

Lab 8 : Star Formation

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In [39]: import numpy as np
from astropy import units as u
from astropy import constants as const

import matplotlib
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from matplotlib.colors import LogNorm
%matplotlib inline
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Part A

Create a function called `StarFormationRate` that returns the SFR for a given luminosity (NUV, FUV, TIR, Halpha)

$$\text{Log}(\text{SFR}(M_{\odot}/\text{year})) = \text{Log}(Lx(\text{erg/s})) - \text{Log}(Cx)$$

Including corrections for dust absorption

Kennicutt & Evans 2012 ARA&A Equation 12 and Table 1, 2

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In [19]: # Function that returns the star formation rate given the luminosity of the ga
def StarFormationRate(L, Type, TIR=0):
    """ Function that computes the star formation rate of a galaxy following
    Kennicutt & Evans 2012 Eq 12 (ARA&A 50)

    PARAMETERS
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    L: `float`
        luminosity of the galaxy in erg/s
    Type: `string`
        The wavelength : `FUV`, `NUV`, `TIR`, `Halpha`
    TIR: `float`
        Total Infrared Luminosity in erg/s (default = 0)

    OUTPUTS
    -----
    SFR: `float`
        Log of the Star Formation Rate (Msun/year)
    """

    if (Type == 'FUV'):
        logCx = 43.35 # Calibration from L to SFR from Table 1 (K&E 2012)
        TIRc = 0.46 # Correction for dust absorption from Table 2 (K&E 2012)
    elif (Type == 'NUV'):
        logCx = 43.17
        TIRc = 0.27
    elif (Type == 'Halpha'):
        logCx = 41.27
        TIRc = 0.0024
    elif (Type == 'TIR'):
        logCx = 43.41
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        TIRc = 0
    else:
        print("WARNING: Missing Wavelength. Expecting FUV, NUV, Halpha, TIR")

    # Correct the Luminosity for dust using IR luminosity
    Lnew = L + TIRc*TIR

    # star formation rate
    SFR = np.log10(Lnew) - logCx

    return SFR

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In []:

Let's try to reproduce SFRs derived for galaxies from UV luminosities measured with Galex. (WLM Dwarf Irregular and the NGC 24 Sc galaxy)

Compare results to Table 1 from Lee et al. 2009 (who used the older Kennicutt 98 methods) <https://ui.adsabs.harvard.edu/abs/2009ApJ...706..599L/abstract>

We will use galaxy properties from NED (Photometry and SED): <https://ned.ipac.caltech.edu/>

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In [20]: # First need the Luminosity of the Sun in the right units (erg/s)
const.L_sun

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Out[20]: 3.828 × 1026 W

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In [21]: LsunErgS = const.L_sun.to(u.erg/u.s).value # don't need the units themselves.

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In [22]: # Test
StarFormationRate(1e6*LsunErgS, 'blah', 5e6*LsunErgS)

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WARNING: Missing Wavelength. Expecting FUV, NUV, Halpha, TIR

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UnboundLocalError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
/var/folders/m0/37m77_993y7_0b919q6flk2h0000gn/T/ipykernel_56450/475448753.py
in <module>
      1 # Test
----> 2 StarFormationRate(1e6*LsunErgS, 'blah', 5e6*LsunErgS)

/var/folders/m0/37m77_993y7_0b919q6flk2h0000gn/T/ipykernel_56450/2342516125.py
in StarFormationRate(L, Type, TIR)
     34
     35     # Correct the Luminosity for dust using IR luminosity
----> 36     Lnew = L + TIRc*TIR
     37
     38     # star formation rate

UnboundLocalError: local variable 'TIRc' referenced before assignment

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In [11]: # WLM Dwarf Irregular Galaxy
# From NED First table in Phot & SED: WLM NUV luminosity (GALEX) 1.71e7 Lsun
# From NED: WLM NIR luminosity (IRAC) 2.48e6 Lsun, MIR 3.21e5 Lsun, FIR 2.49e6 Lsun

NUV_WLM = 1.71e7*LsunErgS
TIR_WLM = 2.48e6*LsunErgS + 3.21e05*LsunErgS + 2.49e06*LsunErgS

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In [12]: # Determine the star formation rate.
StarFormationRate(NUV_WLM, 'NUV', TIR_WLM)

# Lee et al. 2009 WLM galaxy log(SFR) derived from UV is -2.21 --> Galex
# using older Kennicutt relations
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Out[12]: -2.319186168309912
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In [5]: # Don't do this one.

# NGC 24 Sc galaxy
# Lee et al. 2009 NGC 24 log(SFR) derived from UV as -0.7
# From NED: NGC 24 NUV luminosity (GALEX) 2.96e8 Lsun
# From NED: NGC 24 FIR luminosity (MIPS) 3.09e8 Lsun
# From NED : NGC 24 NIR luminosity (2MASS) 8.34e8 Lsun

NUV_N24 = 2.96e8*LsunErgS
TIR_N24 = 3.09e8*LsunErgS + 8.34e8*LsunErgS

StarFormationRate(NUV_N24, 'NUV', TIR_N24)
# -0.7 is in Lee et al. using older Kennicutt relations
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Out[5]: -0.8055527449424105
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Part B Star formation main sequence

1) Write a function that returns the average SFR of a galaxy at a given redshift, given its stellar mass.

2) What is the average SFR of a MW mass galaxy today? at $z=1$?

3) Plot the SFR main sequence for a few different redshifts from $1e9$ to $1e12$ Msun.

From Whitaker 2012:

$$\log(\text{SFR}) = \alpha(z)(\log M_* - 10.5) + \beta(z)$$

$$\alpha(z) = 0.7 - 0.13z$$

$$\beta(z) = 0.38 + 1.14z - 0.19z^2$$

step 1

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In [23]: def SFRMainSequence(Mstar,z):
          """ Function that computes the average SFR of a galaxy
          as a function of stellar mass and redshift
          PARAMETERS
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              z: 'float'
                  redshift
              Mstar: 'float'
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Stellar mass of the galaxy in Msun
OUTPUTS
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logSFR: 'float'
log(SFR (Msun/year))""""

alpha = 0.7 - 0.13*z
beta = 0.38 + 1.14*z - 0.19*z**2

logSFR = alpha*(np.log10(Mstar) - 10.5) + beta

return logSFR

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step 2

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In [28]: # MW at z=0
# Homework 3 stellar mass of MW disk
MW_disk = 7.5e10

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In [29]: # SFR of MW at z=0
print(10**SFRMainSequence(MW_disk, 0))
# actual star formation rate of the MW is only 1 Msun/year
# So MW is slightly below the SFR MS (see plot)

4.390792203431891

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In [31]: print(SFRMainSequence(MW_disk, 0))
# in log space

0.64254288437419

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In [28]: # MW at z = 1
print(10**SFRMainSequence(MW_disk, 4))

93.87635047080212

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step 3

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In [45]: # create an array of stellar masses
Mass = np.linspace(1e8, 1e12)

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In [47]: # Figure to match Whitaker+2012

fig = plt.figure(figsize=(8,8), dpi=500)
ax = plt.subplot(111)

# add log log plots
plt.plot(np.log10(Mass), SFRMainSequence(Mass,0),
         color='blue', linewidth=3, label='z=0')
plt.plot(np.log10(Mass), SFRMainSequence(Mass,1),
         color='red', linestyle=":", linewidth=3, label='z=1')
plt.plot(np.log10(Mass), SFRMainSequence(Mass,2),
         color='green', linestyle="--", linewidth=3, label='z=2')

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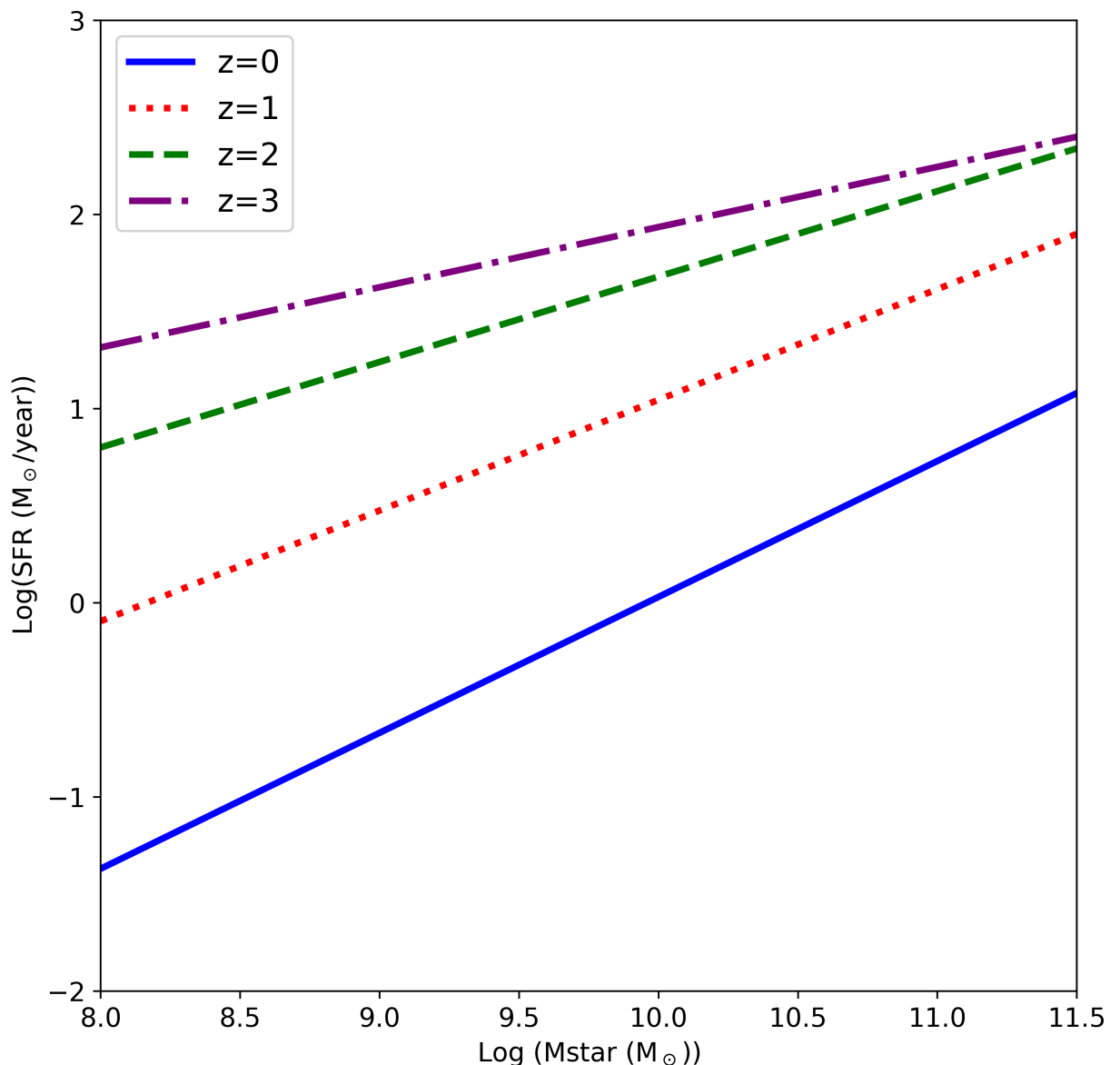
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plt.plot(np.log10(Mass), SFRMainSequence(Mass,3),
         color='purple', linestyle="-.", linewidth=3, label='z=3')

# Add axis labels
plt.xlabel('Log (Mstar (M$_{\odot}$))', fontsize=12)
plt.ylabel('Log(SFR (M$_{\odot}$ / year))', fontsize=12)

plt.ylim(-2,3)
plt.xlim(8,11.5)
#adjust tick label font size
label_size = 12
matplotlib.rcParams['xtick.labelsize'] = label_size
matplotlib.rcParams['ytick.labelsize'] = label_size

# add a legend with some customizations.
legend = ax.legend(loc='upper left', fontsize='x-large')

# Save Fig
plt.savefig('Lab8_SFR_MainSequence.png')
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over all the SFR decreases at all mass bins as a function of time

expect the star formation rate to always be dominated by massive galaxies --> BUT
QUENCHING.

Part C Starbursts

Use your `StarFormationRate` code to determine the typical star formation rates for the following systems with the listed Total Infrared Luminosities (TIR):

Normal Galaxies: $10^{10} L_{\odot}$

LIRG: $10^{11} L_{\odot}$

ULIRG: $10^{12} L_{\odot}$

HLIRG: $10^{13} L_{\odot}$

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In [36]: # normal galaxies Lir = 10^10 Lsun
# assuming

TIR_Normal = 1e10*LsunErgS
print(10**StarFormationRate(TIR_Normal, "TIR"))

1.4892648150381245
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In [37]: # LIRGs
TIR_LIRG = 1e11*LsunErgS
print(10**StarFormationRate(TIR_LIRG, "TIR"))

14.892648150381245
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In [38]: # ULIRGs
TIR_ULIRG = 1e12*LsunErgS
print(10**StarFormationRate(TIR_ULIRG, "TIR"))

148.92648150381245
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In [39]: # HLIRGs
TIR_HLIRG = 1e13*LsunErgS
print(10**StarFormationRate(TIR_HLIRG, "TIR"))

1489.2648150381244
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