

## Panchromatic studies of high-z galaxies with deep ALMA programs



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## History of star-formation



We know "when" the SF occurred



#### Star-forming main sequence



#### UNIVERSITÀ **DEGLI STUDI** DI PADOVA Cosmic BHAR density 10-4 $\Psi_{\scriptscriptstyle BHAR}$ [M $_{\odot}$ yr<sup>-1</sup> Mpc<sup>-3</sup>] 10<sup>-5</sup> This work Merloni & Heinz (2008) Hopkins et al. (2007) Delvecchio+13 0 3 3 5 6 Cosmic SFR density $\dot{ ho}_{*}~(\mathrm{M_{\odot}~yr^{-1}~Mpc^{-3}})$ 0.1 0.01 Hopkins & Beacom (2006)

0.2

0

0.4

log(1+z)

0.6

0.8

## History of Black Hole accretion



Black hole accretion and mass accretion follow a similar cosmic evolution; mass of galaxies and mass of central BH correlate

Black holes and galaxies grow together, influencing each other, feeding from the same cold gas



**Open questions** 

- What is the dominant mode of star formation in Universe?
- What are the processes that regulate galactic scale star formation?
- Is there a universal star formation law?
- What drives the decline of the evolution of the SFRD?



Constraining the gas cycle in galaxies





## THE ALMA millimetric REVOLUTION





# THE ALMA millimetric REVOLUTION: from statistics to physics of galaxies









## Photometric mode: Dust continuum





## Spectroscopic mode: FIR lines



**Tracers of molecular gas and tools to constrain the ISM status** 



## Cold gas tracers at high-z

ΗI	21cm	SKA at z>0.5
H <sub>2</sub>	no permanent dipole moment; lowest transitions forbidden; high excitation requirements	not observable

CO	excited through collisions with H <sub>2</sub>	ALMA
Dust	mixed with gas	ALMA



# CO as a gas tracer



### CO to H<sub>2</sub> conversion

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#### The CO-to-H<sub>2</sub> Conversion Factor

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#### Abstract

CO line emission represents the most accessible and widely used tracer of the molecular ISM. This renders the translation of observed CO intensity into total H2 gas mass critical to understanding star formation and the ISM in our Galaxy and beyond. We review the theoretical underpinning, techniques, and results of efforts to estimate this CO-to-H2 "conversion factor,"  $X_{\rm CO}$ , in different environments. In the Milky Way disk, we recommend a conversion factor of  $X_{\rm CO} = 2 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ (K km s}^{-1})^{-1}$  with  $\pm 30\%$  uncertainty. Studies of other "normal galaxies" return similar values in Milky Way-like disks, but with greater scatter and systematic uncertainty. Departures from this Galactic conversion factor are both observed and expected. Dust-based determinations, theoretical arguments, and scaling relations all suggest that  $X_{CO}$  increases with decreasing metallicity, turning up sharply below metallicity  $\sim 1/3-1/2$  solar in a manner consistent with model predictions that identify shielding as a key parameter. Based on spectral line modeling and dust observations,  $X_{CO}$  appears to drop in the central, bright regions of some but not all galaxies, often coincident with regions of bright CO emission and high stellar surface density. This lower  $X_{CO}$  is also present in the overwhelmingly molecular ISM of starburst galaxies, where several lines of evidence point to a lower CO-to-H<sub>2</sub> conversion factor. At high redshift, direct evidence regarding the conversion factor remains scarce; we review what is known based on dynamical modeling and other arguments.

Molecular gas mass CO(1-0) Luminosity

 $M_{mol} = \alpha_{\rm CO} L_{\rm CO}$ 

#### a<sub>CO</sub> conversion factor: how to estimate it?





# Dependence of $\alpha_{CO}$ on metallicity, galaxy type

#### **Caveat 1**



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#### aco highly uncertain



Caveat 2

# CO(1-0) at very low frequency at z>0.5

We have to rely on higher CO transitions, derive the CO SLED slope, and extrapolate down to CO(1-0)



CO(1-0) not observable with ALMA at z>0.5; very faint to be observed with JVLA



## Dust as a molecular gas tracer

In the RJ regime the dust emission is optically thin, therefore



increased  $\tau$  (or dust mass) • flux on long  $\lambda$  tail scales linearly with M<sub>dust</sub>

 $10^8$  -  $6x10^9\,M_{\odot}$ 



# Gas masses from dust emission: empirical calibration





# Gas masses from dust emission: dependence on metallicity



- Slight dependence of dust-tomass ratio with metallicity
- Lower metallicity, less dust per gas mass
- (Black points: more reliable measurements, flatter dependence?)

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# How to apply these techniques at high-z?



# "Survey" mode



## Survey mode: continuum



- 4.5 arcmin<sup>2</sup>
- 45 ALMA pointings
- 1.3 mm (230 GHz, band 6)
- σ<sub>1.3mm</sub>=35µJy
- ~15h on source
- 16 sources S>120µJy
- wealth of ancillary data

#### **Pros:**

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- Uniform detection limits
- Clean unbiased samples
- Detect both obscured and unobscured objects

#### Cons:

- Few objects
- Small areas



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## Survey mode: lines









## Complementary approach: "targeted" mode



## CO measurements at 0 < z < 2.5





# Combining CO and dust: scaling relations at 0 < z < 2.5

- M\*= stellar mass
- SFR= star formation rate, dM\*/dt
- sSFR=SFR/M\*, specific star formation rate,1/t<sub>doubl</sub>, t<sub>doubl</sub> time to double the stellar mass
- µ<sub>gas</sub>=M<sub>gas</sub>/M<sub>\*</sub>
- t<sub>depl</sub>=M<sub>gas</sub>/SFR, time to consume all the gas



- t<sub>depl</sub> drops relatively slowly with cosmological epoch:
   ~2 times between z = 0 and 2.5
- t<sub>depl</sub> does not depend on galaxy size
- t<sub>depl</sub> drops perpendicularly to the main sequence

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#### Similar scaling relations for the gas fractions



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# What about z>3?



## Scaling relations at z > 3: a targeted approach





Molecular gas content of 45 MS starforming galaxies at z~3.2





Molecular gas fractions / Gas depletion timescales vs distance from the SF main-sequence



Redshift invariant relations (Sargent+14)





- Dust continuum to estimate gas mass: extremely fast to gather large samples, constrain the general trends
- flattening of the gas fractions above z~2
- redshift invariant relations confirmed
- gas fractions increase perpendicular to the MS, but not indefinitely; SB galaxies probably do not have extreme gas fractions



# NEXT STEP: USE CO LINES



Target selection 5 highest S/N dust continuum from Schinnerer+16

ALMA observations Cycle3-4, PI: Cassata 4.4h total, 2.2h on target band3 & band4 CO(5-4)&CO(4-3) [CO(3-2 for one] 0.6" resolution

> Exploit spectro-z catalogs to target specific sub-mm lines



#### Panchromatic view



the largest sample of MS galaxies with multiple CO detections at z>2












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Gal 1













## Gal 2









ICRS Declination











UVISTA Ks



HST F814W

10<sup>h</sup>01<sup>m</sup>19<sup>5</sup>.65 19<sup>5</sup>.55 19<sup>5</sup>.50 19<sup>5</sup>.45 ICRS Right Ascension



Gal 4







gal4\_line\_co\_band4\_ch65~93.image.pbcor-raster







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- CO(5-4) detected at  $>5\sigma$  for all 5 galaxies
- CO(4-3) (or CO(3-2)) detected at >3 $\sigma$  for all galaxies
- 500 $\mu$ m rest-frame continuum detected at >3 $\sigma$  for all 5 galaxies
- (marginally) **spatially extended**
- FWHM(lines) ~200-600 km/s, with tails up to 1000 km/s
- Large spatial offsets between ALMA lines, ALMA continuum and optical/NIR
- Offsets also between CO transitions? probing different phases?
- Pair/merger/compact morphology



#### CO fluxes



the higher CO(5-4) flux, the steeper the slopes



CO SLED: Spectral Line Energy Distribution for CO lines





## CO SLED

2. Constrain excitation source





#### tdepl=Mgas/SFR vs z

#### gas fractions vs z





t<sub>depl.</sub> [Gyr]

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redshift



### Back to the main-sequence



## Flatter SLED (normal MS galaxies)

## Steeper SLED (stronger exciting source?)

We have a correlation there: further from MS, steeper SLED, brighter CO(5-4)



# Going to higher spatial resolution: resolving the kinematics



- ALMA observations
- Cycle 5, PI: Cassata
- 22.4h total, 16.5h on target
- band4
- CO(5-4)
- C43-6 config: 0.2" resolution



dynamical mass  $M_{dyn} = ~ 1.6 \times 10^{11} M_{\odot}$ 

## Going to JVLA: getting CO(1-0)



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-2000

-1000

0

velocity [km/s]

1000

2000



1" beam resolution



Mass balance



 $S_{CO(1-0)}\Delta v=0.08 \text{ Jy km/s}$ using  $\alpha_{CO}=3.7$  $M_{gas}=1.16 \times 10^{11} M_{\odot}$ 

 $M_{dyn} = ~ 1.6 \times 10^{11} M_{\odot}$ 

 $M^* = ~ 3.1 \times 10^{10} M_{\odot}$ 

M<sub>gas</sub>+M∗=1.47x10<sup>11</sup>M<sub>☉</sub>≈M<sub>dyn</sub>

constraint on  $\alpha_{CO}$  at z~3 for a MS galaxy



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- gas masses from dust continuum vs CO in good agreement
- Diversity of CO SLEDs:
  - 2 galaxies seem **normal MS galaxies**; medium-long gas depletion timescale, large gas reservoir
  - 3 other galaxies powered by a more energetic source; possibly obscured **QSO**? **Mergers/Starbursts** on the MS?
  - Objects more offset from the main-sequence, steeper SLED, stronger CO(5-4)
  - **Offsets** between ALMA and optical/NIR, and also between two CO transitions, and between CO and continuum: multiple components?
- M<sub>gas</sub>+M∗≈M<sub>dyn</sub> : constraint on α<sub>co</sub>





# Going at z > 4





# A2C2S: The ALMA ALPINE [CII] Survey

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# ALPINE: The ALMA Large Program to INvestigate CII at Early times



## Motivation



#### Lookback time (Gyr)

## SFRD(z)

- increased by 10x in the first 3 Gyr after Big Bang
- peak z ~ 2
- decreased by 10x since

## **Based on UV only**

We have a biased view of the Universe at z > 3





# What is ALPINE ?

#### ALMA LP: 70h cycle 5

#### [CII] line:

- one of the main coolants for the ISM
- brightest FIR line: L[CII]/ L[FIR]~0.1-0.3%
- can be brighter than Lya
- in the sub-mm/mm range at 4.5<z<9</li>

#### Traces SF?

#### 158 µm rest-frame:

- traces the peak of the dust thermal emission
- not a gas/dust tracer!

Dust obscured starformation



# What kind of galaxies ?

## **Targeted approach: complementary** (and more efficient) than blind surveys



90% of the SFRD in MS galaxies

- 122 main sequence galaxies
- 4 < z < 6: primordial Universe
- spectro-z from DEIMOS & VIMOS: to set CII in the ALMA band
- COSMOS, ECDFS fields: wealth of ancillary data (including *CANDELS* H-band for ~25% of sample)
- blind survey (~10 arcmin<sup>2</sup>) for free



## **Redshift distribution**



spectro-z



## Panchromatic view





# Main science goals

- [CII] as a **SFR indicator**
- A first comprehensive and precise (< 20%) measurement of the SFRD at 4 < z < 6 from UV+FIR continuum and C+ emission
- A first detailed characterization of *ISM properties* using LFIR/LUV and C+/FIR diagnostics
- A first measurement of *dynamical masses* from spectrally resolved C+, combined with stellar masses and estimates of DM halo masses to measure *the gas fraction* and its evolution



## Status of the project

- 122 sources observed in cycle 5 & 6
- calibrated and processed automatically with in house pipeline
- detection rate: [CII] ~ 70%; continuum ~ 20% (expected 40%)
- 35 serendipitous line sources, 30 serendipitous continuum
- we just started the scientific analysis



# 1. [CII] as SFR indicator



#### **Calibration for main-sequence galaxies**



# ...but [CII] deficit



[CII] deficit confirmed at z ~ 5



# 2. SFRD from [CII], UV+FIR



 [CII], UV+FIR starformation for the "UV signposts"

2. blind [CII] (and continuum) survey:

10 arcmin<sup>2</sup>

expect ~ 40 [CII] serendipitous emitters



## 3. ISM properties





## 4. dynamics, gas masses





## stars vs gas





# many spatially offset [CII] emitters



ALMA line image











*in* >~50% *of the objects* 



## not unexpected: model



[CII] emission offset by several kpc is expected

## an extreme case

**IRAC3** 

0

F814W

0

**UVISTA Ks** 

**IRAC4** 



no counterpart with compatible photo-z

**IRAC2** 


## not unusual at z>5-6



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Frequency (GHz)



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## Conclusions



- ALMA is an amazing tool to probe the gas-dust content of galaxies at z>3, and to constrain their ISM properties
- Dust continuum effective tool to probe gas content (with some caveats)
- Still a lot to do at z>3: few MS galaxies with CO detections
- [CII] powerful tool to explore the Early Universe



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