# Multi-wavelength properties of nearby AGN

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## Introduction

- What are AGN?
- Previous work
- The surveys
- Areas of overlap
- Preliminary results
- Future work
- Problems

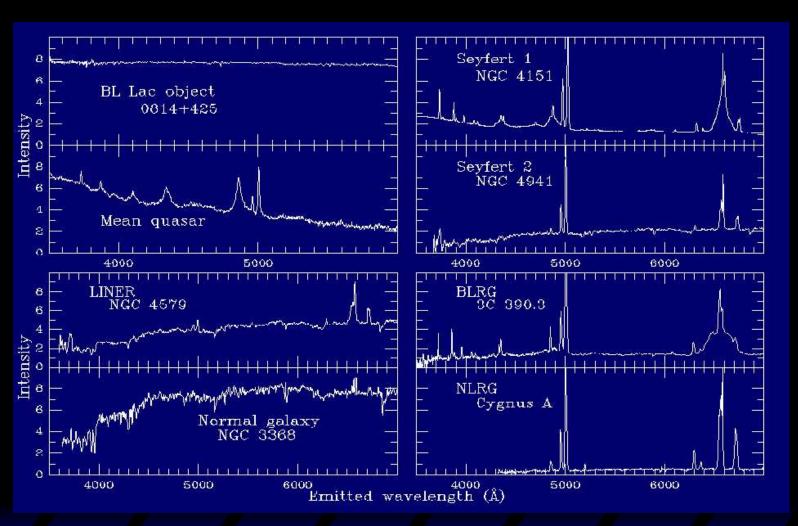
## Previous work

- Obric et. al.
  - Properties of SSDS DR1 in ~8 other surveys
  - Only galaxies in general.
- Siebert et. al.
  - GALEX preliminary data vs. SSDS DR2
  - Stars and galaxies: general

#### AGN: Active Galactic Nuclei

- Nuclear emission ≥ light from stars
- Powered by central black hole
- Broad emission line spectra
- Strong, broad line emission spectra
- ~15-20% of all galaxies

## Distinguishing AGN



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## Wide area surveys

spss Sloan Digital Sky Survey: optical

**GALEX** GALaxy Evolution eXplorer: UV

Spitzer/SIRTIF Spitzer Space Telescope: IR

**VLA/FIRST** Faint Images of the Radio Sky at Twenty-one centimeters

## SDSS: Sloan Digital Sky Survey



#### Wavebands

• u: 355.1nm

• g: 468.6nm

• i: 616.5nm

• r: 748.1nm

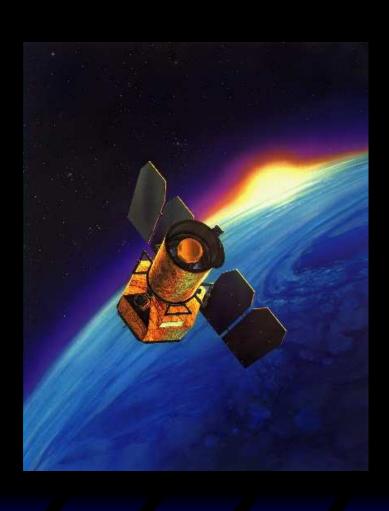
• z: 893.1nm

• Field of view: ~2.5°

Resolution: 0.4"

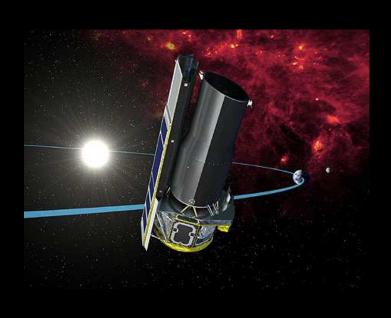
Drexel is a partner

### **GALEX**



- GALaxy Evolution eXplorer
- Wavebands
  - Far UV: 135 175nm
  - Near UV: 175 280nm
- Field of view: 1.2°
- Resolution: 5"
- GR1 available now, GR2 in October

## Spitzer



- The final "Great Observatory"
- Wavebands
  - Near to Far IR: 3 180 microns
- Field of view: ~5.2'
- Resolution: ~1.2"
- First release SWIRE data available

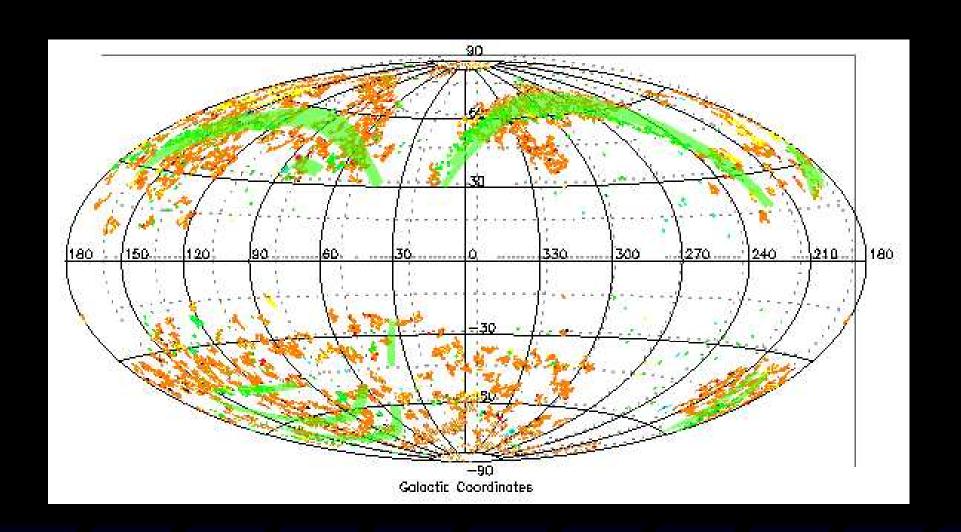
## **VLA/FIRST**

- Faint Images of the Radio Sky at Twenty-one centimeters
- The Very Large Array, New Mexico
- Wavebands
  - 21cm Hydrogen transition
- Northern sky ++
- Resolution: 5"
- Survey complete: all data available

## A few others

- **2MASS** 2-Micron All Sky Survey: all data available, low sensitivity
- **XMM-Newton** Small-field x-ray: some serendipitous sources
- Swift Gamma-ray, all-sky survey in the works, first release 2006

## Observational overlap



#### Results

- GALEX/SDSS galaxy overlap: 27733
- FIRST/SDSS galaxy overlap: 14103
- All three together: ~500

### Problems?

- GALEX
  - New database/bad software
  - Equal search criterion = different results?
- Spitzer
  - No good large-area search tools
  - Their own optical images

#### Future work

- Combine with Anca's AGN list
- Add in Spitzer and/or 2MASS
- Look at spectral properties.
- Extend as more data becomes available

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