High-J CO lines in Nearby Galaxies with the Herschel FTS and ALMA Band 9

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Spectral Line Energy Distribution = SLED



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Filling Factor and Column Density Correlated: Mass Constrained







Pressure Comparison to Galaxy





0.02"

Dream On!

IRAS

09022-3615

262

0.2"

Etxaluze 2013. CO J=6-5 (left) and CO J=11-10 (right). Pixel size = 9.5"

Pressure Comparison to Galaxy



Warm Component Emission similar to Sgr B2 extended cloud molecular emission.

The hot core emission is too faint when galaxy integrated: imagine Sgr B2 observed as point source.

Line Flux Uncertainties

- Problems with leastsquares fitting routines of sinc line profiles
 - Data not independent, highly correlated, not well understood
 - "Ringing" on approximately the size of the line profile can be "well fit"



Bayesian Inference of P(I_{true}|I_{observed})

- Inject fake lines (of varying flux I_{true}) to the residual spectrum at intervals near the line
- Measure integrated flux (I_{observed})
- A slice of the 2D surface at lobserved gives the distribution of P(Itrue) lobserved)



Full Archival Survey

- 301 galaxies in successful Herschel proposals (FTS)
 - 232 known redshifts
 - Of 190 with CO 6-5 at S/N
 >3... (figures)
 - 109 have 8 or more CO lines from J=1-0 through J=13-12.
 - 62 include CO J=1-0.
- CO J=1-0, 2-1, 3-2 from literature, Arizona Radio Observatory





Band 9 Observations of CO J=6-5

- *Warm* gas morphology, kinematics. Do we see features/excitation like we see in the galaxy?
- ~ dozen galaxies so far
- The spatial and spectral resolution SPIRE did not have...
- ... but only ONE line, not 10+, line ratios
- Comparisons to low-J maps? Apples/Oranges

CO J=6-5 Intensity (offset from Continuum), and Velocity Dispersion



Rangwala et al. 2015, http://arxiv.org/abs/1504.01773



Redshifted CO Absorption

- Color = Continuum
- Solid = Line Emission
- Dashed = redshifted absorption
- Infalling molecular filament > 400 pc in length, > 150 km/s in velocity

Summary

- High-Excitation Molecular Gas is ubiquitous
 - Low-Pressure / High-Mass by low-J lines

Also see SN1987A Poster!

- High-Pressure / Low Mass by high-J lines
- Compact cores Sgr B2(N) and (M) more highly excited; not resolved by FTS CO SLEDs
- Conducting large survey of CO SLED modeling in all galaxies observed with Herschel FTS, Kamenetzky et al. in prep
- Take care with line flux estimates in marginal cases!
- ALMA Band 9 can be used to study warm molecular gas in CO J=6-5, Arp 220, Rangwala et al. 2015