

# Relating the Propagation of Cosmic Rays to SFRs

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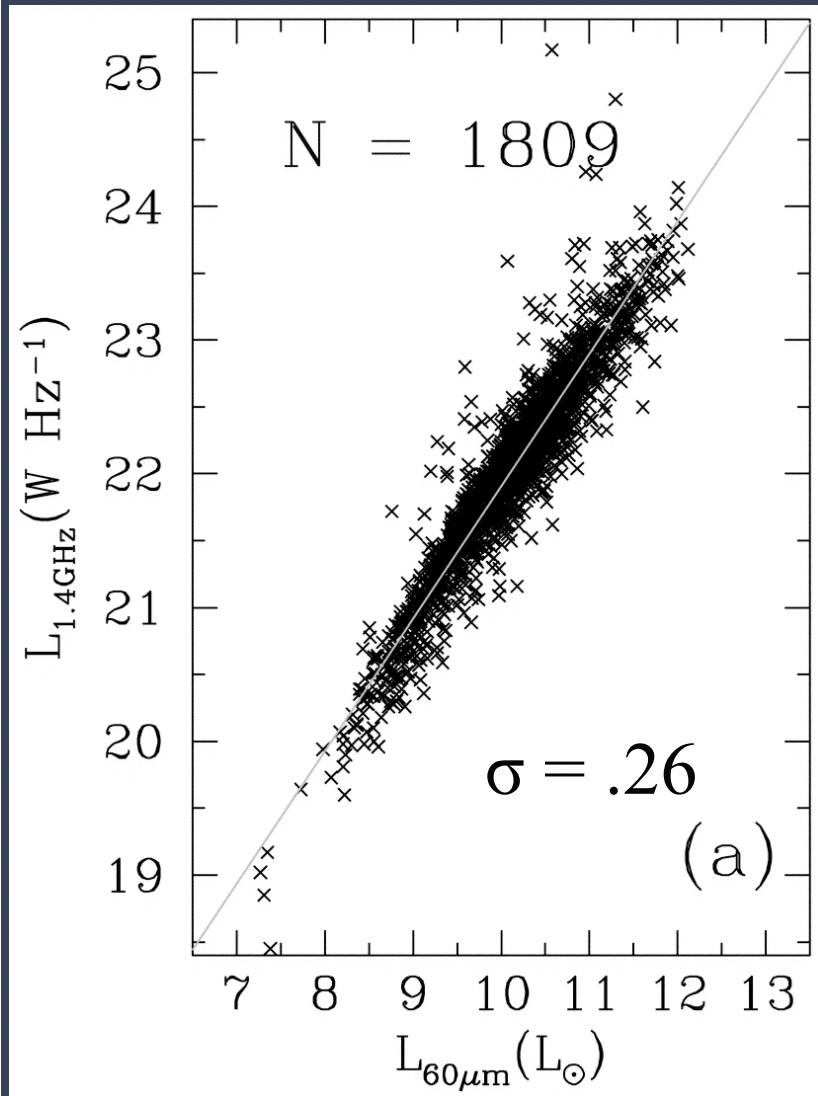
# The Importance of the Relativistic phase of the ISM

- RISM is composed of CR particles bathed in a large-scale magnetic field:
- Dynamically Important!

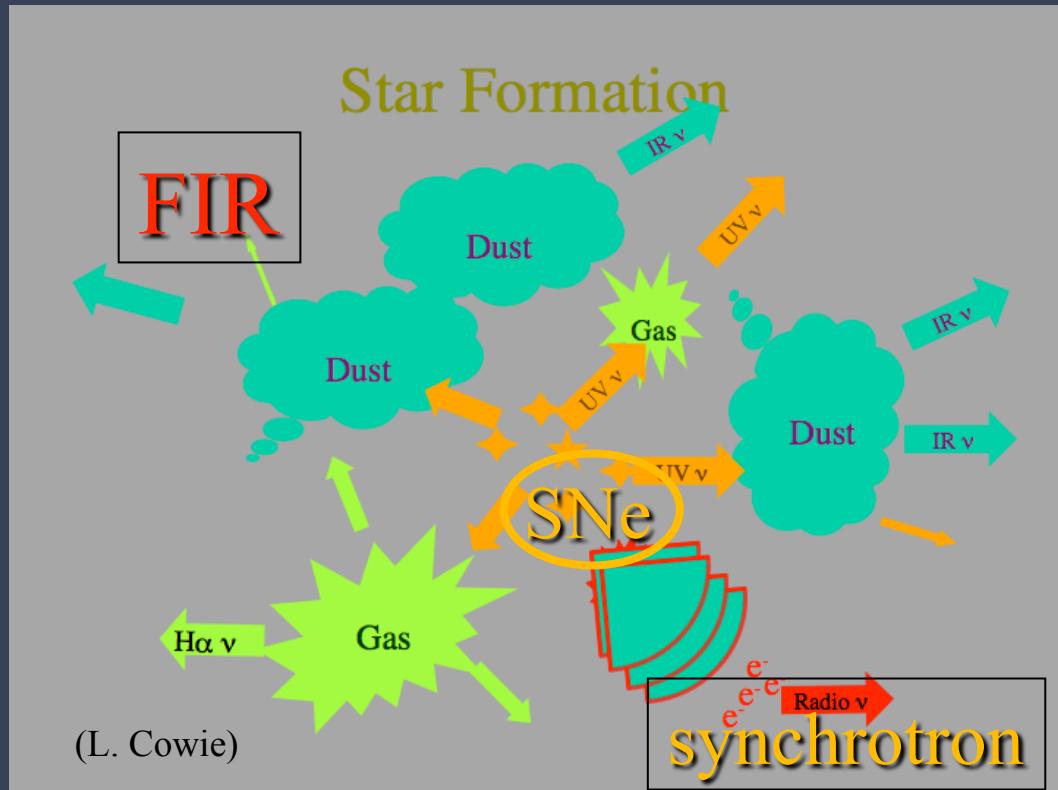
$$U_{CR} \sim U_B \sim U_{rad} \sim U_{turb} \sim 1 \text{ eV/cm}^3 \text{ in MW}$$

- Strong B-fields in place at high-z (e.g. Wolfe et al. 2008)
- CR's provide a possible means to couple energy from SF & AGN back into the ISM resulting *negative feedback* (e.g. Socrates et al. 2008).
- *CR electrons are a fundamental ingredient in the FIR-radio correlation*, so should tell us something about star formation
  - *Currently VERY LITTLE info. on CR propagation outside MW*

# FIR – Radio Correlation: How it works... well, kind of (de Jong et al. 1985; Helou et al. 1985)



Yun, Reddy, & Condon. (2001)

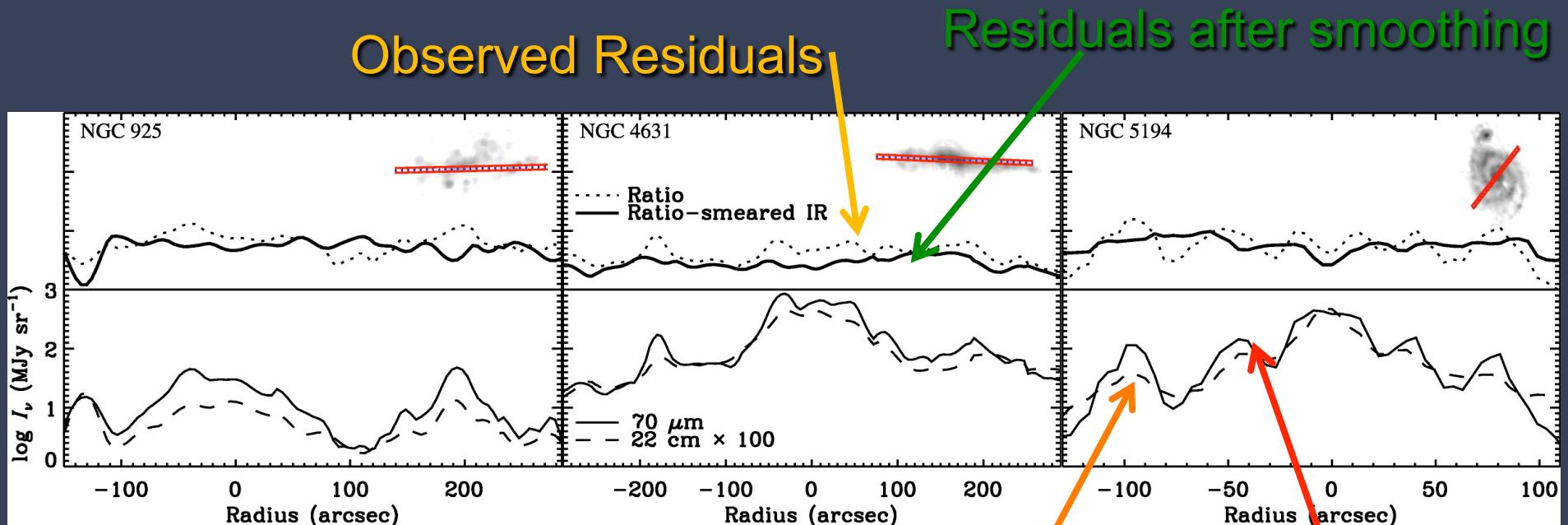


## Driven by Massive Star Formation

- **FIR** – Dust heated by Massive stars
  - mfp of dust heating UV photons  $\sim 100$  pc
- **Radio** – CRe<sup>-</sup> accelerated by SNe in B-field
  - CRe<sup>-</sup> diffuse  $\sim 1$  kpc

➤ **Radio image appears as a smoother version of FIR image**

# Radial Cuts Across IR and RC Disks

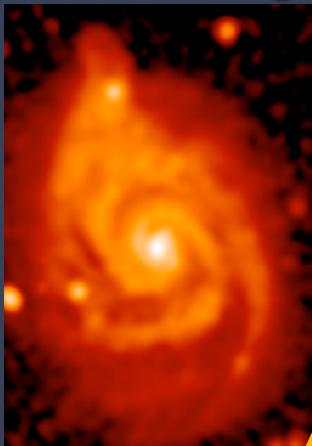


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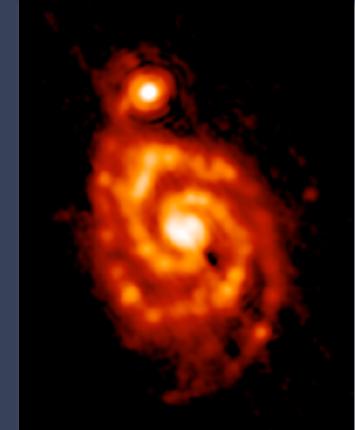
- FIR emission more peaked than radio on arms/SF regions
  - **CR electrons diffuse further than mfp of UV heating photons.**
- Such signatures removed in residuals after smoothing the FIR disks appropriately!
  - **Use smoothing kernel to infer physics of CR propagation in other galaxies!**

# Image Smearing Analysis: (e.g. NGC 5194)

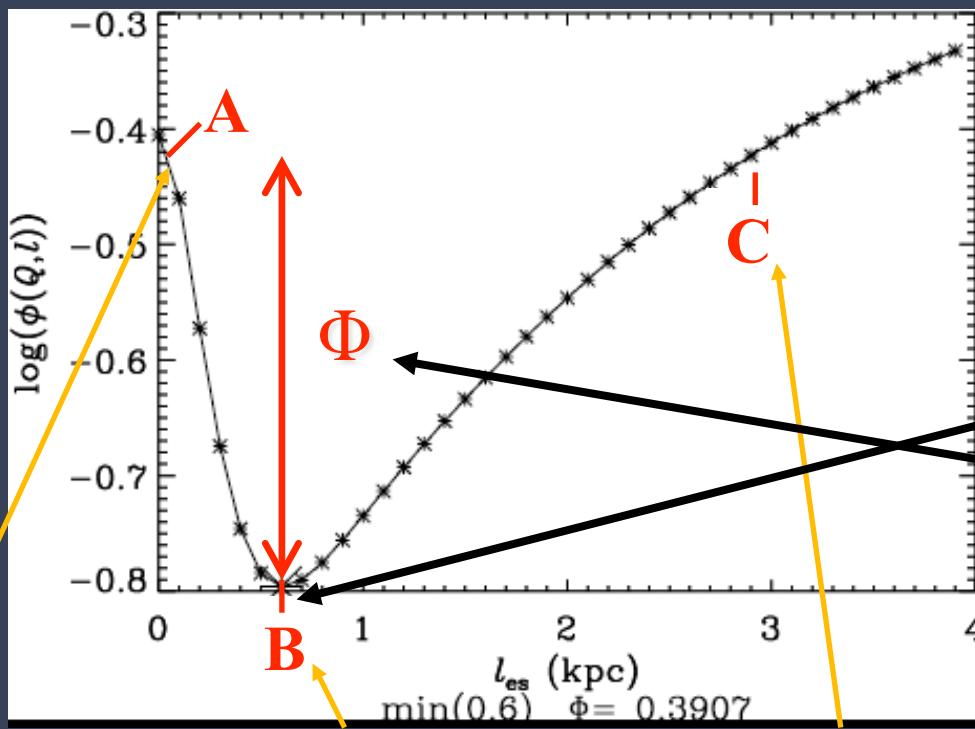
22cm Map



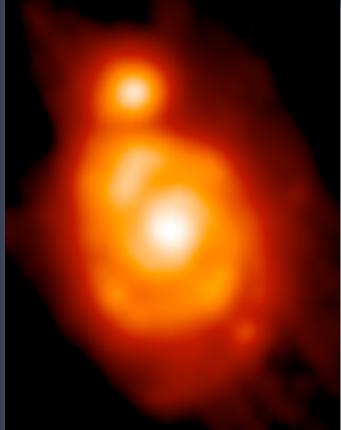
A:  $l = 0.0 \text{ kpc}$



Smeared  
70 $\mu\text{m}$   
Maps



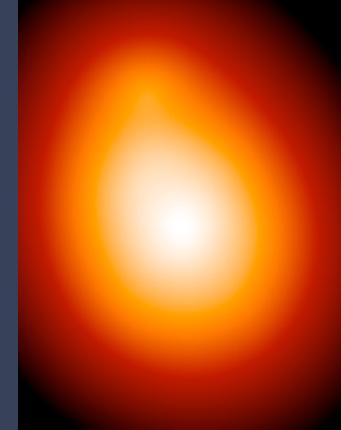
B:  $l = 0.6 \text{ kpc}$



Residuals between  
Radio & Smeared  
FIR Images  
(Murphy et al. 2006a,b)

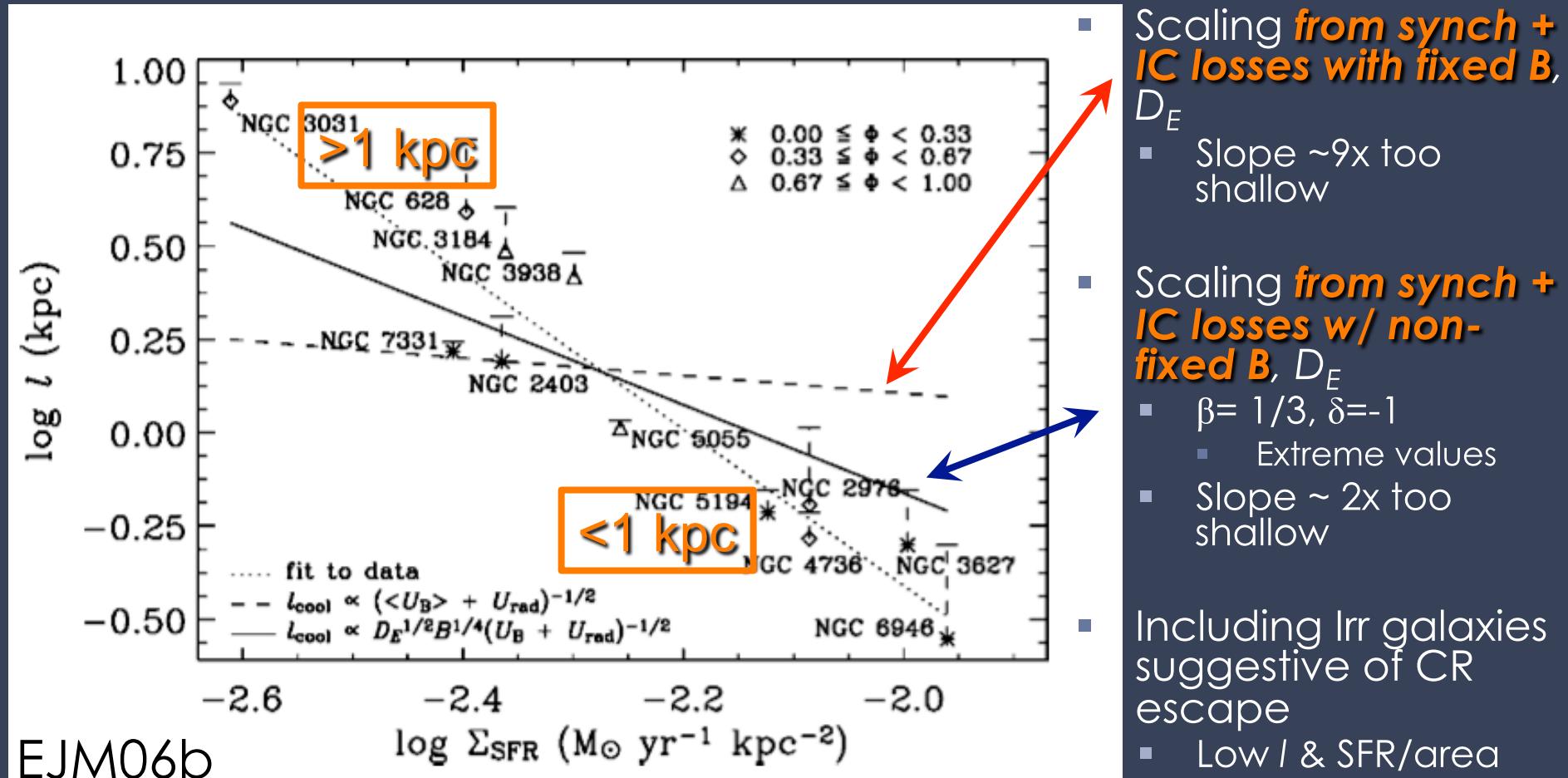
B: Best-fit Scale-length  
Φ: Improvement  
(~x2-3 on average)

C:  $l = 3.0 \text{ kpc}$



# $|_{diff}$ vs. $\Sigma_{SFR}$ : Scaling-Relation Expectations

Can trend be explained by steady-state star formation?



*Conclusion: NO! CRe<sup>-</sup>'s must be younger – Galaxies with large values of  $\Sigma_{SFR}$  have likely undergone a recent episode of enhanced star formation*

# Order of magnitude diffusion estimates

- Assume  $U_{\text{rad}} \sim U_B$
- 1.  $\langle U_{\text{rad}} \rangle \sim 4 \times 10^{-13} \text{ ergs/cm}^3$  from TIR SB
- 2.  $B \sim 9 \mu \text{G} \rightarrow \langle U_{\text{rad}} \rangle \sim 2 \times 10^{-12} \text{ ergs/cm}^3$

$$\left( \frac{\tau_{\text{cool}}}{\text{yr}} \right) \sim 5.7 \times 10^7 \left( \frac{\nu_c}{\text{GHz}} \right)^{-1/2} \left( \frac{B}{\mu\text{G}} \right)^{1/2} \times \left( \frac{U_B + U_{\text{rad}}}{10^{-12} \text{ ergs cm}^{-3}} \right)^{-1}$$

$$\left( \frac{l_{\text{cool}}}{\text{kpc}} \right) \sim 7 \times 10^{-4} \left( \frac{\tau_{\text{cool}}}{\text{yr}} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{\nu_c}{\text{GHz}} \right)^{1/8} \left( \frac{B}{\mu\text{G}} \right)^{-1/8}$$

- 1.  $\tau_{\text{cool}} \sim 110 \text{ Myr}; l_{\text{cool}} \sim 6.8 \text{ kpc}$
  - 2.  $\tau_{\text{cool}} \sim 22 \text{ Myr}; l_{\text{cool}} \sim 2.6 \text{ kpc}$
  - Both cases much  $l_{\text{cool}}$  much ( $> \times 3$ ) larger than what we measure.
    - IC & synchrotron processes alone cannot explain structural differences between IR and RC maps
- **Differences in CR population Ages! Use to characterize SFHs**

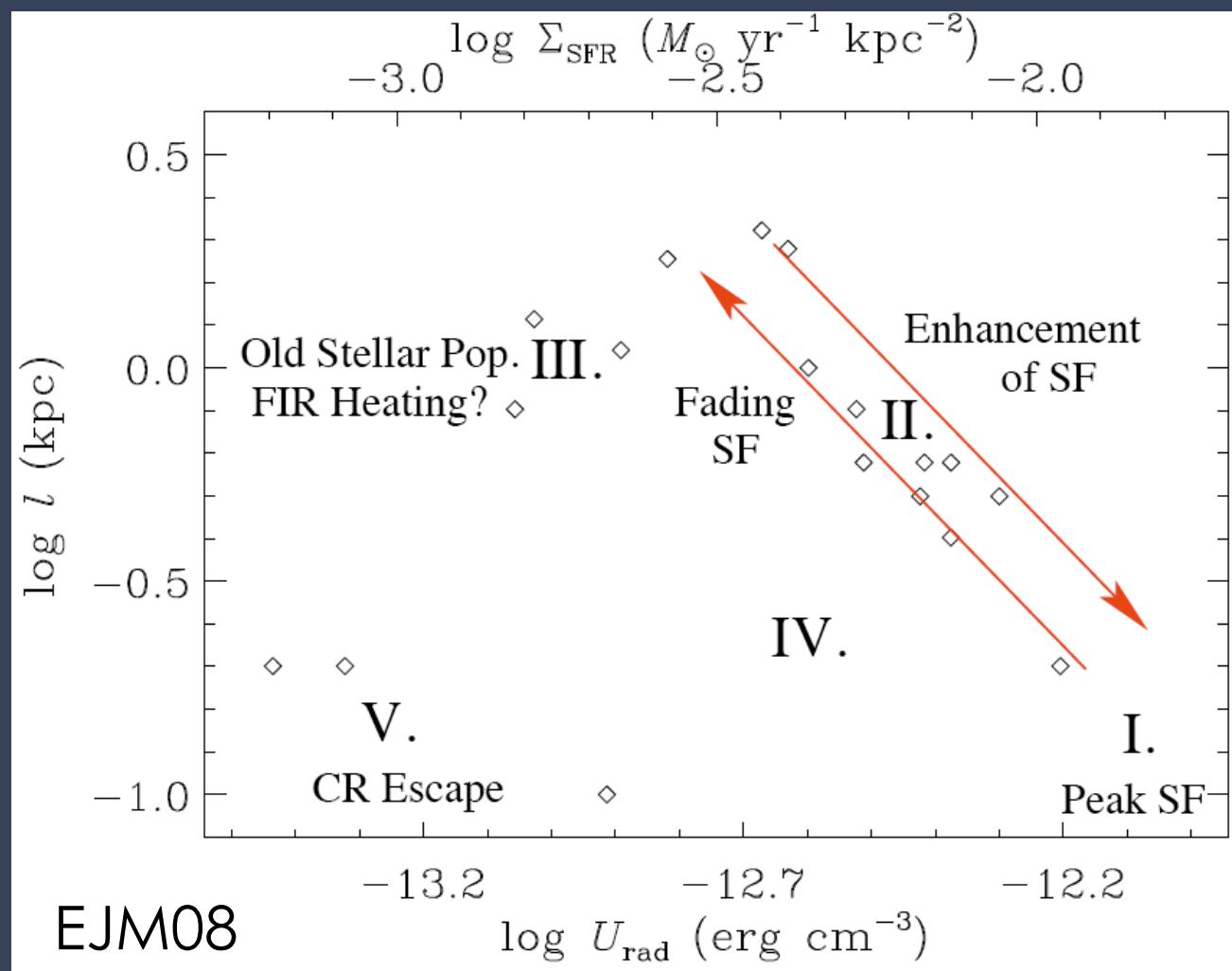
Sync. losses

IC losses

Random

Walk Diffusion

# $I_{diff}$ vs. $\Sigma_{SFR}$ : Relating CR Propagation to SFHs



- I. Peak SF: CRe's have yet to diffuse away from SF regions (**< few Myr of recent SF**)
- II. Galaxies move along this locus of pts as SF is enhanced or fades (**>50 Myr to traverse after single burst**)
- III. Low S/N? Old stellar pop. heating dust?
- IV. No galaxies. In sample spirals **SF does not completely cease** for > 10 Myrs
- V. All **Dwarfs-Irr's** in sample: likely scenario is enhanced **CR escape (hi q's)**

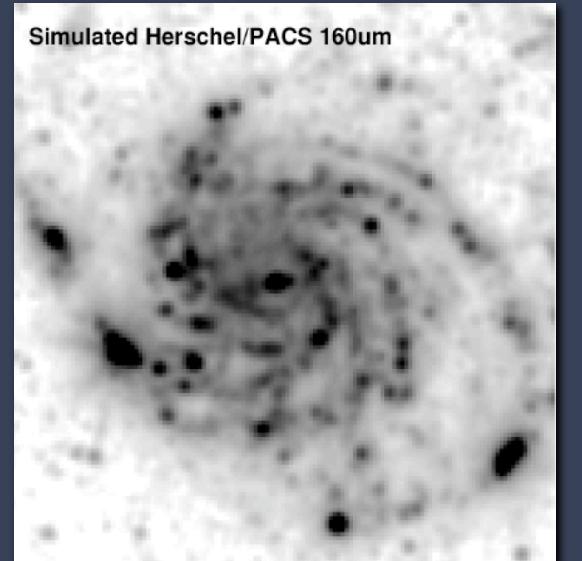
# General Conclusions

- Smearing model is, empirically, the best description of FIR-RC correlation
  - Incorporates **time-dependence** of CRe<sup>-</sup> diffusion
    - **Sensitive to galaxy SFH**
  - For sufficiently large TIR SB,  $\tau_{\text{enhancement}} \leq 100$  Myr
  - CRe's dominate SF regions/disk above/below  $\log \Sigma_{\text{SFR}} \sim -2.3$ 
    - Galaxies w/ high SFR/area likely experienced recent enhancement of SF
- CR escape plays a significant role in Dwarf Irregulars
  - Open B-field lines allow CRs and metals stream into the IGM
- Future: **Hershel** will allow us to extend this work to individual star-forming complexes (**KINGFISH; PI Kennicutt/Calzetti**) and nearby LIRGs and ULIRGs, to **test validity of CRs in feedback models**

# Future work: KINGFISH

(Key Insights on Nearby Galaxies: A Far-Infrared Study with Herschel)

- PI's. R. Kennicutt (EU); D. Calzetti (US)
- 526 hr approved *Herschel* OTKP
- Will build upon success of SINGS
- 61 nearby galaxies
- 2 Observational Components:
  - Imaging:
    - 6 bands from 70 - 500 $\mu$ m (5 - 35'')
  - Spectroscopic Imaging:
    - 55 nuclear & 50 extra-nuclear star-forming regions
    - Principle atomic ISM cooling lines ([OI]63mm, [OIII]88mm, [NII]122,205mm, [CII]158mm)
- SINGS + **New** Ancillary Data:
  - *Spitzer*, optical + H $\alpha$ , NIR, WSRT 22cm, THINGS (H $\mathrm{I}$ ), BIMA-SONG (CO), **IRAM-HERA (CO)**, **CARMA (CO)**, **Nobeyama (CO)**, SCUBA2 (sub-mm), *multi-frequency radio lacking!!!*

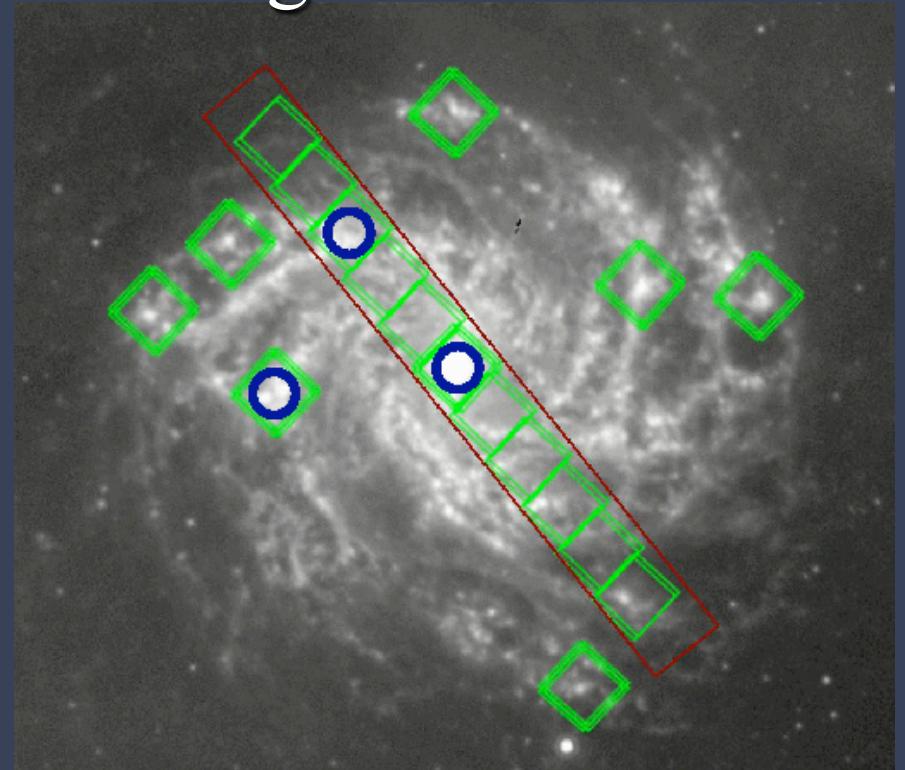


# KINGFISHER:

(KINGFISH - *Emission in Radio*)

- BIG THINKING for the EVLA
- PI's: E.J. Murphy & E. Schinnerer
- 3 – tiered program
  - Global spectral indices
    - ~5 bands: GBT + Effelsberg
  - Multi-frequency imaging of SINGS/KINGFISH spectroscopic-targeted star-forming regions
    - GBT + EVLA
    - RRL's as well? -- GBT Pilot Project
  - Complete multi-frequency imaging of 1 (or 2?) very nearby galaxies
    - GBT + EVLA

e.g. NGC 6946



SINGS+KINGFISH e-nucs  
SINGS+KINGFISH Radial Strip  
Pilot GBT RRL + 33 GHz