Introduction to Infrared Astronomy

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- My research activities have included studies of planetary atmospheres, comets, the interstellar medium, star formation, and instrumentation. I also was Director of the NASA Infrared Telescope Facility.
- This short course covers the basics of infrared astronomy. It is intended to help you find information you may need in your research. There will be 2 lectures per day for 3 days. Questions are encouraged, in and outside of class. My office number is 1115W.
- Presentations will be made available to everyone at
 - http://www.astron.s.u-tokyo.ac.jp/students/news-for-graduate/
- It will include additional information in the Notes section of the PowerPoint slides.
- Grades will be based on take home test questions and class participation.

The lectures are based on the following book chapters:

Tokunaga, A. T. (2000). Infrared Astronomy. <u>Allen's Astrophysical Quantities, 4th edition</u>. A. N. Cox. New York, Springer-Verlag: 143.

https://www.dropbox.com/s/a8caepozivqzqu3/Astrophysical_Quantities_chap7.pdf?dl=o

Tokunaga, A. T., W. D. Vacca and E. T. Young (2013). Infrared Astronomy Fundamentals.
<u>Planets, Stars and Stellar Systems</u>. T. D. Oswalt and H. E. Bond. Dordrecht, Springer
Science+Business Media. vol. 2, Astronomical Techniques, Software, and Data: 99-174.

https://www.dropbox.com/s/p213gbt8bk5ewp1/Infrared_Astronomy_Fundamentals.pdf?dl=o



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