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MID-INFRARED CAMERA W/WO LENS (MIRACLE) FOR SPICA

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ABSTRACT

Mid-Infrared Camera w/wo LEAns (MIRACLE) is the focal plane instrument designed for wide field imaging ($6' \times 6'$) and low-resolution spectroscopic observations ($R = 100$) over a wide spectral range in the mid-infrared wavelength (5-38 μm). Thanks to the SPICA's cooled telescope, MIRACLE has a better sensitivity than JWST/MIRI at wavelengths over 20 μm and its wider FOV provides a faster mapping speed in 5-26 μm . MIRACLE opens a new wavelength region of 26-38 μm . Contiguous wavelength coverage is considered in the choice of the filter bands from the experiences in the Spitzer and AKARI observations. MIRACLE is equipped with a field stop wheel, which provides optimal slits in the spectroscopic mode and a wide FOV in the imaging mode. The results of a conceptual design study including sensitivity analysis are presented.

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coverage in 5-38 μm . The wavelength region of 26-38 μm is the new window which MIRACLE explores.

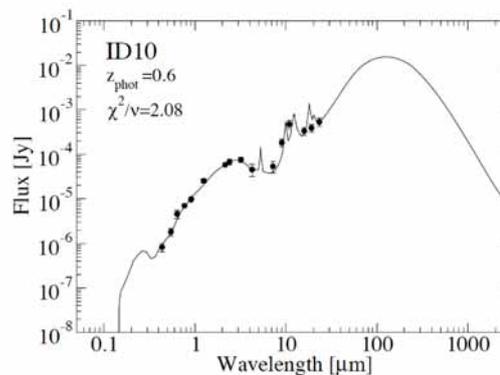


Figure 1. Example of MIR SED fitting for a galaxy obtained by AKARI/IRC MIR multi-band imaging observation. The SED is well fit by a dusty star forming galaxy at $z=0.6$. The board emission lines by PAH at the MIR provide a good diagnostic for redshift and star formation. (Takagi et al., 2007)

1. INTRODUCTION

As it is clearly demonstrated in the AKARI/IRC (Onaka et al., 2007) and Spitzer IRAC/MIPS (Fazio et al., 2004; Rieke et al., 2004) observations, mid-infrared wavelength is the key wavelength to study the physical conditions of the solid state interstellar medium and the evolution and formation of galaxy/star/planet in the dusty universe.

Multi-band imaging with contiguous wavelength coverage and low-resolution spectroscopy are important in this spectral range because broad emission and absorption lines of PAH and Silicate are dominant spectral features in this wavelength region, and useful to determine physical information by SED fitting techniques such as redshift and star formation rate (Figure 1).

A wide field of view is also critical for large area surveys and the study of variations of star formation activity in galaxies along the clustering scale (Figure 2). In order to make a merit of the state-of-the-art large format array detector, wide field of view is also desirable.

Mid-Infrared Camera w/wo LEAns (MIRACLE) is a focal plane instrument for SPICA (Nakagawa & Murakami, 2007). MIRACLE is designed for wide field imaging and low-resolution spectroscopy with contiguous wavelength

2. SPECIFICATIONS

Contiguous wavelength coverage over 5-38 μm is required especially for tracing the 7.7 μm PAH feature from galaxies in a wide range of redshift ($z=0-4$).

Wide field of view is required for faster mapping speed. One of the main targets of MIRACLE is to reveal the environmental effect of star forming activities around the distant clusters of galaxies. In order to achieve effective observations, a field of view covering a few arcmin. is required. At least, $4' \times 4'$ is required and $6' \times 6'$ is our goal ($6'$ approximately correspond to co-moving transverse distance of 6 Mpc at redshift $z=1$).

In order to make a merit of the large aperture of the SPICA telescope, diffraction limited image quality must be achieved in the entire FOV.

Numbers of filters are required to cover contiguously for each channel with spectral resolution $R=5-10$.

The specifications of MIRACLE are summarized in Table 1.

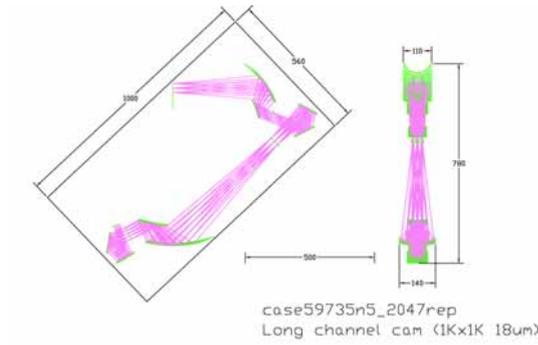


Figure 6. Ray-trace and configuration of MIRACLE long channel optics.

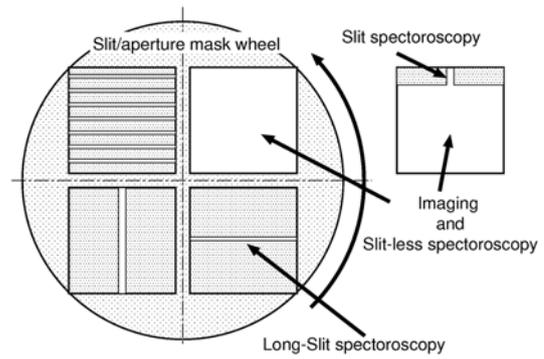


Figure 9. Schematic of field mask wheel.

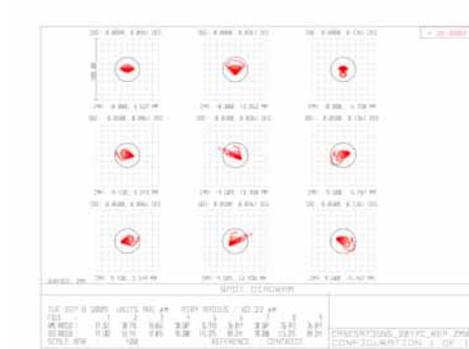


Figure 7. Spot diagram of MIRACLE long channel optics.

field-mask/slit wheel (Figure 9) at the focal plane of fore-optics. AKARI/IRC and JWST/MIRI used a fixed short slit at the edge of the field mask for low resolution slit spectroscopy. In case of AKARI/IRC, however, slit spectroscopic observations often suffer from electrical (MUX bleeding and/or column pull down) and optical (ghost) artificial effects cause by bright objects in the same field of view (Figure 8). In order to avoid these defects, a long-slit installed at the field-mask/slit wheel is used. A longer slit helps to maximize the observational efficiency for spectroscopic mapping observations.

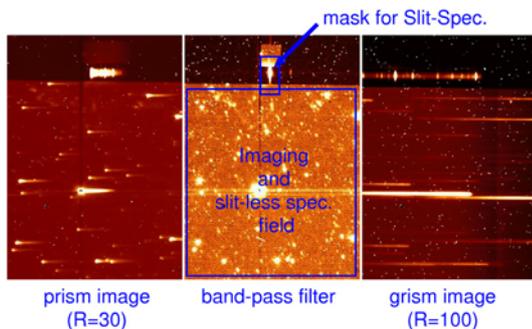


Figure 8. Example of slit-less and slit spectroscopy by AKARI/IRC.

3.2. DETECTOR

We are planed to use a $2K \times 2K$ Si:As IBC detector array for the short channel ($5\text{-}26 \mu\text{m}$) and a $1K \times 1K$ Si:Sb BIB detector array for the long channel ($20\text{-}38 \mu\text{m}$).

The $2K \times 2K$ Si:As array is, however, in R&D phase. If development of $2K \times 2K$ Si:As arrays is not ready in time, we will use existing $1K \times 1K$ Si:As arrays. In this case, Nyquist sampling of the PSF is only achieved over $12 \mu\text{m}$ in the short channel.

No larger than $1K \times 1K$ format is required for the long channel, because $1K \times 1K$ format detector already satisfies Nyquist sampling at $12 \mu\text{m}$ even for the goal of FOV ($6' \times 6'$).

4. SENSITIVITY

Sensitivity for point sources is calculated using the following assumptions.

- Read noise of 20 electron.
- Dark current of 1 electron/pixel.
- Pixel scale of 0.36 arcsec/pixel.
- Optical efficiency of 0.35 including telescope.
- Detector efficiency of 0.50.
- Frame integration time of 617.3 seconds which is limited by cosmic ray event rate at the L2 environment.
- Total integration time of 3600 seconds.
- Aperture photometry with size of the first diffraction null ring.

Figure 10 shows the sensitivity for point sources compared with that of JWST/MIRI (Swinyard et al., 2004). MIRACLE is more sensitive compared to JWST/MIRI over wavelengths of $20 \mu\text{m}$ because of SPICA's cooled aperture telescope.

Figure 11 shows the line sensitivity of MIRACLE in case of narrow-band imaging and slit spectroscopy.

Figure 13 shows the mapping speed of MIRACLE compared with that of JWST/MIRI (Swinyard et al., 2004). The wider FOV of MIRACLE provides a faster mapping speed in all JWST/MIRI bands.

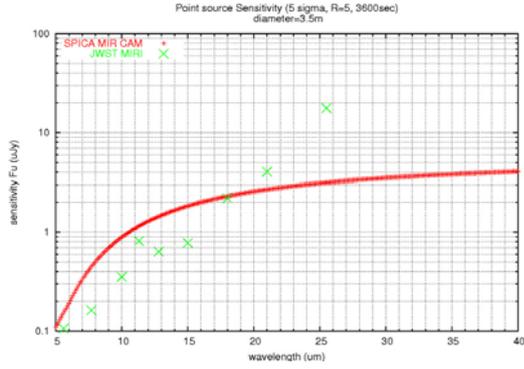


Figure 10. Sensitivity of MIRACLE. Red plus signs show point source sensitivity (5σ) of MIRACLE with one hour observing time in the imaging observations (spectral resolution $R=5$) as a function of wavelength. Green crosses show point source sensitivity of JWST/MIRI with the same integration. MIRACLE has superior sensitivity compared with JWST/MIRI over wavelengths of $20\mu\text{m}$ because of SPICA's cooled aperture telescope.

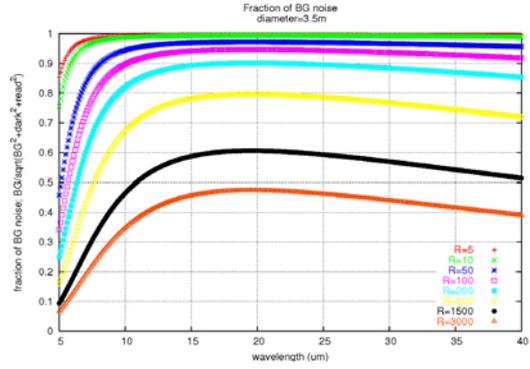


Figure 12. Contribution of natural background photon noise to total noise as a function of wavelength is shown. Natural background (Zodiacal light) photon noise limited observations are achieved in wavelengths over $10\mu\text{m}$ for low resolution spectroscopy. Read noise is dominant at wavelengths close to $5\mu\text{m}$.

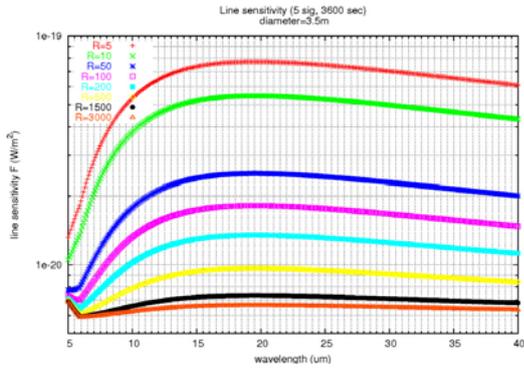


Figure 11. Line Sensitivity of MIRACLE spectroscopy. Calculation is based on narrow band imaging case. In case of slit-spectroscopy, the sensitivity is slightly worse. Results of medium resolution spectroscopy are just for reference.

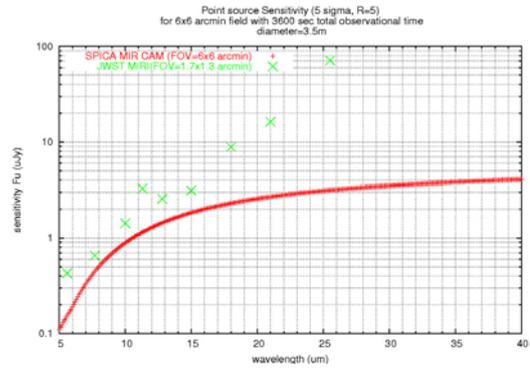


Figure 13. Mapping speed of MIRACLE. Red plus signs show point source sensitivity (5σ) of MIRACLE with one hour observing time in the imaging observations (spectral resolution $R=5$) as a function of wavelengths. Green crosses show point source sensitivity of JWST/MIRI survey covering $6' \times 6'$ field with the same observing time. MIRACLE has superior mapping speed compared with JWST/MIRI over the entire MIRI wavelength coverage.

5. SUMMARY

Preliminary design of the SPICA MIR camera (MIRACLE for SPICA) is shown. MIRACLE opens a new wavelength window at $30\mu\text{m}$. MIRACLE has better sensitivity compared to JWST/MIRI over wavelength of $20\mu\text{m}$ and faster mapping speed in all MIRI bands. We have succeeded to design a reflective optical system with wide field of view. The current design meets the requirements such as contiguous wavelength coverage over $5\text{--}38\mu\text{m}$, wide field of view, diffraction limited image quality, natural background limited performance, and physical dimension. Optimization for mass is undergoing.

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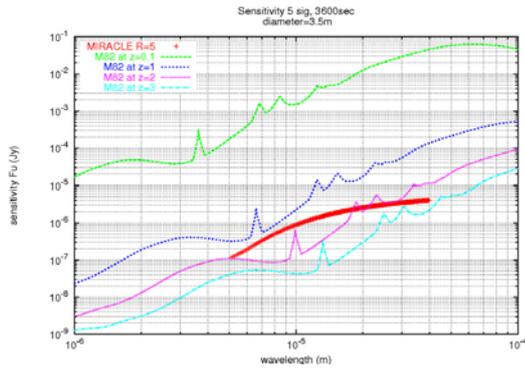


Figure 14. Detectability of the low luminosity star-burst galaxy (M82) at a variety of redshifts by MIRACLE is demonstrated. The SED is taken from the SED models of StarBurst with Radiative Transfer (SBURT) by Takagi et al. (2003, 2004) adopting the LMC type extinction curve, age of 0.03 Gyr and optical depth $\tau_V = 9.160$, and scaled to total luminosity of $3.7 \times 10^{10} L_{\odot}$. Rest frame $7.7 \mu\text{m}$ PAH feature is detectable at redshift $z=2$.

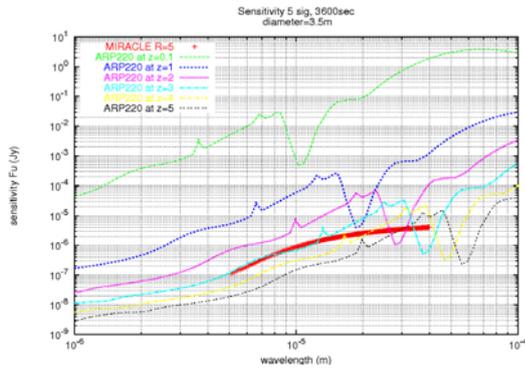


Figure 15. Detectability of ULIRG (Arp220) at a variety of redshifts by MIRACLE is demonstrated. The SED is taken from the SED models of StarBurst with Radiative Transfer (SBURT) by Takagi et al. (2003, 2004) adopting the SMC type extinction curve, age of 0.03 Gyr and optical depth $\tau_V = 43.670$, and scaled to total luminosity of $1.4 \times 10^{12} L_{\odot}$. Rest frame $7.7 \mu\text{m}$ PAH feature is detectable at redshift $z=4$.

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