# WATER (AND CHEMISTRY) IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM

A GT-KP planetary program proposed for Herschel

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## **Science Objectives and Goals**

The Martian water cycle and atmospheric chemistry
Origin of water in the upper atmospheres of the outer planets
Excitation of water in comets
The D/H ratio and minor species
Water in distant comets

#### Water in the Martian Atmosphere



Water cycle: Measurement of the vertical profile function of solar longitude (Ls) with HIFI. Variable hygropause from ground-based low quality measurements, cut off at 10 km at aphelion and 50 km at perihelion. If true, strong impact on general circulation, water transport and chemistry: TBC by HIFI





#### From Clancy etal (1996)

#### Water in the Martian Atmosphere



On Mars, the H<sub>2</sub>O *column density* measured from Orbiter is strongly variable with seasons and latitudes. BUT, in the IR, the low spectral resolution do not allows to resolve lines





With HIFI, the  $H_2O$  vertical profile will be easily determined Example of  $H_2O$  at 557 GHz from SWAS (Gurwell *etal* 2000)



#### **Chemistry in the Martian Atmosphere**

History of Martian atmosphere: Isotopic measurements : D/H about 5 times higher & <sup>18</sup>O/<sup>16</sup>O about 10% and <sup>17</sup>O/<sup>16</sup>O about 5 % lower than on Earth. TBC by HIFI, i.e. observe CO, O<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>3</sub>

- HO<sub>x</sub>-chemistry: H<sub>2</sub>O, OH, HO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: confirm expected anti-correlation with O<sub>3</sub>
- Chemistry: Search for minor components possibly based on PACS survey and moderate deep line survey in bands 4 and 5



# HIFI Time Estimation (35.7h)



- Bands 1,4,5 and 6 (S/N = 100):  $O_2$ ,  $H_2O_2$ , CO, <sup>13</sup>CO and  $3xH_2O=28$  observations of 0.5h = **14h**
- ♦ Bands 5 (S/N = 100):
  - 2 lines of: HDO,  $H_2^{18}O$ ,  $H_2^{17}O$ , OH = 8 obs.
  - 1 line of:  $HO_2$ ,  $C^{18}O$ ,  $C^{17}O$  and 3 other species = 6 observations, i.e. 14 observations of 0.5h = **7h**
  - 2x(seasonal)  $O_{3}$ , each observation of 4h = 8h
- Bands 4 and 5 Survey (S/N = 10-100): 0.7h
- PACS survey: 6H

## **Origin of water in outer planets**



 HIFI access only to upper atmospheric water in giant planets, since the continuum at ~1 bar, absorbs submm radiation and do not allows to probe the internal water located deeper (5-50 bar)

External sources required in order to explain the column amount found by ISO:

Permanent Interplanetary **D**ust **P**article flux (IDP) Local sources (rings, satellites)

cometary collisions (SL9)





 Impacts on transport and ionization of gas/solid material in planetary magnetospheres, frequency of cometary collision events

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### **Science Goals of the Program**

- Improve accuracy of discaverage water abundances to better characterize the budget of input fluxes
- Determine accurate vertical profiles: helps to discriminate between the different external sources
- Map latitudinal distribution of water at Jupiter: a maximum at poles imply satellites sources connected via magnetic field





## **Strategy and Target Lines**



- Observe 1 to 3 water lines with different strength during different seasons (4 times, i.e. once a year for variability study)
- Complementary observations: perform full spectral scans with PACS and SPIRE
- Map at shortest wavelength 5 latitudinal points on disc and 4 limbs of Jupiter in order to separate SL9 from possible polar sources

### **Outer Planet Time Estimation**

#### Jupiter (18.6H)

Instrument	Frequency	Time (h)	S/N	Repeat	Goal/Strategy
HIFI	557	0.2	100	4	H <sub>2</sub> 0 Vertical distribution
HIFI	1097	0.2	100	4	
HIFI	1670	1*9	100	1	9 point map
PACS	2640	0.5	100	4	5x5 map
PACS	Full range	6	100	1	Explore

#### Saturn (14H)





## **Outer Planet Time Estimation**

#### Uranus & Neptune (2x38=76H)



#### Titan (31.5H)

Instrument	Frequency	Time (h)	S/N	Repeat	Goal/Strategy
HIFI	1097	3	10	4	H <sub>2</sub> 0 Vertical distribution
PACS	2640	3.5	100	1	Time variation
PACS	Full range	6	100	1	Explore
SPIRE	Full range	10	100	1	Explore + PH <sub>3</sub>

## **Outer Planet Time Estimation**

## 18.6+14+38+38+31.5 = **140.1** hours (HIFI = 78.6, PACS = 43.5, SPIRE = 18)

# HIFI Planets Time Estimation (total) 35.7h + 140.1h =



#### Water in Comets

Investigation of water excitation (HIFI SPIRE PACS)

- Measurement of the D/H ratio (from HDO) (HIFI)
- Water in a sample of weak comets (HIFI)



# Constrain water excitation and physical conditions of comets

HIFI and SPIRE: Measure several water lines simultaneously over whole spectral range. Monitor the water production rate Q=f(Rh) for bright comet TOO (HIFI)

Measure asymmetric outgassing, velocity offsets, self absorption and observing lines of different excitation (transitions, map), ortho-to-para ratio

 Constrains: Temperature and velocity profiles(r), collision rates (electrons, neutrals), role of water radiative cooling in the coma thermodynamics

 3-4 comets : 22P/Kopf, 103P/Hartley 2, TOO (x2) Time estimation: = 46 h

### HDO: search for D/H in Comets

 High priority: measure D/H for the first time in a Jupiter-family comets to constrain comet material origin (e.g. 103P/Hartley 2 : SNR ~ 10 in 10h)



Search for minor species together with  $H_2O$ :  $NH_3$ , or  $H_2O$ -18 and HNC

2 comets : 103P/Hartley 2, TOO Time estimation: = 32 h

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### Search for water in weakly active objects

 Short period comet: part of CO from the ice grains in extended source. Such grains could be a source of water
 -> 557 GHz water vapor



Figure 8: The  $1_{10}$ - $1_{01}$  lines of H<sup>16</sup><sub>2</sub>O (left) and H<sup>18</sup><sub>2</sub>O (right) observed in comet 153P/2002 C1 (Ikeya-Zhang) on 24–28 April 2002 by Odin. (From Lecacheux et al. 2003.)

 Near Earth Objects (NEOs): extinct of dormant comets? Activity?

#### 1 comet : 29P/Schwassmann-Wachmann 1 Time estimation: 3 h

# HIFI Comets Time Estimation (total) 46h + 32h + 3h + 20h =



# HIFI Solar System Time Estimation

# 176h + 101h =



### **Science Demonstration Phase**

 Detection of water lines on a planet and a comet visible during this phase, with HIFI, PACS and SPIRE