Dust in 3D from Stellar Photometry

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Introduction



- Dust is a major CMB contaminant
- Complicated morphology, polarized
- Many observational tracers (thermal emission, gas line emission, extinction, ...)
- this talk: stellar photometry to trace dust column and properties

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3D Dust Map (Green+2017)

Does it work?

(movies)

Use for CMB studies?



• 0.01 mag E(B - V) statistical uncertainty

- \blacktriangleright 20× larger than the uncertainty in 100 μm emission
- hard to imagine reaching CMB-like precisions
- known distances to clouds with E(B V) > 0.15
 - Considerable uncertainty in more diffuse clouds
- Not clear how to best use 3D map in CMB context



light from star is "extinguished" passing through a cloud

- absorbed and reradiated at long wavelengths
- scattered

Dust and Light

CMB work focuses on thermal emission, but extinction is also relevant

The Extinction curve



Fitzpatrick (1999), Cardelli, Clayton, & Mathis (1989)

The Extinction curve



Fitzpatrick (1999), Cardelli, Clayton, & Mathis (1989) Entirely empirical curve, presumably determined by:

- grain size distribution
- grain composition
- grain processing

These properties also determines the dust emission at CMB frequencies.

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Fitzpatrick & Massa (2007), 328 stars

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APOGEE & PS1 & 2MASS & WISE, 37000 stars

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Strong correlation between dust SED and R(V)!

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Dominant variations on large scales, as also seen in Planck β measurements.

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Kiloparsec scale sturctures, possible Galactic gradient? Useful for predicting thermal dust SED for CMB dust decontamination?

Starlight polarization and dust-polarized emission

Starlight polarization and dust-polarized emission both come from aligned grains.

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Conclusion

- Accurate 3D dust maps
- Extinction curves measured for tens of thousands of stars
 - Clear correlation between extinction curve and Planck β
- 3D dust map can serve as a foundation for unraveling the properties of the ISM in 3D
 - Dust properties
 - Velocity field
 - Magnetic field
- How to use this information to improve CMB studies?

Does R(V) vary systematically with E(B - V)?

No correlation between R(V) and E(B - V), but E(B - V) is dust column density rather than volume density tracer. APOGEE Reddening Survey in APOGEE-2 to resolve this issue.

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How does the extinction curve vary spatially?

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Dominant variations on large scales, *not* small scale variations in dense molecular clouds.

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Map of R(V) in Orion B

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Distance Catalog

Schlafly+2014

The Orion Dust Ring

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Problems hard to avoid in "reddening" maps based on extinction.

• Future reddening maps will be star-based.

Model

$$\vec{m}^m = \vec{f}(T, [\text{Fe/H}]) + \mu + \vec{R} \times E$$

 \vec{m}^m model magnitudes

- $ec{f}$ intrinsic colors ($n_{
 m band} imes 17$ free parameters)
- T temperature

[Fe/H] metallicity

- μ distance modulus (n_{star} free parameters)
- \vec{R} reddening vector ($n_{\rm band}$ free parameters)
- *E* extinction (n_{star} free parameters)

 $n_{\rm star}=37000$, $n_{\rm band}=10$, so ~75000 free parameters, constrained with ~330 k measurements, solve by expectation-maximization

Model versus Observations

Excellent match!

Residuals

Residuals near photometric limit!

What about variation?

We have intrinsic colors for the objects, so reddenings are easy Assess variation by PCA

Almost all variation limited to two components

- Extinction curve really is a one-parameter family!
- Higher order components consistent with noise

extinction curve is a one-parameter family in the optical to infrared
 decreasing R(V) → increasing curvature (more small grains?)

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How variable is the extinction curve?

Somewhat smaller dispersion than literature (0.27), many fewer high R(V) sight lines (9.5% in FM07)

3D R(V) Map Accuracy

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Planck (2014) β map

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Large and small scale features in β closely linked to variations in R(V).

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- Lots of related work!
 - Hanson, R. & Bailer-Jones (2014), (2015)
 - Sale+2014, Sale+2015, Sale+2017
 - Marshall+2006
 - ► Lallement+2014
- New data
 - DECaPS
 - Gaia
 - APOGEE-2, SDSS-V
- New techniques
 - Spatial correlations (Gaussian processes?)
 - Global fit with Galactic structural parameters