Resolved Stellar Populations in Nearby Galaxies

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NGC 4068: HST



Optical CMDs



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Star Formation Rate... as a function of time



Equivalent UV CMD



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Right Ascension (J2000)

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Mismatch between SFRs



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UV Resolved Stellar Populations







Chemical Enrichment Histories



The Importance of the UV in SED Fitting



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Summary

- Ground Truth on UV emission from stellar populations
 - Accurately predict the UV flux from composite stellar populations
 - FUV SFRs calculated from scaling relations are too low
- Future gains
 - Constraints on the recent chemical enrichment of galaxies as a function of radius
 - Improved models of UV bright BHeB stars
 - Relative weights of recent vs. intermediate and old SF in galaxies