

SPICA Mid-Infrared Instrument (SMI)

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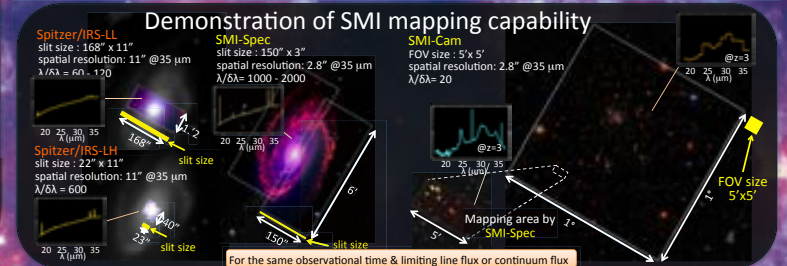
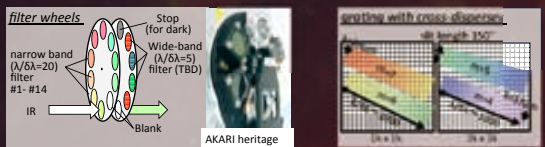
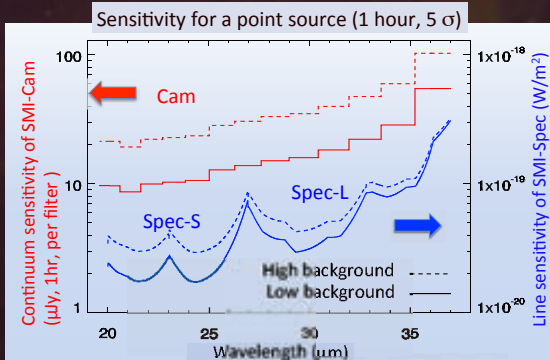
Abstract

SPICA Mid-infrared Instrument (SMI) is a Japanese focal-plane instrument, slimmed and refined for new SPICA, which focuses on longer wavelengths and higher mapping efficiency than the previous instrument MCS. SMI is designed to cover the wavelength range of 20–37 μm (+17–20 μm : optional) with one imaging channel (SMI-Cam) and two spectroscopic channels (SMI-Spec-S/L). In the framework of the SPICA key science programs, SMI will characterize galaxy and material evolutions from the high-redshift to local universe by means of dust bands, such as those of PAHs and silicate grains.

SMI specifications

	Cam	Spec-S	Spec-L
Wavelength	20–37 μm	20 – 27 μm (17–20 μm optional)	27–37 μm
Spectral resolution	20 14-filter changer	1000–2000 (point source) 1000 (diffuse)	
Field of View	5' x 5'	slit: 150" x 3" (common)	
Beam size	1."4 – 2."6		
Pixel scale	0."5 x 0."7		
Point source			
Cont. sensitivity (1 hr, 5 σ)	9 – 50 μJy (per filter)	0.1 – 0.5 mJy	0.2 – 1 mJy
Line sensitivity (1 hr, 5 σ)	(6 – 15) $\times 10^{-20}$ W/m ² (no continuum assumed)	(2 – 7) $\times 10^{-20}$ W/m ²	(3 – 10) $\times 10^{-20}$ W/m ²
Survey speed (reaching flux)	~7 arcmin ² /hr (40 μJy) SED survey (14 filters)	~4 arcmin ² /hr (2 $\times 10^{-19}$ W/m ²)	~2 arcmin ² /hr (2 $\times 10^{-19}$ W/m ²)
Saturation limit	~ 1 Jy	~ 100 Jy	~ 400 Jy
Diffuse			
Sensitivity (1 hr, 5 σ , per 3" x 3")	Continuum 0.2 – 1 MJy/sr (per filter)	Line (TBC) (1 – 4) $\times 10^{-9}$ W/m ² /sr	(2 – 5) $\times 10^{-9}$ W/m ² /sr
Saturation limit	~ 10 ⁴ MJy/sr	~ 10 ⁴ W/m ² /sr	~ 10 ⁴ W/m ² /sr

SMI uses 3 Si 1kx1k array detectors, 1 Si:Sb for Cam and 1 Si:Sb + 1 Si:As for Spec. **SMI-Cam** has a wide FoV and adopts a 14 narrow-band filter changer system, which enables **R=20 SED survey** detecting **dust bands** with **high imaging efficiency & quality**. **SMI-Spec** has a long slit, adopts Echelle grating with cross-disperser, and performs **R=1000 spectral mapping** with a Spitzer/IRS-type scan, which enables detailed diagnostics using **gas lines & dust bands** with **high sensitivity**.

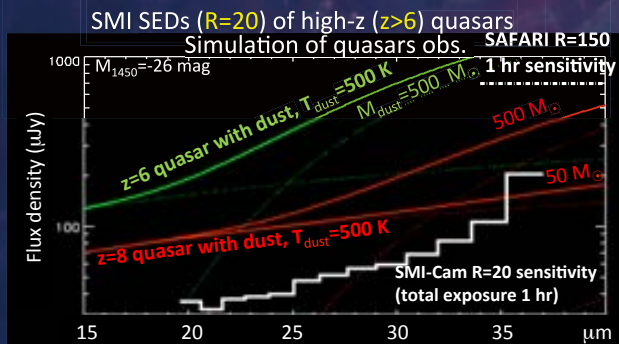


SMI key sciences

The SMI R=20 SED survey will find dust including PAHs and silicates in many high-z objects, while the R=1000 spectroscopy will determine the compositions of silicates and the conditions of PAHs. The following two are examples among SMI key sciences.

Dusty torus formation and evolution of quasars

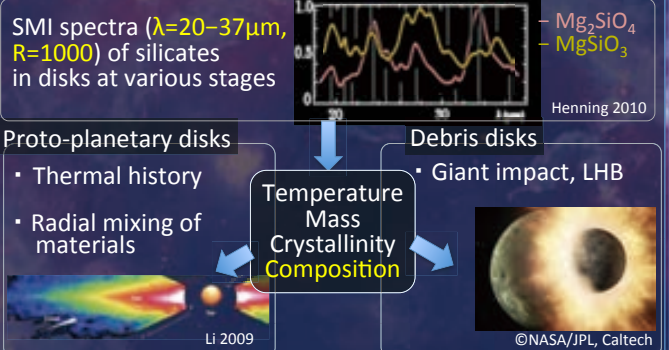
Dusty torus formation by probing hot dust properties in quasars - Evolution sequence from dust free quasars at z=6 (Jiang+ 10) to typical quasars with hot dusty torus



- z=8 quasars detectable even if M_{dust} is small.
- Determination of hot dust properties in high-z quasars
Revealing the history of dust accretion with M_{dust} & T_{dust}
- Detection of the first dusty torus
- The number of targets will increase much by 2025.
>100 @ z>6 quasars ($M_{1450} < -26$) by HSC, LSST,

Evolution of minerals in planet-forming disks

Planet-formation scenario through studies of evolution of various minerals in proto-planetary and debris disks.



- Wavelength coverage complementary to JWST
⇒ detailed compositions (e.g. Fe/Mg ratio)
- Spitzer/IRS/LH-like high R with sensitivity better than LL
⇒ Increase the number of well characterized sample (from dozen to hundreds) ⇒ Comprehensive study
- Spatially resolved observations for A-type stars (3" corresponds to 60 AU@ 20 pc)