

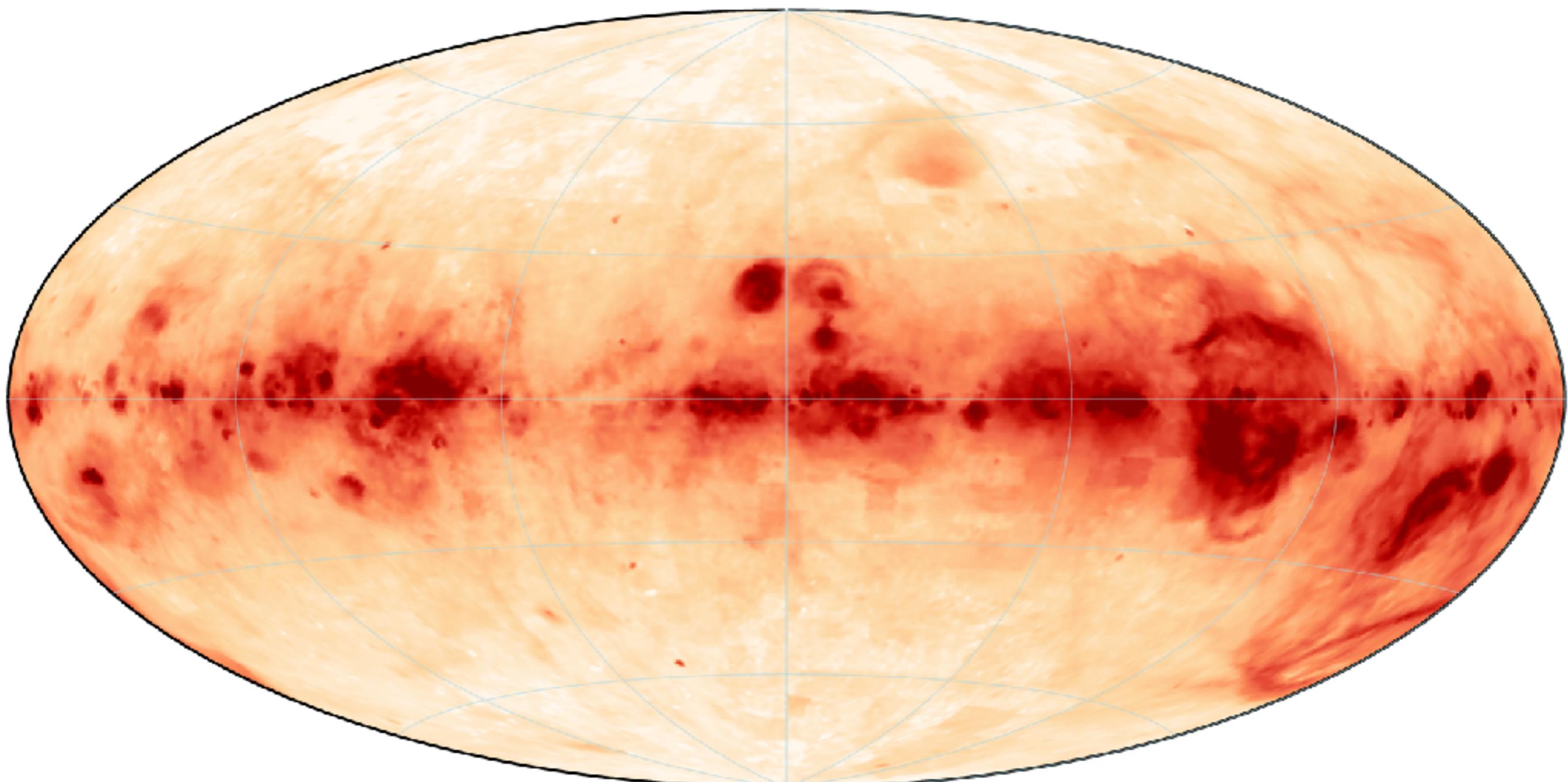
# Physics 224

# The Interstellar Medium

Lecture #20 - the last!

Wisconsin H-Alpha Mapper Sky Survey

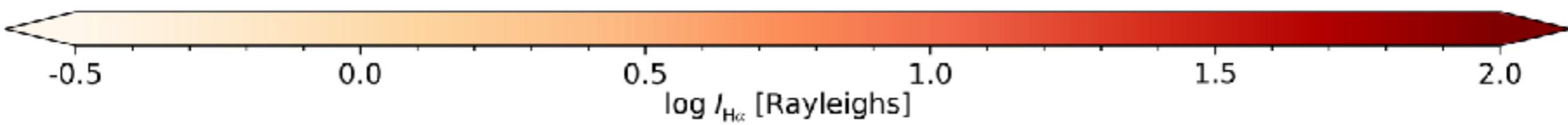
Integrated Intensity ( $-80 \text{ km s}^{-1} < v_{\text{LSR}} < +80 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ )



$\Delta\ell = 60^\circ$   
 $\Delta b = 30^\circ$

$\ell = 0^\circ$

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<http://www.astro.wisc.edu/wham/>



# Diffuse Ionized Gas

Optical Emission from Ionized Gas

$$I_\nu(\text{H}\alpha) = \frac{h\nu(\text{H}\alpha)}{4\pi} \int_0^L n_e n_p \alpha(\text{H}\alpha) dL$$

recombination rate + fraction of recombinations that produce H $\alpha$

define "emission measure":

if  $n_e \sim n_p$  then:

$$\text{EM} = \int_0^L n_e n_p dL$$

$$\text{EM} = \int_0^L n_e^2 dL$$

# Diffuse Ionized Gas

Observed Properties of the DIG (aka warm ionized medium)

- From comparison of DM and EM along lines of sight through the galaxy:
  - $n_e \sim 0.03 - 0.08 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
  - filling fraction  $f \sim 0.2 - 0.4$
  - almost full ionized ( $H^+/H \sim 0.9$ )

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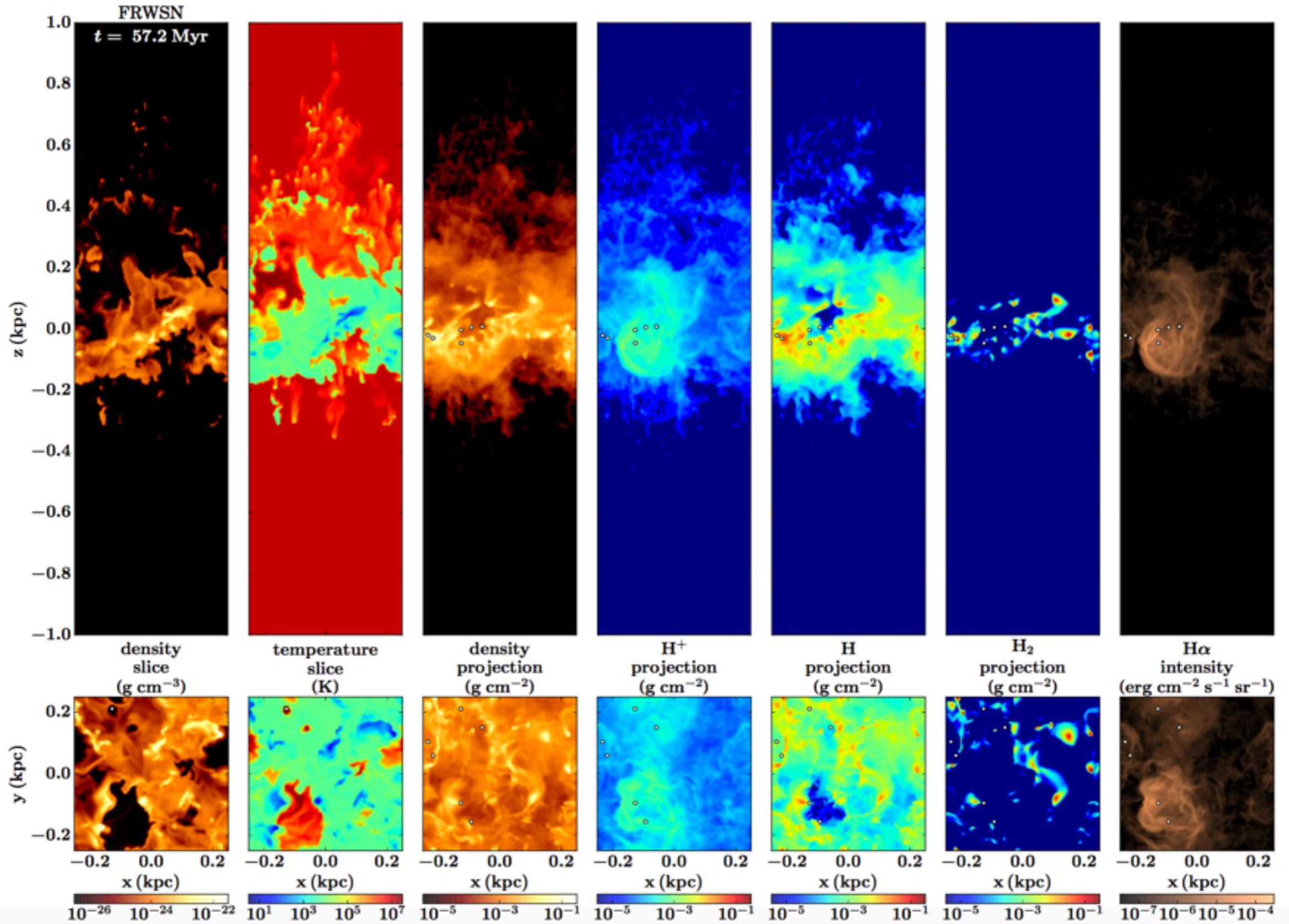
What ionizes the gas?

Need ionizing photon rate of  $\sim 10^{50}$  photons/s/kpc<sup>2</sup>

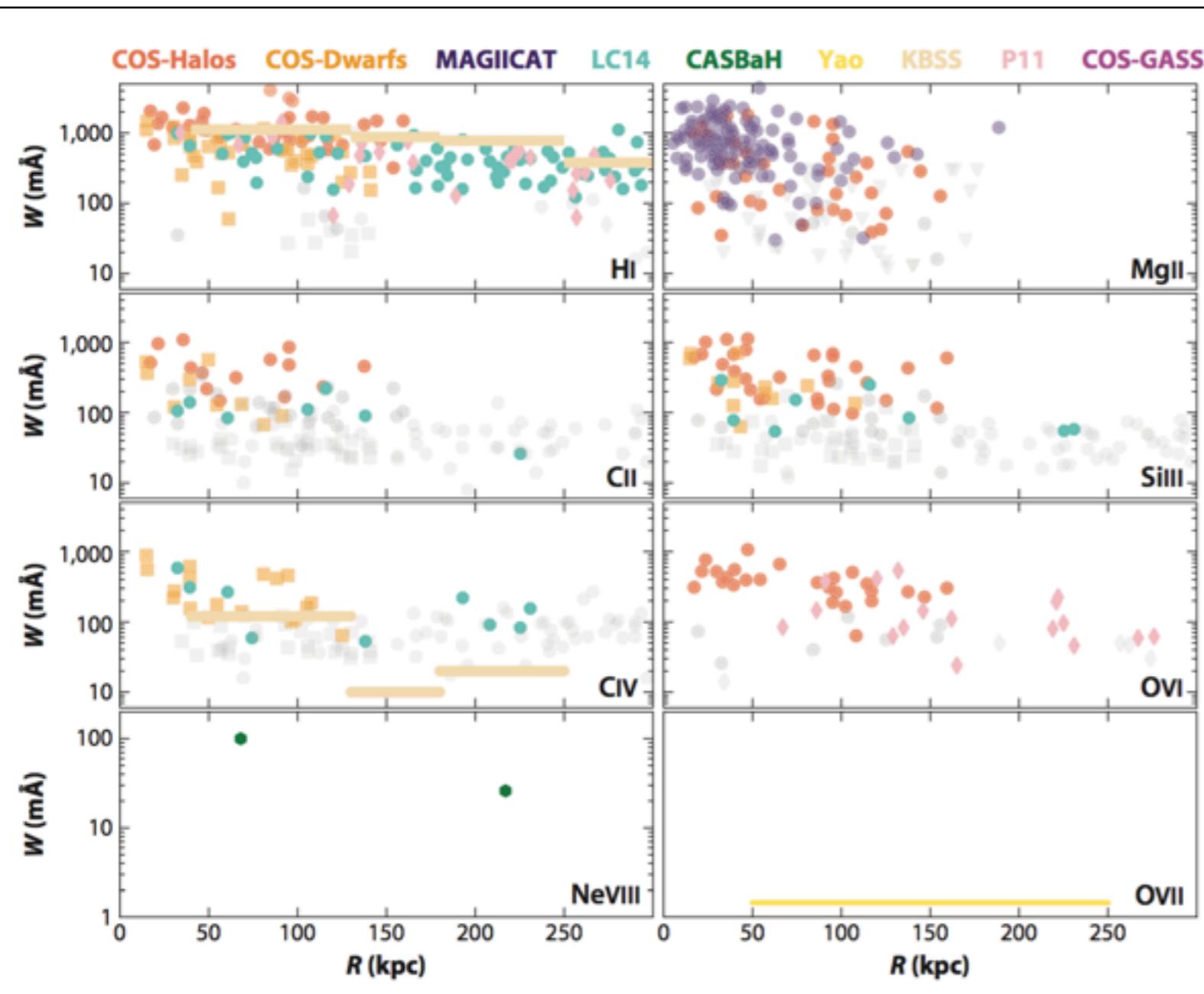
equivalent to about one O5 star (or 100 B0 stars) per kpc<sup>2</sup>

equivalent to about 1/7 of the available ionizing photons  
in the kpc<sup>2</sup> around the Sun (Reynolds 1990)

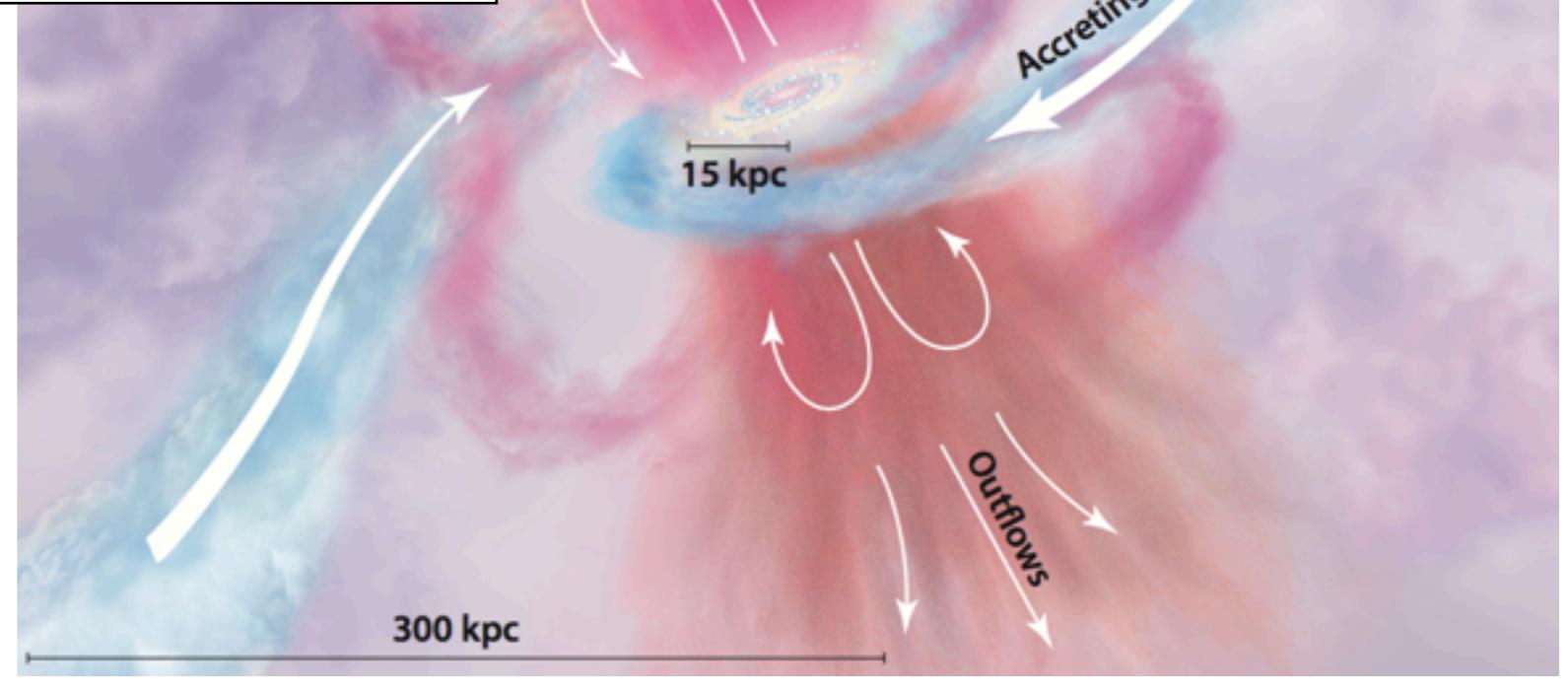
*How do they get out of the Stromgren spheres though??*



Supernova Driven ISM simulation - SILCC (Peters et al. 2017)



Disk-Halo connection - enriched, ionized material is being expelled from the galaxy as shown by COS-Halos measurements



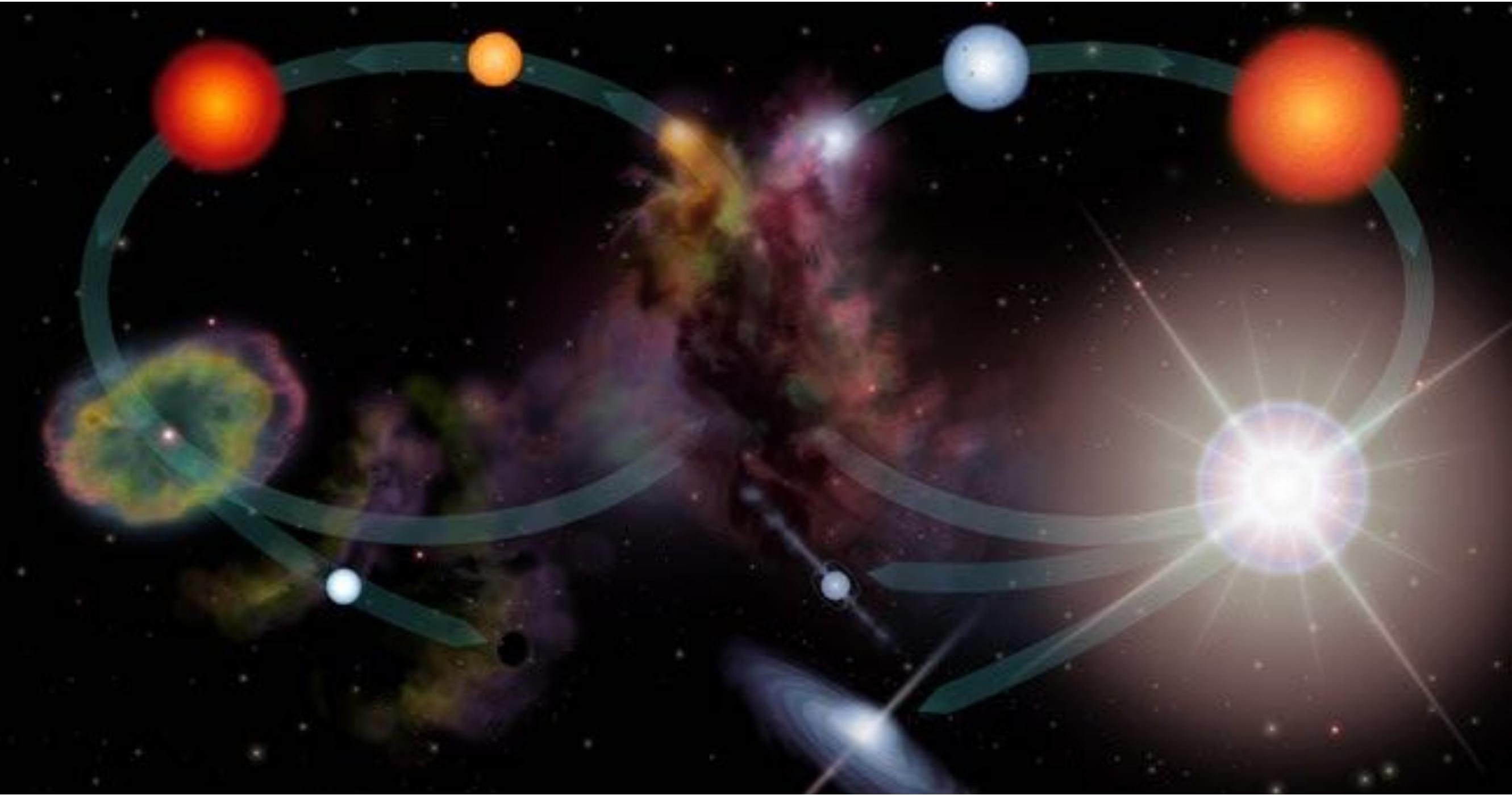
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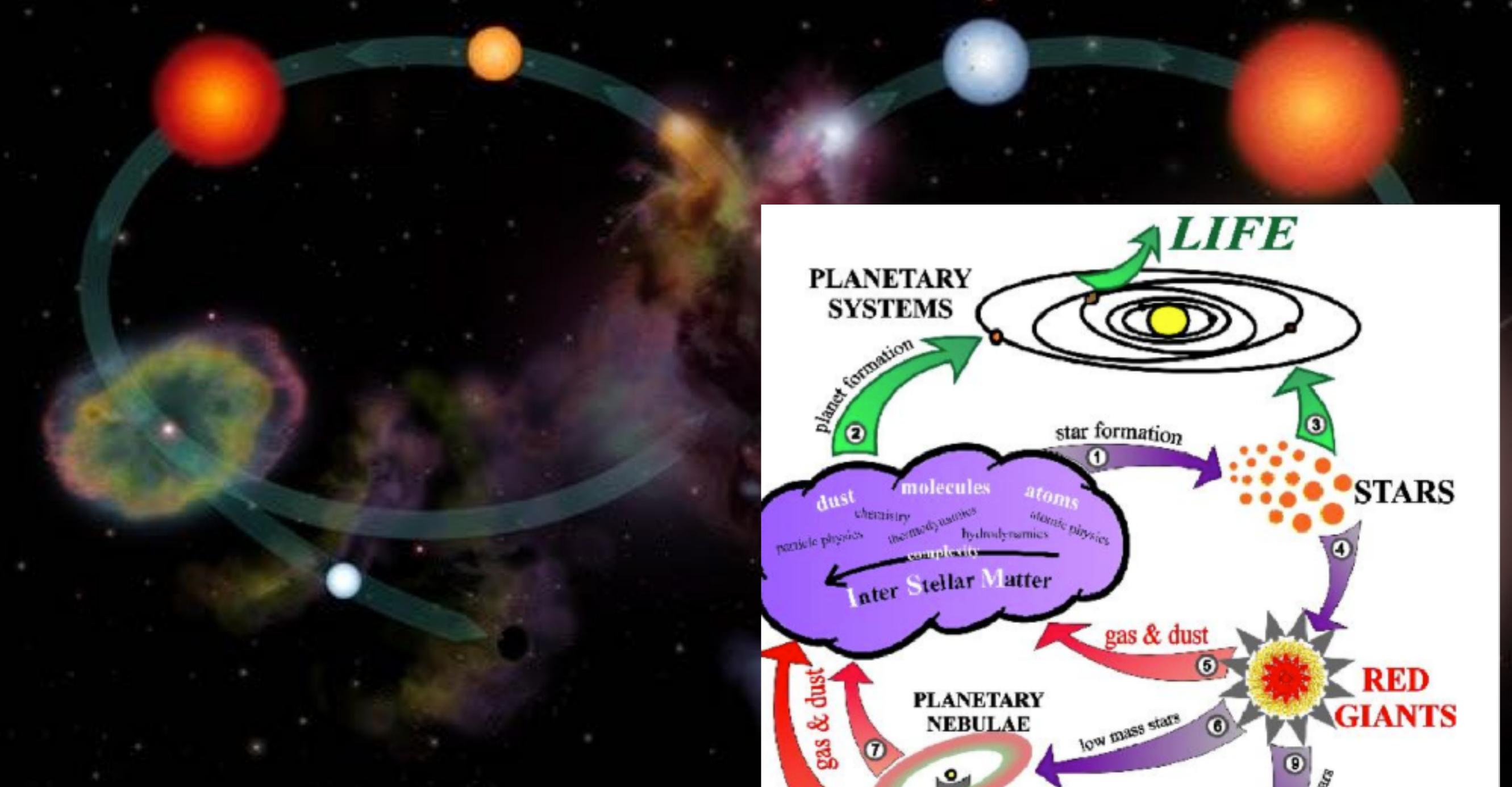
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# ISM Energy Density

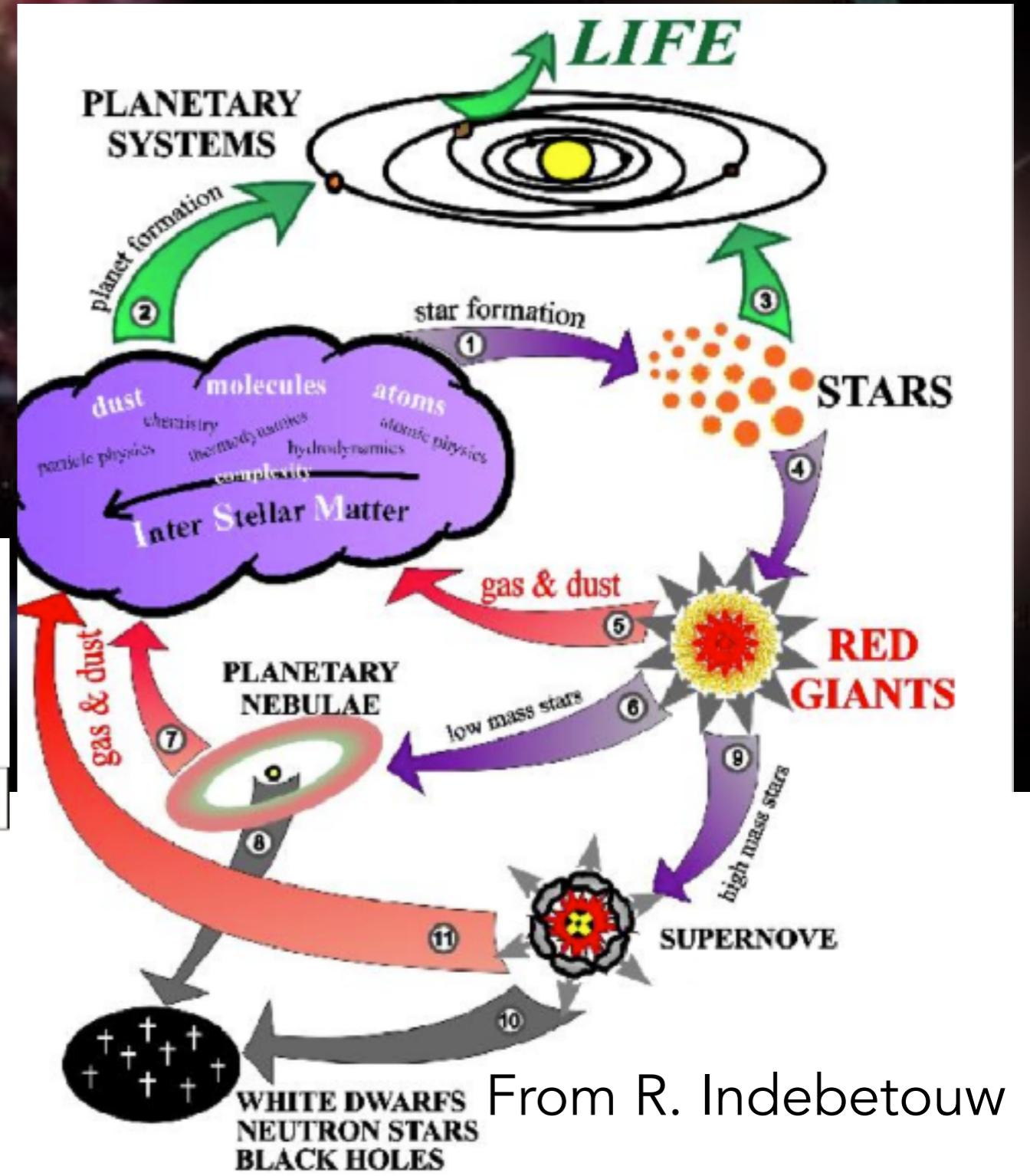
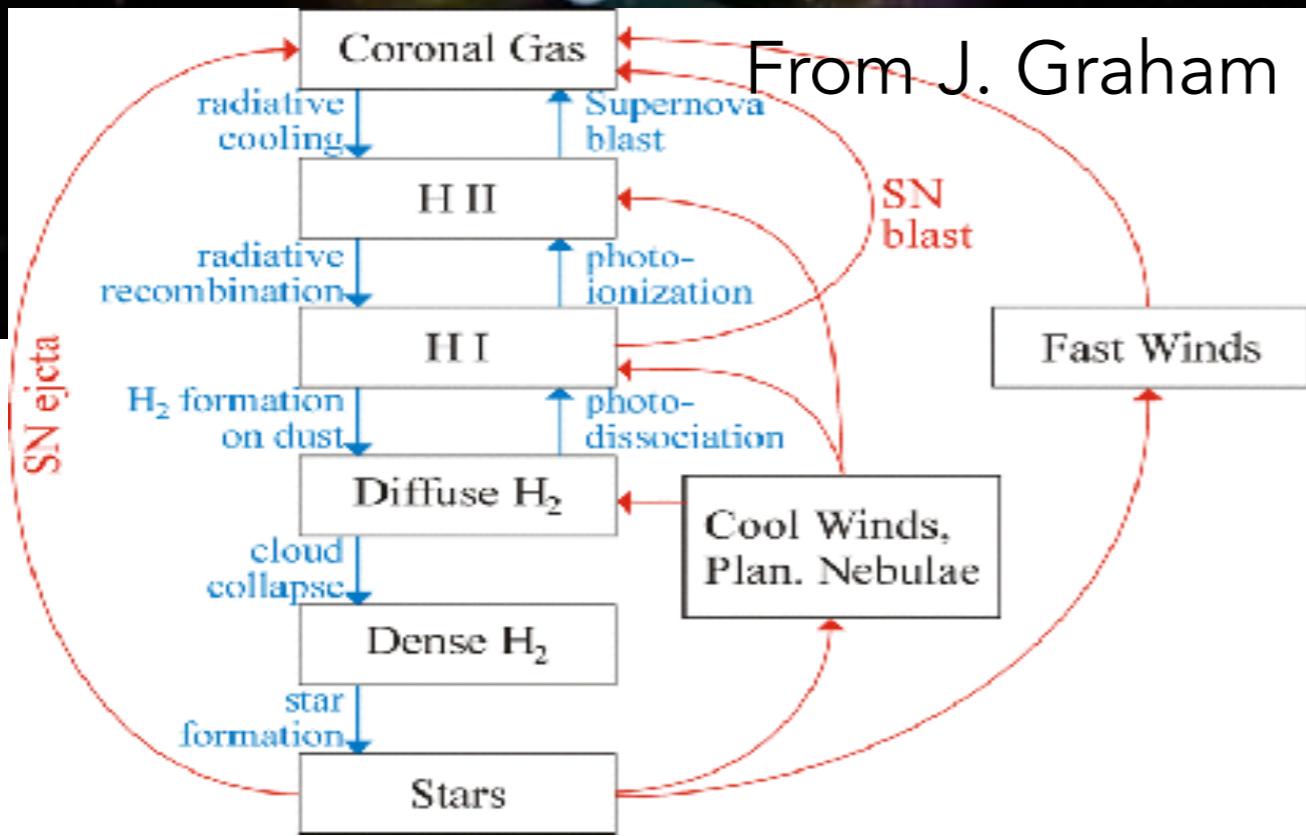
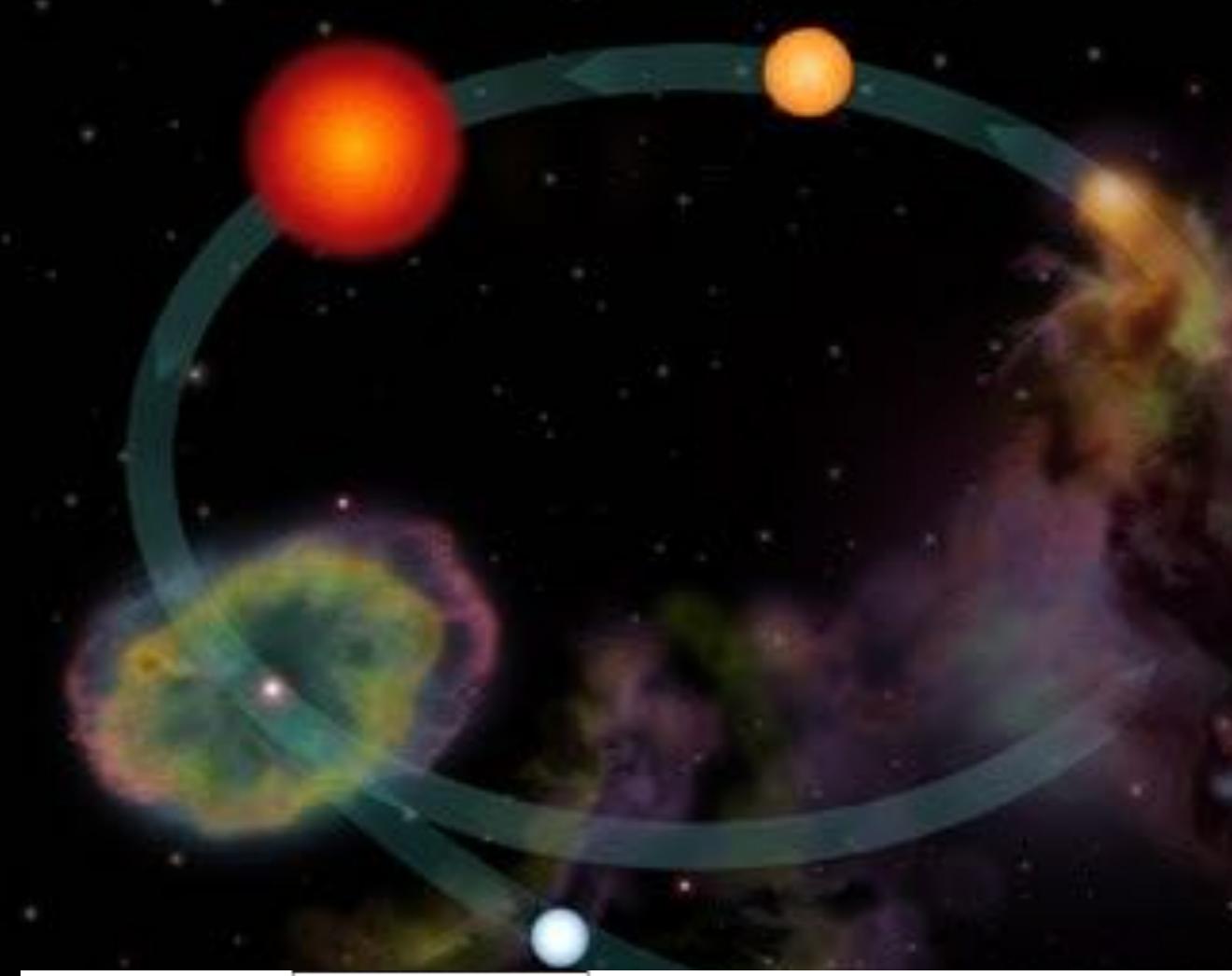
Component	$u$ (eV cm <sup>-3</sup> )
Cosmic Microwave Background	0.25 ( $T_{CMB} = 2.725$ K)
Gas Thermal Energy	0.49 (for $nT = 3800$ cm <sup>-3</sup> K)
Gas Turbulent Kinetic Energy	0.22 (for $n = 1$ cm <sup>-3</sup> , $v_{turb} = 1$ km/s)
B-Field	0.89 (for 6 $\mu$ Gauss)
Cosmic Rays	1.39 (see Draine ch 13)
Starlight	0.54 (for $h\nu < 13.6$ eV)

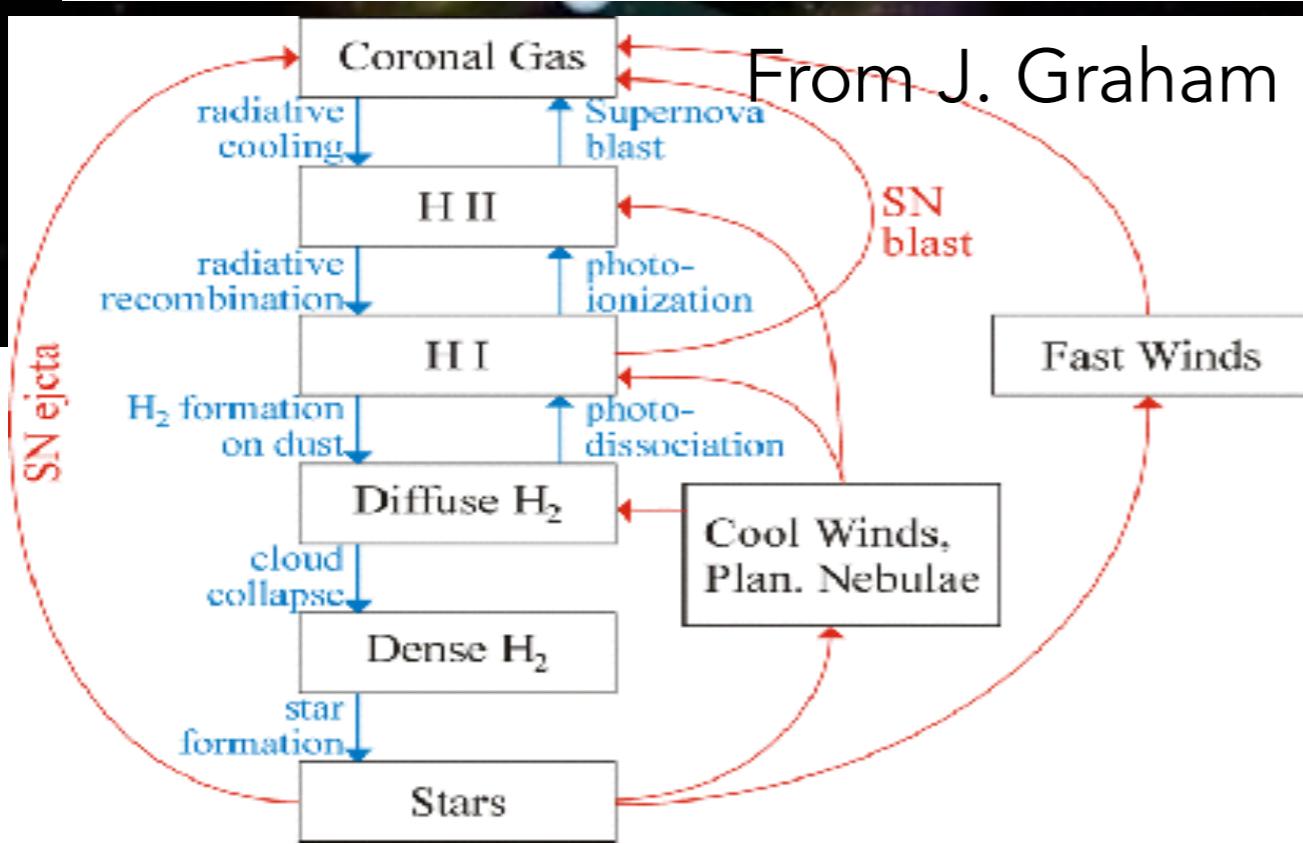
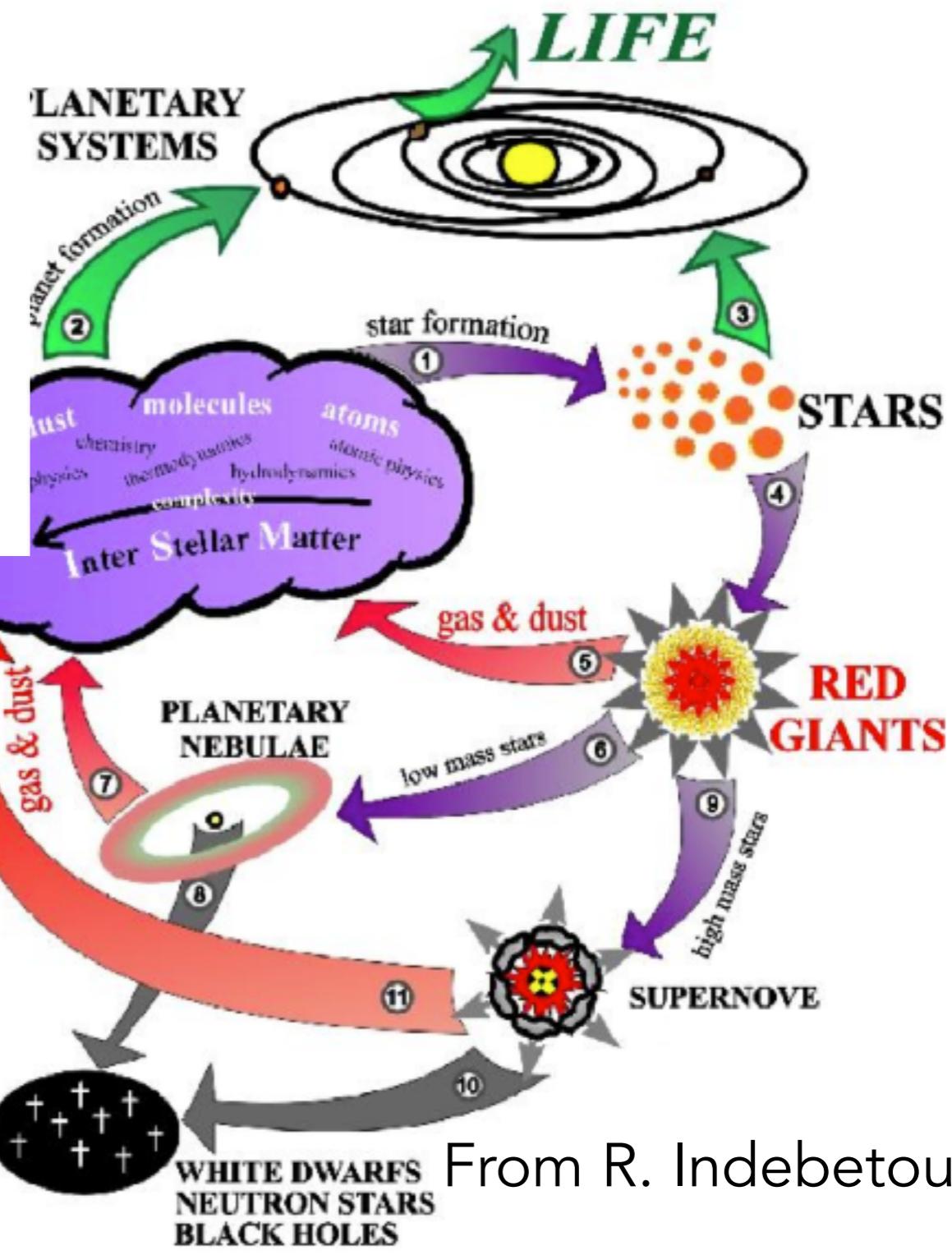
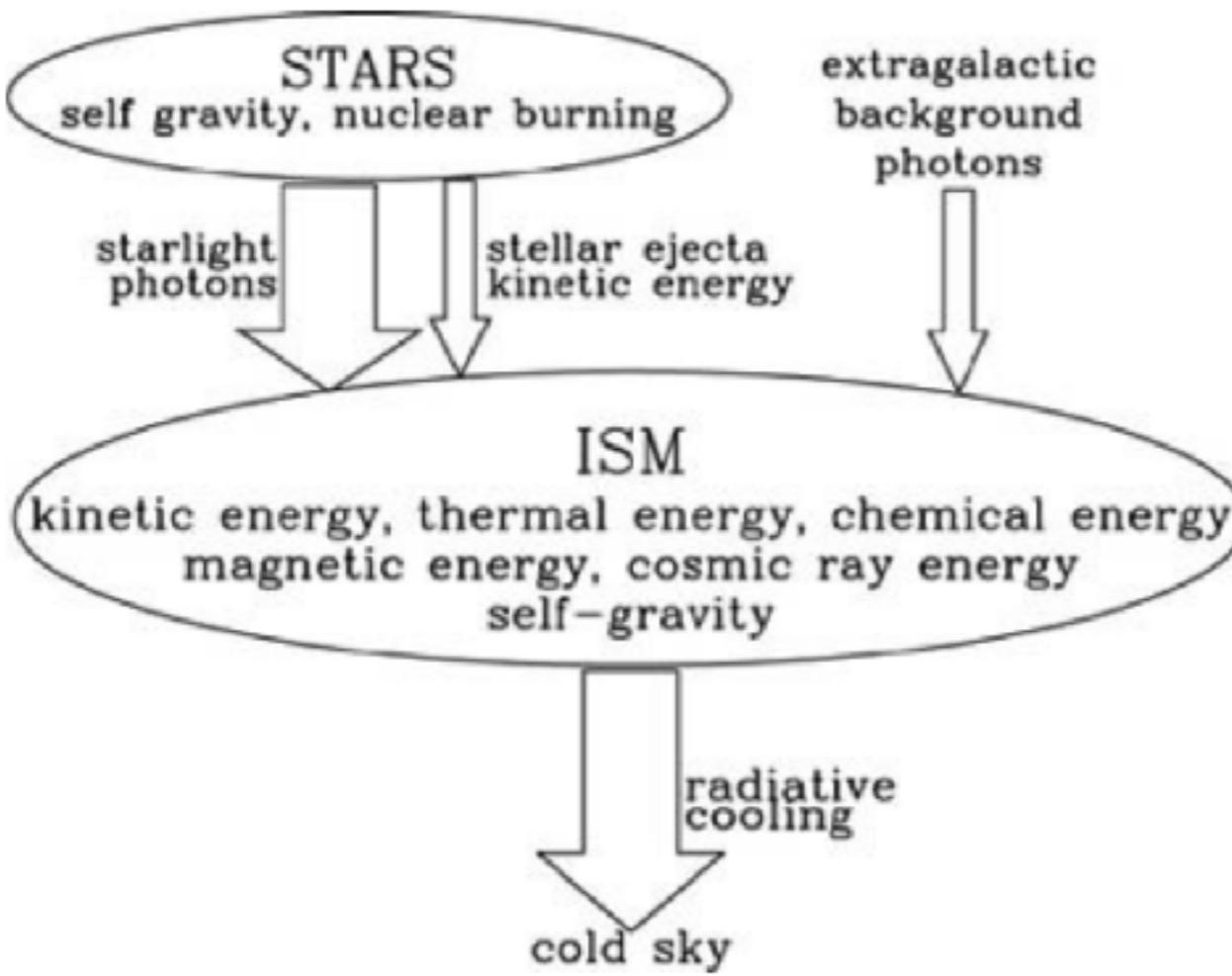
All the same order of magnitude!





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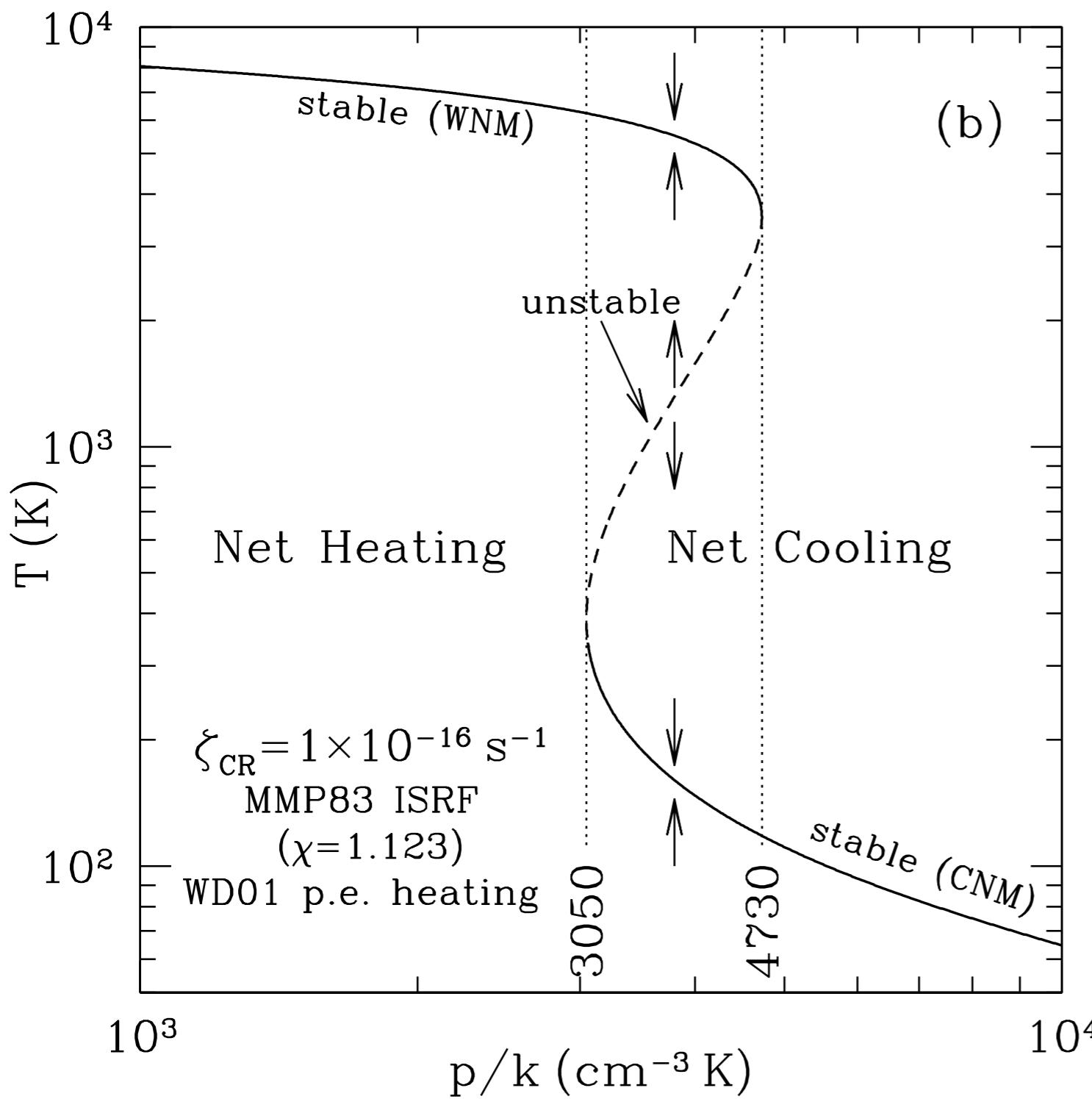
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Gas	self-gravity in dense gas clouds	gas dynamics, collisional excitation, self gravity	dust growth in dense gas, collisional heating/cooling, charging, dust destruction in shocks	alters radiation field (H <sub>2</sub> shielding, ionizing photons absorbed)	creation (shocks accelerate), collisions (CR + p+ -> γ ray), confinement (B-field)	dynamically, MHD turbulence, dynamos create/amplify B-field	star formation	
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# Global ISM Models

- FGH 1969 - Thermal Instability 2 phase model
- McKee & Ostriker 1977 - SNe regulated 3 phase model
- Hydrostatic Balance models - Ostriker, McKee & Leroy 2010
- Simulations of SNe regulated ISM

# FGH 1969 Thermal Instability



Not a full ISM model,  
predicts existence of two  
phases in thermal equil.  
given heating and cooling  
rates and average ISM  
pressure.

Observational prediction:  
CNM/WNM n,T,  
& filling factors

Issues:  
why is P what it is?

# MO 1977 SNe Driven 3 Phase

A SMALL CLOUD

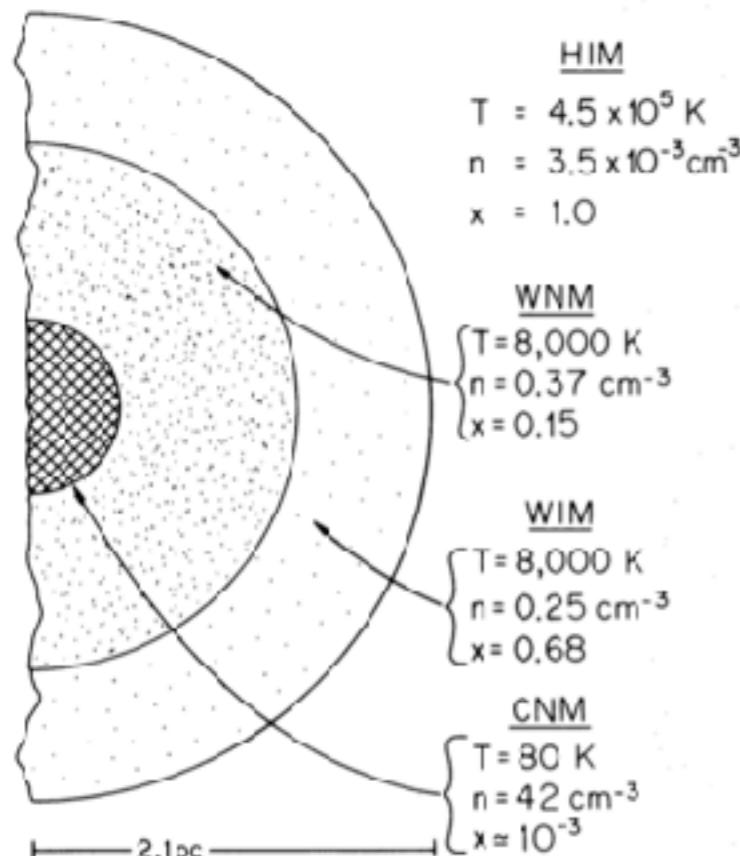


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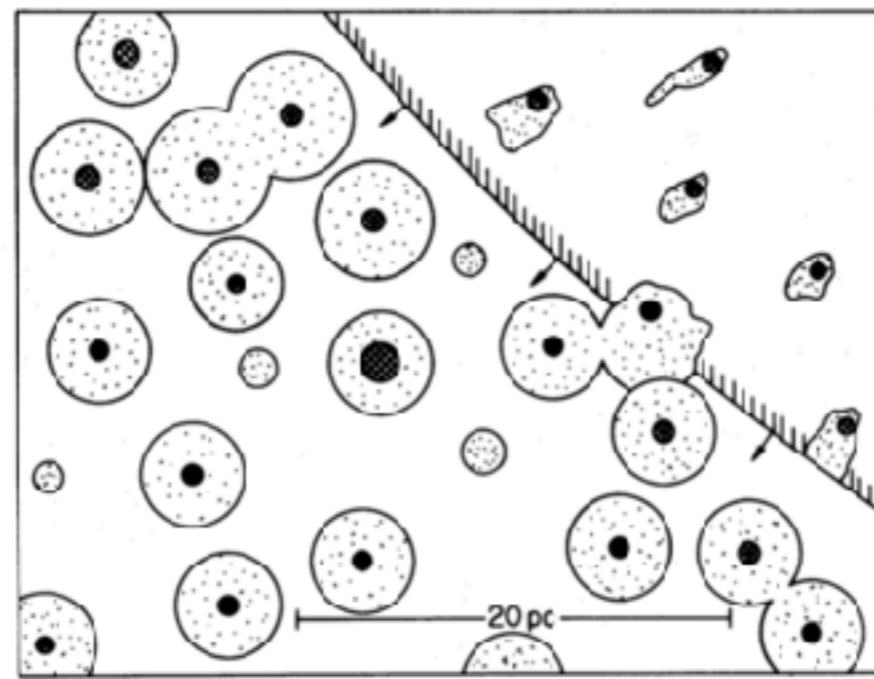


FIG. 2

Observational prediction:  
filling factors of hot  
ionized gas, CNM/WNM,  
ISM pressure

SNe rate, ISM density  
structure, cloud  
evaporation combine to  
set radius (& therefore  
pressure) at which SN  
remnants overlap.

Issues:

WNM fraction lower than observed,  
how does SNR pressure balance  
relate to hydrostatic pressure?  
clustered vs random SNe?

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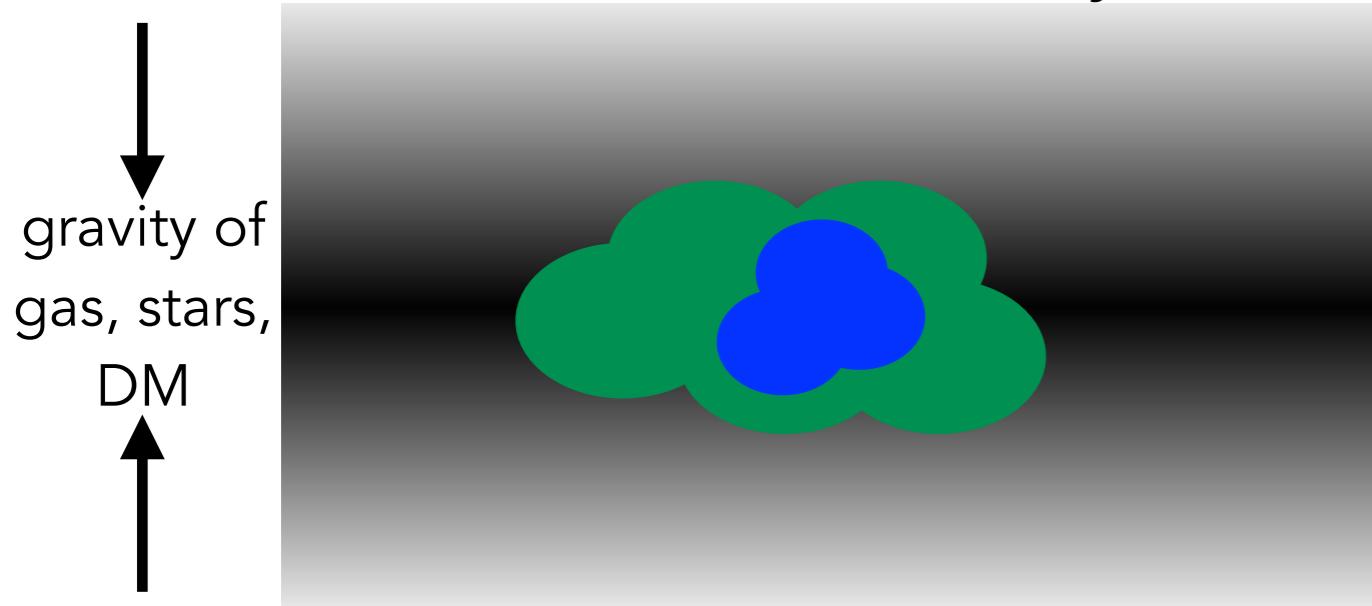
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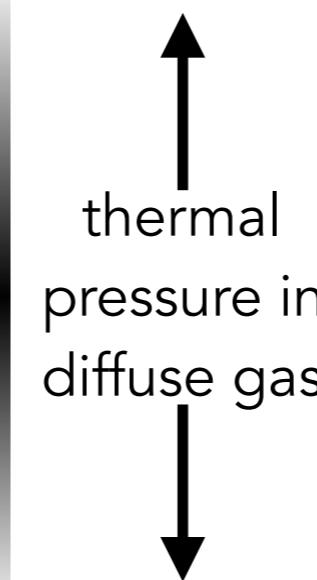
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Observational prediction:  
relationship between  $\Sigma_{\text{tot}}$ ,  
 $\Sigma_{\text{self-grav}}$ ,  $\Sigma_{\text{diffuse}}$

# Global ISM Models

Test models with observables:

Easier:

Stellar mass surface density

Gas mass surface density

Star formation rate

Dust mass surface density (& dust-to-gas ratio)

Mass spectrum of molecular clouds

Metallicity

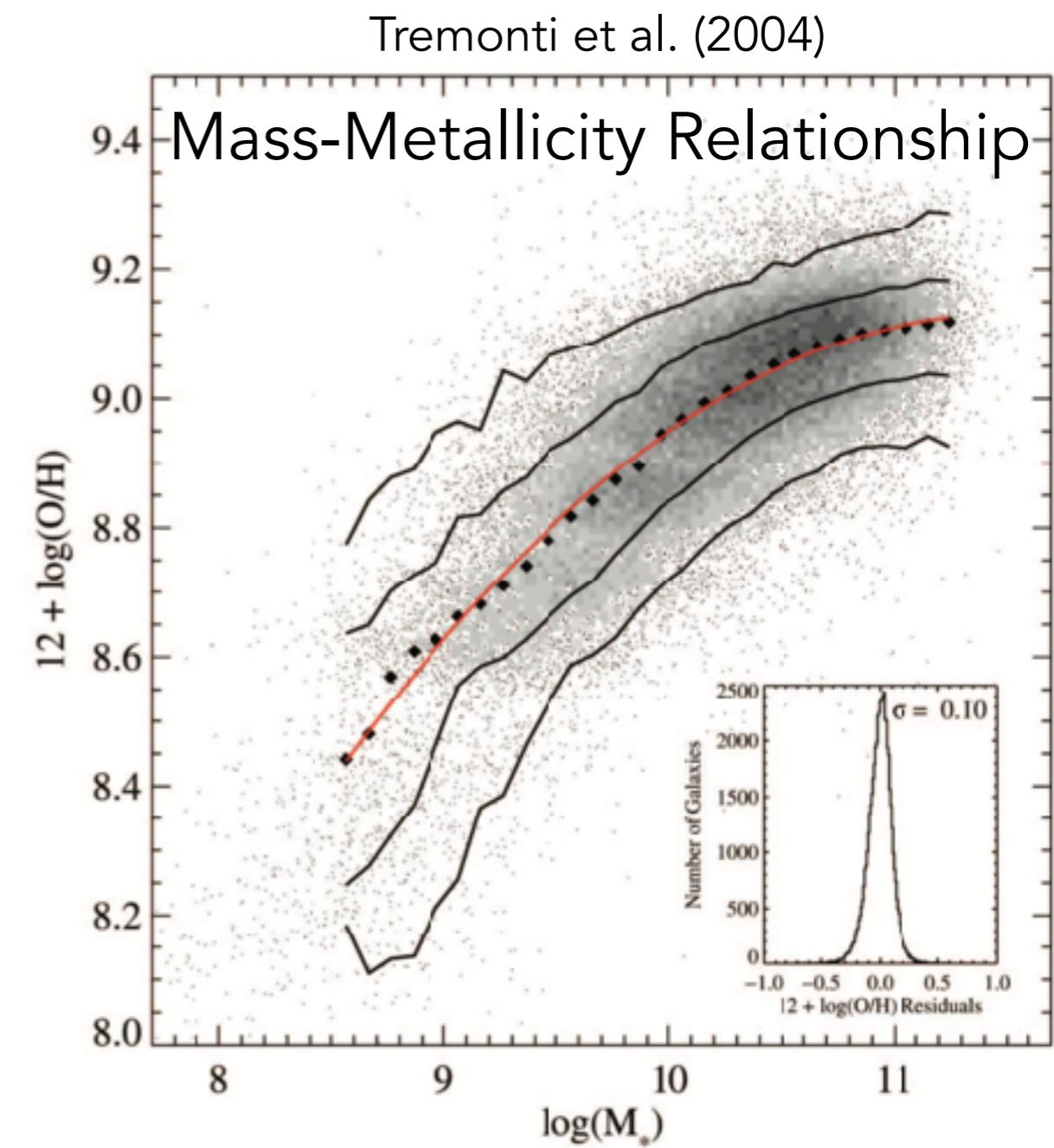
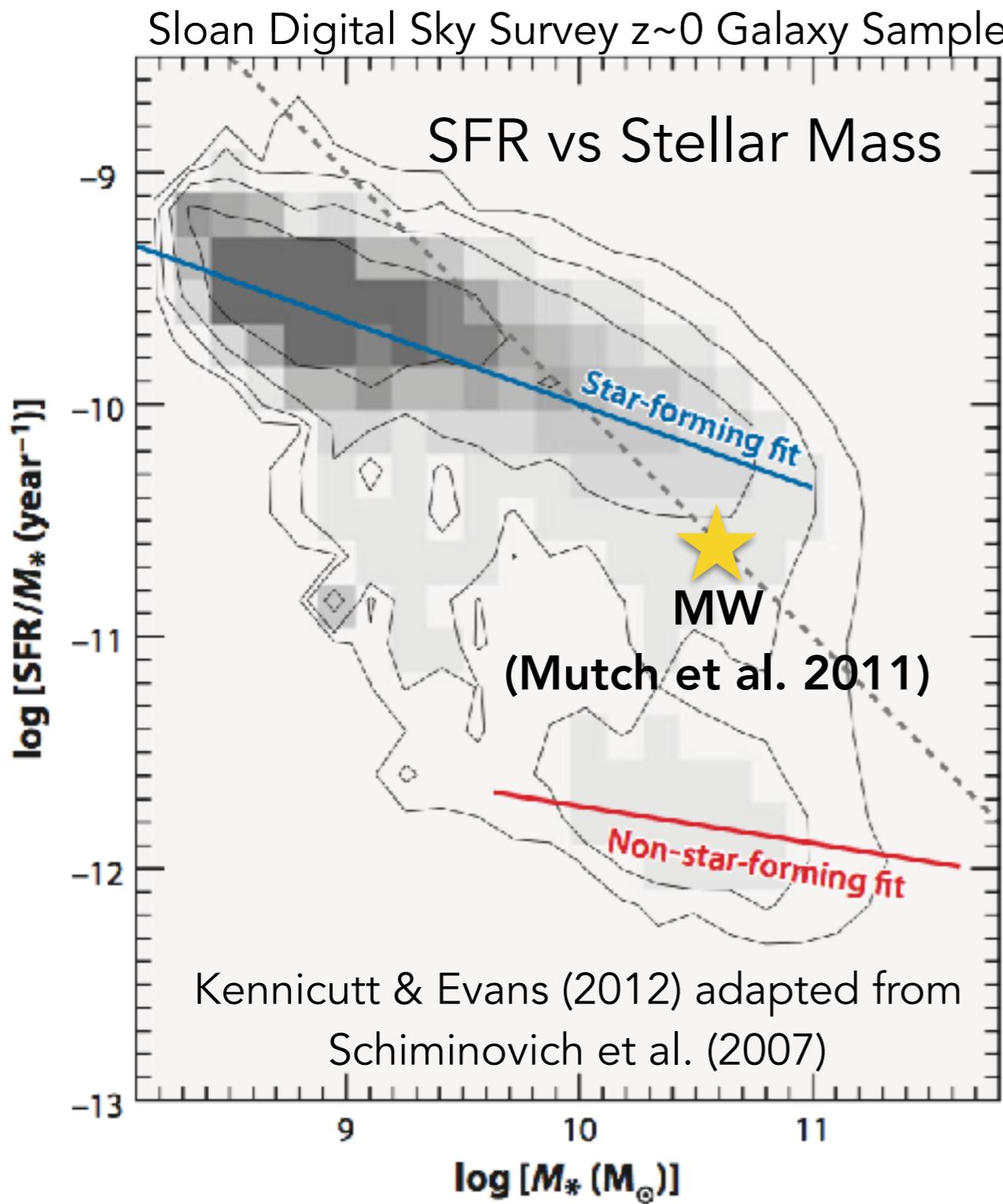
Gas “phase” (CNM/WNM, H<sub>2</sub> fraction)

Harder:

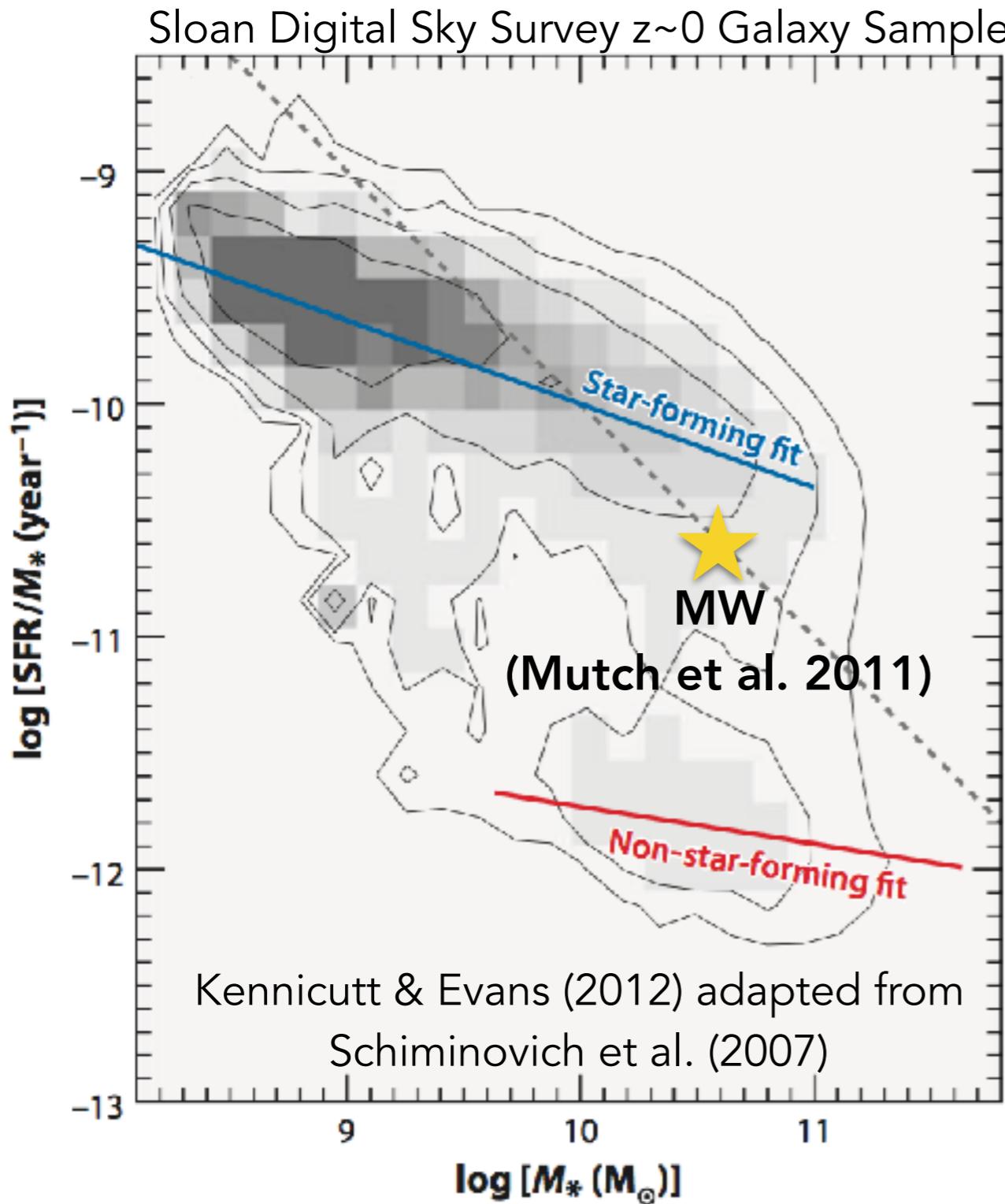
B-field strength

Cosmic ray flux

# Beyond the Milky Way



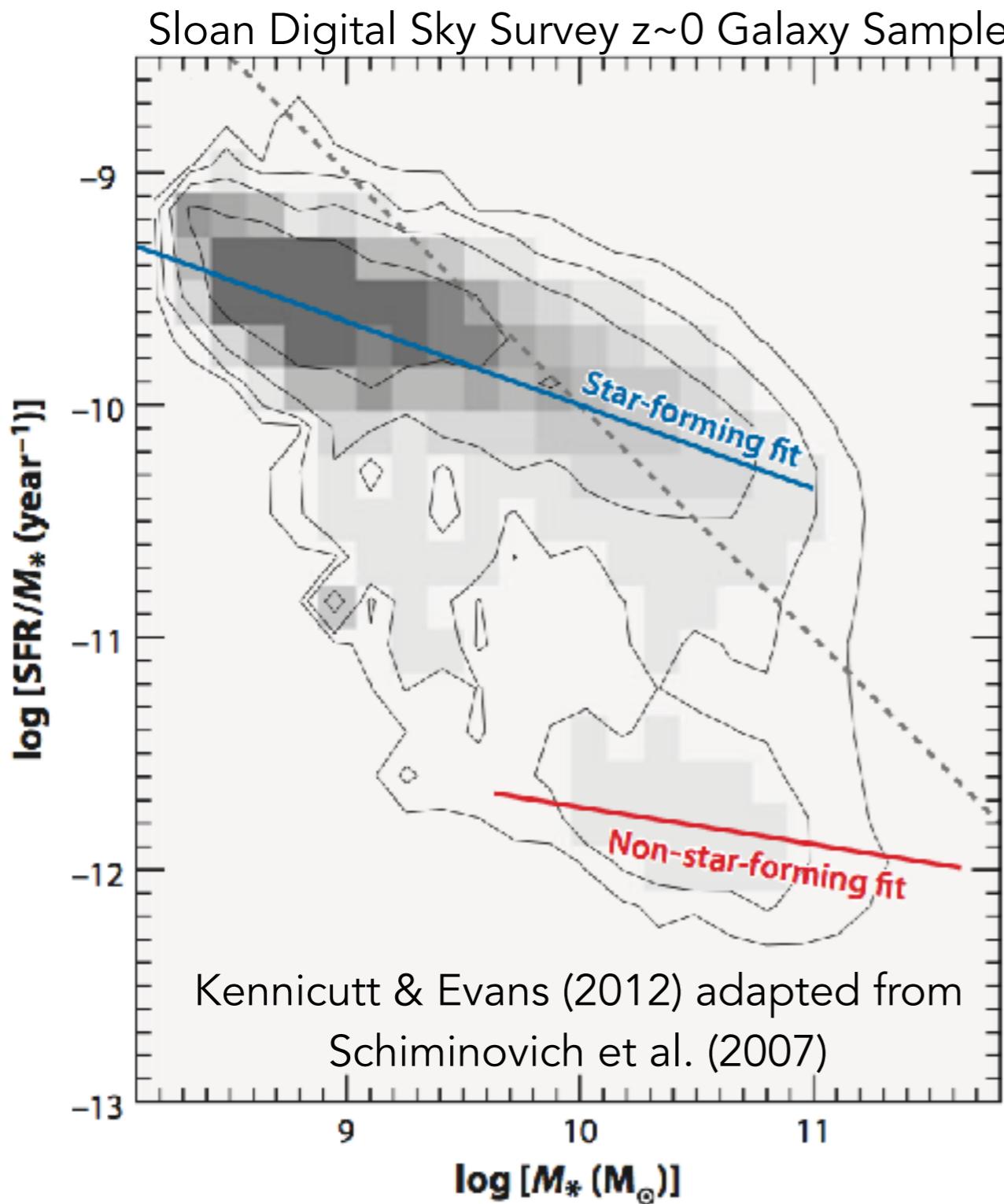
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A variety of models reproduce the basic properties of the MW's ISM.

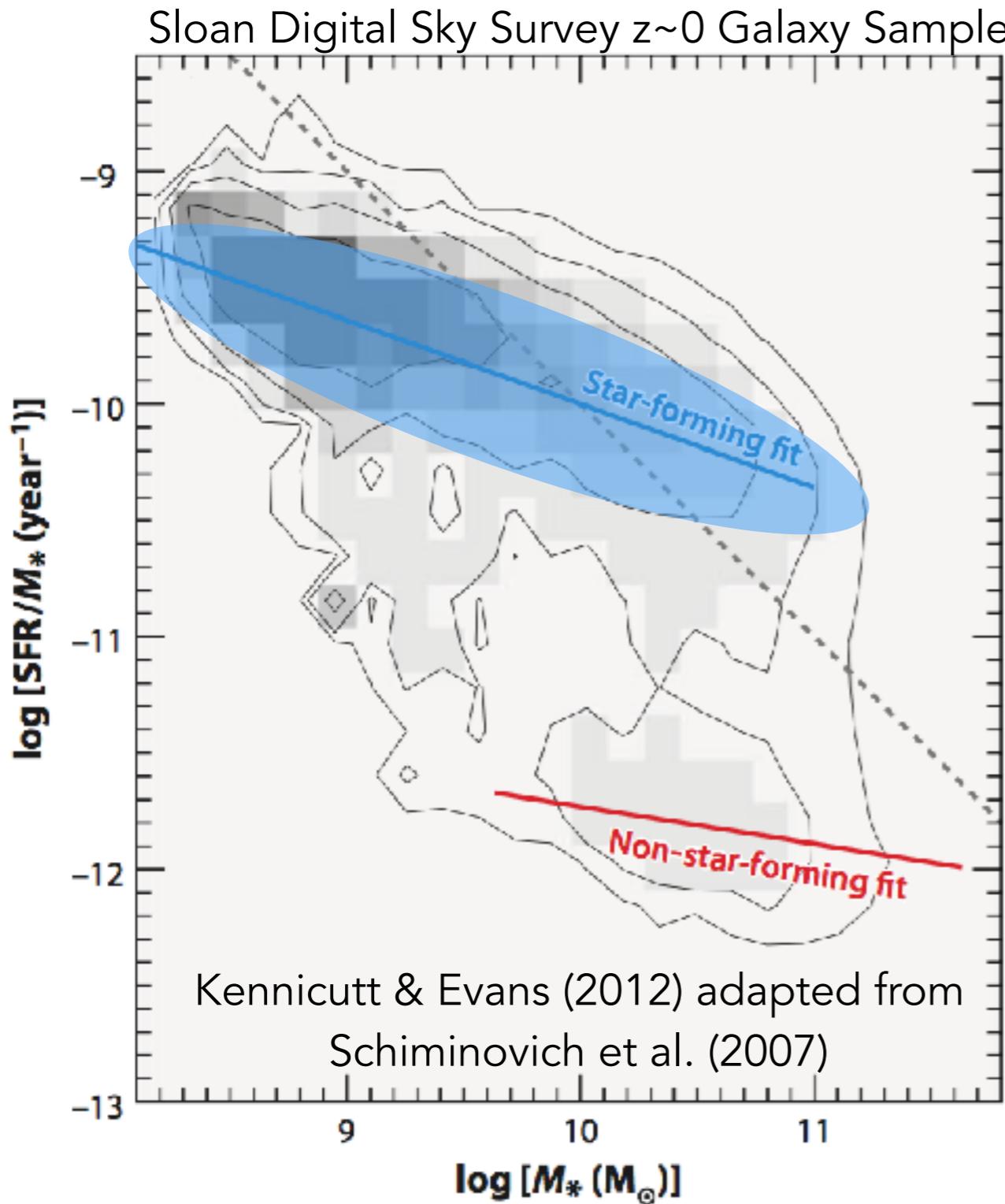
To test models need to see if they also work in conditions different from the MW, i.e. local galaxies.

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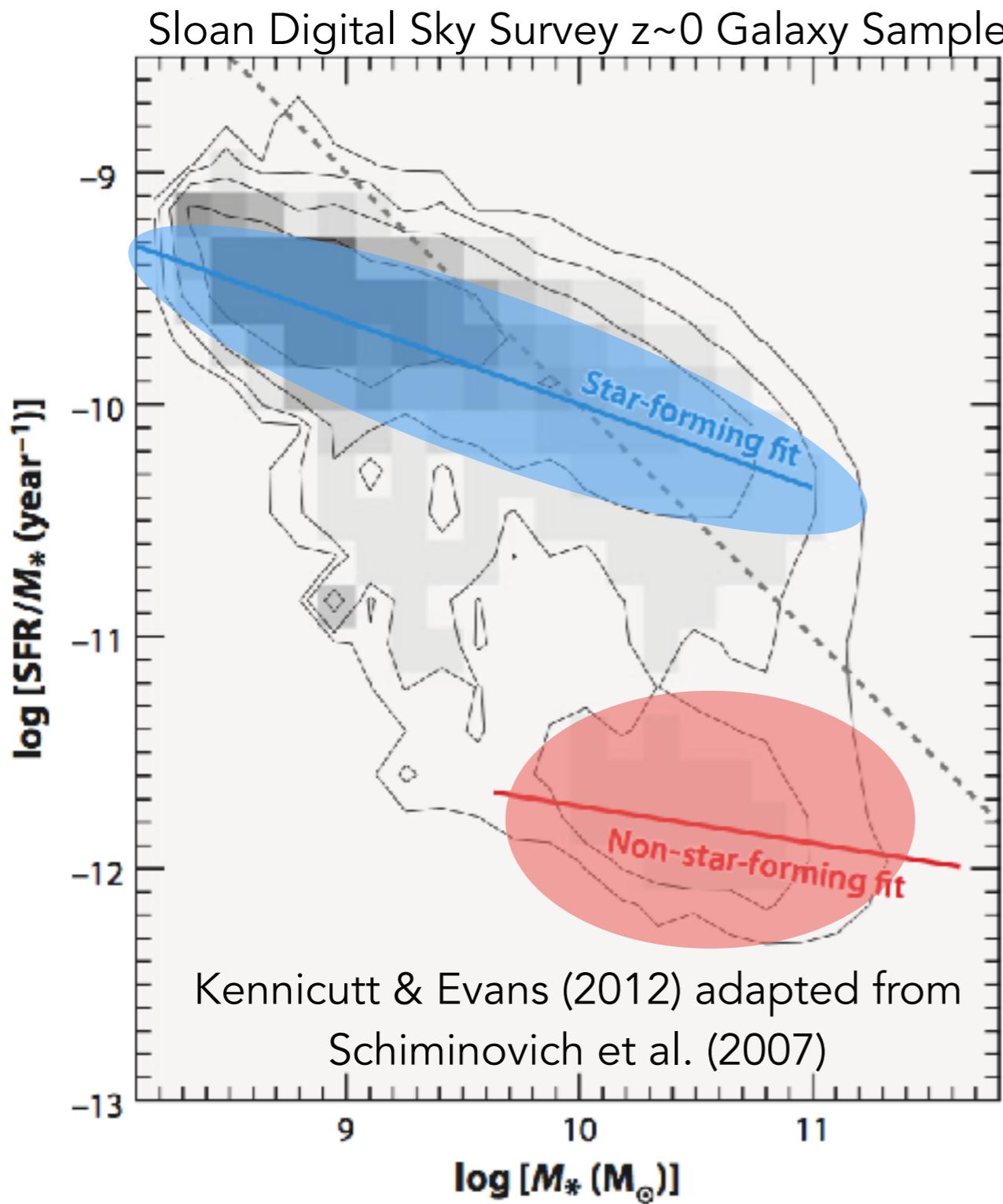
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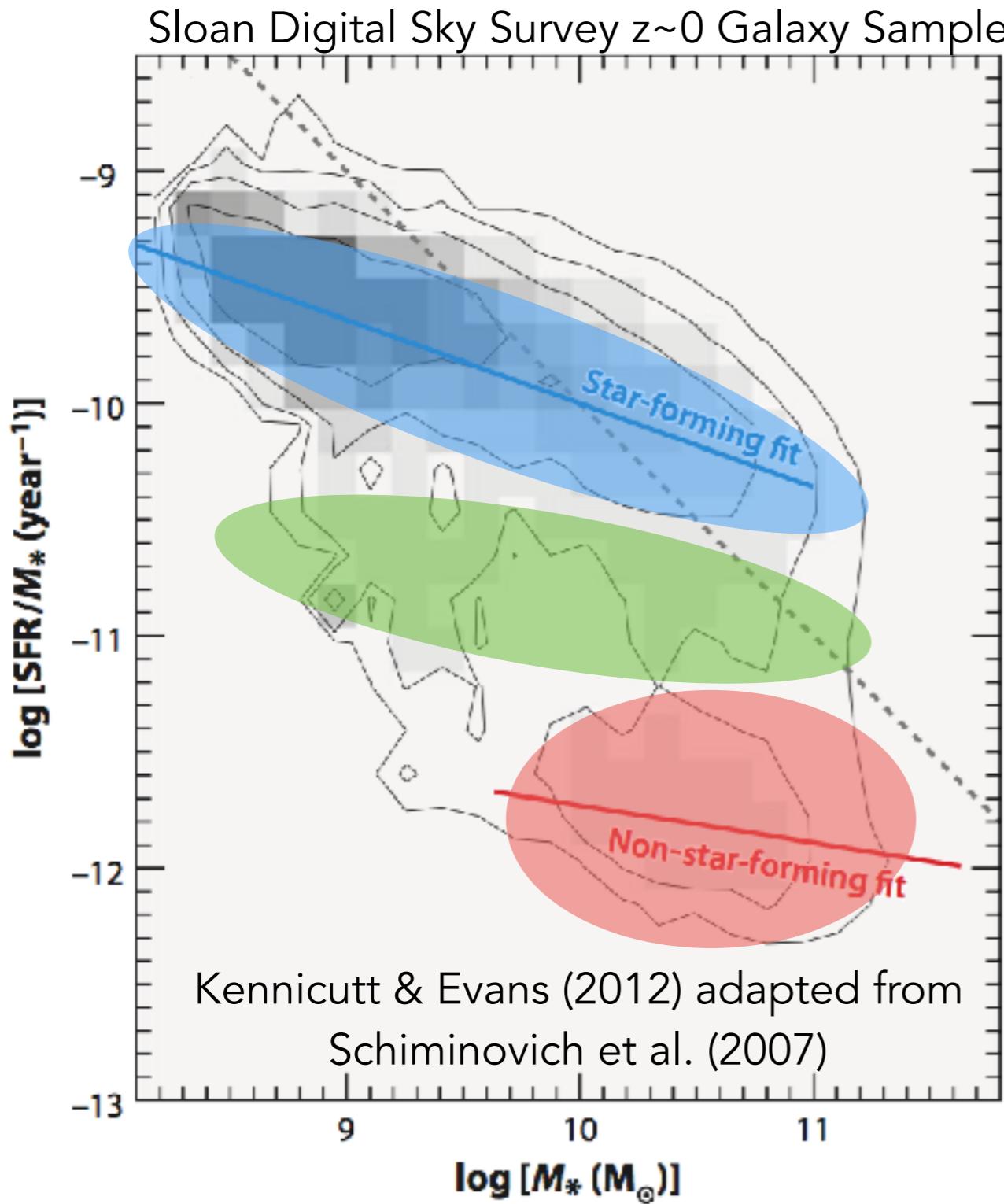
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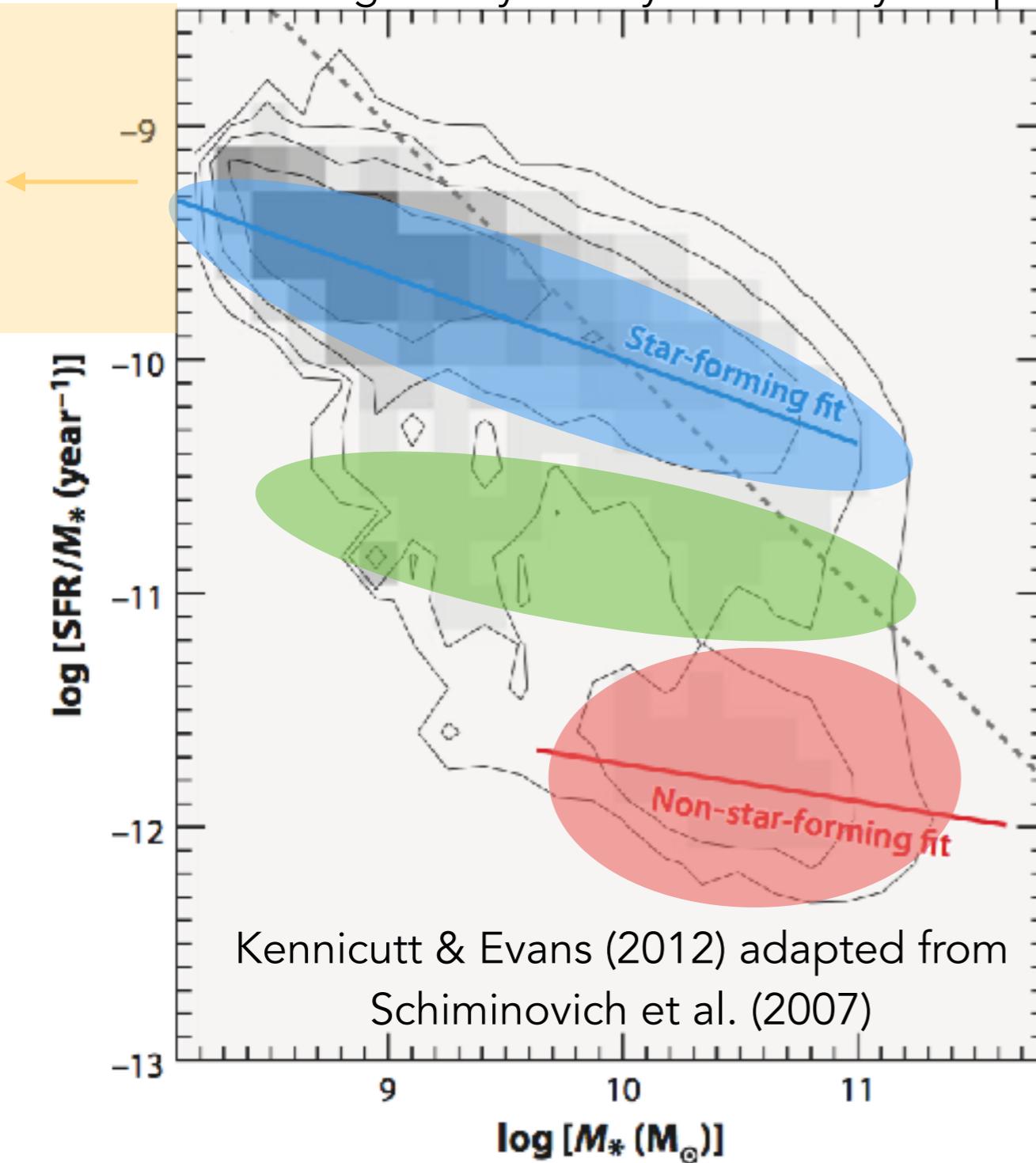
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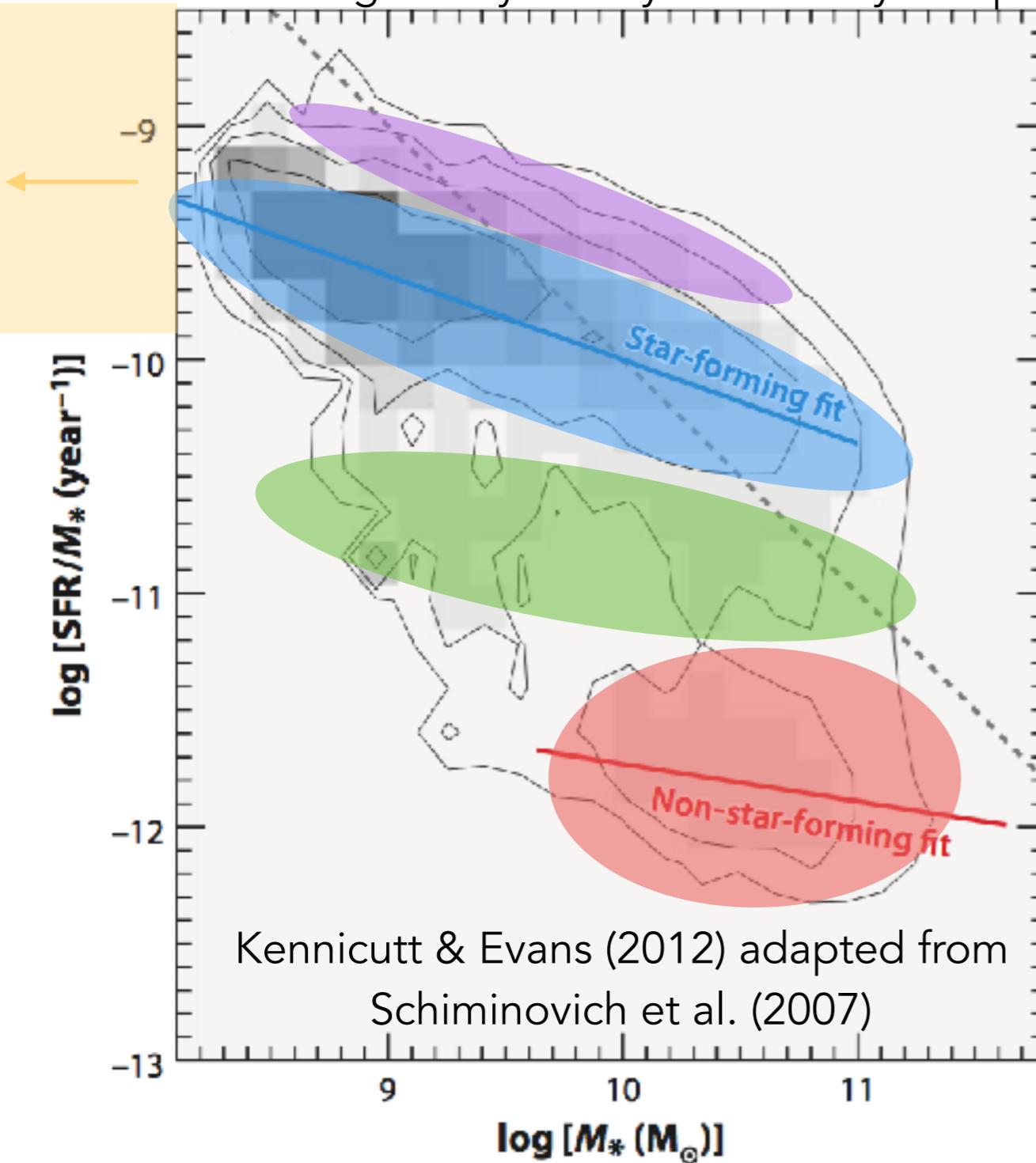
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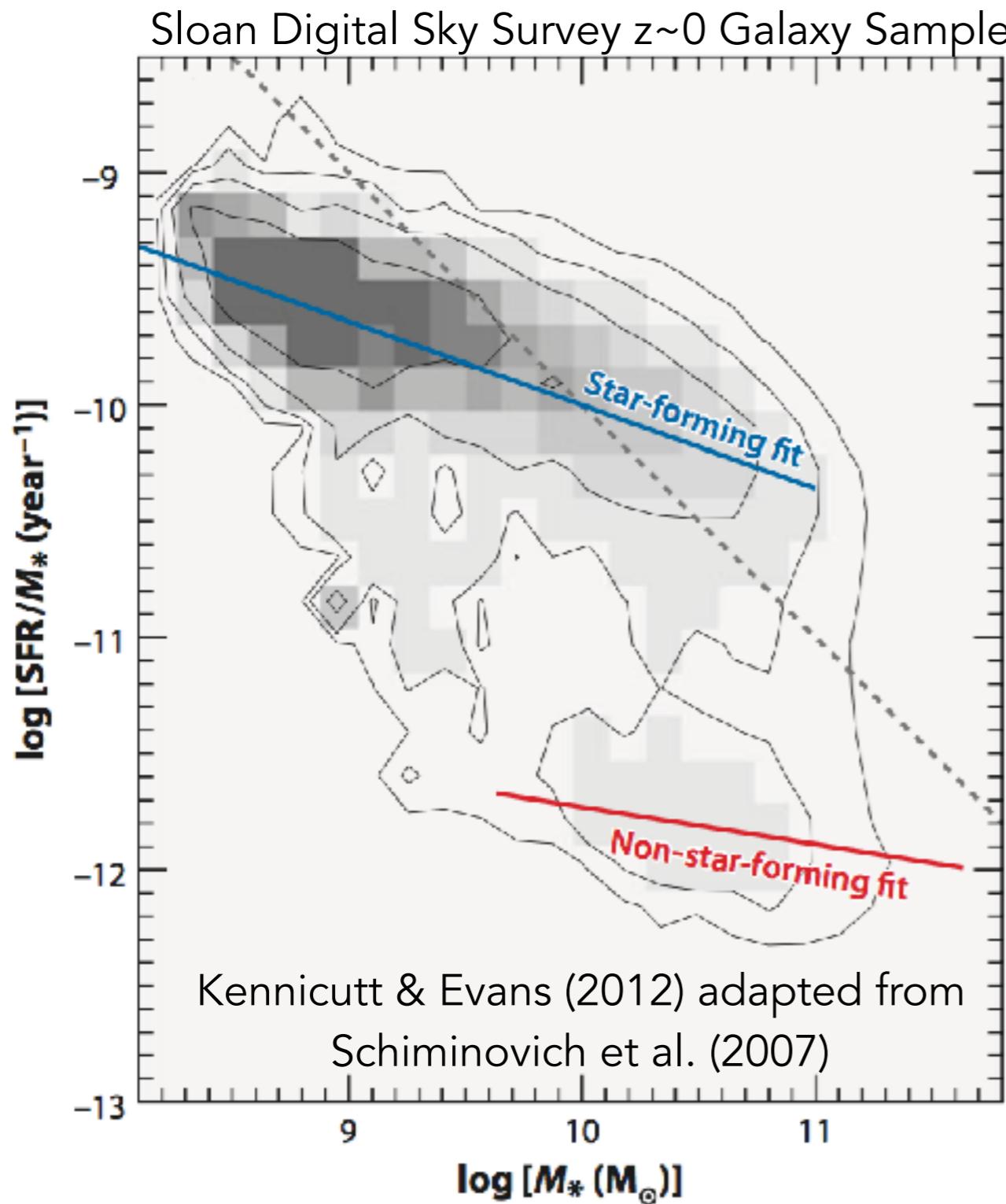
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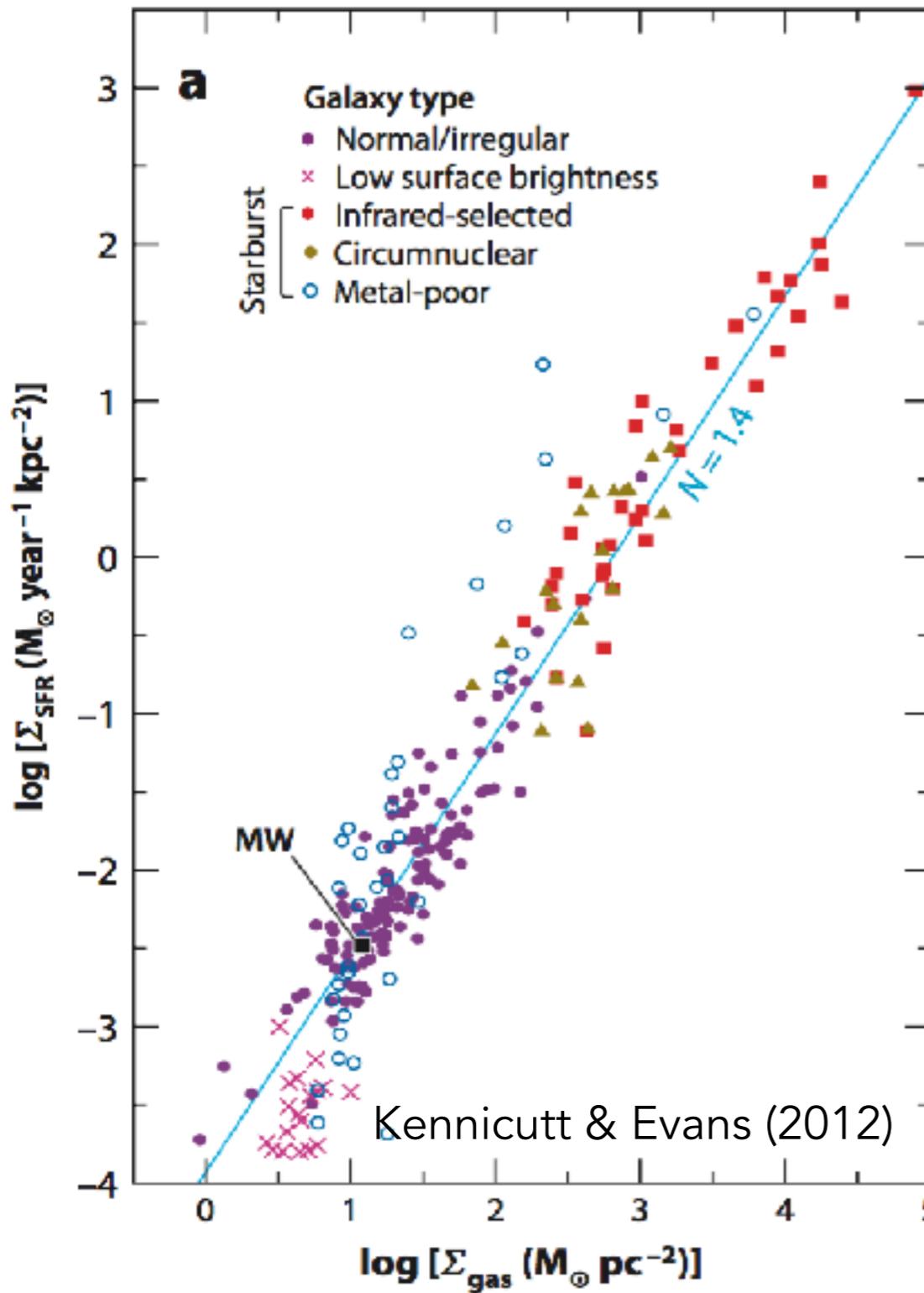
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## Other key properties:

- Morphology
- Galaxy environment (e.g. cluster, group, void)
- Properties of any nuclear source (e.g. AGN)
- Merger/Interaction
- REDSHIFT!

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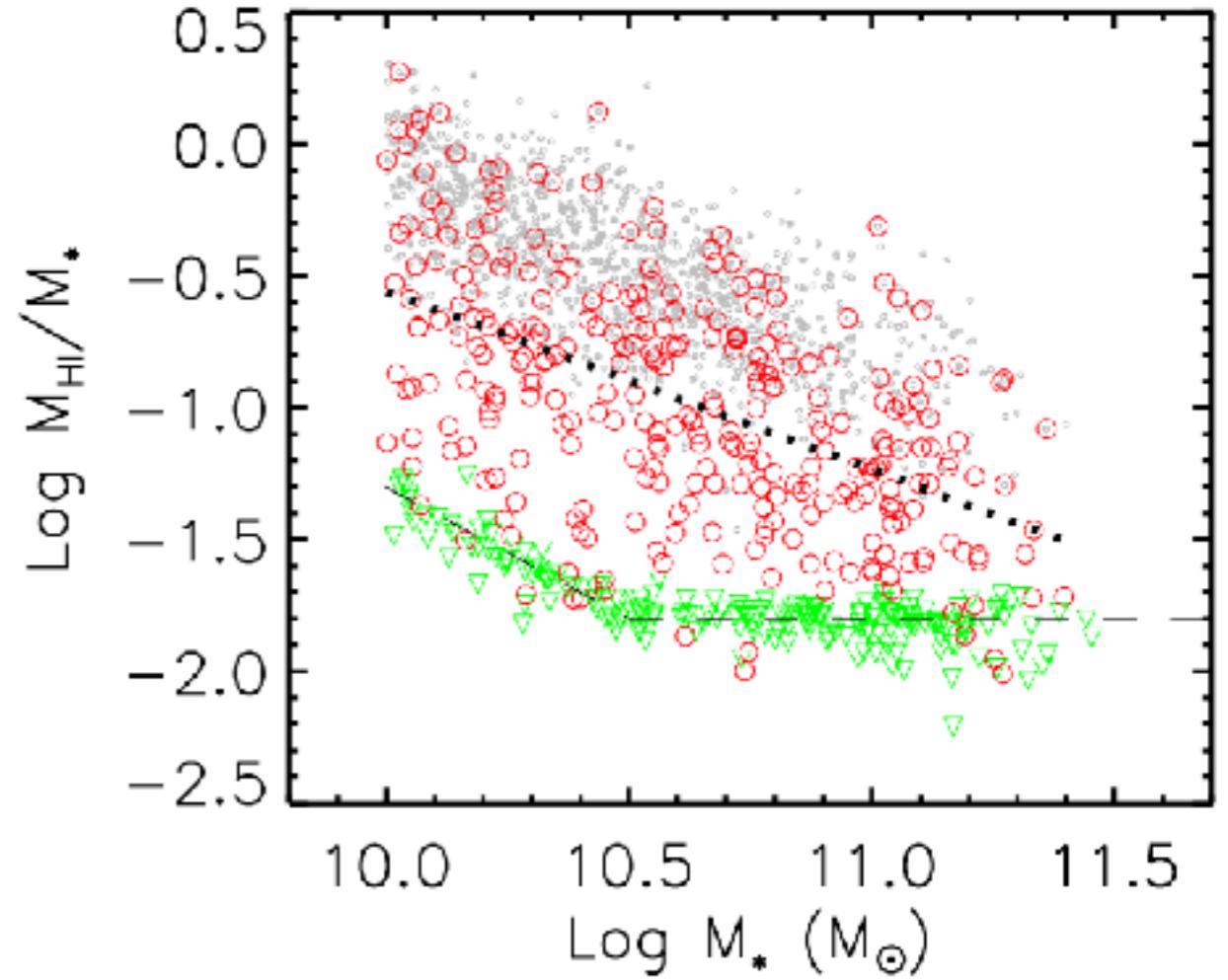
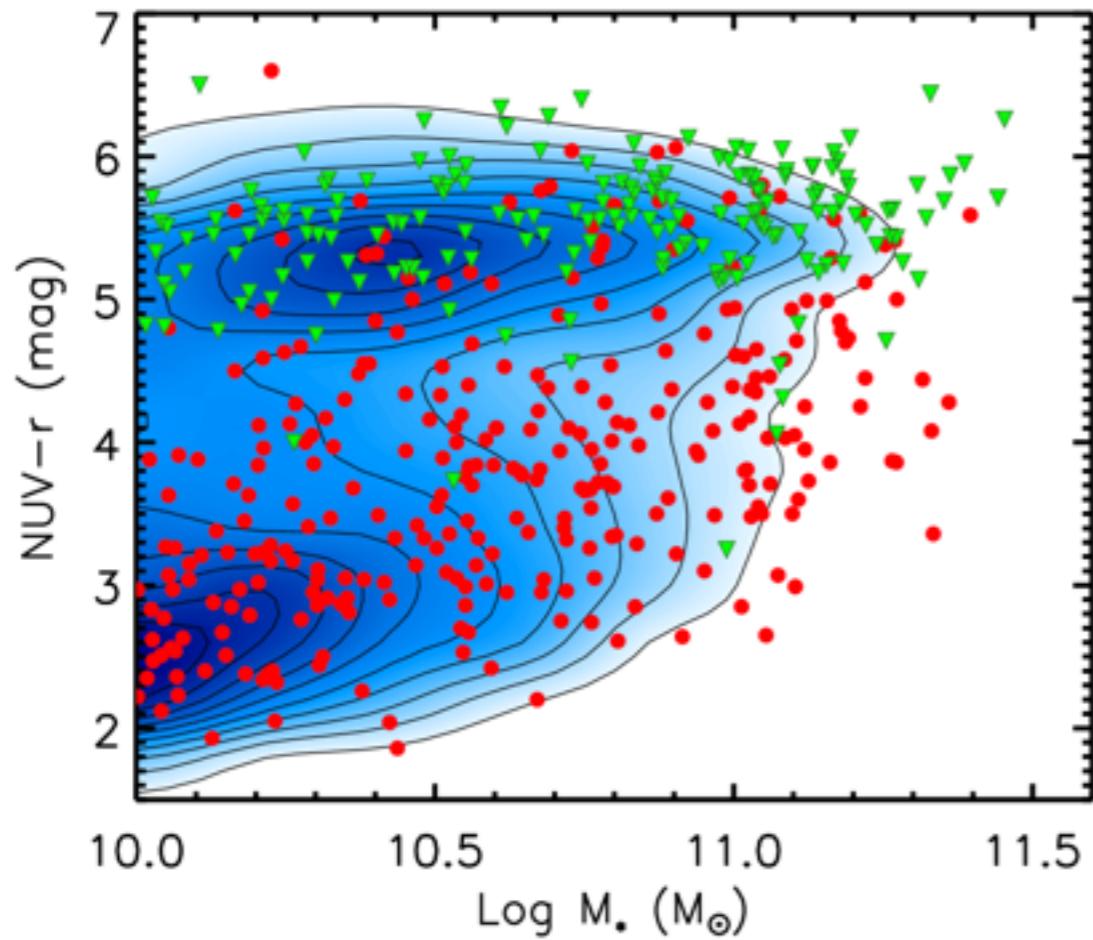
Beyond the MW, don't have access to the same detailed measurements. Key observations include "scaling relations" that show how gas, SFR, stars, dust are related.

The Schmidt-Kennicutt relation is a key scaling connecting galaxy averaged SF surface density and total gas surface density.

Schmidt (1959), Kennicutt (1989, 1998)

# What do we know about ... in other galaxies?

*Diffuse atomic gas*



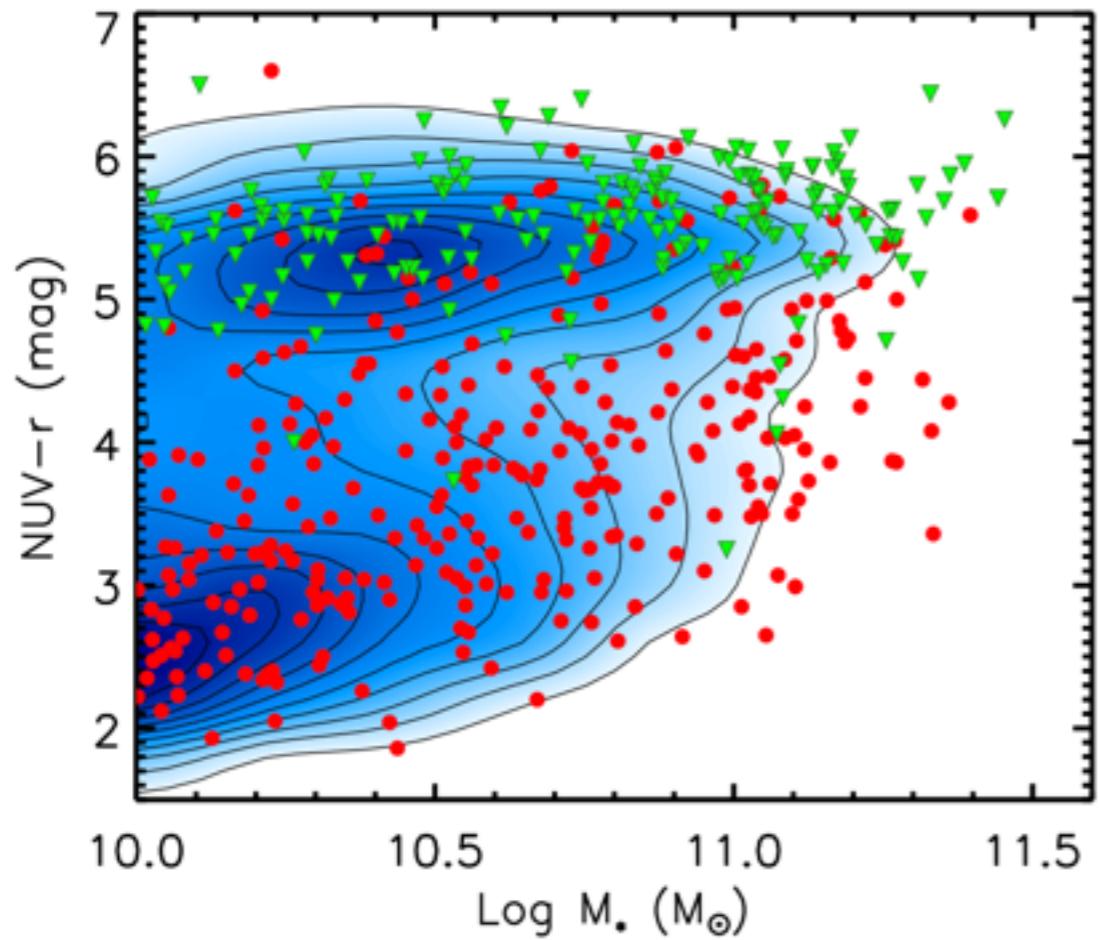
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Catinella et al. 2012 (GALEX-Arecibo-SDSS survey)

HI-to-stellar mass decreases  
with stellar mass

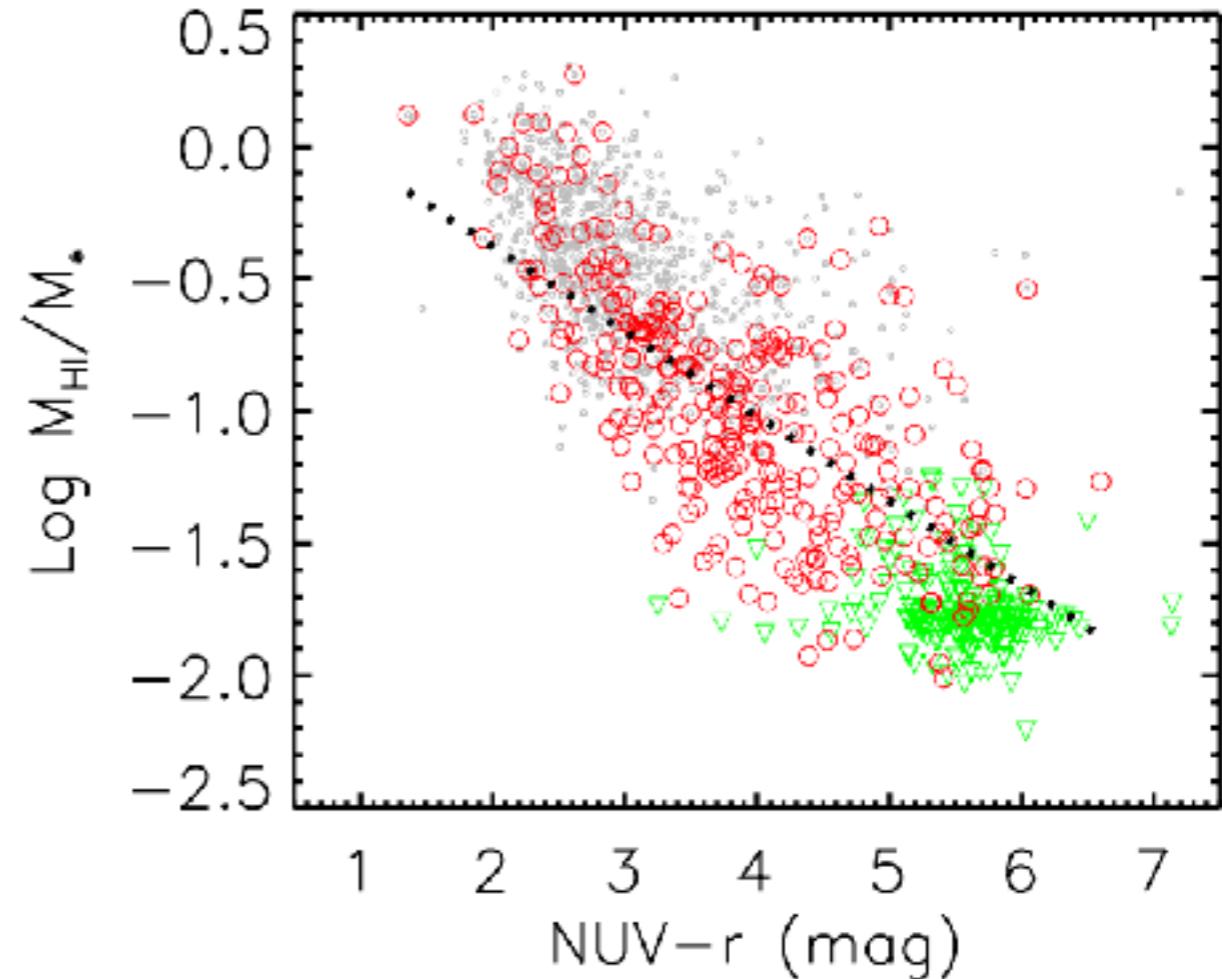
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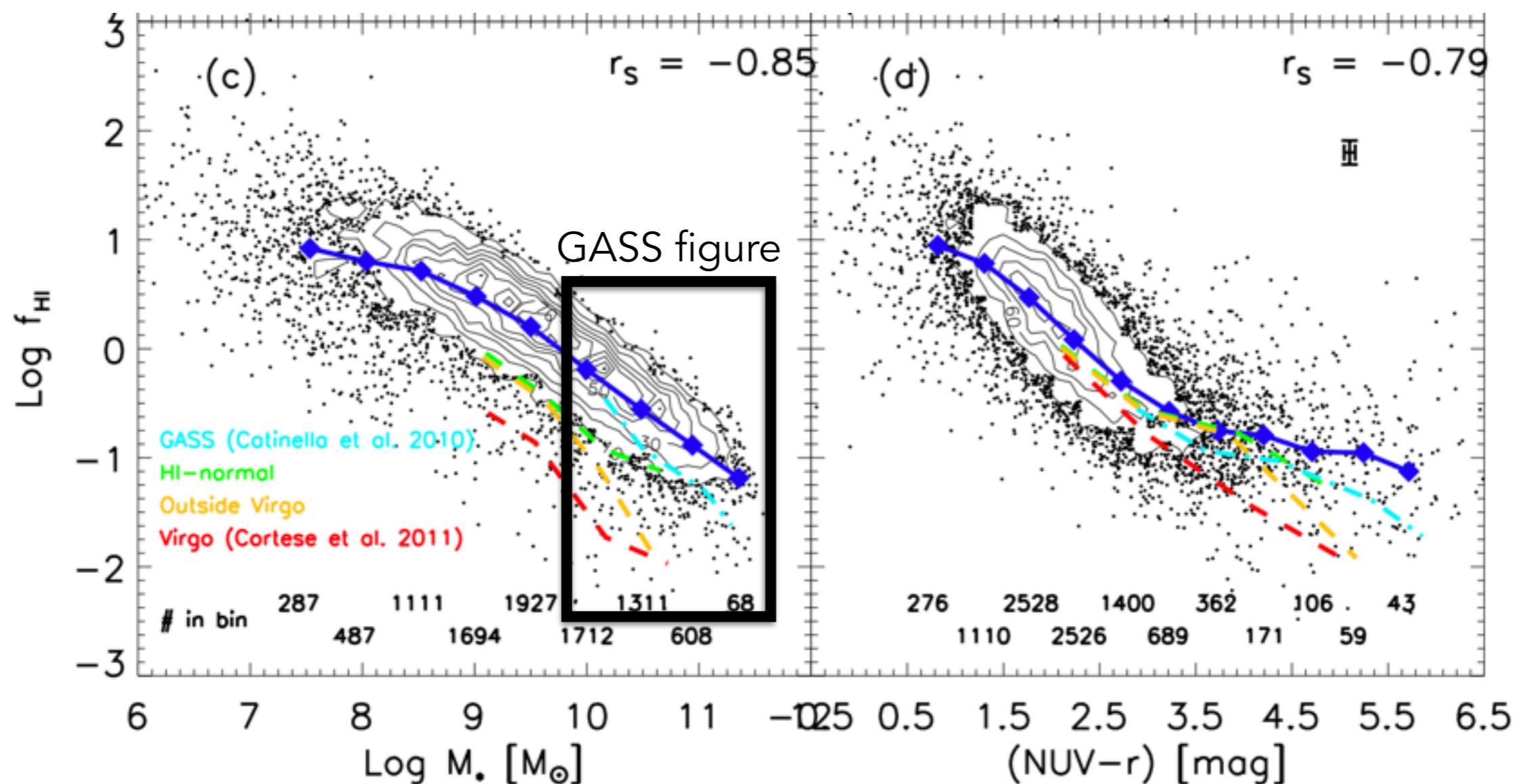
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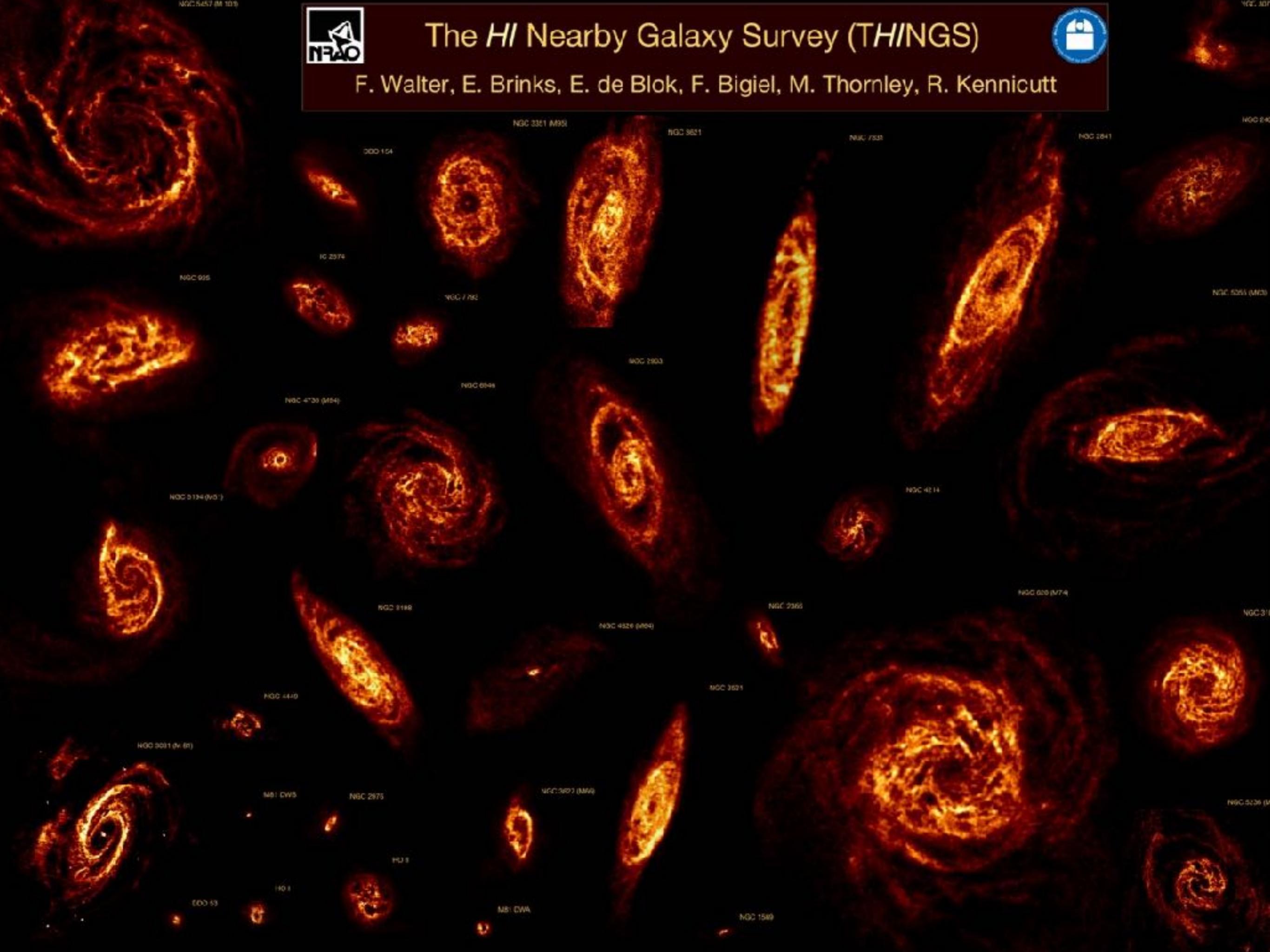
Huang et al. 2012 - compilation of HI surveys (detections only)



## The HI Nearby Galaxy Survey (THINGS)

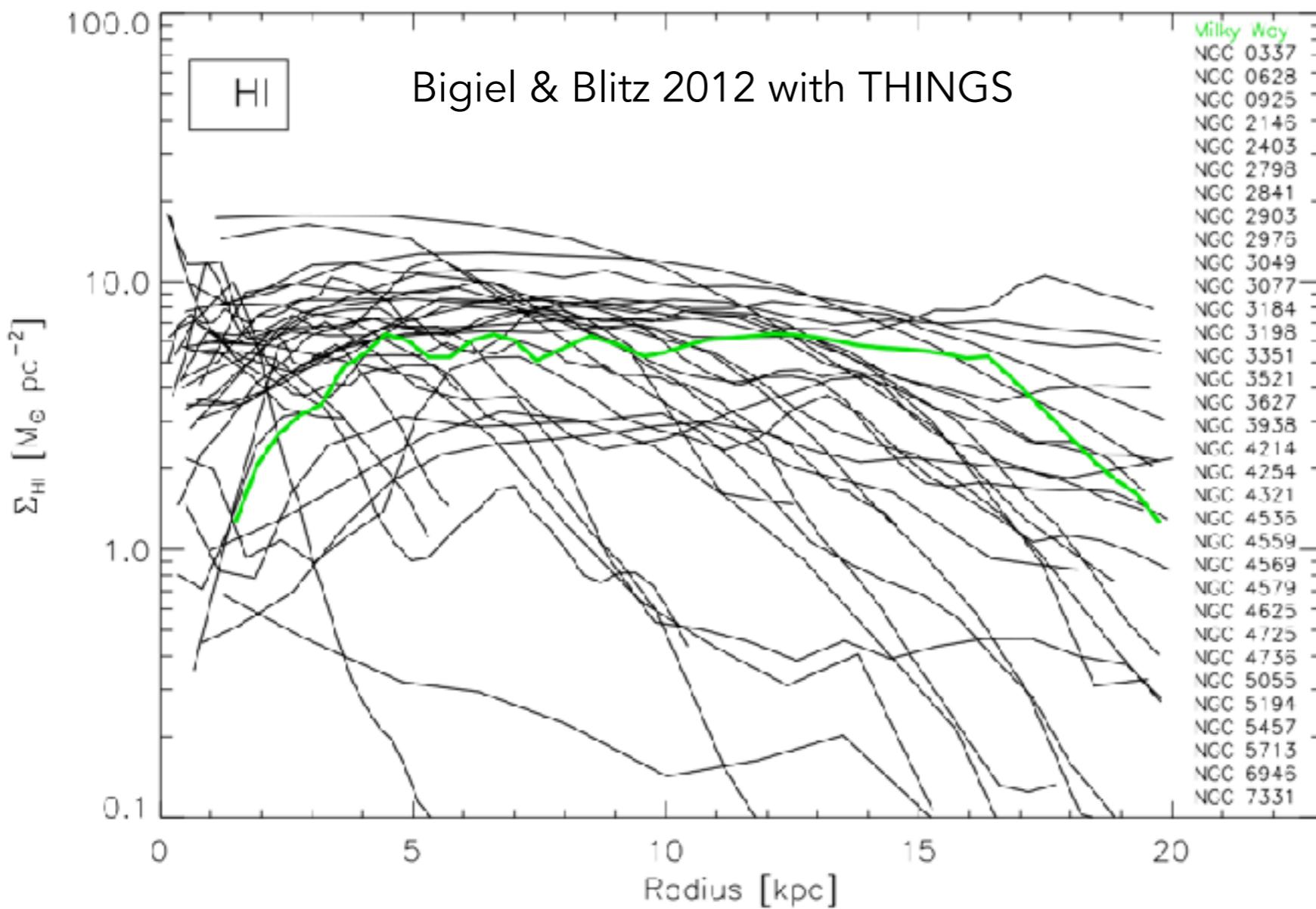


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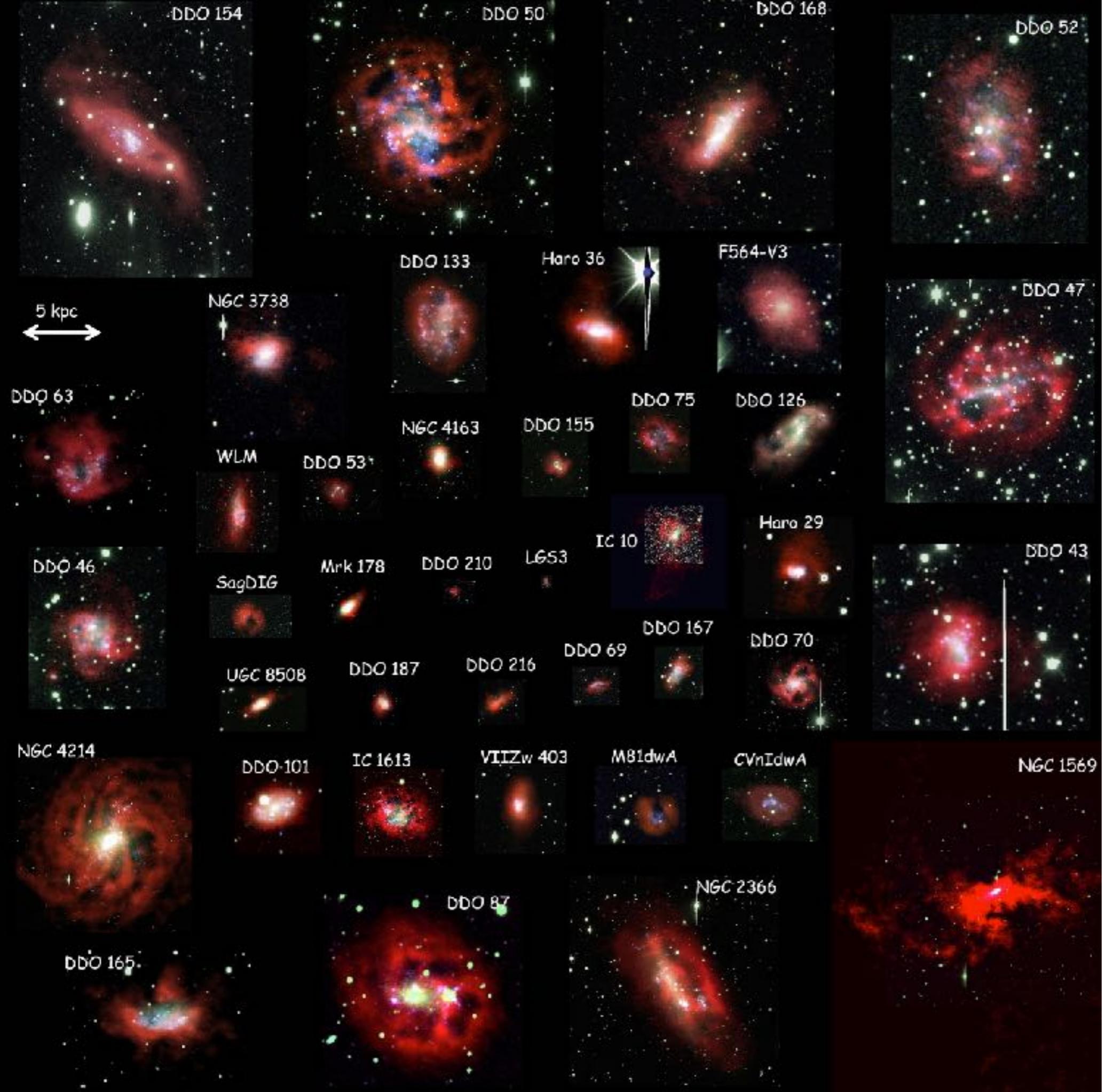
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HI radial profiles  
in spiral galaxies  
tend to be  
quite flat

# The LITTLE THINGS Survey

Hunter et al. 2011



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- From galaxy integrated measurements:
  - quiescent galaxies have little HI
  - HI fraction decreases w/stellar mass for star forming galaxies
  - dwarf galaxies are very HI rich
- From galaxy resolved measurements
  - star forming spiral galaxies have somewhat flat HI radial profiles
  - dwarf galaxies have abundant, patchy HI, full of holes

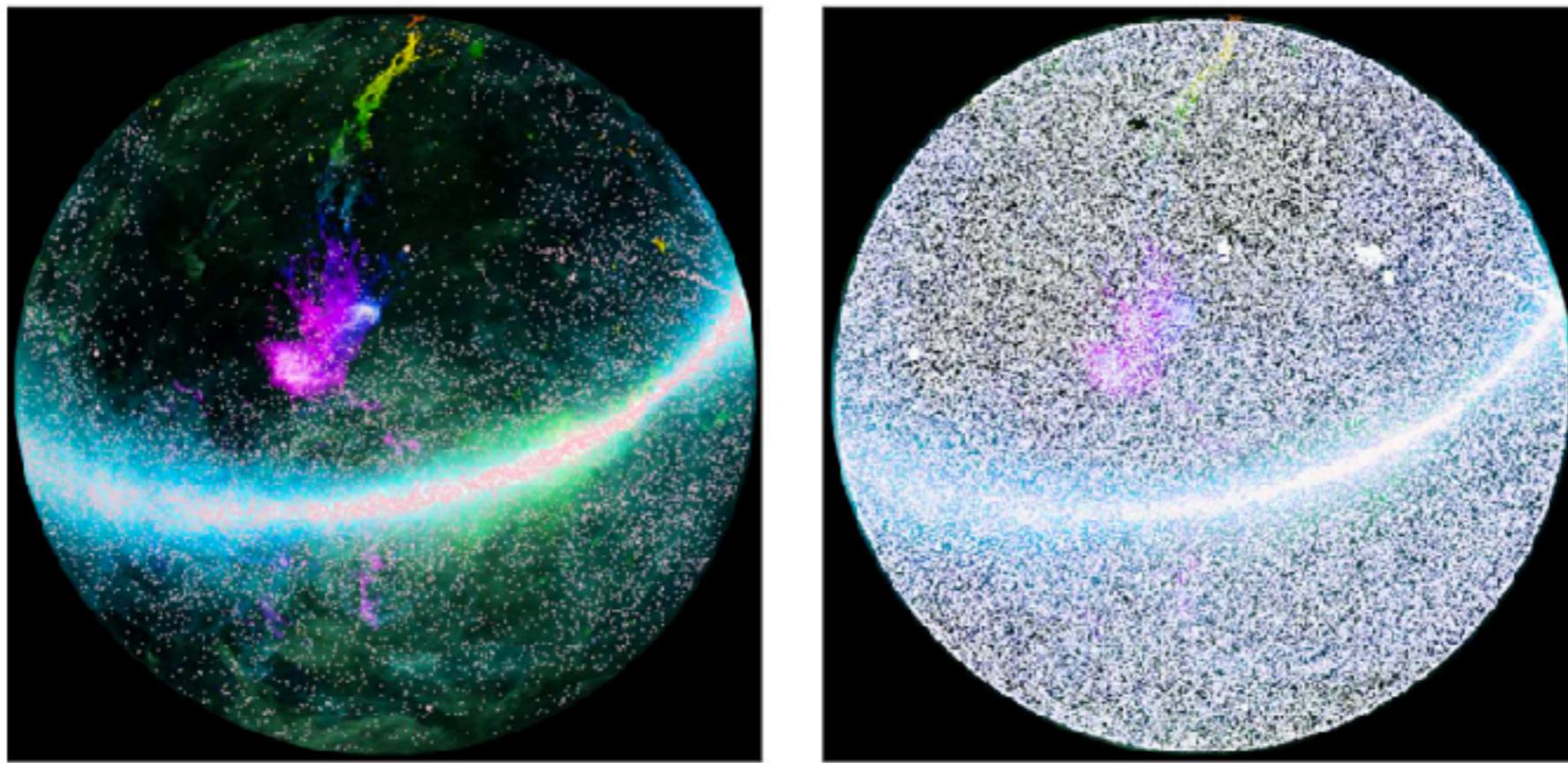
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## *CNM/WNM phase balance*

- Need HI absorption - requires background radio sources which are scarce and limits us to BIG galaxies on the sky.  
This means: LMC, SMC, M31, M33 for the most part.
- Key reference for M31, M33: Dickey & Brinks 1993
  - Warm neutral medium dominates, as in the MW.
  - M31 has more CNM than MW, M33 has less
- Key reference for the SMC: Dickey et al. 2000 shows even scarcer CNM than MW or M33

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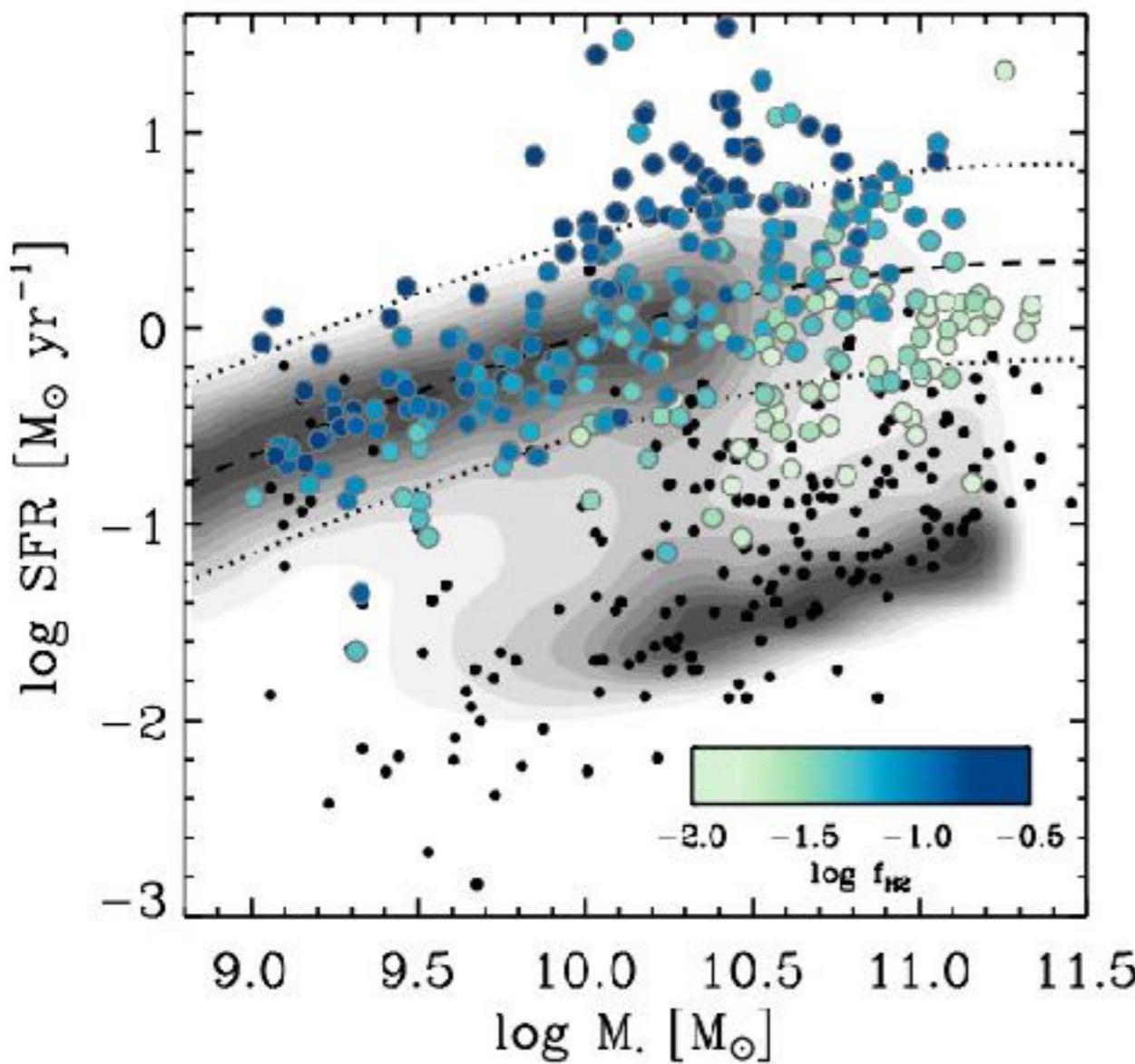


**Figure 4:** Source density of H I absorption measurements expected with SKA1 of the WNM (left) and the CNM (right). Each dot is an anticipated absorption measurement. The color image in the background is H I emission, where color represents velocity from the Parkes Galactic All-Sky Survey (McClure-Griffiths et al. 2009).

McClure-Griffiths et al. 2015

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## Molecular Gas



Quiescent galaxies have very low  $\text{H}_2$  fractions.

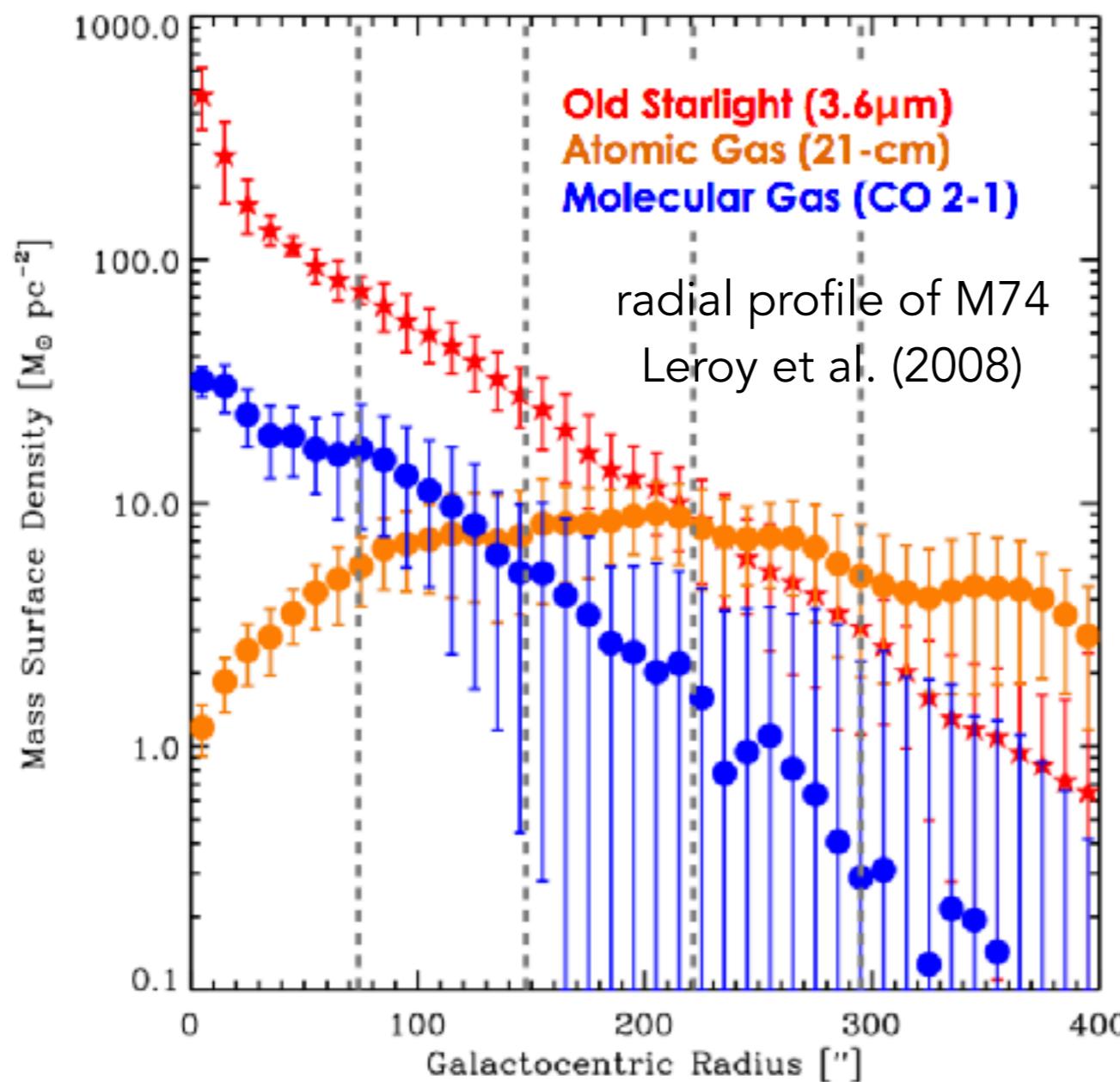
$\text{H}_2$  fraction is correlated with the specific star formation rate of star-forming galaxies.

“starburst galaxies” have very high  $\text{H}_2$  fractions.

Saintonge et al. 2017 (xCOLDGASS survey)

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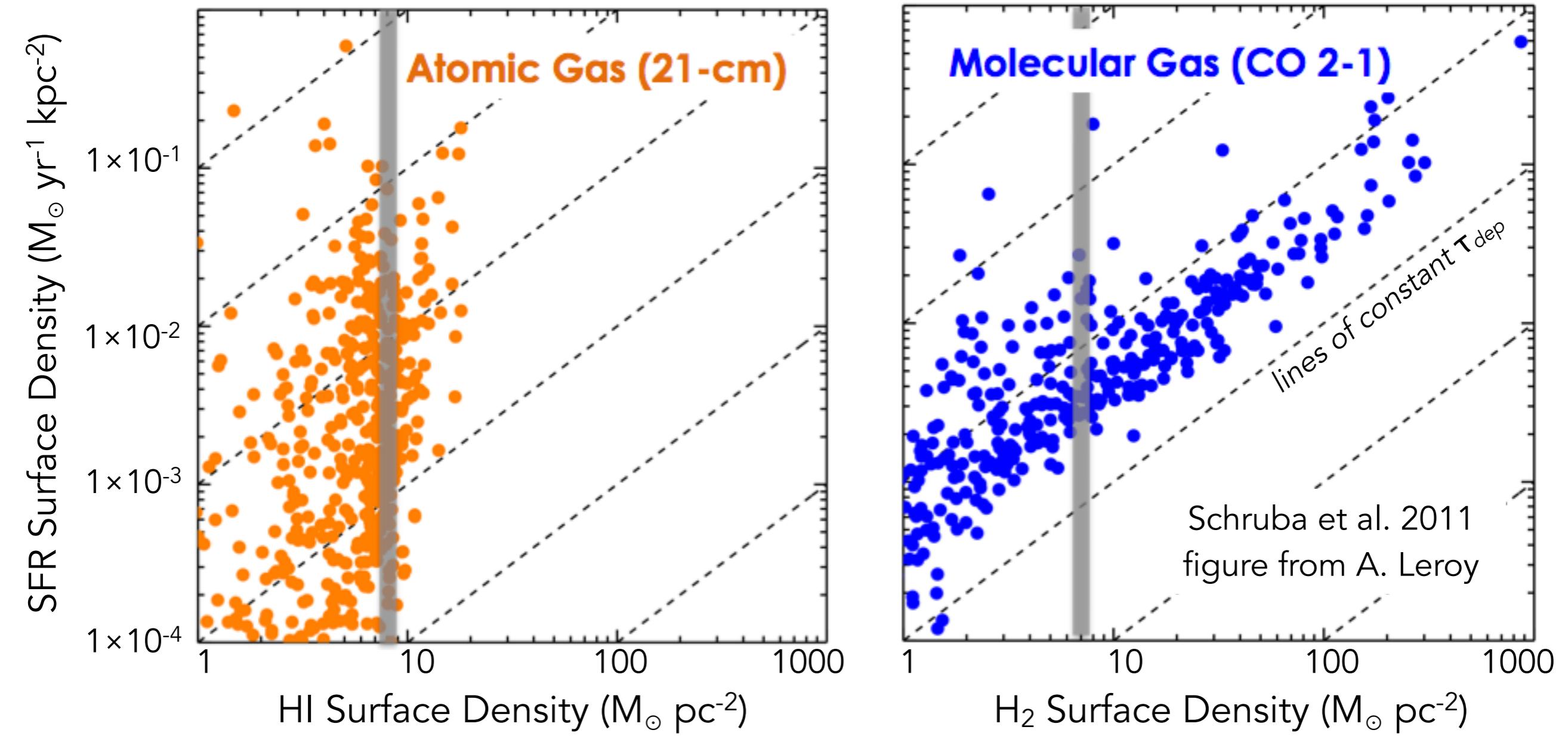


Molecular gas surface density generally tracks the stellar mass surface density profile.

Around  $\Sigma \sim 10 \text{ M}_\odot/\text{pc}^2$   $\text{H}_2$  takes over as the dominant form of gas.

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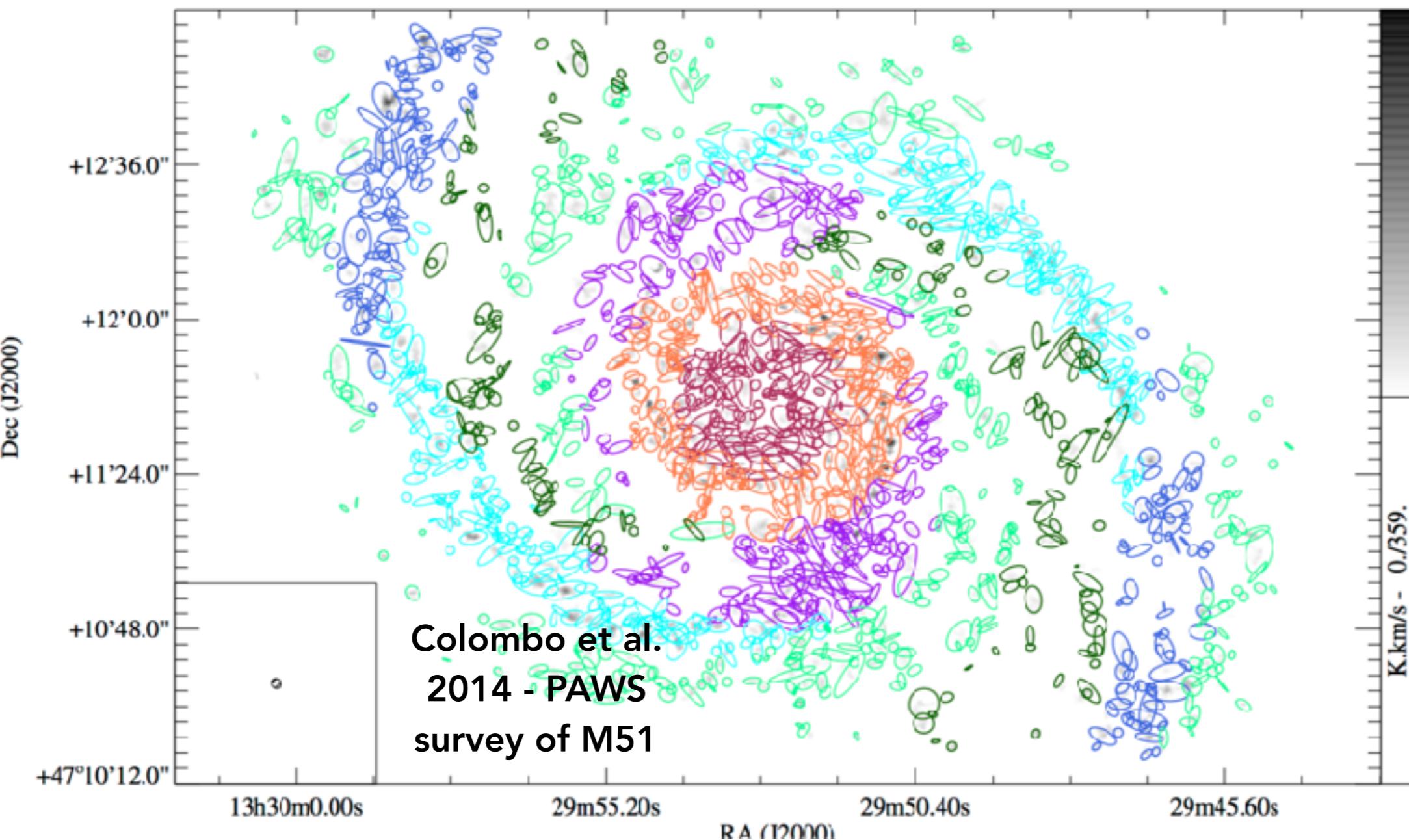
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Star formation is correlated with  $H_2$  not HI.

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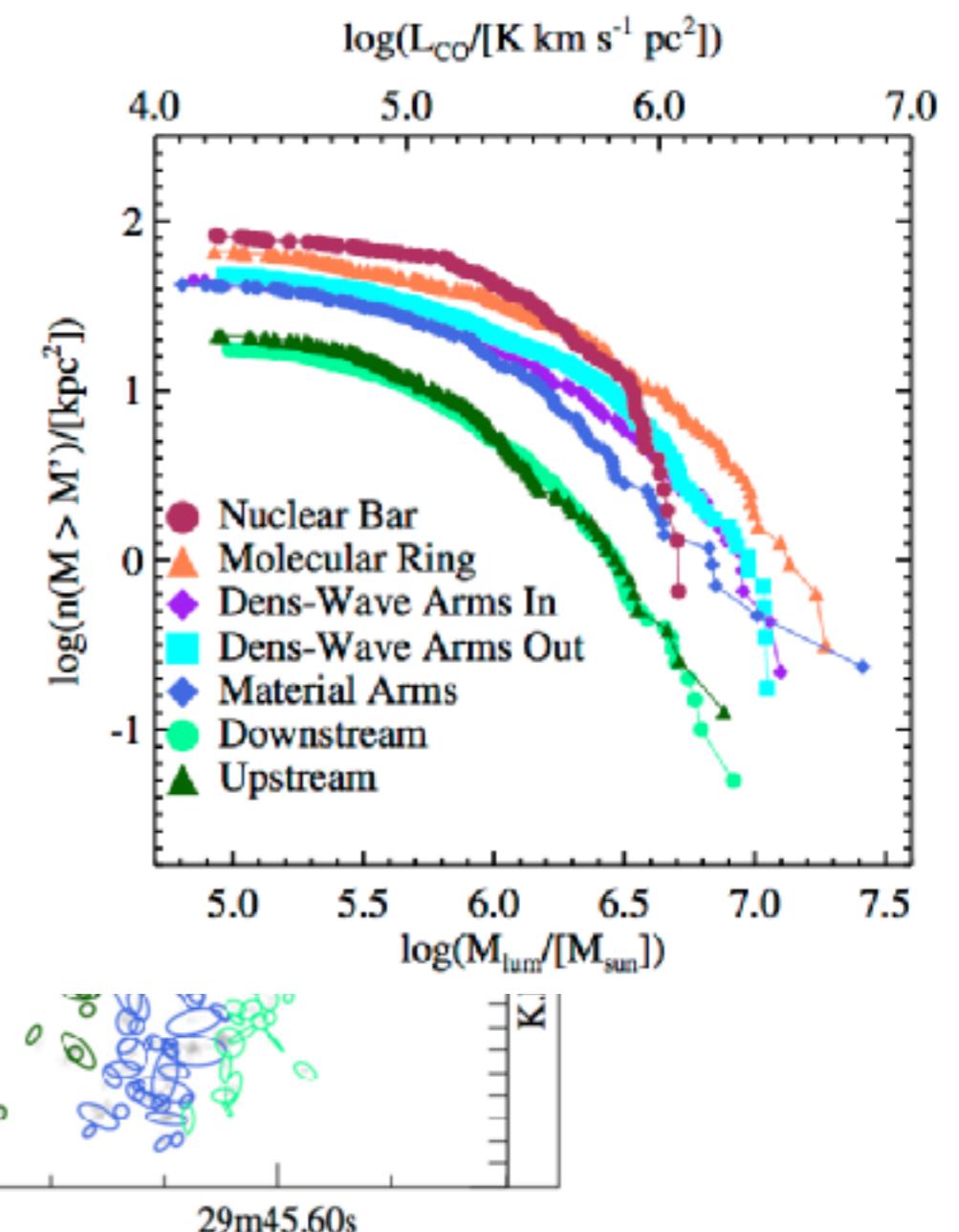
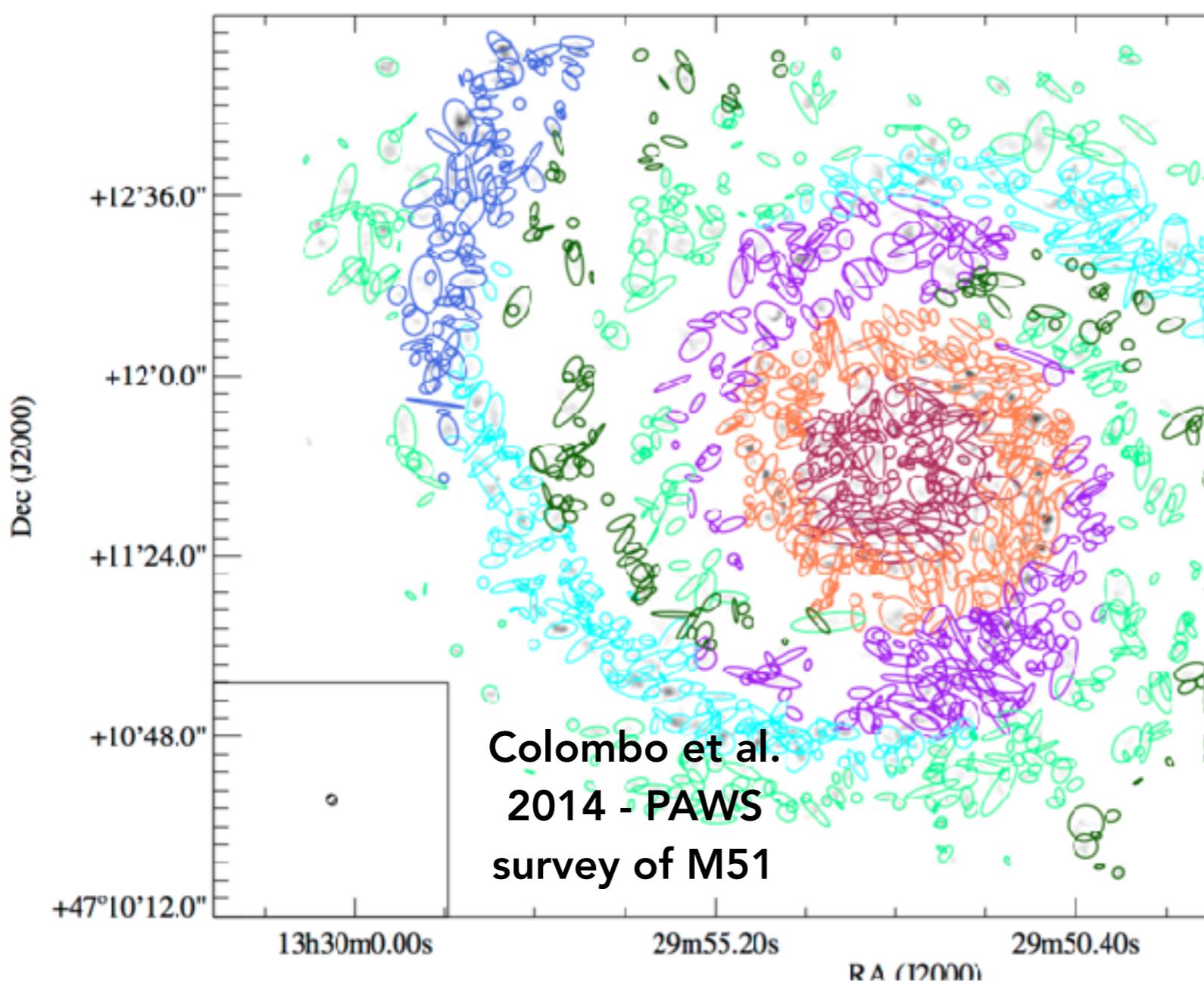
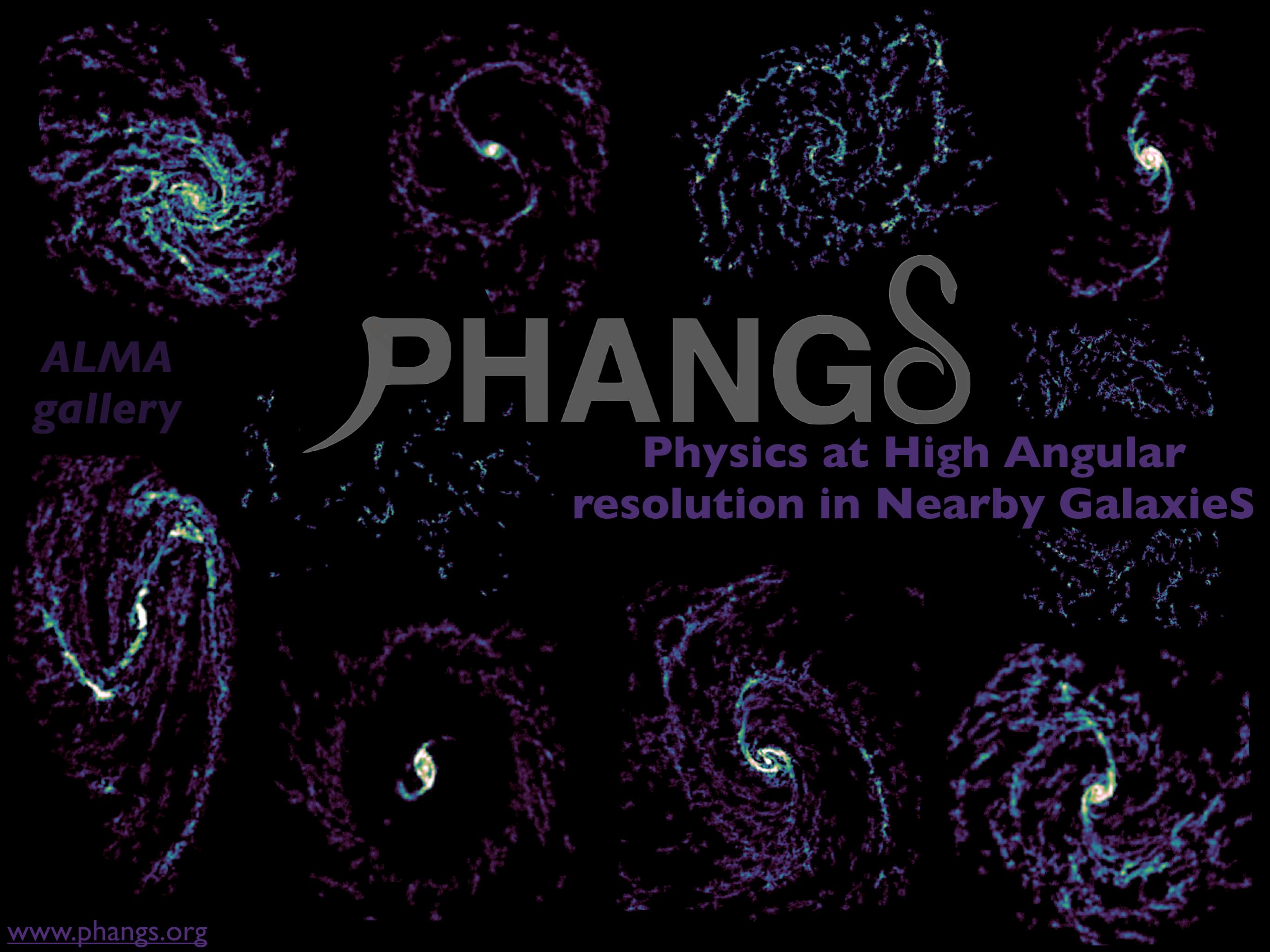




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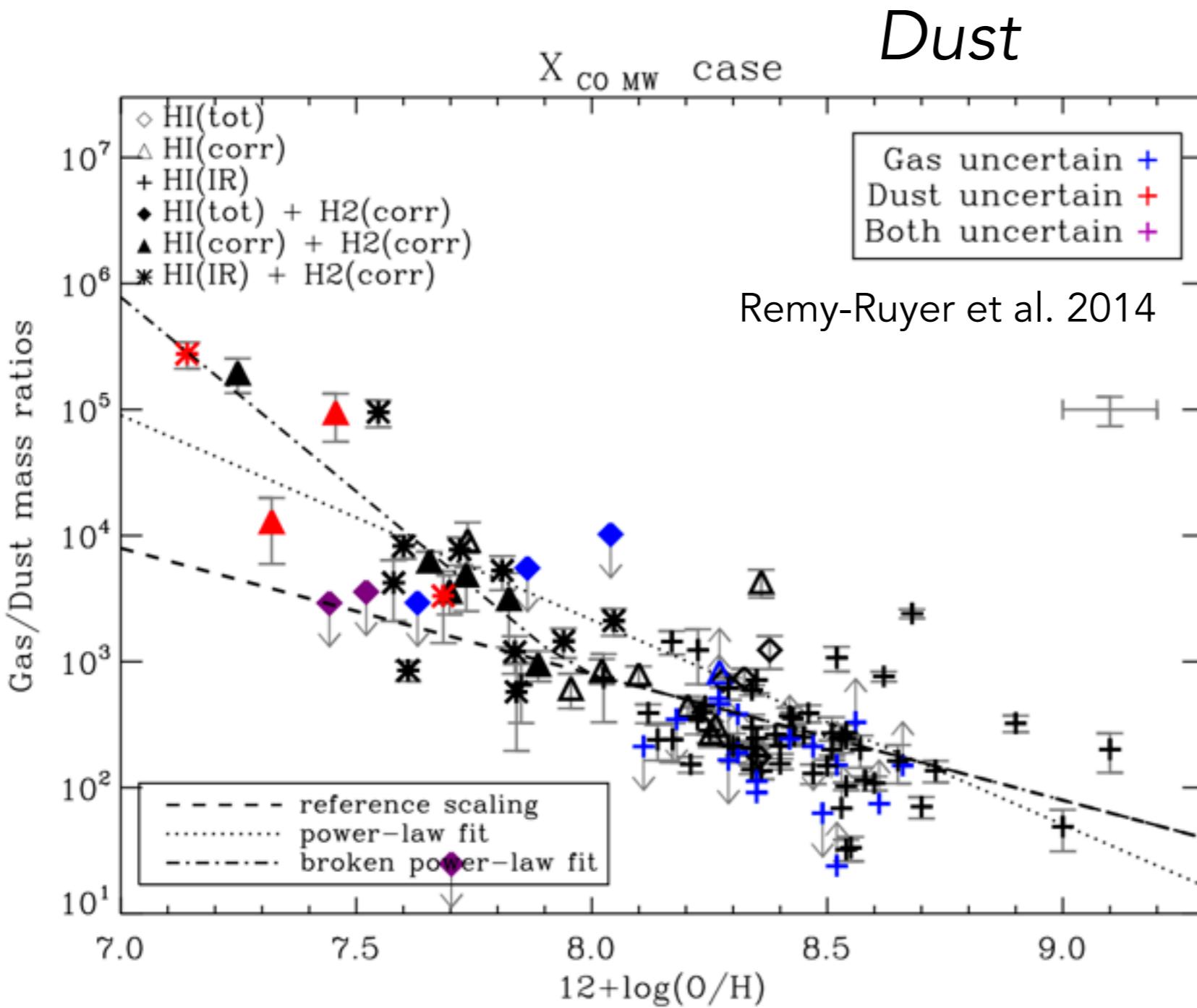


**ALMA**  
*gallery*

# PHANGS

**Physics at High Angular  
resolution in Nearby GalaxieS**

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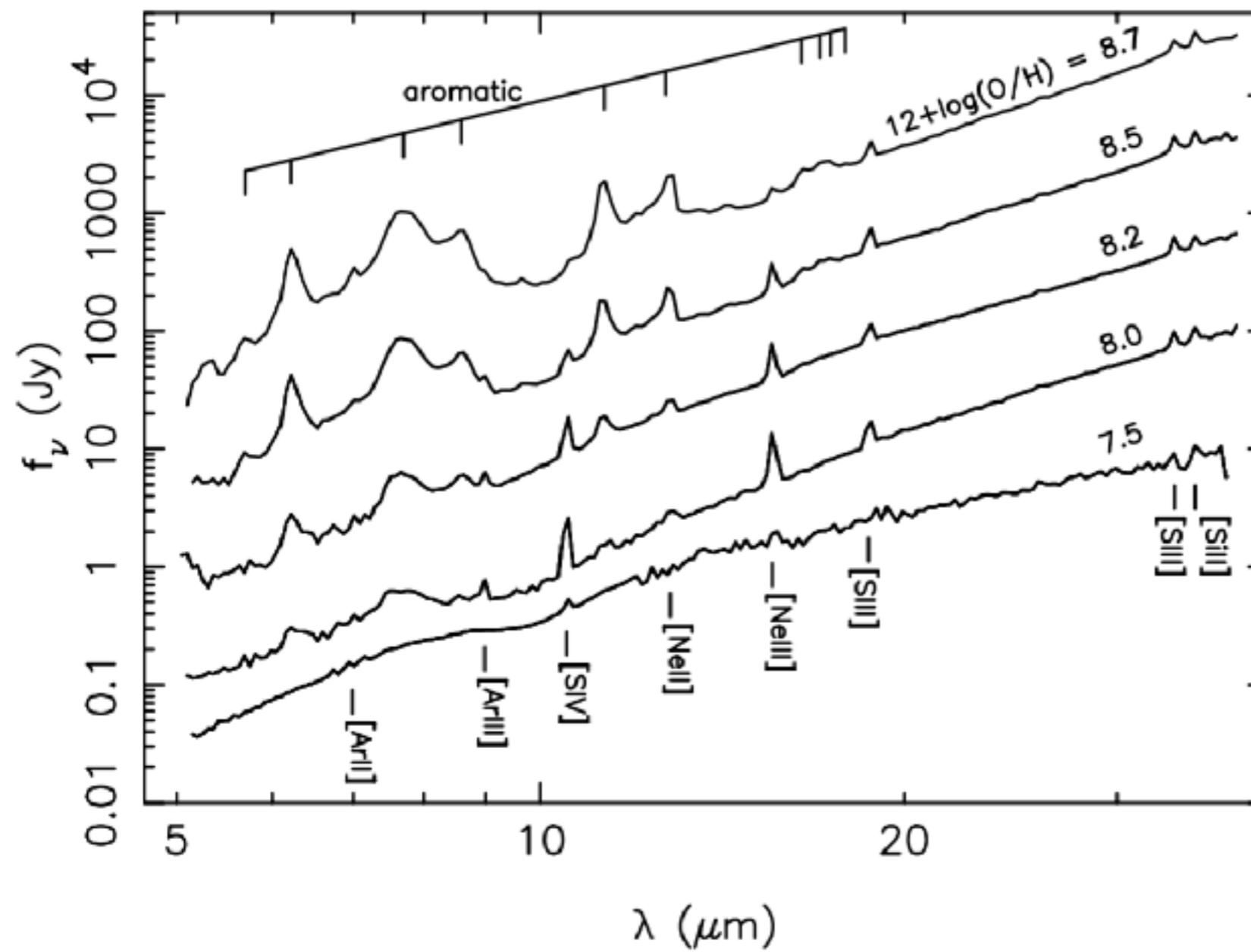


Dust-to-gas ratio tracks metallicity for high Z galaxies but becomes very non-linear at low Z.

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Engelbracht et al. 2008

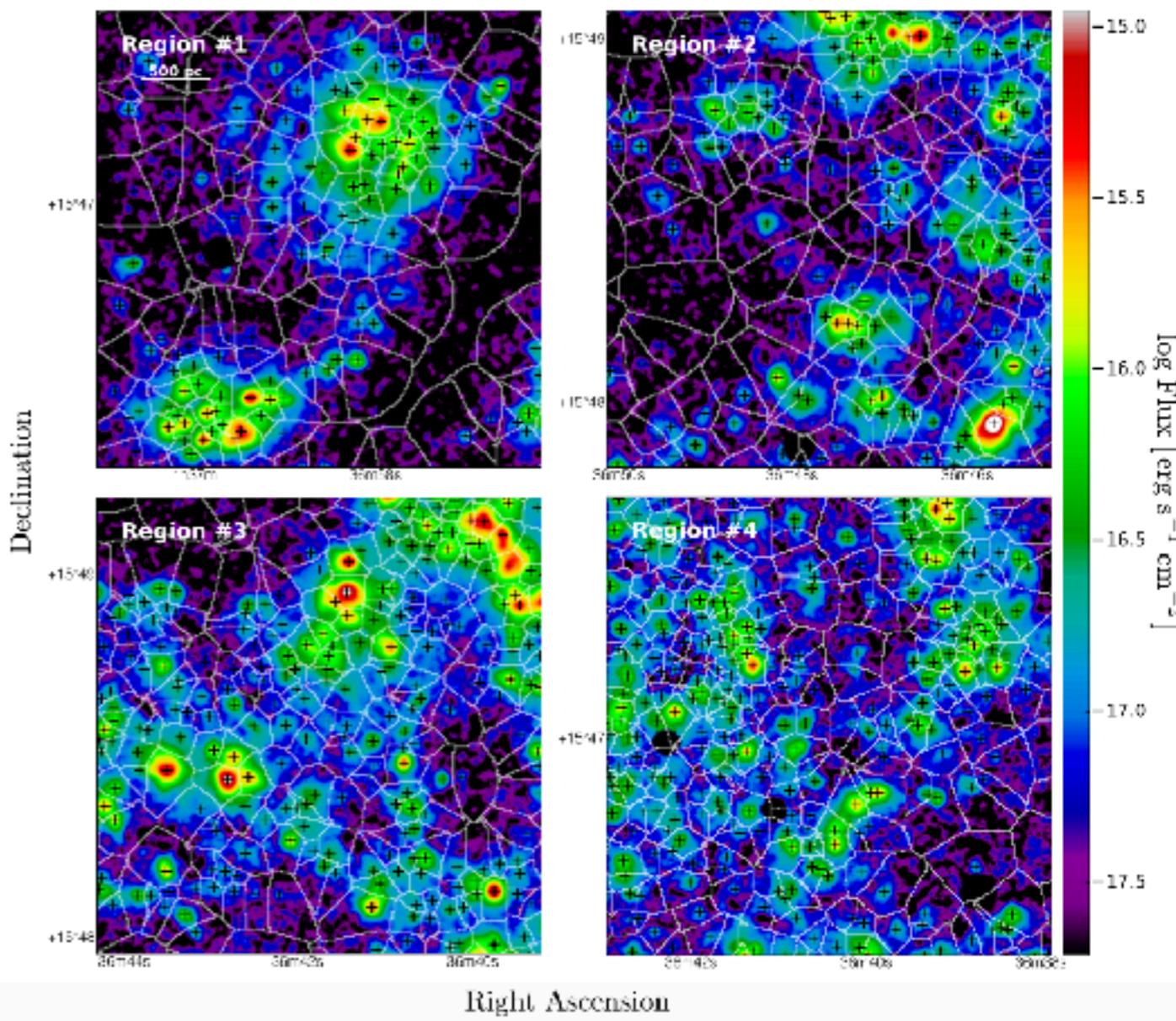
Dust



Small PAH grains  
disappear as the  
metallicity gets low.

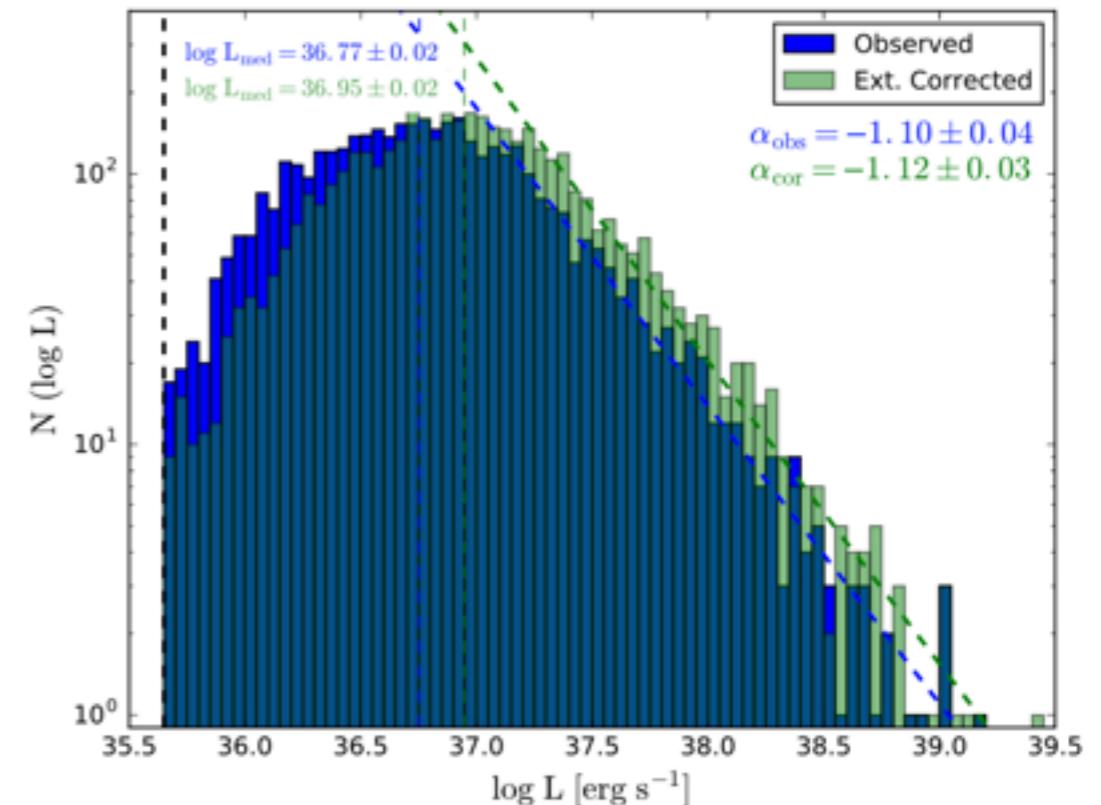
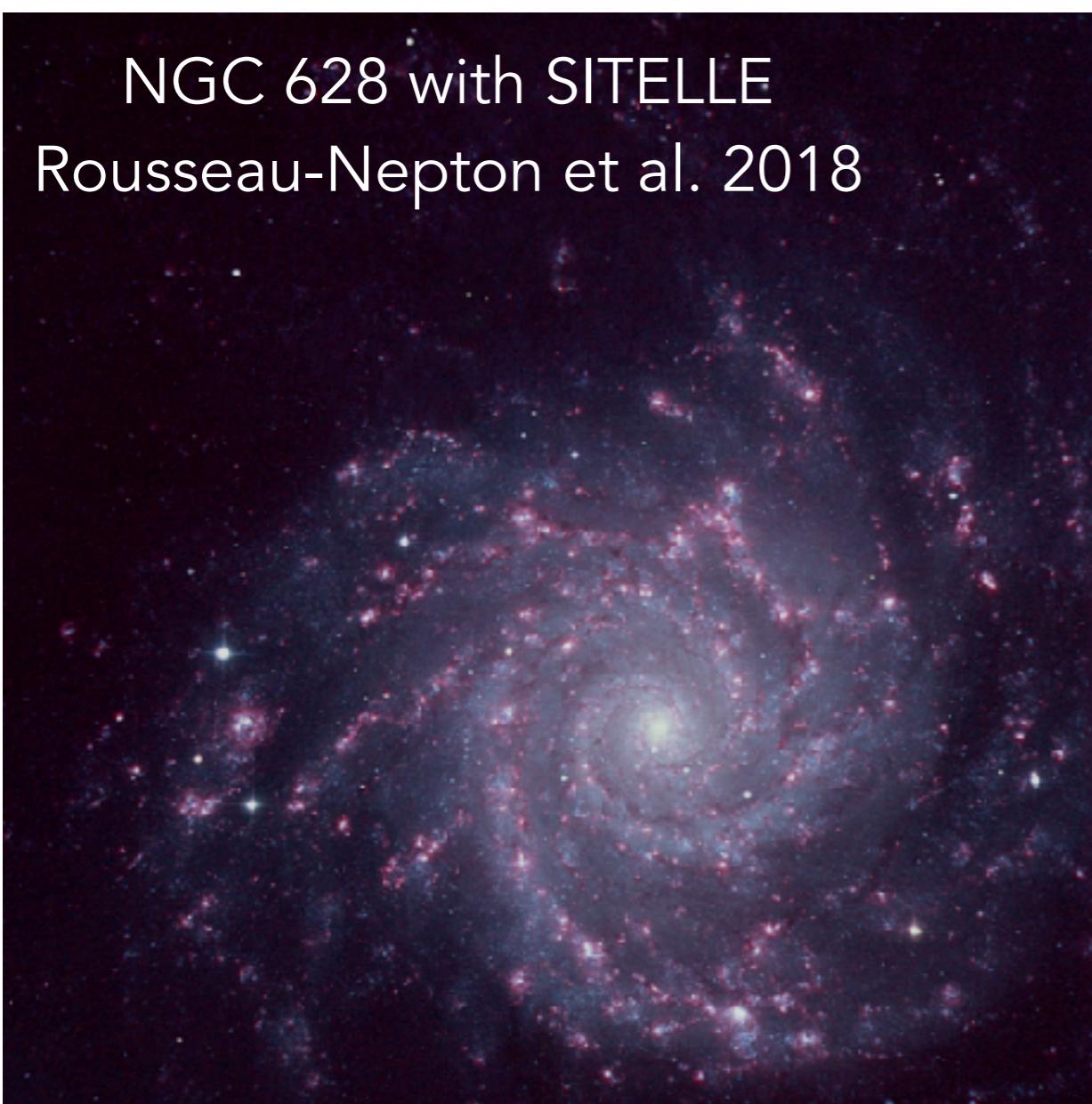
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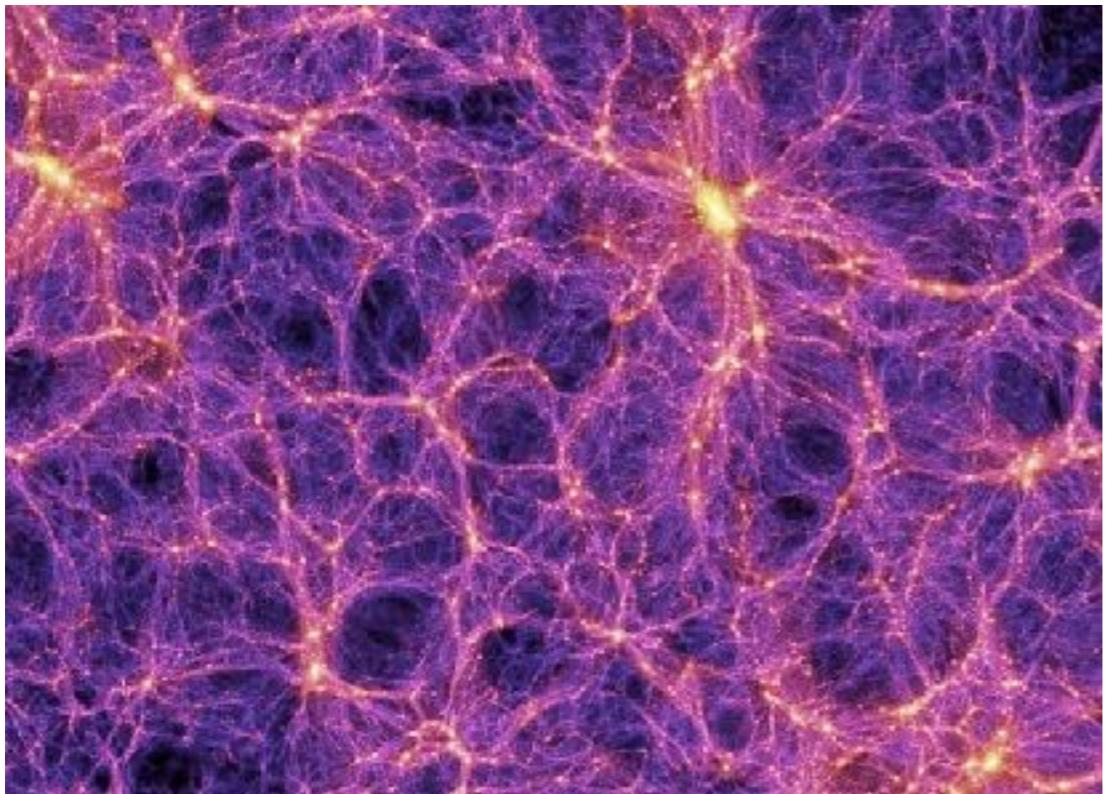
**Figure 18.** The H $\alpha$  luminosity function of the 4158 HII region candidates before (in blue) and after (in green) the extinction correction. The slope  $\alpha$  is evaluated in the luminosity range  $\log(L_{\text{med}})+0.2$  to 39.3 in both cases. The vertical lines in blue and green indicate the median value for each case. The vertical line in black shows the detection limit.

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a lot, but there is much to learn!

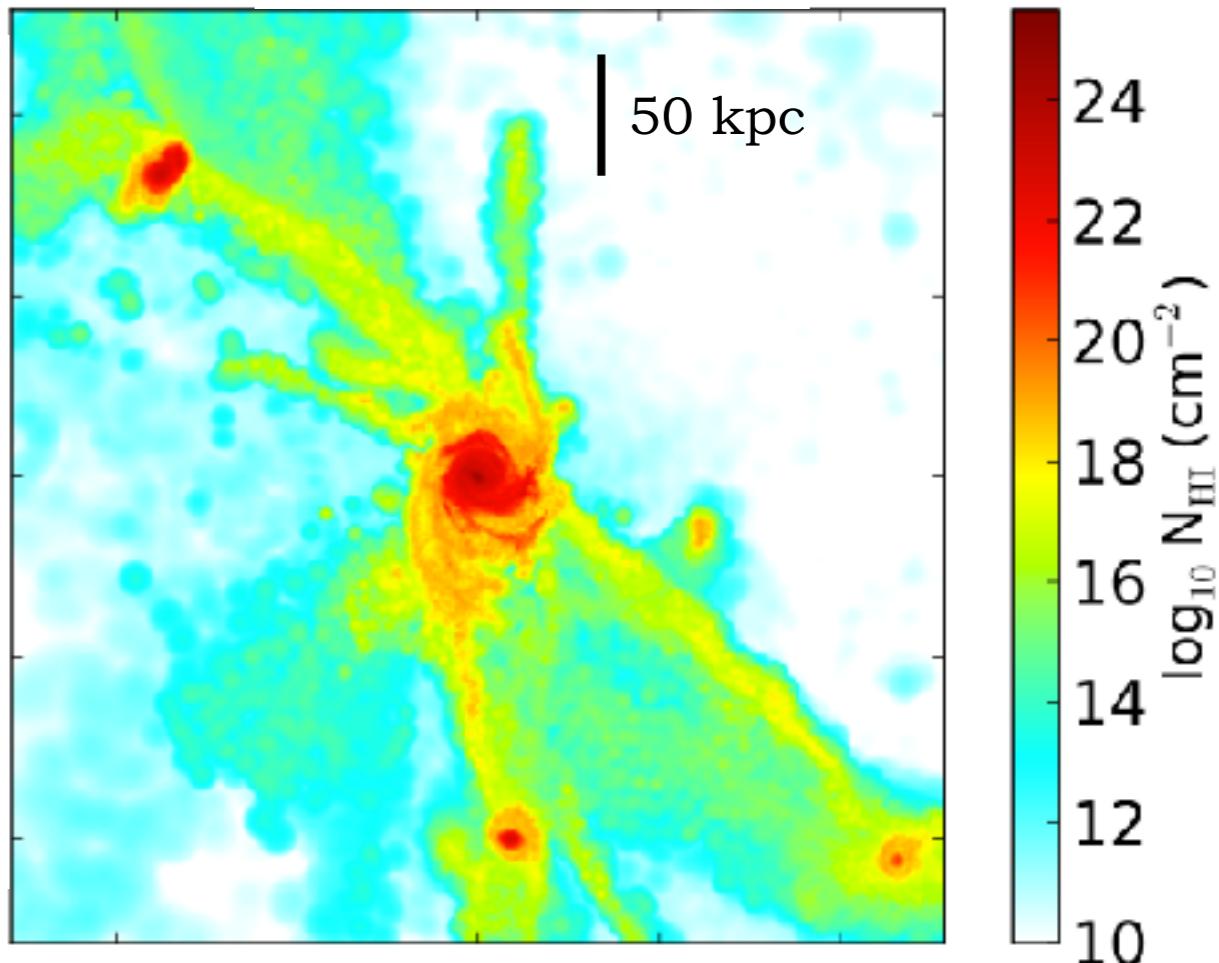
Zooming back out to the big picture...

## Dark Matter & Structure Growth



*Millennium Simulation* (Springel et al. 2005)  
cosmological dark matter only simulation

## Gas Supply



*HI around  $z=4.0$  DM halo* (Bird et al. 2012)  
cosmological moving mesh sim, w/gas & DM

## Star Formation



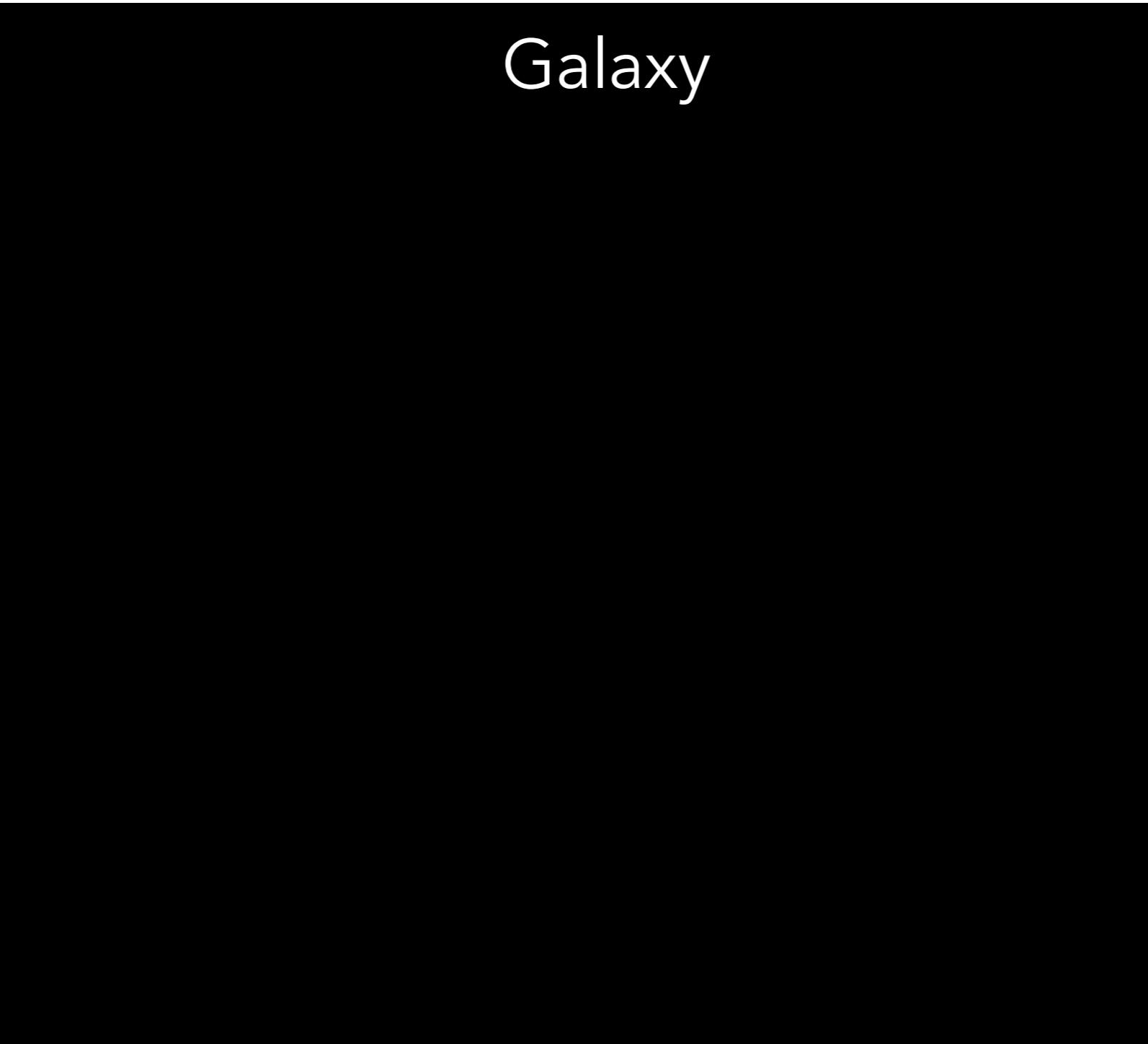
M51 Hubble ACS imaging  
Credit: NASA/ESA/Hubble Heritage

*gas supply regulation  
includes: AGN & Feedback*

Galaxy

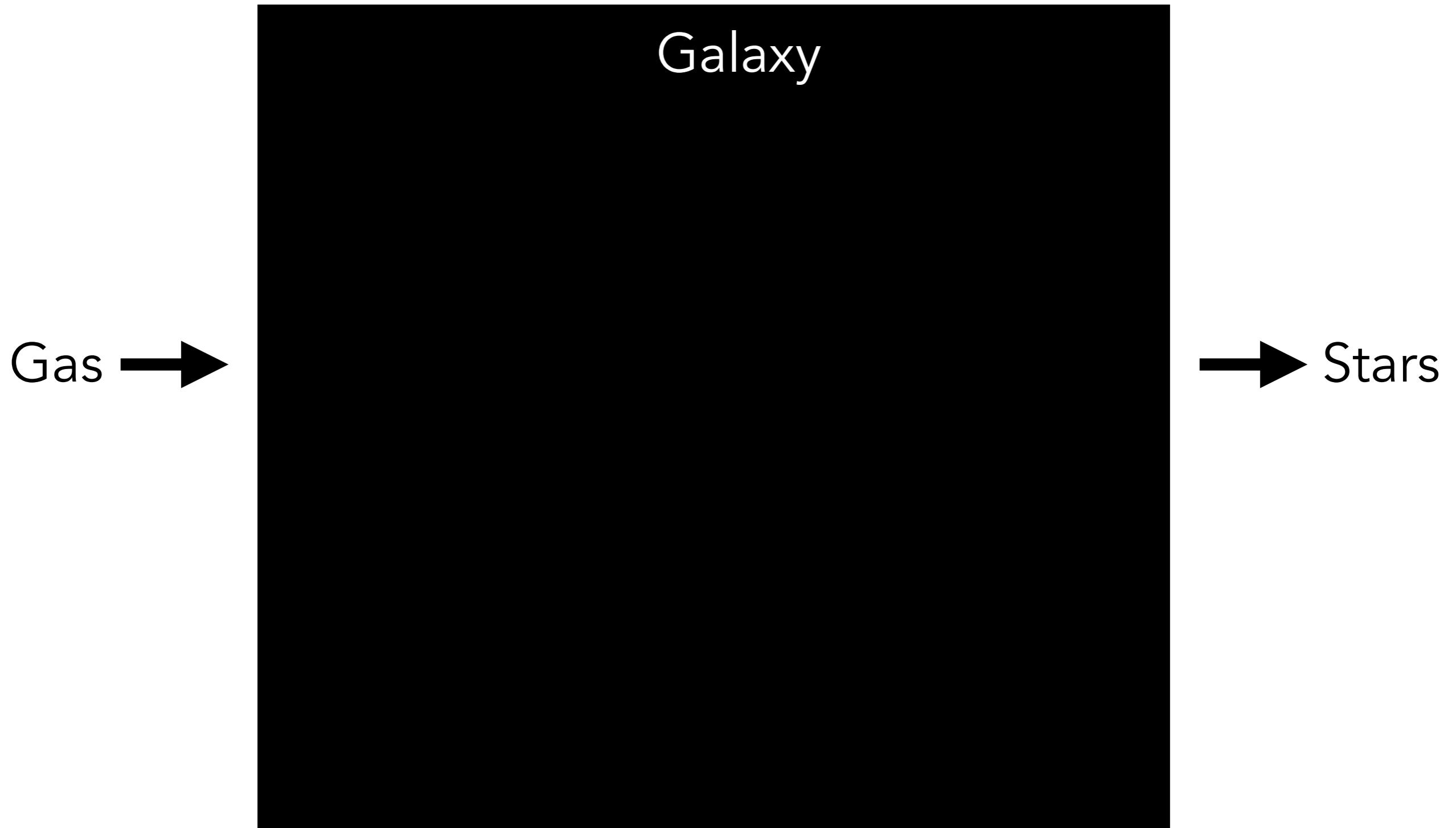
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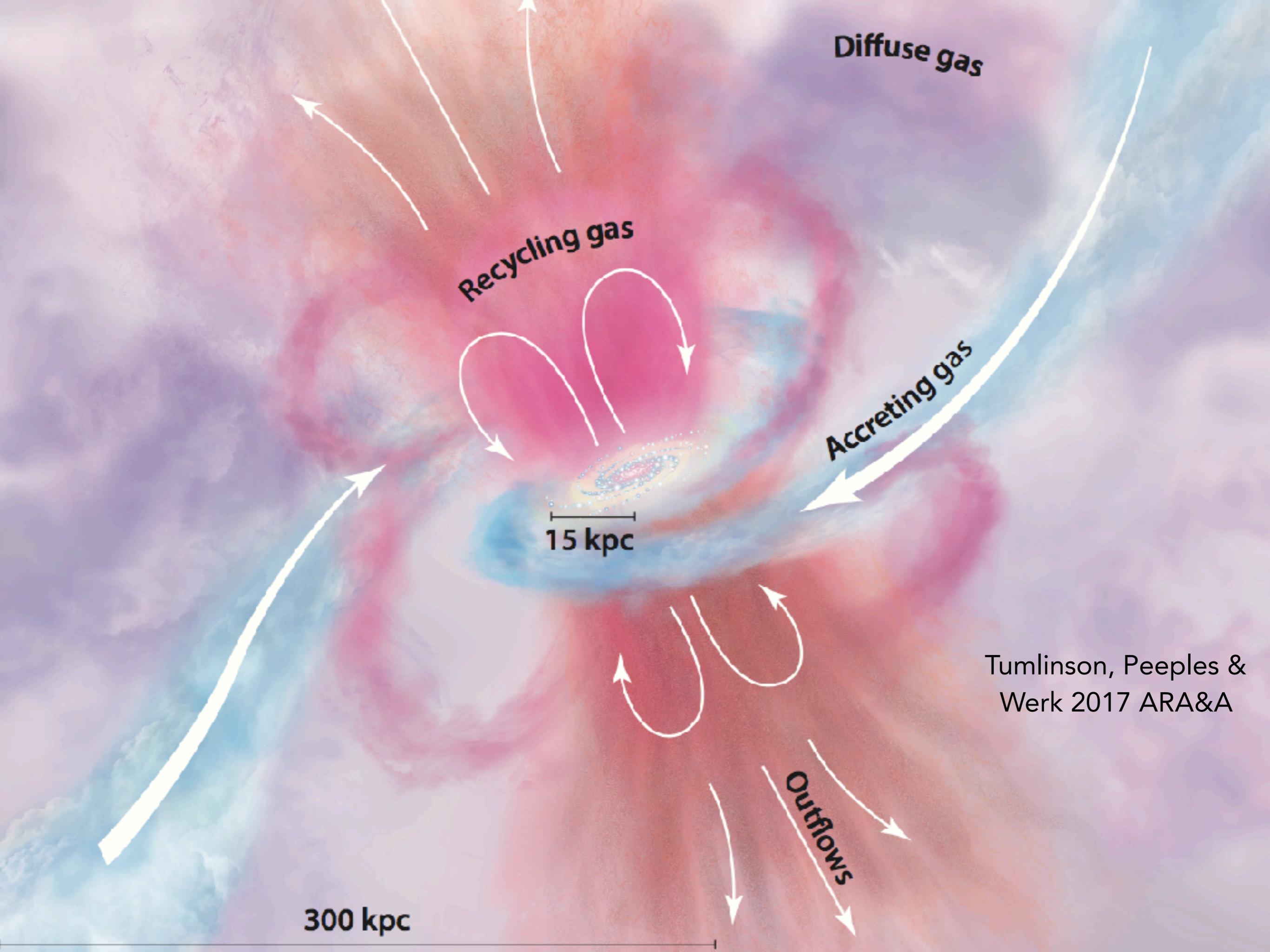


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At what rate will it form stars?



Tumlinson, Peeples &  
Werk 2017 ARA&A

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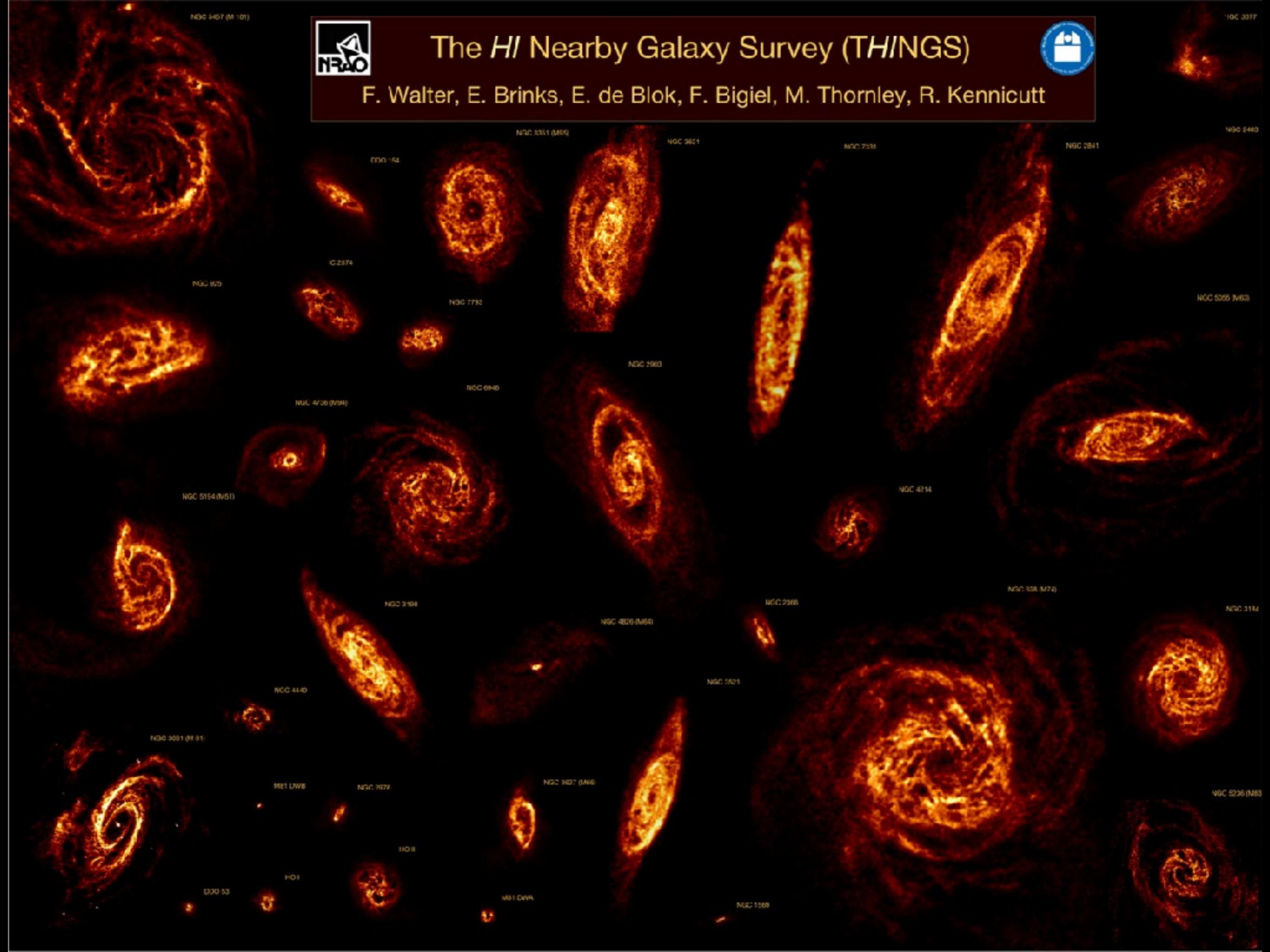
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## The HI Nearby Galaxy Survey (THINGS)



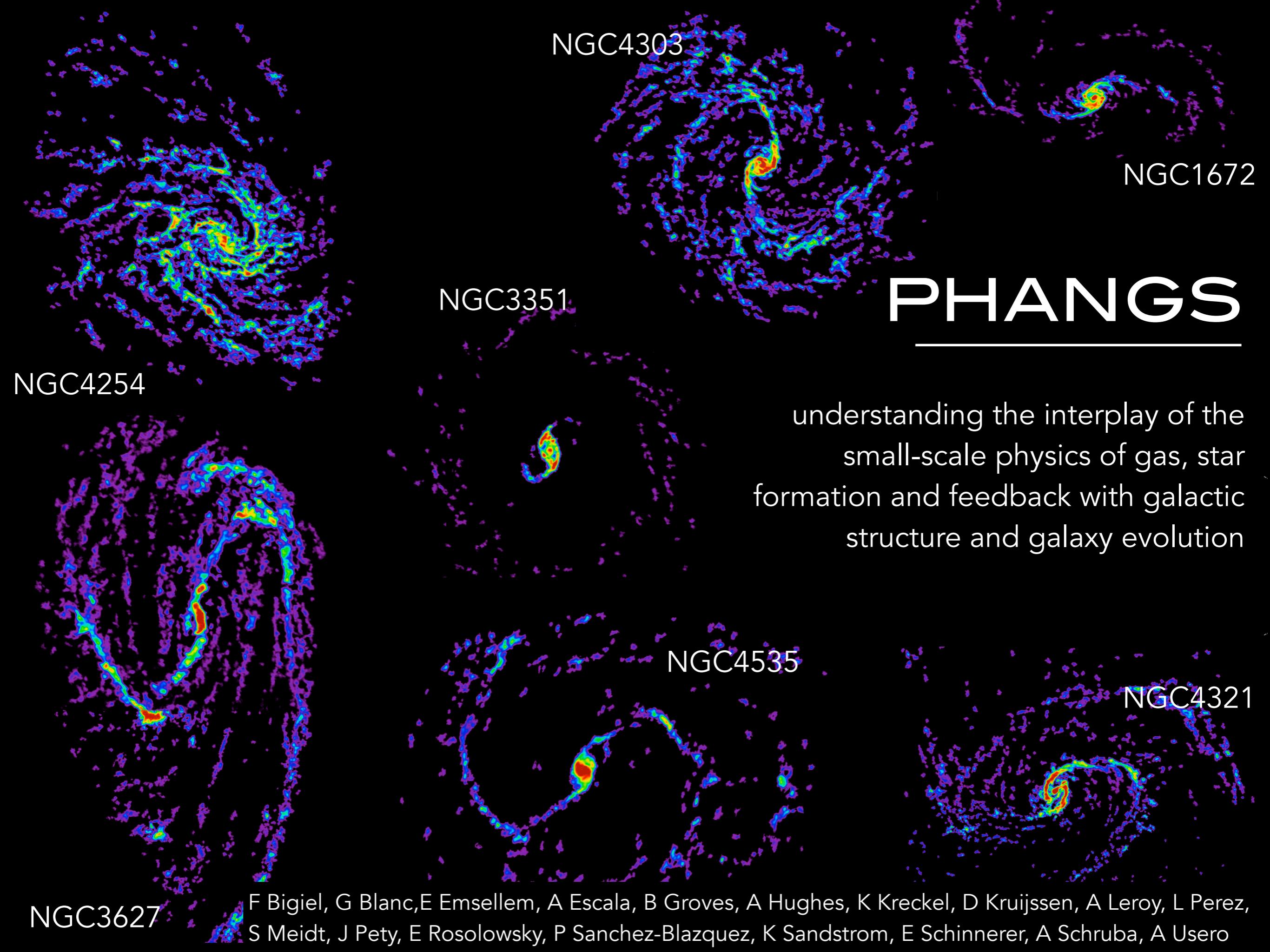
F. Walter, E. Brinks, E. de Blok, F. Bigiel, M. Thornley, R. Kennicutt



- Cooling from CGM to HI.
- Balance of cold/warm HI phases.

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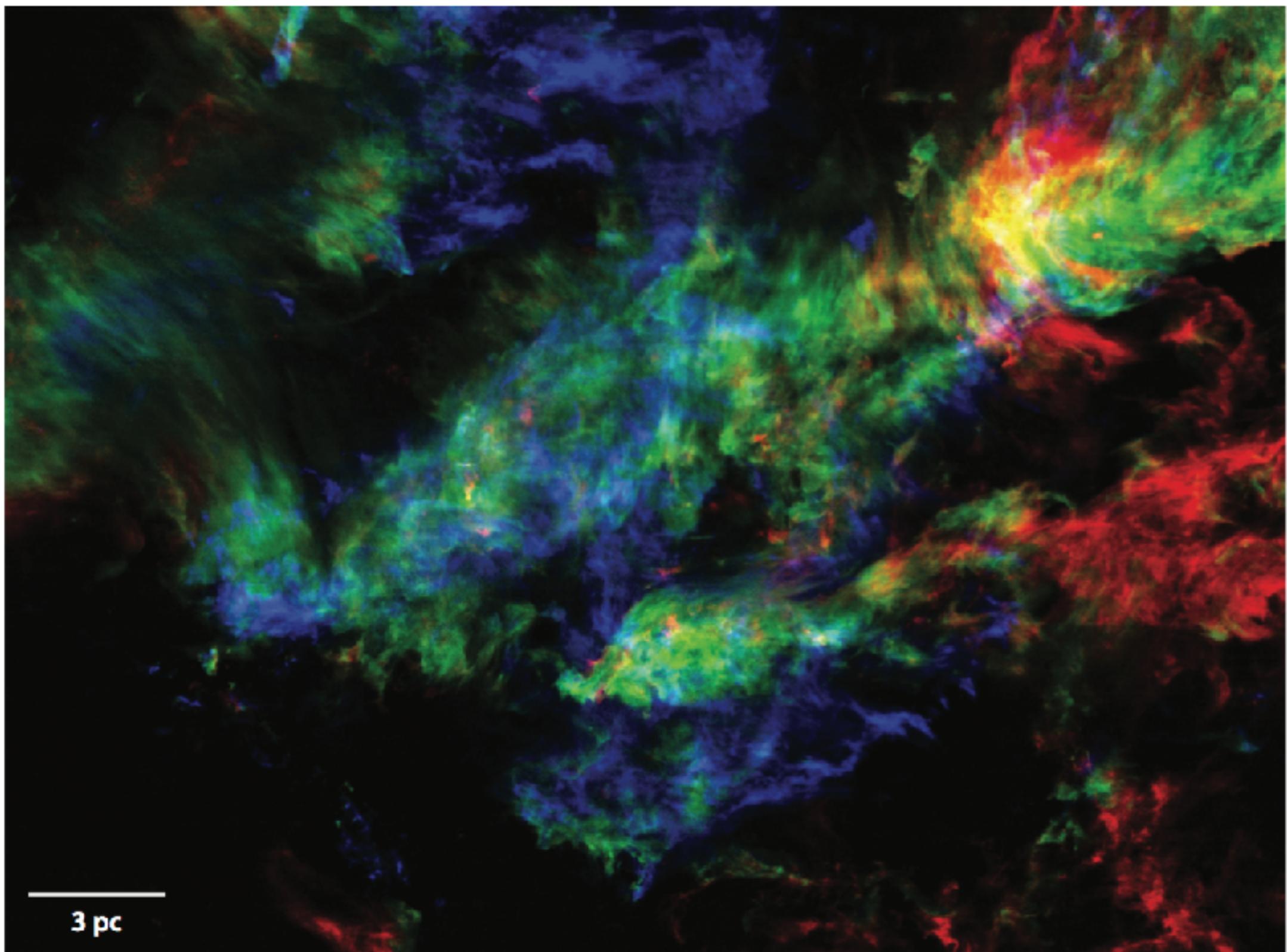
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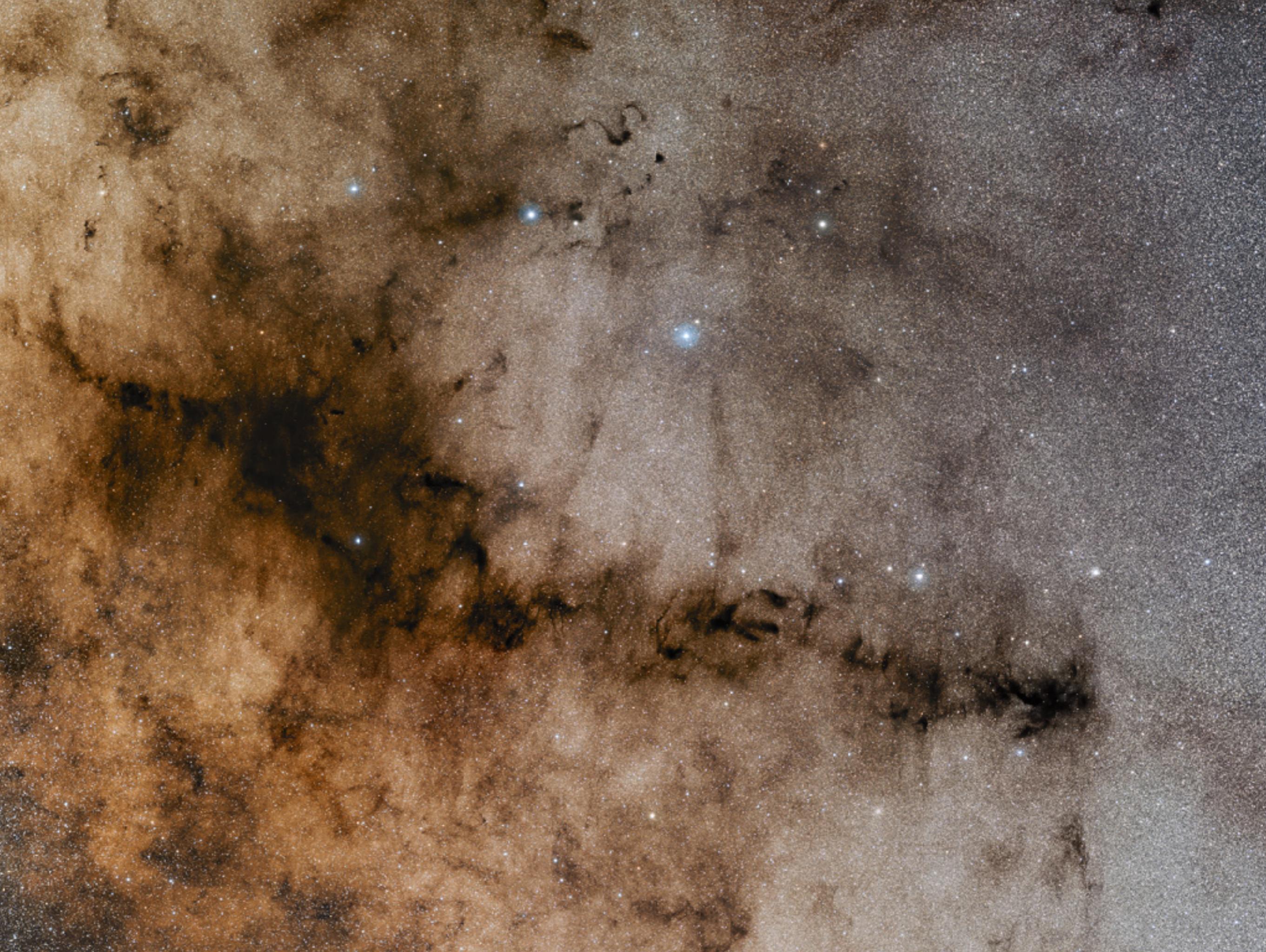
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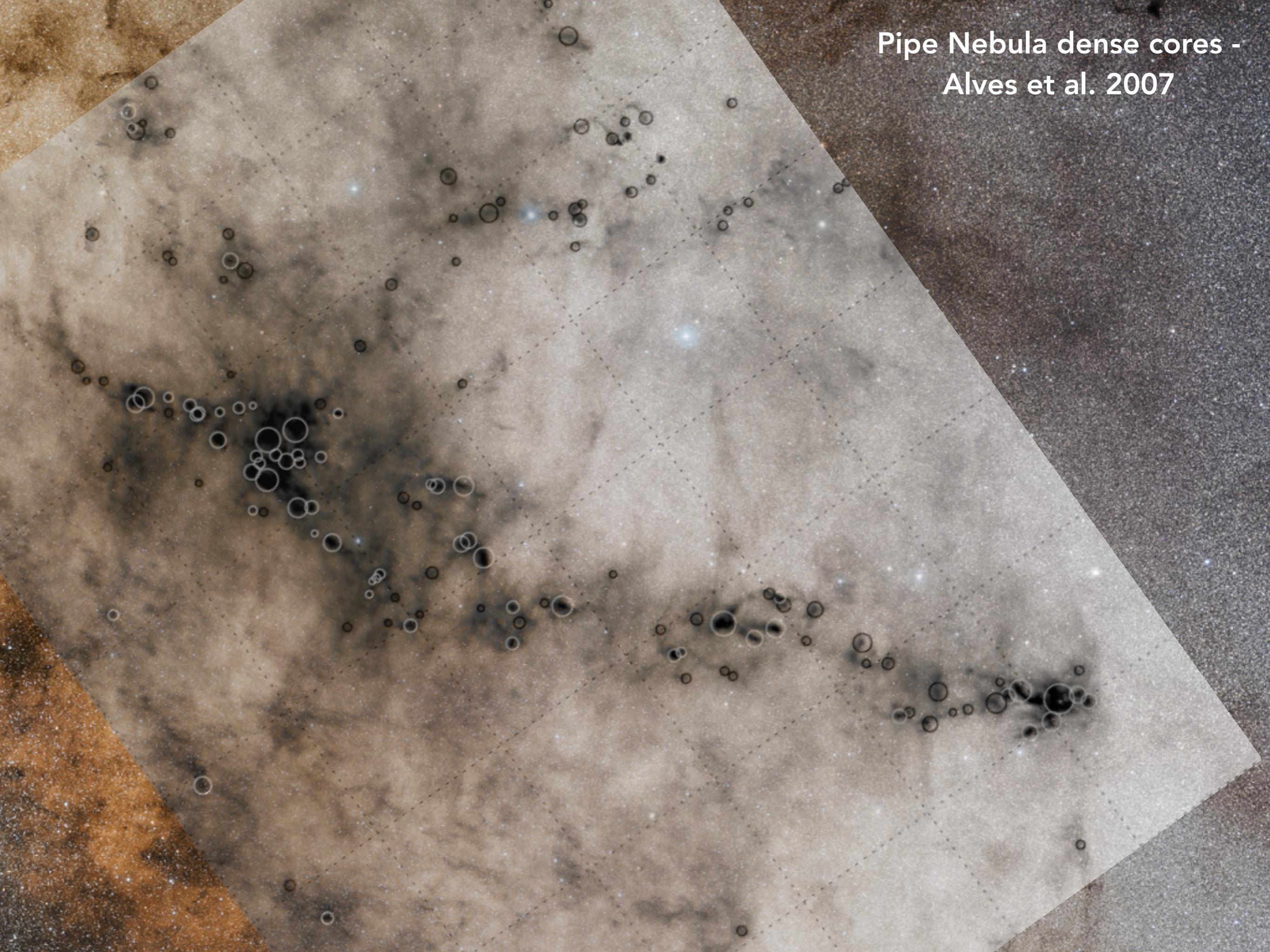
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Taurus Molecular Cloud in CO - Goldsmith et al. 2008, Heyer & Dame 2015



Pipe Nebula dense cores -  
Alves et al. 2007

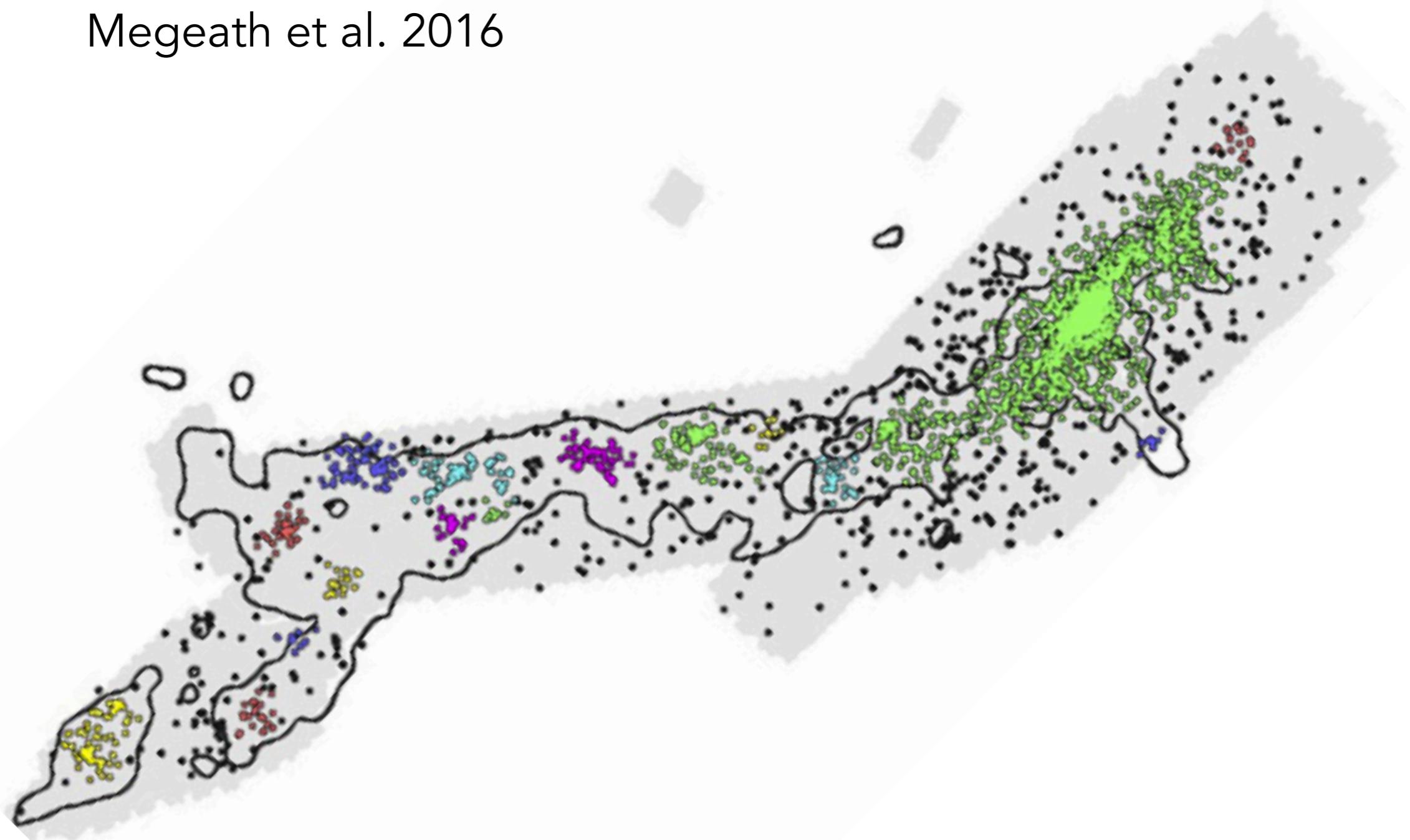


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Spitzer Orion Survey protostars -  
Megeath et al. 2016



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→ Stars

*All of these processes depend on local environment too!*