Radio-FIR Correlation in Nearby Galaxies

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Radio-FIR correlation:

 first detection for a large sample of spirals based on IRAS data (e.g. Helou et al. 1985, de Jong et al. 1985)

 also holds on kpc scales within galaxies like M33 and M31 (e.g. Beck & Golla 1988, Hoernes 1998)

 invariant over 4 orders of magnitude (e.g. Hummel et al. 1988, Yun et al. 2001)

 applies to galaxies associated with star formation but not with AGNs (e.g. Roy et al. 1998)







Radio-IR correlation explained as:

Young Massive star formation as common source (e.g. Helou et al. 1985, Condon 1992)

- Calorimeter model (Völk 1989, Lisenfeld et al. 1996)
- Magnetic field-gas density coupling:
 (e.g. Helou & Bicay 1993, Nicklas & Beck 1997, Hoernes et al. 1998)
- Proton calorimeter model in starbursts (Lacki 2009)
- Other origins rather than massive stars: - Intermediate mass stars as common source:

Xu et al. (1993)

- Different origins, only B-gas density coupling: Hoernes et al. (1998)



Non-linearity of Synchrotron-IR both locally and globally

- Golably for a large sample of galaxies (Niklas et al. 1991)
- Inside galaxies: e.g.

M31 (Hoernes et al. 1996) LMC (Hughes et al. 2006)

Thermal-24µm

Synchrotron-160µm



Berkhuijsen et al. in prep.

Non-linearity Inside Galaxies



Radio-IR in M33 and M31, Tabatabaei et al. in prep.

Break on Small Scales

• Our own galaxy: various observations: classical correlation: e.g. no correlation in Orion (Boulanger & Perault 1988)

 Nearby galaxies : wavelet correlation: The LMC, M51, M31 (Hughes_06, Dumas_11, Tabatabaei_in prep.)



Massive star formation as the only reason?

Uncertainties:

- Connection of cold dust to massive SF?
- Connection of magnetic fields to dust (warm/cold)?
- Effects of cosmic-ray propagation?
- Smallest scale on which the correlation holds?
- Dependencies of other ISM characteristics like gas densities, metallicity,..?

Requires detailed studies within nearby galaxies including:

- Thermal/nonthermal radio separation
- Cold/warm dust differentiation
- Structural characteristics of IR and radio emission,....

Nearby galaxies:

• M31, M33, NGC6946, (M51, LMC,...)

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in M33

TRT Separation Method: (Tabatabaei et al. 2007& 2008)

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Wavelet Decompositions

Resolving differences on small scales in M31, on large scales in M33

spatial scale: 0.4 kpc





spatial scale: 2.7 kpc



Sync

Free-free

Radio-IR Correlation in M31 and M33

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In M31:

• Synchrotron - IR breaks on scale~800 pc (r=0.5).

In M33:

• No break of the sync - IR correlation beyond 400 pc scale

• Sync-IR is higher than in M31 on small scales, but lower on large scales

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(Gardan et al. 2008, Tabatabaei & Berkhuijsen 2010)

• Dust heating ? M33: young O/B stars M31: ISRF (Xu 1990)

- Magnetic fields ?
- Cosmic-ray propagation ?

Magnetic Fields & CREs



In M33:

- > Total B \approx 6.5 μ G, regular B \approx 2.5 μ G
- Strong turbulent fields in SF regions
- > Spiral field pattern, no correlation with arms,

large pitch angle

> A vetical field component for R<4 kpc (halo field)

Total radio emission and B-vectors



In M31:

Fletcher et al. 2004

≻Total B \approx 7 µG, regular B \approx 5 µG > Axisymmetric field in the ring, small pitch angle.

Theoretical expectation:

 $D_E \propto (\mathbf{B}_{\text{turbulet}} / \mathbf{B}_{\text{regular}})^{-2}$

(e.g. Breitschwerdt et al. 2002)

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• Magnetic fields ?

M33: strong small scale turbulent field M31: strong large scale regular field

Cosmic-ray propagation ?

M33: younger CREs, close to SF regions or trapped in strong turbuent B field M31: older CREs, easier propagation to large scales due to regular B

CREs are more diffused in M31 than M33 due to a larger diffusion length/ stronger B-regularity?

NGC6946 – High SF & Strong Regularity of B Symphony of 'magnetic arms' and giant HII regions



Total thermal fraction = 8% 1%

In NGC6946:

- > Total B \approx 12 µG, regular B \approx 7 µG
- Strong turbulent field in places of giant HII, strong regular B in its magnetic arms
- \succ Fast diffusion of CREs in magnetic arms (regular/turbulent \sim 1)

Radio-FIR Correlation in NGC6946



Free-free

Synchrotron

- Smallest scale the correlation holds ~ 0.9 kpc
- Better synchrotron colder than warmer dust (best with 250um)

What determines the smallest scale of Radio-FIR? Star Formation or CRE Propagation?

~ 560 pc in M51 (Dumas et al. 2011)

~ 35 pc in the LMC (Hughes et al. 2006)



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- Break scale is larger for a larger regularity of the magnetic field \rightarrow a(brk) ~ mean free path of CREs

- Static pressure equibrium is achived on smaller scales when the degree of field regularity is smaller

NGC6946: Variation of the FIR/radio ratio (q-parameter)



Turbulent magnetic field **Turbulent B**

Contours: Ordered magnetic field



- Larger q (or slope of correlation) in strong SF and strong turbulent B
- Smaller q along the magnetic arms.

Variation of the FIR/radio ratio (q-parameter)



- Variations are a function of both star formation and magnetic fields.
- The total and turbulent B strengths are correlated with SFR.
- The ordered B and SFR are independent and partly anti-correlated.

Role of Radiation Field?

Table 7. Synchrotron–FIR/gas correlation in different regimes of radiation fields $U_{\rm ISRF}$ and $U_{\rm SF}$.

Y	$b^{\rm ISRF}$	$r_c^{\rm ISRF}$	t ^{ISRF}	n ^{ISRF}	$b^{\rm SF}$	$r_c^{\rm SF}$	$t^{\rm SF}$	n^{SF}
I ₇₀	0.83 ± 0.04	0.61 ± 0.05	11.0	209	1.38 ± 0.04	0.80 ± 0.02	28.4	451
I ₁₀₀	1.00 ± 0.04	0.73 ± 0.04	16.7	245	1.32 ± 0.04	0.83 ± 0.03	31.7	449
I ₁₆₀	0.90 ± 0.02	0.79 ± 0.02	27.4	444	1.15 ± 0.04	0.85 ± 0.02	35.7	457
I ₂₅₀	0.78 ± 0.02	0.80 ± 0.03	23.4	396	1.07 ± 0.03	0.85 ± 0.02	34.5	450
FIR	1.05 ± 0.04	0.82 ± 0.02	21.0	231	1.33 ± 0.04	0.87 ± 0.02	38.6	471
Σ_{Gas}	0.68 ± 0.02	$0.59 {\pm} 0.03$	18.6	648	1.00 ± 0.03	$0.86 {\pm} 0.02$	36.1	481
$\Sigma_{\rm SFR}$ - $\Sigma_{\rm Gas}$	1.45 ± 0.06	0.58 ± 0.04	14.69	320	1.34 ± 0.05	0.64 ± 0.04	17.8	452
B_{tot} - Σ_{Gas}	0.27 ± 0.05	$0.48 {\pm} 0.05$	9.7	314	0.23 ± 0.01	$0.75 {\pm} 0.03$	23.6	429

• In ISRF, the synchrotron emission correlates better with the cold than warm dust

• In SF, no difference

 → warmer dust is mainly heated by SF (where synchrotron produced by young CREs/turbulent B),

 \rightarrow colder dust by a diffuse ISRF across the disk (where synchrotron produced by diffused CREs/large-scale B).

• FIR-Sync. is linear in ISRF , super linear in SF regime

Normalized radiation field energy density



Aniano et al. (2012)

Magnetic Field-Gas Density Coupling



• The synchrotron-FIR correlation can be well explained by the B-gas coupling models (Niklas & Beck 1997), particularly in SF regimes.

• The intermediate-mass stars seem to be a more appropriate origin in ISFR.

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Summary

- Synchrotron-FIR correlation breaks down on some scales, no unique warm/cold dust dependence.
- In general, strong synchrotron emission emerges from shell- and filamentlike features around star-forming regions. This is explained by the direct proportionallity between SFR and turbulent magnetic field/ fresh CREs.
- On large scales in M31, NGC 6946 the synchrotron emission is dominant, possibly due to the fast diffusion of CREs in the strong, ordered field.
- The break scale of the sync –FIR decreases with the ratio of turbulent -to- ordered magnetic fields which can be assigned to CRE propagation in turbulent magnetic fields.

Take away:

Synchrotron-FIR runs not only by SF but also by magnetic fields in galaxies.

