

# Properties of Dust in the North - East Part of Perseus Cloud within the Open Cluster IC 348 using Data from IRIS and AKARI

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## Abstract

In this work, we have studied the dust properties of the North-East part of Perseus cloud having a size of  $0.5^\circ \times 0.5^\circ$  located at RA (ICRS):  $56.14^\circ$  DEC (ICRS):  $+32.15^\circ$ , within the Open cluster IC 348, using IRIS and AKARI data. An isolated region of size  $0.39^\circ \times 0.23^\circ$  in IRIS and  $0.34^\circ \times 0.16^\circ$  in AKARI data is detected within it. The infrared fluxes extracted using Aladin v11.0 are used to study the dust temperature and dust mass. The distance of the selected dust structure is calculated using Gaia EDR3, which is 309.98 pc. The infrared flux density is found to be increased for long-wavelength data. The average dust color temperature calculated from short-wavelength IRIS data is more than that calculated from long-wavelength AKARI data, which are  $26.34 \text{ K} \pm 0.11 \text{ K}$  for IRIS and  $17.63 \text{ K} \pm 0.02 \text{ K}$  for AKARI data. The mass of dust within the entire dust structure is  $0.06 M_\odot$  for IRIS data and  $37.44 M_\odot$  for AKARI data. Jeans mass for isolated region gives the contradictory results in two data, for IRIS data total mass is smaller than Jeans mass but for AKARI the total mass is larger than the Jeans mass. A good correlation between infrared fluxes is noticed for linear regression. The study background sources observed from the SIMBAD database explore the large number of stars, X-ray sources, YSOs, etc., embedded within the dust structure; some of them are responsible for dust heating and some for the contribution of dust mass. The contour map shows the identical distribution between infrared fluxes, dust color temperature and Planck's function and dissimilar distribution between dust mass and visual extinction in IRIS and AKARI data. The high temperature at the central region suggests that the core of dust structure is thermally active, radiating the large thermal radiation in comparison to the outer region.

**Key Words:** Perseus Molecular Cloud, IC 348, IRIS, AKARI, Dust Color Temperature, Dust Mass.

## Introduction

Molecular clouds are the most important structure in the interstellar medium (ISM) as they are the birthplace of the star. Milky Way galaxy has hundreds of known molecular clouds out of which Perseus Clouds is one of the nearby Giant Molecular Cloud (GMC) which extends at distance from 293 pc to 321 pc from us [1]. It occupies the size of  $6^\circ \times 2^\circ$  in the Perseus Constellation and holds  $10^4 M_\odot$  gas and dust [2]. Most of the Perseus Cloud is invisible in optical wavelength, only two parts; Open Cluster IC 348 and NGC 1333 are visible in optical wavelength, but it is bright at mid and far-infrared wavelengths due to the radiation coming from dust heated by a large number of young low-mass stars.[3]

Open Cluster IC 348 is located in the North-East part of Perseus Cloud which contains the old stars in

comparison to the West part. There are many research about the age of the IC 348. Based on  $H_\alpha$  emission from the stars in IC 348 Herbig (1998) [4] estimated the age between 0.7 to 12 Myr. Luhman (1998)[5] declared that most of the stars in IC 348 are younger than 3 Myr but some stars has been formed 10 Myr ago. In other research, Muench (2003)[6] calculated the mean age of stars  $\sim 2$  Myr with the fluctuation of  $\sim 3$  Myr. The variation of the age of stars in IC 348 indicates the two episodes of star formation. The smaller value of mean age represents the majority of younger stars which might have been formed due to the dissolved core of Perseus Cloud and the old age is the indication of low-mass stars from Perseus OB2 association. Due to the dominance of young stars a huge emission due to dust in far-infrared wavelength is observed in IC 348 cluster.[3]

The infrared wavelength is the most crucial electromagnetic radiation in the sense that it can explore those regions of the galaxy which is invisible for optical and other short-wavelength radiation. The interstellar dust is the least contributing component of ISM by mass but is very important to control the heating and cooling mechanism including complex chemical processes. Interstellar dust absorbs the UV and other energetic radiation and re-radiates the absorb energy in the form of infrared radiation. In this way, infrared wavelength is the way to explore the interstellar dust within the galaxy.[7]

In past, many research has been performed exploring the properties of interstellar dust using the infrared data in the region near the Pulsars [8,9], White Dwarfs [10,11], AGB Star [12,13], Supernova Remnants [14, 15], FIR loops [16, 17], FIR Cavities [18, 19], Isolated Nebula [20], etc., using the data from IRAS, IRIS and AKARI. In this work, we have used the data from IRIS and AKARI to explore the properties of dust within the molecular cloud. The dust color temperature and dust mass of the region in the North-East part of Perseus Cloud within the IC 348 is calculated and possible physical processes are explained.

## Data

In this work, we have taken data from four different sources. The IRIS data [21] at 60  $\mu\text{m}$  and 100  $\mu\text{m}$  and AKARI data [22] at 90  $\mu\text{m}$  and 140  $\mu\text{m}$  are used to calculate and compare results. The FITS images in both IRIS and AKARI surveys are downloaded from SkyView Virtual Observatory (<https://skyview.gsfc.nasa.gov>) and infrared flux density is extracted using Aladin v2.5 and v11.0 [23]. We used the Gaia EDR3 from Gaia Archive (<https://gea.esac.esa.int/archive>) for the estimation of the distance to the dust structure. The SIMBAD database (<http://simbad.u-strasbg.fr/simbad/sim-fcoo>) is used to study the background sources within the dust structure.

## Method

### Dust Color Temperature Estimation

The calculation of dust color temperature from the IRIS 60  $\mu\text{m}$  and 100  $\mu\text{m}$  flux densities is done following the Wood et al. (1994) [24] and Schnee et al. (2005) [25]. The final expression for the temperature for IRIS 60  $\mu\text{m}$  to 100  $\mu\text{m}$  data is,

$$T_d = \frac{-96}{\ln[R \times 0.6^{(3+\beta)}]} \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

Where R is the ratio of the flux densities at 60  $\mu\text{m}$  and 100  $\mu\text{m}$  and  $\beta$  is the spectral emissivity index, which takes the value from 0 to 2 for different materials. In this work, we used the  $\beta=2$  assuming the dust as the crystalline dielectric.[26]

For AKARI data at 90  $\mu\text{m}$  and 140  $\mu\text{m}$  the equation (1) can be modified as;

$$T_d = \frac{-57}{\ln[R \times 0.64^{(3+\beta)}]} \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

### Dust Mass and Jeans Mass Estimation

We have followed the calculation of Young et al. 1993 [27] and Hildebrand 1983 [28] to estimate the dust mass. The dust mass depends on the physical and chemical properties of the dust grains, the dust temperature ( $T_d$ ) and the distance (D) to the object. The expression of dust mass is;

$$M_d = 0.4 \left[ \frac{S_\nu D^2}{B(\nu, T_d)} \right] \dots \dots \dots (3)$$

Where,  $S_\nu = F(100\mu\text{m}) \times 5.288 \times 10^{-29} \text{ kg s}^{-2}$  for IRIS  
 $= F(140\mu\text{m}) \times 5.288 \times 10^{-29} \text{ kg s}^{-2}$  for AKARI

$B(\nu, T_d)$  is the Planck's function for blackbody radiation given by,

$$B(\nu, T_d) = \frac{2h\nu^3}{c^2} \left[ \frac{1}{e^{\left(\frac{h\nu}{k_B T_d}\right)} - 1} \right] \dots \dots \dots (4)$$

Where, the symbols have the usual meaning.

The Jean's mass gives the critical mass of matter within the cloud that needed to trigger the star formation process within the molecular cloud. It depends on the average temperature, density and size of the cloud. Once we know the size and temperature of the region we can calculate the density using;

$$\rho = \left( \frac{3}{4\pi} \right)^{2/3} \frac{k_B T}{m_H G R^2} \dots \dots \dots (5)$$

Where,  $k_B$  is the Boltzmann constant,  $T_d$  is dust color temperature,  $m_H$  is the mass of hydrogen  $G$  is the universal gravitational constant and  $R$  is the radius of the molecular cloud considering the spherical shape. [7]

The Jean's mass can be calculated using the formula;

$$M_J = \left( \frac{k_B T}{m_H G} \right)^{3/2} \frac{1}{\rho^{1/2}} \dots \dots \dots (6)$$

### Inclination Angle

The inclination angle is the angle made by the line of sight to the perpendicular of the plane of the dust structure. For the calculation of inclination angle, we use Holmberg (1946) [29] formula given by,

$$\cos^2 i = \frac{\left( \frac{b}{a} \right)^2 - (q^*)^2}{1 - (q^*)^2} \dots \dots \dots (7)$$

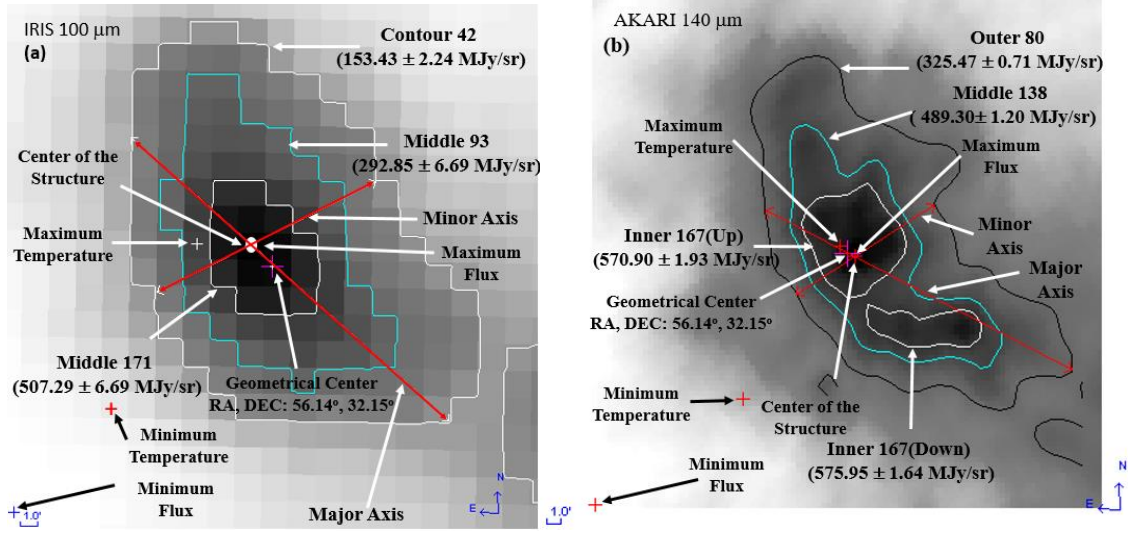
Where  $a$  and  $b$  are the major to minor diameter and  $q^*$  is the intrinsic flatness of the structure. The intrinsic flatness gives the information of internal morphology of the cloud. The value of intrinsic flatness is taken from 0.23 for molecular cloud [30].

## RESULT AND DISCUSSION

### Contour Levels in FITS Image

In this work, the FITS image of the selected dust structure around Open Cluster IC 348 in Perseus Cloud located at RA (ICRS): 56.14°, DEC (ICRS): +32.15° is processed in the Aladin v2.5 and v11.0 software.

The data of infrared flux of all  $0.5^\circ \times 0.5^\circ$  sized regions is extracted from all FITS images, 60  $\mu\text{m}$  and 100  $\mu\text{m}$  in IRIS and 90  $\mu\text{m}$  and 140  $\mu\text{m}$  in AKARI. Also, we draw isocontours based on infrared flux in long-wavelength image (100  $\mu\text{m}$  in IRIS and 140  $\mu\text{m}$  in AKARI) to find the isolated region. In IRIS 100  $\mu\text{m}$  image, the isocontour at level 42, named Outer-42, with infrared flux  $153.43 \pm 2.24$  MJy/sr is the largest possible contour. The other isocontours are Middle-93 with flux  $292.85 \pm 6.69$  MJy/sr and Inner-171 with flux  $507.29 \pm 10.29$  MJy/sr. In AKARI 140  $\mu\text{m}$  image the isocontour at level 80, named as Outer-80, with infrared flux  $325.47 \pm 0.71$  MJy/sr is the largest possible contour. The other isocontours are Middle-18 with flux  $489.30 \pm 1.20$  MJy/sr, Inner-167 (Up) with flux  $570.90 \pm 1.93$  MJy/sr and Inner-167 (Down) with flux  $575.95 \pm 1.64$  MJy/sr. The dust structure with the contours levels, geometrical center, position of maximum and minimum flux and temperature and major and minor axis are shown in **Figure.1**.



**Figure: 1** Figure shows the  $0.5^\circ \times 0.5^\circ$  size view of FITS image in Aladin v2.5 with center at RA (ICRS):  $56.14^\circ$  DEC (ICRS):  $+32.15^\circ$  showing three contours along with the position of geometrical center, center of structure with maximum flux, minimum flux, maximum temperature, minimum temperature and contours levels in  $100\ \mu\text{m}$  IRIS image (a) and  $140\ \mu\text{m}$  AKARI image (b) within the Open Cluster IC 348 in the Perseus Cloud.

## Infrared Flux Density

The infrared flux is the basic parameter in this work from which we have calculated the dust color temperature and dust mass. For the extraction of infrared flux, the IRIS images of size  $20\ \text{pixel} \times 20\ \text{pixel}$  are used so that there are total 400 data. In AKARI data we use the image of size  $100\ \text{pixel} \times 100\ \text{pixel}$  so that there are 10,000 data. The flux density from all FITS images ( $60\ \mu\text{m}$ ,  $100\ \mu\text{m}$ ,  $90\ \mu\text{m}$  and  $140\ \mu\text{m}$ ) are extracted using Aladin v1.0. These values of infrared flux are used to calculate the dust color temperature and dust mass within the selected structure.

In IRIS  $60\ \mu\text{m}$  and  $100\ \mu\text{m}$  data the maximum value of flux is found at the same position but they have a different value. Similarly, in AKARI  $90\ \mu\text{m}$  and  $140\ \mu\text{m}$  data the maximum and minimum values of flux are at the same position but with a different value. The position of extreme values of flux in IRIS and AKARI data are at the slightly different positions but they are very close to each other in all four wavelengths. The detail of maximum and minimum infrared flux at all wavelengths with their respective position is given in **Table 2**.

**Table 1:** The table gives the statistical information of infrared flux in both IRIS and AKARI data.

	IRIS		AKARI	
	F( $60\ \mu\text{m}$ ) MJy/sr	F( $100\ \mu\text{m}$ ) MJy/sr	F( $90\ \mu\text{m}$ ) MJy/sr	F( $140\ \mu\text{m}$ ) MJy/sr
Max.	460.42	642.52	792.59	859.97
Min.	7.31	31.32	23.82	86.07
Average	60.54	143.81	107.51	255.17
Range	453.11	611.22	768.76	773.89
SD	77.70	120.25	105.62	143.32
SE	3.88	6.01	1.06	1.43

## Dust Color Temperature

The dust color temperature of each pixel is calculated using the ratio of infrared fluxes at two wavelengths as suggested by equations (1) and (2) for both IRIS and AKARI data. We choose the value of  $\beta = 2$  assuming the dust in the form of crystalline dielectric [26]. The region of maximum and minimum temperature are noted in both IRIS and AKARI data, which is presented in **Table 2**. In IRIS data the dust color temperature varies from

34.48 K $\pm$ 4.07 K to 23.10 K $\pm$ 1.62 K with an average value of 26.34 K $\pm$  0.11 K and range 11.38 K $\pm$ 2.84 K. In isolated region within the Outer-40 contour, the maximum, minimum, average and range of temperature are found to be 34.48 K $\pm$ 2.90 K, 24.04 K $\pm$ 2.32 K, 28.68 K $\pm$ 0.20 K and 10.44 K $\pm$ 2.61 K respectively. In AKARI data the dust color temperature varies from 25.94 K $\pm$ 4.15 K to 15.37 K $\pm$ 1.13 K with an average value of 17.63 K $\pm$ 0.02

K and range 10.57 K $\pm$ 2.64 K. In isolated region within the Outer-80 contour, the maximum, minimum, average and range of temperature are found to be 25.94 K $\pm$ 3.20 K, 15.55 K $\pm$ 1.99 K, 19.54 K $\pm$ 0.04 K and 10.38 K $\pm$ 2.60 K respectively. In both data, large fluctuation of temperature in the whole dust structure as well as in the isolated region suggests that the region is highly affected by the external factor.

**Table 2:** The table gives the coordinate of maximum and minimum value of infrared fluxes and temperature observed in IRIS and AKARI data.

Survey	Quantity	Maximum Value	Coordinate RA, DEC (ICRS)	Minimum Value	Coordinate: RA, DEC (ICRS)
IRIS	F(60 $\mu$ m)	460.42 MJy/sr	56.16°, +32.16°	7.31 MJy/sr	56.42°, +31.91°
	F(100 $\mu$ m)	642.52 MJy/sr	56.16°, +32.16°	31.31 MJy/sr	56.42°, +31.91°
	T <sub>d</sub>	34.48 K	55.23°, +32.17°	23.10 K	56.32°, +32.02°
AKARI	F(90 $\mu$ m)	792.59 MJy/sr	56.15°, +32.15°	23.82 MJy/sr	56.45°, +31.91°
	F(140 $\mu$ m)	859.96 MJy/sr	56.18°, +32.15°	86.07 MJy/sr	56.45°, +32.11°
	T <sub>d</sub>	25.94 K	56.16°, +32.17°	15.37 K	56.27°, +32.01°

**Table 3:** Comparison of statistics of dust color temperature in total structure and isolated region in both IRIS and AKARI data.

	IRIS		AKARI	
	(T <sub>d</sub> ) <sub>Total</sub> K	(T <sub>d</sub> ) <sub>Isolated</sub> K	(T <sub>d</sub> ) <sub>Total</sub> K	(T <sub>d</sub> ) <sub>Isolated</sub> K
Max.	34.48	34.48	25.94	25.94
Min.	23.10	24.04	15.37	15.55
Average	26.34	28.68	17.63	19.54
Range	11.37	10.44	10.57	10.38
SD	2.20	2.19	1.60	2.13
SE	0.11	0.20	0.02	0.04

### Dust Mass and Jeans Mass

The dust mass is estimated by using equation (3). For the calculation of the mass, we need the distance to the dust structure. The dust structure is within Open Cluster IC 348 in the well-known Perseus cloud. We have estimated the distance to the selected dust structure using the data from Gaia EDR3, which is found to be 309.98 pc. This is very close to the distance of the Open Cluster IC 348 from literature 315 pc [5]. We calculate the mass of the structure in each pixel. The sum of masses of all

the pixels gives the total mass of the dust within the structure. After calculating the dust mass, the mass of gas is calculated by using fact that the mass of the gas in ISM is about 200 times greater than the mass of the dust [31]. Using that concept to the mass gas within the structure is calculated.

For the estimation of Jeans mass, we need average size, density and average temperature. The average size of the structure is calculated by converting the angular dimension into a linear dimension using the relation, linear dimension = distance  $\times$  angular dimension. It gives the major and minor diameters. The average radius of the isolated structure is 0.85 pc or  $2.60 \times 10^{16}$  m for the IRIS image and 0.68 pc or  $2.08 \times 10^{16}$  m for the AKARI image. This shows that the isolated region is smaller in the AKARI image. We use the average temperature of the isolated region 28.68 K for the IRIS data and 19.54 K for AKARI data. The density of the dust in the isolated region is calculated using equation (5), which is  $2.02 \times 10^{-18}$  kgm<sup>-3</sup> for IRIS data and

$2.14 \times 10^{-18} \text{ kgm}^{-3}$  in AKARI data. Using all these values in equation (6), Jeans Mass ( $M_J$ ) is calculated using both IRIS and AKARI data, given in **Table.4**. From the table, it is seen that almost half of the total mass is contained within the isolated region. For AKARI data the total mass is higher in comparison to IRIS data, this is due to the higher resolving capacity of the AKARI data. For IRIS data the, Jeans mass is greater than the total mass of the gas but for the AKARI data, the Jeans mass is

less than the total mass of gas within the isolated region. This gives the contradictory result. However, it can be interpreted that in AKARI data the size of the isolated structure is small as well the average temperature is small in comparison to the IRIS data. This might be the possible reason that the isolated in AKARI data appears a possible star-forming region whereas the isolated region in IRIS data is not the possible star-forming region.

**Table.4:** The table presents the dust mass and gas mass within the whole structure and isolated region in IRIS and AKARI data. The last column includes the Jeans mass within the isolated region.

Survey	$(M_d)_{\text{Total}}$	$(M_g)_{\text{Total}}$	$(M_d)_{\text{Isolated}}$	$(M_g)_{\text{Isolated}}$	$M_J$
IRIS	$1.11 \times 10^{29} \text{ kg}$ (0.06 $M_{\odot}$ )	$2.22 \times 10^{31} \text{ kg}$ (11.14 $M_{\odot}$ )	$5.00 \times 10^{28} \text{ kg}$ (0.03 $M_{\odot}$ )	$1.00 \times 10^{31} \text{ kg}$ (5.03 $M_{\odot}$ )	$1.49 \times 10^{32} \text{ kg}$ (74.90 $M_{\odot}$ )
AKARI	$7.45 \times 10^{31} \text{ kg}$ (37.44 $M_{\odot}$ )	$1.49 \times 10^{34} \text{ kg}$ (7488.59 $M_{\odot}$ )	$1.86 \times 10^{31} \text{ kg}$ (9.34 $M_{\odot}$ )	$3.72 \times 10^{33} \text{ kg}$ (1871.82 $M_{\odot}$ )	$8.13 \times 10^{31} \text{ kg}$ (40.90 $M_{\odot}$ )

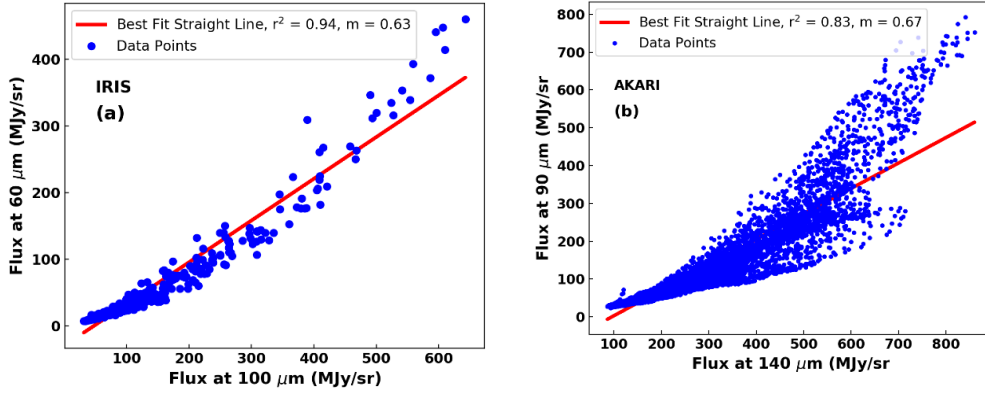
### Relation between Infrared Fluxes

The relation between flux density obtained from 100  $\mu\text{m}$  and 60  $\mu\text{m}$  in IRIS and 140  $\mu\text{m}$  and 90  $\mu\text{m}$  in AKARI is studied using linear regression. We plotted the flux at a long-wavelength (100  $\mu\text{m}$  in IRIS and 140  $\mu\text{m}$  in AKARI) towards X-axis and flux at a short-wavelength (60  $\mu\text{m}$  in IRIS and 90  $\mu\text{m}$  in AKARI) towards the Y-axis. **Figure.5** shows the linear relation between infrared fluxes. The slope of the straight line gives the ratio of flux which can be used to estimate the average dust color temperature. **Table. 5** shows the various information related to the linear plot.

**Table. 5:** The different parameters related to the linear relationship between the two infrared fluxes in IRIS and AKARI data.

Quantity	IRIS	AKARI
Slope	0.63	0.67
Y-intercept	- 29.49	- 64.20
$r^2$ coefficient	0.94	0.83
Average $T_d$	31.76 K	21.69 K

This average temperature is quite different from the average temperature estimated in **Table 3**. This might be due to the large value of Y-intercept obtained in the equation. Because, our expectation was the equation in the form of  $y = mx$ , a straight line passing through the origin. However, the regression coefficient shows a very good correlation between the data.



**Figure.2:** The graph shows the best fit linear relation between infrared flux density at two wavelengths. In graph, flux at 100  $\mu\text{m}$  (IRIS) and 140  $\mu\text{m}$  (AKARI) are taken along X-axis and flux at 60  $\mu\text{m}$  (IRIS) and 90  $\mu\text{m}$  (AKARI) are taken along Y - axis. The straight line shows the best fitted straight,  $r^2$  and  $m$  represents the regression coefficient and slope of the straight line.

### Contour map

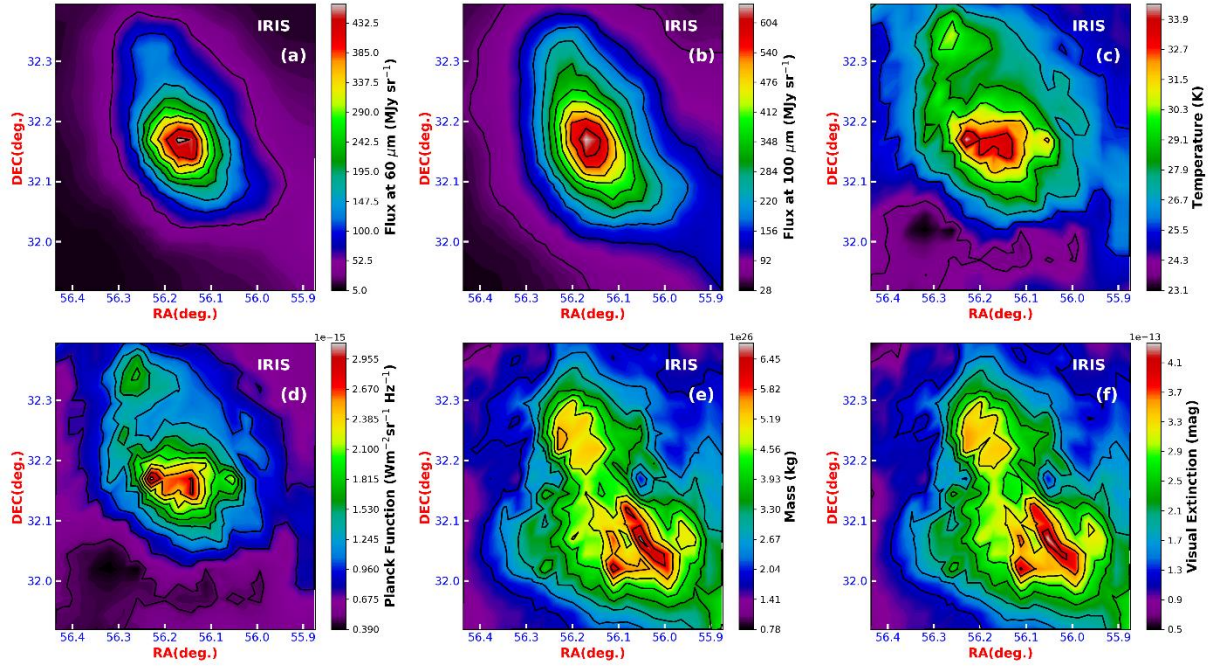
The variation of intensity of infrared fluxes in two wavelength, dust color temperature, Planck's function, dust mass and visual extinction is studied using a contour map as is shown in **Figure. 3**. In the contour map, it is seen that the distribution of infrared flux density is very much similar to each other in both IRIS and AKARI data. The infrared flux density for long wavelengths (100  $\mu\text{m}$  in IRIS and 140  $\mu\text{m}$  in AKARI) is greater than the infrared flux density at short wavelength (60  $\mu\text{m}$  in IRIS and 90  $\mu\text{m}$  in AKARI). In all wavelengths the infrared flux density is high towards the central region and low towards the lower-left corner. The intensity of infrared flux decreases gradually from the center towards the outer region in all wavelengths.

On the other hand, the contour map of dust temperature and Planck's function are similar to

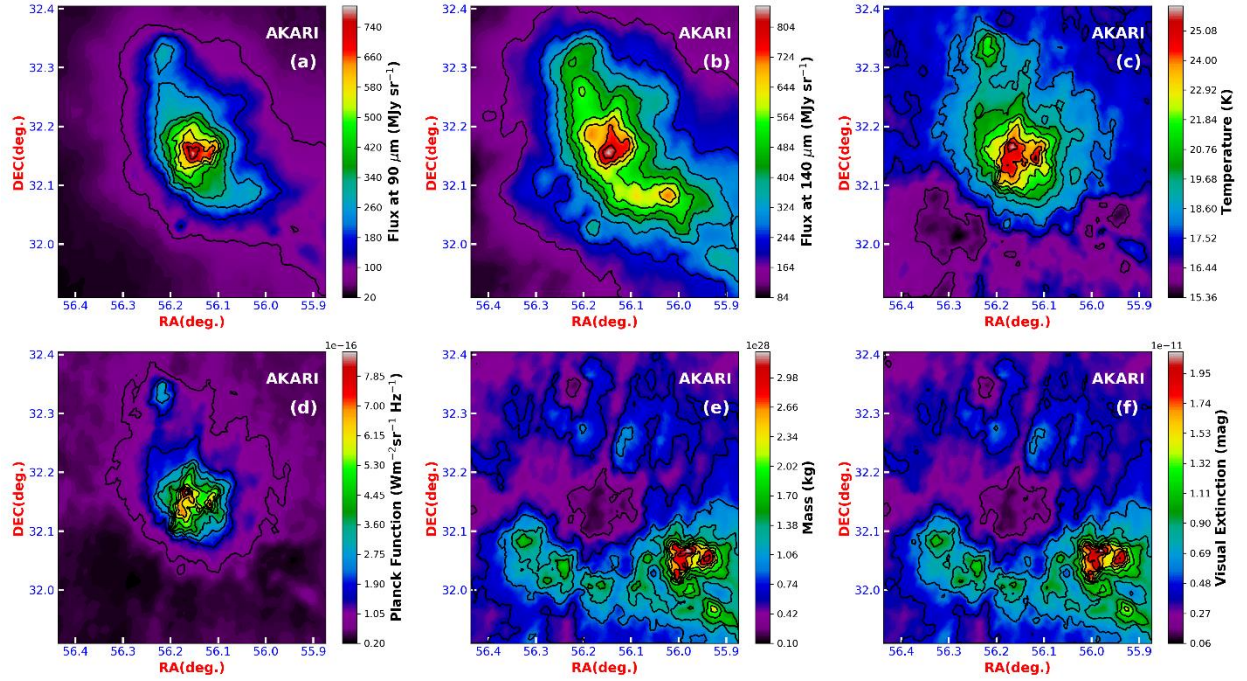
each other in both IRIS and AKARI data. This is because Planck's function is simply a function of temperature at a particular wavelength. Furthermore, it shows that the temperature, as well as the thermal radiation intensity, is maximum at the central region. This suggests that the central region is thermally active in comparison to the outer region. The lower left region is most thermally stable.

The contour map of dust mass and visual extinction is similar. The distribution pattern is slightly different in IRIS and AKARI data. Which might be due to the difference in the resolution of the image. This similarity indicates that the thick dust can cause more visual extinction. The mass distribution shows that the dust is concentrated in the lower belt, especially in the lower right regions in comparison to the other regions.





**Figure.3:** The figure shows the contour map for infrared flux at 60  $\mu\text{m}$  (a), infrared flux at 100  $\mu\text{m}$  (b), dust color temperature (c) Planck's function (d), dust mass (e) and visual extinction (f). In all figure RA taken is along X - axis, DEC is taken along Y – axis and all these quantities are represented by color bar. The lines represents the isocontours for respective quantities.



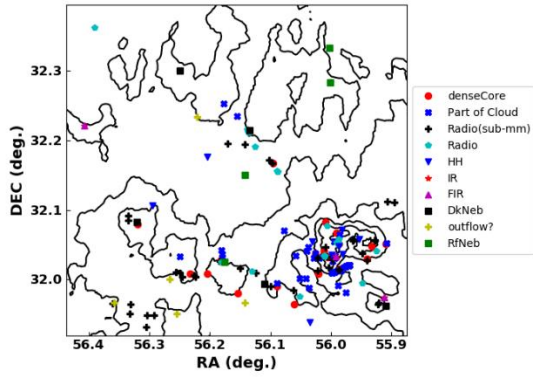
**Figure.4:** The figure shows the contour map for infrared flux at 90  $\mu\text{m}$  (a), infrared flux at 140  $\mu\text{m}$  (b), contour map for dust color temperature (c), Planck's function (d), dust mass (e) and visual extinction (f). In all figure RA taken is along X - axis, DEC is taken along Y - axis and these quantities are represented by color bar. The lines represents the isocontours for respective quantities.



## Simbad Background Sources

The background objects around the dust structure are studied using the SIMBAD database (<http://simbad.u-strasbg.fr/simbad/sim-fcoo>).

There are 2665 sources in the square region of size  $0.5^\circ \times 0.5^\circ$  within the dust structure. The maximum number of objects are star, young stellar objects (YSO), X-ray source, T Tauri star, variable star of Orion type, sub-millimetric radio source, part of the cloud, etc. There are many other sources which are less in number but they are very important for contributing the dust mass within the structure

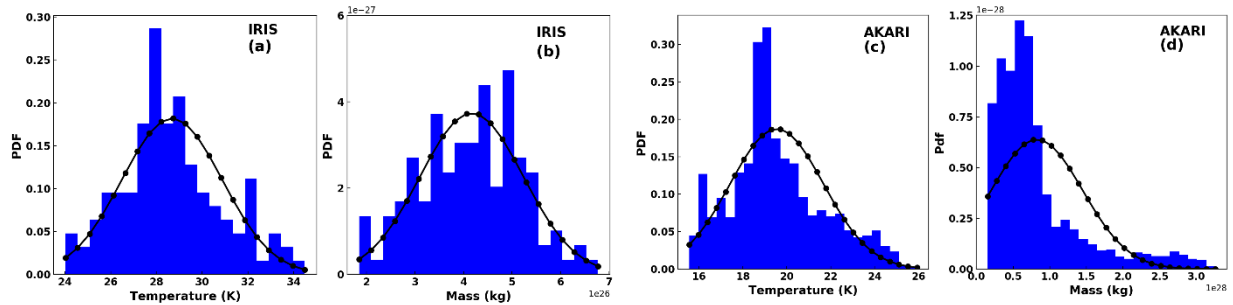


**Figure.5:** The objects within the background of the dust structure which might be responsible for the contribution of dust mass are shown in the figure. The contours are same as the isocontour for dust mass in AKARI data. In the figure region in which the density of these objects is more the

under study. The mass of the dust is higher within the lower belt of the structure and maximum in the lower right portion. In this region the ISM components, such as; part of cloud, dense core, sub-millimetric radio source, radio source, Herbig-haro object, infrared source, far-infrared sources are presented densely, as shown in **Figure.5**.

## Gaussian Plot

The Gaussian distribution with histogram is used to study the normal behavior of the distribution of dust color temperature and dust mass within the dust structure. In **Figure. 6** we can see the Gaussian distribution of dust color temperature and dust mass with histogram. It is seen that for dust color temperature the Gaussian distribution is very close to the Normal distribution. But for dust mass, the Gaussian distribution deviates from the Normal distribution. This shows that the distribution of dust color temperature is more symmetric than the dust mass. The slight deviation of the Gaussian distribution of dust mass from the Normal distribution might be due to the presence of ISM sources, such as; dense core, part of cloud, radio (sub-mm) source, etc., present in the lower belt of the dust structure observed in the SIMBAD database.



**Figure.6:** Gaussian distribution for dust color temperature and dust mass in isolated region of both IRIS and

## Inclination Angle

For the calculation of inclination angle, we have calculated the major and minor axis of all contours using Aladin v2.5. **Figure: 1** shows the Aladin v2.5

view of the FITS image with three-level contour and major and minor diameter for the outermost contour. The major and minor diameters for the other contours are not shown in **Figure: 1**. The inclination angle is calculated using equation (7).

For IRIS data, the inclination angle first increases from Outer–42 to Middle–93 and decreases from Middle–93 to Inner–171. In AKARI data, there is a similar fluctuation observed in inclination angle from outer to inner contours. Both data indicate that the isolated region is non-uniform and irregularly distributed in the morphological point of view. Also,

the value of inclination angle for outer contour indicates the isolated region is edge–on in both IRIS and AKARI data because  $i > 45^\circ$ . The brief information about the major axis, minor axis and corresponding inclination angle for all contours in both IRIS and AKARI data are presented in **Table. 6** below.

**Table. 6:** The table presents the contour levels, major and minor diameter and inclination in both IRIS and AKARI data. There are three contours in IRIS data and four contours in AKARI data.

IRIS				AKARI			
Contours	<i>a</i> (arcmin)	<i>b</i> (arcmin)	<i>i</i> (deg)	Contours	<i>a</i> (arcmin)	<i>b</i> (arcmin)	<i>i</i> (deg)
Outer–42	23.59	13.80	56.48	Outer–80	20.30	9.67	64.65
Middle–93	18.89	9.18	63.94	Middle–138	14.93	6.69	66.76
Inner–171	8.57	4.80	58.38	Inner–167 (Up)	6.78	5.12	42.37
-----				Inner–167 (Down)	6.72	2.12	77.22

## CONCLUSIONS

In this work, the infrared flux, dust color temperature and dust mass of the dust structure around Open Cluster IC 348 in Perseus Cloud, located at RA (ICRS):  $56.14^\circ$ , DEC (ICRS):  $+32.15^\circ$  is studied. Following are the major conclusions of this work;

- The size of the dust structure is  $0.5^\circ \times 0.5^\circ$ , which consists of an isolated dust region of size  $0.39^\circ \times 0.23^\circ$  in IRIS and  $0.34^\circ \times 0.16^\circ$  in AKARI data. The size of the isolated region is smaller in AKARI data.
- The average and minimum value of infrared flux density are increased from short-wavelength to long-wavelength but this trend is violated for maximum value.
- The average dust color temperature of dust structure is found  $26.34 \text{ K} \pm 0.11 \text{ K}$  in IRIS and  $17.63 \text{ K} \pm 0.02 \text{ K}$  for AKARI data. The low temperature in long-wavelength region is according to the Wien's displacement law.
- The study of contour map shows the distribution between infrared fluxes in all wavelengths, and temperature and Planck's function in both IRIS and AKARI data are similar. However, the

dissimilarities in the distribution of dust mass and visual extinction in IRIS and AKARI data. The contour map of Planck's function shows that the intensity of thermal radiation is maximum at the central region.

- The central part of the isolated region is hotter than the outer region representing the central region is thermally active and the outer region is thermally stable. The lower left region is thermally most stable.
- The distance of the dust structure is estimated using Gaia EDR3, which is found to be 309.98 pc. This value of the distance is very close to the distance of the Open Cluster IC 348 from the literature.
- The study of background sources in the SIMBAD database explores the objects which might be responsible for the contribution of dust temperature and dust mass within the dust structure.
- The total mass of the dust as well as gas in the structure is found more in AKARI data than in IRIS data. But the Jean's mass is more than gas mass in IRIS data and less in AKARI data.
- The Gaussian distribution is very close to the Normal curve for dust color temperature slight deviation from the Normal curve for dust mass.

This might be due to the asymmetric distribution of ISM sources, such as; dense core, part of cloud, radio (sub-mm) source, etc., which are observed in the SIMBAD database.

- The study of inclination angle shows that the isolated region within the dust structure is edge-on in both data. Also, the isolated region is non-uniform and irregularly distributed from the morphological point of view.

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