



Typical mid-IR spectrum of ISM and filter bands



In young, active environments, PAH features and dust continuum are dominant in the mid IR. \Rightarrow relatively easy to get spectral information by multi-band photometry.

PAH emission in star-forming galaxies





140µm

Tycho's SNR with AKARI

Type Ia SN in 1572, Shock speeds: ~ 3000 km s⁻¹, Dust residence time in postshock plasma: 50 yr ($T_e = 8x10^6$ K, $n_e = 10$ cm⁻³) Warren et al. 2005

R:AKARI 18um (dust) B:Suzaku X-ray (Fe, Si) G:CO (CGPS)

Ishihara et al. 2010



IC443 with Spitzer IRS and IRAC





Elliptical galaxies with AKARI and Spitzer



MIR-FIR SEDs of LINER ellipticals



Summary

SPICA uniqueness: 15-60um coverage thanks to cold telescope and new detector technology – solid materials

Requirements for SPICA

(1)MIR-FIR continuous spectral coverage is crucial for maximizing outputs from cold telescope; this makes SPICA unrivalled.

(2) MIR-FIR spectroscopic imaging capability with low resolution is essential for studies of dust features, PAH17um. (H2 and [Sill])



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