



AN OBSERVATIONAL INVENTORY OF THE ISM PROPERTIES OF NEARBY GALAXIES

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This lecture will give an observational overview of the contents of the interstellar medium (ISM) in present day ($z=0$) galaxies. I will review the basic contents of the ISM in different types of galaxies, including discussing the atomic gas, molecular gas, and dust in late-type, early-type, and dwarf galaxies. I will also touch on some of the key observational techniques to measure these properties and I will summarize some of the basic structural properties of the ISM within galaxies.