Ground-Based IR Astronomy:

Past Milestones & Future Directions

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IR Astronomy: The Early Years

- Initial instruments limited in:
 - Sensitivity
 - Spatial resolution
 - Multiplexing
 - Spectral Resolution

Sensitivity

- PbS detectors and Ge bolometers
- Moderate size telescopes (1m 2m)
- Typical limits: K < 8 mag; N < 5

Early Single Channel Instruments



Early Single Channel Instruments



Bolometer

Early Single Channel Instruments



Scanning CVF Spectrometer

Delicate Adjustments Needed



Susan Kleinmann

Spatial Resolution

- Limited by seeing, aperture size and/or telescope diffraction limit
- Typical instrument entrance apertures:
 - 3 to 30 arc sec
- IR instruments rarely scheduled on large telescopes

Typical IR Observing ~1970



Multiplexing

- Early observations typically made with single channel photometers
- Mapping and wide area surveys were 'challenging'
- Imaging array detectors (InSb; Hg-Cd-Te; Si:Asand Ge-doped Si) became generally available only over the past two decades

Spectroscopy/Spectral Resolution

- The availability of single, relatively low sensitivity detectors limited spectroscopy
- Fourier Transform Spectrometers provided an early solution to enabling spectroscopy
- Later, Continuously Variable Filters were used (primarily for R <100 measurements)

Photometry of Bright Stars

Pioneering work of Johnson; Low



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Pioneering work of Johnson (1962); Low (1964)

GIANT STARS

Sp (III)	U-V	B-V	V-R	V–I	V–J	V-K	V-L	V-M	V-N	B.C.	Т _е (°К)
G5	+1.55	+0.92	+0.69	+1.17	+1.52	+2.08	+2.18	+2.02	+2.05	-0.20	5010
G8	+1.64	+0.95	+0.70	+1.18	+1.56	+2.16	+2.27	+2.09	+2.12	-0.21	4870
K0	+1.93	+1.04	+0.77	+1.30	+1.71	+2.35	+2.47	+2.25	+2.28	-0.30	4720
K1	+2.13	+1.10	+0.81	+1.37	+1.80	+2.48	+2.61	+2.36	+2.39	-0.36	4580
K2	+2.32	+1.16	+0.84	+1.42	+1.87	+2.59	+2.73	+2.45	+2.48	-0.42	4460
K3	+2.74	+1.30	+0.96	+1.61	+2.12	+2.92	+3.07	+2.75	+2.80	-0.59	4210
<u>K4</u>	+3.07	+1.41	+1.06	+1.81	+2.36	+3.24	+3.39	+3.05	+3.11	-0.79	4010
K5	+3.34	+1.54	+1.20	+2.10	+2.71	+3.67	+3.83	+3.47	+3.54	-1.08	3780
M0	+3.43	+1.55	+1.23	+2.17	+2.82	+3.79	+3.96	+3.59	+3.65	-1.17	3660
M1	+3.48	+1.56	+1.28	+2.27	+2.90	+3.92	+4.09	+3.72	+3.78	-1.25	3600
M2	+3.51	+1.59	+1.34	+2.44	+3.08	+4.11	+4.29	+3.91	+3.97	-1.41	3500
M3	+3.51	+1.60	+1.48	+2.79	+3.51	+4.58	+4.77	+4.39	+4.45	-1.80	3300
M4	+3.32	+1.59	+1.74	+3.39	+4.26	+5.24	+5.44	+5.10	+5.14	-2.44	3100
M5	+3.00	+1.55	+2.18	+4.14	+5.04	+6.06	+6.31	+6.00	+6.00	-3.23	2950
M6	+2.43	+1.54	+2.80	+5.06	+5.86	+7.01	+7.39			-4.15	2800

Photometry of Normal Galaxies

Johnson (1965)

NGC	U-V	B-V	V-R	V-I	V - J	V-K	V-L
224 3034 3368 4168	1.68 1.33 1.62 1.44	1.01 0.86 0.99 1.01	0.86 0.90 0.86	1.68 1.60 1.72 1.50	2.29 2.60 2.33 2.48	3.22 3.52 3.44 3.02	3.18 3.96 3.69 3.04
4278 4486 4736 5055 5846	$ \begin{array}{r} 1.54 \\ 1.59 \\ 1.38 \\ 1.38 \\ 1.70 \\ 1.70 \\ \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 1.00\\ 1.03\\ 0.90\\ 0.94\\ 1.07\\ \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{c} 1.00 \\ 0.94 \\ 0.84 \\ 1.01 \\ 0.92 \end{array} $	1.72 1.77 1.58 1.89 1.75	1.79 2.20 2.11 2.52 2.79	3.18 3.07 3.01 3.72 3.04	3.57 3.39 3.37 3.72 3.74

Photometry of Normal Galaxies

Population Synthesis (Johnson, 1965)

Concludes that light from K giants dominates near- IR



Photometry of Normal Galaxies

Johnson result leads to Aaronson, Mould & Huchra (1980)

– IR provides basis for studying fundamental plane



Photometry of AGNs/QSOs



Early IR Surveys

- TMSS (Neugebauer & Leighton, 1966)
 - Single PbS detector
 - Mapped Northern hemisphere
 - Limiting magnitude: K ~ 3
 - Nearly 6000 sources detected
 - IR excesses in AGB stars, YSOs discovered

Early IR Maps: YSOs

Kleinmann-Low Nebula





1967

Early IR Maps: YSOs



Early IR Maps: The Galaxy



Rieke and Low, 1973

Early IR Maps: M82



Kleinmann & Low, 1970

Early IR Spectra



FIG. 3. Normal giant spectra, M1-M2.

Early IR Spectra

R. Thpmpson et al, 1970



FTS + Single Detector R ~ 500

Early IR Spectra



IR Astronomy: The Transition

- By 1975-1980, IR astronomy gradually entered the 'mainstream'
 - No longer an exotic specialty focused on a few sources
 - Critical to establishing a full picture of cosmic sources

IR Astronomy: Transition Years

- Specialized, low emissivity telescopes built to exploit IR; increase sensitivity
- Spatial resolution matched to seeing/diffraction limit via use of array detectors
- Array detectors enabled high resolution mapping and surveys
- Spectroscopic measurements exploited larger telescopes, array detectors

Large, low emissivity telescopes constructed – Increase sensitivity & angular resolution





IRTF 3.0m

UKIRT 3.8m

Multiplexing: IR Arrays developed



32x32 InSb Rochester Camera

Forrest et al. 1985

Multiplexing: IR Arrays developed



32x32 Si:Bi NASA 10μ Camera

Arens et al. 1984

Multiplexing: IR Arrays developed



NGC 2024 JHKL composite

NOAO SQIID Camera 256² PtSi

Gatley, Merrill et al (1990)



2MASS Survey



Search for Magellanic Stream with 2MASS

 $R \sim 50,000$ FTS at the Coude focus of the 4m Mayall Telescope



By 1980, major IR instruments were scheduled regularly on large telescopes

Use of large telescopes for IR observation enables high resolution spectroscopy



BN Object Forming High Mass Star

First measurements of inflow and outflow rates in a protostar

FTS (R ~ 50,000) Scoville et al. 1983

Use of large telescopes for IR observations enables high resolution spectroscopy



LMC AGB star

Measuring CNO and isotopic abundances in the LMC

Phoenix (R ~ 50,000)
Perceived Importance of IR ~1990

- 1990 Bahcall report:
 - The "decade of the infrared"
- Build large IR-optimized ground-based facilities to increase sensitivity; angular resolution
- Build SIRTF(Spitzer)
- Carry out deep, full sky near-IR survey
- Develop technology for future IR facilities:
 - Adaptive optics
 - Design for next generation O/IR telescopes
 - Testbed interferometers



Gemini North 8m

2MASS

Spitzer Space Telescope





Laser Guide Stars



Deformable Mirrors



Fast Wavefront Sensors



WFP2 Optical

VLTI 2µ



VLTI

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High angular resolution in the IR with VLTI



Probing the inner disks around young stars with IR interferometry





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Simulated near-IR images of lo

Context for the Next Decade

- A variety of facilities (space and ground) that will provide:
 - High sensitivity
 - Moderate-to-high angular resolution
 - Complementary wavelength coverage
- In the context of these powerful facilities, what is the future role of ground-based IR astronomy?

Context for the Next Decade



KEPLER



SOFIA



WISE



HERSCHEL



JWST

Rich target list for high resolution imaging and spectroscopy at near- and mid- IR wavelengths

Context for the Next Decade



VISTA

Deep surveys requiring followup imaging & spectroscopy



NEWFIRM

High resolution mm-wave imaging and spectroscopy requiring complementary IR studies







ALMA

Keys to the future:

- Combine increased aperture & diffraction-limited imaging
- Achieve sensitivity gains ~ D⁴ (background-limited)
 - Analyze circumstellar disks and protostellar envelopes (R~10⁵ spectra)
- Reach critical angular resolution thresholds
 - Resolve planets; star-forming regions in z > 3 galaxies
 - Analyze stellar populations in galaxies and crowded regions in MWG
- Combine IFU spectroscopy with high resolution imaging
 - Analyze kinematics, SFR & chemical composition in forming galaxies

Keys to the future:

- Diffraction-limited imaging enables dramatic gains for:
 - Imaging and spectroscopy of high contrast scenes
 - Direct imaging and spectroscopy of planets
 - Accurate photometry in crowded fields
 - Extragalctic stellar populations & dense, star-forming regions
 - High angular resolution imaging exceeding the capabilities of JWST at near- & mid-IR wavelengths
 - Forming galaxies (kinematics & composition)

Essential to achieving needed capabilities:

- Large aperture
- Adaptive optics
 - Can in principle provide 7mas images at $\lambda \sim 1\mu$
 - 1 AU at nearest star-forming regions
 - 150 pc at z ~ 3 galaxy
- Current AO technology enables diffraction-limited imaging in the IR but not the optical





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A Example of D⁴ Science in the mid-IR

Mid-IR Spectroscopy & Imaging

Potential gains for high resolution spectroscopy



Probing Planet Formation in YSO Accretion Disks

The Challenge

What factors account for the diversity of planetary system architectures?

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HD46375	<u>⊖</u> • 0.25 M,	
HD187123	<mark> </mark>	
HD 179949	<mark>,</mark> ●● 0.92 M,	
HD209458	🔶 0.63 M,	
6D-103166	<mark>, ●</mark> = 0.48 M,	
TsuBco	<u>○</u> = 41M,	
HD75289	🔶 🔹 0.46 🕅 ,	
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HD38529	💛 🔹 0.76 M,	
GJ876C	💛 🔹 0.55 M,	
HC 195019	💛 🛎 3.5 M,	
HD 192263	🔶 🔹 0.81 M,	
HD 6434	🔶 🔹 0.48 M,	
GJ876	● ● ● 0.6 & T.9 M,	
RhoCrB	😑 🔹 0.99 M,	
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Mid-IR Study of Accretion Disks

- Goals:
 - Quantify M[r],T[r] and chemistry in circumstellar accretion disks
 - Detect signatures of giant planet formation
- Key Questions:
 - When and where do EGPs form during the accretion phase
 - How much gas is available to build giant planets and where is it?

Key Mid-IR Measurements

- Molecular tracers diagnostic of gas with temperatures from
 - 1500 K (near the disk- stellar magnetosphere boundary) to
 - 30-50 K (near the orbit of Neptune)
- Example molecules:
 - CO, H₂, H₂O, C₂H₂, HCN
- Velocity widths range from
 - ~100 km/sec near the disk-magnetosphere boundary, to
 - ~ 3 km/sec at 100 AU
- Line profiles probe gas distribution
 - High S/N at high spectral resolution critical
 - Targets are unresolved; spectroscopy probes structure on ~ AU scales

Infrared Diagnostics of Protoplanetary Disks



Planets Around Normal Stars



Circumstellar Accretion Disks: Examples of Gas Diagnostics



Searching for Forming Planets



Searching for Forming Planets



Line profile indicates CO emission from 0.06-0.4 AU



Predicted flow pattern in a disk that has formed a Jovian mass planet

Diagnosing Disk Physical Parameters



Deriving Excitation Temperature from Multiple CO fundamental Transitions

Searching for Complex Molecules

Spitzer Observations of a Typical solar-type PMS Star



Searching for Complex Molecules



Potential Targets

Potential Targets in the Ophiuchus Molecular Complex (Based on an ISOCAM Survey: Bontemps et al 2001)



Diffraction-Limited ELT Needed to Enable Statistical Studies

Examples of IR Imaging Science in the ELT era

Potential of ELTs with AO



Understanding Galaxy Assembly: Studies of Stellar Population Mixes

Quantifying Stellar Populations

Key Questions:

- What is the relationship between bulge and disk formation?
- Can we infer the merger history of elliptical galaxies?

Key Measurements:

- near-IR photometry of the dominant stellar populations in spiral bulges, spiral disks and portions of elliptical galaxies
 - enables estimates of age and chemical composition

Current Galaxy Formation Models



The Center of M32





Gemini (Davidge et al. 2000)

Input age, composition mix



30m simulation

The Center of M32



Crowding Limits Photometric Accuracy



-Crowding introduces photometric error through luminosity fluctuations within a *single* resolution element of the telescope

-Due to the unresolved stellar sources (not sky!) in that element.
Crowding Limits for a 30m ELT



Limiting luminosity due to crowding ~ (telescope diameter)⁻²

Probing the Stellar IMF in High Density & Low Metallicity Regions

Probing the IMF in New Regimes

Goals:

- Quantify the IMF in rich, dense star-forming regions
 - dominant contributor to total stellar content of galaxies
- Understand the relationship between IMF; initial conditions
 - e.g. explore linkage to re core density; thermal + turbulent pressure

Critical to understanding and modeling star-formation in the early universe

Measurements Needed

Measurements Needed:

- JHK photometry
 - High quality images (high Strehl ~ 0.7 at K-band)
- IFU spectroscopy at R ~ 1000 provides spectral types
- Spectral types + photometry yield:
 - N(A_v)
 - statistical model of N(K)
 - N (M) for assumed age

Example Targets

Galactic Center Superclusters: d = 10 kpc



Stellar density ~ 100x Orion Nebula Cluster

Example Targets

LMC Massive Cluster: d = 200 kpc





Stellar density ~ 10x Orion Nebula Cluster

Potential of IR Observations with ELTs

Key issue is crowding (not photon collection)

With a ~30m ELT, K-band diffraction limit is 15 mas

- Clusters like R136 can be studied throughout M33 disk
 Probe IMF for wide range of densities; metallicities
- R136-like clusters can be studied out to M82 (upper end of IMF)

Simulated Performance

	Lim	iting	Μ _κ	Limiting mass			Exposure time		
	LMC	M33	M82	LMC	M33	M82	LMC	M33	M82
0.5R _{1/2}	>9.0	-7.5	<-8.0	~0.01	~150	>150	10000	0.01	<0.2
R _{1/2}	>9.0	-5.6	<-8.0	~0.01	83	>150	10000	0.08	<0.2
2R _{1/2}	>9.0	-2.2	-7.8	~0.01	9.4	>150	10000	2.2	0.2
5R _{1/2}	>9.0	3.0	-3.9	~0.01	0.4	28	10000	10000	16.6

Results: 8-m

	Lin	niting	M _K	Limit	ing m	lass	Exposure time		
	LMC	M33	M82	LMC	M33	M82	LMC	M33	M82
0.5R _{1/2}	-2.2	<-8.0	<-8.0	9.5	>150	>150	0.1	0.1	<3
R _{1/2}	6.1	<-8.0	<-8.0	~0.05	>150	>150	10000	0.1	<3
2R _{1/2}	6.1	-7.3	<-8.0	~0.05	>150	>150	10000	0.2	<3
5R _{1/2}	6.1	-3.0	<-8.0	~0.05	>150	>150	10000	36.6	<3

Imaging Extrasolar Planets

Current Capability



6 x 60 sec on-source exposure with coronagraph; Ks band (2.16 μ m); V = 6.9; Strehl > 65%. ΔK = 13.6 at 3.3" (3.6x10⁻⁶)

Slide courtesy of Stan Metchev

Gemini Planet Imager

Simulated Perfomance, courtesy James Graham



10⁶ Contrast Ratio

1.6μ

Imaging Extrasolar Planets



Imaging Extrasolar Planets



Imaging Extrasolar Planets: Thermal Infrared



Determining the Nature of Exoplanet Atmospheres



ExAO spectroscopy of exoplanets

Detecting Forming Planets

Gap opened by 1 Earth mass planet in CS disk @ 75pc



GMT Simulation

Probing the Central Black hole in the Milky Way Galaxy

Proper Motions near the GC



~30m ELT yields positions with 30 μ arcsec accuracy

Proper Motions near the GC



–Determine $M_{\rm BH}$ and $R_{\rm C}$ to 0.1%

–Determine distribution & shape of extended matter around the BH

–Detect stellar mass black holes from deflections in orbital motions of target stars

Probing the Epoch of Maximum Star Formation

Star Formation vs z



Why the IR is Critical

Z = 2.3 Galaxy



Examples of Potential Targets

GOODS Survey: z ~ 1.5 Galaxies





Target Density at 1.5 < z < 3.5



2.3' AO-corrected Field of View

Simulated Observations



Quantifying Key Parameters

Cell size ~50-100pc for 1 < z < 5)





The Objects Powering Reionization

The First Stars in the Universe

- Hydrodynamic simulations by Davé, Katz, & Weinberg
 - Ly- α cooling radiation (green)
 - Light in Ly- α from forming stars (red, yellow)



z=6

Observing the First Forming Stars

1 *Mpc*



Dave et al simulation



30-m telescope R=3000, 10⁵ sec Barton et al., 2004, ApJ 604, L1

A possible IMF diagnostic at z=10

HeII (λ1640 Å) Standard IMF



HeII (λ1640 Å) Top-Heavy IMF, Z=0



(IMF + stellar models from Bromm, Kudritzki,& Loeb 2001, ApJ 552,464)

Star formation at $z \ge 7$

• area of 2' × 2' ~ $(5 \text{ Mpc})^3$ at z = 10

- simulations predict 10s of objects detecable with 30m ELT

— Multi-conjugate AO systems can provide this FOV at 2μ

- Several hundred pointings can provide a robust sample
- Follow-up spectroscopy will diagnose SF activity
- AO imaging (scales < 200 pc) will reveal morphology

Simulated Spectrum: z~10 Galaxy



Scientific Opportunities: The Next Generation

21st Century astronomy is uniquely positioned to study "the evolution of the universe in order to relate causally the physical conditions during the Big Bang to the development of RNA and DNA" (R. Giacconi, 1997)





Connecting the First Nanoseconds to the Origin of Life

Message: Make it Happen!

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Make it Happen!

Use the career & legacy of Giovanni Fazio as a guide:

- Take the lead, even when there's no one behind you!
- Be persistent and patient
- Think of science and the community before self
- Be generous
- Have the courage to involve young people and give them responsibility
- Always be open to new ideas and possibilities

THANK YOU GIOVANNI !