Spitzer observations of circumstellar disks in the Galactic mid-plane.



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The GLIMPSE survey

- GLIMPSE I 10°< || < 65°, |b| < 1° (220 sq deg)
- **GLIMPSE II** ||| < 10°, |b| < 1, 1.5, 2° (54 sq deg)
- **GLIMPSE 3D** up to |b|=3-4° at select longitudes



THE INFRARED MILKY WAY: GLIMPSE (3.6-8.0 microns)





The GLIMPSE survey

• GLIMPSE :

- → 31 million sources in Catalog
- → 49 million sources in Archive

• GLIMPSE II :

- → 18 million sources in Catalog
- → 23 million sources in Archive

• GLIMPSE 3D :

- → 20 million sources in Catalog
- → 32 million sources in Archive

This work

GLIMPSE for star formation/disks

- Currently known SF regions (MI6, MI7, RCW79, etc.)
- But also many new regions (deeper than 2MASS/MSX)
- Uniform flux-limited map of star formation over 274 deg²

• Main issues:

- ➡ More difficult to determine distances
- \rightarrow Very high A_V makes giants appear very red
- Contamination from intrinsically red field stars (AGBs)



Field star contamination









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Avoiding highly extincted giants

- Extinction law ~flat between IRAC 4.5µm and 8.0µm
- Select intrinsically red sources based on [4.5]-[8.0]

Use [4.5]-[8.0] > I



AGB star contamination



Red source selection



AGB stars and YSOs





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Future work

- Better separation using spectroscopy
- Study distribution/clustering
- Combine with Bolocam GPS, Herschel GPS, etc.

SEDs for thousands of YSOs/Disks from near-IR to mm wavelengths!

Summary

- GLIMPSE red source catalog
- Very high reliability (manually checked photometry)
- Main contamination is from AGB stars (not galaxies)
- ~18,000 intrinsically red sources, of which:
 - → ~11,000 YSOs
 - ➡ ~7,000 AGB stars
- Provides a sample of thousands of disks to analyze in future!

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