

GALAXIES: THE SHORT WAVELENGTH VIEW

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The potential of mid-infrared spectroscopy for quantitative studies of starburst and active galaxies, and for uncovering the power sources of obscured galaxies, has for the first time been demonstrated by the ISO mission. I will report on the results of ISO spectroscopy of AGN, starbursts, and ultraluminous infrared galaxies, focussing on the use of mid-infrared diagnostics for uncovering the power sources of optically obscured ultraluminous galaxies.