

Atlas and Catalog of Dark Clouds Based on DSS I (ver 2.1.1, 2009/06/26)

(1) Atlas and Catalog of Dark Clouds

Here we release the first version of the atlas and catalog of dark clouds derived by using the optical database Digitized Sky Survey I (DSS). Applying a traditional star-count technique to 1043 plates contained in DSS, we have produced an Av map covering the entire region in the galactic latitude range $|b| \leq 40$ deg. The map was drawn at two different angular resolutions of 6' and 18', and is released in FITS format on this web site. Based on the Av map, we identified 2448 dark clouds and 2841 clumps located inside them. Physical parameters, such as the position, extent, and optical extinction, were measured for each of the clouds and clumps. We also searched for counterparts among already known dark clouds in the literature. The catalog of dark clouds presented here lists the cloud parameters as well as the counterparts.

Printed version of the atlas and catalog was already published in a special issue of Publications of the Astronomical Society of Japan (PASJ) in February 2005 (Dobashi et al. 2005, PASJ, 57, SP1, pp.S1-S386). Electronic version of the paper can be found at "<http://pasj.asj.or.jp/v57/v57sp1.html>". Please look into the paper for detailed explanations of the data.

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(2) Data released on this web site

The atlas and catalog of dark clouds shown in the special issue of PASJ are released in FITS and text files on this web site. We have drawn maps in the atlas at two different angular resolutions (6' and 18'), and refer to them as high- and low- resolution Av map, respectively. The high-resolution Av map is to identify well-defined and relatively small dark clouds, and the low-resolution Av map is to find diffuse and extended clouds. For details, please read our paper in PASJ.

On this web site, the lists of clouds summarized in Tables 7-10 in our paper are given in the text files (ascii), and the Av maps displayed in Figures 7, 9-17, and 20 are released in FITS format. Simple explanations for these figures and tables are summarized in the following table. Column format of the ascii files (i.e., Tables 7-10) are given at the end of this document.

Catalog (ascii file) and atlas (FITS file) released on this web site

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Note: A finding chart for Regions 1-9 is given in Figure 8b in p.S199 of the PASJ special issue as well as in the JPEG file named "Figure8b.jpg" on this web site.

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We should note that there is an editorial error in the printed version of the data. Figure 13b in page S208 (Dobashi et al. 2005, PASJ, 57) was unfortunately replaced by Figure 13d by accident. An appropriate Figure 13b can be found in the erratum of PASJ (2005, Vol.57, No.2, p.417), or can be downloaded from this web site (Figure13b.jpg). The error has been already corrected in the electronic version of the paper which one can download from "<http://pasj.asj.or.jp/v57/v57sp1.html>".

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(6) Column Format of the Tables

Byte-to-byte explanations of the ascii files (Tables 7-10) are given in the following.

Table 7: Catalog of dark clouds and clumps identified in the high-resolution Av map.

Byte	Format	Unit	Label	Explanations
1- 4	I4	---	---	Sequential number for cloud name.
6-10	A5	---	---	Sequential number for clumps identified in each cloud.
12-17	F6.2	deg	L	Galactic longitude in degree of the clouds and clumps.
19-24	F6.2	deg	B	Galactic latitude in degree of the clouds and clumps.
26-30	F5.2	deg	dL	Extent of the clouds and clumps in galactic longitude in degree.
32-36	F5.2	deg	dB	Extent of the clouds and clumps in galactic latitude in degree.
38-45	E8.2	deg ²	S	Surface area of the clouds and clumps in square degree.
47-50	F4.1	mag	Av1	Peak Av value of the clouds and clumps in the original Av map.
52-55	F4.1	mag	Av2	Peak Av value of the clouds and clumps in the filtered Av map.
57-60	F4.2	mag	dAv	Noise level.
62-69	F8.2	mag deg ²	SAv1ds	Extinction integrated over the surface area in the original Av map.
71-78	F8.2	mag deg ²	SAv2ds	Extinction integrated over the surface area in the filtered Av map.
80-81	I2	---	Nassoc	Number of counterparts found in the literature.
83-83	I1	---	Flag	Flag for a large uncertainty due to a very small number of stars (≤ 2) found in the 6' resolution.

Table 8: List of associated dark clouds in the high-resolution Av map.

Byte	Format	Unit	Label	Explanations
1- 4	I4	---	---	Sequential number for cloud name.
6-10	A5	---	---	Sequential number for clumps identified in each cloud.
12- N	A	---	---	Names of associated dark clouds found in a list compiled by Dutra and Bica (2002). The largest record is N=1254.

Table 9: Catalog of dark clouds and clumps identified in the low-resolution Av map.

Byte	Format	Unit	Label	Explanations
1- 3	I3	---	---	Sequential number for cloud name.
5- 7	A3	---	---	Sequential number for clumps identified in each cloud.
9-14	F6.2	deg	L	Galactic longitude in degree of the clouds and clumps.
16-21	F6.2	deg	B	Galactic latitude in degree of the clouds and clumps.
23-27	F5.2	deg	dL	Extent of the clouds and clumps in galactic longitude in degree.
29-33	F5.2	deg	dB	Extent of the clouds and clumps in galactic latitude in degree.
35-42	E8.2	deg ²	S	Surface area of the clouds and clumps in square degree.
44-46	F3.1	mag	Av	Peak Av value of the clouds and clumps.
48-55	F8.2	mag deg ²	SAvds	Extinction integrated over the surface area.
57-57	I1	---	Nassoc	Number of counterparts found in the literature.
59-59	I1	---	Flag	Flag for a large cloud extending outside the Av map.

Table 10: List of associated dark clouds in the low-resolution Av map.

Byte	Format	Unit	Label	Explanations
1- 4	I4	---	---	Sequential number for cloud name.
6-10	A5	---	---	Sequential number for clumps identified in each cloud.
12- N	A	---	---	Names of associated dark clouds found in a list compiled by Dutra and Bica (2002). The largest record is N=74.

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