# What we have learned from Spitzer

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- Obscured star formation rates out to z = 2 and down to  $10 M_{\odot}/yr$
- Finding complete samples of AGNs down to faint limits
- Are ULIRGs nurseries for quasars?
- Looking for true type-2 Seyfert galaxies

Accurate SFRs can be determined from 24 $\mu$ m (and MIRI 21 $\mu$ m) photometry up to z ~ 2

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Will discuss these issues later – first will explore why this works



IR galaxies are  $\sim 4 - 6$  kpc in diameter by z > 1



From Rujopakarn et al. 2011, ApJ, 726, 93

# Consequently the suppression of the aromatic bands characteristic of local ULIRGs is shifted to higher luminosities



This picture is confirmed by JVLA/ALMA observations.



From Simpson et al. 2015, ApJ, 799, 81 and Rujopakarn et al. 2016, in prep.



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# Need shorter MIRI bands to deal with these issues

**Compact galaxies:** 

for 0 < z < 0.6, ratio of f(21)/f(12.8) is</li>
> 1.5 times larger for log(LIR) = 12.25 template than for log(LIR) = 11.25 one
Extend to z = 1 with relatively shallow 25.5 μm measurement, use f(25.5)/f(15)

Therefore, a simple strategy identifies most compact galaxies







Ratios of SFR deduced from 8 μm + UV to that from full far IR + UV for 12 + log(O/H) = 8.2

Haro 11	0.81
Haro 3	0.47
HS 0052	0.51
Mrk 1089	0.46
Mrk 930	0.59
NGC 1140	0.57
UM 448	0.42

Calibration will remain valid over relevant range of metallicity.

Spectral changes are subtle for 12 + Log(O/H) > 8.

Haro 11 has exceptionally high star formation density. AGNs bright enough in the infrared to affect the SFR estimates can in principle be determined from color-color plots similar to those developed for IRAC (and WISE) photometry.



IRAC color-color diagram showing the location of X-ray AGN with different X-ray luminosities in the Chandra Deep Field South 4Ms catalogue (circles), with respect to other IRAC galaxies not detected in X-ray, or detected but not classified as AGN (background dots).
 The dashed and solid lines delimit the color regions proposed for AGN selection by Lacy et al. and Donley et al., respectively. From K. Caputi 2014, arXiv 1405.7940v1

Messias et al. 2014, A&A, 562A, 144 have proposed such diagrams for use with NIRCam and MIRI.

These methods focus on identifying power law continua.



A better strategy for AGNs



With the additional photometric bands available with MIRI, it may be more powerful to utilize the spectral minimum in star forming galaxies between 3.5 and 5.5 µm.

- It is hard for an AGN to hide if one can observe this rest wavelength
- As an example, here is photometry of NGC 4945 (a highly obscured local AGN with 2
- 10 keV reduced by X 35), normalized to the spectrum of Arp 220
- We will get more complete identifications of AGNs with many MIRI bands that let us isolate the 3.5 5.5  $\mu m$  (rest) spectral region









## **Complete Measurement of Embedded Star Formation to z = 2**

- There is a viable strategy to measure obscured SFRs to z  $\sim$  2, based on MIRI 21  $\mu m$  imaging.

- 3 hours integration will reach SFRs of 10  $M_{\odot}/yr$ , 10- $\sigma$
- A critical part of the strategy is appropriately deep imaging in the shorter wavelength MIRI bands

- Time needed for other bands depends on final strategy, but is less than that necessary at 21  $\mu m$ 

• These measurements will provide very complete identification of AGNs

• They will also let us compare the fraction of compact LIRGs and ULIRGs with the more extended ones, as a function of redshift

# Mid-IR spectroscopy is competitive with hard X-rays (HX) for AGN studies



Optical depth at [Ne VI] (7.65  $\mu$ m) and [O IV] (25.89  $\mu$ m) is no more than that at about 8 keV. From Corrales et al. 2016, MNRAS, 458, 1345

Comparison of AGN luminosity estimated from hard X-rays with that from [O IV] 25.89  $\mu$ m. The trend lines show an increasing ratio of L([O IV])/L(X) with increasing absorption.



Compton-thin Seyfert 1.8–2 AGNs are plotted as red open circles and arrows; Seyfert 1.8–2 of unknown column are plotted as blue arrows or squares; and Compton-thick AGNs are plotted as light gray open squares and arrows. From Rigby et al. 2009, ApJ, 700, 1878

### There are a number of mid-IR fine structure lines indicative of active galactic nuclei



- $\bullet$  [Ne VI] 7.65  $\mu m$  has ionization potential of 158 eV , much too high for stars
- Also critical density of  $\sim 10^6\,\text{cm}^{\text{-3}}$  and very low interstellar extinction
- Ratio to hydrogen recombination lines virtually independent of ionization parameter
- Not readily confused with high mass X-ray binaries



[O IV] and [Ne VI] track each other closely in identifying AGN. Mostly from Sturm et al. 2002, A&A, 393, 821

## **Applications of MIRI Spectroscopy to AGN**

• Testing whether ULIRGs are the nurseries for AGN

• Identifying true Type-2 AGN

## The famous Hopkins ULIRG/QSO evolutionary scenario

#### (c) Interaction/"Merger"



- now within one halo, galaxies interact & lose angular momentum
- SFR starts to increase
- stellar winds dominate feedback
- rarely excite QSOs (only special orbits)

#### (b) "Small Group"



 $[M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}]$ 

SFR

- halo accretes similar-mass companion(s)
   can occur over a wide mass range
- Mhalo still similar to before: dynamical friction merges the subhalos efficiently

#### (a) Isolated Disk



- halo & disk grow, most stars formed
- secular growth builds bars & pseudobulges
- "Seyfert" fueling (AGN with  $M_B$ >-23)
- cannot redden to the red sequence

(d) Coalescence/(U)LIRG



- galaxies coalesce: violent relaxation in core - gas inflows to center:
- starburst & buried (X-ray) AGN - starburst dominates luminosity/feedback, but, total stellar mass formed is small

(e) "Blowout"



- BH grows rapidly: briefly dominates luminosity/feedback
   remaining dust/gas expelled
- get reddened (but not Type II) QSO: recent/ongoing SF in host high Eddington ratios merger signatures still visible

#### (f) Quasar



- dust removed: now a "traditional" QSO - host morphology difficult to observe:
- tidal features fade rapidly
- characteristically blue/young spheroid

#### (g) Decay/K+A



NGC 7252

M59

 QSO luminosity fades rapidly

 tidal features visible only with very deep observations
 remnant reddens rapidly (E+A/K+A)
 "hot halo" from feedback

 sets up quasi-static cooling

#### (h) "Dead" Elliptical



- star formation terminated
- large BH/spheroid efficient feedback
- halo grows to "large group" scales: mergers become inefficient
- growth by "dry" mergers
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JWST is two orders of magnitude more sensitive to obscured AGN than NuStar (Teng et al. 2015, ApJ, 814, 56) Arp 220 (HST): prototypical Ultraluminous Infrared Galaxy (ULIRG) with >  $10^{12} L_{\odot}$  from

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[Ne VI] 7.65  $\mu$ m and Br  $\alpha$  4.05  $\mu$ m fall within a broad minimum in interstellar extinction, facilitating a number of possible investigations

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# JWST and True Type 2 AGN

- The [Ne VI] 7.65  $\mu m$  line can be used to measure the instantaneous luminosity of the central engine

- Can get a simultaneous measurement of the hydrogen line profiles
- If use Pa  $\alpha$  or even better Br  $\alpha$  the obscuration will be minimized
- JWST therefore allows unambiguous comparison of intrinsic AGN properties
  - Provides a definitive determination if the AGN is true type 2

## Summary

- [Ne VI] 7.65  $\mu$ m line is foundation for many AGN investigations
  - Ionization potential of 158 eV , much too high for stars
  - Critical density of  $\sim 10^6$  cm<sup>-3</sup> and very low interstellar extinction
  - Ratio to hydrogen recombination lines virtually independent of ionization parameter
  - Not readily confused with high mass X-ray binaries
- Samples
  - Probing ULIRGs for very faint embedded AGN
  - Simultaneous AGN lumnosity and emission lines true type 2 AGN (?)

## **Overall: Spitzer Foundations for JWST Studies**

- Determining embedded star formation rates out to  $z\sim2$ 
  - $\bullet$  Depends on 21  $\mu m$  plus shorter integrations in other MIRI bands to identify problematic galaxies
- $\bullet$  Identifying AGN by documenting spectral minimum near 5  $\mu m$
- Use of [Ne VI] line to identify AGN, measure intrinsic lumnosity
- Pa  $\alpha$  and Br  $\alpha$  show hydrogen line structure with minimal extinction

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### The calibration should remain valid over the expected range of metallicity.

The arrow extends from solar metallicity to that expected for a main sequence galaxy at z = 2 forming stars at 10 M<sub> $\odot$ </sub> yr<sup>-1</sup> (e.g., Erb et al. 2006, ApJ, 644, 813; Zahid et al. 2013, ApJL, 771, 19



Relatively low mass/high z will need multiband photometry to test aromatic strengths.