* MIPS CALIBRATION

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Nominal Field Radius = 16 arcminutes



Observing Mode	Point Source Saturation in 1 sec	Extended Source Saturation in 10 sec
24µm	64-Jy 5.6	500 MJy/ster 440
70µm coarse scale	8Jy 5.3	70 MJy/ster
70µm fine scale	At Jy 20	360 MJy/ster 20
SED (@ 55, 70, 95µm)	16,41, 24,64,220 Jy	430 MJy/ster (@ 60µm)
160µm	17 Jy g	33 MJy/ster

... View:

5.4×5.4 arcminutes
5.25×2.6 or 2.6×1.3 arcminutes
0.53×5.33 arcminutes (effective)
3.8×0.32 arcminutes

Basic Sensitivities (low background):

5 sigma in 500 seconds on source

http://ssc.spitzer.caltech.edu/mips/

Astronomical Observation Templates:

stometry & Super Resolution

 Telescope staring mode imaging photometry in Mapping

- Freeze frame mapping in all three bands with constant telescope slewing

ectral Energy Distribution (SED)

- Low resolution (R = 15 - 25) spectroscopy over 55 to 95 µm (half power response points)

al Power Mode

- Zero level brightness of very extended emission

The MIPS Detector Arrays:

24 µm	Si:As (IBC)
	128x128 pixels; 2.55" @ blam
	4.7 µm bandwidth
70 µm	Ge:Ga
	32x32 pixels; 4.99" or 9.84" (7" pearm
	19 µm bandwidth
	SED R = 15 – 25 (9.84" pixels)
160 µm	Stressed Ge:Ga
	2x20 pixels; 16.0" 38 blam
	35 µm bandwidth

Saturation Limits:



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Red Rectangle IRAS Flux Densities (12, 25, 60, 100µm) = (421.6, 456.1, 173.1, 66.2Jy)



















































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* TMC Legacy MIPS

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Flagey, Noriega-Crespo, Boulanger et al 2009

* Calibration Papers

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ABSOLUTE FLUX CALIBRATION OF THE IRAC INSTRUMENT ON THE SPITZER SPACE TELESCOPE USING HUBBLE SPACE TELESCOPE FLUX STANDARDS

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ABSTRACT

The absolute flux calibration of the *Janes Webb Space Telescope (JWST)* will be based on a set of stars observed by the *Hubble* and *Spltzer Space Telescopes*. In order to cross-calibrate the two facilities, several A, G, and white dwarf stars are observed with both *Spltzer* and *Hubble* and are the prototypes for a set of *JWST* calibration standards. The flux calibration constants for the four *Spltzer* IRAC bands 1–4 are derived from these stars and are 2.3%, 1.9%, 2.0%, and 0.5% lower than the official cold-mission IRAC calibration of Reach et al., i.e.;intransmentavithin their estimated errors of ~2%. The causes of these differences lie primarily in the IRAC data reduction and Secondarily in the spectral energy distributions of our standard stars. The independent IRAC 8 μ m band-4 fluxes of Rieke et al. are about 1.5% ± 2% higher than those of Reach et al. and are also in agreement with our 8 μ m result.

Key words: stars: atmospheres - stars: fundamental parameters - techniques: spectroscopic

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- * Original analysis included ~3yr of data (2007 paper).
- * Stars are calibrators (hot dwarfs, solar analogs and cool giants).
- * From instrumental to physical units (calibration factor):
 4.54e-2 MJy/sr per DN/s with a nominal uncertainty of 2%.
- * 348 measurements from 141 stars covering a flux density factor of ~465: from 8.6mJy up to 4Jy.

* Repeatability 0.4-0.7% (UofA, SSC)









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Full Sample

1400

1200 -Nearby Bright Object

PSF Fitting Photometry

* Original analysis included ~3yr of data (2007 paper).

- Stars are calibrators (B to M spectral types).
- From instrumental to physical units (calibration factor): 702+/-35MJy/sr per MIPS70µm unit with a nominal uncertainty of 5%.
- * 292 measurements from 66 stars covering a flux density factor of ~770: from 22mJy up to 17Jy.

Aperture Photometry

1400

1200

* Repeatability 4.5%.

* PRF fitting for everything.





Repeatability





Extended Emission Calibration using SINGS Galaxies

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- *NIR "Ghost" dominated the emission for sources hotter than 2000K. We could not use stars for calibration.
- * Transfer strategy. Observe asteroids and transfer the 24 and 70µm calibration at 160µm to them. Required near simultaneous observations of the same target on the 3 bands.
- * Use the "Standard Thermal Model" with 24 and 70µm to predict 160µm

spherical body; surfaces reaches instantaneous thermal equilibrium non-rotating body or rotating illuminated and viewed pole-on

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Scaled asteroid - this is the brightness of the photosphere compared to th

SED for asteroid 282 Clorinde





- * 51 asteroids at (24, 70 & 160). Faint Sample.
- * 24 w/ 70 & 160µm and 27 at 160µm. Bright Sample.
- * Calibration Factor 41.7 MJy/sr per MIPS160µm unit with a 12% uncertainty.
- * Sources brighter than ~2Jy are affected by a non-linear behavior that underestimates the flux density.
- * At 4 Jy this can be as much as 20%.
- * The extended emission check was done w/ Galaxies (M31, M33, M101, NGC3198, etc) and in comparison with ISOPHOT C-160 broad band (170um). The <160µm>/<170µm> = 0.94+/-0.06
- * "ISOPHOT and MIPS consistent with each other".

Short-dash: 2.58+/-0.76 MJy/sr per MIPS160µm per Jy



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* Ge: Ga Non-Linearity



*Ge:Ga Non-Lin



MIPS was designed to use the CSMM to take data during the fast response.

The calibration stims ("fix brightness") were used to track slow response effects.



Figure 1: Measured signal (e-/s) on the array vs. DCE number. The upper panel shows the average signal, while the 4 sub-panels show the signal for individual pixels. Data from Dec. 12, 2000, experiment c.

*78Hm N8D-Lin |



Finally, a correction for 70 μ m nonlinearity effects is included in this presentation. A preliminary correction of the form

Dale et al. 2007

NGC 7552 ~16% corr. F(70) = 67.6 +/- 11.1 Jy

$$f_{\rm true}^{70\,\mu\rm m} = 0.581 \left(f_{\rm measured}^{70\,\mu\rm m} \right)^{1.13},\tag{3}$$

derived from data presented by K. D. Gordon et al. (2007, in preparation), is applied to pixel values above a threshold of ~66 MJy sr⁻¹. A small fraction of the pixels in a total of 40 SINGS 70 μ m images require such a correction. The median correction to the global 70 μ m flux density for these 40 galaxies is a factor of 1.03, with the three largest corrections being factors of 1.124 (NGC 4826), 1.128 (NGC 1482), and 1.158 (NGC 7552).

*78Hm Non-Lin II



Characterization of MIPS $70\mu m$ flux non-linearity

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1. Summary

This document describes the work undertaken for characterizing the flux non-linearity of the MIPS 70 μ m array. The effect, due to the change of rate of incident radiation on the detector, has been described in Gordon et al. (2007) and is typical of Ge:Ga photoconductors. The analysis has made use of MIPS calibration data aquired in Wide Field (WF), Narrow Field (NF) and Spectral Energy Distribution (SED) mode, and has attempted the characterization of this effect in terms of flux density as well as of surface brightness. Indications of a departure from a linear behaviour are present in both cases. The analysis shows that the NF measurements are less severely affected by a non-linear behaviour with respect to WF observations. In particular, the MIPS 70 μ m NF data of targets brighter than ~ 2 Jy underestimate the true flux up to 20%, while WF measurements underestimate the true flux up to 50%. A functional form characterizing the non-linear behaviour of the NF and WF measurements is provided. We have also rederived the calibration factor for NF, before and after applying the non-linearity correction described above. For this purpose we make use of a data set of calibration stars which nearly doubles the sample in Gordon et al. (2007). The calibration factor obtained before correcting for non-linearity effects is consistent with Gordon et al. (2007). However, when non-linearity effects are taken into account, we show that the calibration factor is lower by $\sim 20\%$.

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*78Hm N8D-Lin III

MIPSGAL (l= +/- 60, b=+/- 1 deg) 70um parallel data



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* MIPS & PACS

PACS calibration and performance

Photometer calibration in scan maps.

- Point Spread Function: PACS Photometer Point Spread function (10 Mb), version 2.0, 4 April 2012. A detailed document of the in-flight observed PSF. The accompanying tarball can be found here (76 Mb).
- <u>Herschel/PACS modelled point spread functions</u> (3.1 Mb) is a related document presenting Zemax modelled point spread functions for both an `ideal' and an 'as built' Herschel telescope model. Tarballs with corresponding broad-band and monochromatic PSFs for these two cases are at http://pacs.ster.kuleuven.ac.be/pubtool/PSF. These are useful in addition to the observed PSFs but cannot replace them, since the models do not capture all effects found in the observed PSFs.
- Point-source photometry: PACS uses 5 stars as primary calibrators with fluxes ranging from 0.6 to 15 Jy, plus fainter stars and asteroids as secondary calibrators. The absolute flux scale accuracy in 5% in the 3 filter bands. The flux calibration is described in detail in the technical note <u>"PACS photometer point-source flux calibration</u> (3.1 Mb) (PICC-ME-TN-037), version 1.0, 12 April 2011.
- Point-source photometry in deep PACS maps/surveys: The effect of the high-pass filter data reduction technique on the PACS Photometer PSF, pointsource photometry and noise has been investigated in depth in this technical note
- PACS Photometer Passbands and Colour Correction Factors for various source SEDs (2.5 Mb), PICC-ME-TN-038, version 1.0, 12 April 2011.
- Extended emission photometry: Three technical reports which assess the extended emission (or surface brightness) measured from PACS data and compare that to IRAS and Spitzer/MIPS data:
 - <u>Assessment analysis of the extended emission calibration for the PACS red channel</u>, version 1.0, April 2012: latest results on the comparison of extended emission in the PACS red channel (i.e. 160um) with corresponding data from Spitzer/MIPS 160um.
 - Experiments in photometric measurements of extended sources (3.2 Mb), (report SAp-PACS-MS-0718-11, March 18, 2011). This report compares photometry of large extended galaxies (using large apertures) between PACS, IRAS and MIPS.
 - Surface brightness comparison of PACS blue array with IRAS and Spitzer/MIPS images (1 Mb), (report PICC-NHSC-TN-029, v1.01, 12 April 2011). This
 report summarises pixel-to-pixel comparisons between extended emission as measured between PACS, IRAS and MIPS.
 - We refer to the paper <u>Common-Resolution Convolution Kernels for Space- and Ground-Based Telescopes</u>, G. Aniano et al. (2011) for <u>kernels</u> and associated routines (IDL) to match spatial resolution between several infrared instruments PSFs (PACS, SPIRE, Spitzer/MIPS, Spitzer/IRAC, WISE) as well as GALEX (UV) and other PSF families (gaussian, bi-gaussian, Moffat).

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* 168Hm N8D-Lin |

HGBS: TAURUS



Herschel Calibration Wksp - ESAC

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Flagey, Noriega-Crespo, Boulanger et al. 2009

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Inversion algorithms for the 160 μm imaging photometer for Spitzer

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ABSTRACT

The MIPS Spitzer photometer is a powerful instrument to image, with unprecedented angular resolution and sensitivity, diffuse far-IR emission from dust in the Galaxy and nearby galaxies. But maps produced by the Spitzer Science Center pipeline suffer from instrument artifacts. We believe that stripes reflect gain changes across the observation unaccounted in the data reduction. The pipeline uses the stimulator measurements to calibrate gain variations. Residual stripping in the images shows that this is not optimal to process data on very extended emission. This is be particularly true for sources with a far-IR brightness, close to the saturation level, e.g. for Galactic molecular clouds and the central parts of resolved galaxies.

We have developed two algorithms to improve the maps quality. A first algorithm optimizes deglitching and permits to identify gain changes due to glitches. A second algorithm estimates jointly the sky image and the detector gain as a function of time. The sky and gain estimates are the solution of a least square fit to the data which penalizes image structure on short angular scales and gain variations on short time scales. The algorithms have been implemented in our version of the MIPS pipeline code (DAT v2.71). Our data reduction does not rely on the stimulator measurements to calibrate gain changes.) We allow the gain to depart from stimulator measurements. and only force the mean gain to be equal to that given by the stimulator measurements. Two parameters control gain variations. A first one brings the algorithm to prefer data fits where the detector gain varies smothly with time. A second one constrains the gain to remain close to the stimulator value. A third parameter constrains the sky image to have a certain smoothness. This last parameter is optimized as a function of spatial redundancy. Good destriping is obtained even for low spatial redundancy to the expense of a slight smoothing of the image. The spatial filtering has been estimated theoretically as a function of the image regularity parameter and checked on simulated images.

We illustrate our data reduction procedure by presenting a 10 deg2 160 micron image of the Taurus molecular cloud. This image has been compared with DIRBE observations. After proper smoothing by the DIRBE beam, we find that the MIPS 160 micron cloud brightness is consistent with interpolation of the 140 and 240 micron DIRBE values. The potential of such an image to study the structure of molecular clouds will be discussed.

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JIRBE 140um (MJy∕sr) 80 Taurus Molec





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- * Spitzer Enhanced Products (24µm)
 - Combination of multiple programs
- Pointing correction
- Delta Flat at 24µm
- Zodiacal light removed per BCD
- Overlap Correction
- Highly reliable point source list (S/N > 10)

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FAR-INFRARED PROPERTIES OF TYPE 1 QUASARS

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ABSTRACT

We use the Spitzer Space Telescope Enhanced Imaging Products (SEIP) and the Spitzer Archival Far-InfraRed Extragalactic Survey (SAFIRES) to study the spectral energy distributions of spectroscopically confirmed type 1 quasars selected from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS). By combining the Spitzer and SDSS data with the 2-Micron All Sky Survey (2MASS) we are able to construct a statistically robust rest-frame 0.1 – 100 μ m type 1 quasar template. We find the quasar population is well-described by a single power-law SED at wavelengths less than 20 μ m, in good agreement with previous work. However, at longer wavelengths we find a significant excess in infrared luminosity above an extrapolated power-law, along with significant object-to-object dispersion in the SED. The mean excess reaches a maximum of 0.8 dex at rest-frame wavelengths near 100 μ m.

Subject headings: galaxies: active; quasars: general; infrared: galaxies; surveys







- * The MIPS published calibration papers summarized quite accurately the MIPS calibration.
- * We (IT & IST) learned a lot more, on particular on 70 & 160µm non-linearity effects, through our own science [Legacy Projects, e.g. SINGS, Taurus & MIPSGAL].
- * No final conclusion/agreement on non-lin correction was achieved before the end of the mission. Therefore the SSC 70 & 160µm Heritage Data have not been corrected.
- * Several of the corrections we learned (through the best practices from the Legacy teams] have been applied to the data, either in Post-Ops (SSC Enhanced products, 24µm) or thanks to specially funded grants, (NASA ADAP, SAFIRES, 70 & 160µm deep extragalactic fields).

* Complementary Slides

* Elux Conversion Factors

4.3.2 Flux Conversion Factors

The best conversion factors between instrumental units and MJy/sr to use for any given data set are included within the headers of the data themselves; grep on BUNIT and FLUXCONV. The factors are listed in Table 4.10. The MIPS-24 instrumental units are DN/s, but note that the instrumental MIPS-Ge units are dimensionless after the stimflash response calibration. Uncertainties in the conversion values are often limited by our astrophysical understanding of stars in the far infrared, and thus the uncertainties are likely to decrease with time. We include a history of the changes to the conversion factor of the various MIPS observation modes in Table 4.11.

This conversion factor at 24 microns was derived from 3 sec exposures. The difference in the conversion factor for scan mode and 10 and 30 sec exposure should not be more than 2-8% different.

Array	Conversion factor	Uncertainty ^a
24	0.0447	4%
70	702.	7%
70 fine scale	2808.	15%
SED	20572.7	10%
160	41.7	12%

Table 4.10: Conversion from instrumental units to MJy/sr.

^a For optimal data reduction and flux density extraction of single sources in photometric mode, the uncertainties can be as small as 2%/5%/10% for 24/70/70fine.

Pipeline Version ^a	24 µm	70 µm	70 µm Fine	70 µm SED	160 µm
S10	0.04391	634.			42
S11	0.04391	634.	2536.	27093	42
S12	0.04391	634.	2536.	21835	42
S13	0.04391	702.	2808.	20572.7	44.7
S16	0.0447	702.	2808.	20572.7	44.7
S17	0.0447	702.	2808.	20572.7	41.7

Table 4.11: Changes in Conversion Factor with Pipeline.

^a This history is meant to be suggestive of what changes occurred and when. The process of pipeline updates was complicated, with multiple versions and versions that were replaced before significant data was run through them. The data header will always contain the correct conversion factor used.

4.3.3 Magnitude Zero Points

Dr. C. Engelbracht has computed MIPS magnitude zero points using the Kurucz (1993) Vega model, which has then been scaled to the Rieke et al. (2008) 10.6 μ m zero point of 35.03 ± 0.3 Jy. He has further assumed that Vega is 0 magnitudes in all MIPS bands, and has computed fluxes at 23.68, 71.42, and 155.9 μ m. The resultant zero points are in Table 4.12.

Table 4.12: Magnitude zero points.

Wavelength (microns)	Zero point (Jy)	Uncertainty (Jy)
23.68	7.17	0.11
71.42	0.778	0.012
155.9	0.159	0.020

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7.2.5 Flux non-linearities

The flux nonlinearities for the MIPS-Ge detectors represent the differences in the flux conversion factor as a function of source flux. Thre pipeline assumes a constant flux conversion factor for all flux ranges. MIPS 70 micron sources show significant (~40%) flux non-linearities over the range from 22 mJy to 17 Jy, although the use of PSF-fitted photometry rather than aperture photometry greatly reduces this effect (see Gordon et al. 2007, PASP, 119, 1019). The overall behavior of the 160 micron stressed Ge:Ga array is linear between 0.1 and 2 Jy (Stansberry et al 2007, PASP, 119, 1038). Continuing up to 4 Jy, 160 micron shows a departure of ~10% from linearity for point sources

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7.2.1 Variations of the slow response

MIPS-Ge data are calibrated using the stimulator flashes (or "stims") to track the variation of the short-term response of the detectors; see section 4.1.1 for more information.

The stim flashes are designed to track the responsivity drift of the Ge detectors. Since we measure the stim minus background signal, the calibration most accurately tracks the response to a step function, i.e., the fast response. The stim flash calibration does not completely remove long-term transients for the MIPS-Ge detectors. The effects are most noticeable before the bias change for MIPS-70 (e.g., dark horizontal stripes in bottom of Figure 7.20). The effects are not as noticeable for MIPS-160 due to short time constants for the stressed 160 micron detectors. For point source science, this effect can be removed using a temporal median filter (e.g., for scan data).

For point source science, this effect can be removed using a temporal median filter (see section 8.2). The variation of the drift in the slow response affects the ability to accurately measure the true background level. For point sources, the long-term drifts can be treated as an additive effect (i.e., subtracting off a temporal median). The long-term drifts affect the actual response from the background, suggesting a multiplicative correction may be needed for large extended regions. For large extended sources, we recommended that observers take enough off-source data of the surrounding background so that the total extended source flux can be estimated.



Figure 7.20: Default mosaic from 4 AORs of unfiltered MIPS-70 BCDs. The dark horizontal (in-scan) stripes are fast/slow response variations, and the bright vertical stripes are stim latents.

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7.2 MIPS Ge: 70 and 160 Micron

All traditional photoconductors, such as the MIPS Ge:Ga unstressed and stressed detectors, show multiple time constant response. In addition, they can exhibit spontaneous spiking and non-monotonic response characteristics (the "hook"). For much more discussion, see section 2.3.2. The result is a slow increase in detector response lasting tens of minutes (MIPS 160 µm detectors) to hours (MIPS 70 µm detectors). MIPS takes advantage of the fact that the fast generation-recombination response (fast response) of the detectors is inherently different than the longer term response by using the scan mirror to modulate (chop) the source signal on timescales of a few seconds, keeping measurements mostly confined to the fast response regime. Frequent use of on-board calibration sources (called stimulators, or stims) additionally allows tracking of the long-term drifts in response. However, some artifacts do remain (see Figure 7.19, for examples) and are discussed below along with possible mitigation methods.



Figure 7.19: Examples of several of the most common MIPS-70 artifacts; see next several sections for more discussion. Note that these data are pre-bias change data processed under S10. Techniques for improving these data are discussed in section 8.2.8 (These data are NGC 7331, from the SINGS Legacy team).

