SPITZER* INFRARED SPECTROMETER[†] 16 μm OBSERVATIONS OF THE GOODS FIELDS

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ABSTRACT

We present $Spitzer~16~\mu m$ imaging of the Great Observatories Origins Deep Survey (GOODS) fields. We survey 150 arcmin² in each of the two GOODS fields (North and South), to an average 3σ depth of 40 and $65~\mu Jy$, respectively. We detect ~ 1300 sources in both fields combined. We validate the photometry using the $3-24~\mu m$ spectral energy distribution of stars in the fields compared to Spitzer spectroscopic templates. Comparison with ISOCAM and AKARI observations in the same fields shows reasonable agreement, though the uncertainties are large. We provide a catalog of photometry, with sources cross-correlated with available Spitzer, Chandra, and Hubble~Space~Telescope data. Galaxy number counts show good agreement with previous results from ISOCAM and AKARI with improved uncertainties. We examine the $16-24~\mu m$ flux ratio and find that for most sources it lies within the expected locus for starbursts and infrared luminous galaxies. A color cut of $S_{16}/S_{24} > 1.4$ selects mostly sources which lie at 1.1 < z < 1.6, where the $24~\mu m$ passband contains both the redshifted 9.7 μm silicate absorption and the minimum between polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon emission peaks. We measure the integrated galaxy light of $16~\mu m$ sources and find a lower limit on the galaxy contribution to the extragalactic background light at this wavelength to be $2.2 \pm 0.2~n$ W m $^{-2}$ sr $^{-1}$.

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1. INTRODUCTION

UV light absorbed by dust is primarily reradiated in the far-IR, with a peak between 60 and $100 \,\mu m$. In addition, complex molecules, the polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), radiate characteristic emission features in the mid-IR (MIR), the most prominent of which are at wavelengths 6.2, 7.7, 8.6, 11.3, and $12.7 \,\mu\text{m}$ (see Puget & Leger 1989, for a review). Over the same wavelength range, there is continuum emission from very small dust grains, which can dominate PAH emission at wavelengths beyond $10 \,\mu m$ (Laurent et al. 2000). The MIR flux, which results from the sum of these two emission mechanisms, correlates strongly with the integrated IR luminosity from 8–1000 μ m, L_{IR} , which is a direct tracer of star formation (Kennicutt 1998; Chary & Elbaz 2001, and references therein). Active galactic nuclei (AGNs) are also strong MIR sources, making the infrared an excellent tracer of obscured AGNs which may not be accessible even to ultradeep X-ray observations (Lacy et al. 2004; Sajina et al. 2005; Stern et al. 2005; Daddi et al. 2007; Donley et al. 2008). Observations from the Infrared Space Observatory (ISO; Kessler et al. 1996), the Spitzer Space

Telescope (Werner et al. 2004), and the *AKARI* satellite (Murakami et al. 2007) have revolutionized the study of infrared luminous sources in the past decade.

Of particular interest is the measurement of the integrated galaxy light and its value compared to the DIRBE measured extragalactic background light (EBL; for a review, see Lagache et al. 2005). Lower limits on the EBL are inferred from the detection of galaxies in imaging surveys with, e.g., ISO and Spitzer (Elbaz et al. 2002; Dole et al. 2006). Upper limits on the background are obtained from γ -ray observations of blazars because of the absorption of TeV photons by the cosmic infrared background through pair production (e.g., Aharonian et al. 2002). More recently, Matsuura et al. (2010) have used longwavelength (65–160 μ m) AKARI imaging to directly detect the cosmic infrared background and confirm a value in excess of the lower limit measured by stacking of *Spitzer* sources. Considerable effort has gone into predicting the contribution of AGNs to the EBL (Fadda et al. 2002; Barmby et al. 2006; Treister et al. 2006; Ballantyne & Papovich 2007, among others). It is clear that galaxies hosting AGNs do not dominate (well under 30%), but their precise contribution remains hard to estimate, in part due to the trouble identifying obscured sources. Measurement of the resolved portion of the background at a particular wavelength is performed by integrating the total flux from individually detected galaxies and through the technique of stacking.

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Deep, MIR observations of the Great Observatories Origins Deep Survey (GOODS; Giavalisco et al. 2004; Dickinson et al. 2003) fields have led to important advances in understanding the global history of star formation and AGN evolution. For example, the peaks in the differential source counts at 15 and 24 μm at 0.4 and 0.2 mJy, respectively (Elbaz et al. 2002; Chary et al. 2004; Papovich et al. 2004; Marleau et al. 2004), reflect the contribution of luminous infrared galaxies (LIRGs) at higher redshifts (e.g., Pearson 2005) as MIR features redshift into the bands. The GOODS fields also provide substantial information on the presence of AGNs, both obscured and unobscured, using the ultradeep *Chandra* observations (Brandt et al. 2001; Giacconi et al. 2002).

In this paper, we present *Spitzer* 16 μ m observations covering the GOODS fields. We provide the source catalog, including quality assessment flags, and provide source associations between these observations and other available photometry from *Spitzer*, *Hubble Space Telescope* (*HST*), and *Chandra*. We discuss preliminary analysis of the data set including number counts, $16/24 \,\mu$ m colors, and the integrated galaxy light of $16 \,\mu$ m-selected sources (including obscured AGNs). Earlier *Spitzer* imaging of a small region within GOODS-North was presented in Teplitz et al. (2005).

Le Borgne et al. (2009) used an earlier reduction of the present Spitzer survey as part of a study of the cosmic star formation history using MIR number counts. They combine a non-parametric inversion of galaxy counts at $15-850 \, \mu \mathrm{m}$ with constraints from measurements of the cosmic infrared background. They exclude a major contribution from "hyper-LIRGs" at high redshift, concluding that these sources may in fact be AGN-dominated. In addition, Burgarella et al. (2009) recently reported imaging of a portion of GOODS-South at 15 μm using the Infrared Camera (IRC) onboard AKARI. Their analysis has some overlap with the Spitzer study (number counts, MIR colors), and the results are consistent, as we discuss below. While the two surveys are complementary, the *Spitzer* study had the advantage of significantly more telescope time; it covers more area and to greater depth, especially with the addition of GOODS-North. We report \sim 1300 objects over the two fields, compared to <300 in the AKARI survey.

We describe the survey, source extraction, quality assessment, and validation in Section 2. We provide the catalog and discuss the survey properties in Section 3. In Section 4 we describe preliminary analysis of the data, before summarizing in Section 5. Throughout, we assume a Λ -dominated flat universe, with $H_0 = 71 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$, $\Omega_{\Lambda} = 0.73$, and $\Omega_m = 0.27$.

2. OBSERVATIONS AND DATA REDUCTION

In this section, we describe the observations and data reduction. In addition, we have performed several validation checks and quality assessment measurements, which we describe in detail.

The *Spitzer* peak-up imaging (PUI) capability offered a sensitive imaging capability at 16 μ m using the Infrared Spectrometer (IRS; Houck et al. 2004). The peak-up array was read out on the same detector as the Short-Low (5–14.5 μ m) spectroscopic channel, in a small field of view (56" × 80"). The Si:As detector was similar to that used in the 24 μ m channel of the MIPS instrument (Rieke et al. 2004). In 10 minutes of observation, the PUI achieved 5σ depths of \sim 45 μ Jy.

Data were taken in two general observer *Spitzer* programs: GO-3661, observing GOODS-South in Cycle 1, and GO-20599, observing GOODS-North in Cycle 2. The southern survey was

taken before the PUI mode was fully commissioned for *Spitzer*. In order to observe GOODS-South at 16 μ m, the instrument was commanded to take a series of short spectroscopic observations over a range of positions, and the images were acquired in parallel. Similar observations were taken over a small area within GOODS-North and are described in Teplitz et al. (2005). The northern survey used the standard PUI mode.

The southern survey was designed to consist of $\sim 130 \, \mathrm{arcmin^2}$ of shallow data (2 minutes per pointing) and 10 arcmin² of deeper data (16 minutes per pointing) in the area of the *Hubble* Ultradeep Field (UDF; Beckwith et al. 2006). Observations were first taken in early 2005, but were compromised by persistent charge on the detector resulting from the preceding program, which targeted the rings of Jupiter. Much of the survey was repeated later in the year. Many exposures within the compromised observations were unaffected, so the shallow survey has an average of 4 minutes per pointing, with small areas of overlapping frames having greater depth. The UDF coverage varies from 16 to 32 minutes.

The northern survey covered $150 \, \mathrm{arcmin^2} \, \mathrm{with} \sim 10 \, \mathrm{minutes}$ per pointing, observed in 2006. We chose not to combine these data with the previous GOODS-North imaging (Teplitz et al. 2005), given the small area of the latter and the different observing modes.

IRS 16 μ m images were reduced by version S13.2 of the standard Spitzer Science Center (SSC) pipeline. ¹² The pipeline supplied Basic Calibrated Data (BCD) frames with most instrumental effects corrected and flux calibration applied. Flux calibration was updated to match the latest version of the pipeline (S18.7). The pipeline removed a nominal low-background sky image, but some residual zodiacal light could have remained. We created median sky images from near-in-time subsets of the data, specifically from each contiguous block of observations or "astronomical observing request" (AOR). We then subtracted the median sky frames after scaling to the mode of the images.

Individual PUI frames are quite small (56" by 80"), as the primary purpose of the $16 \,\mu m$ camera was target acquisition. The plate scale is ~ 1.8 arcseconds per pixel. Geometric distortion is about 2%.

We registered and combined images using the MOPEX software distributed by the SSC (Makovoz & Marleau 2005; Makovoz et al. 2006a, 2006b). We employed *drizzle* interpolation (Fruchter & Hook 2002). MOPEX drizzle produces the same results as *wdrizzle* in IRAF. The package uses the World Coordinate System (WCS) definition of both spatial offsets and geometric distortion. In imaging mode, the IRS did not perform an initial peak-up to refine the pointing, so the absolute WCS is good to only about 1 arcsecond, though the pointing is considerably better between BCDs within a single AOR. The point-spread function (PSF) at $16 \,\mu m$ has an FWHM of about 3.6 arcseconds. The final mosaics have a plate scale of 0.79 pixel⁻¹, and the *pixfrac* was set to 0.6. Figure 1 shows the mosaics of the GOODS fields.

Photometry was performed by applying a custom point source extraction code which utilizes PSF-fitting and positional priors (Chary et al. 2004). We used 5σ sources from the full GOODS IRAC channel 1 catalog (3.6 μ m; M. Dickinson et al. 2011, in preparation) as input. Sources within a $20'' \times 20''$ box around each input source were simultaneously fit to the measured PSF. The same technique was used in the preparation of the GOODS

¹² http://ssc.spitzer.caltech.edu/irs/dh/

¹³ IRAF is distributed by NOAO, which is operated by AURA Inc., under contract to the NSF.

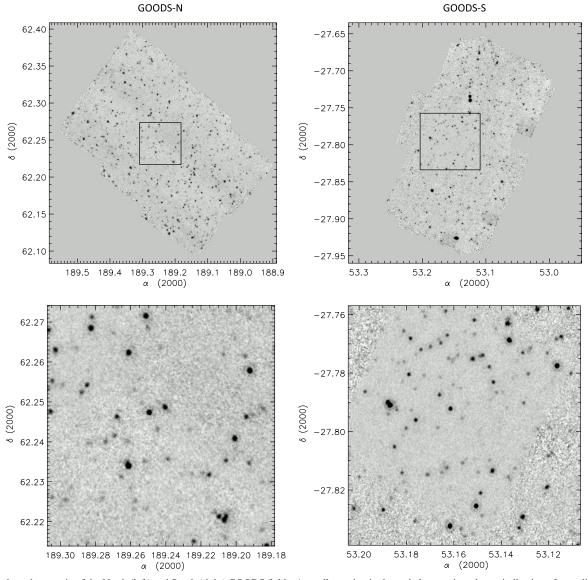


Figure 1. We show the mosaic of the North (left) and South (right) GOODS fields. A smaller region is shown below to give a better indication of crowding and image quality; for the South, the region includes the UDF, which has greater sensitivity than the rest of the field.

 $24 \, \mu m$ catalog (R. Chary et al. 2011, in preparation). The PSF for each field (North and South) was measured by registering about 15 bright point sources in each field. Source position was allowed to vary by up to an arcsecond to account for the uncertainty in the WCS. In addition to pointing issues, this flexibility has other advantages as well, including the possibility of actual displacements between the centroids of the starlight (IRAC) and the dust emission (MIPS or IRS), or cases where IRAC sources are blended (leading to a displacement of the centroid), but where one source may dominate the MIPS or IRS emission. We checked the residual map to ensure that no sources were missed by using the IRAC priors.

The flux uncertainty was measured from residual pixels after subtracting the best-fit estimate of the source; the variance was taken as the PSF weighted sum of squares of the residuals. However, the noise in the drizzled images is correlated due to the sub-sampling. To correct for this effect, we scaled the measured uncertainty upwards by a factor of ~ 1.7 (see Casertano et al. 2000).

Photometric measurements are reported in Tables 1 and 3. We report the position of each object as that of the IRAC positional

prior which was used as input to the source extraction. We cross-correlated these positions with those of objects in the IRAC and MIPS 24 μ m catalogs (M. Dickinson 2011, in preparation and R. Chary 2011, in preparation, respectively) and report their photometry as well. The IRAC photometry was measured with SExtractor (Bertin & Arnouts 1996), using aperture photometry except in the case of a small number of extended sources for which MAG AUTO is used.

In general, we discarded sources with less than 5σ significance. This uniform cut allows us to consider the entire survey area, despite its non-uniform coverage. Final fluxes were consistent with aperture photometry, with appropriate aperture corrections. As described below, a small number of additional sources are reported in the catalog with less than 5σ significance (with a corresponding quality flag), because they were expected to meet that criterion based upon the integration time.

Furthermore, to ensure a low incidence of spurious sources, we only used areas of the survey with good coverage. In the North and the UDF, we required at least ten individual data collection events (DCEs) per pixel. In the shallow Southern survey, this depth was not possible, but we did reject areas with

Table 1 GOODS-N, *Spitzer* Data

ID	R.A.	Decl.	Cov ^a	f_{ch1}	σ_{ch1}	f_{ch2}	σ_{ch2}	f_{ch3}	σ_{ch3}	f_{ch4}	σ_{ch4}	f_{16}	σ_{16}	f_{24}	σ_{24}
	(deg)	(deg)		(μJy)	(μJy)	(μJy)	(μJy)	(μJy)	(μJy)						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)
0	189.319641	62.390766	11	84.80	4.24	60.40	3.02	55.20	2.94	40.20	2.16	145.1	11.3	225.0	5.5
1	189.310349	62.388977	12	11.50	0.58	14.50	0.73	19.00	1.50	12.90	0.99	55.3	10.4	200.0	5.7
2	189.326126	62.383057	20	38.30	1.92	49.10	2.46	55.30	2.83	39.30	2.06	107.2	16.5	483.0	5.7
3	189.294266	62.376274	20	40.00	2.00	47.50	2.38	39.60	2.11	44.20	2.30	240.4	11.5	386.0	4.9
4	189.330811	62.375191	24	10.10	0.51	6.98	0.36	7.48	0.63	6.27	0.63	53.9	11.5	26.6	5.6
5	189.284683	62.377537	15	33.50	1.68	30.20	1.51	21.00	1.40	20.50	1.24	96.0	18.3	89.1	6.2
6	189.301178	62.375061	21	10.90	0.55	10.50	0.53	8.67	0.75	11.60	0.82	75.5	11.7	60.5	3.6
7	189.317520	62.370590	27	28.40	1.42	24.10	1.21	20.70	1.15	34.00	1.78	129.3	14.6	133.0	4.9
8	189.314499	62.371925	26	1.16	0.08	1.13	0.10	0.47	0.52	3.13	0.56	56.7	11.3	50.7	4.0
9	189.306412	62.371181	22	50.70	2.54	37.50	1.88	32.20	1.70	30.10	1.60	339.4	13.7	436.0	5.8

Note. ^a Coverage in number of exposures (30 s integration per exposure).

(This table is available in its entirety in machine-readable and Virtual Observatory (VO) forms in the online journal. A portion is shown here for guidance regarding its form and content.)

less than two DCEs coverage. Depth of coverage is reported in the table.

The IRAC observations of the GOODS fields are much deeper than the current survey. The 3.6 μ m catalog was used as input positional priors, but we can use the 8 μ m data as a quality check. Even accounting for the steep slope of IR luminous galaxies, it is unlikely that real sources will be detected at 16 μ m and not at 8 μ m. We would reject as spurious any source which is not reported at 5 σ significance in the IRAC channel four catalog. However, all sources which meet our other selection criteria pass this test. Further quality assessment is discussed below.

2.1. Quality Assessment

We performed several quality assessment procedures in order to flag objects which may be less reliable. Flags are reported in the table.

First, we created a residual map by scaling the PSF to the measured fluxes and subtracting it from the image mosaic. We identified a small number of bright, extended objects (nine in the North and seven in the South) for which the PSF-fit photometry is inappropriate. We measured these sources in a large aperture instead. A flag for extended sources is reported in the table.

Second, we estimated the concentration of detected objects by measuring the ratio of aperture photometry in 6 and 2 pixel radii. Objects which are point sources should fall in the range of \sim 2–3: 1. Objects outside the nominal range (ratio > 4 or <1.3) are flagged in the catalog. Several objects with anomalous values were inspected by eye and rejected from the catalog.

Third, we flagged objects which may be affected by source confusion. We identified close companions in the catalog, within a radius of 5.4 arcseconds (6 pixels, a little larger than the FWHM of the PSF). We also flagged targets which have $8 \mu m$ sources (detected at $>3\sigma$) within 4 arcseconds, whether or not they are detected at $16 \mu m$.

Fourth, we compared the signal-to-noise ratio (S/N) estimate from our photometry code to the expectation from the exposure time map. The exposure time calculator at the SSC Web site predicts a 1σ sensitivity of ${\sim}50\,\mu{\rm Jy}$ in a single 30 s exposure, and the observations are background limited so sensitivity is expected to scale with the square root of exposure time. The measured S/N generally agrees within about 20% with expectations, though our estimates are slightly conservative. A small number of objects were selected as meeting the 5σ cut

but exceeding the expected sensitivity; that is, they would have been excluded using the expected noise values. We retain these objects and flag them as long as the expected S/N is 4 or greater. Conversely, a somewhat larger number of objects were expected to meet the 5σ cut but did not in our measurements. We report such objects as low confidence sources as long as they have a measured S/N greater than 4.

Finally, we flagged sources with the spectral energy distribution (SED) expected for stars. Specifically, we identified stars as those objects for which the flux density is declining across all six bands. We exclude one object for which $f_{24} > f_8/2$, which can be the case for some low redshift galaxies. Of these, 7 (2) in the N (S) are confirmed as stars in ground-based spectra. In the North, we also flag as stars two sources that are saturated in IRAC channel 1 (which causes them to fail the SED check) but are confirmed in ground-based spectra. We check all star identifications in the Advanced Camera for Surveys (ACS) imaging of the GOODS fields and confirm that they are point sources. The imaging also shows that two of the objects identified as stars in the North are likely confused with nearby galaxies, and we flag these separately (see Section 3).

2.2. Photometric Calibration and Verification

The calibration of the *Spitzer* PUI mode is in the IRS Instrument Handbook 14 and briefly summarized here. The current calibration is based upon spectroscopic and imaging observation of four A stars for which detailed spectral models were available. There is a systematic uncertainty of $\sim 5\%$ in the calibration.

Stellar fluxes were measured from the IRS spectra of the calibrators by integrating under the filter transmission curve and color-correcting to the effective wavelength (15.8 μ m) assuming $\nu F_{\nu} = {\rm const.}$ This assumption is designed to keep the color correction small for a wide range of spectral slopes. The calibration is normalized to infinite aperture using Tiny Tim V2.0.¹⁵ In practice, aperture photometry requires an aperture correction. Profile-weighted fitting, such as that utilized in the present study, is normalized to a finite radius and then aperture corrected as well.

The PUI calibration is tied to the calibration of the spectrometer, which has been validated against a large number of stars.

¹⁴ http://ssc.spitzer.caltech.edu/irs/irsinstrumenthandbook/

¹⁵ http://ssc.spitzer.caltech.edu/archanaly/contributed/stinytim/index.html

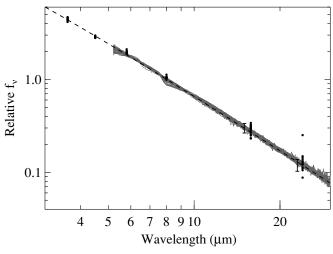


Figure 2. Spitzer photometry for 15 stars in GOODS (circles), normalized to the average of the 6-band photometry. Data are compared to IRS spectra of stars with stellar types A through M (gray spectra) and the Kurucz (1979) model for an A0V star (dashed spectrum). The IRS spectra are taken from the SASS survey (Ardila et al. 2011). Error bars are small for the IRAC data points; typical error bars for the 16 and 24 μm photometry are shown next to the data.

To evaluate the calibration in the particular case of the GOODS data, we can compare the photometry of stars within the two fields. Twenty-five objects have IRAC colors clearly indicative of stars. However, four of these objects have quality flags greater than 1, so we exclude them. We also exclude another 6 objects that have SEDs indicating possible IR excesses. So, we have 15 stars with which to validate the PUI calibration. These objects are faint, however, and we do not know their stellar types. Nonetheless, the mid-infrared SED of stars does not vary much across a wide range of stellar types. The Spitzer Atlas of Stellar Spectra (SASS; Ardila et al. 2011) observed stars across many stellar types with the IRS. In Figure 2 we plot the photometry for the 15 stars compared to SASS IRS spectra of stars with types A through M, excluding super giants, and the Kurucz (1979) model for an A0V star. We apply a small (<4%) color correction to the photometry to account for the difference between the assumed calibration reference spectrum ($\nu f_{\nu} = \text{const}$ for IRAC¹⁶ and PUI; 10⁴ K blackbody for MIPS¹⁷) and a typical (5000 K blackbody) stellar spectrum. The spread in photometry is similar to the expected variation within stellar types, and does not indicate systematic offsets in the photometric calibration.

2.3. Comparison with ISOCAM and AKARI

In addition to validation using stars, we compare *Spitzer* photometry to other observations of the field at similar wavelengths. ISOCAM (Cesarsky et al. 1996) on-board the *ISO* observed a portion of GOODS-North centered on the Hubble Deep Field North (Williams et al. 1996). Careful reduction of those data was presented by Aussel et al. (1999). The ISOCAM catalog reports 40 objects detected at 15 μ m in the main catalog. Of these, 36 are associated with sources in the *Spitzer* 16 μ m catalog. The four unmatched sources are all fainter than 100 μ Jy, and two of them do not appear in the (deeper) 24 μ m catalog, indicating that they are probably spurious. Figure 3 shows the comparison of *Spitzer* and ISOCAM fluxes for matched sources.

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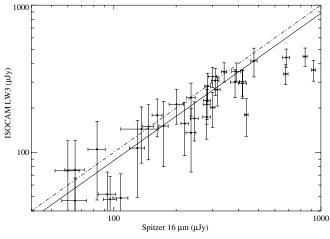


Figure 3. Flux density measured with *Spitzer* PUI in the $16\,\mu m$ bandpass compared to that measured with ISOCAM in the $15\,\mu m$ bandpass (LW3; Aussel et al. 1999, their Table 3) for objects detected by both instruments. The dot-dashed line indicates equal flux, and the solid line indicates the best fit offset of a factor of 1.13.

Both ISOCAM and *Spitzer* PUI are calibrated assuming $vf_v = \text{const}$, but the effective wavelengths are substantially different, being 14.3 and 15.8 μ m, respectively. So, a color correction to the ISOCAM photometry equal to the ratio of the effective wavelengths—e.g., a factor of 1.1—is expected. We fit the offset between *Spitzer* and ISOCAM photometry assuming a constant slope of unity and find *Spitzer* fluxes to be 1.13 times brighter. Overall, we see general agreement within the large error bars. *Spitzer* had better spatial resolution at 16 μ m than ISOCAM, and some of the ISOCAM sources are blends of multiple objects, and this may explain the difference in flux for some objects. The four brightest objects do not appear to suffer from blending, however.

As noted in Teplitz et al. (2005), the difference in filter bandpasses can cause substantial differences in the reported flux densities at some redshifts (up to a factor of 1.5 or even 2) as prominent MIR features move in and out of the filters. Figure 4 shows the ratio of *Spitzer* to ISOCAM fluxes for objects with known redshifts (see Section 3.2).

The four brightest objects in common between *Spitzer* and ISOCAM show a larger offset in photometry than is typical for the sample as a whole. The differences may result, in part, from the difference in filter bandpasses as shown in Figure 4. All four objects are detected by *Chandra* (see Section 3.3), two of them in the hard band. The sources do not appear to be variable, however, as all four were also detected by *Spitzer* in independent measurements (Teplitz et al. 2005), and their flux densities agree within 10%.

Burgarella et al. (2009) used the IRC on-board the AKARI satellite to observe a $\sim 10' \times 10'$ region partially overlapping with GOODS-South. Their catalog contains 67 objects detected at $>5\sigma$ in areas which we observed with sufficient coverage (at least two DCEs). Of these, 60 have associated sources within 3" (two IRC pixels) in the Spitzer catalog. Figure 5 shows the comparison of Spitzer and AKARI flux densities for matched sources. AKARI IRC is also calibrated assuming $vf_v = \text{const}$, but with an effective wavelength of 15.0 μ m, implying a color correction between the filters of 1.06. However, the best fit to the photometry shows a difference in photometry of a factor of

¹⁶ IRAC Instrument Handbook;

http://ssc.spitzer.caltech.edu/irac/iracinstrumenthandbook/

¹⁷ MIPS Instrument Handbook;

¹⁸ See the "ISOCAM Photometry Report," 1998; http://www.iso.vilspa.esa.es/users/expl_lib/CAM/photom_rep_fn.ps.gz

Table 2 GOODS-N, Ancillary Data

Zspec	Ref.a	X ^b	SB flux ^c F		S ^d	Ratioe	$N_{cl}^{\rm f}$	N _{cl16} ^g	$Q^{\rm h}$	Ei	B^{j}	V ^j	<i>I</i> ^j	z^{j}	$\sigma_B{}^{\rm j}$	$\sigma_V{}^{\mathrm{j}}$	$\sigma_I{}^{\mathrm{j}}$	σ_z^{j}	Iclsk
			(10^{-15}mV)	$W \text{m}^{-2}$										(ma	ag)				
(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)	(32)	(33)	(34)	(35)	(36)
0.5820	72	0	0.000	0.000	0	2.32	1	1	1	0	-999.00	-999.00	-999.00	-999.00	-999.00	-999.00	-999.00	-999.00	0
-99.0000	-1	0	0.000	0.000	0	1.24	1	1	3	0	25.58	26.24	25.45	24.75	0.08	0.28	0.16	0.09	1
-99.0000	-1	0	0.000	0.000	0	3.09	1	1	1	0	26.85	26.14	25.80	25.01	1.45	0.19	0.17	0.09	1
1.5220	73	0	0.000	0.000	0	2.65	2	2	5	0	25.11	24.43	23.62	23.09	0.09	0.08	0.05	0.03	1
0.6760	72	0	0.000	0.000	0	1.76	1	1	9	0	24.71	23.68	22.82	22.59	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.01	1
-99.0000	-1	0	0.000	0.000	0	2.65	1	1	1	0	26.26	24.98	24.00	23.00	0.23	0.11	0.06	0.03	1
-99.0000	-1	0	0.000	0.000	0	2.04	1	1	1	0	27.90	27.02	25.50	24.44	0.50	0.34	0.11	0.05	1
0.5045	21	0	0.000	0.000	0	3.09	1	1	1	0	23.26	22.19	21.49	21.17	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	1
-99.0000	-1	0	0.000	0.000	0	3.72	1	1	1	0	25.82	25.51	25.04	24.54	0.08	0.06	0.05	0.04	1
0.9746	21	0	0.000	0.000	0	2.16	1	1	1	0	23.98	23.14	22.16	21.65	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.01	1

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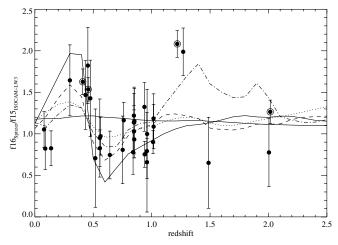
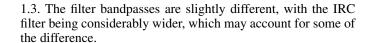


Figure 4. Ratio of the *Spitzer* 16 μ m to ISOCAM 15 μ m (LW3) flux densities as a function of spectroscopic redshift. The four brightest sources are circled. Also plotted are predicted ratios based on *Spitzer* IRS spectra of template galaxies: the extreme silicate-absorption galaxy IRAS F00183-7111 (Spoon et al. 2004, solid line), UGC5101, a ULIRG with considerable 9.7 μ m absorption (Armus et al. 2004, dashed line), the prototypical AGN Mrk 231 (Weedman et al. 2005, dotted line), the typical quasar PG1501+106 from Hao et al. (2005, triple-dot-dashed line), and the average MIR SED of all starburst galaxies in the IRS GTO program from Brandl et al. (2006, dot-dashed line).



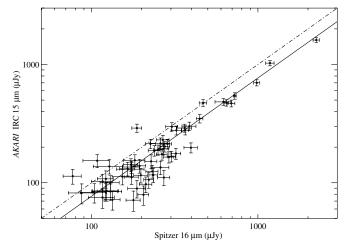


Figure 5. Flux density measured with *Spitzer* PUI in the $16\,\mu m$ bandpass compared to that measured with *AKARI* IRC in the $15\,\mu m$ bandpass (Burgarella et al. 2009) for objects detected by both instruments. The dot-dashed line indicates equal flux, and the solid line indicates the best-fit offset which corresponds to a factor of 1.3.

3. RESULTS

Extracted sources are given in Tables 1, 2 and 3, 4 for GOODS-N and GOODS-S, respectively. The tables include ancillary data from other telescopes, together with other *Spitzer* photometry in the IRAC and MIPS 24 μ m channels. Quality flags are given in the tables; caution is recommended in the interpretation of results based upon sources that do not have quality 1.

^a (1) no redshift; (10) Cohen et al. 2000; Cohen 2001; (12) Dawson et al. 2001; (21) Wirth et al. 2004; (42) Chapman et al. 2005, Swinbank et al. 2004; (45) Pope et al. 2008, Murphy et al. 2009, *Spitzer* IRS redshifts; (51) Treu et al. 2005; (61) Reddy et al. 2006; (72) D. Stern et al. in preparation; (73) Daddi et al. 2008; (81) Barger et al. 2008.

^b X-ray detection (1 = detected, 0 = not detected).

^c Alexander et al. (2003).

 $^{^{}d}$ Star flag (1 = star, 0 = galaxy).

^e Concentration (ratio of apflux in 6:2 pixel radii).

f Number of ch4 sources within 4 arcsec radius.

g Number of catalog sources within 5.4 arcsec radius.

h Quality Flag is assigned Bitwise—Bit 0: included in the catalog; Bit 1: more than one $16 \mu m$ source within 5.4 arcsec; possible confusion; Bit 2: source concentration differs from that expected for point source; Bit 3: S/N ratio <5, but coverage indicates it should be higher.

ⁱ Extend Flag (1 = extended, 0 = point source).

j Giavalisco et al. (2004).

^k Number of *i*-band sources within 1 arcsec radius.

Table 3 GOODS-S, *Spitzer* Data

ID	R.A.	Decl.	Cov ^a	f_{ch1} (μJy)	σ_{ch1}	f_{ch2}	σ_{ch2}	f_{ch3}	σ_{ch3}	f_{ch4} (μJy)	σ_{ch4}	f ₁₆ (μ J y)	σ_{16}	f_{24}	σ_{24}
(1)	(deg) (2)	(deg) (3)	(4)	$(\mu \mathbf{j} \mathbf{y})$ (5)	(μ J y) (6)	(μ J y) (7)	(μ J y) (8)	(μ J y) (9)	(μJy) (10)	$(\mu \mathbf{J} \mathbf{y})$ (11)	(μJy) (12)	$(\mu \mathbf{J} \mathbf{y})$ (13)	(μJy) (14)	(μJy) (15)	(μ J y) (16)
0	53.103943	-27.663679	2	29.60	1.48	20.80	1.05	23.70	1.37	17.00	1.10	120.5	23.7	120.0	5.7
1	53.142094	-27.664965	2	33.70	1.69	26.00	1.30	21.40	1.19	22.30	1.24	252.7	25.3	161.0	8.8
2	53.144711	-27.666069	3	171.00	8.55	149.00	7.45	112.00	5.62	576.00	28.81	830.6	39.8	938.0	11.5
3	53.110268	-27.667072	2	26.90	1.35	22.30	1.12	16.30	1.00	16.80	1.03	208.5	19.4	143.0	5.6
4	53.103607	-27.666225	4	21.10	1.06	19.70	0.99	13.80	0.92	13.00	0.90	81.8	14.6	44.2	4.9
5	53.102222	-27.669676	3	46.90	2.35	35.90	1.80	33.60	1.77	40.40	2.10	251.0	38.7	322.0	6.6
6	53.110622	-27.669182	3	31.10	1.56	26.90	1.35	20.50	1.17	17.30	1.04	99.2	17.9	74.0	5.4
7	53.123016	-27.669071	3	102.00	5.10	63.70	3.19	60.70	3.08	40.60	2.10	201.5	20.2	256.0	5.3
8	53.126549	-27.669138	3	25.90	1.30	26.20	1.31	19.70	1.11	19.90	1.14	174.7	15.9	118.0	5.1
9	53.129875	-27.671673	4	61.40	3.07	43.80	2.19	45.70	2.34	39.40	2.04	199.7	24.8	203.0	4.9

Note. ^a Coverage in number of exposures (60 s per exposure).

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Table 4 GOODS-S, Ancillary Data

Zspec	Ref.a	X ^b	SB Flux ^c (10 ⁻¹⁵ n	HB Flux ^c nW m ⁻²)	S ^d	Ratio ^e	N _{cl} ^f	N _{cl16} ^g	Q^{h}	Ei	B ^j	V ^j	I ^j	z ^j (mag	σ_B^{j}	$\sigma_V{}^{\mathrm{j}}$	$\sigma_I{}^{\rm j}$	σ_z^{j}	Iclsk
(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)	(32)	(33)	(34)	(35)	(36)
0.6658	42	0	0.000	0.000	0	2.53	1	1	17	0	25.32	23.39	22.42	22.09	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	1
1.1120	30	0	0.000	0.000	0	3.31	2	1	27	0	23.07	22.54	21.96	21.52	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	1
0.2140	42	0	0.000	0.000	0	2.72	1	1	1	0	20.50	19.34	18.79	18.57	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	2
0.6243	1	0	0.000	0.000	0	2.49	1	1	17	0	26.43	24.76	23.77	23.06	0.01	0.05	0.04	0.02	1
-99.0000	-1	0	0.000	0.000	0	2.70	1	1	1	0	26.82	23.40	25.00	24.27	0.01	0.02	0.13	0.08	1
-99.0000	-1	1	0.000	1.300	0	2.58	2	1	3	0	24.53	23.66	22.55	21.91	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.01	1
-99.0000	-1	0	0.000	0.000	0	3.21	1	2	3	0	-999.00	27.25	27.28	25.01	-999.00	0.43	0.76	0.10	2
0.7343	42	0	0.000	0.000	0	2.30	1	1	1	0	23.46	22.25	21.08	20.64	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.01	1
1.3570	30	0	0.000	0.000	0	1.96	1	1	1	0	24.55	24.08	23.30	22.60	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.02	1
0.5659	42	0	0.000	0.000	0	2.53	1	1	1	0	22.93	21.69	20.86	20.52	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	1

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Specifically, the tables provide the available data on each source: position, photometry and uncertainty from *Spitzer*, *HST*, and *Chandra*, spectroscopic redshifts where available, and quality flags. The process for identifying *HST*, *Chandra* and redshift associations is given later in this section. Details of the columns in the table are given below.

- 1. Column (1) gives the source ID number within the catalog.
- 2. Columns (2) and (3) give the right ascension and declination (J2000) of the source. Positions are reported as the IRAC prior position used as input to the source extraction.
- 3. Column (4) gives the coverage (in number of exposures) of the central pixel of each source. Exposure times were 30 (N) and 60 (S) s.
- 4. Columns (5) through (16) give the IRAC channels 1–4, IRS $16 \,\mu\text{m}$, and MIPS $24 \,\mu\text{m}$ flux densities and uncertainties for the source, in units of μJy . Uncertainties are given after each photometric point (e.g., Column (5) is photometry, Column (6) is uncertainty). The IRAC uncertainties include a 5% systematic uncertainty in the calibration (added in quadrature to the measured uncertainty). This systematic

^a (1) Le Fèvre et al. 2004; (2) Szokoly et al. 2004; (3) Croom et al. 2001; (9) K20 Survey, Mignoli et al. 2005; (11) Strolger at al. 2004; (30) Vanzella et al. 2005; (41) and (42) Popesso et al. 2009 and Balestra et al. (2010); (62) Doherty et al. 2005; (70) Ravikumar et al. 2007; (72) D. Stern et al. 2011, in preparation; (81) Kriek et al. 2008

^b X-ray detection (1 = detected, 0 = not detected).

^c Luo et al. (2008).

^d Star flag (1 = star, 0 = galaxy).

^e Concentration (ratio of apflux in 6:2 pixel radii).

f Number of ch4 sources within 4 arcsec radius.

^g Number of catalog sources within 5.4 arcsec radius.

h Quality Flag is assigned Bitwise—Bit 0: included in the catalog; Bit 1: more than one 16 μm source within 5.4 arcsec; possible confusion; Bit 2: source concentration differs from that expected for point source; Bit 3: S/N ratio <5, but coverage indicates it should be higher; Bit 4: source with coverage of two exposures instead of three

i Extend Flag (1 = extended, 0 = point source).

^j Giavalisco et al. (2004).

^k Number of *i*-band sources within 1 arcsec radius.

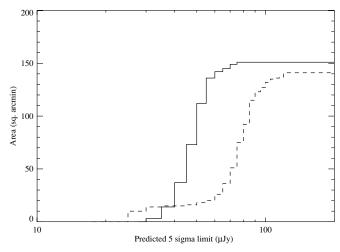


Figure 6. Area covered at expected sensitivity limits (in μ Jy) in the North (solid line) and South (dashed line). Sensitivity predictions are based upon the SSC exposure time calculator (see text).

term dominates the uncertainty for most objects, especially in channels 1 and 2.

- 5. Column (17) gives the spectroscopic redshift for the source, where available. Spectroscopic counterparts were usually chosen to be the closest optical/NIR object to the $16\,\mu m$ position. In a few cases, the $16\,\mu m$ emission is likely due to a blend of sources, and the slightly more distant one is the more likely dominant counterpart. A value of -99 indicates that no redshift is available. The very few stars with spectra are listed with z=0.
- 6. Column (18) gives the reference code for the spectroscopic redshift (see Section 3.2). Redshifts were collated from the literature, as well as from observations by the GOODS team (D. Stern et al. 2011, in preparation).
- 7. Column (19) indicates that the source has non-zero flux in at least one *Chandra* band (a value of 1 is detected).
- 8. Columns (20) and (21) give the soft and hard X-ray fluxes, respectively, for the associated *Chandra* detection.
- 9. Column (22) is a star flag, with a value of 1 indicating the source is likely a star. A value of 2 indicates that the position of the IRAC prior is confused between a star and a neighboring galaxy (there are two such cases in the Northern field).
- 10. Column (23) gives the $16 \mu m$ concentration index, defined to be the ratio of flux within apertures of radii 6 and 2 pixels.
- 11. Column (24) gives the number of $8 \mu m$ sources within 4 arcseconds.
- 12. Column (25) gives the number of $16 \mu m$ sources within 5.4 arcseconds.
- 13. Column (26) gives the bit-wise quality flag for the source—Bit 0: the object was determined to be real and included in the catalog; if only this bit is set, then there are no notes and the object has the best quality; Bit 1: possible confusion because more than one 16 μm source lies within 5.4 arcseconds; Bit 2: bad concentration index; Bit 3: low S/N but the source was included because the expected S/N was at least five. In GOODS-S, we also include a flag for Bit 4, in the case of sources with coverage of two exposures instead of three. Because flags are assigned bit-wise, sources may have multiple flags set. So, for example, an object with a flag value of 19 would indicate that Bits 0, 1, and 4 had been set because: (Bit 0) the object was included

Table 5 Numbers of Sources

Field	Sources	Hard X-ray	Other Power-law AGNs	Blue $(f_{16}/f_{24} > 1.4)^a$
North	840	96	9	55 (25)
South	476	58	14	51 (34)

Note. ^a The number of sources with $f_{16}/f_{24} > 1.4$ and a 5σ detection at $24 \, \mu \text{m}$, with either no spectroscopic redshift or a redshift 1.1 < z < 1.6, indicating possible silicate absorption. The number in parentheses indicates how many of these sources have a quality flag value of 1.

Table 6
Sensitivities

Quantity	North	South	UDF
Min Itime per pixel (s) ^a	300	120	600
Planned Itime per pixel (s)	600	120	960
Mode Itime per pixel (s)	630	270	2100
Min predicted depth ^b (μ Jy)	80	125	55
Mode predicted depth (μ Jy)	48	80	30
Mode measured depth $^{\rm c}$ ($\mu { m Jy}$)	45	80	30

Notes.

- ^a Minimum exposure time per pixel for objects in the catalog.
- $^{\rm b}$ Minimum predicted 5σ depth using the exposure time calculator on the SSC Web site
- ^c Mode of measured 5σ depth.

in the catalog; (Bit 1) the measurement of the object may suffer from confusion due to a close $16 \,\mu m$ neighbor; and (Bit 4) the object had a coverage of only two exposures.

- 14. Column (27) flags extended sources which were measured with aperture photometry instead of the PSF-fit. A value of 1 indicates that the source was extended.
- 15. Columns (28)–(31) give the HST magnitudes for the B, V, I, z bands, respectively (see Section 3.1).
- 16. Columns (32)–(35) give the HST uncertainty (in magnitudes) for the B, V, I, z bands, respectively.
- 17. Column (36) gives the number of *I*-band sources within 1 arcsecond radius.

We report the detection of 840 (North) and 476 (South) sources

The depth achieved in the survey is consistent with expectations. The 5σ limit in the shallow Southern area varies from \sim 65 to $85\,\mu\mathrm{Jy}$. The UDF limit is \sim 30 $\mu\mathrm{Jy}$, though the small area means that there are few objects even in the faintest bin. The Northern survey reaches \sim 40 $\mu\mathrm{Jy}$. Figure 6 shows the area covered in bins of predicted sensitivity. Table 5 summarizes the number of objects in each field, and in some sub-categories (see below). Table 6 lists the predicted and achieved depths for the North, South, and UDF regions.

In the remainder of this section, we examine the association between $16 \,\mu m$ sources and other measurements within the GOODS fields.

3.1. Optical Photometry

We use the optical photometry from the publicly released GOODS version 2.0 catalogs (Giavalisco et al. 2004). ¹⁹ We use the reported MAG_AUTO fluxes. We cross-correlate the positions of $16\,\mu\mathrm{m}$ detections with those of optical sources within 1 arcsecond. The GOODS catalogs used the *z*-band

¹⁹ http://archive.stsci.edu/prepds/goods/

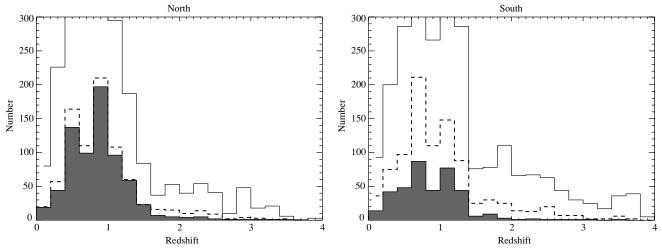


Figure 7. Distribution of spectroscopic redshifts (filled histogram) for sources associated with $16 \,\mu\text{m}$ detections in the north (left) and south (right), compared to the distribution of sources associated with $24 \,\mu\text{m}$ detections (dashed line) and the full spectroscopic sample (solid line; see text).

images for source detection and then measured photometry in the other three optical bands.

Of the 840 sources in the North, 809 have associated optical sources within 1 arcsecond. In the South, 465 of 476 sources in the 16 μ m catalog have optical associations. Of the 31 (N) and 11 (S) sources without an associated optical detection, 11 (N) and 4 (S) do not have coverage in the ACS mosaics. For objects with coverage, 6 (N) and 4 (S) are near the diffraction spikes from bright stars, and 6 (N) and 1 (S) are in the outskirts of extended galaxies. The remaining 8 (N) and 2 (S) sources may be very red, or they may have a larger uncertainty on the centroid—either due to *Spitzer* pointing uncertainty or to blending with another source in the IRAC positional priors. For matched sources, the possibility of source confusion is significant when matching MIR and optical sources. We find 57 (N) and 37 (S) sources have multiple possible optical matches within 1 arcsecond, and we report the closest one to the IRAC position. The number of close matches is flagged in the table.

3.2. Redshift Distribution

Spectroscopic redshifts have been measured for sources in the GOODS fields by numerous surveys. The specific spectroscopic surveys used are given in the tables.

We correlate the positions of detected *Spitzer* sources with redshift identifications within about 1 arcsecond radii. In cases for which multiple optical sources are within 1 arcsecond of the $16 \,\mu \text{m}$ target, we usually take the closest positional match. In a few cases the 16 μ m emission is likely due to a blend of sources, and the slightly more distant one is the more likely dominant counterpart. Another 21 (N) and 8 (S) objects have optical sources in the redshift catalogs between 1 and 2 arcseconds away, allowing the possibility for misidentification in those cases as well. Redshifts are reported in the table. In the North 701 redshifts are available out of 826 objects not identified as, or confused with, stars. Most (654) of the redshifts are for objects with i_{AB} < 24, and at that magnitude, redshifts are available for 94% of 16 μ m sources. In the South, 381 redshifts are available out of 466 galaxies detected. Only 36 of the spectroscopic redshifts in the South are for objects fainter than $i_{AB} = 24$, and 87% of 16 μ m targets down to that magnitude have redshifts. For comparison, there are 828 redshifts associated with 5σ 24 μ m detections in the North and 814 in the South.

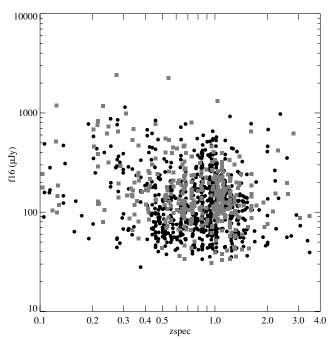


Figure 8. Flux density of $16 \mu m$ detected sources vs. spectroscopic redshift for GOODS-North (black circles) and South (gray squares).

Figure 7 shows the redshift distribution of detected $16\,\mu\mathrm{m}$ sources. It appears that the distribution of associated redshifts is similar for 24 and $16\,\mu\mathrm{m}$ sources at redshifts less than 1.5. At higher redshifts, there are significantly more $24\,\mu\mathrm{m}$ detections, as a result of both the greater sensitivity of the MIPS observations and the intrinsic brightening of starburst sources when the strong PAH features shift into the $24\,\mu\mathrm{m}$ band. The similarity of the distributions at lower redshifts suggests that the distribution may be a stronger function of the optical limits on obtaining redshifts rather than the MIR observations themselves. Figure 8 shows the $16\,\mu\mathrm{m}$ flux density versus redshift.

The median spectroscopic redshift, excluding stars, for $16 \mu m$ sources is 0.85 (N) and 0.82 (S), and the mean is 0.86 in each field. About 30% of redshifts in the North are at z>1, and about 35% in the South. About 2% of the sources in each field (13 North, 6 South) have $z_{\rm spec}>2.0$. Most of these (~half

in the North and 5/6 in the South) are identified as AGNs, as described below. The highest spectroscopic redshifts for $16 \,\mu m$ sources are 3.48 (N) and 3.47 (S).

3.3. X-ray Sources

The Chandra 2 Msec surveys of the GOODS-North and South fields, respectively, are the deepest X-ray observations taken to date. We compare the $16\,\mu\mathrm{m}$ survey to the Chandra catalogs of Alexander et al. (2003) and Luo et al. (2008). There are 308 (N) and 293 (S) X-ray sources within the GOODS area surveyed at $16\,\mu\mathrm{m}$. Of these, 117 (N) and 92 (S) are associated with $16\,\mu\mathrm{m}$ sources, comprising 14% and 20% of the $16\,\mu\mathrm{m}$ samples. Sources that are detected in the Chandra catalogs are flagged in the table.

4. DISCUSSION

4.1. Active Galactic Nuclei

The detection of sources at $16 \,\mu m$ selects both strongly starforming galaxies and those which host AGNs. Most sources in the present survey lie at redshifts below 2, which ensures that the PUI passband samples the wavelength range that covers emission by dust rather than direct stellar light. At z > 1, the PUI band is increasingly dominated by hot dust characteristic of AGNs, and at z > 2 the sensitivity of the survey is mostly limited to such sources.

Hard X-rays are usually indicative of an AGN. The ultradeep *Chandra* data select many of the AGN within GOODS. There are 96 (N) and 58 (S) PUI sources associated with detections in the hard band. Given the depth of the CDFs, a few of these objects may have X-rays from purely star-forming galaxies. For example, Treister et al. (2006) excluded sources with $L_X < 10^{42}$ erg s⁻¹ when selecting AGNs in GOODS. The fraction of such sources is small amongst $16 \, \mu \text{m}$ targets, and the exact nature of those sources is uncertain, so we retain them as possible AGNs in this analysis.

Some galaxies hosting AGNs, even those whose bolometric luminosity is dominated by them, are undetected even by *Chandra*. These sources may be selectable using their MIR color, when AGNs heated dust dominates over stellar light. In many cases, these will be have power-law SEDs (e.g., Donley et al. 2007). We perform a χ^2 fit to the IRAC+16 μ m colors to identify power-law sources. We fit all SEDs with a power-law, $\nu^{-\alpha}$, and select those with $\alpha > 0.25$. We do not set a limit on the goodness-of-fit, but we exclude sources where the channel 3 or 4 flux does not exceed the channel 1 flux. Using only IRAC photometry with 16 μ m does not significantly change the results. We find about 10% more AGNs when combining X-ray with power-law selection than when using x-ray selection alone. Conversely, we find that about 45% of hard X-ray sources have power-law SEDs.

A similar fraction was measured by Barmby et al. (2006), who found that ~40% of X-ray sources in the Extended Groth Strip have red power-law SEDs in the IRAC bands.

Combining the two selections, we find 105 (N) and 65 (S) AGNs. These numbers are likely to be a slight underestimate, as they may not include Type 2 AGNs whose IRAC colors are not true power laws. Nonetheless, we find that about 15% of $16\,\mu\mathrm{m}$ sources are galaxies hosting AGNs. Figure 9 shows the fraction of sources with AGNs in bins of $16\,\mu\mathrm{m}$ flux density. The fraction is higher for the brighter sources.

Amongst rare, bright sources, obscured AGNs may be more common. Stern et al. (2005) identify QSOs and Seyfert 1

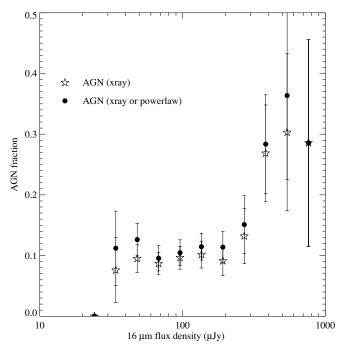


Figure 9. Fraction of $16 \mu m$ sources identified as AGNs (filled circles) by the detection of hard X-rays (open star symbols) and/or power-law slope.

galaxies as objects with red IRAC colors, but their selection is contaminated by star-forming galaxies at the faint fluxes, such as those in the GOODS survey. Donley et al. (2007) find that when using the IRAC color-color selection only 55% of MIR power-law AGNs are detected in the X-ray.

Treister et al. (2006) find a decreasing AGNs fraction with decreasing $24\,\mu\mathrm{m}$ flux for sources in the GOODS fields, down to $\sim\!8\%$ at $<\!100\,\mu\mathrm{Jy}$ using purely hard X-ray selection. The fraction of X-ray sources at $16\,\mu\mathrm{m}$ is similar, as expected given the high rate of detection of *Chandra* sources. Donley et al. (2008) also find a decreasing AGN fraction with decreasing $24\,\mu\mathrm{m}$ flux, down to about 10% X-ray AGNs. They then expand the estimate to MIR-selected AGNs and estimate about 15%–25% at 100– $300\,\mu\mathrm{Jy}$, similar to our estimate given the large error bars.

Table 5 summarizes the numbers of AGNs per field.

4.2. 16-24 µm Color

One of the most prominent MIR spectral features is the broad (full width $\sim 2~\mu m$) silicate absorption trough at 9.7 μm . Attenuation at this wavelength can approach an order of magnitude in typical ultraluminous IR galaxies (ULIRGs; e.g., Armus et al. 2004). As a result, this feature will significantly depress the photometry measured in a broad-band filter. Takagi & Pearson (2005) suggested that the 16 to $24~\mu m$ ratio can be used to identify "silicate-break" galaxies, at redshifts 1.1 < z < 1.6 where the silicate absorption is solidly within the MIPS $24~\mu m$ bandpass.

Figure 10 shows the S_{16}/S_{24} ratio of catalog sources for which spectroscopic redshifts are available, and which are solidly detected in the 24 μ m band. We apply a small color correction (4%) to the MIPS 24 μ m flux densities in order to account for the difference in the way the instruments are calibrated. The PUI is calibrated assuming a reference spectrum of $\nu F_{\nu} = \text{const}$, but MIPS is calibrated using a 10^4 K blackbody (see the MIPS Instrument Handbook).

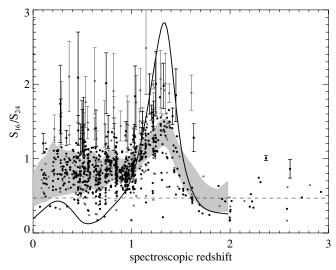


Figure 10. Ratio of 16– $24\,\mu m$ flux densities as a function of spectroscopic redshift for high quality (flag = 1; black points) and all sources (gray points). The shaded region indicates the range of values expected from the starburst templates of Brandl et al. (2006) and Smith et al. (2007). The ratio for Arp220 (using the spectrum from Armus et al. 2007) is plotted (solid line), as is the value for a power-law spectrum with $f_{\nu} \sim \nu^{-2}$ (dashed line). Uncertainties are plotted for objects with colors more than 1σ bluer than expected from the local starburst templates.

Much of the scatter in the flux ratio is expected due to variation in the source SEDs. We demonstrate this by calculating the expected ratio for redshifted local template sources. Smith et al. (2007) obtained *Spitzer* IRS spectra for a range of local starbursts, and found a large variation in both PAH emission strength and silicate absorption depth. They find that the relative strength of features can vary by a factor of two in star-forming galaxies ($L_{\rm IR} < 3 \times 10^{11} L_{\odot}$) depending upon source properties, though they note the variation should be somewhat less in more luminous sources. Brandl et al. (2006) also measured local starbursts, notably NGC 7714, and calculated an average starburst spectrum, which is redder than the Smith et al. templates, and so results in a lower expected ratio. In the plot, we indicate the expected ratio for these templates as a shaded region. Similar results have already been reported by Burgarella et al. (2009) using the AKARI measurements in GOODS-S. They find that local starburst templates mostly reproduce the flux ratio well, but that there are some discrepancies at higher luminosities. The AKARI survey was limited to z < 1.2.

Armus et al. (2007) calculated the expected 16 to $24 \,\mu m$ ratio for local ULIRGs and found that it is significantly lower than for starbursts at most redshifts because ULIRGs have a red continuum. However, in the redshift range for which the silicate absorption falls in the $24 \,\mu m$ passband, the ratio can be extreme (>3 for some ULIRGs). In the figure we plot the ratio using Arp 220 as a representative ULIRG template. Finally, we note that AGNs lacking strong silicate or PAH features will have red colors at all redshifts. Figure 10 also shows the ratio for an AGN with a very red ($\alpha = -2$) power-law SED ($f_{\nu} \propto \nu^{\alpha}$).

For clarity, error bars are omitted from points in the figure within the expected region. Typical uncertainties are 0.1–0.2 in the flux ratio. Instead, we only plot individual uncertainties for objects with 16/24 colors more than 1σ bluer than the expected regions. There is significant scatter in the plot, but a trend at z > 1 indicating the presence of silicate absorption is present.

A number of sources at z < 1.1 are anomalously blue, though most of them are likely the result of measurement error (large

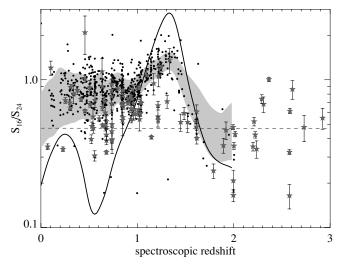


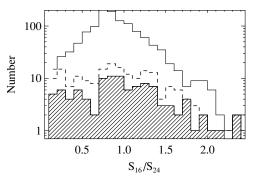
Figure 11. Same as in Figure 10, we show the flux ratio for high-quality sources (flag = 1; black points) and highlight objects identified as possible AGNs through hard X-ray detection or power-law slope (star-shaped symbols; see Section 4.1).

uncertainties) or data quality issues (most have quality flag warnings, as shown in the figure). The rest may have SEDs that are bluer than local starbursts because the $24~\mu m$ band is tracing longward of $12~\mu m$ emission and their warm dust contribution is low.

Objects at 1.1 < z < 1.6 with a ratio bluer than $S_{16}/S_{24} = 1.2$ lie solidly in the region expected for silicate absorption. Kasliwal et al. (2005) used the same selection when identifying silicate absorbing sources in early Spitzer observations of the NOAO Deep Wide Survey field. However, many objects at lower redshifts fall within the same cut. Selecting objects with a ratio > 1.4 eliminates many, though not all, of the low redshift interlopers. If we consider only sources with a 16 μ m quality flag of 1 and an available spectroscopic redshift, then 10 of 44 selected sources are outside the redshift range for silicate absorption. For comparison, $\sim 80\%$ of $16 \,\mu\mathrm{m}$ sources with spectroscopic redshifts are at z < 1.1. If we consider all sources which are securely detected at 24 μ m and have available redshifts (regardless of quality flag), then 33 of 91 sources are possible interlopers; however, about half of these have a quality flag with either Bit 1 or Bit 2 set, indicating possible confusion or a bad concentration index. We note that not all objects with blue ratios are true silicate absorbers. Many, perhaps most, are star-forming galaxies where the blue color results from the dip between the 7.7/8.6 and 11.2/12.7 μ m PAH complexes (Smith et al. 2007).

A few objects lie at redshifts higher than the range where silicate absorption falls in the 24 μ m band but still have colors bluer than expected for either AGNs or the starburst template. These objects could have buried AGNs causing large hot dust emission at 5–6 μ m, or they could have anomalously strong 6.2 PAH features.

Figure 11 shows the flux ratio for objects selected as AGNs by either power-law SEDs or hard X-ray detection. The $S_{16}/S_{24} > 1.4$ selection does not appear to select objects that are dominated by known AGNs. In the figure, we also see a number of AGN sources with very low S_{16}/S_{24} ratios. At $z \sim 0.6$, some of these may be explained by silicate absorption in the 16 μ m band. Of course, the ratio will be low for objects with red SED as well, so the silicate selection is not as clean.



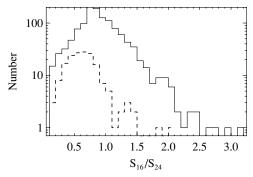


Figure 12. Histogram of $16-24 \mu m$ flux ratios for all objects (solid line) and objects without spectroscopic redshift (left; filled histogram for objects with photometry quality flag equal to 1; dashed line for all objects without redshift) and an AGN (right; dashed line).

Figure 12 shows histograms of the flux ratio for the $16\,\mu\mathrm{m}$ sample, and the AGN subset. Applying the ratio cut at 1.4 (and excluding sources with other spectroscopic redshifts), we find 107 blue sources, of which possible 68 have a quality flag of 1, which could indicate that they are $z\sim1.3$ sources. Table 5 compares these numbers with the AGN selected for each field.

4.3. Number Counts

We calculate galaxy number counts for each field. First, we determine the area, A_i , over which each source could have been detected assuming our estimate of the sensitivity based upon the depth of coverage. Then, we sum the reciprocal of the area for each source within logarithmically spaced bins of flux and divide by the binwidth, δ_f .

$$nc = \frac{1}{(\delta f)_{\text{bin}}} \sum_{i_{\text{bin}}} \frac{1}{A_i} \tag{1}$$

This calculation does not include the effects of source confusion which could lead to slightly under-counting the number of galaxies. We estimate the uncertainty on the counts for each bin as the Poisson error in the measurement of the number of sources in the bin.

Completeness corrections were calculated using a Monte-Carlo simulation, following Chary et al. (2004). Separate simulations were performed for the three depth tiers of the survey – GOODS-North, GOODS-South, and the UDF. Artificial sources were added to the original data images and recovered. These sources were placed at random positions. The flux distribution of simulated sources was flat in $\log(f_{\nu})$. The fluxes varied from 20 to $1000 \,\mu$ Jy. To avoid confusion of simulated sources, only a small number were added at a time and the simulation was repeated many times. In the North and South, 50 objects were added to the images at a time, with the simulation repeated to build up ten thousand simulated input sources. In the UDF, only 15 sources were added at a time. Sources were recovered using the same positional prior code used for the catalog generation, discarding sources below 5σ . The completeness of recovered sources is seen to be worst at the faint fluxes, as expected. There is considerable incompleteness at relatively bright fluxes, as well, due to confusion of simulated and real sources. This effect appears to be on the order of 5%-10%.

A matrix P_{ij} for the output flux distribution of the artificial sources was generated, where i is the input flux and j is the recovered flux (Smail et al. 1995). The classical completeness for sources in the i^{th} bin is the ratio of number of recovered sources in that bin to the sum over all j for that bin. The observed catalog of sources in the real image was then distributed among

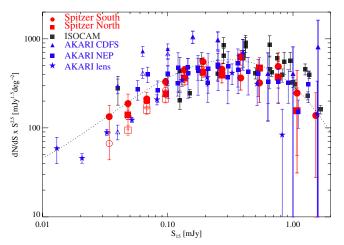


Figure 13. Differential 16 μ m number counts measured by *Spitzer* (filled red symbols have completeness correction applied, open red symbols do not), AKARI (blue symbols), and ISO (dark gray squares). The Euclidean slope has been removed. Poissonian error bars are shown. ISOCAM points include HDF-N, HDF-S, and the Marano surveys (Elbaz et al. 1999, and the references therein); the gravitational lensing cluster survey (Altieri et al. 1999); the European Large-Area ISO Survey (ELIAS-S1; Gruppioni et al. 2002); and the Lockman Deep and Lockman Shallow surveys (Rodighiero et al. 2004). We plot AKARI points from the completeness-corrected counts measured in the North ecliptic pole (filled squares; Wada et al. 2007; Pearson et al. 2010). The Burgarella et al. (2009) survey of GOODS-South (filled blue triangles are counts with completeness correction, open blue triangles are the counts without) and we exclude bins with less than 20% completeness. We also show the completeness-corrected AKARI counts with lensed objects in Abell 2218 (Hopwood et al. 2010). We also show the fit to the combined Spitzer 16 μ m counts from the two GOODS fields (dotted line; see Section 4.4)

the flux bins. The P_{ij} matrix was renormalized such that the sum over i for each j was equal to the number of detected sources in that flux bin. The completeness corrected counts in each flux bin i is then the sum over j of the renormalized P_{ij} matrix.

In the North, we estimate completeness to be $\sim 50\%$ at $40 \,\mu Jy$ (the approximate limit of reported sources), and 80% at $60 \,\mu Jy$. In the South, we estimate 80% completeness at $80 \,\mu Jy$ in the shallow survey, with a steep fall off at fainter fluxes due to poor coverage. In the calculation of the number counts, we do not use the shallow Southern survey below $65 \,\mu Jy$. In the UDF, we estimate 50% completeness at $30 \,\mu Jy$ (the limit of reported sources) and 80% at $50 \,\mu Jy$.

Figure 13 shows the measured number counts, including the completeness correction described below. The number counts are given in Tables 7 and 8. The figure also compares 15 μ m number counts from ISOCAM and *AKARI*, but without color correction. Le Borgne et al. (2009) showed that these number

Table 7GOODS-North Galaxy Number Counts

S _{low} (mJy)	S_{high} (mJy)	S _{avg} (mJy)	$N_{ m galaxies}$	Observed dN/dS (deg ⁻² mJy ⁻¹)	Corrected dN/dS (deg ⁻² mJy ⁻¹)	Corrected $\delta dN/dS$ (deg ⁻² mJy ⁻¹)
0.025	0.040	0.034	13	•••		
0.040	0.056	0.048	106	1.8×10^{5}	2.8×10^{5}	7.3×10^4
0.056	0.080	0.068	106	1.3×10^{5}	1.7×10^{5}	2.8×10^{4}
0.080	0.112	0.096	151	7.4×10^{4}	8.5×10^{4}	8.9×10^{3}
0.112	0.159	0.136	128	4.9×10^{4}	5.3×10^4	5.6×10^{3}
0.159	0.224	0.192	93	2.6×10^{4}	2.6×10^{4}	3.5×10^{3}
0.224	0.317	0.271	61	1.0×10^{4}	1.0×10^{4}	2.1×10^{3}
0.317	0.448	0.382	45	6.9×10^{3}	6.9×10^{3}	1.1×10^{3}
0.448	0.632	0.540	22	2.2×10^{3}	2.2×10^{3}	6.0×10^{2}
0.632	0.893	0.763	11	7.3×10^{2}	7.3×10^{2}	4.1×10^{2}
0.893	1.262	1.078	3	1.3×10^{2}	1.3×10^{2}	1.6×10^{2}
1.262	1.783	1.522	2			
1.783	2.518	2.150	0			
2.518	3.557	3.037	0	•••	• • •	

Table 8GOODS-South Galaxy Number Counts

S _{low} (mJy)	S _{high} (mJy)	S _{avg} (mJy)	$N_{ m galaxies}$	Observed dN/dS $(deg^{-2} \text{ mJy}^{-1})$	Corrected dN/dS (deg ⁻² mJy ⁻¹)	Corrected $\delta dN/dS$ (deg ⁻² mJy ⁻¹)
0.025	0.040	0.034	14	3.1×10^{5}	6.2×10^{5}	1.4×10^{5}
0.040	0.056	0.048	20	2.6×10^{5}	3.7×10^{5}	8.4×10^{4}
0.056	0.080	0.068	38	1.5×10^{5}	1.8×10^{5}	2.8×10^{4}
0.080	0.112	0.096	107	9.2×10^{4}	1.2×10^{5}	1.0×10^{4}
0.112	0.159	0.136	109	5.9×10^{4}	6.6×10^{4}	6.0×10^{3}
0.159	0.224	0.192	83	3.2×10^4	3.4×10^{4}	3.6×10^{3}
0.224	0.317	0.271	45	1.2×10^{4}	1.2×10^{4}	2.1×10^{3}
0.317	0.448	0.382	21	4.0×10^{3}	4.0×10^{3}	1.1×10^{3}
0.448	0.632	0.540	11	1.5×10^{3}	1.5×10^{3}	6.0×10^{2}
0.632	0.893	0.763	10	9.6×10^{2}	9.6×10^{2}	4.1×10^{2}
0.893	1.262	1.078	3	2.0×10^{2}	2.0×10^{2}	1.6×10^{2}
1.262	1.783	1.522	1	4.8×10^{1}	4.8×10^{1}	3.9×10^{1}
1.783	2.518	2.150	2	6.8×10^{1}	6.8×10^{1}	5.5×10^{1}
2.518	3.557	3.037	1	2.4×10^{1}	2.4×10^{1}	1.9×10^{1}

counts are dominated by low redshift objects (z < 0.5) at fluxes above 200 μ Jy, and by moderate redshift ones (0.5 < z < 1.5) at fainter levels; they infer a small contribution (<20%) from higher redshift sources in bins below 100 μ Jy.

In the figure, we see a significant difference between the counts in the Northern and Southern fields. The counts peak around 0.4 mJy in the North, but around 0.2 mJy in the South. It is likely that this effect is the result of cosmic variance. However, the distribution of redshifts (see Section 3.2) shows no clear evidence for an over-density in the Northern field to explain the difference. LeFloc'h et al. (2009) noted a similar effect in comparing GOODS-North counts at $24 \, \mu \text{m}$ to those in the (wider area) COSMOS field.

Elbaz et al. (1999) measured a faint-end slope of $\alpha = -1.6$ from the ISOCAM 15 μ m counts. They defined the faint-end to be bins with $S_{15} < 0.4$ mJy. In the same range, we measure a slightly steeper slope of -1.9 when fitting the counts from both the North and South. However, the fit is dominated by the high significance bins between 0.1 and 0.4 mJy, where the two fields have different peaks. If we consider only $S_{16} < 0.2$ mJy, then $\alpha = -1.7$ is consistent with the data.

In Figure 14, we show the contribution of AGNs to the number counts. The result is largely similar to Figure 9, with X-ray selected AGNs dominating the AGN contribution at bright fluxes, and the total AGN contribution decreasing at faint fluxes. We also show in the figure the contribution of silicate absorption

candidate sources, which could be highly obscured AGNs. These objects occur mostly at faint flux levels, given their high redshift.

4.4. Integrated Galaxy Light at 16 μm

Previous measurements of the monochromatic 15 μ m EBL have been based on ISOCAM and *AKARI* data (Elbaz et al. 2002; Altieri et al. 1999). Metcalfe et al. (2003) inferred the contribution of ISO-detected galaxies to the 15 μ m EBL to be 2.7 \pm 0.62 nW m⁻² sr⁻¹ at $S_{15} > 30~\mu$ Jy by integrating the flux measured from faint sources (the integrated galaxy light, IGL) including the observations of lensing clusters. Hopwood et al. (2010) improved the measurement of the lensing cluster and determined an IGL value of 1.9 \pm 0.5 nW m⁻² sr⁻¹ at $S_{15} > 10~\mu$ Jy.

We can improve the measurement of the $\sim 15 \, \mu \text{m}$ IGL using the *Spitzer* sources. We have significantly more detections fainter than $50 \, \mu \text{Jy}$ than any of the ISOCAM surveys, and we cover two independent fields that were covered by the ultradeep *AKARI* measurement. We first take the average of the number counts for both GOODS fields, and combine them with ISOCAM counts at fluxes >1 mJy (Elbaz et al. 1999; Gruppioni et al. 2002). Next, following Elbaz et al. (2002), we integrate dIGL/dS (defined by their Equation (6)) over the range $30 \, \mu \text{Jy}$ to 1 mJy, after fitting the counts with a 3^{rd} degree polynomial

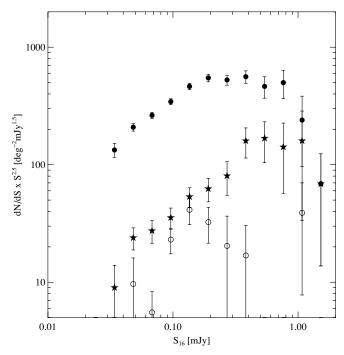


Figure 14. Differential $16 \, \mu \text{m}$ number counts for GOODS-North and South combined (filled circles). We show the contribution of sources identified as AGNs (star-shaped symbols). We also show the contribution of objects with $16-24 \, \mu \text{m}$ flux ratios > 1.4, and spectroscopic redshifts 1 < z < 2, indicating possible silicate absorption (open circles).

(the dotted line in Figure 13). A conservative estimate of the uncertainty on IGL_{15} was obtained by fitting and integrating the Poissonian upper and lower 1σ uncertainty on the counts.

We find $IGL_{16}(S_{16} \ge 30 \,\mu\text{Jy}) = 2.2 \pm 0.2 \,\text{nW m}^{-2} \,\text{sr}^{-1}$. Note that if we color-correct the *Spitzer* sources to the effective wavelength (14.3 μ m) of the ISOCAM LW3 filter as in Figure 3, we would obtain $IGL_{15}(S_{15} \ge 25 \,\mu\text{Jy}) = 1.8 \pm 0.2 \,\text{nW m}^{-2} \,\text{sr}^{-1}$, just outside the 1σ uncertainties from the Metcalfe et al. (2003) result. Figure 15 shows the IGL as a function of sensitivity limit. The upper limit on the EBL, 4.7 nW m⁻² sr⁻¹ is taken from the Renault et al. (2001) high energy γ -ray measurement of Mrk 501. Comparing the upper limit to the EBL, following Metcalfe et al., we find the $16 \,\mu$ m counts down to $30 \,\mu\text{Jy}$ appear to be resolving at least $\sim 50\%$ of the monochromatic $16 \,\mu$ m EBL. Most likely the resolved fraction of the $15 \,\mu$ EBL is even larger since the IGL at the faintest flux limits probed by the *Spitzer* surveys (Figure 15) appears to be asymptoting toward a value of $\sim 3 \,\text{nW}$ m⁻² if extrapolated to zero flux.

In principle, the 16 and $24\,\mu\mathrm{m}$ IGL should be similar as they are sampling mostly similar populations. Though, the $24\,\mu\mathrm{m}$ band is more sensitive to higher redshifts and, as we have shown, the $16\,\mu\mathrm{m}$ band picks up a slightly higher fraction of AGNs. Our value is lower than the quoted estimate of the $24\,\mu\mathrm{m}$ IGL obtained by Papovich et al. (2004) of $2.7^{+1.1}_{-0.7}$ nW m⁻² sr⁻¹. However, that result was obtained by measuring the $24\,\mu\mathrm{m}$ number counts down to $60\,\mu\mathrm{Jy}$ and extrapolating to fainter fluxes using a fit to the faint-end slope. If we extrapolate the $16\,\mu\mathrm{m}$ source counts to fluxes 10 times fainter (down to $3\,\mu\mathrm{Jy}$), assuming faint-end slope $\alpha=-1.9$, we obtain $IGL_{16}\sim2.9\,\mathrm{nW}\,\mathrm{m}^{-2}\,\mathrm{sr}^{-1}$, in good agreement with the MIPS value

Fadda et al. (2002) find that AGNs contribute \sim 17% of the 15 μ m background (see also La Franca et al. 2007). Similarly, Matute et al. (2006) place a lower limit of the AGN contribution

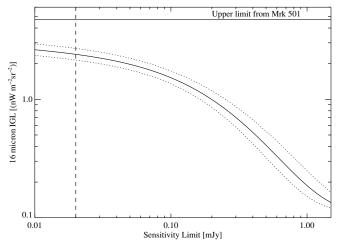


Figure 15. Integrated galaxy light (IGL) as a function of sensitivity limit. The IGL is extrapolated below the UDF sensitivity (dotted vertical line) assuming constant faint-end slope. The uncertainty (dotted curve) is estimated by calculating the IGL for the 1σ upper and lower limits to the number counts. The upper limit to the IGL is shown (Renault et al. 2001) as the solid horizontal line

to the 15 μ m IGL of 4%–10%, using only optically-selected AGNs. We measure the IGL for the AGN among the 16 μ m GOODS sources and find a contribution to the 16 μ m IGL of ~15% from X-ray and power-law-selected AGNs.

Spitzer measurements at 8 and 24 μ m have typically determined a marginally smaller contribution to the IGL from AGNs. Ballantyne & Papovich (2007) and Barmby et al. (2006) find contribution of ~10% to the 24 μ m background based on X-ray selection of AGNs. Most of these surveys also rely on X-ray selection of AGNs, and Barmby et al. (2006) suggest that the AGN contribution be corrected upwards by a factor of 1.5 to account for Compton-thick sources. Brand et al. (2006) suggest that only 3%–7% of the 24 μ m background results from AGNs, and Franceschini et al. (2005) place the contribution at 10%–15% based on optical selection. Silva et al. (2004) note that the fractional AGN contribution is, itself, an upper limit to the contribution to the IGL from AGN radiation because significant IR light from these sources arises from the host galaxy.

5. SUMMARY

We have presented source catalogs for *Spitzer* 16 μ m observations of the GOODS fields using the PUI capability. We surveyed the ACS area (150 arcmin²) to depths of 40 and 65 μ Jy (50% completeness) in the Northern and Southern fields, respectively. In the \sim 10 arcmin² of the UDF, we reach 30 μ Jy. We detect 840 (N) and 476 (S) objects. These observations are the widest contiguous-area PUI taken during the *Spitzer* mission and among the deepest. The catalog will be available through the NASA/IPAC Infrared Science Archive (IRSA²0).

We validate the photometry by demonstrating that the *Spitzer* SEDs of stars in the fields are consistent with standard templates from *Spitzer* spectroscopy. We compare PUI photometry with observations within GOODS-North by ISOCAM and find reasonable agreement after color correction, though the uncertainties are large. Comparison with *AKARI* shows marginally significant disagreement (~30%), with *Spitzer* fluxes being higher. We match PUI sources within 1 arcsecond with *Spitzer*,

²⁰ http://irsa.ipac.caltech.edu

Chandra and HST detections. We also report spectroscopic redshifts from the literature where available. The distribution of redshifts is similar to that for $24 \,\mu m$ sources despite the shallower MIR depth, suggesting that redshifts so far available are mostly limited by optical faintness. We flag sources in the catalog that may have quality issues: possible source confusion, bad concentration index, lower than expected S/N, low coverage.

Preliminary analysis of the survey find the following.

- 1. Matching $16 \,\mu m$ sources with *Chandra* hard-band detections finds that $\sim 11\%$ of PUI sources have X-ray counterparts. Combining these sources with power-law MIR selection for obscured AGNs finds that about 15% of objects in the catalog are potentially AGNs. The fraction of AGNs increases with increasing $16 \,\mu m$ flux density.
- 2. The $16-24~\mu m$ ratio shows significant variation with redshift. Most sources lie within the locus expected for starbursts, IR luminous galaxies, and AGNs. A ratio >1.4 appears likely to select predominantly sources at 1.1 < z < 1.6, where the minimum between PAH emission peaks (as well as the 9.7 μm silicate absorption) redshifts into the $24~\mu m$ passband. About 5% of $16~\mu m$ sources meet this color selection, though few are selected as AGNs by X-ray emission or power-law SEDs and so any AGN contribution must be heavily obscured.
- 3. Galaxy number counts show good agreement with previous surveys at similar wavelengths (from ISOCAM and *AKARI*). The large number of sources and the two fields provide improvements in both the Poissonian errors and the effects of cosmic variance. AGNs make substantial contribution to the number counts at bright fluxes.
- 4. We measure the integrated galaxy light at $16 \,\mu\text{m}$, as a lower limit on the contribution to the monochromatic IR background, to be $2.2 \pm 0.2 \,\text{nW m}^{-2} \,\text{sr}^{-1}$. Extrapolating to fluxes 10 times fainter than the survey limit raises this value to $2.9 \,\text{nW m}^{-2} \,\text{sr}^{-1}$, or 75% of the EBL. The contribution of sources which host AGNs to the $16 \,\mu\text{m}$ EBL is $\sim 15\%$, similar to the fraction found in $24 \,\mu\text{m}$ surveys.

Future 15 μ m results are expected from *AKARI*. Significantly more area has been covered, which will allow improved study of rare sources. The *Spitzer* archive also contains many shallow (though small) fields which were obtained in parallel to spectroscopic observations (S. Fajardo-Acosta et al. 2010, in preparation). Confusion-limited 16 μ m observations were obtained by *Spitzer* in a small number of fields (e.g., Program ID = 499; PI = Colbert). Finally, the recently launched WISE mission will include 12 μ m images over the whole sky

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