

# Molecular Gas, Turbulence and Star Formation in and out of Powerful Radio-Galaxies

Pierre Guillard<sup>1,2</sup>

1



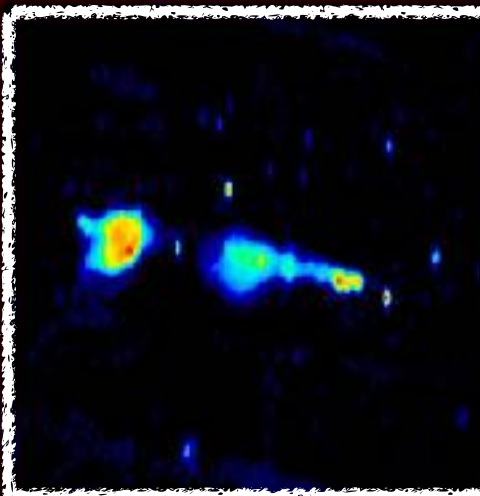
2



with B. Emonts, M. Lehnert, F. Boulanger, P. Appleton,  
P. Ogle, N. Cornuault, P. Lesaffre, G. Pineau des  
Forêts, E. Falgarone, K. Alatalo, A. Gusdorf...

$z = 3.0$

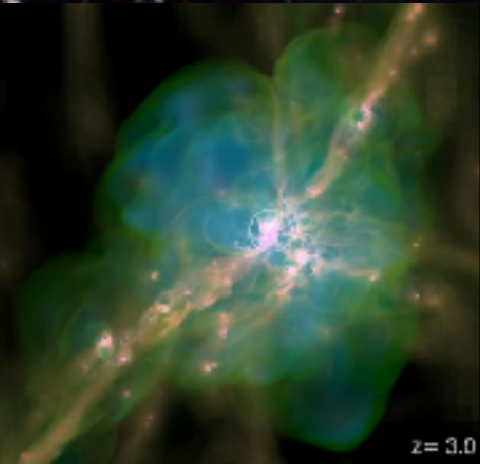
"Energetics and life-cycles of radio sources", ASTRON, 26-28th March 2018



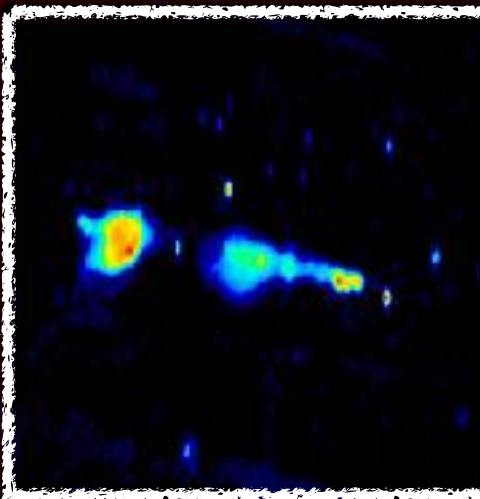
1. Warm molecular gas in RGs



2. Discovery of cold gas in the halo of the Spiderweb RG



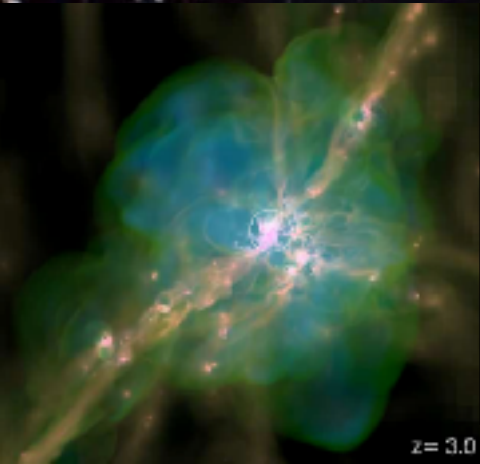
3. *What do we learn about the physics of AGN feedback?*



1. Warm molecular gas in RGs  
**gas excitation: dissipation of turbulence, shocks, cosmic-rays ionisation**

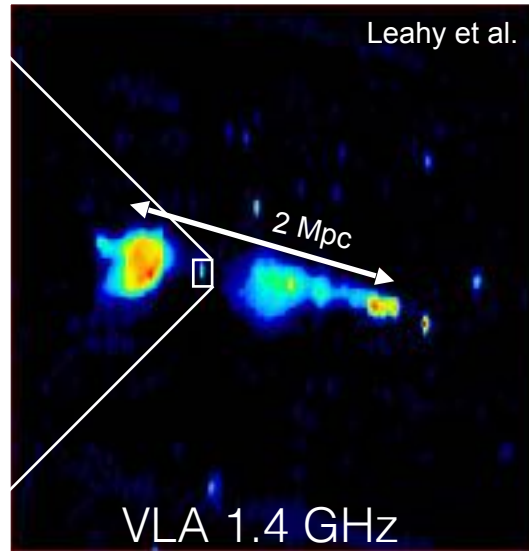
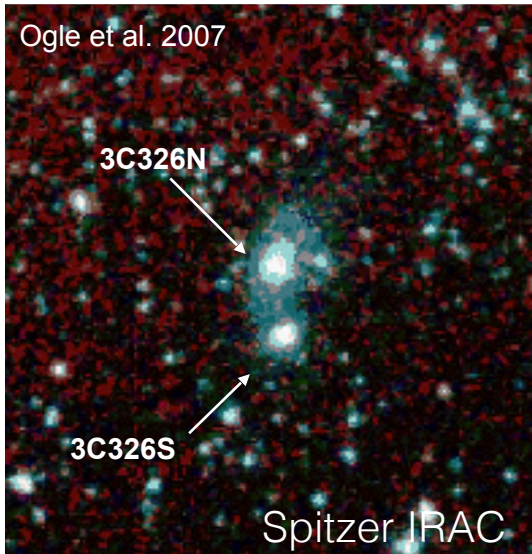


2. Discovery of cold gas in the halo of the Spiderweb RG  
**growth of massive cluster ellipticals, fuel for star formation in halos and feedback**

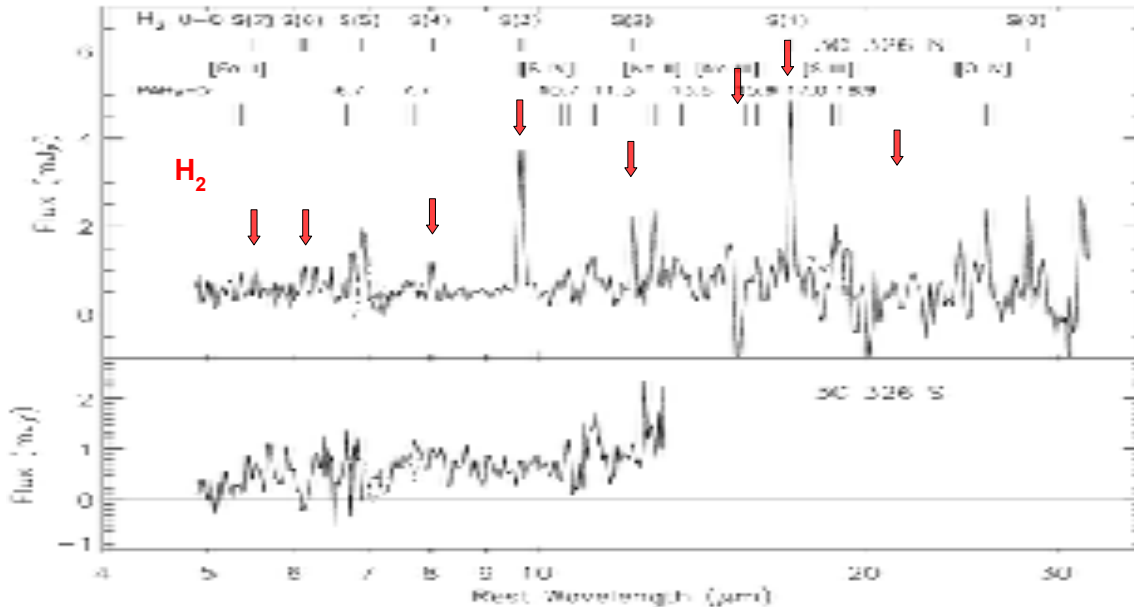


3. *What do we learn about the physics of AGN feedback?*  
**where and how is the kinetic and gravitational energies dissipated**



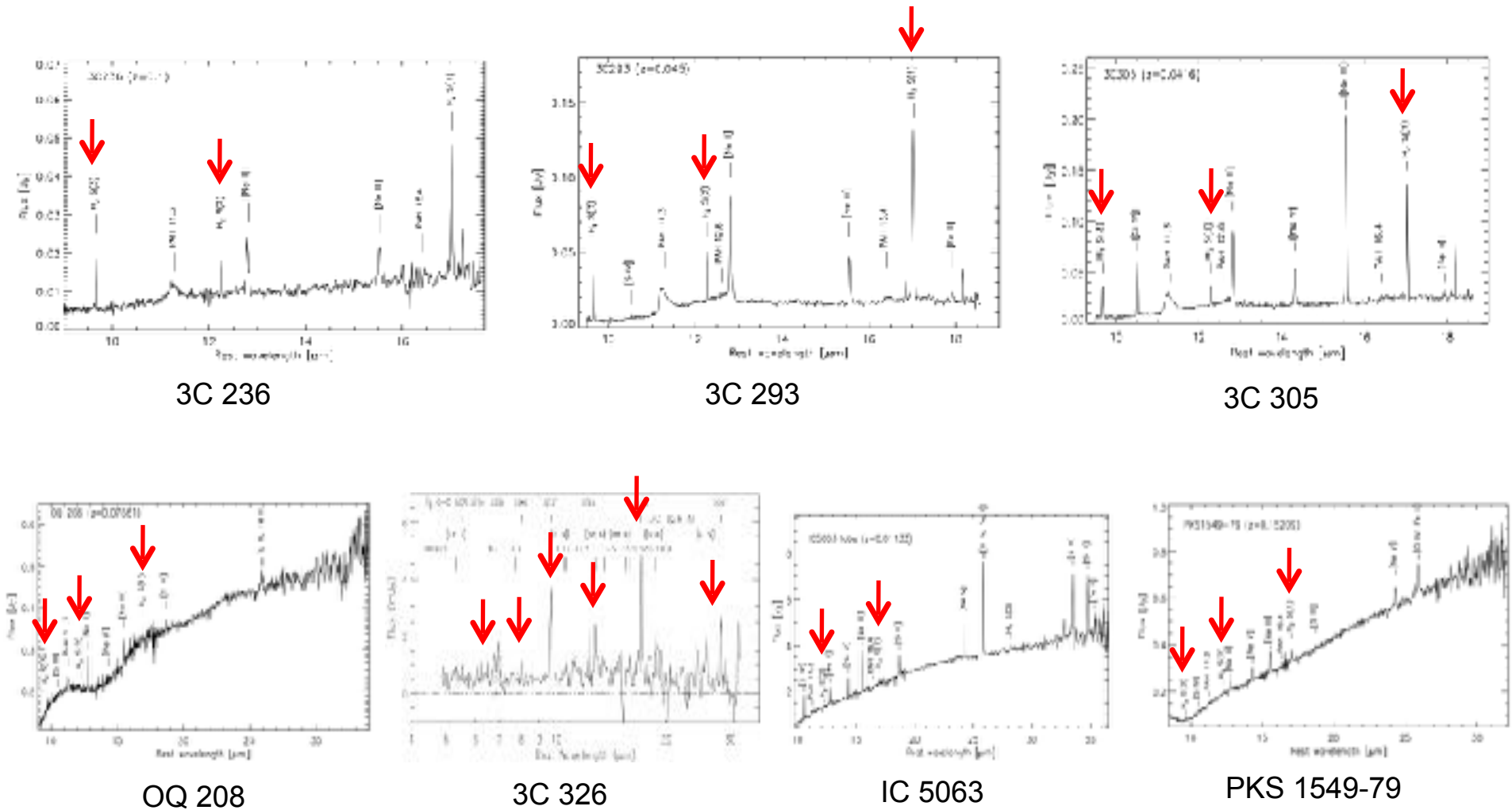


- Pair of galaxies 3C 326N & S at  $z=0.089$
- Both contain nuclear radio sources (Rawlings et al. 1990)



- $L(\text{H}_2) = 8 \times 10^{41}$  erg/s
- $10^9 M_{\odot}$  of warm  $\text{H}_2$
- 3kpc turbulent  $\text{H}_2$  disk
- $\text{SFR} < 0.07 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$
- $L(\text{H}_2)/L(\text{IR}) \sim 0.2$  !!

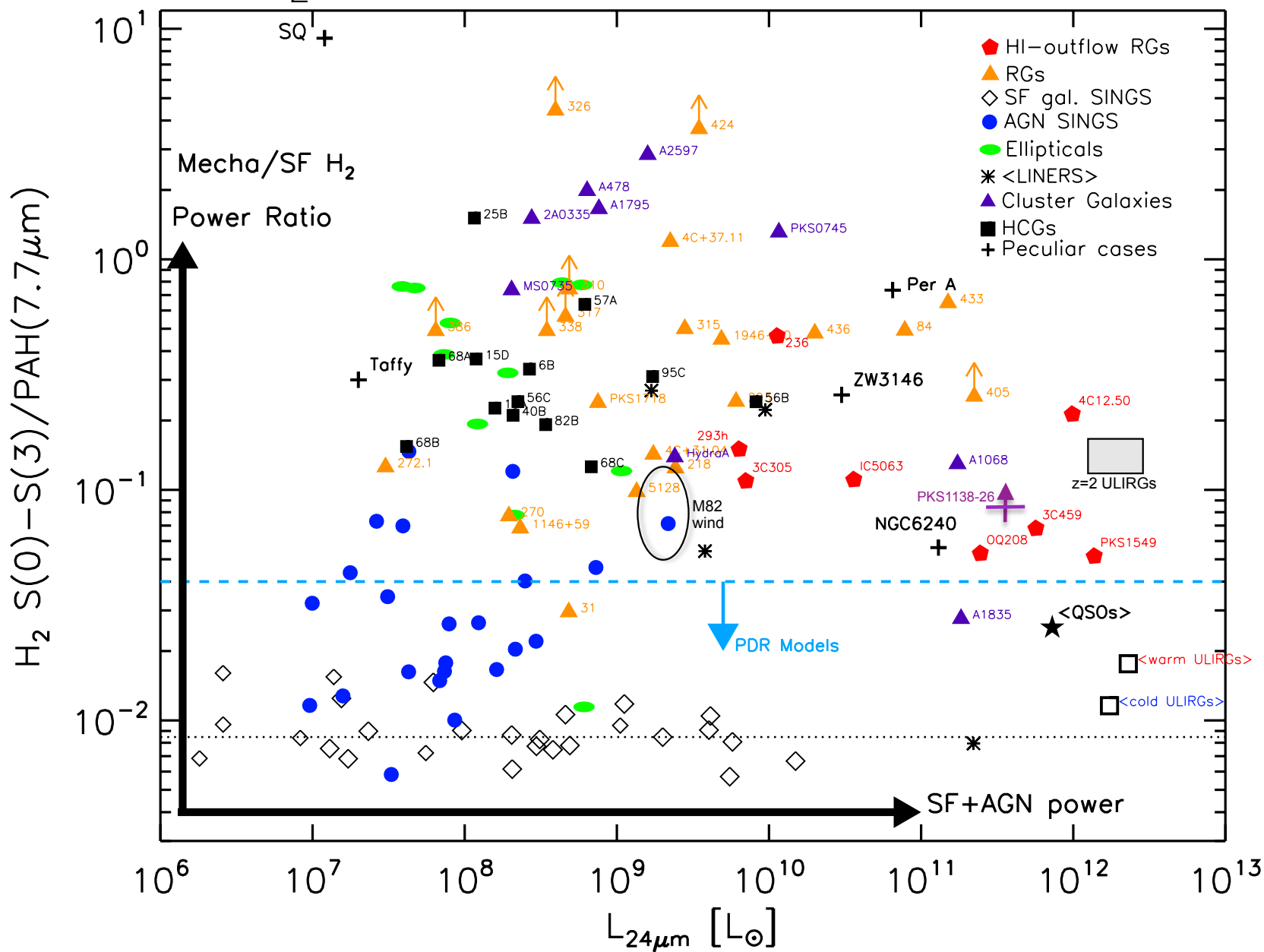
# 30% of 3CR radio galaxies\* have bright, shock-excited rotational H<sub>2</sub> lines



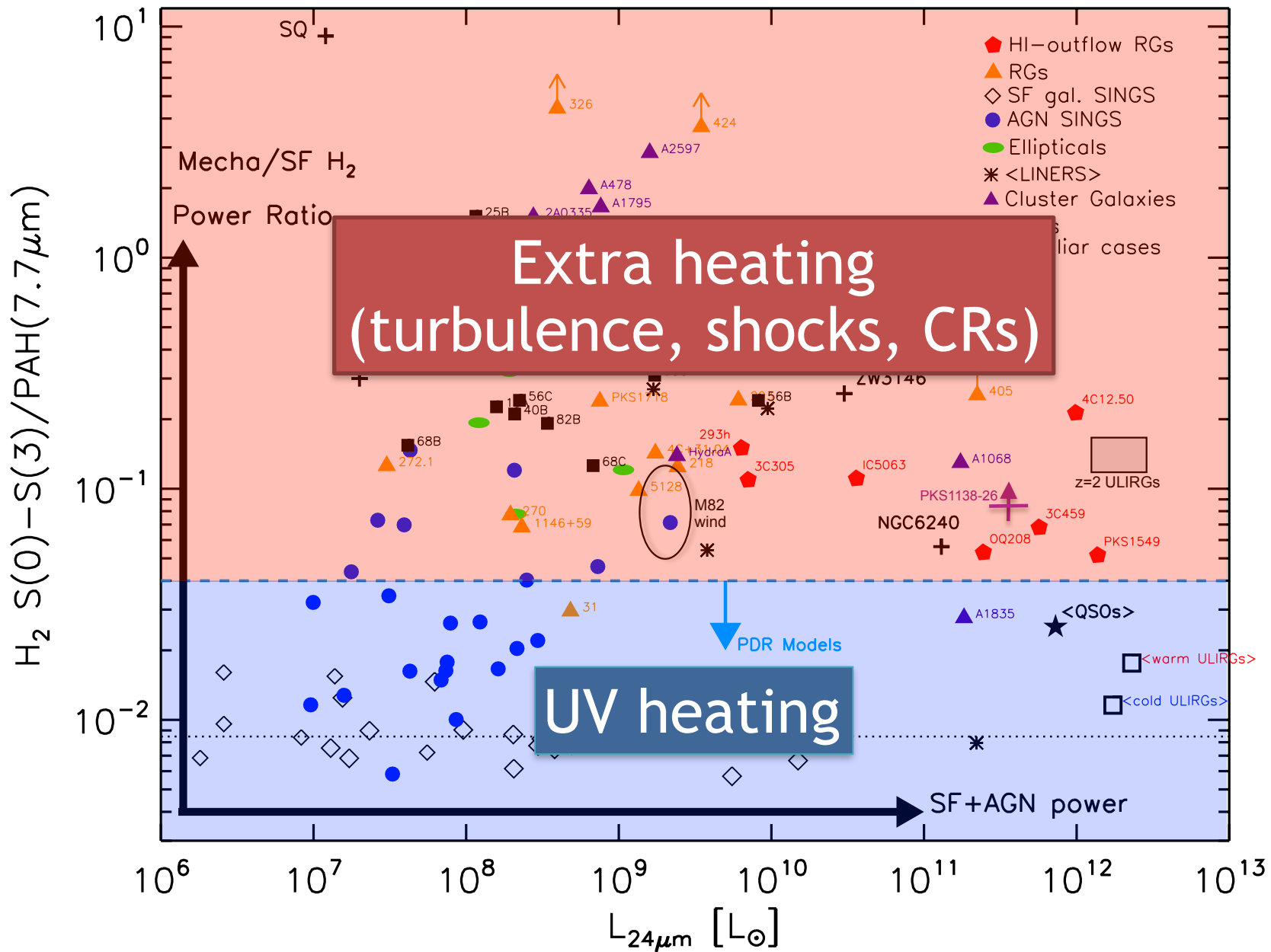
Morganti & Tadhunter sample  
Guillard et al., 2012a

\* all RGs with HI outflows!

# H<sub>2</sub> line emission in galaxies (Spitzer)



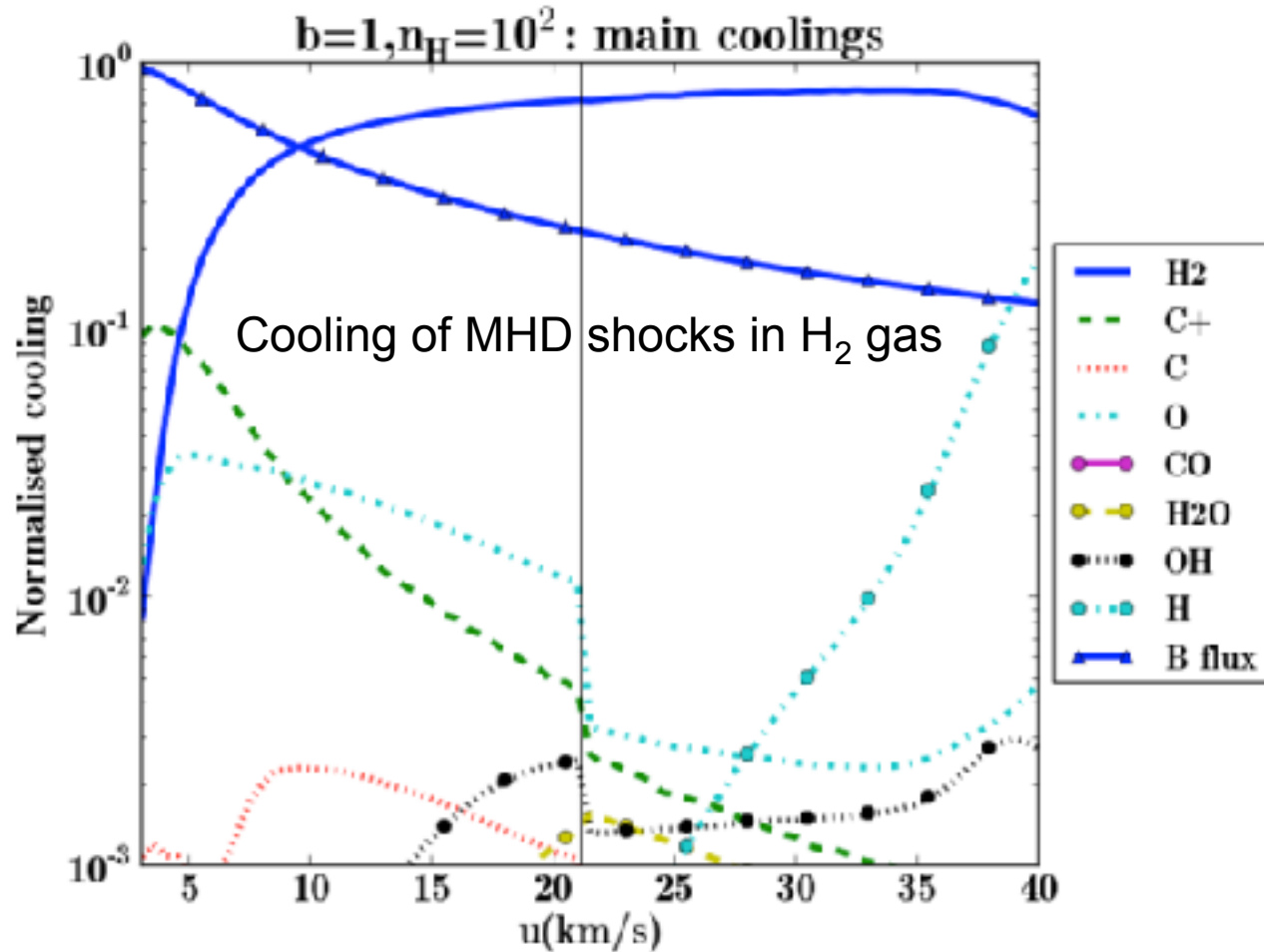
# H<sub>2</sub> line emission in galaxies (Spitzer)



# H<sub>2</sub> emission from shocks

H<sub>2</sub> mid-IR lines are the main cooling lines of shocked molecular for  $5 < V_s < 40$  km/s

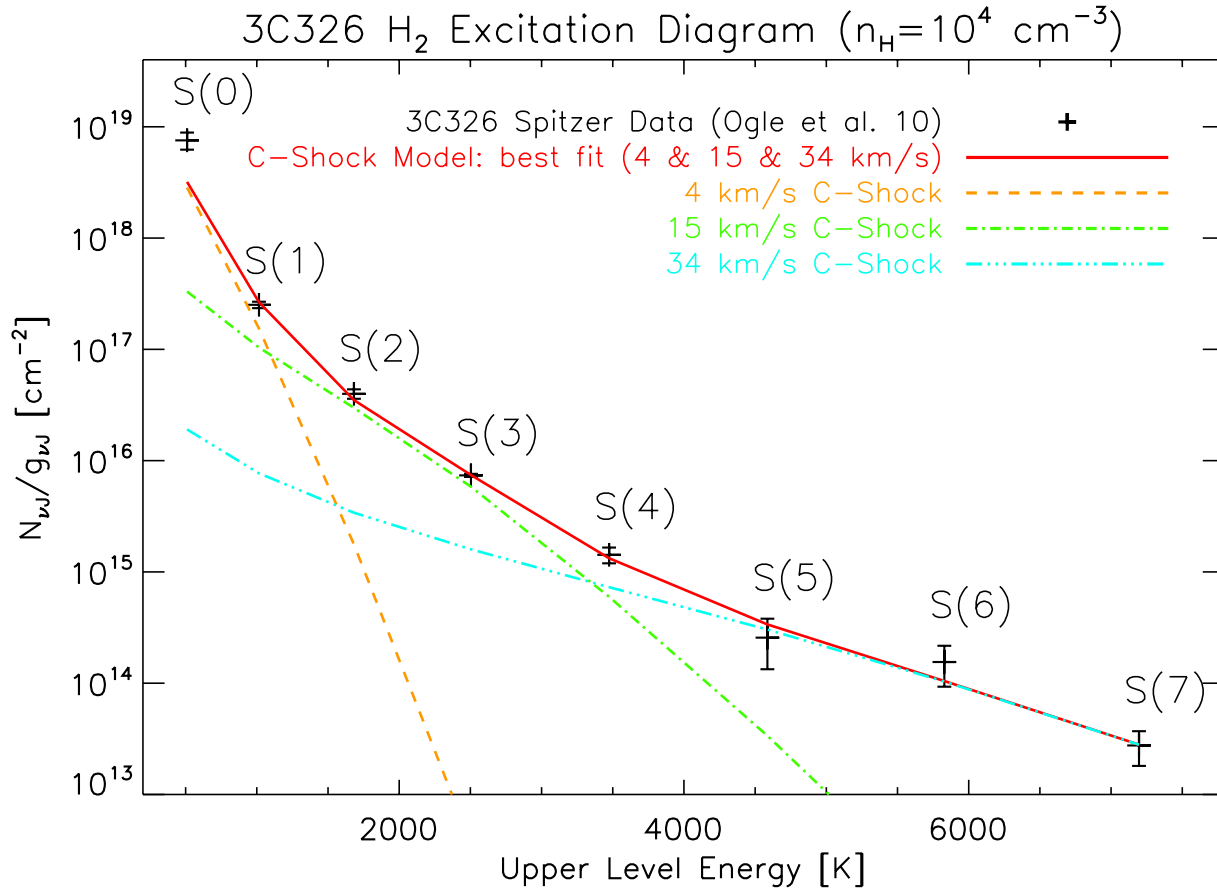
Shocks trigger the formation of H<sub>2</sub> gas if the gas is initially atomic provided that there is dust (Bergin+2007, Guillard+2009)



1D models of shocks within diffuse irradiated gas (Guillard+09, Lesaffre+13, Flower+15,)



# Modelling shock-excited H<sub>2</sub> lines: example of 3C326

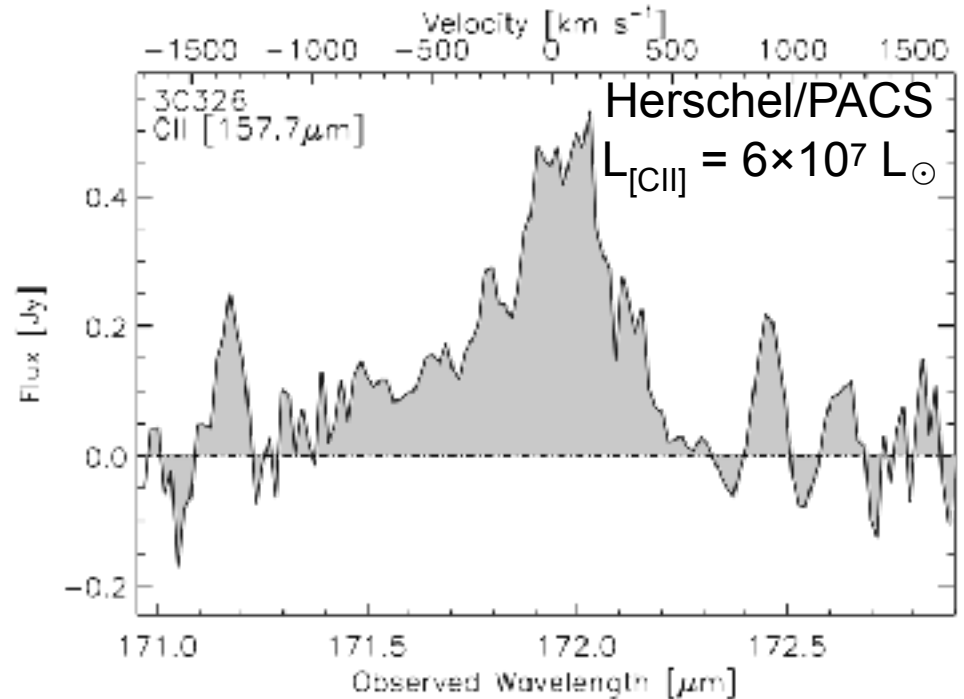


**Table 7.1:** MHD shock model parameters, mass flows and cooling times for 3C326 <sup>a</sup>.

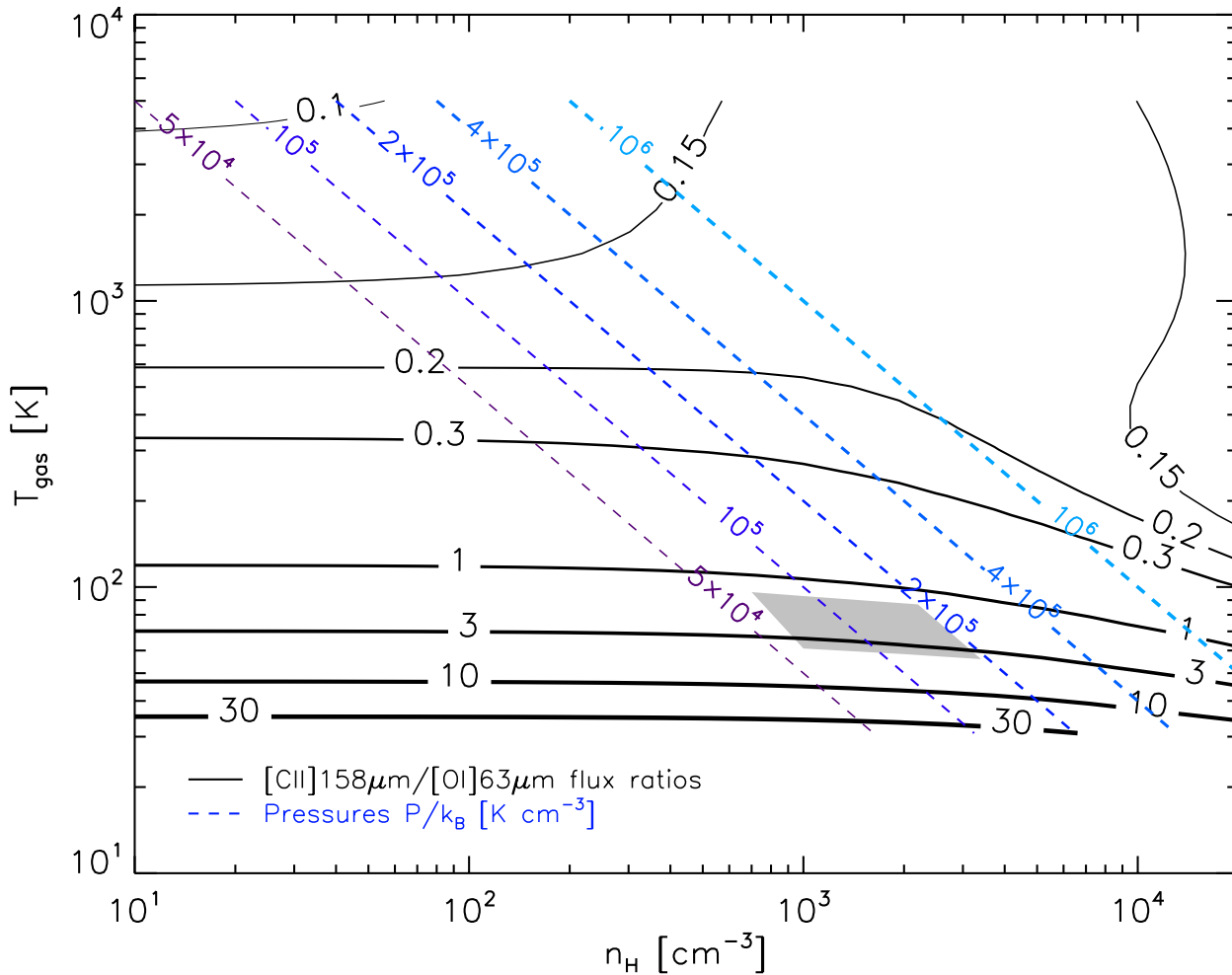
$V_s$ <sup>b</sup>	Mass Flow	COOLING TIMES		GAS MASSES	
		$t_{\text{cool}}(150\text{K})$ <sup>c</sup>	$t_{\text{cool}}(50\text{K})$ <sup>c</sup>	(150 K)	(50 K)
[km s <sup>-1</sup> ]	[ $M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ ]	[yr]	[yr]	[ $M_{\odot}$ ]	[ $M_{\odot}$ ]
4	70100	19050	24960	$1.3 \times 10^9$	$1.7 \times 10^8$
15	5950	3320	4500	$2.0 \times 10^7$	$2.7 \times 10^7$
34	730	1000	1350	$7.3 \times 10^5$	$9.8 \times 10^5$

# Powerful [CII] line but weak UV and star formation in 3C 326 N

- [CII] twice as strong as the H<sub>2</sub> 0-0 S(1) line
- Mass of [CII]-emitting gas:  $6 \times 10^8 M_{\odot}$  at  $n_{\text{H}} = 1000 \text{ cm}^{-3}$  and  $T=100 \text{ K}$
- The warm molecular gas is the only gas reservoir that can account for the [CII] emission

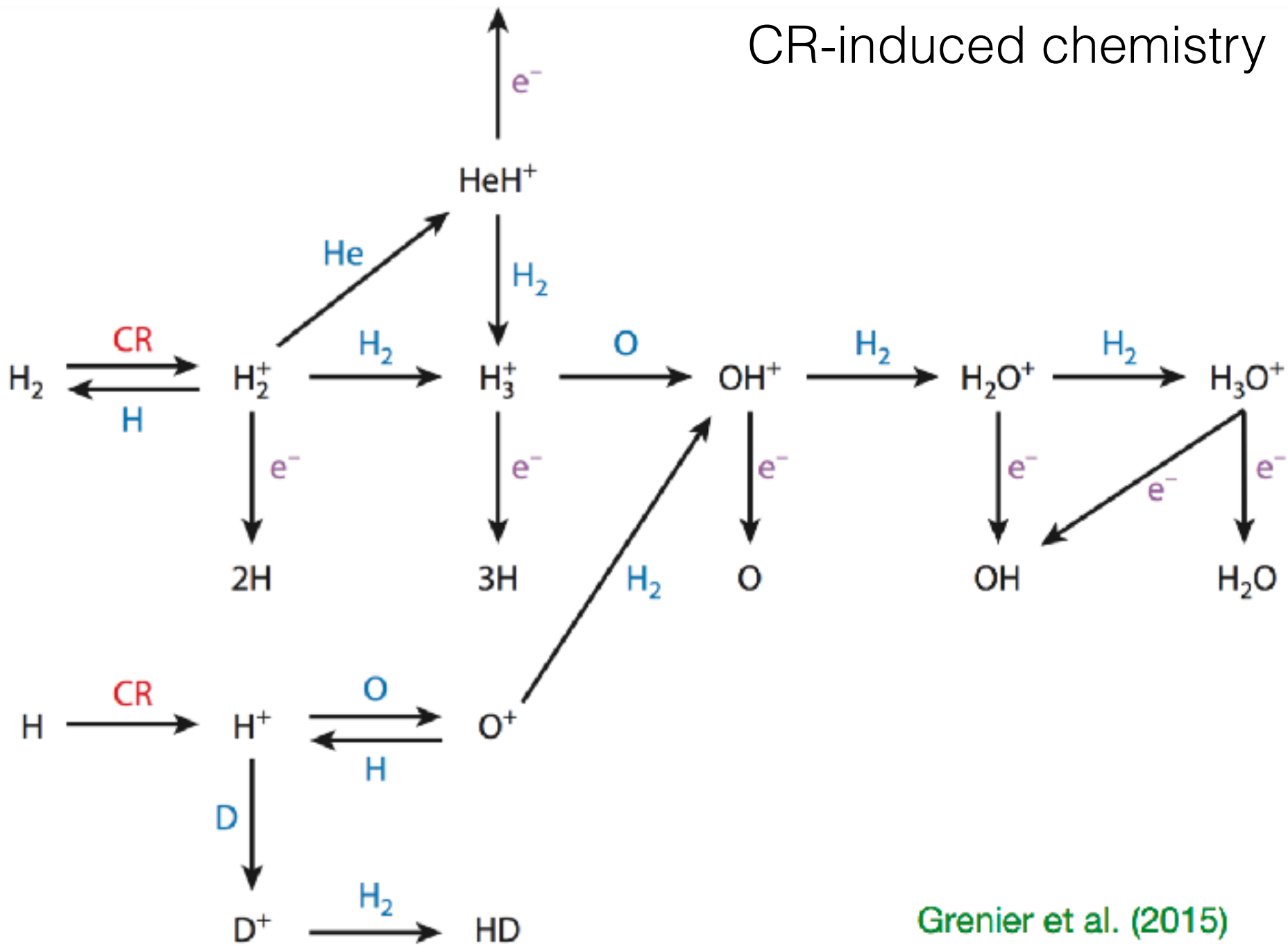


# Physical state of the molecular gas in 3C 326N



- Collisional excitation of [CII]158 $\mu\text{m}$  and [OI]63 $\mu\text{m}$  (solar abundance, 40% of carbon in the gas phase)
- Pressure constrained by [CII]/FIR ratio (dust model)
- temperature constrained by [CII]/[OI] =  $2.4 \pm 0.6$
- No detection of high-J CO lines in the SPIRE spectrum
- Are those physical conditions compatible with CR heating?

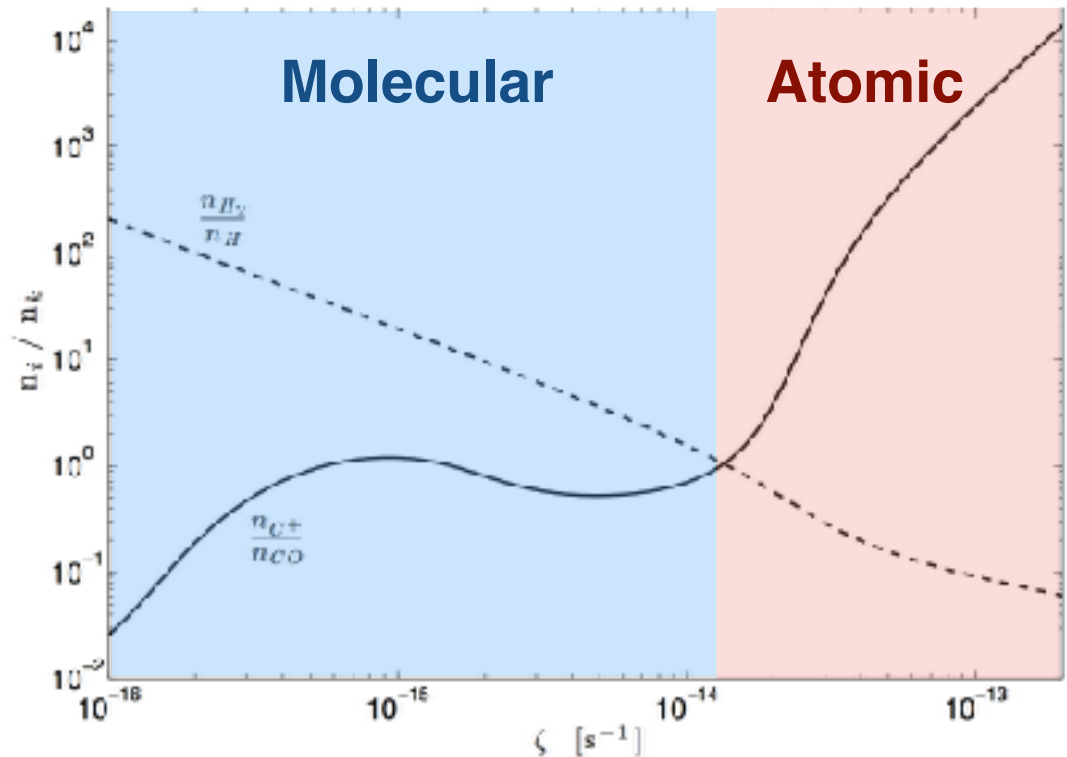
# CR-induced chemistry



Grenier et al. (2015)

# Can CRs explain the high C<sup>+</sup>/CO fractional abundance?

- $\zeta = 2 \times 10^{-14} \text{s}^{-1}$  required to balance the observed [CII]+H<sub>2</sub> cooling rate (line luminosity to mass ratio). This is comparable to the galactic center value (Indriolo et al. 2015)
- CRs dissociate CO molecules (via secondary photons)
- The gas has to be denser than  $n_{\text{H}} \approx 3 \times 10^3 \text{ cm}^{-3}$  to remain molecular
- Weak [CII]/[OI] and high [CII]/FIR impose  $7 \times 10^2 < n_{\text{H}} < 3 \times 10^3 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
- Models show that in  $n_{\text{H}_2} = 10^3 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ,  $T = 160 \text{ K}$ , UV-shielded gas, the gas can be molecular ( $1 < n_{\text{H}_2} / n_{\text{H}} < 50$ ) with  $n(\text{C}^+)/n(\text{CO}) \approx 0.8$  for  $3 \times 10^{-16} < \zeta < 2 \times 10^{-14} \text{ s}^{-1}$ .



Mashian et al. 2013

# Conclusions

- Very little constrains on CR ionisation rates in AGN
- Large masses of warm molecular gas and high C<sup>+</sup>/CO abundances observed in radio-galaxies
- CRs are an important source of gas heating in AGN, affecting kinematics and chemistry
- Complexity and degeneracies of line diagnostics vs. models. Need for hybrid models (e.g. CRs- and Xrays-irradiated shocks — Lehman, Guillard in prep.)

# Molecular gas in High-z Radio-Galaxies

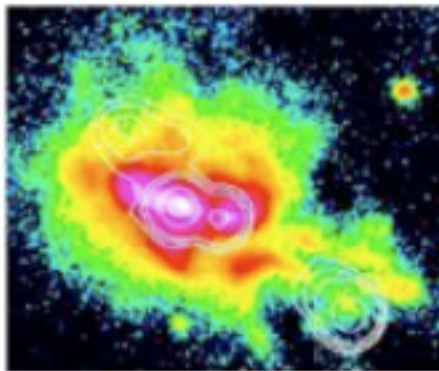
- First (single-dish) surveys failed to detect CO (*Evans+ 1996, van Ojik+ 1997*)
- Since then, CO detected in individual HzRG  
(Miley & De Breuck 2008; also Scoville et al. 1997, Papadopoulos et al. 2000, 2001, Alloin et al. 2000, De Breuck et al. 2003a,b, 2005, Greve et al. 2004, Klamer et al. 2005, Ivison et al. 2008, 2011; Nesvadba et al. 2009; Emonts et al 2011, 2013, 2014)
- CO across tens of kpc (e.g. Papadopoulos et al. 2000)  
CO in giant Ly $\alpha$  halos (Nesvadba 2009)  
CO aligned with radio jets (Klamer et al 2004)

Bias towards high-J CO transitions

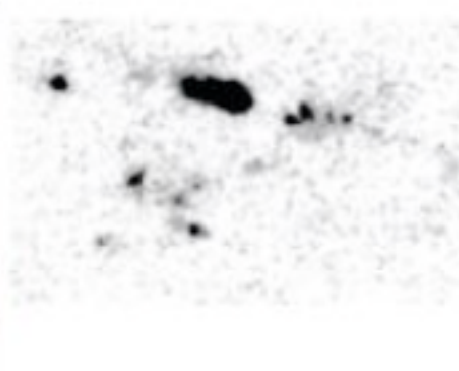
+ need for low-surface brightness!

**4C41.17 ( $z = 3.8$ )**

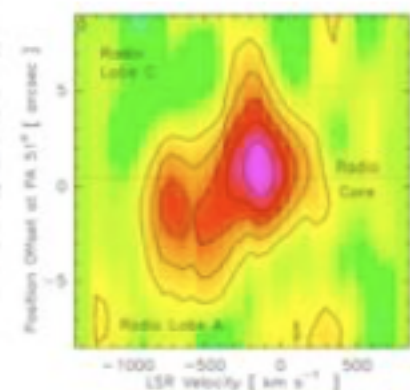
*Reuland et al. (2003);  
Carilli et al (1997)*



VLA radio on Keck Ly $\alpha$



HST Image, WFPC2 (7000A)



*De Breuck  
et al. (2005)*

CO(4-3)

# “Spiderweb Galaxy”

(MRC 1138-262)

ACS  $g_{475} + I_{814}$

Miley et al. 2006

Radio VLA 8 GHz  
*Carilli et al 1997*

25 kpc

$z = 2.16$

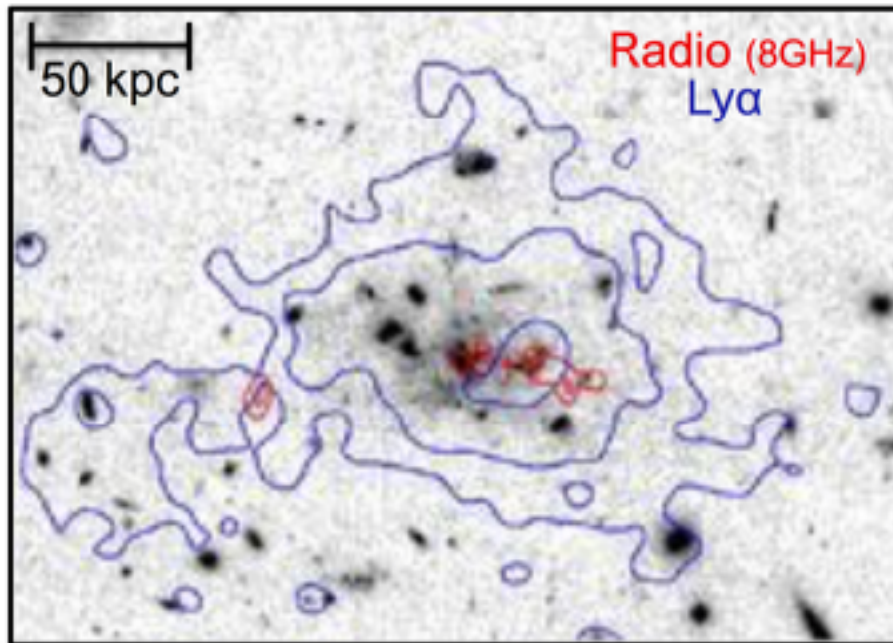
(23% of age Universe)

$P_{500 \text{ MHz}} > 10^{27} \text{ W/Hz}$

Strong beacons  among best studied high-z objects



# Extended Halo of ionised gas around a massive high-z radio-galaxy



Miley+ (2006)

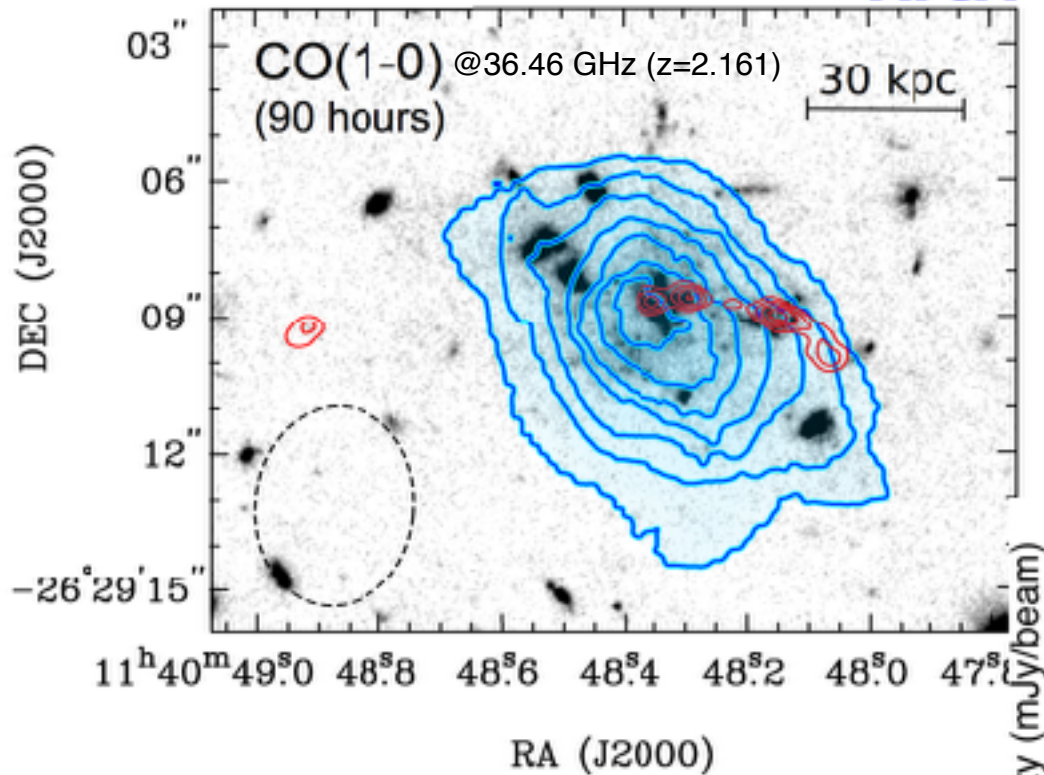
## Spiderweb Galaxy

MRC1138-262 ( $z=2.2$ )

- Giant Ly $\alpha$  halo (*Pentericci+ '97, Miley+ '06*)
- SFR  $1400 M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$  (*Seymour+ '12, Ogle+ '12*)
- Dust & SF widespread (*Stevens+ '03, Hatch+ '09*)

# A Giant Molecular Halo around the z=2 Spiderweb proto-cluster

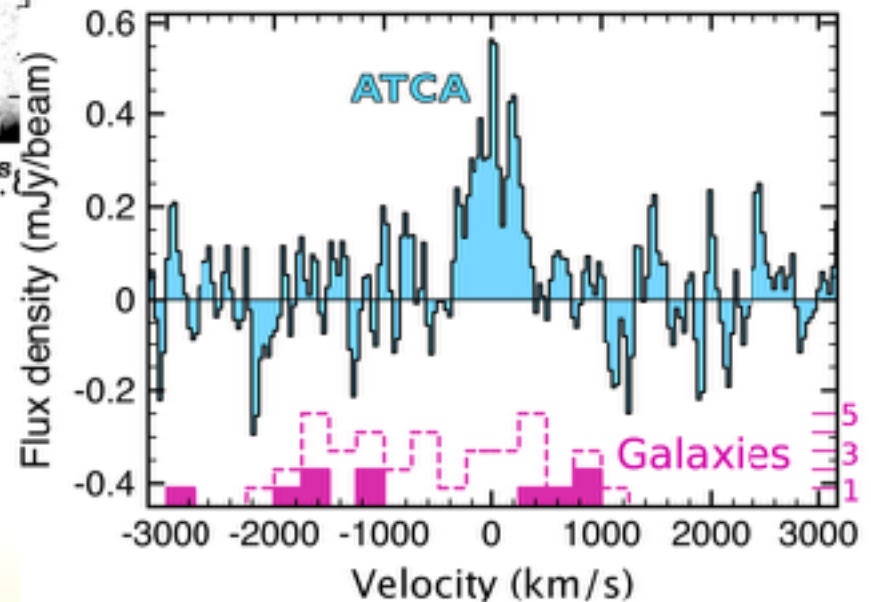
Radio 36GHz ATCA



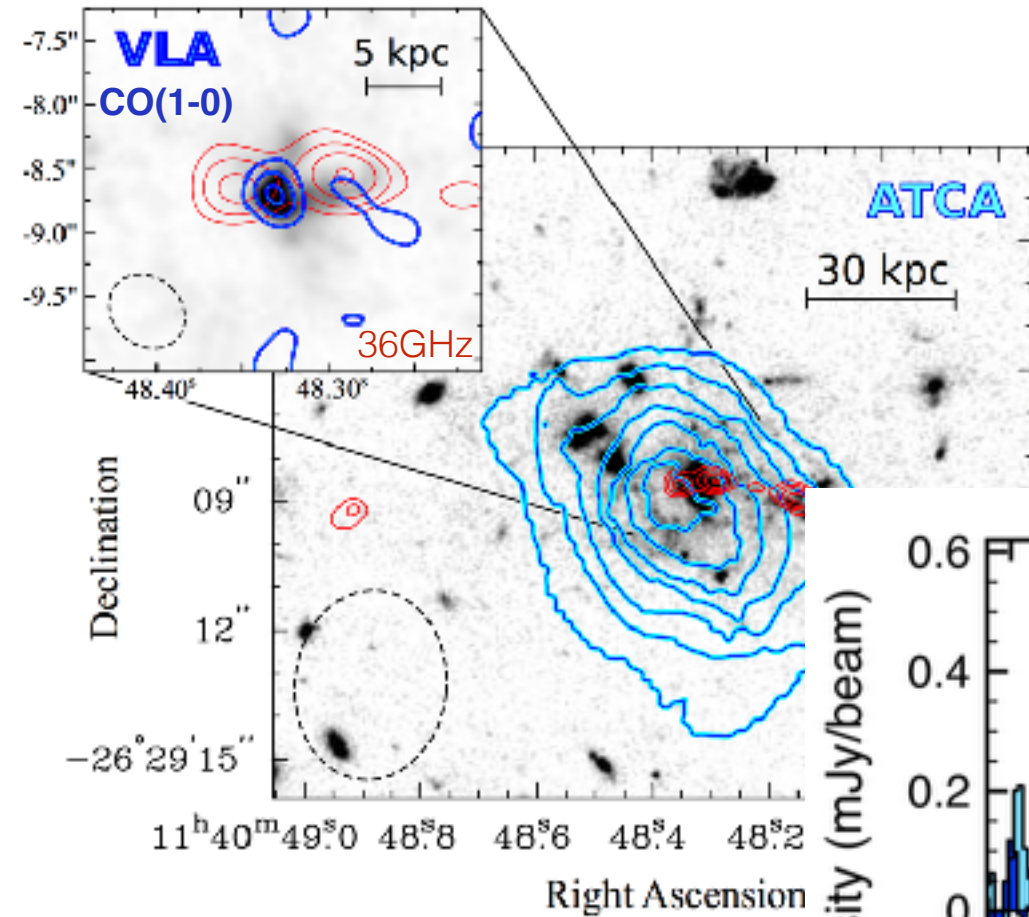
$$L'_{\text{CO}} = 5.6 \times 10^{10} \text{ K km/s pc}^2$$

## Spiderweb Galaxy

MRC1138-262 (z=2.2)

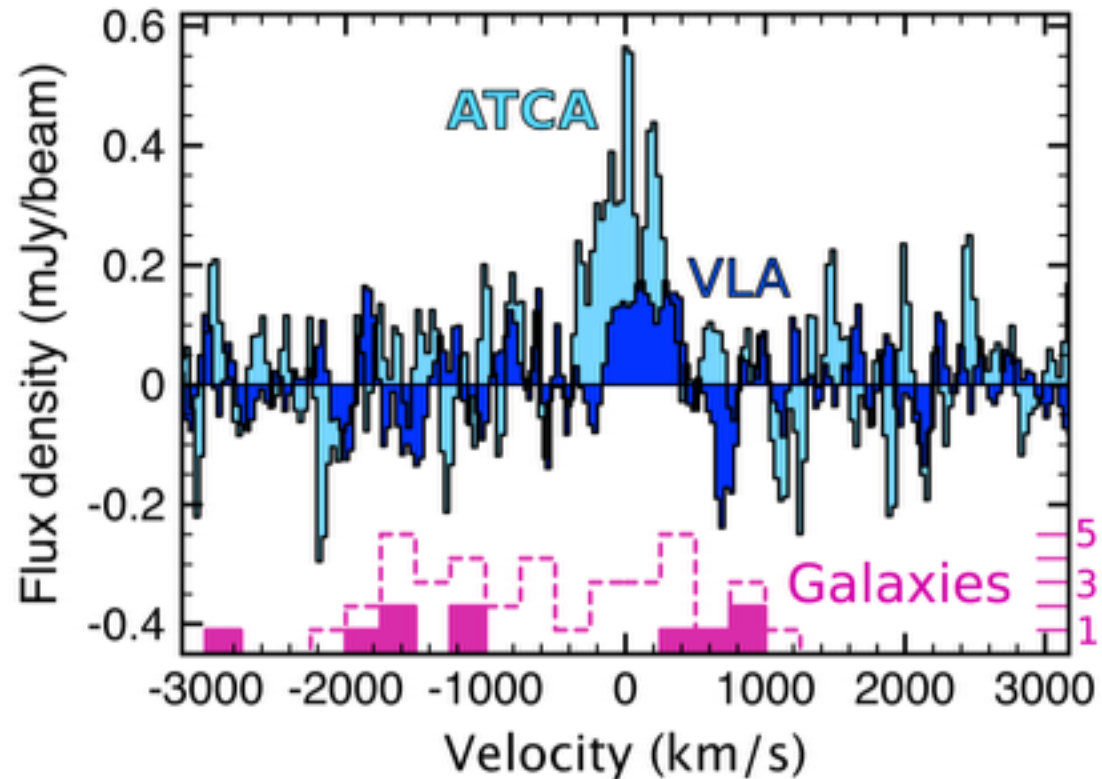


# VLA sees only 32% of ATCA flux!



*Low-surface-brightness!*

$\sigma_{\text{ATCA}} = 0.085 \text{ mJy/bm}$   
 $\sigma_{\text{VLA}} = 0.080 \text{ mJy/bm}$



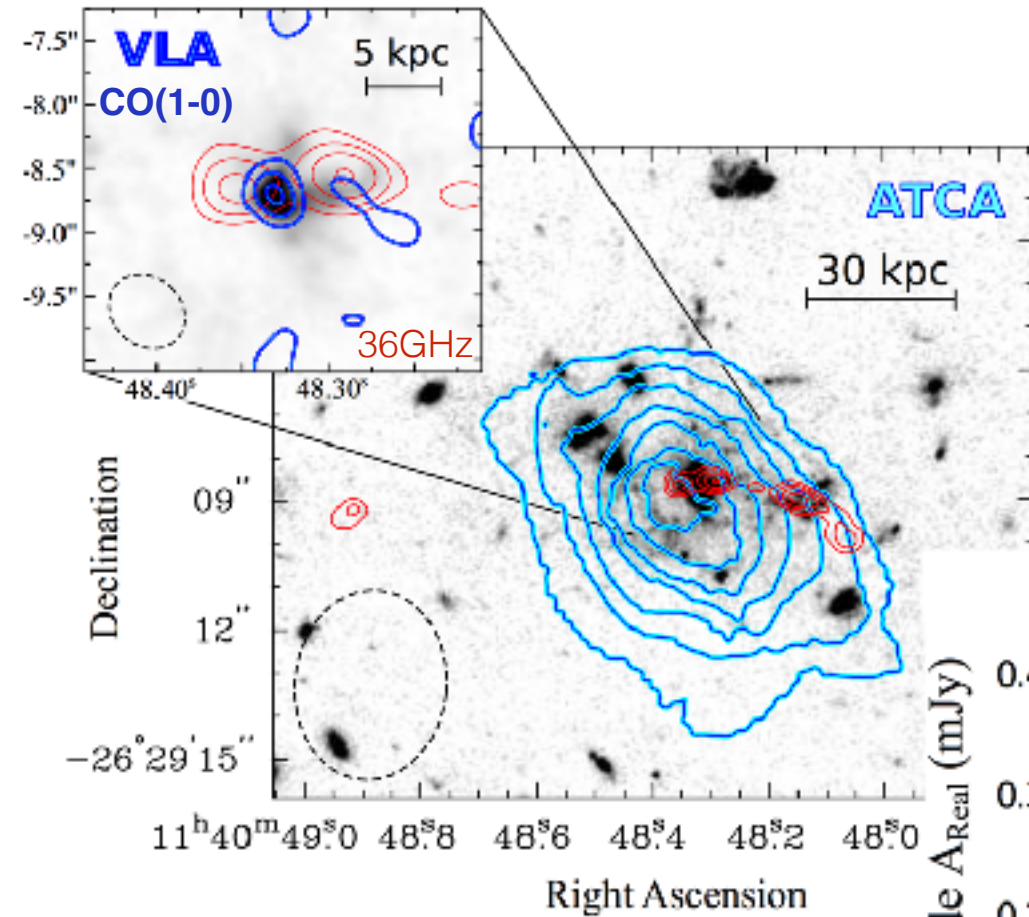
# VLA sees only 32% of ATCA flux!

Signal easily resolved out in mm!

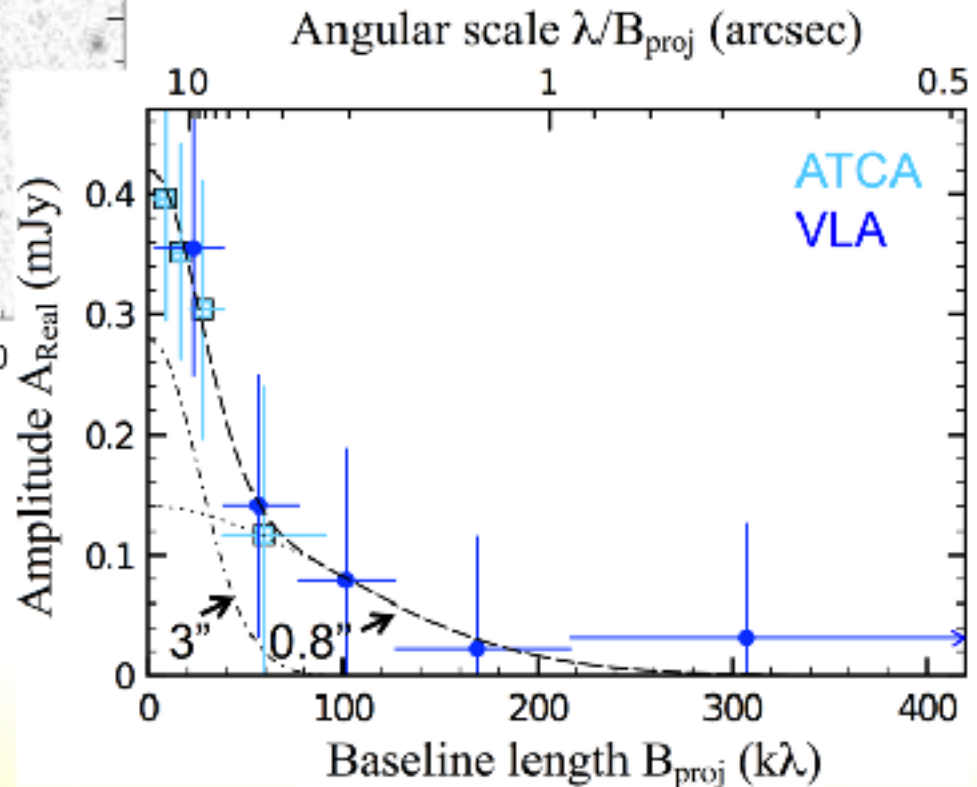
For example, at  $z=2$ ,

1km baselines resolve out:

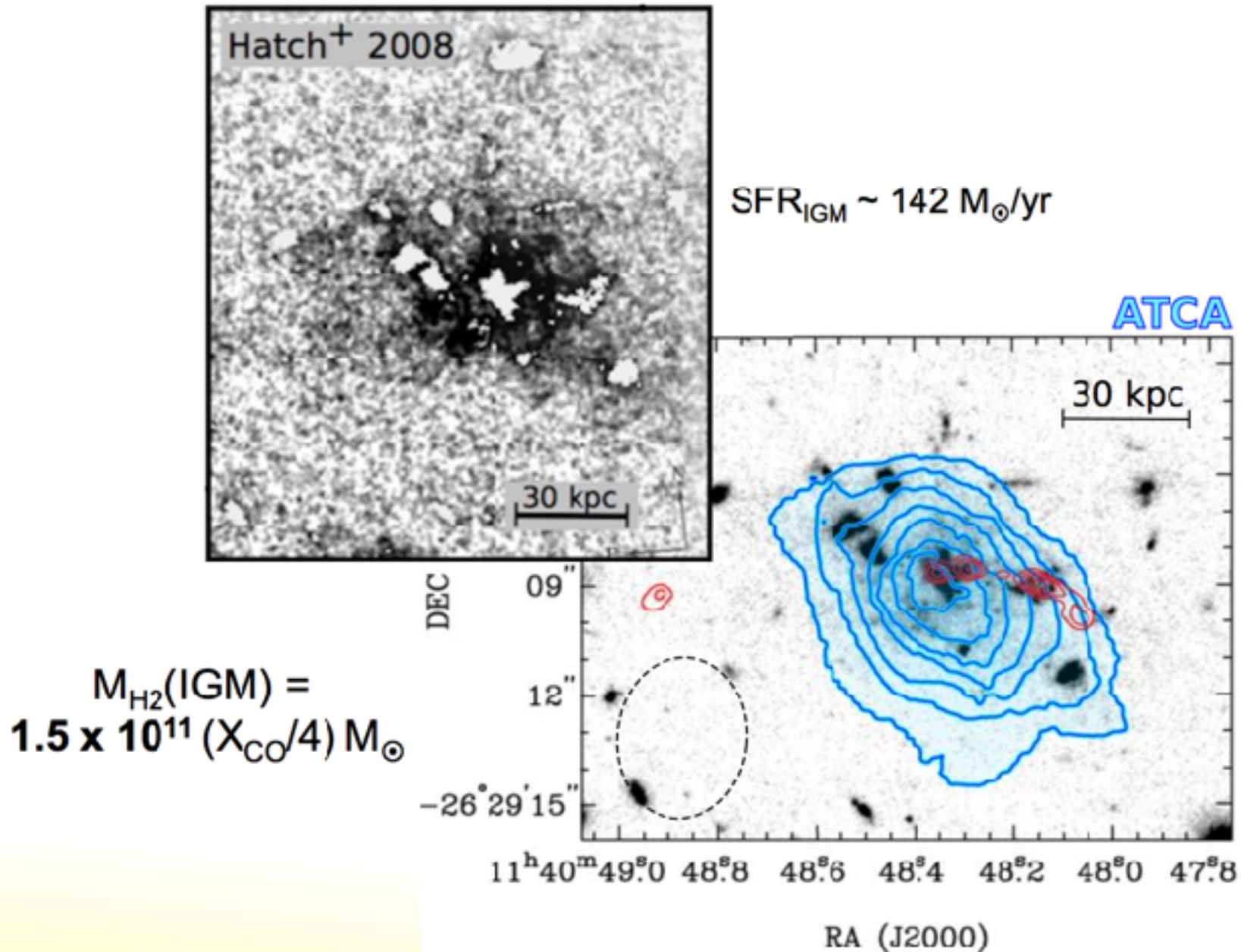
- CO(1-0) on  $>14$  kpc scales
- CO(4-3) on  $>4$  kpc scales!



$\sigma_{\text{ATCA}} = 0.085$  mJy/bm  
 $\sigma_{\text{VLA}} = 0.080$  mJy/bm



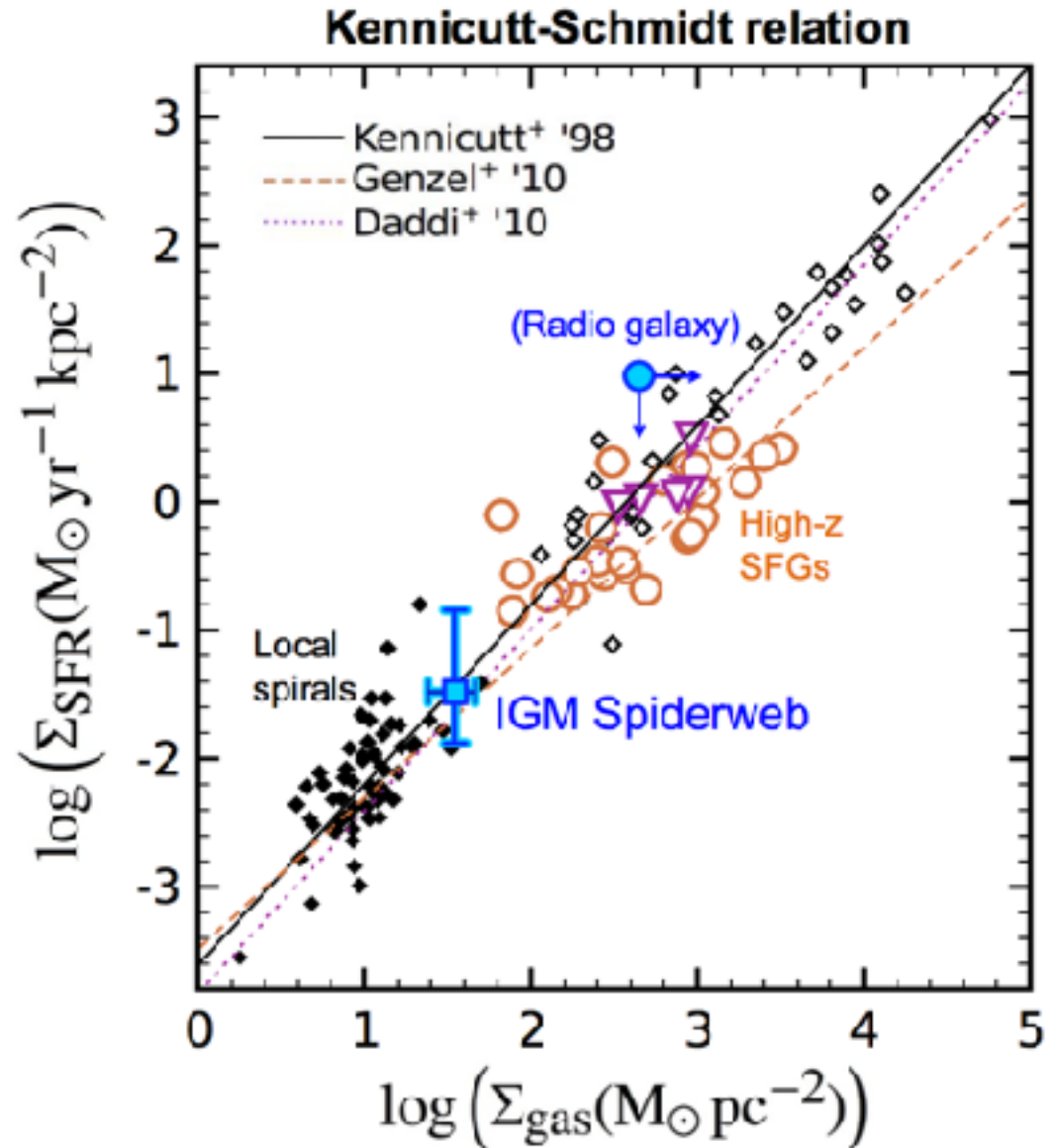
# In-situ star formation across the IGM!

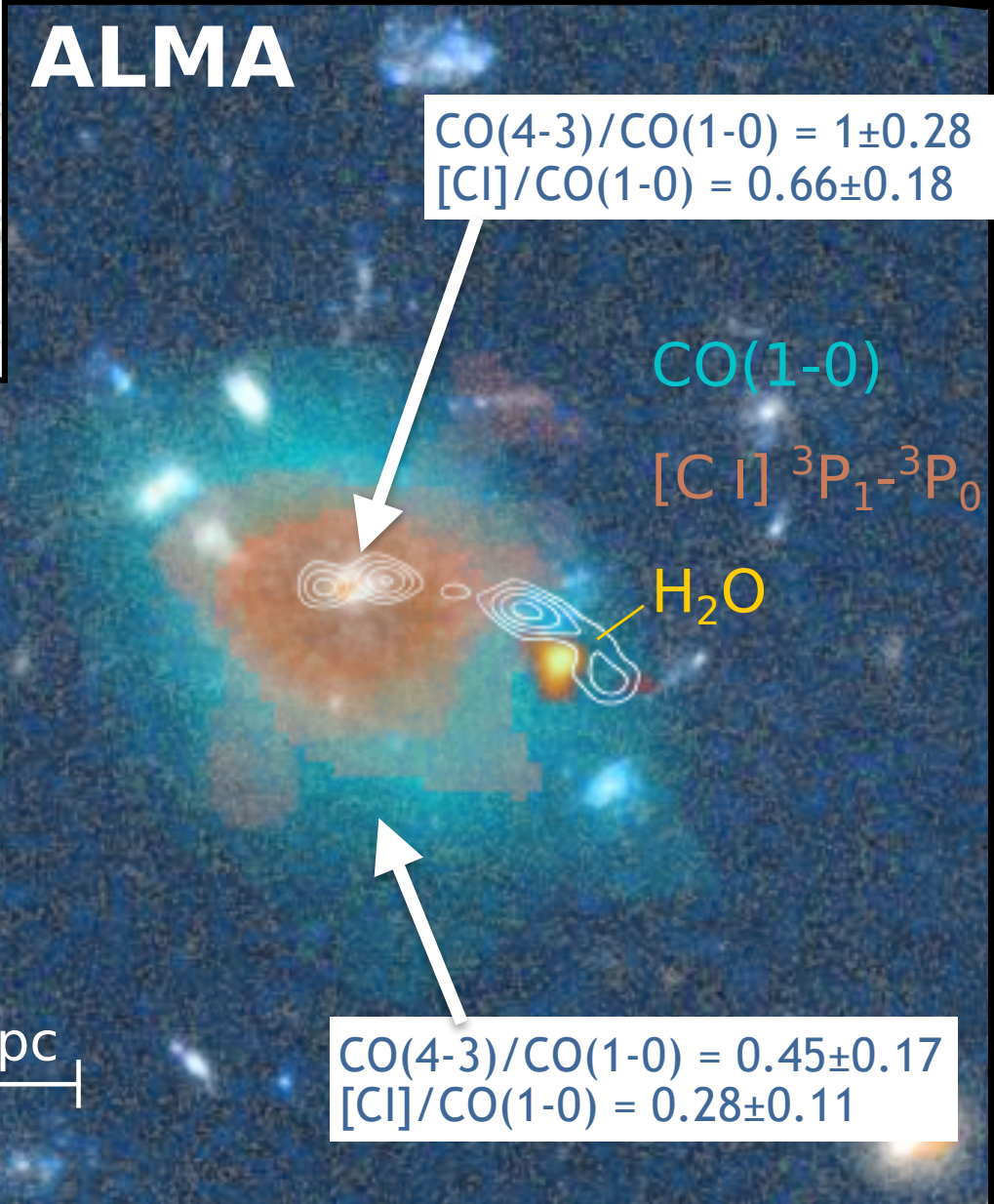
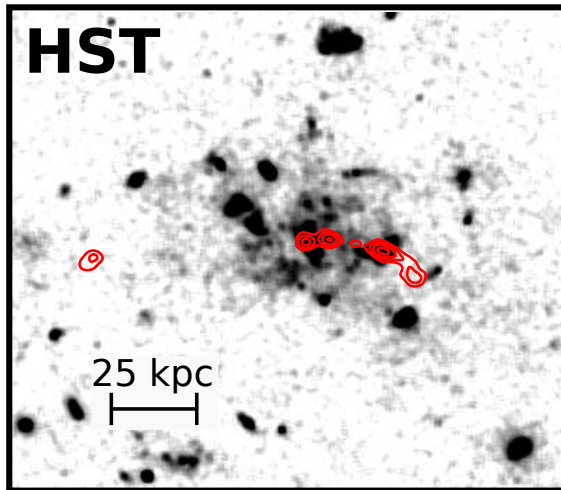


# Early assembly of giant cluster elliptical out of enriched IGM

CO(1-0) drives  
“in-situ” star formation

*Gas depleted by  $z=1.6$   
→ stellar halo can age!*





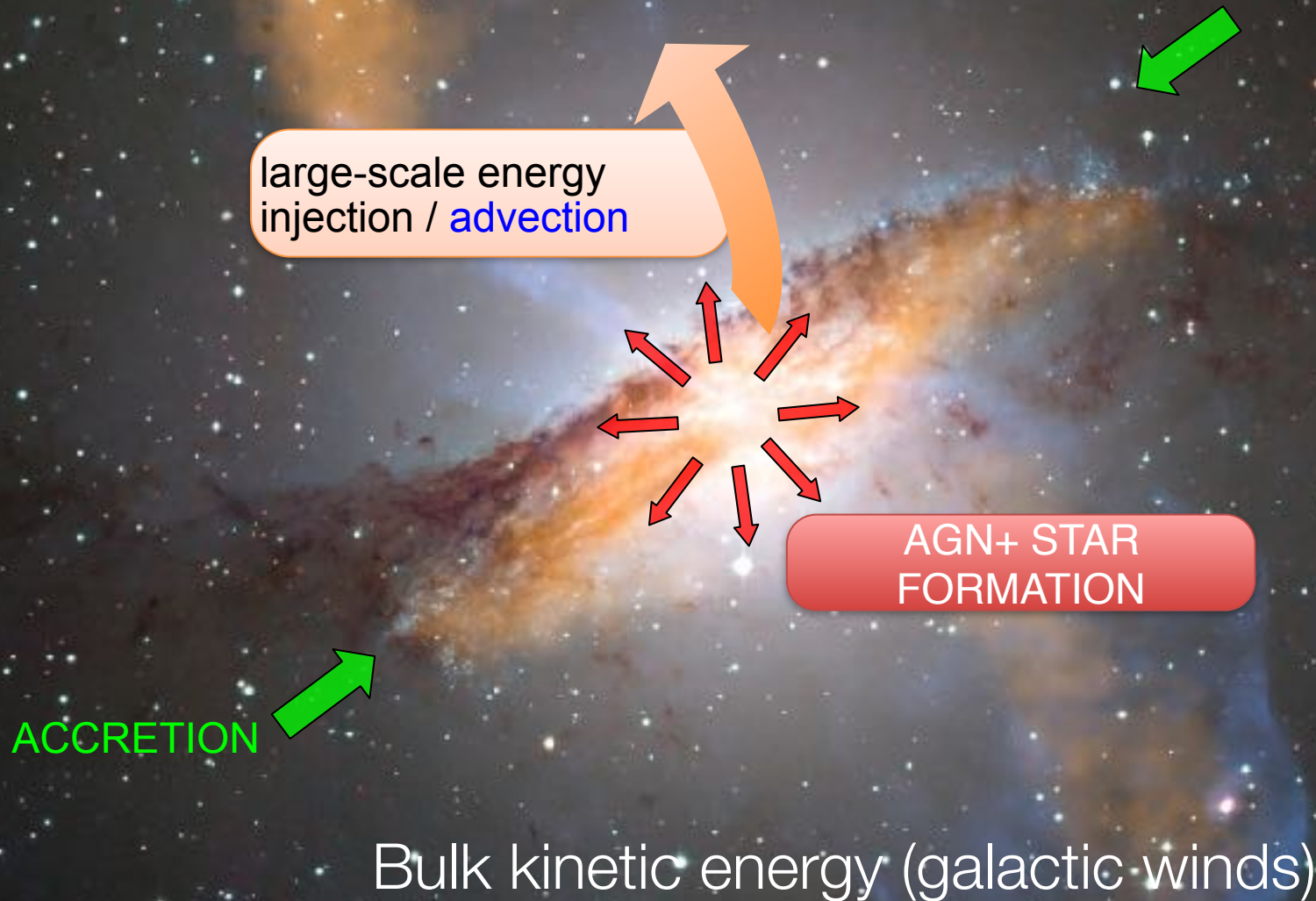
# Where does the energy go? (1/3)



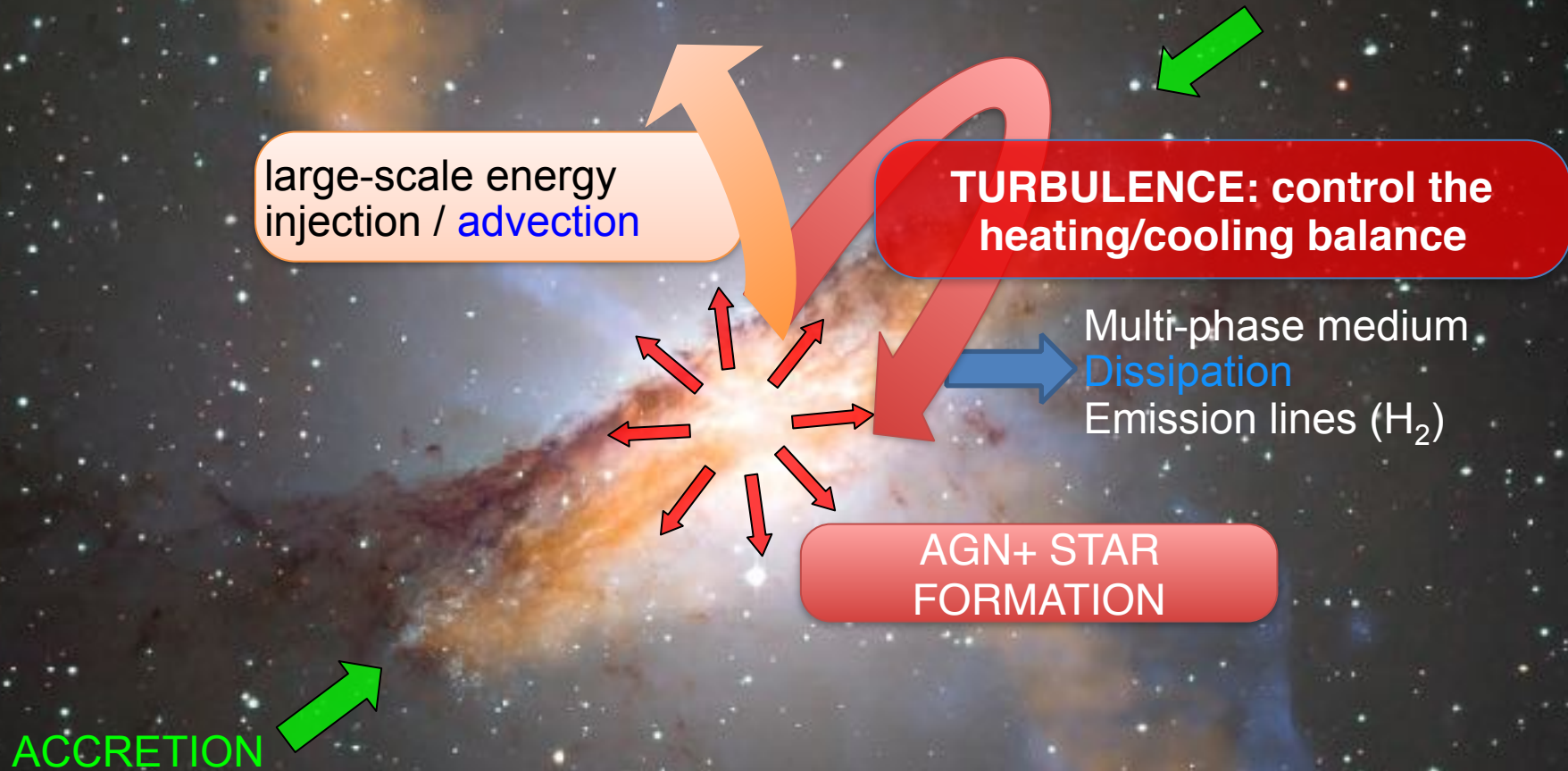
Part of energy thermalized (hot halos,  $10^6$ - $10^8$ K)



# Where does the energy go? (2/3)



# Where does the energy go? (3/3)



Cascade of turbulent energy from large to small scales

# Lessons learned

## From line luminosities and energy balance arguments:

- Molecular cooling rate can be higher than X-ray cooling
- Gas cooling is controlled by the dissipation of turbulent energy
- Turbulent dissipation time  $\gg$  dynamical time

## From kinematics:

- Mechanical energy  $\gg$  thermal energy
- The gas has to cool dynamically (not only thermally).
- The different gas phases are kinematically coupled

## From shock models and simulations:

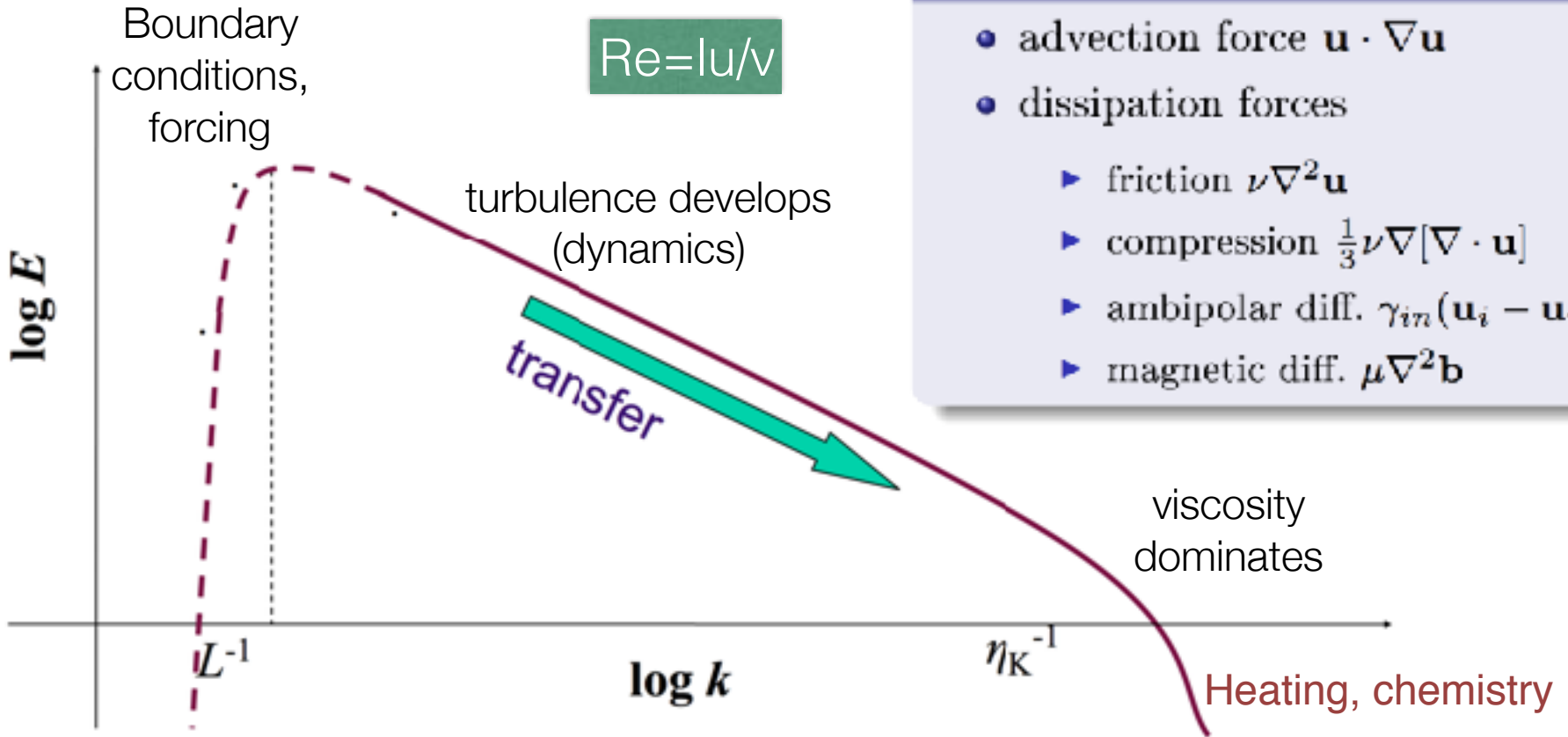
- Turbulence is supersonic in the dense phase
- Amplitude of turbulence is beyond what is explored in current models/simulations of star formation
- Large dynamical range of spatial scales:  $\sim 100$  kpc — 0.01 pc

Thanks for your time!



<http://www.sensitivelight.com/smoke2/>

# Richardson's turbulent cascade

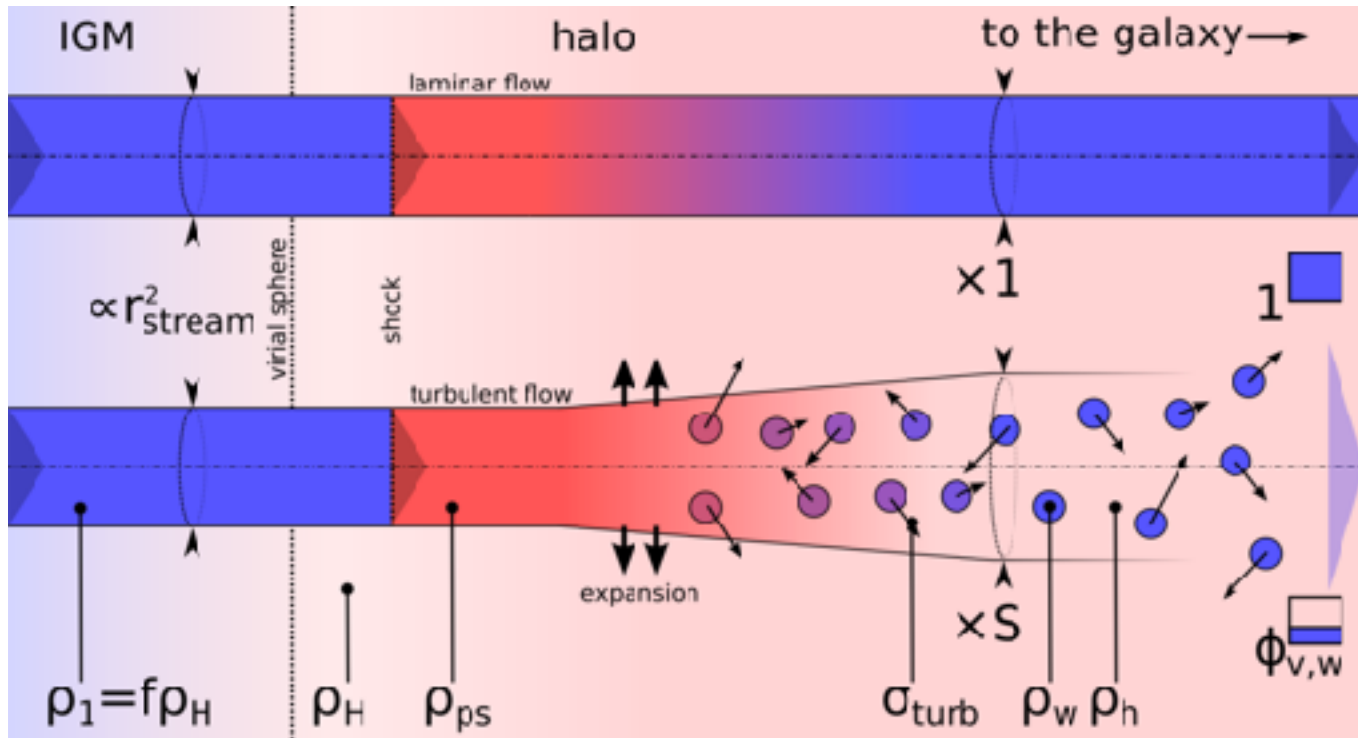


energy source & scale  
*NOT known*  
 (supernovae, winds,  
 spiral density waves?)

dissipation scale not known

- Friction
- Compression
- Ambipolar + molecular diff.
- Magnetic diff.

# Sketch of the model



- Expansion of the post-shock gas and mixing with the ambient hot halo gas
- Density and velocity inhomogeneities may arise through the dynamics of the shock itself (Sutherland et al. 2003; Kornreich & Scalo 2000).
- Inhomogeneities amplified by hydrodynamic and thermal instabilities leading to the formation of warm clouds.
- Part of the kinetic energy of the infalling gas is converted to random motions among and turbulence within the warm clouds (e.g., Hennebelle & Péroult 1999; Kritsuk & Norman 2002).