MKID Camera for Nobeyama 45-m Radio Telescope

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Galaxy Evolution and Star Formation





- How did galaxies form and evolve in the Universe?
- How are stars forming in the local Universe?



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Radio Continuum Emission from ISM & Galaxies



Nobeyama MKID Camera for 100-GHz Band







Observation Frequency	90110 GHz (Center : 100 GHz)	
Field-of-View	~ 3 arcmin	
Polarization	linear single polarization	
Detector	Microwave Kinetic Inductance Detector (MKID)	
Cold Optics	Refractive optics with two Si lenses	
No. of Pixels	109 pixels	
Focal Plane Temperature	< 200 mK	
Beam Size	~ 16.5'' @100 GHz	
Sensitivity (NEFD)	<30 mJy √s (Goal) <100 mJy √s (Minimum)	

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LEKID Array

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★ main members for the 3rd commissioning operation

- Resonator of supercondicting films coupled to a throughline
- Suitable for large detector arrays
 - O high sensitivity
 - O frequency-domain multiplexing





MKID Readout

- Measures transmission S_{21} both amp. & phase.
 - O generates probe tones (PTs), acquires returned PTs
- Digital signal processing
 - O Fast Fourier Transform Spectrometer (FFTS)
 - O Direct down conversion (DDC)
 - O FFTS + frequency sweeping (FS)



Fequency sweeping scheme (Nagai+18)

"multi-tone VNA"

Antenna-coupled KID Design



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Array mask pattern

Fabrication of NbTiN/Al-hybrid MKID

@ ATC clean room



Fabrication of NbTiN/Al-hybrid MKID



Fabrication of NbTiN/Al-hybrid MKID



Focal Plane Array

- MKID: NbTiN/Al-hybrid, 109pixels, 3-inch Si wafer
- Si lens array: anti-reflection (AR) (Stycast & glass beads)
- Device holder: made of Nb, closed





Focal plane array

Camera Cryostat



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AR on Si lens

Optics design

NbTiN/Al-hybrid MKID: Lab measurements





- Optical loads
 O Hot load (room temp.)
 O Cold load (liquid N₂, 77 K)
 O Mirror
 - → Responsivity: ~1.5 kHz/K



Bandpass obtained w/ FTS (Hikawa20)



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Beam position determined by knife-edge method

Advantage of hybrid MKID (Murayama21, in prep.) 16



Commissioning on NRO 45-m Radio Telescope

- 1st: Dec. 2016—Jan. 2017, Al MKID, 37 pixels
- 2nd: May—Jun. 2018, Al MKID, 108 pixels
- 3rd: May—Jun. 2021, NbTiH/Al-hybrid MKID, 108 pixels



Measurement of Atmosphere (skydip)



Measurement of Planets



Noise Equivalent Flux Density (NEFD) of a Pixel 20 NEP plot of commissioning 2021 NEP plot of commissioning 2018

from Nitta's slide

Sensitivity of each pixel improved by factor ~7

Efficiencies of Camera+Telescope



from Nitta's slide

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Camera's coupling to the telescope became better, and is not much worse than other receivers on the telescope.

- The instrument works successfully.
- The sensitivity is improved as expected.
- The coupling btw camera & telescope became better.

To do

- O Beam map, beam footprint
- O Map making
- O Map integration (map of diffuse source)

LEKID Array on Camera







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Beam position determined by knife-edge method

Conclusions

The MKID camera had the 3rd commissioning in the last observation season.

- We'd like to confirm the camera sensitivity under the winter sky (optical depth ~0.1) in the next session.
- The MKID camera needs further improvement to achieve the photon noise limit on Nobeyama site.
 - O MKID noise
 - O Stray light
 - O Readout efficiency
- Both technologies (antenna-coupled KID & LEKID) are important.
- We'd like to establish MKID camera operation in Japan, to open the way to next-generation radio telescopes.

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