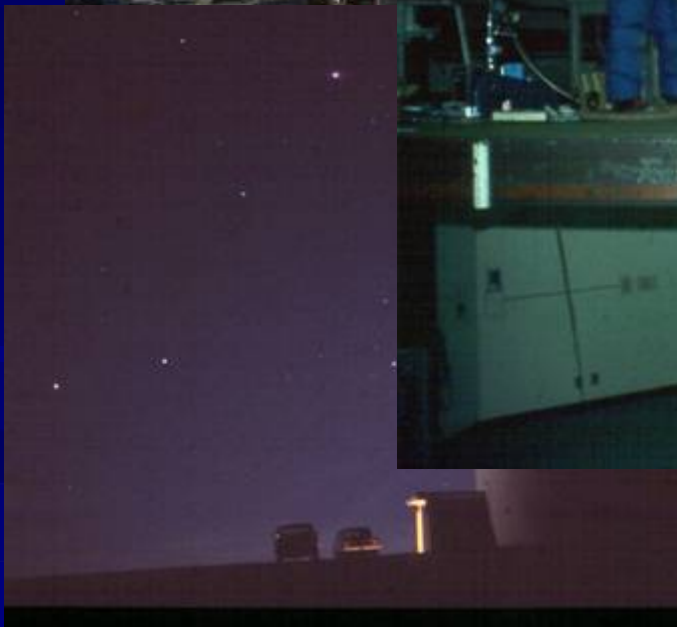
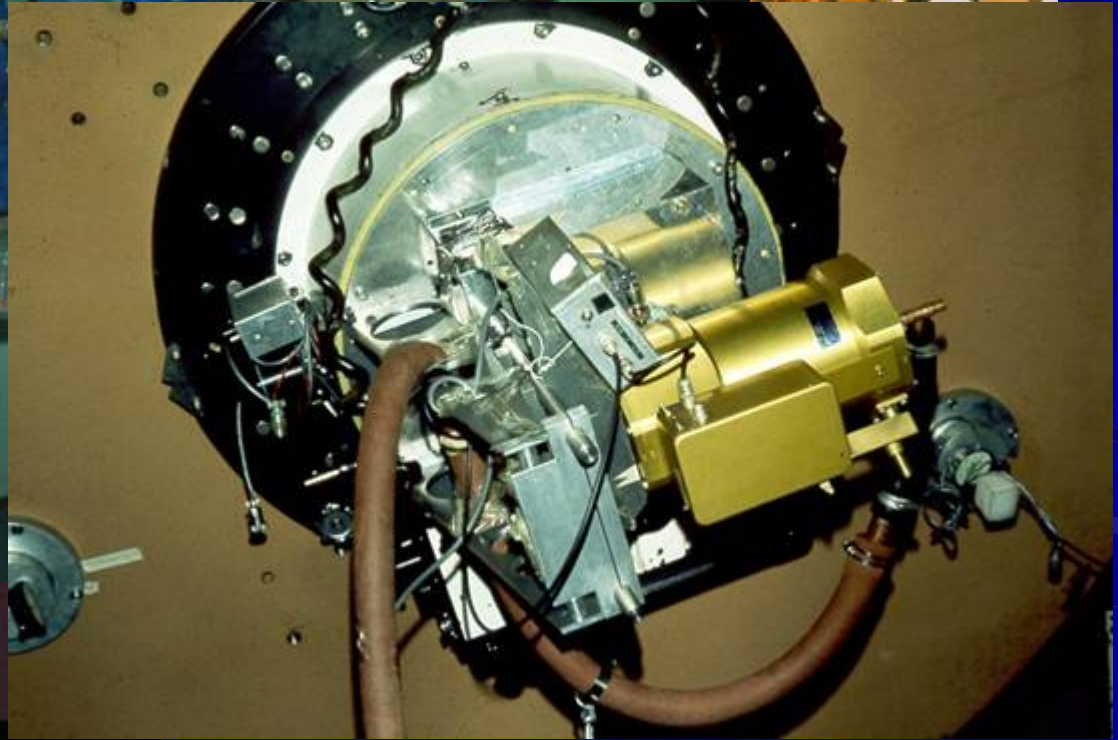
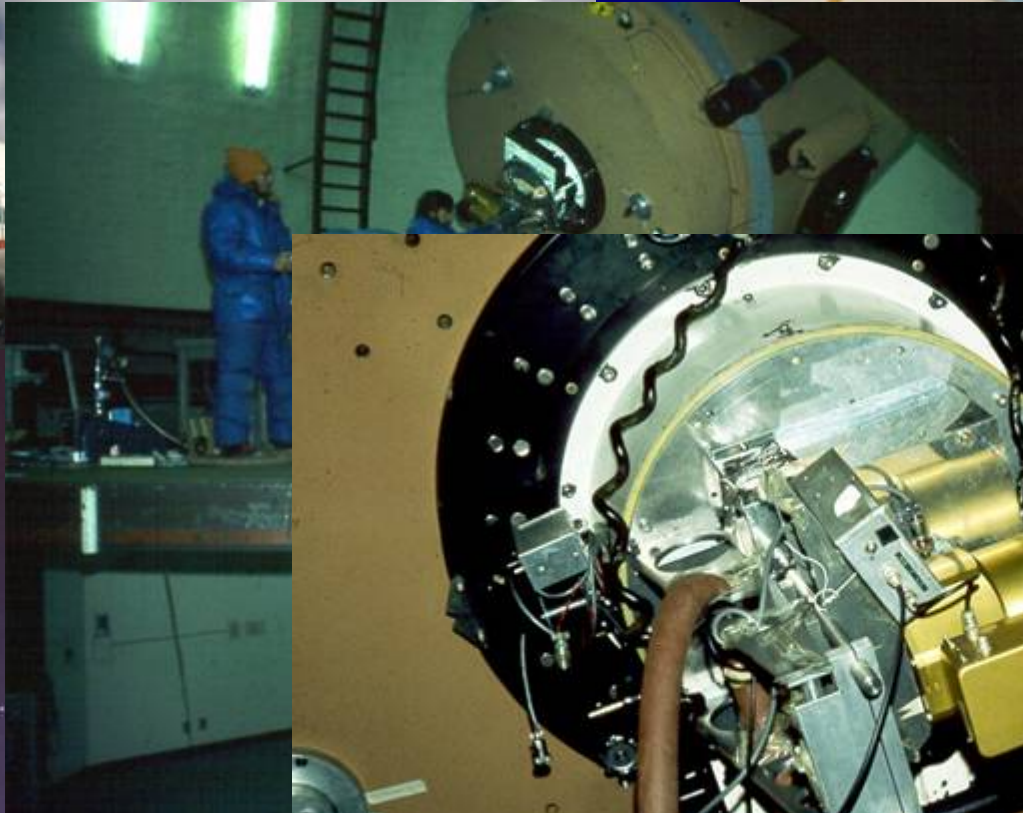


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Submillimetre Astronomy from
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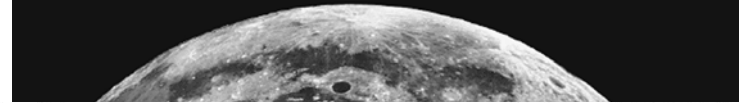
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Submillimetre means high - how high can we get ?
let's go to Hawaii ! (1975, 76)









Submillimetre Lunar Emission

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Summary. We present a map of lunar thermal emission obtained through the 350 μm atmospheric window. A brief description of the photometer and data collection is given. Previous observational work concerning lunar roughness is discussed. Several empirical expressions are fitted to measurements made from the contour map, the expressions providing the best fit involving a term dependent on the earth's zenith angle at the point under observation. A theoretical map is also compared with the observational data and found to disagree markedly due to the absence of any roughness considerations.

Key words: submillimetre astronomy — thermal mapping

where z is the zenith angle of the source and α the atmospheric transmission coefficient which, for the spectral region in question, is dependent on the water vapour content of the atmosphere. In the analysis and construction of this map it is assumed that the percentage change in $e^{-z\alpha\cos z}$ during the time of observation is negligible. Measurements of dew-point carried out at the telescope site indicate that it is unlikely that α was greater than 1.0 and therefore, if α is assumed constant, the limit on percentage transmission change due to changes in z are 12% total and 4% for the four central scans relevant to selenographic equator measurements.

At the time of observation no absolute calibration of flux against lunar temperature was possible and so the

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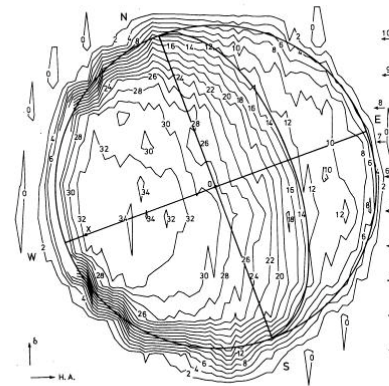


Fig. 1. Observed contour map. Data were obtained between 1240 and 1400 G.M.T. on 2nd March, 1975. The individual scans are marked by numbered arrows. The lunar disc was 75% illuminated (age 19.4 days), the sub-solar point and disc centre being marked by x and o respectively. The lines EW and NS represent the equator and meridian through the disc centre. The separation in longitude between the subsolar and subearth points is 60° . In this orientation, Mare Crisium would be in the upper right hand quadrant. The contour numbers refer to the following brightness temperatures:

Number	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
$T_B(K)$	94	113	132	151	170	189	208
Number	22	24	26	28	30	32	34
$T_B(K)$	227	246	265	284	302	321	340

For wavelengths where we are essentially measuring surface temperature we would, therefore, expect:

$$T \propto \cos^{1/4} \psi \quad (2)$$

but it is known that surface roughness affects the above proportionality and, in general:

$$T \propto \cos^n \psi \quad (3)$$

where n is dependent on wavelength. Extensive work has been done on directional characteristics of lunar thermal emission in the wavelength region 10–12 μm . Montgomery et al. (1966) measured n at various phase angles and showed that at full moon it was $1/6$ (in agreement with Pettit and Nicholson, 1930) but increased to the Lambertian prediction of $1/4$ at larger phase angles (Fig. 3).

At longer wavelengths, the characteristic depth of emission becomes important and a phase lag ϵ , with respect to optical phase, is introduced so that along the selenographic equator:

$$T \propto \cos^n(\psi - \epsilon)$$

ϵ being positive east of the sub-solar point. The 3.3 mm maps of Gary et al. (1965), taken at phases of 43° , 76° and 100° after full moon, show n to be approximately $1/4$ with ϵ taken to be 22° , this value having been deduced from the maps. Measurements of phase lag at wavelengths of 8 mm (Salomonovich, 1962) and 1 mm (Low and Davidson, 1965) yield 30° and 6° respectively. Without measurements of the brightness temperature of the sub-earth point for phases close to full moon, ϵ cannot be separated from roughness contributions to the

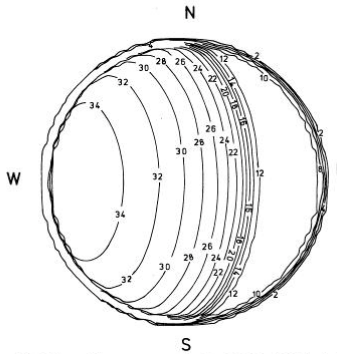


Fig. 2. Theoretical contour map, taken from M. J. Pugh (Ph.D. thesis, 1975). It is that of a smooth homogeneous sphere lunar model convolved with a beam comparable in width to that used for the observational map. The contour numbers represent $T_B(K)/10$

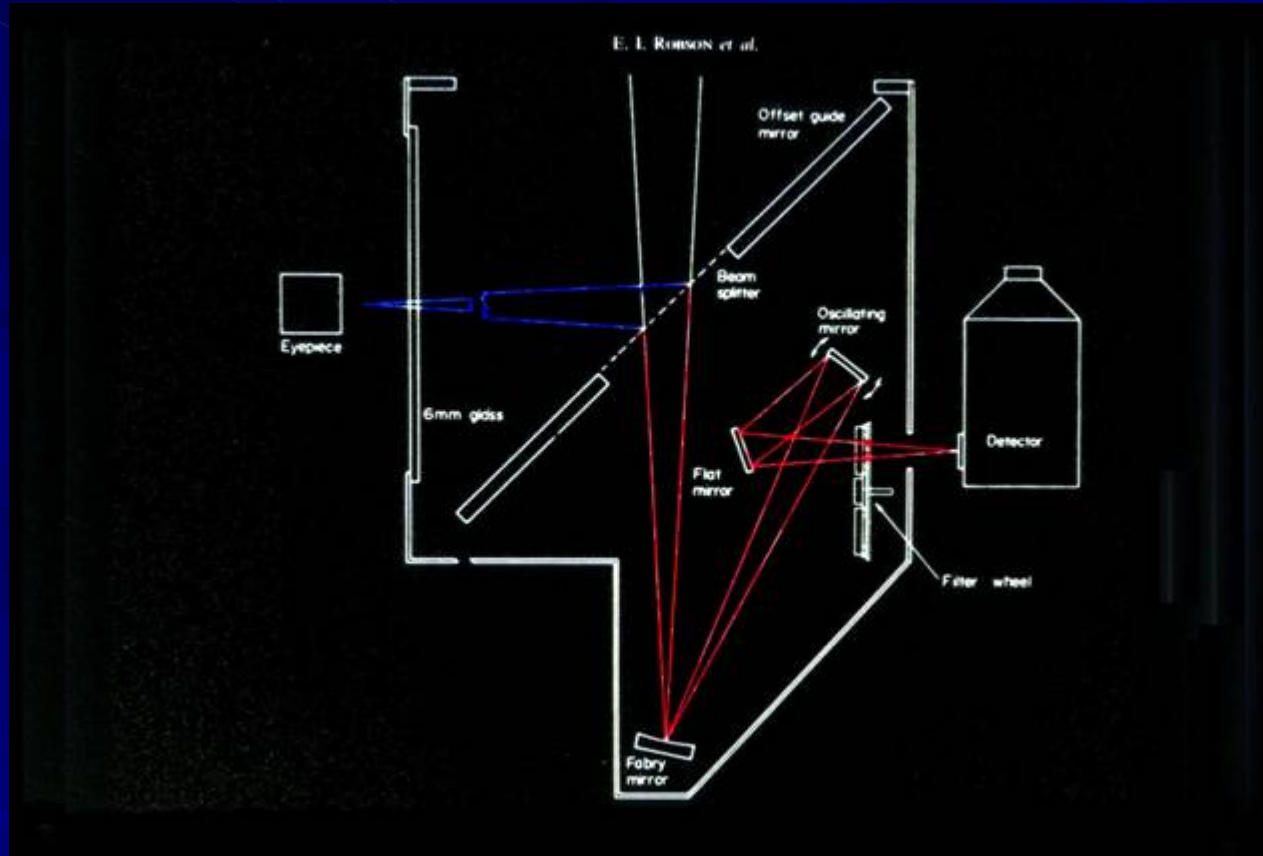
any point on the lunar surface, where the sun's zenith angle is ψ , is given by

$$I \propto \cos \psi$$

except for areas near the edge of insolation (see, for example, Wesselink, 1948).



We need a submillimetre photometer!

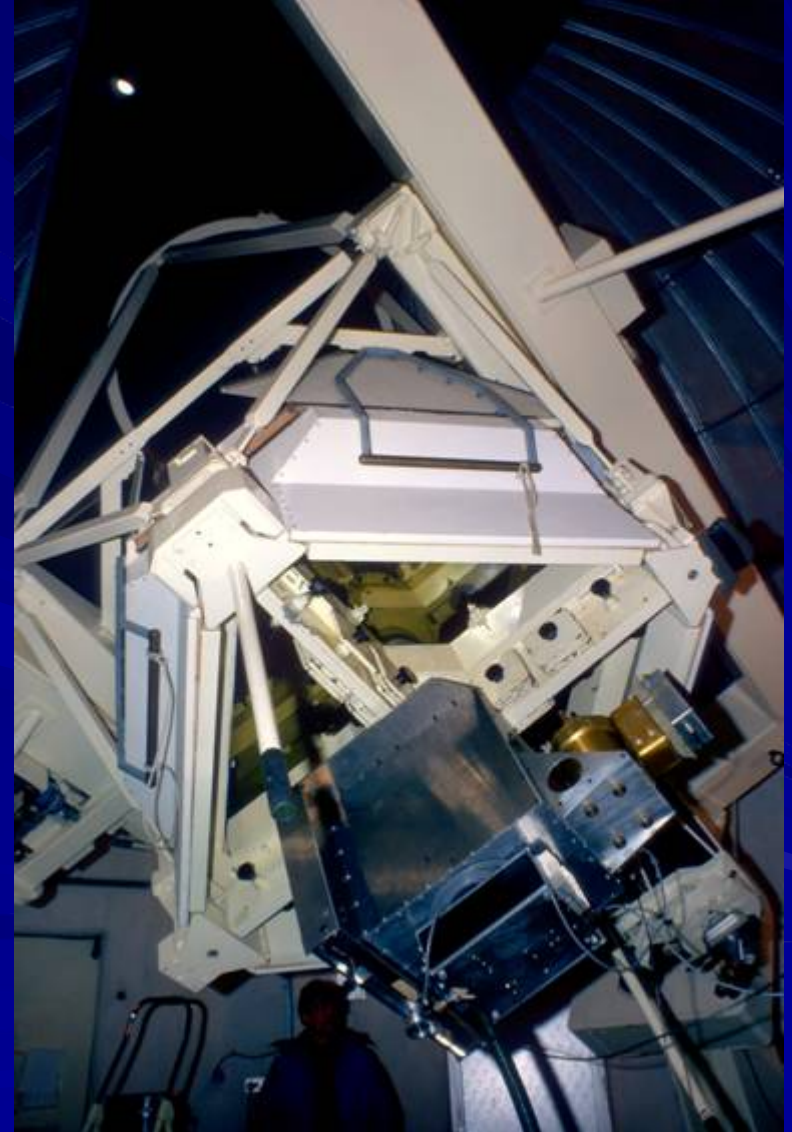


Lots of lessons learned about optics, control of stray light, filtering, chopping

Testing on the Flux Collector at Tenerife: 1978



Is it breathing?



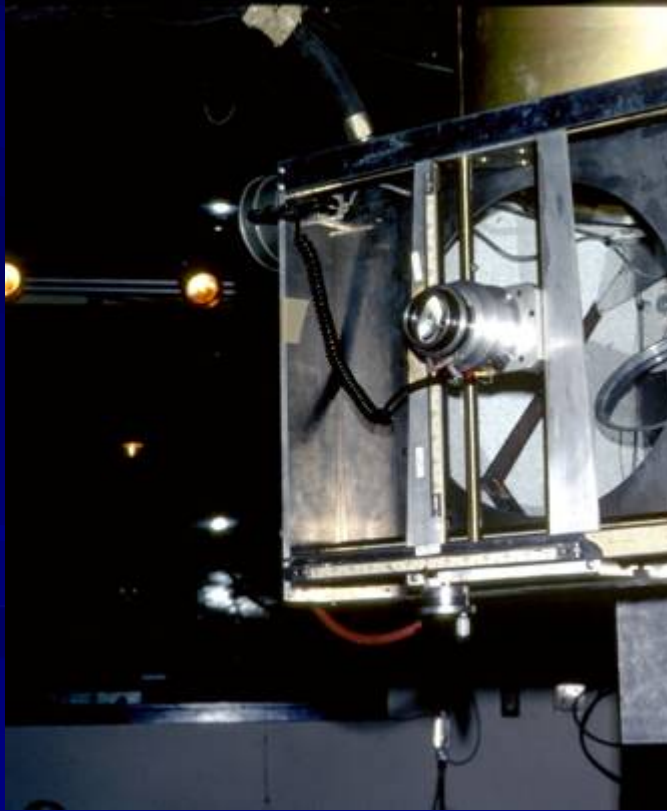
The UKIRT Era: 1978-88



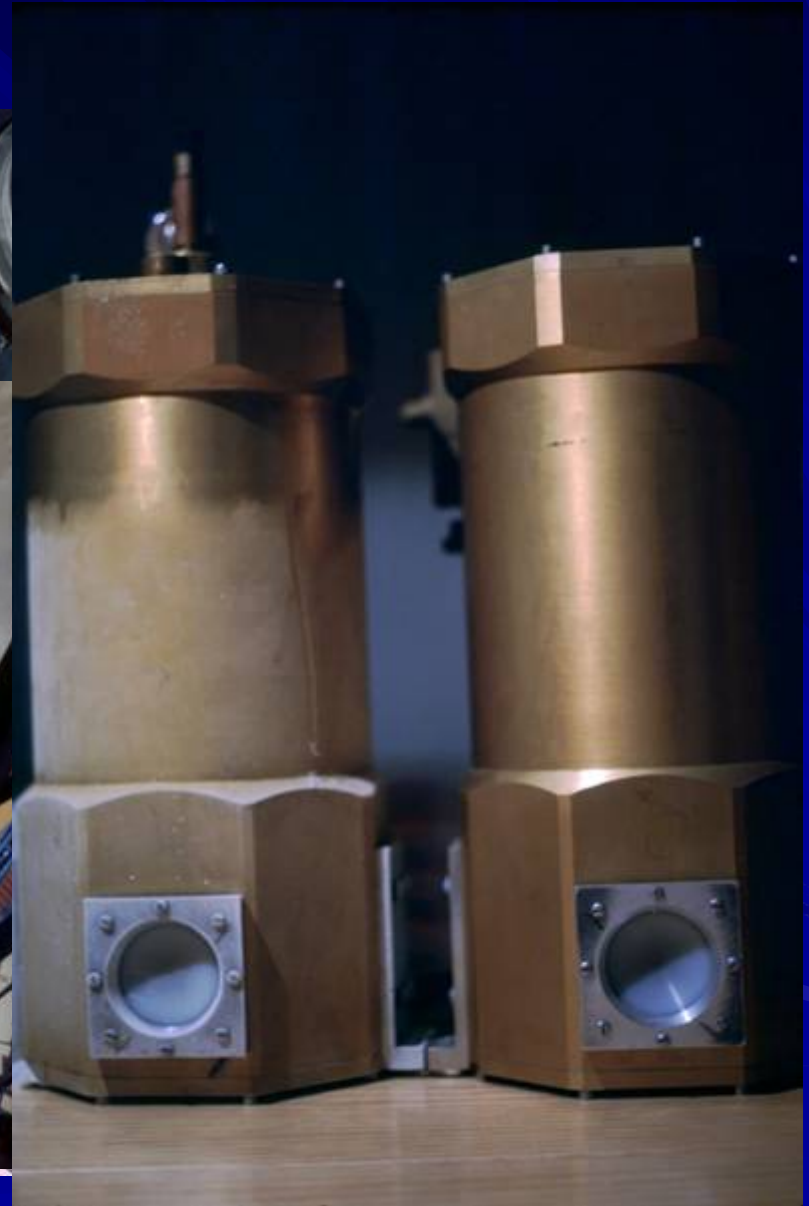
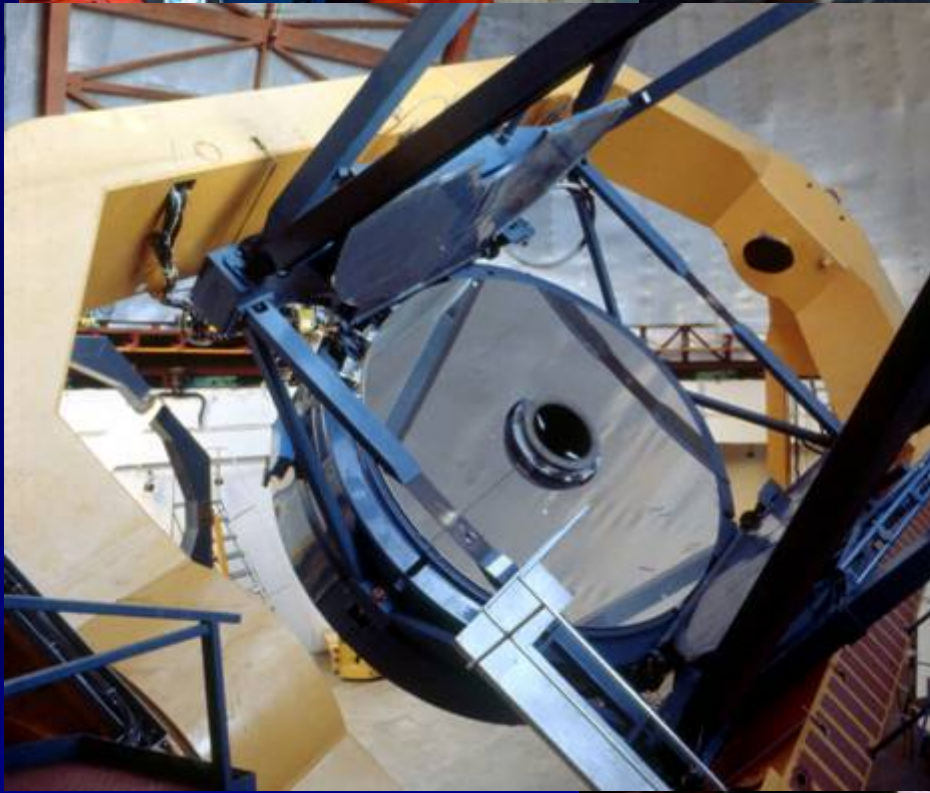
Original idea was a folded prime for the submillimetre

One of my first contributions was to cancel this – to the delight of the project





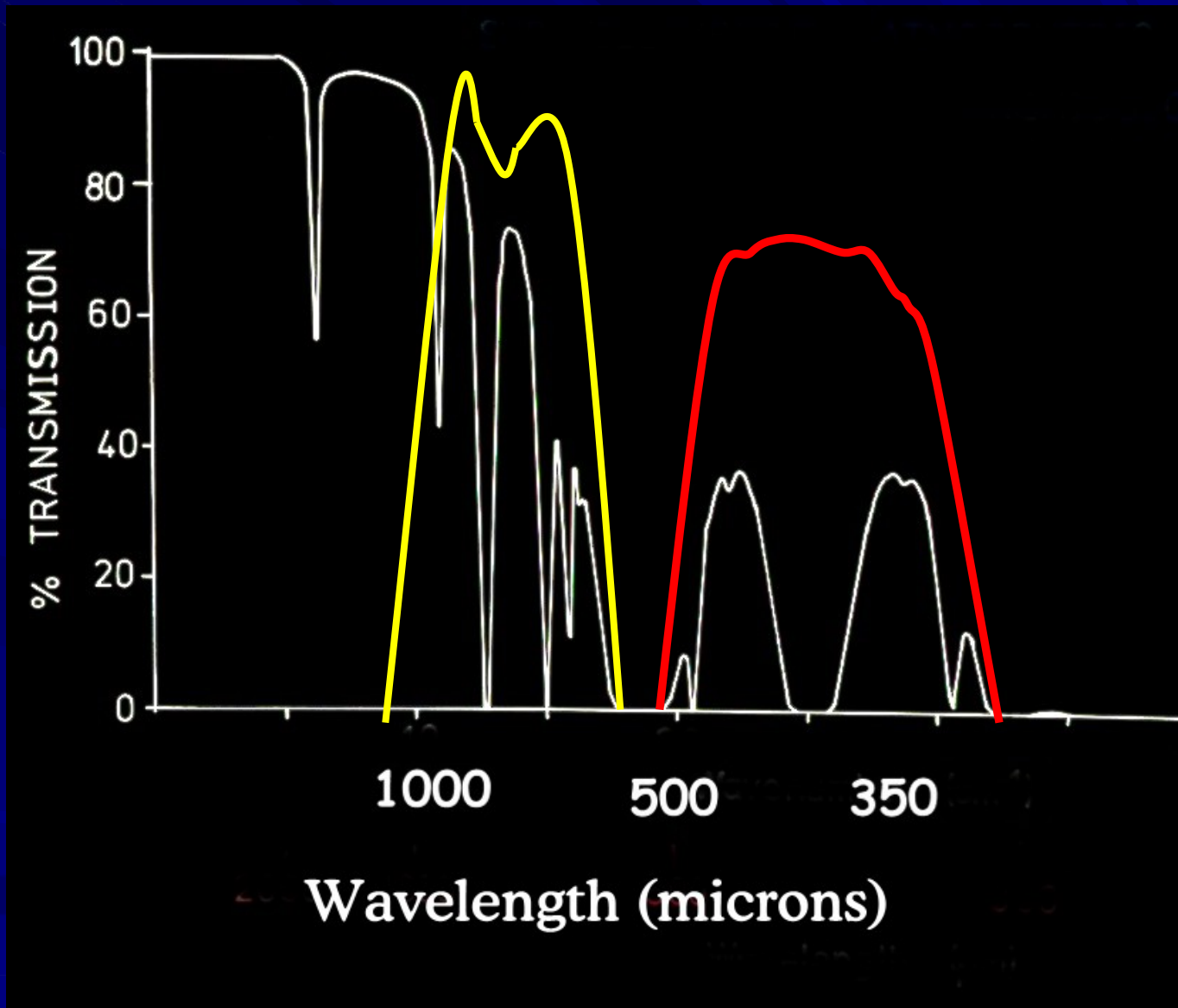
Everything wasn't rosy!





Progress was slow

- Poor telescope tracking in south
- Poor data analysis software – do it yourself
- Poor overall sensitivity
- Only calibration source was Mars
- Progress was limited to the brightest submillimetre objects, usually at 800 microns and understanding the ‘observing system’ (filters, atmospheric attenuation)



The Submillimeter Spectra of the Planets: Narrow-Band Photometry

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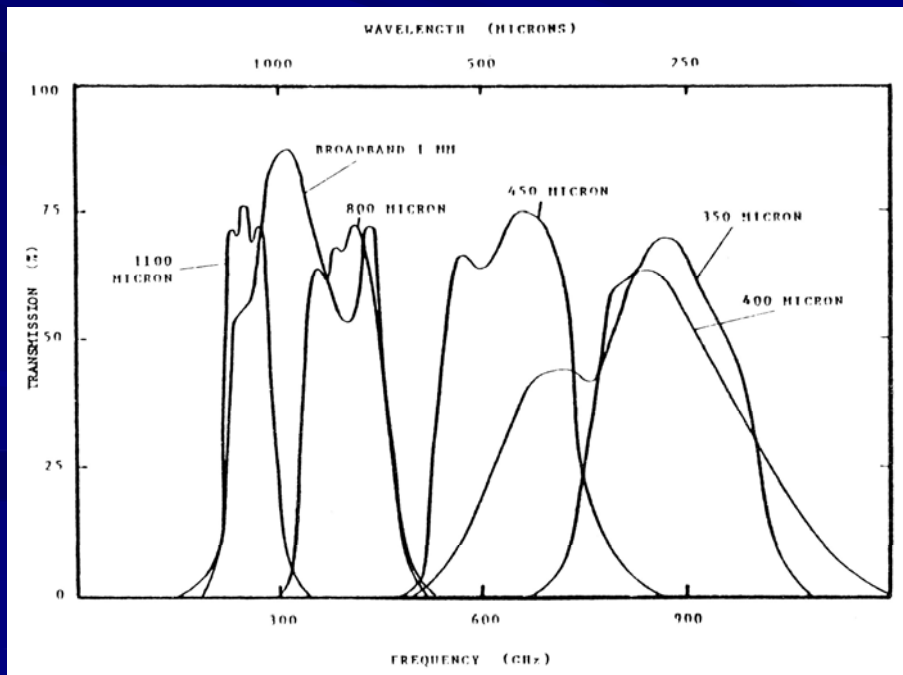
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Multicolor submillimeter observations of Jupiter, Saturn, Mars, and Uranus are reported. Narrow-band filters are used to define three passbands between 300 and 1600 μm to give accurate spectrophotometric data. A method for determining the atmospheric opacity from a single set of multicolor observations of a known source is shown to be consistent with secant plot data taken during very stable observing conditions. Such extinction data show that in the submillimeter region significant fluctuations in opacity occur over periods as short as 1 hr. At the time of observation the rings of Saturn were nearly edge-on and thus the disc brightness is determined without contribution from the ring emission. Comparisons with data obtained at earlier epochs give an estimate of the ring brightness as a function of wavelength. The disc emission spectra for Saturn, Jupiter, and Uranus are compared with various atmospheric models and other observations.

Steady Improvements – 1980-81

- Detector sensitivity – improved by using He^3 at 0.35K rather than pumped He^4 at 1.2K
- Filter improvements – separate out the 450 and 350 micron windows



Continuum emission from the nucleus of NGC 1275

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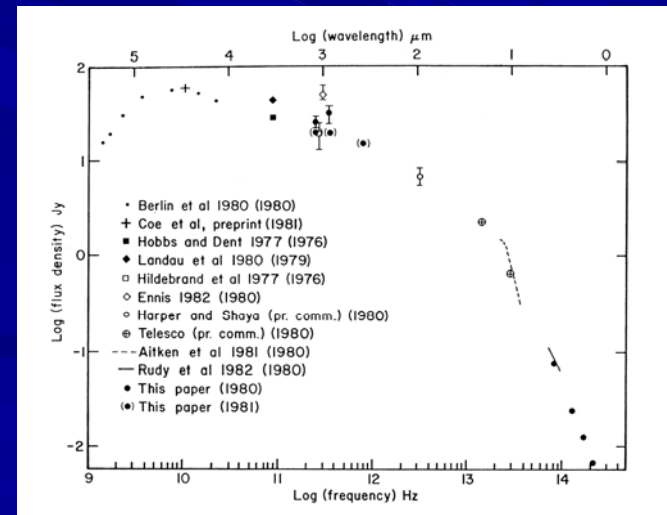
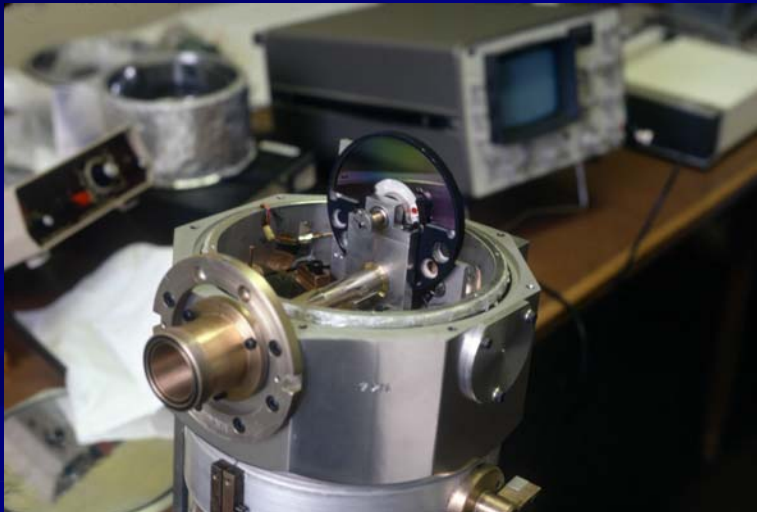
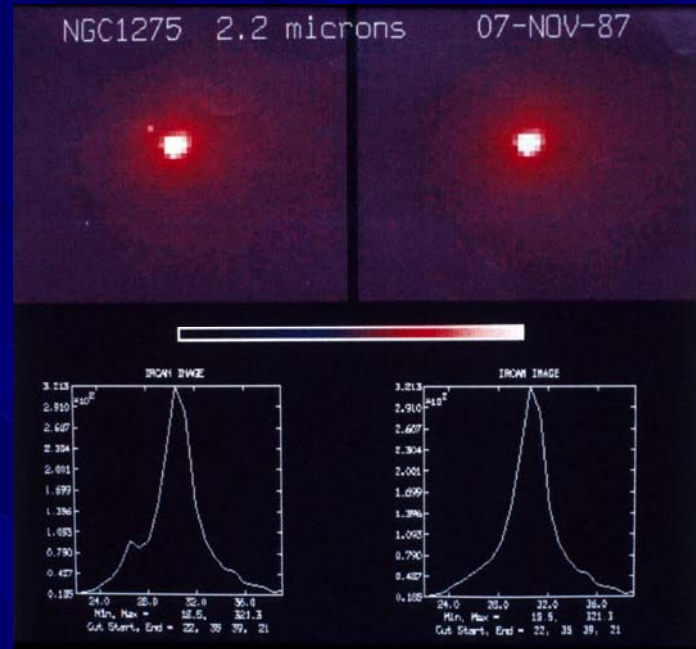
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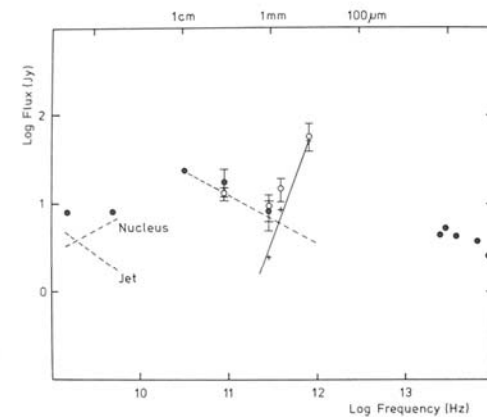
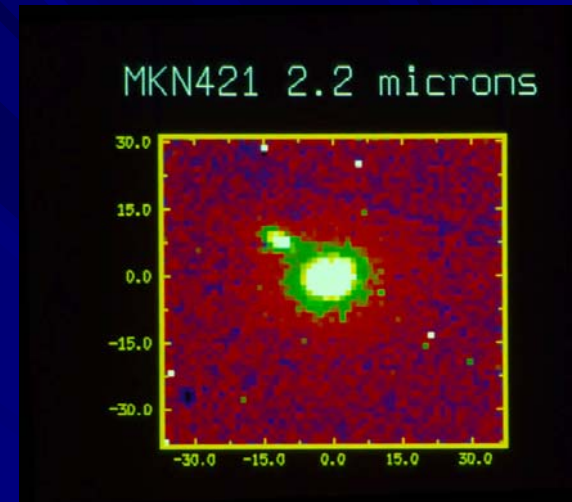
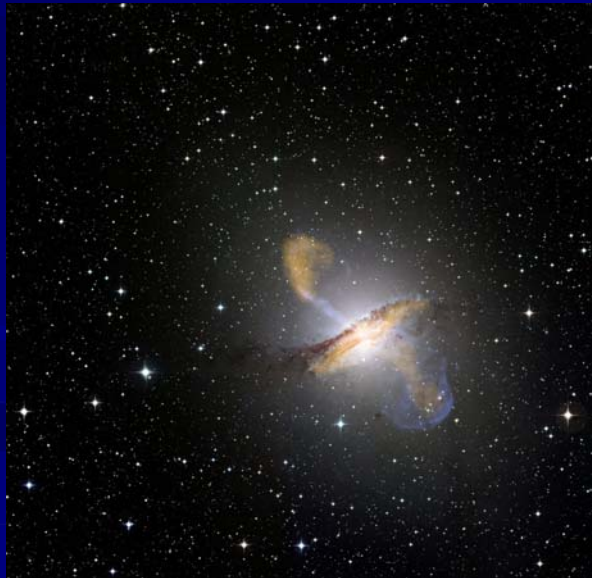
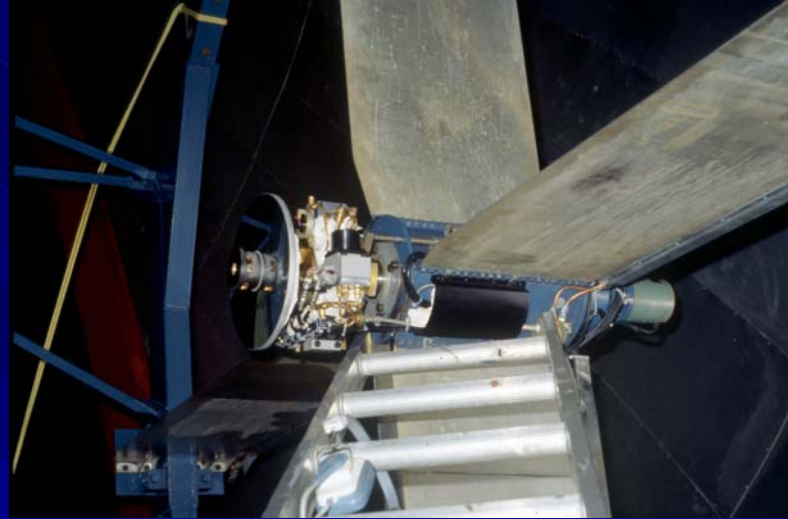


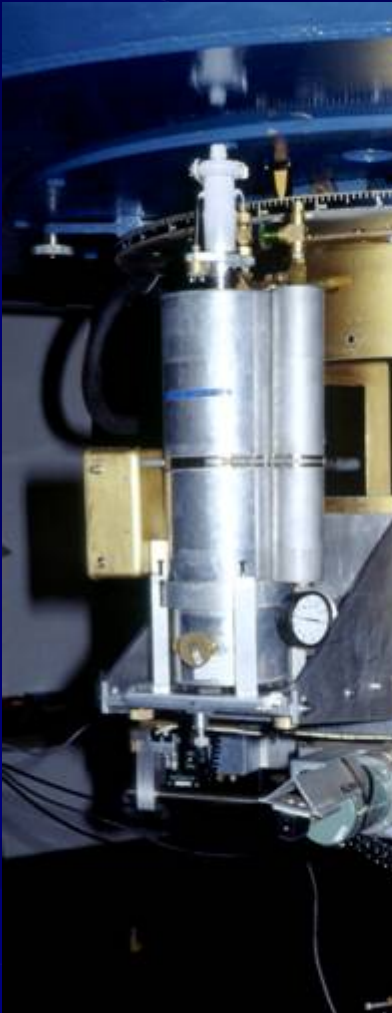
Figure 1. The spectrum of NGC 5128. The open circles represent the present work and other data are from the following sources: $\lambda < 100 \mu\text{m}$ from Grasdalen & Joyce (1976), $\lambda = 1100 \mu\text{m}$ from Hildebrand *et al.* (1977), $\lambda = 3.3$ and 9.5 mm from Kellermann (1974), $\lambda = 6$ and 20 cm from Schreier *et al.* (1981). The dotted lines between 10^9 and 10^{10} Hz indicate the spectrum decomposed into nuclear and jet components. Between 10^{10} and 10^{12} Hz the dotted line indicates the assumed nuclear spectrum while the crosses and solid line represent the deduced thermal component.

The breakthrough – $f/35$ operations: 1981- 85



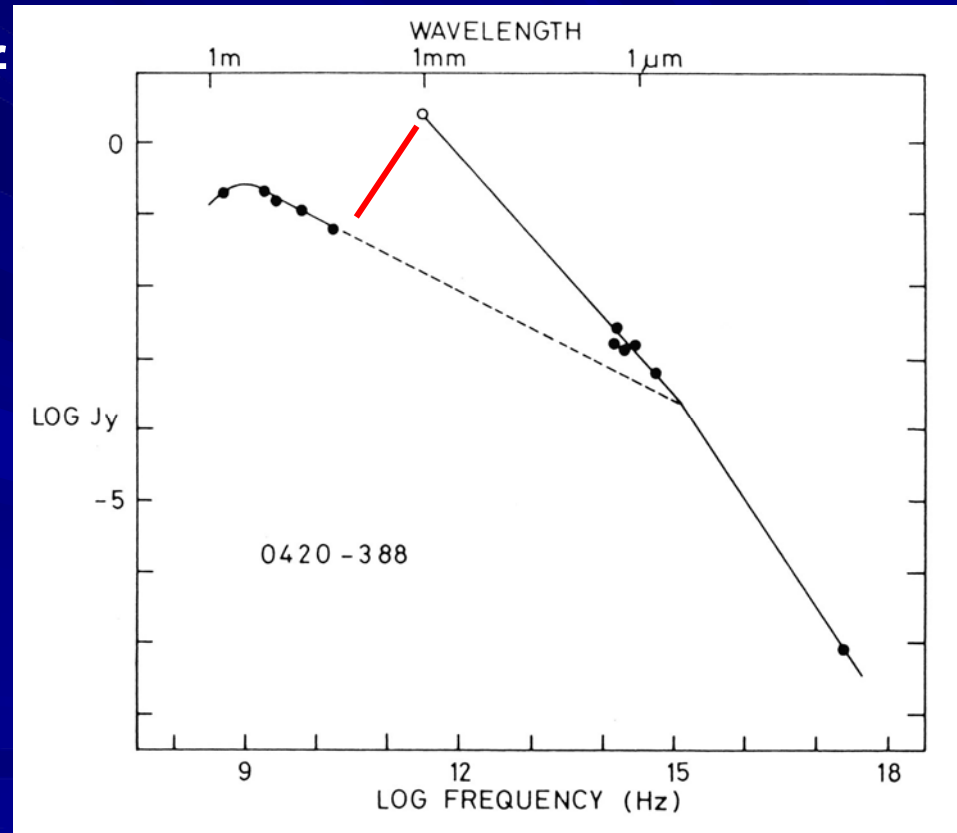
- The enormous advantages of a chopping secondary
- Stable baselines – huge improvement in detectivity
- A telescope with a guiding TV and adequate pointing and tracking
- Feed the detector direct at Cass – just like the IR

And – the Oregon 'Photometer'



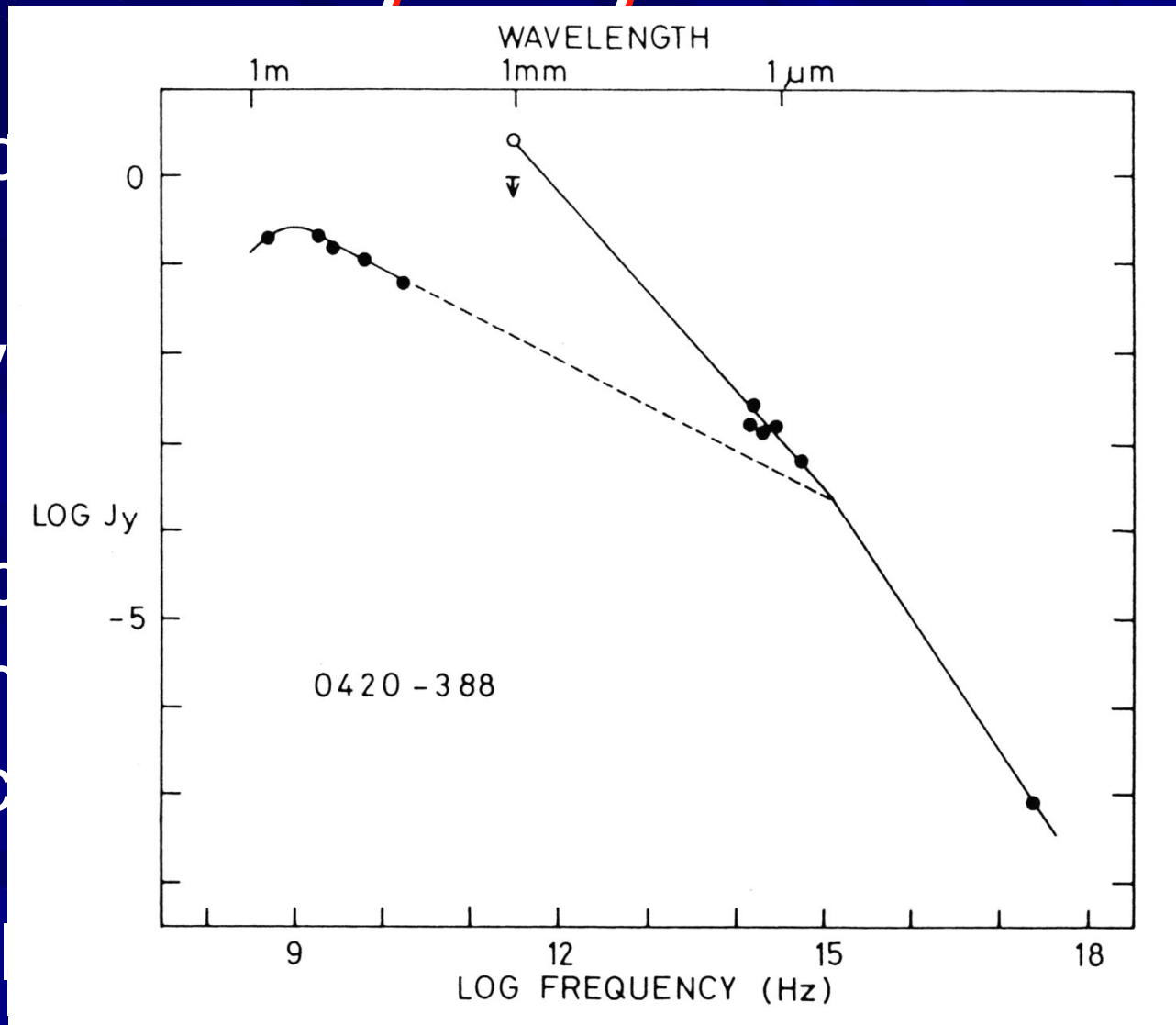
The quasar mystery

- Reported detection of a number of optically selected quasars at 1mm – around 1 Jy
- A new physical mechanism ???



The quasar mystery

- Reported selected
- New physics
- We selected
- Interesting
- No detected selected and would



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MILLIMETER AND SUBMILLIMETER OBSERVATIONS OF 3C 273

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A flare in the millimetre to IR spectrum of 3C273

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The near IR (J, H, K, L) data were obtained with the colour UKIRT photometer UKT6, with either 8 or 12 arc-
minutes and chopper throws of 15 or 30 arcs at 12.5 Hz. C-
tion was made with respect to the standard stars of Elias,
their respective J, H, K, L flux densities were taken to

	J	H	K	L
HD77281	2.19	1.48	0.96	0.4
HD166965	1.71	1.14	0.74	0.3
BD+32954	7.01	9.85	7.42	3.8

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A new infrared spectral component of the quasar 3C273

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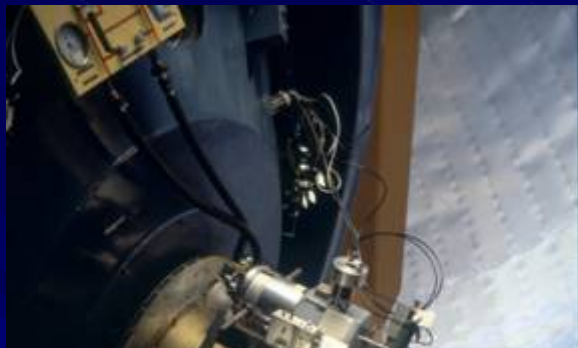
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Following the dramatic infrared to millimetre-wavelength flare in the quasar 3C273 during 1983¹, we have continued to monitor overall continuum emission. Recent measurements show that the μm to 3-mm emission has decayed to a level well below any seen previously^{2,3}, while the 1–4- μm emission has remained relatively constant. This behaviour has revealed the presence of an apparent non-variable component which dominates the near-infrared emission in 3C273 and includes the small 'bump' at $\sim 3.5 \mu\text{m}$ in the power-law continuum previously noted by Neugebauer *et al.*³. The origin of this component is probably not thermal re-radiation by dust grains but may be due to free-free emission from very dense broad-line clouds⁴.

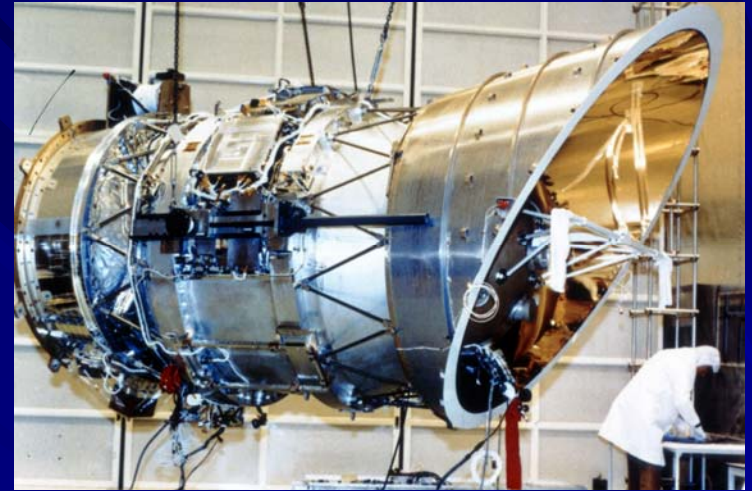
We report the first data together with contemporaneous show that the continuum to the infrared with a colour. There is no evidence with optically thin synchrotron radiation.
Subject headings: infrared

Over the past two years some of us (E.I.R., W.K.G., and I.G.N.) have been monitoring the millimetre to submillimetre spectrum of 3C273 (see elsewhere a quiescent millimetre-to-infrared $\alpha \approx -0.7$ (S, $\alpha \approx 0$) connecting mid-IR. Our discovery of a concurrent millimetre spectrum of 3C273 implies this range of frequency originates in the source. The flare was seen to propagate whilst decaying at shorter wavelengths. This is suggestive of an event with source. Millimetre wavelength variations reported^{2,4} but with very little temporal structure and Lehto⁵ have reviewed this.

Steady Development and new faces



The time of IRAS



- Awarded many months of morning twilight time to undertake IRAS follow-up in the submm
- Programme soon terminated – used normal observing slots instead
- Good success

The dusty Universe – was there thermal emission from radio-loud AGNs ?

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Thermal and non-thermal emission from NGC 1275 (3C 84)

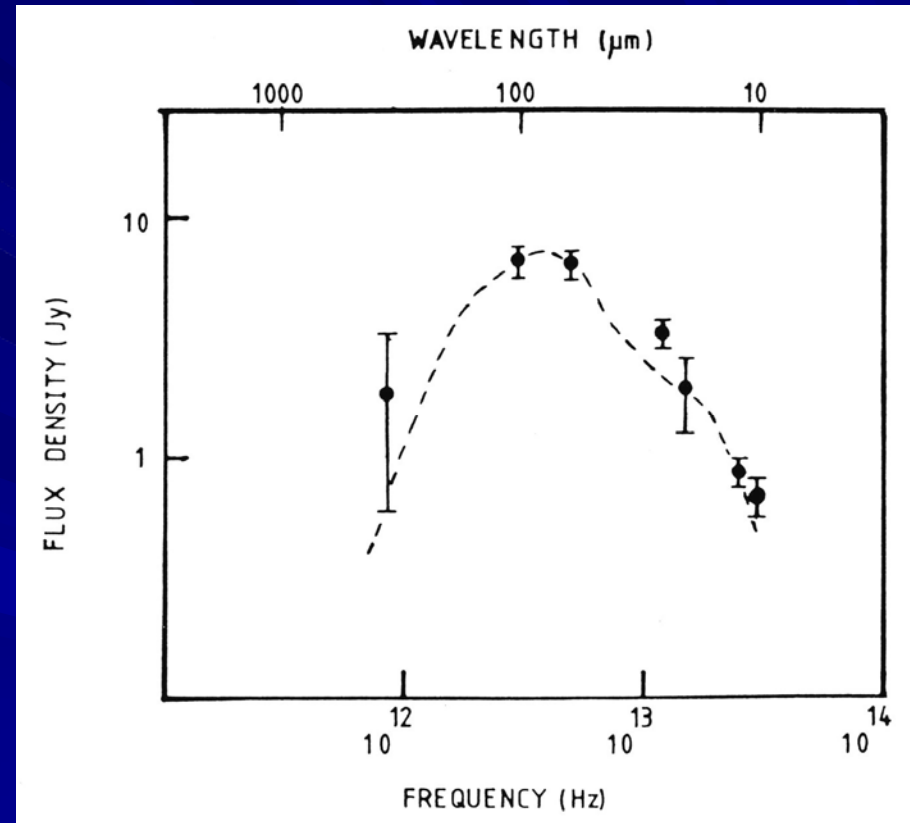
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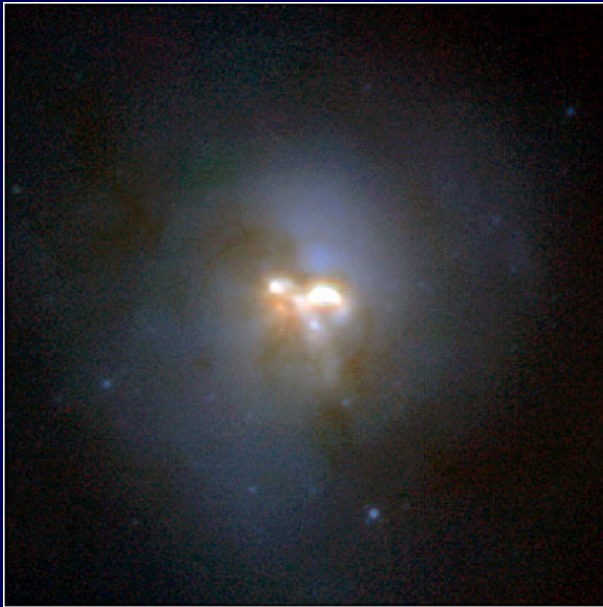
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- ❖ Thermal emission similar to NGC1068
- ❖ $L \sim 7 \times 10^{10} L_{\odot}$ and $M \sim 10^9 M_{\odot}$
- ❖ Problem of galaxy depletion in 10^8 y
- ❖ Lack of OB stars suggests star formation driven by cooling flow from the Perseus cluster

- ❖ Subtraction of the variable synchrotron component

Super-Starburst galaxies - ULIRGs



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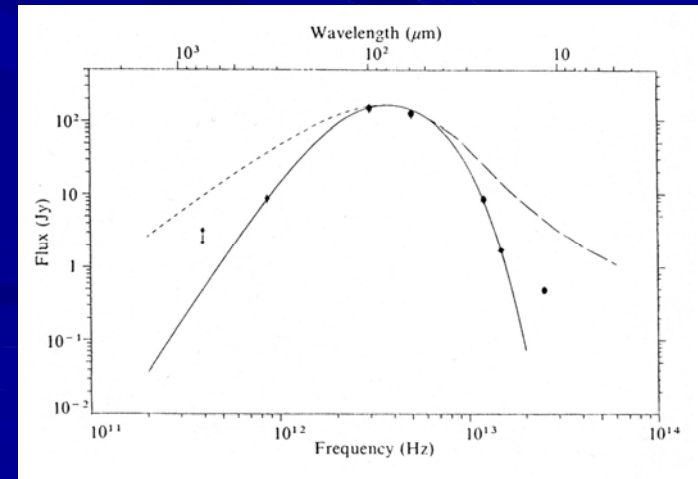
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Observations from IRAS (the Infrared Astronomical Satellite) have shown that the peculiar galaxy Arp220 (=IC4553) has extreme IR properties¹. Its IR luminosity is 100 times greater than normal spirals and nearly equals that of the most luminous Seyfert known, Mkn231. Its optical appearance suggests that it is either a recent merger or that it has a prominent central dust lane. Soifer *et al.* have discussed whether a starburst or a Seyfert nucleus can better explain their observations. We report here 20-, 350- and 760- μ m observations which constrain the mass and size of the emitting region and compare Arp220 with the archetypal starburst galaxy M82.

- ❖ IRAS discovery
- ❖ 20, 350, 760 micron observations in May 1984
- ❖ Cuts across the source at 20 microns indicates all emission within the 4-arcsec beam – and consistent with IRAS 25 micron flux
- ❖ $T_D = 61K$; $L \sim 10^{12} L_\odot$ ($\sim 100 \times M82$)

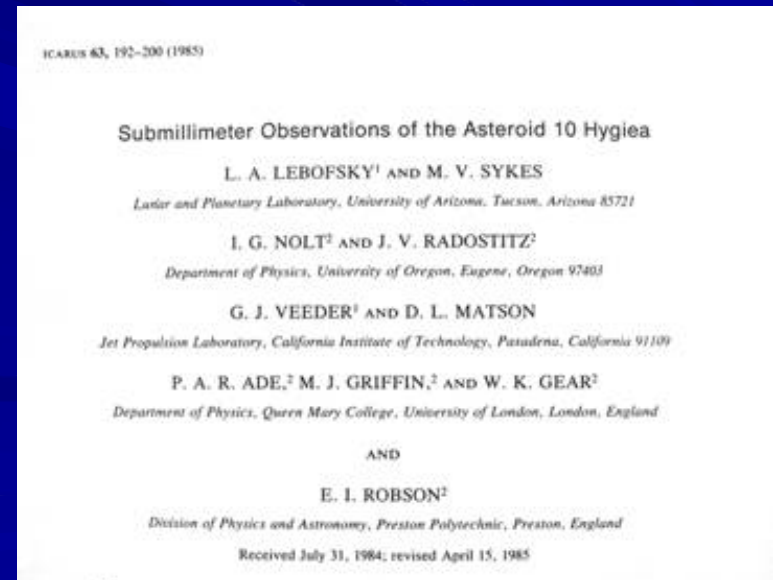


Multiwavelength Observations

- UKIRT was essentially unique covering the near-IR (JHK); mid-IR (LMNQ) and submillimetre on one facility (and ignoring Visphot)
- This made it extremely powerful for undertaking multi-wavelength observations, closely-spaced in time
- But, the IRTF had a better mid-IR photometer – lots of effort spent on UKIRT mid-IR photometers.

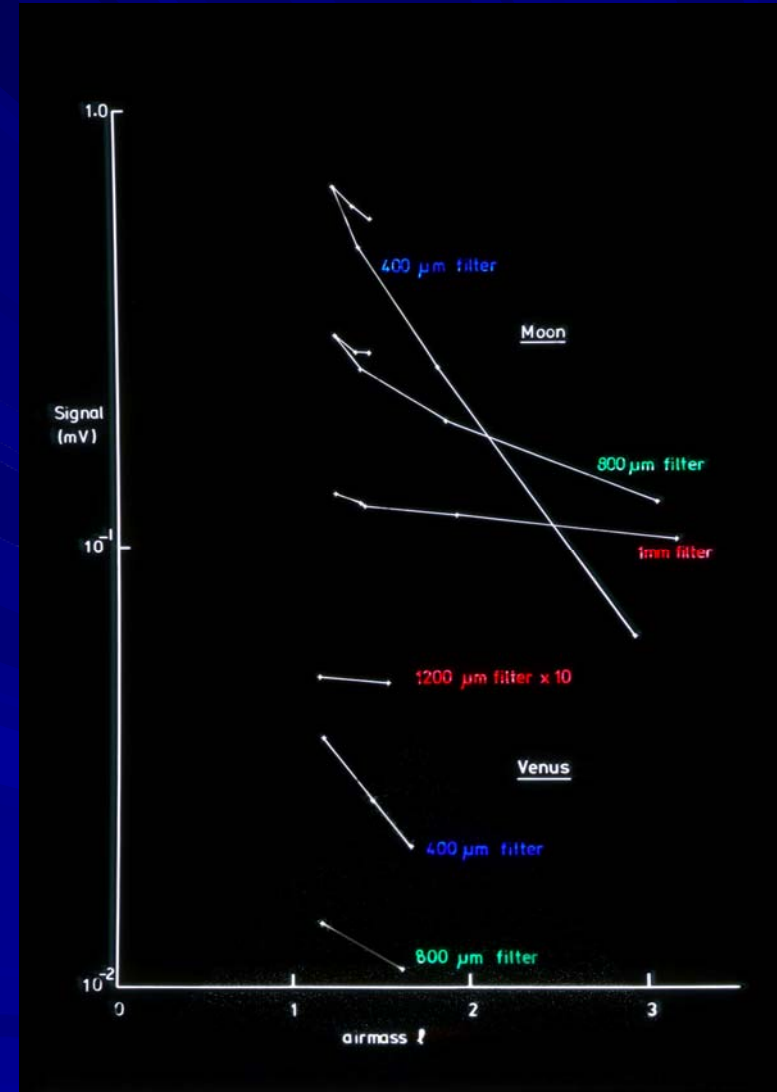
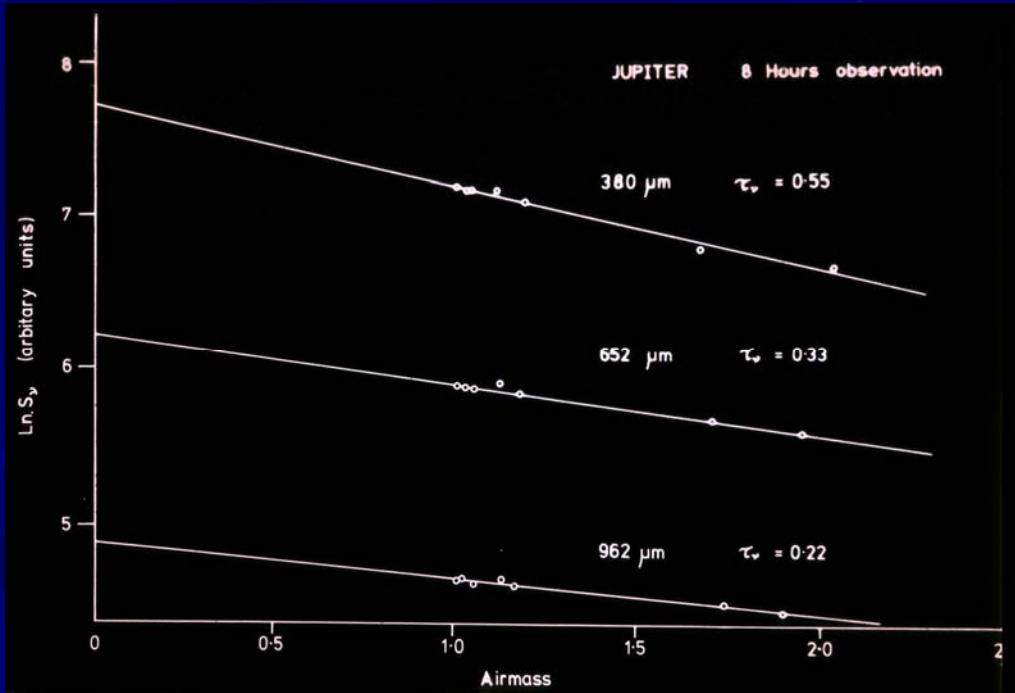
So, collaborate with IRTF

- Undertake submm and near-IR observations with UKIRT and the mid-IR with the IRTF.
- Needed some helpful scheduling
- Interesting results



Continued improvements in filters isolating the transmission windows and in improvements to the NEFD

Extensive experiments with two- and three-position chopping
To understand most optimum observing technique



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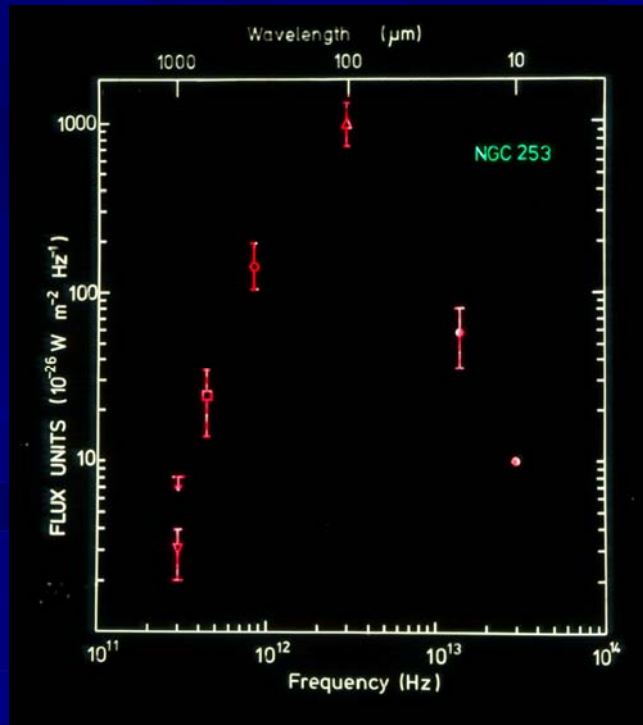
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- ❖ Afternoon-twilight with 2mm ppwv
- ❖ 'Mapped' at 350 μm – extended
- ❖ Data suggest the ISM is an ensemble of massive molecular clouds – unlike the preferred model for M82 of large number of very small clumps

MULTIFREQUENCY OBSERVATIONS OF BLAZARS. IV. THE VARIABILITY OF THE RADIO TO ULTRAVIOLET CONTINUUM

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ABSTRACT

We present the results of analysis of the variability properties of the high-frequency radio (centimeter) to ultraviolet continua of a sample of nine blazars. Three sources, 0851 + 202 (OJ 287), 1641 + 399 (3C 345) and 2223 - 052 (3C 446), have sufficiently complete spectral and temporal coverage to enable detailed comparisons to be made between the light curves obtained at the various wavebands. The infrared and optical variations of these sources are well correlated. In OJ 287 there is also a significant correlation between the centimeter variations and those at higher frequencies. In 3C 446, however, the centimeter variations appear to be uncorrelated with those at higher frequencies. A strong correlation is observed between the near-infrared flux levels and the near-infrared spectral slopes of the BL Lac objects, in the sense that the spectra are *steeper* when the sources are *fainter*. A similar correlation is observed to hold in optically violent variable (OVV) quasars during large-amplitude flare events; in general, however, the spectra of the OVV quasars exhibit no significant correlation between flux level and spectral slope. We deduce that an additional nonvariable 1-5 μm component may be present in the near-infrared spectra of OVV quasars. We also note that the supposed BL Lac object, 1308 + 328, shows properties intermediate between the two classes and clearly merits further study.

Subject headings: BL Lacertae objects — quasars — radiation mechanisms — radio sources: variable

Submillimeter and Millimeter Observations of Jupiter

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Submillimetre observations of a disc around the embedded source GL 490

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Dust around H II regions – II. W49A

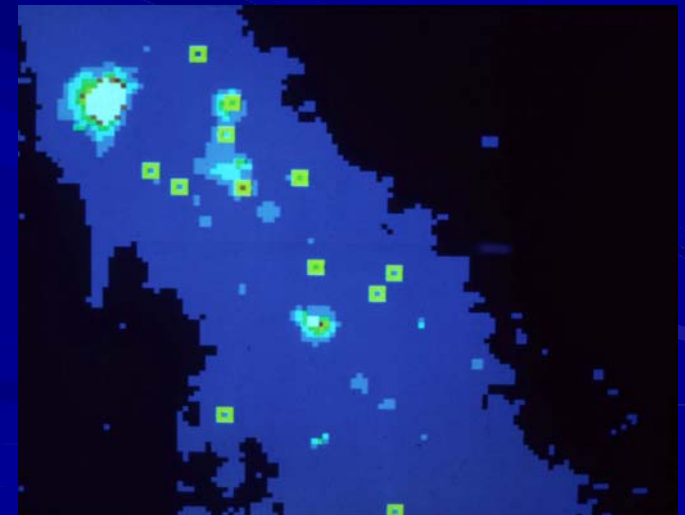
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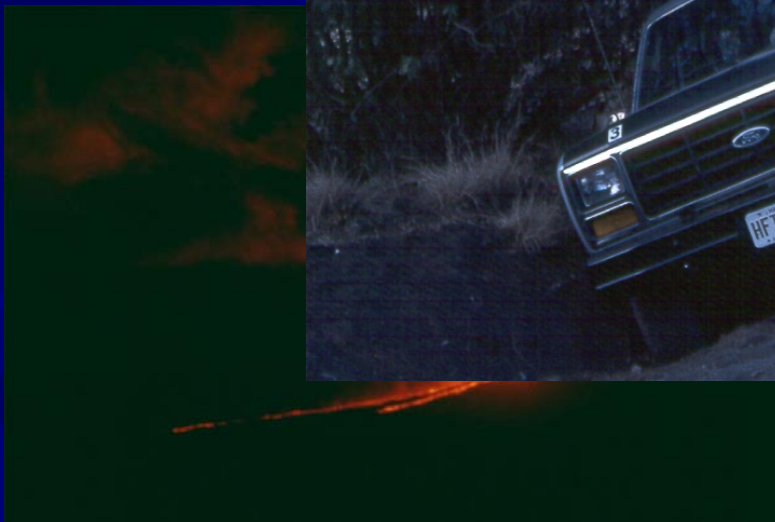
SUMMARY

Submillimetre continuum maps, and *IRAS* calibrated raw data maps, on which a new 'destriping' technique has been used, are presented of W49A, showing extensive emission from cool dust in the region. The dust emission is fitted by a greybody function with a temperature of 50 K and submillimetre spectral index $\beta = 1.8 \pm 0.2$, consistent with previous work. The cloud is shown to be optically thin at wavelengths longer than 150 μm , so the submillimetre fluxes can be used to estimate the total dust mass, which is found to be 2400 M_{\odot} . The 'filling factor' implies that the dust cloud is highly fragmented on small scales, possibly indicating continuing star-forming activity. The total far-infrared luminosity of the cloud is found to be $2.7 \times 10^7 L_{\odot}$, making W49A one of the most luminous star-forming regions in the Galaxy. The morphology of the cloud is diagnosed as consisting of an association of H II regions surrounded by a dust cloud composed of grains at two characteristic temperatures.









Remote observing and eavesdropping

- Dedicated line from the ROE
- Dedicated remote observing room
- Lots of lessons learned for the future:
 - Voice communication vital
 - Reliability of comms vital
 - Remote observing is a sociological experiment as well as a scientific experiment
- Extensive pre-planning essential
- Software tools vital

VAX/VMS Phone Facility

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Lorna Doone in Hawaii, ah?

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Are we going to 192i now?

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Wish we could offer you one of our excellent Lorna Doone biscuits that we are munching here..

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Why not, I'm from Devon too.

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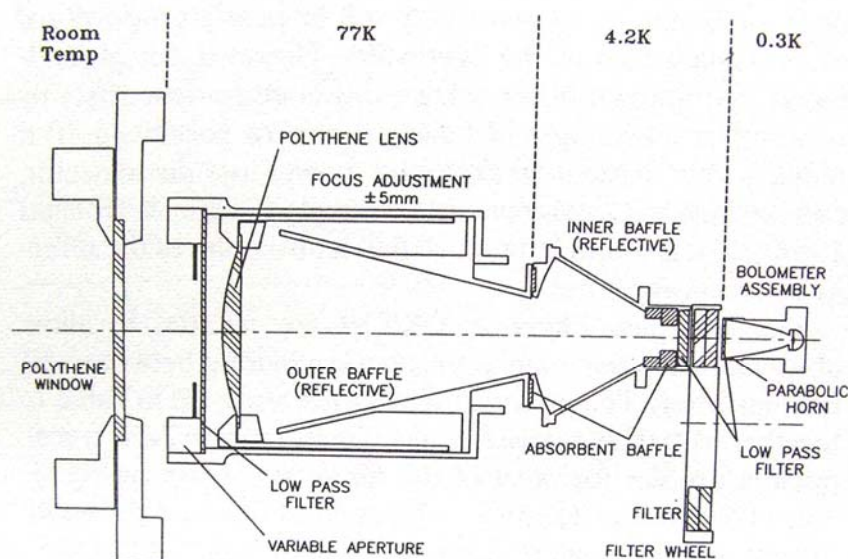
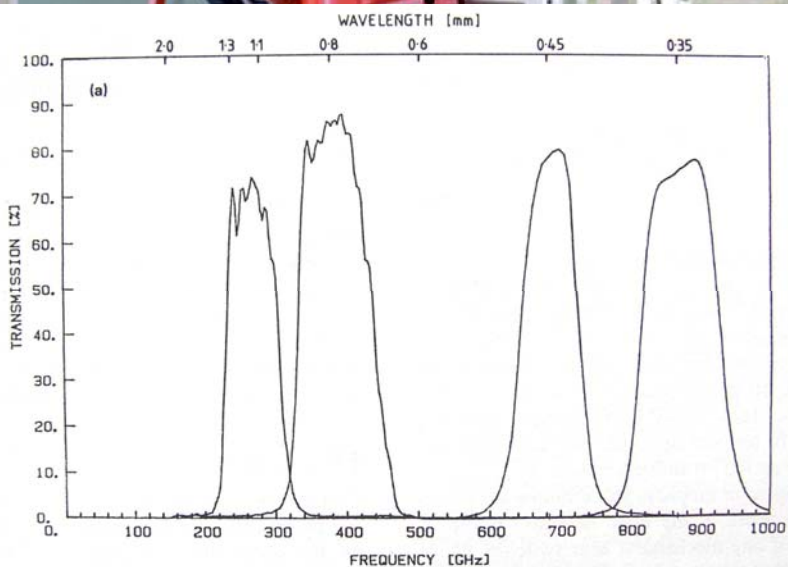
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UKT14 on UKIRT: Jan 1986-Feb 1988



Optics of UKT14

Figure 2. Optical arrangement of UKT14.



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Millimetre and submillimetre observations of the emission from dust in compact H II regions

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Infrared and submillimetre observations of the ρ Ophiuchi dark cloud

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Summary. A survey of part of the ρ Ophiuchi dark cloud region at wavelengths from 2 to 1100 μm is presented. The *IRAS* source 16235-2416 is identified with a previously discovered 80- μm source. A new method of background subtraction for *IRAS* raw data is outlined. A new submillimetre source, SM1, is reported, which is a cool condensation of dust. The continuum fluxes of SM1 are fitted with a greybody spectrum with dust grain temperature 15 ± 5 K. The mass and density of SM1 are such that it is a candidate protostellar object.

The grain emissivity coefficient β is found to be 2.2 ± 0.3 at submillimetre wavelengths, a value usually taken to be indicative of the presence of grain mantles. A new, intermediate-resolution spectrum around 2-4 μm shows the distinctive absorption feature at 3.07 μm attributed to water-ice, confirming the presence of solid H_2O on dust grains. The visual extinction ($A_V = 12$) is lower than that usually associated with grain mantling in the ρ Oph dark cloud complex.

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Table 1. Measured flux densities (in Jy) at each waveband for various apertures. (I) 7×5 arcmin² centred on 16235-2416 (not colour corrected), (II) 63-arcsec-diameter circular aperture centred on SM1, (III) 3-arcmin-square aperture centred on SM1 (*IRAS* data not colour-corrected).

$\lambda/\mu\text{m}$	I ($\pm 30\%$)	II	III
12	294	-	116.6 \pm 30%
25	502	-	197 \pm 30%
60	4632	-	1951 \pm 30%
100	10,580	-	4062 \pm 30%
350	-	421 \pm 8%	2360 \pm 10%
450	-	236 \pm 10%	-
800	-	38 \pm 5%	167 \pm 10%
1100	-	12.4 \pm 11%	66.7 \pm 10%

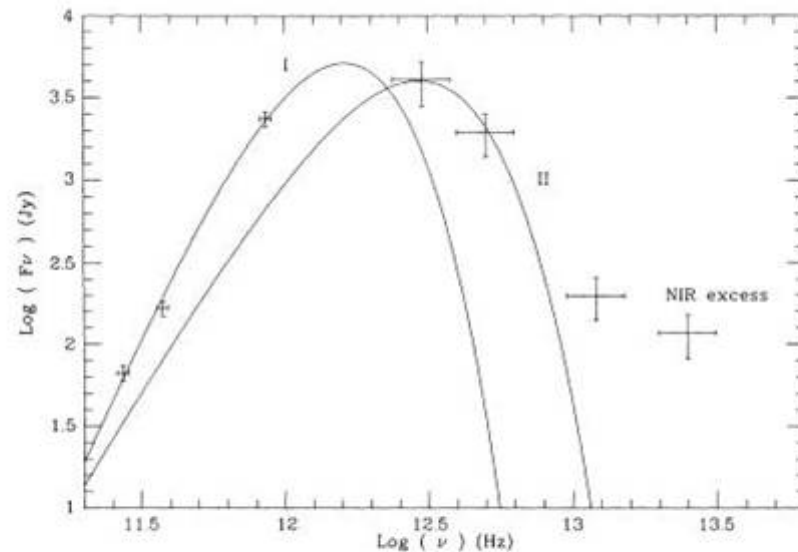
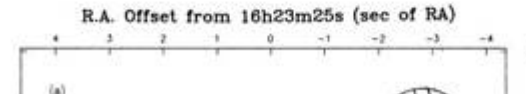
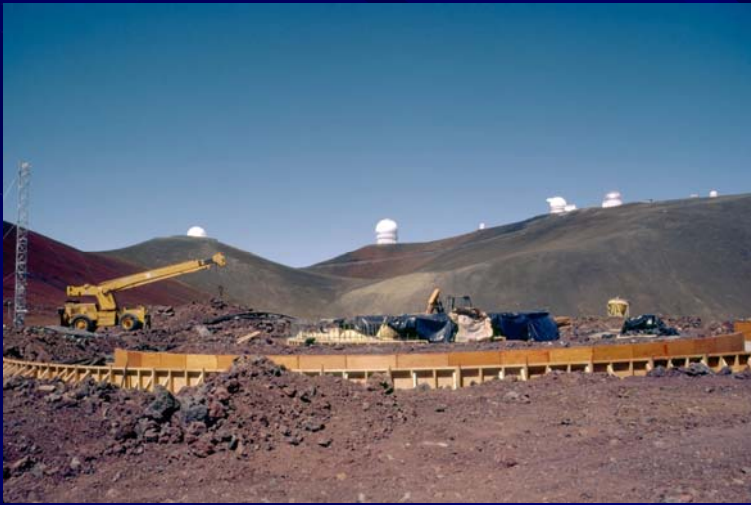


Figure 4. Log(flux) versus log(frequency) for a 3-arcmin square-aperture, centred on SM1, using both *IRAS* and UKIRT data. Two greybody curves have been fitted to the data, (I) $T = 15$ K, $\beta = 2.2$ (II) $T = 36$ K, $\beta = 1$, corresponding to SM1 and IRS1, respectively. It is not possible simply to add these two curves to obtain the total detected flux, due to the different source extents and the different beam sizes of the detectors. The NIR excess is clearly visible at 12 and 25 μm .



The JCMT is on the way!

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A millimetre/submillimetre common user photometer for the James Clerk Maxwell Telescope

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SUMMARY

We describe a multi-wavelength common user millimetre/submillimetre receiver which is now in operation on the James Clerk Maxwell Telescope (JCMT)* on Mauna Kea, Hawaii. It is a single channel photometer employing a composite germanium bolometric detector cooled by helium-3 to 0.35 K. The receiver has a set of bandpass filters allowing observations to be made in all of the atmospheric transmission windows between 350 μm and 2 mm.

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<u>NEFDs</u>	<u>800μm</u>	<u>400μm</u>
➤ UKIRT, He4 (1978)	200 Jy	500 Jy
➤ UKIRT He3 (1983)	10 Jy	25 Jy
➤ UKIRT-UKT14 (1987)	6 Jy	15 Jy
➤ JCMT- UKT14 (1989)	500 mJy	4 Jy
➤ SCUBA (1997)	80 mJy <i>37 pixels</i> <i>850/750μm</i>	450 mJy <i>91 pixels</i> <i>450/350μm</i>