# **Dust in High Redshift Galaxies**

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# **Cosmic Infrared Background\***



\* Cosmic Infrared Background (CIB) = Extragalactic Background Light (EBL)

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#### Most stellar mass and AGN growth occurs at z~1-3







#### Ultra-luminous infrared galaxies (ULIRGs)

"A rose by any other name would smell as sweet "



# Spectral energy distribution (SED) of high redshift submillimeter galaxies (SMGs)



# (ISO) Mid-infrared Spectroscopy Local ULIRGs



PAHs are sensitive to the radiation field and the dust grain size distribution





# PAHs as an ISM diagnostic





Hollenbach & Tielens 1997

# **Spitzer IRS spectroscopy Detailed studies of local galaxies**



PAHs are found in PDRs and diffuse regions of star forming galaxies



#### PAH/L<sub>IR</sub> ratio depends on metallicity



## Spitzer Mid-IR Spectroscopy Extending out to high redshift

#### The mid-IR spectrum can be decomposed into two main components:

#### 1. Starburst:

#### Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) emission lines + extinction Main lines at 6.2, 7.7, 8.6 and 11.3μm



#### 2. <u>AGN</u>: power-law + extinction





# Spitzer Mid-IR Spectroscopy of SMGs

**<u>Starburst</u>:** Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) + extinction





# **SMGs: Dust temperature bias**





## Link between dust and gas



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# **IR SED**

- IRS gives a good estimate of AGN<sub>mid-IR</sub> but we care about the AGN contribution to L<sub>IR</sub>(8-1000µm)
- Extrapolate to far-IR:
- e.g.  $AGN_{mid-IR} \sim 50\%$
- $\Rightarrow$ AGN<sub>total IR</sub> ~ 10-20%
- AGN rarely dominate bolometric luminosity



# Herschel Space Observatory

 $10^{0}$ 

 $10^{1}$ 

**Deep high(er) resolution far-IR** 

imaging at:

70, 100, 160, 250, 350, 500µm

Accurate L<sub>IR</sub> and SFR for individual galaxies

> Dust properties:  $T_{dust}$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $M_{dust}$ 







#### **GOODS Extragalactic Mid-IR Spectral Library**

- 150 sources in GOODS-N and ECDFS observed with Spitzer/IRS
- All data reduced and lines measured in a uniform way
- Spectral decomposition to get AGN fraction, L<sub>PAH</sub>, L<sub>8</sub>, etc.



### SED fitting with Spitzer/IRS + Herschel







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Oliver+2010







# Large Millimeter Telescope (LMT)

- 50m Antenna
  - Operation: 4mm-0.85mm
  - Active Primary Surface

75 microns rms.

- Located in Mexico
  - Excellent mm-wave site
  - High Altitude (15,000 ft)
  - +19 deg. Latitude
- State-of-the-art instrumentation: AzTEC 1.1mm camera Redshift Search Receiver (RSR)





## LMT First Light with RSR!







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# AzTEC in the LMT Receiver Cabin



# Summary

- Strong PAH emission is much more prevalent at high redshift compared to locally different physical conditions/mechanisms for star formation
- We see a PAH deficit similar to [CII] (also tracing PDRs) high and low redshift galaxies are unified in this trend when we consider the molecular gas supply
- Uniformity in SEDs at z=1-2 in that AGN fraction does not appear to strongly affect the average dust temperature – Host galaxy dominates the submm light or more extended dust
- ALMA+large single dish submm telescopes will allow us to push studies of dust down to typical L<sup>\*</sup> galaxies that are dominating the SFRD