

Next Generation Very Large Array Memo No. 8

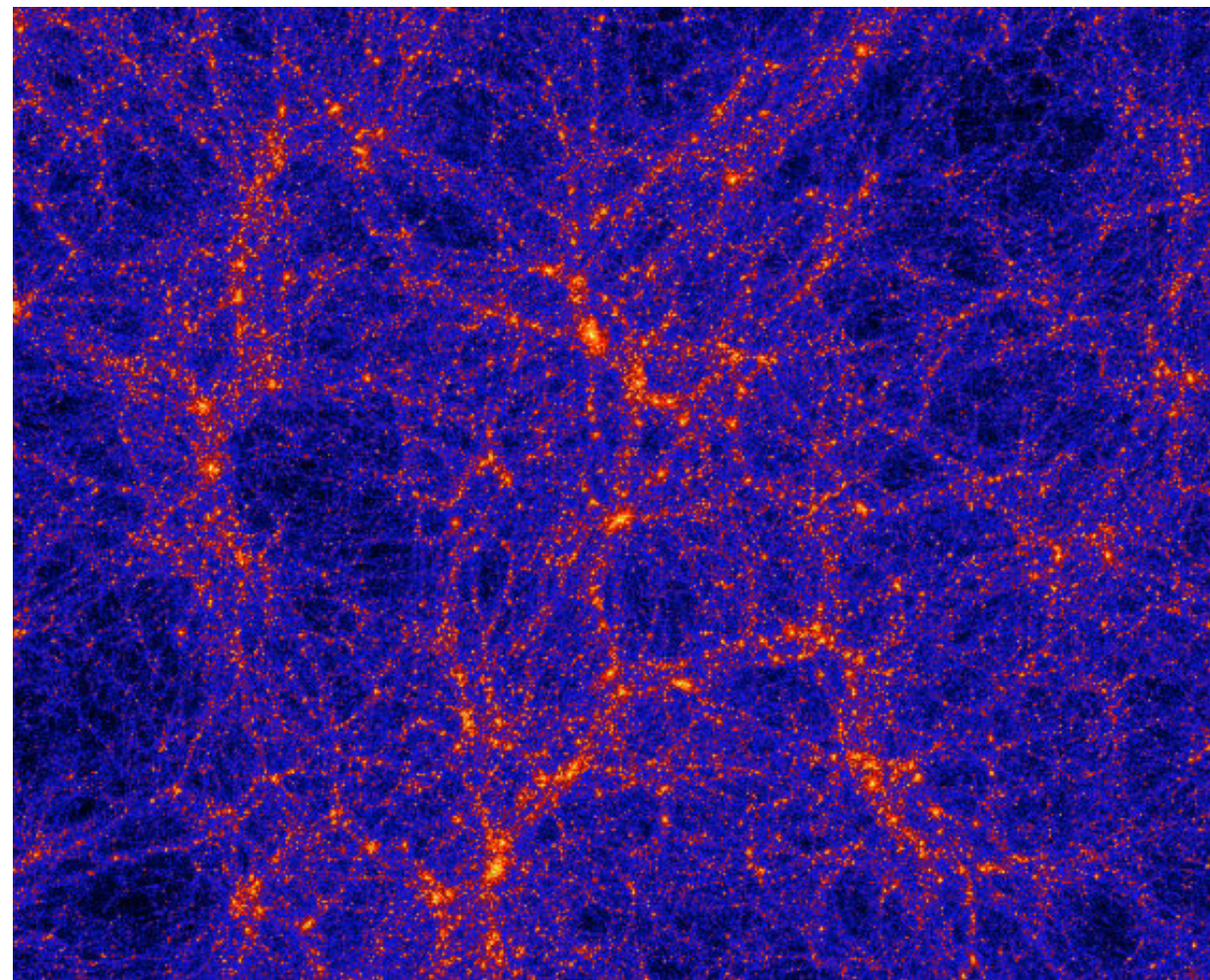
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Galaxy Assembly through Cosmic Time

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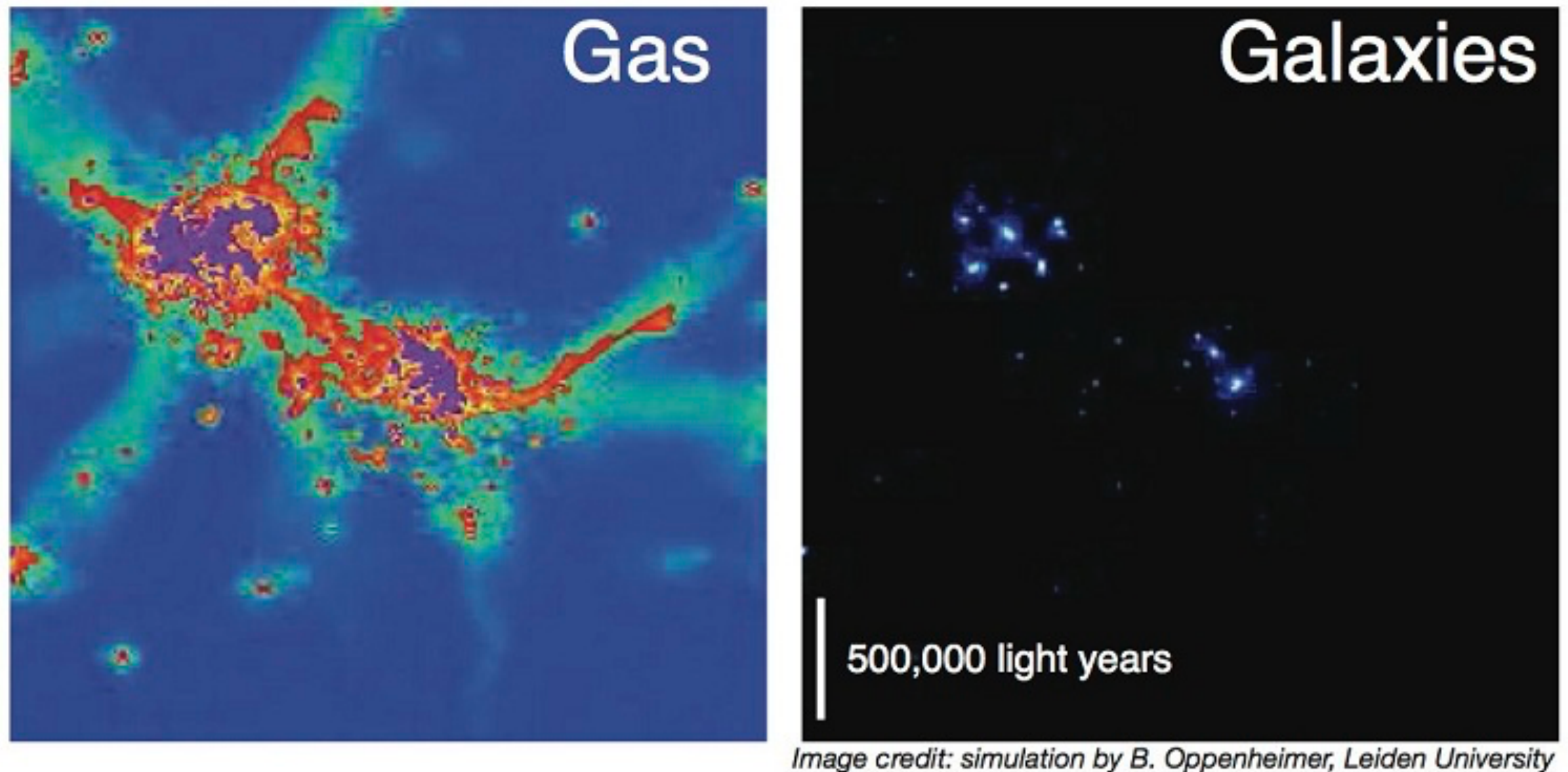


starlight

dust

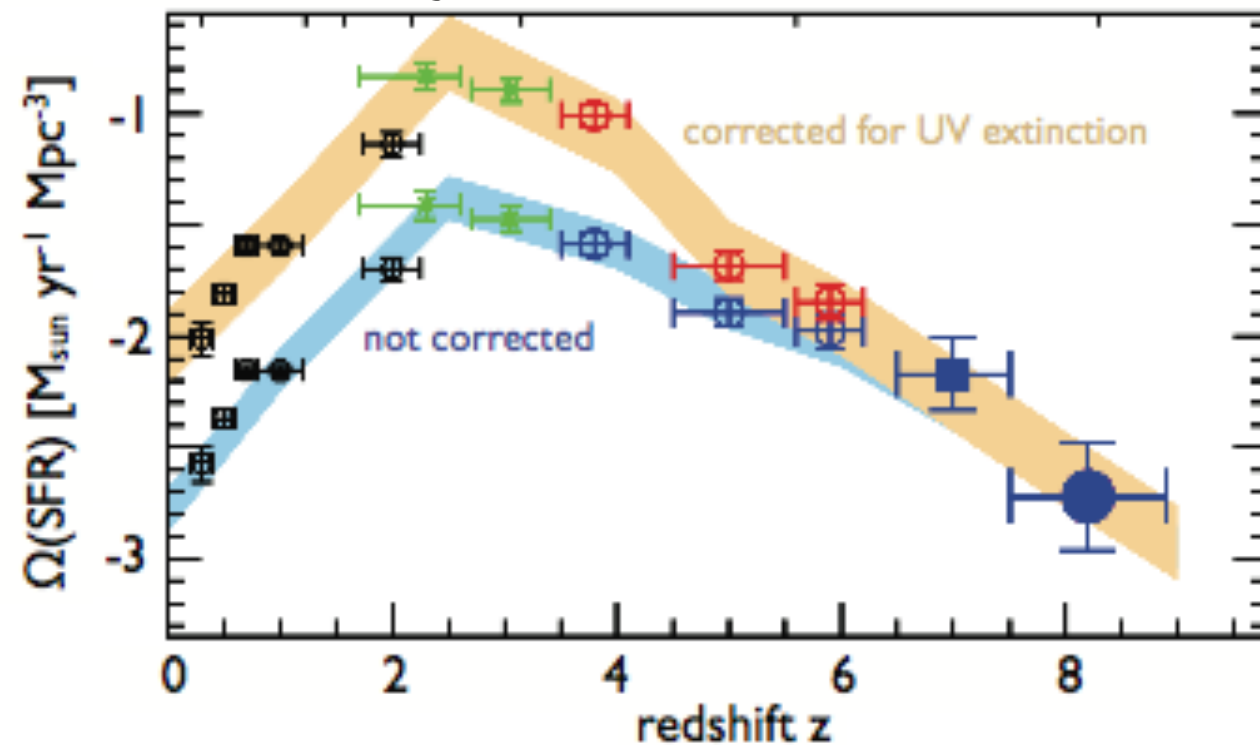
gas

Our link to the Cosmic Web.

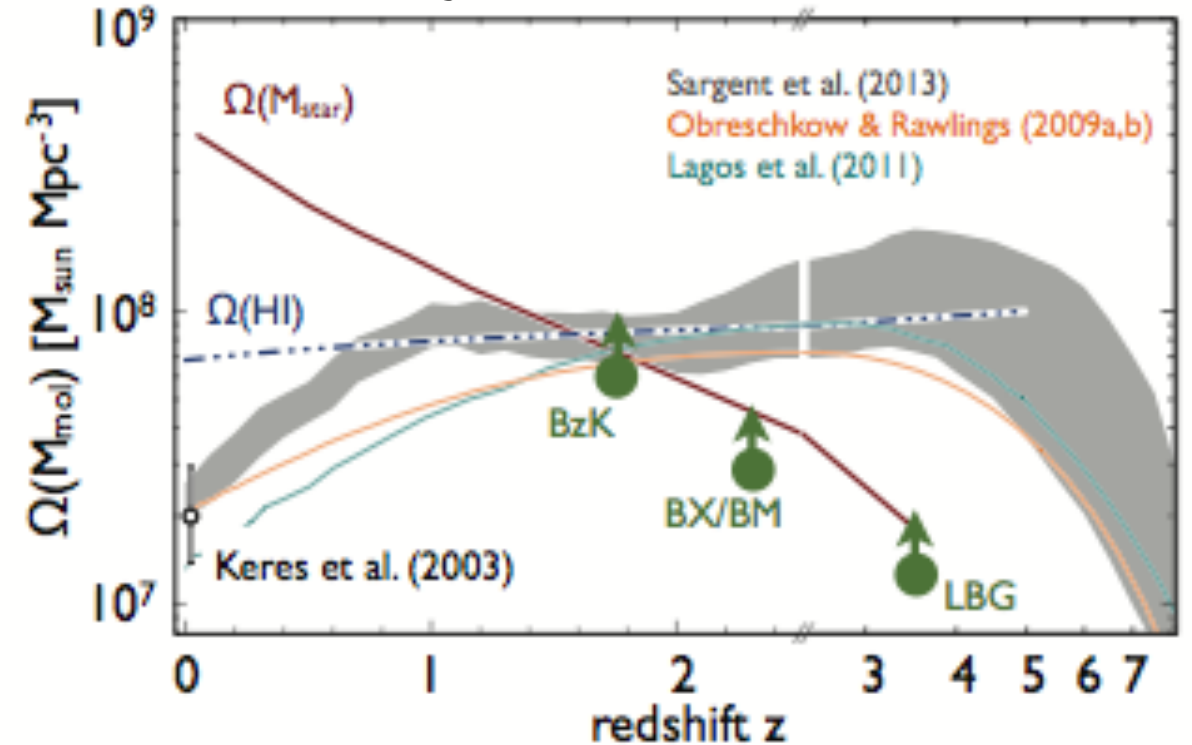


IGM \longleftrightarrow CGM \longleftrightarrow HI Gas \longleftrightarrow H₂ Gas \longleftrightarrow Star-Forming Clouds

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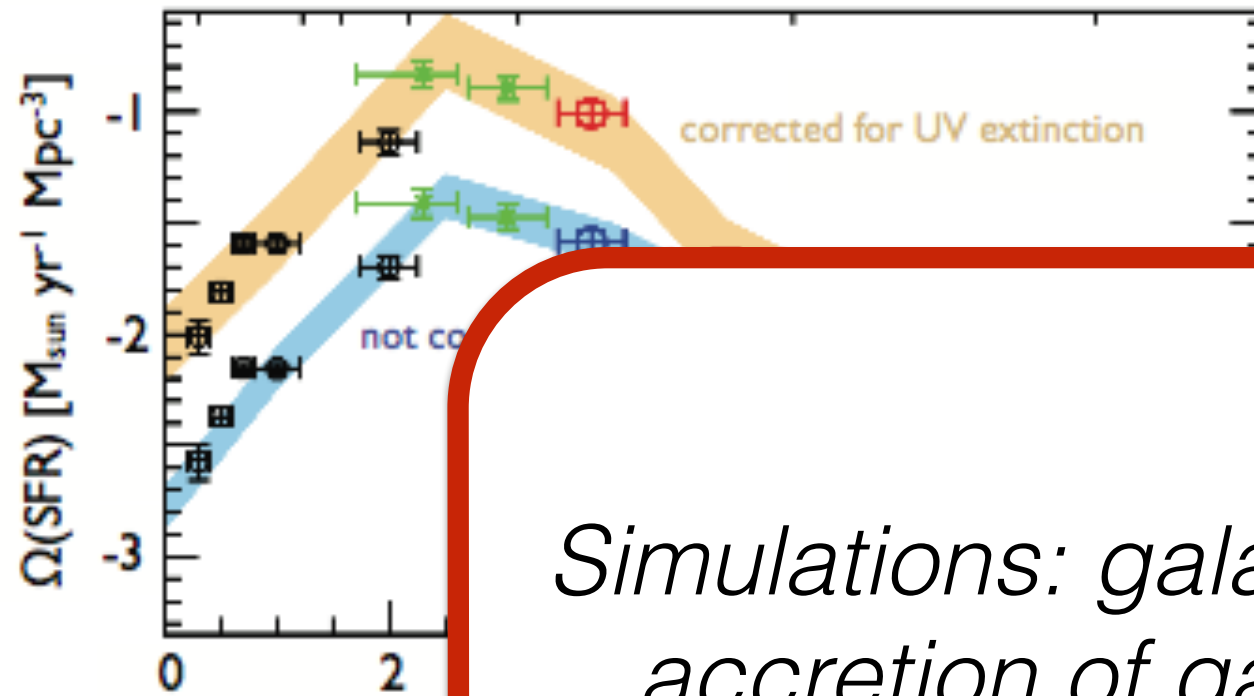
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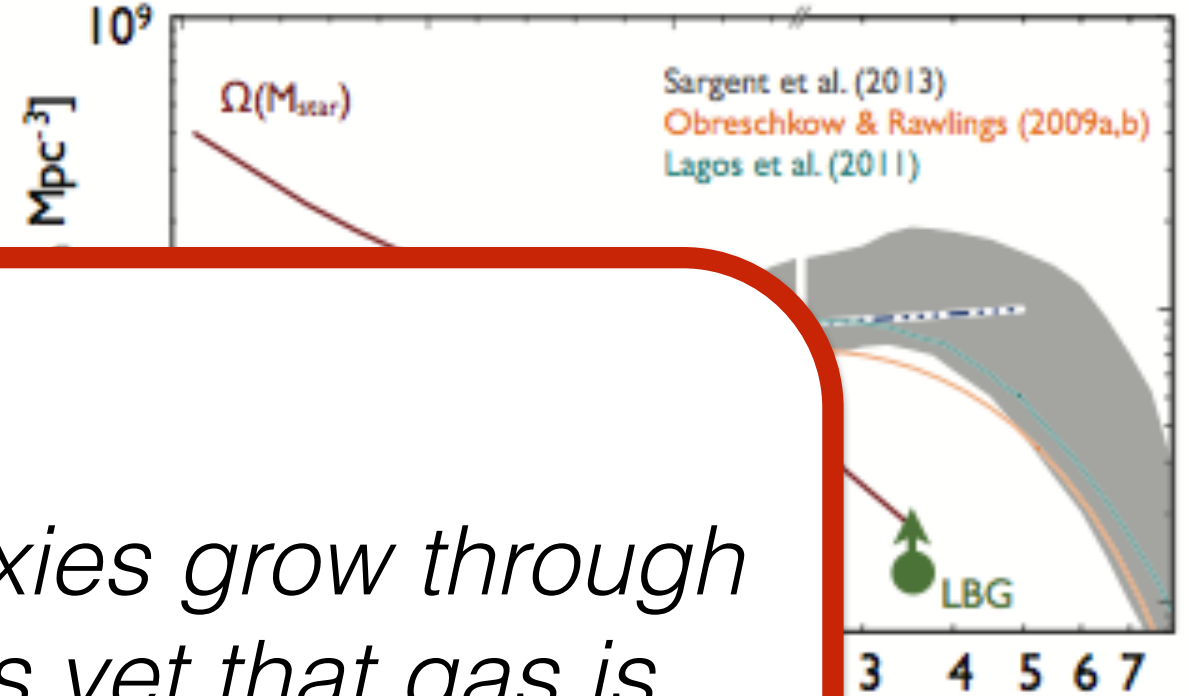
Carilli & Walter 2013 ARA&A

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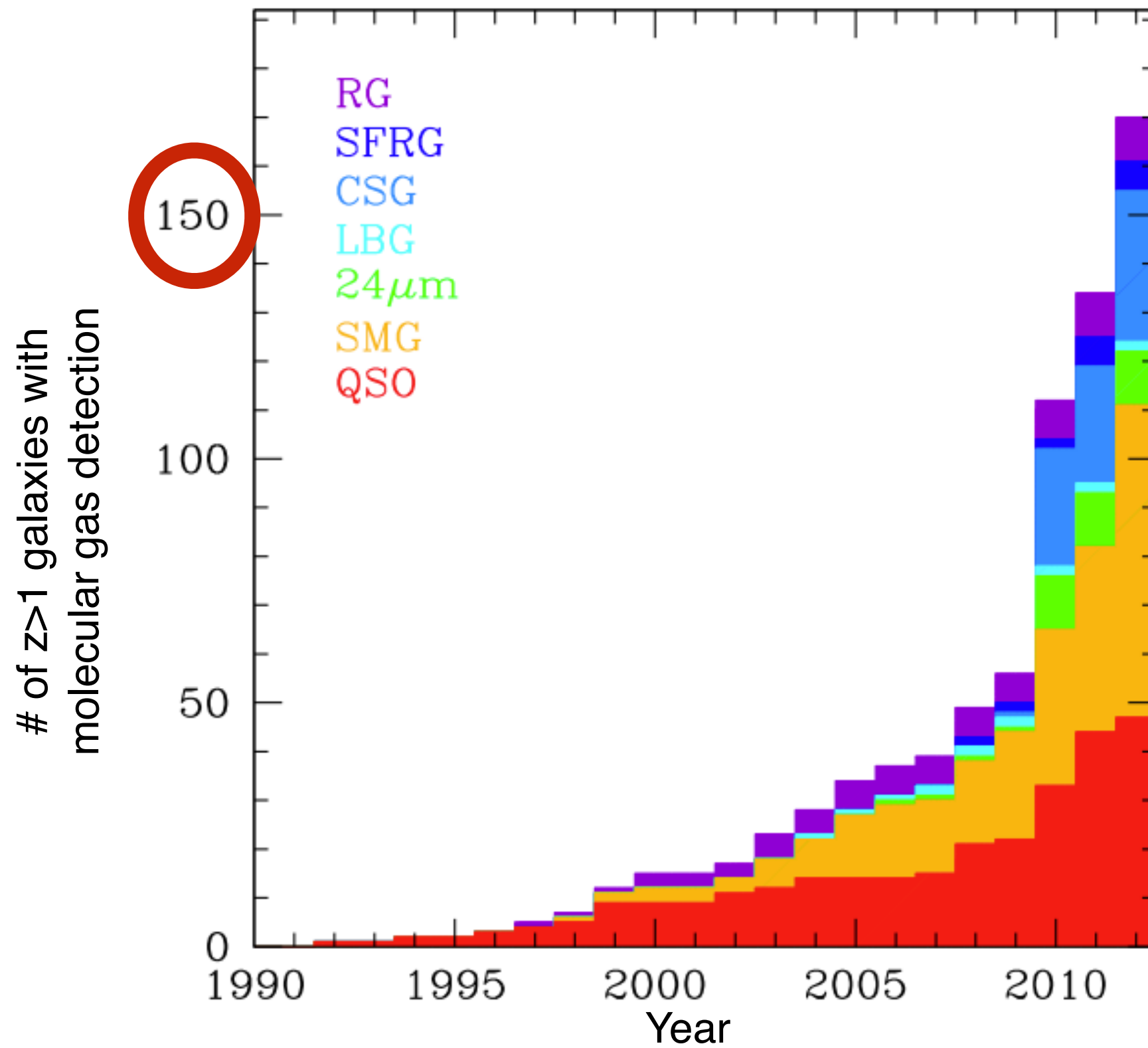


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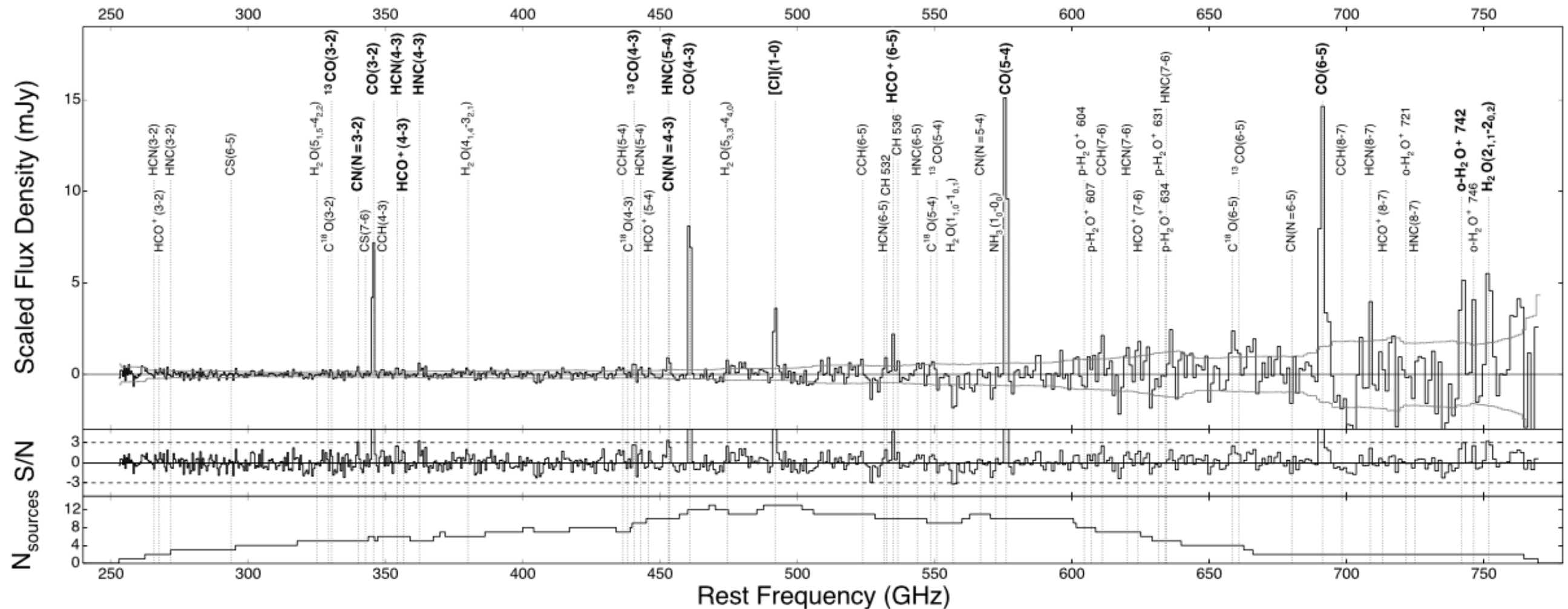
Simulations: galaxies grow through accretion of gas yet that gas is unconstrained at high- z observationally.

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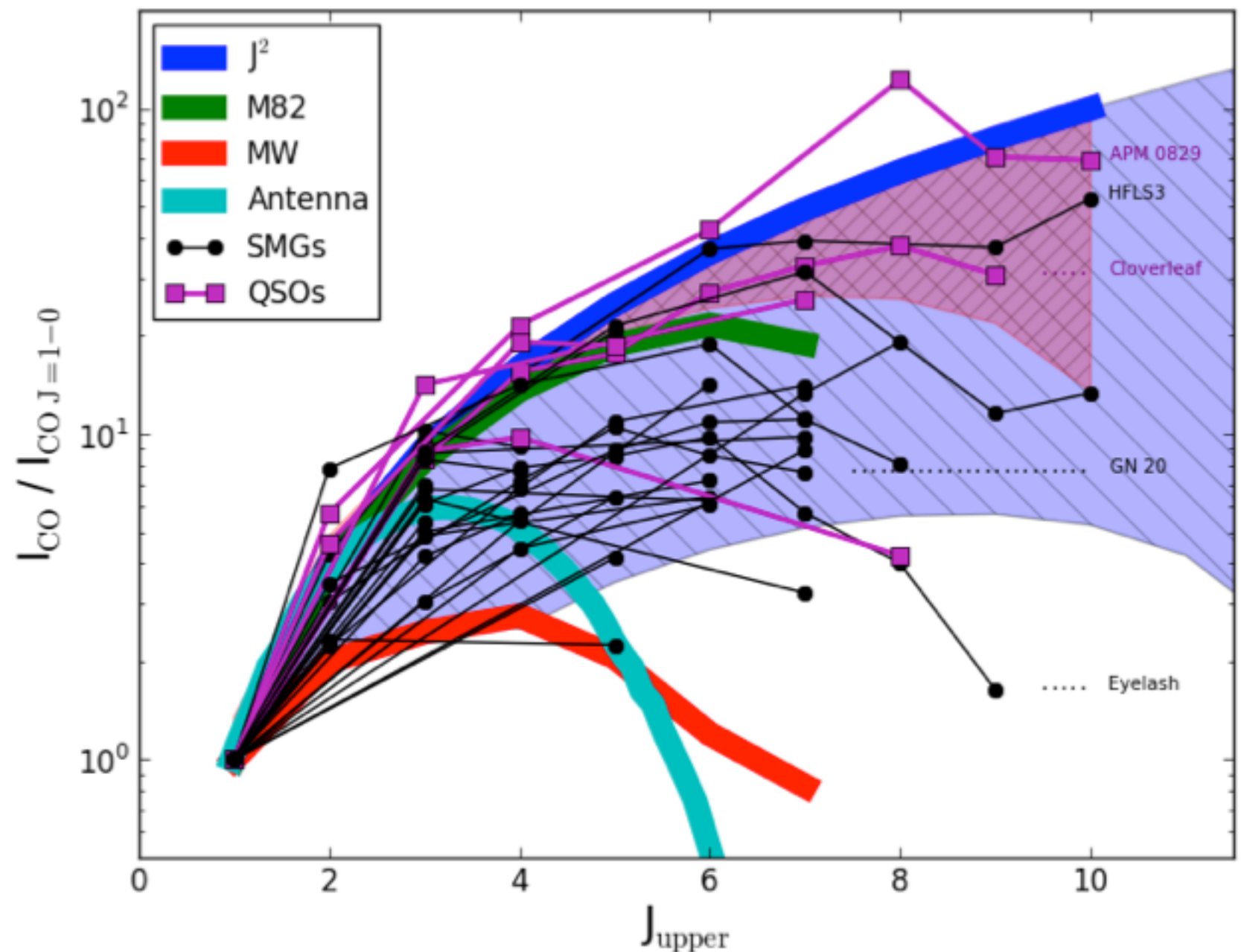


(continuum subtracted composite DSFG spectrum from ALMA, 22 galaxies; Spilker et al. 2014)

high-J CO $\xrightarrow{\text{CO excitation}}$ CO(1-0) $\xrightarrow{\alpha_{\text{CO}}(X_{\text{CO}})}$ H₂ gas mass

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Need low-J CO
due to variation
in CO excitation
ladder: diverse
SLEDs at high-z!

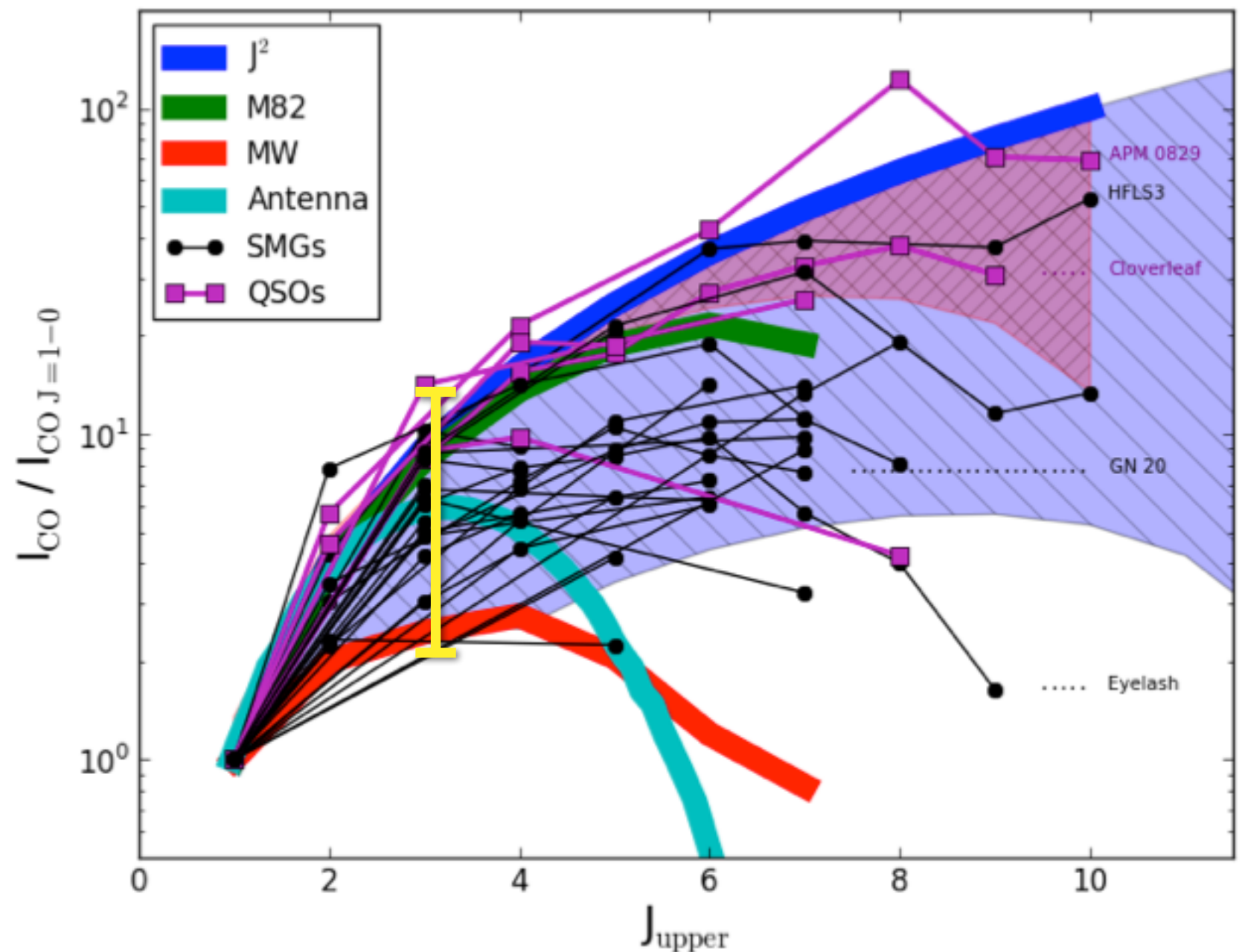


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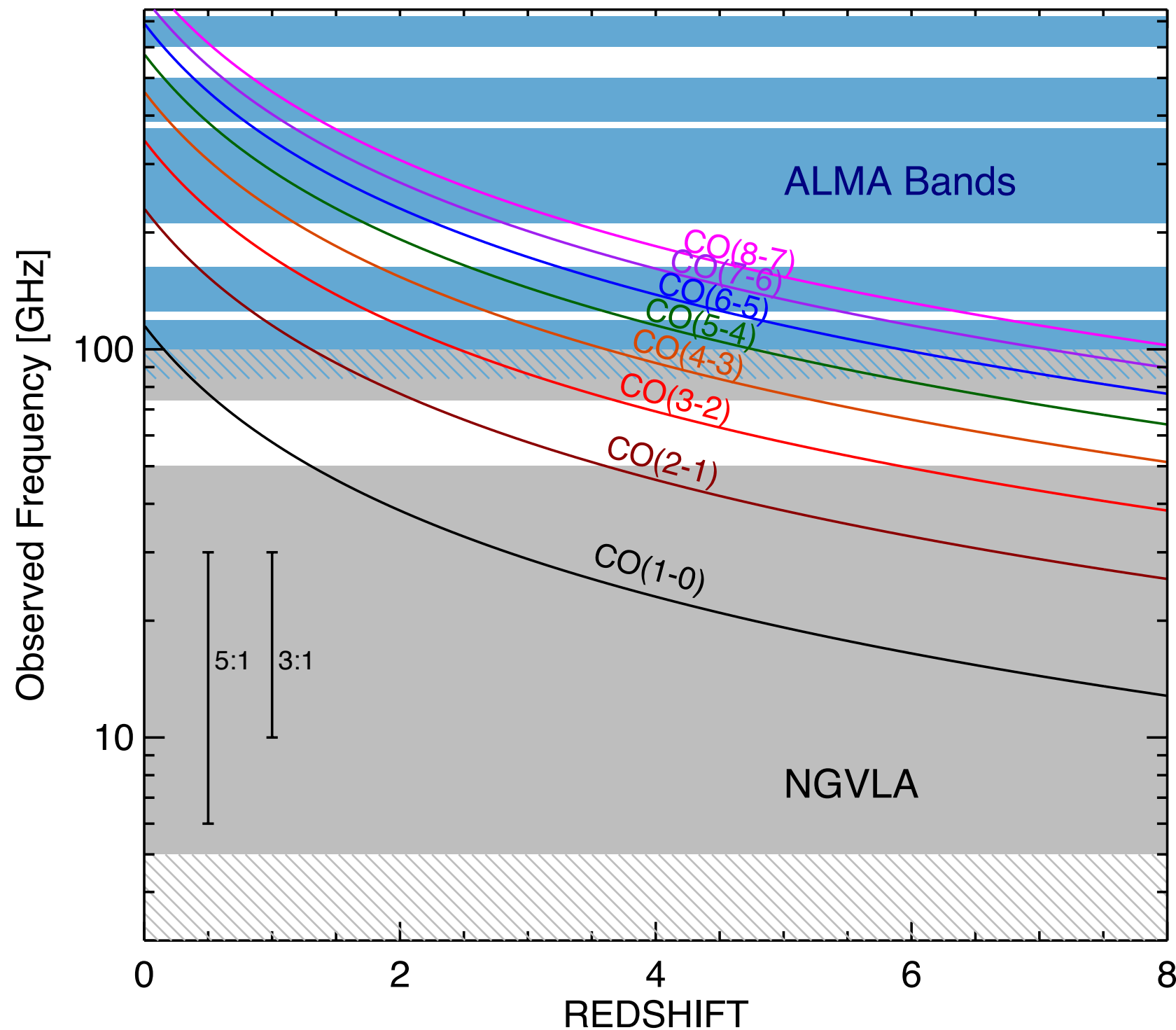
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Factor of ~3-8 variation
in $I_{\text{CO}(3-2)} / I_{\text{CO}(1-0)}$
translates to same
uncertainty in M_{H_2}
(even without ~5x
uncertainty in α_{CO})



Casey, Narayanan & Cooray (2014)

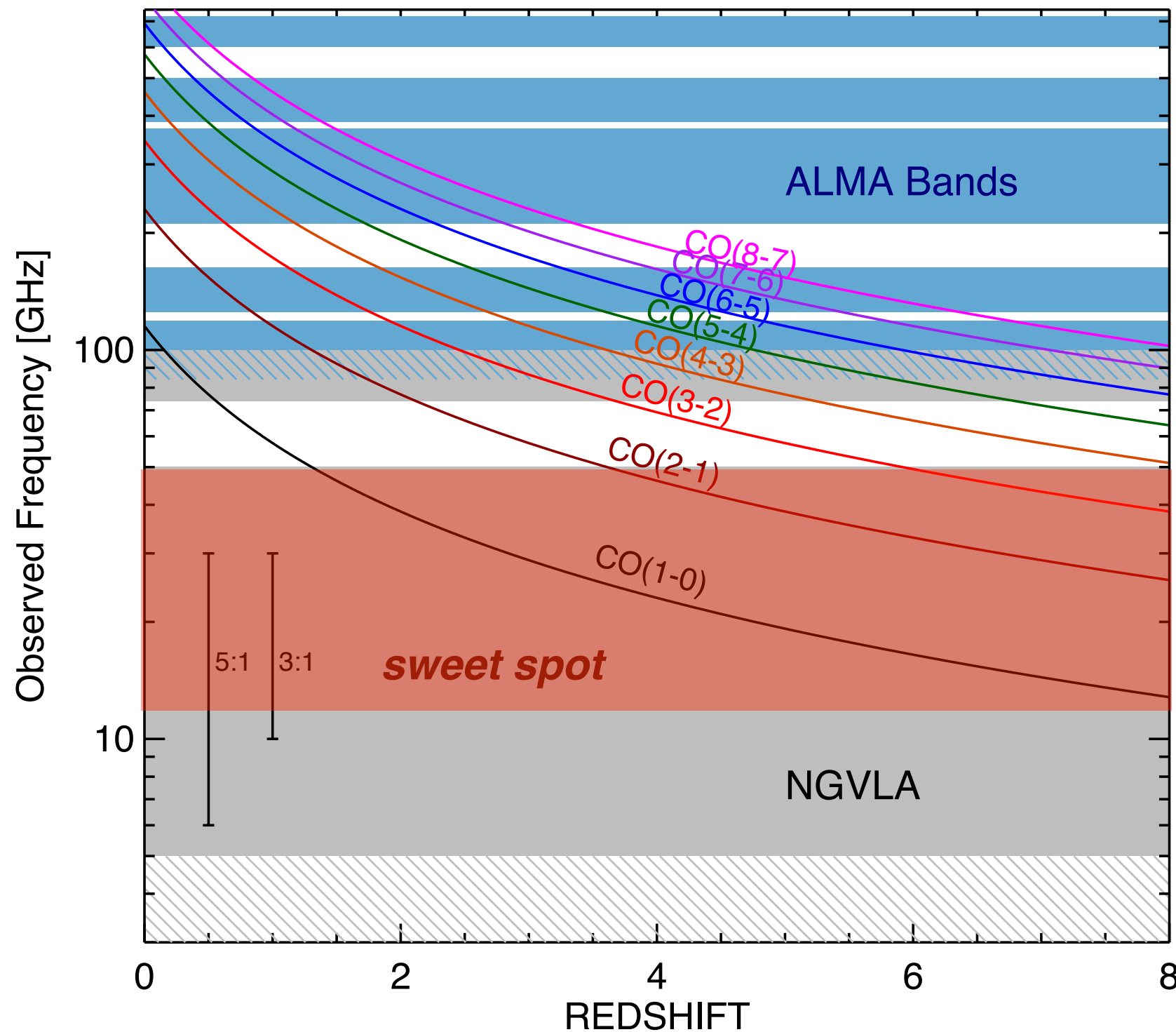
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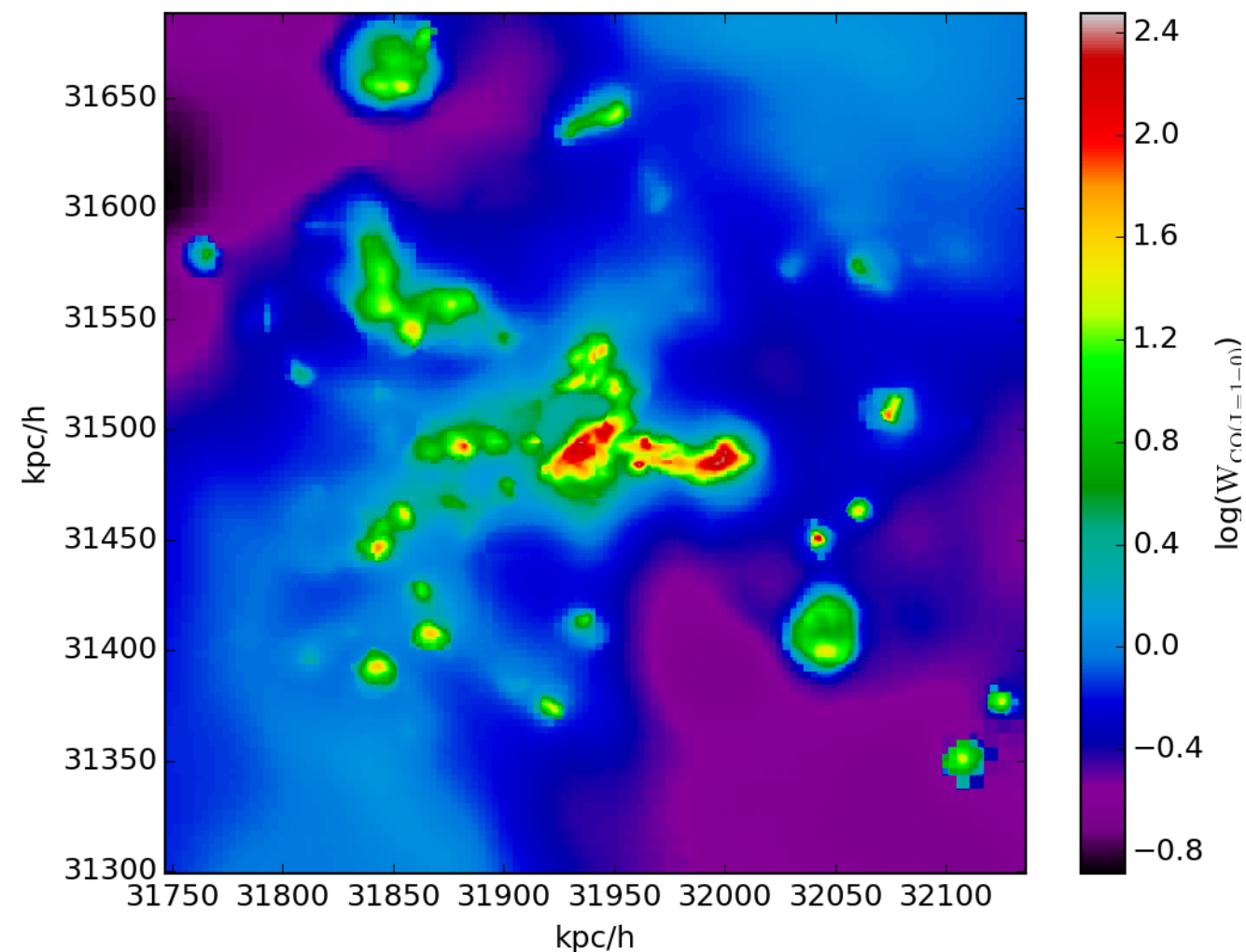


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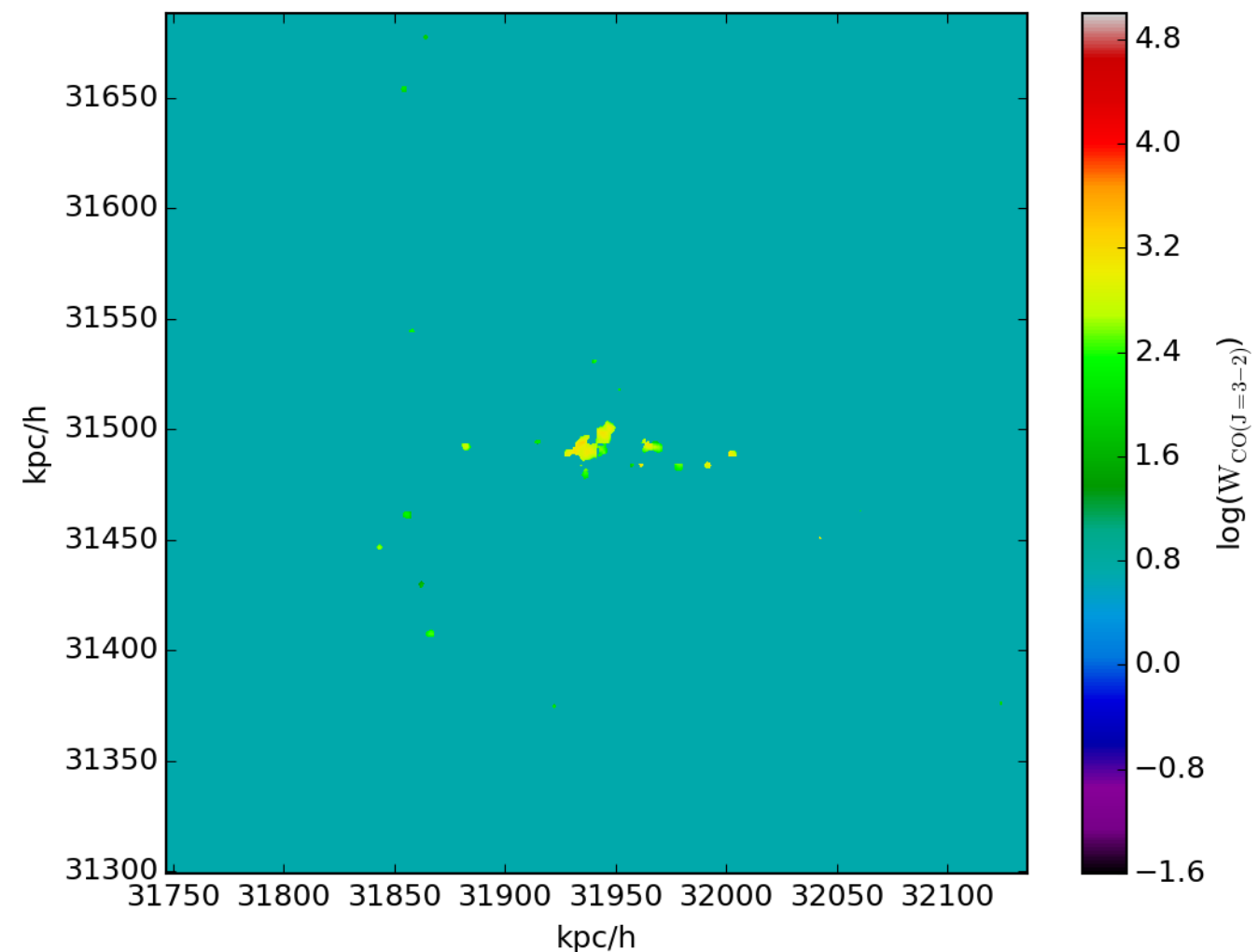
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*Simulations perspective:
(Narayanan Powderday RT code; Narayanan et al. 2015)*



CO(1-0)



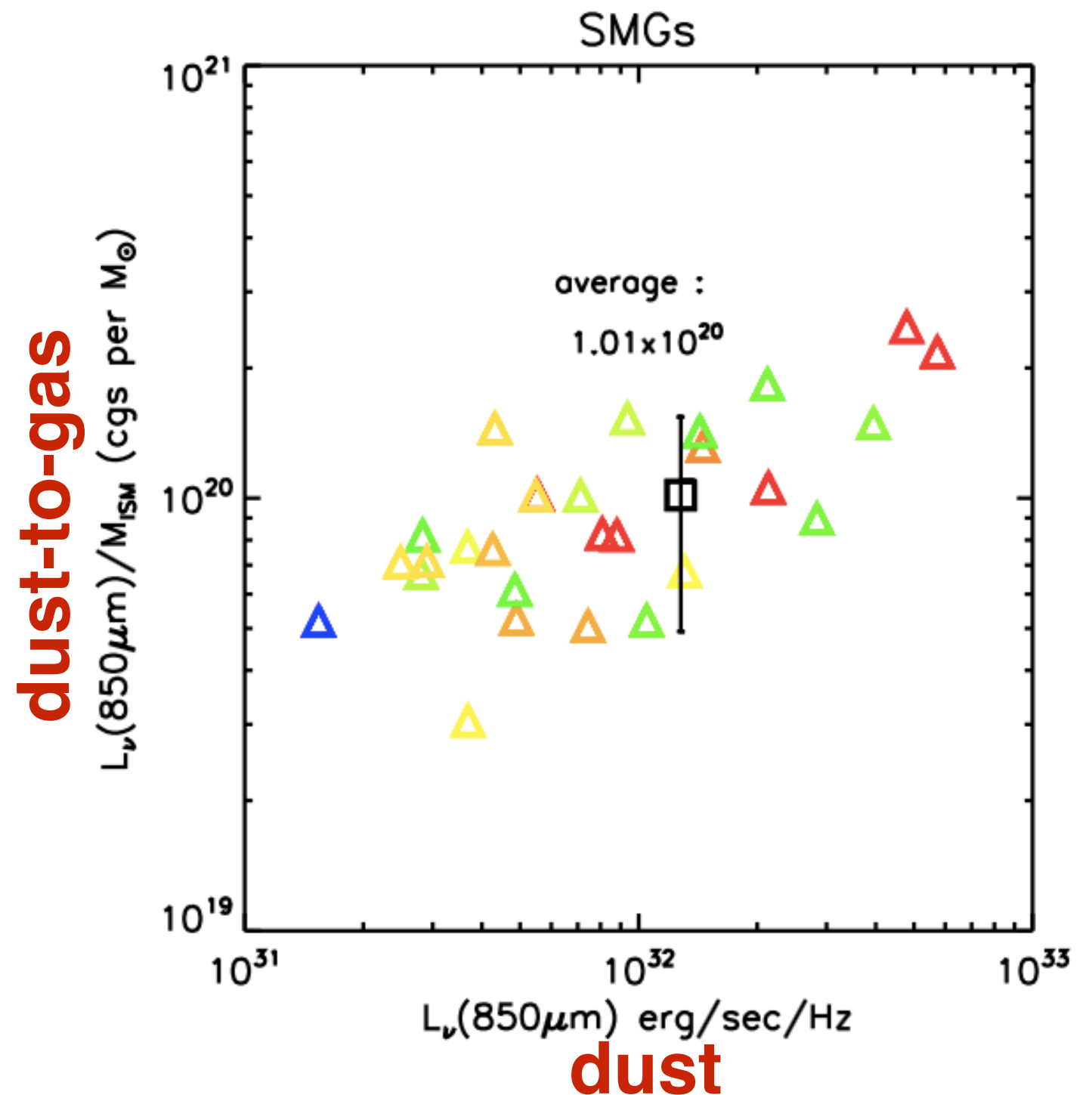
CO(3-2)

Dust continuum proxy for gas?

Based on fixed dust-to-gas ratio; less uncertainty than CO excitation and conversion factor.

Is there any underlying bias?

Lacks dynamical constraints.



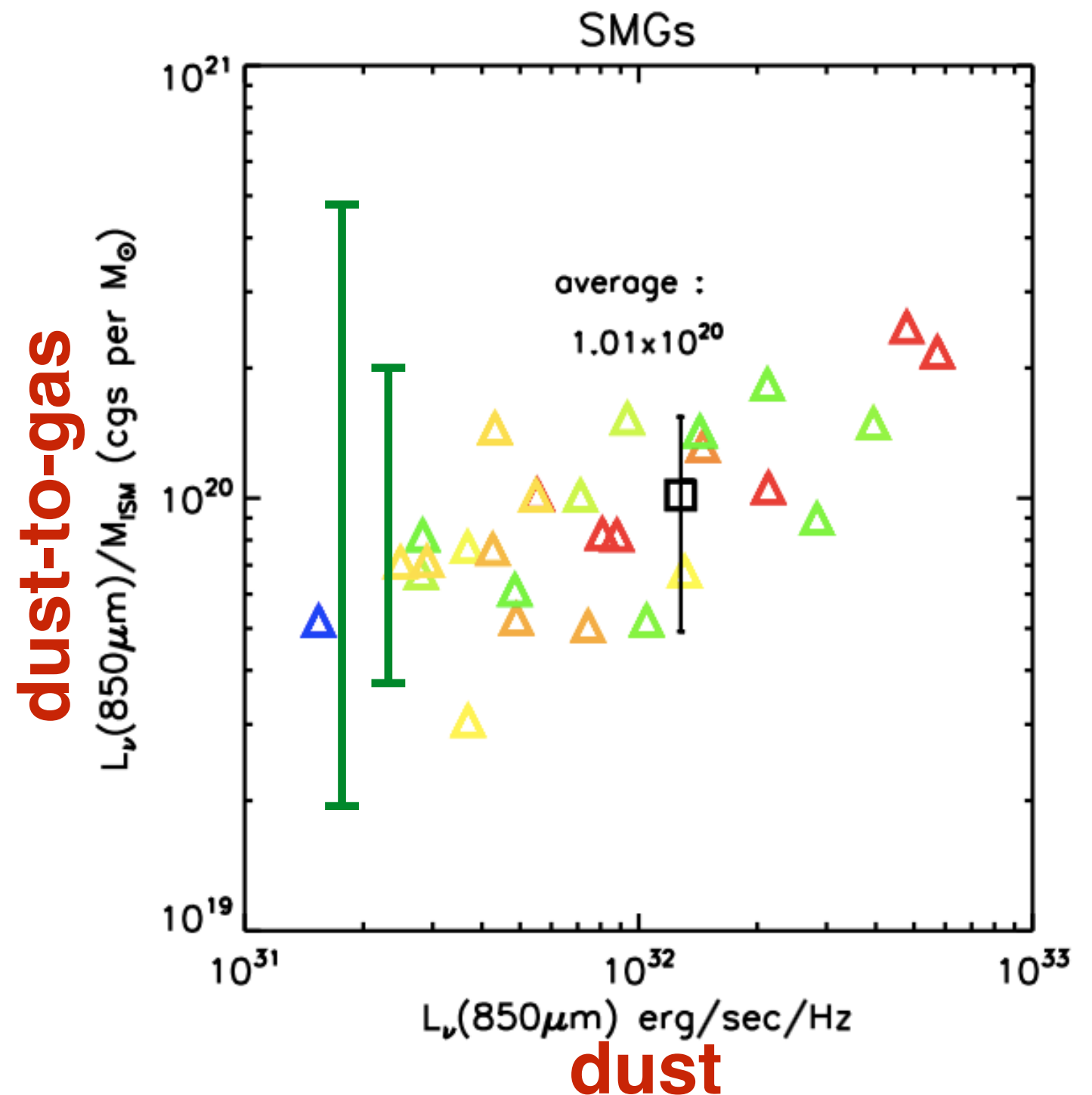
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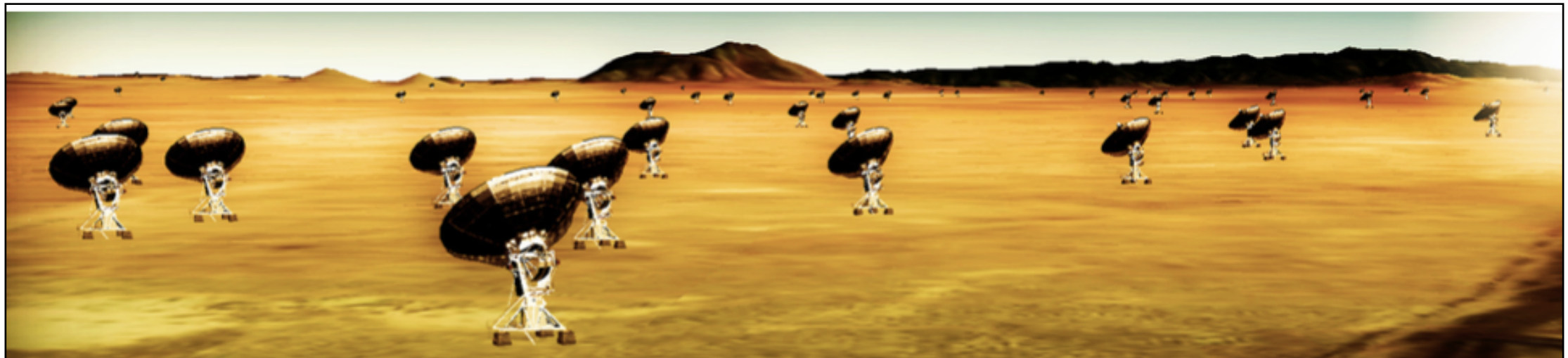
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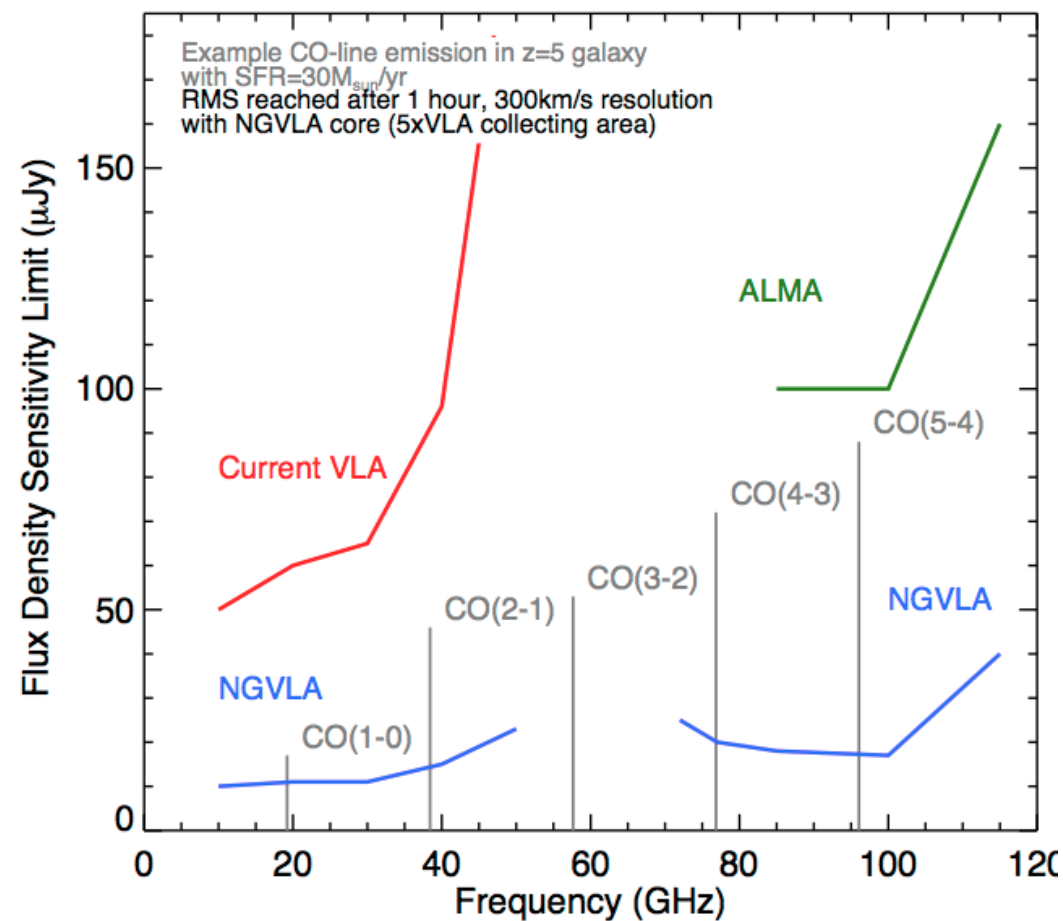


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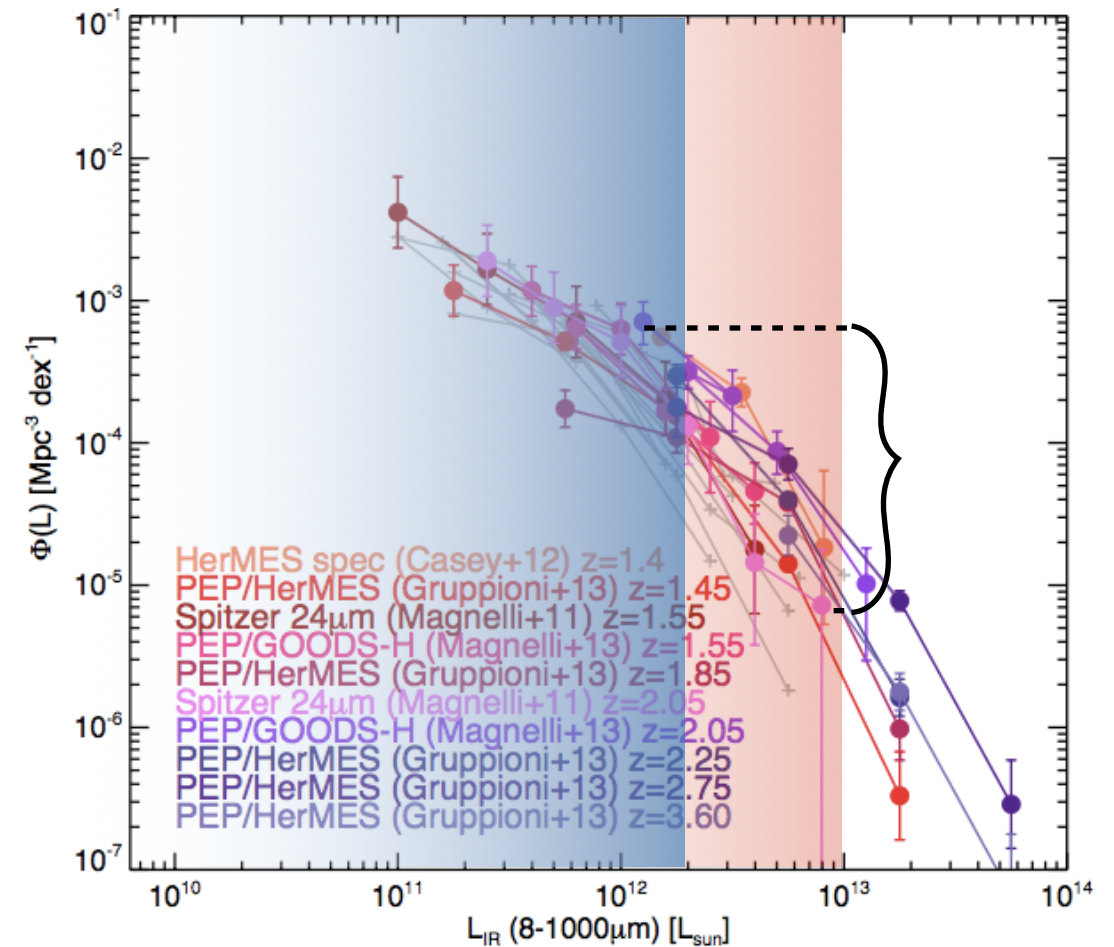
Surveying gas in the early-Universe: The need for a next generation VLA



Single source follow-up to population work



Carilli et al. (2015)

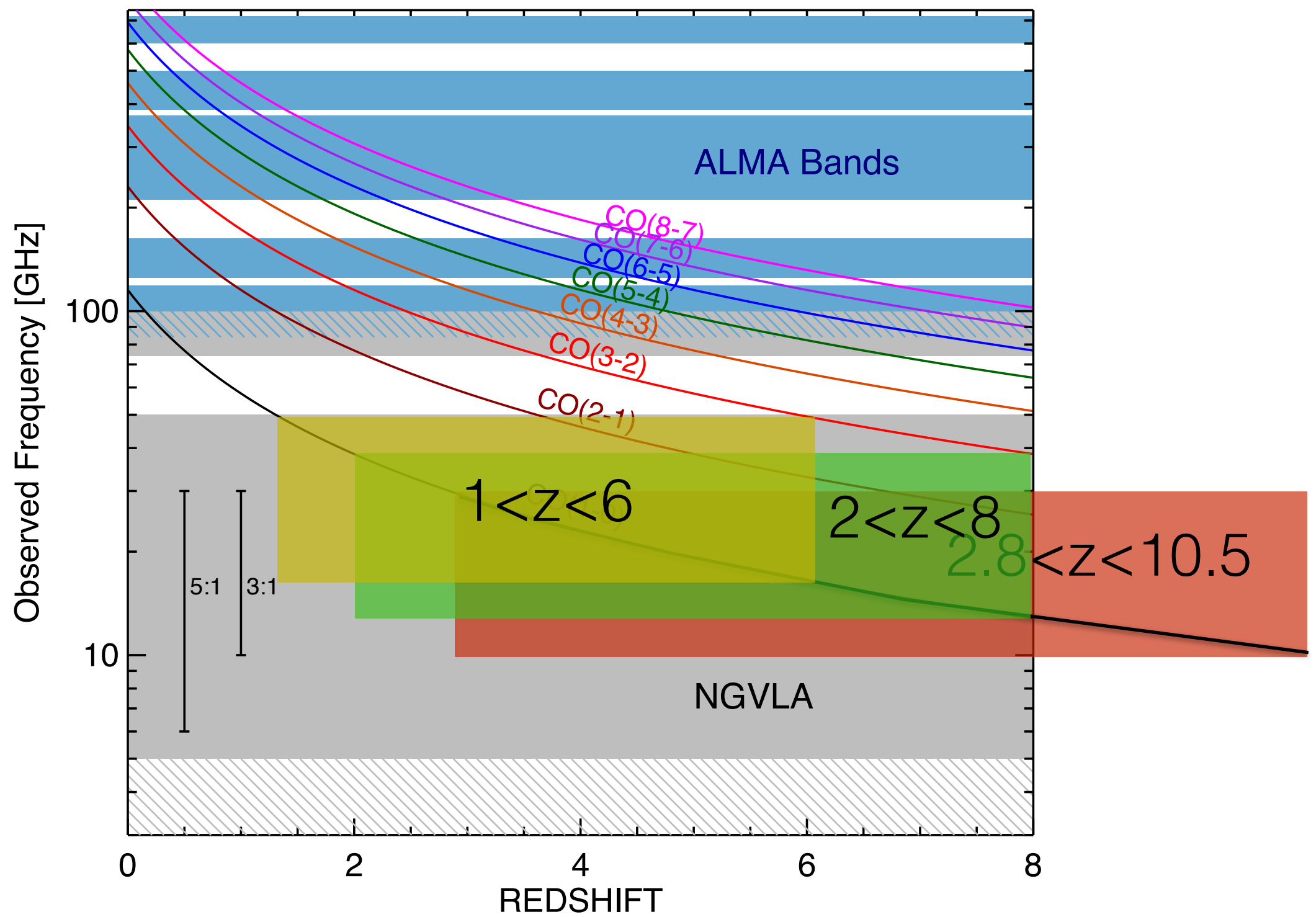


Casey, Narayanan & Cooray (2014)

10s of galaxies \longrightarrow 1000s of galaxies

Sensitivity
Improvements

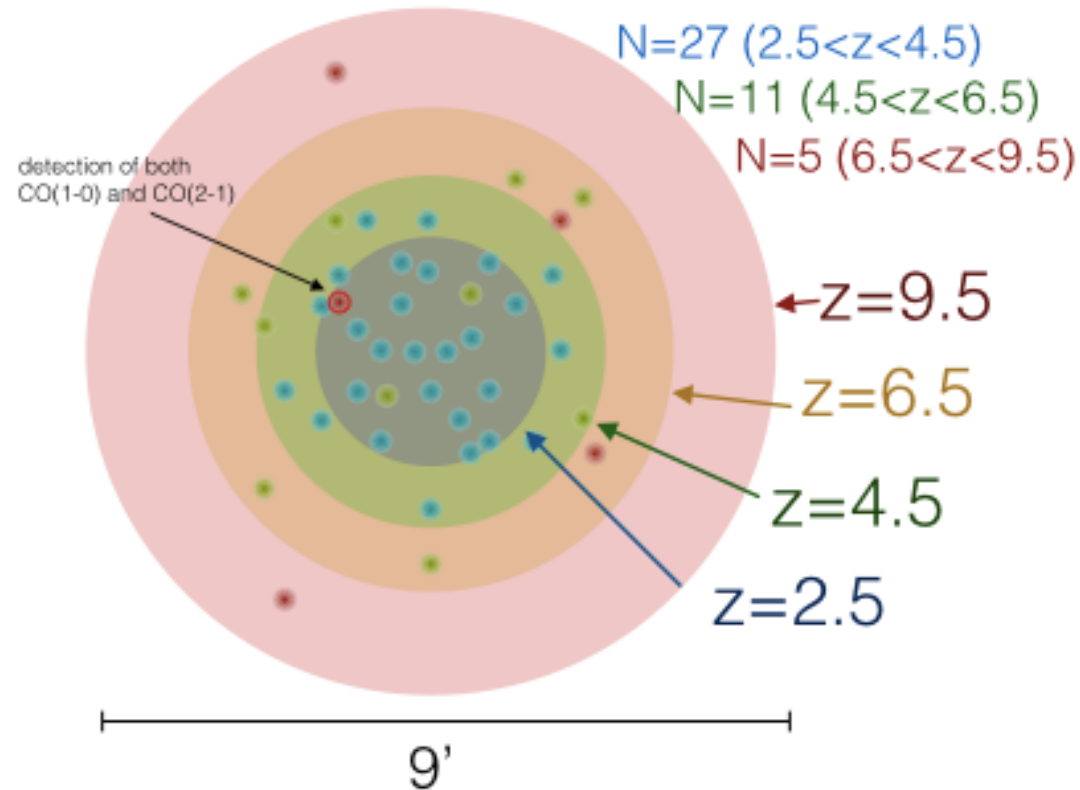
Ultra-wide
Bandwidth



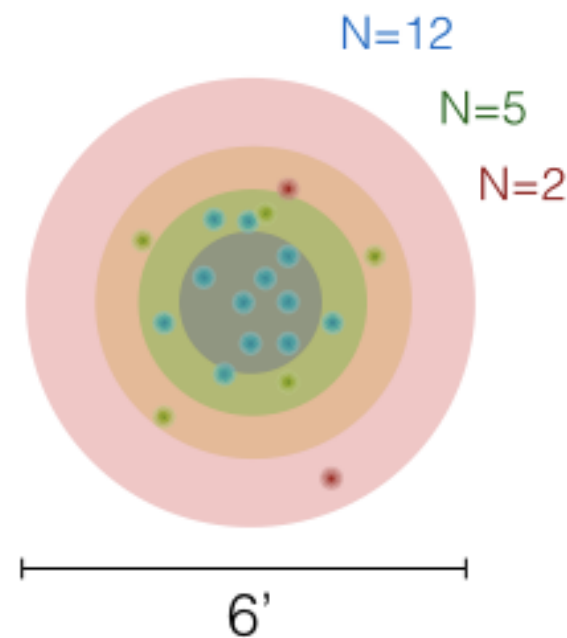
ngVLA Primary beam FOV: a CO(1-0) molecular gas deep field

mock observation at 19GHz, 3:1 RF bandwidth, 10uJy RMS*

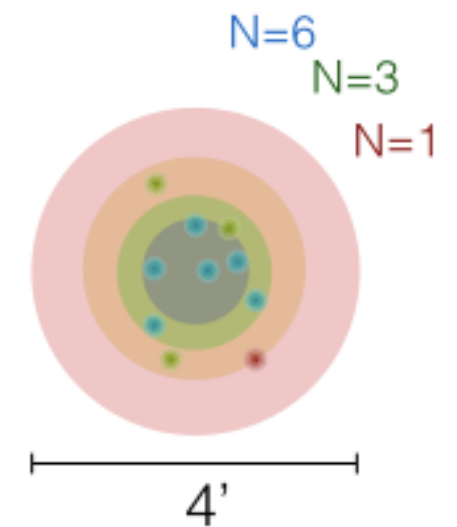
D = 12m



D = 18m



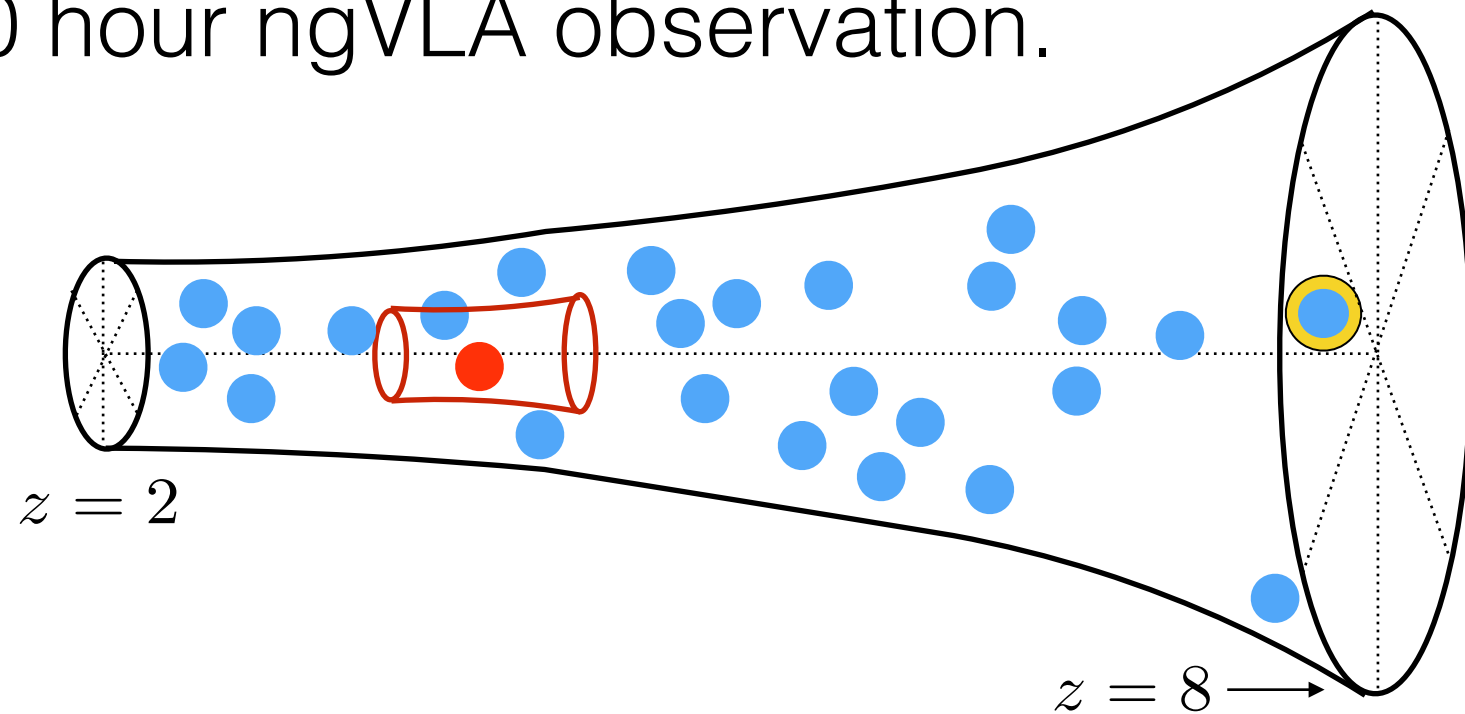
D = 25m



*assuming no evolution in the CO luminosity function beyond $z=2$, and no effect from CMB heating on CO gas at high- z

Casey et al. (2015b)

An example 30 hour ngVLA observation.



Detectable with current JVLA

e.g. GN20, a single
source at $z = 4.05$ in
CO(1-0) to depth of
 $L'_{\text{CO}} \approx 10^{10} L_{\odot}$, with
8GHz bandwidth gives
 $3.2 < z < 5.0$

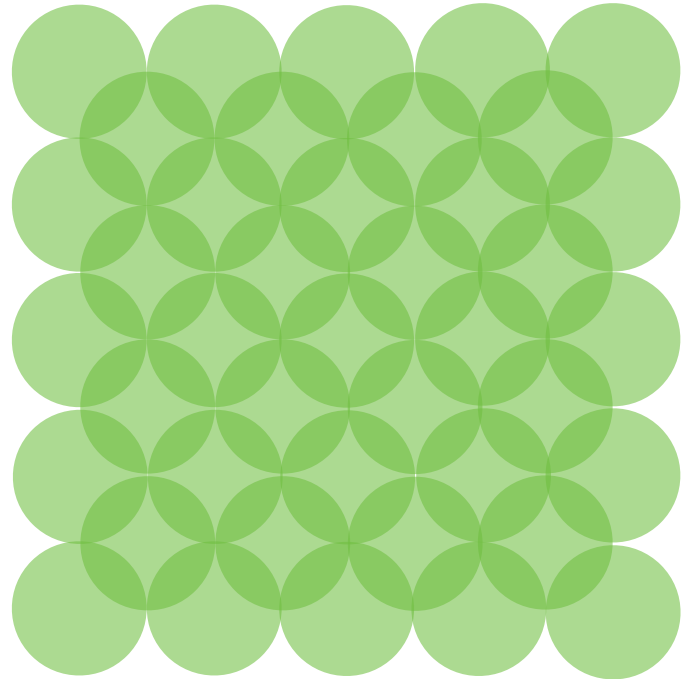
Detectable with ngVLA

~50-100 sources per
pointing from $2 < z < 8$
in CO(1-0) to depth of
 $L'_{\text{CO}} \approx 10^9 L_{\odot}$, with 3:1
bandwidth ratio. In
addition, ~1 $z > 6$ source
in CO(2-1) & CO(1-0)

ngVLA mosaic: a CO(1-0) molecular gas deep field

mock 10-30GHz observation, 3:1 RF bandwidth, 10 μ Jy RMS per pointing

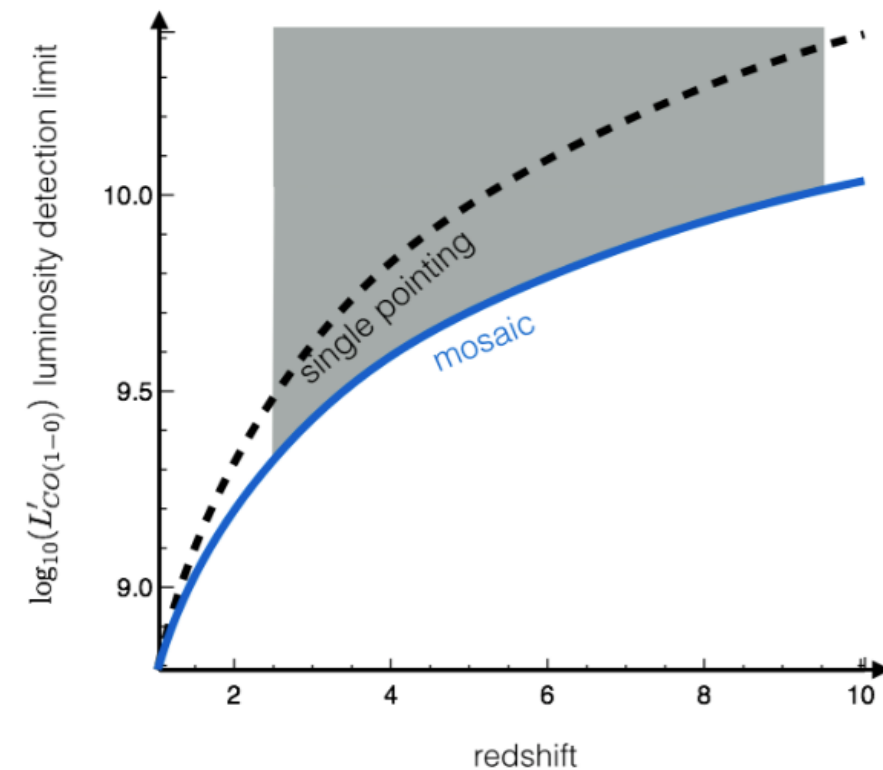
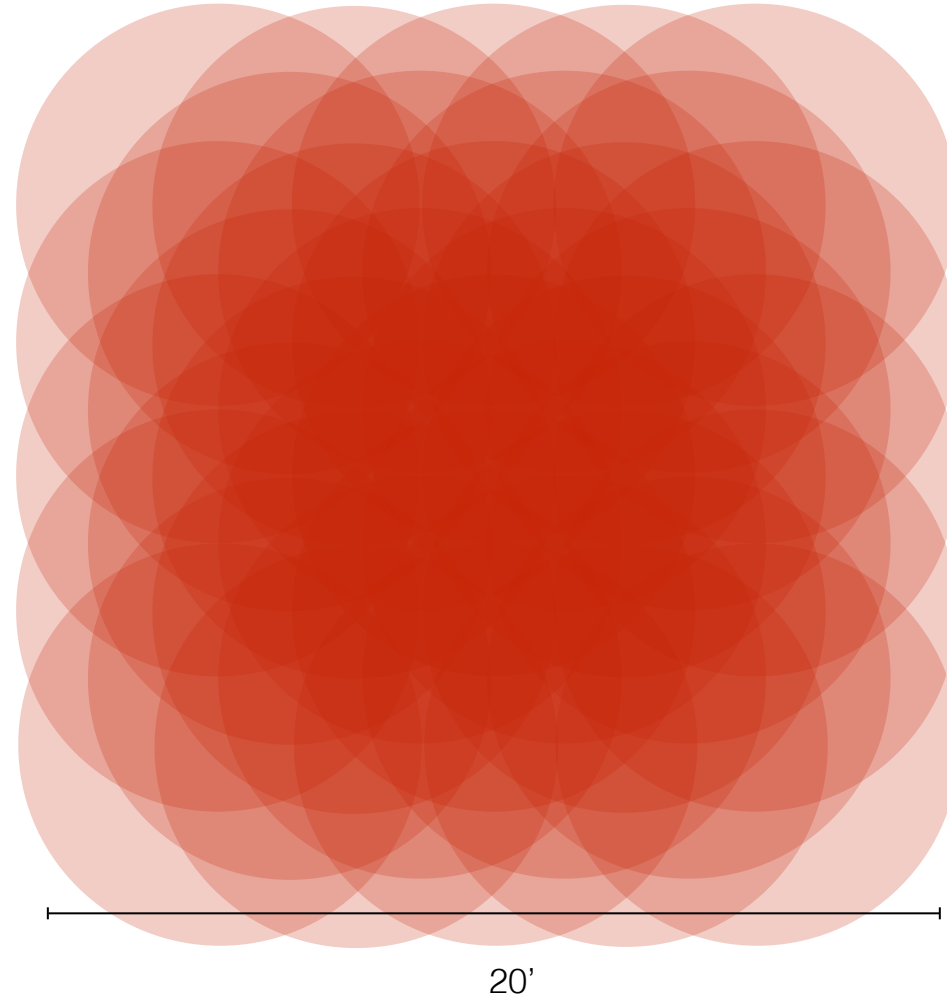
Coverage map at 33GHz (z=2.5)



N=240 ($2.5 < z < 4.5$) $\langle \sigma_{26\text{GHz}} \rangle = 7\mu\text{Jy}$
N=390 ($4.5 < z < 6.5$) $\langle \sigma_{17\text{GHz}} \rangle = 6\mu\text{Jy}$
N=800 ($6.5 < z < 9.5$) $\langle \sigma_{13\text{GHz}} \rangle = 4\mu\text{Jy}$

*assuming no evolution in the CO luminosity function beyond $z=2$, and no effect from CMB heating on CO gas at high- z

Coverage map at 10GHz (z=9.5)



Assumes 12m antennae.

What about ALMA deep fields?

Molecular gas deep fields pursued by PdBI, ALMA (F. Walter, R. Decarli, et al), only producing a **handful** of sources in high-J transitions. Over narrow FOV, normal galaxies need **low-J CO, direct tracer to H₂ gas**.

Importance of Probing dynamics of galaxies

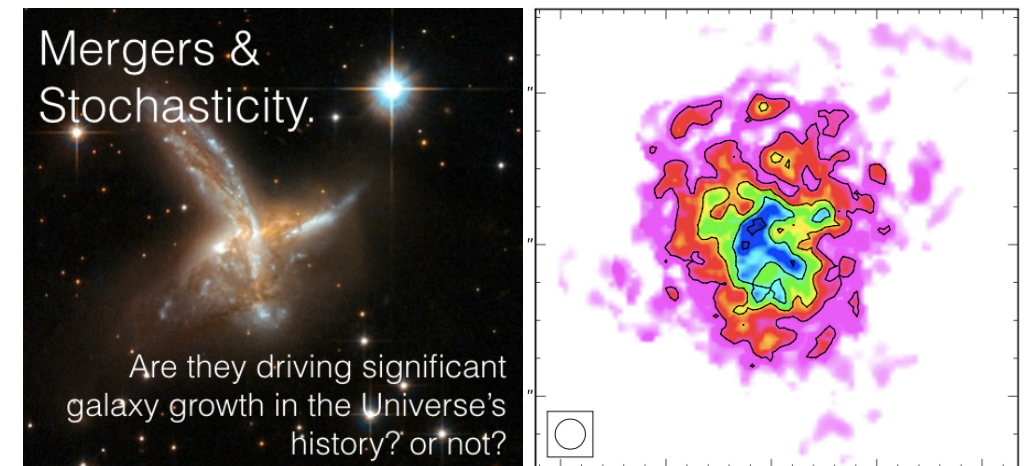
role of merging & stochasticity?

measurements of molecular outflow rates?

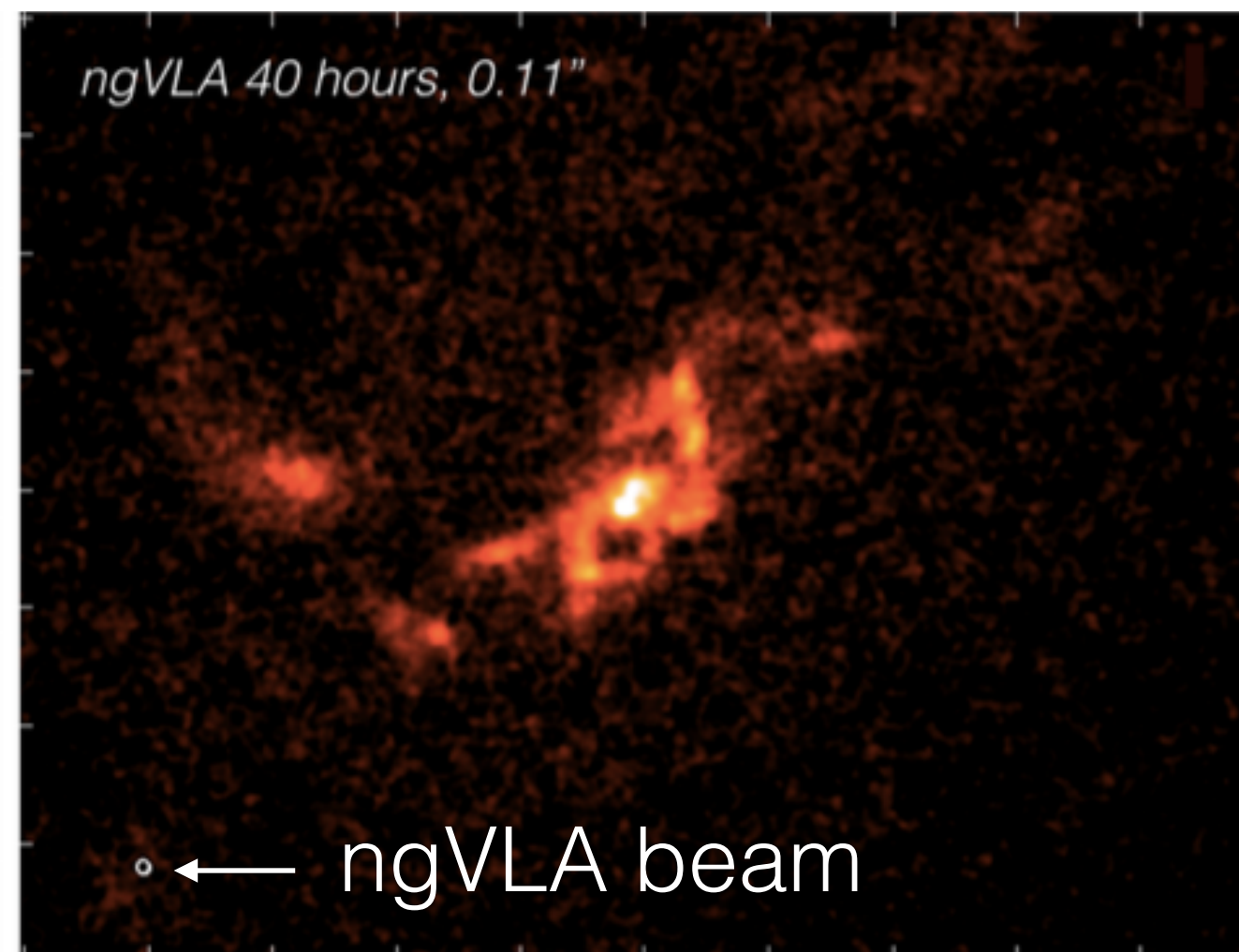
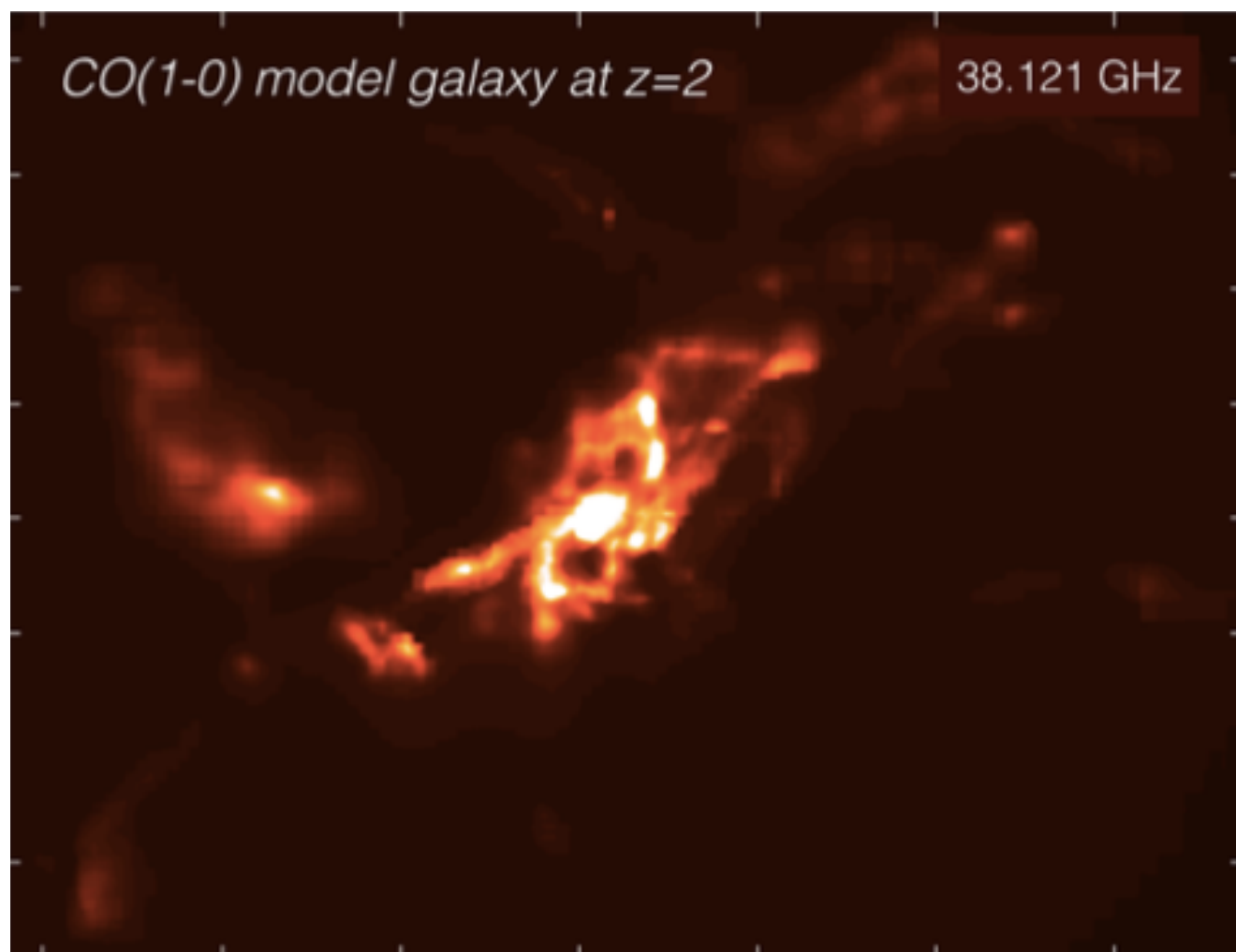
constrain CO-to-H₂ conversion via direct detection of
40-100pc clouds at $z \sim 4$?

Surface Brightness Sensitivity

current VLA CO(1-0)
at $z \sim 4$, 120 hours

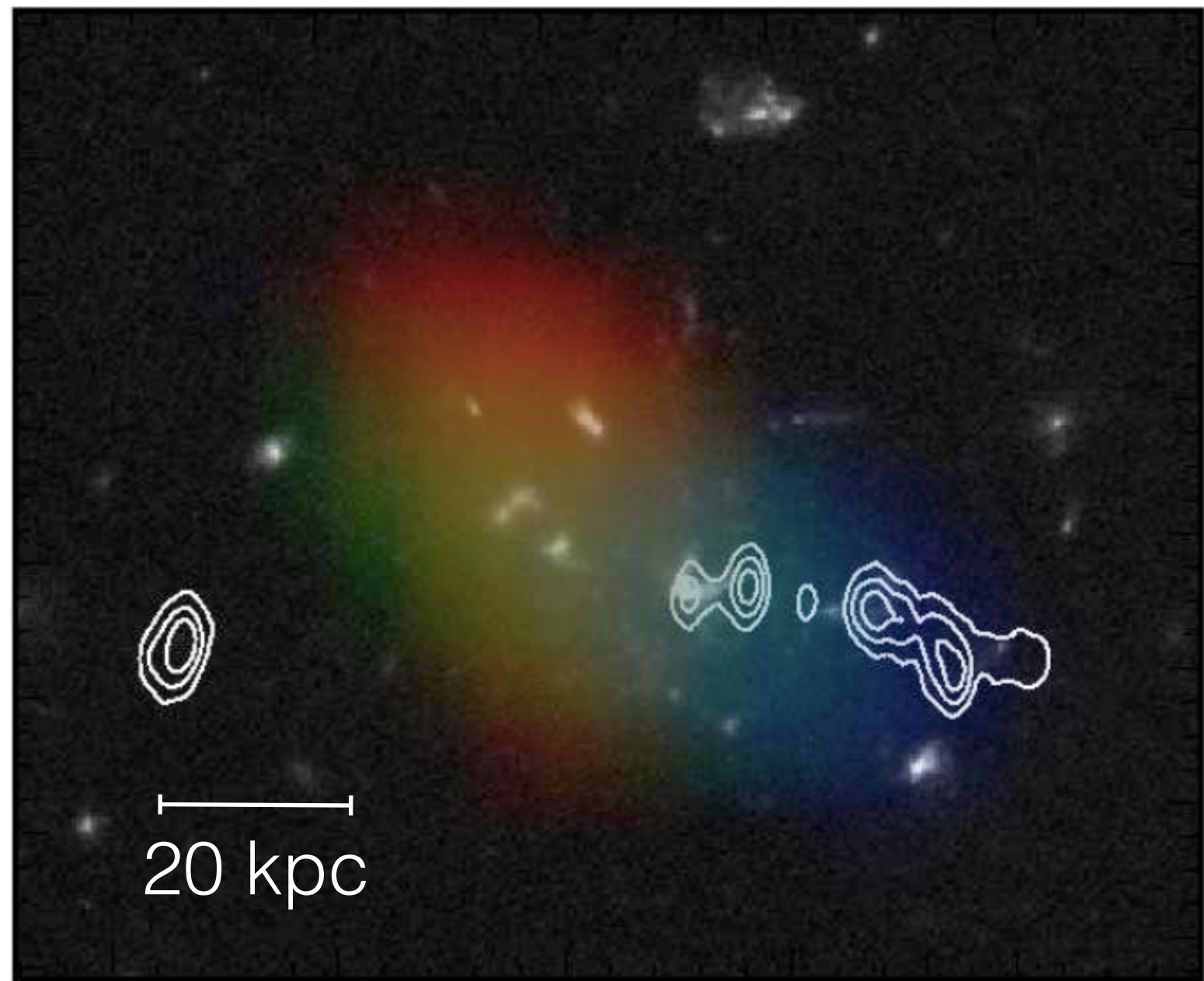


Hodge et al. (2012)



Tracing gas to the outskirts

Beginning to make very crude measurements of molecular gas potentials extending well beyond boundary of $z \sim 2$ galaxies: can be routine for ngVLA if there is dense core of compact, short-baseline elements *and* 12m antennae.



A ~ 50 kpc extended diffuse CO(1-0) halo: Emonts et al. (2014), also see Ivison et al. (2011)

Summary: High-z Gas Detection with the ngVLA

Objectives:

1. Detect 1000's of $z \sim 2$ to $z \sim 10$ in CO(1-0), inferring evolution of star-forming **gas content in the Universe**.
2. Probe internal dynamics of high-redshift galaxies efficiently: resolve ~ 40 -100pc molecular clouds, outflows, and constrain stochasticity. How important are mergers for building galaxies?

Technical Goals:

- **Sensitivity** improvements crucial: from 'extreme' to 'normal' galaxies
- **Surface brightness sensitivity** for resolving diffuse gas, linking galaxies to their cosmic web
- **Wide bandwidth** enabling very large-volume CO surveys in the early Universe, blind CO confirmation
- **Smaller antennae** (12m) enabling very short baselines and large FOV.

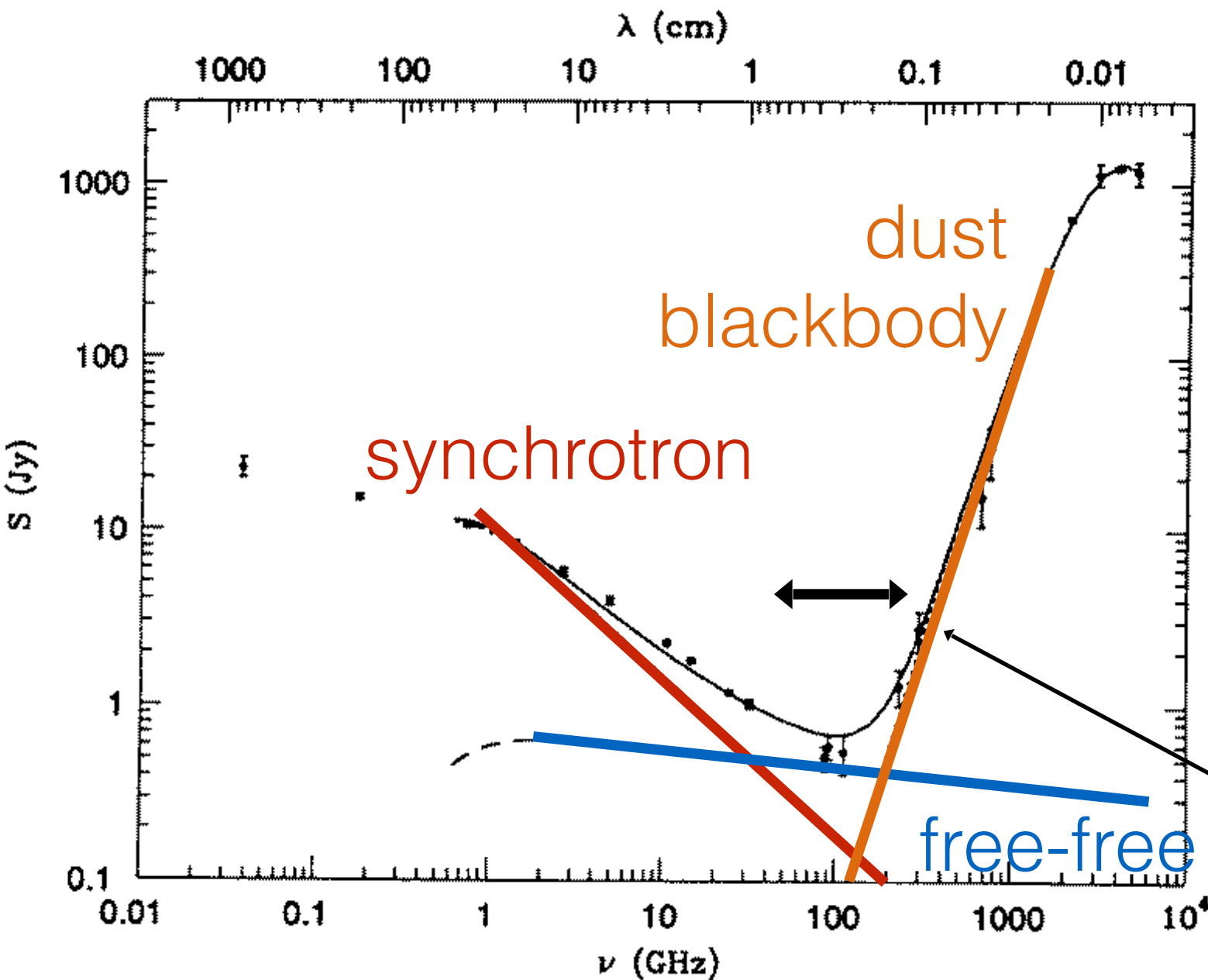
Supplemental Material

Table 2
SMGs with CO(1-0) data

SMG	Ref.	z	$S_\nu(850\mu)$ mJy	$\text{SNR}_{850\mu\text{m}}^{\text{a}}$	$\frac{\Gamma_0}{\Gamma_{RJ}}$	I_{CO} Jy km s ⁻¹	$\text{SNR}_{CO}^{\text{a}}$	$M_{\text{ISM}}^{\text{b}}$ 10 ¹¹ M _⊙	L_{850} 10 ³¹ cgs	$L_{850} / M_{\text{ISM}}^{\text{b}}$ 10 ²⁰ cgs/M _⊙
HXMM01...	1	2.31	27.0	9.0	2.6	1.73	5.6	20.1± 3.6	10.5	0.5± 0.2
SPT-S053816-...	2	2.79	125.0	17.9	3.2	1.20	6.0	19.3± 3.2	47.9	2.5± 0.6
HATLASJ08493...	3	2.41	19.0	9.5	2.7	0.56	8.0	7.0± 0.9	7.1	1.0± 0.2
H-ATLASJ0903...	4	2.31	54.7	17.6	2.6	1.00	7.7	11.6± 1.5	21.2	1.8± 0.3
H-ATLASJ0913...	4	2.63	36.7	9.4	3.0	0.76	6.3	11.1± 1.7	14.6	1.3± 0.3
H-ATLASJ0918...	4	2.58	18.8	11.8	2.9	1.04	4.0	14.7± 3.7	7.4	0.5± 0.2
HLSW-01...	5	2.96	52.8	105.6	3.5	1.14	10.4	20.2± 2.0	21.4	1.1± 0.1
H-ATLASJ1132...	4	2.58	106.0	5.9	2.9	0.66	3.5	9.3± 2.7	4.9	0.5± 0.2
H-ATLASJ1158...	4	2.19	107.0	5.9	2.5	0.74	6.2	7.9± 1.3	4.9	0.6± 0.2
H-ATLASJ1336...	4	2.20	36.8	12.7	2.5	0.93	7.8	10.0± 1.3	14.3	1.4± 0.3
H-ATLASJ1344...	4	2.30	73.1	30.5	2.6	2.74	7.0	31.7± 4.5	28.4	0.9± 0.2
H-ATLASJ1413...	4	2.48	33.3	12.8	2.8	1.47	8.6	19.4± 2.2	13.1	0.7± 0.1
SMMJ2135-010...	6	2.33	106.0	8.8	2.6	2.25	9.8	26.5± 2.7	39.4	1.5± 0.3
SPT-S233227-...	2	2.73	150.0	13.6	3.1	1.70	6.8	26.4± 3.9	57.3	2.2± 0.5
SMMJ123549.4...	7	2.20	8.3	3.3	2.5	0.32	8.0	3.4± 0.4	2.8	0.8± 0.3
SMMJ123707.2...	7	2.49	10.7	4.0	2.8	0.91	7.0	12.1± 1.7	3.7	0.3± 0.1
SMMJ163650.4...	7	2.38	8.2	4.8	2.7	0.34	8.5	4.2± 0.5	2.8	0.7± 0.2
SMMJ163658.1...	7	2.45	10.7	5.3	2.8	0.37	5.3	4.8± 0.9	3.7	0.8± 0.3
EROJ164502+4...	9	1.44	4.9	6.6	1.8	0.60	6.0	3.0± 0.5	1.5	0.5± 0.2
SMMJ02399-01...	10	2.81	23.0	12.1	3.3	0.60	5.0	9.8± 2.0	8.1	0.8± 0.2
SMMJ04135+10...	10	2.85	25.0	8.9	3.3	0.64	7.9	10.7± 1.4	8.8	0.8± 0.2
SMMJ04431+02...	11	2.51	7.2	4.8	2.8	0.26	4.3	3.5± 0.8	2.5	0.7± 0.3
SMMJ14009+02...	10	2.93	15.6	8.2	3.5	0.31	15.5	5.4± 0.3	5.5	1.0± 0.2
SMMJ14011+02...	10	2.57	12.3	7.2	2.9	0.40	8.0	5.6± 0.7	4.3	0.8± 0.2
SMMJ163555.2...	10	2.52	12.5	15.6	2.9	0.22	5.5	3.0± 0.5	4.3	1.4± 0.4
SMMJ163554.2...	12	2.52	15.9	22.7	2.9	0.40	10.0	5.4± 0.5	5.5	1.0± 0.1
SMMJ163550.9...	12	2.52	8.4	10.5	2.9	0.30	3.3	4.1± 1.2	2.9	0.7± 0.3
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average ^c									:	1.01 ± 0.52

Note. — Submm fluxes and CO(1-0) measurements from references given in the second column: 1:(Fu et al. 2013), 2:(Aravena et al. 2013), 3:(Ivison et al. 2013), 4:(Harris et al. 2012), 5:(Riechers et al. 2011a), 6:(Lestrade et al. 2011), 7:(Ivison et al. 2011), 8:(Riechers et al. 2011b), 9:(Greve et al. 2003), 10:(Thomson et al. 2012), 11:(Harris et al. 2010), 12:(Ivison et al. 2013), (Bussmann et al. 2013)

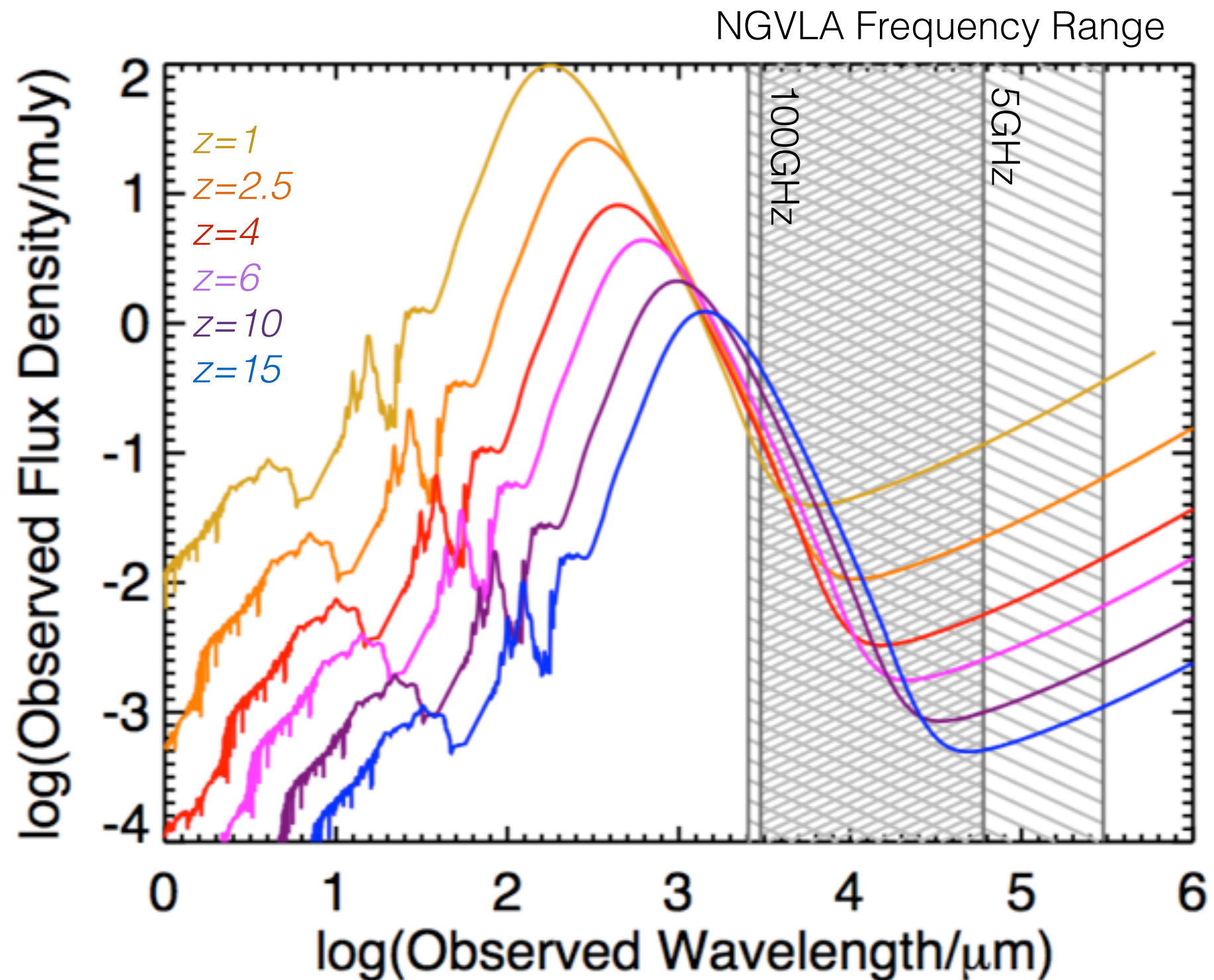
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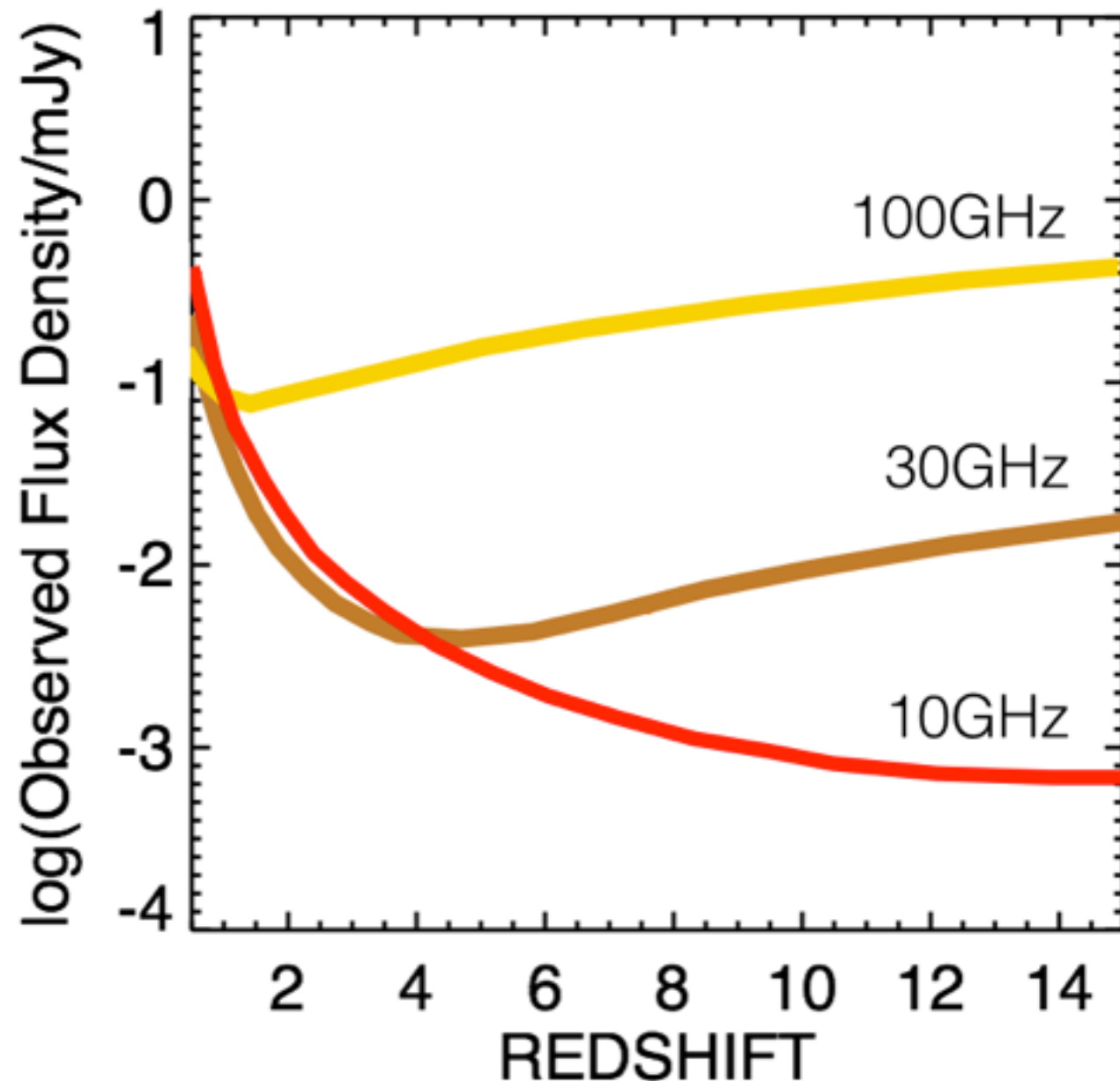
Continuum emission
from 5-100GHz:
synchrotron emission,
free-free, and cold dust
emission. Wide-
bandwidth observations
will be critical to
disentangling the
spectrum.

*example 5:1 bandwidth
for $z=2-3$ galaxy
(observed frequency 10-50GHz)*

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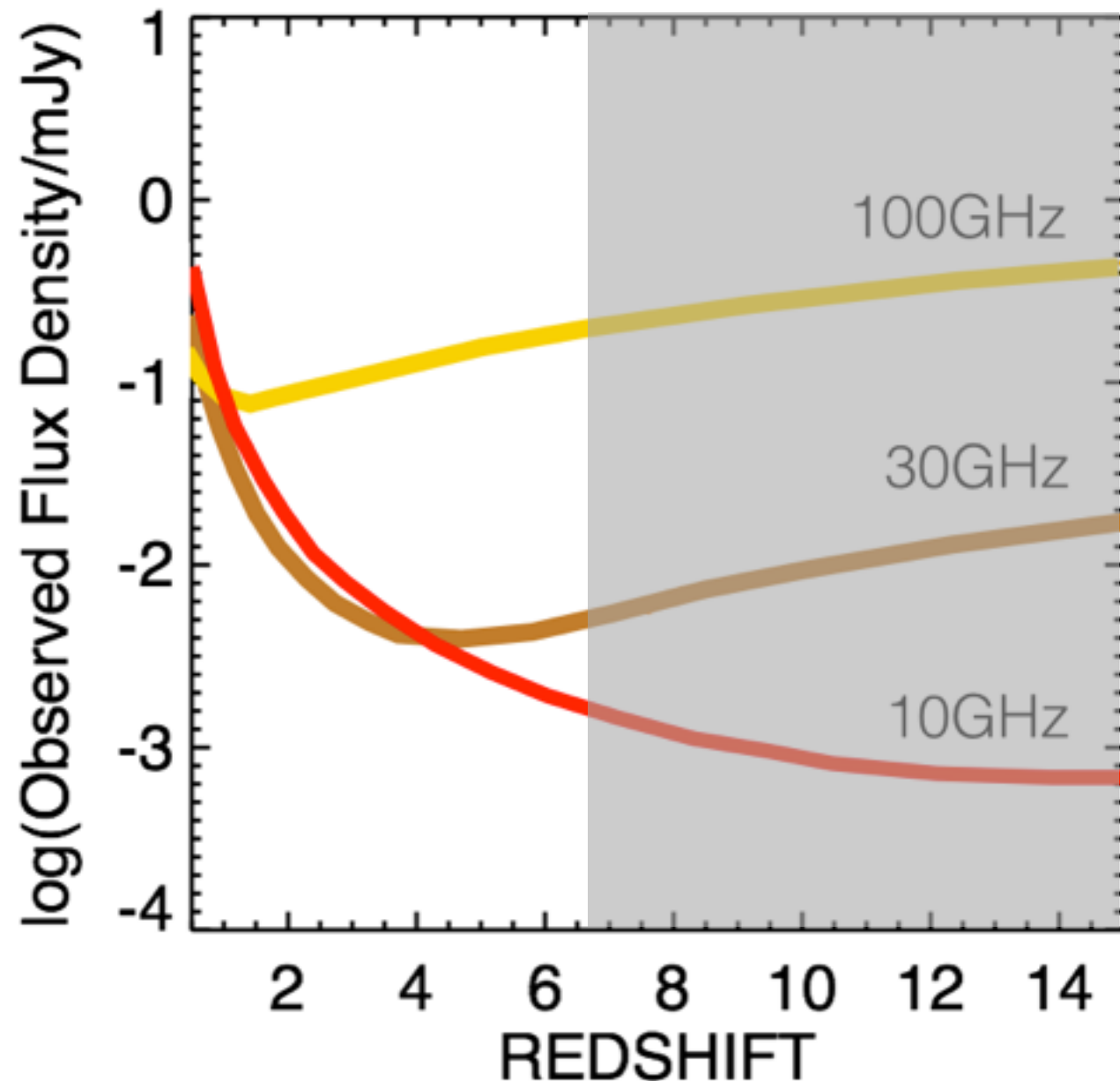
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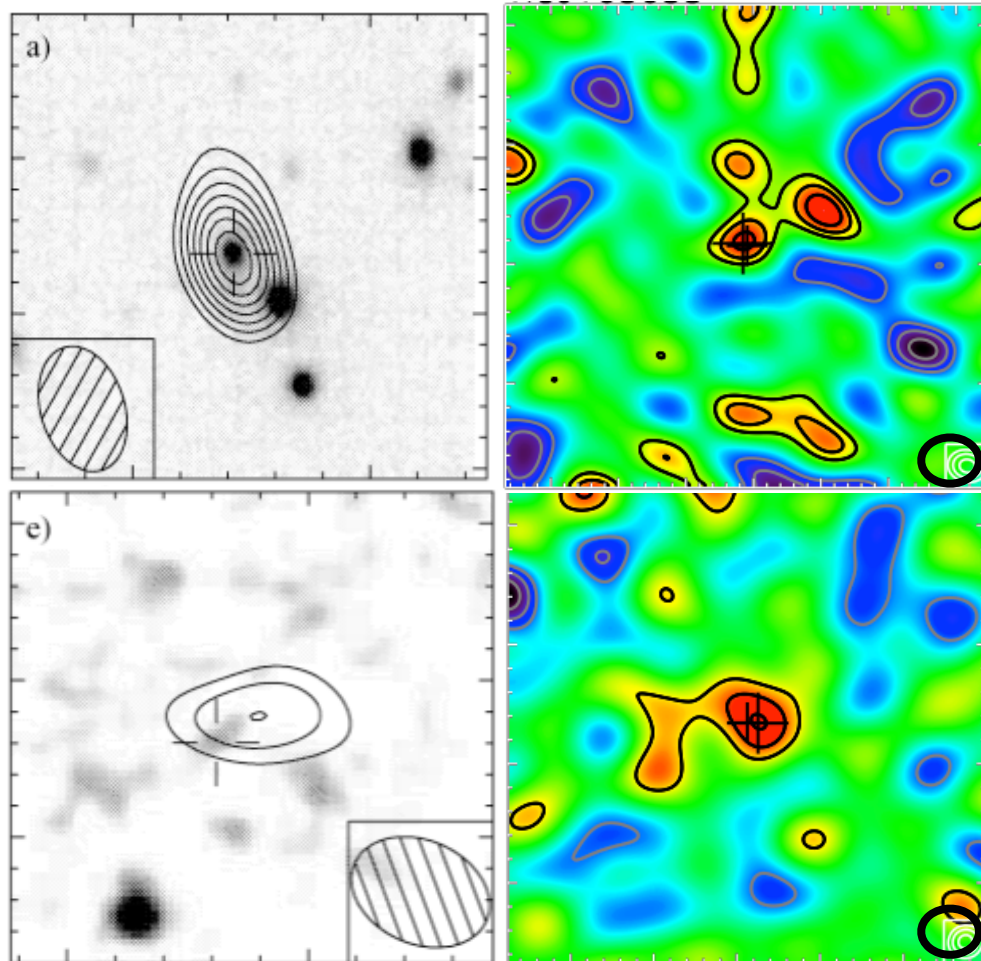
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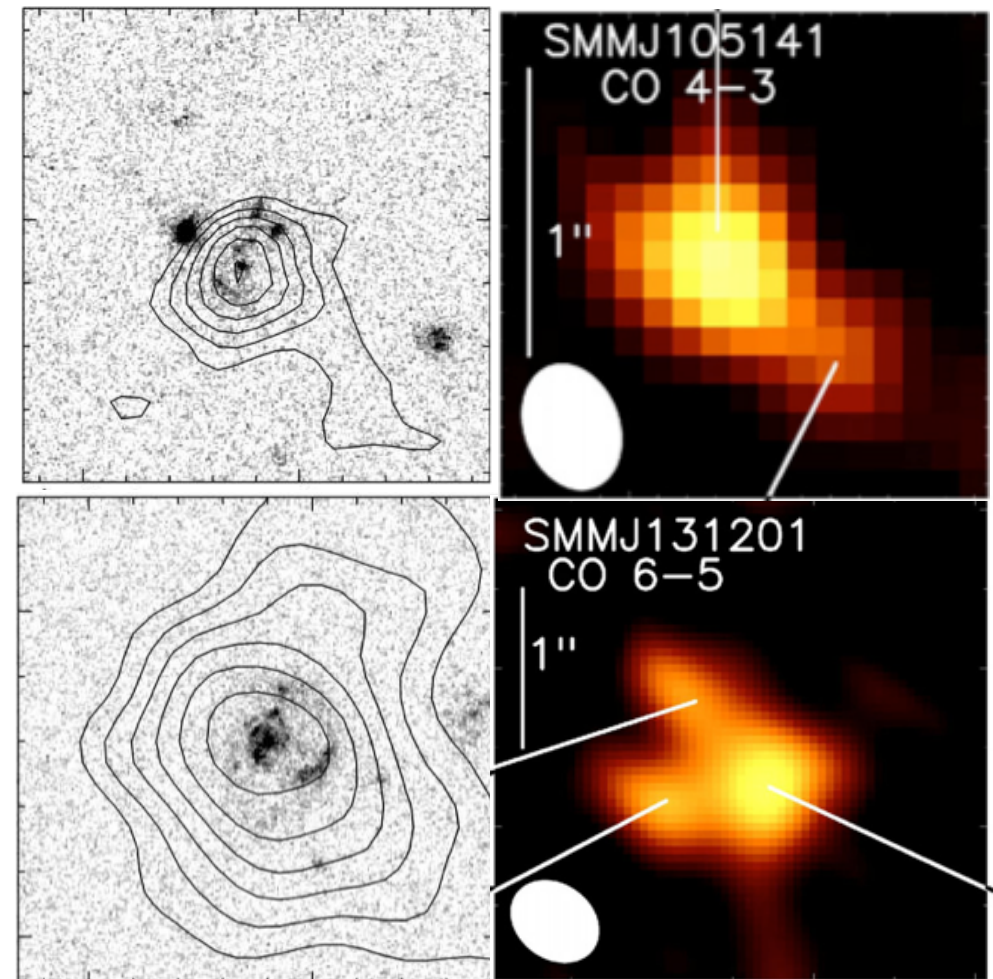
EXAMPLES

UNRESOLVED



Neri et al. (2003), Greve et al. (2005),
Tacconi et al. (2006), Casey et al. (2011),
Bothwell et al. (2012)

MARGINALLY RESOLVED

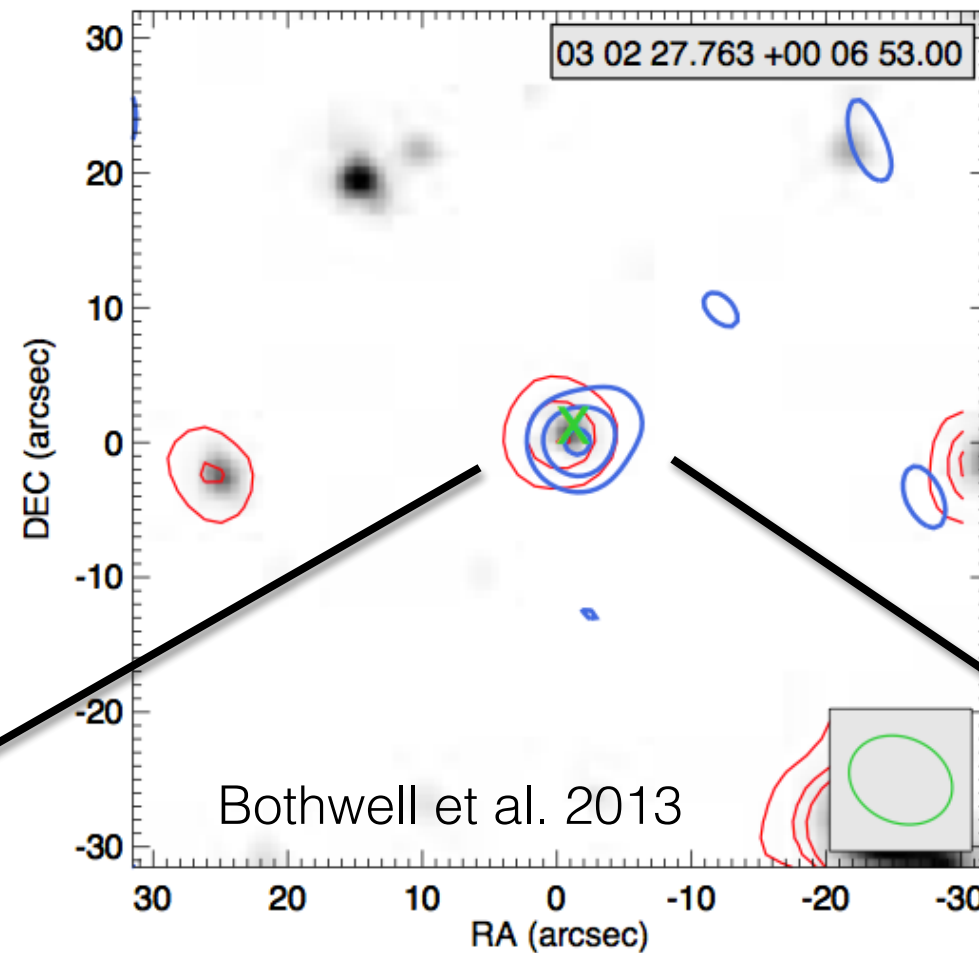


Tacconi et al. (2008), Daddi et al. (2010),
Tacconi et al. (2010), Bothwell et al. (2010),
Engel et al. (2010)

KINEMATICS + MORPHOLOGY

needed to constrain M_{dyn} (do they sit at center of DM halo?)

High-z Science Goals: Dynamics



Merger?



Image credit: NOAO/AURA/NSF

Disk?



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ScienceTeam

A Next Generation VLA
is needed to reveal the
morphology and
dynamics of high-z
galaxies

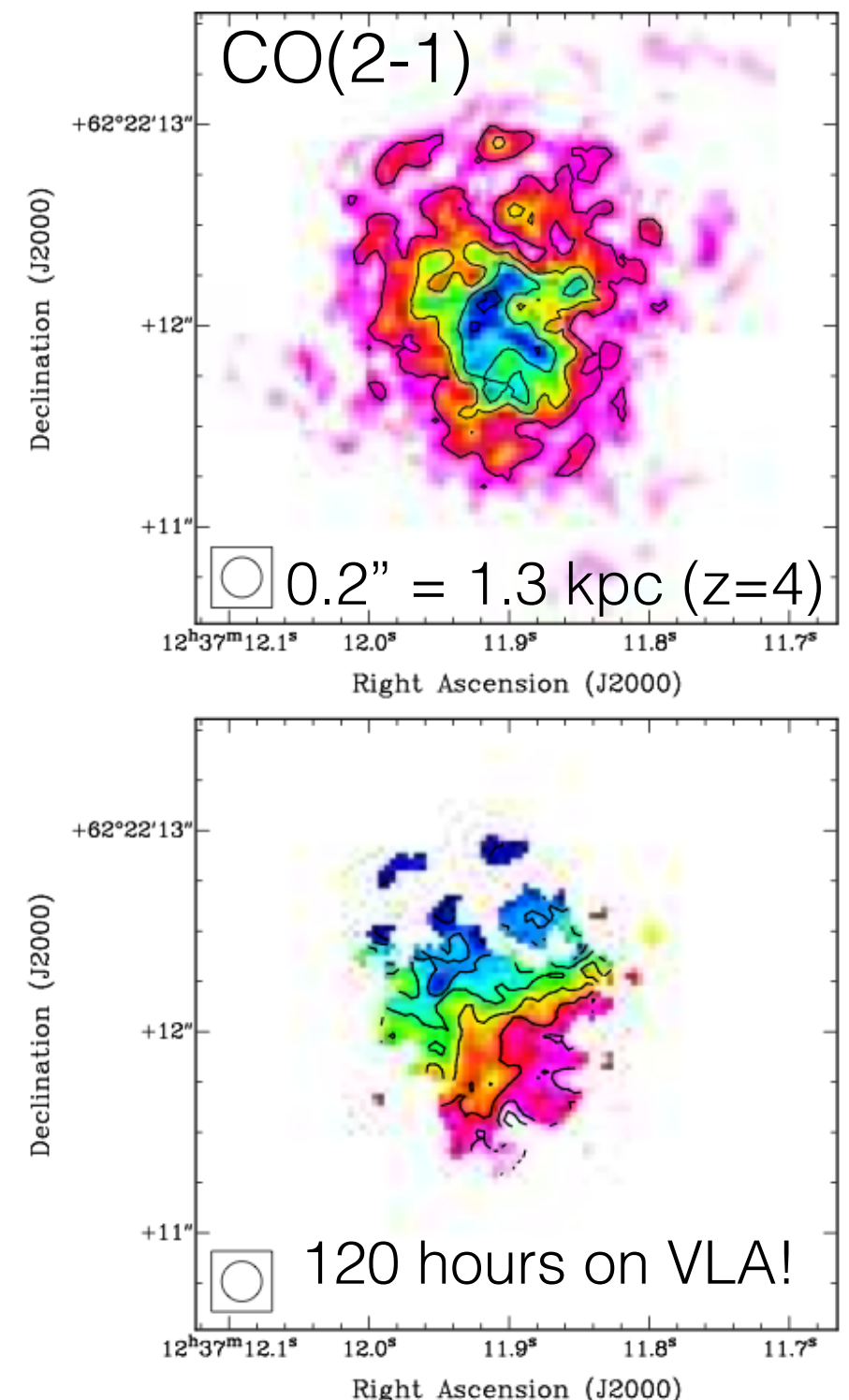
High-z Science Goals: Dynamics

Why not use the VLA?

It takes too long!

Significantly increased sensitivity is crucial if we are to do this on more than a handful of the very brightest objects

Hodge et al. (2012)



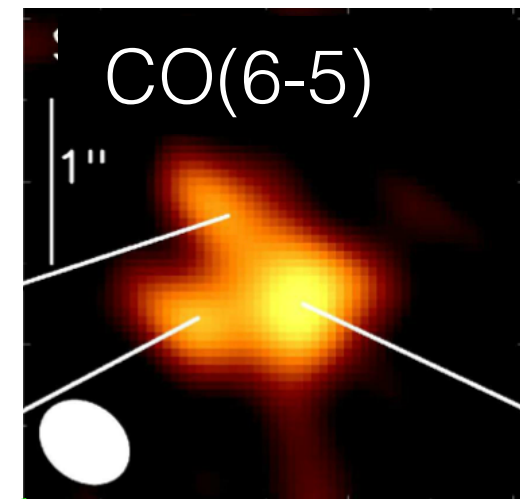
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Why not use ALMA?

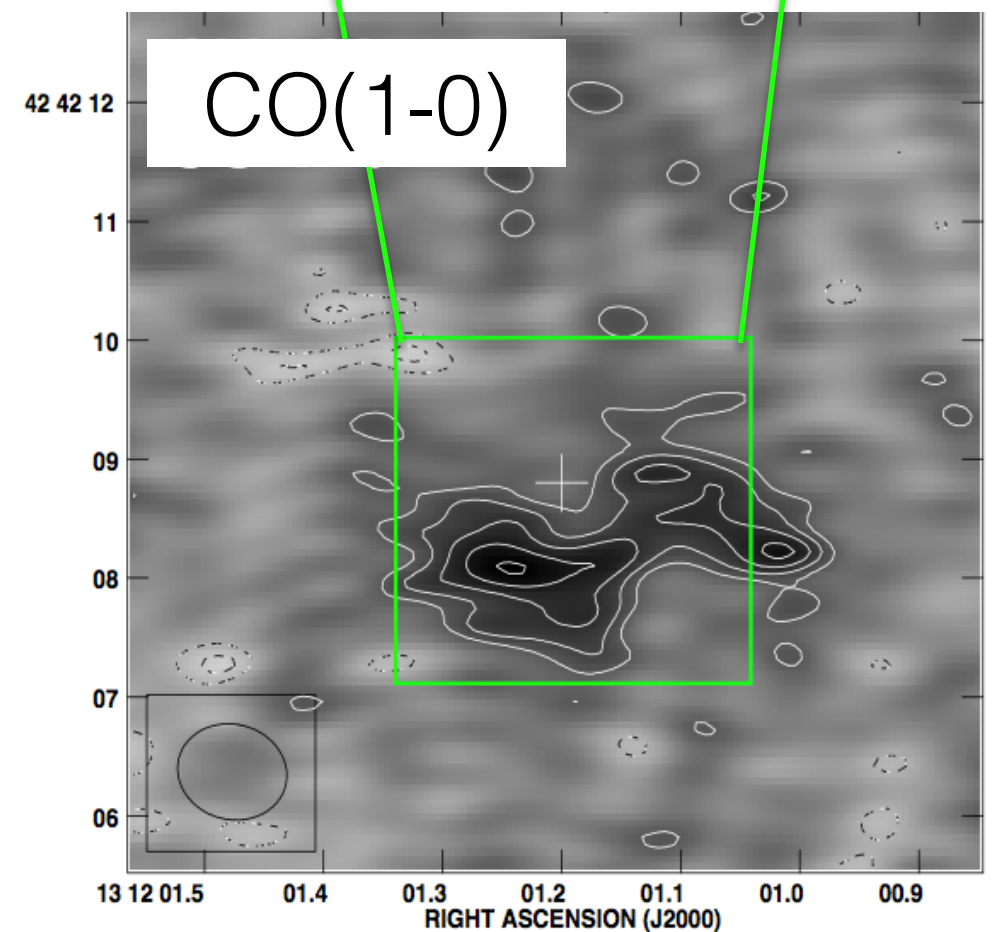
ALMA doesn't probe the crucial low-J transitions at high-z, which can have a completely different structure

A Next Generation VLA is necessary to directly probe the dynamics of the bulk of the gas in high-z galaxies

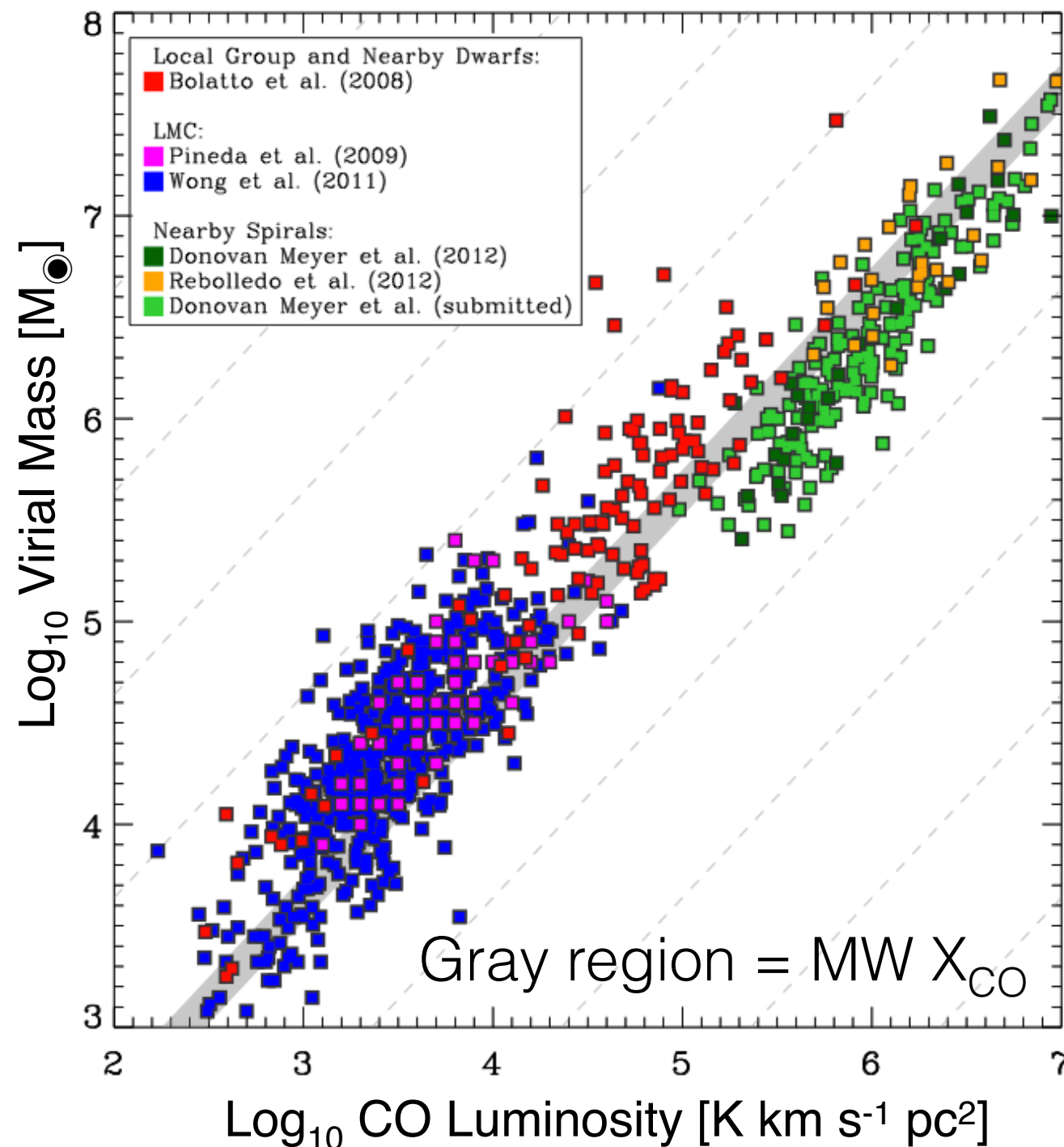
Engel et al. 2010



Riechers et al. 2011



High-z Science Goals: Dynamics



Total molecular gas masses and the CO-to-H₂ conversion factor (X_{CO}):

We currently have to extrapolate from what we know about local galaxies.

A Next Generation VLA is required to directly measure the conversion factor, and thus total gas masses, at high-z

AGN and supermassive black holes

- Two key AGN questions addressed by NG-VLA:
 - Measure BH masses from gas disk dynamics and evolution of the M-sigma relation.
 - Molecular outflows, feedback, and the origin of radio emission from radio-quiet AGN.

What drives co-evolution of BHs and their host galaxies?

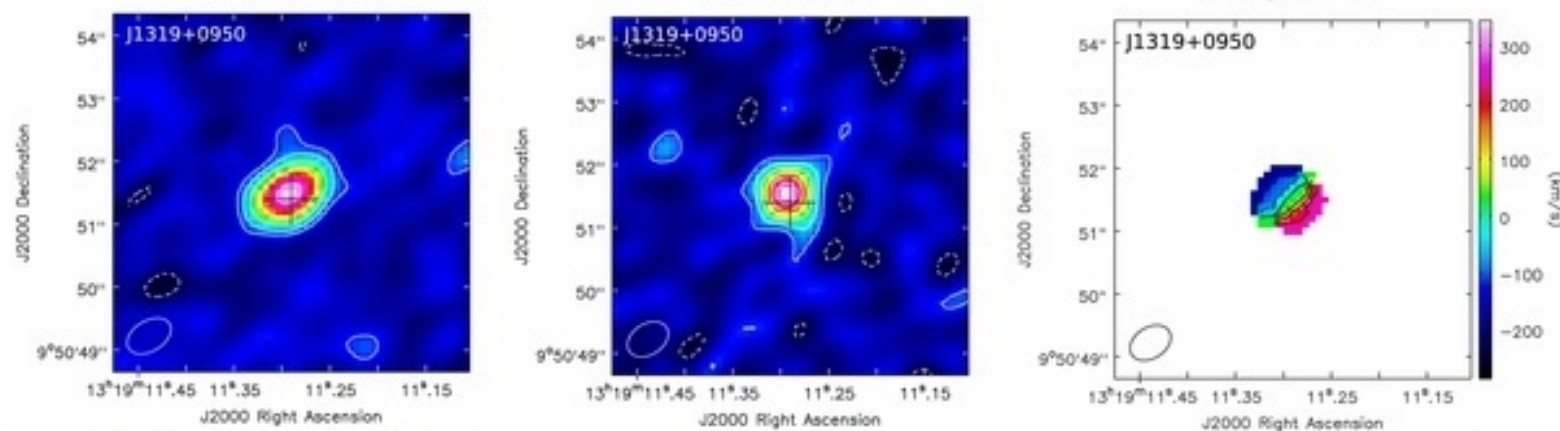
BH masses and $M-\sigma$

Radius of influence for $10^9 M_\odot$ BH

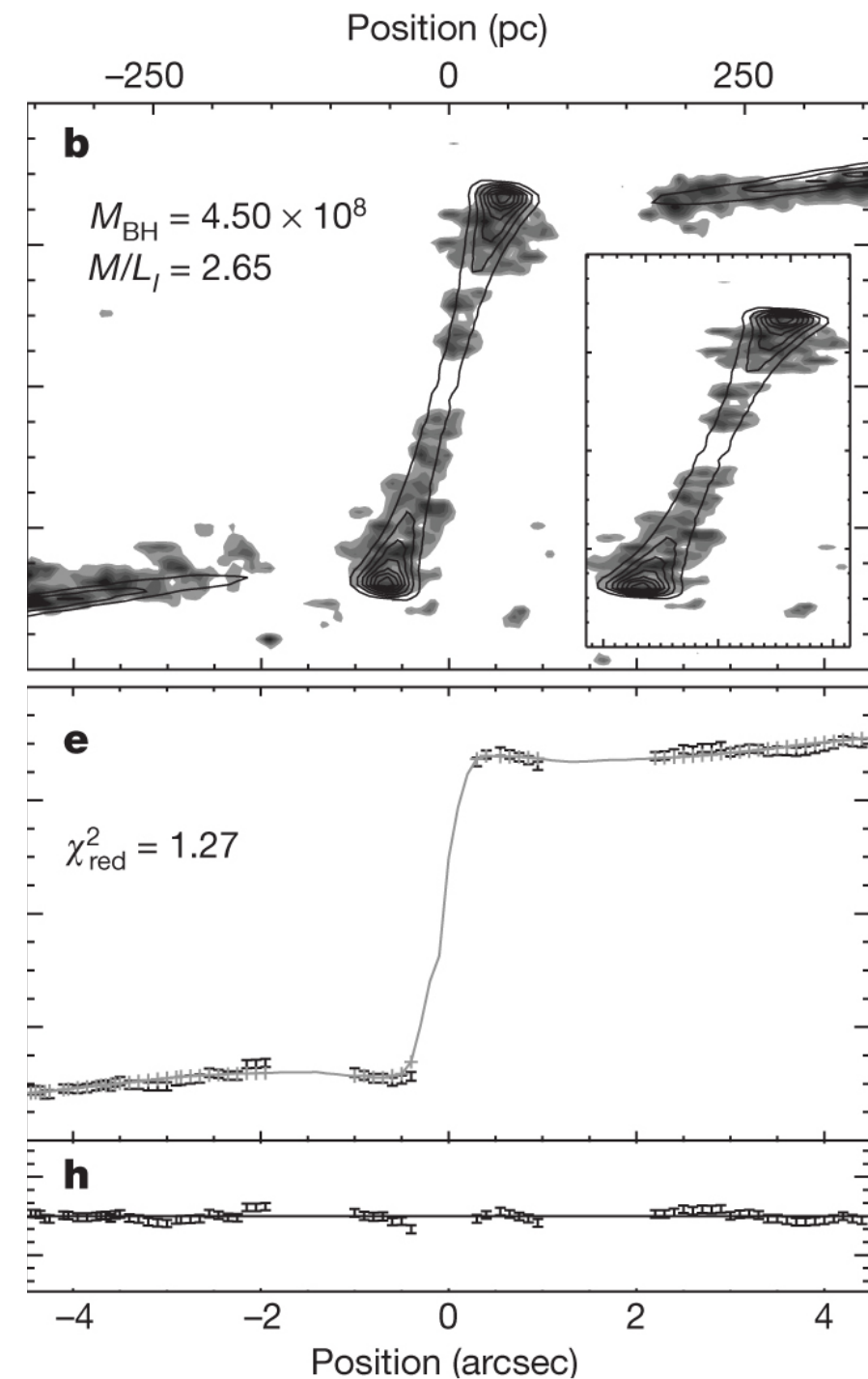
$\sim 30 \text{ mas}$ at $z \sim 1$, resolvable with NG-VLA
(SB sensitivity may limit NG-VLA measurements to $z \sim 0.1$ in practice)

At high- z , $M-\sigma$ applied to quasars with C +, but detailed dynamics needed to separate sigma from rotation, outflows and merger activity (sub kpc scales).

ALMA: high-J CO or C+ only.



Wang et al. 2013, ApJ, 773, 44
(ALMA)

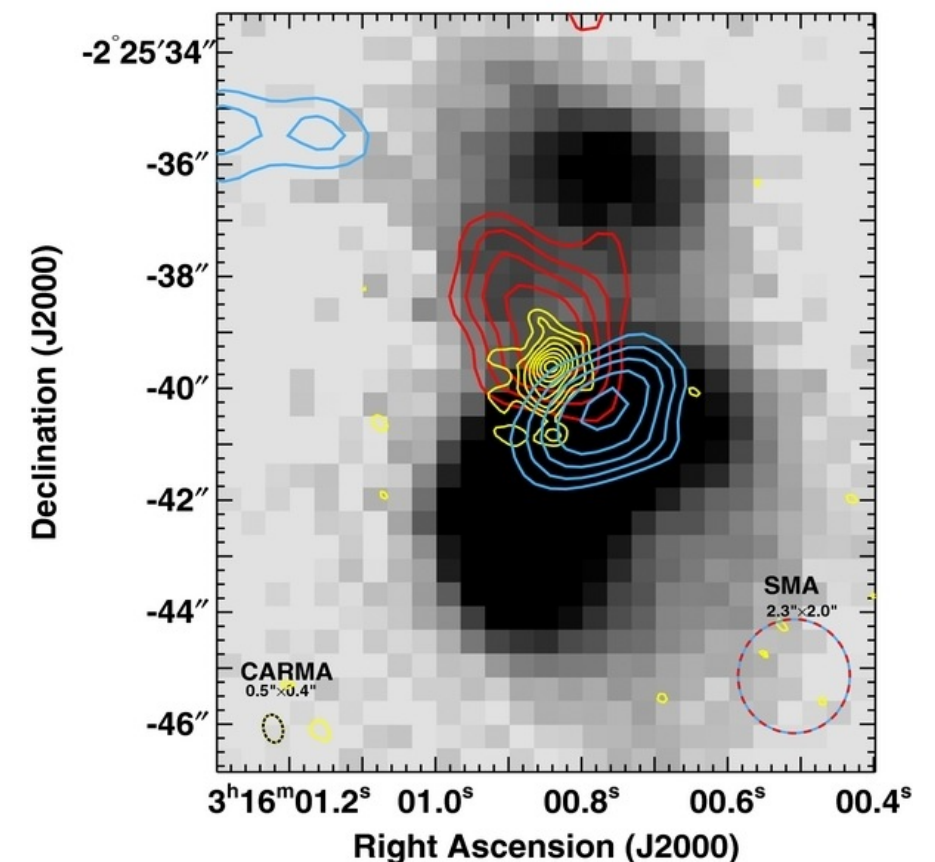
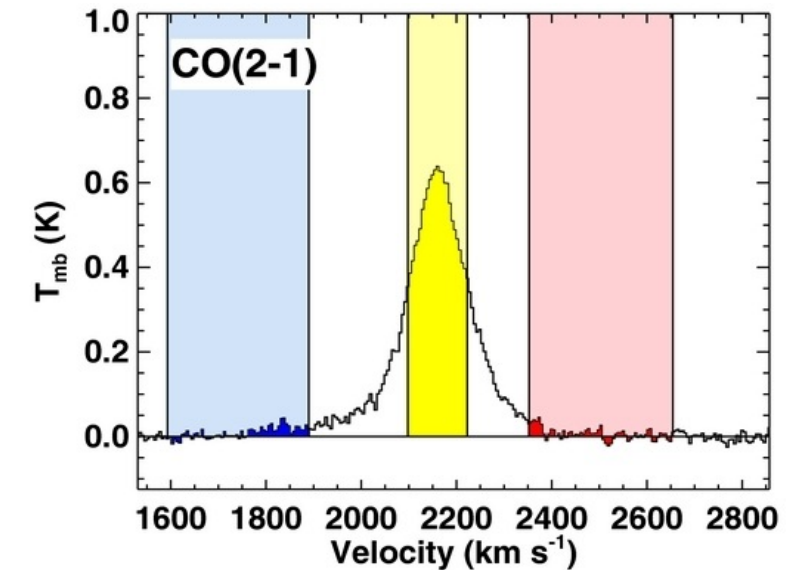


Davis et al. 2013,
Nat, 494, 328
(CARMA)

Outflows, feedback and radio emission from radio-quiet AGN

Dynamics of molecular outflows –
measure effect of AGN on ISM.

NG-VLA at $\sim 100\text{GHz}$ - detailed studies of molecular gas (low-J CO, high density tracers, XDR vs PDR chemistry). Accurate measurements of molecular outflows.

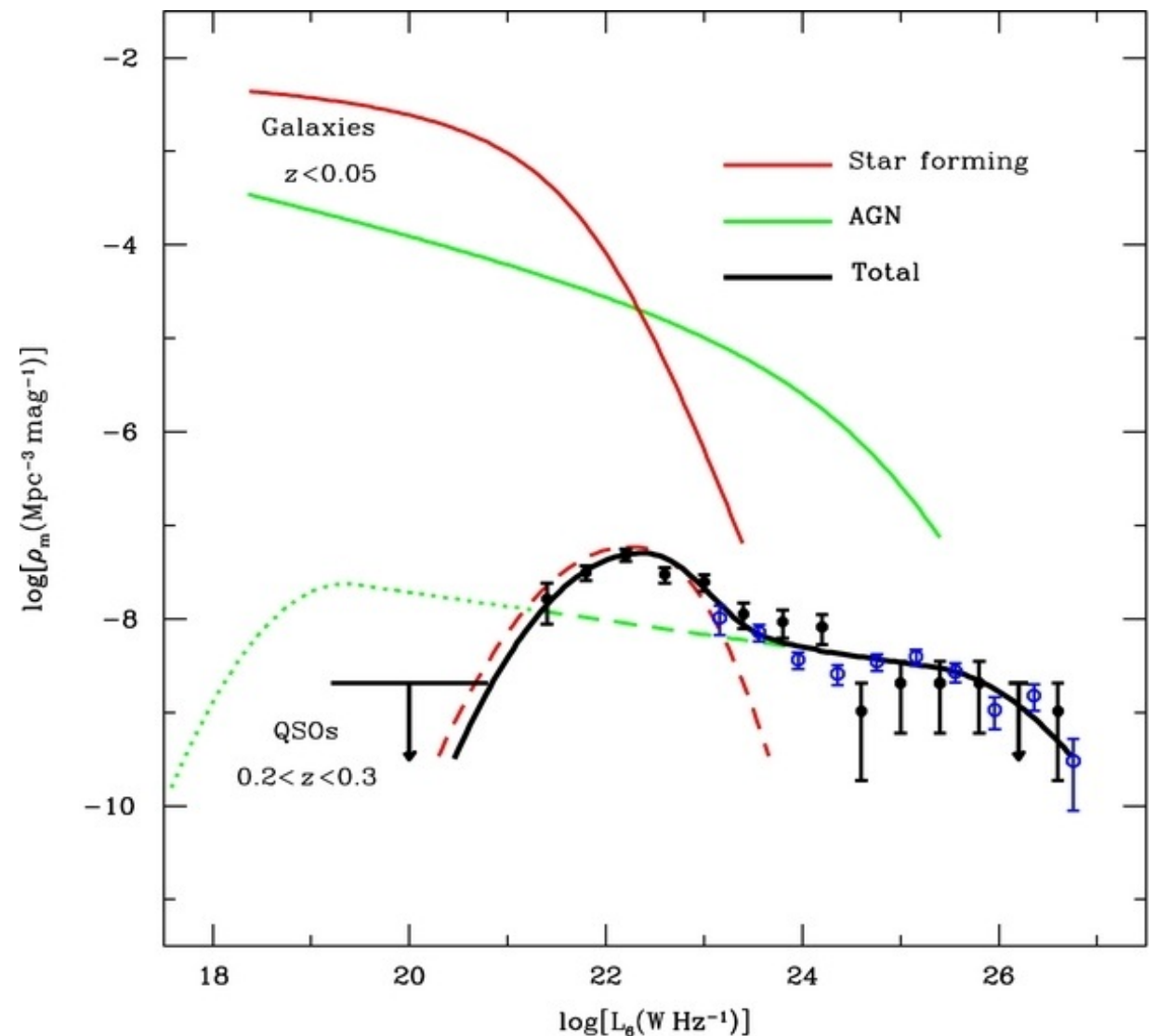


NGC1266: Alatalo et al. 2011,
2014 (CARMA/ALMA)

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Wide-bandwidth
Continuum:

*NG-VLA at GHz
frequencies –
spectral index,
surface brightness
and morphology of
synchrotron
components.*



Kimball et al. 2011 (VLA); but see
also Greene & Zakamska 2014