

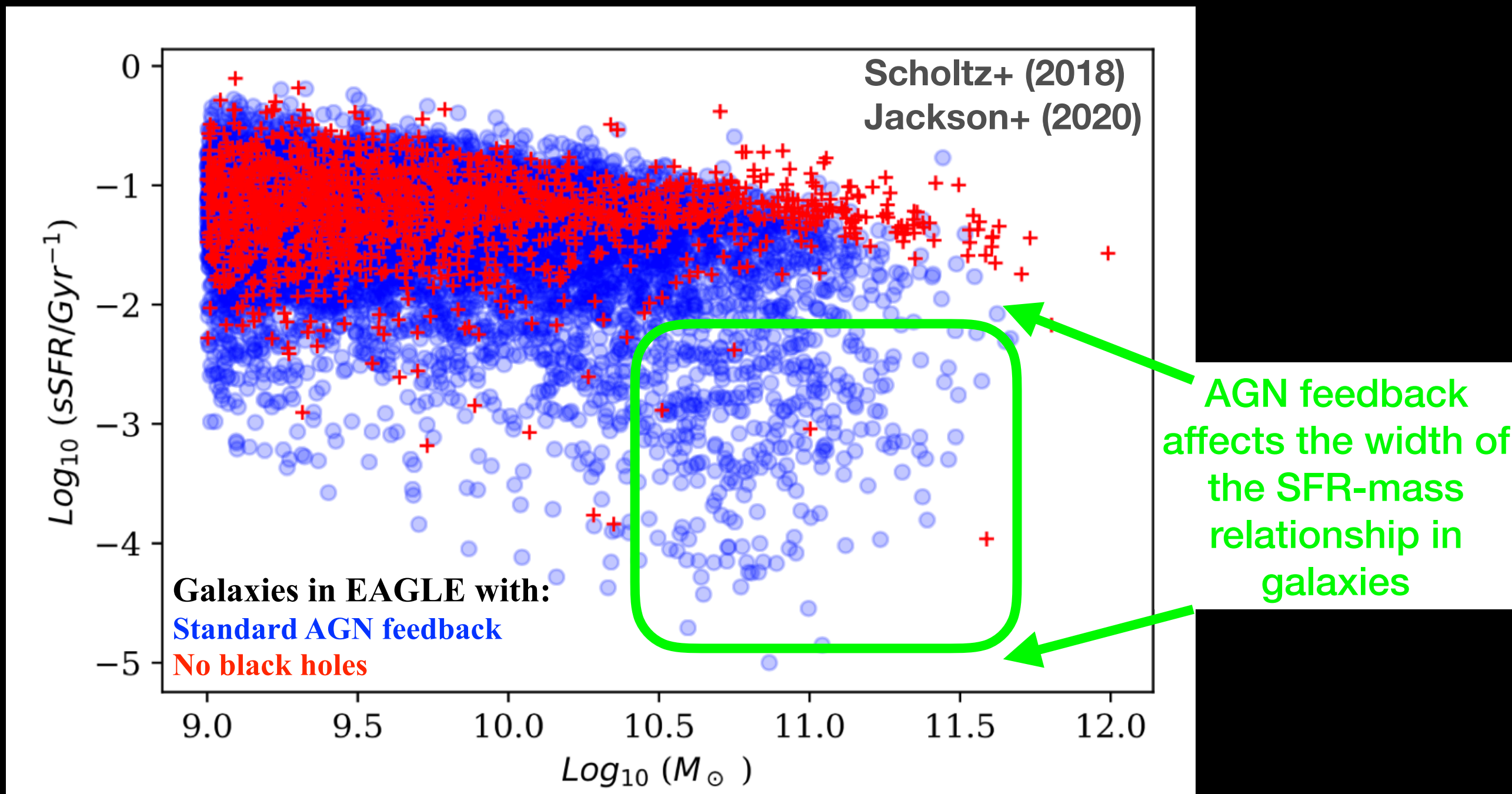
DAVID ROSARIO (DURHAM) (he/his)

# WHAT HAPPENS WHEN AN AGN IRRADIATES MOLECULAR GAS?

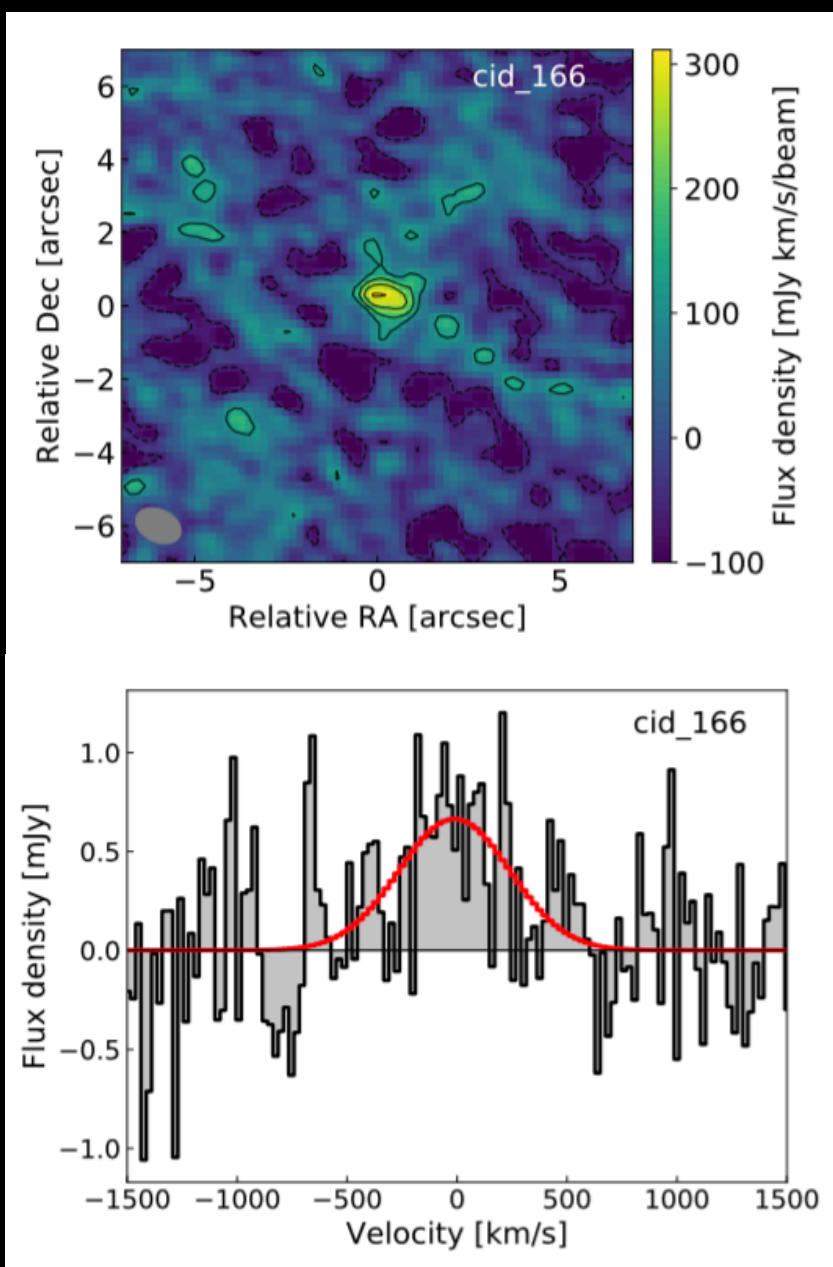
The Remarkable Case of NGC 2110

# WHY SHOULD WE CARE ABOUT MOLECULAR GAS IN DISTANT AGN?

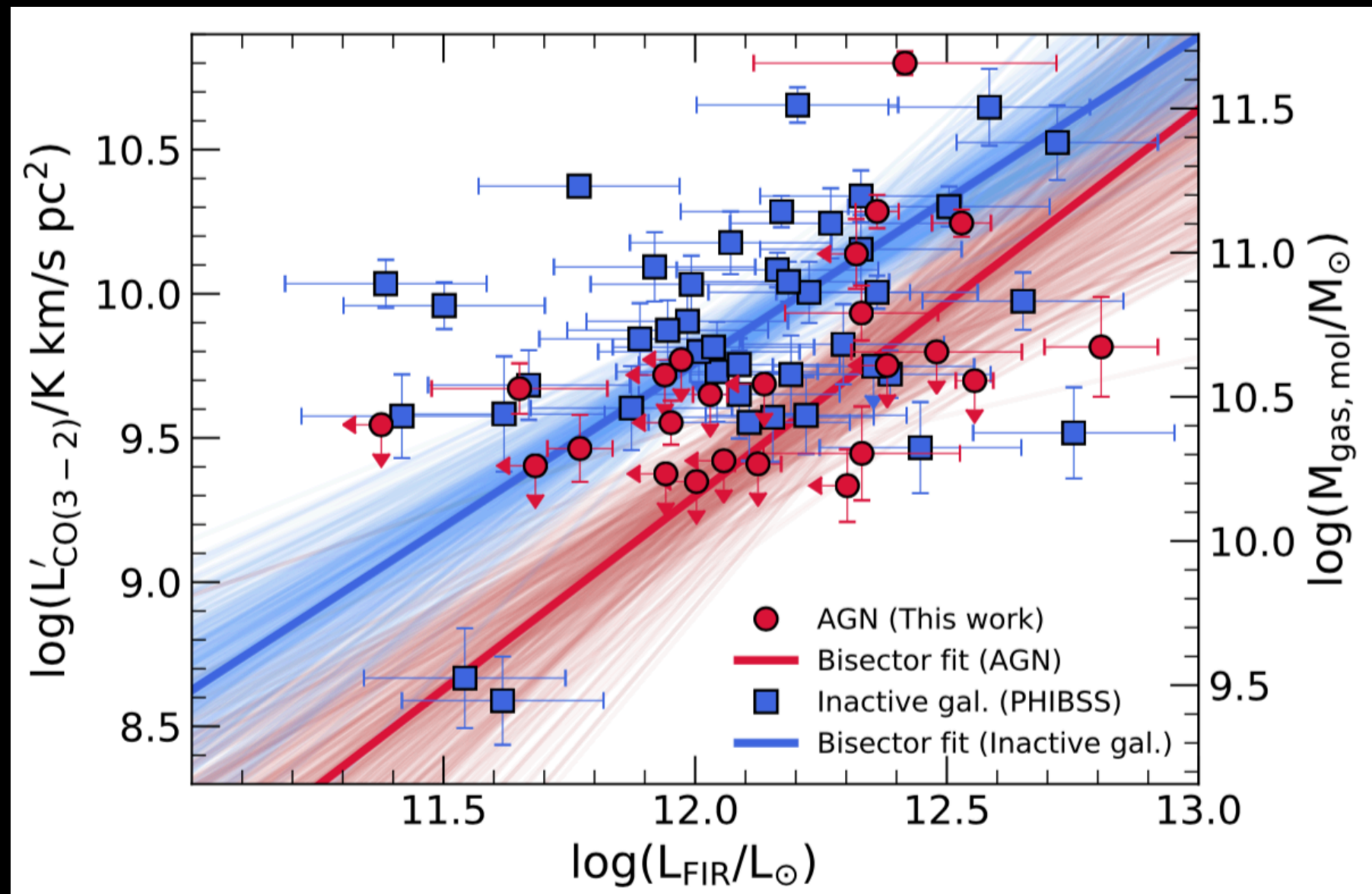
The EAGLE hydrodynamic simulation at  $z=0$



# WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT MOLECULAR GAS IN DISTANT AGN?



Circosta+ (2020)



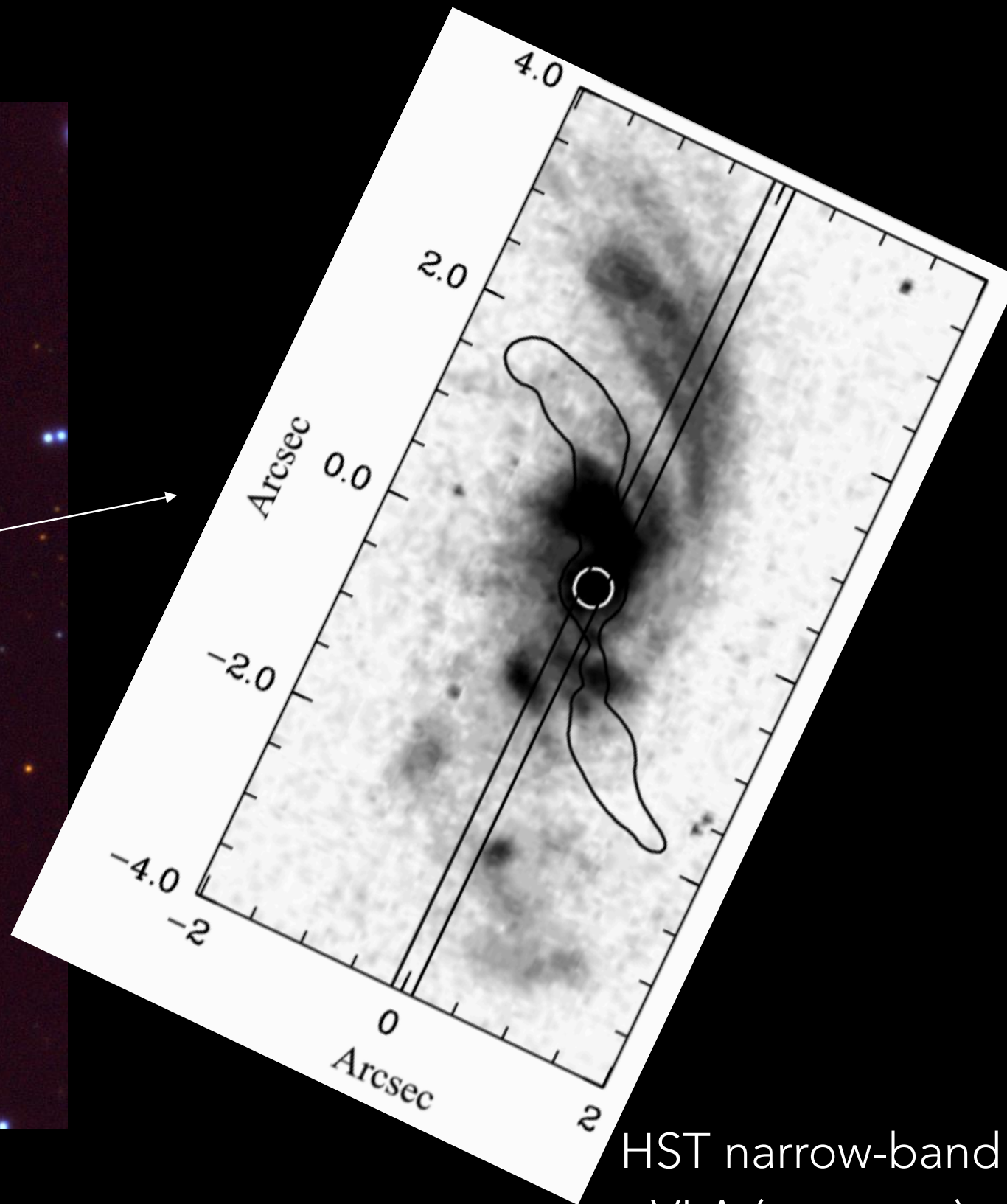
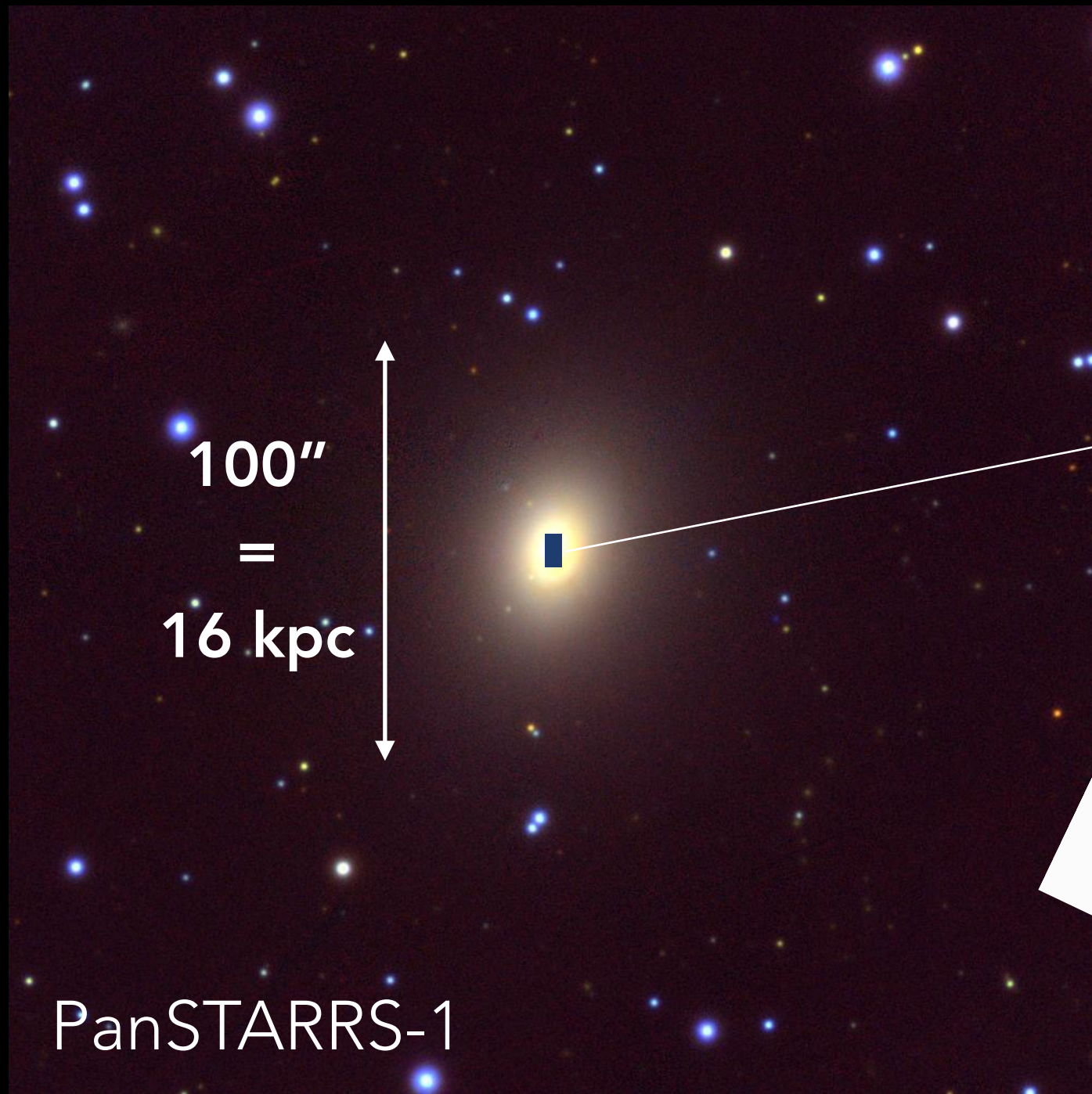
Relative to star-formation, the efficiency of low-excitation CO emission is depressed in distant AGN.

Low gas fractions and high  
apparent star-formation  
efficiencies in distant AGN.

Is this the tell-tale sign of rapid  
AGN quenching of star-formation  
at cosmic noon?

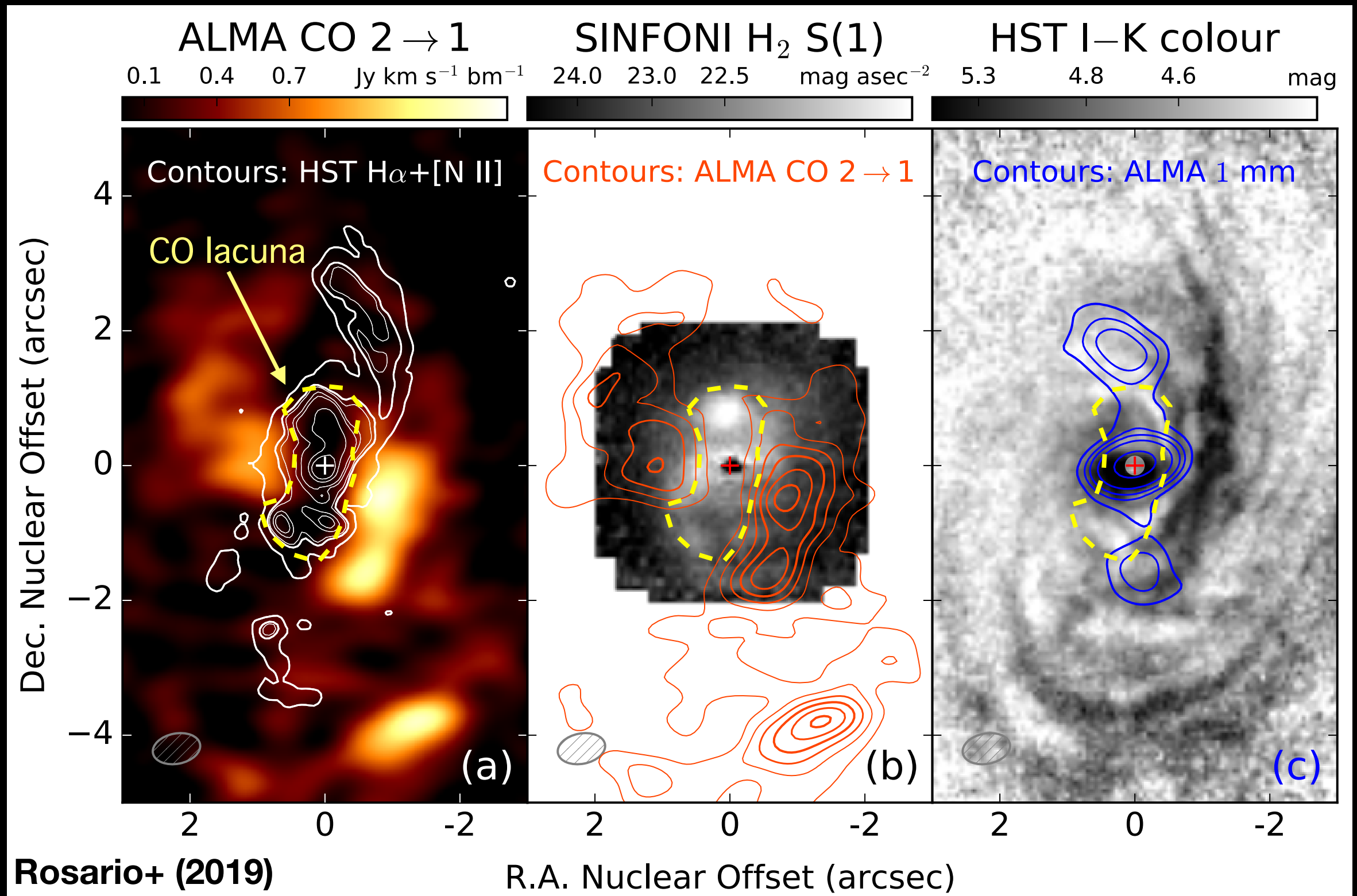


# AN AGN CAUGHT IN THE ACT: THE REMARKABLE CASE OF NGC 2110



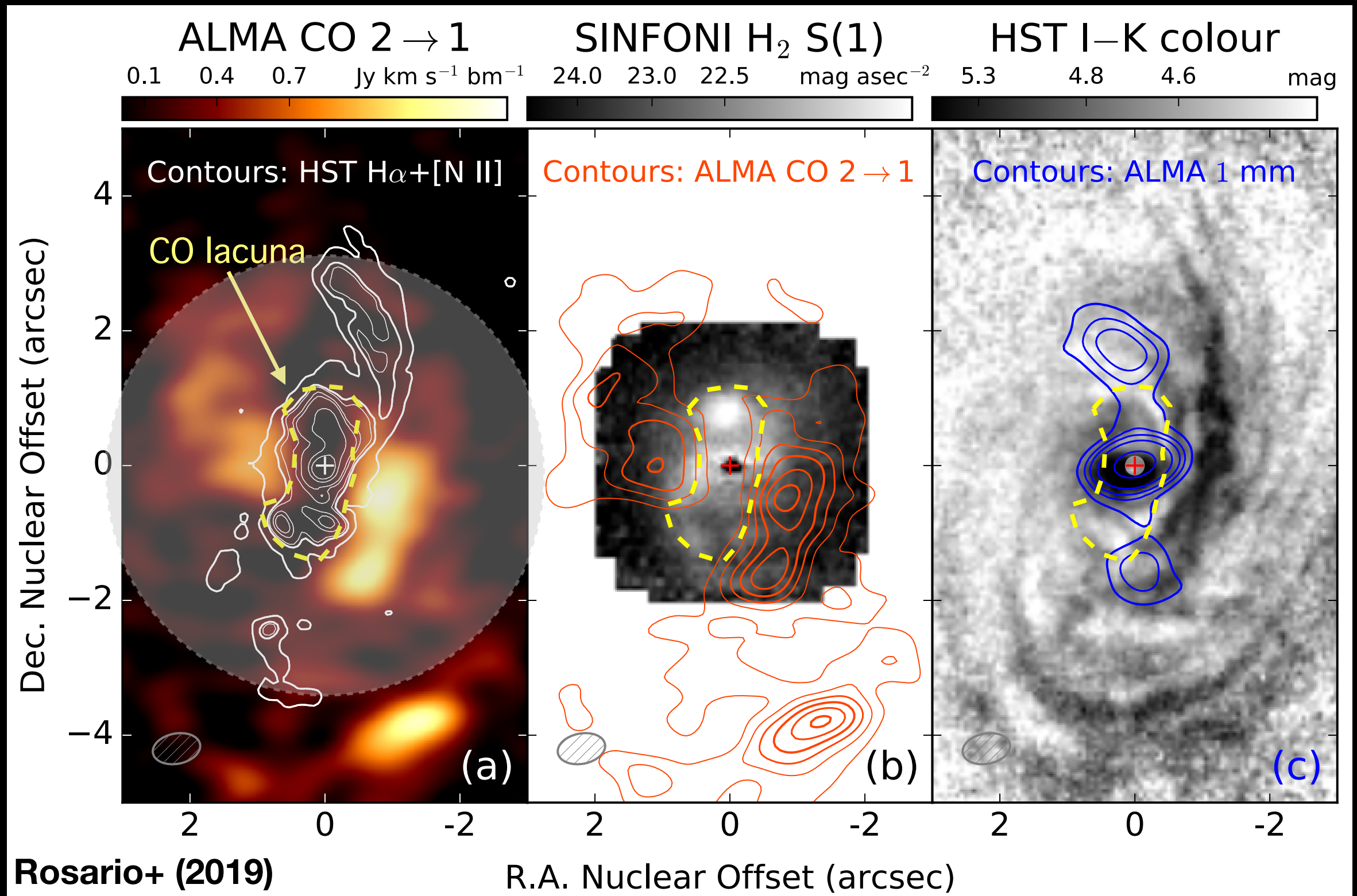
Ferruit+ (2004)

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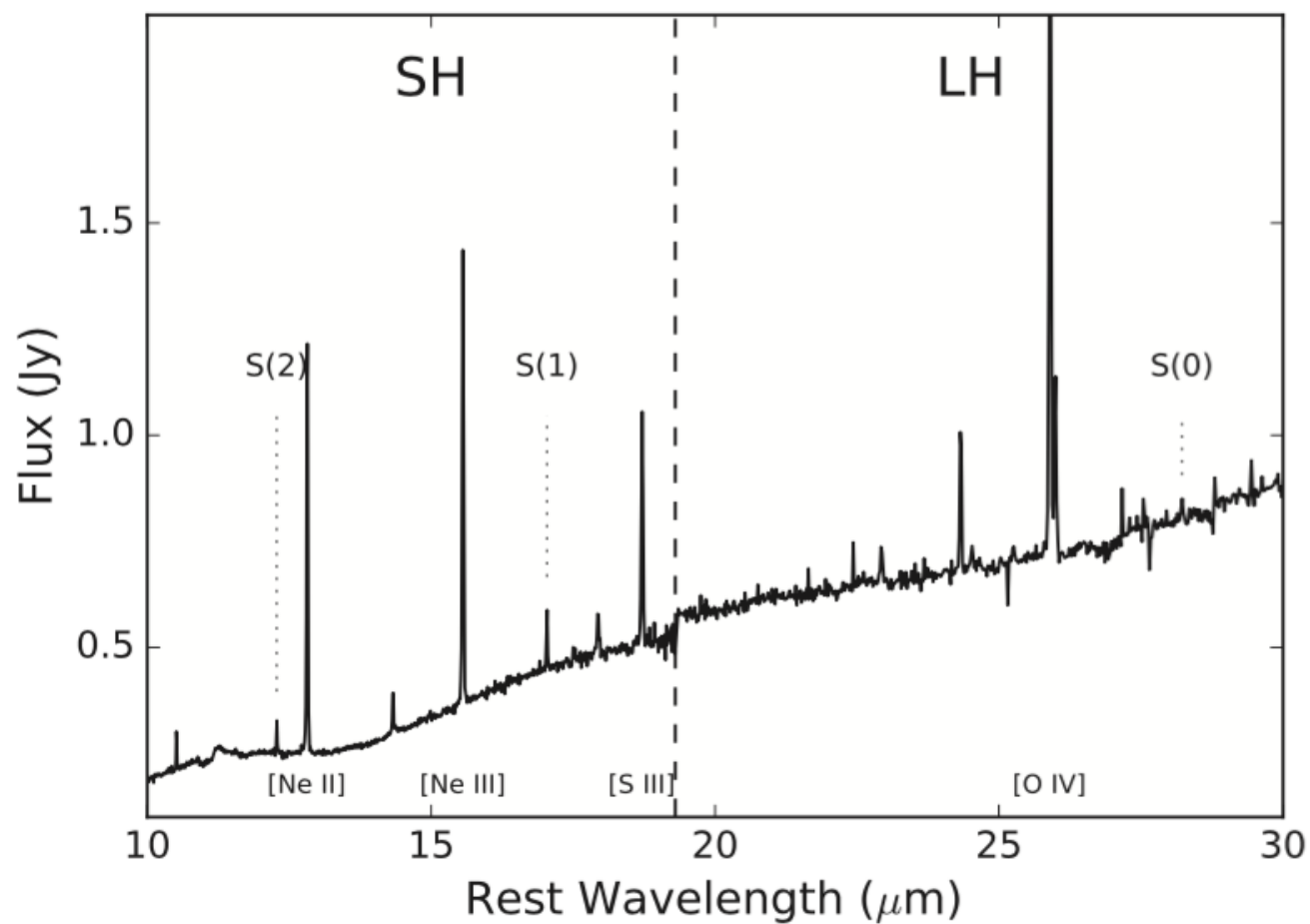


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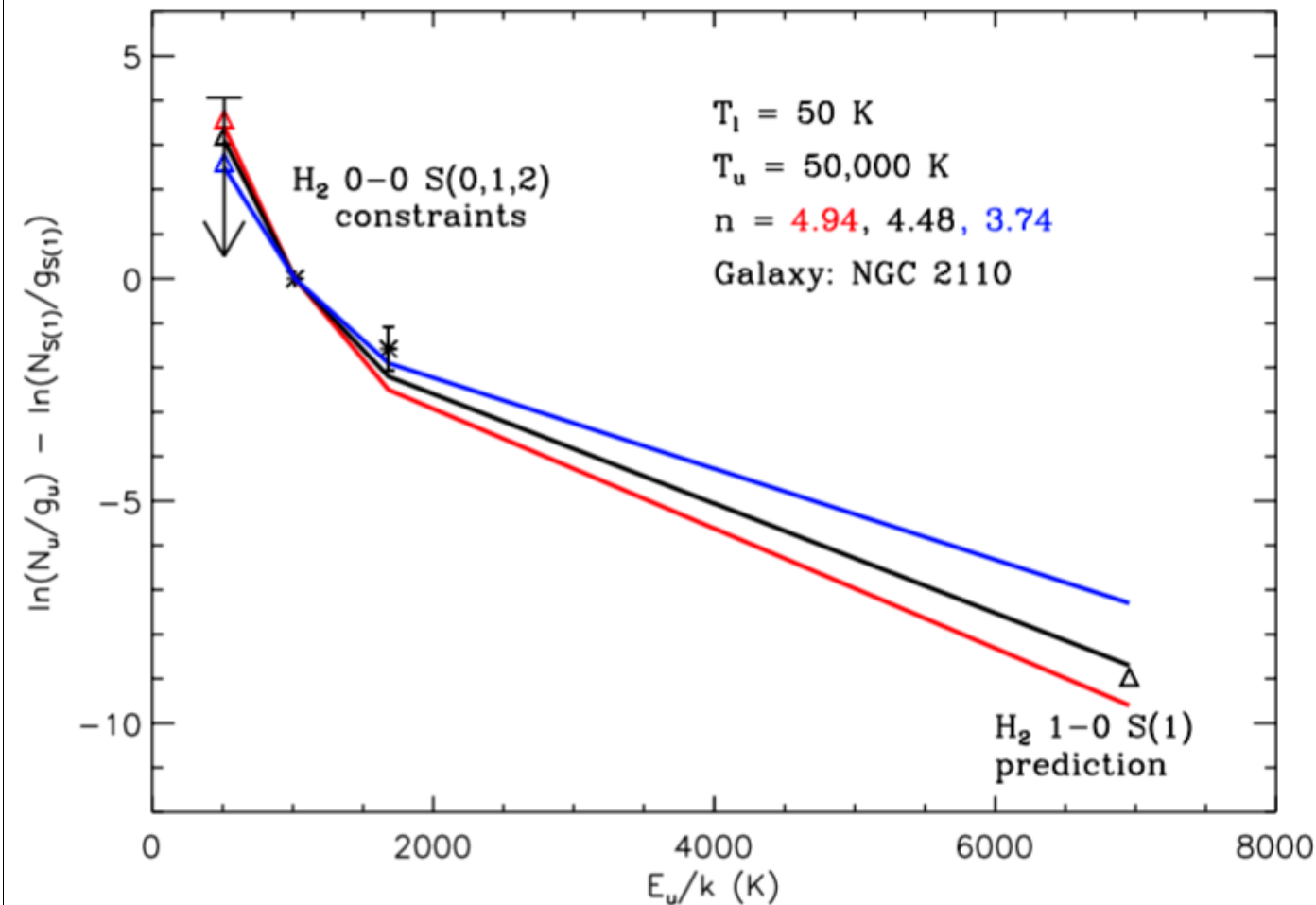


# THE AGN SUPPRESSES CO EMISSION BUT DOES NOT DESTROY H<sub>2</sub>

*Spitzer/IRS spectrum*



H<sub>2</sub> excitation diagram



**Rosario+ (2019)**

The similarity of CO (2-1) and hot H<sub>2</sub> line emission  
also supports this notion.



# Take home messages:

AGN feedback can be localised because the nuclear radiation field is anisotropic.

Depressed CO emission does not directly imply a lack of molecular gas.

The gas content and distribution of distant AGN host galaxies are different from  $z=0$ .  
Could this produce a more pronounced suppression of CO emission?