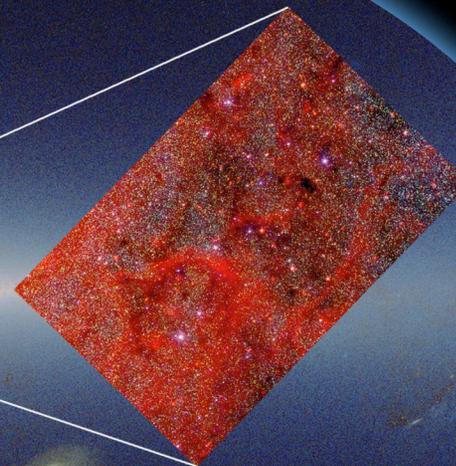
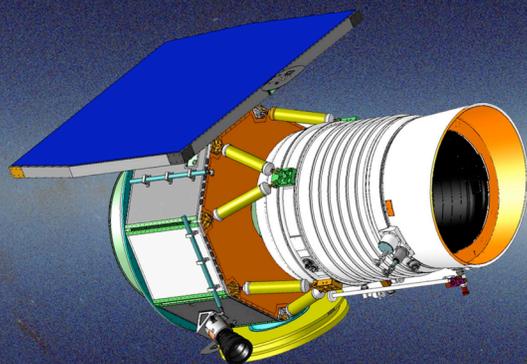


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# WISE



Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer

<http://wise.astro.ucla.edu>

UCLA • JPL • BALL • SDL • IPAC • UCB

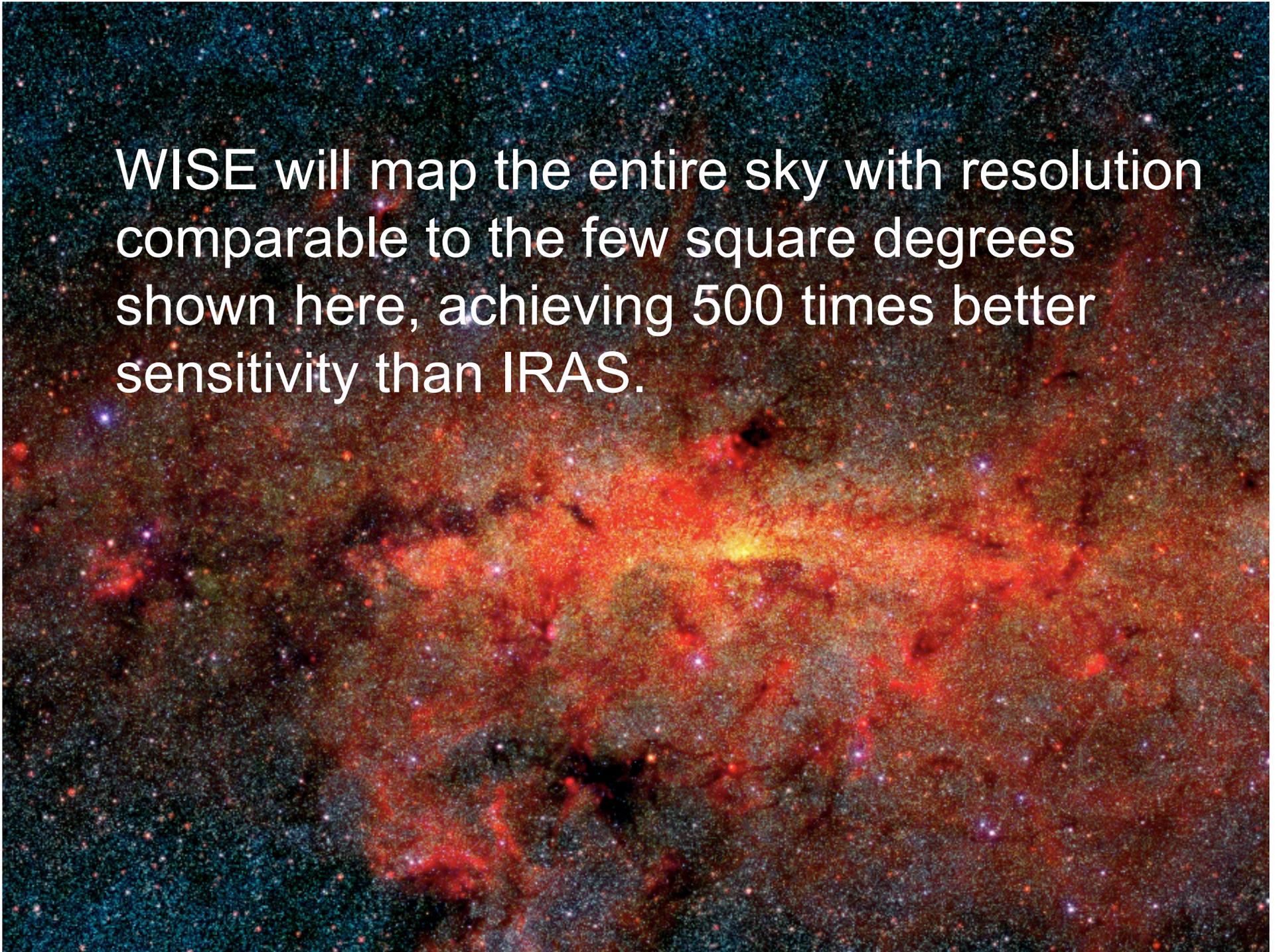


Peter Eisenhardt (JPL)  
2008 January 29

Two decades 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 500 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  $\mu\text{m}$  with 3 to 6 orders of magnitude more sensitivity than previous surveys
  - A cold 40 cm telescope in a sun-synchronous low Earth orbit
  - 6" FWHM (12" at 23  $\mu\text{m}$ )
  - 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

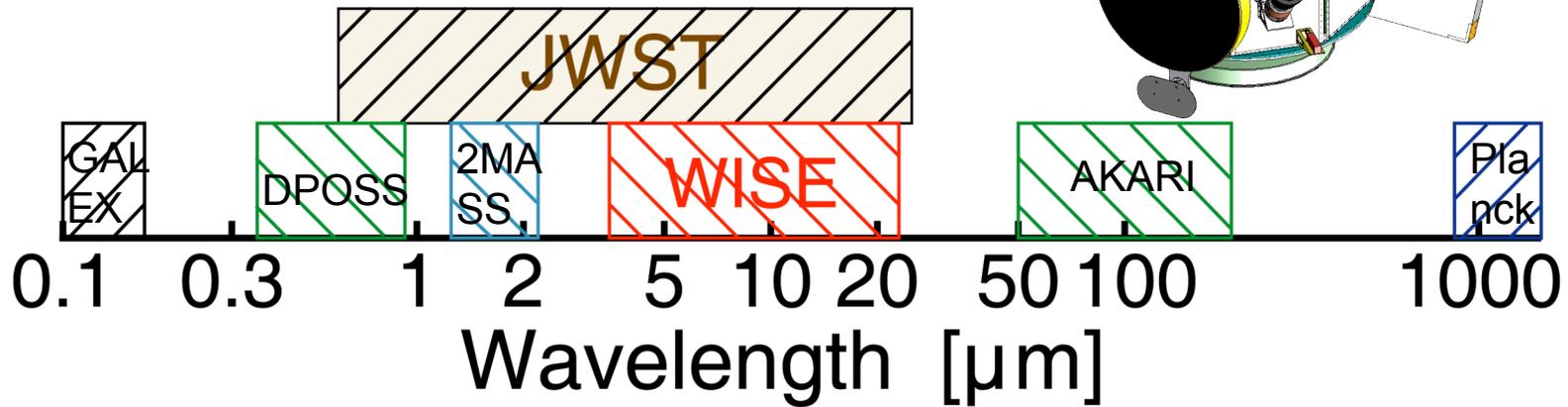
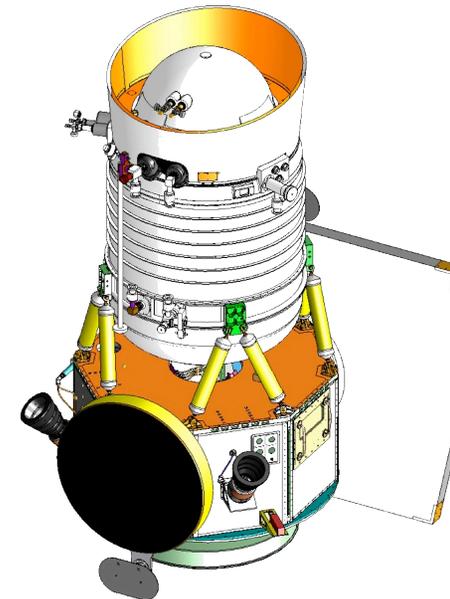
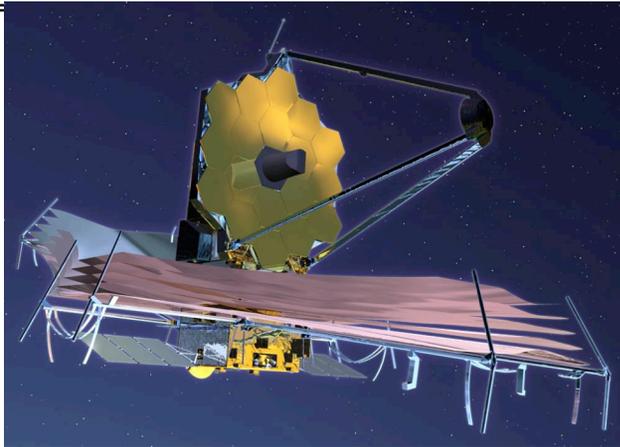
# WISE Milestones



- 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
- Launch November 2009
  - 1 month IOC
  - 6 months survey (baseline - 12 months Phase F)
- Preliminary catalog 6 mos. after end of survey
- Final catalog 17 mos. after end of survey



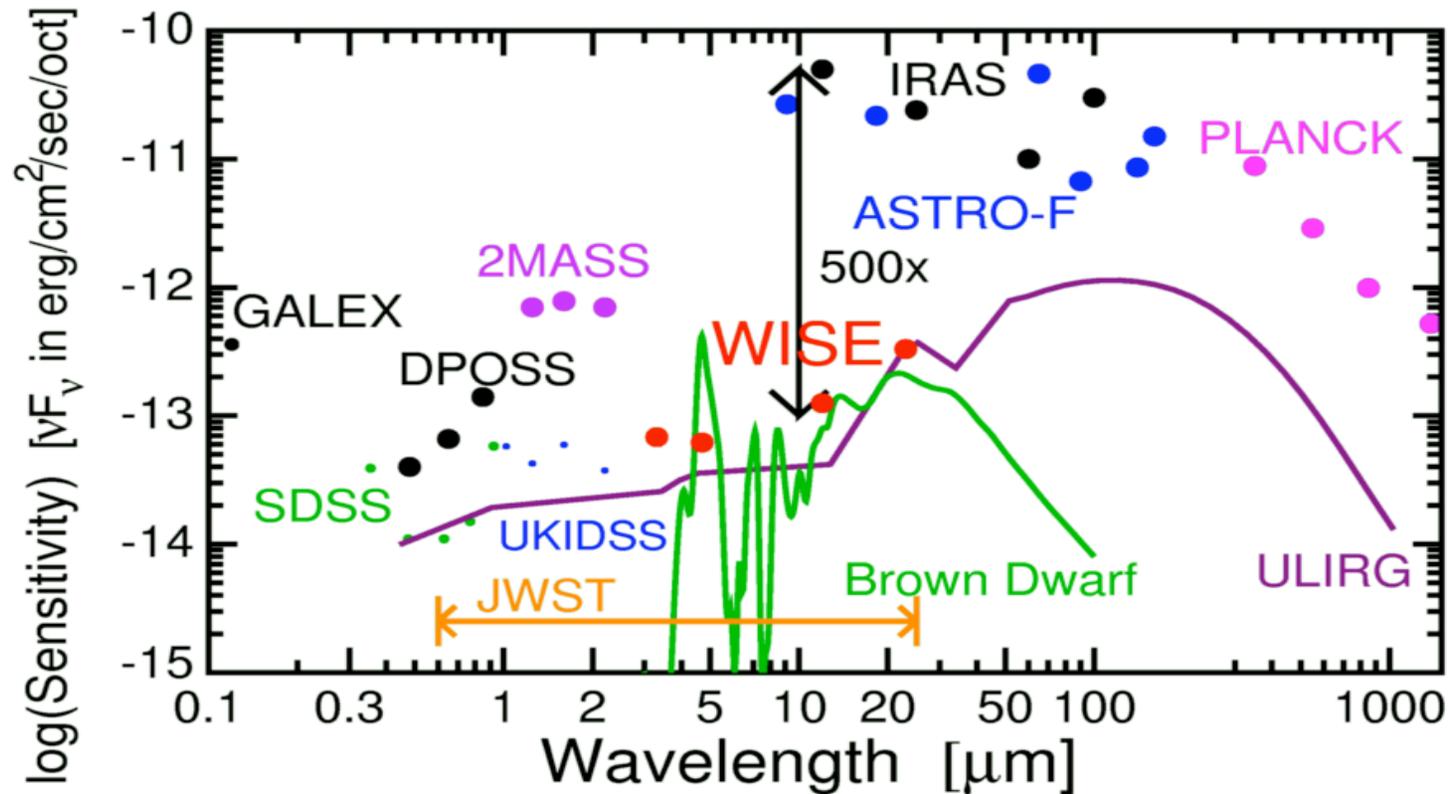
# WISE Will Fill “the Gap”



- WISE will fill the gap in wavelengths covered by sensitive all sky surveys
- Many pointed JWST observations will be in this wavelength gap

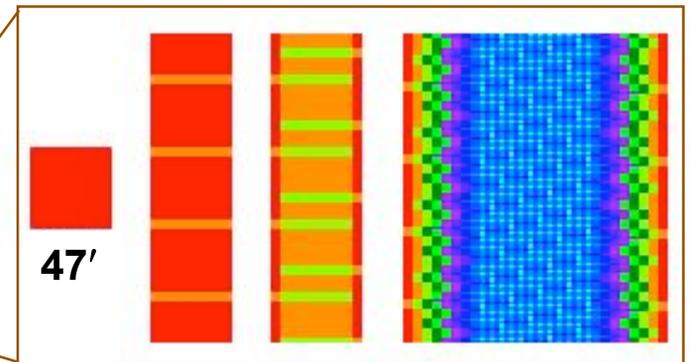
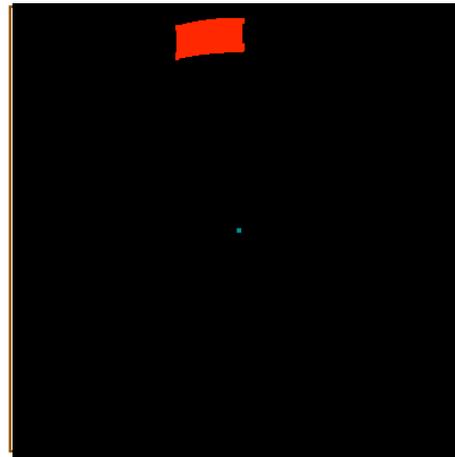
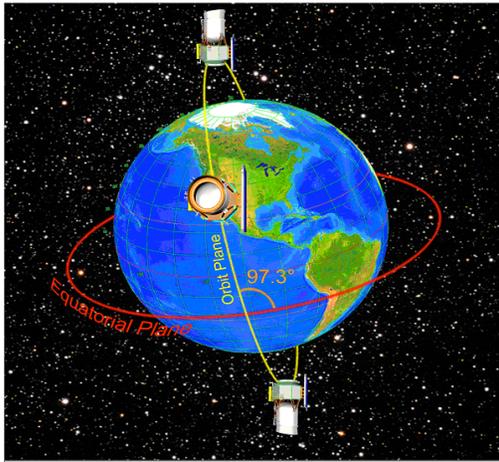


# Great Advance in Sensitivity



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

# Simple Mission Design



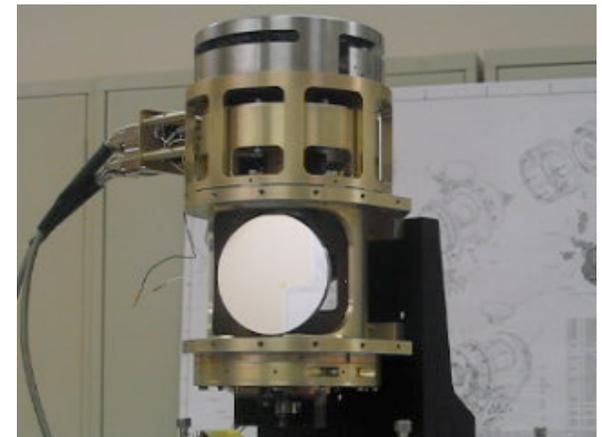
One frame    One orbit    Two orbits    Many orbits

- Delta 7320 launch – WTR
- 523 km, circular, polar sun-synchronous 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

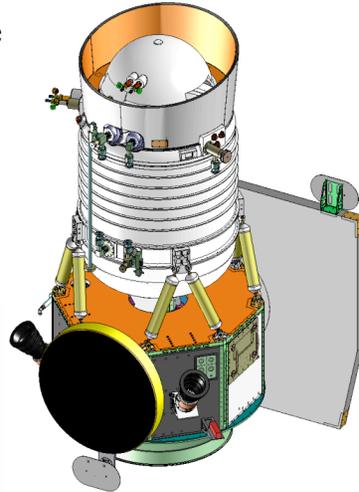
- Expect to achieve at least 8 exposures/position after losses to Moon and SAA

- Uplink, downlink, calibrations at poles



# WISE Mission Components

Cryogenic Telescope  
 (SDL)  
 Spacecraft  
 (BATC)



TDRSS

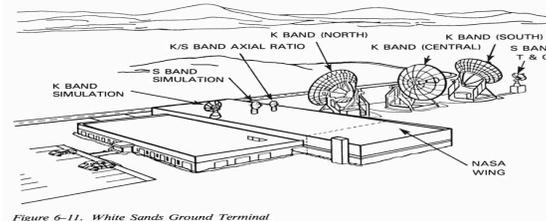
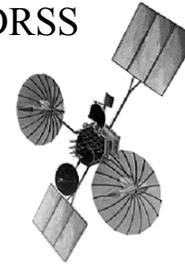
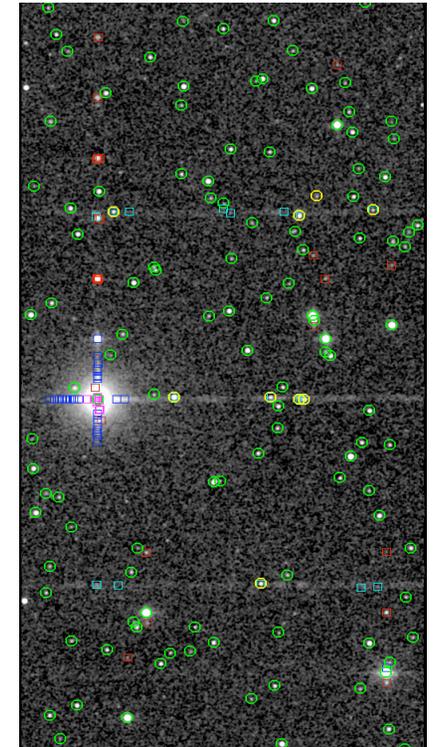


Figure 6-11. White Sands Ground Terminal

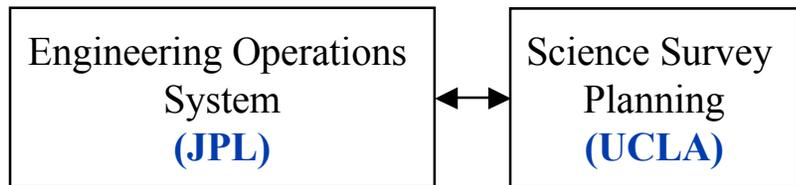
White Sands Ground Terminal



Delta II



Science Data Processing  
 (IPAC)





# Flight System

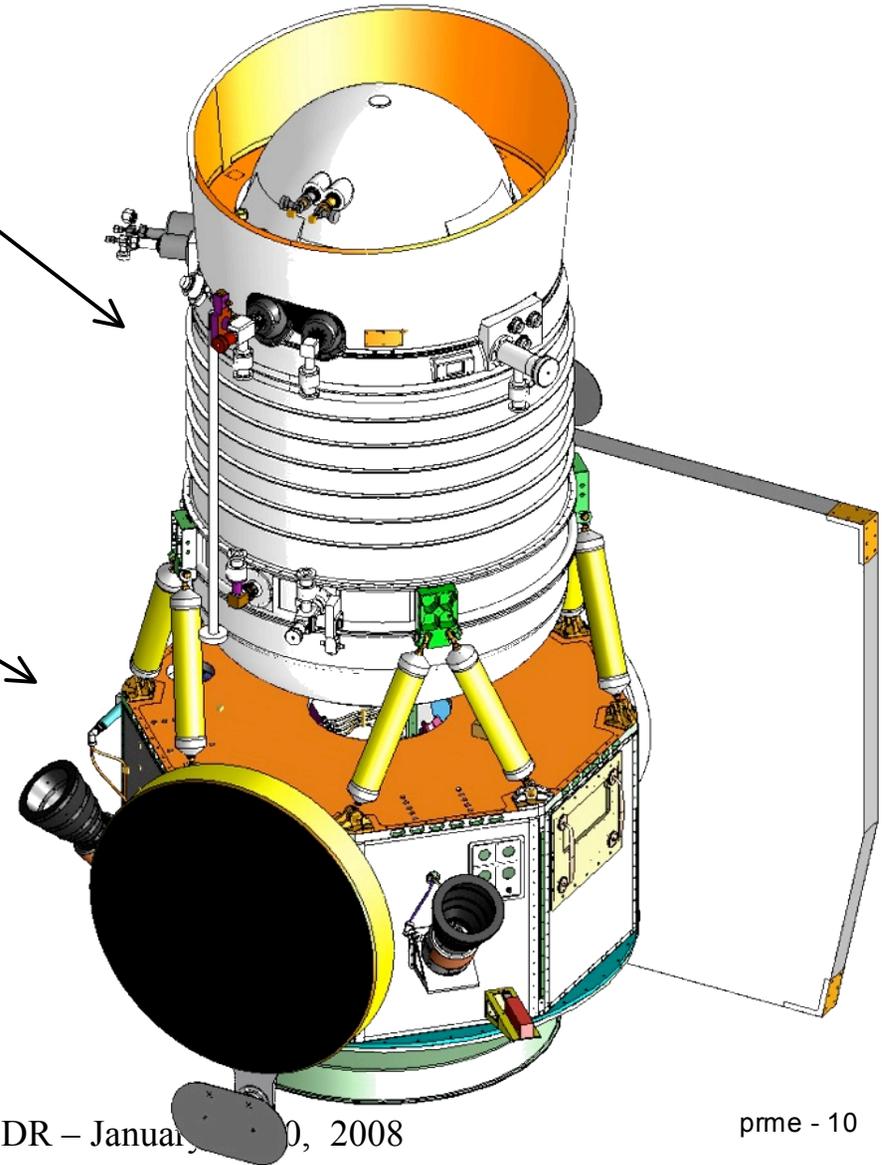


## Payload (SDL)

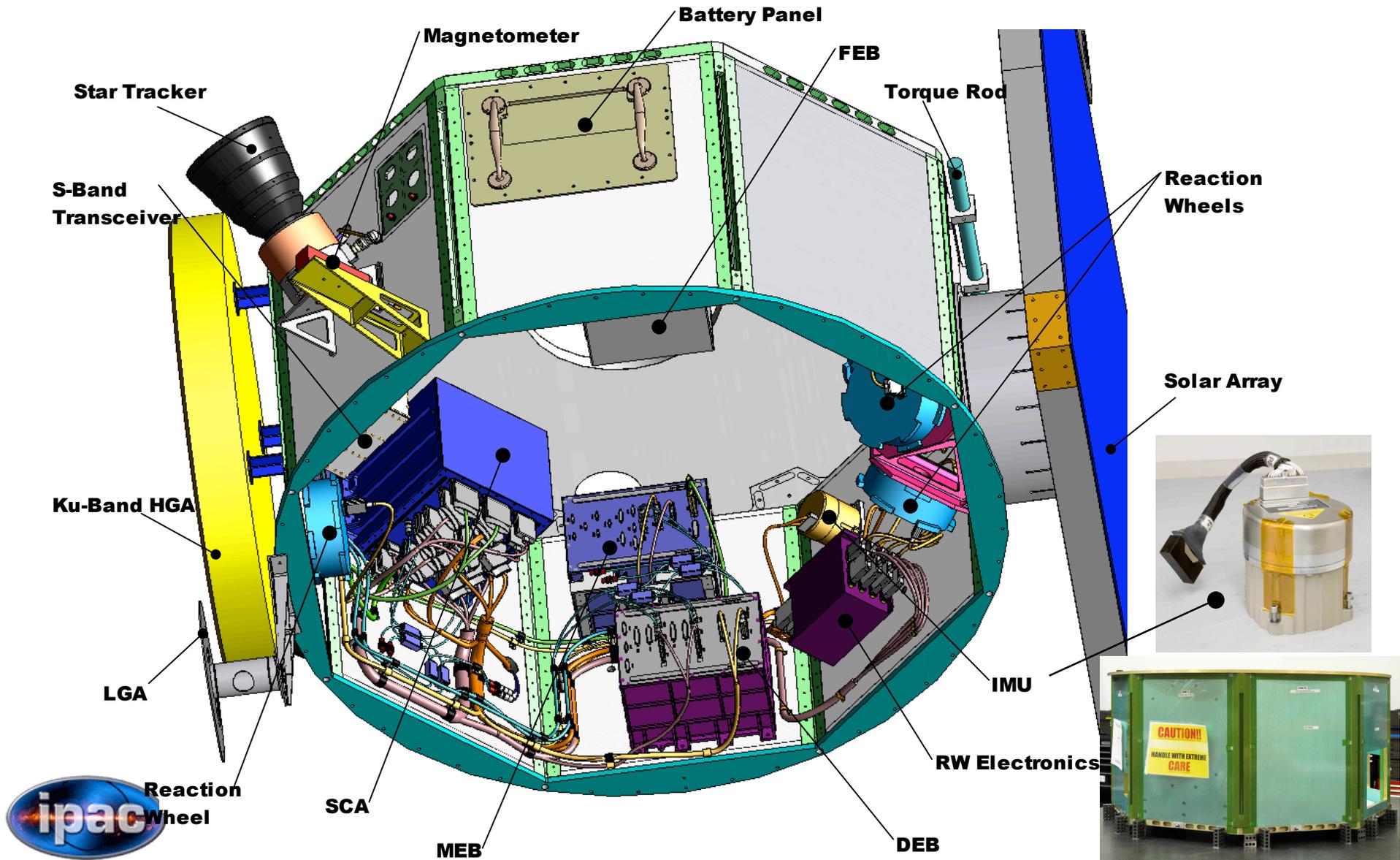
- 2-Stage Solid H<sub>2</sub> cryostat
  - 13.5 months life time (7 required)
- All aluminum reflective optics: <17K
  - 40-cm telescope
- Dichroic beamsplitters separate wavelengths onto four 1024<sup>2</sup> pixel arrays
- 2 HgCdTe detectors: 3.3, 4.7 microns (32K)
- 2 Si:As detectors: 12, 23 microns (7.8K)
- 3 electronics boxes (mounted in spacecraft)

## Spacecraft (Ball Aerospace)

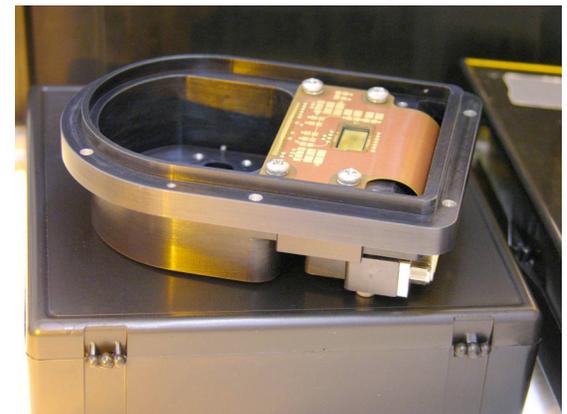
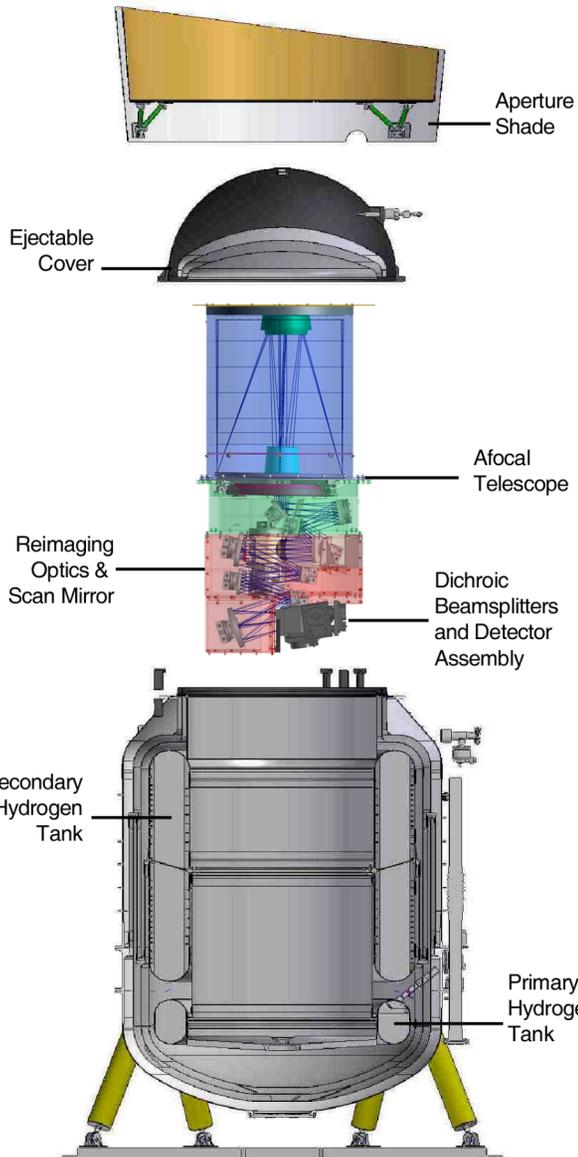
- Orbital Express architecture
- Augmented single string
- No mechanisms, no deployables, no propulsion
- 3-axis stabilized
- Pointing stability/accuracy: ~ 1"/ ~1'
- Ku band science data link: 100Mbps
- 3.5 days (96 GB) of science data storage



# Spacecraft

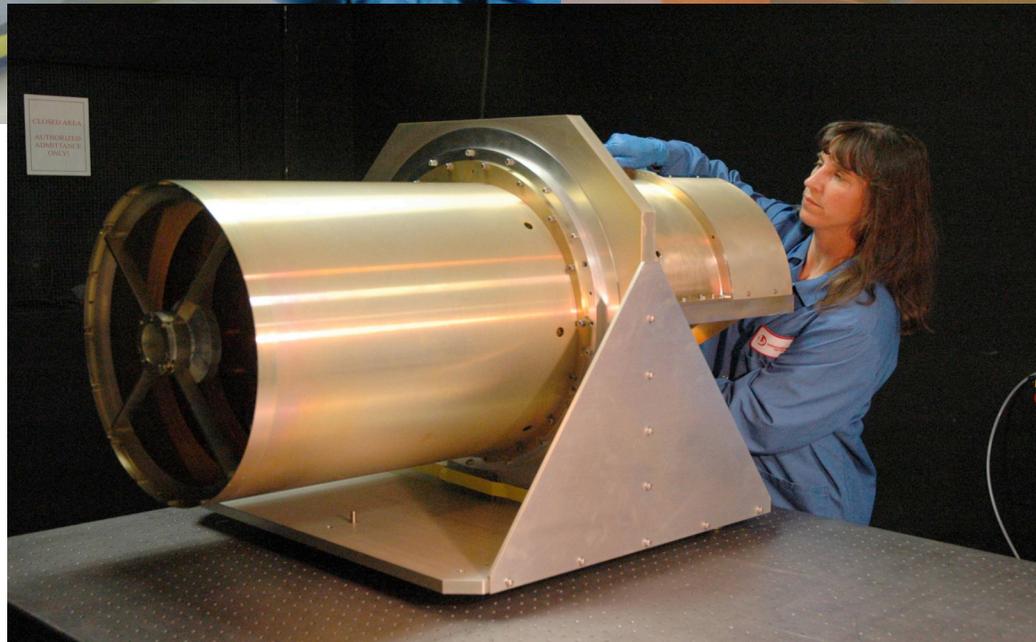
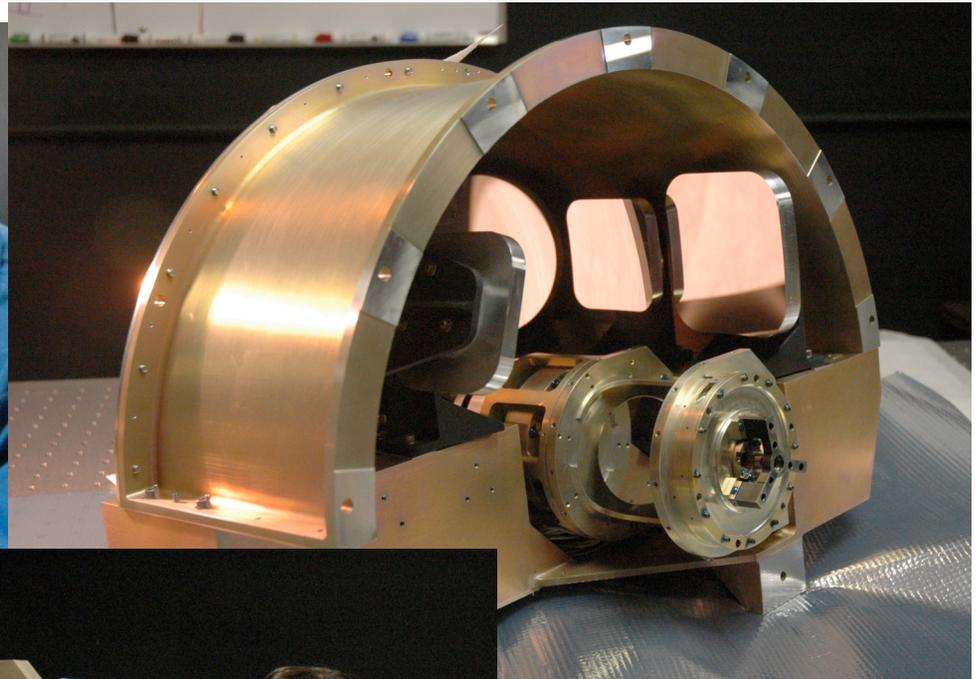
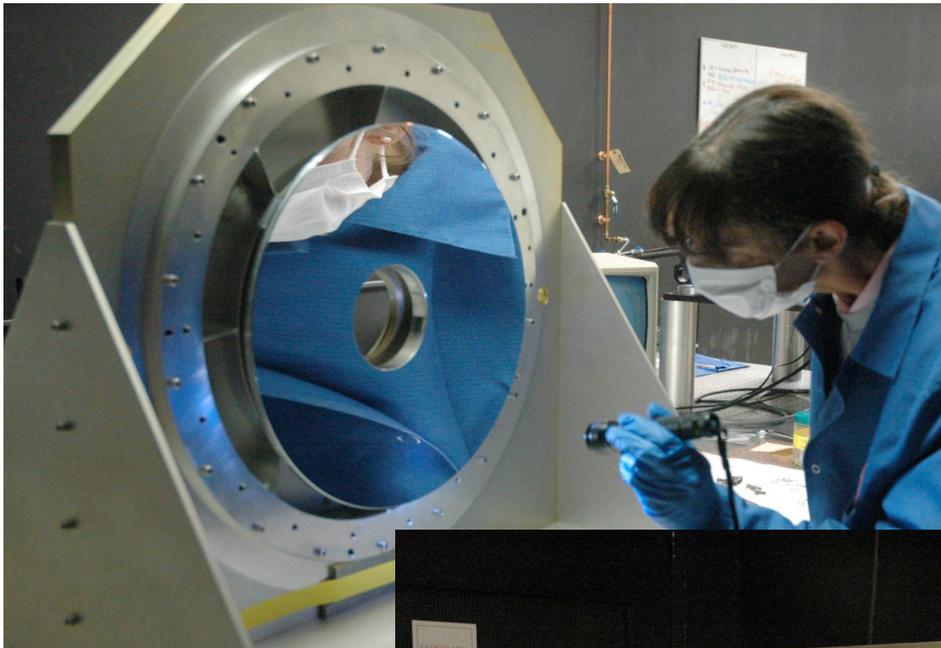


# Payload





# WISE Optics



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# Level 1 Requirements



Baseline <b>Minimum</b> Requirement
Four bands centered within 10% of 3.3, 4.7, 12, and 23 microns <b>Three bands between 2.2 and 50 microns</b>
At least 4 independent exposures in each filter over at least 95% of the sky <b>2 exp. over 90 %</b>
<b>SNR 5 on 0.12/0.16/0.65/2.6 mJy at 3.3/4.7/12/23 microns</b> <b>SNR 5 on 1.1/1.6/4.0/7.7 mJy</b>
<b>Digital image atlas combining multiple exposures at each sky position</b> <b>same</b>
<b>Catalog of sources associated with image atlas</b> <b>same</b>
<b>Reliability &gt; 99.9% for SNR &gt; 20</b> <b>same</b>
<b>Completeness &gt; 95% for SNR &gt; 20</b> <b>&gt; 90%</b>
<b>&lt;7% relative photometric accuracy for SNR &gt; 100</b> <b>&lt;10 %</b>
<b>Position error &lt;0.5" wrt 2MASS for SNR &gt; 20</b> <b>&lt; 1.0"</b>
<b>Include sources to SNR 5 in any band, characterize completeness and reliability at all flux levels</b>
<b>Image atlas and catalog publicly available via IRSA within 17 months of end of on-orbit data collection</b>
Survey sky for at least 6 months following checkout
~500 km Sun Synchronous 6am/pm Polar Orbit via Delta II 7320
Launch any day of year; launch readiness in November 2009
Compatible with data return through TDRSS
\$299.3 M RY\$ project funding
Use WTR, GSFC, TDRSS, IRSA
Conduct an E/PO program
<b>Images available for outreach purposes within 1 month of start of normal operations</b>





# Level 1.5 Science Requirements

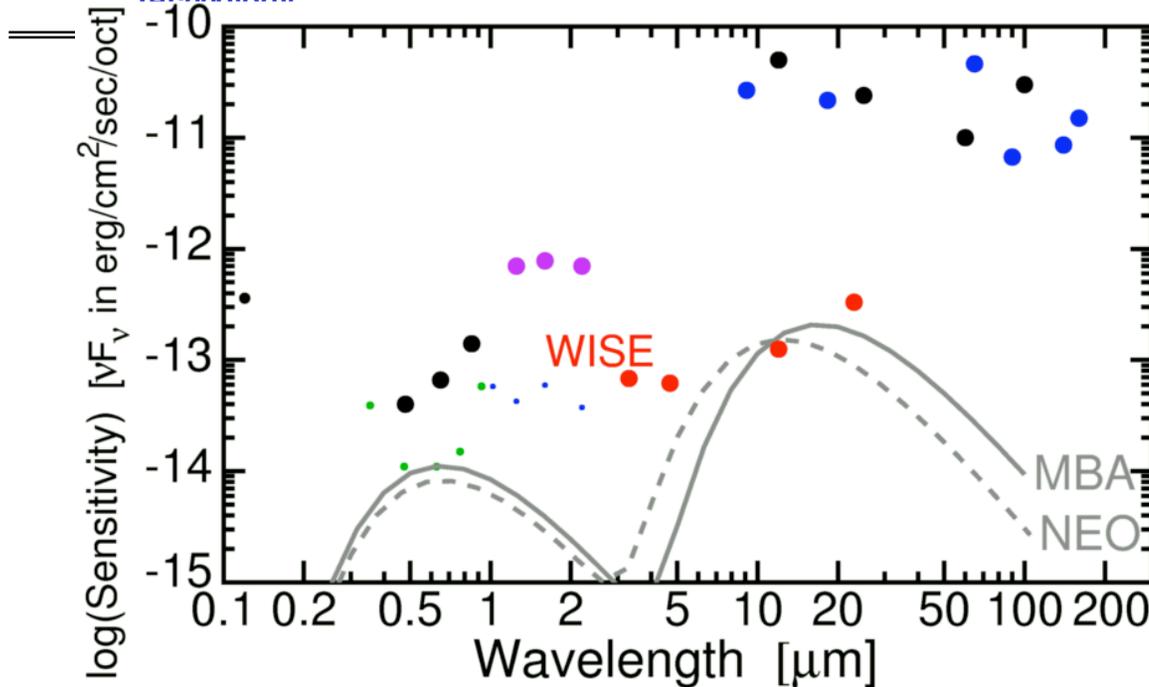


- Bandpasses:
  - 2.8 (but up to 3.2) to 3.8  $\mu\text{m}$
  - 4.1 to 5.2  $\mu\text{m}$
  - Centered at 12  $\mu\text{m}$ ; bandwidth 6 to 9  $\mu\text{m}$
  - 20 to  $> 25 \mu\text{m}$
- Out of band response  $< 1\%$  of in-band response for
  - All bands for A0 star (goal B0), 800K BD (Band 1), and Class 2 circumstellar disk (Bands 2 and 3)
- Sensitivity allocations:
  - Effective confusion noise: 63/62/344/950  $\mu\text{Jy}$  in bands 1/2/3/4
  - Payload: 102/147/551/2420  $\mu\text{Jy}$  in bands 1/2/3/4
- Time interval between first and last exposure at a sky position  $> 30$  minutes
- **Image Atlas registered to 0.5" relative to 2MASS**
- **Image Atlas photometric calibration tied to catalog**
- Saturation  $> 0.11/0.06/0.25/0.3 \text{ Jy}$  in bands 1/2/3/4
- **Preliminary Catalog (first 50% of survey to SNR 20) within 6 months of end of on-orbit data collection**





# WISE and Asteroids



Gaspra



Asteroids move

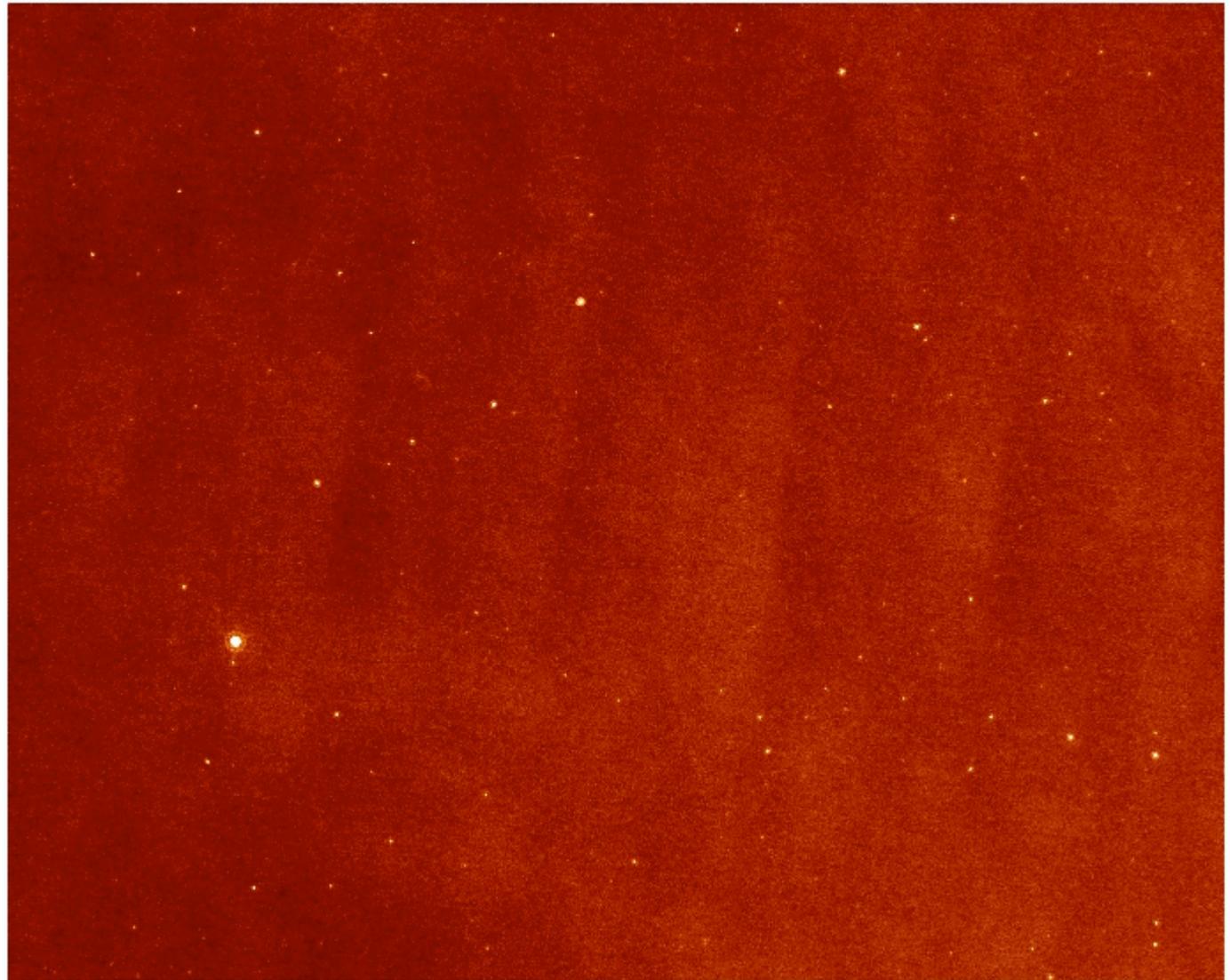
- Asteroids are much brighter in the IR than in the optical: 100 to 400 times more photons.
  - 1km Main Belt Asteroid (MBA) and 200m Near Earth Object (NEO) shown
- They move in the hours between WISE frames.
- For asteroids with known orbits, WISE sensitivity will be slightly better than for fixed celestial objects:
  - Asteroids generally move in the same direction that WISE scans and thus get more repeated observations than stars.



## WISE Will See Many Asteroids

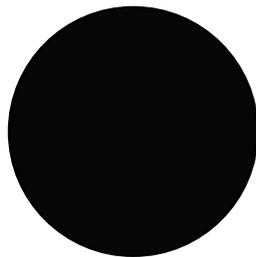


- Spitzer 24  $\mu\text{m}$
- Flux limit 0.7 mJy
- Size  $0.7^\circ \approx$  WISE  
FOV
- Thermal IR  
provides  
diameters, needed  
for hazard  
assessment



## Value of IR Asteroid Data

- The total flux of an asteroid, integrated over frequency and angle, gives the power intercepted from the Sun and thus the diameter.
- The range in optical albedo (Stuart & Binzel, 2004) corresponds to more than a factor of 5 in diameter, for the same (reflected) optical flux.



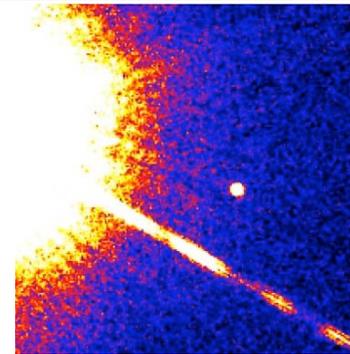
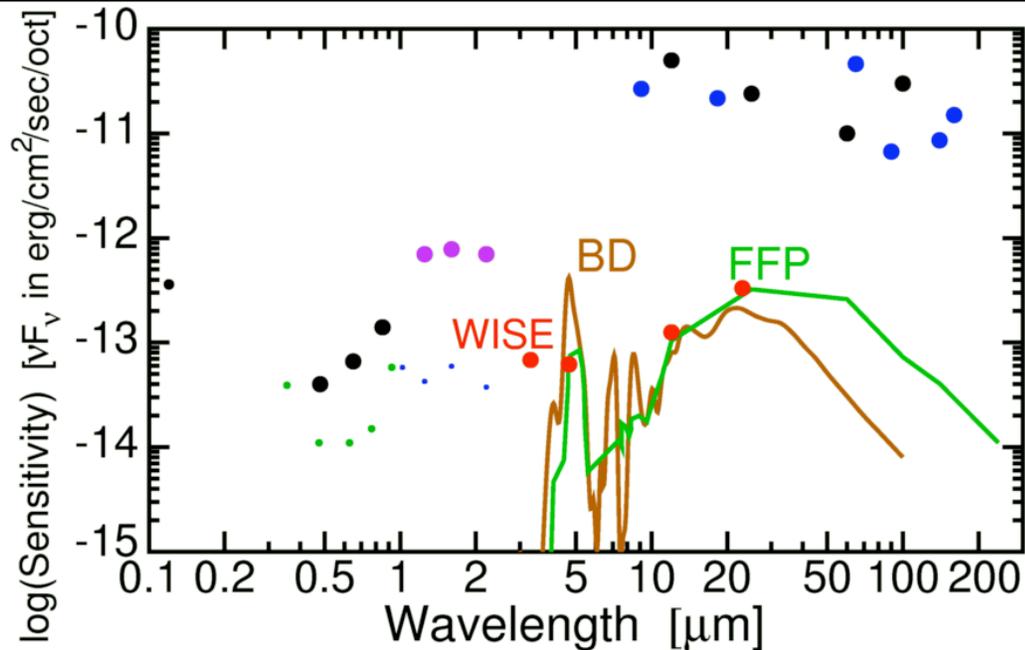
2.3% albedo, 2.6 km diameter



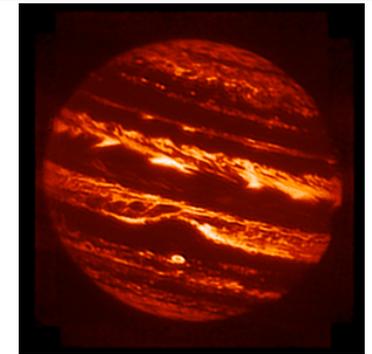
63% albedo, 0.5 km diameter

- The range in IR emission due to absorbed and reradiated sunlight for a given diameter asteroid is much smaller (Walker 2003).
- With both IR & optical data the diameter and albedo are well determined.
  - Albedo also provides an estimate of asteroid composition and density, hence mass.
  - Asteroid mass is essential for hazard assessment.

# WISE and Brown Dwarfs

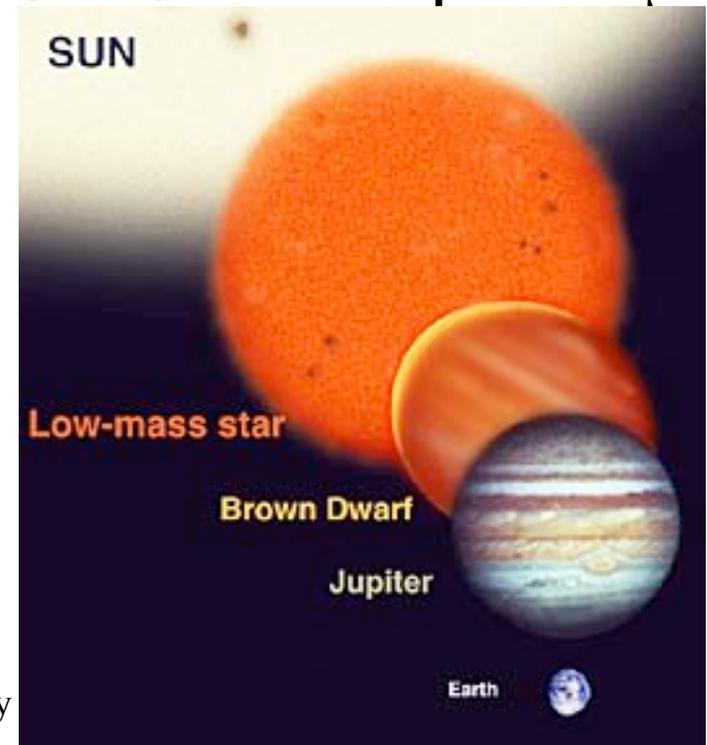


GL 229B



Jupiter at 5  $\mu\text{m}$

- Brown Dwarfs (BDs): stars with too little mass to fuse H into He.
- WISE 3.3 & 4.7  $\mu\text{m}$  filters tuned to methane dominated BD spectra.
- WISE could identify Gliese 229B ( $10^{-5} L_\odot$ ) to 150 light years, a free floating planet (FFP) like Jupiter ( $10^{-9} L_\odot$ ) to 1 light year, BDs with  $T > 200 \text{ K}$  ( $10^{-8} L_\odot$ ) if closer than  $\alpha$  Centauri.



## How many BDs will WISE see?

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

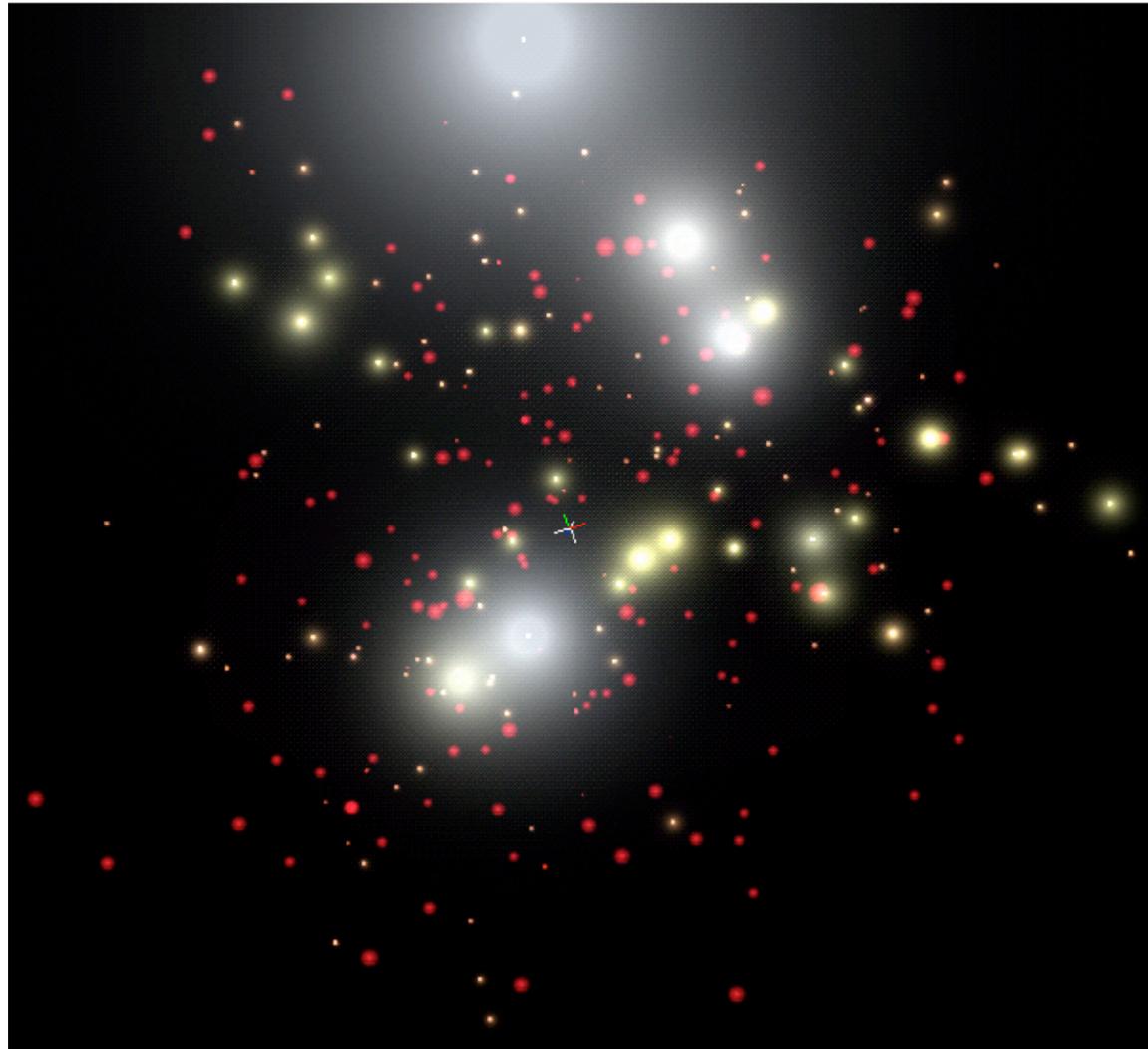
Assuming uniform star formation rate over the past 10 billion years and that WISE just meets its  $4.6 \mu\text{m}$  sensitivity requirement.

At present, no Brown Dwarfs with  $T < 650 \text{ K}$  have been found, even using Spitzer data.

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



# WISE Will Find the Nearest Stars

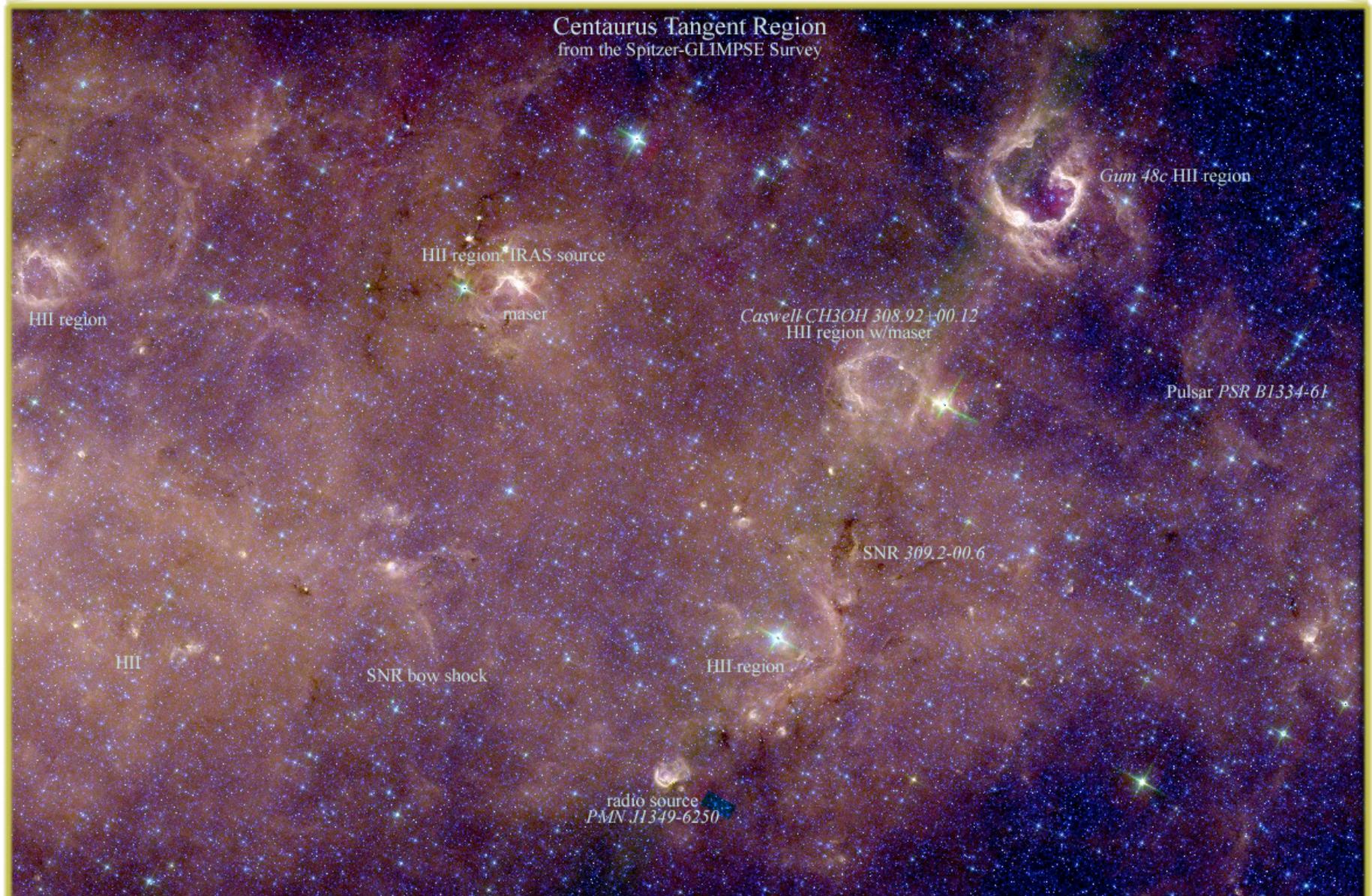


W] **WISE stars within 25 lightyears**



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# WISE Will Image the Entire Galactic Plane





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# WISE Will Image All Nearby Galaxies

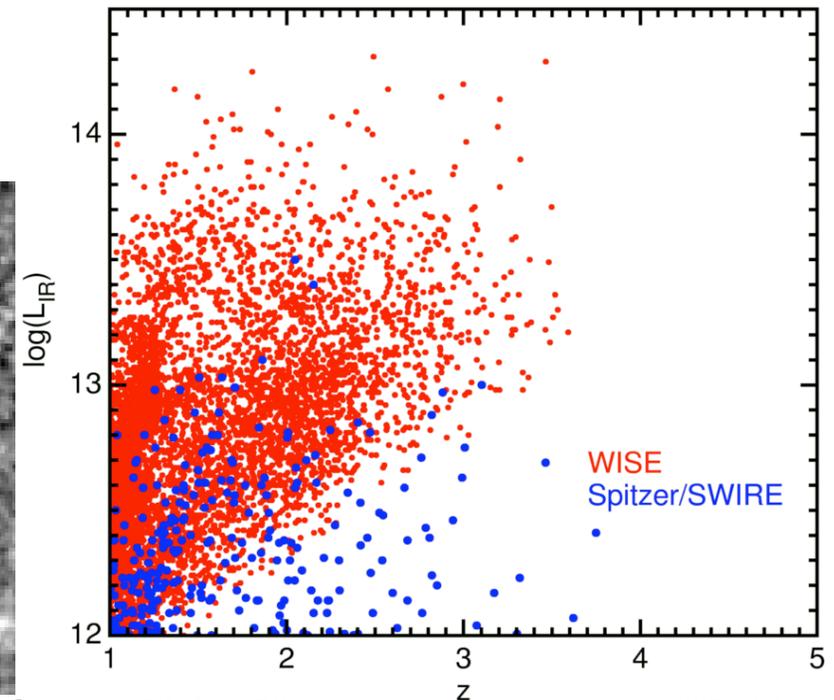
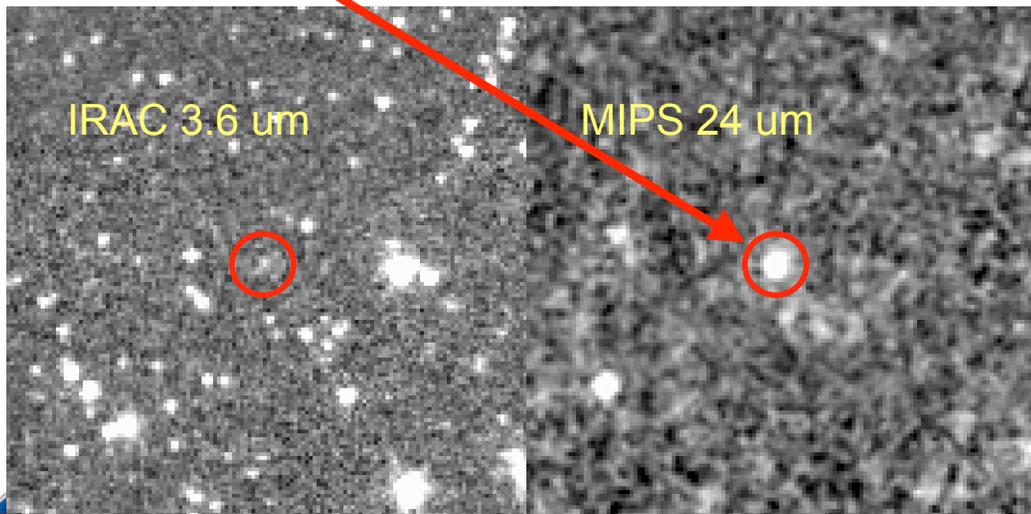


Sombrero Galaxy (M104, NGC 4594)  
Spitzer SINGS Legacy data



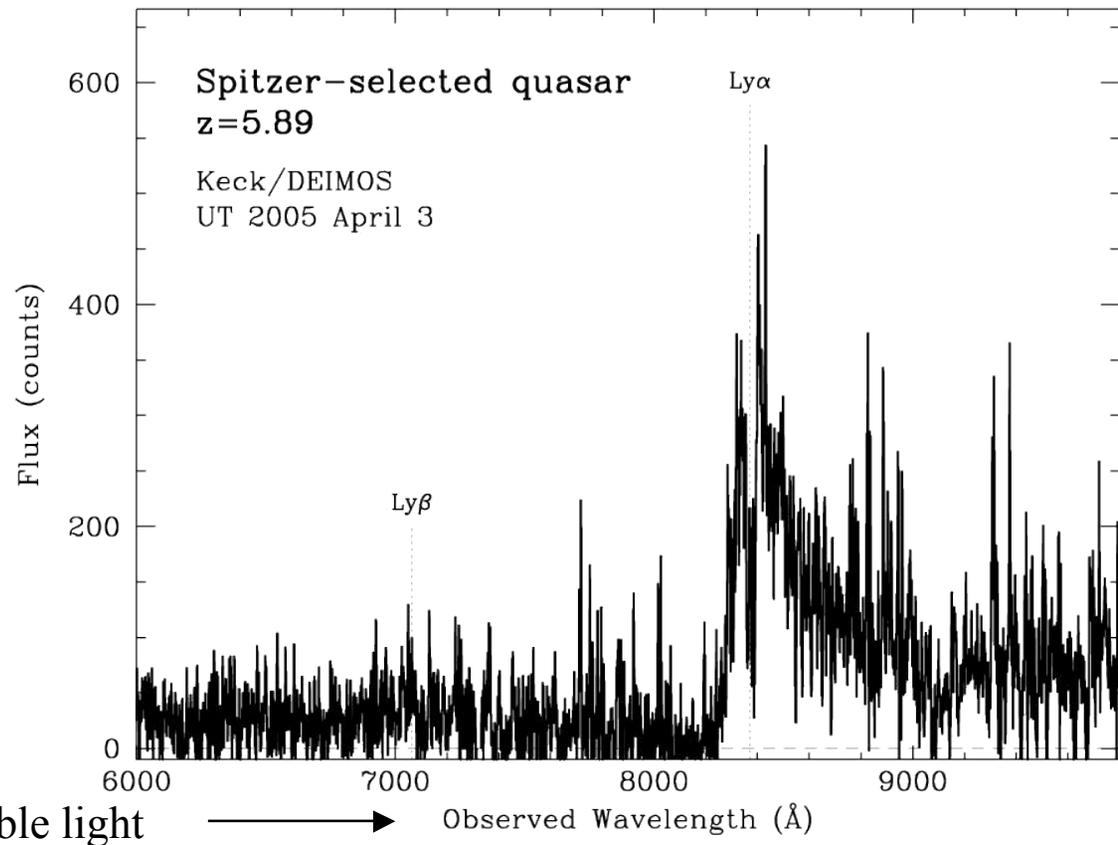
# WISE Will Find the Most Luminous Galaxies

- 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  $\mu\text{m}$
- 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 the largest Spitzer extragalactic survey (SWIRE).



# WISE Will Find Quasars Redshifted Beyond Optical

- Redshift 5.9 quasar found in the 9 sq. deg Spitzer/ IRAC shallow survey
  - IRAC fluxes  $\approx 35 \mu\text{Jy}$ , somewhat better than WISE performance
- WISE will survey 5000 $\times$  more area
- WISE should find 1000's of these QSOs and perhaps 100's at  $z > 7$ 
  - Undetectable optically
  - Critical for reionization

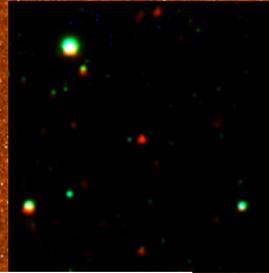


Spectrum by D. Stern & H. Spinrad

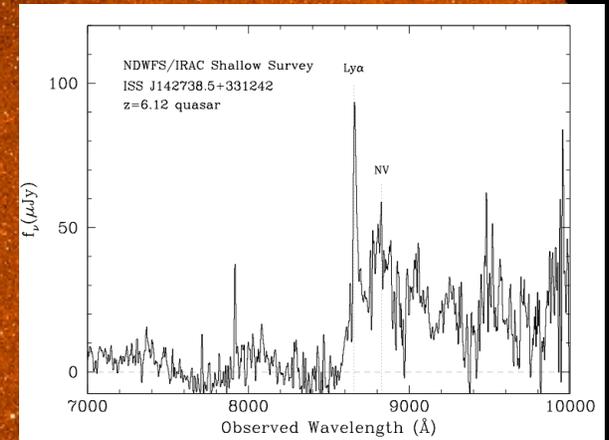
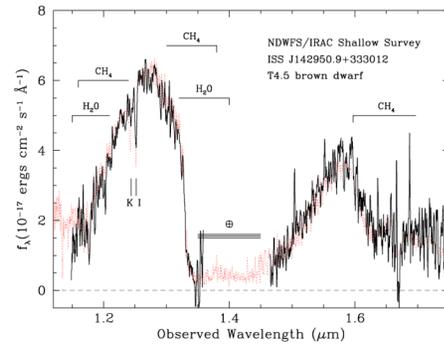
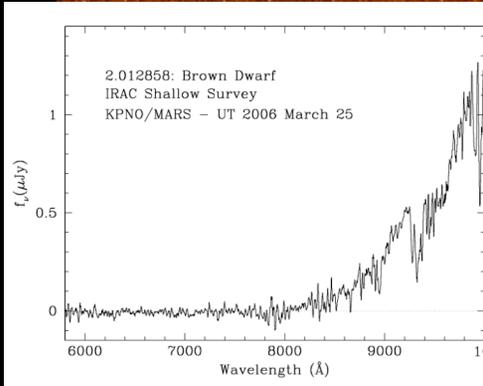
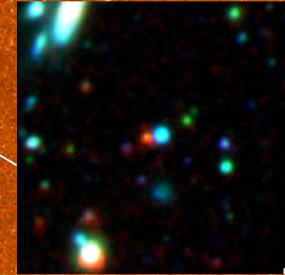
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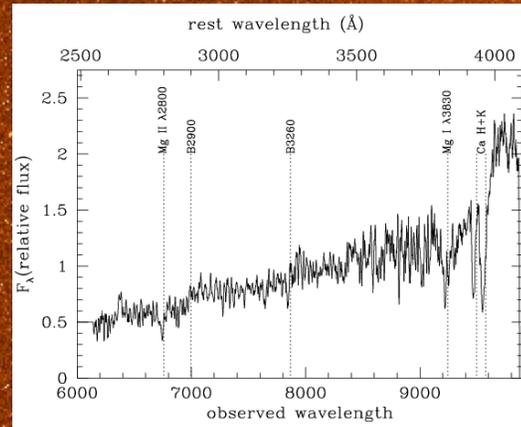
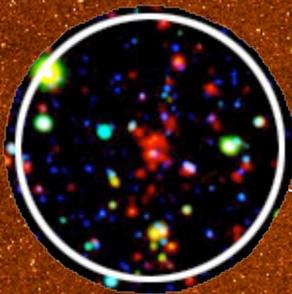
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Stern et al 2007  
ApJ 663, 677



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ApJ 663, 677



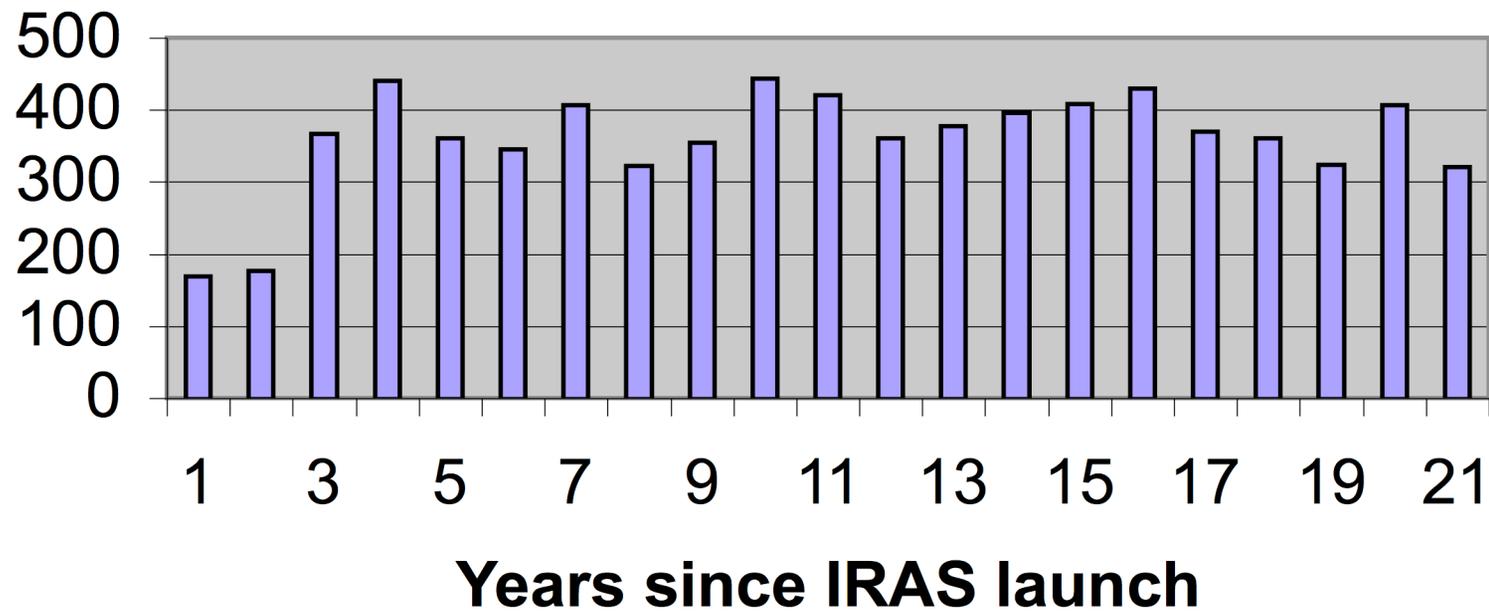
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Galaxy Cluster  
Stanford et al 2005  
ApJ 634 L129



*Spitzer/IRAC* Shallow Survey  
4.5 μm image  
8.5 sq degrees  
3 x 30 sec/position  
Eisenhardt et al 2004 ApJS 154, 54

# The Legacy of All Sky Surveys Endures for Decades

## IRAS Citations per Year



# Summary

- WISE results will excite both scientists and the general public:
  - Measure radiometric diameters for  $>200,000$  asteroids
  - Find the  $2/3$  of the stars in the solar neighborhood that have not yet been seen, including *the closest stars to the Sun*
  - Study star forming regions in the Milky Way and in *the most luminous galaxies in the Universe*
- WISE will provide a legacy that endures for decades, enabling studies of objects that have yet to be discovered

# The Solar Neighborhood After WISE

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