



# A P E R T I F

## H I imaging surveys

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# APERTIF

## HI imaging surveys

- Apertif specs & performance
- HI science ‘requirements’
- prospects from existing blind surveys
- HI survey definition
- forthcoming activities



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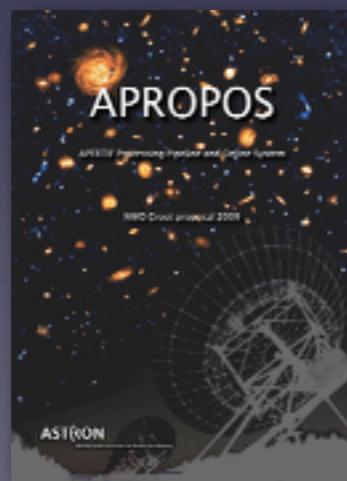
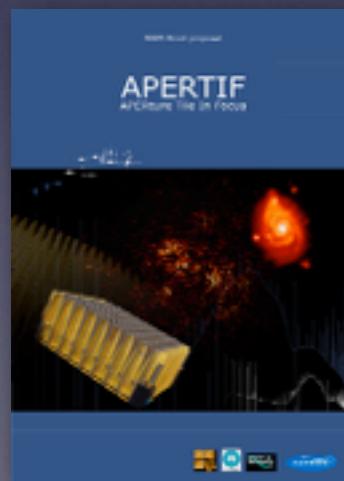
# a grand proposal

WSRT upgrade - SKA pathfinder



After 45 years of service,  
transform the WSRT into  
an efficient 21cm survey facility  
using phased-array technology.

Winning community support + 3 NWO/NOVA investment grants



2006 5 M€ 2008 2.5 M€ 2013 1.3 M€

+ 3 ERC grants + 2 NWO grants:

- ▶ HIstoryNU - van der Hulst, 2.5 M€
- ▶ RadioLife - Morganti, 2.5 M€
- ▶ ALERT - van Leeuwen, 2 M€
- ▶ TOP - Oosterloo, 0.7 M€
- ▶ VICI - Verheijen, 1.5 M€



## timeline

- 2006 : *Apertif* grant (PAF development & construction)
- 2007 : Digestif PAF prototype in RT5
- 2008 : *Apropos* grant (correlator, pipeline, archive)
- 2009 : Preliminary Design Review
- 2010 : - Call for Expressions-of-Interest
  - workshop with EoI teams
- 2012 : workshop with EoI teams
- 2013 : - ARTS grants (pulsar/transient backend)
  - start refurbishment of dishes
- Oct 2014 : Critical Design Review
- Jun 2015 : ‘Go’ for APERTIF-10 roll-out
- Jul 2015 : Call for participation, Draft Survey program

# Specifications

Array of Vivaldi antennas fully samples the focal plane.

	APERTIF	WSRT
# antennas/dish	121	1
# primary beams	37	1
field-of-view [deg <sup>2</sup> ]	8	0.3
freq. range [GHz]	1.13–1.75	0.12–8.7
T <sub>sys</sub> [K]	70	30
aperture efficiency	75%	55%
bandwidth [MHz]	300	160
# channels	24576	1024
# dishes	12	14 (13)



## APERTIF Resolution :

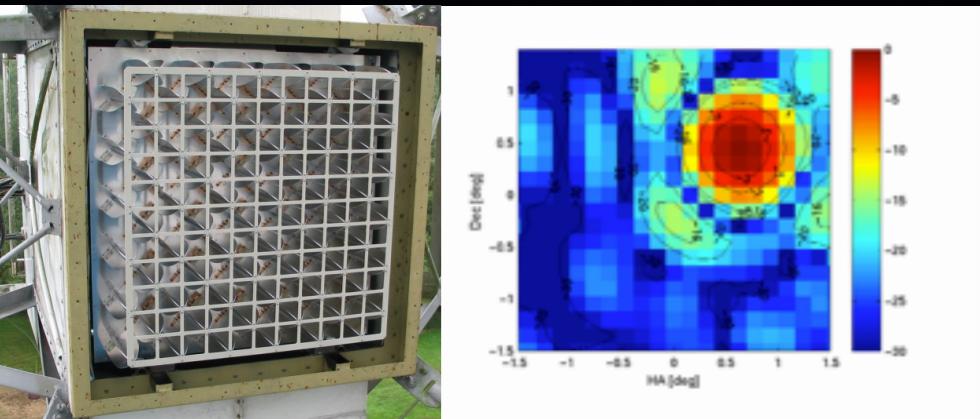
$$\Theta = (1+Z)^2 \times 15 \times 15 / \sin(\delta) \text{ arcsec}^2 \text{ (10kpc @ D=150 Mpc)}$$

$$R = (1+Z) \times 5.2 \text{ km/s} \quad (\text{after Hanning smoothing})$$

APERTIF increases survey speed of WSRT 15–30x

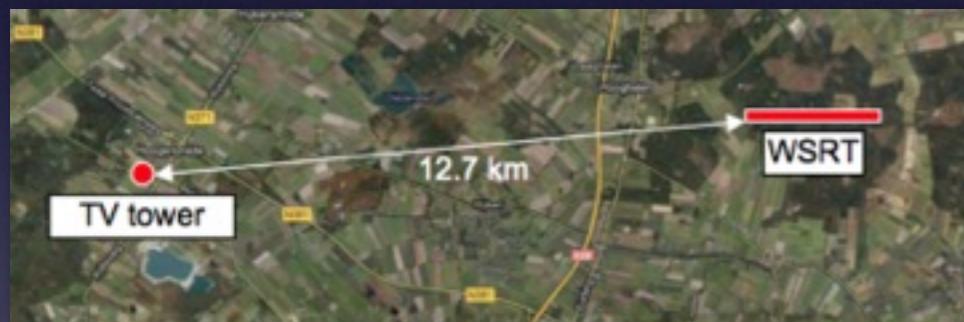
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 1130–1730 MHz, 300 MHz bandwidth  
 24,576 channels,  $R=5.2 \text{ km/s}$ , full pol.

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 → pre-/post-LNA filters  
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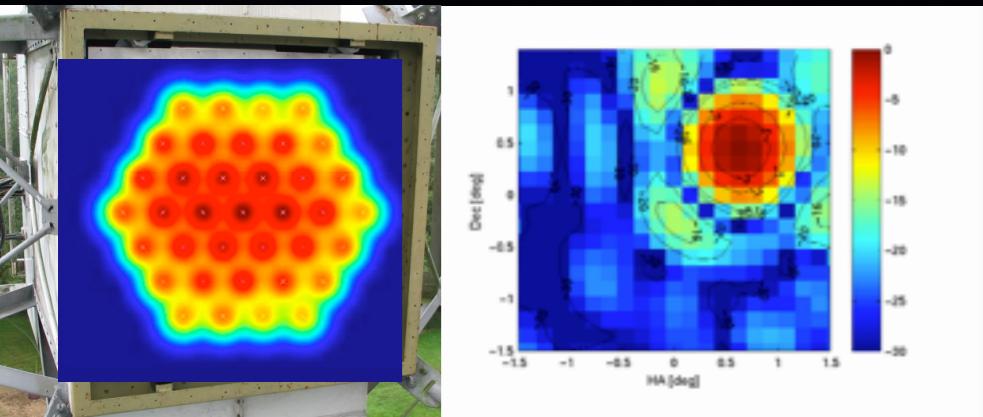
Lots of good news :

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- 75% aperture efficiency
- $8 \text{ deg}^2$  confirmed
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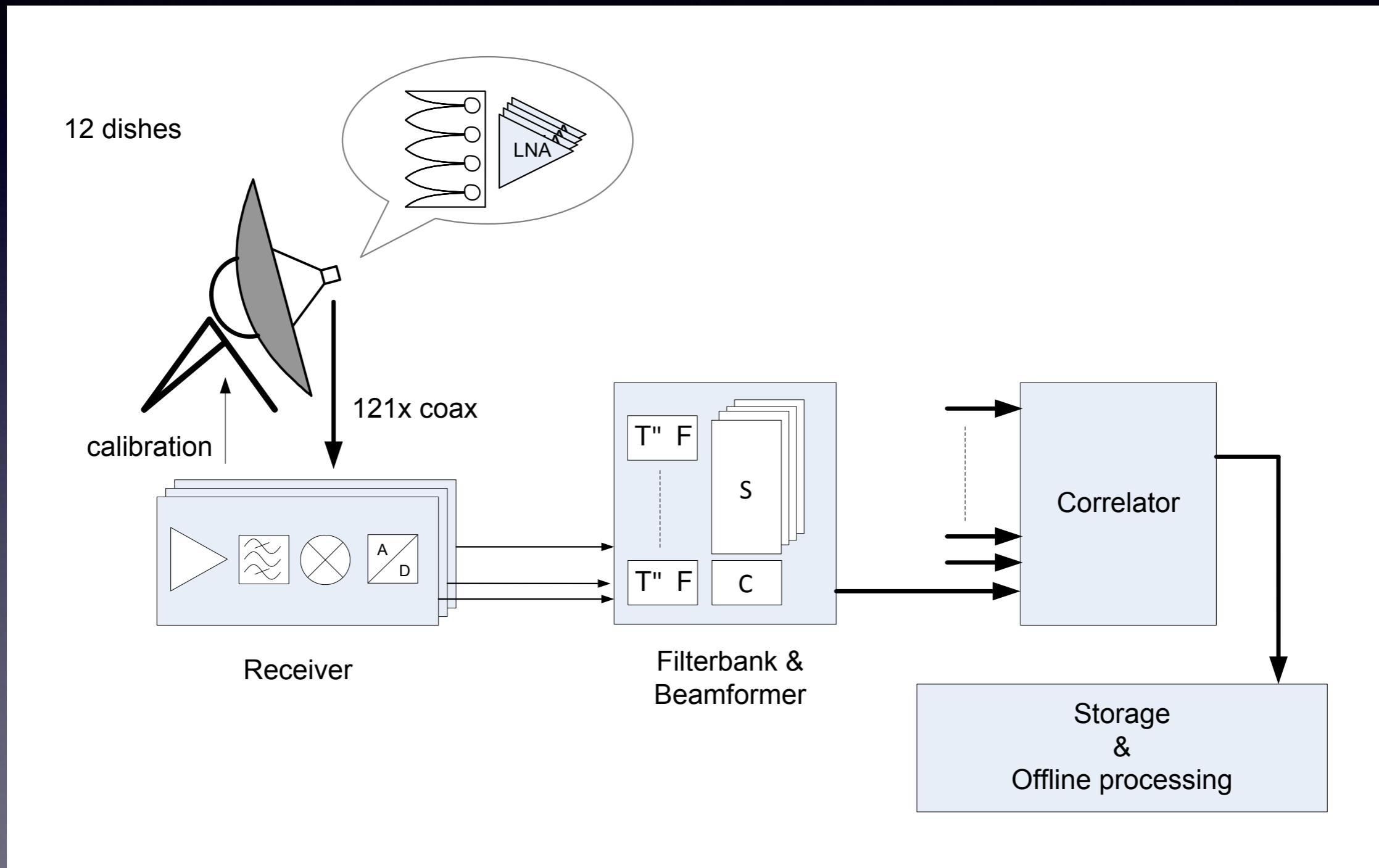
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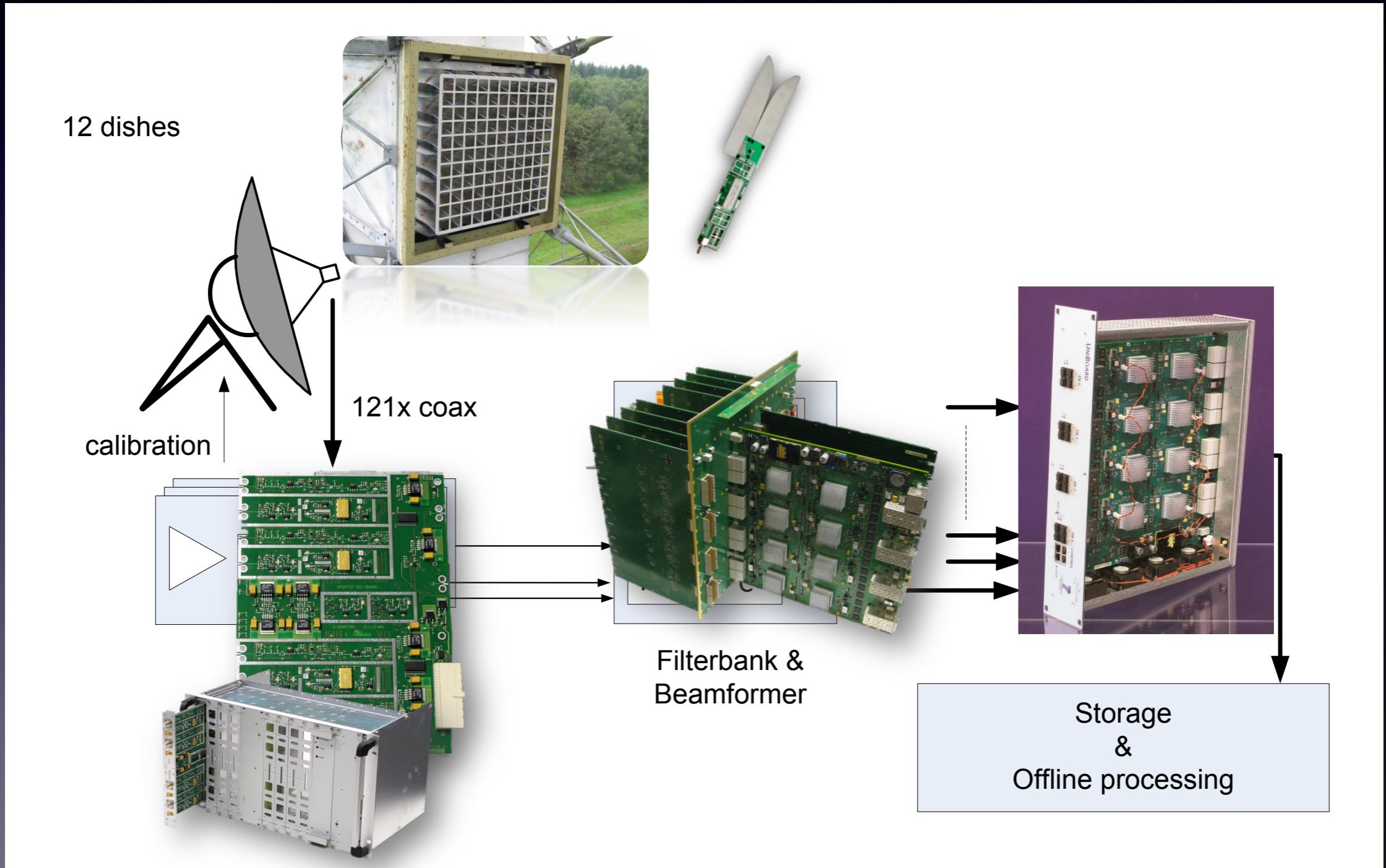
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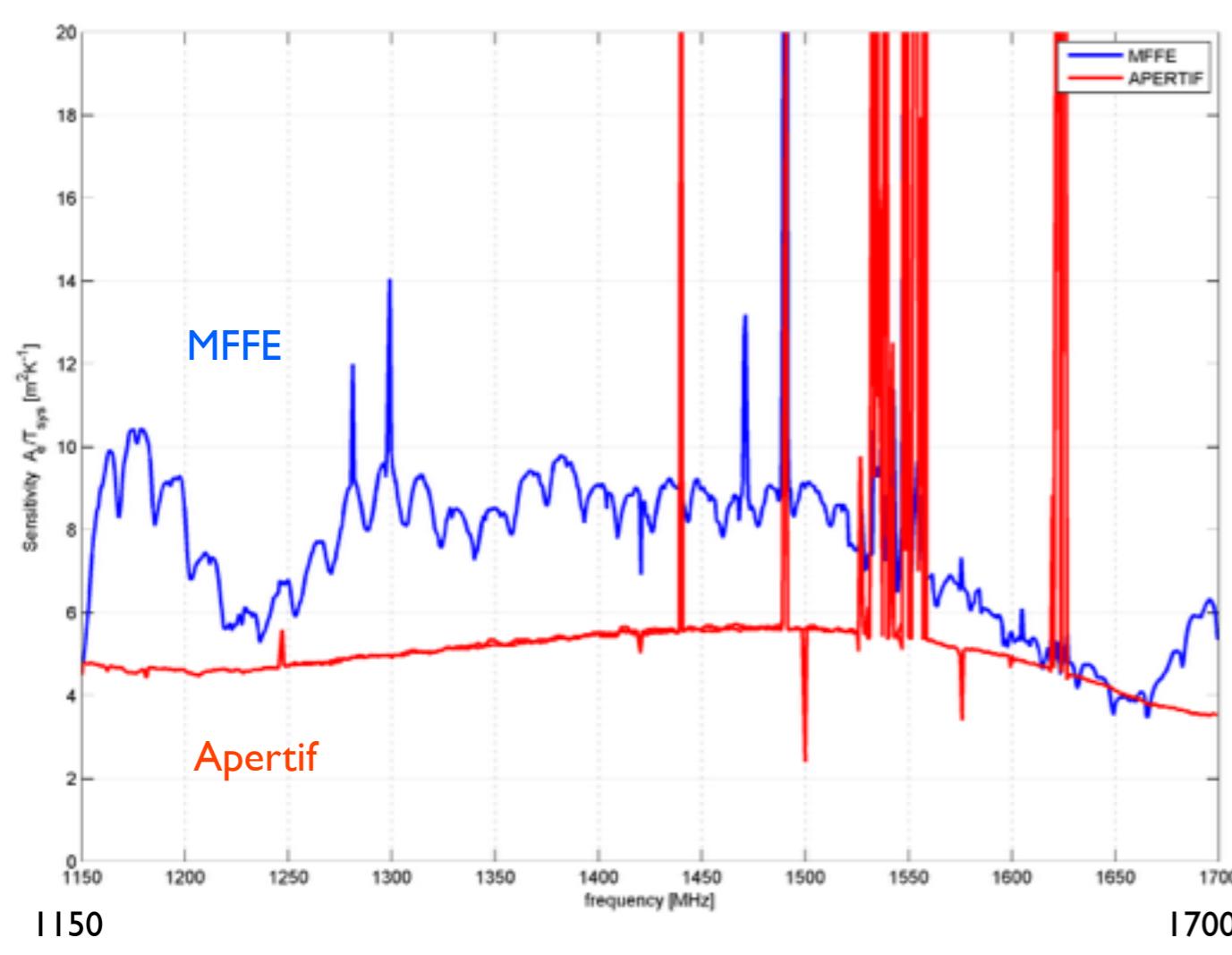


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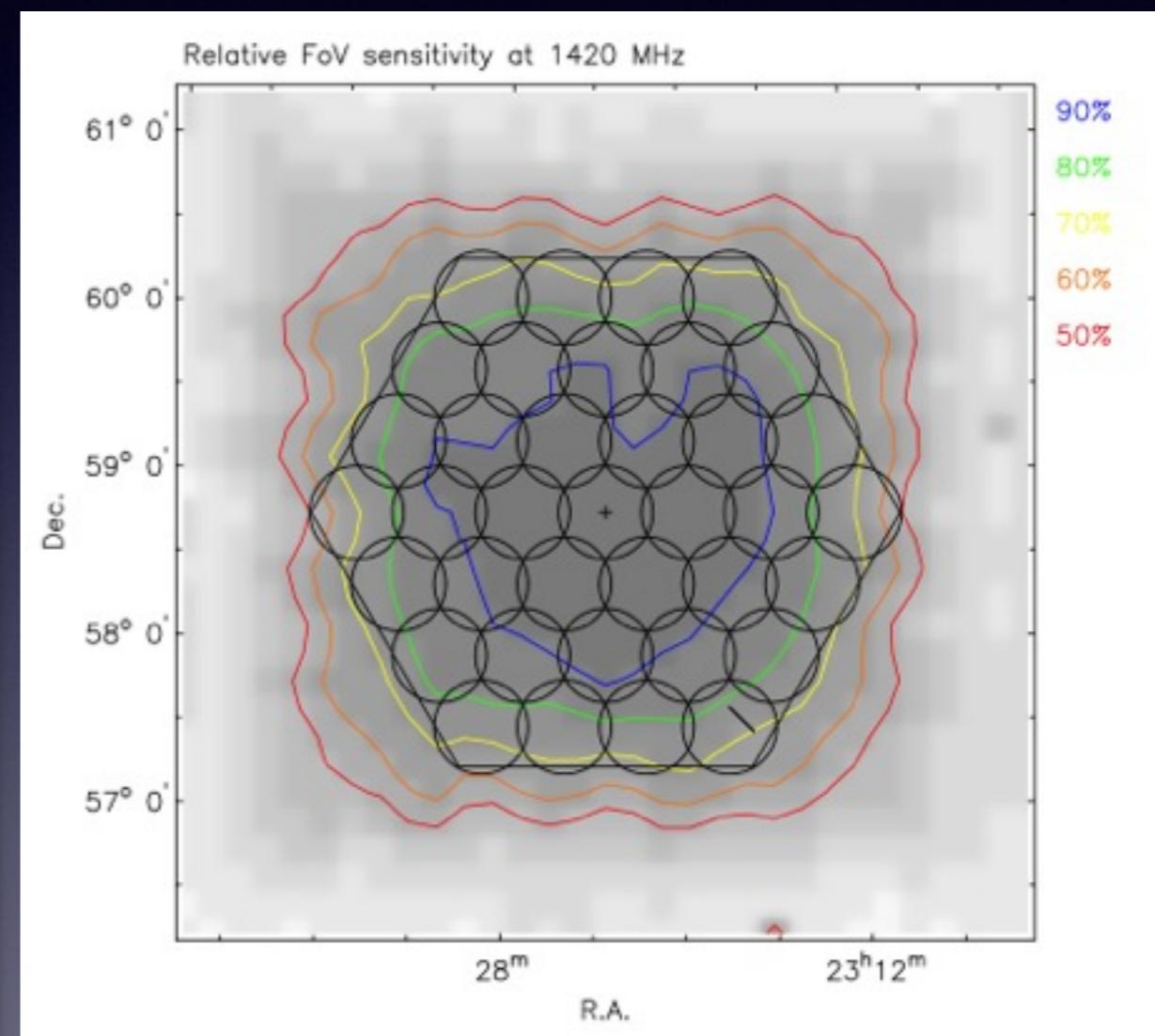


# on-sky performance

$A_{\text{eff}}/T_{\text{sys}}$

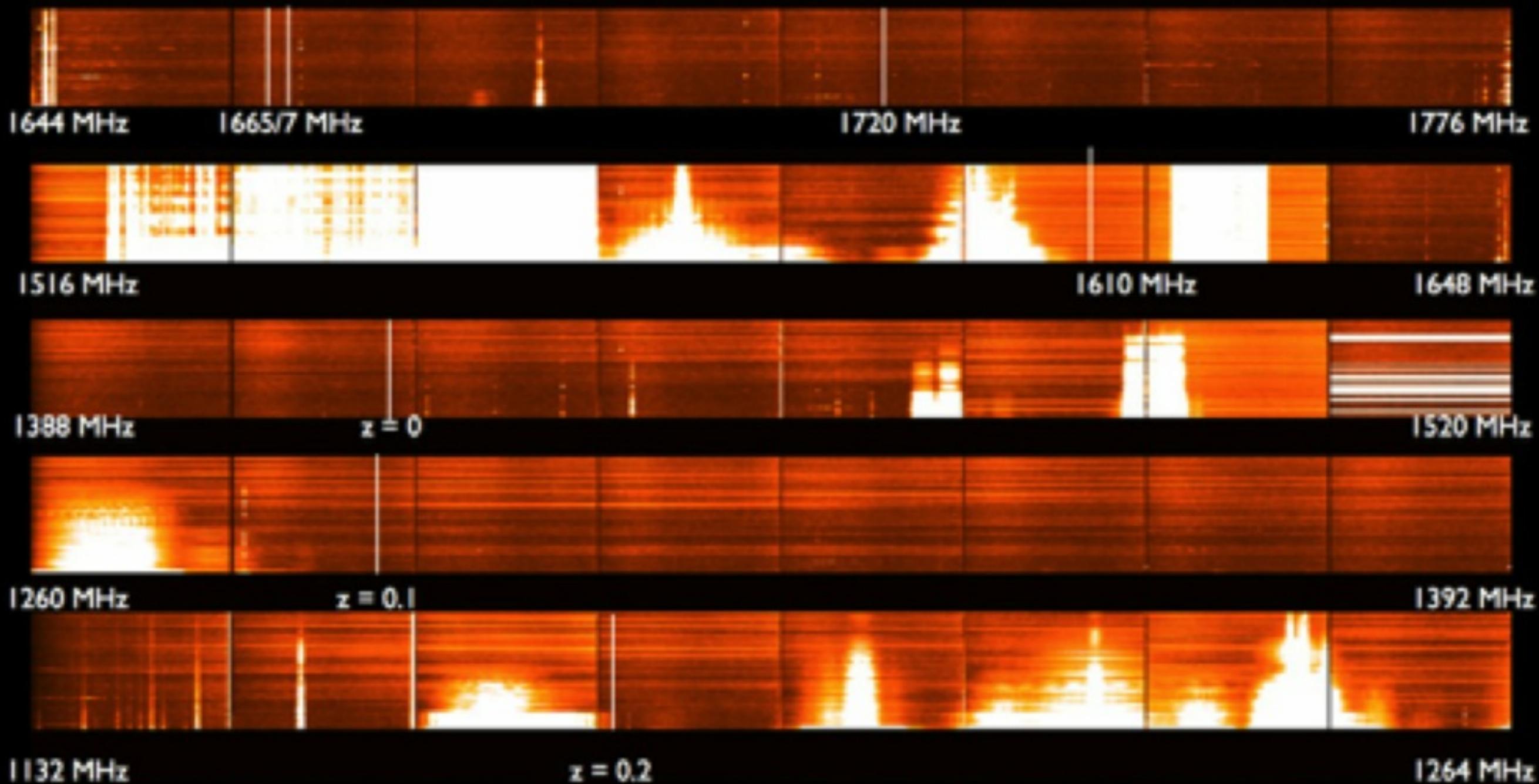


Relative FoV sensitivity



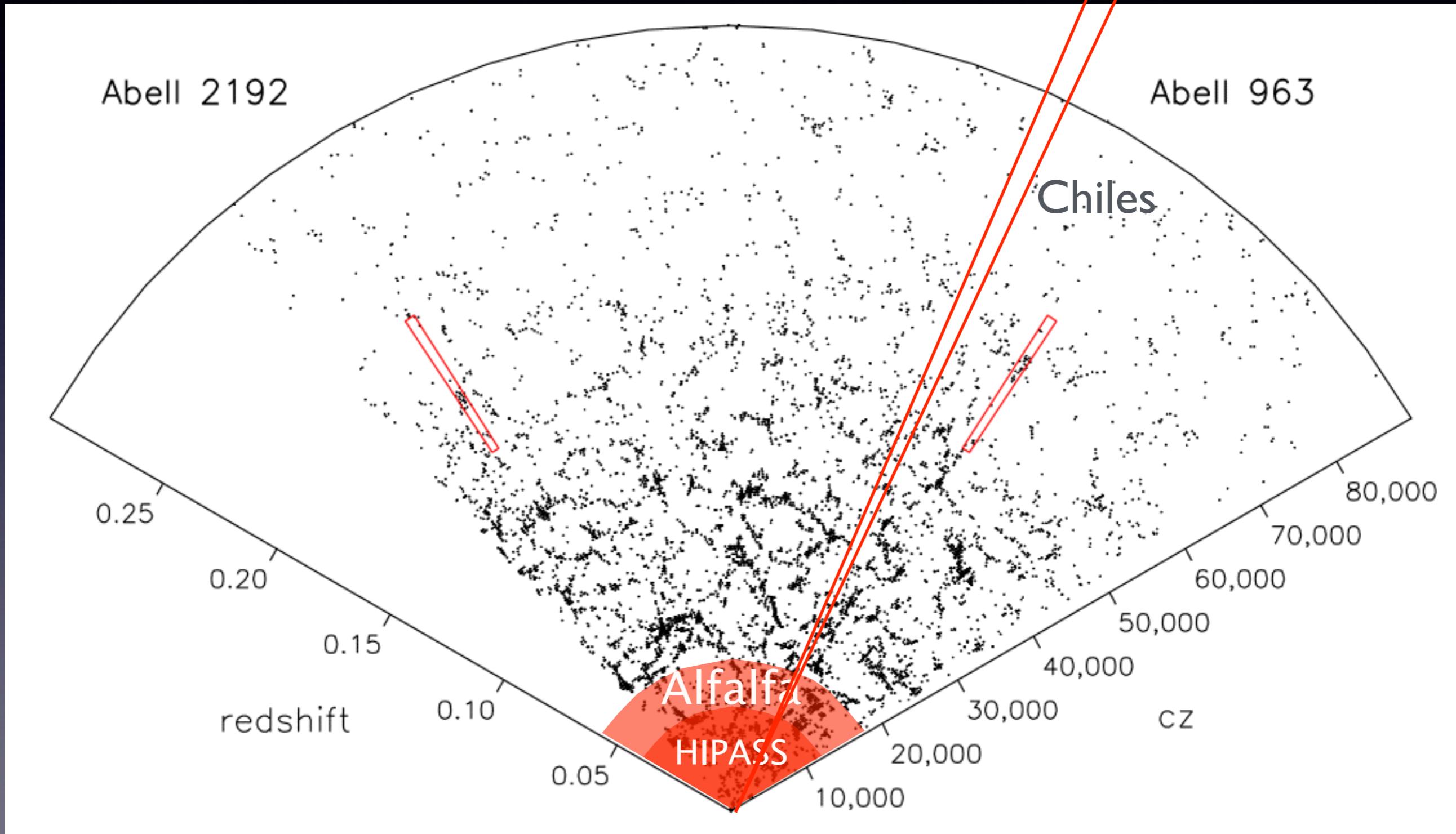


# Radio Frequency Interference



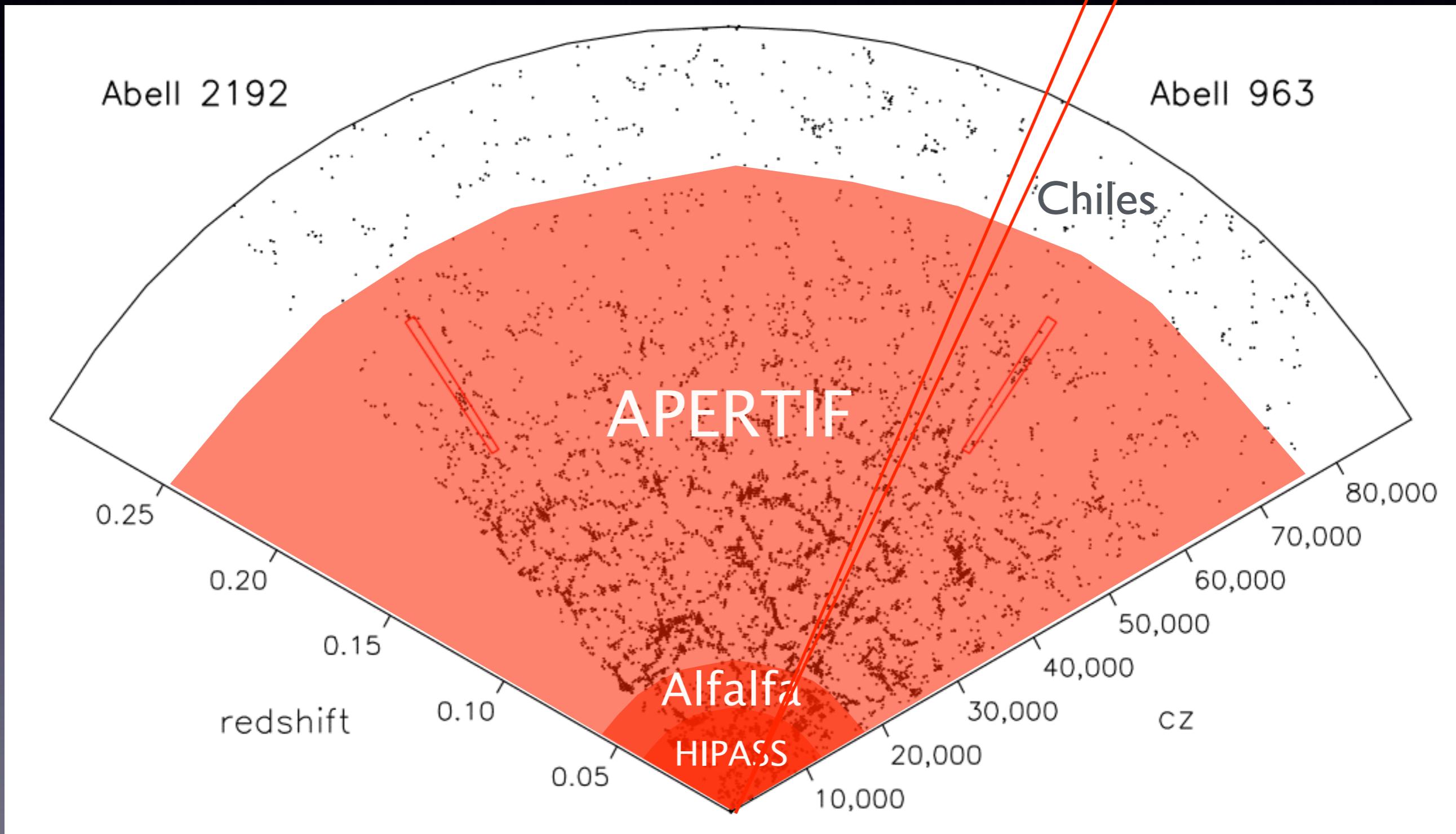
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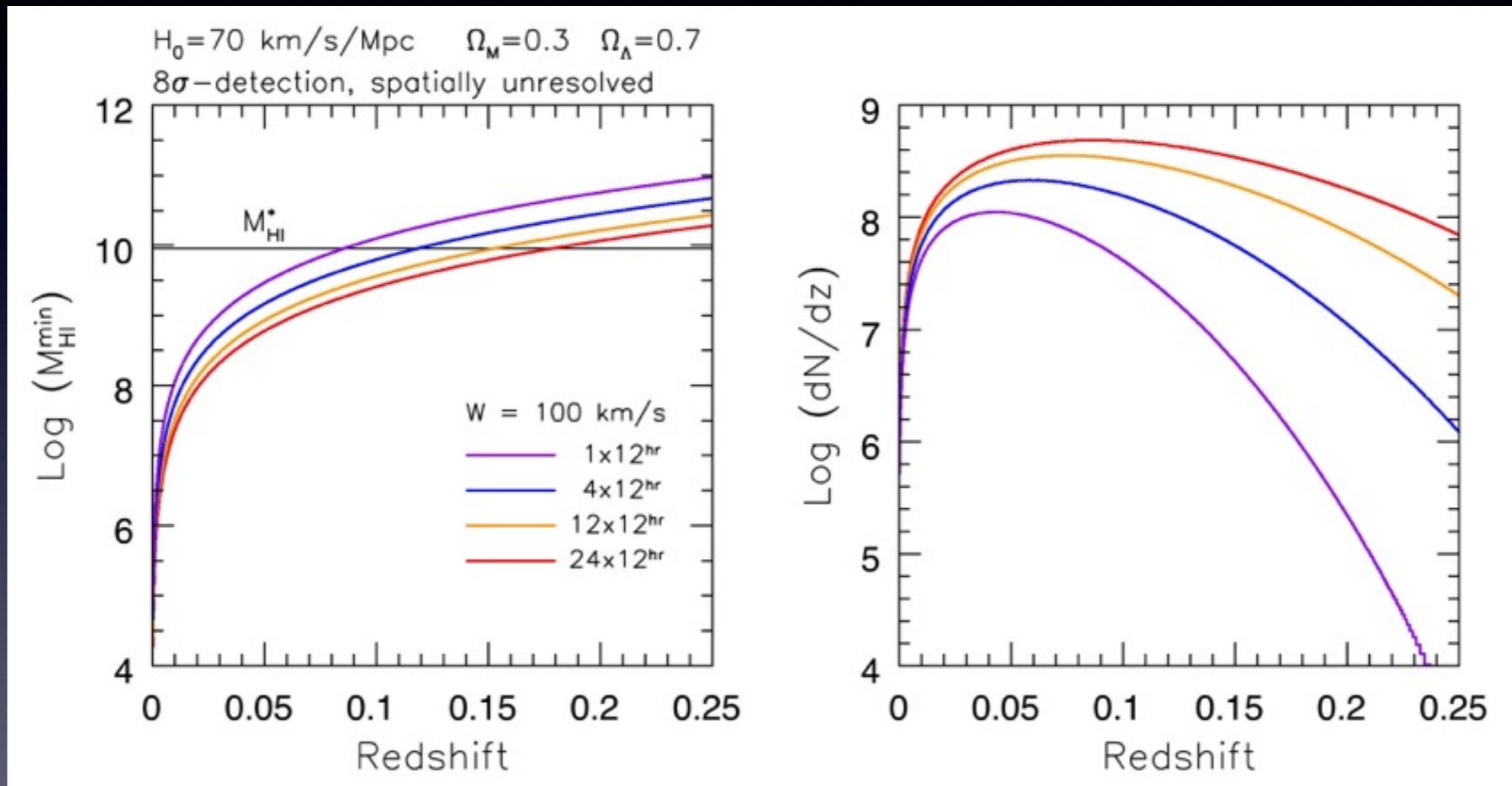
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# HI mass limits & detection rates

Based on Alfalfa HIMF

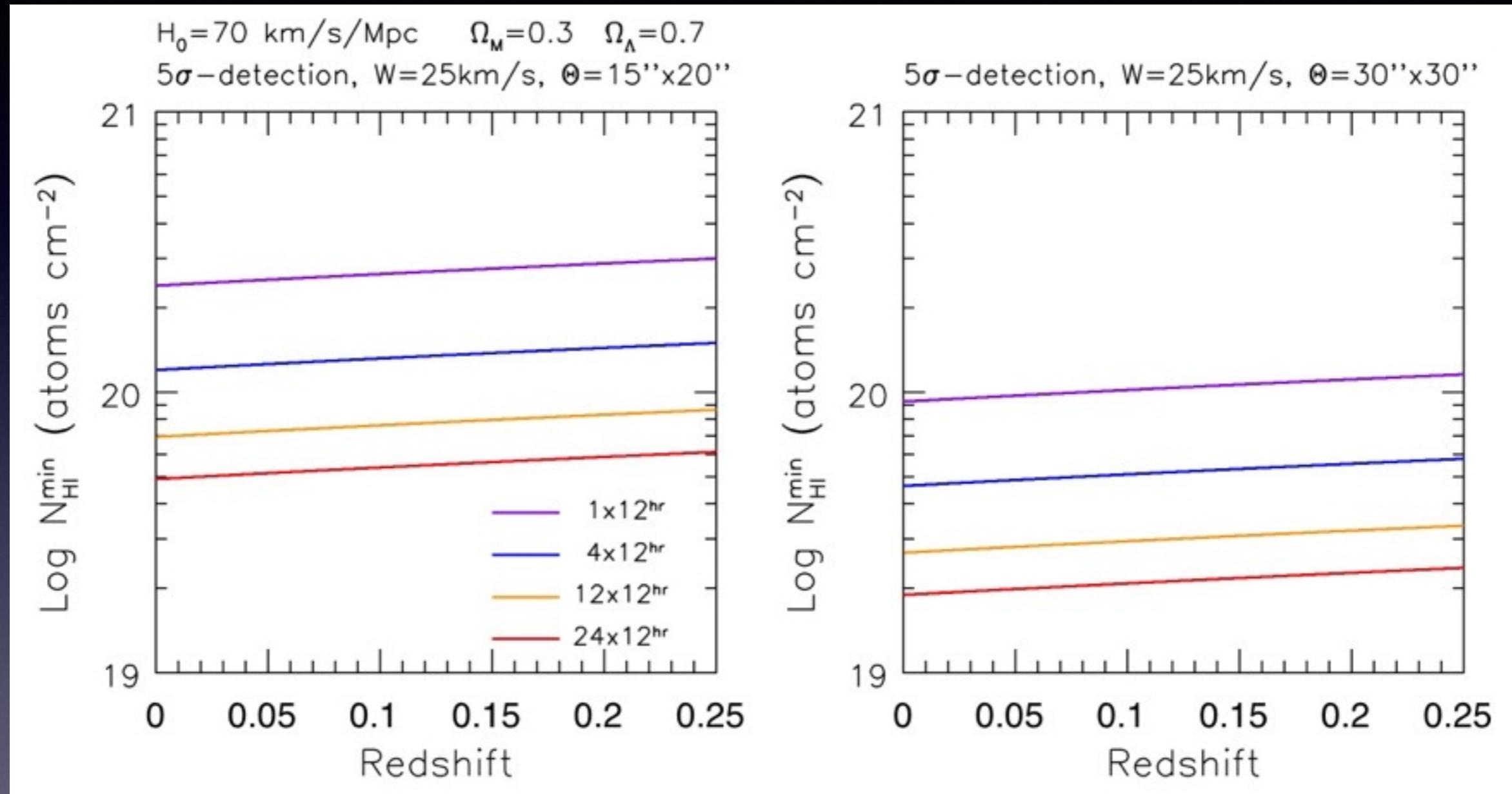


1x12<sup>hr</sup> :  $M_{\text{HI}}^*$  at  $z=0.08$ ,  $1\times 10^{11} M_{\text{sun}}$  at  $z=0.25$

12x12<sup>hr</sup> :  $M_{\text{HI}}^*$  at  $z=0.16$ ,  $3\times 10^{10} M_{\text{sun}}$  at  $z=0.25$

# HI column density limits

$5\sigma$ ,  $W=25$  km/s



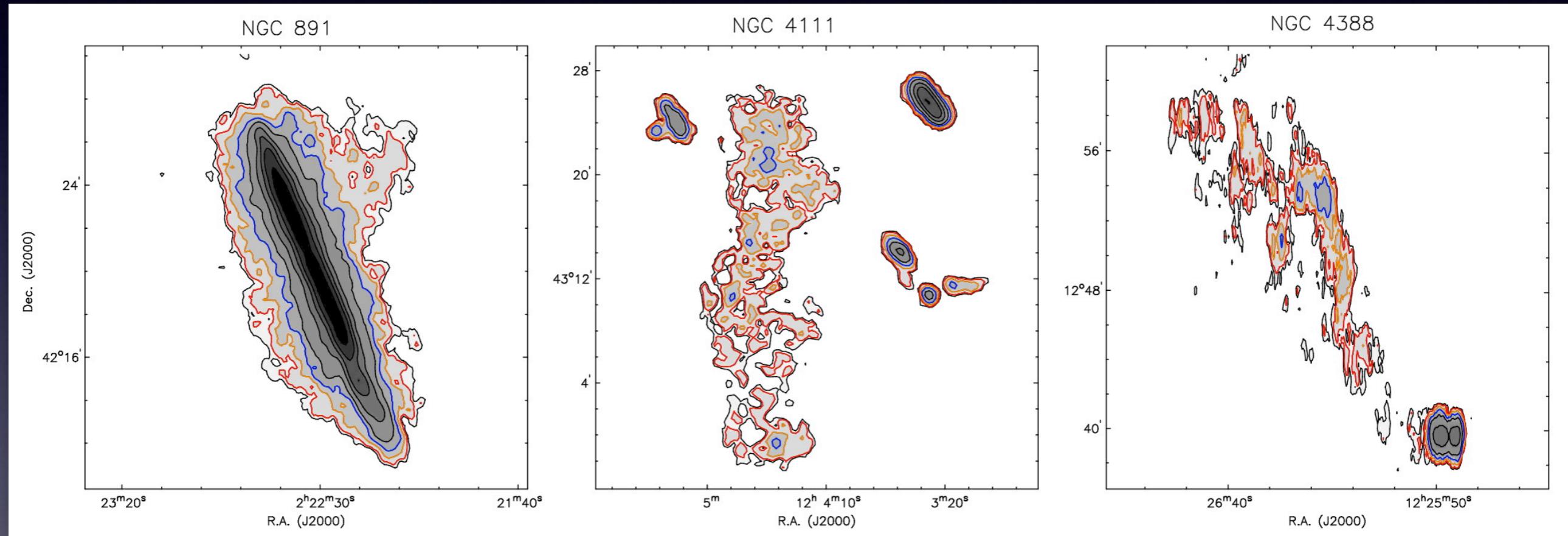
Note: smoothing to half the angular resolution reduces the survey volume at a particular linear resolution by a factor 8 .

## Accretion, depletion and removal of gas

extra-planar gas

tidal stripping

ram-pressure stripping

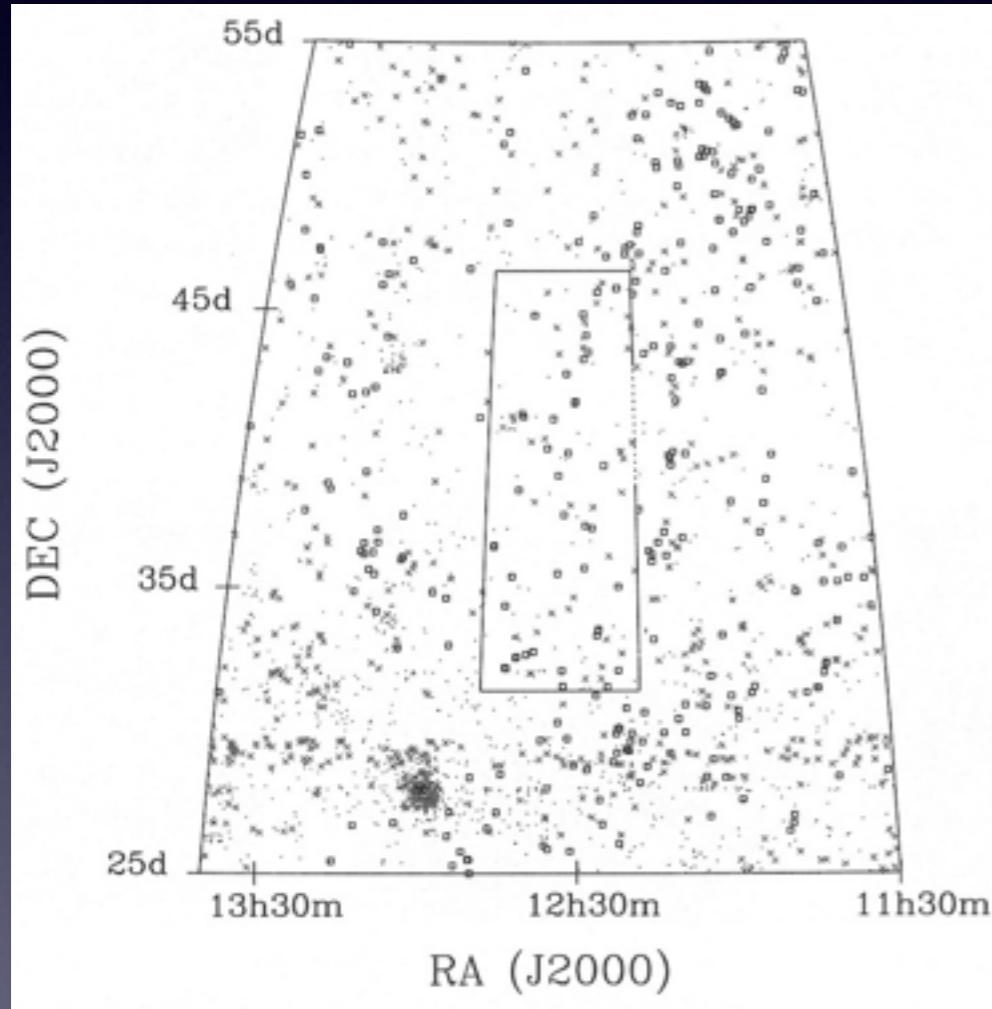


Verheijen et al

- $2 \times 10^{19} \text{ (atoms/cm}^2)$
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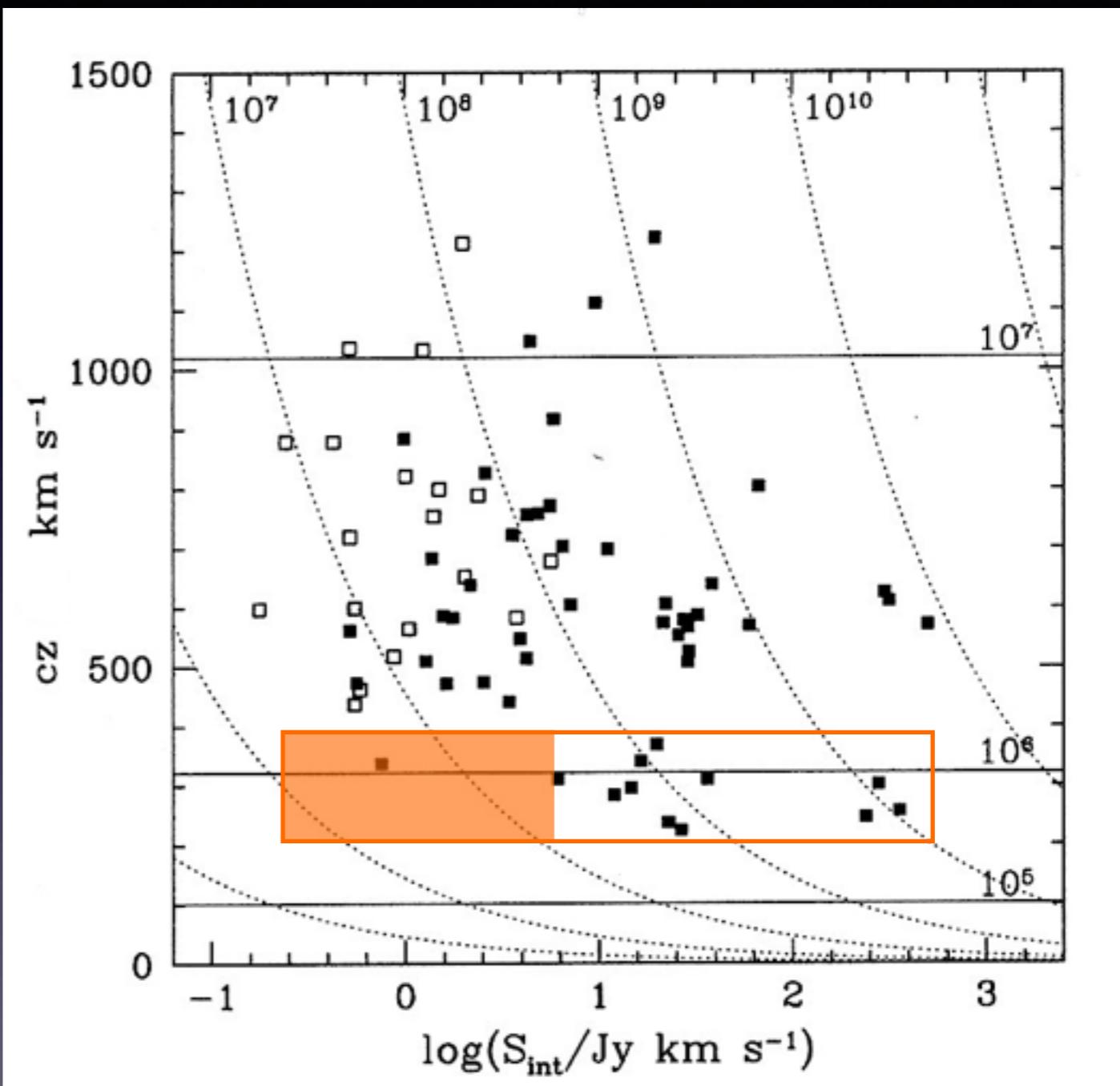
Gas disks are responsive to environmental influences  
and reveal processes not easily observed otherwise.

Blind WSRT Survey of CVn  
 86 deg<sup>2</sup>, 1372 pointings  
 60x12 hrs, 80 min/pointing



Kovač et al (2007)

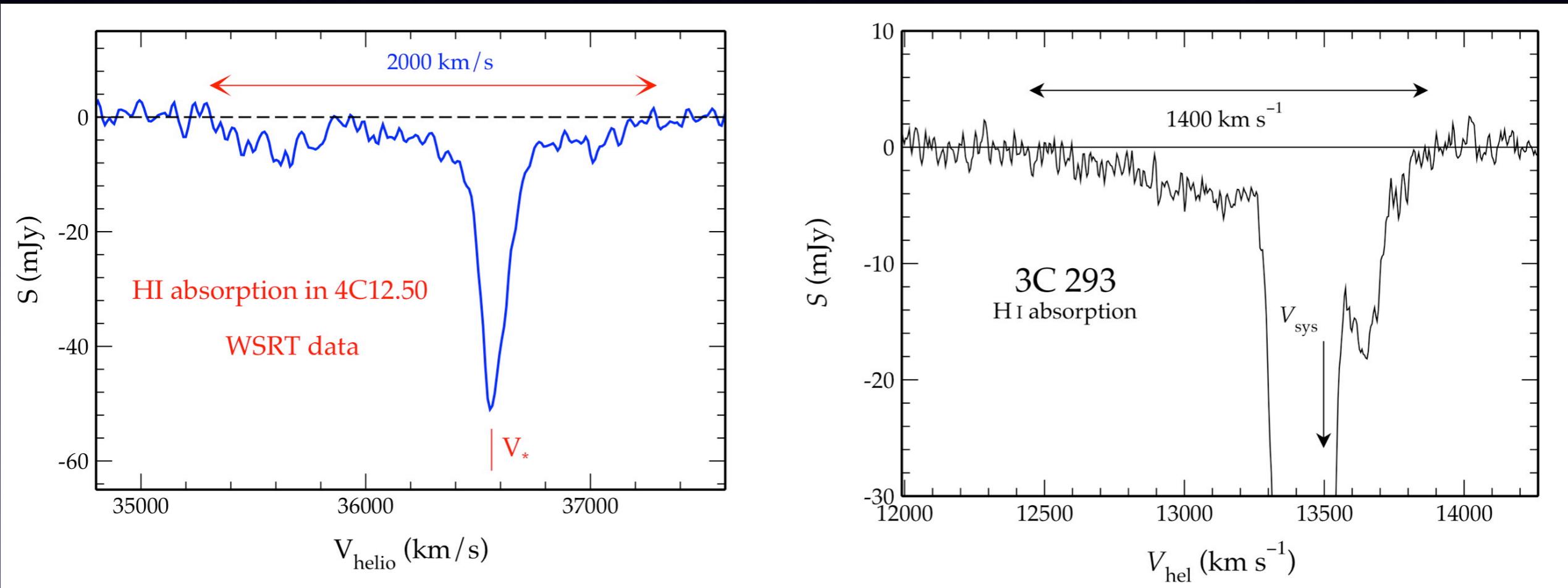
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Where are these low HI-mass dwarfs?

APERTIF will efficiently survey local volumes to greater depth.

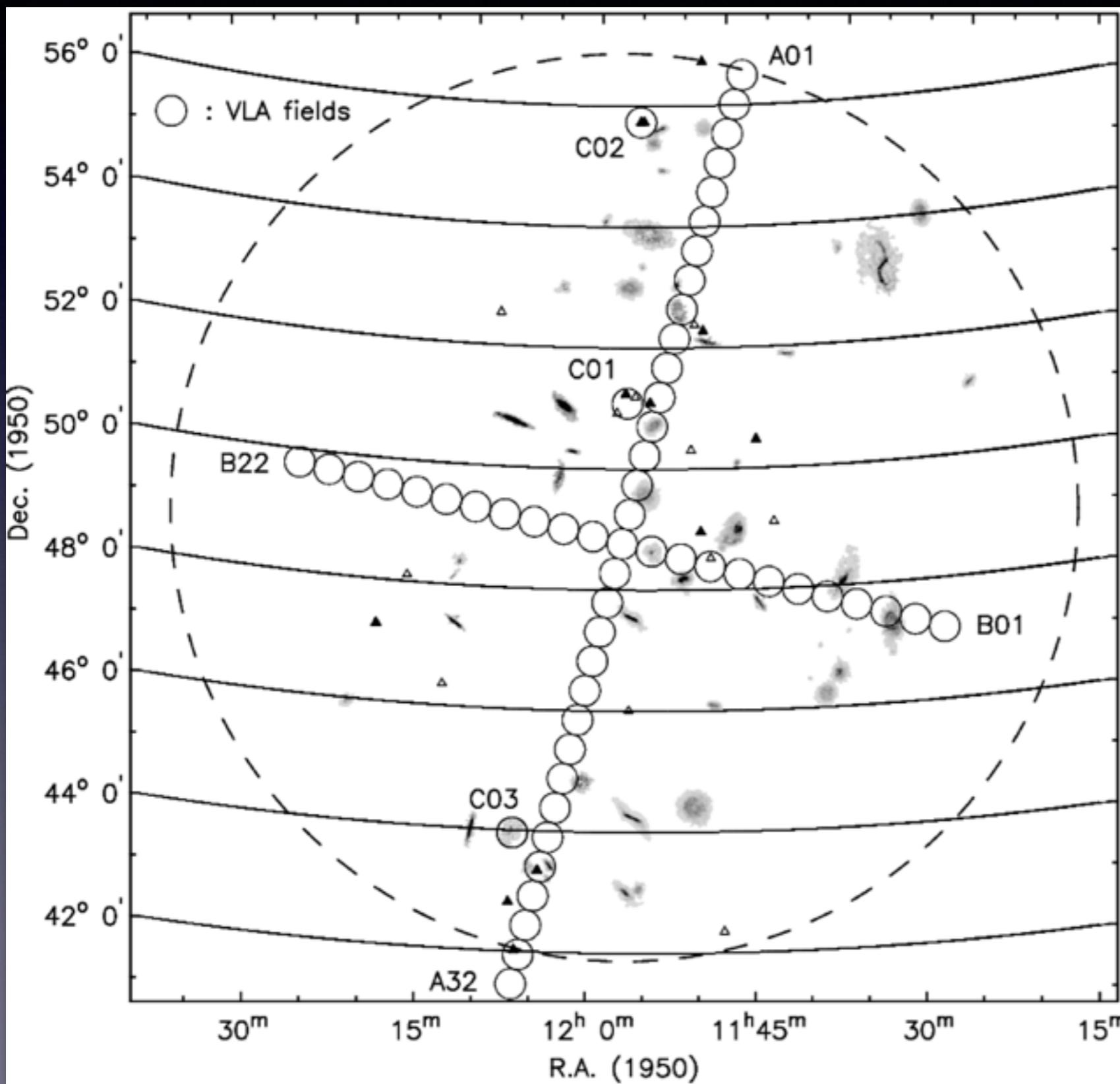
# Broad HI absorption



Morganti et al

Requires a stable bandpass.

# A blind HI imaging survey of Ursa Major



VLA-D  
54 pointings

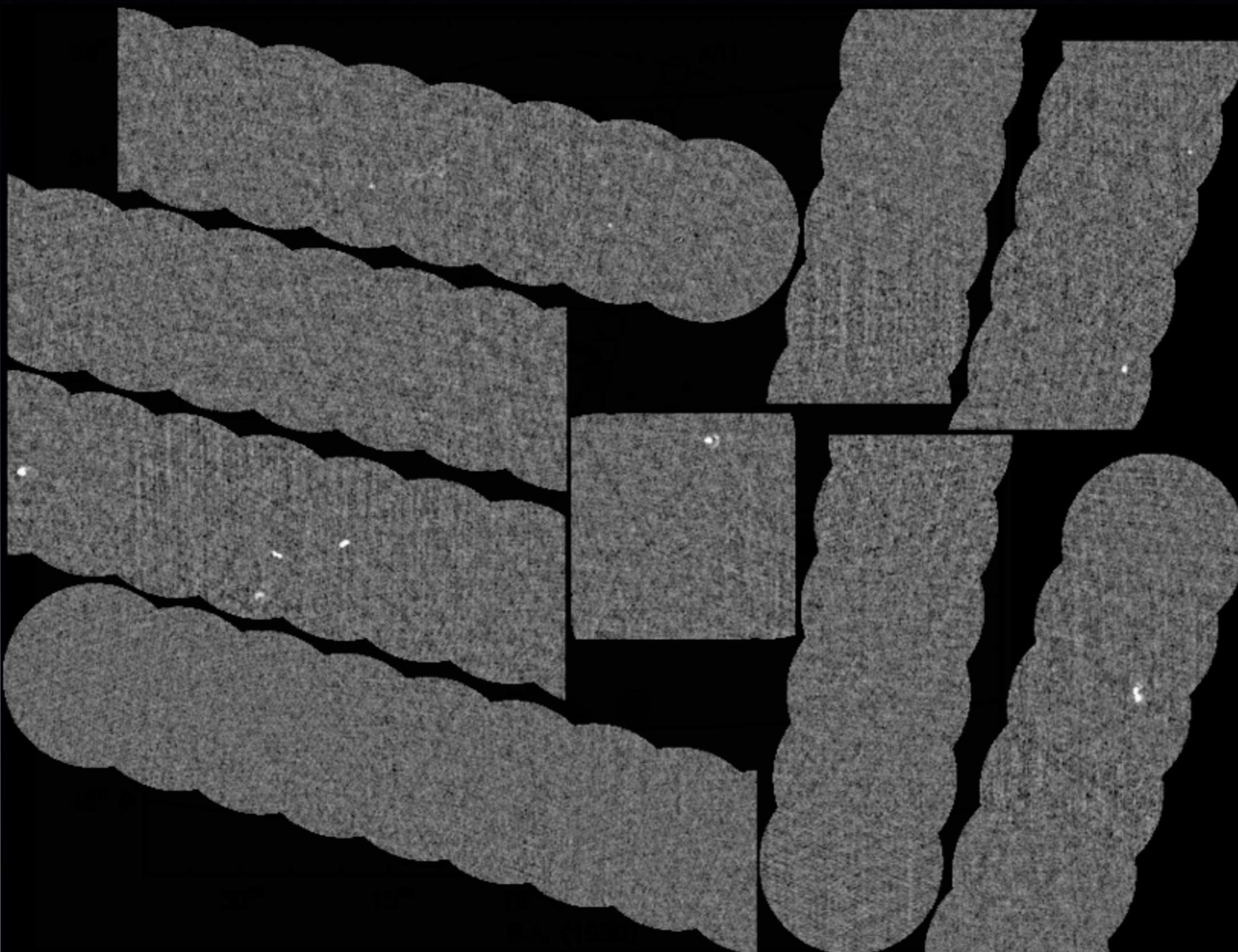
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 $\Delta V \approx 8 \text{ km/s}$   
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See poster by  
Eva Busekool



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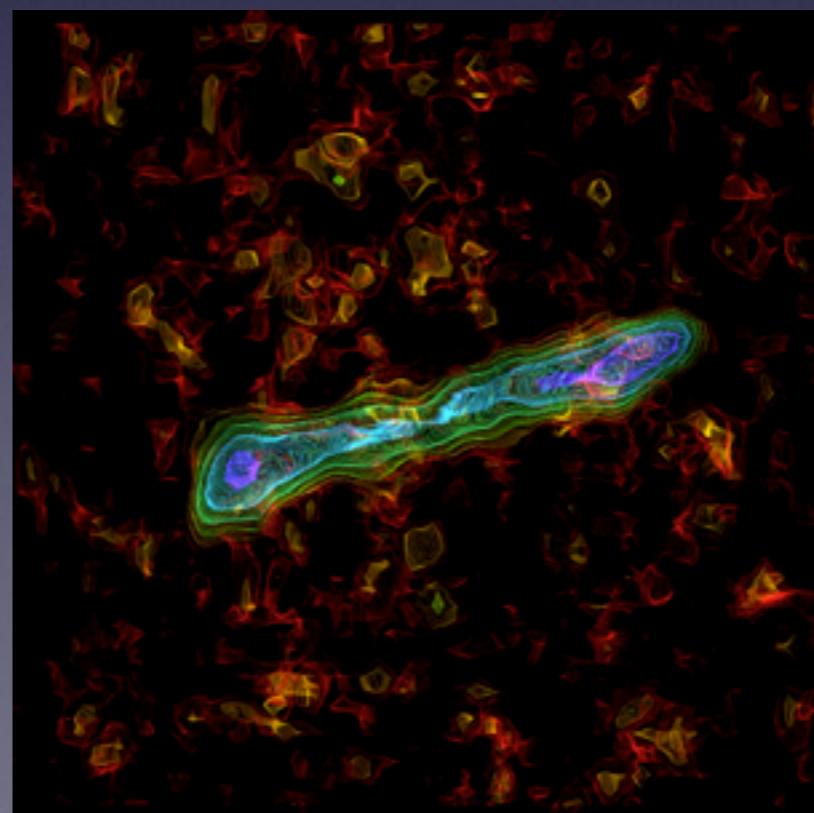
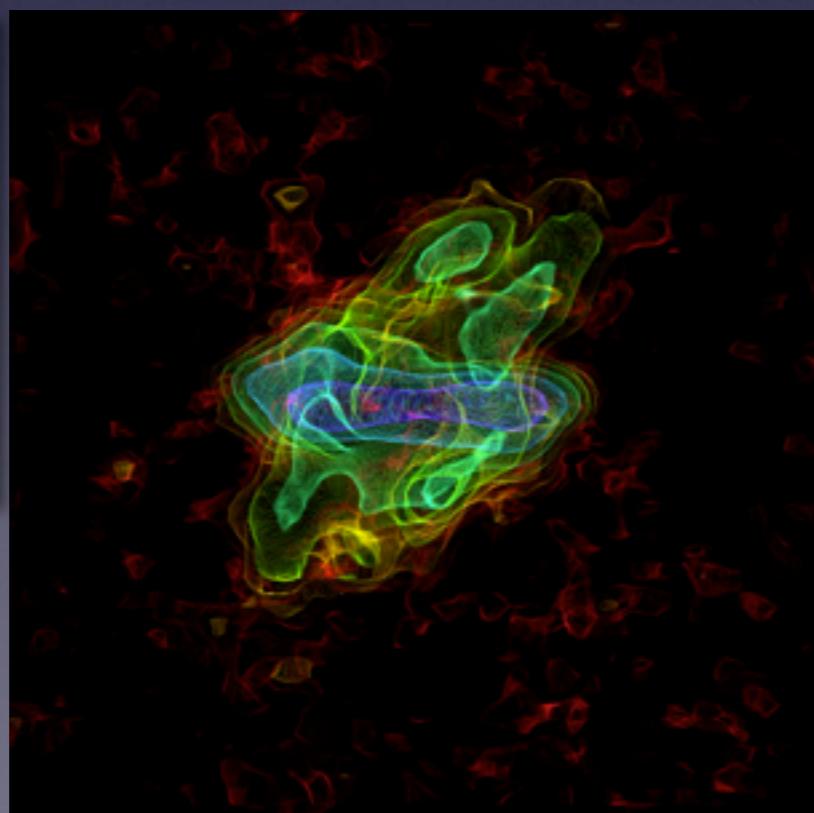
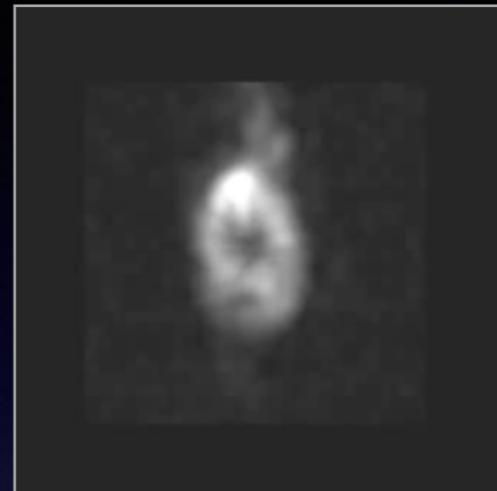
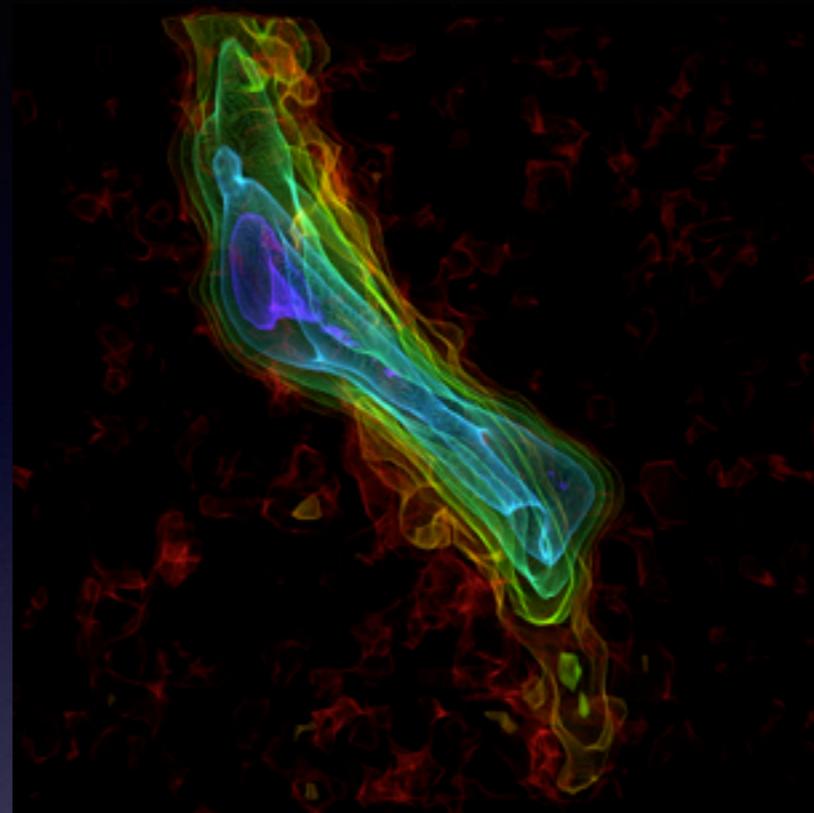
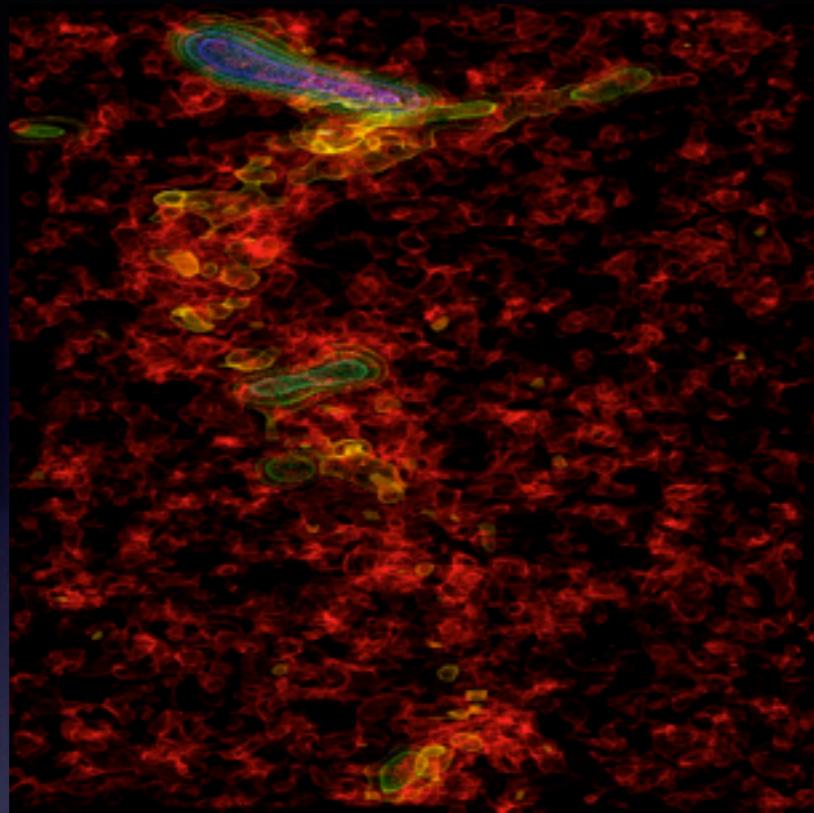
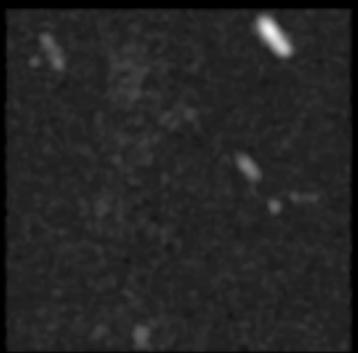
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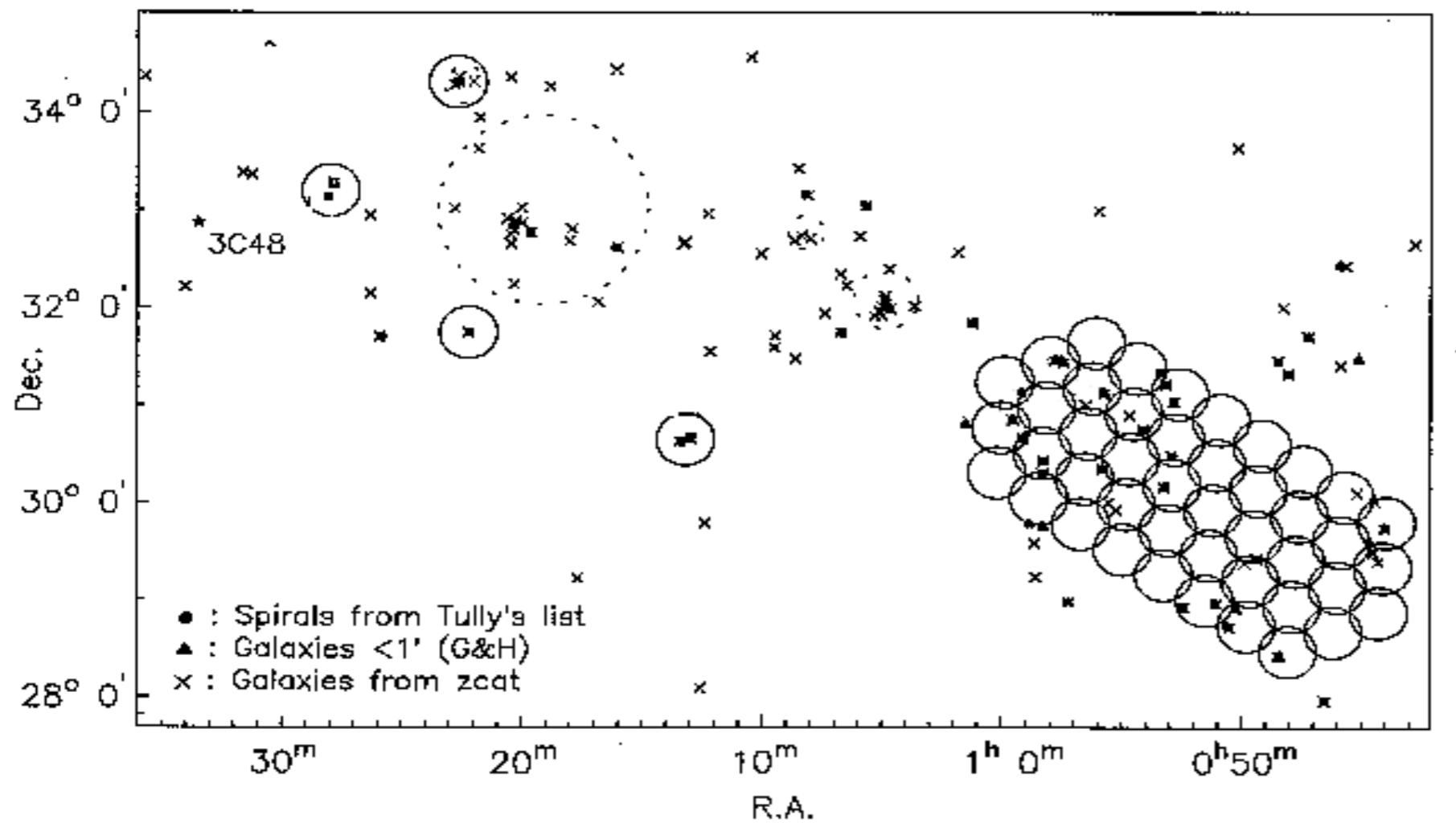
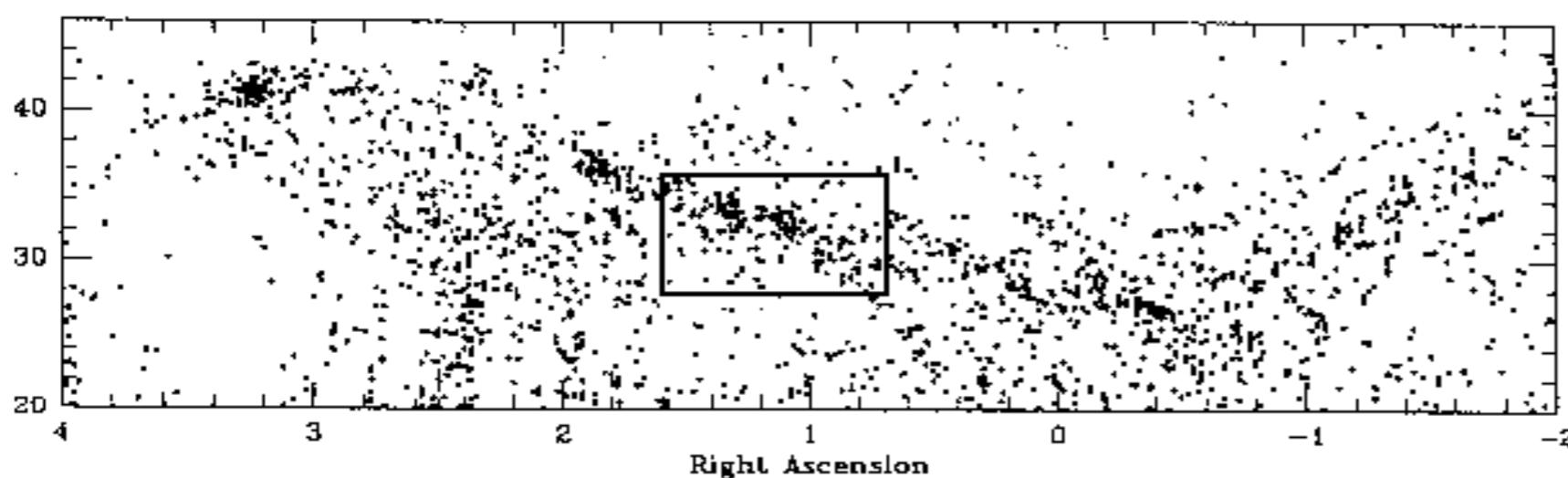
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## Detecting &amp; characterizing 3D structures



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# A blind HI imaging survey of Perseus-Pisces



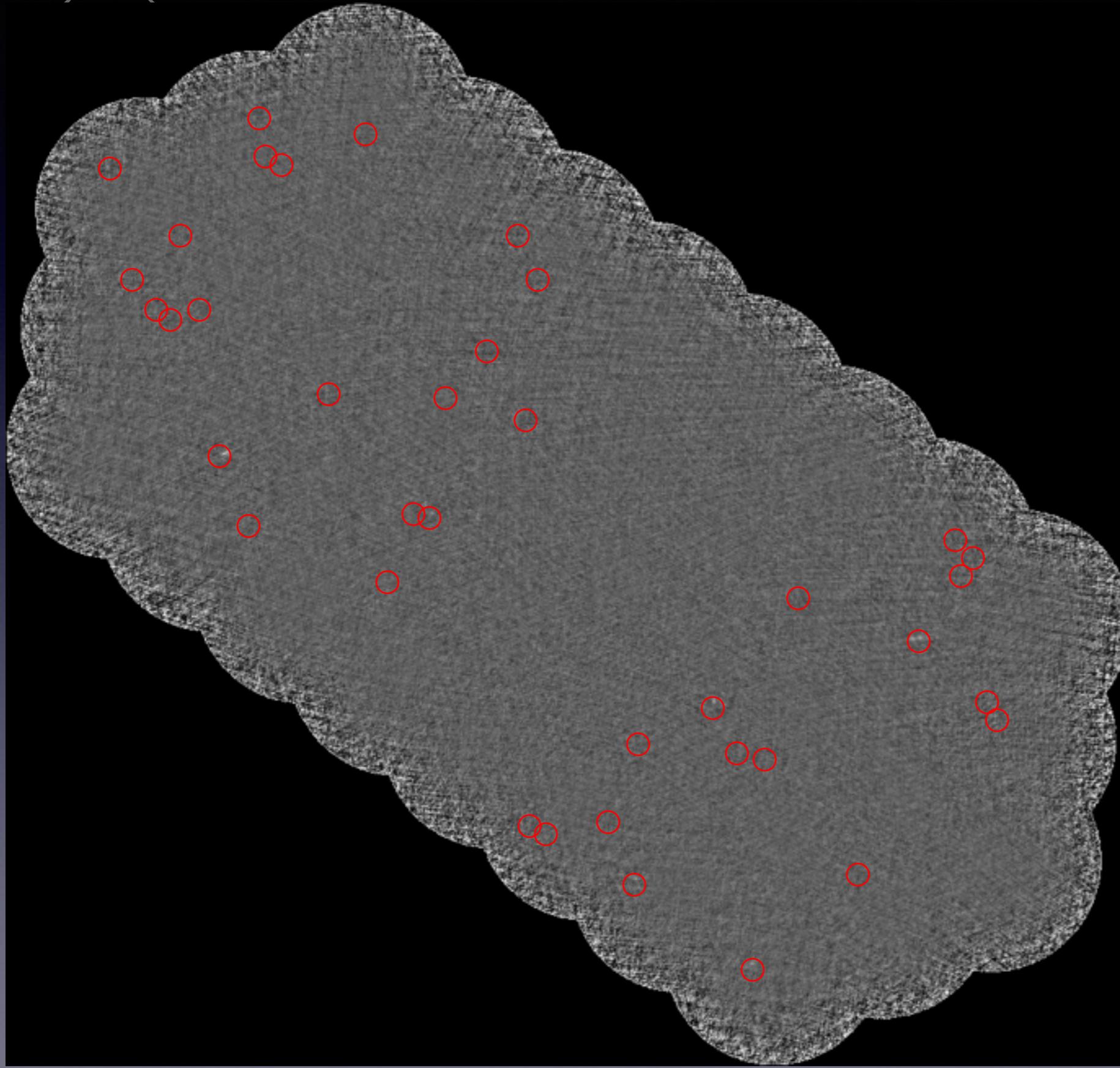
VLA-C mosaic  
44 pointings  
117 channels

1395-1408 MHz  
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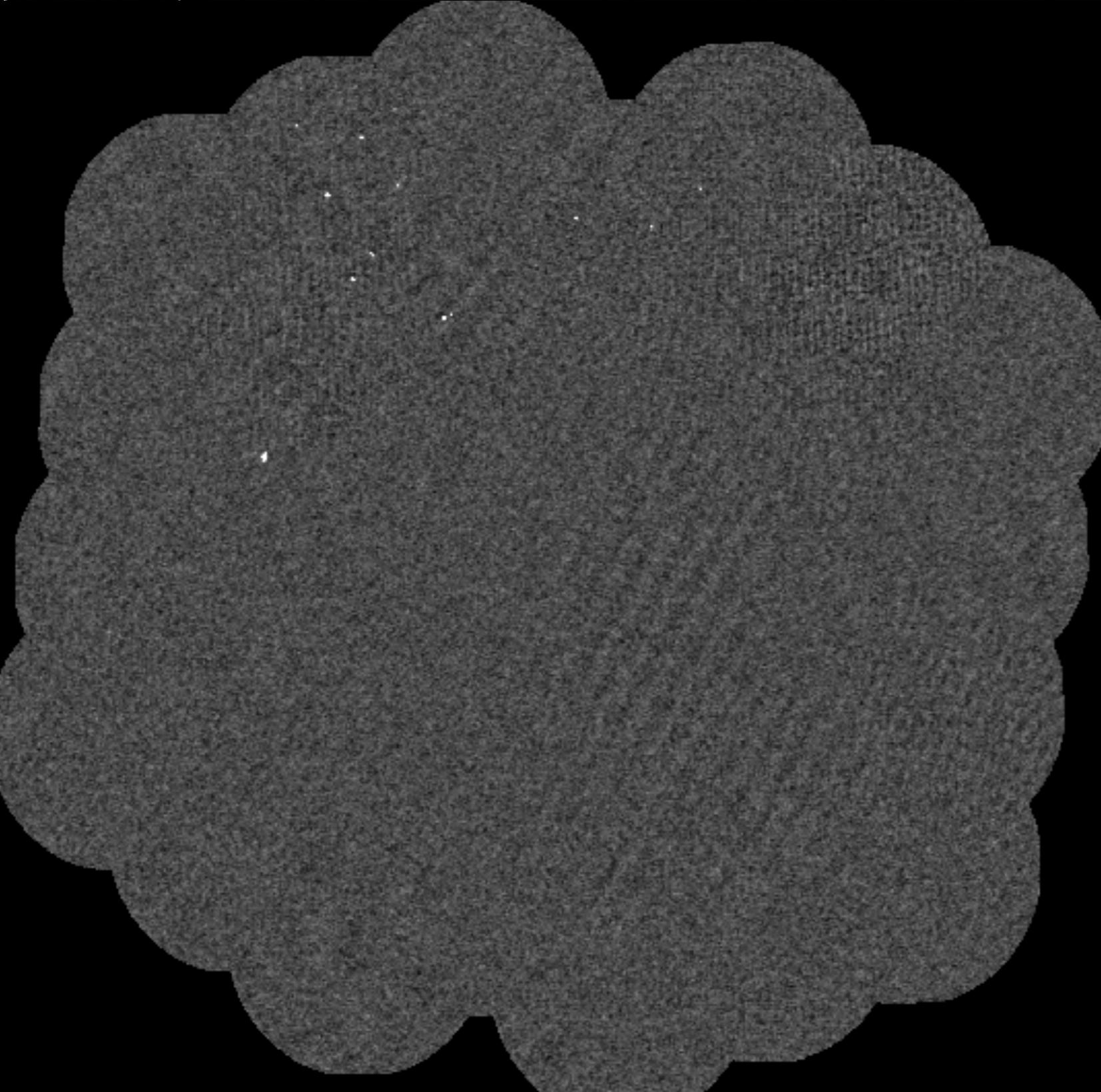
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# A blind HI imaging survey of Perseus-Pisces in the Zone-of-Avoidance

Rendering by Davide Punzo (Kapteyn Institute)



WSRT mosaic  
35 pointings,  $1 \times 12^{\text{hr}}$   
1717 channels

1346-1409 MHz  
 $\Theta = 16'' \times 23''$   
 $\Delta V \approx 16 \text{ km/s}$   
 $\sigma = 0.6 \text{ mJy/bm}$

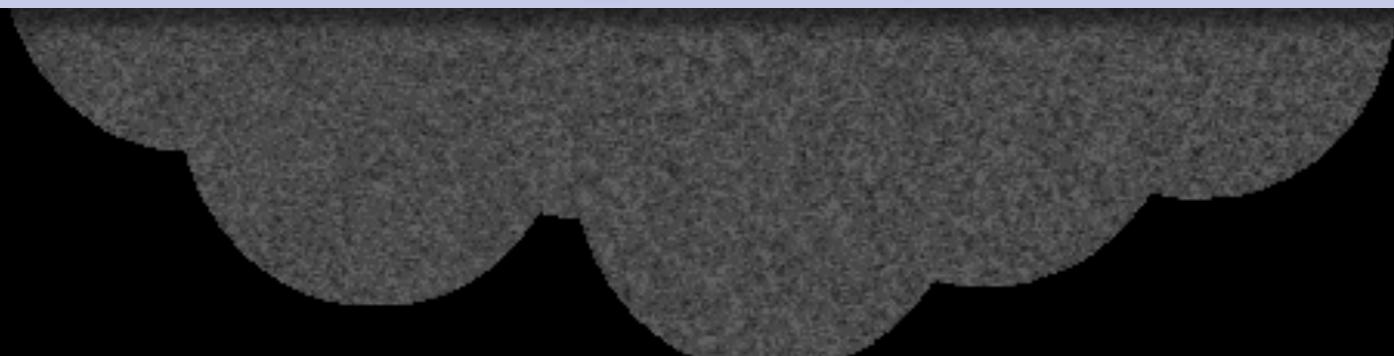
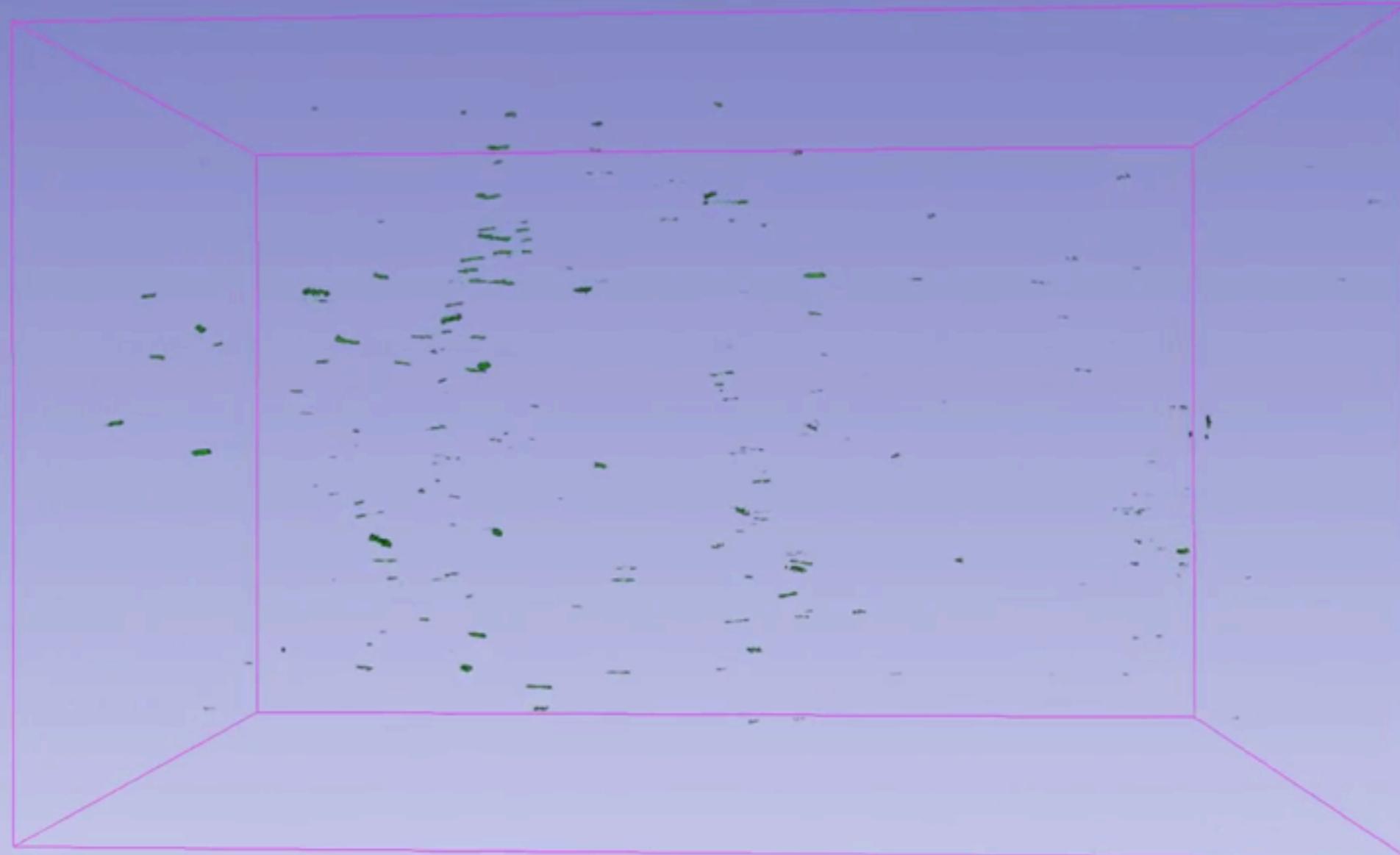
includes 3C129

200+ HI detections

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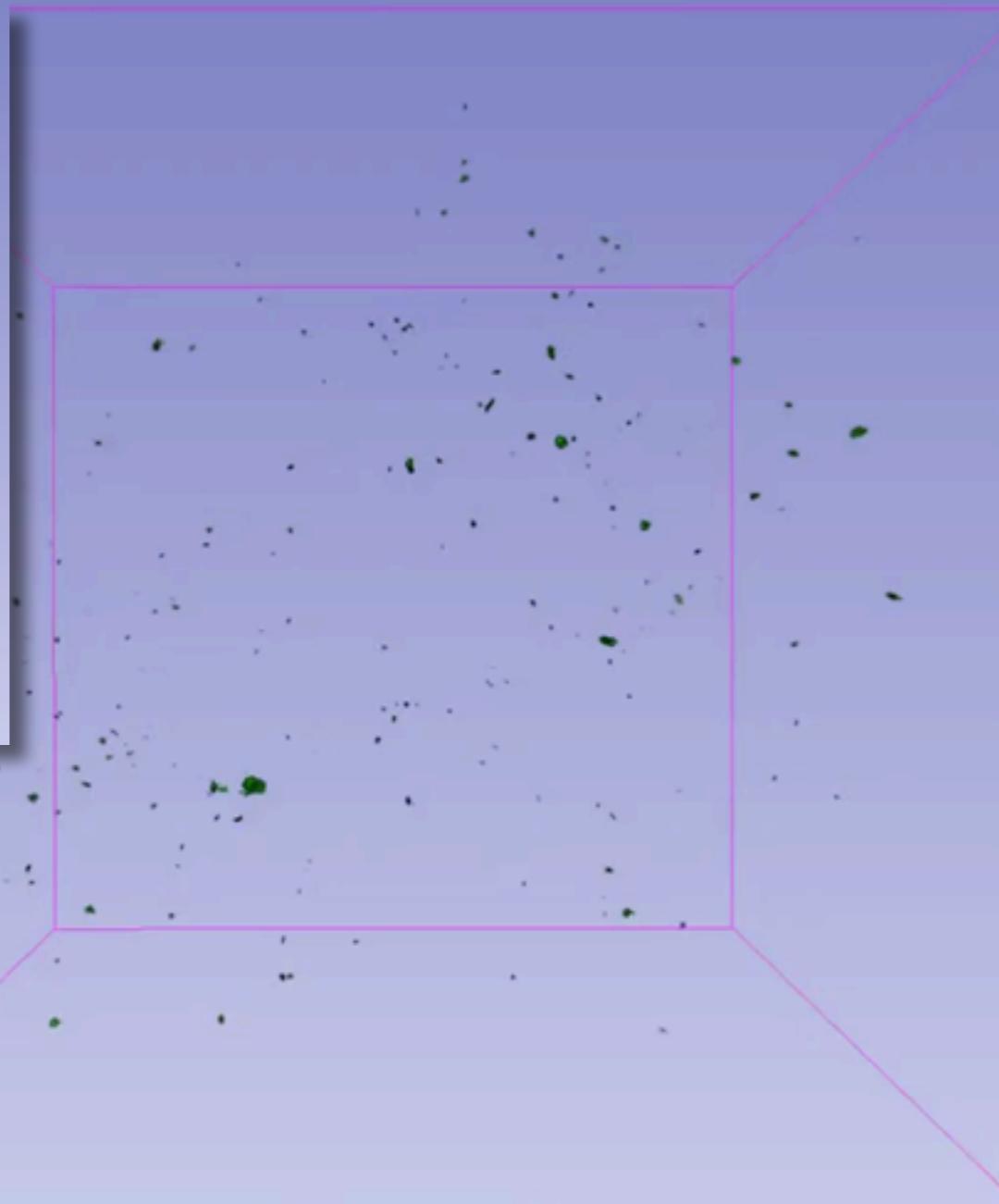
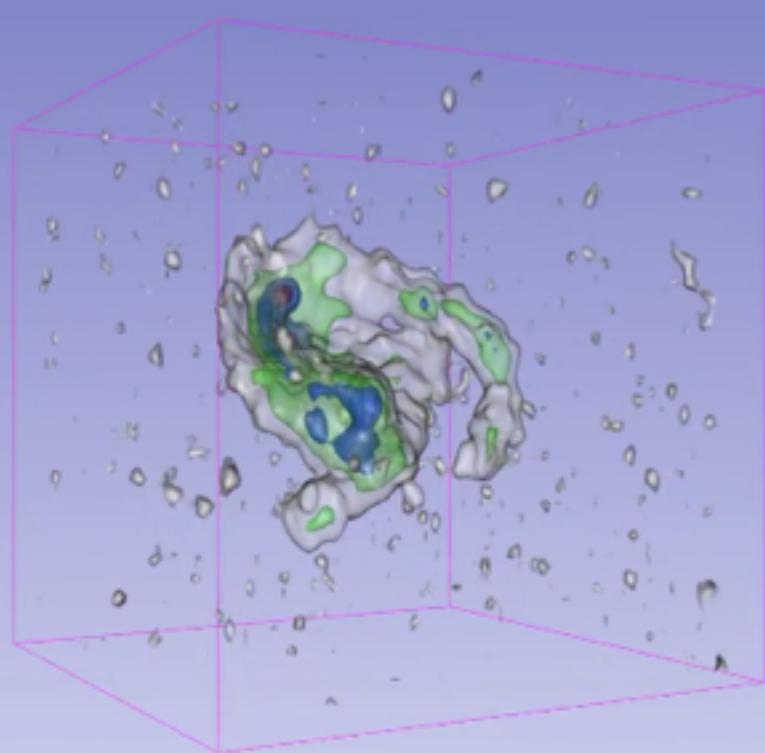
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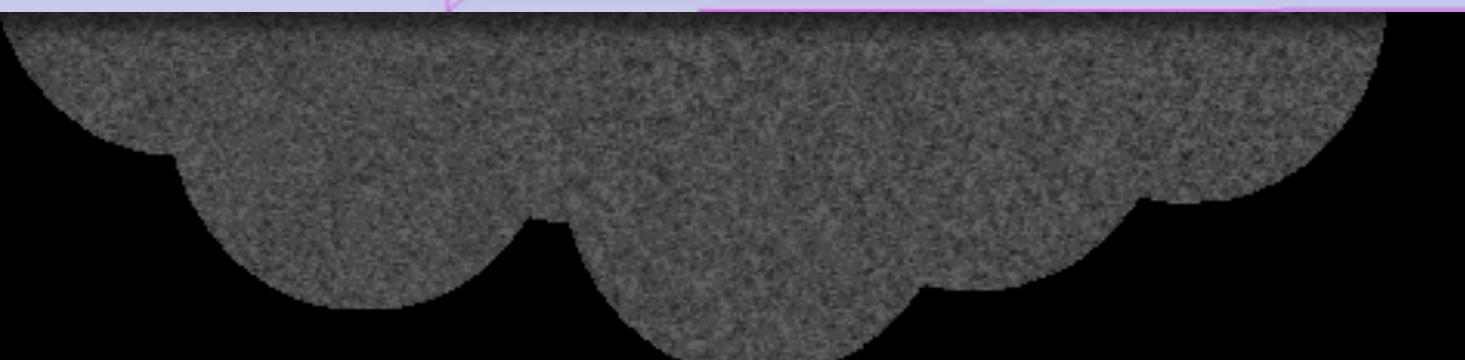
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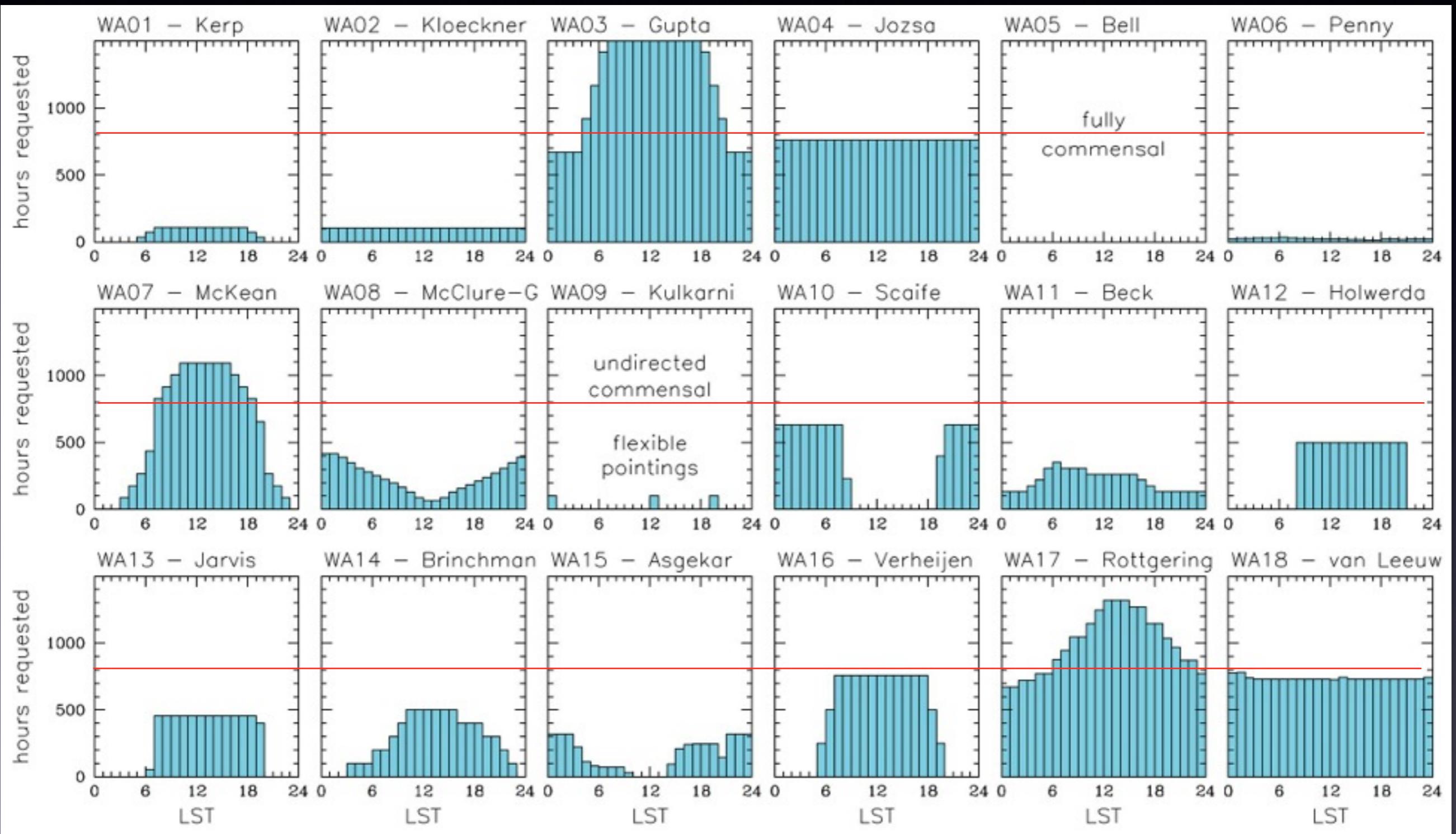


# Apertif draft surveys

## Guiding principles:

- ▶ public, legacy-type surveys  
based on ideas from 18 Expressions-of-Interest++
- ▶ collaborate, compromise, consolidate
- ▶ be ambitious yet realistic
- ▶ simplicity  
few observing modes, fixed pointing grid
- ▶ staged delivery of data and science
- ▶ maximum ancillary data availability
- ▶ community involvement & commitment

## 20 years of Apertif survey time required...

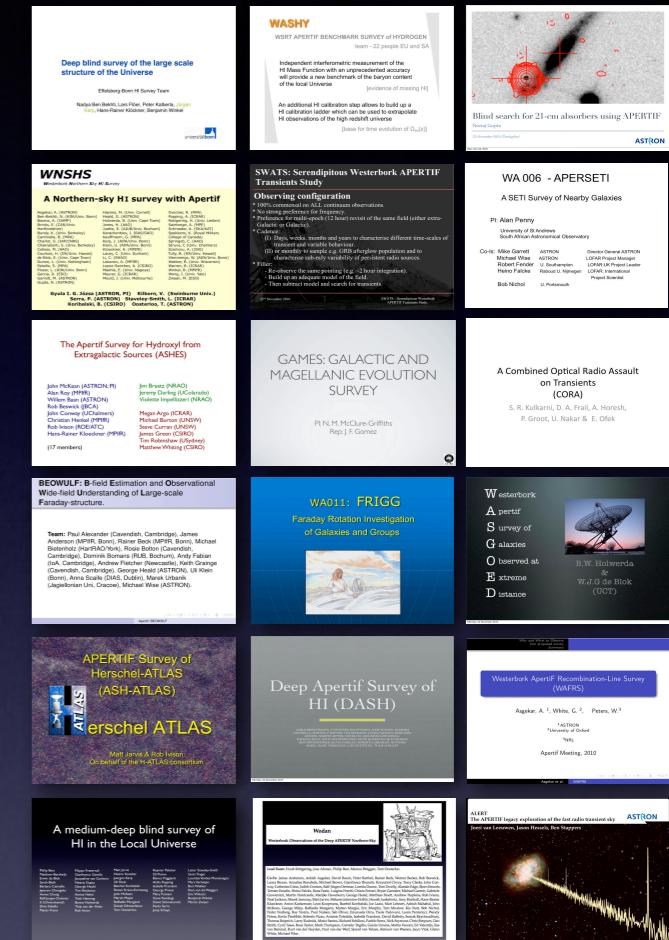




# consolidated Apertif surveys

Based on community input via EoL's:

- ▶ shallow wide-area survey
- ▶ medium-deep survey
- ▶ pulsar search survey
- ▶ Galactic plane survey
- ▶ commensal transients search survey



Realistic: 4-year survey period (2017–2020), 15% DD time, 75% observing efficiency,  $\frac{1}{4}$  of time dedicated to a survey

$$\rightarrow 6600^{\text{hr}} = \boxed{550 \times 12^{\text{hr}} \text{ per survey}}$$

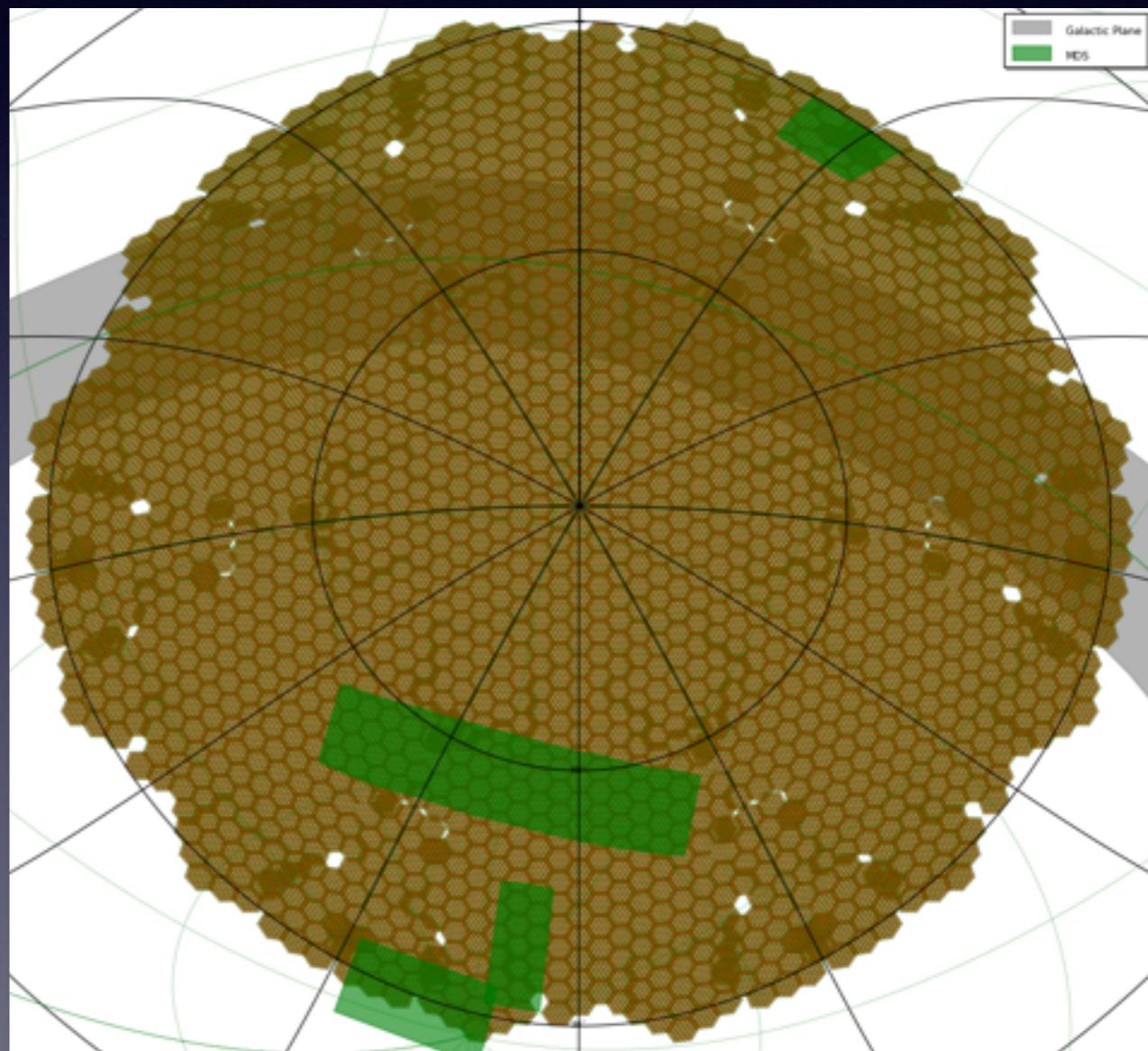
Ambitious: 8-year survey period until 2024 ( SKA-I is ready 😊 )

Survey the northern sky at  $\delta > +27^\circ$

(requires  $\sim 1600$  pointings,  
or  $20.000^{\text{hr}}$  if  $12^{\text{hr}}/\text{pointing}\dots$ )

### Observables of interest:

- ▶ HI redshifts, line widths, gas masses and kinematics
- ▶ HI absorption statistics and properties
- ▶ radio continuum sources (LOFAR counterparts)
- ▶ OH mega-masers
- ▶ rotation measure grid
- ▶ fast radio transients





# shallow wide-area survey

Science of interest:

- ▶ HIMF, velocity function, (B)TF relation, angular momentum
- ▶ Large scale structure, spin alignments, cosmic flows
- ▶ AGN outflows/feedback
- ▶ star formation vs AGN (spectral index of LOFAR sources)
- ▶ starbursts and (major) merger rates
- ▶ the Galactic magnetic field
- ▶ extreme physics and rare objects
- ▶ + ...



## medium-deep survey

Survey  $500 \text{ deg}^2$  at  $N_{\text{HI}} \lesssim 5 \times 10^{19}$  with  $15'' \times 20'' \times 25 \text{ km/s}$  resolution.  
(requires  $\sim 60$  pointings or  $8.640^{\text{hr}}$  if  $12 \times 12^{\text{hr}}$ /pointing...)

Survey area is required to minimize cosmic variance.

Observables of interest:

- ▶ all shallow-survey observables but 5x deeper
- ▶ low  $N_{\text{HI}}$  structures in outer disks, filaments, tails
- ▶ slow transients ( $\sim 12$  epochs)
- ▶ polarized extended continuum
- ▶ RRL's in external galaxies
- ▶  $M^*_{\text{HI}}$  at  $z=0.2$



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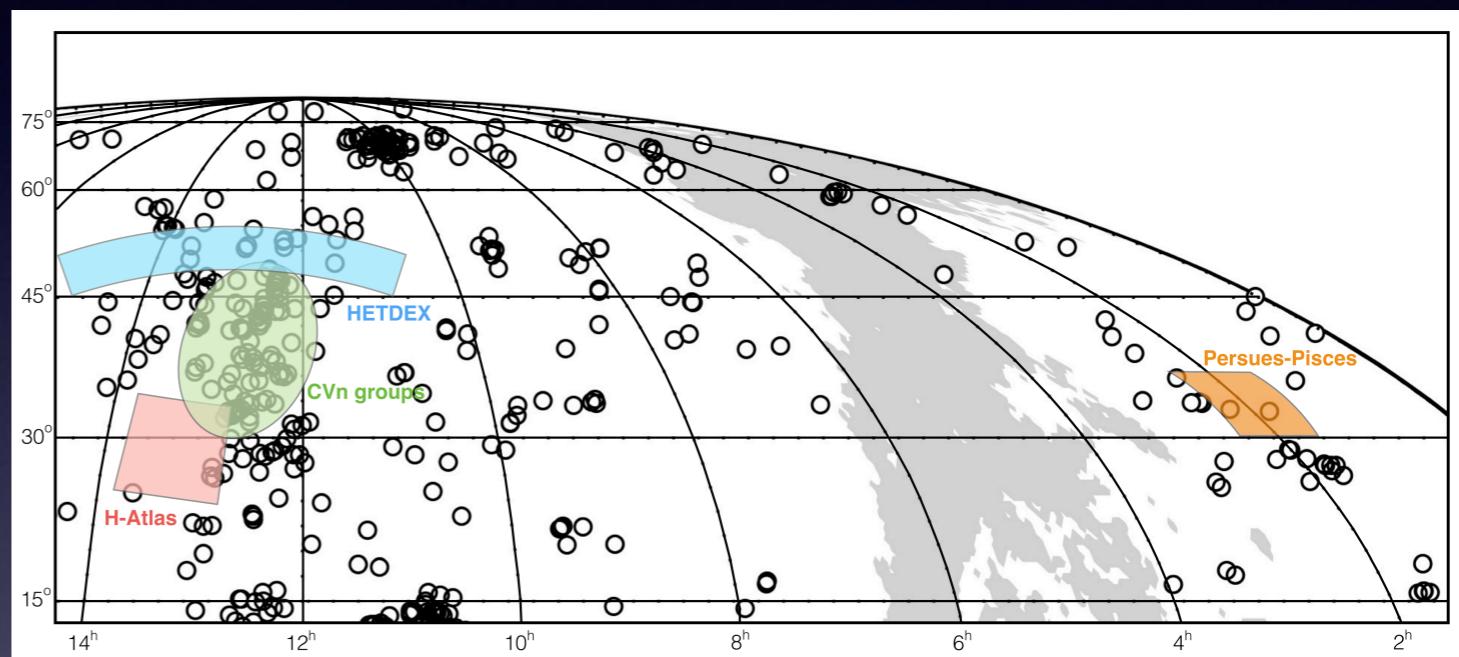
- ▶ low-mass end of the HIMF at  $<10^6 M_\odot$
- ▶ properties of the ISM and resolved SF in external galaxies
- ▶ gas accretion and minor merger rates
- ▶ environmental influence on gas in/around galaxies
- ▶ extra-planar gas, warps, streaming motions
- ▶  $\Omega_{\text{HI}}$  at  $z=0.2$
- ▶ faint continuum sources (viz-a-viz LOFAR)
- ▶ magnetic fields in external galaxies
- ▶ radio halos in galaxy clusters
- ▶ the variable radio sky (in concert with Palomar Transient Factory)

# medium-deep survey

Four areas comprise footprint of medium-deep survey,  
maximising use of  
existing ancillary data.

sky areas of interest

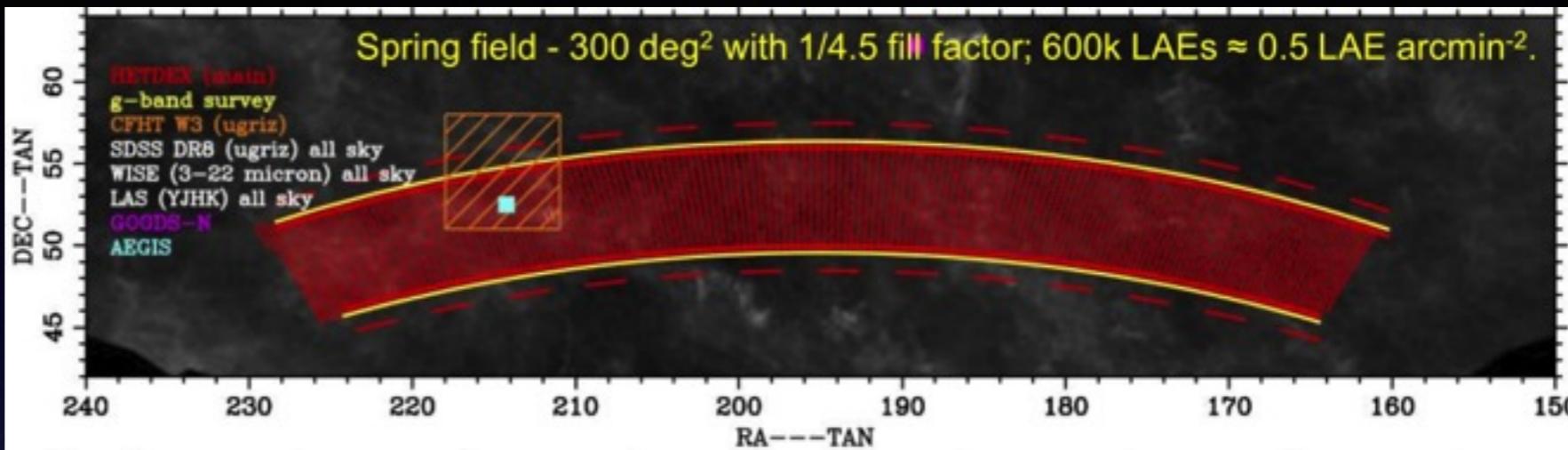
- ▶ The HETDEX survey area  
 $\sim 10^5$  optical redshifts, stacking
- ▶ CVn group of galaxies  
 low-mass end of HIMF
- ▶ Herschel-Atlas Northern Field - SF, gas & galaxy evolution, Coma cluster
- ▶ The Perseus-Pisces supercluster - environmental effects, magnetic fields



Spring fields are in SDSS with coordinated overlap with MaNGA and HetDex,  
 delivering resolved information on Stellar Pops, ISM, kinematics, metallicities etc.

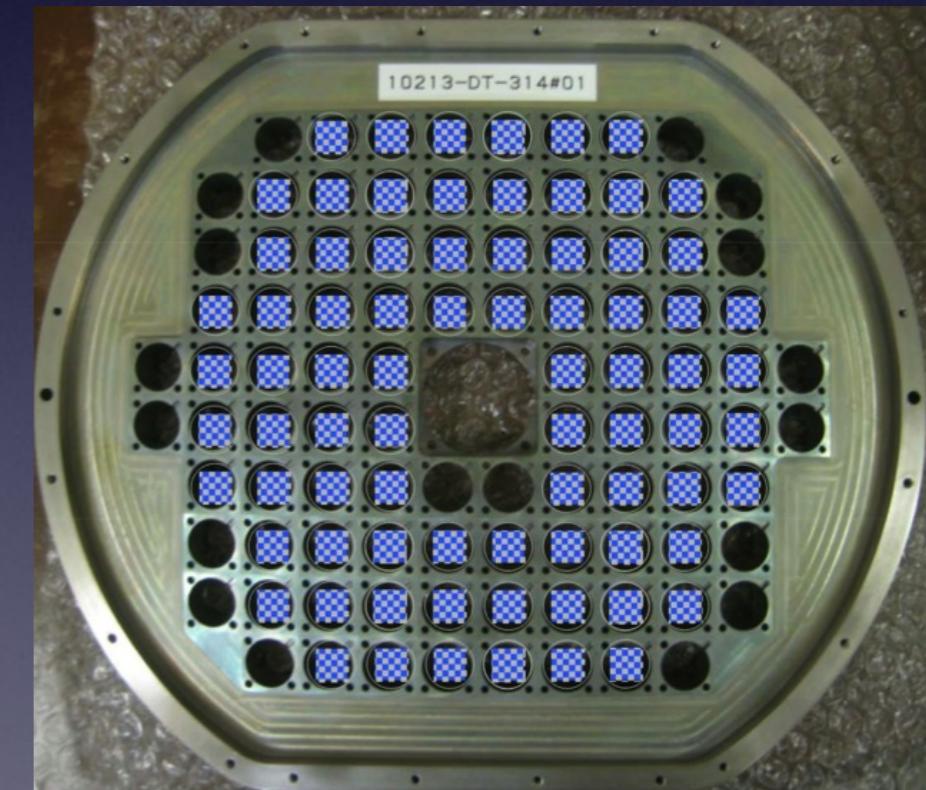
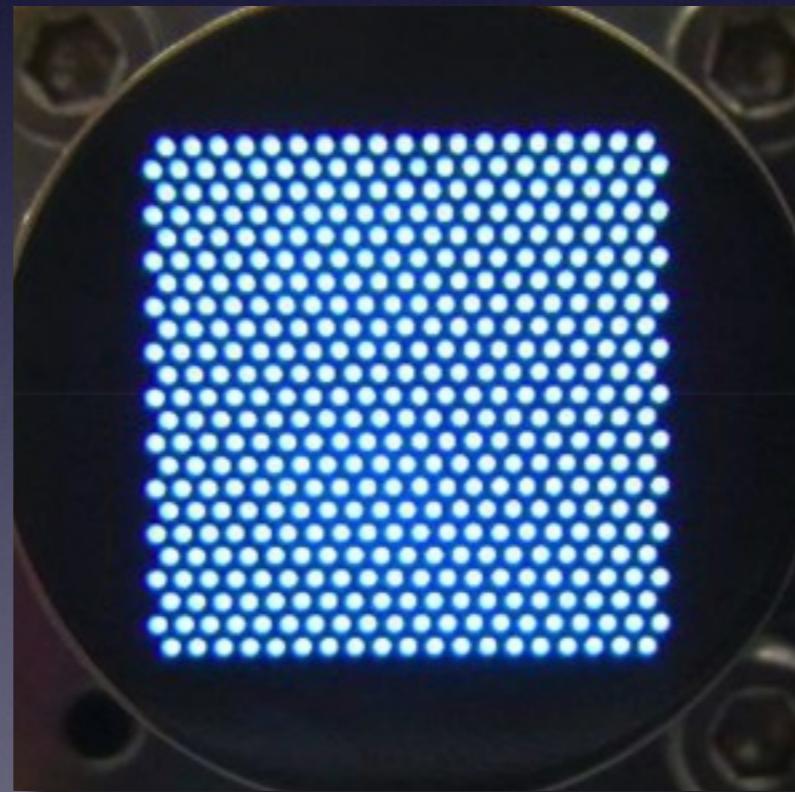
A *blind* IFU survey  
using VIRUS on HET

22% fill factor over 300 deg<sup>2</sup>



- ▶ 1.5" fibers
- ▶ 448 fibers/IFU, 78 IFUs
- ▶ 350-550 nm
- Ly- $\alpha$  : Z=1.9–3.5
- [OII] : Z= 0–0.48
- H $\beta$  : Z= 0–0.13
- [OIII] : Z= 0–0.10
- ▶ R=700

$\sim 10^5$  [OII] redshifts in Apertif bandwidth (Z  $\lesssim 0.25$ )

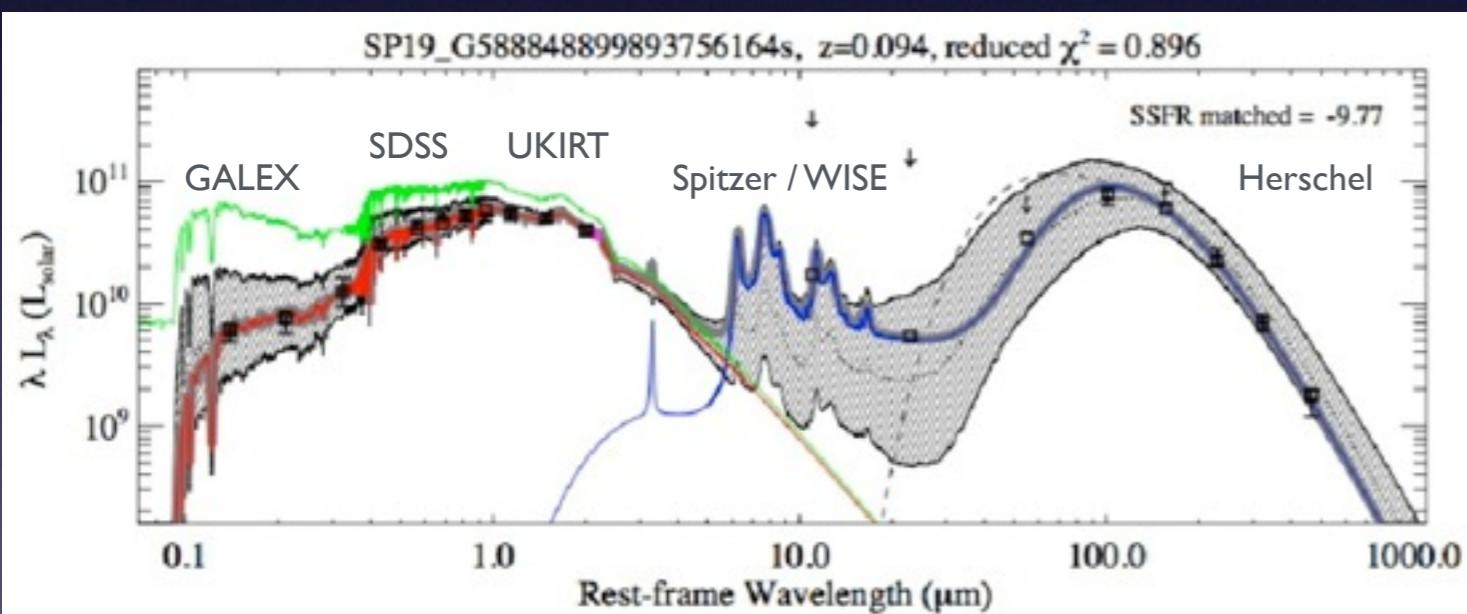


16 arcmin  
↔ 50" spacing

# Ancillary data - H-Atlas

Blind Herschel PACS/SPIRE imaging of North Galactic Pole region ( $\sim 150 \text{ deg}^2$ )

PACS: 110, 170  $\mu\text{m}$        $\sim 500 \text{ sources/deg}^2$   
 SPIRE: 250, 350, 500  $\mu\text{m}$        $\Theta = 18'' \text{ at } 250 \mu\text{m}$



Complete SED reconstruction:  
 ▶ Total energy output  
 ▶ Star Formation Rates  
 ▶ Dust masses and temperatures

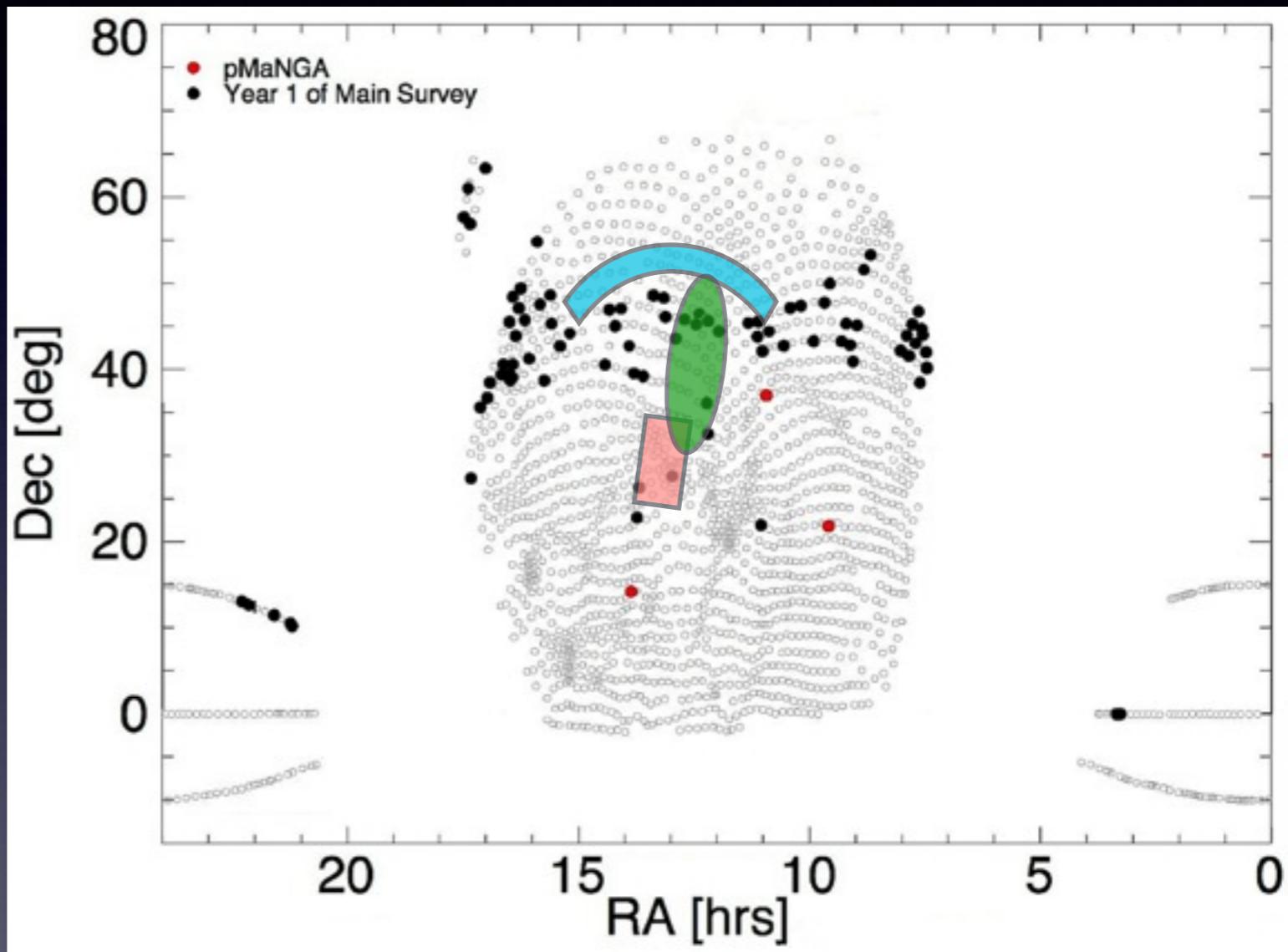
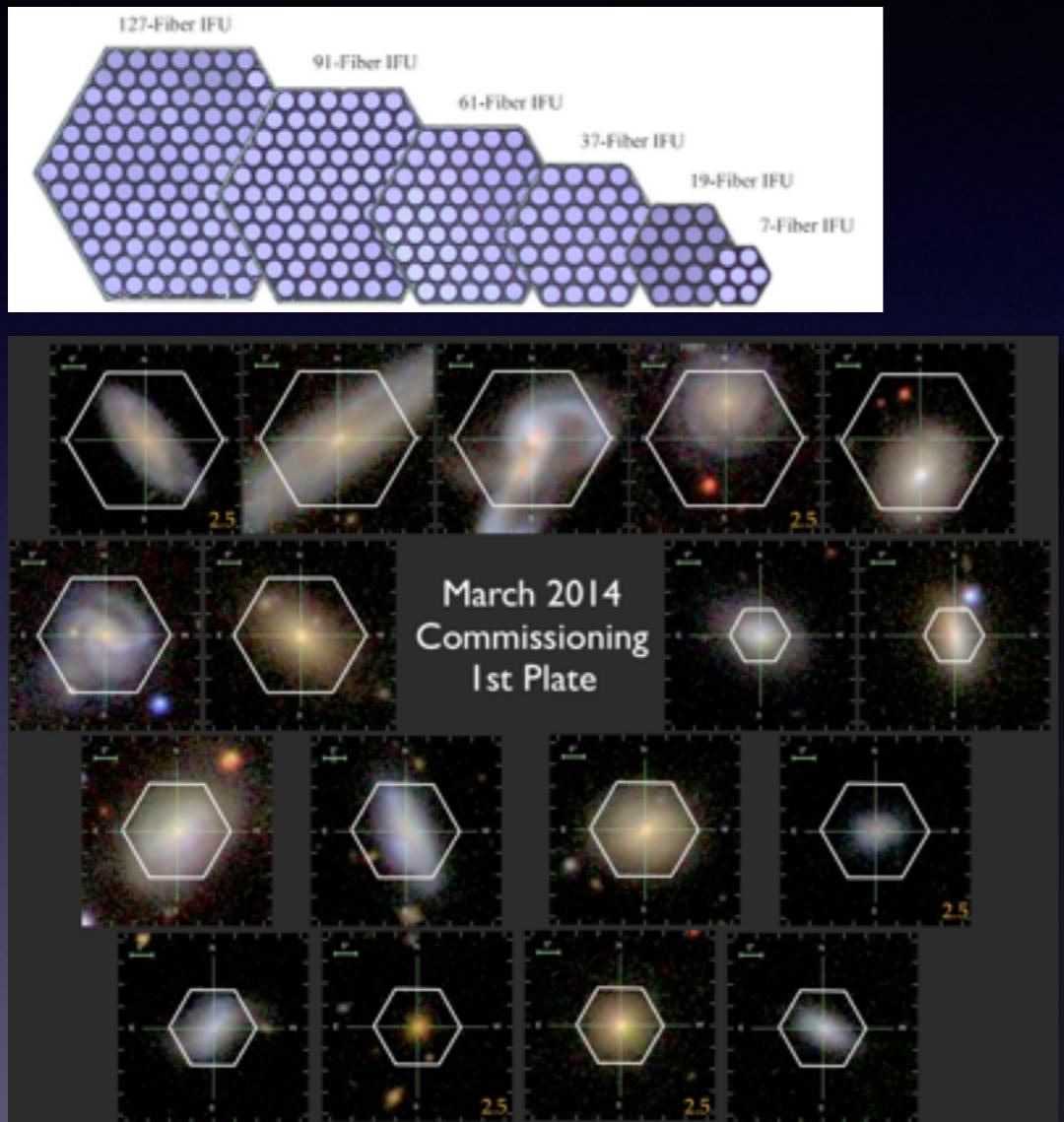
1/12<sup>th</sup> of NGP field, including Coma



All data are publicly available.

# Ancillary data - MaNGA

A SDSS-IV multi-IFU survey of  $10^4$  nearby galaxies at  $z \approx 0.03$



- ▶ 2" fibers
- ▶ 17 IFU's per 7 deg<sup>2</sup> field
- ▶ 12"-32" FoV per IFU
- ▶ 360-1000 nm
- ▶ R=2000





## forthcoming activities

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- late 2015 : Apertif-6 roll-out & performance tests
- early 2016 : roll-out of remaining 6 PAFs, full correlator shake-down, commissioning, science verification ramp-up of science teams
- late 2016 : Early Science programs
- early 2017 : Start of surveys