NEO Telescope of PMO

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NEO Telescope of PMO

- 1. Background
- 2. Scientific Objective
- 3. 1.0/1.2 m Schmidt Telescope
- 4. Xuyu Observational Station

The Main Belt of Asteroids



Estimation of the NEOs' Number

style	found		estimate(by Shoemaker)	
	1994	2000.10	D>1km	D>0.1km
Aten(a<1.000)	14	87	150	45,000
Apollo(q<1.017)	113	526	1100	300,000
Amor(q<1.380)	89	527	750	220,000
total	216	1140	2000	565,000



Main Projects in 1990s

pr	oject	number	telescope and CCD		period
LIN	NEAR	126	1m,	1960x2560	1996-1999
Spac	ewatch	35	0.9m	,2048x2048	1991-1999
R.H.	McNaught	15		1.2m	1990-1996
(Sidi	ng Spring	Obs.)			

Comet SL-9 Impact on Jupiter

- ✓ July 16-22 1994 , 19 fragments of Comet SL-9 impacted Jupiter one by one.
- ✓ We predicted the event, our precision was good as same as that of JPL.



Scientific Objectives

- 1 Survey NEOs
- 2 Determine the orbits of asteroids and comets, so that
- 3 to predict the possible collision events
- 4 Research the dynamical evolution of the orbits of asteroids and comets

Main parameters of our Telescope

Schmidt system

Diameter of the Correcting Lens: 1.0m

Diameter of the Primary Mirror: 1.2m

Focal Ratio: F=f/D=1.8 (f=1.8m)

Effective Field: 3.14 (linear diameter: 100mm)

Center Wavelength of the correcting Lens: 656.3nm

Light Power distribution: 80% of light in less than 2 (linear diameter is less than 20 µm)

Distortion caused by optical designing and machining: less than 15 µm

<u>Tracking precision:</u> 1"/4 min

Outline of Our NEOT



Polishing Primary Mirror



Polishing Schmidt Lens



Xuyu Observational Station

«Longitude: E 118° 27'.9,± 0.5'

Latitude: N 32° 44'.2± 0.5'

Altitude: 180.9 m

Main Building for the NEO Telescope





Seeing Observational Results

- \swarrow From June to December 1999 we got total 1493 seeing, the average is ? =0.81? .
- **Following diagram shows that seeing changes symmetry to midnight**



CCD Description (One of the Optional Plans)

 CCD Chip: Lockheed Martin Fairchild LMF486 Type Back thinned Size 4k x 4k 14 µx 14 µ 1.6 sec/pix
Cooling: CrgoTiger (-100 °C below)
Read out : Ports 4 Speed Max 600k/sec Aggregate Read out Rate 2.4M/sec
Noise: Max Read Noise 15 electrons Type Read Noise 13 electrons
Dark: Type Dark Signal 0.007 electrons/pix/sec (1.84m yuan ~\$0.23m for the CCD)