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## Overview:

Based on the results of an NSF-funded design study in 2006 and successful deployment in 2012, we propose the next development stage for the High Elevation Antarctic Terahertz (HEAT) telescope(s), a robotic, 0.6-meter THz observatory at the summit of the Antarctic plateau. HEAT operates from 158 to 609 microns, and observes the brightest and most diagnostic spectral lines from the Galaxy. It is tasked with the dual purpose of performing site testing and leading-edge terahertz astronomy. The (first) telescope was deployed in 2012 with the University of New South Wales PLATeau Observatory (PLATO-R) to Ridge A, the driest, calmest and clearest point on the summit. The facility operates with no direct human contact for a year at a time between servicing missions, with commands and data being transfered to and from the experiment via satellite daily. The site is truly exceptional, and HEAT has already made the most sensitive large-scale maps in the 370 micron line of neutral carbon, unveiling a population of CO-dark molecular clouds and new regions where molecular clouds may be forming. With an established facility, we propose here the next level of instrument development, namely a receiver system operating at 4 Kelvin, whose increased sensitivity will allow HEAT to map the Galaxy more than 10 times faster. This effort is the second part of a longer term plan for the facility.

This proposal requires fieldwork in the Antarctic.

#### Intellectual Merit :

The HEAT telescope forges entirely new capabilities for ground-based infrared and submillimeter astronomy which otherwise would be unachievable except via expensive airborne or space-based platforms, HEAT and PLATO-R represent a new generation of polar instrumentation that permits the excellent conditions available from remote sites like Ridge A to be harnessed without the costs and hazards associated with manned operations. The unparalleled stability, exceptional dryness, low wind and extreme cold make Ridge A a site without equal for astronomy at infrared and submillimeter wavelengths. HEAT operates in the atmospheric windows between 158 and 609 microns, in which the most crucial astrophysical spectral diagnostics of the formation of galaxies, stars, planets, and life are found. HEAT is in the process of addressing timely and fundamental questions about the evolution of the interstellar medium and star formation. In particular, through large-scale Galactic surveys, the measurement and impact of the Galactic environment on the life cycles of interstellar clouds and their relation to star formation are gradually being realized. These upgrades of mixer, local oscillator, low-noise amplifier, cryogenic, and DSP technologies will play essential roles in future Terahertz observatories. This pioneering mission paves the way for future astronomical investigations from the high plateau and beyond.

#### Broader Impácts :

HEAT's key project is to map, with great sensitivity and precision, portions of the Southern Galactic Plane in the spectral light of the dominant coolants of the interstellar medium. Definitive and comprehensive science products from the survey and its synergistic collaborations are being made available to the astronomy & aeronomy community with no proprietary period. These survey products enhance the value of numerous contemporary surveys. Beneficiaries include Legacy programs from the Spitzer Space Telescope, Key Projects from Herschel, the most recent HI and CO surveys of the Galactic Plane, and the 2MASS & UKIDSS infrared sky surveys. The wide-field terahertz surveys provided by HEAT place Herschel, ALMA, and balloon-borne observations in a broader, richer context. Thus, HEAT will serve both as a scientific and technological pathfinder for contemporary and future suborbital and space-based missions. As a portable, accessible terahertz observatory, HEAT transforms into an outstanding educational and outreach tool. The HEAT project uniquely captures the kind of high adventure spirit that attracts many to science in the first place, and we aim to provide video and photographic documentation of our experience for everyone, via PBS's NOVA program. Finally, the design and fabrication of HEAT has been an interdisciplinary team effort involving students from astronomy, optical sciences, and electrical engineering. Astronomical instrumentation is becoming ever more complex, requiring the talents of many individuals to bring them to fruition. Providing students with both technical training and team-work experience increases their probability of success, both in science and in society.

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# **Project Description**

## 1 Results from Prior NSF Support

## 1.1 High Elevation Antarctic Terahertz (HEAT) telescopes for Ridge A

In 2010, the PI initiated an NSF-funded (ANT-0944335, 10/2010-9/2014, \$1.486M) program to build two 60 cm terahertz telescopes for robotic operation at the summit of the Antarctic high plateau with the dual purpose of site testing and performing leading edge terahertz astronomy. These High Elevation Antarctic Terahertz (HEAT) telescopes operate from 150 to 600 microns wavelength and observe the brightest and most diagnostic far-infrared lines in the Galaxy. An international collaboration with Australia's University of New South Wales provided the PLATeau Observatory for Ridge A (PLATO-R), a platform for power and satellite communication. In January 2012, PLATO-R and the first HEAT prototype were successfully deployed to Ridge A and have performed admirably.

## 1.1.1 Broader Impacts: Activities



Figure 1: (left) A new far-infrared astronomical observatory was established on Ridge A, the inland summit of the polar plateau, as a joint collaboration between the University of Arizona and the University of New South Wales in Australia in January 2012. Consisting of a (blue) High Elevation Antarctic Terahertz (HEAT) telescope and the (yellow and green) PLATeau Observatory (PLATO-R) instrument and engine modules, the observatory is designed to operate unattended for 12 months at a time.

The High Elevation Antarctic Terahertz (HEAT) telescope is forging new capabilities for groundbased infrared and submillimeter astronomy, by providing a window on the Universe which otherwise would be unavailable except via suborbital or space-based platforms. The HEAT telescopes' key science project is a THz survey of the Galactic Plane observable from Antarctica in the CO J=7-6 and [CI] J=2-1 lines at 809 GHz, [NII] at 1461 GHz, and ultimately the [CII] line at 1900 GHz. Via spatially and spectrally-resolved line emission, HEAT uniquely probes the pivotal formative and disruptive stages in the **life cycles of interstellar clouds** and sheds crucial light on the **formation of stars** by providing new insight into the relationship between interstellar clouds and the stars that form in them; a central component of **galactic evolution**. A detailed study of the ISM of the Milky Way is needed to construct a template to **interpret global star formation in other spiral galaxies**. These science goals are discussed further in Section 2. The initial proposal supports the HEAT telescopes through the first 2 full years of science operations at Ridge A, which lies about 110 miles inland from the Chinese Kunlun station at Dome A but at essentially the same elevation.



Figure 2: (left) The prototype 3-mirror off-axis Gregorian telescope, cryogenic receiver system and frozen PI are visible in this image. (right) Enclosed in a fiberglass shell and thin black HDPE "window" that is transparent to THz radiation, the prototype HEAT telescope is ready for observations (January 2012).

For orientation, the facility is shown in Figures 1 and 2. It is comprised of several components: PLATO-R's yellow **instrument module** houses 20 kW hr of LiFePO4 batteries, power distribution electronics, supervisor computers, and Iridium modems and antennas. A 4-panel **Solar Cube** provides up to 800 W of solar power to the instrument module during the summer months. PLATO-R's green **engine module** houses 800 liters of AN8 fuel in an internal bladder and another 800 liters in external fuel barrels. Two diesel engines are housed inside the temperature-controlled module, providing up to 1500W of power to the instrument module during winter. Finally, the **HEAT telescope** is connected to the yellow instrument module by a 10-meter umbilical which supplies ethernet and power. HEAT is a 62 cm aperture off-axis Gregorian telescope, like SPT. Optically, it is comprised of 1) a 45-degree flat mirror which steers in elevation and represents the only moving part of the telescope, 2) an off-axis parabolic primary mirror, and 3) an elliptical camera mirror, which re-images the Gregorian focus to a small cryostat cooled to 50K by a Sunpower Cryotel CT Stirling cycle cryocooler. The initial deployment featured 810 and 492 GHz receivers for atomic carbon and was swapped for 810 GHz and 1460-1500 GHz receivers starting in January 2014.

The design and philosophy behind HEAT and PLATO-R more closely resembles a space observatory than a typical ground based telescope. The program has been a remarkable success; since the beginning of the effort in October 2010, the team has:

- 1. Designed, constructed, and deployed an autonomous, robotic observatory for the most remote site on Earth, and an extreme environment, using a blend of solar and diesel power, to operate without physical human intervention for a year at a time.
- 2. Deployed cryocooled heterodyne receiver systems and telescopes at THz frequencies that operate for a year at a time between servicings, with a total power budget of less than 200W.
- 3. Developed and deployed an advanced telescope scheduling system that can autonomously execute an observing plan with little human involvement, with a 2 watt computing power budget using mobile phone ARM processors.

- 4. Developed and deployed a data processing system that can return fully-reduced spectroscopic maps of the 4th Galactic quadrant over the 'soda straw' bandwidth of an Iridium modem (2400 baud)... using the same mobile phone CPU.
- 5. Generated the deepest large-scale maps of the ISM in neutral carbon at 370  $\mu$ m, with CO J=13-12 and [NII] at 200  $\mu$ m installed in 2014, and ultimately ionized carbon at 158  $\mu$ m (this proposal). By exploring molecular clouds and their environments in tracer species *other* than CO, HEAT will probe the entire carbon trail & the full life cycle of interstellar clouds.
- 6. Provided the data products freely to the astronomical community after collection and calibration, with no proprietary period.

#### 1.1.2 Intellectual Merit: Site testing results

HEAT's sensitivity is owed to the superlative atmospheric conditions above the summit of the Antarctic plateau. The extreme cold and exceptional dryness allow ground-based observations into the otherwise forbidden THz windows. Figure 3 demonstrates the exceptionally **transparent** and **stable** conditions that are routinely available at Ridge A. To illustrate, HEAT measured 86 days in 2012 in which the daily mean opacity at 200  $\mu$ m (1.5 THz) was below 1.5. In comparison, the APEX radiometer for 2012 indicated only 4 such days for the Chajnantor plain, and the best estimates for Cerro Chajnantor (CCAT) indicate 12 days. Ridge A is especially remarkable in that >10% of the year yields usable atmospheric transmission in the 150 micron window, containing the pivotal 158  $\mu$ m ionized carbon line.



Figure 3: (left) A sample week of precipitable water vapor measurements from HEAT during winter 2013 shows an incredibly stable, transparent atmosphere, with a median winter PWV of 124 microns, and a best quartile of 87 microns! Such dry air leads to the upper-two (blue and red) transmission plots shown at right. The bottom two (green and yellow) curves represent the ALMA site and Mauna Kea, respectively. Ridge A opens entirely new atmospheric windows to routine observations from the ground.

A tabular comparison of Ridge A to other well-known submillimeter sites is shown in Table 1. To the proposers' knowledge, the Ridge A results are the best measured anywhere from the ground. That such conditions are frequently realizable makes them even more remarkable.

The high elevation, cold stable atmosphere and benign wind conditions at Ridge A **open the Terahertz windows to ground-based observatories and are unlikely to be matched anywhere** 

Site 25%ile 50%ile		Median winter	Best 25% winter	Best 10% winter		
	winter PWV		transmission	transmission	transmission	
	(mm)		@660 GHz	@1500 GHz	@2000 GHz	
Ridge A, 4040m	0.09	0.12	77%	41%	28%	
South Pole, 2850m	0.23	0.32	52%	9%	1%	
Plano Chajnantor, 5050m	0.35	0.60	47%	10%	2%	
Mauna Kea, 4100m	1.0	1.5	15%	0%	0%	

Table 1: Comparison of Ridge A with other established submillimeter observing sites, based on 2012 HEAT data for Ridge A, 2012 radiosonde data for South Pole, and Chajnantor from 2012 APEX radiometer data, Mauna Kea from literature values (Delgado et al., 1999; Hogg, 1992).

**else on Earth**. Thus, even with an initial deployment of cooled Schottky diode mixer receivers, HEAT's sensitivity to each spectral line is already extremely competitive.



Figure 4: Eight of the fifteen Galactic strip maps observed by HEAT in 2012, atop a color-scale image of the MSX 8 micron infrared emission. To minimize telescope motion and maximize pointing accuracy, the maps are performed in drift scanning mode at constant azimuth and elevation, yielding strips of differing inclination when plotted atop the Galactic Plane.

#### 1.1.3 Intellectual Merit: Astronomical Results

In the light of 370  $\mu$ m (809 GHz) atomic carbon J=2-1 emission, HEAT has obtained high-fidelity strip maps of the Galactic Plane (Figure 4) as well as a high priority  $1^{\circ} \times 0.6^{\circ}$  map at Galactic longitude 328° (Figure 5) that are now publically available. With a 3-sigma rms noise level of 100 mK, these are the largest, most sensitive maps in the atomic carbon line to date.

Preliminary results of these data indicate that atomic carbon, while of lower surface brightness than CO, is more widespread and is only slightly less abundant on large scales. Since all [CI] emission stems from regions where hydrogen is molecular, this implies that a substantial fraction (at least 30%) of the molecular mass is not probed by CO emission, the so-called "COdark gas" (Grenier et al., 2005; Wolfire et al., 2010). (Kulesa et al. 2014, in preparation, see soral.as.arizona.edu/heat for latest publication updates).

Specific regions in the first square degree to be mapped by HEAT (at  $l=328^{\circ}$ ) are already providing evidence of molecular cloud formation. [CI] appears to be well correlated with cold HI gas observed in absorption. A quiescent filament spanning 0.5 degrees on the sky is observed at -78 km/s V<sub>lsr</sub> with high [CI] abundance relative to CO, suggestive of recent cloud formation (Burton et al. 2014).



Figure 5: (left) Integrated intensity map of [CI] line emission toward  $l=328^{\circ}$  shows that diffuse atomic carbon emission fills the Galaxy and is nearly as abundant as CO. (center) The molecular gas shown by HEAT's detected line emission at -78 km/s  $V_{lsr}$  (contours) appears to be associated with self-absorption in the 21 cm HI line (color scale) at the same velocity. The high abundance of [CI] suggests that this molecular gas is chemically-young; it has not yet converted much of its elemental carbon to CO. Such a signature is indicative of a natal cloud. Establishing where these clouds are forming in a Galactic context is one of the primary goals of the HEAT telescope and one of the main motivations to extend its initial mission.

#### 1.1.4 Publications and Research Products

The preliminary (DR0) and first major data releases (DR1) from the HEAT telescope are online at http://soral.as.arizona.edu/heat/ and comprise data acquired during the 2012 and 2013 seasons at Ridge A. As DR1 has only just been released after physical recovery of the 2013 data from Ridge A in January 2014, papers based on these data are currently in preparation.

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#### 1.1.5 Relation to Current Proposal

Much of the effort to date has focused on the technological development of this pathfinding observatory and achieving its first results. While the choice of Schottky diode mixer receivers at an operating temperature of 50K was done for robustness, the state of the art in detector sensitivity is achieved using superconducting devices at temperatures of  $\sim$ 4K. Now that basic operation of HEAT and PLATO-R has been proven, augmentation of a superconducting receiver system would improve the mapping speed and scientific capability of the system by an order of magnitude. The goal of this proposal is to develop a superconducting receiver system using existing bestof-breed Hot Electron Bolometer (HEB) mixers from 1.4-1.9 THz to augment the existing cryogenic Schottky diode mixers from 0.8 to 1.5 THz. This augmentation will bring worldclass instrument sensitivity to a site that is already the very best on the face of the Earth for astronomy at terahertz frequencies.

## 2 Science Goals

## 2.1 Introduction

From the Milky Way to high redshift protogalaxies, the internal evolution of galaxies is determined to a large extent by the life cycles of interstellar clouds, as shown in Figure 6.



Figure 6: The HEAT telescopes will observe the fine structure lines of [N II], [C II], [C I], and CO that probe the entire life cycle of interstellar clouds. In particular, HEAT will witness the transformation of neutral atomic clouds into star-forming clouds, the interaction of the interstellar medium (ISM) with the young stars that are born from it, and the return of enriched stellar material to the ISM by stellar death.

These clouds are largely comprised of atomic & molecular hydrogen and atomic helium, which are notoriously difficult to detect under normal interstellar conditions. Atomic hydrogen is detectable via the 21 cm spin-flip transition and provides the observational basis for current models of a multiphase Galactic ISM. Its emission is insensitive to gas density and does not always discriminate between cold (T $\sim$ 70K) atomic clouds and the warm (T $\sim$ 8000K) neutral medium that is thought to pervade the Galaxy. Furthermore, neither atomic helium nor molecular hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>) have accessible emission line spectra in the prevailing physical conditions in cold interstellar clouds. Thus, it is important to probe the nature of the ISM via rarer trace elements. Carbon, for example, is found in ionized form (C<sup>+</sup>) in neutral clouds, eventually becoming atomic (C), then molecular as carbon monoxide (CO) in dark molecular clouds.

Although we are now beginning to understand star formation, the formation, evolution and destruction of molecular clouds remains shrouded in uncertainty. The need to understand the evo-

lution of interstellar clouds in the context of star formation has become a central theme of contemporary astrophysics. The most recent decadal survey, "Astro2010: New Worlds, New Horizons", specifically identifies the questions "*What controls the mass-energy-chemical cycles within galaxies*", "*how do stars form*", "*what determines the star formation rates and efficiencies in molecular clouds*", and "*what determines the properties of pre-stellar cloud cores and what is the origin of the stellar mass function*" as among the key questions for radio and (sub)millimeter facilities in this decade. Further, the specific recommendation is made: "A large-field mapper operating at millimeter and submillimeter wavelengths is required to pave the way for follow-up observations with ALMA". HEAT is a direct answer to this recommendation and is available now!

## 2.2 Goal 1: Observing the Life Cycle of Interstellar Clouds

The formation of interstellar clouds is a prerequisite for star formation, yet the process has not yet been identified observationally! HEAT is designed with the unique combination of mapping speed, sensitivity and resolution needed to observe atomic clouds in the process of becoming giant molecular clouds (GMCs) and their subsequent dissolution into diffuse gas via stellar feedback.

Theories of cloud formation are guided and constrained by observations of the atomic and molecular gas components. HEAT can distinguish between the mechanisms proposed to form clouds by 1) accounting for the entire  $H_2$  mass (including  $H_2$  clouds with little CO) when computing global measures of the interstellar medium, and 2) constructing spatial and kinematic comparisons of sufficient resolution, spatial coverage and dynamic range to probe a wide range of interstellar phases and environments. Within its survey region, HEAT will generate a better characterized catalog of interstellar clouds than CO or HI surveys alone.

Since the [C II] and [C I] line emissivity selects *clouds* of atomic gas and  $H_2$  clouds with little CO, regions of GMC formation may therefore be tracked by a large density of clouds per beam, or regions with individual clouds with higher than average columns or pressures. With HEAT's high spectral resolution, these regions can be identified with superrings or spiral arms or convergent parts of a turbulent medium. With guidance from 2MASS extinction mapping and existing CO and 21 cm HI surveys, HEAT will follow cold HI clouds and  $H_2$  clouds as they transit the spiral potential, and will witness the process of cloud formation directly from the atomic substrate or small  $H_2$  clouds. Similarly, the [N II] luminosity determines the ionizing luminosity of OB stars, a standard metric for the star formation rate. Therefore, [N II] observations of ionized gas provide an extinction-free, low-density measurement of the location and rate of star formation in the Galaxy.

HEAT's high spectral resolution enables crucial kinematic studies of the Galaxy to be made. HEAT will determine the kinematics and thermal pressures of supershells, fossil superrings, and new molecular clouds condensing out of old superrings and supershells via gravitational instability. HEAT can determine the role of OB association-driven supershells and superrings in the production of molecular clouds and the cycling of gas between the various phases of the ISM. Since [N II] measures the flux of ionizing photons, and [C II] measures their impact upon neighboring cloud surfaces, HEAT will measure the resolved photoevaporating atomic or ionized gas driven from clouds with UV-illuminated surfaces, thereby determining the rate of mass loss from all cataloged clouds, and their destruction timescales. HEAT's survey will correlate the star formation rate in a given OB association with the rate of destruction of any nearby (within 30 pc) natal GMC. Such measurements are crucial for models of star formation feedback and galactic evolution.

#### 2.3 Goal 2: Constructing a Milky Way Template for Star Formation

HEAT probes the relation between the gas surface density on kpc scales and the  $N^+$ -derived star formation rate, so that we might be able to better understand the empirical Schmidt Law used to estimate the star forming properties of external galaxies.

[C II] and [N II] will be the premier diagnostic tools for far-infrared studies of external galaxies with large redshifts (e.g. with Herschel & ALMA). In such spatially unresolved galaxies, however, only global properties can be measured. Detailed interstellar studies of the widely varying conditions in our own Milky Way Galaxy serve as a diagnostic template or "Rosetta Stone" that can be used to translate the global properties of more distant galaxies into reliable estimators of star formation rate and state of the ISM. The HEAT mission covers a broad range of density and UV intensity, establishing the relationship between physical properties, [C II], [C I], CO, [N II], HI, FIR emission, and star formation. This relationship can be tested by application to nearby galaxies in the SINGS Spitzer Legacy Survey (Kennicutt et al., 2003), for which a large amount of ancillary optical, infrared and submm data exist.

For example: star formation within galaxies is commonly described by two empirical relationships: the variation of the star formation rate per unit area with the gas surface density (Schmidt, 1959; Kennicutt, 1998) and a surface density threshold below which star formation is suppressed (Martin & Kennicutt, 2001). The Schmidt Law has been evaluated from the radial profiles of HI & CO emission for tens of galaxies. The mean value of the Schmidt index, n, is  $1.4\pm0.15$  (Kennicutt, 1998), valid for kpc scales. This empirical relationship is used in most models of galaxy evolution with surprising success given its simplicity. Furthermore the SFR-dense gas relation established in nearby galaxies is a linear one (Gao & Solomon 2004) and this has been extended to the Milky Way dense cores (Wu, Evans, Gao et al. 2005), and possibly high-z galaxies and QSOs as well (Gao et al. 2007), implying that the same physics drives the active massive star formation in both GMC dense cores and galaxies near and far.

Oddly, there has been little effort to evaluate the Schmidt Law in the Milky Way owing to the difficulty in deriving the star formation rate as a function of radius within the plane. The HEAT survey of CO, [C I], [C II] and [N II] emission provides an initial set of data to calculate the Schmidt Law in the Galaxy. The [N II] line is an excellent tracer of the star formation rate as it measures ionizing luminosity with unmatched sensitivity, angular and spectral resolution, and is unaffected by extinction. The [C I] and [C II] lines, in conjunction with HI 21cm and CO line emission, provide the first coherent map of the neutral interstellar gas surface density and its variation with radius. A preliminary Schmidt Law will be constructed from the radial profiles of the star formation rate derived from [N II] emission and the gas surface density. The column density threshold is inferred from the absence of star formation activity in the outer radii of galaxies where there is still a significant reservoir of gas (Kennicutt, 1998).

### 2.4 Implementation of Science Objectives

HEAT's science drivers highlight a survey that would not only provide the first comprehensive view of interstellar clouds and their evolution in the Galaxy, but would also serve as a reference for contemporary focused studies with APEX, and the ALMA and SMA interferometers (in addition to current studies using Herschel data). How will the HEAT telescope address the scientific goals that have been illustrated?

#### 2.4.1 A Superconducting HEB Mixer Receiver at 4 Kelvin

The main technical advance of this proposal is to integrate a more sensitive receiver capability to the HEAT telescope. The current deployment of Schottky diode mixers operate at ambient temperatures and improve substantially when cooled. Nevertheless, they are a factor of 3 or more less sensitive than superconducting Hot Electron Bolometer (HEB) mixers, which is critical for the very highest frequencies such as 1.9 THz where the good weather opportunities are limited. In order to maximize the science return at the highest frequencies, state-of-the-art mixers must be deployed. J.R. Gao in the Division of Sensor Research and Technology at SRON in the Netherlands has published the most sensitive HEB mixer receiver results in the world (e.g. Kloosterman et al. 2013). He will provide HEB devices at 1.9 THz for use in HEAT; in turn, the University of Arizona will fabricate the corresponding mixer blocks and hemispherical silicon lenses to couple to the existing HEAT telescope optics. The University of Arizona team has extensive experience with HEB devices through the STO project (Section 2.4.5). To house the SRON mixers, we will develop a hybrid cryostat that leverages the very successful design currently used on HEAT (Figure 2). The proposed cryostat has a radiation shield cooled to 50K by the current Sunpower Cryotel CT stirling engine, which also cools the existing Schottky diode mixers and maintains an excellent vacuum year-round through cryopumping. When the weather is especially good, a second cold work surface is cooled even further to 4-6K using a Sumitomo RDK-101 cold head attached to a matching CNA-11 helium compressor in a specially-insulated vessel, modified to operate from PLATO-R's 120 VDC bus. Helium compressor lines are short, insulated, with seals replaced with fluorosilicone rings rated to -60C and temperature-regulated. The system will be environmentally tested to -60C using a large dry ice chamber. This hybrid system provides year-round observations with Schottky diode mixers at 810 GHz or 1460 GHz at a low total power consumption of 150-200W, and superconducting operation at 4-6 Kelvin with a total power consumption of 1000W during the days of best weather, when precipitable water vapor drops to 100 microns (0.1 mm) or lower. PLATO-R can already provide this power capability. Table 2 shows the measured noise temperatures of the HEAT receivers at different operating temperatures, demonstrating the marked improvement possible with the 4K system.

HEAT Receiver	$\mathbf{T}_{rec}$ at 290K	$\mathbf{T}_{rec}$ at 50K	<b>T</b> <sub>rec</sub> at <b>4.2K</b>
0.8 THz Schottky	5000K	1500K	_
1.5 THz Schottky	10000K	3500K	_
1.5, 1.9 THz HEB	_	_	800K

Table 2: Double-sideband receiver noise temperatures for HEAT receivers at different temperatures. Mapping speed is inversely-proportional to receiver noise temperature squared; so a 2x reduction in noise temperature generally results in a 4-fold increase in mapping speed.

#### 2.4.2 Velocity-Resolved Imaging Spectroscopy

Large format detector arrays in the infrared are now commonplace, and such arrays on the ground and in space (e.g. Spitzer and Herschel) have performed large-scale maps of molecular material. However, such continuum surveys have limited applicability to the study of the structure of the Galactic ISM due to the complete lack of kinematic information. The confluence of many clouds along most Galactic lines of sight can only be disentangled with spectral line techniques. Fitting to a model of Galactic rotation is often the only way to determine each cloud's distance and location within the Galaxy. With resolution finer than 1 km s<sup>-1</sup>, a cloud's kinematic location can be even distinguished from other phenomena that alter the lineshape, such as turbulence, rotation, and local effects such as protostellar outflows. These kinematic components play a vital role in the sculpting of interstellar clouds, and a survey that has the goal of understanding their evolution must be able to measure them. HEAT easily resolves the intrinsic profiles of Galactic interstellar lines, with a resolution of <0.4 km s<sup>-1</sup> up to 370 km s<sup>-1</sup> of spectrometer bandwidth, comparable to the Galactic rotational velocity.

#### 2.4.3 Uniqueness of a [CI], [CII], [NII] and CO Survey

Molecular line surveys have been performed over the entire sky in the light of the 2.6 mm J=1-0 line of <sup>12</sup>CO, and have been used to synthesize our best understanding of the molecular content of the Galaxy. Still, our understanding of the evolution of Galactic molecular clouds is woefully incomplete! Figure 7 depicts a plane-parallel cross-sectional representation of an interstellar cloud which highlights several ways that HEAT's THz surveys can shed new light on our understanding of the life cycles of clouds. In particular, a significant column of "hidden" gas exists between where the atomic to molecular transition of H to H<sub>2</sub> takes place, and where CO finally becomes the dominant form of gas-phase carbon. This translucent material is best probed by [CII] and [CI]. Both lines are therefore more revealing than CO of the formative and destructive states in the evolution of a molecular cloud. They will reveal natal molecular (H<sub>2</sub>) regions that are weak or absent in CO emission.



Figure 7: The uniqueness of HEAT's [CI], [CII] and [NII] surveys. A model depiction of the intensity of diagnostic lines of carbon and nitrogen species as viewed through a UV-illuminated cloud from depths of  $A_V$ =0 to 20 mag. Vertical purple lines overlay the HII-to-HI-to-H<sub>2</sub> boundaries found at the edges of dense interstellar clouds. This figure demonstrates that [CII] and [CI] probe H<sub>2</sub> clouds with little CO, and depicts the need to use [NII] to disentangle the portion of [CII] emission stemming from ionized gas.

This proposal brings the crucial [CII] mapping capability to HEAT, with the high sensitivity needed to perform a statistically meaningful survey of Galactic emission. HEAT will then measure all three principal forms of carbon in the gas phase: ionized, neutral, and molecular. In combination with existing infrared, HI and CO surveys, the potential to identify the formation and destruction of molecular clouds and GMCs observationally may finally be realized! This survey will provide the first barometric maps of the Galaxy, and illuminate the properties of clouds and their life cycles in relation to their location in the Galaxy. They will highlight the delicate interplay between (massive) stars and the clouds which form them, a critical component of galactic evolution.

#### 2.4.4 Diverse Mapping Coverage of the Galactic Plane

From previous CO surveys it is known that the scale height of CO emission toward the inner Galaxy is less than one degree (Dame et al., 1987; Dame, Hartmann, & Thaddeus, 2001). The BICE experiment demonstrated that the C<sup>+</sup> distribution is more extended, but still is confined to |b| < 1. Interstellar pressure, abundances, and physical conditions vary strongly as a function of Galactocentric radius, so it is necessary to probe both the inner and outer Galaxy, and both spiral arms and interarm regions, to obtain a statistically meaningful survey that encompasses the broad dynamic range of physical conditions in the Galaxy.

Ultimately, we propose to probe the entire Galactic plane as seen from Ridge A ( $0 > l > -100^{\circ}$ ). The survey will probe three crucial components of the Galaxy; the Scutum-Crux spiral arm, an inter-arm region, and portions of the Carina, Lupus, and Chamaeleon II cloud complexes, and high luminosity portions of the LMC. The Galaxy survey will coincide with GLIMPSE, a Spitzer Space Telescope (SST) Legacy Program (Benjamin et al., 2003) and will be designed to maximize coverage with the "Cores to Disks" Spitzer Legacy program (Evans et al., 2003) and the Herschel "GOTC+" open time key program (Langer et al., 2010). The target line sensitivity is set to identify all ionized, atomic, and molecular (CO) carbon to a column density corresponding to a visual extinction of 1 magnitude ( $1.8 \times 10^{21}$  cm<sup>-2</sup>).

The broad coverage of the HEAT survey and the circumpolar nature of the sky rotation over Antarctica lends itself naturally to efficient, 24 hr/day mapping using the On-The-Fly (OTF), or "drift scanning" technique. HEAT can reach the requisite sensitivity of  $1\sigma$ =0.15 K km s<sup>-1</sup> per beam at 810 GHz over a fully sampled square degree in 10 days, assuming median winter conditions of  $\tau_{810} \sim 0.5$ . 20 square degrees distributed from  $0 > l > -20^{\circ}$  and  $-45 > l > -100^{\circ}$  will be mapped in  $\approx$ 300 days. The superconducting [CII] channel will map a square degree in 15 days during the best weather, when the opacity at 1900 GHz drops to 2. It is expected that 2 square degrees can be mapped per season in [CII] to the required sensitivity ( $3\sigma$  rms noise of 1K or less) and an additional 2 square degrees to shallower sensitivity ( $3\sigma$  rms noise of 2K or less).

#### 2.4.5 Broader Impact: Synergies with Other Observatories

**HEAT is timely**. The Spitzer Space Telescope Legacy program GLIMPSE, and Herschel program Hi-Gal, provide a thermal infrared survey of the Galactic plane that provides a complete census of OB stars, the stellar structure of the molecular ring, maps the warm and cold interstellar dust, and constrains extinction laws as a function of galactocentric radius. HEAT provides the best corresponding interstellar cloud survey that will provide the kinematic information that can associate star formation with specific clouds of molecular gas. HEAT can measure the dense cloud material that forms stars, cloud interactions with formed stars, and kinematic disruptions by mass ejection, outflow, and supernova remnants.

HEAT naturally complements the results provided by SOFIA and Herschel. The higher angular resolution afforded by larger telescopes necessarily reduces their field of view and mapping speed. For example, the most intensive [CII]-related key project for Herschel is "GOTC<sup>+</sup>" (PI: W. Langer), which observed the [CII] line toward over 900 selected points in the Galactic Plane with the HIFI instrument. HEAT, by virtue of being a dedicated mapping instrument with a focused mission and a long mission lifetime, will map almost 400 times the areal coverage of "GOTC<sup>+</sup>" during this proposal period, and could exceed the Herschel coverage in [CII] by a factor of 100 or more in a single season. **Given the expiration of Herschel and the recent defunding of SOFIA in the** 

# current FY2015+ NASA budget, the terahertz astronomy provided by the HEAT telescope has become even more critical!

Similarly, the small field of view of the **ALMA interferometer** (7-30") means that many tens of thousands of pointings will be needed to map a single square degree. Multi-square-degree large-scale imaging with ALMA will be prohibitively time consuming but is a task effectively performed by single-dish telescopes like HEAT. Indeed, HEAT's Southern survey in atomic carbon, [NII], [CII] and high-J CO emission will be an ideal survey for active star forming clouds and cores and represents an exceptional reference map for detailed follow-up with ALMA.

**HEAT distinguishes itself from other small ground-based observatories** such as NANTEN and the RLT in that (1) HEAT is a dedicated observatory with an autonomous and efficient year-round observing schedule, and (2) it is at the only ground based site that can stably and reliably observe the terahertz lines warranted by these scientific goals (Section 2.4.3). In combination with the surveys produced by these other telescopes, HEAT will be able to address questions which other surveys alone could not. It should be noted that both AST/RO and the RLT have made pioneering, targeted observations of [N II] (Oberst et al. 2006, Marrone et al. 2005). These observations have been helpful in optimizing the larger scale survey with HEAT from Ridge A.

Finally, the reflight of the Stratospheric Terahertz Observatory (STO-2: PI-Walker, DPI-Kulesa) is a funded long duration balloon (LDB) project which complements the Galactic plane survey capabilities of HEAT. It has a 0.8m aperture and is designed to observe high lying THz lines including [C II], [N II], and [O I]. The STO-2 science flight will occur in 2016 and will last for  $\sim$ 2-4 weeks. Such flights can be repeated on 2-3 year timescales. HEAT plays an important role with respect to STO-2, which has a restricted view of the Galactic Plane (from l=-20 to l=-50) owing to Solar angle restrictions and the occulting of the sky by the helium balloon itself. HEAT will map the important southern Lupus, Carina, and Chamaeleon molecular cloud complexes, in addition to deeper, smaller scale maps of the Large Magellanic Cloud. HEAT and STO observations will therefore be coordinated to provide maximum science return.



Figure 8: Regions of the Galactic Plane from l=0 to -100, |b| < 1, to be mapped by STO-2 & HEAT. The largest HEAT survey will focus on [CI], with smaller maps made in [NII] and [CII].

#### 2.4.6 Broader Impact: Site testing of the coldest place on Earth

Analysis of 1 km land surface temperatures from the MODIS instruments on NASA's Aqua and Terra satellites shows surface skin temperatures that exceed the record low temperature of -89.2C measured at Vostok in 1983. One such site to have experienced temperatures as low as -92C twice in the last 3 seasons, is a mere 26 km from HEAT and PLATO-R, which lie at a comparatively "warm" location. One hypothesis suggests that the local topography drives the cold air drainage rate; when winds are calm, local minima act as "sinks" for cold air and represent places where record cold temperatures are achieved. In contrast, HEAT & PLATO-R lie along the ridge where the coldest air easily drains downhill and the turbulent boundary layer becomes vanishingly small. Indeed, during such periods of calm, HEAT typically witnesses a sharp rise in air temperatures

(from -75C to -55C), not a drop as is common at downstream sites such as Vostok or South Pole Station. In collaboration with lead NSIDC researcher Ted Scambos, remote weather monitoring systems will be installed both at Ridge A and at the neighboring "cold" site as a part of the field-work that services HEAT and PLATO-R. These weather monitoring systems, funded separately, will address critical questions for aeronomy and glaciology:

- 1. What is controlling the record minimum skin temperature level, which is consistently -91.5 to -93C in several widely-spaced locations?
- 2. Does air drainage rate, related to local topography, control the inversion layer temperature gradient? What weather patterns favor record low temperature events?
- 3. Can increasing  $CO_2$ ,  $CH_4$ , etc. levels in the atmosphere, or changing  $H_2O$  or  $SO_2$  in the stratosphere, affect the minimum temperature levels over time?

#### 2.4.7 Science Products and Dissemination

Access to HEAT data products to the greater scientific community will be provided through a web browser interface that will interface with a SQL database that accesses and the FITS data cubes that HEAT generates. Standard Virtual Observatory (VO) services will be enabled in this interface. Preprocessed data cubes will be transferred from HEAT over Iridium satellite, while raw data will be collected from the telescope annually during maintenance. Provisional "early access" releases of data downlinked from the experiment in the current season will be released each August, with the limitation that the recent data are still somewhat 'raw'. In contrast, a polished annual data release will be delivered each April after the collection of raw data products from HEAT each field season. This annual data release will be fully calibrated and will include all science products.

All science tools, packaged reduction software, data products and science products will be made freely available from the HEAT web page: http://soral.as.arizona.edu/heat/

#### **3** Project Management

#### 3.1 Organization

HEAT is an exciting, challenging project that requires the coordinated participation of scientists and engineers from several academic institutions and leading-edge companies. Collectively the HEAT team members represent many years of successful telescope and instrument development in Antarctica. Table 3 provides a listing of the roles of each member in the organization.

Collectively the HEAT team members represent many years of instrument building, observing experience, and theoretical expertise. As related by Table 3, the main components of the organization are the PI, who has overall responsibility for the project and coordinates the activities of the participants; Co-PI Walker who shares in these responsibilities and leads the student advising efforts; and the distributed members of the science team who act as an advisory council to the PI and Co-PIs to ensure that the project stays on course. A schedule of key project milestones and tasks is provided in Figure 9. Routine communications between project participants is essential. There will be monthly science team telecons to monitor progress and provide insight into solutions to emerging problems, and redefine priorities as needed. A HEAT wiki at Arizona will provide a resource for team communications and documentation.

Participant	Affiliation	Participation Activity				
Michael Ashley	UNSW	PLATO-R lead; site testing				
Michael Burton	UNSW	Lead: Companion CO Survey from the Mopra 22m				
J.R. Gao	SRON	Provides HEB devices for 1.5-1.9 THz channels				
David Hollenbach	SETI	Advisor: ISM physics				
Craig Kulesa	Univ. Arizona	PI, HEAT development and testing, ISM physics				
Mark McCaughrean	ESA	Advisor: synergy with Planck and JWST				
Ted Scambos	NSIDC	"Coldest Place on Earth" site testing campaign				
Christopher Walker	Univ. Arizona	Co-PI, leads student advising				
Mark Wolfire	U. Maryland	Advisor: PDR modeling				
Abram Young	Univ. Arizona	Systems lead: leads cryostat design				

Table 3: Activities of the HEAT Instrument and Science Team

A schedule of key project milestones and tasks is provided in Figure 9. In January 2015, an aggressive receiver development effort will be coordinated between Arizona and SRON to develop a cold-rated HEB receiver system for deployment as early as the 2015-16 field season. While several Key Decision Points (KDPs) will be set prior, the final pre-shipment KDP will be reached on September 1, when a readiness review will be performed. The key decision points will be 1) fully remote operation, 2) 1000W of power dissipation or less, 3) receiver noise temperature of 1000K DSB or less, and 4) a spectroscopic Allan variance (stability) time of 60 seconds or more. Instrument shipment with HEB mixers is contingent upon passage of all 4 points, else the system will ship with Schottky diode mixers only. A second system will be constructed in 2016 to replace the first, minimizing time (and risk) in the deep field. The HEAT team will continue to work closely with the NSF, USAP, ASC, and the International Community to implement an optimal plan for deployments to Ridge A (see supplementary documents).



Figure 9: High level project timeline

### **4** Broader Impact: Education

#### 4.1 Instrument Development Experience

The training of students in the development of state-of-the-art instrumentation is essential to the future of science. This is particularly true in THz astronomy where technological advances are happening so rapidly. Ironically, there are only a handful of laboratories in the world where students

gain hands-on experience in the design, fabrication, and fielding of THz astronomy instrumentation. In Co-PI Walker's lab we have had a number of students (both graduate and undergraduate) participate in the development of submm-wave instrumentation for Antarctica (i.e. AST/RO) and the Heinrich Hertz Telescope (HHT) on Mt. Graham, Arizona. This work, and the astronomy that has come from it, has been a major component of 9 Ph.D. dissertations. Numerous undergraduate research projects have also resulted. The most recent is an infrared sky brightness monitor for HEAT designed and built by Casey Honniball as part of her independent study research. In the proposed budget for HEAT, partial funding for one undergraduate and one graduate student is requested. However, as is customary in the lab, many other students will also participate in making the program a success. Indeed, one of the most important aspects of training students in instrument development is experience in working in teams. Astronomical instrumentation is becoming ever more complex, and requires the talents of many individuals. Providing students with both technical training and team-work experience increases their probability of success. This is especially true for the HEAT project, where direct collaborations between students and faculty at universities in Australia and the US will be ongoing.

## 4.2 HEAT: A Portable, Accessible THz Telescope for Education

Two HEAT telescopes and receivers were constructed, so that one would be swapped with the other in the field, allowing one to be in operation at Ridge A while the other is refurbished at Arizona. The 'off duty' HEAT telescope remains a complete facility: with heterodyne receiver, IF processor, FFT spectrometer, and data system. However its portability and accessibility makes it particularly ideal for education: it is "ALMA in a box". We propose to use the 'off duty' telescope in support of education and public outreach activities. Roof-top astronomical observations in CO J=1-0 from campus, and 492 GHz [CI] observations during the best spring and fall weather on Mt. Lemmon (9157' elevation) would be undertaken by undergraduate and graduate students to gain expertise in terahertz astronomy and astronomical spectroscopy. Unlike optical telescopes, HEAT can be used day and night, on-site or remote, making it ideal for classroom instruction. During the course of developing and operating HEAT we will develop instructional modules for various age groups that focus on the science and technology of HEAT. We will exploit the 'off duty' telescope as a handson demonstrative laboratory with the goal of providing students with an intuitive understanding of underlying physical concepts.

## 4.3 Development of a NOVA ScienceNow video

The visage of the dusty lanes of the Milky Way has inspired artistic and scientific imaginations for generations. This inherent fascination is a powerful tool to attract "students" of all ages and callings to a better, more literate appreciation of the sciences. The overall HEAT experiment and particularly the human story of deployment to Ridge A captures the kind of 'high adventure' spirit that drives many young individuals to science in the first place – but which many scientific programs fail to advance. Many of us gained our scientific awareness and creative excitement through programs like PBS's NOVA, and it would seem only appropriate for us to "pay it back" by collecting the videographic and photographic materials needed to produce a short science video highlight for the program. Initial interest in this development at NOVA was highly favorable and would be explored for the (e.g. 2015-16) deployment to Ridge A.

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- Dissemination of research results to the wider public by lectures and presentations, e.g. through Steward Observatory programs, student organizations, and primary/secondary schools.
- Development of new techniques for molecular cloud modeling of physical structure, chemistry, radiative transfer and dynamics.
- Development of infrared and submillimeter survey data and science products for studies of life cycle of interstellar matter in the Milky Way

#### Instrumentation Experience Relevant to this Proposal:

- 1. PI of *HEAT*, an automated 0.6-meter terahertz telescope with 0.5-2 THz heterodyne receivers deployed in January 2012 to Ridge A, Antarctica, the best site on Earth for far-IR astronomy.
- 2. Deputy-PI of the *Stratospheric Terahertz Observatory* (STO), a balloon borne experiment to explore the life cycle of the ISM.
- 3. Deputy-PI of *Supercam*, a 64-beam, 345 GHz heterodyne receiver to be deployed at the 10meter HHT telescope in Arizona. Responsibilities focus on the I&T of IF processor and spectrometer, system level testing, telescope integration, data system.
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## **Synergistic Activities**

- 1) Prof. Walker's lab the led efforts to construct the world's first 810 and 345 GHz heterodyne array receivers and helped developed one of the first 1.5 THz HEB receiver systems for radio astronomy.
- 2) Instruments developed by Prof. Walker's team have served as primary facility instruments at the Heinrich Hertz Telescope and the AST/RO telescope at the South Pole for over a decade.
- 3) Funded by the NSF, Prof. Walker has led the effort to design and build the world's largest (64 pixels) submillimeter-wave heterodyne array receiver (SuperCam).
- 4) He is PI of the NASA funded long duration balloon project ``The Stratospheric THz Observatory (STO)''.
- 5) Prof. Walker has served as dissertation director for nine Ph.D. students (7-Astronomy and 2-Optical Sciences).

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1. Craig A Kulesa - Associate Astronomer	6.00	0.00	0.00	29,065	
2. Christopher K Walker - Professor	0.00	0.00	1.00	10,666	
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B. OTHER PERSONNEL (SHOW NUMBERS IN BRACKETS)					
1. ( <b>0</b> ) POST DOCTORAL SCHOLARS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	
2. ( 3) OTHER PROFESSIONALS (TECHNICIAN, PROGRAMMER, ETC.)	9.00	0.00	0.00	46.366	
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Diamond-turned aluminum mirrors			34,000		
PLATO-R replacement engine modules			30,000		
ROACH2 FFT spectrometer with ADC and ethernet			7,500		
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1. Craig A Kulesa - Associate Astronomer	6.00	0.00	0.00	30,024	
2. Christopher K Walker - Professor	0.00	0.00	1.00	11,018	
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7. ( 2) TOTAL SENIOR PERSONNEL (1 - 6)	6.00	0.00	1.00	41,042	
B. OTHER PERSONNEL (SHOW NUMBERS IN BRACKETS)					
1. ( 0) POST DOCTORAL SCHOLARS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	
2. ( 3) OTHER PROFESSIONALS (TECHNICIAN, PROGRAMMER, ETC.)	9.00	0.00	0.00	47,896	
3. ( 1) GRADUATE STUDENTS				15,585	
4. ( 1) UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS				2,479	
5. ( 0) SECRETARIAL - CLERICAL (IF CHARGED DIRECTLY)				0	
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2. FOREIGN				1,343	
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TOTAL INDIRECT COSTS (F&A)				86,421	
J. TOTAL DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS (H + I)				417,020	
K. RESIDUAL FUNDS				0	
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G. OTHER DIRECT COSTS			-		
1. MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES				0	
2. PUBLICATION COSTS/DOCUMENTATION/DISSEMINATION				2.817	
3. CONSULTANT SERVICES					
4. COMPUTER SERVICES				0	
5. SUBAWARDS				0	
6. OTHER				2,980	
TOTAL OTHER DIRECT COSTS				5,797	
H. TOTAL DIRECT COSTS (A THROUGH G)				108,348	
I. INDIRECT COSTS (F&A)(SPECIFY RATE AND BASE)					
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TOTAL INDIRECT COSTS (F&A)				51,654	
J. TOTAL DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS (H + I)				160,002	
K. RESIDUAL FUNDS				0	
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A. SENIOR PERSONNEL: PI/PD, CO-PI's, Faculty and Other Senior Associates (List each separately with title A 7, show number in brackets)	0.41	Person-moi		Requested By	granted by NSF
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1. Craig A Kulesa - Associate Astronomer	18.00	0.00	0.00	90,104	
2. Christopher K Walker - Protessor	0.00	0.00	3.00	33,065	
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6. ( ) OTHERS (LIST INDIVIDUALLY ON BUDGET JUSTIFICATION PAGE)	0.00	0.00	0.00	U	
7. ( 2) TOTAL SENIOR PERSONNEL (1 - 6)	18.00	0.00	3.00	123,169	
B. OTHER PERSONNEL (SHOW NUMBERS IN BRACKETS)				-	
1. ( 0) POST DOCTORAL SCHOLARS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	
2. ( <b>7</b> ) OTHER PROFESSIONALS (TECHNICIAN, PROGRAMMER, ETC.)	20.00	0.00	0.00	106,169	
3. ( <b>3</b> ) GRADUATE STUDENTS				46,771	
4. ( <b>3</b> ) UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS				7,440	
5. ( 0) SECRETARIAL - CLERICAL (IF CHARGED DIRECTLY)				0	
6. ( <b>0</b> ) OTHER				0	
TOTAL SALARIES AND WAGES (A + B)				283,549	
C. FRINGE BENEFITS (IF CHARGED AS DIRECT COSTS)				100,536	
TOTAL SALARIES, WAGES AND FRINGE BENEFITS (A + B + C)				384,085	
D. EQUIPMENT (LIST ITEM AND DOLLAR AMOUNT FOR EACH ITEM EXCEED	ING \$5,0	000.)			
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TOTAL EQUIPMENT				271,500	
E. TRAVEL 1. DOMESTIC (INCL. CANADA, MEXICO AND U.S. POSSE	SSIONS	5)		6,510	
2. FOREIGN				4,030	
F. PARTICIPANT SUPPORT COSTS					
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I. INDIRECT COSTS (F&A)(SPECIFY RATE AND BASE)					
			223,417		
J. TOTAL DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS (H + I)			952,121		
K. RESIDUAL FUNDS			0		
L. AMOUNT OF THIS REQUEST (J) OR (J MINUS K) 952,121					
M. COST SHARING PROPOSED LEVEL \$ 0 AGREED LE	VEL IF D	DIFFERE	NT \$		
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## **BUDGET JUSTIFICATION**

## A. SENIOR PERSONNEL

6.0 calendar months of salary per year is requested for PI Craig Kulesa. His base salary is \$58,131 per 12-month fiscal year.

1.0 summer months of salary per year is requested for Co-PI Christopher Walker. His base salary is \$92,582 per 9-month academic year.

6.0 calendar months of salary in years 1 and 2 is requested for Systems Engineering Lead, Abram Young, falling to 2.0 months in year 3. His base salary is \$72,800 per 12-month fiscal year.

## **B. OTHER PERSONNEL**

Partial funding for 3 years is requested for one graduate student (base salary \$36,177) engaged in Ph.D. thesis research under this project. One semester of academic year support, plus 50% (1.5 months) summer salary is requested.

During the two year development of the new cryogenic receiver systems, one month of an electrical engineer and one month of a mechanical engineer is requested annually. The costing is based on the average salary of a departmental electrical and mechanical engineer (\$65,000 per 12-month fiscal year).

200 hours of undergraduate student research support is requested each year (base rate \$12/hour).

## **C. FRINGE BENEFITS**

The following university-approved fringe benefit rates were applied to each labor category:

- Faculty/Appointed Personnel: 30.0%
- Classified Staff: 48.0%
- Graduate Students: 59.5% composed of:

9.5% for health/dental/life insurance

50.0% for tuition remission (exempt from indirect cost charges)

• Undergraduate Students: 3.5%

## **D. CAPITAL EQUIPMENT**

Based on the successful design and construction of the 50K HEAT cryostat, Universal Cryogenics will be requested to construct the two next-generation 4K instrument cryostats. Their quotation for a dual-cryocooler cryostat is \$45,000 per system, commensurate with the \$26,000 for the current single-stage version. One system will be delivered in year 1, with a second identical system in year 2.

A 1.5 THz LO source will be purchased in year 2 from Virginia Diodes Inc. to operate the Hot Electron Bolometer mixer receivers. They are the only commercial supplier of such THz systems. Their quotation for a single unit is \$80,000.

A ROACH2-based spectrometer system, identical to one purchased in the prototype system, will be purchased from Digicom in year 1. Their quote is for \$7,500 for the ROACH2 FPGA board,

ADC boards, and 10 Gbit ethernet boards. Digicom is the only commercial supplier of the ROACH2 systems.

We will purchase replacement engine modules for PLATO-R from the University of New South Wales (UNSW), the designer and manufacturer of PLATO-R. The total cost for two complete engine modules ready to be installed into PLATO-R is \$30,000 and is based on a breakdown of the current actual costs for the individual components. We will purchase one replacement set of 2 engines in each of years 1 and 2.

Finally, only one of the two HEAT telescopes has precision-machined diamond-turned aluminum mirrors. We will task NiPro Optics, the manufacturer of the first precision set for the currently- deployed telescope, to construct a duplicate mirror set for the second telescope. The quoted cost for diamond turning and lightweighting all three mirrors is \$34,000.

## E. TRAVEL

### Domestic

Funds are requested for one domestic conference (typically AAS, SPIE, or SCAR) for two personnel (typ. one graduate student and one mentor) for five days each year. Travel funds requested include roundtrip airfare (@ \$400/trip), lodging (@ \$100/night), and per diem (@ \$50/day). Conference registration fees are detailed under 'Other Direct Costs' in accordance with University of Arizona cost classification practices.

## International

To support the annual servicing mission to Antarctica, travel funding support for per diem (@\$50 USD/day) and lodging (@\$100 USD/day) is requested for 2 personnel for 5 days in Christchurch, New Zealand.

## F. OTHER DIRECT COSTS

Funds are requested in each year for research supplies and work-flow/data capture and telecommunications expenses required for the conduction of this investigation. These operational items represent the material costs of creating, replicating, archiving, distributing and presenting all project related data, documentation, reporting, and analysis that are directly related to this project. Such material costs include, but are not limited to, disk drives, poster printer costs, and design and analysis software.

Funds are requested for operational repairs to the HEAT telescope and its cryogenic, receiver, electronics, and optomechanical systems. Costing is based on the replacement costs of repairs during the first two years of operating HEAT at Ridge A, including replacement of instrument control computers, solid state storage, and power supplies.

Funds are requested in years 1 and 2 for augmenting the HEAT electronics control boards used to operate the more advanced receiver system proposed here. The costs listed are based on the actual costs incurred during the previous design and prototyping efforts.

Funds are requested for two domestic conference registrations per year, typically one student and one mentor.

Funds are requested for publication of findings in professional journals each year; estimated at 3 papers of 8 pages per year @ \$110/page (Astrophysical Journal).

Shipping charges for equipment to/from Antarctica (commercial surface shipping to Port Hueneme, CA or air freight to Christchurch, New Zealand) is estimated at \$3,000 USD annually, based directly on the average shipping cost incurred during the last two years of operation. Shipping costs in year 3 are estimated at \$1,500 for the return of the experiment.

## **G. INDIRECT COSTS**

The university-mandated indirect cost rate of 51.5% was applied to all costs except capital equipment and 50.0% of the graduate student fringe benefit rate, which is tuition remission and exempt from IDC.

\*A cost inflation rate of 3.3% per year is applied to all eligible costs for years 2 and 3.

\*\* If both this proposal and NSF-1410896, "Continued Operation of the HEAT telescope at Ridge A, Antarctica" are funded, this proposal budget may be revised to not require a small subset of operation costs for 2015-16.

# CRAIG A KULESA, PI The University of Arizona, Steward Observatory

## **CURRENT AWARDS as Principal Investigator**

Project Title:	High Elevation Antarctic Terahertz (HEAT) Telescopes for Dome
	A and Ridge A
Source of Support:	NSF 0944335
Project Location:	The University of Arizona
Total Award Amount:	\$1,480,000
Start and End Date:	10/01/2010 – 09/30/2014
(MM/DD/YY)	
Months Committed to	6 months per year
the Project:	

#### CURRENT AWARDS as Co-Investigator

Project Title:	Reflight of the Stratospheric Terahertz Observatory (STO-2)
Source of Support:	NASA APRA
Project Location:	The University of Arizona
Total Award Amount:	\$4,180,531 (UA Portion: \$1,081,269)
Start and End Date:	1/01/2014 – 12/31/2016
(MM/DD/YY)	
Months Committed to	3 months per year
the Project:	

#### **PENDING AWARDS as Principal Investigator**

Project Title:	A Submillimeter-Wave Spectroscopic Galactic Plane Survey
	using Supercam at the HHT
Source of Support:	NSF AAG
Project Location:	The University of Arizona
Total Award Amount:	\$339,569
Start and End Date:	9/01/2014 – 08/31/2017
(MM/DD/YY)	
Months Committed to	0.5 months per year
the Project:	

Project Title:	Continuing operation of the HEAT telescope at Ridge A,
	Antarctica
Source of Support:	NSF AAG
Project Location:	The University of Arizona
Total Award Amount:	\$273,715
Start and End Date: (MM/DD/YY)	10/01/2014 – 09/30/2016
Months Committed to the Project:	6 months per year

Project Title:	Continuing Development of the HEAT telescope at Ridge A (THIS PROPOSAL)
Source of Support:	NSF PLR
Project Location:	The University of Arizona
Total Award Amount:	\$944,758
Start and End Date: (MM/DD/YY)	1/1/2015 – 12/31/2017
Months Committed to the Project:	6 months per year

# CHRISTOPHER K. WALKER, Co-PI The University of Arizona, Steward Observatory

Project Title:	10 meter Sub-Orbital Large Balloon Reflector (LBR)			
Source of Support:	NASA			
Project Location:	The University of Arizona			
Total Award Amount:	\$99,898			
Start and End Date:	8/12/13 – 5/11/14			
(MM/DD/YY)				
Months Committed to	1 summer month			
the Project:				
Project Title:	Reflight of the Stratospheric TeraHertz Observatory: STO-2			
Source of Support:	NASA			
Project Location:	The University of Arizona			
Total Award Amount:	\$4,180,531 (UA Portion: \$1,081,269)			
Start and End Date:	1/1/14 – 12/31/16			
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Months Committed to	1 summer month per year			
the Project:				

## CURRENT AWARDS as Principal Investigator

#### **CURRENT AWARDS as Co-Investigator**

Project Title:	High Elevation Antarctic Terahertz (HEAT) Telescopes for Dome
	A and Ridge A (PI: C. Kulesa)
Source of Support:	NSF 0944335
Project Location:	The University of Arizona
Total Award Amount:	\$1,511,020
Start and End Date:	10/01/2010 – 09/30/2014
(MM/DD/YY)	
Months Committed to	1 summer month per year
the Project:	

## PENDING AWARDS as Principal Investigator

Project Title:	Investigation of the Meissner Effect Transistor
Source of Support:	NSF
Project Location:	The University of Arizona
Total Award Amount:	\$350,535
Start and End Date:	5/1/14 – 4/30/17
(MM/DD/YY)	
Months Committed to	1 summer month per year
the Project:	

# CHRISTOPHER K. WALKER, Co-PI The University of Arizona, Steward Observatory

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Project Title:	A Submillimeter-Wave Spectroscopic Galactic Plane Survey	
	using Supercam at the HHT (PI Craig Kulesa)	
Source of Support:	NSF	
Project Location:	The University of Arizona	
Total Award Amount:	\$339,569	
Start and End Date:	9/1/14 – 8/31/17	
(MM/DD/YY)		
Months Committed to	0.5 summer month per year	
the Project:		

## **PENDING AWARDS as Co-Investigator**

Project Title:	Continuing Operation of the HEAT telescope at Ridge A, Antarctica (PI Craig Kulesa)
Source of Support:	NSF
Project Location:	The University of Arizona
Total Award Amount:	\$273,715
Start and End Date: (MM/DD/YY)	10/1/14 – 9/30/16
Months Committed to the Project:	0.5 summer month per year

Project Title:	Continuing Development of the HEAT telescope at Ridge A (PI
	Craig Kulesa) – THIS PROPOSAL
Source of Support:	NSF PLR
Project Location:	The University of Arizona
Total Award Amount:	\$944,758
Start and End Date:	1/1/2015 – 12/31/2017
(MM/DD/YY)	
Months Committed to	1.0 summer month per year
the Project:	

## FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT & OTHER RESOURCES

University of Arizona: Steward Observatory

Steward Observatory (SO) has a large technical staff with many years of experience in the design and construction of state-of-the-art telescopes and instrumentation for use from optical (e.g. MMT, Magellan, and Large Binocular Telescope) to millimeter/submillimeter wavelengths, such as the Heinrich Hertz Telescope (HHT). This expertise will be augmented by Instrument Team members with extensive experience in the development and deployment of terahertz instrumentation during the science operations of HEAT at Ridge A. Given that HEAT is already successfully operating at Ridge A and a successful servicing misson is under our belt, no difficultities in integration and operation are expected.

In 1992, Co-PI Walker established a laboratory (the Steward Observatory Radio Astronomy Laboratory, SORAL) for the development of state-of-the-art submillimeter-wave receiver systems. The PI-Kulesa, was trained in this group. SORAL possess all the equipment (spectrum analyzers, network analyzer's, vacuum pumps, cryogenic support facilities, etc.) needed to maintain HEAT. In addition, the Arizona Radio Observatory utilizes similar equipment both at the 10-meter HHT and in the university ARO laboratory. We also have <sup>4</sup>He, <sup>3</sup>He, and closed-cycle cryostats, a full receiver testbed, local oscillator sources (including a Coherent/DEOS FIR laser), and an antenna test range which allows us to characterize a wide range of receiver systems. A Kern micromilling machine with 5 micron machining accuracy was purchased for Supercam and is available for precision machining work.

SORAL has licenses for CST Microwave Studio, Solidworks, and Altium Designer, should they be necessary for the support of HEAT. These programs are used to accurately model and optimize mixers and other crucial receiver components, produce solid models of mechanical structures, and design and simulate electronic circuits. In addition, we have licenses for optical design packages such as Zemax. All of these were used in the design and construction of HEAT and can be brought to bear on optimizing HEAT's science operations, as needed.

## Data Management Plan

HEAT's extensive 3D FITS spectral line data cubes of the Galactic Plane, and targeted deep surveys will be acquired, reduced, analyzed, and distributed to the broader astronomical community via publications and permanent data archives.

## Data Pipeline

The rate at which raw (Level 0) data is collected from the spectrometer is substantial in OTF mode (see Project Description, Section 2.3 for a description of the mapping strategy) and not in the form desired for scientific distribution; therefore data processing is performed on the HEAT instrument control computer. The data flow is depicted in Figure 1 and can be operated autonomously after basic verification. The steps undertaken in each data processing level are described as follows:



Level 0.5 (data conversion, header tagging) Each of the spectrometer data files is timetagged upon being written to a RAM disk on the HEAT control computer. A data header is synthesized from streamed data from the HEAT tracker, which delivers telescope telemetry, and instrument housekeeping data. The data payload is rescaled from 64-bit words to 32-bit integers and written as a single-dish FITS file. The archival disk storage holds the LZMA-compressed (.xz) file, while a 'scratch' disk maintains the uncompressed file for follow up processing for a limited time. After validation, the 'raw' level 0 files are removed from memory.

(baseline subtraction Level 1 and calibration): After the conclusion of a single OTF scan, the map data can be preliminarily processed. The reference scan is subtracted from the source scans acquired during drift mode. If poor results are obtained, the best adjacent reference scan is used instead. Residual artifacts are masked from the resulting spectrum, and the data are flux calibrated using the ambient temperature chopper wheel method. Based on the antenna pointing and the time, the spectra are frequency calibrated onto a V<sub>LSR</sub> velocity scale.

Level 2 (OTF regridding & map production): Once a submap has been

repeated a sufficient number of times that the desired sensitivity has been achieved, the highly oversampled data are regridded and convolved to 90" resolution with 45" pixels. Optionally, spectral smoothing and additional spatial smoothing can be applied at this stage. The numerical methods used during regridding follow that used by the 32-beam

Sequoia array used at FCRAO to deliver outstanding high fidelity maps of CO emission in the first Galactic quadrant. These level 2 FITS cubes represent the baseline science products that HEAT uploads over Iridium modem. Thus, the highest priority for the observer is to continuously validate the level 2 processing using sparse quicklook versions of the level 0.5 and level 1 data that are streamed using available bandwidth.



Figure 2: Archival data flow.

#### **Data Archive**

The HEAT data products will be in the form of FITS data cubes provided to the community from the University of Arizona and registered to the National Virtual Observatory (NVO). Major data releases will be released annually in April, with preliminary "early" releases of very recent data each August, from 4/2013 to 4/2018 as Data Releases 0, 1, ... 6. (DR0, DR1,... DR6) as soon as calibration and formatting is complete, with no proprietary period. The archival data flow is diagramed in Figure 2. The maximum data volume is expected to be 5 GB in total, including all calibration datasets. The large FITS cubes will be developed within the HEAT team and hosted both at the University of Arizona and at the Infrared Science Archives (IRSA) at the Infrared Processing and Analysis Center (IPAC), as was done with the BGPS survey. The FITS headers will be stored in a SQL database to make a web-based relational queries of HEAT data and extraction of data subsets easy from the astronomer's perspective. PI Kulesa will lead the development of the web interface to the data.

# **Postdoctoral Mentoring Plan**

Not applicable: no postdoctoral researchers are supported under this proposal.

Logistical Req	uirements a	nd Field Plan
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Number of fieldwork seasons	Three (2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18)
Deploying participants per season	Five in 2015-16 and four in subsequent years
BFC/FSTP mountaineer	1 requested per season (2-4 weeks)
Science Cargo: Weight of equipment N/B & S/B per season	3000 lb each way (including 20% margin) COMSUR and Vessel, a few items direct-shipped to CHC
Estimated AN8 fuel requirement	Eight 55 gal drums for science experiment (Typically cached via airdrop at AGAP-S)
Number of Twin Otter days	5 in 2015-16, 4 per season in subsequent years
Number of days in the deep field	4 per season
Site Name and Location	Ridge A: 81:40:25 S, 72:42:55 E (4040 m elevation) AMIGOS: 81:54:47 S, 73:12:14 E (3999 m elevation) Distance from South Pole: 500 nautical miles
Number of days at South Pole	7-14 per season (acclimitization and testing)
Number of days at McMurdo	7-14 per season (field camp checkout/training, camp closeout)
Communications requirement	2 active Iridium SIM cards for data downlink (SBD, direct-IP) 2 Iridium phones, 1 HF radio during field deployment
Facility construction/alteration	None.

Table 1: Operational Requirements at a Glance

Annual servicing of the experiment requires the swapping of the HEAT telescope/receiver module, PLATO-R engines, refueling (8x55 gal drums, for mean power consumption of 400-450W) and system-level testing. The servicing is carried out by 4 grantees at Ridge A in combination with one BFC/FSTP mountaineer. By swapping entire modules versus implementing field repairs, the time spent in the deep field is minimized: 4 days per deployment is requested based on previous servicings in 2013-14. In 2015-16, the one-time additional installation of AWS and AMIGOS-II monitoring equipment at Ridge A and a neighboring "cold sink" site 26 km away is requested in collaboration with Ted Scambos' team at NSIDC. Close support via Twin Otter with 3 hours ground time is requested at the AMIGOS cold site.

A typical deployment could be scheduled as follows:

- Science cargo shipped from Point of Origin to Port Hueneme (October 1)
- Point of Origin to Christchurch to McMurdo (10-14 December)
- Berg Field Camp checkout and Training (15-21 December)
- Arrival at South Pole, Acclimitization and testing (23 December 2 January)
- Deep field deployment to Ridge A (3-8 January)
- South Pole: Science Cargo retrograde (9-11 January)
- McMurdo return, camp closeout (12-18 January)
- McMurdo to Christchurch to PoO (19-22 January)



Figure 1: Close up of the proposed AMIGOS "cold sink" site in relation to the HEAT and PLATO-R installation and Dome A. The color scale represents the increasing occurrence rate of surface temperatures below -88C as determined by Land Surface Temperatures from the MODIS instruments on board NASA's Terra and Aqua satellites. Image courtesy of Ted Scambos.



15 April 2014

MICHAEL C. B. ASHLEY PROFESSOR Department of Astrophysics and Optics School of Physics

Dr. Craig Kulesa The University of Arizona Tucson, AZ 85721 USA

Dear Craig,

I acknowledge that I am identified by name as a collaborator on the investigation entitled 'Continued Development of the HEAT telescope at Ridge A' that is being submitted by Dr. Craig Kulesa in response to NSF Program Solicitation 13-527 (Antarctic Research, PLR), and that I intend to carry out all responsibilities identified for me in this proposal. I understand that the extent and justification of my participation as stated in this proposal will be considered during peer review in determining in part the merits of this proposal.

The development of the PLATO-R observatory supporting the HEAT telescope at Ridge A was funded by the Australian Federal Government with a \$500k grant to my research group. UNSW, Astronomy Australia Limited, and the Australian Antarctic Division, have since contributed in excess of \$300k directly and in-kind. We have provided 2-3 scientists and engineers to assist with the work at Ridge A each year, and we also remotely operate the PLATO-R observatory.

The HEAT project—operating a state-of-the-art THz telescope at a deep field site 950km from South Pole—is an extraordinary achievement. The quality of the data returned has demonstrated the exceptional qualities of the Ridge A site. This new NSF proposal represents an exciting jump in capabilities for HEAT, and I am pleased to reaffirm the commitment of my research group to working on the project.

Yours sincerely,

M. Ashley

Prof. Michael Ashley

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I am supported by the Australian Research Council with a \$300K grant for a complementary project using the 22m Mopra telescope in Australia which will obtain the CO J=1-0 data at similar spatial and spectral resolution as the data being obtained by the HEAT telescope. The University of New South Wales is further supporting the project with an award of a further 300K to purchase the necessary observing time on the Mopra telescope to conduct this southern Galactic plane CO survey. These two facilities (HEAT and Mopra) work together towards the science objectives in this proposal, as evident through our two recent publications (Burton et al., 2013 & 2014) referred to in this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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# National Snow and Ice Data Center

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14 April, 2014

Dr. Craig Kulesa University of Arizona Tucson, AZ 85721 USA

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Craig, the proposal looks excellent, and definitely a forerunner to greater radio astronomy science to come from the site. But of course my main interest is the unique climate and atmosphere-snow interactions that occur in the area. Our interests overlap: the extremely dry air, high altitude, and exceptionally thin inversion layer make for some remarkable climate properties. Radiative cooling to space is extremely efficient, creating surface skin temperatures as low as -90°C and lower. As you know, my group and I seek to install modified weather stations and a small tower profiler of the lower atmosphere and upper snow temperature to attempt to record these conditions. As a complimentary study to the atmospheric monitoring you are conducting on the Ridge, we seek to see how the ultracold inversion layer pools in adjacent topographic lows, permitting still greater cooling of the surface snow and perhaps creating a 2m thick or thicker layer of <90°C air. Our selected site is just ~26 km from PLATO-R / HEAT, and almost directly between the Ridge A instruments and South Pole.

Our group has submitted a RAPID proposal to NASA to fund the modification and preparation of the sensor group we will aim to install, but we require NSF-PLR logistical support to reach Ridge A, and the exceptional sites of ultra-cold austral winter conditions. We are striving to create the lightest, fastest-installing set of weather an snow sensors we can design at reasonable cost.

Collaboration between our studies offers a real chance to explore a true 'edge of the Earth', with atmospheric conditions fully 20°C colder than any in Greenland, and several degrees colder than past record air temperature measurements. Your data on tranmissivity, precipitable water, and the record you have of weather conditions will extend our planned results greatly. More important than records, however, is a complimentary understanding of air movement and energy balance between the cold Ridge A and the adjacent local lows, where the near-surface air layer pools.

I think it is clear that there is a unique science opportunity here, combining NASA and NSF resources, and an interest in a unique area of the atmosphere and ice sheet from two different perspectives.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ted Scambos Senior Research Scientist, and Lead Scientist, National Snow and Ice Data Center





Dr. Craig Kulesa University of Arizona Tucson, AZ 85721 USA United States of America

#### **SRON Utrecht**

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Re: Letter of commitment for HEAT

Dear Dr. Kulesa

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SRON's track record includes the Principal Investigator role of the HIFI instrument on Herschel, and contributions to the receivers for Band 9 of the Atacama Large Millimeter Array. SRON still maintains a research and development program dedicated to SuperTeraHertz technology and towards heterodyne receivers. If HEAT is selected, SRON is committed to provide technical expertise in HEB mixer and to build two HEB mixers for HEAT.

I wish you and your team all success and look forward to a fruitful collaboration.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Jian-Rong Gao Project leader of the super-THz technology at SRON and TU Delft Senior Instrument Scientist in SRON Netherlands Institute for Space Research Part time senior researcher in Delft University of Technology



Kulesa

## **QUOTATION: QTC111014UAz**

November 10 2013

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e-mail: ckulesa@as.arizona.edu		
We are pleased to offer the following budgetary quotation for Schottk	y diode multip	liers.
Item Description Unit	<u>Price</u>	Delivery
1 1.45 THz Local Oscillator	\$80,000	16 Weeks
Output Power: >20 uW from 1.4 to 1.5 THz		
Expected System Configuration: {PLO} + {Amplifier} + {De	50  Doubler +	
$\{D120 Doubler\} + \{D250 Doubler\} + \{T750 tripler\} + \{V250 Doubler\} + \{V25$	WR-0.65SHM	}
RF Input Port: WR-0.65 Diagonal Feedhorn, 25 dB gain typic	cal	
DC Requirements: 12V @3A		

NOTES:

TO. Craig

All VDI components offered use planar diode technology and have no mechanical tuners. This quote is valid for sixty days beyond date given above.

Delivery: Delivery dates shown are the expected maximum, VDI will add cost of shipping and insurance to invoice. Please include shipping instructions with the PO.

Terms: Net 30 days, VDI Terms and conditions apply.

Authorization:

LWZ

Thomas W. Crowe, President Virginia Diodes, Inc.



University of Arizona

Tucson, AZ, 85721

Craig Kulesa

1401 E University Blvd Tucson, AZ 85721

QUOTATION NO .:

130917

DATE: March 17, 2014 QUOTE VALID THROUGH: June 17, 2014

PREPARED BY: Laszlo Tamas E-mail: Laszlo@NProOptics.com

7 Marconi Irvine, CA 92618 Phone: (949) 215-1151

Company

City, state,zip

Street

Phone: Attention: CUSTOMER RFQ NO.:

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ITEM No.	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
1	M1 flat mirror, after cutting the first section, tool post will be moved to complete the full surface. M2 30-decree off axis paraboloid mirror, 610 x 630 elliptical	1	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00
2	shape. 55 mm thick.	1	\$14,000,00	\$14 000 00
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3	M3 on axis ellipsoidal mirror. OD 230 mm x 55 mm thick	1	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00
4	Tooling	1	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
	Total			\$34,000.00
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	1 - Mataerial is Al 6061			
	2 - Surface finish RMS < 10 micron			
	3 - Surface form will not be measured. Best practice will be			
	used for mounting mirrors on fixturing to minimize distortion.			
	Deposit: 50% of total order.			
	Delivery: 8 weeks from receipt of deposit.			

Shipment:

UPS ground shipping

FOB: Irvine, Ca.



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6	Dewar	Upgrade -Tongue seals. -Indium v	Upgrade all vacuum seals to indium metals seals. -Tongue and groove with oring combination seals. -Indium wire for qty-2 seals for each interface.			1	3,000	.00	3,000.00
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8	Temp-Sensor	Silicon di	iode installed in dewar.			1	400	.00	400.00
9	Wiring	Dewar w -Wire ten	iring. np sensor.			1	250.	.00	250.00
10	SMA-COAX	SMA brass flange installed on dewar. -Solder hermetic SMA feedthrus to brass flange, qty-3. -Install qty-3 SMA UT-085-SS coax into dewar. -Strain relief on cold plate for SMA coax.				1	1,500	.00	1,500.00
11	GETTER-STYLE-B	Charcoal	getter installed on cold plate.			1	350	.00	350.00
12	Window-detail-A	Window and/or Or THK.	mounting Detail on dewar cas ring sealed, TBD window OD		1	475.	.00	475.00	
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# PLATO-R budget estimate (cost USD)

Item	Description	Unit Cost	Qty	Total Cost
Engine	Hatz 1B30	4400	2	8800
Alternator	e-cyle	3500	2	7000
Engine Mounts	vibration damping	500	2	1000
Fuel lines				2000
Fuel filters		250	4	1000
Oil tanks and lines		250	4	1000
Air filters		200	4	800
Exhaust system		800	2	1600
Thermal Control				2000
Power distribution PCB		1400	2	2800
Wiring/cabling				2000
TOTAL				\$30,000

#### Roach 2 current status as of Sept. 2013 Updated Aug. 2013

Below are current estimated cost for each of the items that will be available. The DRAM modules is required for a functional Roach2 board and it is a plug in module. You may also need either a CX4 or the SFP+ cards which are used in pairs to give 8 port output. Even though the power supply is listed separately, for a complete chassis assembly, it is already included. ADC cards suitable for Roach1 are also compatible for Roach2 cards.

Roach2 board assembly, unit price \$3,650.00 Xilinx chip to be issued by customer. DRAM modules Kingston, unit cost \$45.00 ( one unit per Roach board needed) ATX power supply, unit cost \$65.00, included in complete chassis price. Complete chassis, power supply, fans, led board, power switch, and associated wiring; \$550.0 SFP+ Card Mezzanine, unit cost \$450.0

CX-4 card Mezzanine, unit cost \$450.0 CX-4 card Mezzanine, unit cost \$148.0 New ADC card 16 I/P 8 bit . \$1500 ea

TOTAL of 1 x ROACH2 + 1 x DRAM + ATX + chassis + 2 x SFP + 2 x ADC5: \$7460