What Lies Beneath: Probing Dust Obscured Star Formation and Black Hole Growth through Spectral Energy Distributions

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In The Beginning...



Star formation and black hole growth peak at z=1-3

Most of this growth occurs in LIRGs and ULIRGs



Hodge et al. (2014

Black Holes Change Dust Emission



Empirical Templates



GOAL: Create templates to represent a range of high redshift LIRGs and ULIRGs

Large sample size: > 300 galaxies ALL galaxies have MIR spectroscopy ALL galaxies have Herschel imaging Create large library of publicly available templates

High Redshift Sample



Redshift range: 0.2-4

All sources have mid-IR spectroscopy

Photometry from *Herschel, Spitzer,* and ground-based telescopes 350 galaxies from *Spitzer* First Look Survey (xFLS) and Great Observatories Origins Deep Survey (GOODS)

Sources are selected at 24 μ m: S₂₄ > 0.9 mJy (xFLS) S₂₄ > 0.2 mJy (GOODS)



AGN or Star Formation?



Extinction curve (Draine 2003)

 $model = N_{AGN} \lambda^{\alpha} e^{-\tau_{AGN}} + N_{SB} S_{M82} e^{-\tau_{SB}}$

Relative contributions of PAH features and power law continuum determine mid-IR classification.



Composite Spectra



- Group galaxies by AGN strength, redshift, and luminosity
- Normalize each group by the mid-IR (3-15µm) luminosity
- Calculated median luminosity inwavelength bins usingresampling with replacement

Fit a two temperature modified blackbody model to the far-IR: $BB = N_W \times B_{\nu}(T_W) \times \nu^{1.5} + N_C \times B_{\nu}(T_C) \times \nu^{1.5}$

Three Libraries of templates











Separate sources by *f*(AGN)_{MIR}

SFG: *f*(AGN)_{MIR} < 0.2

Composite: *f*(AGN)_{MIR} = 0.2-0.8

AGN: *f*(AGN)_{MIR} > 0.8



Further separate by luminosity and redshift

Three Template Libraries

Comprehensive Templates



MIR-Based Library



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Dust Temperature





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Composite dust emission changes with luminosity

Host Emission





IR emission of SFGs and Composites is dominated by the host galaxy

In AGN, more of the L_{IR} comes from warmer dust heated by the AGN

Dust Heating



SFGs & Composites: same amount of extended dust AGN & Composites: same dust heating source

AGN Effect on Host



Warm dust does not outshine cold dust until $f(AGN)_{MIR} > 0.5$

MIR v. Total AGN



Summary

<u>Technique</u>

Classify high redshift (z = 0.2 - 4) galaxies as AGN by decomposing mid-IR spectra

Create empirical templates spanning λ =0.5-1000 µm

- 1) Comprehensive Library: *f*(AGN)_{MIR}, L_{IR}, and redshift
- 2) MIR-based Library: *f*(AGN)_{MIR}
- 3) Color-based Library: S_{250}/S_{24} v. $S_8/S_{3.6}$

<u>Conclusions</u>

SFGs in the early Universe are remarkably consistent

SFGs and Composites have the same relative amount of cold dust emission visible

AGN and Composites have the same heating source for the warm dust

Relationship between MIR and total AGN contribution is non-linear

Templates will be made publicly available later this year. Email: kirkpatr@astro.umass.edu