CRADLE OF LIFE SCIENCE ON THE SKA SQUARE KILOMETRE ARRAY

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Young Cluster Deep Field

Nearby Young Stellar Clusters

The Stellar Neighborhood: Stars, Planets and Civilizations

The SKA-1 SETI Survey
KSP 1: Young Cluster Deep Field

- Grain growth
- Tens of targets
- Pre-biotic molecules
- 6D tomography
- Magnetic flaring
- Jets
Basic Outline

• ~ 1000 hr single pointing with SKA1-Mid

• Top end of band 5

• 40 mas resolution equivalent to 5 au at 125 pc

• JVLA pilot study of ~ 10 clusters to choose final target
Frequency Set-up

- Where to place the 2 x 2.5 GHz bands?
- One at the top end of band 5 for resolution and sensitivity

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Frequency Set-up

- Place the other at bottom end?
- Less signal and resolution at lower frequency, but probe larger grains and better spectral index measurement
Simultaneous VLBI

- VLBI dishes only overlap at 5, 6.7, or in some cases 8 GHz
- This could dictate the placement of the lower 2.5 GHz band

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Spectral Resolution

- Proto-planetary disc line widths are about 0.8 kms$^{-1}$
- Minimum resolution for molecular line search

TW Hya (Qi et al. 2004)
Spectral Line Set-up

- Use 4x256 MHz zooms to give 0.8 kms\(^{-1}\) at 12 GHz
- Resolution only 1.6 kms\(^{-1}\) at 6 GHz
- Can only search 1 GHz of spectrum for lines

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Spectral Line Set-up

- Rest of continuum band now only has 1 MHz channels or 25 kms$^{-1}$ at 12 GHz
- Not good enough to remove line contamination from the continuum
- The zooms will allow us to check this so place these at either end of the frequency range to give good spectral index measurement in 2 x 0.5 GHz blocks
Additional Jet Physics

- Jet polarization should be possible to study magnetic field

- Broad recombination lines in jets
  - 22 RRLs across 2x2.5 GHz
  - 5 RRLs in 4x256 MHz zooms

KSP 1: Young Cluster Deep Field
KSP 2: Grain Growth Evolution

• Shallower survey of ~10 clusters with a range of ages – joint with Our Galaxy

• Change in average dust disc spectral index as a function of time and stellar mass
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Magnetic fields, Cyclotron Maser Instability (CMI):

- comparative exo-magnetospheric physics, extrasolar space weather
  - CMI from exoplanets, star-planet interactions
  - Auroral emission from brown dwarfs
  - Stellar Coronal Mass Ejections (~ Solar type II)
  - Controlled (SW V,n,B) or triggered (CME) planetary emissions
    - Thermal emission from FGKM stars.

Astrobiology Implications: SETI

- Probe ~leakage radiation from Kardashev 0-1 civilizations
  on nearby planets.
All stars within 10 pc, ~250 stars including 35 known exoplanets (statistically hundreds of exoplanets)

With SKA-Low, imaging, V & I or 4 Stokes

- ~ 1 to 10 sec & 0.1 to 1 MHz
- 1 beam 50-87.5 MHz + 1 beam 300-337.5 MHz per target
- 4 targets observable in (total of 8 beams x 37.5 MHz = 300 MHz)
- 12 hours per target, multi-epoch TBD

Total 750 hours, max sensitivity 50 & 10 microJy
* Jupiter emission or Solar type II detectable)

With SKA-Mid imaging observations on the same targets (all bands)
3 hours / target with full array

*Possible extension to a large fraction of the stars within 20 pc
=> ~7x more targets added; if 4 to 6 hours / target, then total 1700 to 2600 hours.

KSP 3: The Steller Neighborhood

[Hallinan et al., 2007, 2008]
Target list selected from existing observations (including radio) and theoretical considerations (hot Jupiters, etc.) at the time of the proposal.

10 to 20 hours per target (possibly with sub-arrays), distributed according to the known periodicities of the system (orbital period, stellar rotation ...)

Selected Sample of Known Exoplanets, Brown Dwarfs and Low Mass Stars

KSP 3: The Stellar Neighborhood

[Hallinan]
EoR will survey the high Galactic latitudes (~10000 sq.deg typically $\geq 30^\circ$ Gal. lat.), 10 hours / field, in the band 50-250 MHz. We ask for commensal use of their data (see below).

This KSP would complement EoR by an additional survey of Gal. lat. $\leq 30^\circ$ (~10000 sq.deg) in the band 50-100 MHz.

$\sim$500 observations, 20 sq.deg each x 10 hours / 6 simultaneous beams = 833 hours

Likely extensive commensality with other surveys.

[Daiboo, Zarka, et al]
Commensal search for advanced life

Tied-array beam observations of all targets (nearby stars, brown dwarfs, known exoplanets) with both LOW and MID.

Additional tied array beam for interference excision.

Deep searches allow sensitivities $\sim 10^{17}$ ergs/sec (EIRP), nearing the highest power leakage transmitters from Earth.
“...THE ONLY SIGNIFICANT TEST OF THE EXISTENCE OF EXTRATERRESTRIAL INTELLIGENCE IS AN EXPERIMENTAL ONE.”

- CARL SAGAN + 69 SIGNATORIES, SCIENCE MAGAZINE
OBSERVATIONS

- Five year fully commensal campaign on both -low and -mid.
- Will use 4-8 tied array beams (voltage).
- Survey $1 \ M \ objects$ to a luminosity limit (EIRP) $\sim 2 \times 10^{18} \ ergs/sec$.
- Raster scan survey of regions of high stellar density (inner galaxy, nearby galaxies)
SEARCH PARAMETERS

• 1000 times more objects, 10 times more sensitive than the most thorough previous SETI search (Project Phoenix, Backus et al. 2002)

• Target catalog constructed by a KSP consortium.

• Conventional narrow-band (0.1 Hz) search over +/- 10 Hz/sec Doppler drifts + wideband algorithms (autocorrelation).

• Will produce an exquisite, dynamic and public RFI catalog
A Million Object SETI Survey

Nearby Stars

Sun-like Stars

Known Earth-like Exoplanets or Solar System-like Exoplanet Systems

Serendipitous Alignments, e.g. multiple exoplanets in a single system along a line of sight to the Earth, “eavesdropping SETI”

Exotica, e.g. natural amplifiers, astrophysical masers, a la Cordes, 1993

KSP 4: The SKA-1 SETI Survey
SKA SETI Synergies

Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS)

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Commensality...
The Berkeley Parasitic SETI Program

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Parasitic programs for the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI), carried out concurrently with conventional radio astronomical observing programs, can be an attractive and cost-effective means of exploring the large multidimensional search space intrinsic to this effort. We describe a microprocessor-based automated SETI acquisition system which searches for and records spectra of narrowband signals in the IF band of an observatory receiver. Data taken with this system over 35 days at the Hat Creek Radio Observatory at 1612 MHz are discussed. Out of approximately $10^5$ spectra processed during this period, 4000 were identified by the system as containing narrowband signals and were recorded. Subsequent analysis indicates that over 3900 of these are due to local RF contamination. The remainder are undergoing further investigation.
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For non-KSP time: critical for provisions to be made for disseminating accurate information about not just the current state of the telescope, but the future state of the telescope.
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