

Dense gas tracers and star formation laws:

Multiple transition CS lines
in nearby active star-forming galaxies

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Which gases are forming stars?

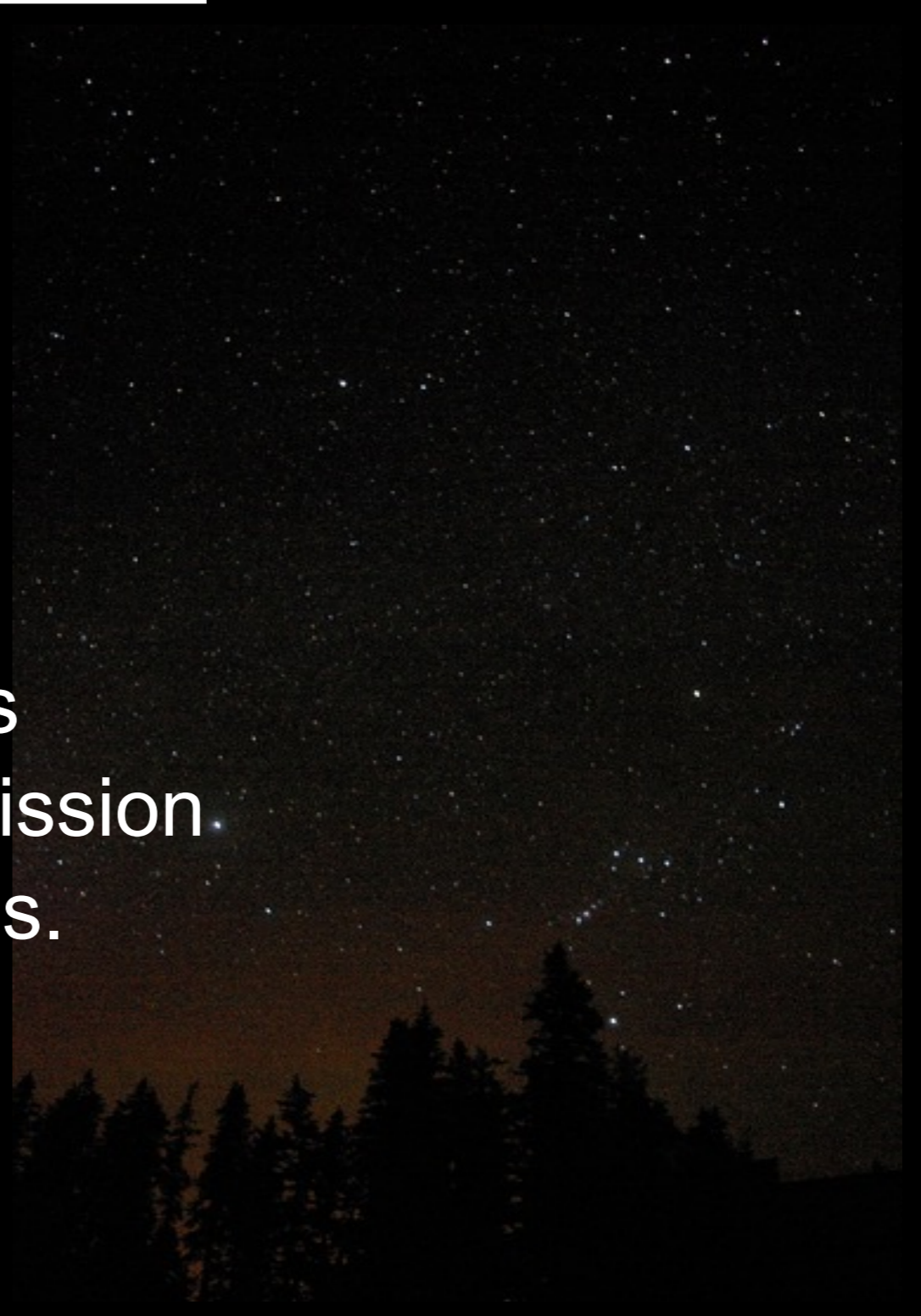
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Outline

- Background
- Gas tracers and Star formation
- Star formation laws

- Surveys and Results
- Multiple-J CS surveys in galaxies
- Star formation vs. dense gas emission
- DeMoGas and Excitation analysis.

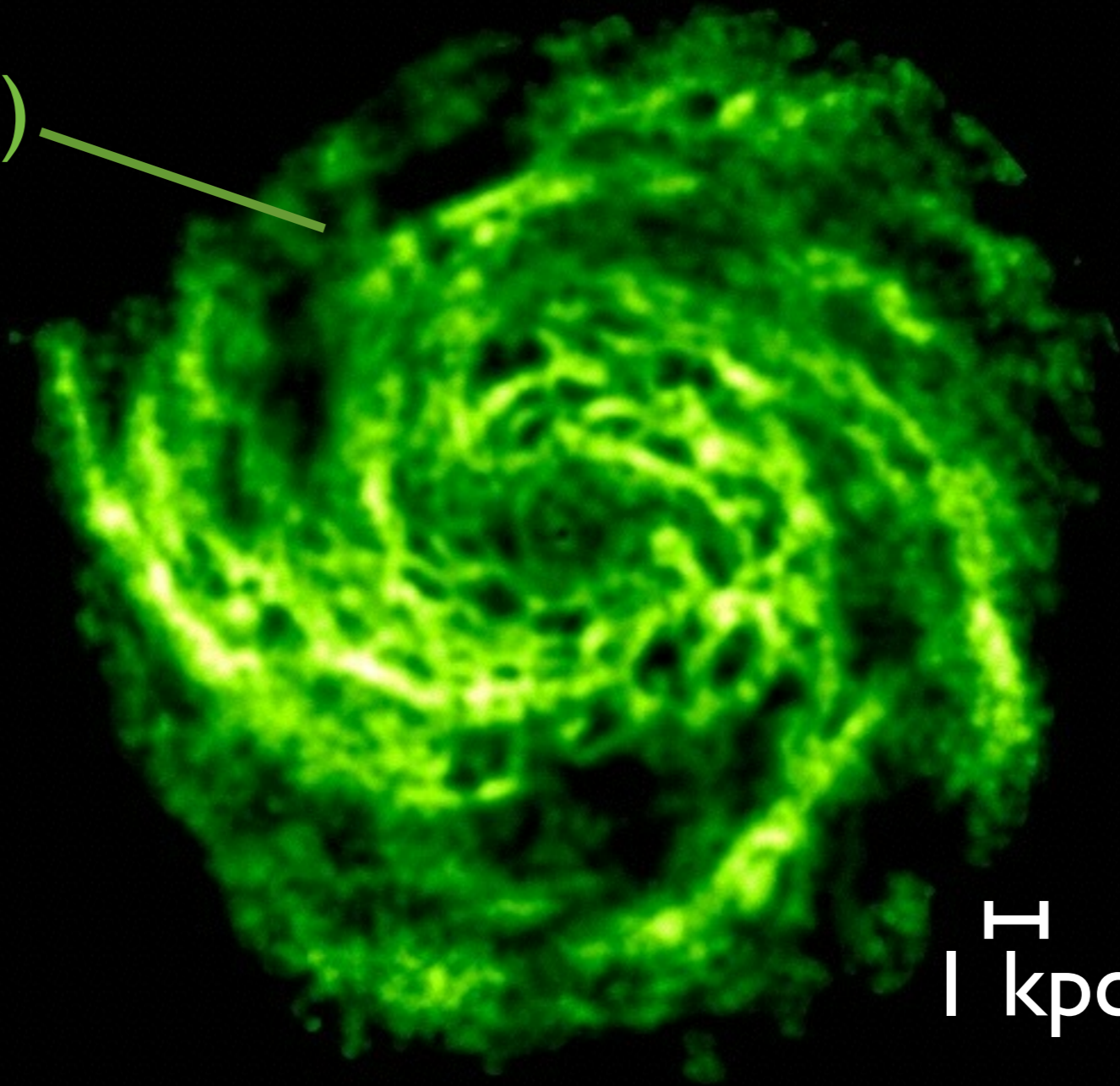
- Summary



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IC 342

HI (atomic gas)



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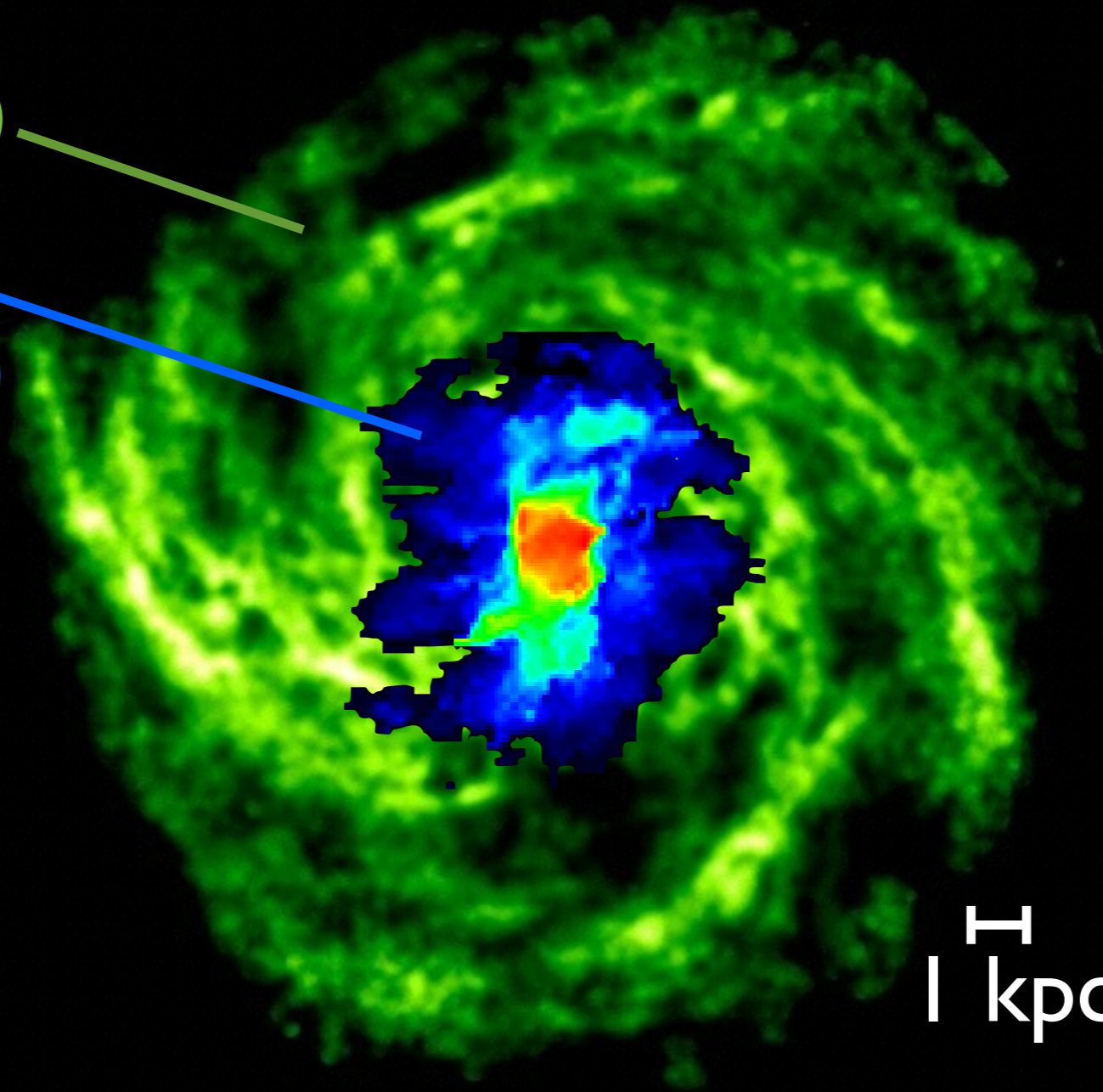
1 kpc

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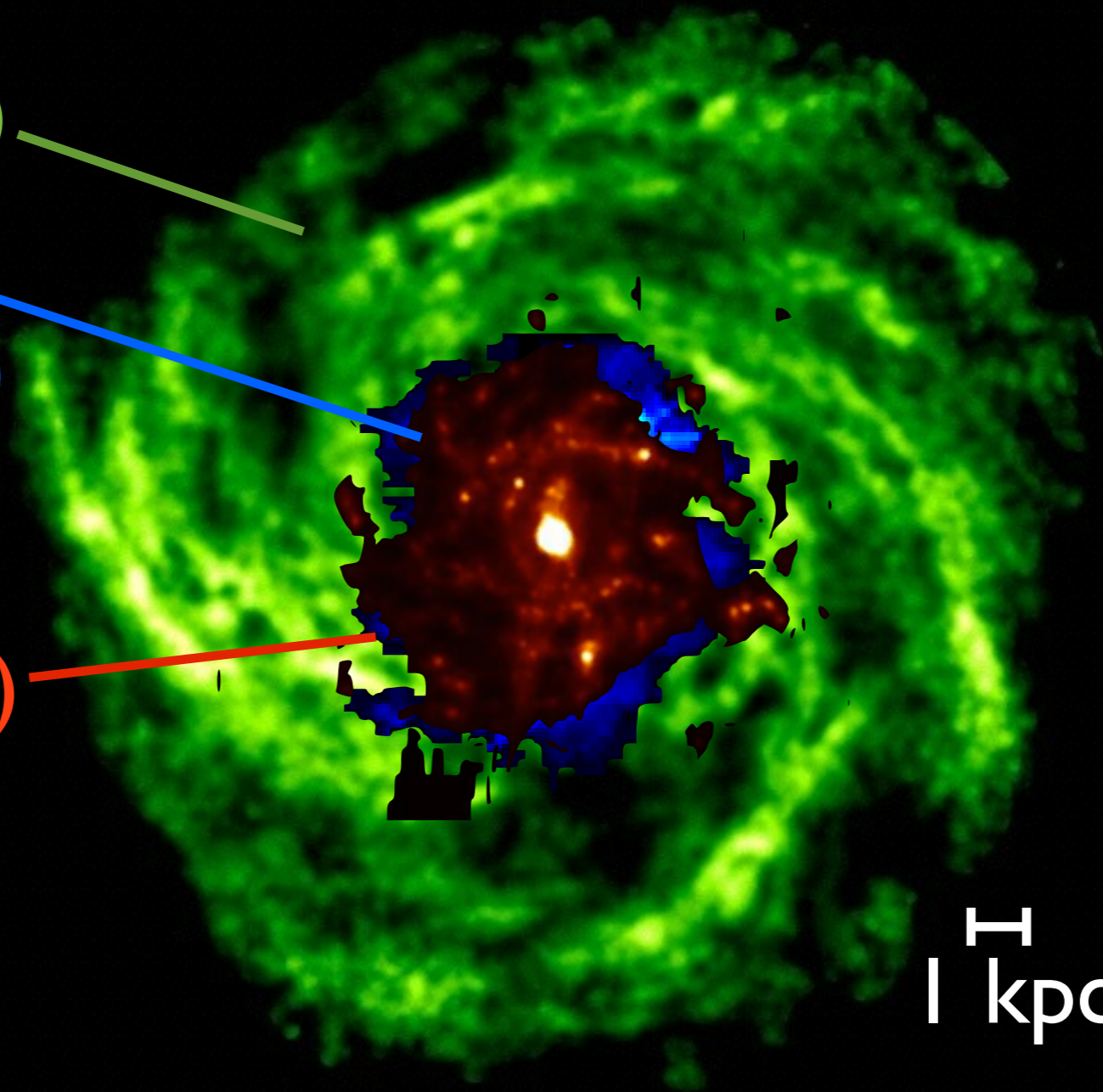
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IR emission
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Spitzer 70um

1 kpc

On kpc scales, SFR is related to H_2 gas, rather than HI

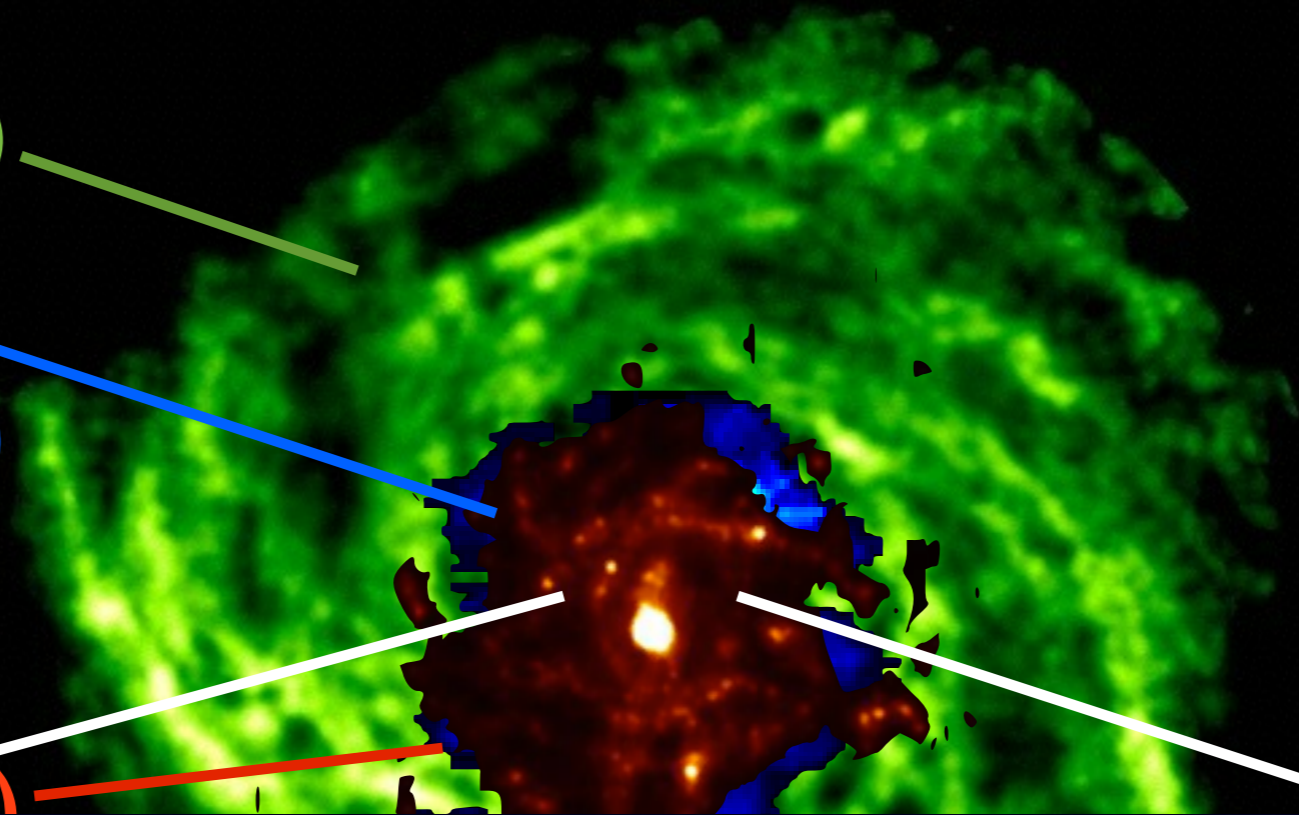
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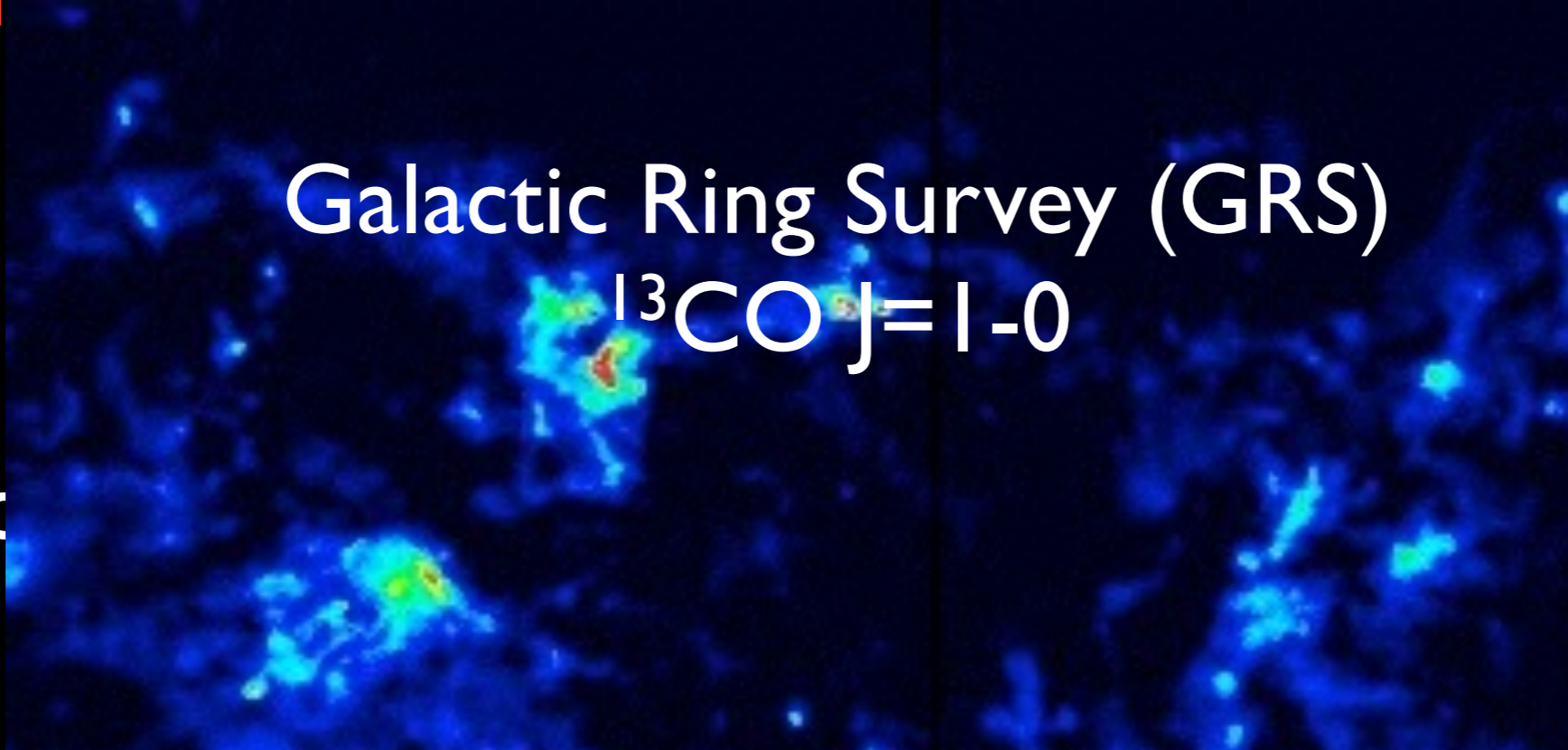
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Galactic Ring Survey (GRS)

$^{13}\text{CO } J=1-0$

On kpc

than HI

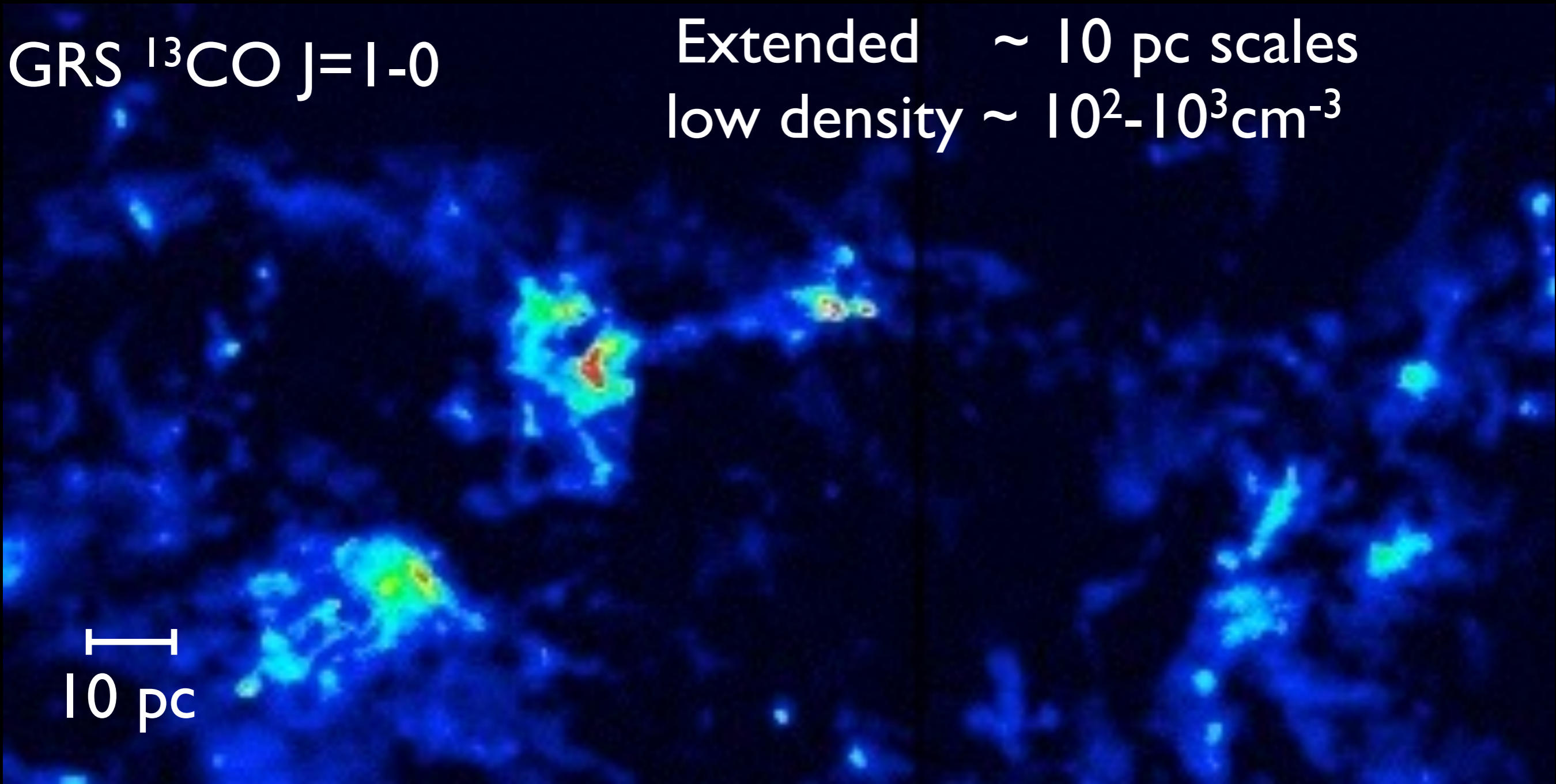


Which gases are forming stars? - Galactic view

GRS ^{13}CO J=1-0

Extended ~ 10 pc scales
low density $\sim 10^2$ - 10^3 cm $^{-3}$

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10 pc

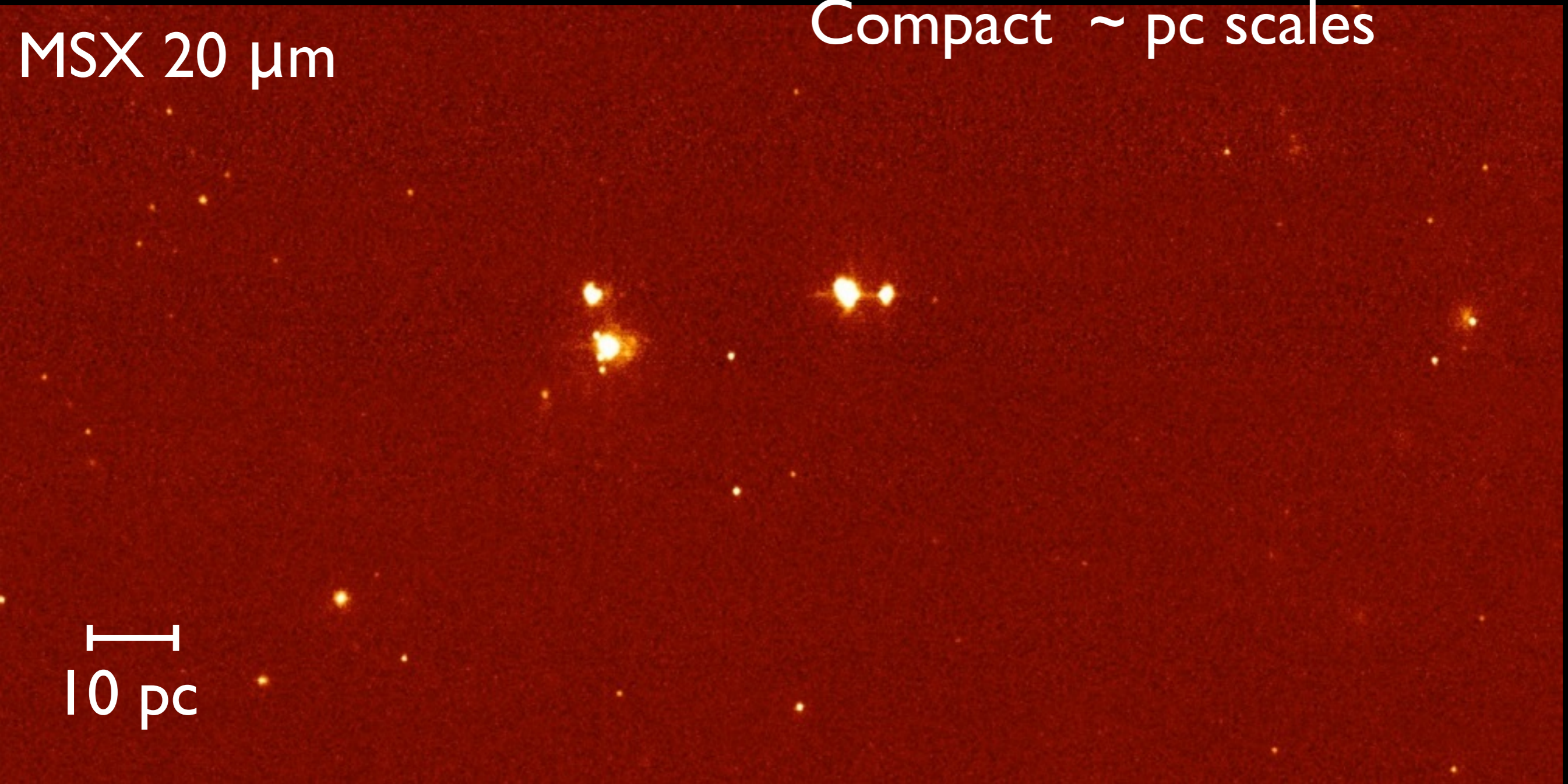


Which gases are forming stars? - Galactic view

MSX 20 μm

Compact \sim pc scales

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10 pc



Which gases are forming stars? - Galactic view

GRS CS J=2-1

Compact \sim pc scales
High density $\sim 10^4 - 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-3}$

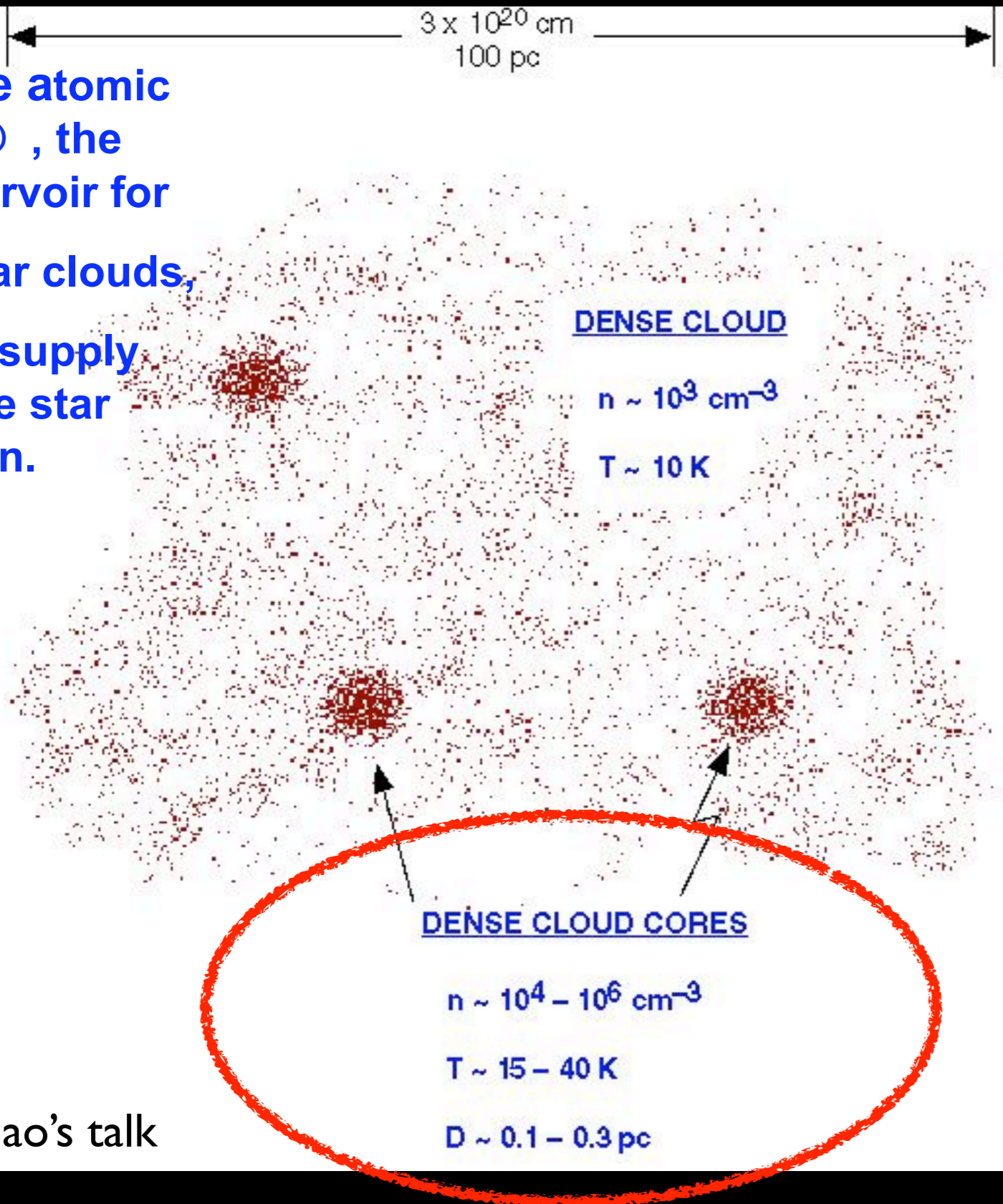
10 pc



Stars are forming in dense molecular gas cores

Diffuse atomic gas (HI), the gas reservoir for molecular clouds, and the supply for future star formation.

PDRs



GMCs:

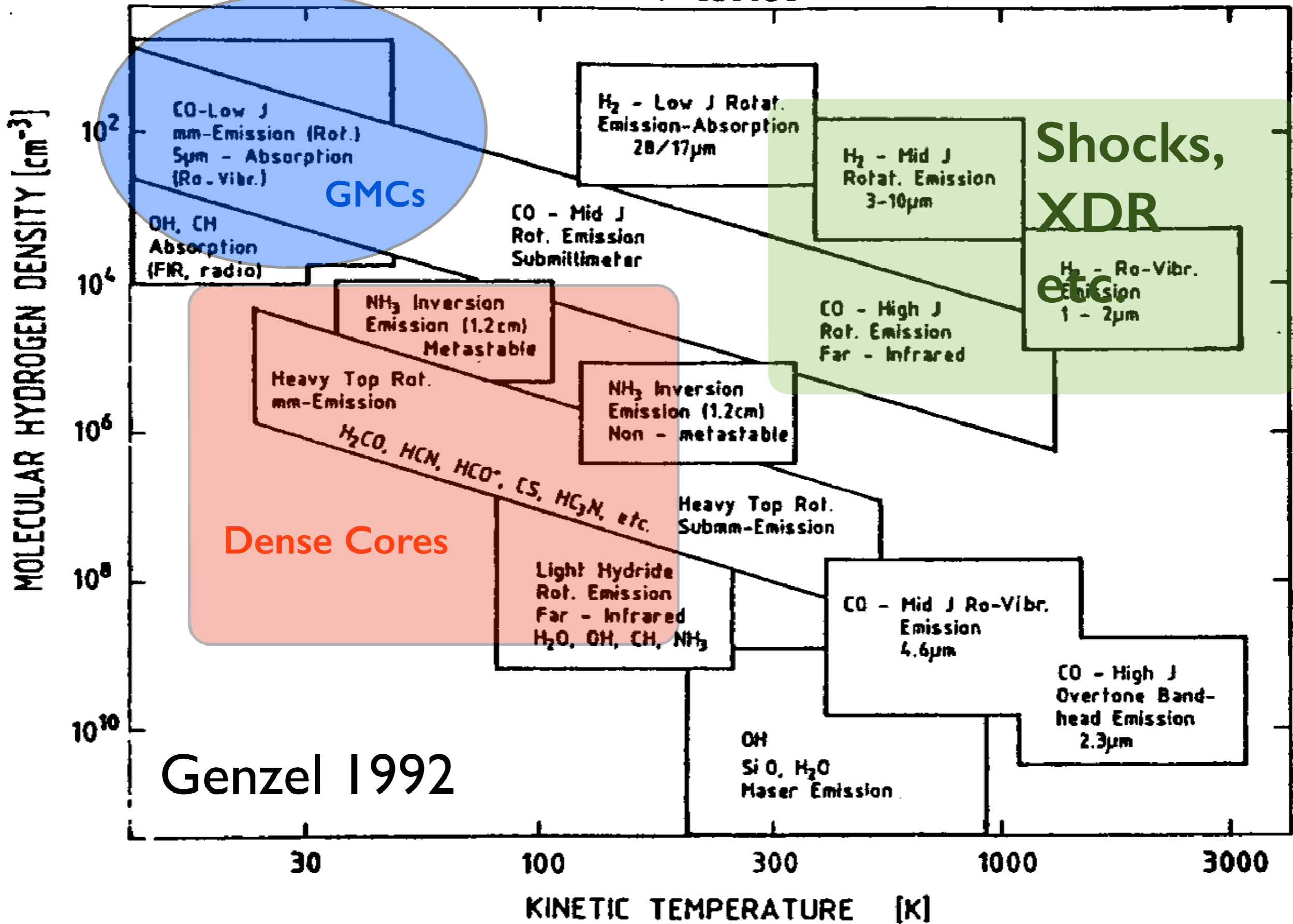
$n(\text{H}_2) \sim 10^2 - 10^3 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
 $T_{\text{kin}} \sim 10 - 20 \text{ K}$
 $D \sim 10 - 100 \text{ pc}$

Dense cores:

$n(\text{H}_2) \sim 10^4 - 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
 $T_{\text{kin}} \sim 15 - 40 \text{ K}$
 $D \sim 0.1 - 0.3 \text{ pc}$
self-gravity bound

Tracers of Physical Conditions in Molecular Clouds

INFRARED AND MICROWAVE MOLECULAR LINES AS PROBES OF PHYSICAL CONDITIONS IN MOLECULAR CLOUDS



Dense gas tracers

When $n(\text{H}_2) > n_{\text{crit}}$:

Collisional excitation dominant.

Easily be thermalized.

$$n_{\text{crit}} = \frac{\sum_{l < u} A_{ul}}{\sum_{l \neq u} C_{ul}}$$

$$n_{\text{crit}}(\text{HCN}) : 10^4 \sim 10^7 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$n_{\text{crit}}(\text{HCO}^+) : 10^4 \sim 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$n_{\text{crit}}(\text{CO}) : 10^2 \sim 10^5 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$n_{\text{crit}}(\text{CS}) : 10^4 \sim 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

HCN : IR-pumping, XDR, chemistry on T_{kin} .

e.g. Weiss et al. 2008; Graci-Carpio et al. 2006; Lintott & Viti 2006; Baan et al. 2008

HCO⁺ : Shock, n_e , and B-field.

e.g. Dickinson et al. 1980; Dickmann et al. 1992; Papadopolous et al. 2007

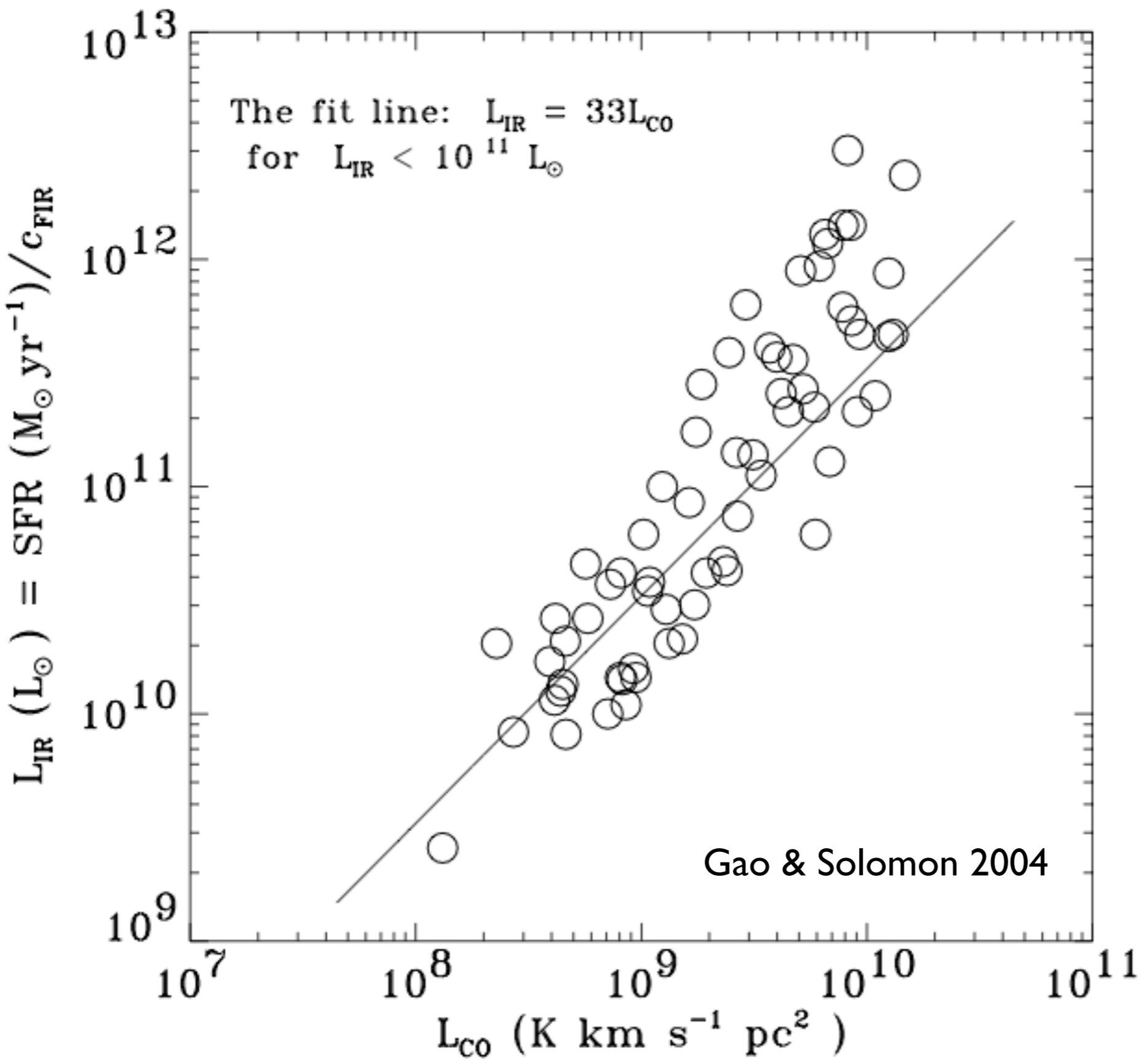
high-J CO : Do not trace cold and dense gas.

CS : Weaker emission (1/3-1/4 of HCN intensity)

The best? Less contaminated. Stable abundance.

e.g. Charnley 1997; Martín et al. 2008; 2009

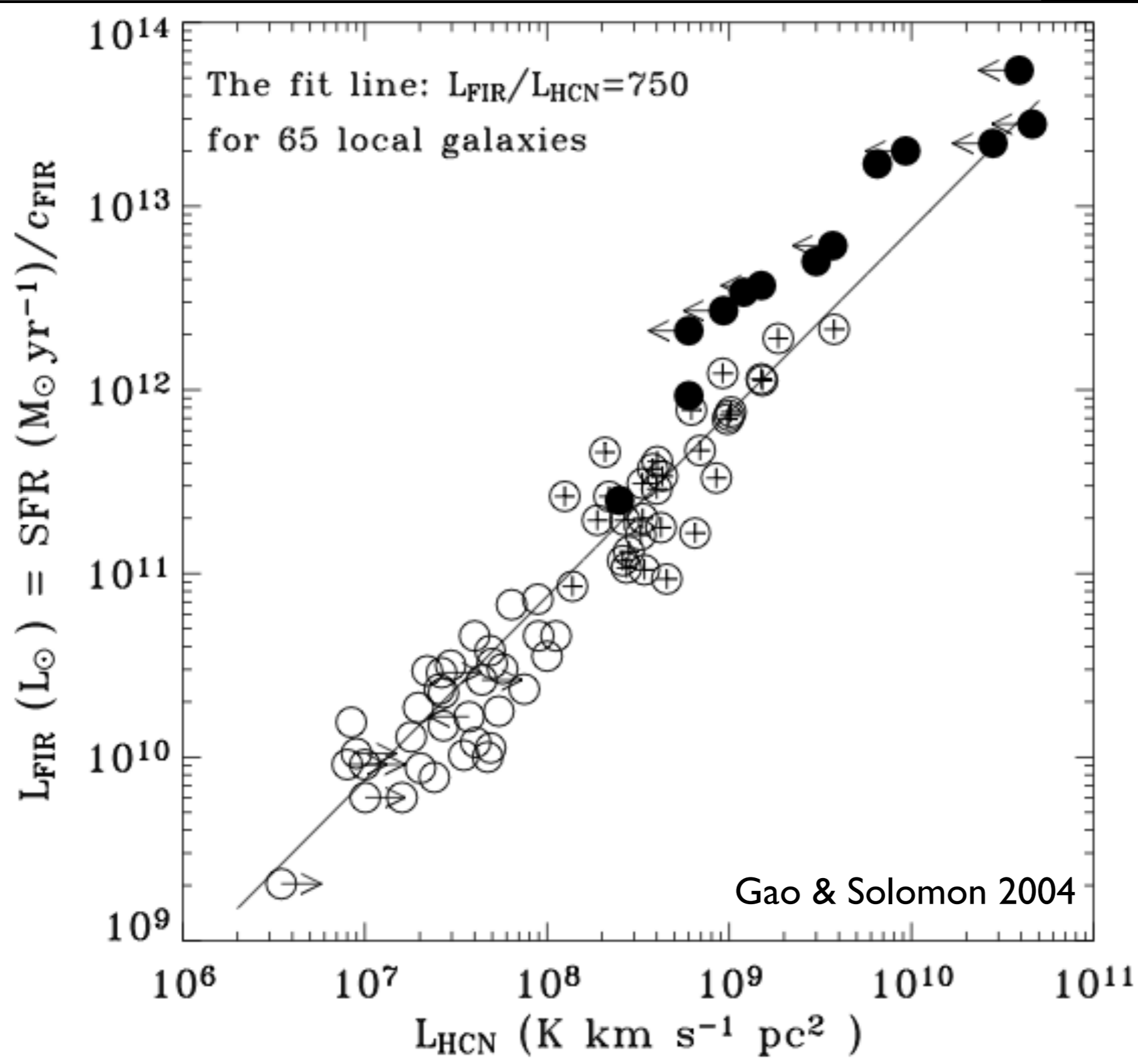
$L'_{\text{gas}}-L_{\text{IR}}$ correlations -- CO 1-0 ($n_{\text{crit}} \sim 4 \times 10^2 \text{cm}^{-3}$)



Slope ~ 1.4

$L'_{\text{gas}} \text{ -- } M_{\text{gas}}$
 $L_{\text{IR}} \text{ -- } \text{SFR}$

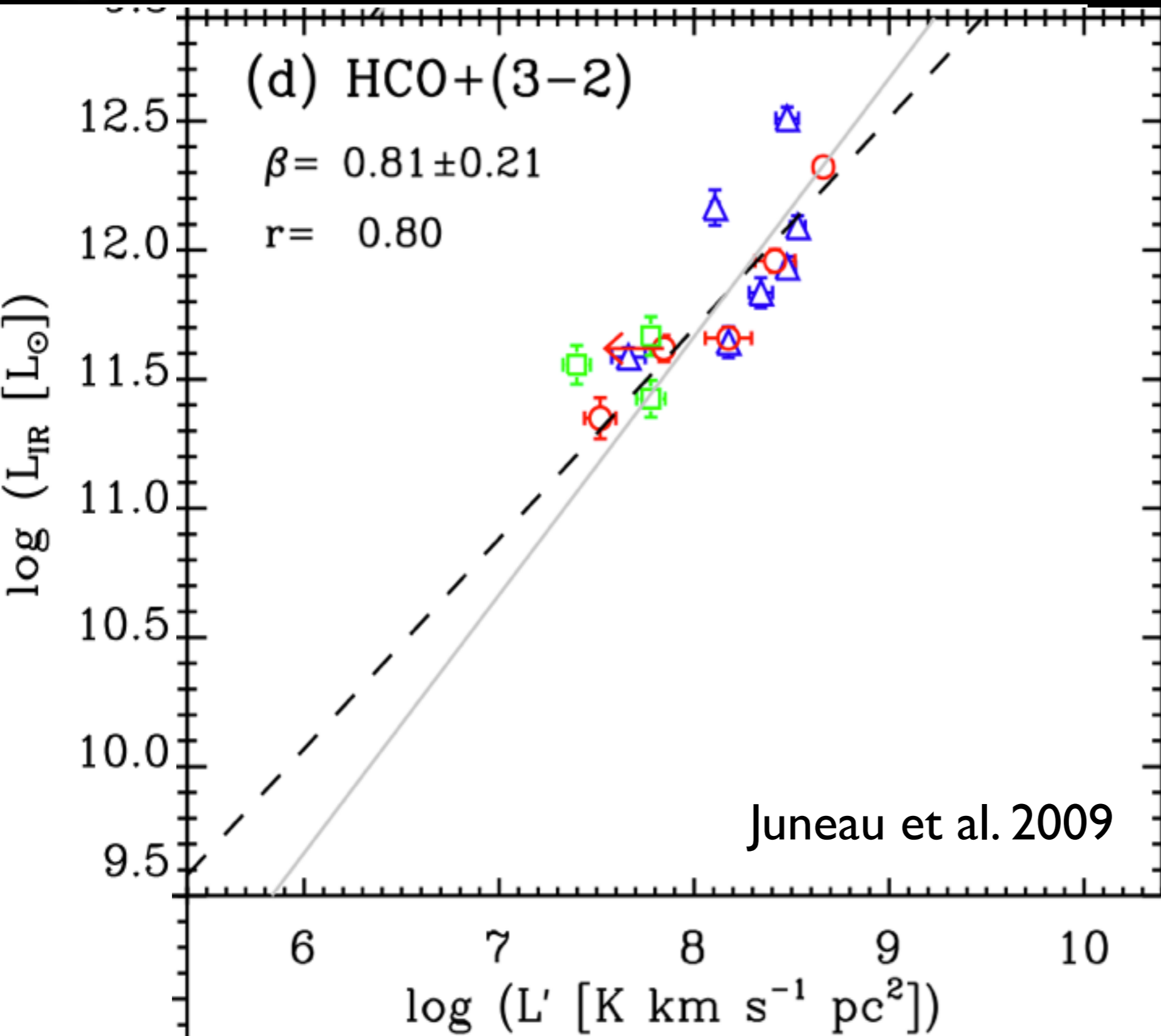
$L'_{\text{gas}}-L_{\text{IR}}$ correlations -- HCN 1-0 ($n_{\text{crit}} \sim 2 \times 10^5 \text{cm}^{-3}$)



Slope=1

$L'_{\text{gas}} \text{ -- } M_{\text{gas}}$
 $L_{\text{IR}} \text{ -- } \text{SFR}$

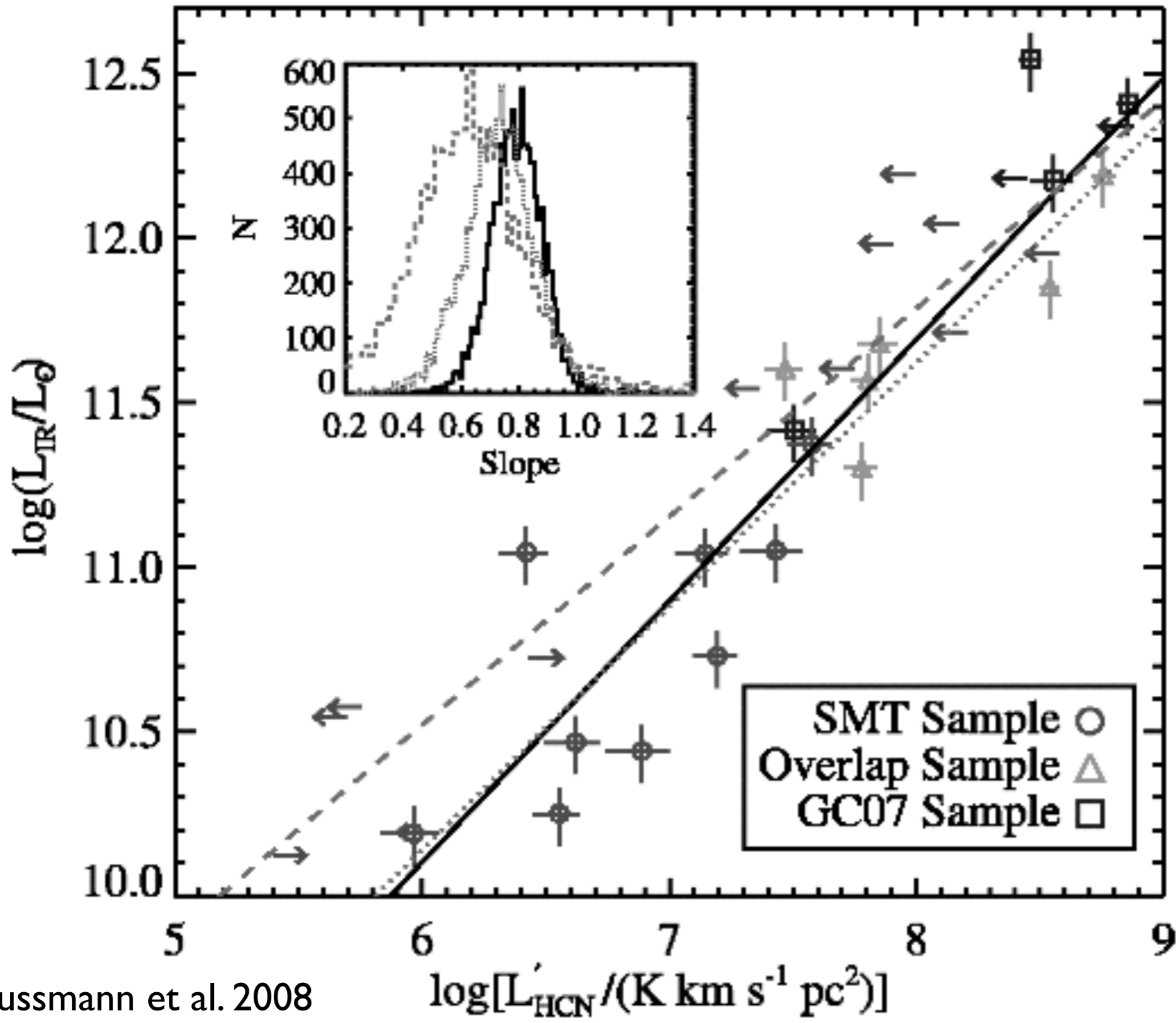
$L'_{\text{gas}}-L_{\text{IR}}$ correlations -- HCO^+ 3-2 ($n_{\text{crit}} \sim 1 \times 10^6 \text{cm}^{-3}$)



Slope=0.8

$L'_{\text{gas}} \propto M_{\text{gas}}$
 $L_{\text{IR}} \propto \text{SFR}$

$L'_{\text{gas}}-L_{\text{IR}}$ correlations -- HCN 3-2 ($n_{\text{crit}} \sim 5 \times 10^6 \text{cm}^{-3}$)



$N \sim 0.7$

$L'_{\text{gas}} \propto M_{\text{gas}}$
 $L_{\text{IR}} \propto \text{SFR}$

Galactic CS & HCN studies

CS 2-1:

Least squares : $\log(L_{\text{IR}}) = 1.03(\pm 0.05) \times \log(L'_{\text{CS}2-1}) + 3.25(\pm 0.11); r = 0.80$

1.03(0.05)

Robust fit : $\log(L_{\text{IR}}) = 0.87 \times \log(L'_{\text{CS}2-1}) + 3.56$

CS 5-4:

Least squares fit : $\log(L_{\text{IR}}) = 1.05(\pm 0.05) \times \log(L'_{\text{CS}5-4}) + 3.77(\pm 0.08); r = 0.86$

1.05(0.05)

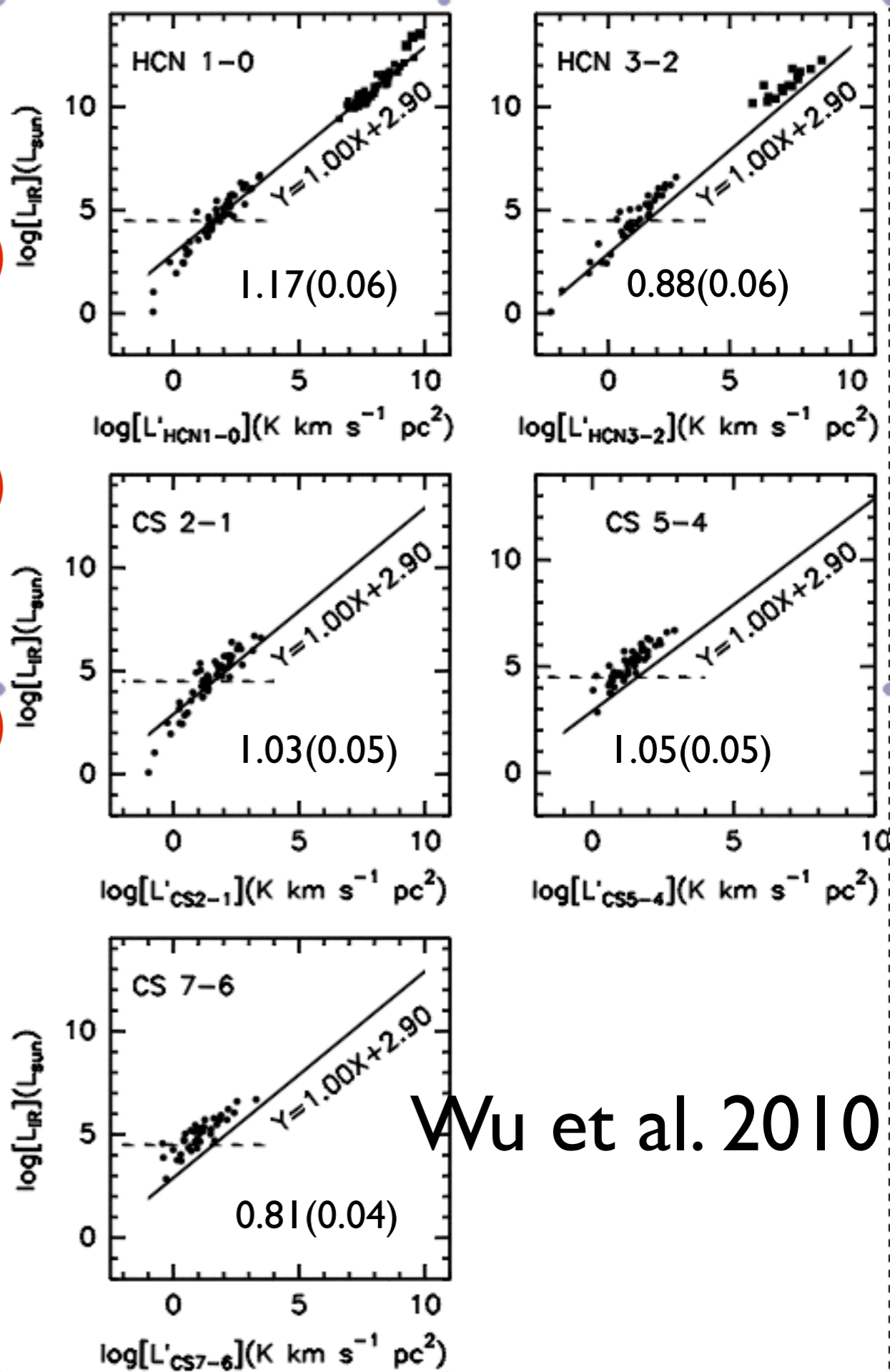
Robust fit : $\log(L_{\text{IR}}) = 0.86 \times \log(L'_{\text{CS}5-4}) + 3.90$

CS 7-6:

Least squares fit : $\log(L_{\text{IR}}) = 0.81(\pm 0.04) \times \log(L'_{\text{CS}7-6}) + 4.31(\pm 0.06); r = 0.81$

0.81(0.04)

Robust fit : $\log(L_{\text{IR}}) = 0.64 \times \log(L'_{\text{CS}7-6}) + 4.58$



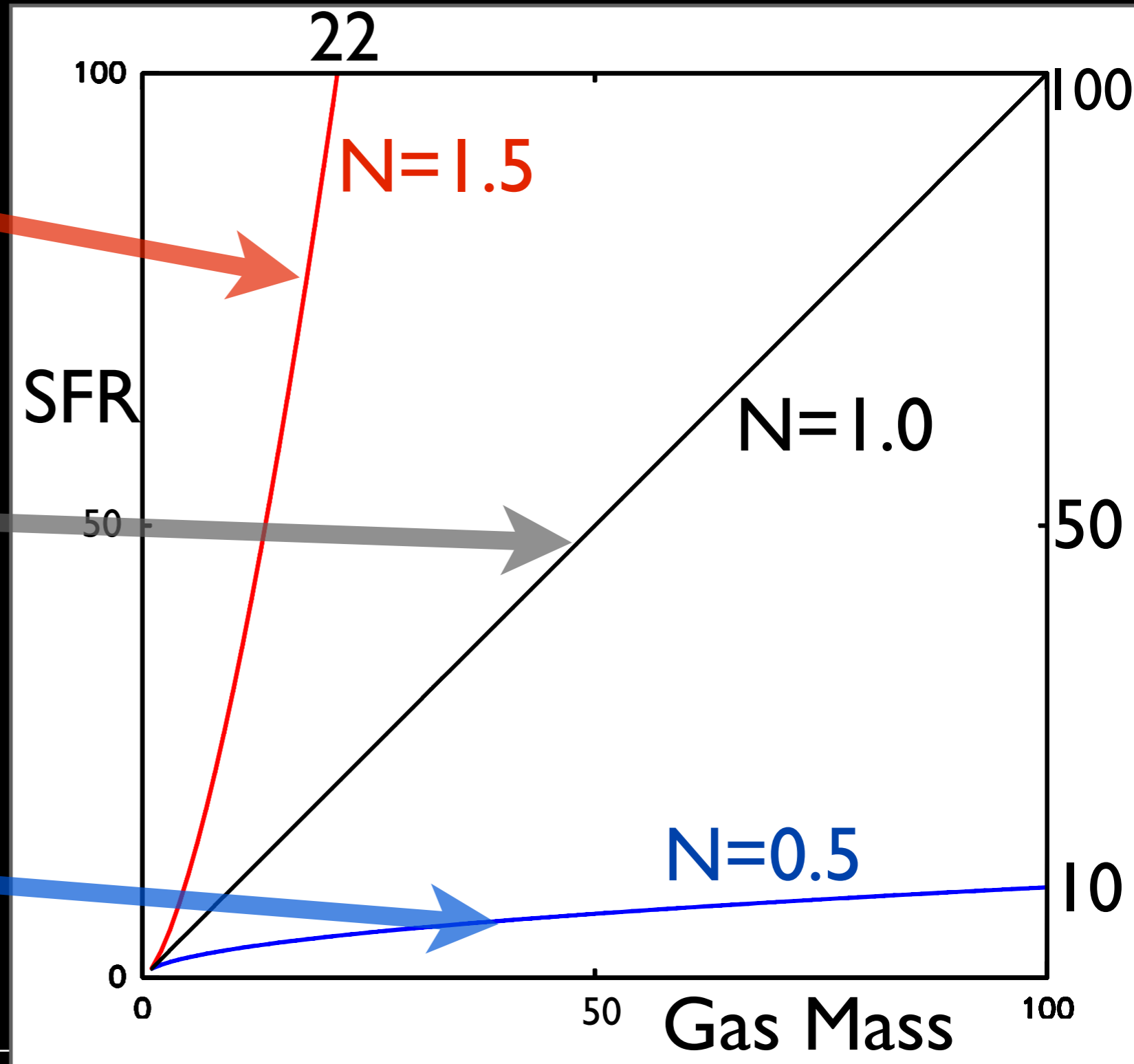
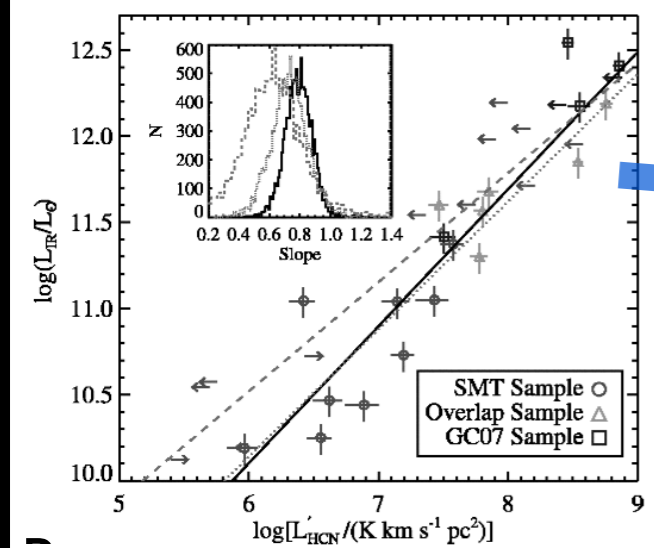
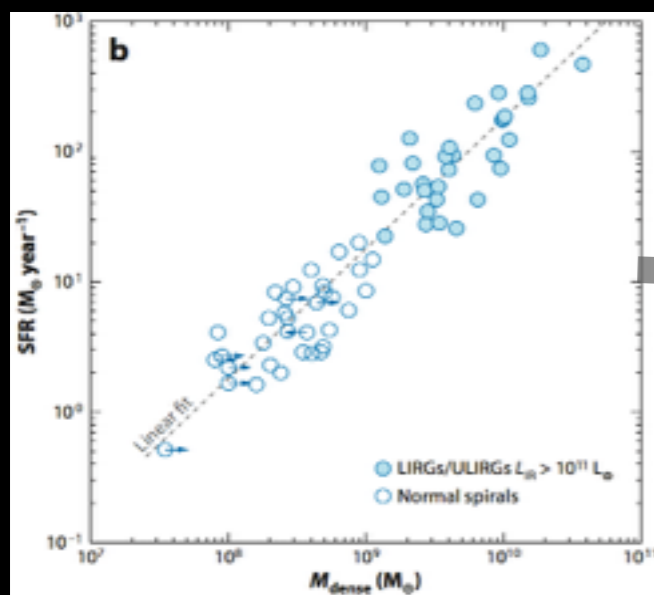
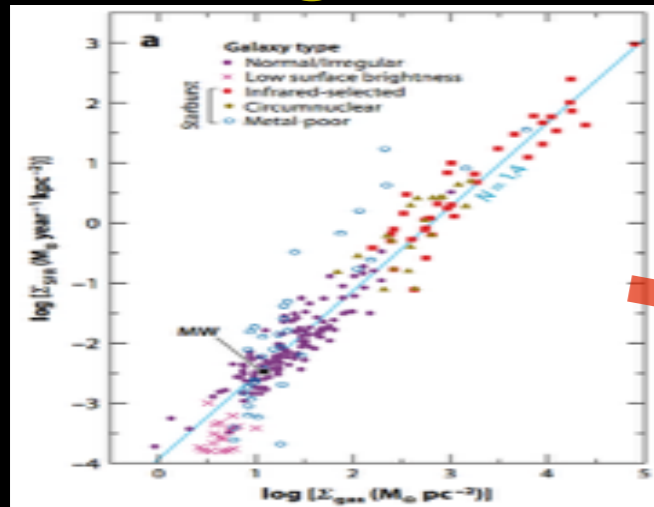
Wu et al. 2010

The average density determined from CS excitation of the massive clumps in our sample is about $10^{5.9} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ (Plume et al. 1997), less than the critical density of all the tracers in this study except for the CS 2-1 line (Table 9), but greater than the effective density (Table 9) and the density that was found to contribute most to the HCN 1-0 line in the simulations of Krumholz & Thompson (2007). In fact, a density derived from excitation analysis is biased toward the densest regions and the mean density of the clumps in the sense of mass divided by volume is generally less (e.g., Shirley et al. 2003). As noted above, the relations we find do not support the suggestions by Krumholz & Thompson (2007) or Narayanan et al. (2008).

Why slopes matter?

Different SFE

Which gases are forming stars?



Theoretical works

1) Krumholz et al. (2007):

$n_{\text{crit}} < n_{\text{ave}}$: slope ~ 1.5 e.g., CO 1-0

$n_{\text{crit}} > n_{\text{ave}}$: slope ~ 1 e.g., HCN 1-0

2) Narayanan et al. (2008):

Sub-thermal excitation.

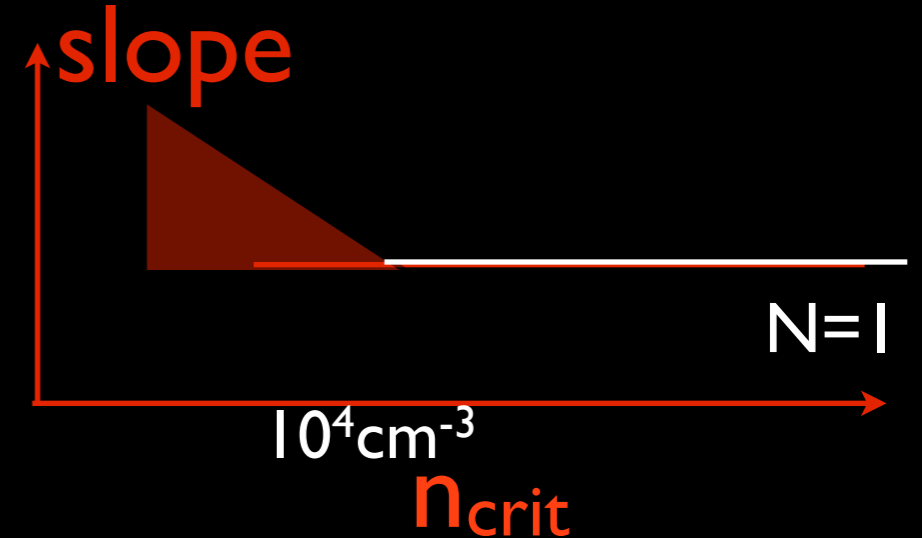
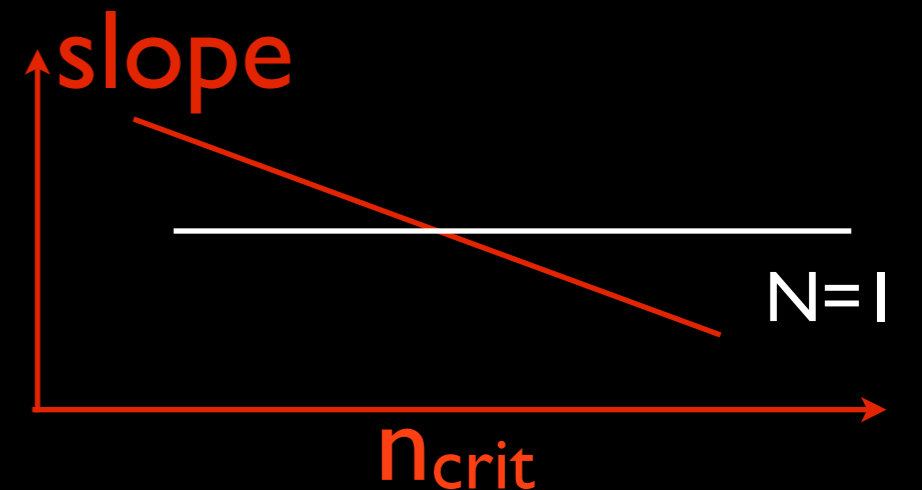
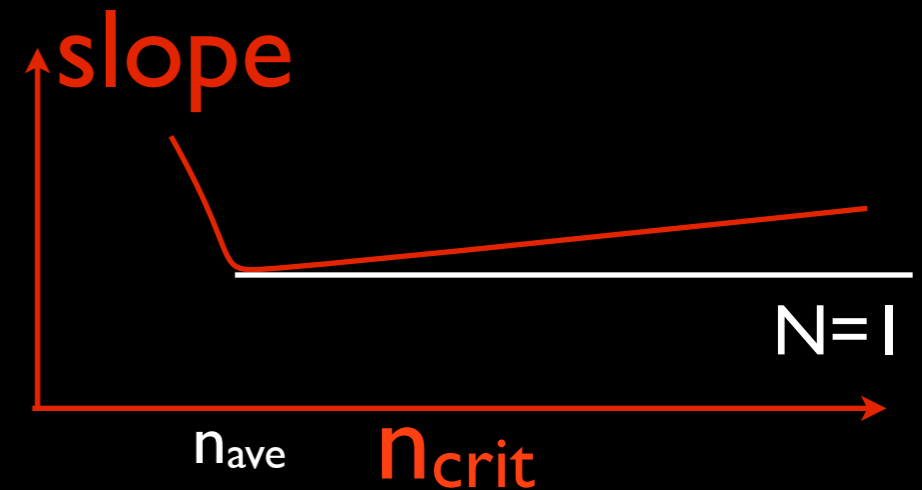
Slope decreases with n_{crit} .

3) Lada et al. (2012):

Linear slope for lines with $n_{\text{crit}} > 10^4 \text{cm}^{-3}$

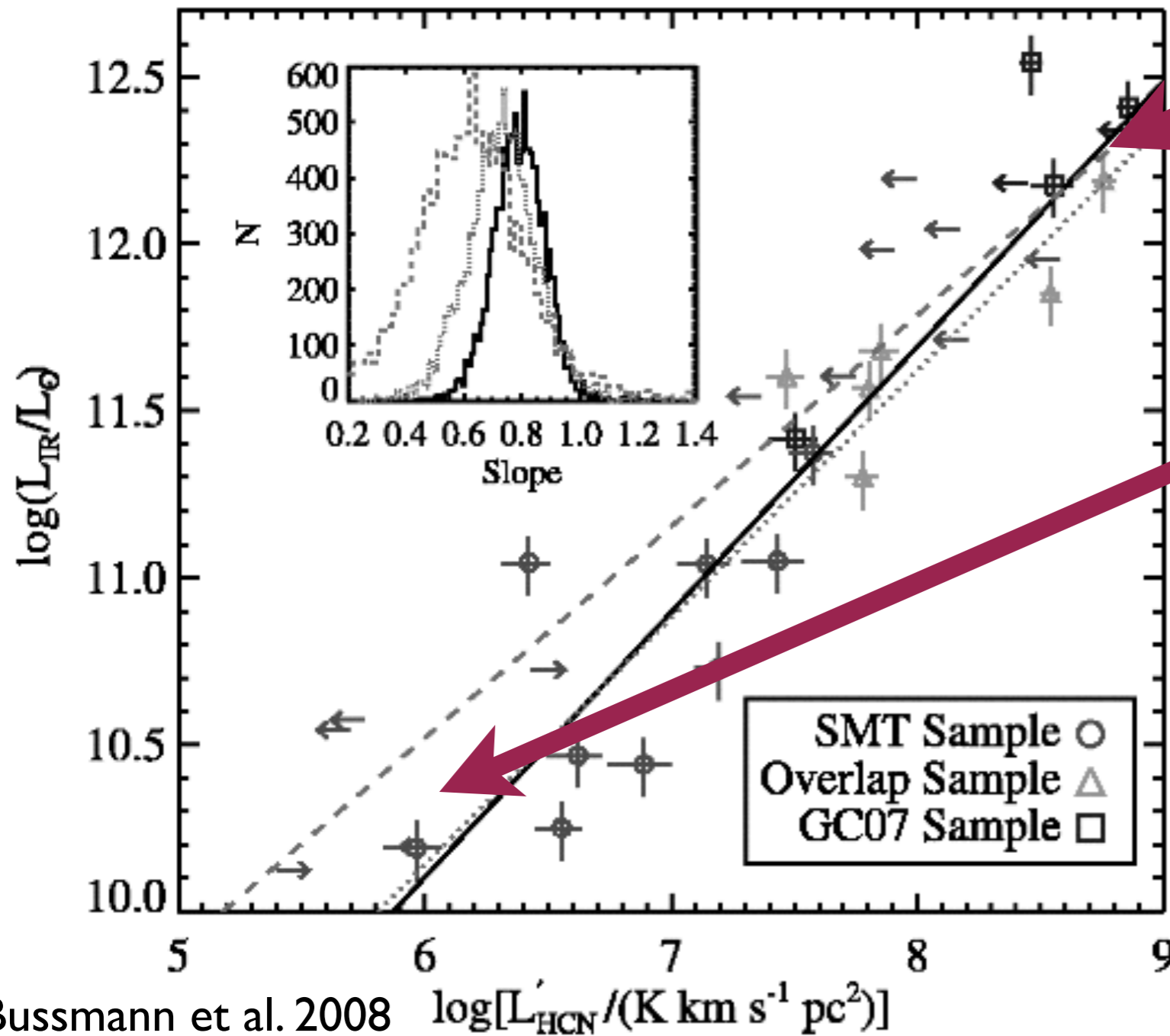
SFR is only related to M_{dense} .

K-S law slope is related to M_{dense} fraction.



Potential Issues

IR pumping?
Chemistry?



Stable tracers need.

IR size > beamsize

Either to map gas emission
or
to match IR with beam

To test the above models, a **multiple transition** survey of **clean** dense tracers is needed, e.g. CS lines

Sample Selection:

1. IRAS Revised Bright Galaxies sample (IRAS RBGs, Sanders 2003).

Flux cutoff: $F_{100\mu\text{m}} > 100 \text{ Jy}$, $F_{60\mu\text{m}} > 50 \text{ Jy}$.

2. Rich detections of CO and HCN lines.

3. A large range of L_{IR} , measured with IRAS.

Nearby normal galaxies, starburst, and (U)LIRGs.

~ 40 galaxies are selected

Multiple-J CS survey

~ 280 hours in total

Multiple transitions ($J=1-0$ to $7-6$) of CS lines towards
~ 40 nearby normal galaxies, starburst, and (U)LIRGs

CS $J=2-1/3-2/5-4$ IRAM 30m



CS $J=5-4$ SMT(HHT) 10m



CS $J=5-4/7-6$ APEX 12m



CS $J=1-0$ GBT and the EVLA



Spectra

CS J=1-0 : 20/24 galaxies

CS J=2-1 : 41/47 galaxies

CS J=3-2 : 30/41 galaxies

CS J=5-4 : 21/40 galaxies

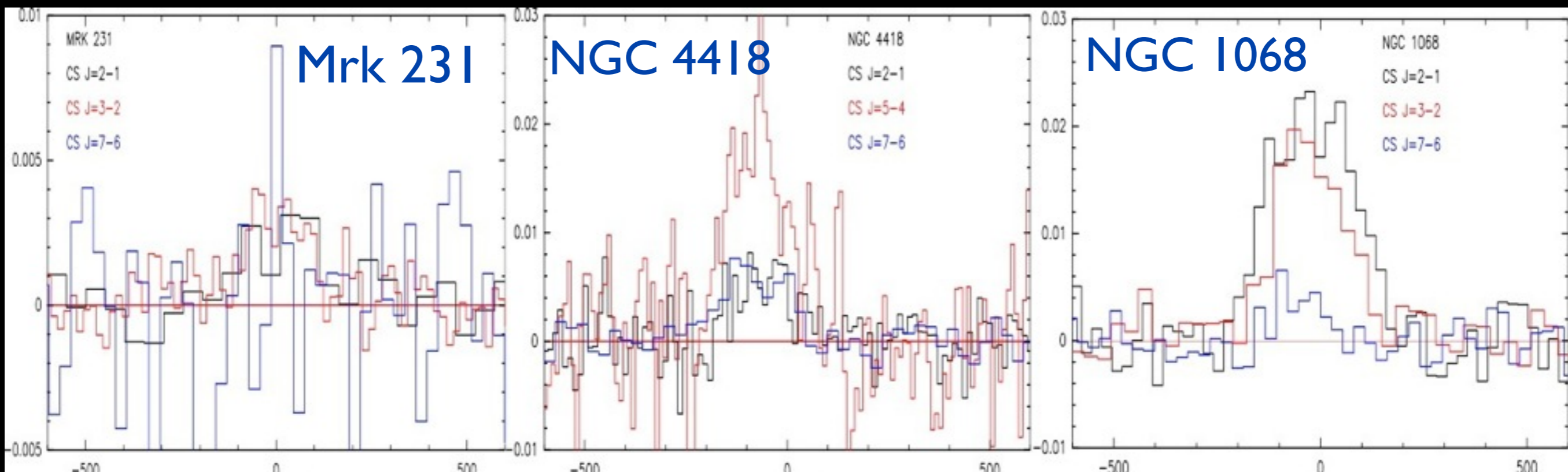
CS J=7-6 : 11/20 galaxies

C³⁴S J=2-1: 5 detections

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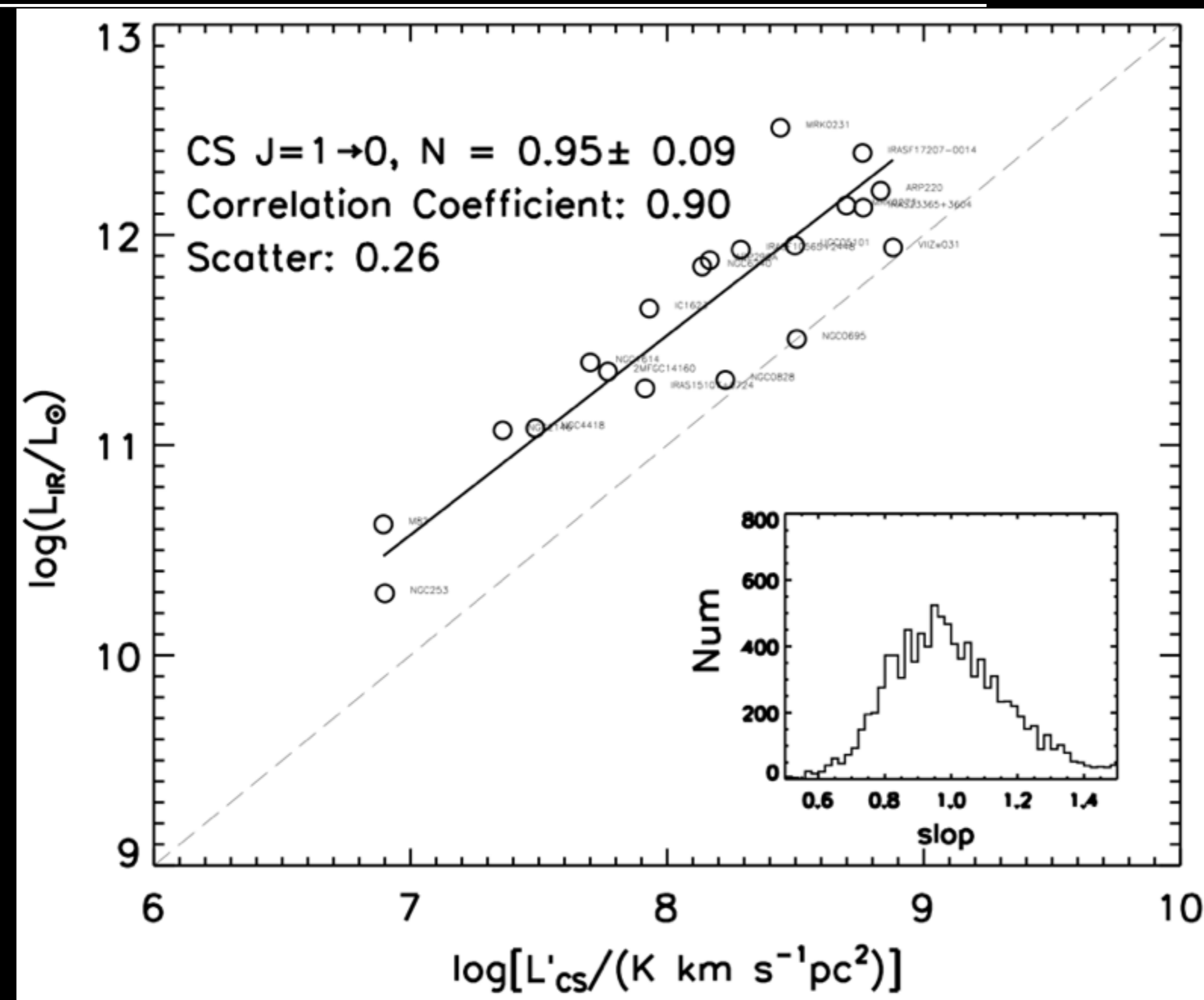
CS detections
in literatures

HCN/HCO⁺ 4-3 simultaneously



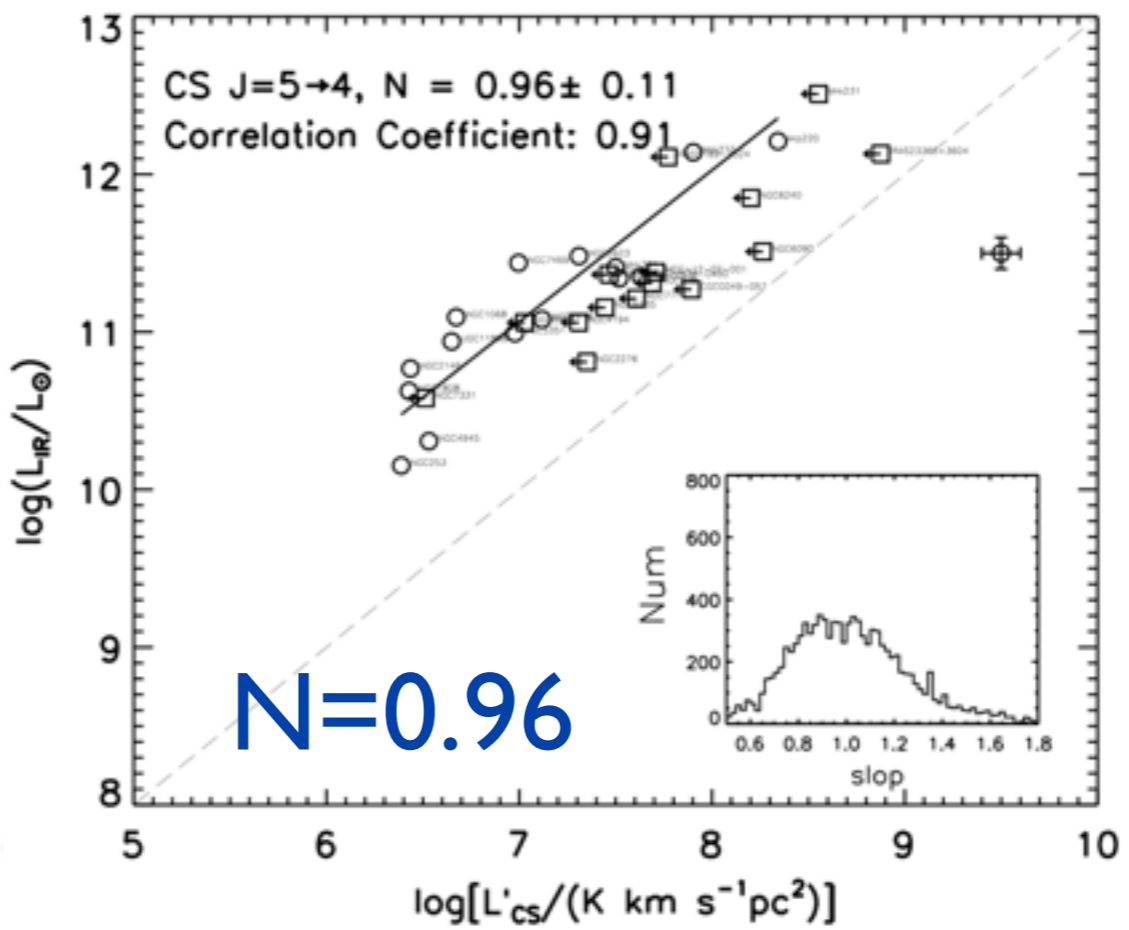
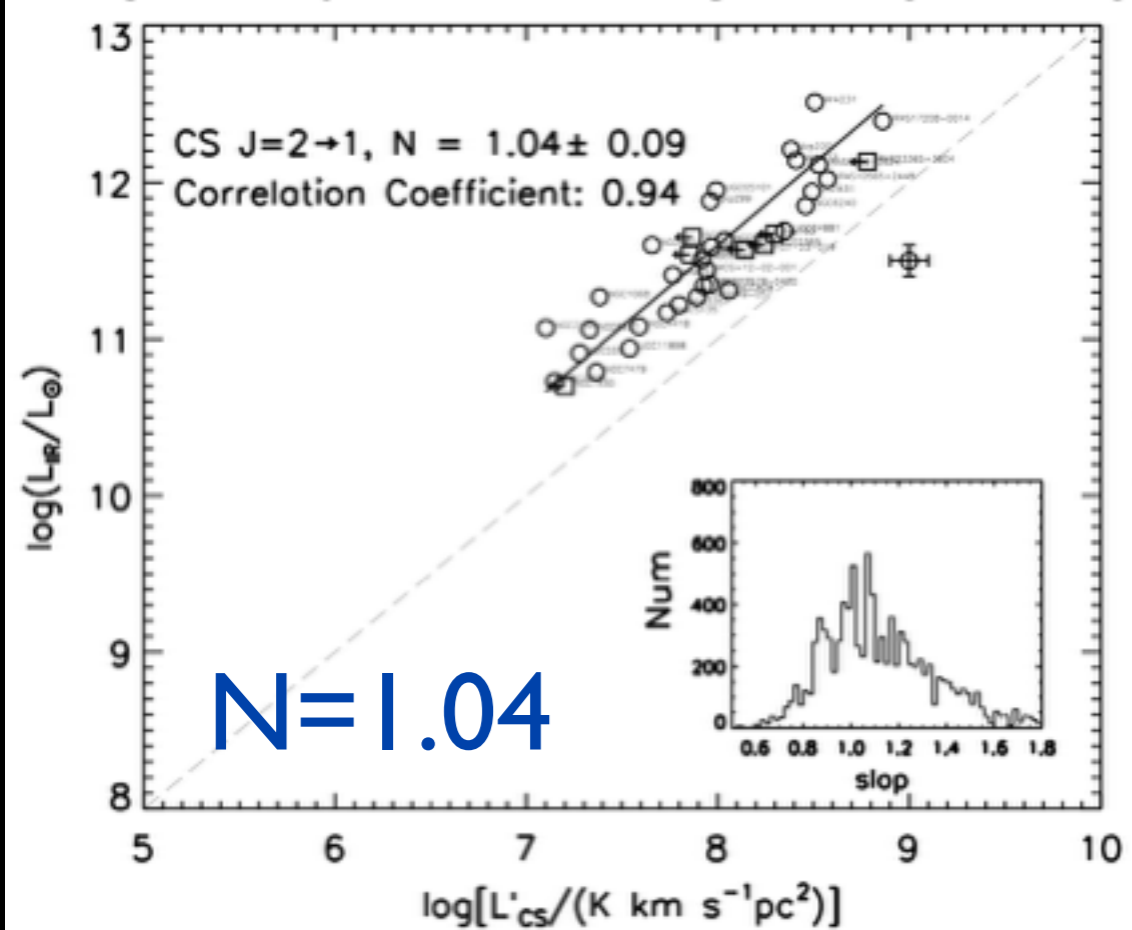
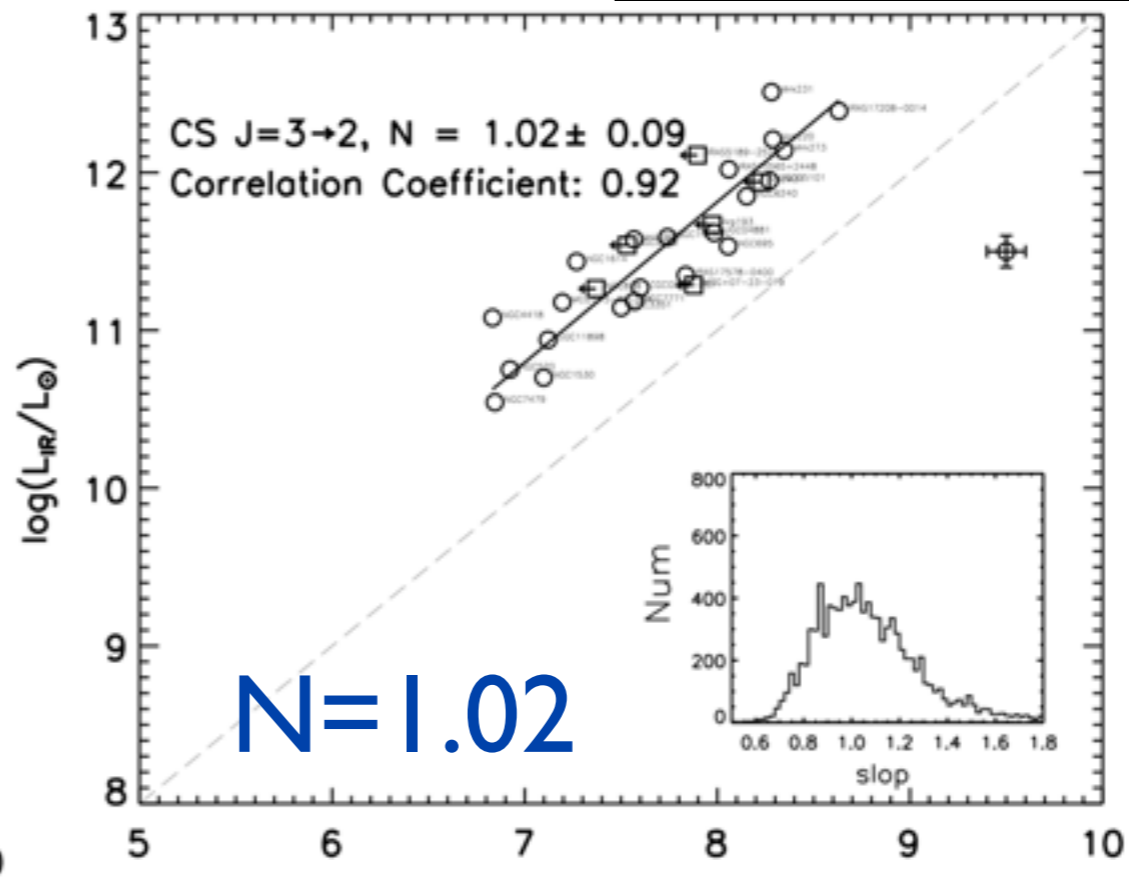
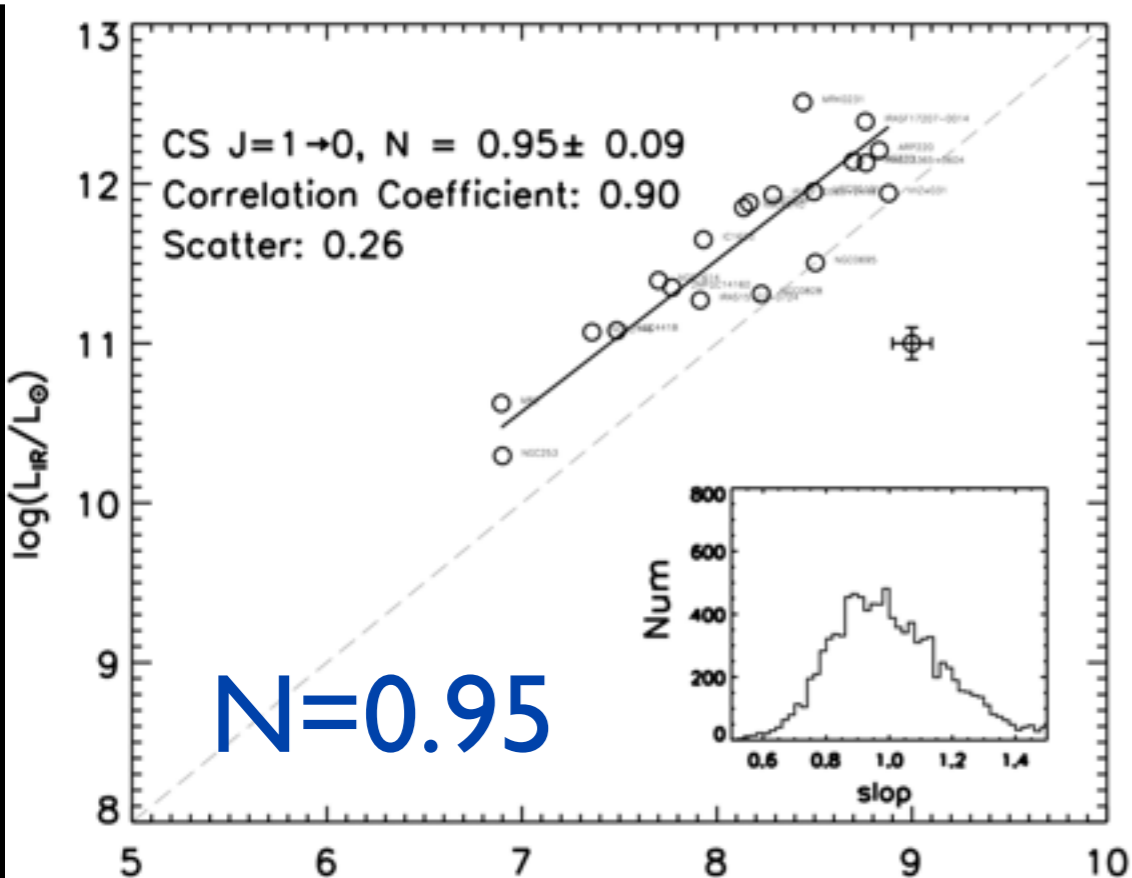
$L'_{\text{gas}} - L_{\text{IR}}$ (point source)

CSI-0 $n_{\text{crit}} \sim 1 \times 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3}$



L'cs-L_{IR} correlations

Point sources only

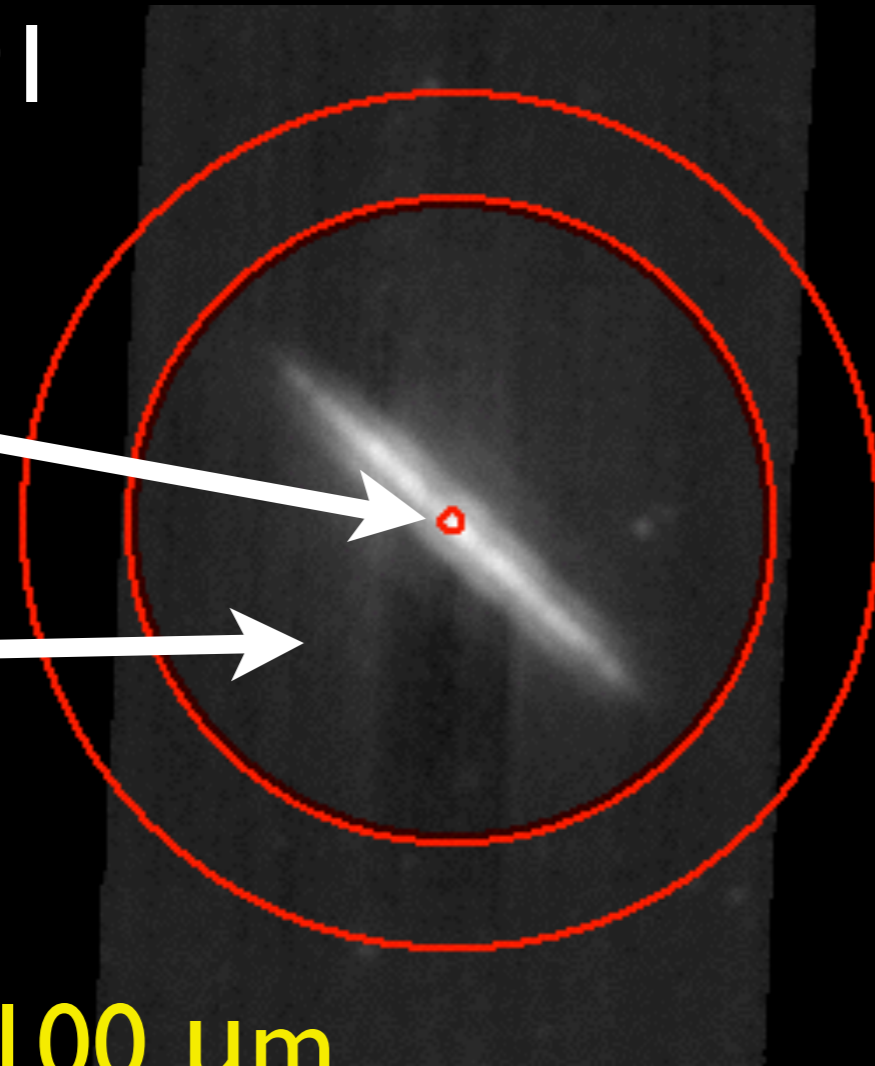


Beam matching photometry

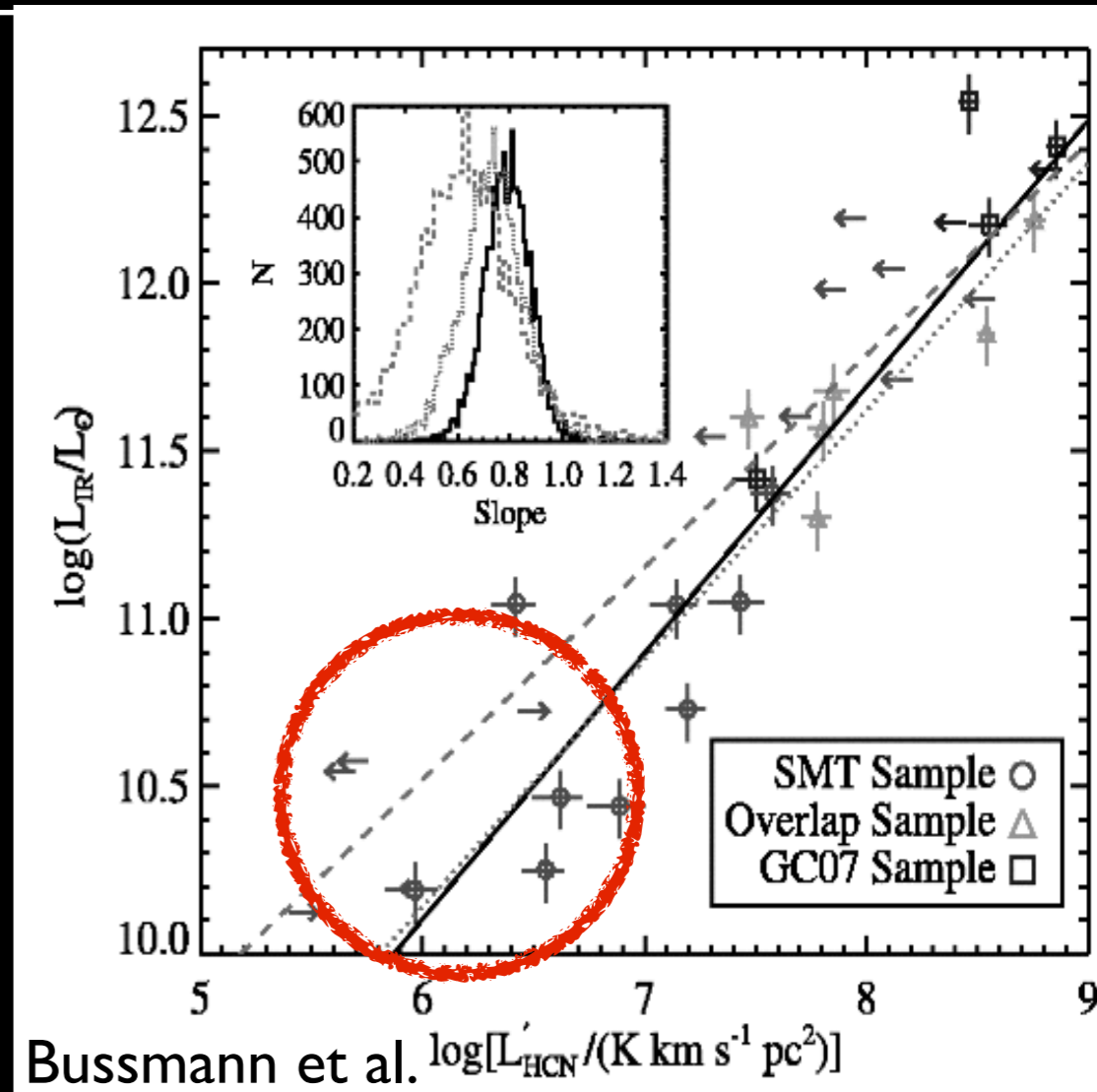
NGC 891

Beam

Whole



Herschel 100 μm

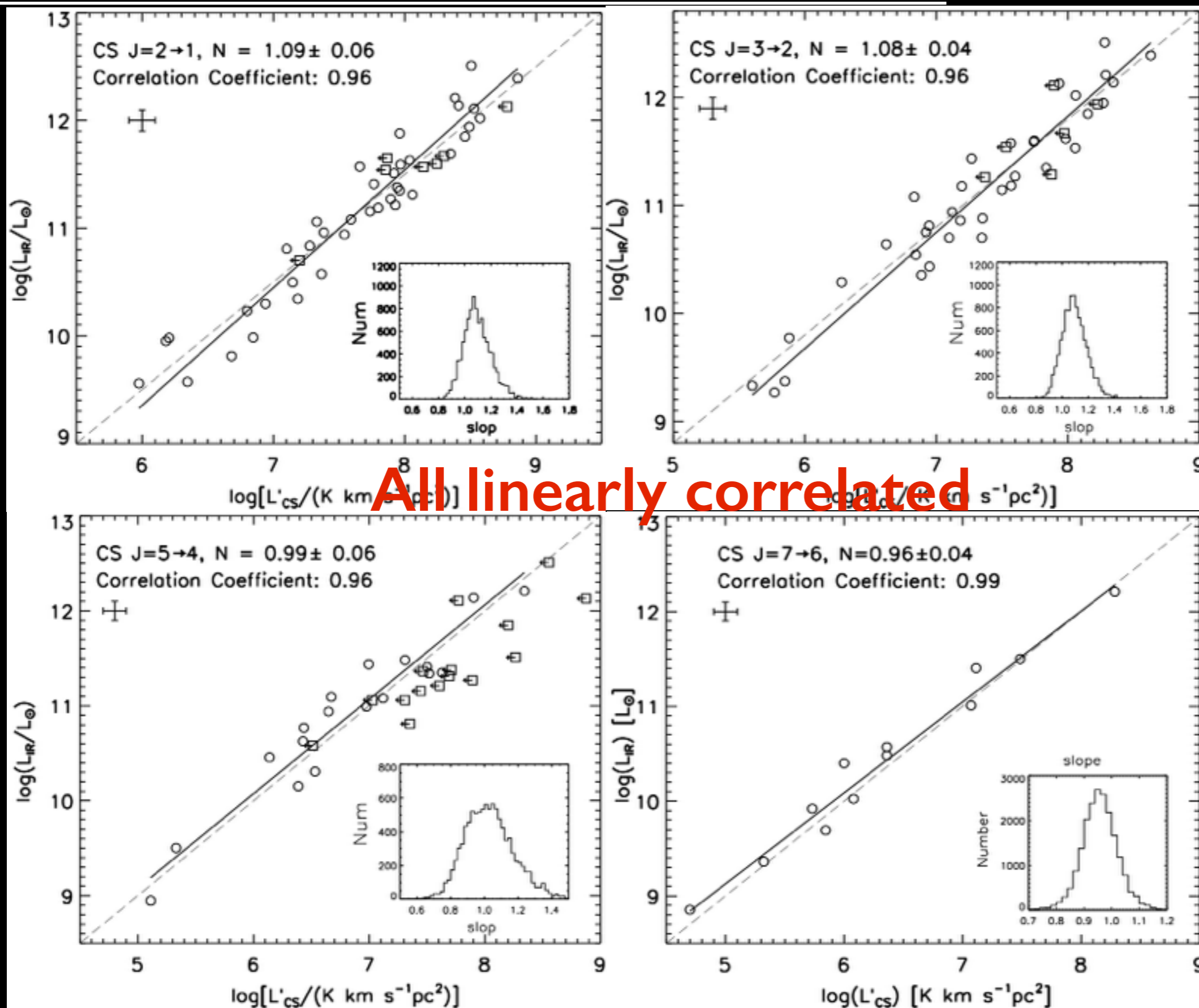


$$L_{\text{SD}} = R_{\text{SD}} \times L_{\text{TIR}}(\text{IRAS})$$

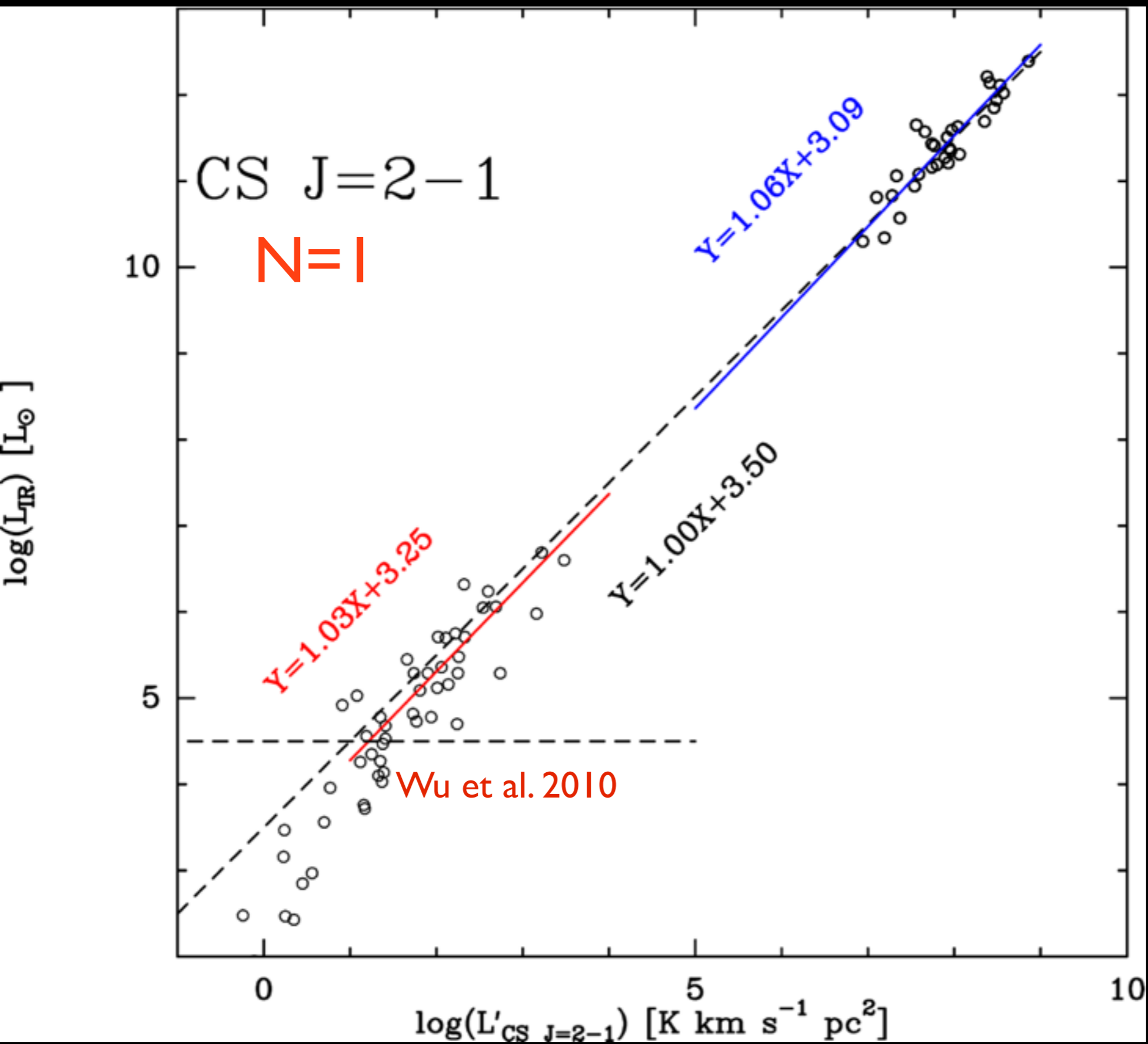
$R_{\text{SD}} = F_{\text{beam}}/F_{\text{total}}$ varies at different bands

Assuming whole galaxy share one IR SED.

L_{CS}-L_{IR} correlations Beam matching correction

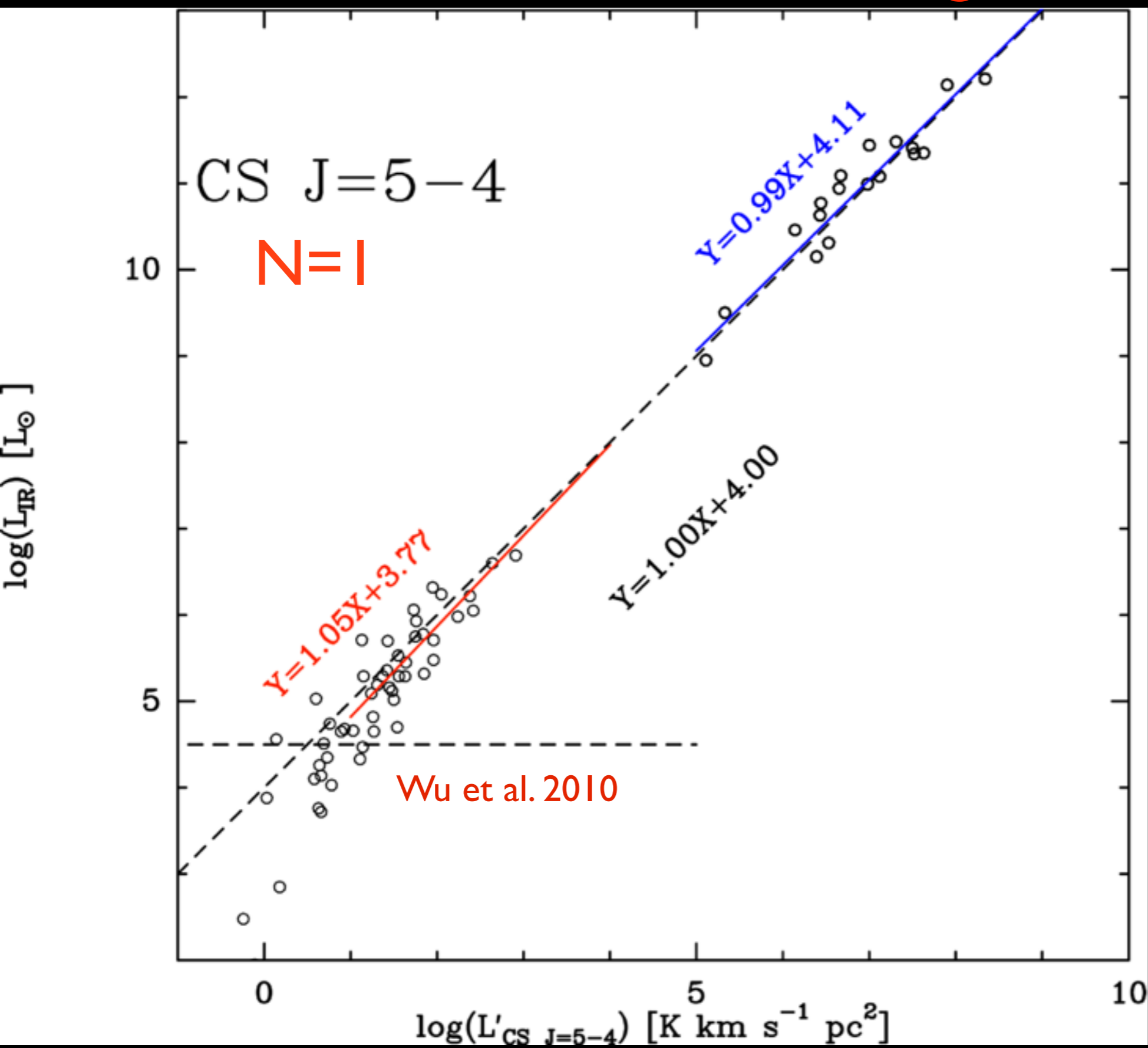


L'CS-L_{IR} correlations ~ 8 orders of magnitude



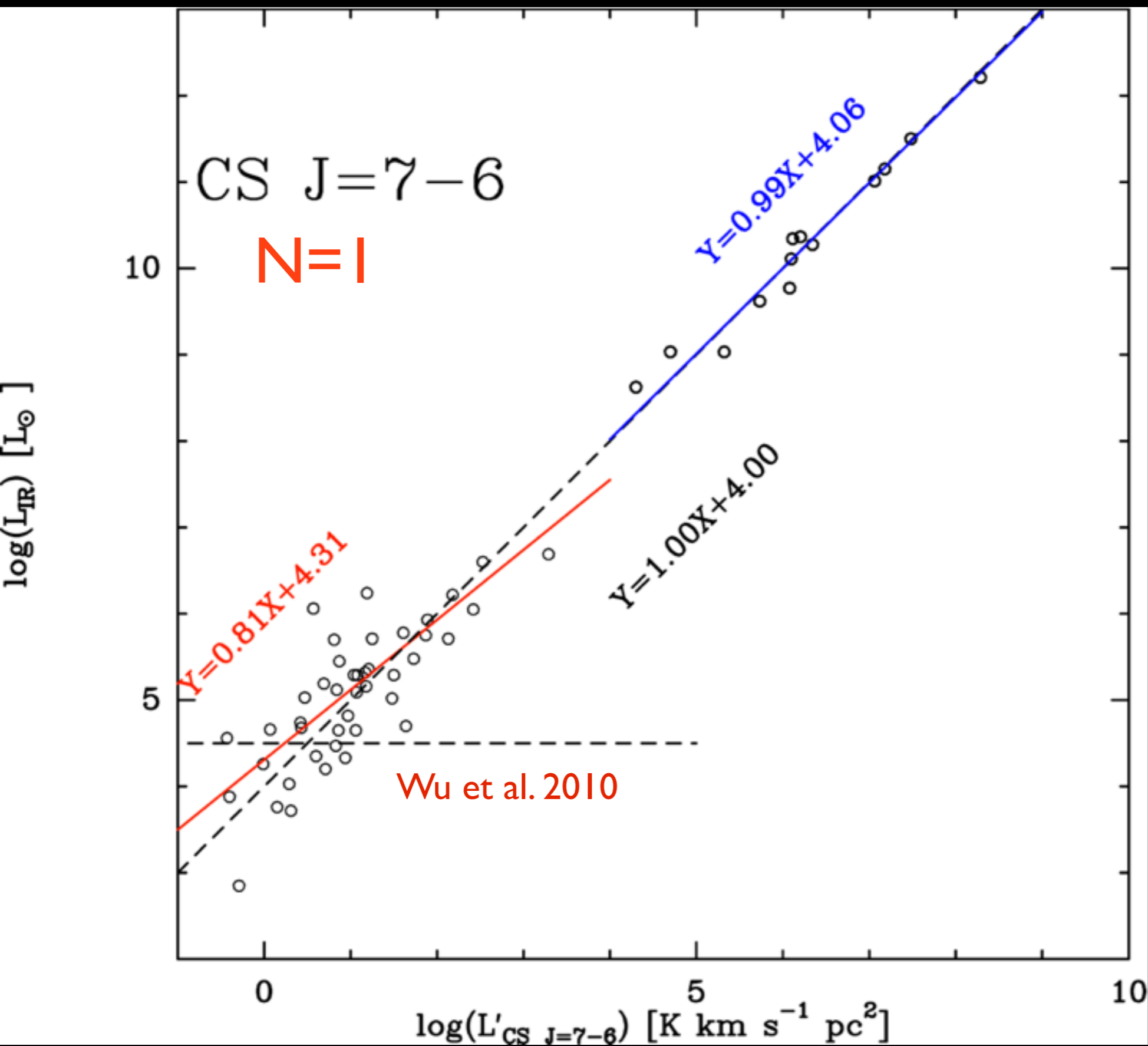
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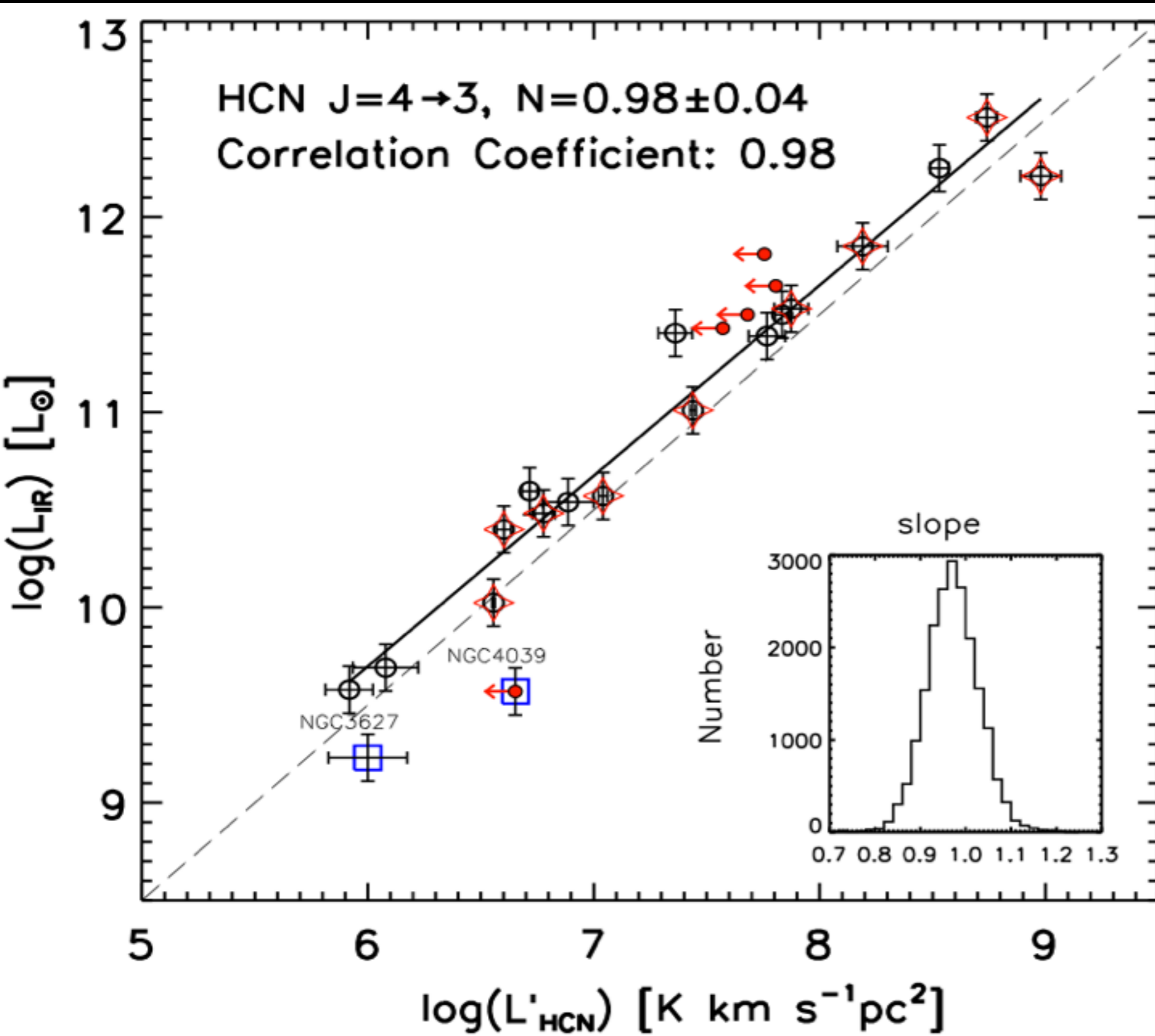
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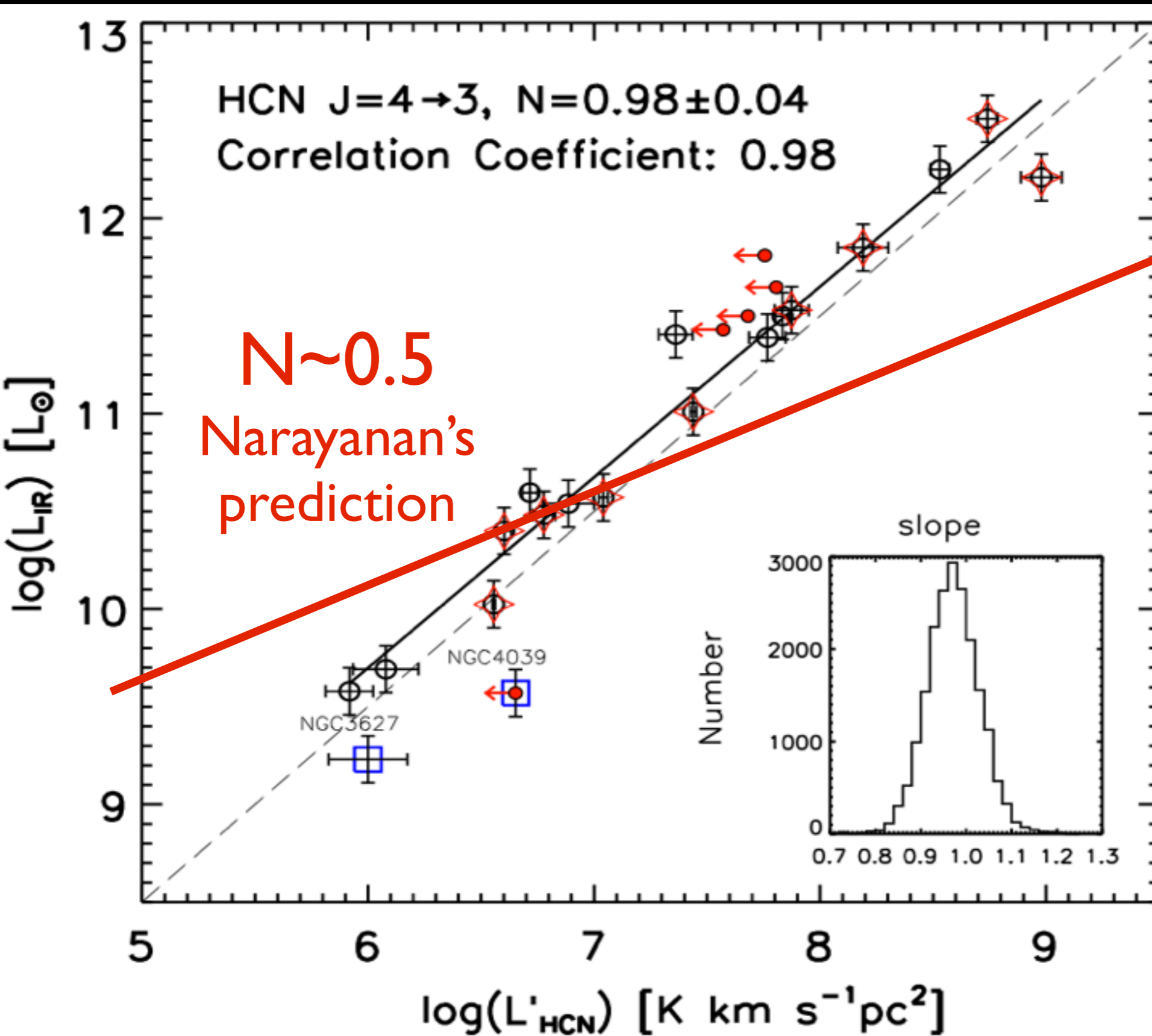
$n_{\text{crit}} \sim 5 \times 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-3}$

HCN J=4-3 -- **observed simultaneously** with CS J=7-6



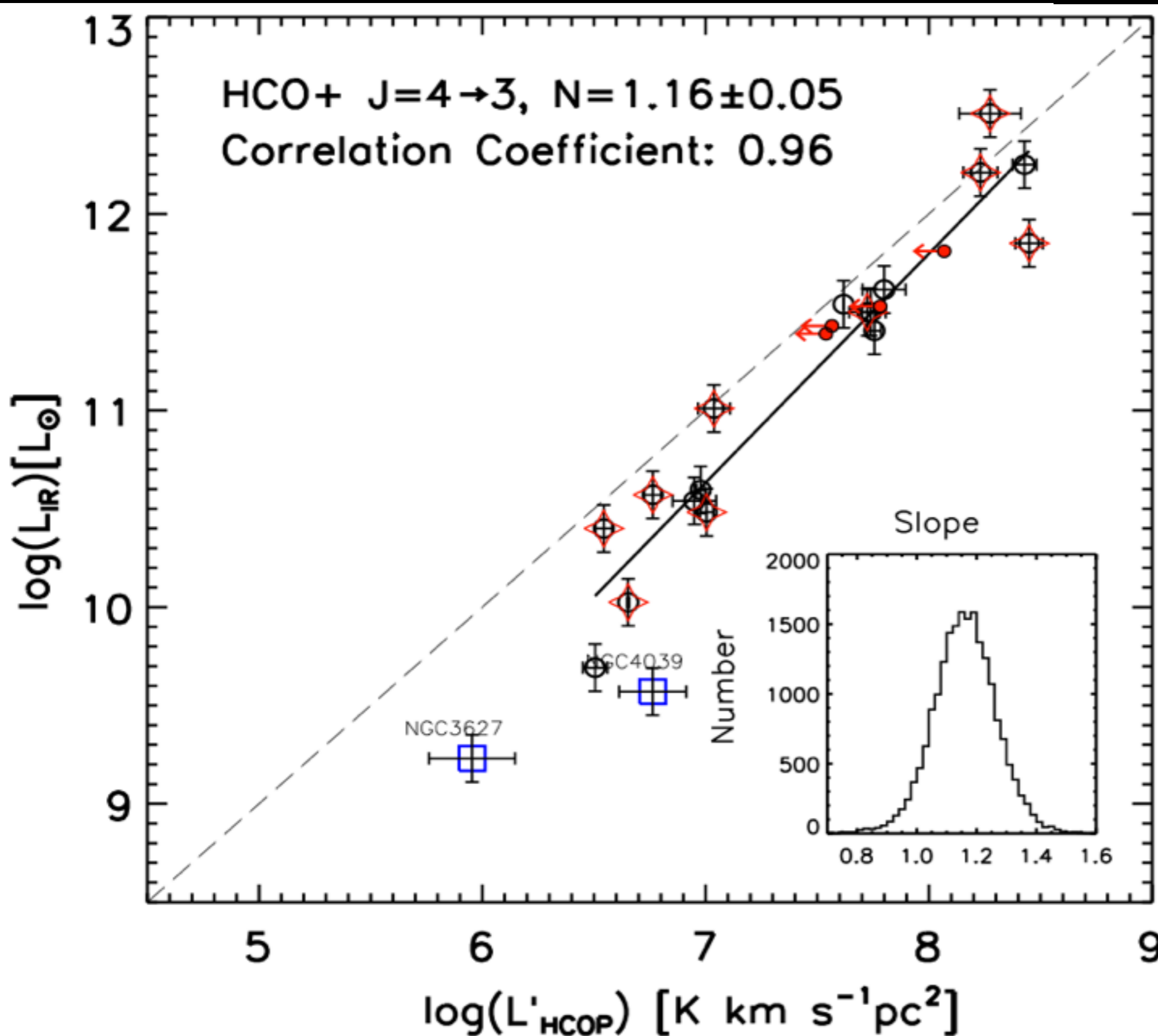
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HCN J=4-3 -- the highest n_{crit} tracer



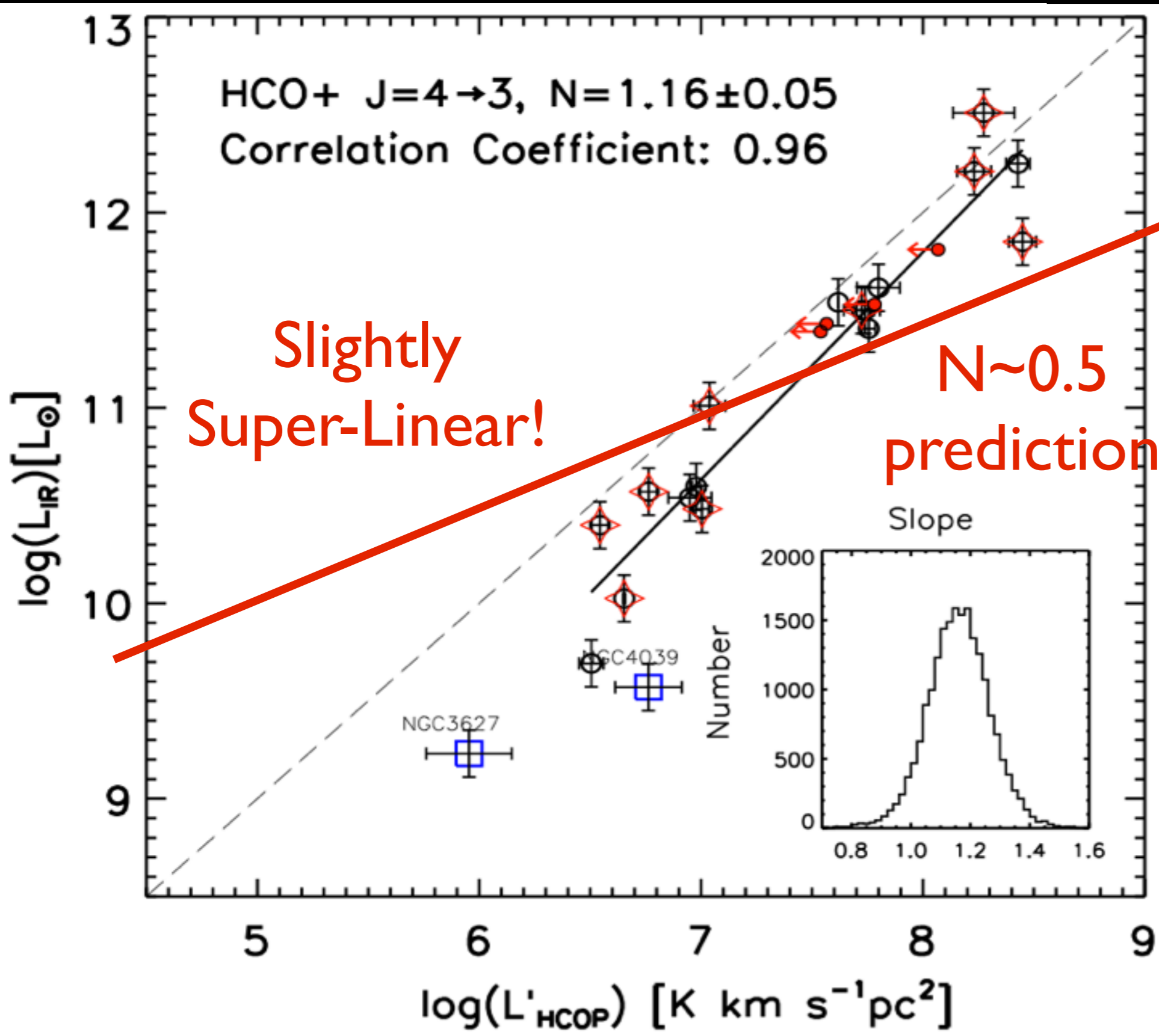
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HCO⁺ J=4-3 -- observed simultaneously with CS J=7-6



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HCO⁺ J=4-3 -- observed simultaneously with CS J=7-6



$n_{\text{crit}} \sim 2 \times 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-3}$

HCO⁺ deficient in extreme conditions??

Higher slopes for HCO⁺ (only) in galaxies.

Gracia-Carpio et al. 2006, 2008; Imanishi et al. 2007

Linear in Galactic cores, e.g., Ma et al. 2013

HCO⁺ is an **ionic molecule**.



High radiation fields in ULIRGs

X-ray / Cosmic Rays => high n(e)

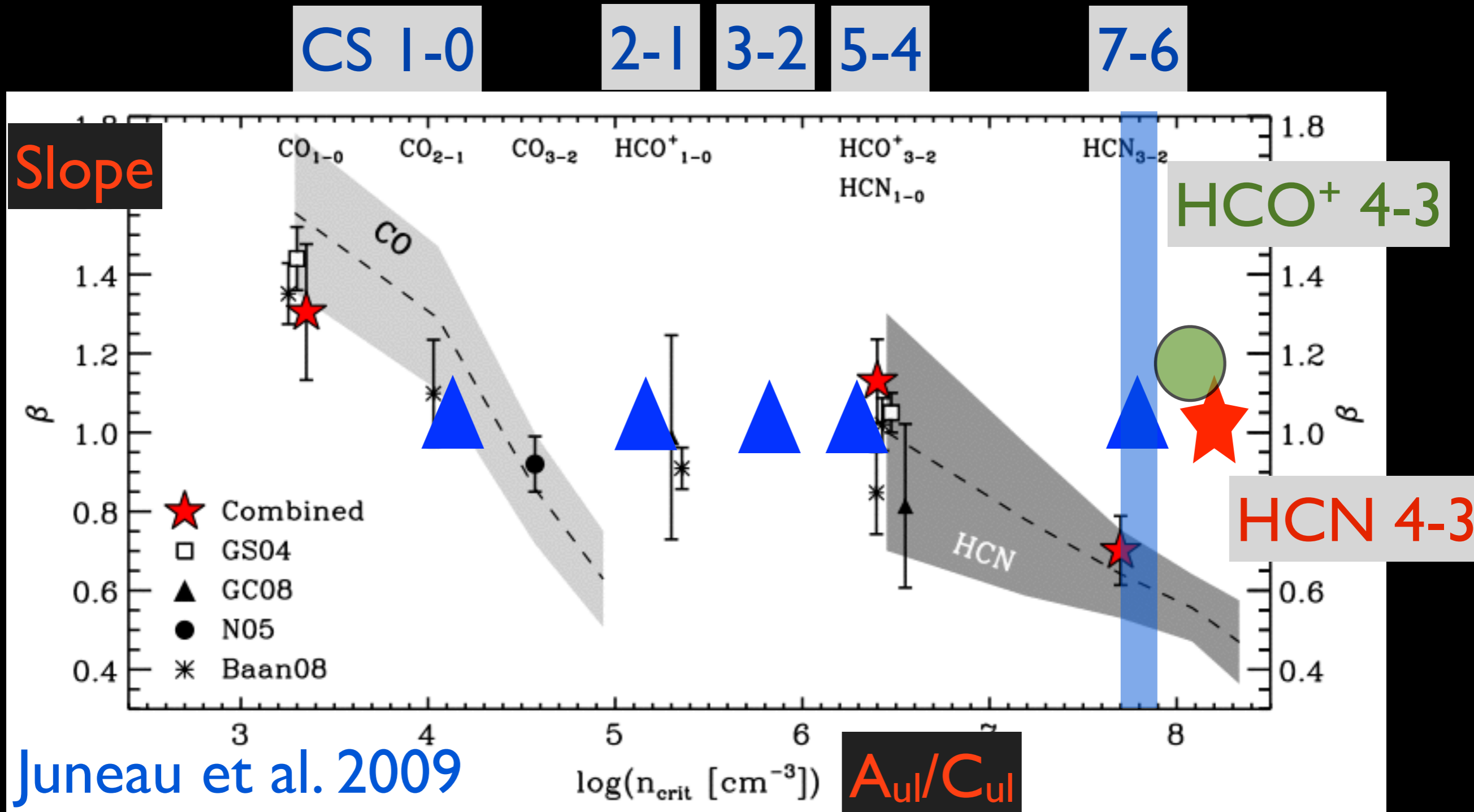
Papadopoulos et al. 2007

Shock environment

Shocks produce electron-rich outer layers

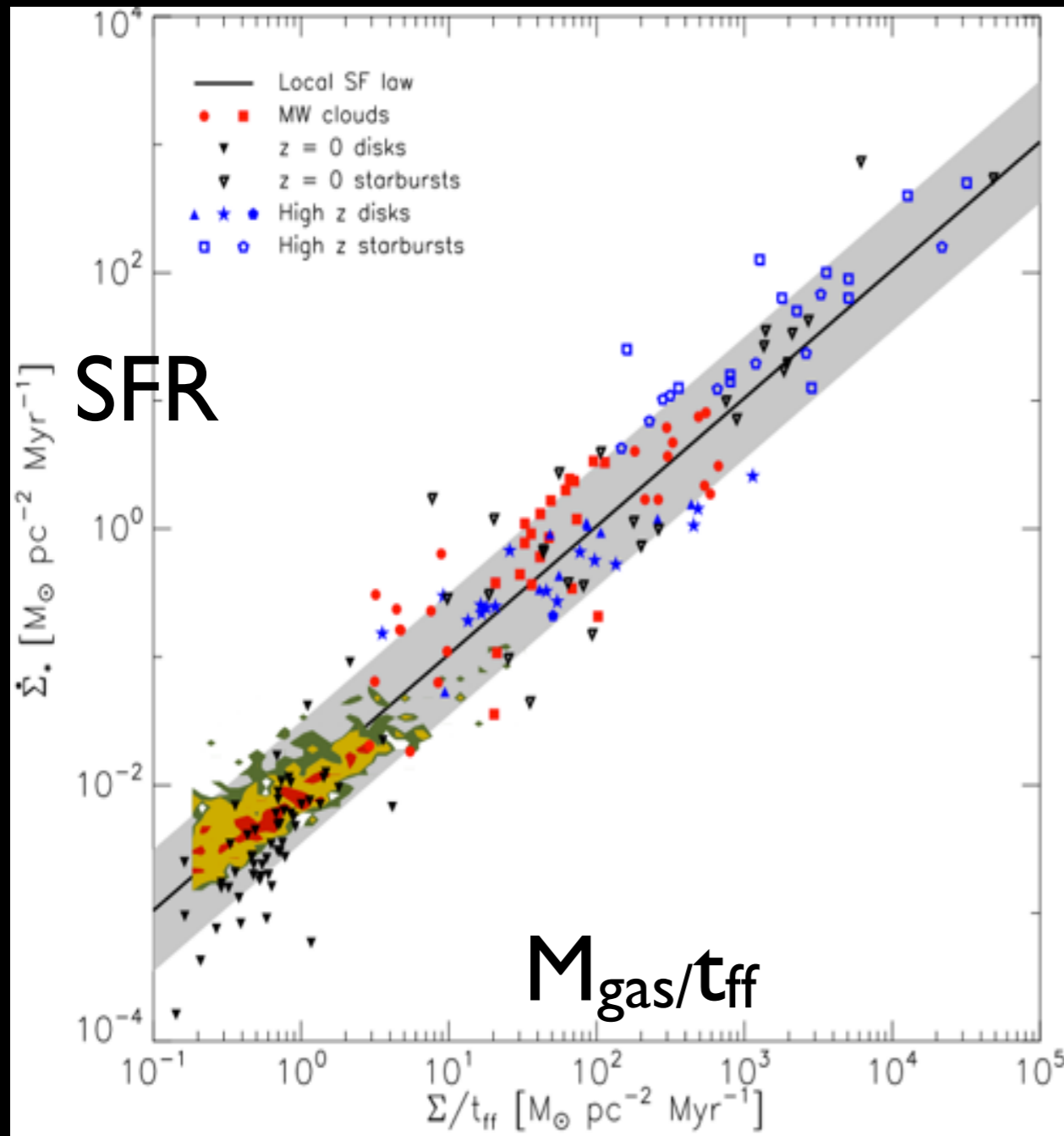
Xie et al. 1995

Dense gas tracers with $n_{\text{crit}} \sim 10^4 - 10^8 \text{ cm}^{-3}$



Dense gas tracers have linear correlations irrespective to n_{crit} , universally over 8 orders of luminosity magnitudes.

Does time scales matter? -- For Dense gas: No.



$$\dot{\rho}_* = f_{\text{H}_2} \epsilon_{\text{ff}} \frac{\rho}{t_{\text{ff}}} = f_{\text{H}_2} \epsilon_{\text{ff}} \sqrt{\frac{32G\rho^3}{3\pi}}$$

Krumholz et al. 2012

f_{H_2} : H_2 fraction

ϵ_{ff} : constant, dimensionless measure of SFR

$$t_{\text{ff}} \propto \rho^{-1/2}$$

If $L_{\text{IR}} = (L'_{\text{dense}})^N / t_{\text{ff}}$, N will decrease with n_{crit} .

This will be contradictory to our observed results.

A Step in the Dark: The Dense Molecular Gas (DeMoGas) in Galaxies†

HerCULES sample

Full CO ladders (from $J=1-0$ to $13-12$)

Multiple molecules (HCN/HCO⁺/CS/etc.)

Multiple transitions

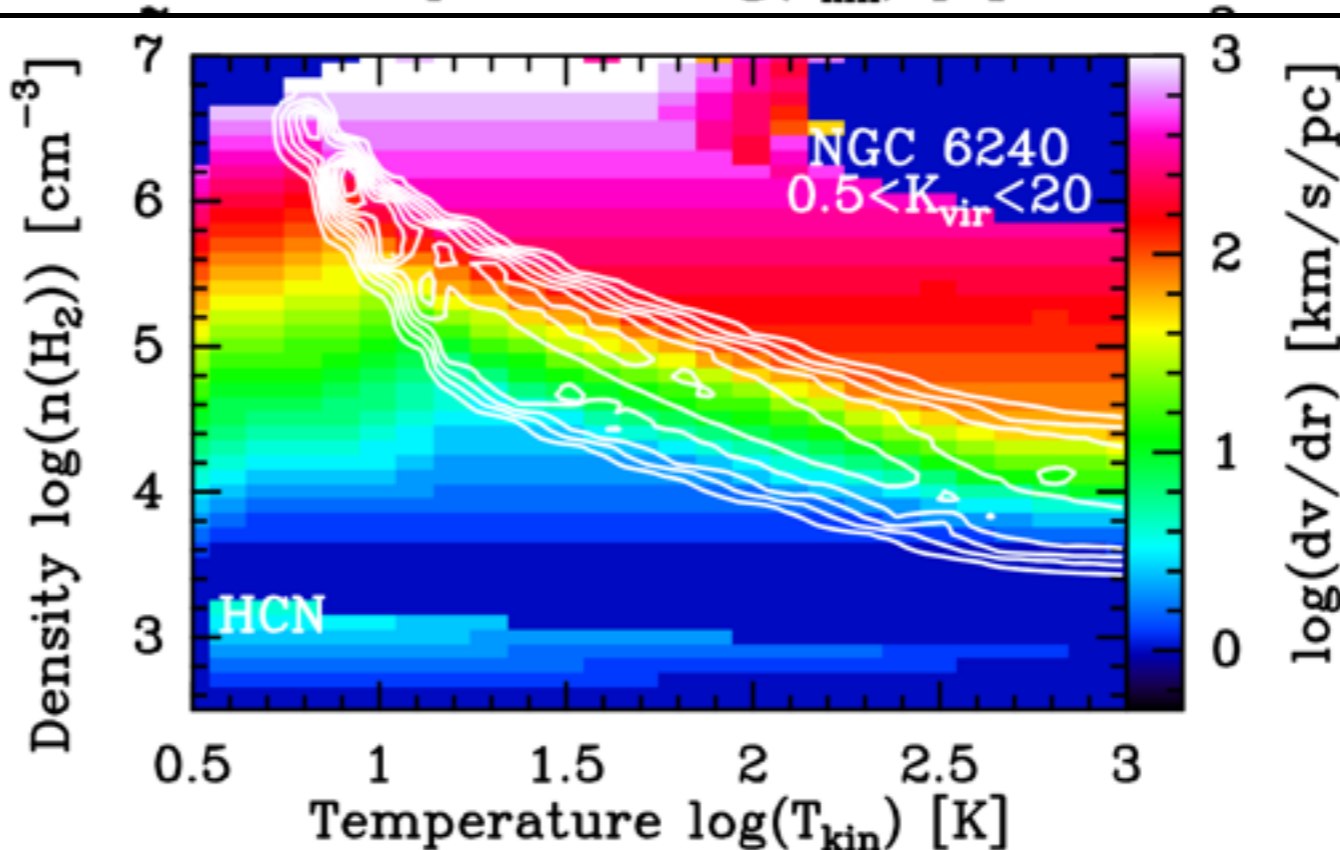
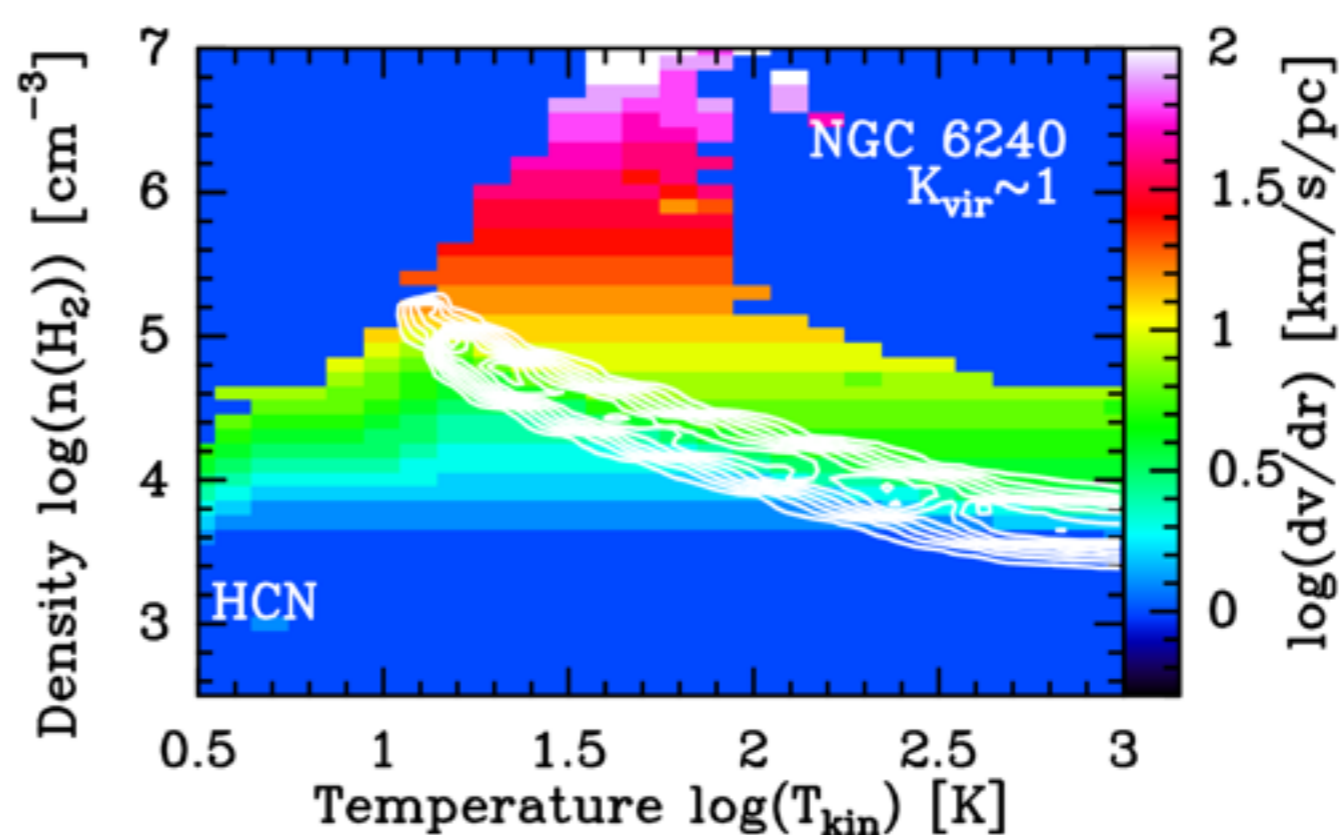
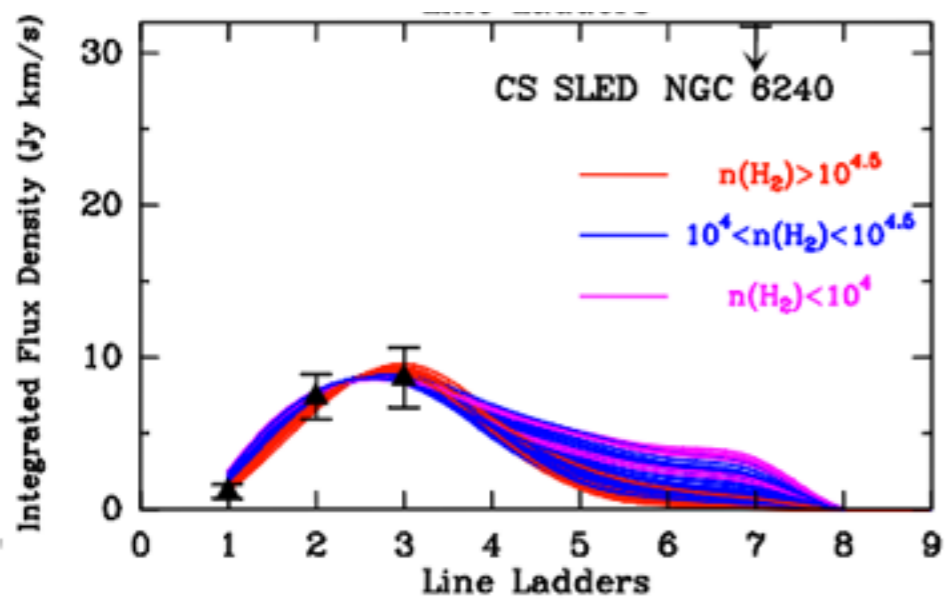
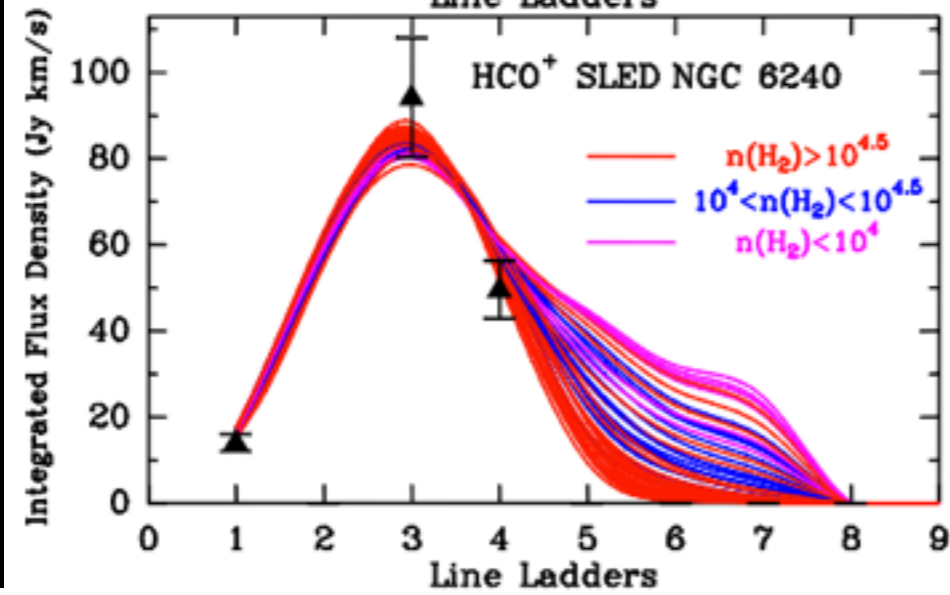
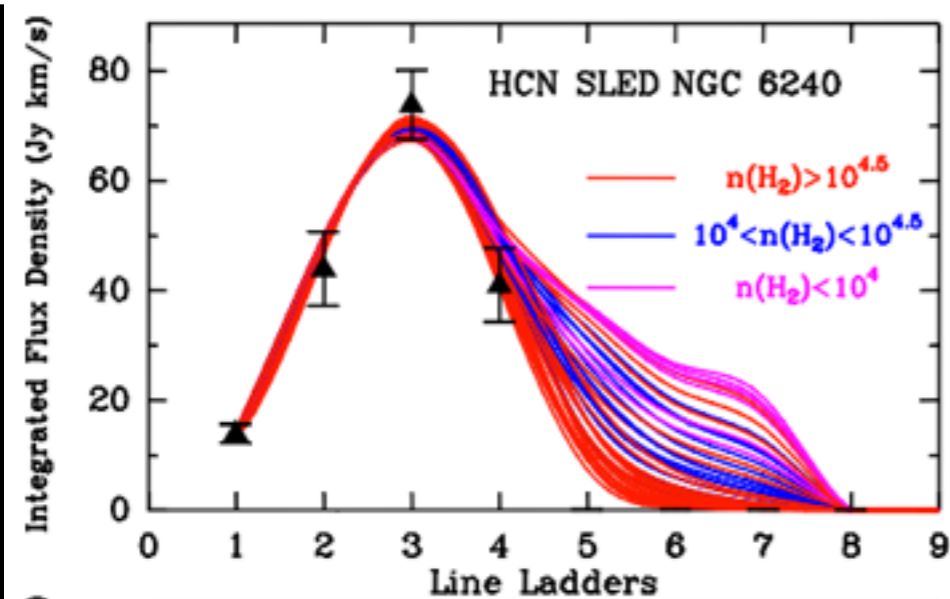
The most completed dataset of dense gas tracers in nearby U/LIRGs

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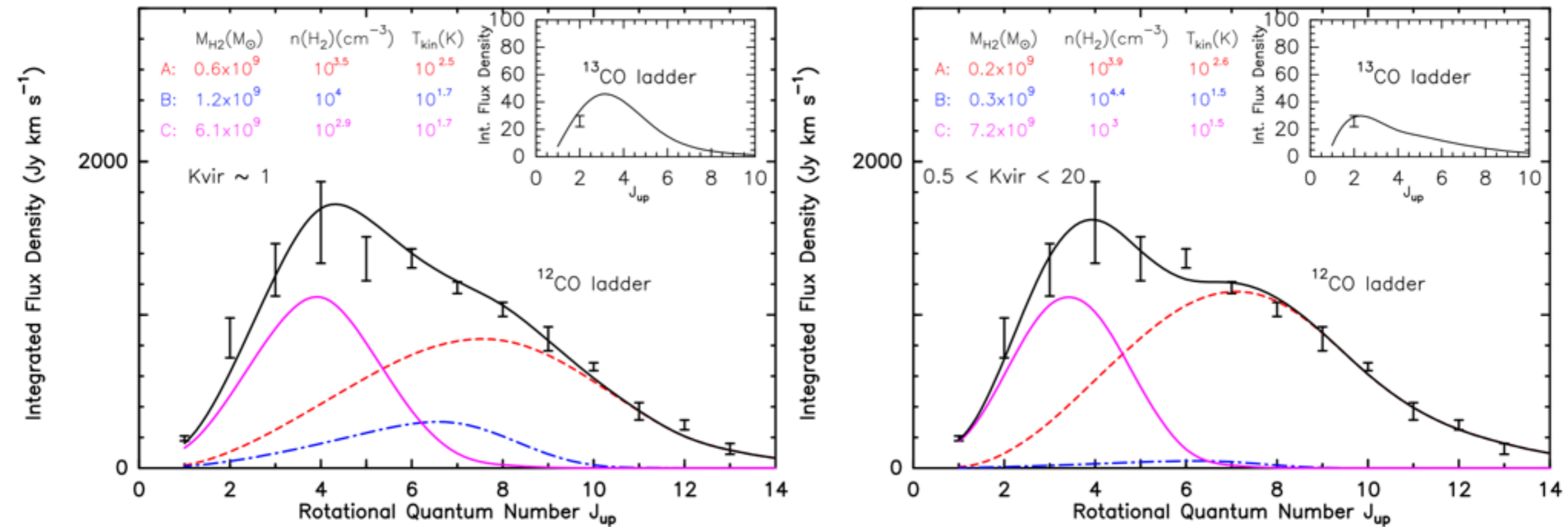
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LVG Modelling with HCN, HCO⁺, and CS



Papadopoulos
+ 2014

Model high-J CO using LVG results of HCN (NGC 6240)



~60-70% of the molecular gas is in dense gas phase.
The thermal state of molecular gases can not be maintained by FUV from PDRs.

Detailed LVG analysis will be done for the whole sample.

Take Home Messages

- 1) Dense molecular gases ($n(\text{H}_2) > 10^4 \text{cm}^{-3}$) are forming stars.
- 2) $M_{\text{dense-SFR}}$ linearly correlates.
- 3) $M_{\text{dense-SFR}}$ stays universally linear from Galactic cores to galaxies.
- 4) $M_{\text{dense-SFR}}$ has nothing to do with the free-fall time (t_{ff}).
- 5) More detailed modelings are on the way.

Spatially resolved studies in external galaxies? -- ALMA

Background music: broadcasting gymnastics for Chinese schools

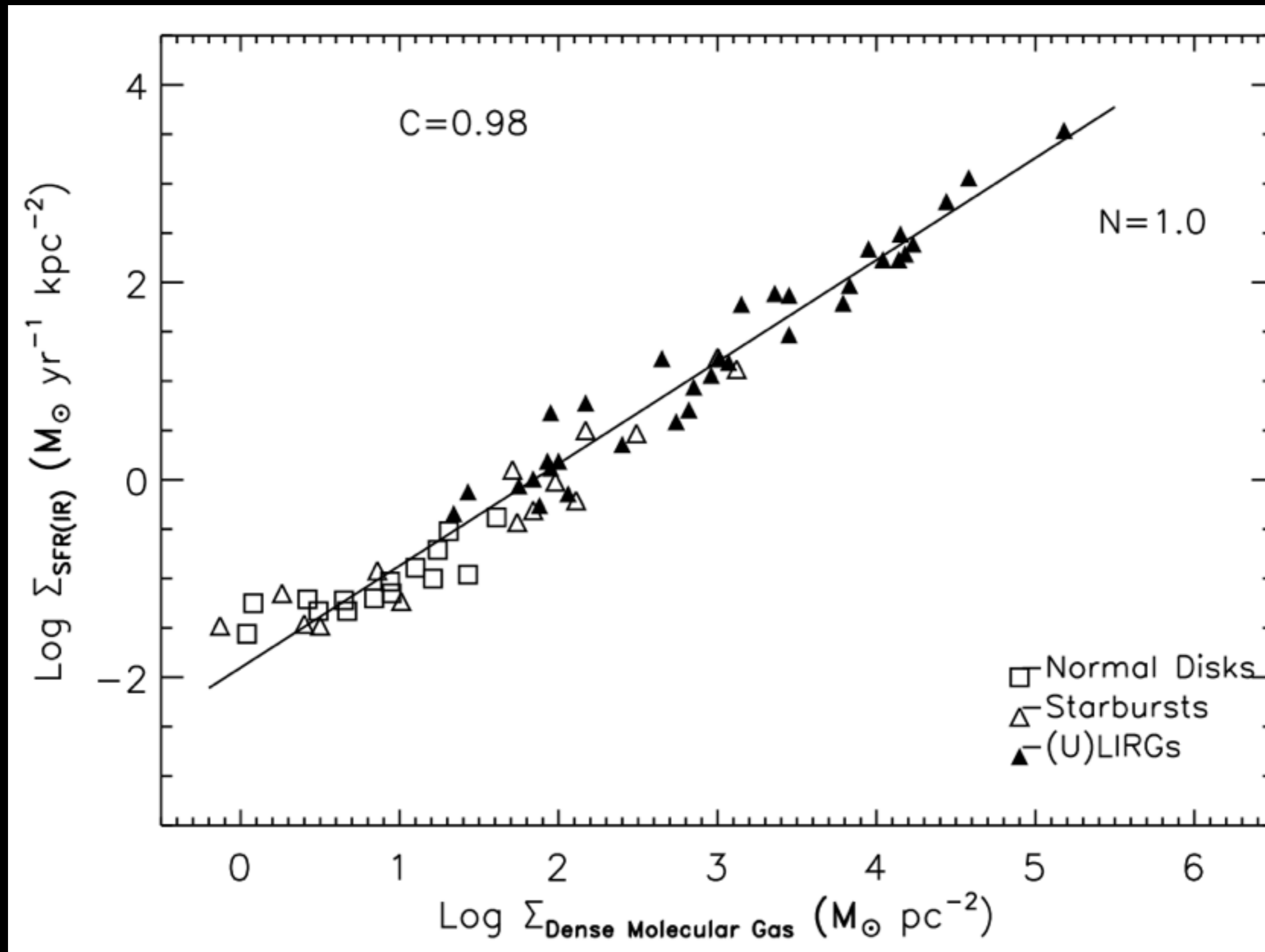
ALMA will be helpful!

Thank you!



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Surface density correlation of HCN -10

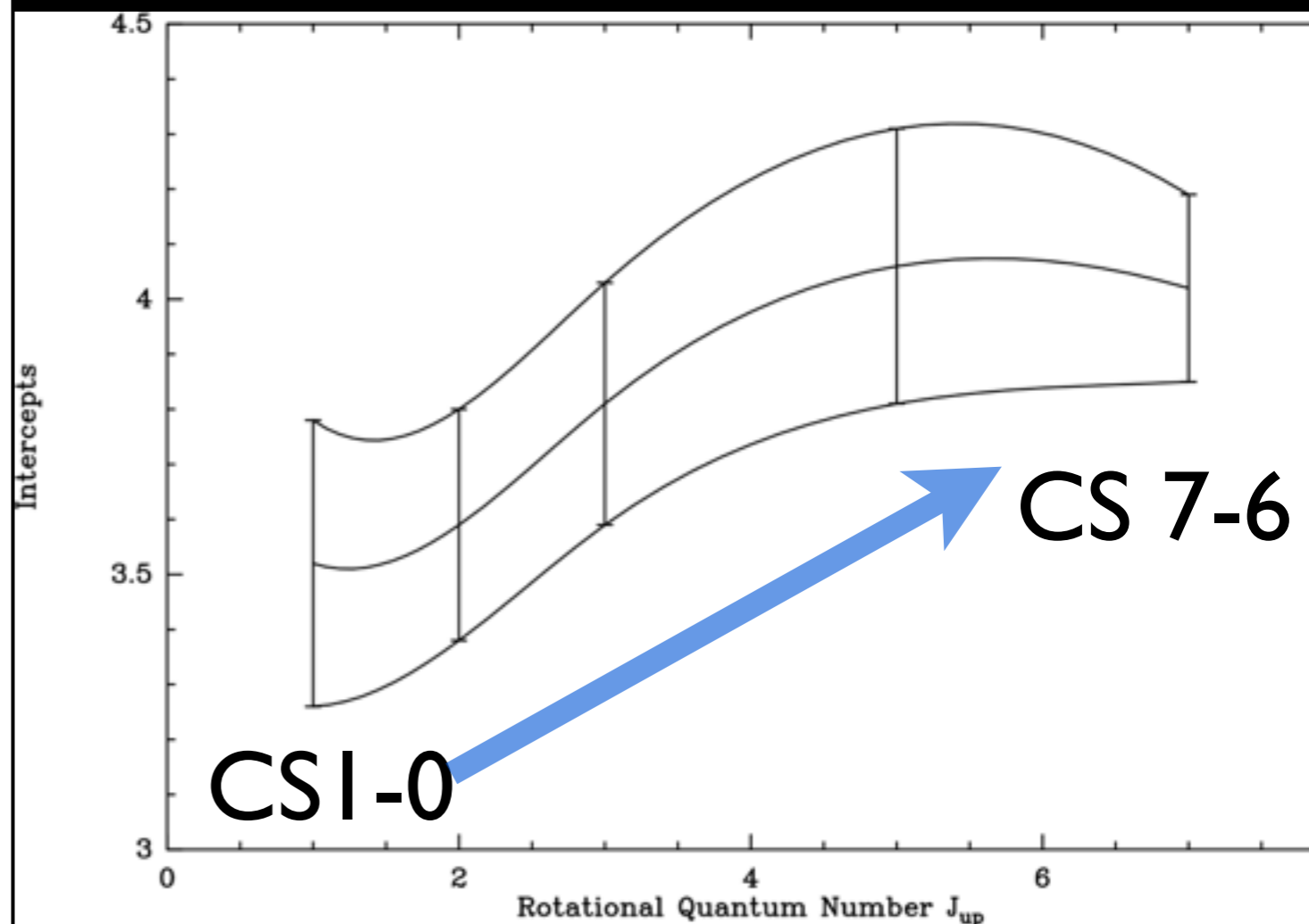


Fitting results

Table 3.8: Fitting parameters of the correlations of $L'_{CS}-L_{TR}$

Transition	Slope index	Intercepts	r^a	s^b
fitting without beam match correction				
CS $J=1 \rightarrow 0$	0.71(0.10)	5.99(0.76)	0.82	0.31
CS $J=2 \rightarrow 1$	0.88(0.05)	4.57(0.40)	0.94	0.24
CS $J=3 \rightarrow 2$	0.83(0.05)	5.17(0.34)	0.93	0.26
CS $J=5 \rightarrow 4$	0.69(0.06)	6.40(0.42)	0.91	0.25
CS $J=7 \rightarrow 6$	0.68(0.08)	6.60(0.56)	0.89	0.33
fitting with beam match correction				
CS $J=1 \rightarrow 0$	0.94(0.07)	3.96(0.52)	0.93	0.24
CS $J=2 \rightarrow 1$	1.20(0.06)	1.95(0.44)	0.96	0.27
CS $J=3 \rightarrow 2$	1.13(0.05)	2.80(0.34)	0.96	0.25
CS $J=5 \rightarrow 4$	0.99(0.06)	4.11(0.44)	0.96	0.24
CS $J=7 \rightarrow 6$	0.99(0.06)	4.06(0.43)	0.98	0.17
fitting with only point sources				
CS $J=1 \rightarrow 0$	0.95(0.09)	3.93(0.69)	0.90	0.26
CS $J=2 \rightarrow 1$	1.04(0.09)	3.30(0.72)	0.94	0.22
CS $J=3 \rightarrow 2$	1.02(0.09)	3.67(0.69)	0.92	0.22
CS $J=5 \rightarrow 4$	0.96(0.11)	4.33(0.80)	0.91	0.24

Intercept vs. J



sub-linear slope indices for uncorrected targets
 linear correlations for point targets and beam
 matched targets

Wu et al. 2010 Galactic CS

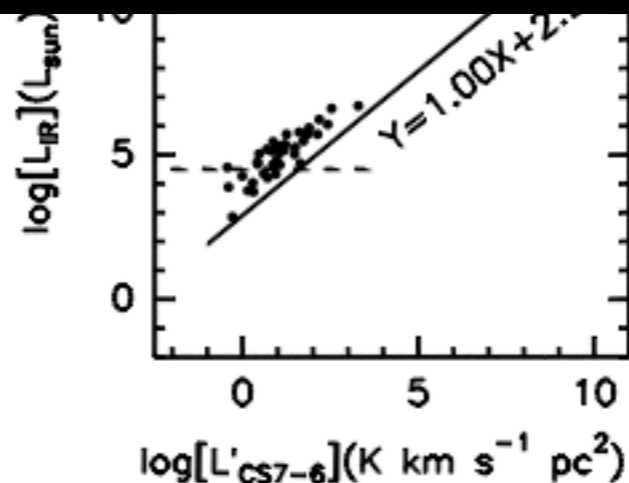
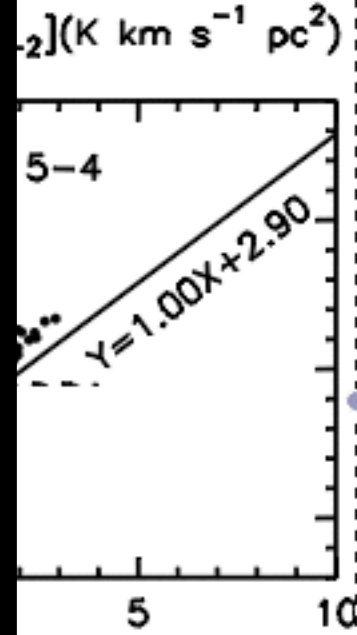
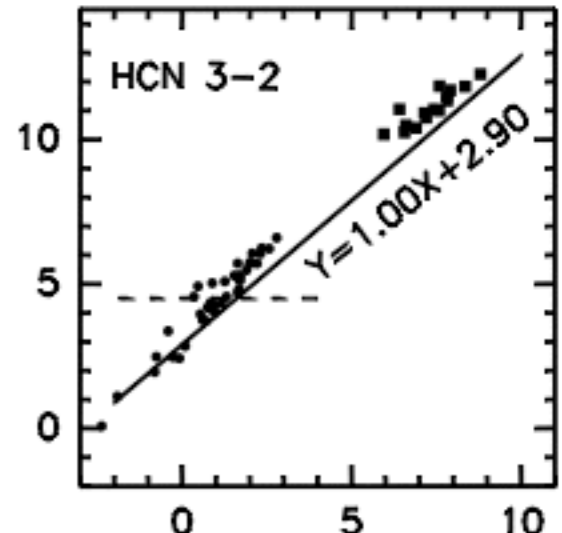
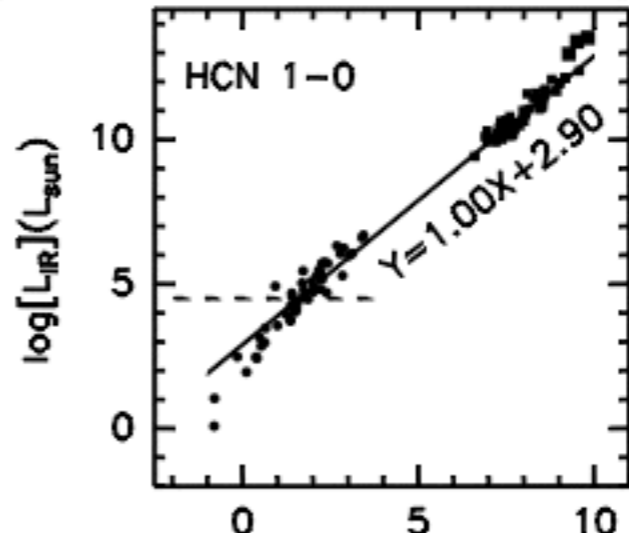
HOW ARE GALAXIES?

CS 2-1:
Least squares : $\log(L_{\text{IR}}) = 1.03(\pm 0.05) \times \log(L'_{\text{CS}2-1}) + 3.25(\pm 0.11); r = 0.80$
Robust fit : $\log(L_{\text{IR}}) = 0.87 \times \log(L'_{\text{CS}2-1}) + 3.56$

CS 5-4:
Least squares fit : $\log(L_{\text{IR}}) = 1.00 \times \log(L'_{\text{CS}5-4}) + 3.25$
Robust fit : $\log(L_{\text{IR}}) = 0.87 \times \log(L'_{\text{CS}5-4}) + 3.56$

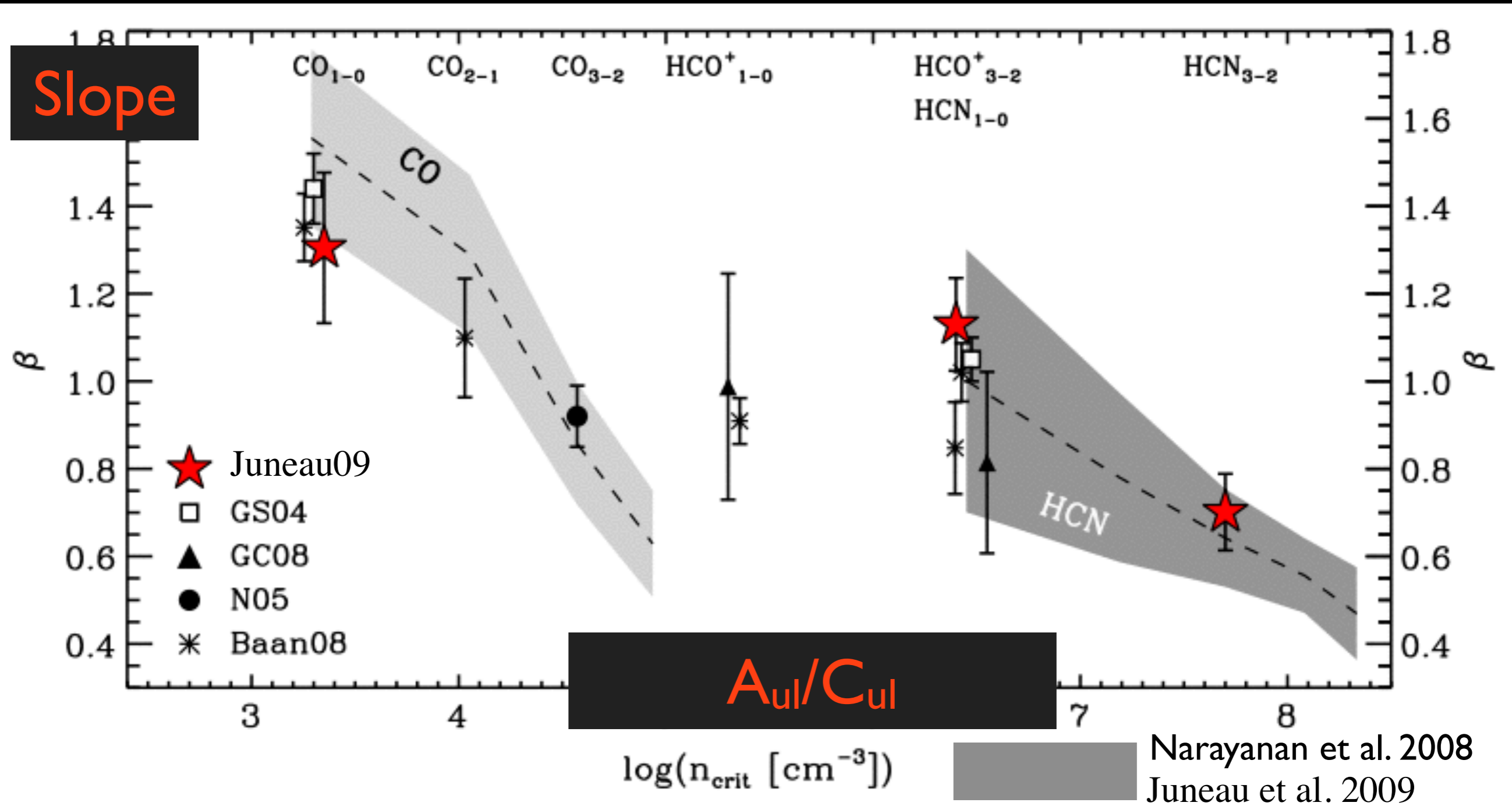
CS 7-6:
Least squares fit : $\log(L_{\text{IR}}) = 1.00 \times \log(L'_{\text{CS}7-6}) + 3.25$
Robust fit : $\log(L_{\text{IR}}) = 0.87 \times \log(L'_{\text{CS}7-6}) + 3.56$

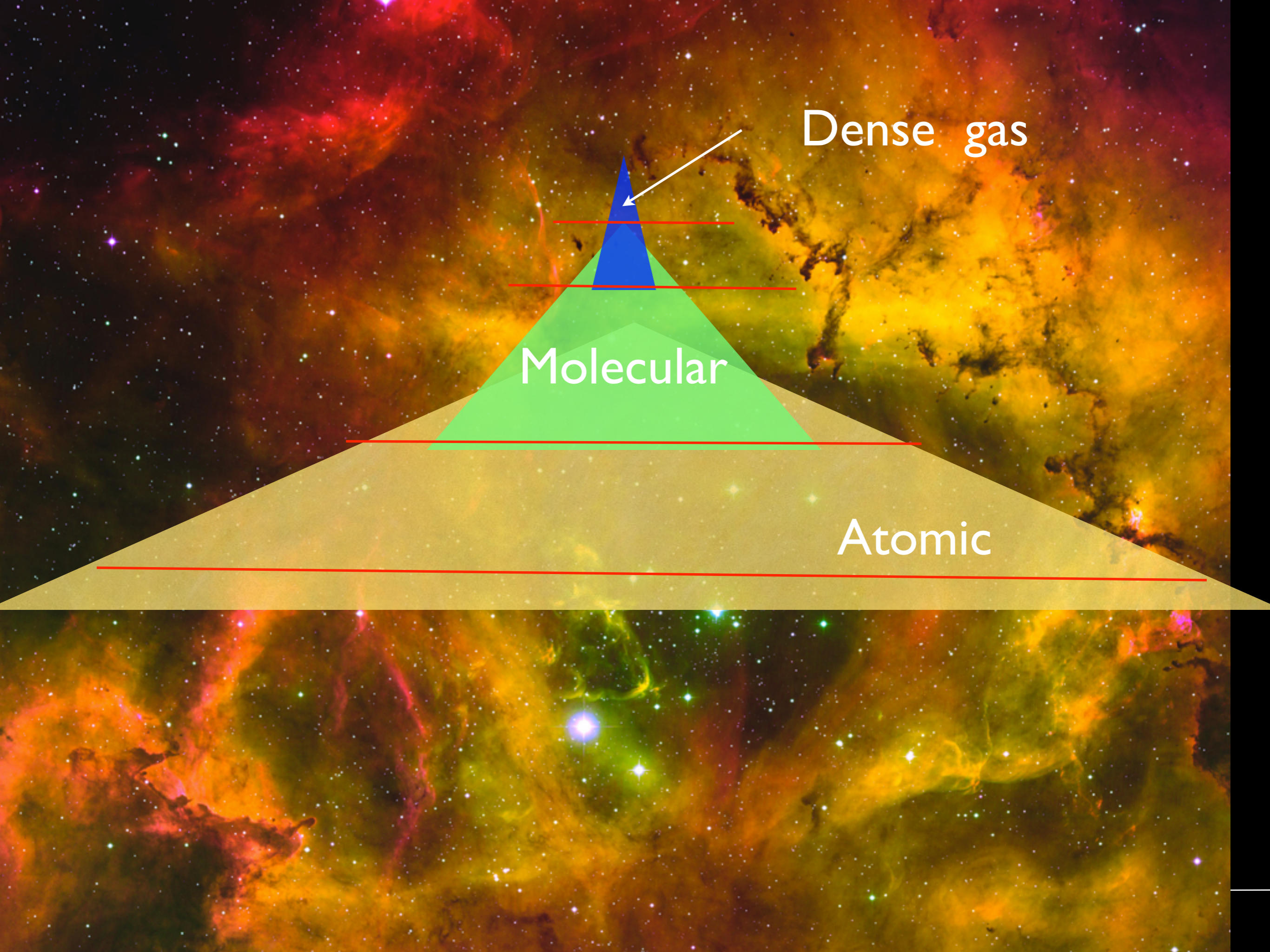
The average density of massive clumps (Kruschwitz et al. 1997), less than this study except for the effective density (Table 9) and the density that was found to contribute most to the HCN 1-0 line in the simulations of Krumholz & Thompson (2007). In fact, a density derived from excitation analysis is biased toward the densest regions and the mean density of the clumps in the sense of mass divided by volume is generally less (e.g., Shirley et al. 2003). As noted above, the relations we find do not support the suggestions by Krumholz & Thompson (2007) or Narayanan et al. (2008).



Simulations vs. Observations

higher transitions/densities have lower slope indices.





Dense gas

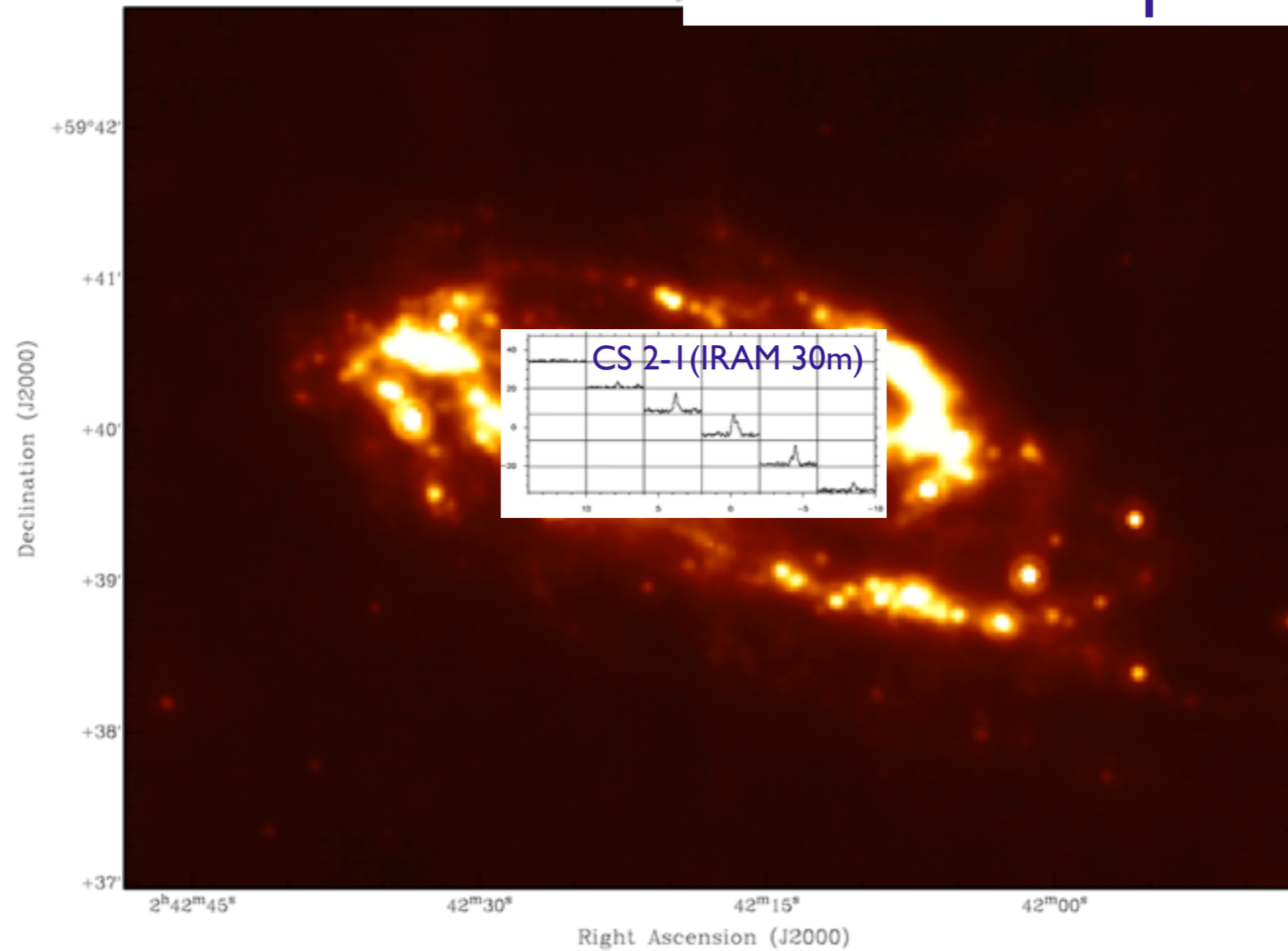
Molecular

Atomic

Extended CS emission on the disk

MAFFEI 2

Spitzer 24 μm



Dense gas tracers

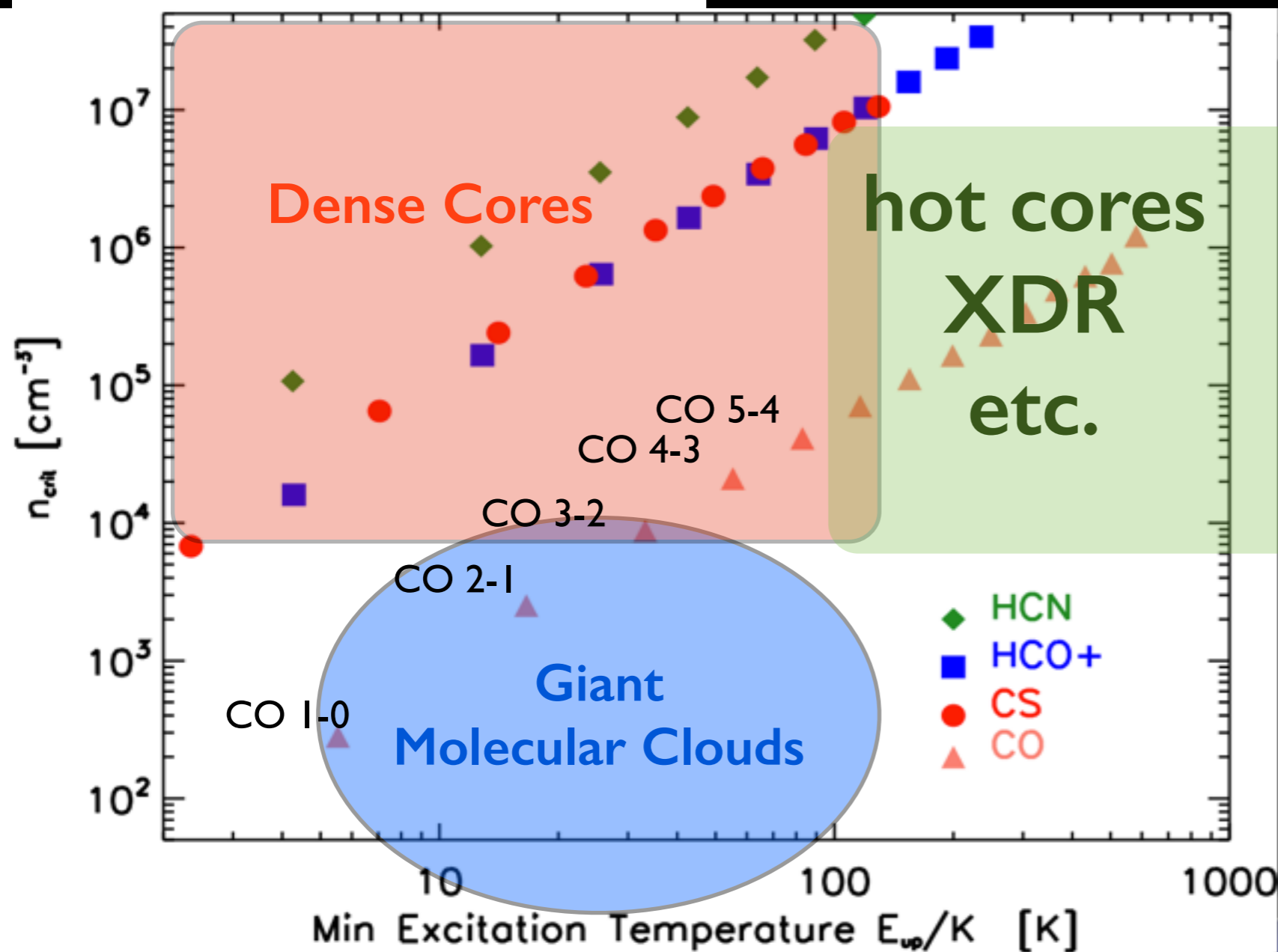
Critical Density:

$$n_{\text{crit}} = \frac{\sum_{l < u} A_{ul}}{\sum_{l \neq u} C_{ul}}$$

Rotational transitions of heavy molecules

HCN, HCO+, CS, high-J CO etc.

Dense gas tracer: $n_{\text{crit}} > 10^4 \text{cm}^{-3}$



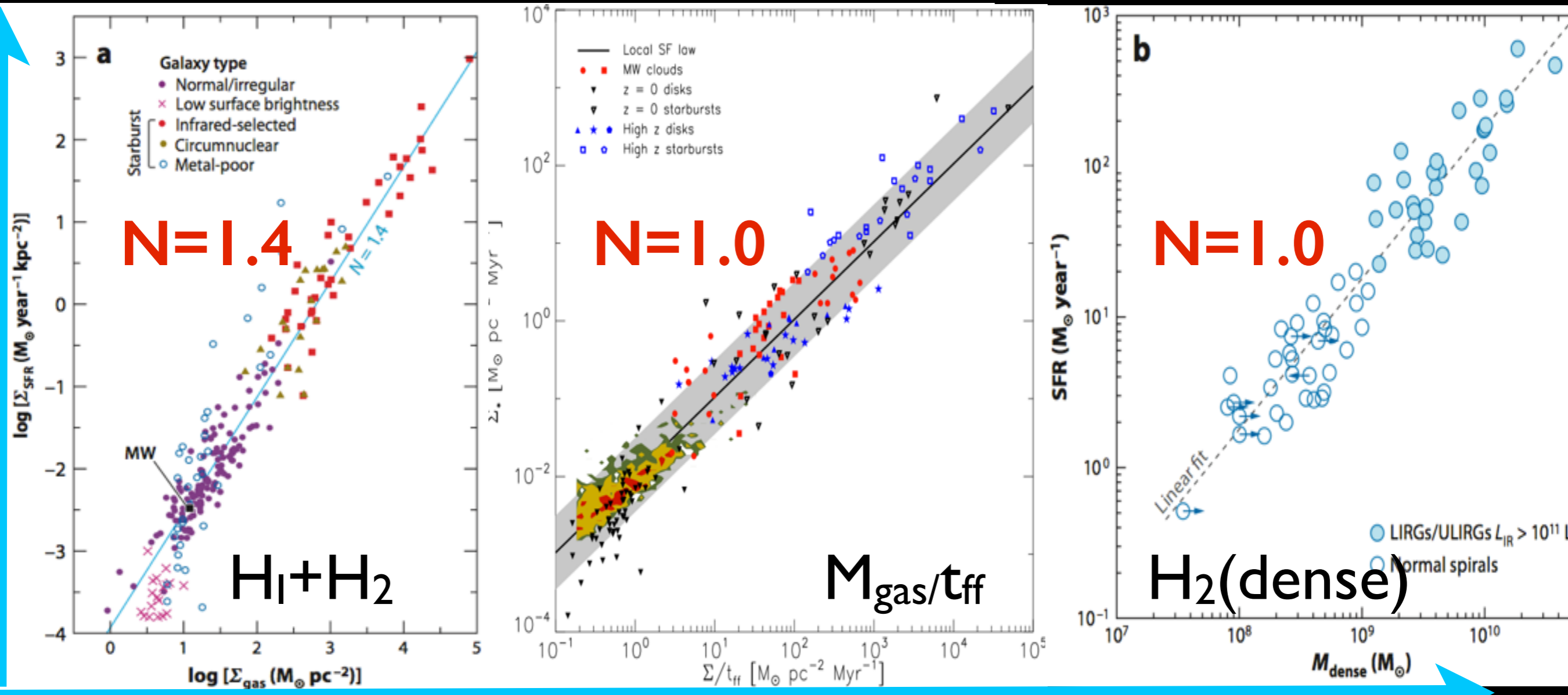
Except for abundance and excitation, molecular emissions can be influenced by:

radiative pumping,
chemistry,
electron density,
shock dissociation,
etc.

Molecule	Transitions J	Frequency (GHz)	E_{upper} (K)	$n_{\text{crit}}(100 \text{ K})$ (cm^{-3})	$A_{\text{ul}}/\Gamma_{\text{ul}}(100 \text{ K})$ (cm^{-3})	$n_{\text{crit}}(20 \text{ K})$ (cm^{-3})	$A_{\text{ul}}/\Gamma_{\text{ul}}(20 \text{ K})$ (cm^{-3})
CO	1→0	115.2711912	5.53	2.1×10^2	2.1×10^3	4.4×10^2	2.2×10^3
	2→1	230.5379938	16.60	1.9×10^3	2.2×10^4	3.6×10^3	2.3×10^4
	3→2	345.7959762	33.19	6.8×10^3	4.0×10^4	1.3×10^4	3.5×10^4
	4→3	461.0406784	55.32	1.6×10^4	6.1×10^5	3.0×10^4	1.2×10^6
	5→4	576.2679118	82.97	3.2×10^4	2.4×10^5	5.9×10^4	2.4×10^5
	6→5	691.4731878	116.16	5.4×10^4	3.1×10^5	1.0×10^5	2.7×10^5
	7→6	806.6514744	154.87	8.6×10^4	7.3×10^5	1.5×10^5	1.1×10^6
^{13}CO	1→0	110.20135428	5.29	1.8×10^2	1.8×10^3	3.7×10^2	1.9×10^3
	2→1	220.39868413	15.87	1.7×10^3	1.9×10^4	3.1×10^3	2.0×10^4
	3→2	330.58796522	31.73	5.9×10^3	3.5×10^4	1.1×10^4	3.4×10^4
C^{18}O	1→0	109.7821734	5.27	1.8×10^2	1.9×10^3	3.7×10^2	1.9×10^3
	2→1	219.5603541	15.81	1.7×10^3	2.0×10^4	3.1×10^3	1.9×10^4
	3→2	329.3305525	31.61	5.9×10^3	3.0×10^4	1.1×10^4	3.4×10^4
HCO^+	1→0	89.1885230	4.28	1.4×10^4	2.3×10^5	2.6×10^4	1.8×10^5
	2→1	178.3750650	12.84	1.4×10^5	4.6×10^6	2.6×10^5	3.4×10^6
	3→2	267.5576190	25.68	5.2×10^6	4.2×10^6	1.0×10^6	4.0×10^6
	4→3	356.7342880	42.80	1.3×10^6	5.8×10^7	2.5×10^6	4.0×10^7
CS	1→0	48.9909549	2.35	5.5×10^3	6.2×10^4	8.3×10^3	4.7×10^4
	2→1	97.9809533	7.05	5.3×10^4	5.2×10^5	7.9×10^4	6.0×10^5
	3→2	146.9690287	14.11	1.9×10^5	1.4×10^6	3.0×10^5	1.1×10^6
	4→3	195.9542109	23.51	4.8×10^5	2.7×10^6	7.7×10^5	3.3×10^7
	5→4	244.9355565	35.27	9.9×10^5	6.1×10^6	1.8×10^6	7.5×10^6
	6→5	293.9120865	49.37	1.7×10^6	1.2×10^7	3.1×10^6	1.1×10^7
	7→6	342.8828503	65.83	2.8×10^6	1.8×10^8	4.9×10^6	2.8×10^8

SFR

Gas - SFR relations



Gas Mass

Kennicutt 1998

Krumholz et al. 2012

Gao & Solomon 2004

