# Separating emission from hot and cold dust in nearby galaxies with Millimetron 

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## Reasons to Study Dust in Nearby Galaxies

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- Global distribution of dust is readily apparent
- No complications from projection effects
- Associated stellar populations are more straightforward to identify
- Options to see dust in environments other than the typical spiral galaxy



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- Dust structures are clearly visible
- Dust emission can be associated with star formation more exactly
- Resolved images of stars and dust allow for constructing dust emission/radiative transfer models
- Provide a baseline of what $z=0$ objects should look like
- Can study fainter/smaller objects not easily seen at high redshift



## Simplified Model of Dust Emission

Dust emission could be characterized as originating from a shell structure around star forming regions.

Mid-infrared ( $\sim 25 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ ) emission originates mainly from $\gtrsim 100 \mathrm{~K}$ dust near the photoionizing stars.

Submillimetre ( $\gtrsim 200 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ ) emission originates from the bulk of the dust mass (at 15-25 K) in outer shell regions or the diffuse ISM.

Far-infrared (50-200 $\mu \mathrm{m}$ ) emission originates from 30-50 K dust in between these regions.


Dust directly heated by star formation can be used to measure star formation rates.

Colder dust can be used to measure dust masses (and ISM masses).

Separating the hot and cold dust allows for making better measurements of star formation rates and dust masses.

This also allows for improving dust emission and radiative transfer models.

## Observations of Dust

Within the Milky Way, it is possible to actually measure colour temperature gradients in the dust around star forming regions (although identifying the "background" can be difficult).

In the Magellanic Clouds, it is straightforward to spatially separate dust emission from star forming and diffuse regions.

In other galaxies in the Local Group, it is possible to resolve the largest star forming complexes.

In most other galaxies, star forming regions and diffuse dust tend to blend together. Disentangling the emission requires either clever empirical analyses or careful modelling.



NGC 2244 (Schneider et al., 2010, A\&A, 518, L83)


M16 (Hill et al., 2012, A\&A, 542, A114)

-M33 (Boquien et al., 2011, A\&A, 142, 4)


M81 (Bendo et al., 2012, MNRAS, 419, 1833)


NGC 2403 (Bendo et al., 2012, MNRAS, 419, 1833)


NGC 4254 (Bendo et al., 2015, MNRAS, 448, 135)


NGC 4303 (Bendo et al., 2015, MNRAS, 448, 135)

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## Advances with Millimetron

The improved resolution of Millimetron allows for studying dust in smaller structures than possible before. This will include:

- Resolving 100 pc structures (the size of typical OB associations)
- At 14 Mpc for wavelengths of $60 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ (Band 1 of SACS)
- At 7 Mpc for wavelengths of $110 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ (Band 2 of SACS)
- At 4 Mpc for wavelengths of $165 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ (Band 3 of SACS)
- Resolving 500 pc structures (the scale at which colour variations from spiral density waves are visible) up to 13 Mpc at $320 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ (Band 4 of SACS)
- Resolving 1 kpc structures out to $\sim 25 \mathrm{Mpc}$ at $320 \mu \mathrm{~m}$ (Band 4 of SACS)






## Science Questions

- What is the structure of dust around star forming regions in other galaxies?
- What are the separate SEDs of star forming complexes and diffuse dust?
- How can radiative transfer models be improved by observing dust structures on smaller spatial scales?
- How exactly does far-infrared emission relate to star formation?
- How does radiative transfer work for spiral density waves?
- Does ram-pressure stripping affect the radiative transfer in spiral galaxies?

