

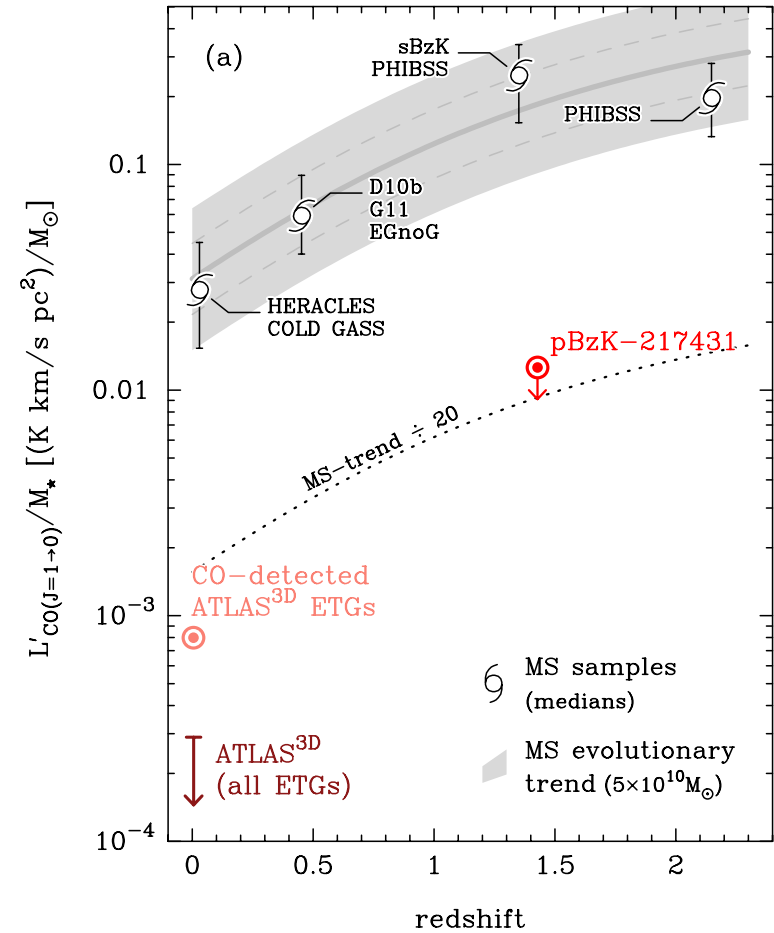
# CO UPPER LIMIT FOR A MASSIVE $z \sim 1.5$ ETG

## CONSTRAINTS ON MOLECULAR GAS FRACTION

First order hypothesis:

- ISM conditions in low- $z$  ETGs resemble those of local spiral galaxies (dense gas fractions, gas mass density, SFE, dust temperatures; Krips et al. 2010, Young et al. 2011, Crocker et al. 2012, Martig et al. 2013). Assume this applies also to pBzK-217431 (in accordance with high-res. simulations; Bournaud et al. 2014).

quantity/observable	value
R.A. [J2000]	$10^h 02^m 39.527^s$
Dec. [J2000]	$+01^d 56^m 59.12^s$
$z_{\text{spec}}$	$1.4277 \pm 0.0015$
$M_{\star} [M_{\odot}]$	$6.6^{+0.5}_{-1.9} \times 10^{11}$
$r_e$ [kpc]	$7.19 \pm 1.95$
Sérsic index $n$	$3.8 \pm 0.6$
rms/40 MHz [mJy]	0.33
$I_{\text{CO}(J=2 \rightarrow 1)}$ [Jy km/s]	$< 0.30 \sqrt{\left(\frac{\Delta v}{777 \text{ km/s}}\right)}$
$L'_{\text{CO}(J=2 \rightarrow 1)}$ [K km/s pc <sup>2</sup> ]	$< 8.3 \times 10^9$
$M_{\text{mol.}} [M_{\odot}]$	$< 3.6 \times 10^{10} \left(\frac{2.89}{4.4}\right)$
$f_{\text{gas}}$	$< 5.1\%$



pBzK-217431 has a similar CO-deficit w.r.t. high- $z$  disks as CO-detected ATLAS3D ETGs have w.r.t. local spirals.

This  $z=1.43$  elliptical has a  $\sim 10\times$  lower gas fraction than colour-selected (BzK- or BM/BX), CO-detected galaxies at the same redshift.