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Proposal Type: Regular
 General Category: Astronomy
 Sub-Category: Spectroscopy
 Observation Category: Extragalactic
 Total Time Requested: 15 Hours

Proposal Title: Hidden Molecular Gas in the Extreme Outer Disk of M33?

ABSTRACT:

Recent optical and UV studies have found evidence for star formation in the extreme outer disks of some nearby spiral galaxies. However, no molecular gas (as traced by CO emission) has been found in these regions, perhaps due to the low metallicity and relative lack of ambient radiation. We propose to search for molecular gas in the outer disk of M33 through 6 cm H₂CO absorption against background quasars. This pilot study is an initial step toward determining whether there is a significant reservoir of yet-undetected molecular gas in the outer regions of disk galaxies.

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Service Observing Request

Remote Observing Request

- None
- All of the observing run.
- Part of the observing run.
- Queue Observing

- No
- Maybe
- Yes

Instrument Setup

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Atmospheric Observation Instruments:

Special Equipment or setup: none

RFI Considerations

Frequency Ranges Planned

4820-4845 MHz