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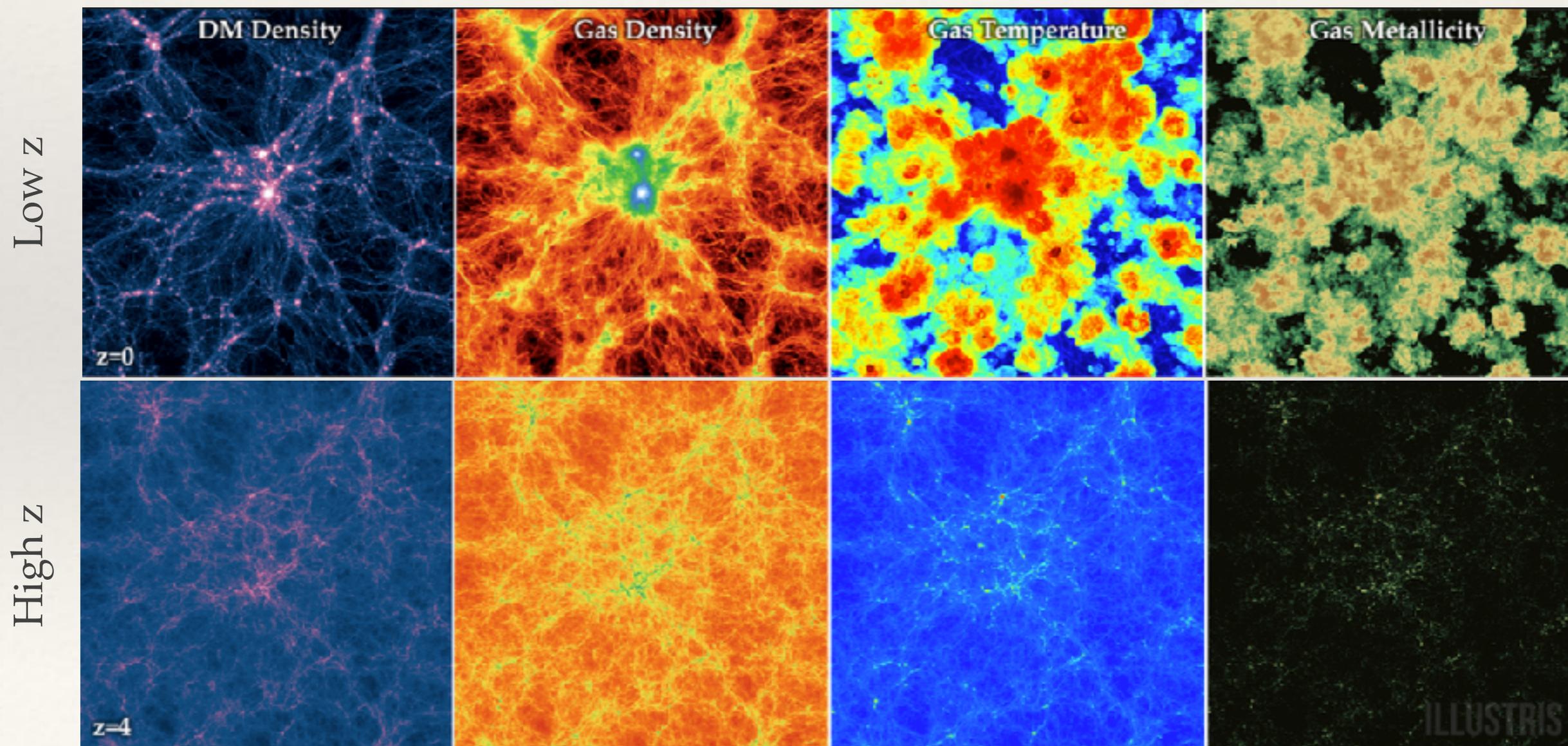
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## Dusty star formation in the early Universe: lessons from ALMA

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# Why are high-z massive galaxy interesting?

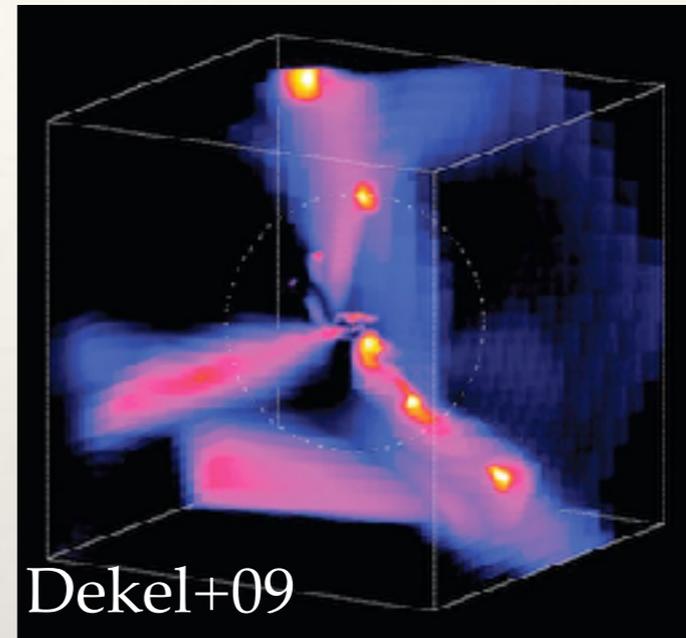
- ❖ High-z massive galaxies form in the first assembled  $\sim 10^{12}$  Msun dark-matter halos
- ❖ Gas is not hot yet and metallicity remains low except in the densest area



# Why are early massive galaxy interesting?

- ❖ Gas accretion on the first massive halos ( $\sim 10^{12} M_{\text{sun}}$ ) is very intense ( $> 100 M_{\text{sun}}/\text{yr}$  of baryons)  
=> more material available for star formation, dilution of the metals
- ❖ Major mergers are more frequent than at low  $z$   
=> potentially more merger-induced starbursts, dust destruction in extreme events?

Gas accretion



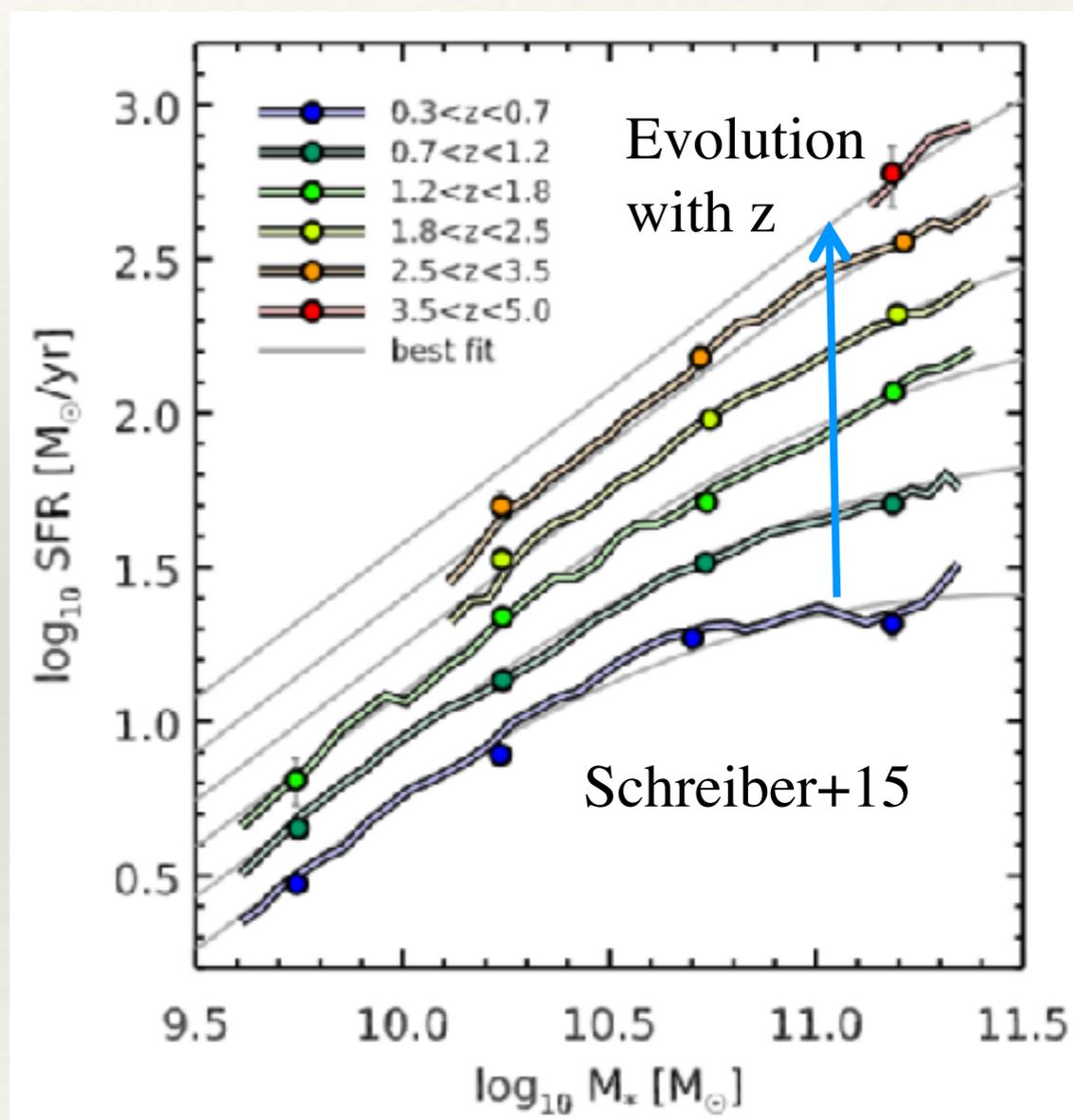
Major merger



# High- $z$ massive and star-forming galaxies

- ❖ Most of the star-forming galaxies on a correlation between stellar mass and SFR ("main sequence »)
- ❖ Evolve with redshift
- ❖ Massive galaxies at high- $z$  are more star forming

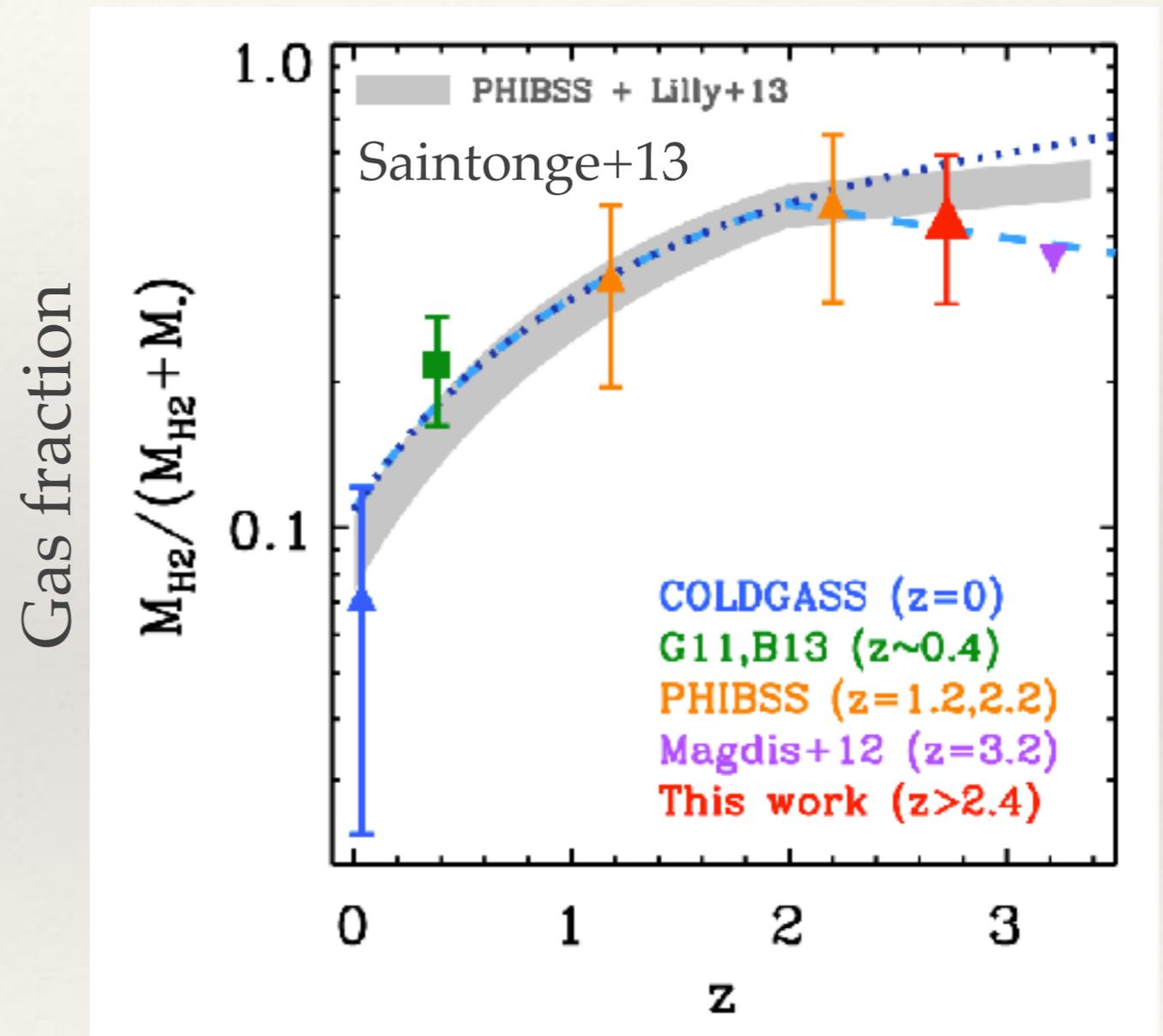
Star formation rate



Stellar mass

# High-z Universe: high gas fractions

- ❖ The intense accretion on high-z systems leads to large gas reservoirs
- ❖ At  $z > 2$ , gas fractions are usually around 50%



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# Dust at high $z$ : a laboratory, a nuisance, and an opportunity

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- ❖ **A laboratory:** they allow us to study dust in very different conditions than in the local Universe (gas-rich, lower metallicity, extreme starbursts, young and massive systems)
- ❖ **A nuisance:** dust absorbs the UV light from young stars and makes difficult to study star formation
- ❖ **An opportunity:** dust probes the early presence of metals and the quick evolution of the ISM in high- $z$  massive systems

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# Some open questions about dust at high-redshift

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- ❖ How quickly is dust formed at high redshift?
- ❖ Which processes leads to its creation / destruction?
- ❖ Why some high-redshift systems are more dust-rich / obscured than others?
- ❖ Up to which redshift dust obscured star formation is significant?
- ❖ Do we still miss interesting high-z objects because of dust?

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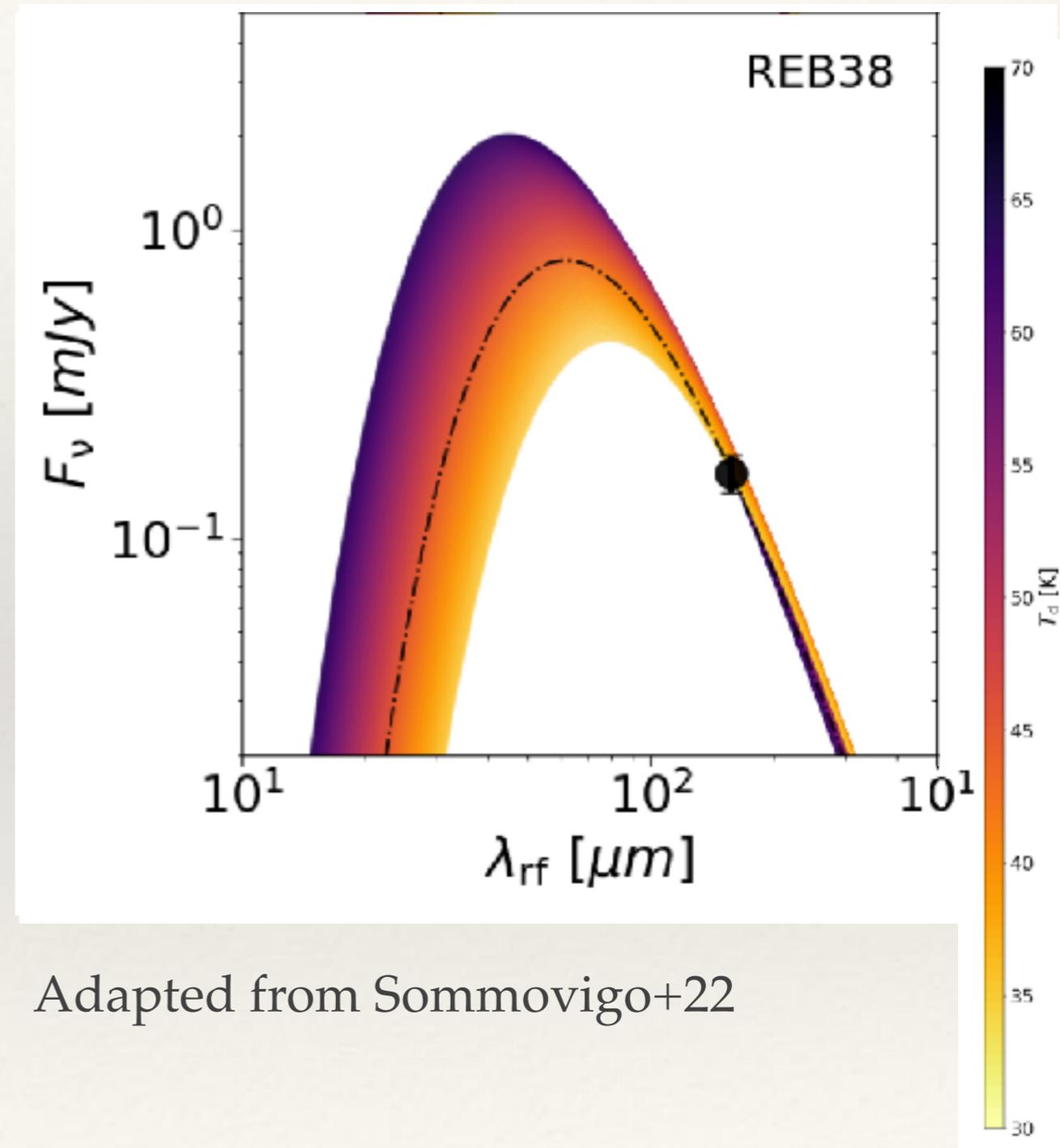
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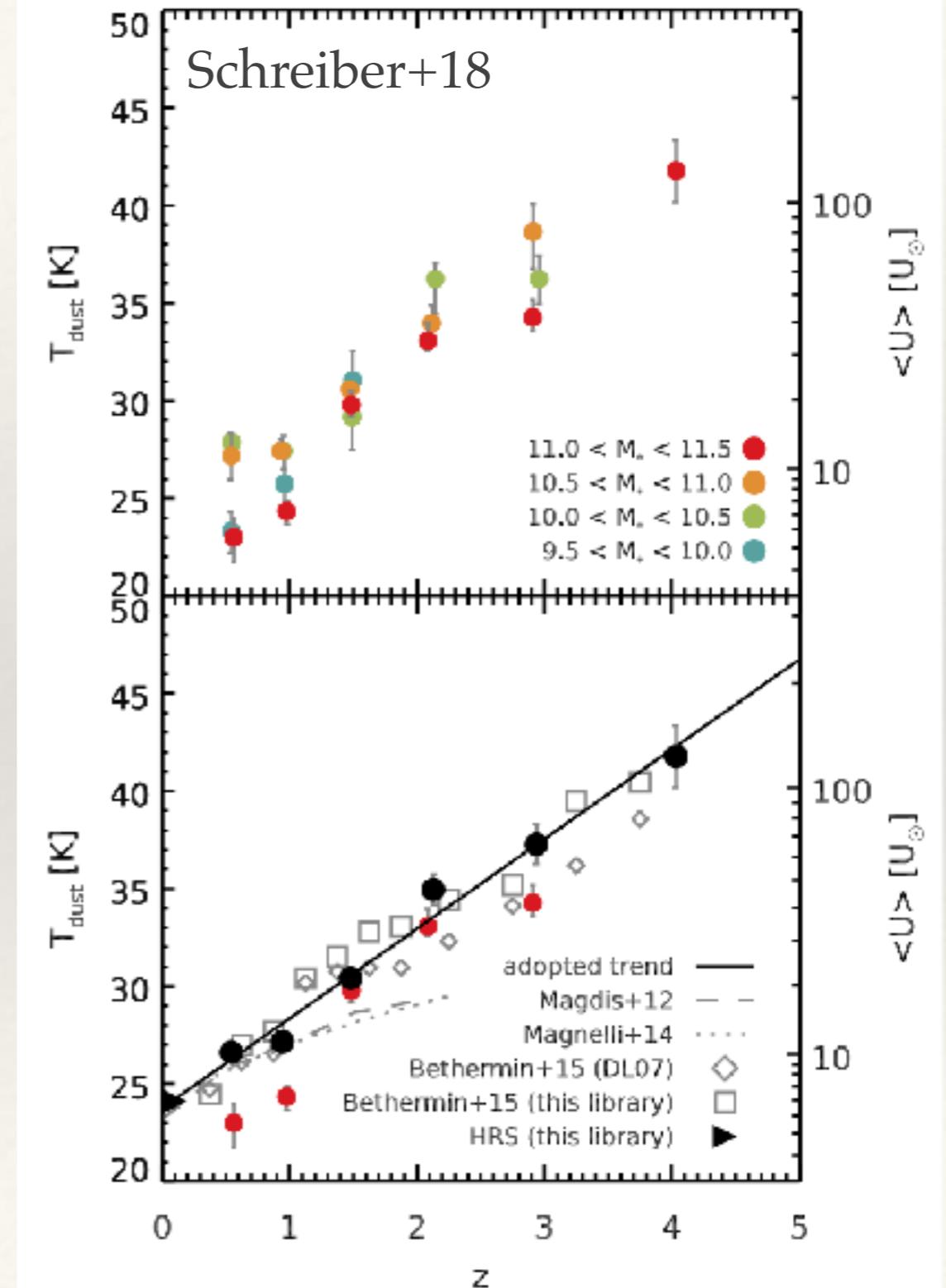
# Why dust temperature is important?

- ❖ The dust temperature provides information about the ISM properties (e.g., radiation field)
- ❖ ALMA observations usually probe only the Rayleigh-Jeans and we need an assumption on the temperature to obtain the infrared luminosity



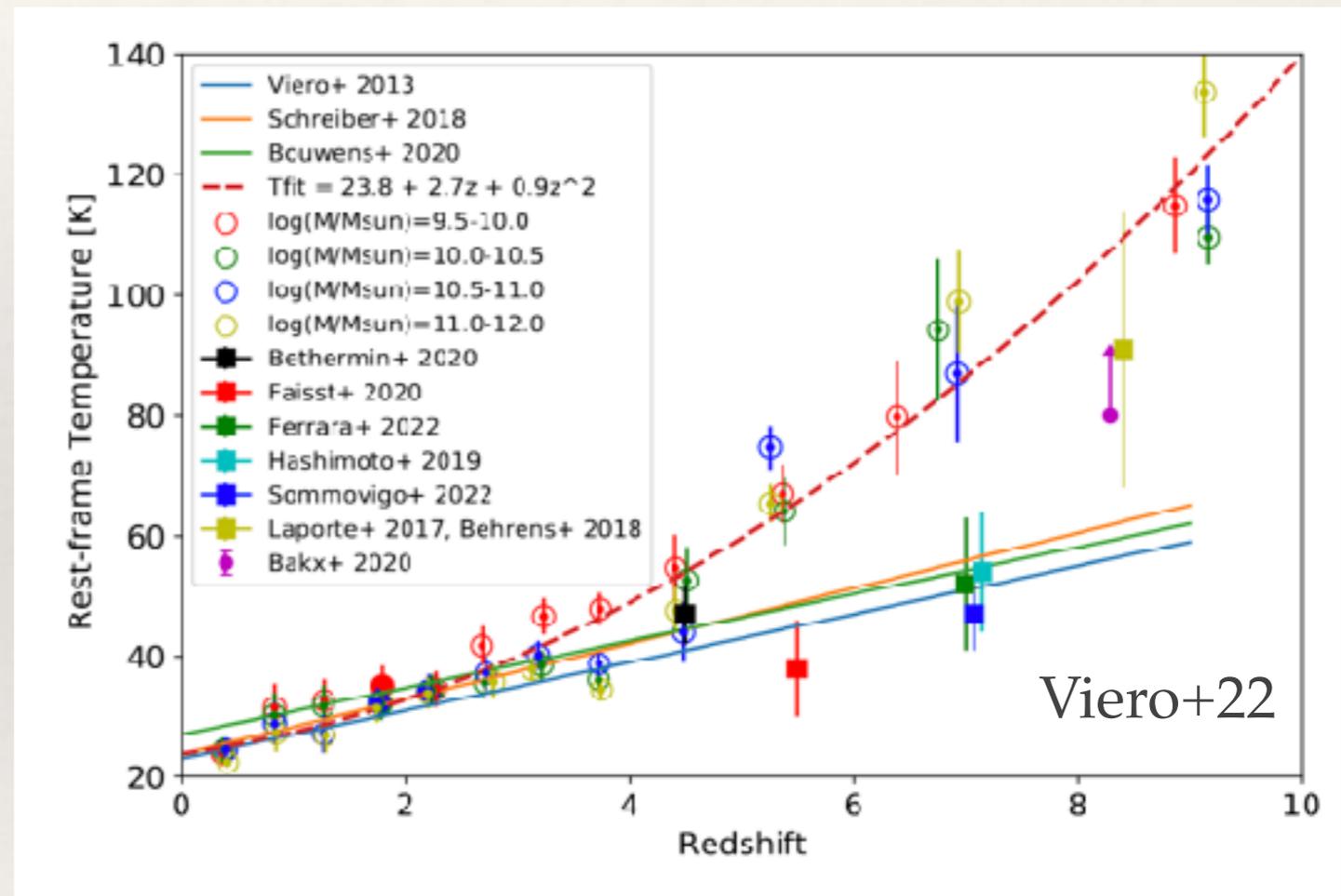
# Constraints from Herschel stacking

- ❖ Because of the confusion, Herschel cannot measure the SED of "normal" high- $z$  galaxies
- ❖ Average SED of the full population can be measured by stacking
- ❖ Revealed a strong evolution in temperature with warmer dust at higher  $z$



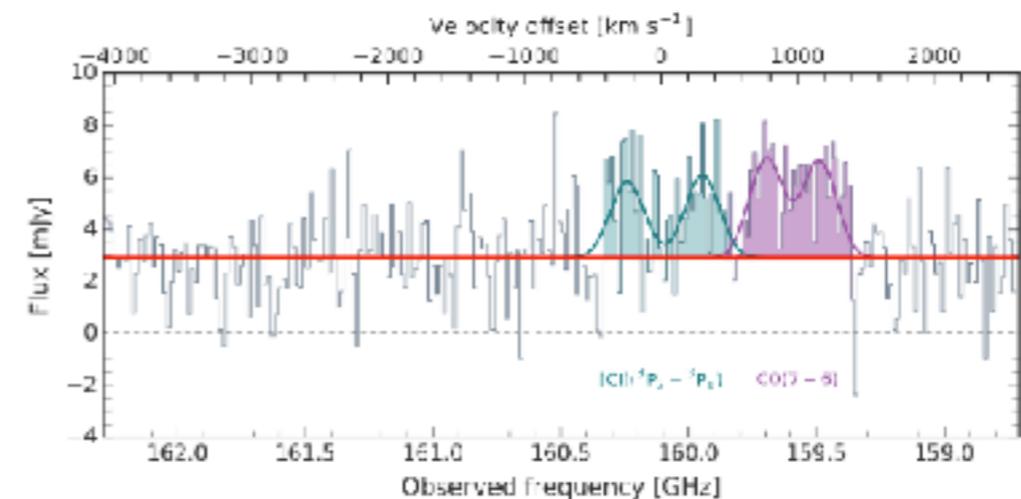
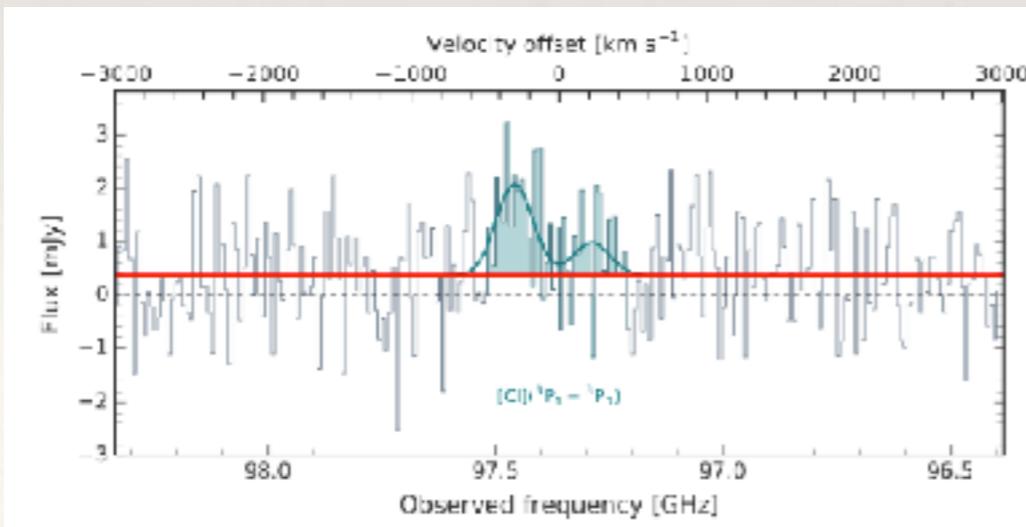
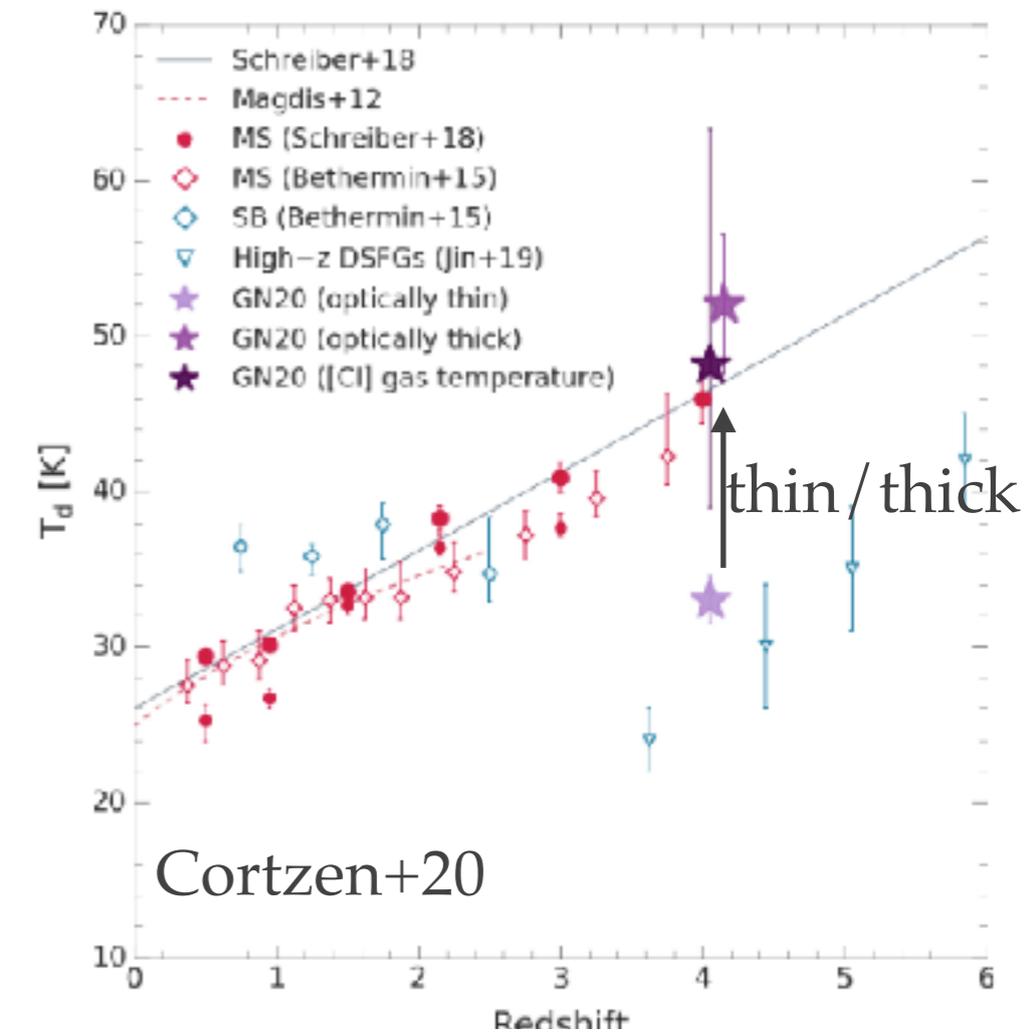
# Very hot dust at $z=10$ ?

- ❖ Recent attempt to push the method at high redshift using the new COSMOS catalog as input (Viero+22)
- ❖ Very high temperatures at  $z\sim 10$  ( $\sim 100$  K)
- ❖ Prediction of very high temperature from numerical simulations (Behrens+18) too
- ❖ BUT, reliability of the input catalogs? possible stacking artifacts?



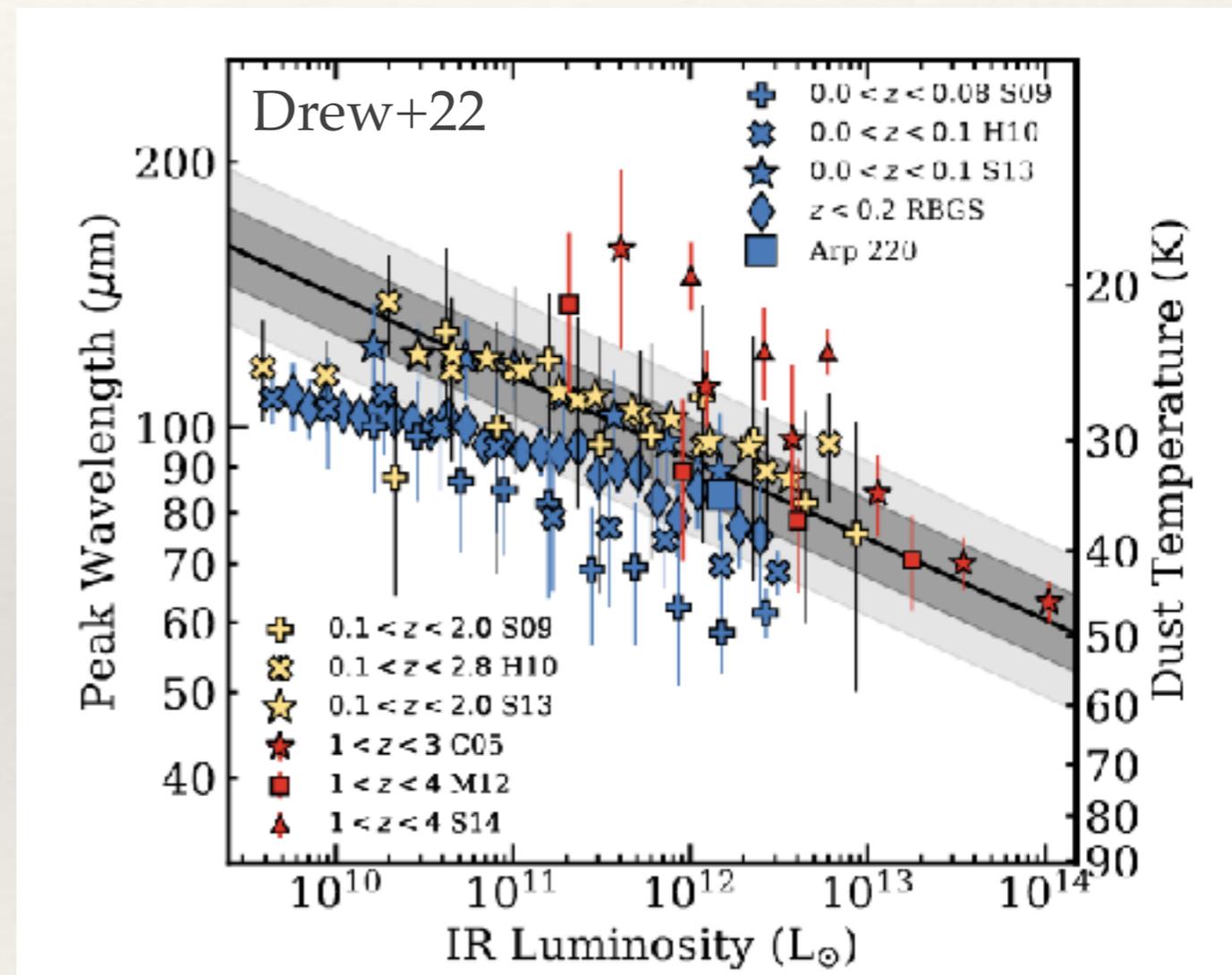
# Deceptively cold dust in extreme objects?

- ❖ Some starbursts as GN20 have surprisingly cold dust temperature
- ❖ These temperature are not compatible with high excitation of the [CI] lines (Cortzen+20)
- ❖ Optically thick dust in some starbursts?
- ❖ Hints from 2mm surveys (stay tuned!), but not in the majority of sources (see Gayathri's talk)



# Debates about the interpretation

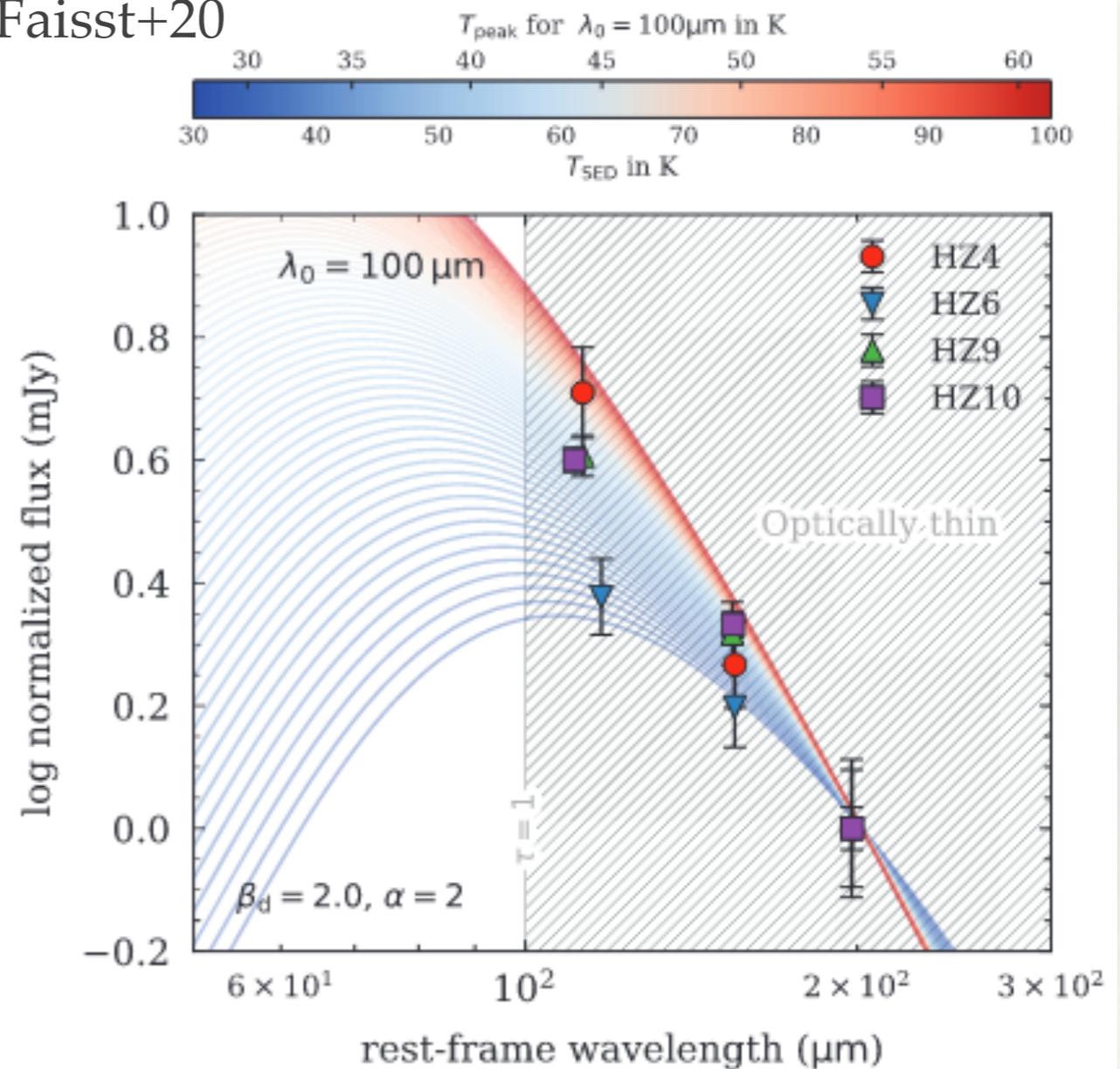
- ❖ Lower metallicity and higher radiation field of the ISM in higher redshift galaxies (e.g., Magdis+12, Bethermin+15, Behrens+18)
- ❖ Consequence of the  $L_{\text{IR}}-T_{\text{dust}}$  relation and the evolution of the main sequence (e.g., Drew+22)
- ❖ Cannot be fully explained by the CMB being warmer at higher  $z$
- ❖ Other mechanism? (compactness, evolution of the star formation efficiency, different geometries)



# The difficult challenge of high-frequency observations

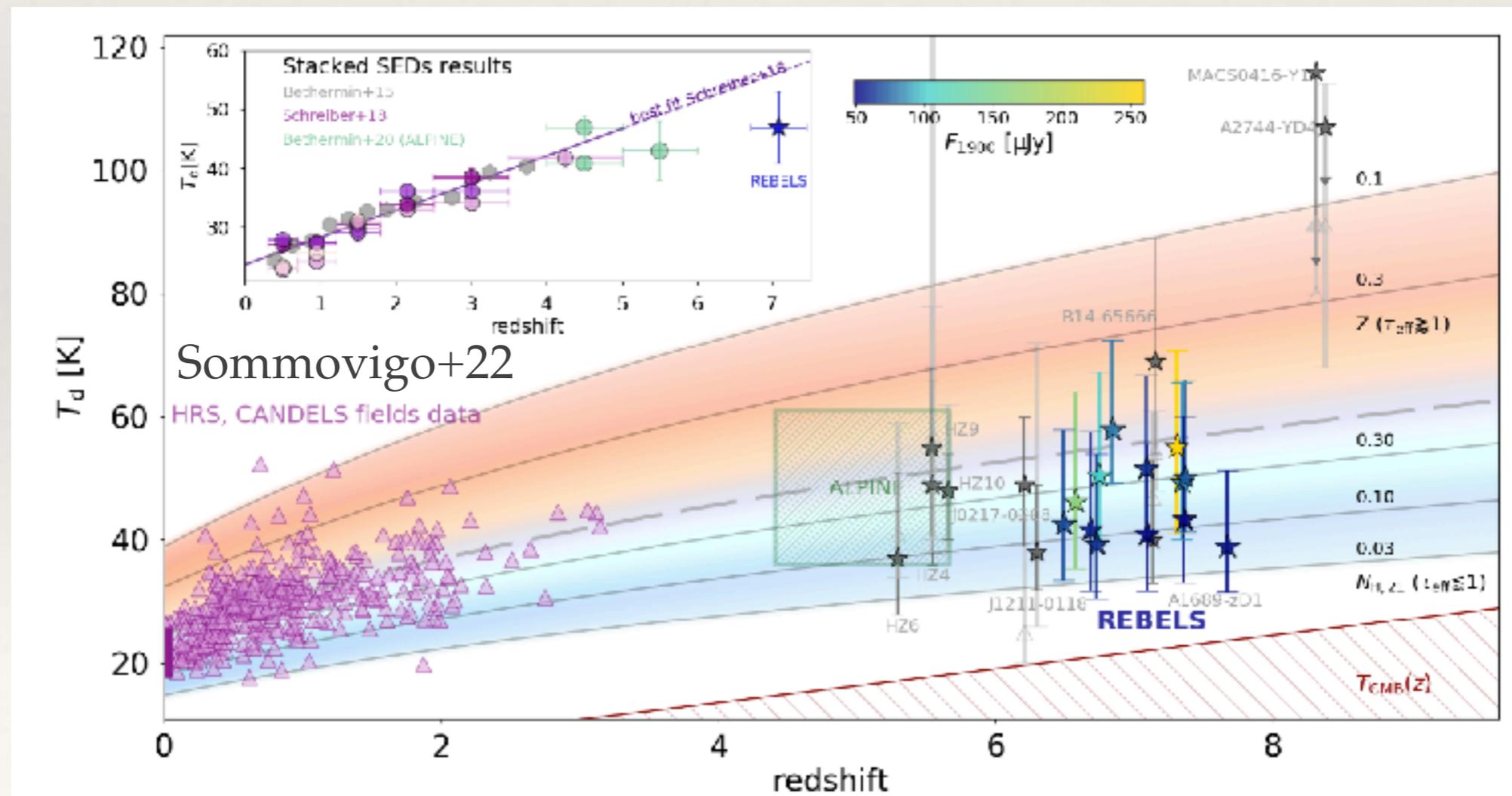
- ❖ Dust peaks around 100 micron rest-frame
- ❖ ALMA cannot observe efficiently below 450 micron
- ❖ High-frequency observations of  $z > 5$  sources can provide us constraints
- ❖ BUT, expensive in time, only in compact configuration with excellent weather

Faisst+20



# A new method based on [CII]

- ❖ Sommovigo+22 proposed an approach using the [CII] luminosity (proxy of SFR) to break the degeneracies and estimate  $T_{\text{dust}}$
- ❖ Most of the  $z > 6$  objects in the 40-50K range, flattening of the  $T_{\text{dust}}$  evolution? In tension with Viero+22.



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# Perspectives on dust temperature

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- ❖ Consolidation of the stacking results: better input catalogs with JWST, extensive end-to-end simulations
- ❖ Larger ALMA high-frequency samples: gold nugget at very high redshifts? Lensed sources at  $z > 8$  found by JWST?
- ❖ Long-term: deeper  $\sim 100$  micron photometry than Herschel (PRIMA? See Laure's talk)

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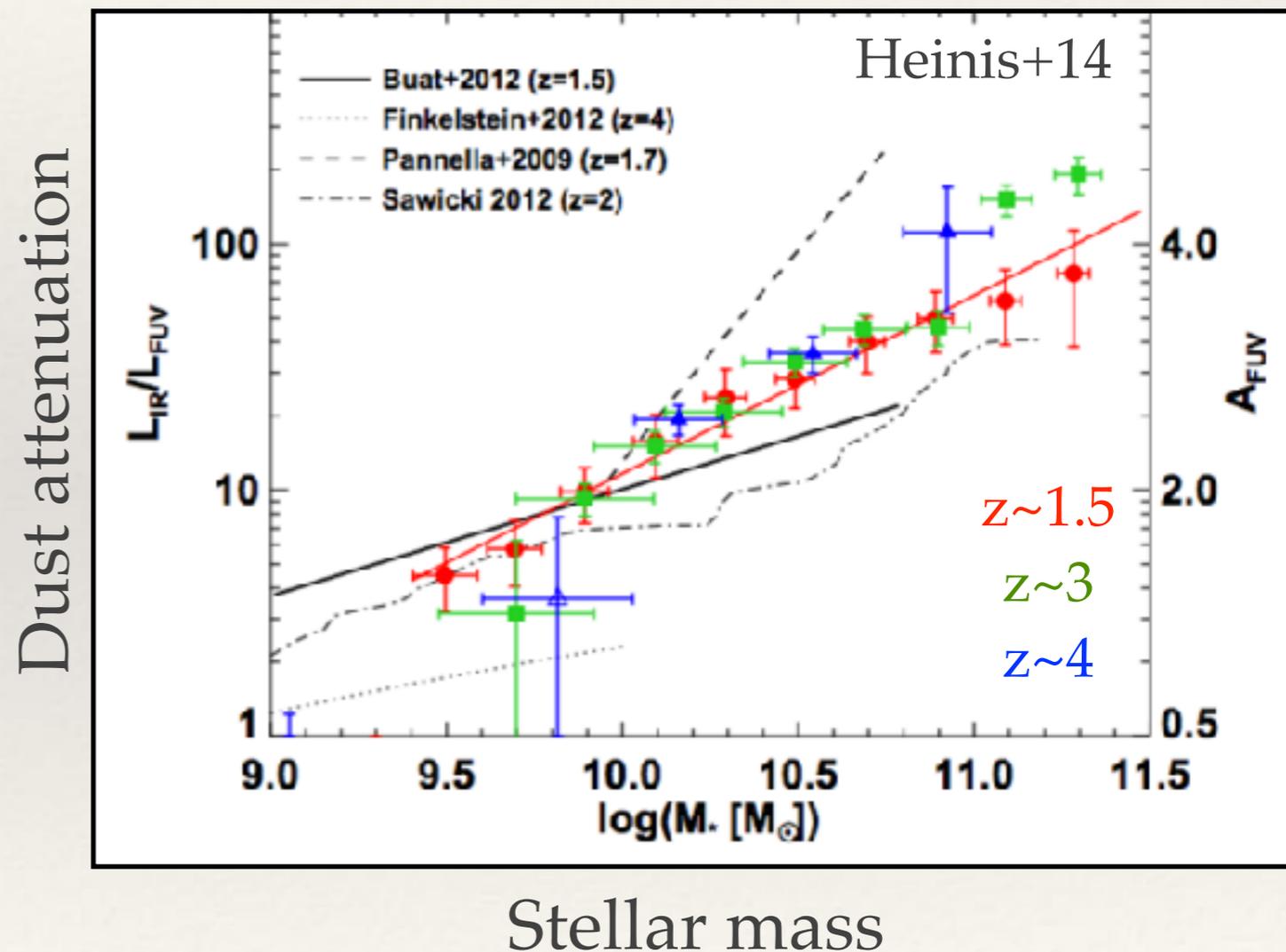
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# Herschel: massive galaxies tend to be dustier

- ❖ Average attenuation versus stellar mass measured using Herschel stacking
- ❖ Very massive galaxies: ~99% of the UV is absorbed
- ❖ Low mass: mostly transparent
- ❖ What about higher  $z$ ?

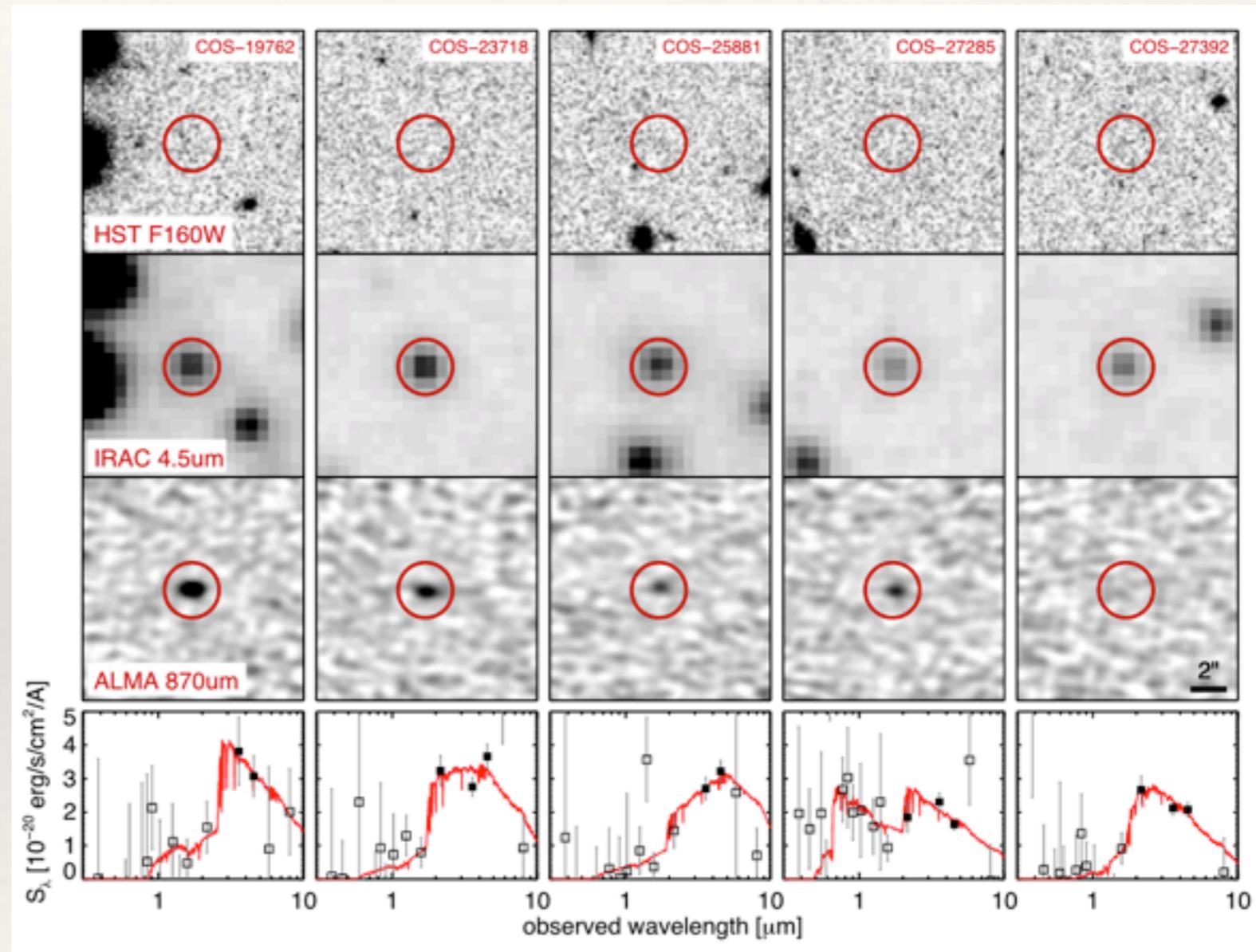




# Optically-faint IR-bright galaxies

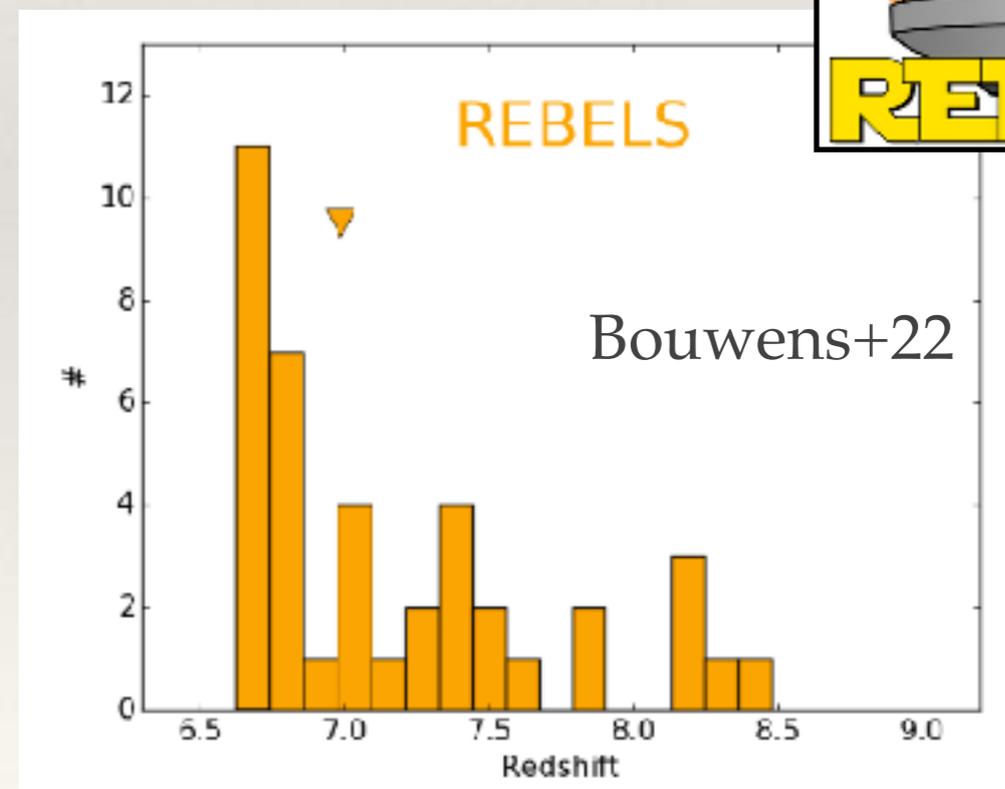
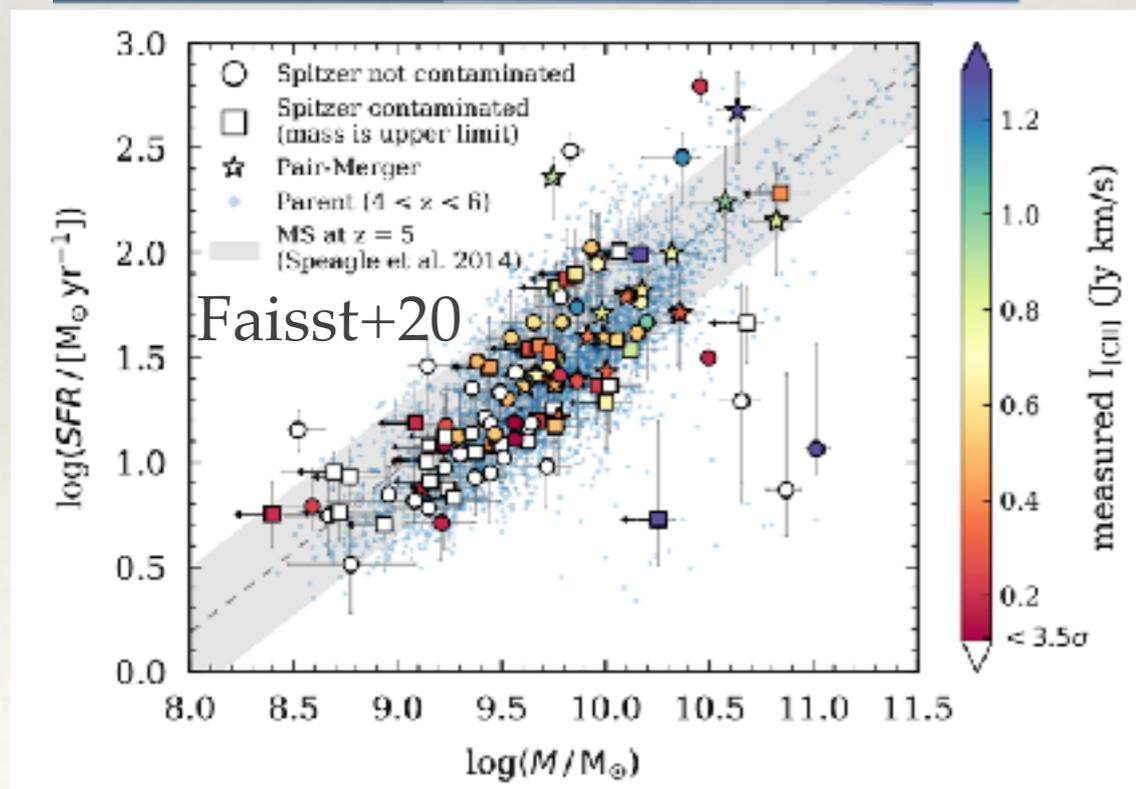
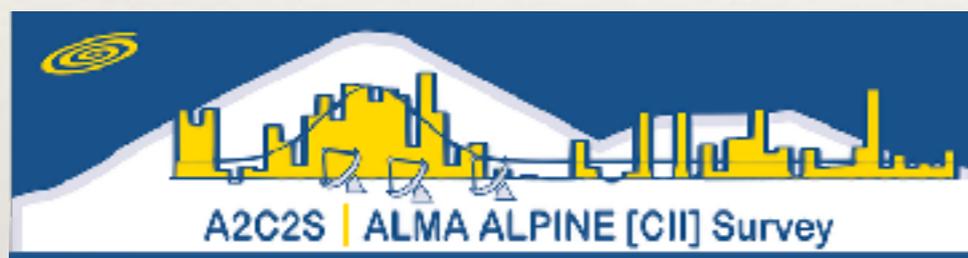
- ❖ Discovery of  $z > 3$  galaxies detected in the near-IR and by ALMA, but not HST
- ❖ Massive objects with strong dust attenuation
- ❖ Important galaxy populations missed by optical surveys?

Wang+19



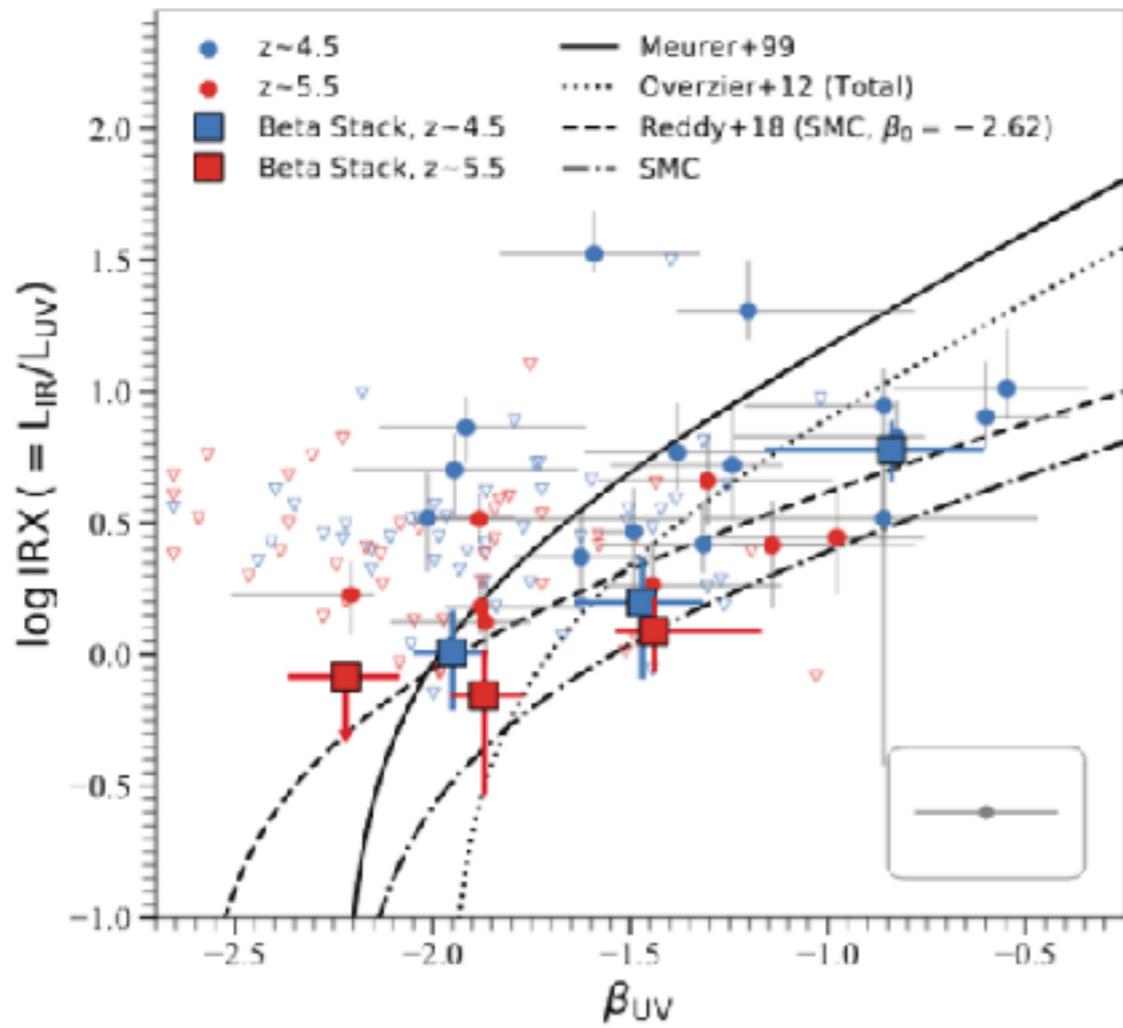
# The ALPINE and REBELS large programs

- ❖ ALMA is not very efficient to perform deep blind surveys
- ❖ Even the most ambitious deep field, only a handful of  $z > 4$  galaxies can be detected
- ❖ Other approach for the high- $z$  Universe: target known sources from shorter wavelength (but risk of bias)



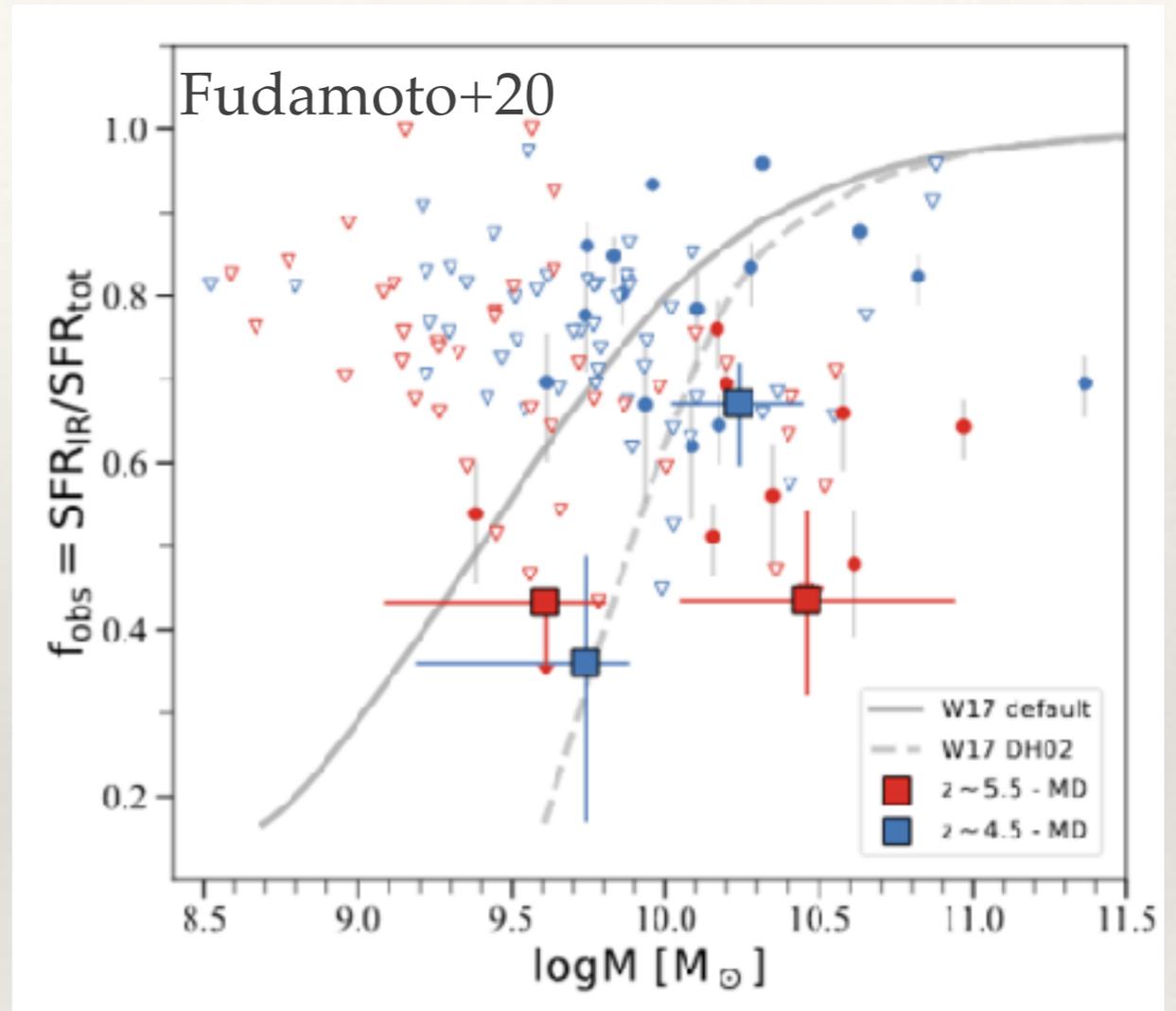
# Dust attenuation vs physical parameters

Ratio between IR and UV luminosity



UV slope

Obscured star formation fraction

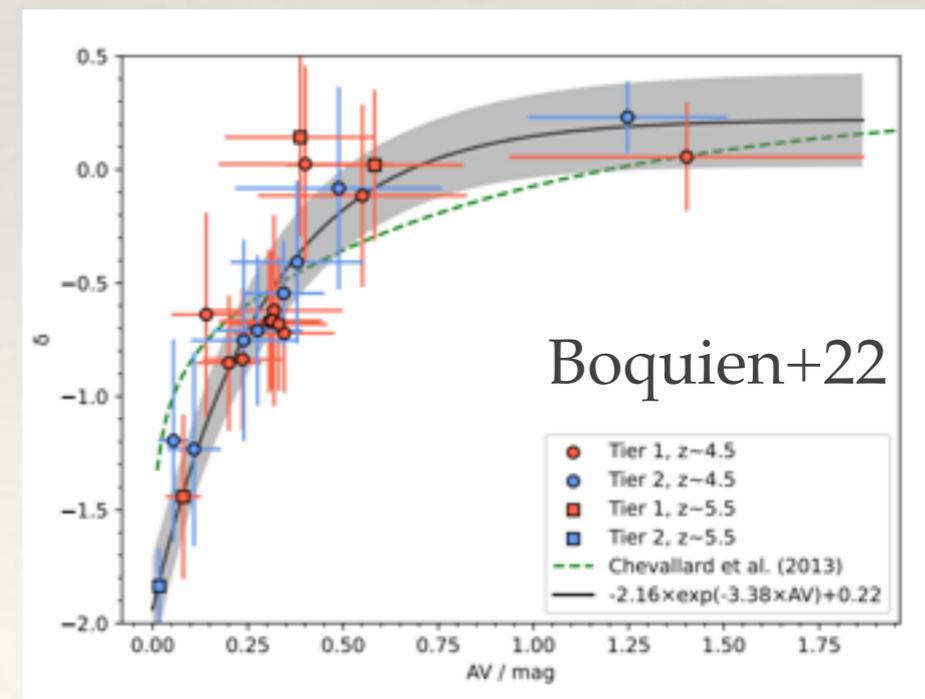
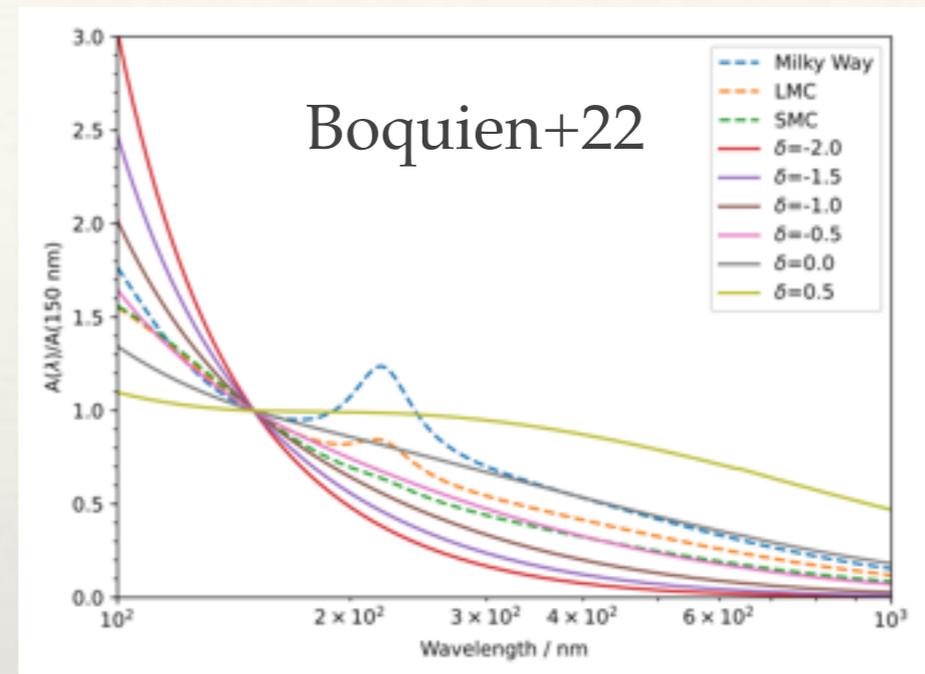


Stellar mass

- ❖ Attenuation versus UV slope close from SMC, but a lot of scatter!
- ❖ Even at  $z \sim 5$ , massive galaxies have  $\sim 50\%$  of obscured star formation

# Which attenuation curve in high-z galaxies?

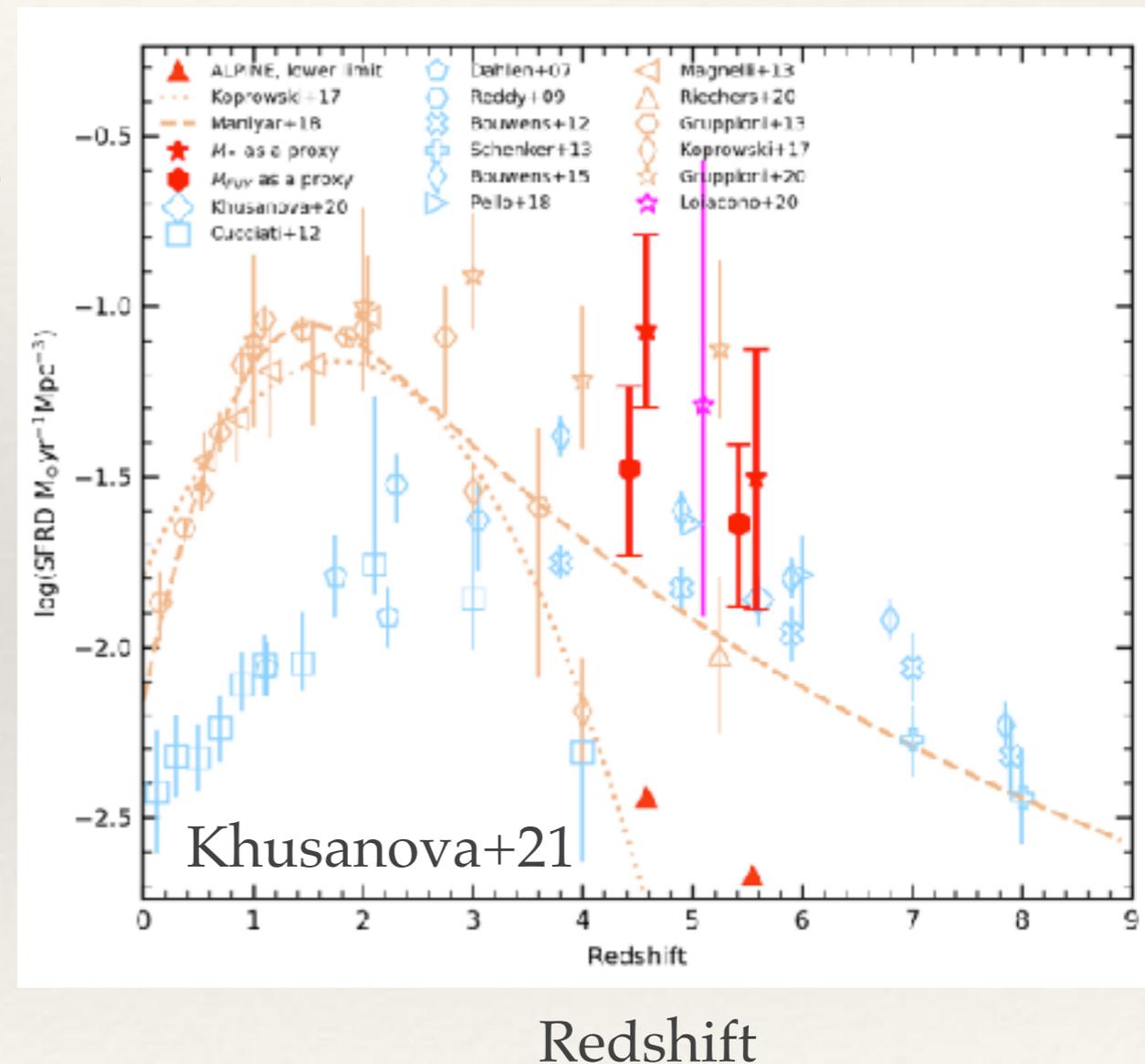
- ❖ Hard to explain the panchromatic SED of high-z dusty galaxies without assuming shallow attenuation curves (Buat+19)
- ❖ ALPINE: large diversity of attenuation slope, more attenuated objects have flatter curves (Boquien+22)



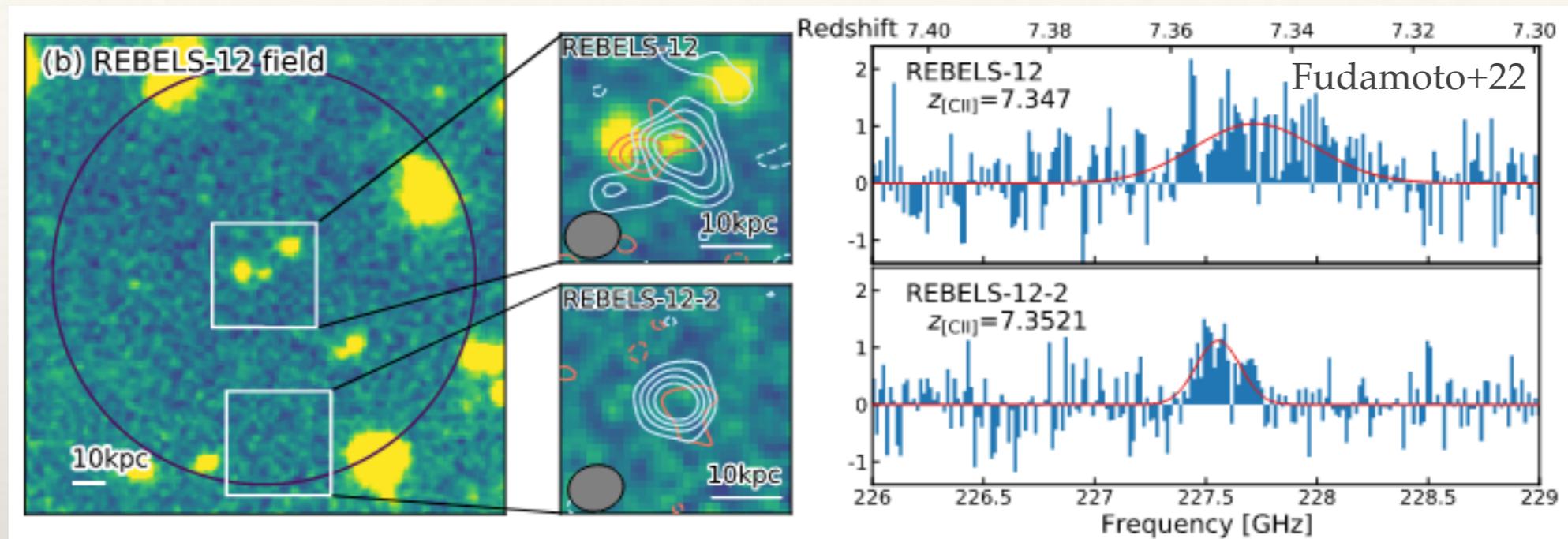
# Obscured versus unobscured star formation

- ❖ At cosmic noon, 10x more obscured than unobscured SFR density
- ❖ At  $z \sim 5$ , close from 50-50%
- ❖ Still not clear when the Universe stops to be dust free

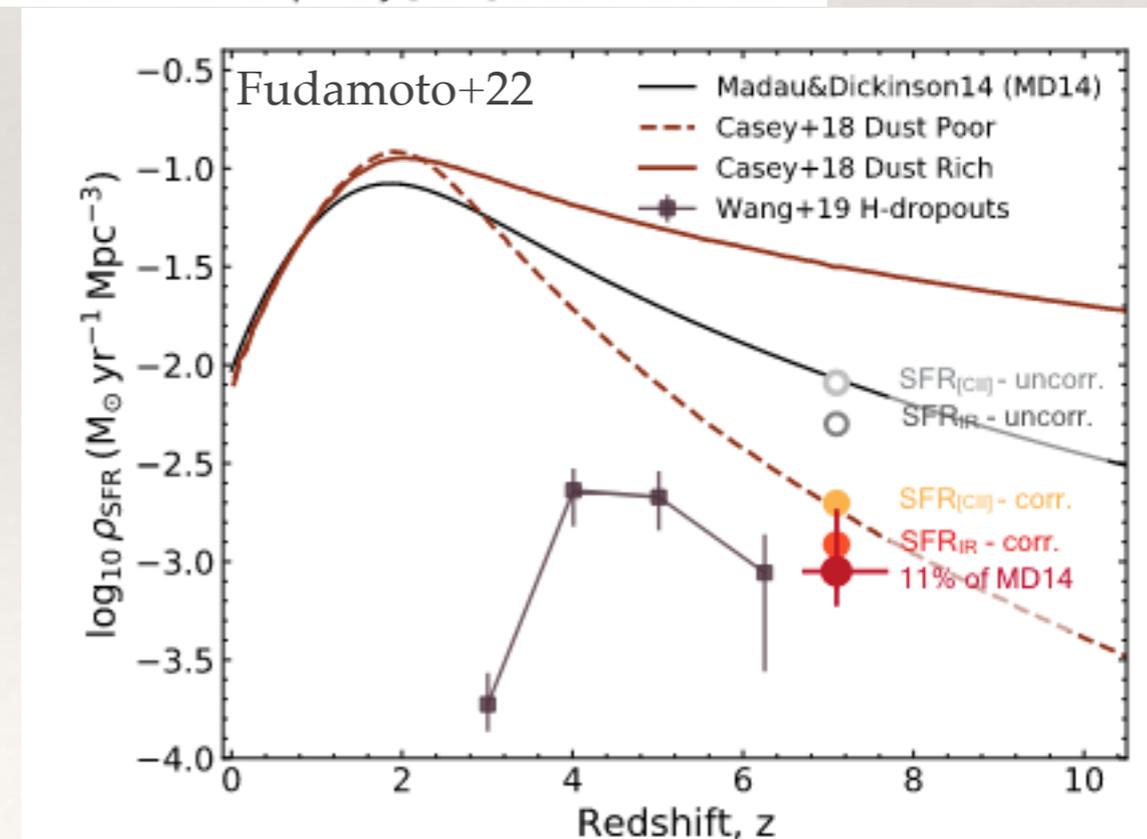
Star formation rate density



# Dust at even higher $z$ ?



- ❖ Discovery of 2 dusty galaxies without HST counterparts at  $z \sim 7$
- ❖ Implies a non-negligible contribution of obscured galaxies still contributing to star formation at  $z \sim 7$



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# Perspectives on dust attenuation

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- ❖ Resolved dust attenuation maps combining ALMA in extended configuration with HST+JWST
- ❖ Wide sub-mm surveys to find rare massive and dusty systems (30m/NIKA2, LMT/TolTEC)
- ❖ Better coverage from the mid-IR to the millimeter to better measure LIR and break degeneracies between attenuation laws (PRIMA?)

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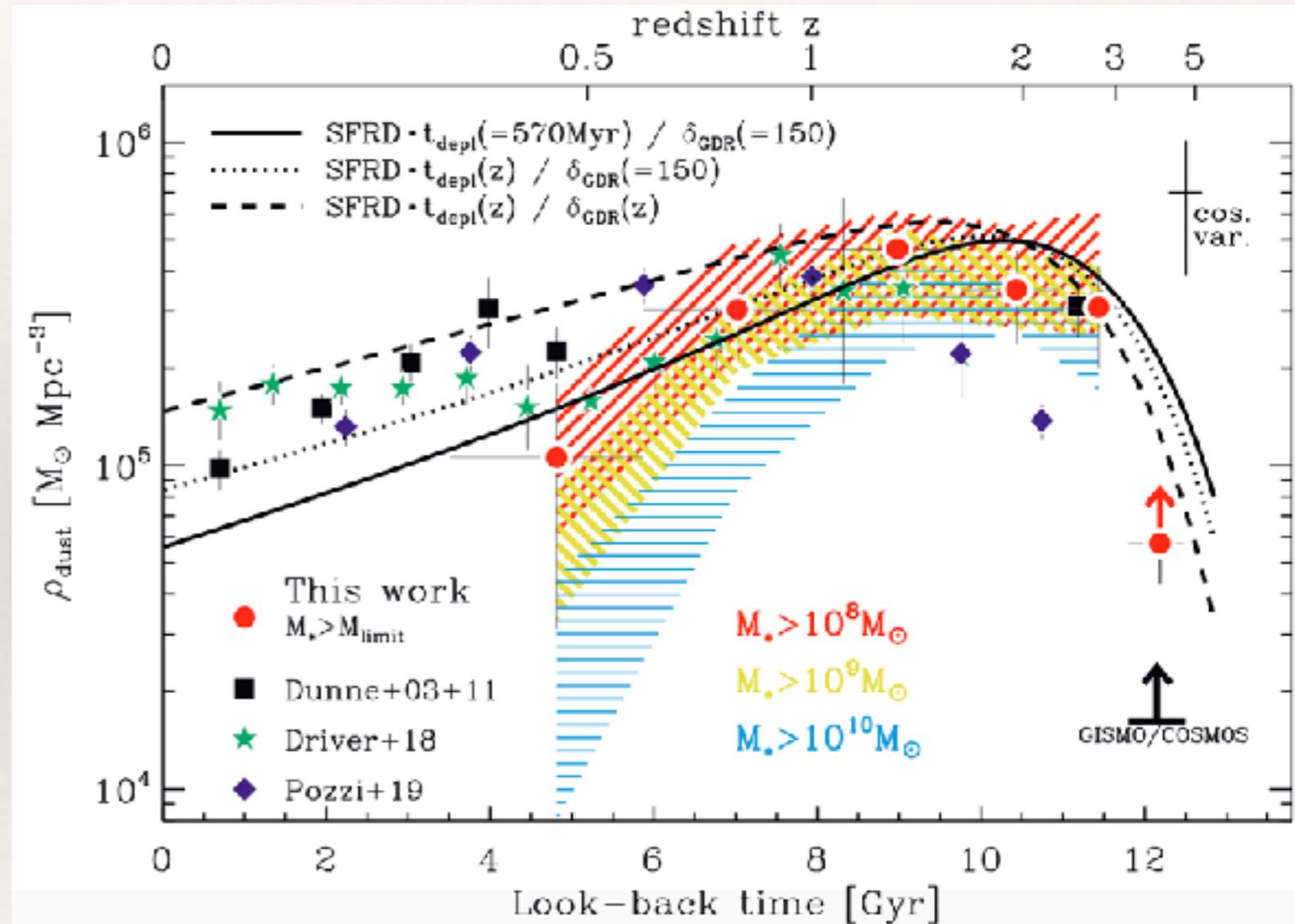
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# Cosmic dust density

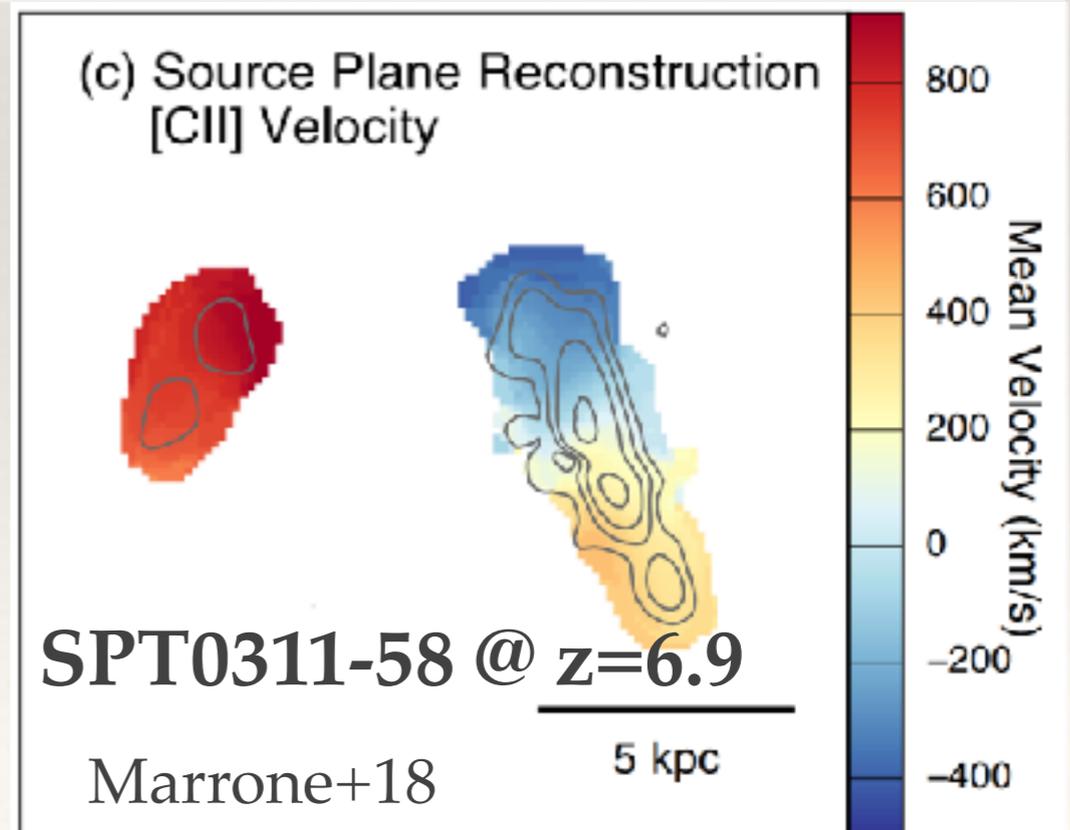
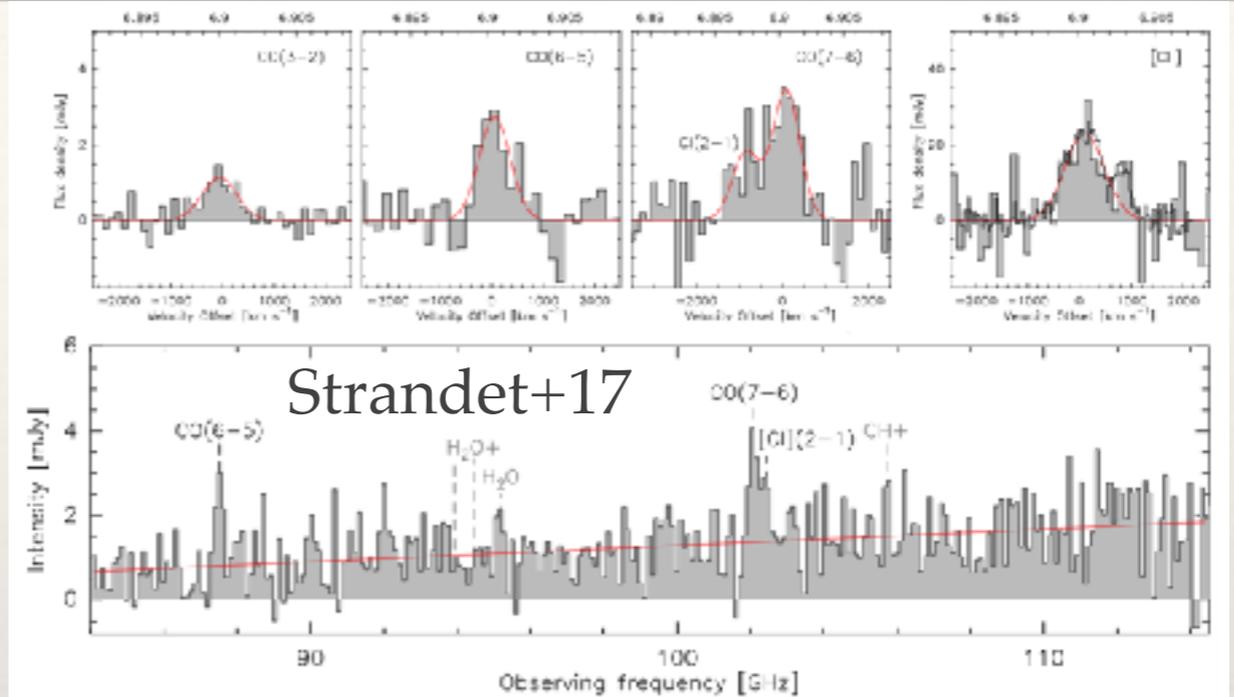
- ❖ Millimeter surveys allow to derive the cosmic dust density history
- ❖ Maximal dust content around cosmic noon

Magnelli+20

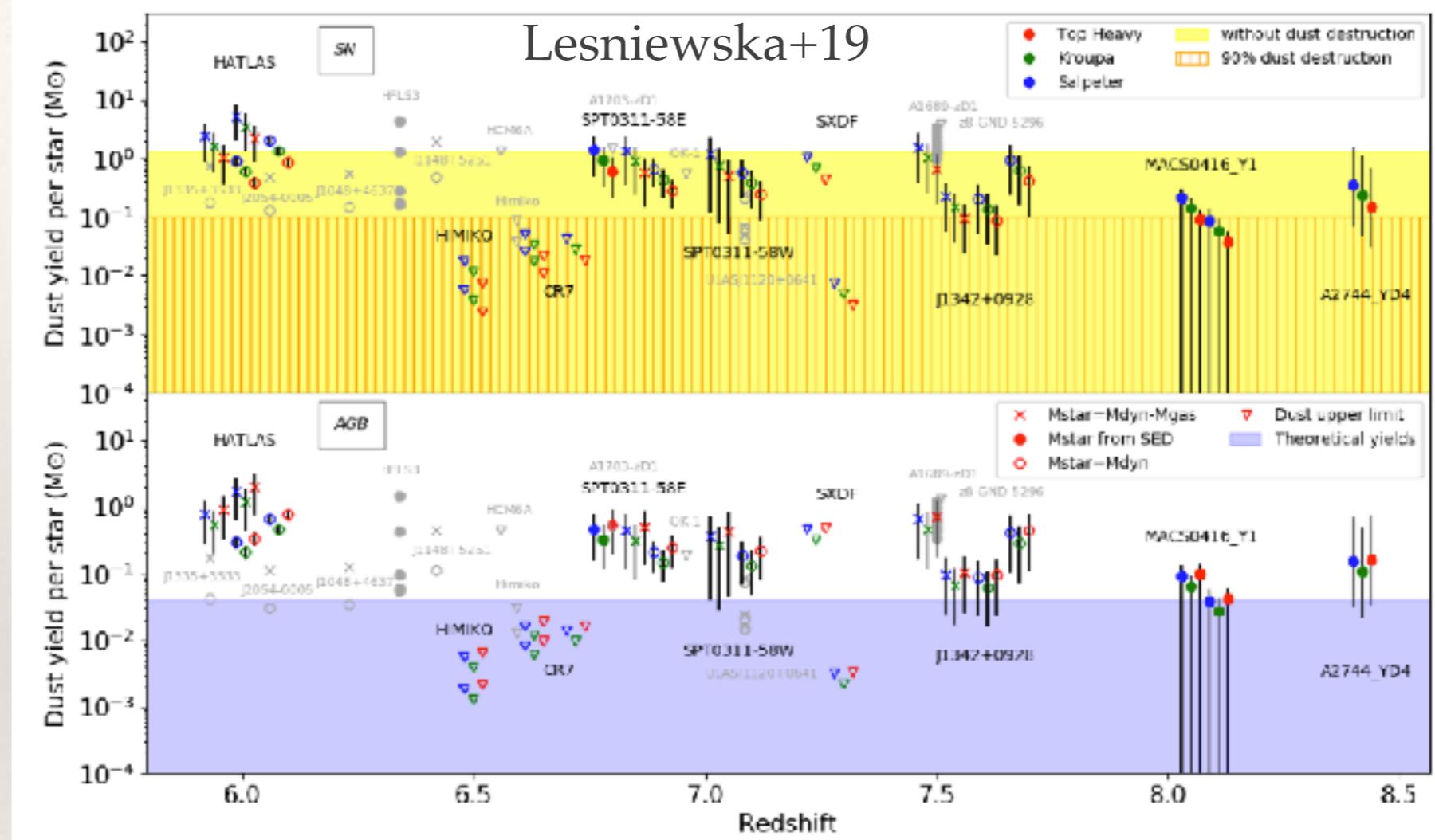


# Extremely dusty starbursts

- ❖ Current record for a mm-selected galaxy: SPT0311-58 at  $z = 6.9$
- ❖  $\text{SFR} \sim 2900 \text{ Msun/yr}$   
 $M_{\text{gas}} \sim 2 \times 10^{11} \text{ Msun}$   
 $M_{\text{dust}} \sim 2 \times 10^9 \text{ Msun}$
- ❖ Huge amount of dust very early in the Universe



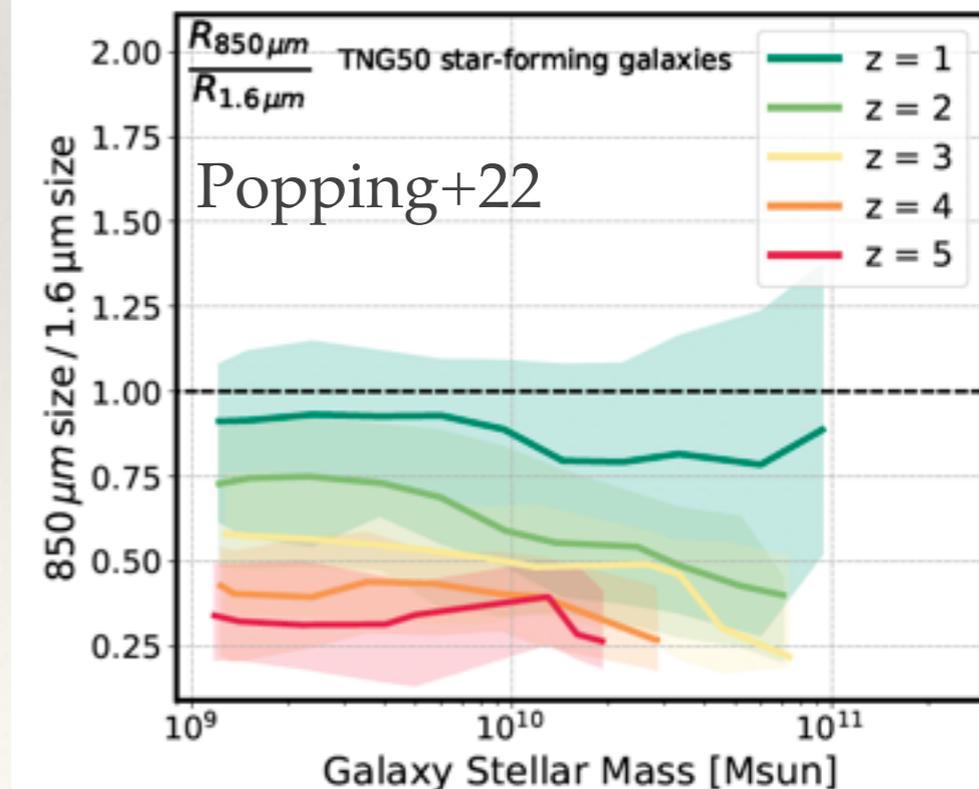
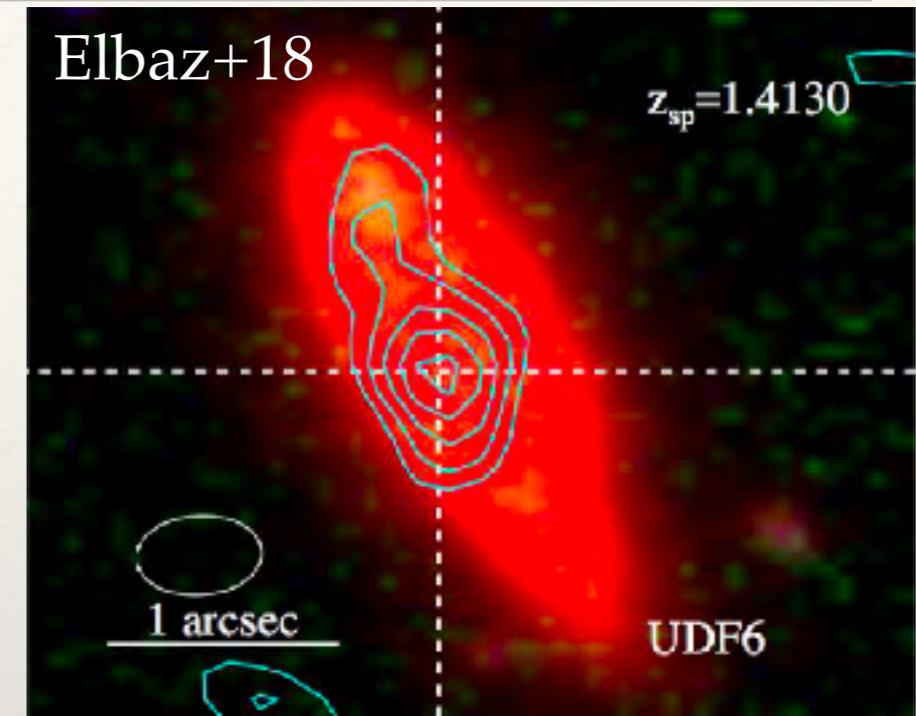
# Where does this dust come from?



- ❖ The measured dust masses at high redshift are at the limit of what we can explain. It needs a very low dust destruction by supernovae.
- ❖ However, there are many caveats on the modeling and the measurement of the dust masses (e.g., Ferrara+16)
- ❖ More discussion in Denis' talk!

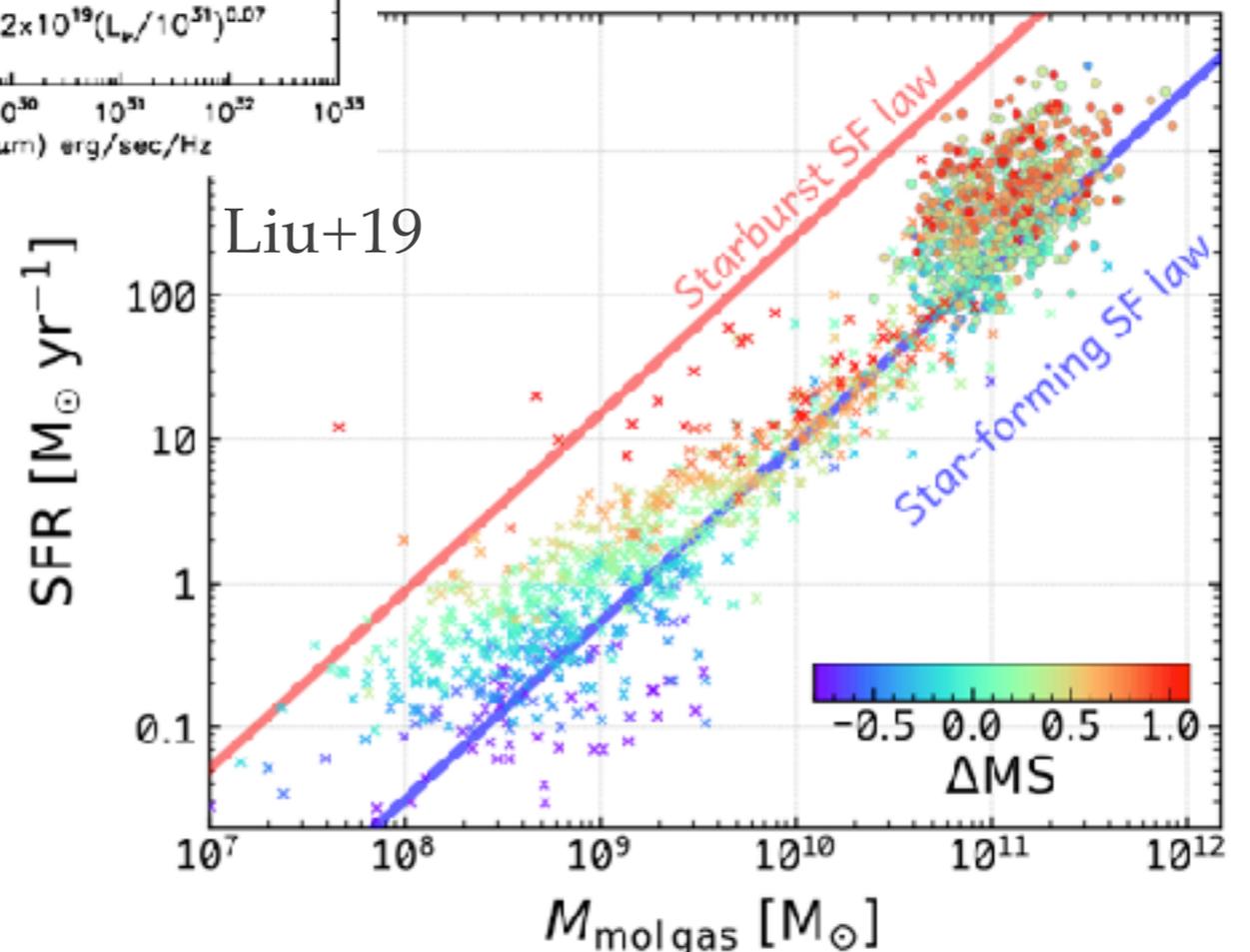
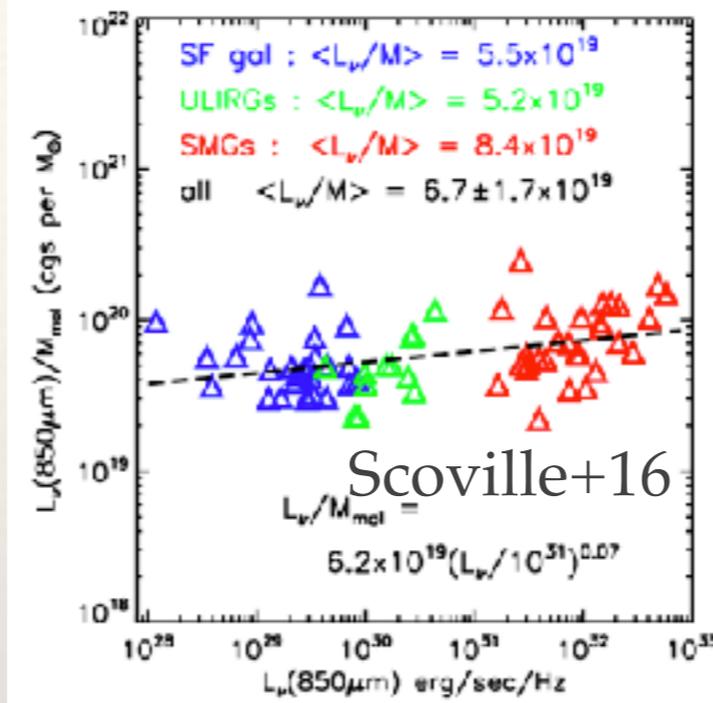
# Morphological mismatches

- ❖ Optical/near-IR and ALMA morphologies can be very different
- ❖ Simulations: dust not really more compact than stellar component, mostly an effect of dust attenuation (e.g., Popping+22)



# Dust continuum as a gas tracer

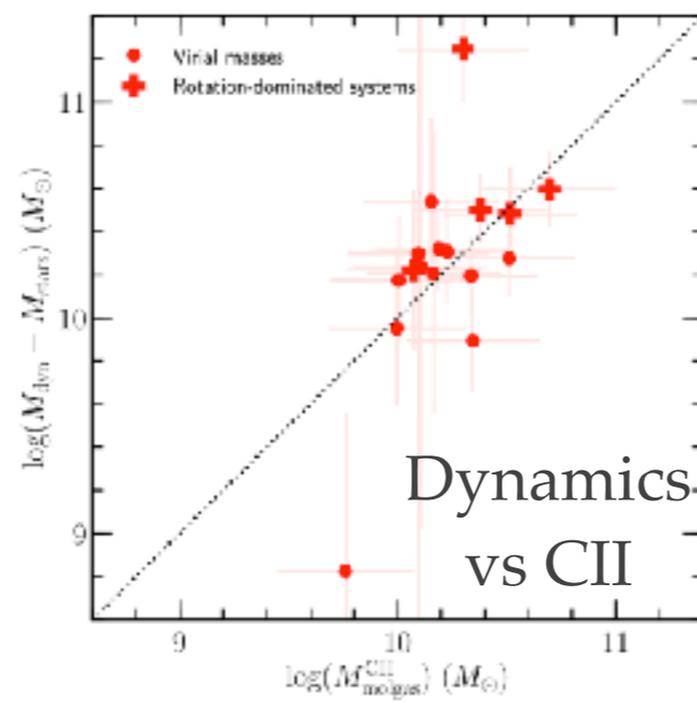
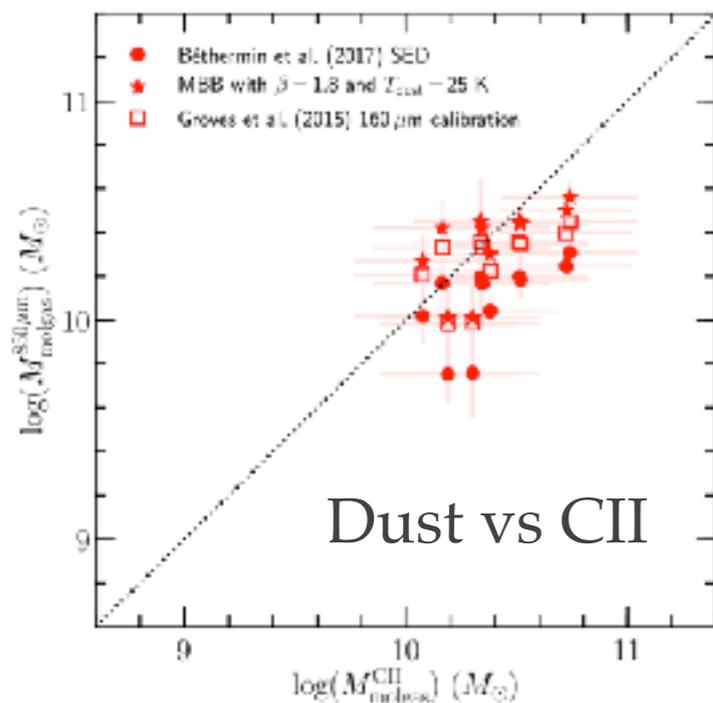
- ❖ Rayleigh-Jeans continuum of galaxies advocated as a quick gas tracer of galaxies (e.g., Scoville+16)
- ❖ Most of high-z galaxies on the star-forming sequence



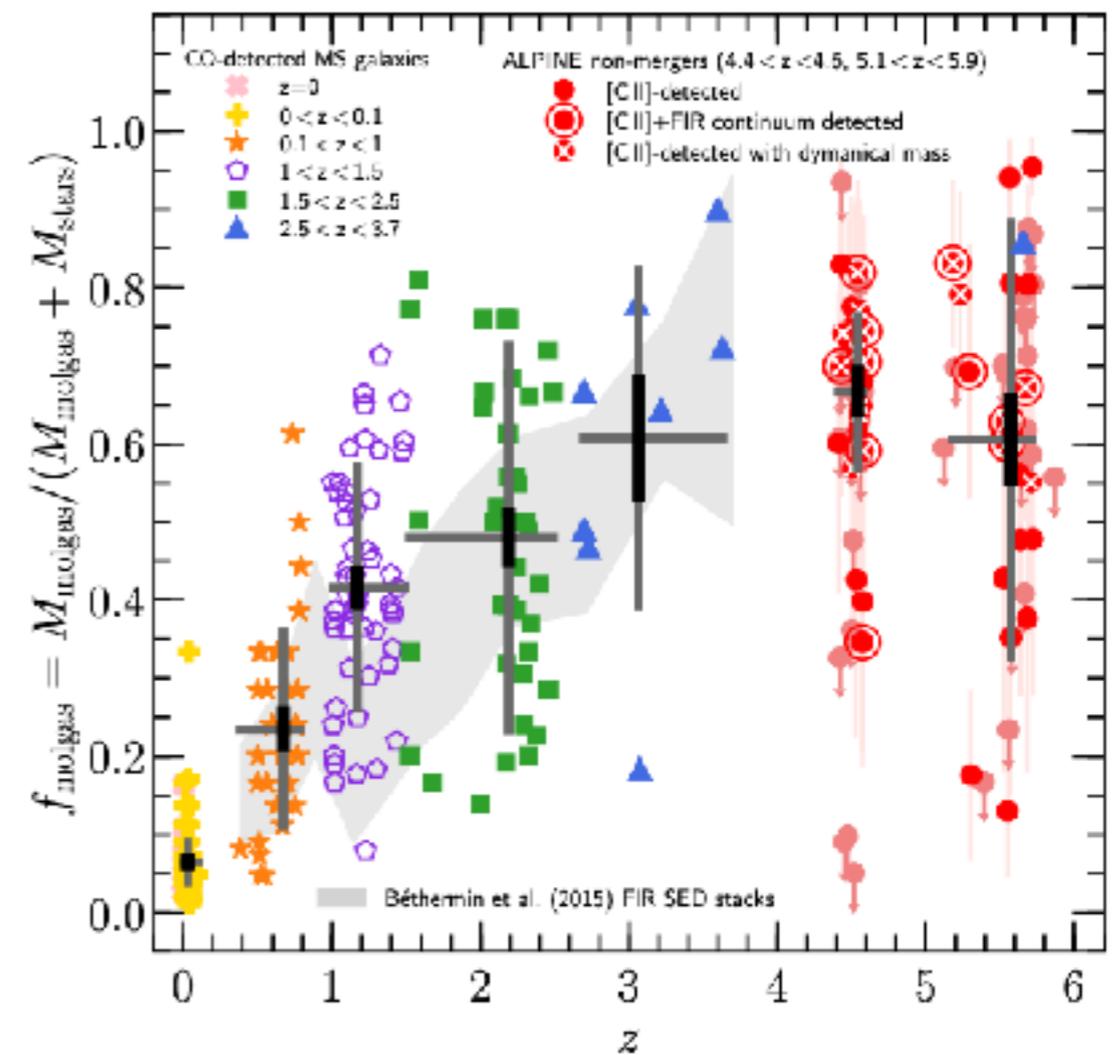
# [CII] and dust as gas tracers at high redshift?

- ❖ Overall agreement between the various gas tracers
- ❖ Flattening at  $z > 3$

Gas fraction



Dessauges-Zavadsky+20



Redshift

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# Perspectives

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- ❖ Dust content versus metallicity based on JWST
- ❖ Better calibration of dust-based gas tracers (using dynamics from high-resolution ALMA data?)
- ❖ Improve the models of high- $z$  dust enrichment (see Denis' talk)

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# Conclusion

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- ❖ Dust is already present in the early Universe especially in massive galaxies
- ❖ Dust temperature increases with increasing redshift (explanation debated)
- ❖ Obscured star formation still important at  $z \sim 5$ , some massive galaxies missed by optical surveys
- ❖ Quick dust formation in massive systems. Large gas fractions at  $z > 4$ .