

# Obscured AGN with Roman

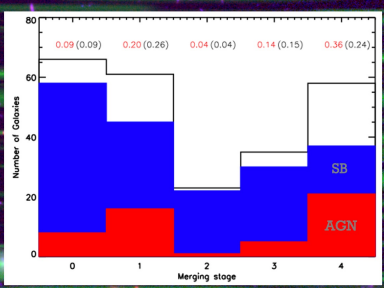
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The Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope has a simultaneous field of view 200 times larger than that of HST WFC3/IR. Roman will survey the NIR sky at a rate of thousands of square degrees per year, with a 5 $\sigma$  detection at magnitudes deeper than 27.5 (mag AB in one hour) with spatial resolutions similar to Hubble (Roman Science Requirements Document). The High Latitude Imaging and Spectroscopic Surveys will detect ~ 30 galaxies per arcmin<sup>2</sup> and will revolutionize our understanding of general astrophysics problems like how, why, and when galaxies grow super-massive black holes, form stars, and stop forming stars.

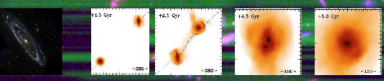
## What fuels growth?

## What's in a shape?

### Local Mergers and IR-luminous galaxies



- AGN fraction is relatively higher in mergers than non-mergers
- Gas rich merger trigger AGN.
- Roman, JWST, and ground based facilities can expand the range of such studies to  $z > 1$ .



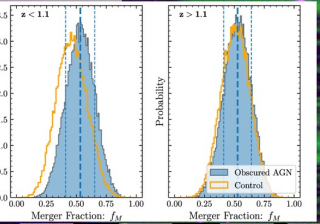
Petric et al. (GOALS collaboration 2022), see also Ellison et al. (2020)



- Most luminous ( $\log L = 47.8 - 48.3$  erg/s), dust-reddened quasars at  $z > 0.7$  are mergers (Glikman et al. 2007, 2012; Lacy et al. 2018).
- At  $\log(L < 10^{46}$  erg/s) the fraction of obscured AGN host mergers seems smaller at  $z > 1.1$
- Are we missing the faintest, most obscured AGN at  $z > -1.1$ ?
- Roman: find and study the faintest end of the  $z > 1$  luminosity function.
- Roman imaging and slit-less spectroscopy can find and study more of such QSOs.

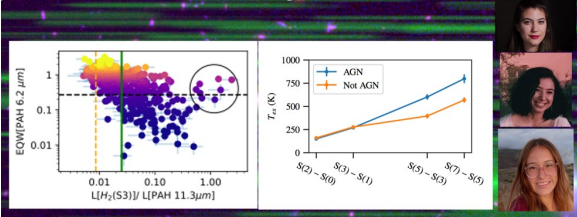
NASA, ESA, and E. Glikman + 2012 (Middlebury College, VT)

Lambrides et al. 2021



- Peculiar structures are more common at high mass but fewer than both theoretical predictions and HST observations (e.g., at  $z \sim 2$  JWST finds 50% disks while HST found 10%) [Ferreira et al. 2022].
- The excess of apparently undisturbed disks may indicate that galaxies grow by mergers but also by other processes such as cold-gas accretion and/or that mergers between high-mass galaxies do not destroy disks efficiently, allowing some galaxies to retain their disk shapes

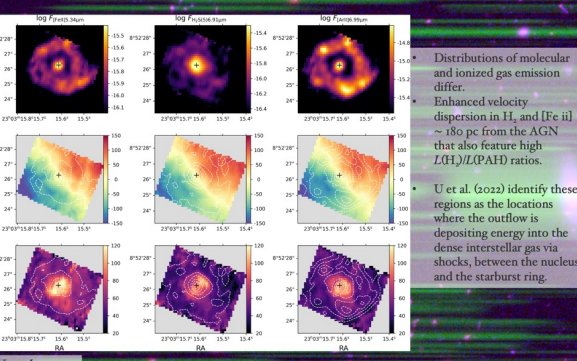
### AGN impact their host's Interstellar Medium



- The relative fraction of warm Hz to IR/PAHs/[NeII] is higher in galaxies harboring an AGN. Not a merger effect!
- Dust features span a wider set of properties in AGN hosts.
- H $\alpha$  excess  $\leftrightarrow$  [OII],[OIII] outflows (Riffell, Zakamska, Riffell 2020)
- Roman can simultaneously study the morphologies and warm-hot gas properties of AGN hosts.

(AP+ 2018, Lambrides, AP+ 2019, Minsley, AP+ 2020, Dries-Padilla in prep)

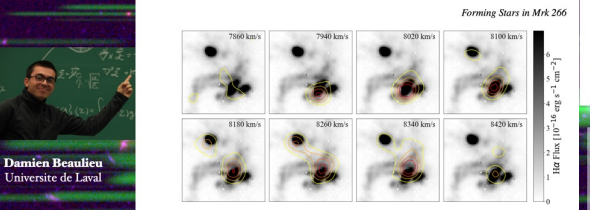
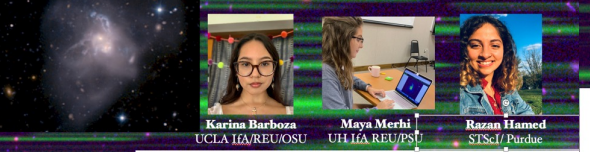
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- Distributions of molecular and ionized gas emission differ.
- Enhanced velocity dispersion in H $\alpha$  and [Fe II] ~ 180 pc from the AGN that also feature high L(H $\alpha$ )/L(PAH) ratios.
- U et al. (2022) identify these regions as the locations where the outflow is depositing energy into the dense interstellar gas via shocks, between the nucleus and the starburst ring.

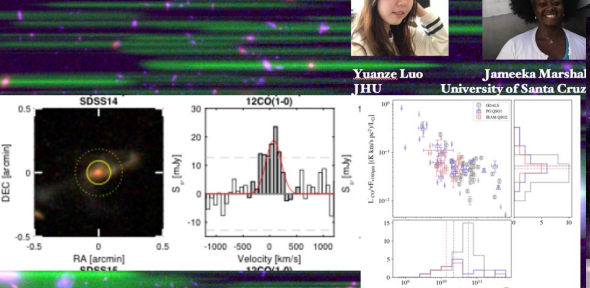
et al. 2022

### AGN impact on the CGM: Spatially resolved optical spectroscopy of AGN hosts



Beaulieu, AP+ 2023

### Cold gas in QSO Hosts

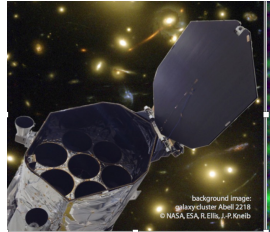


- QSO1 and QSO2s have CO detection rates at similar M $^*$ .
- QSO1 and QSO2s have similar FIR/CO ratios.
- SOFIA [CII] 158 micron to measure the amount of dark CO.
- Massively Multiplexed Spectroscopic Facilities needed to measure reddening and M $^*$  for a wider range of AGN bolometric luminosities

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## Why Roman?



### Finding the most obscured AGN

- eROSITA all Sky Survey on board of the Spectrum-Roentgen-Gamma satellite will detect about 3 million AGN to  $z \sim 6$  (Merloni et al. 2012)



- The Australian SKA Pathfinder's Evolutionary Map of the Universe (EMU) Survey of all of the Southern Sky and up to +30Deg North at ~1.3 GHz
- 10'' resolution, 10 microJy/beam sensitivity
- challenge for EMU => spectroscopic redshifts!

(Norris et al. 2012)

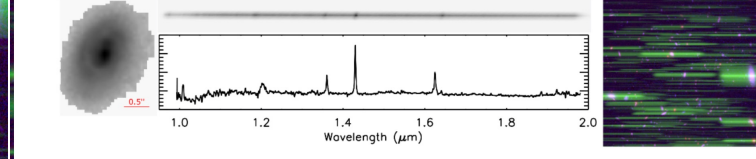
- South Africa's precursor to SKA: MeerKAT
- International GHz Tiered Extragalactic Exploration project (MIGHTEE)
- As of Jan 2019: "early observation of several MIGHTEE pointings have been completed"

(Jarvis et al. 2017, Taylor et al. 2017)

Tier	Frequency (GHz)	Sensitivity (mJy)	Resolution (arcsec)	Area (degree <sup>2</sup> )	Time (hours)
Tier 1	1.4	5.0 $\mu$ Jy	8.5	1000	2400
Tier 2	1.4	1.0 $\mu$ Jy	8.5/3.5	35	1950
Tier 3	1.4	0.1 $\mu$ Jy	3.5	1.0	1700
Tier 4	12	1.0 $\mu$ Jy	3.2/0.4	0.25	700
Tier 5	12	0.2 $\mu$ Jy	0.4	0.01	440

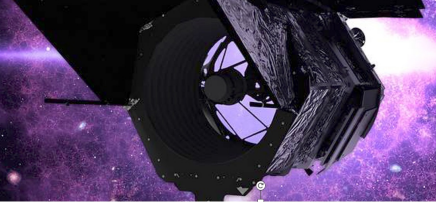
## Roman's Massively multiplexed spectroscopic Surveys

### Disentangling the Spectral Components of Obscured AGN with Complex Host Morphologies



EsPRESSO from Gabrielpillai et al. 2022, simulation of the Roman grism spectra of an obscured AGN from Lacy+AP+ 2016.

## The Nancy Grace Roman Telescope



In ~5 days, Roman will reach same depth as the influential near-IR grism survey of the 3D-HST Treasury Program: 5 $\sigma$  line flux limits of 5.10<sup>-17</sup> erg/s/cm<sup>2</sup> (Brammer et al. 2012; Van Dokkum et al. 2013; Momcheva et al. 2016), but over an area more than 100 times larger! (Wang et al. 2021)

Roman's superb spatial resolution, sensitivity, grism spectroscopy will allow: a better localization & study of the elusive population of Compton-thick AGN eROSITA will discover.