Far-infrared properties of Submm and Optically faint radio galaxies



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Opticaly Faint Radio Galaxies (OFRGs)

High-redshift star-forming galaxies with hot dust



• Radio-detected but submm-faint galaxies with UV spectra consistent with high-redshift starburst (Chapman et al. 2004)

• OFRGs have a comoving density, stellar masses and sizes comparable to SMGs

• Pre-Herschel dust temperature estimates have found Tdust~52K (Casey et al. 2009a,b)

Problematics

SMGs

- Estimate the dust temperature and infrared luminosity of SMGs using measurements encompassing the peak of the dust emission in the Far-Infrared
- Compare our results with previous estimates (e.g. Chapman et al. 2005)
- Study the FIR/radio correlation
- Study their dust mass contents with respect to their stellar masses, their gas masses and their metallicities

OFRGs

• Confirm whether or not OFRGs are high-redshift ULIRGs with hot dust temperature



GOODS-N 100um (~3mJy-3σ) & 160um (~6mJy-3σ)



A2218 100um (~2.5mJy-3σ) & 160um (~5mJy-3σ)



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To obtain accurate dust temperature estimates we restrict our study to a sample of SMGs and

OFRGS with robust redshift estimates derived from secured radio/mid-infrared identifications

GOODS-N SMGs

Ref: Pope et al 2006 (SCUBA)+Chapin et al. 2009 (AzTEC)

✓ 27 SCUBA sources (21 zspec + 6 zphot) ✓ 2 AzTEC sources (all zspec)

(SMGs with multiple optical counterparts are treated as one system

since they are thought to be merging galaxies)

GOODS-N OFRGs

Ref: Casey et al. (2009a,b)

✓ 9 sources (all zspec)

A2218 SMGs

Ref: Kneib et al. (2004), Knudsen et al. (2006, 2008)

 ✓ 6 sources but 3 of them correspond to the same lensed galaxy (all zspec)

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Data Analysis

Estimating the infrared luminosity and the dust temperature



We fit a greybody (β =1.5) function to their PACS and SCUBA photometries

T vs LIR



- SMGs are biased towards cold dust temperature
- We confirm the extremely large infrared luminosities of SMGs. Such high luminosities are difficult to reconcile with secular evolution (Davé et al. 2010)
- OFRGs are biased toward hot dust temperature
- Lensed-SMGs exhibit intermediate dust properties

Mid-infrared /radio to LIR conversion



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Dust Content

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Aim: Investigate the dust content in SMGs and compare with local SF galaxies (spiral and ULIRGs) + compare with stellar and gas content

Method:

- Mdust : fit PACS + submm fluxes to GRASIL
- Mstar : opt-to-nearIR SED fitting at known redshift
- Mgas : from CO observations (when available)
- Z : from optical nebular lines (when available)

Dust Content : Mdust vs Mstar





spirals and a factor ~6 higher than in ULIRGs

Dust Content



Independently of the CO-to-H2 mass conversion, the mass of metals inferred from the dust content is much larger (>factor 10) than the mass of metals inferred from the gas phase

Possible interpretation :

- Dust masses incorrectly estimated because dust properties in SMGs are very different from those assumed in the models and in local galaxies (unlikely)
- « Skin effect » : the large amount of dust makes the dense, metal rich regions undetected at optical wavelength, optical nebular lines used to trace metallicity only probe the outer, metal poor regions

Conclusions

• We obtain for the first time robust estimates of the dust temperature and the infrared luminosity of SMGs and OFRGs

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• We confirm the extremely large infrared luminosities of SMGs. Such high luminosities are difficult to reconcile with secular evolution (Davé et al. 2010)

 Mdust/Mstar in SMGs is a factor ~30 higher than in spirals and a factor ~6 higher than in ULIRGs

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