

The sky at long wavelengths (as seen with LOFAR)

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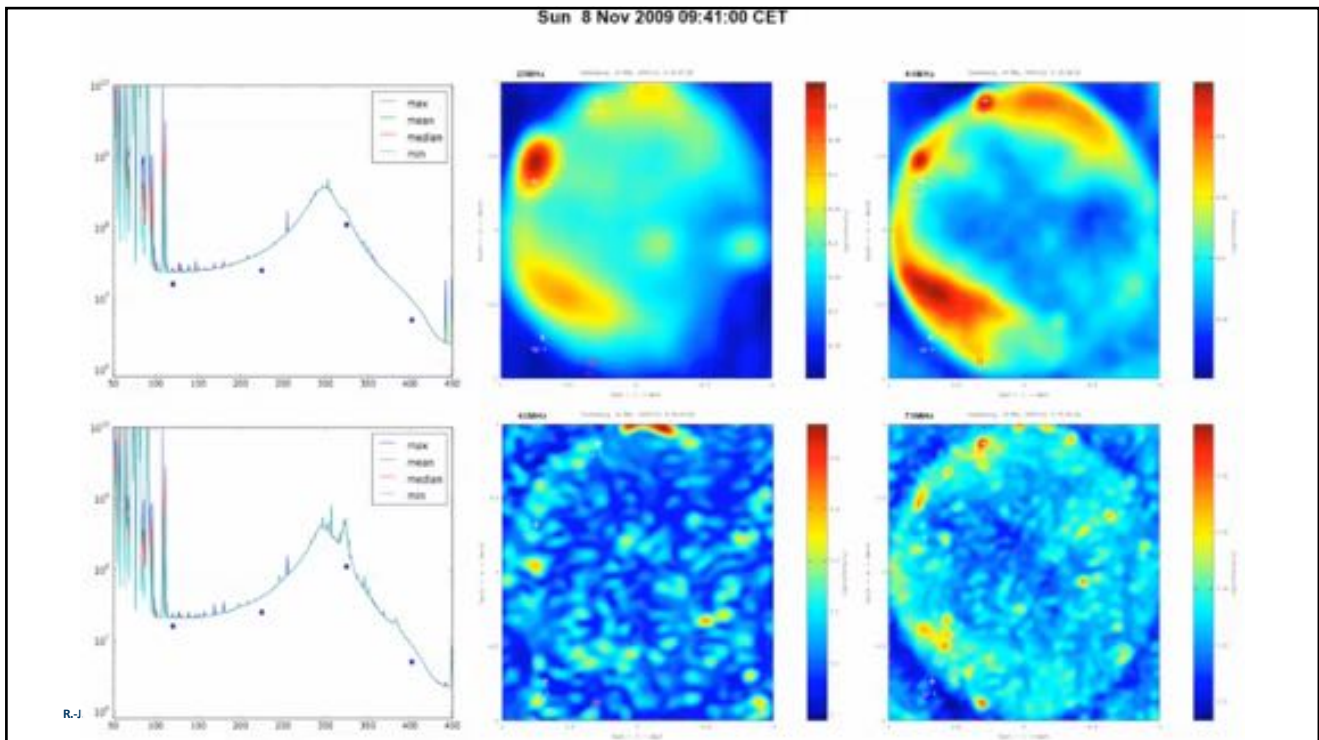
with V. Heesen, B. Adebahr, R. Beck, M. Krause, Y. Stein,
M. Wezgowiec, A. Miskolczi, George Heald and the
LOFAR MKSP & CHANGES teams



1. Motivation



DE605 Jülich
operated by FZJ and RUB



LOFAR (as an example; MWA, LWA)

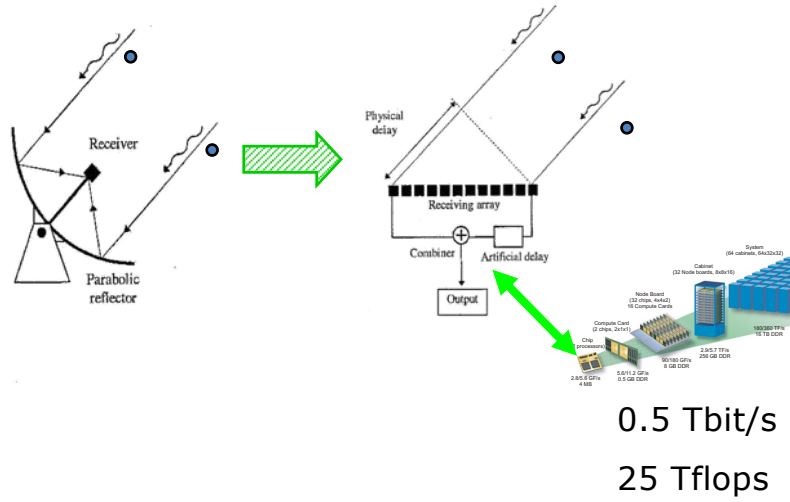
- Simple antenna design
- No moving parts
- Several simultaneous beams
- Fully digital
- On-line data processing
- Extension over Europe planned



Low Frequency ARray

20-80 MHz
110-240 MHz

“Silicon” instead of steel, a “digital” telescope



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Central field and first international station in Effelsberg



- core in the Netherlands
- international stations across Europe
- HPC in Groningen



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LOFAR Antenna

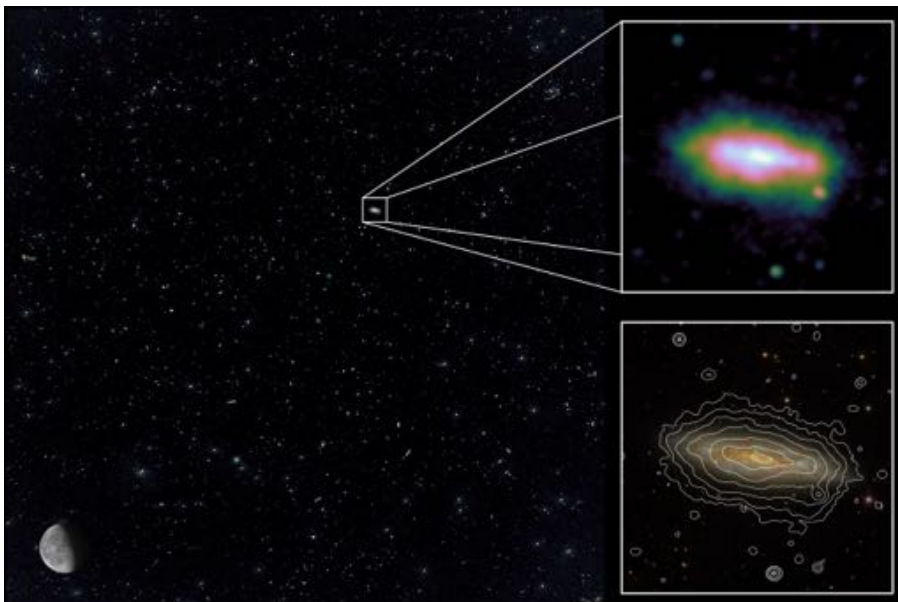


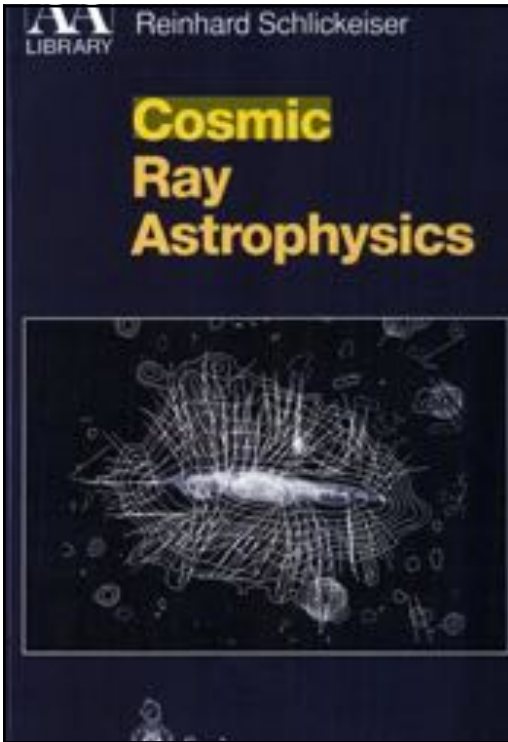
Low Band:
20 – 80 MHz (15m – 4m),
96 antenna per station

High Band:
110 – 240 MHz (3m – 1.2m),
48/96 elements per station,
4 x 4 dipoles per element



LOFAR HBA survey pointing and zoom in for NGC 3556 (discussed later)





Connecting cosmic ray astrophysics to radiocontinuum observations of galaxies...

from the lecture by J. Tjus:

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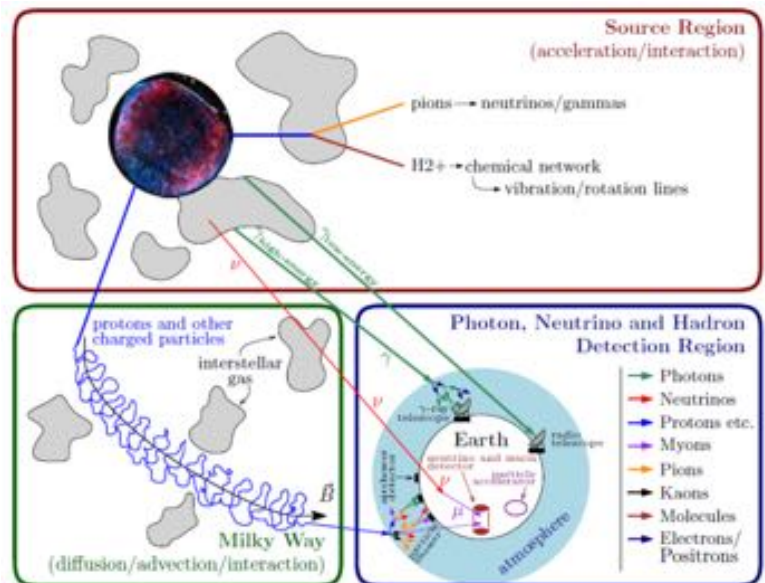


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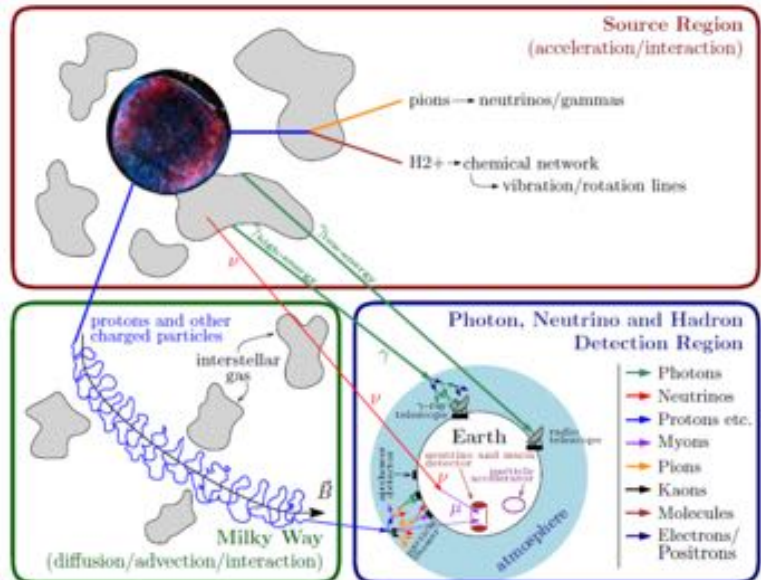
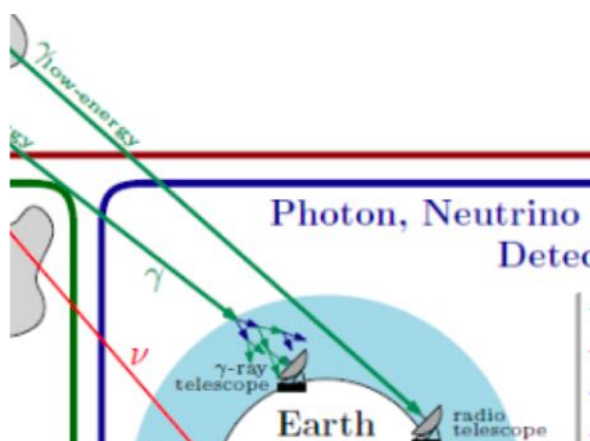


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We have to consider radiation transport !



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Frequenzspektrum einer Teilchenpopulation $dN/dE \sim E^{-p}$

- Elektronverteilung $dN/dE = A \cdot E^{-p}$ zwischen E_1 und E_2
- → Von allen Elektronen abgestrahltes Synchrotron-Frequenzspektrum:

$$P_{tot, synch}(\omega) = \int C \cdot F\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_c}\right) \cdot \frac{dN}{dE} dE = C \cdot F\left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_c}\right) \cdot E^{-p} dE$$

$$\omega_c := \frac{3}{2} \cdot \omega_B \cdot \gamma^3 \cdot \sin \alpha$$

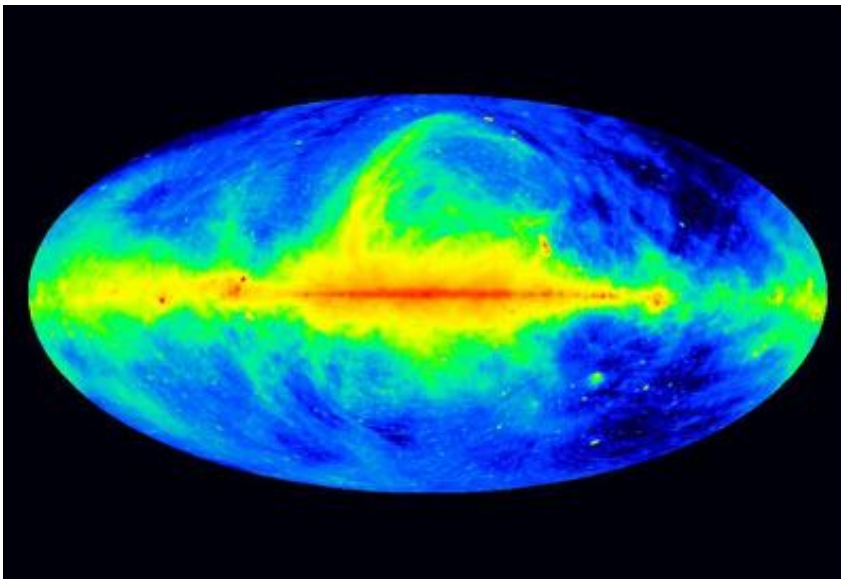
- Gyrationfrequenz: $\omega_B = \frac{q \cdot B}{\gamma \cdot m \cdot c} \propto \frac{1}{\gamma}$

- → Kritische Frequenz: $\omega_c \propto \gamma^2$

Substitution: $E = \gamma mc^2 \rightarrow x = \omega/\omega_c = \omega/\omega_c(\gamma) \rightarrow$

RUB

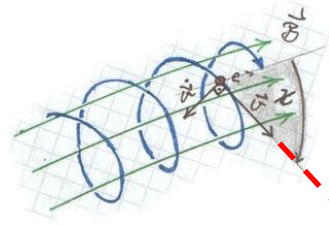
1. The non-thermal radio-spectrum and the magnetic field B



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408MHz Jodrell-Parkes-Effelsberg

Synchrotron radiation of relativistic electrons



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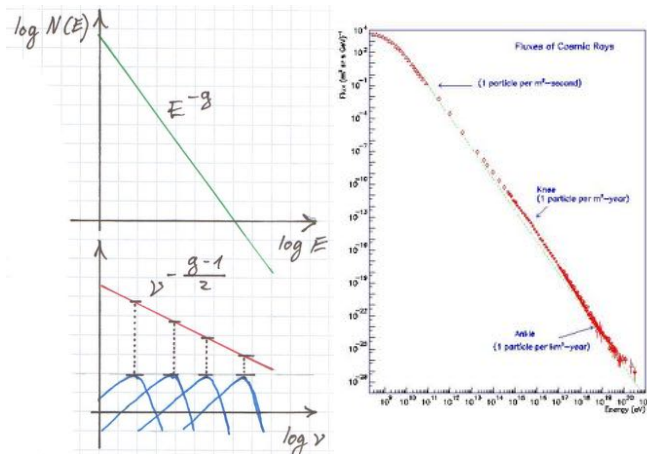
Spectrum of the ensemble:

Convolution of single spectra with energy distribution

$$N(E) \cdot dE \propto E^{-g} \cdot dE$$

$$g = 2 \cdot \alpha + 1$$

$$I_\nu \propto B_\perp^{1+\alpha} \cdot \nu^{-\alpha}$$



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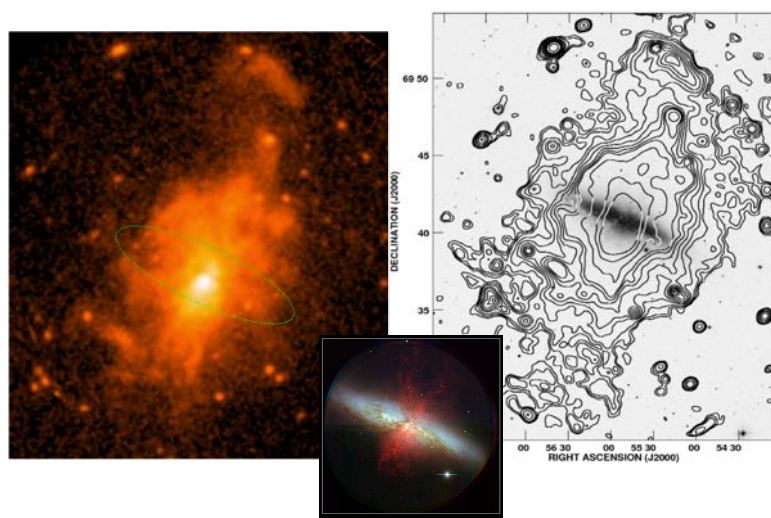
the prototypical starburst M82



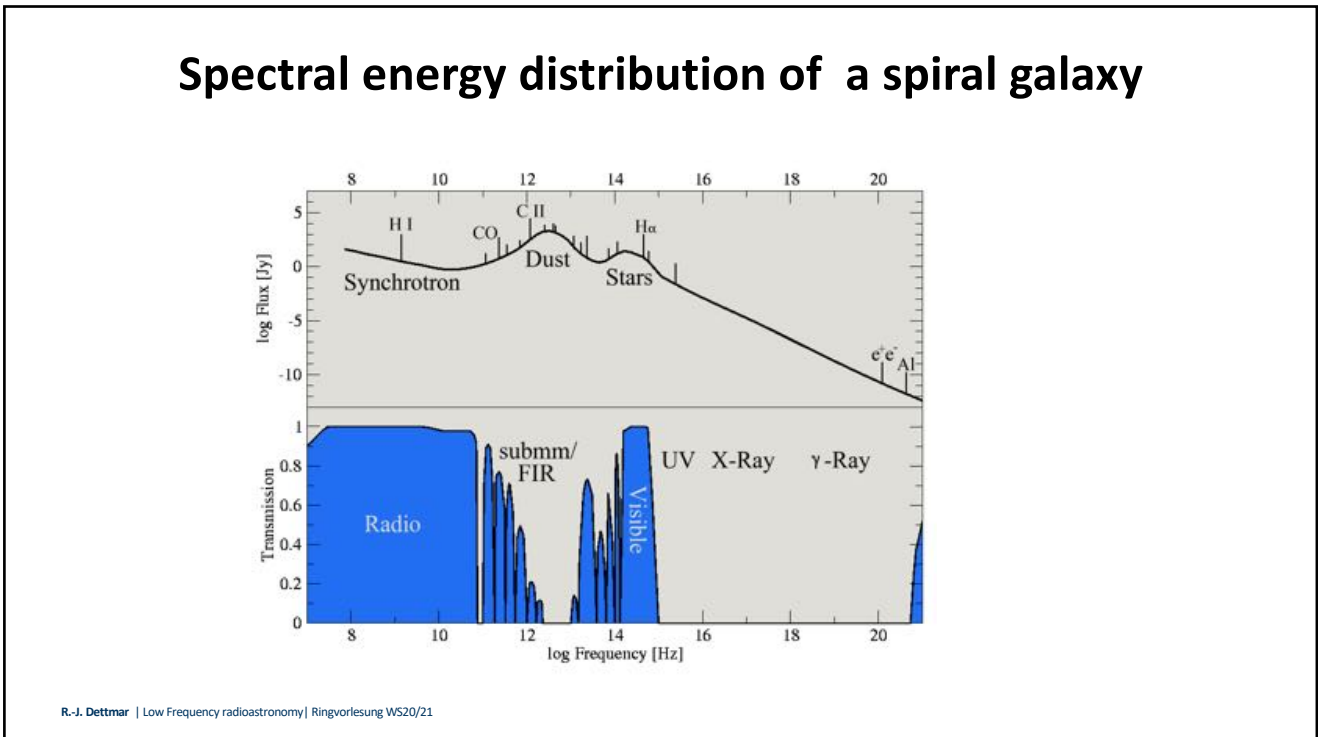
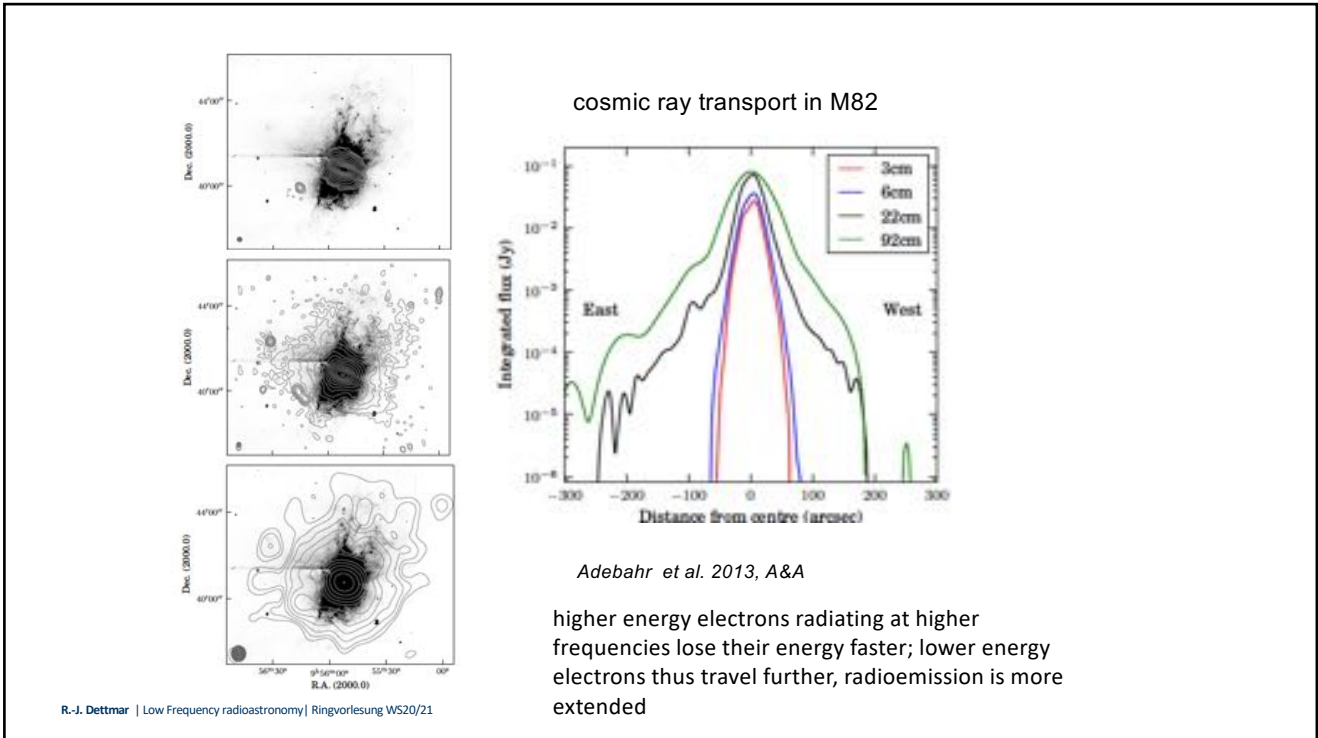
Subaru

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M82 in X-rays / XMM to scale (Wezgowiec, et al. in prep.)

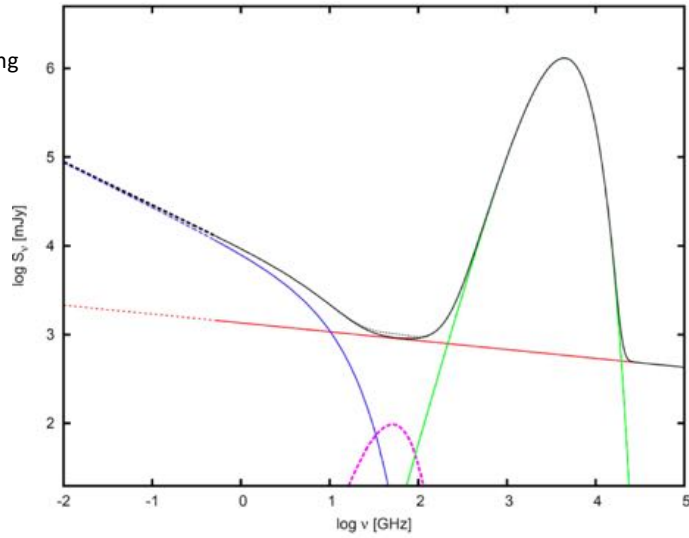


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Superposition of continuum radiation processes

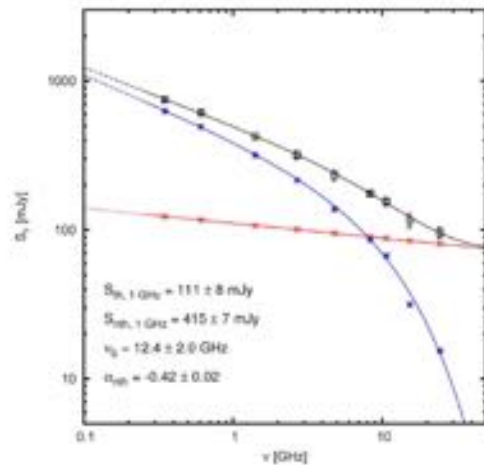
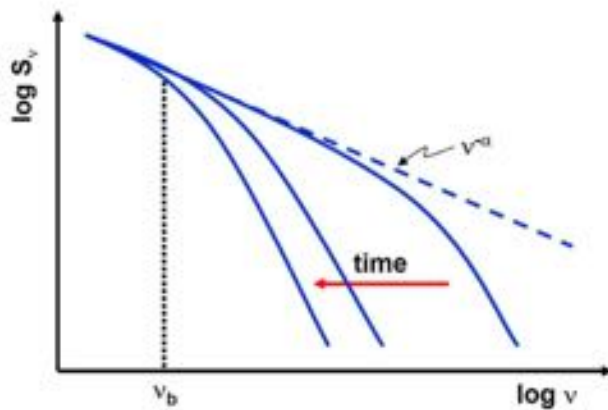
Blue: synchrotron
 Red: thermal Bremsstrahlung
 Green: thermal dust
 Violet: spinning dust



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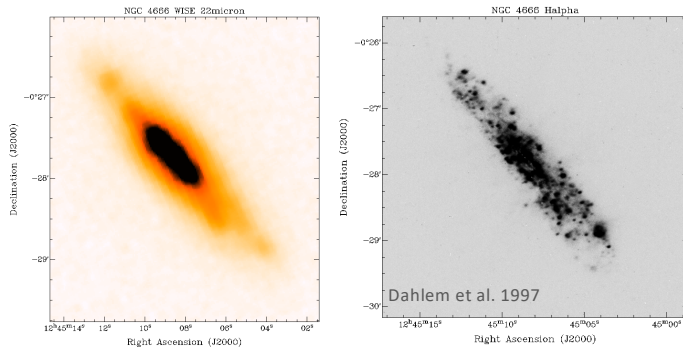


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auxiliary data:

thermal/non-thermal separation – important for further analysis



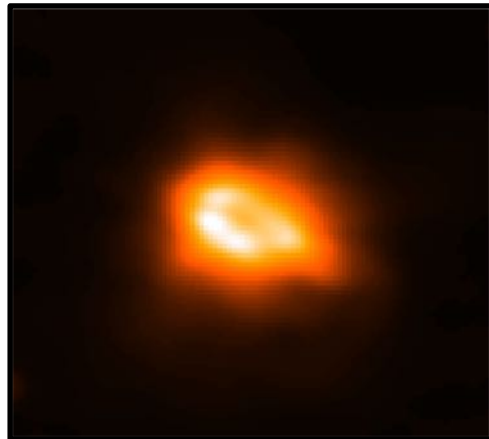
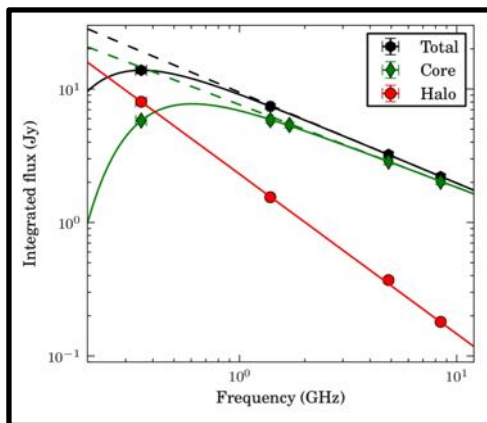
Dust corrected H α image as thermal emission:

- WISE (22 μ m) and H α (in erg/s)
 - Smoothing, regridding
 - Calculating thermal Flux based on Calzetti et al. 2007
- $$F_{\text{thermal}} = C (L_{\text{H}\alpha} + 0.04 L_{\text{WISE}})$$

C. Vargas+ 2018. CHANG-ES X: Spatially Resolved Separation of Thermal Contribution from Radio Continuum Emission in Edge-on Galaxies

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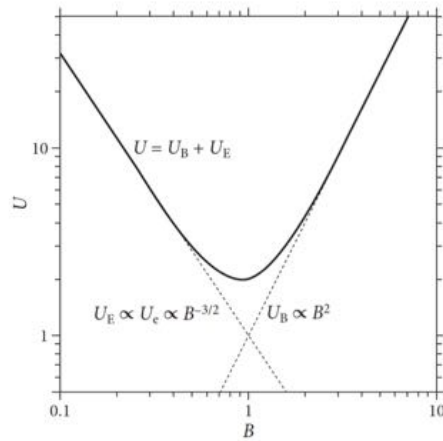
M82



First direct observation of thermal absorption in the diffuse gas of an external galaxy

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Energy equipartition => B



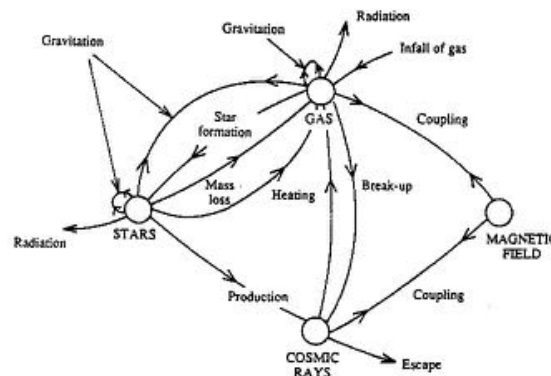
Condon, Ransom, 2016

Figure 5.9. For a source of a given synchrotron luminosity, the particle energy density $U_E \equiv (1 + \eta)U_e$ is proportional to $B^{-3/2}$ and the magnetic energy density U_B is proportional to B^2 . The total energy density $U = U_E + U_B$ has a fairly sharp minimum near equipartition of the particle and magnetic energy densities ($U_E \approx U_B$).

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Processes in the interstellar medium

(from Taylor, Cambridge Univ. Press)

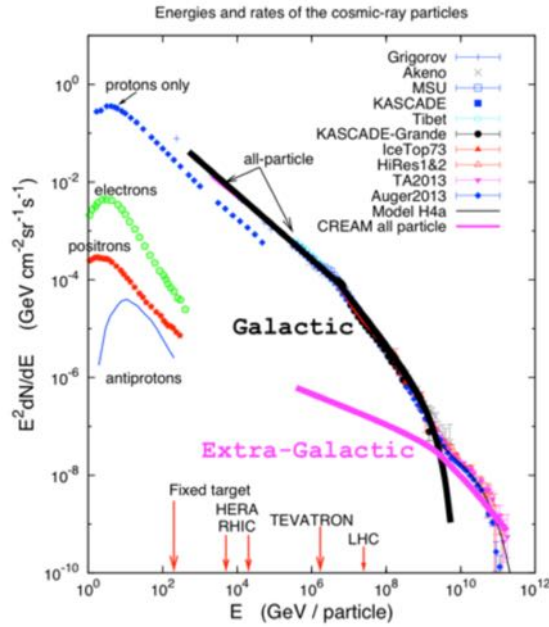


Magnetic Fields and Cosmic Rays contribute significantly to the energy density, or in other terms to the pressure:

$$U_{\text{rad}} \sim U_B \sim U_{\text{CR}} \sim U_{\text{kin}}$$

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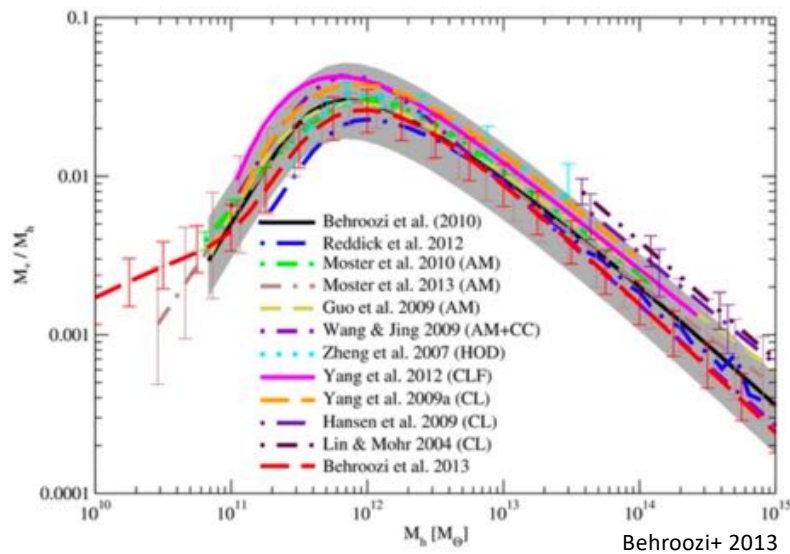
2. Cosmic ray electron transport



„IceCube Masterclass“

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baryon content of dark matter halos (i.e. galaxies of different mass)



Behroozi+ 2013

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“feedback” is required in simulations of structure formation

WHIM Simulation (Hall & Hallman)

RUB

t=59161

M82 (Hubble+Spitzer+Chandra)

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$\phi(L)$

theory (CDM-motivated)

observations

Galaxy luminosity

$L_* \sim 3 \times 10^{10} L_{\odot}$

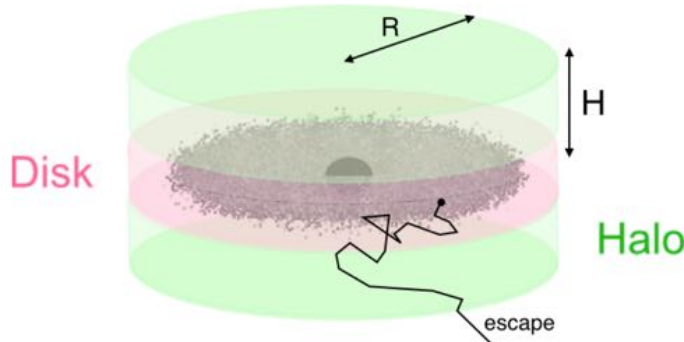
Silk 2013

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Leaky-Box Modell

1.) Assumption pure spatial diffusion: $\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} = Q - D\Delta n \approx Q - \frac{n}{\tau_{esc}}$

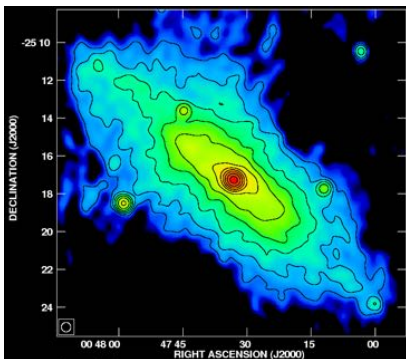


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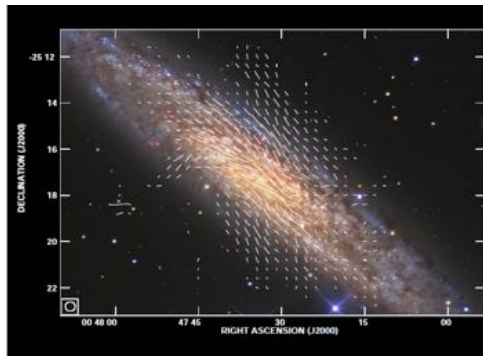
$$\tau_{esc} = \frac{D}{H^2}$$

2.) Assumption of steady-state: $\frac{\partial n}{\partial t} \approx 0 \rightarrow n(E) = Q(E) * \frac{H^2}{D(E, \delta B/B)}$

What we can measure: synchrotron emission from CR electrons



NGC 253 radiocontinuum study at 3, 6, 20, 90 cm



(Heesen, Krause, Beck, Dettmar 2009 A&A)

Polarized emission (and angles):

$$I \propto \int n_{CR} B_{\perp}^{1+\alpha} dl$$

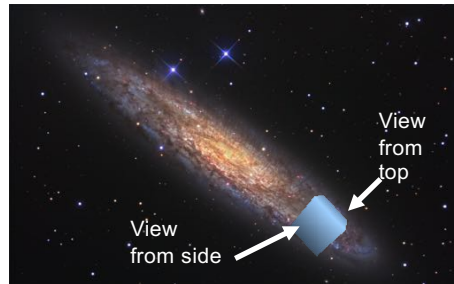
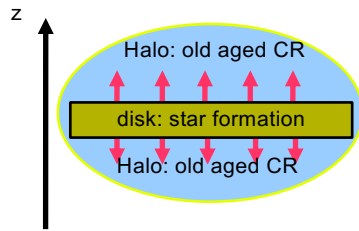
Faraday rotation measures of the diffuse polarized emission:

$$RM \propto \int n_e B_{\parallel} dl$$



Simulations of the ISM

- Clustering of Supernovae => Breakout of the gas

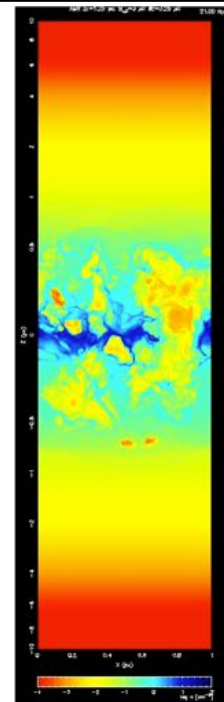
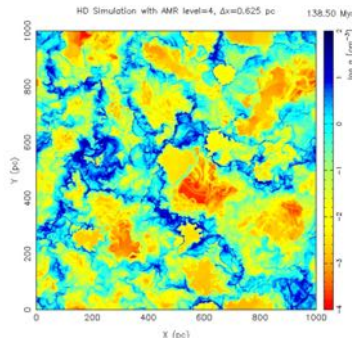


Z is coordinate perpendicular to disk

(V. Heesen)

multiphase ISM in simulations

e.g. de Avillez & Breitschwerdt



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ApJ 777, L16 (2013)

SIMULATIONS OF DISK GALAXIES WITH COSMIC RAY DRIVEN GALACTIC WINDS

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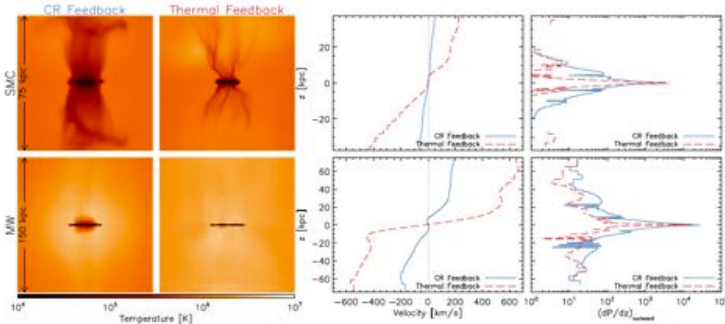


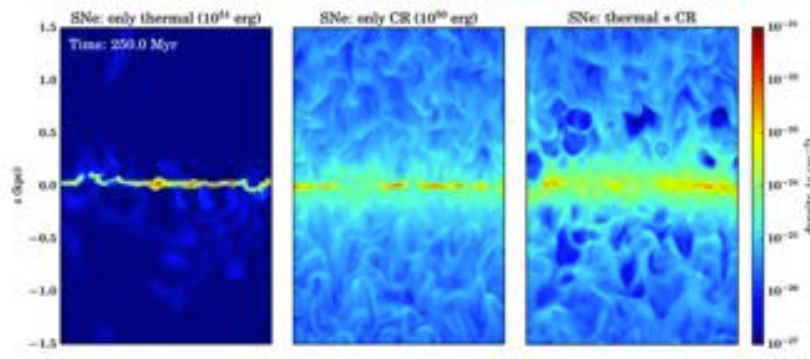
FIG. 3.— Edge-on maps of the temperature in a thin slice around the MW (top panels) and SMC galaxies (bottom panels) for both the thermal feedback (left panels) and CR feedback (right panels). CR feedback has a large effect on the temperature structure of the halo gas. The plots show the median velocity (left panels) and outward pressure force (right panels) as a function of height from the disk for the same two simulations. All quantities are calculated in a cylinder of radius $3kpc$, centered on the galactic disk. It is clear that the effect of the CRs is to increase the outward pressure forces in the halo by a factor of 3.5 at all z . This pressure gradient slowly accelerates the wind into the halo. The wind in the thermal feedback simulations is accelerated abruptly from the disk and maintains a constant velocity thereafter.

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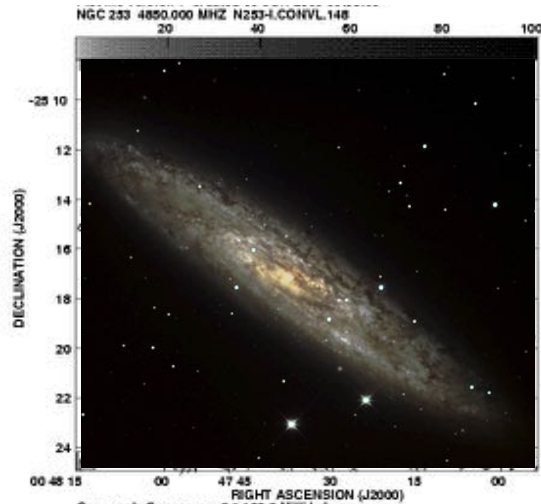
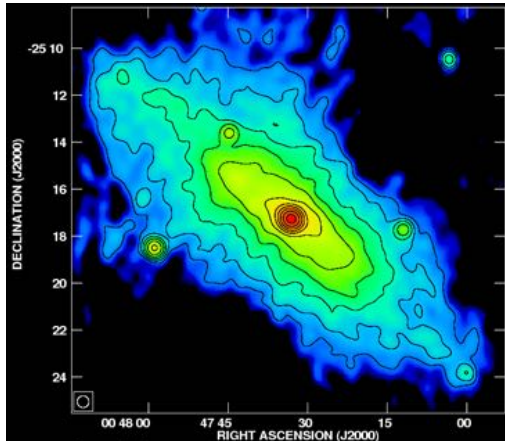
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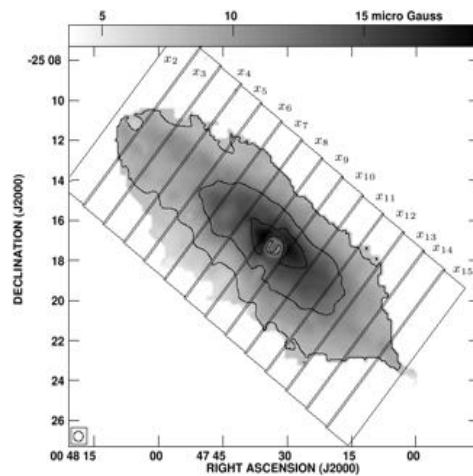
Multifrequency study of NGC 253 (Heesen et al 2009)



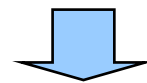
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Total magnetic field strength



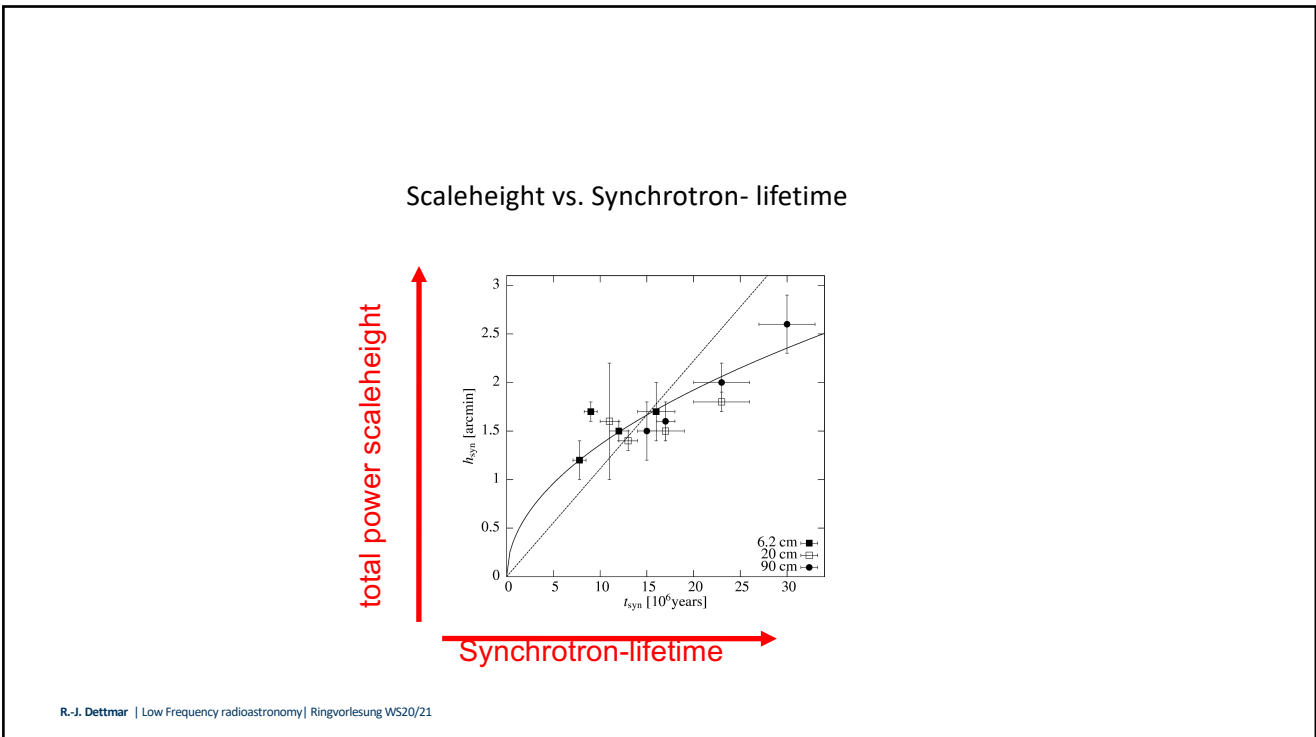
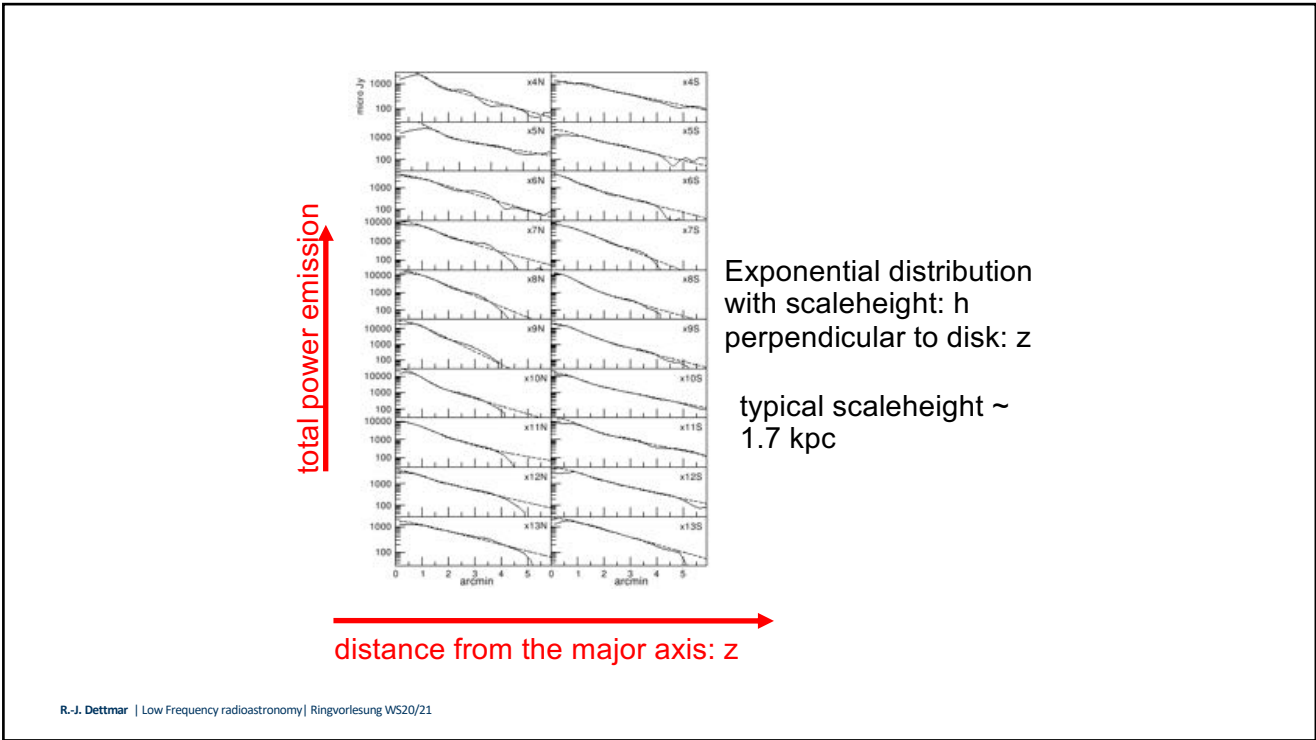
local magnetic field strength



local Synchrotron-lifetime

equipartition magnetic field strength: $B \propto L_\nu^{1/(3+\alpha_{nt})}$

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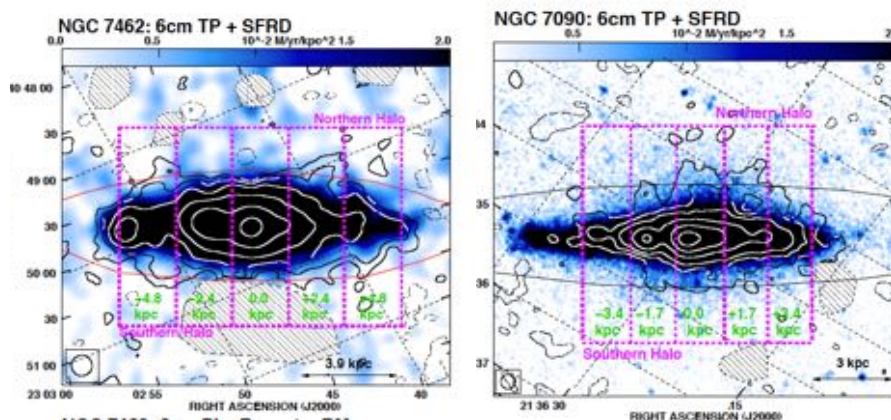
Cosmic ray propagation

$$v_e = \frac{3 + \alpha_{nt}}{2} \frac{\Delta h_e}{\Delta t_{\text{Syn}}}$$

$$\bar{v}_{\lambda 6.2} = (280 \pm 40) \text{ km s}^{-1}$$

close to escape velocity!

analysis of CR transport (ATCA 6&20cm)



Heesen, Dettmar, Krause et al. 2016 MNRAS 458, 332

“clean non-thermal emission”: 1D Modelling of CR–Transport

$N(E, z)$: Cosmic Ray Electron number (column) density

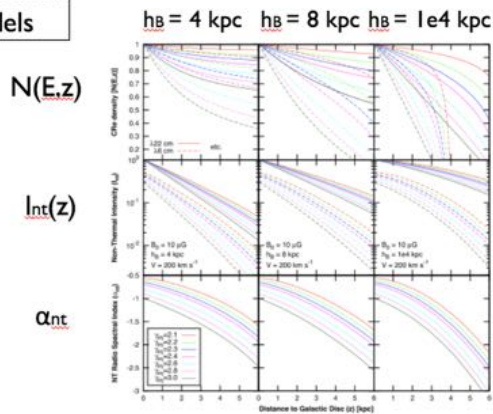
Advection:
$$\frac{\partial N(E, z)}{\partial z} = \frac{1}{V} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial E} [b(E)N(E, z)] \right\}$$

Diffusion:
$$\frac{\partial^2 N(E, z)}{\partial z^2} = \frac{1}{D} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial E} [b(E)N(E, z)] \right\}$$

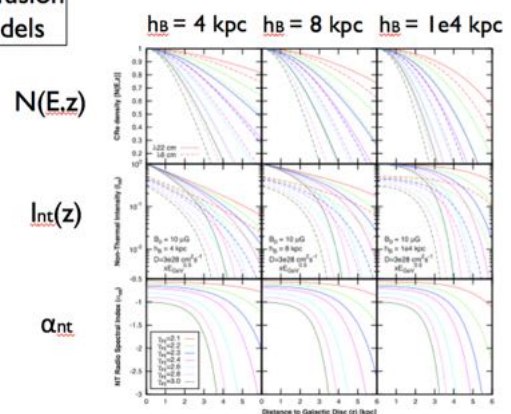
CRE losses:
$$-\left(\frac{dE}{dt}\right) = b(E) = \frac{4}{3} \sigma_{TC} \left(\frac{E}{m_e c^2}\right)^2 (U_{rad} + U_B)$$

iC losses
synchrotron radiation

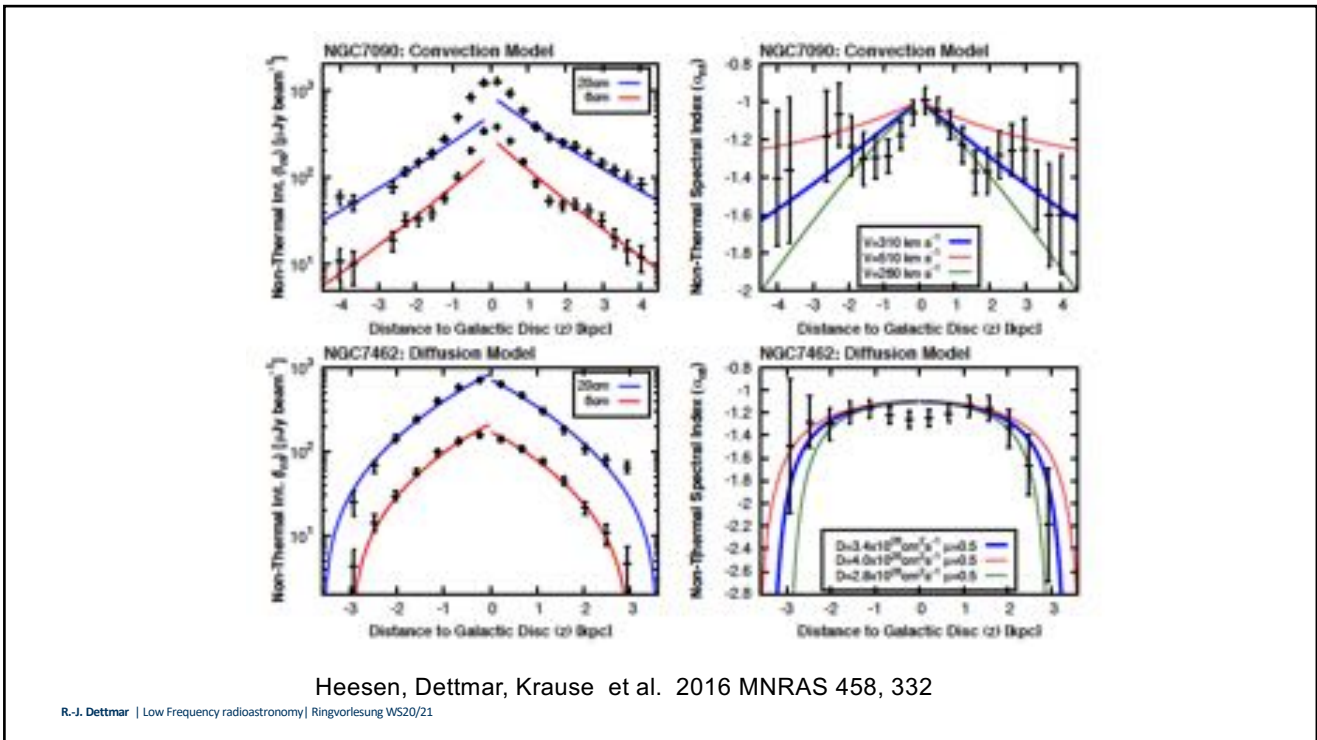
Advection models



Diffusion models



(V. Heesen)



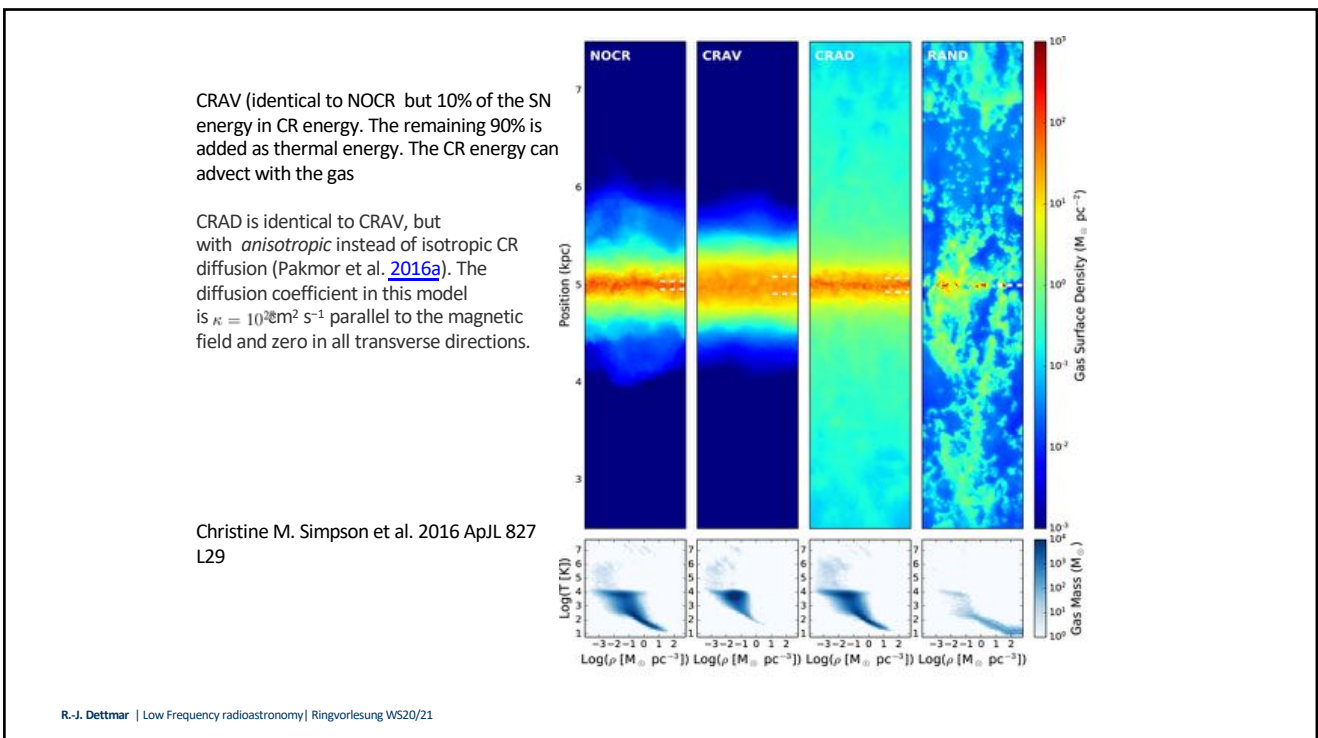
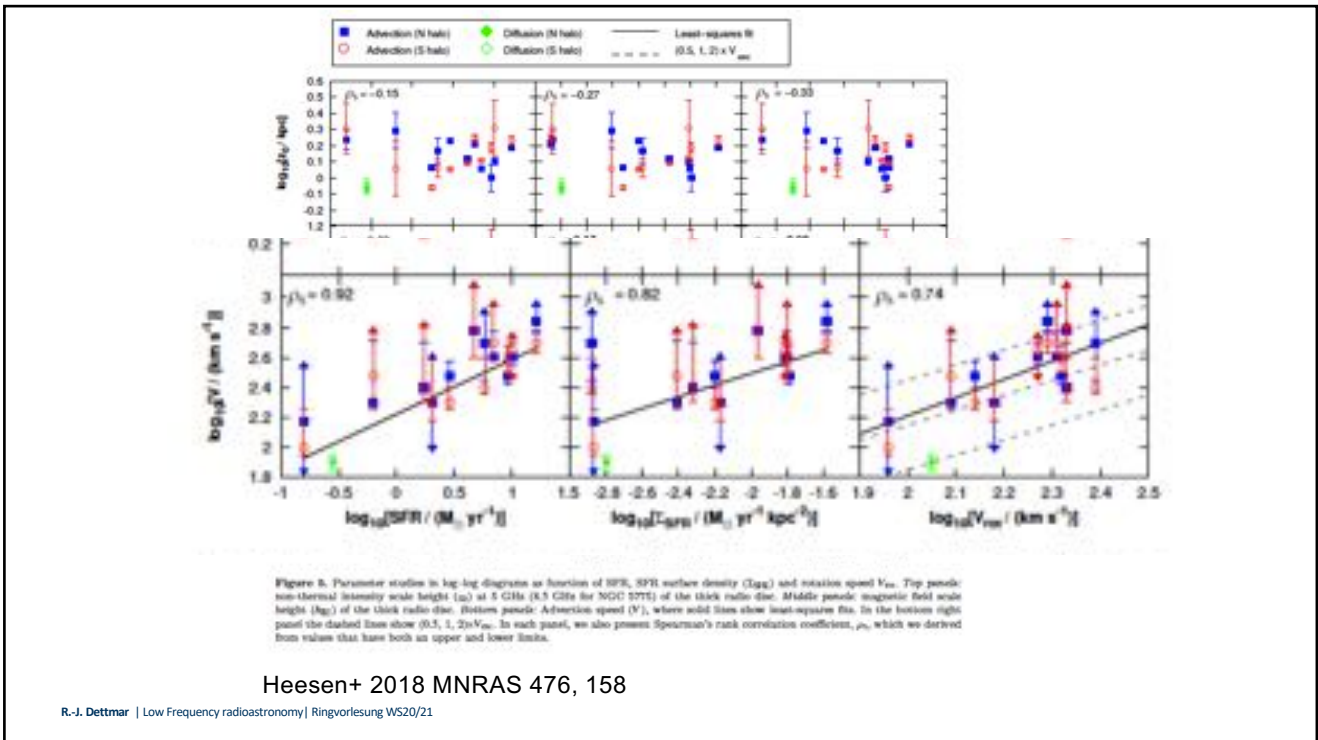
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Table 2. Observation details for the galaxies presented in this paper.

| Galaxy | Band ^a | ν^b (GHz) | Telescope ^c | Configuration ^d | Project ^e | Time ^f (h) | Date ^g | Notes ^h | Reference ⁱ |
|----------|-------------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| NGC 55 | L | 1.37 | ATCA | 750D | C287 | 8.7 | 1993 Aug 1 | Mosaic | 17 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | 375 | C287 | 11.2 | 1995 Jan 12 | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | 750A | C287 | 11.1 | 1995 Oct 25 | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | H75 | C1341 | 5.0 | 2005 Jul 17 | Mosaic | This work |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | EW352 | C1341 | 9.4 | 2005 Oct 7 | ... | ... |
| ... | C | 4.80 | ... | 375 | C287 | 3.6 | 1994 Mar 29 | Mosaic | 17 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | 375 | C287 | 10.2 | 1994 Mar 30 | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | 375 | C287 | 7.8 | 1994 Mar 31 | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | 375 | C287 | 12.5 | 1994 Nov 23 | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | 750A | C287 | 5.1 | 1995 Mar 1 | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | 375 | C287 | 5.3 | 1995 Aug 16 | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | 375 | C287 | 10.2 | 1995 Nov 24 | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | 4.67 | ... | EW352 | C1974 | 7.6 | 2008 Nov 22 | ... | This work |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | EW352 | C1974 | 9.9 | 2009 Feb 13 | ... | ... |
| ... | C | 5.60 | ... | H168 | C1974 | 7.6 | 2010 Mar 27 | ... | ... |
| ... | C | 4.80 | Parkes | single-dish | P697 | 16.0 | 2010 Oct 7 | Merged | ... |
| NGC 253 | L | 1.46 | VLA | B+C+D | AC278 | 4.1 | 1990 Sep-1991 Mar | Mosaic | 2 |
| ... | C | 4.86 | ... | D | AH844 | 35.8 | 2004 Jul 4-24 | Mosaic | 10 |
| ... | ... | 4.85 | Effelsberg | single-dish | N/A | N/A | 1997 | Merged | ... |
| NGC 891 | L | 1.39 | WSRT | Multiple | Ro2B | 240 | 2002 Aug-Dec | ... | 13 |
| ... | C | 4.86 | VLA | D | AA94 | 11.2 | 1988 Aug 29 | ... | 16 |
| ... | ... | 4.85 | Effelsberg | single-dish | 44-95 | 9.1 | 1996 Feb-Aug | ... | 6 |
| NGC 3044 | L | 1.49 | VLA | B | A128 | 3.1 | 1986 Aug 1 | This work | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | C | A123 | 0.8 | 1985 Jul 25 | ... | 11 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | D | A131 | 1.1 | 1987 Apr 28/30 | ... | ... |
| ... | C | 4.86 | ... | C | AB676 | 0.8 | 1993 Jun 13 | ... | 4 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | D | AM573 | 1.1 | 1997 Nov 6 | This work | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | D | A131 | 1.0 | 1987 Apr 28 | ... | 11 |
| NGC 3079 | L | 1.46 | VLA | B | BS44 | 1.0 | 1997 Mar 8 | This work | ... |
| ... | ... | 1.41 | ... | CD | BS44 | 2.4 | 1997 Oct 2 | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | 1.43 | ... | C | AH740 | 1.3 | 1996 Feb 17 | ... | ... |
| ... | C | 4.71 | ... | C | AC277 | 3.9 | 1990 Dec 9 | ... | 3 |
| ... | ... | 4.86 | ... | D | AD177 | 2.5 | 1986 Jun 16 | This work | ... |
| NGC 3628 | L | 1.49 | VLA | CD | AS300 | 4.3 | 1988 Mar 25 | ... | 14 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | D | AS300 | 8.4 | 1987 Apr 7 | ... | ... |
| ... | C | 4.86 | ... | D | AK243 | 7.7 | 1991 Mar 28 | ... | 7 |
| NGC 4565 | L | 1.49 | VLA | B | AS326 | 3.8 | 1988 Jan 29 | ... | 16 |
| ... | ... | 1.48 | ... | D | AS326 | 10.6 | 1988 Aug 28 | ... | ... |
| ... | C | 4.86 | ... | D | AK424 | 3.4 | 1996 Sep 28 | ... | 6 |
| NGC 4631 | L | 1.37 | WSRT | maxi-short | N/A | 6.0 | 2003 Apr 3 | ... | 1 |
| ... | C | 4.86 | VLA | D | AH369 | 12.1 | 1989 Nov 22/26 | Mosaic | 9 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | D | AD896 | 4.3 | 1999 Apr 14 | Mosaic | 12 |
| ... | ... | 4.85 | Effelsberg | single-dish | 55-94 | 6.3 | 1996 Feb-Aug | Merged | ... |
| NGC 4666 | L | 1.43 | VLA | CD | AD346 | 3.5 | 1994 Nov 30 | ... | 5 |
| ... | ... | 1.49 | ... | D | AS190 | 0.2 | 1984 Aug 31 | This work | ... |
| ... | C | 4.86 | ... | D | AD326 | 12.5 | 1993 Dec 20/24 | ... | 5 |
| NGC 5775 | L | 1.49 | VLA | B | AO028 | 3.2 | 1986 Aug 1 | ... | 8 |
| ... | ... | 1.48 | ... | B | AH492 | 1.2 | 1989 Aug 4 | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | 1.49 | ... | C | AH368 | 3.6 | 1990 Nov 19/24 | ... | ... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | D | A131 | 1.9 | 1987 Apr 27/30 | ... | 11 |
| ... | X | 8.45 | ... | D | AD455 | 13.4 | 2001 Dec 14 | ... | 15 |

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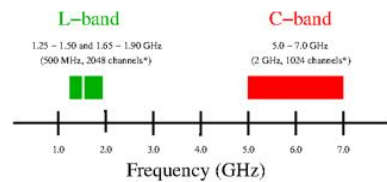
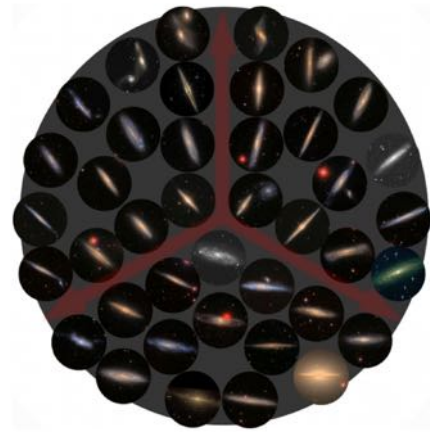
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35 edge-on galaxies

inclination > 75 deg
DEC > 25 deg
4 arcmin > D < 15 arcmin
flux > 23 mJy

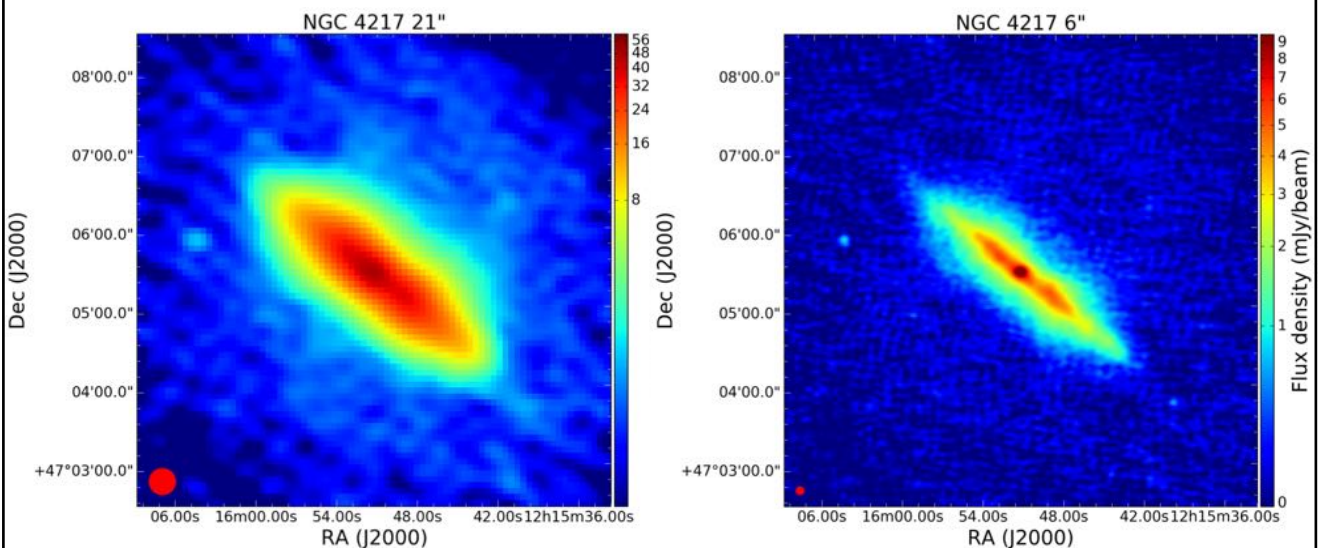
+ a few well studied larger object

Large proposal 405 hours granted (RSRO)



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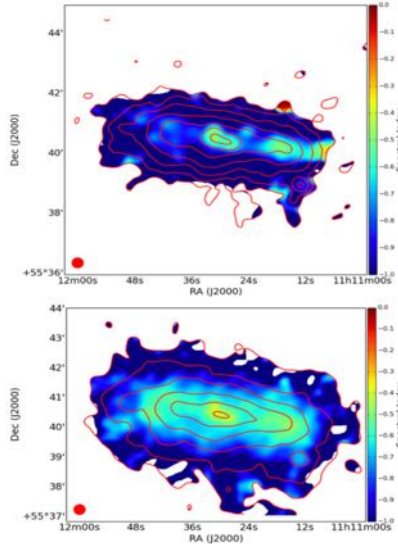
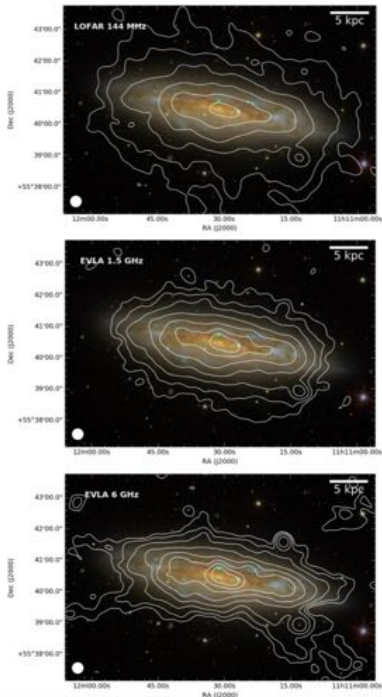
example LOFAR: LoTTS survey



~0.1 mJy rms noise, 0.46Jy total flux (A. Miskolczi)

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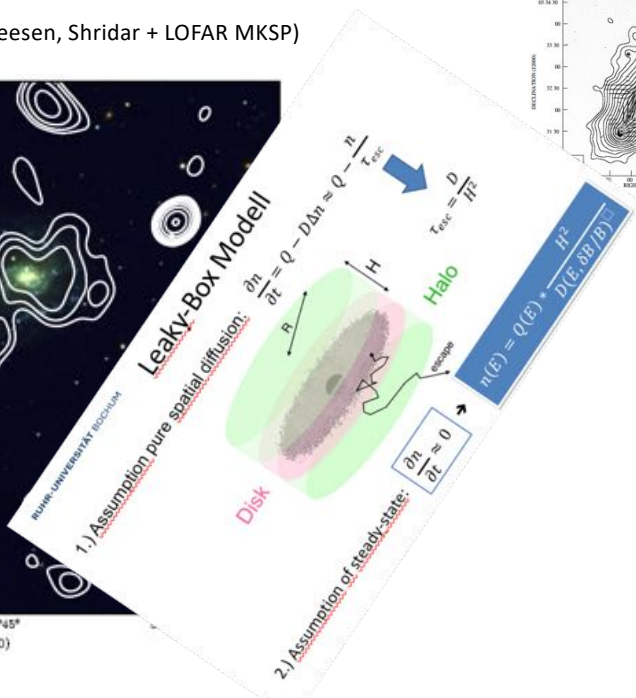
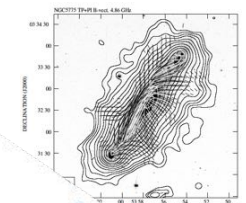
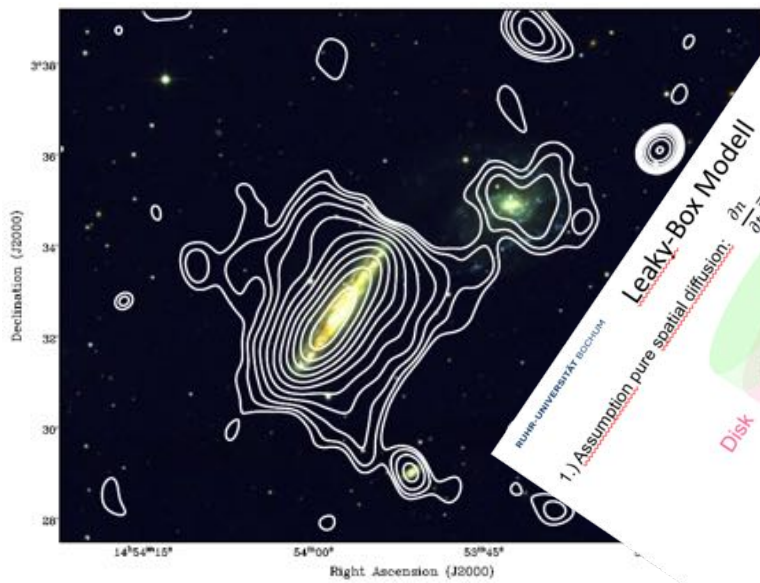
LOFAR/LoTTS + JVLA
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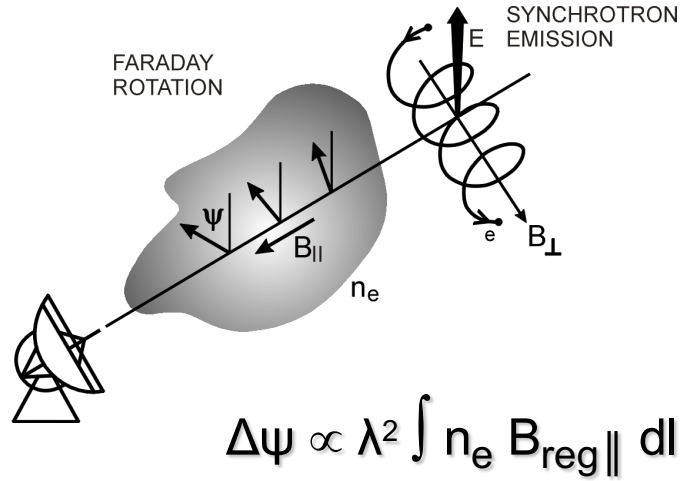
spectral index
 much better
 described using
 a wind profile for $v(z)$

$$v(z) = v_0 \left(1 + \left(\frac{z}{h_v} \right)^\beta \right)$$

LOFAR HBA 10hrs 118-192 MHz (Heald, Heesen, Shridar + LOFAR MKSP)



3. Rotation Measure (RM) analysis



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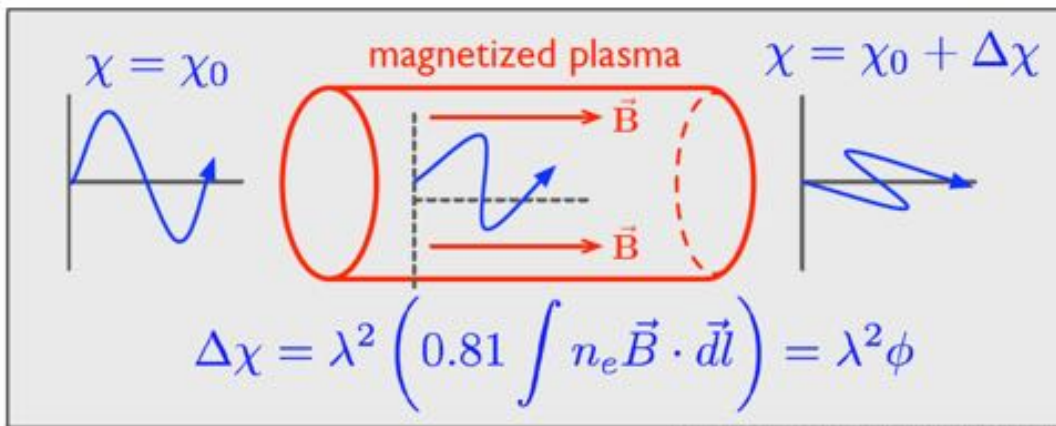


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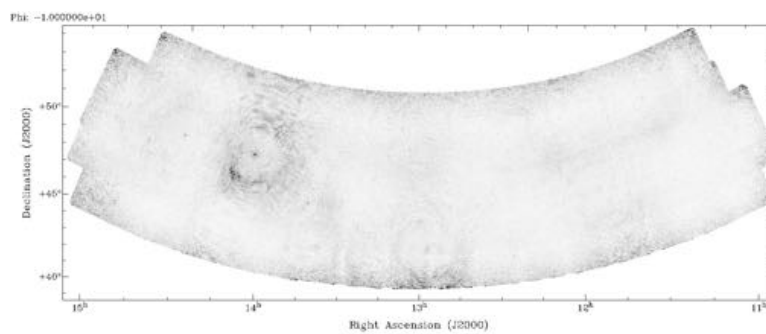
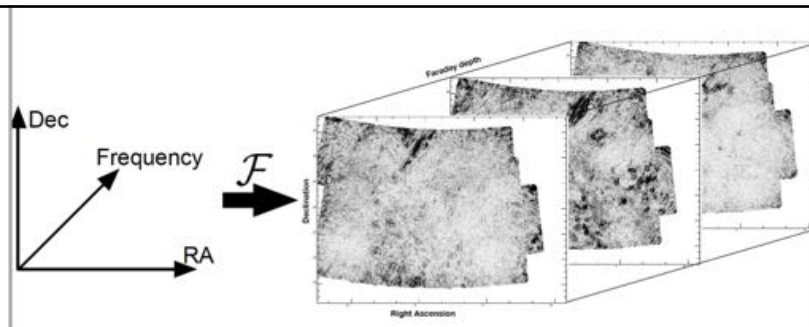
with broadband multichannel receivers:
rotation measure (RM) synthesis

$$P(\lambda^2) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} pI e^{2i[\chi_0 + \phi\lambda^2]} d\phi$$

$$P(\lambda^2) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} F(\phi) e^{2i\phi\lambda^2} d\phi,$$

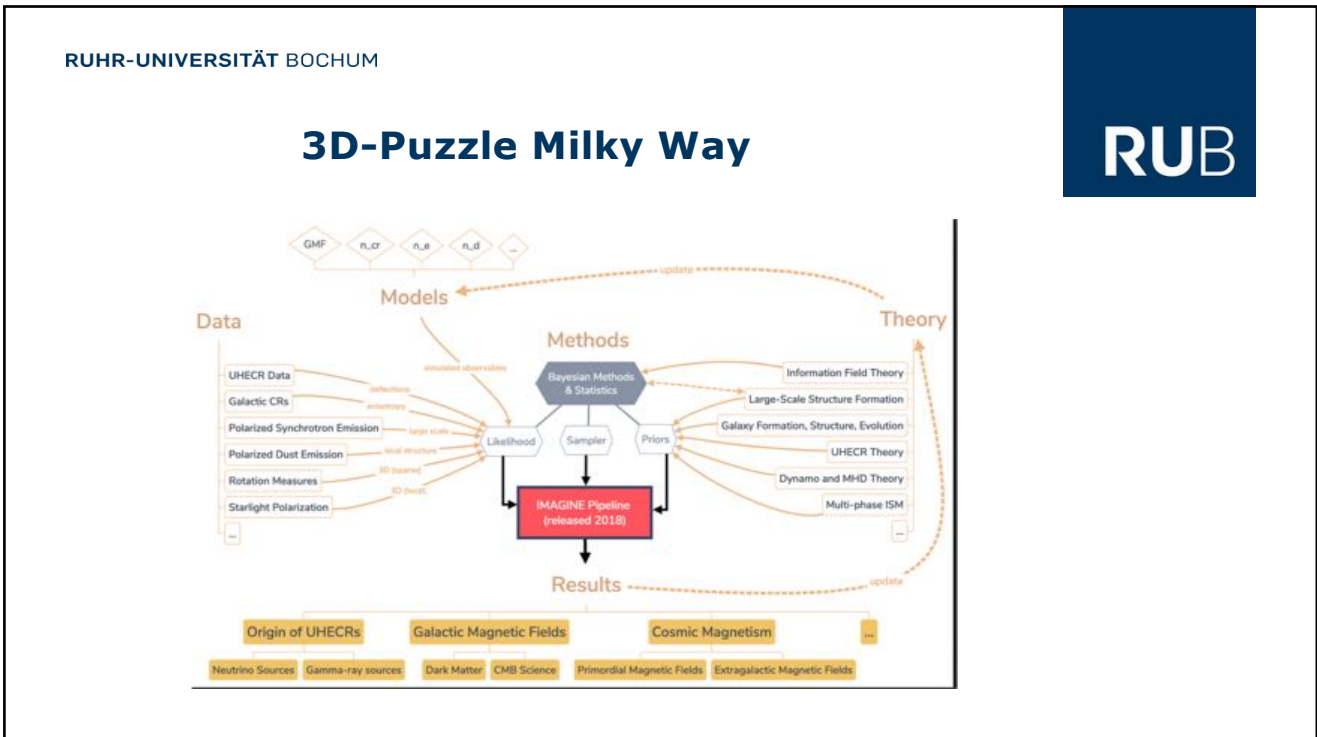
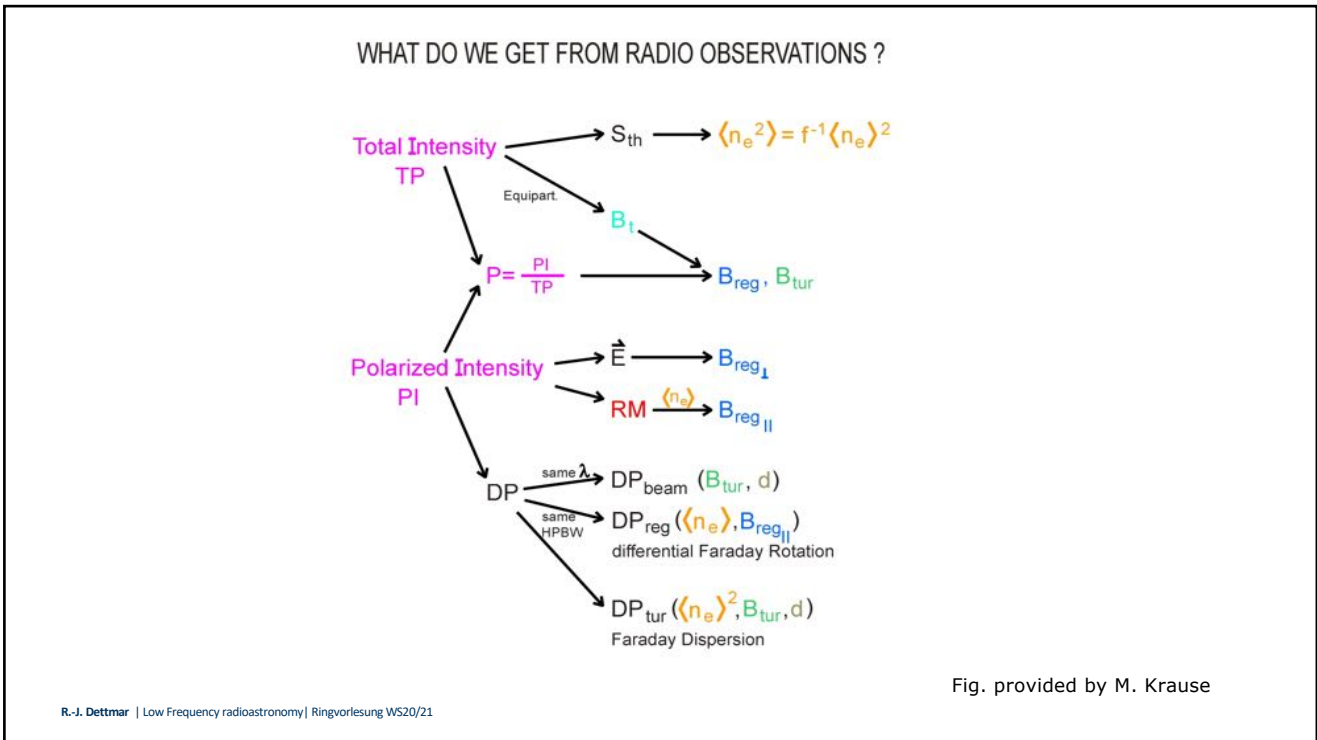
F(f) Faraday dispersion function

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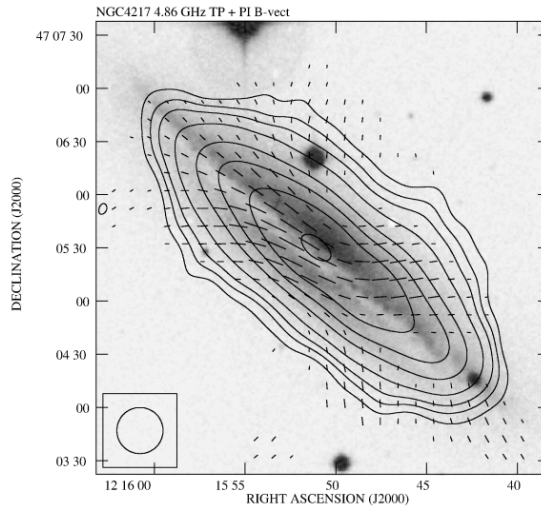
C. van Eck, thesis



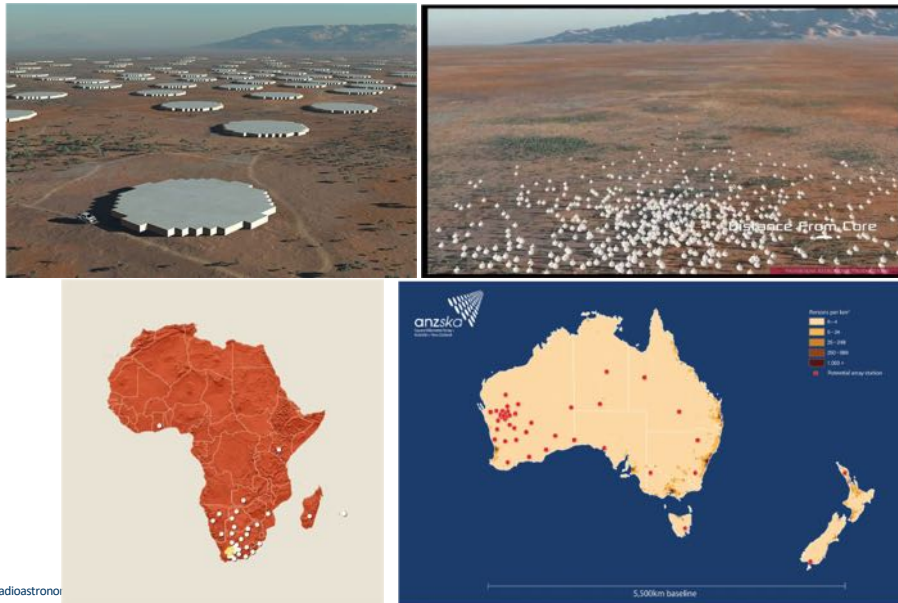
that's what is observed for edge-on galaxies:

large scale magnetic field structure in halos

the global magnetic fields in disk galaxies typically have a significant **poloidal** component !!



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Take away messages:

- Observations of the radio-synchrotron provides information on the magnetic field strength and allows to constrain CR propagation models
- CRE transport seems to be dominated by advection in most star forming disk galaxies
- CR driven winds are likely to be important for the evolution of galaxies
- LOFAR observations allow us to study the low energy and „old“ population of CREs
- The Rotation Measure analysis allows us to constrain the magnetic field parallel to the line of sight