SNDICE SuperNova **Direct Illumination** Calibration Experiment



SNDICE Megacam Instrumental Calibration



- On CFHT end of 2007 (duration > 1 y.)
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- Total cost ≈ 125 k€

Luminosity Distances

- High precision photometry
- Calibration between filters

Calibration

Uncertainties



OUTLINE

 $N^{ADU}_{x,y}(X,t,\Delta t) = \int \Phi(t,\lambda).T_{atm}(Z,t,\lambda).A.T_{opt}(t,\lambda).T_{filt X}(t,\lambda).QE(t,\lambda,x,y).G. \Delta t.d\lambda$

• Scientific justification

 $- \begin{array}{l} \text{Current calibration}:\\ \mathsf{T}_{atm}(\mathsf{Z},t,\lambda).\mathsf{A}.\mathsf{T}_{opt}(t,\lambda).\mathsf{T}_{filt\,\times}~(t,\lambda).\mathsf{QE}~(t,\lambda,x,y).\mathsf{G} \end{array}$

- Instrumental calibration : $T_{opt}(t,\lambda).T_{filt X}(t,\lambda).QE(t,\lambda,x,y).G$

Project principles
 (LPNHE 2006-02) → CFHT

Current Astronomical Calibration

 $\mathsf{T}_{atm}(\mathsf{Z},\mathsf{t},\lambda).\mathsf{A}.\mathsf{T}_{opt}(\mathsf{t},\lambda).\mathsf{T}_{filt\,X}(\mathsf{t},\lambda).\mathsf{QE}(\mathsf{t},\lambda,x,y).\mathsf{G}$



Twillight spectrum/science images spectrum $\rightarrow \Phi(t,\lambda)$

Scattered light \rightarrow beam geometry of $\Phi(t,\lambda)$

DENSE STARS FIELDS OBS.

➡ each of the 36 CCD divided in 4x9 cells

➡ non-uniformity of the camera : "zp" & "color term"



Reference spectrum

 $N_{x,y}^{ADU}(X,t,\Delta t) = \int \Phi_{Veg}(\lambda) T_{atm}(Z,t,\lambda) A T_{opt}(t,\lambda) T_{filt X}(t,\lambda) QE(t,\lambda) G \Delta t.d\lambda$

1) Vega too bright

2) Spectrum uncertainties





Standard stars catalogs

 $N_{x,y}^{ADU}(X,t,\Delta t) = \int \Phi(t,\lambda).T_{atm}(Z,t,\lambda).A.T_{opt}(t,\lambda).T_{filt}(t,\lambda).QE(t,\lambda).G. \Delta t.d\lambda$

X → X'

Landolt system
 (X'=UBVRI)

Megacam natural system
 (X=u*g'r'i'z')



CFHT Filters



Expected improvements

Bohlin spectrophotometric standards (HST) $N^{ADU}_{x,y} (X,t,\Delta t) = \int \Phi_{Ref}(t,\lambda).T_{atm}(Z,t,\lambda).A.T_{opt}(t,\lambda).T_{filt X}(t,\lambda).QE(t,\lambda).G. \Delta t.d\lambda$

SDSS fields → x,y dependancies (CFHT system ≈ SDSS system)

Instrumental Calibration

 $T_{opt}(t,\lambda).T_{filt \times}(t,\lambda).QE(t,\lambda,x,y).G$

Instrumental calibration

- Stable, multi-λ, *calibrated* source
 → R(λ) of the instrument
 R(t,λ,x,y) = T_{opt}(t,λ,x,y).T_{filt x} (t,λ,x,y).QE (t,λ,x,y).G
- Limit : modeling the atmosphere $T_{atm}(Z,t,\lambda)$

Tunable Laser (C. Stubbs)

- Principle :
 - Tunable laser illuminating flat screen
 - NIST calibrated photodiode
- Benefits :
 - fine measurement of $R(\lambda)$



- Complementary R&D
 - Monitoring $\rightarrow R(\lambda,t)$
 - Uniformity of the beam $\rightarrow R(\lambda, x, y)$
 - − Remove scattered light → Beam geometry

Direct Illumination using Calibrated LEDs

- Stable & <u>calibrated</u> source
 → Permanent monitoring
- Sampling of $R(\lambda)$
- Uniform beam
- No stray light
- Simple design



LEDs Light Stability

- Central wavelength

 (≈ 0.05 nm/K constr. data)
 & Luminosity
 (≈ 0.5 % /K constr. data)

 Temp. Dependance
- HEP (H1) : 0.2 % rms
- Punctual source



Beam geometry



• Sharply delimited beam \Rightarrow No stray light (?)

Sampling MegaCam bandwidth

- LEDs spectra
 - No fringes
 - $\Delta\lambda/\lambda \approx 7\%$
 - $\approx 20 \text{ LEDs}$



MUELENCH-IN



Calibration Bench

• Calibration transfer :

NIST \rightarrow LEDs \rightarrow Cooled Photodiode

• Check of the isotropy



Distance/luminosity relation !

PROTOTYPE



- LEDs stability (λ ,t,Temp)
- Beam uniformity
- Very low photocurrent measurement

Project description

- Electronics (control, acquisition)
- LEDs head project/Calibration bench
- Schedule & Manpower
- Data Analysis