# ISM & Star Formation in Extreme Environments

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## Why Extreme?

- Most star formation in Universe appears to follow simple rules
- However in extreme environments, these rules are either altered or harder to determine
- Star formation in these environments therefore give clues on the underlying physics of star formation
- At their core, it is the physics of the ISM diving these differences
- DISCLAIMER!! this is a rapid view with biases, there is much more out there!

### Extreme Environments?

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Hubble

- What are extreme environments?
  - Environments outside the norm
- ULIRGs
- Starbursts
- AGN
- Kinematically disturbed regimes



- ULIRGs (a historical perspective & recent update)
- Starbursts
- Kennicutt-Schmidt relation
- The ISM of Starbursts/ULIRGS
- AGN & their ISM
- Outflows
- Star formation & ISM in kinematically disturbed regions

# ULIRGS







# Extremely bright

M82

- Since the advent of IR, some galaxies found to emit more in IR than optical (Riecke & Lebofsky 1979)
- Some were known quasars or clear AGN
- Others were found to host a remarkable amount of starformation activity
- These are the first "Starbursts"

# ULIRGS



Credit: NASA, ESA, the Hubble Heritage (STScI/AURA)-ESA/Hubble Collaboration, and A. Evans (University of Virginia, Charlottesville/NRAO/Stony Brook University)

- Ultra Luminous InfraRed Galaxies (ULIRGs):  $L_{IR} > 10^{12}$  $L_{\odot}$  (LIRGS >  $10^{11} L_{\odot}$ , HyLIRGS >  $10^{13} L_{\odot}$ , SMGs...)
- Locally found earlier (Riecke & Lebofsky 1979) but many found with advent of IRAS (Houck et al. 1985)
- Most Luminous (nontransient) sources in Universe
- See early review of ULIRGs Sanders & Mirabel (1996)

### Physics of ULIRGs



Sanders & Mirabel+1996

# ULIRGs

- Locally most ULIRGs are mergers or interactions
- At higher z, evolution of typical SFR means some non-merger ULIRGs found
- Strong evolution with redshift (L<sub>IR</sub> ~ (1+z)<sup>4</sup>), but linked to evolution of star formation rate
- While bright, they are rare; only ~3% of total energy density (6% IR energy density; Lonsdale, Farrah & Smith 2006)
- At high z see review Casey, Narayanan, Cooray, 2014.



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- UV originates different sites
- ID heating mechanism hard



#### Heating the monsters

- Most ULIRGs heating can be identified with optical/NIR lines
- All have significant SFR, but AGN fraction high (> 25%) and increases with L<sub>IR</sub>
- AGN also have warmer mid-IR colours
- However some ULIRGs have  $A_V > 60!$
- Can even be Thompson thick (x-rays)
- <u>GOALS</u> survey has overview of identifying ULIRGs (Armus+2009)
- Next PUMA: Physics of ULIRGS with MUSE & ALMA (Perna, Arribas+21)

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NGC6240

# Measuring SFR in ULIRGs



Groves+2008

 Main issue - what fraction of heating by stars or AGN?

- SFRs in ULIRGs are easy & hard
- Basically perfect bolometers
  L<sub>IR</sub> ~ SFR



# Drivers?

- High gas masses and densities distinguish ULIRGs (mostly H<sub>2</sub>)
- Mergers/interactions drive
   gas to centres
- Lead to AGN & high SFRs
- High gas/dust columns process light to IR -> ULIRGs
- At high z, high SFRs at high mass can lead to ULIRGs, but not merger driven

#### Arp220 Hubble

# Why ULIRGs?

- Extreme monsters
- High gas densities & High SFRs (> 1000 M<sub>☉</sub>/yr!)
- Warm H2 (NIR lines observed)
- Shocks ([FeII] and H<sub>2</sub> observed in NIR, strong gas flows)
- AGN
- Compact (high surface brightness)
- High optical depths (even to IR!)
- Luminosity means visible across cosmic time (plus negative k-correction)

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  - ULIRGs are complex & rare
- While part of the next discussion I'll split these into Starbursts and AGN, but remember that ULIRGs will be in both









- Starbursts are places with excessive star formation
- This can either be global or as density
- In nearby galaxies typically manifests as circumnuclear rings or starbursts
- But what's "excessive"?

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Brinchmann+2004

D. Dale talk yesterday

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- Many fall below this (Passive/Quenched)
- But some have much higher star formation
- These are Starbursts



Fraser-McKelvie+2021

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Data from Rodighiero et al. (2011):  $10 < \log(M_{\star}/M_{\odot}) < 10.33$   $10.67 < \log(M_{\star}/M_{\odot}) < 11$ 

 $10.33 < \log(M_{\star}/M_{\odot}) < 10.67$   $11 < \log(M_{\star}/M_{\odot}) < 11.5$ 



- Simplistically, Starbursts have excessive SFR (either as a function of mass or Σ<sub>M</sub>\*)
- A few % relative to MS galaxies
- Are gas rich & increased extinction

#### Variation in the main-sequence

 Given uncertainty with MS and dispersion exact definition of SBs malleable



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GAMA/DEVILS sample

Davies+2022



### Variation of Gas over MS

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 But f<sub>H2</sub>=M<sub>H2</sub>/M\* increasing with increasing SFR at same M\*



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ALMA/MaNGA:Baker+2022

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 However this appears mostly to be driven by the Σ<sub>H2</sub> -Σ<sub>★</sub> relation

#### **Resolved Main-Sequence**



Pessa+ (2022)

 We also start to see variation in these relations as a function of galactic environment

#### **Resolved Starbursts**

- Note going forward:
- I tend to interchange global & resolved starbursts
- However generally global == local starburst
- But resolved =/= global
- For nearby galaxies, we're limited by small number of global starbursts



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# Kennicutt-Schmidt Relation

OR Depletion times & SF Efficiencies







### **Kennicutt-Schmidt relation**

- First put forward by Schmidt (1959) the relation between gas and stars has proven remarkably tight.
- Kennicutt (1998) put it together using nearby galaxies, including (nuclear) starbursts (squares)
- Depletion time τ<sub>dep</sub>= Gas/SFR
- SF Efficiency = SFR\*Δt/Gas



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- BUT...

















Daddi+ (2010)



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# Kennicutt-Schmidt & starbursts

- Kennicutt-Schmit relation: more gas = more stars
- Similar efficiency across normal galaxy disks
- Yet starbursts offset? Steeper relation?
- SFRs are fairly robust in ULIRGs given most comes out in IR (and AGN removed) but still matching normal and burst hard
  - IMF concerns?
- But Gas densities?
- What about Sizes? (Not all are "resolved")
- Kennicutt & De Los Reyes (2021) very good discussion on these issues

# Varying aco

 It's been accepted for a while that relation between CO intensity and H2 column varies in Starbursts

- Must be lower than MW conversion
- See Bolatto+13 for discussion



Also J. Roman-Duval talk

### Naranyan+ (2012)

## Dust -based evidence of aco



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# Resolving the regions



Kennicutt & De Los Reyes (2021)

# All evidence suggests ULIRGs more efficient at Star formation



Kennicutt & De Los Reyes (2021)

## Even using dust offset seen

- Clear evidence that aco varies within and between galaxies
- a<sub>co</sub> lower in starbursts
- Offset with Σ<sub>gas</sub> likely due to HI ->H<sub>2</sub> differences
- Evidence that SF more efficient in ULIRGs (τ<sub>dep</sub>(H<sub>2</sub>) lower)
- Why?

see M. Chevance Talk



Kennicutt & De Los Reyes (2021)

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PHANGS: Pessa+ (2022)  $\log \Sigma_{SFR} - \langle \log \Sigma_{SFR} \rangle = C_{\star} \Delta \log \Sigma_{\star} + C_{\rm mol} \Delta \log \Sigma_{\rm mol}$ 

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# And Stretch!



# The ISM of Starbursts/ ULIRGs







# ISM of starbursts & ULIRGs

- A lot of it (high M<sub>H2</sub>/M<sub>★</sub>)
- Warm (high T,  $\sigma_{gas}$ )
- Dense (high  $\Sigma_{gas}$ ,  $n_{gas}$ )
- With high luminosity and molecular abundance, ULIRGs show a suite of easily accessible molecular lines



## & ULIRGs



(i)

= CS(7-6)

FWHM=240 km

IRAM 30-m

- HCN(1-0)

(h)

(e)

= 12CO(2-1)

(a)

30

Meijerink+2013

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# Likely impacted by optical depth

- HCN/CO ratio suggests much denser & warmer gas than CO SLED alone
- High-J transitions obscured!
- Xco difficult in ULIRGs



# Underlying physics of aco



### Narayan & Krumholz (2014)

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### Garcia-Burillo+ (2004)

See more linear correlations with dense gas tracers HCN, HCO+ **But HCN/HCO+ impacted** by shocks, X-rays (Meijerink+2007,2011)



Leroy+ (2015)



- See more linear correlations with dense gas tracers HCN, HCO+
- This gives a constant <sub>dep</sub>(dense) with ~0.5 dex scatter
- However scatter may be related to cloud properties...

EMPIRE/ALMOND/PHANGS

Neumann+ (2023)



### Dense Gas



EMPIRE/ALMOND/PHANGS

Bešlić+(2021)

# Other molecular lines

- Brightness of ULIRGs allow measurement of transitions of multiple molecules
- Density & Heating in AGN allow for high level transitions (not just in CO)

IRAS 13120–5453 Privon+ (2017)


#### ISM of ULIRGs

- ULIRGS & Starburst have higher  $\Sigma_{gas}$ , high f(H<sub>2</sub>)
- Clear evidence of high dense gas fraction (f<sub>dense</sub> ~HCN/ CO)
- At high density T<sub>K</sub> ~ T<sub>dust</sub> (& warm dust in ULIRGs)
- BUT extra heating sources
  - X-rays (AGN)
  - Cosmic rays
  - shocks (winds & turbulence/high  $\sigma_{gas}$ )

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#### Cloud scale differences





Brunetti & Wilson (2022)

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- IR lines show "IRdeficit"
- Likely comes from changing ISM physics & increasing 'dust cooling'
  - That is dust
    competing for
    ionising photons with
    gas and collisionally
    heat dust cooling
- Intense radiation fields and compact star forming regions (PDRs) dominate

Diaz-Santos+ (2017)

# The ISM & SF in AGN







- AGN: Active galactic NGC1068 Nuclei
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Credit: NASA/ESA, Filipenko, Pagan



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#### AGN heating



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#### **Emission line diagnostics**



Hard UV & X-ray spectra leads to very different line emission than star formation lonised and molecular show

differences

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PUMA: MUSE ULIRGs

Perna+2021

#### **Emission line diagnostics**

- Diagnostics extend to both UV (but high extinction)
- And NIR & MIR where extinction is less
- Classically used lines in spectral windows
- But with JWST...



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#### AGN in Radio

- AGN Radio arises from synchrotron emission
- Arising from jets and strong particle emission
- Jets (& outflows) drive material to large radii
- Jets drive shocks into surrounding ISM

M87

Image courtesy: NRAO/VLA

#### AGN in Radio

- Jet lead to shocks in galaxy (both the "drill" and perpendicular
- However, heating of the larger scale diffuse ICM is key to may galaxy evolution models
- Also play a key role in polluting ICM/IGM with metals



VLA RADIO

#### High-energy from AGN

Gamma-ray emissions

X-ray emissions

Milky Way

50,000 light-years

Sun



#### High-energy from AGN

- AGN with high energy coronae, strong magnetic fields are big sources of high energy emission
- NGC1068 brightest extragalactic source of neutrinos in northern hemisphere
- Cosmic rays can penetrate into & through the deepest molecular cloud



#### Ice cube collaboration (2022)

#### High-energy from AGN



#### AGN in MS & SB galaxies

- Measuring star formation in AGN is about separating AGN heating (spatially/ spectrally)
- What we find in typical EL AGN is star formation suppressed in starbursts with AGN (Masoura+18)



Rodigheiro+ (2015)

#### ISM in AGN-hosts

- Strong line (high accretion) AGN correlate with higher central gas densities
- Star formation common in AGN-host galaxies
- AGN act to to further heat ISM
  - Shocks
  - X-rays
  - Turbulence/winds
- But ONLY within zone of influence ionization/wind cones
- Rest of disk like normal galaxies/Starbursts

## Outflows







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M82 HST X-ray PAH

Credit: X-ray: NASA/CXC/JHU/D.Strickland; Optical: NASA/ESA/STScI/AURA/The Hubble Heritage Team; IR: NASA/JPL-Caltech/Univ. of AZ/C. Engelbracht
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Bolatto+2013

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- Still open questions on:
  - drivers of outflows
  - On multiphase nature of outflows (how do molecules & dust last in outflows)?
  - Exact mass loading factors (how much material is removed)?
  - See review by Veilleux+2020

# AGNJets

- Jets (& outflows) drive material to large radii
- Jets drive shocks into surrounding ISM

 Some Radio Jets observed to Mpc scales!



Mukhajee+2017

- Stronger outflows seen in starburst galaxies
- Outflows remove gas locally, limiting further SF
- Most will eventually return, but some mix with CGM
- AGN can drive massive outflows, impacting CGM & IGM
- Outflows are key mechanism for metal removal/mixing and pollution of the IGM

# ISM & star formation in dynamic regions









- Galaxy collisions can not only lead to ULIRGs but though off material
- This collisional debris can form stars and become tidal dwarf galaxies (TDGs)
- TDGs are interesting that mostly HI and, if rotating, suggest no dark matter.



NGC



Querejeta+2019

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GASP-MUSE

Poggianti+2019

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Galactic Latitud

(kms<sup>-1</sup>)

Velocity

5 0 10

0.0 0

2.0°

200

5

-100

200

CO(1-0)

Secondary

3 kpc arm

7.5°

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(EVFs)

5.0°

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Querejeta+2019

#### ISM & Star formation in Extreme Environments

- Rapid overview of starbursts, ULIRGs & AGN
- DEFINITELY missed topics and references
- UV lines, Cosmic Rays, Magnetic Fields, [CI], large scale HI, large scale structure & clusters, low-metallicity starbursts, and more...

#### ISM & Star formation in Extreme Environments

- ULIRGs locally are highly obscured, merger-driven galaxies, with huge star formation rates and commonly AGN
- However, luminosity cut includes normal galaxies at high-z
- Starburst galaxies are rare, though starburst regions can be found in some galaxies
- Associated with high gas densities and potentially high star formation efficiencies
- Differences are seen even at cloud scales with massive, dense and turbulent clouds
- AGN affect all phases of ISM with strong winds, jets, magnetic fields & UV-γ-ray field
- But AGN only affect within ionization cone

#### Standard references

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