

DARK MATTER

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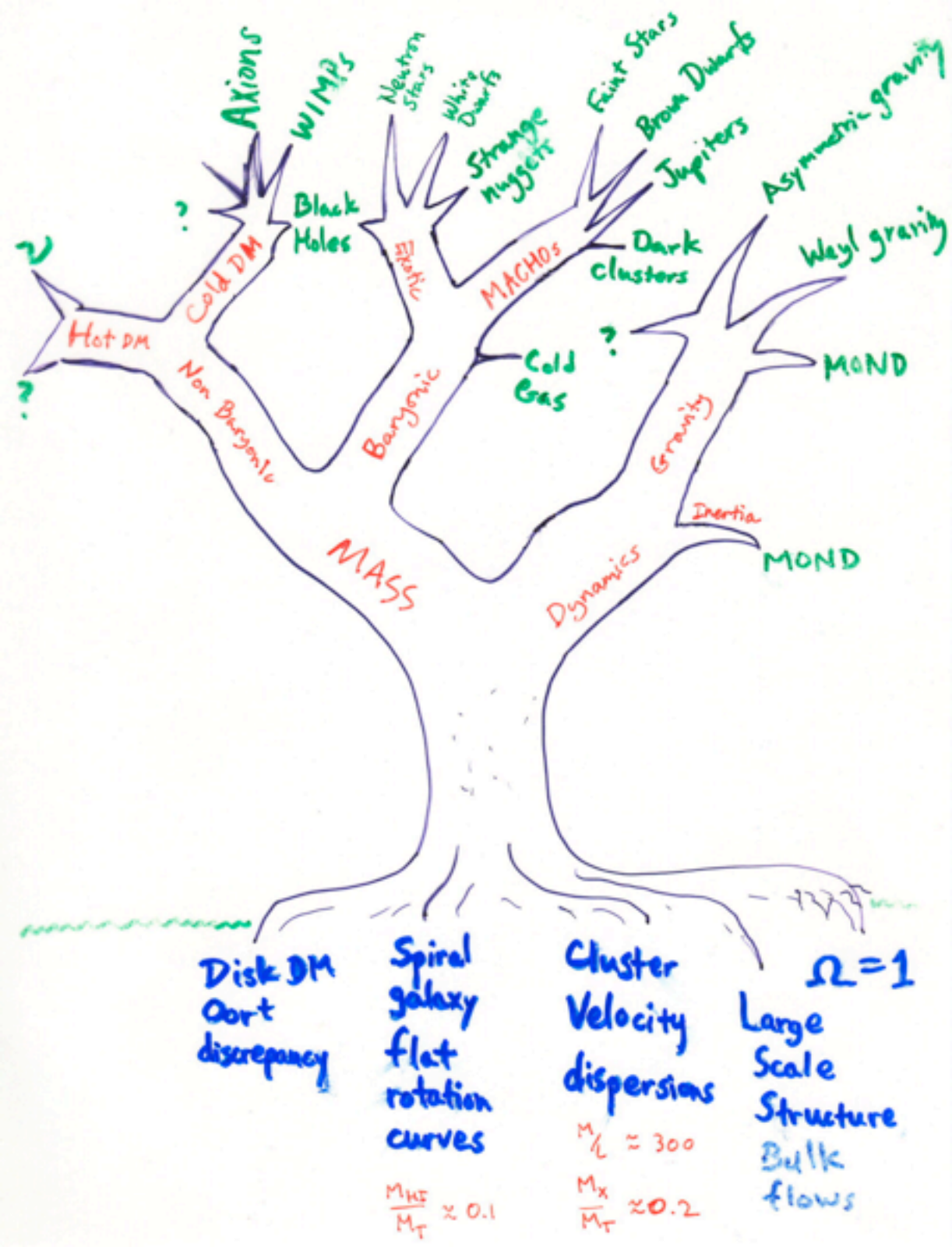
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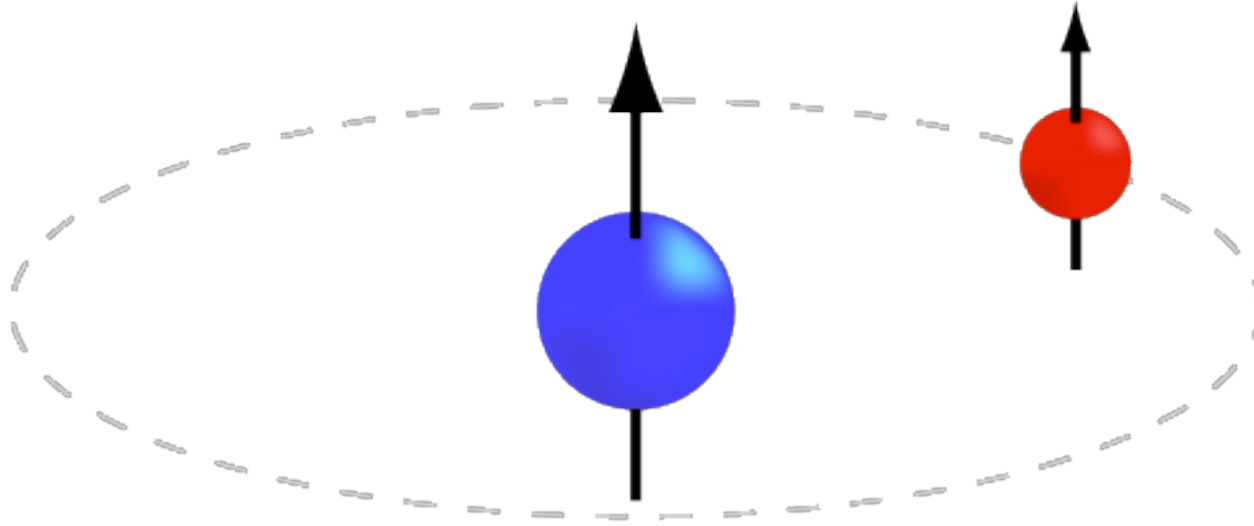


ISM

The stuff between the stars

Atomic gas
Molecular gas
Ionized gas
Dust

HI: atomic hydrogen in the interstellar medium



21 cm emission from hyperfine transition:
parallel to anti-parallel spins

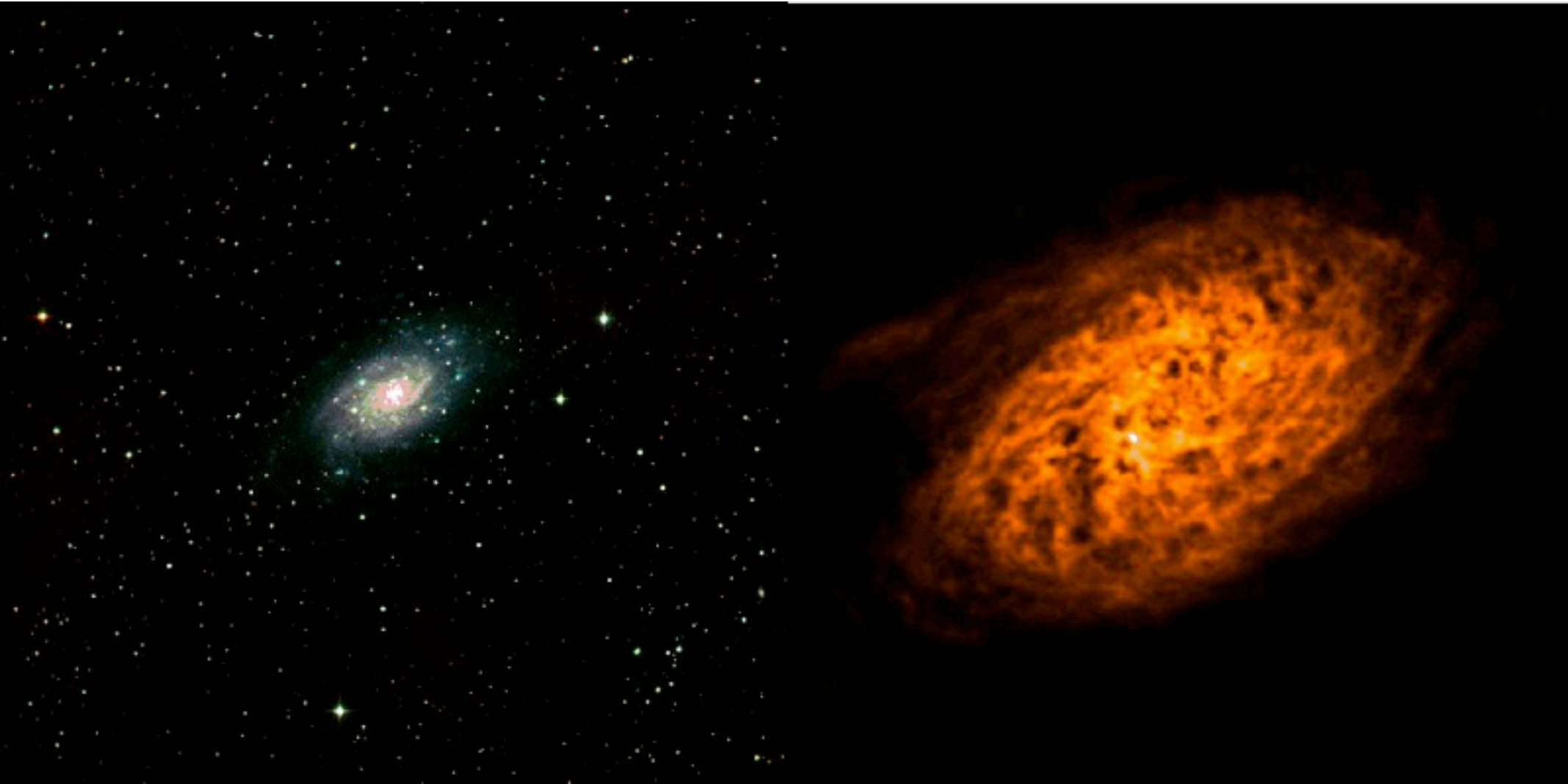
$$\nu = \frac{8}{3} g_I \frac{m_e}{m_p} \alpha^2 R_m c = 1420.405751 \text{ MHz}$$

Radio line!

NGC 2403

Stars

H I gas

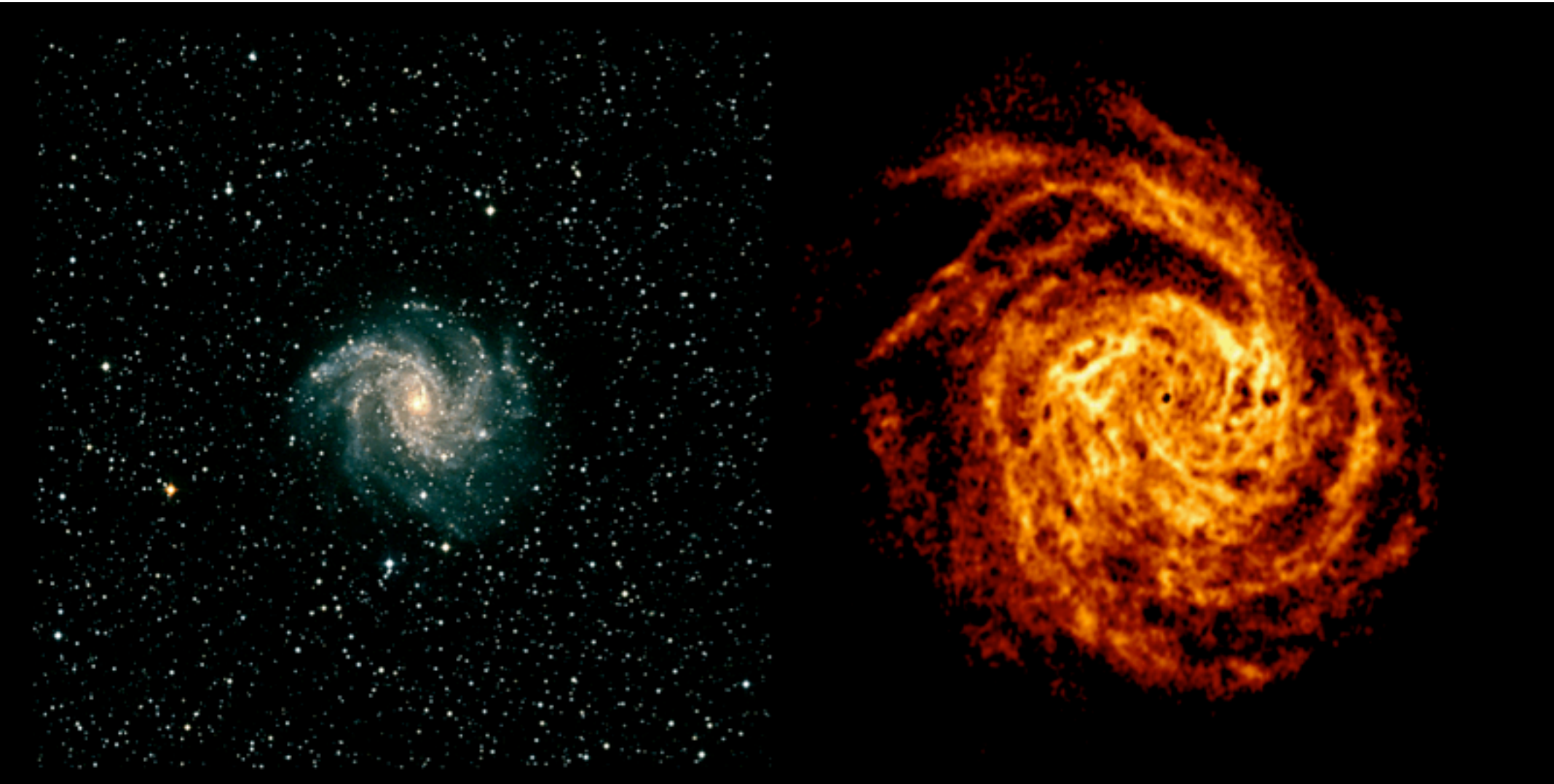


Fraternali, Oosterloo, Sancisi, & van Moorsel 2001, ApJ, 562, L47

NGC 6946

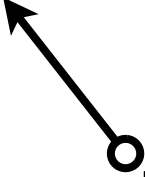
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Boomsma 2005

emission coefficient

$$A_{UL} = \frac{64\pi^4}{3hc^3} \nu^3 |\mu^*|^2$$


Bohr magneton

The radiative half-life of this transition is 11 Myr.
This is readily maintained in equilibrium even in
a cool (~ 100 K), diffuse ISM (< 1 atom/cc)

Counting 21 cm photons is equivalent to counting hydrogen atoms - a direct relation to mass!

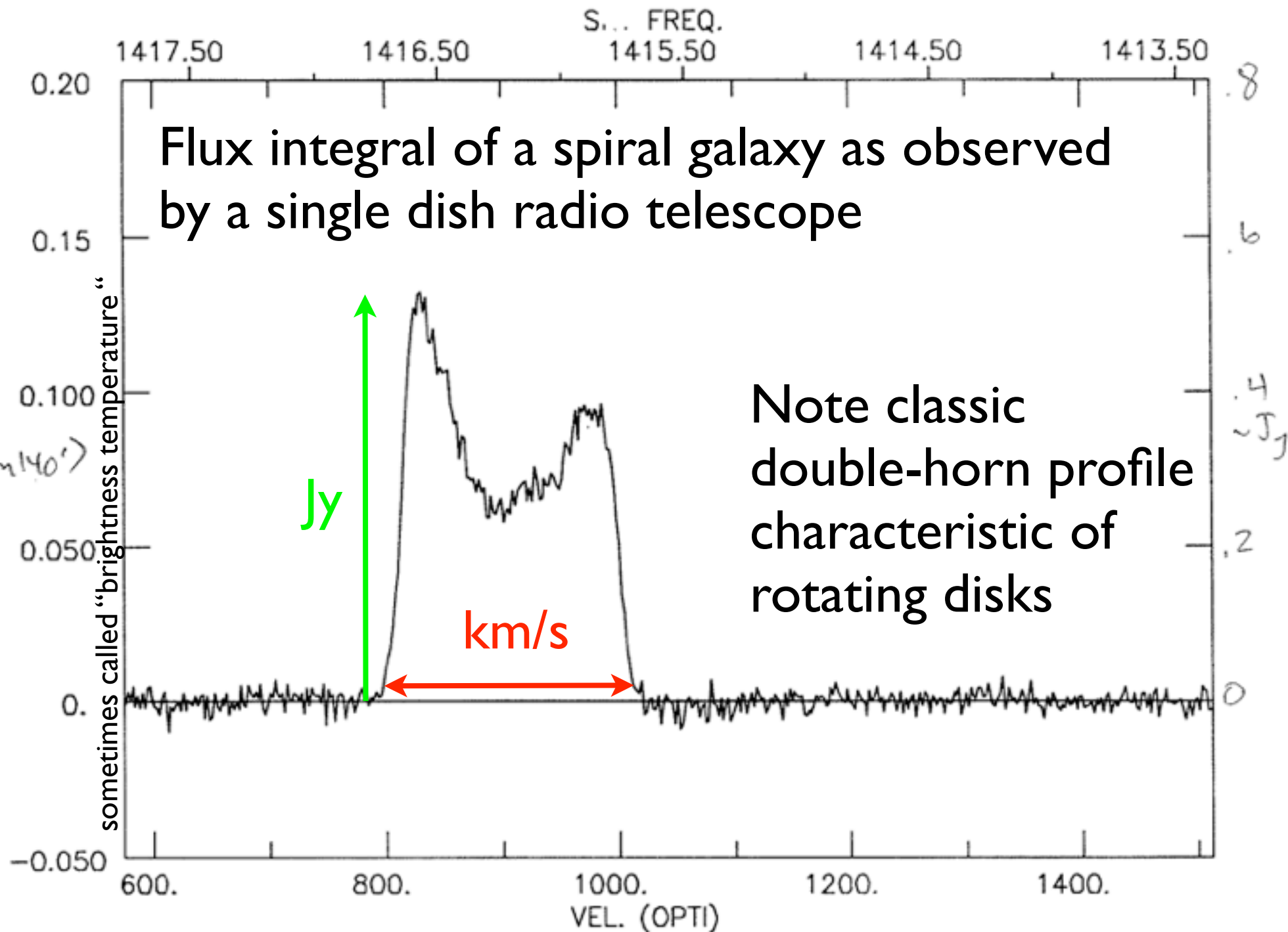
$$M_{HI} = 2.36 \times 10^5 D^2 F_{HI}$$

Give mass in solar masses for
 D in Mpc and measured
 F_{HI} , the flux integral in Jy-km/s

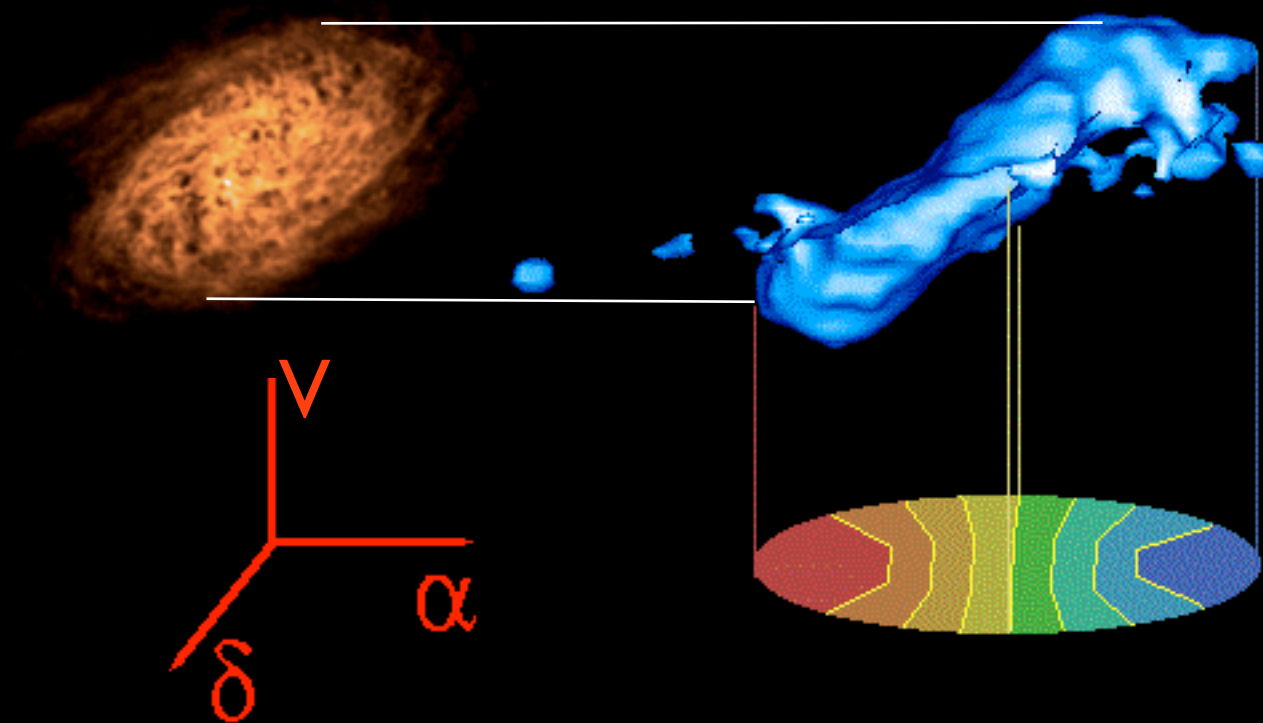
$$1 \text{ Jy} = 10^{-26} \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ Hz}^{-1}$$

Flux integral of a spiral galaxy as observed by a single dish radio telescope

Note classic double-horn profile characteristic of rotating disks



Multi-dish radio synthesis telescope arrays give
brightness temperature (HI surface density) & velocity



from 3D data cube of 21 cm position and redshift

Galaxy Dynamics in THINGS — The HI Nearby Galaxy Survey

NGC 2403 — Gas and Stars



THINGS

The HI Nearby
Galaxy Survey

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THINGS Atomic Hydrogen
(Very Large Array)

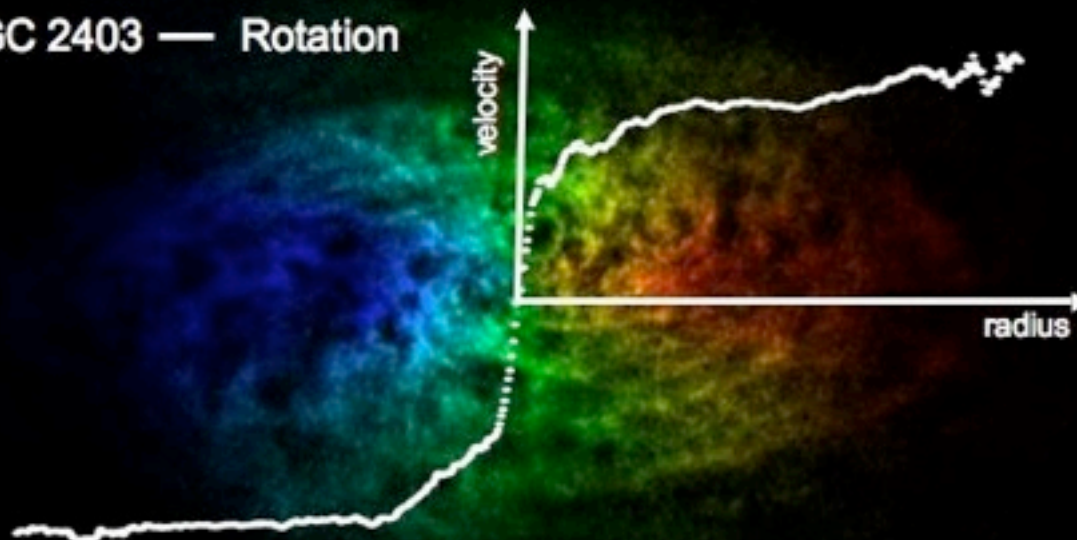
Old stars

(Spitzer Space Telescope)

Star Formation

(GALEX & Spitzer)

NGC 2403 — Rotation



Color coding:

THINGS HI distribution:

Red-shifted (receding)

Blue-shifted (approaching)

— Rotation Curve



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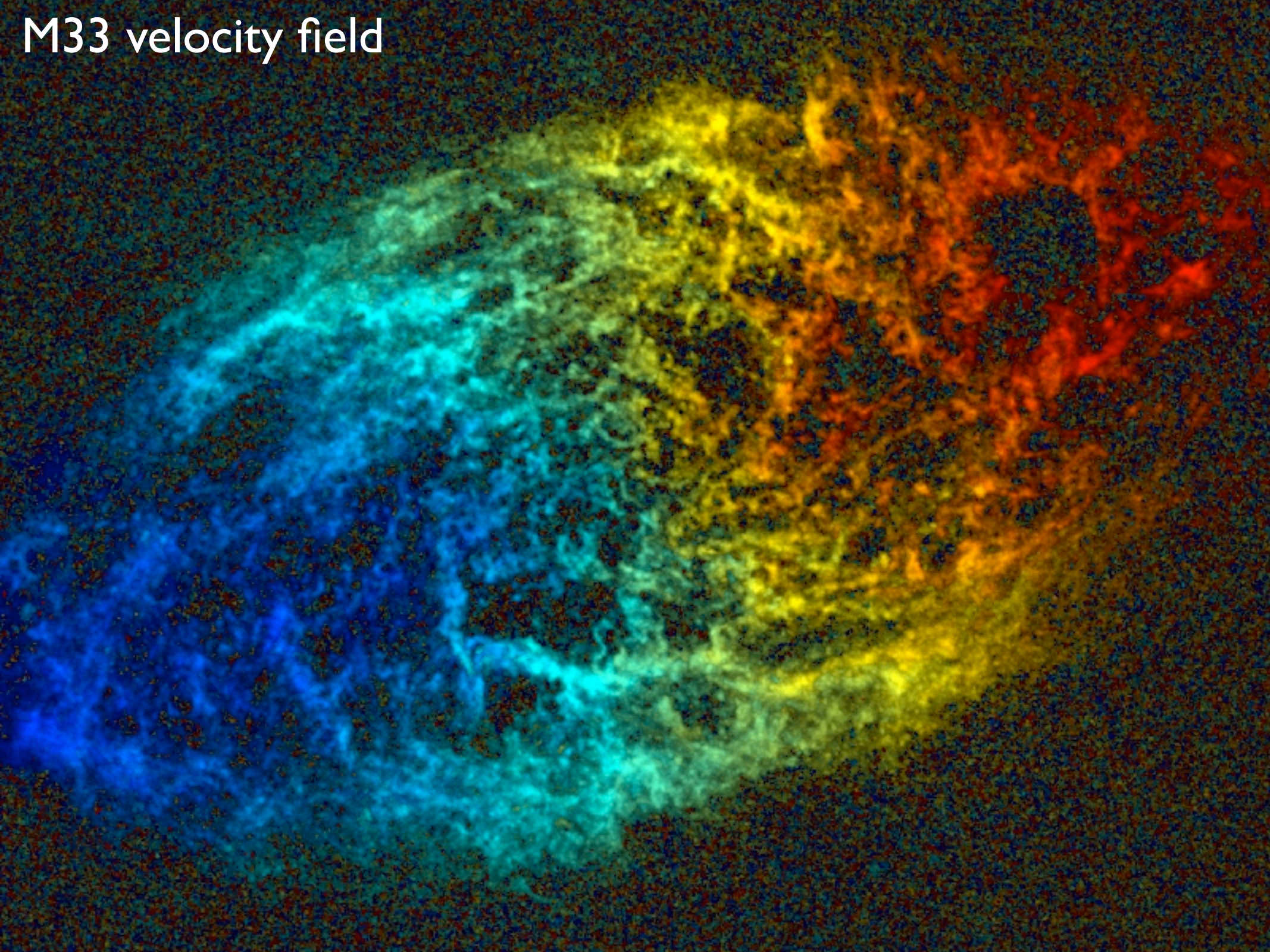
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GALEX NGS: Gil de Paz et al. 07

Rotation Curve: de Blok et al. 08

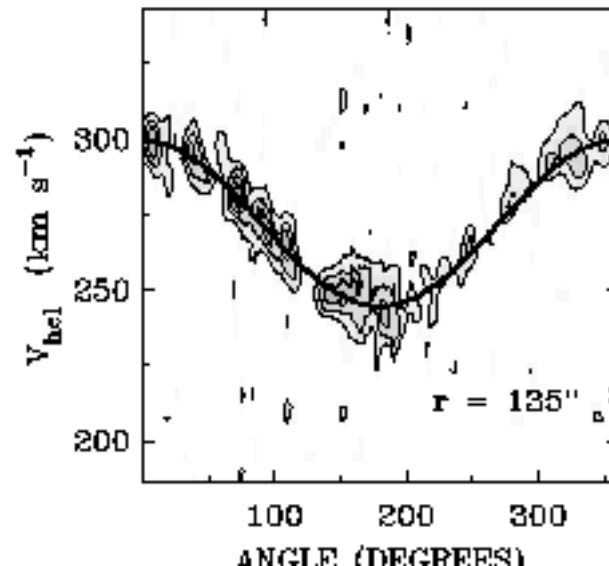
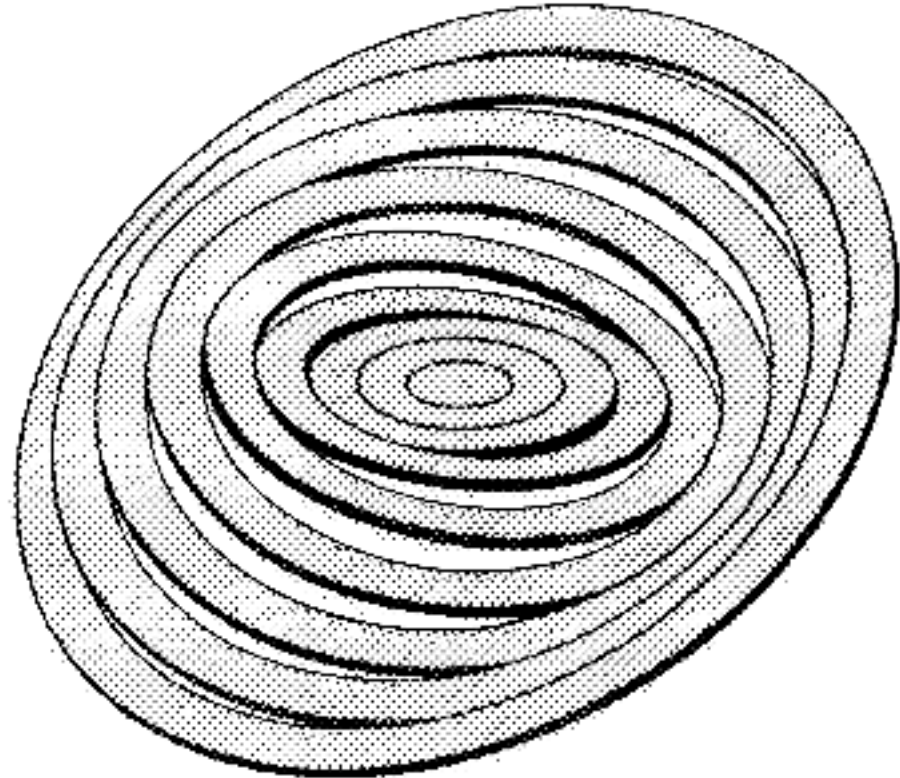
M33 velocity field



Rotation curves
extracted using “tilted
ring” fits

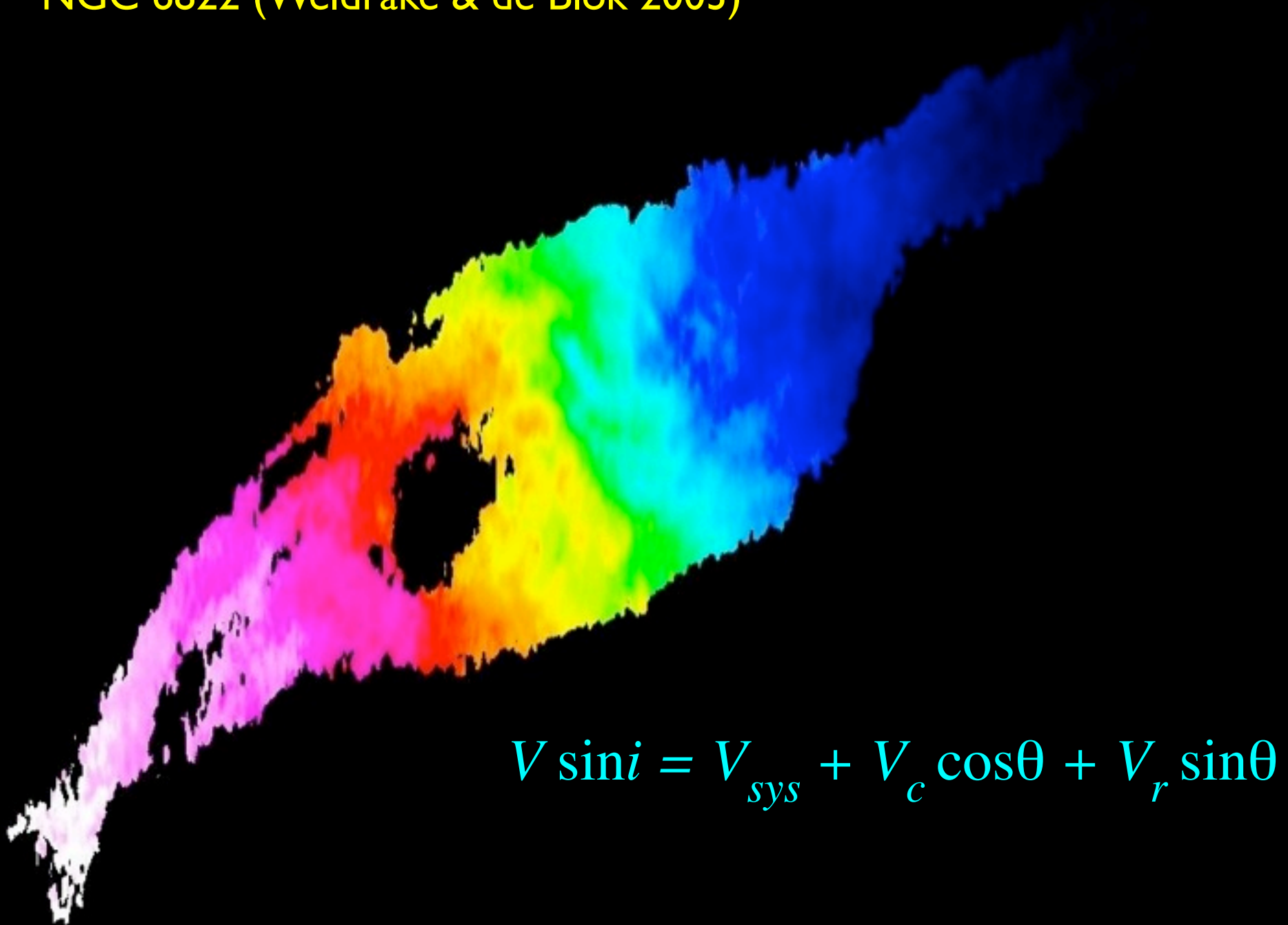
Fit ellipses that most
closely match the
circular velocity at a
given radius. In
principle, get ellipse
center, position angle,
axis ratio, inclination,
and rotation velocity.
In practice, usually
have to fix some of
these parameters.

titled ring model

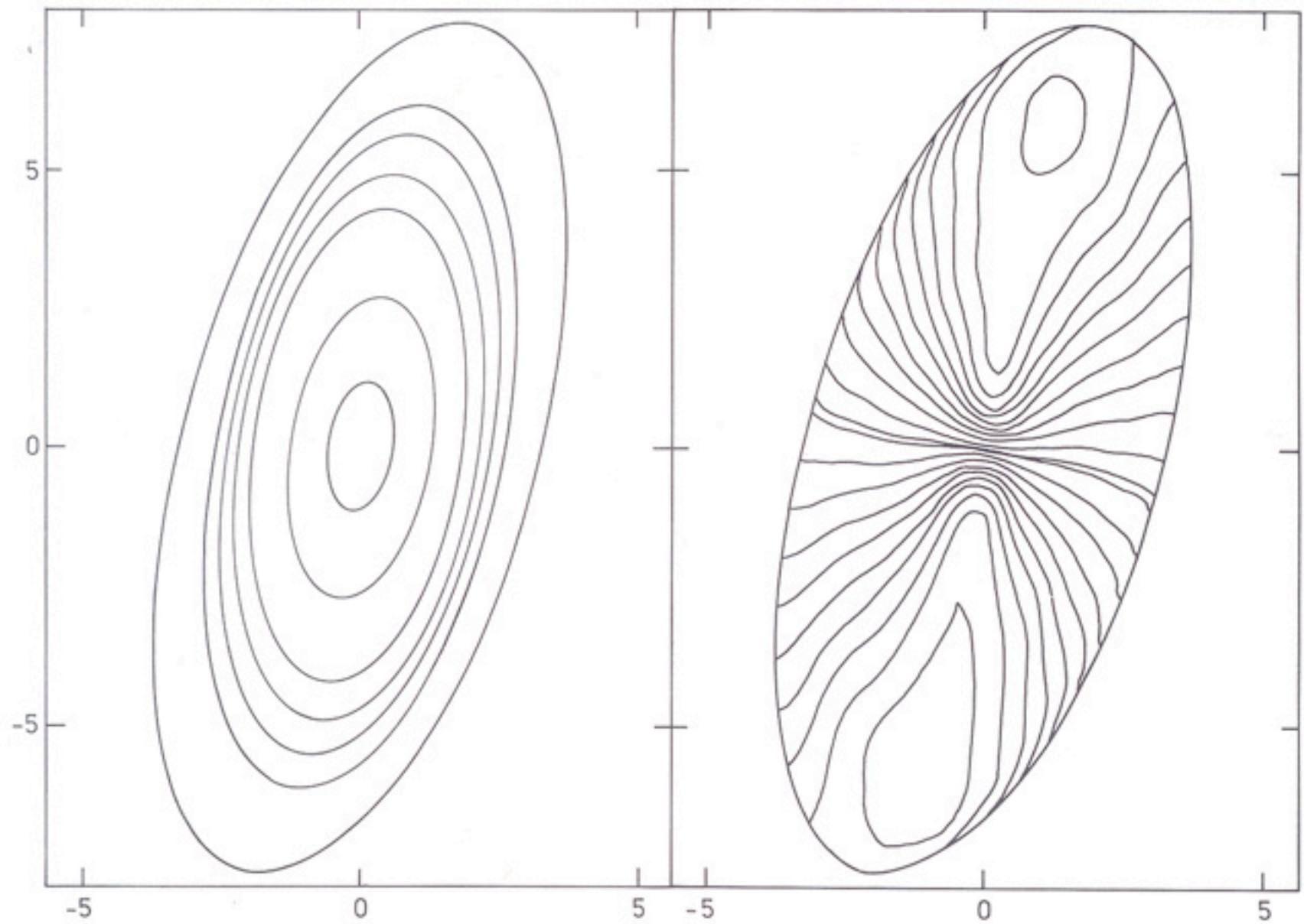


velocity
variation
along ring

NGC 6822 (Weldrake & de Blok 2003)

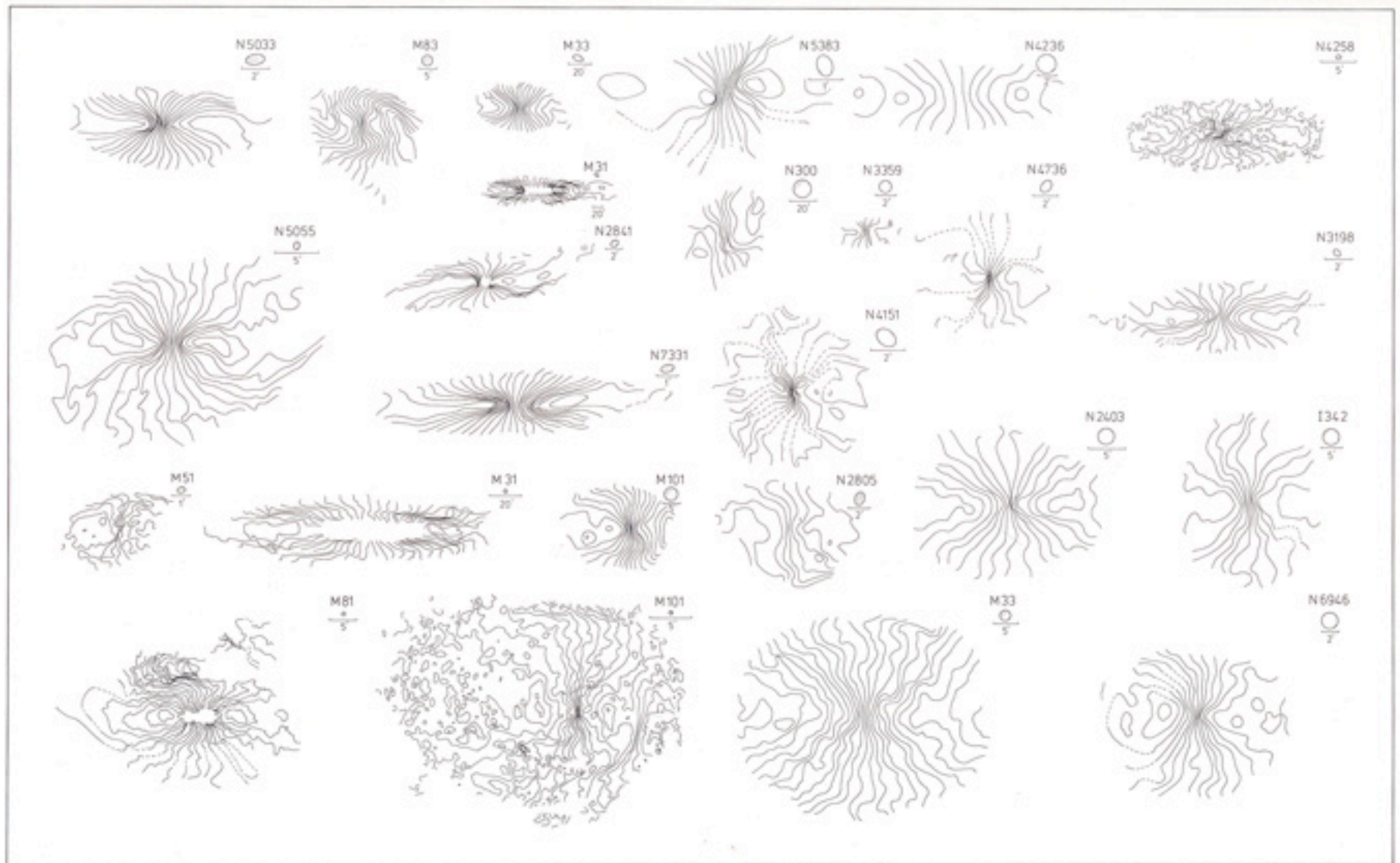


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isovelocity contours

observed velocity fields



HI velocity fields demonstrated flat rotation curves to large radii

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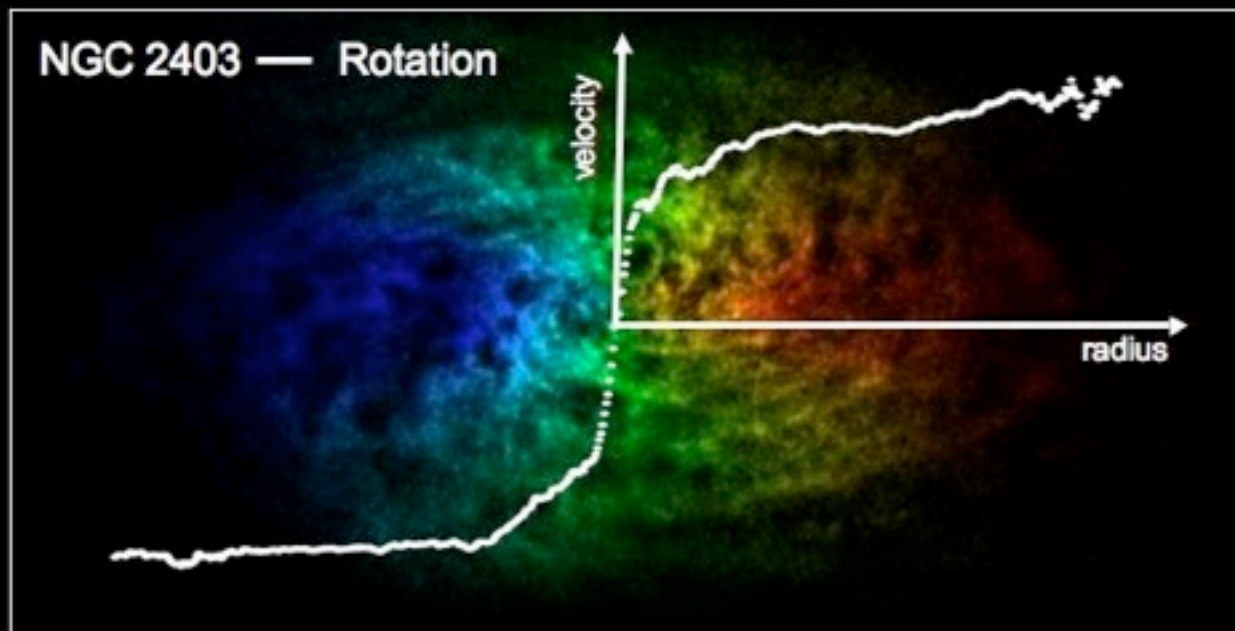
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Molecular ISM

Cold (~ 30 K), “dense” (> 100 molecules/cc)
phase of interstellar medium

Very clumpy, with low filling factor - much of
the mass is in Giant Molecular Clouds ($\sim 10^6 M_{\odot}$)
This is where stars form.

Diatomic molecules (H_2 , N_2 , O_2) boring - or at least hard to excite, as they have no dipole moment.

Polar molecules (esp. CO) have a permanent dipole moment thanks to asymmetry so have a rich rotational spectrum (typically in the mm or cm wavelengths).

$$E_{rot} = \frac{J(J+1)\hbar^2}{2I}$$

$$M_{H_2} = 1.1 \times 10^4 D^2 F_{CO}$$

$$X_{CO} = 2.8 \times 10^{20} \text{cm}^{-2} (\text{K km/s})^{-1}$$

CO

