Dusty Active Galaxies

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Abstract. Most astronomers know about B. E. Markarians discovery and further study of galaxies with UV excess. It is less known that in 1963 Markarian drew attention to a small group of galaxies with color index-spectral type discrepancy. Early spectral type of these galaxies is combined with large color index (e.g. M82). Later studies showed that galaxies with large intrinsic color indices (CI \geq 0.85) exhibit properties typical for active galaxies - galaxies with "red excess" are as active as galaxies with UV excess.