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Estimation of galaxy SFRs from low radio frequencies

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Abstract

Star Formation Rate (SFR) is one of the most fundamental and important values for understanding galaxy evolution. So far, we measure it with various indicators, such as recombination lines, Far-ultra violet, and IR luminosities (Kennicutt & Evans 2012). Recently, the low-frequency emission (GHz and less than that) is attracting attention as an SFR indicator. Since the low-frequency emission is insensitive to the dust extinction and will be observed even from distant galaxies by the telescope with higher sensitivity and angular resolution, we anticipate its usefulness. However, we still do not understand the spectral energy distribution at low frequencies, like optical to IR. Recent studies about the spatially resolved observation show us that the spectral index at low frequencies depends on location in a star-forming galaxy (For et al. 2018; Kapińska et al. 2017). This result suggests that there is no guarantee for radio emission from star-forming galaxies to have a simple frequency dependence. Now, we need to investigate how the relation between radio emission and star-formation (SF) activity varies across the low frequencies.

In this study, we investigate the frequency dependence of the global relation between the low-frequency radio and infrared luminosities represented for the SF activity in nearby star-forming galaxies. We select galaxies from the Herschel Reference Survey catalog (Boselli et al. 2010), which is supposed to be well-represented for a local galaxy sample. We confirm 18 star-forming galaxies are appropriate for our study because they have high-quality radio data in the GaLactic Extragalactic All-sky MWA survey catalog (Hurley-Walker et al. 2017). The radio sources compiled by the catalog have 20 narrow bands at 72 – 231 MHz, and they are suitable for a more accurate examination of the frequency dependence.

Our results are as follows: Firstly, we find that a single power-law fitting is valid for grasping how the relation of the radio with IR luminosities varies across MWA frequencies to 1.5 GHz. This result suggests that the variation of the spectral index on the local scale does not affect the global relation. Secondly, we find that SFR calculated from the low-frequency radio emission is consistent with it from other indicators. In this study, we calculate SFR in two ways. The first one is to use the individual calibration using the fitting result to calculate it for each galaxy. Another one is calculating SFR by applying the same calibration equation using the averaged parameters to all sample galaxies. While the former calibration gives us a consistent result with \sim a 20% scatter, the latter one does with two times more significant scatter than the former one. The more considerable scatter in the latter case would attribute to the intrinsic uncertainty of the calibration. After all, we propose to use the individual spectral energy distribution for calculating the radio SFR with less uncertainty.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

In this chapter, I introduce three fundamental topics in astrophysics related to our study. In Section 1.1, I mention the importance of studying star formation activity in galaxies and the basic method to measure it. In Section 1.2, I introduce the idea of the cosmic star formation density and the previous result. In Section 1.3, I explain why the low-frequency emission is important for measuring SFR. Here, I also mention the IR-Radio correlation which is one of the most critical relations in a galactic radio astronomy.

1.1 Star Formation Rate (SFR)

Star formation in galaxies is one of the most complex processes. In modern astronomy, understanding it and its evolution is still a challenging problem. To explain these, we need an advanced knowledge of dark matter and baryon physics. The evolution of dark matter is now interpreted by the “ Λ CDM (Cold Dark Matter) model” which indicates structures in the universe have been forming hierarchically (bottom-up) (e.g., Peebles 1982). This model explains that a galaxy forms in a small dark halo once and merges into other halos to form larger systems as time goes on (Blumenthal et al. 1984). With the advance of computational methods, a cosmological simulation can model this scenario and reproduce structures in the universe (e.g., Navarro & Steinmetz 2000; Vale & Ostriker 2004). However, the baryon evolution inside dark halos is much more difficult to understand because its evolution attributes to the composition of different scale of physics. Revealing these physics needs as a first step to find constraints by measuring the star formation activity accurately. When we measure the star formation activity at each era in the universe, we can constrain the galaxy evolution scenario observationally (Section 1.2). The star formation rate (SFR) is the total mass of stars formed in a galaxy per year, and it is typically

used for representing the star formation activity in a galaxy. SFR is one of the most fundamental and important values for understanding galaxy properties and its evolution.

Here, we present the SFR calibration methods. The fundamental equation to calculate SFR at time t from intrinsic stellar luminosity at wavelength of λ is shown below (Buat 1991):

$$L(\lambda, t) = \int_0^t \int_{M_{\text{low}}}^{M_{\text{up}}} F_\lambda(m, \theta) \text{SFR}(t - \theta) \psi(m) dm d\theta \quad (1.1)$$

where $F_\lambda(m, \theta)$ is the evolutionary stellar tracks, $\psi(m)$ is the Initial Mass Function (IMF; Chabrier 2003; Kroupa 2001; Salpeter 1955) and M_{up} (M_{low}) is the upper (lower) limit of the stellar mass considered for the calculation.

Indeed, we can calculate SFR from Equation 1.1 in two ways. One way is to assume a certain stellar synthesis model and star formation history, and to calculate parameters to reproduce luminosities which we can observe at present. This method is called SED fitting and it is useful even for the galaxies experienced not stable star formation recently. However, this method highly depends on the star formation history chosen for the calculation.

Another way is to assume that SFR is constant over a certain timescale T and SFR is proportional to the luminosity. Although the timescale T depends on the wavelength for measuring, it is simple to calculate SFR with a specific luminosity. In this case, we can measure SFR with the following equation:

$$\text{SFR} = C \times L(\lambda) \quad (1.2)$$

where C is a constant.

This method is relatively easy to measure SFR from an observation, but the assumption of a constant SFR is sometimes problematic. Previous research show the required time to reach the steady state is \sim Myr for hydrogen recombination lines (e.g., H α ; $\lambda = 6563 \text{ \AA}$, H β ; $\lambda = 4861 \text{ \AA}$), ~ 100 Myr for the Far-ultraviolet (FUV) to IR emissions (Hao et al. 2011; Kennicutt & Evans 2012; Murphy et al. 2011). These result show that the SFR calculated from Equation 1.2 is different from the true value if SFR varies among ~ 10 Myr (e.g., intensive starburst).

Considering this problem, hydrogen recombination lines emitted by the young ($\leq 10^7$ yr) and massive ($M > 10 M_\odot$) OB stars are more reliable SFR indicators. However, in these cases, we should correct the dust extinction with the Balmer decrement which is the ratio between H α and H β fluxes (Lequeux et al. 1981), or with IR luminosities (Kennicutt et al. 2009). In addition to this, we need to eliminate [NII] line contamination ($\lambda = 6548 \text{ \AA}, 6584 \text{ \AA}$) from H α emission, and correct the absorption of H β by the young stellar atmosphere. Although recombination lines are good SFR indicator in terms of the

time scale in a constant star formation, the calibration for them gives us non-negligible uncertainty.

FUV emission is emitted by the AB stars and it is reliable as SFR indicator if the star formation timescale can be assumed more than 10^8 yr. Because of its wavelength (*GALEX* FUV; 1516 Å), we need to correct the dust extinction also for FUV. We often use IR luminosities for the dust correction based on the idea that dust grains absorbing FUV light re-emits it at a wavelength range of IR (Kennicutt 1998; Murphy et al. 2011). The combination of FUV and IR emissions for estimating SFR is one of the most popular SFR indicators (e.g., FUV + 24mic, FUV + total IR).

Besides these indicators, in this study, we focus on the low-frequency radio emission around ~ 100 MHz because it is also a SFR indicator guaranteed by its correlated with (Far) IR emissions and SFR in galaxies (Section 1.3).

1.2 Cosmic Star Formation History

Tinsley & Danly (1980) proposed the cosmic star formation history which shows the SFR density evolution in the universe. While no one could observe much more high-z galaxies enough to do the statistics at that time, we can now observe intrinsic FUV and IR luminosities from a large number of galaxies up to $z \sim 4$ (and up to $z \sim 7$ with only ultraviolet). Recent studies (Hopkins & Beacom 2006; Madau & Dickinson 2014) make a cosmic star formation history with a consistent IMF over all the redshift range. Their plots represent that the peak of the star formation happened at $z \sim 1.9$ where 3.5 Gyr after the Big Bang (Figure 1.1). The era when the SFR density was the highest is called “Cosmic Noon” because the star formation in the universe was the most active. The era before Cosmic Noon ($z > 1.9$) is called “Cosmic dawn”.

Although now we know the cosmic star formation history up to $z \sim 8$ ($z > 4$ is still ambiguous due to the lack of IR observation), extending it to the earlier universe is quite difficult because we do not have a telescope to observe IR luminosity from high-z galaxies with a large field of view. FUV emission from high-z galaxies is also difficult to be calibrated because the dust correction for high-z galaxies still have a large uncertainty.

On the contrary, the low-frequency emission is a extinction-free estimator and we will be able to observe high-z galaxies with a high sensitivity and large field of view enough to extend the cosmic star formation history.

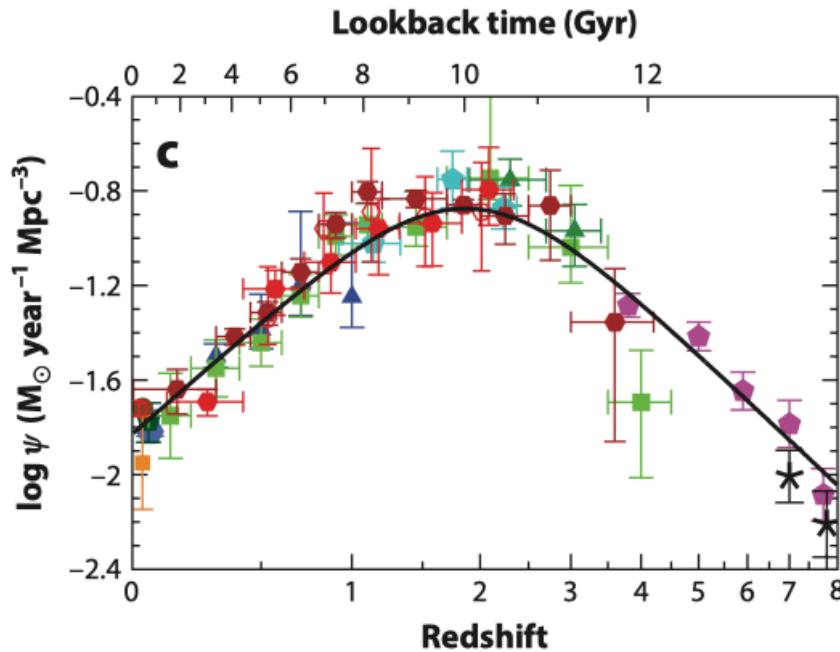


Figure 1.1: (Reprint from Madau & Dickinson (2014), Figure 9)

This figure shows the cosmic star formation history from UV and IR emissions. For calculating SFR, they adopt Salpeter IMF. The black solid line shows the best fitting line. We can see the peak of SFR density in the universe at $z \sim 1.9$

1.3 Low radio frequencies and SFR

The low-frequency radio emission from star-forming galaxies has been studied for many years. In this paper, we use the term “Low frequency” as the frequency of a few GHz and less than that. At this frequency range, synchrotron emission is supposed to be dominant in star-forming galaxies (Condon 1992). The importance of this emission increased after the global log-linear correlation with infrared (IR) had been found. This correlation was discovered by Helou et al. (1985) using integrated far-infrared (FIR; 60 μm and 100 μm) and 1.4 GHz radio luminosities in star-forming galaxies (Figure 1.2). Hereafter, we use the term “IR-Radio Correlation (IRC)” although this correlation is originally called FIR-Radio Correlation. This is because we tend to examine the correlation of radio with the total IR luminosity instead of FIR after Bell (2003).

Bell (2003); Condon et al. (1991); Yun et al. (2001) have examined this global correlation using a different sample set and found it holds the tightness across more than three orders of magnitude. Recently, the low-frequency survey at around 100 MHz was operated by the LOw Frequency Array (LOFAR; van Haarlem et al. 2013) and the Murchison Widefield Array (MWA; Tingay et al. 2013). With the advent of these telescopes, Calistro Rivera et al. (2017); Read et al. (2018); Wang et al. (2019) extend the study to at an order of magnitude lower frequency and find the correlation is held at not only 1.4 GHz but also ~ 100 MHz. Thanks to this correlation, we can regard the low-frequency emission

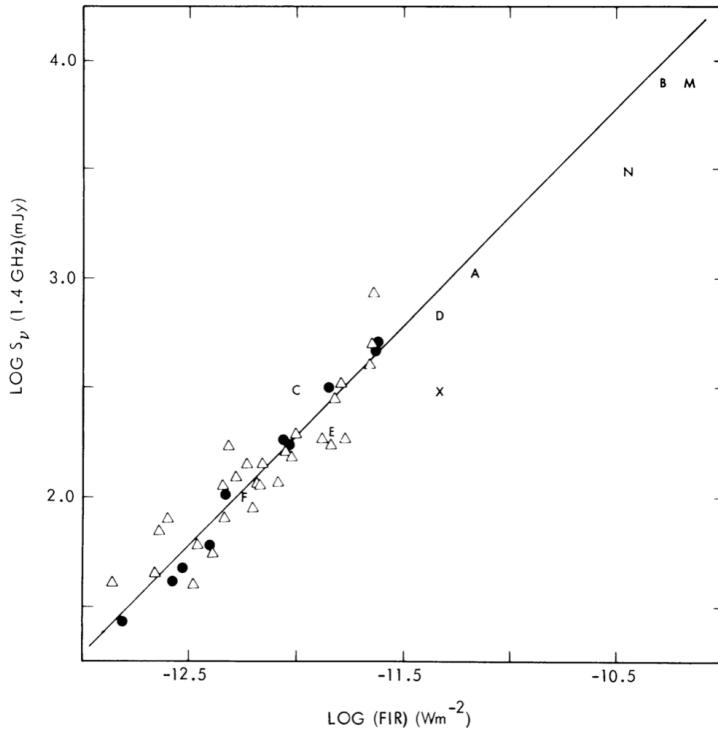


Figure 1.2: (Adapted from Helou et al. (1985), Figure 2)

This figure shows the comparison between FIR and radio at 1.4 GHz fluxes for each galaxy. We can see the tight correlation between them.

as a SFR indicator. Synchrotron emission supposed to be dominant at low frequencies is emitted by the high-energy electrons accelerated by supernova remnants with the magnetic field in a galaxy, and it should trace the star formation activity in star-forming galaxies. To explain IRC physically, Völk (1989) proposed “the calorimeter model”. This model says that all energies from high energy electrons consumed before they escaping from galaxies is linearly correlated with all energies re-radiated as IR emissions by dust absorbing all FUV emission from young stars. If this model is valid, IRC has a slope of unity. However, recent studies shows that the slope is not unity and calorimeter model is not always accurate (Calistro Rivera et al. 2017; Read et al. 2018). Since the low-frequency emission is not affected by the dust extinction (Murphy et al. 2011; Yun et al. 2001) and it will be observed from distant galaxies by the future extended survey, we anticipate its usefulness and need a further investigation of the relation between the radio and IR luminosities, especially its frequency dependence.

However, the spatially-resolved studies show that a star-forming galaxy emits the radio emission whose spectral index depends on the galaxy region (For et al. 2018; Heesen et al. 2019; Kapińska et al. 2017) (Figure 1.3 and 1.4). This means that the radio emission is sensitive to the local density environment of the ISM and it is not guaranteed a simple frequency dependence of the global relation between the integrated radio and IR luminosities.

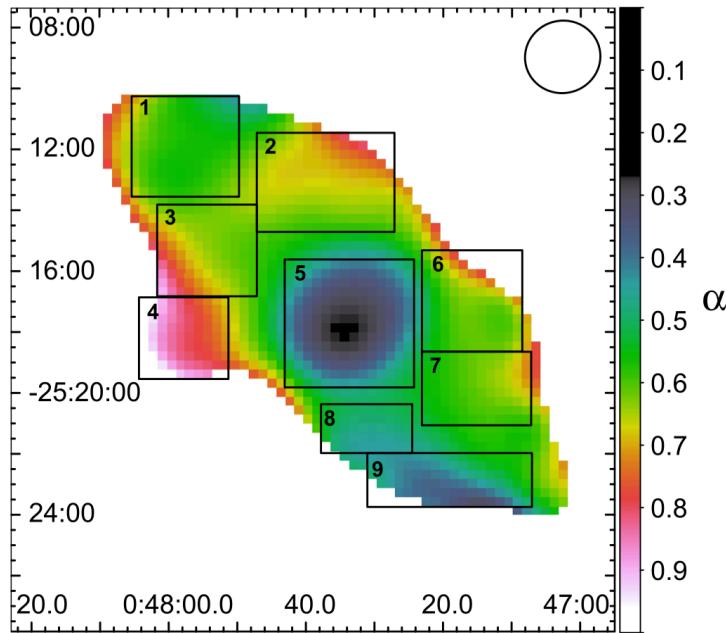


Figure 1.3: (Adapted from Kapińska et al. (2017), Figure 5)

This figure shows the distribution of the radio spectral index in NGC 253. They do the fitting between 200 MHz (GLEAM; Hurley-Walker et al. 2017) and 1.465 GHz (Carilli et al. 1992). The color scale is for the spectral index and the pixel size is $18 \times 18 \text{ arcsec}^2$.

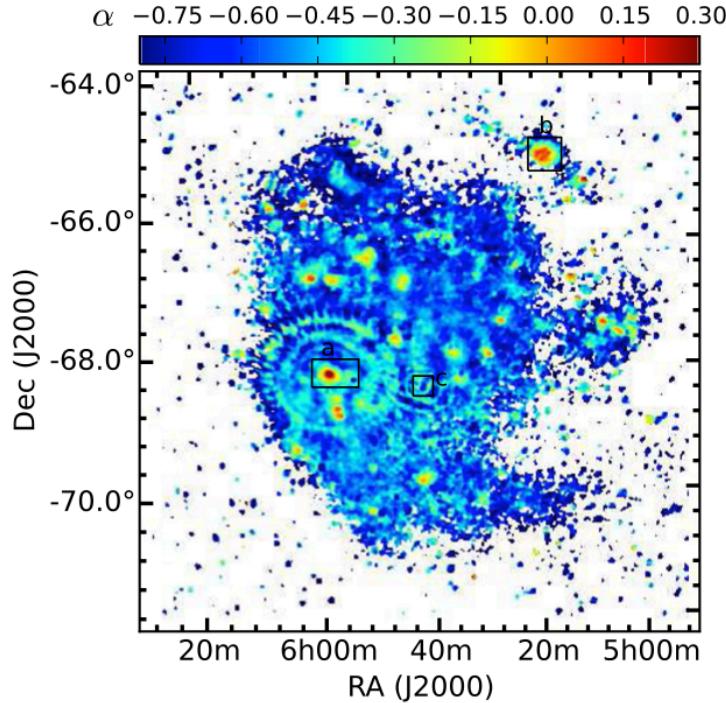


Figure 1.4: (Adapted from For et al. (2018), Figure 6)

This figure shows the distribution of the radio spectral index in Large Magellanic Could (LMC). They do the fitting between 166 MHz (GLEAM; Hurley-Walker et al. 2017) and 1.4 GHz (Hughes et al. 2007). The color scale is for the spectral index and the pixel size is $34.9 \times 34.9 \text{ arcsec}^2$ at GLEAM 166MHz.

The integrated radio emission in star-forming galaxies across 100 MHz to 1.4 GHz is supposed to compose of a few percent to 10% free-free and the synchrotron radiations (Condon 1992). Each radiation is emitted by electrons interacted with the electric field of ions in the HII region or the magnetic field in a galaxy. For emitting the synchrotron radiation, an electron needs to be accelerated to the light speed by the supernova remnant. While the synchrotron emission is expected to be dominant at these low frequencies, previous studies find the sign of the free-free absorption and flatter or turnover spectral (Chyží et al. 2018; Schober et al. 2017). If the radio emission has a significant turnover among low frequencies, global IRC does not have a simple frequency dependence and the radio emission is no longer useful as a SFR indicator.

In this study, we investigate nearby star-forming galaxies from the reference sample for ensuring the reliability of measuring the SFR from the low-frequency emission. For examining the general trend, we use star-forming galaxy samples from the Herschel Reference Survey (HRS; Boselli et al. 2010) catalog which are supposed to represent the galaxy samples and the low-frequency emission from The GaLactic Extragalactic All-sky MWA (GLEAM; Hurley-Walker et al. 2017) survey which observes the mJy scale radio emission from large areas with their 20 narrow bands.

This paper is organized as follows. In Chapter 2, I introduce our galaxy samples and the low-frequency emissions used in this study. In Chapter 3, I mention the way to investigate its frequency dependence and derive the radio SFR. In Chapter ??, I show our results about the frequency dependence of IRC and the consistency of the radio SFR. In Chapter 4, I compare our results with previous studies. Finally, we summarize our study in Chapter 5.

Chapter 2

Data

In this chapter, I describe the dataset used for our study. In Section 2.1, I introduce the Herschel Reference Survey Catalog (Boselli et al. 2010). Here, I explain how they choose galaxies for the catalog and previous studies for them. In Section 2.2, I introduce the GaLactic Extragalactic All-sky MWA survey which we obtained the radio data for galaxy samples.

2.1 Herschel Reference Survey (HRS)

In this section, I introduce the Herschel Reference Survey (HRS) catalog (Boselli et al. 2010) which we selected galaxy samples from. This survey is one of the Herschel guaranteed time key projects and originally it was compiled for understanding dust properties and interstellar medium in nearby galaxies. The catalog is a publicly available and contains 322 galaxies selected with three criteria as follows:

1. Volume-limited:

They choose galaxies whose distance from the earth is between 15 and 25 Mpc. This limitation reduce the distance uncertainty due to the galaxy peculiar motions and the selection effect due to the high-z galaxies. The lower limit (15 Mpc) also helps us to observe sources within the reasonable exposure time because galaxies too close to us are extended and we need too much time for the observation.

2. *K*-band selection:

They choose galaxies whose 2MASS *K*-band total magnitudes are brighter than 12 mag for star-forming and peculiar galaxies (Sa-Sd-Im-BCD), and 8.7 mag for quiescent galaxies (E, S0, S0a). If there are galaxies whose *K*-band magnitude darker

than those values, their measurements are not regarded as an accurate photometry because of not enough exposure time. The reason why they have selected quiescent galaxies with the more stringent K -band selection criteria is these galaxies are expected to have low dust contents, and it is difficult to detect within the reasonable exposure time.

3. High galactic latitude:

They choose galaxies whose galactic latitude is high enough to minimize the contamination from the galactic center ($b > +55^\circ$). Also, they select galaxies with the low galactic extinction ($A_B < 0.2$; Schlegel et al. 1998).

The selected galaxies locate in the sky region between $10^{\text{h}}17^{\text{m}} < \text{R.A.}(2000) < 14^{\text{h}}43^{\text{m}}$ and $-6^\circ < \text{decl.} < 60^\circ$ (Figure 2.1). HRS galaxies spans a wide range of the galaxy density environment from the center of Virgo cluster to the isolated region. As a definition, we can regard the HRS sample as a ideal one for studying the galaxy environment.

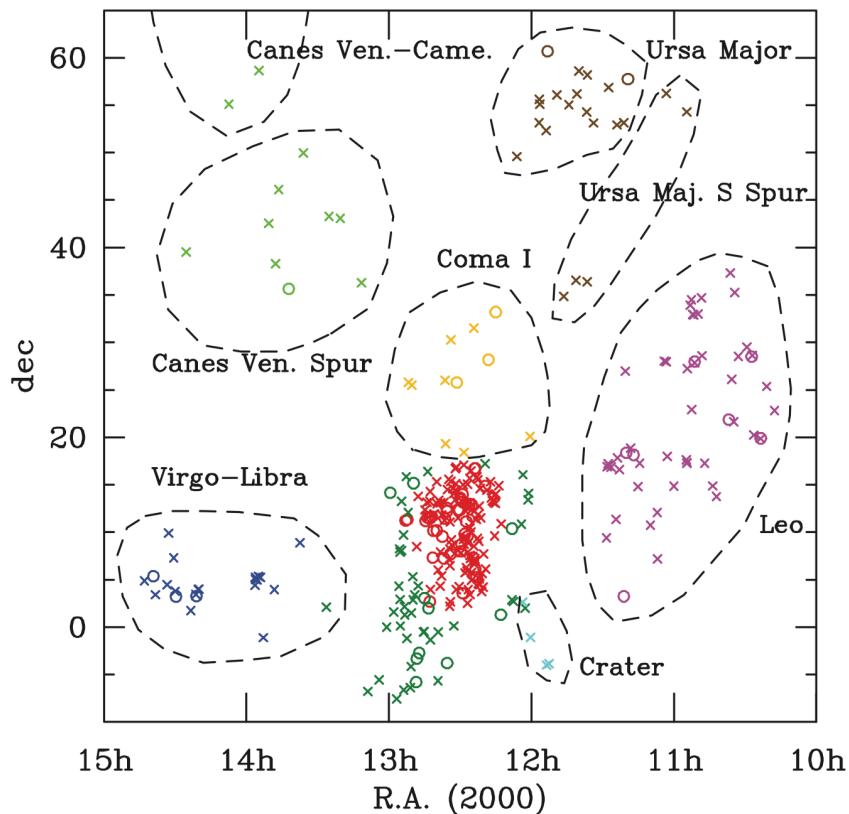


Figure 2.1: (Reprint from Boselli et al. 2010, Figure 1)

This figure shows the sky distribution of HRS galaxy samples. They show the early-type galaxies (E, S0, S0a) and late-type galaxies with circles and crosses, respectively. Dashed circles represents the different cloud regions. Each name of the cloud is shown close to each region. The red and dark green markers are Virgo galaxies (red: Virgo center, dark green: its outskirts).

In addition to a wide range of the environment, HRS galaxies distribute a wide range of the galaxy morphology (Figure 2.2).

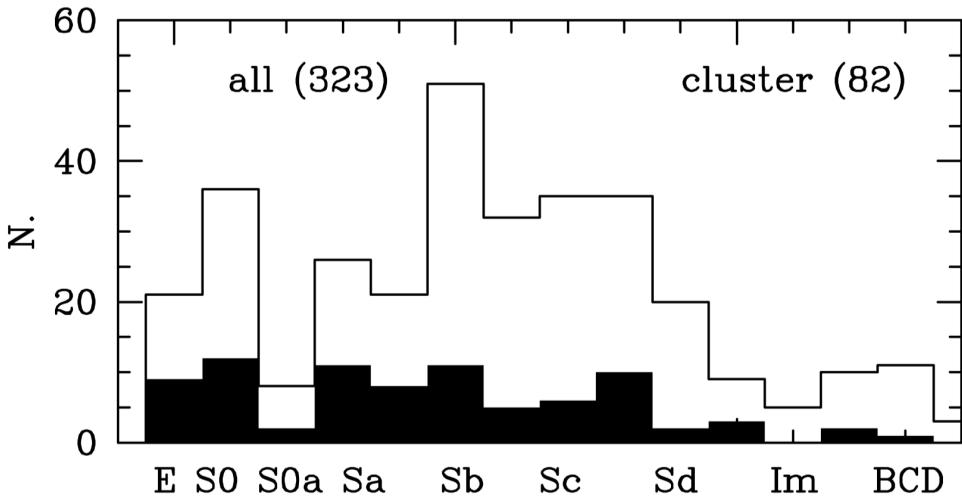


Figure 2.2: (Reprint from Boselli et al. 2010, Figure 2)

This figure shows the distribution in the morphology-type of HRS galaxies. The shaded histogram represents the distribution in it of only the cluster sample. Here, the cluster sample composed of HRS galaxies located in the Virgo A and B clouds.

Since HRS galaxies are supposed to be well-represented for the whole galaxy population located in the local universe, investigating their physical properties is crucial to understand them. After Boselli et al. (2010) published the HRS catalog, many studies investigating the physical properties for HRS galaxies have been done until now. Here, I introduce some of the studies for the HRS sample. Cortese et al. (2012) investigated their UV and optical properties using the Galaxy Evolution Explorer (*GALEX*; Martin et al. 2005) and SDSS-DR7 (Abazajian et al. 2009). Boselli et al. (2014) studied their cold gas properties with ^{12}CO (1 – 0) observed by the Kitt Peak 12m radio telescope and obtained from the literature data. They also investigate the HI gas obtained from The Arecibo Legacy Fast ALFA (ALFALFA; Giovanelli et al. 2005; Haynes et al. 2011) survey. Ciesla et al. (2014) executed the SED fitting for HRS galaxies with Code Investigating GALaxy Emission (CIGALE; Noll et al. 2009).

Thanks to all of previous research about the HRS sample, they are well-studied among a wide range of the wavelength from the X-ray to the radio emission at 1.5 GHz. However, the low-frequency around 100 MHz is not examined so far. Since we extend the wavelength range of the HRS sample to around 100 MHz, in this study, we focus on a subsample of HRS galaxies whose counterpart is detected by the latest low-frequency survey (Section 2.2).

2.2 GLEAM survey

In this section, I introduce the GaLactic Extragalactic All-sky MWA (GLEAM) survey (Hurley-Walker et al. 2017) which we obtained the radio continuum data from. This survey was operated by the Murchison Widefield Array (MWA) telescope in Western Australia (Tingay et al. 2013). It observed a whole southern sky and a northern sky up to $+30^\circ$ ($\sim 25,000$ deg 2 ; Figure 2.3). The catalog from this survey is a publicly-available and contains 307,455 detected radio sources with fluxes at 20 narrow bands between 72 and 231 MHz (each band has 7.68 MHz band width). The sensitivity and angular resolution at 200 MHz are ~ 7 mJy and ~ 2 arcmin respectively. The completeness of this survey at 200 MHz is 90% at ~ 170 mJy. Since this survey allows us to examine the low-frequency spectral energy distribution accurately with its 20 narrow bands, we adopt the radio source catalog for our study.

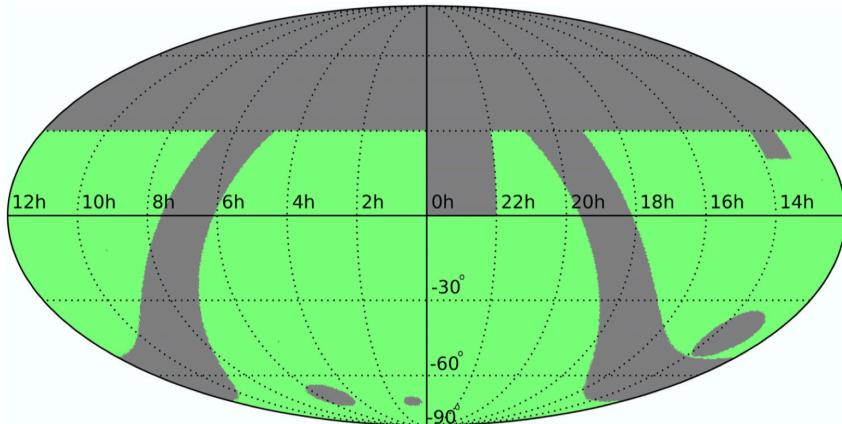


Figure 2.3: (Reprint from Hurley-Walker et al. 2017, Figure 11)

This figure shows the observed area by the GLEAM survey (green shaded region). Hurley-Walker et al. (2017) exclude several regions intentionally to minimize the contamination: Galactic plane (Absolute Galactic latitude $< 10^\circ$), Ionospherically distorted ($0^\circ < \text{Dec} < +30^\circ$ and $22^\text{h} < \text{R.A.} < 0^\text{h}$), Centaurus A ($13^\text{h}25^\text{m}28^\text{s} - 43^\circ01'09''$, $r = 9^\circ$), Sidelobe reflection of Cen A ($20^\circ < \text{Dec} < +30^\circ$ and $13^\text{h}07^\text{m} < \text{R.A.} < 13^\text{h}53^\text{m}$), Large Magellanic Cloud ($05^\text{h}23^\text{m}35^\text{s} - 69^\circ45'22''$, $r = 5.5^\circ$) and Small Magellanic Cloud ($00^\text{h}52^\text{m}38^\text{s} - 72^\circ48'01''$, $r = 2.5^\circ$).

Chapter 3

Methods

In this chapter, I describe procedures of our study from making a subsample of HRS galaxies to calculating the radio SFR. Section 3.1 and 3.2 show how to select samples from two catalogs introduced in the previous section for q_ν analysis henceforth. Section 3.3 gives the definition of q_ν and the way to apply it for our samples. Section 3.4 describes the method to estimate total IR luminosity from several IR bands' observations. Section 3.5 shows how to find the frequency dependence of q_ν by the fitting. Section 3.6 describes the process of calculating SFR from the low-frequency radio emission.

3.1 Cross Matching

Although HRS galaxies have been studied in multi-wavelength observations, their spectral energy distribution around 100 MHz is not well-understood, where the contribution from synchrotron radiation is much more significant than from free-free emission (Condon 1992). Here, I provide a procedure to cross-matching with two different catalogs I have mentioned in the previous chapter. Cross-matching is the method widely used in astronomy to obtain additional information from other surveys or catalogs by matching coordinates of each galaxy or blob source within a specific error (e.g., ~ 1 arcsec). For executing this method for the HRS and the GLEAM survey catalog, we use Tool for OPerations on Catalogues And Tables (TOPCAT; Taylor et al. 2009). TOPCAT is popular and an useful tool for dealing with catalogs and tables, and it allows us to do the cross-matching easily, even more than two catalogs.

Initially, we assume a 10 arcsec error radius for the cross-matching since it is equivalent to the value of 95% error for the astrometry in the GLEAM survey (Section 4.5.5 in Hurley-Walker et al. 2017). This matching results in a total of 18 galaxies which are identified to have a radio counterpart. To assess the matching, we compare a separation

of counterparts from the center of galaxies with coordinate uncertainties in the GLEAM catalog. For these galaxies, we find 15 of them have a separation within a 95% error radius, and others do not. Although three of them have a larger separation compared to the error radius, we conclude that the matching for all 18 galaxies is correct by the checking of galaxy images (Appendix A). In this paper, we regard a radio blob as a counterpart if the brightest part of each blob where the inside of the contour nearest to the center, is surrounded by the D25 radius (the isophotal optical size at 25 mag arcsec⁻²; Boselli et al. 2010).

Next, we extend the error radius up to 120 arcsec, which is corresponding to the angular resolution of the GLEAM survey at 200 MHz. This is because the radio sources are blurred due to the angular resolution of the GLEAM survey and the location of them might be shifted. We know 120 arcsec error radius is quite big for the matching, but this trial gives us the inspiration for the cross-matching with blurred radio sources in the future study. The cross-matching with the error of 120 arcsec suggests that there are 25 new galaxies have a potential counterpart. To assess these matching, we look at galaxy images one by one (All galaxy images are in Appendix A). With the same condition mentioned above, we identify 21 matches for these galaxies.

Although we have identified a total of 39 matches in the same way, there are six suspicious matches because of interacting counterparts (HRS4, 216, 244, 284) and quite large separations (HRS200, 295) (Figure A.5). For these galaxies, we flag them as suspicious matches, and we do not use them for further analysis. The distribution of separations for galaxies showed in Figure 3.1.

We put all galaxy images cross-matched within 120 arcsec in Appendix A.

3.2 Reduce galaxy samples for the secure analysis

In this section, we show some steps for selecting galaxies to do a secure analysis. Since we focus on the relation of galaxy radio emission with star formation activities, we should clarify the radio source and be sure that they are not originally from other sources rather than the star formation. The radio emission arisen from the star formation activities should be proportional to the SFR in a galaxy (Condon 1992; Murphy et al. 2011). However, elliptical galaxies have a stronger radio emission against their star formation, in this case their radio emission would be emitted by non star-forming sources. These radio sources are considered as Active Galactic Nuclei (AGN), which emits strong radio emission due to the baryon accretion into the supermassive black hole at the center of galaxies irrelevant to the star formation (e.g., Padovani et al. 2017; Urry & Padovani 1995). According to the morphology of galaxies (Cortese et al. 2012), we identify four elliptical galaxies (HRS49, 138, 178, 241) and not use for further calculation and discussion.

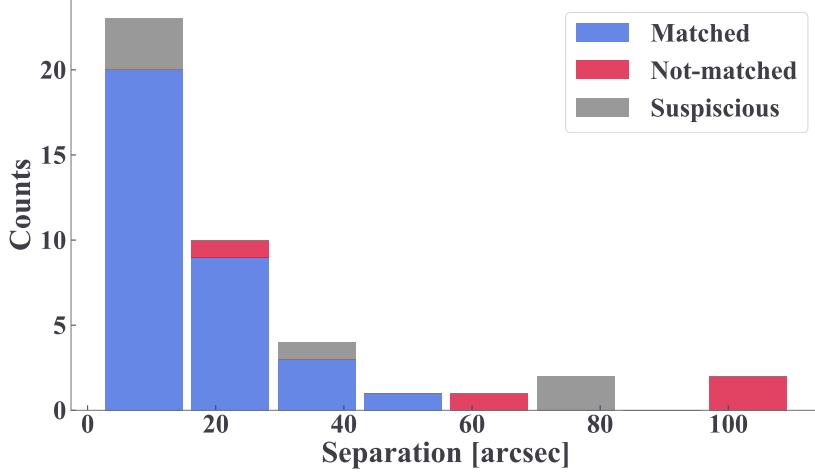


Figure 3.1: This figure shows the distribution of separations. Here we put 43 galaxies and color sorted based on the result. The blue bar shows galaxies identified to have a radio counterpart, red one does galaxies determined not to have a counterpart, and gray for the suspicious galaxies. Most of the matched samples are distributed within a 40 arcsec error radius.

After this galaxy selection, we obtain 29 galaxies with a reliable radio counterpart arisen from the star formation activity.

As a next step, we evaluate the signal to noise ratio (SNR) of radio emission at each MWA band. For reducing the uncertainty caused by observational errors, we assess the peak flux at each narrow band by comparing it to the local noise level and adopt flux values whose SNR is higher than five. This analysis results in a total of 11 galaxies have no radio fluxes whose SNR is higher than the criterion. The reason why these radio sources are detected, although they do not have any fluxes with higher SNR, is Hurley-Walker et al. (2017) determine the detection based on the SNR in the stacking images (170 – 231 MHz).

Finally, after the cross-matching and these procedures, we confirm 18 HRS galaxies are the samples available for further analysis. The overview of 18 samples is tabled in Appendix B.

3.3 Calculating the q_ν parameter

In this section, I introduce the method to calculate q_ν parameter for each galaxy. The definition of this parameter here is given on the following equation (e.g. Bell 2003; Calistro Rivera et al. 2017; Helou et al. 1985):

$$q_\nu \equiv \log \left(\frac{L_{8-1000\mu\text{m}} / 3.75 \times 10^{12}}{\text{erg s}^{-1} \text{Hz}^{-1}} \right) - \log \left(\frac{L_{\text{Radio},\nu}}{\text{erg s}^{-1} \text{Hz}^{-1}} \right) \quad (3.1)$$

where $L_{8-1000\mu\text{m}}$ is the total rest-frame infrared luminosity among $8 - 1000\mu\text{m}$, which reflects the total dust luminosity, and 3.75×10^{12} is equivalent to the frequency of $80\mu\text{m}$ for correcting the dimension.

Although Ciesla et al. (2014) have already derived the total IR luminosity for most HRS galaxies using the SED fitting, one of our galaxy samples (HRS163) does not have the value because of the lack of the reliable mid IR flux from *Spitzer* telescope. For consistency, we adopt the total IR luminosity calculated from the same method for all galaxy samples. To calculate the total IR luminosity, we refer to Galametz et al. (2013), which derive the calibration relation between combining monochromatic IR luminosities and the total IR luminosity. We show the procedure to calculate total IR luminosity in the next section.

3.4 Total IR luminosity

In this section, I present how to calculate the total IR luminosity. For the method of calculating total IR luminosity, we refer to Galametz et al. (2013), which shows the empirical relations to estimate total IR from *Spitzer* ($24, 70\mu\text{m}$) and *Herschel* bands ($100, 160, 250\mu\text{m}$). HRS galaxies have flux data from the Multiband Imaging Photometry for *Spitzer* (MIPS; Bendo et al. 2012; Rieke et al. 2004), the *Herschel*/PACS ($100, 160\mu\text{m}$; Cortese et al. 2014) and the *Herschel*/SPIRE ($250\mu\text{m}$; Ciesla et al. 2012).

Galametz et al. (2013) derived the calibration equation below:

$$L_{3-1100\mu\text{m}} = \sum c_i \nu L_\nu (i) \quad (3.2)$$

where $L_{3-1100\mu\text{m}}$ is the total IR luminosity in the frequency range from 3 to $1100\mu\text{m}$, c_i is the coefficients at $i = 24, 70, 100, 160, 250\mu\text{m}$, and L_ν is the luminosity at the frequency ν corresponds to a specific wavelength i . For deriving L_ν , we calculate it from fluxes and the distance to each galaxy. We refer to Cortese et al. (2012) for obtaining galaxy distances.

Galametz et al. (2013) derived the conversion equation with at least two bands. Therefore, we can estimate total IR luminosities even if galaxies are lack of a few fluxes. Since several calculations in the following sections require the total IR luminosity among $8 - 1000\mu\text{m}$ ($L_{8-1000\mu\text{m}}$), we recalibrate this luminosity by multiplying the constant value (0.88) in Takeuchi et al. (2005).

The total IR luminosity calculated here is consistent with that of Ciesla et al. (2014) within factor 2 (Figure 3.2).

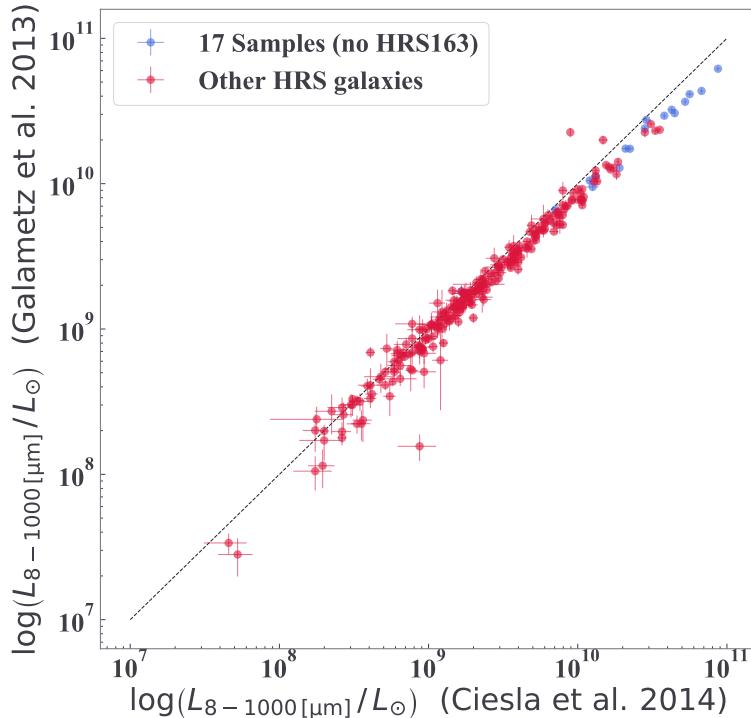


Figure 3.2: This figure shows the comparison of total IR luminosity at $8 - 1000 \mu\text{m}$ from different methods. Here, we show all HRS galaxies which have both luminosities. Blue plots show galaxy samples selected in Section 3.1 and 3.2, and red ones show other HRS galaxies. The difference of both luminosities is less than factor 2.

Hereafter, we use $L_{8-1000\mu\text{m}}$ obtained here to calculate the q parameter and SFR.

3.5 Fitting to q_ν parameters

Here, we show how to do the fitting to q_ν . At low frequencies around 100 MHz, the synchrotron emission can be dominant, which emitted from high energy electrons accelerated by the supernova remnant. In this paper, we assume radio emission has a single power-law on the frequency and adopt the following equation:

$$q_\nu = -\gamma \log \nu + \beta \quad (3.3)$$

where q_ν is defined by Equation 3.1 at ν MHz, γ is the power-law index showing the frequency dependence of q_ν and β is the second fitting parameter.

In this study, we execute two types of fitting:

1. Fitting to only MWA frequencies (72 – 231 MHz)
2. Fitting to 1500 MHz besides MWA frequencies

The flux data at 1500 MHz is obtained from Boselli et al. (2015), and here we use only high-quality flux data (flag = 1). These two types of fitting might allow us to judge the correctness of a single power-law assumption. These fitting results are summarized in Section ??.

3.6 Calculating the SFR

In this section, I describe how to derive SFR from low-frequency radio emissions.

Here, we estimate the radio SFR, combining Equation 3.1 with the following equations:

$$\text{SFR}_{\text{IR}} = 3.88 \times 10^{-44} \left(\frac{L_{8-1000\mu\text{m}}}{\text{erg s}^{-1}} \right) \quad (3.4)$$

$$q_{\nu \text{ MHz}} = q_{1500 \text{ MHz}} + \log \left(\frac{\nu \text{ MHz}}{1500 \text{ MHz}} \right)^\gamma \quad (3.5)$$

Equation 3.4 calculates SFR from the total IR emission in Murphy et al. (2011), and Equation 3.5 shows the difference of the q_ν between a certain wavelength ν and 1500 MHz.

Substituting equation 3.1 and 3.5 into equation 3.4 yields the following equation to estimate SFR from radio emission at ν MHz:

$$\text{SFR}_{\text{Radio}, \nu} = 1.46 \times 10^{-31} \times 10^{q_{1500 \text{ MHz}}} \left(\frac{\nu \text{ MHz}}{1500 \text{ MHz}} \right)^{-\gamma} \times L_{\text{Radio}, \nu} \quad (3.6)$$

In Section ??, I show the results of calculating SFR from the low-frequency radio using this equation and comparing it with the SFR from other indicator.

Chapter 4

Discussions

In this chapter, we show further discussion on our results in Chapter ???. Section 4.1 compares our fitting results mainly the frequency dependence of q_ν with previous studies. Section 4.2 shows the comparison of the radio SFR calibration with Calistro Rivera et al. (2017). Section 4.3 describes how galaxy properties affect the SFR estimation. Here, we focus on the HI deficient and the active galactic nuclei in a galaxy. Section 4.4 describes HRS galaxies whose radio counterpart are not detected by the GLEAM survey. In this section, I also mention the possibility of their radio source detection by the updated GLEAM survey.

4.1 Comparing the calibration with previous results

Here, we compare our results in Section ?? with previous research. From our samples, we obtain the mean $\gamma = -0.63 \pm 0.07$ with MWA frequencies and 1500 MHz. Calistro Rivera et al. (2017) and Chyzy et al. (2018) obtained -0.78 ± 0.24 and -0.56 ± 0.11 , respectively.

The difference of these might result from the selection of galaxy samples. While we use nearby galaxies within 25 Mpc, Calistro Rivera et al. (2017) do 758 galaxies up to $z \sim 2$, and Chyzy et al. (2018) do 118 galaxies up to $z = 0.04$.

Chyzy et al. (2018) indicate that the slope is steeper at higher frequencies ($1.3 \sim 5$ GHz), and this might steepen the slope of galaxy samples in Calistro Rivera et al. (2017) which adopt galaxies up to $z \sim 2$. Considering the value and scatter, our result using the Herschel reference sample would be consistent with previous findings. Indeed, the frequency dependence of the low-frequency emission and its relation with IR emission is still uncertain.

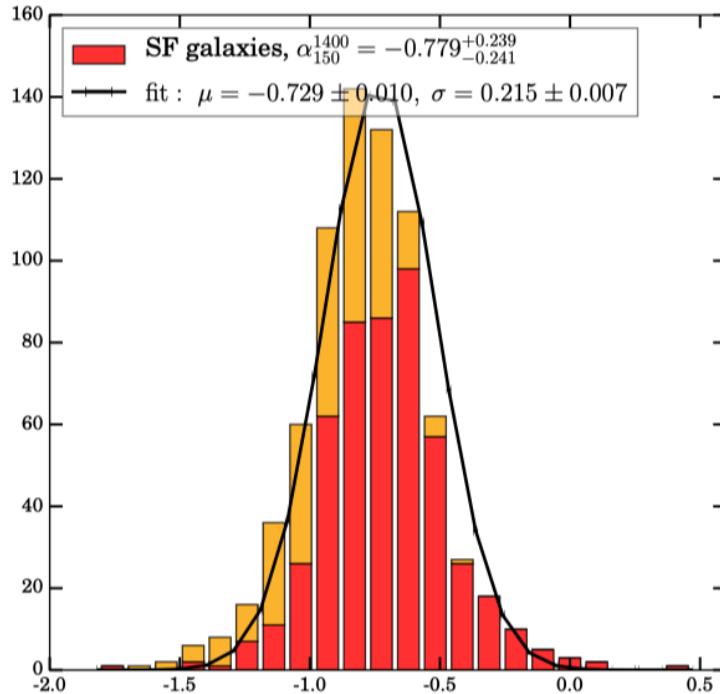


Figure 4.1: This figure shows the spectral index corresponding to γ in this paper. They calculate it between 150 MHz (LOFAR; Williams et al. 2016) and 1.4 GHz (Westerbork Synthesis Radio Telescope, WSRT; de Vries et al. 2002). Red and orange histograms show the samples detected and non-detected by WSRT. To estimate the flux of non-detected samples, they extract aperture fluxes from the source location known by LOFAR on the radio map (forced photometry technique). The black solid line displays the Gaussian fitting function. They put the average μ and standard deviation σ from the fitting on the upper right in the figure.

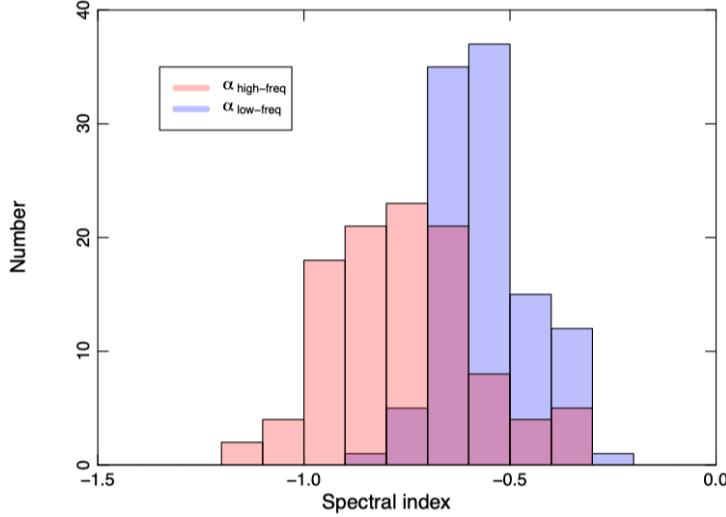


Figure 4.2: This figure shows the spectral index corresponding to γ in this paper. Red and blue histograms show the spectral index corresponding to γ in this paper calculated fluxes from 1.3 GHz to 5 GHz and 150 MHz to 1.4 GHz, respectively. They show histogram in violet where they are overlapping. From the definition, we should compare our result with the blue one. They calculate it between 150 MHz (The Multifrequency Snapshot Sky Survey, MSSS; Heald et al. 2015) and 1.4 GHz (the NRAO VLA Sky Survey, NVSS; Condon et al. 1998).

4.2 Radio SFR uncertainty

In Section ??, we show the consistency of our SFR calibrations using the low-frequency emission. For calculating the more accurate radio SFR, we need its spectral energy distribution for each galaxy, as we have already shown in Section ???. Since star-forming galaxies have a wide variety of q_ν at low frequencies (~ 0.53 dex in Figure 14, 15; Calistro Rivera et al. 2017), and still we do not know the physical details, the radio SFR calibration has considerable uncertainty. Substituting averaged γ and $q_{1500 \text{ MHz}}$ obtained from our sample galaxies into Equation 3.6 yields the following equation:

$$\text{SFR}_{\text{Radio, } 150 \text{ MHz}} = (1.03 \pm 0.27) \times 10^{-29} \times \left(\frac{L_{\text{Radio, } 150 \text{ MHz}}}{\text{erg s}^{-1}} \right) \quad (4.1)$$

where we substitute the median values of $\gamma = -0.63$, $q_{1500 \text{ MHz}} = 2.48$ and $\nu = 150 \text{ MHz}$ into Equation 3.6.

Calistro Rivera et al. (2017) have obtained the coefficient of 0.76 ± 0.08 at $z = 0$ (Equation 11) from their calibration.

We should keep our mind that the SFR calibration has non-negligible uncertainty, possibly caused by the galaxy selection and the variety of q_ν at low frequencies. We need the radio spectral with multi-band observation for estimating SFR accurately.

4.3 Galaxy properties for the radio SFR

In this section, I discuss how the galaxy property affect the results mentioned in previous sections. Here, I focus on the central engine and the environment of a galaxy. The central engine of a galaxy driven by the supermassive black hole and the accretion is located at the center of a galaxy, and it is known to emit strong radio emission. Although we have eliminated galaxies which have strong radio emission without star formation activity in Section 3.2, there are still some galaxies in our sample, which might have strong radio emissions compared to the radiation arisen from the star formation. These kinds of galaxies that have a strong radio emission in spite of the star forming are called Seyfert or LINER galaxies based on the strength of optical emission lines, and it is possible to affect our results due to their strong emissions. In this study, we investigate this property using the BPT diagram mentioned in Section ?? and find four galaxies (HRS 144, 163, 173 and 220) in our sample that have sharp optical emission lines. In the BPT diagram, HRS 144 and 163 are found to be Seyfert galaxies, and HRS 173 and 220 are LINER galaxies.

After that, we also examine the galaxy environment of each galaxy. Boselli et al. (2014) have already calculated the HI-deficiency for all HRS galaxies based on the calculation in Boselli & Gavazzi (2009). HI deficient galaxy is defined as a galaxy whose the HI mass is much smaller than the expected one based on the morphology and the size of a galaxy (Haynes & Giovanelli 1984). Here, we regard a galaxy whose HI deficiency is more than 0.4 as a HI deficient galaxy and the other case as a normal galaxy, which is the same criteria in Ciesla et al. (2016). HI deficiency is known to represent not only the amount of the HI mass but also a galaxy environment. This is because HI deficient is caused by the tidal stripping or ram pressure, which happens in the dense region (e.g., the center of a cluster). Therefore, we can roughly assume that HI deficient galaxies are located in the dense areas, and not HI deficient galaxies are the field galaxies. The relation between a galaxy environment and low-frequency emissions are still not fully understood. Still, it is a possible scenario to distort the magnetic field and affect the strength of the synchrotron radiation due to the frozen-in of the magnetic field with the stripped HI gas.

Firstly, we show the result of a spectral index distribution (Figure ??) with the labeling.

In Figure 4.3, we cannot see the significant difference between normal galaxies and the others in the left figure. But in the right one, we can see the HI deficient galaxies tend to have a scattered spectral index. This suggests that the galaxy environment might affect the energy distribution of high-energy electrons, which directly related to the spectral index. Unfortunately, in our sample, we do not find the significant difference for Seyfert or LINER galaxies, but cannot reject the possibility that these AGNs vary the spectral index.

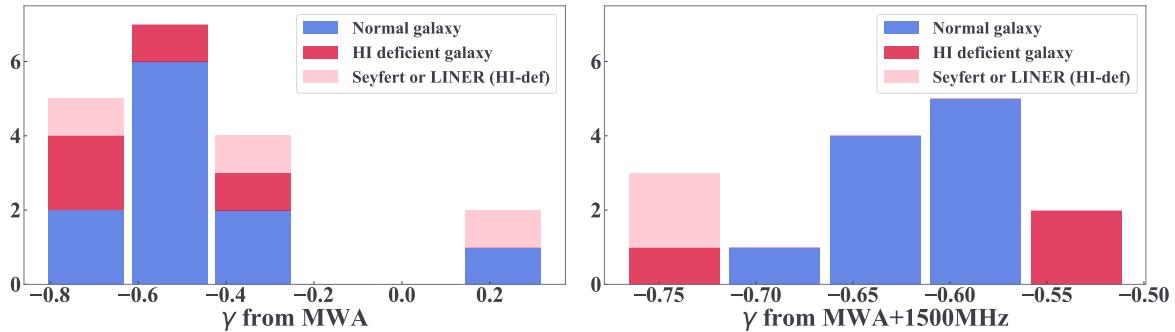


Figure 4.3: This figure shows the spectral index distribution obtained from the two kinds of fitting as same as in Figure ???. Here, we make a histogram with color labeling based on the galaxy properties mentioned in Section 4.3. The blue histogram shows the normal galaxies; red one shows the HI deficient galaxies (HI-def ≥ 0.4), and the pink shows the Seyfert or LINER galaxies with HI-deficient. Our sample does not have the galaxy, which is Seyfert or LINER without HI deficient. Although the left figure does not show the significant difference between normal galaxies and the others, the right figure shows the HI deficient galaxies tend to have a scatter spectral index compared to the normal galaxies.

Secondly, we show the q_ν value plots with the label. This q_ν value plot helps us to understand how the galaxy property affects the SFR ratio in Figure ???. As we have mentioned in Section ???, the q_ν value variation makes a larger scatter of SFR ratio when we estimate $\text{SFR}_{\text{Radio},\nu}$ with averaged parameters.

In Figure 4.4, we can see some HI deficient galaxies and Seyfert or LINER galaxies tend to have smaller q_ν values, which means they have stronger radio emissions. We also find that there are two galaxies (HRS 163 and 306), which have significantly lower q_ν values. Since galaxies which have stronger radio emissions might possess the other radio source rather than the star formation activity, we should not estimate SFR from radio emissions for these type of galaxies. We cannot conclude how much q_ν value is safe for the SFR estimation from the low-frequency emission due to the small number of samples. In future studies, we should clarify the distribution of this plot and find the borderline for safer SFR estimation.

4.4 Non-detected galaxies by the GLEAM survey

Here, I mention galaxies that have not been observed by the GLEAM survey. In this study, we have found 39 HRS galaxies have a potential radio counterpart in the GLEAM survey in Section 3.1. Out of other 283 HRS galaxies, we confirm 44 galaxies are out of the observational region by the GLEAM survey, and HRS 183 (M87, Virgo A) is peeled because of the too strong radio emission. For other 107 galaxies that have a high-quality

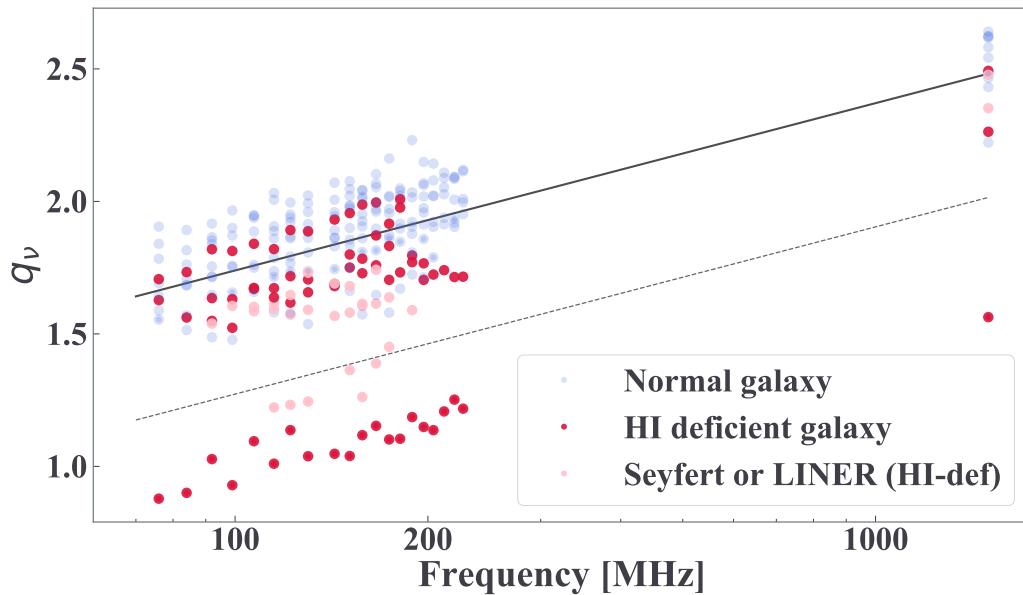


Figure 4.4: This figure shows that q_ν value distribution at MWA frequencies and 1500 MHz. The solid black line is the extrapolate line from the median value of $q_{1500 \text{ MHz}}$ to the MWA frequencies with the median spectral index γ . For calculating $\text{SFR}_{\text{Radio}, \nu}$, we have used this extrapolation. The dotted black line is the border for showing the outliers below this line. The plots below this line arise from only two galaxies, and we can say these are the outliers. In this figure, we can see the most plots distributing around the solid black line, which shows the extrapolated median value from $q_{1500 \text{ MHz}}$. But we also find there are two galaxies (HRS 163 and 306) that have lower values in a whole frequency range.

radio flux at 1500 MHz, we roughly compare the extrapolated flux at 200 MHz using the mean $\gamma = -0.63$ obtained in this study with the rms noise described in Hurley-Walker et al. (2017). This estimation shows that at least 34 galaxies should have been observed by the GLEAM survey.

One possible reason for the non-detection of these galaxies is a flatter radio spectral. Here, we assume $\gamma = -0.63$ for the extrapolation. However, the flux of these galaxies at 200 MHz is smaller than the expected value and the detection limit if these galaxies have a flatter spectral.

In the GLEAM-X survey, which is the follow-up observation of the GLEAM survey, more than 50 HRS galaxies will be detected even their spectral index is $\gamma = \pm 0$ because of the roughly ten times higher sensitivity of the coming up survey.

Chapter 5

Summary

In this study, we investigate 18 star-forming galaxies in the HRS catalog for their global relation of the low-frequency radio with IR luminosities. We find a single power-law assumption for the frequency dependence of q_ν is valid across MWA frequencies and 1.5 GHz, and their slope γ is consistent with previous studies. We also investigate the consistency of the radio SFR expected to be an extinction-free indicator. Our sample shows that the spectral information for each galaxy is needed to estimate its SFR accurately because of a wide variety of q_ν . These results suggest that future observation with several radio bands is required at low frequencies for measuring accurate SFRs.

For further understanding of the low-frequency properties in star-forming galaxies, we need more samples from multi-band observation. The updated GLEAM survey will reveal physical details with an order of magnitude better angular-resolution and sensitivity than the latest survey.

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Appendix A

Galaxy images

- A.1 Matched samples (18 samples used for the analysis)**
- A.2 Matched samples (not used for the analysis)**
- A.3 Suspicious matching samples**
- A.4 Not matching samples**

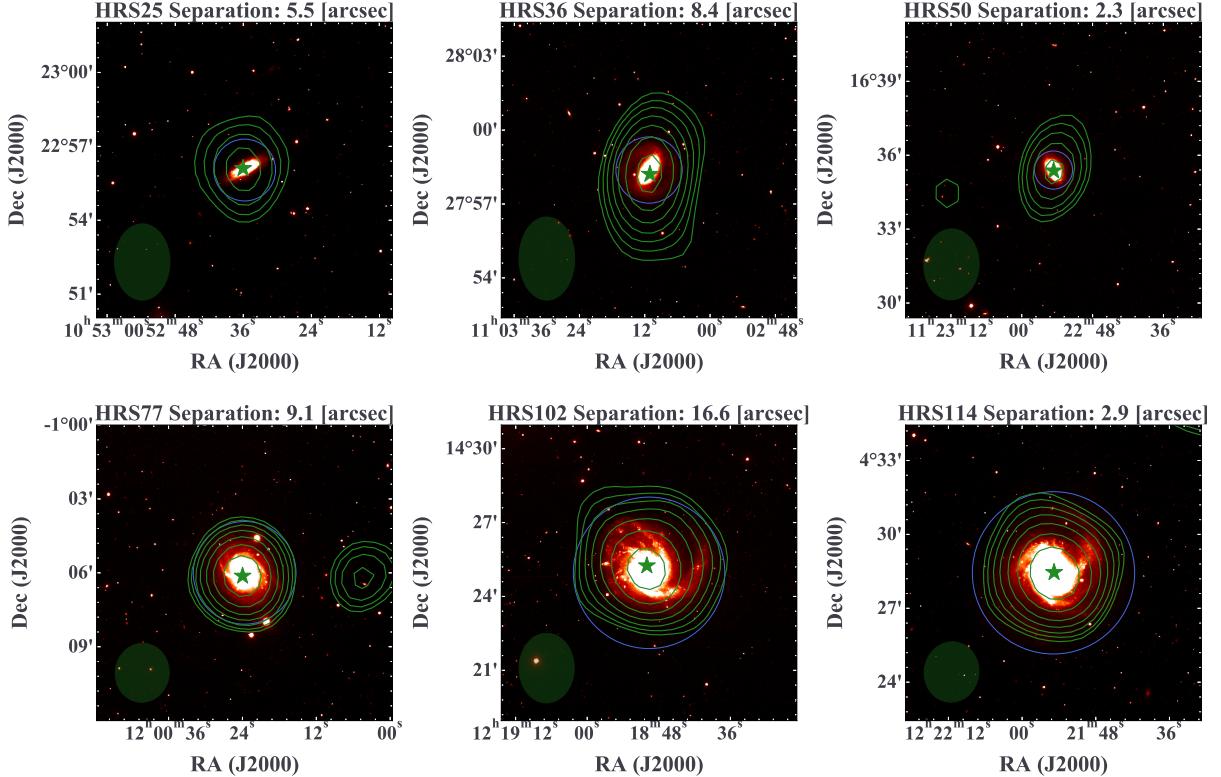


Figure A.1: These are the SDSS (Abolfathi et al. 2018) i-band images with radio contours from the GLEAM survey at 170 – 231 MHz (solid green lines). These galaxies are selected in Section 3.1 and 3.2. I draw the green contours started from the 3σ local noise and increase by a factor of the square root of 2^n (“n” is an integer). The green star marker shows the location of a radio source referred to as the GLEAM catalog. The size of this marker does not mean any feature of observations. The blue circle shows the isophotal optical size at 25 mag arcsec $^{-2}$ from Boselli et al. (2010). On the bottom left in each plot, we show the beam size of the GLEAM survey.

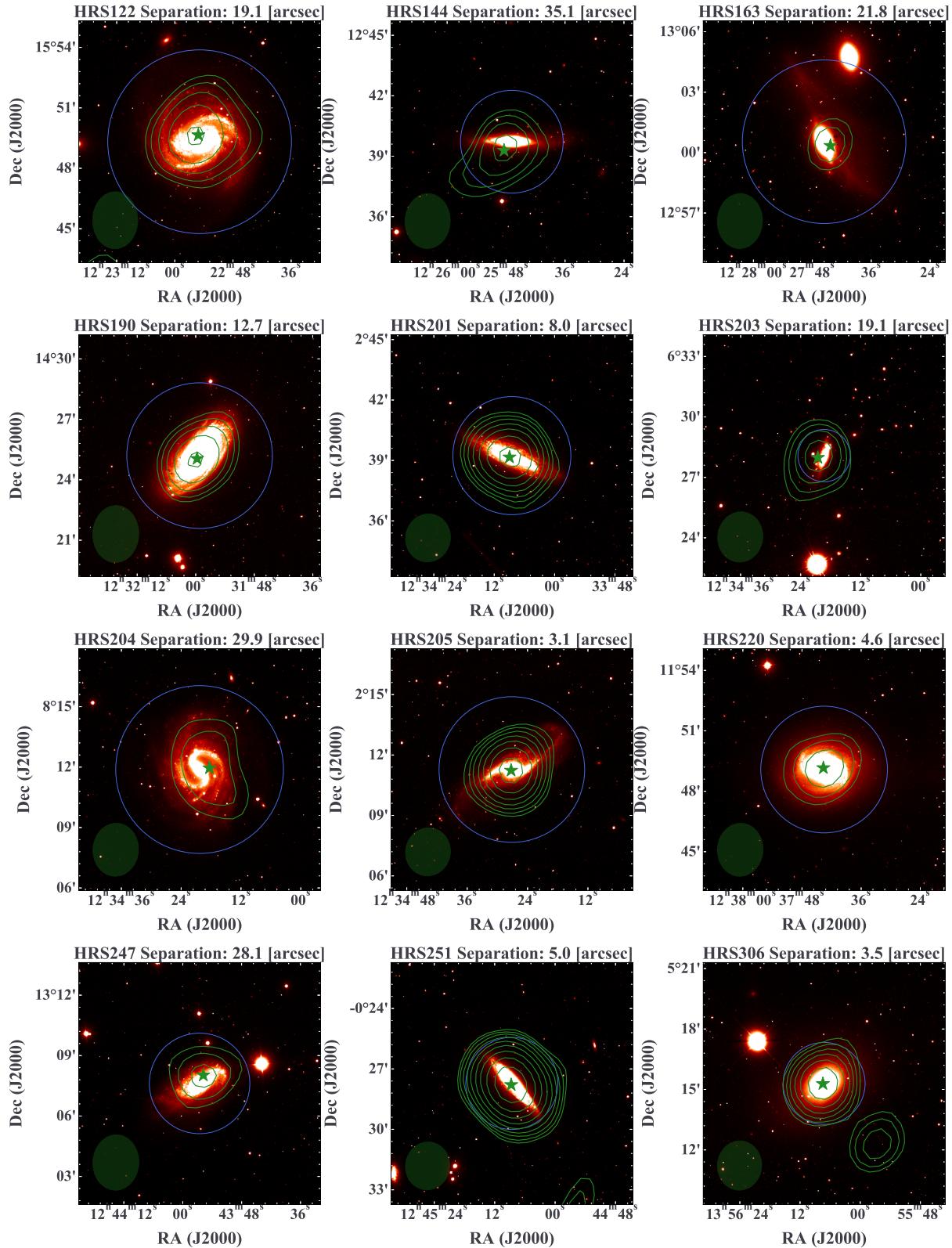


Figure A.2: Continuous.

APPENDIX A. GALAXY IMAGES

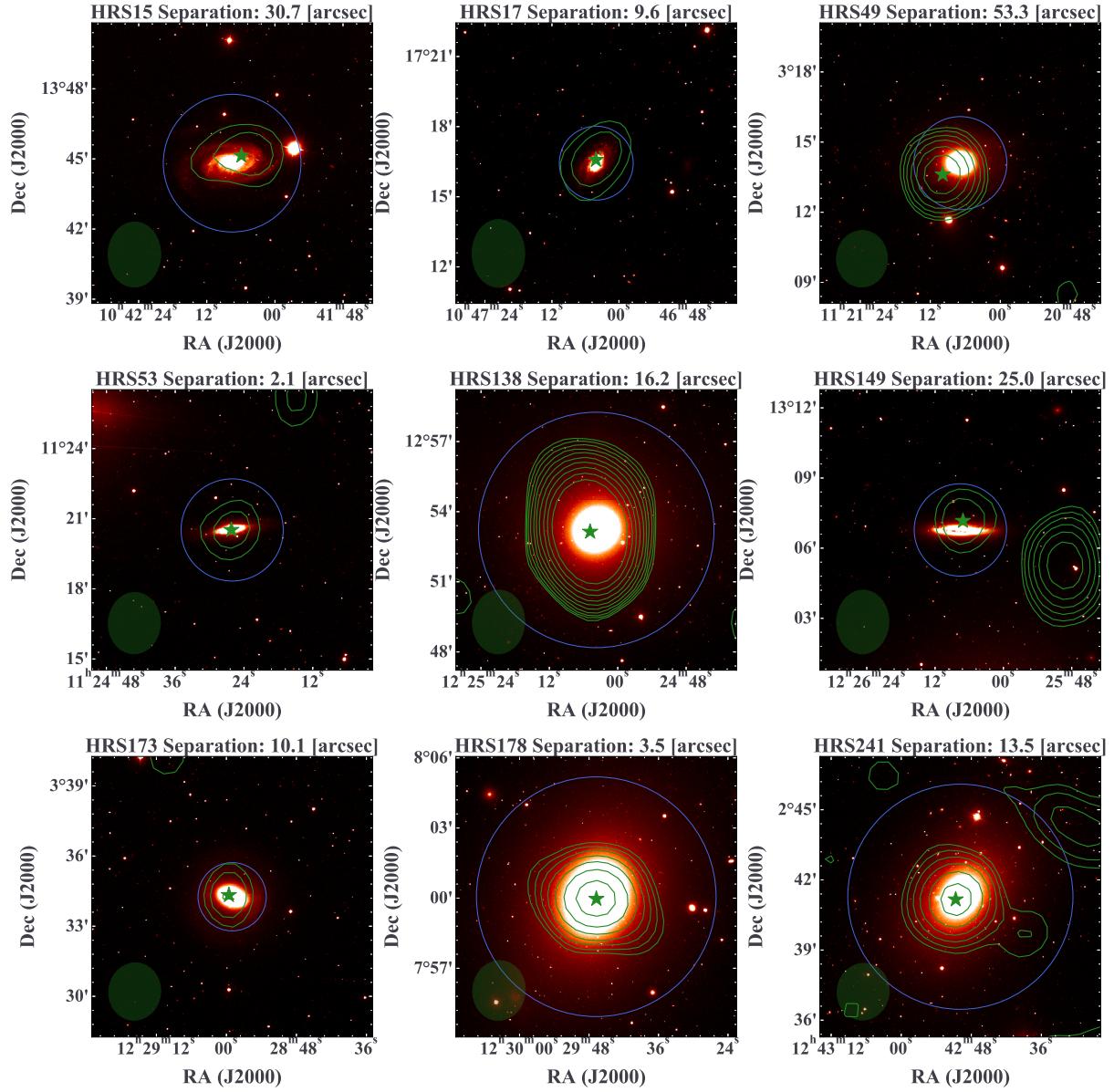


Figure A.3: These galaxies are not used for the analysis labeled in Section 3.2 although they have a radio counterpart in the GLEAM catalog by the cross-matching.

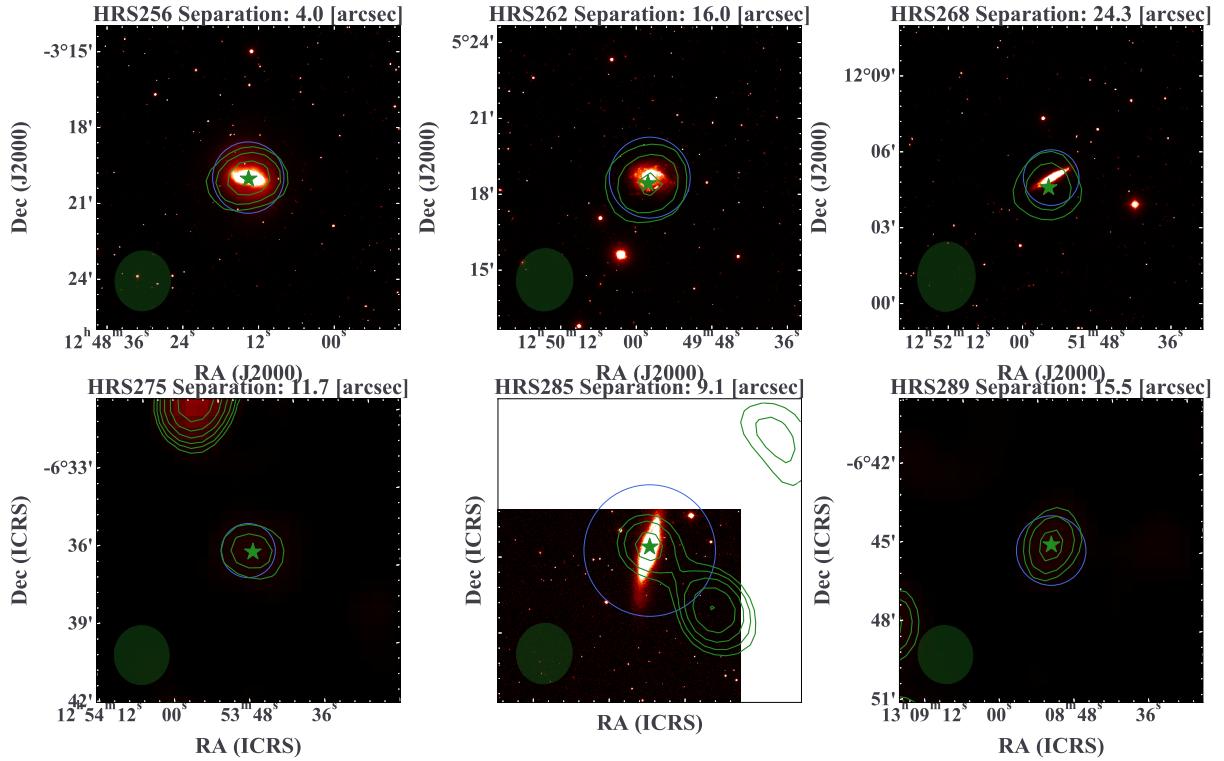


Figure A.4: Continuous.

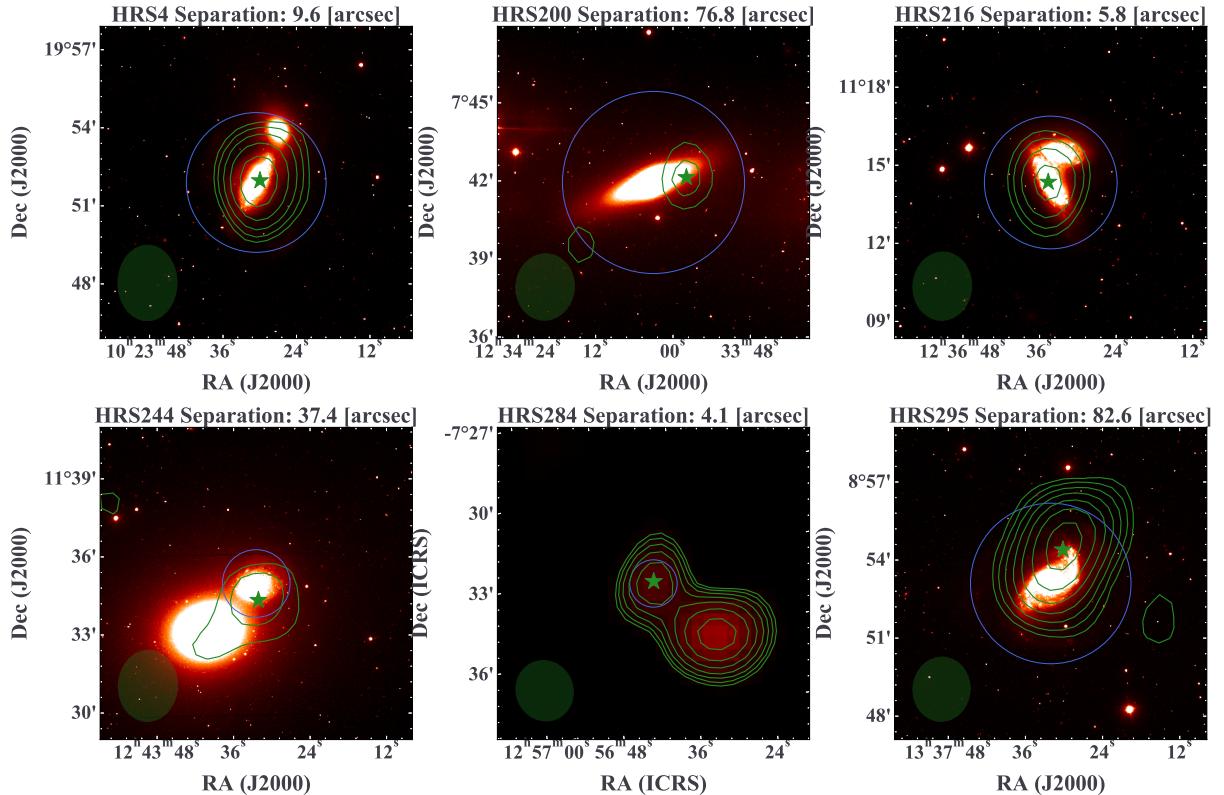


Figure A.5: These galaxies are flagged as a suspicious matching in Section 3.1

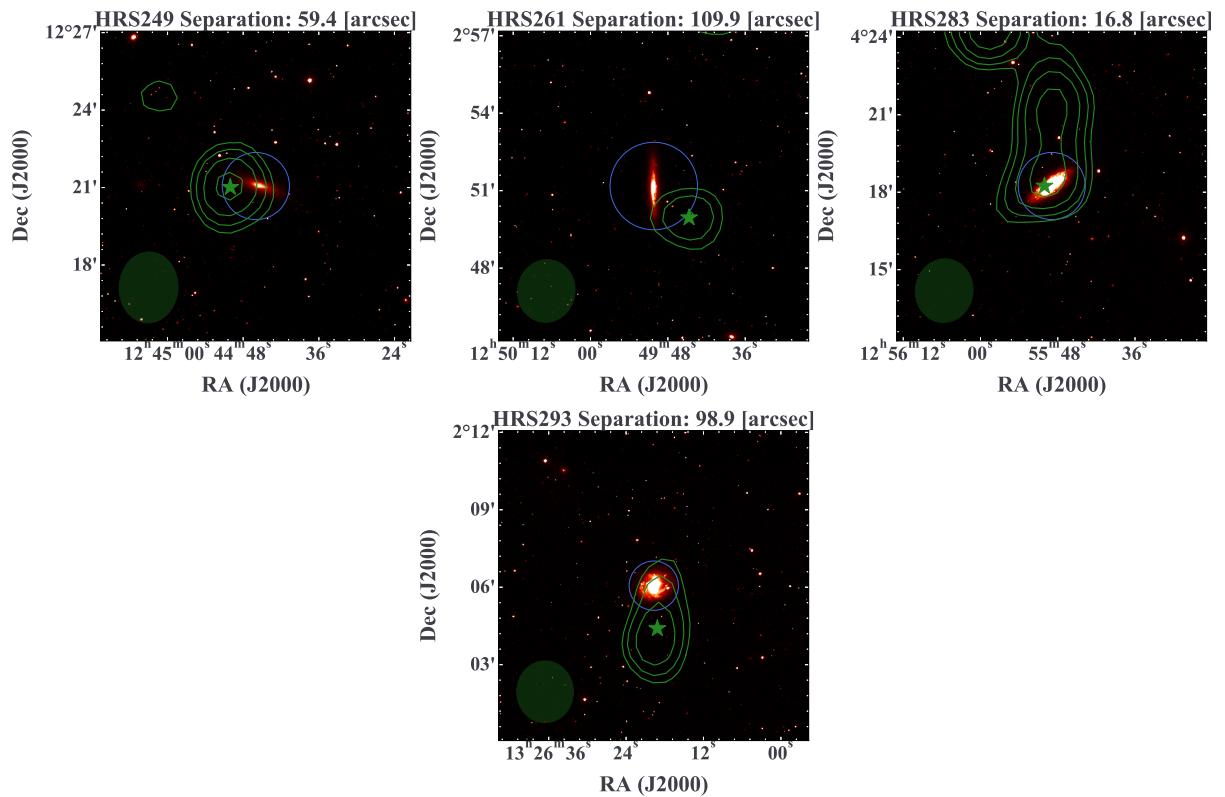


Figure A.6: These galaxies do not have a radio counterpart from the GLEAM catalog in Section 3.1

Appendix B

Galaxy samples for the analysis

Table B.1: This table shows 18 HRS galaxies selected in Section 3.1 and 3.2. Column (1) NGC (2) R.A. (3) Dec. (5) D25 (6) Dist. are from Cortese et al. (2012), column (4) Type is from Ciesla et al. (2014) (Cortese et al. 2012 for only HRS 163) and column (7) GLEAM ID refers to GLEAM catalog. γ_{MWA} , $\gamma_{\text{MWA}+1500\text{MHz}}$ are the result in Section 3.5. SFR_{IR} is calculated with the equation from Murphy et al. (2011) and $\text{SFR}_{\text{Radio}, 151\text{MHz}}$ is calculated in Section 3.6 with individual parameters. “AGN” is identified BPT diagram (e.g. Baldwin et al. 1981; Kauffmann et al. 2003; Kewley et al. 2001; Schawinski et al. 2007) with emission lines (Boselli et al. 2015). HI deficient galaxy is identified when the value of HI-def (Boselli et al. 2014) is larger than 0.4.

NGC HRS	R.A.	Dec	Type	D25 [arcmin]	Dist. [Mpc]	GLEAM ID	γ_{MWA}	$\gamma_{\text{MWA}+1500\text{MHz}}$	SFR_{IR} [$M_{\odot}\text{ yr}^{-1}$]	$\text{SFR}_{\text{Radio}, 151\text{MHz}}$ [$M_{\odot}\text{ yr}^{-1}$]	AGN	HI-def	
25	3437	10:52:35.75	+22:56:02.9	Sc	2.51	18.24	J105236+225606	0.33+/-0.47	-0.66+/-0.07	1.41+/-0.08	0.96+/-0.28	-	-
36	3504	11:03:11.21	+27:58:21.0	Sab	2.69	21.94	J110311+275812	-0.42+/-0.1	-0.53+/-0.05	4.09+/-0.16	5.15+/-1.35	-	True
50	3655	11:22:54.62	+16:35:24.5	Sc	1.55	21.43	J112254+163522	-0.38+/-0.2	-0.63+/-0.04	1.91+/-0.07	1.45+/-0.41	-	-
77	4030	12:00:23.64	-01:06:00.0	Sbc	4.17	20.83	J120023-010607	-0.57+/-0.07	-0.63+/-0.04	4.81+/-0.19	3.55+/-0.94	-	-
102	4254	12:18:49.63	+14:24:59.4	Sc	6.15	17.00	J121850+142515	-0.7+/-0.05	-0.7+/-0.03	6.47+/-0.25	8.19+/-2.12	-	-
114	4303	12:21:54.90	+04:28:25.1	Sbc	6.59	17.00	J122154+042827	-0.57+/-0.05	-0.58+/-0.04	6.15+/-0.23	5.49+/-1.43	-	-
122	4321	12:22:54.90	+15:49:20.6	Sbc	9.12	17.00	J122255+154939	-0.77+/-0.07	-	5.45+/-0.22	4.28+/-1.14	-	True
144	4388	12:25:46.82	+12:39:43.5	Sb	5.10	17.00	J122548+123917	0.22+/-0.22	-0.73+/-0.08	1.66+/-0.06	3.09+/-0.85	Seyfert	True
163	4438	12:27:45.59	+13:00:31.8	Sb	8.12	17.00	J122744+130020	-0.81+/-0.35	-	0.69+/-0.03	2.13+/-0.66	Seyfert	True
190	4501	12:31:59.22	+14:25:13.5	Sb	7.23	17.00	J123159+142503	-0.67+/-0.12	-0.72+/-0.05	4.37+/-0.18	4.92+/-1.31	-	True
201	4527	12:34:08.50	+02:39:13.7	Sbc	5.86	17.00	J123408+023909	-0.54+/-0.06	-0.56+/-0.04	4.55+/-0.24	2.71+/-0.71	-	-
203	4532	12:34:19.33	+06:28:03.7	Im(Im/S)	2.60	17.00	J123420+062758	0.55+/-0.13	-0.6+/-0.04	0.99+/-0.04	1.52+/-0.43	-	-
204	4535	12:34:20.31	+08:11:51.9	Sc	8.33	17.00	J123418+081157	-0.71+/-0.1	-	2.6+/-0.11	2.69+/-0.75	-	-
205	4536	12:34:27.13	+02:11:16.4	Sbc	7.23	17.00	J123427+021114	-0.61+/-0.04	-0.57+/-0.02	3.58+/-0.14	2.63+/-0.69	-	-
220	4579	12:37:43.52	+11:49:05.5	Sb	6.29	17.00	J123743+114909	-0.42+/-0.18	-0.77+/-0.05	1.56+/-0.08	2.32+/-0.65	LINER	True
247	4654	12:43:56.58	+13:07:36.0	Scd	4.99	17.00	J124355+130801	-0.27+/-0.29	-0.66+/-0.06	2.59+/-0.11	1.65+/-0.49	-	-
251	4666	12:45:08.59	-00:27:42.8	Sc	4.57	21.61	J124508-002747	-0.58+/-0.03	-0.58+/-0.02	9.22+/-0.33	9.11+/-2.35	-	-
306	5363	13:56:07.21	+05:15:17.2	pec	4.07	16.23	J135607+051516	-0.61+/-0.08	-0.51+/-0.04	0.27+/-0.03	1.75+/-0.46	-	True

Appendix C

Fitting results

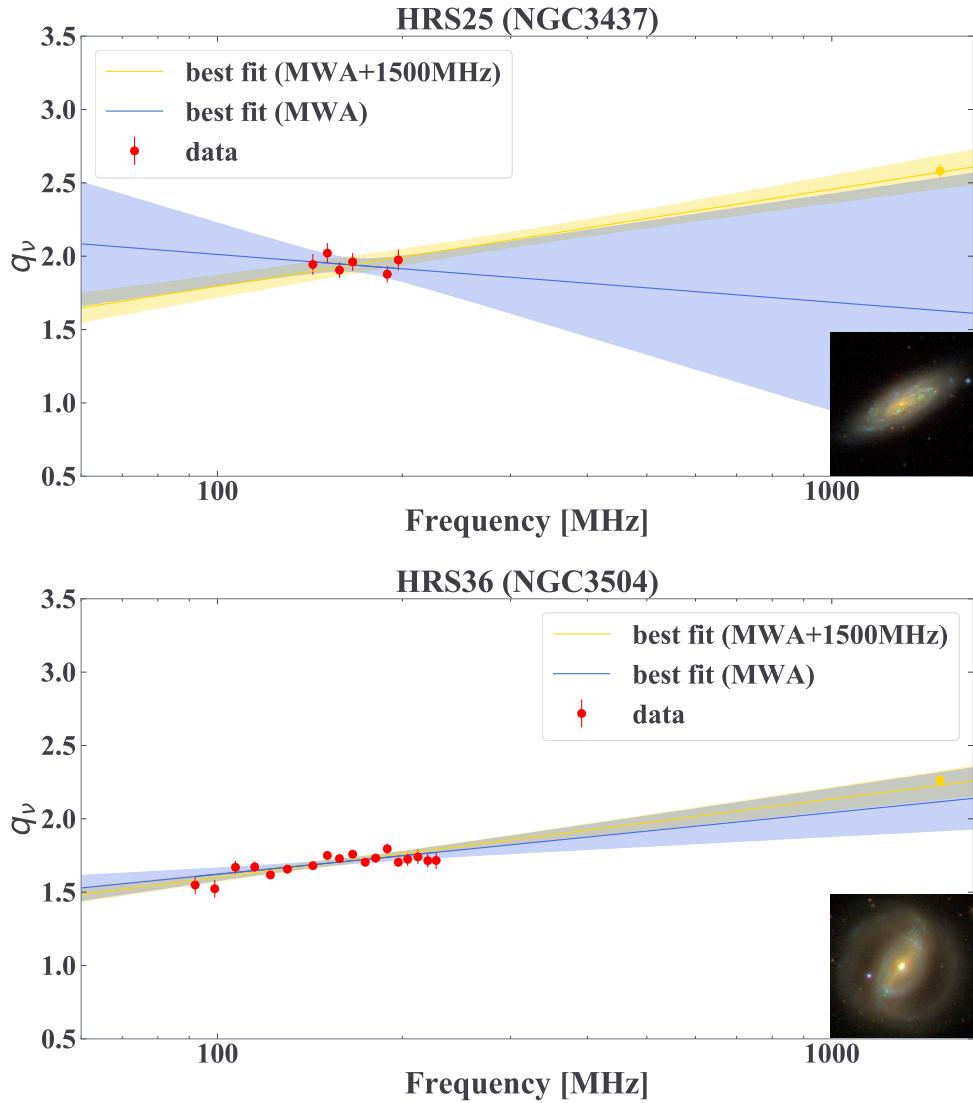


Figure C.1: These figures show the fitting result. Red points show fluxes at each MWA frequency, and a yellow point shows the flux at 1500 MHz (Boselli et al. 2015). Blue solid line shows the best fitting line, and the shaded region represents the 95% confidence interval for the fitting to MWA frequencies. Yellow line and shaded area show the fitting result with 1500 MHz besides MWA frequencies (For HRS122, 163 and 204, we do not display these because of the lack of high-quality data at 1500 MHz data). On the bottom right, we show the SDSS-RGB stacking image for each galaxy.

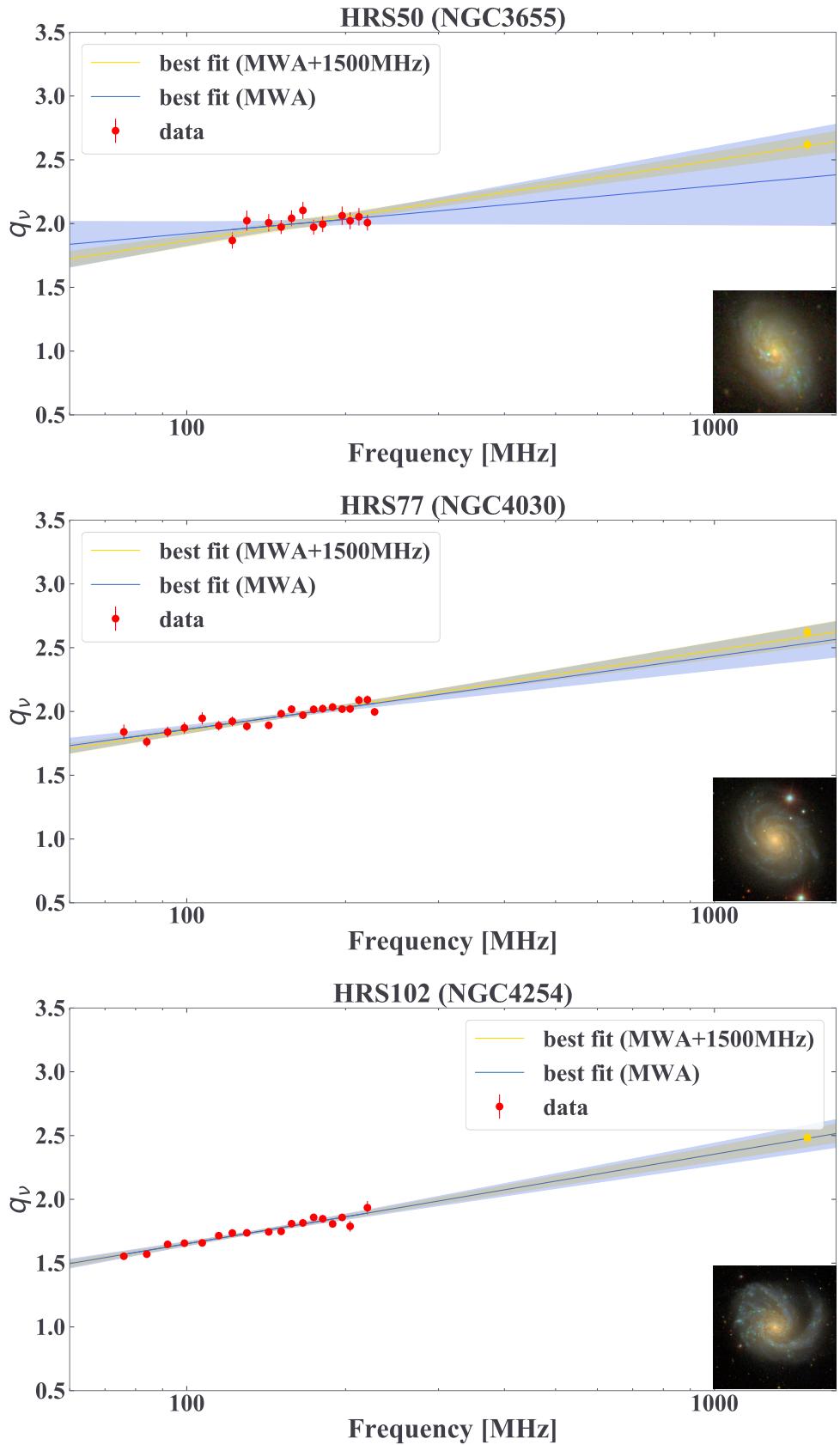
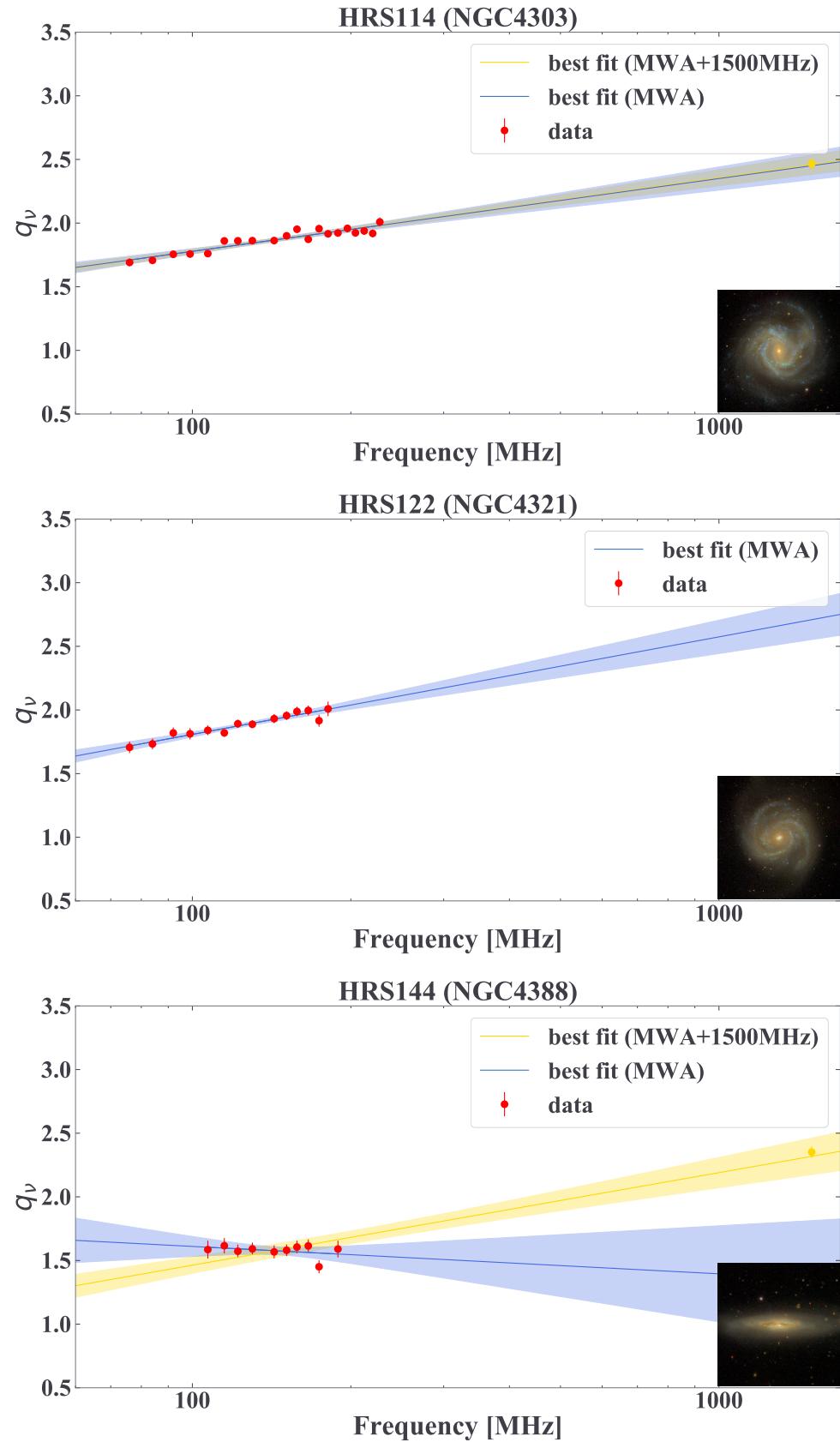


Figure C.2: Continuous.

**Figure C.3:** Continuous.

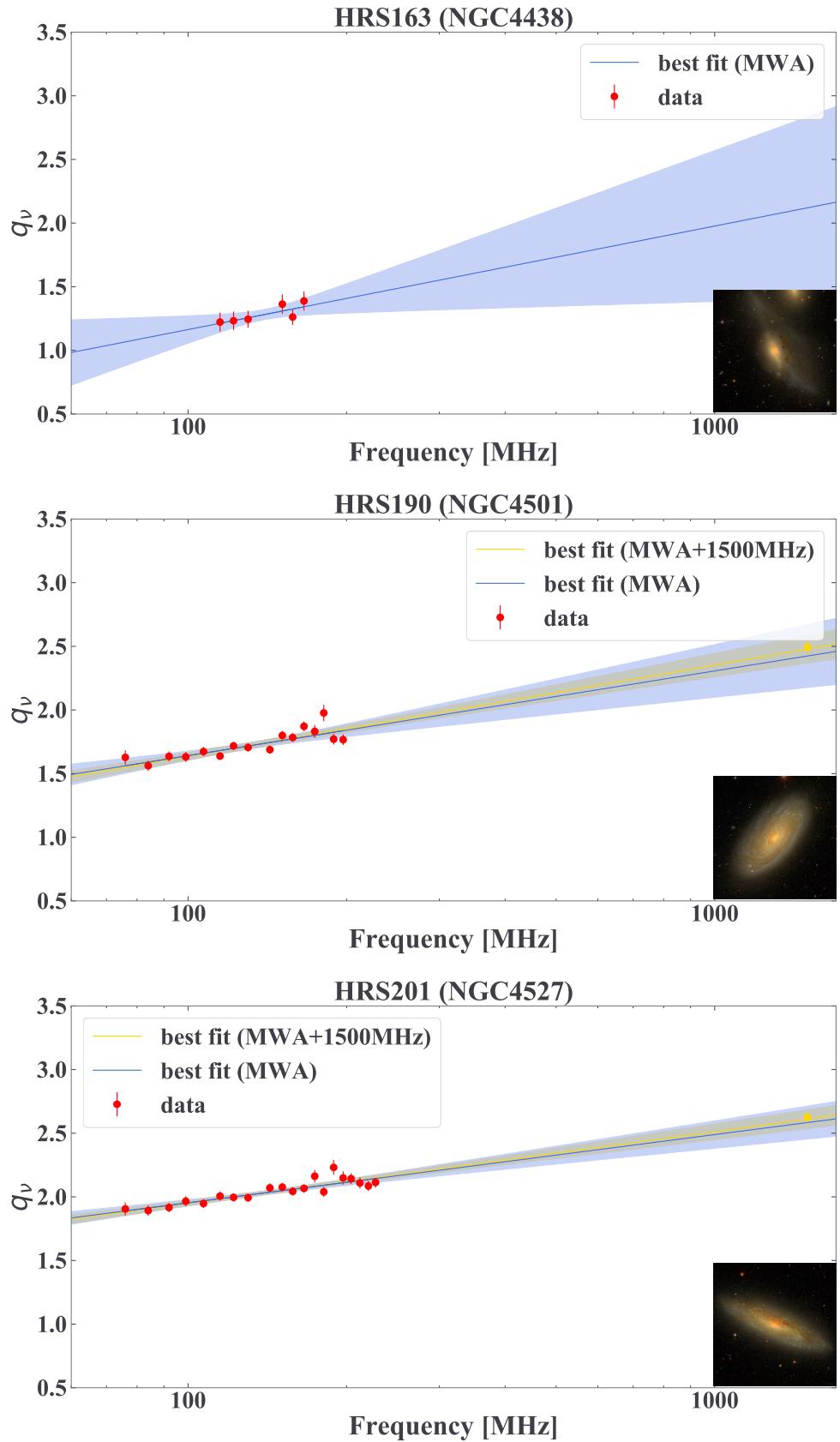
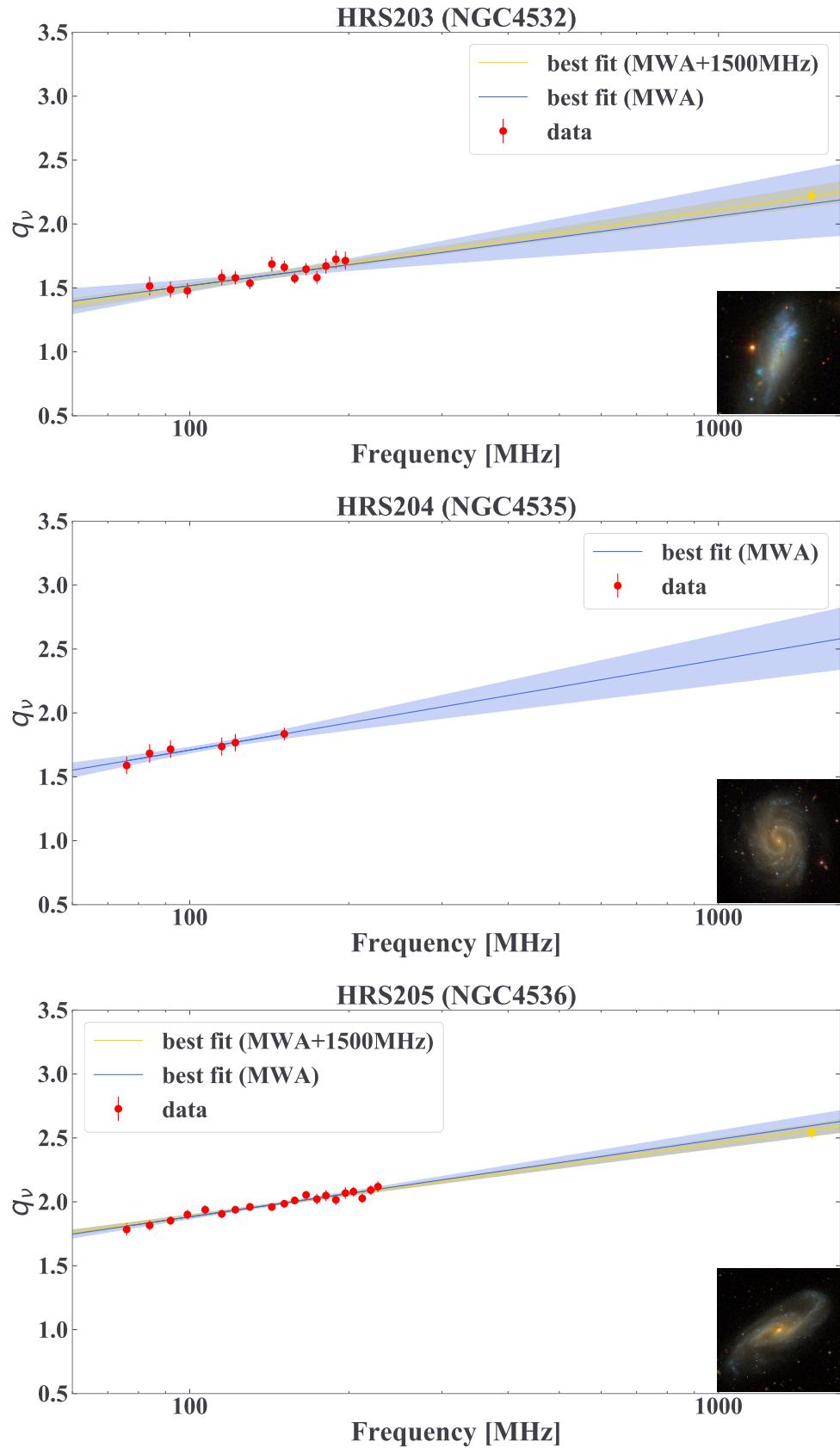


Figure C.4: Continuous.

**Figure C.5:** Continuous.

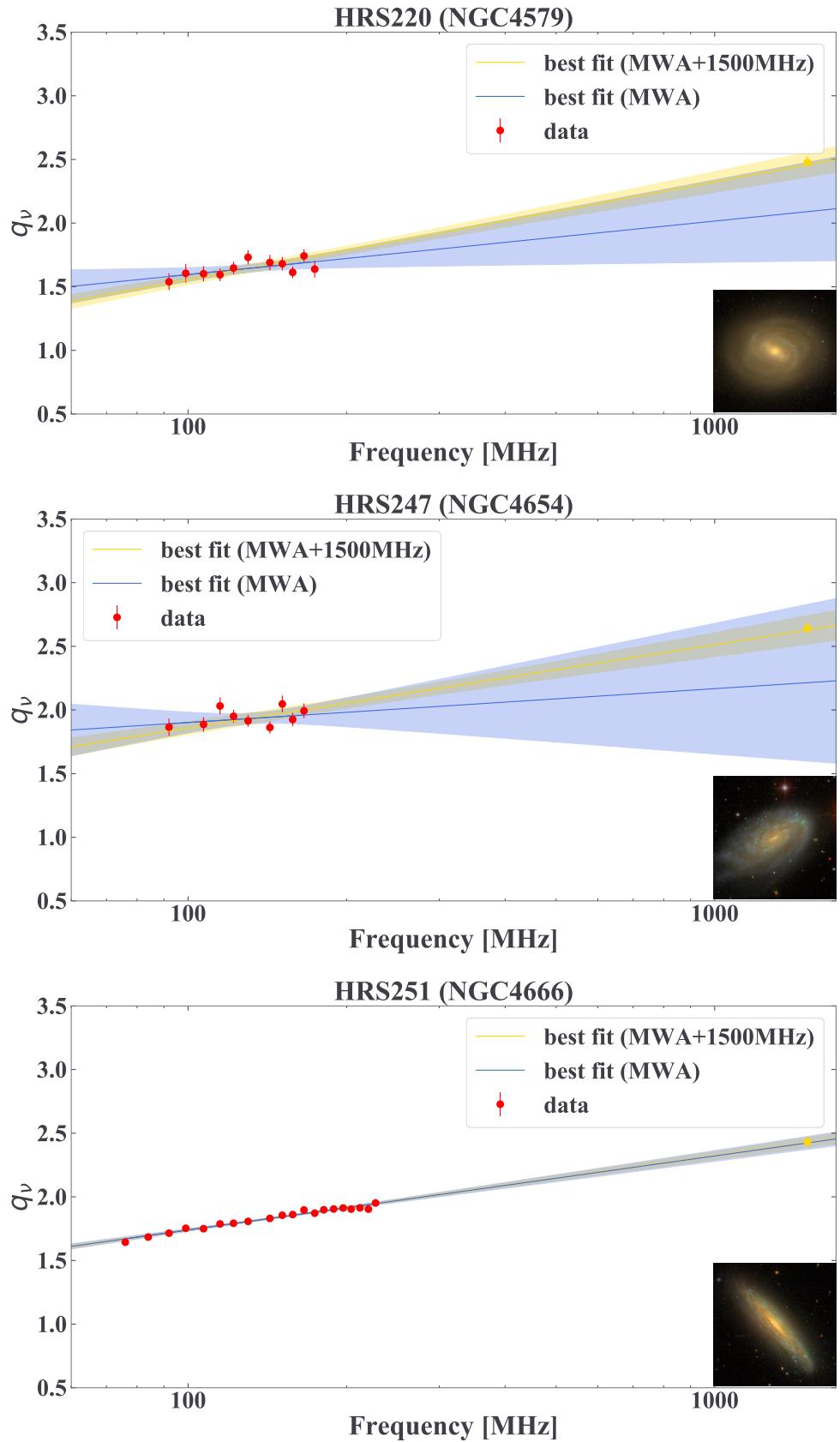


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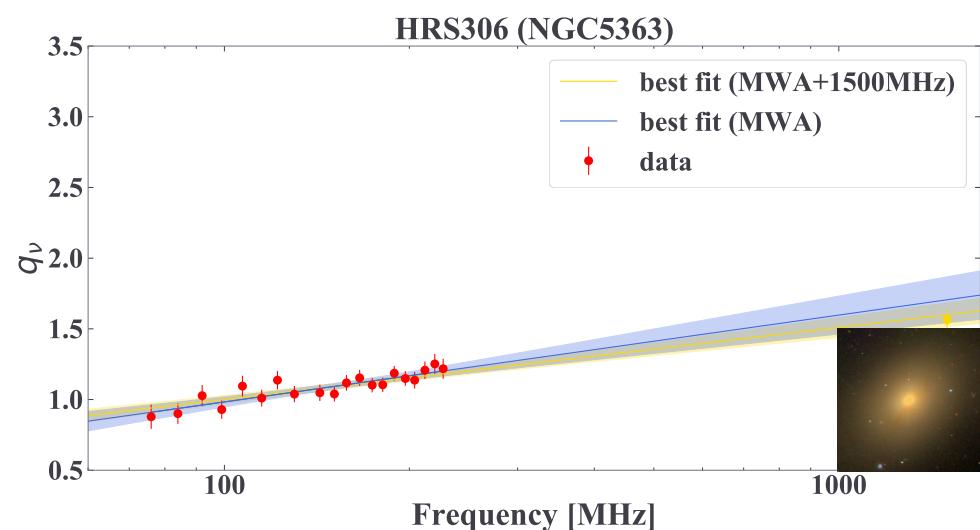


Figure C.7: Continuous.