

A 345-GHz Heterodyne Receiver for the GTM-LMT

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Introduction

ASTEC: Astronomical System Training, Engineering and Collaboration (14 months project)





particle physics
space science
materials
astronomy
photon science
computational and e-science
biology
biomedicine
chemistry

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Original aim: spaceborne instrument detecting atmospheric gases emission between 0.32-0.35 THz





Rackauskas. B, Internal Report RAL, 2014

Up to 60s

Integration time



Figure 4-2 SHIRM-WBS II Instrument Breadboard (Front View)

CEOI, RAL, Final Report, 2013



Figure 4-3 SHIRM-WBS II Instrument Breadboard (Side View #1)





Figure 14: The SHIRM breadboard mounted at the Jungfraujoch, Switzerland amid testing.



Figure 15: The first results from the Jungfraujoch deployment show exciting spectral features. The two colours represent the two different WBS II units.



Figure 17: The experimental set-up of the gas cell measurements.



Figure 18: The emission line of Nitrous Oxide as seen by the SHIRM Breadboard from a gas cell.

Plan for LMT

Follow up of surveys made with small (12-15m) single-dish telescopes

- ATLASGAL: APEX Telescope Large Area Survey of the Galaxy [and its spectral lines follow ups]
- CHIMPS: The CO Heterodyne Inner Milky Way Plane Survey (JCMT)
- Dynamics of the CMZ
- Kinematics of filaments
- Cloud physical conditions (using also SEQUOIA)
- Fragmentation
- Chemistry (unbiased line surveys of full GMCs)

ATLASGAL: the most sensitive ground based submm survey

APEX Telescope Large Area Survey of the Galaxy: ~ 420 sq. degree of the inner Galaxy







Spectral advantages with 6 GHz IF band



Figure 1: Plot of the atmospheric transmission for 1mm, 2mm and 4mm of precipitable water vapour. The vertical bars indicate the location of important spectral lines. The species are indicated at the top of the plot, except for those lines from methanol (CH₃OH) which are shown as blue lines. Weaker lines are shown in red. The horizontal bars show possible positioning of the USB and LSB for a 4-8 GHz IF frequency. The black boxes show possible positions for 1.5 GHz wide spectrometers. The two pairs of cyan boxes show two configurations to observe interesting sets of lines. The two pairs of red bars show the two extremes of the LO range fo SHIRM. The coloured cross between each pair of coloured bars indicate the LO frequency of the setting. The LO settings shown in blue correspond to possible new 6 GHz bandwidth configurations for SHIRM.



•Optical Design: Gaussian beam theory for quasi-optics devices along GRASP simulations.

* Edgar, Fiachra, Nart on RAL next two months.



•Defining IF bands and their receiver chains depend on instant BW and noise (budget constrained).

•New WBS with better resolution.



Future plan

- ✓UK people visiting LMT- October 15-20th
- ✓ Optics manufacture: perhaps by a Company in Mexico, taking advantage of MUSCAT experience (~Nov. 2018)
- ✓ Testing and integration with fully SHRIM system (~Dec, 2018) [RAL].
- ✓ Packaging and shipping of receiver to LMT (~May 2019) [RAL-INAOE].
- ✓ Integration to LMT (~Jul-Sep 2019) [INAOE- help UMass].
- \checkmark Cryogenic upgrade study and design plan (~Oct. 2019).



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