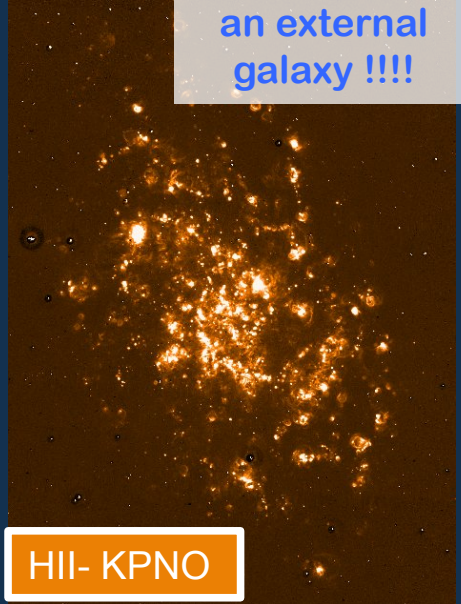
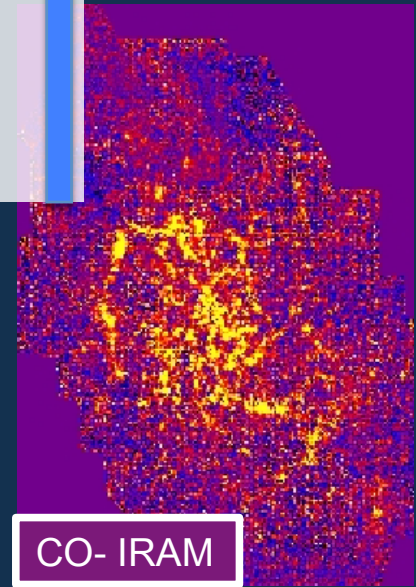
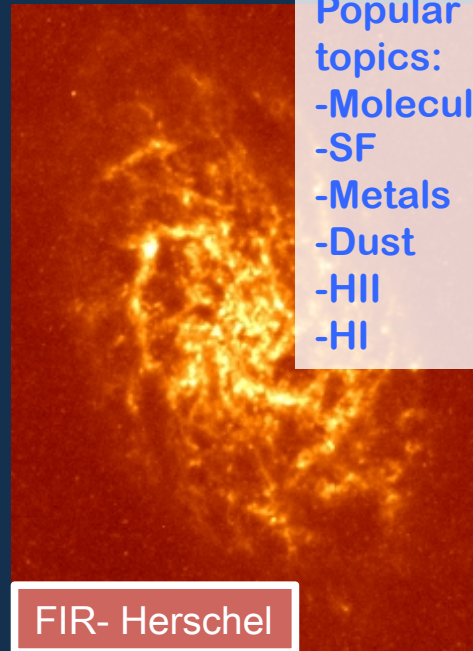
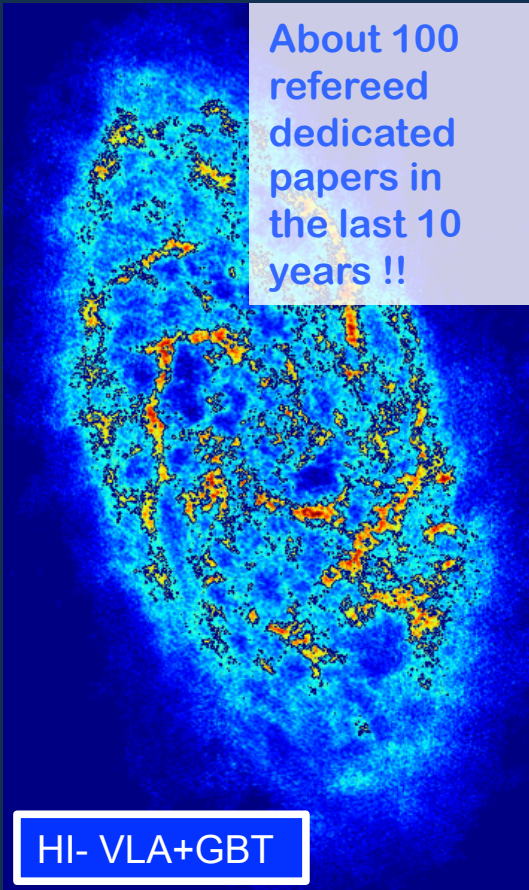


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It is the most  
studied ISM  
throughout  
an external  
galaxy !!!!

About 100  
refereed  
dedicated  
papers in  
the last 10  
years !!

Popular  
topics:  
-Molecules  
-SF  
-Metals  
-Dust  
-HII  
-HI



# The interstellar medium of M33

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Additional hot topics to  
ISM for M33:

Variable ★  
Dark matter  
LG member  
Clusters  
.....  
Life search!

## M33 is

- *The third largest LG member, likely approaching M31 now*
- *An undisturbed blue flocculent spiral galaxy, outer warped disk and clouds*
- *Hosted by a dark halo of mass:  $3 \times 10^{11} M_{\odot}$*
- *A pure disk with baryonic mass:  $7 \times 10^9 M_{\odot}$ , 2/3 stars, 1/3 gas*
- *Making stars with a  $SFR = 0.5 M_{\odot}/yr$*

## Today focus on

### ***Feedback versus gravity in the ISM: what drives SF ?***

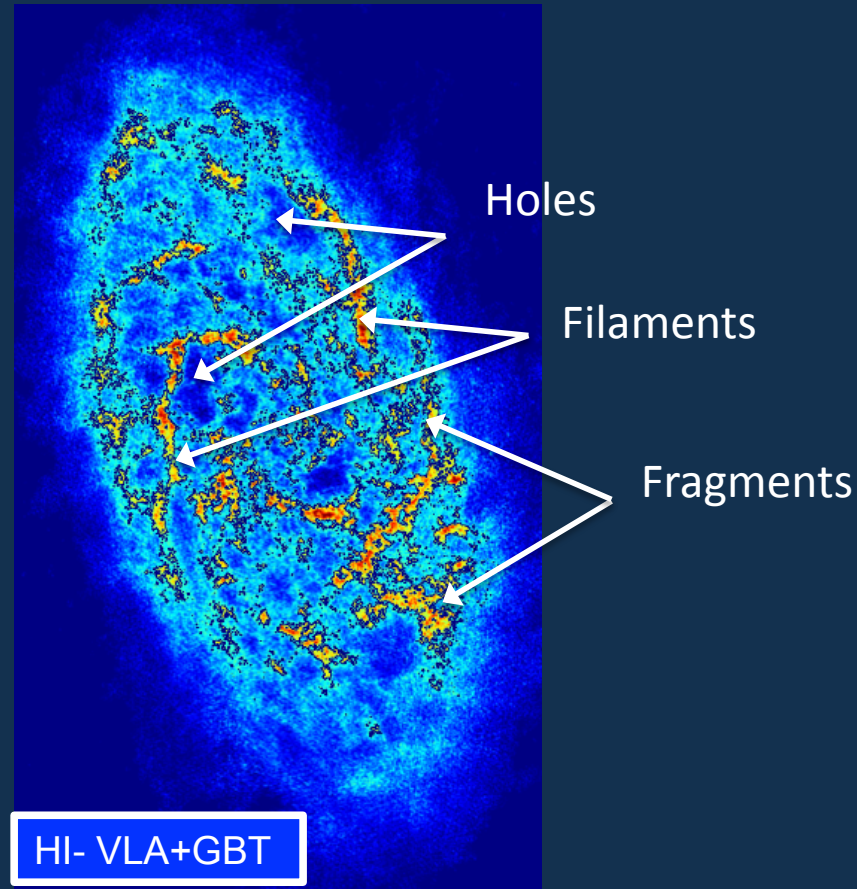
- **SPH:** Large scale simulations and the need for feedback (*Dobbs et al. 2018*)
- **GMC:** Lifecycle of molecular clouds and SF sites (*Corbelli et al. 2017*)
- **PDF:** Self-gravity footprints across the M33 disk (*Corbelli et al. 2017*)

*Major collaborators: J.Braine (GMC), B. Elmegreen (PDF), C. Dobbs + A. Petit (SPH)*



--Do extended filaments or spiral arms grow in isolated disks?

--Is SF feedback needed to fragment them as to reproduce the ISM morphology?



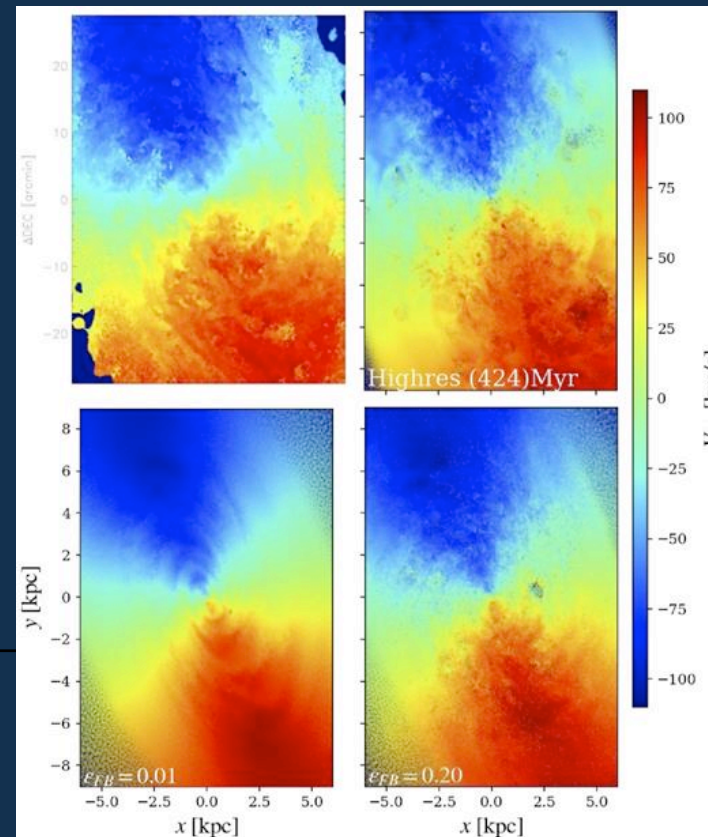
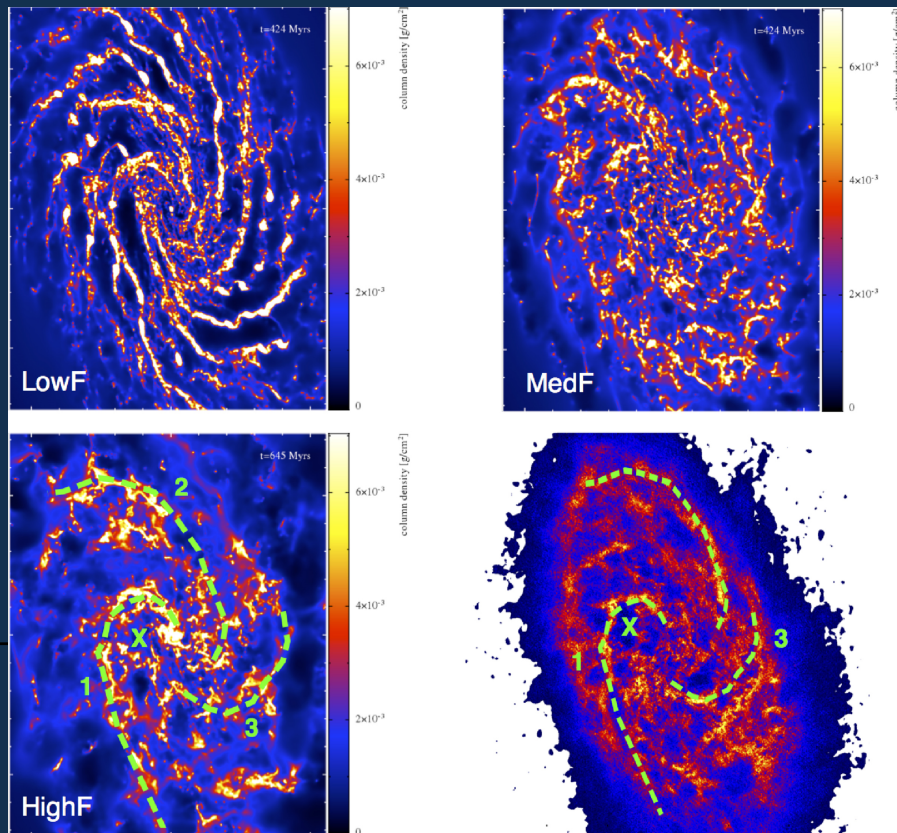
--SPH simulations using dark halo NFW, stellar and gaseous disk data.

--Stellar feedback coupled or uncoupled to star formation efficiency is injected as kinetic and thermal energy



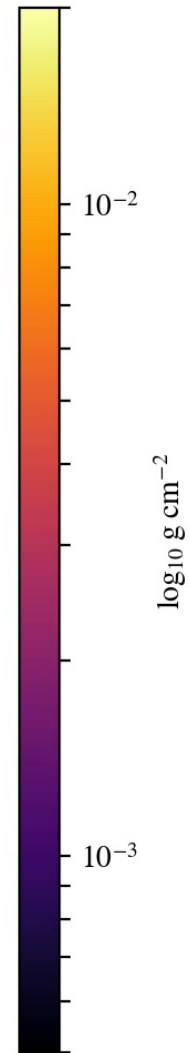
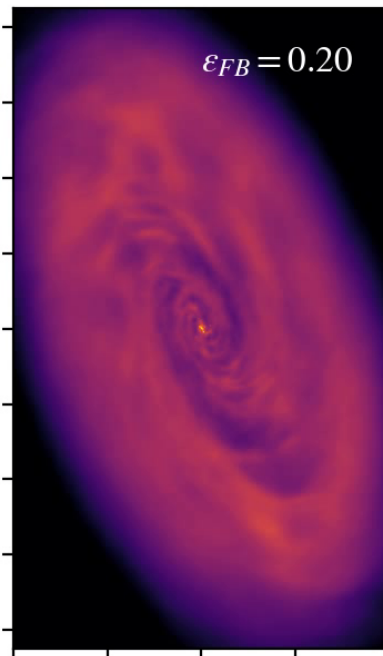
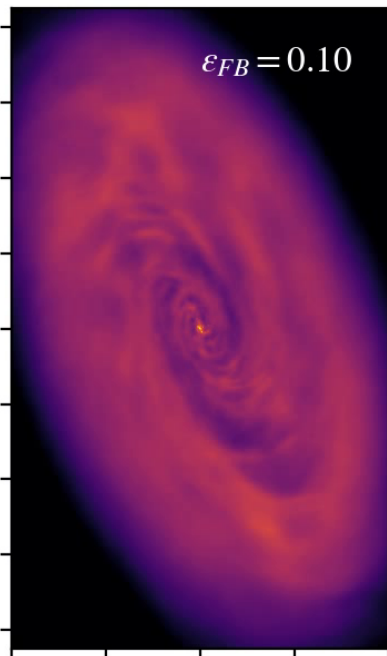
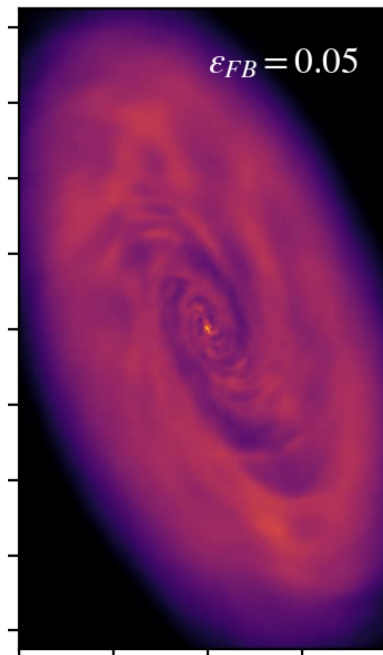
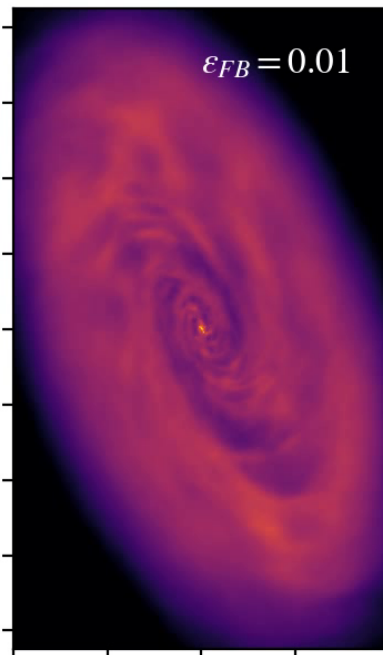
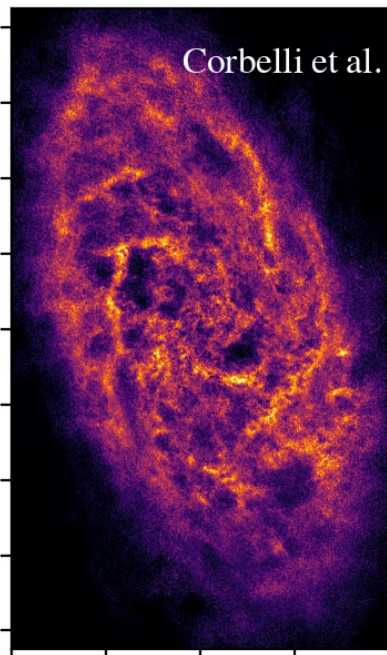
--Low efficiency and feedback (0.01) model is dominated by shocks and many spiral arms since it has a stronger response to the gravitational instabilities that develops in the star+gas

--High feedback (0.2) model matches better the observed morphology of filament fragments and holes and the small scale features of the velocity field, but it requires a higher SFR than observed



SPHNG – Coupled SF and VB efficiency LowF=0.01, MedF=0.05, HighF=0.2





GASOLINE2:  
Decoupled SF-FB  
efficiencies. SF  
efficiency is  
10% and this  
seem also the  
best value for  
FB efficiency  
 $\epsilon_{FB}$ .



A total gas conversion efficiency of 0.1 for  $\text{SFR}=0.5 M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$  implies that in about one rotational period ( $4 \times 10^8$  yrs) M33 is able to convert  $2 \times 10^8 M_{\odot}$  (the Molecular Cloud mass) into  $\star$ .

To know the efficiency of molecular mass conversion we need to estimate the MC lifetime or the free-fall time.



Using a population of Young Stellar Cluster Candidates we have inferred that MCs in M33 have a short lifetime, 14 Myrs, hence in each cycle the MC gas conversion efficiency is 3% .

A similar estimate can be inferred from the  $t_{\text{ff}}/t_{\text{dep}}$  ratio.



## Molecular clouds

*IRAM-30m CO J=2-1 all-disk map*

*Gratier et al. 2010-12, Druard et al. 2014*

Using this database:

**566** GMCs with mass  $2 \times 10^6 - 2 \times 10^4 M_{\odot}$   
make up  $\frac{1}{2}$  of total molecular mass

*Corbelli E., Braine J. et al. 2017*

## Young Stellar Cluster Candidates

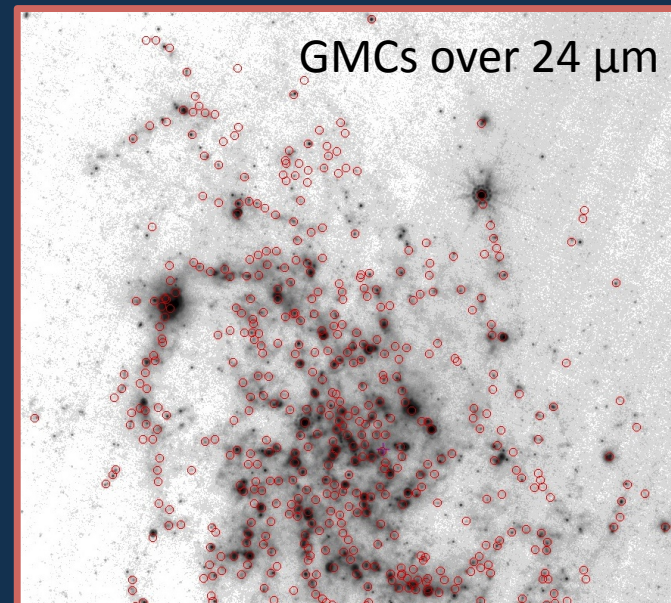
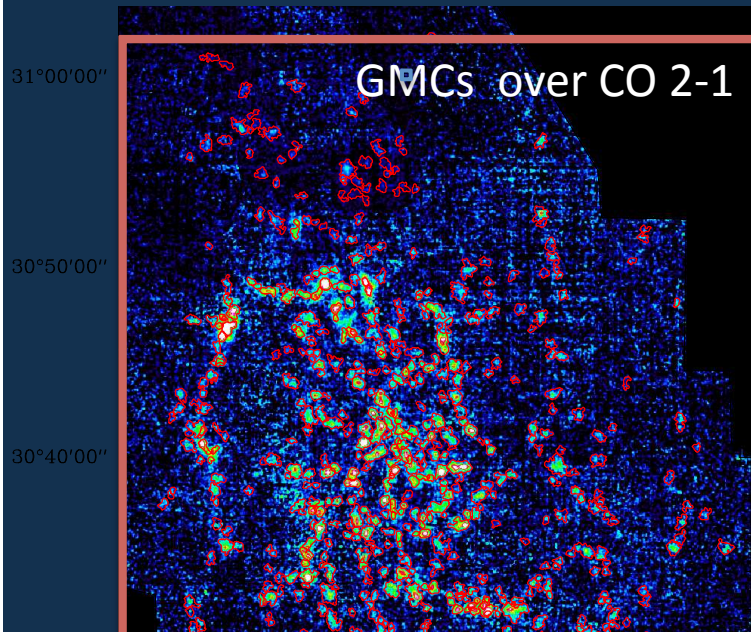
*Spitzer MIR maps*

*Verley et al. 2007, 2009*

Using the 24  $\mu\text{m}$  map:

915 MIR-FIR sources, **630** of which  
are likely YSCCandidate at  $R < 7 \text{kpc}$   
Several SED-fits  $\Rightarrow$  masses & ages

*Sharma S., Corbelli E. et al. 2011*



*Between all type of sources examined (OB stars, optical clusters, H $\alpha$  sources,..  
the spatial correlation bewteen MCs-MIR selected YSCCs is the strongest  
(typical separation 17pc). We have used these to infer MC lifetimes.*

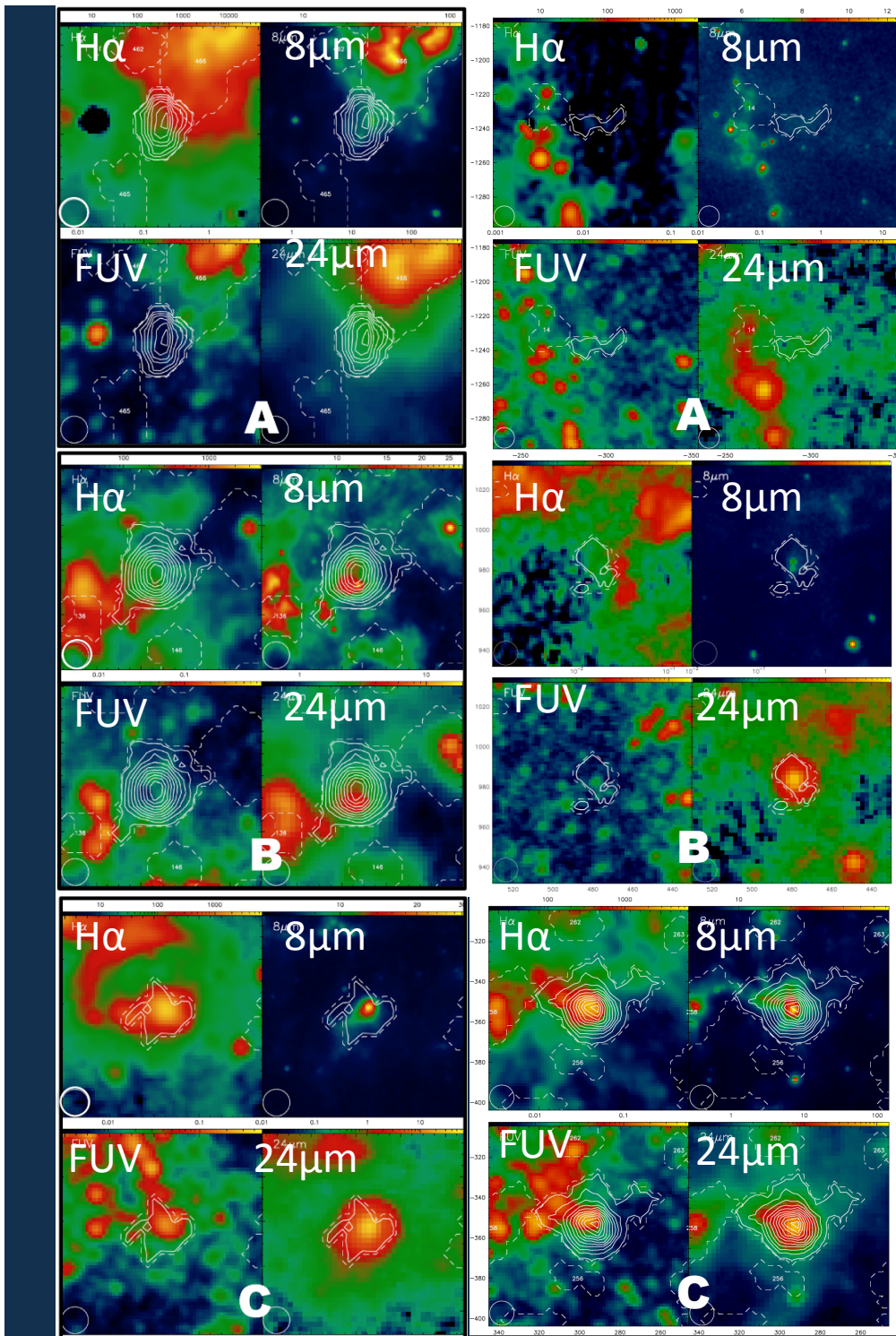
30°30'  
30°20'

1<sup>h</sup>35<sup>m</sup>00<sup>s</sup>

34<sup>m</sup>00<sup>s</sup>

33<sup>m</sup>00<sup>s</sup>





Use H $\alpha$ , FUV, 24-8  $\mu$ m  
to classify GMCs as:  
**A** (inactive - 32%)  
**B** (embedded SF - 16%)  
**C** (exposed SF - 52%)  
a few are ambiguous  
(D, 4% of total)

*Panels for H $\alpha$ , FUV, 8 and 24  $\mu$ m show emission intensity at cloud location; white contours are the GMCs. Two clouds for each class are shown.  
Is A-B-C an evolutionary sequence?*



# Molecular cloud timeline in M33

- Using YSCC age determination and the number of clouds in each class we infer GMC total lifetime after major assembly and prior to dispersal : 14 Myrs

**A inactive = 3.8 Myrs**

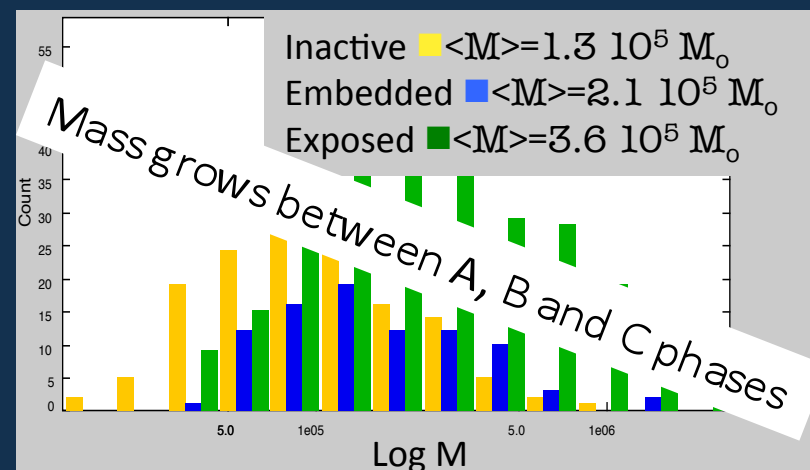
**B fully embedded = 2.4 Myrs**

**C exposed = 8 Myrs**

**Lifetime for GMCs in M33 is shorter than in the LMC:**

*(Yamaguchi et al. 2001, Kawamura et al. 2009)*

The exposed phase, once the YSC breaks through the GMC, is shorter





--What regulated the efficiency?

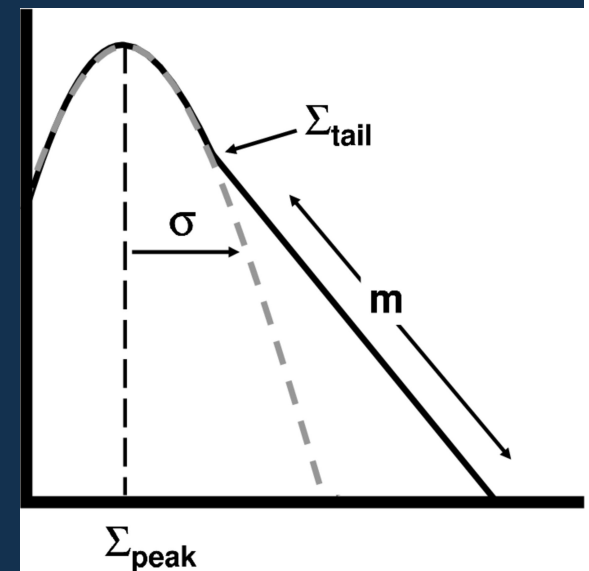
--Is local feedback that stops SF or gravitational collapse occurs only on small localized regions of MCs?



--Look at the Probability Distribution Function of atomic and molecular gas: gravity or turbulence ?

--Does PDF depend on time or location ?

*Numerical simulations have shown that compressible **turbulence**, driven by feedbacks, shapes the gas **PDF as a log-normal function** but, if **self-gravity** becomes dominant above a certain density in a cloud, **the PDF develops a power-law tail**.*



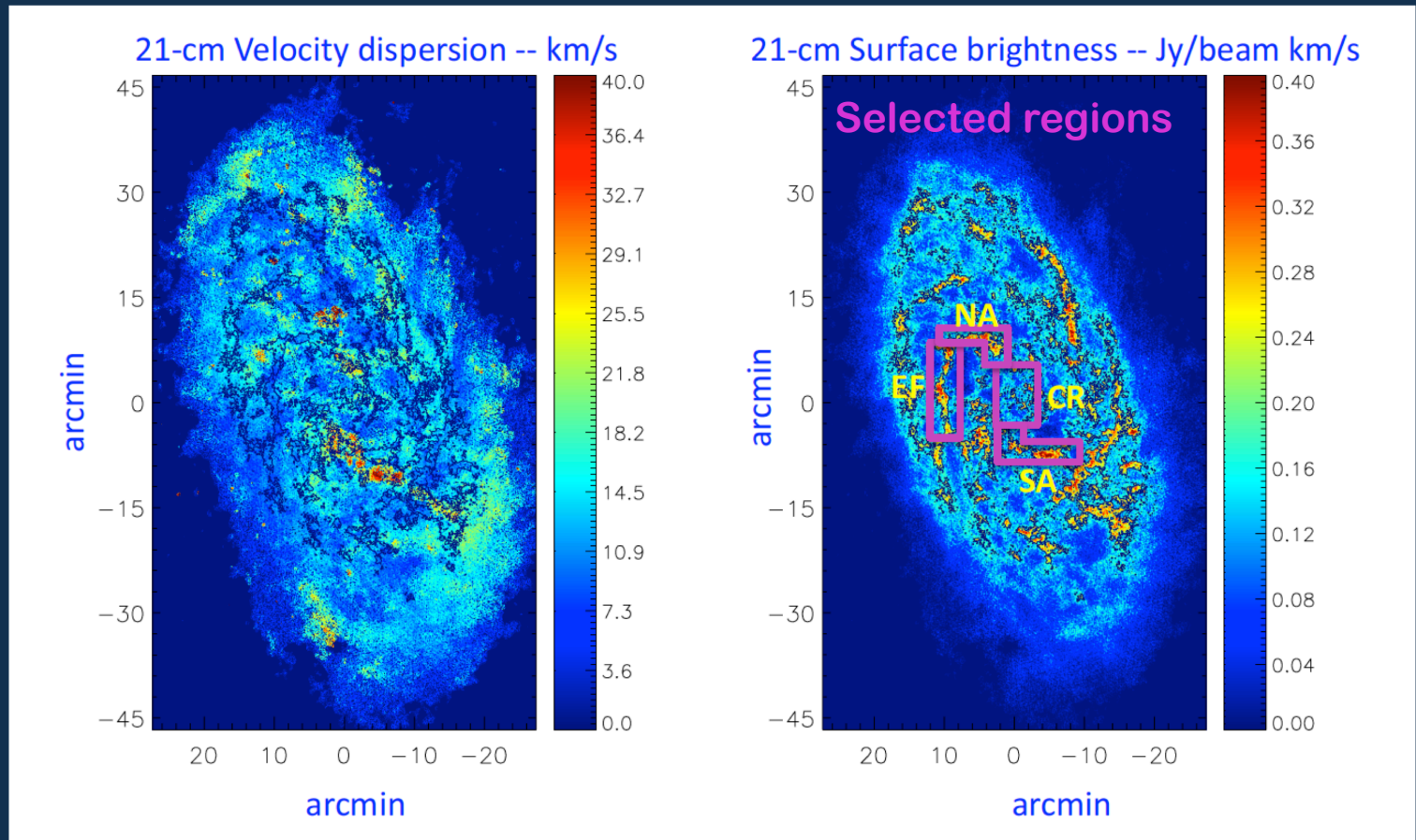
# The column density PDF (or N-PDF) of the ISM in M33

Only a few studies of extragalactic PDF:

HII,HI -> M51+M31, LMC (*Berkhuijsen... 2015, Wada.. 2000*): no PL tail

H2 -> M31(100pc),LMC+M51(50pc) (*Hughes.. 2013*): no PL tail

H2 -> M83(40pc *Egusa.. 2018*),M33(50pc *Druard.. 2014*): some PL tail

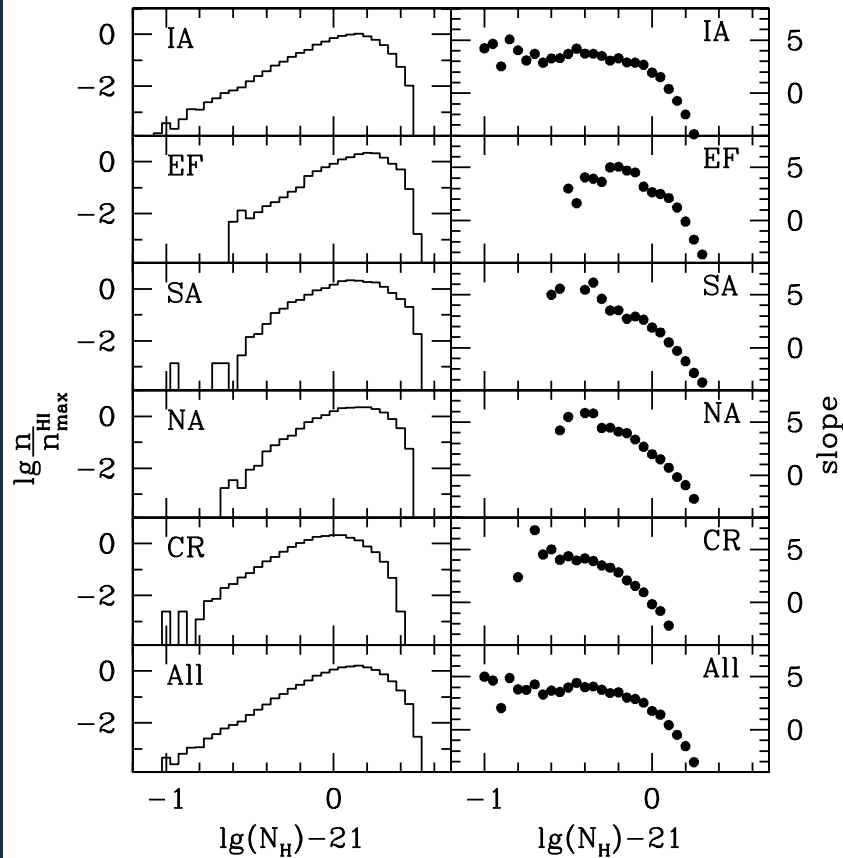


$\langle \sigma_{21} \rangle = 13 \text{ km/s}$   
no radial variations  
(see also Koch et al. 2018)



# Atomic gas in GMC envelopes (20-40pc res)

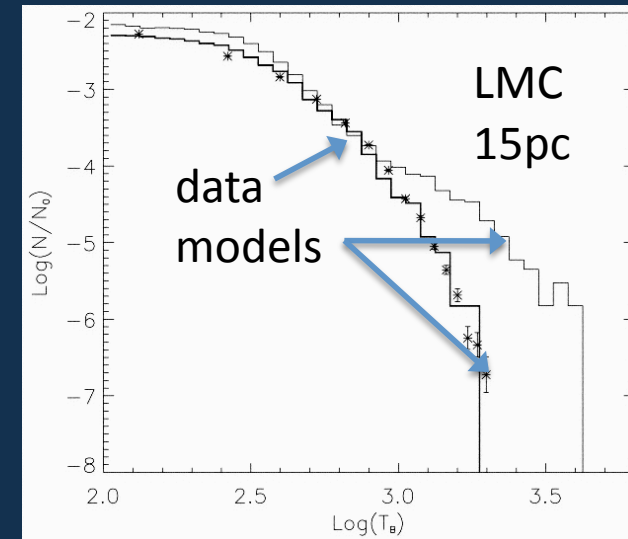
M33 PDF data ---- slopes



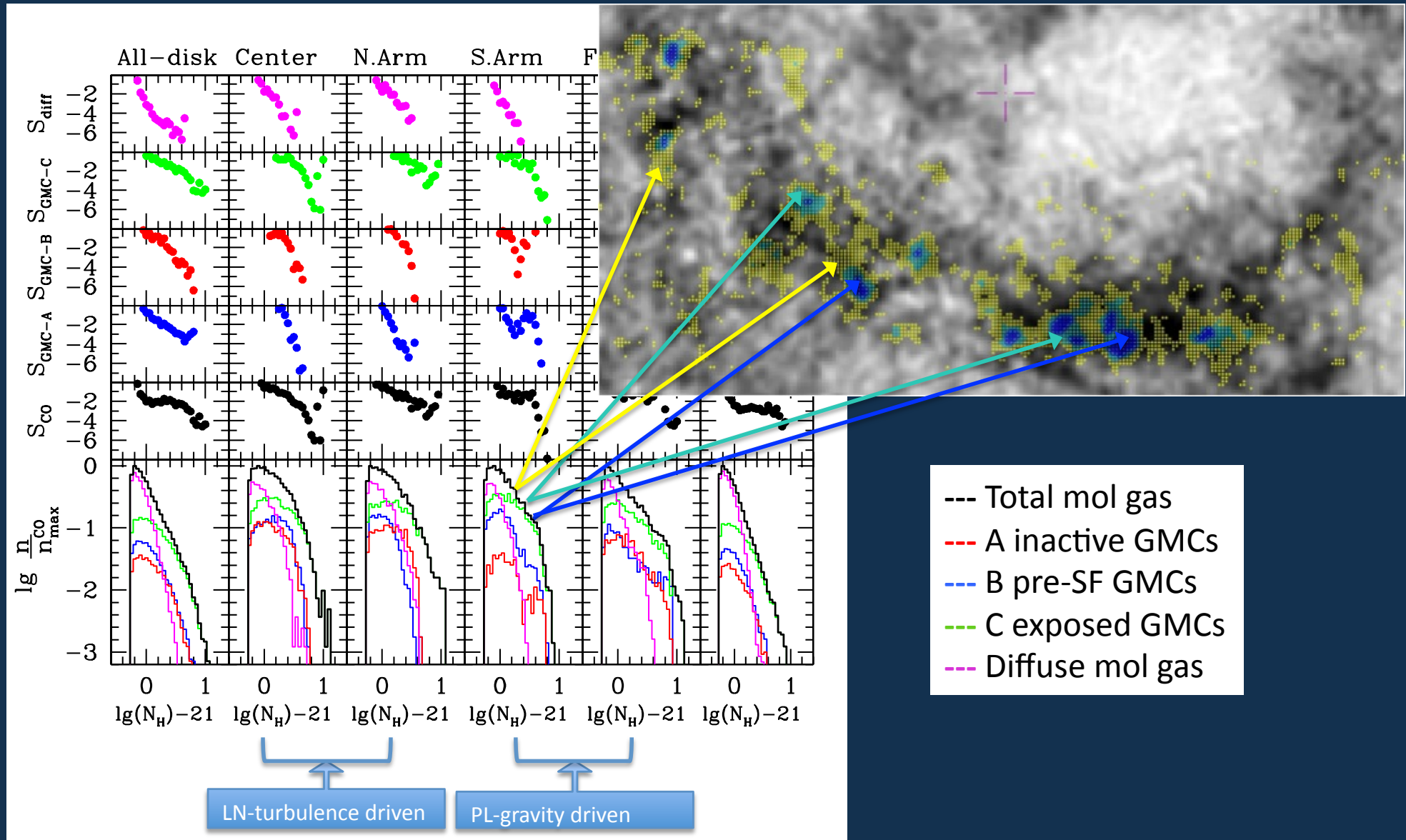
$$N_{\text{Hlim}} = 2.5 \cdot 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-2}$$

**HI → H2**

Center + InterArms:  
low density PL tail might  
be due to cavities warm/  
cold interfaces  $\gamma > 1$



# Molecular gas in GMC and diffuse (50 pc res)





- The high pressure and SFR in the central region shapes the GMC PDF as log-normal prior and during star formation . Turbulence dominates on 50pc scale.
- In the outermost filament rich in molecules, power-laws are detected above  $10^{21}$  H atoms/cm<sup>2</sup> suggesting a stratification of density regulated by self-gravity at all evolutionary stages.
- Total gas PDF width decreases radially for  $R > 2 \sim \text{kpc}$  suggesting that turbulence might become subsonic as outer disk flares and atomic gas gets warmer.
- GMCs along northern and southern arm have different PDFs and properties. Deviations from a LN are detected only in the south, where GMCs get compressed and become active as they cross the arm sequence is present across the arm.

**Local galaxy are becoming powerful tools to investigate the variety of ISM conditions and the delicate balance between different physical processes ....**



From cluster scales....

...to a cosmological context

**Thank you for your attention!**