





Probing the small dust properties in the diffuse galactic plane using the Spitzer – Herschel synergy

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Studying the dust evolution



dust life cycle

- Dust has a great impact on ISM physics and chemistry
- This impact depends on their properties
- Dust properties evolves depending on the physical properties of the ISM

Dust evolution physical processes characterization \rightarrow dust impact on the ISM all-over the ISM cycle \rightarrow build physical scenario for SED interpretations

Aims - Goals

Full (mid-IR - submm) SED fitting using a dust model :

- (Demonstration of) the Spitzer–Herschel synergy to study the dust evolution
- Why does PACS 70 looks like shorter wavelengths ?
 - What lights up PACS observed emission ?
 - What is the contribution of very small stochastically heated grains (VSGs) to the PACS observed emission ?
- What does the IRAC 8 μm trace ?

The data : Hi-Gal / MIPSGAL / GLIMPSE

- Spitzer : GLIMPSE and MIPSGAL (8 & 24 μm)
 - These are zodi-subtracted
 - IRAC 8µm is point sources subtracted
- PACS 70 is the ROMAGAL map X-calibrated on MIPS70 (zodi corrected)
- PACS 160, SPIRE 250 & SPIRE 350
 - ROMAGAL maps & official calibration
 - Offset correction (Planck, private comm.)
- All data brought in the SPIRE350 resolution and grid
 - Resolution matching using a Gaussian of appropriate width

Hi-Gal SDP field I=59°





DUSTEM model (I)



- DUSTEM provides dust extinction and emission (and soon a spinning dust component, the polarization, $\beta(T)$ and $\beta(\lambda)$)
- dP/dT computation based on Désert, Boulanger & Shore (1986)
- DUSTEM is a versatile & user friendly model :
 - ✓ Arbitrary number of dust population
 - \checkmark All dust properties defined through input files
 - \checkmark Tabulated (arbitrary) size distribution allowed
 - ✓ Includes a Interactive Data Language (IDL) wrapper for the SED fitting
 - ightarrow new dust properties easily implemented
- Publicly available online in couple of weeks, after the paper submission (Compiègne, Verstraete et al., 2010 : watch astro-ph !)



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- DUSTEM \rightarrow reference dust properties from the reference SED



3 grain types :

- PAHs
- Amorphous carbon
- Astro-Silicates

• Also satisfies the measured extinction, albedo and abundances

The SED fitting procedure (I)



• DUSTEM populations merged:

PAHs SamC + SaSil = VSGs LamC + LaSil = BGs

• Fitting of the photometric point by adjusting :

✓ Y_{PAH} and Y_{VSG}: abundance
relative to BGs
✓ N_H: Column density

 $\checkmark G_0$: scaling factor of the radiation filed

• BG properties are constants (e.g. emissivity and abundance)

• Effect of extinction on the line of sight is accounted for (important at 8 µm) assuming $I_{\lambda} = I_{0,\lambda} \frac{1-e^{-\tau_{\lambda}}}{\tau_{\lambda}}$

The SED fitting procedure (II)



- Thermal equilibrium grains spectrum shape = fct(G₀)
- PACS160, SPIRE250 and $350 \rightarrow N_H \& G_0$ IRAC 8, MIPS24 $\rightarrow Y_{PAH}$ MIPS24, PACS70 $\rightarrow Y_{VSG}$
- For higher G₀, smaller species at thermal equilibrium → degeneracy between N_H and Y_{VSG} then Y_{PAH}

Fitting products



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Fitting produced quantities

Y_{PAH} and Y_{vsg}: PAH and VSG abundances relative to BG. 1 is the value for DHGL medium (|b| > 15°)

G₀: Scaling factor of the Mathis, Mezger, Panagia, (1983) radiation field intensity

 N_{H} : column density in unit of 10²⁰ H cm⁻²



First conclusions

- Y_{PAH} , Y_{VSG} , N_H and G_0 has consistent values and behavior
- Y_{PAH} and Y_{VSG} decrease toward dense filamentary structures
- Lack of correlation of Y_{PAH} and Y_{VSG} especially at large spatial scales.



What lights up PACS 70 µm ?



In this field, PACS 70 is enlighten by VSGs (stochastically heated) and Wien part of the BGs spectrum

→ Very sensitive to G_0 → Looks like shorter wavelengths

→ VSG contribution can varies depending on Y_{VSG} and G_0



PACS 70 VSG contribution (I)



PACS 70 VSG contribution (II)



• At a given G_0 , the contribution scales linearly

contribution decrease with G₀

G ₀	VSG contrib.
0.5	37%
1	25%
10	11%
100	9%
	0.5 1 10

✓ Asymptotic for G_0 >100 cause VSGs starts being at thermal equilibrium and behave like BGs.

What does the IRAC 8 μ m trace ?



Summary

- PACS70 looks like shorter wavelengths cause it's enlighten by Wien part of BG emission (at G₀<100) and by VSGs
 - \rightarrow Very sensitive to G₀ (regarding longer wavelengths)
- VSG contribution can be very important in PACS70 (up to 56% in our field)
 - → Dust model is needed to account for it depending on Y_{VSG} and G_0 (a grey body does not do a good job)
- "Spitzer Herschel" synergy + dust model fitting is very promising to quantify dust properties evolution on the entire galactic plan
 - \rightarrow Very near future :
 - Correlation with BGs emissivity evolution (implemented in the fitting process)
 - ✓ Correlation with gas physical properties (CO and HI cubes available)
 - ✓ Can do that systematically and homogeneously overall the galactic plane