

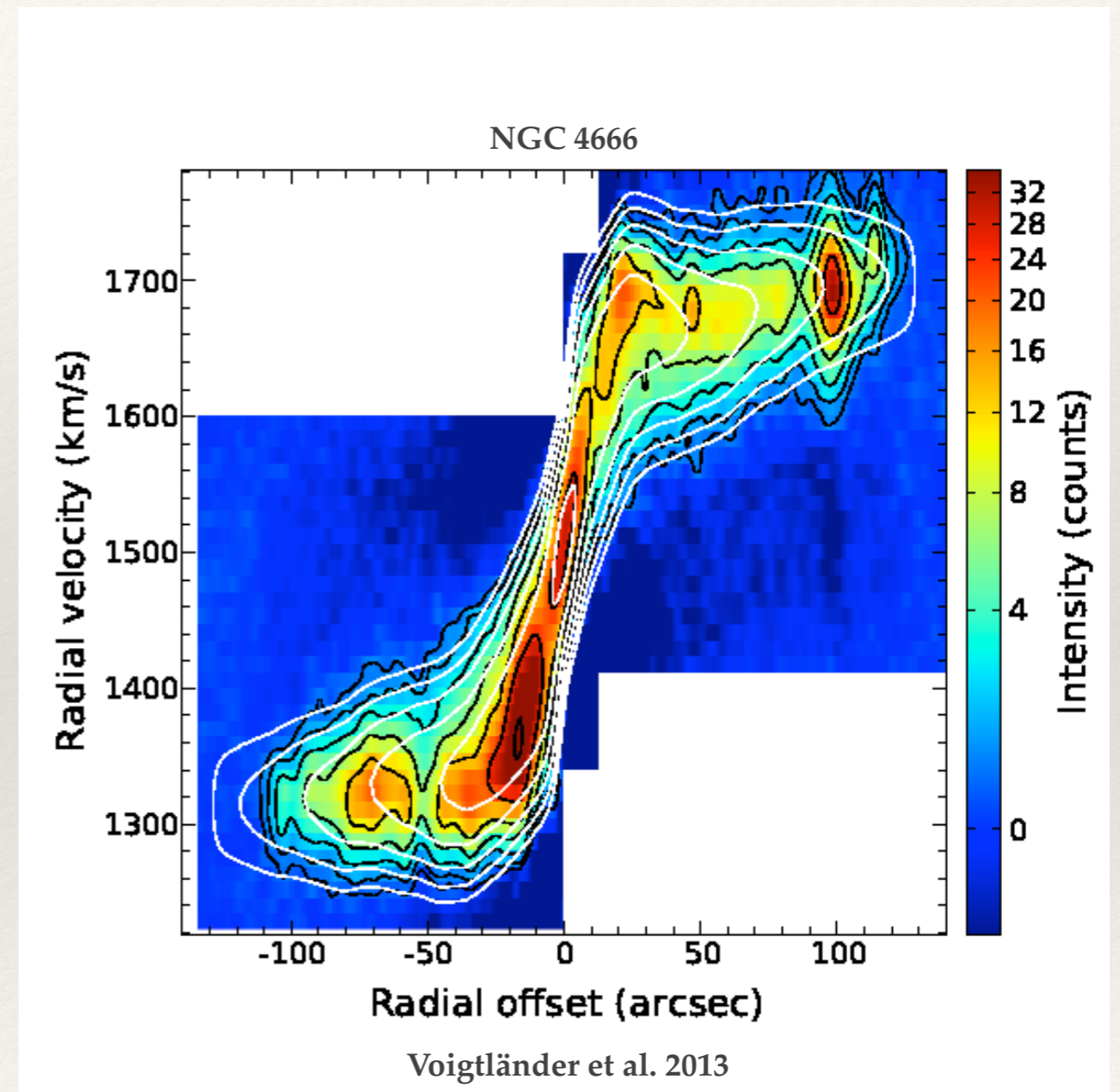
Getting to know the “island universes” out there.

Galaxies I

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Warm-up

- ❖ Consider the PV diagram for NGC 4666.
- ❖ How would you estimate the dynamical mass of this galaxy?
- ❖ What kinematic observation could you make even if your telescope couldn't spatially resolve this galaxy?



Galaxy Population - Spirals/Disks: Kinematics

- ❖ **Unresolved HI profiles** — rotation characterized by line widths, e.g. W_{50} , W_{20} (width at 50%, 20% of peak line flux)

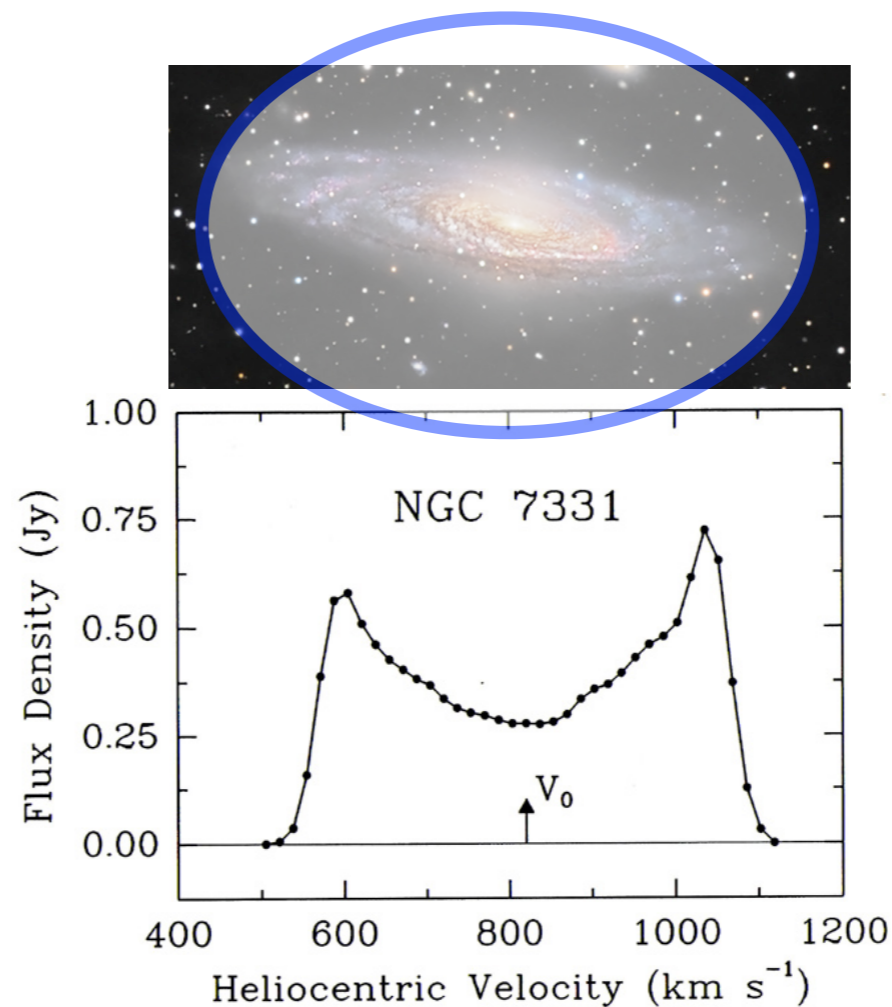
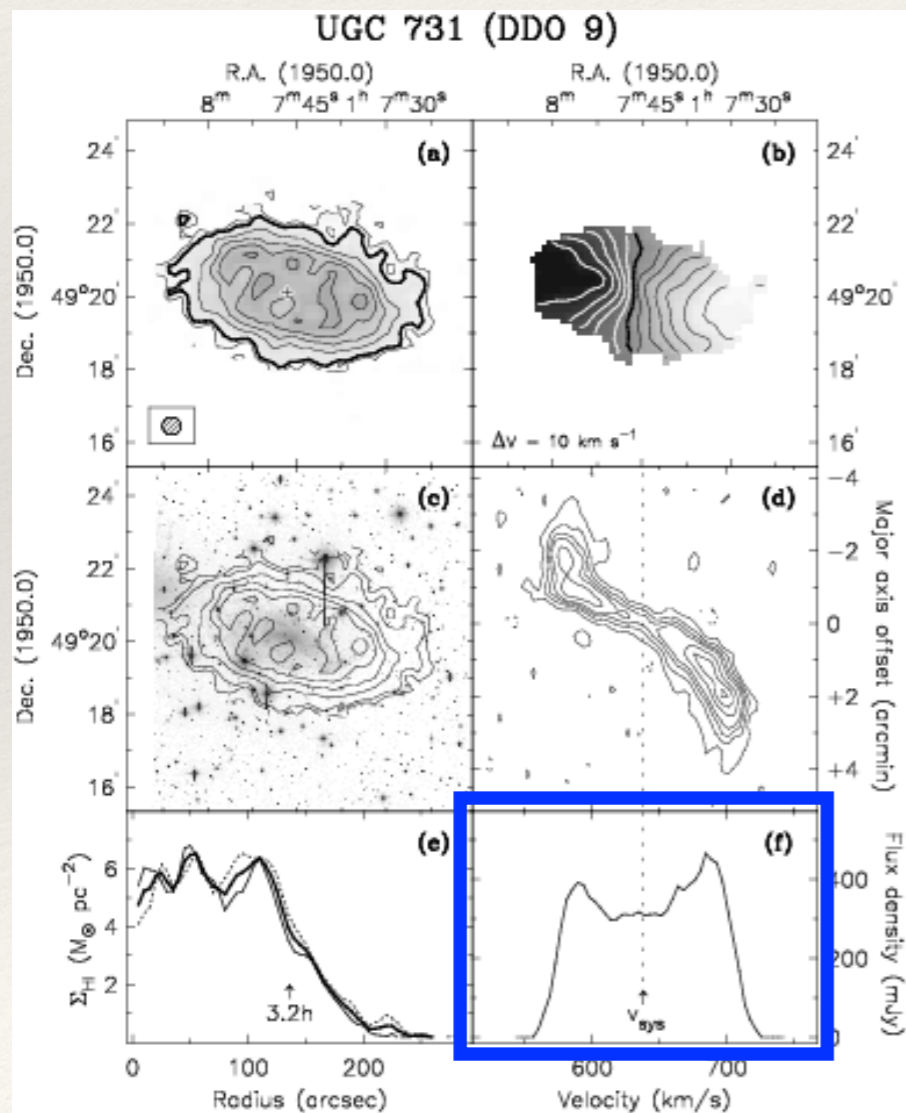


Fig.5.22 (K. Begeman) 'Galaxies in the Universe' Sparke/Gallagher CUP 2007



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Outline for Today

- ❖ Galaxy Population -
Spirals/Disks:
- ❖ Scaling Relations
- ❖ Spectral Energy
Distributions (SEDs)
- ❖ Interstellar Medium
(ISM)



NGC1232 (ESO)

Spirals/Disks: Scaling Relations

- ❖ **Size-Luminosity Relation & Surface Brightness-Luminosity Relation:**
 - ❖ more luminous spirals are larger and have higher surface brightness at the effective radius

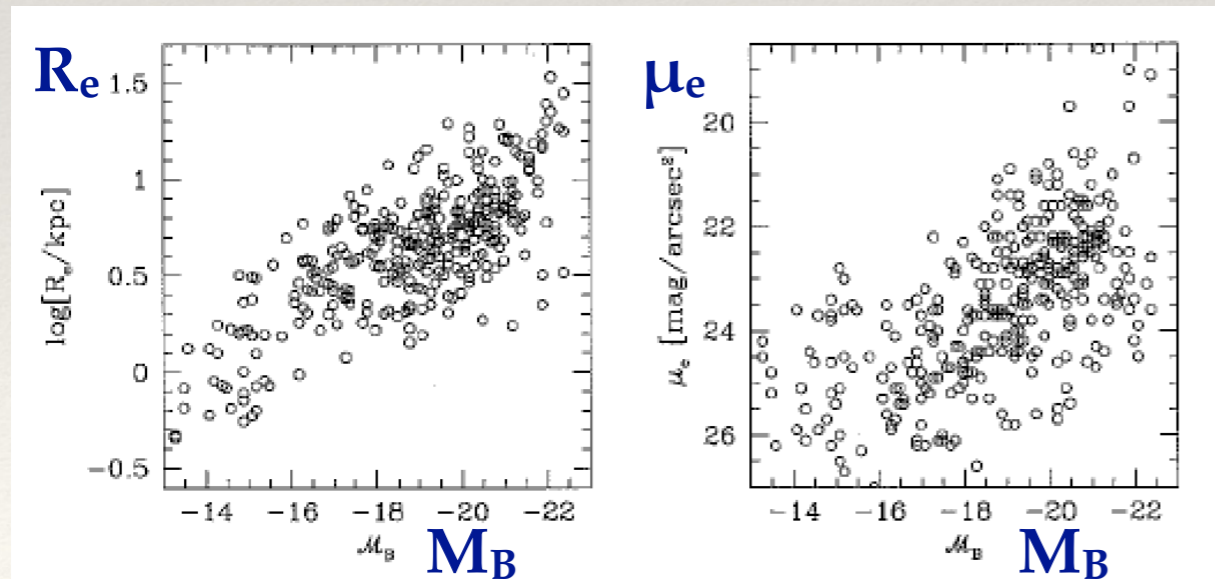
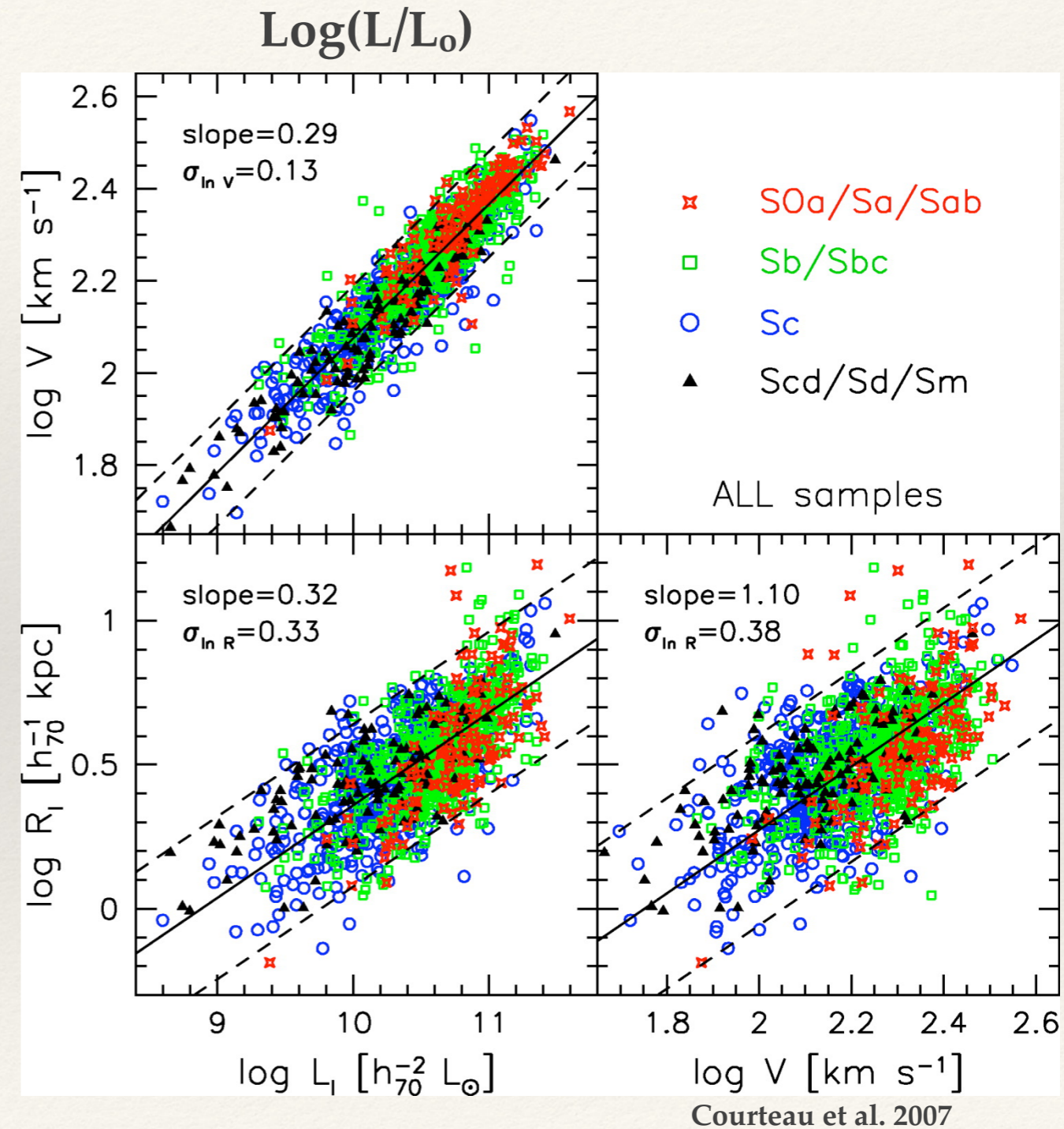


Fig. 2.20. The effective radius (left panel) and the surface brightness at the effective radius (right panel) of disk dominated galaxies plotted against their absolute magnitude in the B -band. [Based on data published in Impey et al. (1996b)]



Spirals/Disks: Scaling Relations

❖ Tully-Fisher Relation:

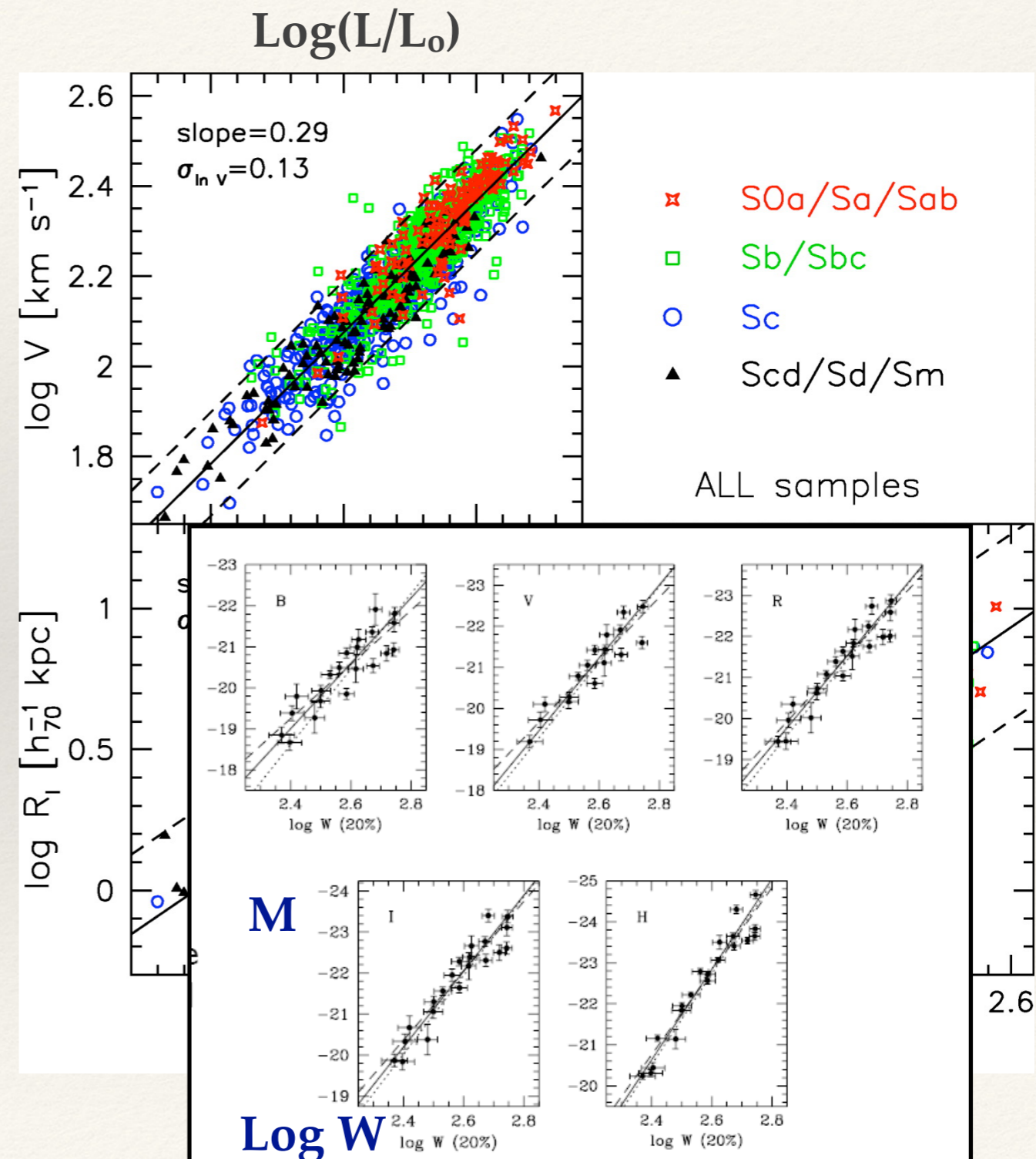
- ❖ Correlation between maximum rotation velocity (or HI linewidth W) and luminosity:

- ❖ $L \propto v^{3-4}$

- ❖ Slope depends on wavelength, definition of velocity, etc.

- ❖ Small scatter — useful distance indicator!

- ❖ Various “explanations” similar to Fundamental Plane with same caveats



Virial theorem:

$$-\langle U \rangle = 2 \langle K \rangle$$

$$\frac{GM}{\langle R \rangle} = \langle v^2 \rangle$$

Note that this is the same that we get from simple rotation, so for disks, it's easier than for ellipticals.

$$L \propto IR^2$$

Therefore we have

$$\frac{GM}{R} \propto v^2$$

$$L \propto IR^2$$

With a mass-to-light ratio:

$$M = L(M/L)$$

We then derive:

$$R \propto \left(\frac{M}{L}\right)^{-1} v^2 I^{-1}$$

$$L \propto \left(\frac{M}{L}\right)^{-1} v^4 I^{-1}$$

Spiral/disks: SEDs

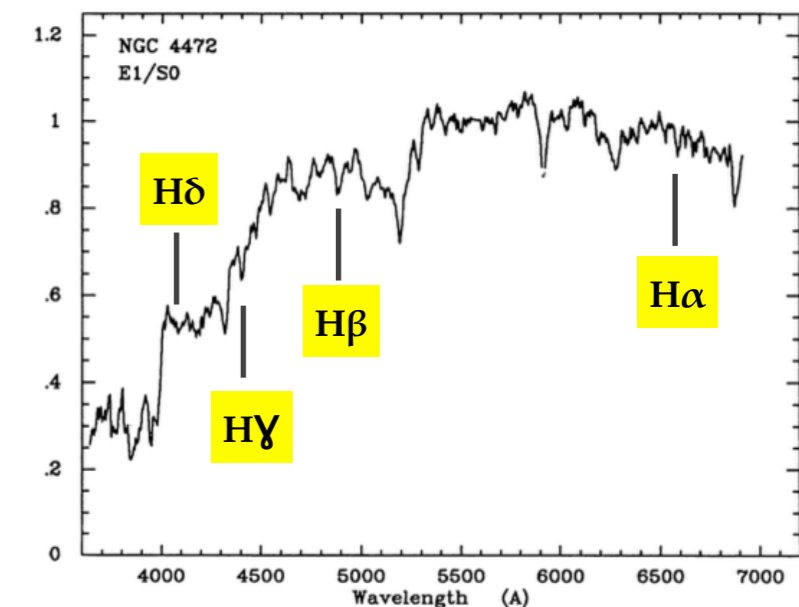
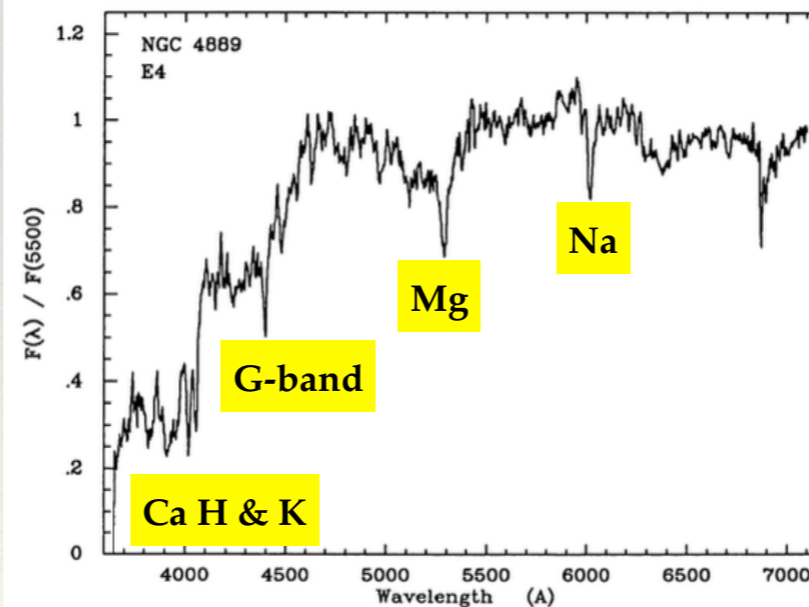
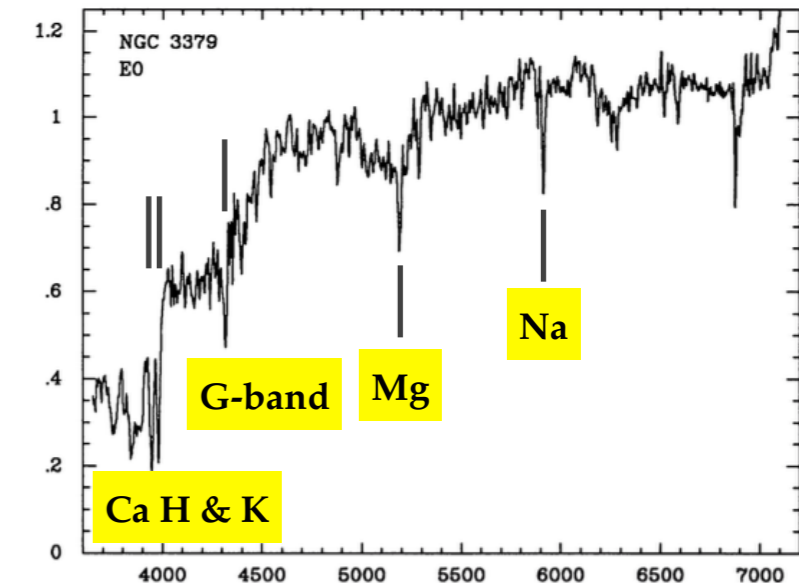
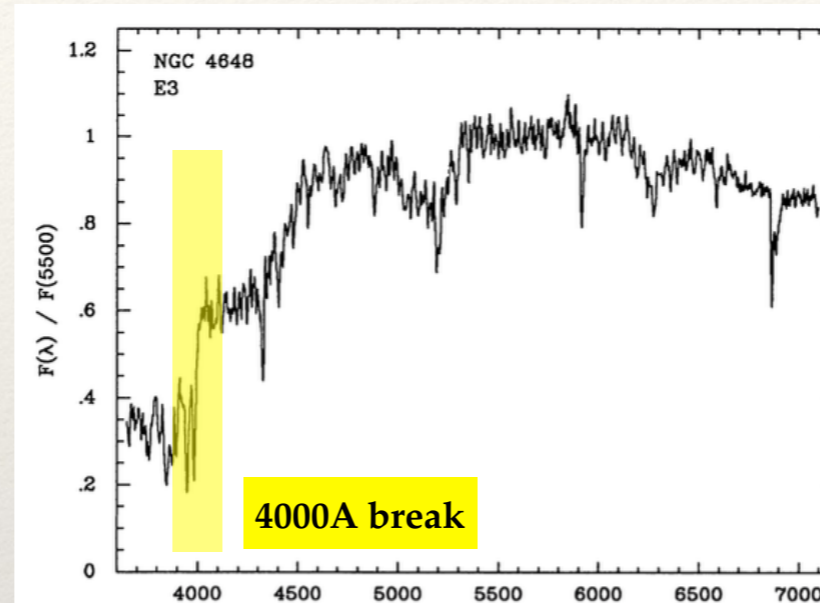
Thought Question

- ❖ Sketch a typical elliptical galaxy spectrum and a typical spiral galaxy spectrum, labeling a few spectral features on each (with wavelengths if you can).
- ❖ Where are these spectral features coming from?

Ellipticals/Spheroids: SEDs

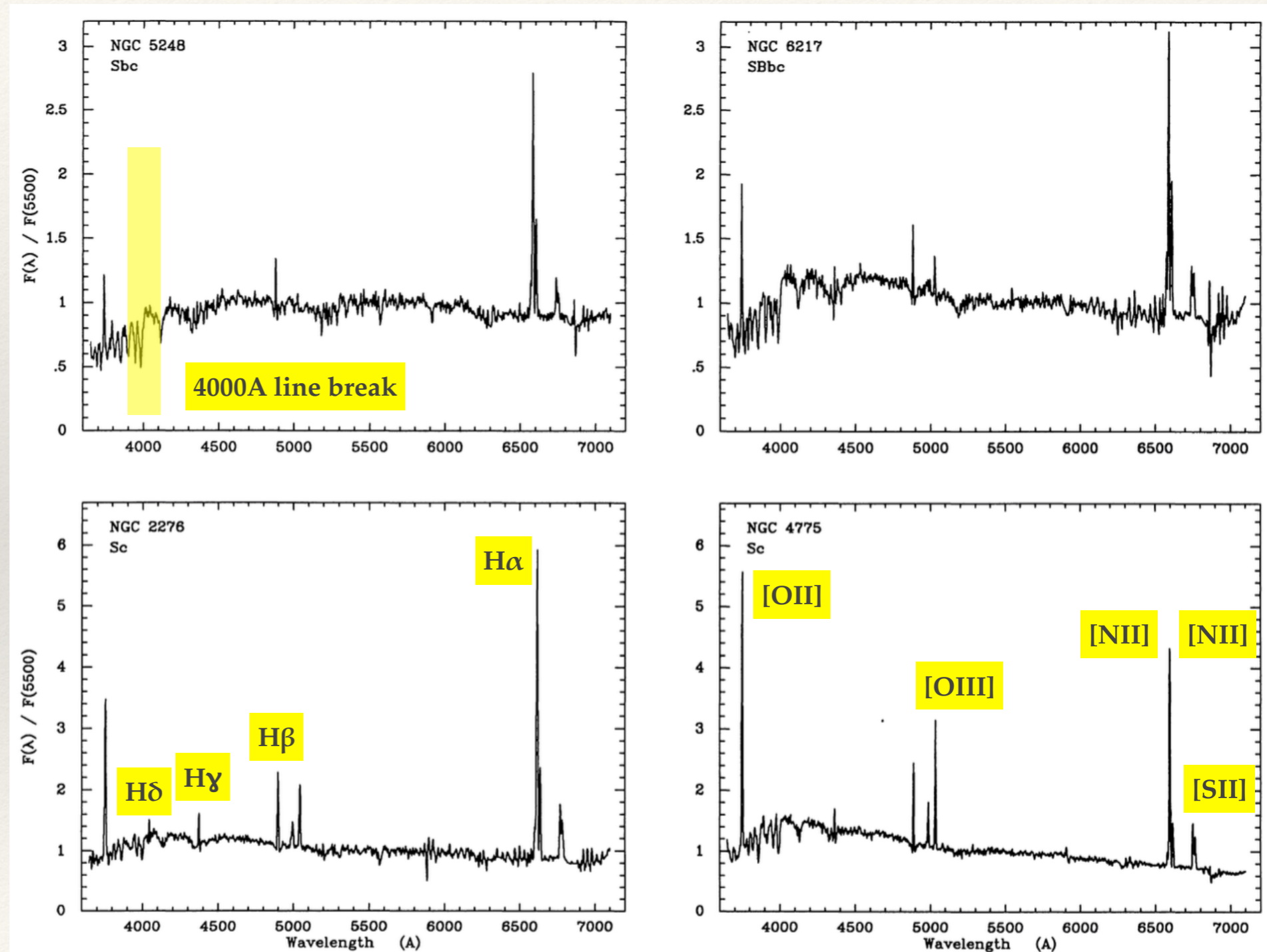
Reminder

- ❖ Elliptical spectra energy distributions (SEDs):
- ❖ Typical features:
- ❖ 4000Å break
- ❖ Stellar absorption lines:
 - ❖ Ca H & K (~3934Å, 3969Å)
 - ❖ Fe & CH G-band (~4304Å)
 - ❖ Mg (~5175Å)
 - ❖ Na D doublet (~5894Å)



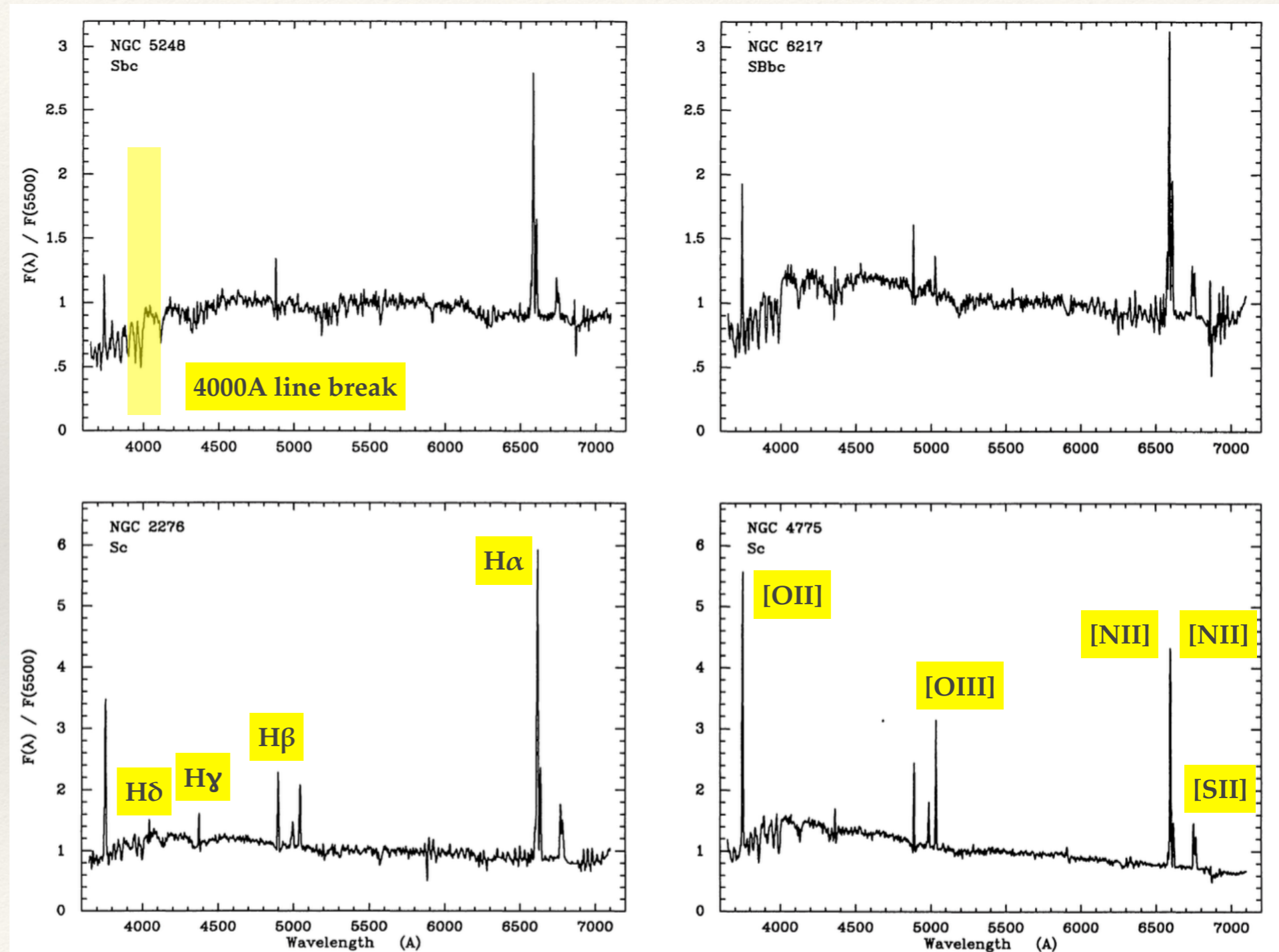
Spirals/Disks: SEDs

- ❖ Spiral spectra energy distributions (SEDs):
- ❖ Typical features:
 - ❖ blue continuum
 - ❖ emission lines from HII regions
 - ❖ [OII] (3727Å)
 - ❖ H β (4861Å)
 - ❖ [OIII] (4959Å, 5007Å)
 - ❖ H α (6563Å)

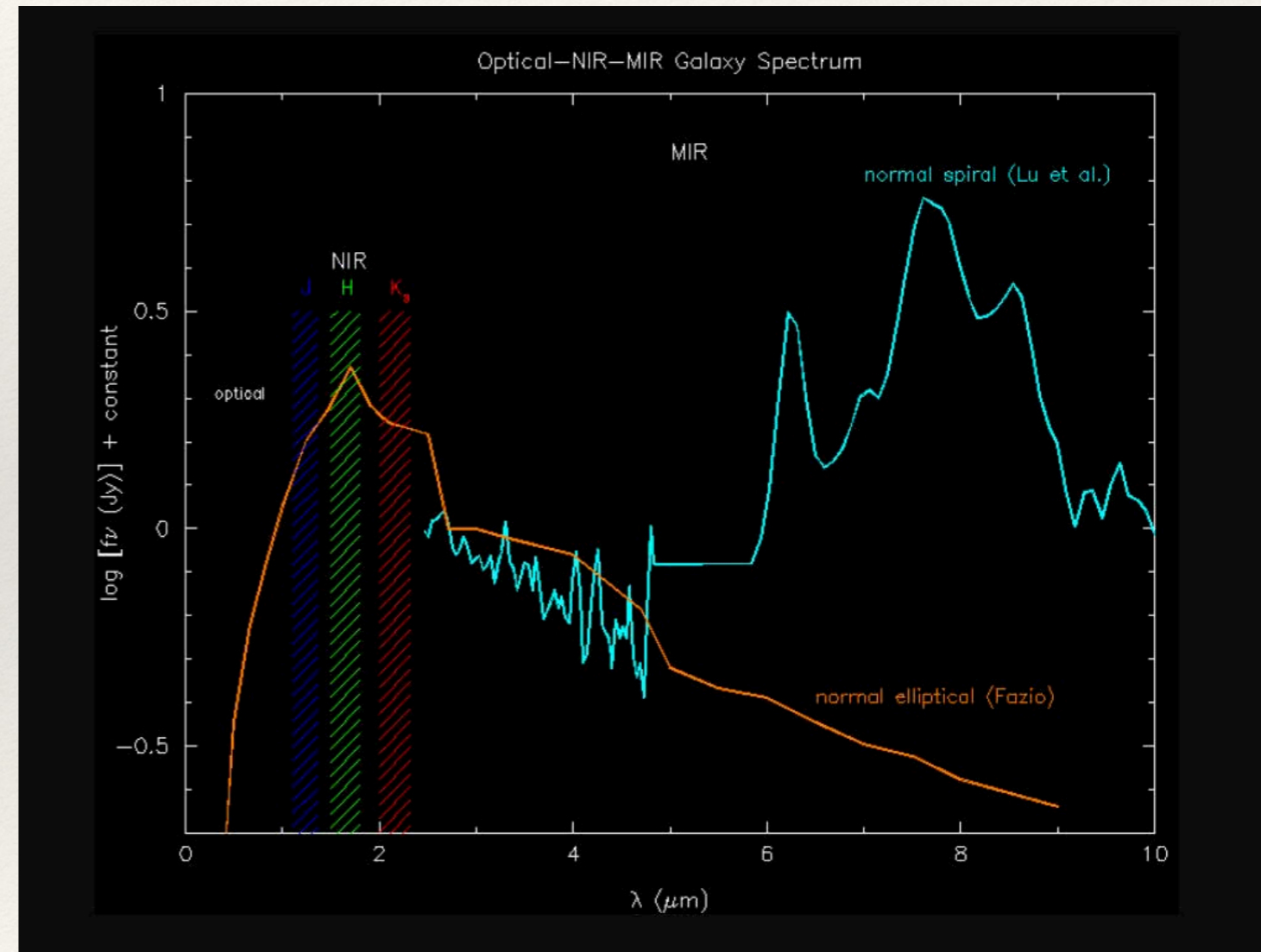
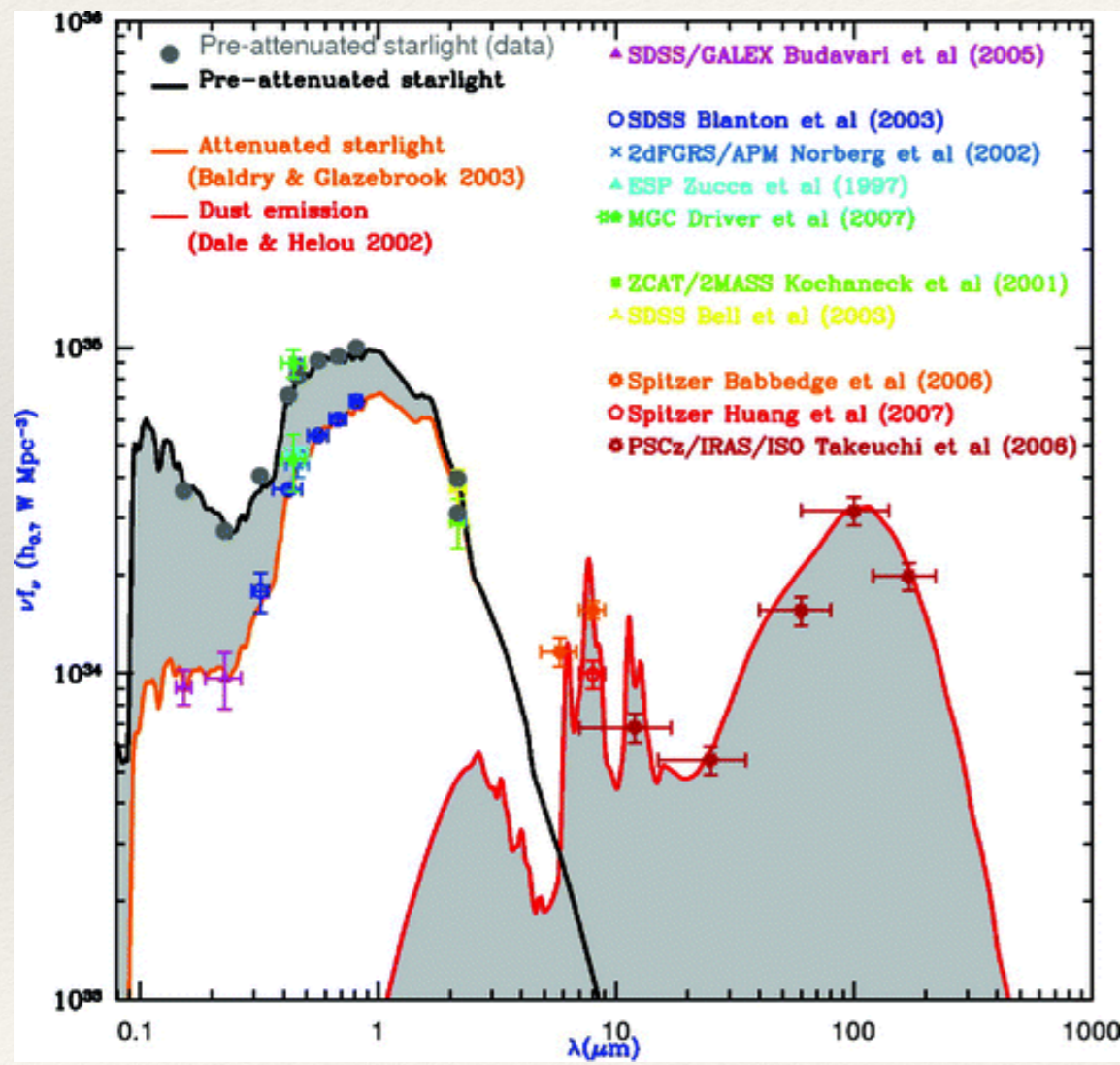


Spirals/Disks: SEDs

- ❖ Strong emission lines like $H\alpha$ used to estimate star formation rate (SFR)
- ❖ As star formation proceeds, a galaxy will turn gas into stars and build up stellar mass (M_*)



Spiral / disk SEDs: Multiwavelength

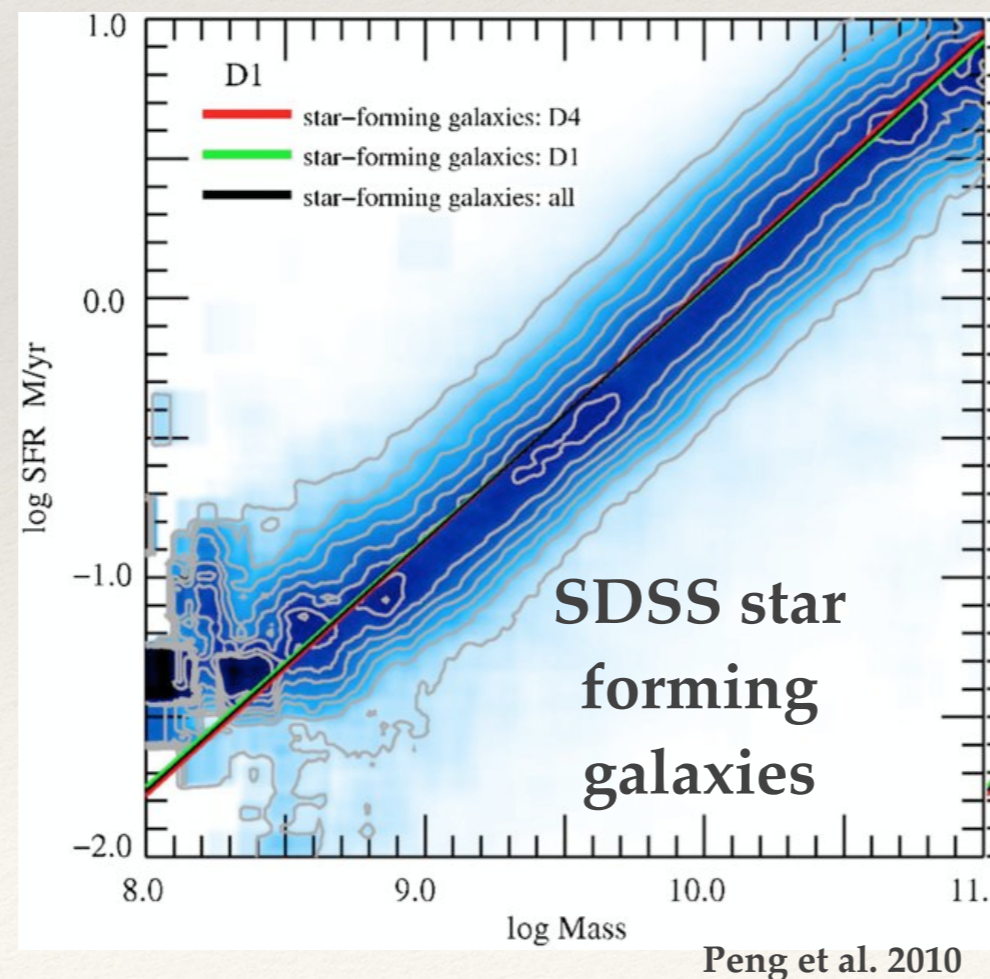


Spiral/disks : Star formation rate

- ❖ Defining feature of blue cloud galaxies: star forming
- ❖ How does star formation rate depend on stellar mass?
- ❖ In principle, as time passes a galaxy may:
 - ❖ form stars until it runs out of gas
 - ❖ accrete more gas and form more stars
 - ❖ blow out material in supernova-driven winds
 - ❖ interact/merge with another galaxy, triggering star formation
 - ❖ experience periods of higher AGN activity / outflows

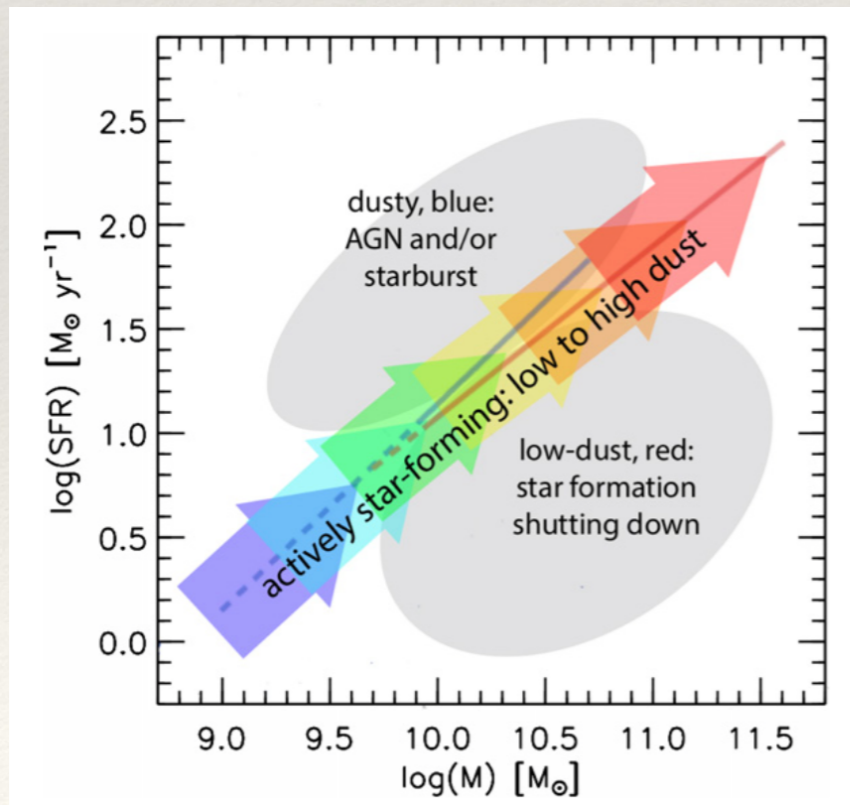
Spirals/Disks: Scaling Relations

- ❖ **Star Formation Rate - Stellar Mass Relation** — the “Galaxy Main Sequence”:
 - ❖ tight empirical relation between SFR and stellar mass
 - ❖ Note typical SFRs: ~ 1 solar mass per year for L^* galaxy
 - ❖ specific star formation rate ($sSFR = SFR/M^*$, the star formation per unit mass) is \sim independent of stellar mass

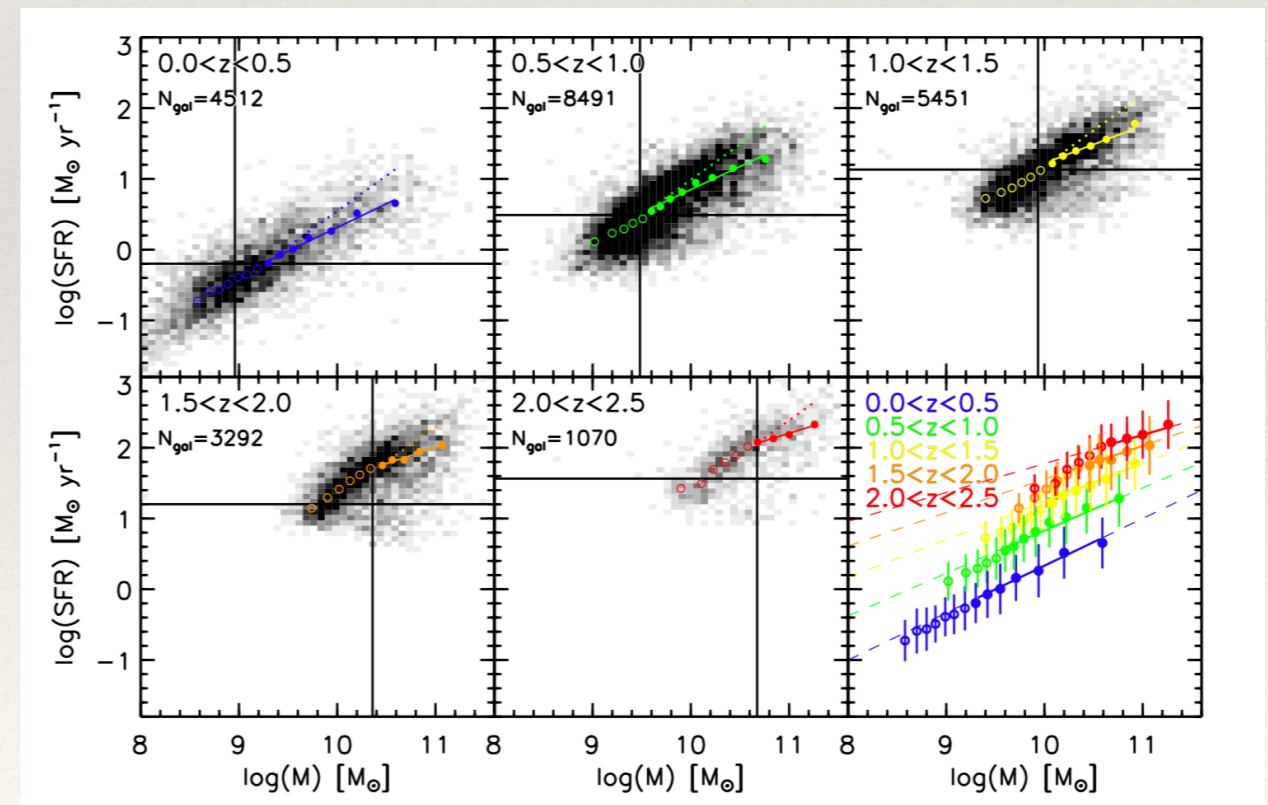


Spirals/Disks: Scaling Relations

- ❖ Star Formation Rate - Stellar Mass Relation — the “Galaxy Main Sequence”:
 - ❖ Outliers:
 - ❖ galaxies undergoing a burst of star formation after a merger / interaction
 - ❖ galaxies that have been “quenched” (star formation has shut down)
 - ❖ Normalization shifts with redshift due to change in cosmic SFR over time



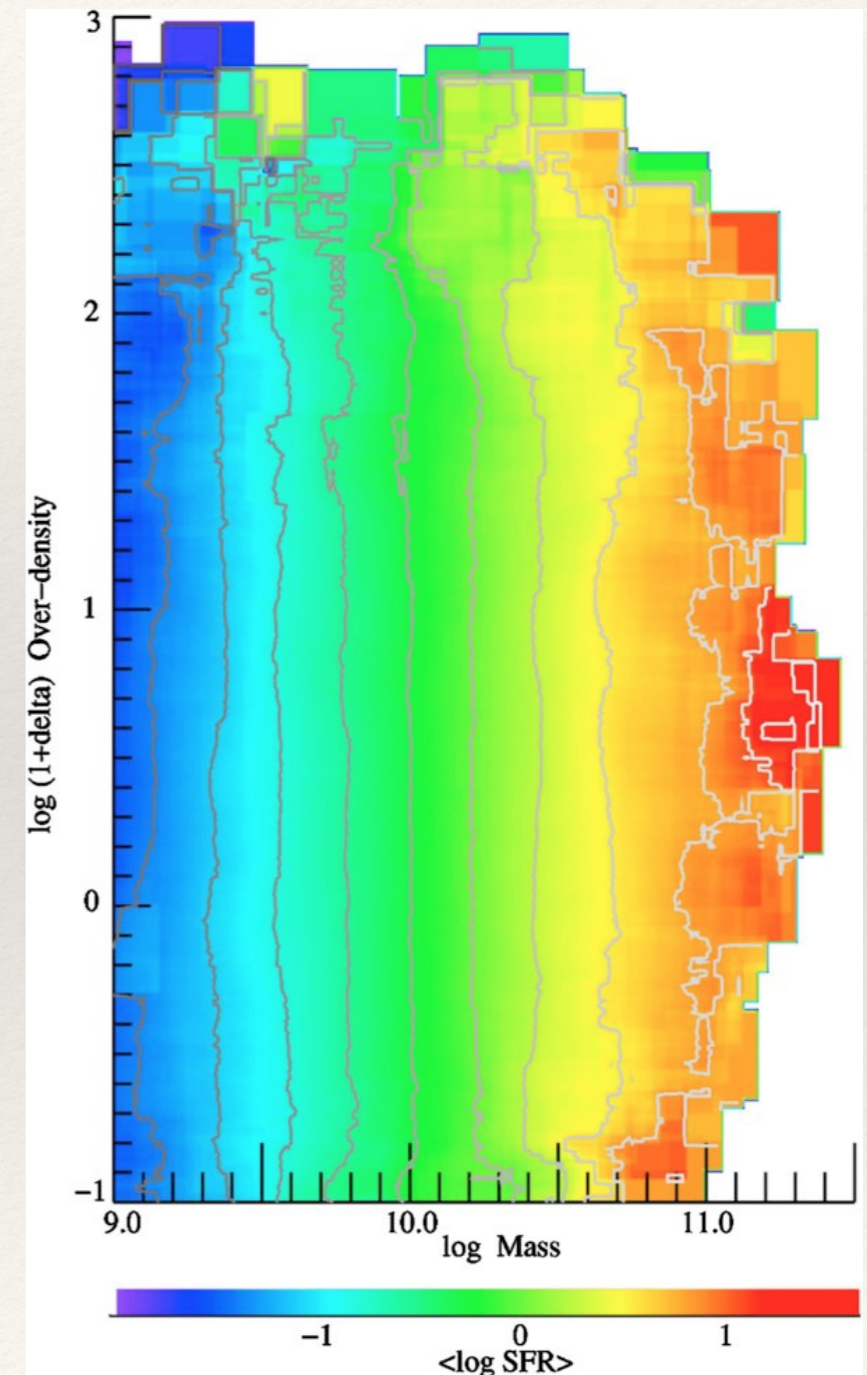
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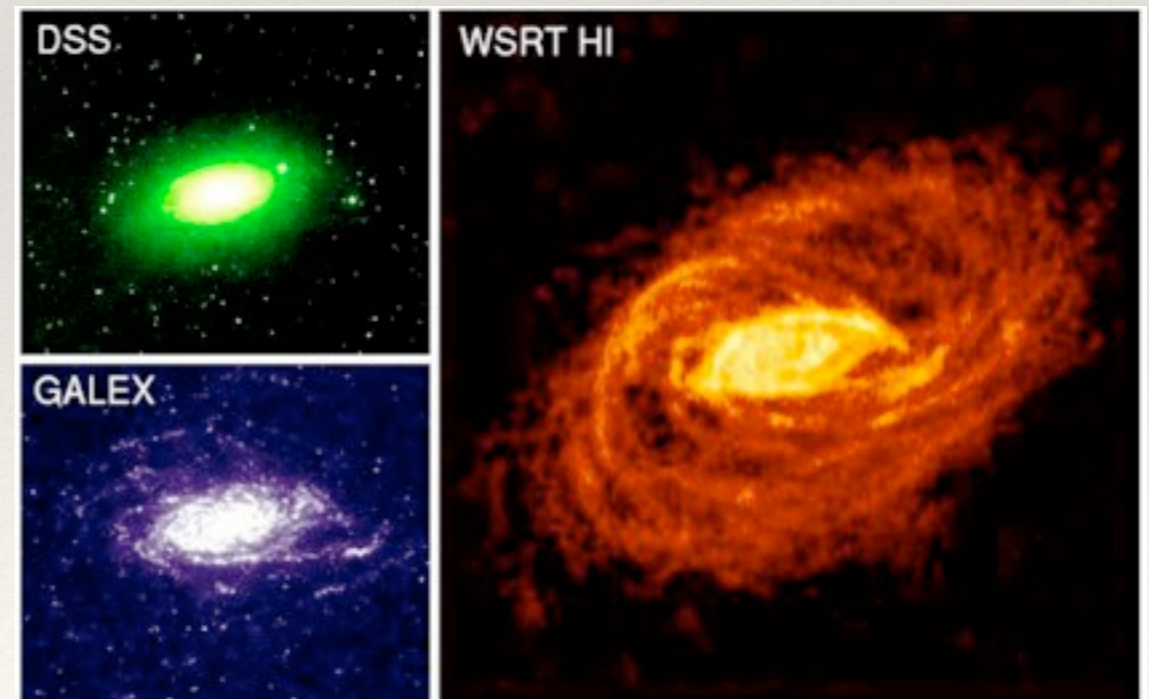
Spirals/Disks: Scaling Relations

- ❖ Star Formation Rate - Stellar Mass Relation — the “Galaxy Main Sequence”:
 - ❖ ~independent of environment
 - ❖ Note: **fraction** of galaxies that are star-forming is **lower** in high density environments, particularly at later times
 - ❖ Suggests transition of a galaxy from star-forming to passive is sharp (either forming stars or not)



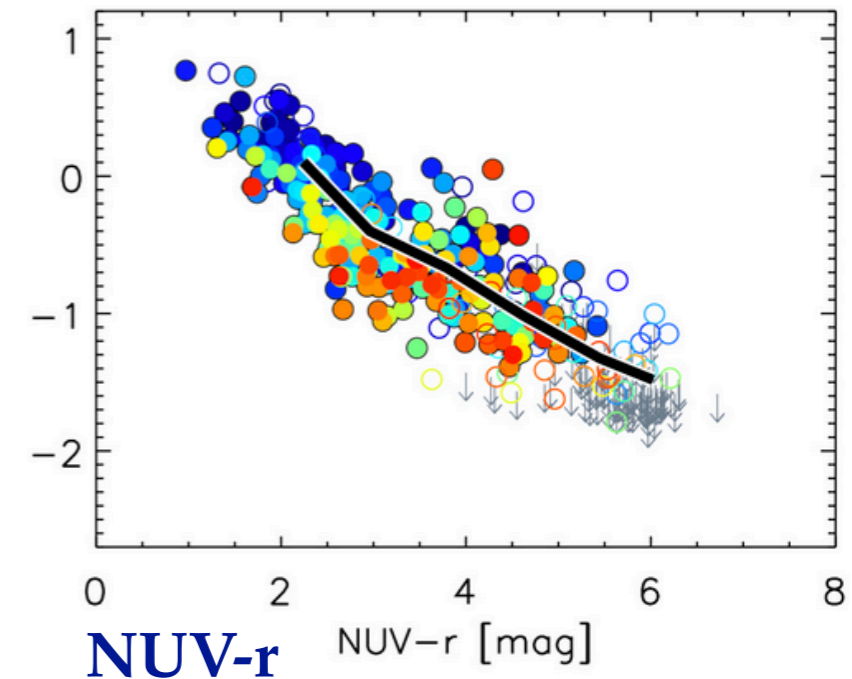
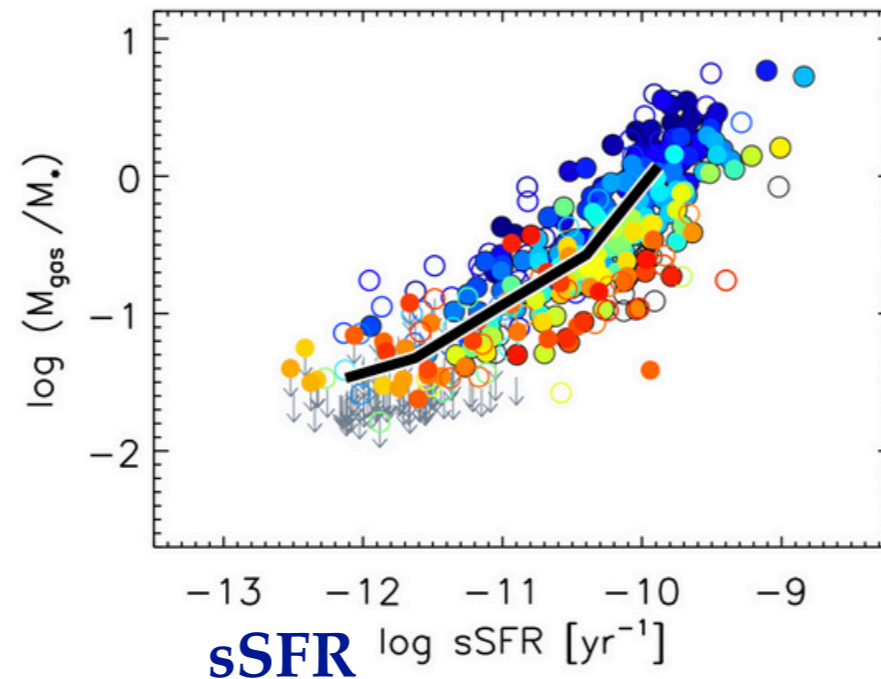
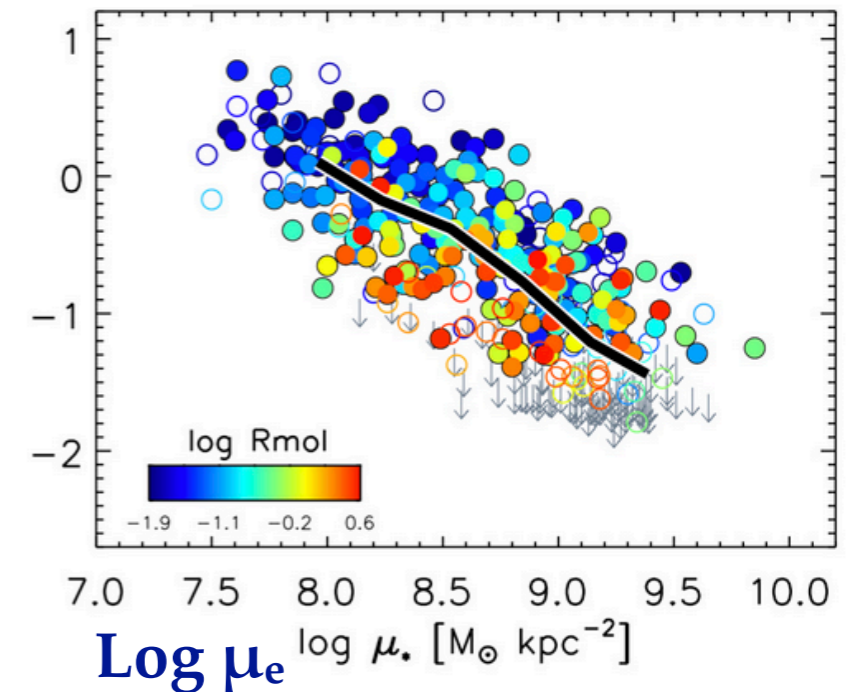
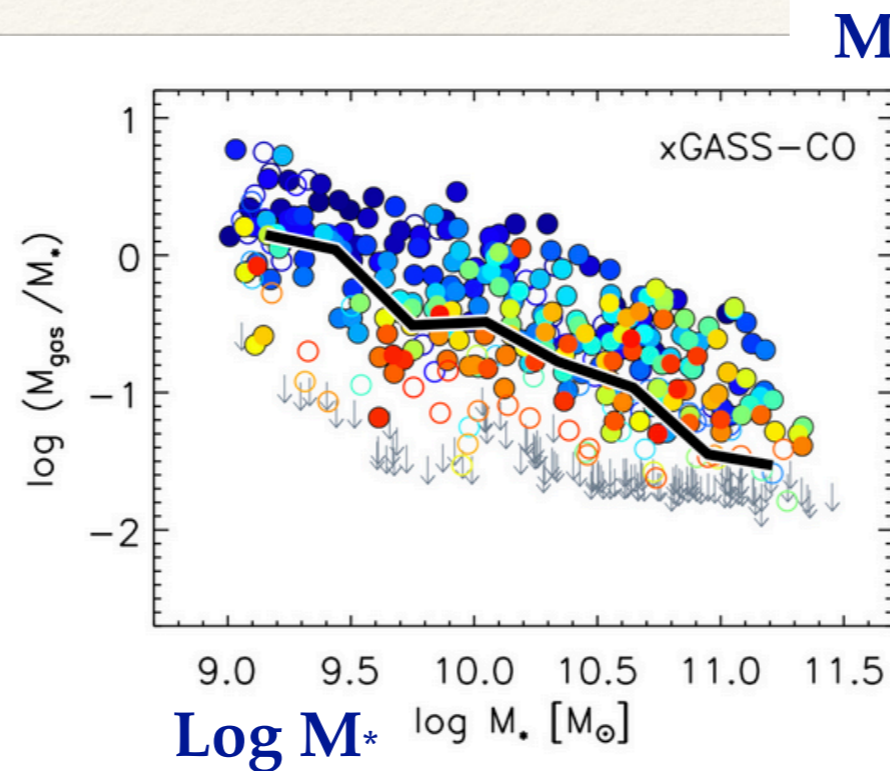
Spirals/Disks: ISM

- ❖ Interstellar medium (ISM) in disk galaxies:
 - ❖ Gas and dust strongly confined to plane of galaxy
 - ❖ Most of the gas is neutral hydrogen, observed in HI
 - ❖ HI disks are very extended, often well past starlight



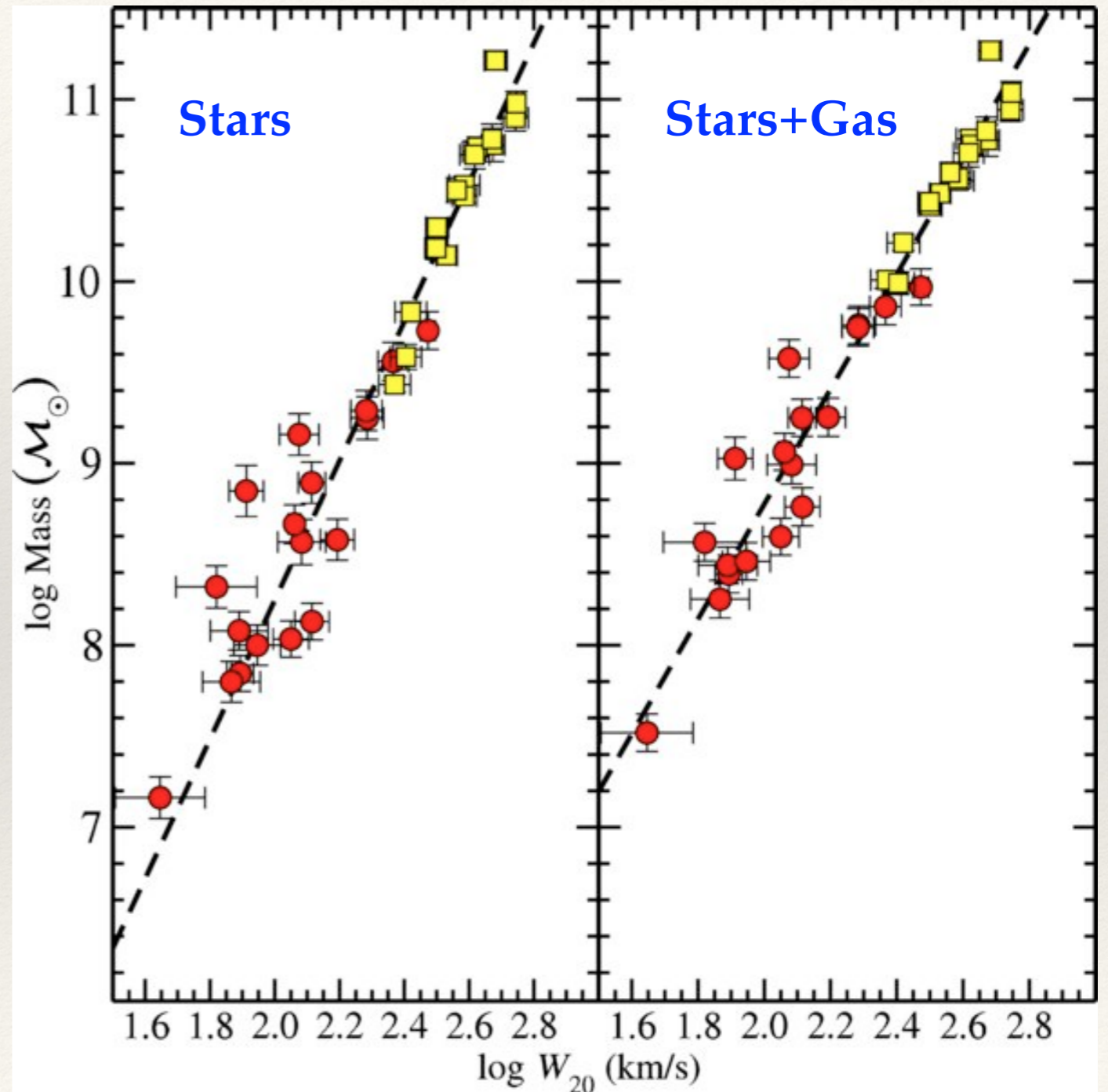
Spirals/Disks: ISM

- ❖ Gas mass fractions can be significant ($\sim 5 - 80\%$)!
- ❖ Total gas mass fractions higher for:
 - ❖ 1) lower stellar mass
 - ❖ 2) lower stellar mass surface density
 - ❖ 3) higher sSFR
 - ❖ 4) bluer color



Spirals/Disks: ISM

- ❖ Gas can be a significant component of mass, especially for lower mass / luminosity galaxies
- ❖ **Baryonic Tully-Fisher Relation** — relation between baryonic mass and rotation velocity (or HI linewidth):
 - ❖ requires estimate of stellar mass from luminosity
 - ❖ even less scatter than the **stellar Tully-Fisher Relation**



Gurovich et al 2010

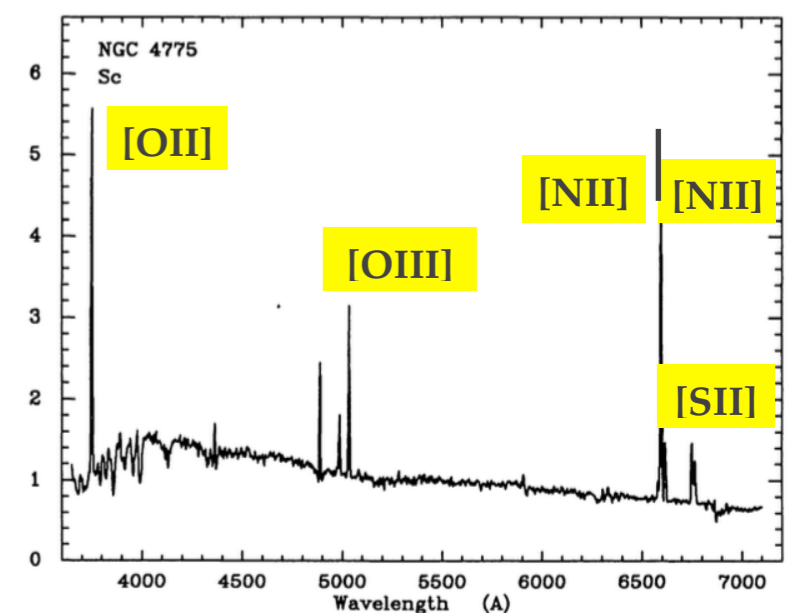
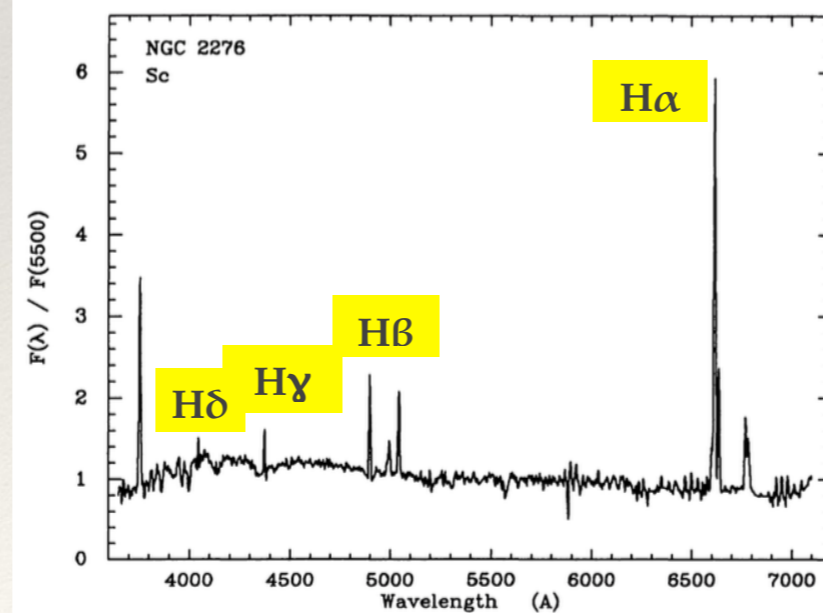
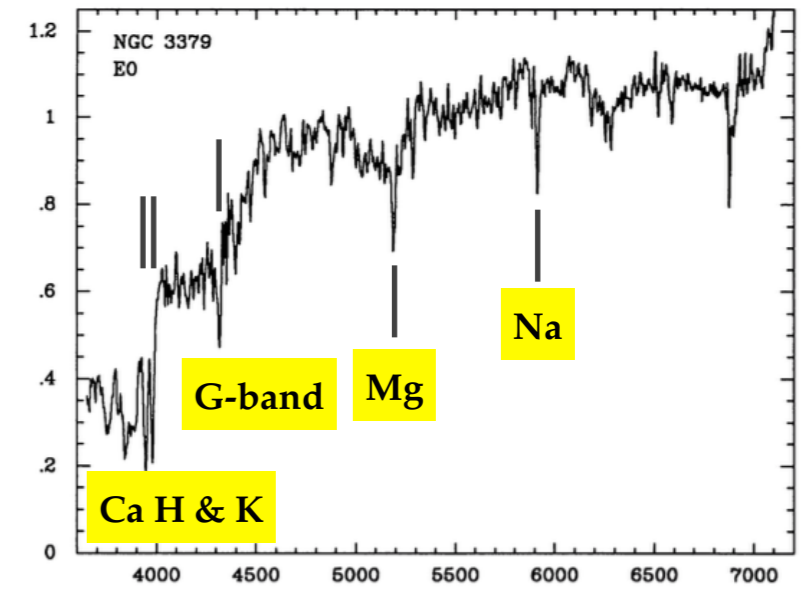
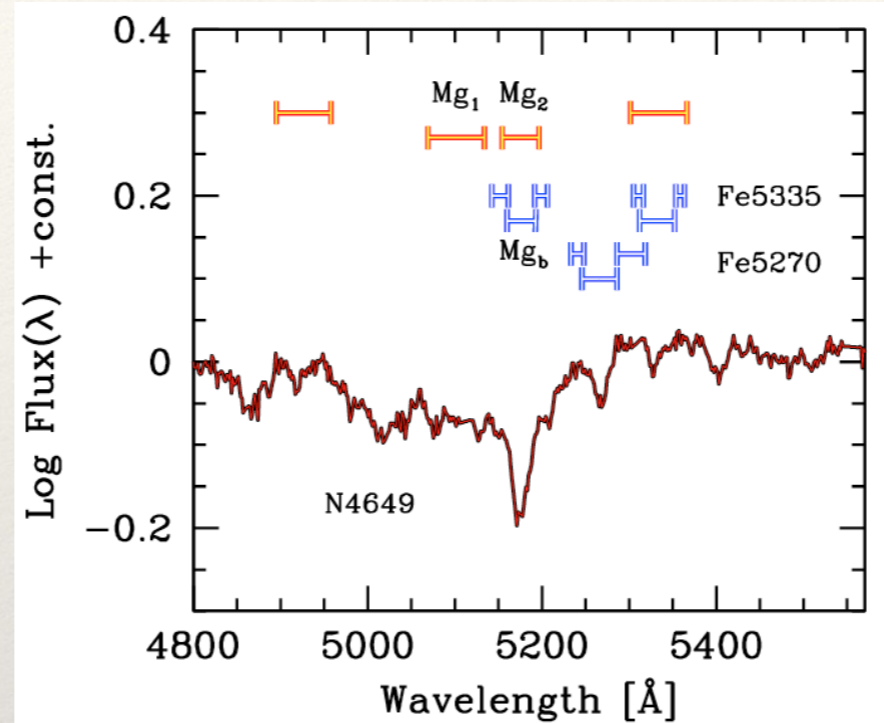
Spiral/disk SEDs: Thought Question

- Given a spiral galaxy spectrum, what are some different ways you might think of to measure metallicities?
- What might the metallicities you measure depend on?

Spirals/Disks: Metallicity

- ❖ **Stellar metallicities** - from stellar absorption lines
- ❖ **Gas phase metallicities** - from emission lines (or gas absorption of stellar light)

Buzzoni et al. 2015



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Galaxy Population - Spirals/Disks: Metallicity

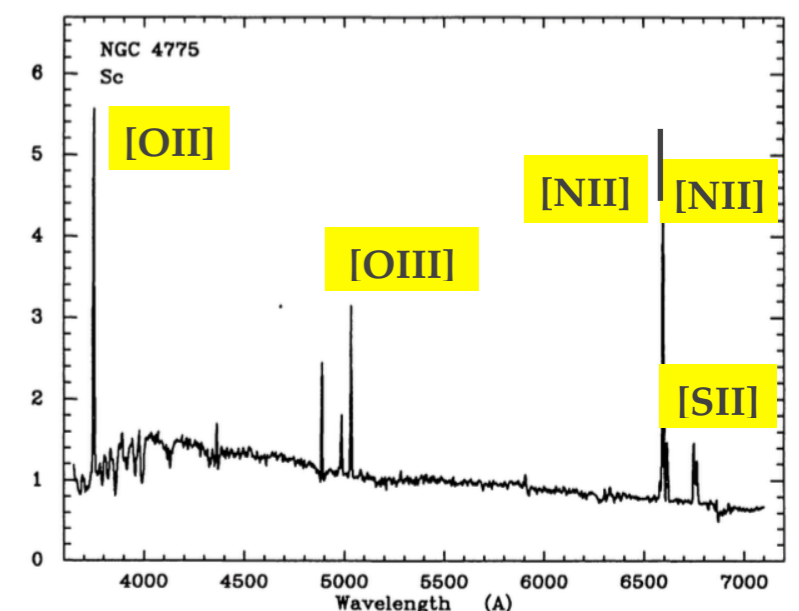
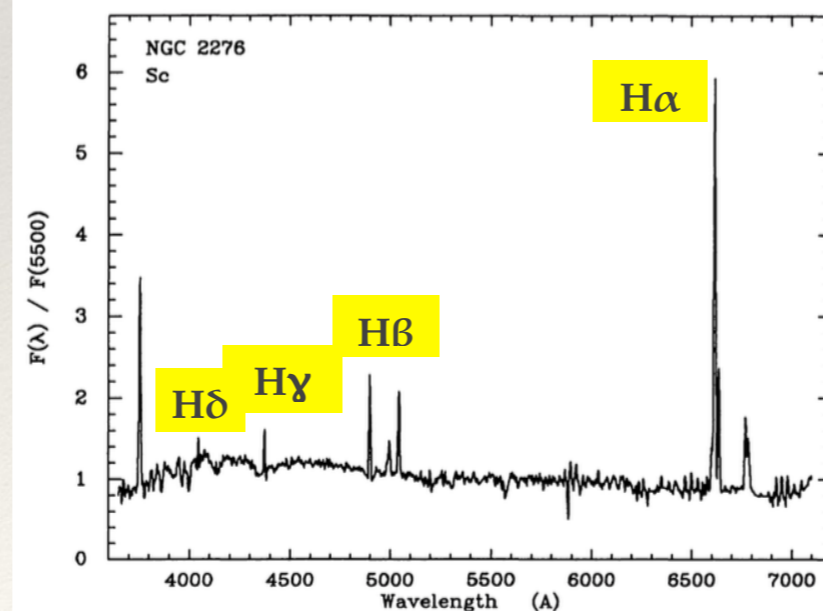
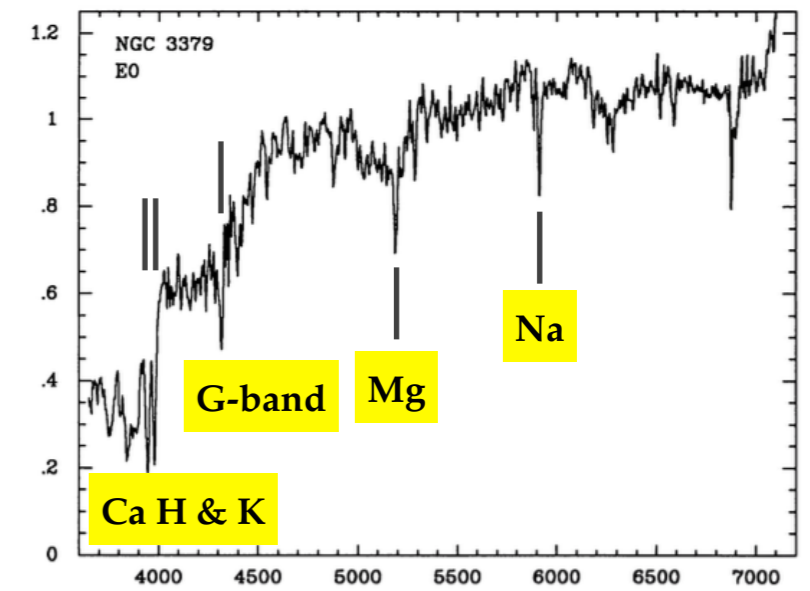
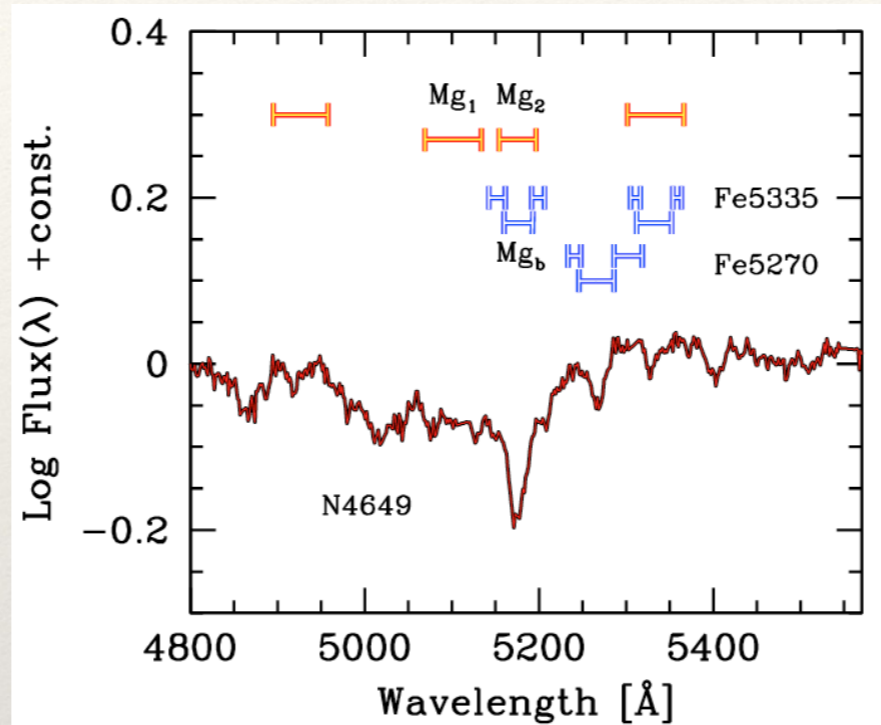
❖ Galaxy stellar metallicity:

- ❖ varies over time, depending on metallicity of the gas stars are forming out of
- ❖ spectrum is luminosity-weighted average

❖ Galaxy gas metallicity affected by:

- ❖ star formation producing metals
- ❖ feedback/outflows expelling enriched material
- ❖ fresh (unenriched) gas infall

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Spirals/Disks: Metallicity S

❖ Luminosity-Metallicity Relation or Mass-Metallicity Relation

❖ more luminous / massive galaxies generally are more metal-rich

❖ Related to

❖ Efficiency of forming stars (and metals)

❖ How well the galaxy holds onto those metals given outflows

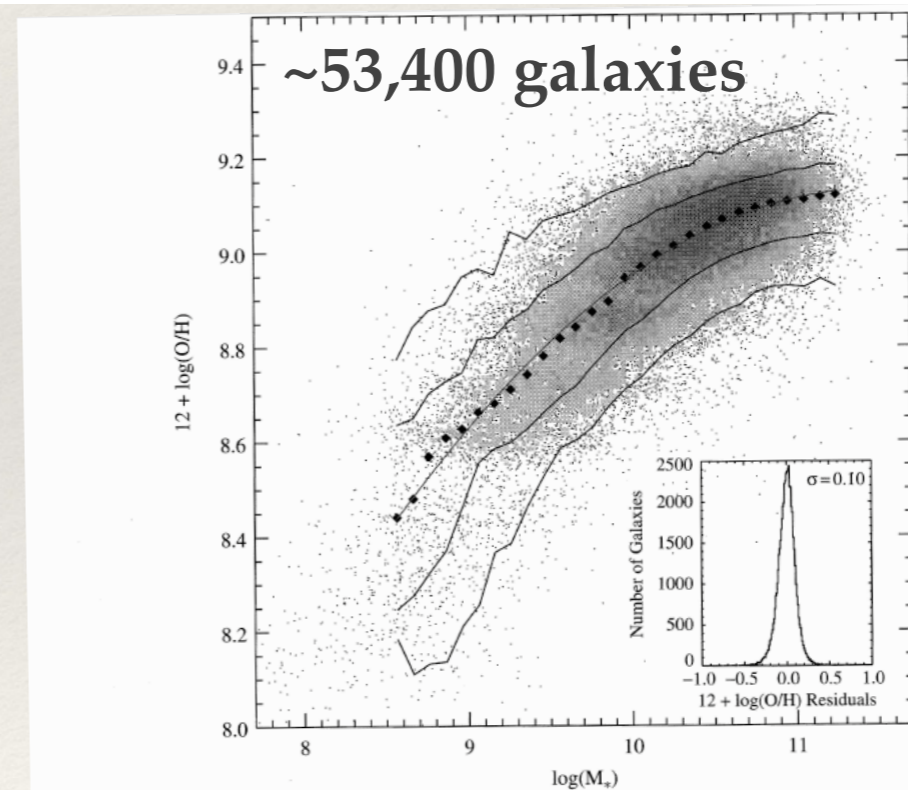
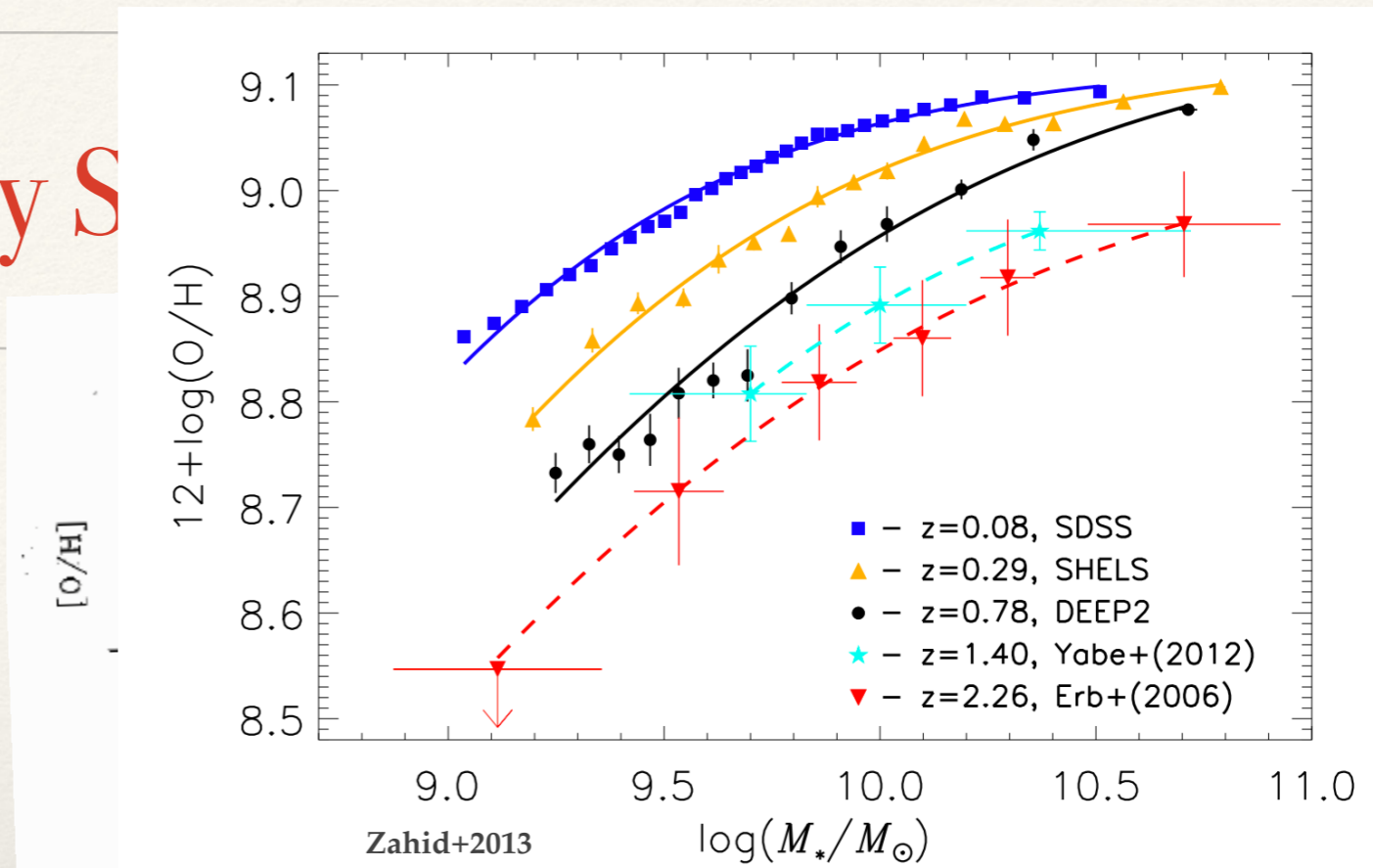


Fig. 2.28. The relation between stellar mass, in units of solar masses, and the gas-phase oxygen abundance for $\sim 53,400$ star-forming galaxies in the SDSS. For comparison, the Sun has $12 + \log[(O/H)] = 8.69$. The large black points represent the median in bins of 0.1 dex in mass. The solid lines are the contours which enclose 68% and 95% of the data. The gray line shows a polynomial fit to the data. The inset shows the residuals of the fit. [Adapted from Tremonti et al. (2004) by permission of AAS]