

Editorial

Special feature on AKARI results

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The Japanese astronomical satellite operated in collaboration with ESA, AKARI, was launched in February 2006 and it performed an all-sky survey in the mid-infrared (9 and 18 μm) and far-infrared (65, 90, 140, 160 μm) over 16 months from May 2006 to August 2007. AKARI also performed pointed observations, providing comprehensive multi-wavelength photometric and spectroscopic coverage of a wide variety of astronomical sources.

On the occasion of the first public release of the all-sky survey point source catalogs, we present a compendium of results from AKARI featuring 17 papers ranging from all-sky survey results obtained in the validation phase, deep surveys, and open time results.

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