SHARP data analysis memo of the IRAS 20126 data taken in 2007 (draft)

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- Initial data inspection and Pointing correction:

I first analyzed the data with sharpinteg_2 with flags of "-c -f 1 -w -sil". These options were chosen solely for the purpose to derive the pointing offsets. (The flag "-w" is for replacing blank pixels to good ones.) Firstly, I selected the data that are taken in proper condition (chop throw, chopper efficiency, data sections for different HWP angles, HWP angles, and saturation). After extracting the good data files, Darren's "fitgauss" is used to derive the pointing offsets of each data file. Options used were "-p -d" as all files include a bright peak feature. Pointing change was investigated carefully. Three different pointing offsets, and one has a combination of smoothed pointing offsets (smoothed pointing correction method 1) and original pointing offsets (smoothed pointing correction method 2). Smoothed pointing correction method 1 is to use smoothed pointing offsets for all data by fitting a curve to the fazo/fzao derived by fitgauss. Smoothed pointing correction method 2 is to use smoothed pointing offsets for the data that show difference between the smoothed offsets and original offsets greater than 1 arcsec, the original offsets were applied. Discussion of the pointing of this data set is found elsewhere.

- Sharpinteg

For science data reduction, I re-ran the sharpinteg_2 with flags of "-c -f 1 -sil". Three files are identified that generate "near saturation" warning message at different times. (In case if you are interested in looking into these files, please go to a web at puuoo.submm.caltech.edu/~hs/sharpsolve_errlog/

You'll find the four fits files along with the sharp error logs for each of these files.) This is leftover from sharpsolve. Larry confirmed that sharpinteg checks saturation prior to the tossing of bad pixels. Accordingly, these messages are generated even when all pixels used are actually fine. According to Darren, the threshold that he defined is 3.5V. As long as RGM marks bad pixels, final fits files should be good. And it turned out that RGM was blocking out all saturated pixels for this case. Accordingly, we used these three files to calculate the final results. The number of the files extracted are 141 in total for data analysis.

- sharp combine

sharp_combine v4.25 (last updated 2008 May 22) was used to process polsharp4 to derive proper vectors angle/degree of polarization. The command used for this process is as follows:

sharp_combine listname listname.fits -hwp 93 -l 51 51 -ma 5 -sm 2 -ps 4.75 -pm 6.3 -q bg 30 0 -ip 0.0034 0.00017 0.0036 0.0

Sharp combine v5 is to be used to run Mike's chi2 program.

Images processed with sharp combine v4.25

- No correction (both pointing and tau)
 - + peak 0.0809, + FWHM ~ 3.92 +/- 0.80 pixels + map edge ~ 0.05





- No pointing correction and with tau correction + peak 0.0815, +FWHM \sim 3.85 +/- 0.74 pixels + map edge \sim 0.05





- Pointing/tau correction. Smoothed pointing correction with method 2.
- + peak 0.0946, + FWHM 3.70 pixels +/- 0.67 pixels









(- image without background subtraction)



- No smoothing on pointing correction

- + peak 0.967
- + map edge: ~ 0.004
- Smooth method 1
- + peak 0.0915
- + map edge: ~ 0.004
- Smooth method 2
 - + peak 0.0946
 - + map edge: ~ 0.004

(Without background subtraction, peak ~ 0.095, noisy outskirt area.

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John's background subtraction routine built in sharp_combine helped increasing the signal to noise ratio significantly.



There was a clear tendency that the data taken under higher tau condition produced bigger errors. To check the reproducibility, the data were divided into multiple sections.

files tau $< 0.065 \dots 126$ files total

files tau $< 0.06 \ \dots \ 97$ files total

files tau $< 0.05 \dots 19$ files total



Divide data into two sections (above 2.5 sigma)



Divide data into three sections (above 2.5 sigma)

