



Unveiling the local and distant Universe with Subaru's Prime Focus Spectrograph (PFS)

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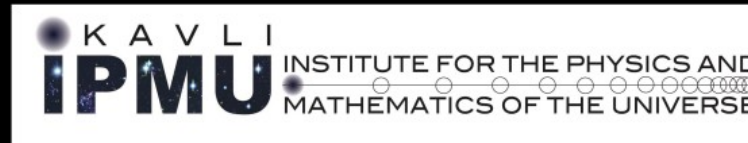
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a bit of history

- **2001 – Gemini Science Committee recommends to launch discussions on new instruments**
- **2003 – Gemini meeting @Aspen: concept of WFMOS (based on Sam Barden's KAOS)**
- **2005 – Gemini commissions two competing conceptual designs for WFMOS**
- **2008 – DeGaS concept (Dark Energy Galactic Archaeology Spectrograph) – PI: Richard Ellis**
- **2009 – Gemini approves the DeGaS proposal**
- **2009 – Gemini abandons the WFMOS proposal: \$\$!**
- **2009 – Japan/Subaru assumes the project**
- **2020/21: first light and beginning of the survey**

PFS collaboration



Subaru Prime Focus Spectrograph (PFS)

**wide field (1.3 deg wide hexagonal FOV)
massively multiplexed: ~2400 optical fibers
4 spectrographs, each with 3 arms: blue, red, NIR**

- **built by an international collaboration**
- **PI: Hitoshi Murayama (Kavli IPMU)**
- **start of the PFS survey: 2021
(~360 nights during ~5 years)**
- **goal: address questions on cosmology, galaxy and AGN evolution, and Galaxy archaeology to understand the dark sector of the universe**

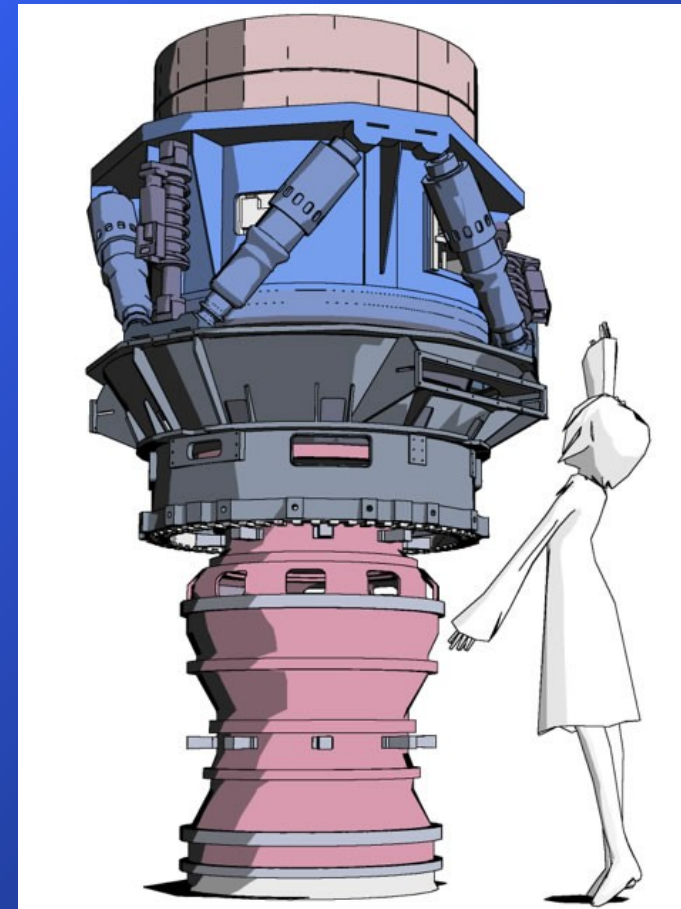
SuMIRe

Subaru Measurement of Images and Redshifts

- Imaging and spectroscopy on the Subaru telescope



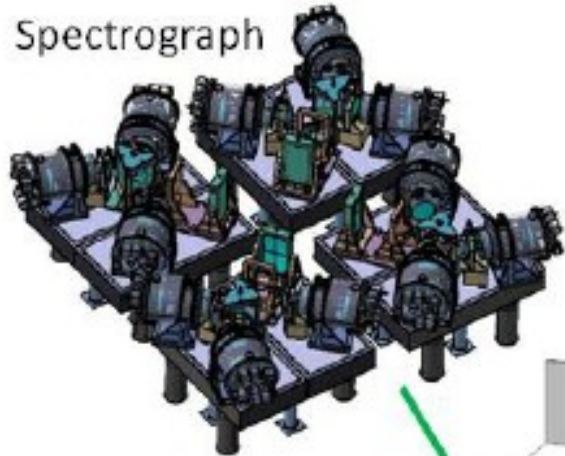
- imaging:
 - HyperSuprimeCam (HSC)
 - 0.9B pixels, 3 ton camera
 - 1.5 degree diameter FOV
 - HSC survey: 2014-2019
 - spectroscopy: PFS
- Subaru Strategic Program (SSP)



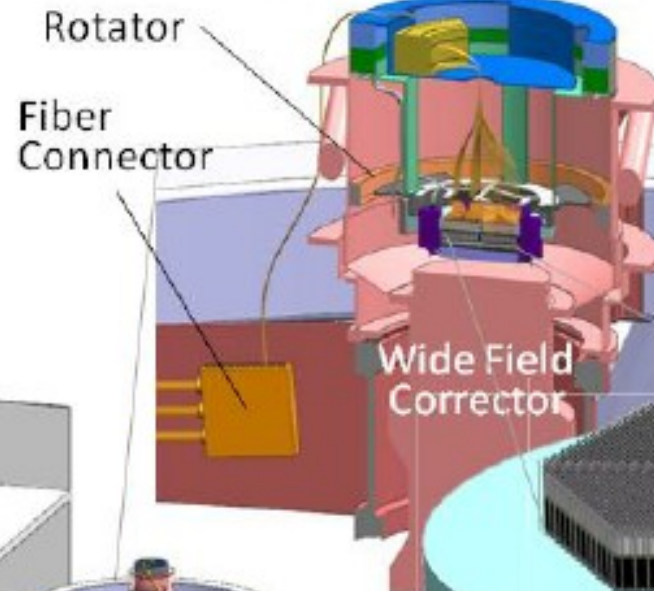
PFS Fast Facts

- Subaru Prime Focus Spectrograph: spectroscopic part of the SuMIRe project
- wide field: ~1.3 deg diameter
- high multiplicity: 2394 fibers
- fiber diameter: ~1.05 arcsec
- minimum fiber separation ~30 arcsec
- quick fiber reconfiguration: ~60 – 120 sec (TBC)
- VIS-NIR coverage: 380-1260nm simultaneously
- low resolution mode: ~2.5 Å resolution
- medium resolution mode (around 800nm): ~1.6 Å resolution
- science operations: from 2021

Spectrograph



Prime Focus Instrument



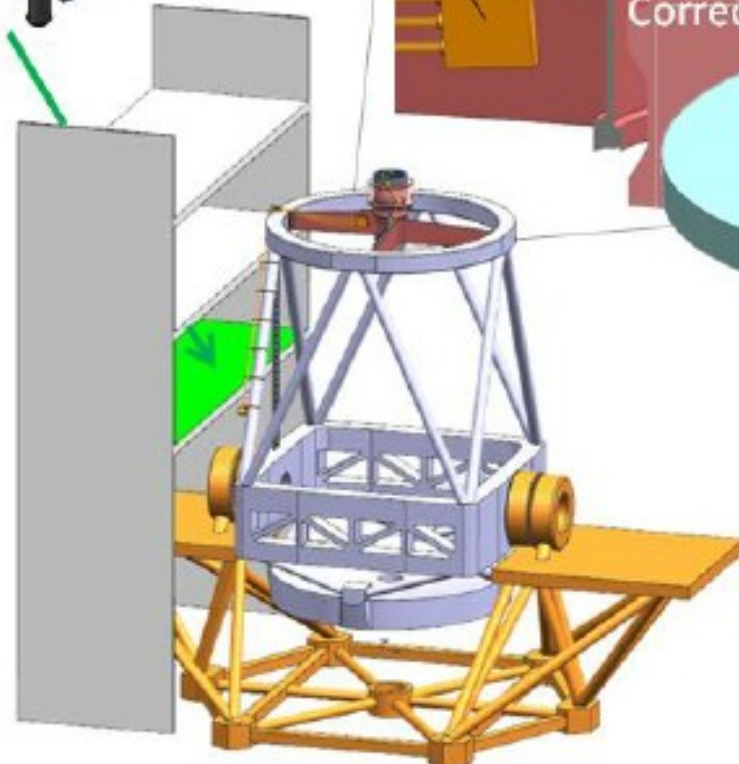
Rotator

Fiber Connector

Wide Field Corrector



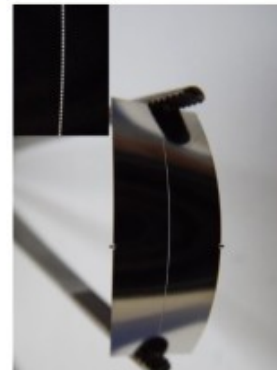
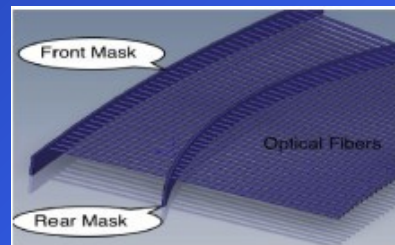
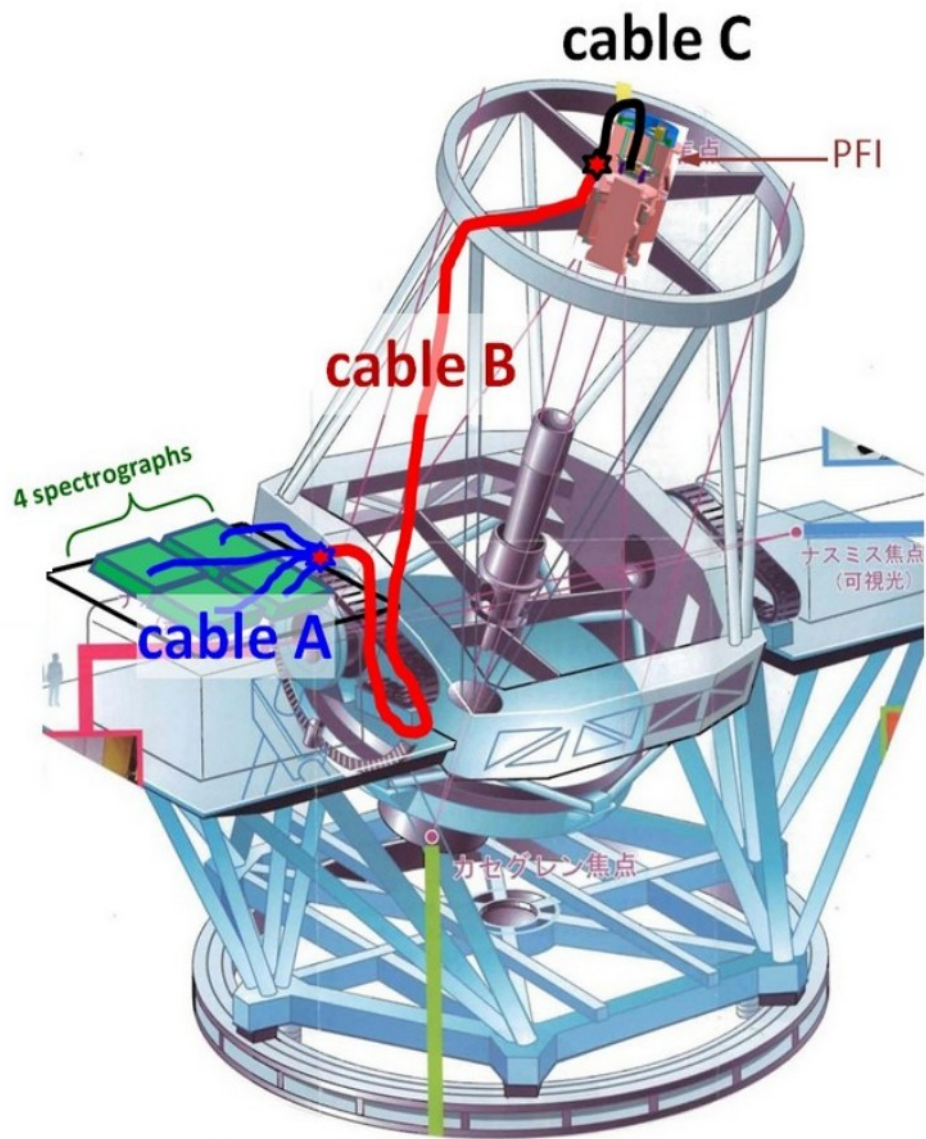
Wide Field Corrector



Fiber Positioner
Cobra
(from bottom)



IR-COBRA-PROD



summary

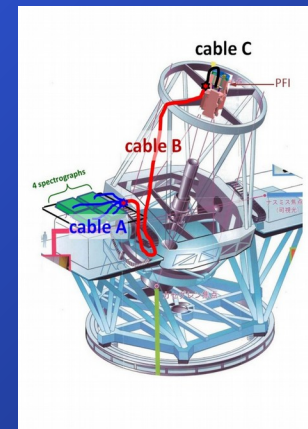
- PFS will be a major player in the study of the low and high- z universe during the next decade
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- massively multiplexed: ~2400 optical fibers
- 4 spectrographs, each with 3 arms: blue, red, NIR
- start of the PFS survey: 2021
(~360 nights during ~5 years)

M. Takada et al., 2014, PASJ, 66, 1 (arXiv:1206.0737)

N. Tamura et al., 2018, SPIE 10702E

<http://sumire.ipmu.jp/en/2652>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5mW3v2k8Ofo>



Prime Focus Instrument (PFI)

Field of view (hexagonal)	Diameter of circumscribed circle: 1.38 deg Area: 1.25 deg ²
Number of fibers	2394 science fibers and 96 fixed fiducial fibers.
Fiber density	2000 deg ⁻² (0.6 arcmin ⁻²)
Fiber core diameter	127 μm (=1.12 (1.02) arcsec at the field center (edge), respectively)
Positioner pitch	8mm (=90.4 (82.4) arcsec at the field center (edge), respectively)
Positioner patrol field diameter	9.5mm (=107.4 (97.9) arcsec at the field center (edge), respectively)
Fiber minimum separation	~30 arcsec
Fiber configuration time	~60-120 sec (TBC)
Number of AG cameras	6
Field of view per AG camera	5.1 arcmin ²
Sensitivity of AG camera	$S/N = 30(100)$ for $r = 20$ mag (AB), 1(10) sec exposure.

Spectrograph System (SpS)

Spectral arms	Blue	Red		NIR
		Low Res.	Mid. Res.	
Spectral coverage	380-650nm	630-970nm	710-885nm	940-1260nm
Dispersion	0.7 Å/pix	0.9 Å/pix	0.4 Å/pix	0.8 Å/pix
Spectral resolution	2.1 Å	2.7 Å	1.6 Å	2.4 Å
Resolving power	2300	3000	5000	4300
SpS throughput	53% (at 500nm)	57% (at 800nm)	54% (at 800nm)	33% (at 1100nm)

The competition

Facility	Telescope Diameter (m)	Surface Area (m ²)	Field of view (deg ²)	Multiplex Number
MAYALL DESI	3.8	9.6	8	5,000
SUBARU PFS	8.0	48.75	1.33	2,400
VLT MOONS	8.0	48.75	0.136	1,000
MSE	11.2	96.0	1.5	4,000
SpecTel	11.4	87.89	4.91	15,000

[arXiv:1907.06795](https://arxiv.org/abs/1907.06795)

landscape of fiber-fed spectrographs in large ($D > 6\text{m}$) telescopes

- Gran Telescope de Canarias (10.4m) – MEGARA – IFU & MOS capabilities MOS with ~ 100 fibers in a $3.5 \times 3.5 \text{ arcmin}^2$
- Hobby Eberly Telescope – VIRUS spectrograph 150 IFUs, each with 230 optical fibers
- VLT@ESO - FLAMES/GIRAFFE – 130 fibers, FOV = 25 arcmin diameter

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