Polarized thermal emission from Galactic dust, as seen by Planck



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The first Planck papers in polarization

Planck intermediate results. XIX. An overview of the polarized thermal emission from Galactic dust Planck Collaboration arXiv:astro-ph 1405.0871

Planck intermediate results. XX. Comparison of polarized thermal emission from Galactic dust with simulations of MHD turbulence Planck Collaboration arXiv:astro-ph 1405.0872

This talk

Planck intermediate results. XXI. Comparison of polarized thermal emission from Galactic dust at 353 GHz with optical interstellar polarization Planck Collaboration arXiv:astro-ph 1405.0873

 Planck intermediate results. XXII.

 Frequency dependence of thermal emission from Galactic dust in intensity and polarization

 Planck Collaboration

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Data to be released in the fall



The Planck mission



The *Planck* 1-year survey (2011)

The Planck CMB temperature map (2013)

- 2009-2012 space mission : 5 full surveys of the sky
- 30 857 GHz coverage in nine bands
- Measurement of CMB anisotropies
- Mapping of the cold, dusty Milky Way
- Polarization : Galactic dust, primordial gravitational waves

Stokes Q and U



Polarized intensity and polarization fraction



- Low polarization fractions in the Galactic Plane
- Some highly polarized regions (Fan/Auriga, Aquila Rift,...)
- Thin filamentary regions of low polarization

Polarization fraction and polarization angle



Maximum polarization fraction



Intrinsic polarization fraction of dust at least 20%

Polarization fraction versus column density



Two to three regimes of p decrease with $N_{\rm H}$

Polarization angle dispersion function



Anticorrelation with polarization fraction



- Strong anti-correlation between p and $\Delta\psi$
- Low p where the polarization angle changes abruptly
- Increased lag flattens the anti-correlation

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Polarized dust emission in nearby clouds







Polarization fraction and column density



Segments : mean orientation of *B* in the plane of the sky

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Maximum polarization fraction vs. column density



Anti-correlation robust with respect to polarization S/N

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Polarization fraction and angle dispersion



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Polarization fraction vs. angle dispersion



Simulating polarized thermal dust emission



- 18 pc subset of a 50 pc cube
- Converging flows of magnetized warm gas

$$I = \int S_{\nu} e^{-\tau_{\nu}} \left[1 - p_0 \left(\cos^2 \gamma - \frac{2}{3} \right) \right] d\tau_{\nu}$$
$$Q = \int p_0 S_{\nu} e^{-\tau_{\nu}} \cos \left(2\phi \right) \cos^2 \gamma d\tau_{\nu}$$
$$U = \int p_0 S_{\nu} e^{-\tau_{\nu}} \sin \left(2\phi \right) \cos^2 \gamma d\tau_{\nu}$$

- Mean magnetic field along the flows
- Rotation of the cube, placed at 200 pc
- Simulated Stokes maps smoothed at 5'

« Intrinsic dust polarization parameter » $p_0 = 0.2$ Opacity at 353 GHz (Planck Collaboration XXXI, 2014) $\tau_{353}/N_{\rm H} = 1.2 \times 10^{-26} \, {\rm cm}^{-2}$ Dust temperature $T_d = 18 \, {\rm K}$

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Following Lee & Draine 85 and others...

Rotating the anisotropic input cubes



Simulated polarization maps



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Simulated polarization maps

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Anti-correlation *p* and $N_{\rm H}$ Anti-correlation *p* and $\Delta \psi$ Overall lower polarization fractions

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Polarization fraction versus column density



Simulations reproduce very well the decrease of p_{max} with $N_{\rm H}$ in the range 10²¹ to 2x10²² cm⁻²

Polarization fraction and angle dispersion



Global trend is reproduced, but simulations tend to have too high an angular dispersion

Conclusions

Take home messages

- Intrinsic polarization fraction of dust > 20%
- Decrease of p_{max} with N_{H} well reproduced by simulations
- Anticorrelation between polarization fraction and angle dispersion underlines the role of the magnetic field
- Data to be released in the fall

What remains to be done...

- High latitude diffuse sky, including the BICEP2 field
- High column-density lines of sight (cold cores)