UKIDSS GPS update

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Outline

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Science Goals

- A Legacy Science database and atlas
 - 1 billion stars in the northern and equatorial plane at $|b| < 5^{\circ}$.
- Star formation on a large scale
 - New young clusters; large increase in number of known YSOs; propagation of star formation across Giant Molecular Clouds and behind spiral arms.
- Galactic structure and history
 - Edge of the Galactic disc; structure of the Galactic bar; old clusters
- Characterising the Galactic X-ray population
- Detection of rare objects

Milky Way Surveys coming of age

Optical: IPHAS and UVEX (north) and VPHAS+ (south)u,g,r,i,HαNear IR: UKIDSS GPS (northern/equatorial) and VISTA VVV (southern, smaller but synoptic)Near-mid-far IR: Spitzer GLIMPSE I, II and 3D (I = 295 to 65°)3-8 umMSX, 0<I<360°, |b|<5°, ~20" resolution</td>4-21 umWISE all sky, ~6" resolution3-23 umWarm Spitzer GLIMPSE360, I=65-295°, |b|<3°</td>3-5 um

Spitzer MIPSGAL. (24-70 um), covers GLIMPSEI-II regions 24, 70 um Akari all sky coverage at 9, 50, 100, 150 um.

Submm: HERSCHEL Hi-Gal, 0<I<360 at |b|<1° JCMT/SCUBA-2. JPS I=? |b|<1° SASSy I,b=?

50-500 um 450, 850 um 850 um

Radio: CORNISH 5 GHz VLA survey, GLIMPSE-North region. CORNISH-south 5 GHz ATCA survey. MMB: Methanol Maser Survey at Parkes BOLOCAM GPS mm survey (10<I<90°, |b|<0.5°)

X-ray and Gamma ray: INTEGRAL, |b|<5°, complete. Swift, Fermi, all sky. ROSAT all sky. XMM, CHANDRA – smaller surveys.

GPS Observations

JHK imaging in photometric conditions. Typical seeing 0.8" at K.
All 3 bands observed within a 20 minute period.

Integration times are 80s, 80s, 40s at JHK. 2x2 microstepping is used to improve resolution, giving 0.2" pixels.

5 sigma depths in uncrowded fields

J=19.8 H=19.0 K=18.1

- 2nd epoch imaging at K for proper motions and variability
 - Thin cirrus conditions are allowed

Progress: observations



Date Range: 20050401 - 20111231 Last Updated: 20120124

Progress: observations

JHK observations are complete: 1845 sq. deg in the plane

- some mopping up of fields that failed quality control is desired
- this takes only a few hours of UKIRT time.

2nd epoch K band: 62% complete (1140 sq deg.) 68% in the summer fields 56% in the winter fields

- we would like to finish the remaining 38%

- this takes ~25 hrs per year in 2012 & 2013 in thin cirrus time

Progress: releases and calibration

- Current release is DR8 (51% of survey, 700 million sources).
 - Benefits from improved photometric calibration
 - update to the extinction term in the 2MASS UKIRT photometric transformation
 - updated aperture corrections (important in very crowded fields)
 - minor update to selection of 2MASS calibrators in each field
 - Overlap analysis is very encouraging.
 - ~90% of adjacent fields have calibrations consistent to within 0.03 mag.
 - <0.1% of adjacent arrays differ by >0.1 mag.
- Next release is likely to be DR10, adding data from 10A,10B,11A & 11B.
 - Will benefit from improved quality control using the SQL database
 - A search for fields with large mean(Apermag1-Apermag3) finds a lot of the fields with the channel edge problem or lost guiding
 - Colour-based searches may also help
- PSF photometry is needed for the final release.

Science Results

- The Legacy database is being used, increasingly by US astronomers as well as Europeans. DR7 is world public.
 - The GPS group paper (Lucas et al.2008) has 79 citations, 19 in 2012.

2012 papers

- 1 Ioannidis & Froebrich, D. 2012, MNRAS, 421, 3257. UWISH2 H2 + GPS work
- 2 Foster, et al.2012, ApJ in press. Extinction-based distances to dark clouds
- 3 Hussman et al.2012, A&A, 540, A57. Quintuplet cluster study
- 4 Solin et al.2012, A&A in press. New GPS clusters from DR7
- 5 Kargaltsev et al.2012, ApJ, 748, 31. A new magnetar from Swift (IR upper limit).
- 6 Scholz, A., 2012, MNRAS, 420, 1495. Variability of T Tauri stars in the GCS and GPS
- 7 Verbeek K., et al.2010, MNRAS,420, 1115. UVEX UV excess sources, including a GPS cross match
- 8 Mottram & Brunt, 2012, MNRAS, 420, 10. A cluster of outflows in the Vulpecula Rift
- 9 Wright et al.2012, ApJL, 746, L21. Photoevaporating proplyd-like objects in Cygnus OB2
- 10 Longmore et al.2012, ApJ, 746, 117. G0.253 + 0.016: A molecular cloud progenitor of an Arches-like cluster
- 11 Palau et al.2012, MNRAS in press. A proto-brown dwarf search in Taurus (GPS+GCS).

Past science highlights (1. Rare objects)

- Detection of a very cool, very nearby brown dwarf, UGPS 0722-0540 (Lucas et al.2010, MNRAS, 408, L56)
 - Was the coolest known brown dwarf at the time (~520 K, type T9/T10).
 - Still the nearest brown dwarf primary (4.12 pc)
 - At J=16.5, it is bright enough for medium resolution spectroscopy of





Ongoing science (1. Clusters)

Why study clusters?

Star formation

1) Measure variations in the IMF at low mass, e.g. η Cha cluster (Lyo et al.2006)

2) Measure the Cluster Luminosity Function

3) Search for Young Massive Clusters – rare but important

- 4) Cluster structure as clues to
 - i) Initial conditions of cluster formation (Allison, Goodwin et al.2009, 2010)
 - ii) the cluster evaporation process
- 5) Cluster location within Giant Molecular Clouds probe propagation of star formation across GMCs, in combination with tracers of imminent star formation (dense clumps, methanol masers)

Why study clusters?

Galactic structure

- PMS clusters trace spiral arms and structure within arms
- Main sequence clusters

Another probe of the edge of the Galactic disc

Old metal poor clusters are rare. They provide clues to the origin of the Galactic disc.

Ongoing science

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- GPS+Spitzer GLIMPSE360 cross match to detect red objects (YSOs). Basmah Riaz's talk tomorrow.
 - Also including IPHAS optical data.
- GPS+IPHAS detection of YSOs via Halpha excess + K band excess. Geert Barentsen – work in progress.
- Variability and proper motion searches with the 2 epoch data.
 - 150 sq. deg. investigated, 1650 sq deg to go.... talk by Carlos Contreras tomorrow.
- Investigation of the extinction law
 - re-evaluation by Stead & Hoare 2009, MNRAS, 400, 731

Lots of data to exploit for many years to come!

