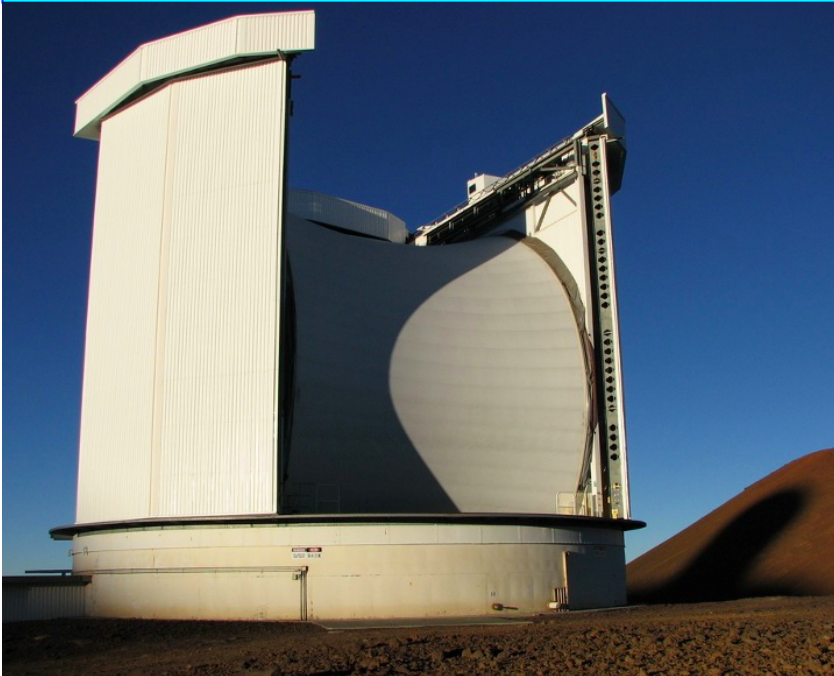


# MALATANG project updates: the far-infrared and HCN correlations



Yu GAO (高煜)

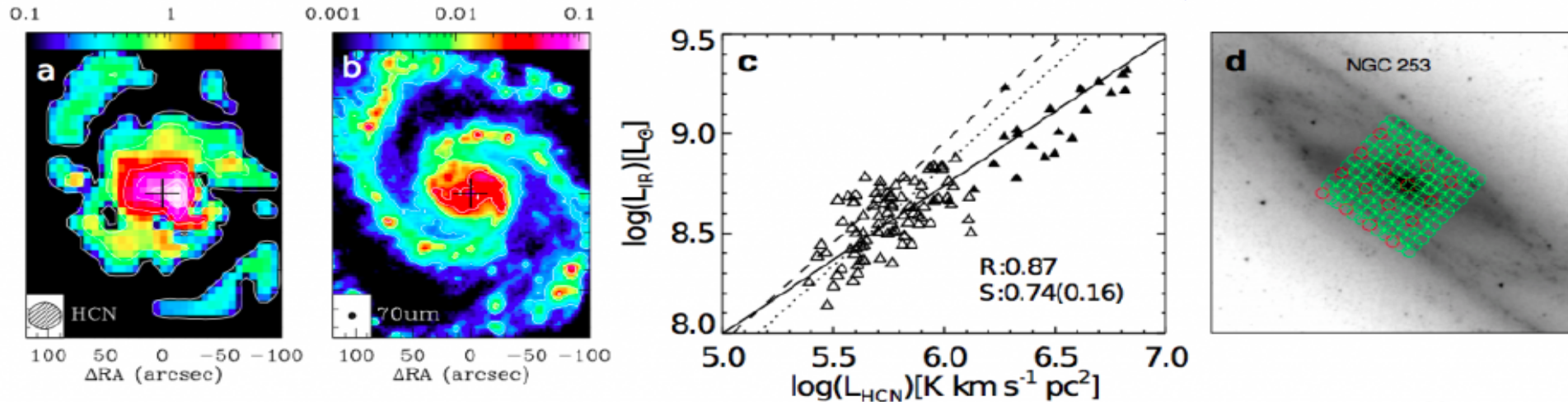
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**1 Chen, Gao & Braine+2015/17 ApJ (1507.08506, 1612.00459); 2 Liu, D, Gao & Isaak+2015 ApJL (1504.05897); 3 Liu, L, Gao & Greve 2015 ApJ (1502.08001); 4 Zhang, Gao & Henkel+2014 ApJL; 5 Lu +2017; 6 Tan, Gao+ 2018 ApJ; 7 Jiang+2019; 8 Zhang+2020**

# MALATANG Project update



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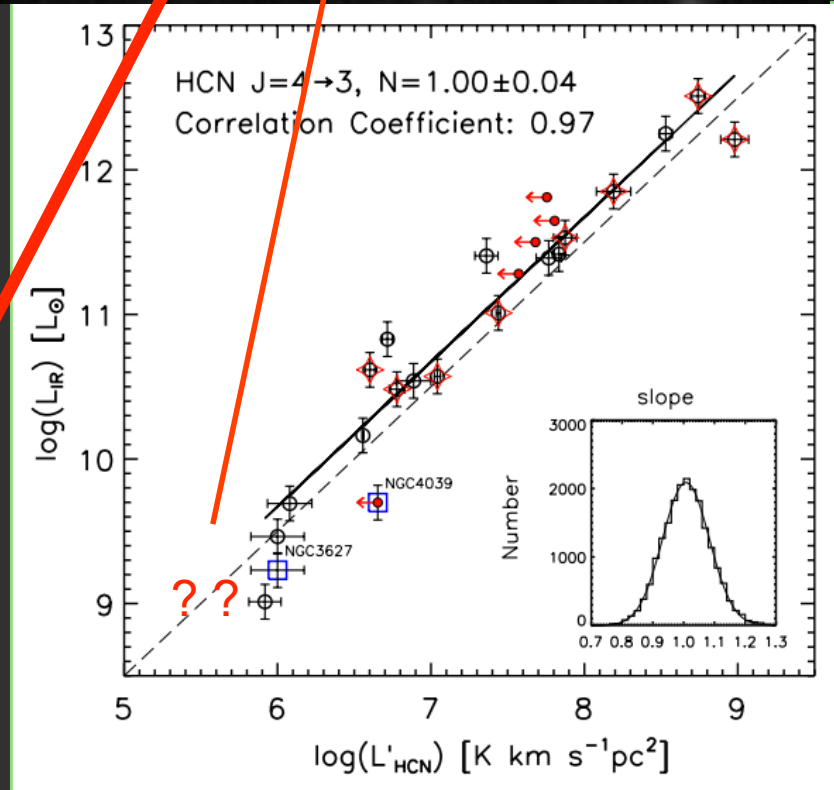
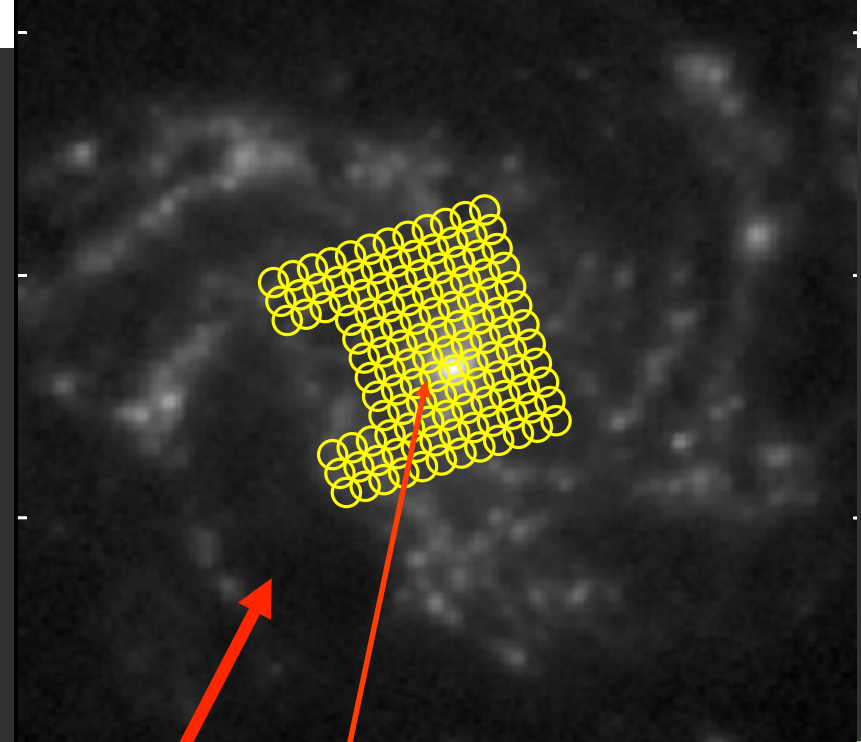


MALATANG in a nutshell: here illustrated by a study of M51 (Chen et al 2015). a) Moment 0 map of the HCN J= 1 – 0 emission towards M 51 (contours at: 0.1, 0.6, 1.9, 3.4, 4.9, 5.4 K km/s on the Tmb scale). b) Herschel/PACS 70  $\mu\text{m}$  image tracing the IR dust continuum (contours at: 3, 9, 27, 81 mJy/pixel). c) The resolved  $L_{\text{IR}} - L'_{\text{HCNJ}=1-0}$  relation observed towards M 51, with each symbol representing a region  $\sim 1$  kpc in size. The solid and dashed lines show the best log-linear fits to the nuclear (filled triangles) and disk (open triangles) regions combined and to the disk regions only, respectively. The combined correlation is seen to be shallower than the galaxy-integrated linear relation observed by Gao & Solomon (2004) (illustrated by the dashed line). d) Schematic of a HARP-B jiggle mode observations of a MALATANG target (NGC 253). With a beam spacing of 1000 , the shown 3 x 3 jiggle pattern will result in fully sampled HCN and HCO+ J = 4 -3 maps that probe dense molecular gas across a range of environments, from inter-arm regions to the central starburst nuclei.

# PROJECT AND SCIENCE GOALS

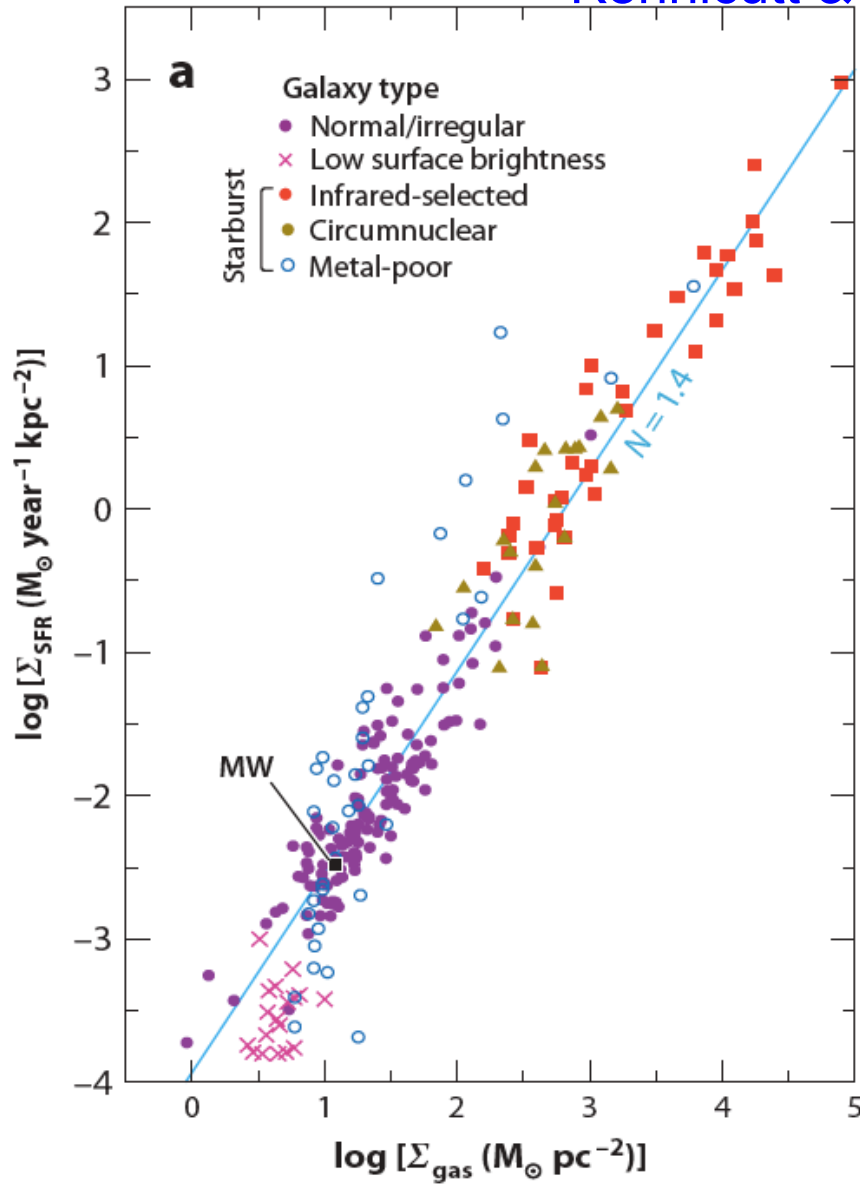
MALATANG

- ▶ 390hr JCMT-HARP program:  
map HCN and HCO+ J=4-3 in 23 of the nearest and IR-brightest galaxies beyond the Local Group
- ▶ First attempt at systematically map the distribution of dense gas out to large galactocentric distances in a statistically significant sample
- ▶ dense gas vs. star formation relationship down to gas masses of  $\sim 5 \times 10^6 M_{\odot}$  and scales  $\sim 0.2$ -2.8kpc in other galaxies
- ▶ Bridge the gap between and Galactic observations
- ▶ Resolved dense gas star formation relations
- ▶ Intermediate scales/luminosities
- ▶ Different environments: nuclear vs. disk
- ▶ Radial distribution of dense gas and SF efficiency

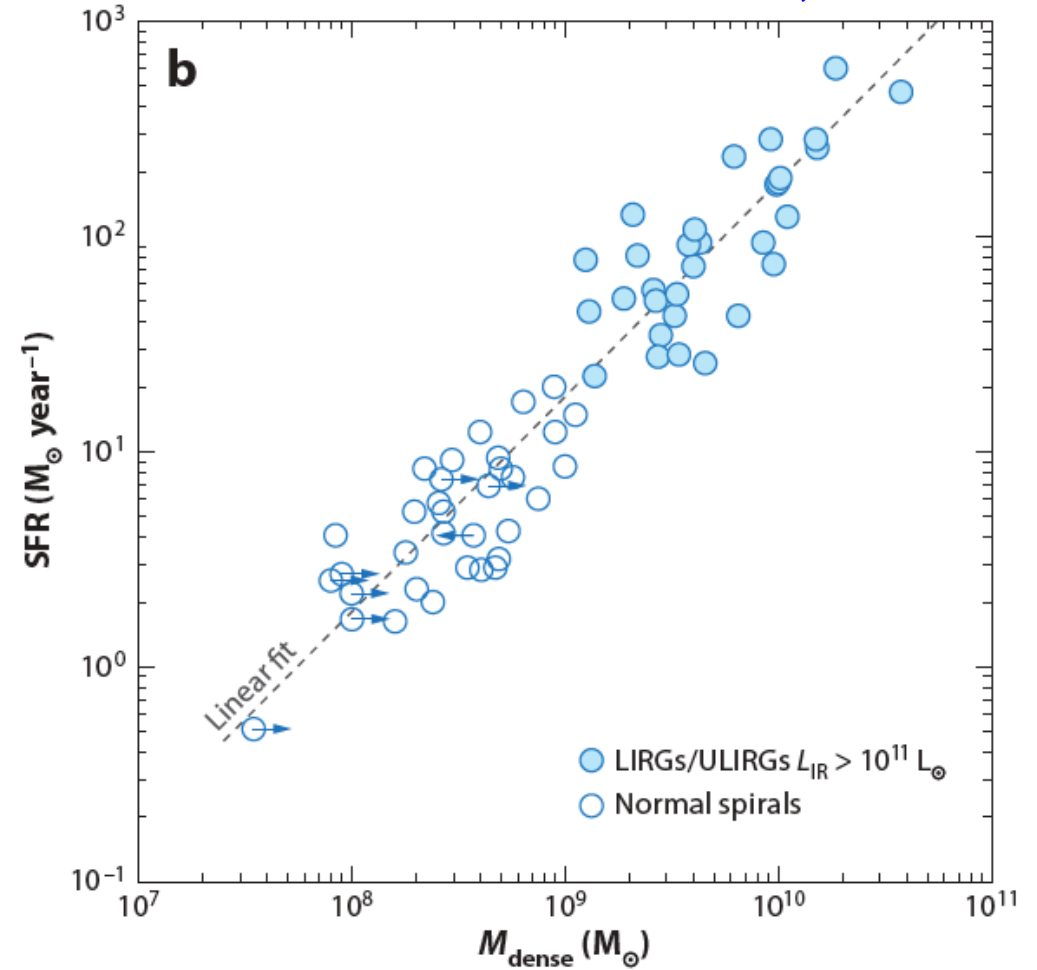


# Motivation

Kennicutt & Evans 2012, ARAA

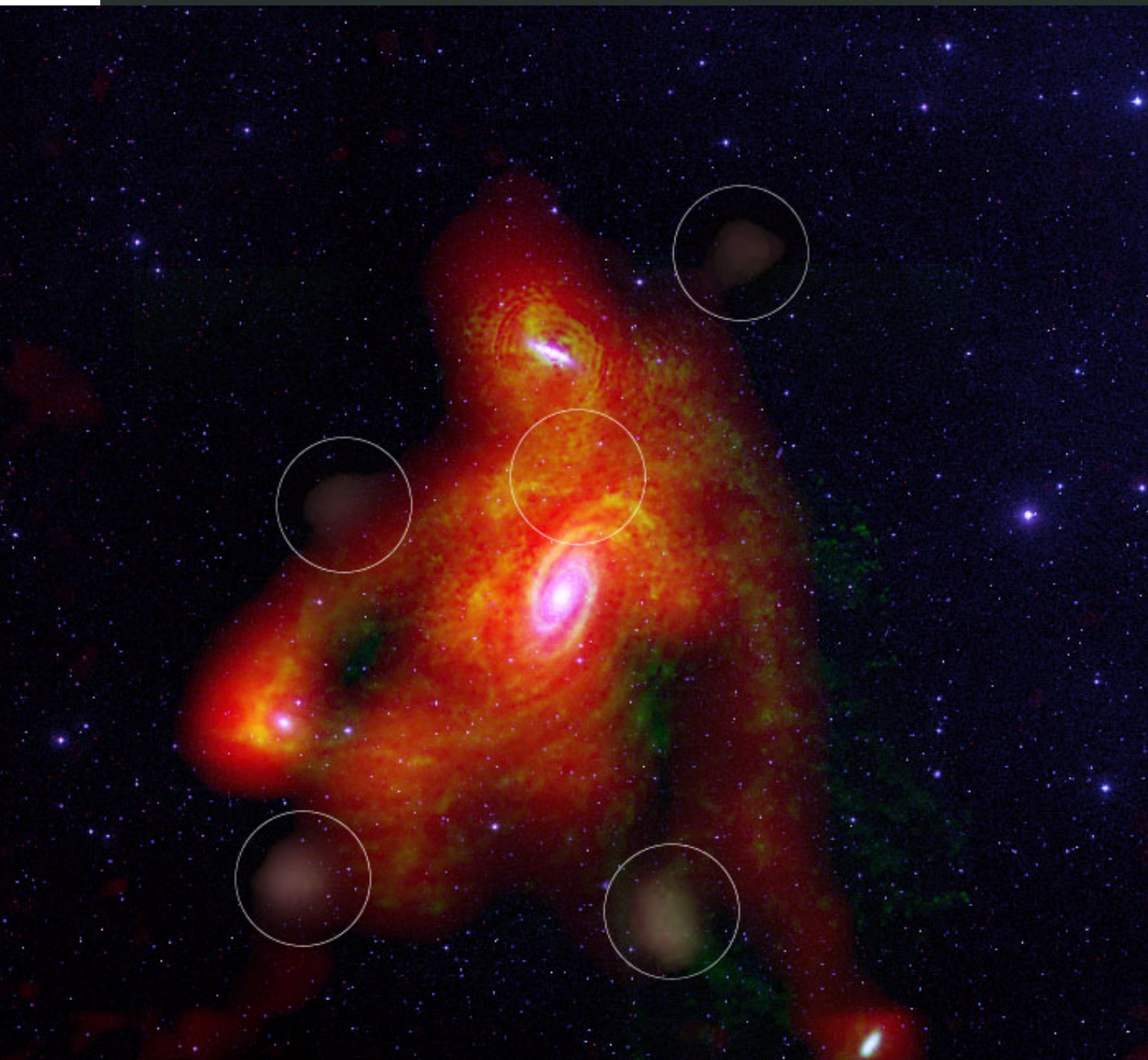


Gao & Solomon 2004a,b

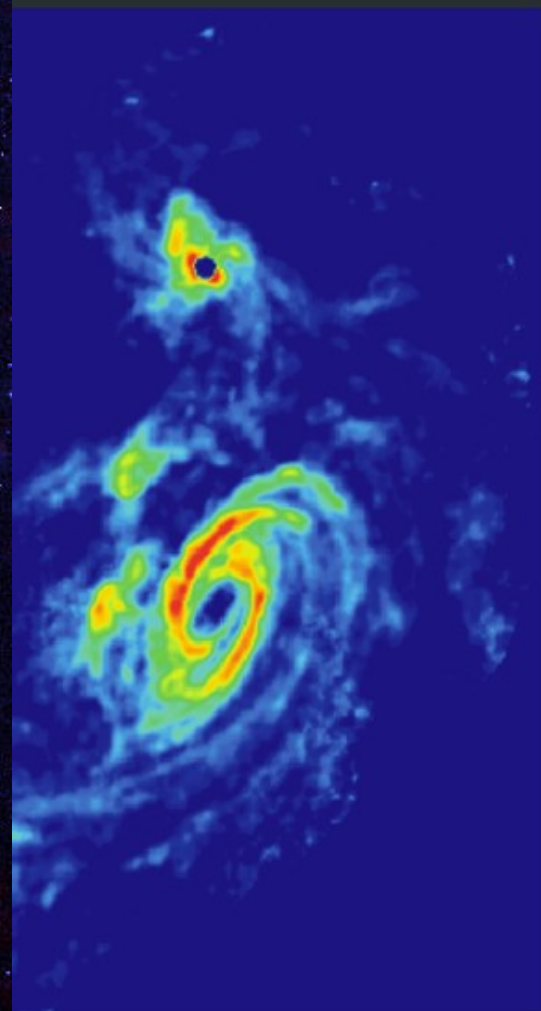


Disk-average [SFR ~ density(HI+H2)<sup>1.4</sup>]

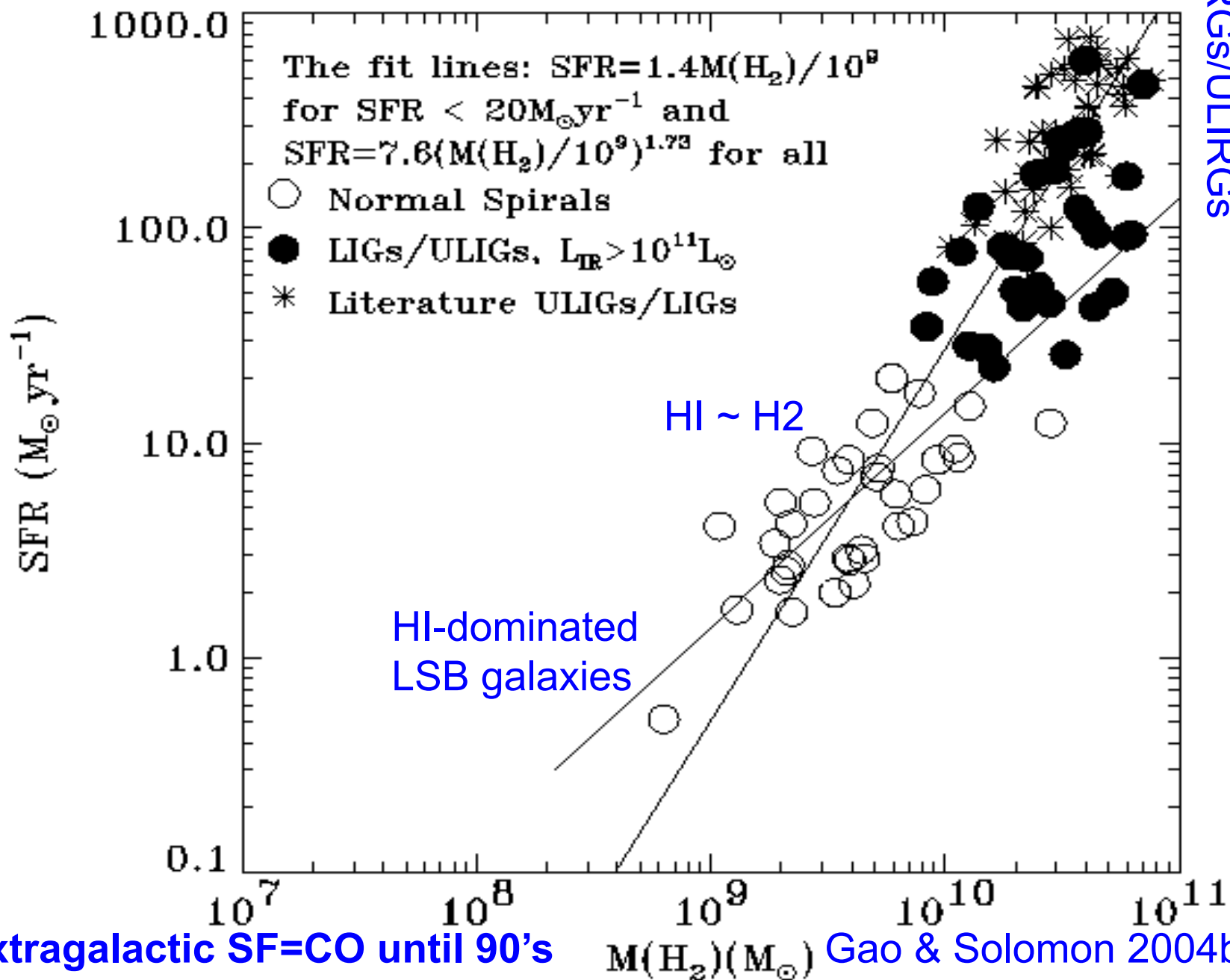
# TIDAL INTERACTIONS IN M81 GROUP



HI Distribution



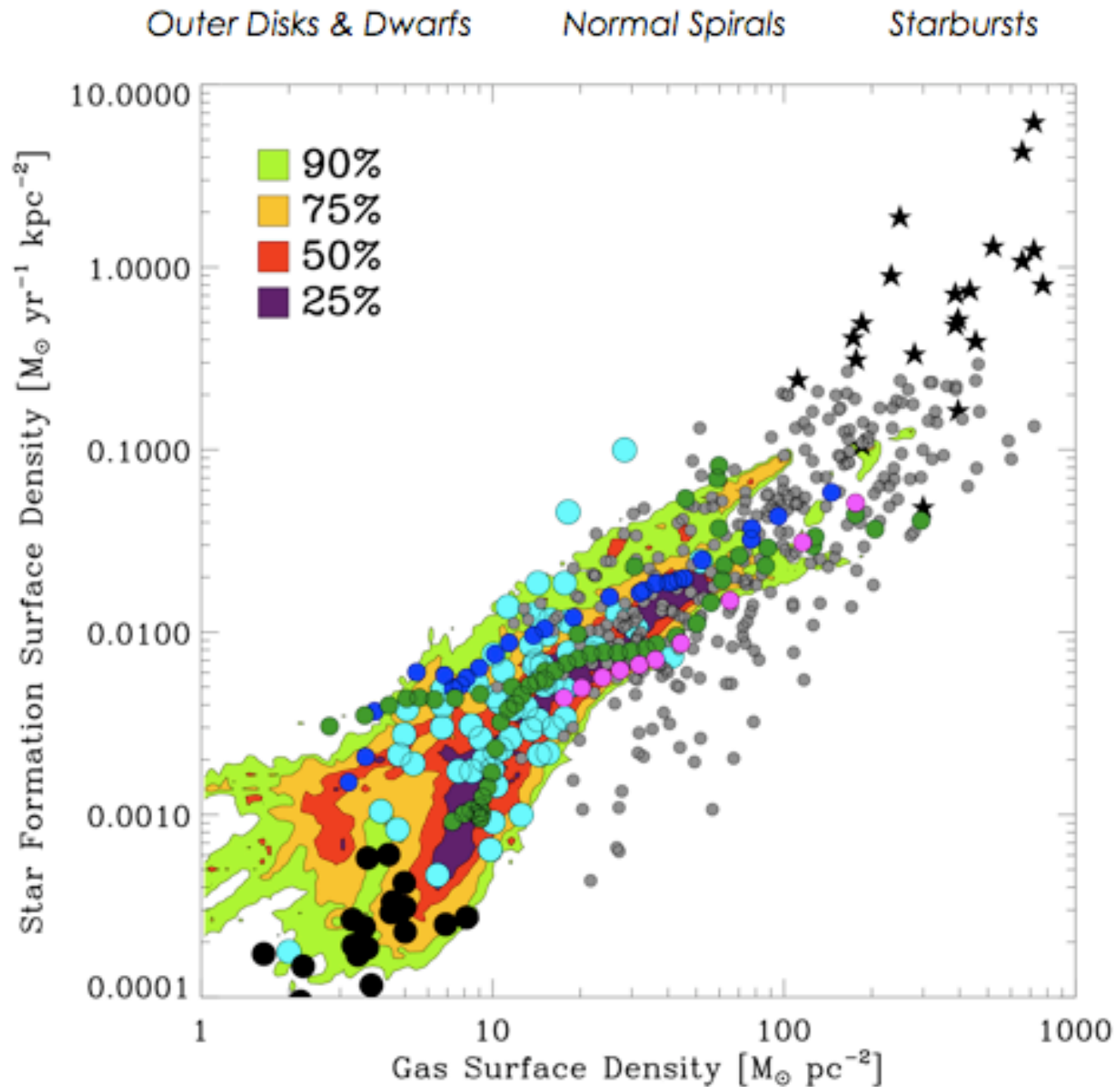
# SFR vs. M(H<sub>2</sub>): No Unique Slope: 1, 1.4, 1.7?



SF thresholds may simply reflect the change of the dominant cold gas phase in galaxies from HI  $\rightarrow$  H<sub>2</sub> & from H<sub>2</sub>  $\rightarrow$  dense H<sub>2</sub>  $\rightarrow$  dense cores (DCs)  $\rightarrow$  super-star clusters (SSCs)

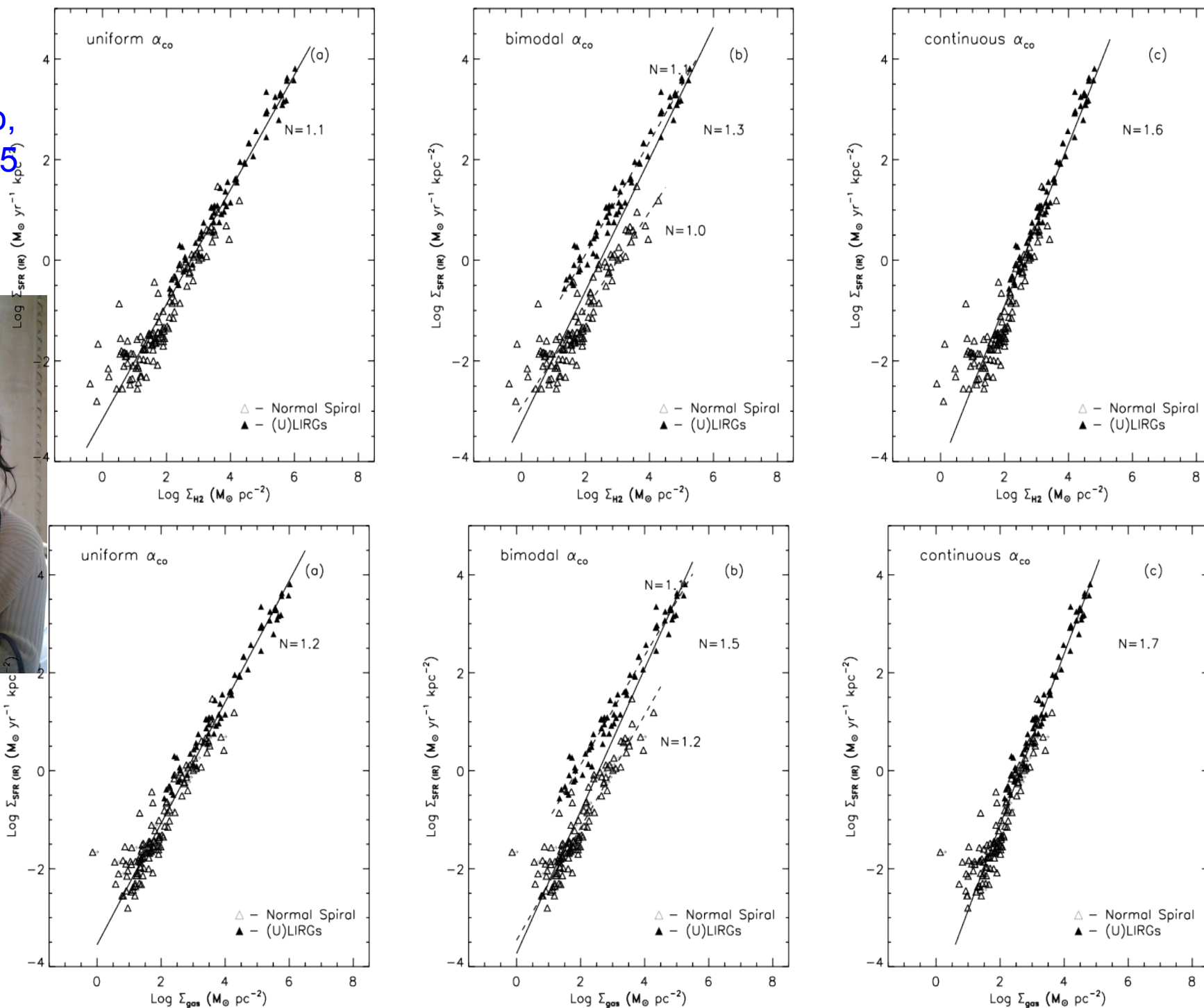
Schruba+2011  
~linear in H<sub>2</sub>!

Bigiel's talk @SFR50



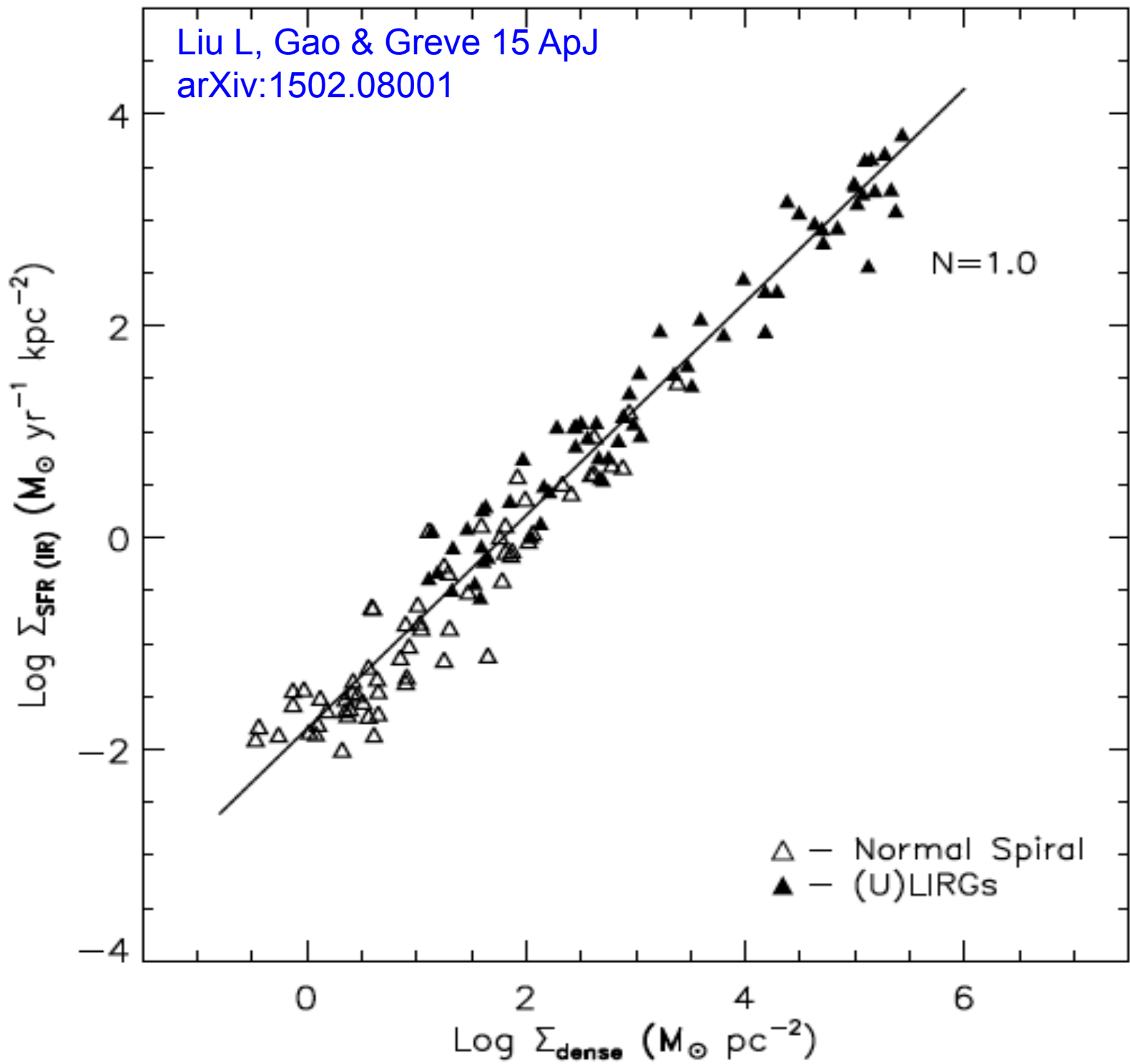
Kennicutt (1998) spirals and  $\star$ bursts; Wong & Blitz (2002); Schuster et al. (2007)  
Wyder et al. (2007); Kennicutt et al. (2007); Crosthwaite & Turner (2007)

Liu, Gao,  
Greve 15

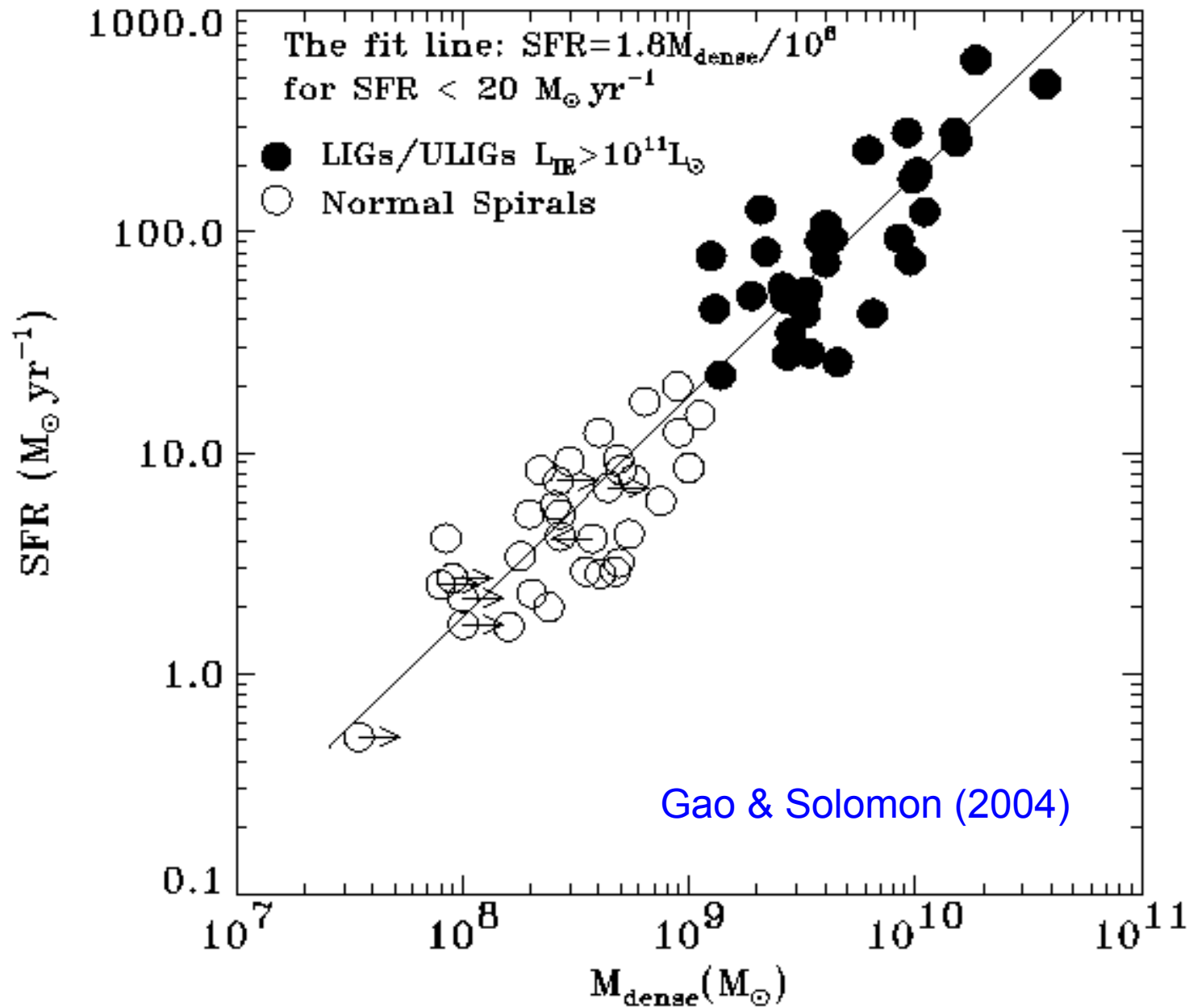




Liu L, Gao & Greve 15 ApJ  
arXiv:1502.08001



## SFR vs. $M_{\text{dense}}(\text{H}_2)$ : linear correlation

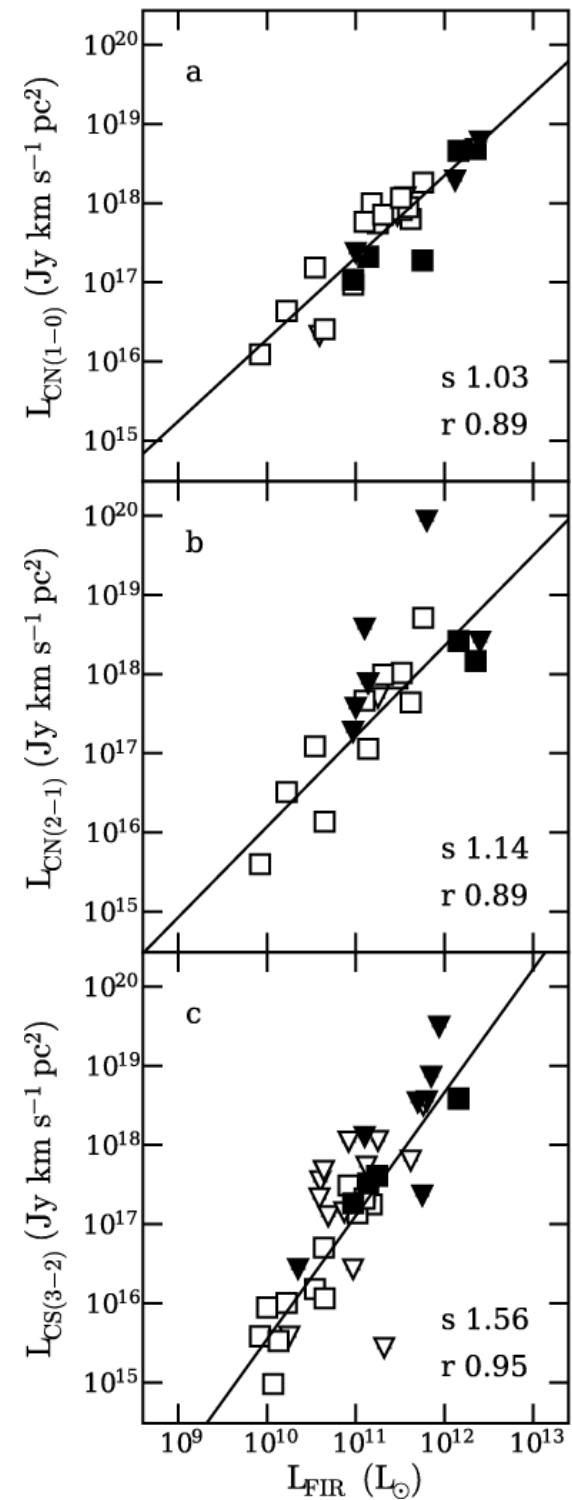
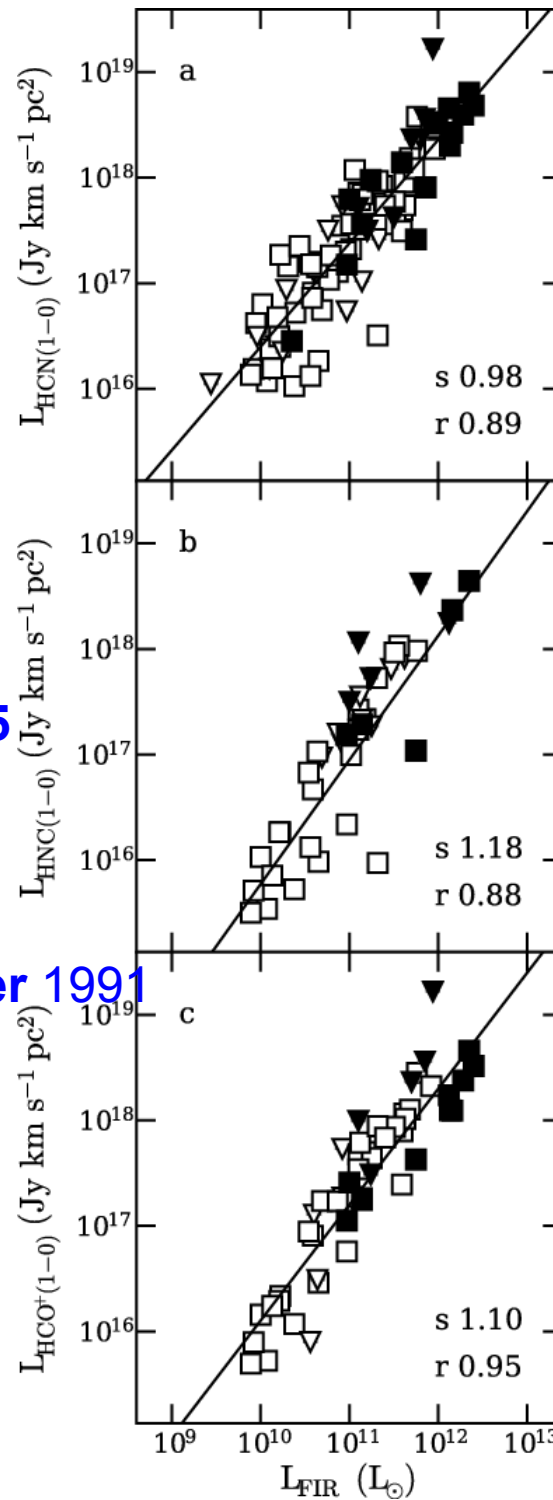


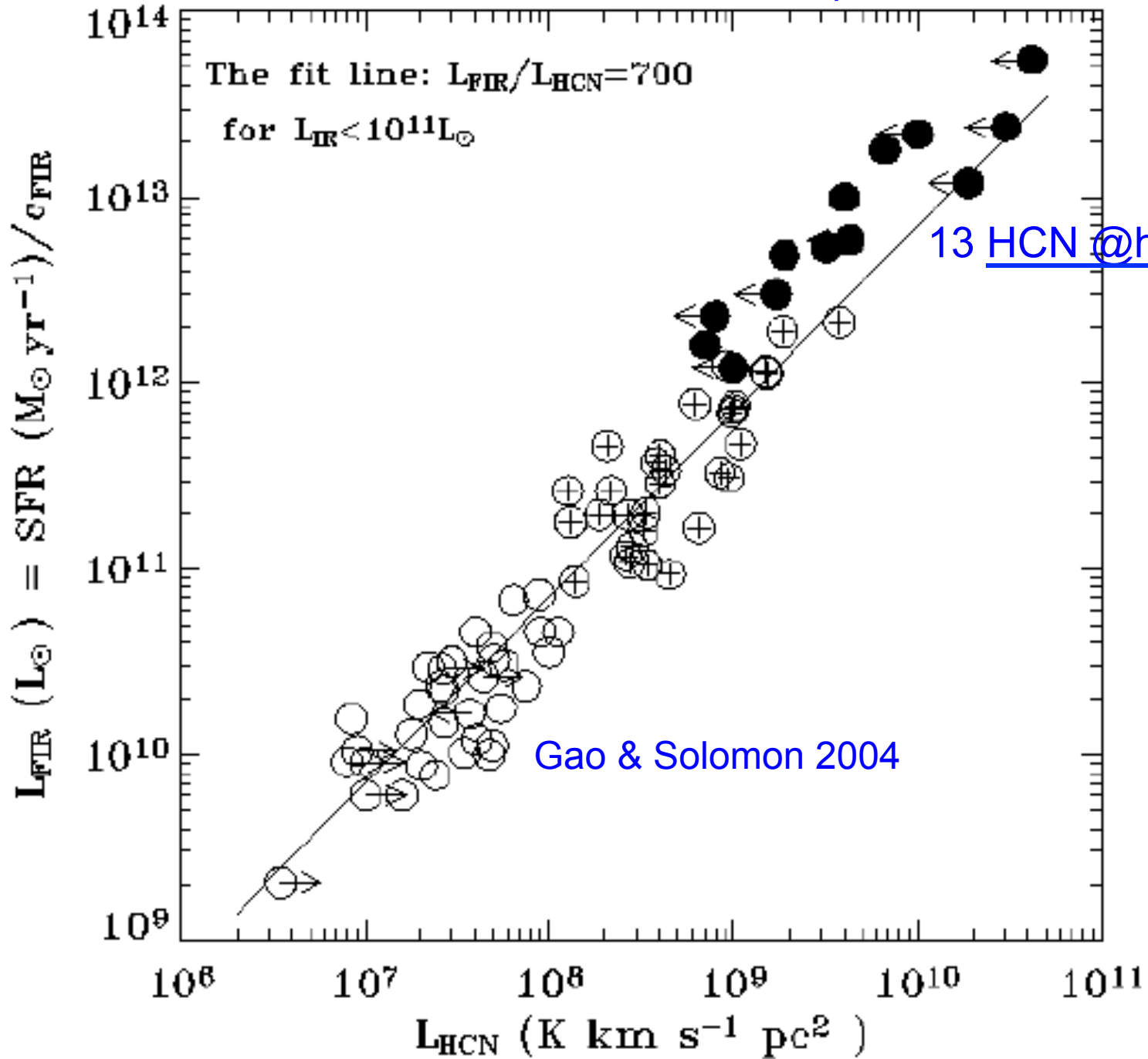
# Baan, Henkel, Loenen + 2008

HCN,CS,HNC etc. in SF gals.

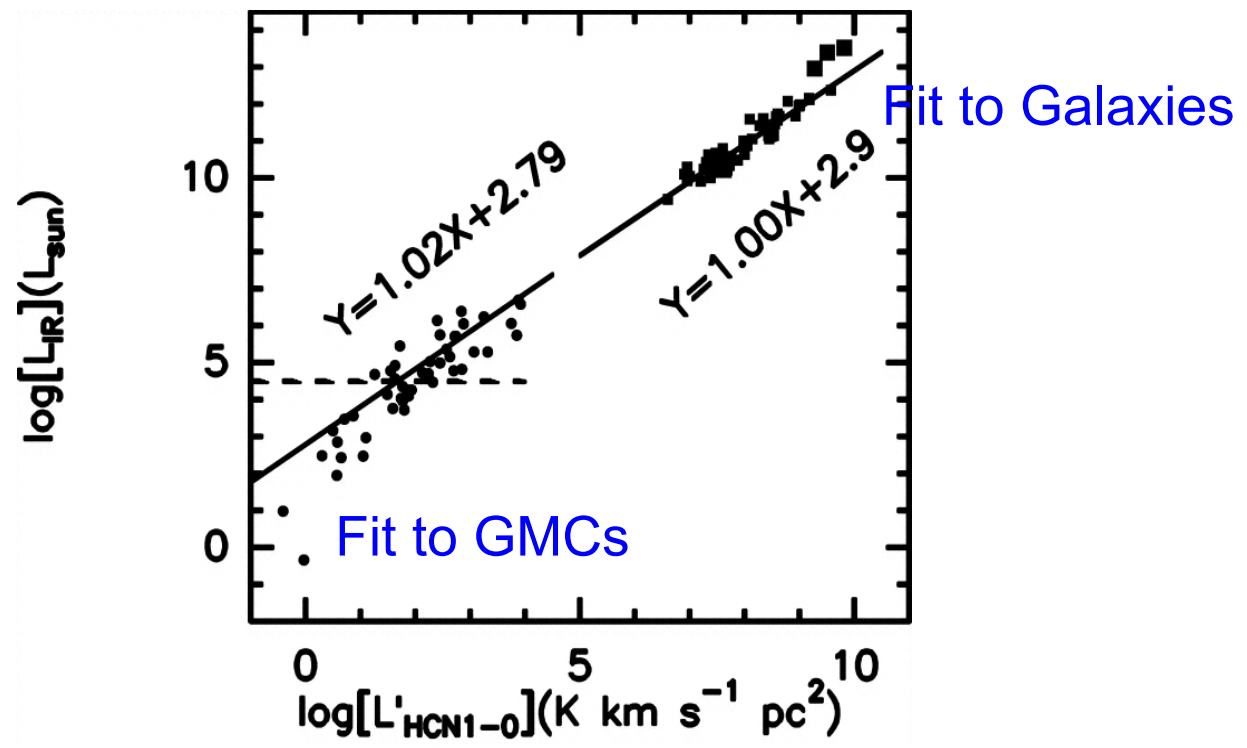
- Baan et al. (2008)
- Kohno 2007, et al. (2003)
- Imanishi 2006, et al. 2009, 2013, 2016a,b
- Aalto et al. 2007, 2002, 1995
- Solomon et al. 1992
- Nguyen et al. 1992
- Henkel et al. 1990
- Henkel, Baan, Mauersberger 1991

Best case studies:  
Arp 220 & NGC 6240  
(Greve + 2009)

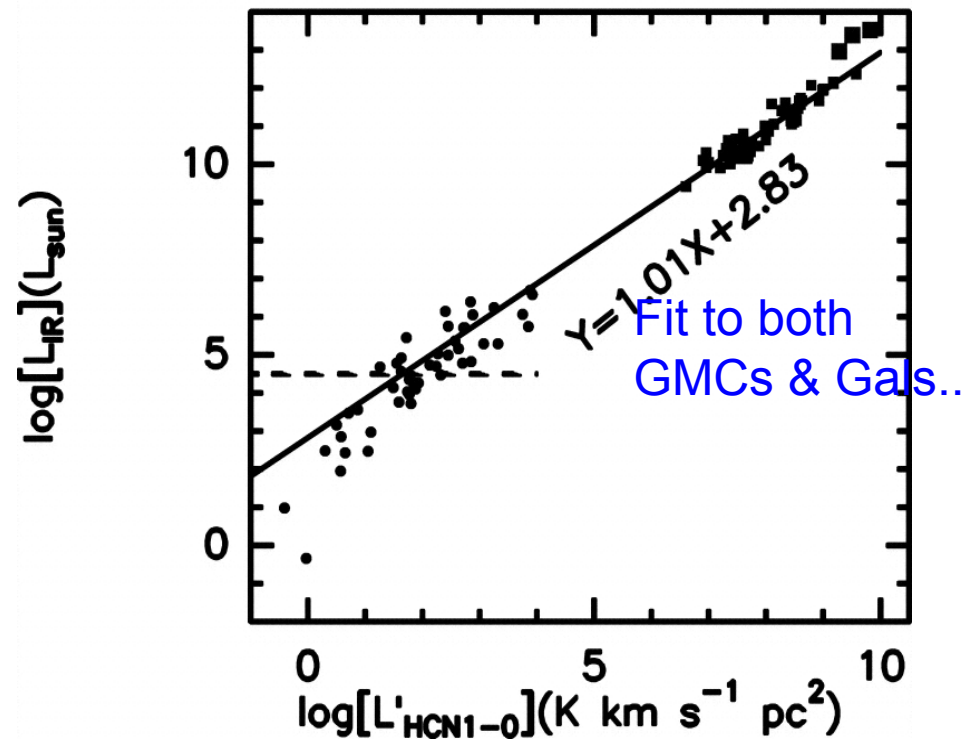




Wu, Evans, Gao  
et al. 2005 ApJL

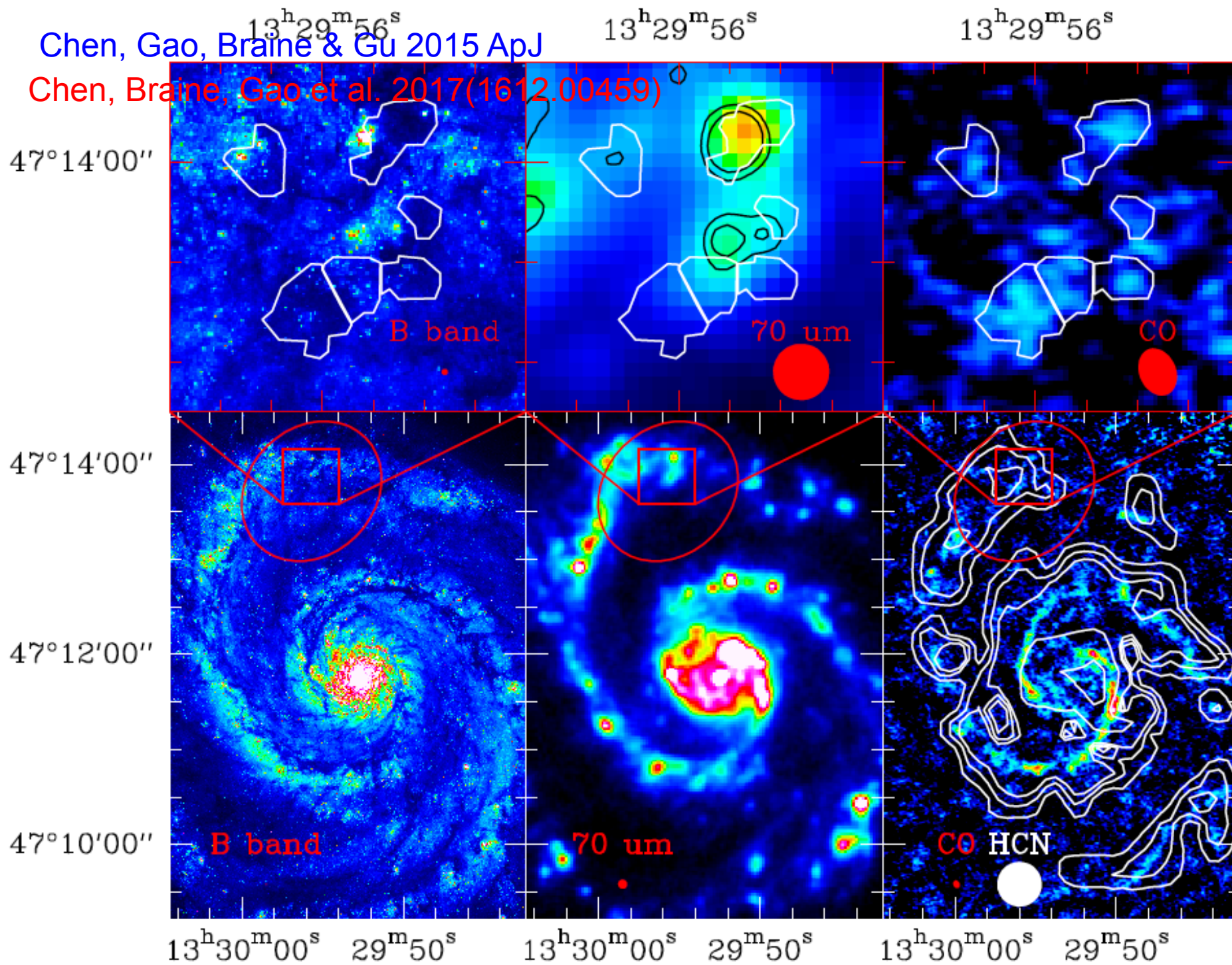


Wu+2010



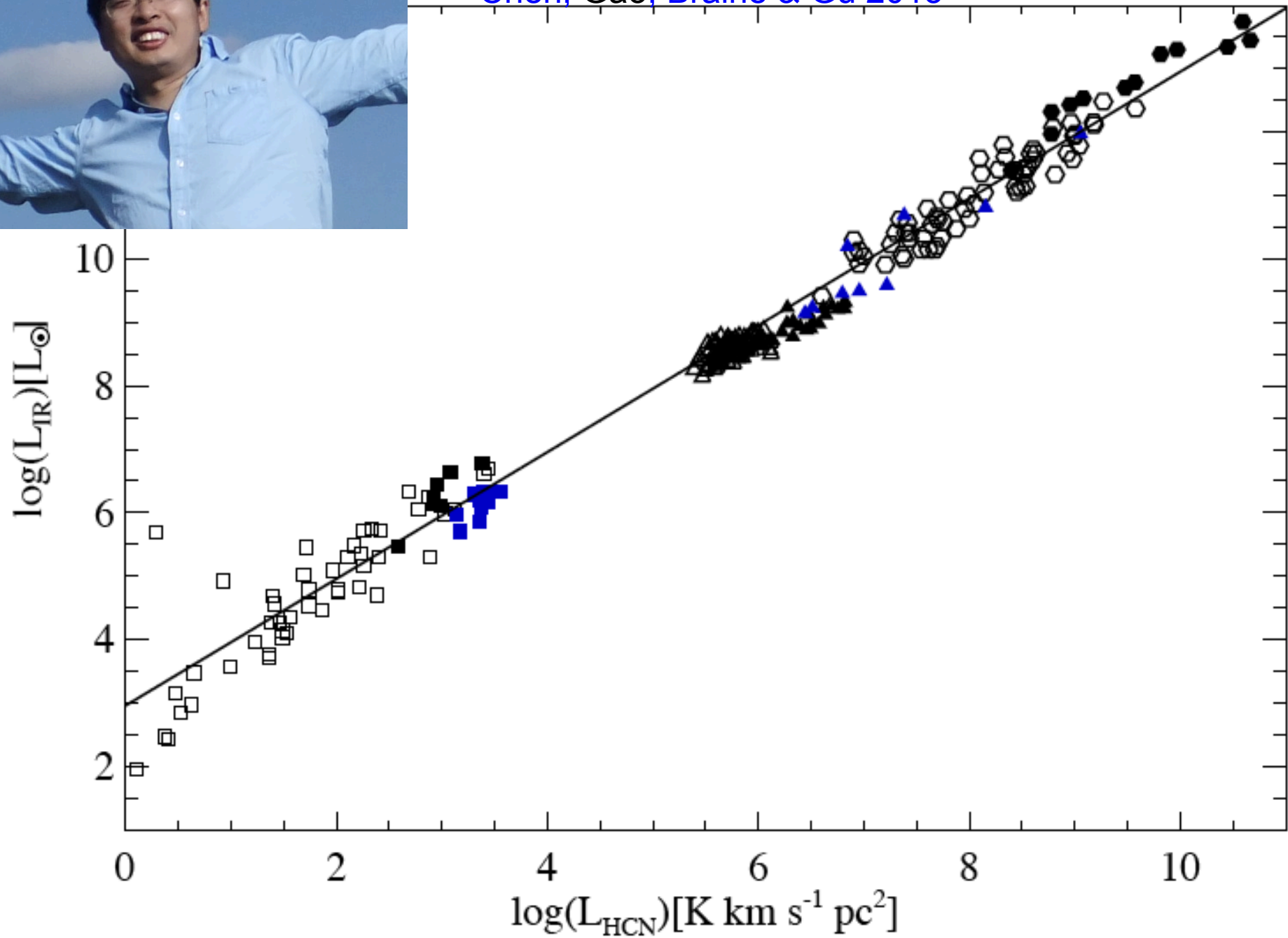
Chen, Gao, Braine & Gu 2015 ApJ

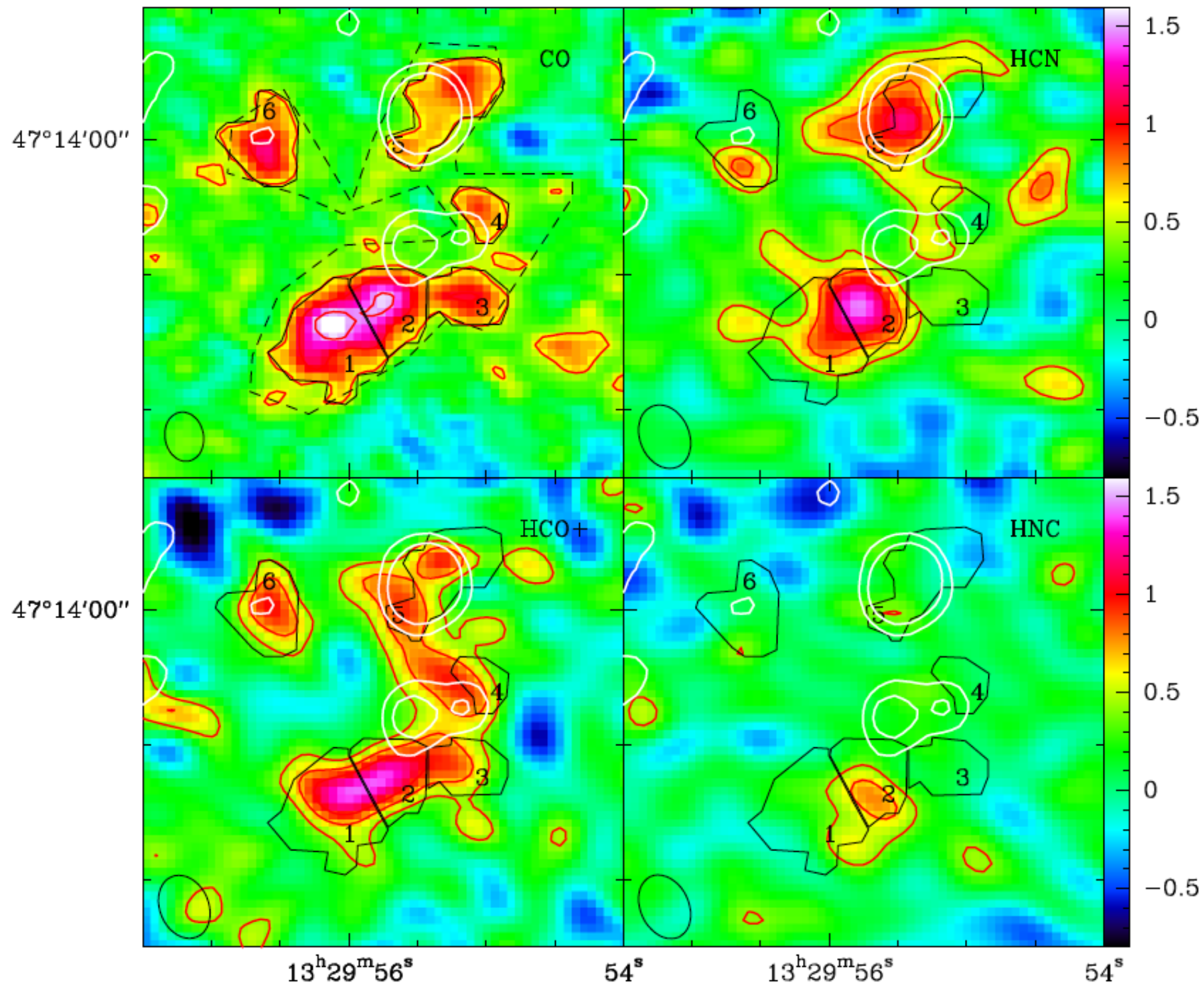
Chen, Braine, Gao et al. 2017(1612.00459)



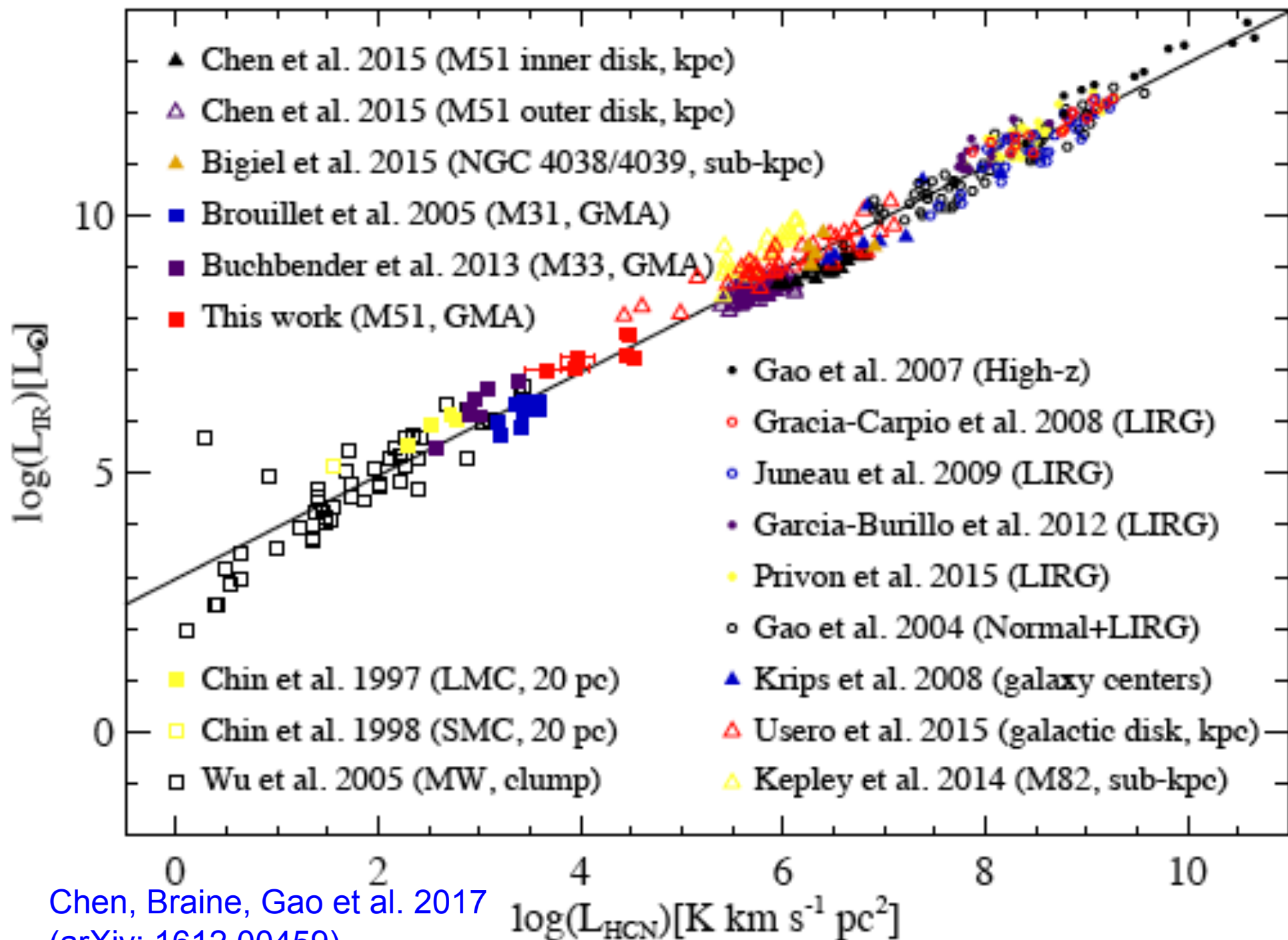


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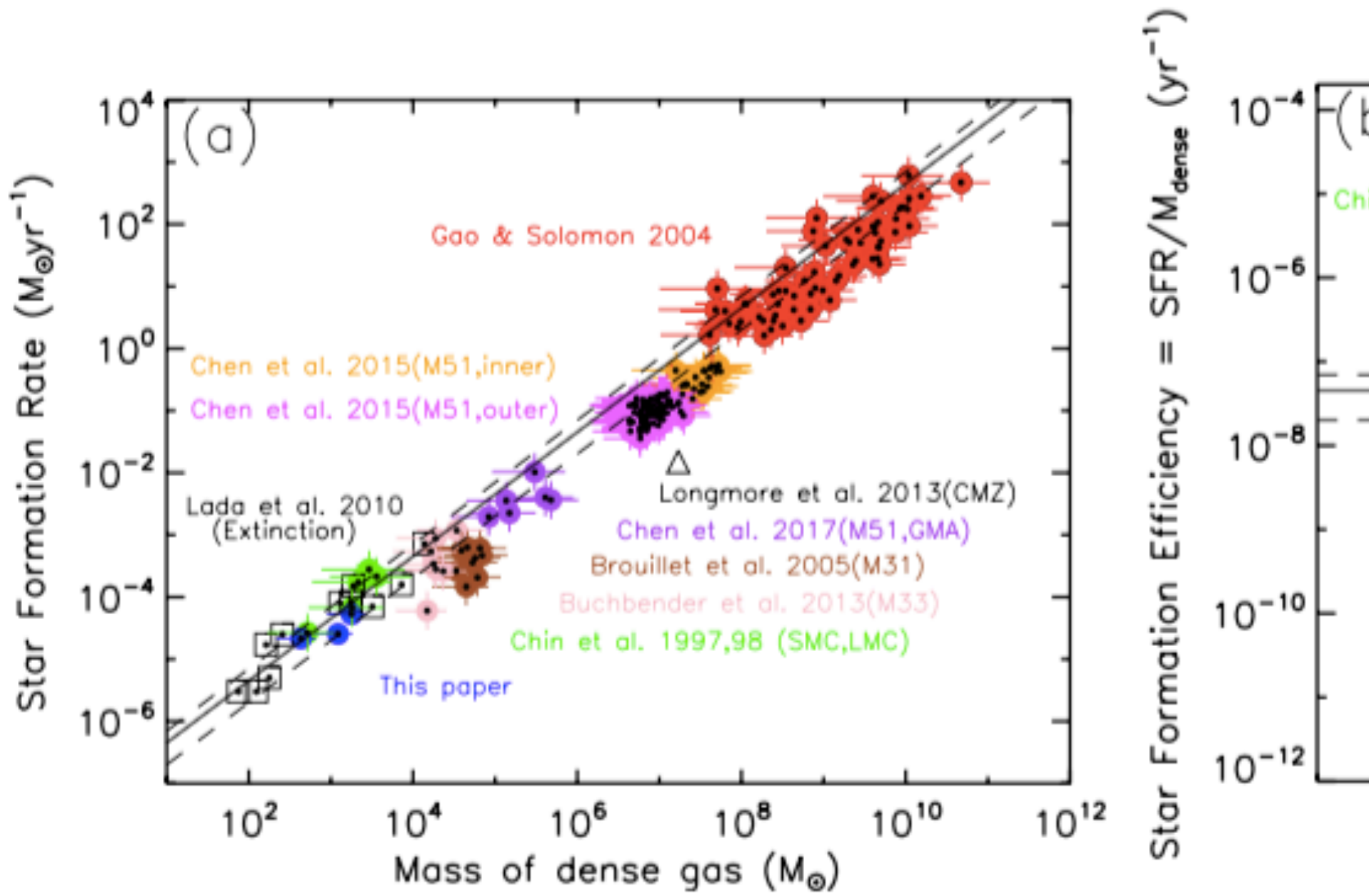






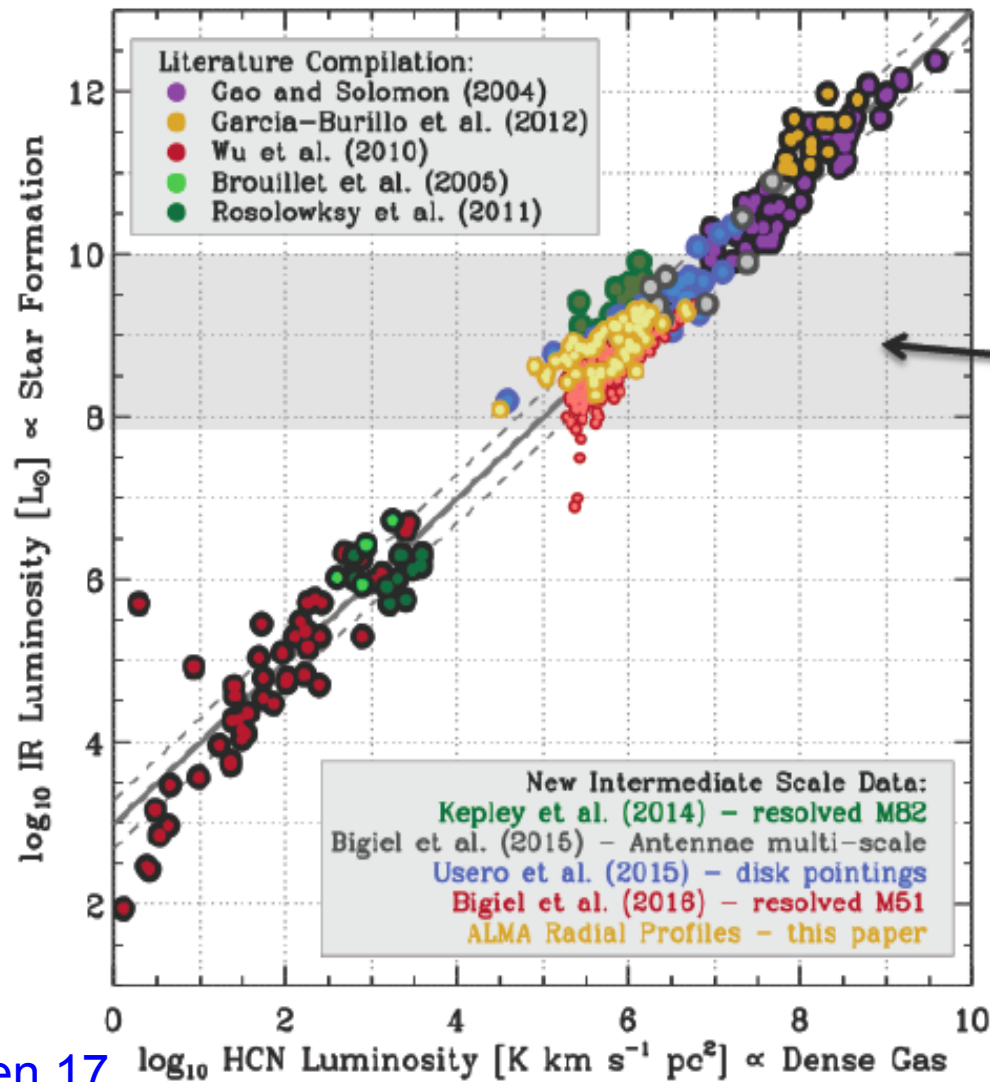


[Chen, Braine, Gao et al. 2017](#)  
[\(arXiv: 1612.00459\)](#)



Shimajiri + 2017

*These new surveys do fill in the luminosity range between whole galaxies and individual clouds. The HCN-IR (dense gas-SFR) correlation holds in broad brush.*



**New surveys:**

**Disk pointings**

**M51 pixels**

**M82 regions**

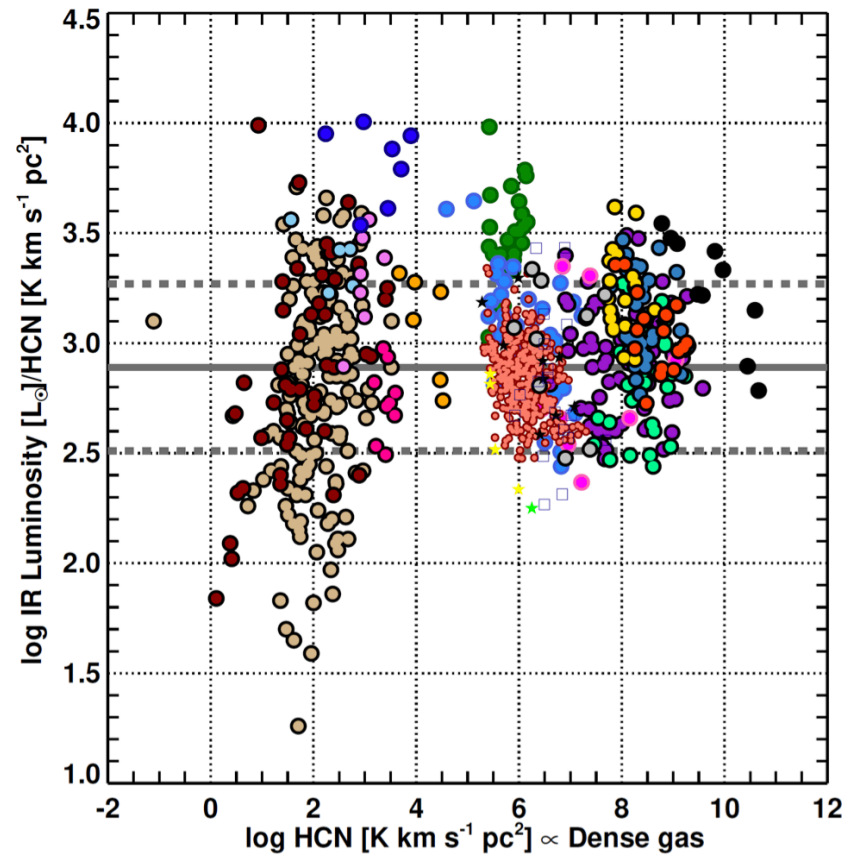
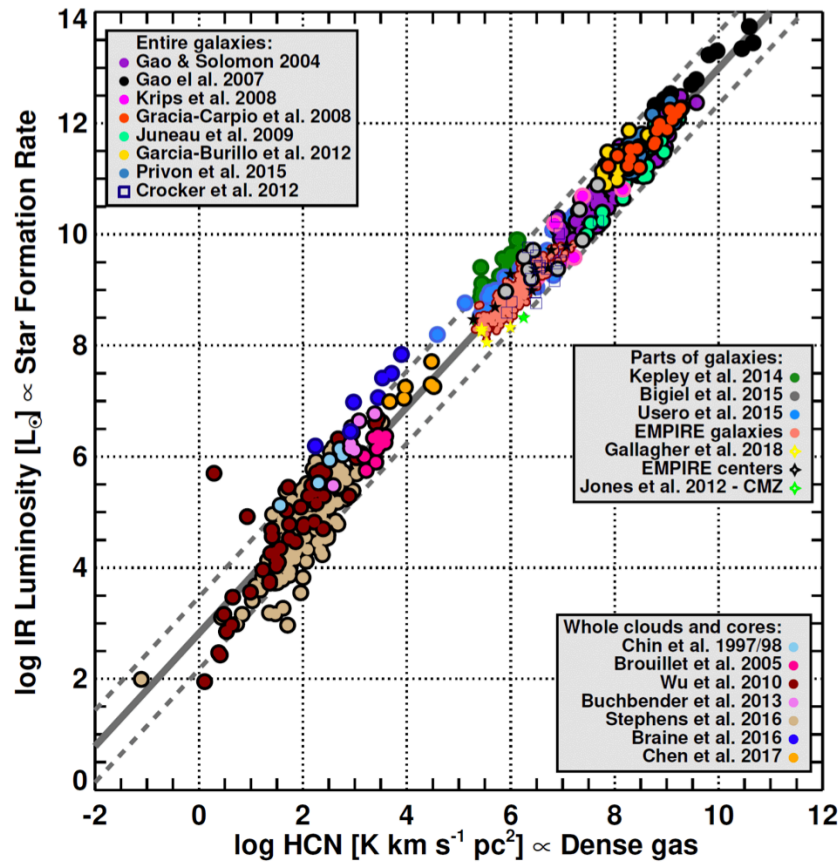
**Antenna pointings**

**ALMA disk profiles**

Leroy's talk at Sexten 17

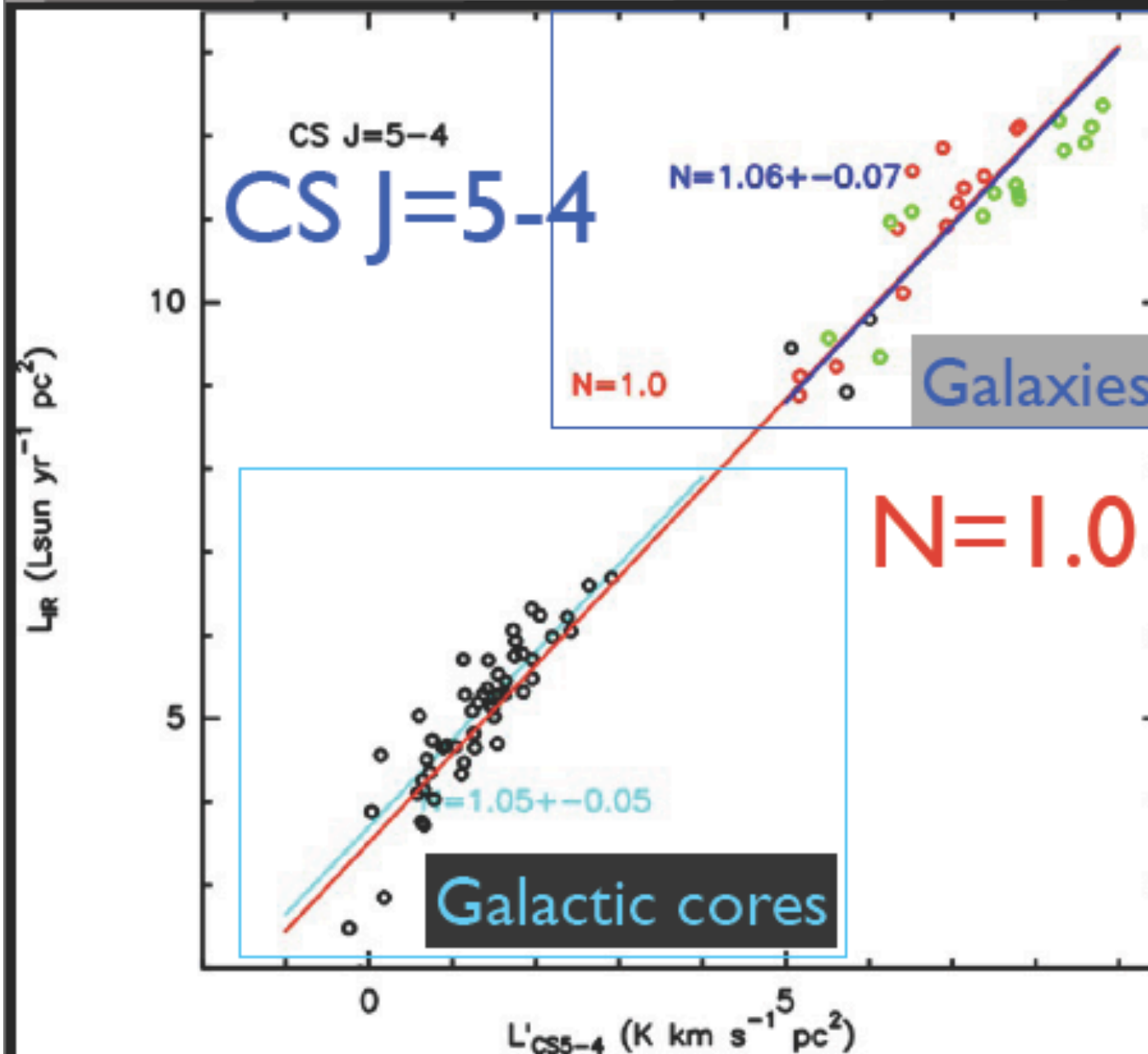
MOLLY GALLAGHER, LEROY ET AL. (SUBMITTED), BIGIEL ET AL. (2016), USERO ET AL. (2015)

# EMPIRE Result



Jiménez-Donaire et al. 2019

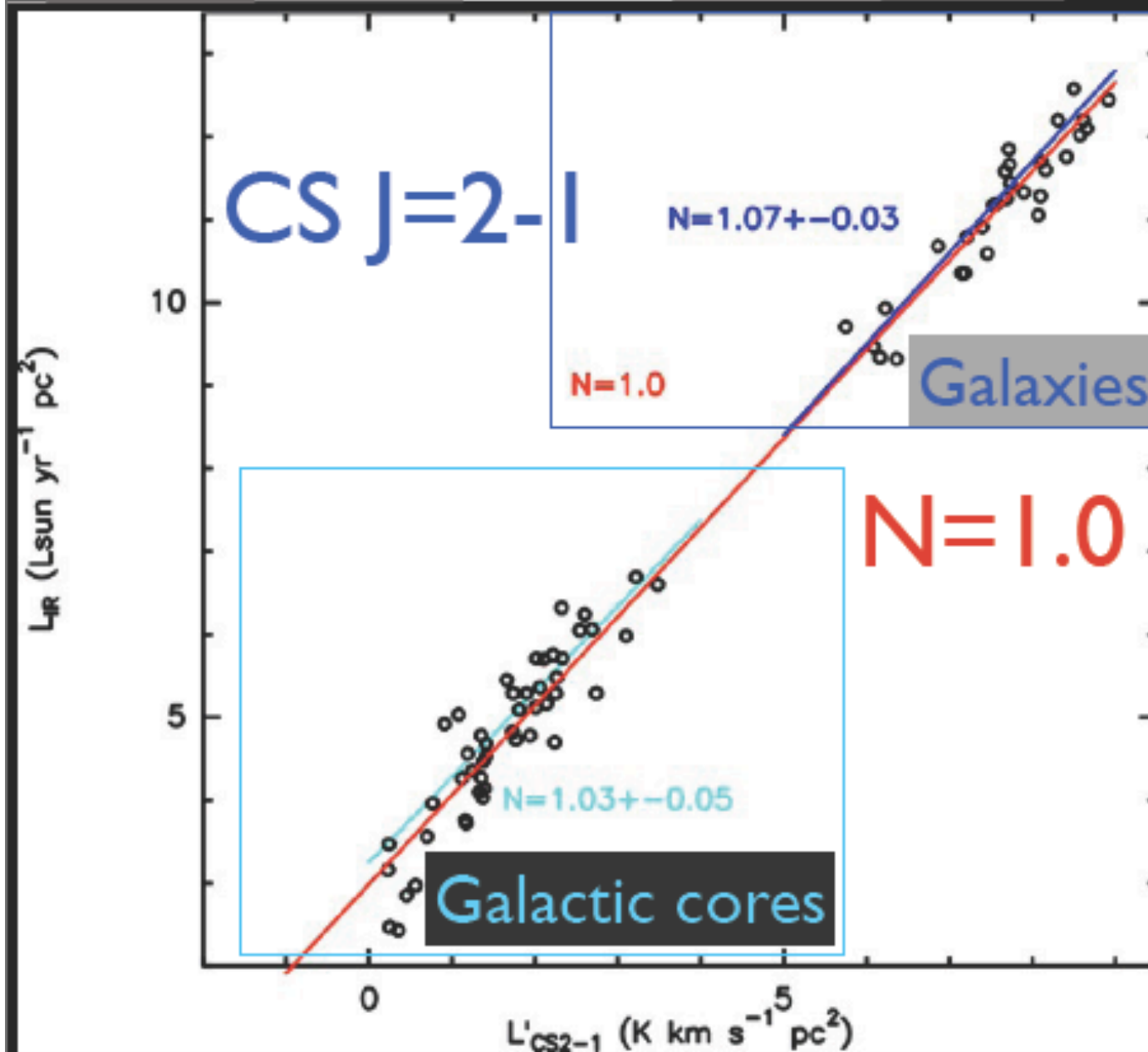
# Connecting with Galactic CS study ~ 10 orders of magnitude



SMT 10m  
IRAM 30m  
Baan + 2008

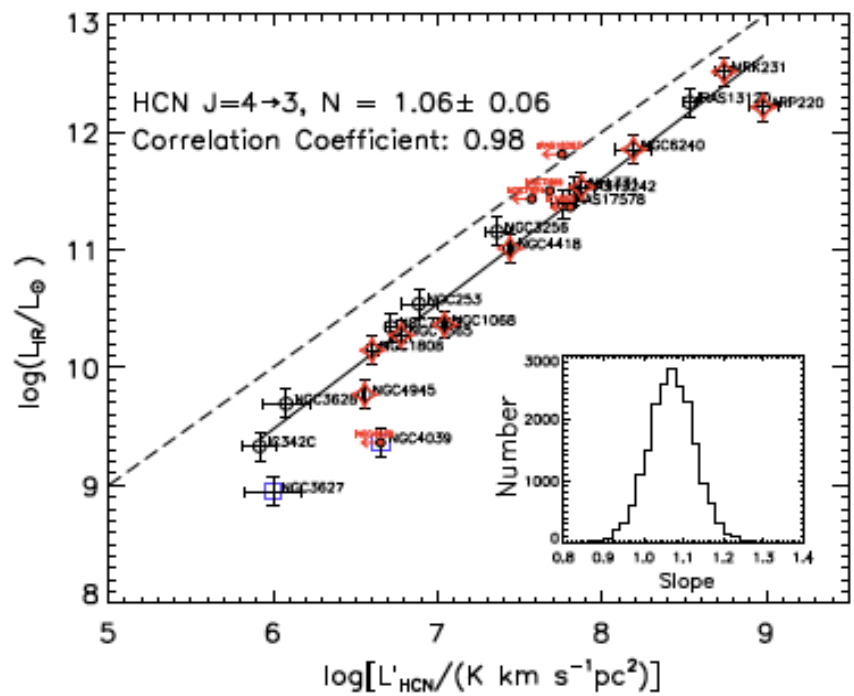
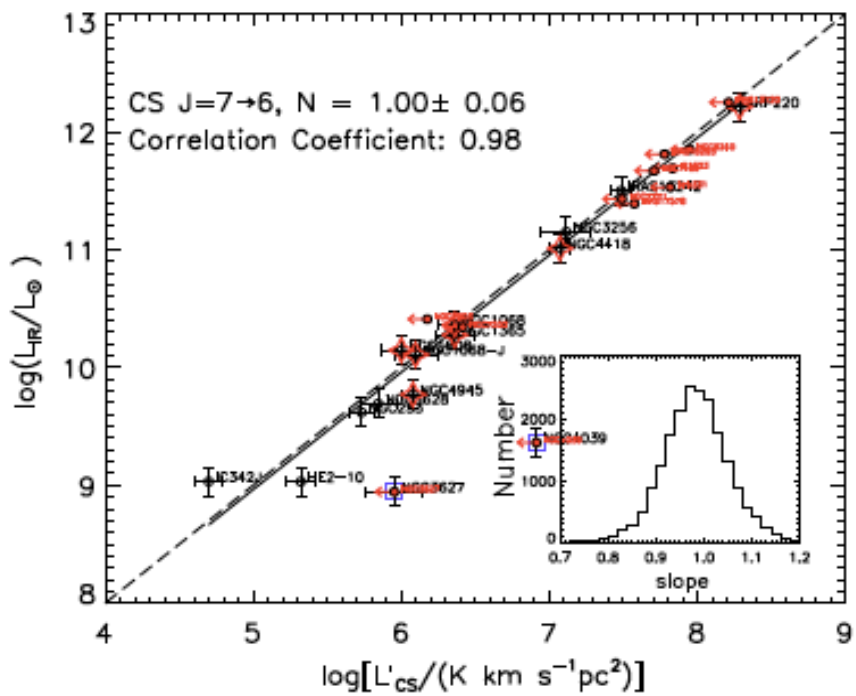


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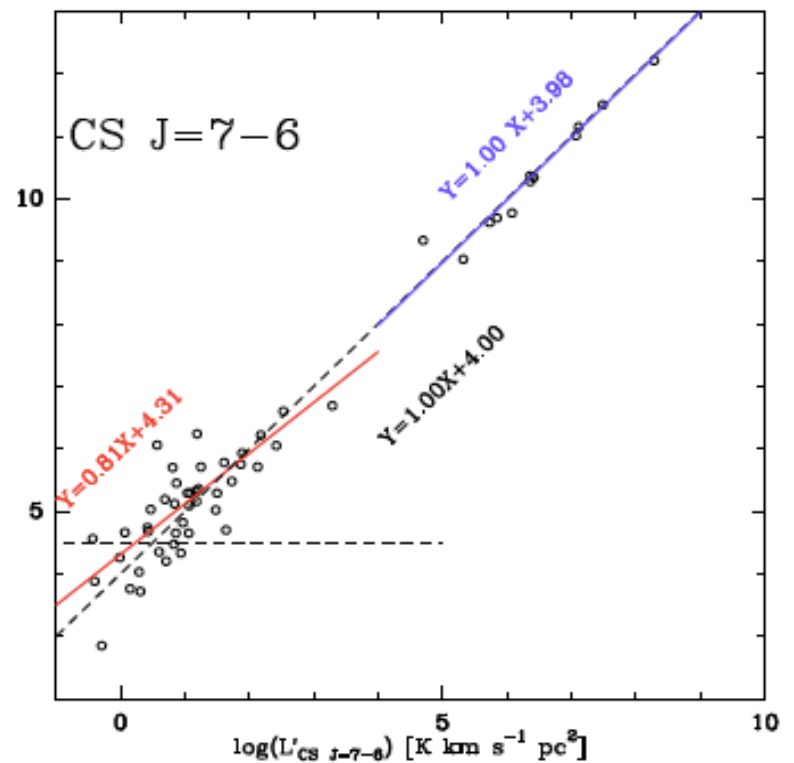
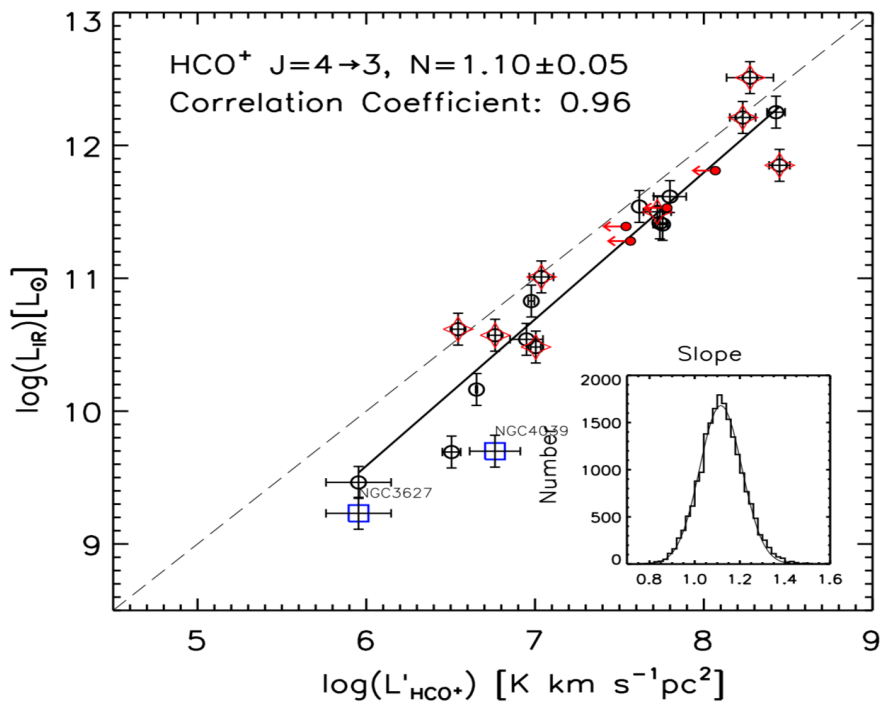


○ IRAM 30m

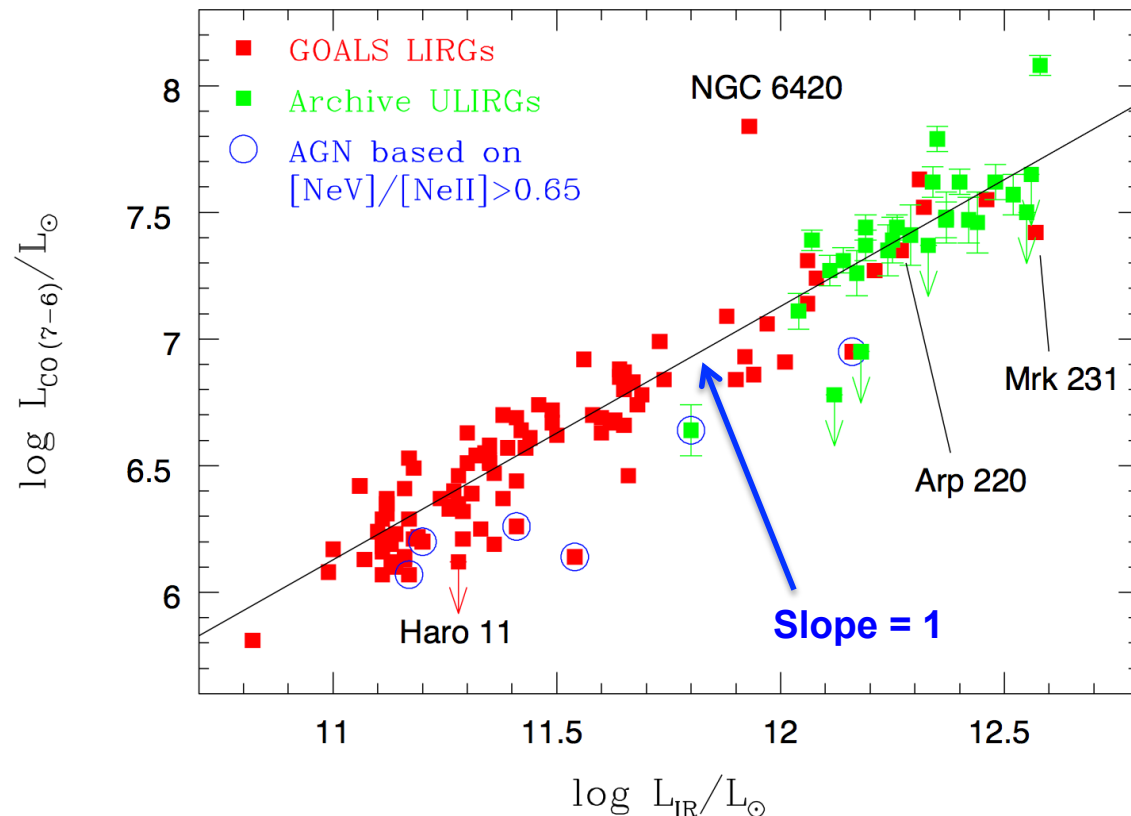
Wu+2010



Zhang, Gao, Henkel et al. 2014



# Warm CO Gas Emission as a SFR Tracer



$$\text{SFR}/(\text{M}_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}) = 1.34 \times 10^{(-5 \pm 0.12)} (L_{\text{CO}(7-6)}/L_{\odot})$$

(based on Kennicutt 1998)

(Note: only plotted the 102 GOALS LIRGs with at least 85% of the 70um flux within the 30" FTS beam)

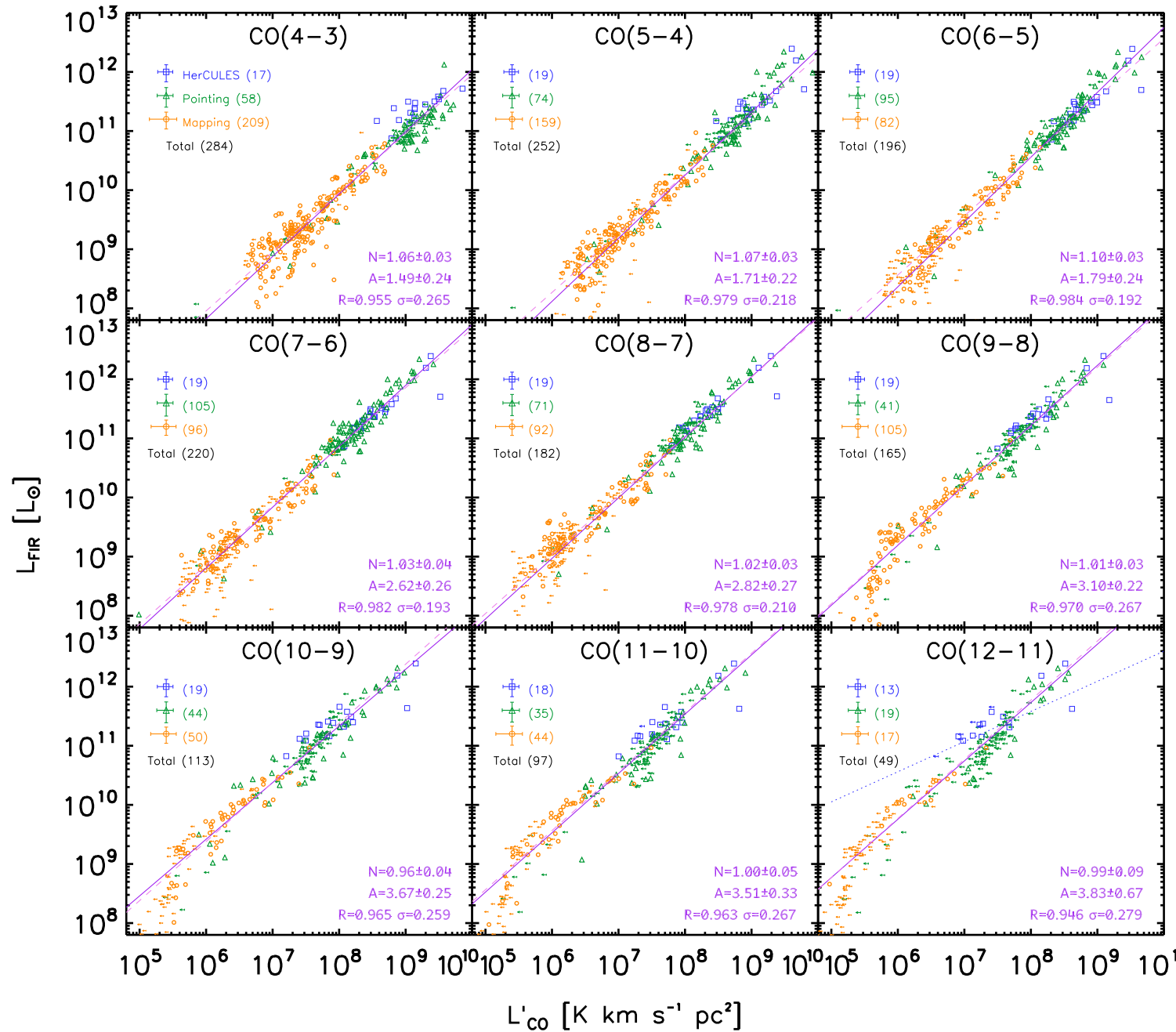
## Advantages over $L_{\text{IR}}$ :

- Not much contaminated by AGN (Lu et al. 2014)
- Easier to measure in the ALMA era, i.e., only need one line measurement in principle

## Possible caveats:

- NGC 6240-like objects. But they are quite rare.
- Low metallicity combined with low gas density may lead to low CO abundance due to a more severe UV photo-dissociation.





All are not far from linear  
– dense gas law

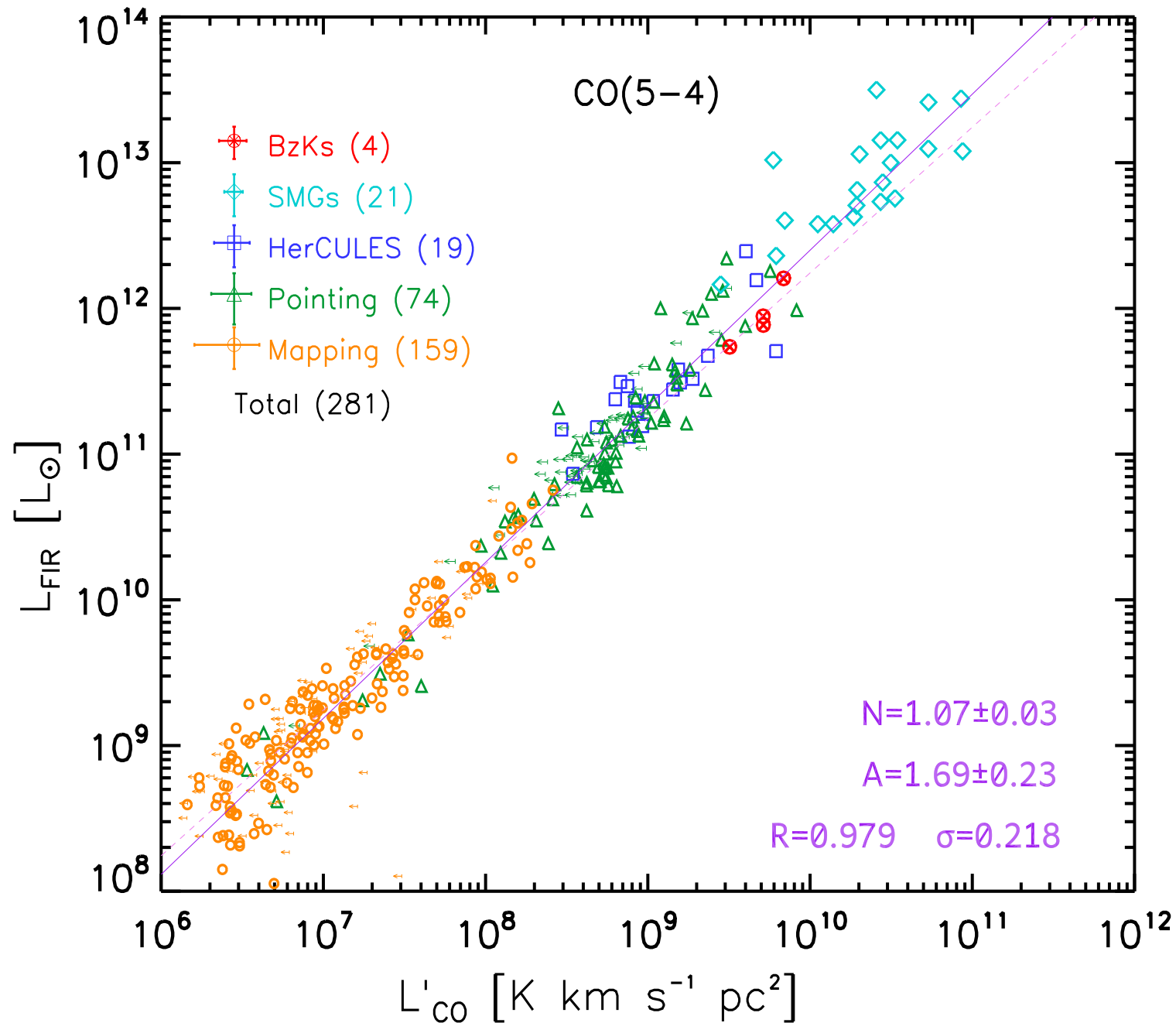
CO J~6-7 are the tightest  
– best SF tracer

Slightly super-linear at  
J≤6 – K-S law

High-J CO better tracers dense gas!

D. Liu, Y. Gao, K. Isaak, et al. 2015





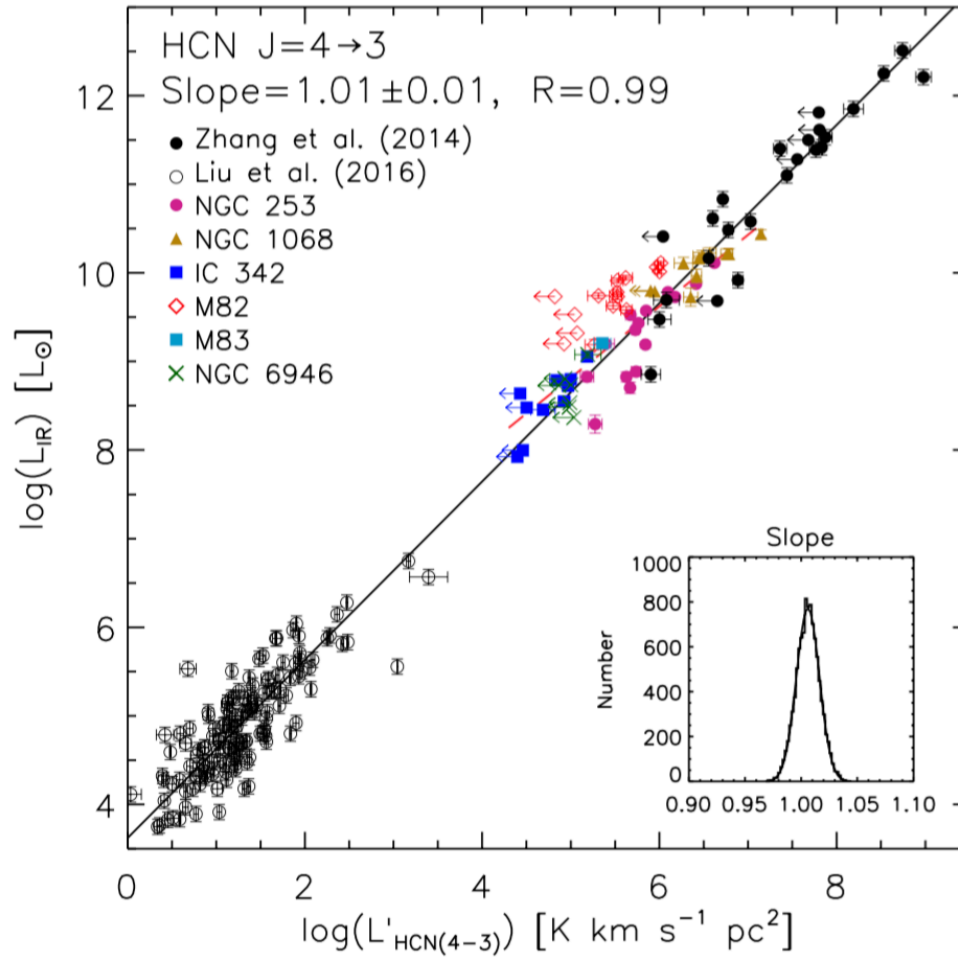
**CO(5-4) a most detected high-J CO line at high-z**  
 – deepest CO toward normal SFG at  $z\sim 1.5$   
 Daddi et al. 2015

**BzK**  
 – normal SFG with moderate SFR – steady evolution

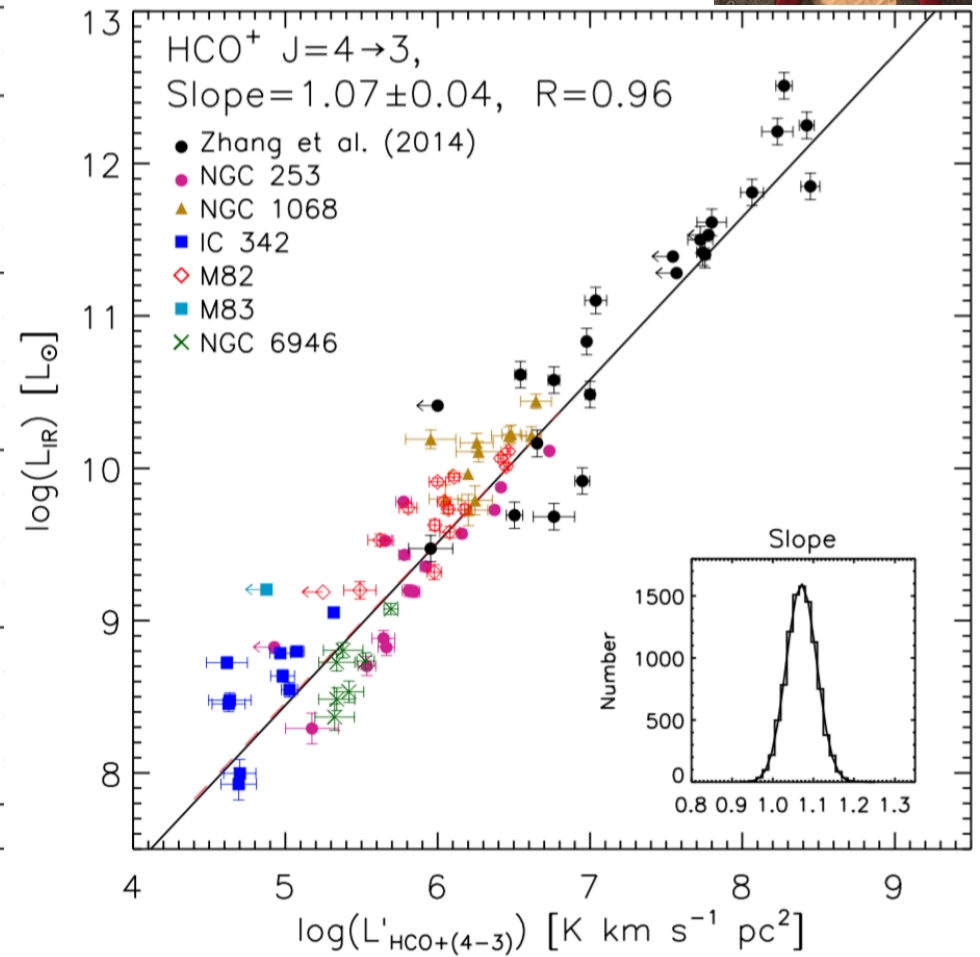
**SMG**  
 – starburst with very high SFR – merger evolution  
 – note that IR are poorly determined so far



### $L_{IR}$ VS. $L'_{\text{HCN}(4-3)}$

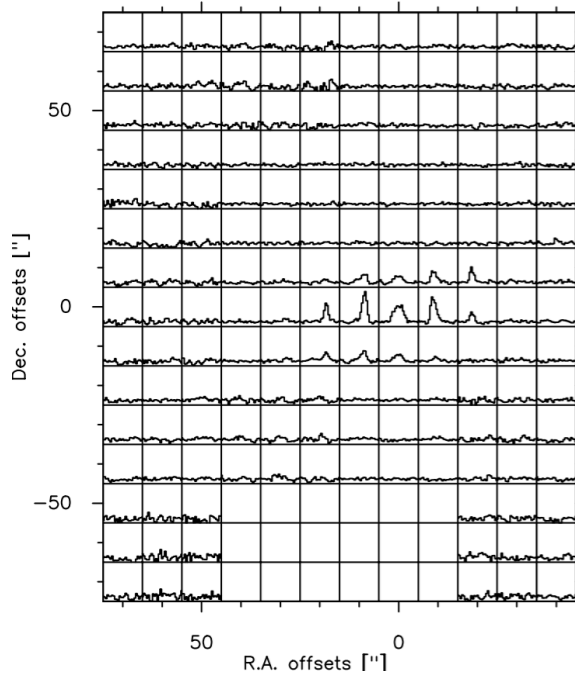


### $L_{IR}$ VS. $L'_{\text{HCO}^+(4-3)}$



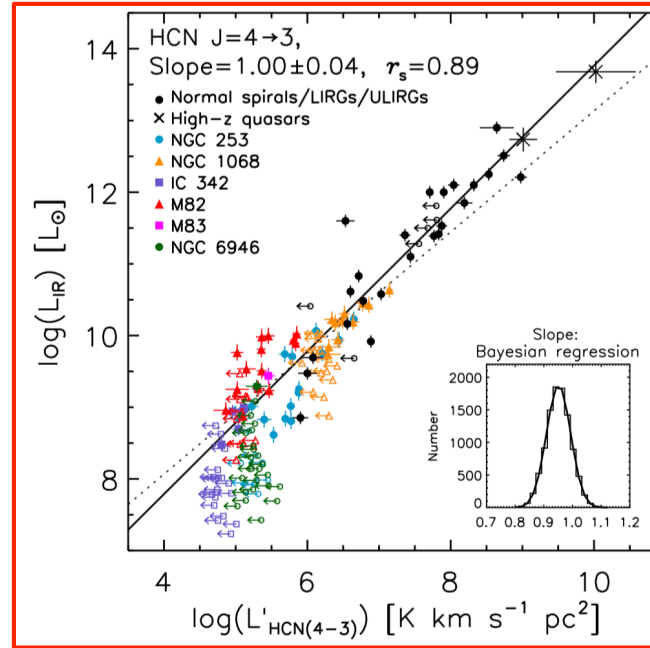
# The MALATANG Survey: the $L_{\text{gas}} - L_{\text{IR}}$ correlation on sub-kiloparsec scale in six nearby star-forming galaxies

Jiggle-mapping:  
2x2 arcmin<sup>2</sup> central region

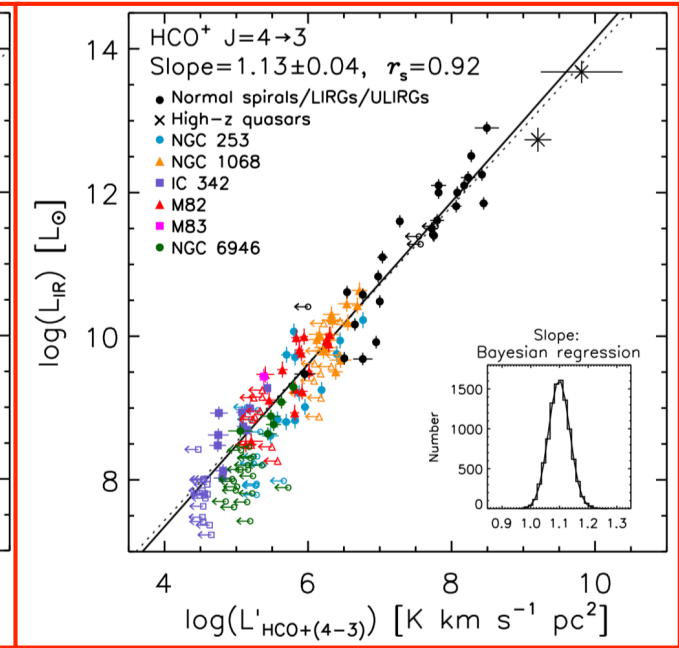


(Tan et al. 2018, ApJ)

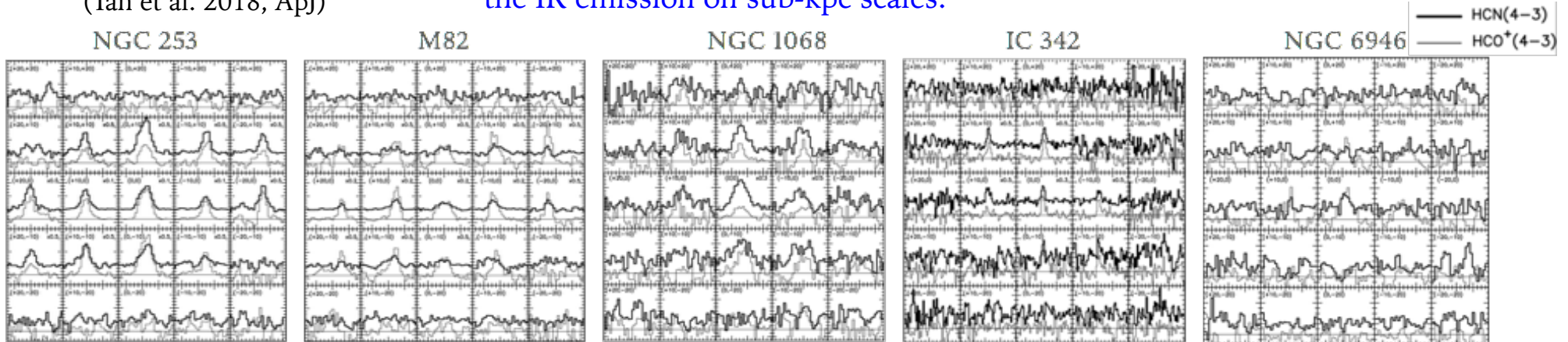
$L_{\text{IR}}$  vs.  $L_{\text{HCN}(4-3)}$



$L_{\text{IR}}$  vs.  $L_{\text{HCO}^+(4-3)}$

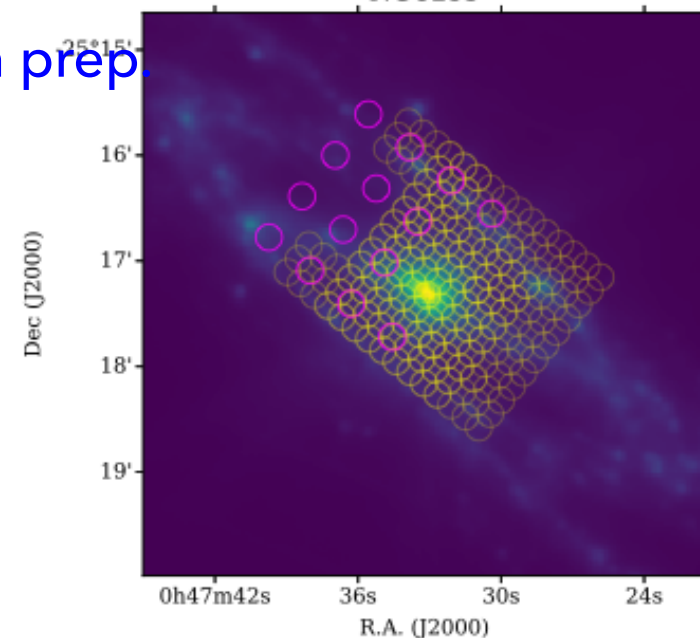
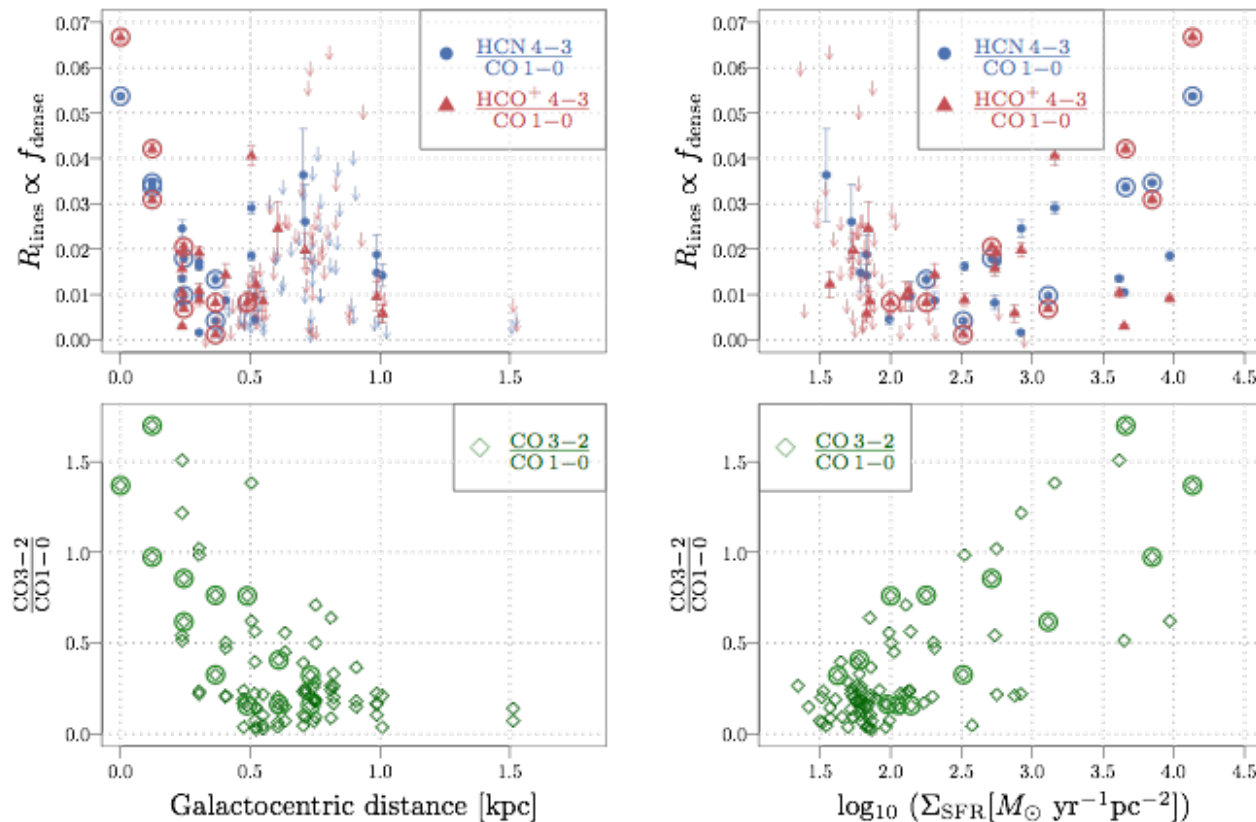


The dense gas traced by HCN(4-3) and HCO<sup>+</sup>(4-3) is linearly correlated with the IR emission on sub-kpc scales.

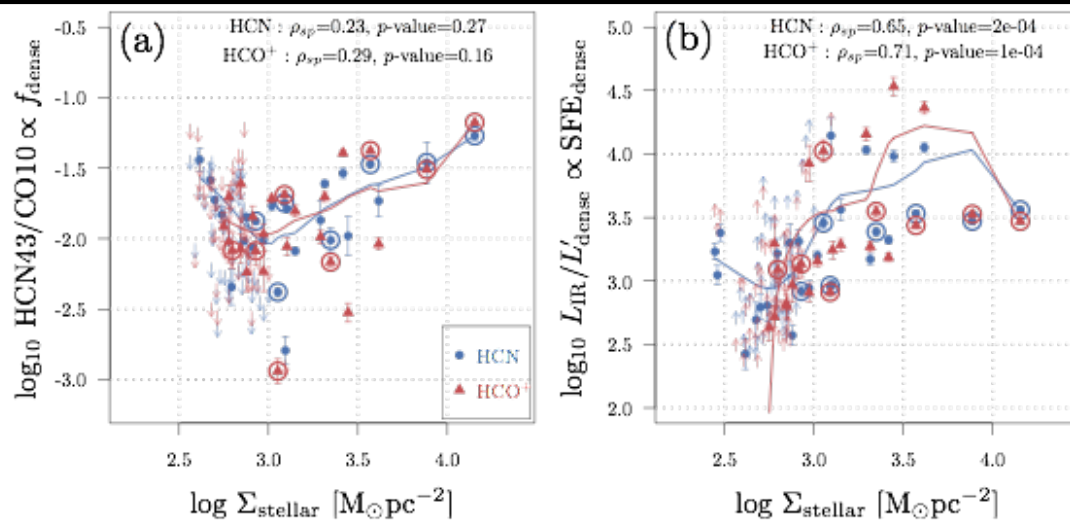


# MALATANG - NGC 253

Jiang+19 in prep



1. higher  $f_{\text{dense}}$  in NGC253 center and in higher  $\Sigma_{\text{SFR}}$



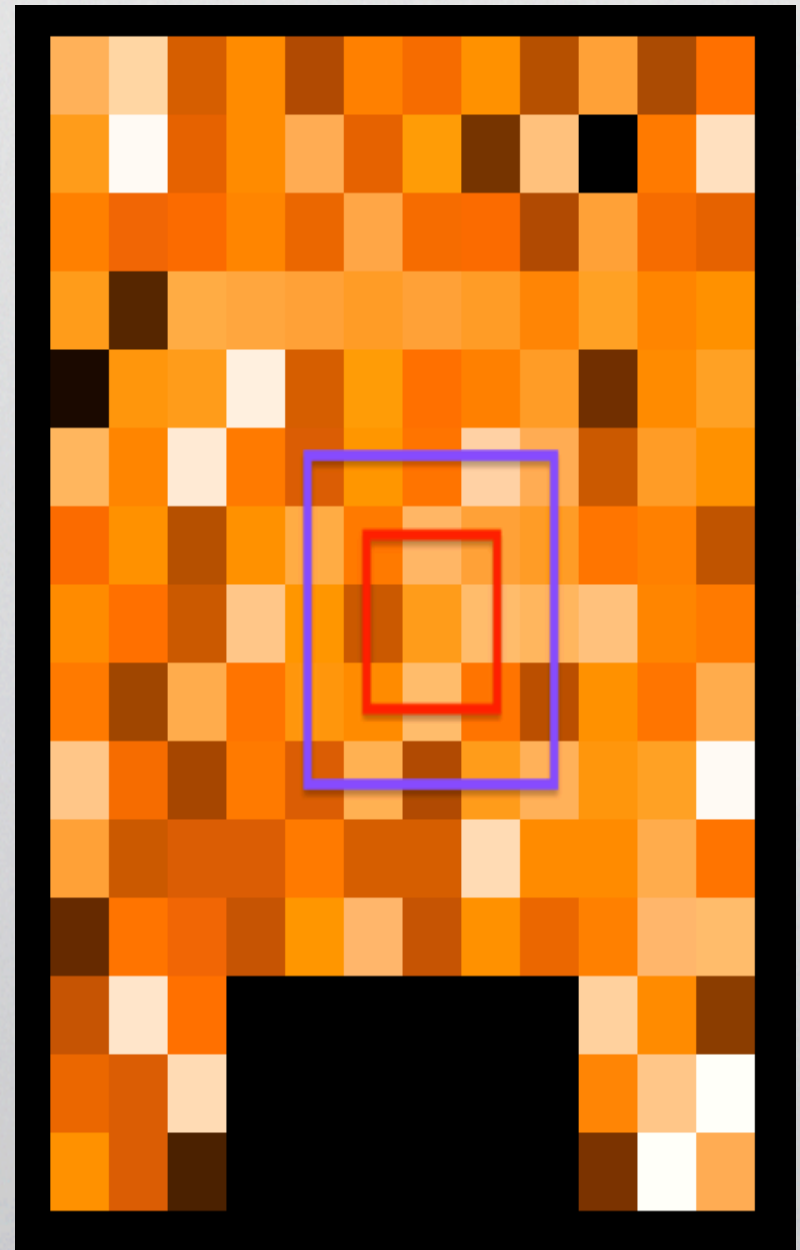
2. SFE vs.  $\Sigma_{\text{star}}$  seems different from Bigiel+06 (explanation:  $n_{\text{crit}}$  of 4-3 is 100 times higher than  $n_{\text{crit}}$  of 1-0. Hence tracing denser gas)

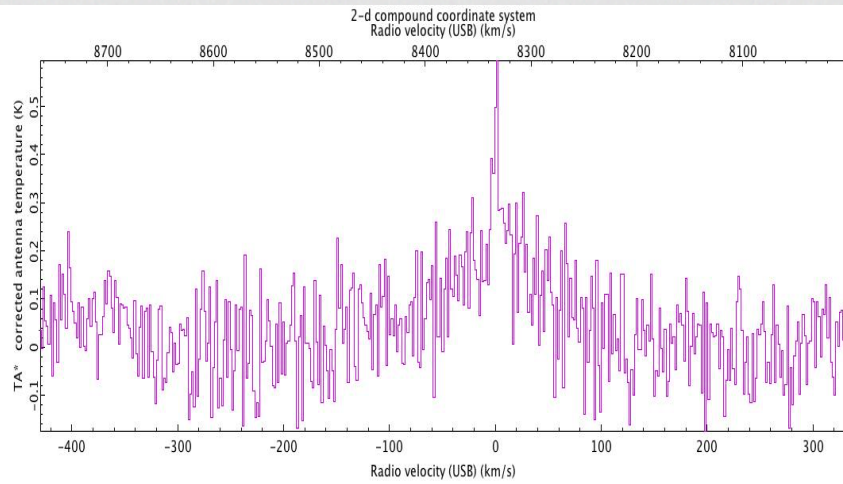
# Stacking in M82

Wang, J (MS thesis)

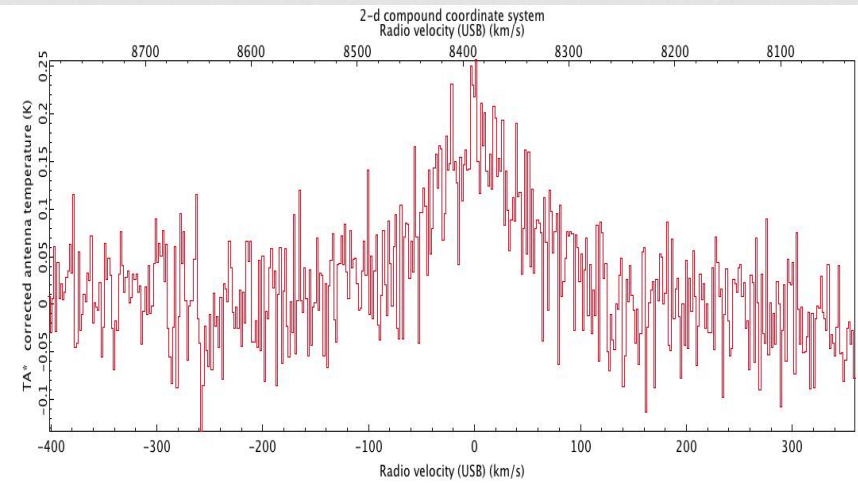
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345519.47	345467.47	345440.1	345470.36	345563.52
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CO J=3-2 central frequency (MHz)

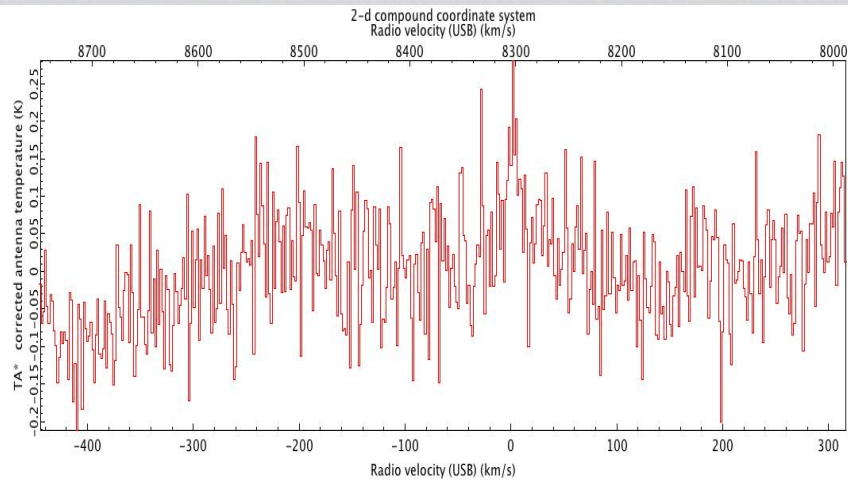




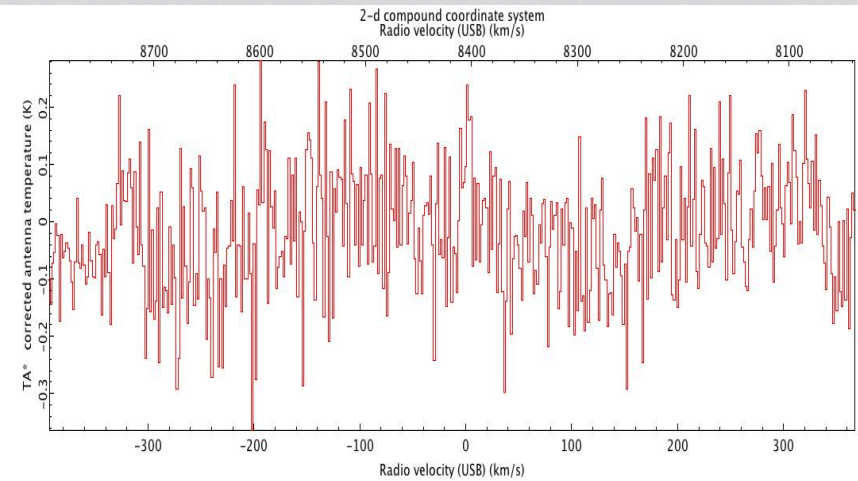
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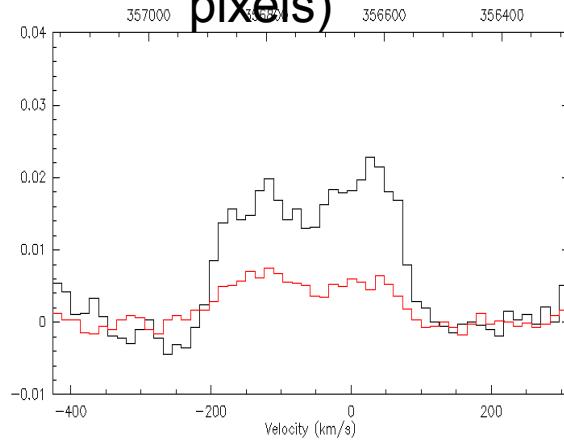
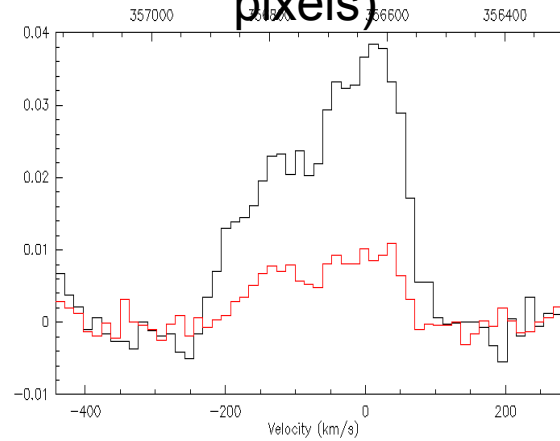
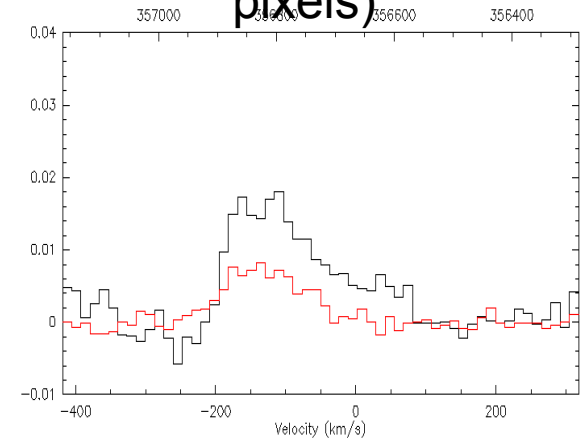
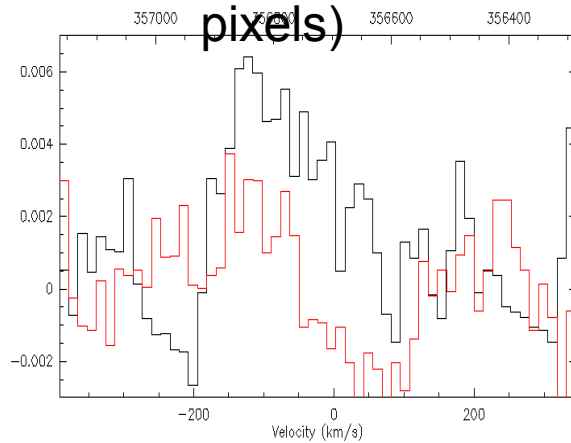
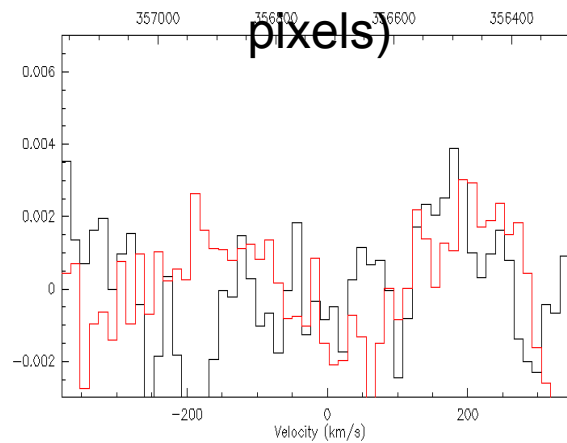
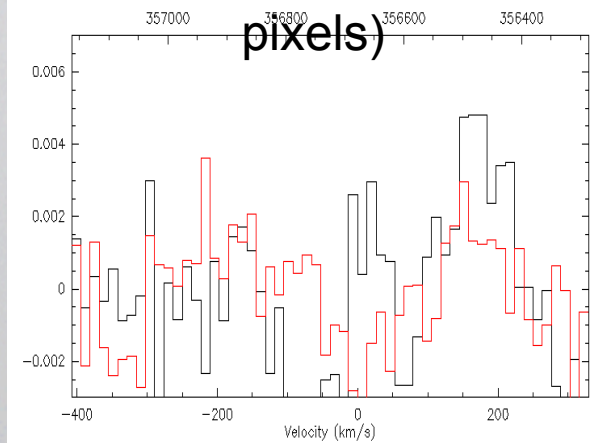
# R1



# R2



# R4

center (25  
pixels)R1(8  
pixels)R2 (16  
pixels)R3 (24  
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pixels)R5 (24  
pixels)

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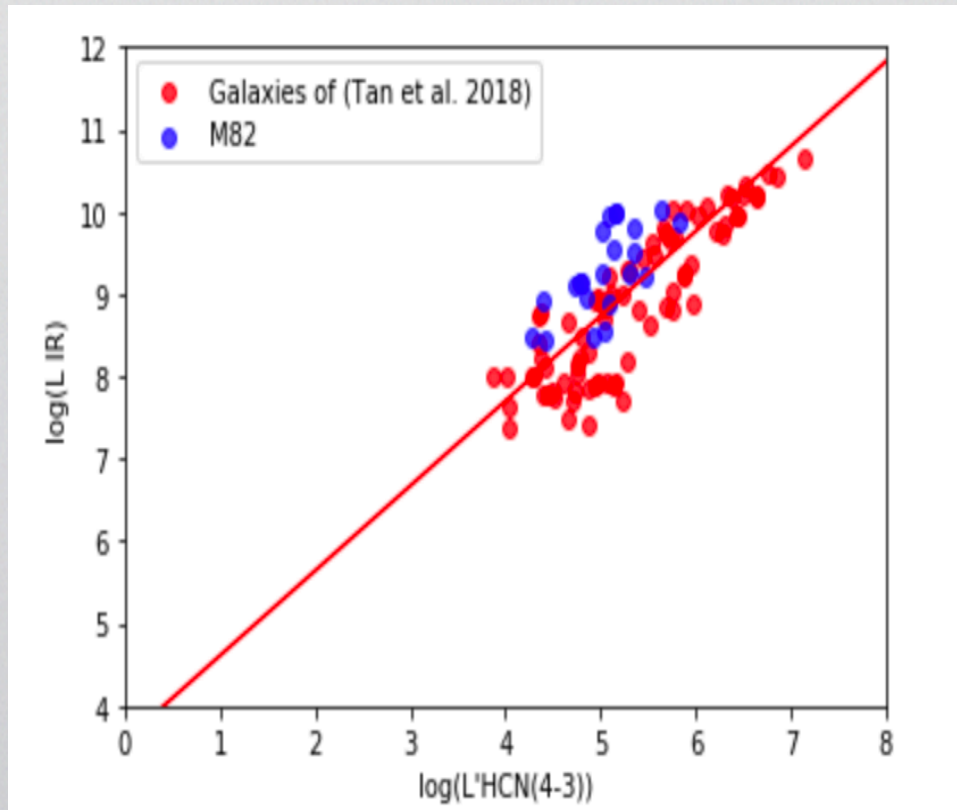
 $\text{HCO}^+$ 

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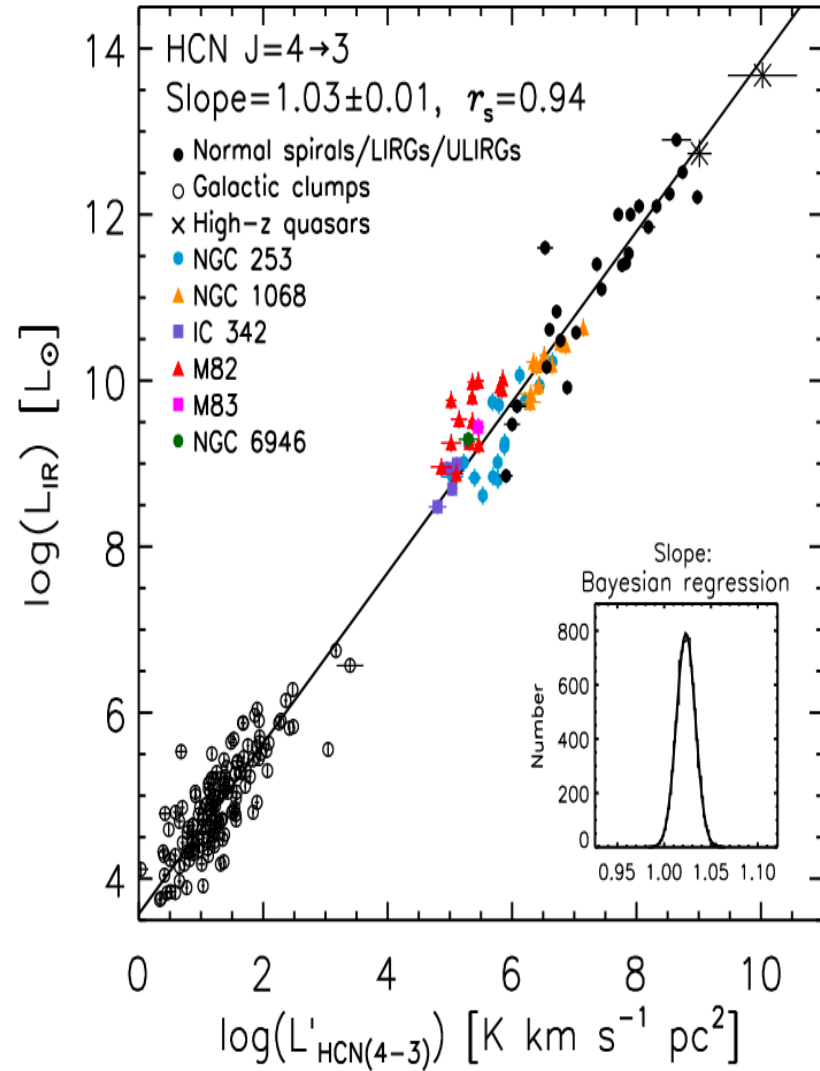
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# $L'_{\text{dense}} - L_{\text{IR}}$ relation



This work



Tan et al.  
2018

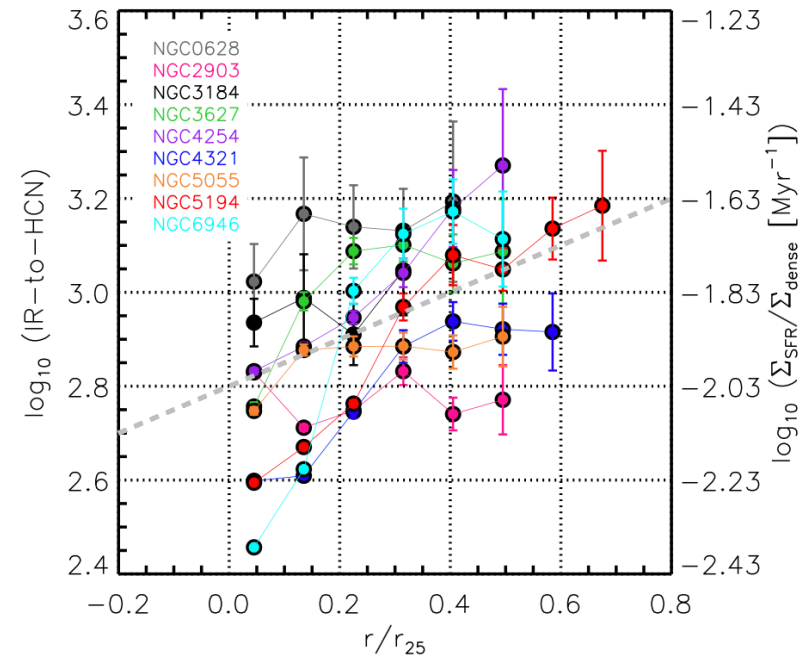
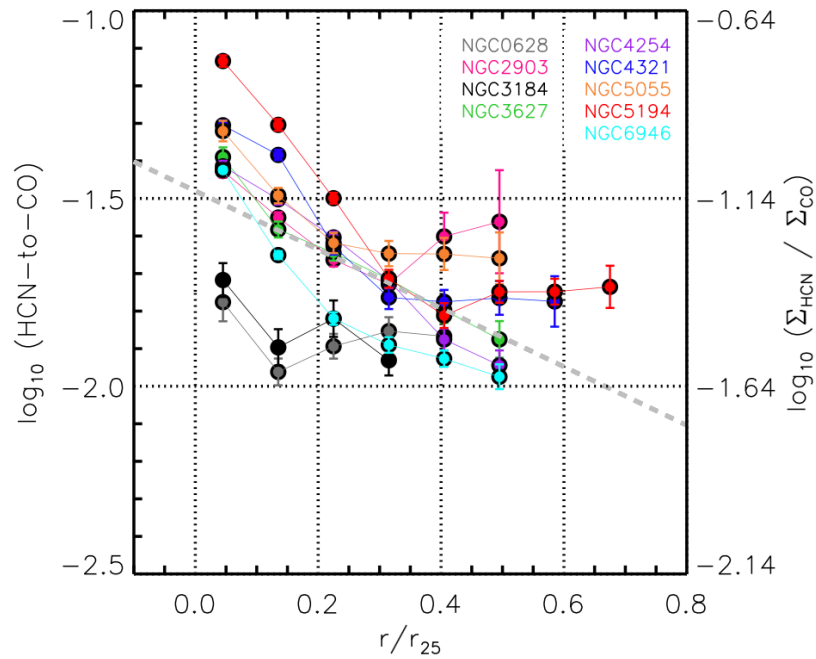
# EMPIRE Galaxy Sample

Galaxy	RA (EQ 2000)	DEC (EQ 2000)	$i$	P.A.	$r_{25}$	$D$	$V_{\text{hel}}$	Metal.	Morph.	$\langle \Sigma_{\text{SFR}} \rangle$	$\log_{10}(M_*)$
(1)	hh mm ss.s (2)	dd mm ss (3)	( $^{\circ}$ ) (4)	( $^{\circ}$ ) (5)	( $'$ ) (6)	(Mpc) (7)	( $\text{km s}^{-1}$ ) (8)	12+log(O/H) (9)	(10)	( $M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1} \text{ kpc}^{-2}$ ) (11)	$\log_{10}(M_{\odot})$ (12)
NGC 628	01:36:41.8	15:47:00	7	20	4.9	9.0	659.1	8.35	SAC	$4.0 \times 10^{-3}$	10.0
NGC 2903	09:32:10.1	21:30:03	65	204	5.9	8.5	556.6	8.68	SABbc	$5.7 \times 10^{-3}$	10.1
NGC 3184	10:18:17.0	41:25:28	16	179	3.7	13.0	593.3	8.51	SABcd	$2.8 \times 10^{-3}$	10.2
NGC 3627	11:20:15.0	12:59:30	62	173	5.1	9.4	717.3	8.34	SABb	$7.7 \times 10^{-3}$	10.5
NGC 4254	12:18:50.0	14:24:59	32	55	2.5	16.8	2407.0	8.45	SAC	$18 \times 10^{-3}$	10.5
NGC 4321	12:22:55.0	15:49:19	30	153	3.0	15.2	1571.0	8.50	SABbc	$9.0 \times 10^{-3}$	10.6
NGC 5055	13:15:49.2	42:01:45	59	102	5.9	8.9	499.3	8.40	SAbc	$4.1 \times 10^{-3}$	10.5
NGC 5194	13:29:52.7	47:11:43	20	172	3.9	8.4	456.2	8.55	SAbc	$20 \times 10^{-3}$	10.5
NGC 6946	20:34:52.2	60:09:14	33	243	5.7	7.0	42.4	8.40	SABcd	$21 \times 10^{-3}$	10.5

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- EMPIRE used the IRAM 30-m telescope to map multiple molecular lines of nine nearby, face-on massive spiral galaxies. The J=1  $\rightarrow$ 0 transitions of HCN, HCO<sup>+</sup>, HNC, CO, 13CO, C18O, and other fainter lines were covered.
- Three EMPIRE galaxies have been also observed in MALATANG (NGC 2903, NGC3627, NGC6946).
- The EMPIRE survey spent about 70 hours per galaxy and achieved an r.m.s. noise level of 2-3 mK ( $T_{\text{mb}}$ ),

# EMPIRE Result



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# New JCMT Proposal

N	Source Name	R.A. (J2000)	Decl. (J2000)	Distance (Mpc)	Diameter (arcmin)	$f_{60\mu\text{m}}$ (Jy)	$f_{100\mu\text{m}}$ (Jy)	$\log L_{\text{FIR}}$ ( $L_{\odot}$ )	$\log \Sigma_{\text{SFR}}$ ( $M_{\odot}\text{yr}^{-1}\text{kpc}^{-2}$ )	$T_{\text{peak}}^{(\text{HCN10})}$ (mK)	$T_{\text{peak}}^{(\text{HCN43})}$ (mk)	$T_{\text{disk}}^{(\text{HCN43})}$ (mk)	$t_{\text{obs-band3}}^{(\text{HCN43})}$ (hrs)	$t_{\text{obs-band2(4)}}^{(\text{HCN43})}$ band-2(4)(hrs)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)
1	<b>Maffei 2<sup>a</sup></b>	02 41 55.0	59 36 15	2.8	5.82×1.57	135	225	10.00	0.42	150	14 <sup>a</sup>	10	10	5(23)
2	<b>M 83<sup>a</sup></b>	13 37 00.9	-29 51 56	3.7	12.9×11.5	265.84	524.09	9.94	-1.44	23 <sup>b</sup>	10 <sup>a</sup>	5	46	23(120)
3	<b>*M 51</b>	13 29 52.7	47 11 43	7.6	11.2×6.9	97.42	221.21	10.31	-1.78	30	21	5	30	17(68)
4	<b>*NGC 0628</b>	01 36 41.8	15 47 00	9.0	12.0×12.0	21.54	54.45	9.82	-2.47	8	6	4	35	21(74)
5	<b>*NGC 6946<sup>a</sup></b>	20 34 52.3	60 09 14	5.5	11.5×9.8	129.78	290.69	10.01	-1.68	45	10 <sup>a</sup>	4.5	46	25(112)
6	<b>*NGC 2903<sup>a</sup></b>	09 32 10.1	21 30 03	6.2	12.6×6.0	60.54	130.43	10.05	-1.22	10	3 <sup>a</sup>	2	35	21(75)
7	<b>*NGC 3184</b>	10 18 17.0	41 25 28	13.0	8.5×7.8	8.72	28.58	9.72	-2.55	6	4	3.5	14	8(29)
8	<b>*NGC 3627<sup>a</sup></b>	11 20 14.9	12 59 30	8.1	9.1×4.2	66.31	136.56	10.24	-1.43	12	5 <sup>a</sup>	3	18	11(37)
9	<b>*NGC 4254</b>	12 18 50.0	14 24 59	16.8	5.7×4.7	37.46	91.86	10.42	-1.54	12	8	3.5	12	8(24)
10	<b>*NGC 4321</b>	12 22 55.0	15 49 19	15.2	6.8×5.8	26.00	68.37	10.28	-1.6	15	10	3.5	12	7(25)
11	<b>*NGC 5055</b>	13 15 49.3	42 01 45	7.5	12.6×7.2	40.00	139.82	10.01	-1.63	11	8	5	8	5(17)

- We have proposed to extend the MALATANG to map HCN J=4→3 and HCO+ J=4→3 in all EMPIRE galaxies including 5 JIGGLE maps with JCMT.
- We need a total of 476 hours band 3 time to reach an r.m.s. noise level of 2-3 mK ( $T_{\text{A}}$ ).

# New APEX Proposal

Source Name	R.A.	Decl.	Distance	Diameter	$f_{60\mu\text{m}}$	$f_{100\mu\text{m}}$	$\log L_{\text{FIR}}$	$T_{\text{peak}}^{(\text{HCN43})}$	Sampling	$T_{\text{disk1}}^{(\text{HCN43})}$	$T_{\text{disk2}}^{(\text{HCN43})}$	$t_{\text{obs}}^{(\text{HCN43})}$
(1)	(J2000) (2)	(J2000) (3)	(Mpc) (4)	(arcmin) (5)	(Jy) (6)	(Jy) (7)	( $L_{\odot}$ ) (8)	(mK) (9)	(pixels) (10)	(mk) (11)	(mk) (12)	(hrs) (13)
NGC 3256 <sup>a</sup>	10 27 52.4	-43 54 25	35.4	1.8×1.3	102.63	114.31	11.43	10	3×1	5.8, 3.4 <sup>c</sup>	...	5.0(0.68+1.09+3.25)
NGC 4945 <sup>a</sup>	13 05 27.6	-49 28 09	3.9	26.0×6.0	625.46	1329.70	10.41	130	5×5	7.3	1.5	28.5(0.004+0.074*8+1.745*16)
NGC 5128	13 25 27.6	-43 01 12	4.0	6.0×5.0	213.29	411.89	9.94	78 <sup>b</sup>	5×5	32.3	8.9	13.5(0.011+0.065*8+0.811*16)
NGC 7552 <sup>a</sup>	23 16 09.5	-42 35 09	21.4	1.8×0.8	77.37	102.92	10.88	14	3×3	5.6	...	16.5(0.34+2.0*8)
NGC 7582	23 18 22.2	-42 22 19	21.3	2.6×0.7	52.20	82.86	10.73	42 <sup>b</sup>	3×3	8.7	...	7.5(0.038+0.89*8)

- We have proposed to use the SEPIA345 receiver on APEX to map the HCN (4-3), HCO<sup>+</sup> (4-3), CS (7-6), and CO (3-2) simultaneously along the major axes of five nearest/ brightness Southern galaxies with declination < -40 degree.
- We need a total of 79 hours under the weather condition of 1.0mm pwv.

# Summary

- Dense Molecular Gas  $\rightarrow$  High Mass Stars
- SFR  $\sim$  M(DENSE), **linear?! dense gas**
- Dense gas tracers (e.g. HCN, CS, HCO+ COJ>3, H2O... density  $>\sim 10^5$  cc), linear!
- HI  $\rightarrow$  H<sub>2</sub>  $\rightarrow$  DENSE H<sub>2</sub>  $\rightarrow$  Stars
  - Schmidt law : HI(gas reservoir)  $\rightarrow$  Stars **X**
  - Kennicutt : HI(gas reservoir) + H<sub>2</sub>(fuel ?!)  $\rightarrow$  Stars **X**
  - Gao & Solomon: Dense H<sub>2</sub> (fuel !!)  $\rightarrow$  Stars!?

## from Cores to High-z: Dense Gas $\rightarrow$ Massive SF

\*HCN/HCO+(4-3) still the linear correlation with far-IR: globally and resolved regions provided by MALATANG

\*Variations and scatters in the linear correlations: physics!

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