The Galactic ISM in 3D: Plenary summary

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Imprint of Galactic magnetic field at CMB frequencies







ESA/Planck

A new era for ISM studies: Open questions post-Planck

Structure of the Galactic Magnetic Field

• (How) can we create an accurate 3D model?

> 1 kpc

~100s pc

• What is the effect of local (~kpc radius from Sun) ISM structure on polarization maps?

Initial conditions of star formation

- How do star-forming clouds form from the diffuse, strongly magnetized ISM?
 - How is the evolution of cloud structure affected by the magnetic field?

Microphysics of dust grains

- What is the composition of dust grains?
- How are dust properties affected by galactic environment?

MHD turbulence in multiphase ISM

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0.01 - 100 pc

~ µm

Current models of Galactic Magnetic Field



Jaffe (2019)

Which one (if any) is correct?

Current observations (Planck) cannot discriminate between models



Situation worse with dust emission: no model reproduces observed properties

Accurate models of 3D Galactic Magnetic Field are missing, but essential...

Large-scale B field structure needed to test models for **molecular cloud formation**

M. Tahani's talk



Clouds proposed to form from consecutive compressions driven by SN shocks



Inoue (2018)

3D B field would show bow shock geometry related to initial velocity and Galactic magnetic field Large-scale B field structure needed to test models for **molecular cloud formation**

M. Tahani's talk





Hint of bow shock geometry from Rotation measures towards Perseus cloud

Need initial configuration of B field to distinguish from alternative formation scenarios

Galactic B field models missed memo about structures within our neighborhood

SN + stellar winds shape Galactic B field => nearby superbubbles appear large on sky



J. Soler's talk





Planck dust emission B field (5') + Herschel 20" dust map

Evolution of cloud structure depends on B field - so does star formation

Access to high resolution critical

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New insights on MHD turbulence motivated by Planck



Strong magnetic field ($\beta = 0.1$)

4 pc

Level of magnetization determines the relative orientation between filaments and the magnetic field



Filaments parallel or perpendicular to B field are attractor solutions of MHD equations (Soler+Hennebelle 2017)

But Planck only sees *part* of the turbulent cascade



To probe the magnetized ionized medium we need a different tracer...

Faraday rotation probes ionized medium.. in 3D!



Measurable at low frequencies (< 5 GHz) for general ISM

Faraday rotation probes ionized medium.. in 3D!



$$\theta = \theta_0 + \lambda^2 \left(\text{const.} \int_0^d n_e \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{I} \right)$$
FARADAY DEPTH

Faraday tomography/RM synthesis



$$\mathbf{P}(\lambda^2) = \mathbf{Q}(\lambda^2) + i\mathbf{U}(\lambda^2)$$

$$F(\Phi) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} W(\lambda^2) P(\lambda^2) e^{-i2\Phi\lambda^2} d\lambda^2$$

Faraday rotation probes ionized medium.. in 3D!

Along each LOS: spectrum of Faraday rotating components





Field 3C196 (RA. 123.4° DEC. +48.2°)



Faraday tomography finds surprising correlation between ISM phase structure & B field

Alignment between: Neutral medium HI filaments Magnetic field Faraday depth structures (Pol. intensity enhancements + decrements)

Origin of correlations still unknown, but we can still make empirical models for modeling foregrounds...

Jelic+(2020)

All-sky dust emission modeling based on filaments

C. Hervias-Caimapo's talk





Model reproduces Planck power spectra up to much higher multipoles



C. Hervias-Caimapo's talk

Can be used to see effect of decorrelation





ISM properties (including dust) change along the LOS



Pelgrims+2021

We now have maps of local ISM to exploit!

ISM structure revealed by 3D dust extinction maps





Increasing distance from Sun



6 kpc



Dust properties are measured to vary on large (kpc) scales..



Variations in extinction law tied to changes in emission

Ioana Zelko's talk

Schlafly+2017

Dust grain composition changes along with grain size distribution one way to explain observed variations



Ioana Zelko's talk

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The path forward

Combination of synchrotron & dust emission

Developing tools & diagnostics for existing data

Testing dust models in 3D

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Maps available on LAMBDA