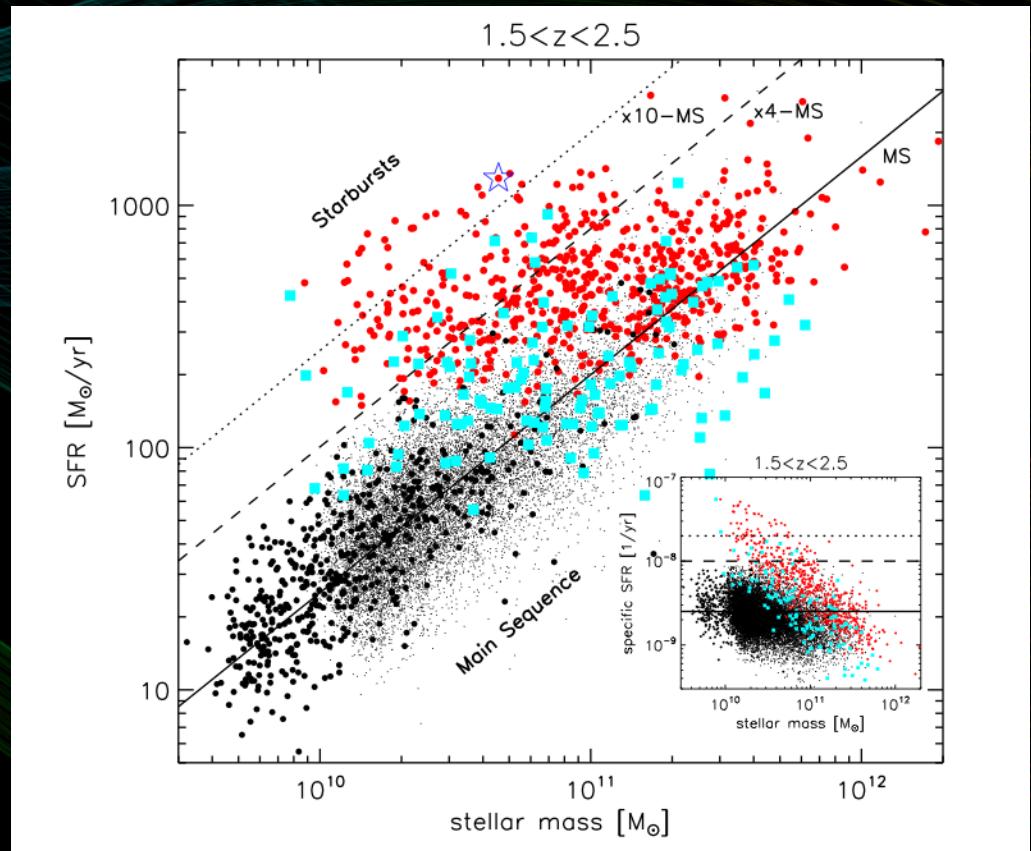


# Probing the AGN - Star formation connection through the Lens of the Star Formation Reference Survey (SFRS)

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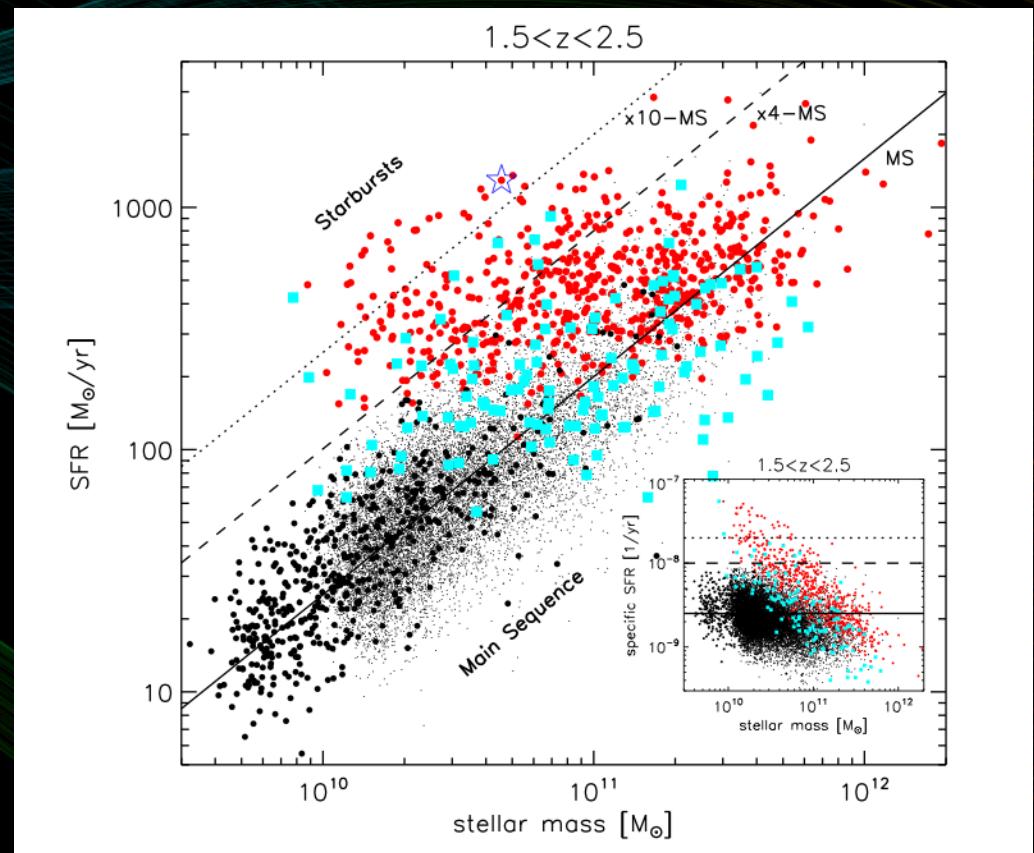
- Fundamental galaxy properties :
  - Star formation rate (SFR)
  - Stellar mass
- Variety of results depending on the methods used to derive them.
- Importance to set constraints and accurately measure them.



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# What we need:

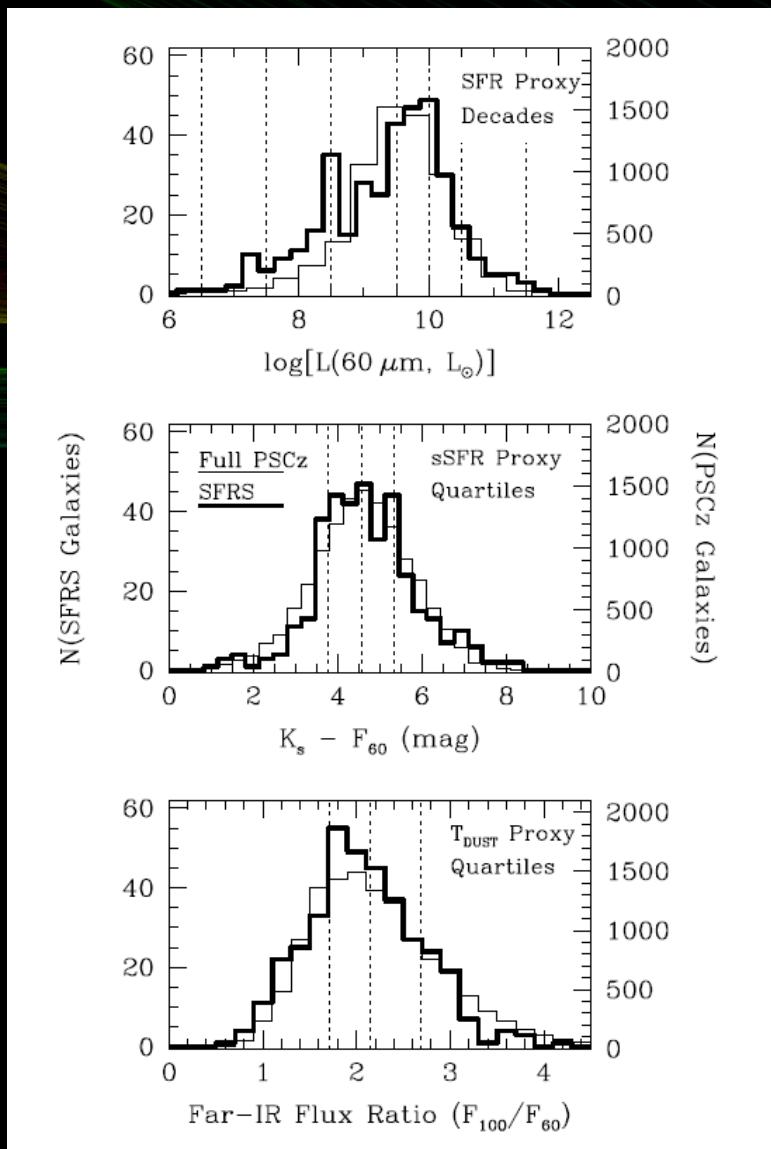
- A well-defined sample of galaxies.
- Precise methods to identify activity types.
- Constraints on the galaxy properties.



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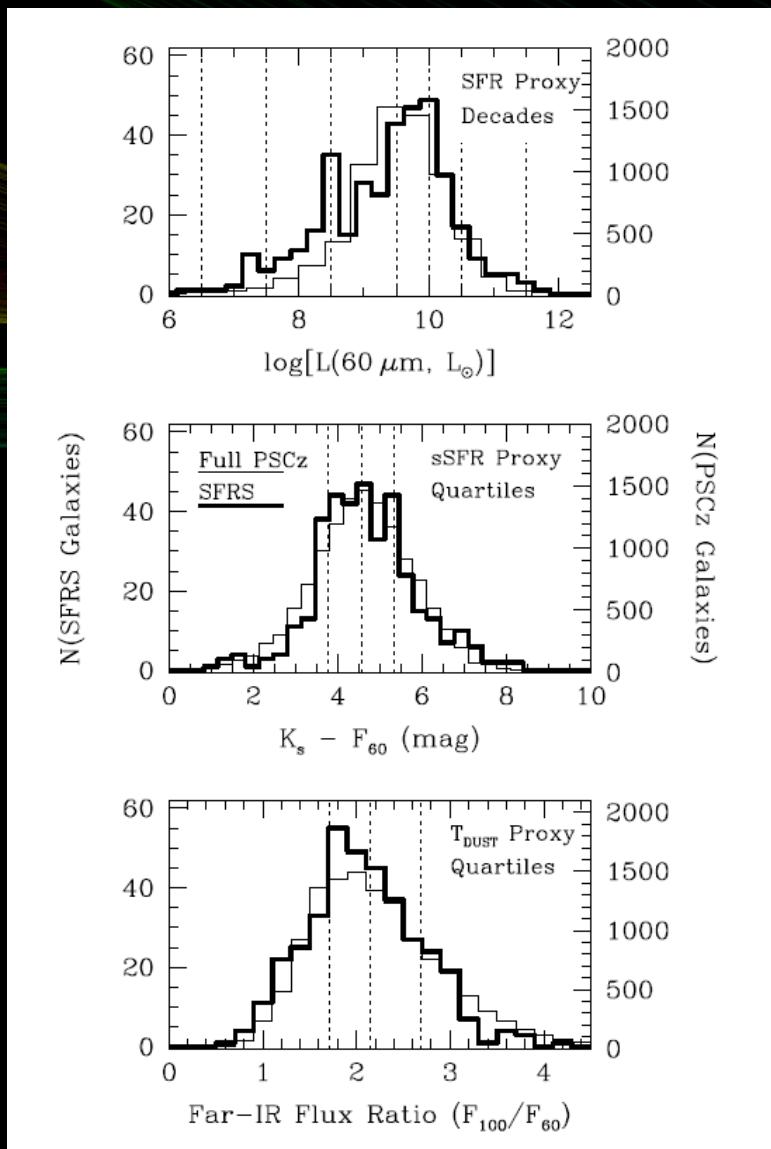
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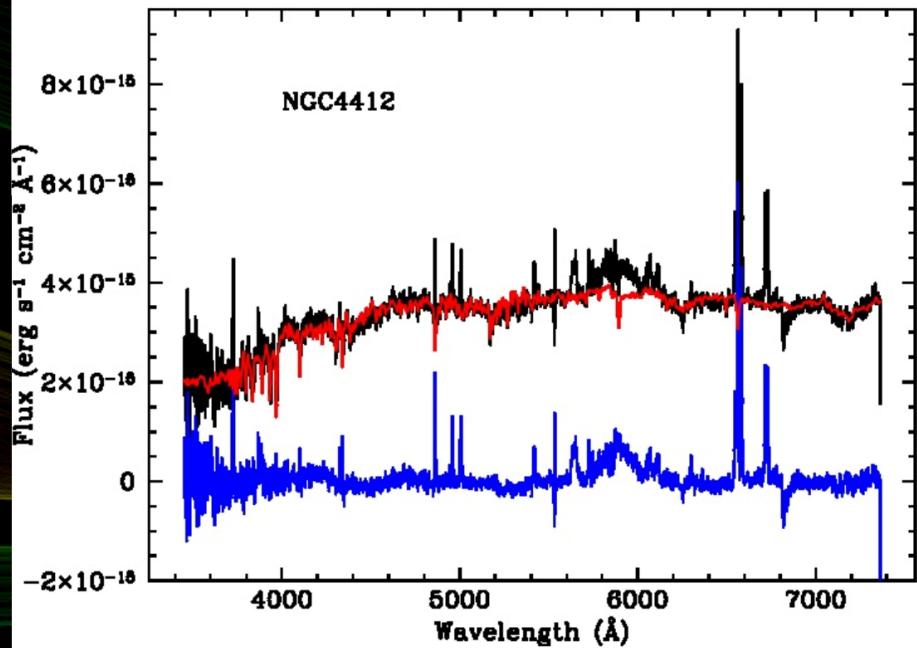
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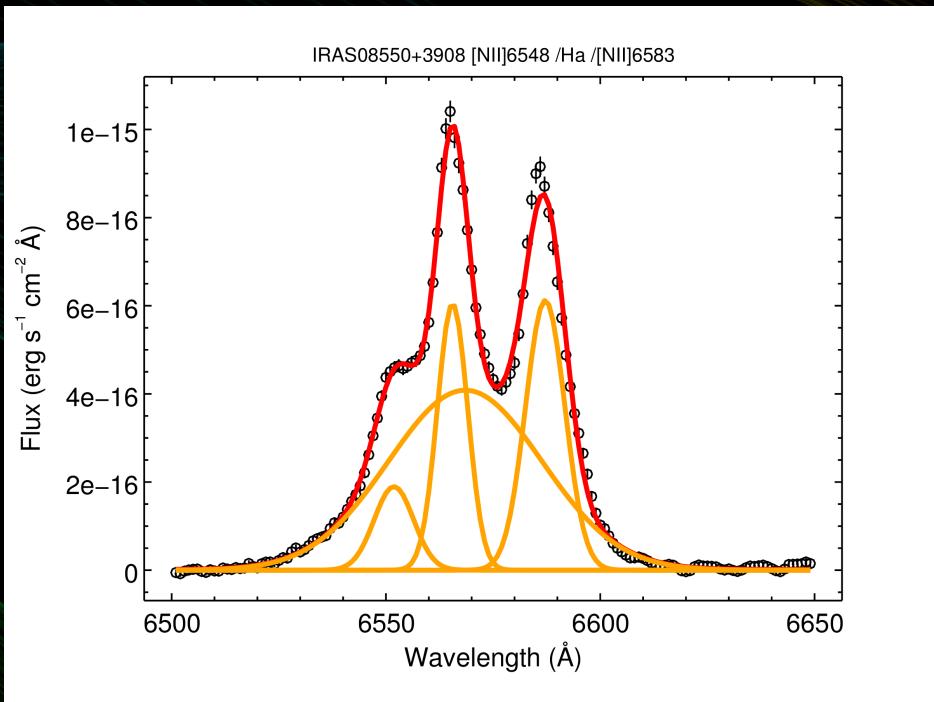
Waveband	Observatory	Sample Coverage
1.4 Ghz	VLA/NVSS	100%
12, 25, 60, 10 $\mu\text{m}$	IRAS	100%
24 $\mu\text{m}$	Spitzer/MIPS	70%
3.6, 4.5, 5.8, 8.0 $\mu\text{m}$	Spitzer/MIPS	100%
JHKs	2MASS	100%
ugriz	SDSS	100%
Optical Spectra	SDSS/FLWO	100%
Ha imaging	NAOC	30% (on-going)
0.13-0.28 $\mu\text{m}$	GALEX	90%

# Star-light Subtracted Integrated & Nuclear Spectra

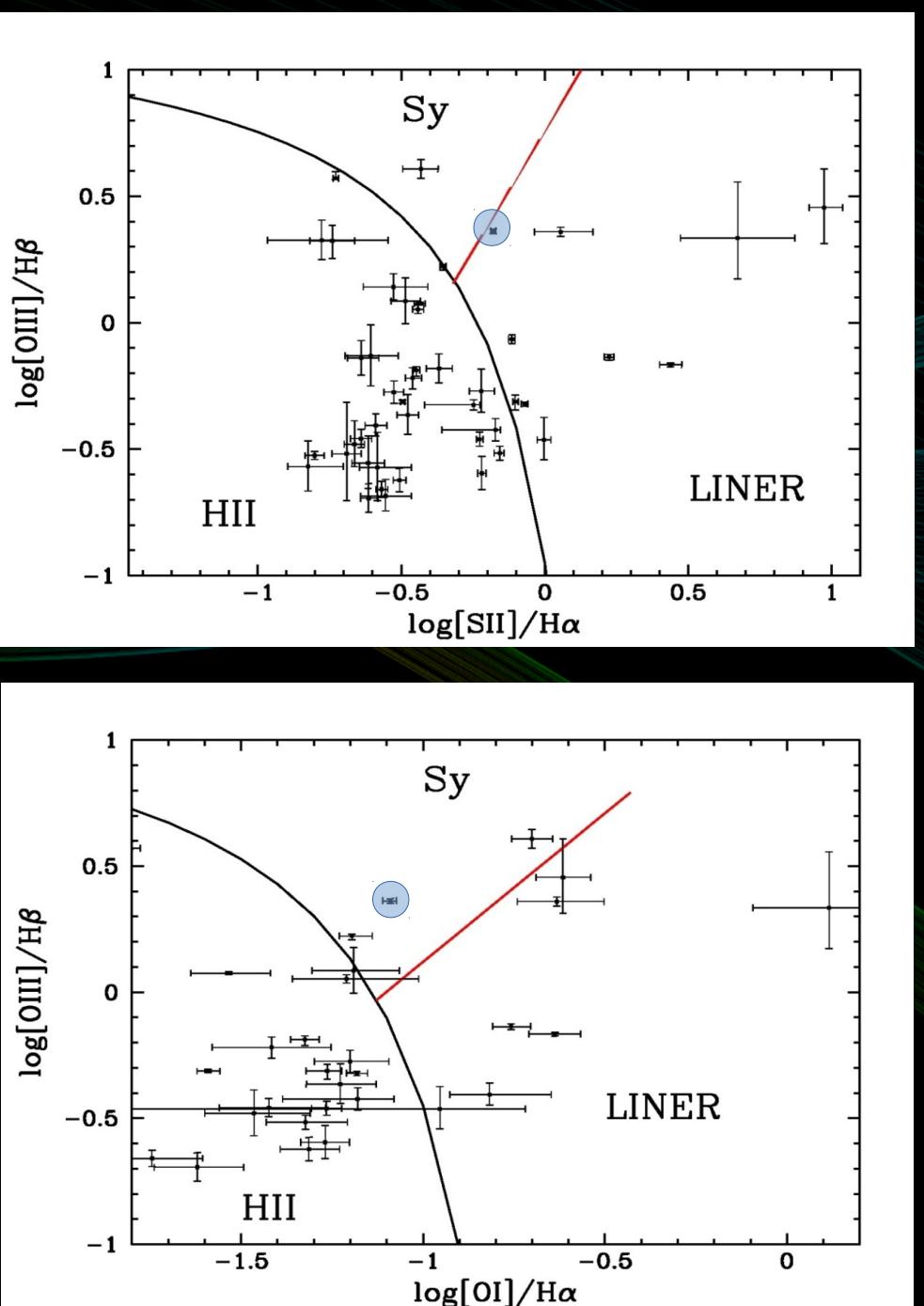


**STARLIGHT** code (Cid Fernandes et al. 2005)

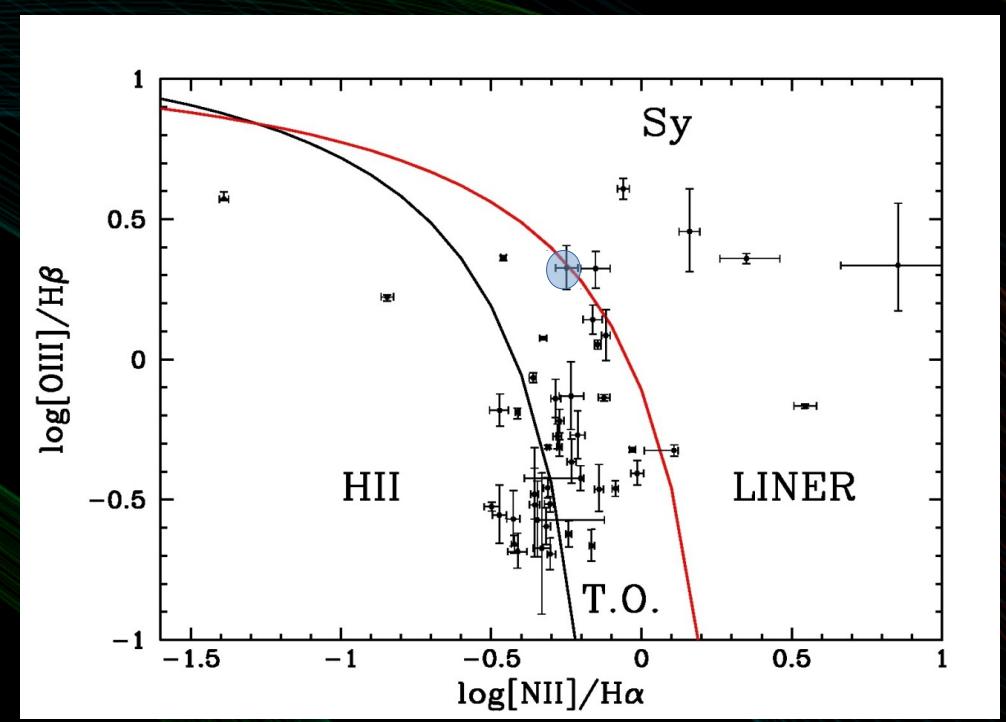
- Bruzual & Charlot (2003) SPS libraries
- 23 ages between 1Myr – 13Gyr
- 6 metallicities between 0.005 – 2.5 Z<sub>0</sub>



Multi-component fitting with  
**SHERPA** (Freeman et al. 2001)



- Spectroscopic Activity Classification Diagnostics
- Introducing a Probabilistic Classification Scheme



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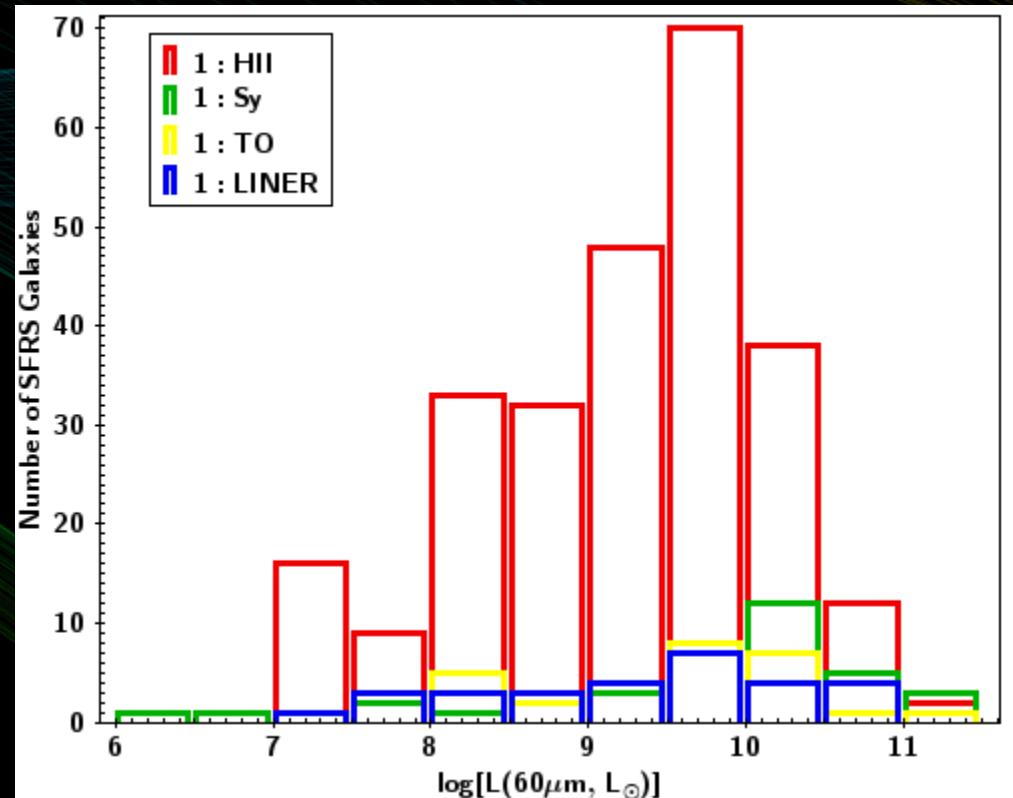
# Spectroscopic Activity Classification

**264 Starforming** (71% of the total SFRS sample)

**43 Seyfert (Sy)** (12%)

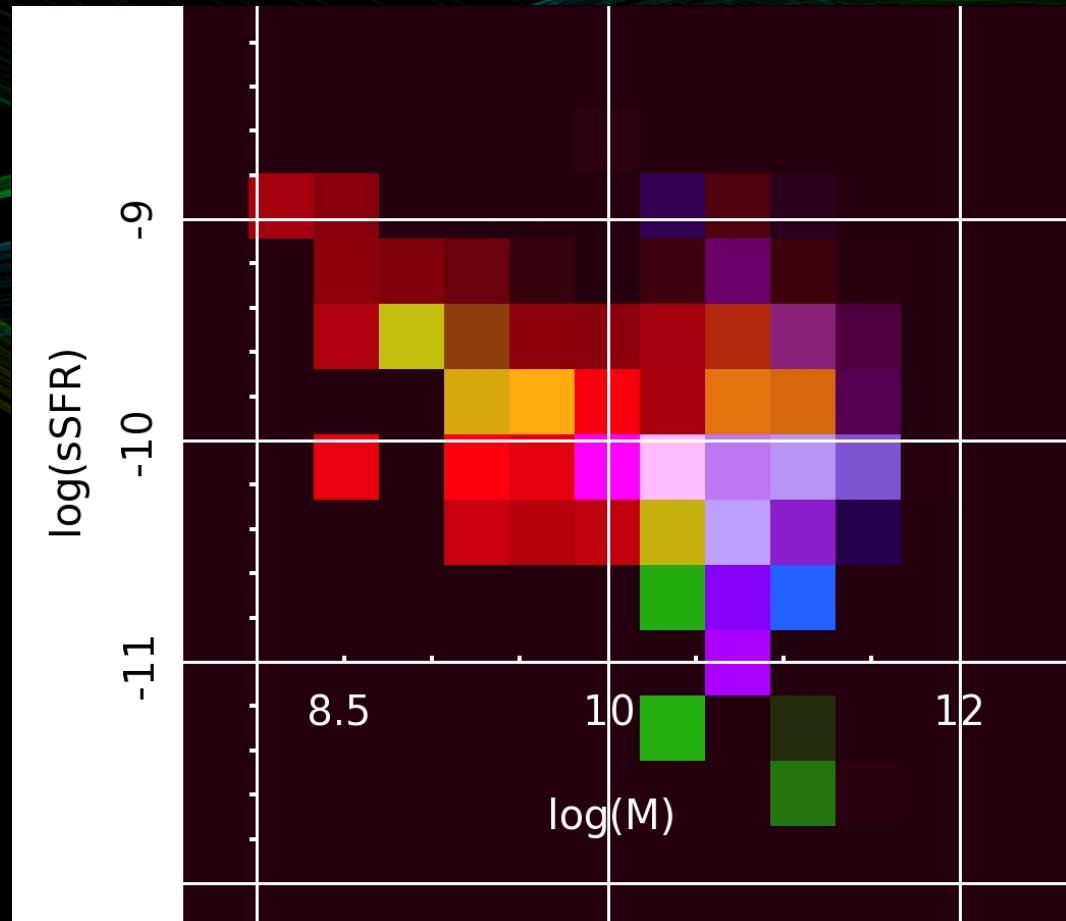
**37 Transition Objects (TO)** (10%)

**25 LINER** (7%)



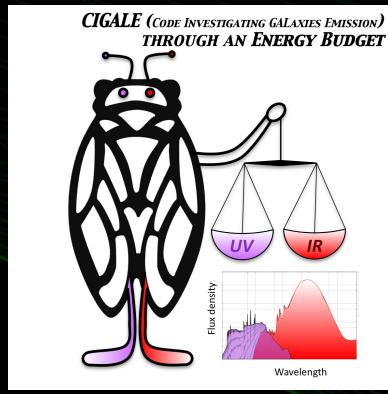
# The Bi-variate sSFR – $M_*$ Function

- Star-forming
- AGN – TO
- LINER



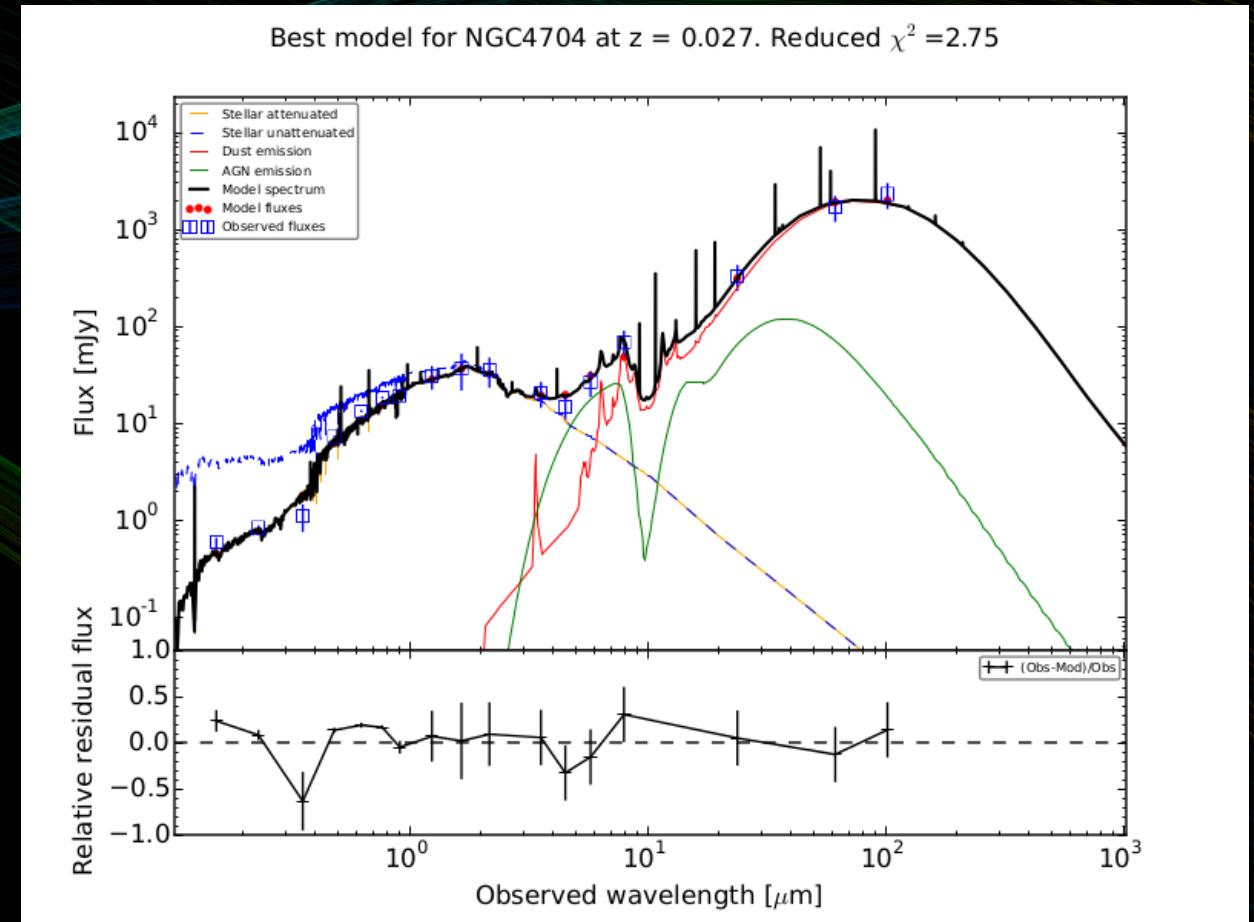
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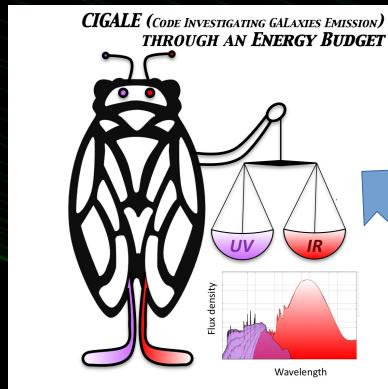
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# Using SED Fitting to Derive the AGN Fraction

- Double-exp SFH
- Bruzual and Charlot (2003) SPS libraries
- Dale et al. (2014) two component IR models
- Fritz et al. (2006) AGN models

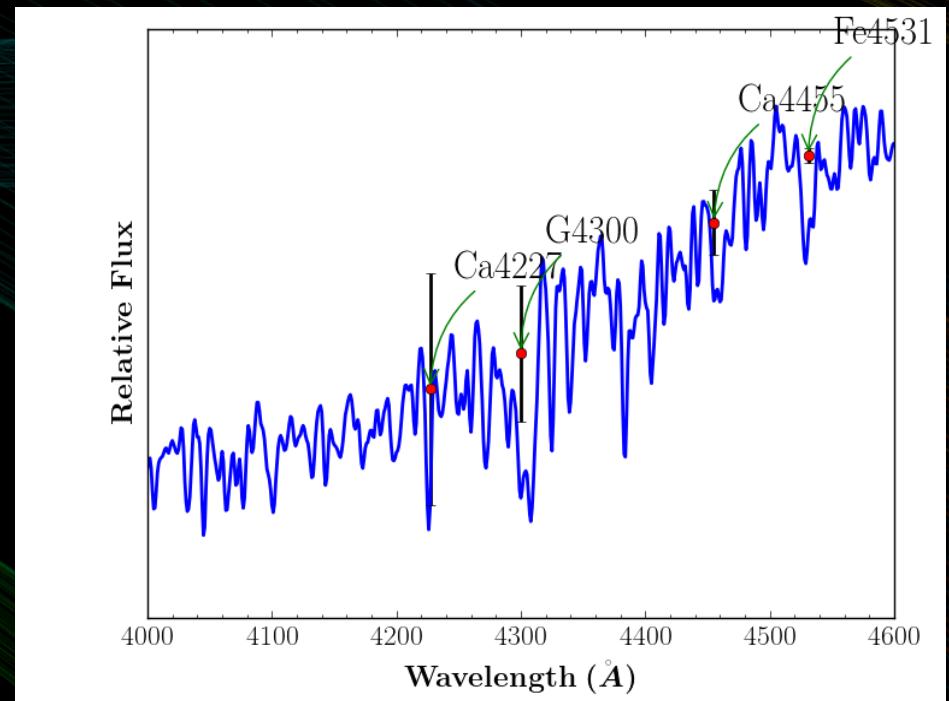




# Using Spectro – Photometric SED Fitting (S – P SED)

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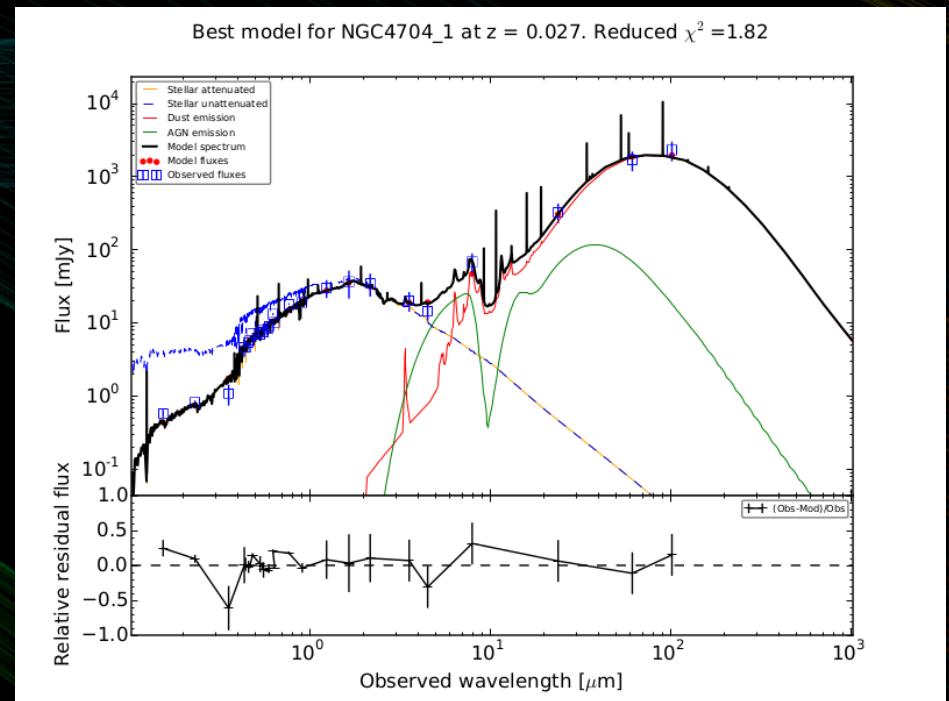
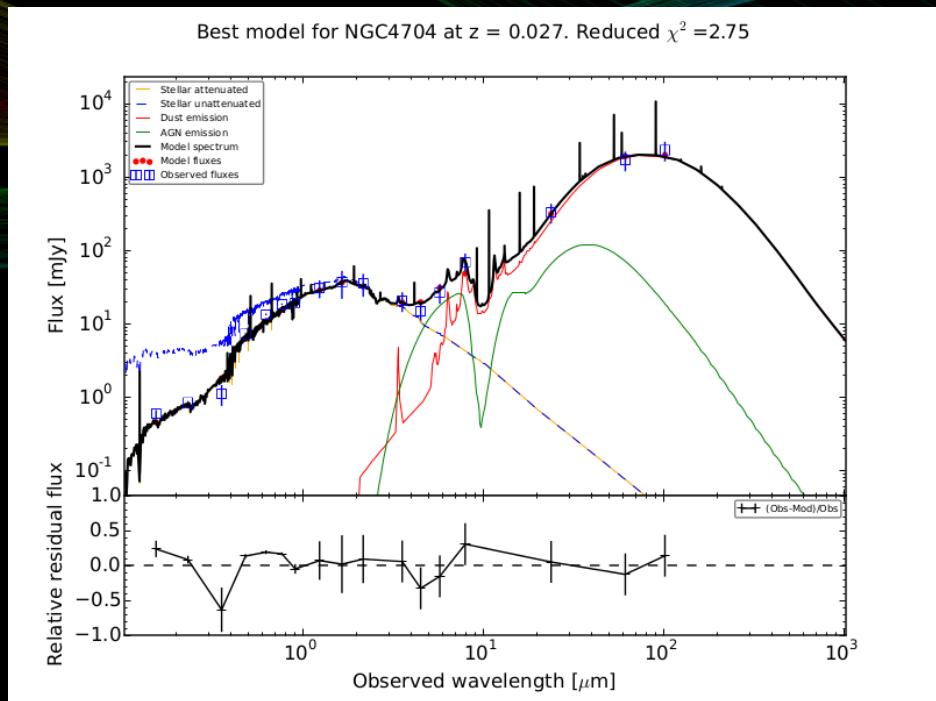
- **High Resolution** Bruzual and Charlot (2003) SPS libraries
- Using **spectral information** to constrain stellar populations.
- Creating **spectral filters** from spectral lines / regions to use in the SED fitting.



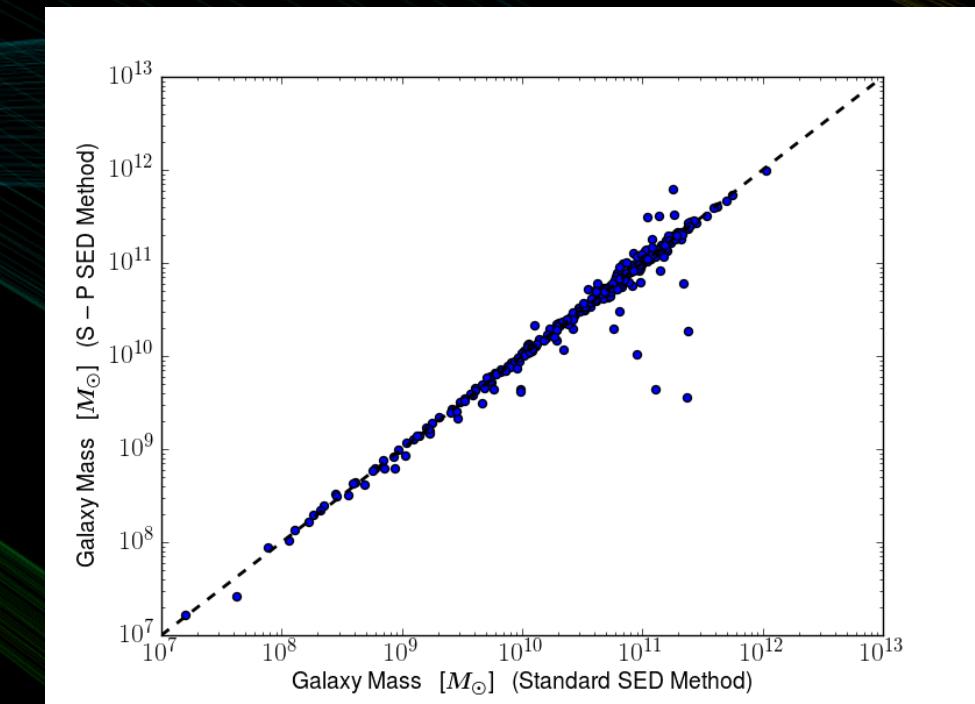
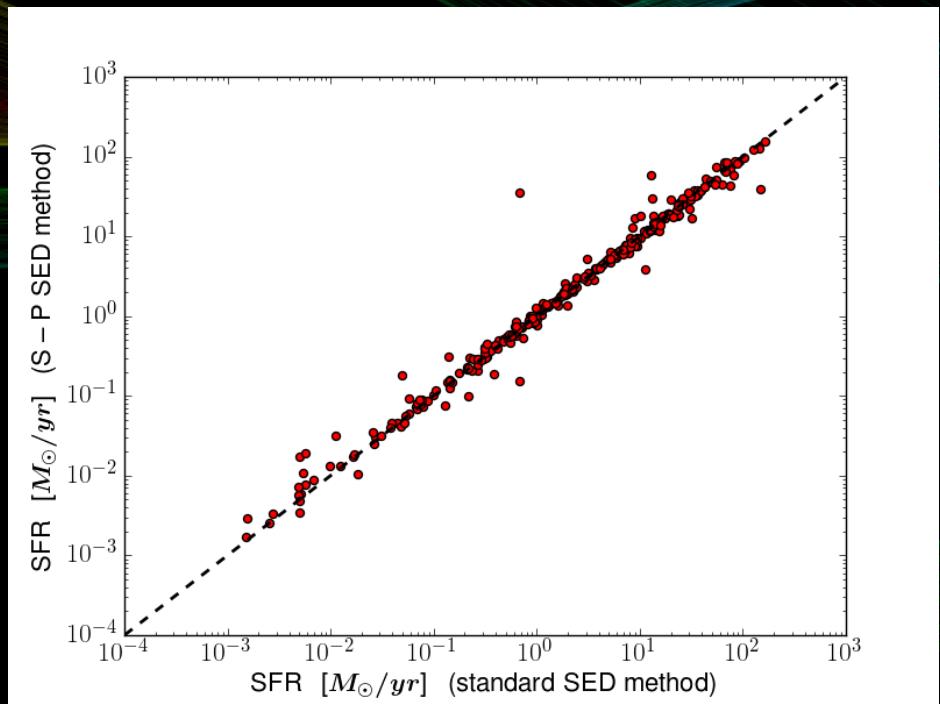
## *Standard SED Method*

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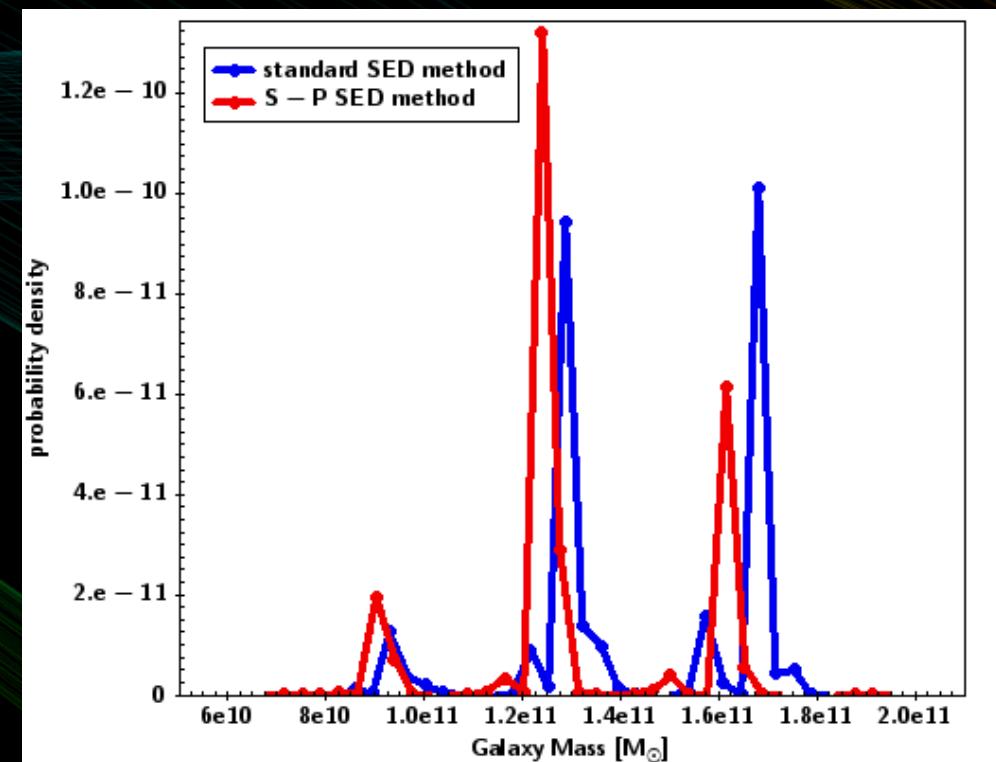
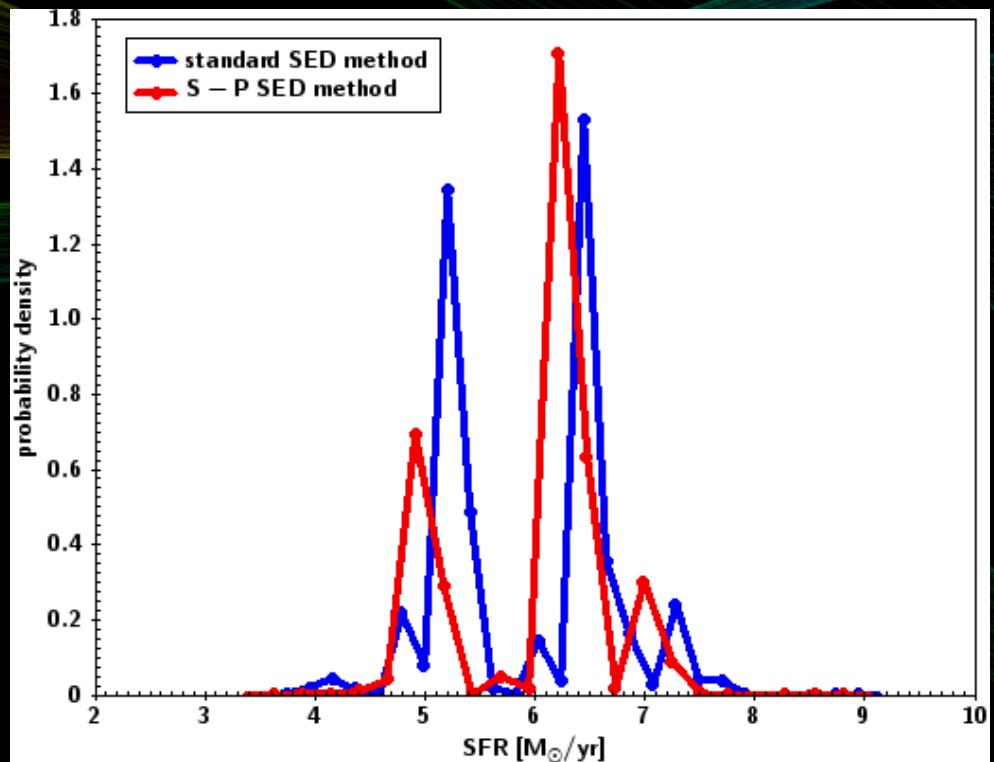
## *S – P SED Method*



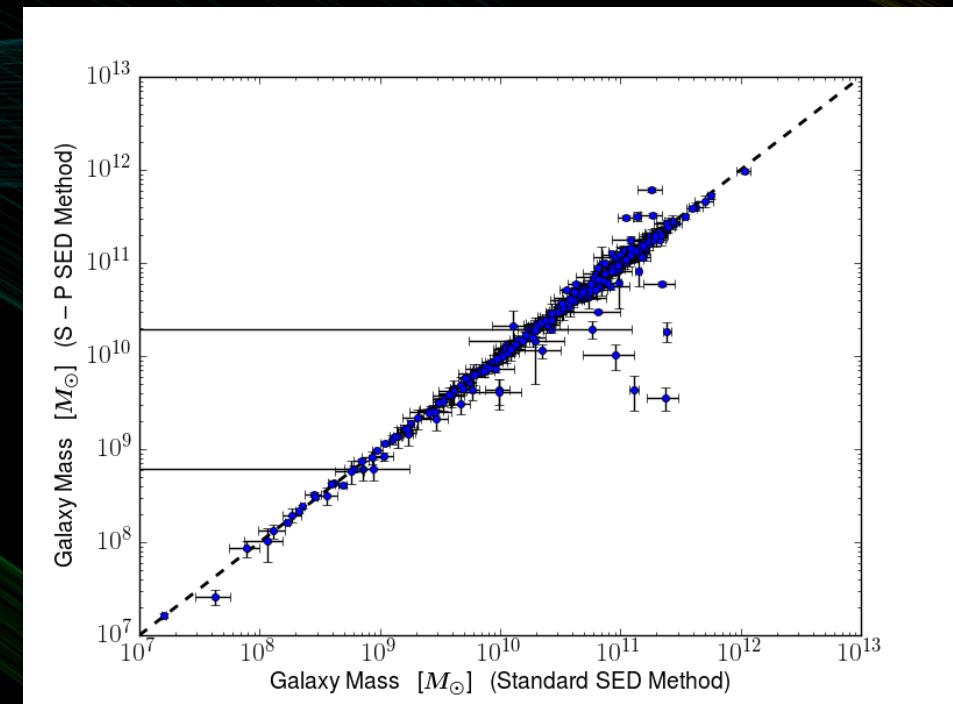
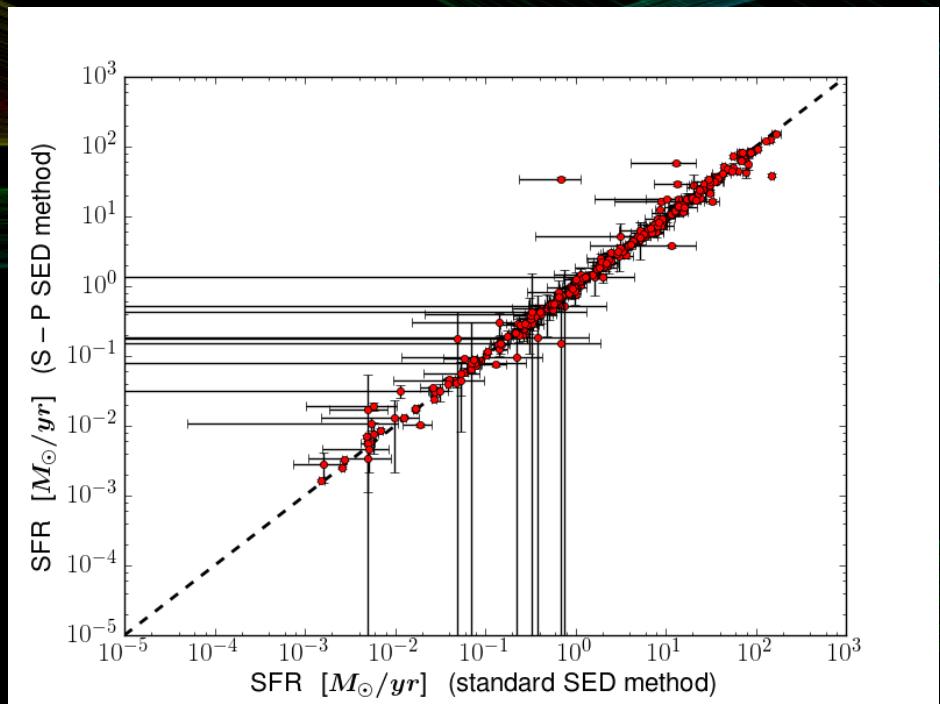
# Consistency



# Improvement

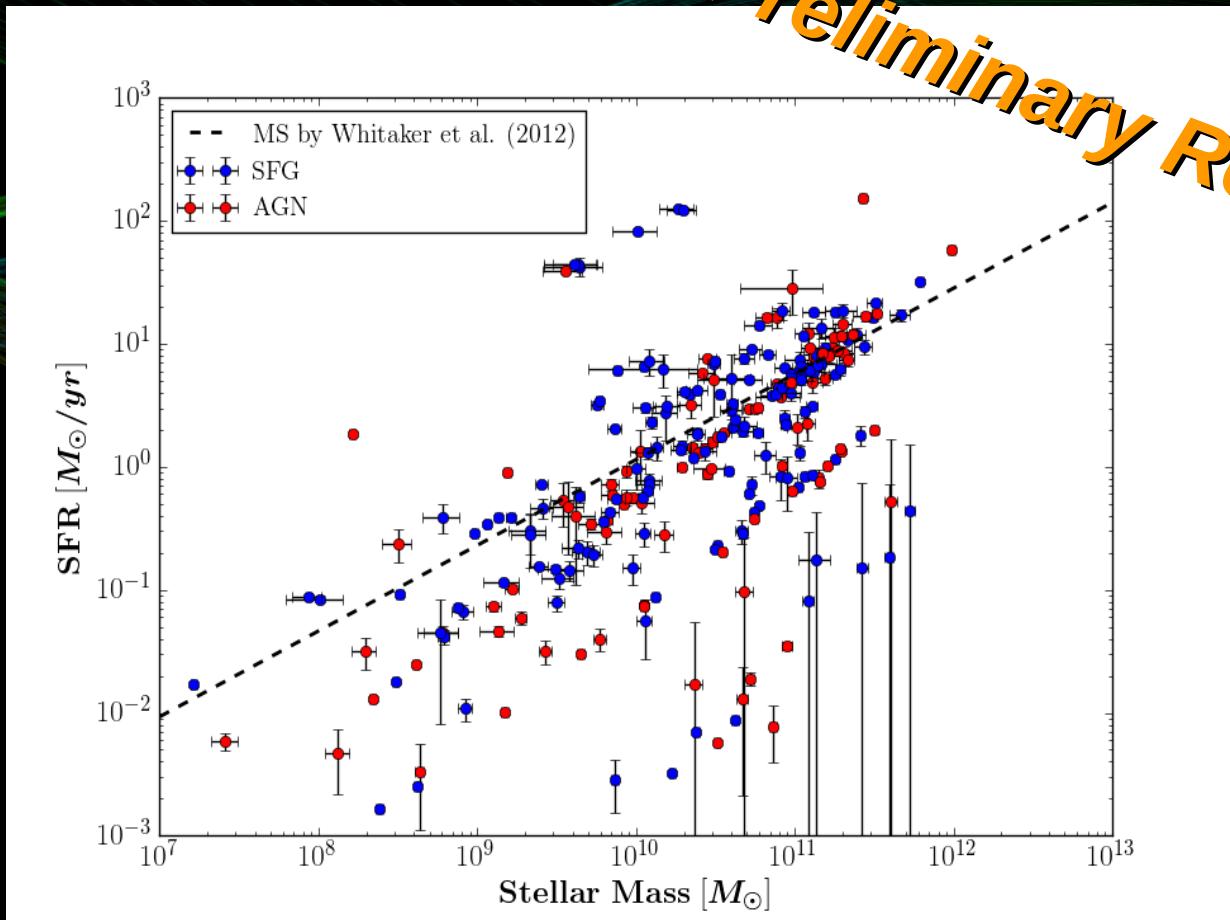


# Precision



# MS of SFRS galaxies at z~0.024

Preliminary Results



# Next Steps

- Check the behavior of our results using different SFH scenarios.
- Calibrate the **S – P SED** method using realistic galaxy simulations.
- Use different combinations of spectral regions to optimize the **S – P SED** method.
- Recalculate the bi-variate  $sSFR - M_*$  function of the SFG and AGN – host galaxies.
- Compare results with ***STARLIGHT*** code.

# Summary

- We use a **representative sample** of nearby galaxies to probe the AGN – Star formation connection.
- **Develop accurate methods** to identify activity types.
- Derive the bi-variate sSFR –  $M_*$  function for the different activity types.
- Use **Spectro – Photometric** SED fitting method that sets **better constrains** on the derived host – galaxy properties.