
HOW I WOULD USE CCAT

Solving the puzzles of extreme high-z star formation without confusion

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“CHARACTERIZING THE
SMG POPULATION”

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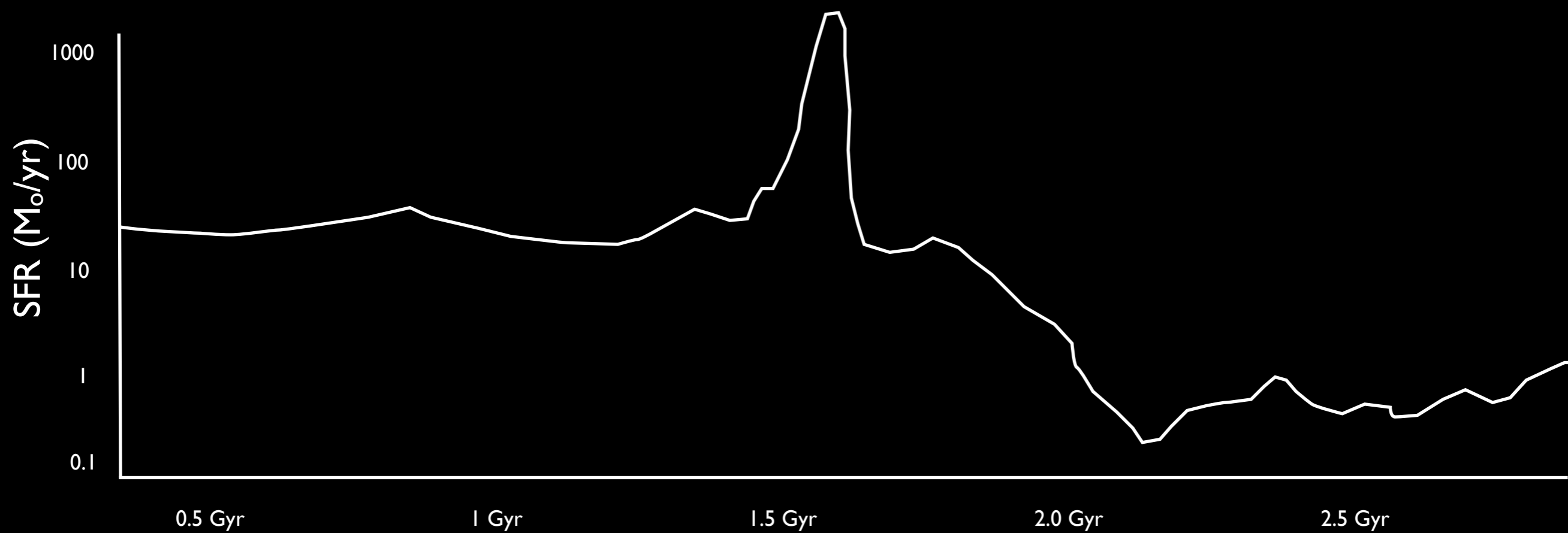
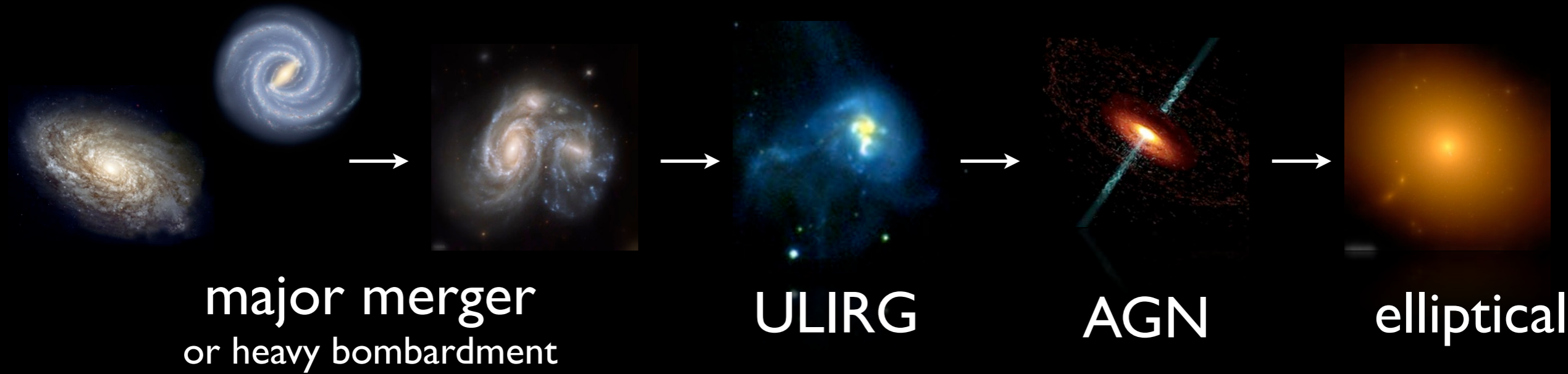
~~“CHARACTERIZING THE
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“CHARACTERIZING
EXTREME STARBURSTS”

Thinking **Physics**, not “**selection function.**”

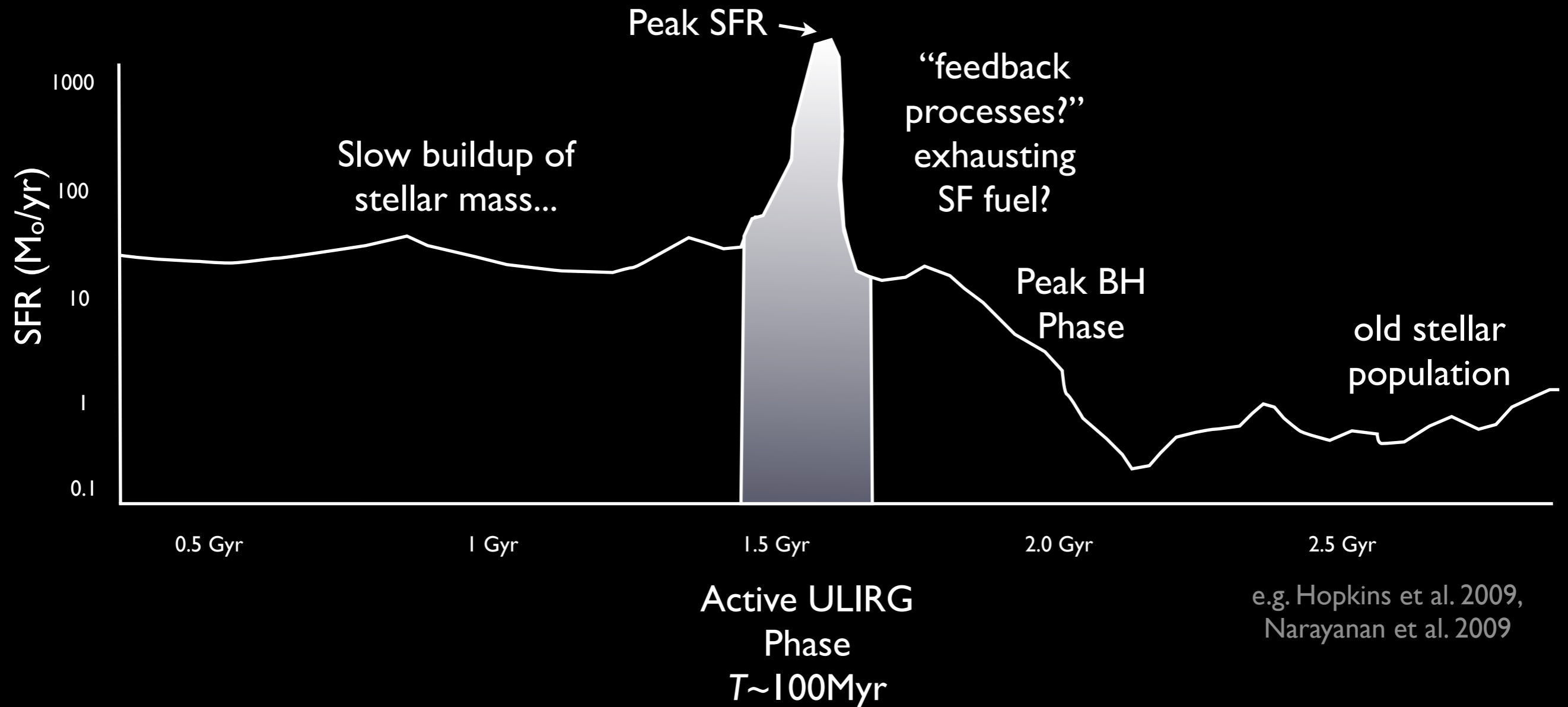
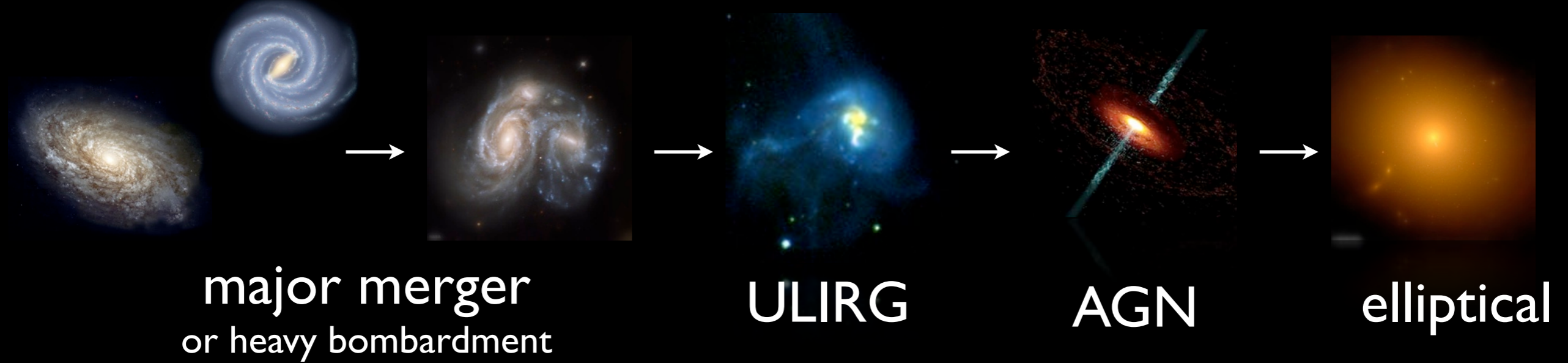
No flux limitation in any single FIR band (e.g. 850um)

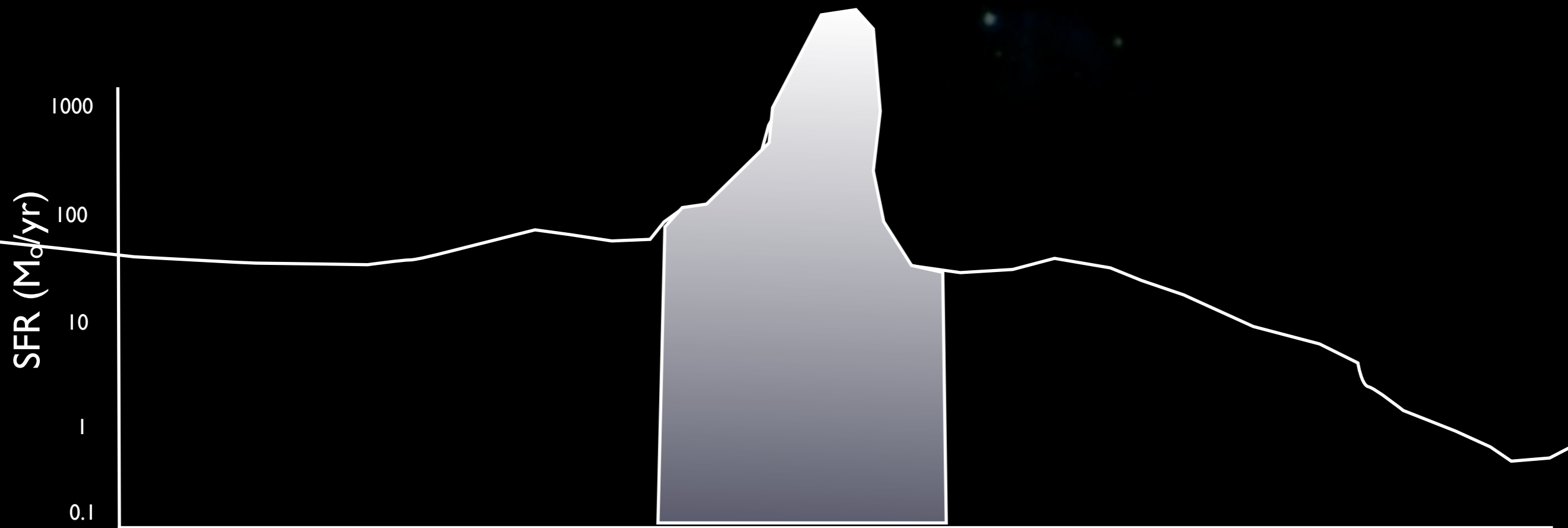
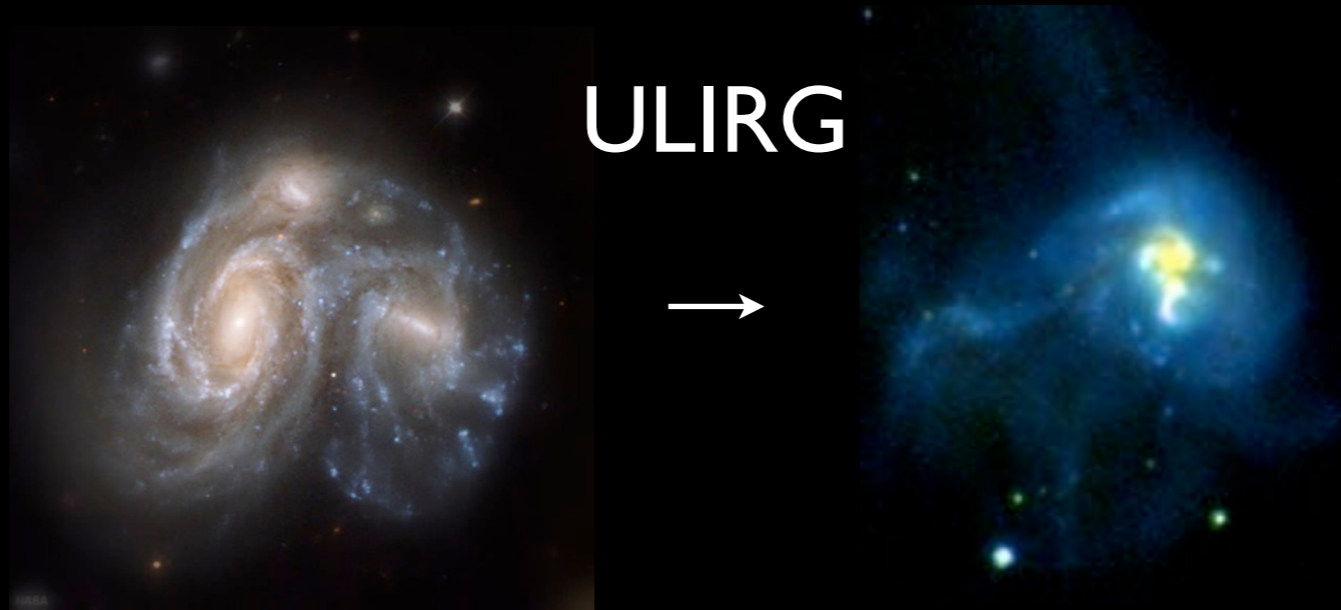
Not a strict luminosity cutoff at $10^{12} L_{\odot}$



e.g. Hopkins et al. 2009,
Narayanan et al. 2009

Cartoon for ULIRG evolution: e.g. Sanders et al. 1988a,b





Active ULIRG
Phase
 $T \sim 100\text{Myr}$

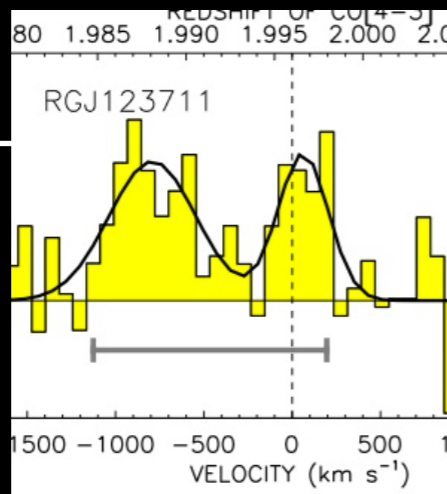
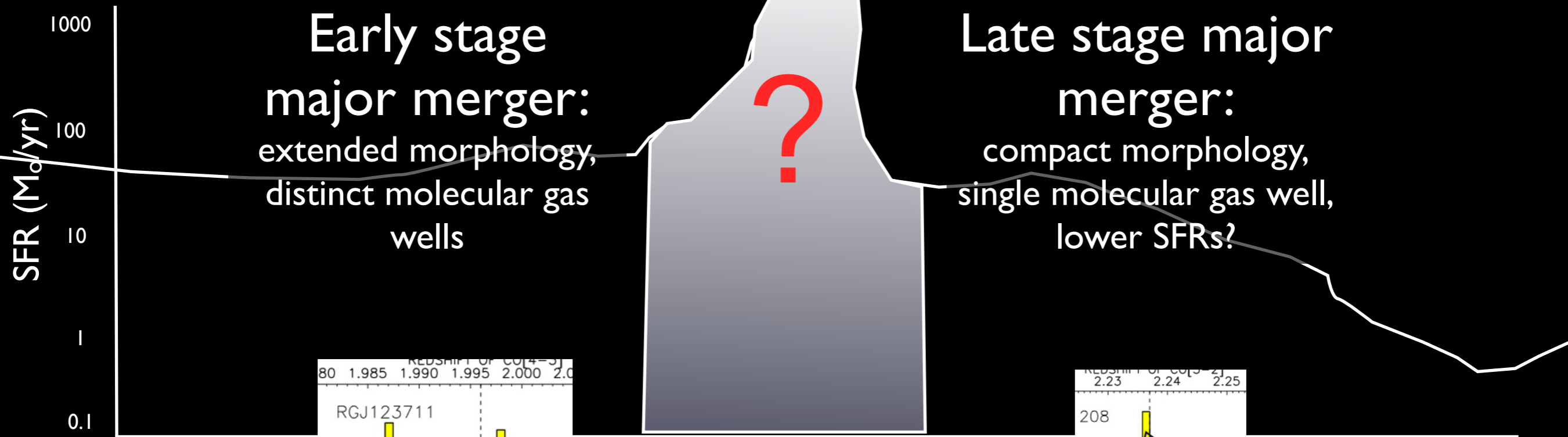
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ULIRG

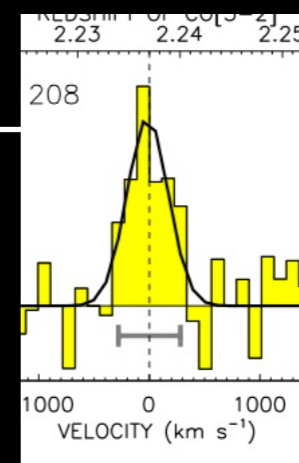


Early stage major merger:
extended morphology,
distinct molecular gas wells

Late stage major merger:
compact morphology,
single molecular gas well,
lower SFRs?

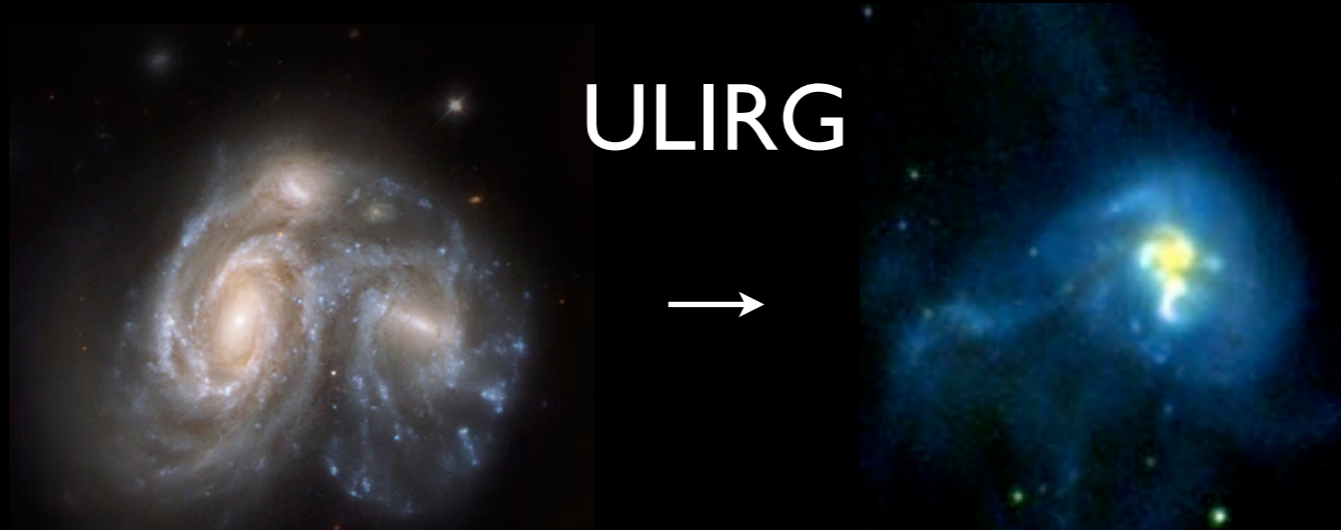


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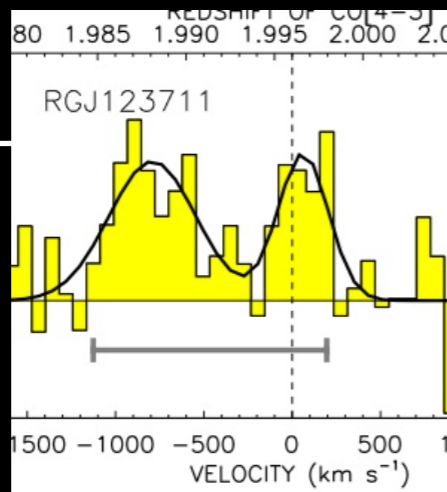
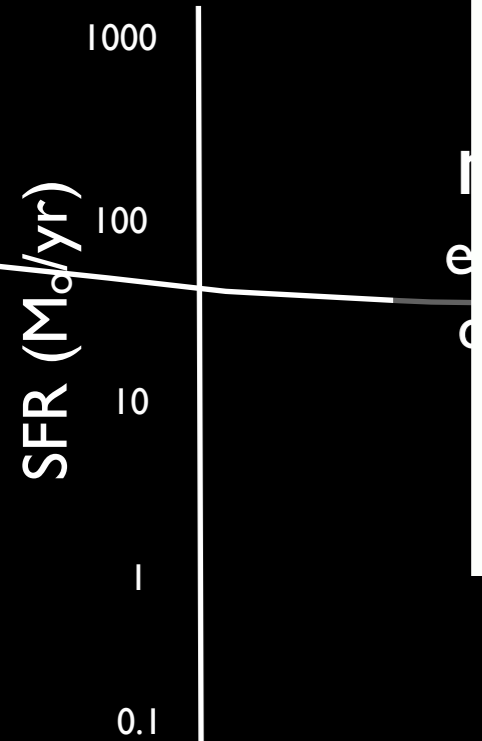
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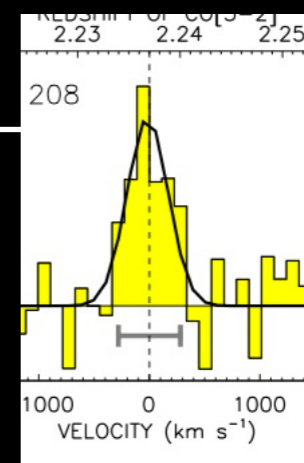


What can CCAT do for
FIR dust SED fits of $z \sim 1-3$ ULIRGs?

(discussed molecular line work)



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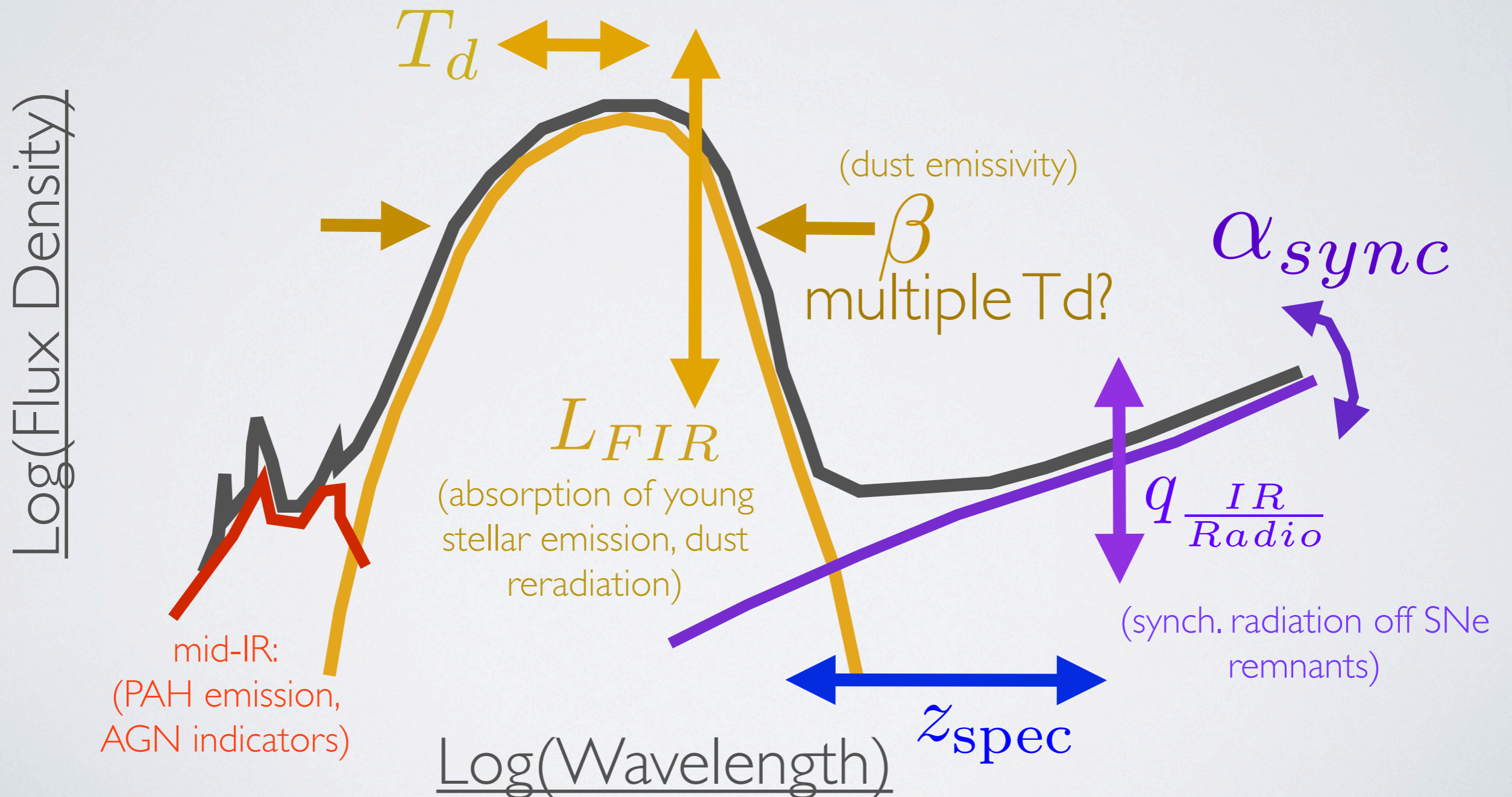


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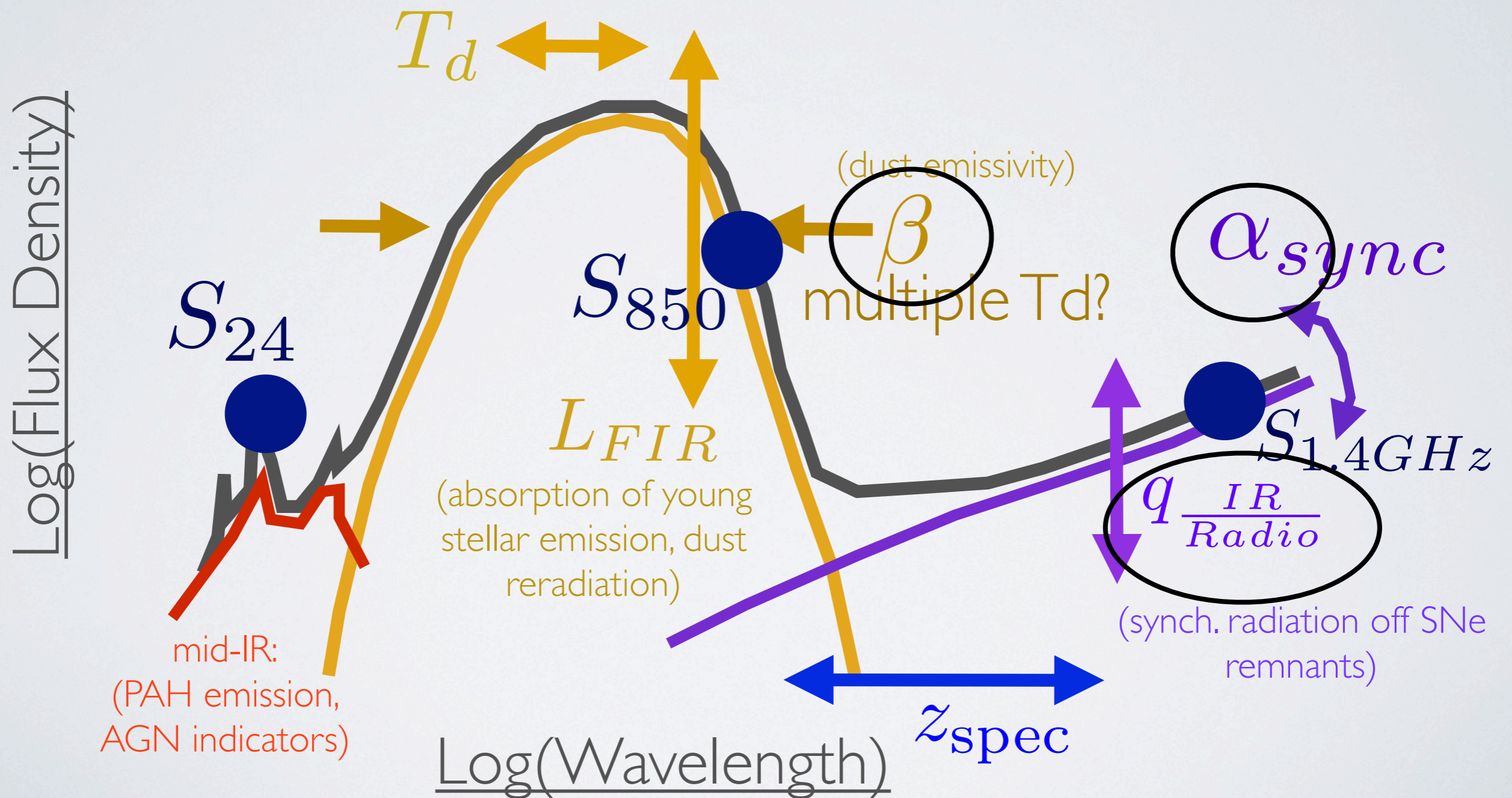
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**T_d=30K,
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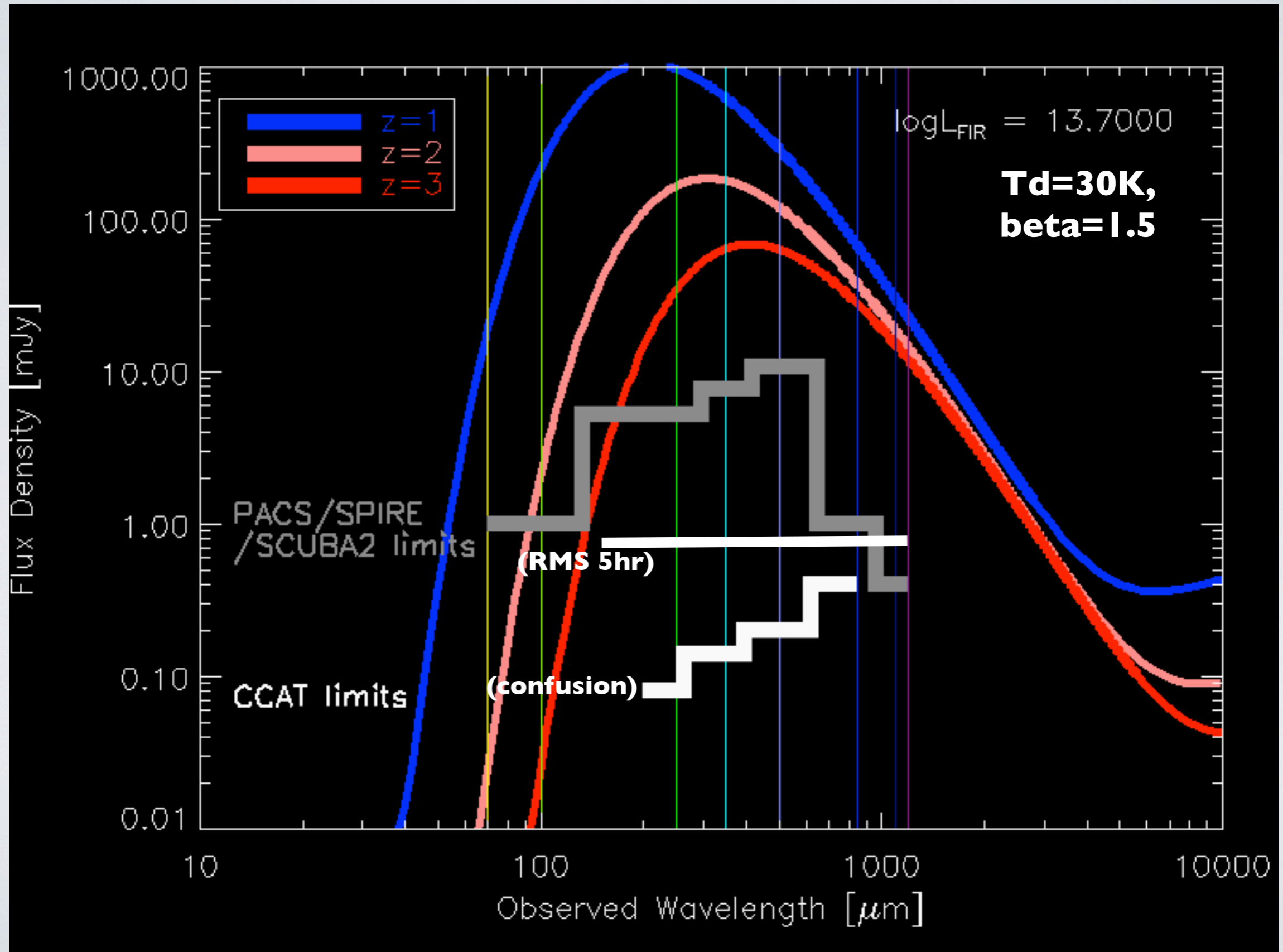
(RMS 5hr)



(confusion)

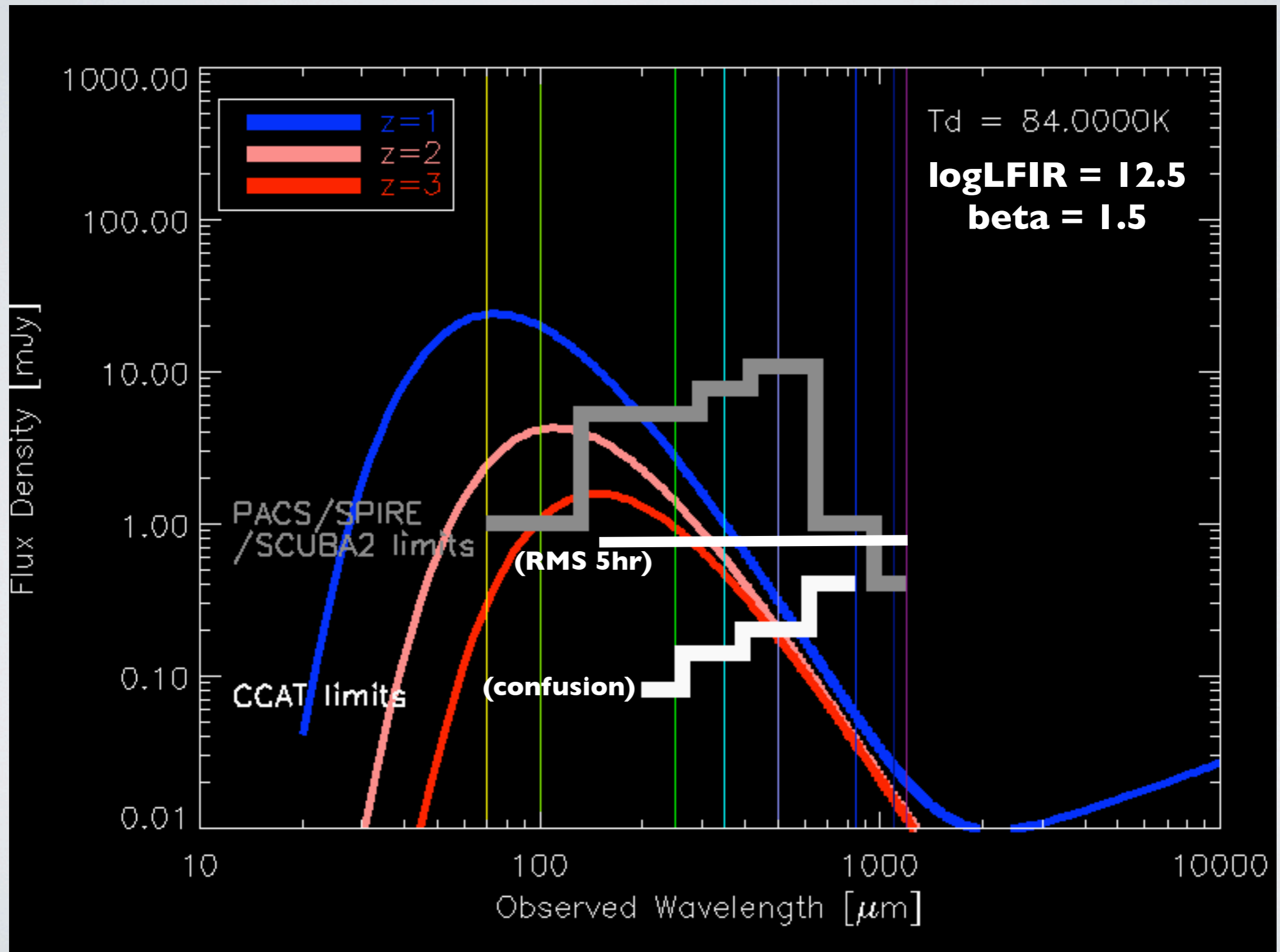
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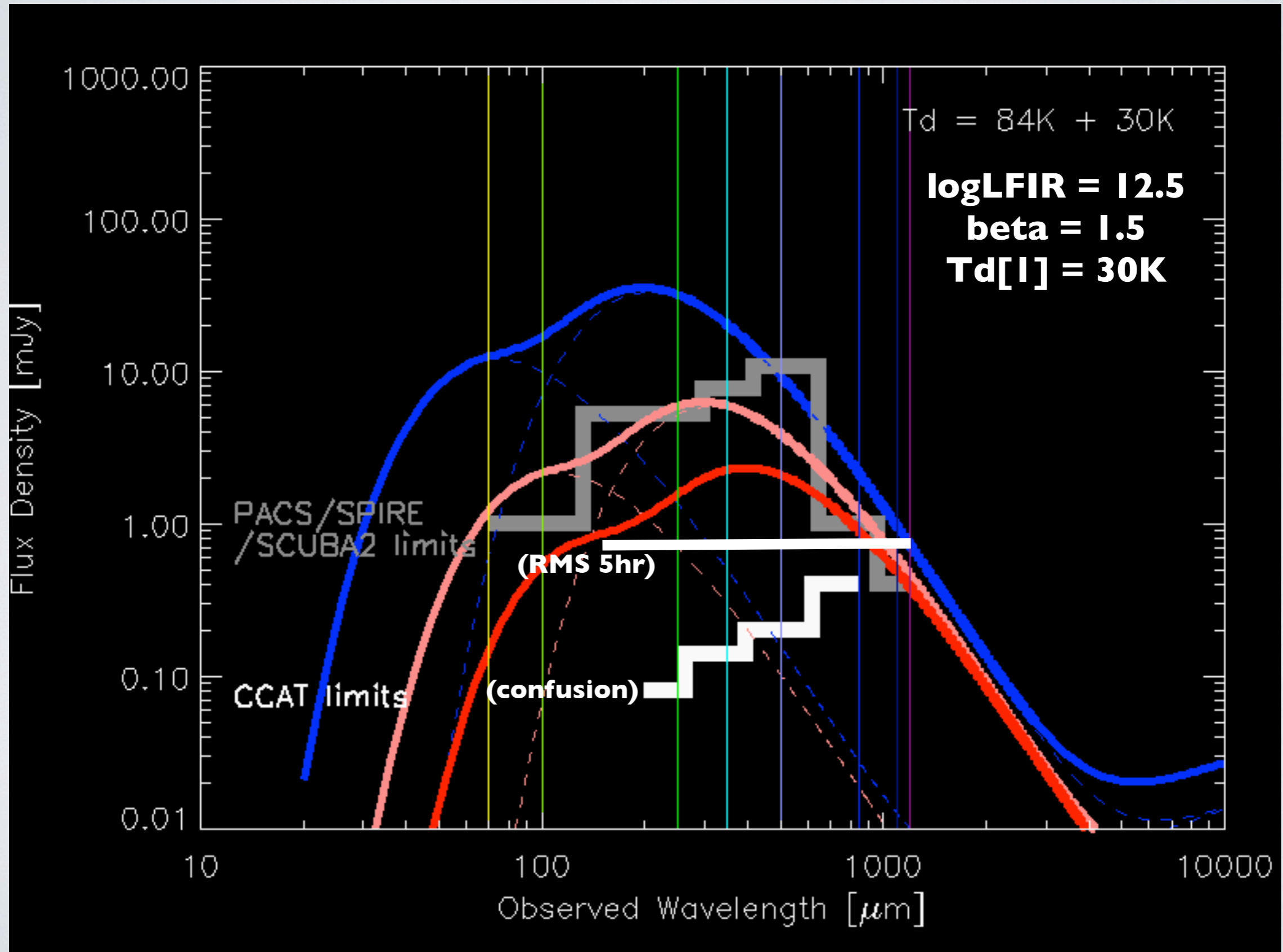
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(Dust Temperature Variation)



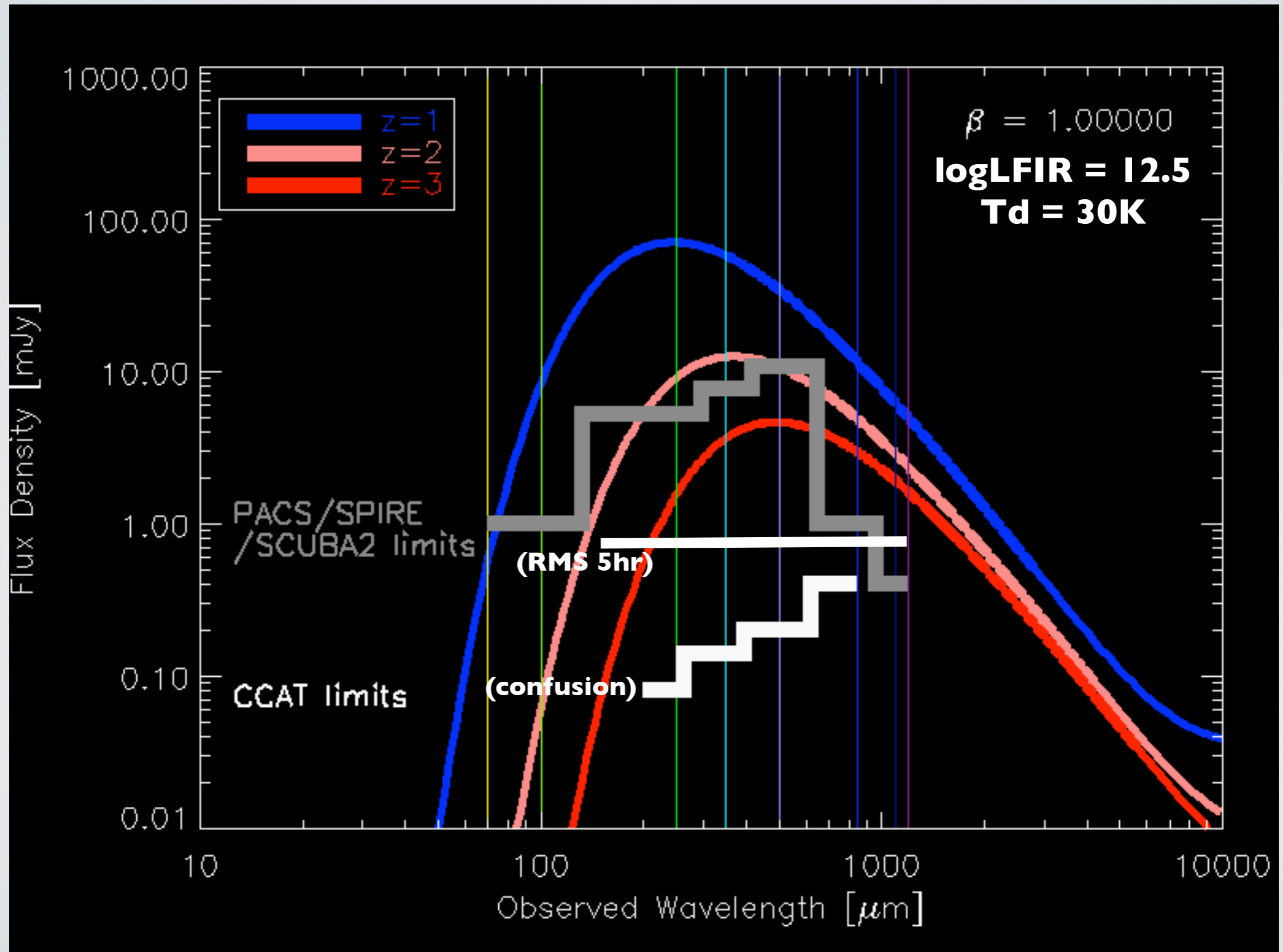
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(Multiple Dust Temperature Fits)

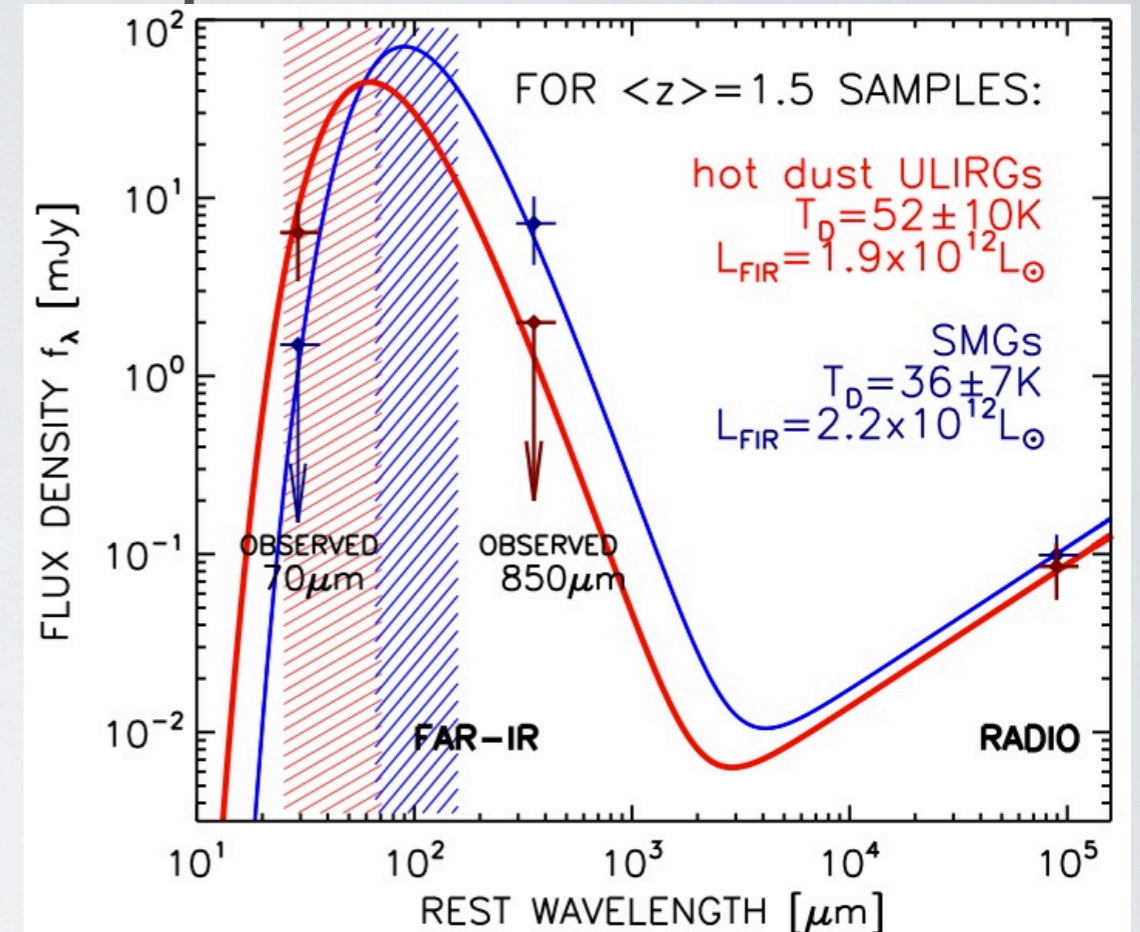
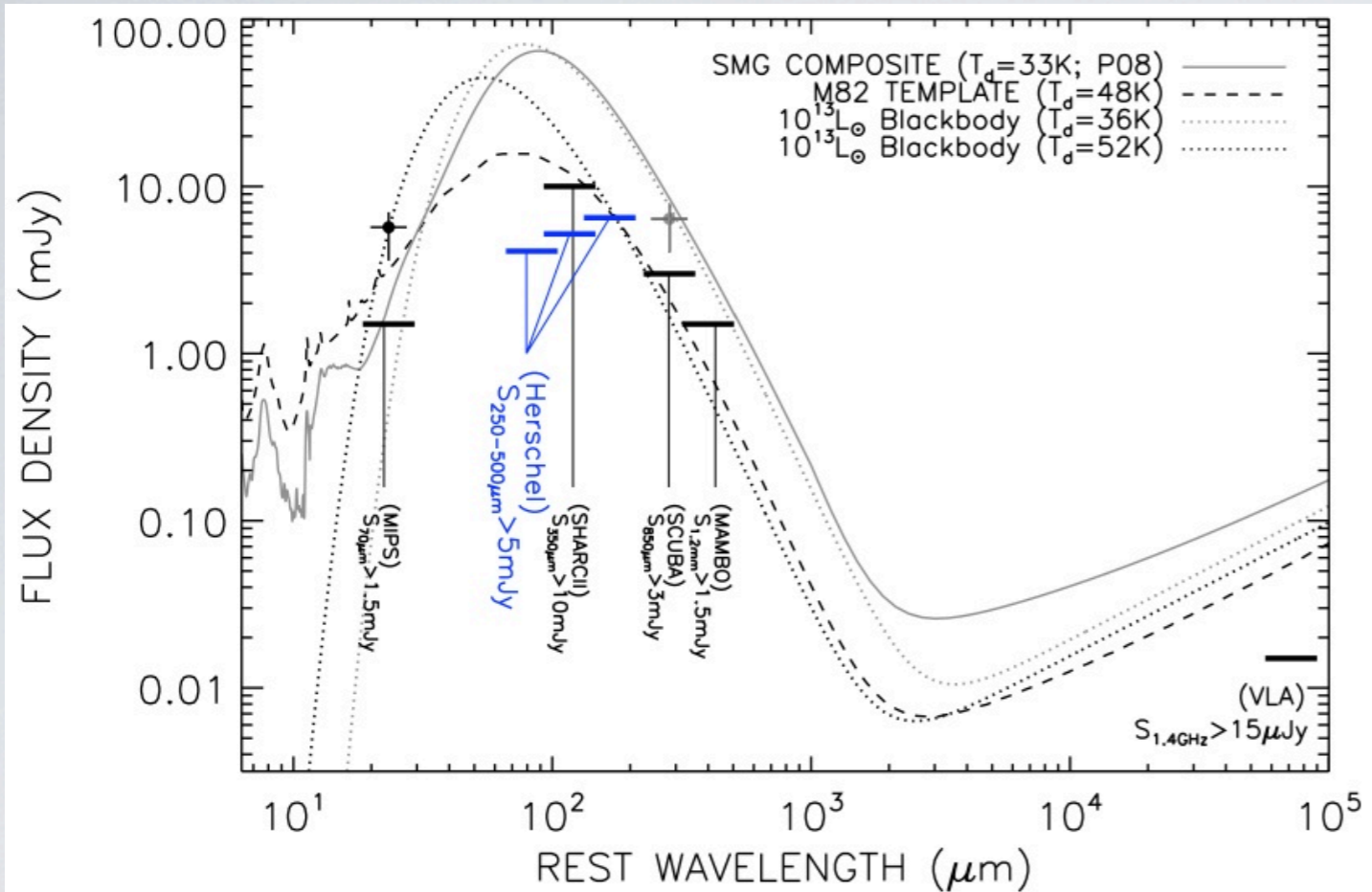


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(Emissivity Variation)



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Template FIR SEDs often used:

Casey et al. 2009b

Dale et al. 2005, Pope et al. 2008 “SMG Composite”

$$\beta = 1.5 \quad T_d = 30 \text{ K} \quad \alpha_{sync} = 0.75$$

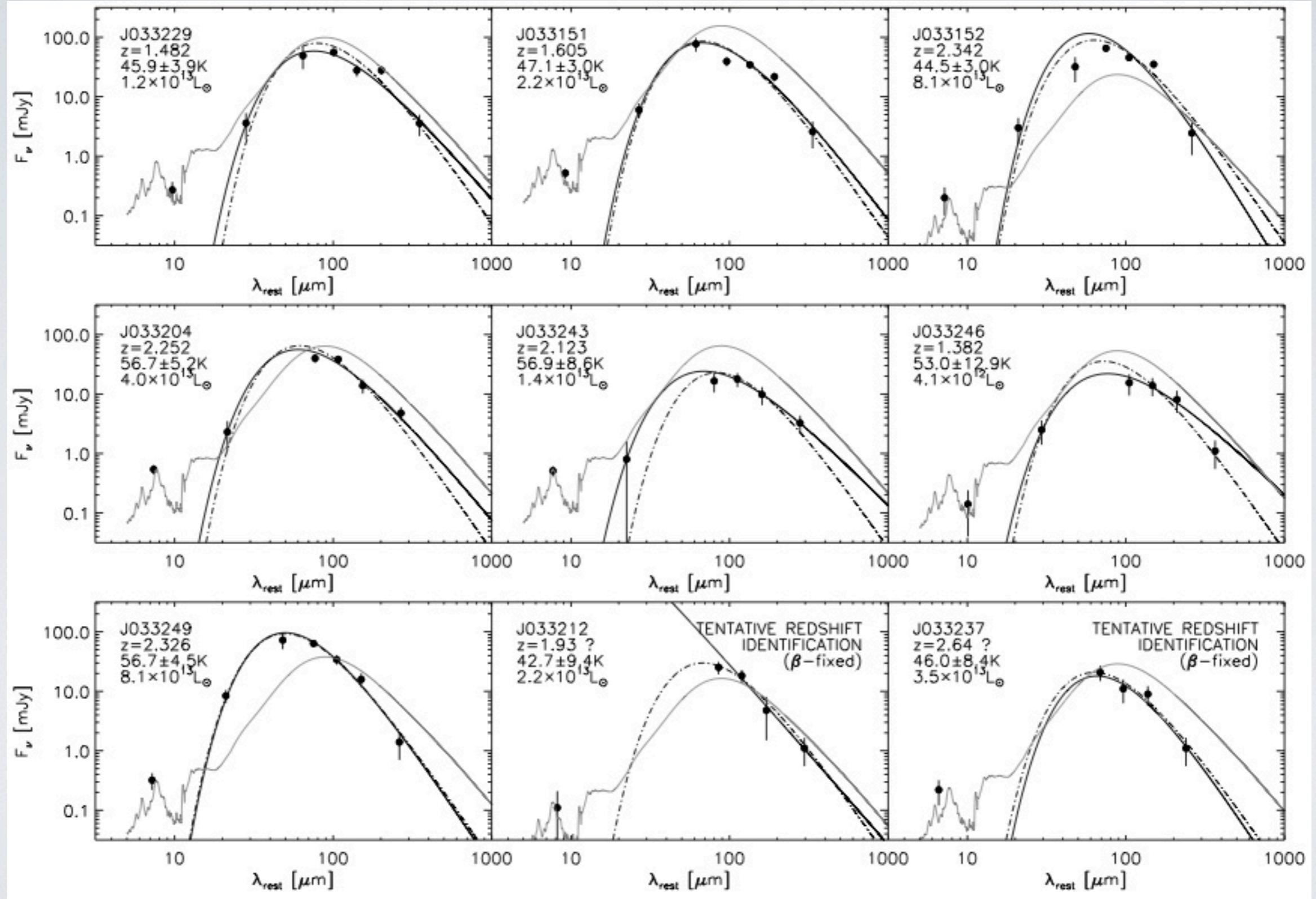
$$L_{FIR} \propto L_{1.4GHz} (\propto L_{24\mu m})$$

Wide variation seen locally:

e.g. Arp 220, Mrk 231 have $T_d \geq 50 \text{ K}$, and average 10K warmer than SMGs, beta varies $\sim 1.0-2.0$, radio/FIR holds?

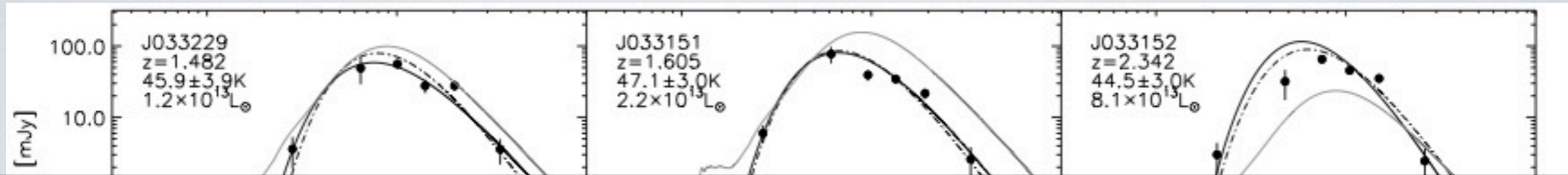
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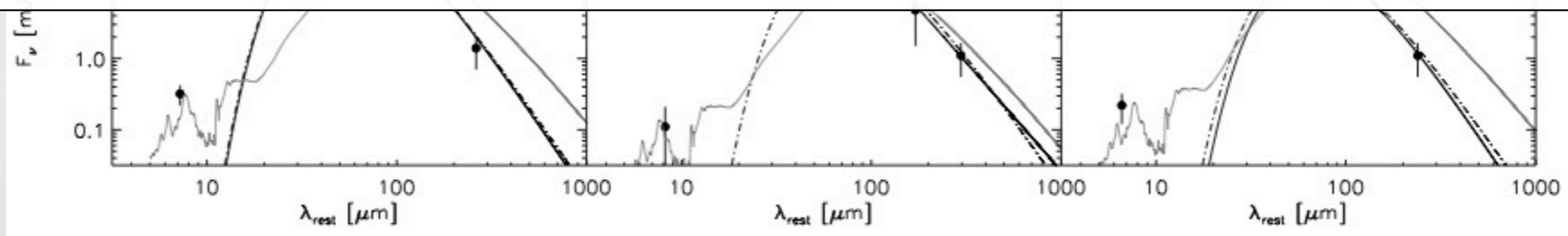


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- Significant Improvement over SED fitting w/ SCUBA 850 μm
- Herschel/BLAST confirm hotter dust ULIRG population, only **$\sim 60+20\%$ overlap** with 850 μm sources
(Eales et al. 2000, Blain et al. 2004, Chapman et al. 2004, Casey et al. 2009a,b, Casey et al. 2010a)
- Herschel/BLAST Confusion Limited for typical ULIRGs
(FIR flux boosting by confusion noise)
- CCAT provides precision FIR photometry to constrain dust properties & “ULIRG” evolutionary track(s)



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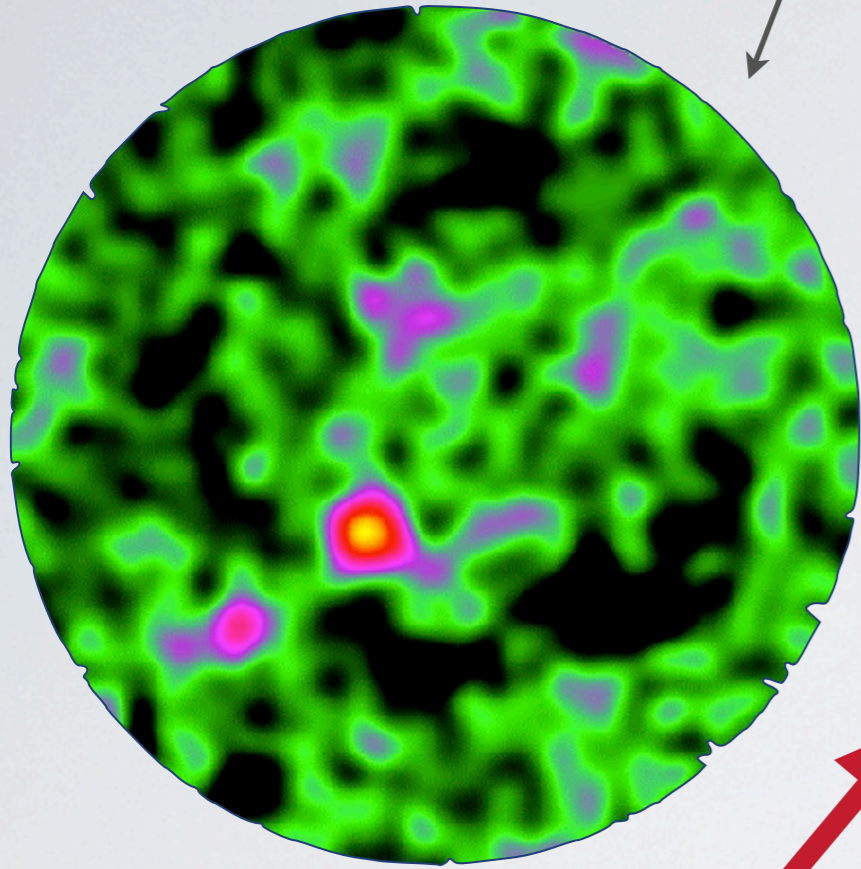
6. **SIGNIFICANT FRACTION of $z > 1$**
7. **ULIRG ACTIVITY POORLY**
(increasing with z) **CONSTRAINED**

(misses hot-dust systems)

(misses high-z)

(misses v. obscured sources)

2000-2009



SCUBA:
 ~1000 sources from multiple legacy fields

Radio ID → Spec Obs.

~75 sources:
 Confirmed UV/optical redshifts

ULIRG
 characterization!

~35 SMGs

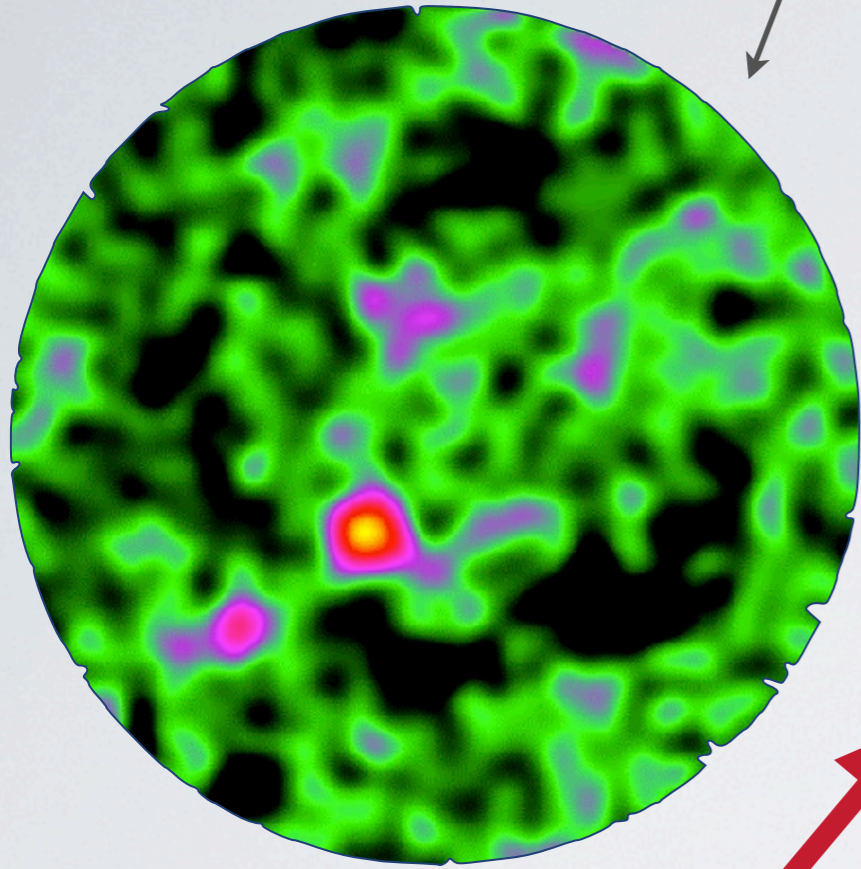
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Submm-Faint Radio
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spectra

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~10 SFRGs

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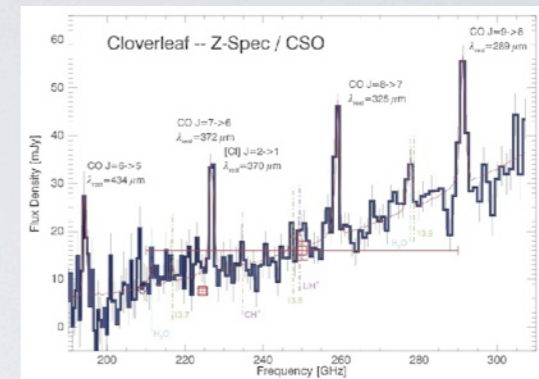
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**Blain,
Chapman
et al. 2004**

2010-2013/4

(see Nikola, Aguirre, Bradford talks)



(misses high-z, EVLA deeper)



(ZSpec limited to $10^{13} L_{\odot}$ systems)

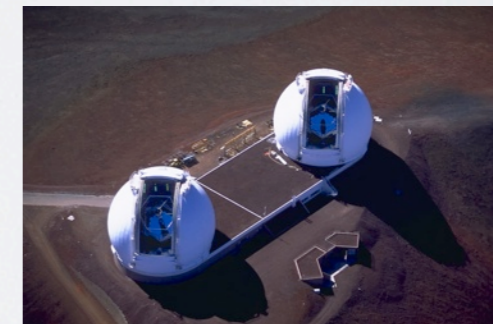
Blind CO redshifts

Radio ID,
(24um ID)

rest UV/optical
Spec Obs.

Herschel:

~1000s sources from multiple legacy fields



Spec-z's for deep *Hermes* samples



Bottleneck opens
when not so limited by
confusion.



Blind CO redshifts



(backup: rest UV/optical
Spec Obs.)

Not losing radio faint, high-z
(or optically obscured) samples

CCAT:
~10000s sources

How to probe evolutionary sequence of extreme starbursts with CCAT...

1. FIR continuum, star formation & dust probe

SEDs of high- z ULIRGs probe full range of dust distributions/temperatures: potentially more widely varied than range of local ULIRGs.

CONFUSION, CONFUSION, CONFUSION

2. Molecular Gas Emission in CO, [CII], etc. probes star forming gas

Gas masses, CO gas excitation, “XCO” factor, gas fractions, star formation efficiency, gas dynamics (disturbed vs. rotating disk)

CCAT SPECTROSCOPY

ALMA follow up:

best focused on high-resolution, CO latter, not necessarily efficient for blind CO IDs.

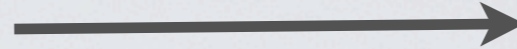
CCAT has potential to

(a) follow up 100s of sources quickly,
“dusty starburst” luminosity function
(MOS: 10 sources per 0.5 sq deg)

(b) ..??.. kilo-pixel heterodyne arrays/ refractive FP:
take spectral slices of wide sky area at low
spectral resolution & dither (cluster
measurements/ CO “narrow band filter”)

Zspect
↓

Photometry.

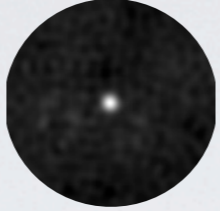


Spectroscopy.

Then.
2000-
2008

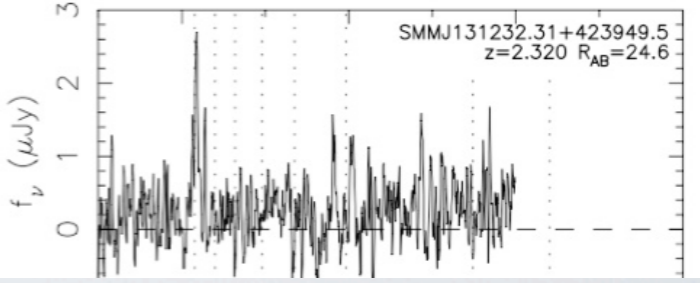


SCUBA
LABOCA
MAMBO
AzTEC



~60% have radio
astrometry ID

find optical/near-IR counterpart:

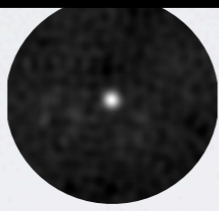


~60% rest-UV/optical spectroscopic
completeness: Keck LRIS/DEIMOS
CO used to confirm.

Now.
2009-
2014



(BLAST...)
HERSCHEL,
SCUBA2



~70% have radio
astrometry ID
AND/OR 24um ID

rest UV/optical spectroscopy with CO
confirmation: ongoing spec-z survey at
IfA Hawaii

Blind CO redshifts (e.g. ZSpec, ALMA)

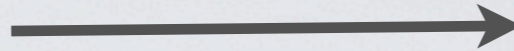
Future.
2014-

CCAT

Bypass reliance on
radio/mid-IR IDs

Blind redshifts with
ALMA, make *more
efficient* with CCAT:
10 sources in 0.5 sq deg
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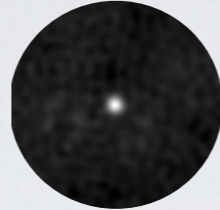


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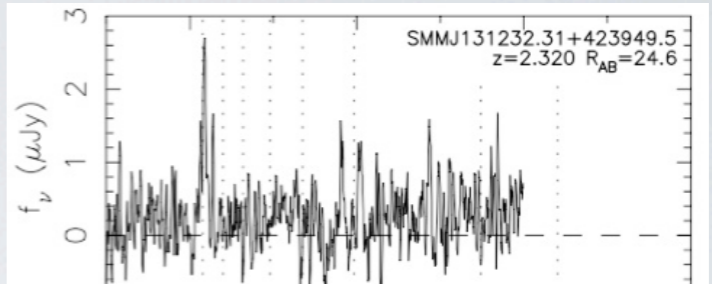


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Now.
2009-
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Large spectroscopic samples enable detailed characterization of starbursts at high-z (re: Ivison's comment: "are spec-z's necessary?")

EIMOS
firm.

with CO
survey at

ALMA)

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Pre-CCAT GOAL:

High-z (U)LIRG “Completeness”

Translating number counts into a bolometric/FIR
luminosity function → ULIRG contribution to cosmic
SFRD

Good handle from Herschel PACS/SPIRE samples
(UV/optical counterpart matching is a bottleneck)
SCUBA2 450um maps

CCAT GOAL:

ULIRG Completeness revisited,
remove counterpart ID bottleneck,
Precise dust characterization + gas
observations providing snapshot into
evolutionary conditions