

# Elusive nature of the ISM and Star Formation in Low Metallicity Galaxies



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# Talk Outline

- Herschel surveys of low metallicity galaxies:
  - What are the goals
  - Herschel surveys: field dwarfs, cluster dwarfs &
  - Magellanic clouds
- Herschel results on dwarf galaxies:
  - PACS & SPIRE Photometry: dust SEDs of dwarfs
  - Herschel PACS spectroscopic results
- Molecular gas inventory in low metallicity gas:
- (CII+ CO) to H<sub>2</sub> conversion factor ?
- Where Herschel leaves off –
  - What SOFIA might take over

# The Dwarf Galaxy Survey – the Science

1. *How do galaxies accumulate their metals?*

2. *How does the enrichment effect star formation processes?*

Dust enrichment in primeval environments <----> essential for enhancement of SF activity

The distribution of dust and their properties ←→ strongly influenced by SF activity

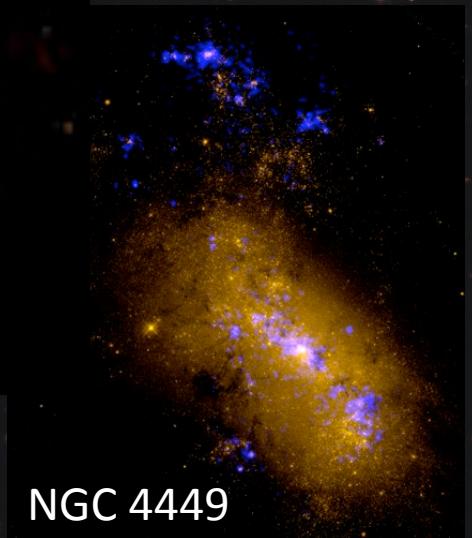
Understanding the heating and cooling processes in very low metallicity ISM

3. *What galactic properties and processes control the dust and gas evolution? How are ISM structure, star formation activity, outflows and metallicity related? SEDs?*

Local Universe dwarf galaxies are convenient labs to study of the evolution of the dust and gas properties

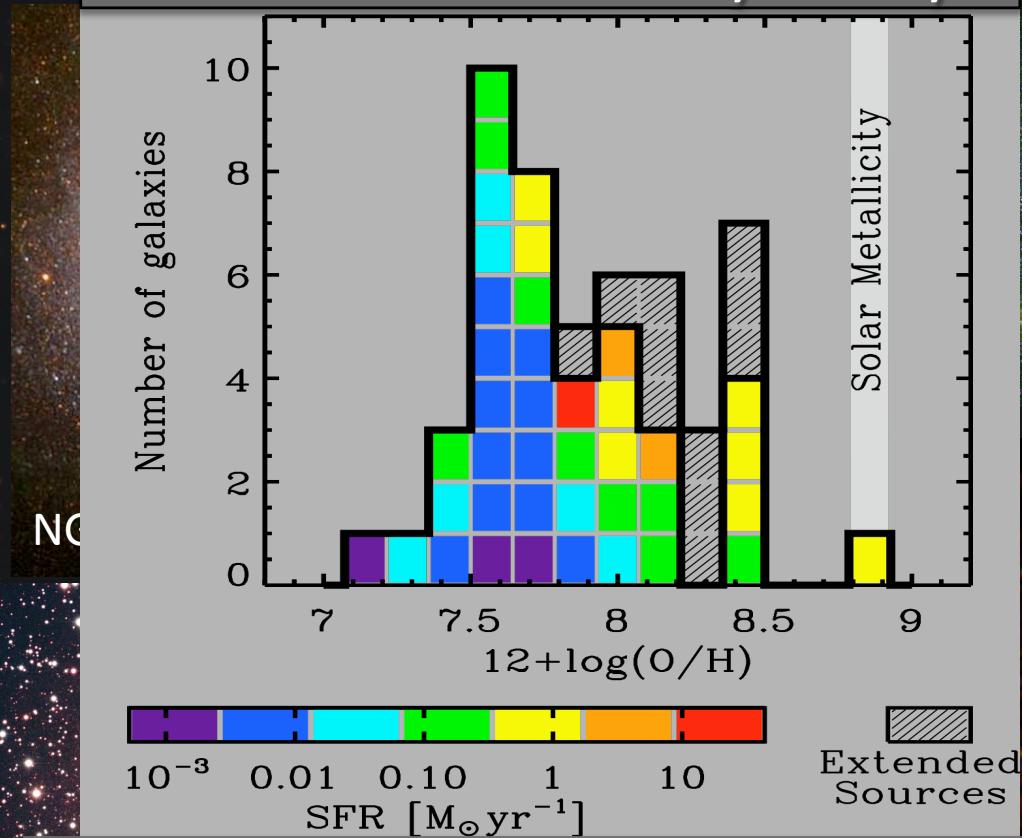
- *Requires a comprehensive program of FIR/submm photometry and spectroscopy along with other complementary data*

# Zoo of dwarf galaxies in the local universe



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Herschel Dwarf Galaxy Survey



All targets: Herschel FIR & submm photometry and FIR spectroscopy.

All targets: Spitzer MIR

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## Source Selection

55 galaxies

Fill metallicity bins:  
~ 5 to 9 galaxies in  
7 bins where possible

Extremely low metallicity galaxies: 1/50 to 1/20

The well-known extended galaxies of the local group

NGC 5253

NGC 4449

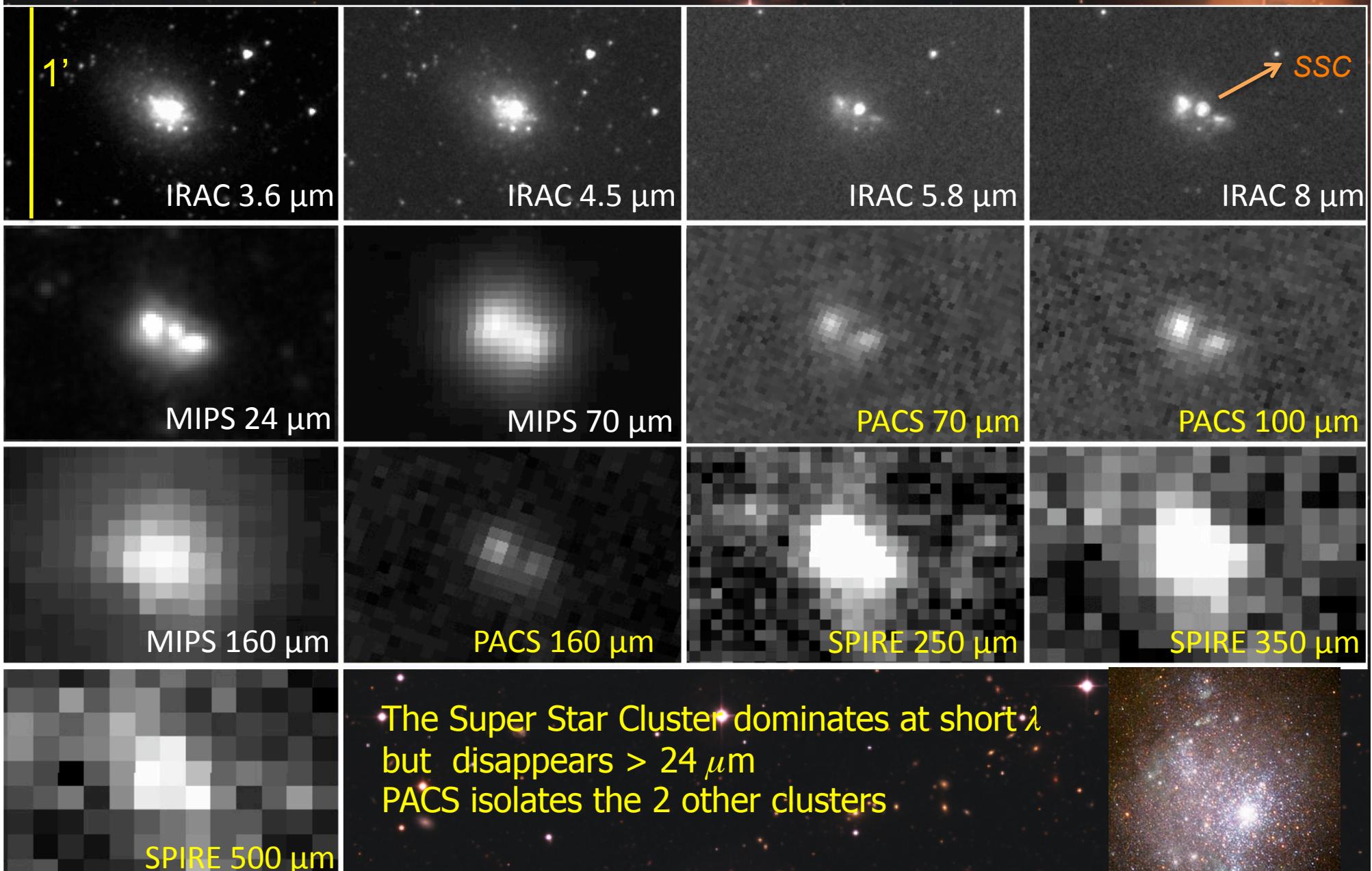
NGC 1705   D = 5 Mpc   Z = 1/3 Zsolar

Dwarf Irregular Galaxy NGC 1705

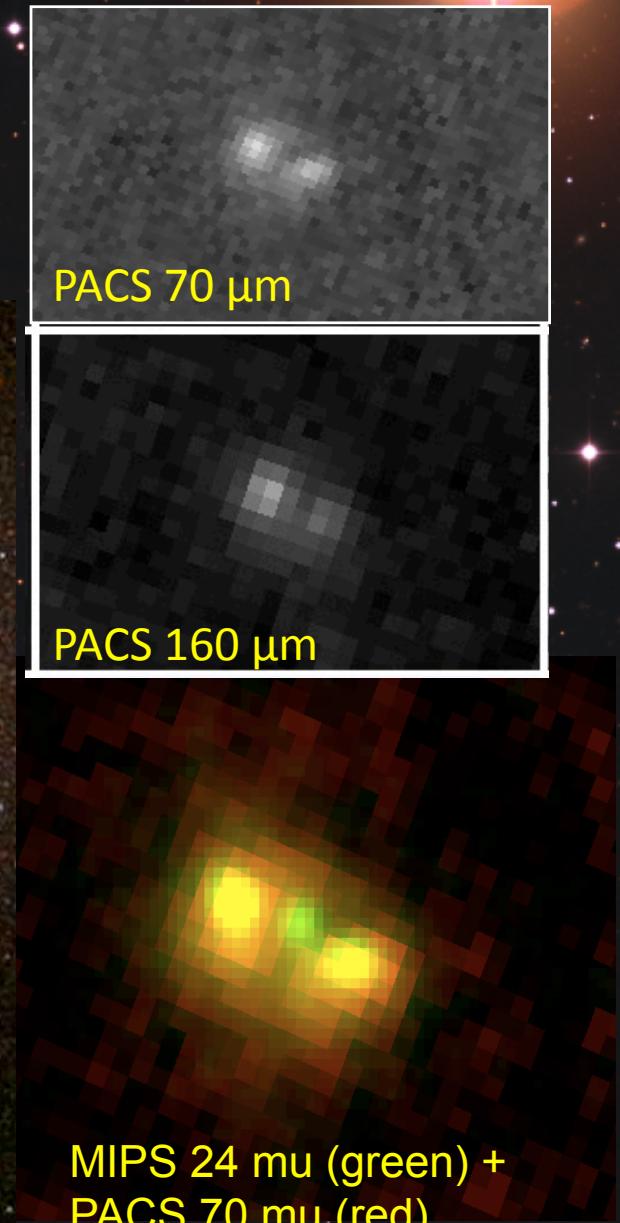
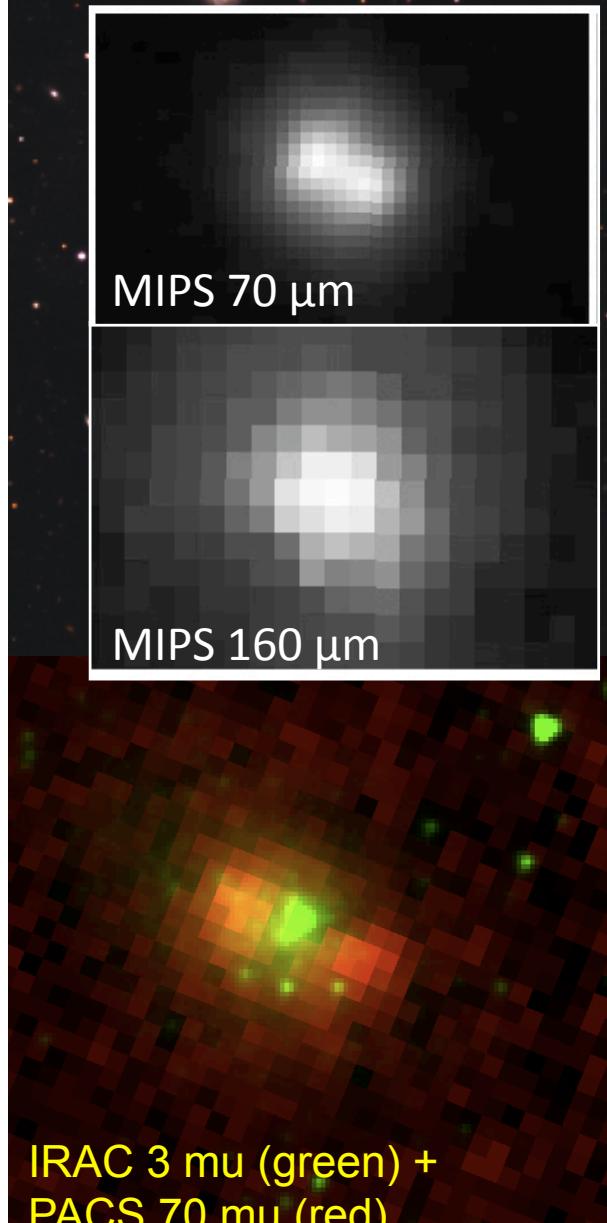


Hubble  
Heritage

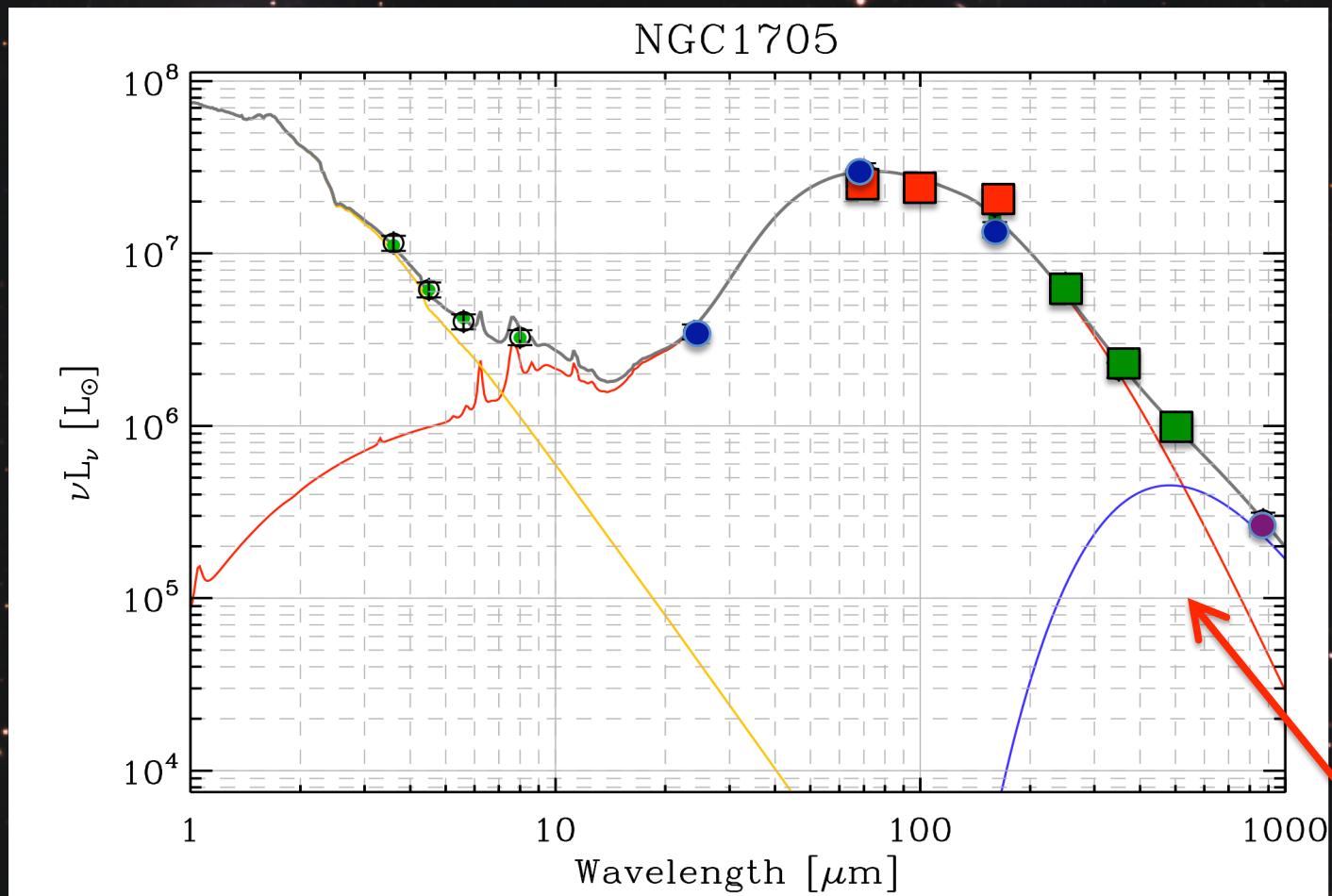
# NGC 1705 *Herschel + Spitzer*      $D = 5 \text{ Mpc}$   $Z = 1/3 Z_{\text{solar}}$



# NGC1705: The Spatial Resolution of Herschel and SOFIA



# NGC 1705 submm excess: *O'Halloran et al 2010 (see poster)* *IRAC + MIPS + PACS + SPIRE + Laboca 870 μm*

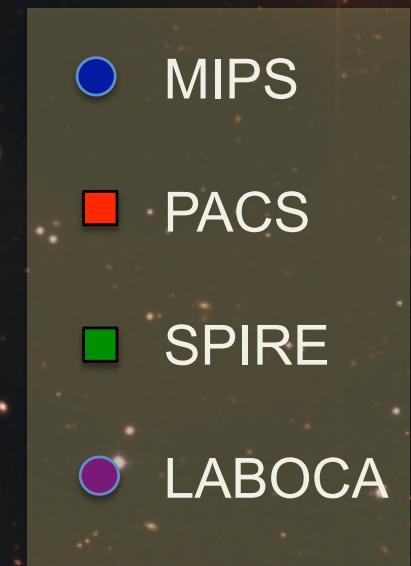
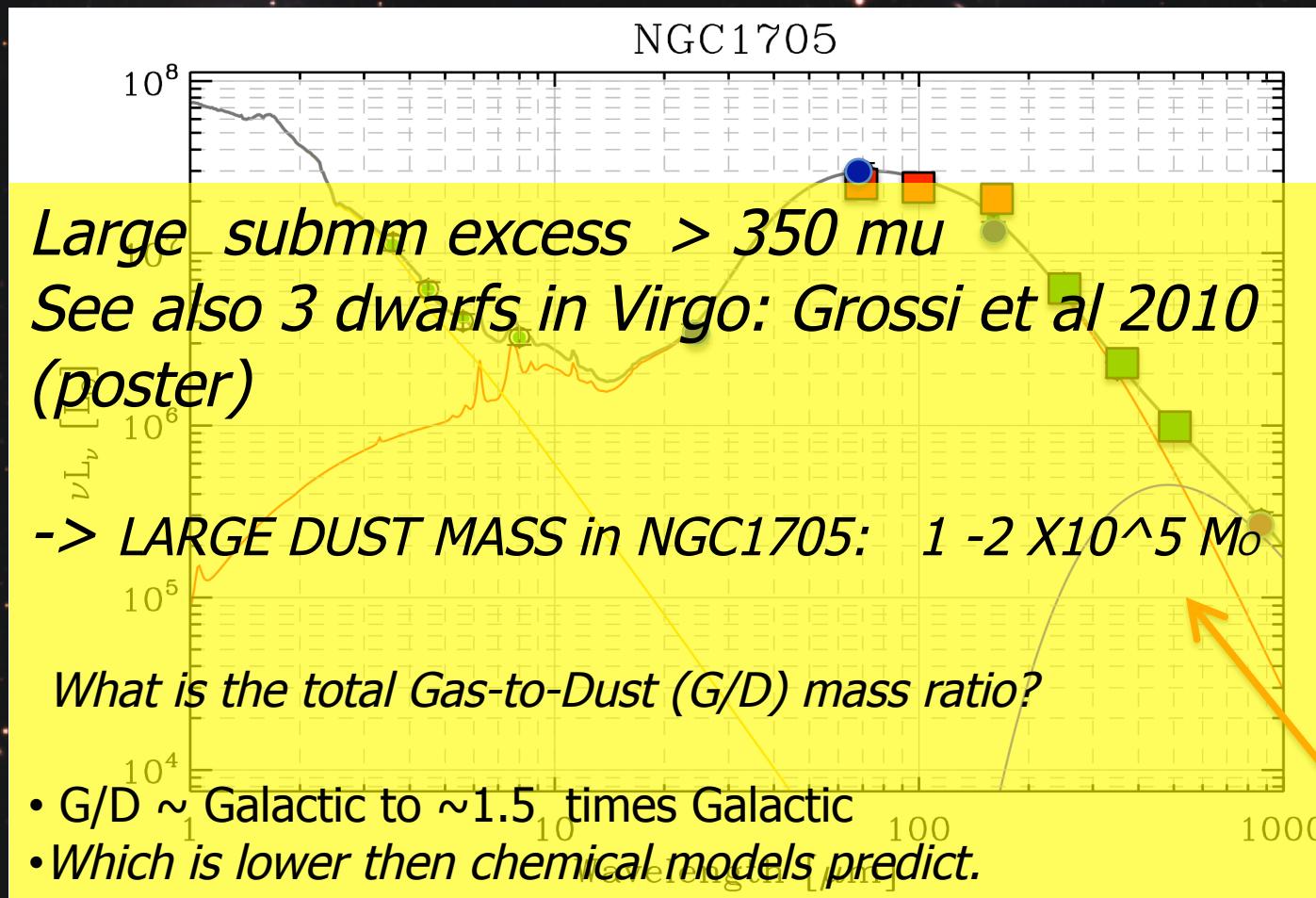


Very cold dust component:

$T_{\text{dust}} \sim 9 \text{ K}$   
 $\beta = 1.0$

SED model Galliano et al & Galametz et al 2009

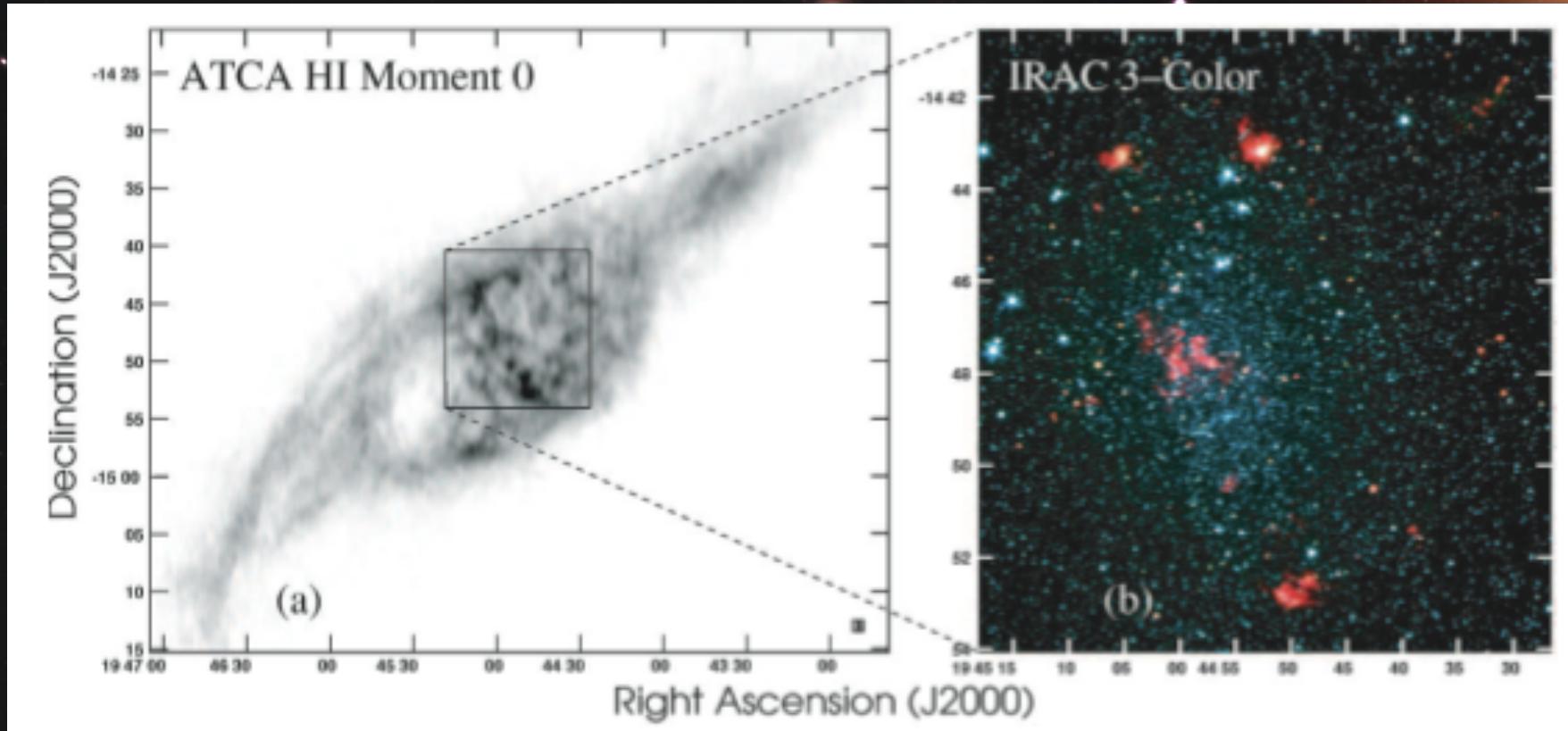
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# NGC 6822:

Galametz et al 2010



Cannon et al 2006

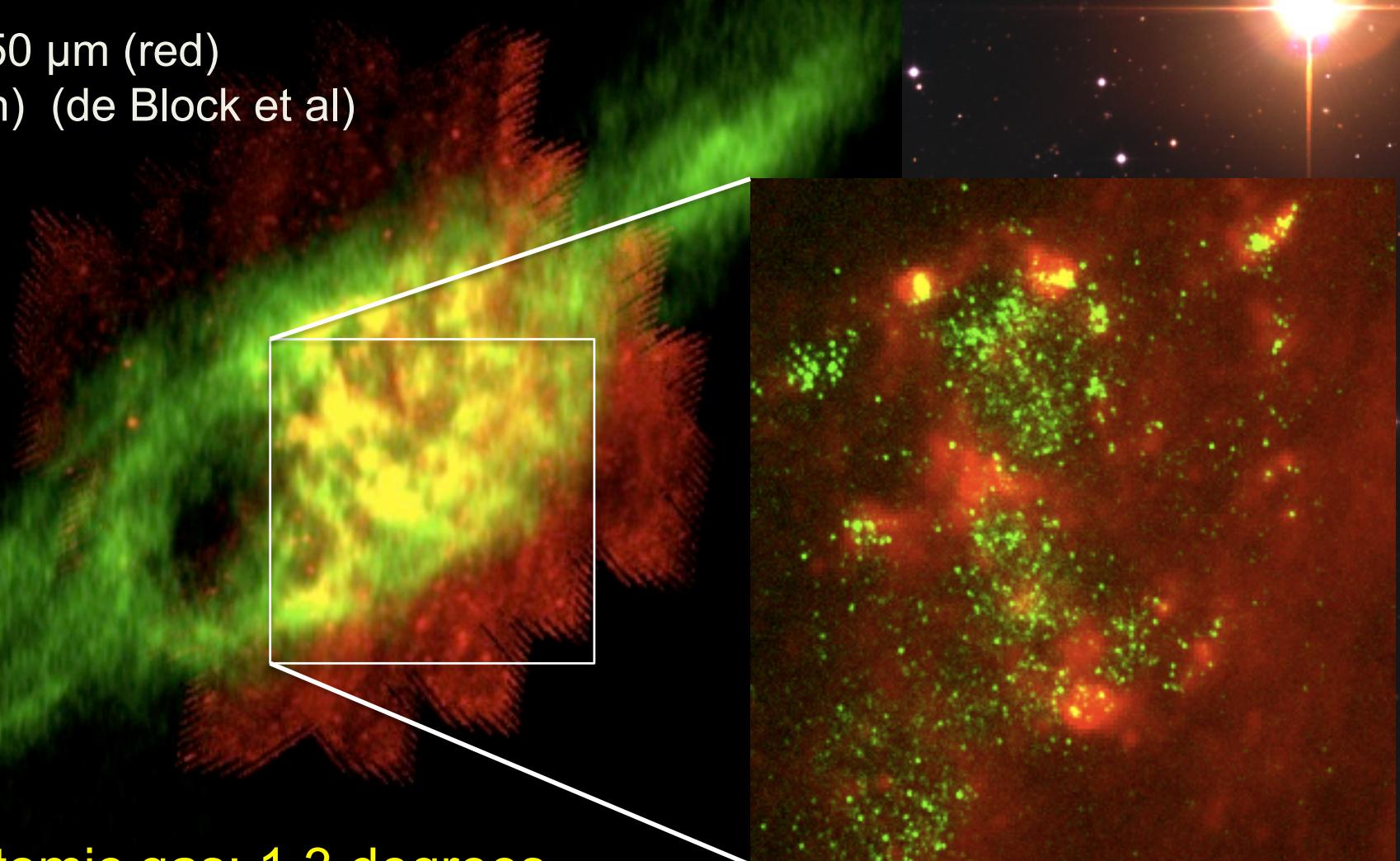
Atomic gas: 1.3 degrees

The star formation activity  
Primarily in 20' region

D = 0.5 Mpc  
Z = 1/5 Z solar

# NGC 6822 D= 0.5 Mpc, Z= 1/5 Zsolar

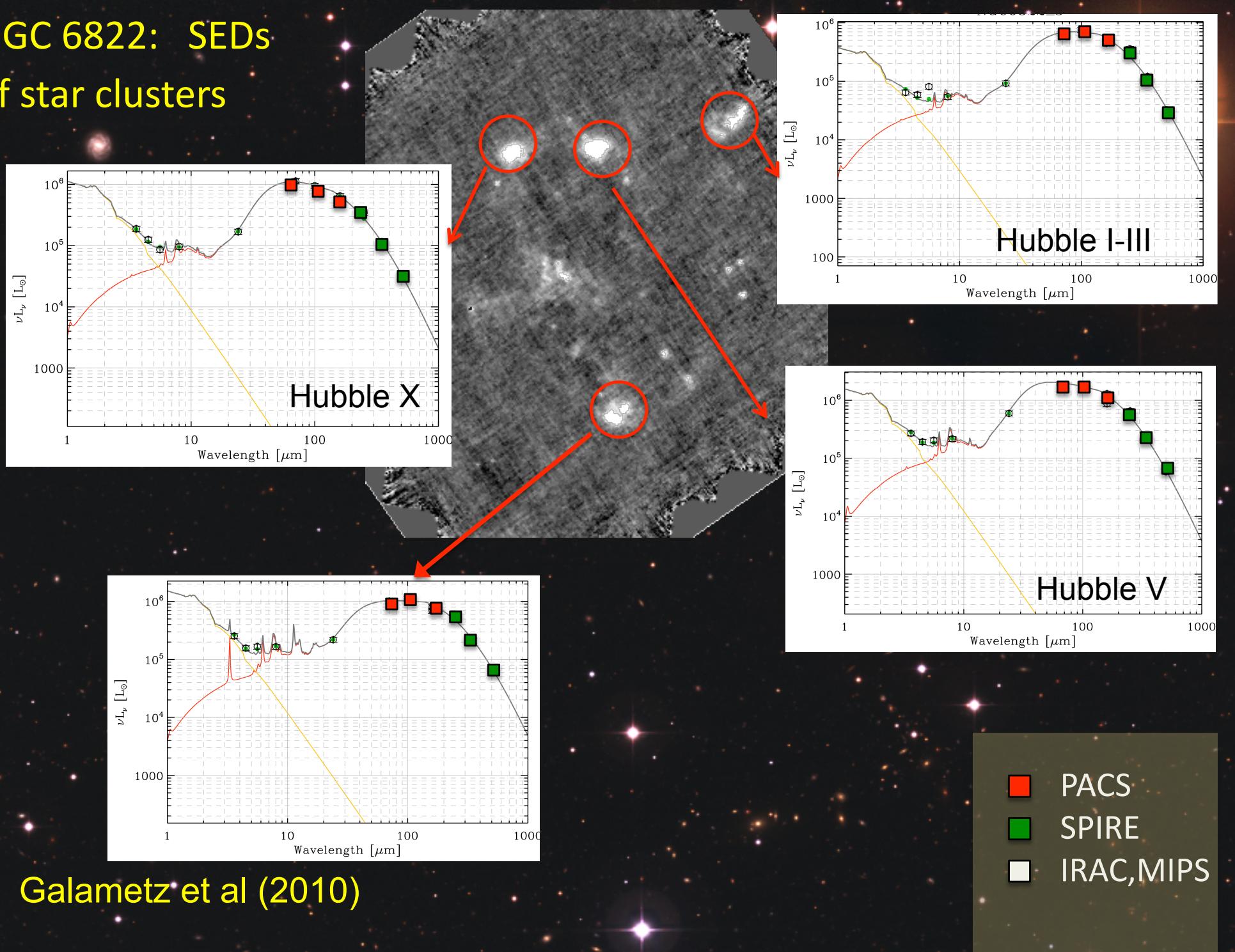
SPIRE 250  $\mu$ m (red)  
HI (green) (de Block et al)



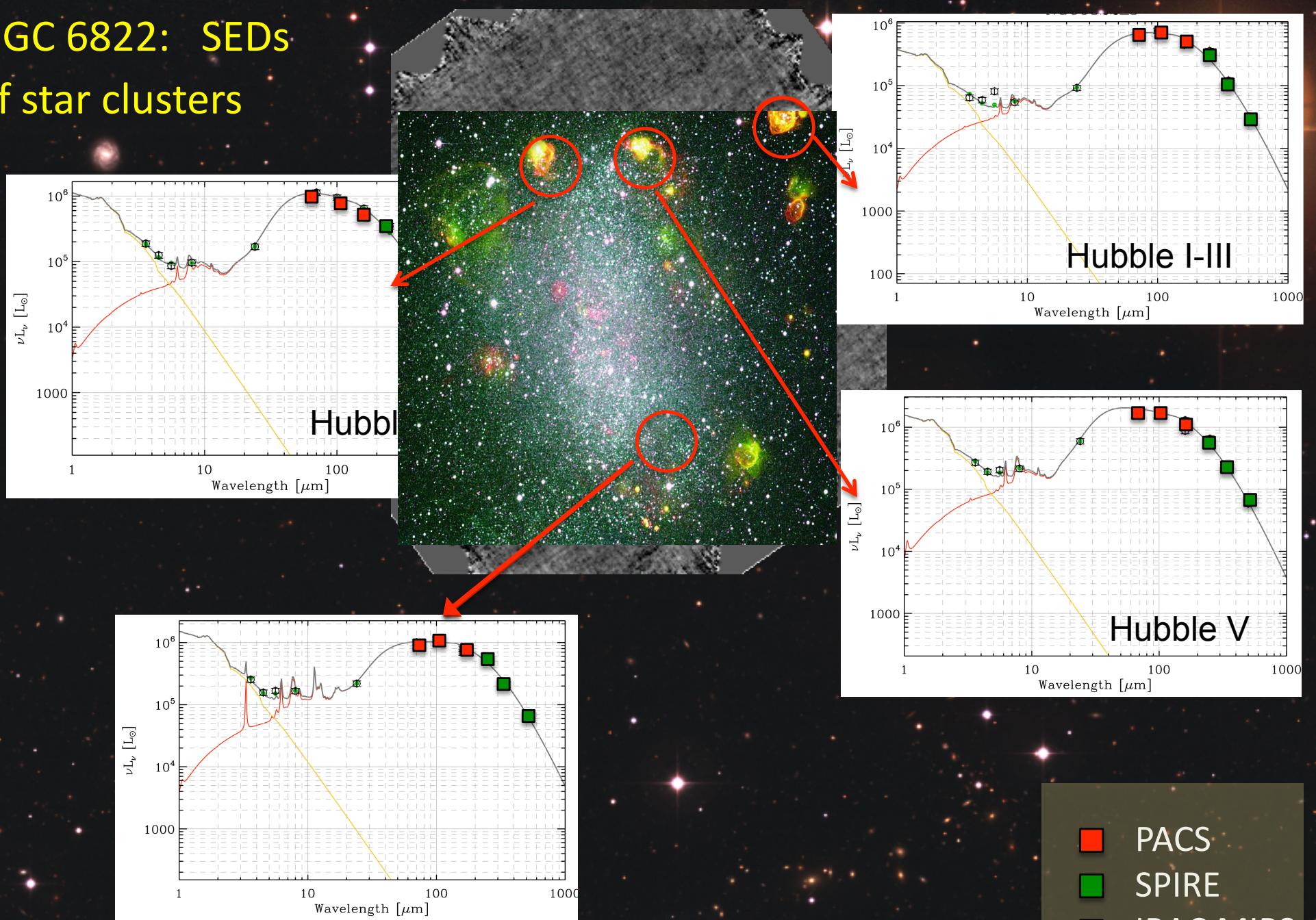
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Galametz et al (2010)

## NGC 6822: *What is the total Gas-to-Dust mass ratio?*

- $M_{\text{dust}} = 6 \times 10^5 \text{ Msolar}$  using Draine & Lee silicate + graphite
- $G/D \sim 100$
- $G/D \sim 200$  using silicate + amorphous carbon of Rouleau & Martin 1991

Less dust mass since amorphous carbons are more emissive  
(flatter submm slope) → Higher G/D

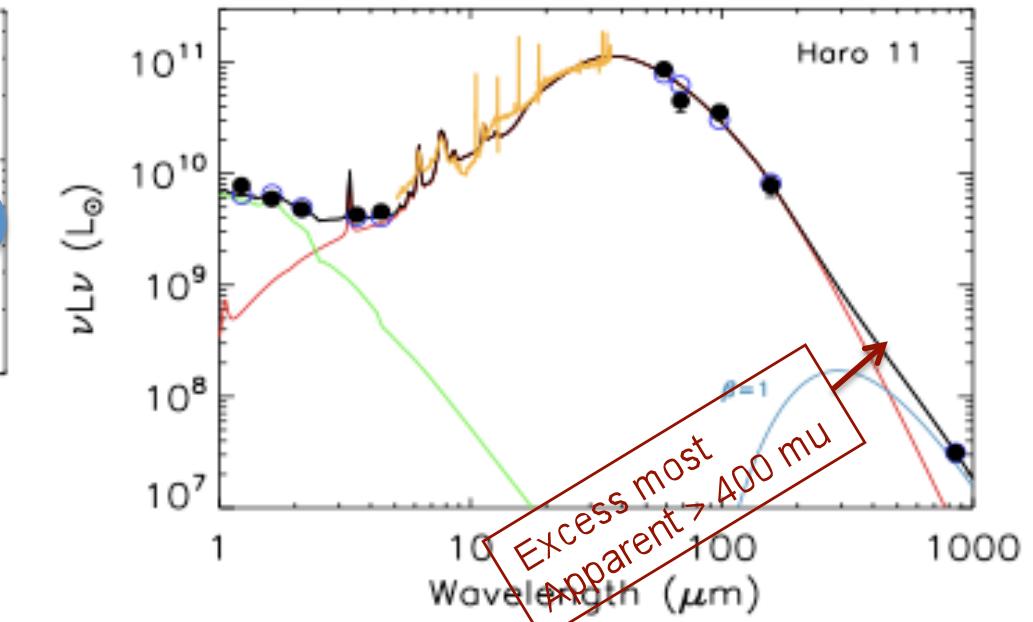
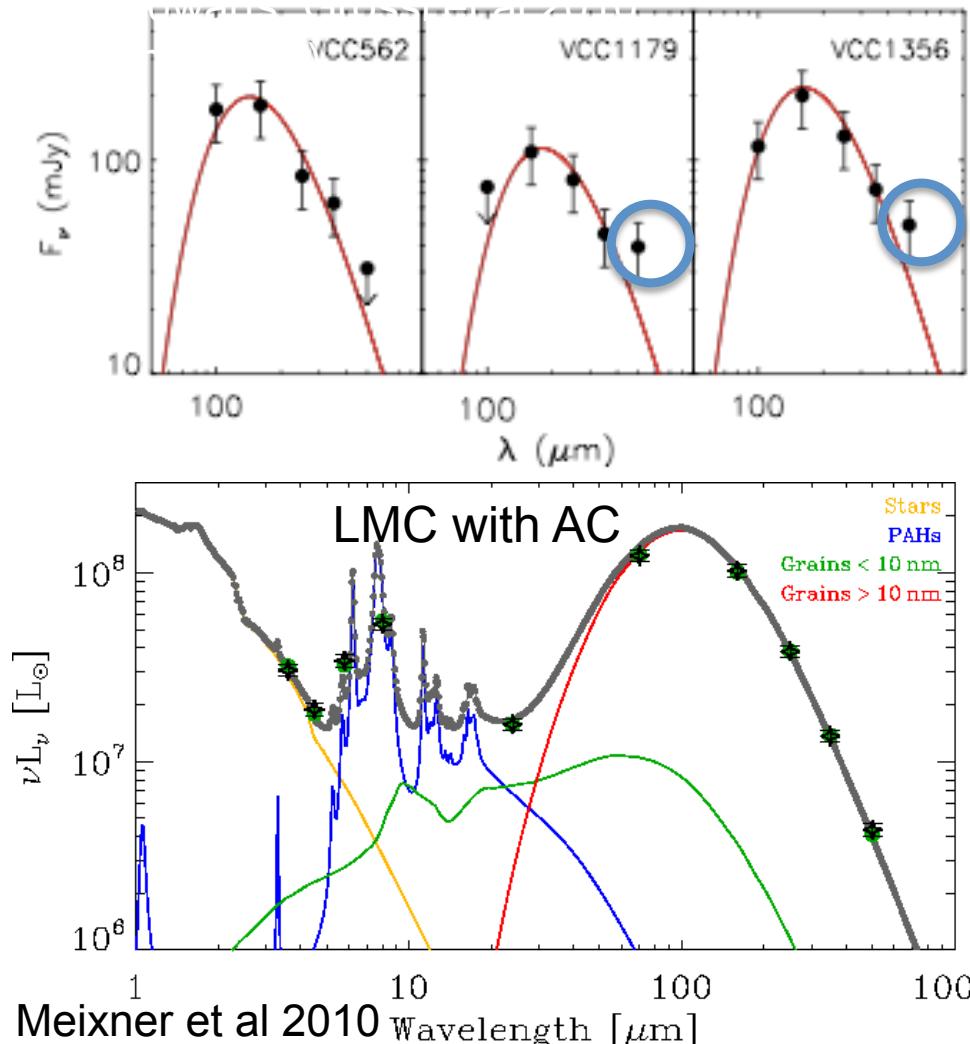
Hubble V

*BUT G/D still lower than expected for its metallicity (1/5 Zsolar)  
(G/D should be ~600 – 1000)*

# Dwarf Galaxies often show submm excess

Virgo dwarfs: Grossi et al 2010

Haro 11 Galametz et al 2009



500 μm excess in the LMC with Herschel using graphite

Replacing graphite with amorphous carbon  
Can give less dust mass (submm slope  
Is flatter – more like a beta ~ 1 to 1.5)

Some other possibilities:

Lisenfeld et al hot fluctuating small grains (2001)

Spinning dust (Draine & Lazarian 1998; Hoang 2010; Ysard & Verstraete 2010; Bot et al 2010.)

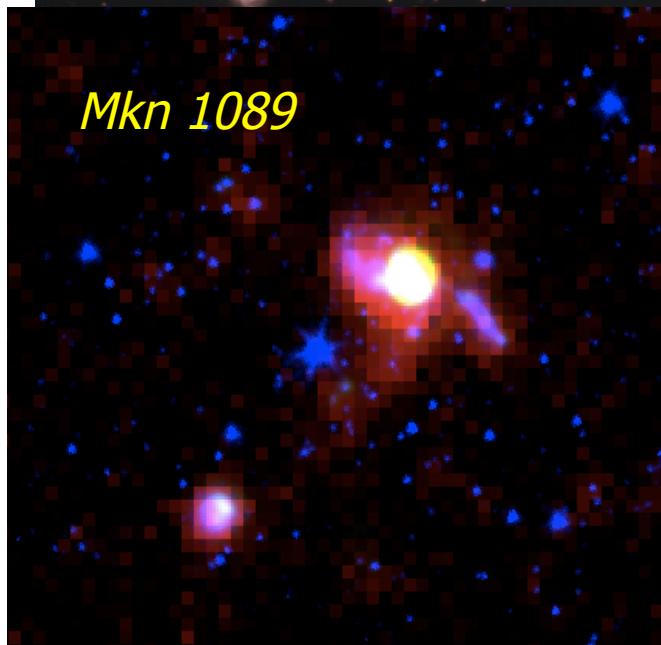
Modified optical properties Inverse T – beta relationship : (Meny et al 2007)

# Dwarf Galaxies: Herschel-Spitzer 3-color images

Blue: 3.6 mu(stars)

green: 24 mu (hot dust)

red: 250 mu (cold dust)



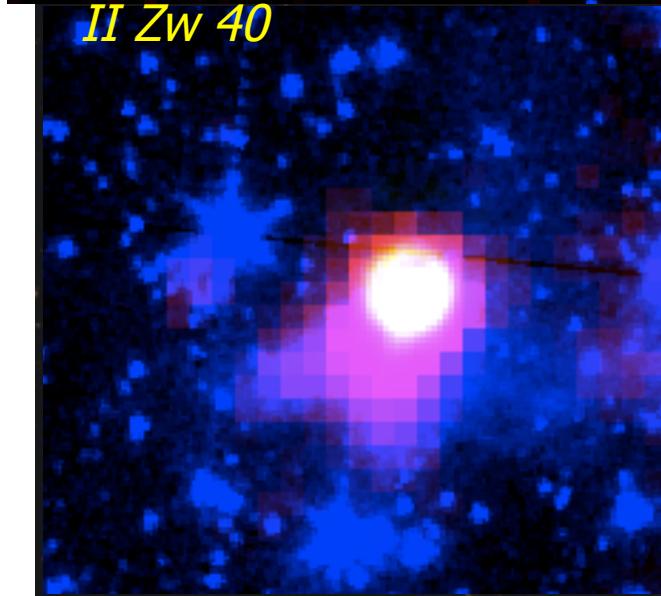
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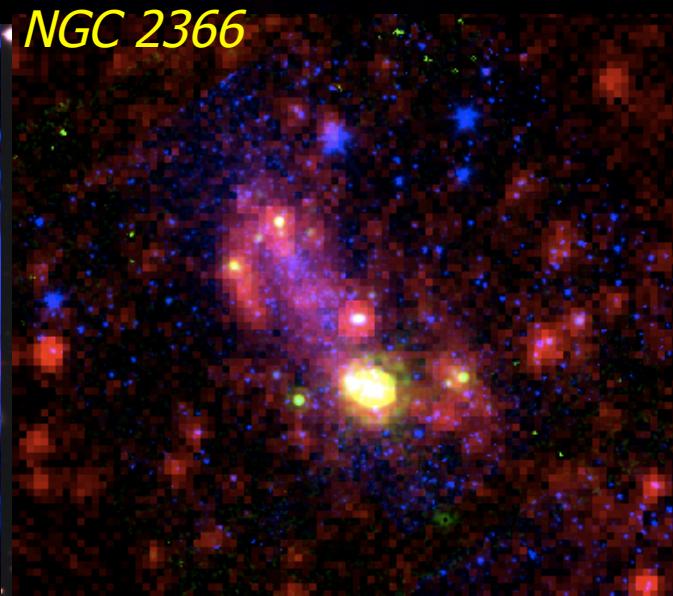
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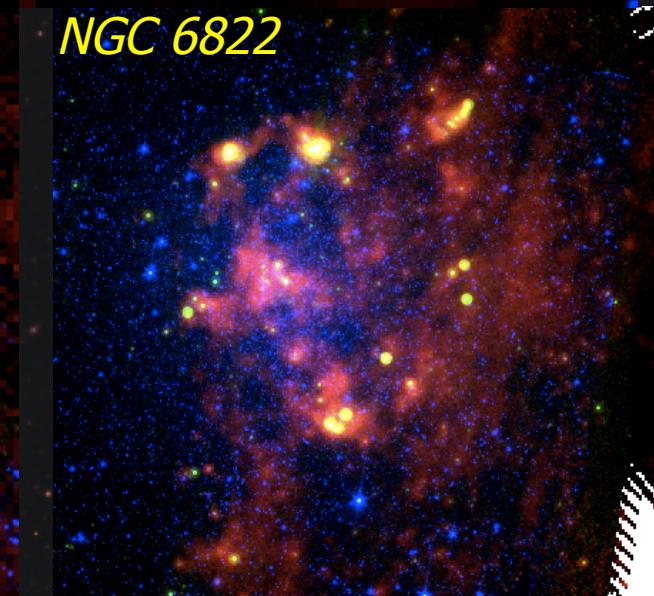
NGC 1705



II Zw 40



NGC 2366



NGC 6822

# 1st summary (from photometry)

## Dwarfs & Dust: the conundrum

1. submm excess ( $> 400 \mu$ ) common in dwarf galaxies - can imply very large dust masses – which give low G/D
2. Some dwarfs do not have submm excess, but still can have large dust masses when submm constraints exist.

Amorphous carbon instead of graphite can decrease the dust mass..... sometimes.

OR is the gas reservoir is not completely traced?

Hubble V

*Such large dust masses giving low G/D not plausible for low metallicity galaxies*

BUT

*Do we know the total gas reservoirs in dwarfs?*

# The Dwarf Galaxy Survey – PACS Spectroscopy

## Diagnostic tracers of HII regions, PDRs, Diffuse Ionised Medium =>

- *PACS spectroscopy + Spitzer IRS*

[CII] 158  $\mu\text{m}$  Most important cooling lines of the atomic gas.

[OI] 63  $\mu$ m Probes the conditions in PDRs - the largest fraction

[OI] – 145  $\mu$ m of the neutral medium in a galaxy.

[NII] 122  $\mu\text{m}$  Conditions in the ionized medium. Diagnostics  
 [NII] 205  $\mu\text{m}$  of absolute level and excitation of star forming )  
 [NIII] 57  $\mu\text{m}$  activity and of  $n_e$  @ low density ( $< 10^3 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ) DIM

[OIII] 88 μm

## **Abundances i.e. [NII]/[OIII]**

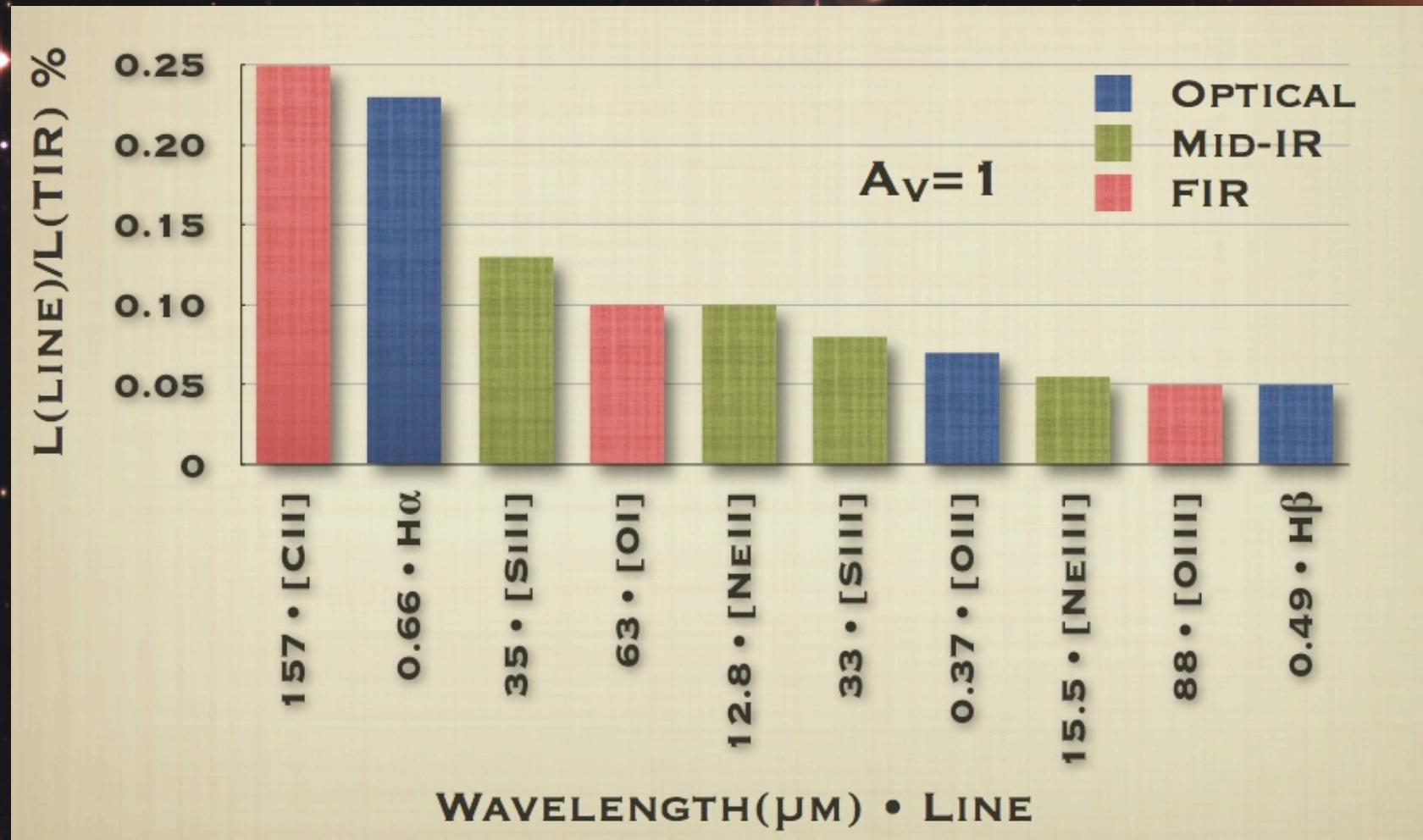
## Densities i.e. [NII], [OIII], [SIII] line pairs

## **Gas pressure      i.e. [OI] pairs**

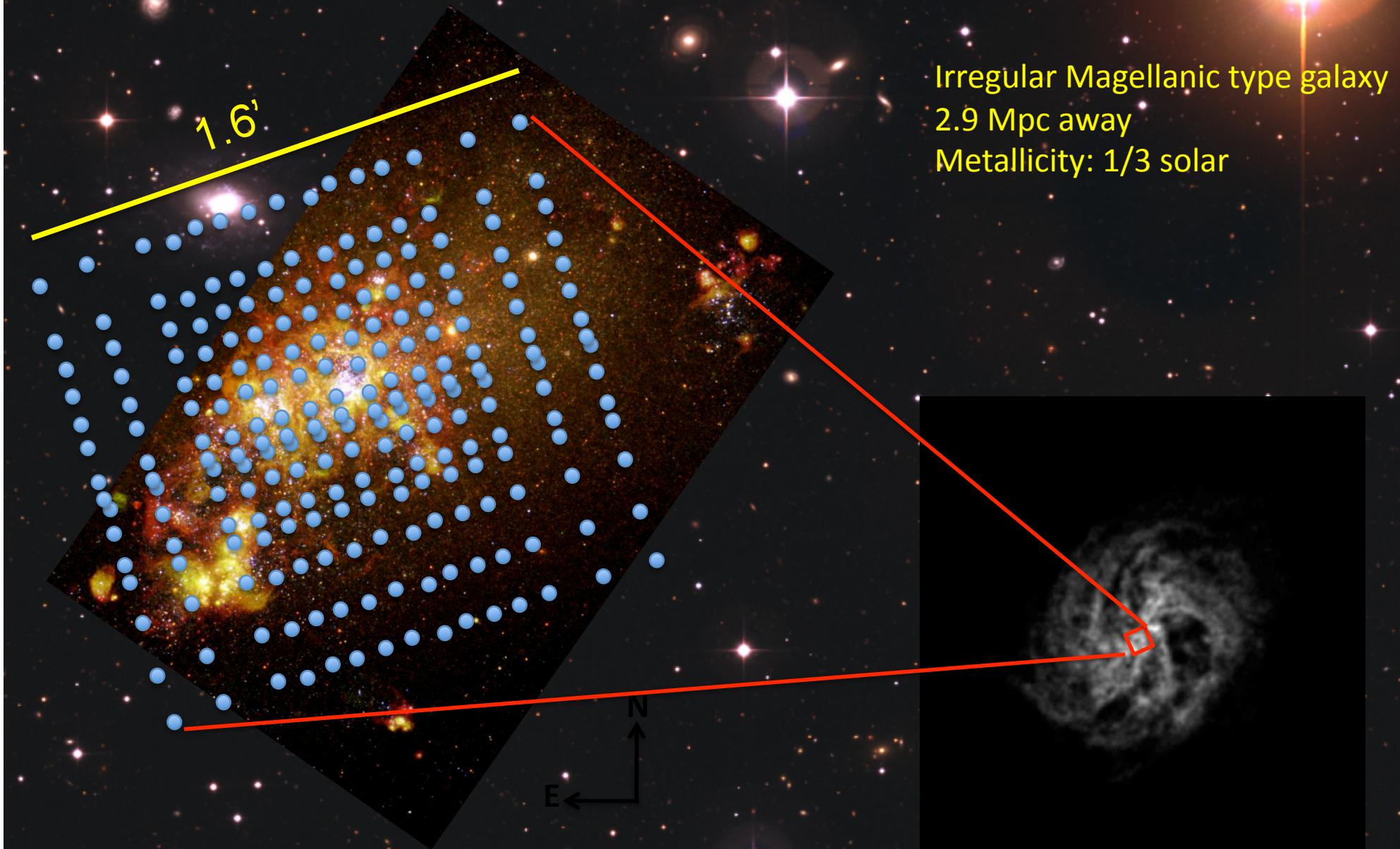
# *UV hardness [NII]/[NIII]. [SIII]/[OIII] pairs & intensity*

ISM filling factor

# How important are the MIR & FIR lines to the thermal budget?

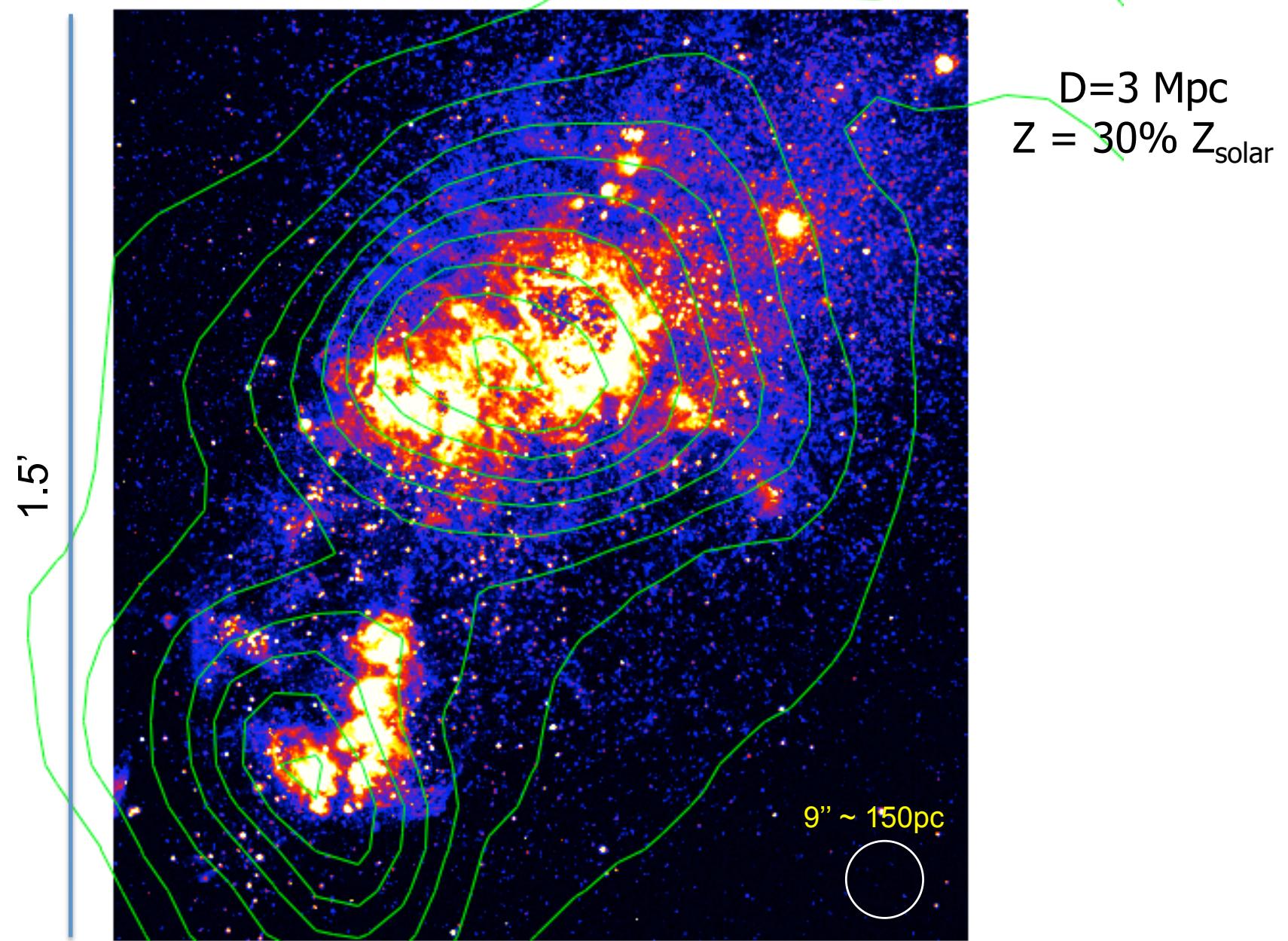


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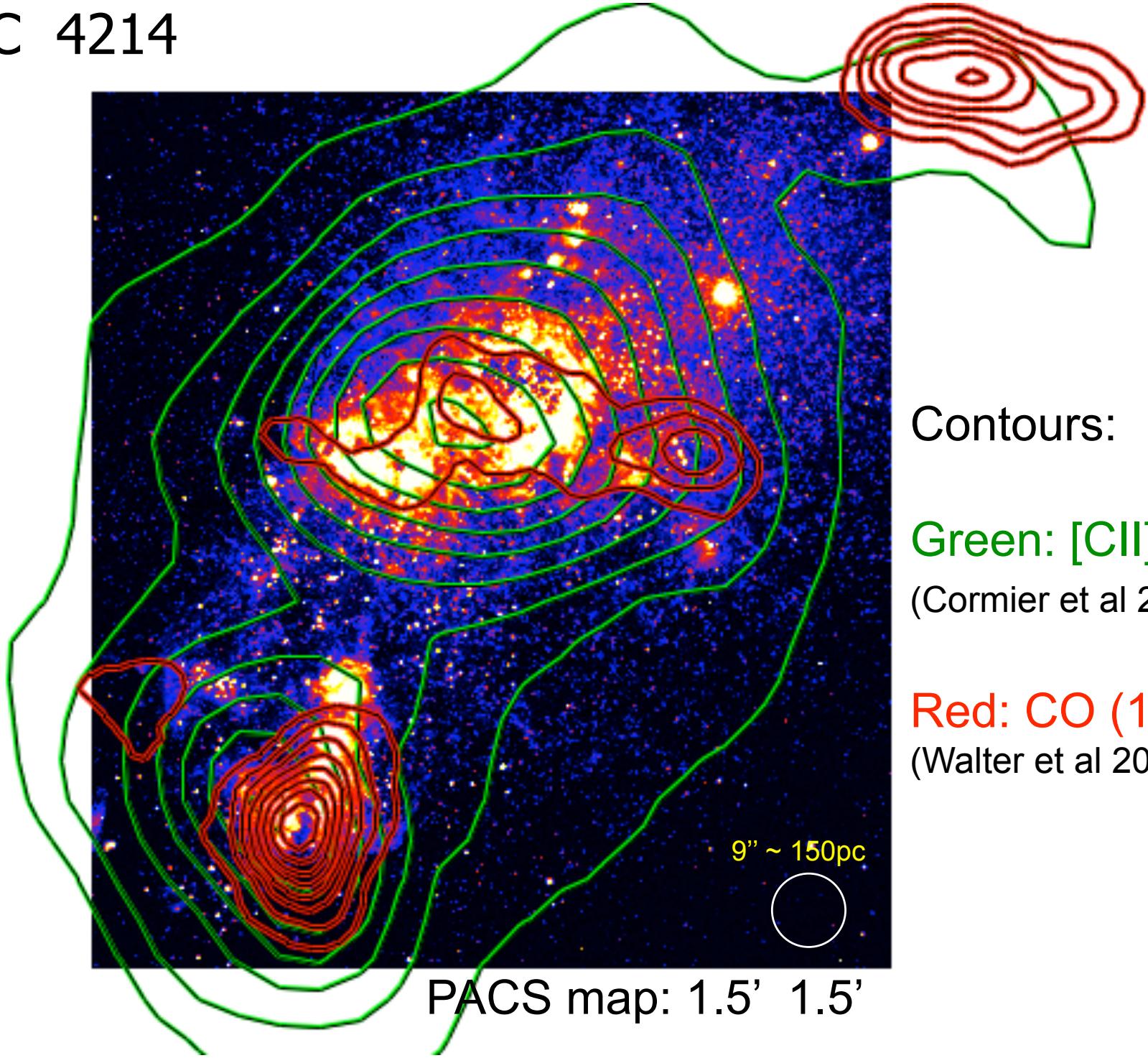
NGC 4214

HST image + PACS CII contours



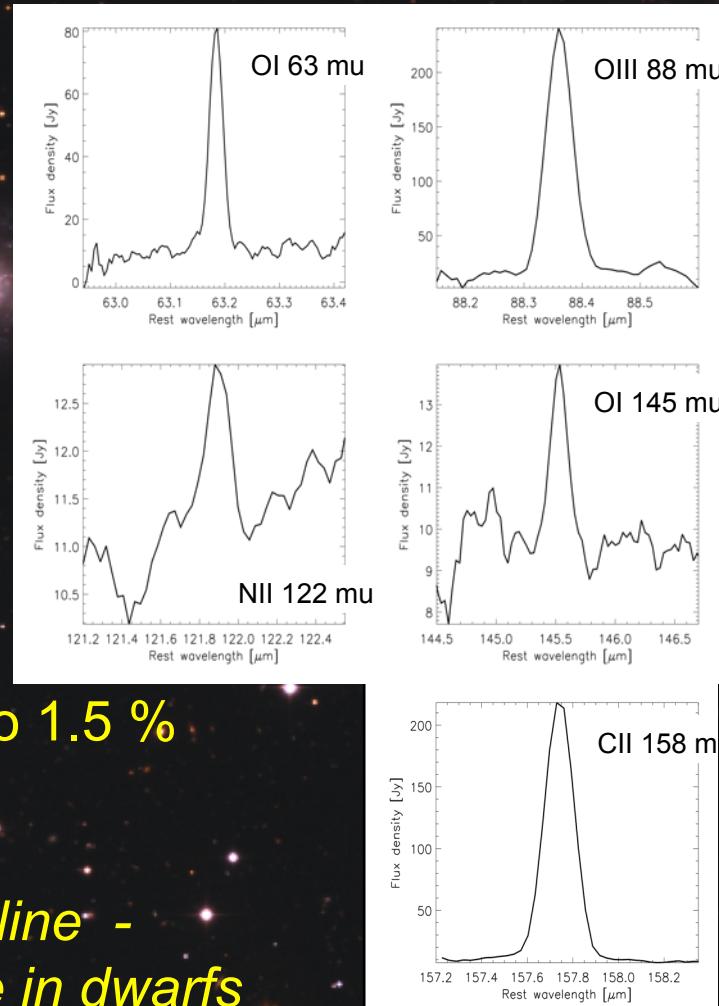
HST image (UV-optical): Ubeda et al 2007  
158 μ [CII] map: Cormier et al 2010

# NGC 4214



NGC 4214    d=3 Mpc    Z = 30% Z<sub>solar</sub>

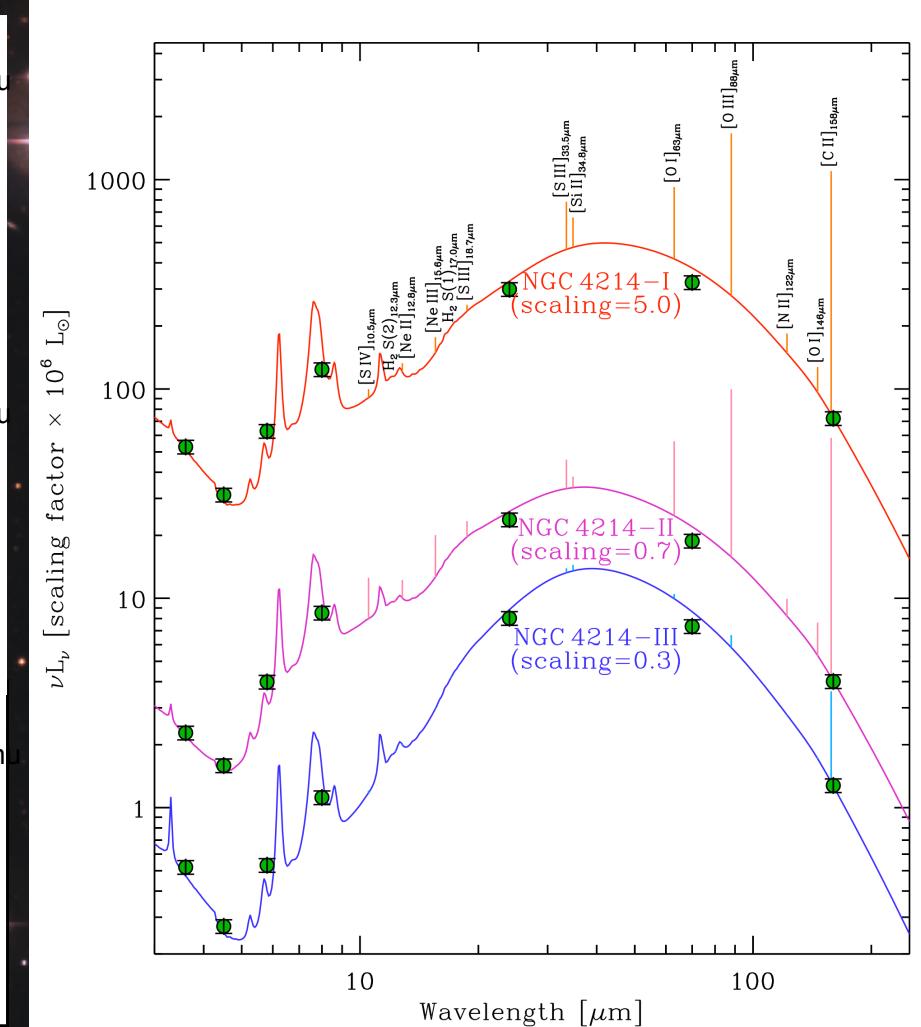
Map  
5 FIR  
PACS lines



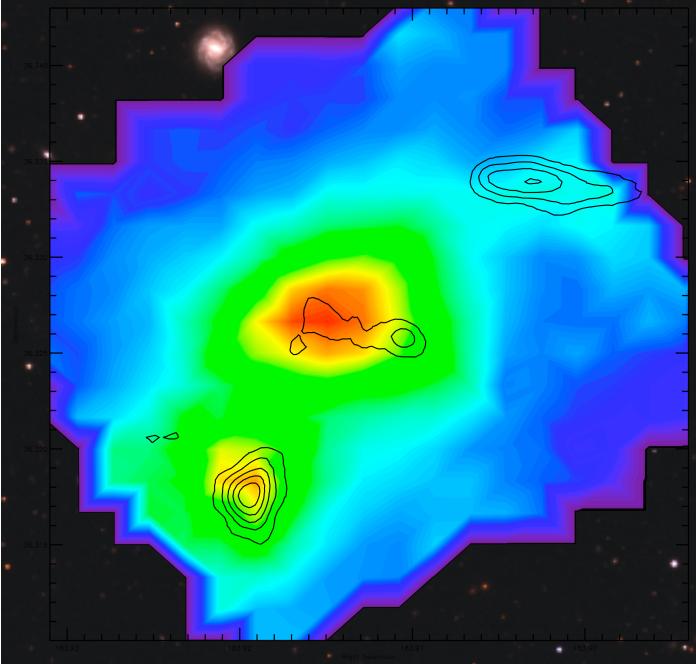
[CII] is 1% to 1.5 %  
of the L<sub>FIR</sub>

*[OIII] 88  $\mu\text{m}$  line -  
brightest line in dwarfs  
traces the source of ionisation*

All FIR lines ~ 2 to 4 % of L<sub>FIR</sub>

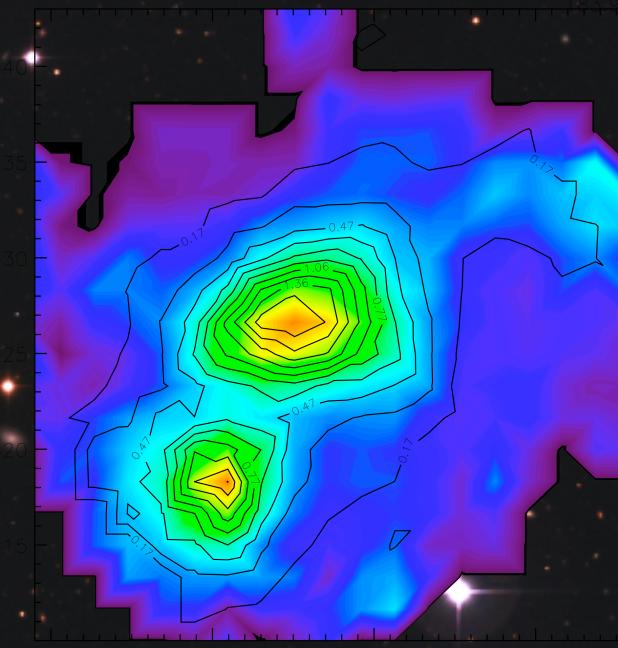


# NGC 4214 : mapping mode

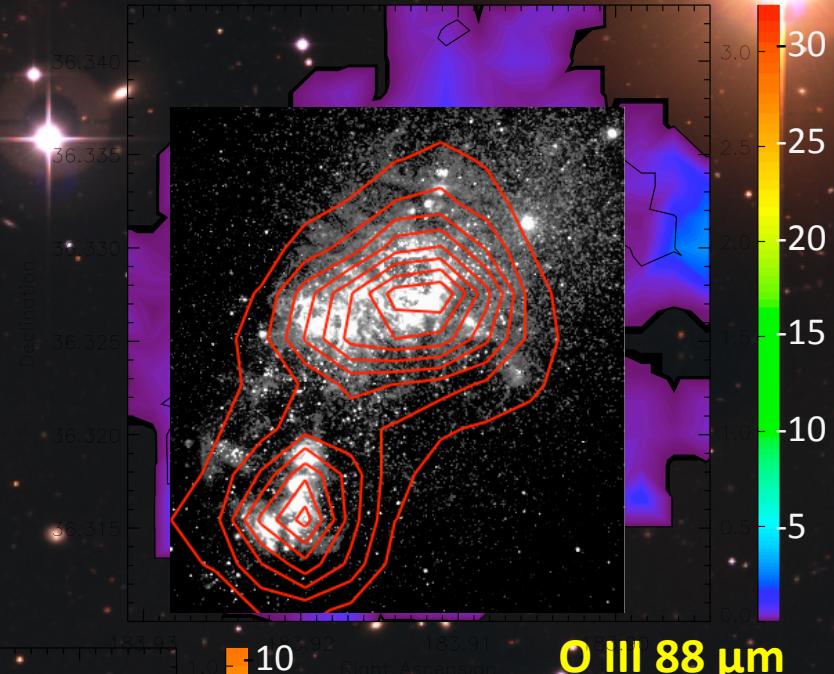


C II 158  $\mu\text{m}$

(CO contours: F. Walter)



O I 63  $\mu\text{m}$

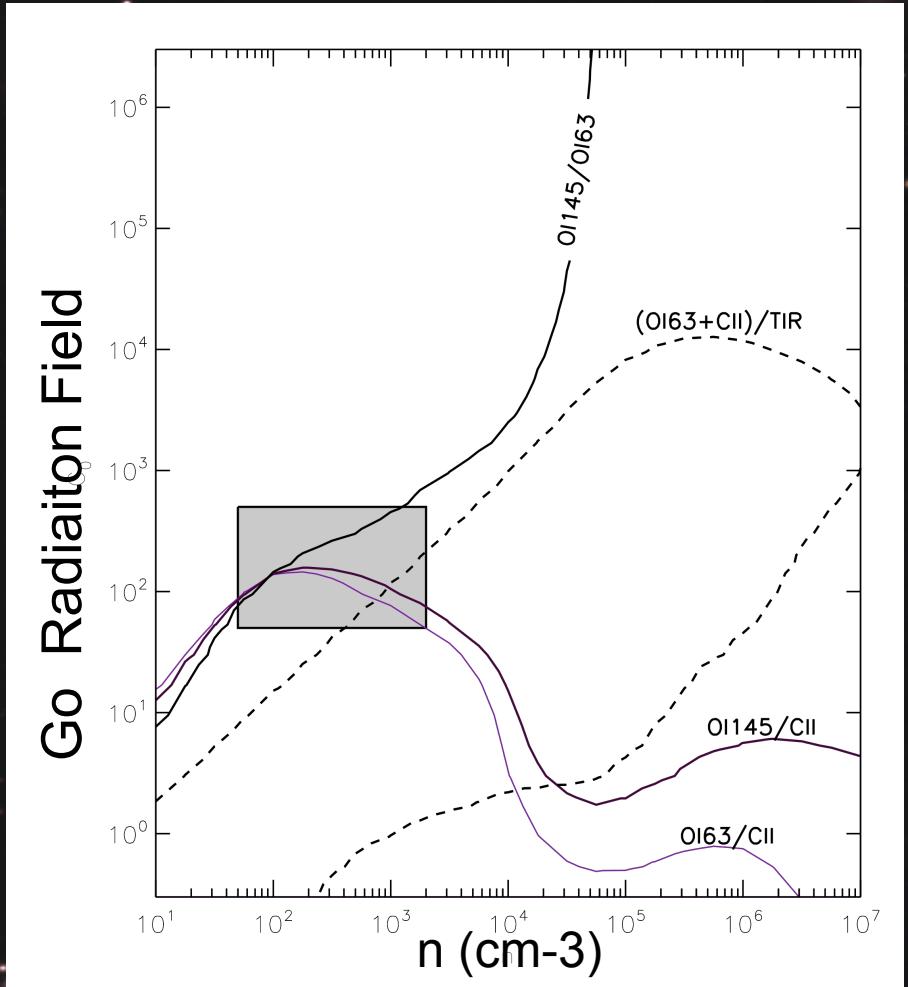


O III 88  $\mu\text{m}$

- Other lines:
- O I 145  $\mu\text{m}$
  - N II 122  $\mu\text{m}$
  - N II 205  $\mu\text{m}$

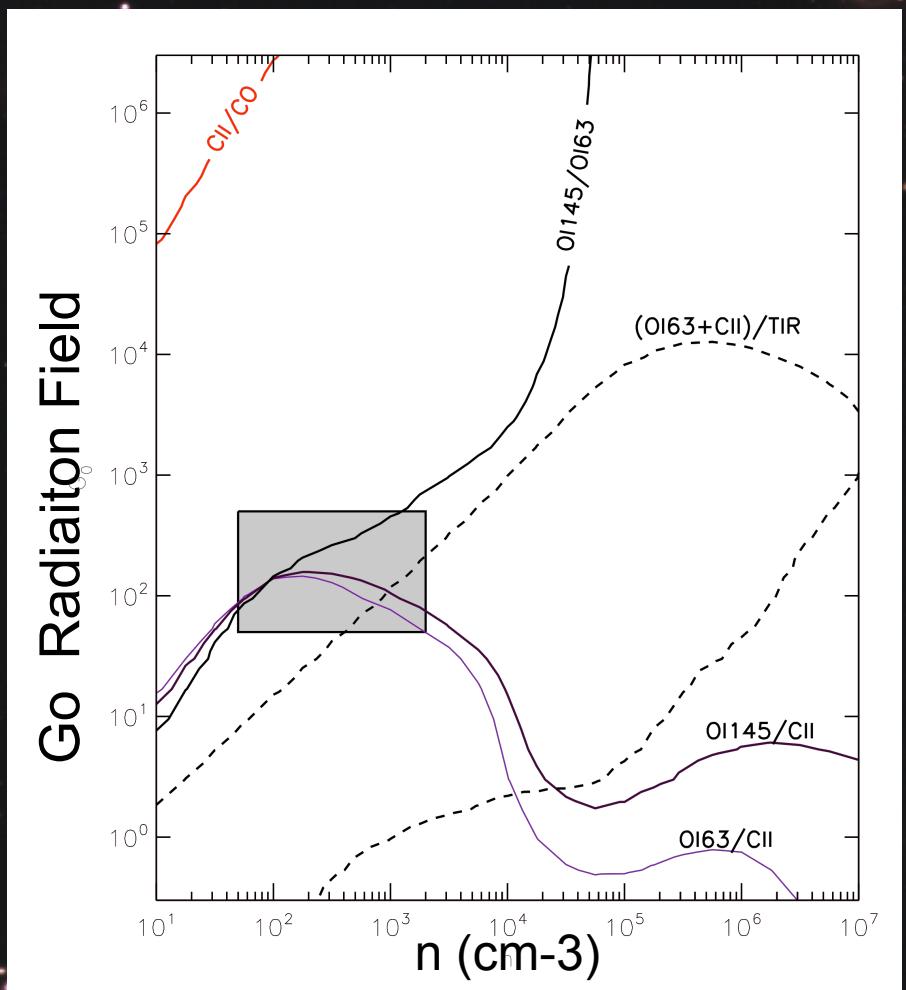
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Kaufman et al PDR plots



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Kaufman et al PDR plots:  
Problem of slab geometry - CII/CO



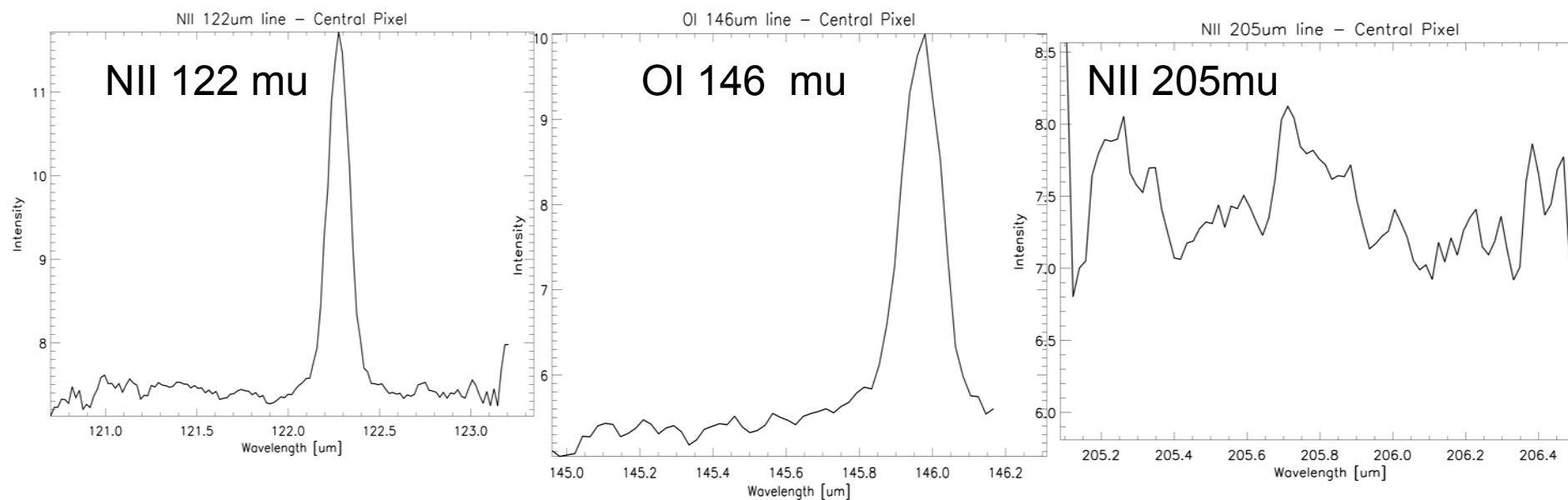
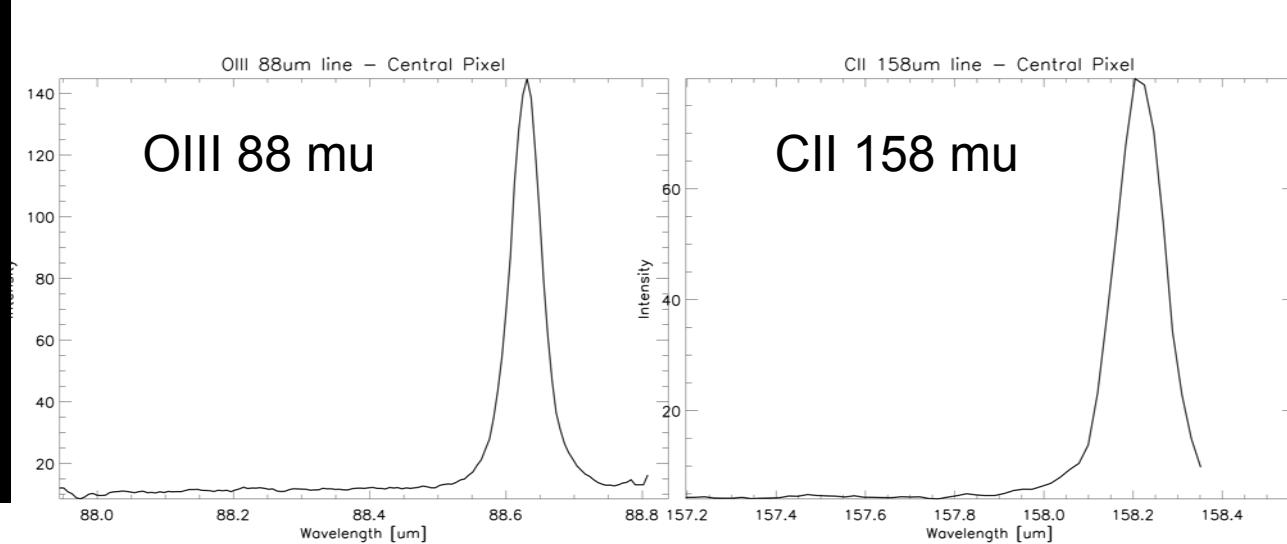
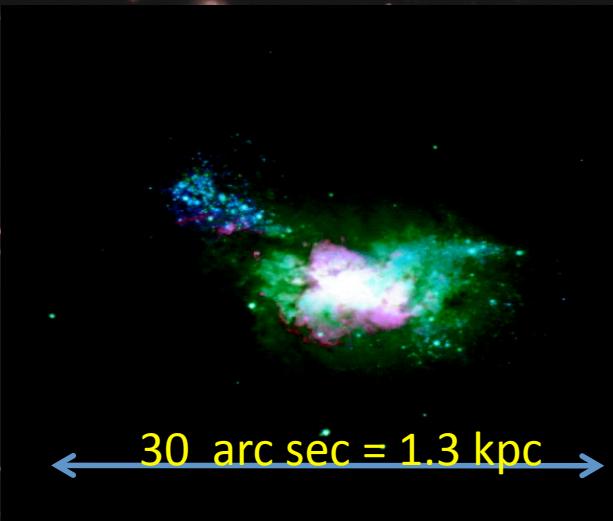
[CII]/CO = 4 000 to 75 000  
(galaxy average: 30 000)

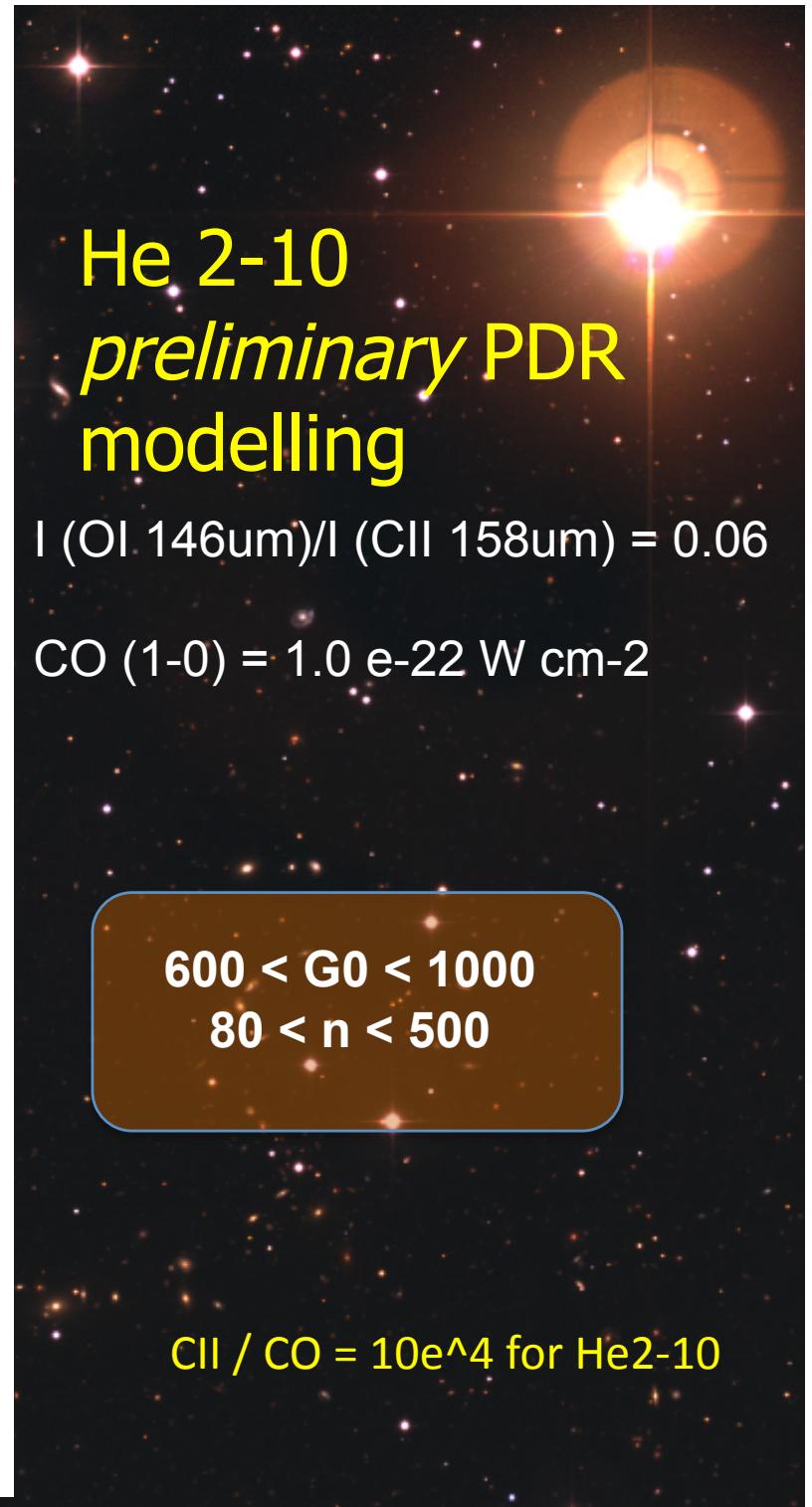
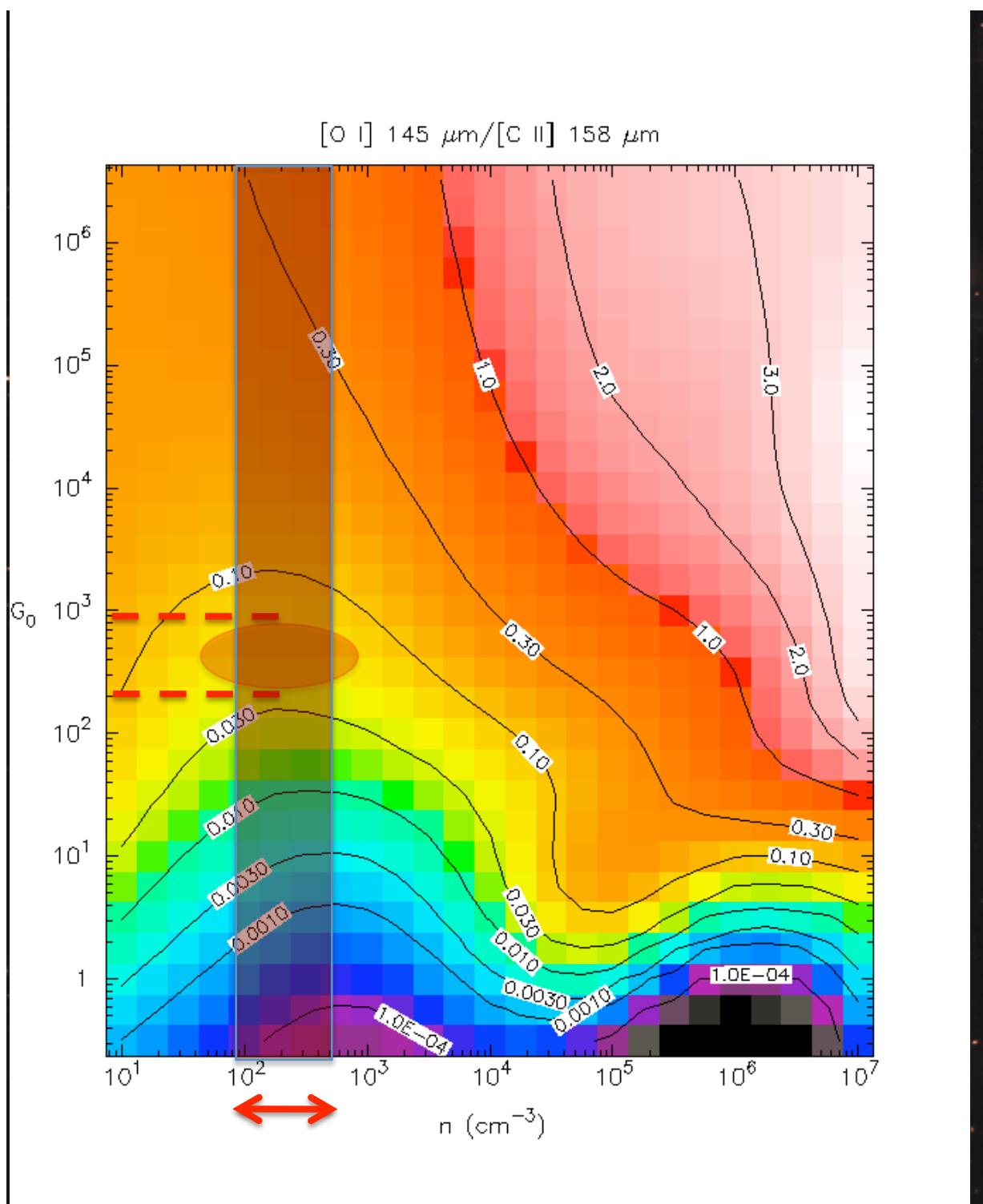
*'Hidden' molecular gas traced by C+ (CO-free zone)  
up to 20 times that traced by CO*

*IC10: 50 to 100 x more H<sub>2</sub>  
Than that traced by CO. Mapped in  
CII (Madden et al 1997)*

Also: Stacey et al 1991; Poglitsch et al 1995; Madden et al 1997; Madden et al 2000;  
Models: Roellig et al 2006; Wolfire et al 2010

# He 2-10 (D=9 Mpc)





# The Curious Case of the Dwarf Haro 11 D=92 Mpc Z = 1/7 Z(solar)

$L_{\text{FIR}} \sim 1 \times 10^{11} L_{\text{solar}}$

$M(\text{CO}) < 10^8 M_{\text{solar}}$

$M(\text{HI}) < 10^8 M_{\text{solar}}$

(Bergvall 2006)

[OI] 63 μm

12''

[CII] 158 μm

[OI] 63 μm

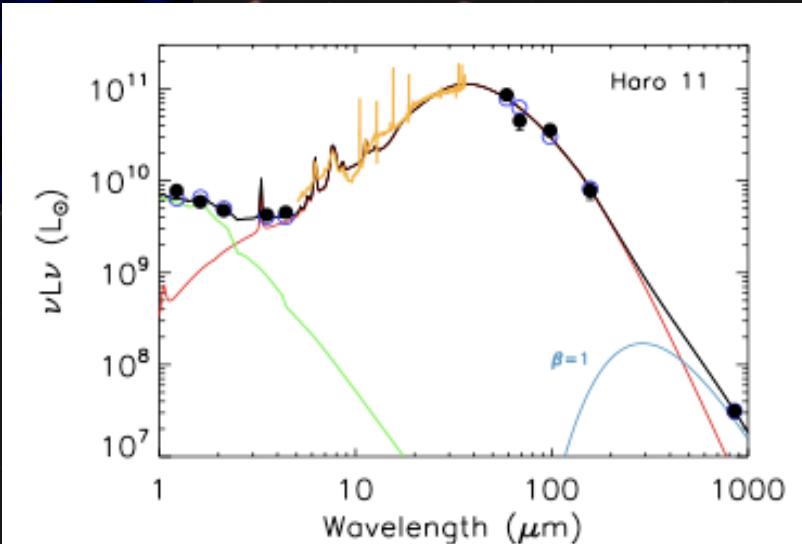
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UV-optical Hayes 2007

[OI] 145 μm

Haro 11 Galametz et 2009



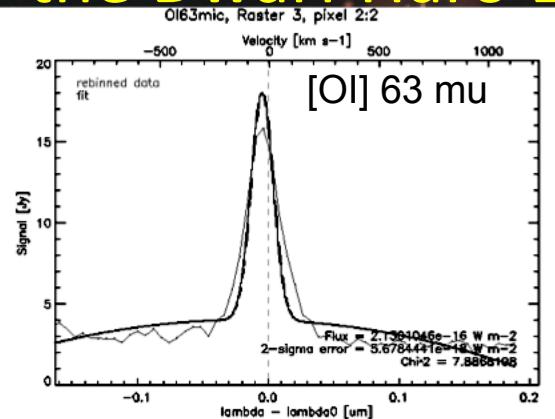
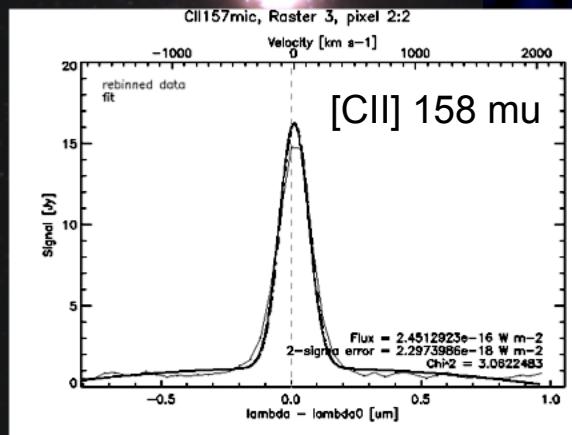
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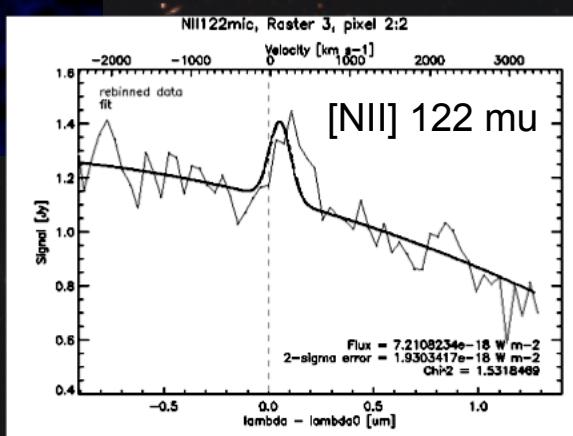
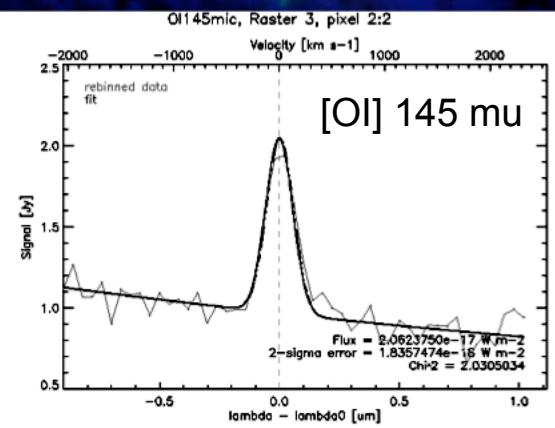
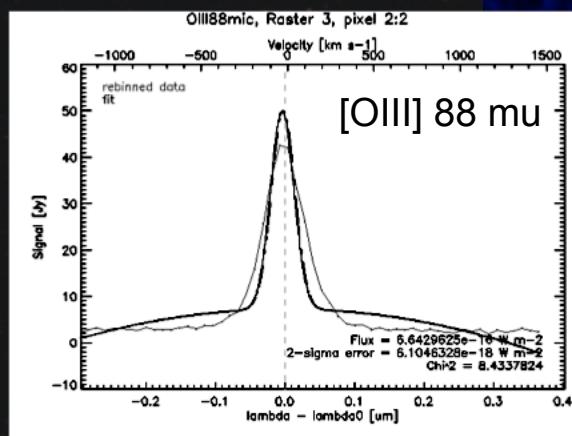
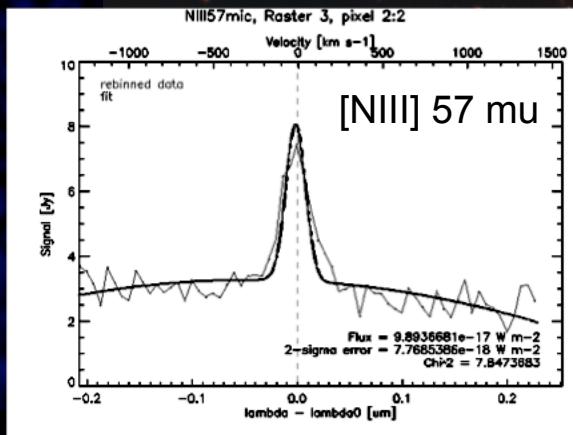
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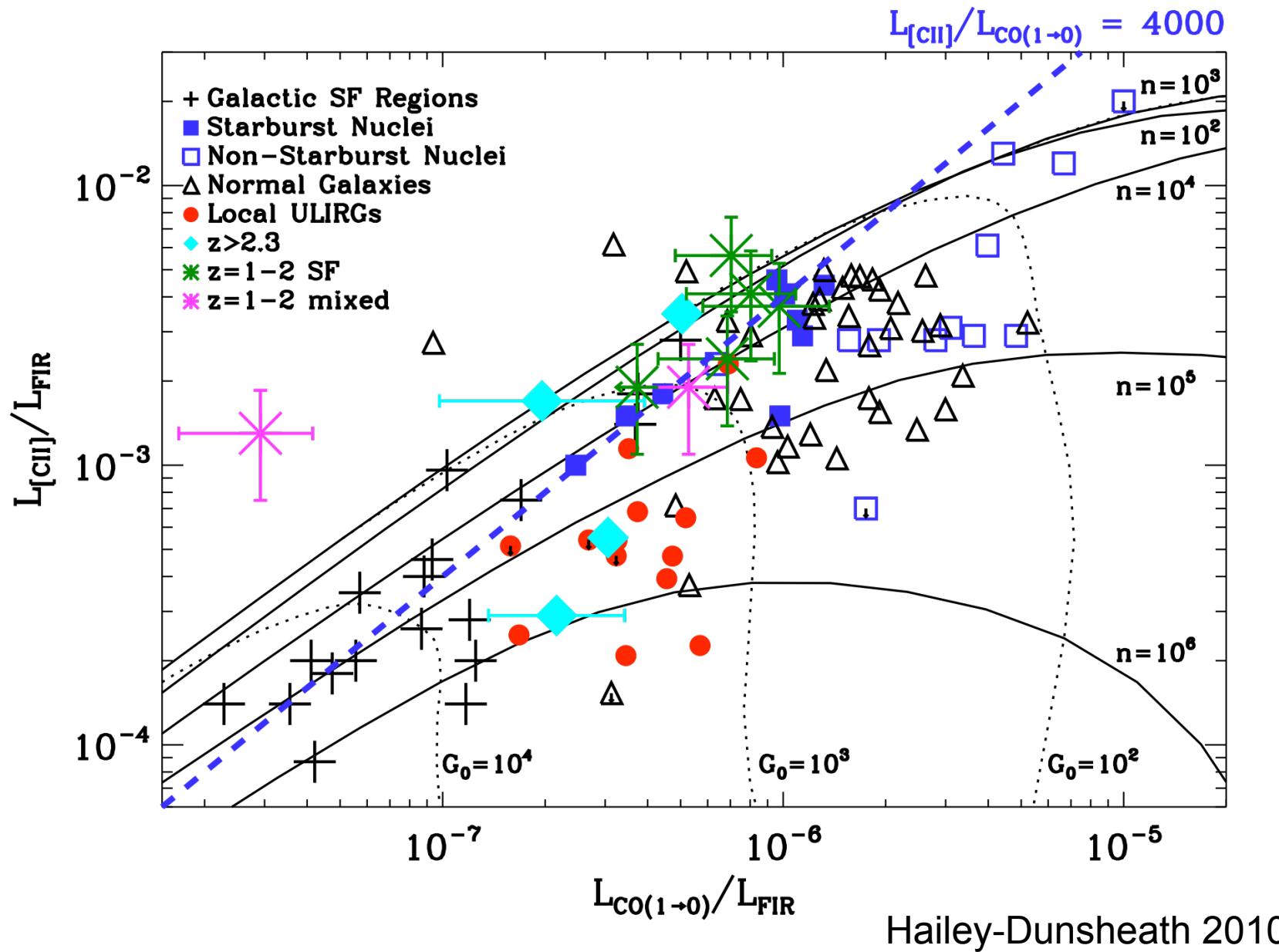
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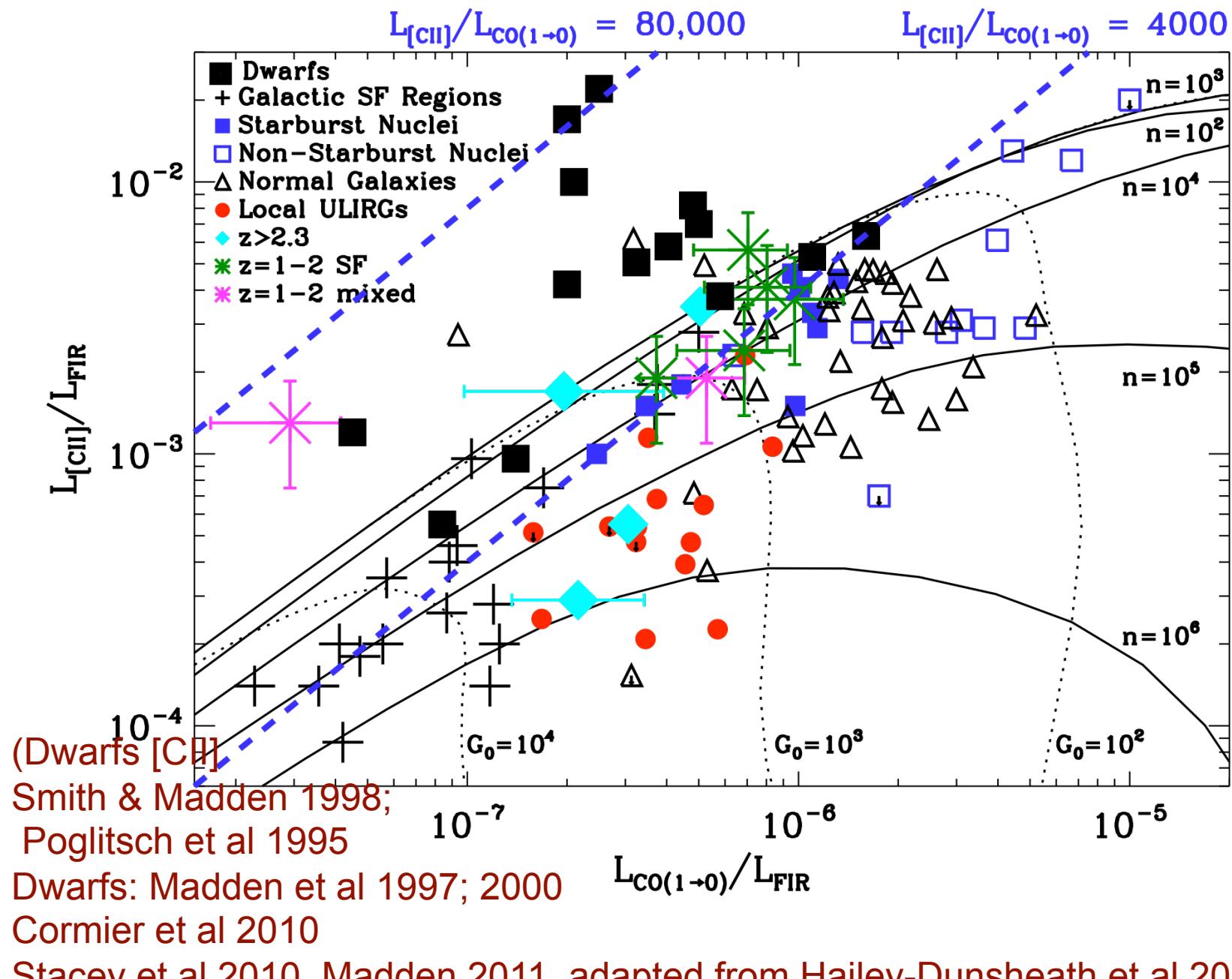
$L(\text{CII})/L(\text{CO}) > 50\,000 !!$   
*A large fraction of  
the H<sub>2</sub> gas could  
Be in the PDRs*



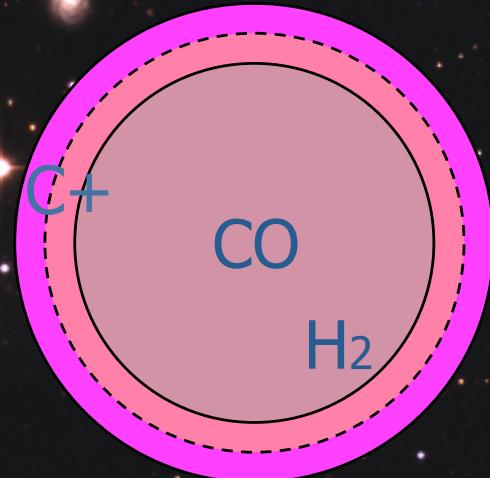
# [CII]/FIR & [CII]/CO in Galaxies - local and high-z



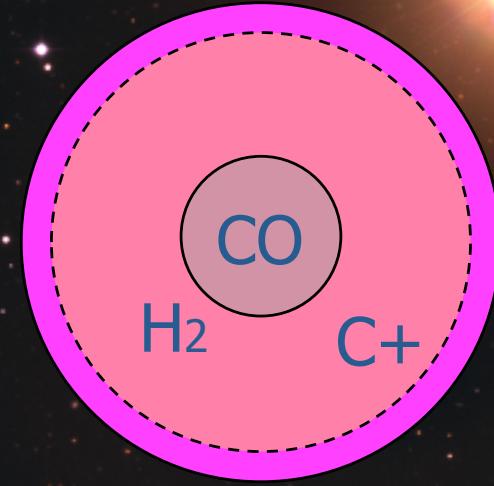
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Solar metallicity



Low metallicity

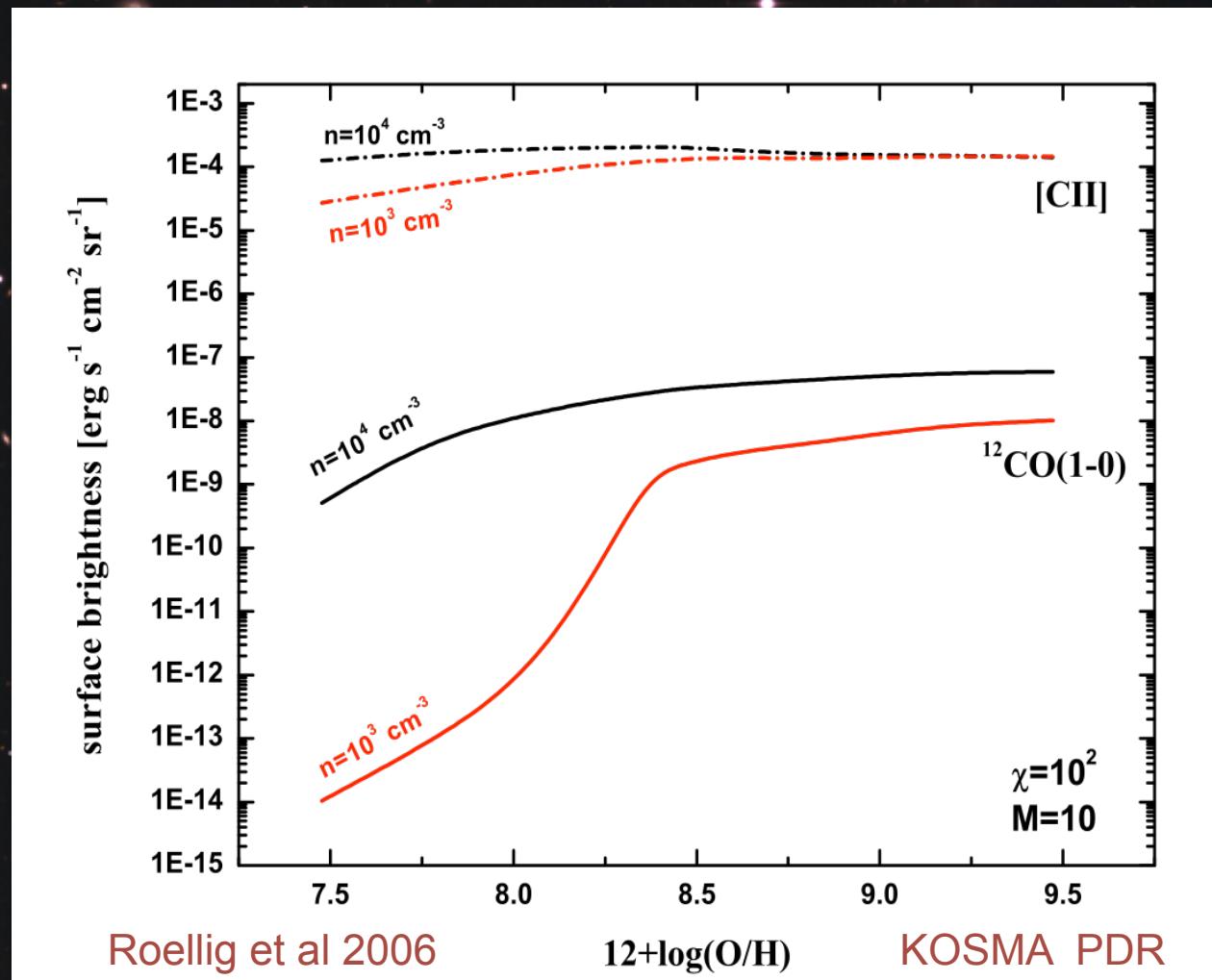


Effects of decreasing metallicity to explain high I[CII]/I(CO) :  
Normal metallicity clouds – PDR a *thin* shell around H<sub>2</sub>  
Decreased in metallicity – decrease in dust – lower photon attenuation in cloud

CO more easily destroyed – deeper PDR around smaller CO  
Total N(C<sup>+</sup>) the same ; N(H<sub>2</sub>) is the same (self-shielding of H<sub>2</sub>)  
Very different C+ & CO filling factors

***M(H<sub>2</sub>) conversion factor which includes I[CII] to trace 'hidden' H<sub>2</sub>*** ie IC10 – 100 time more H<sub>2</sub> than seen in CO  
(Madden et al 1997)

# PDR modeling and Metallicity



CO-free zone  
H<sub>2</sub>- dark zone  
Traced by [CII]

Critical parameter:  
Shielding of H<sub>2</sub> determines  
HI/H<sub>2</sub> transition -  
depends on  
G<sub>0</sub>/n vs  
dust extinction of FUV

Close to the clump surface?  
Or close to the  
C+/C/CO interface?

"The Dark Molecular Gas": Grenier et al 2005  
Wolfire et al 2010

# Preliminary Herschel results summary

- *Submm excess observed in dwarf galaxies*
  - Is this due to a v. large cold dust mass?
  - Using amorphous carbons instead of graphite can ameliorate this
  - Can still find large dust masses sometimes - *low gas-to-dust mass ratio*
- *'Missing' Molecular Gas in low metallicity galaxies?*
  - $L([CII])/L(CO) >>$  than dusty star burst galaxies - *tracing the H<sub>2</sub> gas not traced by CO*
  - [CII] widely distributed throughout low metallicity galaxies – very clumpy?
  - L([CII])/LFIR 0.5% to 2%
  - OIII/CII > 2 on galactic scale (like giant HII regions). OIII may be a workhorse diagnostic for high z, low Z galaxies with ALMA

***Molecular reservoir:***

***([CII] + CO) -to-H<sub>2</sub> conversion factor***

***The total dust mass issue - needs the gas inventory***

# Herschel to SOFIA

Spectroscopic mapping: **GREAT & FIFI-Is** limitations:

CII - the most important coolant in galaxies: sensitive CII/OI mapping of large Local Group Dwarf galaxies. Need fast mapping capability to cover large (30' to degrees) galaxies. How to map CII in the LMC? Frequency-switching? On the fly line mapping?

Dust imaging Large field of view - trace the submm excess?excess begins at 500  $\mu$ m: for now, it looks to be sitting in the **DIFFUSE ISM** - avoiding the compact, SF sites. Perhaps not idea for ALMA? Ground-based bolometers tough to do extended emission.

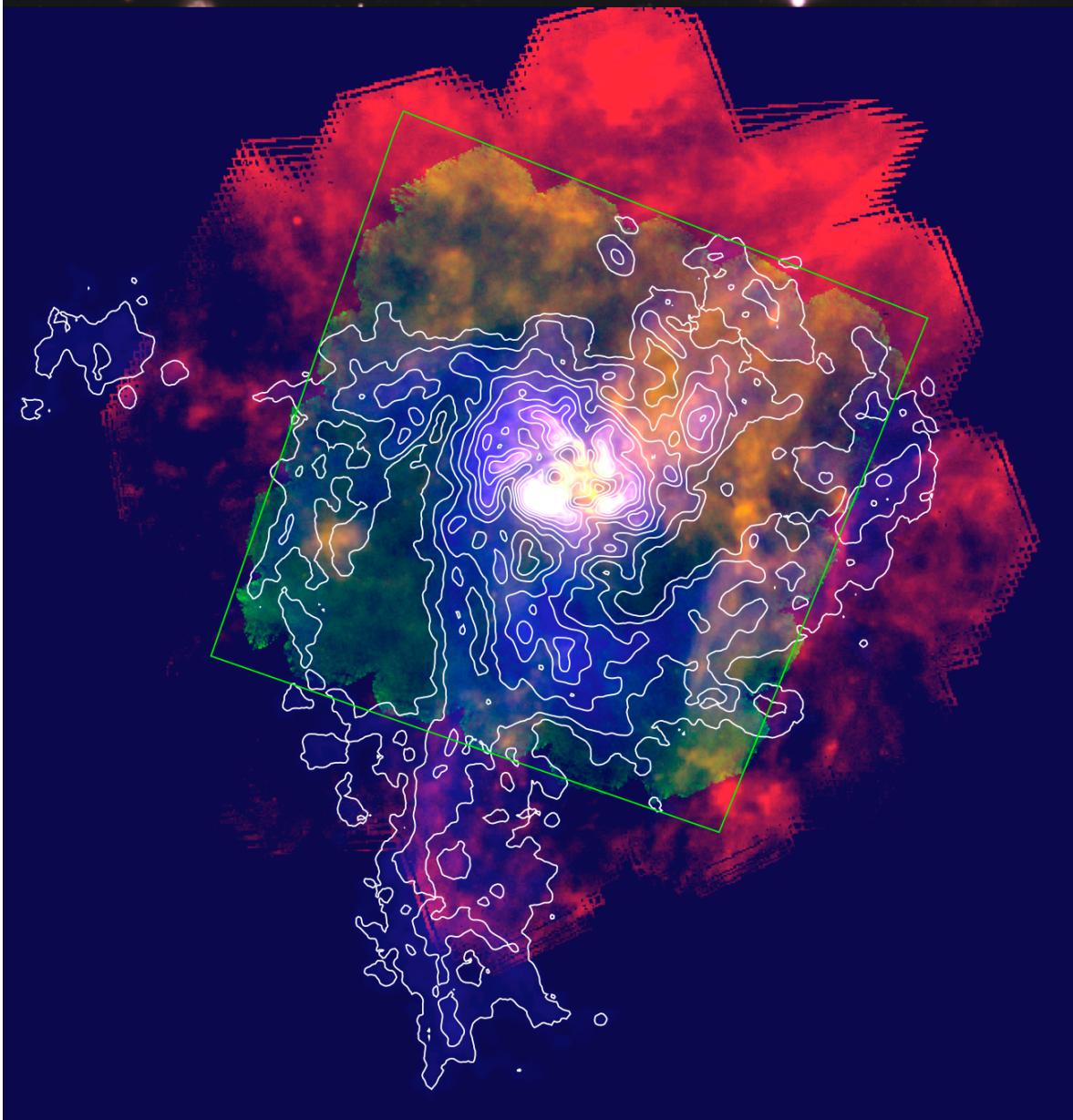
Dwarf galaxies peak of luminosity from 20 to 60  $\mu$ m:

Wavelength dessert from to 60  $\mu$ m imaging

(Forecast goes to 40  $\mu$ m - grism capabilities moderate resolution spectroscopy SEDs ( $R \sim 100$ )

High-z Low Z galaxies: OIII and OI with SOFIA

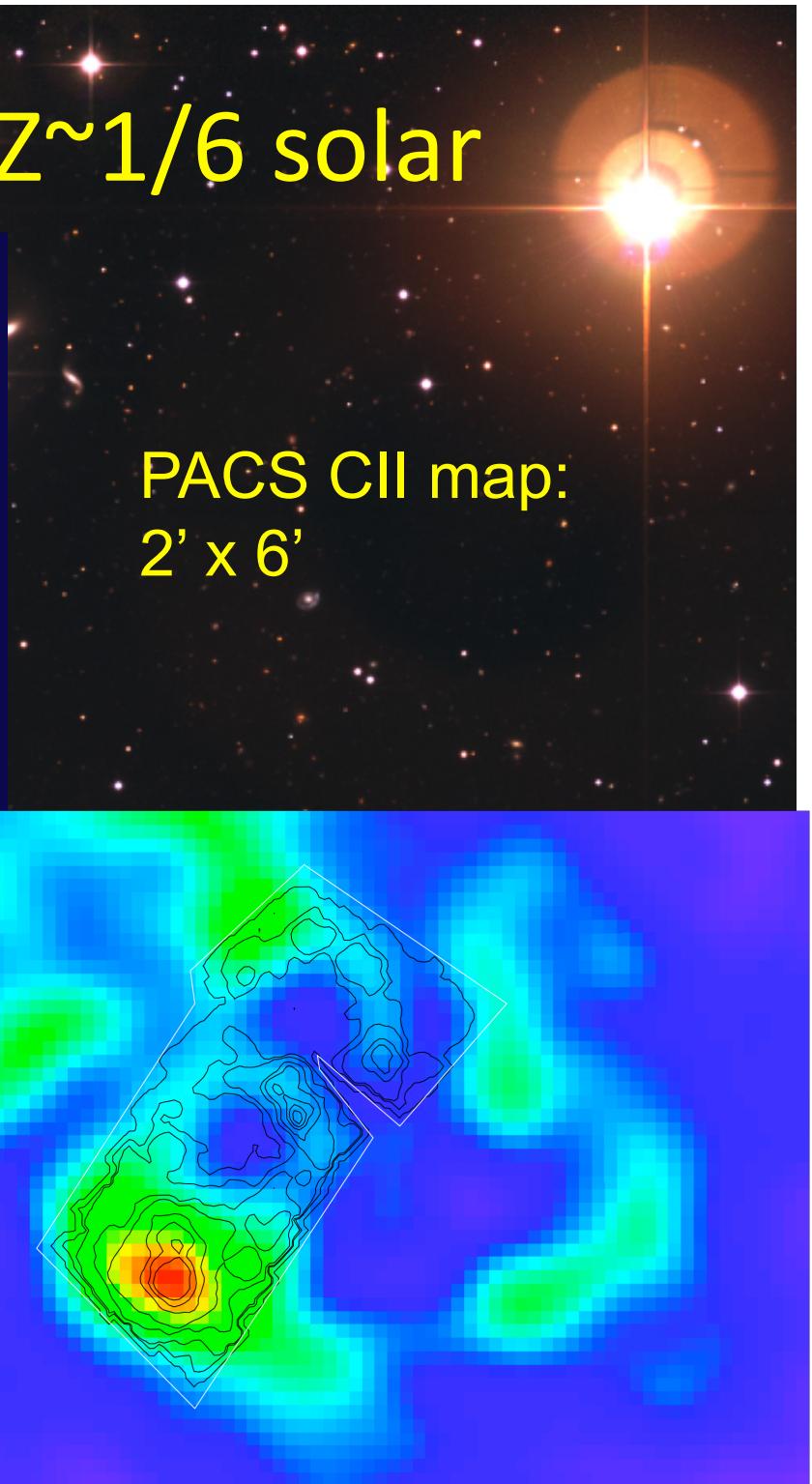
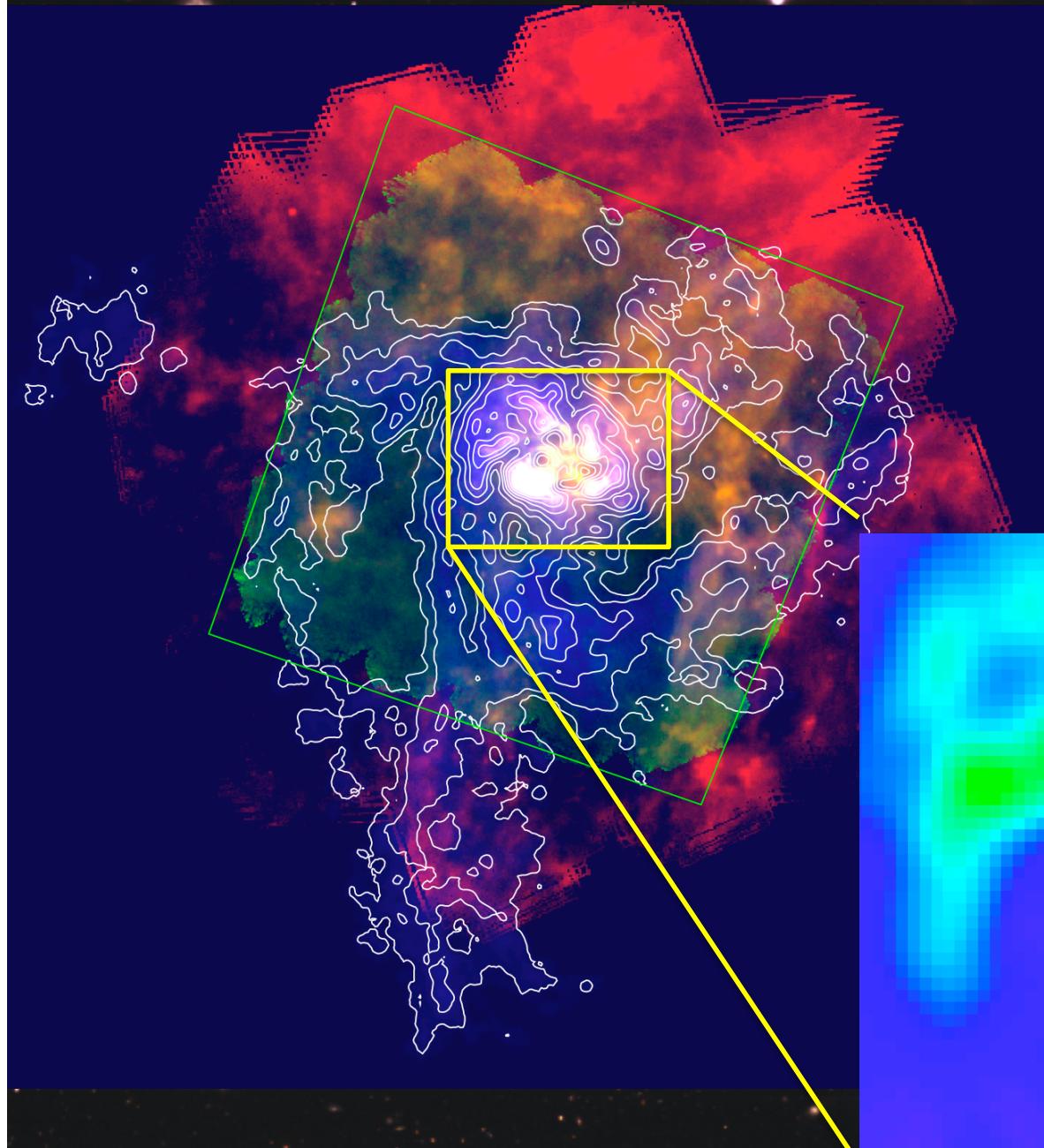
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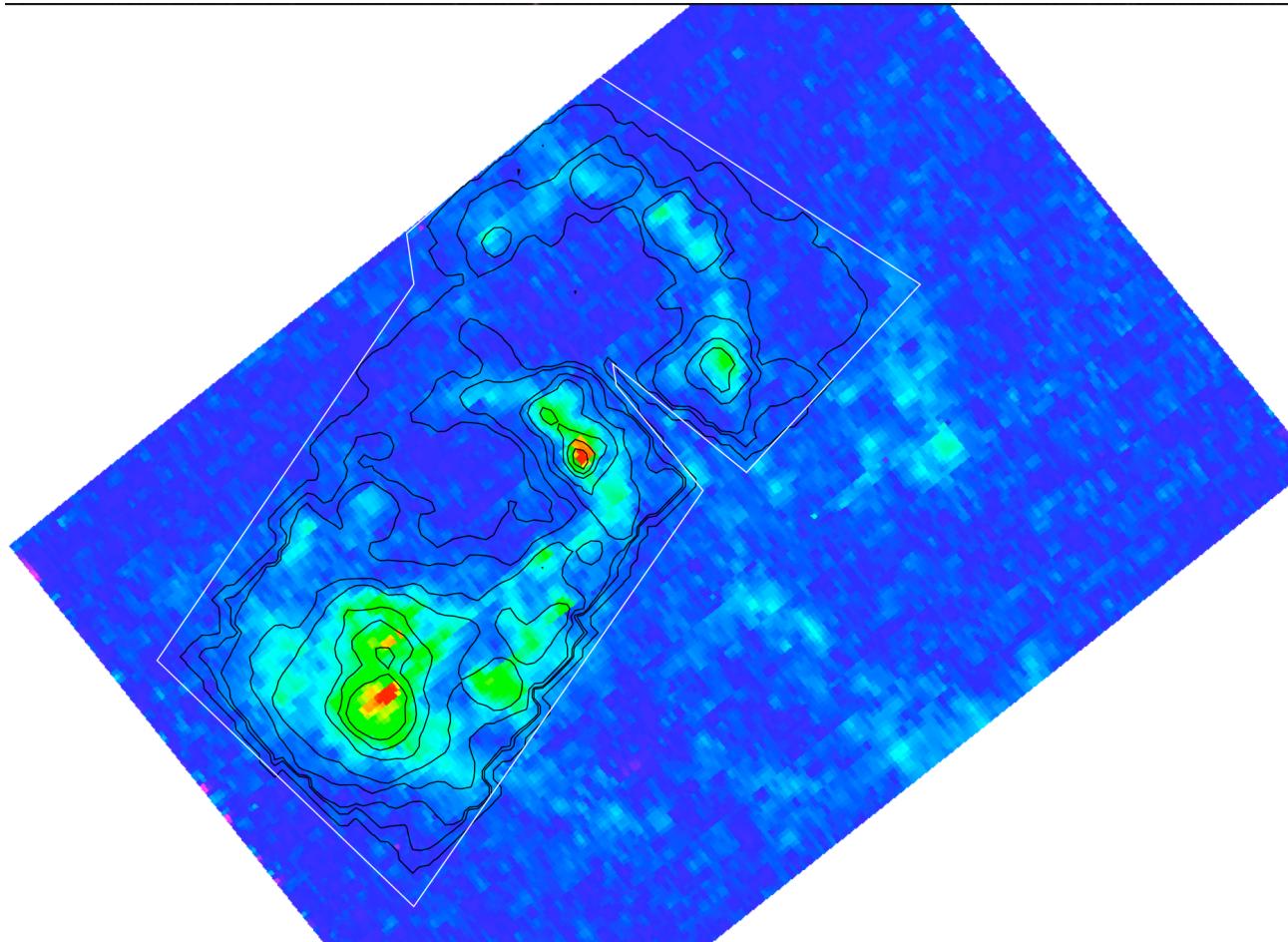


$D = 800$  kpc  
HI:  $2 \times 10^{10}$  M(solar)  
(Wilcots & Miller 1998)

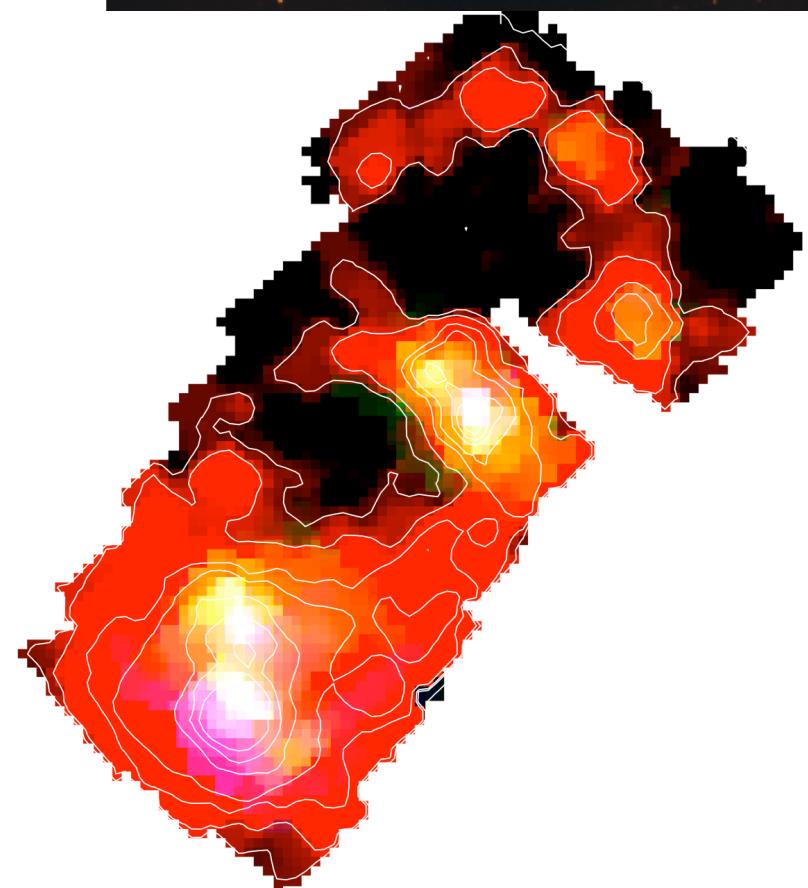
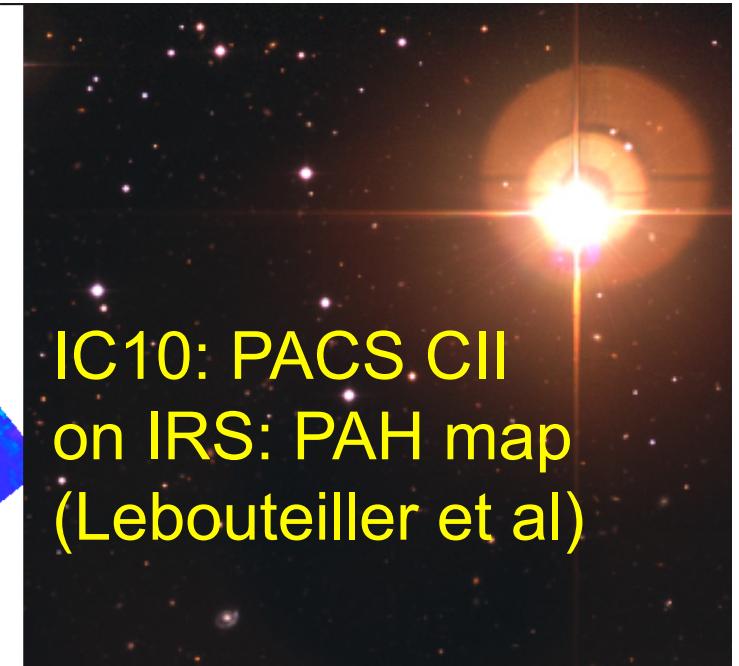
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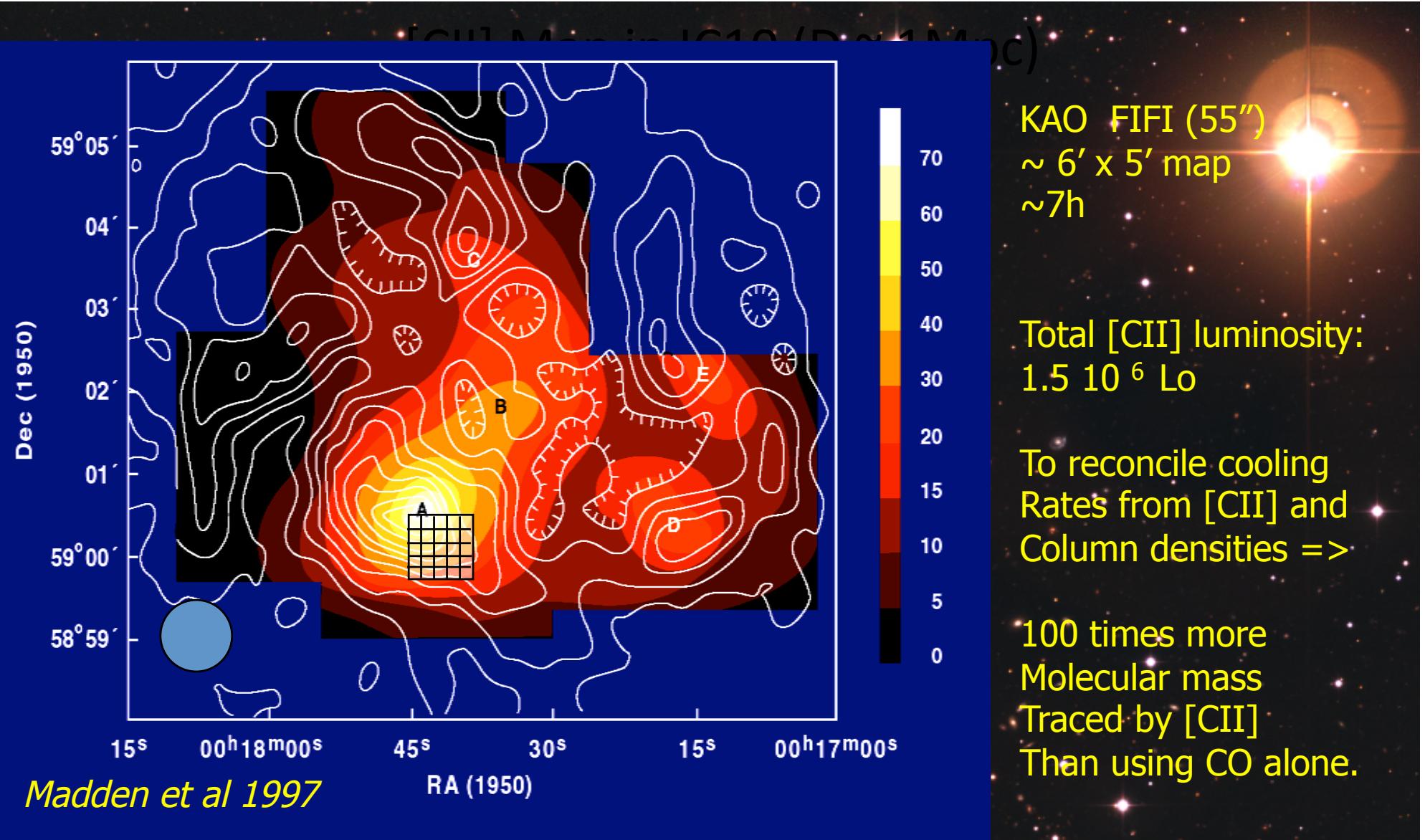
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IC10: CIIPACS maps:  
red: CII  
green: OI63mu  
Blue: OIII 88mu

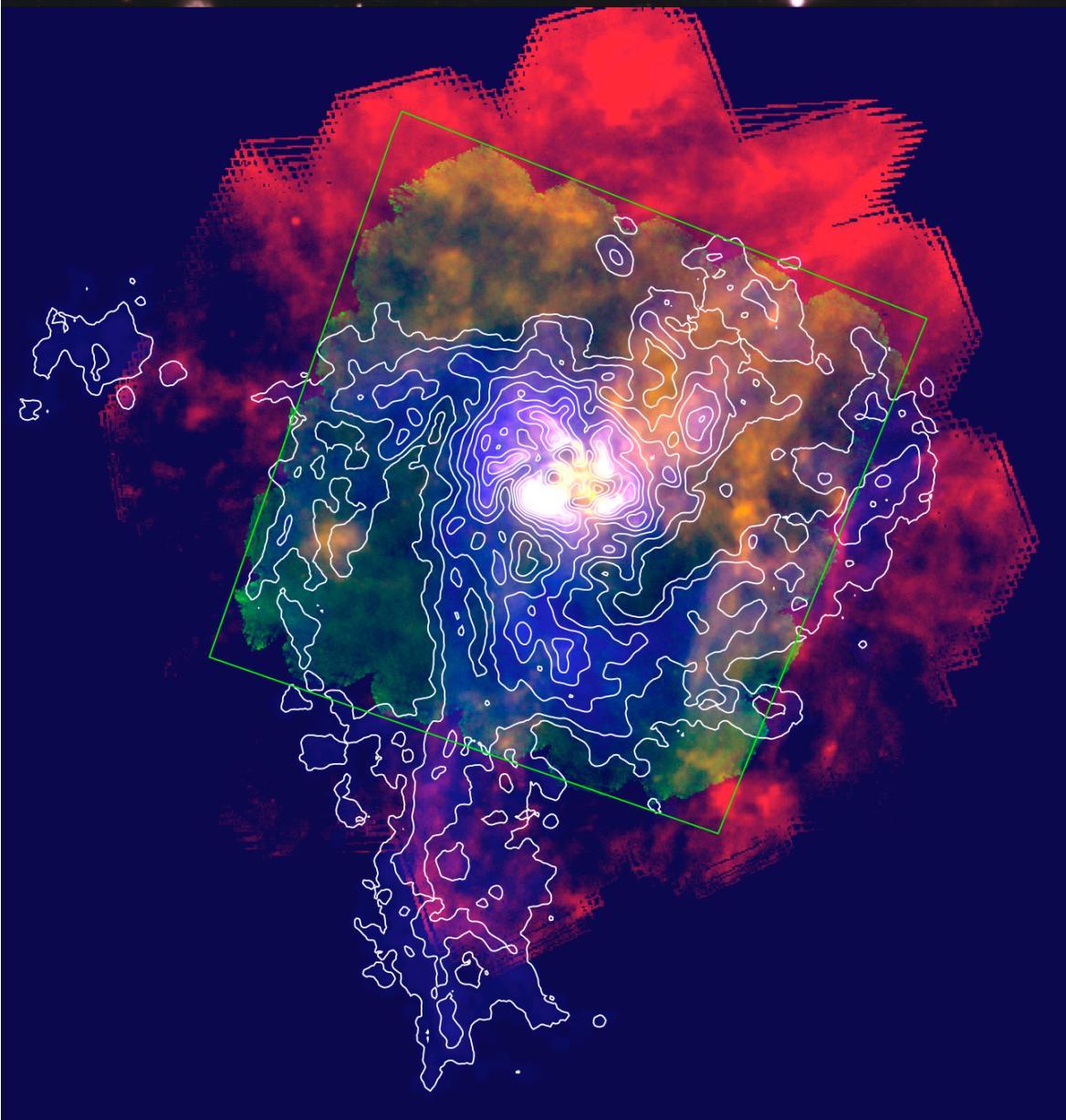




*Need [CII] measurements for **total** gas inventory*

PACS &  
 PACS  
 FIFI-Is  
 array

# Local Group: IC10 $Z \sim 1/6$ solar



D= 800 kpc  
 $2 \times 10^{10} M_{\text{solar}}$   
(Wilcots & Miller 1998)

20'

CII expected from  
most of HI

How long would it take  
make a  $10' \times 10'$  CII map  
with SOFIA down to  
 $5 \times 10^{-18}$  or  $19-17 \text{ W/m}^2$  ?

# The Magellanic Clouds

SAGE (*Spitzer*):  
Mapped with IRAC &  
MIPS  $8^\circ \times 8^\circ$

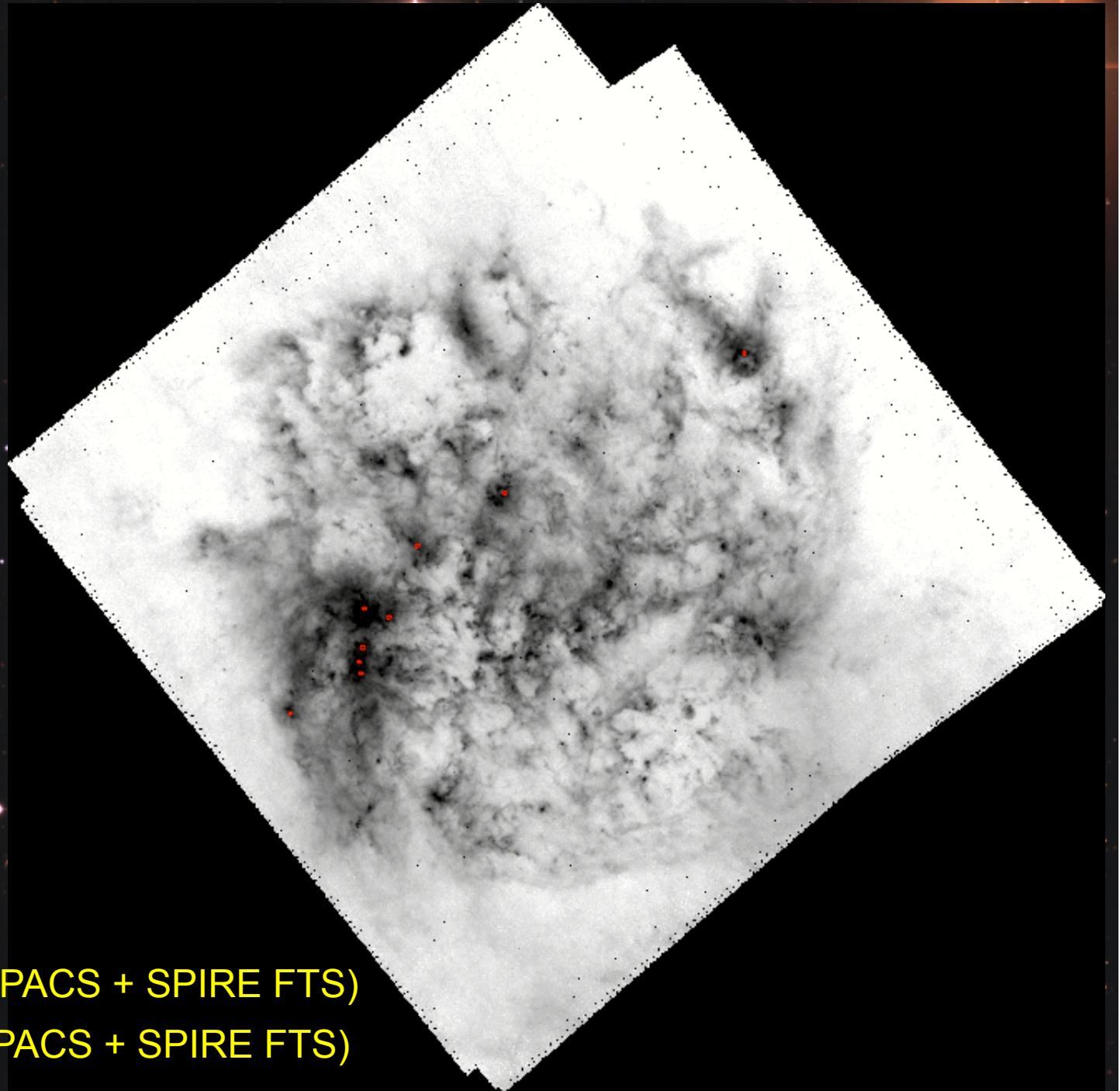
- ✓ Green: PAHs ( $3.6 \mu\text{m}$ )
  - ✓ Blue: stars ( $4.5 \mu\text{m}$ )
  - ✓ Red: hot dust ( $24 \mu\text{m}$ )
- (Meixner *et al.*, 2006)

HERITAGE (*Herschel*):  
PACS & SPIRE mapping

Hony *et al* Spectroscopy in  
LMC & SMC 80h



# LMC & SMC Heritage Spectroscopic Followup

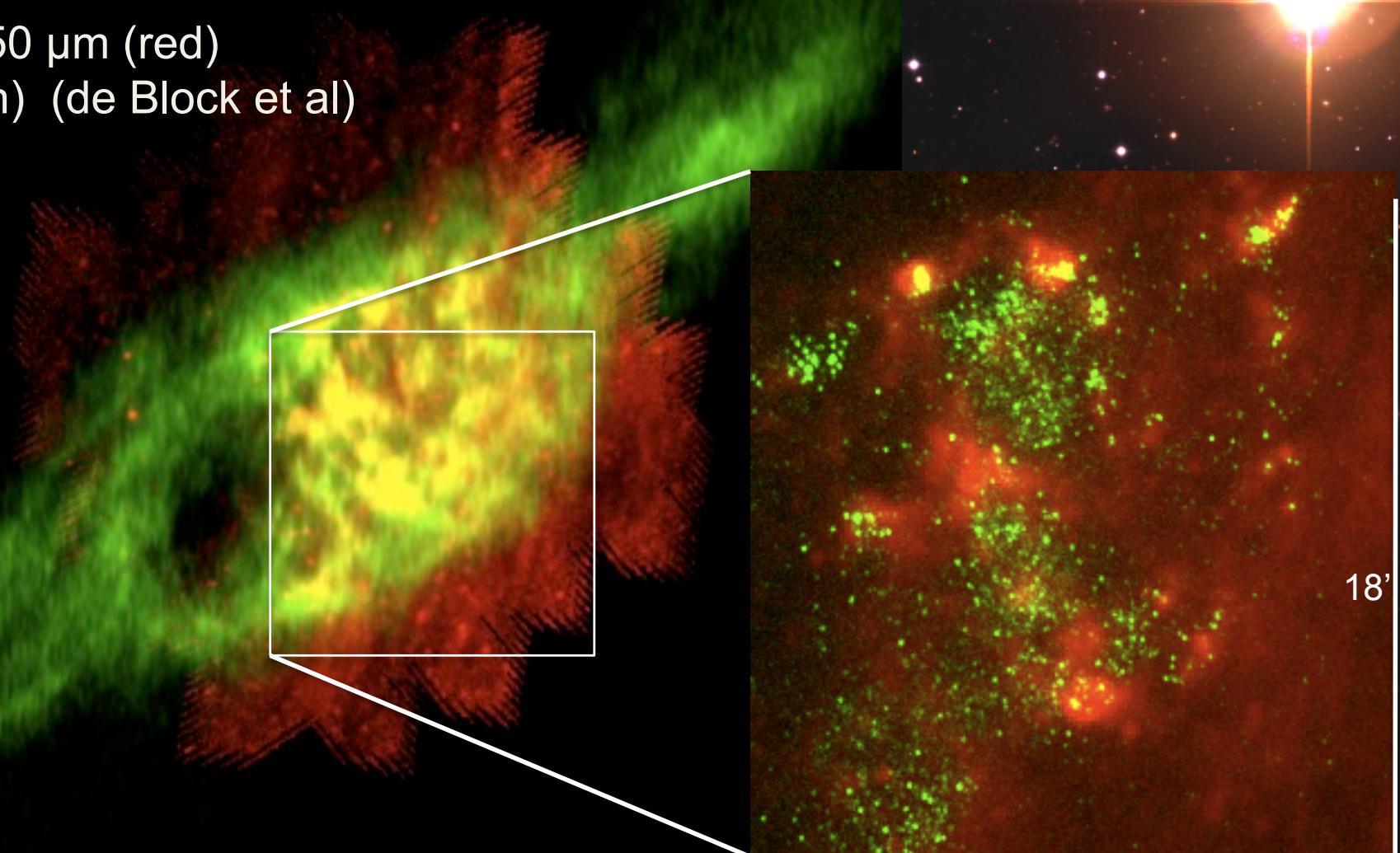


Hony et al  
80h

LMC: 9 pointings (PACS + SPIRE FTS)  
SMC 4 pointings (PACS + SPIRE FTS)

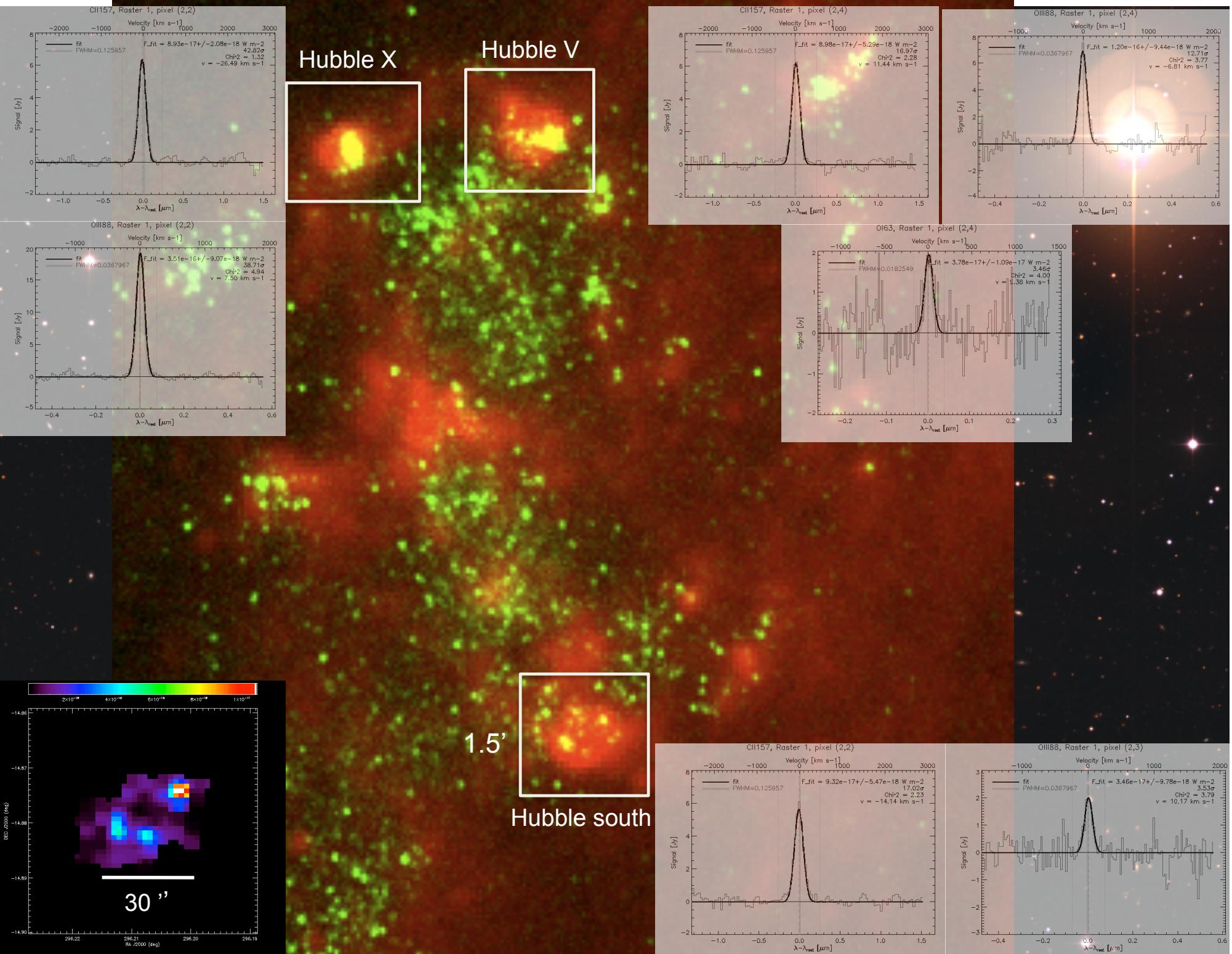
# NGC 6822 D= 0.5 Mpc, Z= 1/5 Zsolar

SPIRE 250  $\mu$ m (red)  
HI (green) (de Block et al)



Atomic gas: 1.3 degrees  
The star formation activity  
Primarily in 18' region

SPIRE 250  $\mu$ m (red)  
GALEX FUV (green)



# Herschel and Beyond: Multiphase and Multiscale modeling of galaxies

