# Dusty star-forming galaxies observed with the Herschel-SPIRE Fourier-Transform Spectrometer

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The context

SPIRE-FTS, quick intro

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Stacking spectra: results on faint star-forming galaxies

Based on a recent work by Wilson,... Valtchanov, et al., 2017ApJ...848...30W
 197 targets The

The method And some results

 Other Herschel-PACS based work with stacking: Wardlow, ... Valtchanov, et al., 2017ApJ...837...12W
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## Herschel-SPIRE Fourier-Transform Spectrometer





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# Observing distant star-forming galaxies





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### The big question



• Star formation rate density:



Madau & Dickinson (2014)

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## Stacking with spectra



- Good estimate of the redshift
  ALMA or other ground based facilities
- Sample: 197 SFG at 0.005 < z < 4
  - 90% of the FTS extragalactic archive
- Stack galaxies in different redshift bins:
  - 0.005 < z < 0.05
  - 0.02 < z < 0.2
  - 0.2 < z < 0.5
  - 0.8 < z < 2 (n=8)
  - 2 < z < 4 (n=28)



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# Stacking details

- Spectra need correcting for background and pointing
- Some sources are lensed by foreground galaxies/clusters
- Scale the spectra to a common redshift (bin centre) and normalise to the same L<sub>IR (8-1000µm)</sub>
  - L<sub>IR</sub> comes from SED fit (modified blackbody) to photometry.



- Multiple spectra of the same source are averaged before adding to the stack.
- Each spectrum has an error spectrum (from pipeline), this error is propagated to the stack
- Each spectrum entering the stack is weighted by the variance (to avoid sources dominating the stack).

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### Results: total stack





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### Results: nearby sample 0.005 < z < 0.05





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### Results: high redshift sample 0.8 < z < 2





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Results: highest redshift sample 2 < z < 4





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### Results: atomic and molecular lines



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### Results: atomic lines in the highest redshift bin





Luminosity dependent.

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## Results: lines/L<sub>IR</sub>





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# Results: PDR modeling





Using line ratios to infer gas density (n) and strength of the incident FUV radiation  $(G_0) \rightarrow$ the averaged physical conditions for the sample

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### Results: comparison with other studies





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• still remains...



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- The stacking is a powerful technic to access far away galaxies
- We used it on a heterogeneous sample of Herschel DSFG at 0.005 < z < 4 and derived constrains on the interstellar gas density (n) and the FUV radiation field (G0):

 $log (n/cm^{-3}) \sim 4.5-5.5, log(G_0) \sim 3-5$ 

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### Stacking with maps



Stack ~19000 Galaxies



70µm

160µm

Dole et al., 2006, A&A, 451, 417

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