The Distribution of the Milky Way ISM as revealed by the [CII] 158um line.

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Photon Dominated Regions (PDRs)



KAO: e.g. Boreiko et al. 1998



Herschel/WADI ; e.g. Dedes et al. 2010



SOFIA ; e.g. Schneider et al. 2012

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 μm 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.





GOT C+ [CII] Distribution in the Milky Way



Pineda et al. (2013) A&A 554, A103

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.



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Galactocentric Distribution



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



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Steiman-Cameron et al. 2008

GOT C+ [CII] detection of WIM in Spiral Arm Tangency

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



Warm Ionized Medium: [NII]







Goldsmith et al. (2013) in prep



- Relative Intensity of Two [NII] Lines Yields n(e).
- [NII] 122um/205um = $1.4 \rightarrow \text{ne}=30 \text{ cm}^{-3}$.
- Radio Continuum observations give EM=6500 $cm^{-6} \rightarrow N(H+)=2x21 cm^{-2}$.
- In this region 30% of the [CII] emission comes from ionized gas.



GOT N+ Survey

- OT2 Project. PI: Paul Goldsmith
- All GOT C+ LOSs with b=0, observed in [NII] 205 um and 122um with PACS
- Selected lines of sights in [NII] 205um with HIFI



Warm and Cold Neutral gas:



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Warm and Cold Neutral gas:

- 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).
- Heiles & Troland 2003: 50% of the mass in unstable conditions -> Turbulence dominates over Thermal instability (Vasquez-Semadeni 2009)
- Wolfire 2010, IAU: 15% of the mass in unstable conditions -> Thermal Instability still important



Heiles & Troland (2003) ApJ 586, 1067

Warm and Cold Neutral gas:

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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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CO-"Dark" H₂ Gas



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Hollenbach and Tielens (1997)



- Assumes two-phase turbulent medium
- Thickness of CO-dark H₂ layer constant
- Mass fraction of CO-dark H₂ constant; f~0.3



CO-Dark H₂ : Theory

 Simulations are incorporating treatment of chemistry and grain physics, allowing the comparison with observations (e.g. Shetty et al. 2012, Levrier et al. 2012).



CO-Dark H₂ : Observations in 2D: Technique: Gamma-Rays

Method: Correlate the Gamma-ray intensity and N(HI), $X_{co}^*W_{co}$, E(B-V)

Results: CO-dark H₂ fraction of ~0.5

Applies to: Solar Neighborhood

Caveats: Depends on gamma-ray propagation model (e.g. GALPROP), which in turn depends on a model of the Galaxy.



Grenier et. al (2005) Science 307, 1292

CO-Dark H₂ : Observations in 2D: Technique: Dust Continuum



Reach et al. (1994) ApJ 429,

CO-Dark H₂ : Observations in 2D: Technique: Dust Continuum

Method: Correlate the dust opacity and N(HI), $X_{co}^*W_{co}$, and (Tau/N_H)

Results: CO-dark H₂ fraction of ~1.1

Applies to: Solar Neighborhood

Caveats: Unknown Dust properties (temperature, emissivity, etc).



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

CO-Dark H₂ : Observations in 2D: Technique: Dust Extinction

Method: Correlate the visual extinction and N(HI), $X_{co}^*W_{co}$, and (Av/ N_H)

Results: CO-dark H₂ fraction of ~0.6

Applies to: Solar Neighborhood

Caveats: Noisy.







Paradis et al. (2012) 543, A103

CO-Dark H₂ : Observations in 2D: Technique: Dust Continuum



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

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.

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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.

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FWHM (PDRs, CNM, CO-dark H_2) = 130 pc FWHM (ELDWIM) = 1000 pc (Kulkarni & Heiles 1987)

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

Assumes:

- Galactic metallicity gradient (Rolleston et al. 2000).
- Pressure gradient from Wolfire et al. 2003 multiplied by a factor 1.5.



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.



The CO-to-H2 conversion factor $(X_{CO} = N(H_2)/W_{CO})$

- "CO-traced" H₂ column density derived from ¹²CO and ¹³CO following method in Goldsmith et. al 2008 and Pineda et al. 2010
- The X_{CO} gradient follows the metallicity gradient of the Galaxy.
- Steeper X_{CO} gradient when CO-dark H₂ gas contribution is included.

Wilson 1995: X_{CO}=Virial Mass/ CO luminosity.

Israel 2000: Mass derived from FIR/CO luminosity.



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

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

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Velusamy et al. (2012), IAU Symposium Langer et al. (2010), A&A. 521, L17 Velusamy et al. (2010), A&A. 521, L18

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Surface Density Distribution of the ISM phases in the Milky Way















Conclusions

- The [CII] emission in the Galaxy is mostly associated with spiral arms, tracing the envelopes of evolved clouds as well as clouds in the transition between atomic and molecular.
- Most of the [CII] emission emerges from Galactocentric distances between 4 and 11 kpc.
- PDRs contribute 47% of the observed emissivity at b=0, CNM 20%, ionized gas 4%, and CO-dark H₂ 29%,
- We find that 43% of the atomic gas in the Galactic plane is in the form of CNM.
- The CO-dark H₂ component is more extended in Galactocentric distance compared with the gas traced by CO. The CO-dark H₂ fraction increases from 20% at 4 kpc to 80% at 10kpc. On average the CO-dark H₂ gas component accounts for 30% of the total molecular mass of the Galaxy.