

Gas Heating and Abundances from FIR spectroscopy

The Kingfish Local Galaxy Sample



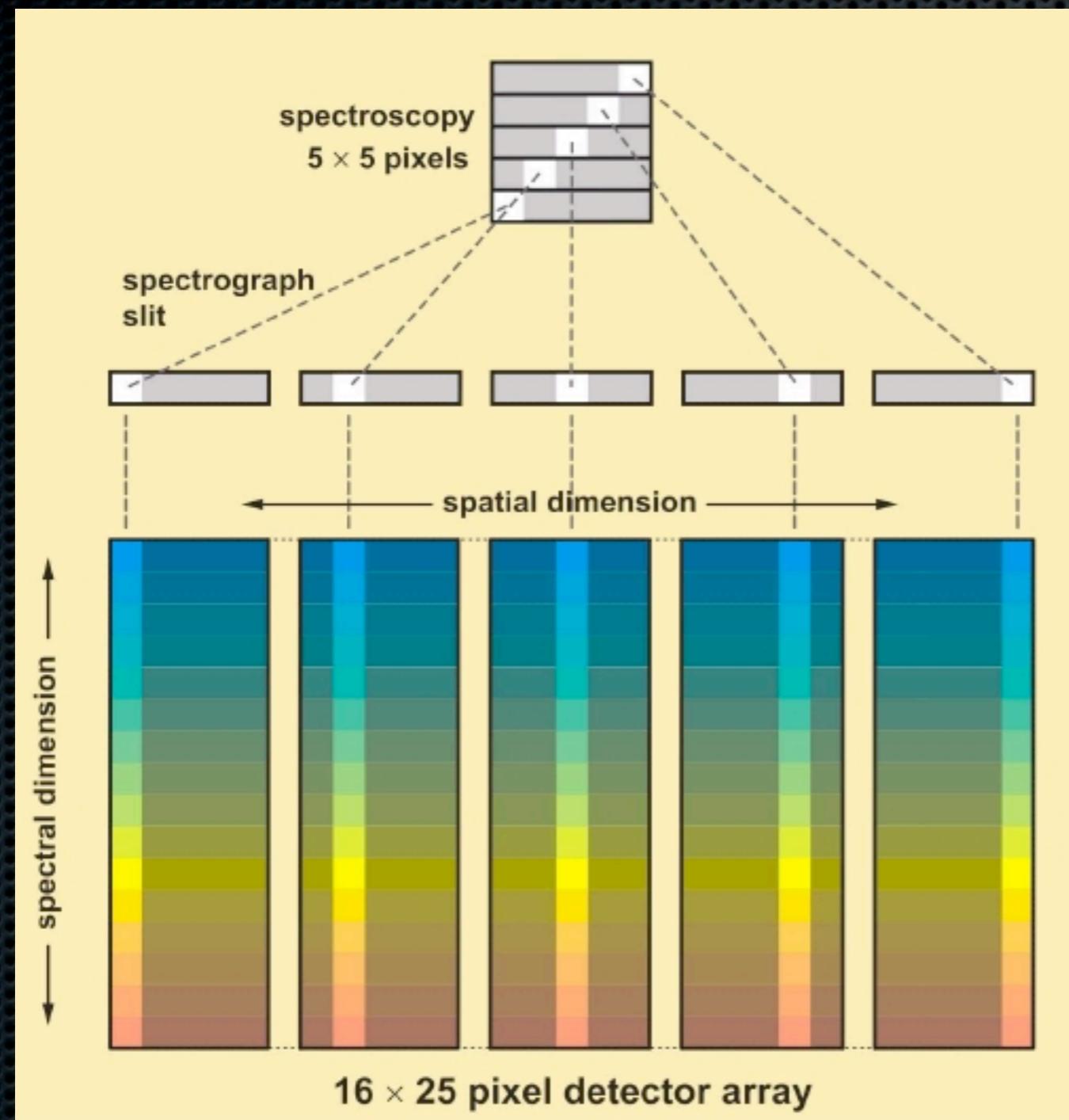
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Herschel PACS spectroscopy



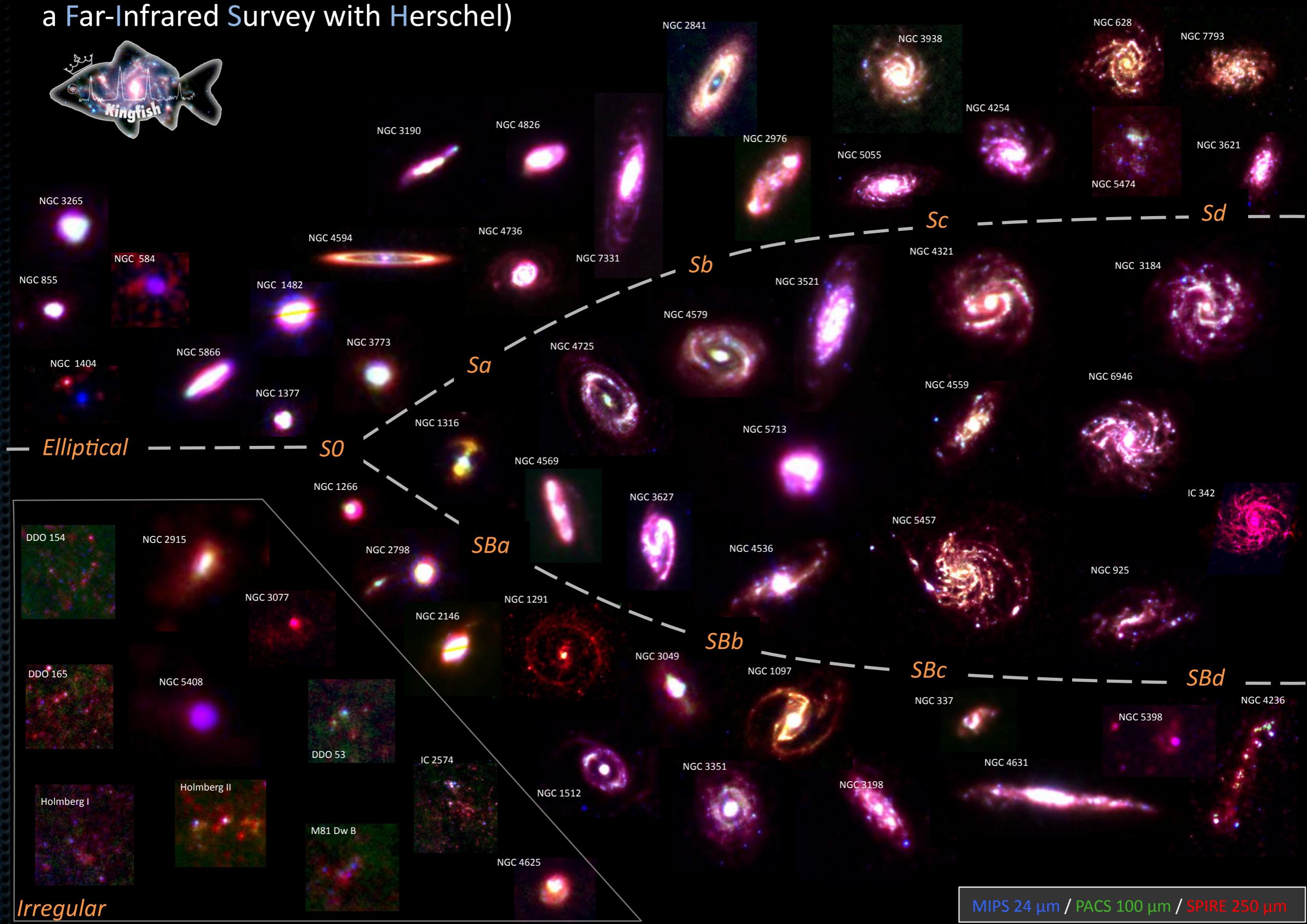
An IFU in the far-IR.
(55 - 210 μm)

Spatial pixels 9.7" × 9.7"

Spectral resolution of
940-5500

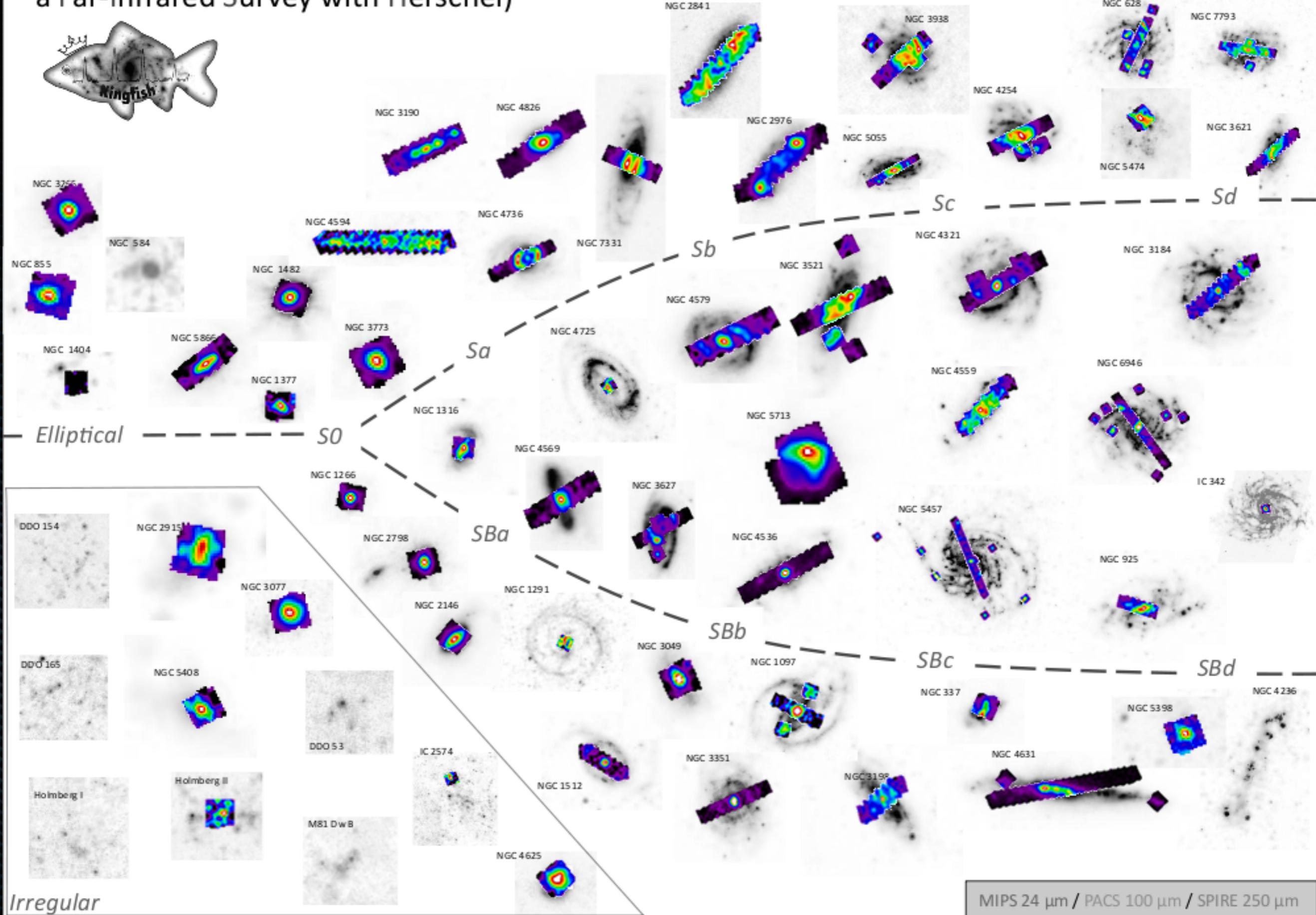


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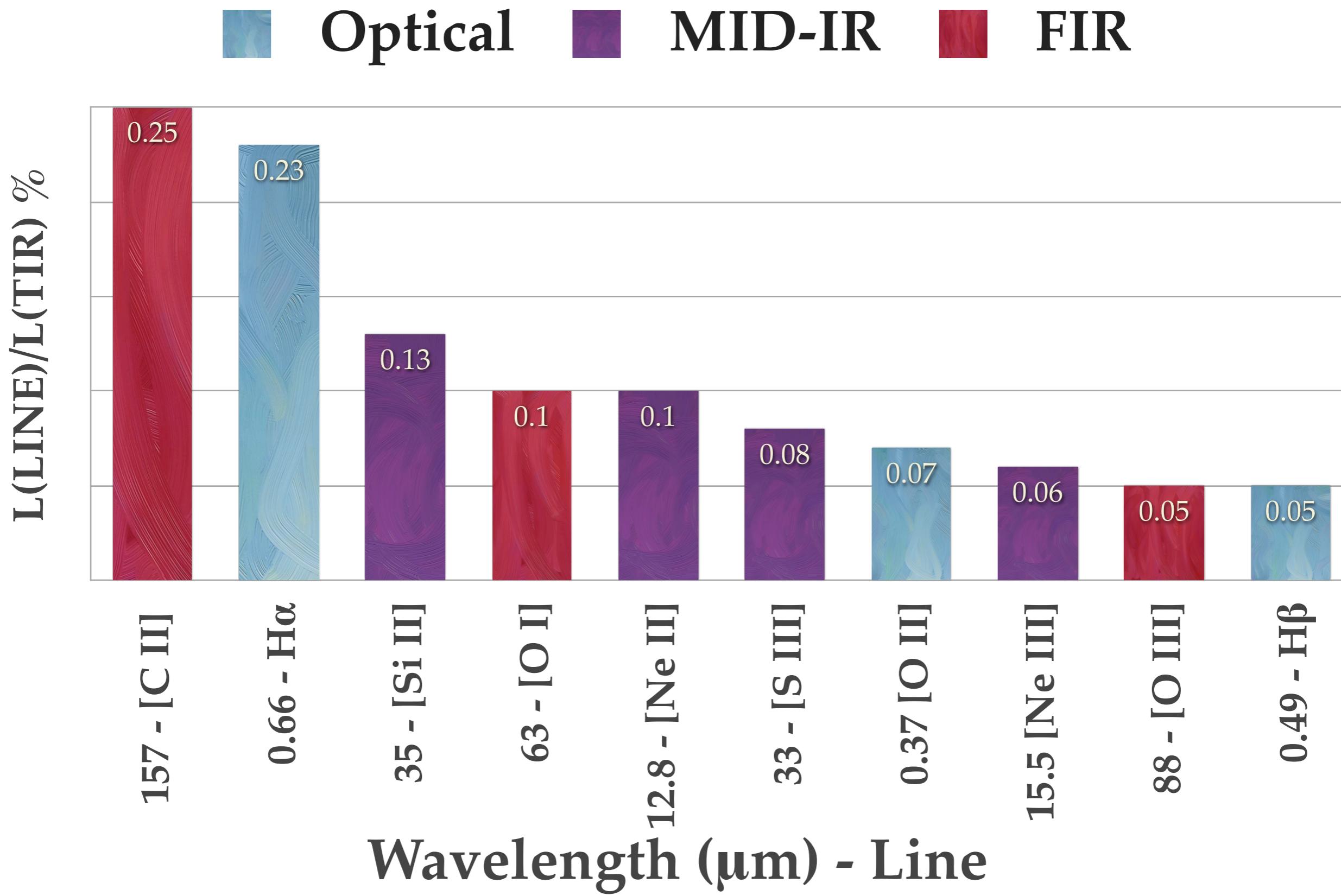
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[O III] line maps



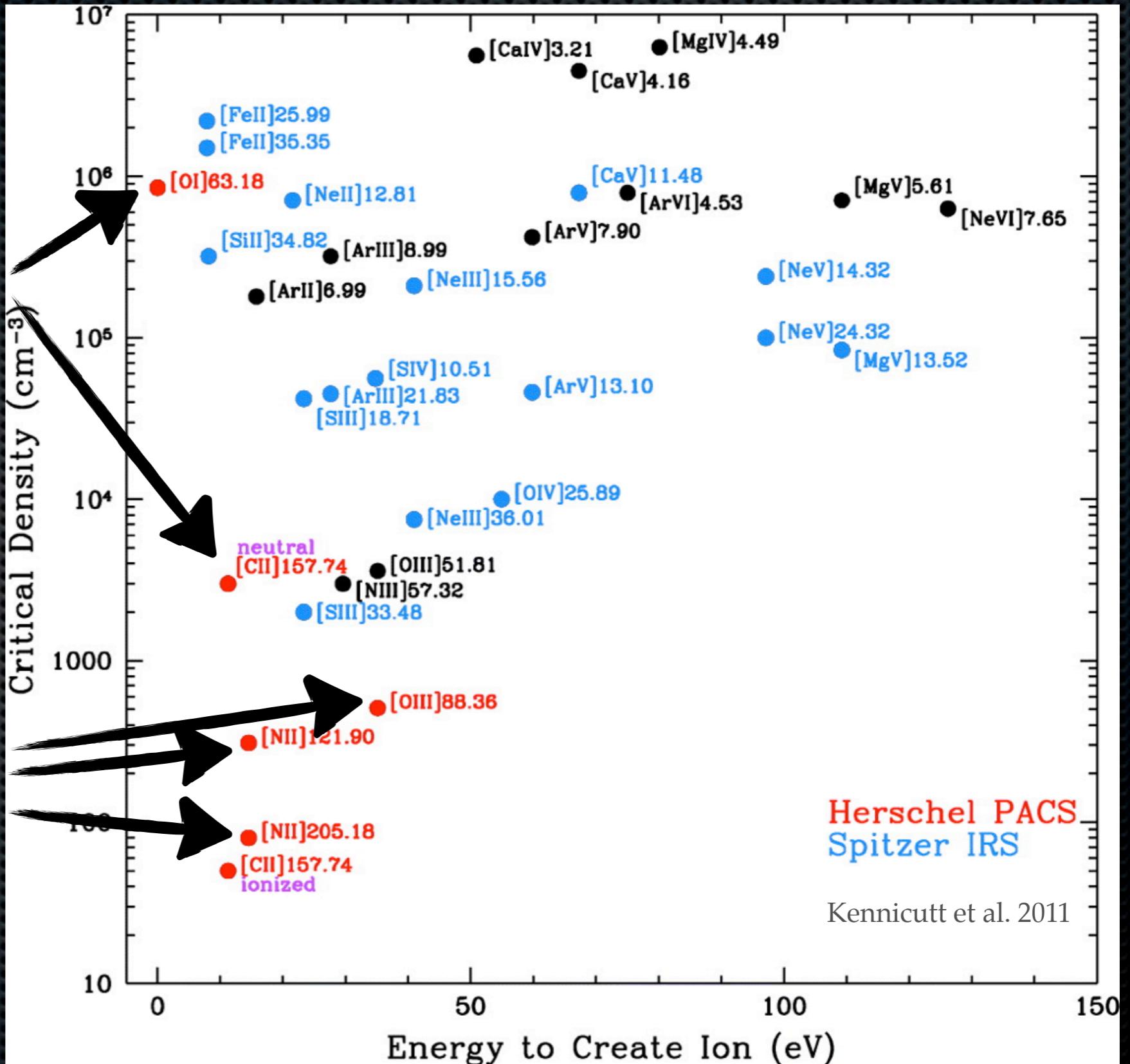
MIPS 24 μm / PACS 100 μm / SPIRE 250 μm

10 brightest (observed) spectral lines:



Principal neutral gas cooling lines

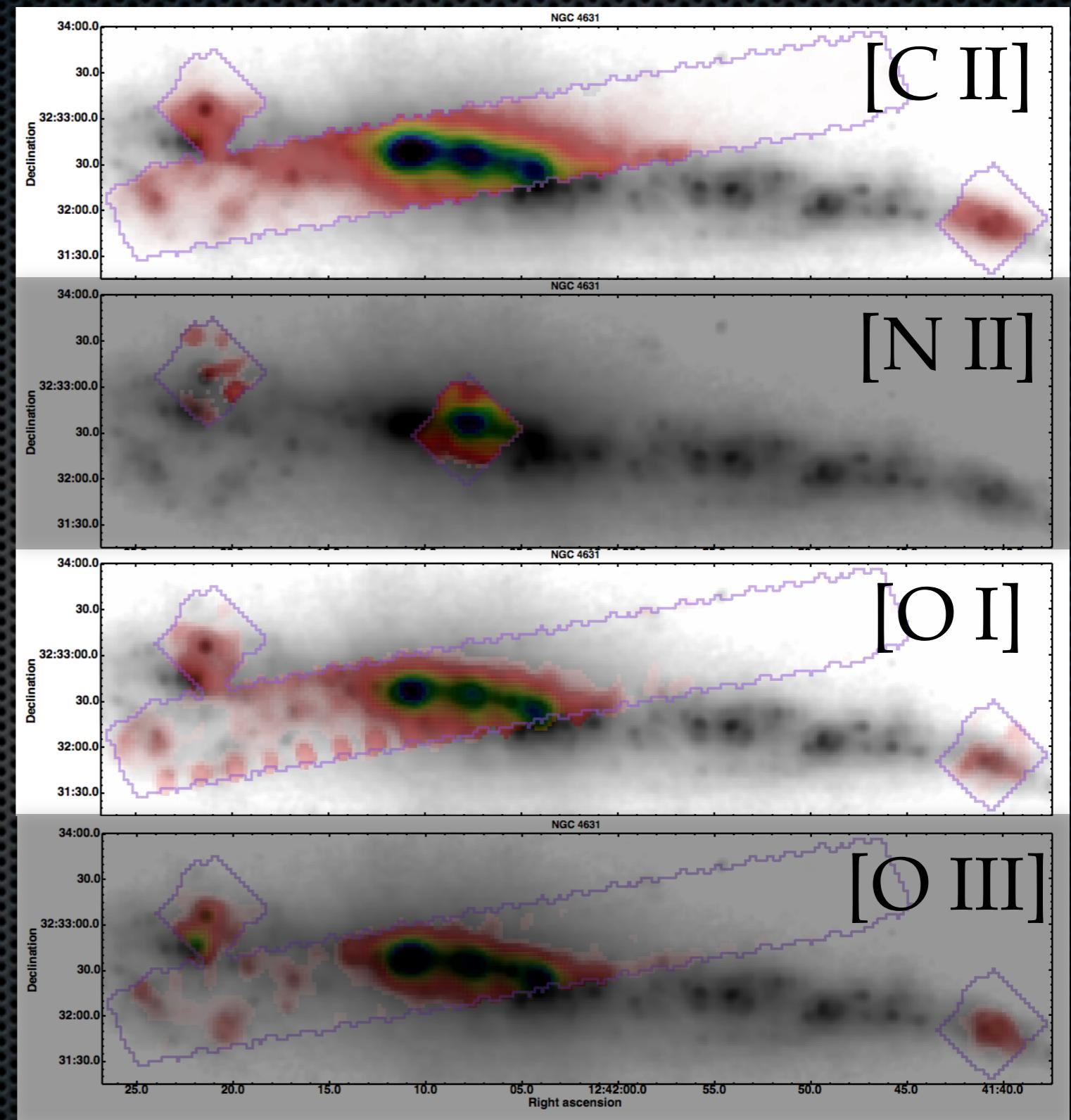
Ionized gas diagnostics

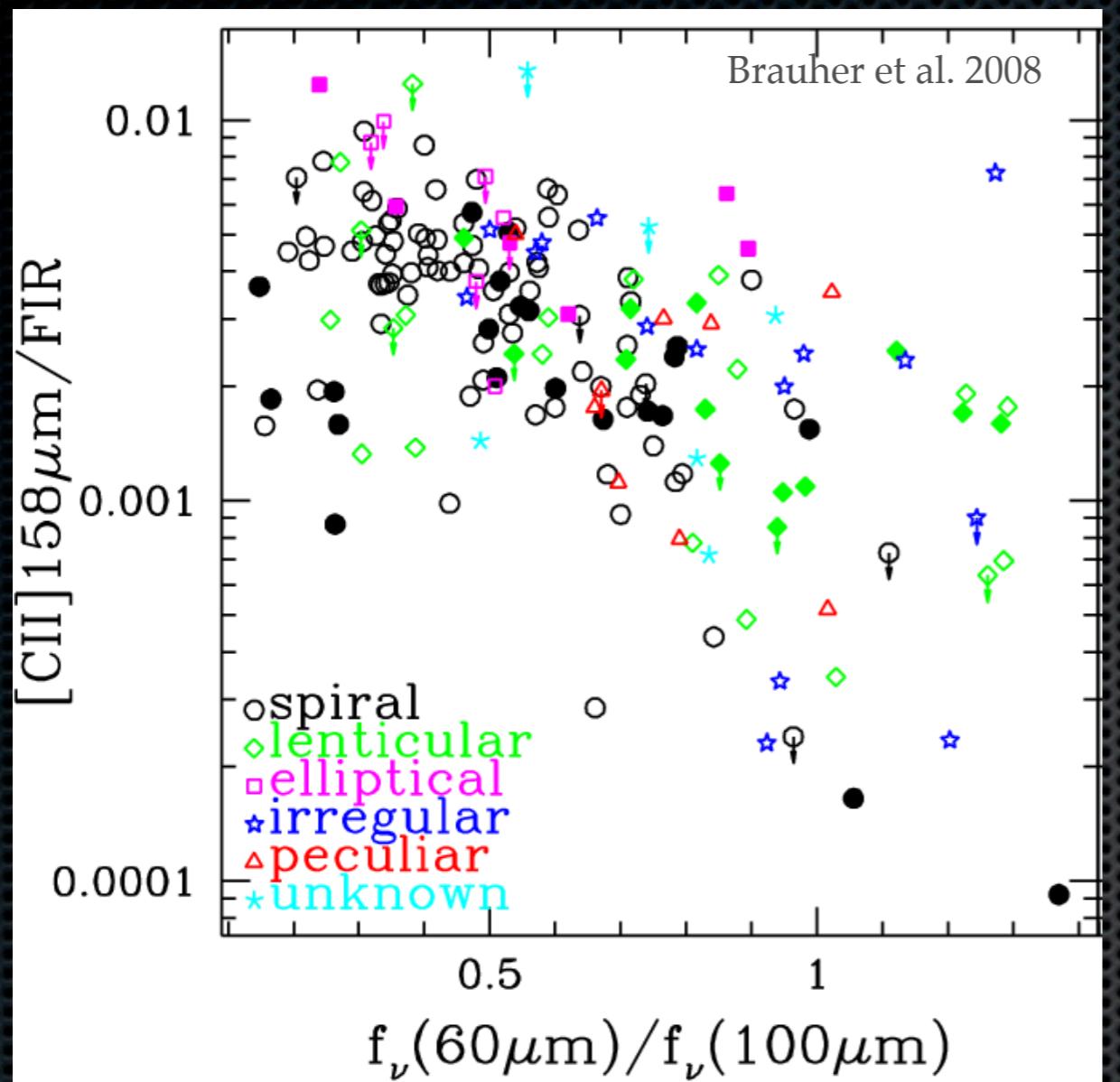


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Goal 1:
Study gas heating
+ cooling.

What causes [CII] deficit?
Linked with PAHs?

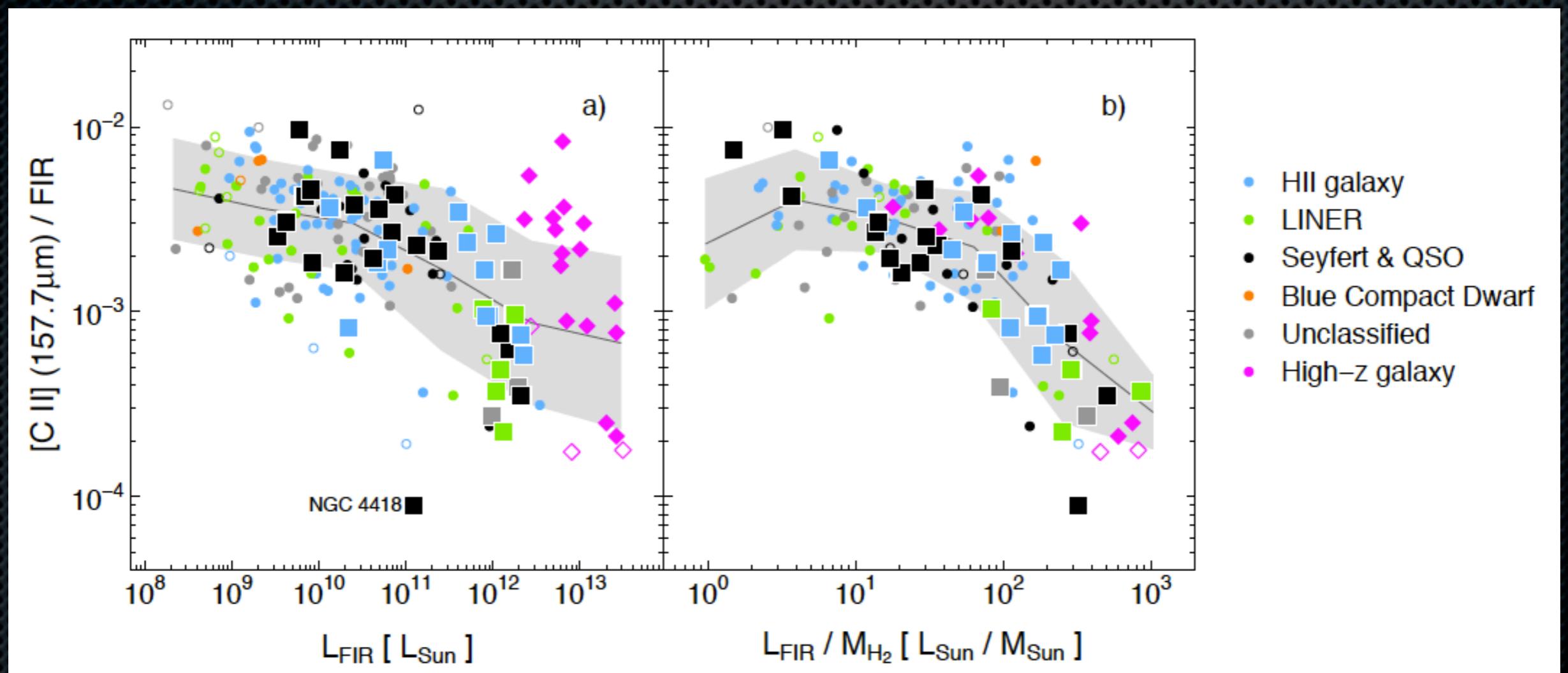




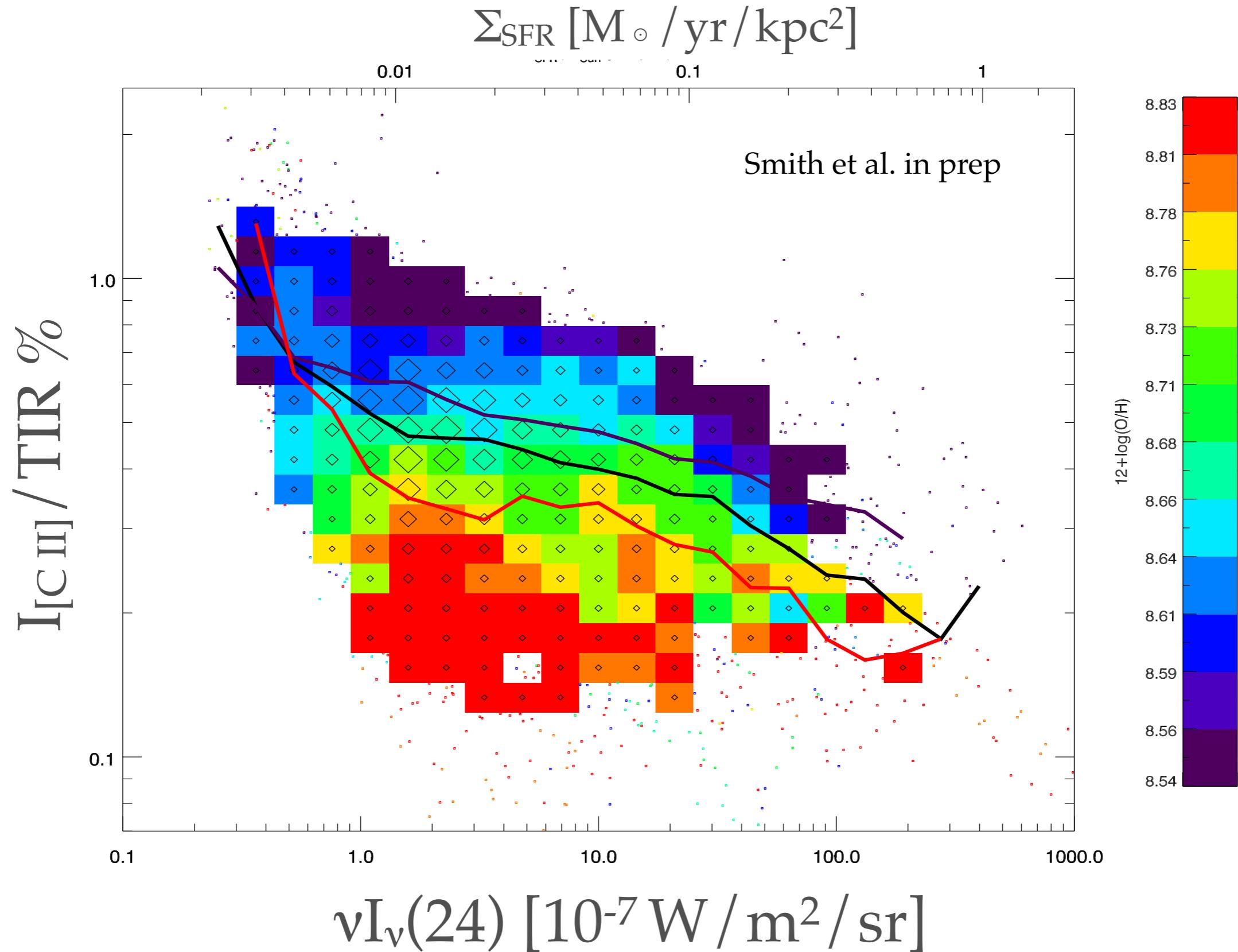
The “[CII] deficit”

Intense radiation field
↓
Positive ionization of dust
↓
Lower rate of e- ejection

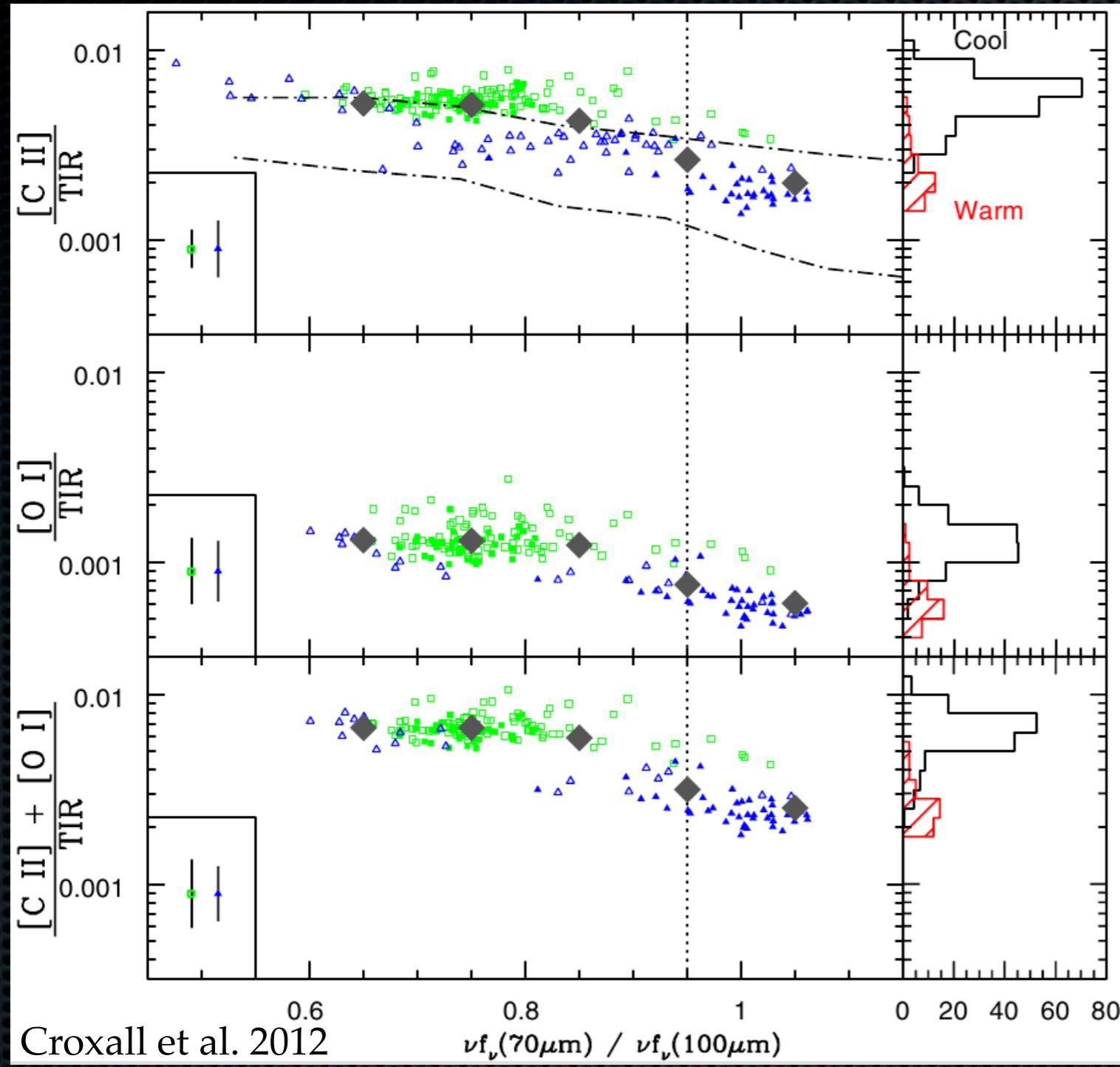
With Herschel:



Scatter is partly metallicity:

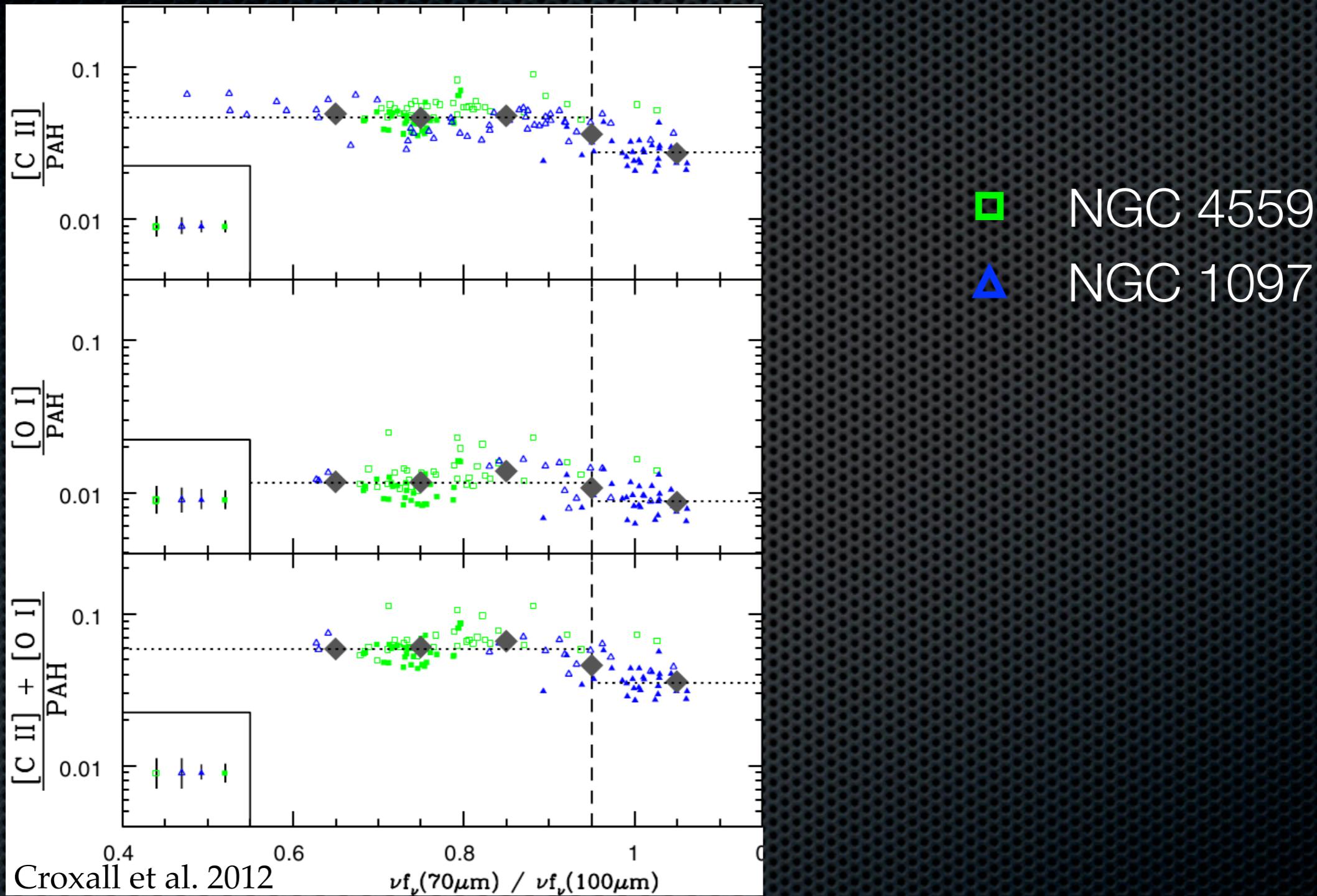


Same pattern within galaxies:

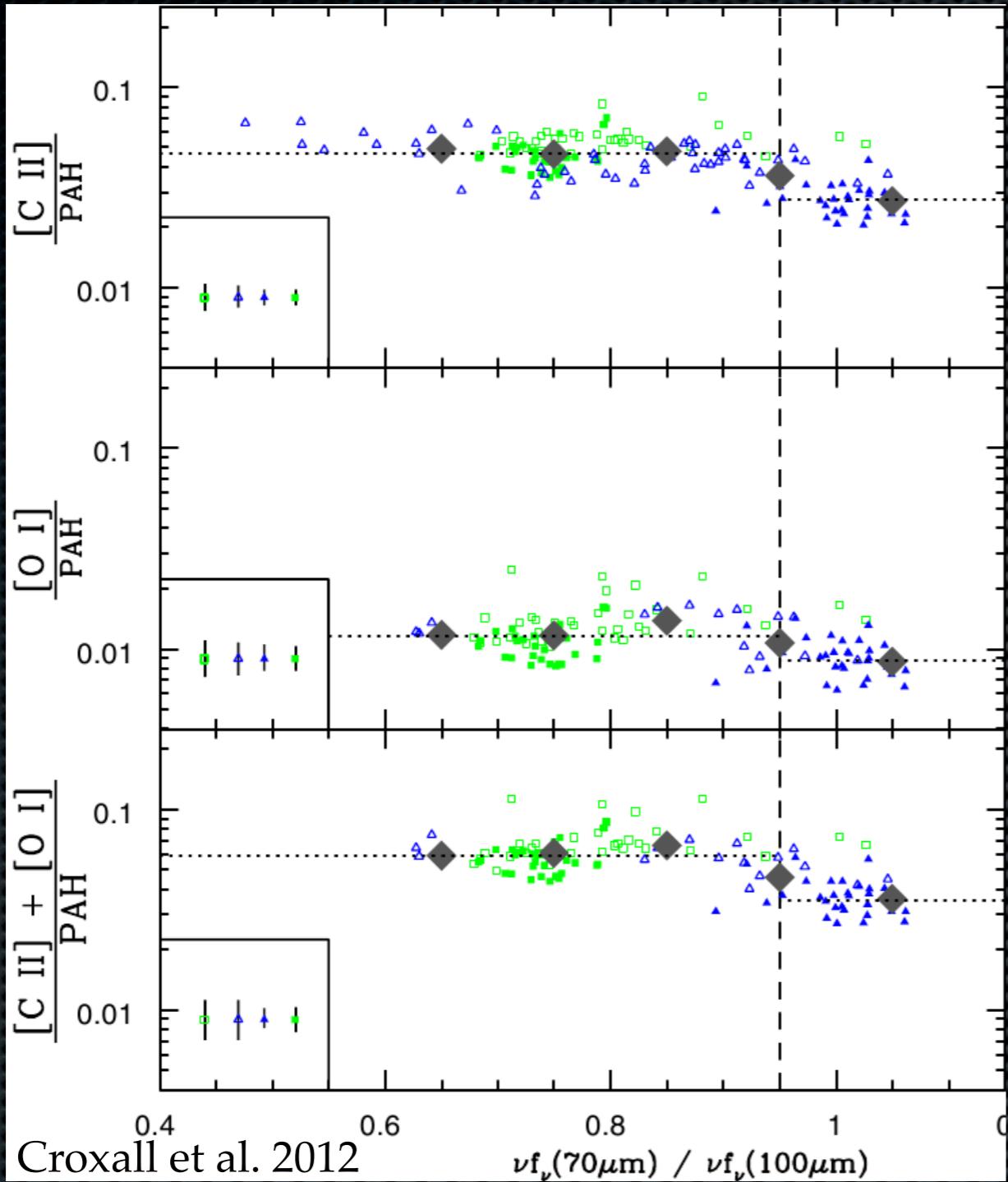


Hardness, not just
intensity of radiation
field may matter.

Shallower trend within PAHs:



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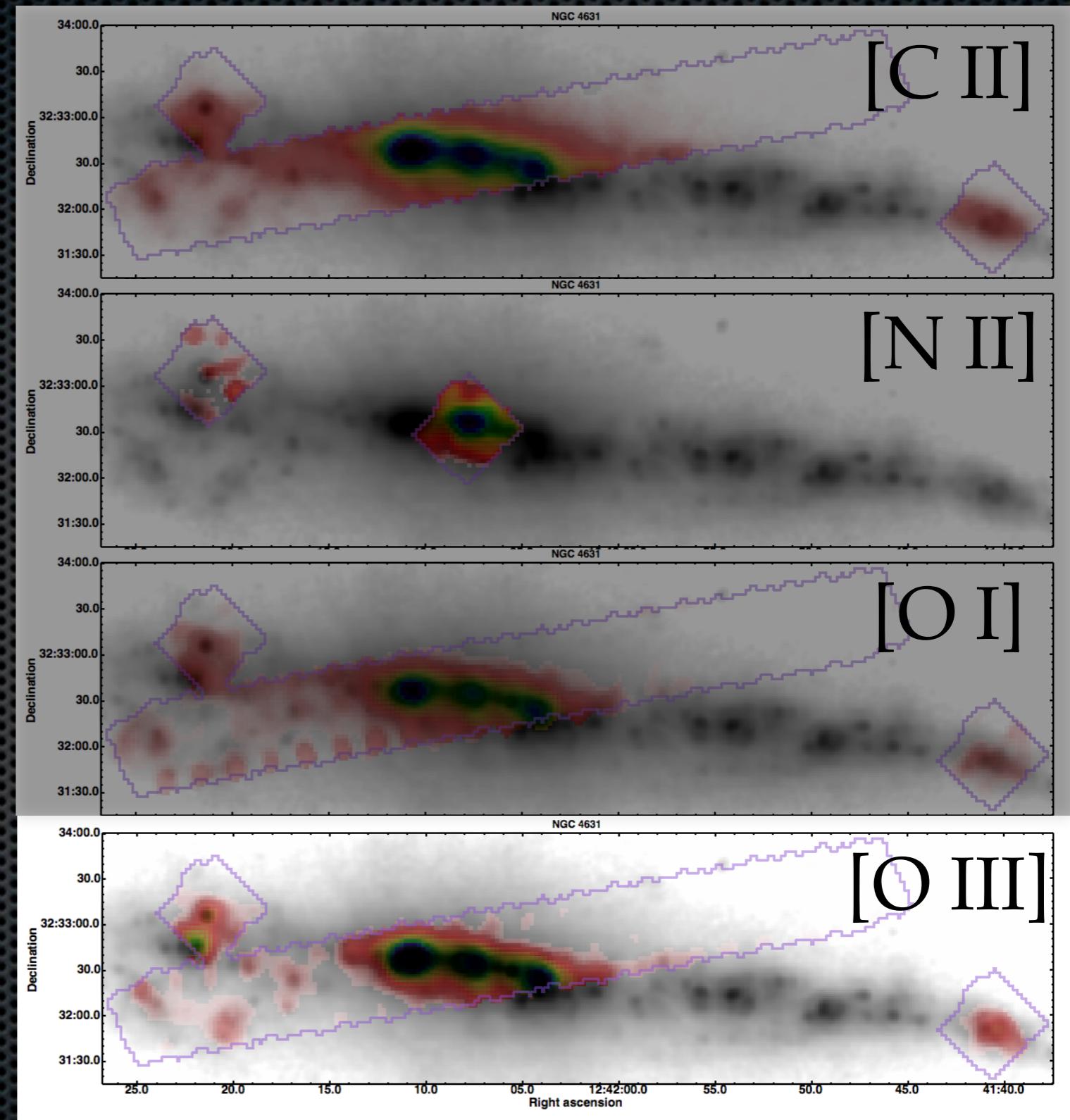


PAHs more tied to gas heating than big grains.

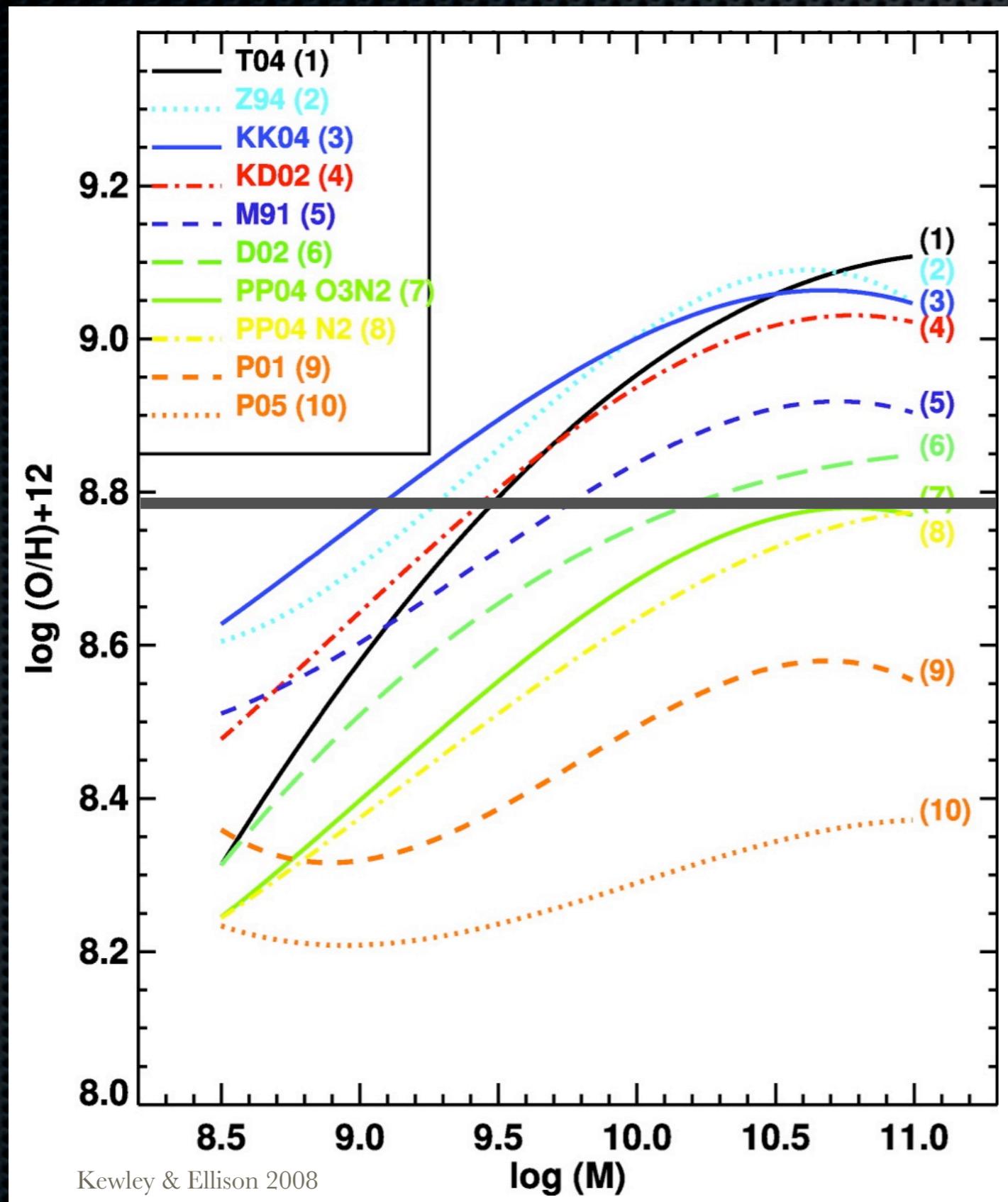
See Beirao et al. 2012
for hints that PAHs are
ionized at high
intensities.

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Goal 2:
Stronger
constraint on HII
region
metallicities.



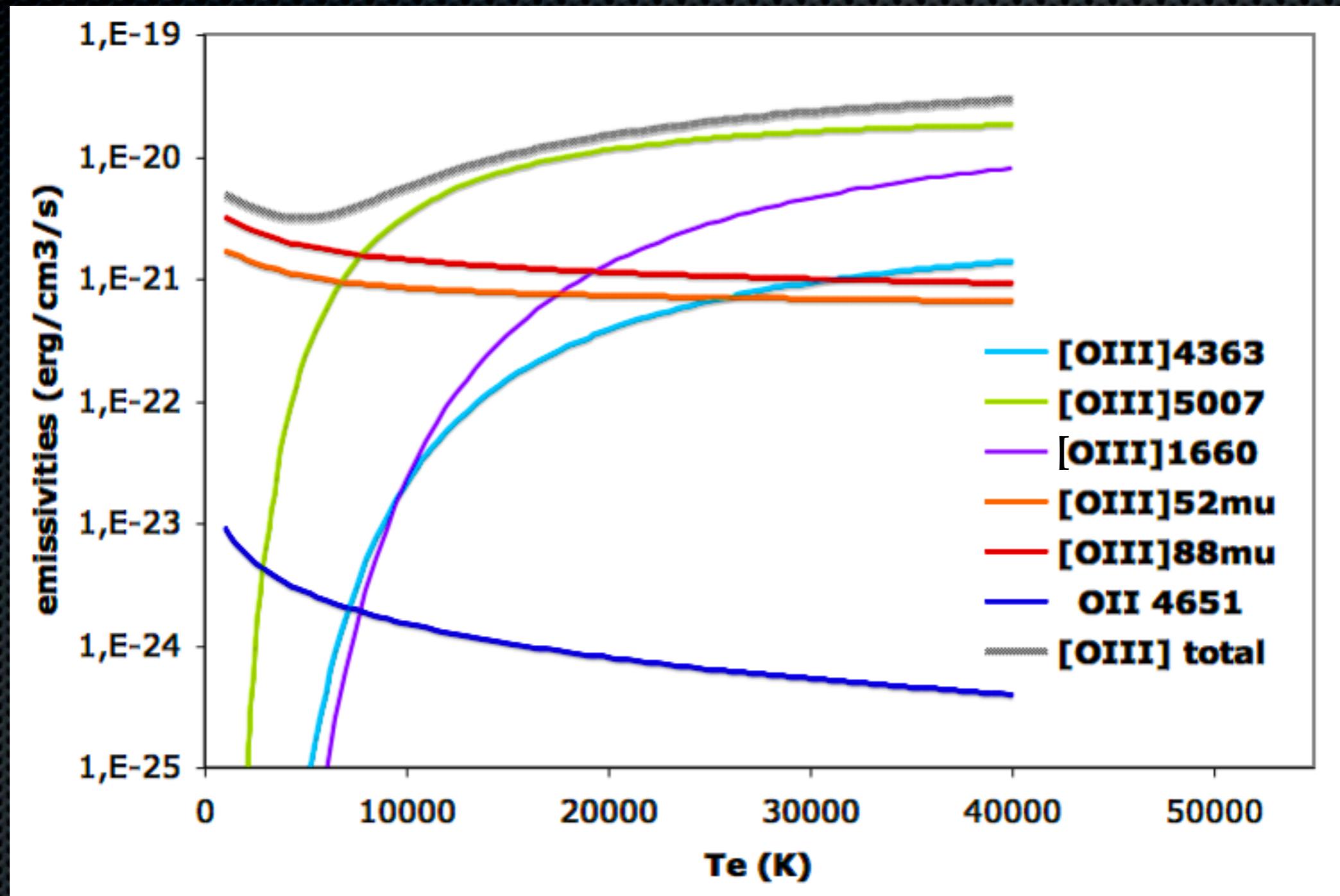
Abundances unknown...



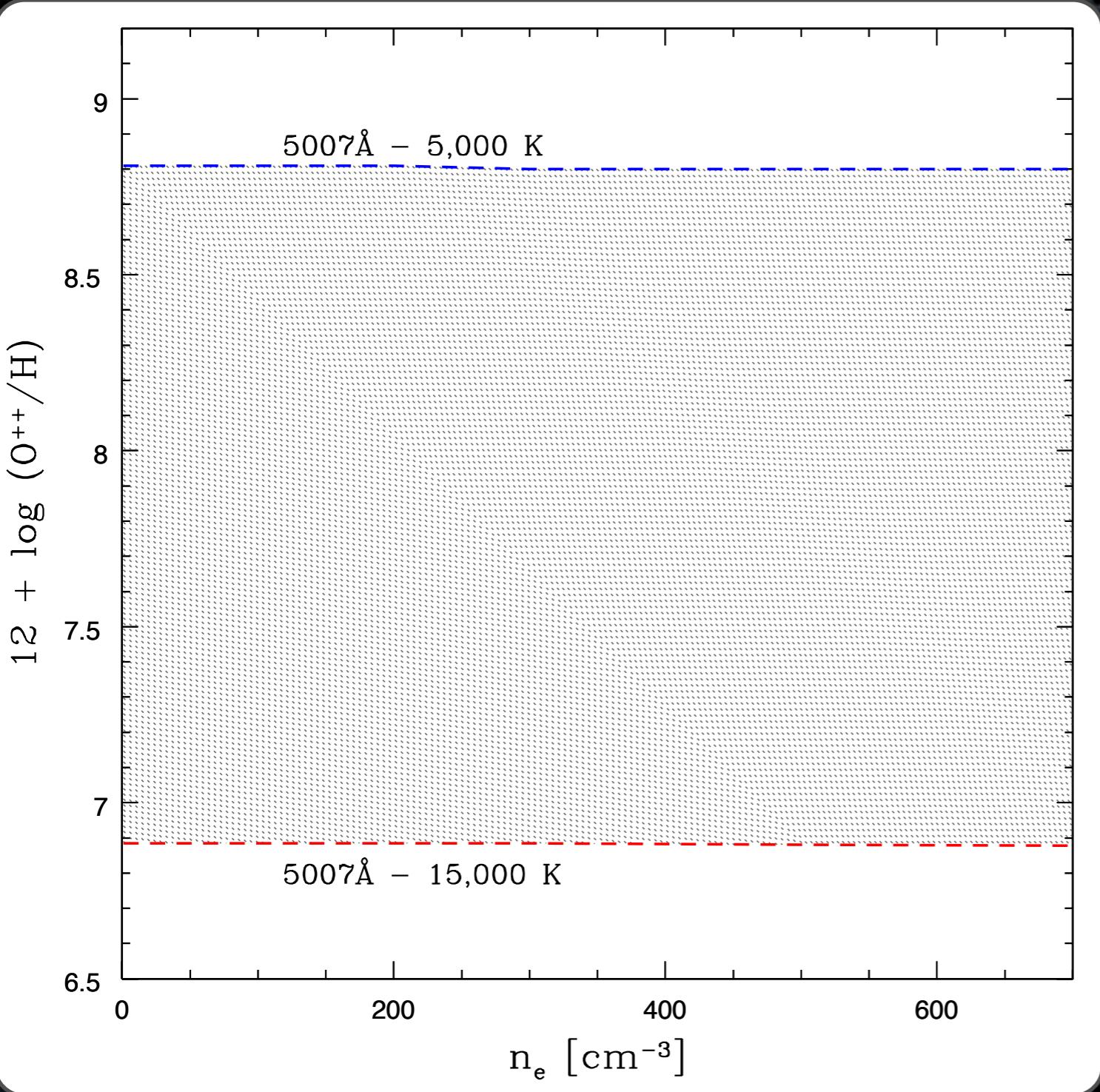
} - Photoionization
models

Solar Ayres

} - Empirical
Solutions

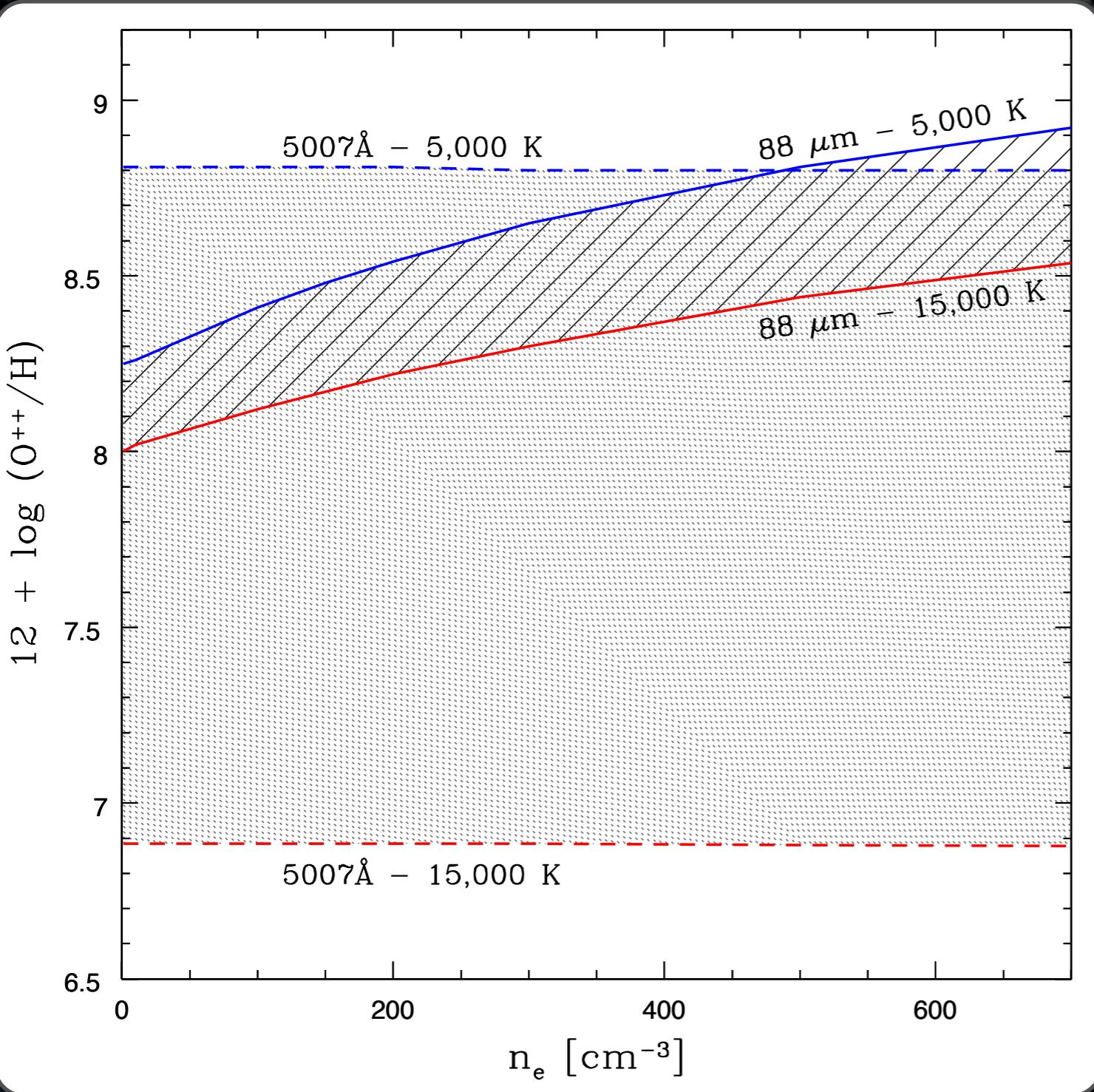


IR lines helpfully insensitive to temperature.



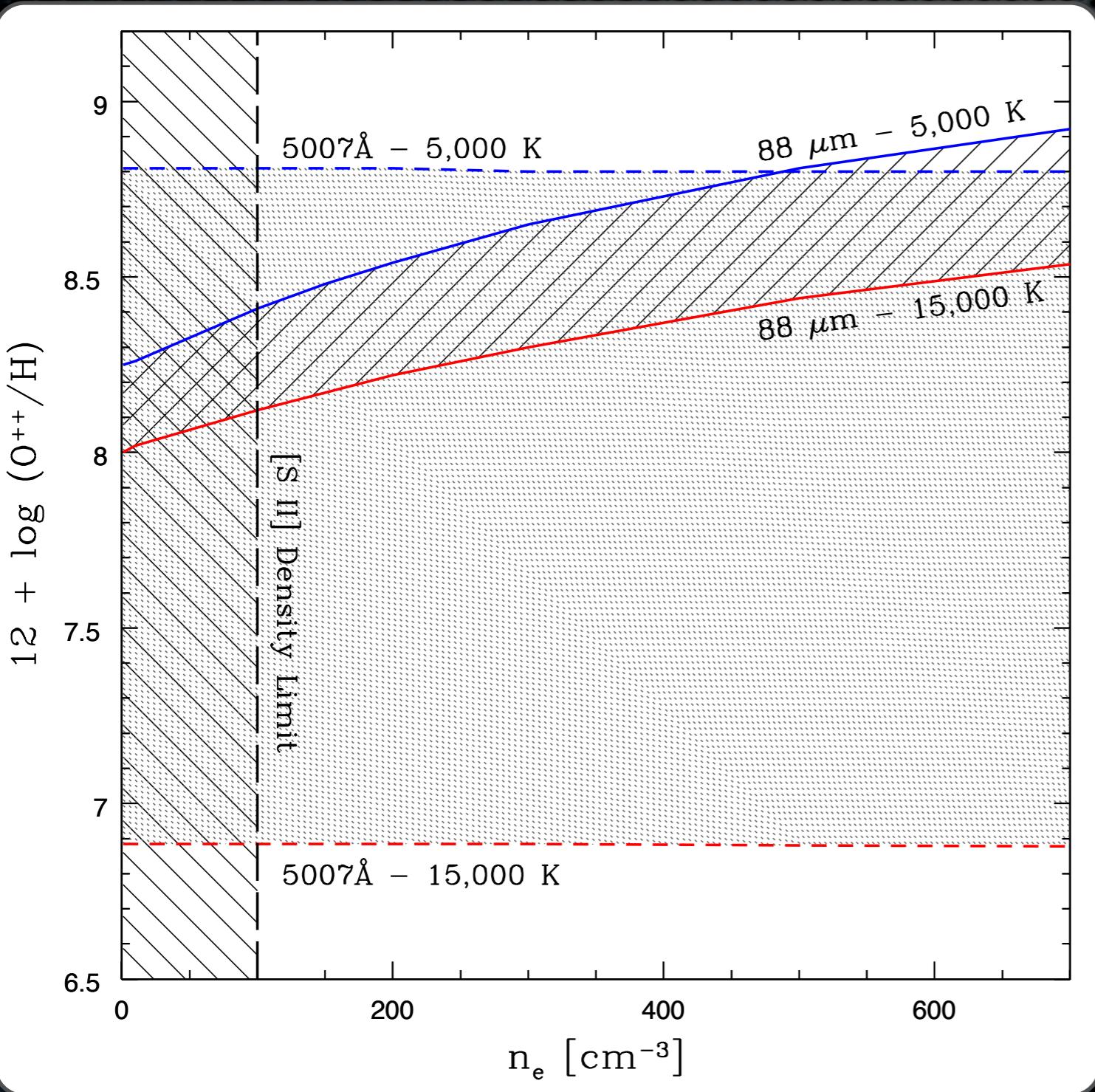
Using the FIR data can place stronger constraints on the abundance of (O^{++} / H)

Constraints on density further limit the uncertainty



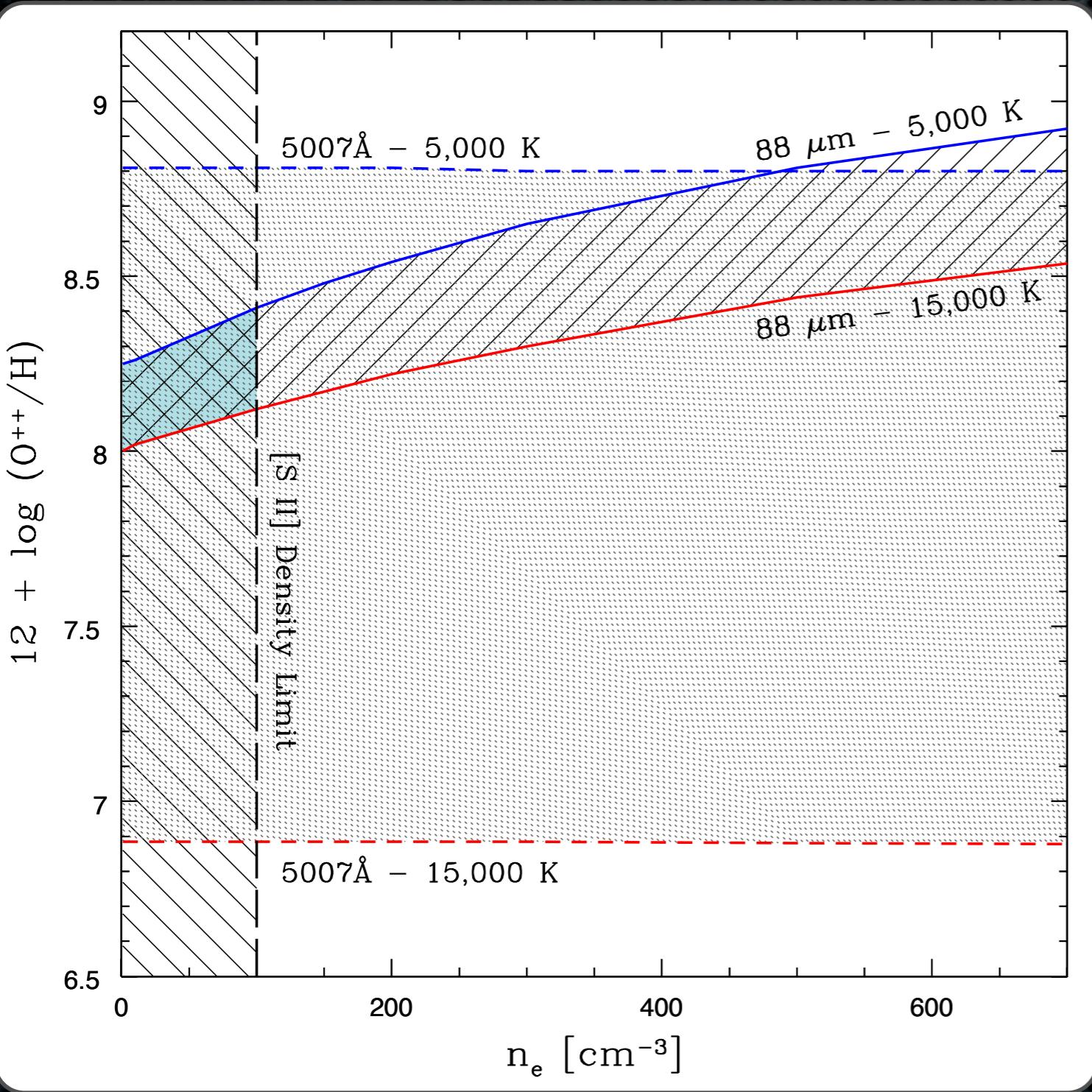
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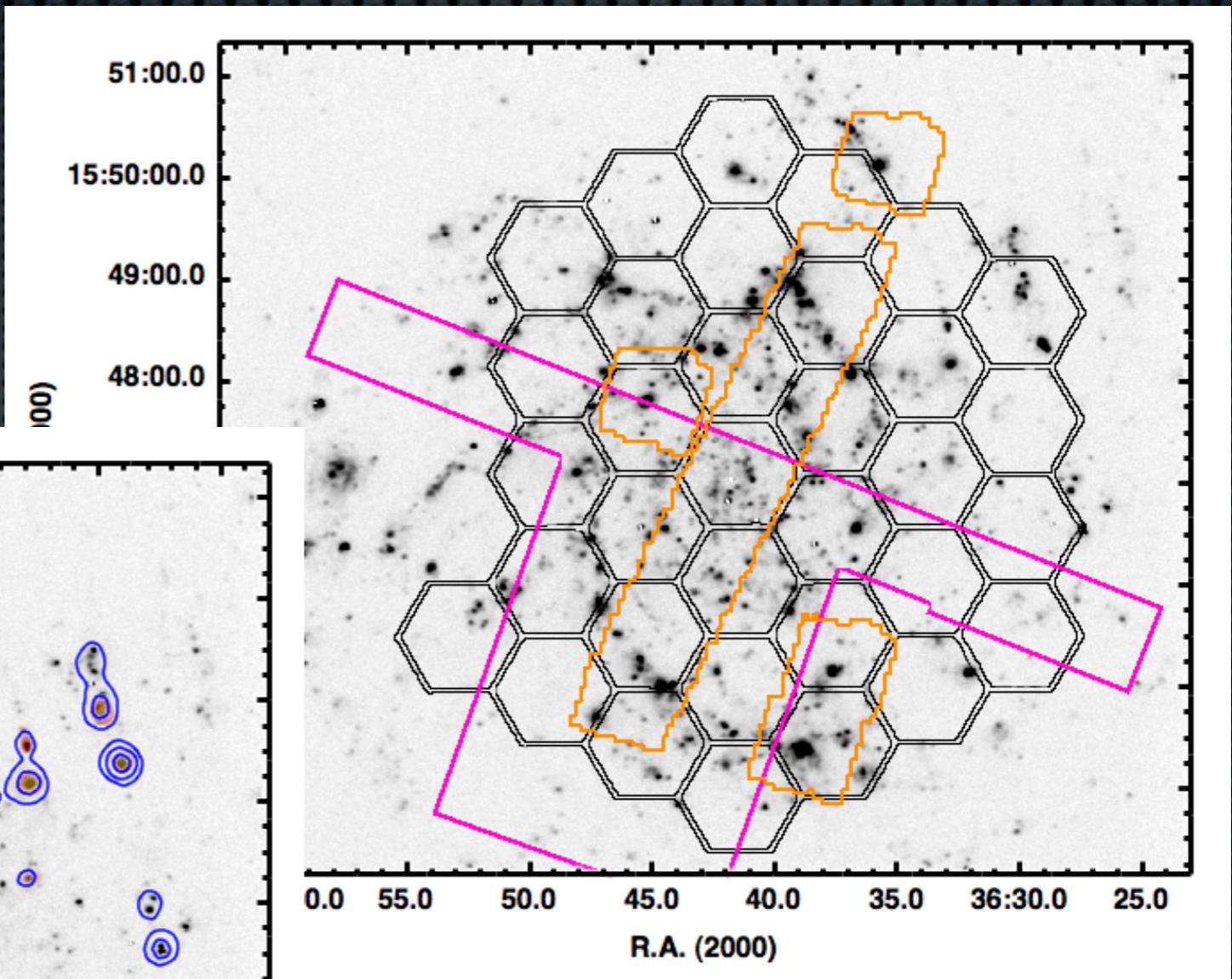
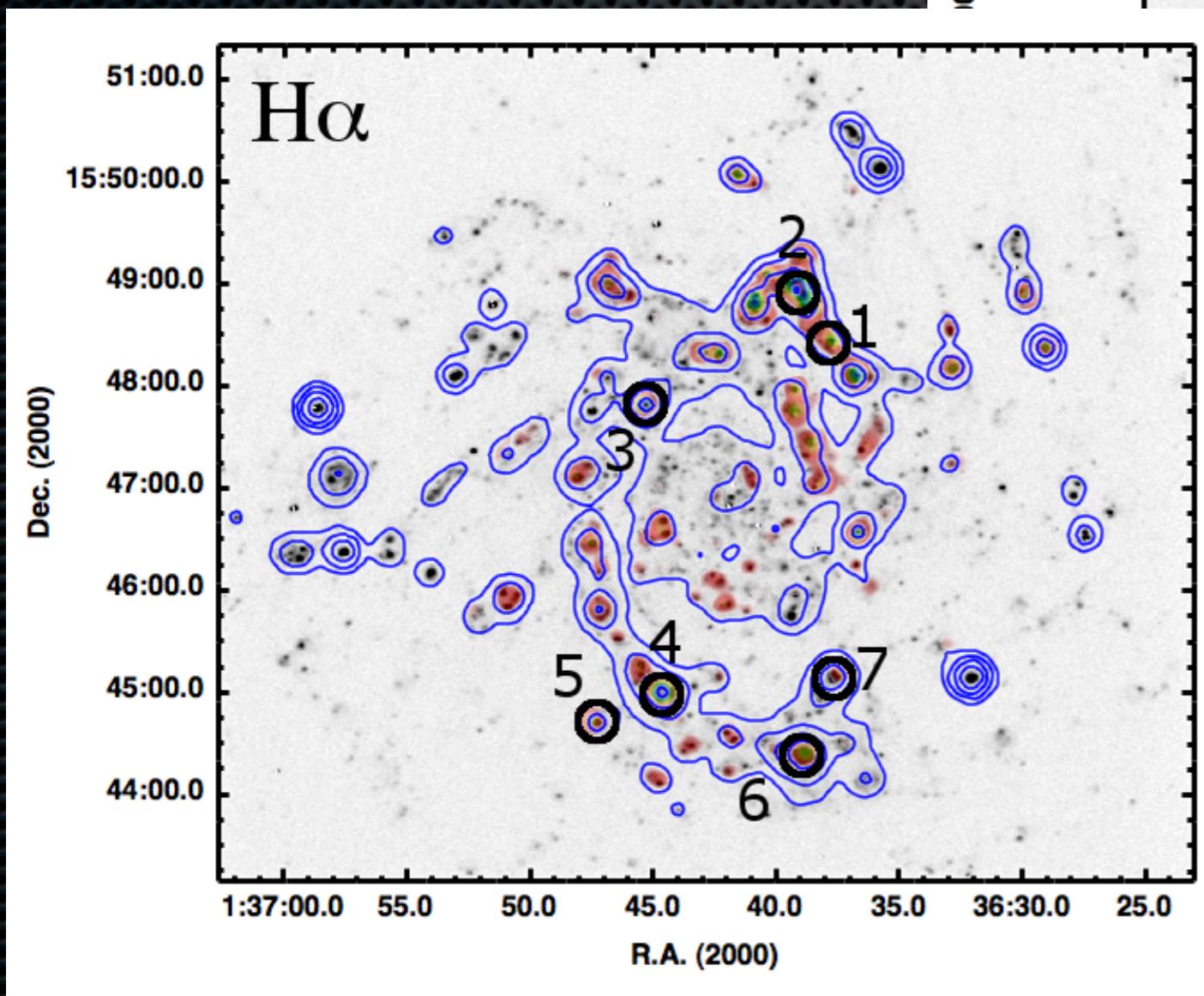
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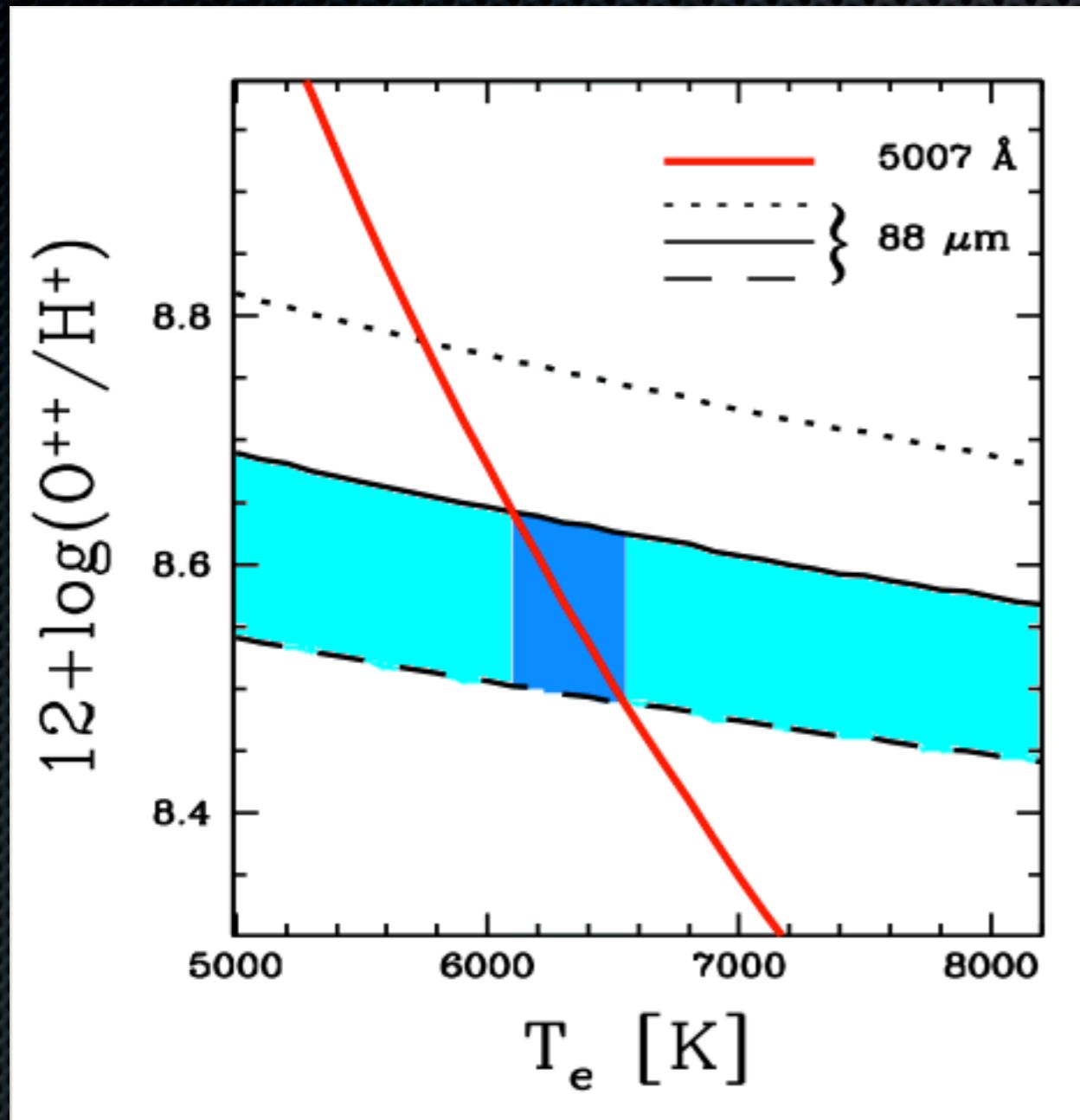
An investigation of NGC 628:

KK04 SINGS : 9.02 ± 0.01

PT05 SINGS : 8.35 ± 0.01



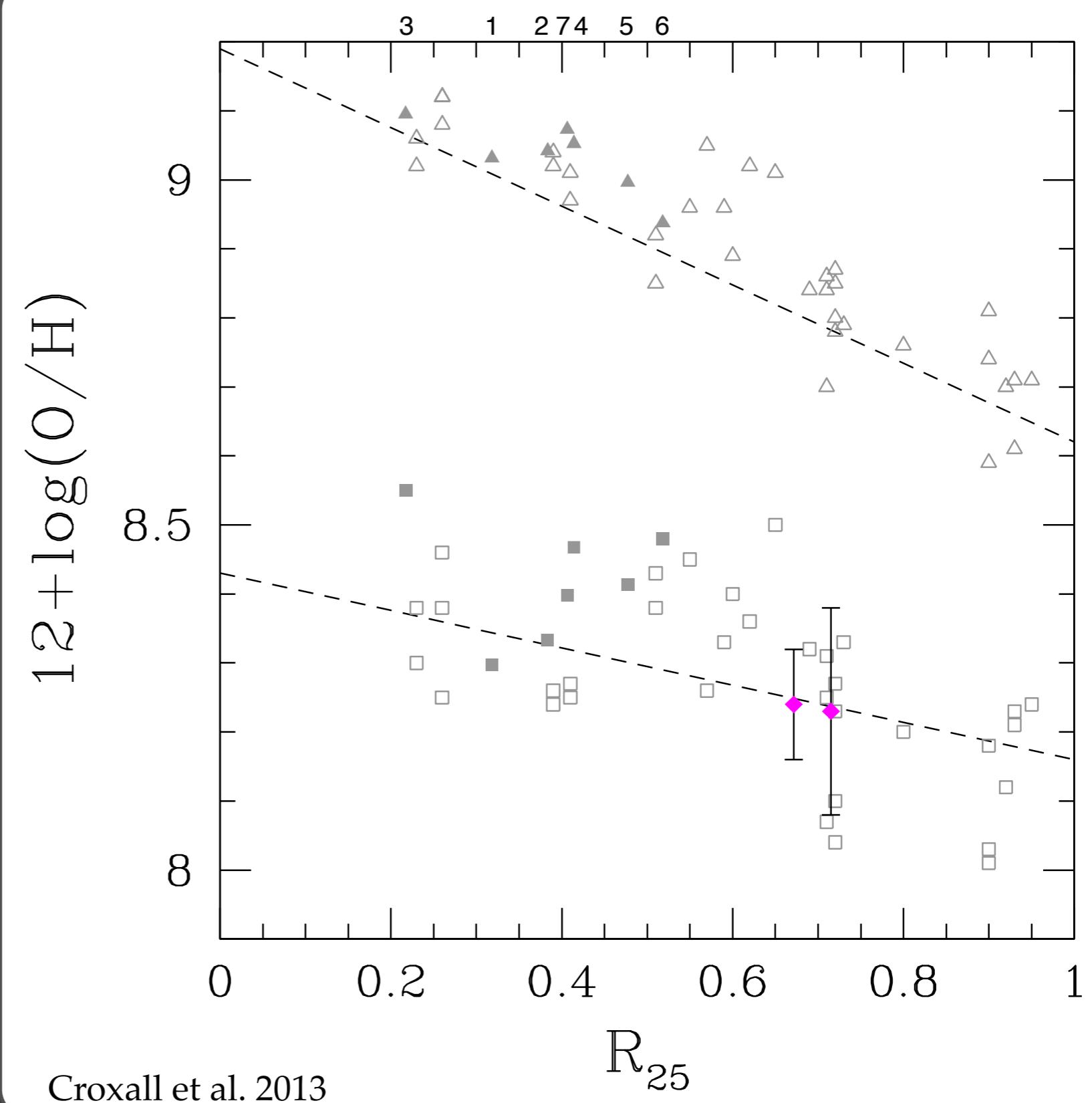
NGC 628 Region 7:



[OIII] 88 line + [SII] density constraint gives light blue band.

Add in optical [OIII] 5007Å for even narrower constraint.

- ▲ KK04 (MOD)
- PT05 (Emp)
- ◆ λ4363 (Dir)





FIR + Opt



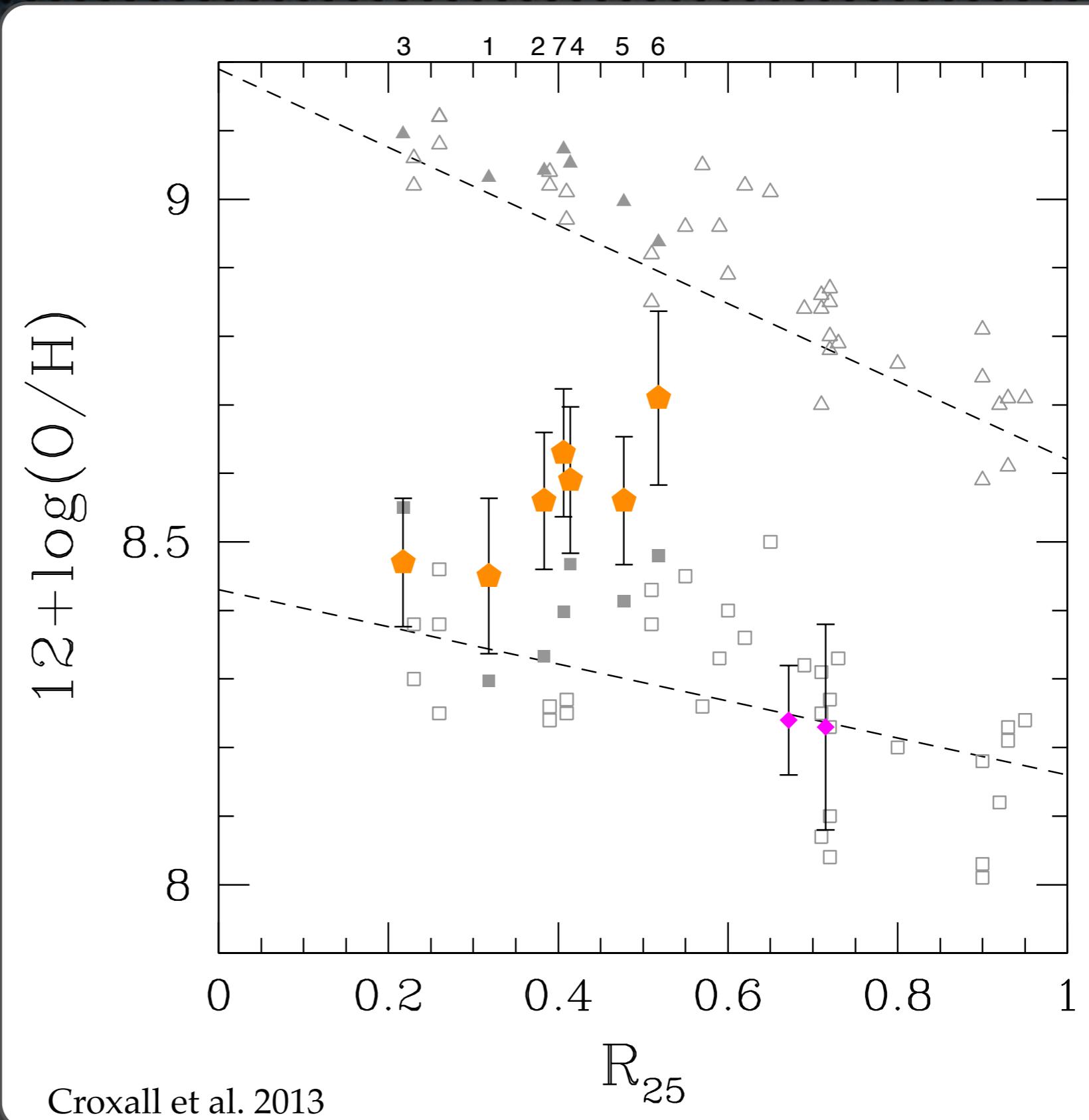
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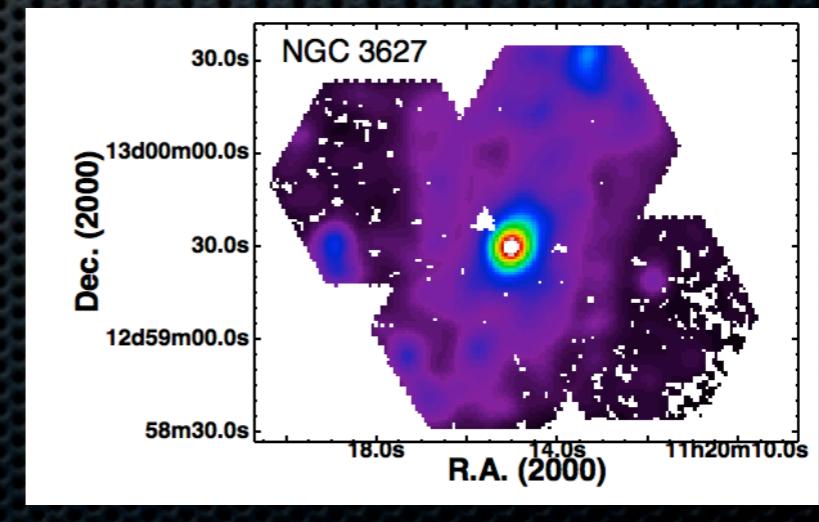
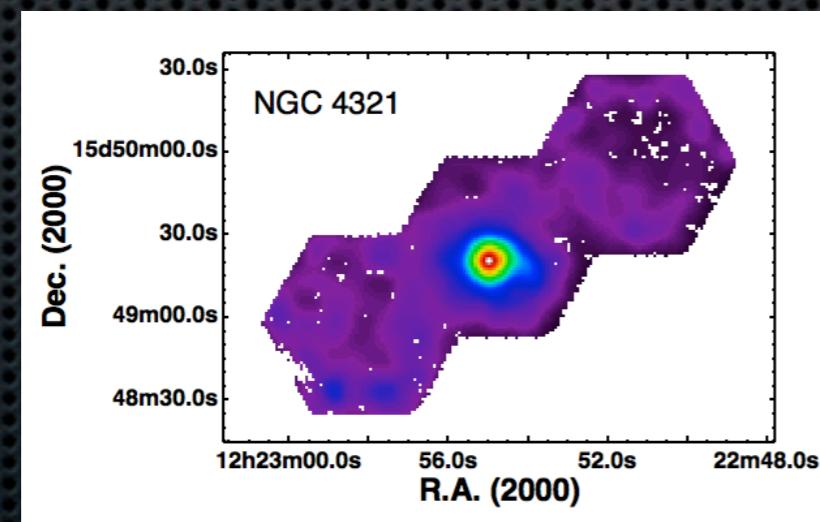
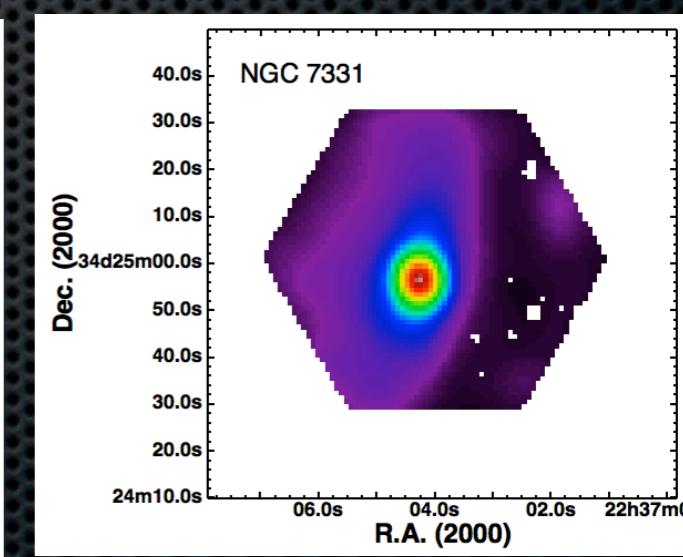
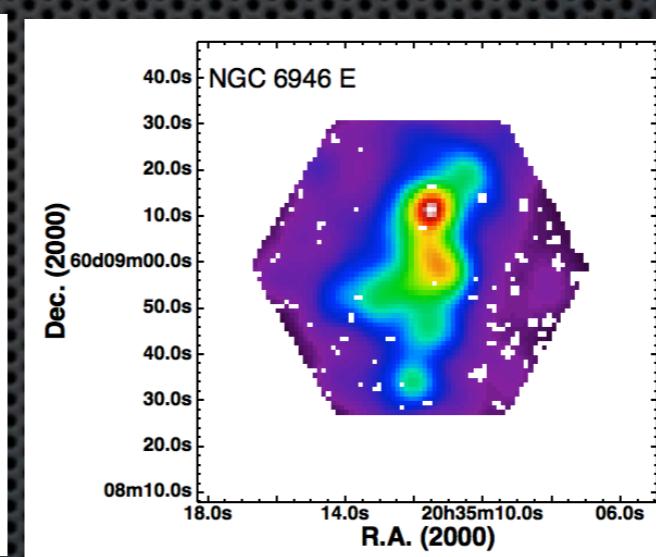
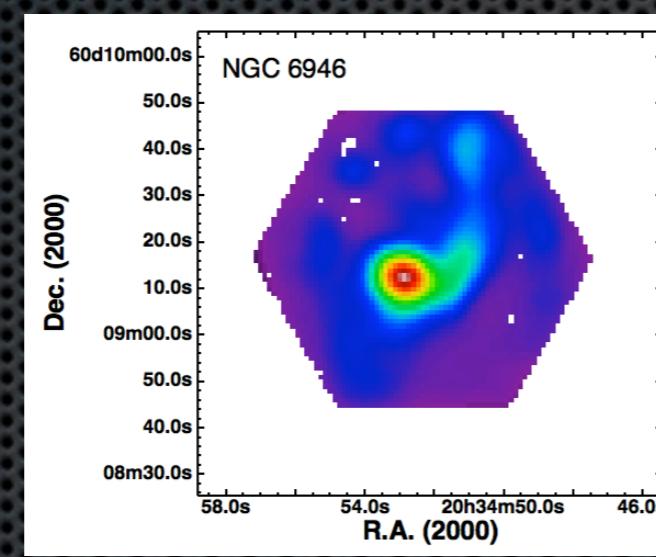
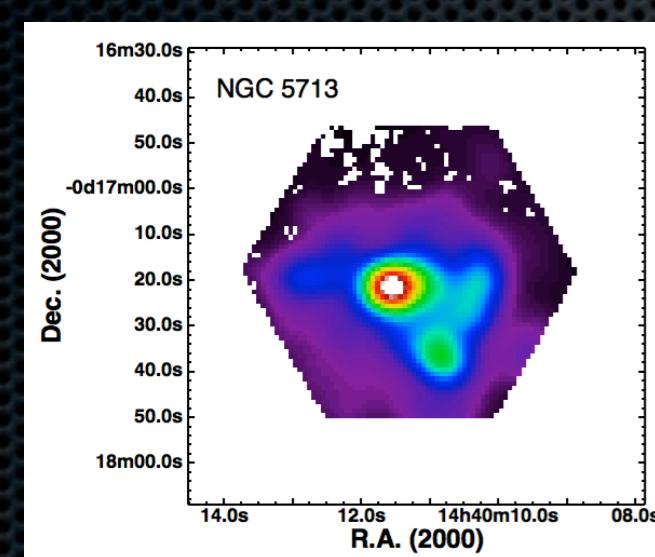
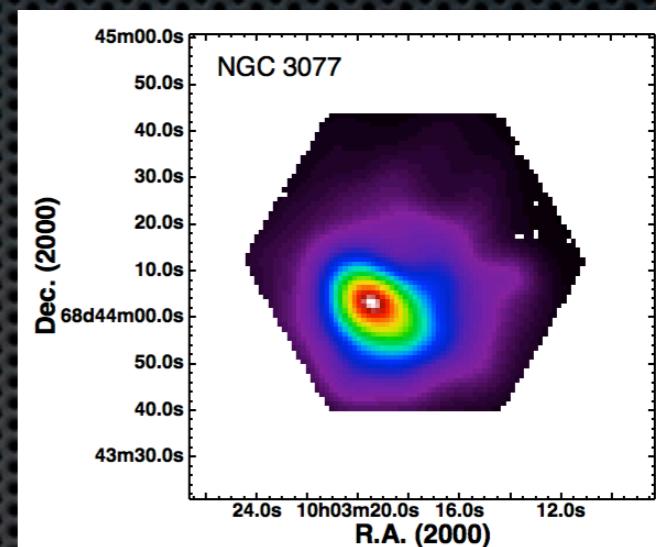
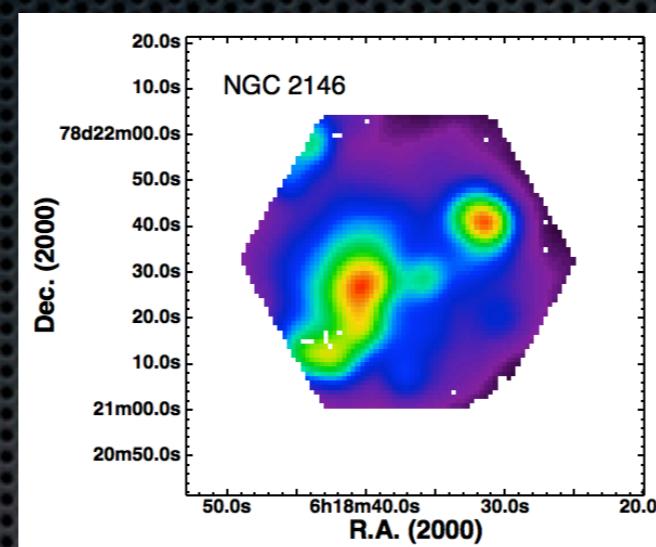
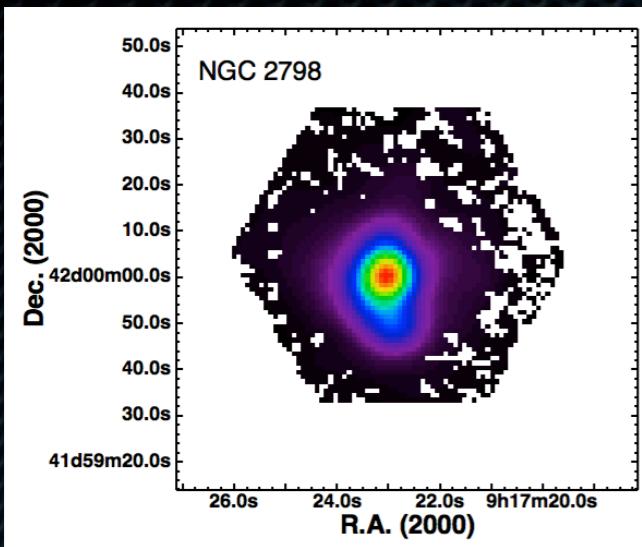
PT05 (Emp)



λ 4363 (Dir)

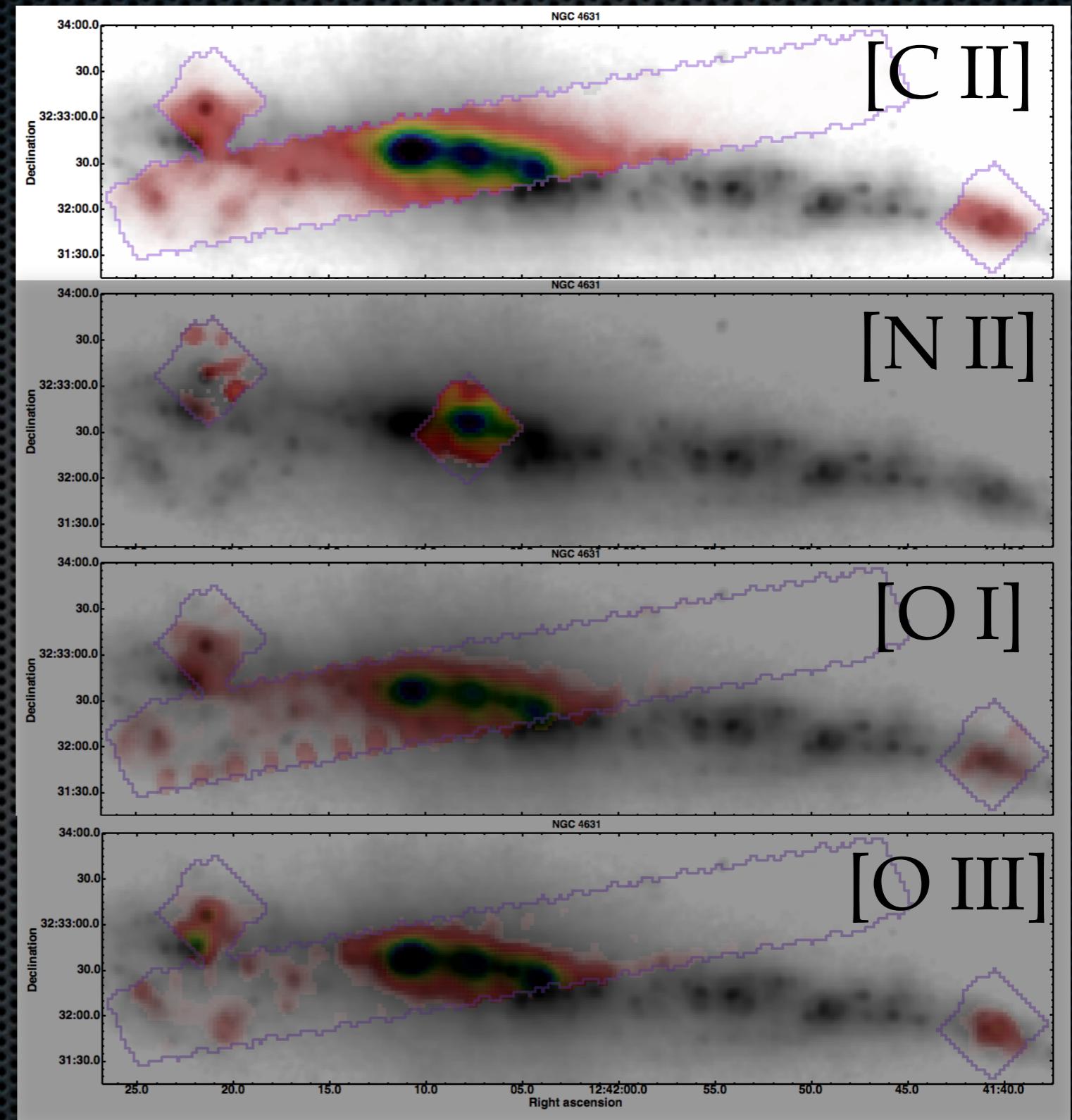


Future!

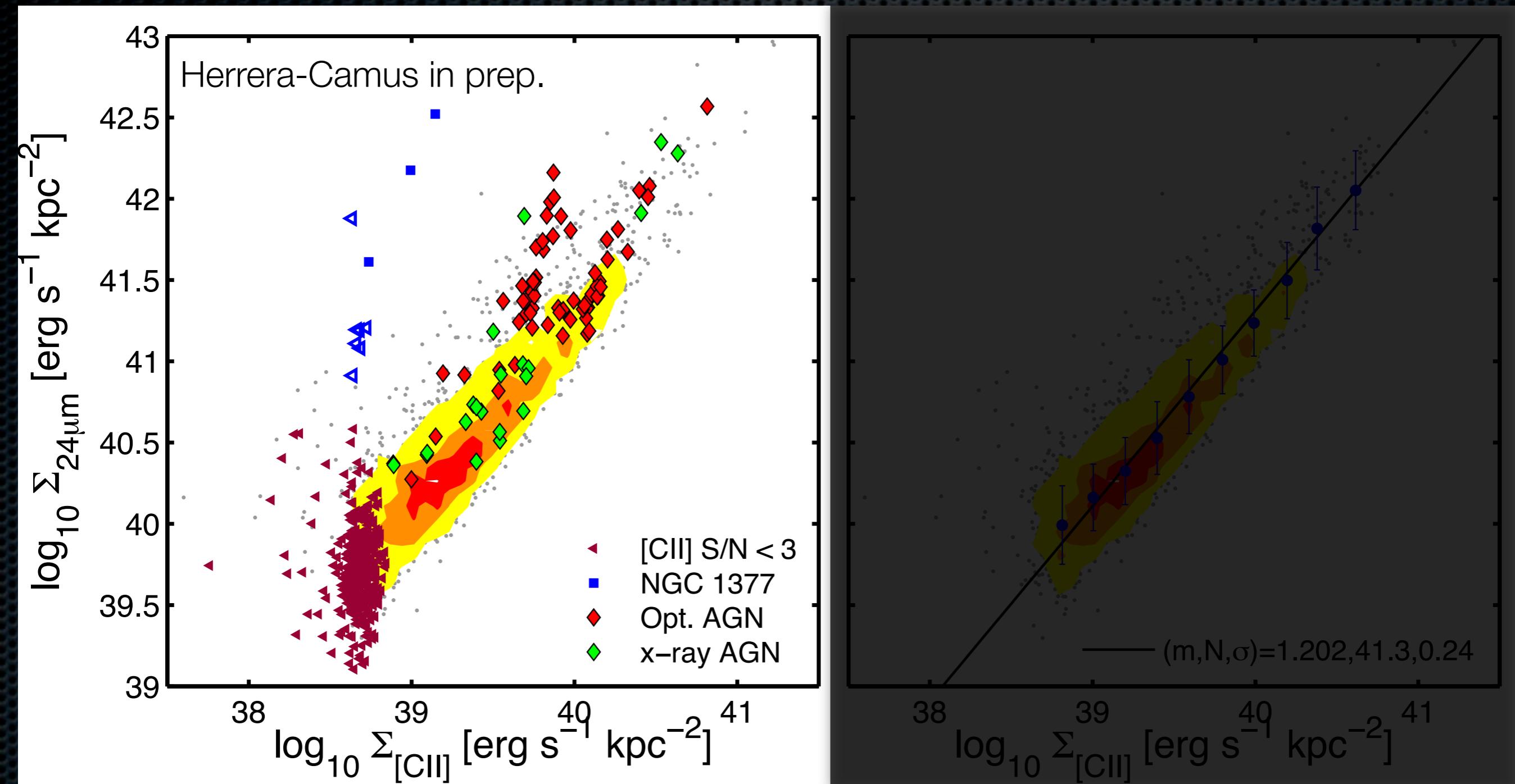


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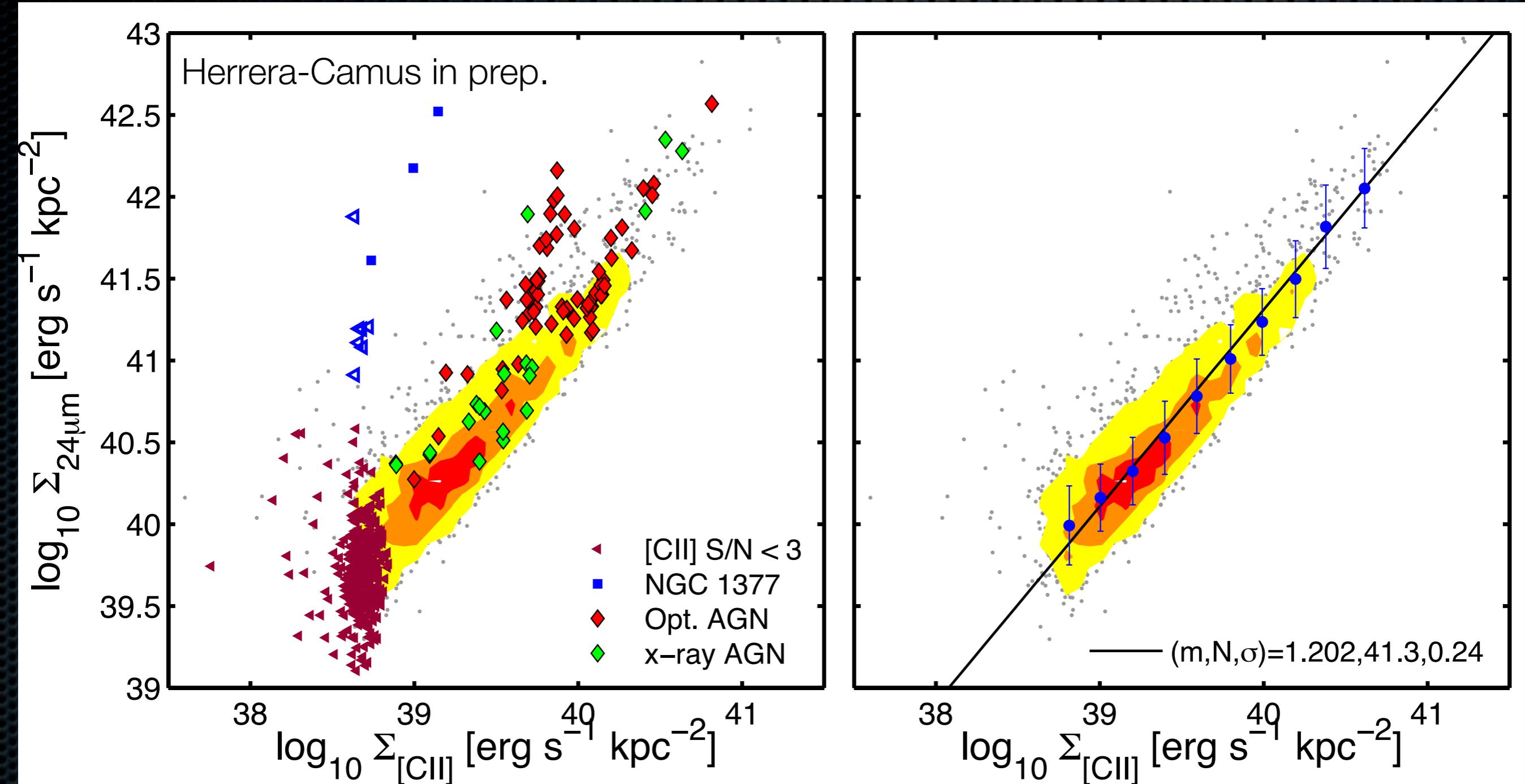
Goal 3:
Calibrate/
investigate [CII] as
a SFR tracer.



[CII] as a star-formation rate indicator:



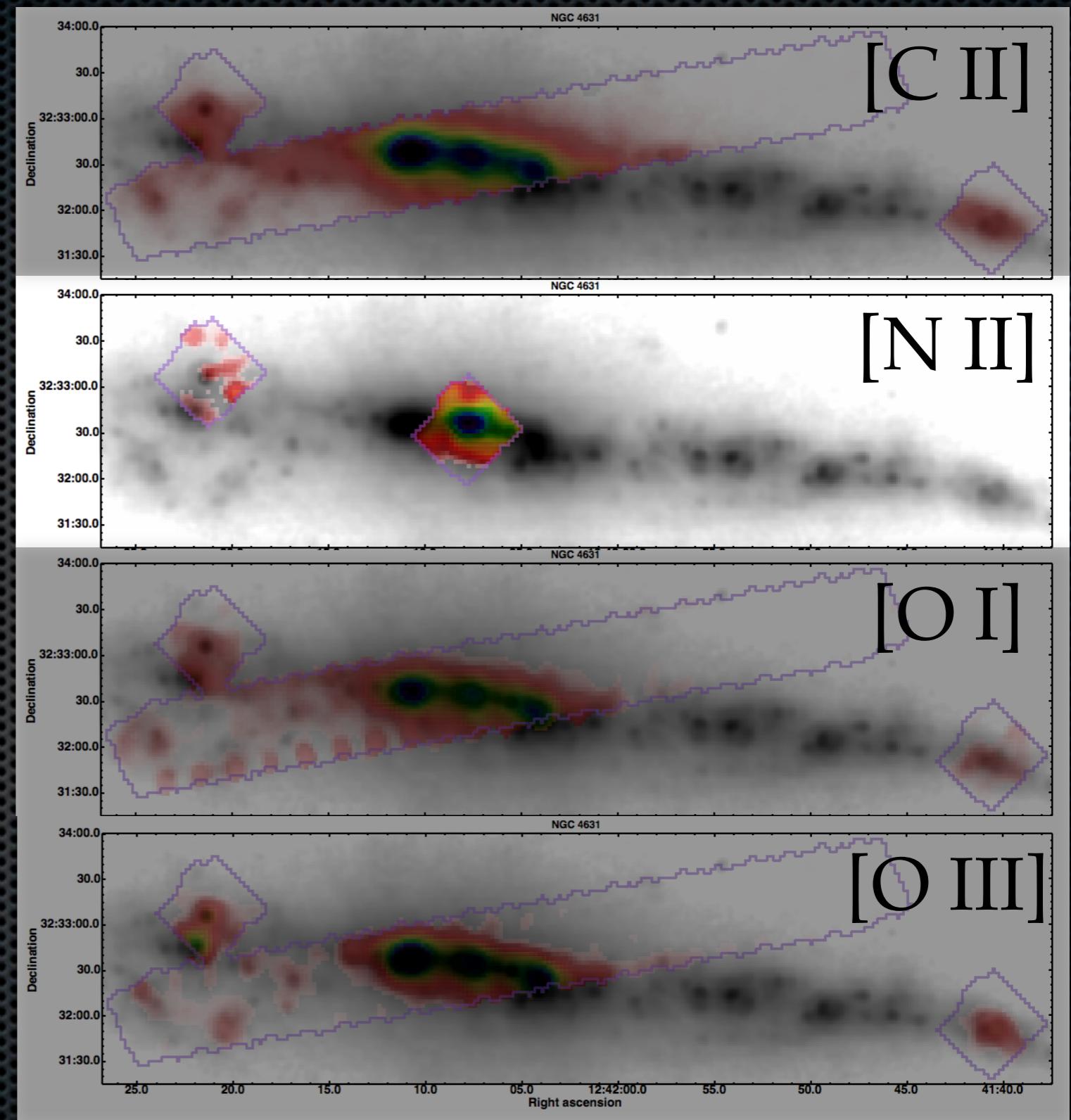
[CII] as a star-formation rate indicator:



Ok if you remove your AGN + crazy-dense
starbursts...

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Goal 4:
Determine gas
densities...

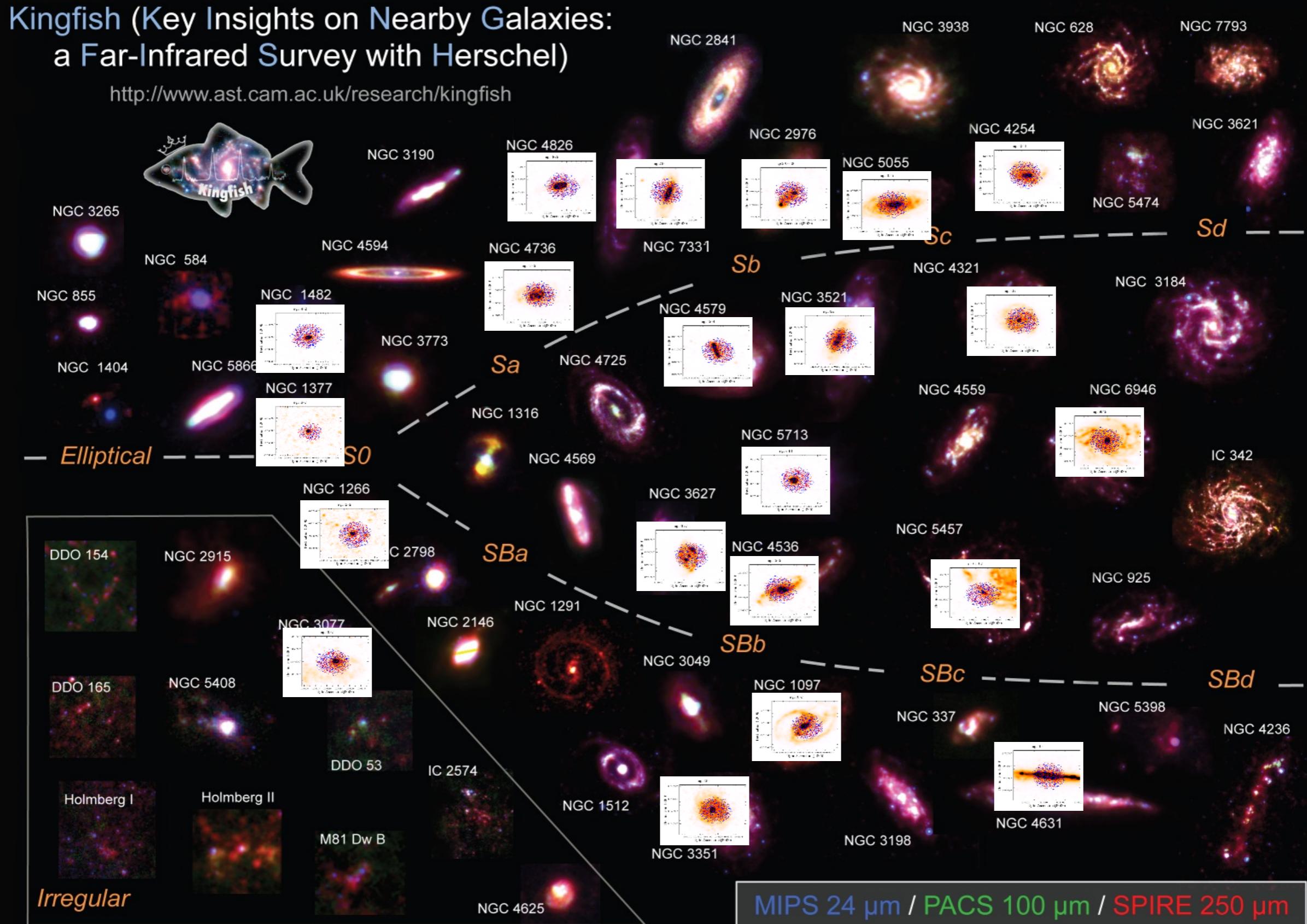




Beyond the Peak Survey:

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<http://www.ast.cam.ac.uk/research/kingfish>

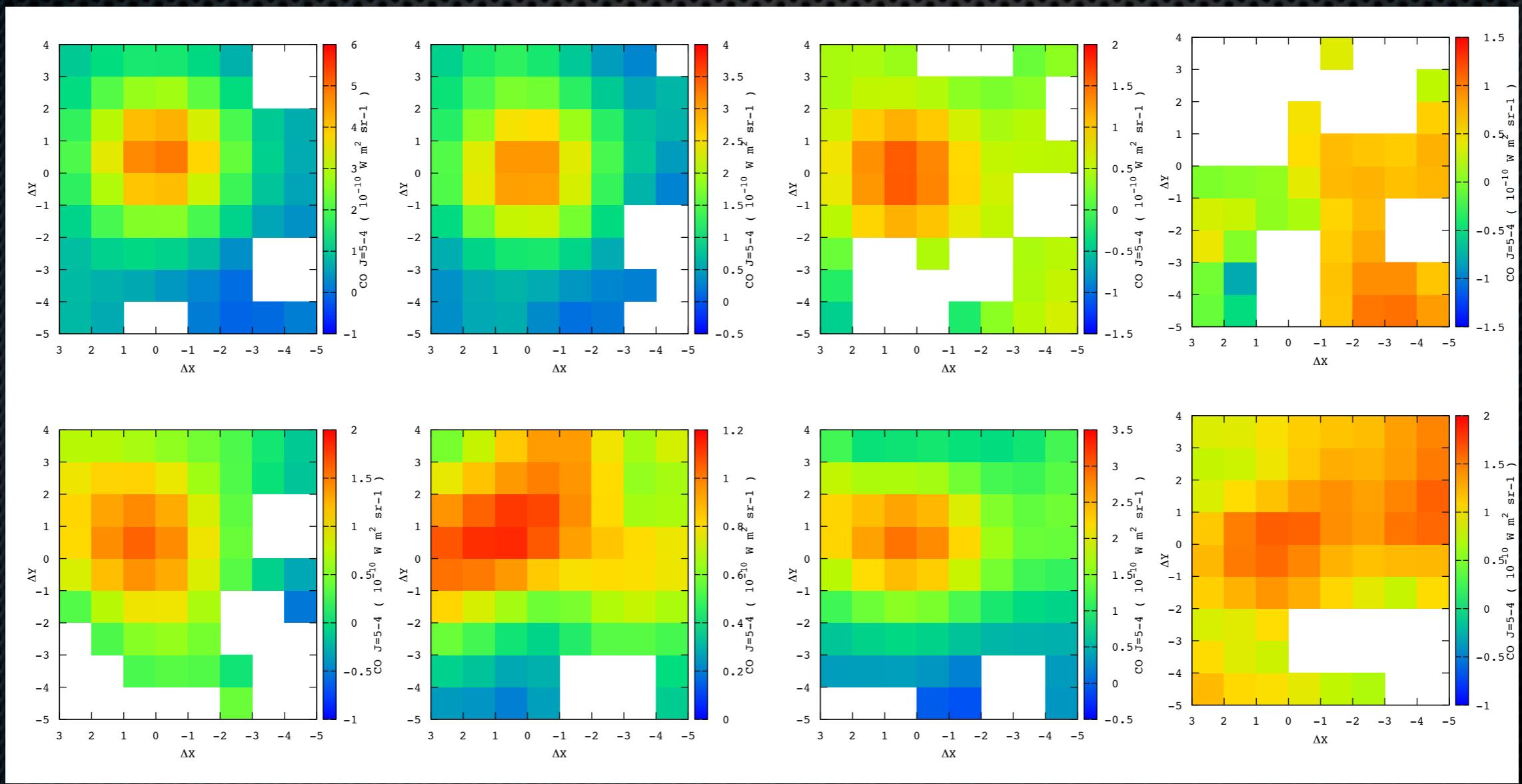


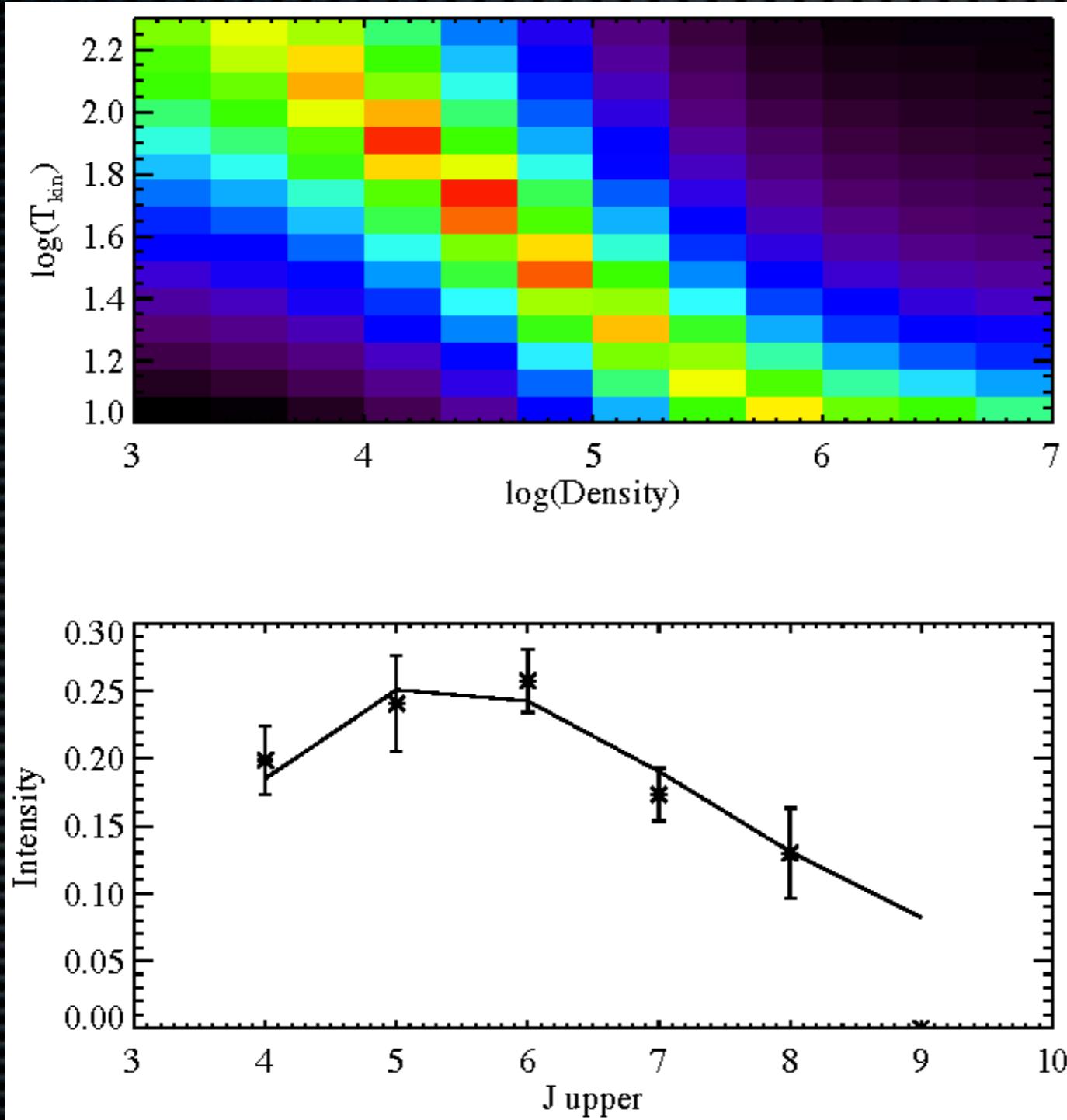


Beyond the Peak Survey:

- CO, [CI], [NII] 205 line mapping with SPIRE FTS instrument on Herschel

CO(J=5-4) maps:



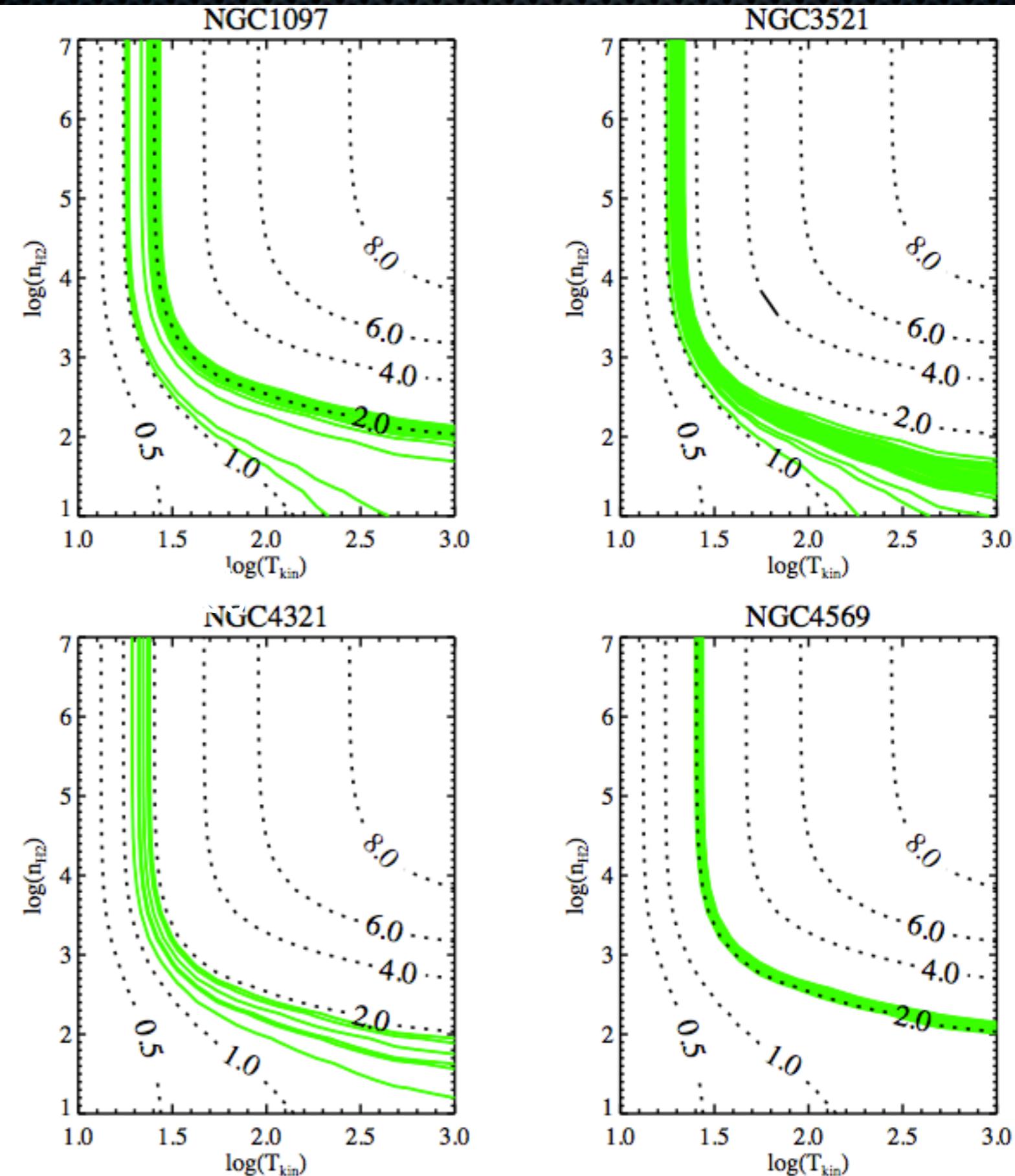


Color = χ^2 value at the specified H_2 density and kinetic temperature.

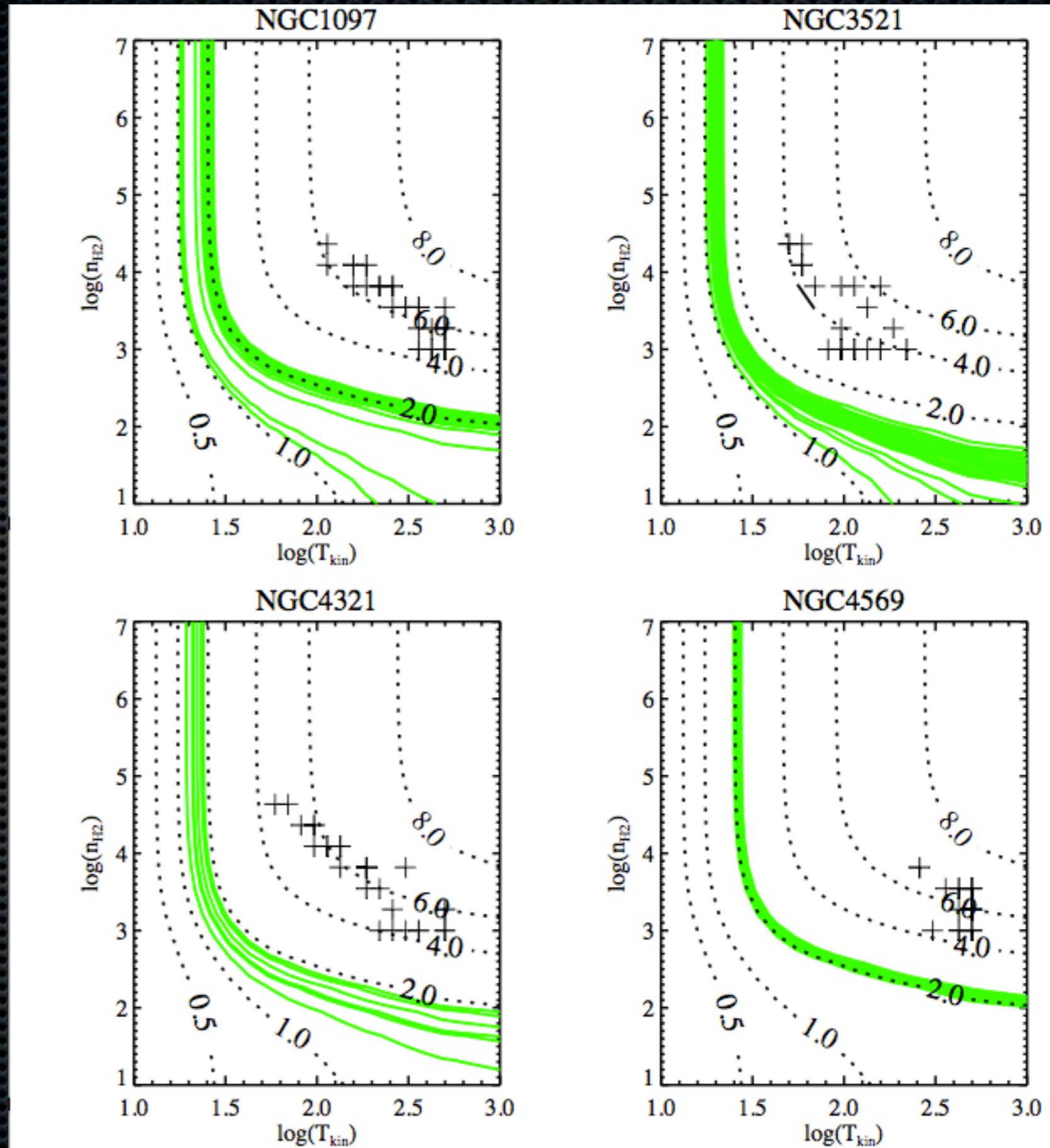
CO SLED and best fit RADEX model

Two [CI] lines
can also
(partly)
determine gas
parameters.

— CI conditions



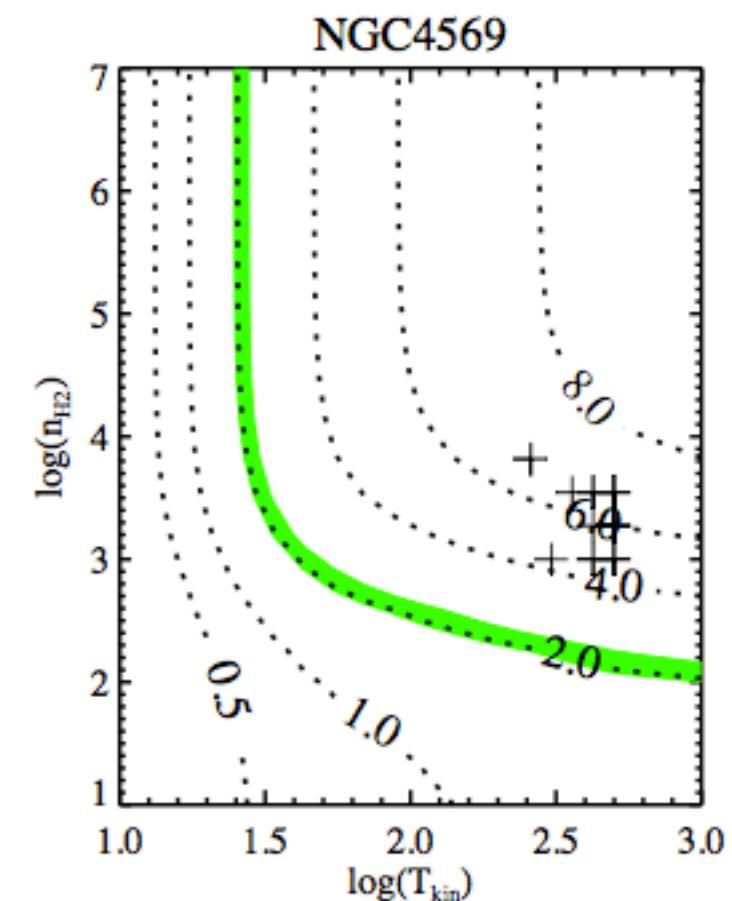
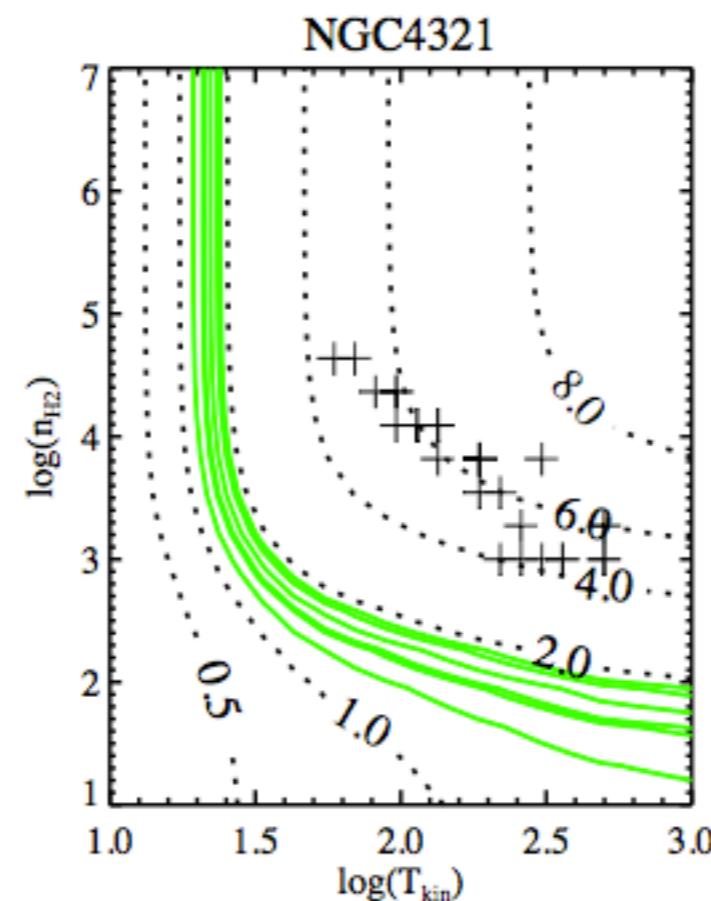
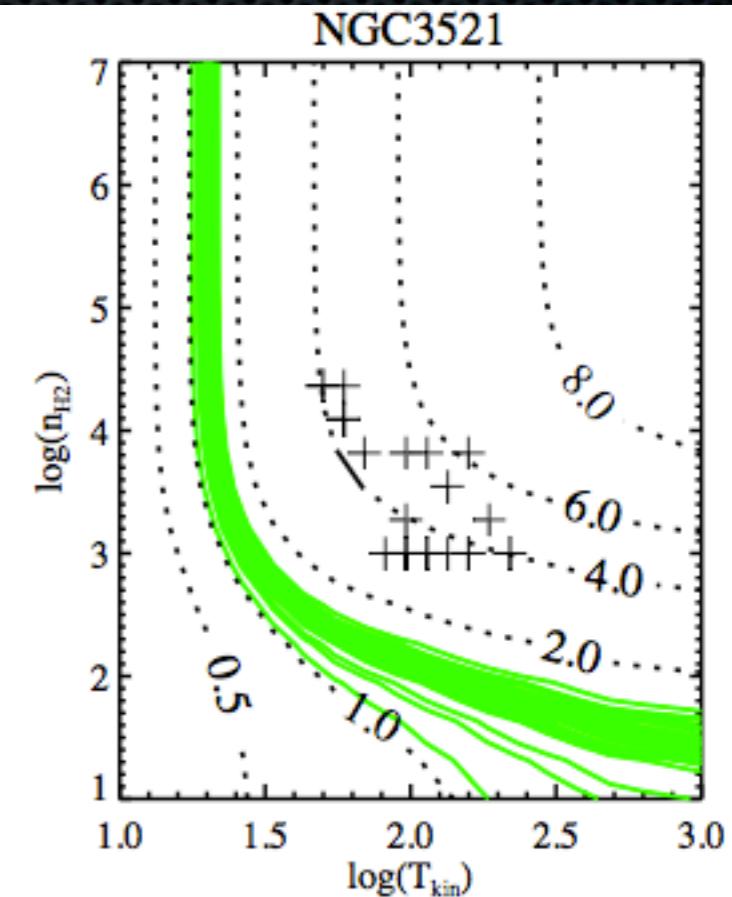
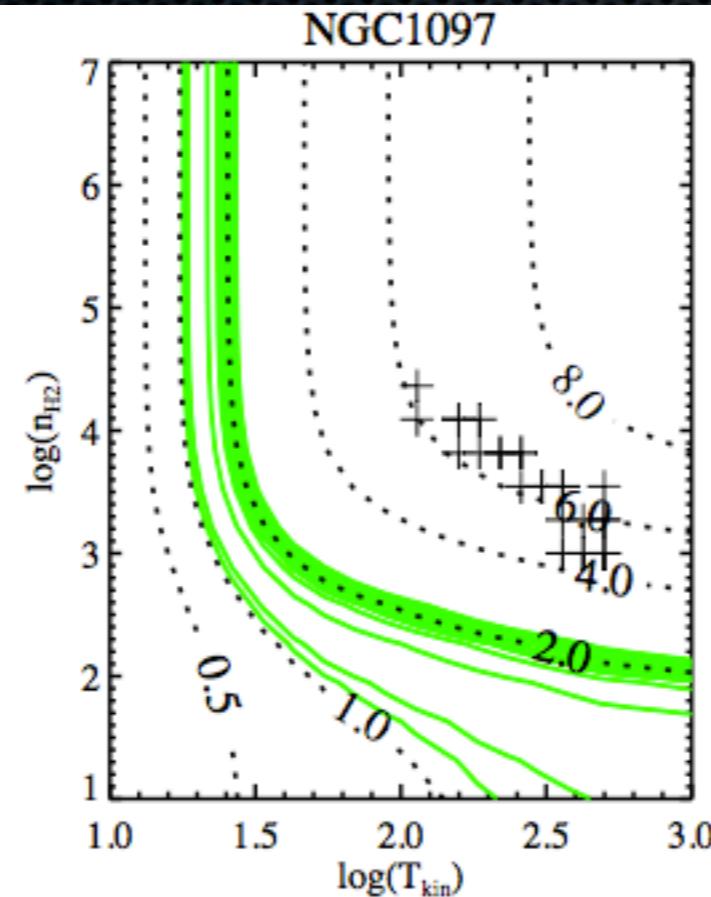
CI conditions
+ Best-fit CO
conditions



No match in any galaxy.

[CI] does not trace same H₂ component as mid-J CO.

- CI conditions
- + Best-fit CO conditions



Conclusions



- KINGFISH and Beyond the Peak are permitting the study of spatially resolved line emission in nearby galaxies thanks to Herschel PACS and SPIRE FTS
- Numerous aspects of gas physics:
 - photoelectric heating efficiencies
 - star formation
 - CO excitation
- [OIII] 88 μm emission is insensitive to the temperature, allowing a FIR calibration of metallicity