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# WISE

# Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer

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Peter Eisenhardt (JPL) 2009 May 28 - Giovanni Fest A quarter century ago IRAS gave us what is still our best view of the mid-infrared sky. WISE will map the entire sky with resolution comparable to the few square degrees shown here, achieving hundreds of times better sensitivity than IRAS.

#### What Is WISE?



- A Medium Explorer (MIDEX) Mission
- The Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer (WISE)
  - An all-sky survey at 3.3, 4.7, 12 & 23 µm with hundreds to hundreds of thousands of times better sensitivity than previous surveys
  - A cold 40 cm telescope in a sun-synchronous low Earth orbit
  - 6" FWHM (12" at 23 μm)
  - Enabled by Megapixel infrared detector arrays
- WISE will deliver to the scientific community
  - Over 1 million calibrated rectified images covering the whole sky in 4 infrared bands
  - Catalogs of  $\approx 5 \times 10^8$  objects seen in these 4 IR bands

#### WISE Milestones



- WISE was initially proposed as NGSS in 1998
   Selected for Phase A study, but not flight
- Re-proposed in 2001
- Initial Confirmation Review 2004 August 25
- Mission Confirmation Review 2006 October 13
- Mission CDR 2007 June 18 21
- Mission SIR 2008 November 18
- Launch 2009 November 1
  - 1 month IOC
  - 6 months survey (baseline; 9 months extended)
- Final catalog 17 mos. after end of survey

#### WISE and Spitzer: Complementary Missions



- Detailed information available for Spitzer sources will define characteristics of the most interesting WISE sources
- WISE will survey 170x GLIMPSE and 800x SWIRE area
- For > 99% of the sky, JWST will benefit from WISE data for efficient targeting





### Simple Mission Design





- Delta 7320 launch WTR
- 523 km, circular, polar sunsynchronous orbit
  - Nodal crossing time 6:00
    PM
  - One month of checkout
  - 6 months of survey operations
- One simple observing mode - half orbit scan





- •Scan mirror "freezes" orbital motion -
- enabling efficient mapping
  - 8.8-s exposure/11-s duty cycle
  - 10% frame to frame overlap
  - 90% orbit to orbit overlap

•Expect to achieve at least 8 exposures/position after losses to Moon and SAA

•Uplink, downlink, calibrations at poles

- 4 TDRSS tracks per day



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#### **WISE Mission Components**





#### Flight System



#### Payload (SDL)

- •2-Stage Solid H<sub>2</sub> cryostat
  - •10 month lifetime
- •All aluminum reflective optics: <17K
  - 40-cm telescope
- Dichroic beamsplitters separate wavelengths onto four 1024<sup>2</sup> pixel arrays
- •2 HgCdTe detectors: 3.3, 4.7 microns (32K)
- 2 Si:As detectors: 12, 23 microns (7.3K)
- 3 electronics boxes (mounted in spacecraft)

#### Spacecraft (Ball Aerospace)

- Orbital Express architecture
- Augmented single string
- No mechanisms, no deployables, no propulsion
- 3-axis stabilized
- Pointing stability/accuracy: ~ 1"/ ~1"
- Ku band science data link: 100Mbps
- 3.5 days (96 GB) of science data storage

# Flight System (some non-flight items shown)









WISE is orders of magnitude better than previous surveys in the mid-IR

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• Asteroids are much brighter in the IR than in the optical: 100 to 400 times more photons.

- 1km Main Belt Asteroid (MBA) and 200m Near Earth Object (NEO) shown

- They move in the hours between WISE frames.
- For asteroids with known orbits, WISE sensitivity will be slightly better than for fixed celestial objects:

– Asteroids generally move in the same direction that WISE scans and thus get more repeated observations than stars.





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Asteroids move

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#### WISE Will See Many Asteroids



- Spitzer 24 µm
- Flux limit 0.7 mJy
- Size 0.7° ≈ WISE FOV
- Thermal IR provides diameters, needed for hazard assessment



NEOWISE





- The curves show flux from a 100m diameter NEO 0.5 au from WISE, for albedos of 0.04 (purple), 0.14 (green), and 0.52 (blue), compared to WISE sensitivity.
- NASA's NEO Program Office has funded development of software to identify new asteroids in WISE data (1 2 NEOs/day, thousands of main belt asteroids/day) and report them within several days to the Minor Planet Center for followup.

### Simulated 12 $\mu m$ data



- 20 Nov 2009
- Ecliptic coords 332.65,-14.49
- Unusually large number of objects for this far off the ecliptic.

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Yarkovsky Effect



- Due to thermal inertia, afternoon is hotter than morning on Earth and on asteroids.
- More afternoon thermal radiation leads to net radiation force, changing the asteroid's orbit.
- Yarkovsky effect can dominate uncertainty in whether a NEO will impact Earth.
- WISE can measure the temperature difference between morning and afternoon.

## What killed the dinosaurs?



- A big impact
- But probably not this big!





- Bottke et al (2007, Nature, 449, 48) propose a member of the Baptistina family of asteroids killed the dinosaurs.
- Evidence: the spread of orbital elements vs size is consistent with the Yarkovsky effect perturbing the orbits for 160 million years, so the asteroid collision and breakup that made the Baptistina family occurred 160 million years ago.
- Orbits get perturbed into the 7:2 resonance with Jupiter, which generates Earth crossers, producing a broad peak of the impact rate about 100 million years ago.
- Many NEOs today have colors similar to Baptistina family objects.

#### Baptistina family





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- Velocity of big fragments only about 40 ±10 m/s.
- Initial orbit spread is quite small (0.01 AU).
- Rest of spread generated postcollision by the Yarkovsky force.



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- Observing Baptistina family members in both the morning and evening passes allows us to calculate the Yarkovsky force plus we also get the diameter implying a mass.
- This gives the Yarkovsky acceleration which should be a linear function of the semi-major axis with 1/slope giving the formation time and the zero crossing giving the origin of the family, allowing a verification of this whole chain of reasoning.

WISE and Brown Dwarfs





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How many BDs will WISE see?



Mass Function	$T_{eff} < 300$	$T_{eff} < 500$	$T_{eff} < 750$	d < 1.3 pc
Chabrier etal log-normal	7	221	1340	0.88
Reid etal M <sup>-0.7</sup>	5	121	671	0.53
Reid etal M <sup>-1.0</sup>	11	197	921	0.93
Reid etal M <sup>-1.3</sup>	22	330	1310	1.74

Assuming uniform star formation rate over the past 10 billion years and that WISE just meets its  $4.7 \,\mu m$  sensitivity requirement.

At present, coolest known Brown Dwarfs have T  $\sim$  600 K, even using Spitzer data, and only four have T < 750 K.

WISE will find about one thousand such objects, including perhaps the nearest planetary system to our own.

SDWFS survey (40x less volume) implies WISE will find ~700 such objectsme - 25

#### WISE Will Find the Nearest Stars





#### **WISE stars within 25 lightyears**

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#### WISE Will Image the Entire Galactic Plane





#### WISE Will Image All Nearby Galaxies





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# WISE Will Map the Cosmic Web to $z \sim 0.5$





# Mid-IR is a Good Place to Select Distant Galaxies







Optical Alone

#### Eisenhardt et al. (2008)



Optical + Mid-IR

<z>=1.26

#### WISE Will Find the Most Luminous Galaxies



- Normal galaxies bright at shorter IR wavelengths
- Ultra-Luminous (up to ten trillion solar luminosities) IR Galaxies emit primarily at longer infrared wavelengths
- Bottom up structure formation has a hard time producing high z and high L objects, but these ULIRGs are seen.
- Spitzer first look survey images at 3.6 and 24 um
- ULIRG at z=2.5 (Yan, Sajina, et al 2005)



- WISE will give nearly a 1000 times more sky coverage than Spitzer.
- WISE expects to find objects > 10 times more luminous than in SWIRE.



National Aeronautics and Space Administration Jet Propulsion Laboratory Ultraluminous InfraRed Galaxies California Institute of Technology





- Using 3.6, 4.5, 5.8, and 24 micron photometry from Carol Lonsdale's 50 sq deg SWIRE survey with Spitzer, redshift ~ 2 ULIRG candidates with  $10^{13} L_{sun}$  were identified.
- Spitzer IRS spectra of 32 of these are all very similar (black line at left).
- Strong PAH features indicate star formation rather than quasars are energy source. Spectra more similar to local starbursts than local ULIRGs.
- Over 1000 Msun/yr of star formation needed - enough to make galaxy in < galactic year -Protogalaxies!
- Use this to develop 4-band WISE criteria for ULIRG's

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#### WISE Will Find Quasars Redshifted Beyond Optical



Redshift 5.9 quasar found in the 9 sq. deg IRAC shallow Spitzer-selected quasar 600 Lyα z=5.89 survey - IRAC fluxes  $\approx 35 \,\mu$ Jy, Keck/DEIMOS UT 2005 April 3 somewhat better than WISE performance Flux (counts) 400 WISE will survey 5000× more area WISE should find 1000's of these QSOs and perhaps 100's Lyβ 200 at z > 7Undetectable optically Critical for reionization 6000 9000 7000 8000 Visible light Observed Wavelength (Å) Spectrum by D. Stern & H. Spinrad

#### The Legacy of All Sky Surveys Endures for Decades





#### Introduction 1

#### **Recent Advances in Infrared Technology** 1.1

C Over the past 25 years infrared astronomy has experienced a remarkable growth, due principally to advancement in two areas of technology development. The first has been in the improvements in new infrared detector materials, fabrication techniques, and detector preamplifiers....Even more rapid in growth has been the development...of two dimensional monolithic arrays of infrared detectors bonded to integrating readout multiplexers... Arrays as large as 58 x 62 pixels are now being used for astronomical observations and 256 x 256 pixel arrays are being developed....The second major technology advance has been the ability to place and operate reliably cryogenically cooled telescopes in space....In 1983 the Infrared Astronomy Satellite (IRAS), the first orbiting, cryogenically cooled telescope for infrared astronomy....carried out an all sky survey in four broad wavelength bands....Although numerous and exciting scientific results were produced by this satellilte...it was only a beginning....Today, with the availability of infrared array detector technology a thousand times more detectors can be placed at the focal plane of the telescope, and each of these detectors would be  $\frac{2}{3}$ considerably more sensitive than those of IRAS.

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