

Optical Identification of the 2MASS Survey anti Near-IR Bright AGNs  
.....

The Two Micron All-Sky Survey will result in a database of millions of newly-discovered near-infrared bright sources of all types, from stars to nebulae to distant galaxies. The full potential of the survey will be greatly expanded by providing optical (blue and/or visual) identifications to these sources from existing databases of optical objects from digitized Schmidt plate archives. I will describe the procedures developed at IPAC to identify infrared sources in the IRAS Faint Source Survey using such optical archives, and how these will be applied to the 2MASS survey. I will summarize some of the expected results anti in particular" will discuss a search for distant near-infrared luminous Active Galactic Nuclei in the 2MASS database.