

Hydrogen clouds in the Magellanic System



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The Magellanic System (HI)



Image credit: Nidever et al. (2010)



Leading Arm(s) & Magellanic Stream Studies

For et al. (2013): GASS







- HVCs catalogs (morphology head-tail etc)
- Investigating the the effects of interaction with the Galactic halo
- Formation mechanism and compare to simulations





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- Cold: how do cold clouds survive in the hot halo?



For et al. (2013)



Two phase medium (stable)



Cold cloud is surrounded by a warm envelope

Follow up observation with ATCA: For et al (2016)



Probing Environmental Effect



Resolving multiphase structure







ATCA





- Red: 12% peak sensitivity
- P/k = nTk
- Tk: Linewidth
- n: assumed distance, measured angular diameter
- Phase diagram: P/k vs n

HVC phase diagram

CRAR



Wolfire et al. (1995) Stable two-phase medium: $P_{min} < P < P_{max}$





In short



- First possible evidence of distance gradient in the LA region using compact HI clouds
- Evidence LA I (Venzmer et al. 2013)



- Pls: J. Dickey + N. McClure-Griffiths
- 21 cm line + three 18 cm lines of OH molecule
- HI absorption and emission
- Magellanic System: 13020 sq deg
- resolution (~30 arcsec), velocity line width (1 km/s)





GASKAP: Magellanic System



Figure: The GASKAP MS survey area with axes labeled in MS coordinates and Hi column densities from the LAB survey in the background (Nidever et al. 2010). The white squares represent ASKAP pointings with the shorter integration time (12.5 h), while the red squares are pointings that will be observed for either 50 or 200 h.

Benefit: All HVCs in ONE go (good brightness sensitivity).



GASKAP update

- Commissioning data: LMC 1 field (18 kHz bandwidth)
- Community busy week (Dec 2016): processing on coarse resolution data
- To do list:
 - Obtaining narrow-band data ASAP
 - Quality control: bandpass, stability of the receiver gains and calibration
 - Commissioning data + single-dish data (combining)