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# HI Science in the Local Universe



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The connection, over time, between **star formation**, **HI**, **dynamics** and **accretion**, is one of the issues that will be addressed in the coming years through large, deep surveys of the HI in the *local* and *distant* Universe

- How do galaxies assemble and evolve ?
- How is star formation regulated ?
- How are the outer disks and cosmic web linked ?

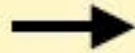
# HI Science in the Local Universe

- In the context of this meeting, one might think that MeerKAT and SKA1-MID should answer most of the questions we want to answer on HI in the Local Universe.
- While this is partly true, we will see at the end that one of the important science case for HI studies in the Local Universe is left out and will have to wait for the full SKA
- This science case should be considered in the final design, would it be AA or not.

# Galactic gas cycle

1979: Sancisi & Allen → 1997: Swaters et al. → 2007: Oosterloo, Fraternali & Sancisi

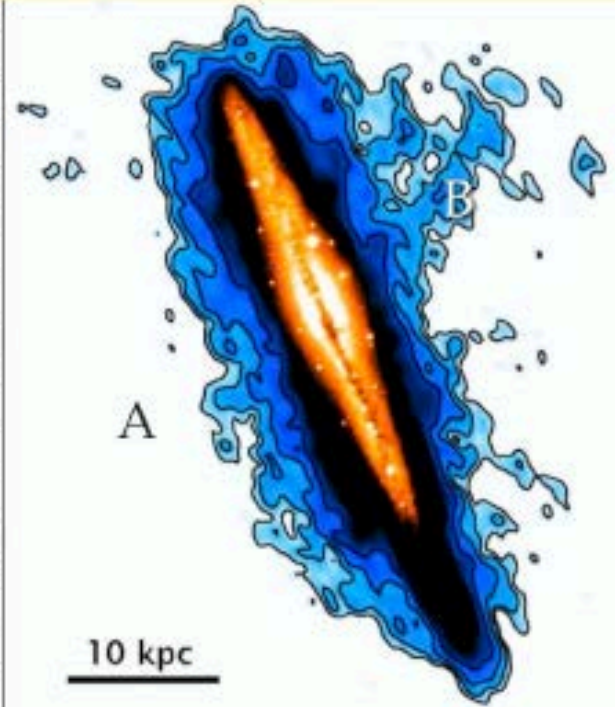
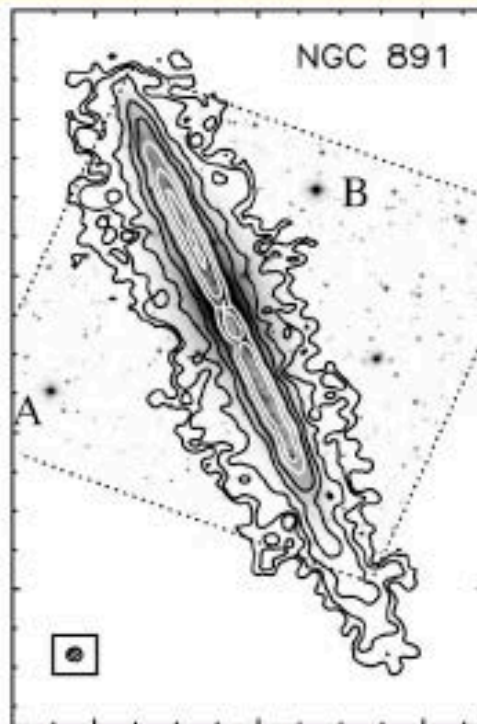
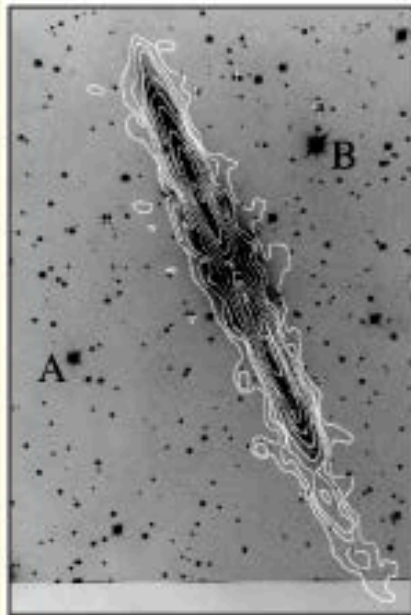
$n_{\text{HI}} \sim 10^{21}$



$n_{\text{HI}} \sim 10^{20}$



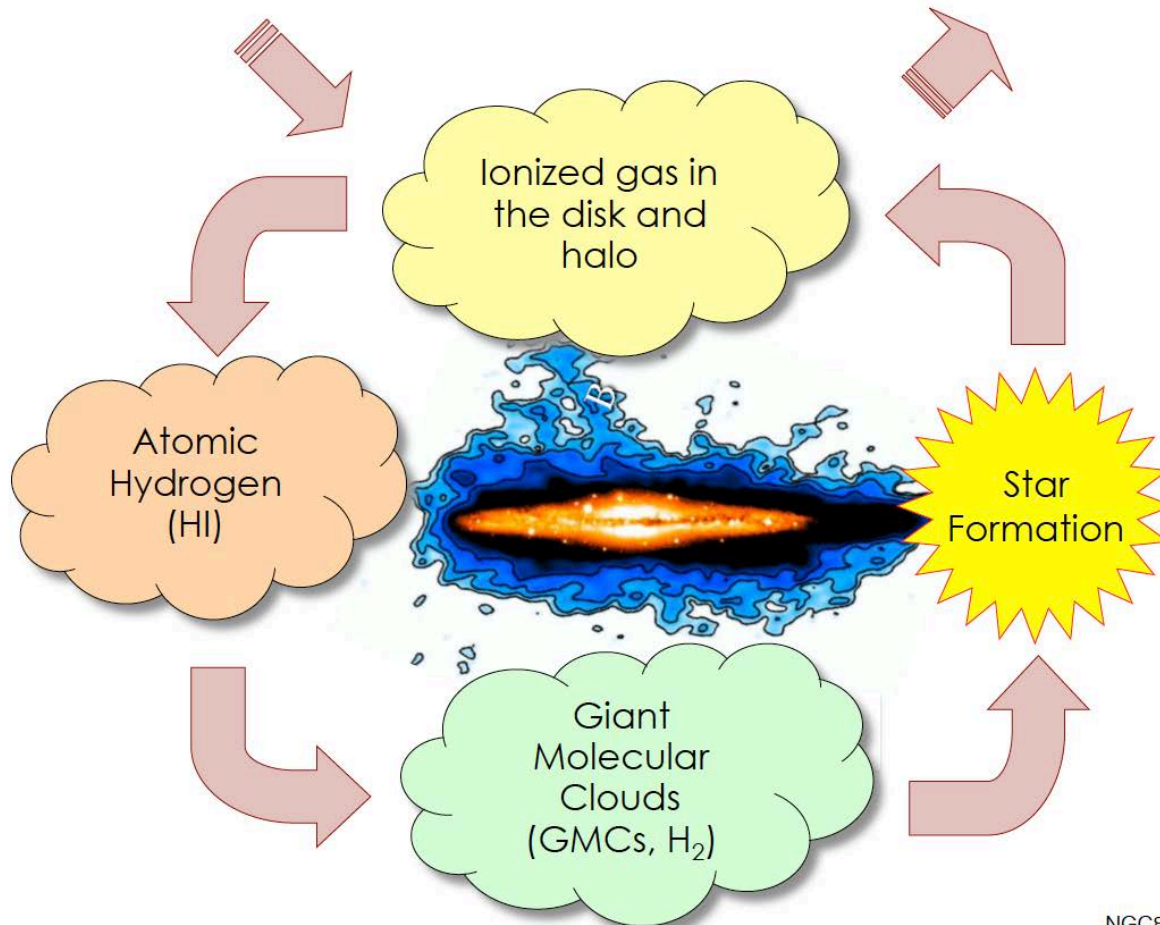
$n_{\text{HI}} \sim 10^{19}$



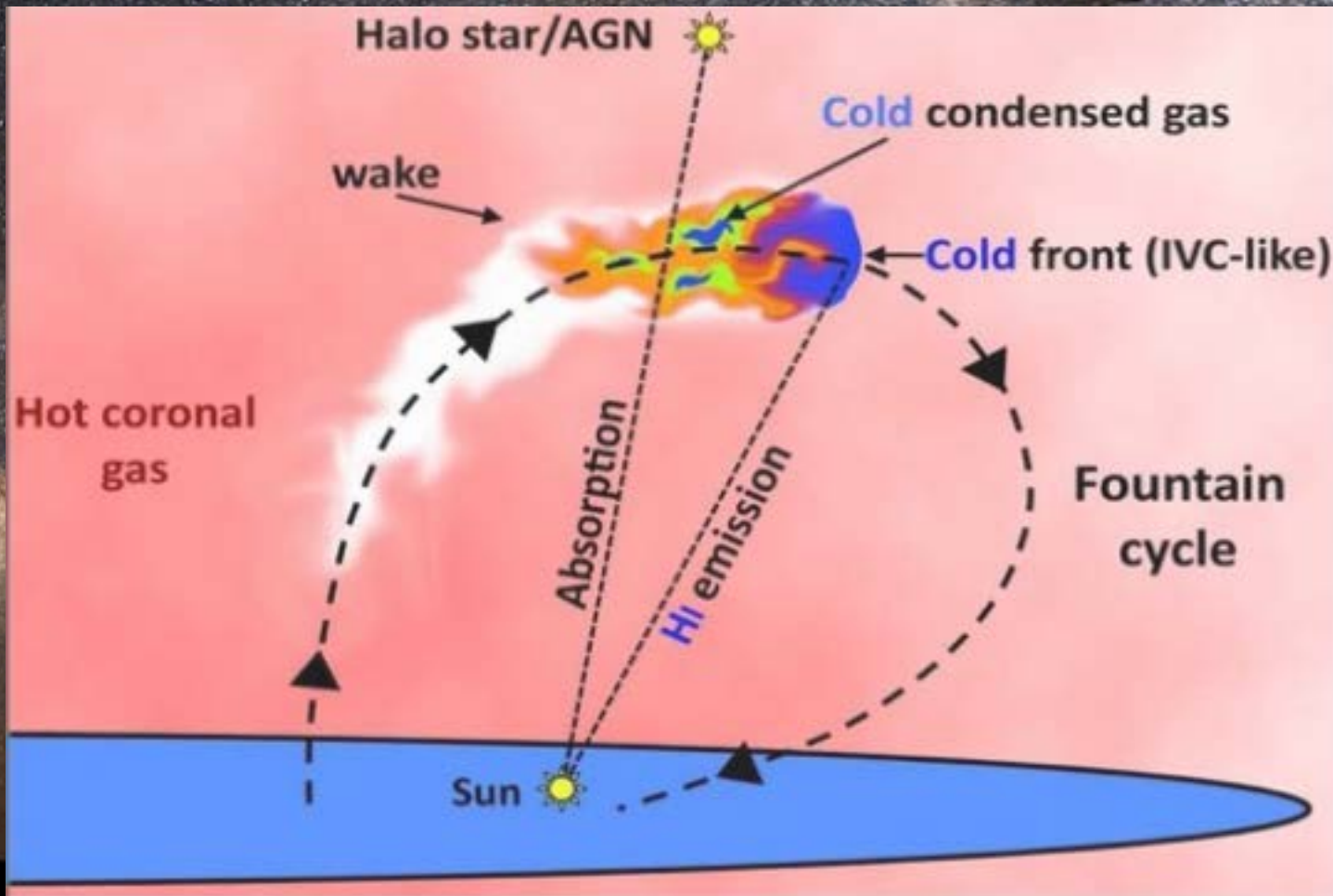
# Galactic gas cycle

Accretion onto the galaxy

Back to the IGM

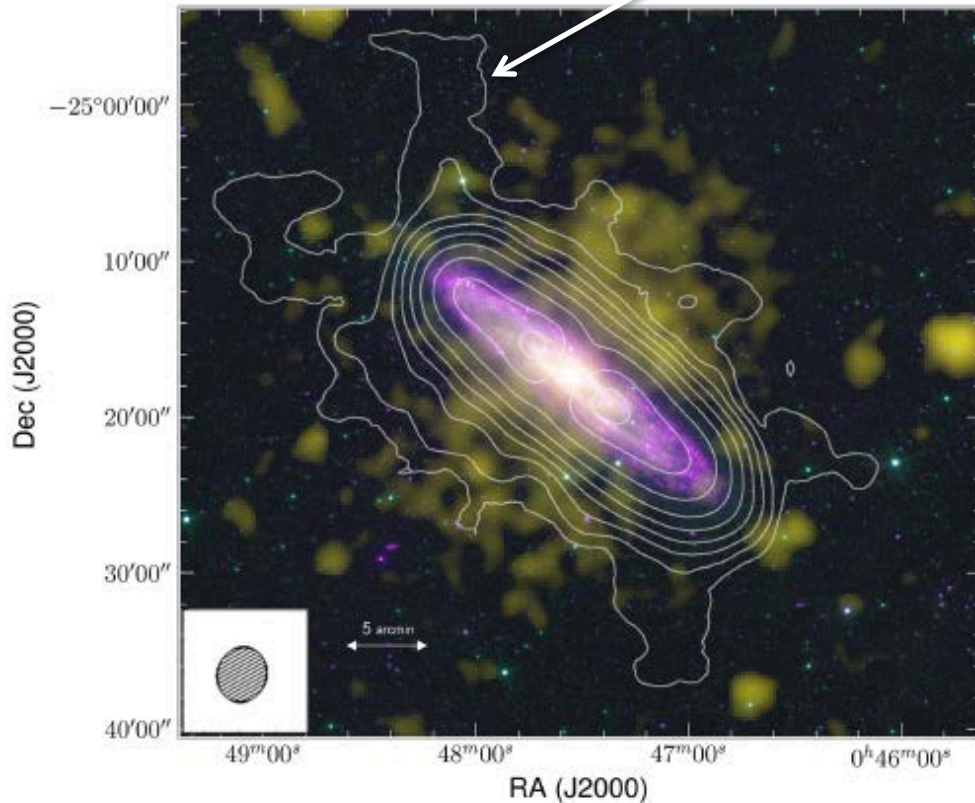


# Galactic gas cycle

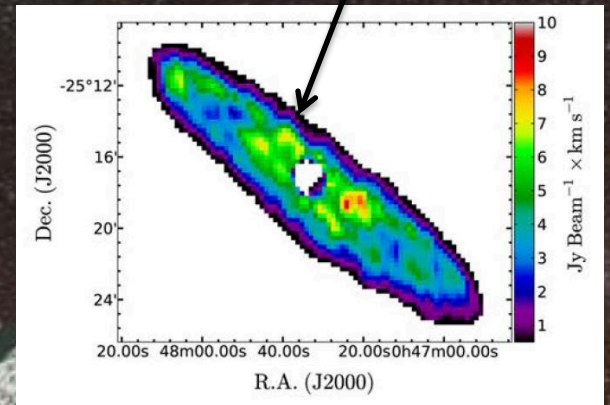


# Galactic gas cycle

$$N_{\text{HI}} \sim 1 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-2}$$



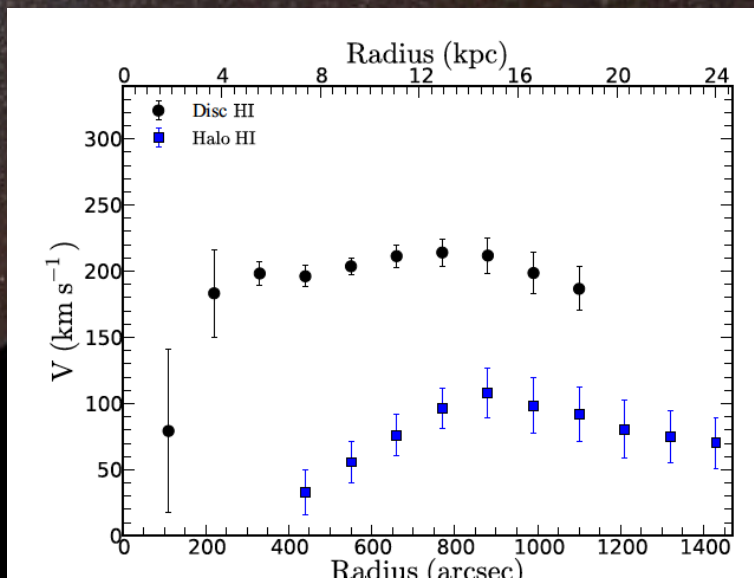
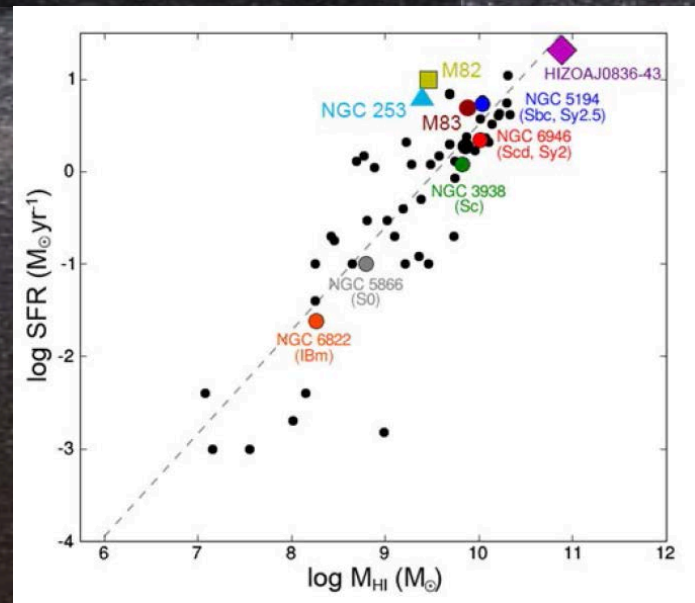
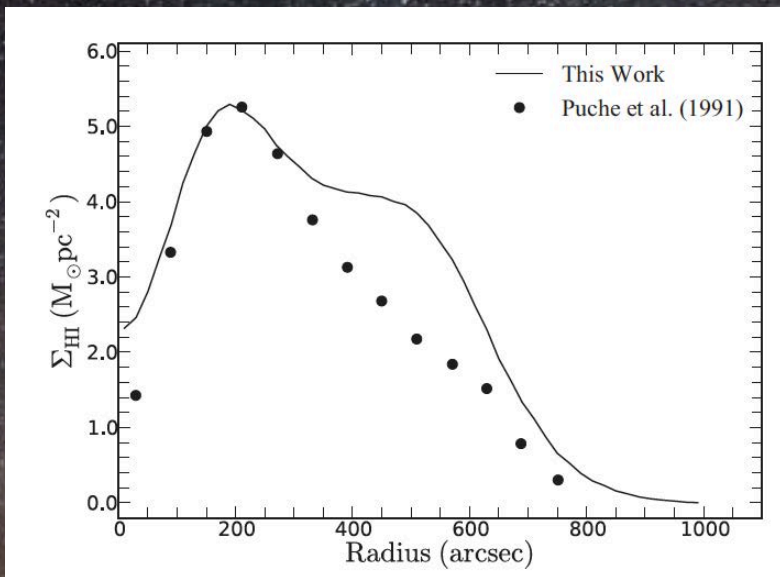
$$n_{\text{HI}} \sim 2 \times 10^{20} \text{ cm}^{-2}$$



NGC 253 with VLA: Puche et al. 1991

NGC 253 with KAT-7: Lucero et al. 2015 (~100 hours)

# Galactic gas cycle





# Understanding the Galactic gas cycle with MHONGOOSE

## MHONGOOSE:

- Ultra-deep observations of 30 nearby galaxies
- 200 hours per galaxy; 6000 hours total
- 25 times longer than THINGS
- twice as deep as HALOGAS

## High resolution:

- star formation
- dynamics
- structure of the ISM

## High sensitivity:

- cosmic web
- accretion

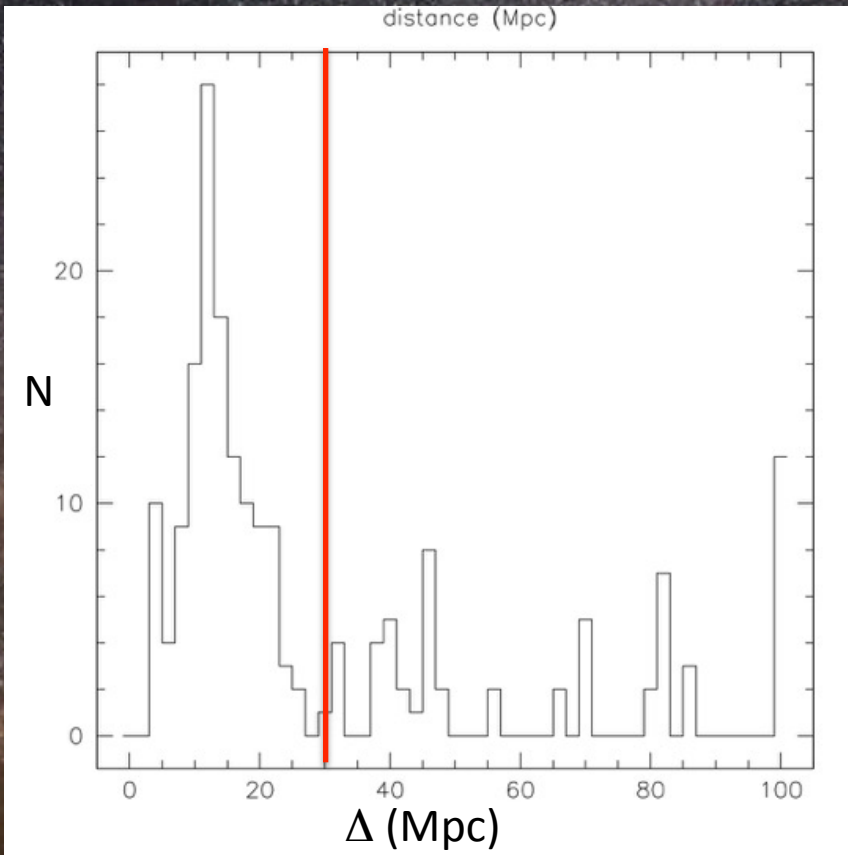


# MHONGOOSE

## Selection of the sample

- HI detected:
  - HIPASS-based sample
  - Galactic latitude  $|b| > 30^\circ$ , Galactic standard of rest velocity  $> 200 \text{ km s}^{-1}$
  - Projected distance from the LMC  $> 10^\circ$
- Detected in SINGG (Survey for Ionization in Neutral Gas Galaxies) and SUNGG (Survey for Ultraviolet emission in Neutral Gas Galaxies) (P.I. Meurer)
- $H\alpha$ , optical, WISE and GALEX are available: 151 galaxies.

# MHONGOOSE precursor sample



- Cut at 30 Mpc (MeerKAT beam 1 kpc)
- Galaxies with  $\text{dec} < -10^\circ$
- Exclude galaxies in the Fornax survey region
- 88 galaxies

# MHONGOOSE precursor sample

- representative number of galaxies as uniformly as possible over  $\log(M_{\text{HI}})$

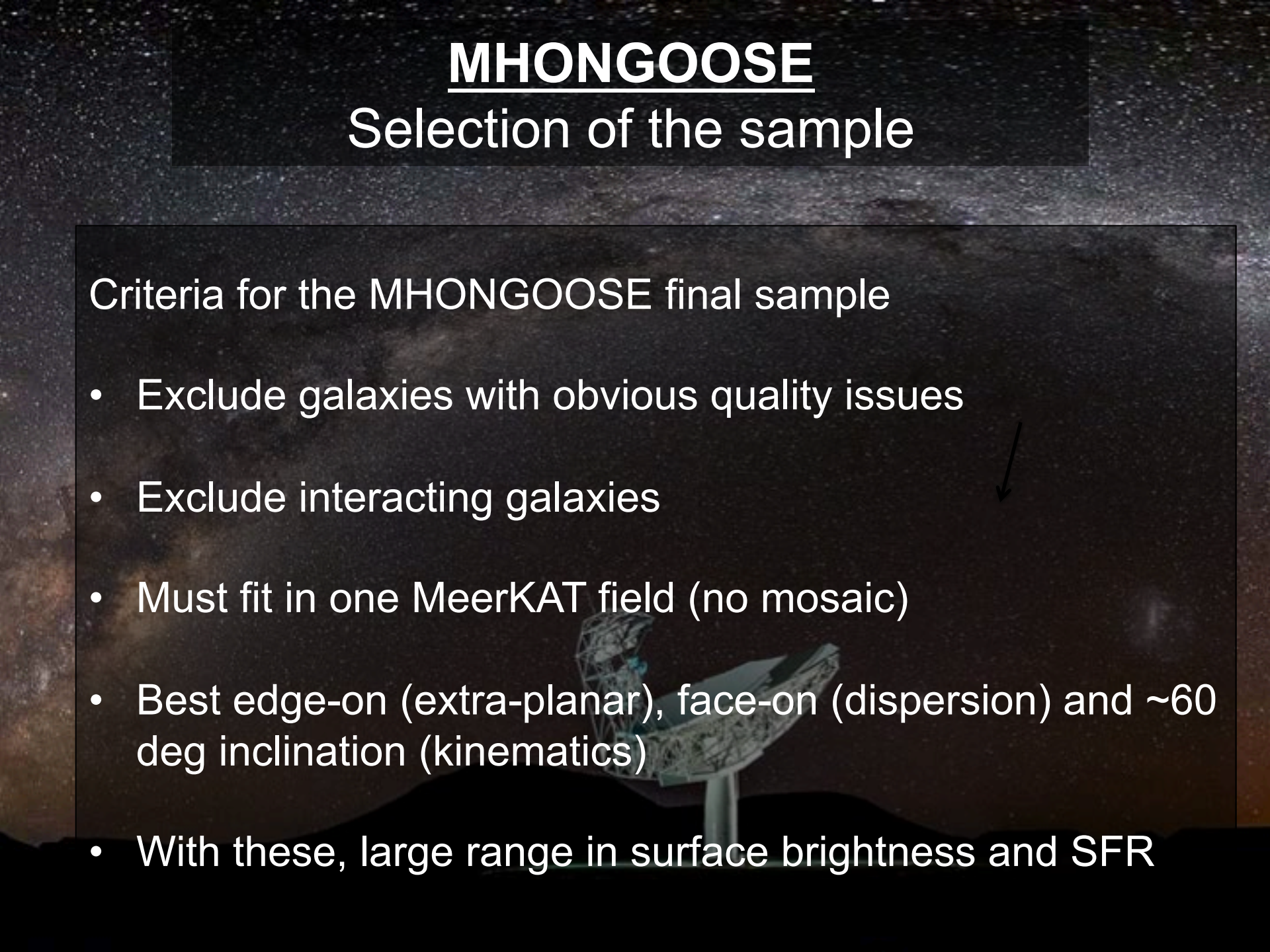
6	$< \log M_{\text{HI}} < 8$	5
8	$< \log M_{\text{HI}} < 8.5$	16
8.5	$< \log M_{\text{HI}} < 9$	18
9	$< \log M_{\text{HI}} < 9.5$	26
9.5	$< \log M_{\text{HI}} < 10$	15
10	$< \log M_{\text{HI}} < 11$	7

- 5 galaxies per bin  30 galaxies

# MHONGOOSE

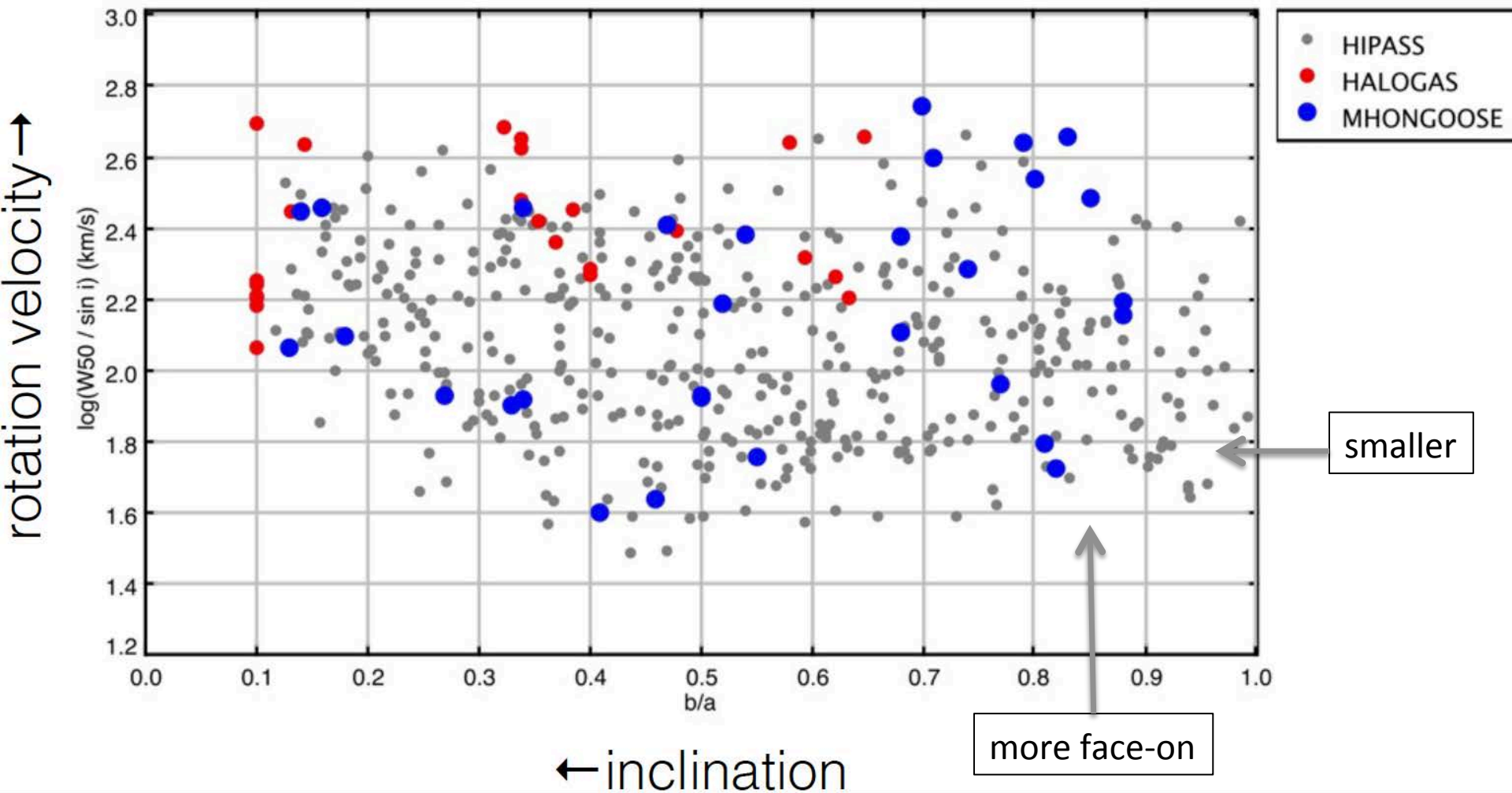
## Selection of the sample

### Criteria for the MHONGOOSE final sample

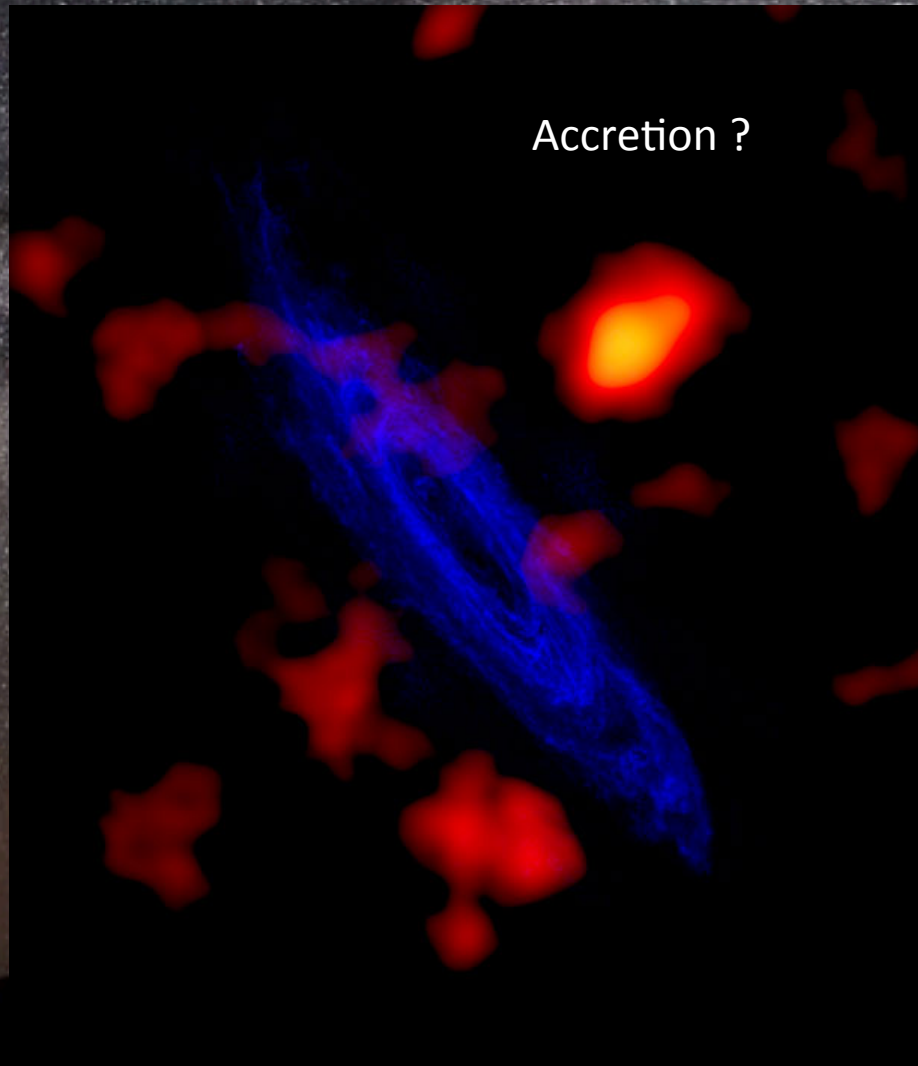
- Exclude galaxies with obvious quality issues
  - Exclude interacting galaxies
  - Must fit in one MeerKAT field (no mosaic)
  - Best edge-on (extra-planar), face-on (dispersion) and ~60 deg inclination (kinematics)
  - With these, large range in surface brightness and SFR
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# MHONGOOSE

## Selection of the sample



# Faint HI in the Local Group



Thilker et al. 2004

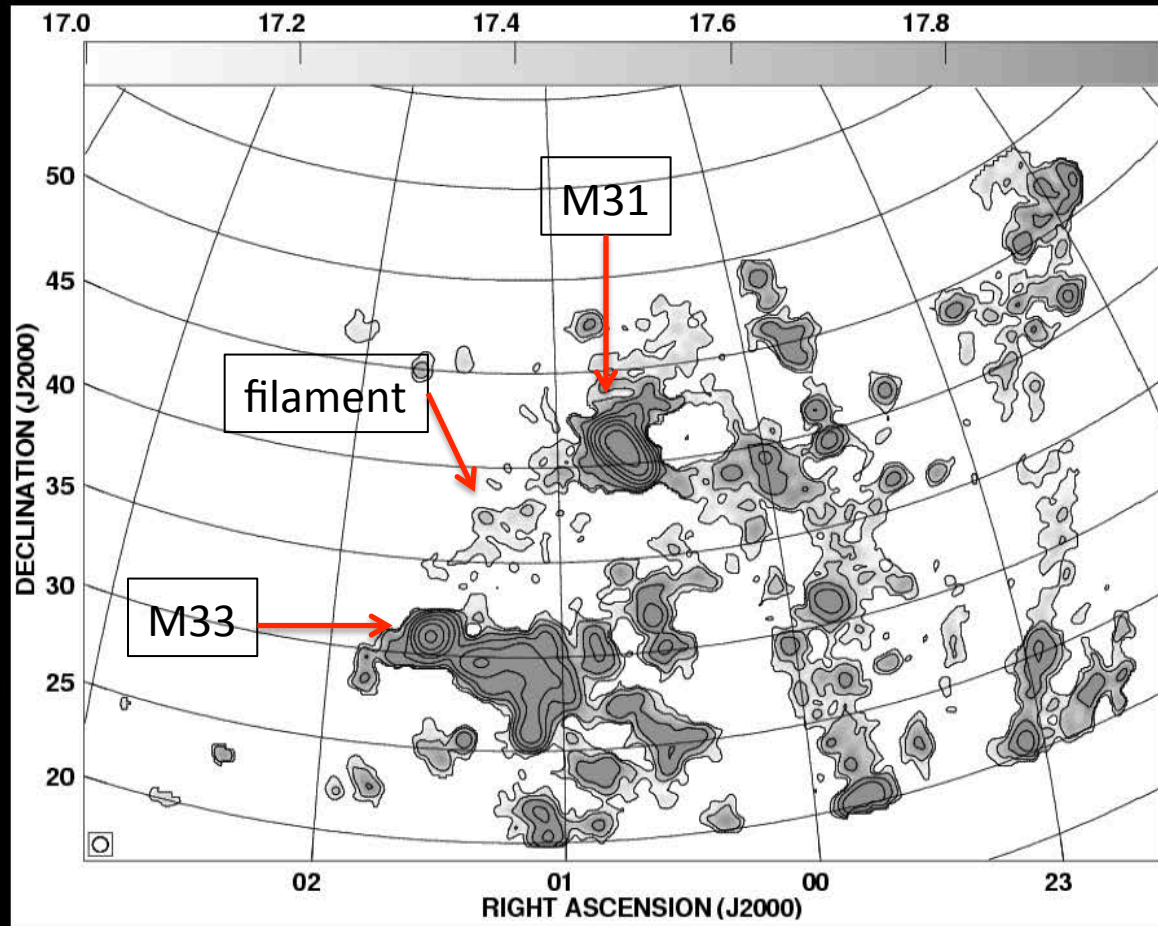
# Faint HI in the Local Group

Braun & Thilker (2004, BT04)

Westerbork Synthesis Radio Telescope – each dish as a separate antenna

Survey of HI in the Local Group

$$\log(N_{\text{HI}}) = 17.0 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ (2-3}\sigma\text{)}$$



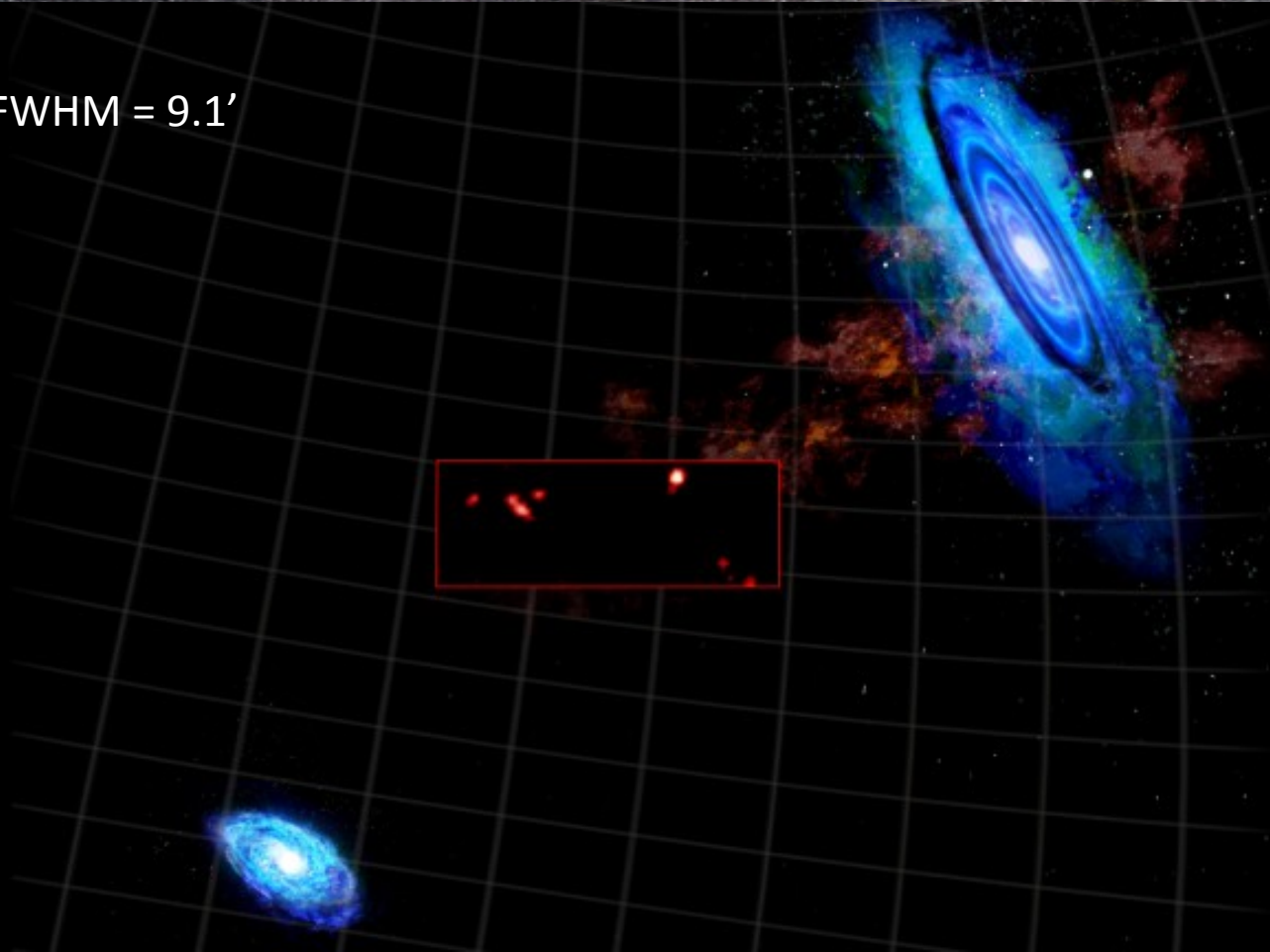
Braun & Thilker (2004), A&A, 417, 421-435

Resolution = single dish  $\sim 49'$

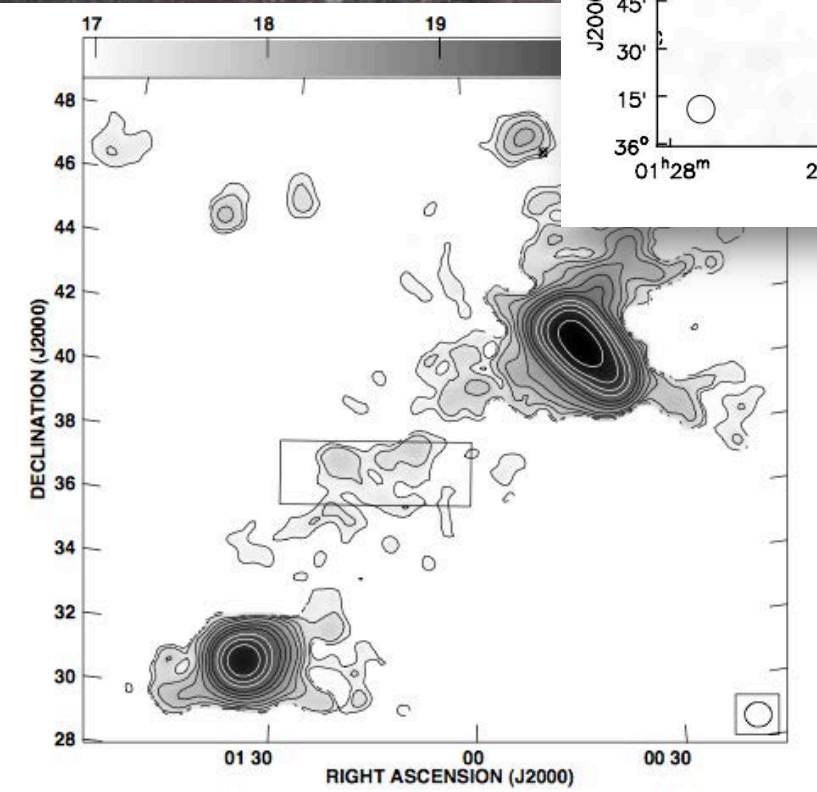
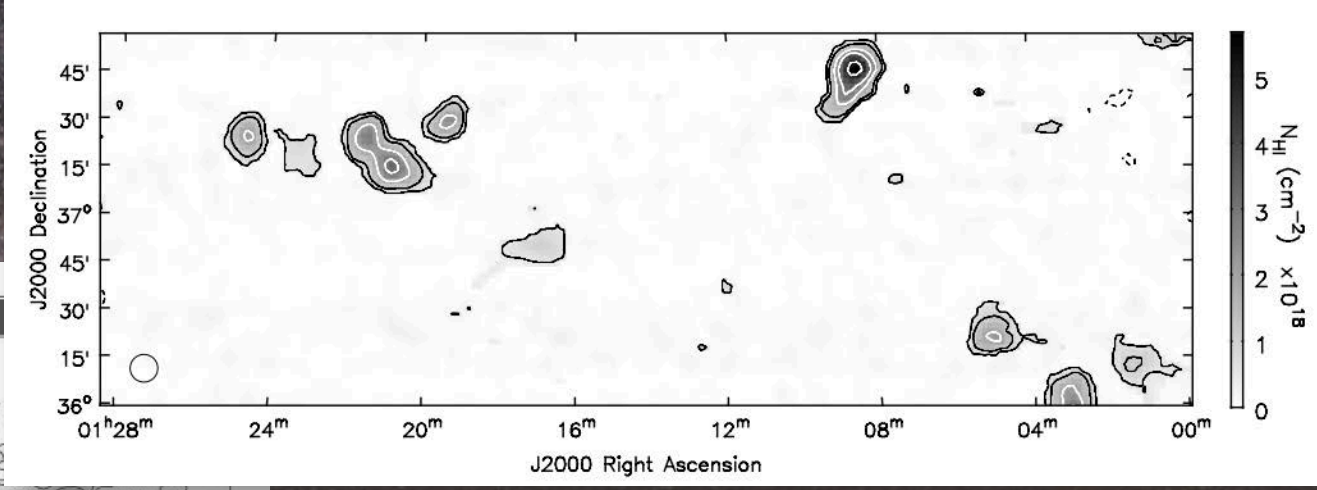


# Faint HI in the Local Group

GBT: FWHM = 9.1'



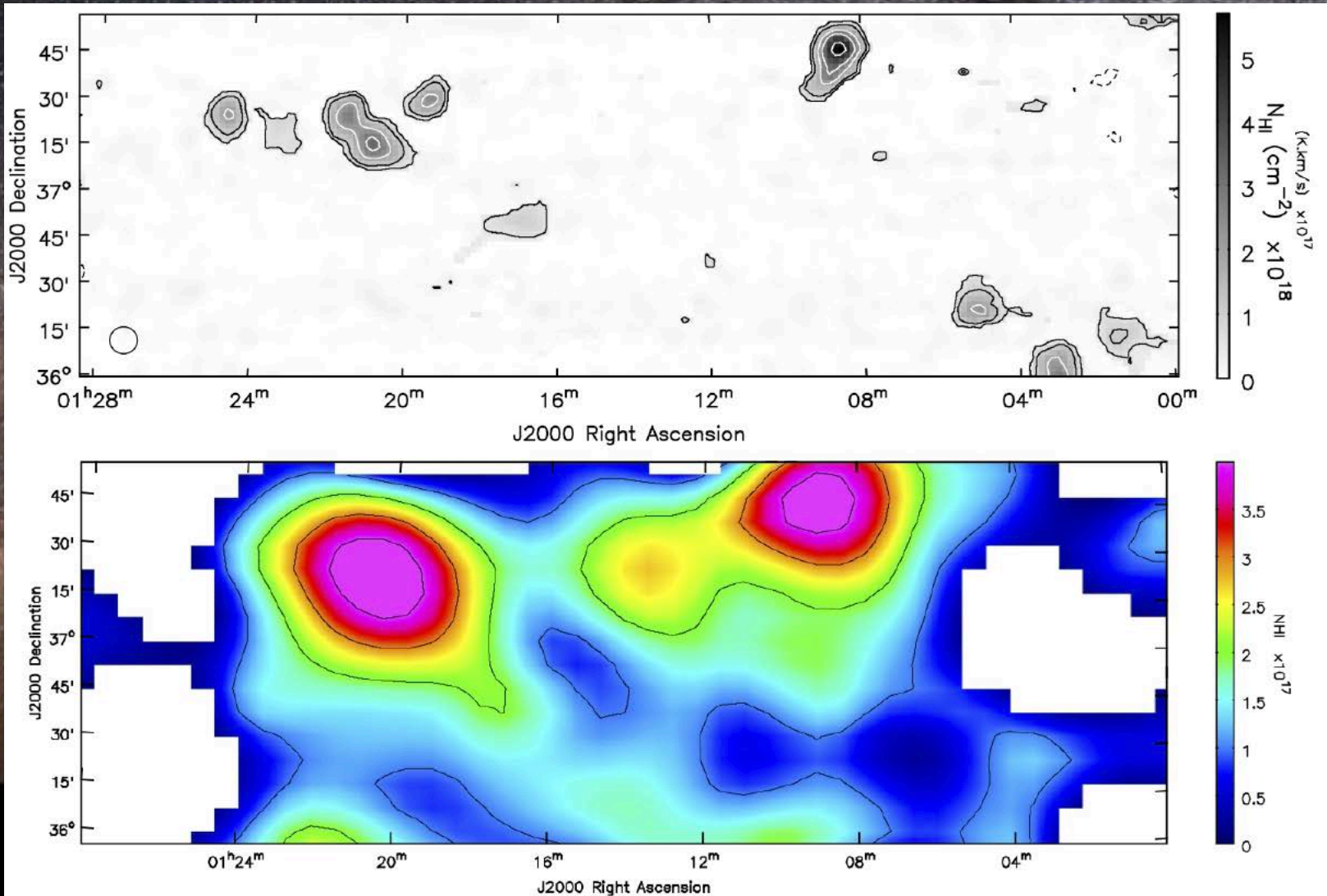
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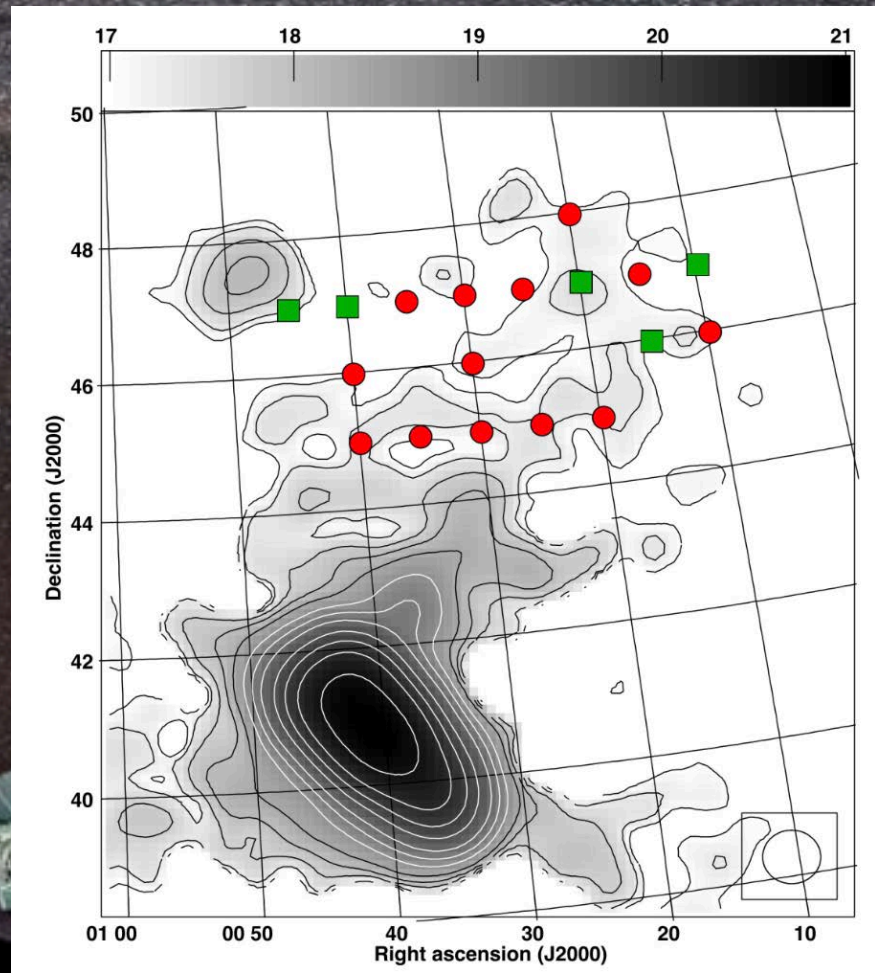
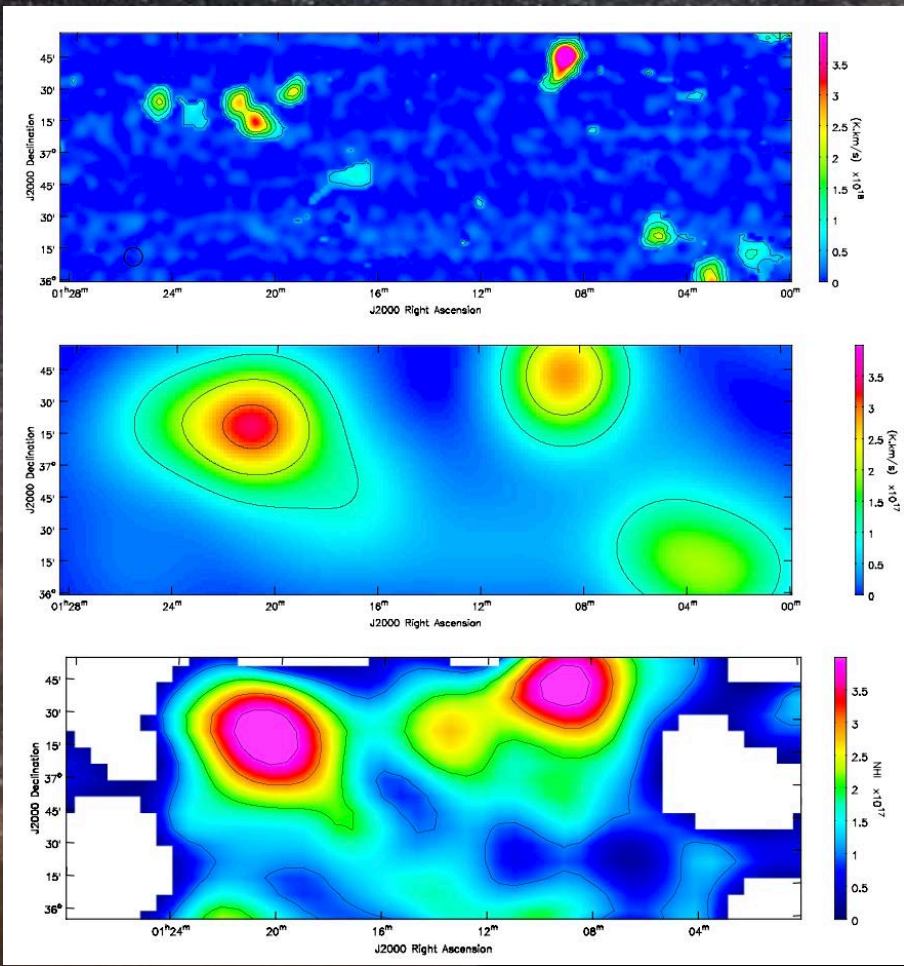
Wolfe et al. 2016 / res ~ 9'

Braun & Thilker 2004 / res ~ 49'

# Faint HI in the Local Group



# Faint HI in the Local Group



# Faint HI in the Local Group

**Table 1**  
Clouds Detected Between M31 and M33

Cloud (1)	J2000 (hh:mm:ss dd:mm:ss) (2)	$T_L$ (mK) (3)	FWHM ( $\text{km s}^{-1}$ ) (4)	$V_{LSR}$ ( $\text{km s}^{-1}$ ) (5)	$N_{HI}$ ( $10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ ) (6)
1	01:24:41.6 +37:24:00	44.0±2.4	25.5±1.6	-297.8 ± 0.7	2.2 ± 0.1
2	01:23:21.7 +37:18:45	10.9±2.2	39.3±9.3	-223.0 ± 4.0	0.8 ± 0.1
3	01:20:51.8 +37:15:15	63.2±1.8	27.2±0.9	-237.3 ± 0.4	3.3 ± 0.1
4	01:19:15.8 +37:29:15	28.5±2.1	38.1±3.3	-228.2 ± 1.4	2.2 ± 0.1
5	01:16:53.7 +36:49:00	18.3±1.7	26.2±3.0	-308.7 ± 1.2	0.9 ± 0.1
6	01:08:29.6 +37:45:00	81.3±3.6	32.0±1.9	-278.6 ± 0.6	5.0 ± 0.1
7	01:05:00.3 +36:21:00	34.7±3.0	31.4±3.5	-210.2 ± 1.2	2.1 ± 0.2
8	01:03:01.8 +36:00:00	35.0±2.6	36.8±3.4	-281.4 ± 1.3	2.5 ± 0.2
9	01:01:24.6 +36:12:15	25.4±3.2	19.2±2.9	-341.0 ± 1.2	0.9 ± 0.1

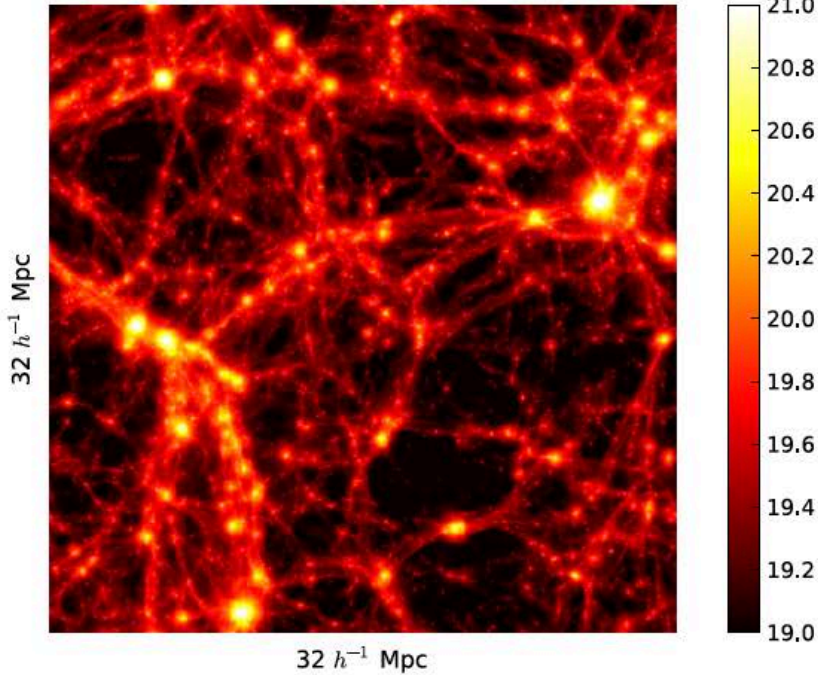
**Table 2**  
Derived Cloud Properties<sup>a</sup>

Cloud (1)	$V_{LSR}$ ( $\text{km s}^{-1}$ ) (2)	Diam <sup>b</sup> (kpc) (3)	$\langle \text{Diam} \rangle^c$ (kpc) (4)	$\langle \text{FWHM} \rangle^d$ ( $\text{km s}^{-1}$ ) (5)	$r_{1/2}^e$ (kpc) (6)	$M_{HI}$ ( $10^4 M_\odot$ ) (7)	$M_{dyn}^f$ ( $10^8 M_\odot$ ) (8)	$\rho^g$ (kpc) (9)
1	-61	4.4	3.2	22.2 ± 0.6	0.38:	12.7 ± 0.2	0.5:	126
2	+14	4.4	2.8	28.0 ± 3.5	0.75	4.5 ± 0.2	1.5	123
3	+1	7.2	5.3	27.6 ± 0.8		33.0 ± 0.3		118
3a				28.0 ± 1.0	0.82	22.7 ± 0.2	1.6	
3b				27.1 ± 1.3	0.34:	10.2 ± 0.2	0.6:	
4	+12	3.7	3.1	26.5 ± 1.5	0.41:	8.6 ± 0.2	0.7:	112
5	-69	7.0	3.8	21.8 ± 2.5	1.13	7.8 ± 0.2	1.3	109
6	-32	7.2	4.6	33.6 ± 1.3	0.78	39.2 ± 0.3	2.2	87
7	+36	4.9	3.9	27.4 ± 2.1	0.71	12.6 ± 0.4	1.3	92
8	-35	> 3.5	> 3.2	29.6 ± 2.1		> 11.6		91
9	-94	3.5	3.2	20.5 ± 2.3	0.96	8.7 ± 0.2	1.0	88

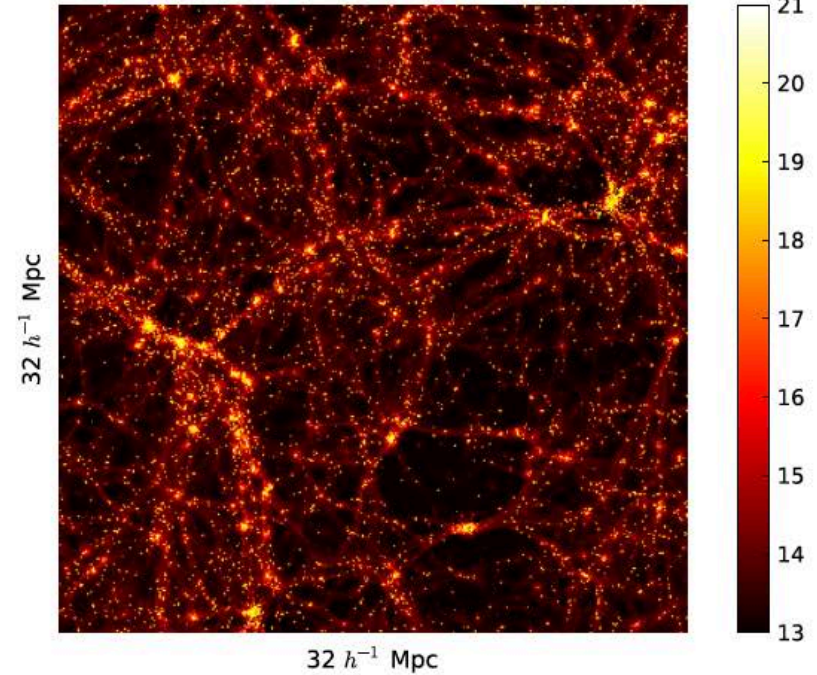
Wolfe et al. 2016 ( $\Delta_{M31} \sim 800 \text{ kpc} / 1' = 233 \text{ pc} / \text{HPBW}_{\text{GBT}} \sim 2 \text{ kpc}$ )

# Galaxy – IGM Connection

$\log(N_H)$  Total Hydrogen component

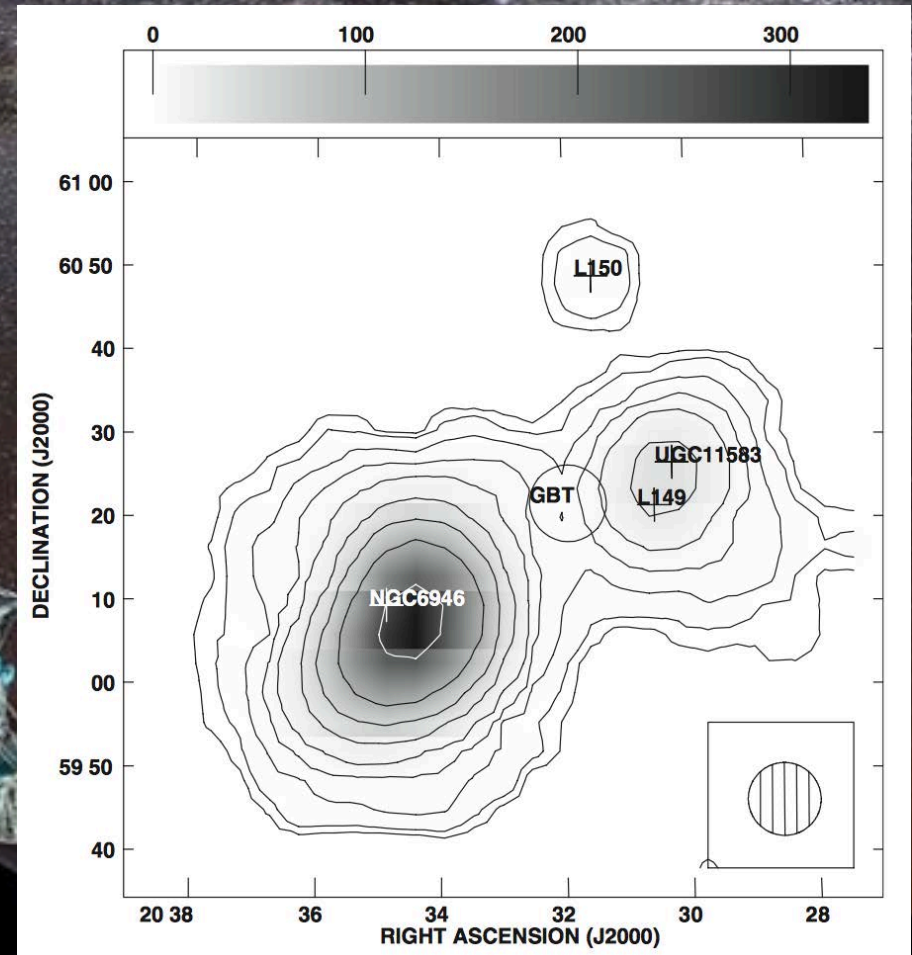
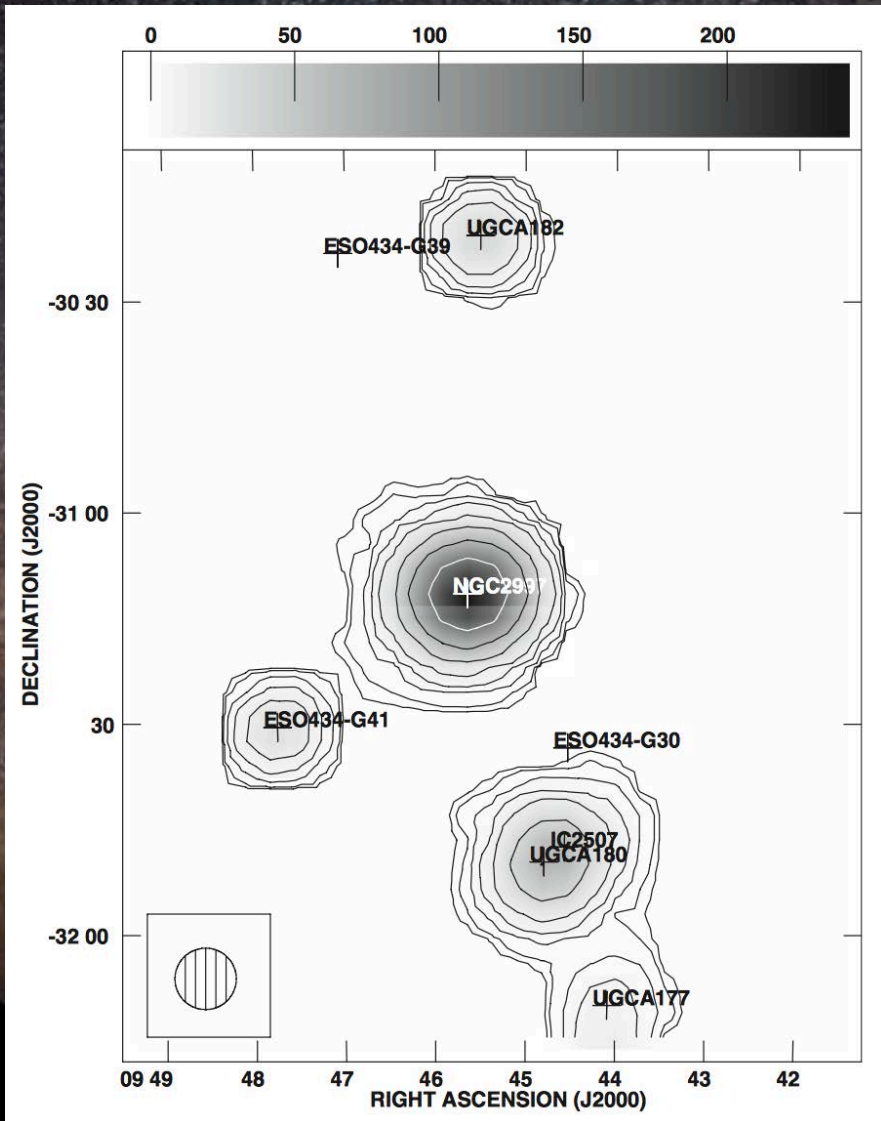


$\log(N_{HI})$  Neutral Hydrogen component



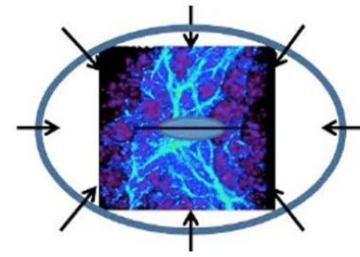
Popping et al, 2015, PoS, AASKA14, 132

# Galaxy – IGM Connection Need sensitivity & resolution






# Fuelling of Galaxies

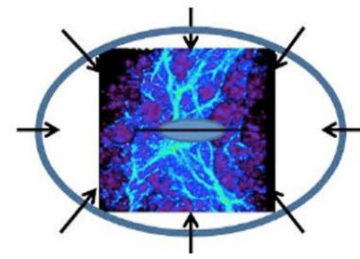


## *HI key to unlocking galaxy evolution*

- Galaxy evolution studies dominated by optical/NIR (stars)
  - Need to understand how galaxies fuelled (gas)
  - HI is the fundamental baryonic building block
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- How are galaxies re-fuelled from the IGM ?
  - What is the nature of diffuse intergalactic gas ?
  - Requires column densities  $n_{\text{HI}} < 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-2}$   
& resolution of a few kpc
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- A large radio telescope dish is shown in the background of the lower text area, pointing towards the sky.

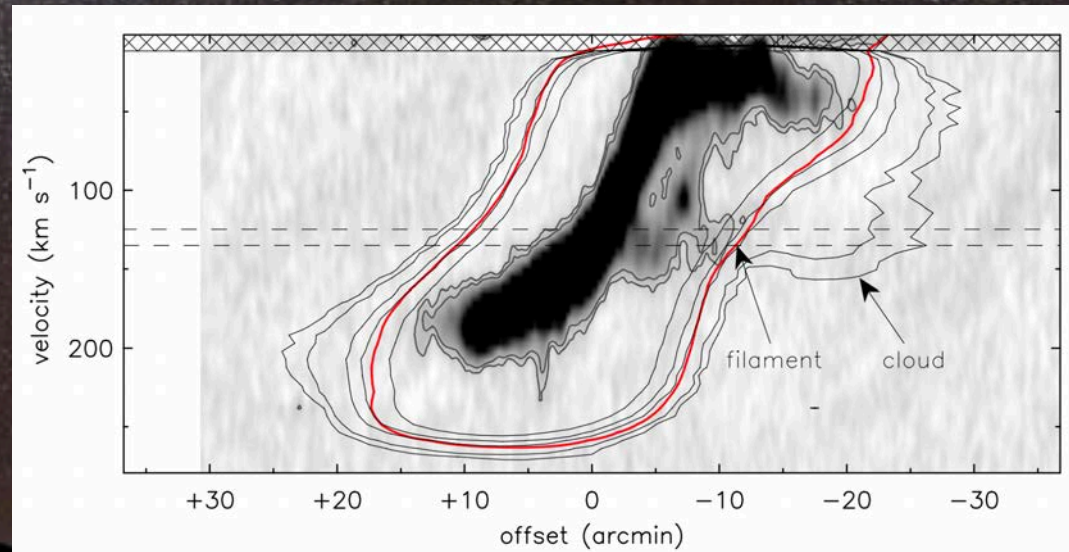
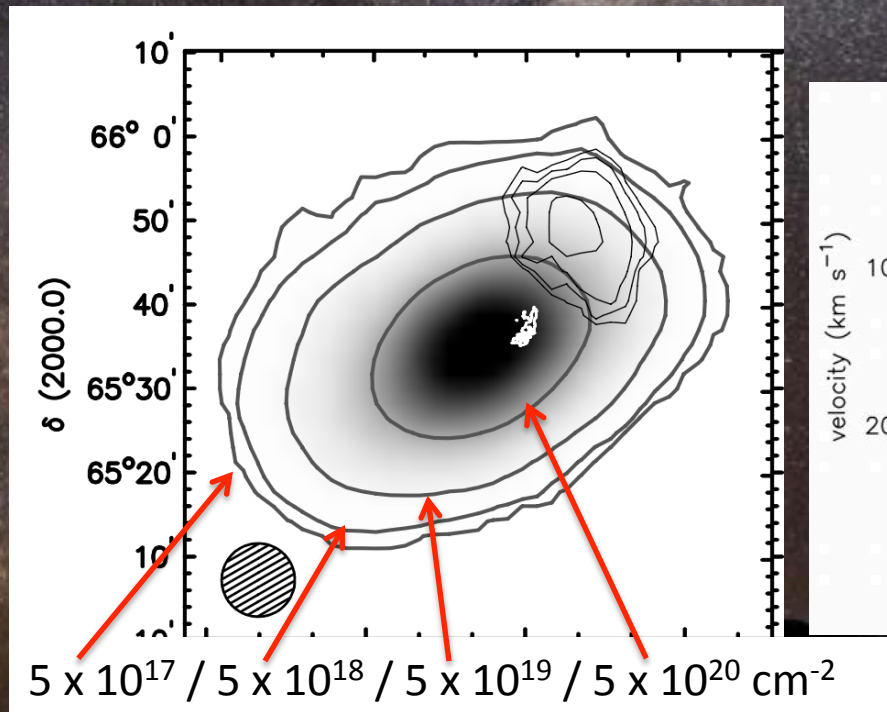


# Fuelling of Galaxies



## A low H I column density filament in NGC 2403: signature of interaction or accretion

W.J.G. de Blok<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Katie M. Keating<sup>4</sup>, D.J. Pisano<sup>5,6</sup>, F. Fraternali<sup>7,3</sup>, F. Walter<sup>8</sup>, T. Oosterloo<sup>1,3</sup>, E. Brinks<sup>9</sup>, F. Bigiel<sup>10</sup>, A. Leroy<sup>11</sup>



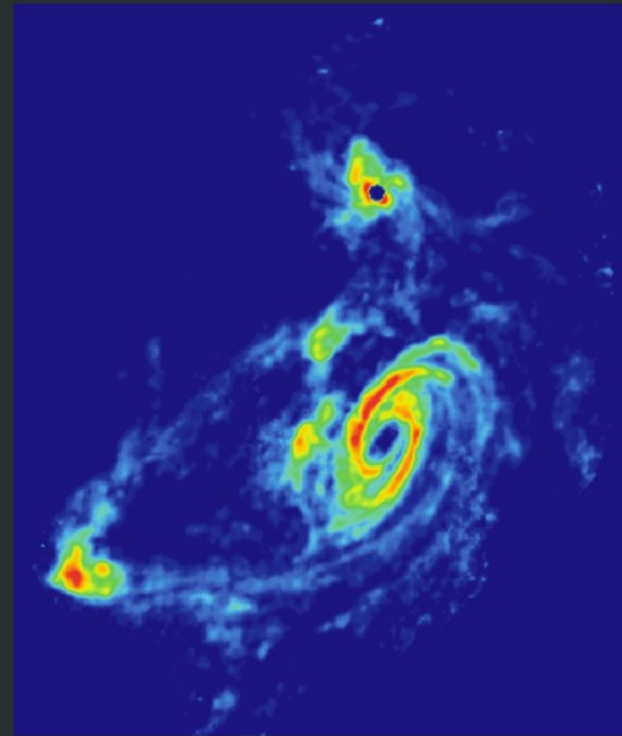
# Tidal interactions

## TIDAL INTERACTIONS IN M81 GROUP

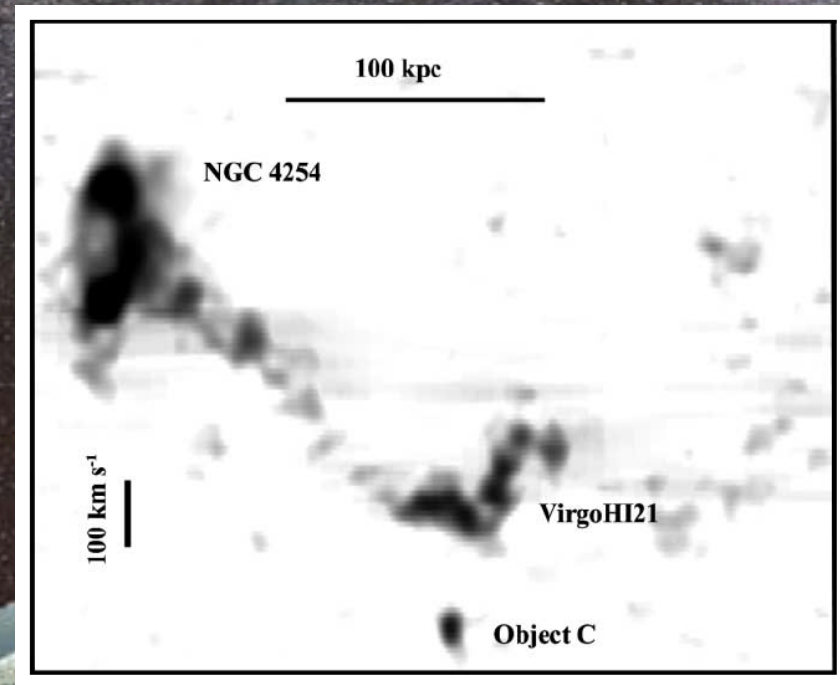
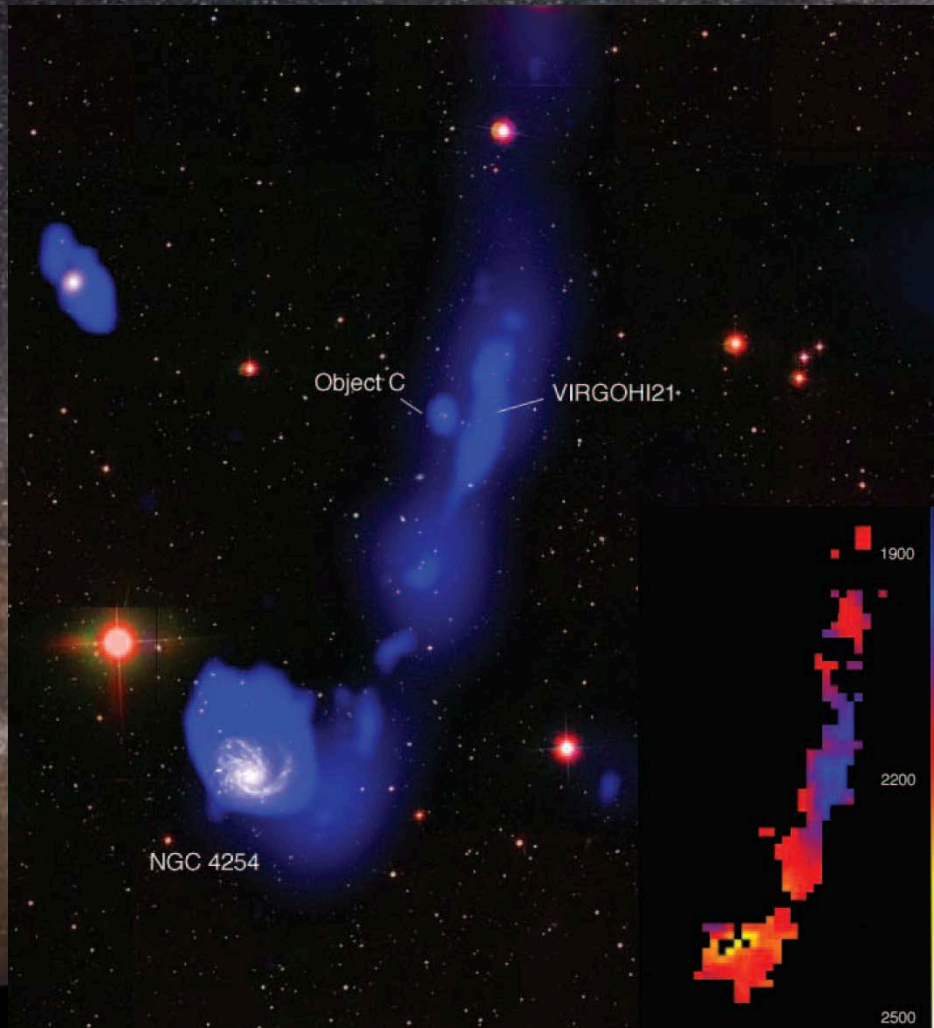
Stellar Light Distribution



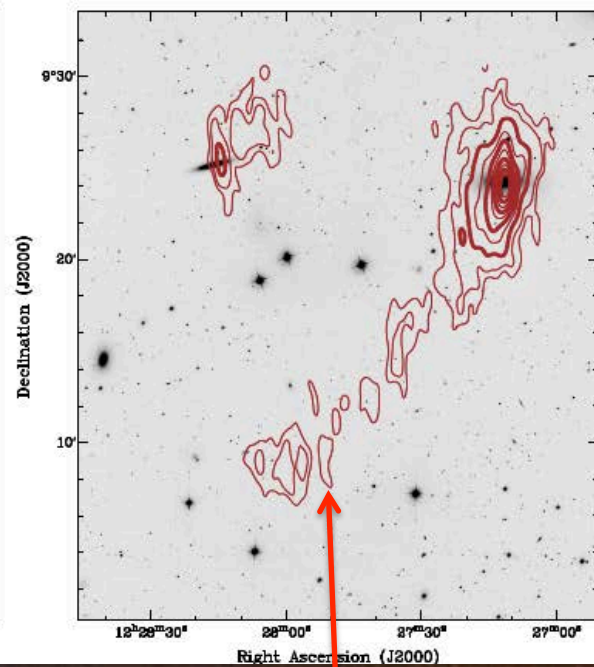
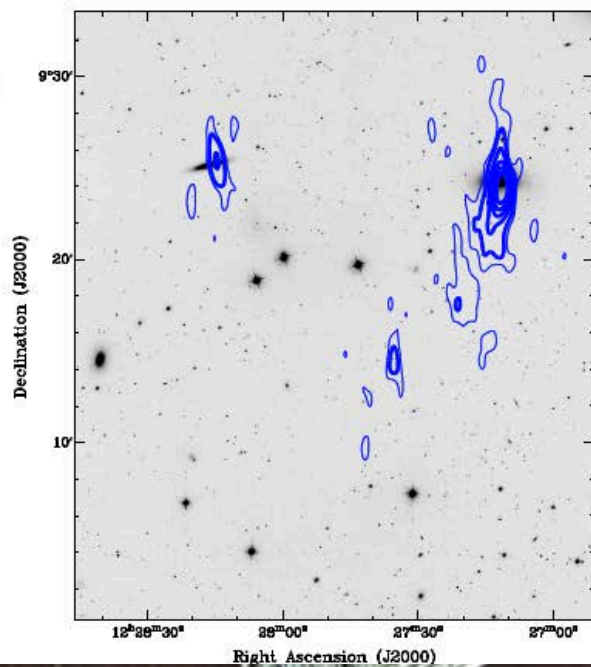
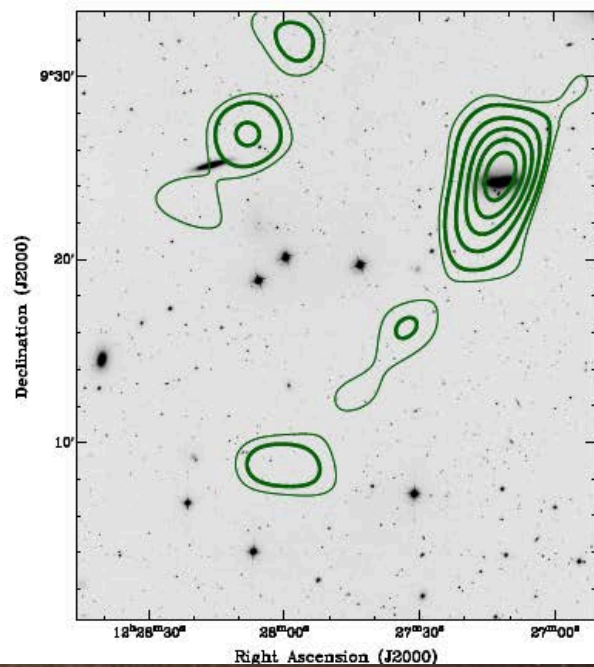
21 cm HI Distribution



# Tidal interactions

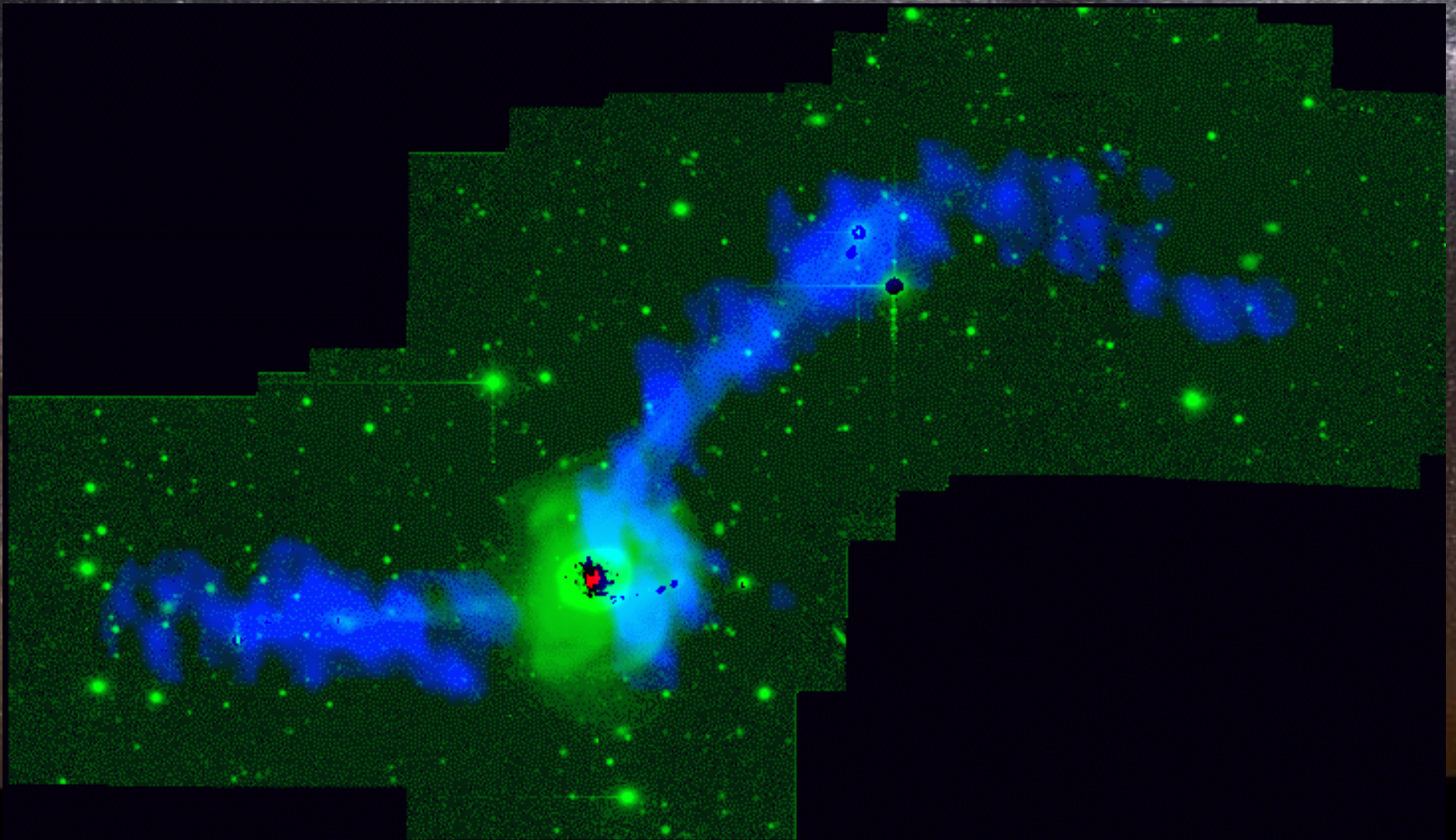


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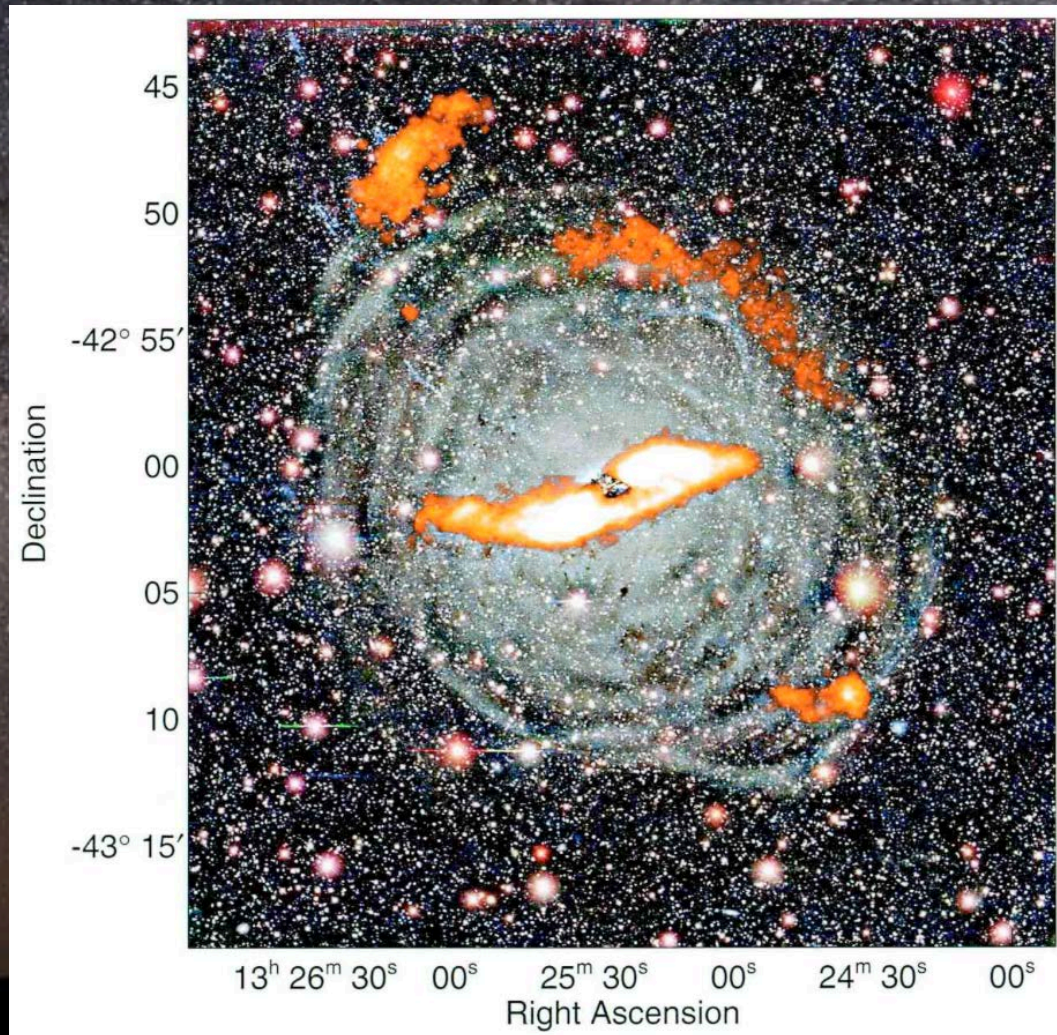
$N_{\text{HI}} \sim 5 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-2}$

# Mergers: NGC 7252



Hibbard et al. 1994

# Mergers: Cen A

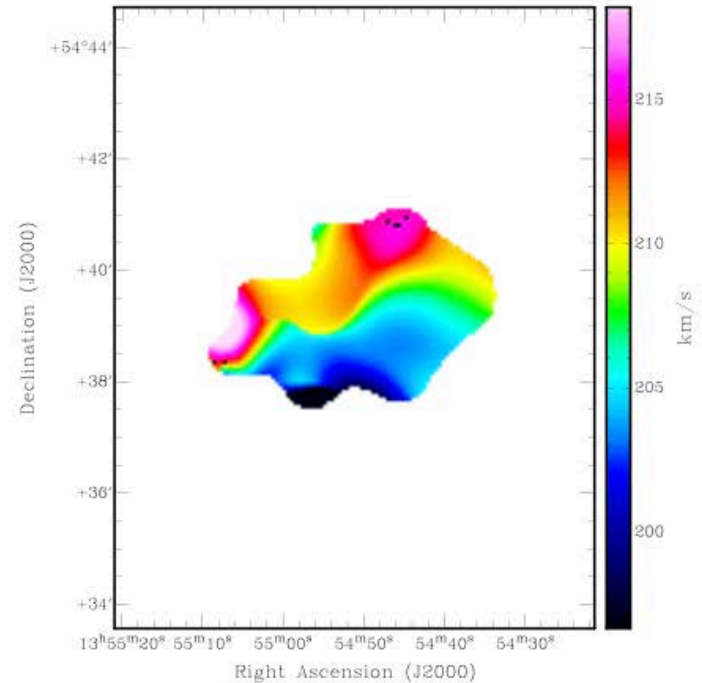
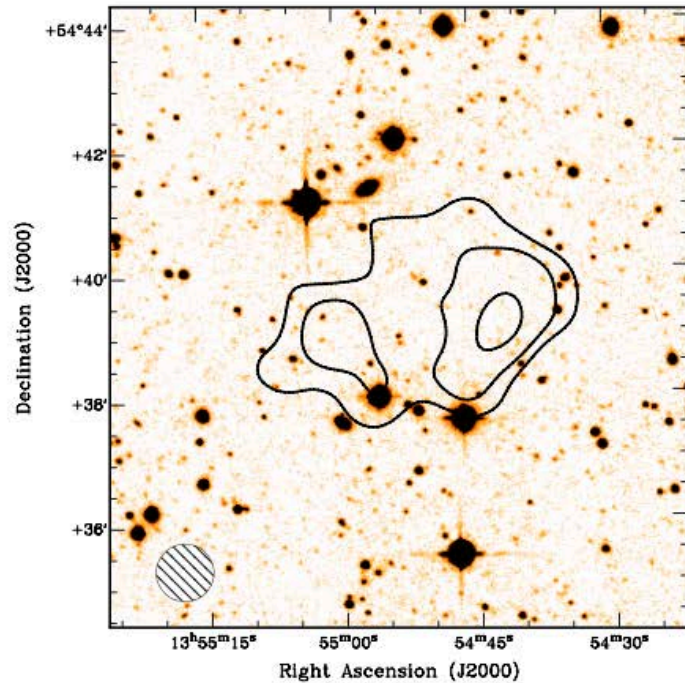


Struve et al. 2010

# Dark Galaxies ?

## Is GBT 1355+5439 a dark galaxy?

T. A. Oosterloo<sup>1,2</sup>, G. H. Heald<sup>1</sup>, and W. J. G. de Blok<sup>1,3</sup>



$M_{\text{HI}} \sim \text{few} \times 10^5 M_{\text{sol}} / \text{size} \sim 1 \text{ kpc}$

Oosterloo, Heald & de Blok 2013

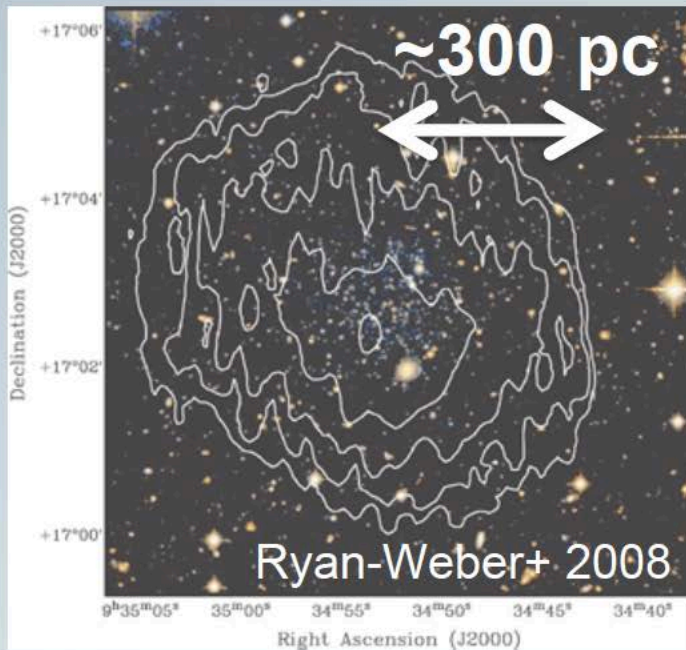
# Nearly Dark Galaxies

Leo T:

$D \sim 0.42 \text{ Mpc}$

$M_{\text{HI}} \sim 3 \times 10^5 M_{\text{sun}}$

$M_{\text{star}} = 1 \times 10^5 M_{\text{sun}}$

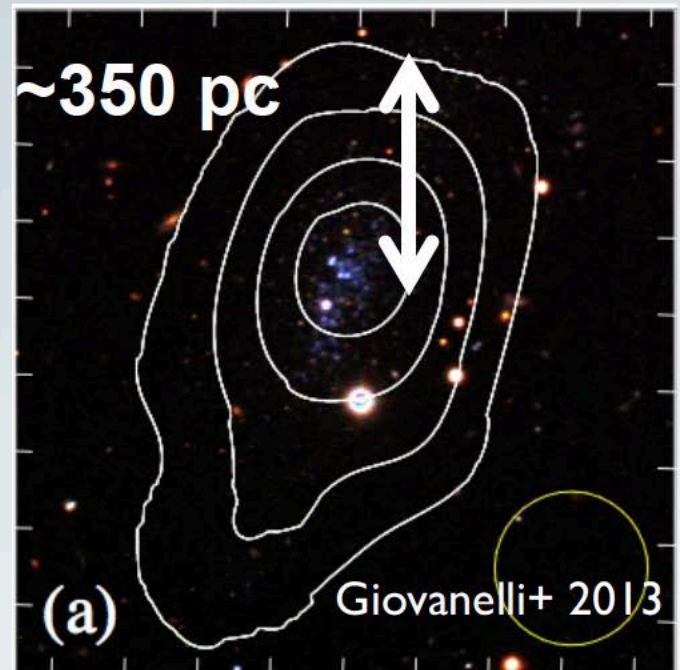


Leo P:

$D \sim 1.6 \text{ Mpc}$

$M_{\text{HI}} \sim 8 \times 10^5 M_{\text{sun}}$

$M_{\text{star}} \sim 6 \times 10^5 M_{\text{sun}}$

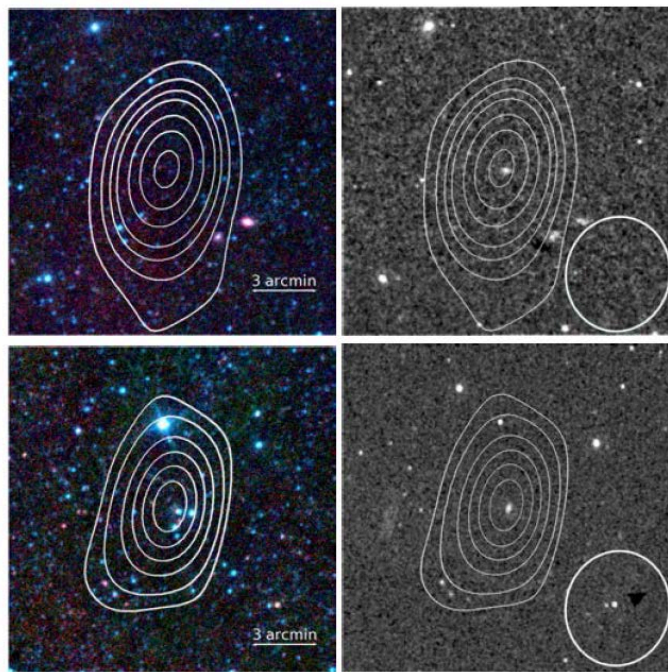




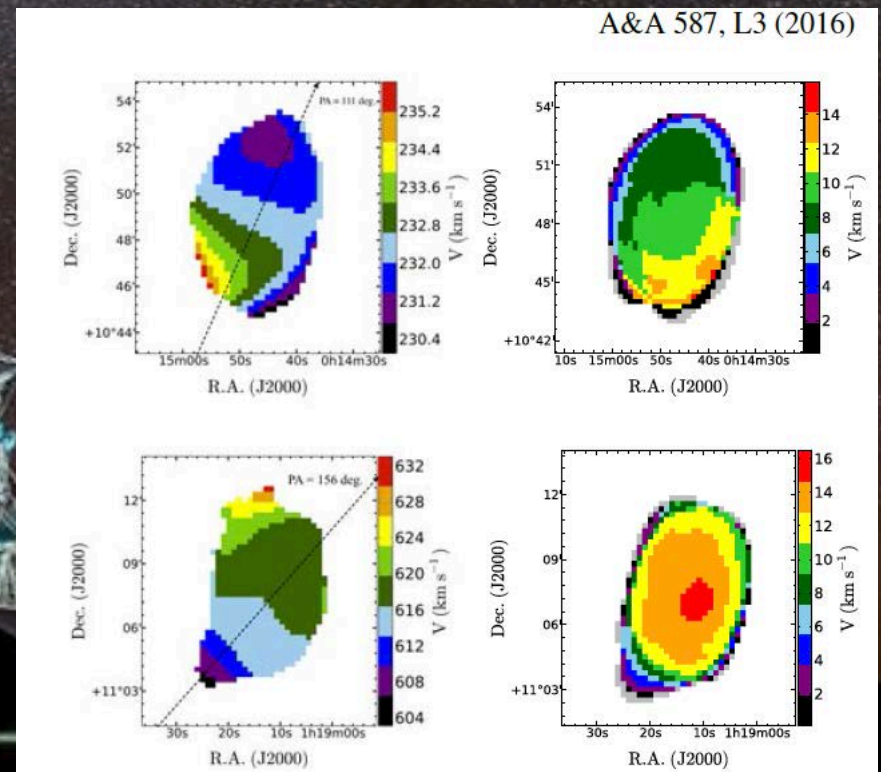
# Nearly Dark Galaxies

## H I observations of two new dwarf galaxies: Pisces A and B with the SKA Pathfinder KAT-7★

C. Carignan<sup>1,2</sup>, Y. Libert<sup>1</sup>, D. M. Lucero<sup>1,4</sup>, T. H. Randriamampandry<sup>1</sup>, T. H. Jarrett<sup>1</sup>,  
T. A. Oosterloo<sup>3,4</sup>, and E. J. Tollerud<sup>5</sup>



**Fig. 2.** H I distributions in Pisces A (top) and Pisces B (bottom), superposed on the 3-color WISE w1+w2+w3 composite (left) and GaleX NUV (right) images from the natural weighted cubes. Contours are at  $0.3 (3\sigma)$ ,  $0.6$ ,  $1.2$ ,  $1.8$ ,  $2.4$ , and  $3.0 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ .



# SKA1 HI Science Priorities

- Resolved HI kinematics and morphology of  $\sim 10^{10} M_{\odot}$  mass **galaxies out to  $z \sim 0.8$**
- High spatial resolution studies of the **ISM in the nearby Universe.**
- Multi-resolution mapping studies of the **ISM in our Galaxy**
- HI absorption studies** out to the highest redshifts.
- The gaseous interface and accretion physics between **galaxies and the IGM**

## SKA1 science goals

Science Goal	SWG	Objective	SWG Rank
1	CD/EoR	Physics of the early universe IGM - I. Imaging	1/3
2	CD/EoR	Physics of the early universe IGM - II. Power spectrum	2/3
3	CD/EoR	Physics of the early universe IGM - III. HI absorption line spectra (21cm forest)	3/3
4	Pulsars	Reveal pulsar population and MSPs for gravity tests and Gravitational Wave detection	1/3
5	Pulsars	High precision timing for testing gravity and GW detection	1/3
6	Pulsars	Characterising the pulsar population	2/3
7	Pulsars	Finding and using (Millisecond) Pulsars in Globular Clusters and External Galaxies	2/3
8	Pulsars	Finding pulsars in the Galactic Centre	2/3
9	Pulsars	Astrometric measurements of pulsars to enable improved tests of GR	2/3
10	Pulsars	Mapping the pulsar beam	3/3
11	Pulsars	Understanding pulsars and their environments through their interactions	3/3
12	Pulsars	Mapping the Galactic Structure	3/3
13	HI	Resolved HI kinematics and morphology of $\sim 10^{10} M_{\odot}$ sol mass galaxies out to $z \sim 0.8$	1/5
14	HI	High spatial resolution studies of the ISM in the nearby Universe.	2/5
15	HI	Multi-resolution mapping studies of the ISM in our Galaxy	3/5
16	HI	HI absorption studies out to the highest redshifts.	4/5
17	HI	The gaseous interface and accretion physics between galaxies and the IGM	5/5
18	Transients	Solve missing baryon problem at $z \sim 2$ and determine the Dark Energy Equation of State	=1/4
19	Transients	Accessing New Physics using Ultra-Luminous Cosmic Explosions	=1/4
20	Transients	Galaxy growth through measurements of Black Hole accretion, growth and feedback	3/4
21	Transients	Detect the Electromagnetic Counterparts to Gravitational Wave Events	4/4
22	Cradle of Life	Map dust grain growth in the terrestrial planet forming zones at a distance of 100 pc	1/5
23	Cradle of Life	Characterise exo-planet magnetic fields and rotational periods	2/5
24	Cradle of Life	Survey all nearby ( $\sim 100$ pc) stars for radio emission from technological civilizations.	3/5
25	Cradle of Life	The detection of pre-biotic molecules in pre-stellar cores at distance of 100 pc.	4/5
26	Cradle of Life	Mapping of the sub-structure and dynamics of nearby clusters using maser emission.	5/5
27	Magnetism	The resolved all-Sky characterisation of the interstellar and intergalactic magnetic fields	1/5
28	Magnetism	Determine origin, maintenance and amplification of magnetic fields at high redshifts - I.	2/5
29	Magnetism	Detection of polarised emission in Cosmic Web filaments	3/5
30	Magnetism	Determine origin, maintenance and amplification of magnetic fields at high redshifts - II.	4/5
31	Magnetism	Intrinsic properties of polarised sources	5/5
32	Cosmology	Constraints on primordial non-Gaussianity and tests of gravity on super-horizon scales.	1/5
33	Cosmology	Angular correlation functions to probe non-Gaussianity and the matter dipole	2/5
34	Cosmology	Map the dark Universe with a completely new kind of weak lensing survey - in the radio.	3/5
35	Cosmology	Dark energy & GR via power spectrum, BAO, redshift-space distortions and topology.	4/5
36	Cosmology	Test dark energy & general relativity with fore-runner of the 'billion galaxy' survey.	5/5
37	Continuum	Measure the Star formation history of the Universe (SFHU) - I. Non-thermal processes	1/8
38	Continuum	Measure the Star formation history of the Universe (SFHU) - II. Thermal processes	2/8
39	Continuum	Probe the role of black holes in galaxy evolution - I.	3/8
40	Continuum	Probe the role of black holes in galaxy evolution - II.	4/8
41	Continuum	Probe cosmic rays and magnetic fields in ICM and cosmic filaments.	5/8
42	Continuum	Study the detailed astrophysics of star-formation and accretion processes - I.	6/8
43	Continuum	Probing dark matter and the high redshift Universe with strong gravitational lensing.	7/8
44	Continuum	Legacy/Serendipity/Rare.	8/8

Table 1. Collated list of science goals. Within each science area, the entries are ordered in the rank provided by the SWG Chairs. The eight different groups of SWG contributions are listed in the Table in an arbitrary sequence.

# SKA1 HI Science Priorities

- Resolved HI kinematics and morphology of  $\sim 10^{10} M_{\odot}$  mass **galaxies out to  $z \sim 0.8$**

- High spatial resolution studies of the **ISM in the nearby Universe.**

- Multi-resolution mapping studies of the **ISM in our Galaxy**

- HI absorption studies** out to the highest redshifts.

- The gaseous interface and accretion physics between **galaxies and the IGM**

## priority SKA1 science goals

Science Goal	SWG	Objective	SWG Rank
1	CD/EoR	Physics of the early universe IGM - I. Imaging	1/3
2	CD/EoR	Physics of the early universe IGM - II. Power spectrum	2/3
4	Pulsars	Reveal pulsar population and MSPs for gravity tests and Gravitational Wave detection	1/3
5	Pulsars	High precision timing for testing gravity and GW detection	1/3
13	HI	Resolved HI kinematics and morphology of $\sim 10^{10} M_{\odot}$ sol mass galaxies out to $z \sim 0.8$	1/5
14	HI	High spatial resolution studies of the ISM in the nearby Universe.	2/5
15	HI	Multi-resolution mapping studies of the ISM in our Galaxy	3/5
18	Transients	Solve missing baryon problem at $z \sim 2$ and determine the Dark Energy Equation of State	=1/4
22	Cradle of Life	Map dust grain growth in the terrestrial planet forming zones at a distance of 100 pc	1/5
27	Magnetism	The resolved all-Sky characterisation of the Interstellar and Intergalactic magnetic fields	1/5
32	Cosmology	Constraints on primordial non-Gaussianity and tests of gravity on super-horizon scales.	1/5
33	Cosmology	Angular correlation functions to probe non-Gaussianity and the matter dipole	2/5
37 + 38	Continuum	Star formation history of the Universe (SFHU) - I+II. Non-thermal & Thermal processes	1+2/8



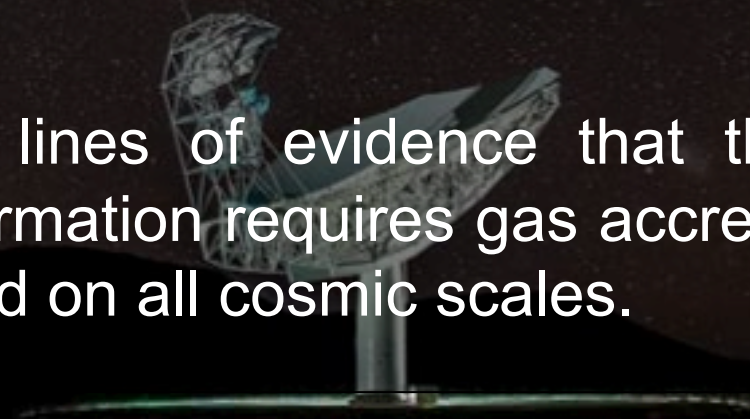
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# Conclusions

## Galaxy – IGM Connection

- The interaction of galaxies with their environment, the Intergalactic Medium (IGM), is a very important aspect of galaxy formation.
  - One of the most fundamental, but unanswered questions in the evolution of galaxies is how gas circulates in and around galaxies and how it enters the galaxies to support star formation.
  - We have several lines of evidence that the observed evolution of star formation requires gas accretion from the IGM at all times and on all cosmic scales.
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# Conclusions

## Galaxy – IGM Connection

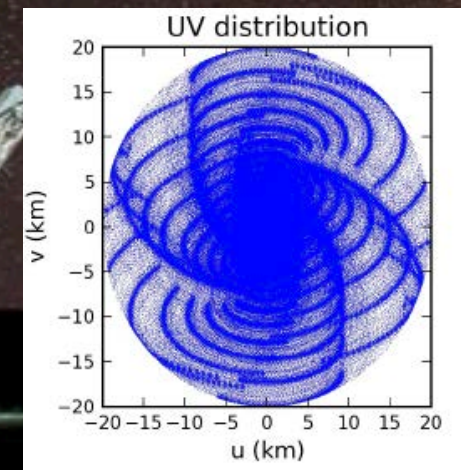
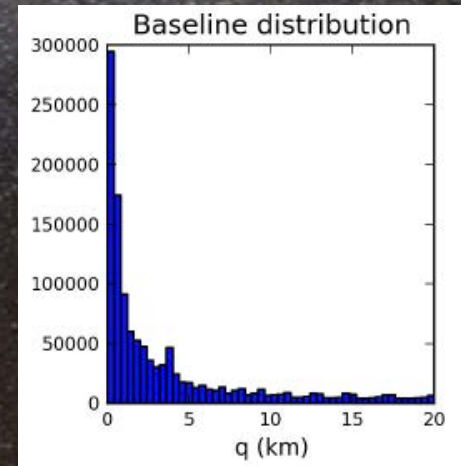
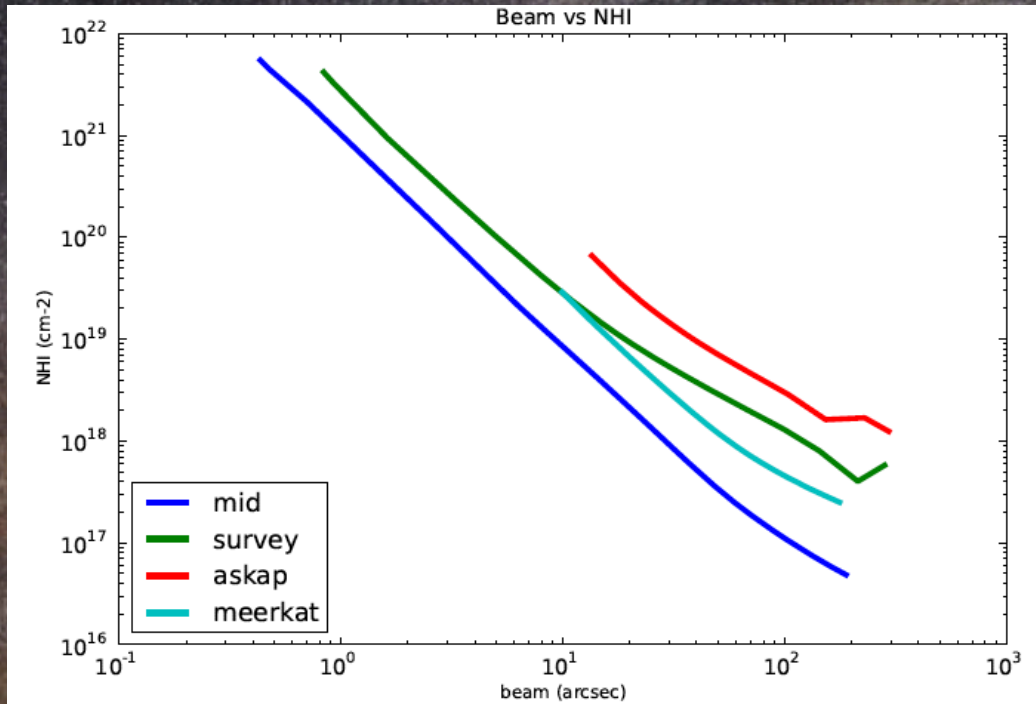
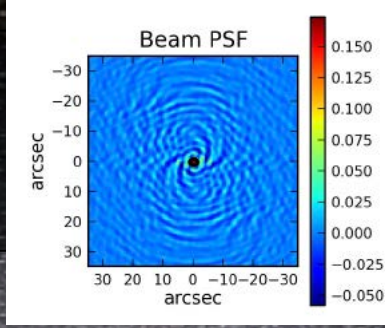
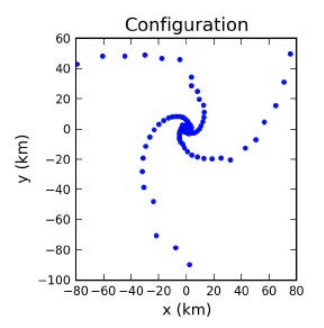
- To truly make significant progress in understanding the distribution of neutral hydrogen in the IGM, column densities of  $N_{\text{HI}} \sim 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-2}$  and below have to be probed over large areas on the sky at sub-arcminute resolution.
  - These are the densities of the faintest structures known today around nearby galaxies, though mostly found with single dish telescopes which do not have the resolution to resolve these structures and investigate any kinematics.
  - Existing interferometers lack the collecting power or short baselines to achieve brightness sensitivities typically below  $N_{\text{HI}} 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ .
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# Conclusions

## Galaxy – IGM Connection

- The interplay of gas between galaxies and the surrounding IGM is a key aspect in galaxy formation.
- The cosmic web holds the large reservoir of gas that eventually accretes into galaxies and supports the formation of stars.
- For the imaging of the diffuse gas filaments in the cosmic web, HI column densities are required in the range  $N_{\text{HI}} 10^{15} - 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-2}$  which is mostly the realm of the full SKA.
- Observations with the SKA1 will be able to start detecting low column density gas over very large areas much deeper than before, but also resolve this gas at sub-arcmin resolution.

# Prospects of SKA1-MID



Popping et al. 2015, AASKA14, 132

# Sensitivities prospects in the SKA era

Table 1. Expected sensitivities of different telescopes at  $5\sigma$ .

Telescope Array(s)	Integration hours	resolution $\text{km s}^{-1}$	beam arcsecs	sensitivity $\text{cm}^{-2}$	Expected date
VLA (THINGS)	10	5	30	$5.0 \times 10^{19}$	
KAT-7	100	5	210	$5.0 \times 10^{18}$	
WSRT (HALOGAS)	120	5	30	$5.0 \times 10^{18}$	
KAT-7 + WSRT	100	16	210	$1.0 \times 10^{18}$	
MeerKAT	200	16	90	$5.0 \times 10^{17}$	2017
SKA <sub>1</sub> -MID	100	5	30	$7.5 \times 10^{17}$	2023
SKA <sub>2</sub>	10	5	30	$2.5 \times 10^{17}$	2030
SKA <sub>2</sub>	100	5	30	$7.5 \times 10^{16}$	2030



# MeerKAT + FAST



- In the near future (2018), the best combination to study low column density HI with a good spatial resolution will be to combine the sensitivity of FAST with the spatial resolution of MeerKAT.
- The combination of the data from those two telescopes will allow, 5 years before SKA1-MID, to do "cosmic web" research to levels  $< 5 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ , close to  $10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ , densities that would normally only be accessible to the full SKA around 2030.
- It is at those densities that we expect the galaxies to connect with the surrounding cosmic web.