# Hidden message: looking for attenuation proxy in optical observations

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Brown et al. (2017) – $GALEX$ -SDSS DR3 (66 nearby galaxies at $D < 10$ Mpc) – Kroupa IMF			
$\log(\text{SFR})(M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}) = \frac{f-B}{A} - 1.26$		(B.1)	
$f = \log(L_{FUV}) + 2(M_{FUV} - M_{NUV})$ with $A = 0.9$ and $B = 42.25$	[Calzetti et al. (2000) attenuation law]	(B.2)	
$f = \log(L_{FUV}) + 1.532(M_{FUV} - M_{NUV}) - 0.033$ with $A = 0.96$ and $B = 42.42$	[Hao et al. (2011) attenuation law]	(B.3)	
Davies et al. (2016) – GAMA II survey (3749 galaxies at z < 0.13) – Chabr	ier IMF		
$\log(SFR_{NUV}) (M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}) = 0.62 \times (\log[L_{NUV}(\text{W Hz}^{-1})] - 21.5) + 0.014$		(B.4)	
$\log(SFR_{FUV}) (M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}) = 0.75 \times (\log[L_{FUV}(\text{W Hz}^{-1})] - 21.5) + 0.17$		(B.5)	
<b>Salim et al. (2007)</b> – <i>GALEX</i> -SDSS DR3 (48 295 galaxies at 0.005 < z < 0.2	2) – Chabrier IMF		
$\log(SFR_{NUV}) (M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}) = \log[L_{NUV}(\text{W Hz}^{-1})] - 21.14$		(B.6)	
$\log(SFR_{FUV}) (M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}) = \log[L_{NUV}(\text{W Hz}^{-1})] - 21.16$		(B.7)	
Rosa-González et al. (2002) – 31 nearby star-forming galaxies – Salpeter I	MF – Attenuation correction included		
$\log(\text{SFR}_{UV}) (M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}) = \log[L_{UV}(\text{W Hz}^{-1})] - 20.19$		(B.8)	
B.2. u band			
<b>Davies et al. (2016)</b> – GAMA II survey (3749 galaxies at $z < 0.13$ ) – Chabr	ier IMF		
$\log(SFR_u) (M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}) = 0.92 \times (\log[L_u(\text{W Hz}^{-1})] - 21.25) - 0.079$		(B.9)	
Moustakas et al. (2006) – SDSS (120 846 galaxies at $z \sim 0.1$ ) – Salpeter IMF – Attenuation correction included			
$\log(SFR_u) (M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}) = \log[L_u(\text{erg s}^{-1})]] - 42.85$		(B.10)	

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All methods are critically limited by our ability to correct for the effects of DUST. This usually required IR and/or UV data.





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## Role of dust in galaxies:

- **DUST** is a key component in a galaxy's evolution,
- it affects the observations, especially at shorter wavelengths known as **attenuation** a crucial quantity to consider while estimating galaxy properties,





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NGC4194



**NGC4194** (z=0.008) SFR(M<sub> $\odot$ </sub>/yr): 16±0.8, M<sub>star</sub>(M<sub> $\odot$ </sub>): 1.3x10<sup>10</sup>±3.2x10<sup>9</sup>, M<sub>dust</sub> (M<sub> $\odot$ </sub>): 7.25x10<sup>6</sup>±3.62x10<sup>5</sup> **Att. FUV: 3.8±0.2** mag; T<sub>dust</sub>(K): 37.0±0.1

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- the relative geometrical extent of the emission coming from the stellar and the dust regions, is crucial in determining the dust right attenuation curve.



**Fig. 13.** Histogram of the ratio of the *H*-band radius to the ALMA radius,  $R_{ALMA}^{H}$ . The filled histogram represents galaxies for which C00 gives a satisfying fit, and the empty histogram represents galaxies for which a shallower power-law attenuation (CF00 or LF17) is needed.



Fig. 12. Preference of attenuation laws of our sample according to the star-to-dust compactness. To facilitate the reading of this plot, we shifted the bins of CF00/LF17 slightly to the right (+0.1).









z=0.92

Real data from the ELAIS N1 same. Full UV-to-IR observations fitted using CIGALE software. The blue square represents the observed fluxes, and red dots represent the fluxes predicted by the model.

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Fig. 8. LSST coverage of an example SED at different redshifts indicated in the panel.

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At redshift ~0 LSST probes mainly old stellar population, without any band probing young stellar population or dust properties. As redshift increases, the LSST ugriz filters start to cover the UV rest frame, and the estimates of the SFR significantly improve.







# In Riccio+21 we calculated $A_{FUV}$ proxy thanks to the multi- $\lambda$ data of ELAIS N1 & COSMOS field.

$$A_{\text{FUV-LSST}} = a \cdot \log_{10}(M_{\text{star-LSST}}) + b.$$

Redshift	а	b
0-0.5	$0.41 \pm 0.02$	$-1.39 \pm 0.21$
0.5 - 1	$0.44 \pm 0.03$	$-0.49 \pm 0.30$
1 - 1.5	$0.72 \pm 0.03$	$-3.42 \pm 0.34$
1.5-2.5	$0.83 \pm 0.04$	$-5.19\pm0.39$





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## Can we use LSST-like data (fluxes, colours, morphological parameters) to proxy AFUV without having to rely on other surveys?



## We did our best to try it.

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### Małek, Junais, Pollo et al., 2024

Selection criteria	Number of selected sources	% of the initial sample	
catalogue of physical properties (S	Salim et al. 2016, 2018)		
GSWLC-X2	659 229	100,0%	
objects with A <sub>FUV</sub> estimation	650 597	98.7%	
Main Galaxy Survey flag_msg=1	610 518	92.6%	Physical
SED fitting flag=0 (all SDSS photometry, no broad-line spectrum)	603 615	91.6%	i nyoloal
at least one GALEX detection (FUV or NUV)	404 830	61.4%	properties
medium and deep UV exposure time (GSWLC-A and D)	252 445	38.3%	
$L_{TIR}$ estimated based on the WISE $22\mu m$	82116	12.6%	
REDCHISQ<5 (goodness of the fit, following Salim et al. 2016, 2018)	78 725	11.9%	Dhatawatula
photometric catalogue Ala	um et al. (2015)		Photometric
cross-matching with SDSS Alam et al. (2015) catalogue	78 725	11.9%	data
cleaning based on the SDSS flags (Sec. 3.2)	44 047	6.7%	uata
morphological catalogue M	eert et al. (2015)		morphological
cross-matching with Meert et al. (2015) catalogue	29 593	4.5%	morphological
the axis ratio of the total fit $> 0$	29 487	4.5%	data
Selection based on	Sec. 3.4:		
redshift range 0.025–0.1	9 596	1.5%	Redshift &
main sequance galaxies	7934	1.2%	
		Land Marine a	main sequence
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A <sub>FUV</sub> bin	bin width	$\overline{A}_{FUV}$	# gal.	% sample
0.72 - 0.77	0.06	0.74	79	1.01
0.76 - 0.87	0.11	0.81	174	2.23
0.86 - 1.02	0.16	0.95	453	5.81
1.00 - 1.22	0.22	1.12	1053	13.51
1.20 - 1.42	0.23	1.31	1275	16.35
1.39 – 1.62	0.23	1.51	1277	16.38
1.59 - 1.82	0.24	1.70	1260	16.16
1.78 - 2.02	0.24	1.89	1074	13.77
1.98 - 2.22	0.25	2.09	810	10.39
2.17 - 2.42	0.25	2.28	654	8.39
2.37 - 2.62	0.25	2.47	470	6.03
2.56 - 2.82	0.26	2.67	266	3.41
2.76 - 3.02	0.27	2.86	161	2.06
2.95 - 3.22	0.27	3.06	117	1.50







$$A_{FUVp} = \frac{(u - r) - (0.12 \cdot \mu_u) + 1.68}{(-0.02 \cdot \mu_u) + 0.65}$$









## How we can statistically check this relation for lower surface brightness regime and/or higher redshift?



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# One (maybe the only?) possibility is to involve simulations.

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## Pushing the limits with SIMBA cosmological simulation

SIMBA is the cutting edge hydrodynamical cosmological simulation with 100 Mpc/h box size. Due to its careful dust treatment with a rich chemical evolution of the ISM, it is perfectly suited for this project.







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#### Surface brightness from Małek et al.

## SIMBA sample selection

We calculated A<sub>FUV</sub>, surface brightness, colors, etc. using SIMBA catalogs.

We tried to define the SIMBA sample as close to SDSS as possible.

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% of the initial sample



Surface brightness from SIMBA galaxies

All galaxies at z < 0.1	163431	100,00
Distance to main sequence	100471	61,48
0.67 < A_fuv < 3.71	42298	25,88
9.5 < log(M_star) < 11	17817	10,90
-10.34 < log(sSFR) < -9.49	15292	9,36
Matching u,g,r,i and z	12139	7,43
galex_nuv > 20	7508	4,59

Number of selected sources

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## Early results





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## Next stages:

- 1) fine tuning of obtained relations to check if SIMBA can mimic observational data
  - a) checking all possible observational cuts we had in the data used in KM et al., 2024,
  - adding observational effects (flux blurring, observational errors, etc)
- generalisation of the relation to galaxies of different types, not only the main sequence, and extending the analysis to lower surface brightness galaxies

We will soon contact our previous co-authors willing to expand our results. New collaborators are also welcome!



## CONCLUSIONS

We have found that:

- LSST-like data needs a prior to calculate SFR,
- the best proxy for  $A_{FUV}$  can be constructed based on u-r and  $\mu_{u}$  ,
- our  $A_{FUV}$  prior used as a proxy for the SED fitting, allows for very good recovery of SFR with only a small bias  $\Delta$ SFR~0.1,
- thanks to the reduction of the number of generated templates by ~98%, we decrease the computing time needed for fitting by a comparable factor, which will be of great importance for the 'big data' analysis of the LSST data.

Thank to simulations like SIMBA we can move forward to check this relation for different types of galaxies, redshift, surface brightness etc.



## Thank you for your attention



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Soon (~one/two months) we will open a call for a postdoc in the field of **BigData in the LSST era: applications to the universe of low surface brightness galaxies**. You can ask questions about the position even today!

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**Fig. 11.**  $A_{FUV}$  as a function of stellar mass estimated from the UV-FIR SED fitting (blue density plot) compared with the  $A_{FUV}$  estimated by employing  $M_{star}$  from the relation of Bogdanoska & Burgarella (2020).

**Fig. 12.** Difference between  $A_{\text{FUV}}$  estimated from  $A_{\text{FUV}}-M_{\text{star}}$  relations: Bogdanoska & Burgarella 2020 (green) and Eq. (2) with the coefficients reported in Table 5 (blue) and  $A_{\text{FUV}}$  estimated from the UV-FIR SED fitting as a function of redshift.





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#### SDSS Data Release 7 Schawinski+2014



**Figure 4:** Color (u-r)-stellar mass diagram for all galaxies combined (top left), and for earlytype and late-type galaxies separately. The green lines show the position of the green valley, which separates the red sequence above it from the blue cloud below it. Reproduced from Schawinski et al (2014).





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Fig. 10. SFR overestimation as a function of redshift for the Charlot & Fall (2000) (red) and Calzetti et al. (2000) (cyan) attenuation laws.







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