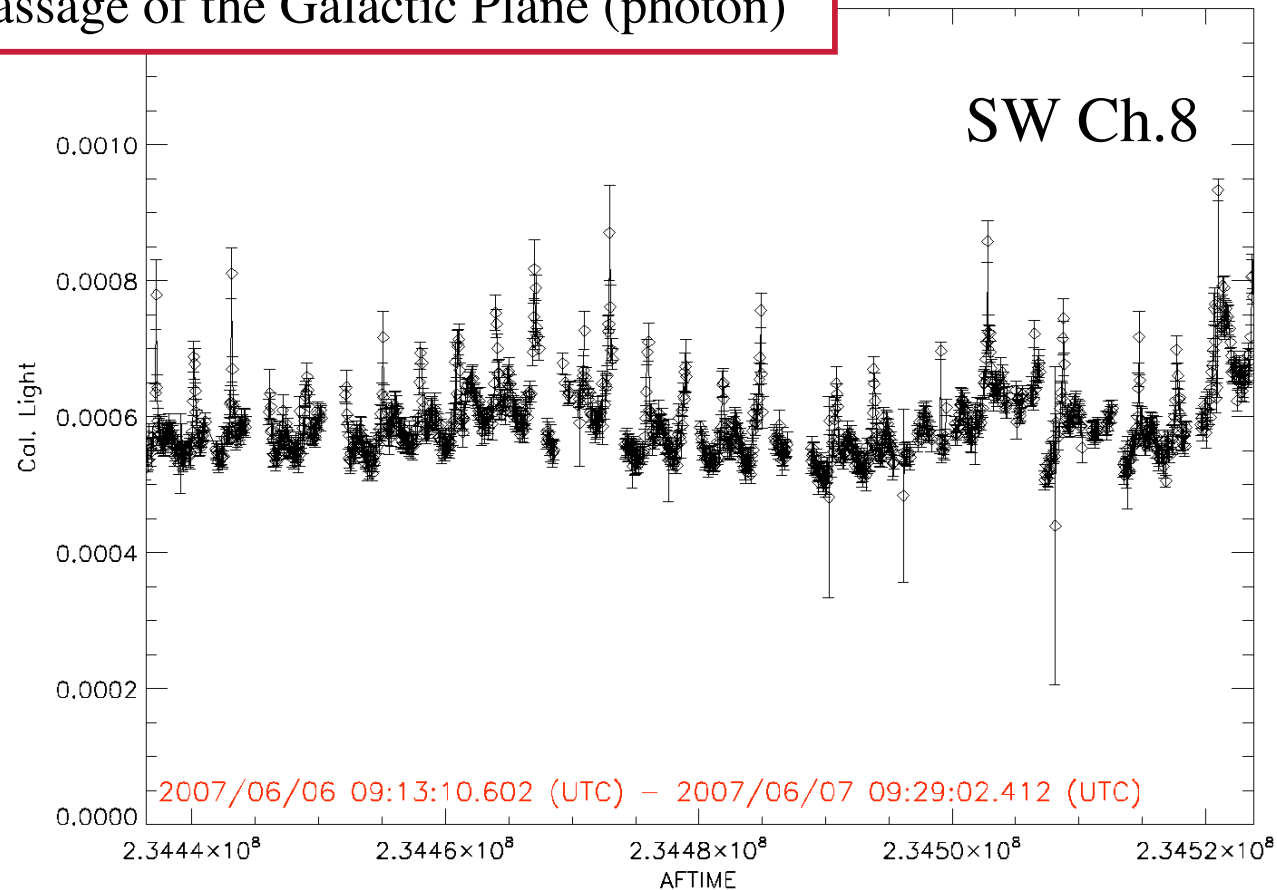
FIS internal calibration source





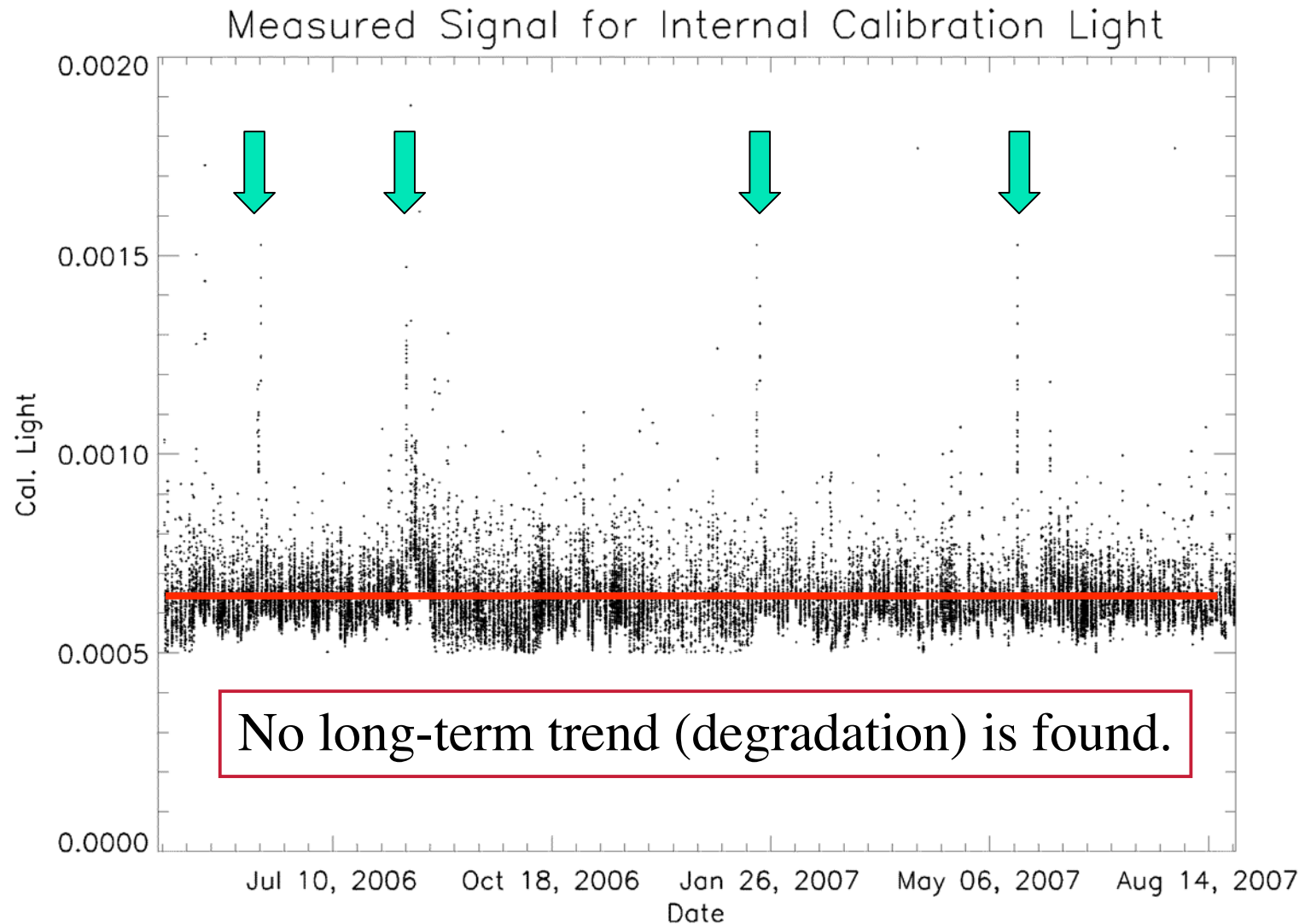
Calibration pulse signal trend (1 day)

Periodic pattern is responsivity variation by
Passage of polar-cap region (electron)
Passage of the Galactic Plane (photon)





Calibration pulse signal trend (entire mission)





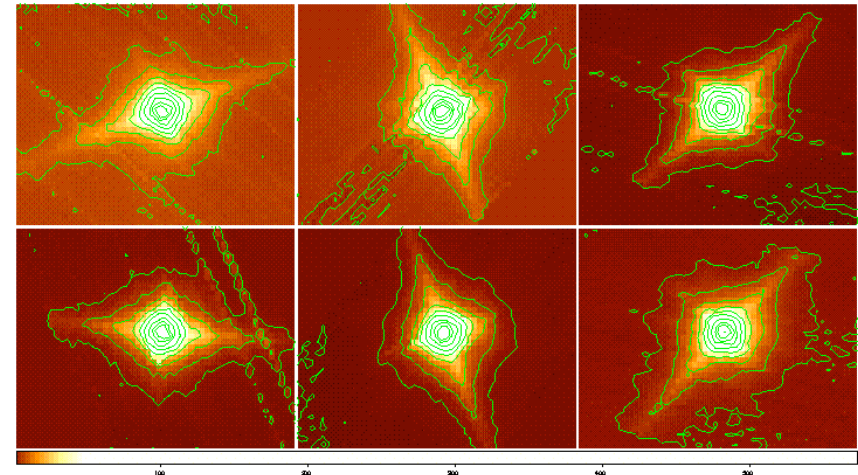
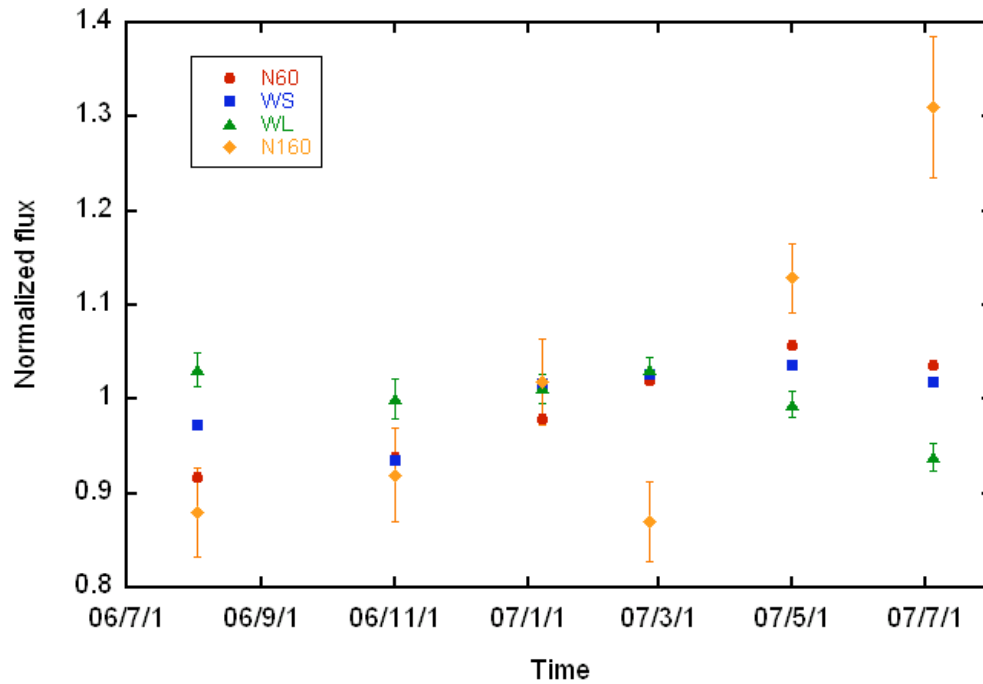
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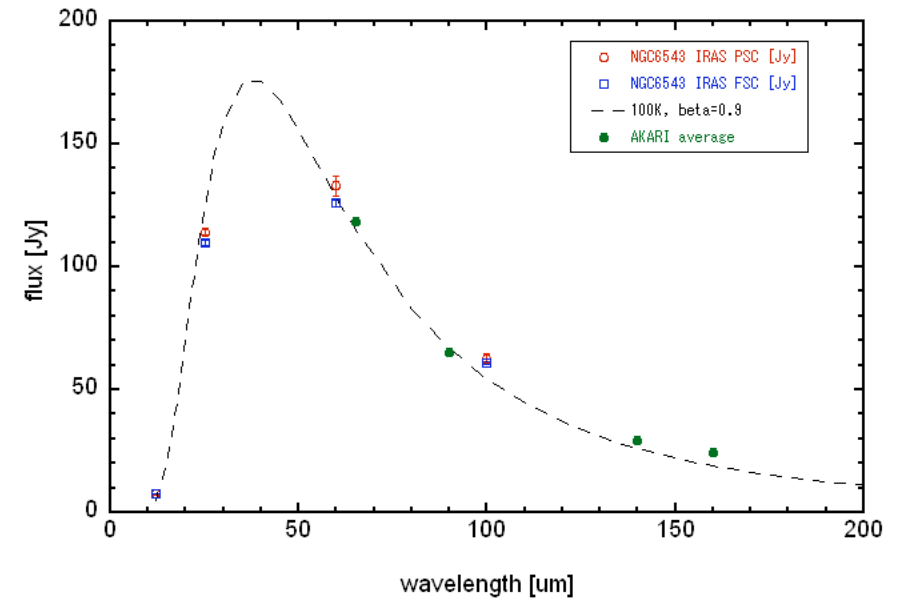


Monitor Observation with NGC6543

Cat's Eye Nebula • NGC 6543



- No significant time variation.





FIS Flux Calibration Strategy

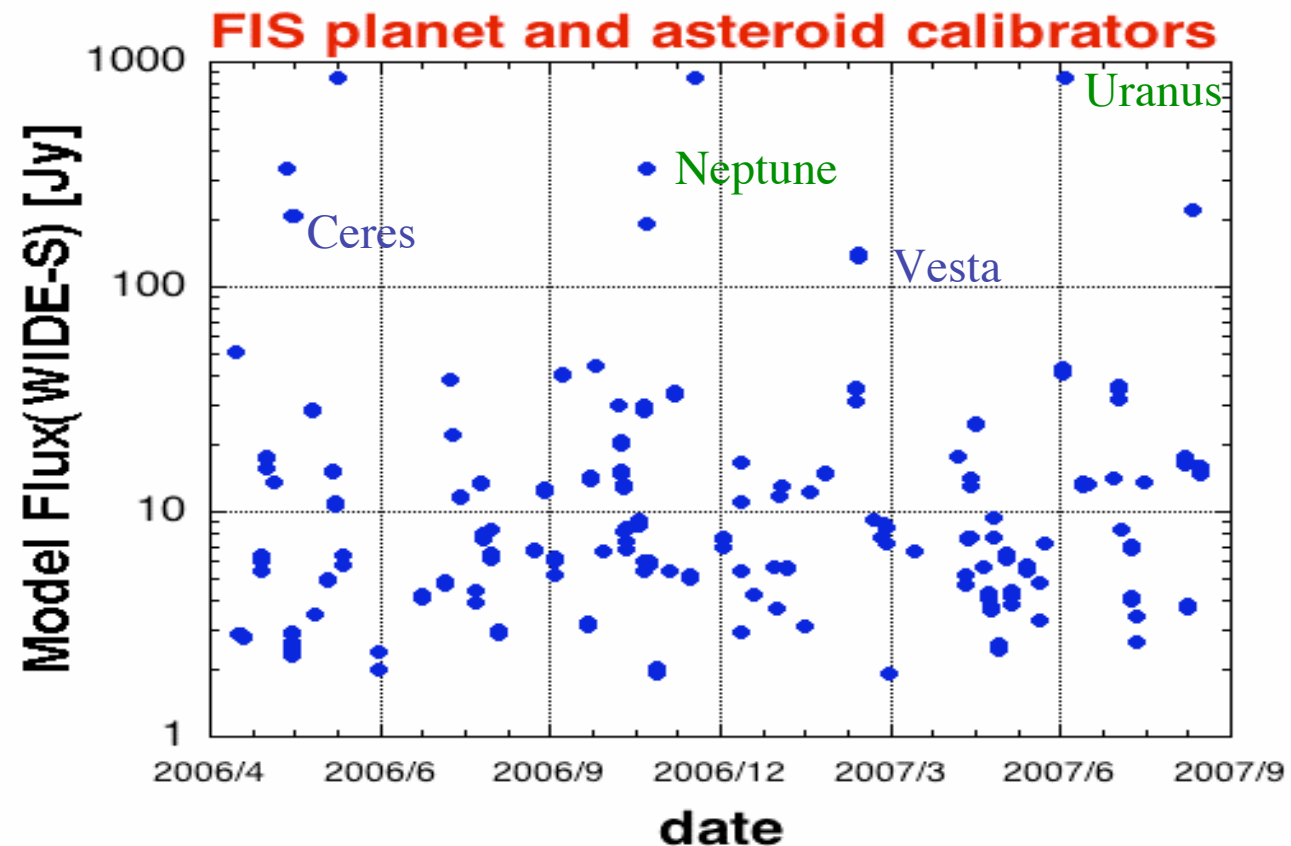
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Survey observations of calibration standard asteroids and planet



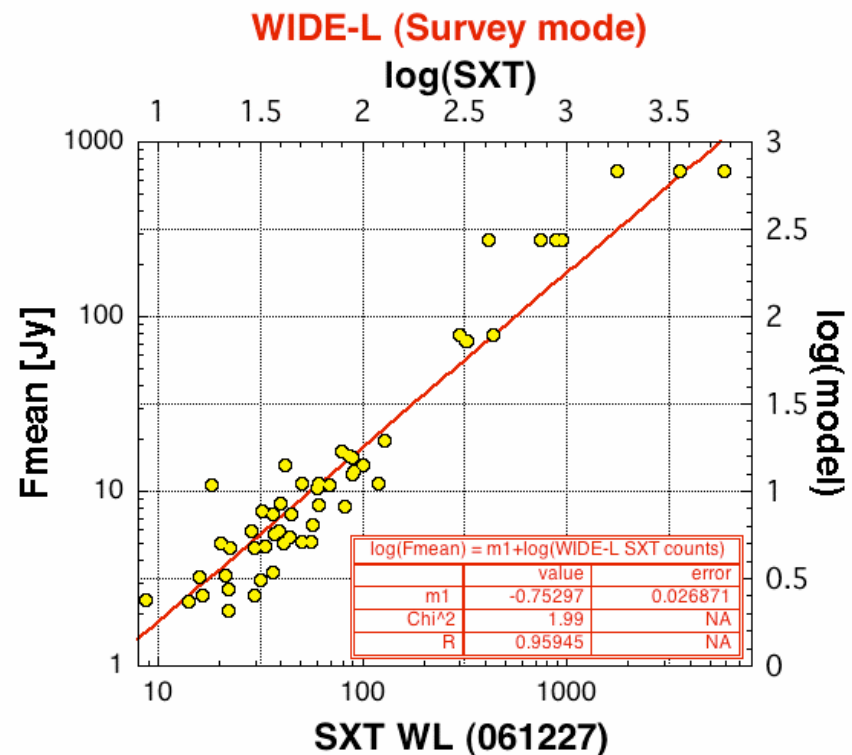
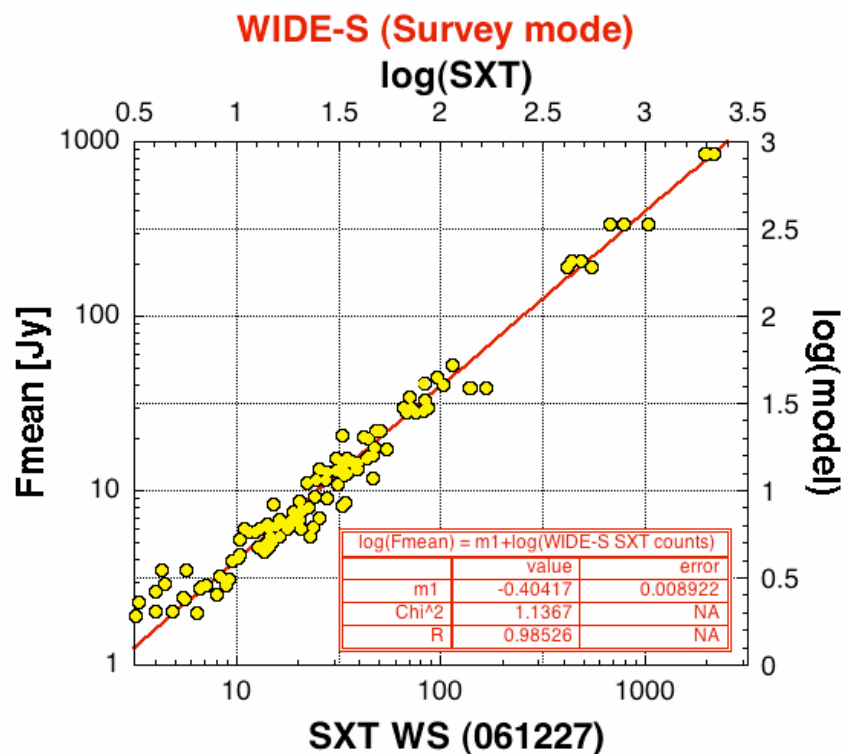
- Total 228 measurements of 51 asteroid and two planets (Uranus & Neptune) during the FIS survey.





Survey Calibration

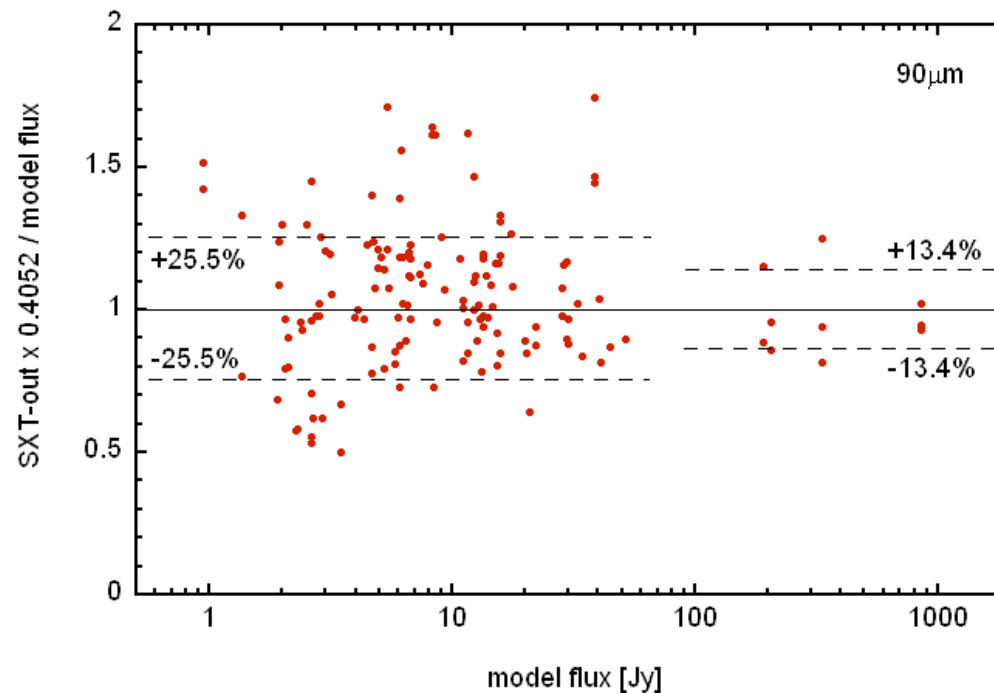
- Observation vs. Model flux
- Only asteroids are included at this moment.





Flux calibration (Asteroids ... cont.)

- Uncertainty: 10~30 per cent.
- The current error includes that of photometric measurement (at SXT).
- Model flux accuracy depends on stars ... 5 ~ 20 per cent.



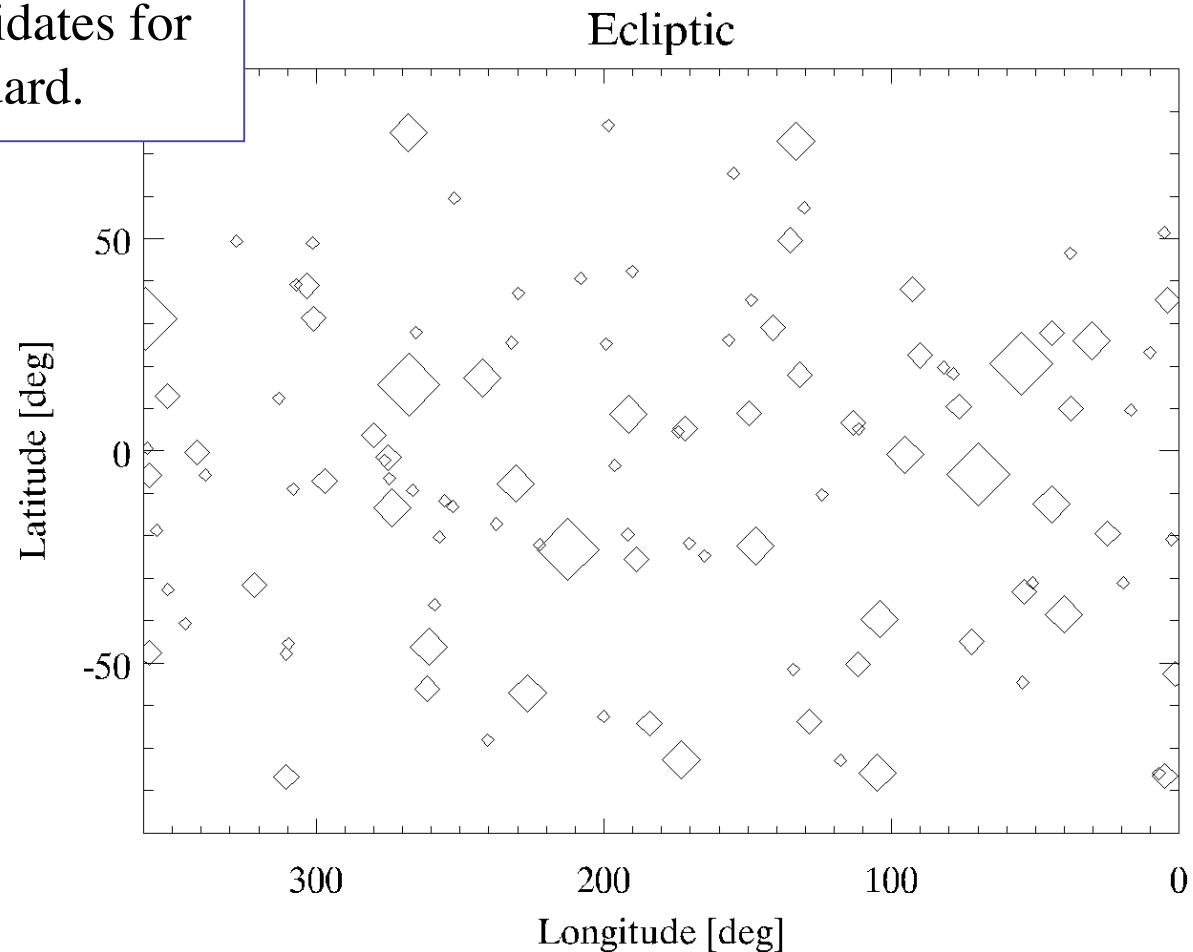
Hasegawa July 2007.



Stellar calibrators ($F_{(\text{WIDE-S})} \geq 0.5 \text{ Jy}$)

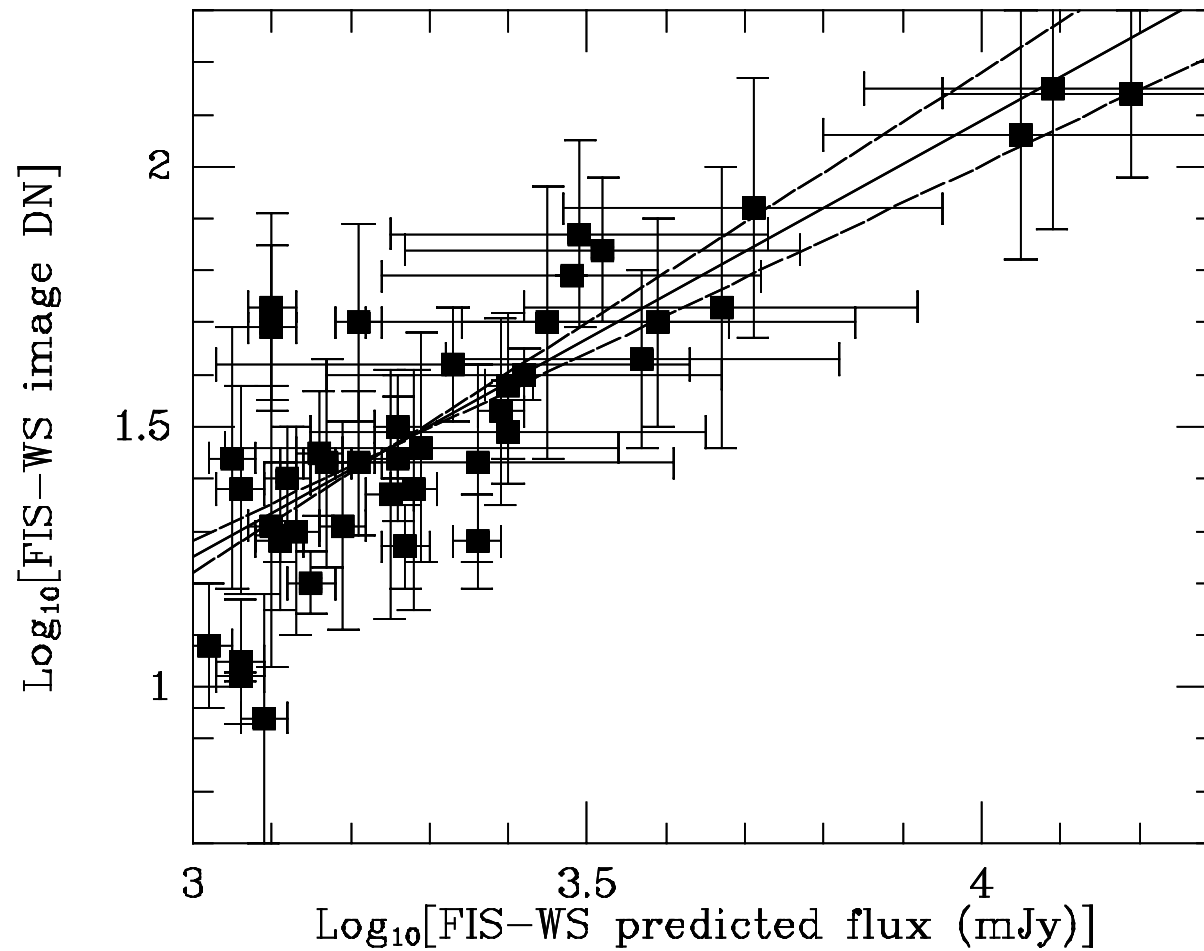
~110/614 sources have estimated flux larger than 0.5 Jy in WIDE-S band. They are the candidates for the FIS calibration standard.

- ◇ $\geq 5 \text{ Jy}$
- ◇ 2–5 Jy
- ◇ 1–2 Jy
- ◇ 0.5–1 Jy





Survey Calibration (Stars)





Slow-scan calibration observations

Solar System sources

Obs.ID	Name	Obs. Date	reset [sec]	scan speed [arcsec/sec]	F(WIDE-S) [Jy]
5011066-001	6 Hebe	2006/04/30	0.5	8	18.001
5011166-001	6 Hebe	2006/05/01	0.5	8	18.296
5011067-001	511 Davida	2006/05/02	0.5	8	13.363
5011167-001	511 Davida	2006/05/03	0.5	8	13.202
5110027-001	2 Pallas	2006/09/27	0.5	8	43.074
5110032-001	1 Ceres	2006/11/08	0.5	8	191.449
5110033-001	93 Minerva	2006/11/20	1.0	8	5.455
5110038-001	65 Cybele	2006/12/28	1.0	8	11.059
5110047-001	4 Vesta	2007/02/23	0.5	8	137.319
5110046-001	4 Vesta	2007/02/24	0.5	15	138.578
5110058-001	52 Europa	2007/04/14	0.5	8	17.468
5110059-001	52 Europa	2007/04/15	0.5	15	17.592
5110066-001	Neptune	2007/05/13	0.5	8	336.443
5110067-001	Neptune	2007/05/13	0.5	15	336.725
5110078-001	47 Aglaja	2007/06/26	2.0	8	5.037
5110079-001	511 Davida	2007/07/20	0.5	8	15.024

Stellar sources

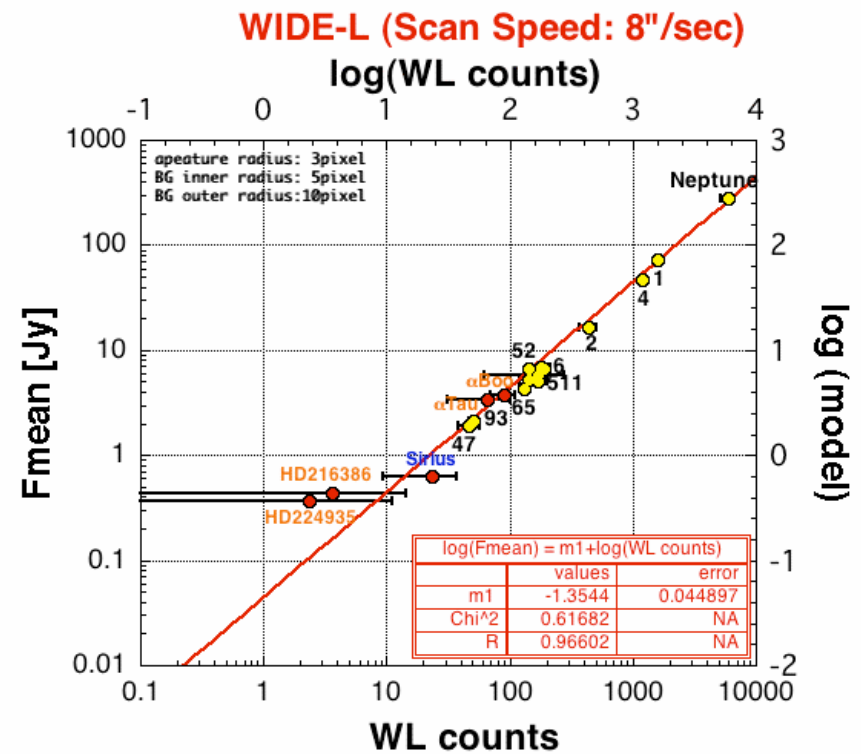
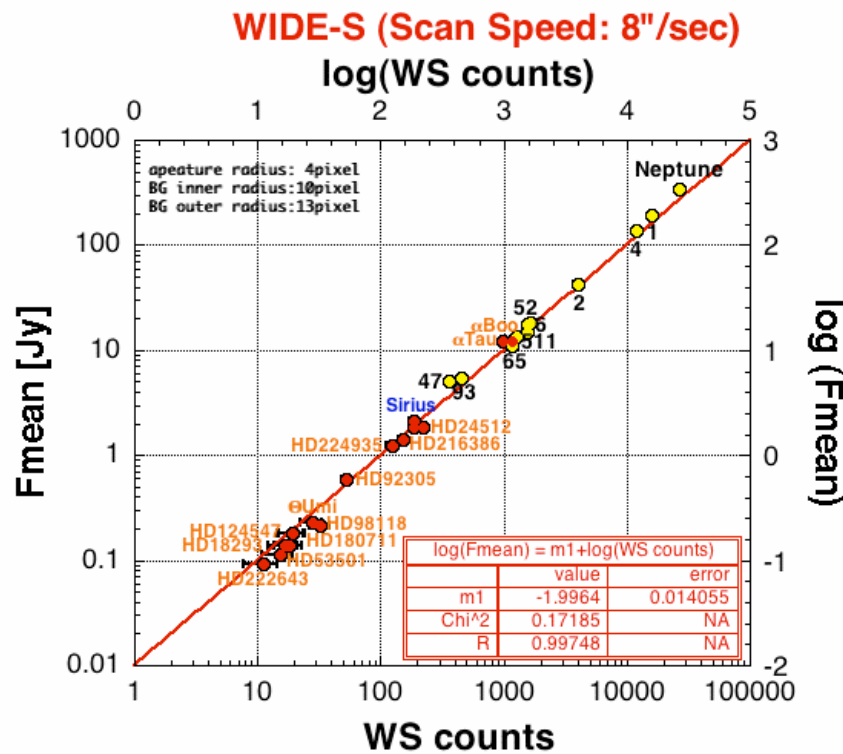
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5011068-001	HD24512	2006/04/29	1.0	8	1.865
5011071-001	HD18293	2006/04/30	2.0	8	0.139
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5011068-002	HD24512	2006/05/02	1.0	8	1.865
5110034-001	HD48915	2006/10/07	2.0	8	2.132
5110039-001	HD124897	2007/01/15	1.0	8	12.211
5110045-001	HD29139	2007/02/28	1.0	8	11.103
5110068-001	HD216386	2007/06/03	2.0	8	1.417
5110072-001	HD98118	2007/06/10	2.0	8	0.215
5110075-001	HD222643	2007/06/11	2.0	8	0.092
5110070-001	HD224935	2007/06/20	2.0	8	1.217
5110076-001	HD180711	2007/07/09	2.0	8	N/A
5110077-001	HD53501	2007/07/13	2.0	8	0.113
5110092-001	HD92305	2007/08/23	2.0	8	0.591

+ UIRLGs (for comparison /
LW / colour correction check)

+ Vega-like star programme
(44 observations)

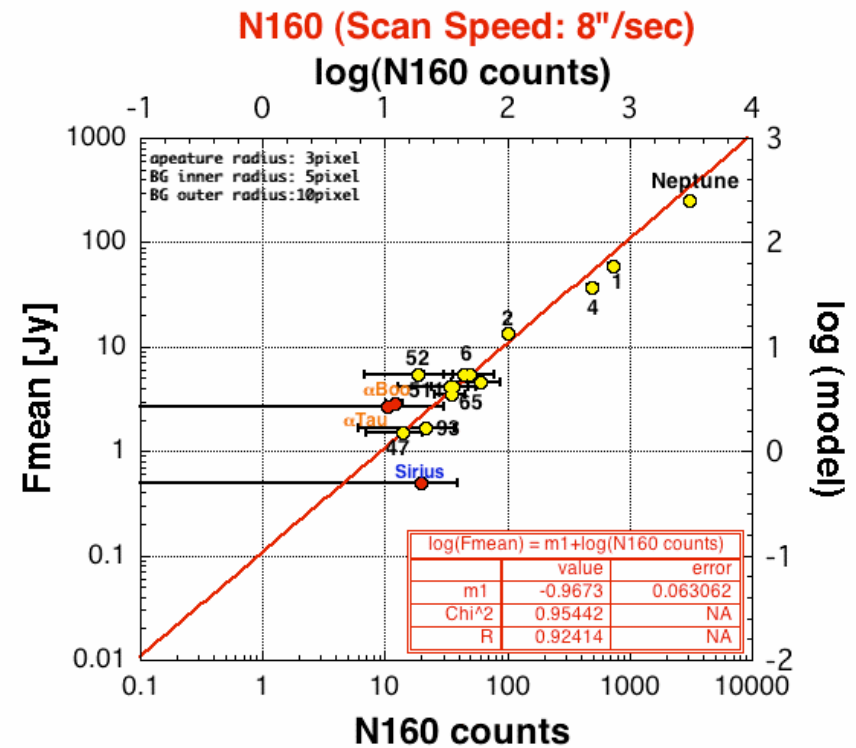
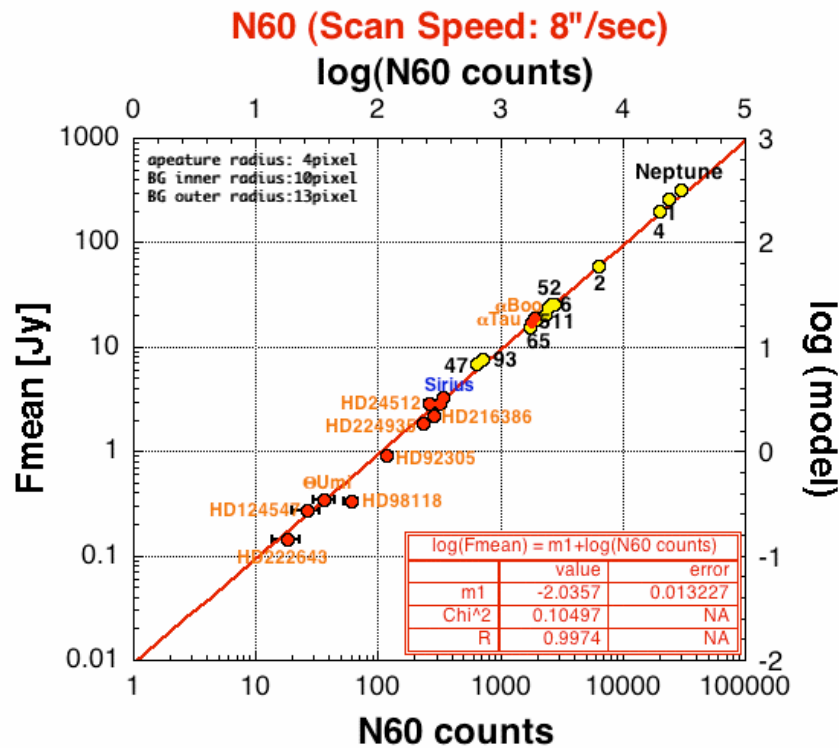


Slow-Scan Calibration





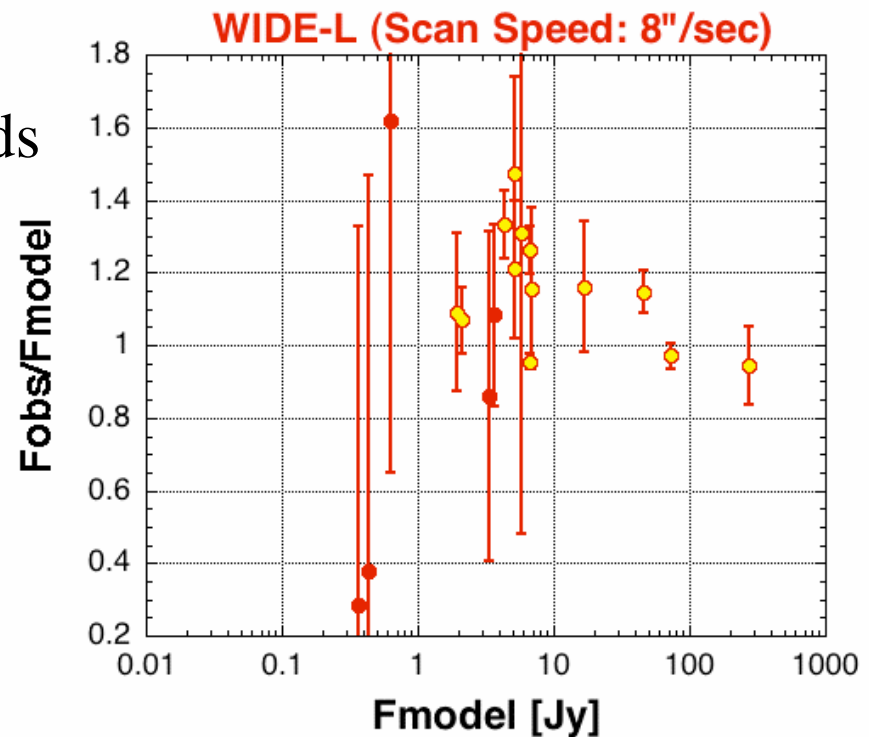
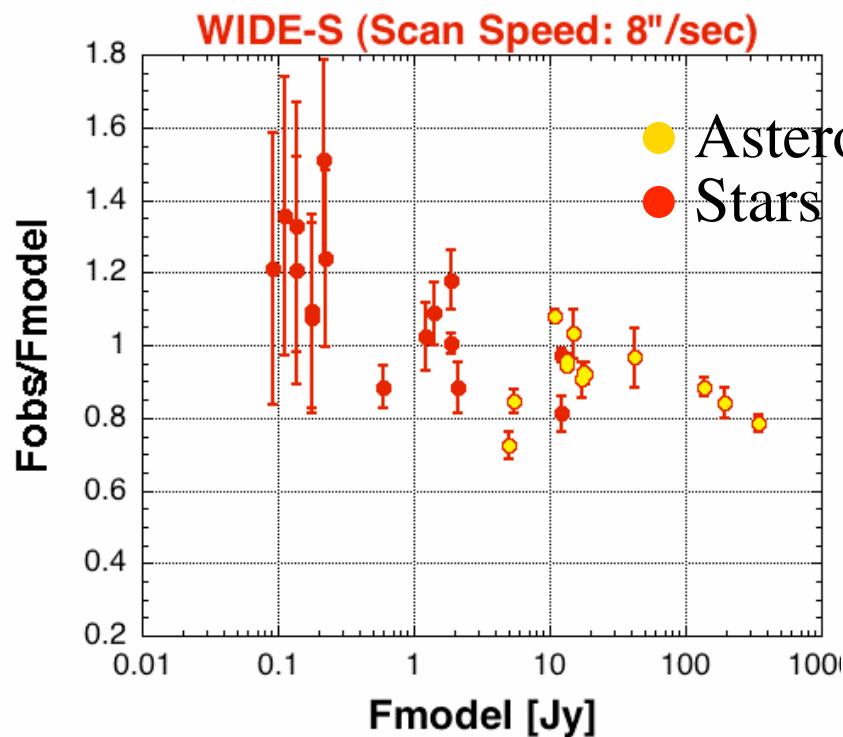
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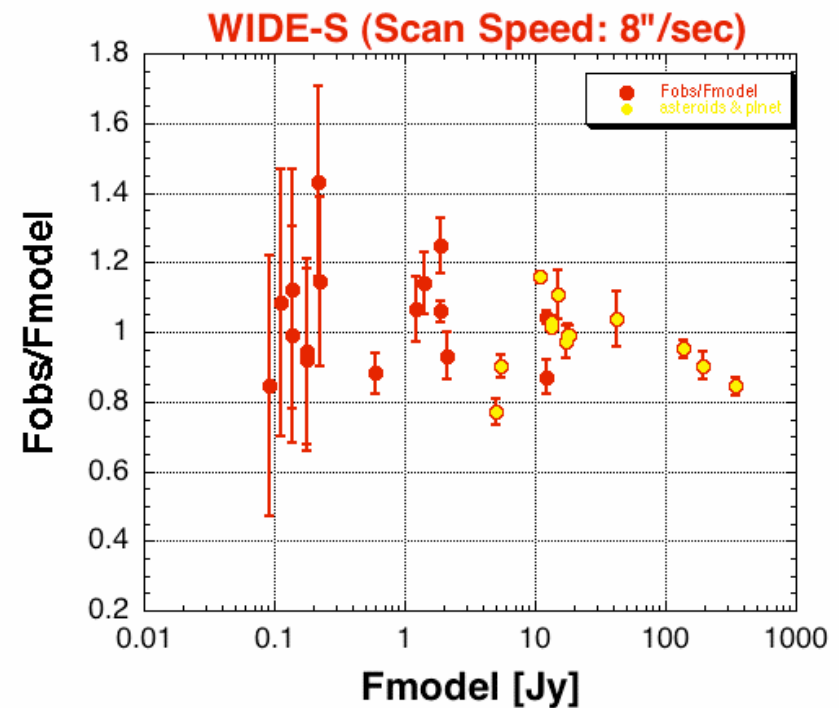
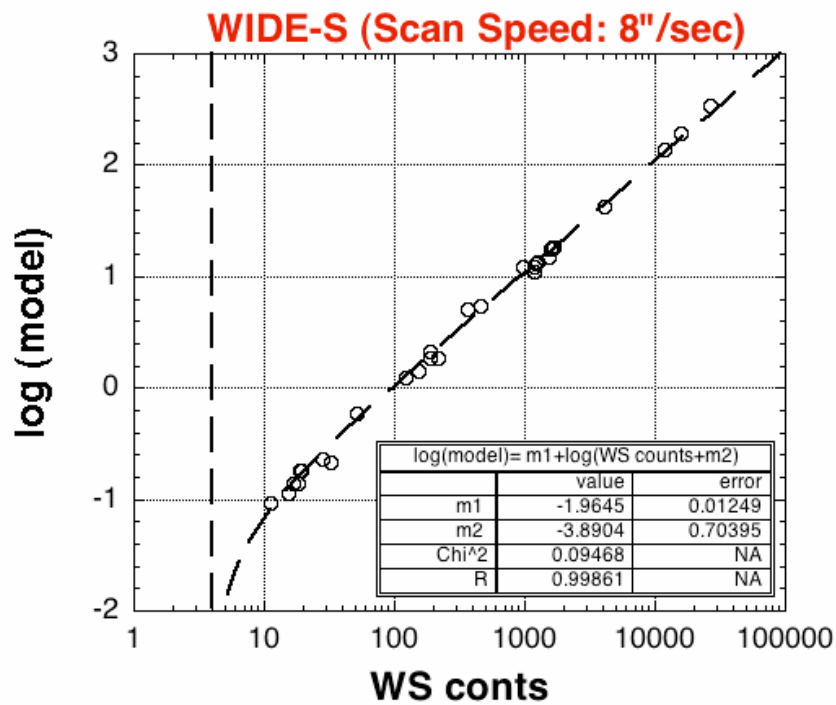
- Flux dependency ?
 - Non-linearity. Bias in photometry. ???





Slow-Scan Calibration

- Fitting with an artificial function.

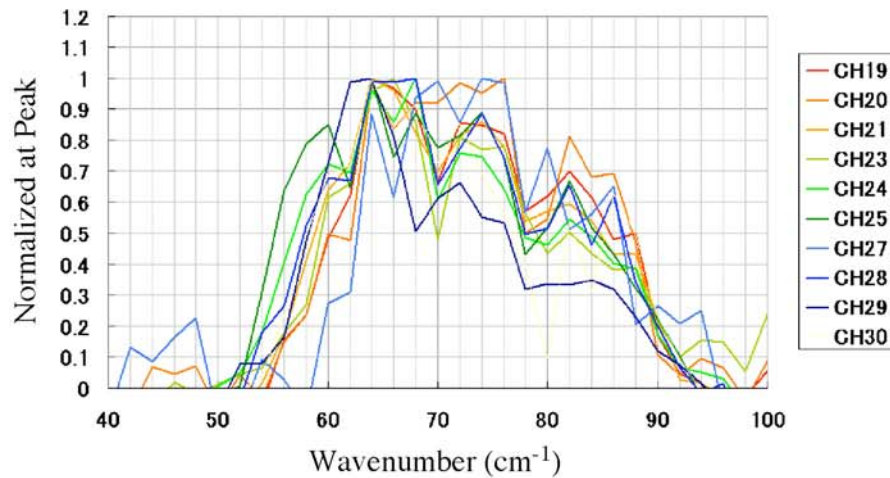




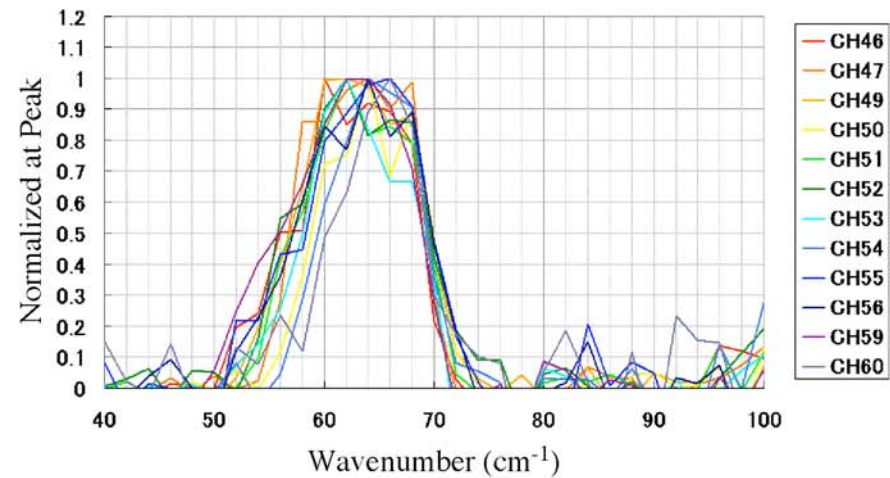
RSRF uncertainty

- The LW detector have pixel by pixel variation of spectral response.

Pre-launch measurements of RSRF by the FTS mode.



WIDE-L

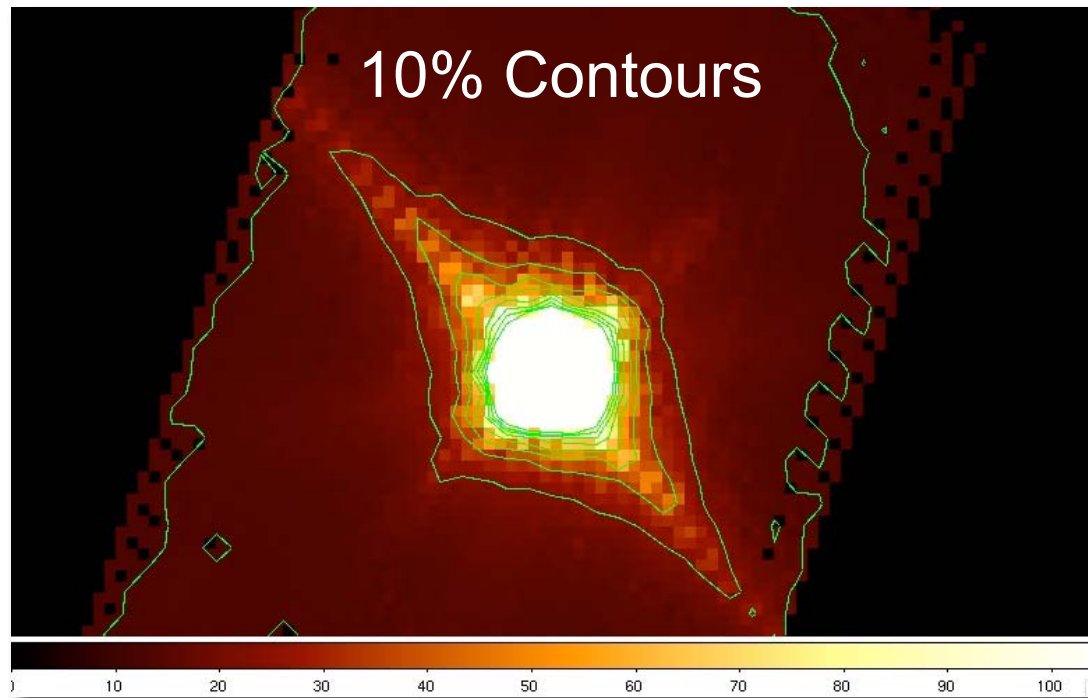


N160



Crosstalk

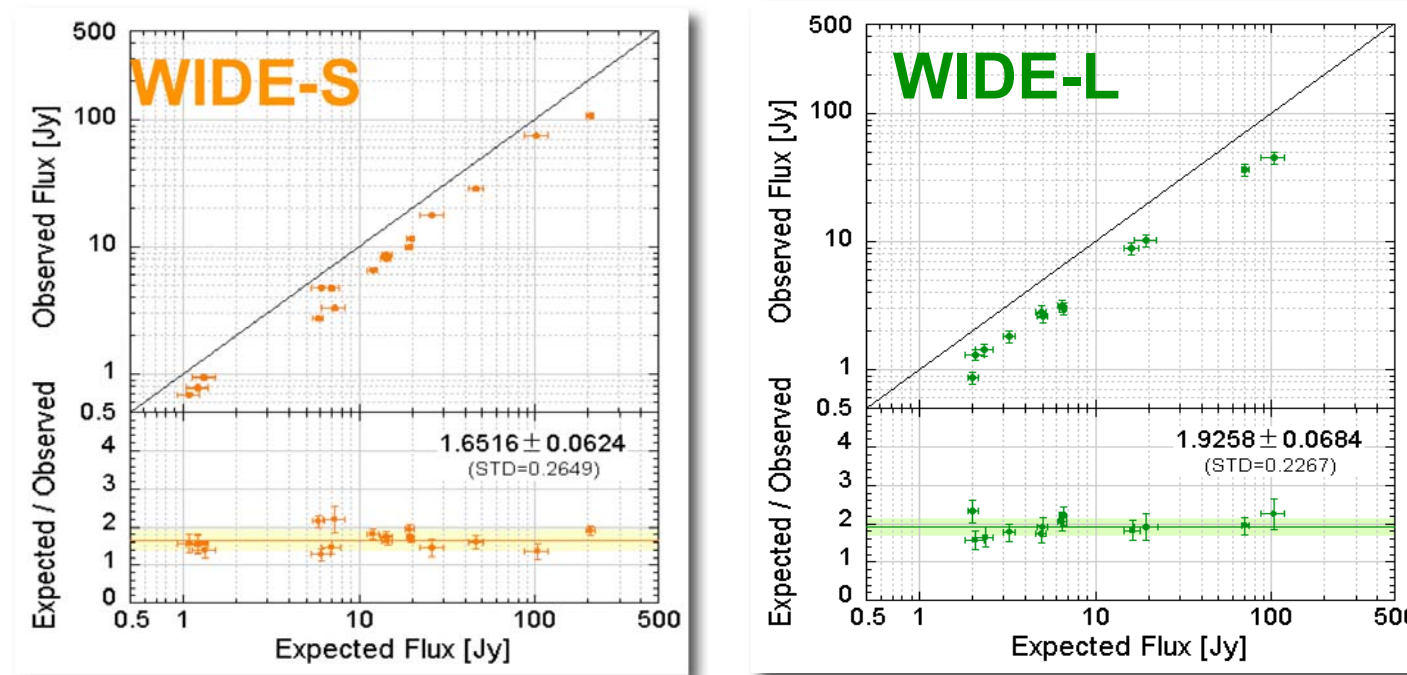
- Crosstalk between the array pixels appears in the SW detector.
 - The relative strength of the cross-talk is about 10%.
 - Cause: Photons diffuse into the monolithic Ge:Ga substrate.
 - A point source image (PSF) shows elongated substructures.





Point source vs. Diffuse source

- The Slow-scan image maps are scaled by comparing with COBE/DIRBE data at Zodiacal light and Galactic cirrus regions.



- This problem system will be investigated. Possible integrated flux of point sources with the predictions.
- Contamination from scattered light.

(does not depend on the source flux or the source colour.)



AKARI data

- The pointed observation data will be open to **public from March 2008** (one year after data were validated and archived for the observers).
 - The data in the archive will be updated in the similar time scale (archive version 1.0 → 1.1).
- The first version of the FIS All-Sky Survey point source catalogue will be **released to the team in September 2008** for prioritized study and validation. The catalogue will be **in public one year later**.
 - Release of images and raw data is TBD (more than a few years?)
 - Collaborations to speed up data release / improve the calibration are welcome.



DARTS (Observation Log)

Query by:

Position

Target name

Observation date

AOT

Proposal

VO interface will be implemented.

<http://darts.isas.jaxa.jp/astro/akari/akarilog/top.do>

Send questions or comments to "darts-admin AT ML.isas.jaxa.jp".
DARTS is maintained by PLAIN center at ISAS, JAXA in Japan.



DARTS/Search Results

Search Result

- The number of display 13 / The number of hits 13
- Output ALL hit records : select an output format.
 HTML (display on browser) CSV VOTABLE PLAIN TEXT
- Download data : select checkboxes and then push "WGET SCRIPT" button.
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FIS Data			Observed	Processed	Scheduled

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Summary

- AKARI did FIS (+MIR) All-Sky Survey in more than 90 % of the entire sky with much improved spatial resolution. We also did thousands of pointed observations.
- Calibration and data reduction work are still ongoing.
- We are pleased to talk with people who are interested in our data. Please contact me!