SAFARI: A FIR imaging spectrometer for SPICA

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We present an outline of a study that is being undertaken by a consortium of European, Canadian and Japanese institutes, supported by JPL, for a FIR instrument for the proposed JAXA-led Japanese-ESA mission, SPICA. SPICA is one of a small number of missions that have been selected to go to the next stage of ESA's Cosmic Vision 2015-2025 process. SAFARI – SpicA FAR-infrared Instrument -- is an imaging spectrometer with both spectral and photometric capabilities covering the \sim 33-210µm waveband. We highlight the core science justification for the instrument, a possible conceptual design; its predicted performance and the technical challenges that need to be met in order to realise the full potential of the instrument

Why the Far Infrared?

Key waveband

• Unique and extensive spectroscopic toolkit of key diagnostic lines (FIR&redshifted MIR) + thermal continuum

• A successor to Herschel

- Herschel confusion-limited at λ >100 µm, detector limited below. Massive increase in sensitivity at ~70 µm needed to complete picture of CIRB
- 1000s of distant, FIR sources will be found by Herschel, but what are they?
- Deep spectroscopy needed to characterise: e.g.. AGN vs. starburst
- **Complementary to ALMA**



Above: A synthetic spectrum of a typical galaxy undergoing modest star formation and insets showing the richness of the spectrum in the FIR and MIR wavebands **Right:** A selection of redshifted MIR/FIR emission lines accessible with SPICA, plotted as a function of critical density ionization potential. Between them, they cover a wide range of physical and excitation

Left panel: A plot of the photometric sensitivity of SAFARI overlaid on

Galaxy evolution, near and far

• The AGN-starburst connection at high-z

Through deep spectroscopy SAFARI can characterise the distant MIR/FIR galaxy population out to z~4 and beyond, and start to disentangle the interplay between AGN and starburst

• Deep cosmological survey

Through deep, confusion limited surveys at 70µm, SAFARI gives a complete census of 90% of the CIRB over 80% of Hubble time. Also traces massive black-hole growth by unveiling the missing dust-obscured AGN population responsible for the 30keV peak in the x-ray background

- Punching through the traditional confusion limit SAFARI can break confusion through deep spectral imaging of "blank" sky
- Cosmology at low spectral resolution



- MIR lines/continuum redshifted into FIR
- ALMA cannot detect rest frame water or oxygen

• SPICA → Cooled Herschel:

- Much lower background \rightarrow deep spectroscopy
- Imaging vs. point-source \rightarrow determines science capabilities/sensitivities/instrument design
- Long lived mission no cryogens

Instrument concept

- Imaging Fourier Transform Spectrometer
- Wavelength coverage of ~33-210µm: 3 detector arrays, $F\lambda/2$ sampling)
- Field of view of 1' x 1', with goal of 2' x 2'
- Spectroscopy (10<R<10 000) & photometry (R~3) • Sensitivity required:
- Unresolved lines 5σ -1hr: few x10⁻¹⁹ W/m² Photometry 5σ -1hr: < 50μ Jy
- Detector sensitivity required of fewx10⁻¹⁹ W/ Hz
- Four detector technologies under consideration

Ge:Ga Photoconductors at 1.7 - 4.5K TES bolometers operating at < 100mK Silicon bolometers, also operating at sub-K temperatures Kinetic Induction Detectors (KIDS) at <100 mK redshifted (z=1-5) M82 SED

conditions

Right panel: Plot of spectroscopic sensitivity of SAFARI





Above: Optical layout of the FTS concept, to scale with the 3.5m telescope (left) and with the optical beams rendered as a solid model (right)

Below: CAD Model of the instrument with the bolometer option



- Deep surveys using red shifted PAH features
- Local galaxies: proxies for the distant Universe SAFARI will complete the spectral atlas of all types of galaxy in the local Universe



From gas and dust to planets

- Protoplanetary disks: from ices to oceans
 - High sensitivity FIR photometry can trace the presence of FIR excesses due to circumstellar disks in stars out to the edge of the galaxy
 - Provides a comprehensive inventory of stars with circumstellar disks for future planet imaging facilities Access to the solid state water ice features allows imaging of the "snow line" in nearby Vega-like disks
 - Access to the main gas coolants & key chemical species (e.g. water, oxygen, organics) in proto-planetary disks allows chemistry of planet formation regions to be understood SAFARI can search for FIR signatures of transiting exoplanets
- Building blocks of the Solar System:

Determining the chemical history of the Solar nebula by characterisation of 100s of asteroids, comets and TNOs

• The dust life-cycle:

Spectral imaging can trace the evolutionary cycle of dust grains from the faint extended envelopes where they are formed through their reprocessing in the ISM to their incorporation into star-forming clouds



The ISO spectrum towards the young star HD142527 (Malfait et al.) showing the model components of the MIR/FIR disk emission. Water ices can be directly detected through the $43/62\mu m$ emission features



arcsec The CSO SHARCII 350µm image of Vega (Marsh et al.) with SAFARI pixel scale at 43-62µm overlaid. Spatial resolution equivalent to ~23 AU will be possible, enough to detect the expected snow-line region at 42 AU.

Technical challenges and solutions:







Detectors: The required sensitivity, dynamic range and array formats are all challenging for currently available technology. We give an illustration here of one type under development for SAFARI **Cooler technology:** a hybrid sorption cooler/ADR is under consideration for the low temperature detector options. **Broadband beam splitters and filters:** ~3 octave bandwidth required **Cryo-mechanisms**: space-qualified mechanisms exists but require development to fit with spacecraft resources (mass, power etc)



The FTS scanner mechanism developed for the GIRL (German Infrared Laboratory) spectrometer. This friction-free mechanism has a scan length of 100mm and is fully space-qualified.



Prototype TES detectors under test and development at Cardiff/SRON/Cambridge with a parallel development programme at JPL

