Low Metallicity Dwarf Galaxies: Bridging the Gap Between the Local Universe and Primordial Galaxies

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## The Dwarf Galaxy Survey - Science

1. Nearby low-metallicity laboratories in the local universe - Conditions similar to early universe galaxies

2. Dwarf galaxies (as low as 1/50 Zsolar) in local universe – can study of the evolution of the dust and gas properties as a function of metallicity

3. How does the lower dust abundance effect the star formation process? Dust enrichment in primeval environments <----> essential for enhancement of SF activity

4. Dwarf galaxies harbor prolific SSCs. How much star formation activity is actually hidden even in dust-poor environments?

5. What galactic properties and processes control the dust and gas evolution? How are ISM structure, star formation activity and metallicity related?

Requires a cohesive program of SPIRE & PACS FIR/submm photometry and spectroscopy; other complementary data

# The Dwarf Galaxy Survey - Targets



55 galaxies: statistical information in most metallicity bins

All sources observed with all 3 Spitzer instruments

Source Selection Fill metallicity bins: ~ 5 to 9 galaxies in 7 bins where possible

Extremely low metallicity galaxies: 1/50 to 1/20

The well-known extended galaxies of the local group





The Super Star Cluster dominates at short  $\lambda$ but disappears > 24  $\mu v$ PACS isolates the 2 other clusters





IRAC 3 mu (green) + PACS 70 mu (red) MIPS 24 mu (green) + PACS 70 mu (red)

### NGC 1705 submm excess: *O'Halloran et al 2010 (see poster)* IRAC + MIPS + PACS + SPIRE + Laboca 870 mu

NGC1705

Large submm excess > 350 mu See also 3 dwarfs in Virgo: Grossi et al 2010 (poster)

-> LARGE DUST MASS in NGC1705: 1 -2 X10^5 Mo

What is the total Gas-to-Dust (G/D) mass ratio?

G/D ~ Galactic to ~1.5 times Galactic
Which is lower then chemical models predict.

 $10^{8}$ 

SED model based on the model of Galametz et al 2009

PACSSPIRE

MIPS

LABOCA

Very cold dust component:

T dust ~ <10 K β = 1.0

## NGC 6822: Galametz et al 2010 (see poster)



Cannon et al 2006

Atomic gas: 1.3 degrees All the star formation activity Confined to 20' region

## D = 0.5 MpcZ = 1/5 Z solar

### NGC 6822: PACS & SPIRE Mapping: Galametz et al. 2010 (see poster)



20'

PACS 100 μm

#### PACS 160 μm









### NGC 6822: SEDs of star clusters



What is the total Gas-to-Dust (G/D) mass ratio?
G/D ~ 100 for graphite + silicate
G/D ~ 200 for amorphous carbon + silicate of Rouleau & Martin 1991 (as in Meixner et al 2010 for LMC)
Higher G/D using more emissive grains (flatter submm slope)

BUT G/D still lower than expected for its metallicity (G/D should be ~500 – 1000)

## What are the submm bands tracing ? M81: Bendo et al 2010 NGC6822: Galametz et al 2010 10 M81 8 250 / 500 µm ratio NGC6822 6 2

 $10^{-5}$   $10^{-4}$  24 µm Surface brightness (Jy/arcsec<sup>2</sup>)

10<sup>-3</sup>

Dust heated by star formation ?

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**10**<sup>-6</sup>

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#### The Dwarf Galaxy Survey - PACS Spectroscop

Diagnostic tracers of HII regions, PDRs, Diffuse Ionised Medium =>PACS spectroscopy + Spitzer IRS

[CII] 158 µm Most important cooling lines of the atomic gas. Probes the conditions in PDRs - the largest fraction [OI] 63 µm of the neutral medium in a galaxy. [0] 145 µm

Conditions in the ionized medium. Diagnostics [NII] 122 µm 205 µm of absolute level and excitation of star forming [NII] [NIII] 57  $\mu$ m activity and of n<sub>e</sub> @ low density (< 10<sup>3</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>) DIM

[OIII] 88 µm

Abundances Densities UV hardness & intensity **ISM filling factor** 

\_i.e. [NIII]/[OIII] i.e. [NII], [OIII], [SIII] line pairs Gas pressure i.e. [OI] pairs [NII]/[NIII]. [SIII]/[OIII] pairs







121.0

121.5

122.0

Wavelength [um]

7.0 6.0 122.5 123.0 205.8 206.0 206.2 205.2 205.4 205.6 145.0 145.2 145.4 145.6 145.8 146.0 146.2 Wavelength [um]

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# Spectroscopy Dwarf Galaxies (SHINING): He 2-10 CII (158 mu) & OIII (88 mu) mu



Hundreds of SSC: extent of hard radiation field and winds Seen in unusually high OIII/CII ratios > 2 toward the peak



#### 47 arc sec = 2 kpc

### NGC4214: Mapping Cormier et al 2010 (see poster)

Irregular Magellanic type galaxy 2.9 Mpc away Metallicity: 1/3 solar



Right Ascension

### NGC 4214 : mapping mode

#### O III 88 / CII 158 with C II 158 contours

O I 63 / CII 158 with C II 158 contours



*The O III 88 µm line traces the sources of ionization* 





NGC4214-1 (center) Go ~ 800 пн ~ 2000 cm-3

### PDR modeling

CII

CO



CH

CO



CII

со

CII

CO

## Summary

- The spatial resolution of Herschel photometry:
  - new opportunity for detailed analyses of *individual* SF regions in low metallicity galaxies.
  - The 250/500 mu band ratio tracing SF in
  - We see submm excess somtimes and large dust masses, and sometimes *low gas-to-dust mass ratios*

In dwarf galaxies - missing molecular gas mass?

- The sensitivity & mapping capability of PACS spectroscopy:
  - 6 strong FIR fine structure lines will be powerful diagnostics.
  - CII line widely distributed throughout low metallicity galaxies
  - OIII surprisingly luminous throughout galaxies.
    - CII/CO high is this tracing SF in dwarfs?
  - OIII/CII > 2 on galactic scale. OIII may be a workhorse diagnostic for dwarf galaxies
  - Herschel is bringing *new promises for understanding the nature of the star forming regions within dwarf galaxies.*

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