Synergies between Herschel and ALMA for the study of the high redshift universe

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Something we learned from Herschel

Sub-mm/mm counts of dusty galaxies





250 µm luminosity functions



Stellar mass function (Lapi et al. 2011)



From the SFR function to the stellar mass function

- The stellar mass function of massive galaxies mirrors the SFR function for a typical duration of the starformation phase ~ 0.7 Gyr, with a trend towards shorter durations for more massive galaxies
- SF timescale consistent with that expected for quenching by AGN feedback if a small fraction (~5%) of the Eddington luminosity is tranferred to the ISM (Lapi et al. 2006). The same fraction of L_{Edd} can account for the 'entropy plateau' of the ICM (Platania et al. 2002; Lapi et al. 2005)

α-enhancement as a chronometer



In massive early-type galaxies the star formation must have been stopped before the ISM could have been enriched in Fe by SN Ia (SFR duration < 1 Gyr). Not consistent with merger driven star formation implying a sequence of short (~0.1 Gyr) SF episodes, spanning altogether >> 1 Gyr.

Halo mass vs velocity evolution (Zhao et al. 2003)



 $a = (1+z)^{-1}$



Size comparison: stars vs dark matter



Virial radius (dark matter):

 $R_v \approx 170 * 4/(1+z_v) * (M_v/10^{13} M_{sun})^{1/3} kpc$

Counter-check

 $\Phi(L_{FIR}) \sim N(M_h) \times \tau_{SFR}$: if τ_{SFR} is short need higher N i.e. smaller M_h and higher $L_{FIR}/M_h \rightarrow$ top-heavy IMF \rightarrow problems with accounting for the stellar mass function, but also with sub-mm counts, even playing with dust properties.







Strong lensing



Comparison between counts of strongly lensed galaxies at 1.4 mm predicted by Negrello et al. (2007; long dashed line) with the counts of SPT galaxies without IRAS counterparts (hence presumably at high z). Predictions by Pearson & Khan (2009; solid) and Lagache et al. (2004; short dashes) also shown

H-ATLAS counts from Clements et al. (2010); predictions by Negrello et al. (2007), based on model by Granato et al. (2004) and Lapi et al. (2006).

Herschel/SPIRE 500µm redshift distributions



The H-ATLAS SDP catalog contains 10 sources (plus a Galactic dust cloud) with 500 μ m flux density above 100mJy: 4 galaxies with spectroscopic redshifts in the range 0.01– 0.05, 1 blazar and 5 strongly lensed galaxies in the redshift range 1.6 – 3.1. The figures show the corresponding predictions by Negrello et al. (2007).

AGN evolution

Merger-driven evolution (Hopkins et al. 2008)



Light curve with multiple peaks and SFR well correlated with L_{QSO}



Predicted relationship between the BH accretion rate (BHAR) and the star formation rate (SFR) inside a given radius for a merger +isolated bar-(un)stable disk scenario (Hopkins & Quataert 2010)



AGN luminosity vs SFR

We expect a correlation between SFR and AGN luminosity *at high z* because both are correlated with the halo mass, but not linear (because the AGN accretion rate is mostly Eddington limited, not determined by the SFR; the brightest AGN phase is associated to low SFR) and with a large dispersion. Bonfield et al. (2010) find L_{FIR} ~ $L_{OSO}^{0.32}$ (with some uncertain dependence on z). Hatziminaoglou et al. (2010) find $L_{FIR} \sim L_{OSO}^{0.35}$ for objects at z > 2, with a large dispersion (see figure)



Known AGNs detected by Herschel/SPIRE in Hermes fields

Star-formation vs AGN activity



No correlation between far-IR luminosity (i.e. SFR) determined with Herschel/SPIRE observations (HerMES fields) and Lx (i.e. accretion luminosity) for X-ray selected moderate luminosity AGNs (Mullaney et al. 2011).

Sources of the ionizing background



Comparison of the ionization rate estimated, as a function of z, from τ_{eff} (data points) with the 2 estimated contributions from quasars and star-forming galaxies (Faucher-Giguère et al. 2008).

Conclusion - 1

- Sub-mm observations, particularly from Herschel surveys, are clarifying the reference scenario for the formation and early evolution of galaxies.
- The "merger-driven galaxy evolution paradigm" faces serious difficulties. Several observational indications seem to favour a scenario whereby star-formation and BH accretion are *mostly* driven by self-regulation processes and intrinsic galaxy properties.
- However, most evidences are *circumstantial*. ALMA will be crucial to provide *direct measurements* of the spatially resolved morphology and dynamics of high-z star-forming galaxies.

Conclusion - 2

In particular ALMA will provide direct answers to questions like:

- Are high-z SMGs really massive?
- How frequently are they associated to major mergers?
- Are they dynamically stable? Rotationally supported?
- Are they going to evolve into giant ellipticals?
- What is the relationship between SFR and nuclear activity?
- What drives the growth of black holes? What is the role of large-scale environment on the fueling of BHs? Is the gas flowing directly into the SMBH (via the accretion disc) or is it first piling in a reservoir?
- How does stellar and AGN feedback operate?
- Which are the properties of the different ISM phases in these galaxies?

Strongly lensed galaxies selected by Herschel surveys are obvious primary targets for these studies.