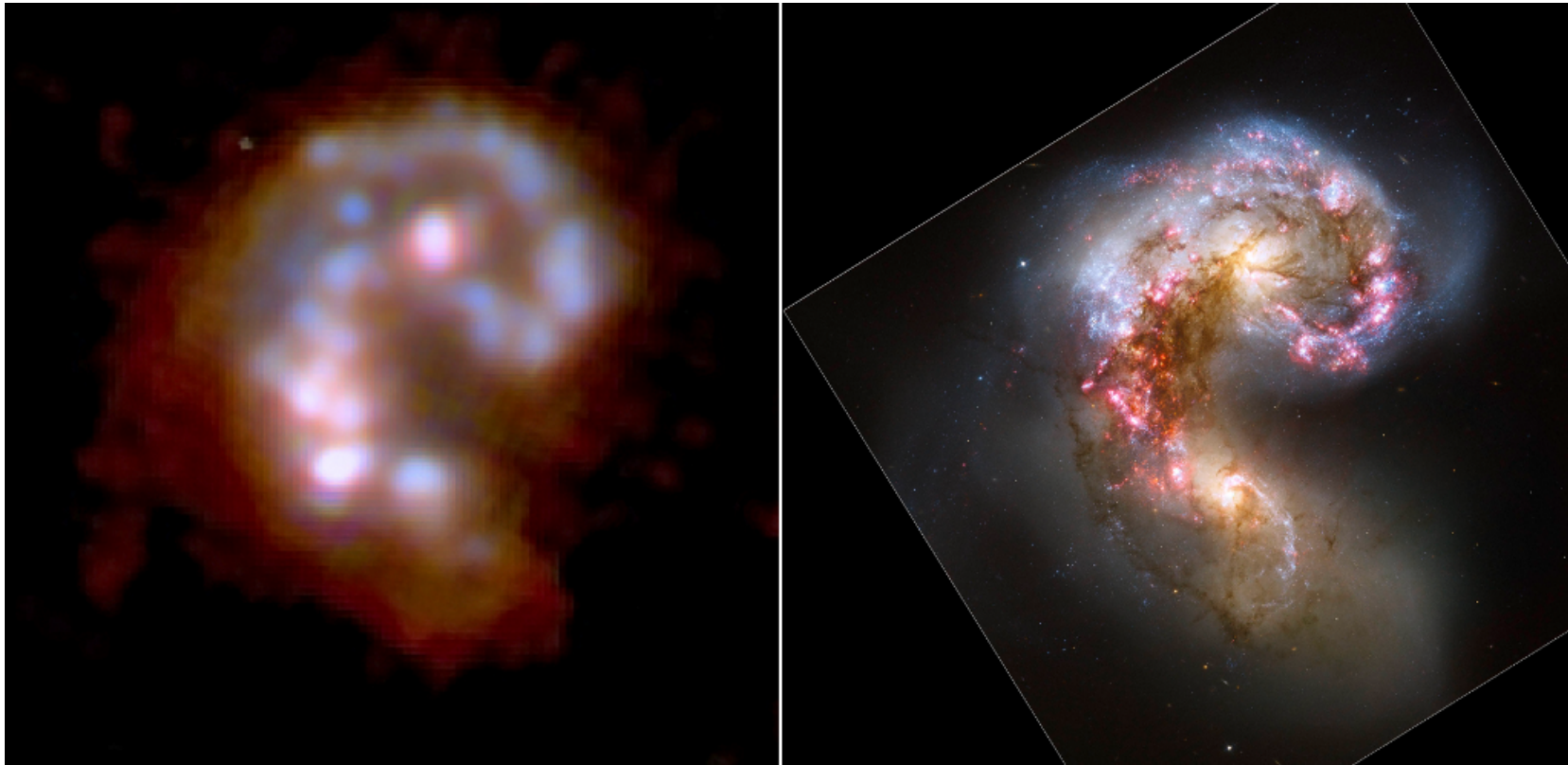


# Obscured galaxies

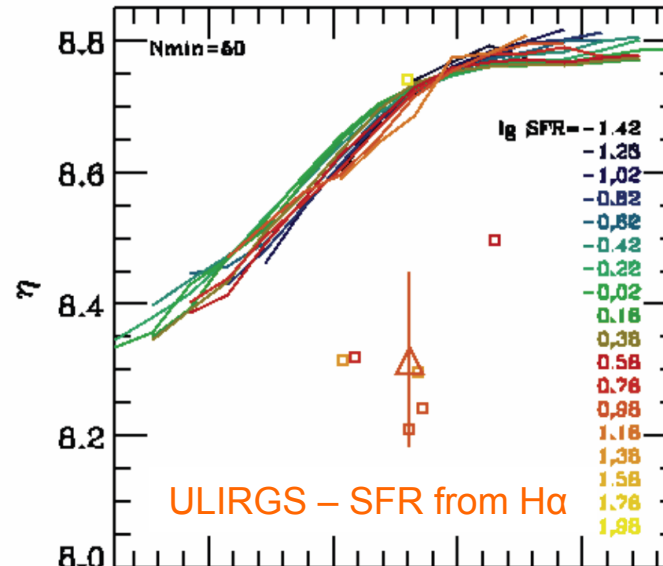
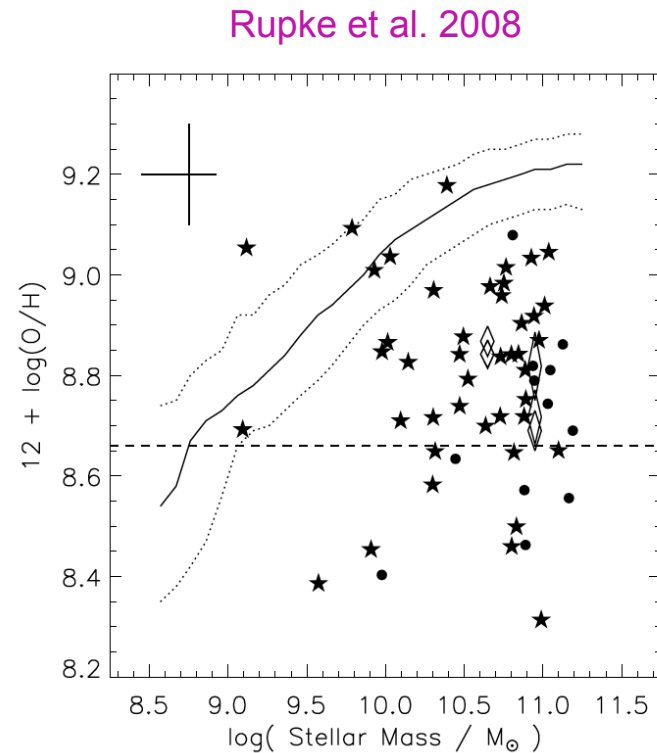
- Metallicity is often unknown
- When observed, refers to the outskirts only



ESA / PACS / SHINING / U. Klaas & M. Nielbock, MPIA.

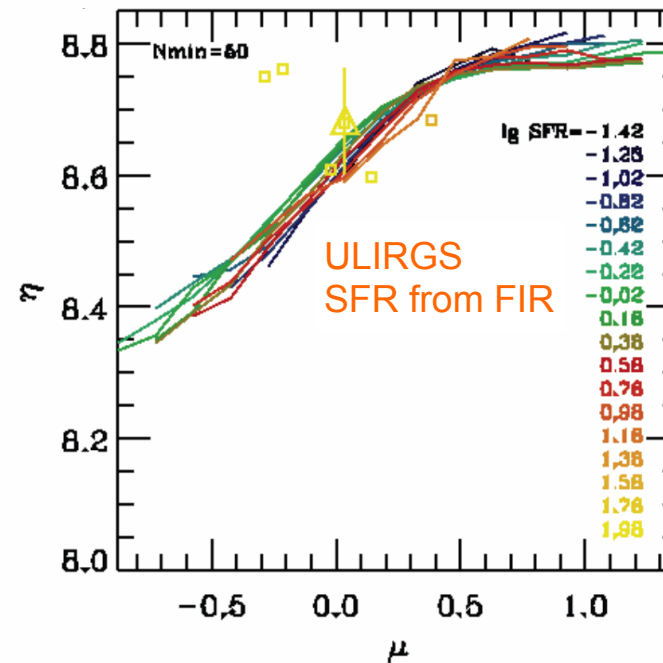
# Obscured galaxies

- Do ULIRG follow the same relations?



Maiolino+ in prep.

Different processes?

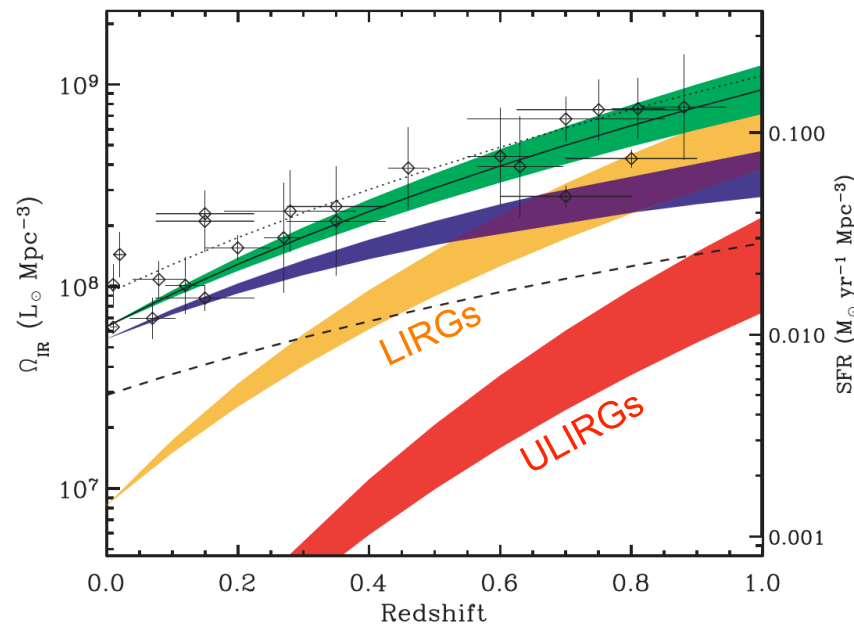


Same processes?

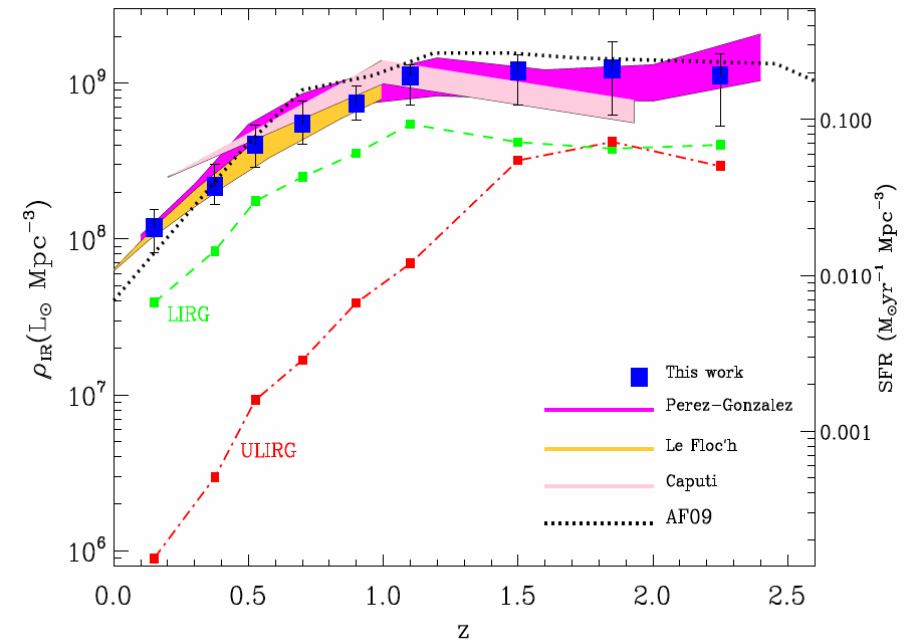
SPICA:  
both SFR and  
metallicity from  
**FIR**

# Obscured galaxies

The fraction of obscured star formation increases with redshift



Le Floch et al 2005



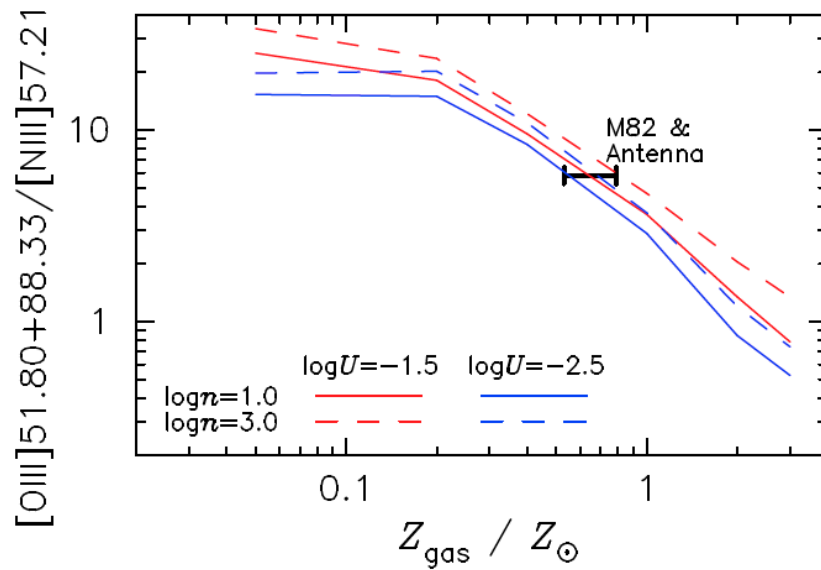
Rodighiero et al 2011

# Longer wavelengths

- Extinction-free lines

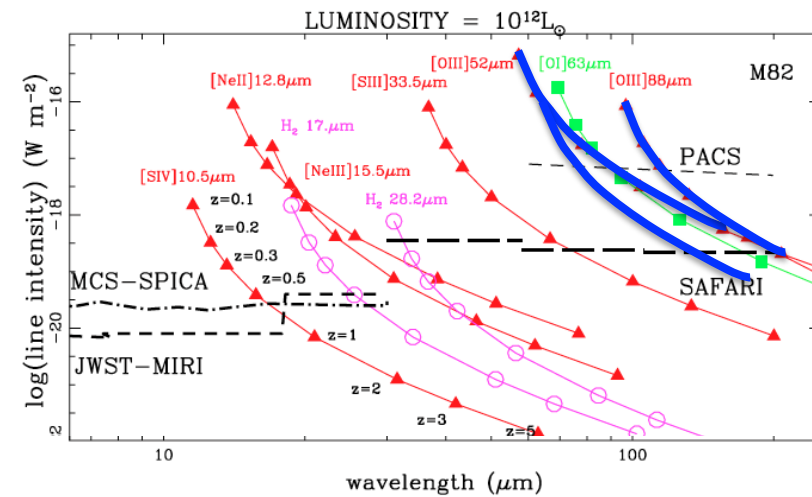
$$\frac{[\text{OIII}]52+88\mu\text{m}}{[\text{NIII}]57\mu\text{m}}$$

Nagao+10



Nagao+11

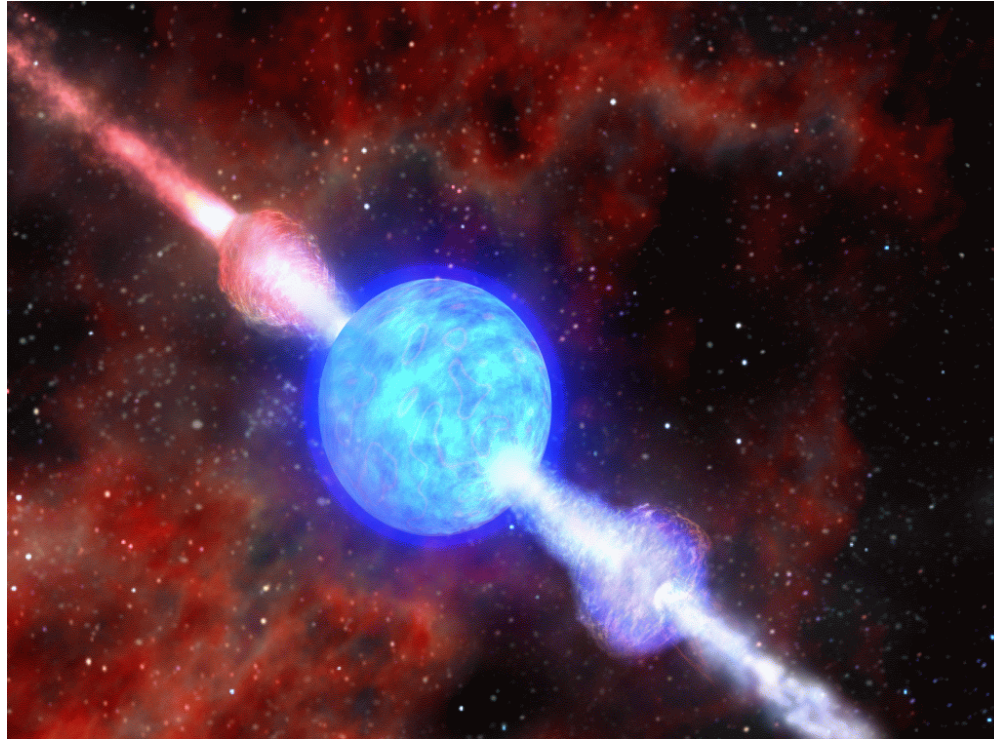
~0.5-2 galaxies/field (1h)



Spinoglio+12

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# Nature of GRBs



Long-GRBs are due to the explosion of young, massive stars.

Progenitors are not well understood

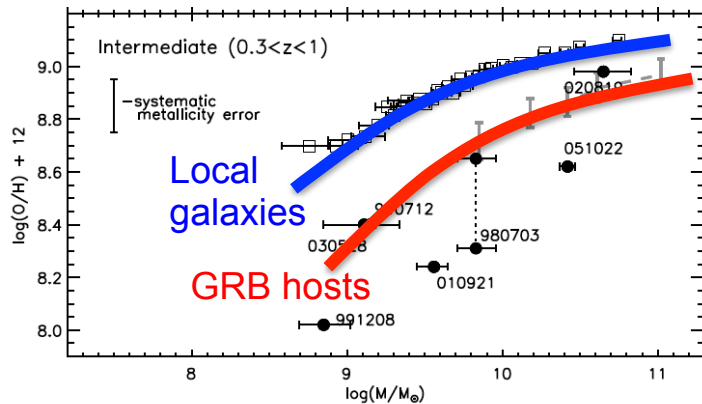
- Do they trace SFR? Or do they depend on metallicity?
- Can GRBs be used to study the cosmic SFR?

# Metallicity and GRBs

Does the GRB production depend on metallicity?

YES!

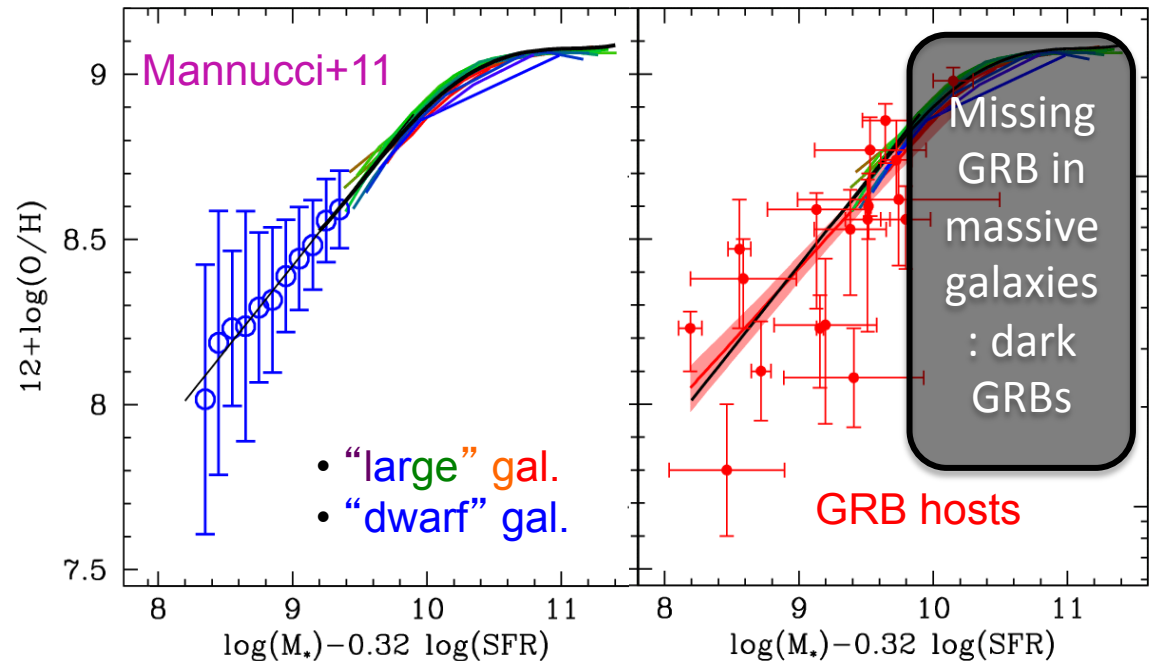
- LGRB rate does not follow SN II rate [Fruchter+06](#); [Wainwright+07](#)
- Few LGRBs in LIRGs, ULIRGs and SMGs [Berger+03](#); [Tanvir+04](#), [Le Floch+06](#)
- Host below the mass-metallicity relation [Stanek+06](#); [Modjaz+08](#), [Levesque+10](#)



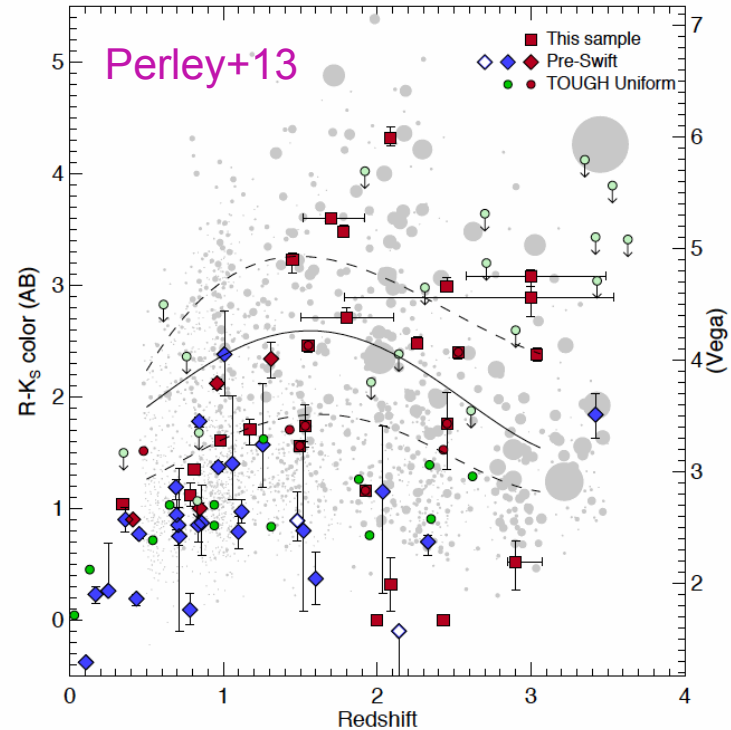
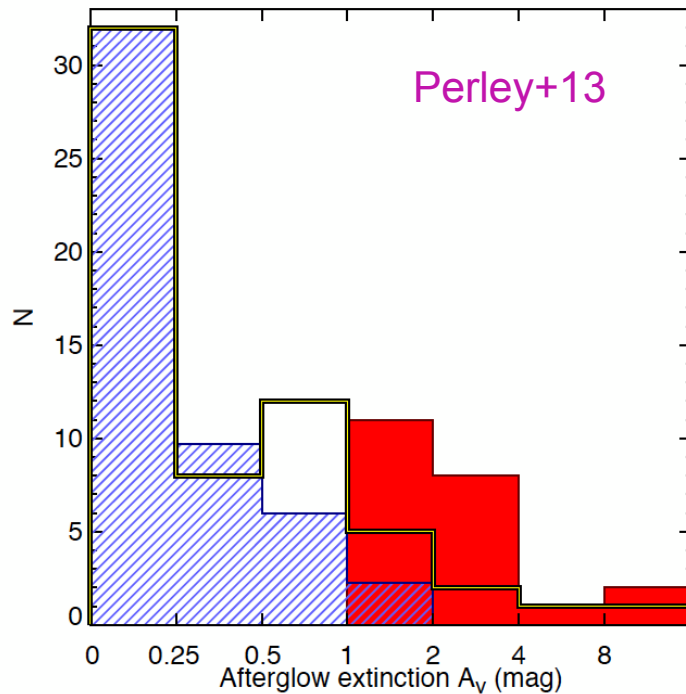
[Levesque+10](#)

NO!

- Same mass-metallicity relation [Savaglio+09](#)
- Metallicity as expected from the FMR [Mannucci+11](#); [Kocevski+11](#)



# Metallicity and dark GRBs



“Dark” GRB:

- Observed afterglow extinctions up to  $A_V > 9$
- Very red host galaxies ( $R-K < 6$ )
- “Optical” metallicity probably biased
- SPICA metallicities are requested

# Conclusions

- Many projects require to measure metallicity in very dusty environments
- This can be done by using extinction-free lines in the FIR
- SPICA will allow these studies

