

Extragalactic Molecular Outflows and Feedback

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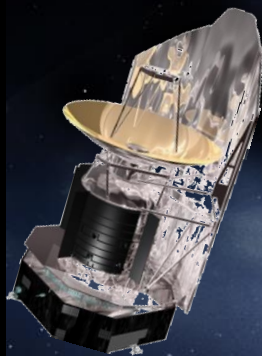
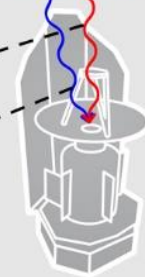
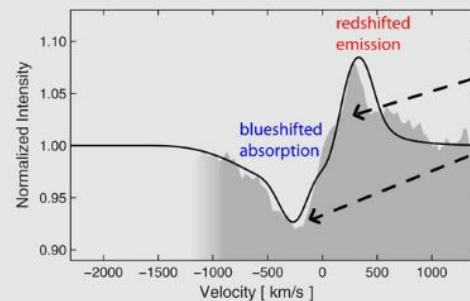
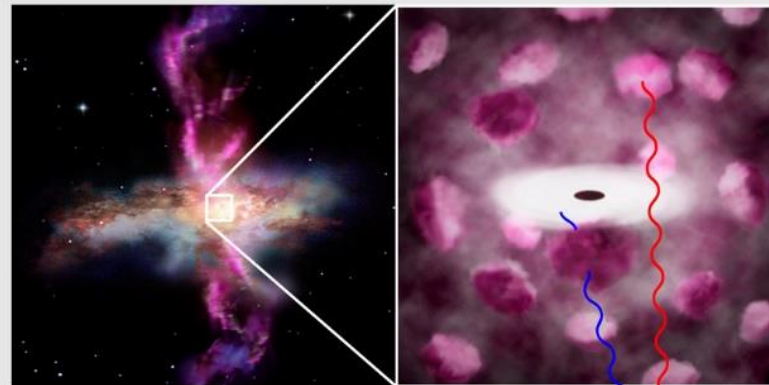
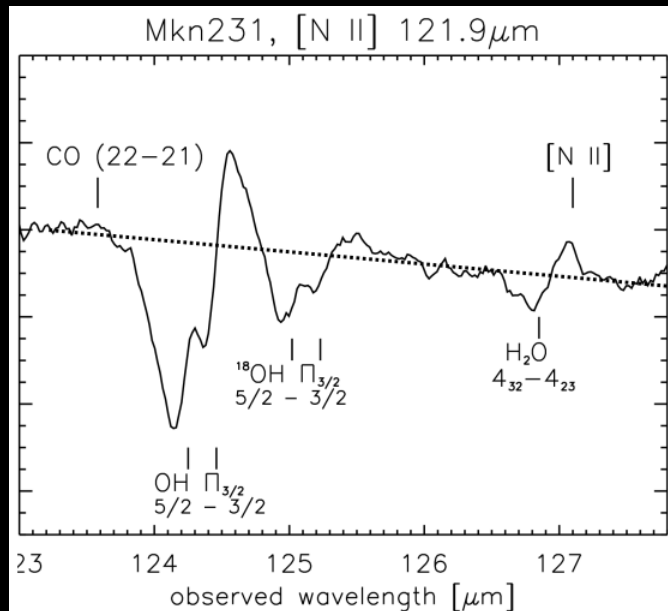


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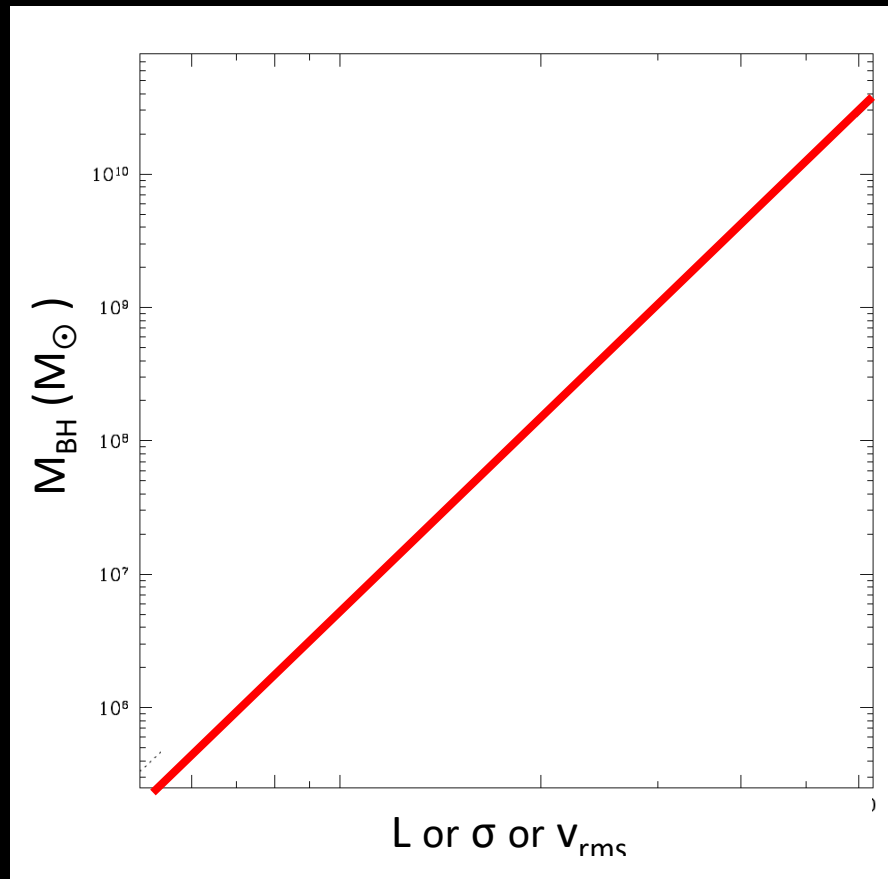


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Context: Co-Evolution and Feedback

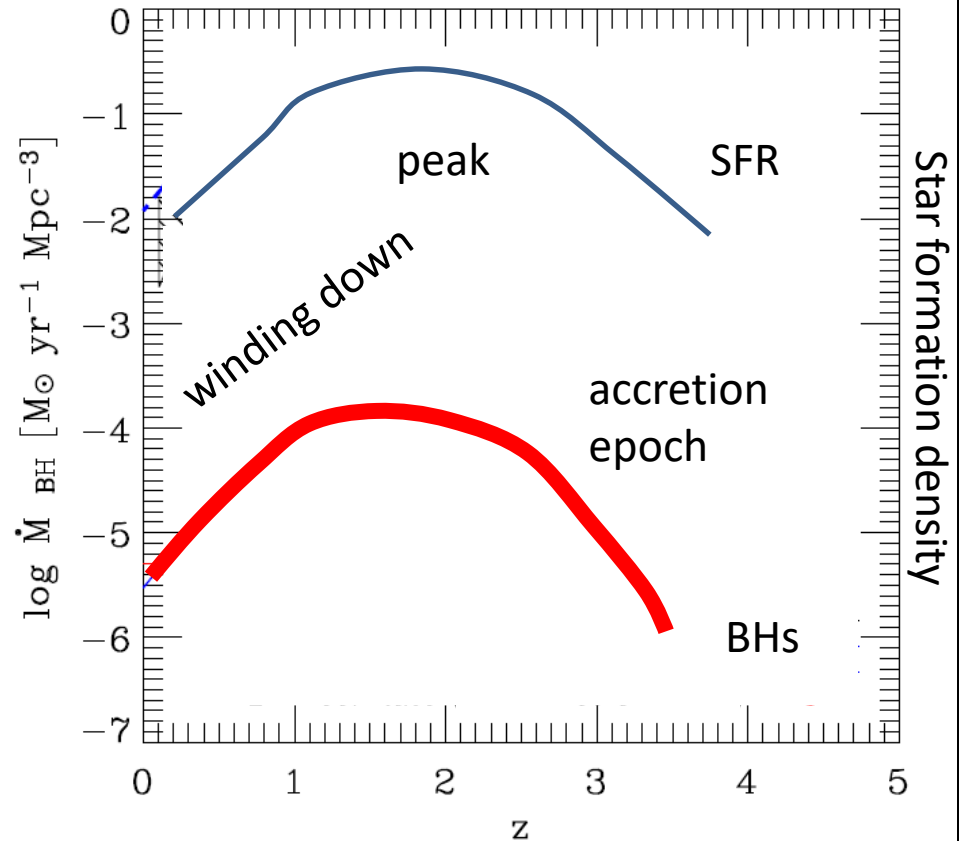
The masses of supermassive black holes correlate almost perfectly with the luminosities, velocity dispersions and stellar masses of their host bulges
(Magorrian+ 1998, Gebhardt+ 2000, Ferrarese & Merritt 2000)



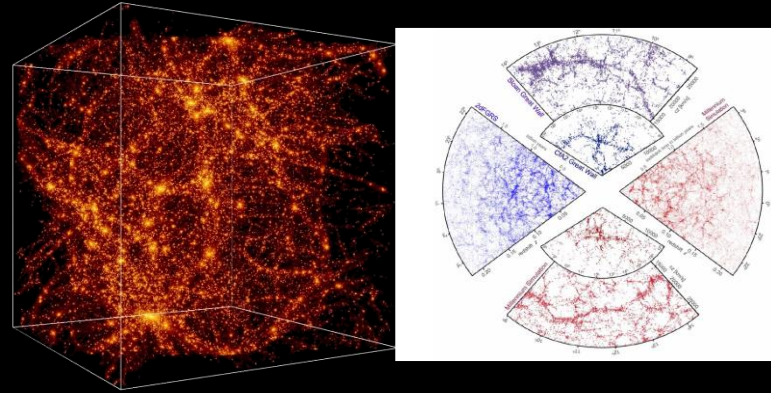
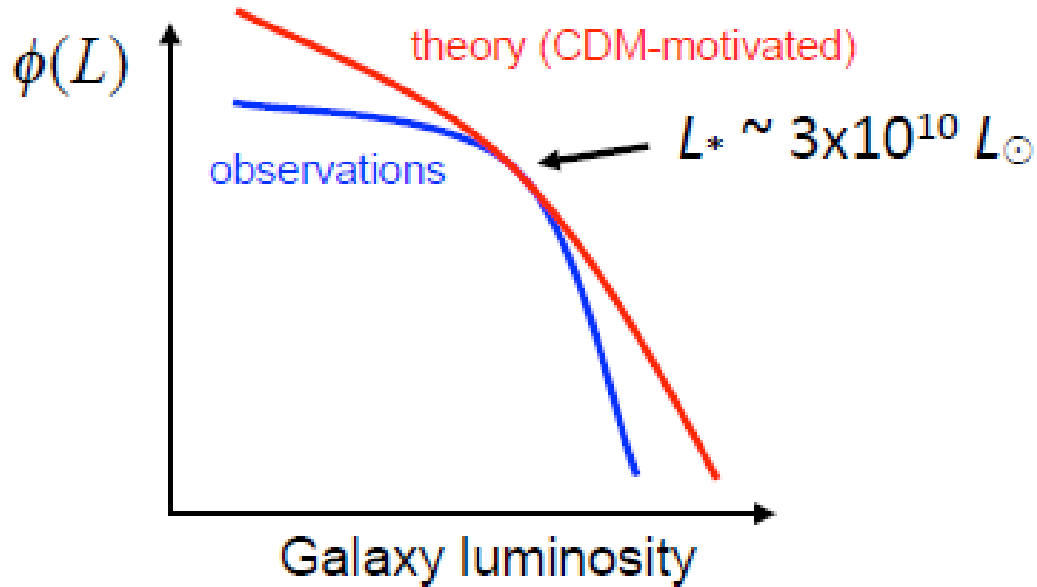
Context: Co-Evolution and Feedback

Both star-formation and AGN activity show peaks at $z > 1$, when the bulk of the activity occurred behind dust.

Is this because there is a physical link between star-formation in galaxies (several kpc scale) and SMBH mass growth (<pc scale, the so-called AGN activity)? Via some feedback mechanism? Or have galaxies and SMBHs simply co-evolved without directly influencing each other?



Context: Co-Evolution and Feedback



The observed faint-end and bright-end slope of the galaxy mass (or luminosity) function (as described by the Schechter function) is significantly different from the predicted slope of the dark matter halo mass function.

Context: Co-Evolution and Feedback

What are the controlling mechanisms?

- **Positive feedback:**

Common feeding, e.g. in Mergers, 'Secular' disk instabilities and clumps / bars / nuclear spiral structures/ triggered star formation through winds/shocks from AGN and/or stars

- **Negative feedback:**

quenching of star formation and starvation of BH, e.g. via tidal stripping, strong winds/outflows from AGN and/or stars

Molecular mass dominates the outflow

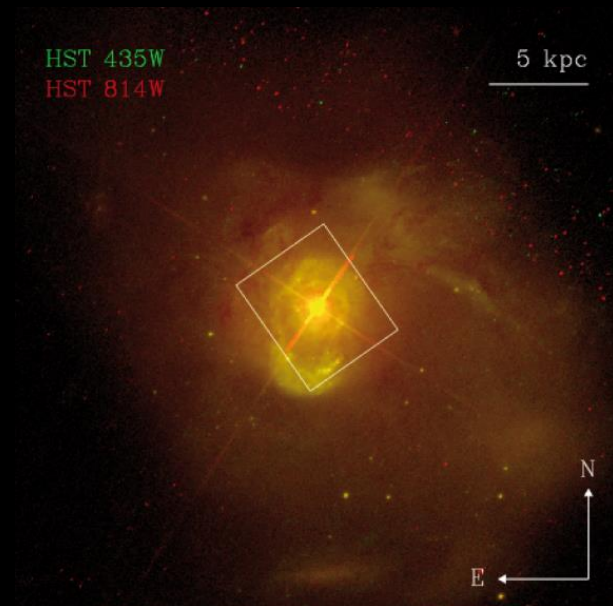
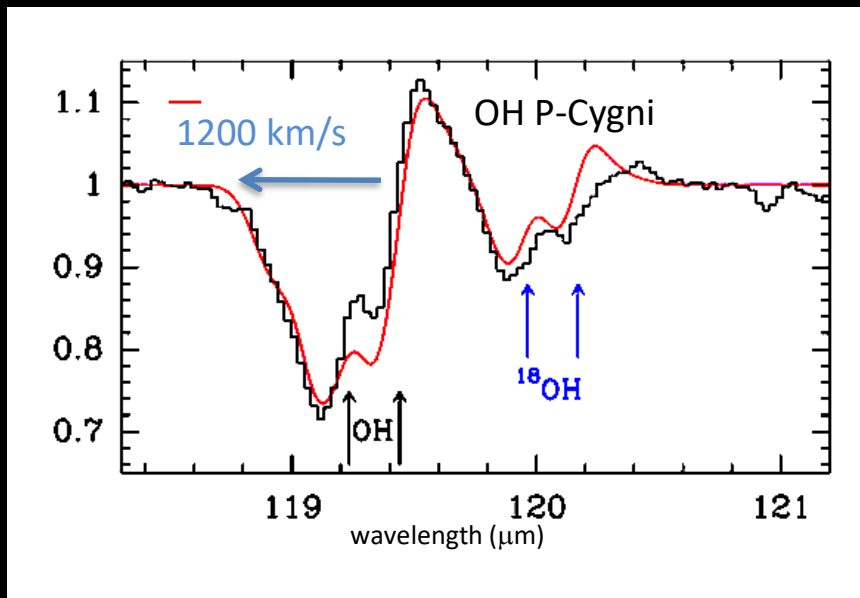
Stars are formed from molecular gas

Molecular outflows and feedback

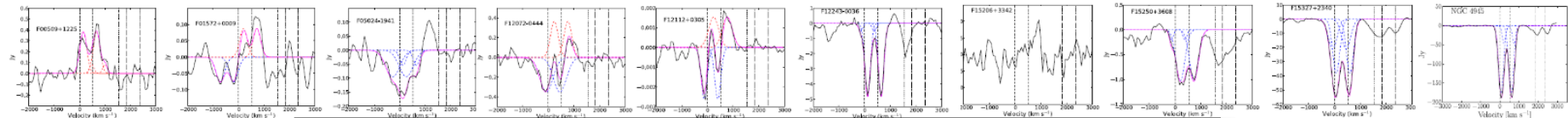
- Tracers (OH, CO, CII)
- Evidence, statistics, simple correlations
- Outflow masses and energetics
(masses, outflow rates, momentum, luminosities)
- Does it have an effect?
(mass loading, depletion times)
- Source and mechanism
(AGN and/or Star formation, momentum and/or energy)



I) OH



Mrk 231; Fischer+2010, Sturm+2011

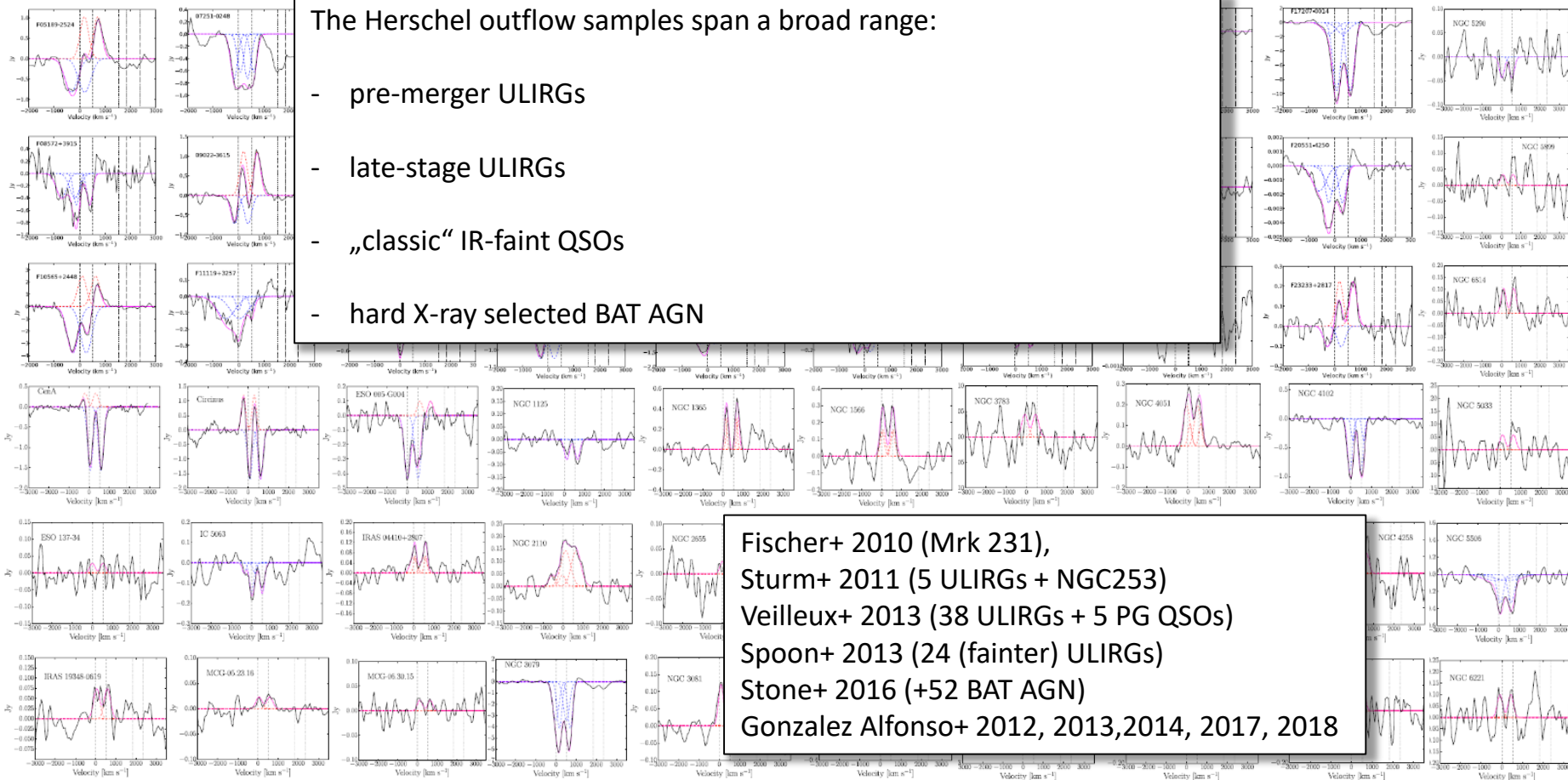


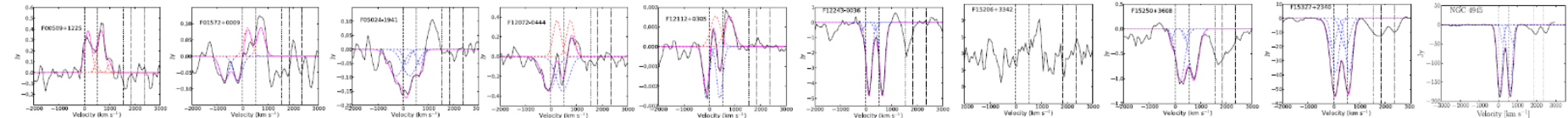
- pre-merger ULIRGs
- late-stage ULIRGs
- „classic“ IR-faint QSOs
- hard X-ray selected BAT AGN

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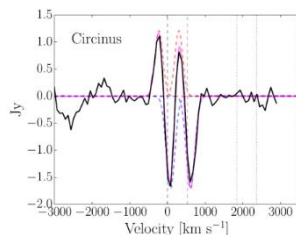


Massive molecular outflows detected in

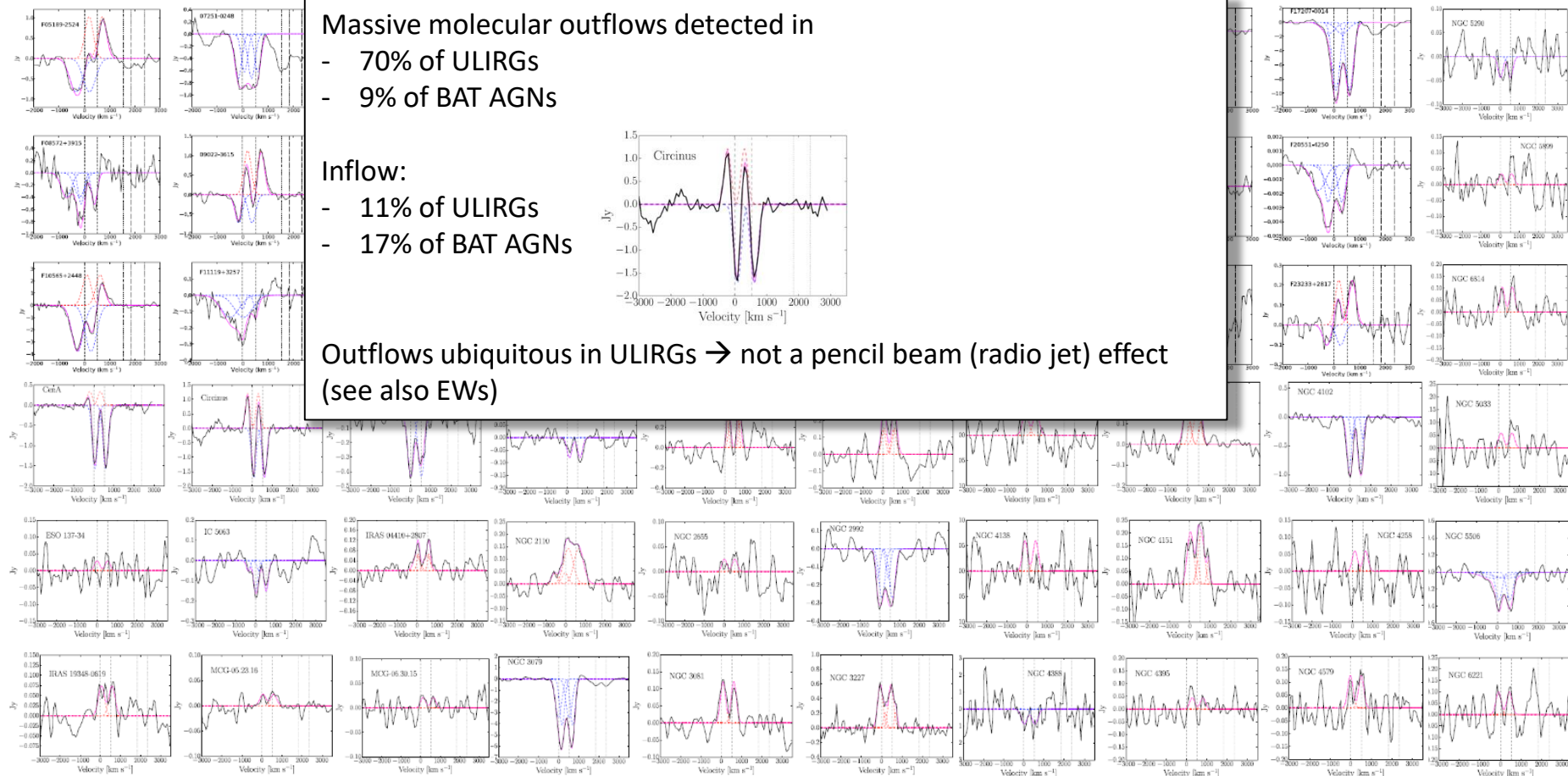
- 70% of ULIRGs
- 9% of BAT AGNs

Inflow:

- 11% of ULIRGs
- 17% of BAT AGNs



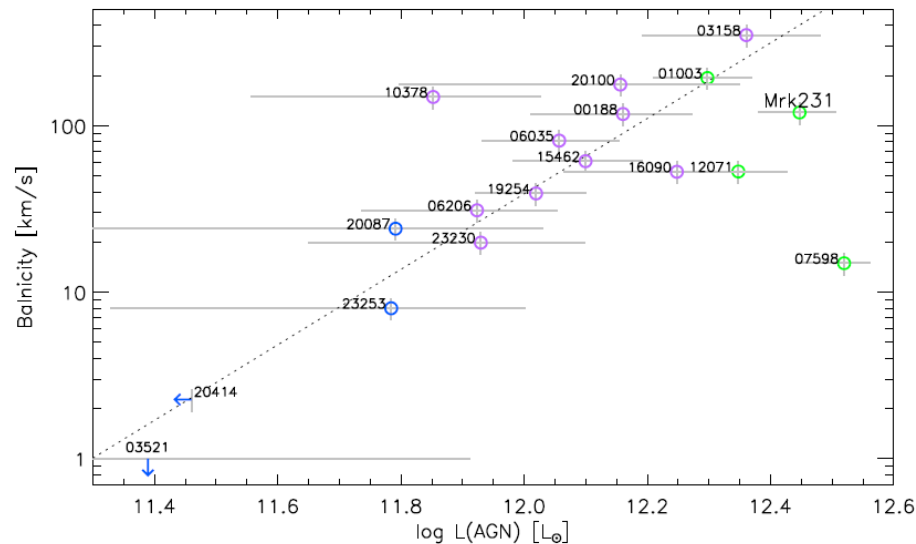
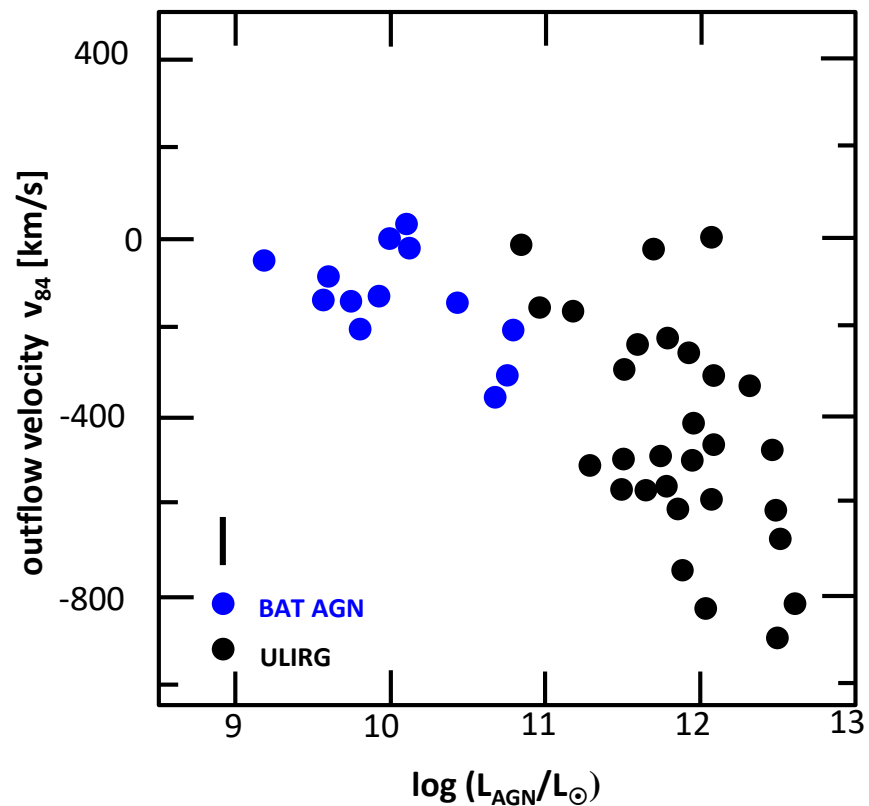
Outflows ubiquitous in ULIRGs → not a pencil beam (radio jet) effect
(see also EWs)



What OH line profiles can tell us (without any modeling):

- P-Cygni → outflow
- Found in ~ALL ULIRGs (→ not a pencil beam effect, but large opening angles)
- Profile sub-structure --> more than one outflowing (+quiescent) component
- Various transitions of different energy levels: hints at geometry
- emission weaker than absorption → spherical symmetry not necessarily the best approximation, and extinction plays some role
- Outflow parameters (e.g. velocity, power) correlated with AGN properties → AGN likely the main driver of powerful molecular outflows in ULIRGs

Outflow velocity $\sim L_{\text{AGN}}$



Spoon, Farrah, Leboutellier et al. 2013

Info Point – I statistics and simple correlations

In a Herschel sample of ~50 ULIRGs and ~50 AGN: detections of massive molecular

outflows

inflows

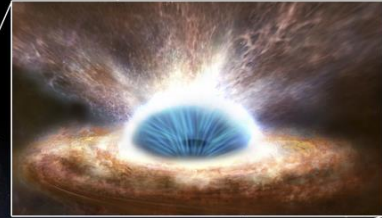
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- Outflows ubiquitous in ULIRGs → not a pencil beam effect
- Outflow velocity $\sim L_{\text{AGN}}$, $v_{\text{max}} > 1000 \text{ km/s}$,
- Outflow dominated by AGN, at least for luminous AGN

Fischer+2010, Sturm+2011, Veilleux + 2013, Spoon +2013, Stone+ 2016



Modelling of OH line profiles can

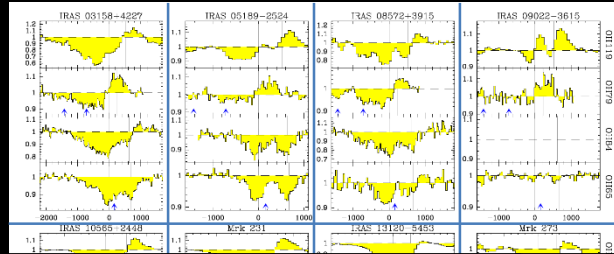
- Further quantify molecular outflows:
outflow mass (mass outflow rate), depletion time scale, outflow momentum rate

Comparison to feedback models:

characterise as AGN or star formation driven

characterise if radiatively or momentum driven, coupling efficiencies, ...

Modeling and energetics

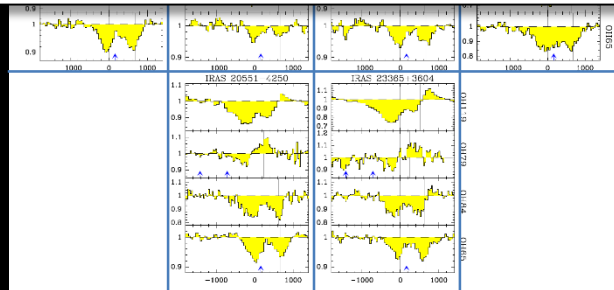


14 ULIRGs (different merger stages)

$$L_{\text{AGN}} = (0.3 - 2) \times 10^{12} L_{\odot} \quad (\text{Eddington} \rightarrow \text{SMBH} = 10^7 - 10^8 M_{\odot})$$

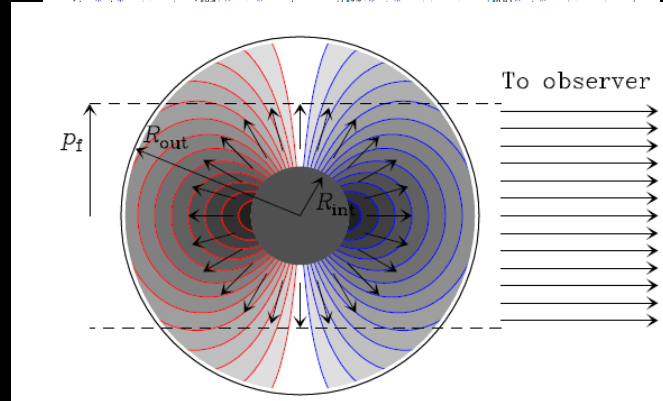
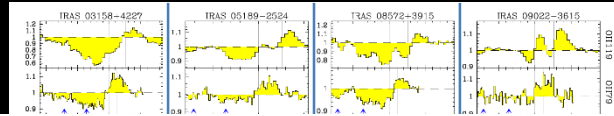
$$\text{SFR} = 50\text{-}350 M_{\odot} / \text{yr}$$

OH 119, 79, 84, 65

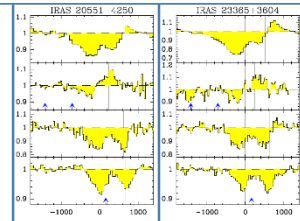


González-Alfonso + 2017

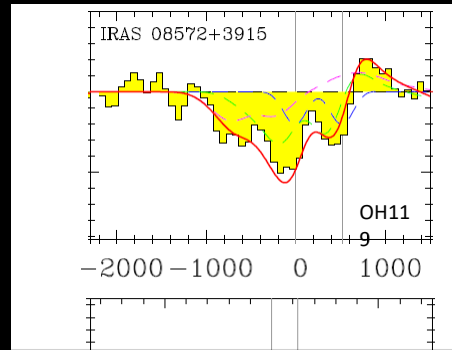
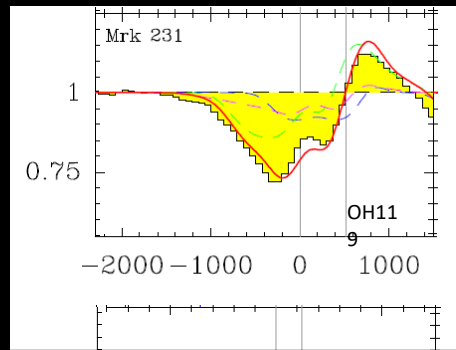
Modeling and energetics



Radiative transfer code
(González-Alfonso & Cernicharo 1999)



González-Alfonso + 2017



Modelling: →

- Radius and covering factor r, f
- outflow mass
- outflow rate
- Mass loading
- Momentum flux:
- Mechanical luminosity:

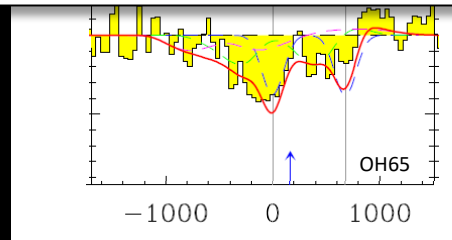
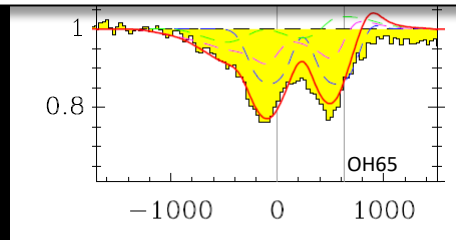
$$\dot{M}_{\text{out}}$$

$$\dot{M}_{\text{out}} = \dot{M}_{\text{out}} v/r$$

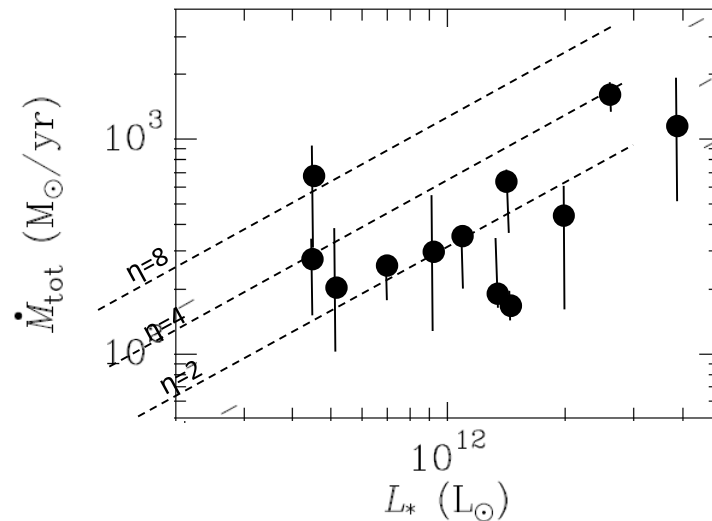
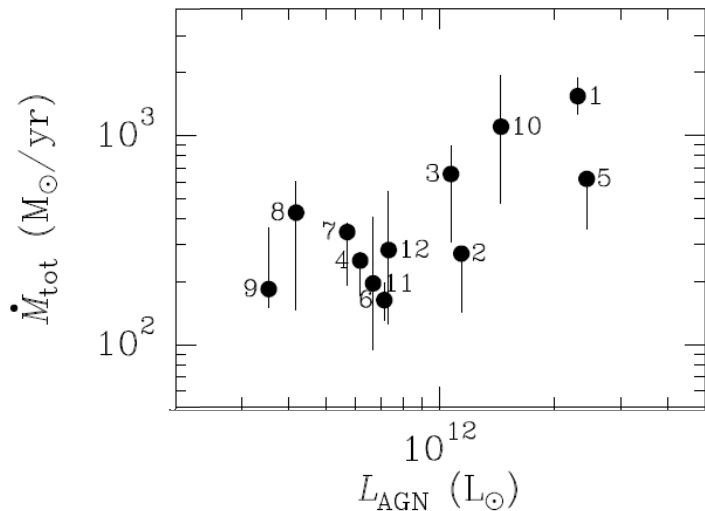
$$\eta = \dot{M}_{\text{out}} / \text{SFR}$$

$$\dot{P} = \dot{M}v$$

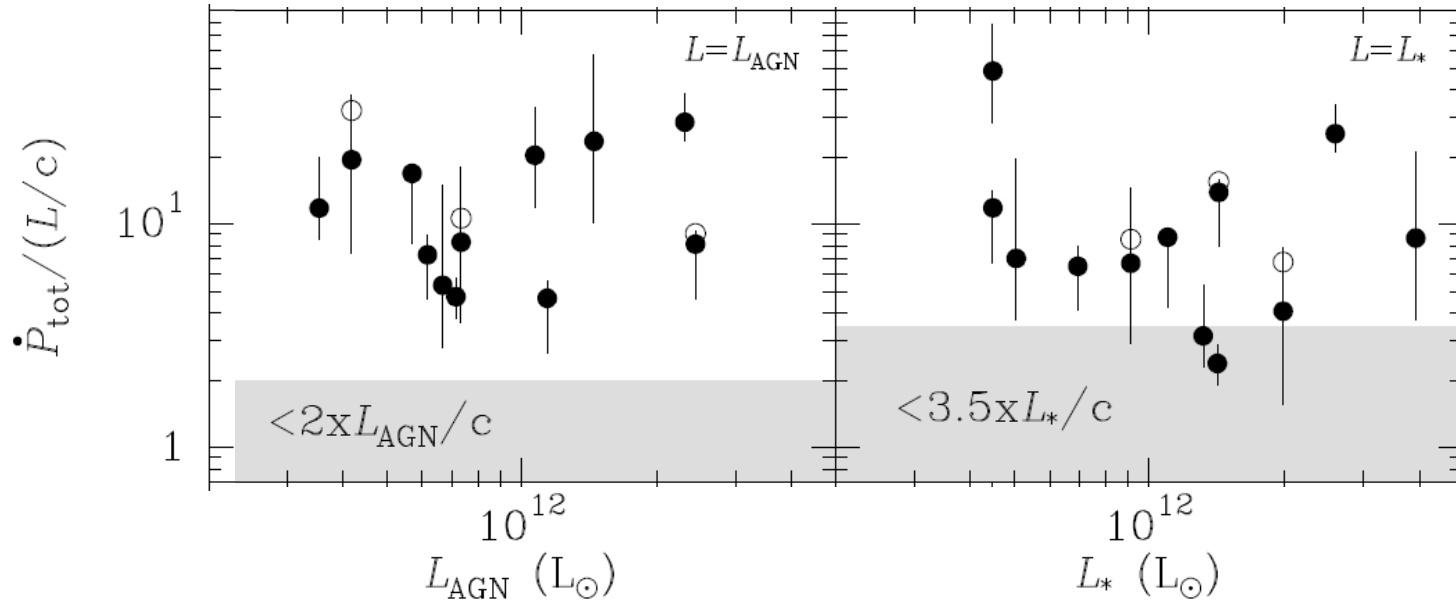
$$\dot{E} = 0.5 \dot{M}v^2$$



- Outflow masses: $M = (100 - 2900) 10^6 M_{\odot}$
- Mass outflow rate $\dot{M}_{\text{out}} = 200 - 1500 M_{\odot} / \text{yr}$
- Mass loading: $\eta = \dot{M}_{\text{out}} / \text{SFR} = 1 - 10$



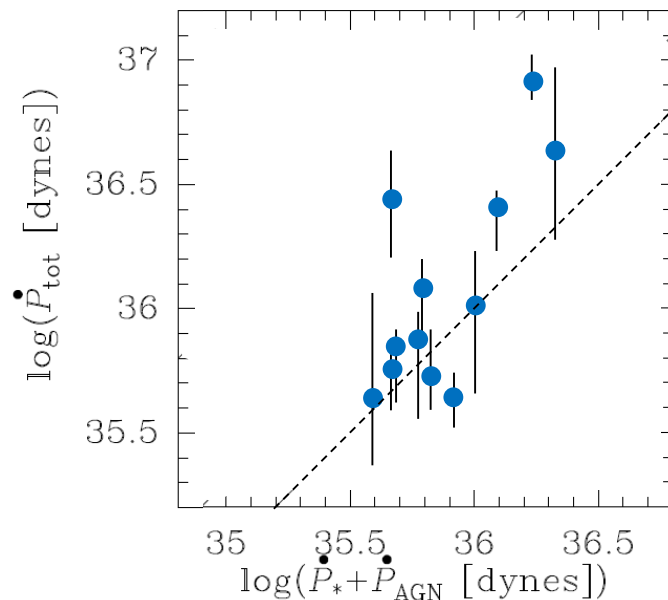
AGN- or Starburst-driven? Momentum-conserving or energy-conserving?



Starburst99 (Leitherer + 1999): starbursts supply a maximum momentum of $\sim 3.5 L_{*}/c$ (including ram pressure of winds and radiation pressure on dust grains) (Heckman+2015)

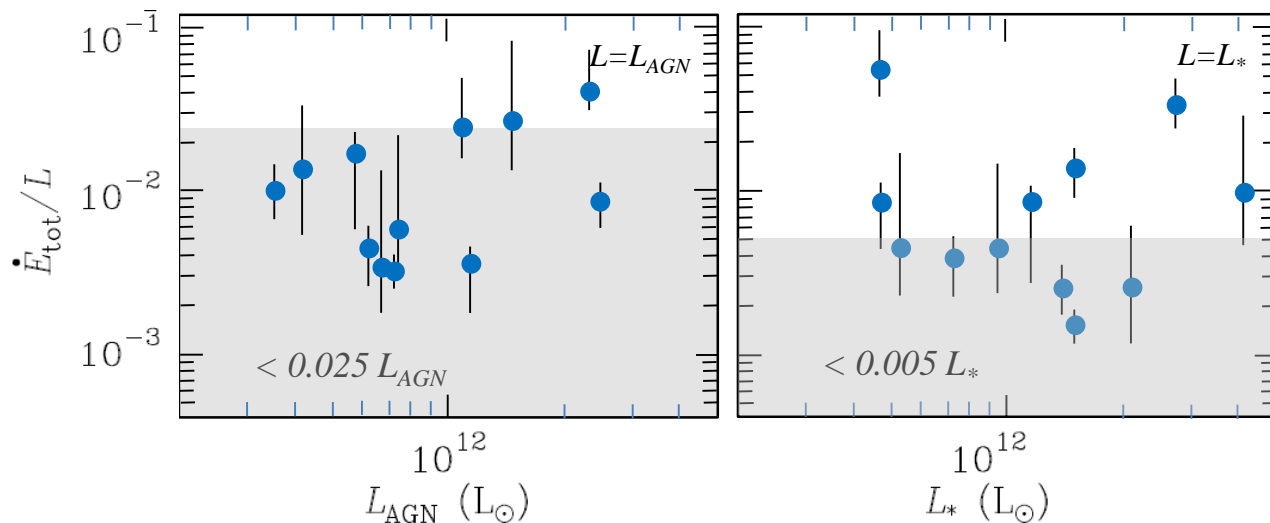
AGN may supply a maximum momentum of $\sim 2 L_{\text{AGN}}/c$

AGN- or Starburst-driven? Momentum-conserving or energy-conserving?



The **combined** momentum rates from the starburst and the AGN may be able to drive the observed outflows in moderate cases. High momentum boosts (5-20) require energy-driven outflows.

AGN- or Starburst-driven? Momentum-conserving or energy-conserving?

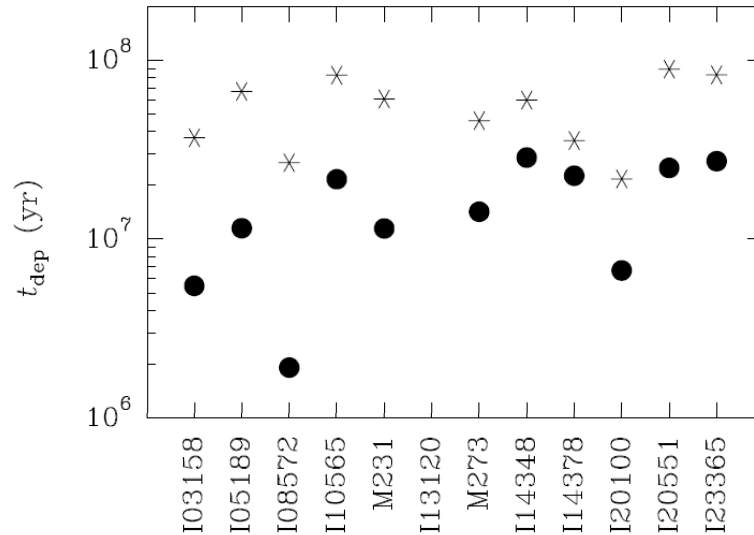


Supernovae and stellar winds can provide a mechanical luminosity of up to $\sim 1.8\%$ of L_* (Leitherer + 1999, Veilleux+2005, Harrison+ 2014) of which less than $\frac{1}{4}$ will go into bulk motion of the ISM \rightarrow energy-conserving winds from the starburst unable to drive the observed molecular outflows, at least in the strong outflow cases.

Energy-conserving bubbles created by AGN winds supply up to $\sim 5\%$ of L_{AGN} (e.g. King&Pounds 2015) with $\frac{1}{2}$ going into bulk motion of the ISM (Faucher-Giguère & Quataert 2012)

Does it matter? (Aka can we convince Peter B.?)

- Gas depletion time $t_{\text{dep}} = M(\text{H}_2) / \dot{M}_{\text{out}}$
- * Gas consumption time $t_{\text{con}} = M(\text{H}_2) / \text{SFR}$

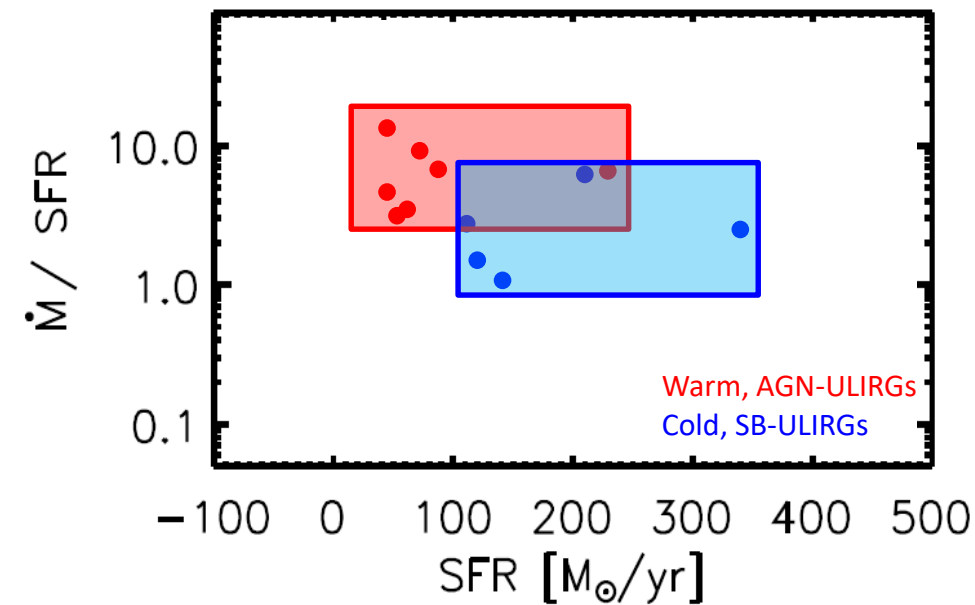


$$t_{\text{con}} / t_{\text{dep}} = 1.5 - 15^*)$$

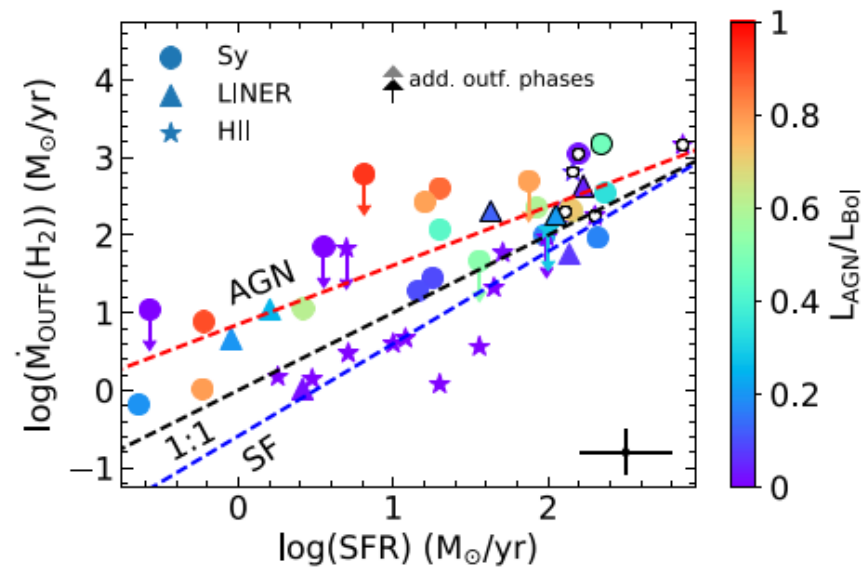
Mass loading $\eta = 1 - 10$

*) assuming continuous flow
and no replenishment

Does it matter?



SHINING (OH)



Fluetsch+ 2019 (CO)

Info Point – II Results from OH spectral modeling

- Combined momentum from AGN and starburst can drive the outflows in weak and moderate cases.
- The strongest outflows require energy-driven AGN mechanism
- $t_{\text{con}} / t_{\text{dep}} = 1.5 - 15$, Mass loading $\eta = 1 - 10$
- Best fits are found for decelerating or constant velocity fields

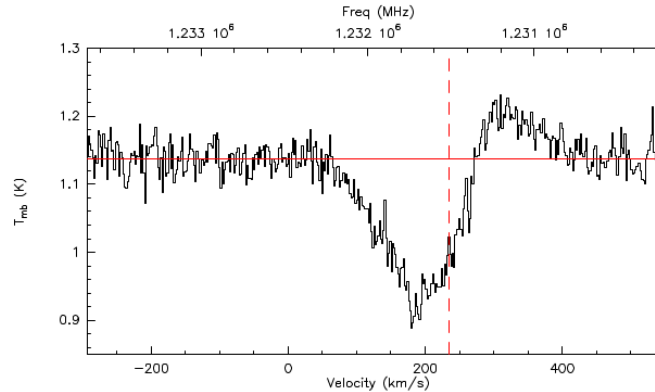
Gonzalez-Alfonso+ 2012, 2013, 2014, 2017

Caveats: OH-based outflow parameters like momentum, energy, mass loss rate require modeling with uncertain assumptions (geometry, OH abundance)
(For and OH abundance study see Stone+ 2018)



Other molecular outflow tracers in the FIR

Monje+ 2014



HF ($J = 1-0$) in NGC 253 (HIFI)

Outflow mass: $M(\text{H}_2)_{\text{out}} \sim 1 \times 10^7 M_{\odot}$

Outflow rate: $\dot{M} \sim 6.4 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$

Consistent with OH and CO

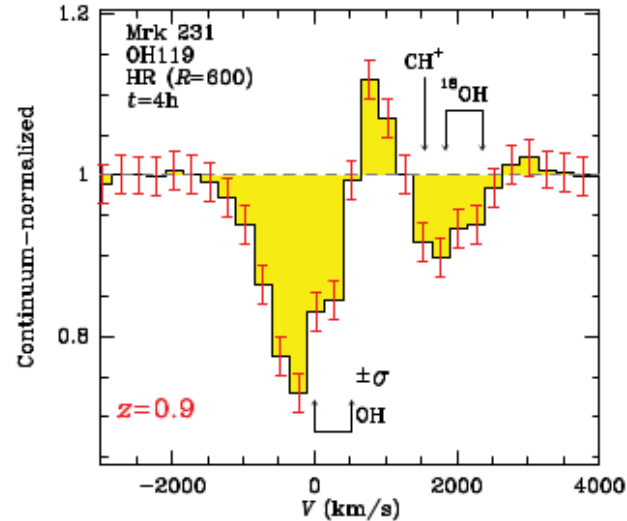
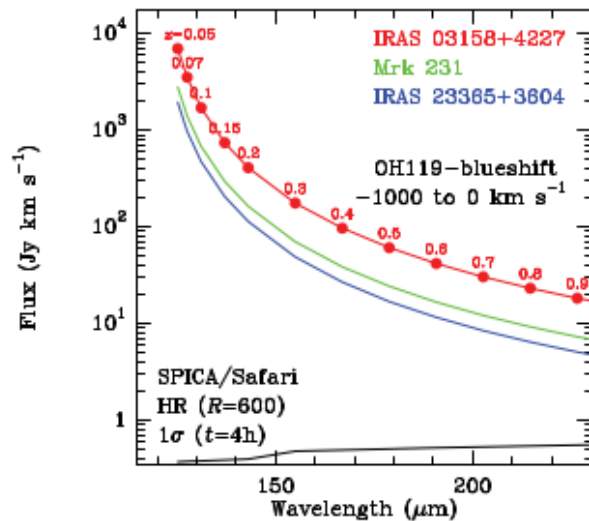
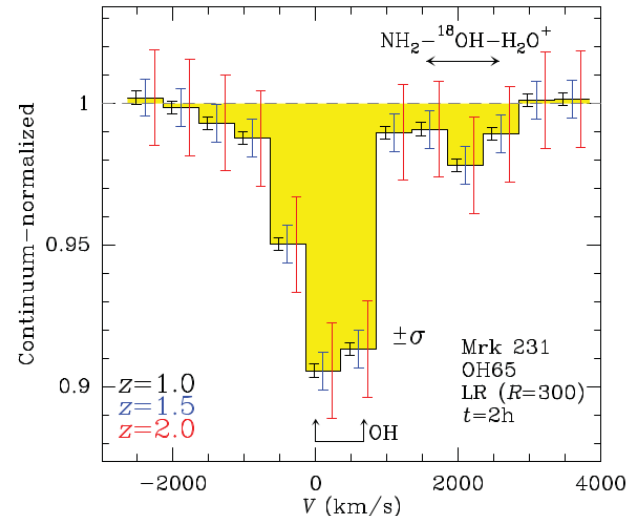
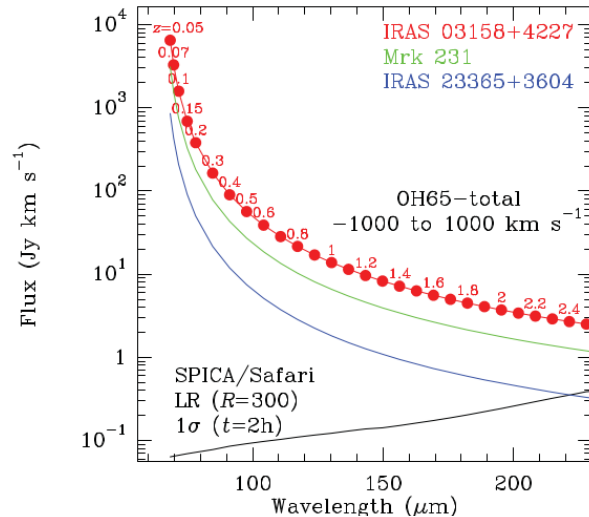
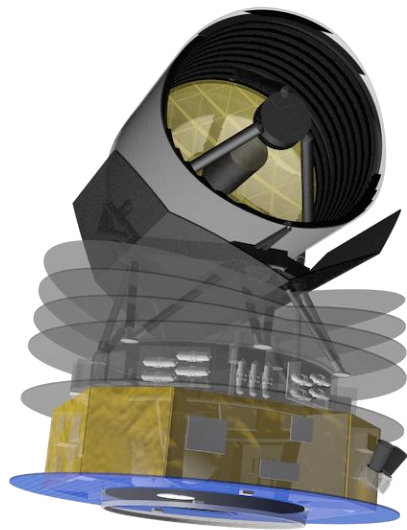
Future of OH

Still some Herschel archival work to be done

ALMA, NOEMA: extend the Herschel OH studies to the high redshift Universe.
e.g. OH 119 μm doublet is redshifted to the ALMA band 9 for galaxies
in the redshift range $z \sim 2.5 - 3.1$, and to the ALMA band 7 for galaxies at $z \sim 5.8 - 8.0$.

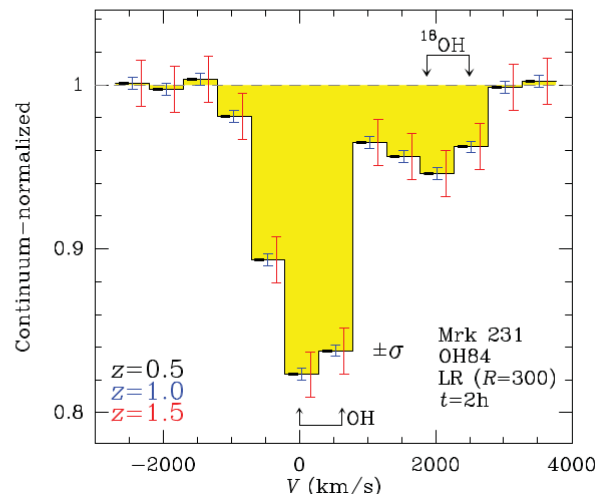
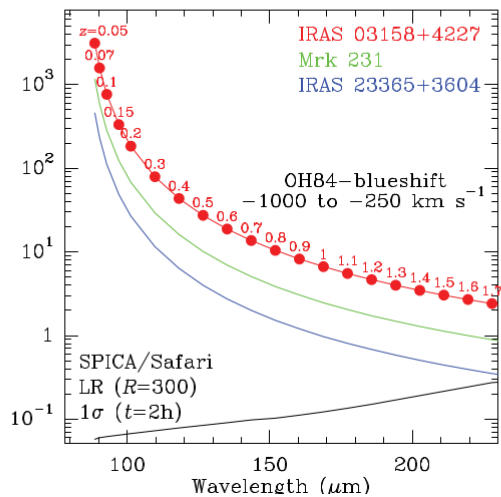
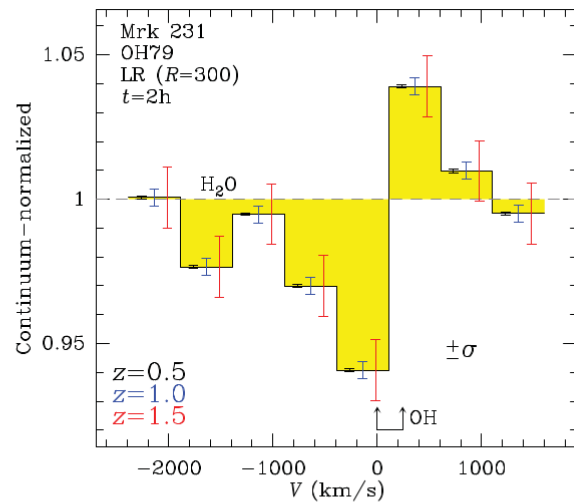
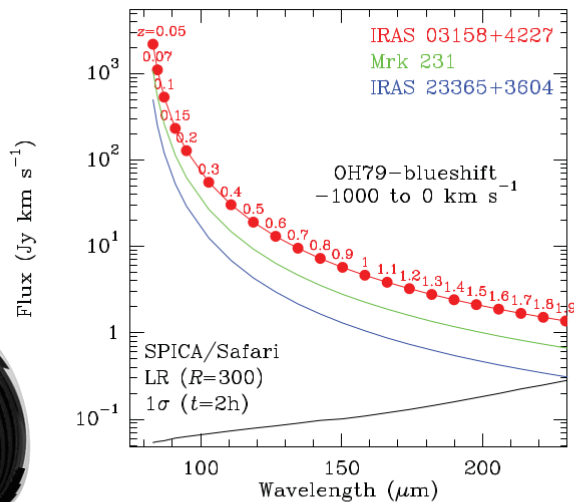
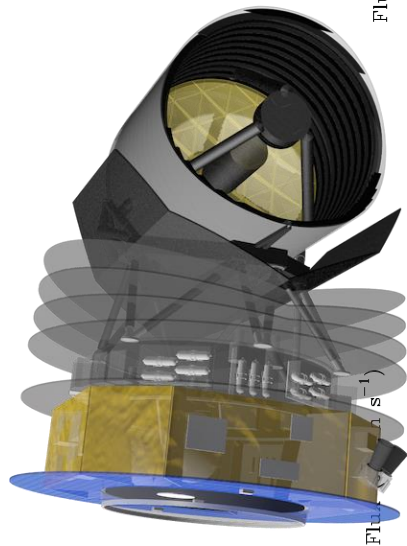
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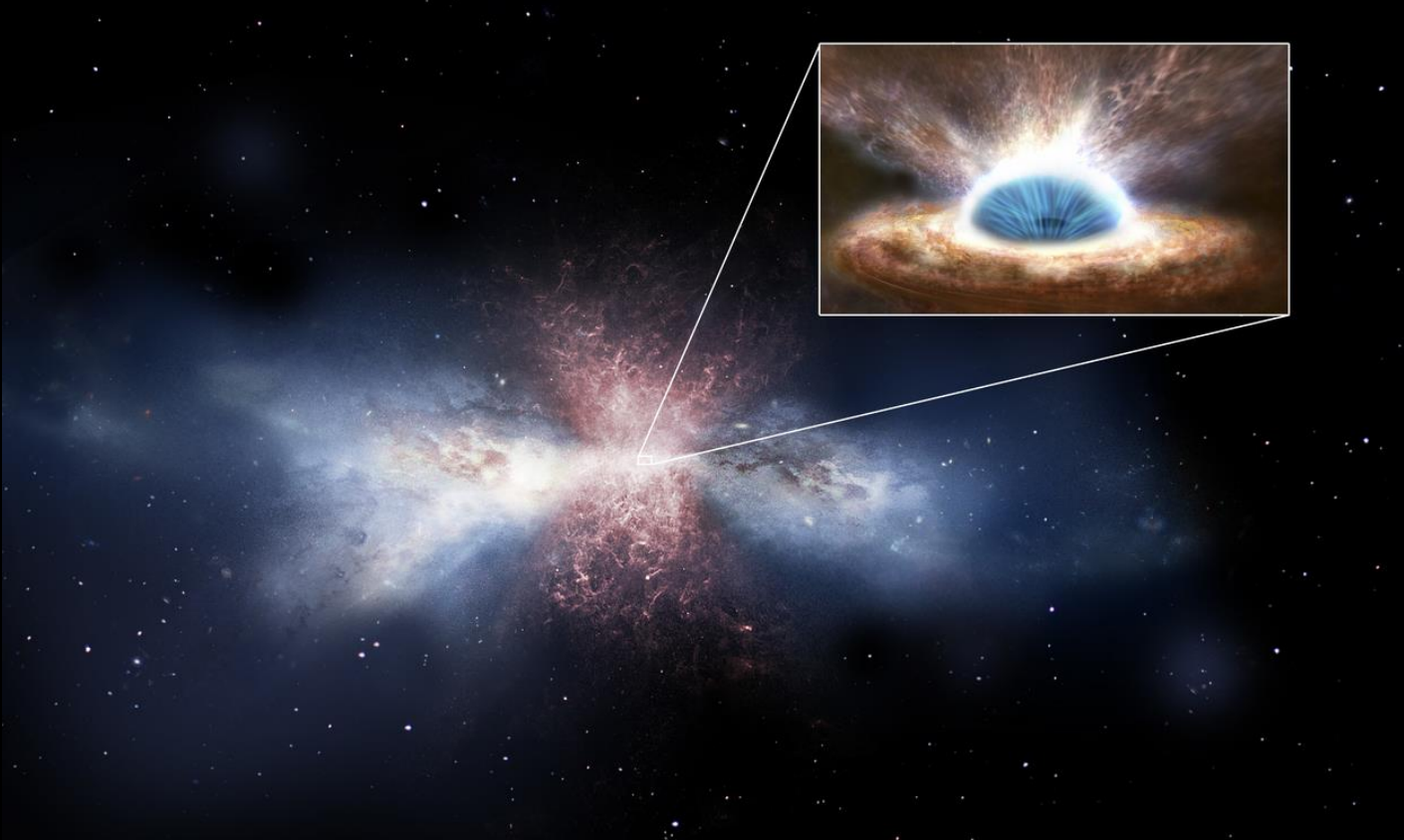


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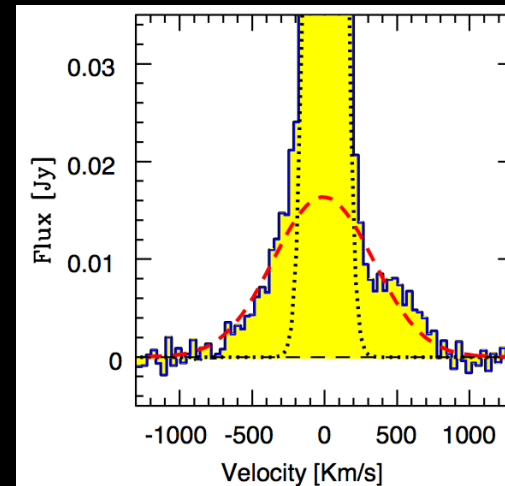
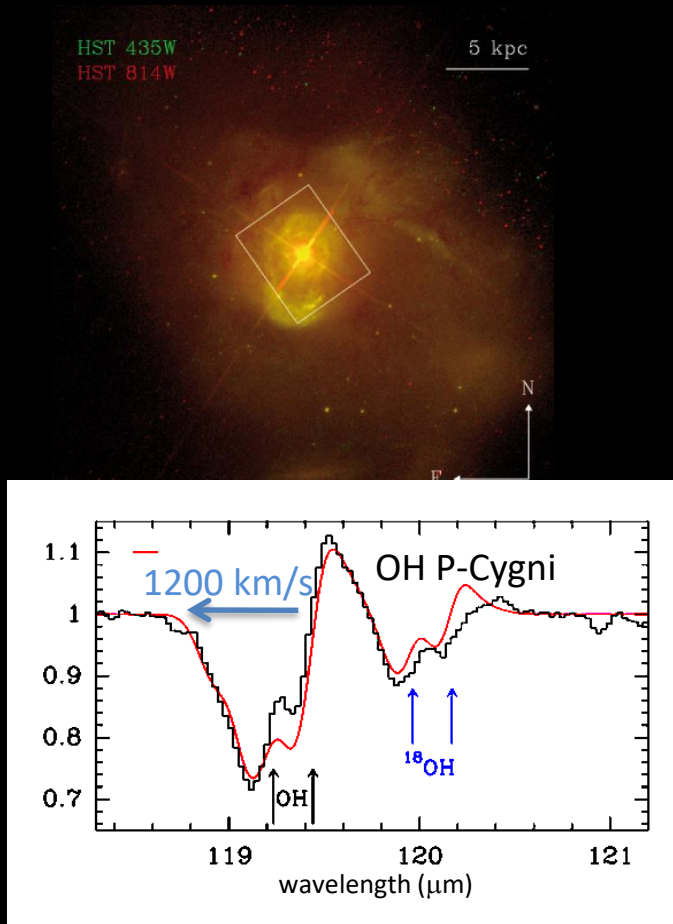
- no new Herschel observations,
- mm-interferometry of OH absorption at high z difficult
- SPICA not (yet) reality
- OH-based outflow parameters like momentum, energy, mass loss rate require modeling with uncertain assumptions (geometry, OH abundance)

→ Need complementary/alternative tracers

II) CO

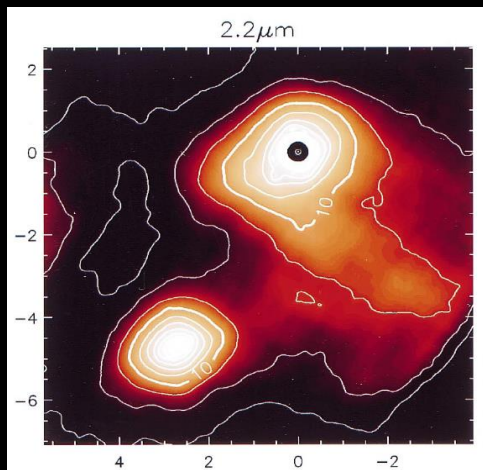


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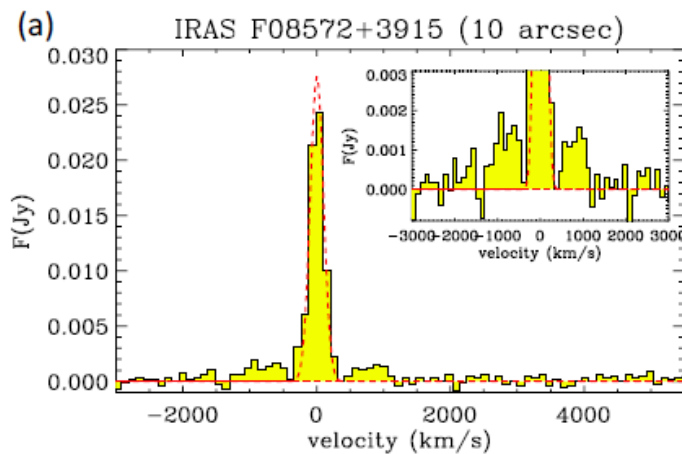
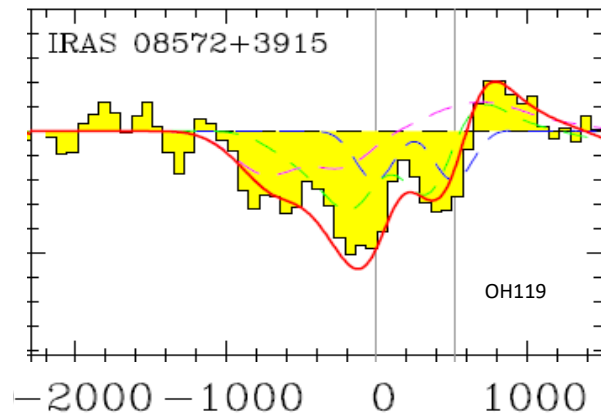


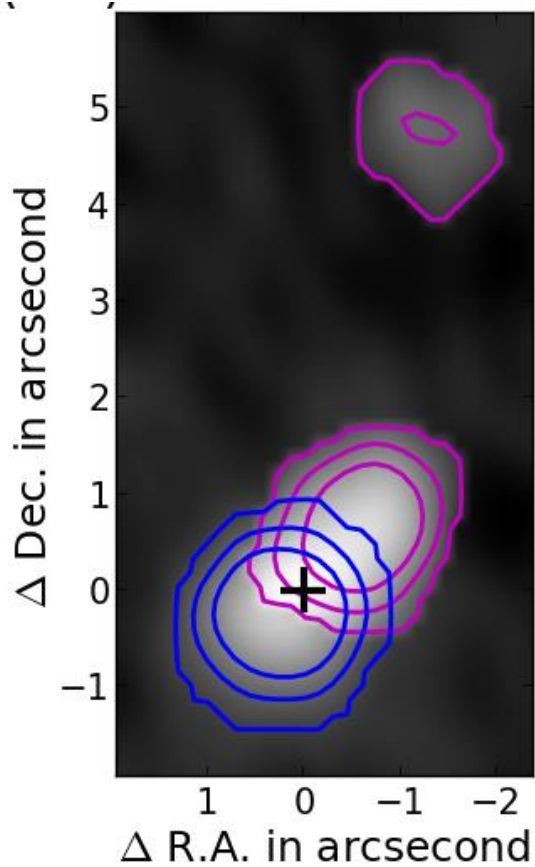
Feruglio+ 2010

IRAS F08572+3915



H-band image (Scoville et al. 2000).

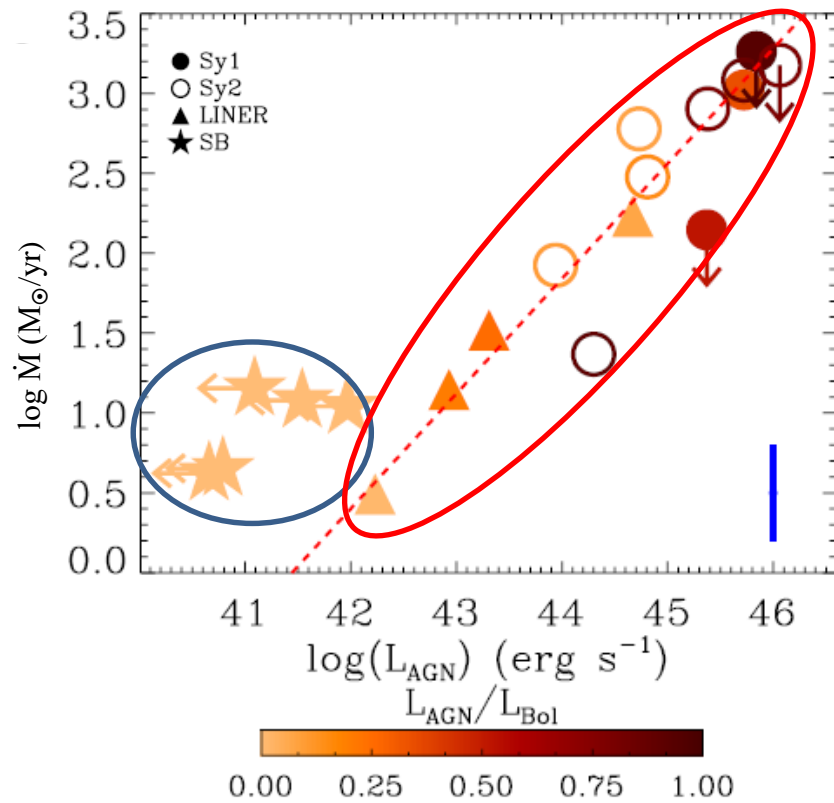




Main outflow: biconical outflow with a large opening angle, inclined w.r.t. line-of-sight.

→ v_{max} close to the maximum observed velocity in the outflow: 1200 km s^{-1} .

The second redshifted outflow matches the description of an individual cloud 6 kpc away (→ AGN flickering).

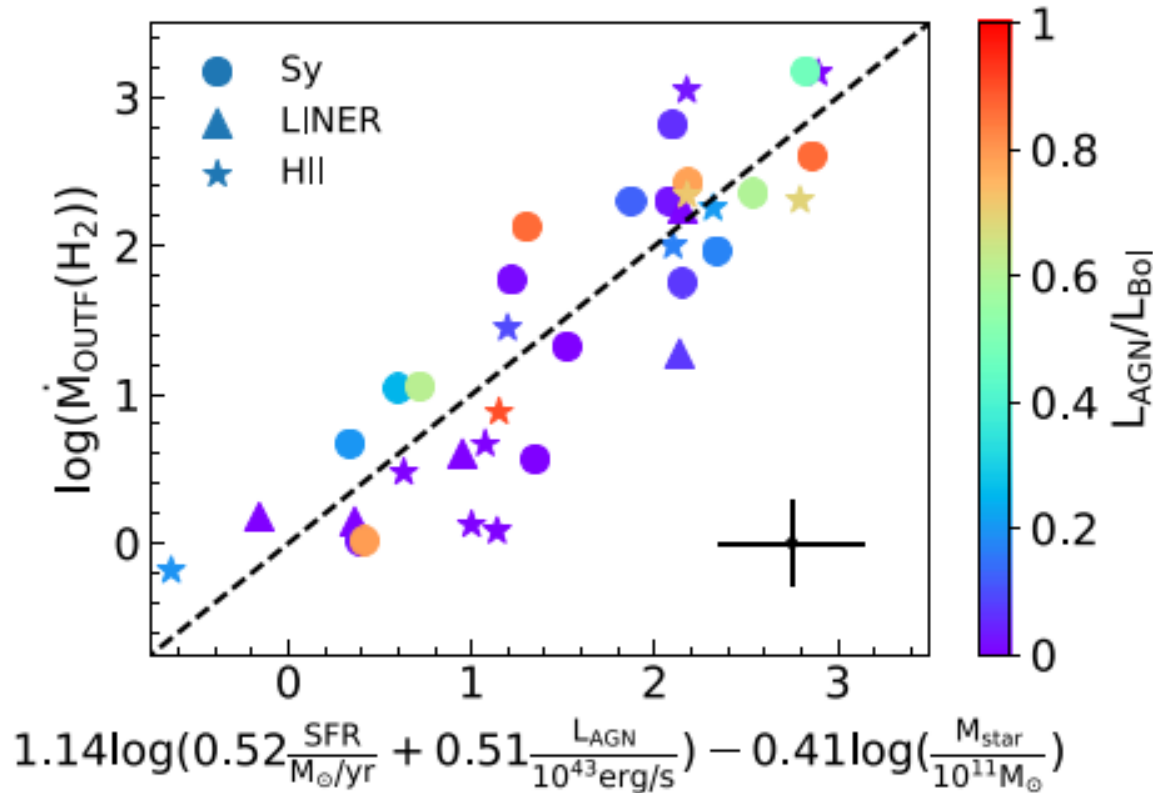


Today

CO outflows in local galaxies:
~50 objects (NOEMA/ALMA)

(cp. Fluetsch+ 2019, Lutz+ in prep.)

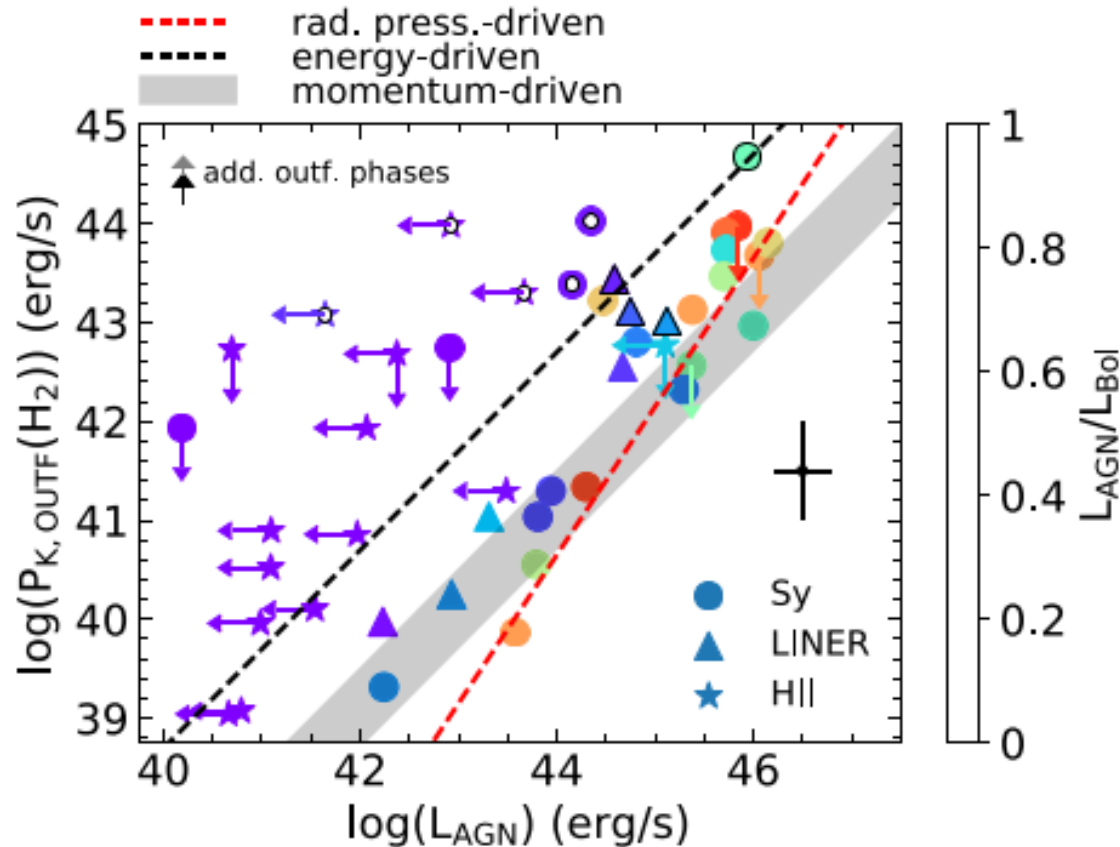
Molecular outflow rate as a function of SFR, stellar mass, and AGN luminosity



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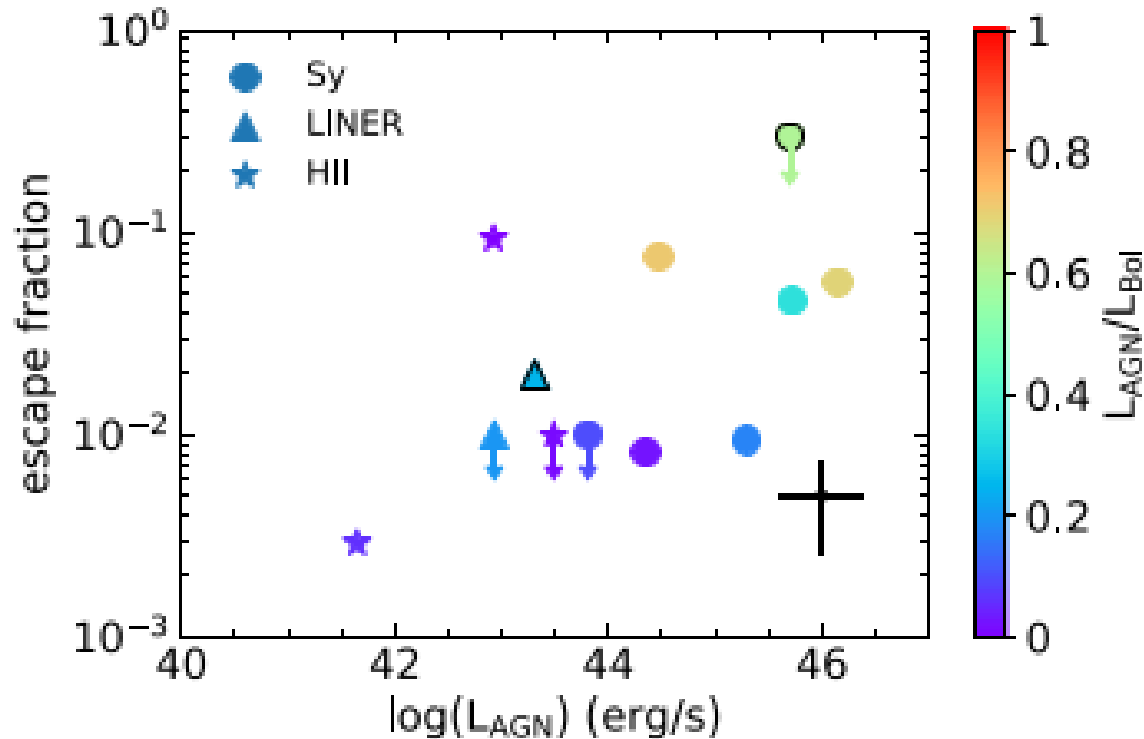
Fluetsch+ 2019

Kinetic power of the outflow as a function of the AGN luminosity



Fluetsch+ 2019
Ishibashi+ 2018

Fraction of the molecular outflow that escapes the galaxy as a function of AGN luminosity



Assuming
ballistic motion

Fluetsch+ 2019

The synergy and complementarity of OH and CO studies

In the local Universe, CO complements Herschel studies, providing the necessary spatial resolution to resolve the outflows using low-J rotational transitions of the CO molecule and other dense gas tracers (HCN, HCO+)

The OH observations provide cross-calibration and guidelines where to search for outflows, e.g. ULIRGs, sources with high far-infrared surface brightness ($\Sigma_{\text{FIR}} > 10^{11.75} L_{\odot} \text{ kpc}^{-2}$, see Lutz+ in prep.)

→ Better characterization of spatial extension / outflow geometry, gas excitation, the total molecular gas mass involved in the outflows and the mass outflow rates.

Challenges & comparison of CO - OH

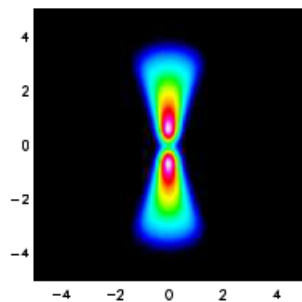
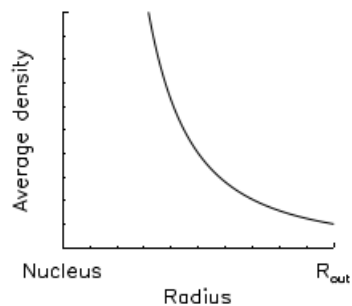
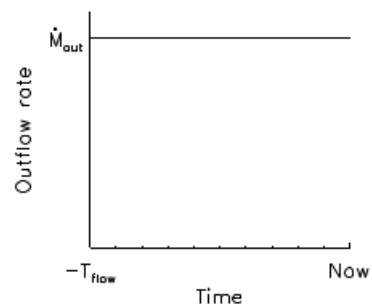
OH:

- wavelength needs space observatories (or high z)
- geometry,
- abundance (but see Stone+ 2018)

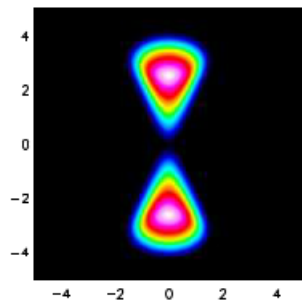
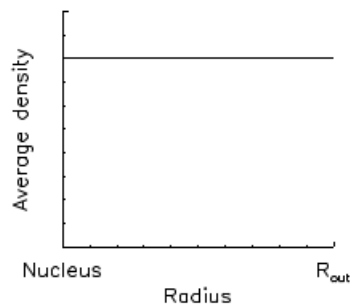
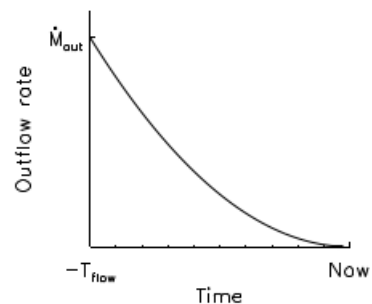
CO:

- separate outflow emission from host emission
- geometry
- conversion factor (CO-to-H₂) (but see Ciccone+ 2018)

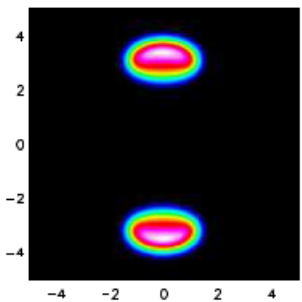
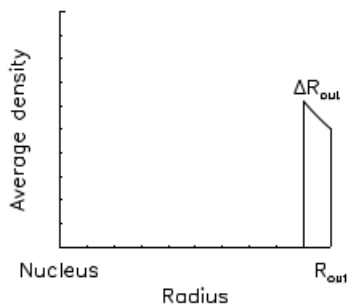
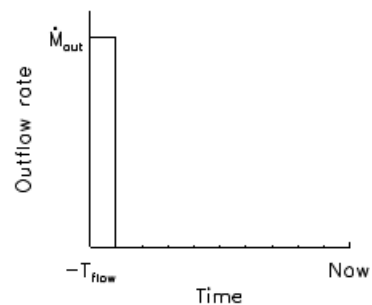
Challenges & comparison of CO - OH



$$\dot{M}_{\text{out}} = v_{\text{out}} \frac{M_{\text{out}}}{R_{\text{out}}}$$



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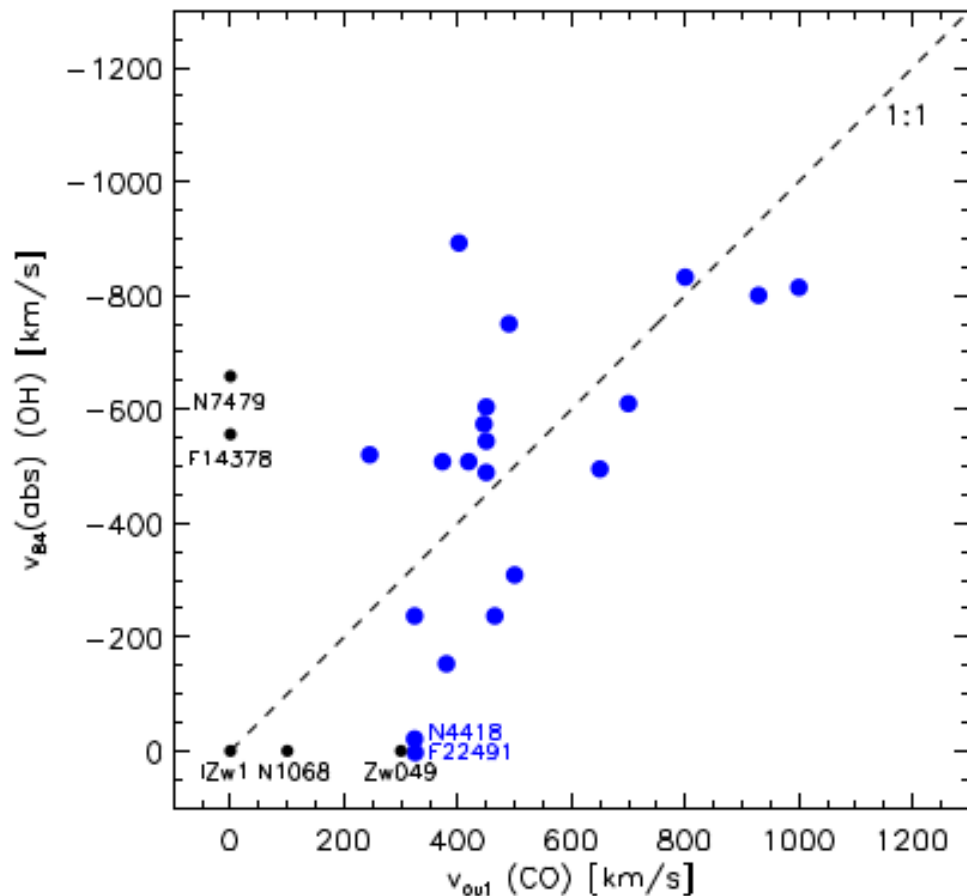


$$\dot{M}_{\text{out}} = v_{\text{out}} \frac{M_{\text{out}}}{\Delta R_{\text{out}}}$$

Lutz+, in prep.

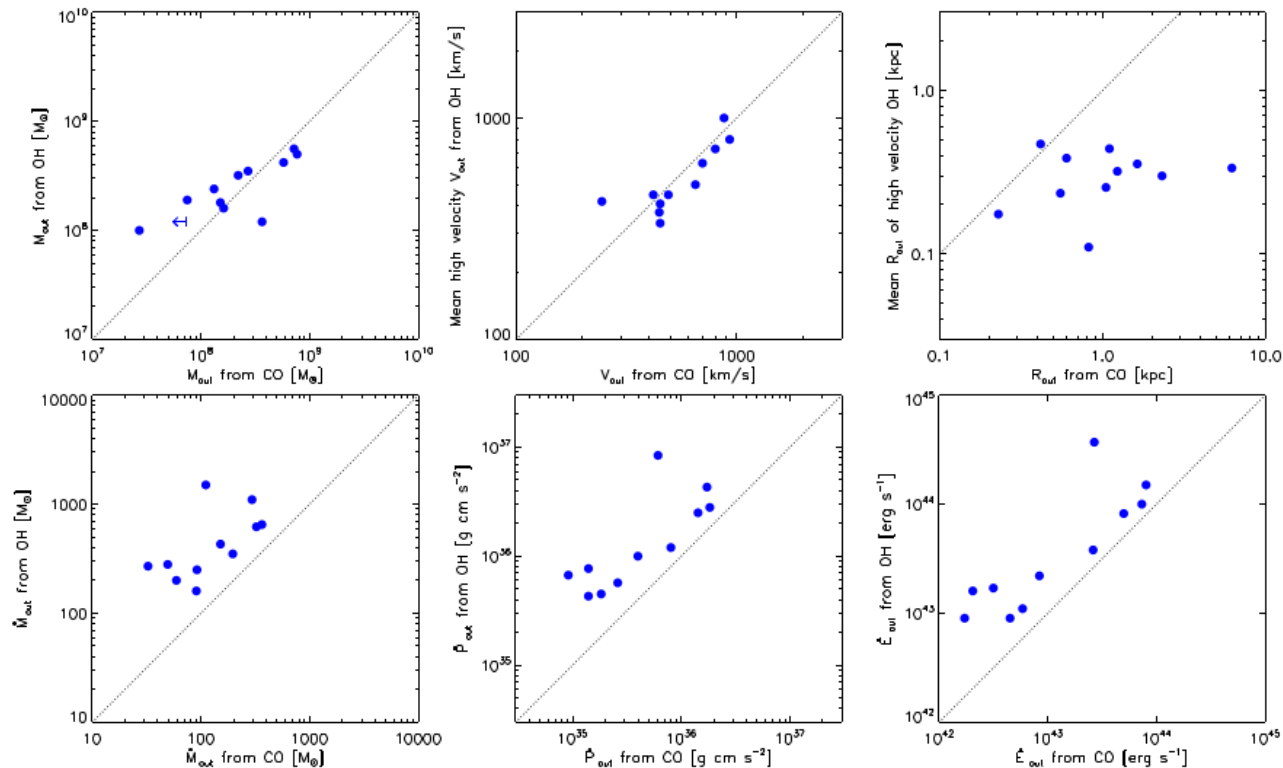
See also Cicone+ 2014,
Janssen 2016, Veilleux+ 2017

Challenges & comparison of CO - OH



- >80% of objects with OH outflow also show CO outflow (and vice versa)
- good agreement of outflow velocities

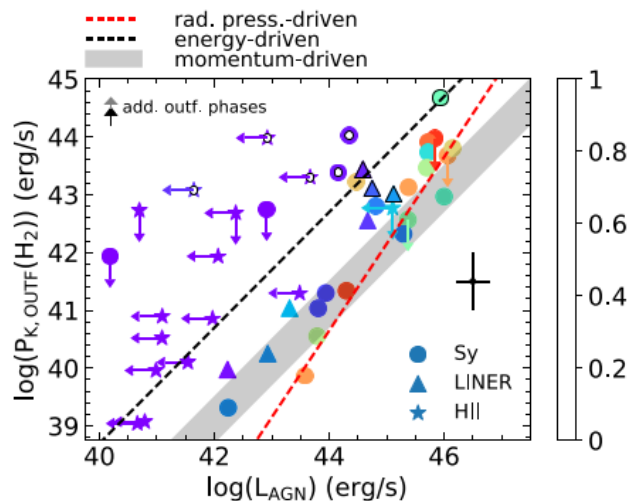
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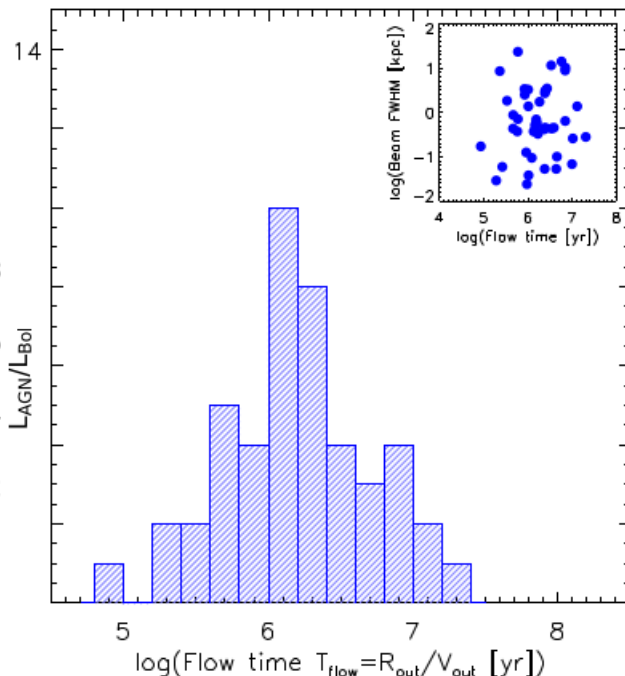
Successful cross-validation of OH P-Cygni and CO interferometric methods (independent/different assumptions and uncertainties, like geometry, abundance/conversion factor, identification of outflows...)

AGN „flickering“ – another complication

Some outflow energetics need stronger AGN in the past

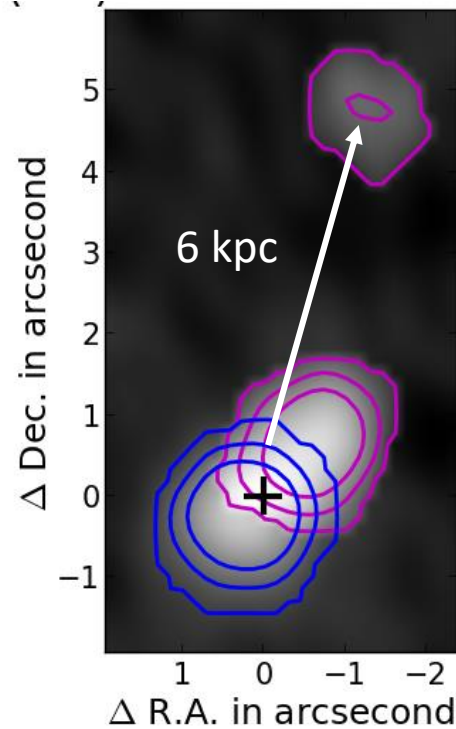


Low median flow time



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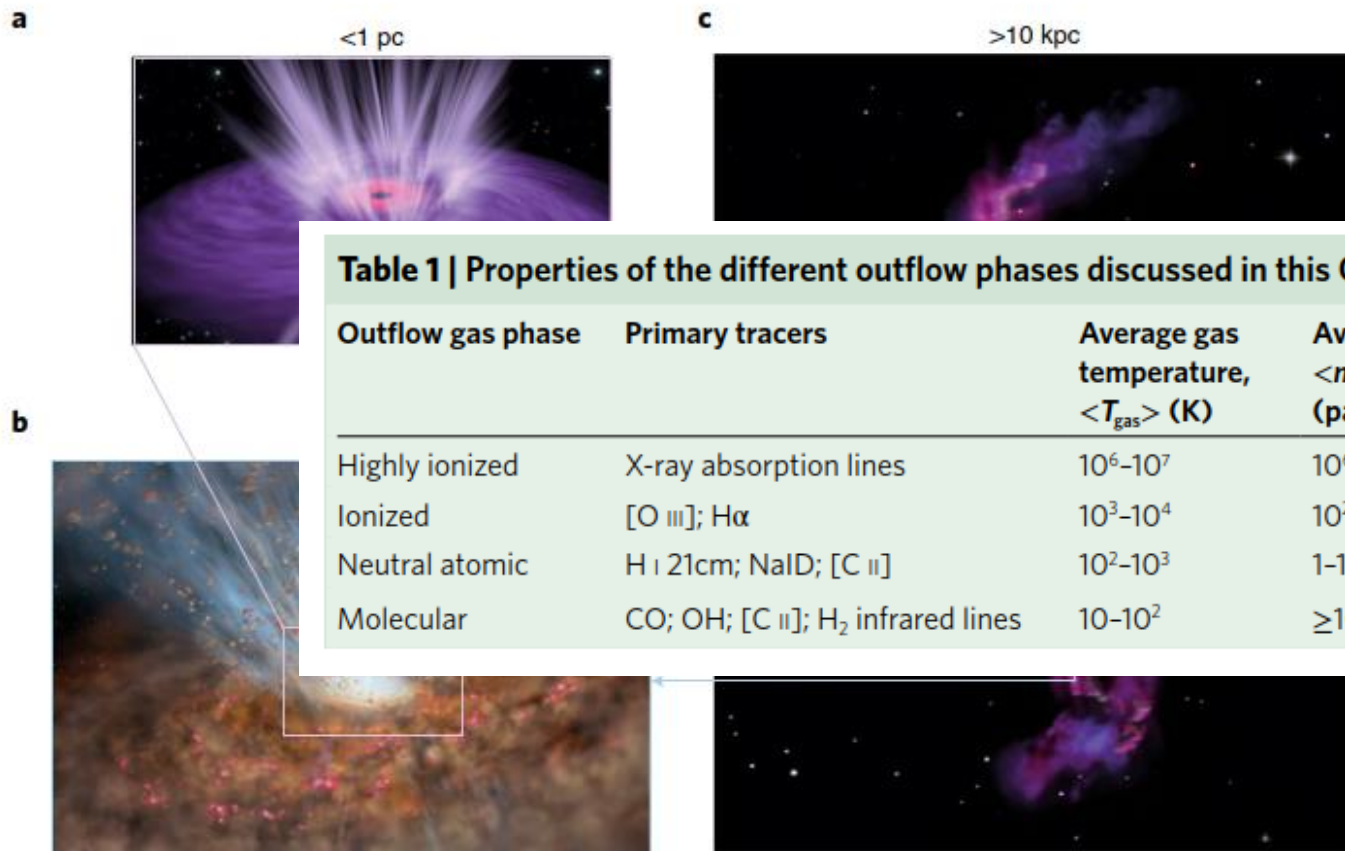
Spatially resolved blobs



Janssen + 2016 b (PhD Thesis),
Herrera-Camus+ in prep.

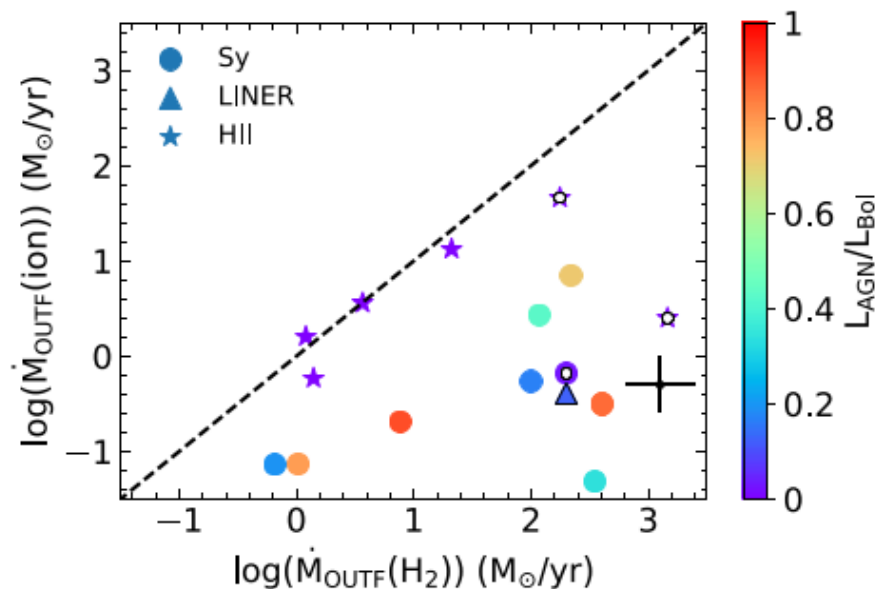
Fluetsch+ 2019

Multi-phase studies



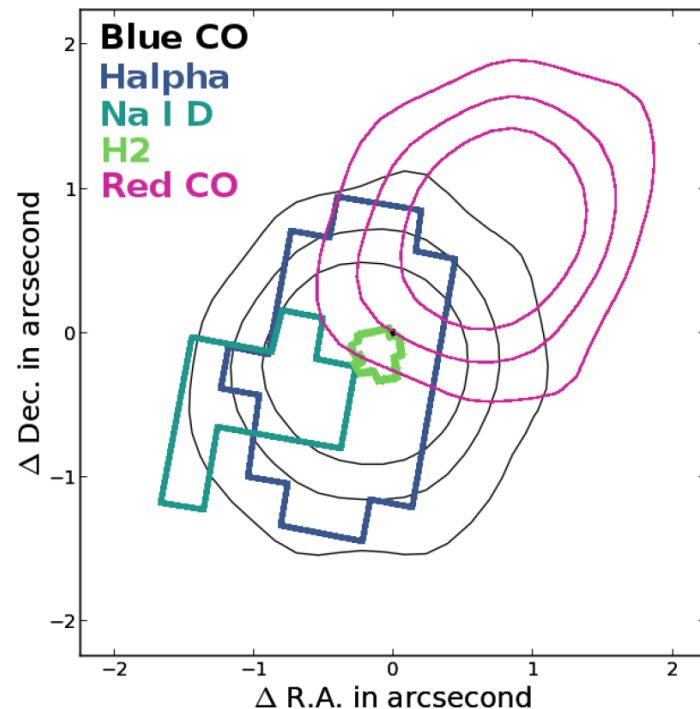
Cicone+ 20018a, see also Tombesi+2015

Multi-phase studies



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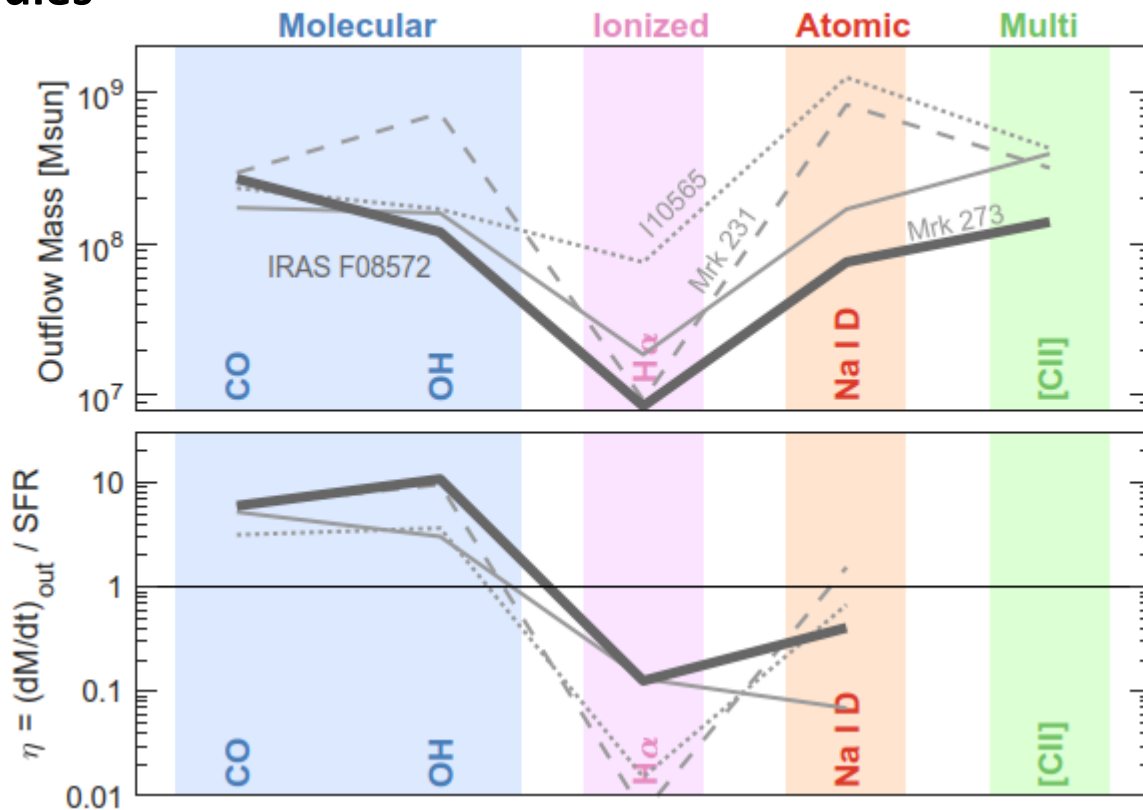
See also Cicone+ 2018a



Janssen+2016, + 2019

H₂: Rupke&Veilleux 2013a OSIRIS / Keck
H α and Na I D: Rupke & Veilleux 2013b
GMOS/Gemini

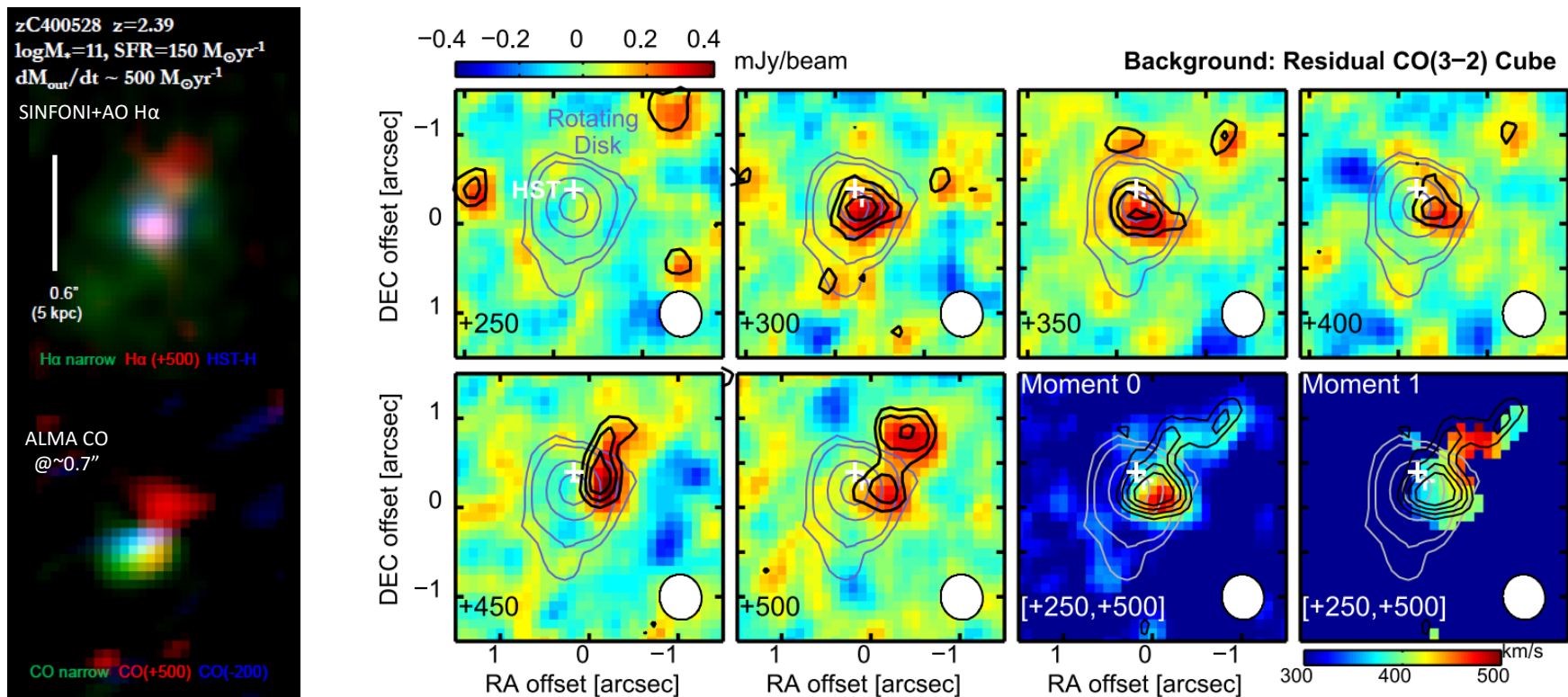
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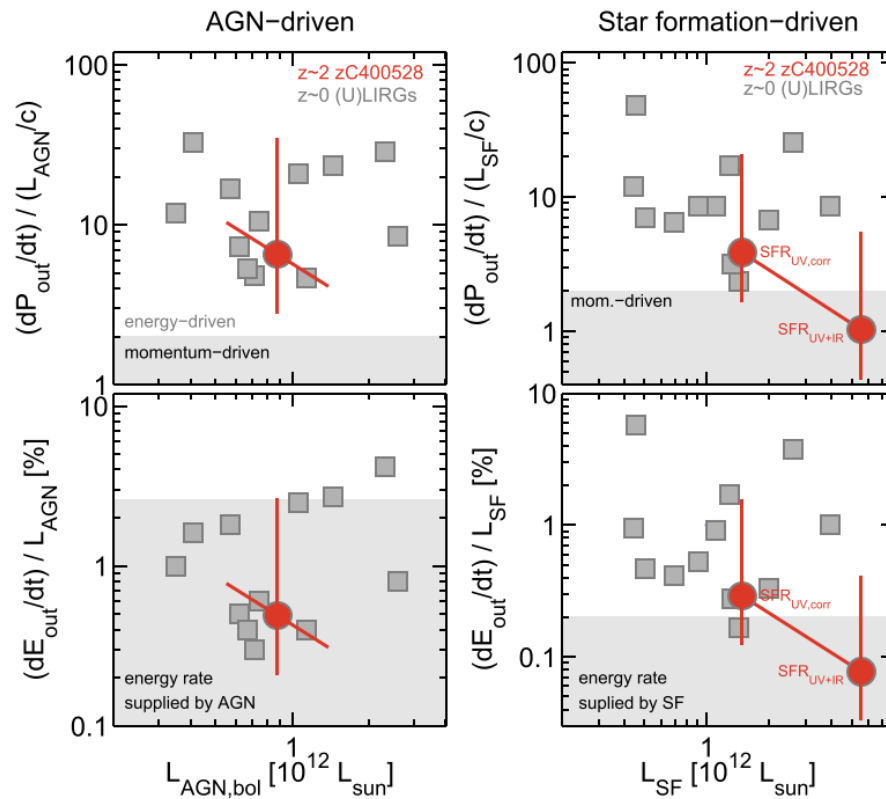
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CO at high redshifts

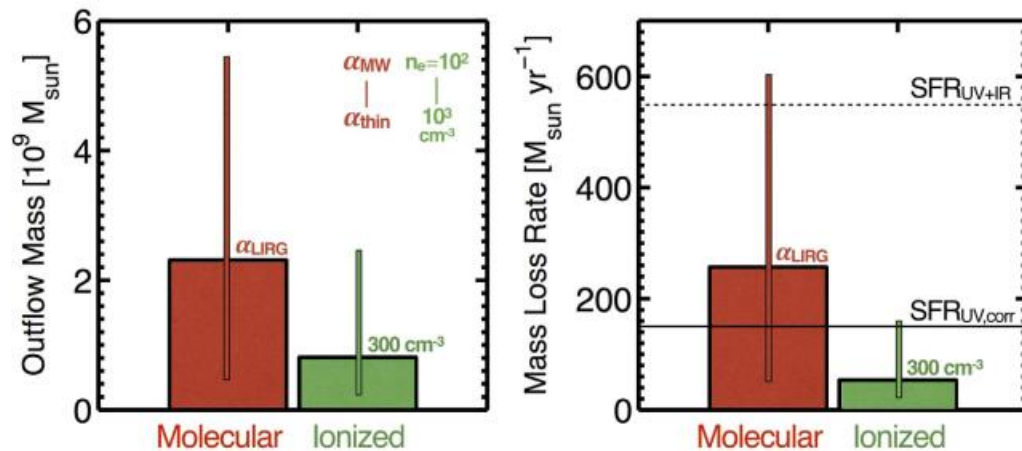
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OH as an outflow diagnostic

Advantages:

- P-Cygni or blueshifted absorption unambiguously indicate outflows
- Blueshifted absorption can be traced to low velocities, probing low-velocity outflows that may be missed from pure emission lines due to confusion with the line core
- Main outflow parameters can be quantified

Disadvantages:

- Historically: low spatial resolution
- Currently: For low z not observable with existing instrumentation, and difficult at high z



CO as an outflow diagnostic

Advantages:

- Strong emission
- High spatial resolution
- Currently one of the main topics for ALMA and NOEMA

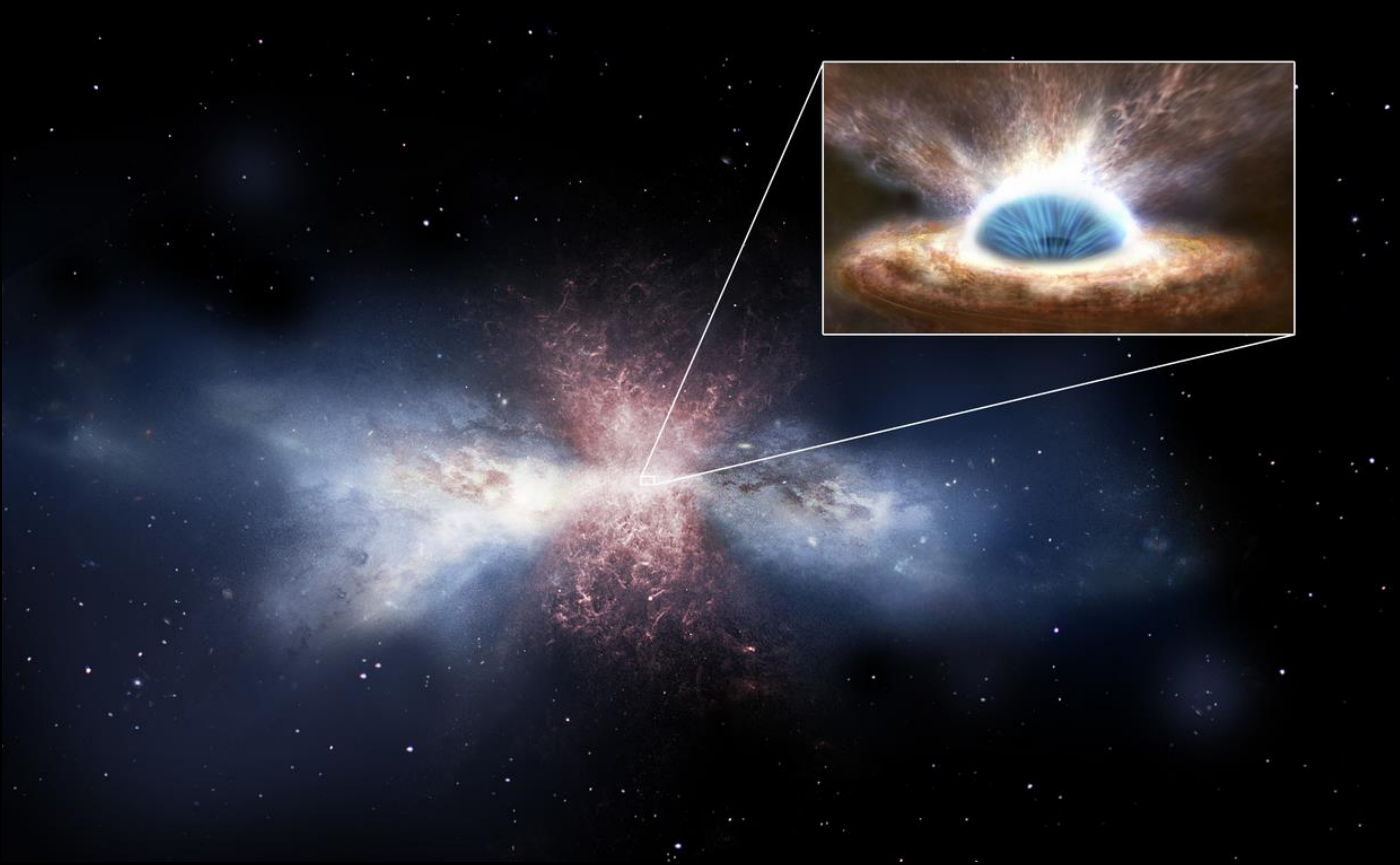
Disadvantages:

- emission ambiguous (outflow, inflow, turbulence, ...)
- not sensitive to low velocity outflow (invisible under host galaxy profile) unless spatially resolved in imaging
- Not straight forward at high z (conversion of high-J CO to CO(1-0) and H₂)
- Conversion factor

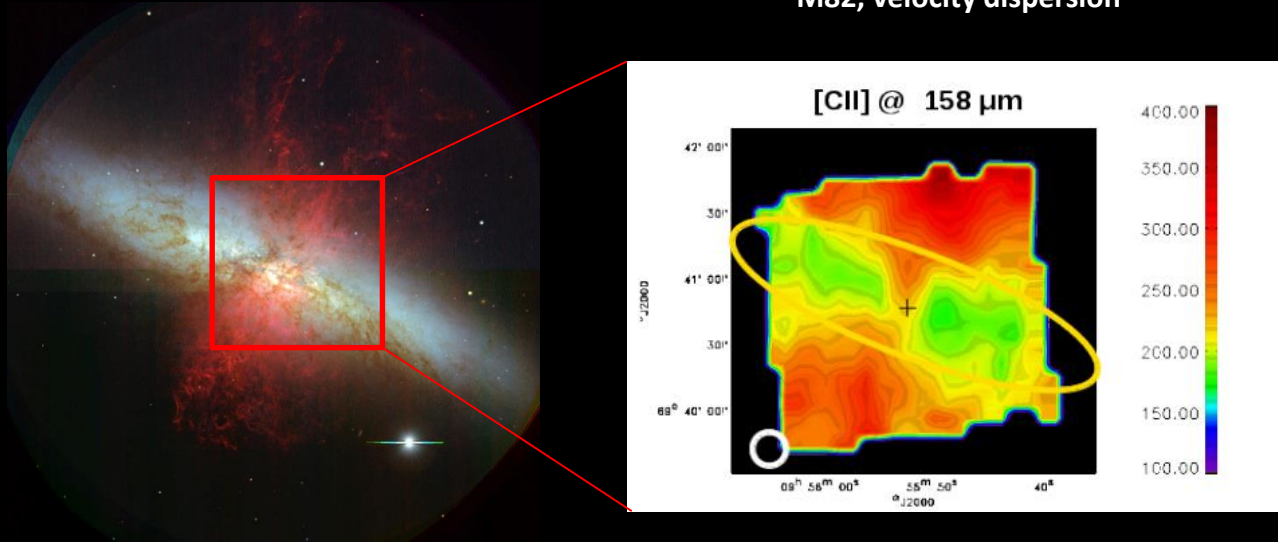


OH difficult at high z , too → is there an alternative?

III) [CII]

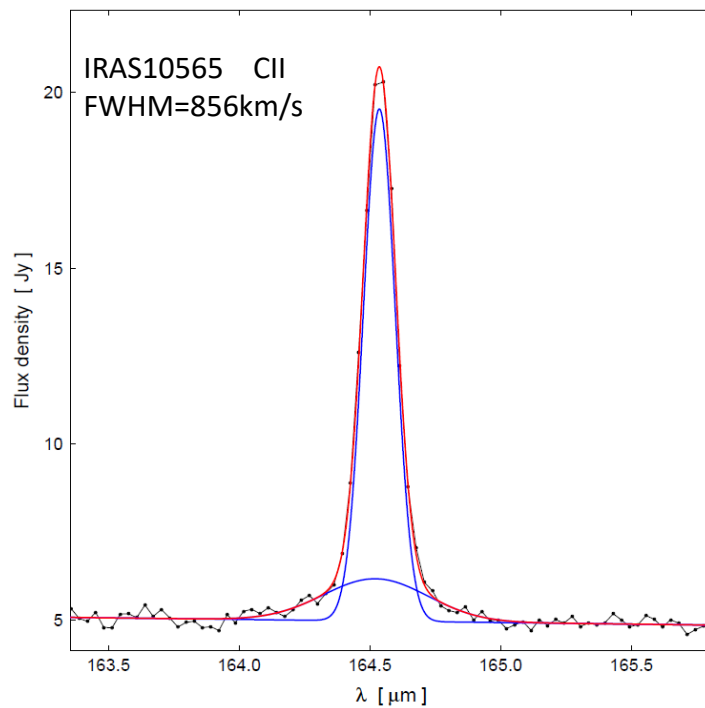


M82, velocity dispersion

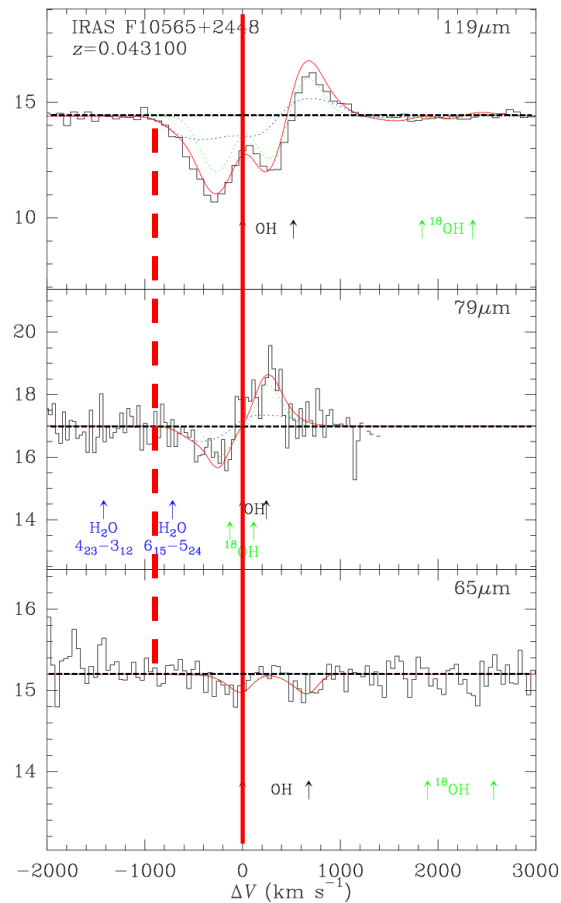


Contursi + 2013

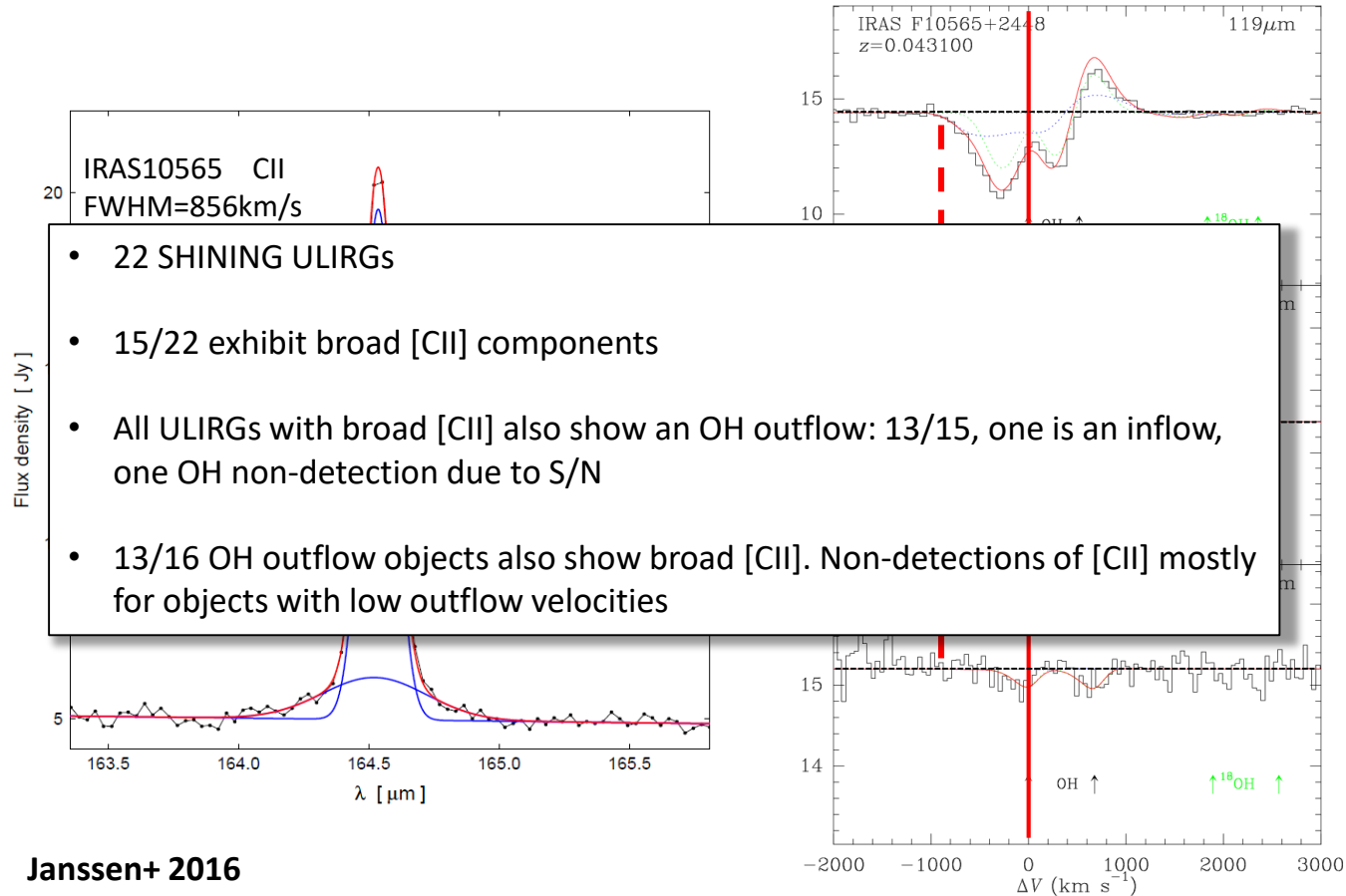
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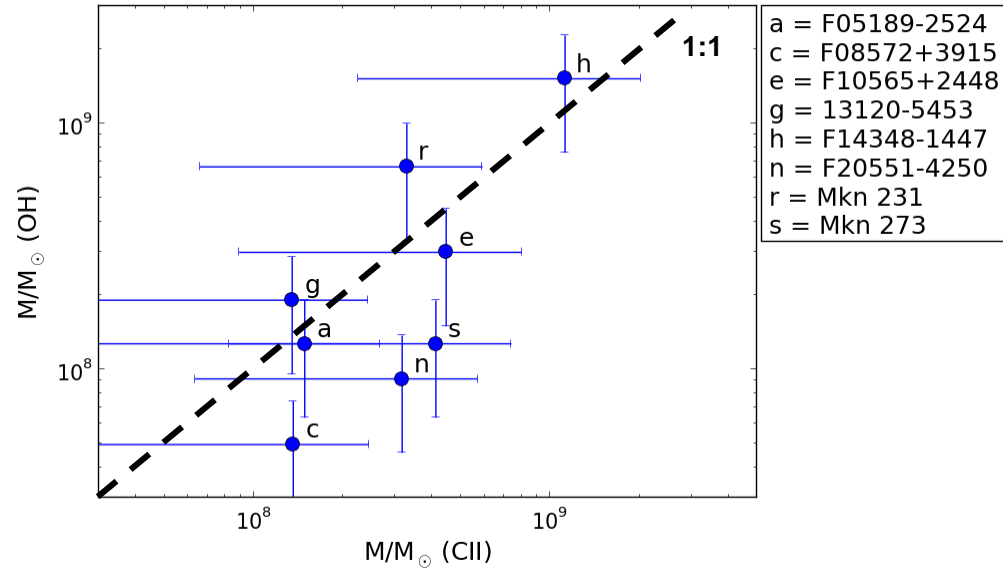
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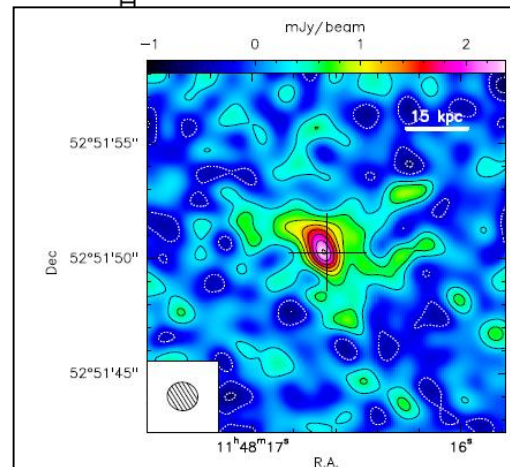
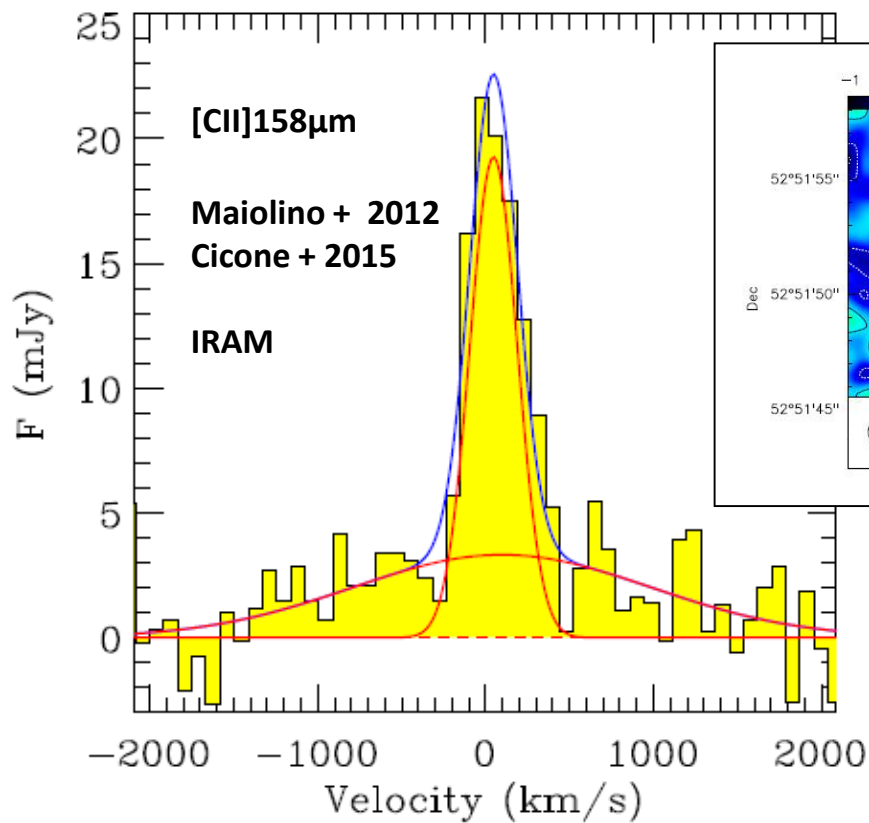


Outflow masses – OH vs. [CII]



Janssen+ 2016.

SDSS J1148+5152, $z=6.4189$

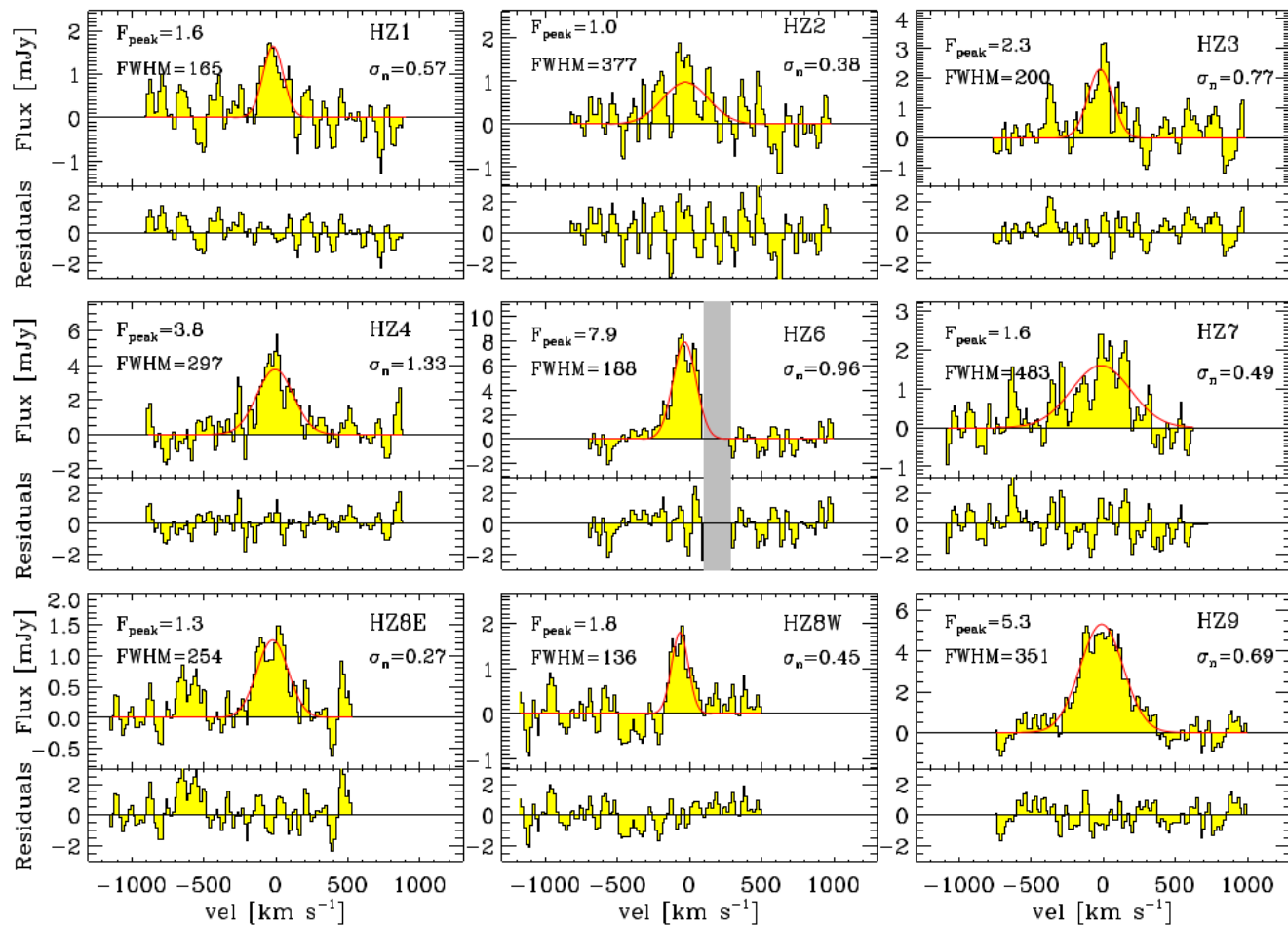


$dM/dt > 3500 \text{ Msun/yr}$

Capak+2015, Gallerani+2016,
Pallottini+ 2016,

See also Riechers+2014
($z=5.3$ SMG)

ALMA suggests outflows in $z \sim 5.5$ galaxies



Gallerani+ 2018

Conclusion

Herschel OH outflow studies are an excellent example of a major result from a space mission that came (to some extent) as a surprise

They

- **provided significant new insights regarding the existence, properties and physics of molecular outflows, thereby supporting models and our understanding of galaxy evolution (still ongoing)**
- **kick-started (sub-)mm interferometric studies by inspiration and by instructions where to look for outflows**
- **provided independent validation/calibration for outflow properties derived from (sub-)mm interferometry**
- **paved the way for SPICA by providing a key science case ($z < 2$) and for future ground-based (high- z , OH, CO, CII) studies (NOEMA/ALMA)**

