The symbiotic nature of AGN and SF activities of AGNs probed by the PAH 3.3 micron emission feature

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Issues on SF vs AGN activities

- Regarding the co-evolution of SMBHs and their host galaxies, what is the correlation between SF and AGN activities, i.e. if it is really positive, or not? Or does it matter?

- In terms of SF activity, are we looking at nuclear SF activity, or global SF activity, i.e SF within entire host galaxies?

- Are SFR indicators reliable? Or, can we believe in monochromatic infrared luminosities as robust SFR indicator?

- Any dependency of the correlation on morphological types of host galaxies, and the presence of radio jets?
Infrared Star Formation Rate (SFR) indicator

1. The bolometric IR luminosity with in $5 \, \mu m < \lambda < 1000 \, \mu m$, $L_{IR}$ is attributed to the dust obscured star formation in a galaxy.

2. $SFR(TIR) = 2.8 \times 10^{-44} L(TIR)$ for a stellar population undergoing constant star formation over $\tau=100$ Myr (Kennicutt 1998).

3. Two issues
   i. sparse sampling of SED, especially for high-z galaxies
   ii. dust heating from evolved stellar populations: stochastically-heated dust from both young and evolved stellar populations for monochromatic indicators shortward of $15 \sim 20 \, \mu m$ (e.g., Boselli et al. 2004; Calzetti et al. 2007; Bendo et al. 2008) and increased contribution from low-mass and long-lived stellar populations to longward of around $70 \, \mu m$
The 3.3 μm PAH as SFR Indicators

1. AKARI mJy Unbiased Survey of Extragalactic Sources in 5MUSES (AMUSES)

2. Its scientific goal is to construct a continuous infrared spectral library of 5MUSES sample over 2.5 ~ 40 μm utilizing slit-less spectroscopy capability of AKARI telescope.

3. The 3.3 μm PAH is the weakest amongst the various PAH emission features, but the only dust emission feature accessible to JWST at high-redshifts (z > 4.5) galaxies.

4. We detect the 3.3μm PAH emission feature from three (!) out of 20 sources.

Kim et al. (2012)
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\log(\text{LIR}) = (1.16 \pm 0.30) \times \log(\text{LPAH}_{3.3}) - (3.11 \pm 0.34)
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\[ \log(L_{PAH6.2}) = (0.83 \pm 0.06) \times \log(L_{PAH3.3}) + (7.88 \pm 0.41) \]

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Still not a unity. Different origins of PAH features (van Diedenhoven et al. 2004)?

1. The 6.2 μm and 7.7 μm PAH emission features are originated from PAH cations.

2. The 3.3 μm PAH feature is attributed to neutral and/or negatively charged PAH molecules like the 11.3 μm PAH feature.
Application to LQSONG

- The Low-redshift Quasar Spectroscopic Observation in Near-infrared Grism: a mission program of AKARI

- Two subsamples

1. bright type-1 AGN and QSOs with BH masses measured by reverberation mapping method - 31 objects

2. Palomar-Green QSO sample - 49 objects

- Even higher detection rates than AMUSES

3. \(~60\% (18 \text{ out of } 31)\) for the reverberation-mapped sample

4. \(~20\% (9 \text{ out of } 49)\) for the PG-QSO sample

- The detection rate is higher than the previous studies of AMUSES (Kim et al. 2012), or Woo et al. (2012), but lower than other studies targeting hidden AGN populations (Imanishi et al. 2008, 2010).
AGN probes versus PAH 3.3 $\mu$m

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- $L_{\text{SF}} \propto L_{\text{AGN}}^{0.89}$

- Slope values from previous studies range between 0.8 and 0.84 (Maiolino et al. 2007; Netzer et al. 2009; Zubovas et al. 2013).

Netzer et al. (2009)

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Infrared luminosity versus PAHs

Kim et al. (in prep)
IR to PAH revisited

Kim et al. (in prep)
Is it only ULIRGs?

- Yamada et al. rules out photodissociation by UV radiation, dust extinction for 3.3 μm emission, hidden AGN and YSOs, low abundance ratio of PAHs to dust for the origin of PAH3.3 to L_{IR} ratio.
AGN probes versus Radio loudness

Sikora et al. (2007)

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Summary

- The co-evolution of SMBHs and their host galaxies is one of key astrophysical phenomena to provide important informations on the formation and evolution of galaxies.

- It is very challenging to extract precise SFR of AGN host galaxies due to different size scales, dominant emission from AGN, and the nature of SFR indicators.

- ULIRGs at L_{IR} > 10^{12}L_\odot may deviate from the correlation between L_{PAH3.3} and L_{IR} of the lower luminous objects due to non-star-forming contribution on L_{IR}, such as AGN activity and heavily obscured YSOs, or destruction of PAH molecules by AGN activity. L_{PAH6.2} shows a similar trend with L_{IR}.

- The PAH emission features including 3.3 μm feature can be a good SFR indicator, although the dependence on the metal abundance of the system must be calibrated (Engelbracht et al. 2005, 2008; Draine et al. 2007; Smith et al. 2007; Galliano et al. 2008).

- Type-1 AGNs show that SF activity probed by PAH 3.3 μm correlates well with AGN activity over a wide range of host morphology and radio loudness. Seyfert 1s at z~0.36 also show a similar trend.

- However, based on PAH/LIR ratio, it still remains unclear how well infrared luminosity represent dust obscured star formation activity and to what extent.