Hi-GAL
mining the Galactic Plane Goldmine

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the Herschel infrared Galactic Plane Survey

Galaxy-wide Census, Luminosity, Mass and SED of dust structures at all scales from massive YSOs to Spiral Arms

Simultaneous 5-bands 
(70-160-250-350-500\(\mu m\)) continuum 
mapping of 720 sq. deg. of the Galactic Plane (\(|b| \leq 1^\circ\))

The entire Plane has been observed, also thanks to DDT allocated to cover 4 tiles that were left out by the HOTAC

Access to images (with registered astrometry and absolute flux calibration) and compact source photometry catalogues for longitudes between 65° and 290° will be publicly released through dedicated services once a set of data presentation and fast science papers are in acceptance stage (likely early 2014)
Toward a Predictive Global Model of Galactic Star Formation

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10 more papers are close to submission

3 Hi-GAL Data Release papers in advanced preparation

About 30 ongoing Hi-GAL projects with papers in different stages of preparation
Talks and Posters featuring Hi-GAL
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Talks:
• A. Noriega-Crespo et al.: star formation on the ridges of the GC Bubble
• M. Pestalozzi et al.: Massive star formation in the Scutum-Crux Arm
• A. Zavagno et al.: Triggered star formation
• S. Molinari et al.: this talk.

Posters:
• A3-P65: M. Etxaluze et al. – SgrB2
• A3-P70: G. Joncas et al. – Turbulence
• A3-P84: R. Paladini et al. – Dust in evolved HII regions
• A3-P86: J.F. Robitaille et al. – Component separation in ISM
• A3-P93: A. Traficante et al. – 3D inversion methods in the Galactic Plane
• B2-P24: R. Vavrek et al. – Diffuse emission analysis in the Galactic Plane
• B4-P28: A. Traficante et al. – Compact Sources in IRDCs
• B4-P33: N. Billot et al. – Source Clustering properties in the Galactic Plane
• B4-P39: D. Elia et al. – Star formation in the Carina Arm
• B4-P60: L. Olmi et al. – Dense Clumps mass function
• B4-P73: E. Schisano et al. – Filaments networks in the Galactic Plane
• B4-P77: M. Tapia et al. – Star formation in RCW121
• B4-P83: M. Veneziani et al. – Star formation at the Tips of the Bar
Dust mixture, distribution and evolution in the ISM

25” pxl-by-pxl SED fit of Hi-GAL maps using a PAH/VSG/BG dust mixture, solving for:

✓ $N_H$ : Column density of Big Grains
✓ $G_0$ : ISRF intensity
✓ $Y_{PAH}$ and $Y_{VSG}$ : PAH and VSG abundance

RESULTS: $l=59^\circ$ field [Compiegne+ 2010]

3D decomposition of diffuse dust emission

$I_\lambda = \sum_{\text{Rings}} \sum_{\text{Gas}} \varepsilon_H(\lambda,r)N_H(r)$
Revisiting Infrared Dark Clouds in Hi-GAL

IRDC density and temperature structure from full 2D radiative transfer modeling of Hi-GAL maps confirms **negative temperature gradients** and upper limits as low as $L < 10 L_\odot$ for embedded protostars, uniquely pinpointing massive pre-stellar core candidates.

Full radiative transfer modeling with PHAETHON (Stamatellos et al. 2010)

Large scale Hi-GAL statistical analysis of **3171** IRDCs catalogued using Spitzer data in the longitude range $300^\circ < l < 330^\circ$ show that **only half of pre-Herschel IRDCs are real**, with strong implications for global SFR estimates.

**82%** of *bona fide* IRDCs are associated to a $\lambda < 24\mu m$ source and are considered star-forming. **Only 18% may be in a pre-stellar phase** [Wilcock et al. 2011]
Column density map from Hi-GAL

Filaments that host dense clumps are denser

Clumps located on filaments are denser

Do more massive clumps form on more massive filaments?
Or do filaments grow mass from the surrounding environments and channel more mass to the clumps?
No clear evidence for thresholds

Evolutionary effects are clearly visible as a function of the filaments linear masses

- **Blue**: filament branches with PROTOstellar Clumps, i.e. with a 70µm counterpart
- **Red**: filament branches with PREstellar Clumps
- **Black**: filament branches with NO Clumps

1) Accretion rates $\approx 10^{-2}-10^{-3} \, M_\odot/\text{pc/yr}$ are needed to explain the differences in evolutionary terms (see also Kirk +13, Peretto+ 13)

   or…

2) Differences in linear masses, clump masses and L/M are imprinted at the time of filament formation.

Clumps evolutionary stage

- **Pre-stellar Sources** (no 70µm counterpart)
- **Proto-stellar Sources** (with 70µm counterpart)

- A separation between pre-stellar and proto-stellar sources is quite clear in terms of L/M. The appearance and intensity of the 70µm (and shortward), clearly makes the difference.

- Within each class, there is a clear trend of L/M with Temperature (estimated using only λ≥160µm)

Star Formation drives up the energy budget in the clump, raising its global temperature and luminosity. This can be ideally followed in the [L,M] diagram
adapted from Tan 2005
Nature of the compact Dense Clumps

* Hi-GAL sources with counterpart in at least 3 adjacent bands, and with known distance

- The majority of sources are gravitationally bound clumps according to Larson (1981).
- Herschel sensitivity is such that a solid multiband Far-IR detection in the Galactic Plane is likely a solid dense clump detection
- Less than half of the compact Clumps have densities high-enough to compare with known sites of intermediate and high-mass star formation (Kauffmann+ 2010).
Initial sample of nearly 100,000 compact objects with counterparts in at least three adjacent bands and with a distance assignment: almost 60,000 are shown here outside the CMZ and with first estimates on distances.

[Molinari+, photometric catalogues – Pestalozzi+ physical catalogue – Elia+ global science analysis]
A first attempt in deriving the SFR in the two Hi-GAL SDP fields $l=30^\circ$ and $l=59^\circ$ (Veneziani et al. 2012), comparing YSO statistics for PROTOSTELLAR Clumps in the $L$ vs $M$ plot against evolutionary predictions (McKee & Tan 2003, Molinari+ 2008).

\[ SFR = \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\text{ZAMS}}} \sum_{j=1}^{N_{\text{Sources}}} n_M(i,j) M_{\text{ZAMS}}(i) / t_f(i) \]

Each bin $i$ is associated to:
- final ZAMS mass $M_{\text{ZAMS}}(i)$
- formation time $t_f(i)$

Prescriptions are being updated (Veneziani+ 2013 in prep.) to account for cluster formation rather than single massive stars

$|l=30^\circ| \rightarrow 0.067 \, \text{M}_\odot/\text{yr}$

$|l=59^\circ| \rightarrow 0.011 \, \text{M}_\odot/\text{yr}$
The Future

The full exploitation of the Hi-GAL goldmine, will require a new approach to Science analysis

- Obtain homogeneous and inter-calibrated evolutionary classifications of the cold and dense clumps hosting young forming clusters at a variety of evolutionary stages
- Deliver a new 3D model of the Galaxy, mapping the essential critical parameters like column density thresholds, rate and efficiency of star formation in the Galaxy
- Develop a suite of next-generation 3D-visualization tools that will integrate visual analytics, on-the-fly handling of multi-SED radiative transfer modeling
- Data mining/machine-learning technologies to incorporate the astronomer's know-how into a set of supervised workflows with decision making capabilities.

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