INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY OF GALAXIES

PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE JD SMITH UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO

BURNING QUESTIONS ABOUT GALAXIES IN THE UNIVERSE

WHAT IS THE HISTORY OF METAL AND DUST PRODUCTION?

WHAT IS THE RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF ACCRETION VS. STAR FORMATION?

HOW ARE GAS, DUST AND STARS ARRANGED IN GALAXIES (AND WHY)?

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All of the models require a "silicate" absorption

KLEINMANN, GILLETT, AND WRIGHT, 1976



$\lambda/\Delta\lambda \sim 100$ UKIRT, UCL SPECTROMETER

AITKEN, ROCHE, AND PHILLIPS, 1981

ALONG CAME IRAS

LRS: 8–22µM SLITLESS GRISM, 5 PIXELS!



COHEN & VOLK, 1989

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ROCHE ET AL., 1991



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THE RICH IR SPECTRA OF GALAXIES

- OLD STELLAR PHOTOSPHERES.
- STOCHASTICALLY HEATED GRAIN CONTINUUM.
- STRONG AROMATIC EMISSION BANDS.



- THERMAL DUST EMISSION.
- COOLING LINES OF HII REGIONS, PDRS, HIGH EXCITATION AGN ENVIRONMENTS: 5– 150EV.

THE TOP 10 MOST LUMINOUS EMISSION LINES OF STAR-FORMING GALAXIES







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GAS DENSITY



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AGN VS. STARBURST



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THE HUMBLE LONG SLIT

- STABLE BACKGROUND, IMAGING AND DETECTOR PERFORMANCE + SUB-SLIT WIDTH SPACECRAFT POINTING:
 - HIGH SPECTRAL MAPPING SPEED WITH LONG SLITS!
- SIMPLER OPTICS, SMALLER INSTRUMENT, EASIER TO CHARACTERIZE SLIT THROUGHPUT.
- SOME ADDITIONAL DATA COMPLEXITIES: EASILY HANDLED.







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ONWARD, UPWARD

- INCREDIBLE DIAGNOSTIC POWER OF THE MID AND FAR-IR EMISSION OF GALAXIES, AS OF YET MINIMALLY EXPLOITED!
- PAH EMISSION: THE GIANT ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM.
- COLD, LARGE APERTURE, MODEST RESOLUTION SLITS: INCREDIBLE POWER FOR BOTH POINT-SOURCE AND MAPPING SURVEYS.

