# Not just PAH<sub>3.3</sub>: why galaxies turn red in the Near-Infrared

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### Introduction

Dusty galaxies: dust-enshrouded-starburst, active nuclei

- Some environmental dependence?
  - Koyama+2008: fraction of dusty SFG is enhanced
  - Murata+2015: No dependence
- Target = Abell 2774
  - Covered by multiple JWST program
  - Vulcani+2023 identify surprisingly red F200W-F444W galaxy  $\rightarrow$  PAH 3.3um emission?
- $\rightarrow$  JWST/NIRSpec  $\rightarrow$  the origin of the red excess and PAH<sub>3.3</sub>

## Sample

28 galaxies in the cluster and surrounding field

- 20 red outliers: redder than 3x the width of the red sequence in the F200W-F444W vs F200W plane
- 8 "normal" galaxies





## Three groups of red outliers

- located below the optical red sequence (14)
- 2. Galaxies with PAH<sub>33</sub> emission but weak other lines, → Outlier in F200W-F444W vs EW(PAH3.3). located above the optical red sequence (3)
- Passive galaxies with no significant emission lines (3)  $\rightarrow$  Red color can be explained ageing of SSP. 3.
- 1. Emission line galaxies with clear PAH<sub>33</sub> emission, **F**200W-F444W color correlated with PAH<sub>33</sub> EW, but PAH3.3 can not fully explain the color excess  $\rightarrow$  Dust emission is required
  - Spectral fitting identifies a strong ice absorption  $\rightarrow$  Obscured AGN?



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## SFRPAH VS SFRHa

PAH<sub>33</sub> EW and flux correlate with (JY the intrinsic H $\alpha$  EW and flux  $\rightarrow$  Produced by the same mechanism W) But... SFRPAH is a factor of 3 higher than log[SFR<sub>6</sub> SFRHα

 $\rightarrow$  Red outliers are characterized by a significant amount of dust, that is not captured by the ratio of hydrogen lines

### **Dependence on environment**

- No clear difference between cluster and field galaxies
- $\rightarrow$  Most likely due to the small size of their sample and the target selection (filler of JWST proposals)
- $\rightarrow$  Need a larger sample to explore further

### Short summary

• Red outliers is a mixed population of normal dusty SFG, AGN, and passive systems

1.5

1.0

0.5

0.0

-0.5

-1.0

-1.5 <del>×</del> -1.5

Combining NIR color selection and traditional optical selection (color-mass and UVJ diagram) can provide a cleaner sample of star-forming systems

Cluster galaxies

Field galaxies

