

# Starburst/Seyfert composite galaxies under the microscope

- What are composite galaxies?
- IRAS 00317-2142
- AO-assisted NIR integral field spectrocopy (Mrk 609)
- Future prospects

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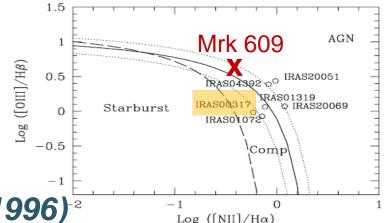
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## What are composite galaxies?



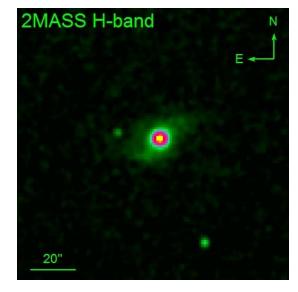
- ROSAT/IRAS match (Moran+ 1996)<sup>-2</sup>
- Visible- $\lambda$  spectrum dominated by starburst features, while
- X-ray spectrum typical of those of Seyfert-1s
- no big-blue-bump

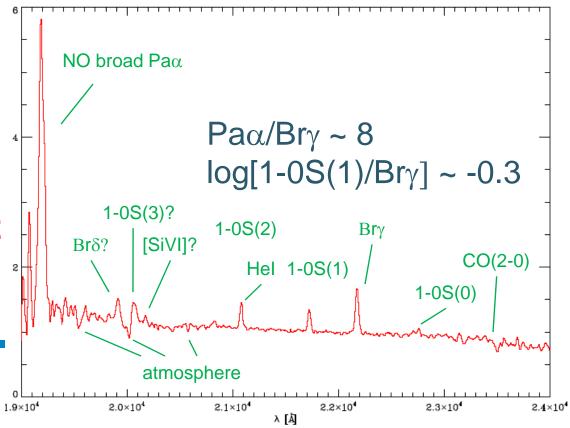
#### **Interpretation:** AGN & star formation of similar strength

- 1. reddening towards the nucleus
- 2. host outshines AGN (e.g., Moran 2002, ApJ, 579)
- 3. cold accretion (e.g., Koratkar & Blaes, 1999, PASP,111)

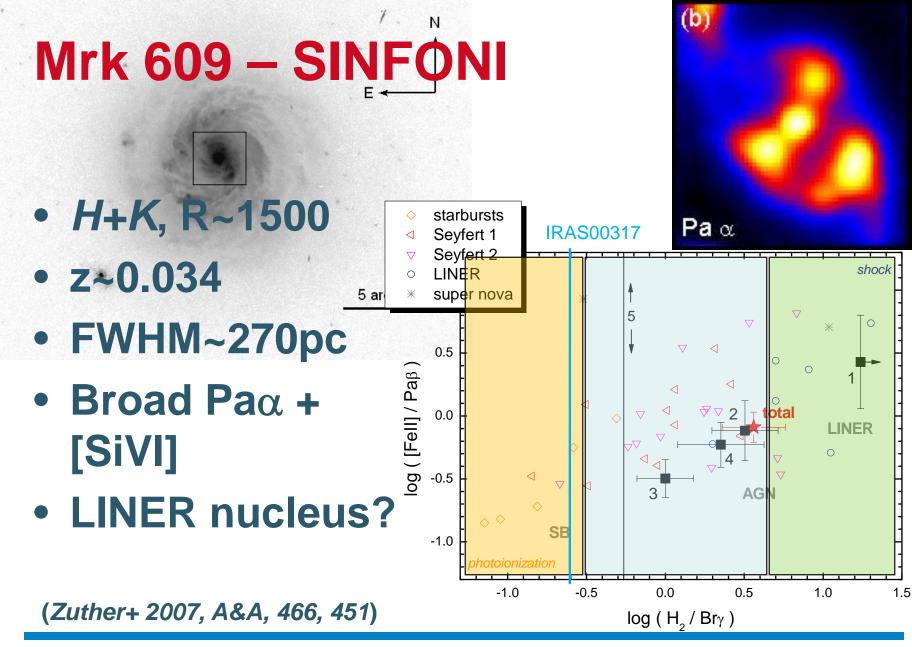
### The observational problem

- IRAS 00317-2124
  - z=0.0268 1"~ 540pc
  - ISAAC SK R~500 FWHM~0.9"
- Reddening + luminous host
- No clear AGN





(Zuther+ in prep.)



### **Prospects**

- Composites have to be studied at high angular resolution → IFU
- A rare but possibly important class of objects.
- Use VO to search for such sources (www.euro-vo.org).

