

## **Infrared** tracers to study the chemical evolution of galaxies

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#### Introduction

**Heavy elements** (0.02% baryons), main role from galaxies to planets

**ISM** witness of **chemical enrichment** gas and dust content + composition



Origins white book

#### **Mass-metallicity relation**

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Z(M<sub>\*</sub>, SFR,...) Models

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Sanders+21

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#### Dust at high redshift

Santini+10, Rowlands+14

Low optical metallicities in dusty submm. galaxies





### No Redshift Evolution in the Broad-line-region Metallicity up to z = 7.54: Deep Near-infrared Spectroscopy of ULAS J1342+0928

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### Why IR lines?

**Temperature** dependence of optical lines **Dust obscuration** with increasing SFR



Spinoglio & Malkan 1992

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**Obscured phases** during evolution

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Dominate cosmic noon, **dawn?** 

**MOSDEF** survey (1.5 < z < 3.5)

E(B-V)<sub>neb</sub> ∝ SFR ∝ decreasing O/H







Reddy+15, Shivaei+20a

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#### Dust produced in massive star winds?



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#### Strong-line methods

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### R abundance tracers



#### **Few IR-based diagnostics in the market**



Photoionisation, relies on **N/O-OH** prescription (Nagao+11, Pereira-Santaella+17, Herrera-Camus+18)

Empirical calibration (Fernández-Ontiveros+16,17)

Nebular IR lines (Spitzer + Herschel + SOFIA): [NeII]<sub>12.8</sub> [NeIII]<sub>15.6</sub> [SIII]<sub>18.7,33.5</sub> [SIV]<sub>10.5</sub> [OIII]<sub>52,88</sub> [NIII]<sub>57</sub> [NII]<sub>122,205</sub> + Br $\alpha$  Pf $\alpha$  Hu $\alpha$ Photoionisation models (O/H, N/O, logU) Star formation and AGN models (Fernández-Ontiveros+21, Pérez-Díaz+22)

28 dwarfs, 19 solar-like starbursts, 9(U)LIRGs, 8 High-z galaxies + 58 AGN



(0.1 < z < 3)



Fernández-Ontiveros+21, Pérez-Díaz+22



 $Ne235 = ([NeII]_{12.8} + [NeIII]_{15.6} + [NeV]_{14+24}) / H$ 

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 $Ne2Ne3 = [NeII]_{12.8} / [NeIII]_{15.6}$ 



#### **HCm-IR** is publicly available

#### https://www.iaa.csic.es/~epm/HII-CHI-mistry.html

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	HII-CHI-mistry		
HII-CHI-mistry is a collection of python subroutines aimed at the calculation of chemical abundances and physical properties using emission line fluxes from ionized gaseous nebulae. A complete description and instructions can be downloaded from here. These are the available different versions:			
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## IR vs optical abundances



~0.2 dex scatter from aperture, Te, Av



Fernández-Ontiveros, Pérez-Montero+21





Fernández-Ontiveros, Pérez-Montero+21



To be explored with JWST in nearby resolved HII and AGNs

Pérez-Díaz+22



Spinoglio+22

#### **Beware of N/O-based metallicities**



Relies on N/O-OH (Nagao+11, Pereira-Santaella+17)

Pérez-Montero 14

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Fernández-Ontiveros+21

#### Gas mixing in 'deep-diving' ULIRGs



Pérez-Díaz+23 arXiv:2306.14843 (also Chartab+22)

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#### **Future IR spectroscopic observatories?**



HCm-IR robust chemical abundances from nebular IR lines Te effects, obscuration, N/O

JWST + PRIMA? + ALMA local cosmic noon high-z

# thanks!