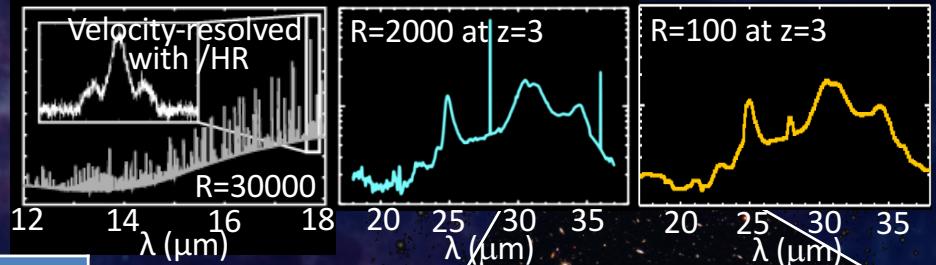


SPICA / SMI Fact Sheet

SPICA Mid-infrared Instrument (SMI) covers the wavelength range of 12–36 μm with four channels: spectroscopy (SMI/LR, /MR, /HR) and imaging (/CAM).



Parameter	SMI /LR	/CAM Slit viewer for SMI /LR	/MR	/HR
Band centre - μm	27	34	27	15
Wavelength - μm	17 – 36	34	18 – 36	12 – 18 ^(a)
Spectral resolution R (diffuse source)	50 – 150 ^(b) (20 – 110)	5	1300 – 2300 ^(b) (1100-1400)	33000 ^(c)
Field of view	600" x 3.7" 4 slits	600" x 720"	60" x 3.7"	4" x 1.7"
Band centre FWHM	2.7"	3.5"	2.7"	2"
Pixel scale	0.7" x 0.7"	0.7" x 0.7"	0.7"	0.7"
Detector 1K x 1K	Si:Sb	Si:Sb	Si:Sb	Si:As
Point source sensitivity (5 σ /1 hr) ^(d)				
Continuum - μJy	25 ^(e)	13	280 ^(e)	1400 ^(e)
Line - 10^{-20} W/m^2 ^(f)	5		2.8	1.0
Survey speed - arcmin ² /hr ^(g)	~28	~4500	~1.8	
Diffuse source sensitivity (5 σ /1 hr) ^{(d)(h)}				
Continuum - MJy/sr	0.04	0.05	0.6	1.5
Line - $10^{-10} \text{ W/m}^2/\text{sr}$				
Saturation limit – Jy	~20	~1	~1000	~20000

(a) continuous coverage up to 18.1 μm + partial coverage for H₂O 18.66 μm .

(b) $\lambda/\delta\lambda = 150$ (SMI/LR) and 1300 (/MR) at $\lambda = 36 \mu\text{m}$.

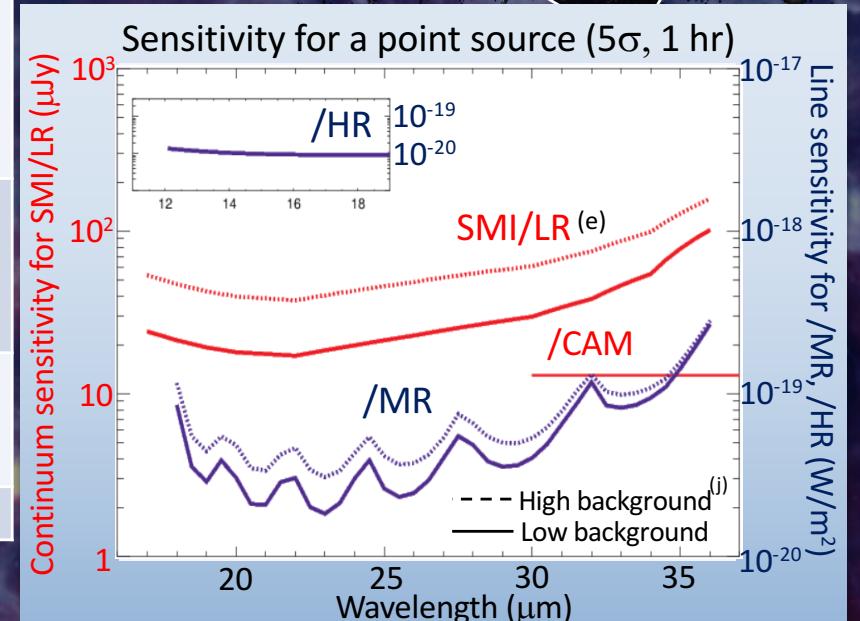
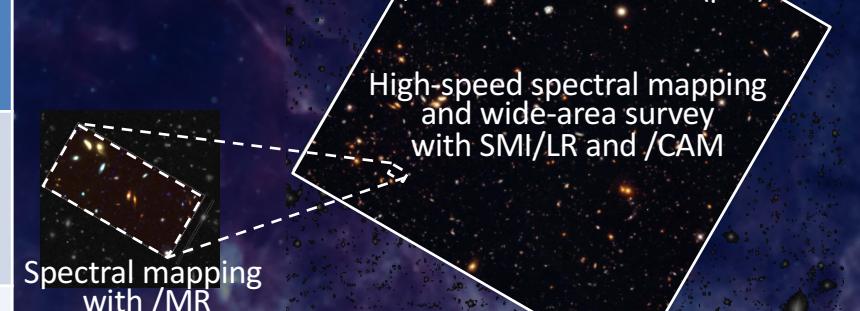
(c) designed for $\lambda 20 \mu\text{m}$ diffraction limited PSF.

(d) sensitivity estimated with Fowler-16 sampling for SMI/LR and /CAM (0.5 Hz), and with ramp curve sampling for /MR (0.5 Hz) and /HR (1 Hz sampling).

(e) continuum sensitivity rescaled with $R = 50$, $R = 1300$, and $R = 25000$ for SMI/LR, /MR and /HR, respectively.

(f) sensitivity for an unresolved line.

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(g) survey speed for the 5 σ detection of a point source with the continuum flux of 100 μJy for SMI/LR at $\lambda = 30 \mu\text{m}$ (/CAM at 34 μm) and the line flux of $3 \times 10^{-19} \text{ W/m}^2$ for /MR at $\lambda = 28 \mu\text{m}$, both in the low background case with overheads of readout time included (32 sec/frame for SMI/LR and /CAM due to Fowler-16 sampling).

(h) sensitivity for a diffuse source in a 4" x 4" (SMI/LR, /MR) or 2" x 2" area (/HR).

(i) background levels are assumed to be 80 MJy/sr (High) and 15 MJy/sr (Low) at 25 μm .