



Infrared Diagnostics: Probing the physics of nuclear power in galaxies

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History of Star-Formation Rate (SFR) in the Universe

- Optical surveys indicate that the mean SFR in the Universe was much greater at z > 1 (e.g. Madau et al. 1996)
- □ COBE revealed a cosmic far-IR background with energy > the integrated UV/optical light ⇒ dust extinction is important in the early Universe!
- IR/sub-mm surveys indicate even greater rates of star formation than seen in optical.
- To accurately determine the "SFR" requires both optical and far-IR/submm surveys.
- Note that dust extinction is an important handicap in the optical. Only 1 in 10¹² optical photons from the center of our Galaxy reach us. In distant dusty systems this can be substantially worse.



MIPS: LIRGs dominate the IR/SFR at z~1



Luminous Infrared Galaxies dominate the star formation rate and energy density per co-moving volume at $z > \sim 1$

Science Motivation

- □ We wish to:
 - □ Identify the presence of an AGN (at low and high-z)
 - □ Estimate its contribution to the bolometric galaxy emission
 - Identify & study local analogues (ie LIRGs) as prototypes of high-z systems where observations are challenging and SED coverage scarce.
- □ Methods:
 - □ Empirical (use of templates and/or line ratios: IR due to smaller extinction)
 - □ Fitting part of or the full SED with various degrees of sophistication.
- □ A number of the observational properties of galaxies detected in the sub-mm at z~2 (Universe 3.3 Gyrs old) with L_{IR} >10¹² L_{\odot} such as:
 - □ cold infrared colors
 - \Box energy production dominated by star formation (> 100 M_{\odot}/yr)
 - □ mid-IR spectral features (ie PAH strength
 - ... resemble those of local LIRGs rather than Ultra-LIRGs.
- Kinematical evidence from ionized (Hα) and molecular (CO) gas are often consistent the presence of extended (~5kpc) star forming disks
- □ There is a "broad" connection between mid- & far-IR emission and star formation rate (with some caveats...)

IR diagnostics of an Active Nucleus (AGN)



ISO PHOT-S (~11.8µm) & ISOCAM/CVF (~16µm)





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ISO PHT-S spectra of BGS Sources



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Spitzer/IRS Spectra of BGS Sources



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Testing diagnostics on obscured

sources: the GOALS sample

- The sample is based on the Great Observatory Allsky LIRG Survey (GOALS; Armus et al. 2009) of 202 systems (181 of which are LIRGs)
- □ It covers the entire merger sequence: From isolated galaxies to merger remnants (Haan et al. 2011, Psychoyios et al. 2016, Larson et al. 2017)
- □ All systems are observed with all four Spitzer/IRS modules (~5-37 μ m)
- □ Additional Spitzer & Herschel, as well as HST, GALEX, J-VLA, CO (ALMA)











AGN Line diagnostics with Herschel



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Herschel: The role of AGN in Far-IR



- □ The 6.2µm PAH equivalent width is commonly used to identify AGNs in the mid-IR
- At low PAH EQWs, sources span the full range of [CII]/L_{FIR} ratios (see also Sargsyan+12)
- □ 55% of mid-IR AGN have [CII]/L_{FIR} > 10⁻³! (70% if two mid-IR diagnostics are required) -> These AGN do not contribute significantly to the far-IR emission
- □ Only when 6.2μ m PAH EQW <~ 0.05μ m the AGN can contribute ~50% to far-IR

Compact Sources

The compactness (concentration of light) of the mid-IR emitting region (independently of its origin) is correlated with the [CII]/L_{FIR} ratio

■ Even when only galaxies with 6.2µm PAH > 0.5µm are considered, there is a decline of an order of magnitude, from 10⁻² to 10⁻³



- \Box Even in pure star-forming galaxies we see a [CII] deficit wrt to the Σ_{MIR}
- □ The decrease in [CII]/L_{FIR} among most LIRGs is not caused by AGN activity but instead is a fundamental property of the starburst itself
- [CII] is not a good SFR tracer in most LIRGs since it does not account for the increase in warm dust emission from the compact starburst

Infrared Continuum & Features Fitting

- Another approach to quantitatively access the contribution of the various components in the observed IR emission from a source is to fit the IR spectrum using theoretical models.
- Full radiative transfer modeling of the source (ie. Siebenmorgen & Grugel 1992,1993; Nenkova & Elitzur 2001,2002; Dopita et al. 2005) is challenging since in addition to dust it requires major assumptions on the geometry of the source. Typically applicable to detailed studies of individual sources.
- Recent methods involving stellar population synthesis models with additional dust templates for energy balance (CIGALE, MAGPHYS etc)
- Another fitting approach relying on the Spitzer/IRS 5-38µm spectra, using constrains from near-/far-IR observations has been developed (Marshall et al. 2007)...

The case of Mrk1014: a U-LIRG



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The effect of adding unobscured PAH emission to our most deeply buried and fully covered models. From left to right and/or top to bottom, unobscured PAH emission is added at 0%, 0.1%, 0.5% and 1% of the nuclear starburst.

AGN %: Blue 100, Green 75, Red 50, Orange 25, yellow 0

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Spectral Energy Distribution (SED) of a Galaxy



CIGALE: Code Investigating Galaxy Emission



http://cigale.lam.fr/



SED modeling and SED fitting code based on ENERGY BALANCE

Parameter analysis through Baysian approach on priors and PDF analysis

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Physical Motivation

What about AGN host galaxies?

- Broad Band UV to submm photometry widely is available
- □ It has been used to derive properties of large galaxy samples
- □ Many (most/all?) galaxies host a SMBH which is accreting



 λ (μ m)

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Methodology: Semi Analytic Models + AGN

Create mock galaxies using semi analytic
Use their star formation history to simula
Add the AGN contribution with variable si
Fit the final SED with CIGALE and evaluation





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Methodology: Fit the SED with CIGALE





Impact of photometric coverage



What if no AGN was included in the fit?



SED results

Note that:

- When AGN is present the M* is recovered up to the 40% level depending on the AGN fraction. The larger the fraction the worse the estimate
- □ SFR is better than 40% as long as far-IR and sub-mm data are available
- □ Rest frame UV is critical to constrain both M* and SFR in Type 1 objects.
- □ AGN can not be estimated reliably bellow a 15% AGN fraction.

An Application:

- □ Compile a catalogue of all Spitzer/IRS extragalactic observations for which 5-38µm spectra exist (CASSIS) as well as UV to 22µm photometry (14 bands)
- Use optical/near-IR images (mostly SDSS/2MASS) to estimate global morphology and colors. (Vika et al. 2017)













My ticket to Cornell & Ithaca ...

Date: Mon, 07 Sep 1998 09:35:03 -0400 From: Jim Houck <jrh13@cornell.edu> Subject: Re: SIRTF Research Associate Position... To: Vassilis Charmandaris <vassilis.charmandaris@obspm.fr>

Hi Vassilis:

Thank your for your note. Yes, please do apply for the position here. I'll need the names and addresses of three people who can write letters of recommendation. If any of them are in Europe please contact them directly, since that will save time. I read your web site, so I already know a little about you.

When would you be available? Another vexing problem concerns the US visa hassel. Do you currently hold a visa and if so what type is it? We can work around all this red tape, but I am sure you know the frustration!

Thanks again for your interest. I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely

Jim

Bernhard: SIRTF is approaching launch, really! Paris Oct. 1998



Warm Ithaca summer: preparing for IOC



Cool Pasadena winter: post IOC celebrations







Ithaca 2017: "As a shadow such is life"

