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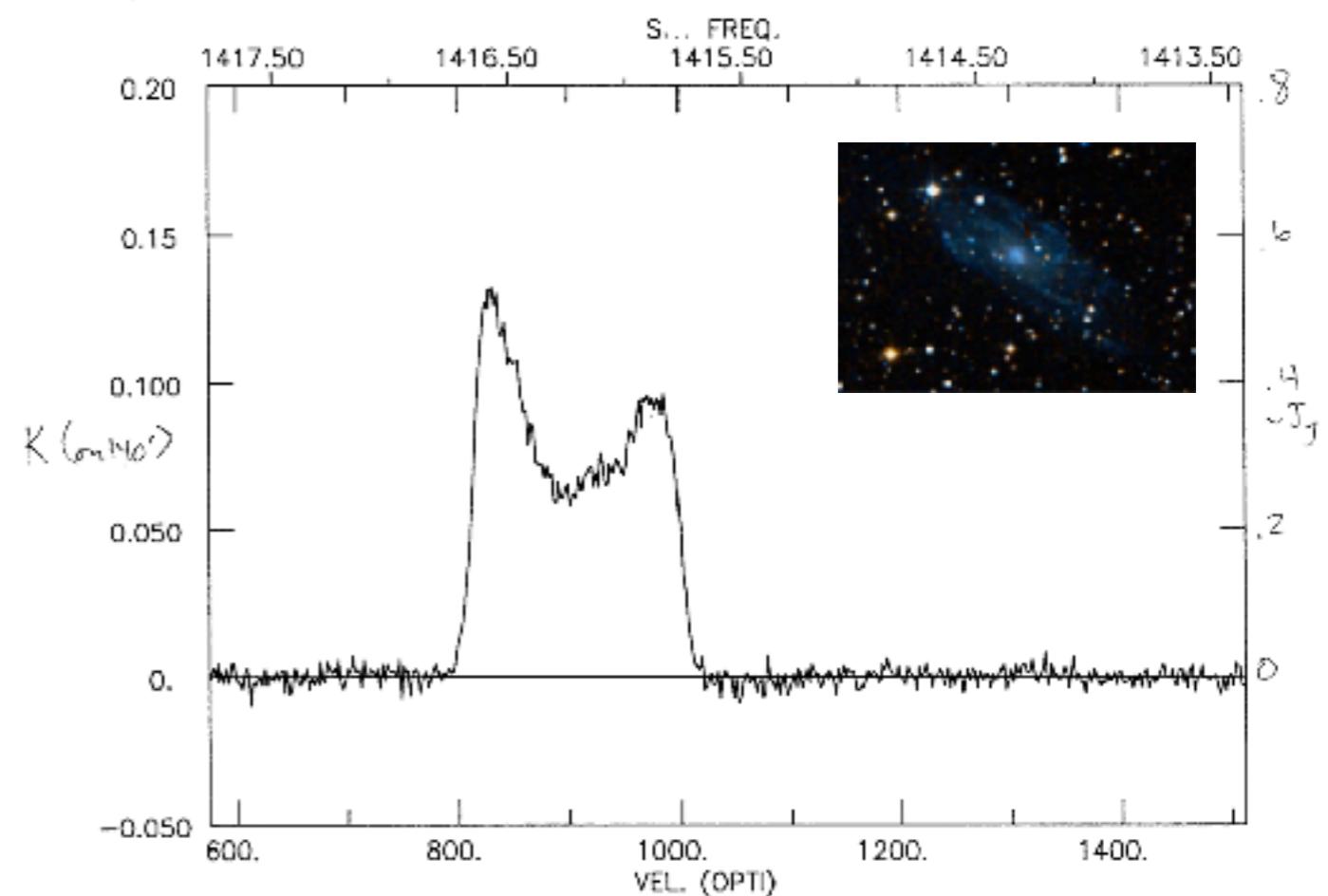
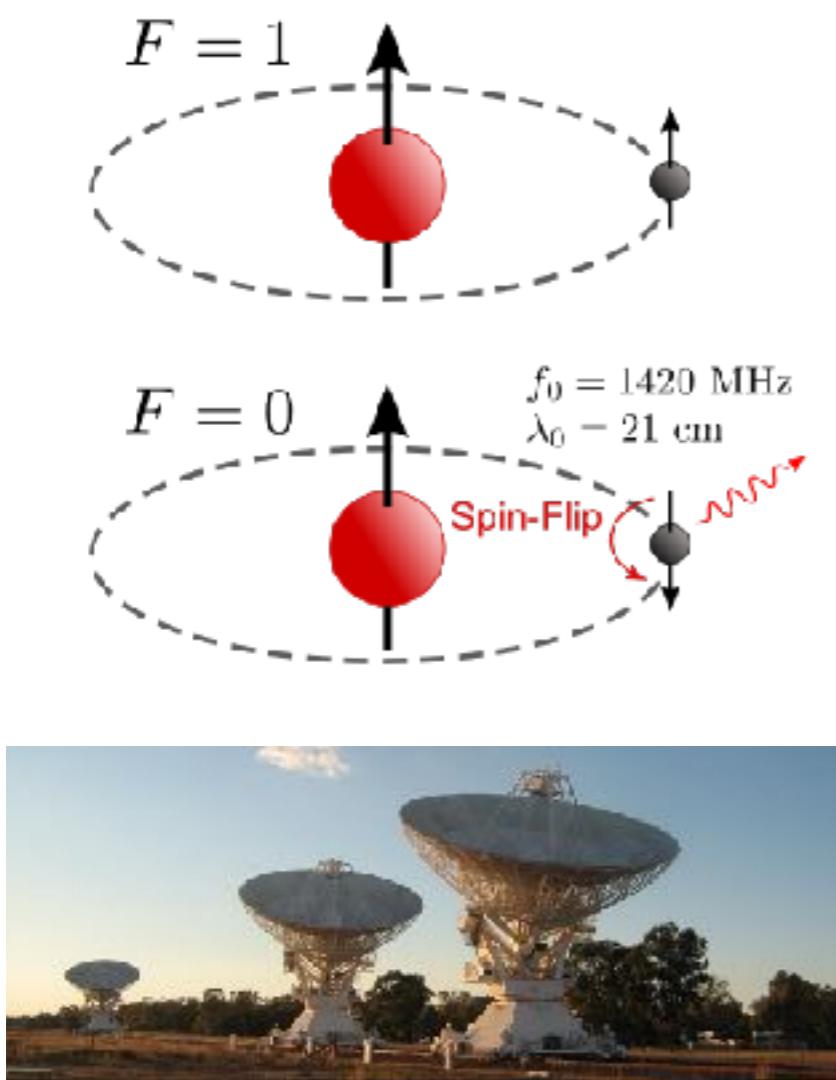
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- ▶ Hydrogen is the most common element
- ▶ HI is the **fuel for potential star formation**
- ▶ Late-type star forming galaxies usually have a significant amount of HI
- ▶ HI is a **good tracer of galaxy evolution** - loosely bound at the edges of the disk



HI profile of UGC 11707

<https://www.cv.nrao.edu/course/astr534/HILine.html>

# HI IN LATE TYPE GALAXIES

- We can calculate the HI mass of a galaxy the following way
  - Here we assume that the HI is optically thin

$$\left(\frac{M_{\text{H}}}{M_{\odot}}\right) \approx 2.36 \times 10^5 \left(\frac{d}{\text{Mpc}}\right)^2 \int \left[\frac{S(v)}{\text{Jy}}\right] \left(\frac{dv}{\text{km s}^{-1}}\right)$$

Distance to the galaxy

Integral of the HI line

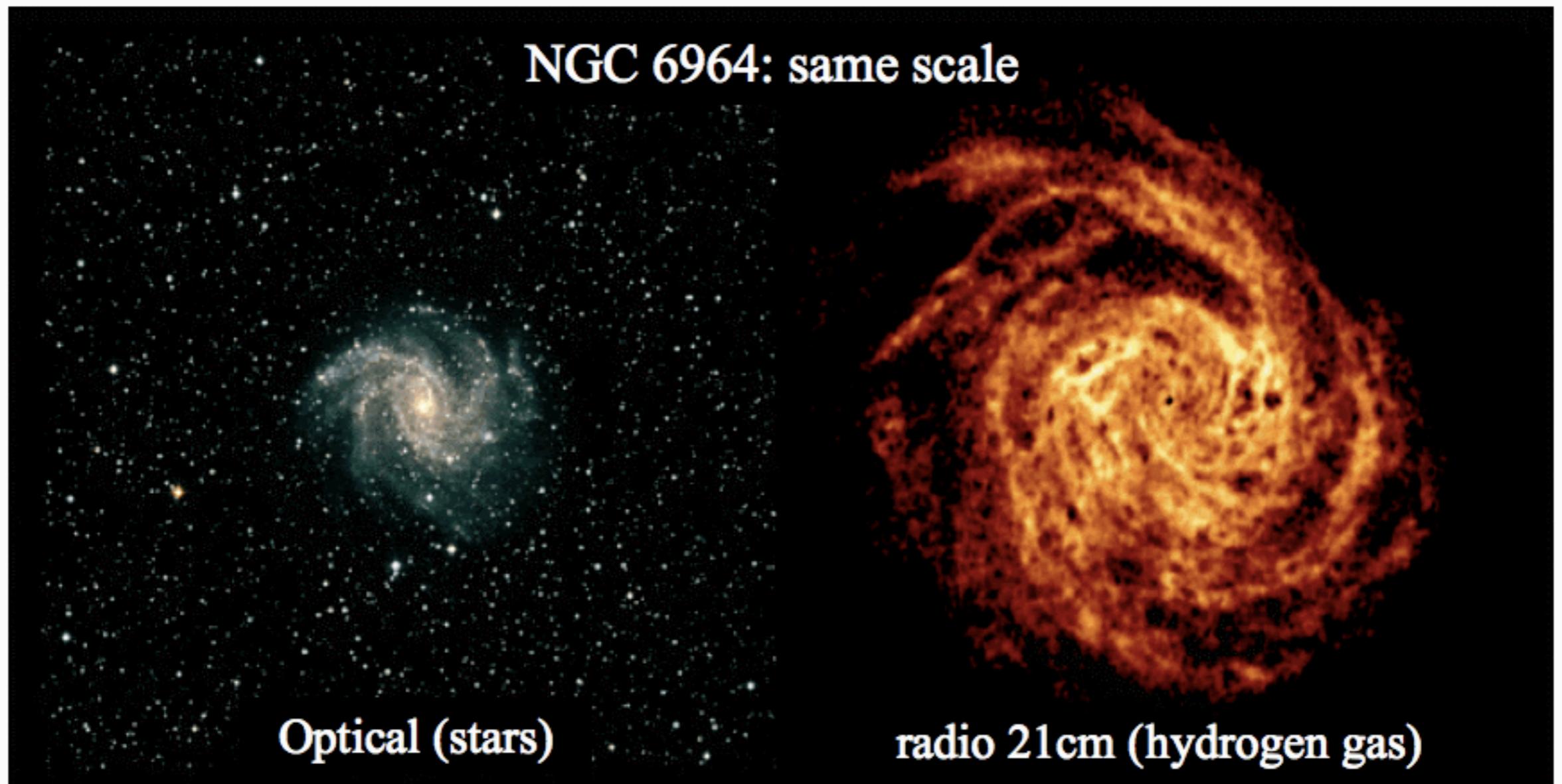
$$d \approx \frac{v_r (\text{optical})}{H_0}$$

Systemic velocity of the galaxy  
Hubble constant

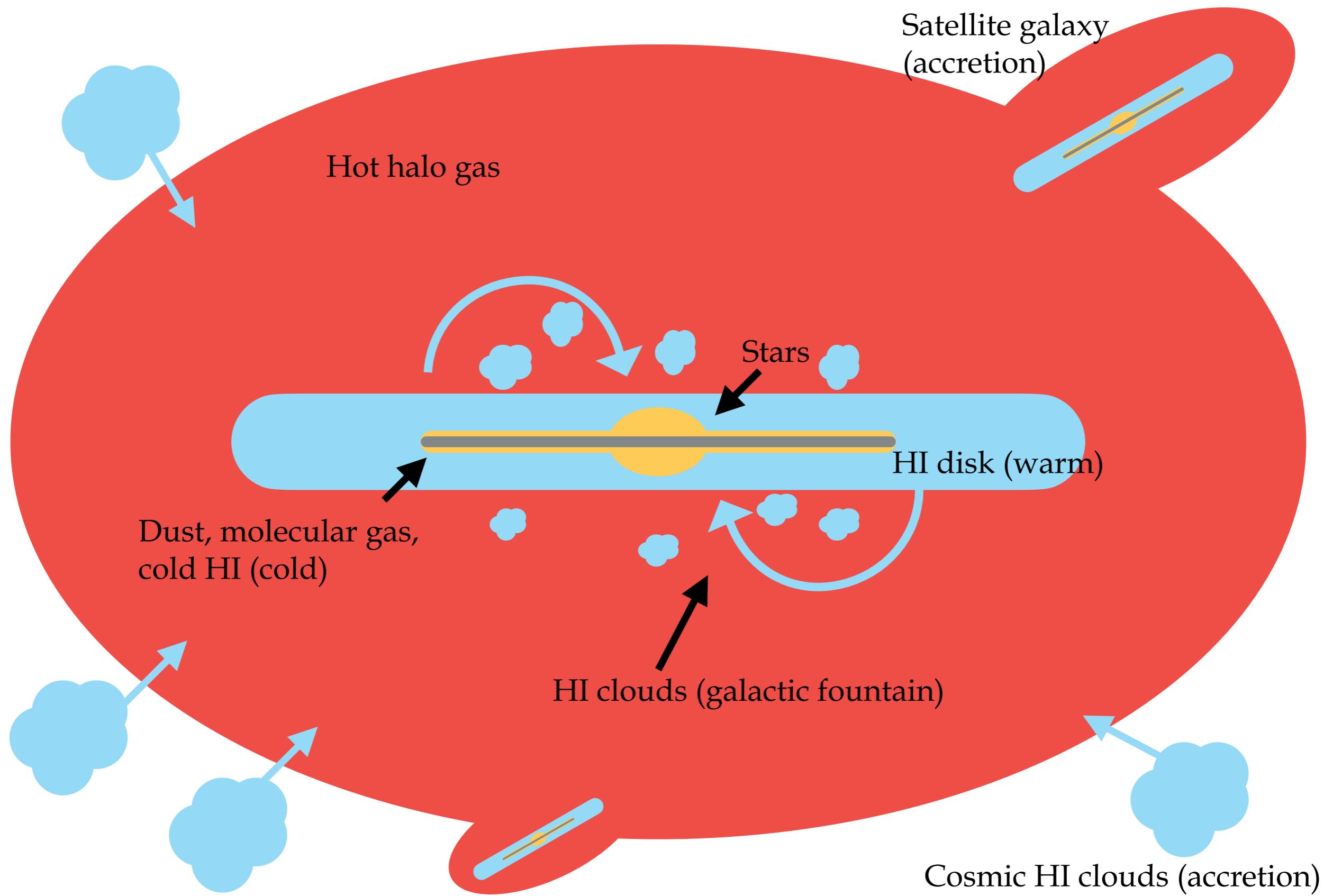
# HI IN LATE TYPE GALAXIES

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- ▶ Star forming **late-type galaxies** have usually significant amounts of HI
- ▶ Morphology is usually a **regular disk approximately 2-3 times the stellar diameter**

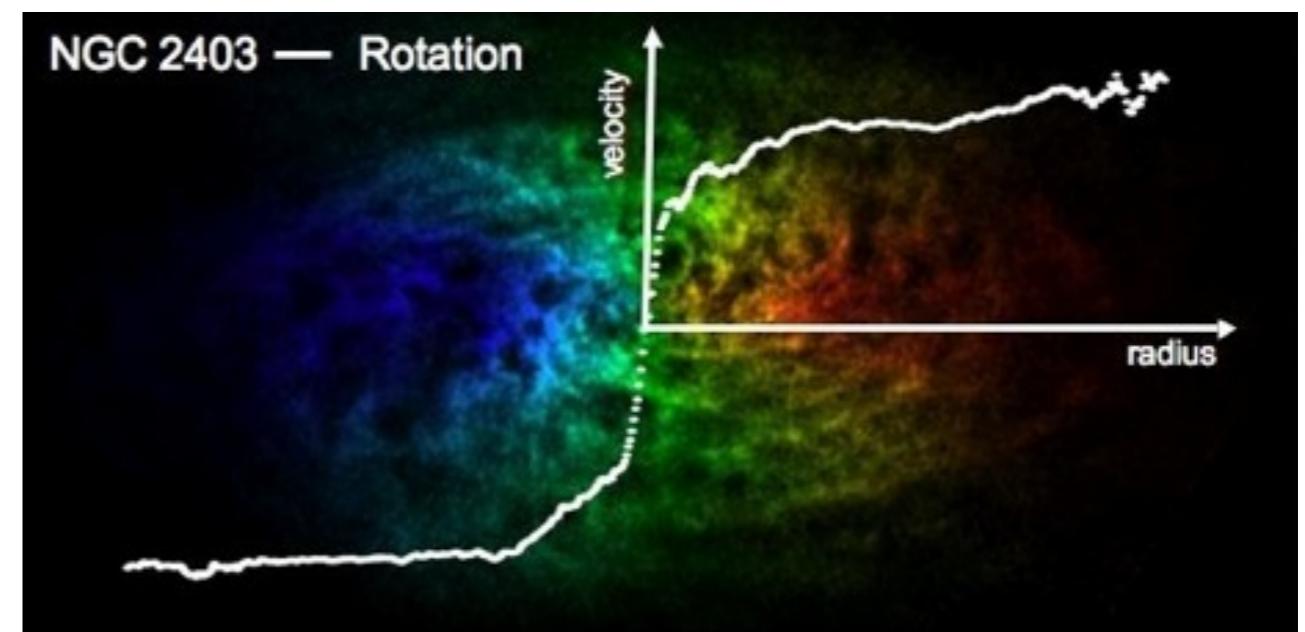


# A TYPICAL LATE-TYPE GALAXY



# TRACING VELOCITY FIELDS

- ▶ HI extends much further out than the stellar light.
- ▶ Because we measure the HI line, we also get velocity information on the gas.
  - ▶ The velocity information can be used for **distance measurement**.
  - ▶ Velocity fields can be used to derive **rotation curves** and to trace the total mass distribution of a galaxy far outside the stellar disk.
  - ▶ In most galaxies, the HI rotation curve is flat at large radii, implying the existence of large quantities of **dark matter**.
  - ▶ The velocity information can be used to trace various **galaxy evolution** processes (e.g. interaction with another galaxy)



THINGS survey, Walter et al. 2008

# THINGS

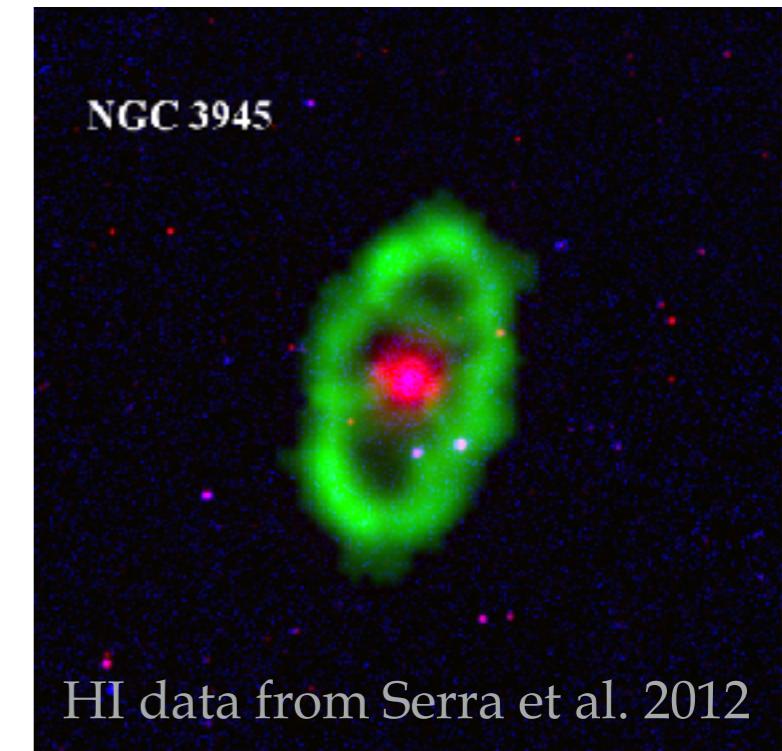
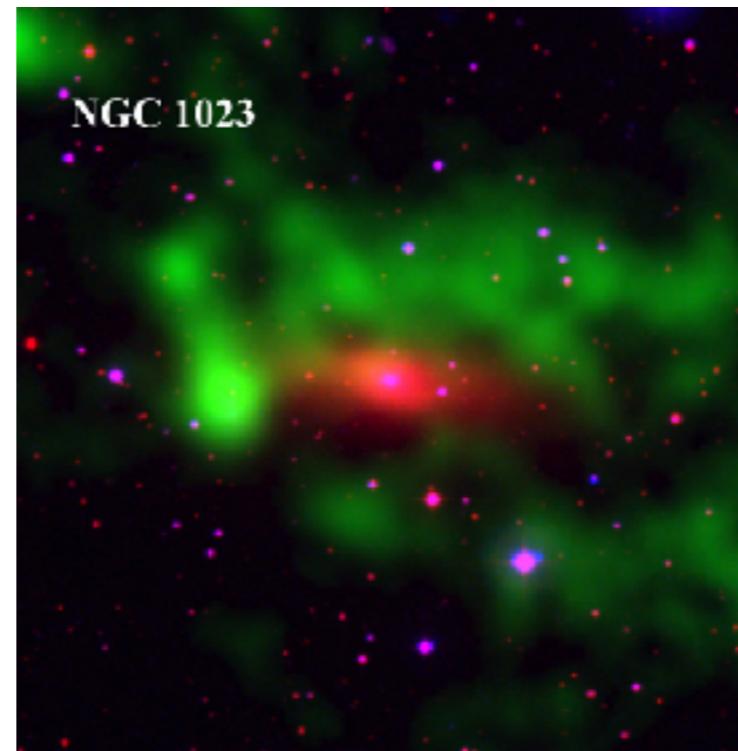
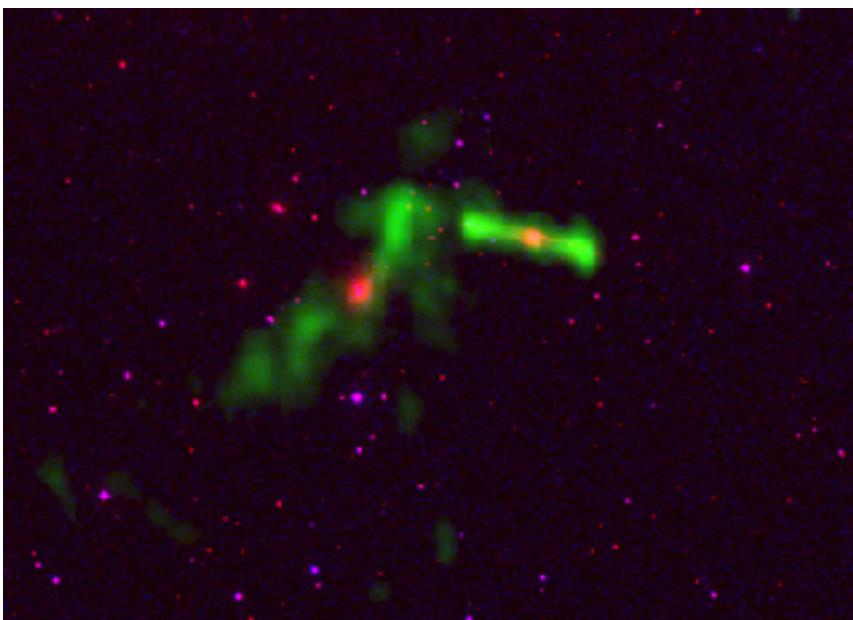
The HI Nearby  
Galaxy Survey

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10 kpc

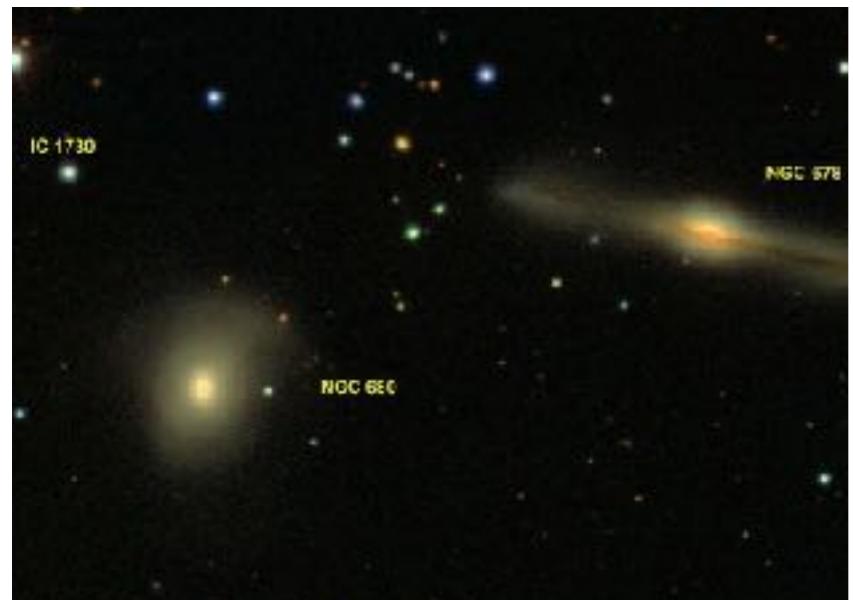


Data: Walter et al 2008  
Milky Way HI map: Oort et al (1958)  
Milky Way art: NASA/JPL, R. Hurt (SSC)

# HI IN ELLIPTICAL/LATE-TYPE GALAXIES



HI data from Serra et al. 2012

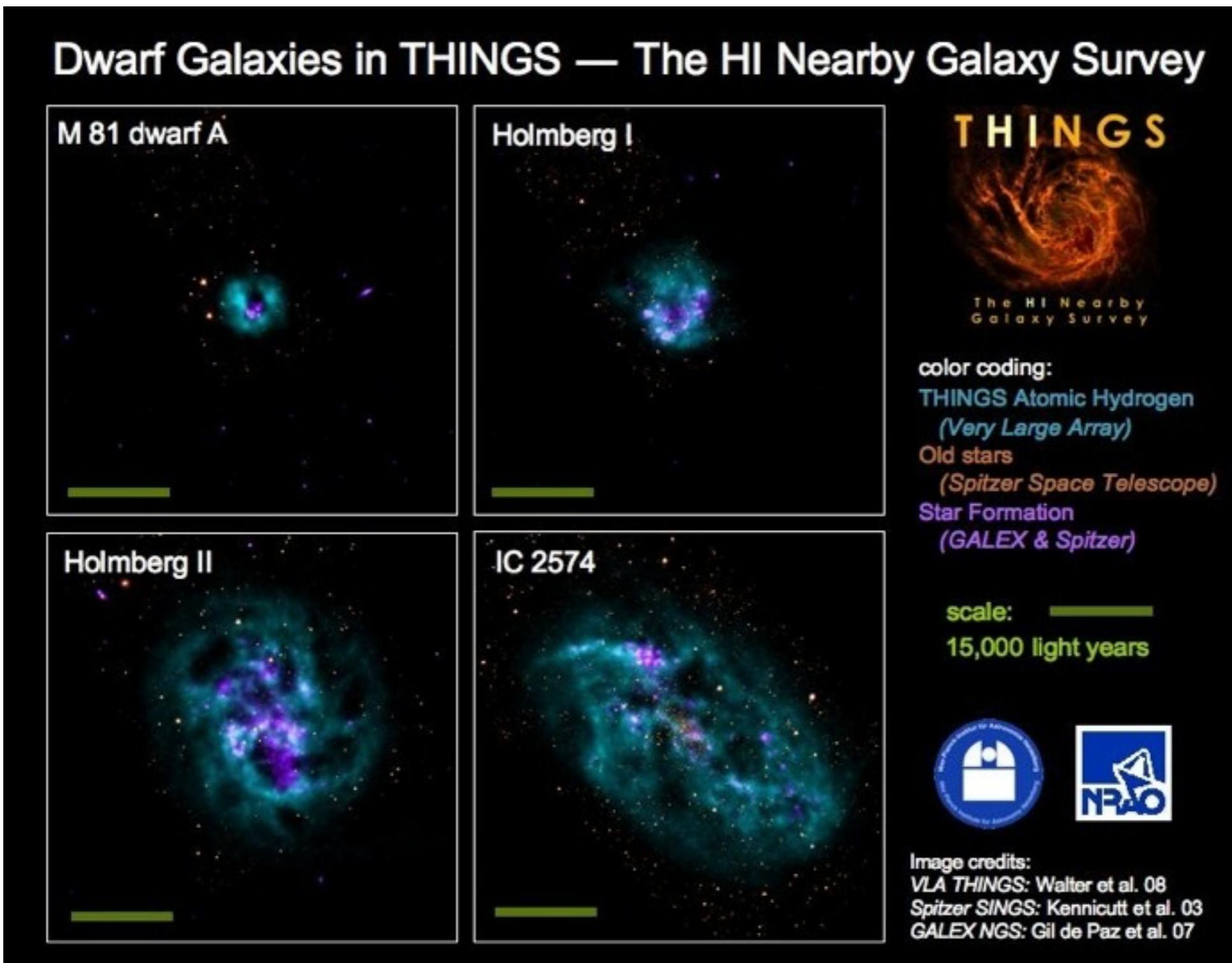


- ▶ **Early-type galaxies** can have various HI morphologies from regular disks to rings and unsettled clouds.
- ▶ This gas is usually acquired from another galaxy (e.g. gas rich merger or tidal interaction)

red: optical, DSS2 B;  
green: HI, blue: UV, GALEX

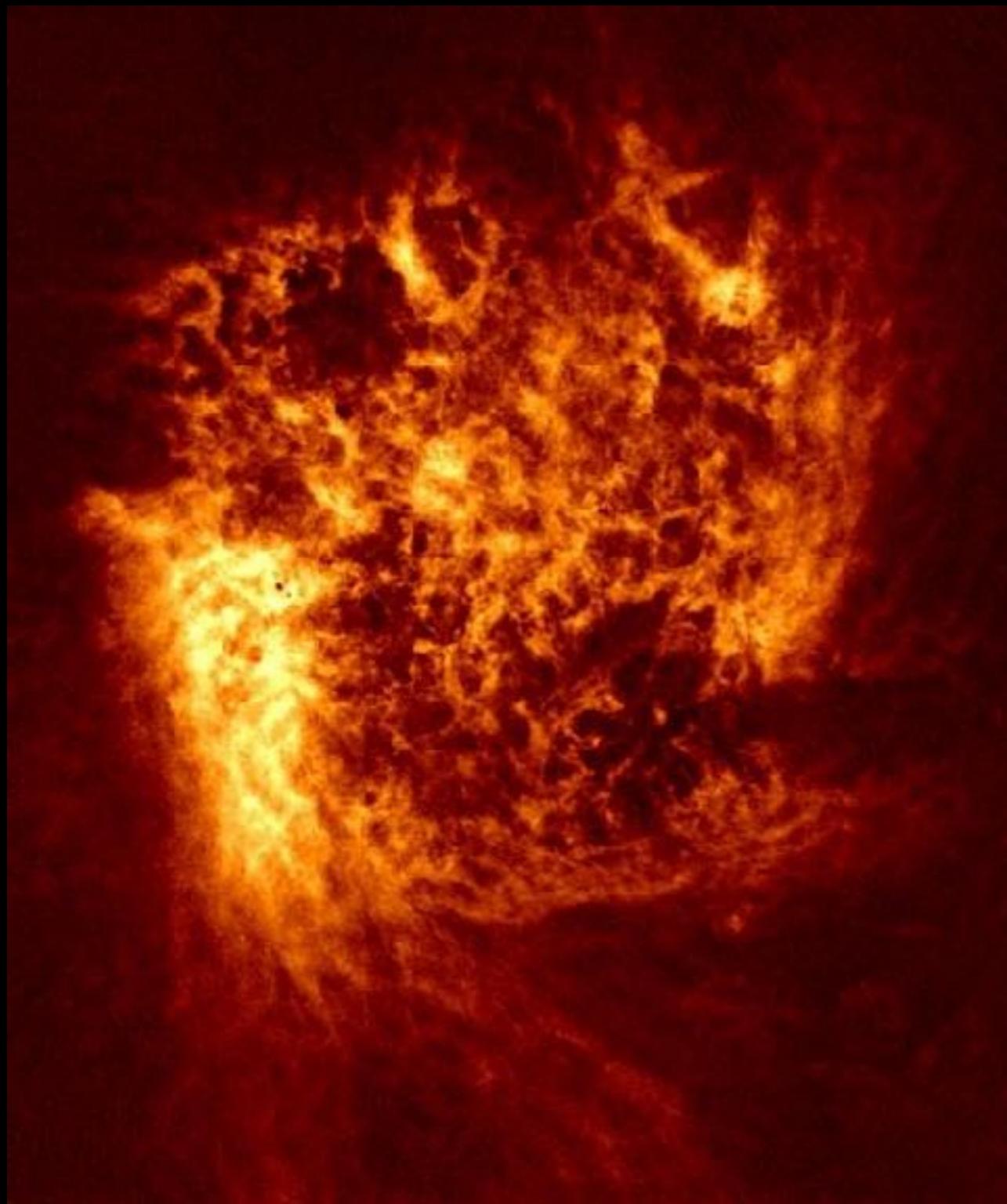
# HI IN DWARF GALAXIES

- ▶ Star forming dwarfs generally have plenty of HI
- ▶ HI is usually in a disk
- ▶ Still, plenty to explore

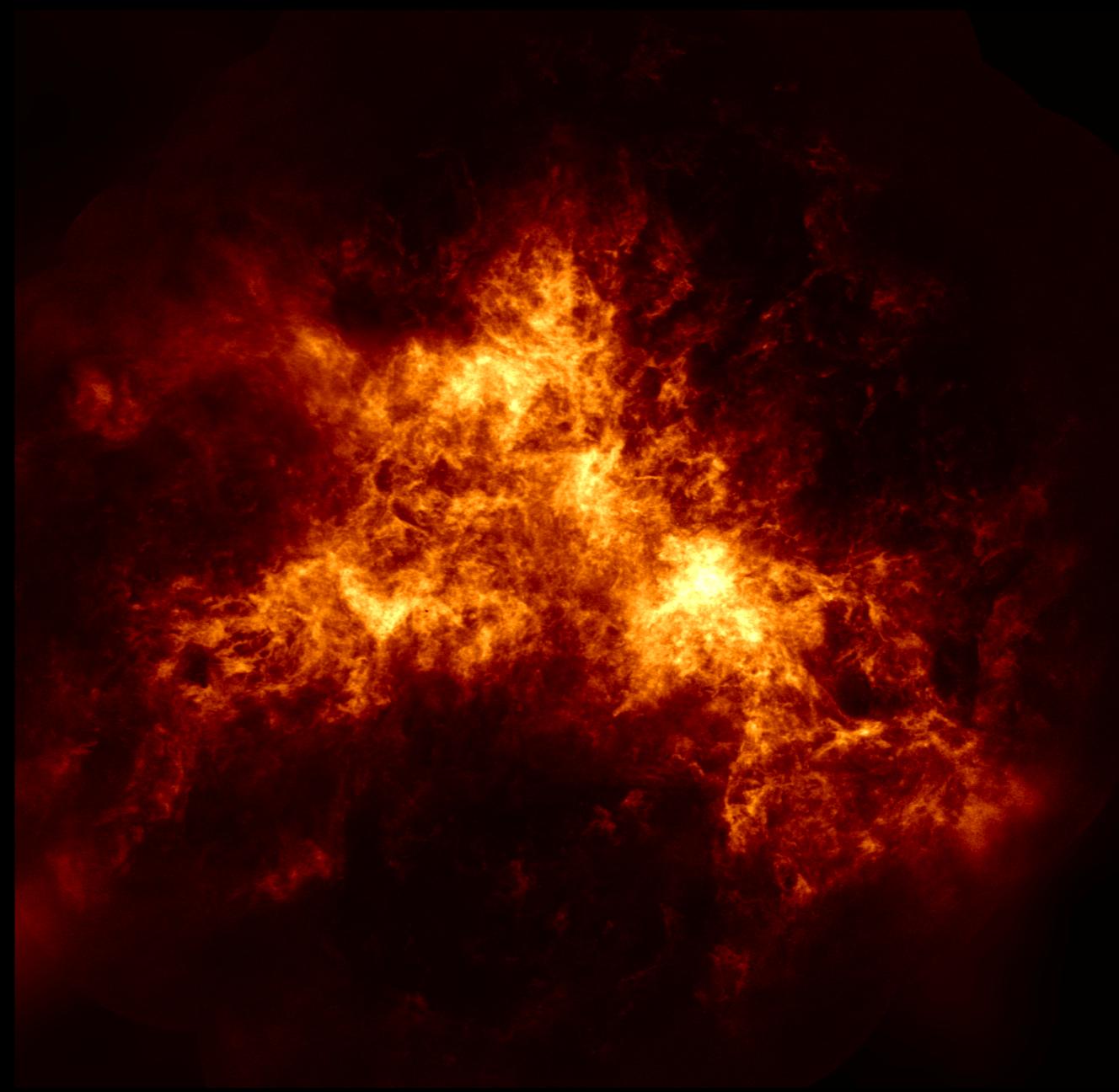


# HI IN DWARF GALAXIES - MAGELLANIC CLOUDS

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LMC - ATCA+Parkes



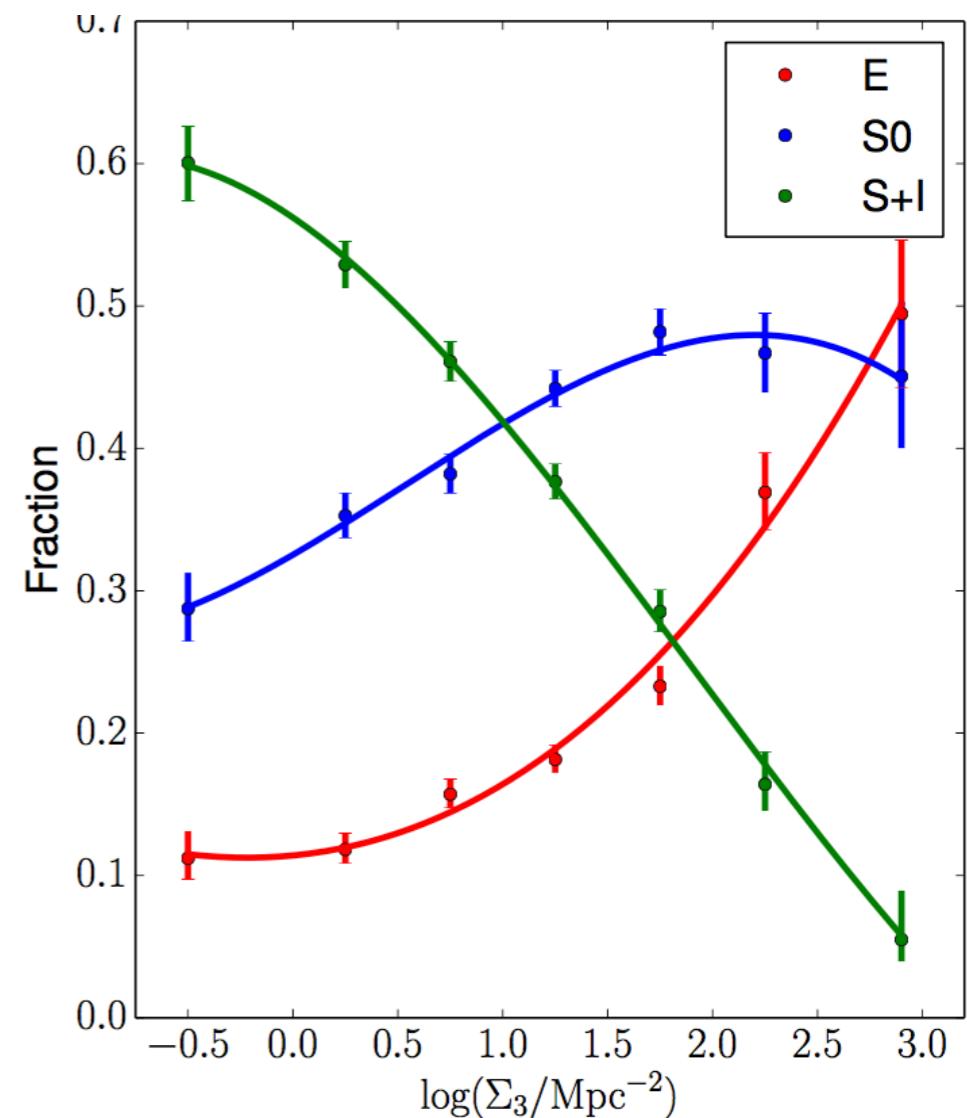
SMC - ASKAP+Parkes

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# TRACING THE ENVIRONMENT

# ENVIRONMENT

- ▶ Galaxies reside in different environments
  - ▶ Field, groups and clusters
- ▶ Dressler (1980) - ‘morphology-density relation’
- ▶ Star formation - density relation (Lewis et al. 2002, Gómez et al. 2003)

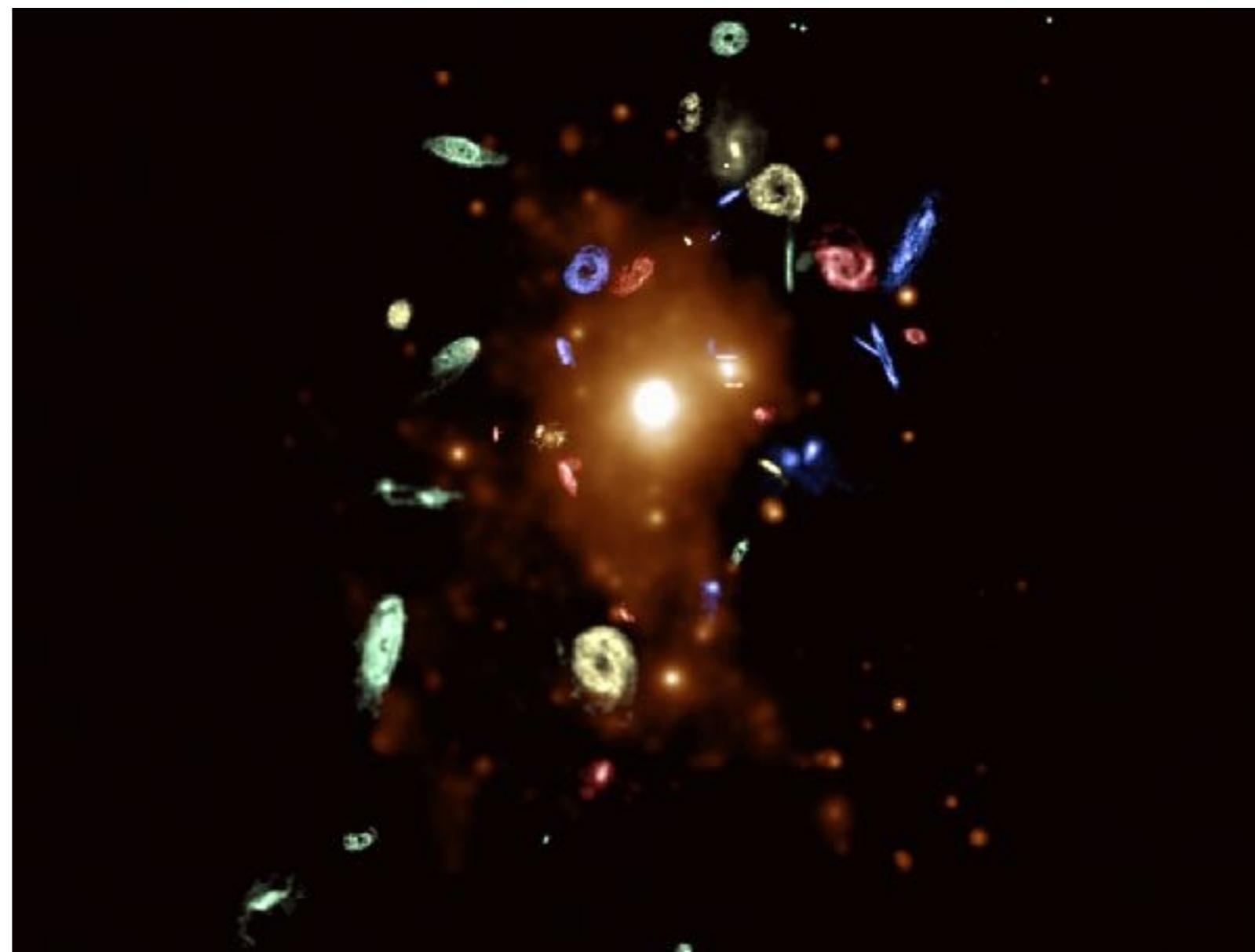


# ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS ON THE HI CONTENT

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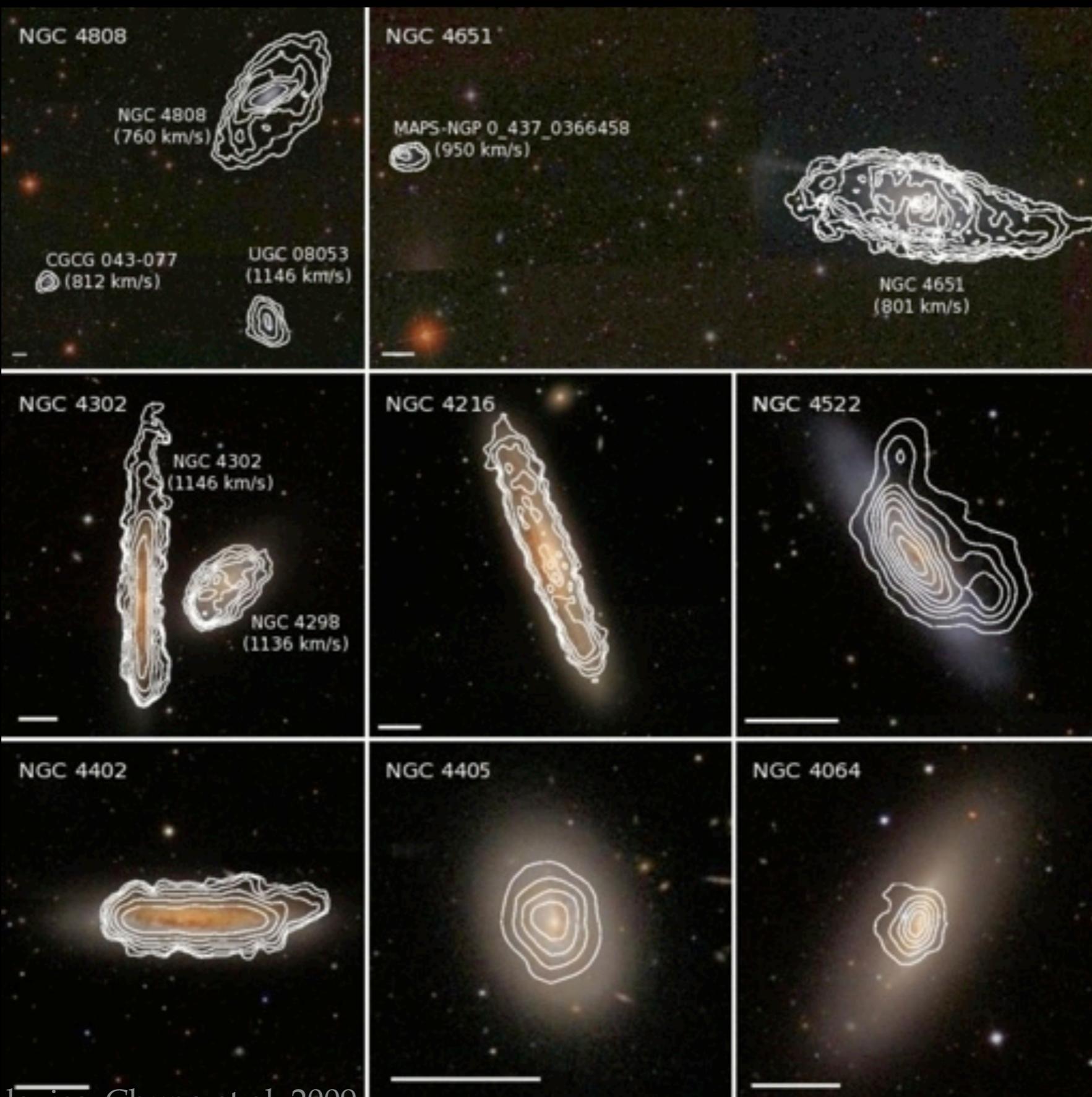
- ▶ Late-type galaxies in high density environments tend to have less HI (e.g. Haynes & Giovanelli 1985, Solanes et al., 2001)
- ▶ Is this also true for intermediate densities, e.g. galaxy groups?

- ▶ **Environmental processes:**
  - ▶ tidal interactions
  - ▶ mergers
  - ▶ ICM interactions
  - ▶ starvation



X-ray and HI composite of the Virgo cluster

# VIRGO CLUSTER GALAXIES



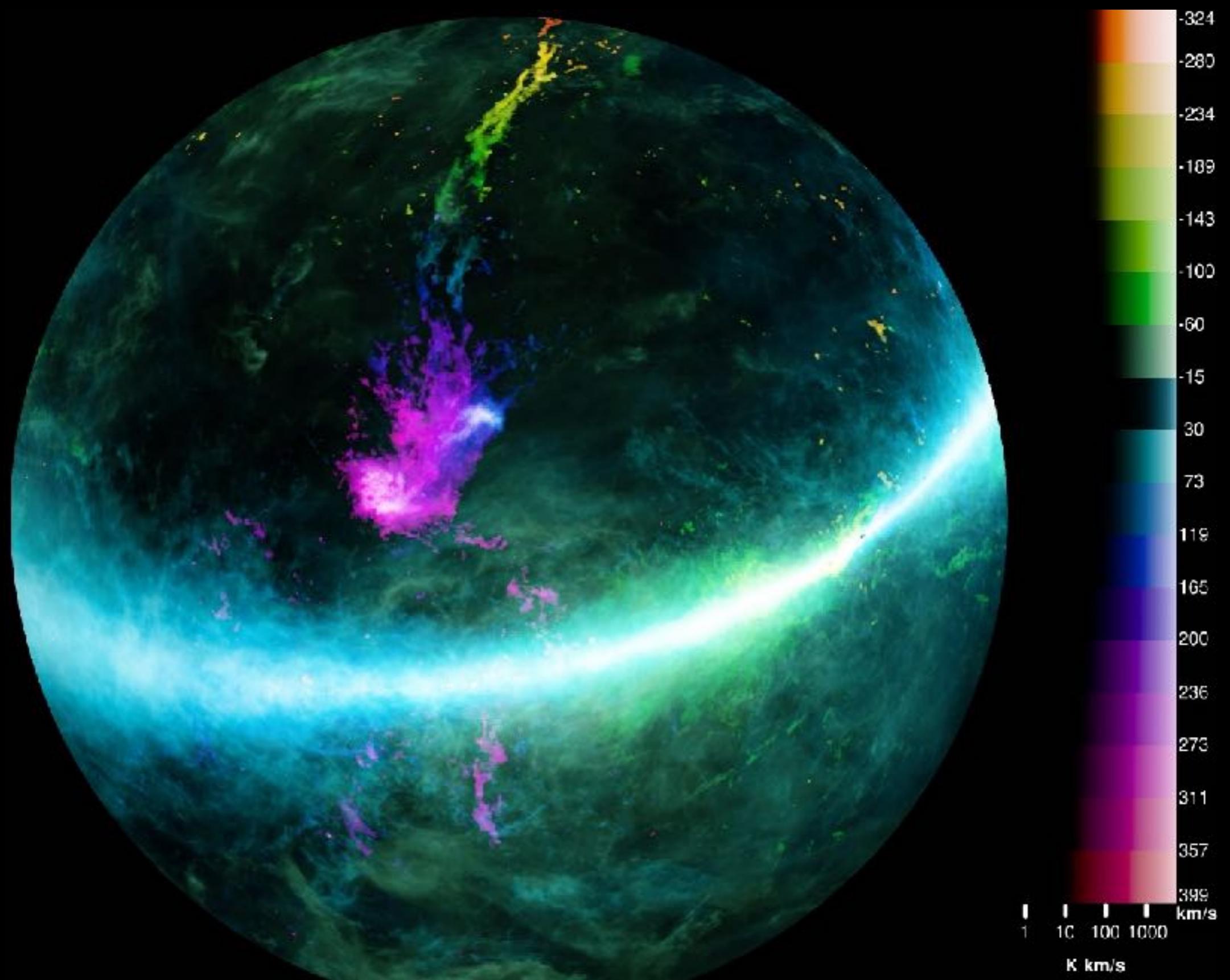
# THE M81 GROUP

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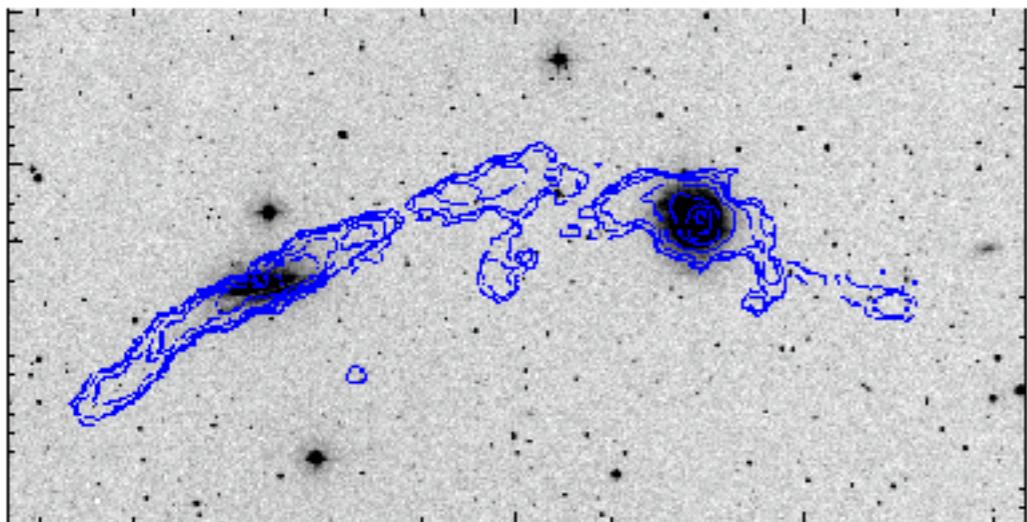


de Blok et al. 2018, SDSS image + HI (blue)

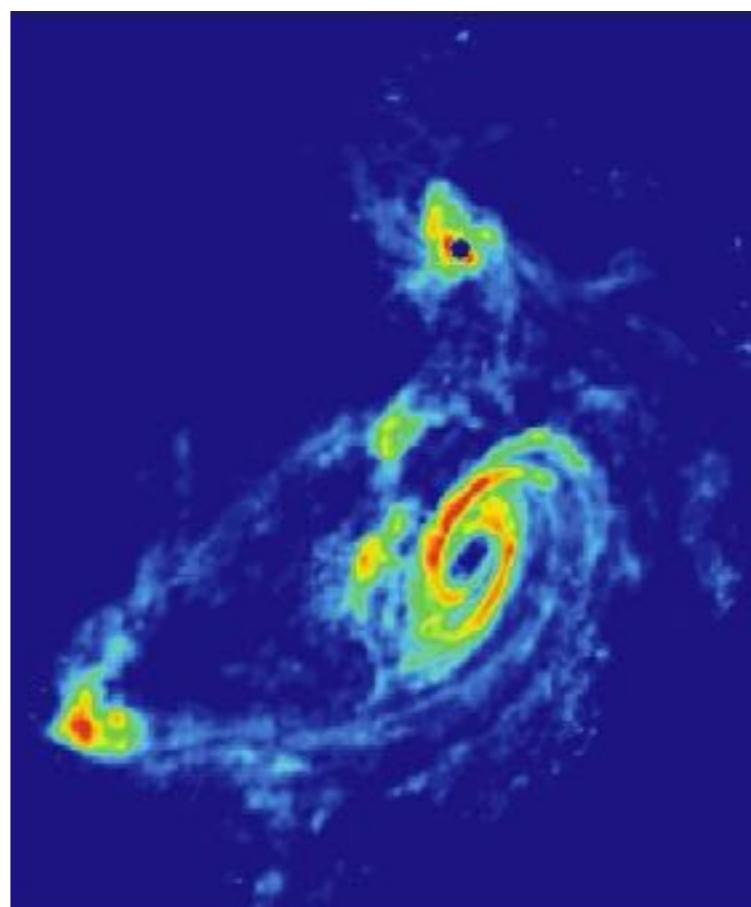
# THE MAGELLANIC SYSTEM



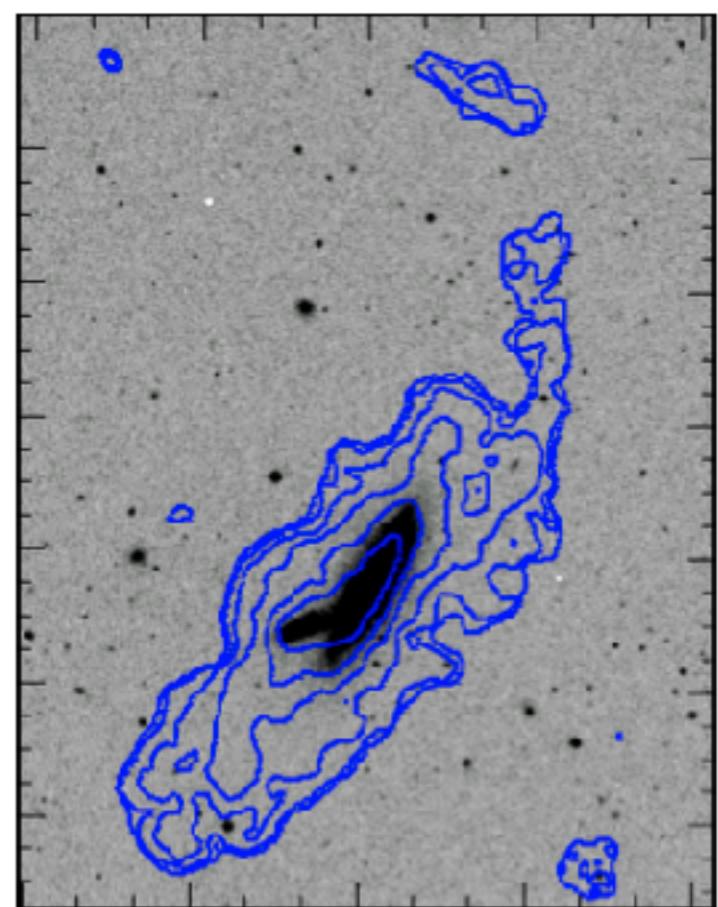
# TIDAL INTERACTIONS - MERGERS



NGC 5713/5719  
Langston & Teuben, ASP Conf. Ser. 240, Gas  
& Galaxy Evolution, p. 861.

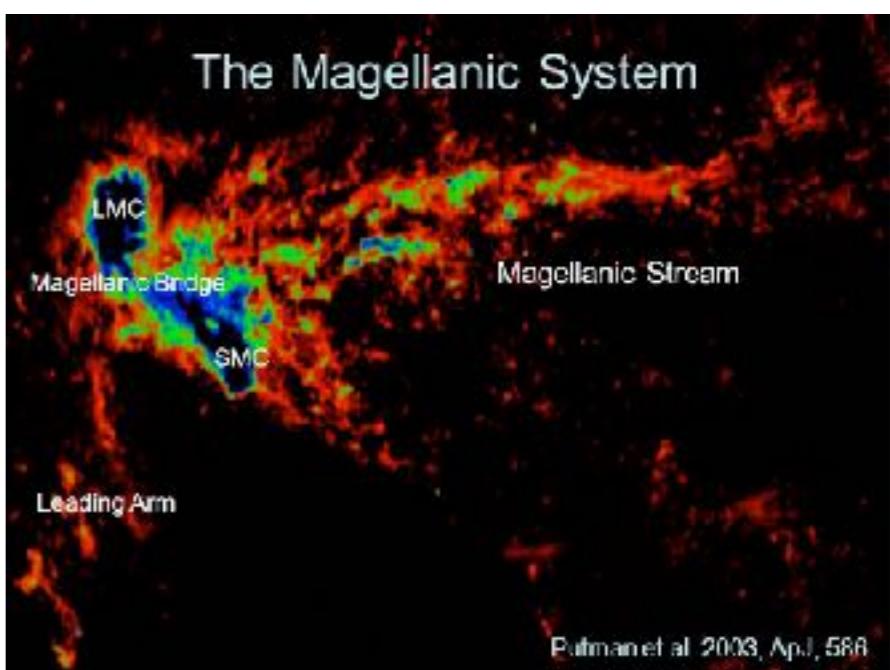


M81 - Yun et al. 1994



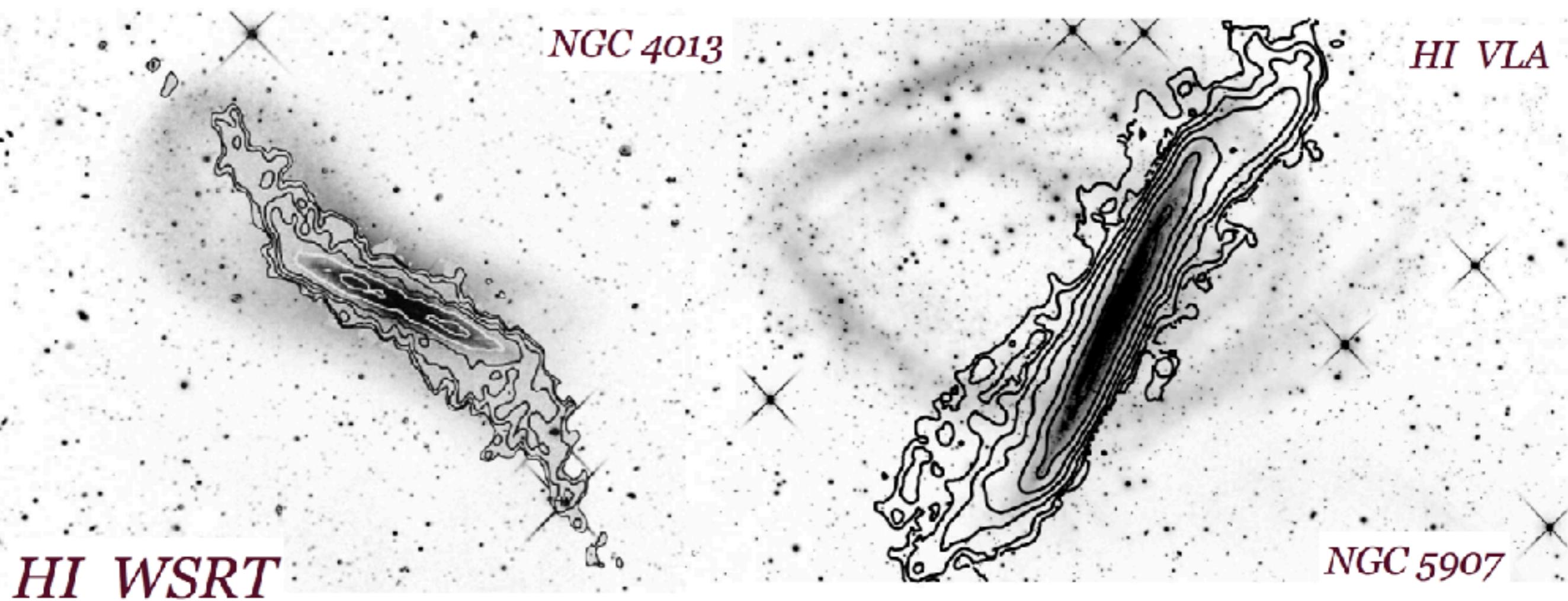
Apr 280 system  
Clemens, M. S., 1998, Ph.D. Thesis,  
Cambridge University.

- ▶ Both HI and optical observational signatures:
  - ▶ HI arms and bridges
  - ▶ Optical tidal arms
  - ▶ Disturbed HI/optical disk
  - ▶ Warps



# WARPS IN THE HI DISK - MINOR MERGERS

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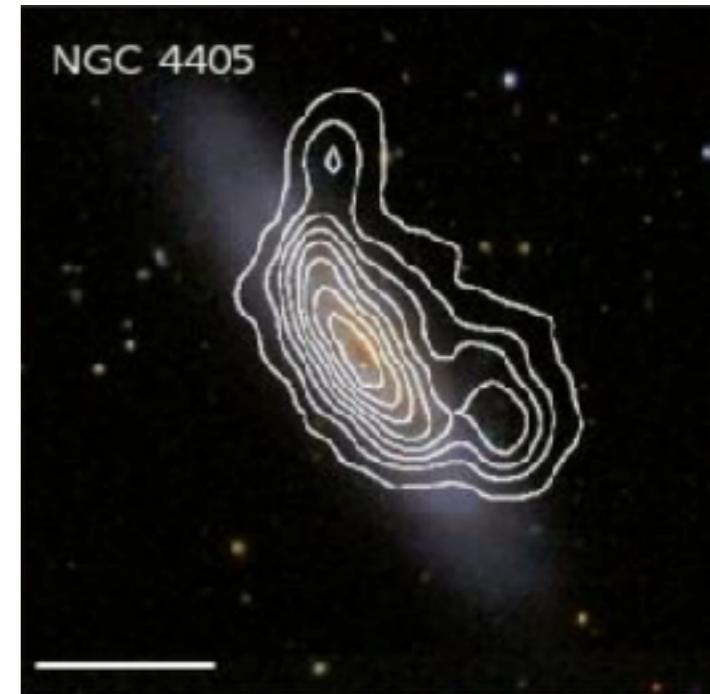
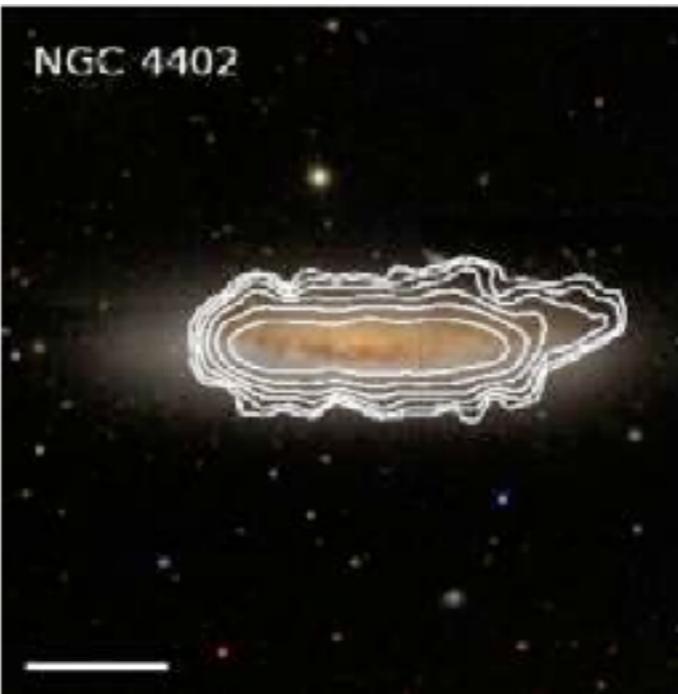


# RAM PRESSURE STRIPPING

$$\rho_{\text{ICM}} v^2 \geq 2\pi G \sigma_*(r) \sigma_g(r)$$

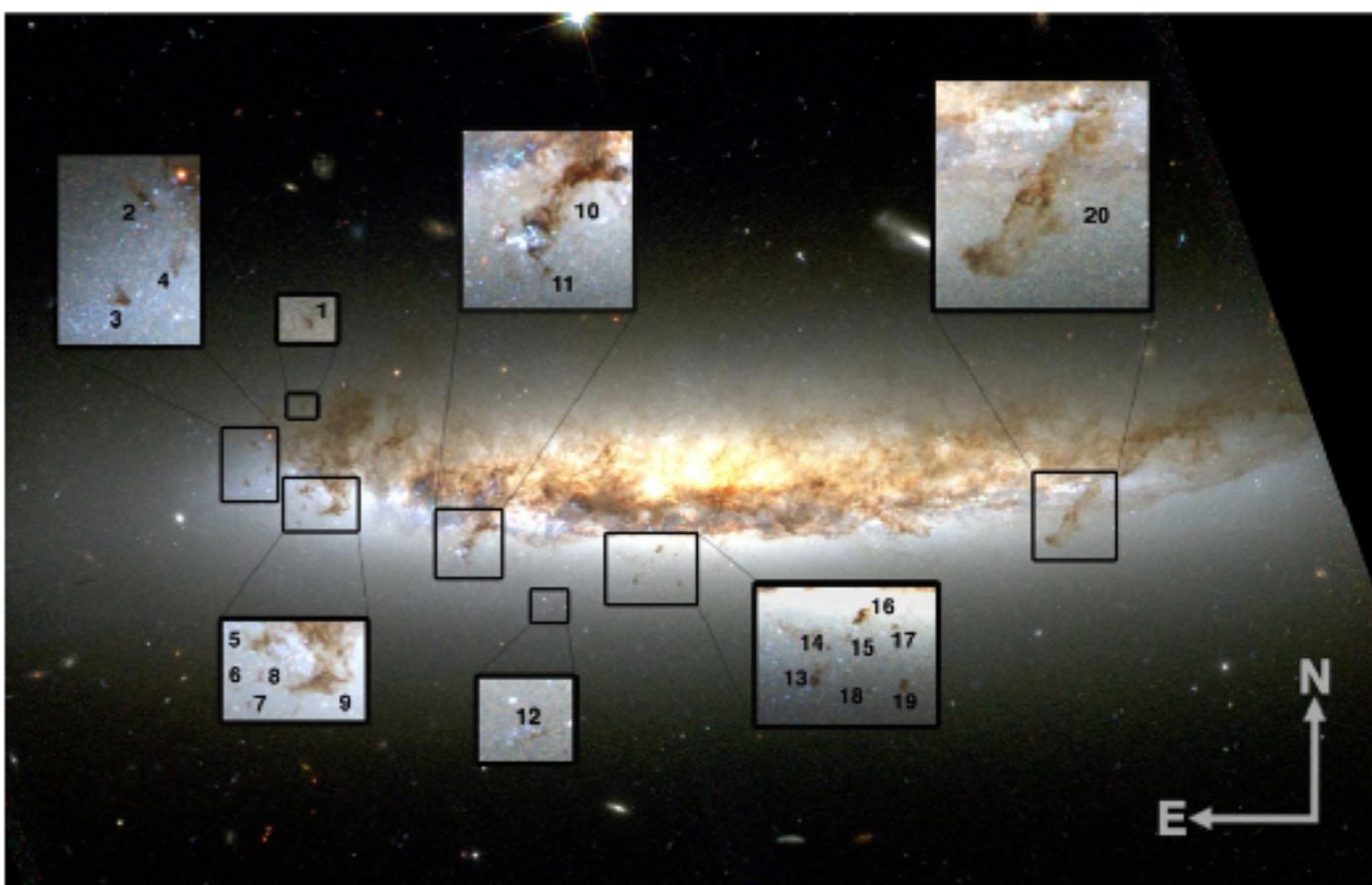
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ram pressure

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disk's gravitational potential



Virgo galaxies  
(SDSS images overlaid with VLA contours)  
Chung et al., 2009

- ▶ **Observational signatures:**
  - ▶ Truncated HI disk
  - ▶ Undisturbed stellar disk
  - ▶ One sided gas 'tail'
- ▶ **Extreme cases:**
  - ▶ Stripping of dust and CO as well



HST image of NGC 4402  
Abramson et al., 2014

# STARVATION

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The external gas supply of the galaxy gets cut off  
(e.g. no accretion from the cosmic web, the hot halo of the galaxy, or other galaxies)

- ▶ Observational signatures:
  - ▶ Undisturbed stellar disk
  - ▶ Low HI surface brightness
  - ▶ Truncated HI disk



NGC 4216 in Virgo  
(SDSS images overlaid with VLA contours)  
Chung et al., 2009



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**THANK YOU!**