FIRSPEX and GREAT The perfect couple

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FIRSPEX - Mission profile

Large-scale 3-D mapping of the Milky Way and Nearby Galaxies



Extend the HiGal survey into the third dimension (Molinari et al. 2016)

Channels: [CII] 158 µm, [NII] 205µm, [OI] 63µm, [CI] 370µm Spectral resolution: ~10⁶, spatial resolution: 0.8-2.4'

Science goals: "Decompose Galaxies" - tracing the phases of the ISM

- Global census of atomic, ionic, and molecular material
- Feeding the MW ISM by material above the Galactic plane
- Follow assembly of clouds in the Milky Way
- Delineate the transition of atomic to molecular clouds
- Distribution of fundamental elements: C, N, O
- Characterize environment of nearby galaxies

Mission design





Mirror mech'm

M3

gas ↓↓ J-T 4K-cooler Gas charging ancilliary panel

Compressor J-T

4K



Focal-plane geometry (3σ waists)

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Thermal shields

Service Module (SVM)

FIRSPEX and GREAT

50K

Instrument

Control Unit

100K

150K

Digital

processing

(spectrometers)

harnese

Compressor

Stirling

Heterodyne IF stage

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LO waveguides

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age

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Compressor

Stirling

Technical design

- 120cm telescope
 - passively cooled (Airbus)
- J-T and Stirling coolers to 4K for receivers
- HEBs (SIS for 809GHz)
- FFT backends







Mixer optics design

Follows HIFI FPU, but simultaneous operation of all pixels

Technical design



Major heritage from Herschel/HIFI and SOFIA/GREAT

1) Galactic plane survey

Spectroscopic equivalent to Herschel continuum survey of Galactic Plane



Comparison with the allsky [CII] intensity from COBE on a 5' resolution (Fixsen et al. 1999)

- 360° x 10° = 9% of the sky
 - $3600^{\circ^2}/0.86'^2 = 1.752 \ 10^7$ points on the sky
 - 2 years: 2(4 for 2 pixel channels) coverages of 1.6s per 0.86' beam
 - Periodic reference to large angle beam
 - Data rate: 123kbit/s

FIRSPEX target

- Widely distributed gas
 - Not (yet) forming molecular clouds
 - Feeding
 - Molecular clouds
 - Galactic disk
 - Turbulence in the ISM
 - Follow assembly of clouds in the Milky Way
 - Delineate the transition of atomic to molecular clouds
- Heated gas around young (massive) stars
 - Global star formation tracer
- Distribution of elements in Milky Way ISM



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CO dark gas:

• PDR model for χ =1, n=10³ cm⁻³:



- No other abundant tracer
- [OI] throughout the whole cloud \rightarrow temperature and density tracer

Fraction of material

- In Galactic Plane (GOTC+, Pineda, Langer et al. 2010, 2013, 2014)
 - 20-75%
 - Highest fraction in diffuse clouds
- Across molecular cloud boundaries:





- Not much information yet for $b \neq 0$
- Fraction certainly higher
- We may still miss the majority of the interstellar gas today!

Probing the different phases

- Complex configuration
- Mixture of phases including HII regions
- Separated in velocity space

Velusamy et al. (2013)

Pineda et al. (2014)





- Complementary HI and CO surveys
 - needs data at same vel. resolution

Feedback

[CII] as a star-formation tracer

- C⁺ in dense medium mainly produced and excited from FUV radiation
 - Highest efficiency: B stars
 - Therefore SF tracer for last 10Mio a
- But: Efficiency varying by factor > 100
 - FIR line deficit
- Many lines self-absorbed:
 - Spectral resolution is the key!
 - Explanation of FIR line deficit needs resolved lines



Pineda et al. (2014)

- Mass assembly of molecular clouds
 - Accretion of high-latitude material onto the Milky Way, feeding the clouds
 - Galactic scale statistics on the CO-dark molecular gas
 - Verification of transition time scales by direct observation of velocity structures
- Main driver of turbulent flows in the ISM
 - Mass accretion as a feed of turbulent motions
 - Deconvolution of the effect of Galactic shear
 - Quantify SN driving
- Role of stellar feedback on the Galactic scale
 - Calibrate [CII] as a star-formation tracer
 - Contributions of different phases to Galactic emission of [OI], [NII], [CII]
 - Role of PDRs in the total line cooling of a galaxy
- Large scale structure of the Galaxy
 - Metallicity gradient
 - 3-D distribution of the different phases

Performance from 2 years Milky Way survey:

	CI	NII	CII	OI
Line frequency [GHz]	809.3	1461.3	1900.5	4745.8
System temperature (DSB) [K]	180	350	400	500
Bandwidth for 0.3km/s [MHz]	0.8	1.4	1.9	4.7
Beam width [arcmin]	1.71	0.86	0.86	0.8
Noise T_{mb} (for long ref., η =0.79) [K]				
$\Delta v = 0.3$ km/s, t _{int} = 3.2s, $\theta = \theta_{native}$	0.14	0.29	0.29	0.23
$\Delta v = 0.8$ km/s, $t_{int} = 3.2$ s, $\theta = 2.4$ '	0.061	0.064	0.064	0.047

Averaging over larger area needed for [¹³CII]

Three Main Science projects

2) Nearby Galaxy Survey

S. Viti & C. Kramer



M33 (Kramer et al. 2010, Mookerjea et al. 2013)

- Quantify the amount of each phase of the ISM in a range of galaxies.
- Obtain the mass and characteristics of the gas contained within each component for different type of galaxies.
- Determine how the contributions of each ISM phase differs across types and as function of environment.
- Deduce how these properties affect Star Formation Rates.

Three Main Science projects

3) The SF peak

Asanta Cooray, Julie Wardlow, & Carlotta Gruppioni





- 6 month survey
- Cover 32 GHz by multiple tunings
- 20-2000 detections expected depending on line deficit at z = 2-3۲

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Synergies with upGREAT

- FIRSPEX will identify all FSL sources in the Galaxy and nearby galaxies.
- Follow-up with upGREAT at 3x higher spatial resolution required to understand individual sources.
- FIRSPEX will identify $\approx 10^8$ [CII] clouds
- Perfect data set for calibration and time estimates
- Same [CII] survey possible with upGREAT when blocking SOFIA for 8 years, all channels 35 years.

Supporters needed:

• Support the project at:

http://futuremission.wixsite.com/firspex/support

- Deadline for M5 proposal: October 5, 2016
- Planned launch: 2029





Probing the different phases

- Complementary data:
 - HI traces CNM and WNM
 - Only available at lower spatial resolution (11-16')
 - CO for molecular gas
 - Well covered
 - Dust for total column
 - Limited value



Dame (2001)



Feeding Milky Way Molecular Clouds

How are molecular clouds assembled?

- Inflow as [CII] observed:
 - Orion A



How are molecular clouds assembled?

- Inflow of material along filaments and spurs
 - Does the magnetic field direct the gas or does the gas assemble the magnetic field?
 - At which column density does the material turn molecular?
 - What is the infall velocity?
 - Does the infall create shocks?





How are is the Milky Way ISM assembled?

Disk ISM fed by infall of high- and intermediate velocity clouds



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How does the feeding drive interstellar turbulence?

- Colliding flows unavoidably create turbulence
 - Mach-number of infall?
 - Impact relative to Galactic shear?

Size-linewidth relation of clumps identified in colliding flow





Colliding-flow simulation (column density map)

Klessen & Hennebelle (2010)

Feedback

YSO line cooling dominated by [OI]:



- Complex [OI] profile with broad wings
- Spectral resolution is the key!
- Explanation of FIR line deficit needs resolved lines

-5

-50

0

Velocity (km/s)

50

100

Requirements

Velocity structure

- Cover at least Galactic rotation, i.e. > 400km/s
- [CII] probably also at higher velocities
- Required min. bandwidth: [CI] 1.4GHz, [NII] 2GHz, [CII] 3GHz, [OI] 7GHz



[CII] Spectrum towards massive SF region G345.65+0.0 (Pineda et al. 2010)



- Many components as narrow as 2-3km/s
- Needs velocity resolution of 0.3km/s to resolve details of line structure

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Milky Way simulations by Glover et al. (2015,16):

- Narrow lines
 - 1nW m⁻² sr⁻¹ ≈ 0.15 K (CII)

COBE (Fixsen et al. 1999)

- Broad lines with many components
 - Full plane above 3nW m⁻² sr⁻¹





Sensitivities

Milky Way simulations by Glover et al. (2015,16):

- Narrow lines
 - 1nW m⁻² sr⁻¹ ≈ 0.03 K (OI)
 - CI peaks at 0.25 K





COBE (Fixsen et al. 1999):

- Broad lines with many components
 - Large fraction of the plane above 1nW m⁻² sr⁻¹
 - Narrow-line translation: 1nW m⁻² sr⁻¹ ≈ 0.15 K (NII) (favourable)

