What We Learned from Surveying the Galaxy in [CII] with Herschel HIFI

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The Interstellar Medium is Diverse and Complex...





COBE/FIRAS;

7 deg angular resolution;1000 km/sec velocity resolution

Origin? WIM (Heiles et al. 1994) CNM (Bennett et al. 1994) PDRs (e.g. Cubick et al. 2008)

COBE FIRAS 158 $\mu m C^+$ Line Intensity



BICE;

15 arcmin angular resolution;

175 km/sec velocity resolution



Galactic Longitude [Degrees]

GOT C+ [CII] 1.9 THz Survey

- Galactic Plane Survey systematic volume weighted sample of ≈500 LOSs in the disk
 - Concentrated towards inner Galaxy
 - Sampled / at $b = 0^{\circ}$, +/- 0.5° & 1°



Galactic Central Region: CII strip maps sampling ≈300 positions in On The Fly (OTF) mapping mode.





Atomic Gas (HI)



GOT C+ [CII] Distribution in the Milky Way



Dense and Cold Molecular Gas (CO)



[CII] traces the transition between atomic and molecular clouds.







Warm and Cold Neutral gas:

- Thermal balance of diffuse atomic gas results in two phases in nearly thermal equilibrium (Pike'Ner 1968; Field et al 1969;Wolfire et. al. 1995, 2003)
- The 21cm line traces column density only; it is impossible to discern between CNM or WNM gas using this line.
- But CNM can be observed with HI seen in absorption towards extragalactic continuum sources (e.g. Heiles & Troland 2003, Dickey et al. 2009).



Cold Neutral Medium (CNM): T=80 K, n=50 cm⁻³

Warm Neutral Medium (WNM): T=8000 K, n=0.5 cm⁻³

Warm and Cold Neutral gas:

• The [CII] emission traces the diffuse neutral gas but is sensitive to density and temperature.

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- For typical WNM and CNM conditions, the [CII] associated with WNM is a factor of ~20 weaker than that from the CNM. WNM is below our sensitivity limit.
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Warm and Cold Neutral gas

- Atomic gas in the inner galaxy dominated by CNM gas.
- Inner Galaxy results consistent with those from Kolpak et. al 2002.
- Outer galaxy is 10-20% CNM, consistent with Dickey et al. (2009).
- Average CNM fraction is **43%**.
- Local CNM fraction of the total gas consistent with Heiles & Troland (2003).



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[CII] Emission (e.g. Langer et al. 2010)

Hollenbach and Tielens (1997)

CO-Dark H₂: Theory

- Thickness of CO-dark H₂ layer constant: Mass fraction of CO-dark H₂ is ~ constant; f~0.3 (Wolfire et al. 2010, ApJ 716 1191)
- Simulations are incorporating treatment of chemistry and grain physics, allowing improved comparison with observations (e.g. Shetty et al. 2012, Levrier et al. 2012).



CO-Dark H₂ : Observations in 2D

Method:

Fraction of total molecular gas in form of CO-Dark H₂

Gamma-Rays Grenier et al. (2005) Science 307,1292

Dust Continuum Planck Collaboration (2011) A&A, 536, A19

Dust Extinction Paradis et al (2012) A&A, 534, A103 **50%**

54%

62%

Applies to Solar Neighborhood only.

CO-Dark H₂ : Observations in "3D": Technique - 1: [CII]

Method: Calculate CII, HI, CO and ¹³CO azimuthally averaged emissivity. Subtract HI, e⁻, PDRs, contributions to [CII] intensity.

PDRs: [CII] components associated with ¹³CO emission (large column densities).

CNM: HI emission gives HI column density (including an opacity correction), n and T estimated from thermal pressure profile from Wolfire et al. (2003).

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CO-Dark H₂ : Observations in "3D": Technique - 2: [CII]

[CII] Emissivity at b=0.

Method: Calculate [CII], HI, CO and ¹³CO azimuthally averaged emissivity. Subtract HI, e⁻, PDRs, contributions to [CII] intensity.

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CO-Dark H2 : Observations in "3D": Technique - 1: [CII]

Method: Calculate CII, HI, CO and ¹³CO azimuthally averaged emissivity. Subtract HI, e⁻, PDRs, contributions to [CII] intensity.

Results: Gives the galactic distribution of the CO-dark gas component. **Average CO-dark H**₂ **fraction of ~0.3**.

Applies to: Entire Galactic plane

Caveats: Needs assumptions on the physical conditions (n,T) of the CO-dark H₂ layer.



What We Have Learned from GOTC+?

- The [CII] emission in the Galaxy is mostly associated with spiral arms, tracing the envelopes of evolved clouds as well as clouds making the transition between atomic and molecular phase.
- Most of the [CII] emission emerges from Galactocentric distances between 4 and 11 kpc.
- The CO-dark H₂ component is more extended in Galactocentric distance compared to the gas traced by CO. The CO-dark H₂ fraction increases from 20% at 4 kpc to 80% at 10kpc. From the GOTC+ survey, the CO-dark H₂ gas component accounts for 30% of the total molecular mass of the Galaxy.

The Future: Next Steps

- GOT C+ has shown the importance of [CII] in combination with other tracers to elucidate the properties of the ISM.
- Further progress will require large scale maps of the [CII] and [CI] emission in the Milky Way and nearby galaxies to understand the lifecycle of the interstellar medium and the transition from atomic to molecular gas.

STO-2 Antarctic Balloon Mission

80 cm telescope

Heterodyne receivers with digital spectrometers $\delta v = 1 \text{ kms}^{-1}$

4 pixels for [CII] & 4 pixels for [NII] 205 µm

Launch in 2017-2018

Fully-sampled maps of Galactic plane $305^{\circ} < I < 340^{\circ}$

~1' angular resolution





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CO-Dark H₂ : Observations in "3D": Technique - 2: [CII]

Method: Gaussian decomposition of components along the LOS. 2000 components identified, in CO isotopologues. HI contribution to CII intensity subtracted.

Results: CO-dark H₂ fraction varies for different types of clouds

Applies to: Entire Galactic plane

Caveats: Gaussian decomposition is not easy. Needs assumptions on the physical conditions (n,T) of the CO-dark H₂ layer.



Langer et al. (2013), A&A. submitted.

[CII] as a tracer of the Warm Ionized Medium

WIM: T=8000K, low volume densities, traced by [CII] and [NII], H-alpha, and radio continuum.

- Suggested to be the origin of the [CII] emission in the Milky Way observed by COBE (Heiles et al. 1994).
- But it is a small fraction of total [CII] observed by GOTC+ (Pineda et al. 2013, see later).

COBE FIRAS 158 $\mu m \ C^+$ Line Intensity



COBE FIRAS 205 $\mu \mathrm{m}~\mathrm{N}^+$ Line Intensity



Bennett et al. 1994

[CII] Detection of WIM in Spiral Arm Tangency

Velusamy, Langer et al. 2012, A&A 541,L10

