

The *Herschel*[★] Virgo Cluster Survey

XI. Environmental effects on molecular gas and dust in spiral disks^{★★}

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ABSTRACT

Aims. We investigate the dust-to-gas mass ratio and the environmental effects on the various components of the interstellar medium for a spatially resolved sample of Virgo spirals.

Methods. We have used the IRAM-30 m telescope to map over their full extent NGC 4189, NGC 4298, NGC 4388, and NGC 4299 in the ¹²CO(1–0) and the ¹²CO(2–1) lines. We observed the same lines in selected regions of NGC 4351, NGC 4294, and NGC 4424. The CO observations are combined with *Herschel* maps in 5 bands between 100–500 μm from the HeViCS survey, and with HI data from the VIVA survey, to obtain spatially resolved dust and gas distributions. We studied the environmental dependencies by adding to our sample eight galaxies with ¹²CO(1–0) maps from the literature.

Results. We estimate the integrated mass of molecular hydrogen for the galaxies observed in the CO lines. We find molecular-to-total gas mass fractions between $0.04 \leq f_{\text{mol}} \leq 0.65$, with the lowest values for the dimmest galaxy in the *B*-band. The integrated dust-to-gas ratio ranges between 0.011 and 0.004. For the 12 mapped galaxies we derive the radial distributions of the atomic gas, molecular gas, and dust. We also study the effect of different CO-to-H₂ conversion factors. Both the molecular gas and the dust distributions show steeper radial profiles for HI-deficient galaxies and the average dust-to-gas ratio for these galaxies increases or stays radially constant. On scales of ~3 kpc, we find a strong correlation between the molecular gas and the 250 μm surface brightness that is tighter than average for non-deficient galaxies. The correlation becomes linear if we consider the total gas surface mass density. However, the inclusion of atomic hydrogen does not improve the statistical significance of the correlation.

Conclusions. The environment can modify the distributions of molecules and dust within a galaxy, although these components are more tightly bound than the atomic gas.

Key words. Galaxy: evolution – galaxies: clusters: general – galaxies: spiral – dust, extinction – ISM: molecules – infrared: galaxies

1. Introduction

The stellar and gas distributions in a cluster galaxy can be drastically modified through environmental effects. In Virgo, a young, close ($d \sim 17$ Mpc) and still dynamically active cluster (see Boselli & Gavazzi 2006, and references therein), the environment effects are clearly seen for the atomic gas. Through tidal interaction and/or ram pressure stripping a spiral galaxy can lose

a considerable fraction of its neutral gas and become deficient in HI (Davies & Lewis 1973; Giovanardi et al. 1983; Haynes et al. 1984; Cayatte et al. 1990; Chung et al. 2009a).

For the molecular gas-phase the situation is more complex. The typical density of a molecular cloud core is 10^5 cm^{-3} (Caselli et al. 2002), and the molecular gas is more tightly bound in the galaxy potential, being confined to the inner part of the disk which may prevent gas removal via stripping. According to Kenney & Young (1986, 1989), Virgo spirals show no clear signs of deficiency in the molecular component. In the Coma cluster, where the ram pressure is expected to be stronger due to the high ICM densities, there is no clear evidence of molecular deficiency (Casoli et al. 1991). However, as noted by Boselli & Gavazzi (2006), the sample of Casoli et al. (1991) is selected

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according to IR luminosity, and their results are biased toward strong CO emitters (see also [Boselli et al. 1995a, 1997](#)). Using the same data of [Kenney & Young \(1989\)](#), [Rengarajan & Iyengar \(1992\)](#) found evidence of a CO deficit in some Virgo spiral, and [Vollmer et al. \(2008\)](#) detected in NGC 4522 molecular gas displaced from the galactic disk because of ram pressure.

[Boselli et al. \(2002\)](#), [Fumagalli & Gavazzi \(2008\)](#) and [Fumagalli et al. \(2009\)](#) found a molecular depletion in highly HI deficient galaxies, where the HI is depleted well inside the optical disk. Since not all the HI-deficient galaxies examined in their papers are cluster galaxies, it is of interest to analyze a sample of normal and HI-deficient galaxies in a cluster. Also, it is still not clear if the depletion of the molecular component in HI-deficient galaxies is due to ram pressure stripping of the molecular component, or to the lack of HI from which molecular clouds form.

The *Herschel* Virgo Cluster Survey (HeViCS; [Davies et al. 2010](#); [Auld et al. 2012](#)) has mapped an area of 84 square deg² in the Virgo cluster, and one of the goals of the project is to investigate mechanisms of gas recycling in clusters of galaxies. [Cortese et al. \(2012\)](#) analyzed the galaxies in the *Herschel* Reference Survey (HRS; [Boselli et al. 2010](#)), including many Virgo galaxies observed within HeViCS, and found that the global dust-to-stellar mass ratio decreases as a function of HI deficiency, providing strong evidence of dust stripping. Furthermore they found that at fixed stellar mass, the dust-to-HI mass ratio decreases with the HI deficiency, with a correlation significantly weaker than for the dust-to-stellar mass ratio. They argue that this mild correlation is a consequence of the greater extension of the HI disks which produces a rapid decline of the dust-to-HI ratio in the outer regions of galaxies. For a sample of 35 HeViCS Virgo spirals with available integrated CO fluxes, [Corbelli et al. \(2012\)](#) confirmed that the dust-to-stellar mass ratio decreases and the dust-to-total gas ratio increases when the galaxies are more HI-deficient.

The investigation of the internal properties of galaxies can help understand environmental effects. [Cortese et al. \(2010\)](#) investigated 15 Virgo spiral galaxies, and found that the radial distributions of dust in HI-deficient galaxies are truncated, already in the inner regions of the disks.

It is therefore important to study the relation between the radial distribution of dust and the different gas components within a spiral disk. To reach this goal, it is necessary to have a sample of galaxies observed in all the interstellar medium (ISM) components. The proximity of Virgo allows a good resolution of the gas and dust components (a typical beam size of 20'' corresponds to a resolution of 1.6 kpc). Several Virgo spiral galaxies have been mapped with the Very Large Array (VLA) in HI, within the survey ‘‘VLA Imaging of Virgo spirals in Atomic gas’’ (VIVA; [Chung et al. 2009a](#)). About half of them are mapped in the FIR within the HeViCS project ([Davies et al. 2010](#)). However, only a subset of these have observations that trace the spatial distribution of the molecular component, major axis profiles or maps such as those shown in [Chung et al. \(2007\)](#), [Kuno et al. \(2007\)](#). To complete the sample we thus began a project to map the CO emission in the remaining low luminosity objects.

In this paper we present ¹²CO(1–0) and ¹²CO(2–1) emission-line observations for seven galaxies, obtained at the IRAM-30 m telescope. We use these new data to investigate the balance between different gas phases in spiral disks and their relation with the dust component as a function of the environment. The paper is organized as follows: in Sect. 2, we describe the sample, and the ancillary data used in the paper. In Sect. 3 we present the new IRAM-30 m observations and the relative results. In Sect. 4 we

discuss in detail the radial distribution of the dust and gas phases for the galaxies mapped in our new campaign and for additional Virgo spirals with available CO, HI, and dust maps. We also investigate the variations of the dust-to-gas ratio across the disk. In Sect. 5 we perform a pixel-by-pixel analysis of the relation between the far-infrared (FIR) emission and the gas surface mass density. The main conclusions are summarized in Sect. 6.

2. The sample and ancillary data

We have compiled a sample of bright ($m_B \leq 13$) late-type galaxies in the Virgo cluster with available VIVA and HeViCS observations. Here we present ¹²CO(1–0) and ¹²CO(2–1) emission-line maps of four spirals (NGC 4189, NGC 4298, NGC 4299, NGC 4388) obtained with the IRAM-30 m telescope. We also observed a few selected regions of 3 additional low luminosity galaxies, NGC 4351, NGC 4294, and NGC 4424. To enlarge the sample of fully mapped galaxies we also consider eight additional galaxies mapped in ¹²CO(1–0) at the Nobeyama 45 m telescope by [Kuno et al. \(2007\)](#) at comparable spatial resolution. This sample of 12 mapped galaxies spans a wide range of morphological types, from Sa (NGC 4424) to Scd (NGC 4299). Since we are interested in studying the environmental effects on the gas distribution, we excluded from the sample gravitationally interacting pairs.

Interferometric observations of HI for the VIVA sample are described in [Chung et al. \(2009a\)](#). The velocity resolution of VIVA (10 km s⁻¹) is comparable to the final resolution of our CO data (10.4 km s⁻¹). The sensitivity of the VIVA observations is around $3\text{--}5 \times 10^{19}$ HI atoms cm⁻² (3σ , $0.3 M_\odot \text{pc}^{-2}$) at a typical angular resolution of $\sim 25''$. We quantify the HI deficiency, def_{HI} , in our sample using the prescription of [Chung et al. \(2009a\)](#), which assumes a mean HI mass-diameter relation, independently of morphological type. Our galaxies span a wide range of values, $-0.43 \leq def_{\text{HI}} \leq 1.47$, revealing different stages of interaction with the environment. Even if we adopt an HI deficiency criterion based on morphological type (e.g. [Giovanardi et al. 1983](#)), our sample still covers a wide range of def_{HI} : from -0.2 to 1.1 . Given that the uncertainties in def_{HI} are $\sim 0.25\text{--}0.3$ dex we shall consider a galaxy as non-deficient only if it has $def_{\text{HI}} \leq 0.4$.

FIR images for dust emission at 100, 160, 250, 350, and 500 μm come from the HeViCS full depth data set (see [Auld et al. 2012](#), for details on the data reduction). The beam full width half maximum for these wavelengths are 9'', 13'', 18'', 24'', and 36'', respectively.

The dust surface mass density is derived as in [Magrini et al. \(2011\)](#) (see also [Smith et al. 2010](#); [Bendo et al. 2010a](#)). The five images in the *Herschel* photometric bands were convolved to the poorer resolution of the 500 μm , then registered on the same pixel grid. Each pixel was fitted with a single temperature modified black body, with dust emissivity $\kappa \propto \nu^\beta$ and $\beta = 2$; the filter response function was taken into account for the color correction. As shown by [Davies et al. \(2012\)](#) for global fluxes, and by [Magrini et al. \(2011\)](#) for pixel-by-pixel surface brightness analysis, our choice of the dust emissivity provides a satisfactory fit to the spectral energy distribution. If we exclude the notorious uncertainty of the dust emissivity, the uncertainties due to the fitting procedure amounts to 10–15% for the full depth HeViCS data set. Other sources of uncertainty in the determination of the total mass are discussed in [Magrini et al. \(2011\)](#).

In Table 1 we summarize the main properties of the galaxies in the sample, and in Appendix A we describe more in detail the galaxies for which we present new CO observations.

Table 1. General properties of the sample.

Galaxy	RA deg	Dec deg	Type	m_B	D Mpc	V_{hel} km s ⁻¹	a '	i deg	PA deg	def_{HI}	Z_c
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
Targets of our observations											
NGC 4189	183.447	13.42	Sc	12.69	32	2114	2.40	45	66	0.25	9.09
NGC 4294	185.324	11.51	Sc	12.68	17	355	3.24	70	155	-0.11	8.95
NGC 4298	185.386	14.61	Sc	11.95	17	1136	3.24	57	140	0.41	9.08
NGC 4299	185.419	11.50	Scd	12.99	17	232	1.74	22	42	-0.43	8.83
NGC 4351	186.006	12.20	Sc	12.99	17	2316	1.20	49	61	0.23	8.88
NGC 4388	186.445	12.66	Sab	11.87	17	2515	5.62	75 ^a	92	1.16	9.09
NGC 4424	186.798	9.42	Sa	12.33	23	437	3.63	62	95	0.97	9.08
Galaxies with ¹² CO(1–0) maps from Kuno et al. (2007)											
NGC 4192	183.451	14.90	Sb	10.73	17	-139	9.77	78	155	0.51	9.08
NGC 4254	184.707	14.42	Sc	10.45	17	2404	5.37	30	68	-0.10	9.09
NGC 4321	185.728	15.82	Sc	10.02	17	1575	7.41	33	30	0.35	9.07
NGC 4402	186.532	13.11	Sc	12.64	17	230	3.89	78	90	0.74	9.08
NGC 4501	187.996	14.42	Sbc	10.50	17	2282	6.92	59	140	0.58	9.05
NGC 4535	188.585	8.20	Sc	10.73	17	1964	7.08	46	0	0.41	9.09
NGC 4569	189.208	13.16	Sab	10.08	17	-221	9.55	65	23	1.47	9.08
NGC 4579	189.431	11.82	Sab	10.52	17	1516	5.89	38	95	0.95	9.06

Notes. Column 1: name; Cols. 2, 3: equatorial coordinate (J2000); Col. 4: morphological type (Binggeli et al. 1985, 1993); Col. 5: B -band magnitude; Col. 6: distance; Col. 7: heliocentric velocity; Col. 8: major axis optical diameter; Col. 9: inclination; Col. 10: Position angle; Col. 11: HI deficiency parameter; Col. 12: central oxygen abundance expressed as $12+\log \text{O/H}$ from the mass-metallicity relation of Tremonti et al. (2004). Data sources: Cols. 1–7, GOLDMine (Gavazzi et al. 2003); Cols. 8–11, Chung et al. (2009a); Col. 12, Corbelli et al. (2012). ^(a) The inclination of this galaxy has been computed directly from the axis ratio.

3. IRAM 30-m observations

The CO observations were carried out at the IRAM 30-m millimeter-wave telescope on Pico Veleta (Spain) during two observing runs in June 2010 and April 2011.

3.1. Observational setup and data reduction

We observed the ¹²CO(1–0) and ¹²CO(2–1) rotational transitions, with rest frequencies of 115.271 and 230.538 GHz, respectively. As front-end we used the Eight MIXer Receiver (EMIR; Carter et al. 2012), and adopted three different back-ends:

- the 4 MHz filterbank, used for the ¹²CO(1–0) line only, providing a total band width of 4 GHz, and a channel width of 4 MHz, i.e. 10.4 km s⁻¹;
- the Wideband Line Multiple Autocorrelator (WILMA) with a bandwidth of 1860 channels (4 GHz), and a spectral resolution of 2 MHz. This corresponds to a spectral resolution of 5.2, and 2.25 km s⁻¹ for the ¹²CO(1–0) and ¹²CO(2–1) lines;
- the VErsatile SPectrometer Assembly (VESPA) for which we selected the resolution of 1.25 MHz, with a smaller bandwidth, 420 MHz. This setup gives a spectral resolution of 3.25, and 1.62 km s⁻¹ for the ¹²CO(1–0) and ¹²CO(2–1) lines.

We performed a flux calibration every 15 min, checked the pointing every 2 h, and the focus every 6 h, as customary. The spectra were calibrated in main-beam temperature, assuming the main-beam and forward efficiencies $\eta_{\text{mb}} = 0.78$ and $\eta_{\text{for}} = 0.95$ for the ¹²CO(1–0) and $\eta_{\text{mb}} = 0.59$, $\eta_{\text{for}} = 0.91$ for ¹²CO(2–1), according to the values given in the IRAM-30 m website as of July 2011. The main-beam temperature is $T_{\text{mb}} = \eta_{\text{for}}/\eta_{\text{mb}} \cdot T_{\text{A}}^*$, where T_{A}^* is the antenna temperature (Wilson et al. 2009).

To increase the signal-to-noise ratio (S/N) we averaged the spectra taken with all the backends to a common resolution

of 10.4 km s⁻¹. We removed the baseline outside the signal window by fitting polynomial functions¹ of orders between 1 and 3. The half power beam widths (HPBW) are 22'5 for ¹²CO(1–0) and 11'25 for ¹²CO(2–1). We observed our sample in 2 different observing modes: on the fly (OTF) map and position switching (PS). The choice of the observing mode was based on the estimated total CO brightness from FIR emission.

In OTF mode the telescope moves smoothly across the target and collects spectra while scanning. We set the integration time per position to 2 s and the distance between each position along the scan to 4'', below the critical Nyquist frequency. After each scan a reference spectrum is taken in a region with no sources. Several scans along a chosen direction were taken to cover an area of about 1 square arcmin. The observations were repeated several time along parallel and perpendicular scan directions to reach the required sensitivity. In total, we observed NGC 4189 for 8.1 h, NGC 4298 for 4 h, NGC 4388 for 2.4 h, and NGC 4299 for 4 h. The sensitivities we achieved for the ¹²CO(1–0) and ¹²CO(2–1) lines are shown in Cols. 3, 4 of Table 2. The size of each map is given in Col. 2 of Table 2. Scans were done along the RA and Dec directions, with the exception of NGC 4298, where a scan direction parallel and perpendicular to the major axis was used.

The map pixel size is chosen in order to achieve roughly Nyquist sampling, 9'3 for ¹²CO(1–0) and 4'7 for ¹²CO(2–1) (HPBW/2.4). Spectra at each pixel are summed using the sigma-weighted average to obtain the map. The observations have been smoothed with a Gaussian of size 1/3 of the telescope beam to gain in sensitivity at the expense of a slightly larger beam size (see Mangum et al. 2007). In the following analysis, the ¹²CO(2–1) maps have been convolved with an appropriate bidimensional Gaussian kernel to match the resolution of the ¹²CO(1–0).

¹ Most of data reduction was performed using GILDAS software: <http://www.iram.fr/IRAMFR/GILDAS>

Table 2. Integrated quantities for observations in OTF mode.

Galaxy	Map size	σ_{1-0}	σ_{2-1}	$\overline{I_{1-0}}$	$\overline{I_{2-1}}$	$\overline{I_{2-1}/I_{1-0}}$	$\overline{\Sigma_{1-0}^{\text{H}_2}}$	$M_{1-0}^{\text{H}_2}$
(1)	" \times " (2)	mK (3)	mK (4)	K km s ⁻¹ (5)	K km s ⁻¹ (6)	(7)	M_{\odot} pc ⁻² (8)	$10^8 M_{\odot}$ (9)
NGC 4189	96 \times 75	7	10	3.73 \pm 0.34	3.43 \pm 0.78	0.94	11.95 \pm 1.1	17.4 \pm 1.3
NGC 4298	120 \times 60	11	14	19 \pm 0.66	6.04 \pm 2.4	0.76	23.32 \pm 2.1	10.4 \pm 0.8
NGC 4299*	104 \times 104	19	42	1.28 \pm 0.28	1.2 \pm 0.7	..	4.1 \pm 2.6	1.1 \pm 0.2
NGC 4388	117 \times 42	13	39	8.93 \pm 0.75	10.8 \pm 2.6	0.9	28.55 \pm 2.4	7.13 \pm 0.6

Notes. Column 1: name; Col. 2: map size; Cols. 3, 4: measured uncertainties in 10.4 km s⁻¹ channels for a 22''5 beam; Cols. 5, 6: average value of the integrated intensity; Col. 7: average ¹²CO(2-1)/¹²CO(1-0) intensity ratio; Col. 8: average surface mass density of H₂ using ¹²CO(1-0) and the Galactic X_{CO} ; Col. 9: total H₂ mass. (*) For this galaxy, because of the low S/N the results shown were obtained integrating inside an aperture of $R = 35''$ (see Sect. 3.2 for details).

Table 3. Integrated quantities for observations in PS mode.

Galaxy	$\Delta\text{RA}, \Delta\text{Dec}$	σ_{1-0}	σ_{2-1}	I_{1-0}	I_{2-1}	I_{2-1}/I_{1-0}	$\Sigma_{1-0}^{\text{H}_2}$	M_{H_2}
(1)	" (2)	mK (3)	mK (4)	K km s ⁻¹ (5)	K km s ⁻¹ (6)	(7)	M_{\odot} pc ⁻² (8)	$10^8 M_{\odot}$ (9)
NGC 4351	+0.0, +0.0	4	13	2.29 \pm 0.14	2.3 \pm 0.31	1.00	7.34 \pm 0.44	0.71
NGC 4294	+0.0, +0.0	4	4	2.66 \pm 0.11	1.36 \pm 0.12	0.51	8.5 \pm 0.35	0.73
	+9.3, -19.9	4	8	1.08 \pm 0.18	0.99 \pm 0.23	0.92	3.47 \pm 0.58	
NGC 4424	+0.0, +0.0	6	10	9.41 \pm 0.24	9.0 \pm 0.4	0.96	30.1 \pm 0.77	4.2
	+21.9, -1.9	3	13	2.28 \pm 0.16	2.7 \pm 0.5	1.18	7.31 \pm 0.52	
	+43.8, -3.8	11	11	1.08 \pm 0.25	1.02 \pm 0.37	0.94	3.67 \pm 0.8	
	-21.9, +1.9	11	13	6.31 \pm 0.4	5.7 \pm 0.49	0.9	20.2 \pm 1.28	
	-43.8, +3.8	11	11	1.05 \pm 0.16	1.04 \pm 0.5	0.99	3.35 \pm 0.52	

Notes. Column 1: galaxy name; Col. 2: observed offset with respect to the galaxy center; Cols. 3, 4: 1 σ rms associated to ¹²CO(1-0) and ¹²CO(2-1) lines, respectively; Cols. 5, 6: integrated CO flux ($\int T dv$) for ¹²CO(1-0) and ¹²CO(2-1); Col. 7: ¹²CO(2-1)/¹²CO(1-0) intensity ratio; Col. 8: surface mass density derived from the ¹²CO(1-0) line using the Galactic X_{CO} ; Col. 10: total H₂ mass (see Sect. 3.2 for details).

To estimate the Moment 0 and Moment 1 maps we defined in each spatial pixel a spectral signal window and integrated within it. We calculated the noise σ outside the window and then estimated the noise related to the signal as $N = \sigma \cdot \Delta v / \sqrt{N_{\text{ch}}}$, where Δv is the width of the window in km s⁻¹ and N_{ch} is the number of channels inside the signal window. In the final cube we took into account only the pixels with $S/N \geq 3$.

Three galaxies with expected fainter CO emission were observed in PS mode at a few selected positions, with the telescope switching between the galaxy and an offset position for background subtraction. In these observations we integrated for 15 min on each position and achieved the sensitivities shown in Cols. 3 and 4 in Table 3. The original plan was to observe several positions along the major axis spaced by the ¹²CO(1-0) beamsize. However, due to bad weather conditions and time limitations this was possible only for NGC 4424, which was observed in 5 positions. For NGC 4294 it was possible to observe only the galaxy center and another position, and finally for NGC 4351 we only observed the galaxy center. The observed positions with respect to the center are shown in Col. 2 of Table 3.

3.2. Results on individual galaxies

Table 2 shows the average value of the integrated intensity for ¹²CO(1-0) and ¹²CO(2-1) lines (Cols. 5 and 6), together with the average intensity line ratio (Col. 7) for galaxies observed in OTF mode. In Cols. 8 and 9 we report the average surface brightness and the total mass of molecular hydrogen, obtained integrating over the pixels with surface mass densities above 3σ . We converted the ¹²CO(1-0) integrated intensities

into molecular gas masses using the standard Galactic conversion factor $X_{\text{CO}} = N_{\text{H}_2}/I_{\text{CO}} = 2 \times 10^{20}$ cm⁻² [K km s⁻¹]⁻¹, estimated in the solar neighborhood (Strong & Mattoz 1996; Dame et al. 2001). In Sect. 4 we investigate how the choice of different X_{CO} factors affects the estimate of molecular hydrogen surface mass densities. We estimate the molecular fraction, defined as $f_{\text{mol}} = M_{\text{H}_2}/(M_{\text{H}_2} + M_{\text{HI}})$, using the mass of atomic hydrogen given by Chung et al. (2009a).

In Figs. 1, 3, 4 the CO maps obtained in OTF mode are presented in the following order: in the top left and right panels we show the moment 0 and moment 1 map of the ¹²CO(1-0) intensity emission; in the middle left and right panels the moment 0 ¹²CO(2-1) map and the ¹²CO(2-1)/¹²CO(1-0) line intensity ratio are shown. The channel velocity maps with $\Delta v = 10.4$ km s⁻¹ are given in the bottom panels.

NGC 4189

The CO maps of NGC 4189 are shown in Fig. 1. The 3σ noise in ¹²CO(1-0) and ¹²CO(2-1) maps is 4.2 and 4 M_{\odot} pc⁻², respectively. The total mass of molecular gas is $M_{\text{H}_2} = 17.4 \pm 1.3 \times 10^8 M_{\odot}$, and the molecular-to-total gas mass fraction is $f_{\text{mol}} = 0.43$. The ¹²CO(1-0) emission is less extended (~ 1.6 at 4.2 M_{\odot} pc⁻²) than the atomic hydrogen (~ 2.6 at 4.8 M_{\odot} pc⁻²) but comparable to the extent of the optical disk (2'.26). The total intensity of the ¹²CO(2-1) lines is comparable to that of the ¹²CO(1-0) line.

The ¹²CO(1-0) emission (top left panel of Fig. 1) has a regular structure centered in the South-East region and is more homogeneously distributed with respect to the ¹²CO(2-1) emission,

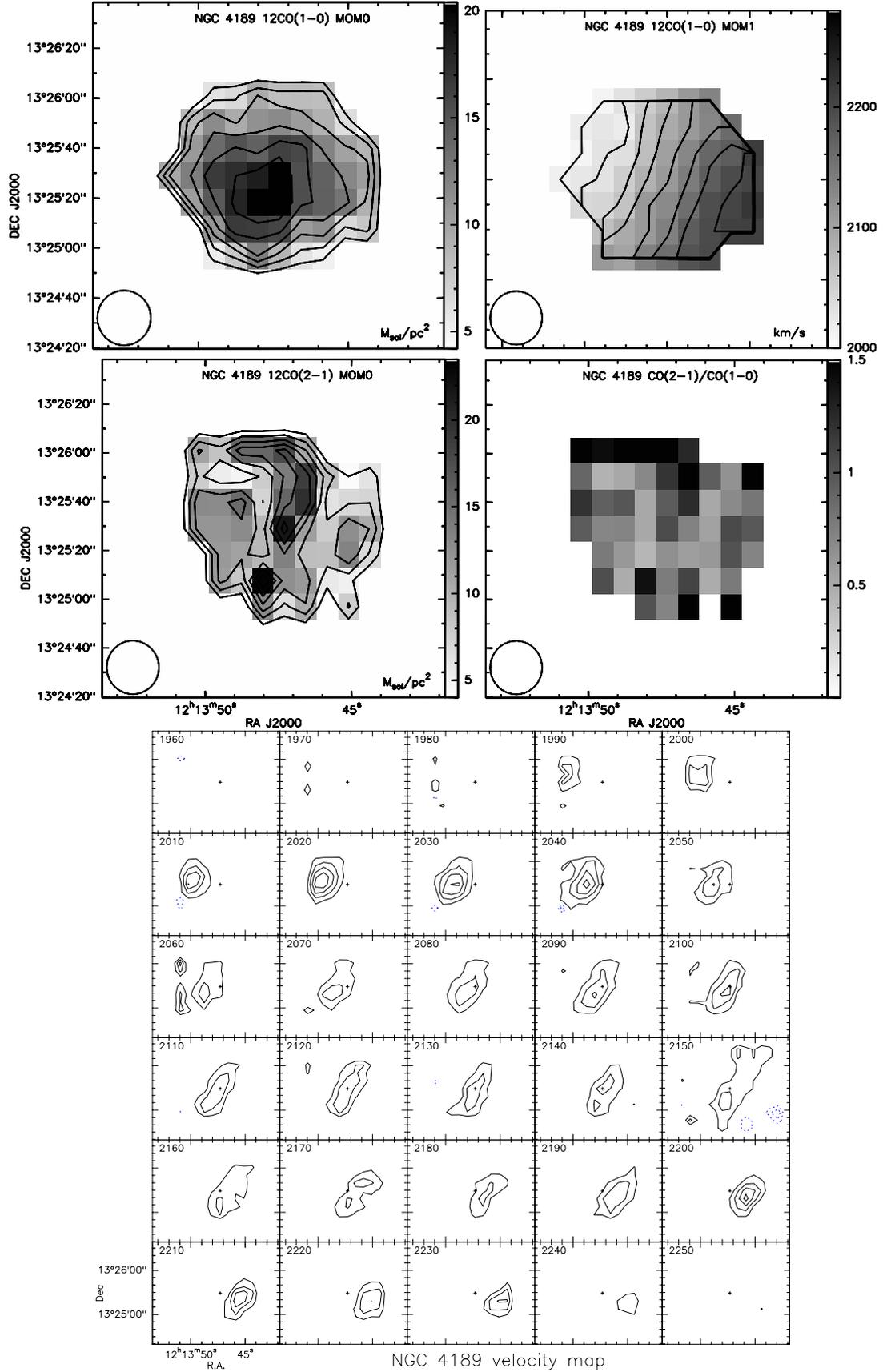


Fig. 1. NGC 4189 maps. *Top left:* $^{12}\text{CO}(1-0)$ Moment 0 map, contours: 4.2, 6.9, 9.6, 12.3, 15, 17.7 $M_{\odot} \text{pc}^{-2}$. *Top right:* $^{12}\text{CO}(1-0)$ Moment 1 with $2000 \leq v \leq 2230$ and $\Delta v = 28 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. *Middle left:* $^{12}\text{CO}(2-1)$ Moment 0 map, contours: 4, 7.25, 10.5, 13.75, 17, 20.25, 23.5 $M_{\odot} \text{pc}^{-2}$. *Middle right:* $^{12}\text{CO}(2-1)/^{12}\text{CO}(1-0)$ ratio. The beam size is illustrated in the *bottom left* of each panel. *Bottom panel:* channels map of $^{12}\text{CO}(1-0)$ with $1980 \leq v \leq 2250 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ and $\Delta v = 10 \text{ km s}^{-1}$.

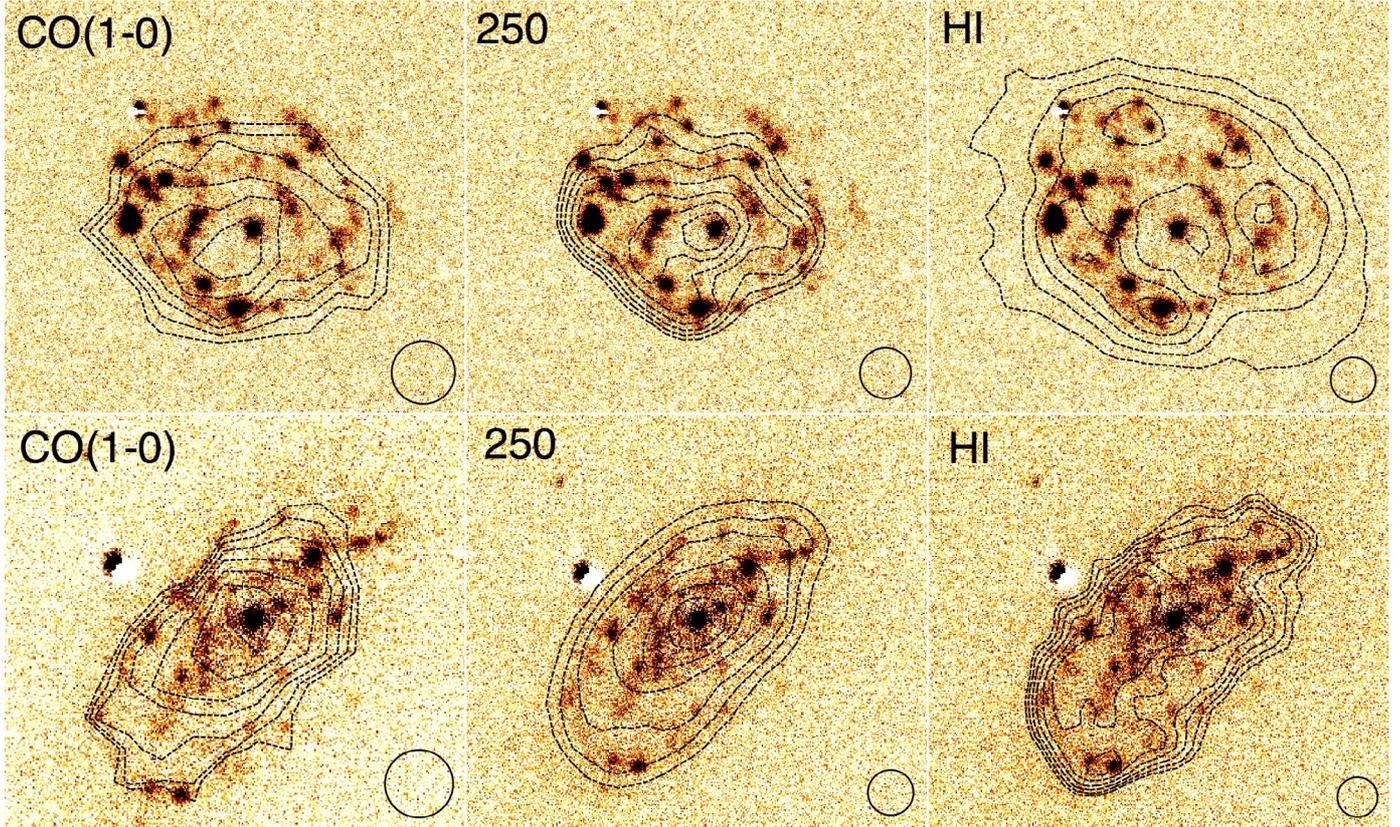


Fig. 2. $H\alpha$ emission (from GOLDMine) of NGC 4189 (top row) and NGC 4298 (bottom row) with overplotted $^{12}\text{CO}(1-0)$ (left column), $250\ \mu\text{m}$ emission (middle column), and HI surface mass density (right column). The contours of $^{12}\text{CO}(1-0)$ line are $4.2, 6.9, 9.6, 12.3, 15,$ and $17.7\ M_{\odot}\ \text{pc}^{-2}$ for NGC 4189 and $0.5, 8.8, 17.1, 25.4, 33.7, 42,$ and $50.3\ M_{\odot}\ \text{pc}^{-2}$ for NGC 4298. The $250\ \mu\text{m}$ contours are at $0.23, 0.28, 0.31, 0.36, 0.42, 0.48, 0.56,$ and $0.65\ \text{Jy beam}^{-1}$ for NGC 4189 and $0.2, 0.3, 0.41, 0.63, 0.84,$ and $1.06\ \text{Jy beam}^{-1}$ for NGC 4298. The HI surface mass density contours are at $4.8, 7.2, 10, 12.4, 14.8,$ and $17.2\ M_{\odot}\ \text{pc}^{-2}$ for NGC 4189, and at $4.3, 5.2, 6, 7, 8, 9.1, 10.6\ M_{\odot}\ \text{pc}^{-2}$ for NGC 4298. The beam size of each observations is shown in the bottom left of each panel.

which has a clumpier structure dominated by a few unresolved regions (of 1 pixel size). Taking into account only regions with $S/N \geq 3$ the $^{12}\text{CO}(2-1)/^{12}\text{CO}(1-0)$ ratio varies between 0.4 and 1 (bottom right panel of Fig. 1). These values are consistent with the bulk of the emission being optically thick.

In the top row of Fig. 2 we compare qualitatively the $H\alpha$ emission of NGC 4189 (from GOLDMine; Gavazzi et al. 2003) with the $^{12}\text{CO}(1-0)$ (left), HI (middle), and the $250\ \mu\text{m}$ (right) emission. Dust emission at $250\ \mu\text{m}$ is comparable in size with the $^{12}\text{CO}(1-0)$ emission. The distribution of dust emission across the disk is regular and more similar to the CO brightness distribution than to the HI. There is a higher concentration of the dust in the South-East regions, in agreement with a similar feature seen in the HI, $^{12}\text{CO}(1-0)$, and $H\alpha$ maps.

NGC 4298

The CO maps for NGC 4298 are shown in Fig. 3. We estimate a total mass $M_{\text{H}_2} = 10.4 \pm 0.8 \times 10^8 M_{\odot}$ and $f_{\text{mol}} = 0.65$. Both the $^{12}\text{CO}(1-0)$ (top left panel of Fig. 3) and $^{12}\text{CO}(2-1)$ emissions (middle left panel of Fig. 3) peak in the central regions, consistently with the observed $H\alpha$ emission (bottom row of Fig. 2, from GOLDMine).

The Moment 1 map (top right panel of Fig. 3) shows a quite regular structure in the northern part of the disk and slightly disturbed velocity contours in the South. The $^{12}\text{CO}(2-1)/^{12}\text{CO}(1-0)$ ratio has values between 0.3 and 1.4, with the highest values found in isolated clumps of 1–2 pixels in size. The location

of these pixels corresponds to the brightest HII regions in the galaxy.

Both the HI and the CO emission have a higher surface mass density in the South-East region, but the $250\ \mu\text{m}$ emission is only slightly asymmetric (see bottom row panels of Fig. 2).

NGC 4388

For NGC 4388 the CO maps are shown in Fig. 4. The estimated total mass of molecular hydrogen is $7.1 \pm 0.6 \times 10^8 M_{\odot}$ and the molecular fraction is $f_{\text{mol}} = 0.63$. Unfortunately the $^{12}\text{CO}(2-1)$ emission has $SNR > 3$ only in the central regions and the relative map is smaller than $^{12}\text{CO}(1-0)$ map. Both the HI and CO distributions throughout the disk drop sharply below the sensitivity of our observations; this can be seen in the middle panel of Fig. 5, where we overlay the contours of the molecular gas onto a reference g -band image from SDSS-DR6 (Adelman-McCarthy et al. 2008). The atomic and molecular components are truncated at $R/R_{25} \approx 0.6$, where R_{25} is the radius at a B -band surface brightness of $25\ \text{mag arcsec}^{-2}$ ($R_{25} = a/2$, see Col. 8 of Table 1), as expected for highly HI-deficient galaxies ($def_{\text{HI}} = 1.16$). The top panel of Fig. 5 shows that the radial extent of the atomic and molecular phases for this galaxy are comparable.

The structure of the $^{12}\text{CO}(1-0)$ emission is asymmetric, with a more prominent elongated diffuse tail in the east side of the disk (middle panel of Fig. 5). A similar feature is present also in the HI distribution (Chung et al. 2009a), and this

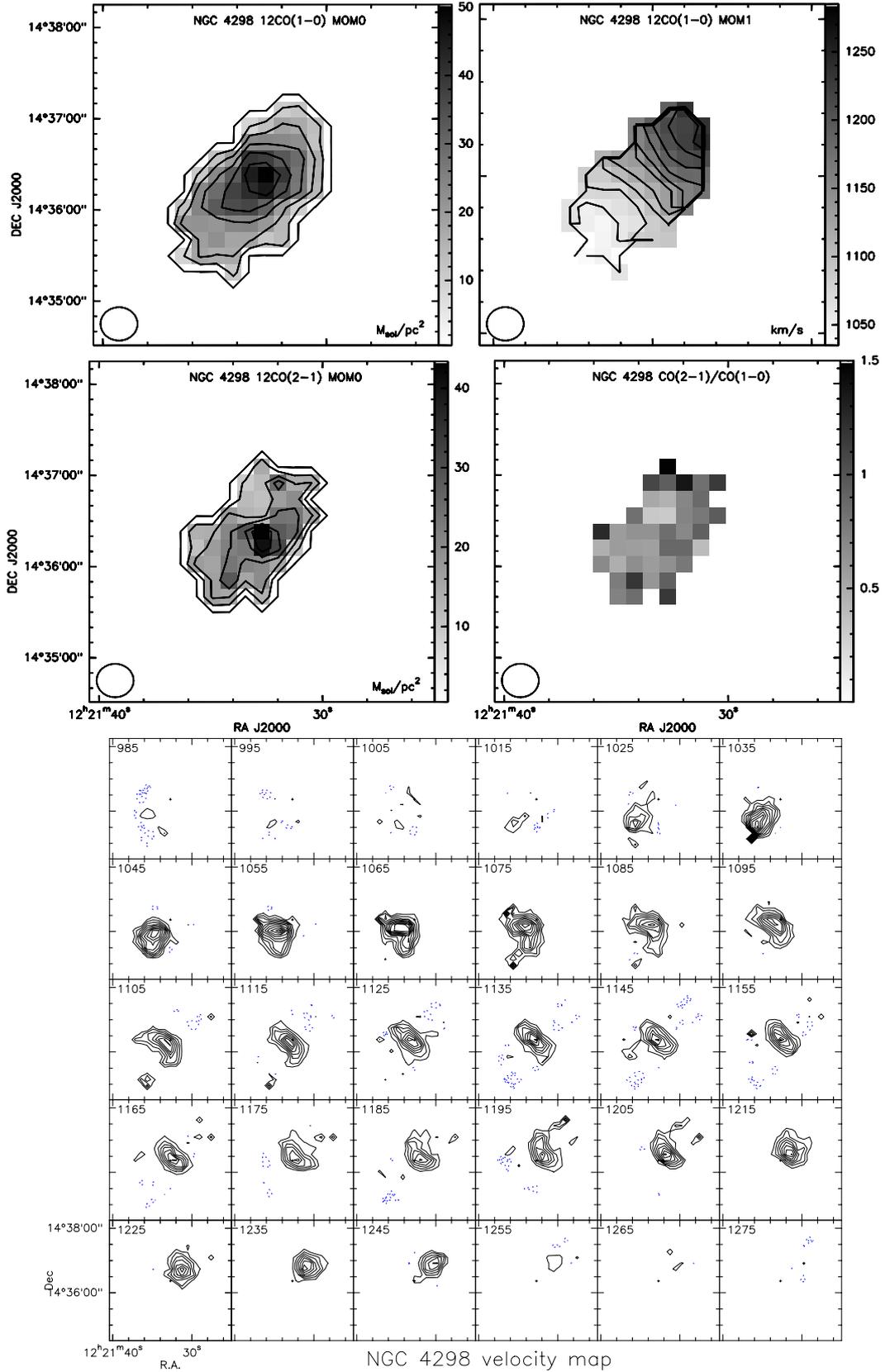


Fig. 3. NGC 4298 maps. *Top left:* $^{12}\text{CO}(1-0)$ Moment 0 map, contours: 0.5, 8.8, 17.1, 25.4, 33.7, 42, and $50.3 M_{\odot} \text{pc}^{-2}$. *Top right:* $^{12}\text{CO}(1-0)$ Moment 1 with $1035 \leq v \leq 1235$ and $\Delta v = 20 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. *Middle left:* $^{12}\text{CO}(2-1)$ Moment 0 map, contours: 0.5, 7.6, 14.8, 21.9, 29, and $36.2 M_{\odot} \text{pc}^{-2}$. *Middle right:* $^{12}\text{CO}(2-1)$ over $^{12}\text{CO}(1-0)$ ratio. The beam size is shown in the bottom left of each panel. *Bottom panel:* channels map of $^{12}\text{CO}(1-0)$ with $985 \leq v \leq 1275 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ and $\Delta v = 10 \text{ km s}^{-1}$.

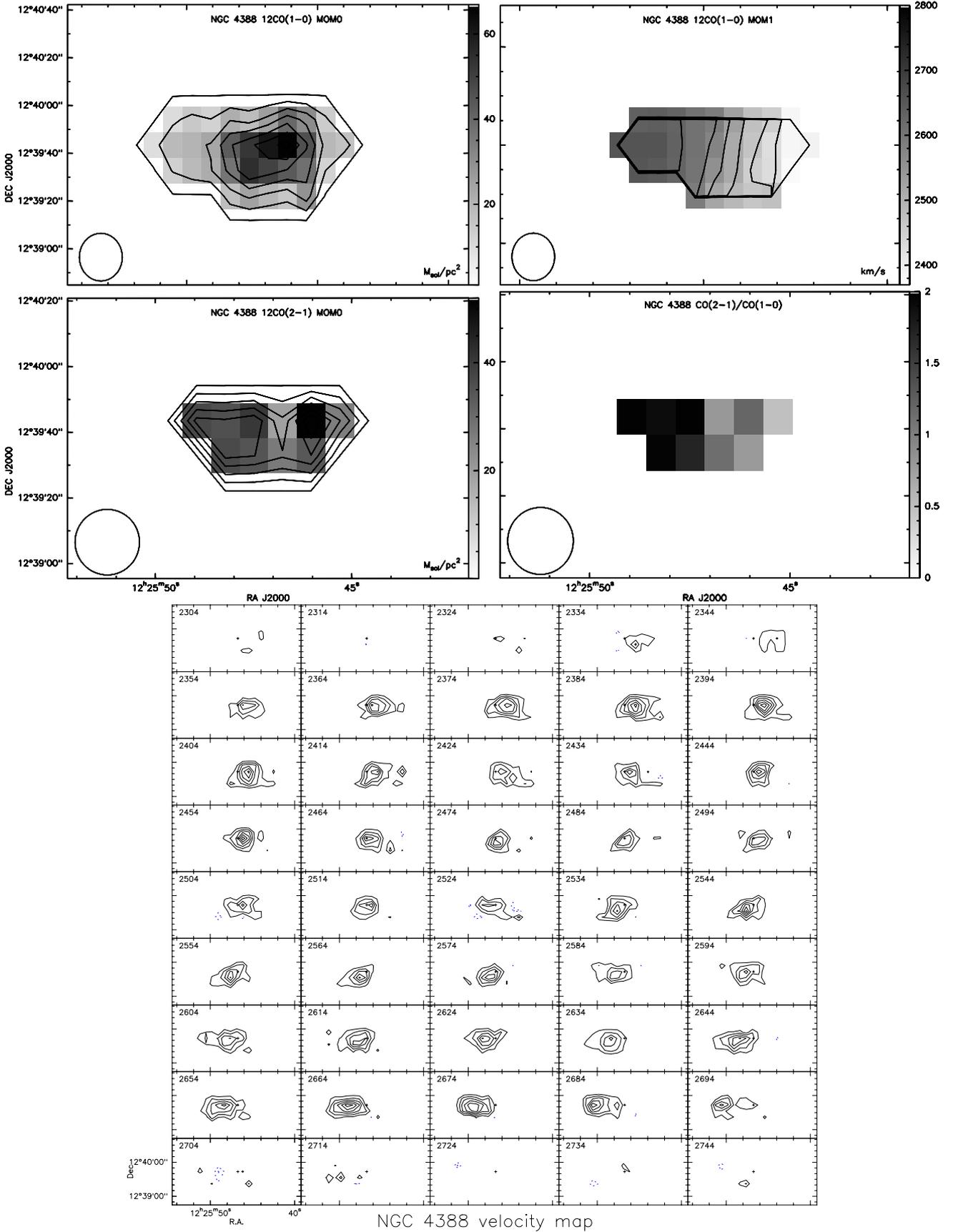


Fig. 4. NGC 4388 maps. *Top left panel:* $^{12}\text{CO}(1-0)$ Moment 0 map, contours: 1, 12, 23, 34, 45, 56, and $67 M_{\odot} \text{pc}^{-2}$. *Top right panel:* $^{12}\text{CO}(1-0)$ Moment 1 with $2370 \leq v \leq 2800$ and $\Delta v = 43 \text{ km s}^{-1}$. *Middle left panel:* $^{12}\text{CO}(2-1)$ Moment 0 map, contours: 0.01, 8.6, 17.3, 26, 34.7, 43.3, and $52 M_{\odot} \text{pc}^{-2}$. *Middle right panel:* $^{12}\text{CO}(2-1)$ over $^{12}\text{CO}(1-0)$ ratio. The beam size is shown in the bottom left of each panel. *Bottom panel:* channels map of $^{12}\text{CO}(1-0)$ with $2304 \leq v \leq 2744 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ and $\Delta v = 10 \text{ km s}^{-1}$.

Table 4. Dust and gas properties in the sample.

Galaxy	M_{dust} $10^7 M_{\odot}$	M_{HI} $10^8 M_{\odot}$	M_{H_2} $10^8 M_{\odot}$	$M_{\text{dust}}/(M_{\text{HI}} + M_{\text{H}_2})$	f_{mol}
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
NGC 4189	4.47 ± 0.78	22.7 ± 0.7	17.4 ± 1.34	0.011	0.43
NGC 4294	1.15 ± 0.23	18.4 ± 1	0.73 ± 0.2	0.006	0.04
NGC 4298	2.29 ± 0.4	5.6 ± 0.9	10.4 ± 0.8	0.014	0.65
NGC 4299	0.52 ± 0.1	12.4 ± 0.5	1.1 ± 0.2	0.004	0.08
NGC 4351	0.4 ± 0.07	3.4 ± 0.4	0.71 ± 0.2	0.01	0.17
NGC 4388	1.2 ± 0.24	4.15 ± 2	7.13 ± 0.6	0.01	0.63
NGC 4424	0.59 ± 0.1	3.97 ± 0.2	4.2 ± 1.2	0.007	0.51

Notes. Column 1: galaxy name; Col. 2: dust mass (Davies et al. 2010); Col. 3: integrated HI mass (Chung et al. 2009a); Col. 4: integrated H_2 mass (this work); Col. 5: dust-to-gas ratio; Col. 6: molecular-to-total gas mass fraction. The molecular masses have been estimated using the Galactic X_{CO} .

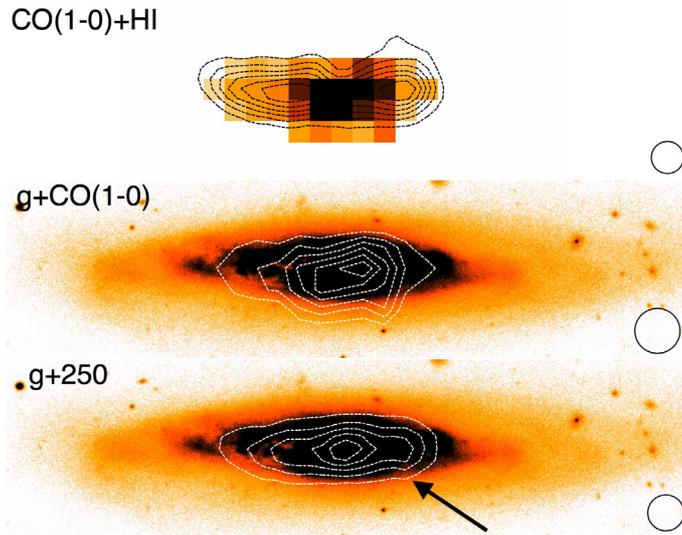


Fig. 5. Top panel: $^{12}\text{CO}(1-0)$ emission of NGC 4388 with overplotted HI emission from VIVA (Chung et al. 2009a). Contours: 15.7, 18.7, 22.1, 25.2, 28.6 $M_{\odot} \text{pc}^{-2}$. Middle panel: SDSS g -band image of NGC 4388 with overplotted $^{12}\text{CO}(1-0)$ emission, contours: 1, 12, 23, 34, 45, 56, and 67 $M_{\odot} \text{pc}^{-2}$. Bottom panel: SDSS g -band image of NGC 4388 with overplotted 250 μm dust emission, contours: 0.35, 0.71, 1.07, 1.43, 1.79, and 2.15 Jy beam^{-1} . The beam size is shown in each panel. The arrow in the bottom panel indicates the direction of ram pressure.

overdensity is higher where the gas plume observed in Oosterloo & van Gorkom (2005) connects with the disk. At 250 μm the disk is also slightly asymmetric, similar in shape to the CO distribution (middle and bottom panels of Fig. 5). This asymmetry in the ISM component is probably due to a recent ram pressure episode (see arrow in Fig. 5, Vollmer & Huchtmeier 2003; Pappalardo et al. 2010). Because of the spatial limitation of our map, we were unable to investigate whether there is any stripped molecular gas associated with the elongated HI tail seen by Oosterloo & van Gorkom (2005). The channel maps (top right panel of Fig. 4) do not show the typical “spider diagram” of spiral galaxies, because NGC 4388 is highly inclined ($i = 75^\circ$) and the isovelocity contours are crowded along the line of sight.

NGC 4299

Because of the low S/N of the observations, the CO emission in this galaxy has been determined by integrating the spectra

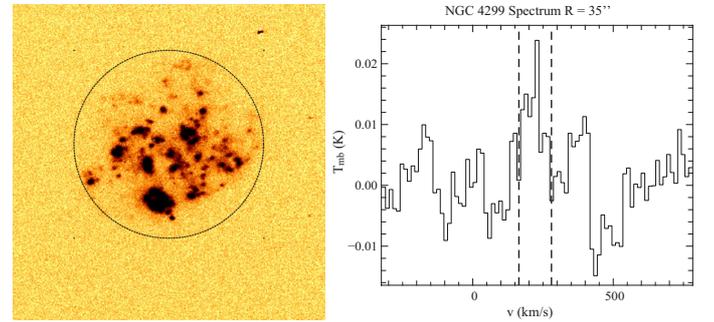


Fig. 6. Left panel: $\text{H}\alpha$ emission of NGC 4299 with overplotted a circle with $R = 35''$ selected to integrate the $^{12}\text{CO}(1-0)$ emission. Right panel: averaged spectra of NGC 4299 inside the circle defined in left panel. The vertical shaded lines show the velocity limits used for the integration.

in the velocity range $130 \leq v \leq 300 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ as determined from the HI emission (Chung et al. 2009a), and inside a circle of $35''$ of radius from the galaxy center (Fig. 6). The size of the circle was chosen to match the $\text{H}\alpha$ emission, taking into account all the star forming regions of the disk. The integration gives an intensity $I_{\text{CO}} = 1.28 \text{ K km s}^{-1}$, with a noise of $\sigma = 0.28 \text{ K km s}^{-1}$ (i.e. $\text{SNR} \sim 4.5$). The estimated mass inside the circle is $M_{\text{H}_2} = 1.1 \pm 0.2 \times 10^8 M_{\odot}$ with an average surface mass density of $4 M_{\odot} \text{pc}^{-2}$ and one of the lowest molecular mass fractions $f_{\text{mol}} = 0.08$ (Table 4).

NGC 4294, NGC 4351 and NGC 4424

For the galaxies observed in PS mode Table 3 reports the integrated CO line emission (Cols. 5, 6), the line ratio (Col. 7), and the surface mass density (Col. 8) for each position. The total M_{H_2} mass (Col. 9) was estimated assuming an exponentially decreasing CO-intensity for the gas (Kenney et al. 1996). For both NGC 4294 and NGC 4424 we estimated a scalelength of $0.1 R_{25}$. Since NGC 4351 was observed only in the central region, we assumed a scalelength $0.2 R_{25}$, as determined in Schrubba et al. (2011) for a sample of 33 nearby spiral galaxies.

Figures 7–9 show the spectra with the associated positions. For NGC 4351 and NGC 4294 we found the lowest H_2 masses of the observed sample, $7.1 \times 10^7 M_{\odot}$, and $7.3 \times 10^7 M_{\odot}$, and also low molecular fractions, $f_{\text{mol}} = 0.17$, and 0.04 , respectively. For NGC 4424 we found a $M_{\text{H}_2} = 4.2 \times 10^8 M_{\odot}$, with a molecular

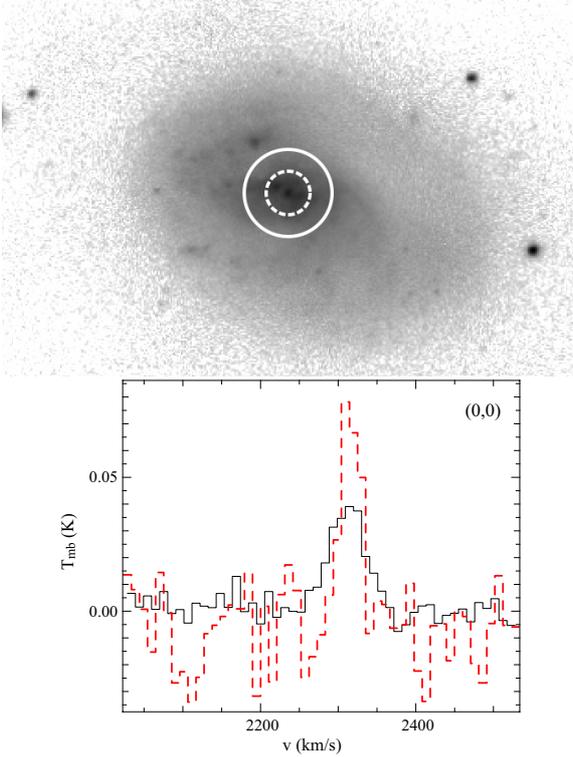


Fig. 7. *Top panel:* SDSS g-band image of NGC 4351. White circles show the beam size for $^{12}\text{CO}(1-0)$ (solid line) and $^{12}\text{CO}(2-1)$ (dashed line). *Bottom panel:* $^{12}\text{CO}(1-0)$ (black solid line) and $^{12}\text{CO}(2-1)$ (red dashed line) observations in the position showed in the left panel.

fraction $f_{\text{mol}} = 0.51$. The integrated fluxes of both $^{12}\text{CO}(1-0)$ and $^{12}\text{CO}(2-1)$ have comparable values.

3.3. Comparison with previous molecular mass estimates

Figure 10 shows the comparison of our measurement of the molecular gas mass with previous estimates (Stark et al. 1986; Young et al. 1995; Boselli et al. 1995b; Smith & Madden 1997; Chung et al. 2009b). We have rescaled the literature values to match our choice of X_{CO} and distance. Overall, there is a quite good agreement with previous observations. The only exception is NGC 4388 for which Stark et al. (1986) reported $M_{\text{H}_2} = 2.2 \times 10^9 M_{\odot}$, a value $\sim 30\%$ higher than our estimate. The beam size of their telescope is larger, $100''$, and they observed the disk in 5 different positions, with an offset of $1/5$ in East-West and North-South directions. Surprisingly they found in the East and West side of the disk an emission comparable to the value in the center of the disk. Our map does not extend farther than $80''$ along the disk; however the emission decreases steeply already at $\sim 30-40''$ from the center. Our molecular mass estimate agrees with the value of Kenney & Young (1986) which have sampled similar regions of this galaxy as Stark et al. (1986), but with a smaller beam.

Cortés et al. (2006) carried out interferometric observations of the $^{12}\text{CO}(1-0)$ emission line of the central regions of NGC 4424, and found a molecular gas mass of $1.6 \times 10^8 M_{\odot}$. Given the larger area covered by our observations, this is compatible with the mass value we find in the central beam and with our higher total mass value.

Our observations have a higher sensitivity and better spatial resolution than previous ones. For most of the galaxies, σ_{1-0} is

between 4 and 11 mK. Moreover all the galaxies observed in OTF mapping mode have not been mapped previously.

4. Environmental effects on the radial distribution of gas and dust

In this section we study the influence of the environment on the surface mass density distributions for the molecular, atomic, and dust components. We consider the new mapped galaxies together with 8 additional galaxies observed at the Nobeyama 45-m telescope (Kuno et al. 2007). The beam size of this set of observations is $15''$, comparable to the IRAM-30 m telescope beam ($22.5''$ for $^{12}\text{CO}(1-0)$ line), but the typical rms noise level is 40–100 mK, a factor of ten higher than the level achieved by our observations.

We divide our galaxies in three groups: non-deficient galaxies with $def_{\text{HI}} < 0.4$ (NGC 4299, NGC 4254, NGC 4189, NGC 4321), galaxies slightly HI-deficient, with $0.4 \leq def_{\text{HI}} \leq 0.7$ (NGC 4298, NGC 4535, NGC 4192, NGC 4501), and HI-deficient galaxies, with $def_{\text{HI}} > 0.7$ (NGC 4402, NGC 4579, NGC 4388, NGC 4569). We use this classification to characterize the environmental effects in our sample.

We consider the total gas surface density as the sum of the atomic and molecular gas component, since we did not take into account the helium contribution. To scale the quoted surface mass density for helium, one should multiply the recovered values by a factor ~ 1.36 . We also neglected the ionized gas, which is expected to be a small fraction of the total gas mass.

4.1. Radial profiles

The radial profiles are obtained averaging surface mass density in elliptical annuli of width $0.15 R/R_{25}$, using the inclination and the major axis position angle given in Cols. 10, 11 of Table 1. The average value in each annulus is plotted when the total number of pixels with surface mass density above the threshold value is at least 20% of the total number of pixels inside the annulus. Finally the radial profiles are corrected to face-on values.

Figure 11 shows the radial profiles of the gas and dust components. The panels are ordered according to the def_{HI} parameter of each galaxy: the top, middle, and bottom rows refer to the non-deficient, slightly HI-deficient, and HI-deficient galaxies, respectively. The open blue circles refer to the molecular surface mass density for a constant Galactic X_{CO} value. The radial profile of the atomic component is plotted using red star symbols. Since the beam size of the HI observations is similar to that of the CO observations, we kept all images at their original spatial resolution ($\sim 20-25''$). The total gas profile is shown with black diamonds. The triangles connected by the green solid line show the dust surface mass density at the resolution of $36''$.

As a general trend, the molecular gas has a higher surface mass density than the HI gas in the inner regions. In the external regions the mass surface density of H_2 decreases, and the relation between the total gas and the HI distribution depends on the environmental effects undergone by the galaxy. The dominance of the molecular gas in central regions is consistent, for some galaxies in our sample, with the results obtained in a sample of 33 nearby galaxies by Bigiel et al. (2008). By analyzing the surface mass density of the different gas phases they recovered a threshold at which most of the gas is converted into molecular form, i.e. $9 M_{\odot} \text{pc}^{-2}$ (see also Krumholz et al. 2008, 2009, for theoretical modeling of this effect). In Fig. 11 the horizontal dotted line marks this value of surface mass density. In the central

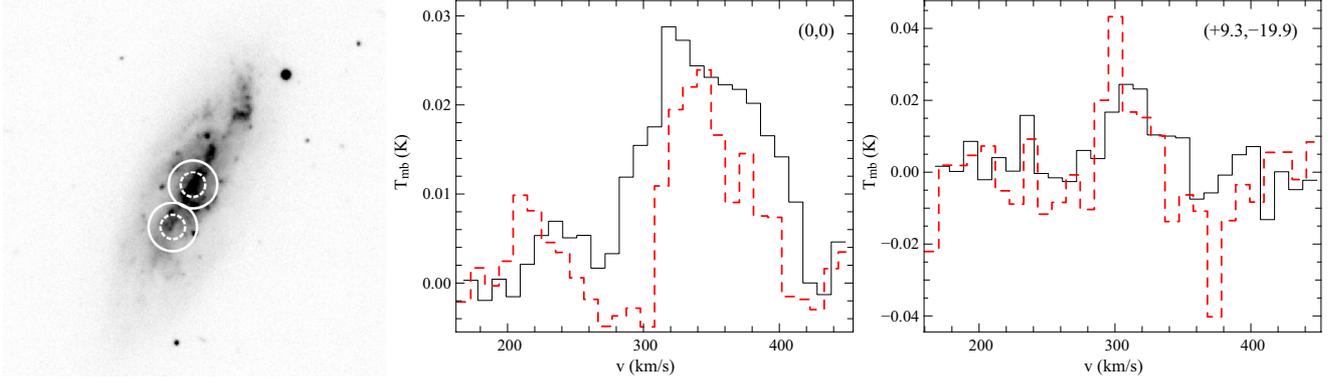


Fig. 8. Same as Fig. 7 for the two positions observed in NGC 4294. The RA and Dec offsets with respect to the center position are indicated in the top right of each spectrum panel.

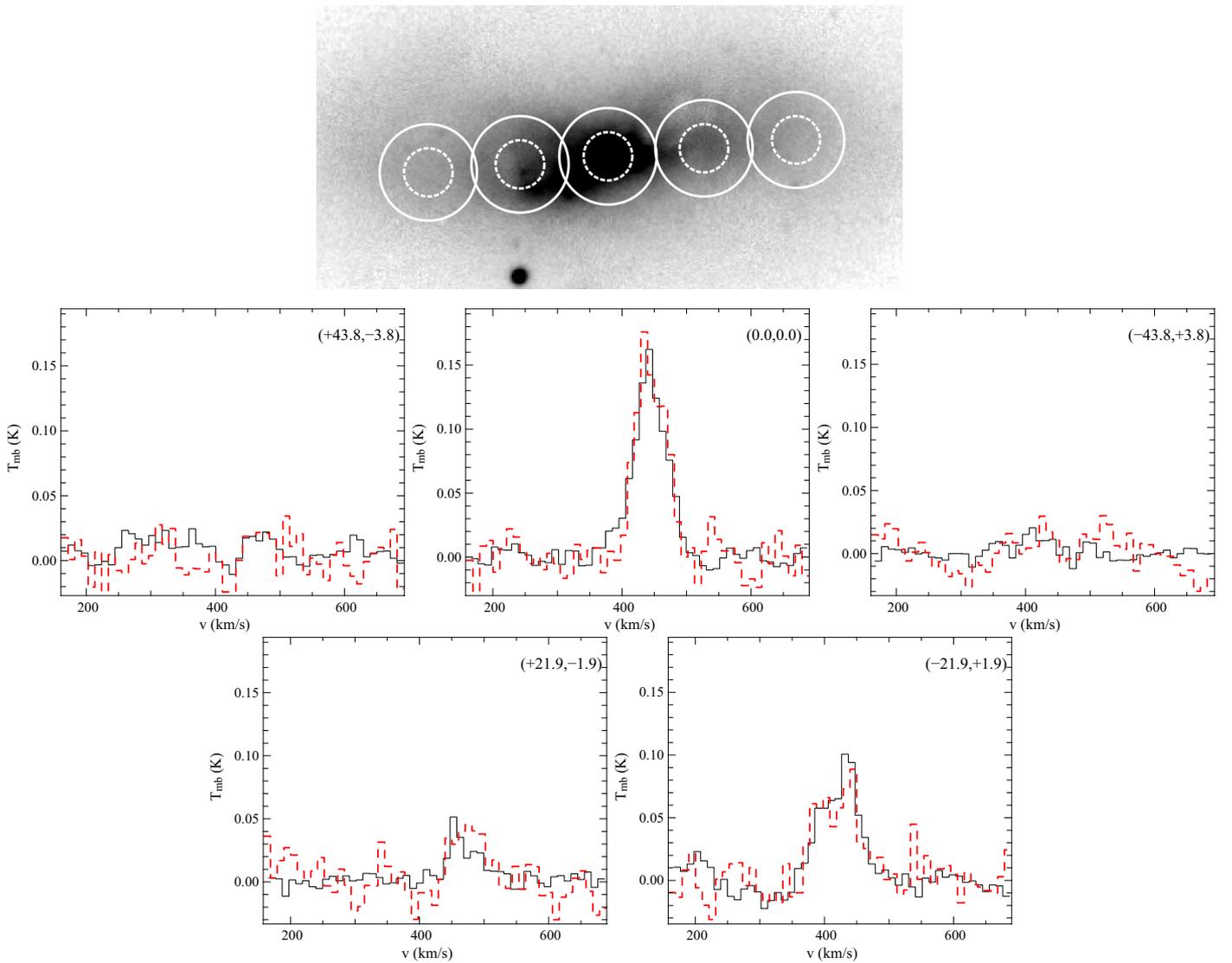


Fig. 9. Same as Fig. 8 for the five positions observed in NGC 4424.

regions of NGC 4535, NGC 4501, and NGC 4579 the molecular phase is already dominant where the HI surface mass density is only $1 M_{\odot} \text{pc}^{-2}$. However, these are HI-deficient galaxies and variations of the threshold value may occur. NGC 4299, the galaxy with the lowest metallicity in our sample, shows a lack of CO. In the central regions the HI dominates the total gas

surface mass density, even if for this galaxy it is above the threshold value.

The estimate of the molecular gas profile strongly depends on the assumption for the X_{CO} factor. We have used so far the Galactic solar neighborhood value, but there is ample evidence that X_{CO} varies in other galaxies as a function of physical

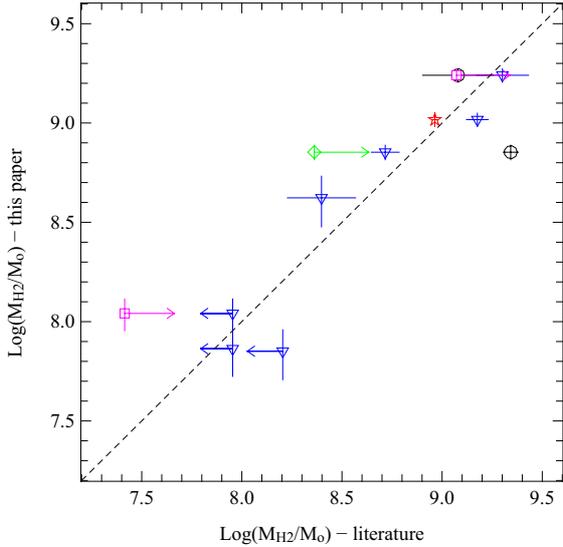


Fig. 10. Comparison of our results with previous observations. References: Young et al. (1995) (blue triangles), Chung et al. (2009b) (red star), Stark et al. (1986) (black circles), Smith & Madden (1997) (magenta squares), and Boselli et al. (1995b) (green diamonds). Arrows represents upper or lower limits.

conditions (e.g. Maloney & Black 1988; Israel 1997; Barone et al. 2000; Boselli et al. 2002; Israel et al. 2003; Israel 2005; Bolatto et al. 2008; Narayanan et al. 2005; Leroy et al. 2011; Shetty et al. 2011; Narayanan et al. 2012; Bell et al. 2007). Thus, we consider an alternative conversion factor, which depends on the metallicity, and varies radially following the metallicity gradient along the disk:

$$\log\left(\frac{X_{\text{CO}}}{2 \times 10^{20}}\right) = 0.4 \cdot \frac{R}{R_{25}} - Z_c + 8.69, \quad (1)$$

with Z_c equals to the oxygen abundance in central regions, expressed in the usual form $12 + \log \text{O/H}$. Since we do not have Z_c and gradients for all the galaxies in our sample we assume the central metallicity estimated using the mass metallicity relation (Tremonti et al. 2004) and reported in Col. 12 of Table 1. We fix the solar value at $Z_\odot = 8.69$, as recently found by Asplund et al. (2009), and assume a radial metallicity gradient $\alpha \sim 0.4 R/R_{25}$, as found by Magrini et al. (2011) for a sample of Virgo spirals. This slope should reproduce the effect of a metallicity gradient.

The blue dashed lines in Fig. 11 represent the surface molecular mass density calculated according to Eq. (1). The choice of a radially varying X_{CO} as a function of metallicity affects significantly the radial profiles and can reduce the molecular mass content up to 60%. Considering for our sample a typical metallicity $Z_c = 9.09$ and according to Eq. (1), we obtain for the central regions $X_{\text{CO}} = 0.78 \times 10^{20} [\text{K km s}^{-1}]^{-1}$, considerably lower than the Galactic X_{CO} . For NGC 4189, if we use the galactic X_{CO} we obtain a centrally peaked molecular distribution with a surface mass density 2–3 times larger than HI in the central region. For $R/R_{25} \gtrsim 0.7$, when the surface mass density is below $4 M_\odot \text{pc}^{-2}$, the HI phase dominates over the molecular phase. Rescaling the conversion factor as in Eq. (1), because of the high value of $Z_c = 9.09$, the atomic hydrogen becomes the dominant component already at $R/R_{25} \gtrsim 0.3$, and the surface mass density of the molecular gas is never above $6 M_\odot \text{pc}^{-2}$. For NGC 4298 the molecular gas in the central region is always dominant for every choice of the conversion factor, and the effect of a rescaling is to reduce the surface mass density value

according to the metallicity. For both NGC 4189 and NGC 4298 the effect of a radially varying conversion factor is negligible in the external regions, $R/R_{25} > 0.6$, where, according to our assumed gradient, the metallicity approaches solar. For NGC 4388 the molecular component with a variable X_{CO} has surface mass densities comparable to the atomic component, as a consequence of the strong HI-deficiency ($def_{\text{HI}} = 1.16$). For NGC 4299 (top left panel of Fig. 11) the effect on the total gas is negligible, because the galaxy is HI dominated ($def_{\text{HI}} = -0.43$).

The radial profiles of dust surface mass densities are shown as green triangles in Fig. 11. The slope of the dust profiles tends to be intermediate between the molecular component (steeper slope) and the atomic component (flatter).

To characterize the environmental effects in our sample, we show in Fig. 12 the bin-averaged profiles of the dust, atomic, molecular, and total gas surface mass densities for the three subsamples defined above. In each panel red circles, black triangles, and blue stars, indicate the non-deficient, slightly HI-deficient, and HI-deficient subsamples. For the molecular component we show only the case for the Galactic X_{CO} , since the conclusions about the environmental effects are similar even if the X_{CO} defined in Eq. (1) is used.

Galaxies with higher HI deficiency have steeper gas profiles and lower surface mass densities, indicating that the lack of atomic hydrogen affects the formation of the molecular gas, and thus the total gas component. However this trend is not completely obvious because, as shown by Fumagalli et al. (2009), HI deficiency is a condition necessary but not sufficient for molecular gas deficiency. In our subsample of HI-deficient galaxies, according to the definition of H_2 -deficiency of Fumagalli et al. (2009), only NGC 4579 is strongly H_2 -deficient, and for this reason the trend observed for the atomic hydrogen in the bottom right panel of Fig. 12 is less evident for the molecular gas component (top left panel in Fig. 12).

As the HI deficiency increases, the surface mass densities are lower for all the ISM components. However, for the atomic hydrogen in the central regions of the disks of HI-deficient galaxies, the surface mass density appears somewhat higher than that of slightly HI-deficient galaxies. This effect could be understood as ram-pressure-induced compression of the gas in the inner region of the disk (Tonnesen & Bryan 2009) that increases locally the gas density (Byrd & Valtonen 1990). Alternatively, the differences in surface mass density can be simply due to uncertainties in the inclination corrections for two of the HI-deficient galaxies, NGC 4388 and NGC 4402, which are nearly edge-on.

Dust radial profiles of HI-deficient galaxies (blue stars) decrease steeply at $R/R_{25} > 0.4$, with respect to the non-deficient galaxies (red circles), but have comparable radial slopes in the inner parts of the disk, since the dust is more confined to the disk where ram pressure is less efficient in the ISM removal. Such a trend has already been found by Cortese et al. (2010).

4.2. Dust-to-gas ratios

In Fig. 13 we show the radial profiles of the dust-to-gas ratio for the three subsamples of galaxies, obtained after convolving the gas components to the resolution of the dust mass maps. The black solid line in each panel shows the bin-averaged profiles for each subset.

In the top panels of Fig. 13 we use the constant Galactic X_{CO} . The averaged profiles show only moderate change with HI deficiency; the dust-to-gas ratio is almost constant throughout the disk for non-deficient galaxies (top left panel of Fig. 13), while it increases with radius for the strongly HI-deficient subset

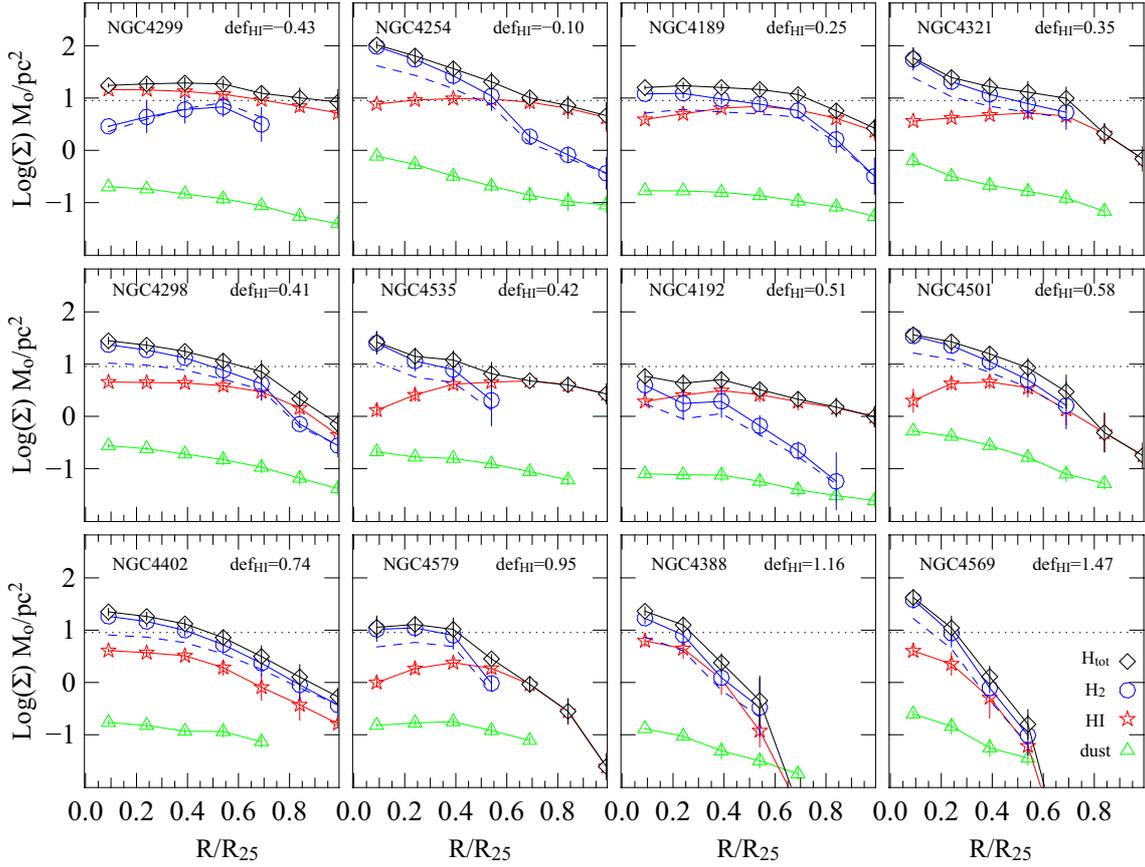


Fig. 11. Dust (green triangles), atomic gas (red stars), and molecular gas (blue circles) surface mass densities as a function of R/R_{25} for the extended sample. The molecular component has been estimated using the Galactic X_{CO} (solid line) and the radially varying X_{CO} (Eq. (1); dashed line). The total gas mass surface density (for the Galactic X_{CO} only), is indicated with black diamonds. The horizontal dotted line indicates $\Sigma = 9 M_{\odot} \text{pc}^{-2}$.

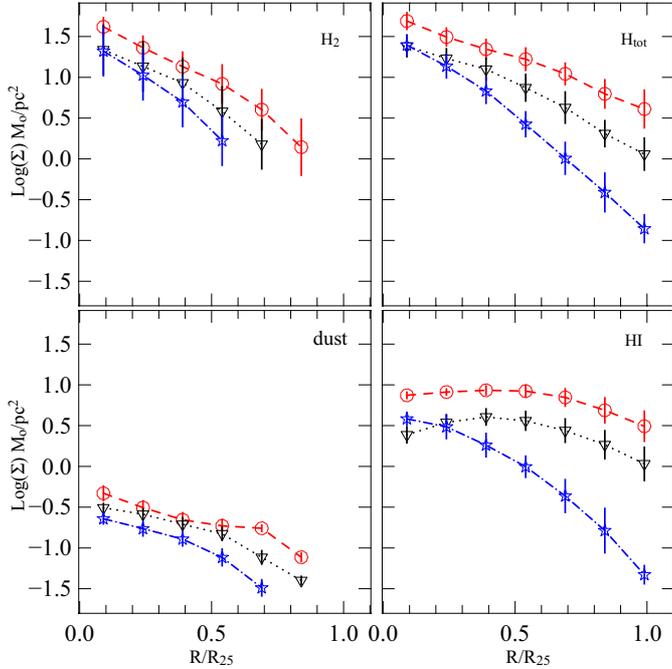


Fig. 12. Average radial surface mass densities of the dust (bottom left panel), Σ_{HI} (bottom right panel), Σ_{H_2} (top left panel), and $\Sigma_{\text{H}_{\text{tot}}}$ (top right panel). Red circles, black triangles, and blue stars represent the average profiles for non-deficient ($\text{def}_{\text{HI}} < 0.4$), slightly HI-deficient ($0.4 \leq \text{def}_{\text{HI}} \leq 0.7$), and HI-deficient ($\text{def}_{\text{HI}} > 0.7$) galaxies, respectively. The molecular component has been estimated using the Galactic X_{CO} .

(top right panel of Fig. 13). This could be explained because the gas, particularly the atomic component, is more easily stripped with respect to the dust (Cortese et al. 2012), thus producing a rapid increase of the dust-to-gas ratio at $R/R_{25} > 0.2$. However, the average slope of this subset may be biased by the highly HI-deficient galaxy NGC 4569 ($\text{def}_{\text{HI}} = 1.47$), which has a gas profile that decreases rapidly at small radii.

Similar trends with HI deficiency are found when the metallicity dependent X_{CO} is used (bottom panels of Fig. 13). However, there is a systematic change in the dust-to-gas ratio. Because of the lower X_{CO} in the metal-rich nuclei, the H_2 -dominated total gas mass surface densities decrease. Thus, the central dust-to-gas ratio increases, consequently producing negative radial gradients. As shown in the bottom left panel of Fig. 13, this effect is more evident for non-deficient objects, confirming what was already found by Magrini et al. (2011) and by Foyle et al. (2012) on the nearby galaxy M 83. Also, Muñoz-Mateos et al. (2009), using *Spitzer* data, find decreasing dust-to-gas profiles for an X_{CO} factor that depends on the metallicity gradient. Simple considerations imply that the dust-to-gas ratio should follow linearly the metallicity; both dust-to-gas and metallicity trace metals, the former in the solid and the latter in the gaseous phase (Draine et al. 2007). Thus, a lower-than-Galactic X_{CO} in a galaxy's center appears to be necessary for the dust-to-gas ratio to have the same gradient observed for the metallicity. However, because of the large uncertainties in the absolute calibration of the metallicity indicators (e.g. Magrini et al. 2011), this statement is inconclusive. Indeed, independently of the metallicity, when the surface mass density

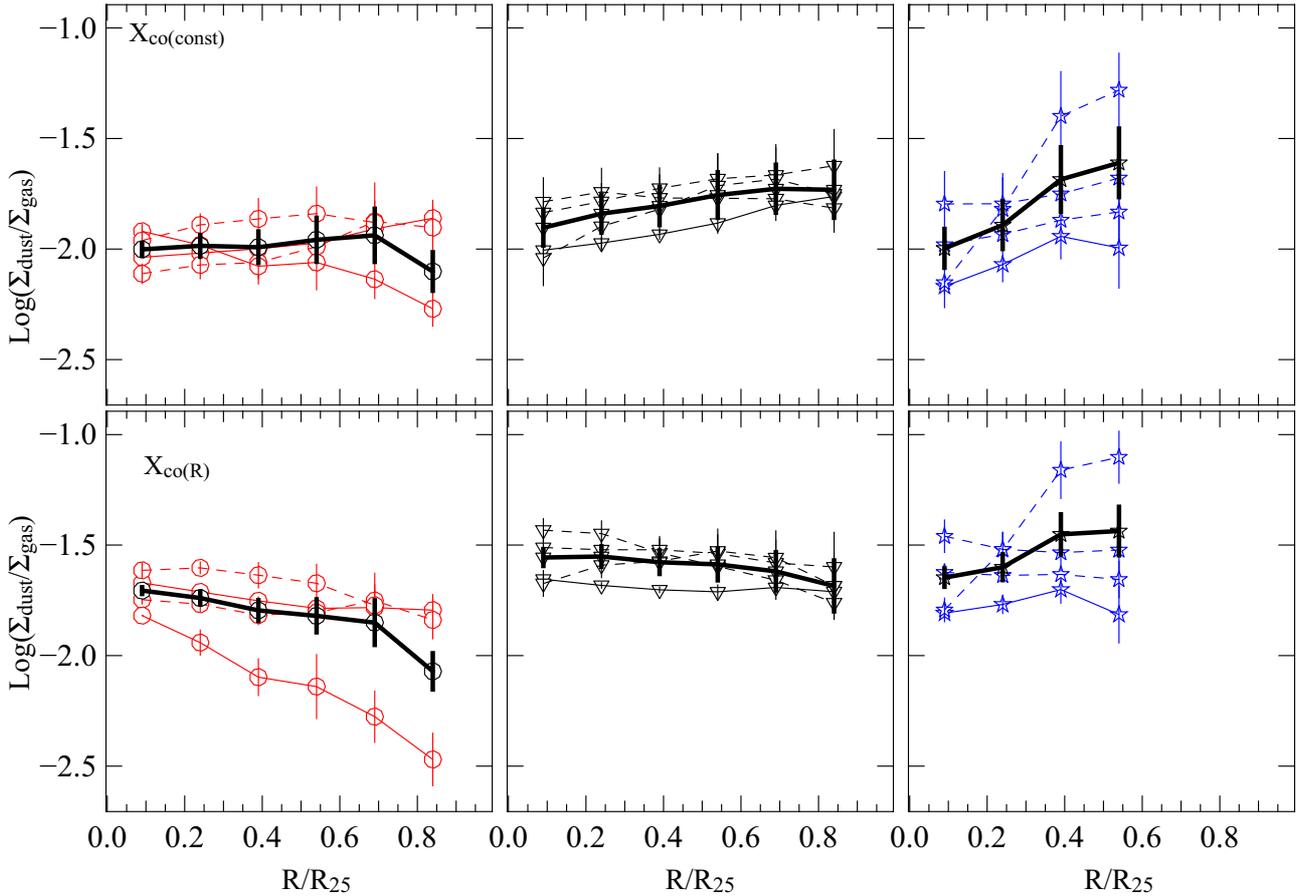


Fig. 13. Dust-to-gas ratio as a function of R/R_{25} for non-deficient (red circles), $def_{\text{HI}} < 0.4$, slightly HI-deficient $0.4 \leq def_{\text{HI}} \leq 0.7$, and HI-deficient galaxies (blue stars), $def_{\text{HI}} > 0.7$. The solid line shows the profile for the new mapped galaxies. The black solid line shows the average profiles. The molecular content has been estimated using both the Galactic X_{CO} (top row) and the X_{CO} of Eq. (1) (bottom row).

is dominated by the atomic gas at all radii the dust-to-gas ratio decreases with radius, similarly to the metallicity gradient (see e.g. Bendo et al. 2010b, for NGC 2403; and Fritz et al. 2012; Smith et al. 2012, for the Andromeda galaxy).

5. The linear relation between Σ_{gas} and F_{250} : a pixel by pixel analysis

Figure 14 shows the surface mass density of H_2 (top panel, using a Galactic X_{CO}), HI (middle panel), and the total gas (bottom panel) as a function of the surface brightness at $250 \mu\text{m}$ images (F_{250}) on a pixel-by-pixel basis. We chose this band because of its good sensitivity and better spatial resolution. Moreover, the surface brightness at one wavelength is preferred over the dust surface mass density because it is related to directly observable quantities; the scatter in the relation increases if the dust surface mass density is used instead of the $250 \mu\text{m}$ surface brightness. Because of the poorer resolution of some of the HI maps, we smoothed all the data to a beam size of $36''$, and regridded all the maps to the same pixel size. Each pixel covers an area of $\sim 9 \text{ kpc}^2$, except for NGC 4189 (at a distance of 32 Mpc), for which the area corresponds to $\sim 30 \text{ kpc}^2$. The top panel of Fig. 14 shows that Σ_{H_2} is proportional to the surface brightness at $250 \mu\text{m}$. Considering all pixels above the $250 \mu\text{m}$ surface brightness 3σ threshold value of $0.07 \text{ Jy beam}^{-1}$ and $\Sigma_{\text{H}_2} \geq 3\sigma = 1.15 M_{\odot} \text{ pc}^{-2}$, we found a best linear fit:

$$\log \Sigma_{\text{H}_2} = 1.23 \pm 0.05 \log F_{250} + 1.59 \pm 0.03, \quad (2)$$

with a Pearson correlation coefficient $r = 0.86$.

The relation is tighter for non-deficient galaxies (red circles) with respect to galaxies with a pronounced HI-deficiency (blue stars). When computing a best linear fit we found a slope $m = 1.29 \pm 0.07$ ($r = 0.91$) for the non-deficient subsample, and $m = 1.08 \pm 0.1$ ($r = 0.81$) for the HI-deficient one. For both subsamples we find a similar intercept, ~ 1.6 . The slightly better correlation between the $250 \mu\text{m}$ surface brightness and Σ_{H_2} for non-deficient objects could indicate that the environment perturbs both the molecular and dust disk, but in somewhat different ways, thus increasing the scatter.

In the middle panel of Fig. 14 no clear correlation can be seen between Σ_{HI} and F_{250} . The spread is larger than for Σ_{H_2} and it appears that non-deficient galaxies have higher Σ_{HI} ($\sim 5 M_{\odot} \text{ pc}^{-2}$ for $F_{250} \sim 0.3 \text{ Jy beam}^{-1}$) than HI-deficient ones ($\sim 0.5 M_{\odot} \text{ pc}^{-2}$), though both samples contain outliers. This indicates that uncertainties in the def_{HI} parameter prevent a clear characterization of the environment effects on all galactic properties.

Adding the HI contribution to all pixels with detected molecular gas, as shown in the bottom panel of Fig. 14, we find:

$$\log \Sigma_{\text{gas}} = 0.99 \pm 0.04 \log F_{250} + 1.63 \pm 0.02. \quad (3)$$

The slope in this case is shallower than that in Eq. (2) and roughly linear. However, the goodness of the correlation does not change significantly when adding HI ($r = 0.87$). This is in contrast with the correlation found by Corbelli et al. (2012) between the integrated properties: the total gas mass correlates better globally with the dust mass than the single gas components.

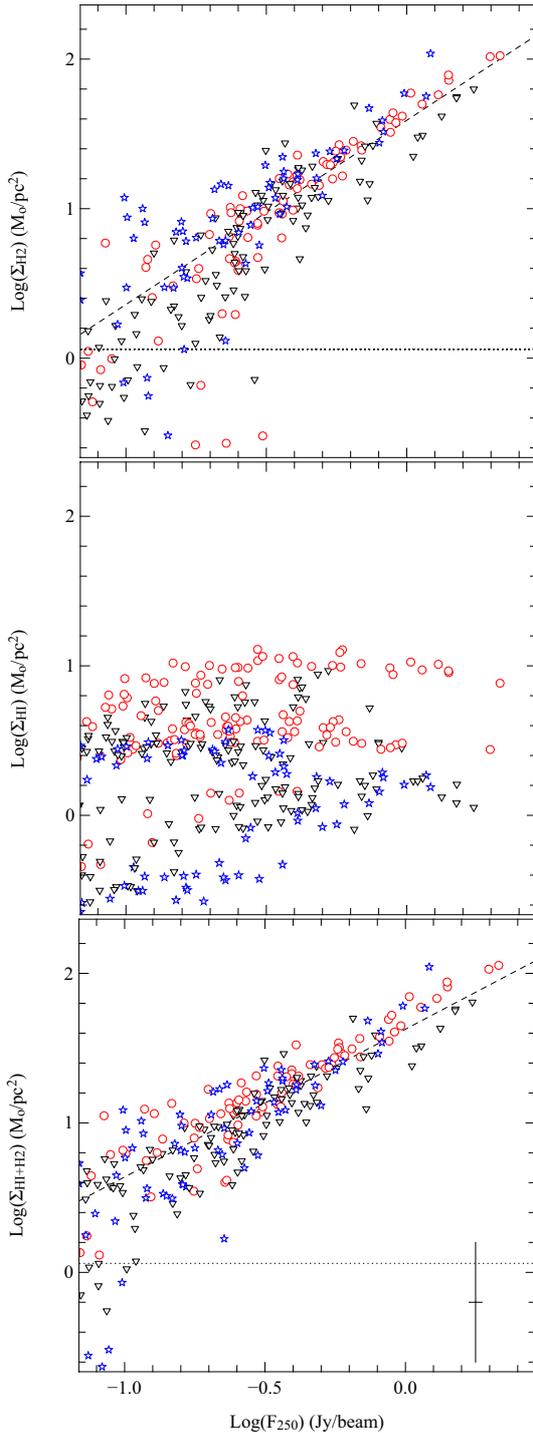


Fig. 14. Surface mass densities of molecular hydrogen (*top panel*), atomic hydrogen (*middle panel*), and total gas (*bottom panel*) as a function of the surface brightness at $250\ \mu\text{m}$ on a pixel-by-pixel basis. Different symbols distinguish non-deficient (red circles), slightly HI-deficient (black triangles), and HI-deficient galaxies (blue stars). The pixel size has been set to $36''$. The horizontal dotted lines show the 3σ level for the molecular and total gas ($3\sigma = 1.15\ M_{\odot}\ \text{pc}^{-2}$). The diagonal lines show the best linear fits. Σ_{H_2} in the *top* and *bottom panels* has been estimated using the constant Galactic X_{CO} . A typical error bar is shown in the *bottom panel*.

A similar discrepancy is seen in the relations between star formation rate and gas mass surface densities; while a strong correlation is found between the *global* star formation rates and the total gas mass surface densities (Kennicutt 1989), a *resolved* analysis

gives a better correlation with the molecular gas surface density (Bigiel et al. 2008; Schruba et al. 2011).

If we use an X_{CO} that varies radially according to Eq. (1), the correlation between Σ_{gas} and F_{250} is slightly degraded ($r = 0.8$), and the slope becomes shallower ($m = 0.75 \pm 0.04$). The radial variation of the X_{CO} produces in fact flatter radial profiles for the molecular surface mass density, which explains the shallower slope.

Eales et al. (2012) proposed that dust emission can be used to map the ISM in high redshift galaxies: adopting the emissivity of Galactic dust, they derived a linear correlation between the monochromatic luminosity at $250\ \mu\text{m}$ and the total mass of hydrogen (using the Galactic X_{CO} and calibrating the relation on a few nearby galaxies observed with *Herschel* and with gas mass estimates). With the dust temperatures measured on our maps ($T \sim 20\ \text{K}$, see Davies et al. 2012), their correlation can be converted to $\log \Sigma_{\text{gas}} = \log F_{250} + 1.62$, in good agreement with Eq. (3). However, we had to assume that the $250\ \mu\text{m}$ luminosity arises from the same region occupied by gas, which is guaranteed for the molecular gas component only.

6. Conclusions

In this paper we present new IRAM-30 m $^{12}\text{CO}(1-0)$ and $^{12}\text{CO}(2-1)$ observations of a sample of spiral galaxies in the Virgo cluster which are in the HeViCS field and in the VIVA sample. We observed four galaxies in OTF mode and three in PS mode. For observations done in OTF mode CO-maps are discussed; for galaxies observed in PS mode we only estimate the total molecular content. We include in our analysis a sample of eight galaxies observed in $^{12}\text{CO}(1-0)$ by Kuno et al. (2007), and investigate the effects of the environment on the surface mass density of the atomic and molecular gas phases and on the dust. Maps of the dust surface mass density have been estimated using the HeViCS data set (Davies et al. 2010; Auld et al. 2012). Finally we analyze the relation between the different gas components and the dust distributions in relation to the def_{HI} parameter. Our main conclusions are the following:

1. For the new observed galaxies the global molecular gas-to-total mass fraction in the sample varies in the range $0.04 \leq f_{\text{mol}} \leq 0.65$, using the Galactic X_{CO} , with the undisturbed galaxies showing the lowest values. Disturbed galaxies have a lower atomic and molecular content but the environment is more efficient at removing the HI than the molecular gas.
2. The total gas surface mass density in the central regions of the disk, above a threshold of $9\ M_{\odot}\ \text{pc}^{-2}$ is preferentially found in molecular form, in agreement with the results of Bigiel et al. (2008). However, a few HI-deficient galaxies show an order of magnitude lower threshold, indicating that the value may depend on local conditions. Highly HI-deficient galaxies have H_2 , HI, and dust surface mass densities in the central region lower by about a factor 2, suggesting gas and dust removal even in the inner disks.
3. Galaxies with high HI deficiency have steeper radial profiles of the total gas, as a consequence of the combined effect of HI and H_2 deficiency, in agreement with previous studies (Fumagalli et al. 2009; Cortese et al. 2012). The average radial profiles of the dust surface mass density in HI-deficient galaxies is steeper than in HI-normal galaxies. This is consistent with the results found by Cortese et al. (2010), on the radial distribution of the flux density at 250 , 350 and $500\ \mu\text{m}$.
4. The dust-to-gas ratio for non-deficient galaxies has a radial trend which depends on the X_{CO} conversion factor, as already

discussed by [Magrini et al. \(2011\)](#). This ratio decreases radially only if X_{CO} increases radially due to metallicity gradients. For HI-deficient galaxies instead, the dust-to-gas ratio stays constant or increases radially, independently of the X_{CO} factors used. This indicates that atomic gas is stripped more efficiently than the dust in a cluster environment. Since both dust and gas radial profiles truncate sharply well inside the optical disk, the dust-to-gas ratio cannot be traced at large galactocentric radius in highly perturbed galaxies.

5. We observe a tight pixel-by-pixel correlation between the mass surface density of the molecular hydrogen and the $250 \mu\text{m}$ surface brightness. In HI-deficient galaxies the correlation weakens, suggesting that the environment is perturbing both gas and dust. Adding the atomic gas to the molecular component makes the correlation with the $250 \mu\text{m}$ surface brightness linear, but the correlation coefficient does not change significantly. Thus it is not clear if the dust emission at long FIR wavelengths can be used as a tracer of the total gas surface mass density, or of the molecular gas only.

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Appendix A: Notes on individual objects

A.1. NGC 4189

NGC 4189 is a relatively undisturbed Sc late-type galaxy ($def_{\text{HI}} = 0.25$) located at the edge of the Virgo cluster. The determination of its distance and the membership to the cluster is debated, because Virgo is a cluster that is still forming and comprises distinct clouds of galaxies at different distances. Using the relation of [Tully & Fisher \(1977\)](#) in *B*-band, [Yasuda et al. \(1997\)](#) estimated for NGC 4189 a distance of 33.8 Mpc, i.e. more than twice the distance of the Milky Way from the center of the cluster (~ 17 Mpc). [Solanes et al. \(2002\)](#), starting from the HI distribution, reconstructed the structure of the cluster, and found galaxies with elongated gas-tails, due to environmental effects, out to cluster centre distances of 25–30 Mpc. These results imply that at the distance of NGC 4189 from the cluster center it is still possible to find galaxies that are Virgo members. In the following we considered for NGC 4189 the average distance of 32 Mpc for the sub-group to which NGC 4189 belongs, determined using the Tully-Fisher relation in *H*-band ([Gavazzi et al. 1999](#)). The HI disk is more extended than the optical disk, showing a symmetric warp ([Chung et al. 2009a](#)) with enhanced emission in the South-East regions, in correspondence to a ridge of $H\alpha$ emission ([Koopmann & Kenney 2004](#)).

A.2. NGC 4298

NGC 4298 is an Sc galaxy ($def_{\text{HI}} = 0.41$) located in the North-East region of Virgo at a projected distance of 3.2° from M 87. The galaxy has flocculent spiral structure ([Elmegreen et al. 1999](#)) and has a companion, NGC 4302, at a projected distance of 11 kpc, having a comparable velocity ($\Delta v \approx 30 \text{ km s}^{-1}$).

Both galaxies show HI-tails pointing away from M 87, probably due to ram pressure stripping and/or tidal interaction. However the undisturbed stellar component of NGC 4302 favors the ram pressure hypothesis (see [Chung et al. 2007](#)). The HI disk in NGC 4298 is compressed in the South-East region, in the direction of M87, as a consequence of the ram pressure exerted by the intracluster medium. The $H\alpha$ emission is mostly concentrated in the central region of the disk, except for an enhanced arc in South-East direction, in correspondence with the HI compressed region ([Koopmann & Kenney 2004](#)).

A.3. NGC 4299 and NGC 4294

NGC 4299 is an Scd galaxy at a distance of 2.5° from M87 ($def_{\text{HI}} = -0.43$) which forms a possible interacting pair with NGC 4294 ($def_{\text{HI}} = -0.11$). However both galaxies retain their HI gas which forms an extended HI disk ([Chung et al. 2009a](#)) with a long HI tail to the South West. [Koopmann & Kenney \(2004\)](#) showed that this pair has enhanced $H\alpha$ emission in the northern part of the disk, where the HI is compressed. This indicates a stronger star formation rate, probably due to tidal interaction.

A.4. NGC 4351

NGC 4351 is an Sc galaxy which is close to the cluster centre, about 1.7° from M 87 and is slightly HI-deficient ($def_{\text{HI}} = 0.23$). It shows a compression in the HI emission in the north eastern region, due to ram pressure ([Chung et al. 2009a](#)). The brightest optical region is offset with respect to the center, and also the $H\alpha$ emission is asymmetric with enhanced emission in a circumnuclear region ([Koopmann & Kenney 2004](#)).

A.5. NGC 4388

NGC 4388 is an Sab galaxy located at a projected distance of 1.3° from M87. The galaxy is one of the most HI-deficient in our sample ($def_{\text{HI}} = 1.16$), showing HI distribution truncated within the optical disk ([Chung et al. 2009a](#)). [Yoshida et al. \(2002\)](#) found that the $H\alpha$ emission extends for 35 kpc in the north east direction. [Vollmer & Huchtmeier \(2003\)](#) found HI gas out to 20 kpc along the same direction as the $H\alpha$ emission. Further observations showed that the HI tail is even more extended, 110 kpc, with a mass of $3.4 \times 10^8 M_\odot$ ([Oosterloo & van Gorkom 2005](#)). The most probable origin of this elongated tail is a ram pressure stripping episode that occurred about 200 Myr ago ([Pappalardo et al. 2010](#)).

A.6. NGC 4424

NGC 4424 is an Sa galaxy with $def_{\text{HI}} = 0.97$. [Chung et al. \(2007\)](#) showed a long HI tail pointing away from M 87 and [Kenney et al. \(1996\)](#) observed star forming regions in the central kpc, but no star formation has been detected beyond these regions. [Cortés et al. \(2006\)](#) found two lobes in the molecular gas component in the central 3 kpc, with total mass $M_{\text{H}_2} \sim 4.0 \times 10^7 M_\odot$. The central regions are highly disturbed and asymmetric in the radio continuum, probably as a consequence of strong gravitational interaction ([Chung et al. 2009a](#)).

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