AGES, AUDS, ALFALFA, ZOA

Surveying the extragalactic sky from A to Z

Four different surveys

- ALFALFA wide angle, shallow survey covering 7000 deg²
- AGES deeper survey targeting different environments clusters, groups and voids
- AUDS very deep survey for HI at z > 0.1
- ZOA survey of the galactic plane piggybacking on other surveys





ALFALFA







ALFALFA

- Two-pass, meridian drift-scan survey
- Three times the volume of HIPASS
- Best definition to date of the HI Mass Function (HIMF)
- Capable of picking out interesting lowmass objects with high-resolution

AGES

- 24-pass drift survey (300s)
- Covers different regions:
 - Virgo Cluster (2 fields)
 - Local Void
 - M33 and the Pisces-Perseus filament
 - Abell 1367 cluster
 - Leo I, NGC 7448 and NGC 3193 groups
 - NGC 6555, NGC 2577, NGC 7332, UGC
 2082 and NGC 1156 galaxies.

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 - 8 previously uncatalogued
 - 3 with SDSS redshifts
 - None have previous HI measurements

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AGES J0302+2448



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AUDS

- 40 hours integration time per beam
- Covers a small area (0.36 deg²) with most of the volume at high redshift
- Sensitive to a few times $10^8 M_{\odot}$ at z=0.16
- Will study evolution of gas by determining the HIMF at z>0.1
- Expected to detect 36 gals in no-evolution scenario, 50% more with strong evolution.

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- Detection rate 2-3 times higher than expect from the HIPASS HIMF
- Consistent with strong-evolution scenario, but with low significance
- See Freudling et al. poster (187.06)

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- Galactic surveys give a shallow coverage of a wide area
- Pulsar surveys give much deeper coverage

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- Observations started with Galactic surveys in Summer 2005
- First observations covered 38 deg² near longitude 40°
- Reached 6 6.5 mJy in 4s integration
- Detected 9 galaxies, including 6/8 of Parkes HIZOA galaxies from this region



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ZOA Initial Results

- Intend to map full ZOA in Arecibo sky
- Will take ~320 hours to cover the inner galaxy (±10 deg) to this sensitivity
- Expect to find ~1000 galaxies
- Observations with P-ALFA surveys await the arrival of new correlators
- These will be deeper but less well sampled and covering a smaller area

Summary

- The four E-ALFA surveys offer different and complementary ways of exploring the HI content of the Universe.
- They will dramatically increase the number of known HI sources.
- Will increase our knowledge of the distribution and evolution of galaxies in a way not possible at other wavelengths.