

**AKARI and Spinning Dust Emission  
A look at microwave dust emission via the Infrared**

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## ABSTRACT

The anomalous microwave emission (AME) still lacks a coherent explanation. Both electric dipole emission by rapidly rotating dust (“spinning dust”) and magnetic dipole emission by grains with magnetic inclusions (“magnetic dust”) have emerged as potential explanations. We explore the scenario in which spinning polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon molecules (PAHs) are the dominant carriers of the AME. We use data from the AKARI/Infrared Camera (IRC), due to its thorough PAH-band coverage, to analyze 98 regions showing evidence of AME. We compare AME with infrared dust emission from 3 different approaches. The results and discussion contained here apply to an angular scale of approximately  $1^\circ$ . In general, our results support an AME-from-dust hypothesis. At  $1^\circ$  angular resolution, we do not find evidence that the AME is exclusively carried by PAHs. The correlation of far IR dust emission with AME appears to be the best predictor, with MIR/PAH emission being marginally more weakly correlated with AME. In the case of lambda Orionis, AME vs. PAH is at least as strong as AME vs. FIR. Higher resolution studies will be needed in the future to fully solve the AME mystery. We are consistent with previous studies in that the AME has a clear connection to interstellar dust, but a conclusive link to any particular population of dust is unapparent.

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## 1. Introduction

Since its first detection in early microwave observations, the anomalous microwave emission/foreground (AME) has been found to be a widespread feature of the microwave Milky Way (Dickinson et al. 2013). Kogut et al. (1996); de Oliveira-Costa et al. (1997); Leitch (1998) showed that the AME correlates very well with infrared emission from dust, via COBE/DIRBE and IRAS far-IR maps. However there remains much mystery, except that the most likely source of the AME is interstellar dust (Ysard & Verstraete 2010; Tibbs et al. 2011; Hensley et al. 2016).

From the observed spatial correlation between AME and dust emerged two prevailing hypotheses: 1) Electric dipole emission by spinning small dust grains, a mechanism proposed in Erickson (1957) and Hoyle & Wickramasinghe (1970), with further discussion in Ferrara & Dettmar (1994). Draine & Lazarian (1998b) give the earliest thorough description, with substantial updates contributed more recently by Ysard & Verstraete (2010), Ali-Haïmoud et al. (2009), Hoang et al. (2010) and several others. Hensley & Draine (2017a) propose that such small spinning grains may consist primarily of silicates, and that this is allowed by observational upper-bounds of nanosilicate abundance. Dickinson et al. (2013) provide a detailed overview of AME and spinning dust literature.

2) Magnetic dipole emission, caused by thermal fluctuations in grains with magnetic inclusions, proposed by Draine & Lazarian (1999). More recently, modeled spectra for potential candidate carriers have appeared in the literature: PAHs, grains with magnetic inclusions (Draine & Hensley 2013; Ali-Haïmoud 2014; Hoang et al. 2016).

A third, but not widely accepted, possible explanation for AME is discussed in Jones (2009). They have suggested that the emissivity of dust, in the spectral range related to AME, could contain features caused by low temperature solid-state structural transitions.

Although spinning dust need not be the only emission mechanism, the photometric signature of the AME, has so far been commonly explained via spinning dust parameters (Ysard et al. 2011; Ali-Haimoud 2010). We explore the case that the AME signature arises from spinning dust emission. If the AME is carried by spinning dust, the carrier should be small enough that it can be rotationally excited to frequencies in the range of 10-40 GHz, and must have a permanent electric dipole. Within contemporary dust SED models, only the polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon family of molecules (PAHs), or nanoscale amorphous carbon dust fit these criteria. Those PAHs which have a permanent electric dipole (i.e. coranulene, but not symmetric molecules like coronene), can emit rotationally. However the carrier need not be carbon-based. Indeed, Hensley & Draine (2017a) claim that AME can be explained without carbonaceous carriers, using only spinning nanosilicates.

While neither nanosilicates nor any particular species of PAHs have been conclusively identified in the ISM, mid-infrared features associated with PAH-like aromatic materials have been observed. In fact, “the PAH features” are ubiquitous in the ISM (Giard et al. 1994; Onaka et al. 1996; Onaka 2000), such that the carriers must be abundant. Andrews et al. (2015) strongly argue for the existence of a dominant “grandPAH” class, containing 20 to 30 PAH species. There has yet to be any detection of features related to nanosilicates. There is only an upper-bound from IRTS observations of Onaka et al. (1996) and calculations by Li & Draine (2001).

Assuming a rotational emission model, the AME signature (consistent with continuum emission having a peak around 20 to 40 GHz ) implies very small oscillators ( $\sim 10$  nm). In any case, the PAH class of molecules are the only spinning dust candidate so far which show both:

- 1) Evidence of abundance in the ISM at IR wavelengths, and
- 2) A predicted range of dipole moments (on order of 1 debye), to produce the observed AME

signature (Draine & Lazarian 1998b; Lovas et al. 2005; Thorwirth et al. 2007). However, it should be noted that the current upper-bound on the abundance of nanosilicates, allows for a "spinning nanosilicate" explanation for the AME, as shown by Hensley & Draine (2017a). Due to the (apparently) continuous shape of the AME SED, a distribution of dipole moments and rotational velocities is needed, in a spinning dust scenario. Of course, the AME cannot simply be modeled by a distribution of carriers. Environmental factors must be considered.

In the spinning dust model, there are several possible excitation factors for spinning dust. While the question of whether or not such small grains would be spinning at all is a bit trivial- a case in which grains had no angular momentum would be bizarre- for the grains to have rotational velocities high enough to create the observed AME, they must be subject to strong excitation mechanisms. The dominant factors that would be giving grains their spin, are broken down by Draine (2011) into basically two categories: 1) Collisional excitation. 2) Radiative excitation, the sum of which could lead to sufficient rotational velocities for sufficiently small grains. However the extent of excitation will depend on environmental conditions, i.e. there will be more frequent encounters with ions and atoms in denser regions (so long as the density is not high enough to coagulate the small grains), and more excitation due to photon emission with increasing ISRF strength (Ali-Haïmoud et al. 2009; ?). One of the strongest potential excitation mechanisms listed in Draine (2011) is that of negatively charged grains interacting with ions. Thus not only must we consider environmental factors, grain composition and size, but also the ionization state of the carriers. (For example, ionized vs. neutral PAHs.) The dependence of the observed AME on ISM density is modeled by Ali-Haimoud (2010), demonstrating that denser regions may have a stronger AME component (although it can be observationally challenging to resolve dense vs. diffuse AME producing regions.)

The overall pattern among large-scale studies seems to show that all of the dust-tracing photometric bands correlate with the AME (and each other) to first-order. On an all-sky, pixel-by-pixel basis, at  $1^\circ$  angular resolution, Ysard et al. (2010) find that  $12\ \mu\text{m}$  emission, via IRAS, correlates slightly more strongly with AME (via WMAP) than with  $100\ \mu\text{m}$  emission. They also find that scaling the IR intensity by the interstellar radiation field strength (given as  $G_0$ , a measure of ISRF relative to that of the solar neighborhood) improves both correlations. They interpret this finding as evidence that AME is related to dust, and more closely related to the small stochastically emitting dust that is traced by  $12\ \mu\text{m}$  emission.

However in a similar work, Hensley et al. (2016) report that the  $12\ \mu\text{m}$  emission (via WISE) correlates less tightly with AME than with thermal dust radiance, using the Planck Collaboration dust and AME component-separation maps (Planck Collaboration et al. 2016a). Also at odds with Ysard et al. (2010), they report that AME correlates more strongly with  $12\ \mu\text{m}$  intensity than with the intensity scaled by the interstellar radiation field. They interpret this as AME and PAH emission both being correlated with the total dust radiance, but that there is no preferential relationship between PAHs and the AME.

The story is no more clear when looking at the average properties of individual regions. Planck Collaboration et al. (2014c) find that among 22 high-confidence "AME regions" (galactic clouds such as the  $\rho$  Ophiuchus cloud and the Perseus molecular cloud complex) AME vs.  $12\ \mu\text{m}$  shows a marginally weaker correlation than AME vs.  $100\ \mu\text{m}$  (via IRAS). Tibbs et al. (2011) examined the AME-prominent Perseus Molecular Cloud complex, finding that while there is no clear evidence of a PAH-AME correlation, they do find a slight correlation between AME and  $G_0$ .

In this work, we attempt to reach some stronger consensus on the large-scale AME vs. IR-dust story, keeping in mind that resolution limitations are could dilute more subtle

connections between potential connections between dust IR emission and the anomalous foreground. In Section 2, we describe the all-sky surveys and component maps used in this paper. The sources range from PAH-dominated MIR bands from AKARI and IRAS to FIR and microwave-derived maps from Planck Observatory. These bands are listed in table 2, and are outlined in the following Data section. Section 3 describes our investigation approach: looking at all-sky trends, a circular aperture photometry on a list of regions of interest, and a localized study of the AME region of largest angular size, lambda Orionis. Section 4 describes the conclusions of these 3 approaches, and compares them to previous AME vs. dust emission studies.

We utilize the newly created AKARI/IRC 9  $\mu\text{m}$  all-sky map, which more completely covers PAH features than previous all-sky surveys, and has the highest fractional contribution from PAH emission, as can be seen in Fig. ??, assuming a PAH and grain SED model such as Draine & Li (2001). This is especially true as the ISRF intensifies, and the IRAS or WISE 12  $\mu\text{m}$  bands include more continuum emission.

## 2. Data

This work relies completely on all-sky surveys. All of the maps utilized are photometric-band infrared maps, except for the AME data, which is an all-sky component separation analysis product, from the Planck Collaboration’s efforts to separate galactic foregrounds from the CMB.

We are primarily interested in the AKARI/IRC 9  $\mu\text{m}$  band’s unique coverage of the PAH bands at 6.2, 7.7, 8.6, and 11.2  $\mu\text{m}$ , and if this shows any stronger/weaker correlation with AME than the WISE or IRAS 12  $\mu\text{m}$  bands. In total, we use all-sky maps from 19 photometric bands, spanning the wavelength range of 6.9  $\mu\text{m}$  to 550  $\mu\text{m}^{***}$

## 2.1. Infrared Data

The AKARI infrared space telescope revealed an entire sky of infrared light, from the mid to far infrared, via two instruments (Murakami et al. 2007) the Infrared Camera (IRC)(Onaka et al. 2007) and the Far Infrared Surveyor (FIS) (Kawada et al. 2007a).

IRC's  $9\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  band all-sky map demonstrates the abundance of the PAH bands carrier in the Milky Way (Ishihara et al. 2010). Figure 2.1 shows the coverage of the MIR bands along with an example galactic cirrus SED. The  $9\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  band uniquely covers major ionized PAH features at  $6.2$  and  $7.7\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ ; as well as neutral PAH features at  $8.6$  and  $11.2\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  across the entire sky (Onaka et al. 2007). The IRAS  $12\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  band covers the  $11.2$  and  $8.6\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  features, and the similarly-shaped WISE  $12\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  band covers primarily the  $11.2\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  feature. According to this distribution of PAH features across the response filters, it is expected that the IRC  $9\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  band is most dominated by PAH emission. Figure ?? shows the relative contribution of neutral PAHs vs ionized PAHs to the AKARI/IRC  $9\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ , IRAS  $12\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  and WISE  $12\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  bands, based on the DLO1 dust SED model. IRC  $9\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  shows a larger contribution from ionized PAHs, by about 16 percent, and a conversely smaller contribution from neutral PAHs. These relative contributions remain relatively constant out to a  $G_0$  of about 100, with the contribution from warm dust becoming a larger factor for the IRAS  $12\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  and WISE  $12\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  bands. Thus, according to the DL01 template, IRC  $9\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  should have the highest contribution from PAHs (especially ionized) out to extreme radiation fields. Fig. 2.1 demonstrates how the band ratios of the IRC  $9\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  band vs. the other MIR bands change with different modeled PAH ionization fractions (determined using the DustEM default model template, by Compiègne et al. (2011)).

We utilize the most recent version of the IRC data (Ishihara, et al., in prep.) This version has had an updated model of the Zodiacial light, fitted and subtracted. The details of the improved Zodi-model, which offers an improvement over that used for the IRAS

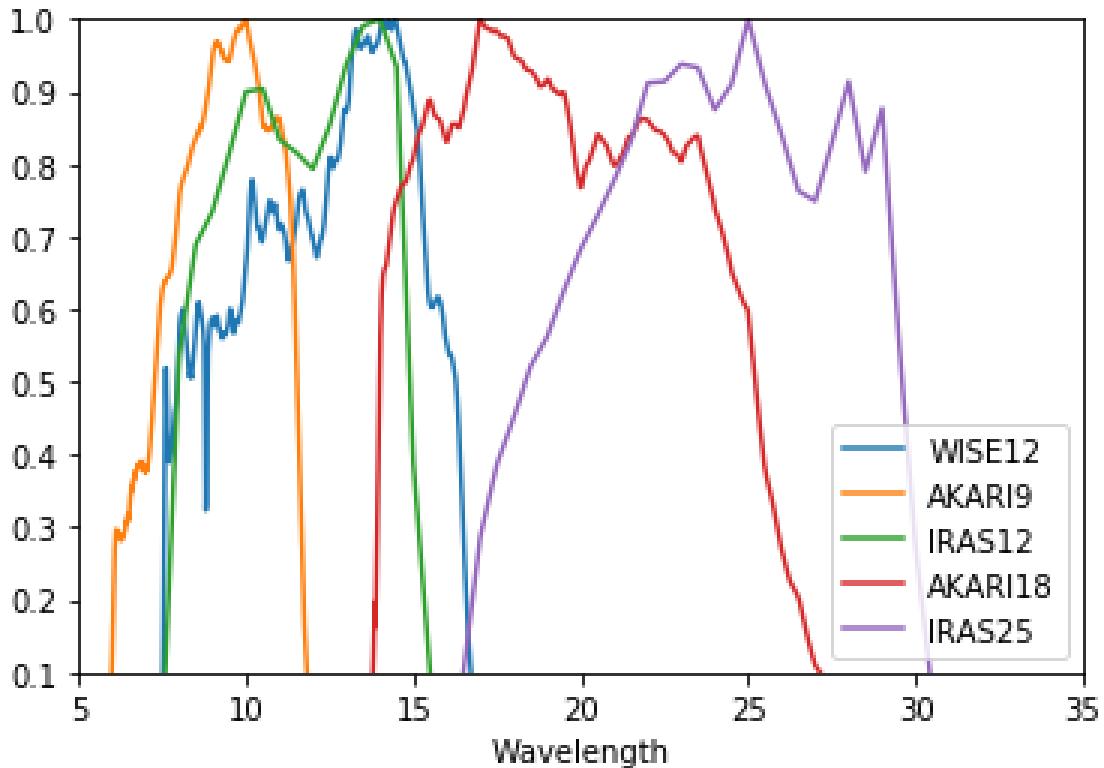


Fig. 1.— Relative spectral response curves of the MIR bands used in this study, AKARI/IRC 9  $\mu\text{m}$ , IRAS 12  $\mu\text{m}$ , WISE 12  $\mu\text{m}$ , AKARI 18  $\mu\text{m}$ , and IRAS 25  $\mu\text{m}$ . AKARI/IRC 9  $\mu\text{m}$ , IRAS 12  $\mu\text{m}$ , WISE 12  $\mu\text{m}$  bands are dominated by PAH emission (see Figure ???. The AKARI 18  $\mu\text{m}$ , and IRAS 25  $\mu\text{m}$  bands contain minimal PAH emission.

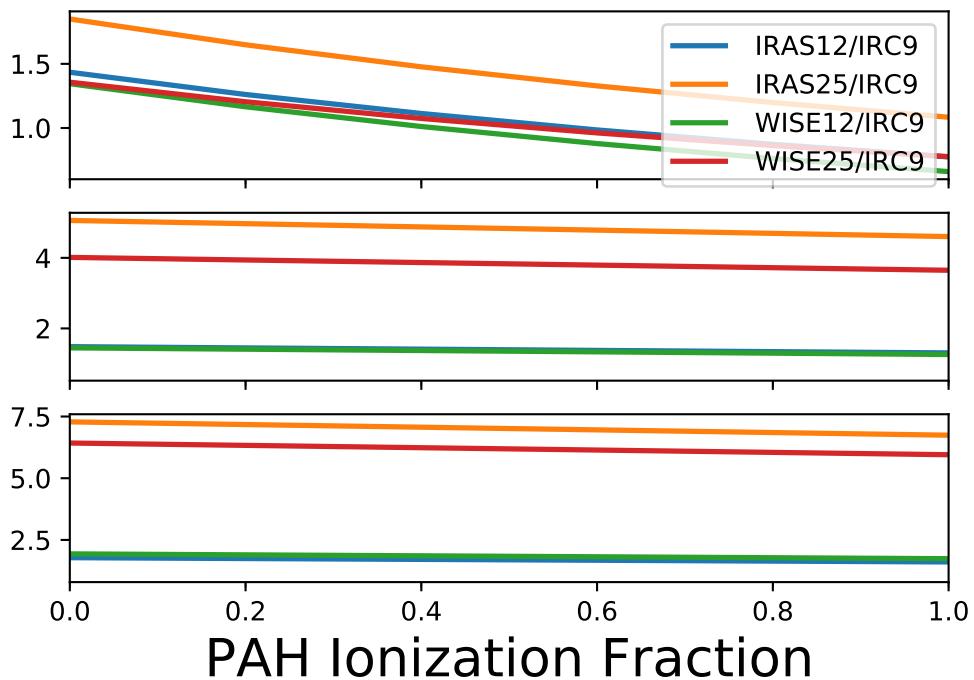


Fig. 2.— Ionization fraction of PAHs vs. band ratios of IRAS12 and 25, and WISE 12 and 25  $\mu\text{m}$  bands vs. the AKARI 9  $\mu\text{m}$  band, for three ISRF strengths: Top:  $G_0 = 100$ , Middle:  $G_0 = 1000$ , and Bottom:  $G_0 = 10000$ . These ratios are determined by assuming the SED template if Compiègne et al. (2011)

all-sky maps, are given in Kondo et al. (2016).

The AKARI Far Infrared Surveyor (FIS) gives us photometric data around the peak of the typical thermal dust SED. FIS was equipped with four wavebands: two narrow bands centered at  $65\ \mu\text{m}$  and at  $160\ \mu\text{m}$ , and two wide bands at  $90\ \mu\text{m}$  and at  $140\ \mu\text{m}$ . An all-sky survey was carried out at each band (Kawada et al. 2007b), and the processed maps have been publicly released (Doi et al. 2015).

The Planck Space Observatory (Planck) High Frequency Instrument (HFI) all-sky maps, spanning 100 to 857 GHz (Planck Collaboration et al. 2014a) constrain the far IR dust emissivity. This study utilizes the 857 GHz ( $345\ \mu\text{m}$ ) and 545 GHz ( $550\ \mu\text{m}$ ) bands.

Data from the Infrared Astronomical Satellite (Neugebauer et al. 1984) all-sky surveys are used to supplement the similarly-centered AKARI photometric bands. The IRAS  $12\ \mu\text{m}$  band is similar to the AKARI  $9\ \mu\text{m}$  band in terms of the sky coverage, central wavelength, and especially in that both surveys are heavily dominated by zodiacal light. We use the Improved Reprocessing of the IRAS Surveys (IRIS) (Miville-Deschénes & Lagache 2005), which use undergone a zodiacal-light removal. The Zodiacal light model, however differs between the two bands. The IRAS Zodi-subtraction is primarily based on the Kelsall et al. (1998) model.

## 2.2. AME Data

We utilize the COMMANDER-Ruler AME component separation map, from the Planck Collaboration’s Public Data Release 2 (hereafter, PR2). Details of the foreground contribution estimates are given in Planck Collaboration et al. (2014b). The PR2 AME map was created primarily for the purpose of isolating the CMB from galactic microwave emission. Thus we do not consider it to be a definitive data set for the absolute anomalous

Table 1: Observational data sources used in this article

Instrument	Central Wavelength	FWHM	Uncertainty	Reference
AKARI/IRC	9 $\mu\text{m}$	~10"	<10%	(Ishihara et al. 2010)
AKARI/IRC	18 $\mu\text{m}$	~10"	<10%	"
AKARI/FIS	65 $\mu\text{m}$	63"	<10%	(Doi et al. 2015; Takita et al. 2015)
AKARI/FIS	90 $\mu\text{m}$	78"	<10%	"
AKARI/FIS	140 $\mu\text{m}$	88"	<10%	"
AKARI/FIS	160 $\mu\text{m}$	88"	<10%	"
COBE/DIRBE	12 $\mu\text{m}$			
COBE/DIRBE	25 $\mu\text{m}$			
COBE/DIRBE	60 $\mu\text{m}$			
COBE/DIRBE	100 $\mu\text{m}$			
IRAS/IRIS	12 $\mu\text{m}$	4.0'	<5.1%	(Miville-Deschénes & Lagache 2005)
IRAS/IRIS	25 $\mu\text{m}$	4.0'	<15.1%	"
IRAS/IRIS	60 $\mu\text{m}$	4.2'	<10.4%	"
IRAS/IRIS	100 $\mu\text{m}$	4.5'	<13.5%	"
Planck/HFI	345 $\mu\text{m}$	4.7'		(Planck Collaboration et al. 2014a)
Planck/HFI	550 $\mu\text{m}$	4.3'		"

flux in a given pixel, but rather a rough look at the whole-sky relative variation of the AME. We also quote AME estimates for 98 circular apertures, found in Planck Collaboration et al. (2014c), that were made using a more careful region-by-region component separation method at  $1^\circ$  resolution.

### 2.3. All-sky Data Processing

The HFI, FIS, and IRIS maps used here are downloaded from their respective online repositories, as all-sky HEALPix (Górski et al. 2005) NSIDE 2048 maps. In the case of the IRC maps, we first create HEALPix maps from the 4,857 all-sky survey tiles using the Aladin all-sky data visualization platform (Bonnarel et al. 2000). NSIDE 2048 implies an average pixel spacing of  $1.7'$ . The maps are then degraded to NSIDE 1024 before carrying out the Gaussian-beam smoothing to a  $1^\circ$  FWHM. Following the smoothing process, the maps are degraded once more to NSIDE 256. The value of each of the larger NSIDE 256 pixels, comes from the mean of its parent NSIDE 1024 pixels. The purpose of this processing is to ensure that all of the maps have the same resolution as the PR2 AME map.

## 3. Analysis

We inspect the IR abd AME data in 3 approaches, relying on HEALPix maps at  $1^\circ$  angular resolution. We start with an all-sky AME to IR comparison, looking for global patterns among all pixels (except those within  $10^\circ$  of the ecliptic plane.) 2) Next we show a more regionalized comparison, looking at the set of AME-prominent galactic clouds identified by the Planck Collaboration et al. (2014c). As much as possible, we maintain comparability between their IRAS-Planck based result, and our result which adds-in AKARI data and dust SED fitting. 3) Lastly, we highlight the  $\lambda$  Orionis molecular ring

(Maddalena 1986; Maddalena & Morris 1987), a particular AME-dominated region with resolvable structure even at  $1^\circ$  angular resolution.

### 3.1. All-sky Pixel Domain Analysis

In order to look more closely at the variations between the individual bands' maps, we include a pixel-by-pixel analysis. Figure 3.1 shows the result of such a comparison, for each of the 18 bands sampled. The AME data comes from the PR2 AME map.

To keep our analysis comparable to previous works, we exclude pixels within  $10^\circ$  of the ecliptic plane, where the Zodi-residuals can be a problematic (especially in the MIR.)

Figure 3.1 visualizes the cross-correlation matrix for each of the IR bands. The AME does not show a strong correlation with other bands at  $|l| > 10$ . At  $|l| < 10$ , the FIR bands show stronger correlation. The PAH-tracing bands show a stronger correlation than bands at 18 to 60  $\mu\text{m}$ , but weaker than AME vs. the FIR bands.

To understand how these trends may vary across the sky, we repeat the correlation analysis along  $1^\circ$  width latitude strips. For each degree of  $b$ , we cross correlate the Planck modified blackbody fitting results vs. the AME and the AKARI 9  $\mu\text{m}$  intensity. (This comes with the geometrical caveat that the higher latitude bins have fewer samples.) The results of this comparison are shown in ???. Fig. ???) shows the result with longitude strips. The  $l$  based comparison produces a consistent ranking of the correlation strengths all longitudes. There is an unexplained variation between  $b = 200$  and 250.

Finally, we produce an all-sky correlation map. From the NSIDE 256 input maps of each of dust temperature  $T$ , radiance  $R$ , and emissivity index beta, and  $I9 \mu\text{m}$ , we produce NSIDE 16 maps of  $S$  for correlation strength vs. AME. These maps are shown in Fig. ???.

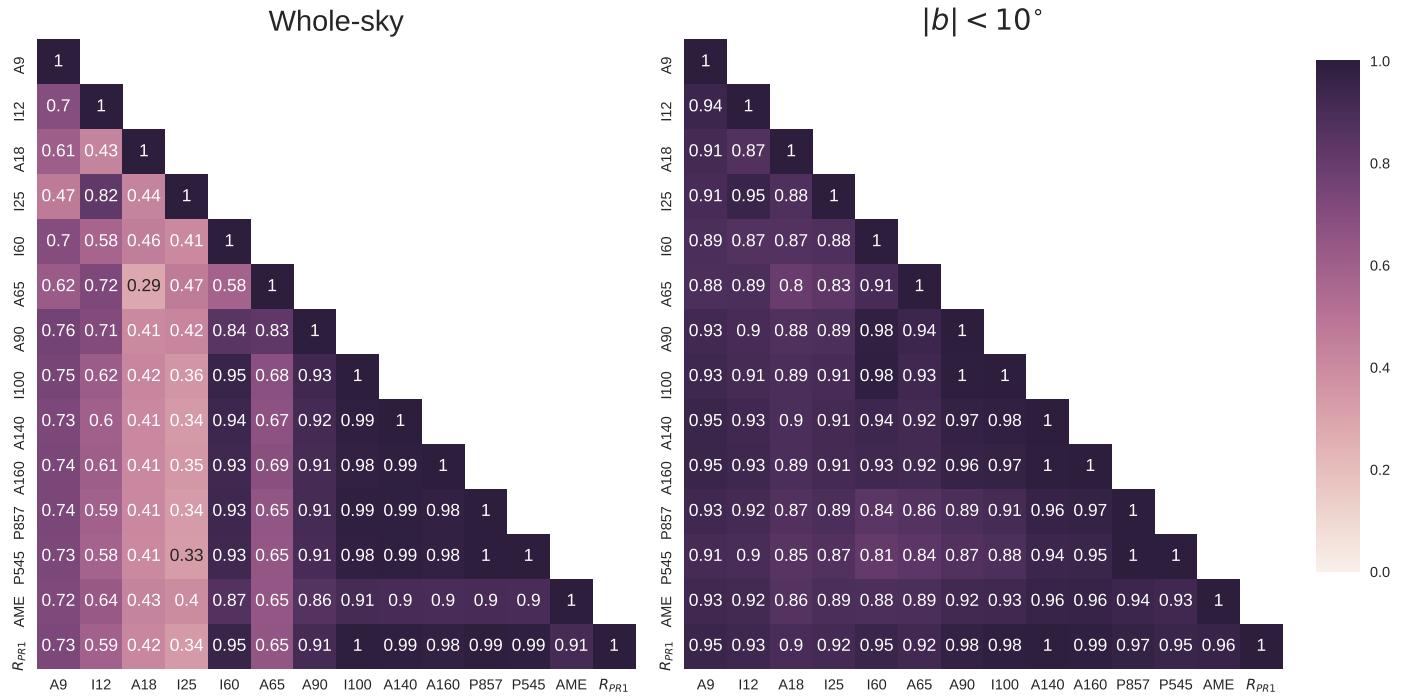


Fig. 3.— ALL-SKY cross-correlation matrix for the 18 infrared bands sampled, and the AME map. The color-scale indicates the Spearman rank ( $S$ ). Results are based on the full sky (excluding pixels within  $10^\circ$  of the ecliptic plane).

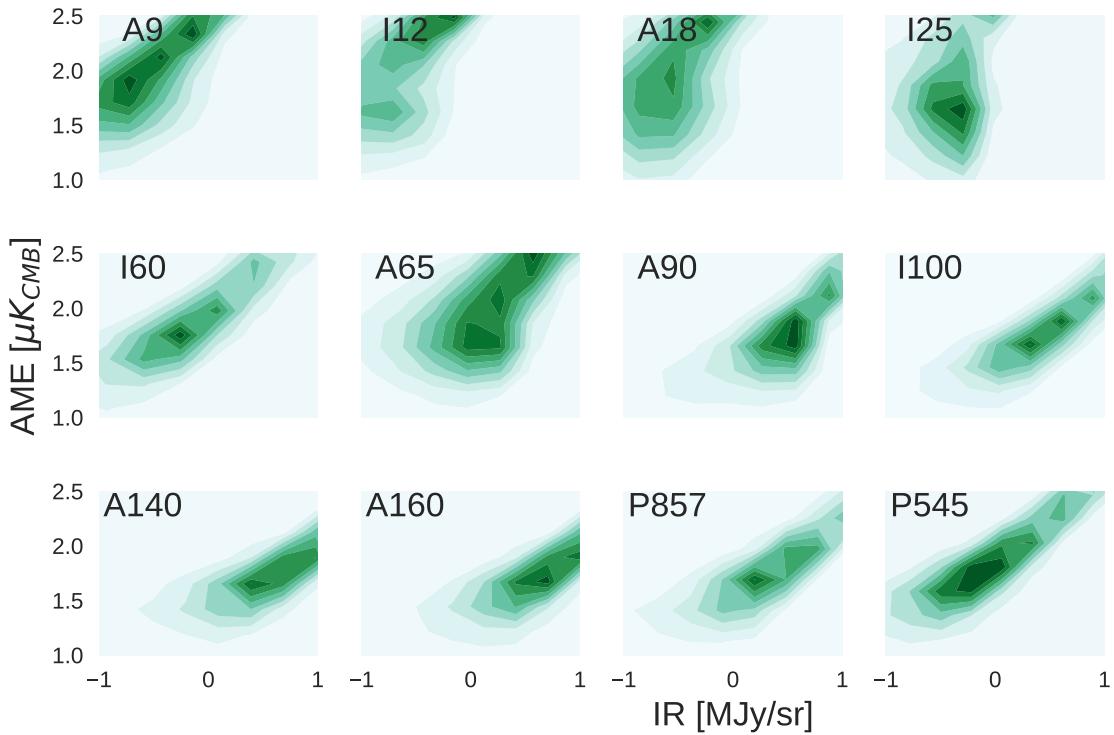


Fig. 4.— ALL-SKY kernel density estimate plots of 12-band infrared photometry results against the PR2 AME map. Pixels within  $10^\circ$  of the ecliptic plane are excluded. Darker values indicate higher pixel densities. Plots share logarithmic axes. 'A' indicates AKARI; 'D', DIRBE; 'I', IRAS, and 'P' Planck. The number after each letter indicates the band central nominal wavelength in microns (or frequency in GHz, in the case of the Planck bands.)

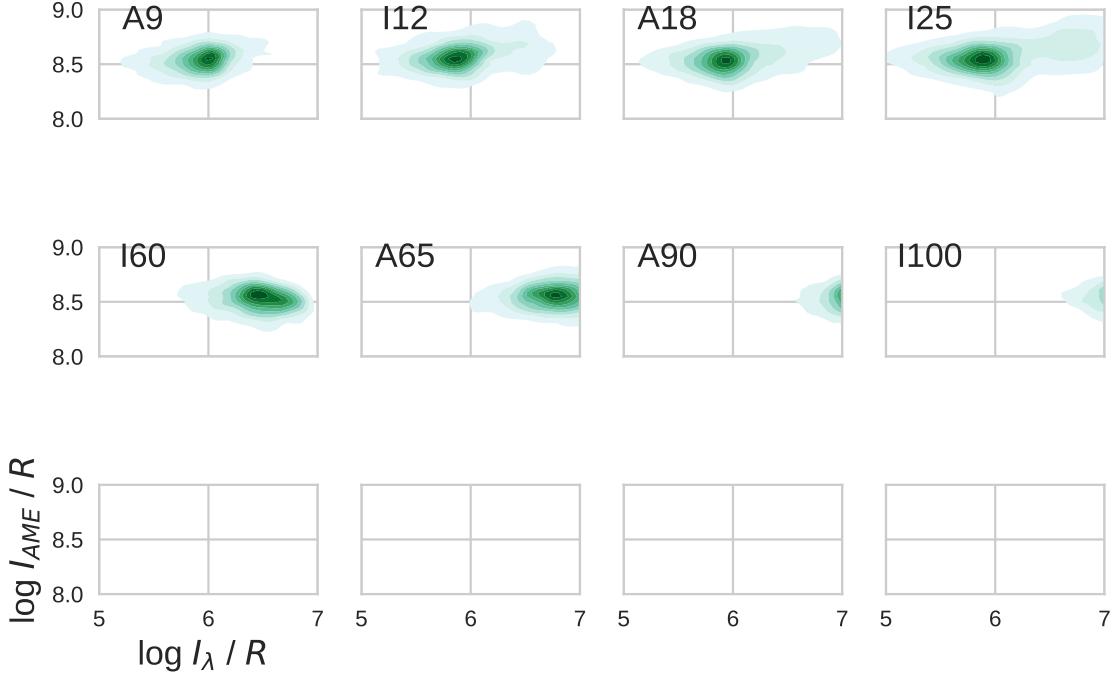


Fig. 5.— Similar comparison to Fig. 3.1, with both the IR and the AME intensities scaled by the PR2 dust radiance ( $R$ ) for each pixel.

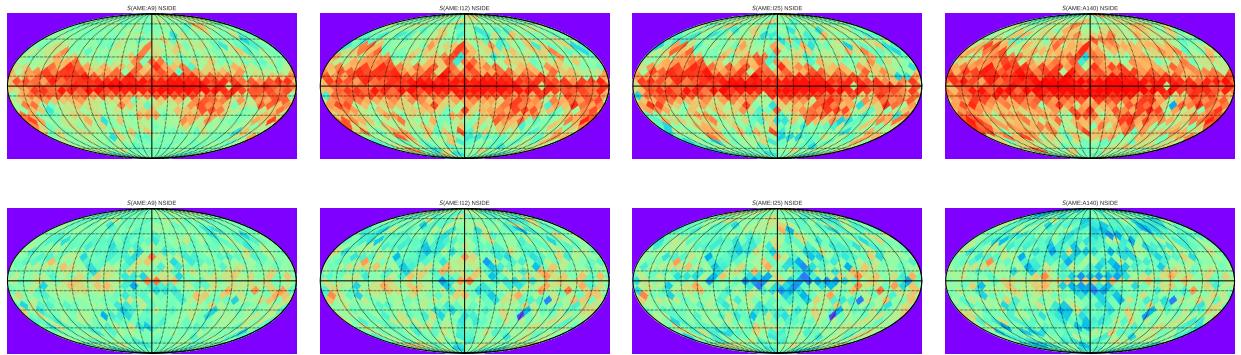


Fig. 6.— Spatial map of Spearman correlation coefficients between the AME and IR intensity for 4 bands: 9  $\mu\text{m}$ , 12  $\mu\text{m}$ , 25  $\mu\text{m}$ , and 140  $\mu\text{m}$ .  $S$  is calculated for all NSIDE 256 pixels within each NSIDE 8 pixel-sized bin. Note that the NSIDE 256 pixel grid (15arcmin/pixel) oversamples the effective 1-degree PSF.

### 3.2. Analysis of the $\lambda$ Orionis Region

Having looked at AME vs. dust emission on a coarse scale, we now introduce our analysis of a particular region. The  $\lambda$  Orionis molecular ring, shown in Figure 3.2 as it appears in  $1^\circ$  smoothed AKARI  $9\ \mu\text{m}$  data, indicates excess microwave emission attributed to AME (Planck Collaboration et al. 2016b). At approx.  $10^\circ$  wide, we can see the outline of the structure even in the low ( $1^\circ$  FWHM) resolution Planck-COMMANDER AME map. This is one of the only structures on the sky with a relatively well-distinguished shape at such low resolution. In order to shift towards an investigation of individual AME-prominent regions, we have carried out an initial comparison of the AME of this region with its mid to far-IR dust emission.

Figure 3.2 shows the region in 12 photometric bands, from the mid to far IR. Contours indicate the region’s shape in the Planck PR2 AME map. Figure 3.2 shows IR to AME cross correlation plots, for all pixels within the  $10^\circ$  by  $10^\circ$   $\lambda$  Orionis region. The correlation is most clear for the shortest and for the longest wavelength bands, and weakens the most at around  $60\ \mu\text{m}$ . The weakening of the correlation score appears to come from brighter  $25$  to  $90\ \mu\text{m}$  emission within the ring, while the ring structure itself appears relatively consistent across all bands.

#### 3.2.1. SED Fitting

We performed a full dust SED fitting on the LOri photometry, according to the Galliano et al. (2011) dust model. We used a mixture of amorphous carbon and silicate dust. Indeed, this dust mixture is more emissive than the standard silicate-graphite (Draine & Li 2007), by a factor of 2-3. As was shown by Herschel, in the LMC (Galliano et al. 2011), and by Planck, in the Milky Way (Planck Collaboration et al. 2016c), this increase

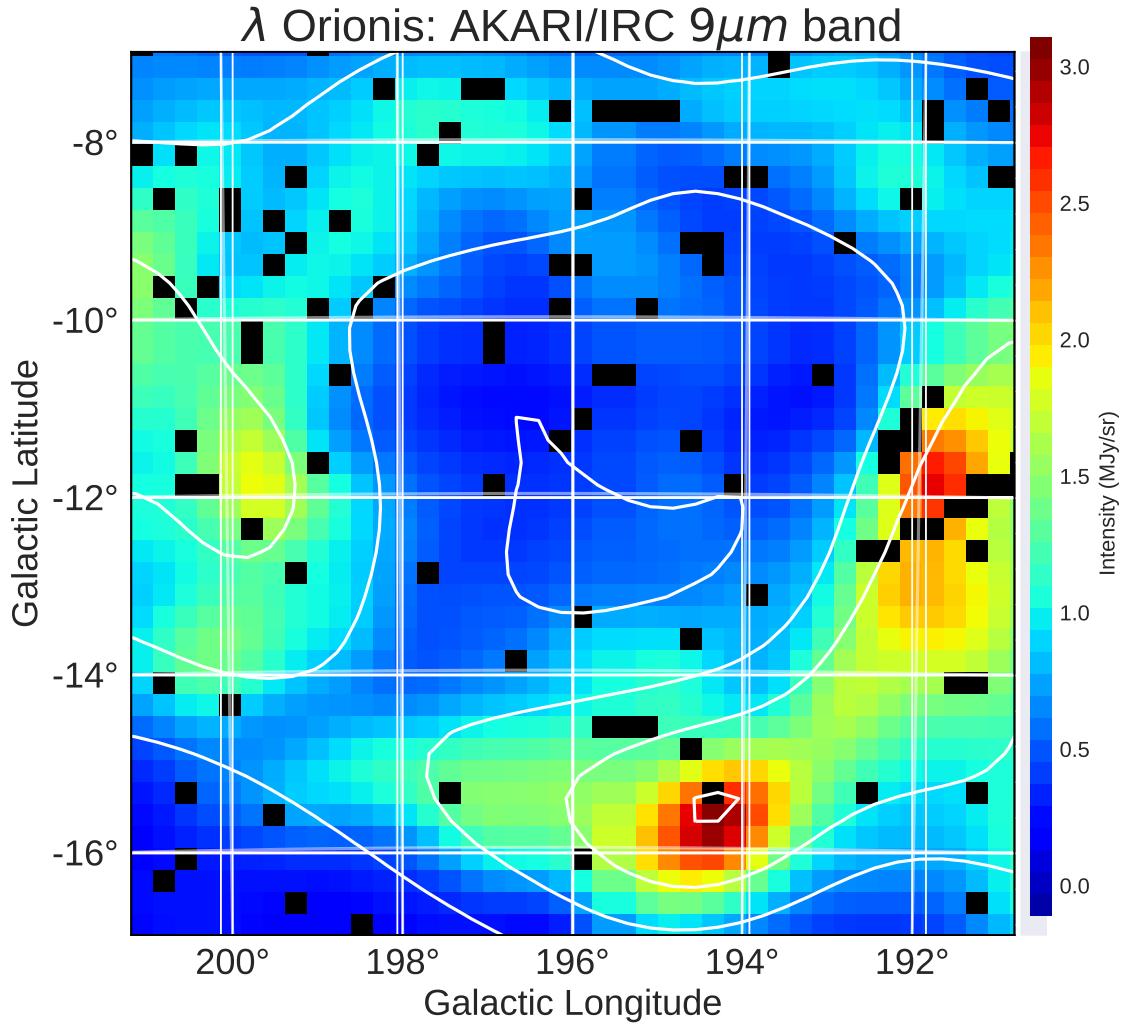


Fig. 7.—  $\lambda$  Orionis as it appears in the AKARI 9  $\mu$ m data. Contours indicate the AME, as given by the Planck PR2 AME map. The image is smoothed to a 1° PSF (much larger than the original 10 arcsec map). The  $\lambda$  Orionis star itself is approximately located at the center of the image.

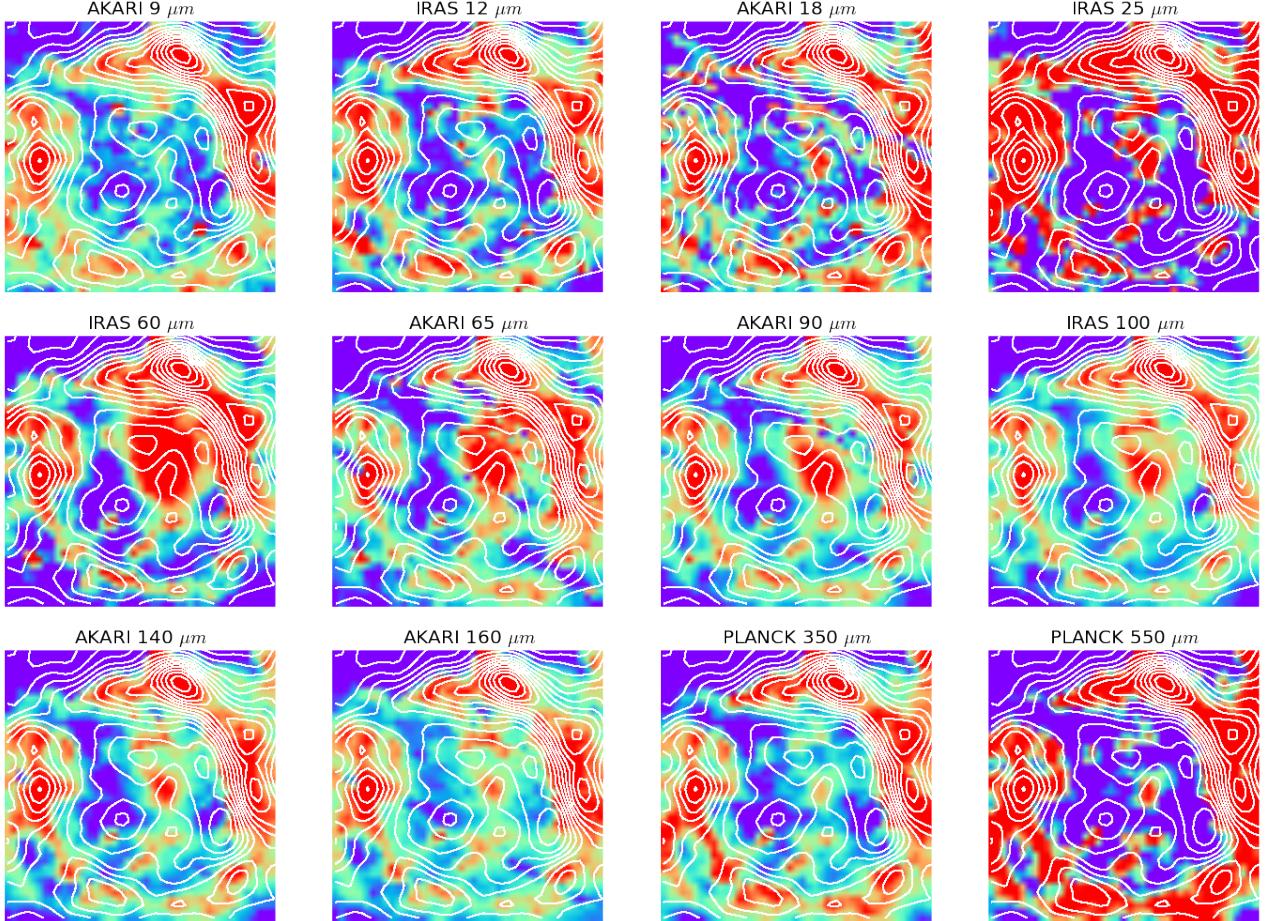


Fig. 8.— A grid of thumbnails showing the  $\lambda$  Orionis region’s structure, at 12 wavelengths, along with AME contours (shown in white contours). Spatial correlation seems to be the best at the shortest and longest wavelengths (AKARI/IRC 9  $\mu m$  and Planck/HFI 550  $\mu m$ ). The images are smoothed and interpolated for demonstration. Figure 3.2 demonstrates the actual pixel grid used for the SED fitting and intensity correlation tests.

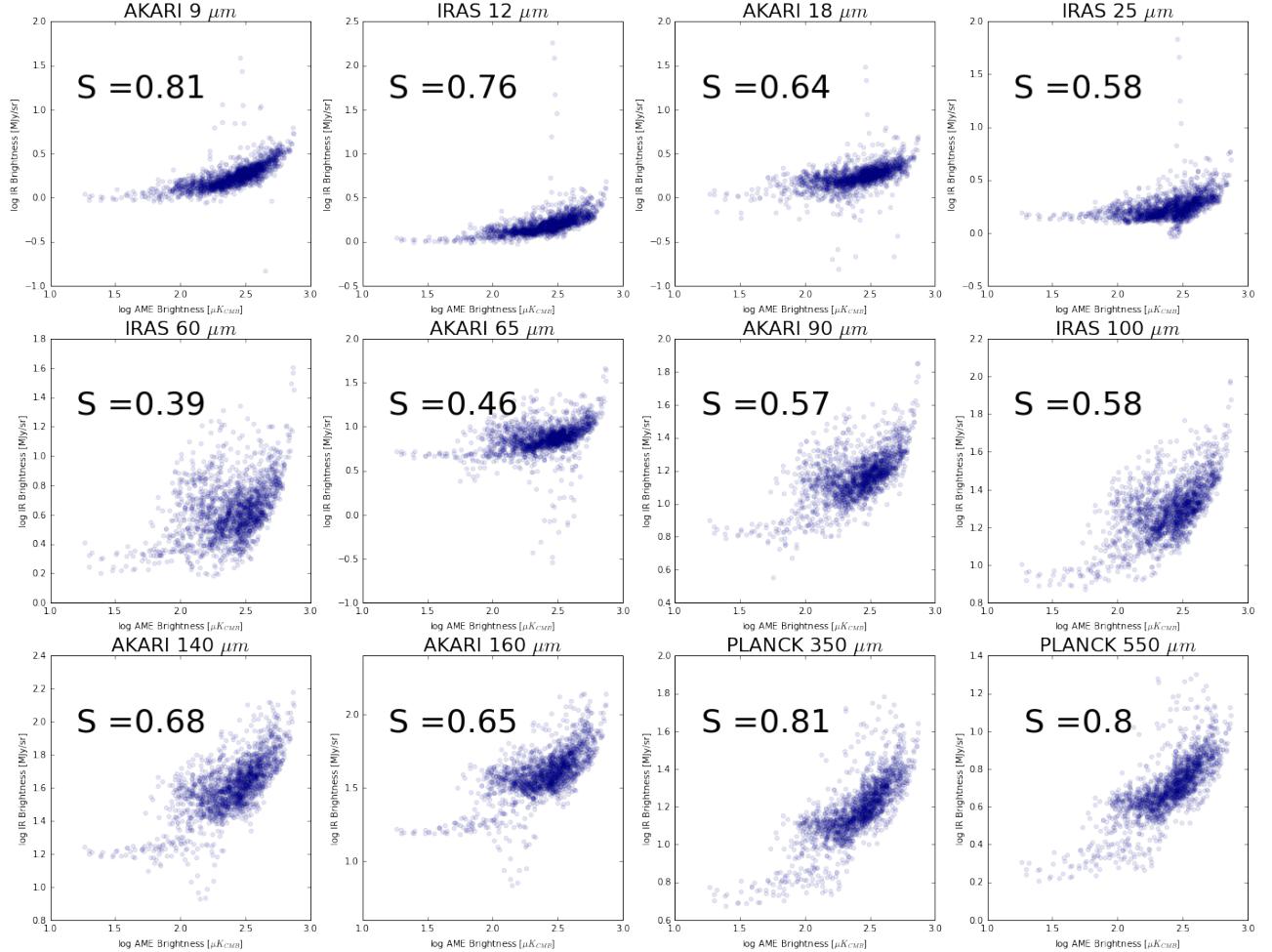


Fig. 9.— Pixel cross-correlation for all pixels in the  $\lambda$  Orionis cut-out region.  $S$  indicates the Spearman rank correlation coefficient for each plot.

of emissivity is necessary to have a proper fit of the sub-mm emission. We assume that the radiation field heating this dust mixture is the Galactic ISRF (Mathis et al. 1983), scaled by a factor  $U$ . We also assume, following Dale et al. (2001), that the dust is exposed to a distribution of starlight intensity, distributed as:

$$dM_{dust} \propto U^{-\alpha} dU \quad (1)$$

between  $U_{min}$  and  $U_{max}$ , where  $U_{min}$ ,  $U_{max}$  and  $\alpha$  are free parameters. An old stellar population template (PEGASE; (Fioc & Rocca-Volmerange 1997)) is added to this SED in order to model the near-IR emission. We perform a simple least-squares analysis. For the vast majority of the samples, the fits are reasonable, with the  $\chi^2$  distribution shown in Fig. ??.

#### 4. Discussion

We have compared AME with infrared dust emission from 2 approaches. The results and discussion contained here apply to an angular scale of approximately  $1^\circ$ . In general, our results support an AME-from-dust hypothesis. At  $1^\circ$  angular resolution, we do not find evidence that the AME is exclusively carried by PAHs. The correlation of far IR dust emission with AME appears to be the best predictor, with MIR/PAH emission being marginally more weakly correlated with AME. As far as the MIR bands are concerned, at least in terms of intensity,  $I_{9\mu m}$  shows the strongest correlation. This result is mirrored in L Ori, however in that case  $I_{9\mu m}$  and  $I_{545\mu m}$  show the strongest correlation. In the case of  $\lambda$  Orionis, AME vs. PAH is at least as strong as AME vs. FIR. Higher resolution studies will be needed in the future to fully solve the AME mystery.

#### 4.1. AME:Dust

As noted in Section 1, previous studies found that the AME generally correlates at dust-related IR wavelengths (Ysard et al. 2010; Planck Collaboration et al. 2014c; Hensley et al. 2016). We see the same overall pattern in the present study, for each of the three scales examined: the all-sky pixel-based analysis, the re-examination of Planck AME Candidate regions, and the inspection of the  $\lambda$  Orionis region.

In our all-sky, pixel-by-pixel comparison, we find a first-order correlation between IR intensity and AME intensity, for each of the 19 wavelengths sampled. This is again consistent with the previous investigations of the AME cited above, in that the FIR emission shows the tightest correlation with the AME intensity.

In testing for a second-order correlation, we divided the IR intensities and AME intensity by the dust radiance, and again performed the band-by-band all-sky comparison. There is evidence of a residual correlation between  $I_{MIR}$  and  $I_{AME}/R$ . Unsurprisingly, the strong correlation between  $I_{FIR}$  and  $I_{AME}$  disappears when scaling by  $R$ , as the FIR bands are dominated by thermal dust emission. In this case, we again find no evidence of an improved correlation for the PAH-dominated bands.

In the case of the AME candidate regions, do we find evidence of a statistically stronger relationship between AME and total dust mass than AME vs. PAH mass, for the full set of 98 regions. We were able to confirm that the correlation coefficients are statistically distinct, via bootstrap re-sampling (with replacement.) However the difference is marginal. Moreover the full set of 98 regions includes many regions that are either near the galactic plane, or do not have a strong S/N for the AME component separation. A similar result is found when we compare AME to the total dust luminosity and PAH luminosity.

The closeness of the correlation coefficients found here is consistent with the results of

the IRAS vs. AME correlation test result from Planck Collaboration et al. (2014c). They found that the correlation coefficient among the 4 IRAS bands (12, 25, 60, and 100  $\mu\text{m}$ ) differ from one another only by about 5%, across the whole set of 98 regions. The trend of AKARI MIR and FIR data vs. the AME does not disagree with their IRAS comparison. This work adds that bands longer than IRAS 100  $\mu\text{m}$  also correlate strongly with AME, especially the two Planck/HFI bands used.

## 4.2. AME:PAH

In the case of  $\lambda$  Orionis we found that accross the whole region, AKARI 9  $\mu\text{m}$  emission and Planck 545 GHz emission were the most strongly correlated with AME, having Spearman coefficients of 0.81 and 0.80. The results may be consistent with a scenario in which PAH mass, cold dust, and the AME are all tightly correlated. Weaker correlation from 25 to 70  $\mu\text{m}$  may indicate that AME is weaker in regions of warmer dust and stronger radiation fields. This would be consistent with PCXV wherein highly significant AME regions tended to have a lower dust temperature than other regions. The fact that the correlation strengths of PAH-tracing mission the FIR emission are similar is in-line with what we have seen in Ysard et al. (2010) and Hensley et al. (2016). In those works, the two relationships (MIR vs. AME and FIR vs. AME) are very close, although these two papers are odds as to which relationship is stronger, and thus in their final interpretation. However in the investigation of the Perseus molecular cloud complex by Tibbs et al. (2011), PAH emission (as well as VSG emission and hydrogen column density,  $N_H$ ) does not show a strong correlation with AME compared to environmental paramters, such as dust temperature.

On an all-sky basis, each of the bands sampled show correlation with the AME, however the FIR bands always show the strongest correlation. In fact, the correlation

pattern of AME vs. each of the IR bands, very strongly resembles the correlation results of the Planck HFI bands vs. all of the other bands (Fig. 3.1.) This is readily apparent from the pixel-density plots in Fig. 3.1, wherein the FIR bands pixels show a very similar density profile vs. the AME. In attempting to factor out this first-order correlation, dividing the AME and IR intensities by the dust radiance for each pixel, we find there is still a residual correlation between the MIR bands and the AME. The FIR bands scaled by the dust radiance, as expected, lack correlation with  $I_{AME}/R$ .

#### 4.3. AME: $T, G_0$

According to spinning dust theory outlined in Draine & Lazarian (1998a) and in subsequent works by Ysard & Verstraete (2010), the AME profile and intensity will depend in part on the ISRF- but as is well-stated in Hensley & Draine (2017a), exactly how the ISRF will affect the AME SED is a more complicated question. Absorbed starlight photons may be able to rotationally excite the carriers, but if an enhanced ISRF leads to increased dust heating, then the increased IR emission can rotationally de-excite the carriers. However the ISRF affects not only the dust temperature but ionization of the carriers. In our all-sky investigation, we find that the AME is anti-correlated with temperature with  $S = -0.56$  on average. However we also find that this value varies between  $S = -0.90$  and 0 along galactic meridians; between  $S = 0$  and  $-0.6$  along the parallels (Fig. ??). This may be a result of the modified blackbody model applied by the Planck Coll., in which  $\beta$  and  $T$  are both free parameters. Hensley et al. (2016) looked at the  $AME/R$  ratio vs.  $T$  and found only a slight anti-correlation of  $P = -0.06$ .

#### 4.4. Microwave foreground component separation

There are also known degeneracies between the foreground parameters of the COMMANDER maps (spinning-dust, and free-free, synchrotron components as described in Planck Collaboration et al. (2016a).)

#### 4.5. Summary

From these results, we cannot confirm or rule out a spinning-PAH hypothesis on an all-sky,  $1^\circ$  scale. While nanosilicates or magentic dipole emission from dust may be plausible contributors to the AME, as shown in Hoang et al. (2016); Hensley & Draine (2017a), we do not find (at least at resolutions considered here) that PAHs can be ruled-out as a carrier. While it is true that the FIR in our study has a tighter correlation with AME than PAH-related bands, the correlation with PAH emission remains. This is true both when considering AME intensity to Either this is a coincidental correlation- PAHs and AME are both correlated with the “actual” carrier/s of AME, MIR phometric bands are not as good of a tracer of the actual PAH mass as we believed, or perhaps that PAHs are indeed contributing to the AME but that they are just one of multiple sources of the AME.

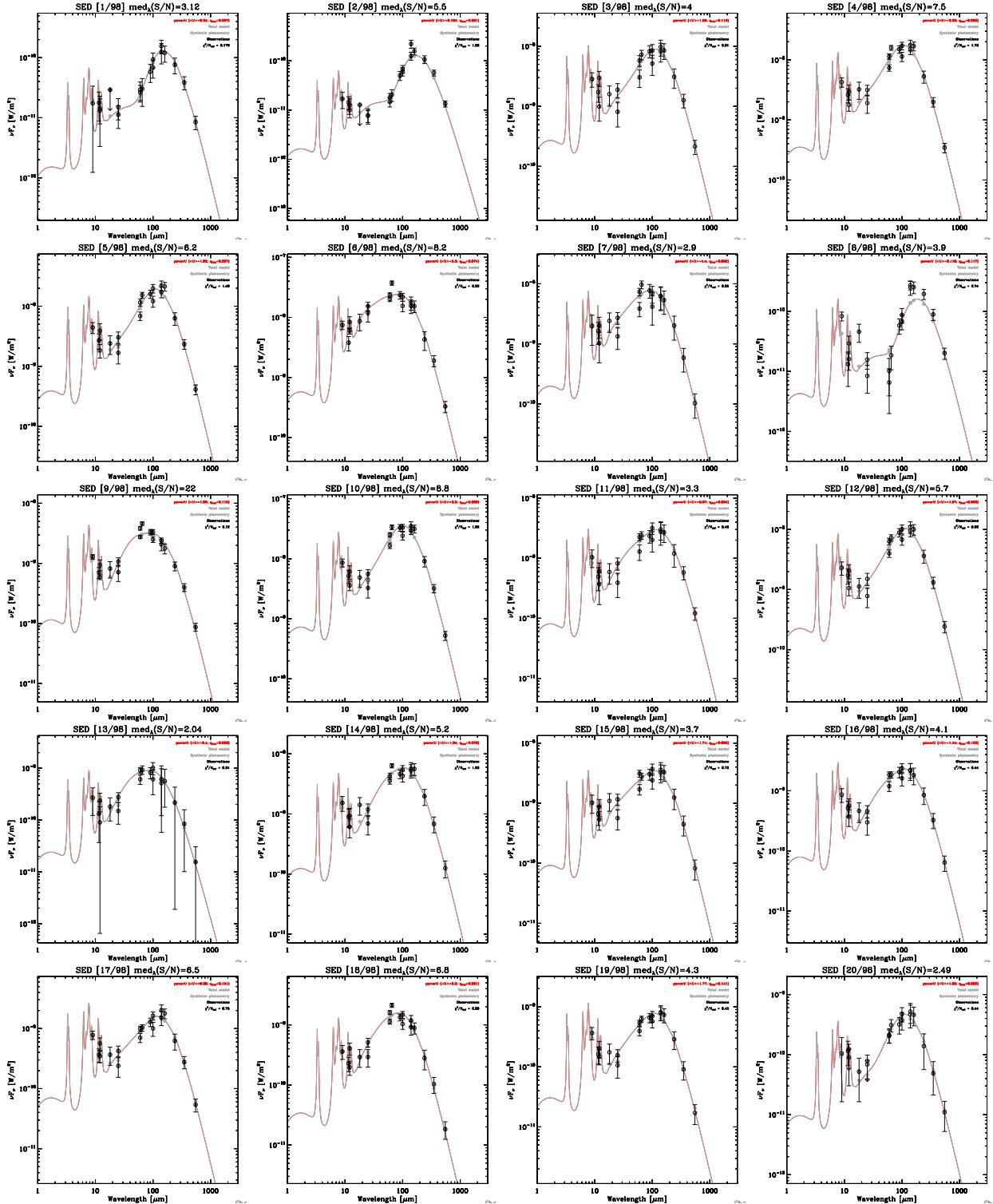
If it can be shown that IR emission from non-PAH small dust particles, such as nanosilicates strongly correlates with the AME, another very interesting question would need to be addressed: why does PAH emission *not* show a strong correlation? Do PAHs not have the range of dipole moments needed to produce emission in the 10 - 90 GHz range? Because, as is described in Draine & Lazarian (1998a) and again in Hensley & Draine (2017b), such small particles should be spinning at the frequencies consistent with AME. Thus if we believe a particular class of small dust particles to exist, PAHs, nanosilicates, or otherwise- then they must be producing microwave emission, unless they do not have a

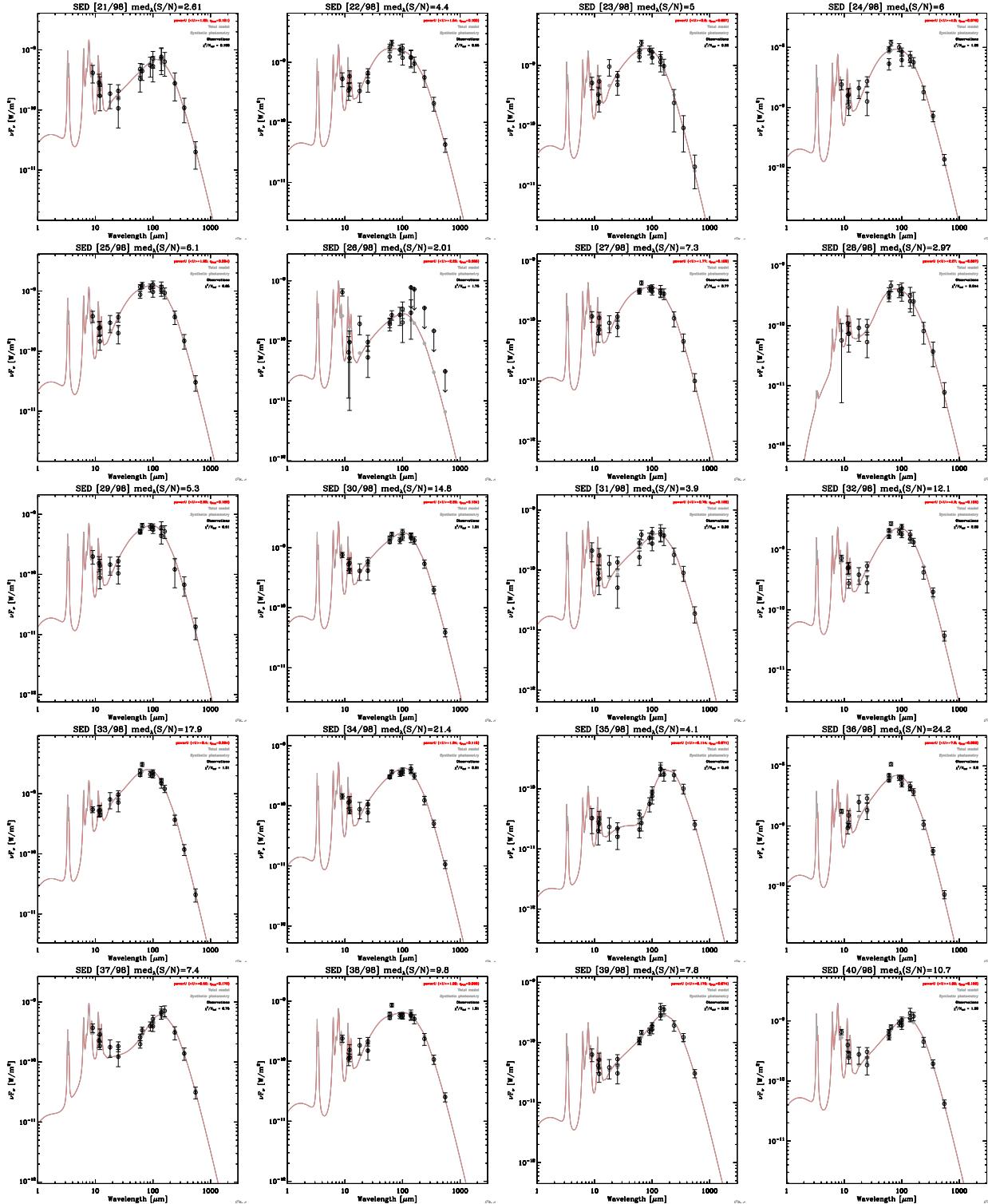
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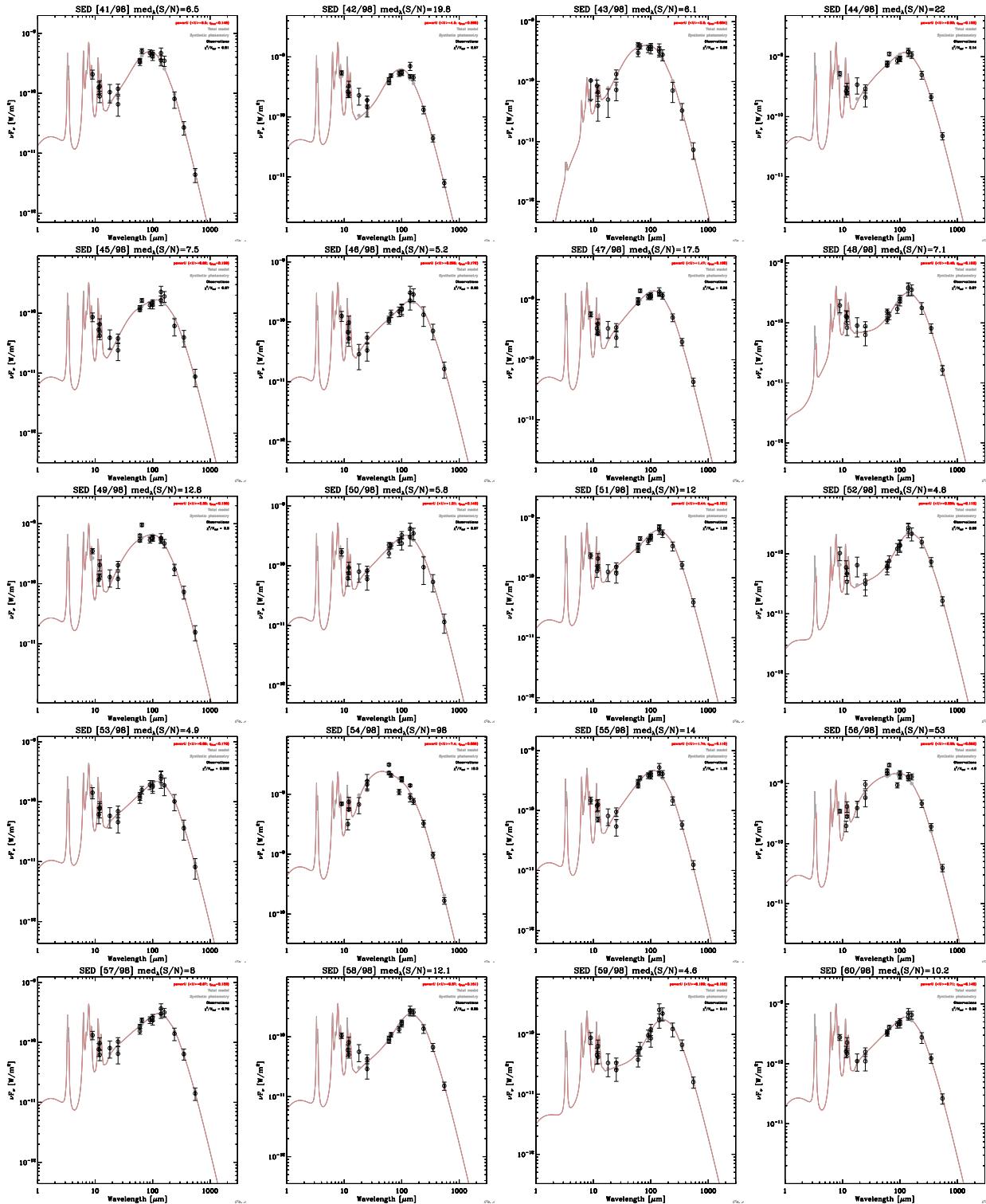
If there is a sufficient abundance of PAHs with an electric dipole, then we must consider the possibility that the data currently available to do not offer the necessary spatial resolution, or that the photometric bands used do not allow us to adequately separate the individual dust components (i.e. the PAH features from potential nanosilicate features) and/or microwave foreground emission components (free-free from spinning-dust.) We look forward to continued environment-resolved comparisons to investigate the potential AME-PAH (or AME-nanosilicates, iron nanoparticles) relationship in a region by region, especially given the disagreement we find between our examination of lambda Orionis and the all-sky analysis.

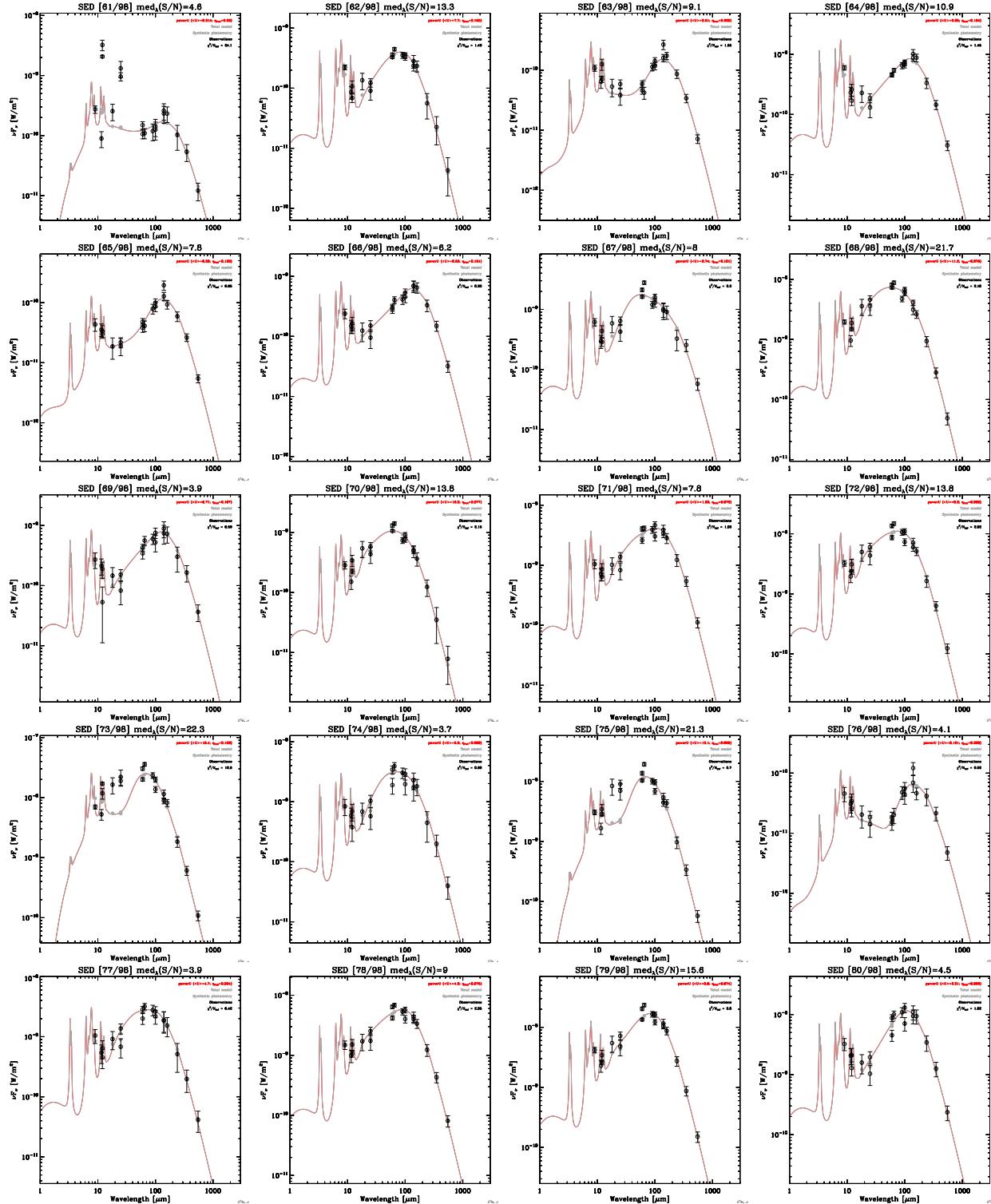
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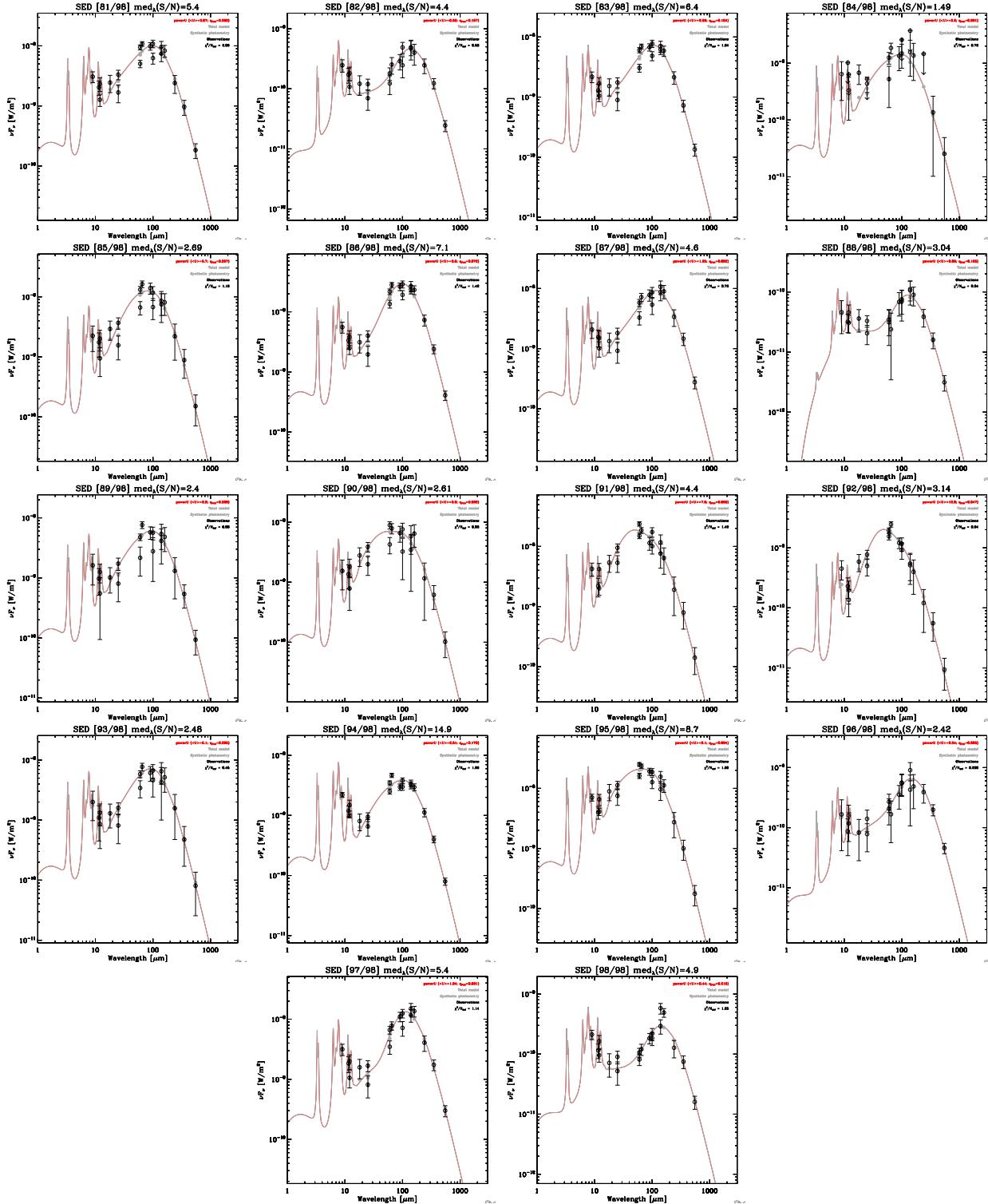
## A. Appendix: SEDs











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