

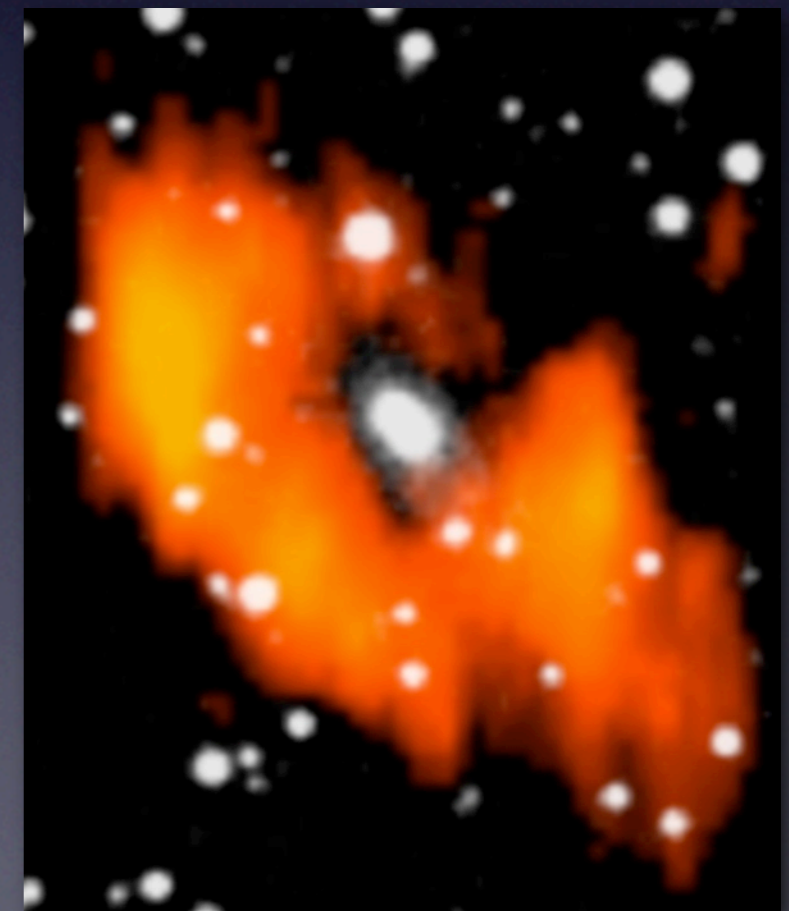
HI accretion and outflows in early-type galaxies

recent results and future prospects

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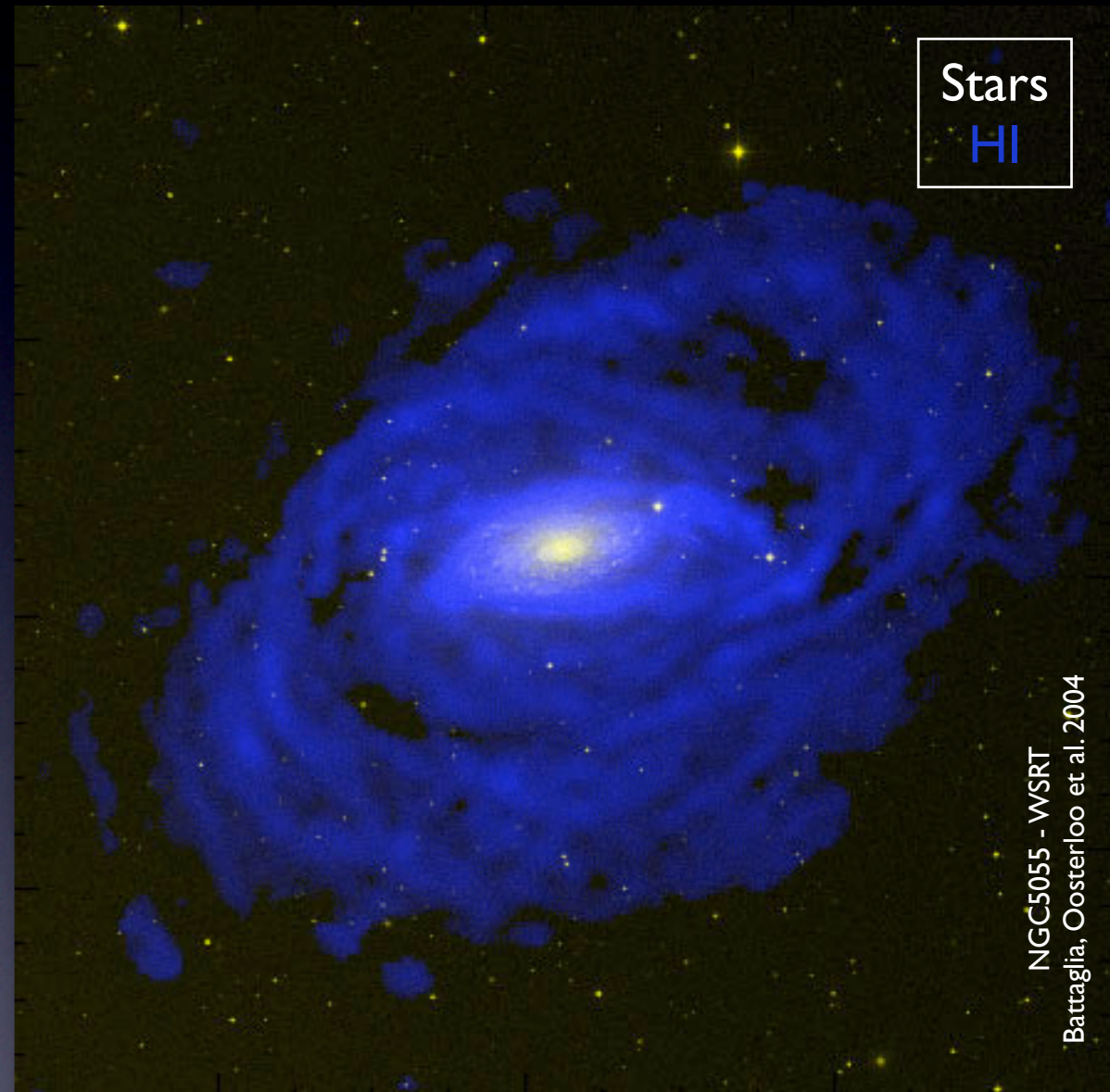


Why neutral hydrogen?

- hydrogen most abundant element
- fuel for star formation
- tracer for kinematics
- tracer for evolutionary stage of galaxies
- tracer for effects environment



best way through the 21-cm line
(emission or absorption)



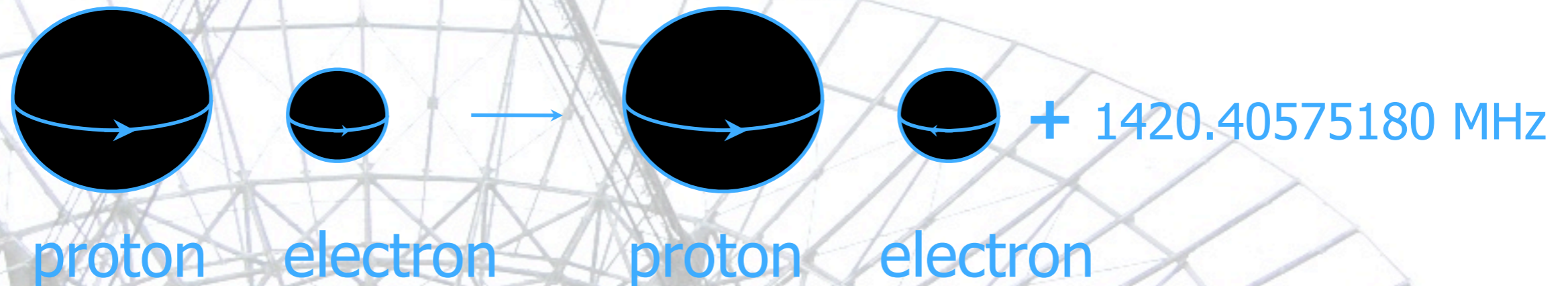
SKA as an HI radio telescope

- **in its original idea:** *telescope that would provide two orders of magnitude increase in collecting area compared to existing radio telescopes allowing the study of the neutral hydrogen content of galaxies to cosmologically significant distances (i.e. to $z \sim 2$)*
- **HI still plays a major role in two key science projects:** *Galaxy evolution and cosmology and Probing the dark ages*

21-cm emission line of neutral hydrogen

The ground state can undergo a hyperfine transition, reverse the spin of the electron \rightarrow higher energy state when the spin of electron and proton are parallel (difference 6×10^{-6} eV)

Frequency of the transition: 1420.405752 MHz (21.105 cm)



The temperature T_s (spin or excitation temperature) accounts for the distribution of the atoms between the two states. The population of the two states is determined primarily by collisions between atoms $\rightarrow T_s$ equal to the kinetic temperature (with some exceptions!)

Predicted by van de Hulst (1944) and later confirmed by observations (US, Australian & Dutch teams)

probability of a spontaneous transition $2.85 \times 10^{-15} \text{ sec}^{-1}$
(1 event per atom per 11 million years!)
this rate increases to one transition per 400 years due to collisions

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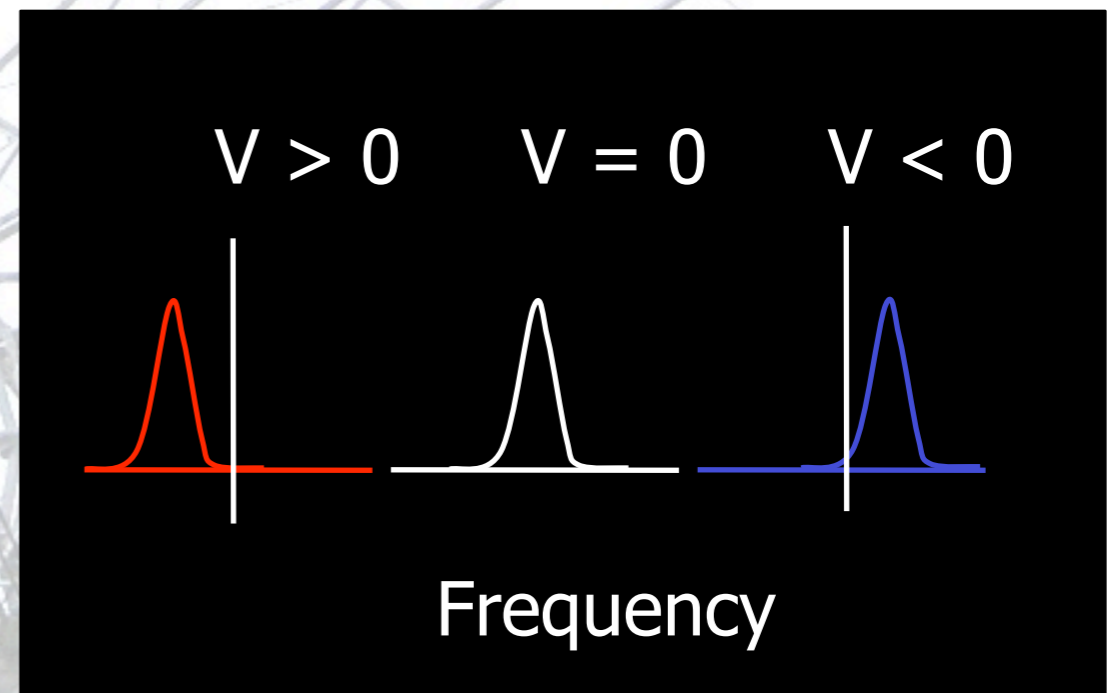
- Hydrogen most common element in the universe
 \Rightarrow present "everywhere"!

- Narrow spectral line**

for a temperature of the gas of 100 K the width of the line is $\sim 1 \text{ km/sec}$

the observed lines are always much larger \rightarrow Doppler effect \Rightarrow kinematics!

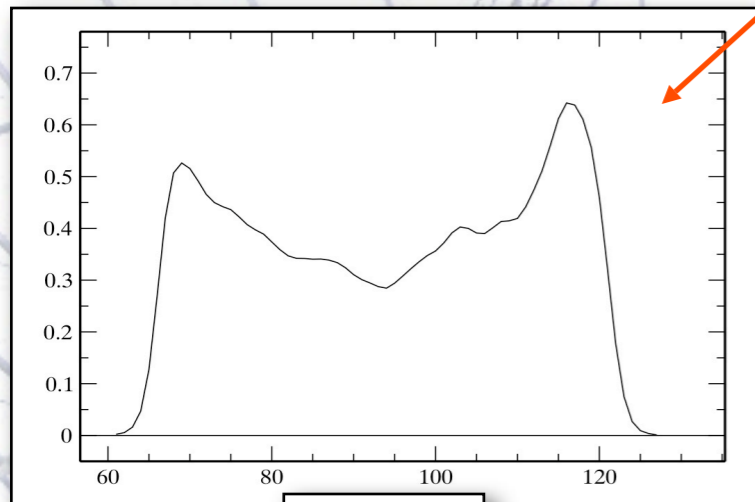
- Optically thin**



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HI cloud

HI emission

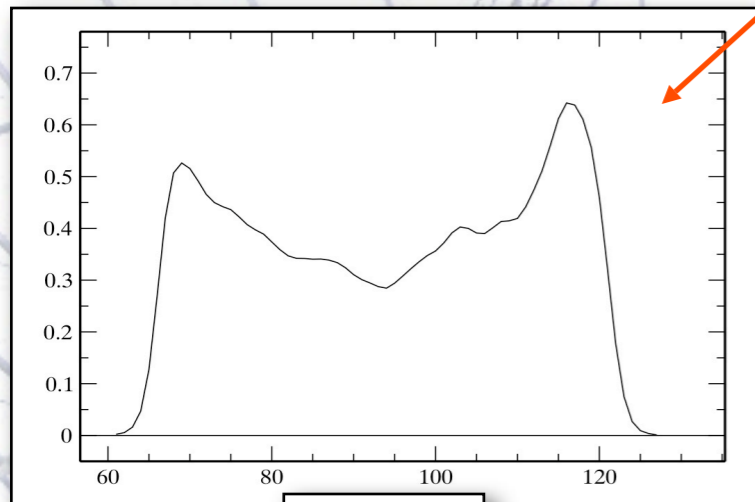


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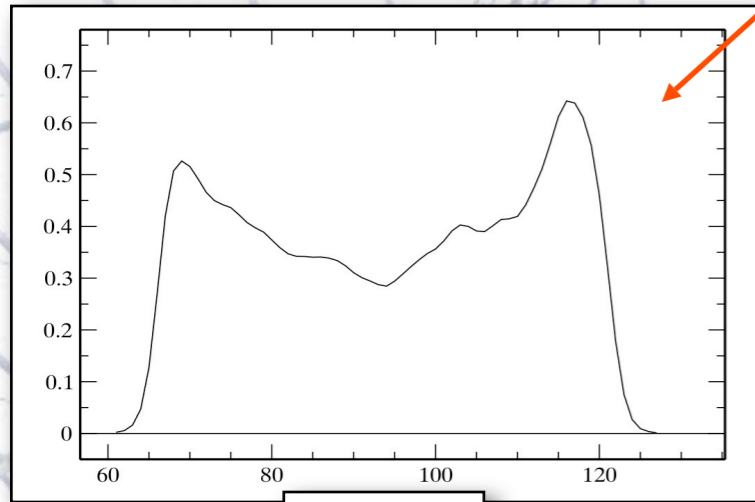
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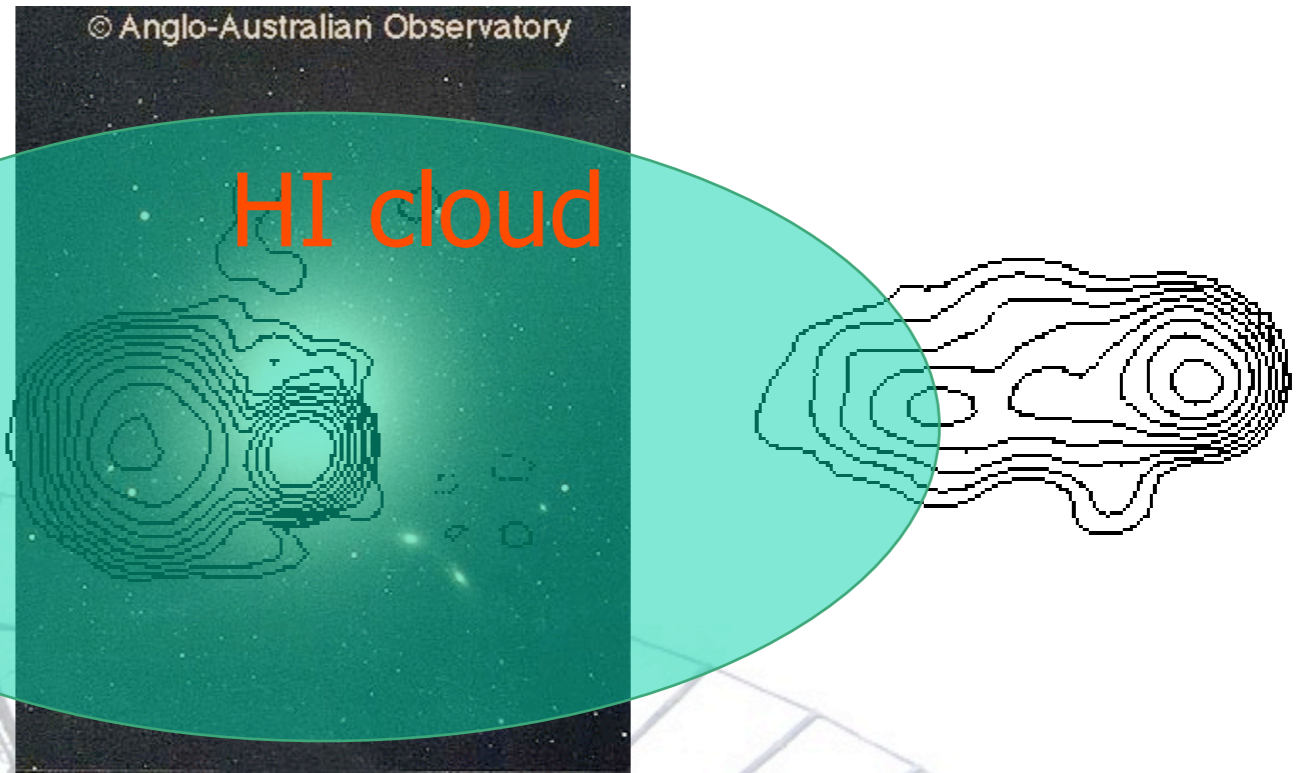
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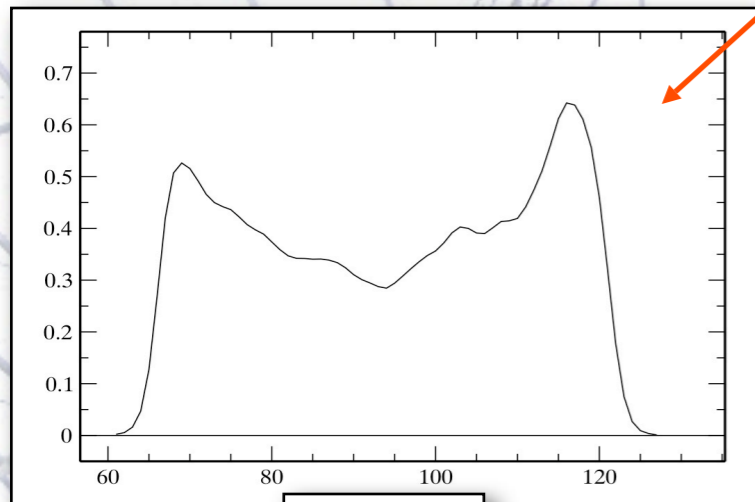
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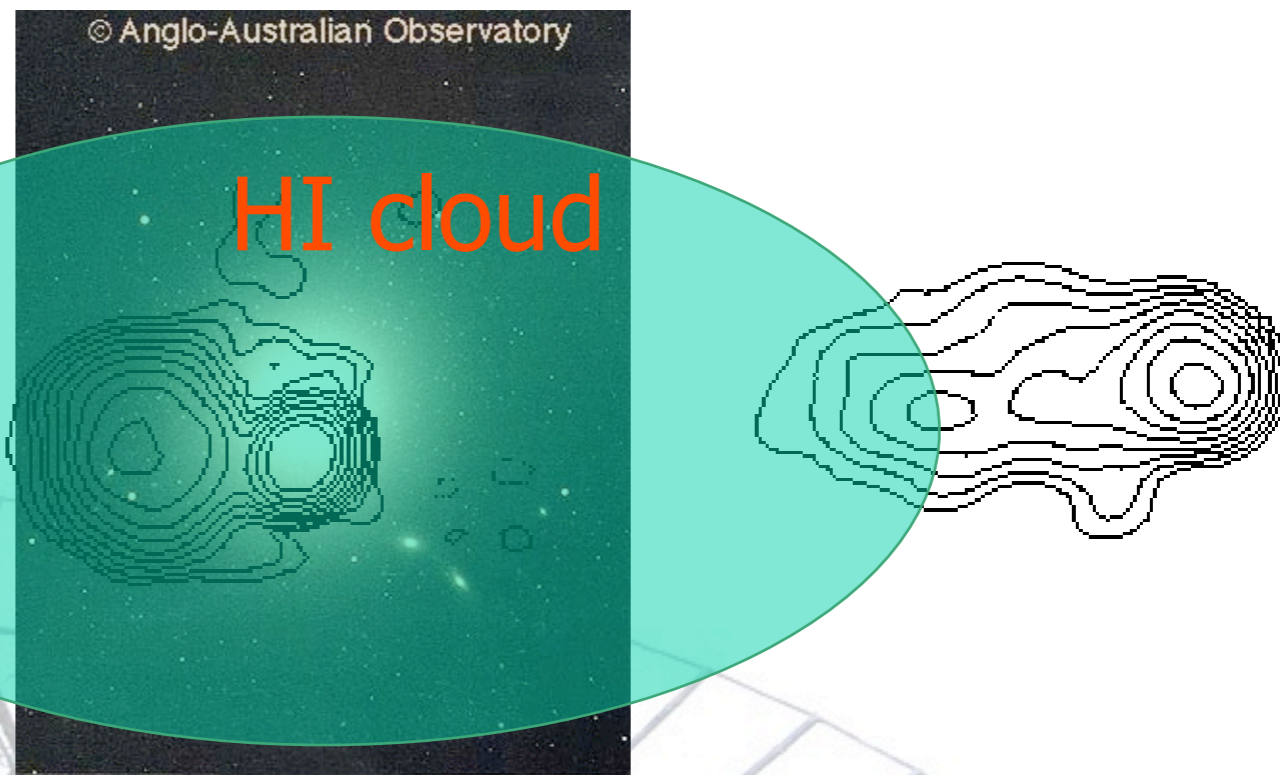
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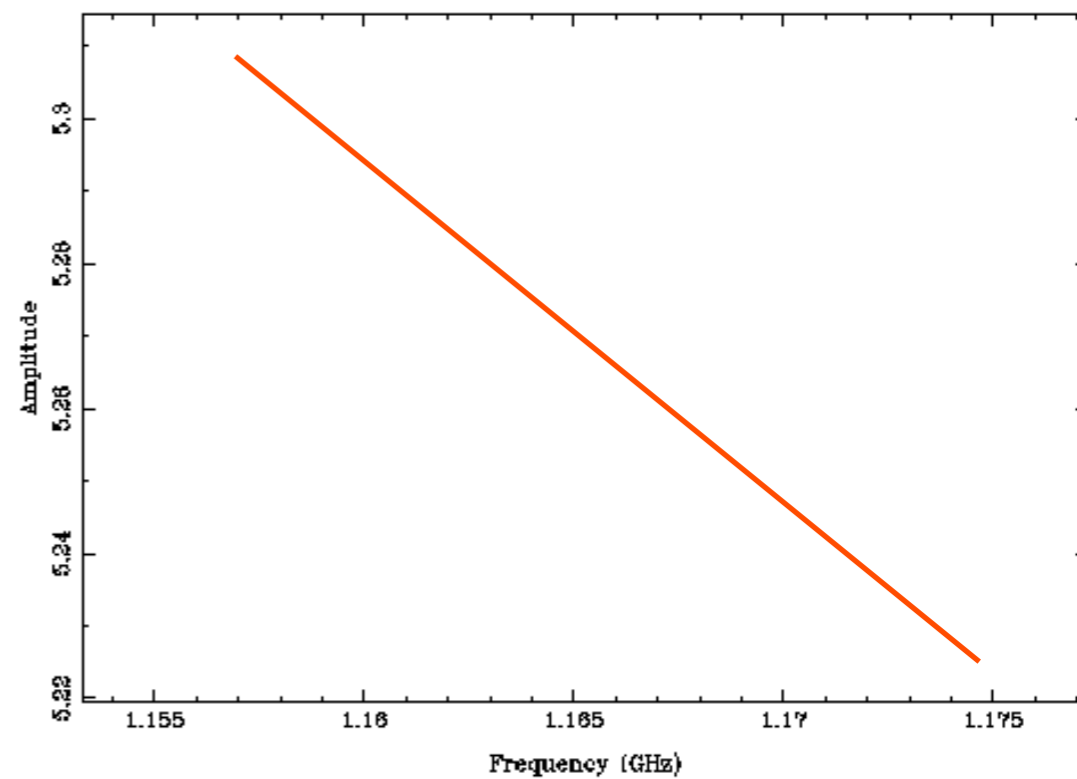
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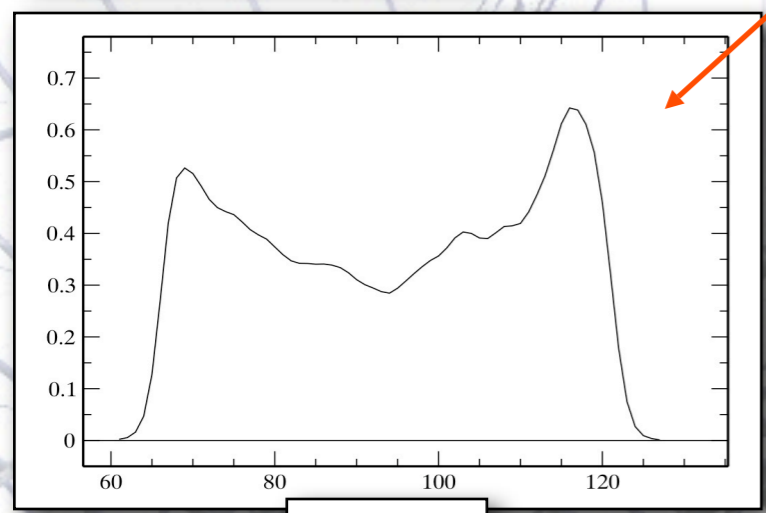
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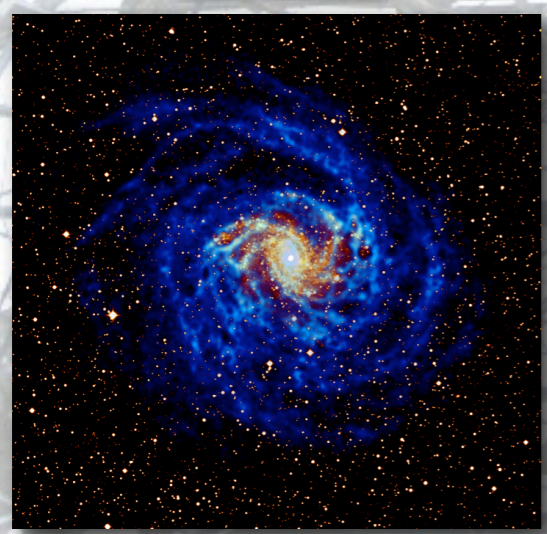
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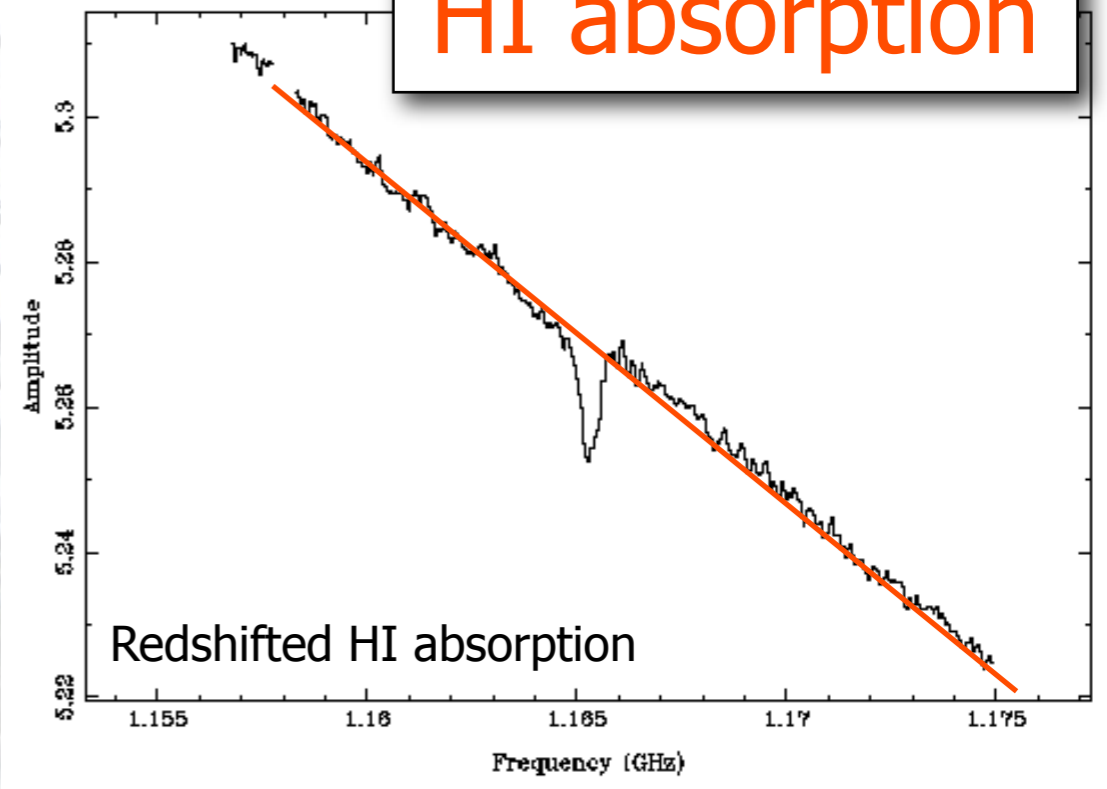
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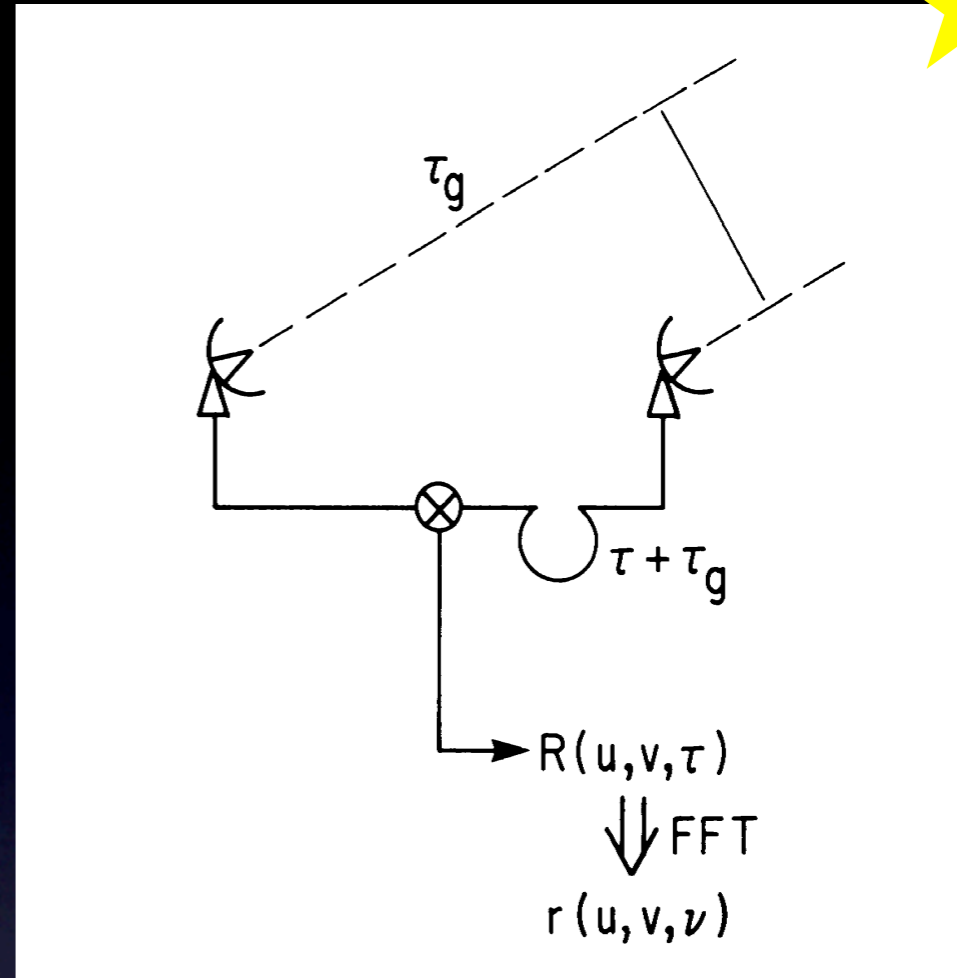
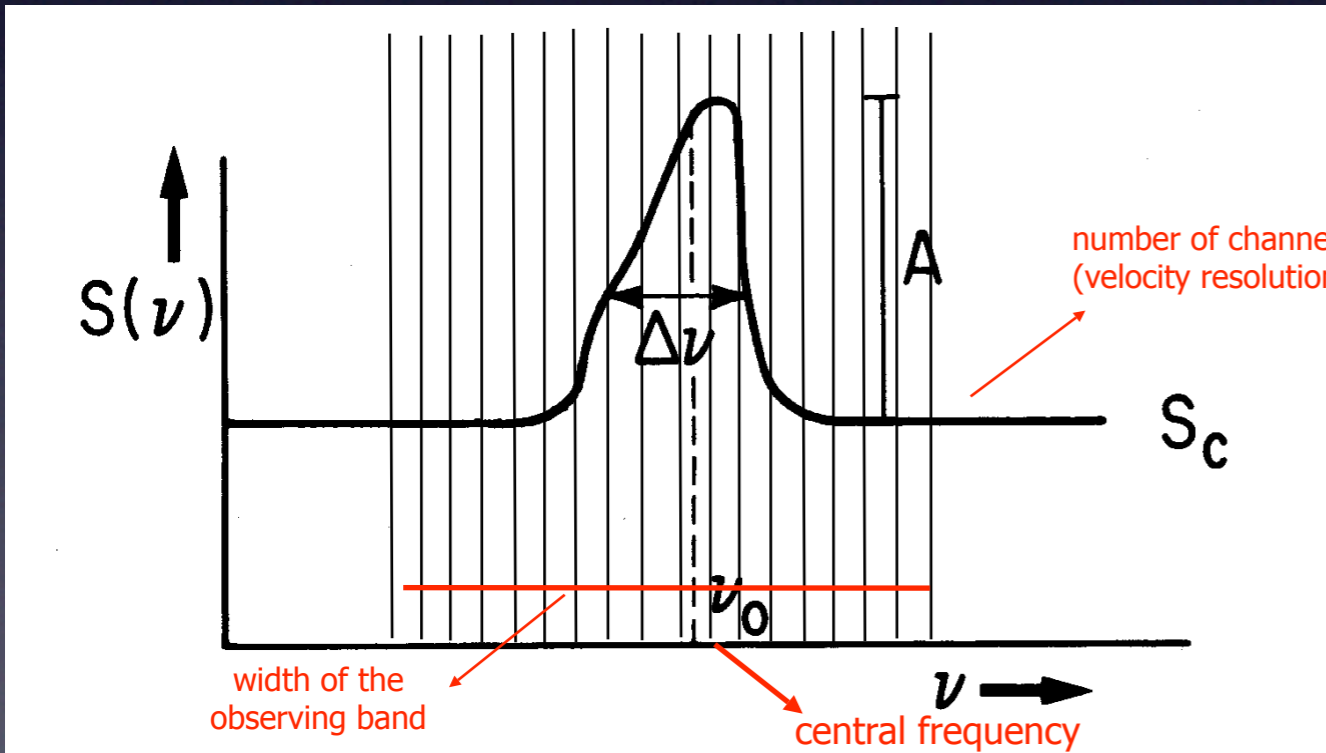


Redshifted HI absorption

HI observations

Standard radio observations 

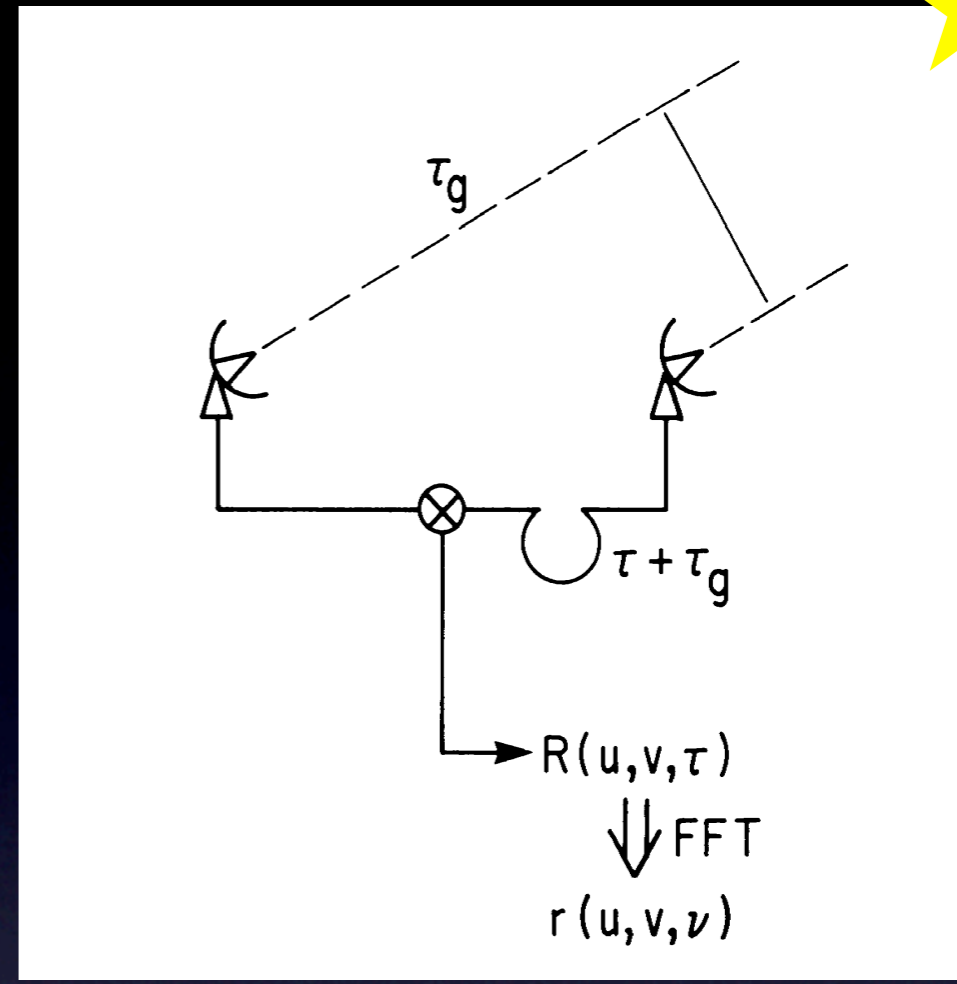
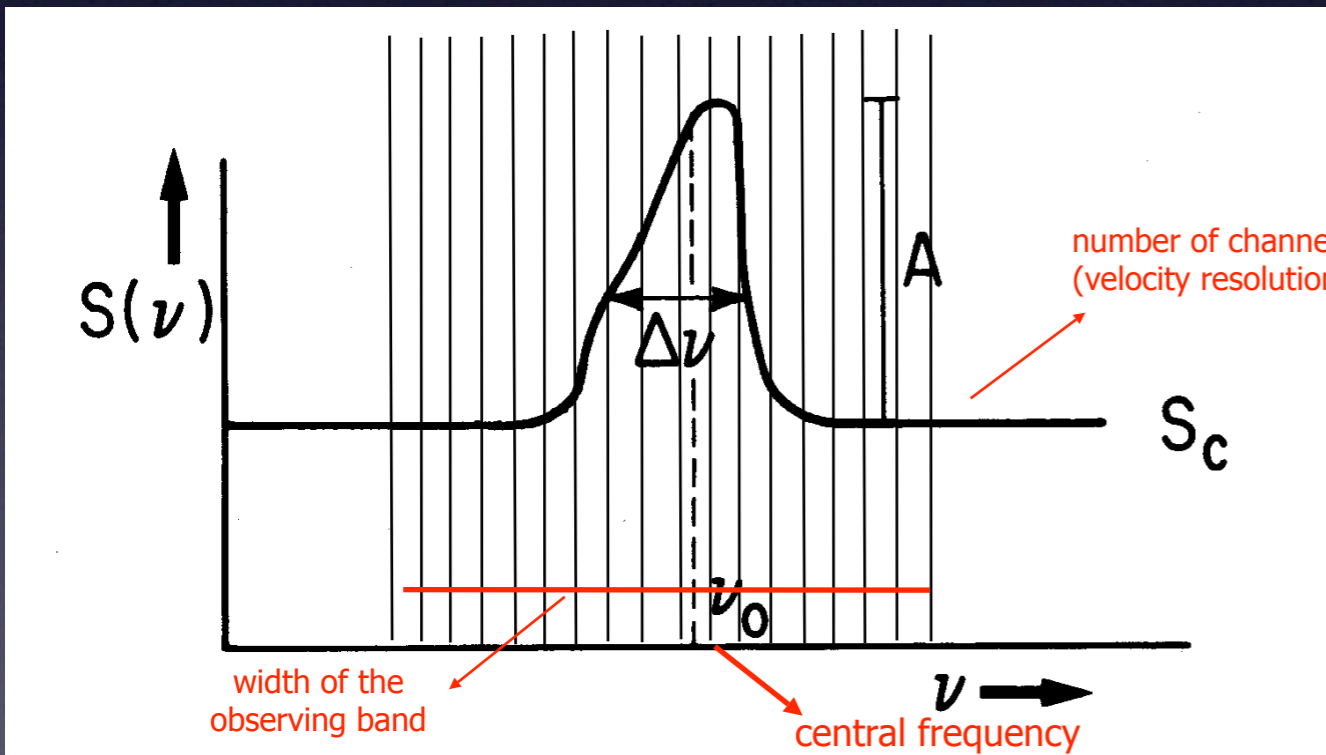
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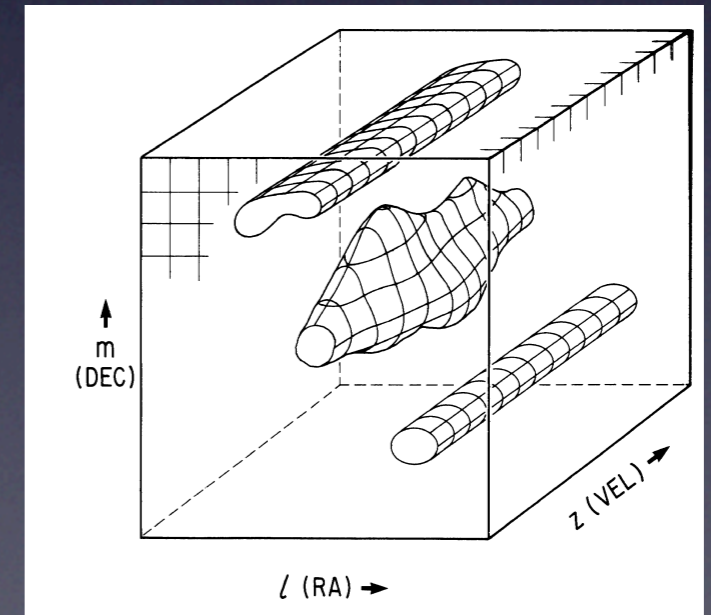
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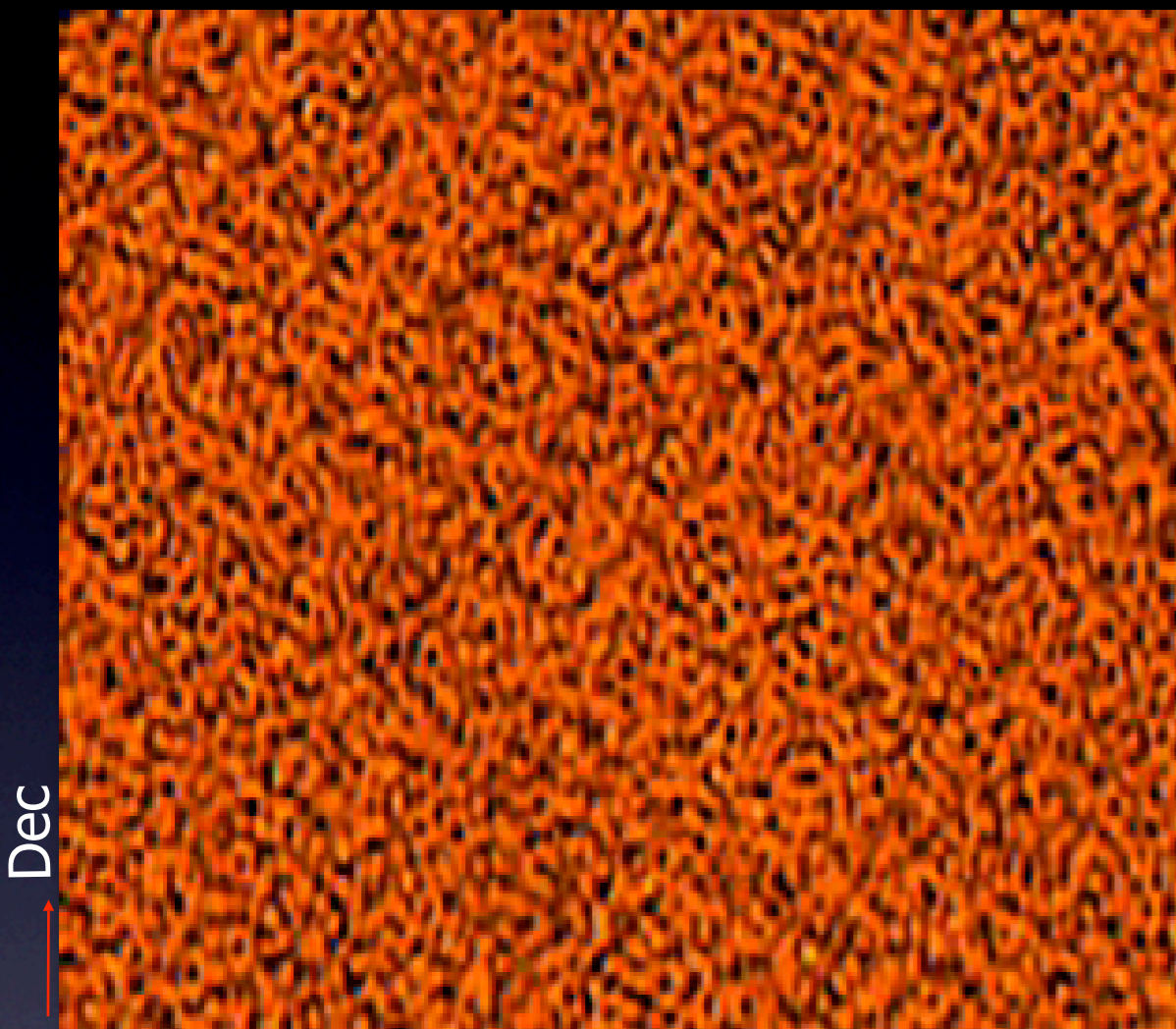


Every channel \rightarrow a plane in the cube

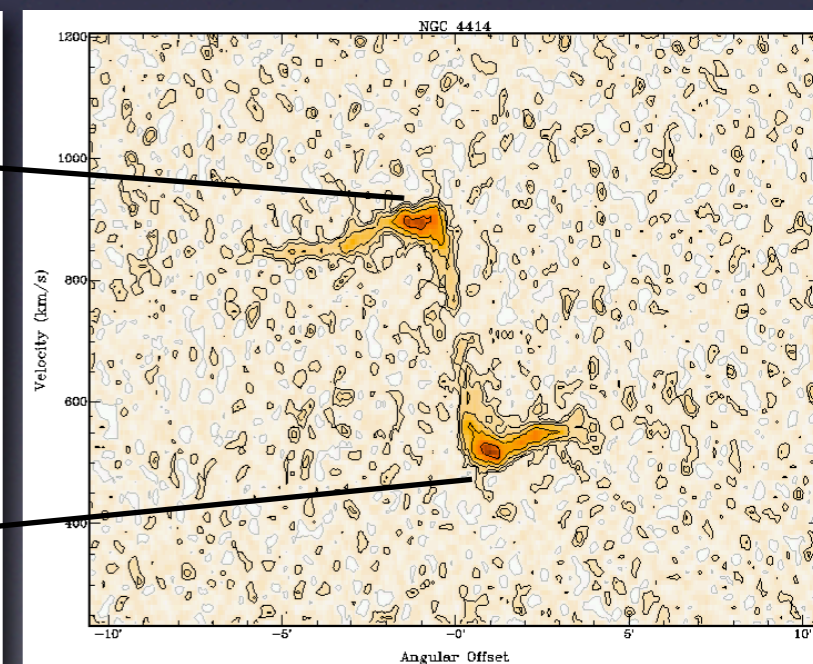
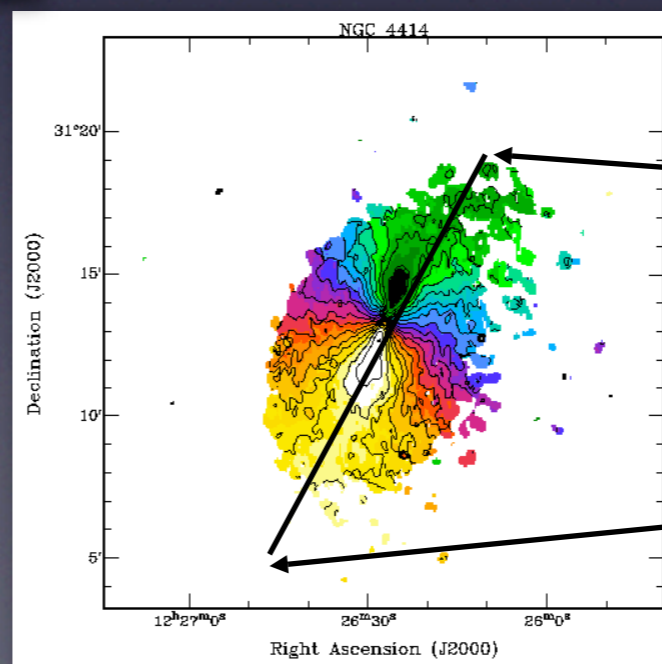
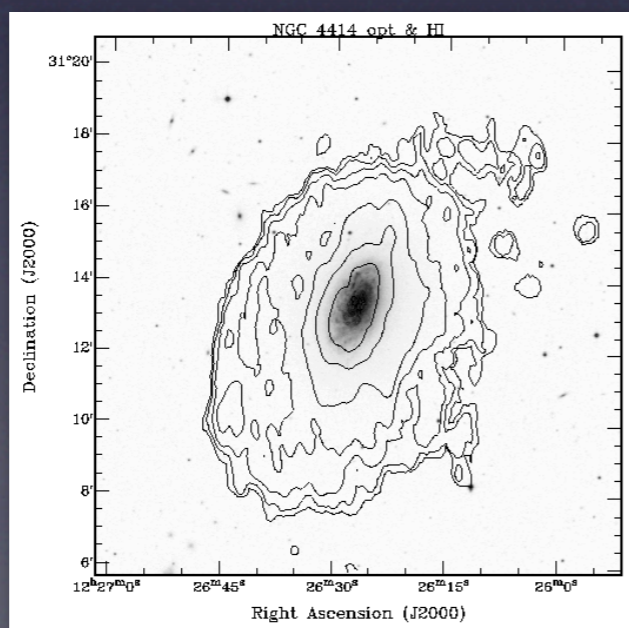


Kinematics of the galaxies

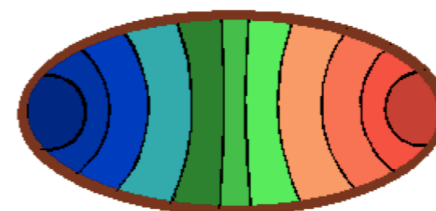
Case of an undisturbed galaxy: rotating disk



H I observation
(datacube)
of NGC 4414

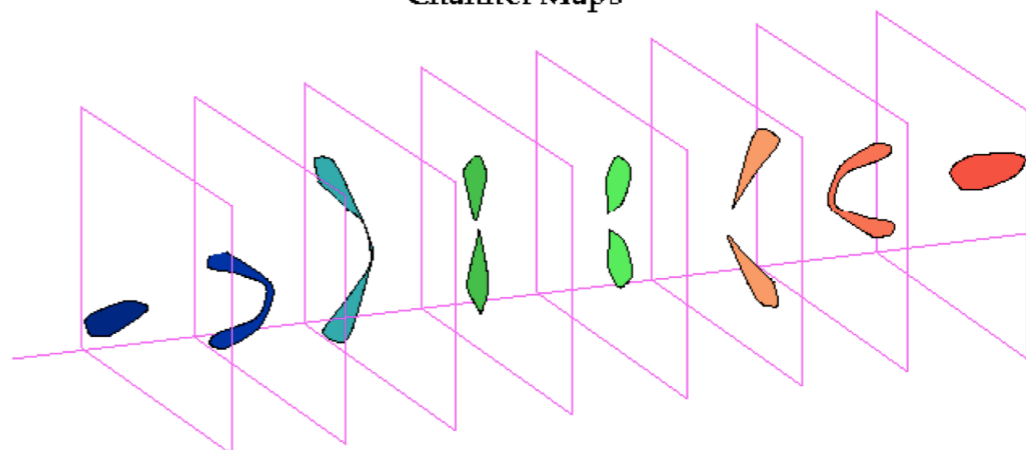


Simple 2-D model: Rotating disk



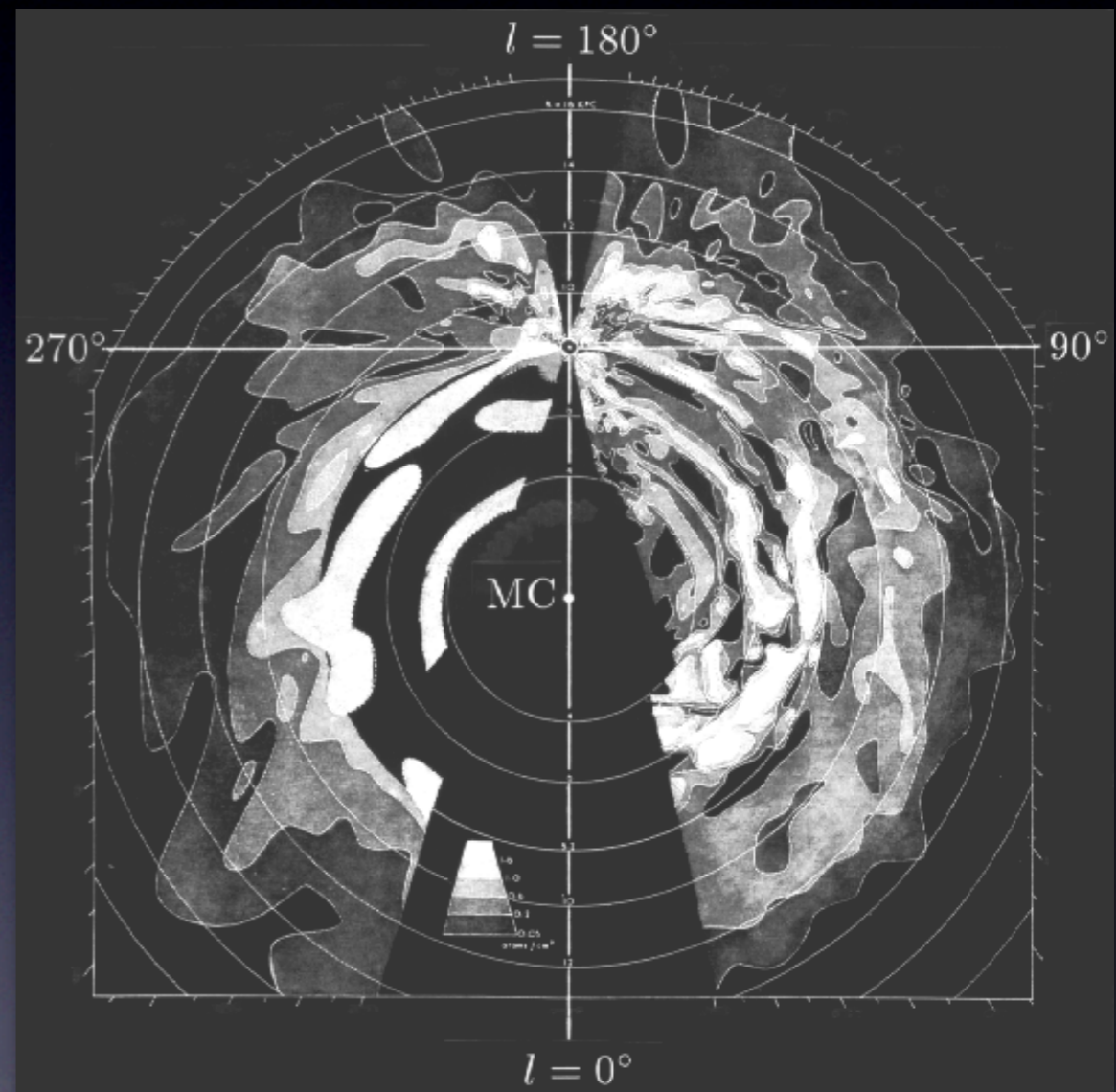
Mean Velocity Field

Channel Maps



HI for galaxy structure and evolution

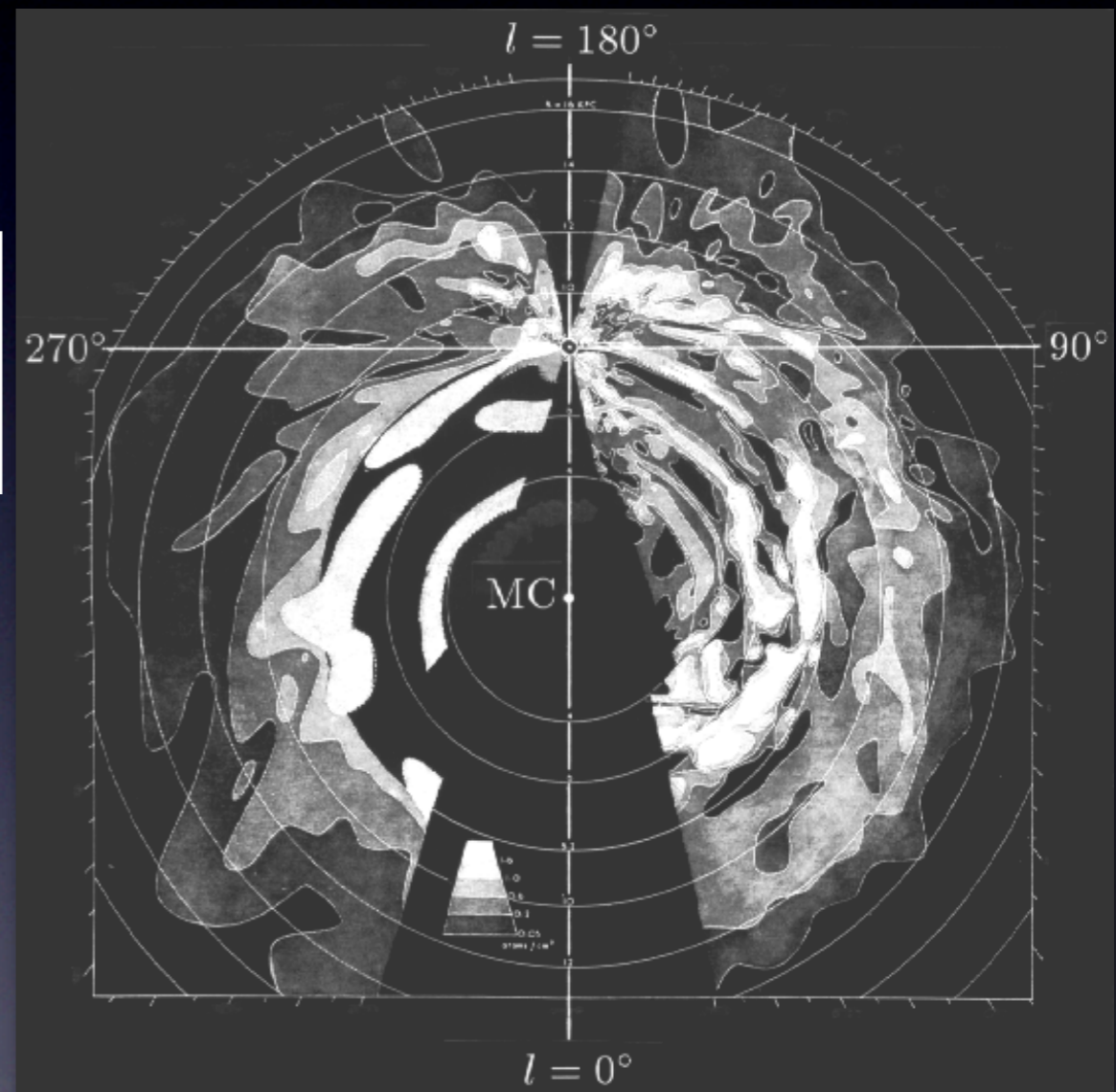
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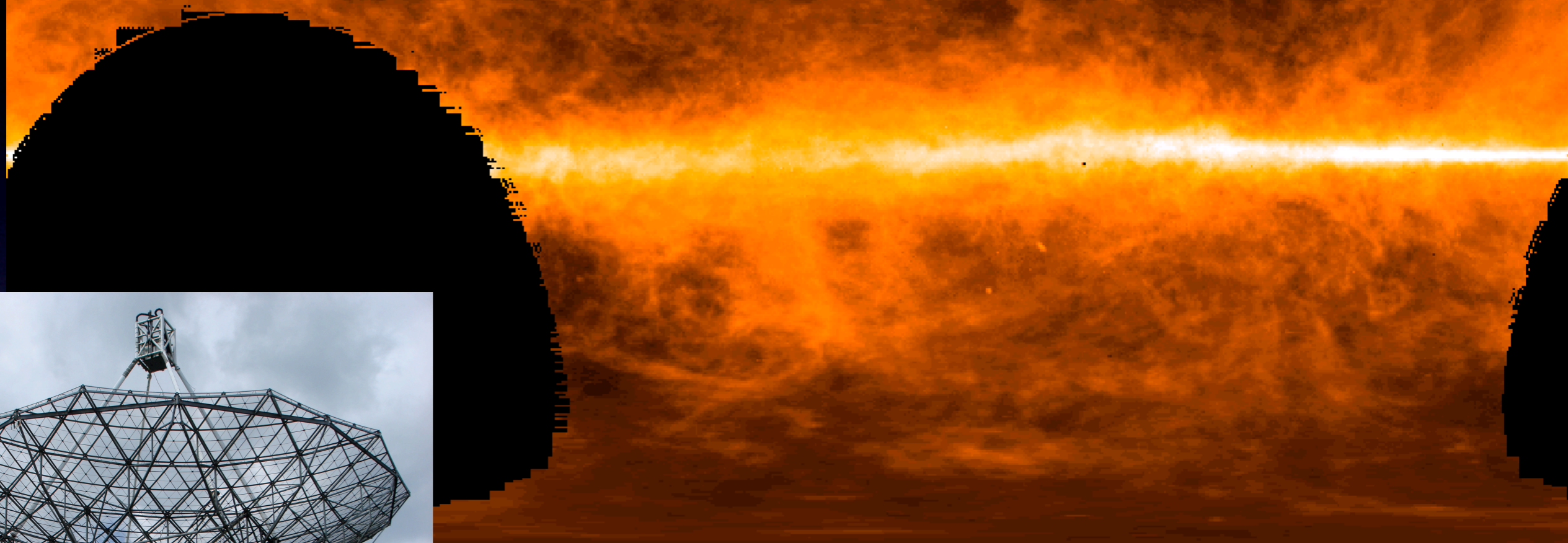
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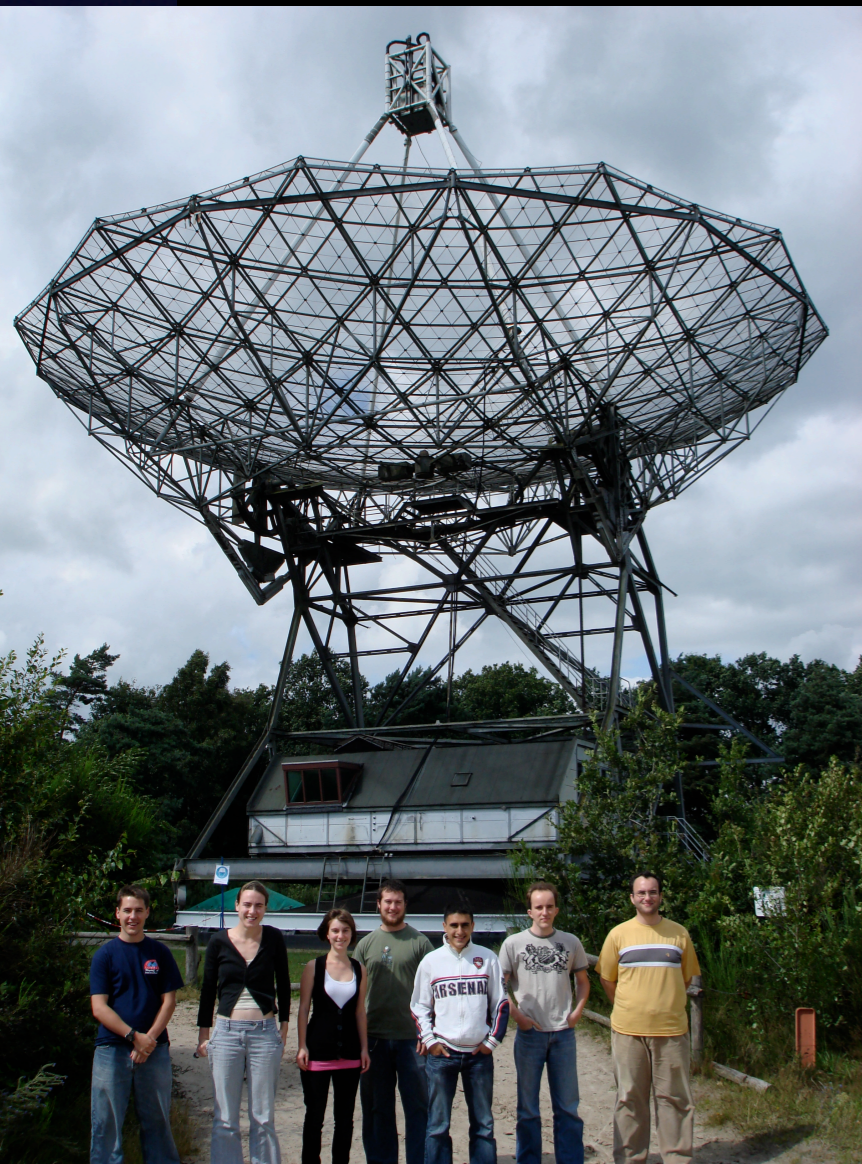


All-sky image of the HI column density in the Milky Way - from the Dwingeloo- Leiden survey

Approximately 5-10% of the mass of the Milky Way is in the form of interstellar atomic hydrogen

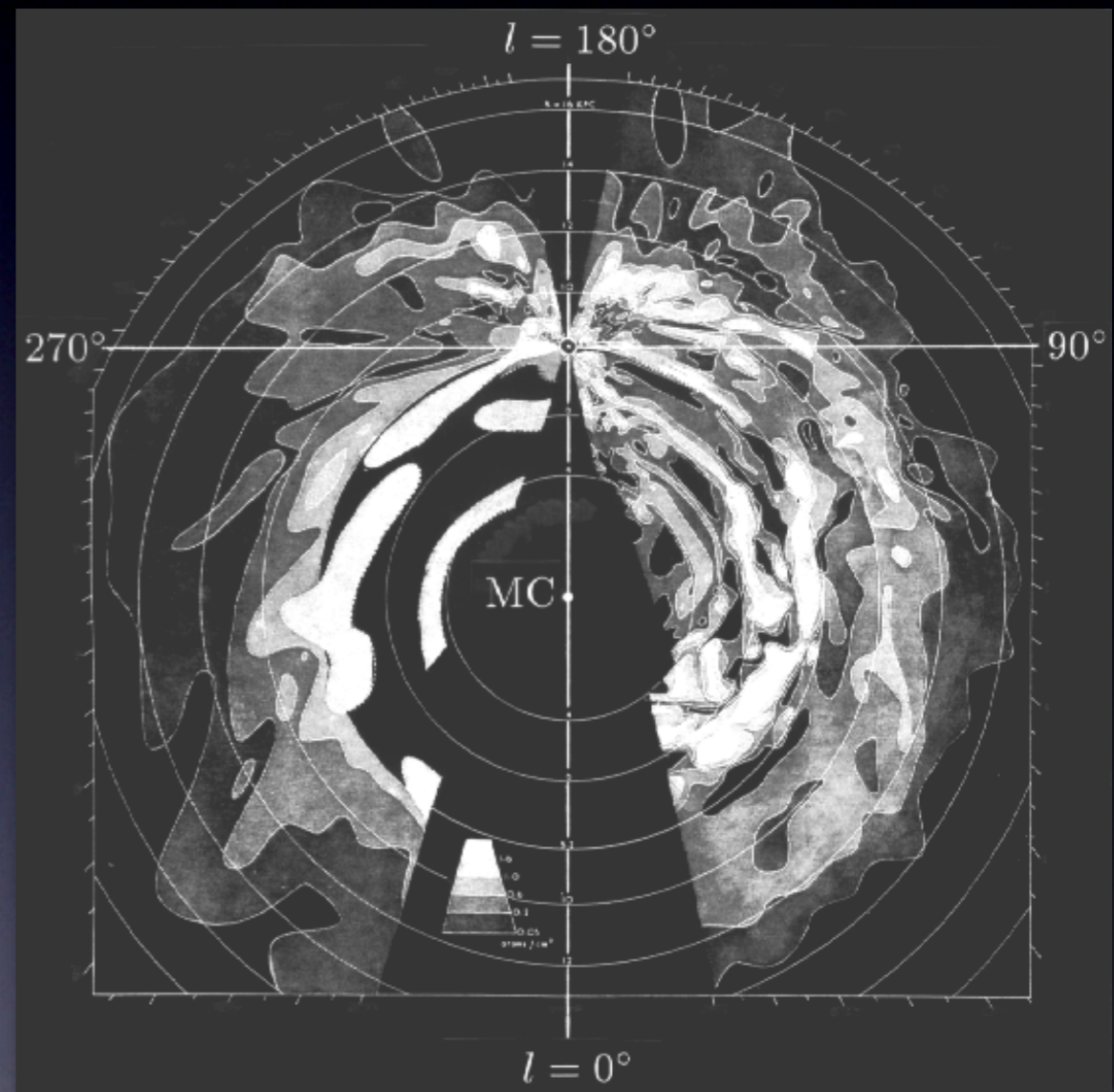
On a large scale the 21-cm emission traces the "warm" interstellar medium, which is organised into diffuse clouds of gas and dust that have sizes of up to hundreds of light years.

This survey was conducted over a period of 4 years using the Dwingeloo 25-m radio telescope.



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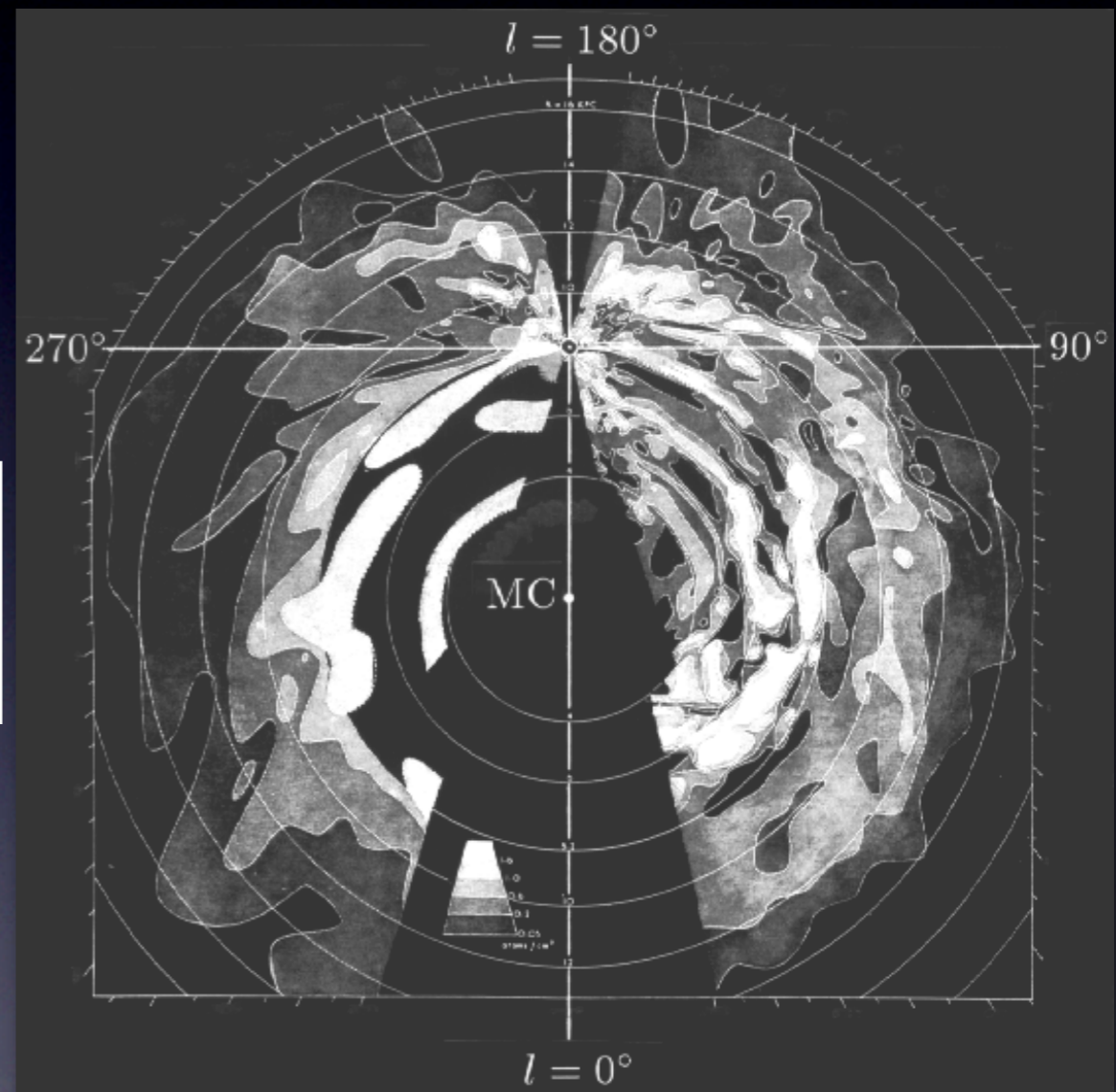
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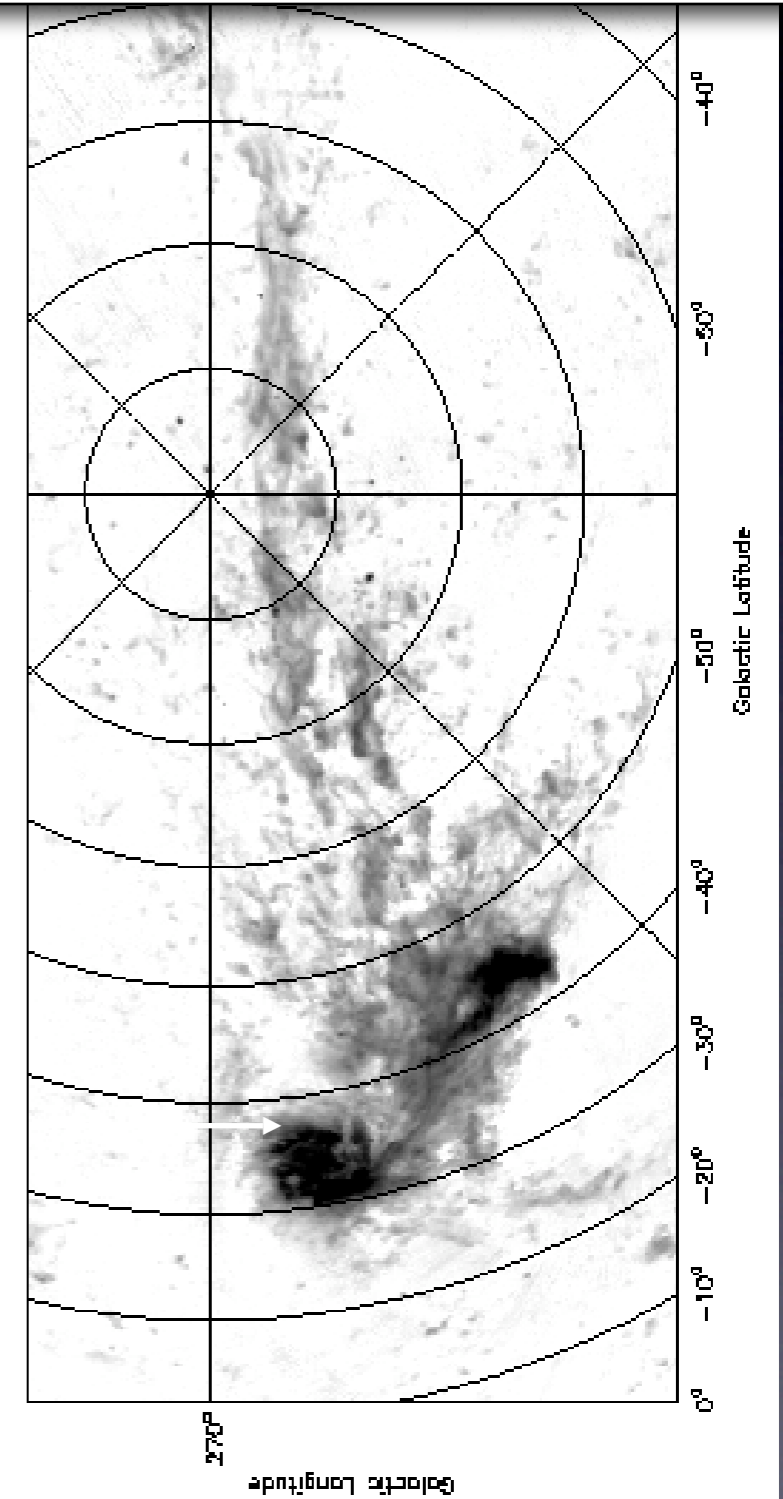
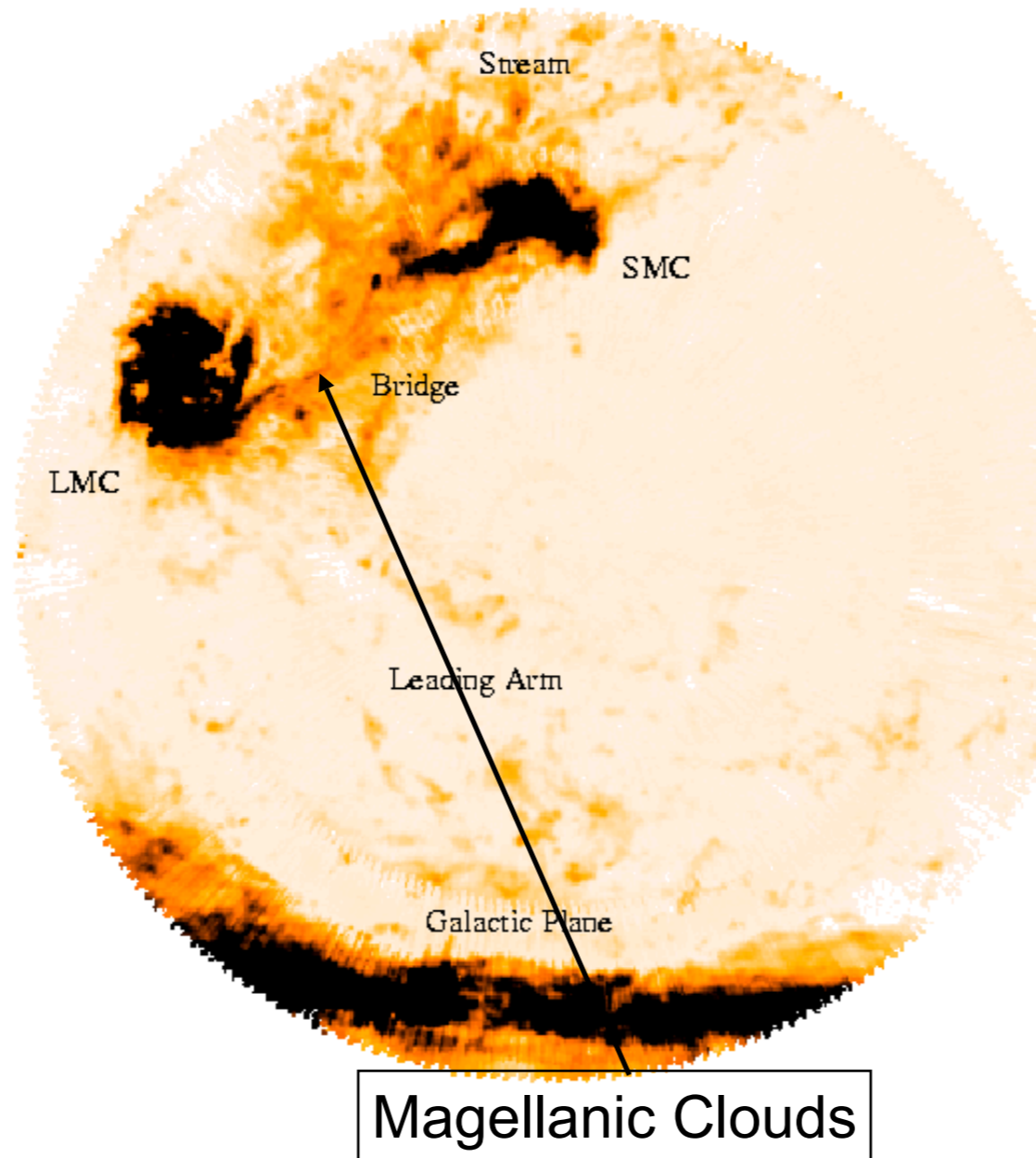
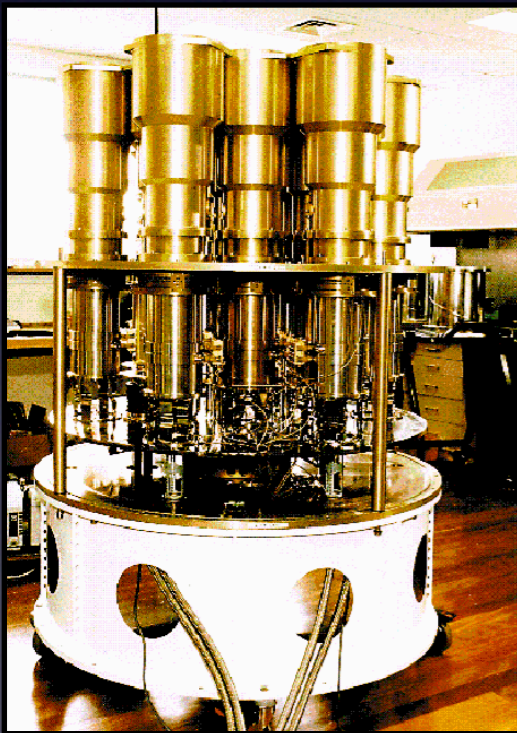
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The nearest interacting galaxy: our Milky Way

Example of interaction with our neighbours: hydrogen in the Magellanic stream

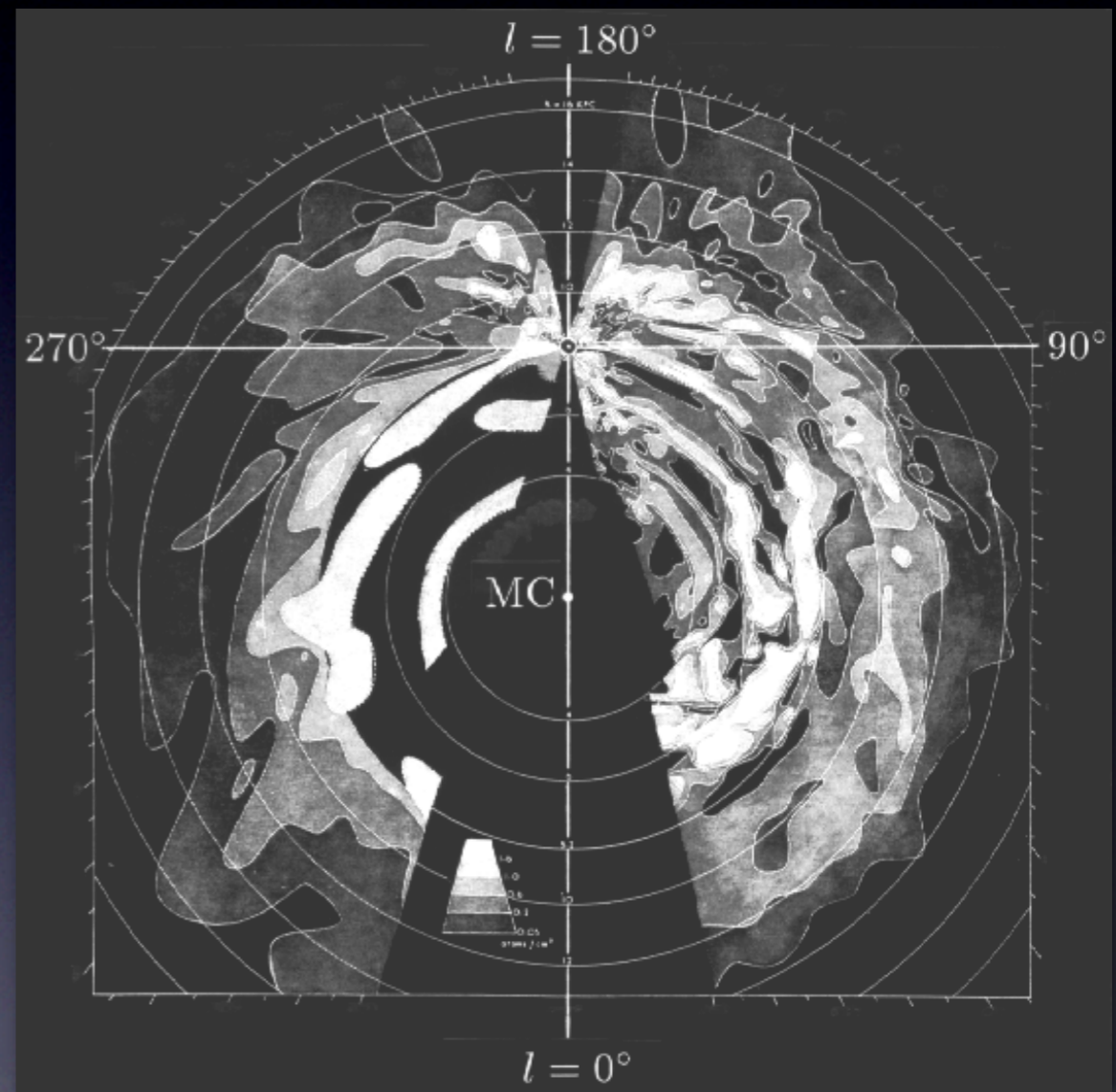


13-beam 21-cm receiver at prime focus



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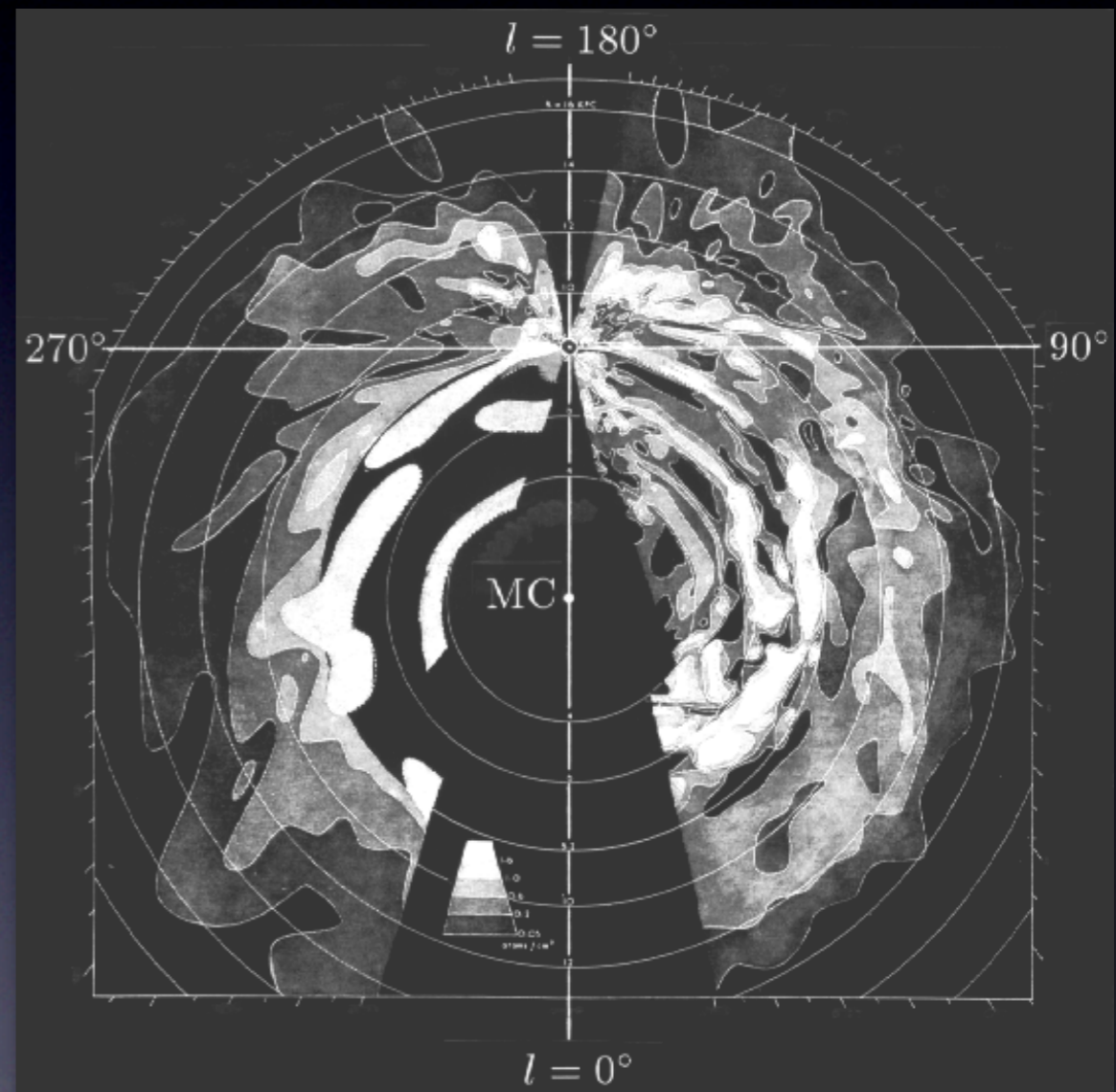


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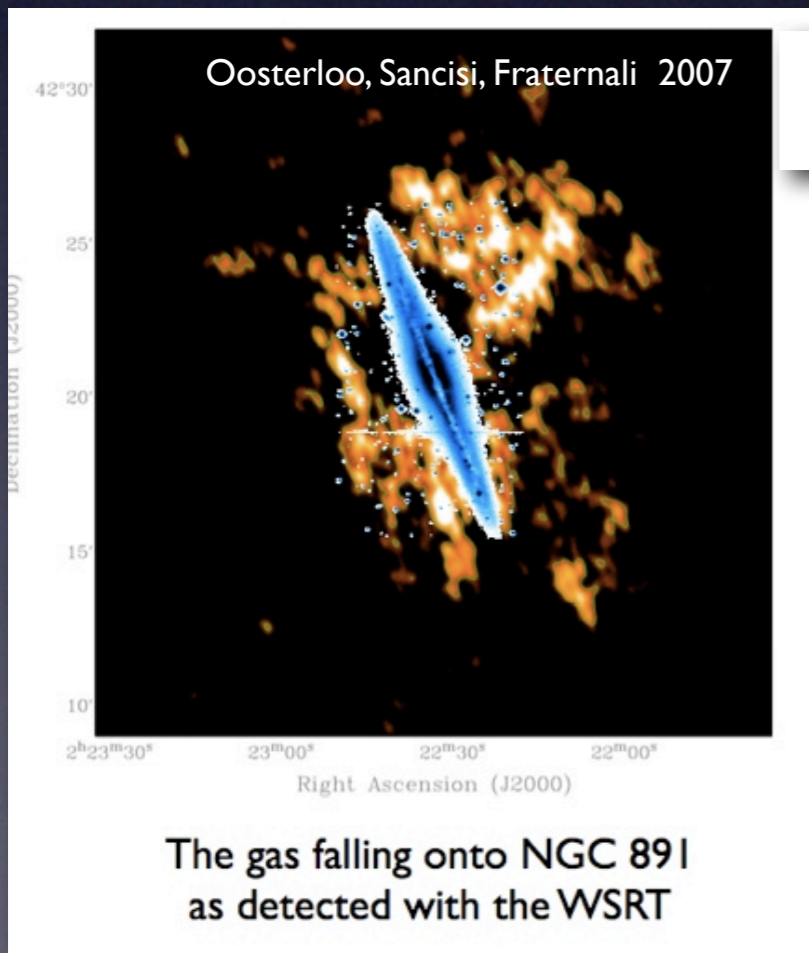
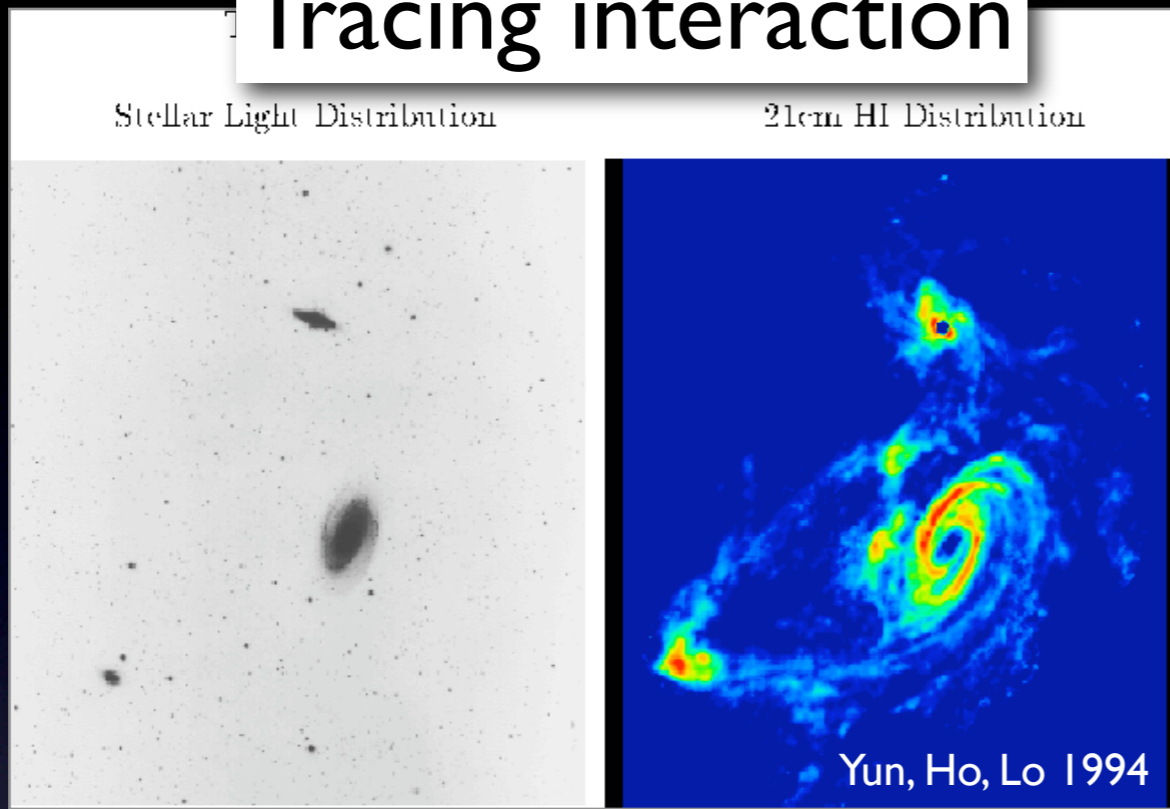
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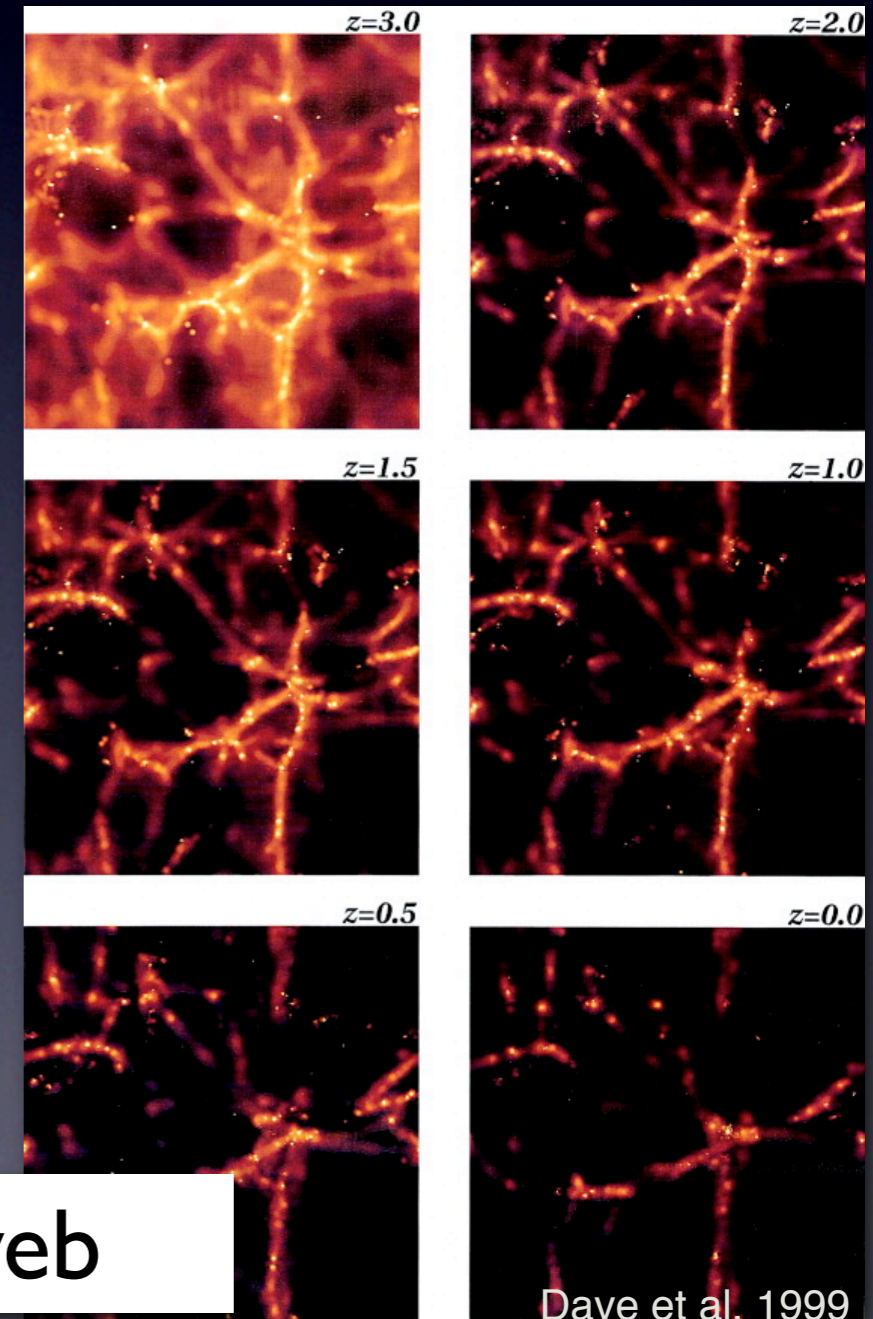
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HI and the farther away Universe

Tracing interaction



Gas accretion



Cosmic web

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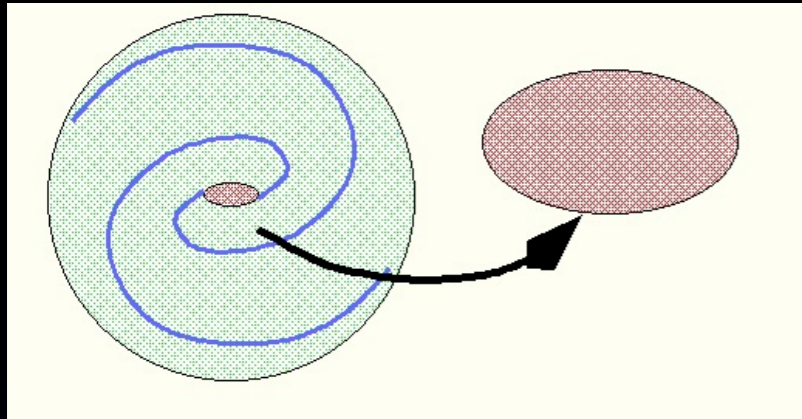
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- Gas in the surrounding of the active nucleus: structure of the central regions
- Is the energy (jets?) released by the AGN affecting this gas

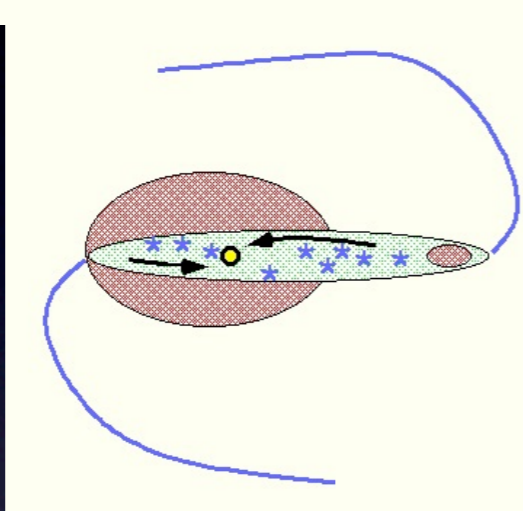


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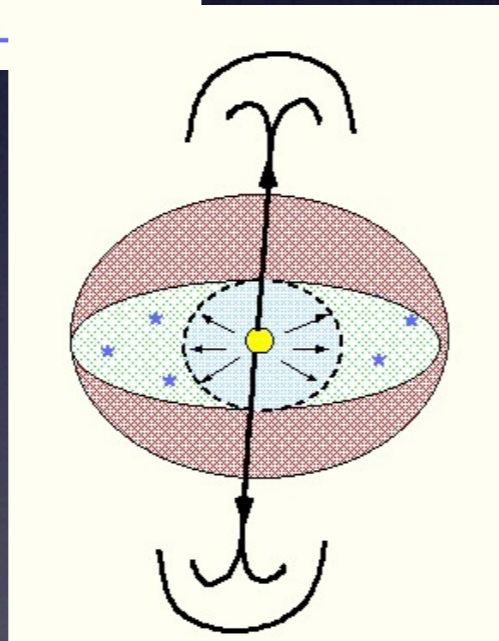
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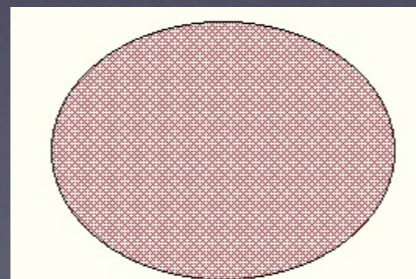
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-1 billion yr



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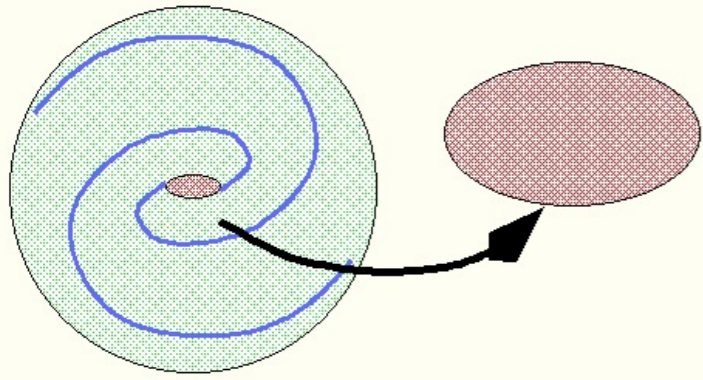


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activity drives gas
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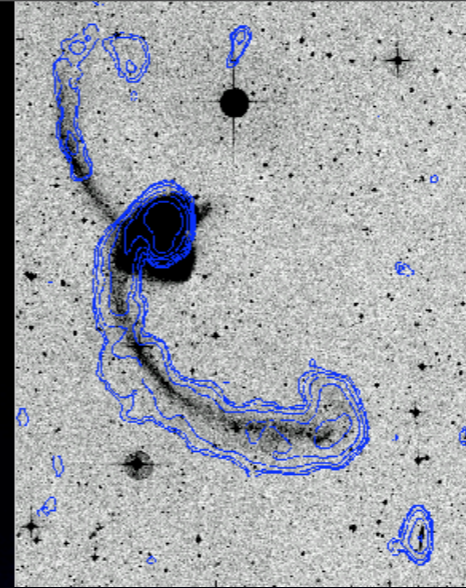


Relaxed
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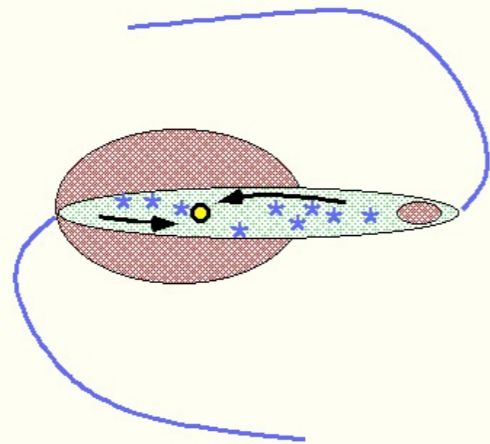
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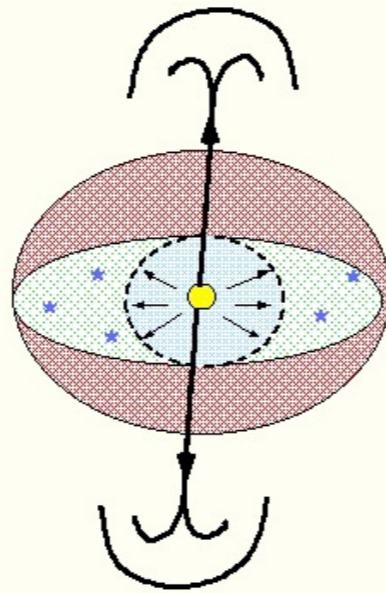
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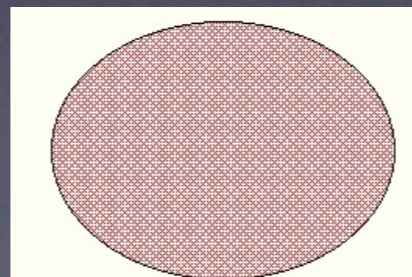
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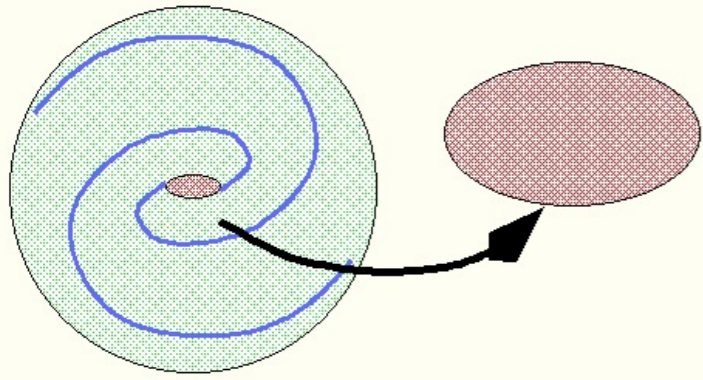


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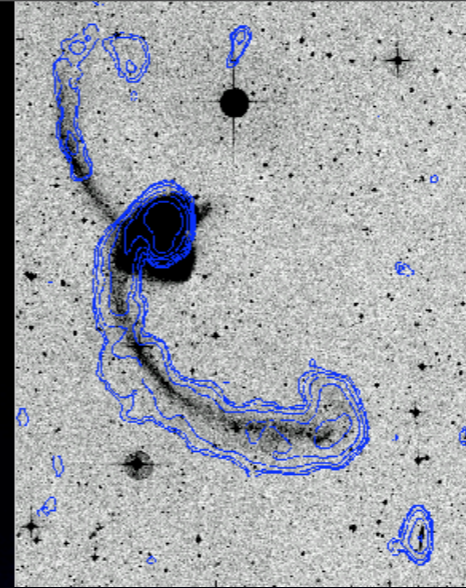


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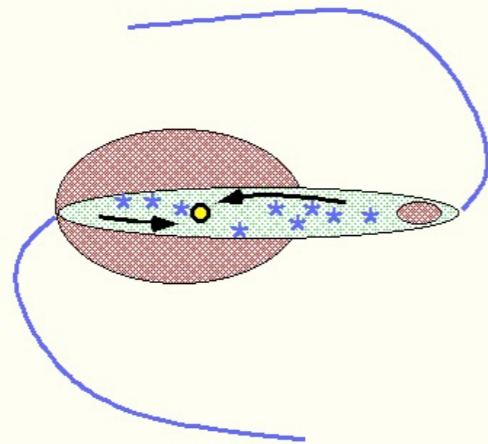
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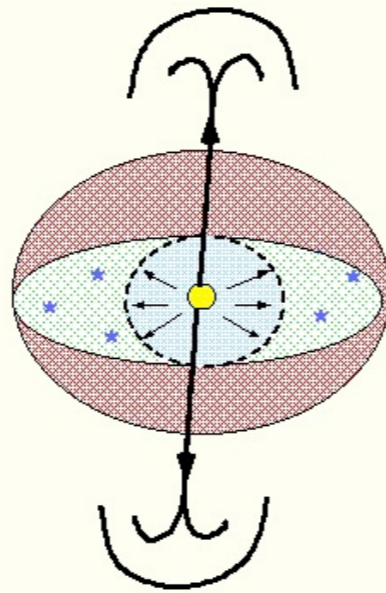
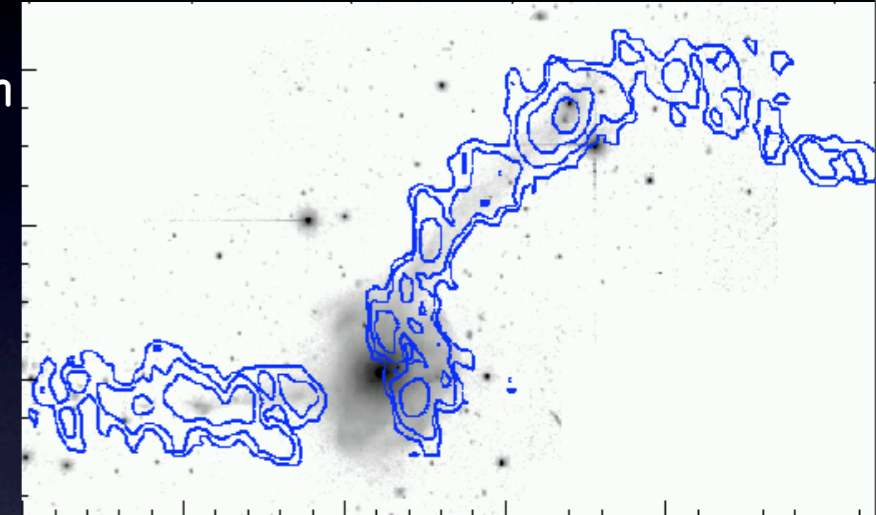
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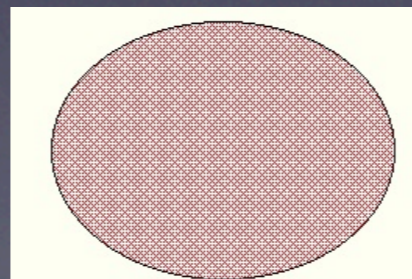
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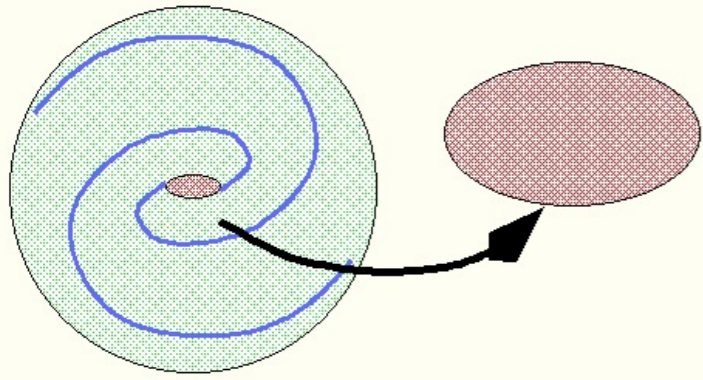


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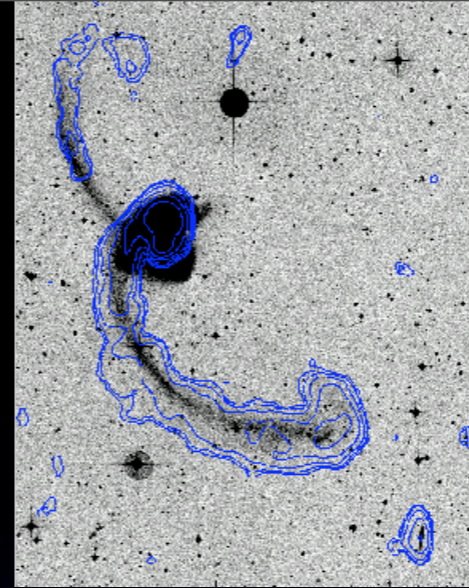


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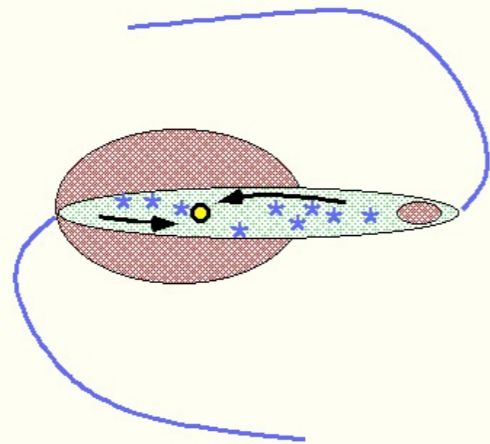
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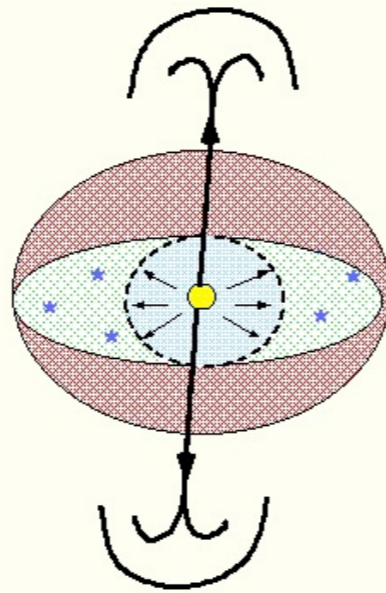
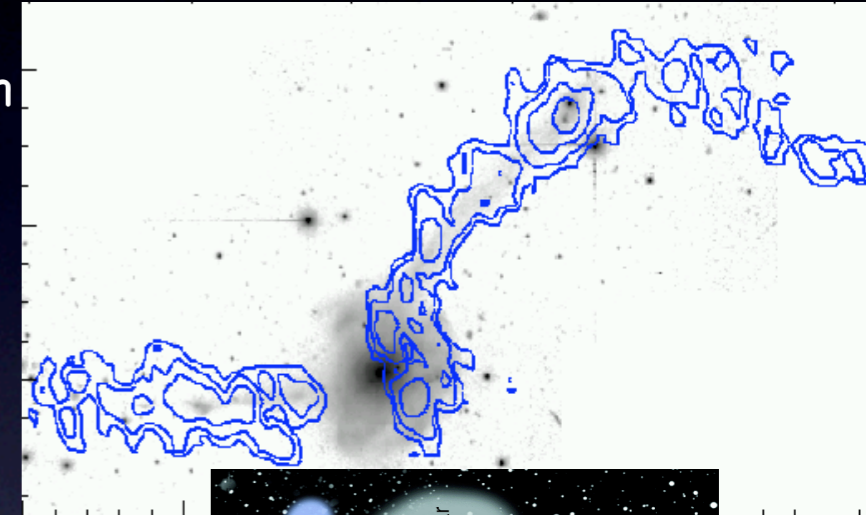
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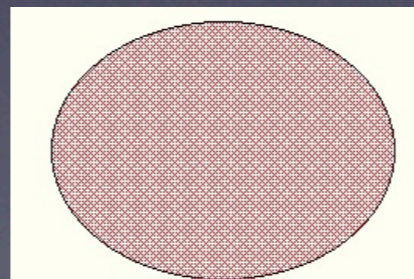
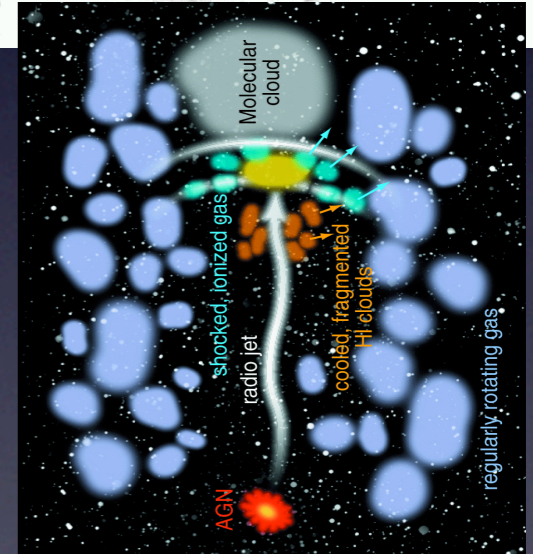
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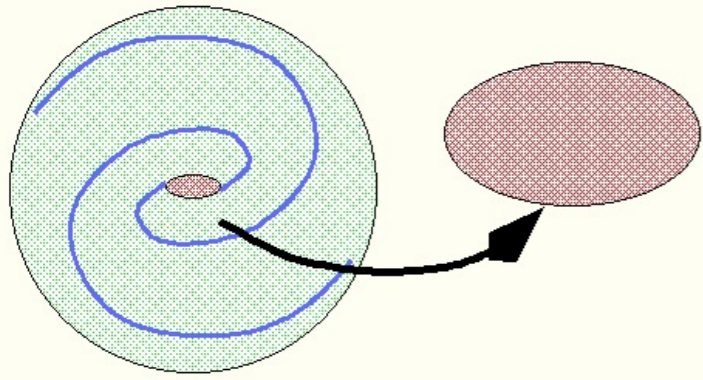


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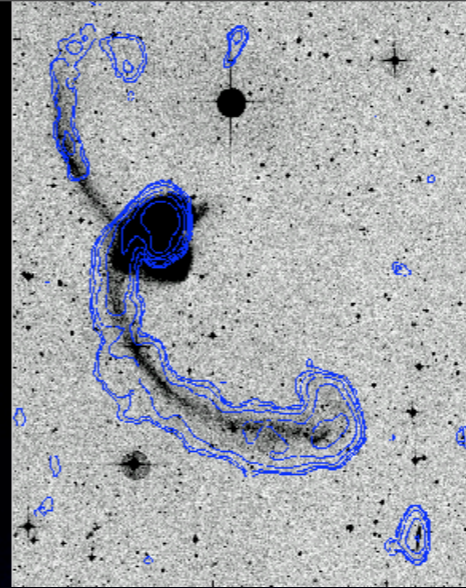


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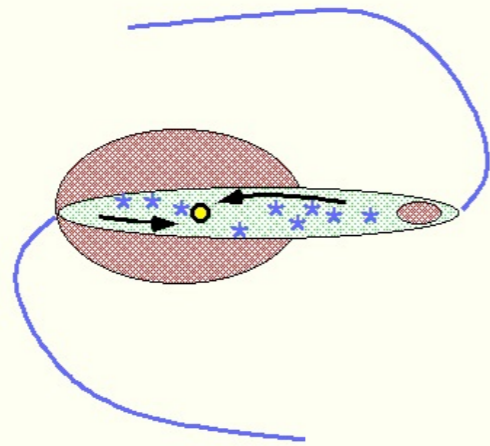
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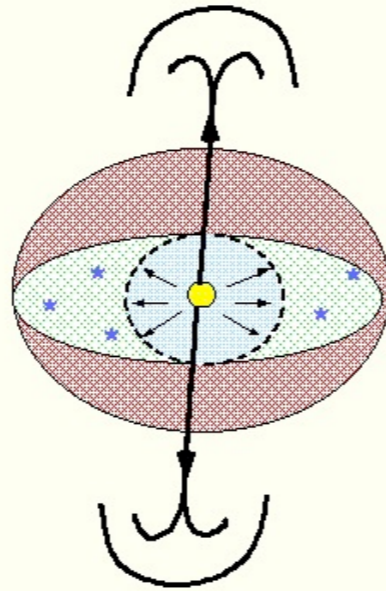
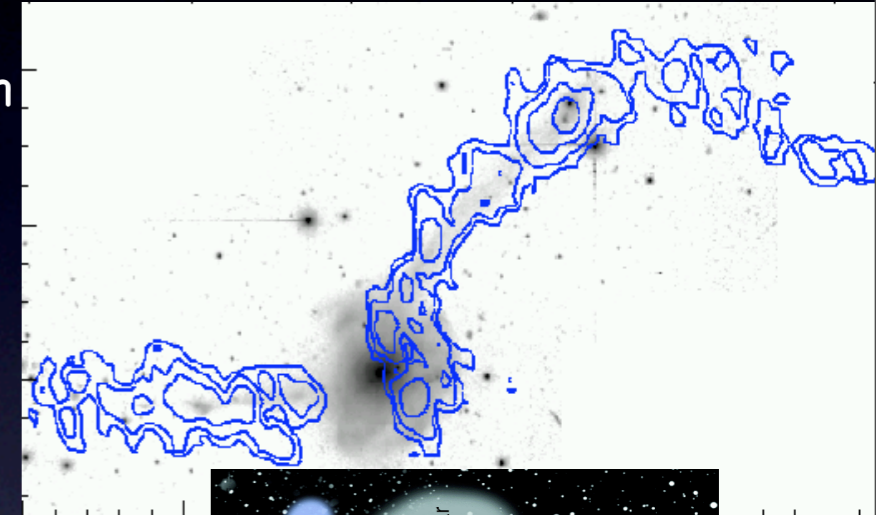
Start of merger
-1 billion yr



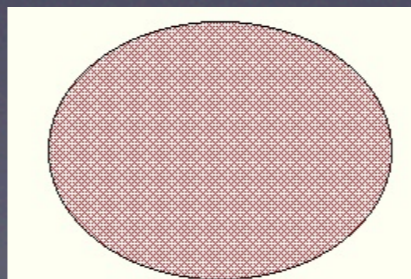
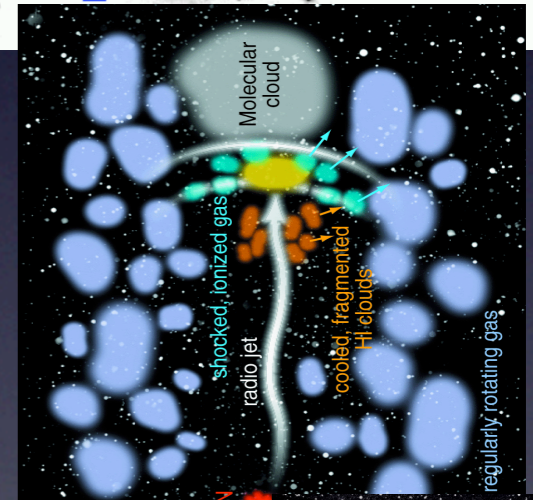
onset of radio activity related to accretion or merger -> but variety of conditions in the merger



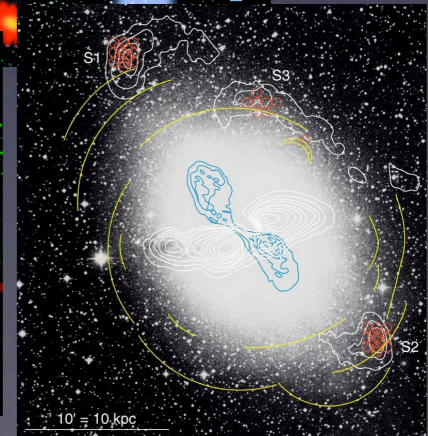
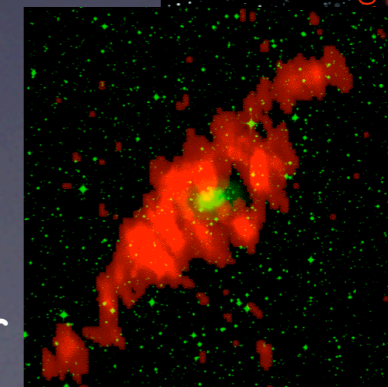
Advanced merger: gas driven towards nucleus; starburst
-0.5 billion yr



Quasar and jet activity drives gas out of galaxy
Now

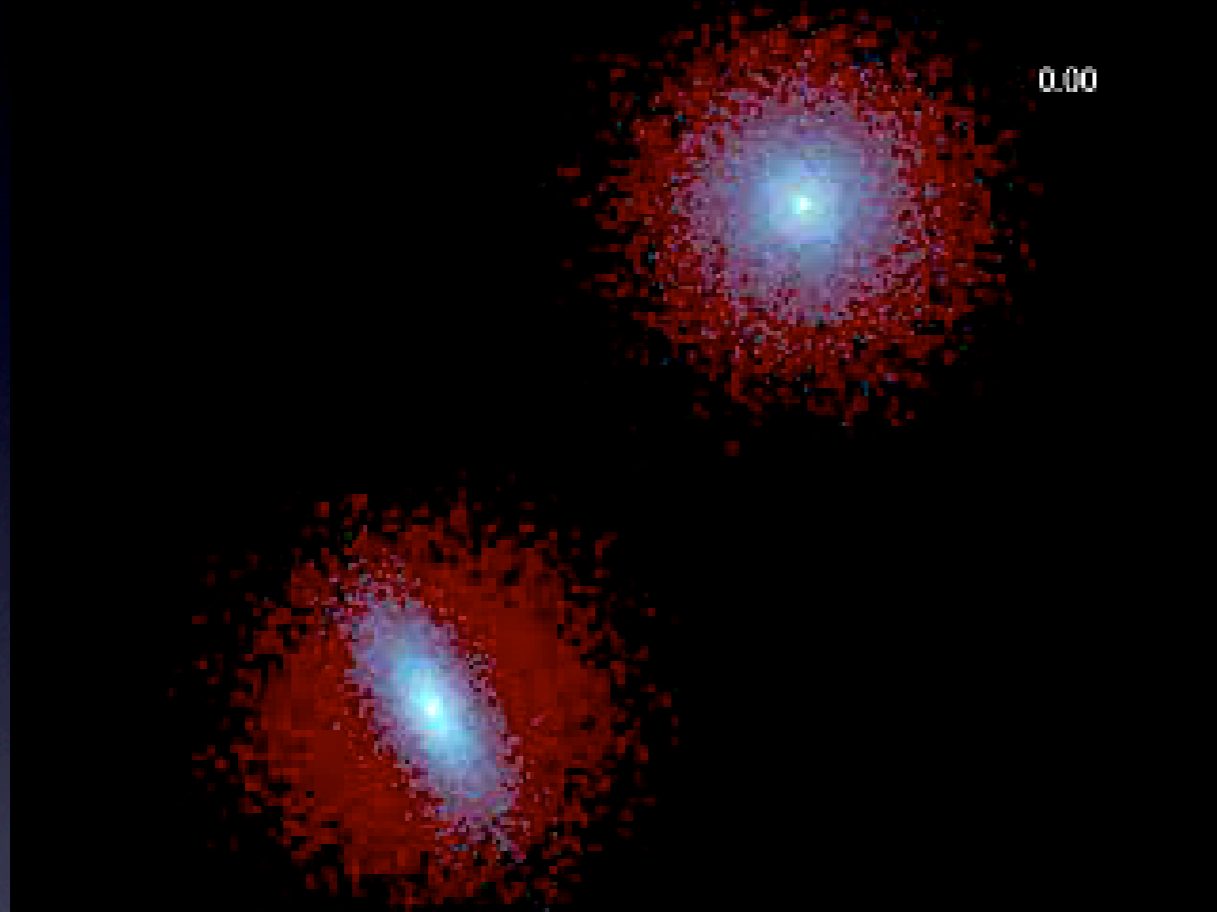


Relaxed E-galaxy
+1 billion yr

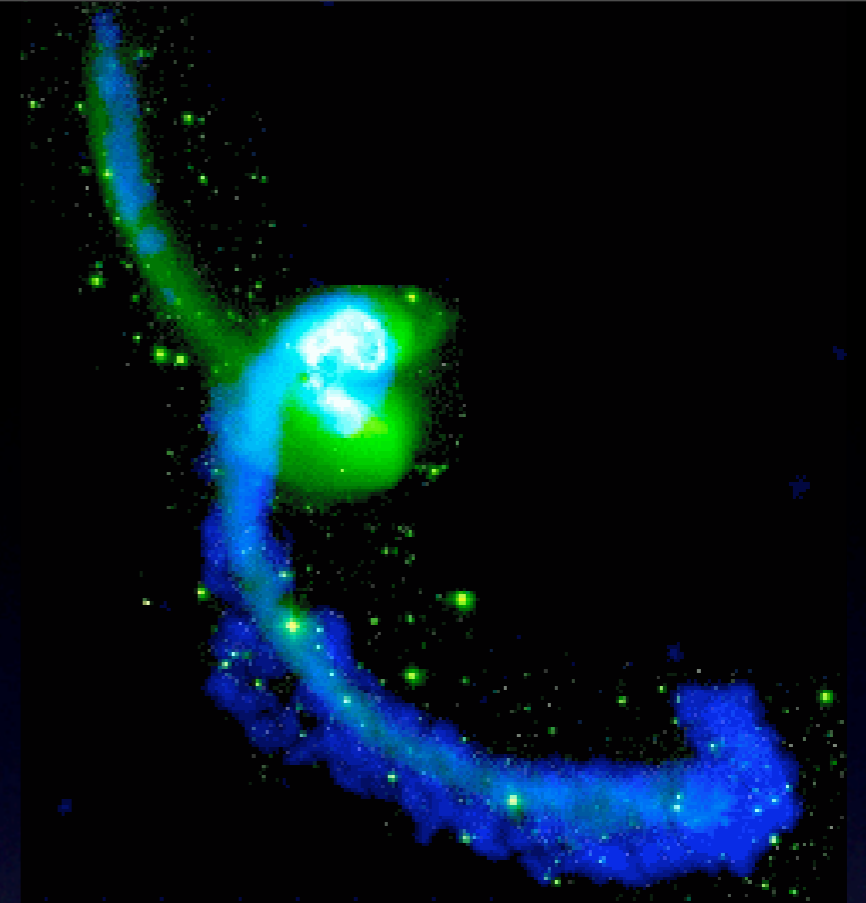


Example of interacting galaxies: the gas is a powerful tracer of interaction

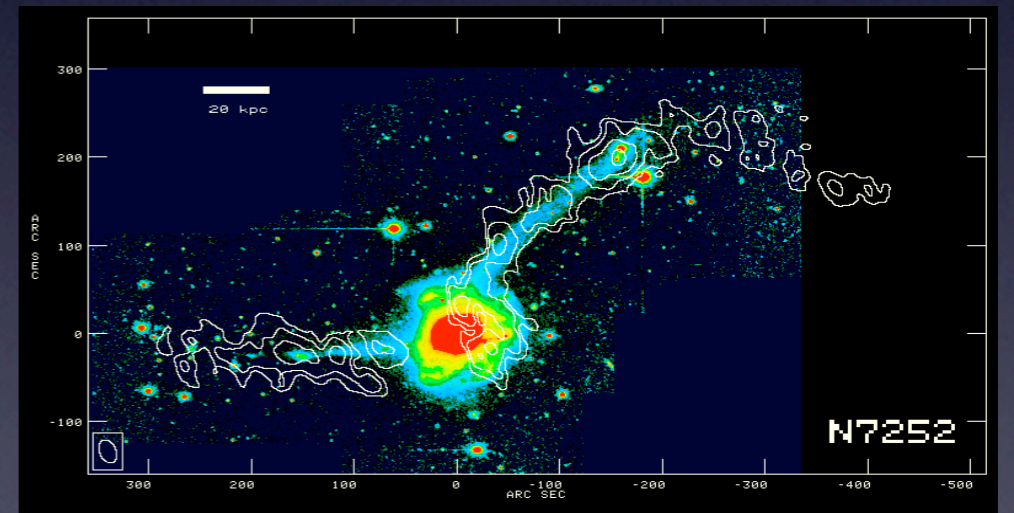
Numerical simulations of Barnes



Early-type galaxies from major merger



The Antennae (Hibbard et al.)

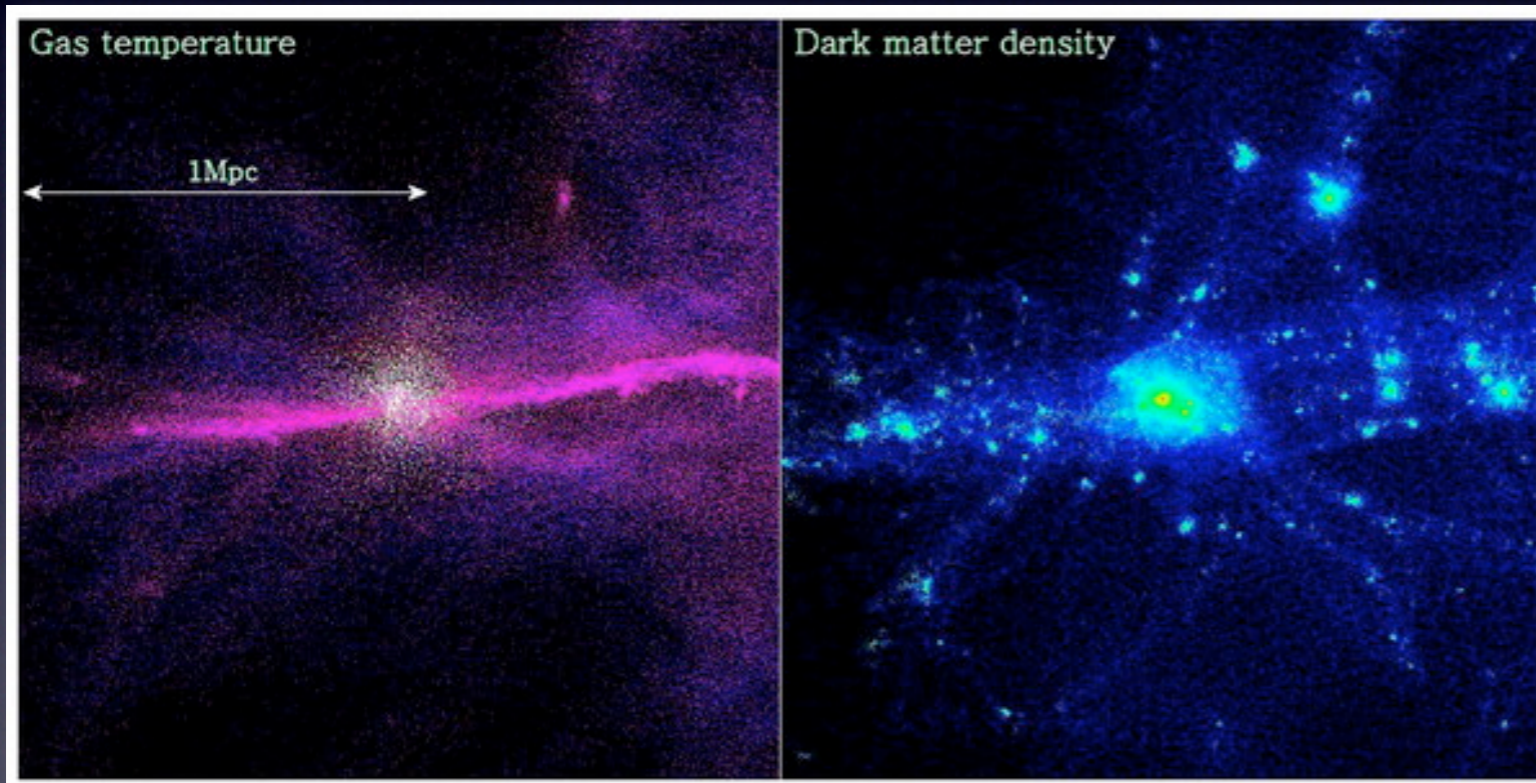


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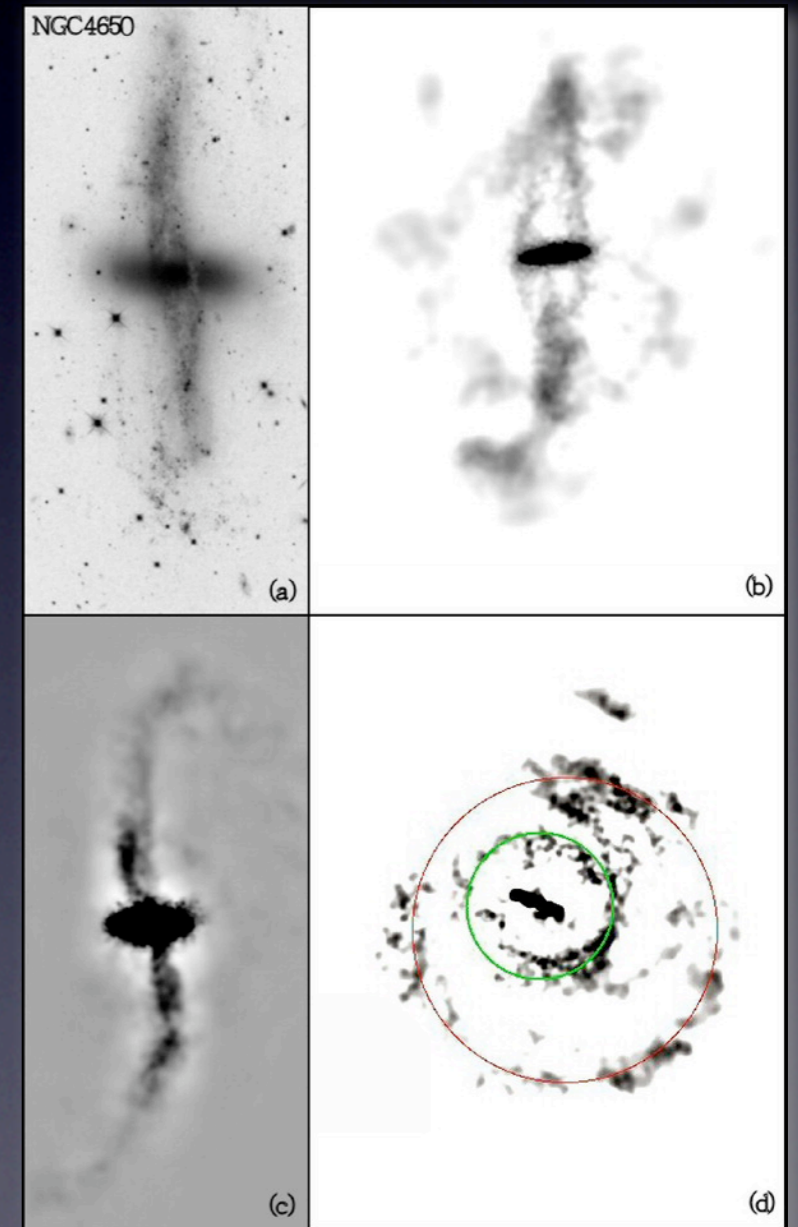
Cold accretion?

Slow but long-lasting accretion of significant amounts of (primordial) gas. Some of the gas can remain cool (not all gets shock ionized)

Not clear predictions about distribution and amount of HI but, unlike mergers, it should not leave a clear signature in the stellar population....



Macciò, Moore, Stadel 2006



HI-rich early-type galaxies: shallow survey

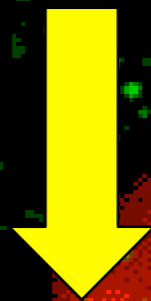
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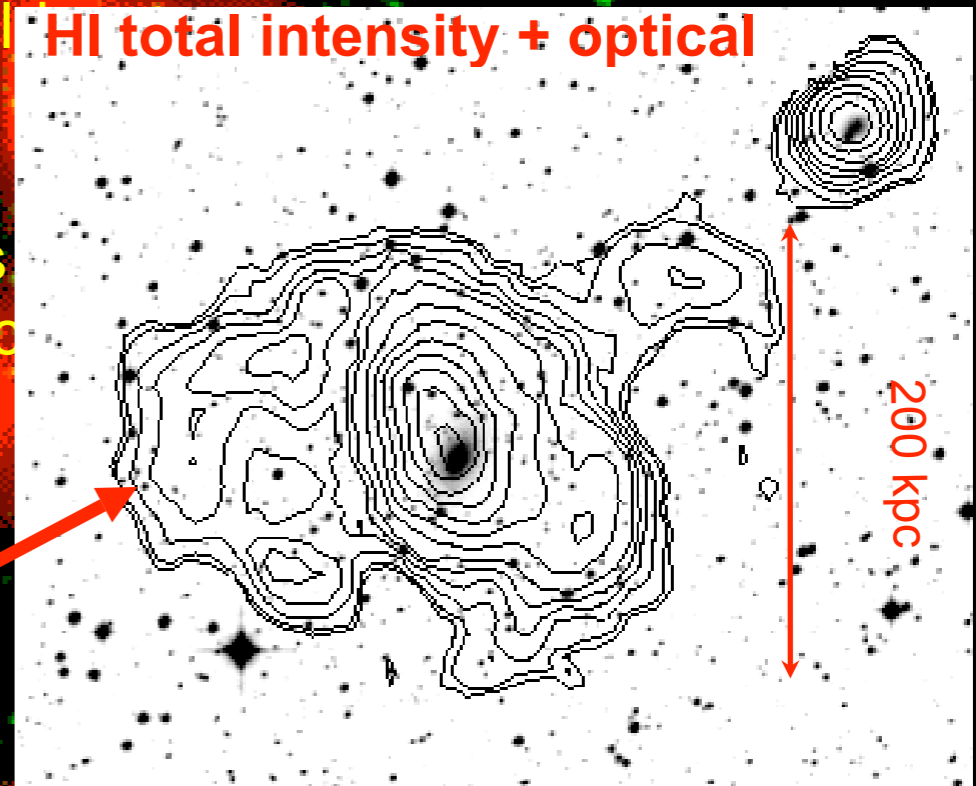


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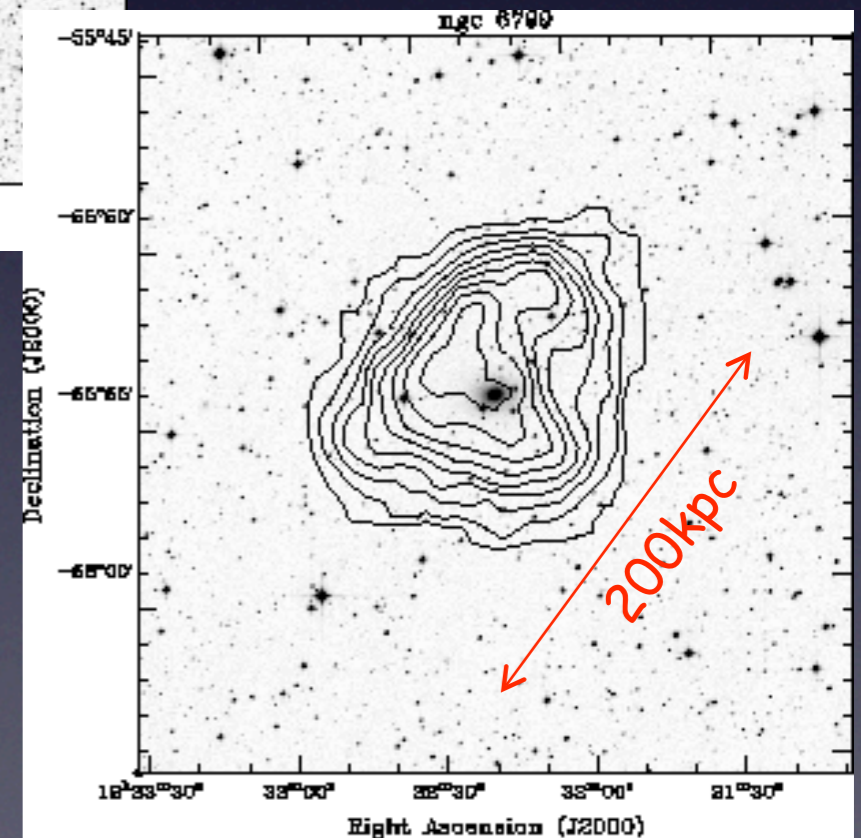
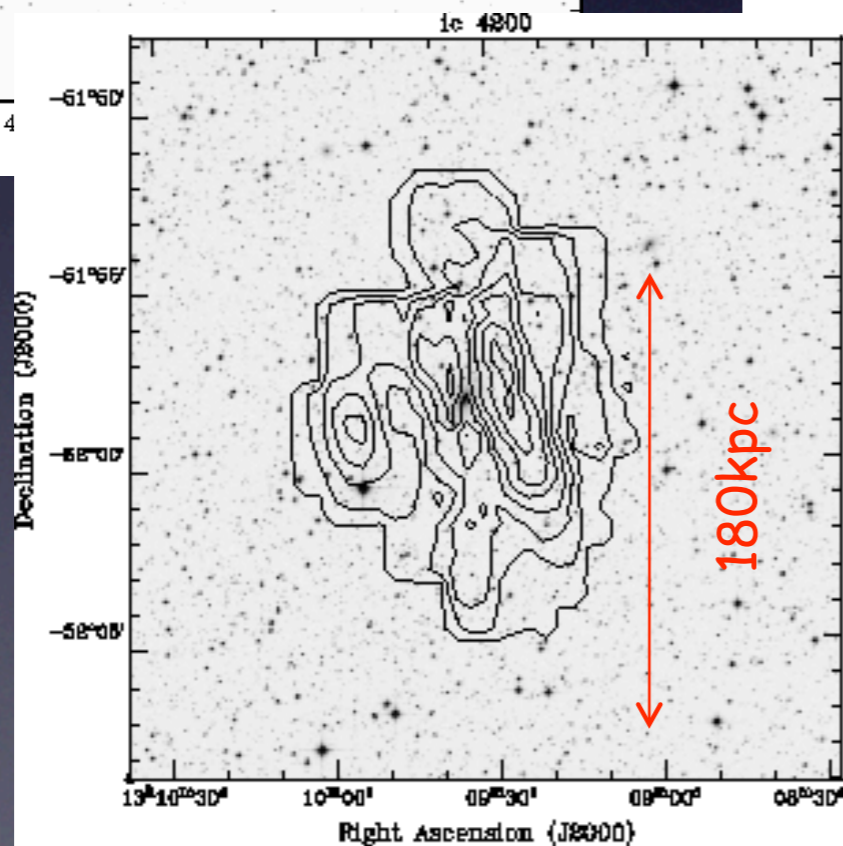
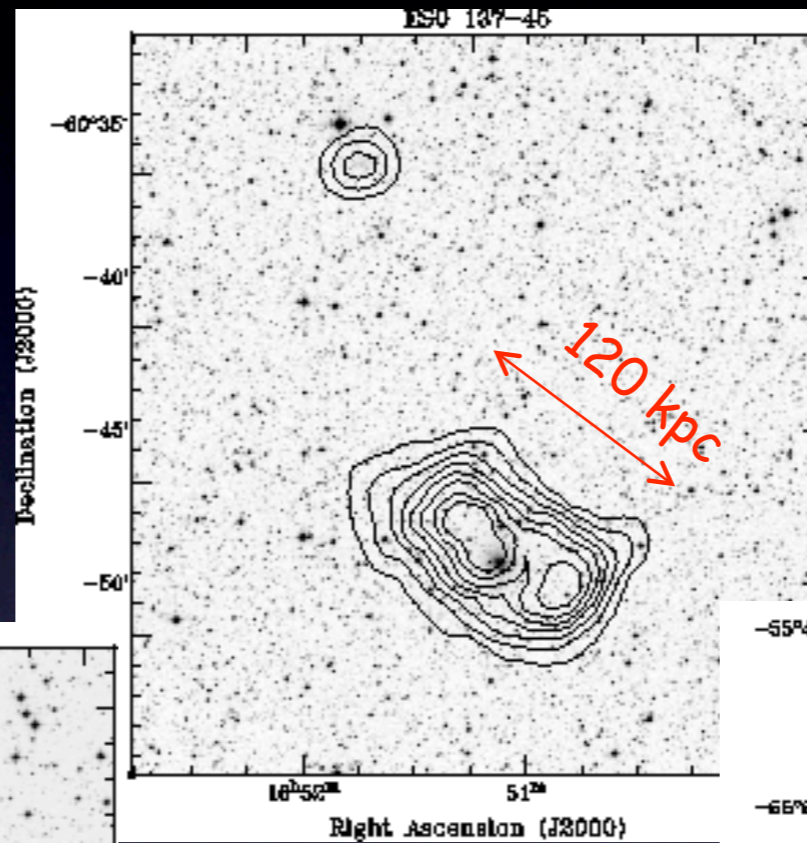
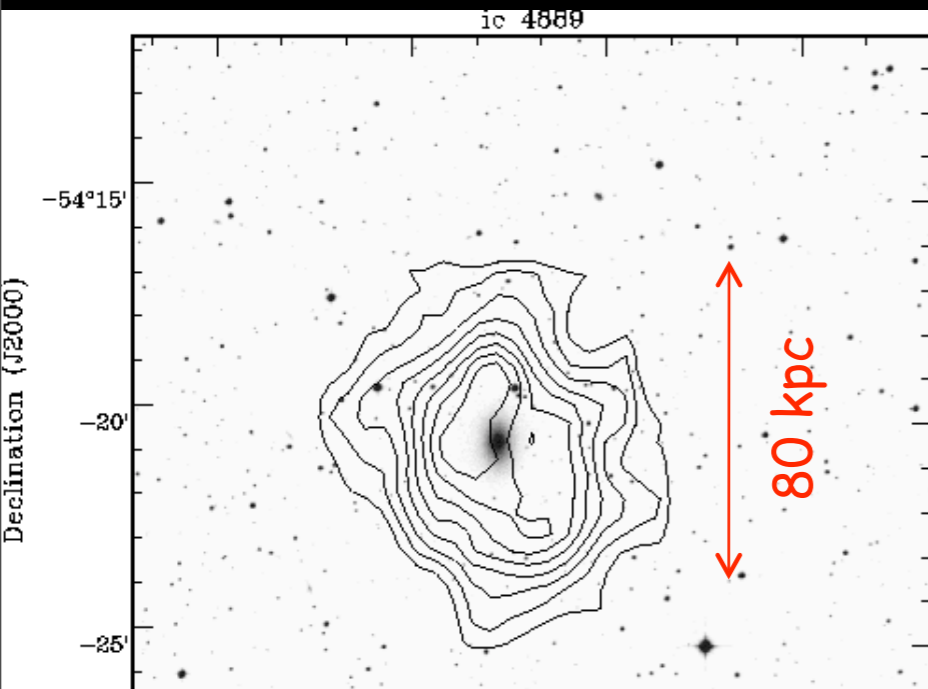
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IC4200 → Event that happened about 2 Gyr ago and originated both the HI structure and the central starburst: major merger – time not long enough for accretion of IGM.
Serra et al. A&A in press

H I rich, early-type galaxies: very large H I disks of low column density

$$\sigma_{\text{HI}} < 2 \cdot 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-2}$$

“no” star formation



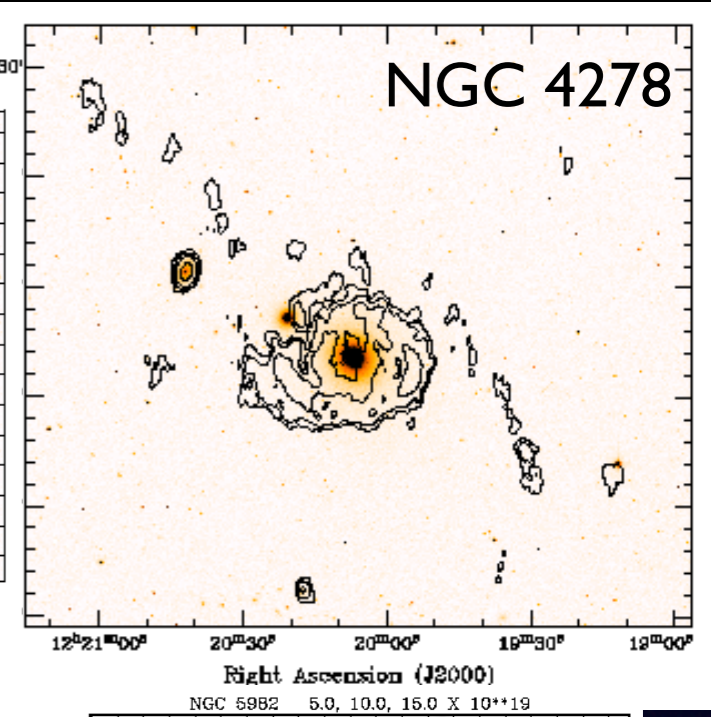
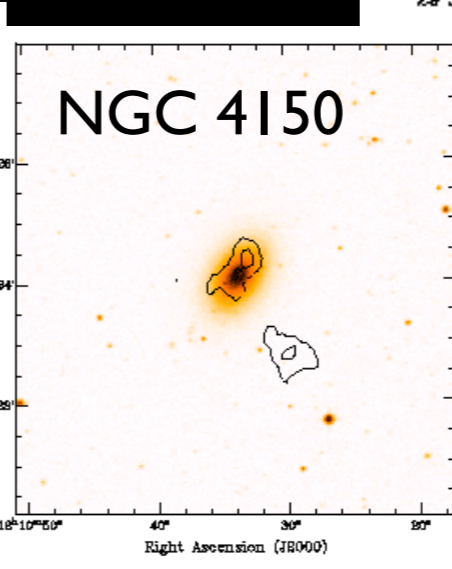
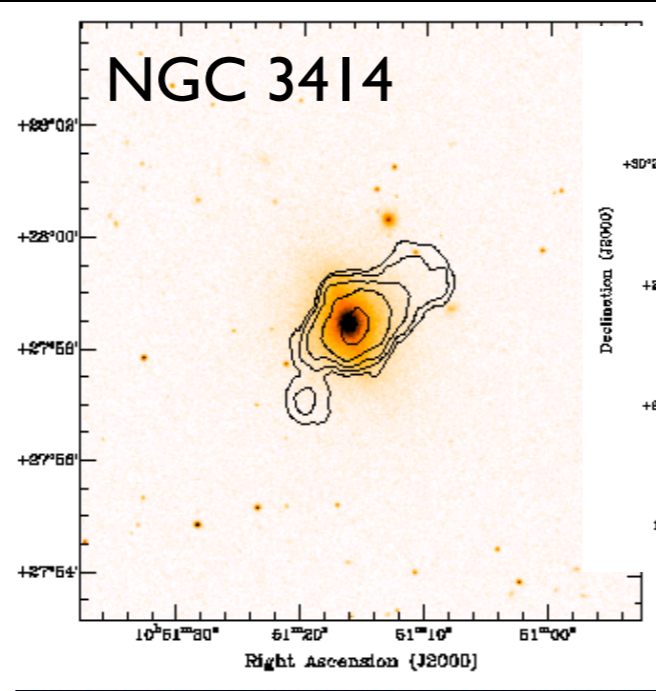
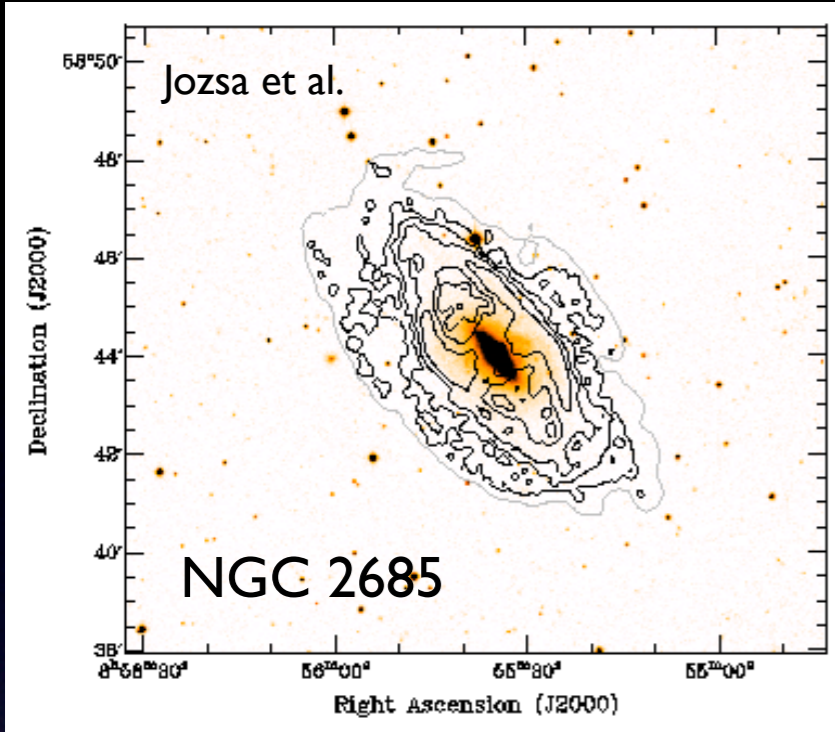
HI in early-type galaxies: deep survey

- Deep HI observations with the WSRT
- Down to upper limits of $M_{\text{HI}} \sim 2 \times 10^6 M_{\text{sun}}$
- **In 8 of the 12 cases, HI is detected in or around the galaxy**
- HI masses between 4×10^6 and $10^9 M_{\text{sun}}$
 - **~70% galaxies detected**
- M_{HI}/L_B : **wide range** from <0.0003 up to 0.3
- For the first time (for these low HI masses) we have also the morphological information: variety of morphologies
- Four cases of HI in disk-like structures, three (possibly 4) cases of offset clouds/tails → the presence of regular disk-like structures is therefore as common as HI “floating” around galaxies

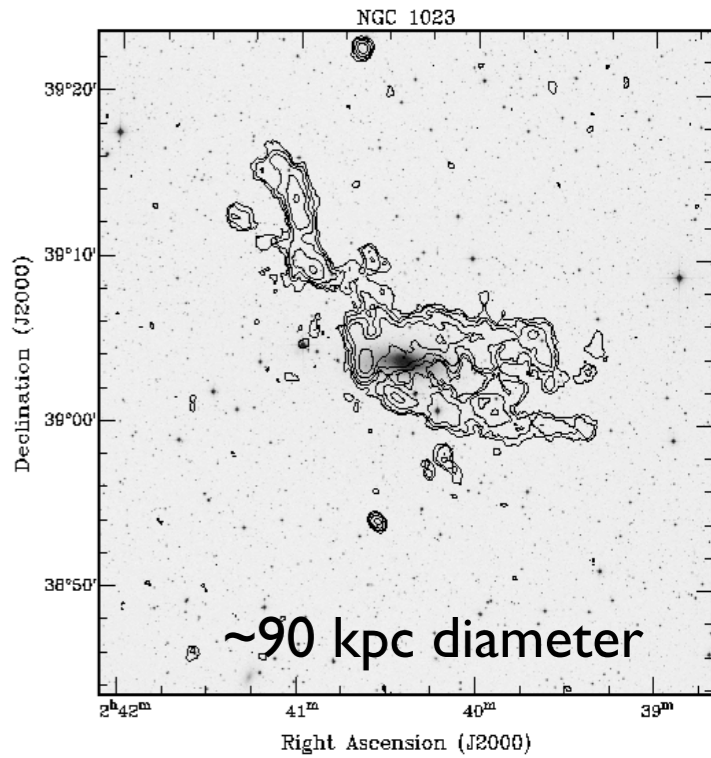
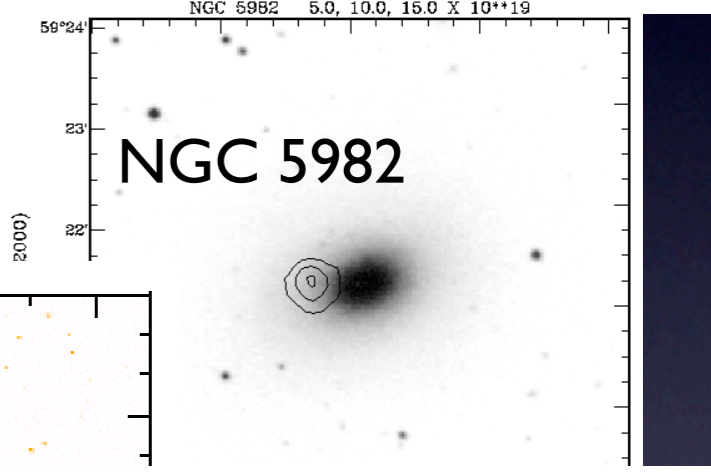
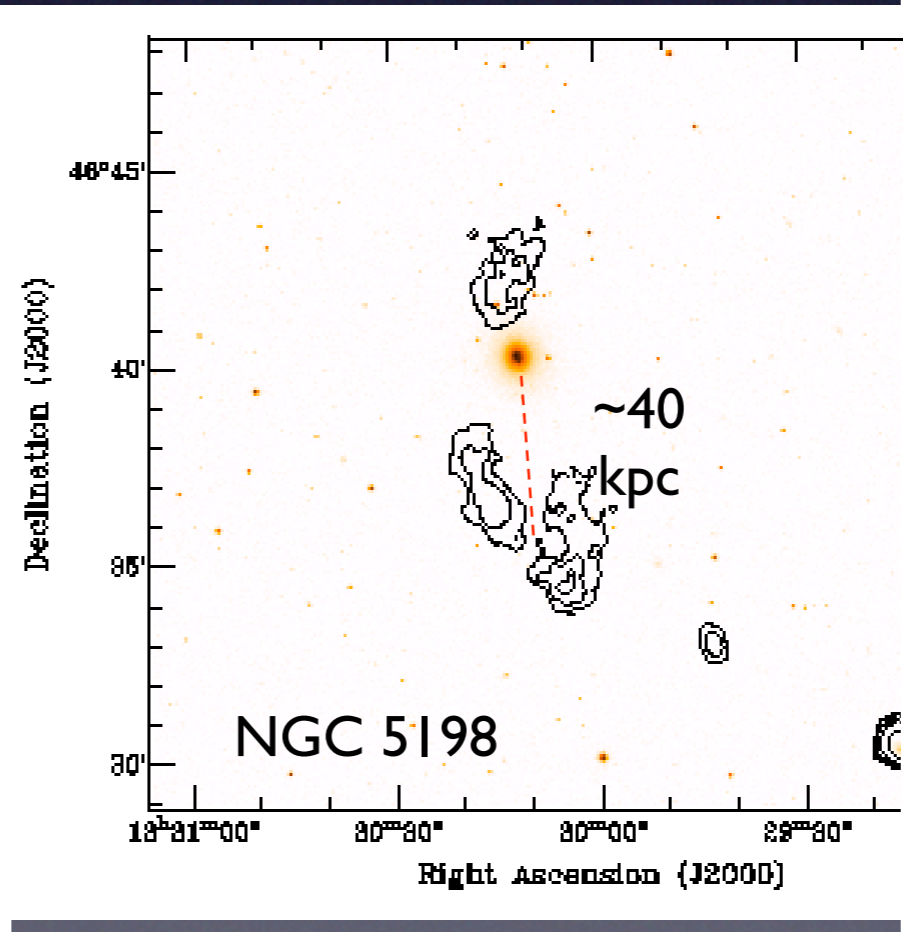
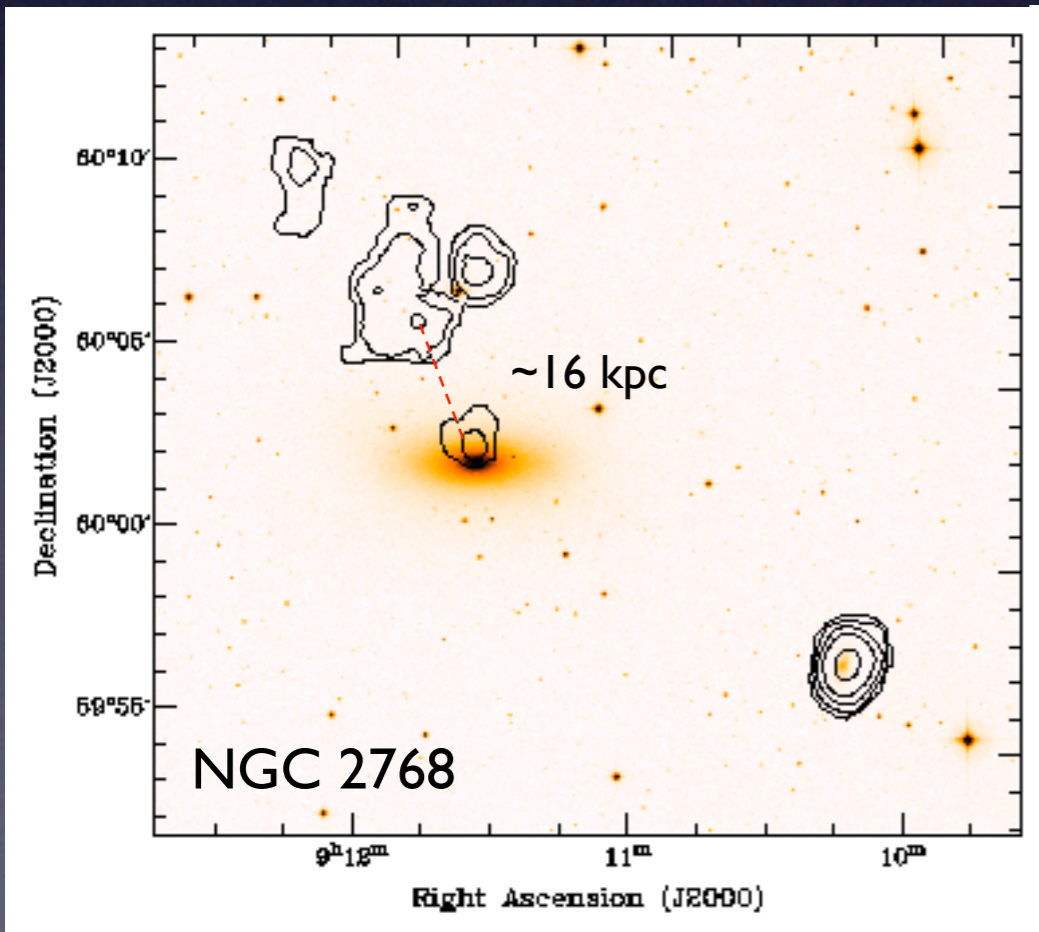
Morganti, de Zeeuw, Oosterloo et al. MNRAS 2006

A lot of telescope time but only 12 objects!

Regularly rotating HI structures

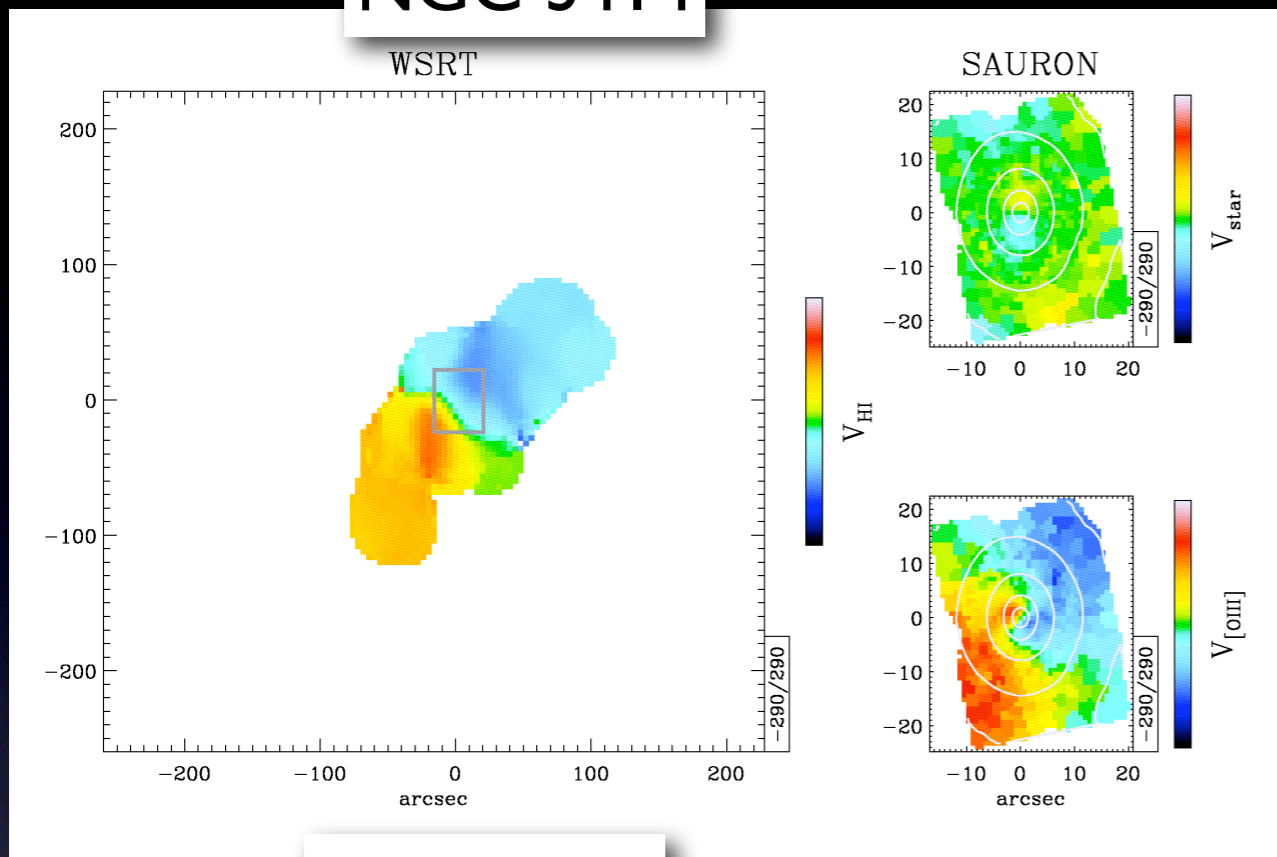


HI structures offset from the galaxy

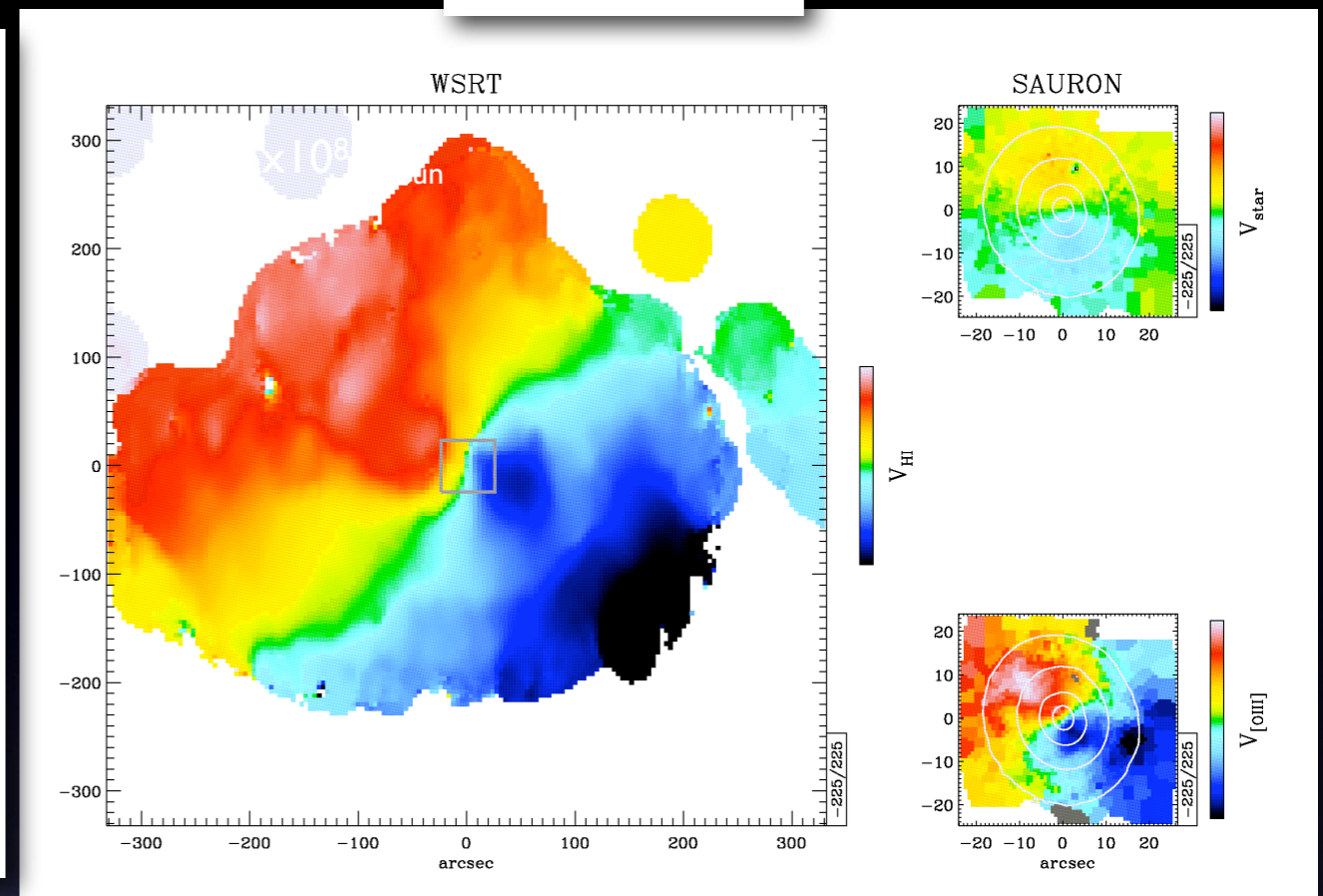


Kinematics of the gas and the stars

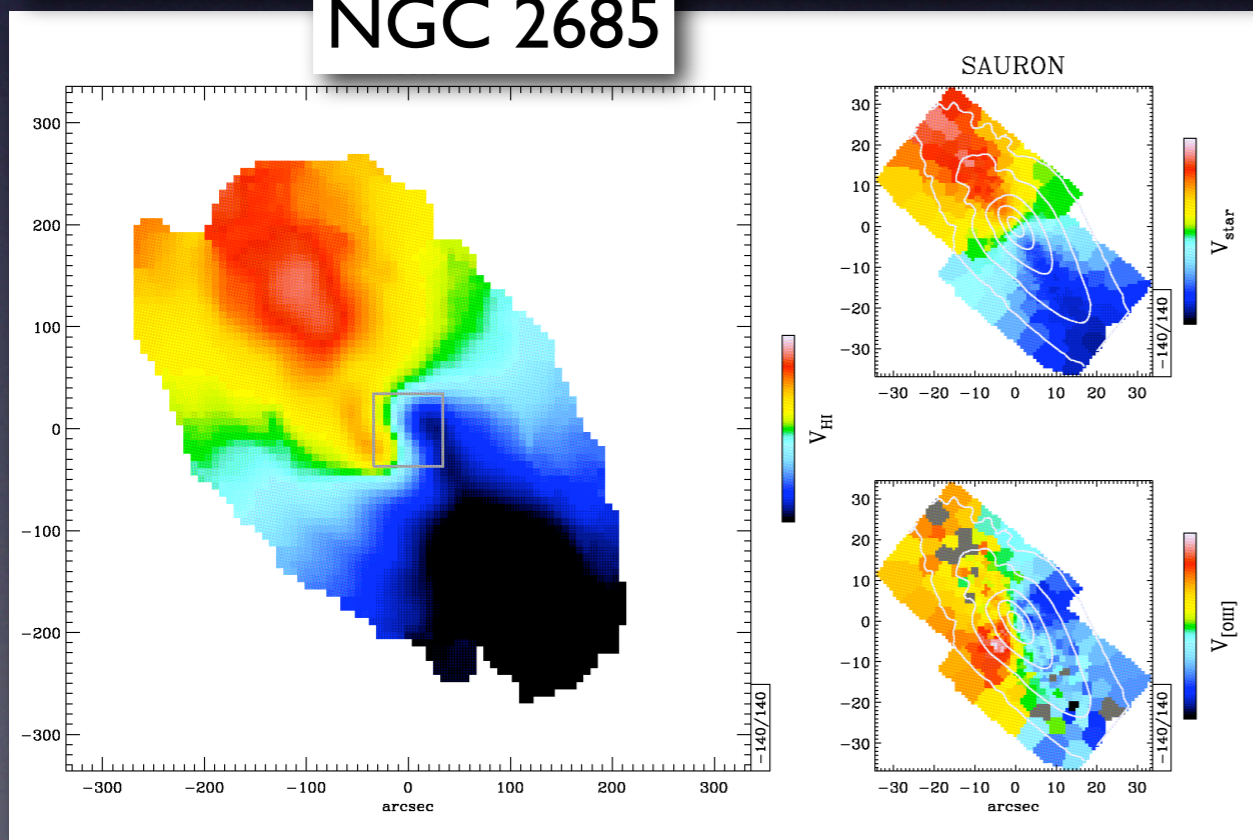
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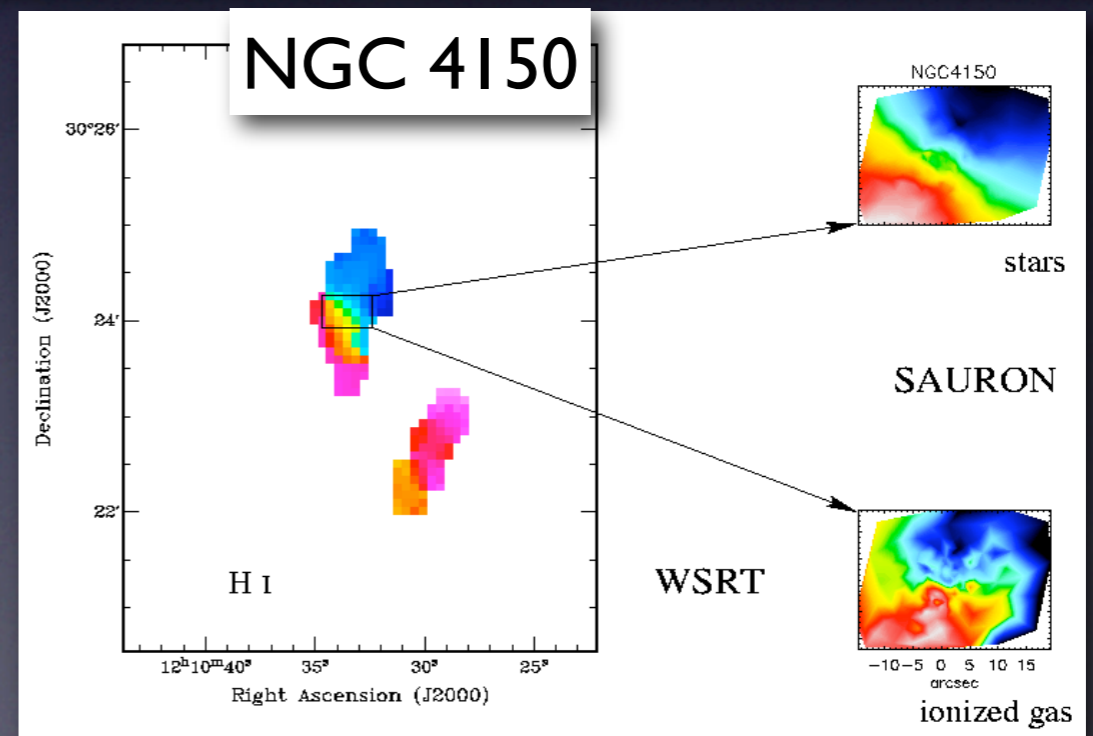
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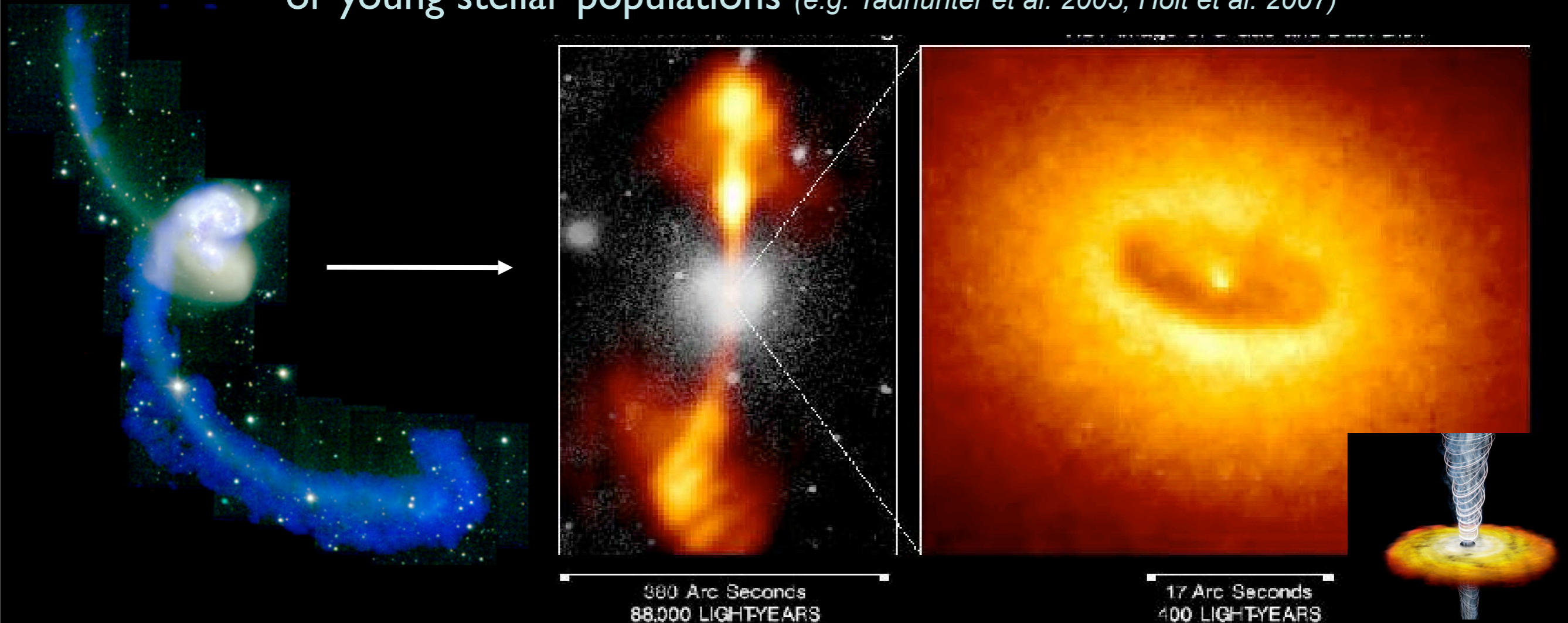


What did we learned.....

- At *deep levels*, many (most?) field early-type galaxies contain neutral gas. **Gas also important for gas-poor galaxies**
 - Not the case in dense environments
 - The *tip of the HI distribution*:
 - often in disks, sometimes **very large disks** ⇒ **OLD**
- Low column density gas, very little star formation.
 - ⇒ galaxies **remain gas rich**
- HI disks and ionised gas disks are **part of the same structure**
- No strong correlation of neutral gas content on large scales with dynamics nor stellar population. Every combination possible
- (Major) mergers in some cases, but not obvious in others.
 - Cold accretion?
 - Internal origin?

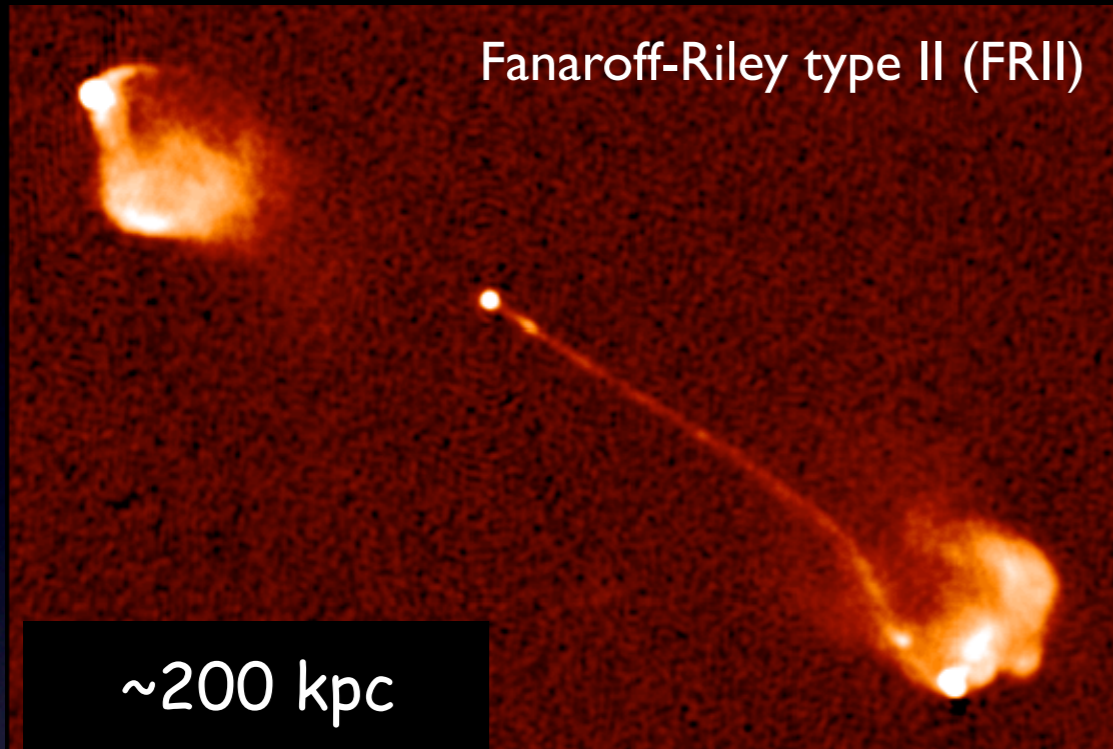
Radio Galaxies

- Generally hosted by *early type* galaxies
- Many powerful radio galaxies show optical tails, shells, dust-lanes, etc. (e.g. Smith & Heckman 1989, Heckman et al. 1986) or young stellar populations (e.g. Tadhunter et al. 2005, Holt et al. 2007)

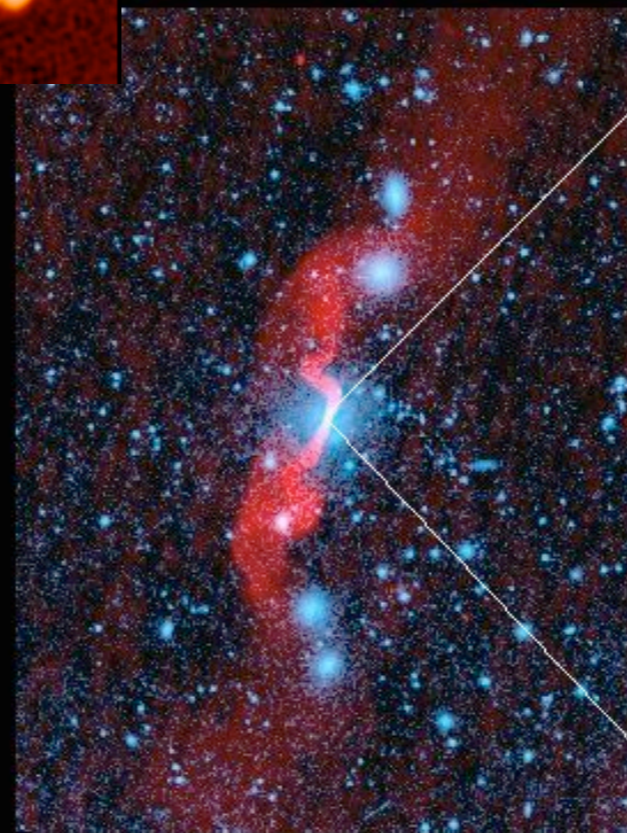
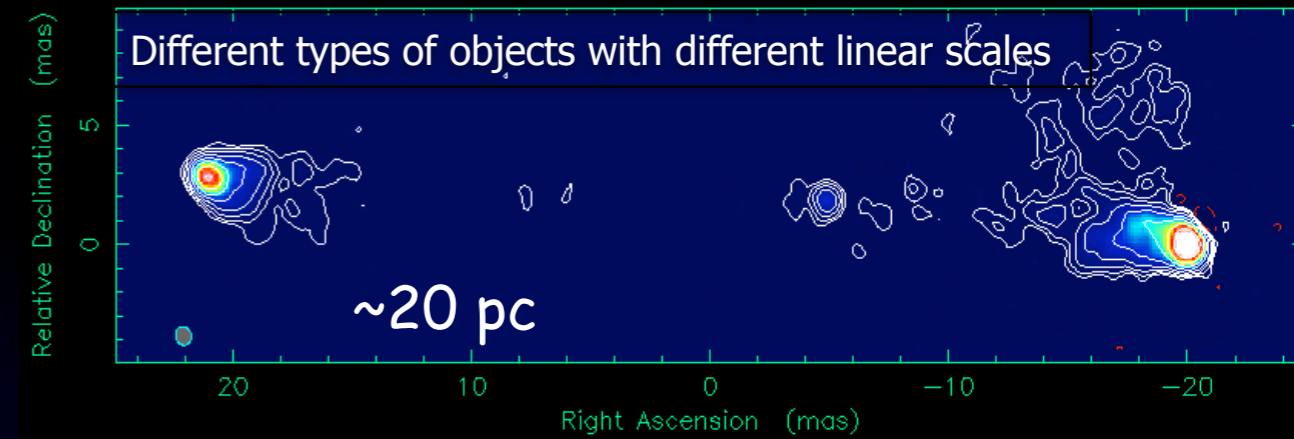


Mergers / interactions as trigger for AGN?
Do we see this in the neutral hydrogen?

HI in different type of radio galaxies

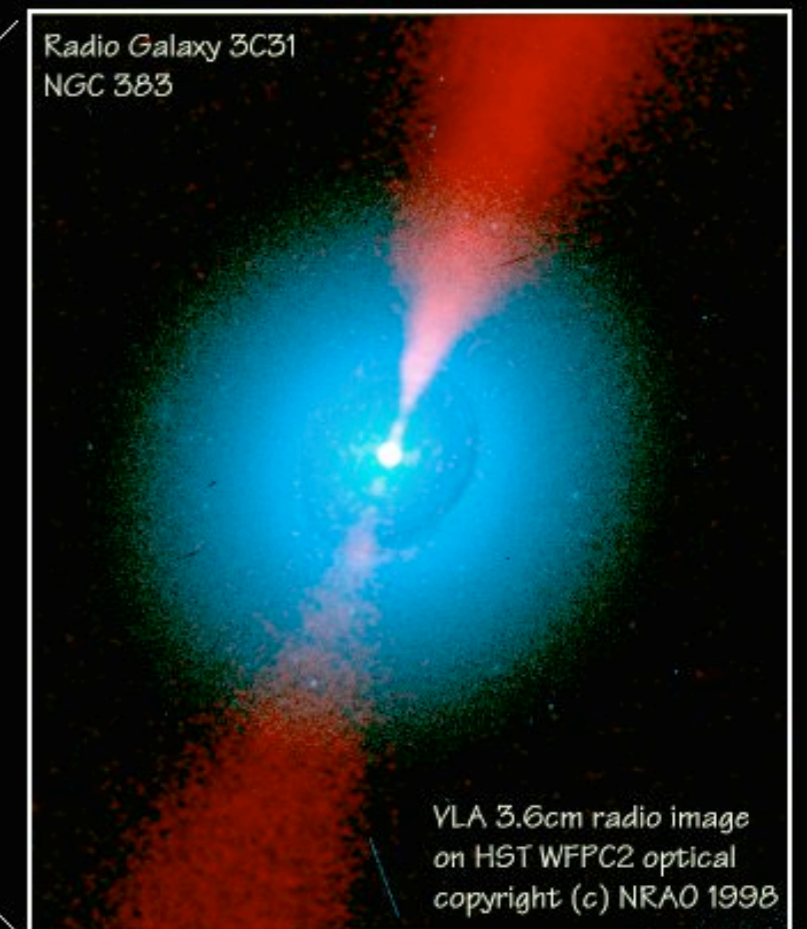


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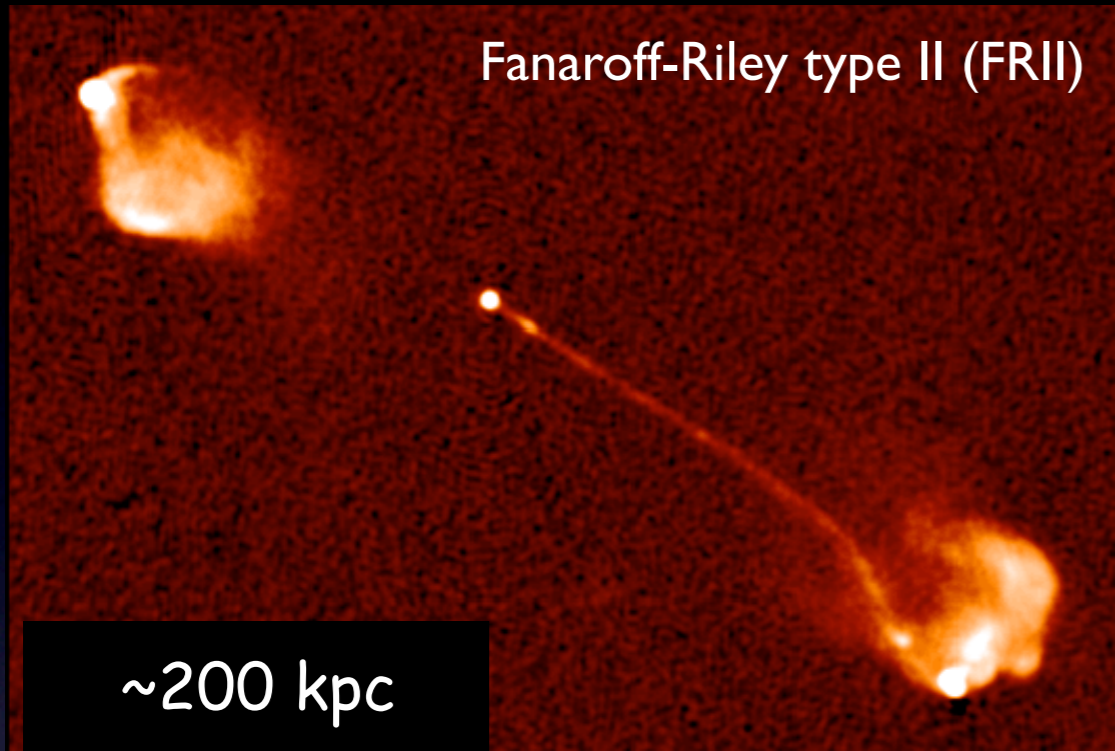


Fanaroff-Riley type I (FRI)

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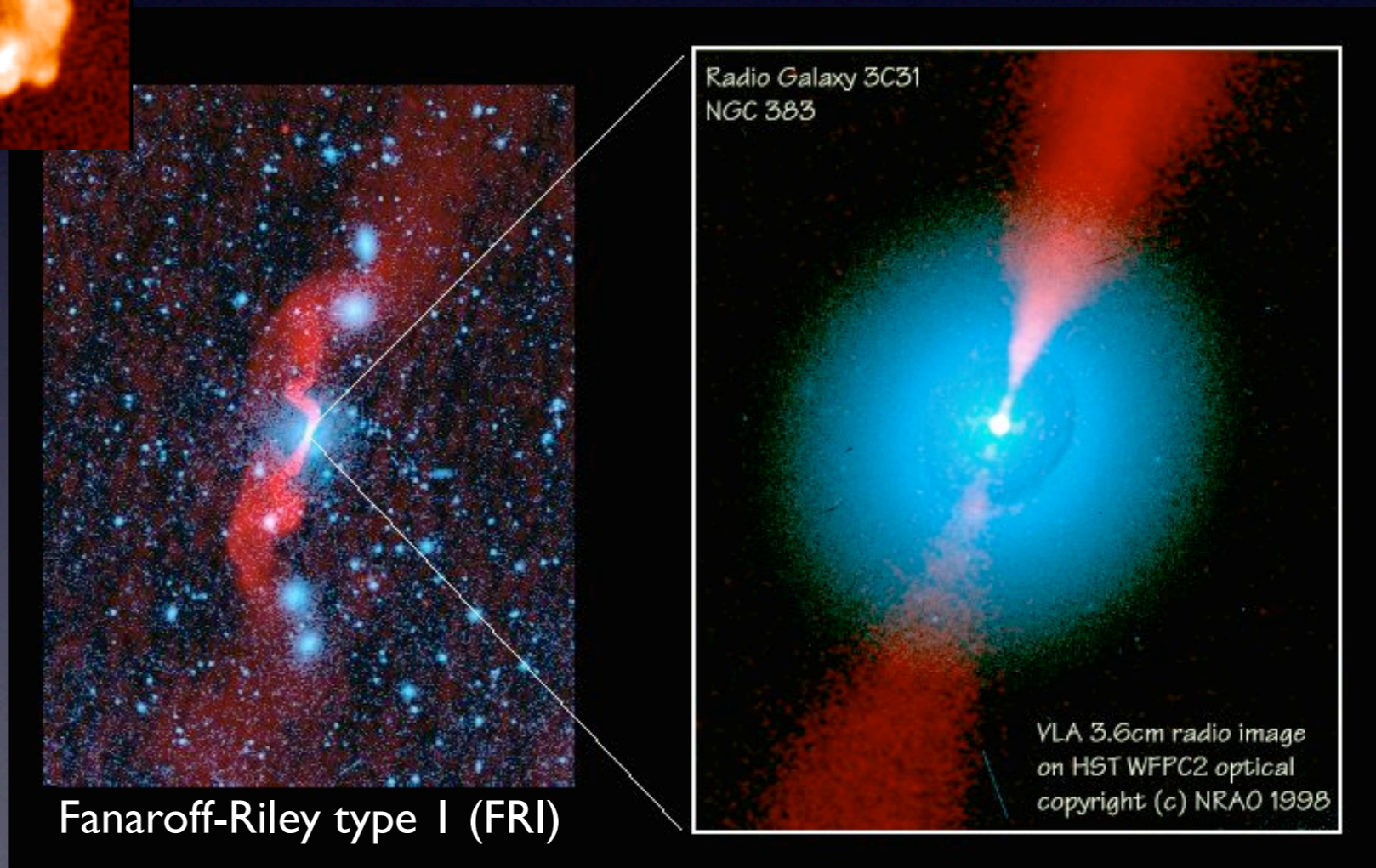
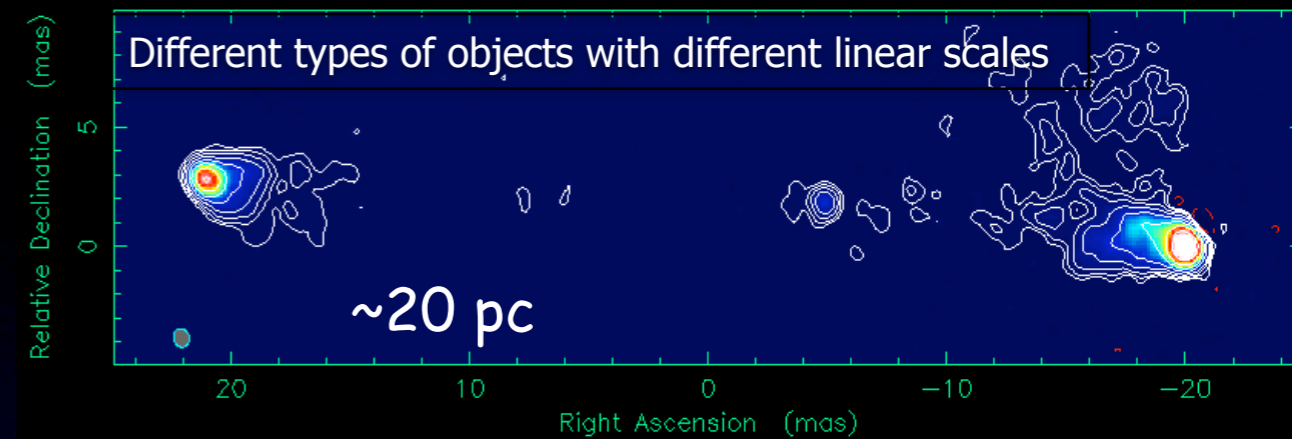


typical radio power $> 10^{25}$ W/Hz
 rare at low redshift: **problem for the HI**

Different accretion mode between FRI and FR II sources?

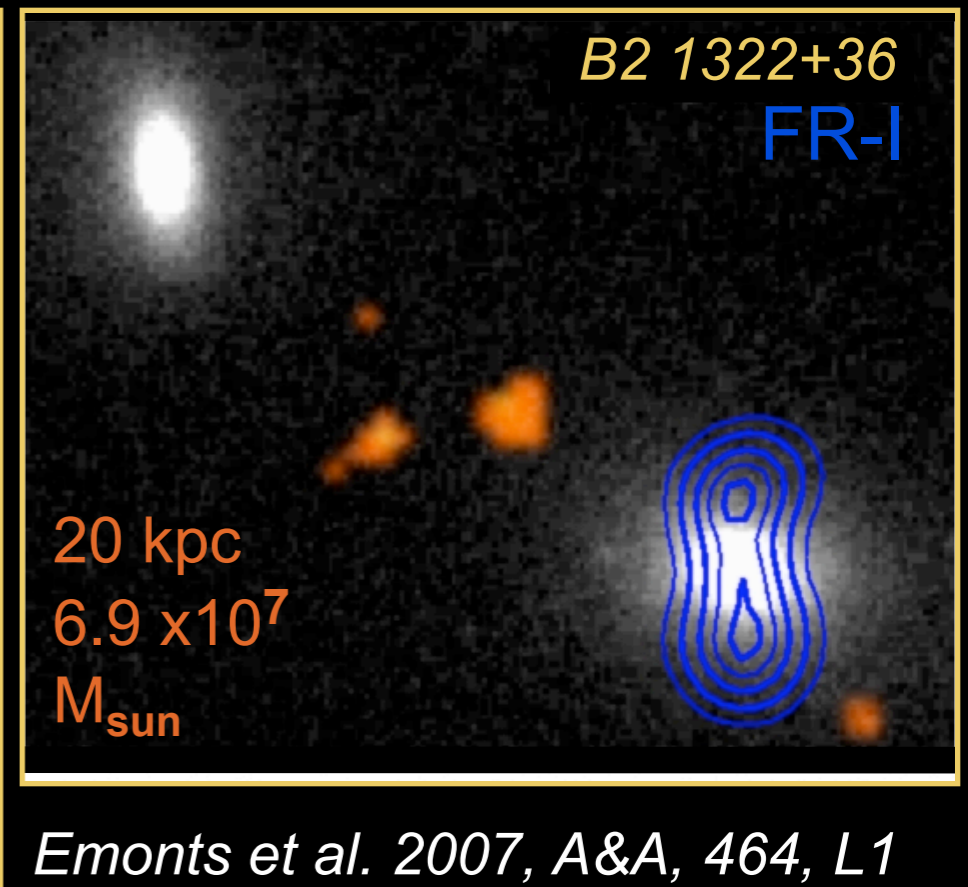
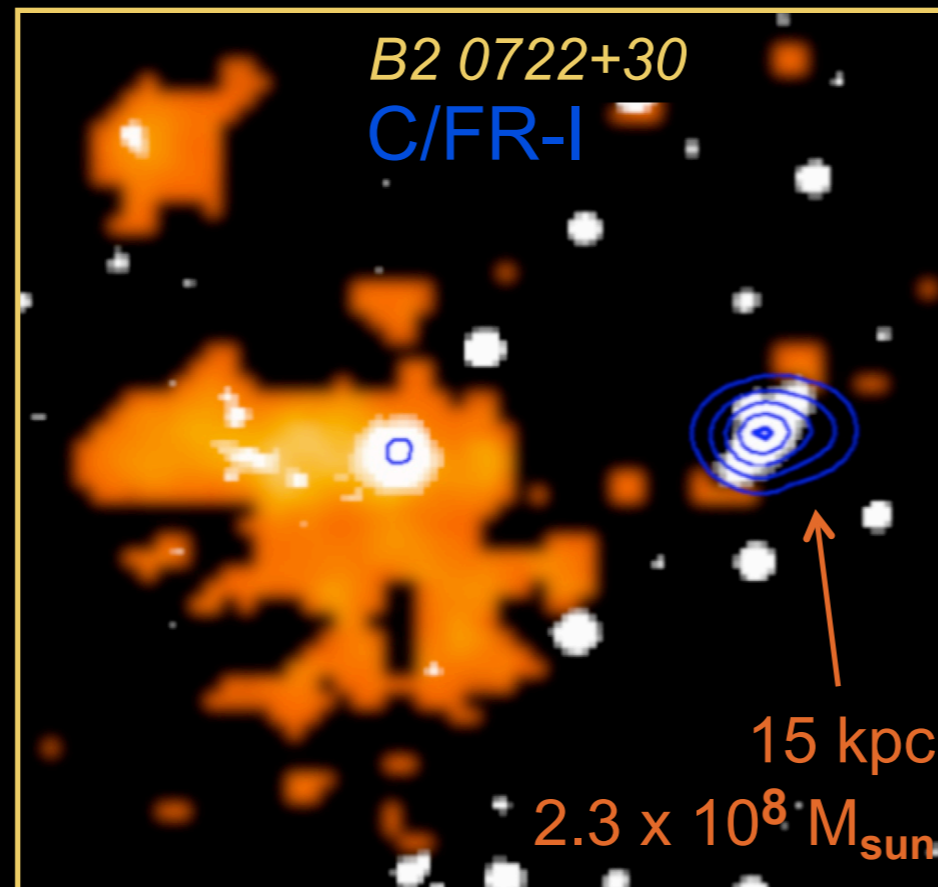
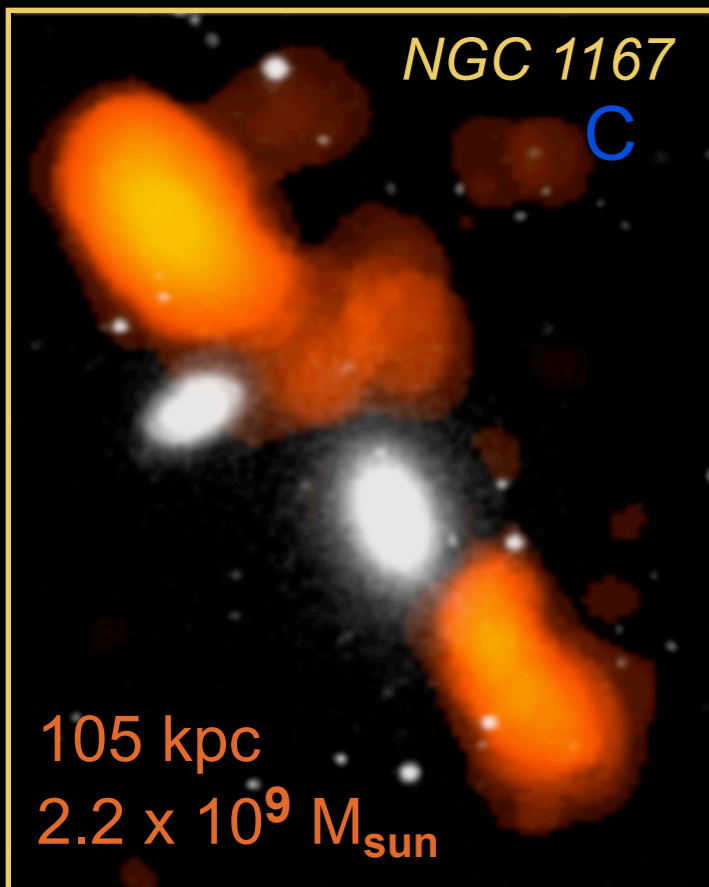
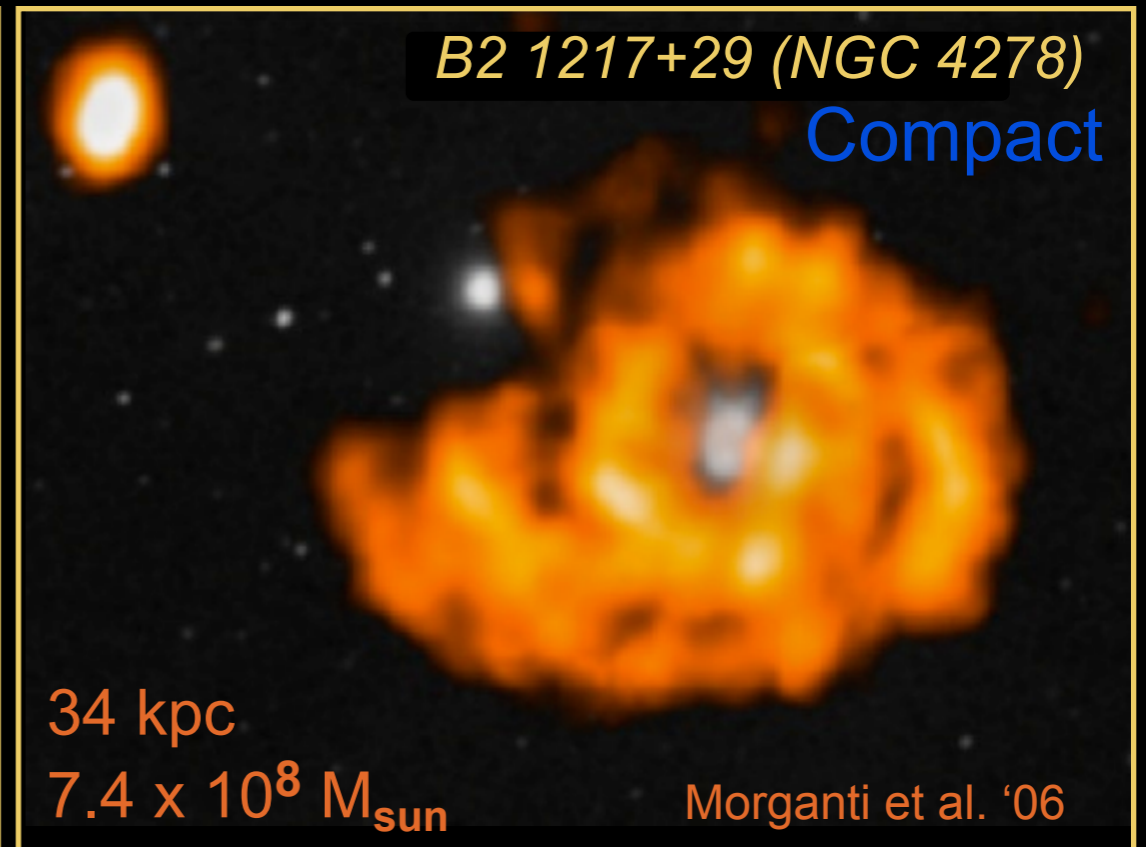
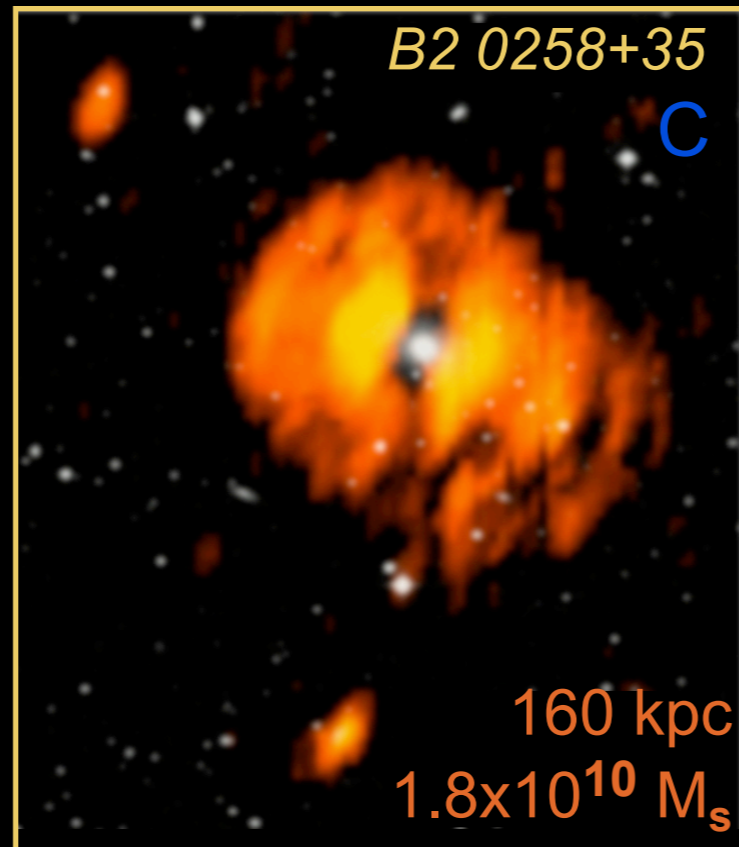
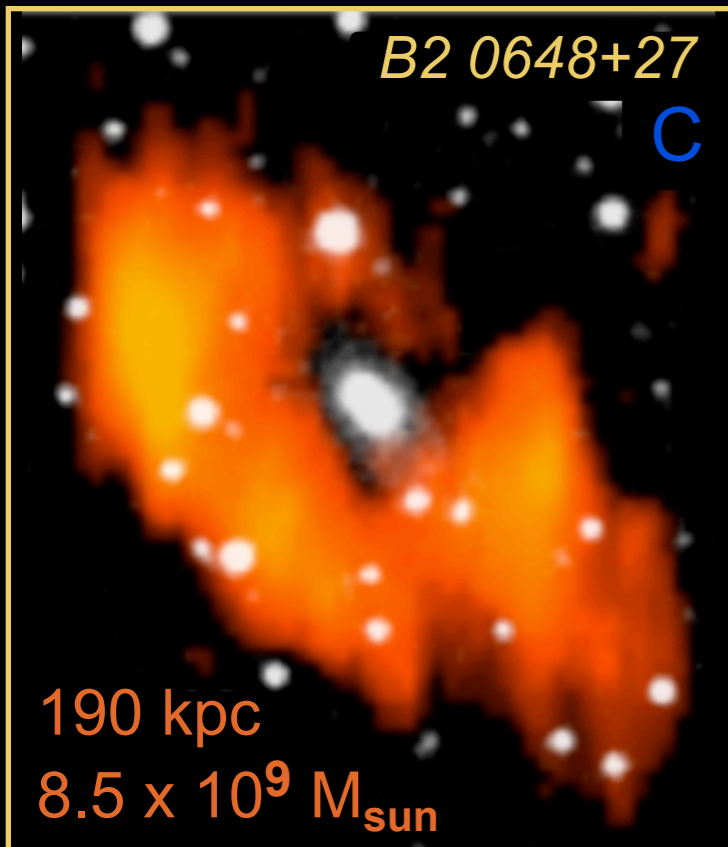
High-luminosity (FR II) \Rightarrow accretion disk, radiatively efficient

Low-luminosity (FRI) \Rightarrow radiatively inefficient accretion flow (spherically symmetric Bondi accretion?)



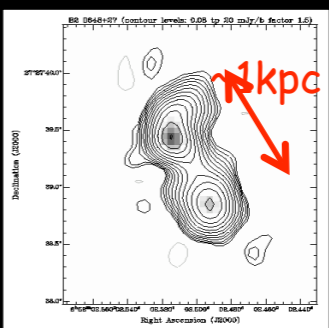
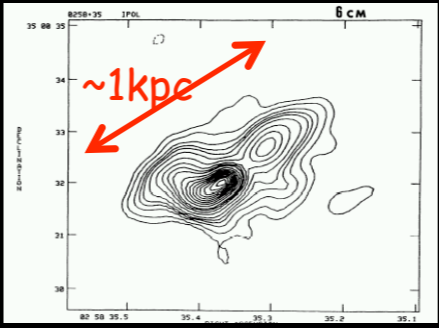
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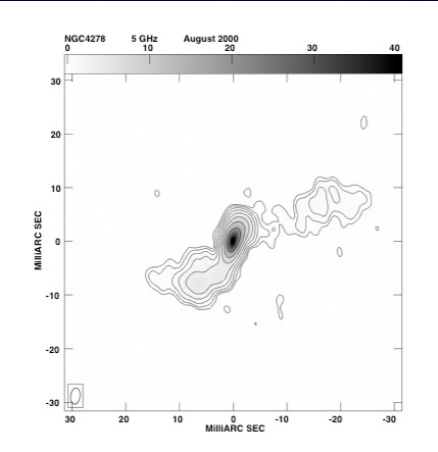
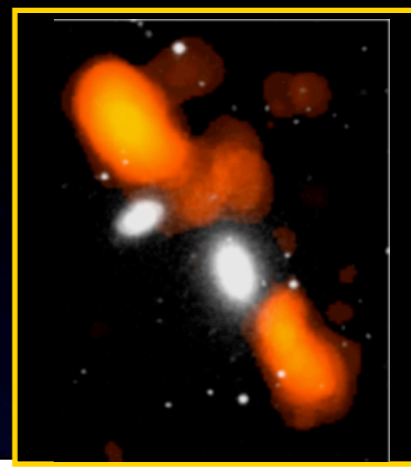
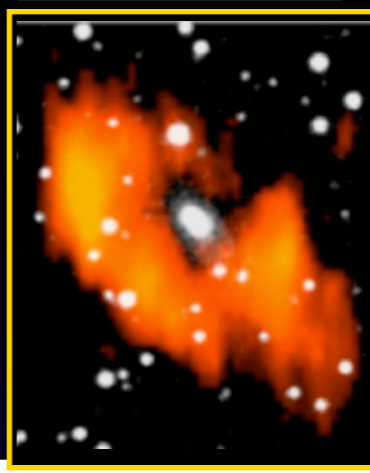
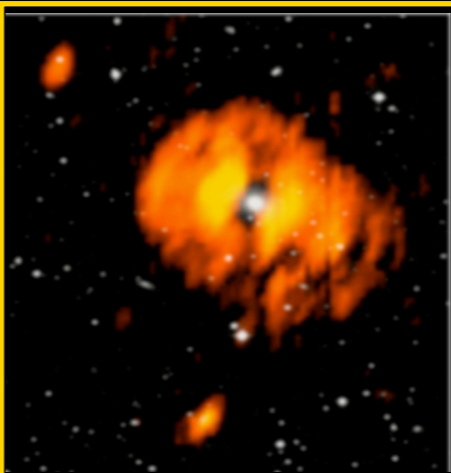


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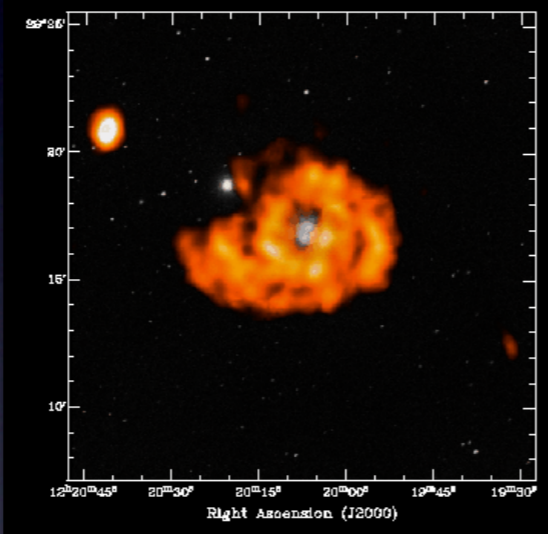
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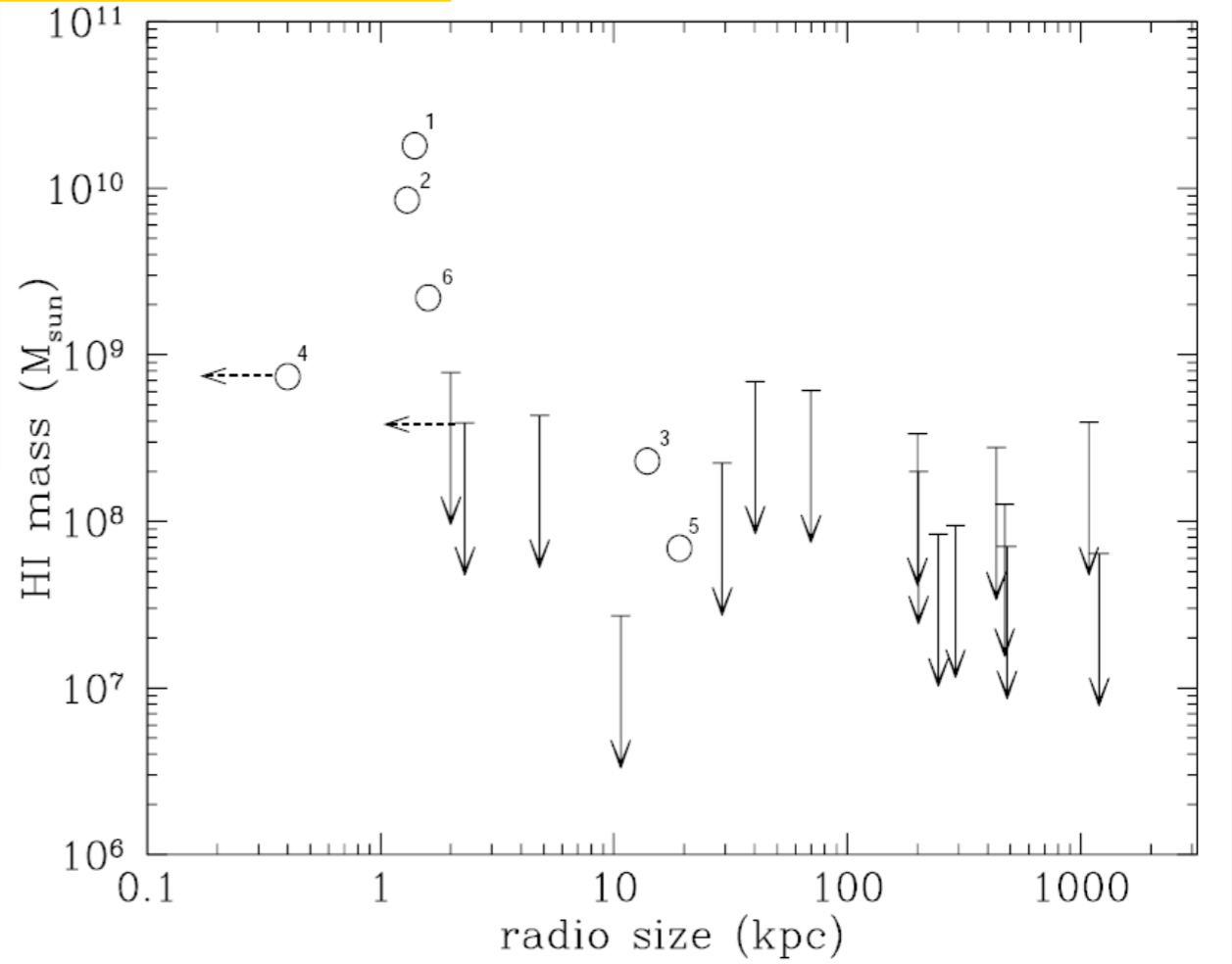
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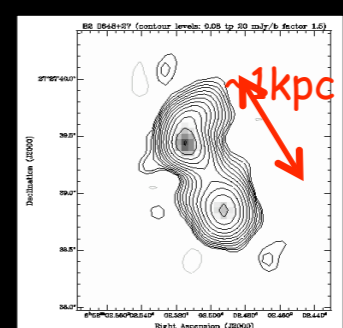
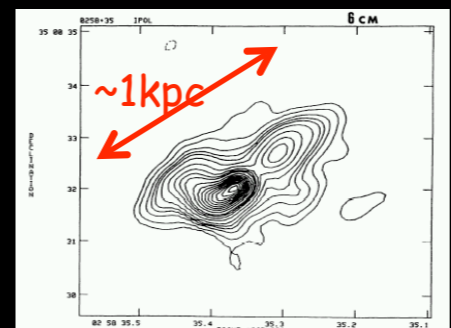


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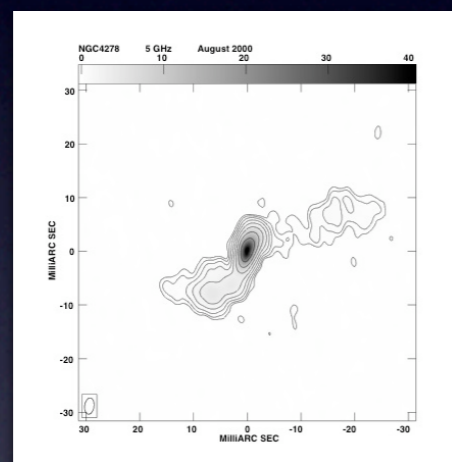
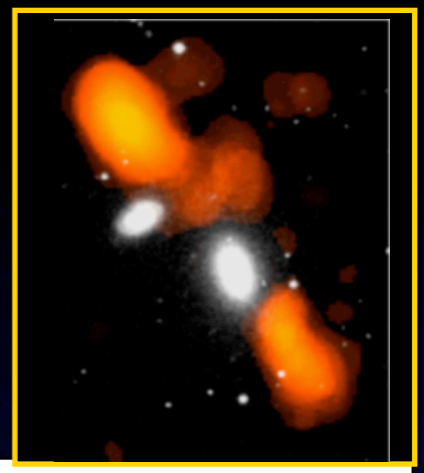
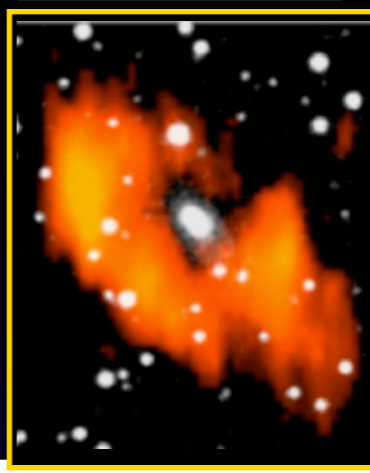
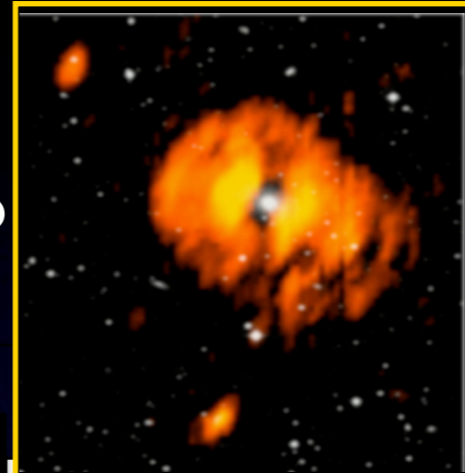


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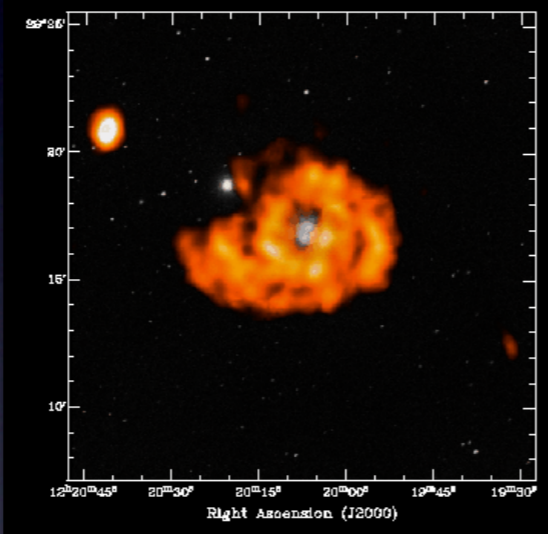
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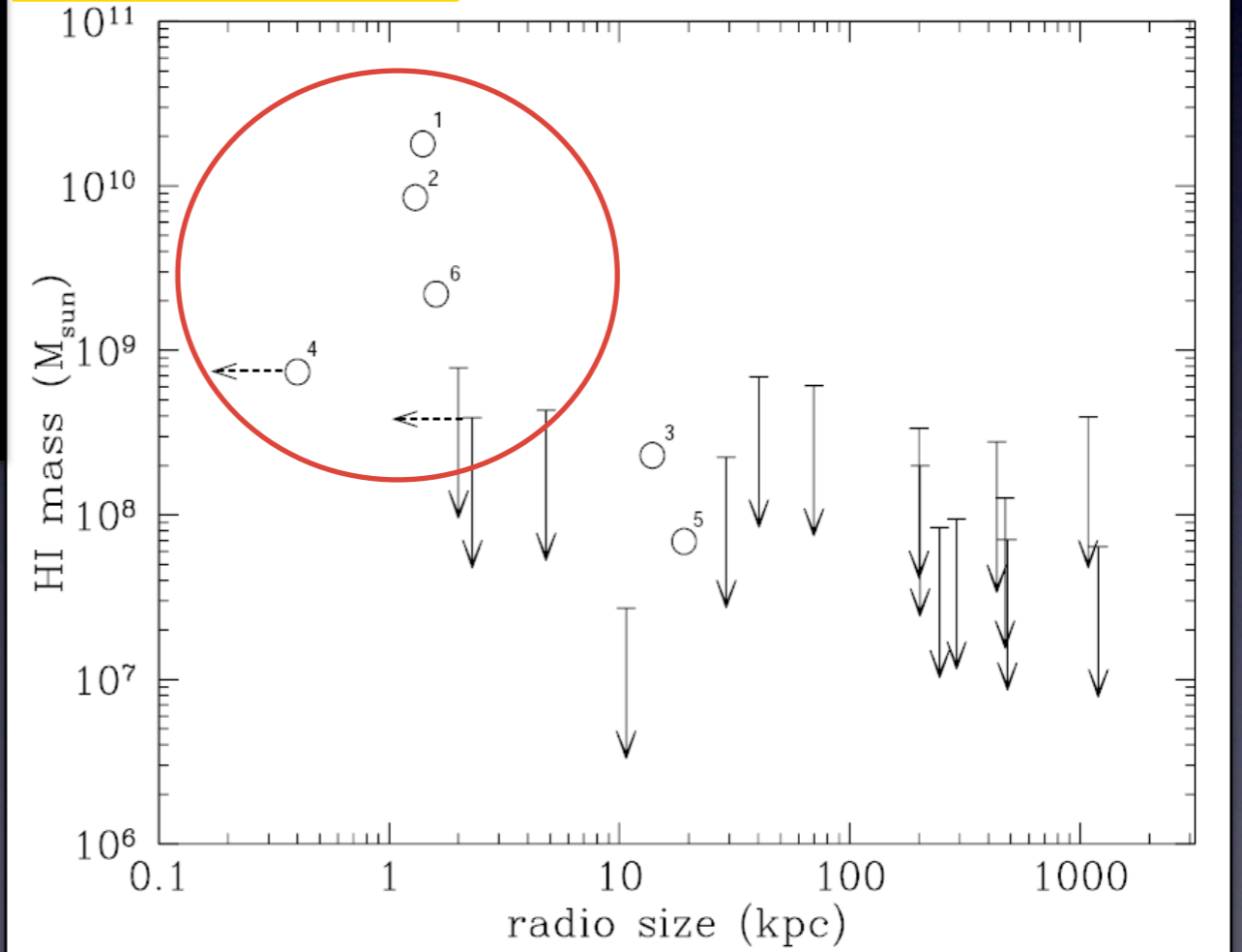
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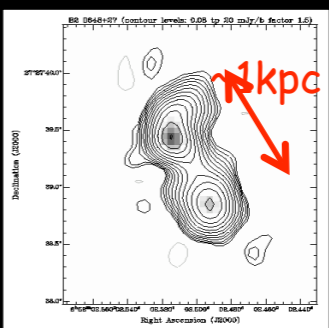
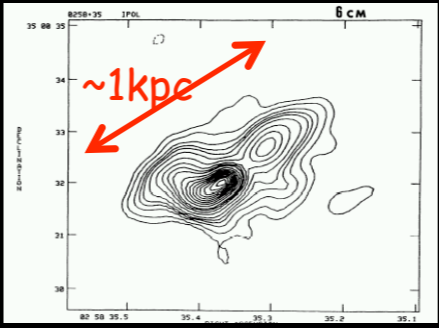


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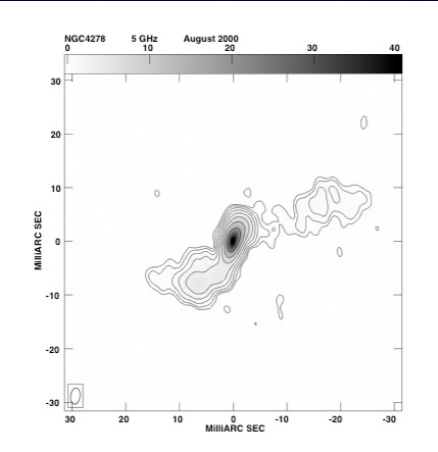
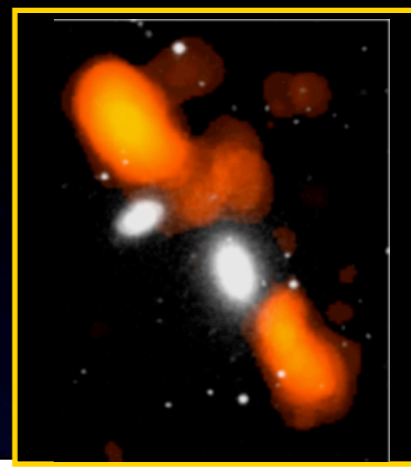
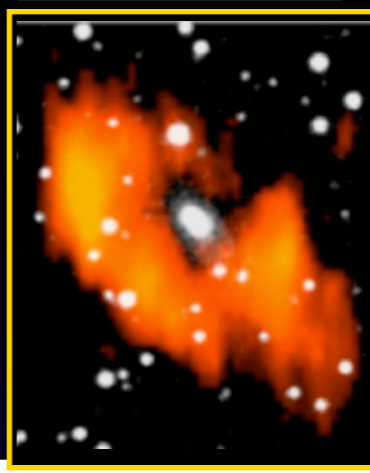
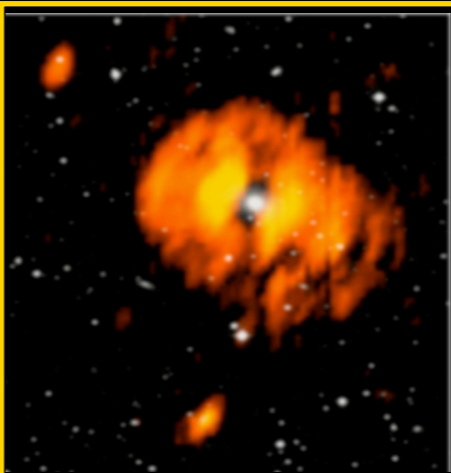


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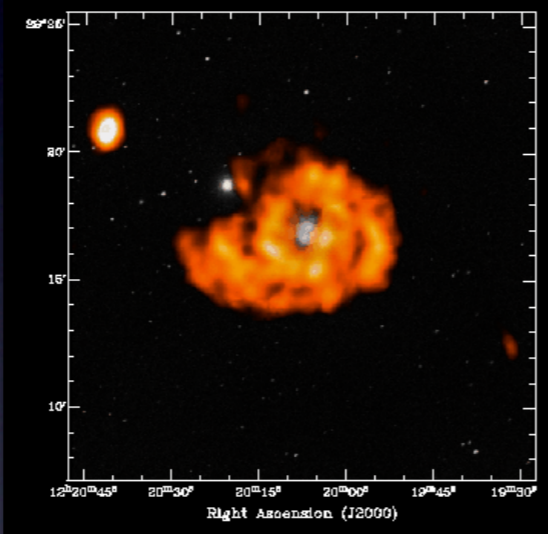
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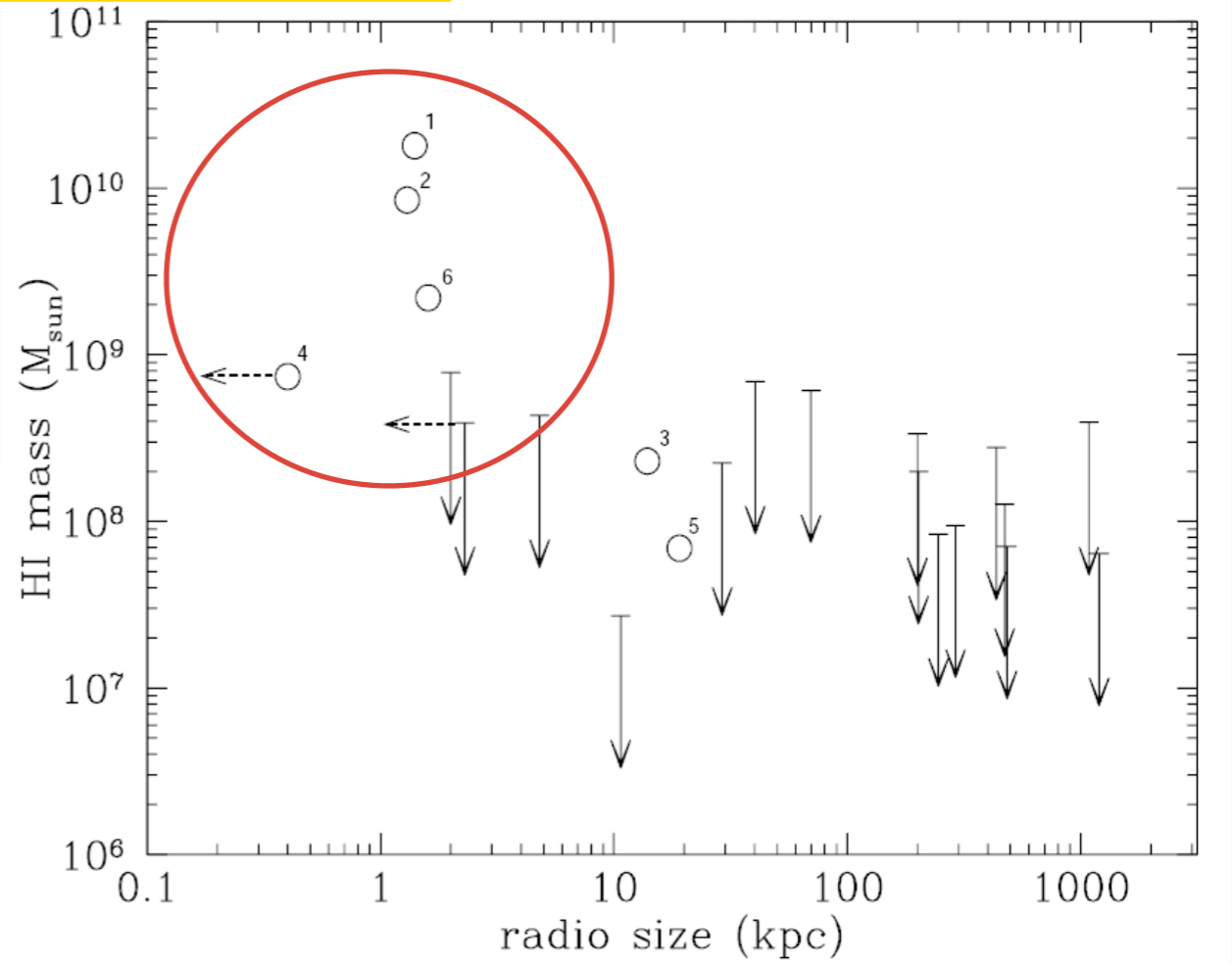
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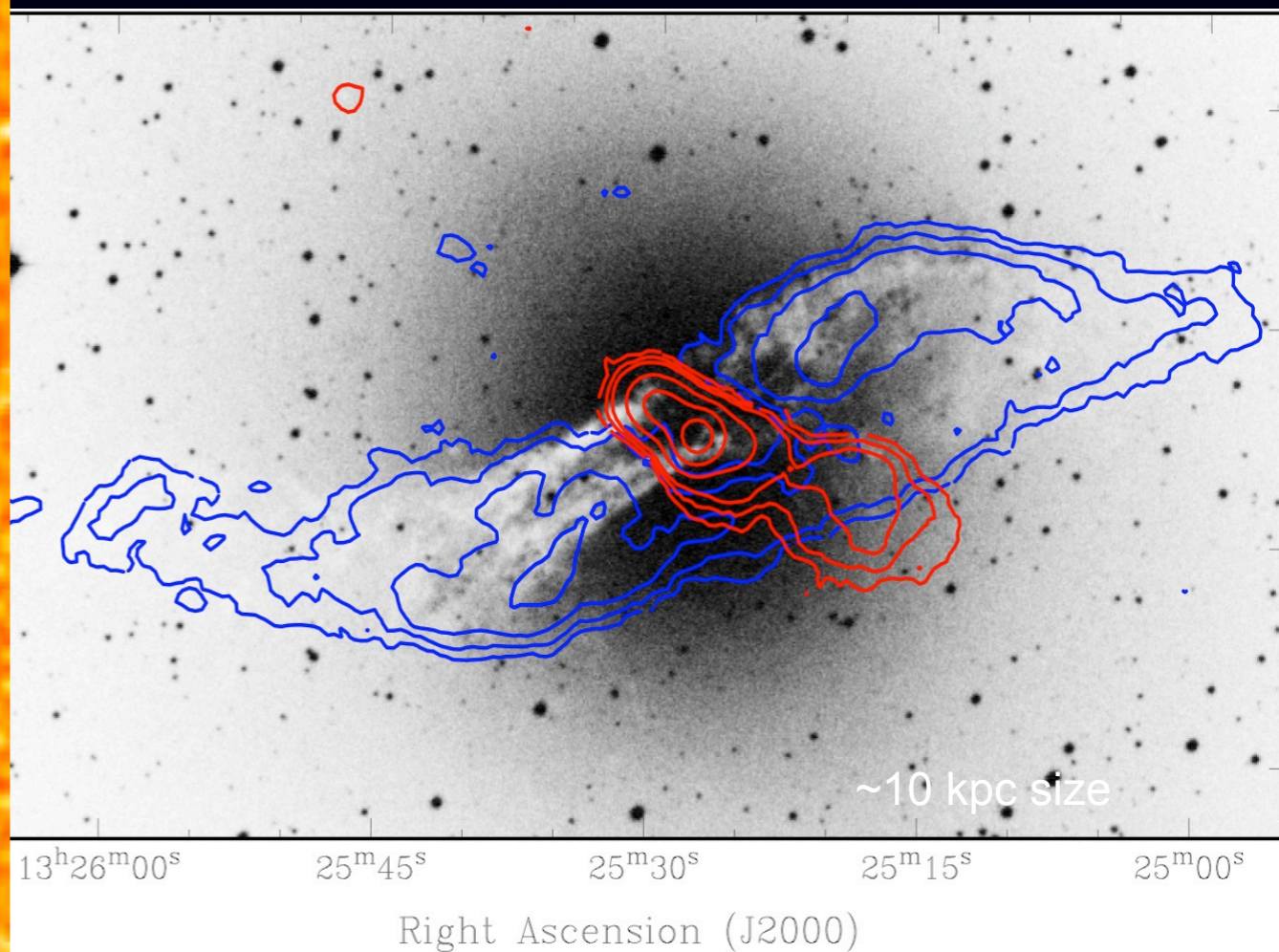
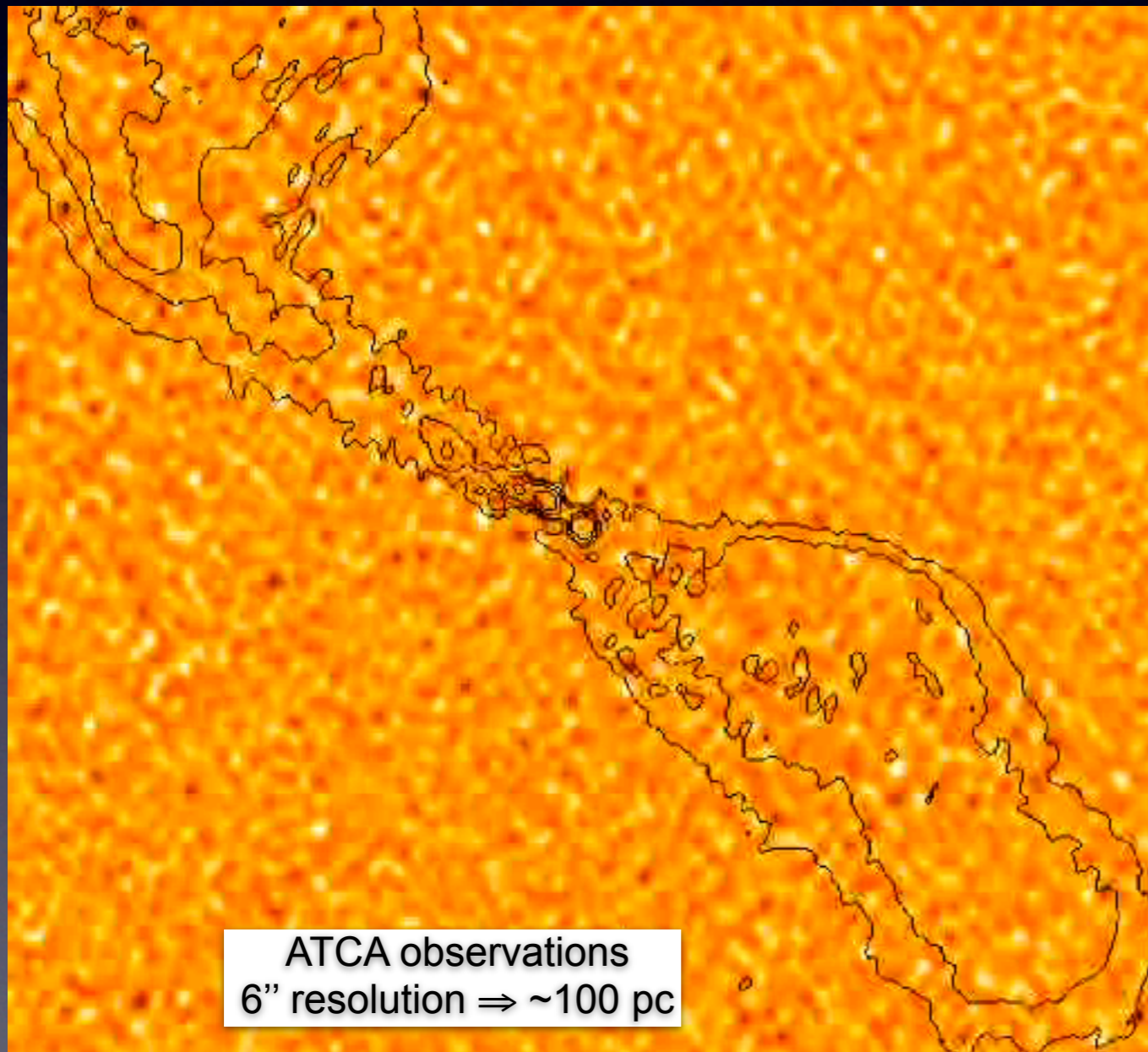
- HI-rich compact radio sources do not grow into extended sources
 - either because “frustrated” by the ISM in the central region of the galaxy or because the fuel stops before the source expands
- FRI sources not originating via major mergers but via accretion of hot or cold gas





Case of Centaurus A

HI emission and absorption

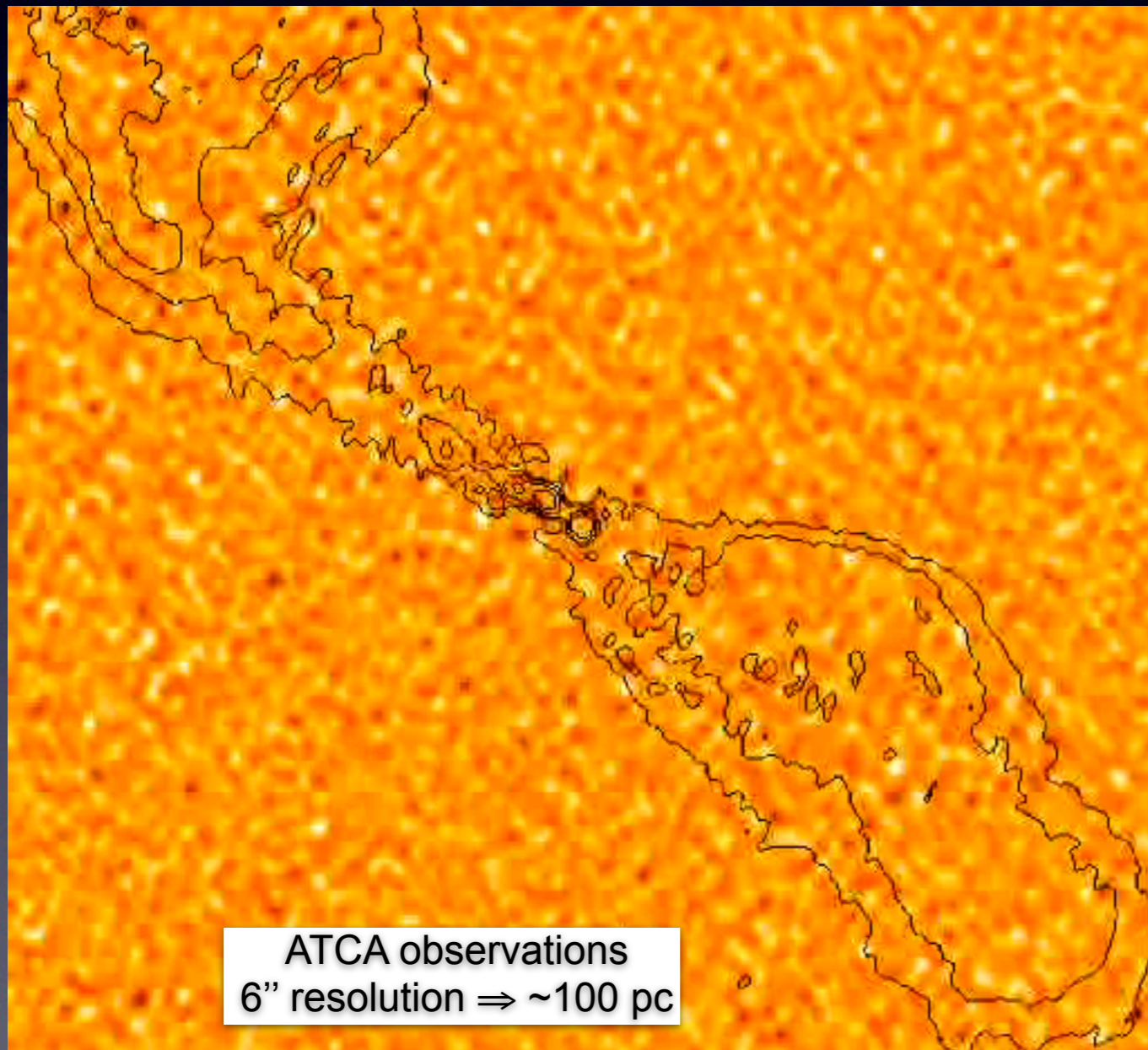


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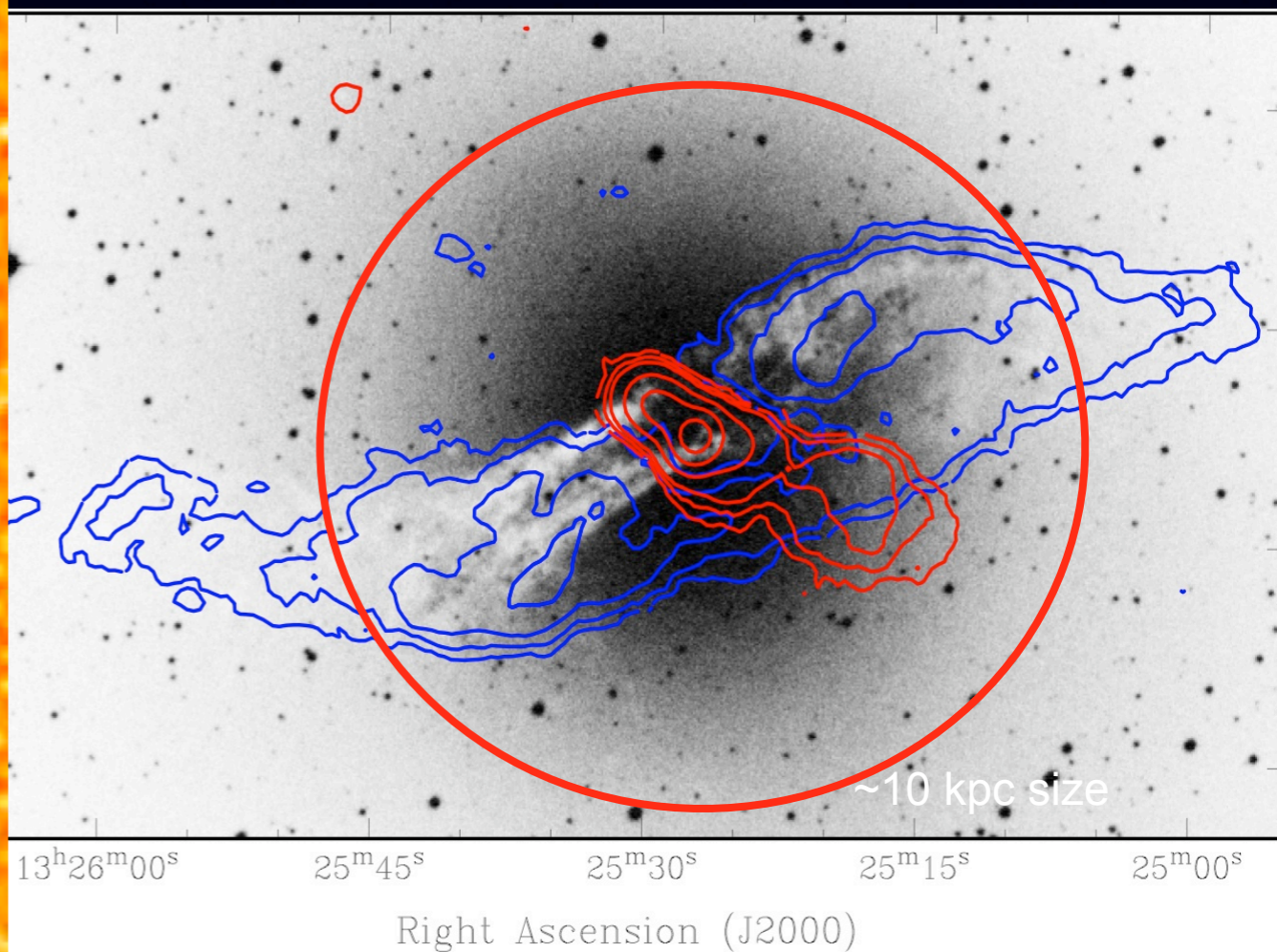


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ATCA observations
6" resolution \Rightarrow \sim 100 pc



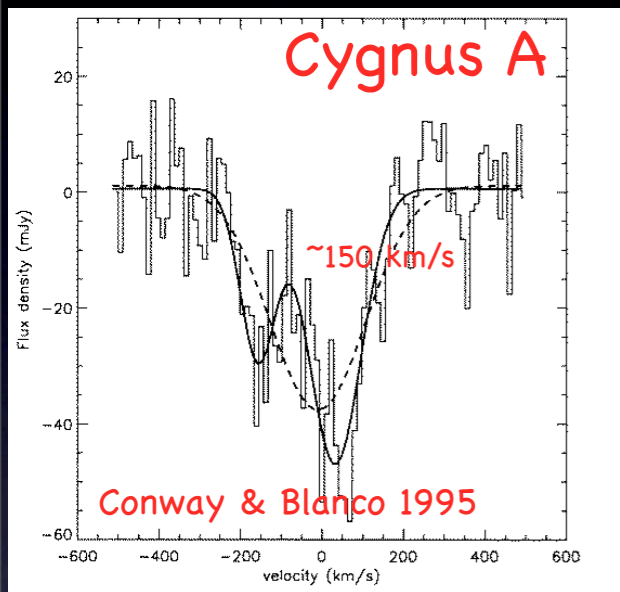
\sim 10 kpc size

Right Ascension (J2000)

C. Struve PhD project (RuG)

The nuclear regions probed by the HI

HI absorption from the torus or from circumnuclear disks



The case of Cygnus A

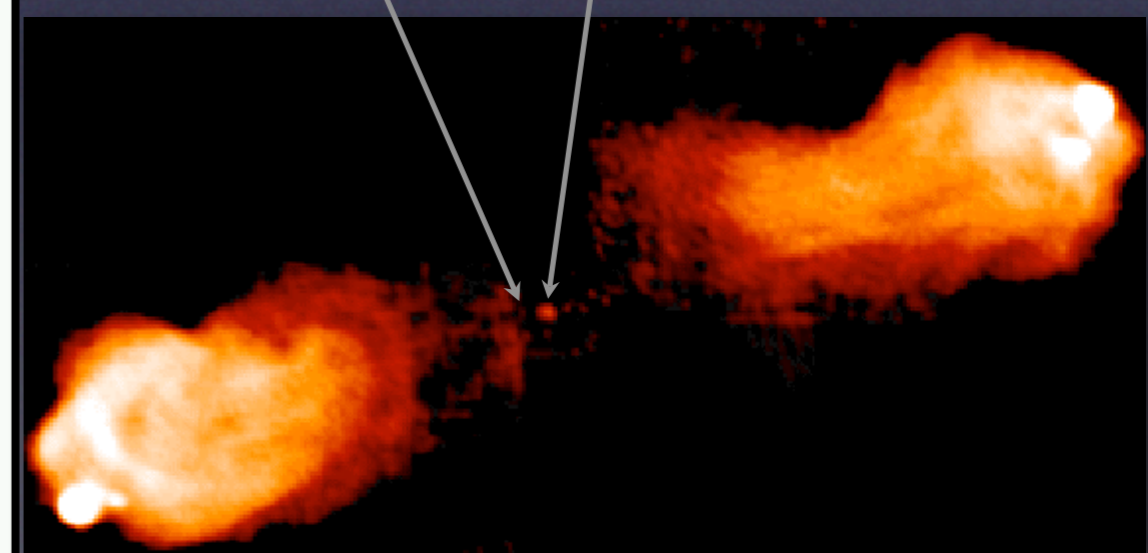
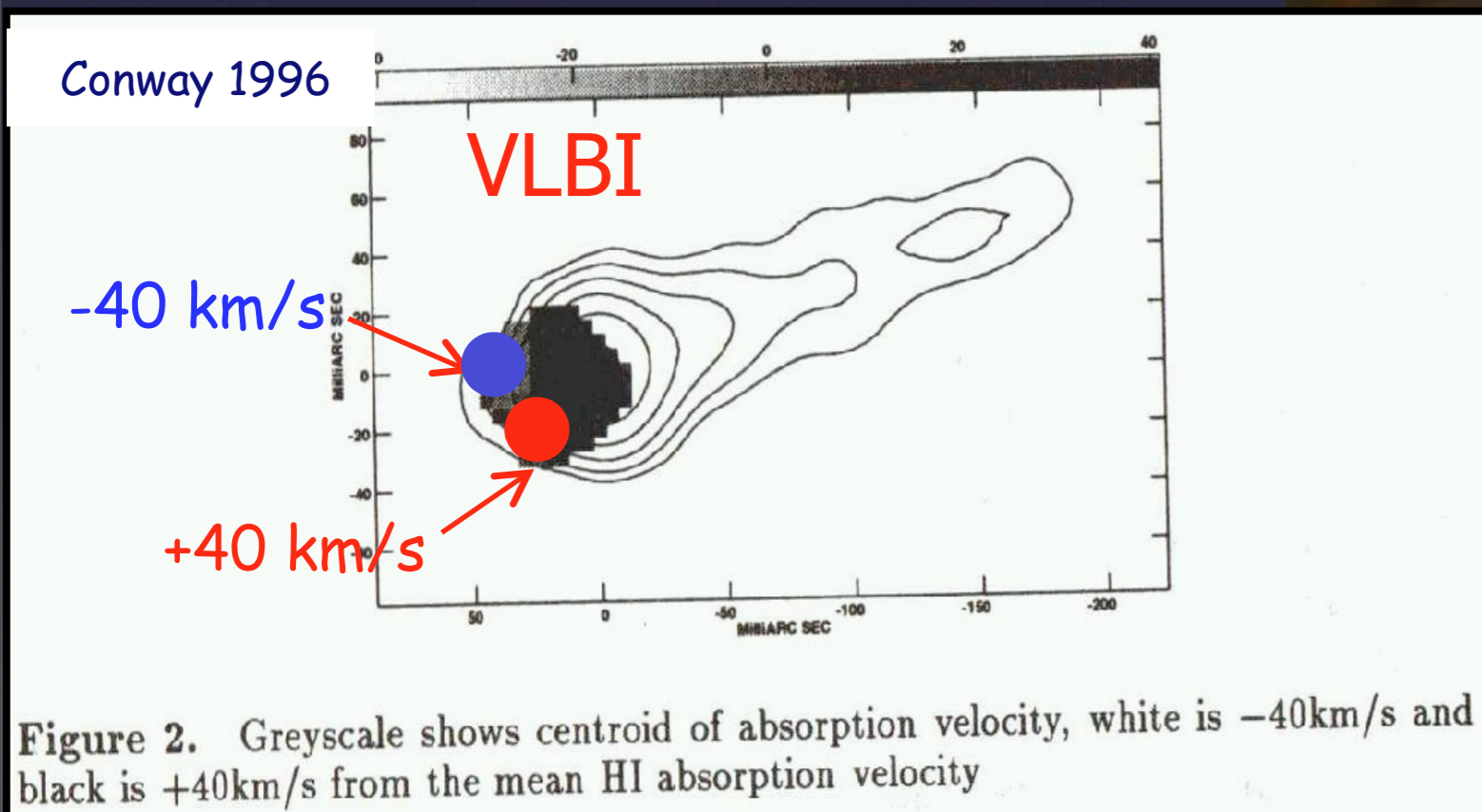
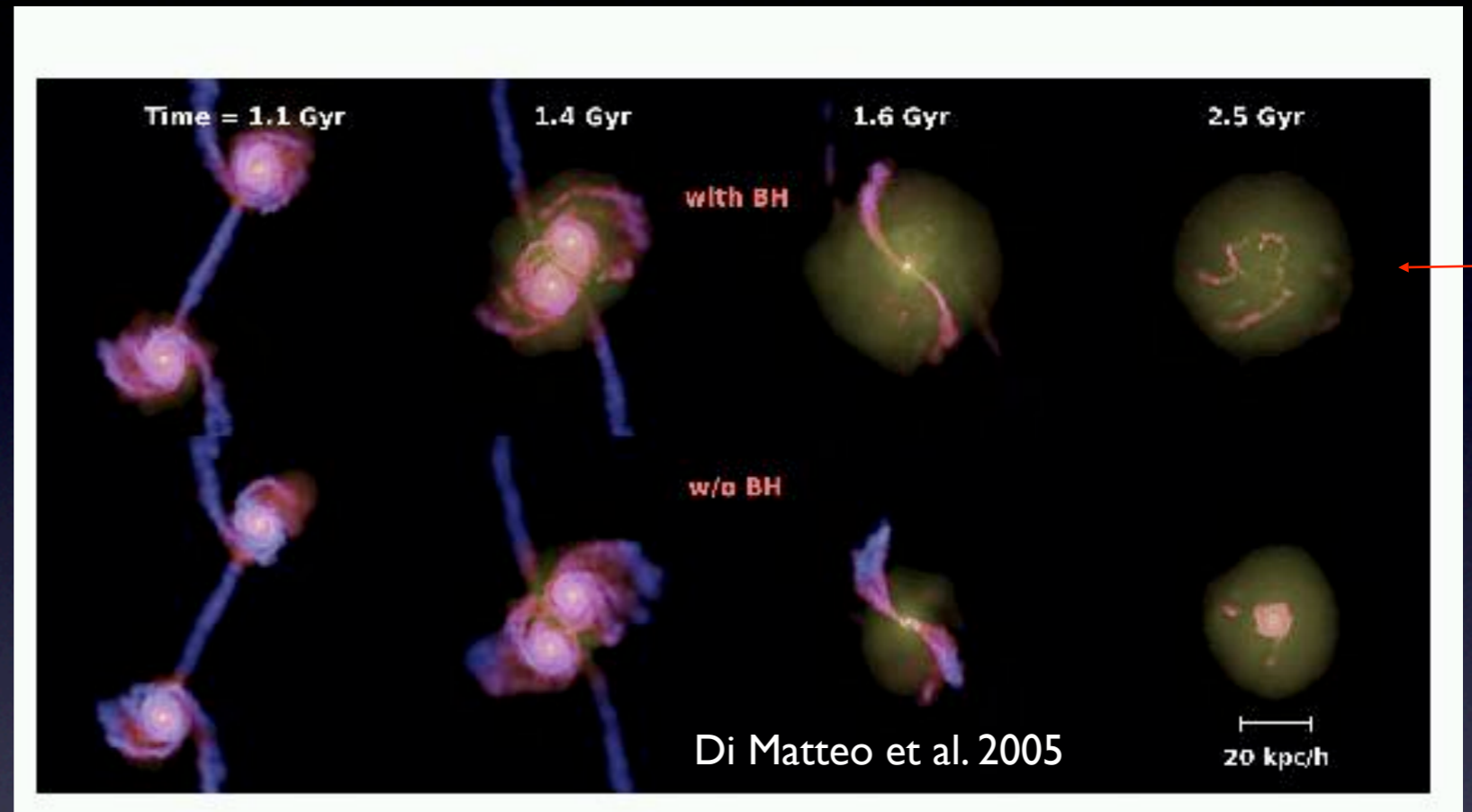


Figure 2. Greyscale shows centroid of absorption velocity, white is -40 km/s and black is $+40$ km/s from the mean HI absorption velocity

The impact of the active nucleus

- Effect of nuclear activity on the ISM
- Mass outflows (from starburst - and AGN-driven) are important in evolution of galaxies and growth of super-massive black-holes

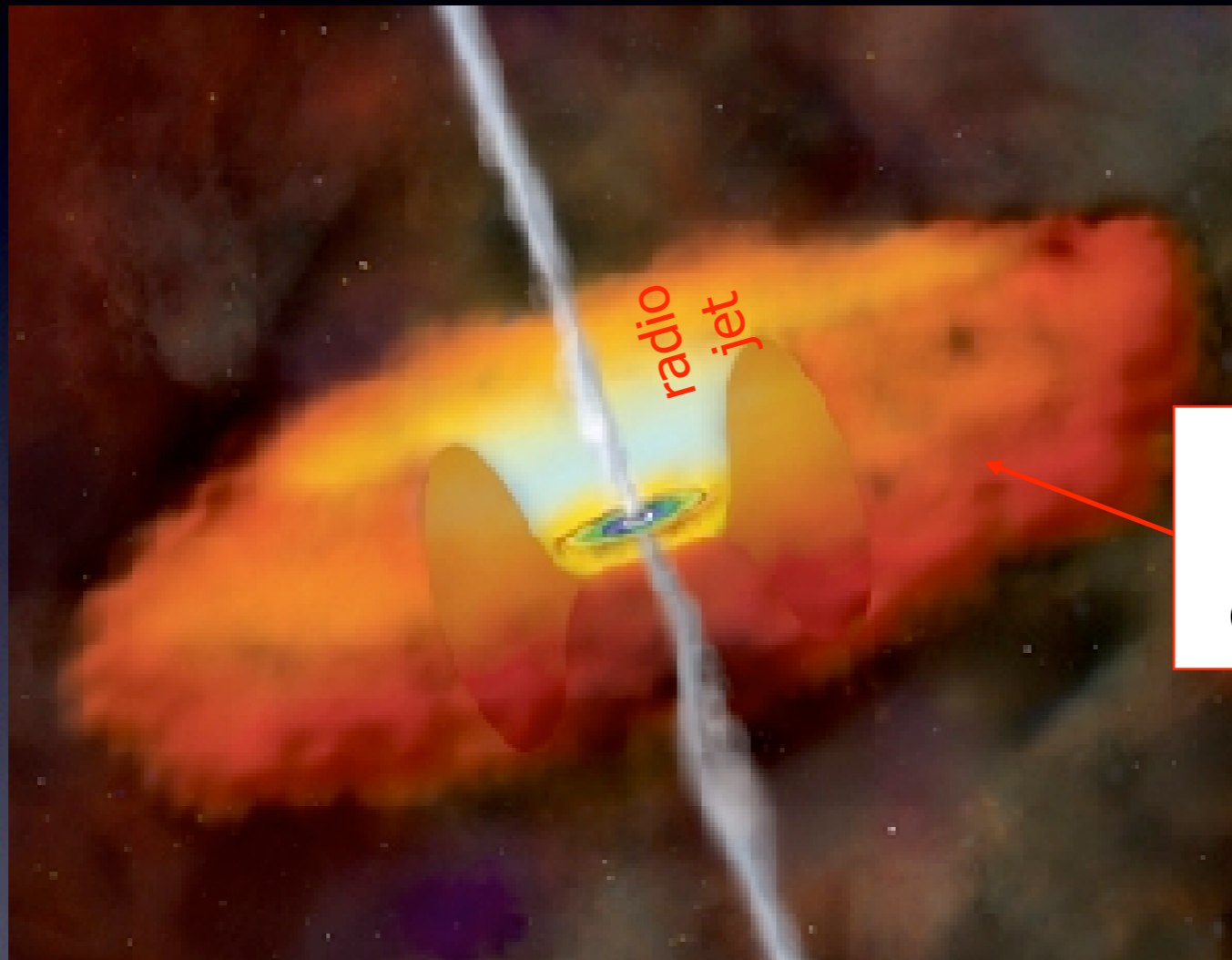


- Important for the evolution
 - inhibit starformation
 - correlation BH-host

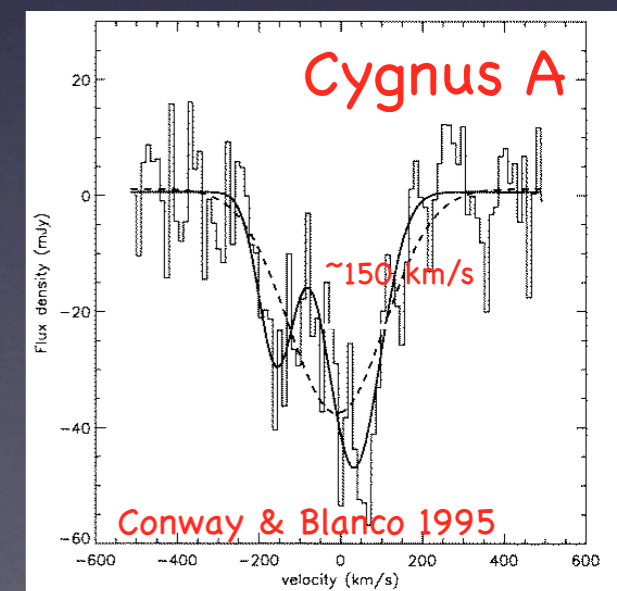
Starformation with and w/o central Black-Hole
Simulation with BH: after the final coalesce of the galaxies, a strong wind driven by feedback energy from the accretion expels much of the gas from the inner regions
→ gas poor remnant

Starformation suppressed by the presence of an active BH (di Matteo et al. 2005, Springel et al. 2005)

The nuclear regions probed by the gas

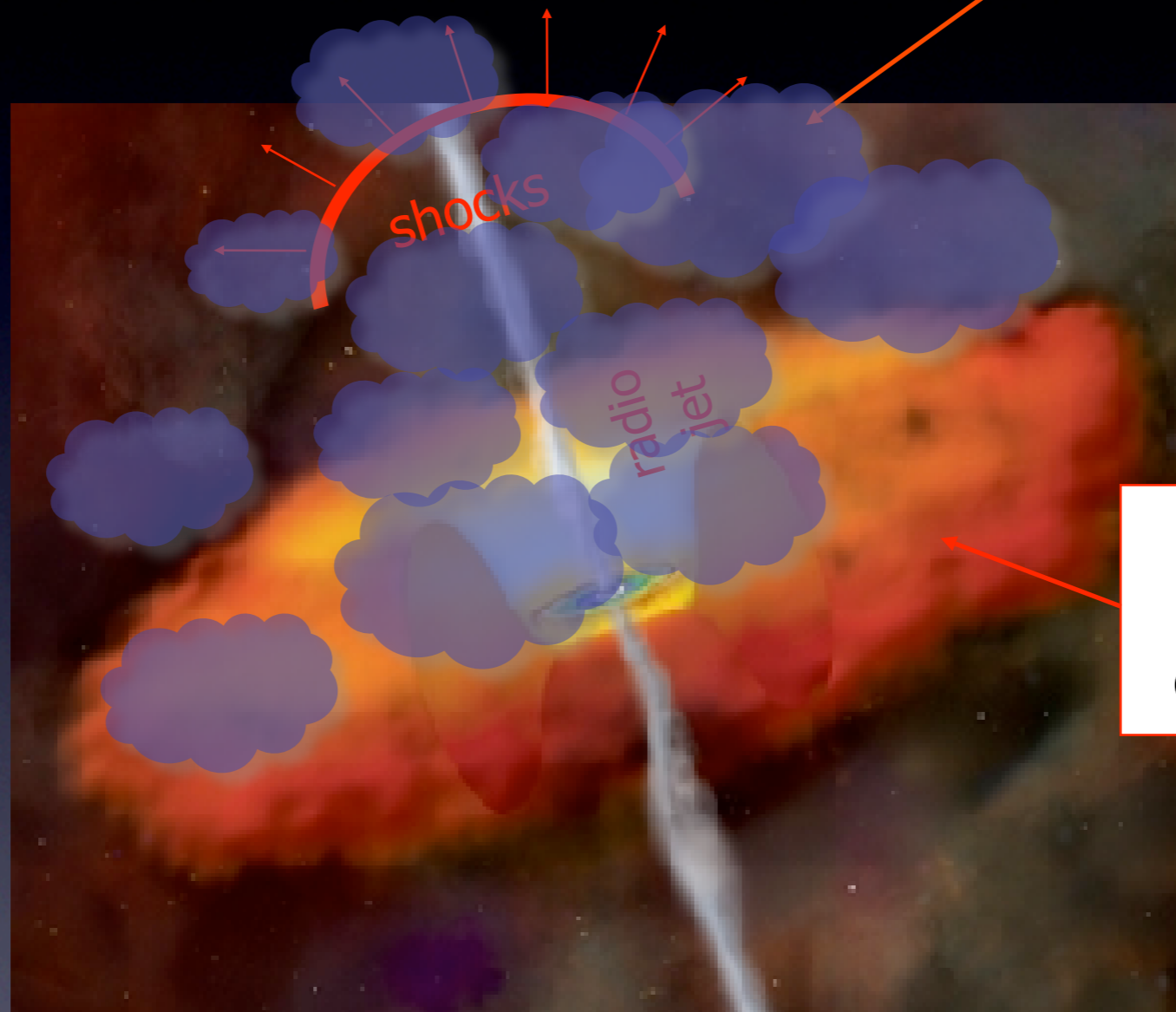


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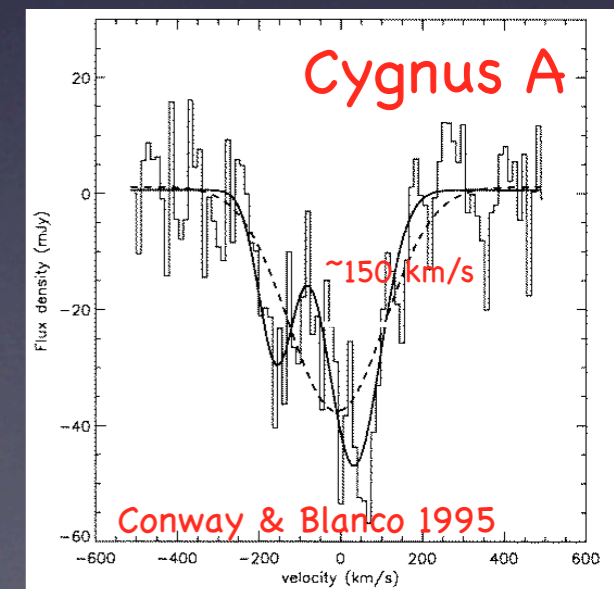


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extra-gas surrounding the AGN, e.g. left over from the merger that triggered the AGN



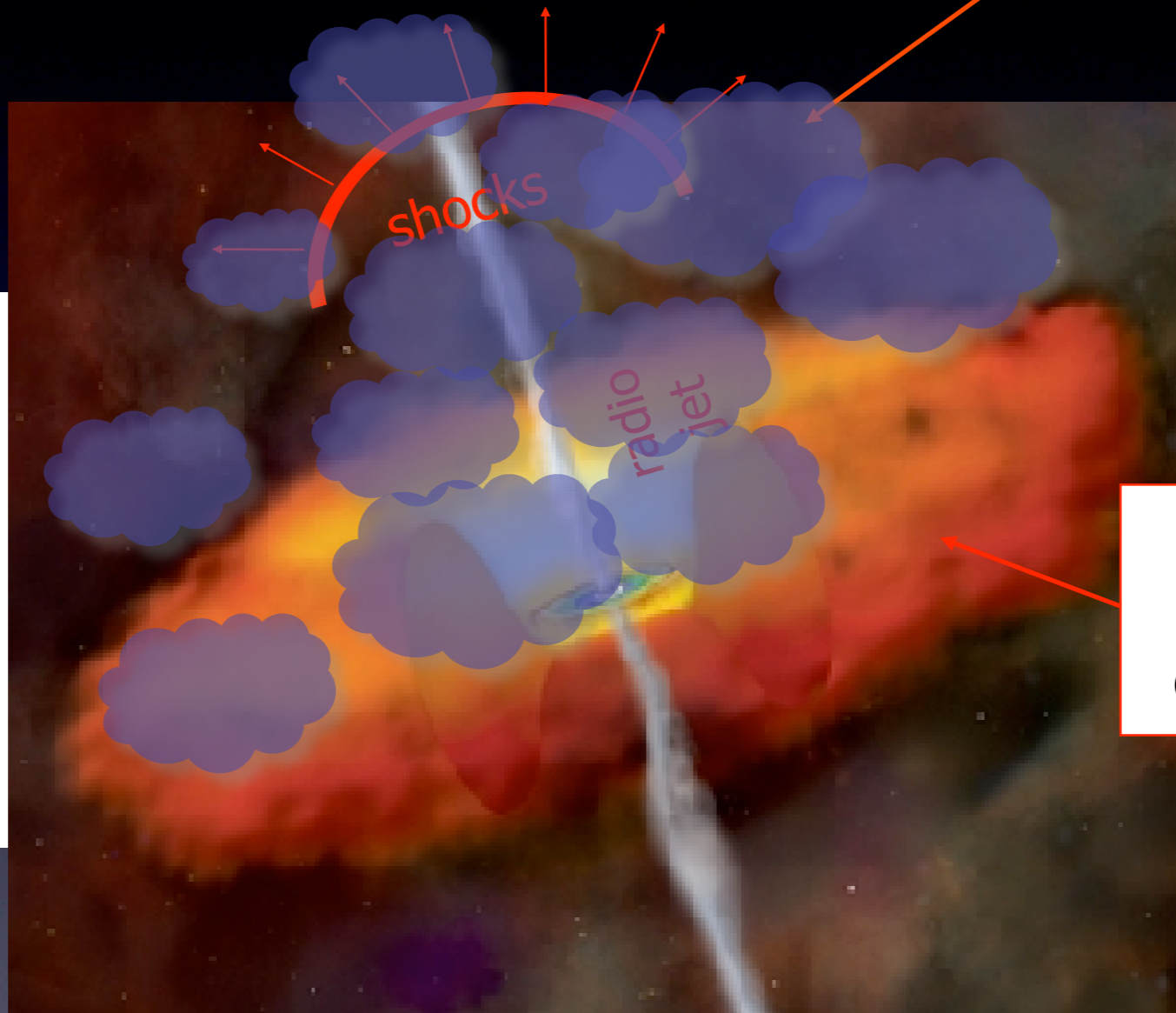
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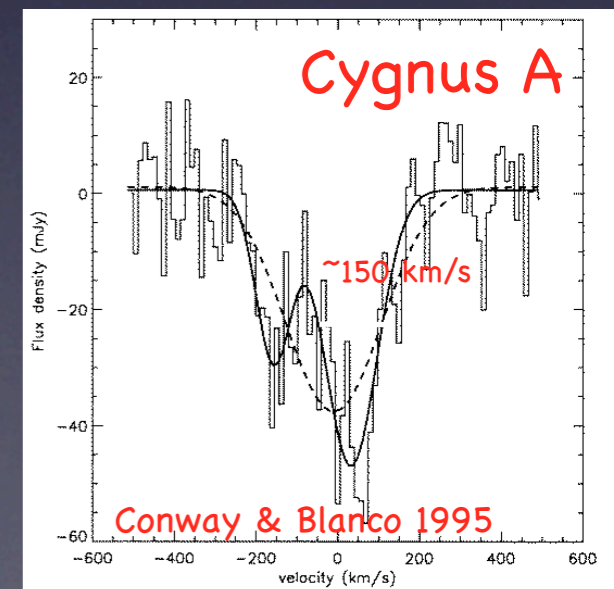
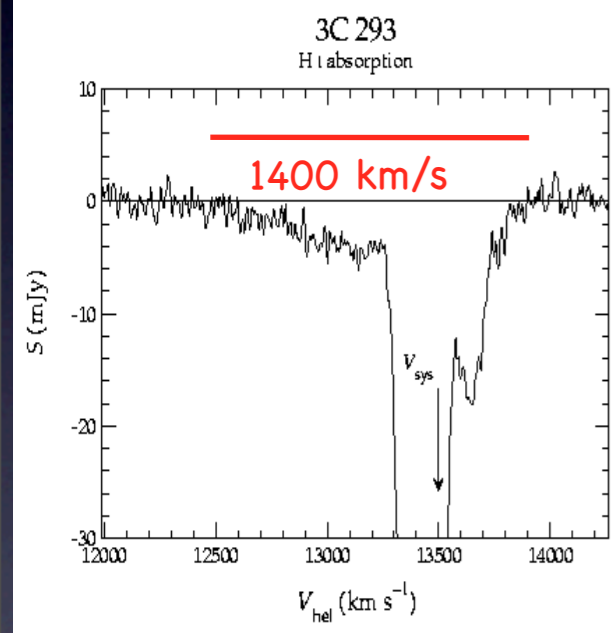
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Fast outflows: observed in ionised gas and HI
How important is the radio jet?

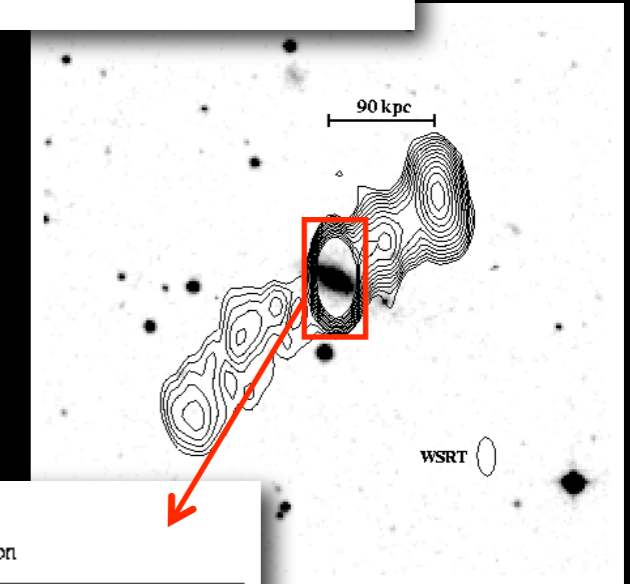
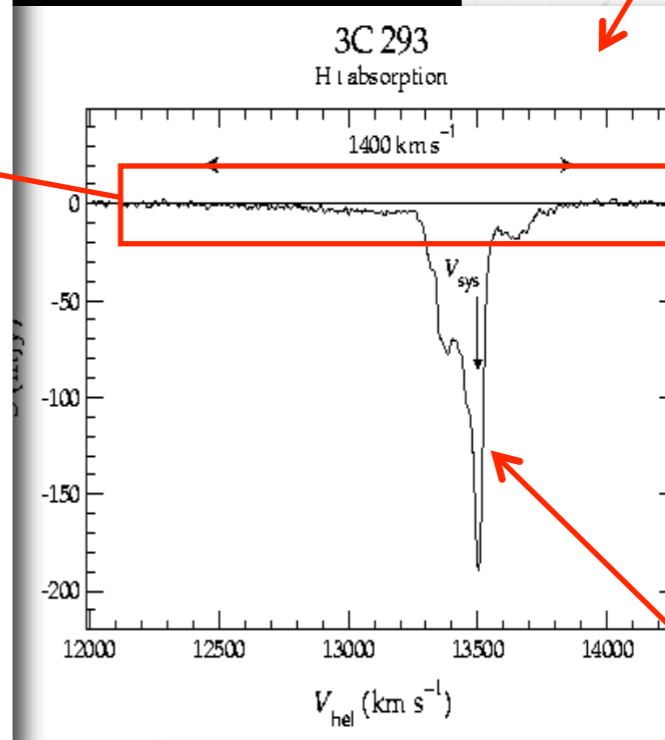
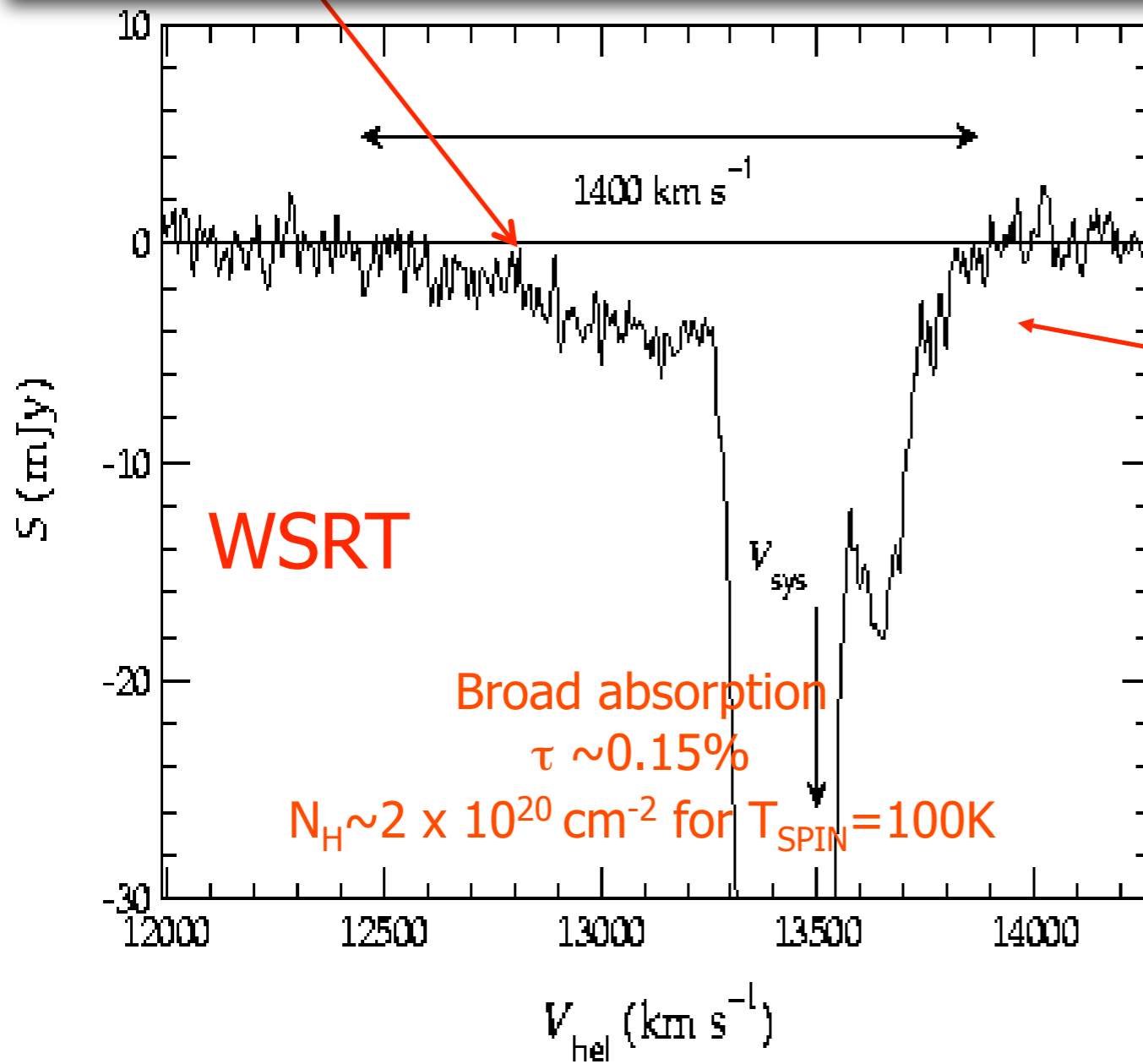


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Broad HI absorption in 3C293

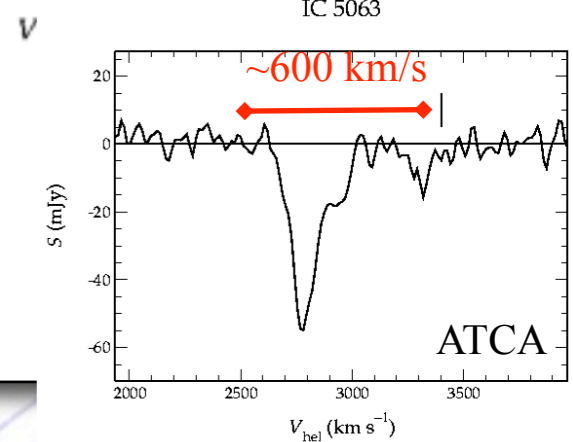
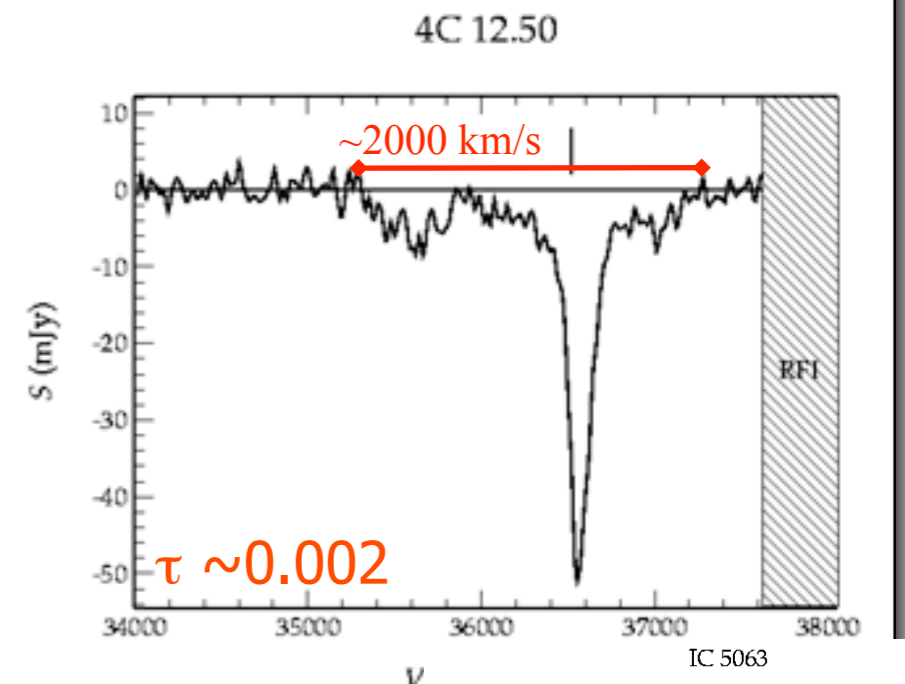
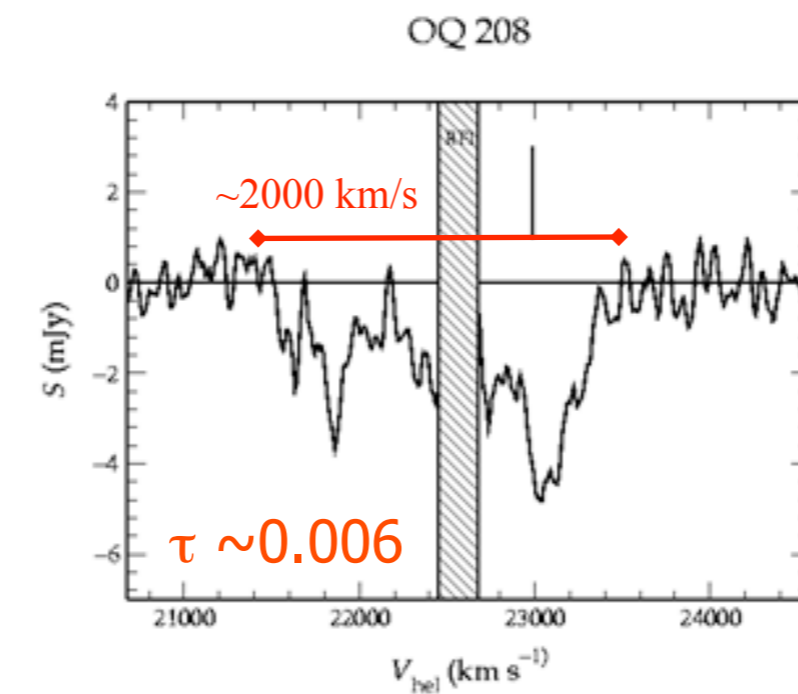
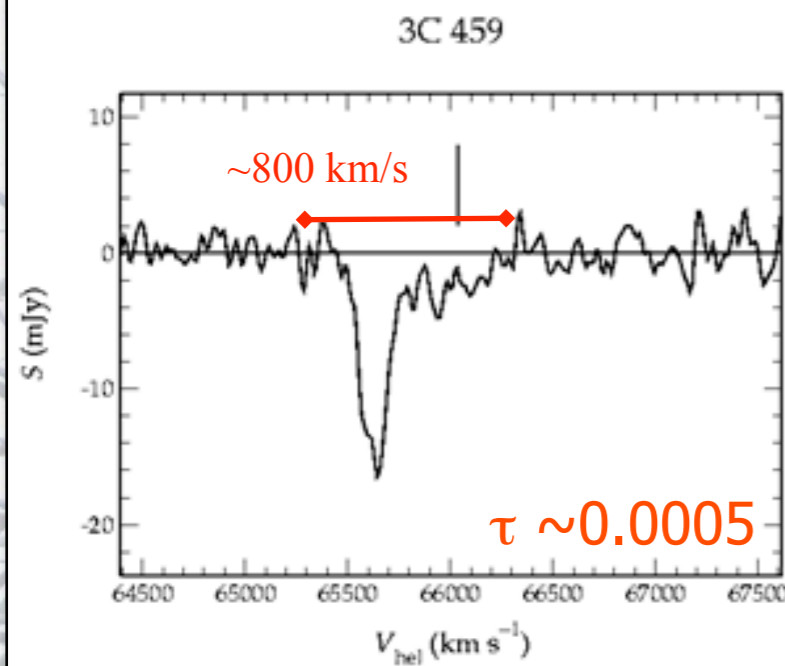
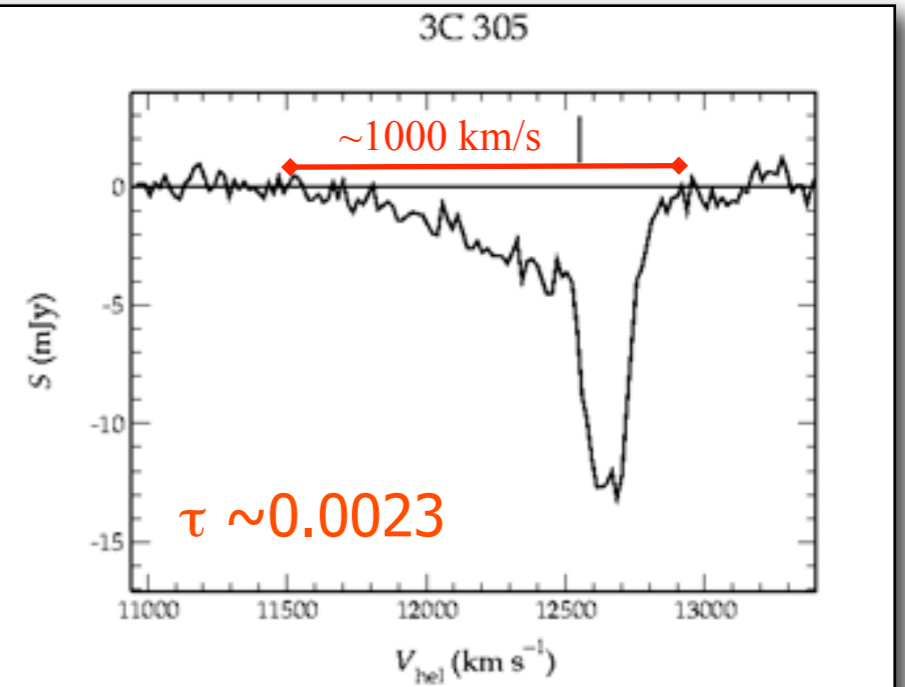
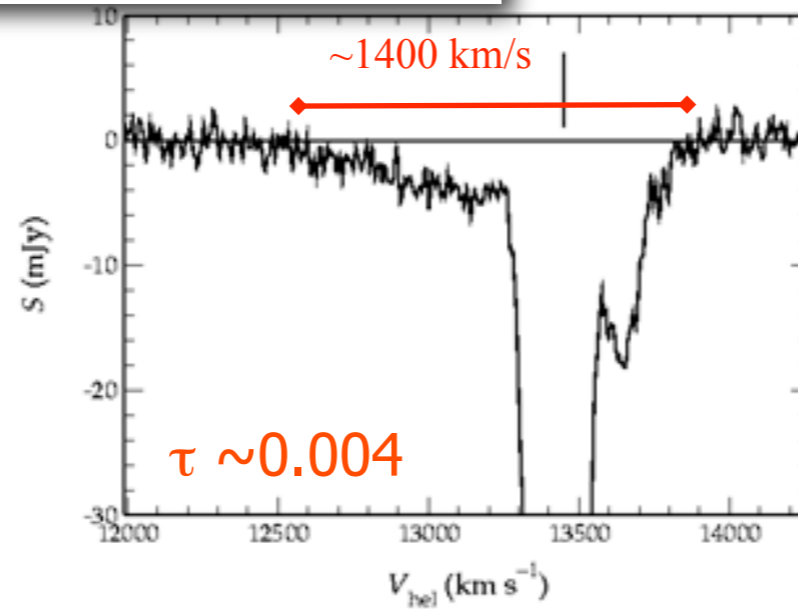
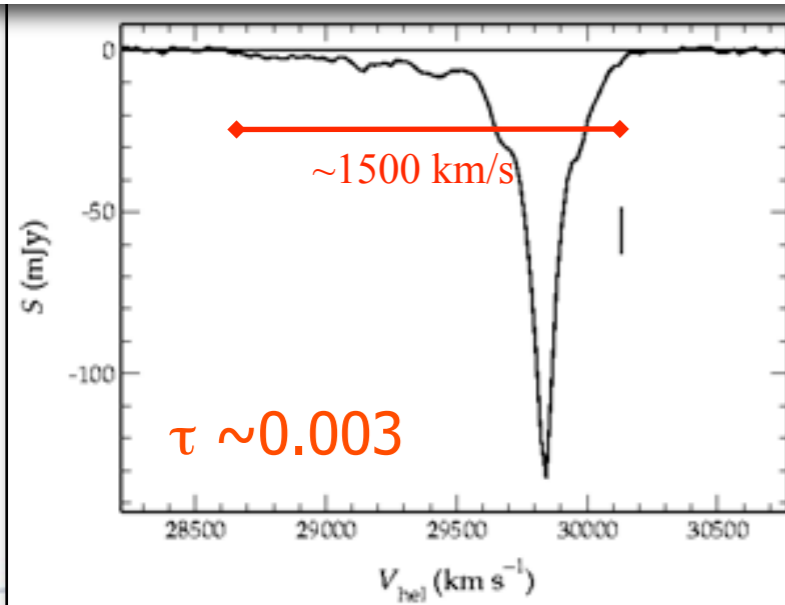
broad, shallow absorption by neutral gas



Deep absorption: Haschick & Baan (1985)
Beswick et al. (2002)

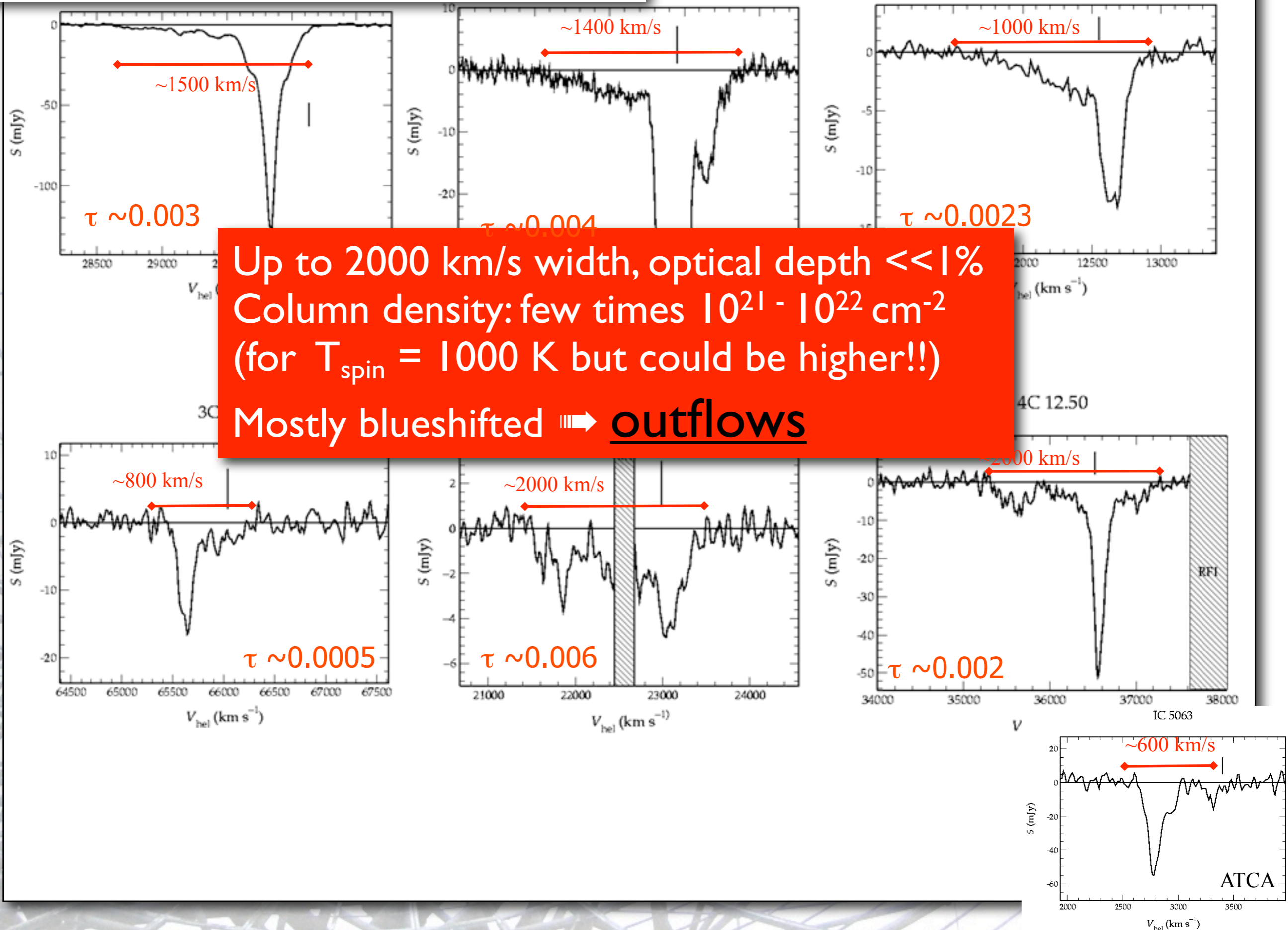
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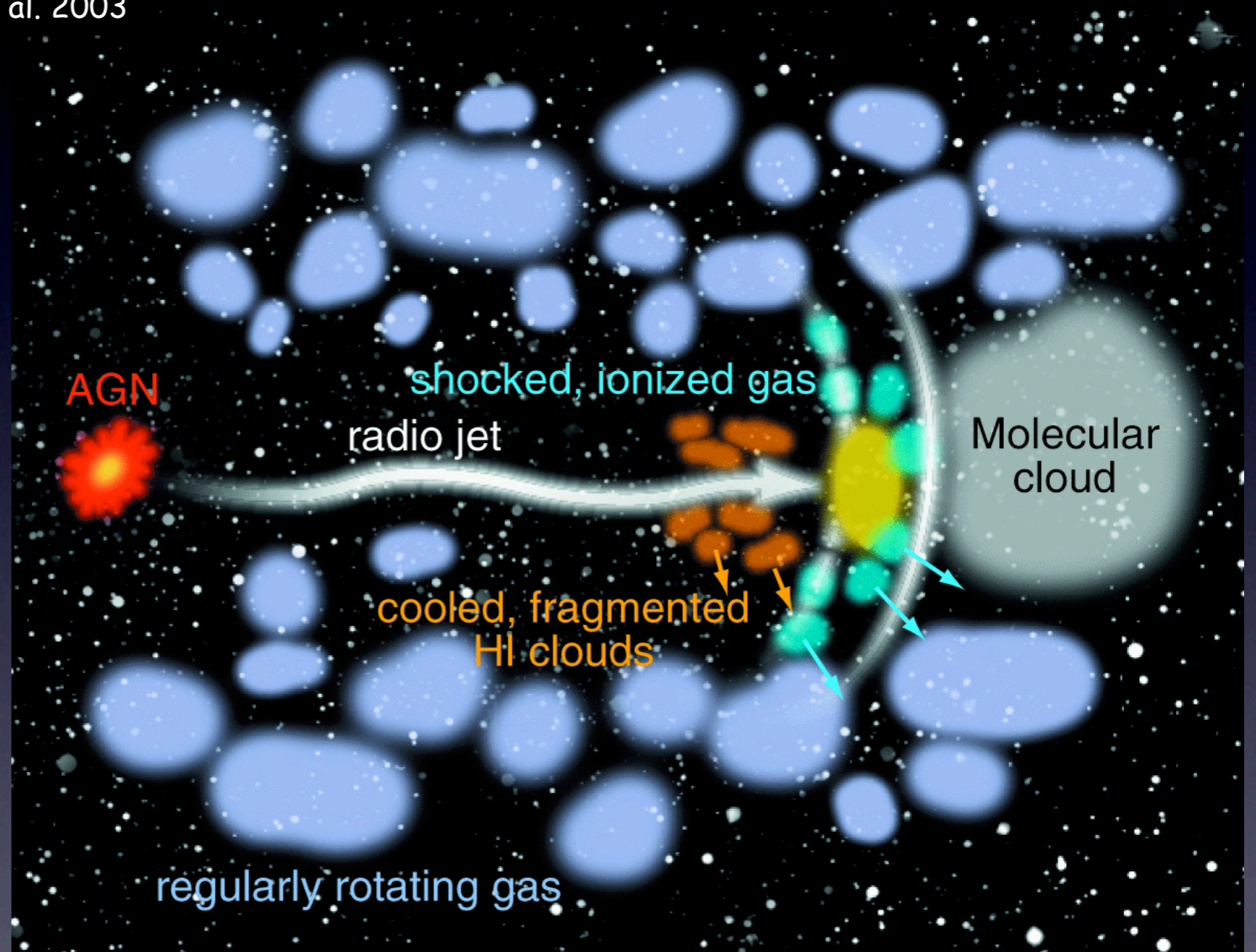
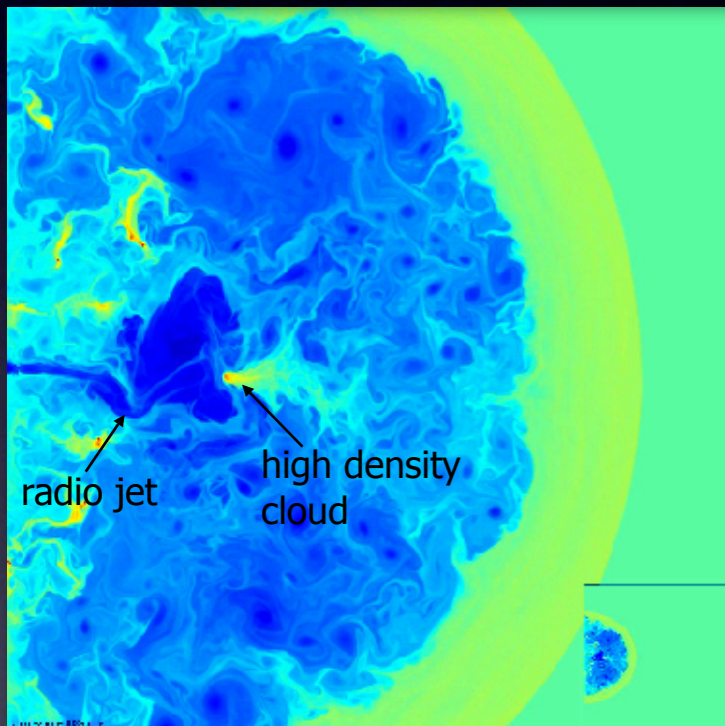
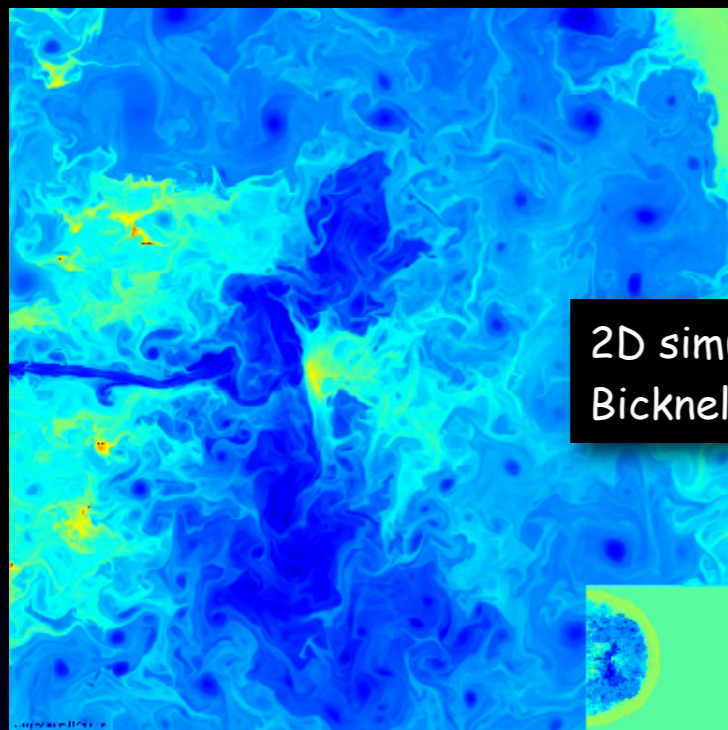


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Interaction of the radio jet with the surrounding medium



The radio jet may have a major impact on the nuclear medium \Rightarrow feedback \Rightarrow impact of the evolution of the galaxy

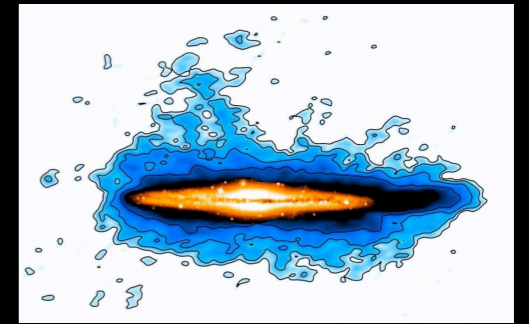
The future

SKA and SKA pathfinders

- **Sensitivity** \Rightarrow to detect fainter HI structures to expand the studies to higher z (evolution of the structures with redshift)
- **Volume** (i.e. bandwidth & field-of-view) \Rightarrow to expand the statistics using a “limited” amount of observing time

Example: need for high sensitivity

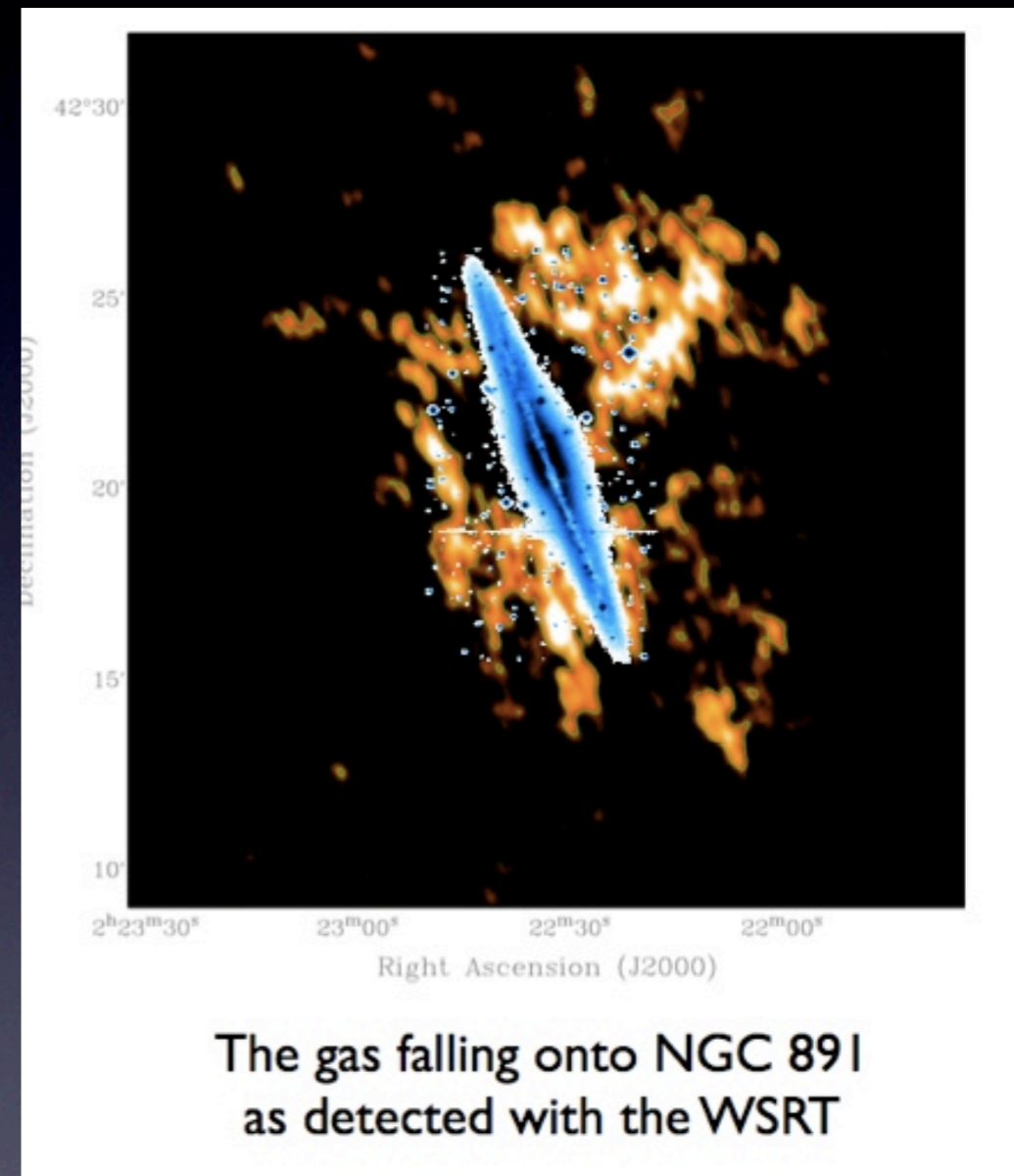
⇒ Cosmic Drizzle



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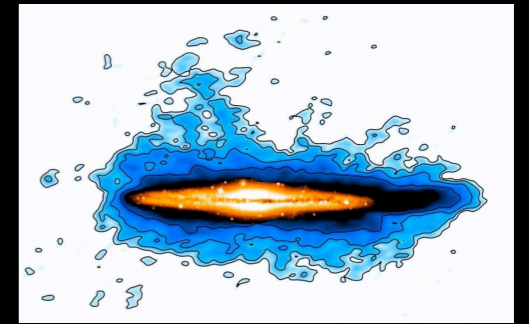
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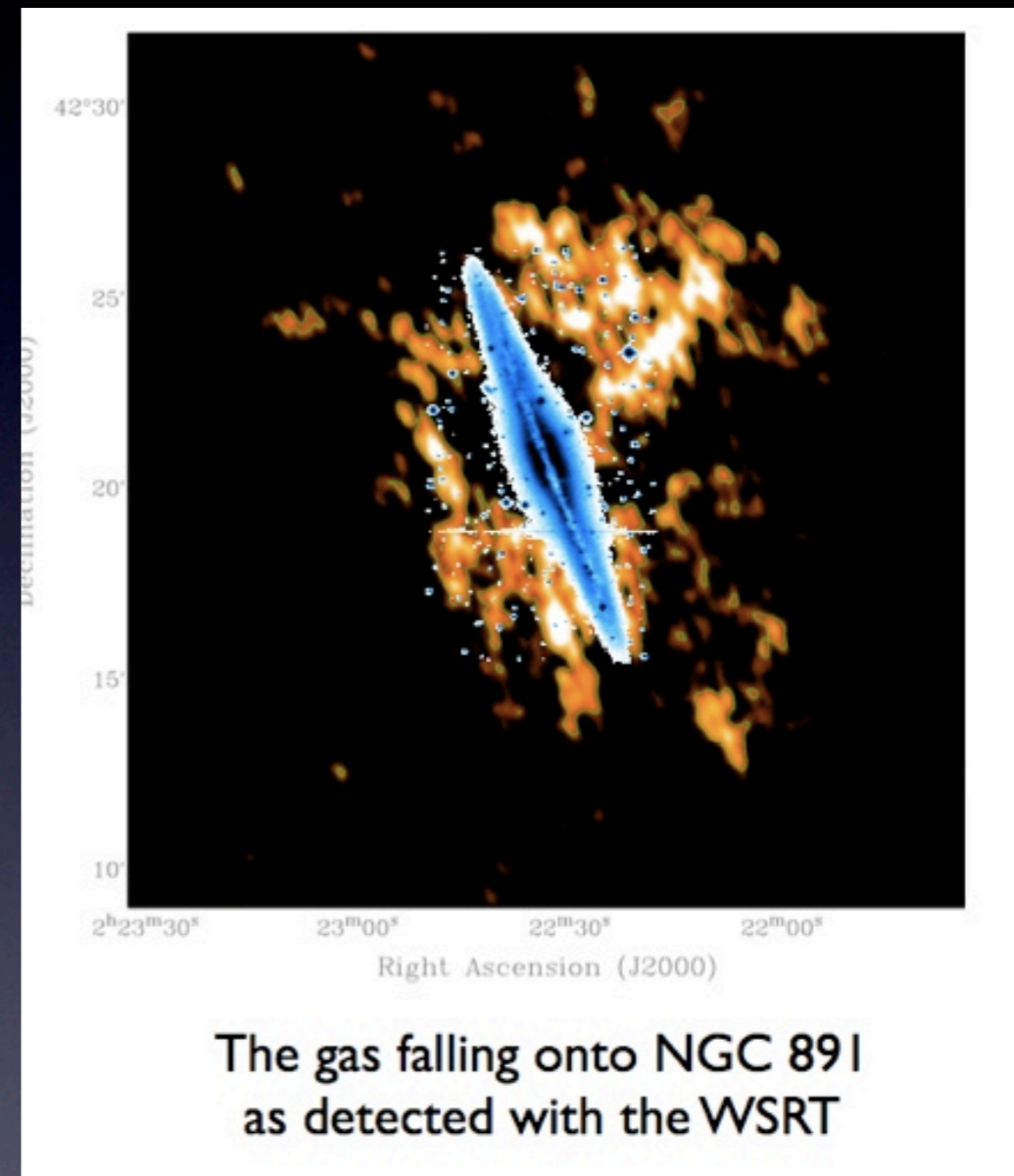


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20 nights of WSRT observations of the nearby galaxy NGC 891 have allowed to detect such gas for the first time



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How long does it take now to observe a sample of early-type galaxies?

- WSRT Large Project (search for HI emission):

100 galaxies ($z < 0.016$, all next door!!)

mass limit that we can reach: few $\times 10^6$ to $10^7 M_{\odot}$

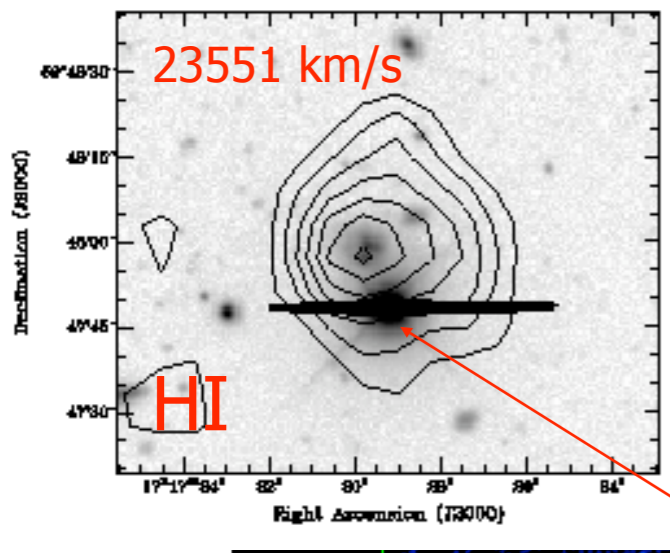
needed \Rightarrow ~ 1300 h of WSRT time spread over 1.5 yr

- Ideally \Rightarrow All sky survey

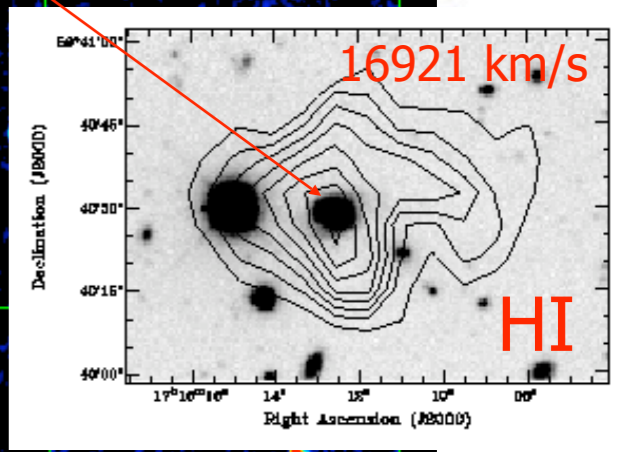
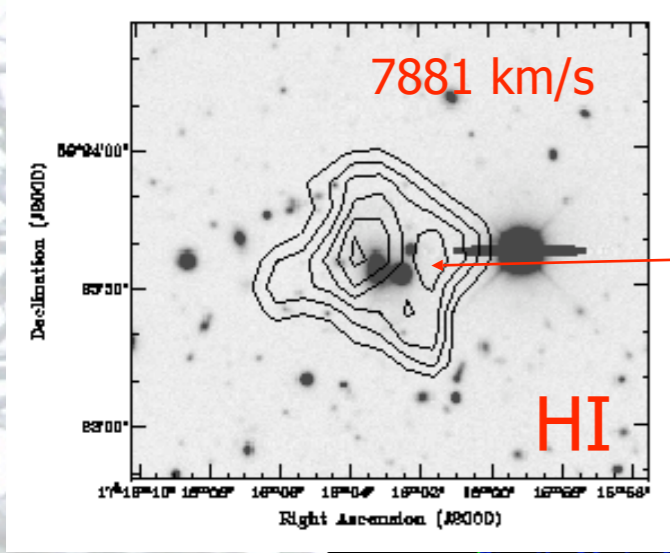
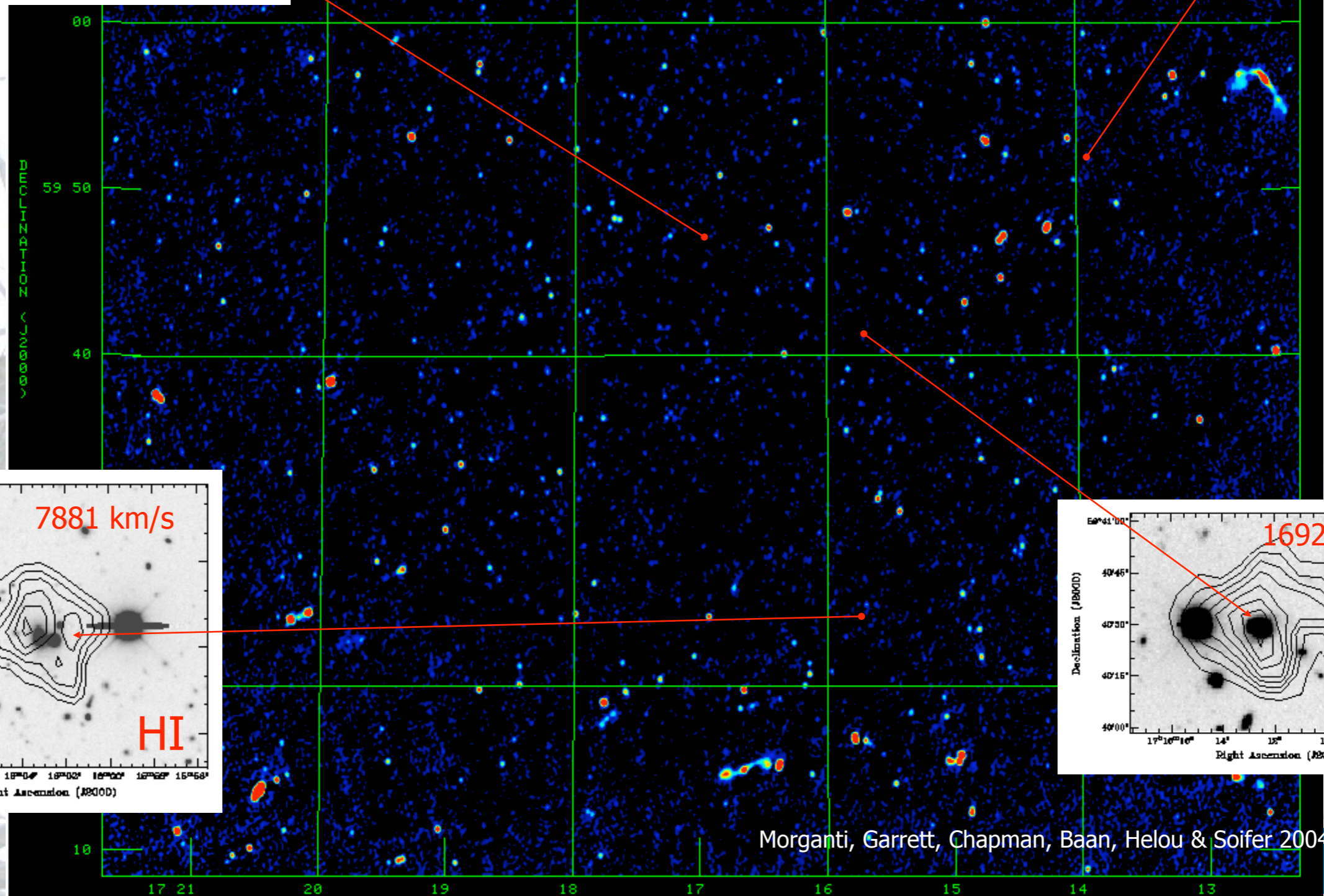
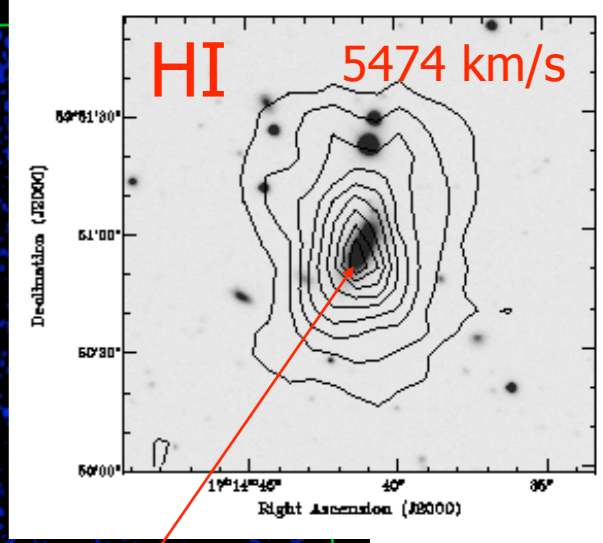
HIPASS very shallow, only the very gas rich galaxies ($M_{\text{HI}} > \text{few} \times 10^9 M_{\odot}$) are detected

\hookrightarrow a lot of telescope time to extend these studies

Bandwidth



Spitzer First Look survey with the WSRT 160MHz band
(1024 channels \rightarrow 60 km/s velocity resolution)
noise continuum \sim 8.5 microJy/b
noise line \sim 0.12 mJy/b \rightarrow
covers from 0-25000 km/s ($z \sim 0.07$)



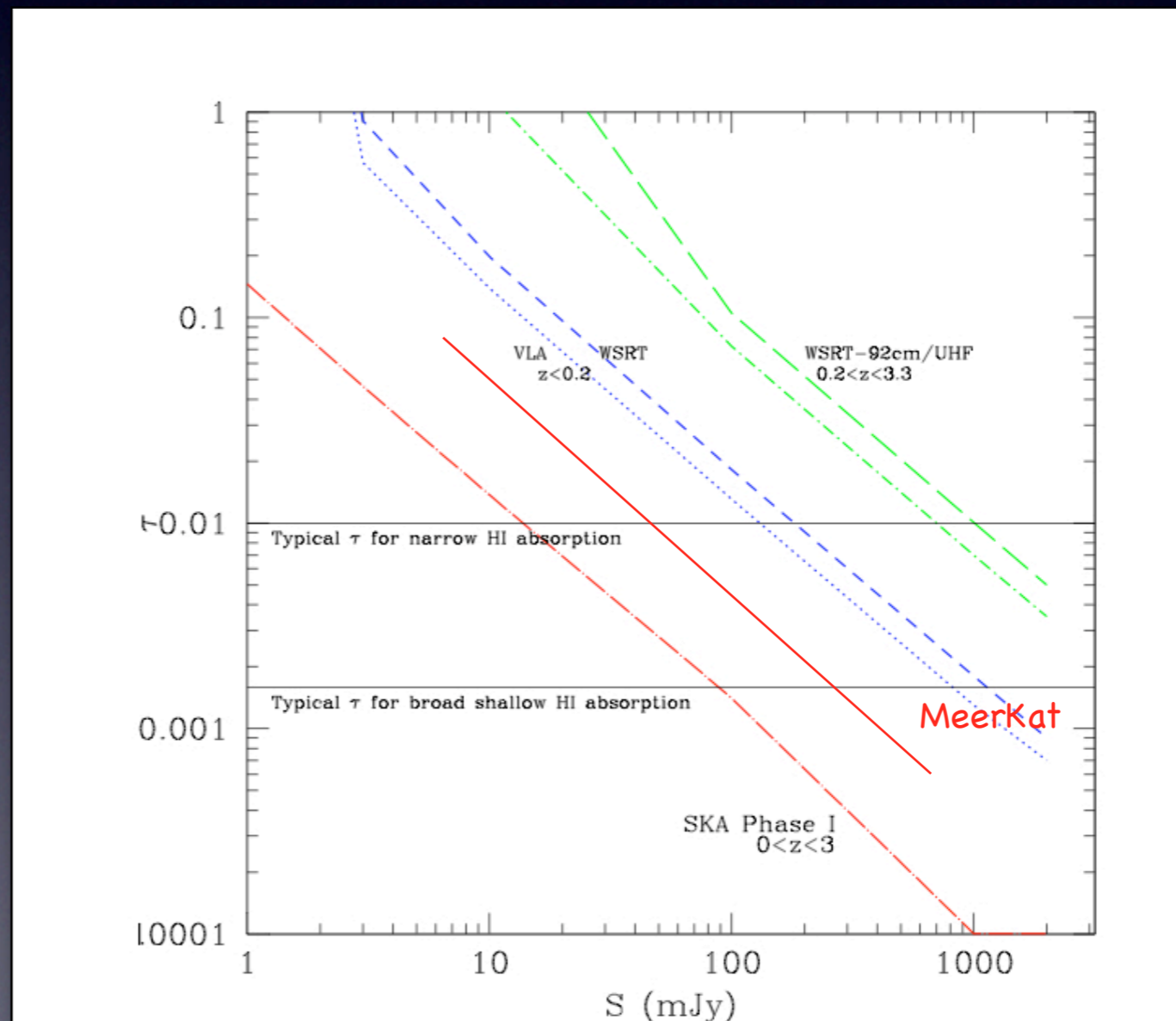
Extend the HI absorption studies

- Outflows $\tau \sim 0.003$ - we will need sources with flux $\sim 200-300$ mJy: sensitivity and stability of the bandpass crucial!
- Circum-nuclear disks $\tau > 0.01$: interesting for sources with flux > 50 mJy
- Better sensitivity for low frequencies (compared to available systems) \Rightarrow to study sources at higher z

Assumptions for MeerKat: $400 A_{\text{eff}}/T_{\text{sys}}$

Same T_{sys} in the freq range: 1400-700 MHz

For 1x12h 20km/s velocity resolution



Associated absorption: circumnuclear disks

- It becomes interesting for sources with $F_{\nu_{\text{HI}}} > 50 \text{ mJy}$

(HI absorption detected at 5σ for $A_{\text{eff}}/T_{\text{sys}} \text{ MeerKat} = 400 \text{ m}^2 \text{ K}^{-1}$)

- How many of these sources? **~ 300 per 100 deg^2**

How many of these sources will be in the observed redshift range?

- MeerKat will reach $z \sim 1$ (0.7 GHz) and will have a bandwidth of 256 MHz

- This redshift range can be covered in three steps: 0-0.2/0.2-0.5/0.5-1

$z < 0.5$ ~ 80 sources per 100 deg^2 ($\sim 23\%$)

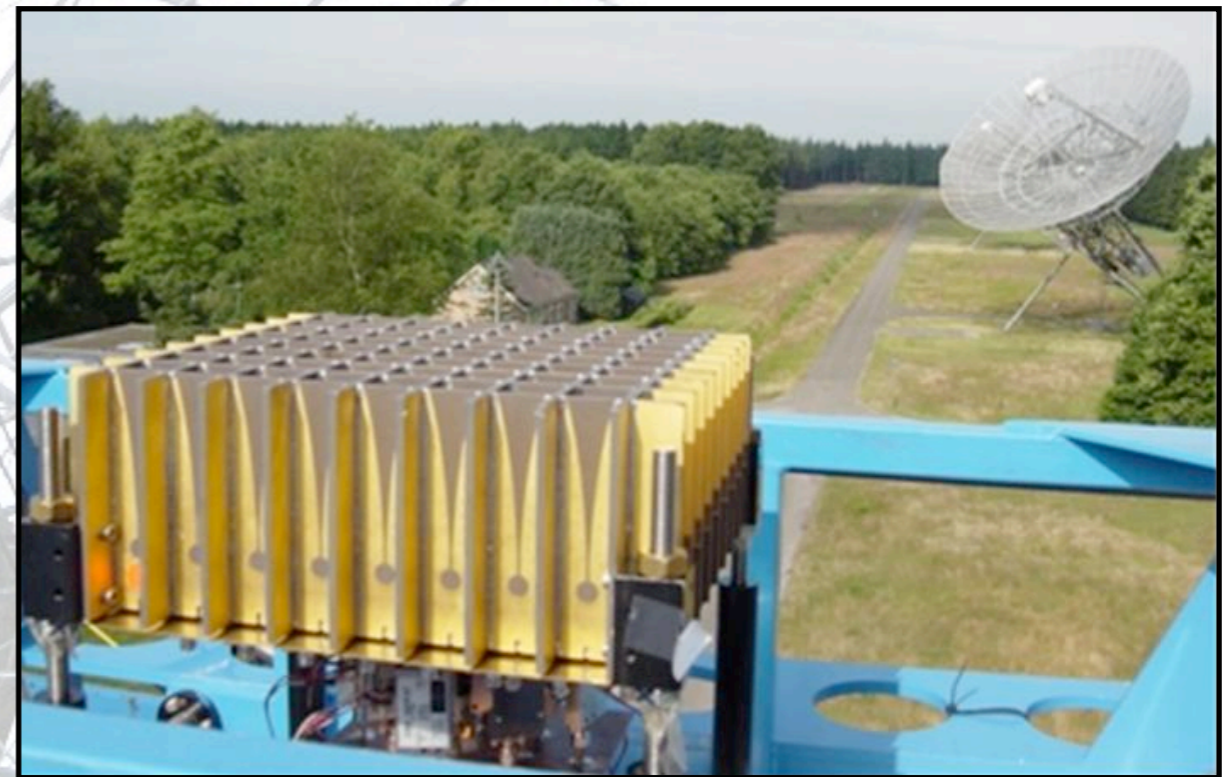
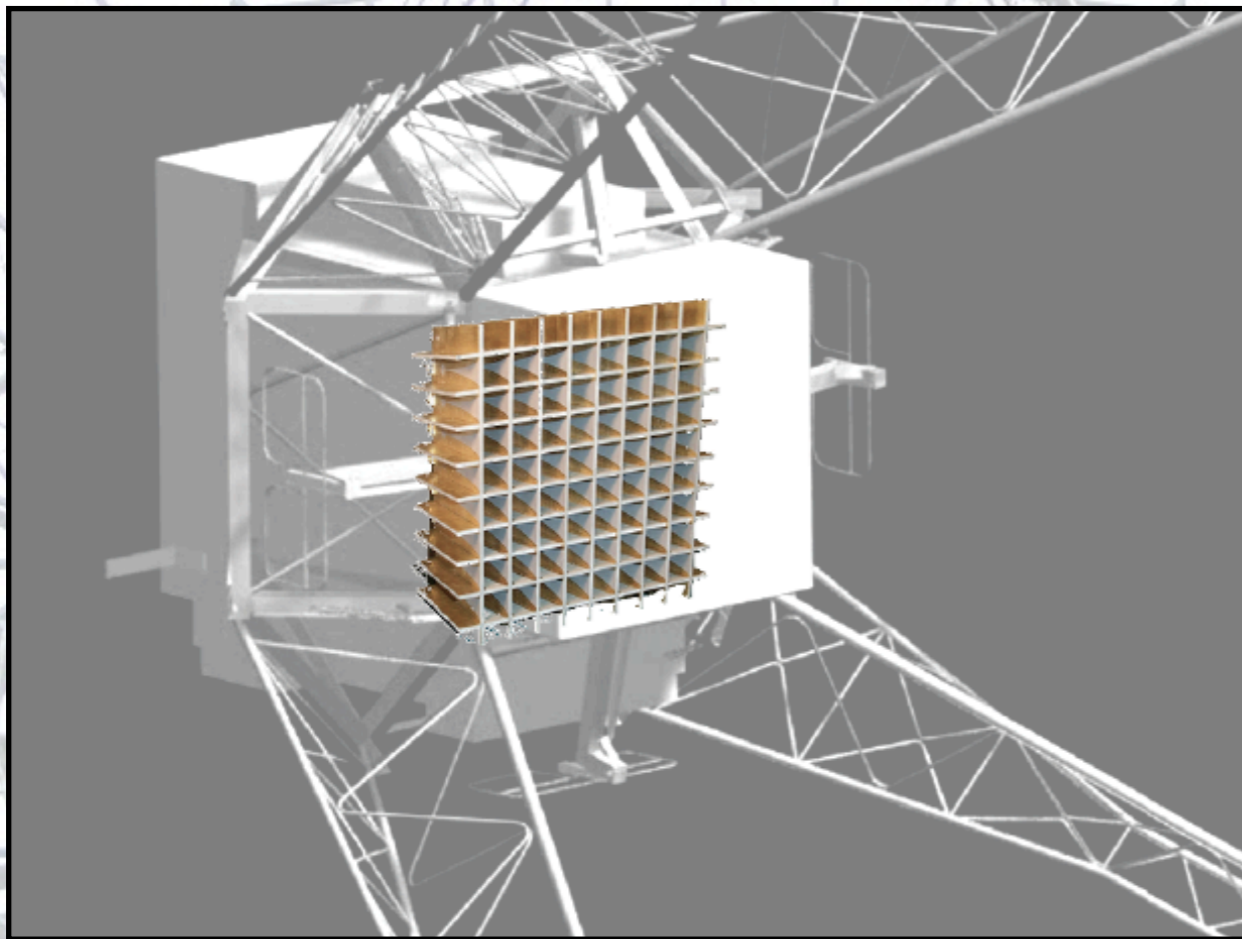
$0.5 < z < 1$ ~ 100 sources per 100 deg^2

NOT A HUGE SAMPLE! and takes already $\sim 140 * 12\text{h}!!$

Survey speed important!

Focal plane array

- Instead of using horns, use array of small antennae
- Combine signals to form several beams
- Can form good beam over about 5 FWHM



Apertif

APERture Tile In Focus

Receptor array in each WSRT antenna

Apertif

- 8x8 (x2) elements
- 25 beams on the sky
- Frequency range: 850 – 1700 MHz
- T_{sys} 50 K
- Bandwidth 300 MHz
- Aperture efficiency 75%

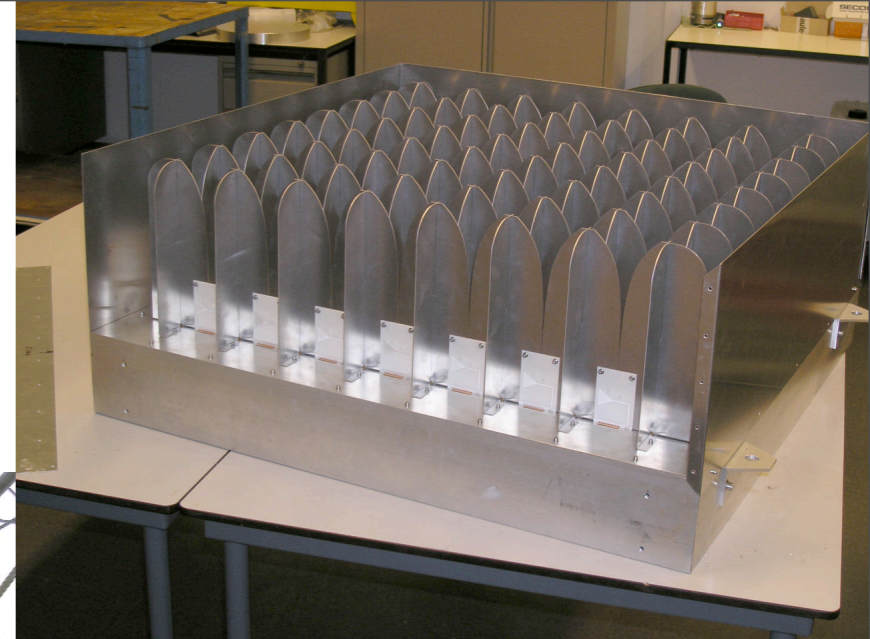
WSRT

1
117 – 8650 MHz
30 K
160 MHz
55%

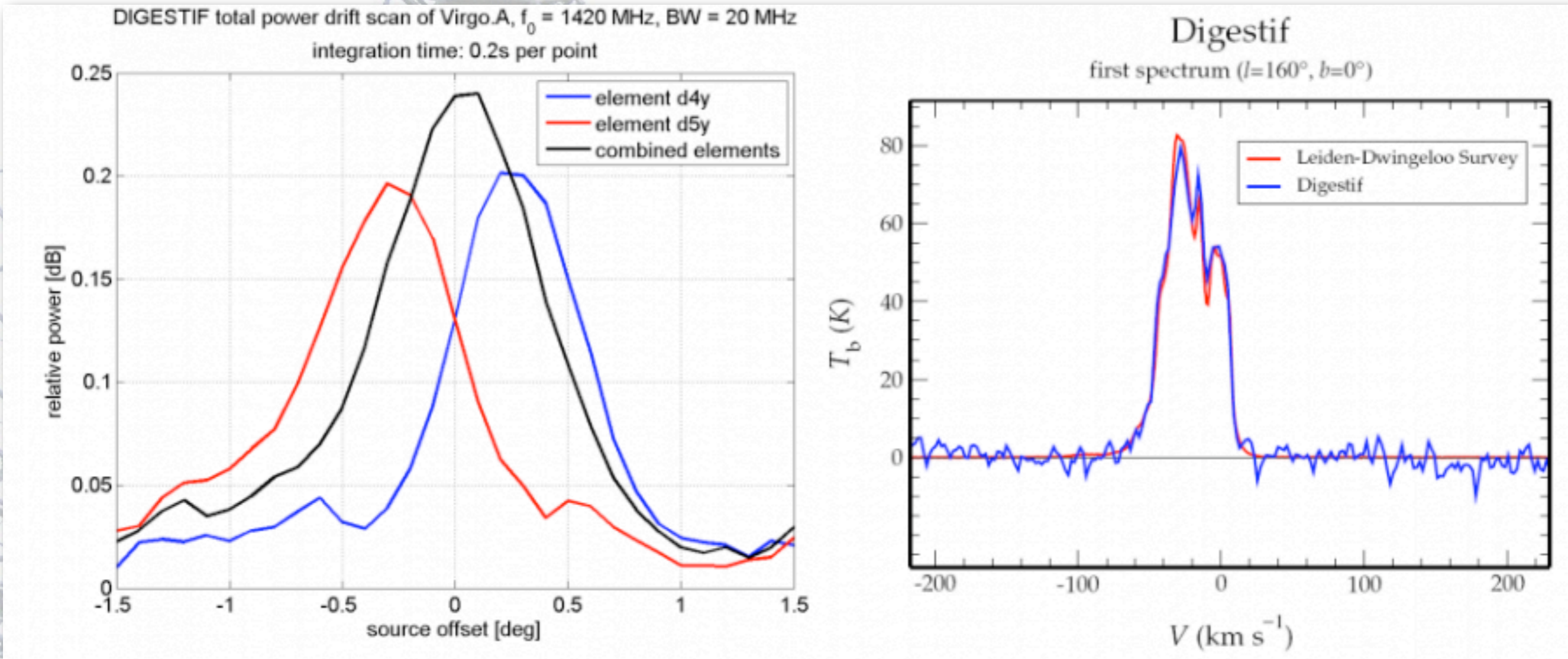
Survey speed increases with factor 32 (continuum)
16 (line)

Apertif prototype: Digestif!

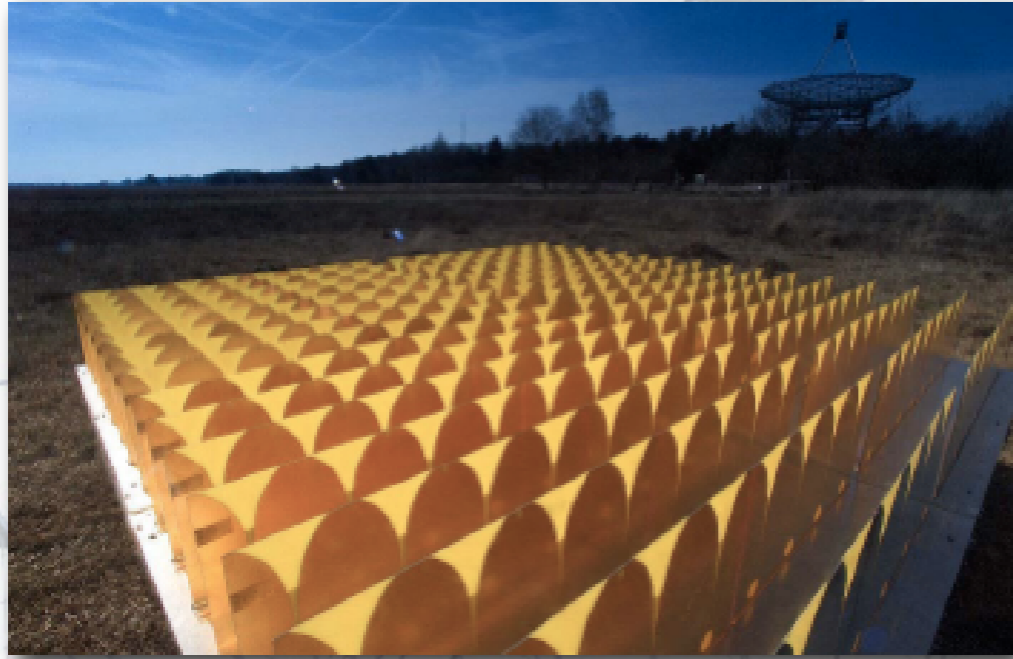
mounted on telescope #5 (WSRT)



Fist astronomical observations: Digestif first light!



Technology relevant for SKA

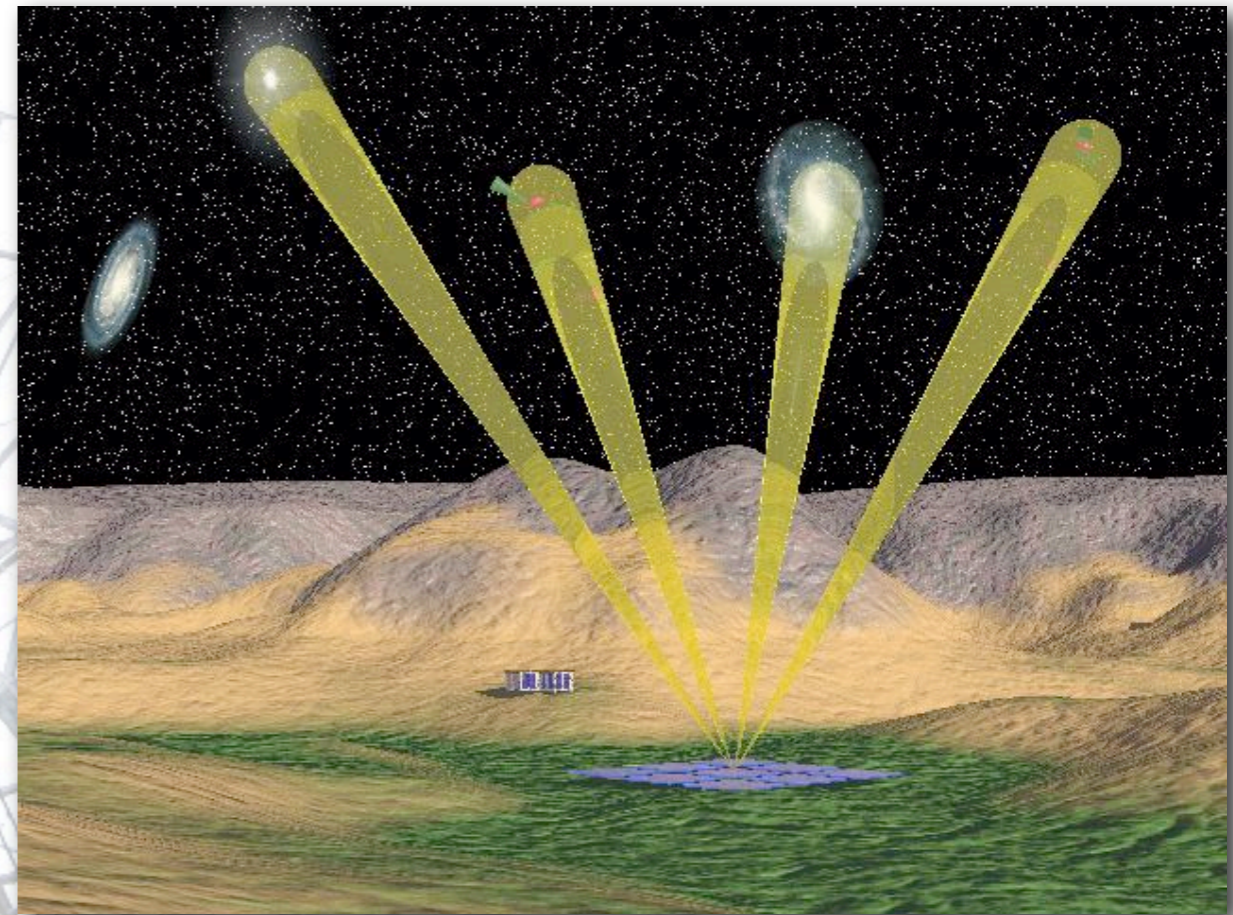


Not only applicable in focus of dish

Instead of using a collector,
place them in the aperture plane:
Aperture array



Embrace



Conclusions

- A lot of interesting science to be done with the HI !!!! even in gas poor galaxies...
- Key to understand early-type galaxies formation and evolution and radio loud AGN
- The major improvement in sensitivity will come with the SKA \Rightarrow crucial for the study of evolution with z (HI in emission)
- but with the SKA pathfinders we can already foresee some interesting new expansion of this work