Dusty Galaxies at the Highest Redshifts

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Cosmic Infrared Background



CIB Galaxies: Different



~2000 optically selected galaxies

5 submm selected galaxies



Brightest submm source in HDF undetected in optical/ IR. Lies at z=5.18 and has SFR ~ 850 M_{sun}/yr

Walter et al., 2012

The Herschel Space Telescope

- Launched May 14 2009
- ESA cornerstone mission
- Far-infrared Space Telescope: 60-600µm wavelength
- 3.5m primary: largest mirror ever launched into space
 Limited by launch vehicles
- 3 cryogenically cooled instruments (one led by UK)
- Largest and most ambitious ESA astronomy mission yet



SPIRE

- Longest wavelength instrument
- Photometer and spectrometer
 - Large area cosmological surveys for dusty distant galaxies powering the CIB
 - Galactic plane survey
 - Search for new protostars
 - Spectral line surveys of stars and galaxies
- UK led instrument (Cardiff University, Rutherford Appleton Lab, U. Leth and others)





HerMES GOODS-N: ~700 galaxies in 8 hours

250 microns

350 microns

500 microns

10 arcmin

Herschel Far-IR Surveys

- HerMES wedding cake survey (Oliver+12)
 - Total area about 350 sq. deg. incl. HeLMS extension to Stripe 82
- H-ATLAS survey (Eales+10) about 660 sq. deg. in NGP, SGP & GAMA regions
- Total coverage ~1000 sq. deg. for about 10⁶ FIR/ submm selected galaxies
- An improvement on the few 100 from SCUBA etc.





Colour Selection

- The 3 colours observed simultaneously with SPIRE
 provide
 indications of
 redshift
- At z>5 SED
 peak is at
 wavelengths
 longer than 500
 microns:



Do Such red Sources Exist?



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Additional Flux: Submm Photo-z

- Can use model far-IR SEDs as templates in a crude photo-z estimator
- With Herschel data alone similar to red selection
- Additional submm data greatly improves photo-z accuracy









The Highest Redshift dusty galaxies







Dowell et al. 2014

V(>S) [deg ^{- 2}]

z>4 Sources: Status

- Dowell et al, 2014: 38 candidates over 21 sq. deg.
- Asboth et al. (2016): 477 over 273 sq. deg. in HeLMS





Asboth et al. 2016

Some Surprises



Lockman-102: very bright - 140mJy at 500 microns but very high redshift: z=5.29

Lock-102: Lensed



Wardlow, et al. in prep;

Bussmann uvmcmcfit lens fitting code

Lens not yet fully identified - highest z lens to date? SMA data looking at kinematics of CII line at z=5.29

ALMA Spectra



z=5.162

z=5.093

 Multiple spectral scans to cover large enough frequency range to ensure line detection - a 'special mode' and with high overheads in AO2 & 3

More ambiguous cases



z=3.798 or 4.997

z=3.34 based on not seeing other lines

Ideally want high spectral range receiver on sensitive submm interferometer - SMA with 32GHz b/w SWARM coming soon



Figure 1: Illustration of where 500 μ m-risers lie in the Herschel/SPIRE colour-colour plane. The colour selections used to define our sample (grey dashed lines) are shown in comparison with the redshift tracks of the local Dusty Star Forming Galaxy Arp220 with tick marks from z = 3 - 7. The red diamonds are the 900 μ m risers from the HerMES project (and two sources from the literature) p 41 and HLS 773) with securely measured from the sources marked with green boxes.





Followup studies

- Include ALMA & HST high resolution imaging
- Multiband photometry to understand SEDs, determine stellar mass, SF history etc.
- Additional spectroscopy to study multiple lines eg. [CII]



Initial [CII] spectroscopy of two high z dusty objects from JCMT - Chapman et al. (in prep). Note very different velocity widths.

Hopes for higher z?

- Proper understanding of the z>5 dusty star forming galaxy population needs to push to lower luminosities - say >2x fainter than HFLS3
- Such objects will not appear in SPIRE images too faint - but will appear in submm (0.85, 1.25mm) images
- Objects at z>>6 would also appear as such 'SPIRE dropouts'
- May be needed to explain sources like A1689-zD1 the dusty, massive evolved galaxy at z~7.5 (Watson et al., 2015)

SPIRE Dropouts



Herschel 3 colour SPIRE images compared to 1.25mm AzTEC contours (Hatsukade et al., 2011) 870µm followup coming (Greenslade et al.)

SPIRE Dropouts: NGP6_d1





NGP6 Observations

- Herschel, no detection; SCUBA2, SMA, NIKA detections
 NGP6_d1
 NGP6_d1
 - 1000 100 100 100 100 2 4 6 8 10 Redshift NGP6_d1



What Next?: SPICA

- Proposed ESA-JAXA mission for mid to far-IR spectroscopy
- 2.5m diameter,
 telescope cooled to
 8K
- Two instruments: mid-IR & far-IR







Conclusions

- Far-IR luminous galaxies at z>4 more common than models predict
- May make significant contribution to SFRD
- Good way of finding high-z lenses
- Increasing number of z>5 sources coming from ALMA
- SPIRE dropouts may push to lower L and/ or even higher z