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An empirical estimation of far-Infrared SED of Near-by Galaxies

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We propose a new empirical method to estimate the total far-infrared fluxes of galaxies from the SED at wavelength shorter than $100 \mu\text{m}$. The total far-infrared luminosity is one of the most important properties of galaxies. However, it is difficult to derive the total far-infrared fluxes of galaxies only from the *IRAS* data. As is well known, the SED peaks usually locate at wavelength longer than $100 \mu\text{m}$, where *IRAS* has no photometric band. According to Okumura et al. (1999) and Shibai et al. (1999), the SED of the Galactic plane at wavelength longer than $100 \mu\text{m}$ can be derived from the color of $60 \mu\text{m}/100 \mu\text{m}$. We have improved their empirical SED models to obtain a better fit for the Galactic plane data showing higher the color of $60 \mu\text{m}/100 \mu\text{m}$ than 0.6. Next, we have applied the present empirical model to the 68 *IRAS* galaxies for which *ISO/ISOPHOT* and *KAO* data are available at wavelength longer than $100 \mu\text{m}$, and found the majority of them can be fit with the present empirical SED model. Moreover, we can derive the SED at wavelength longer than $100 \mu\text{m}$ from the flux densities at 60 and $100 \mu\text{m}$ with this model. In case of the 68 *IRAS* galaxies, the average error of the total flux thus obtained to that derived from all photometric data was 19%. Therefore, the uncertainty in the total far-infrared flux of the present method can be estimated to be about 20%. We found the present method is remarkably more accurate than the previous one in deriving the total infrared flux from the *IRAS* 60, $100 \mu\text{m}$ data.