

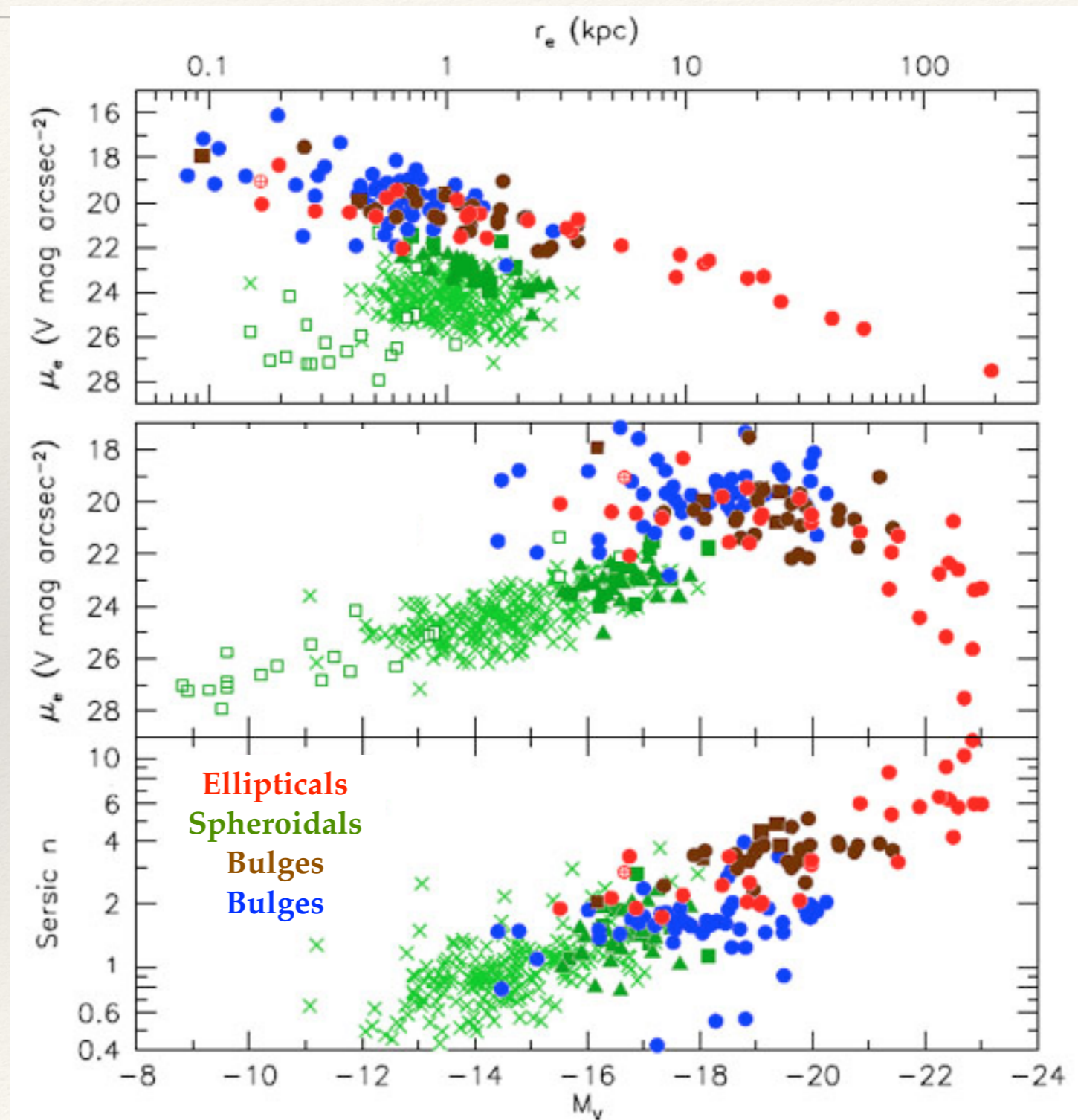
Getting to know the “island universes” out there.

Galaxies I

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Warm-up

- ❖ Two kinds of bulges are indicated in these figures (brown and blue points).
- ❖ Which kind of bulge is which and why?
- ❖ What other observations would be useful to confirm your answer?



Outline for Today

- ❖ Galaxy Population -
Spirals / Disks:
 - ❖ Kinematics
 - ❖ Spiral Arms, continued



NGC1232 (ESO)

Spirals/Disks: Kinematics

- ❖ Spiral galaxies are kinematically “cold”:
 - ❖ organized rotational motion is large compared to random motion of stars
 - ❖ velocity dispersion low (but not zero)



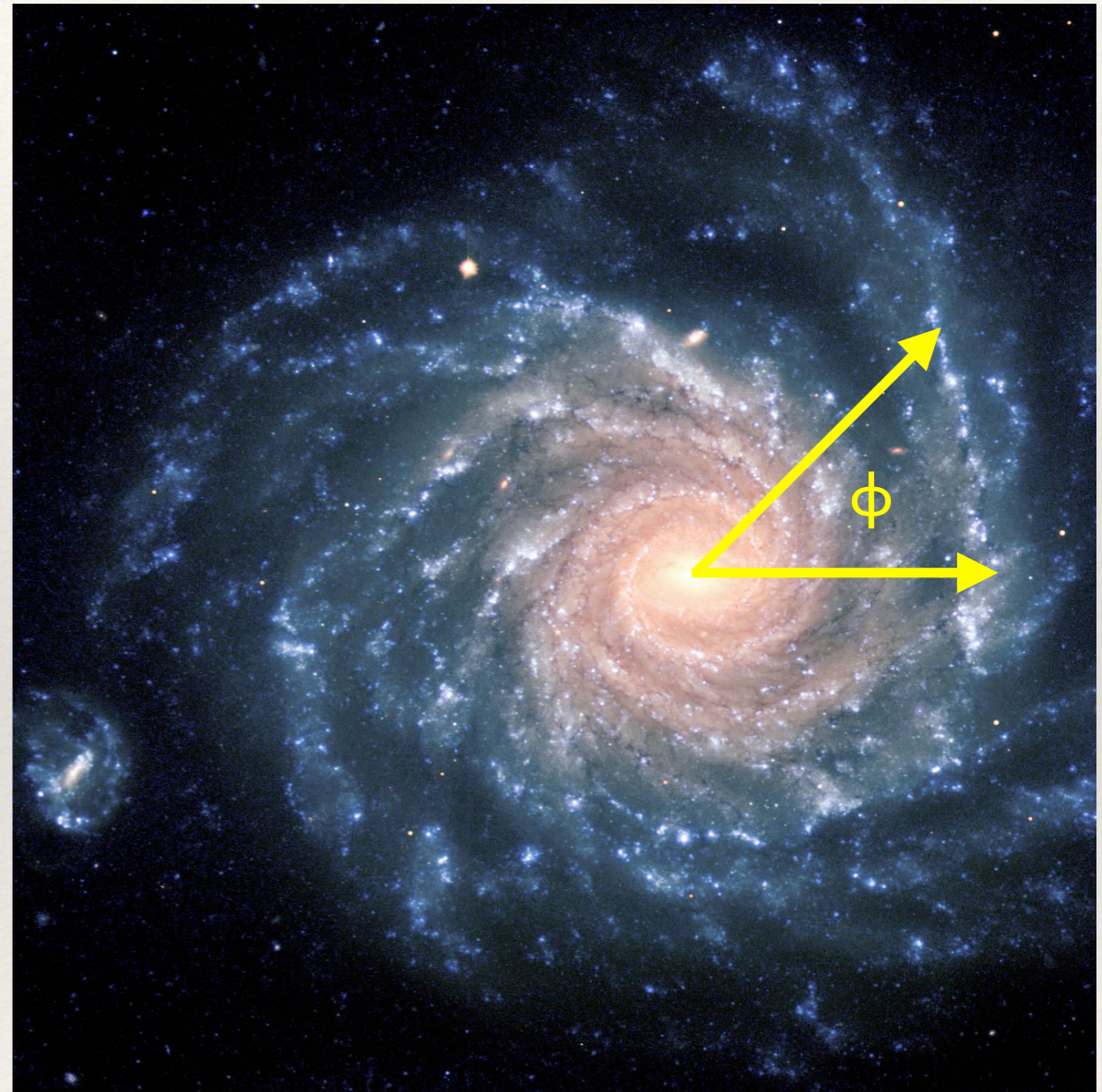
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Spirals/Disks: Kinematics

- ❖ Measure galaxy rotation using spectral features:
 - ❖ optically, e.g., $H\alpha$
 - ❖ radio HI 21 cm (unresolved data or spatially resolved, e.g., VLA) generally allows measurements to significantly outlast other methods

Measure radial (line-of-sight) velocity:

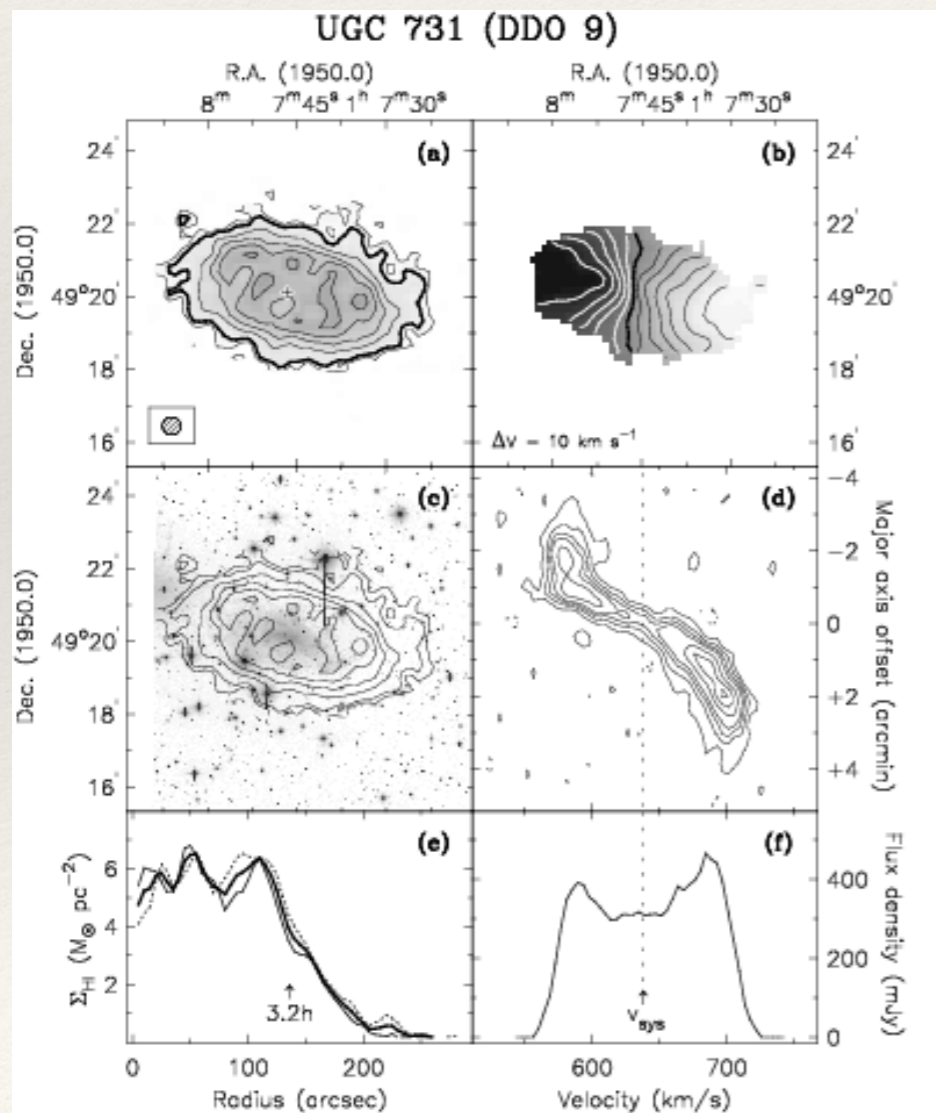
- ❖ $V_r(R,i) = V_{\text{sys}} + V(R) \sin(i) \cos(\phi)$
- ❖ $V(R)$ = rotation velocity at each radius
- ❖ V_{sys} = systemic velocity
- ❖ i = inclination angle from face-on
- ❖ ϕ = azimuthal angle (within disk plane)



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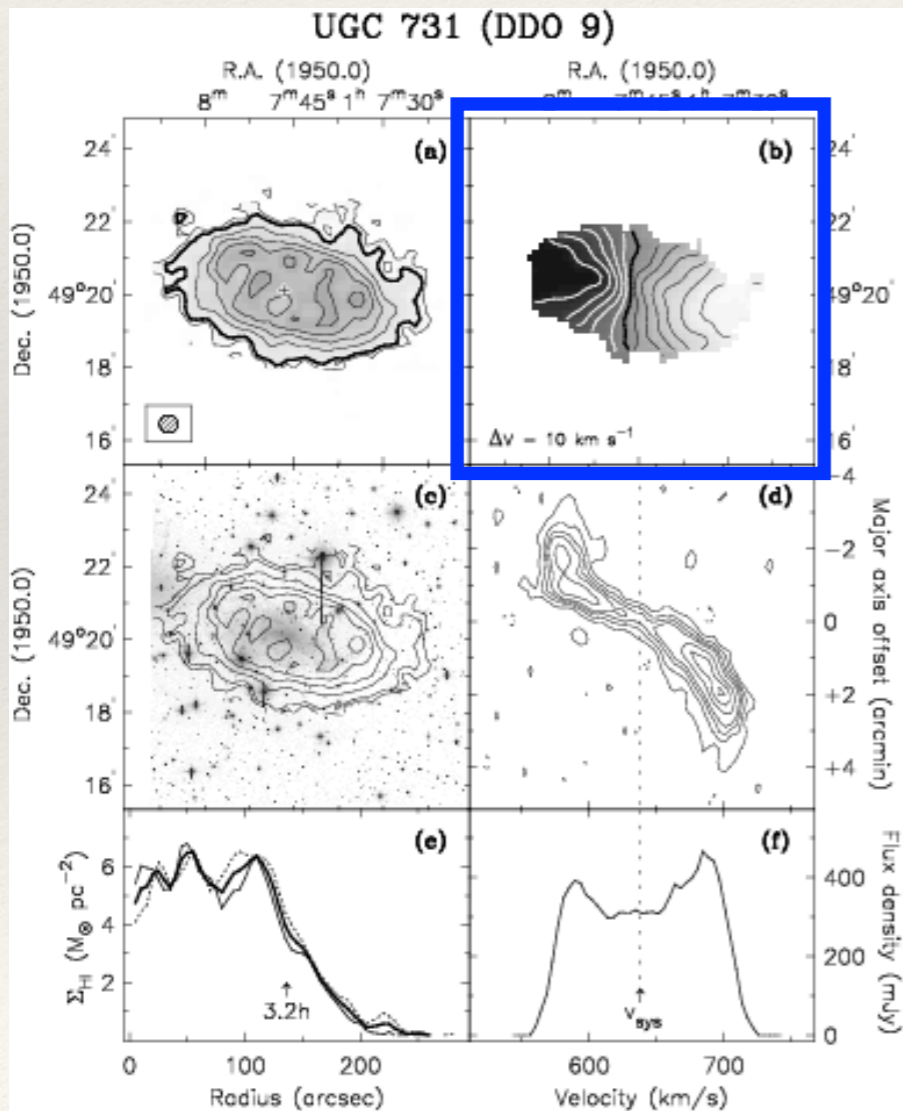
Spirals/Disks: Kinematics

- ❖ Many different ways to look at kinematic data:

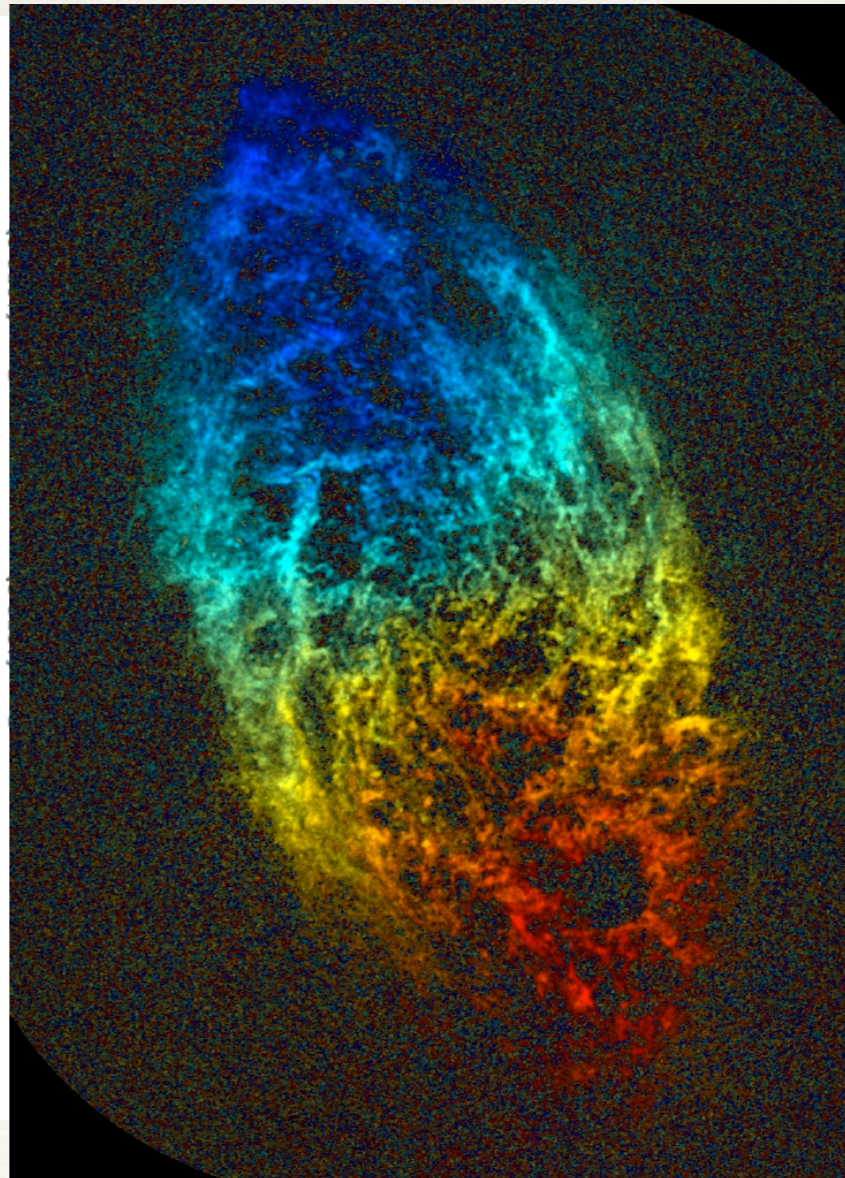


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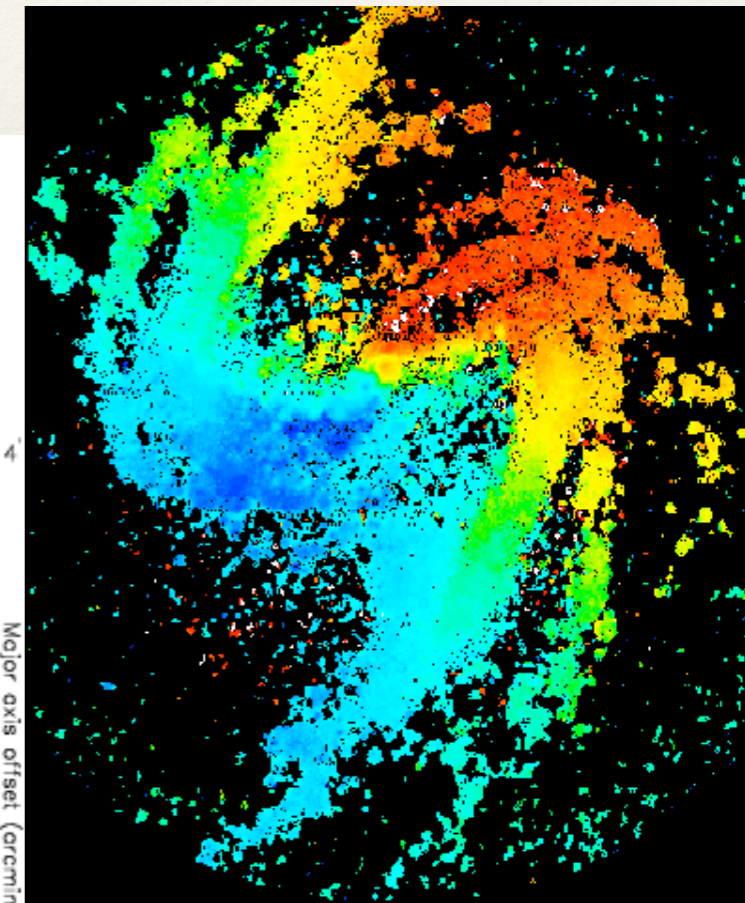
- ❖ **Velocity-coded color** — showing blueshift to redshift



Swaters et al. 2002



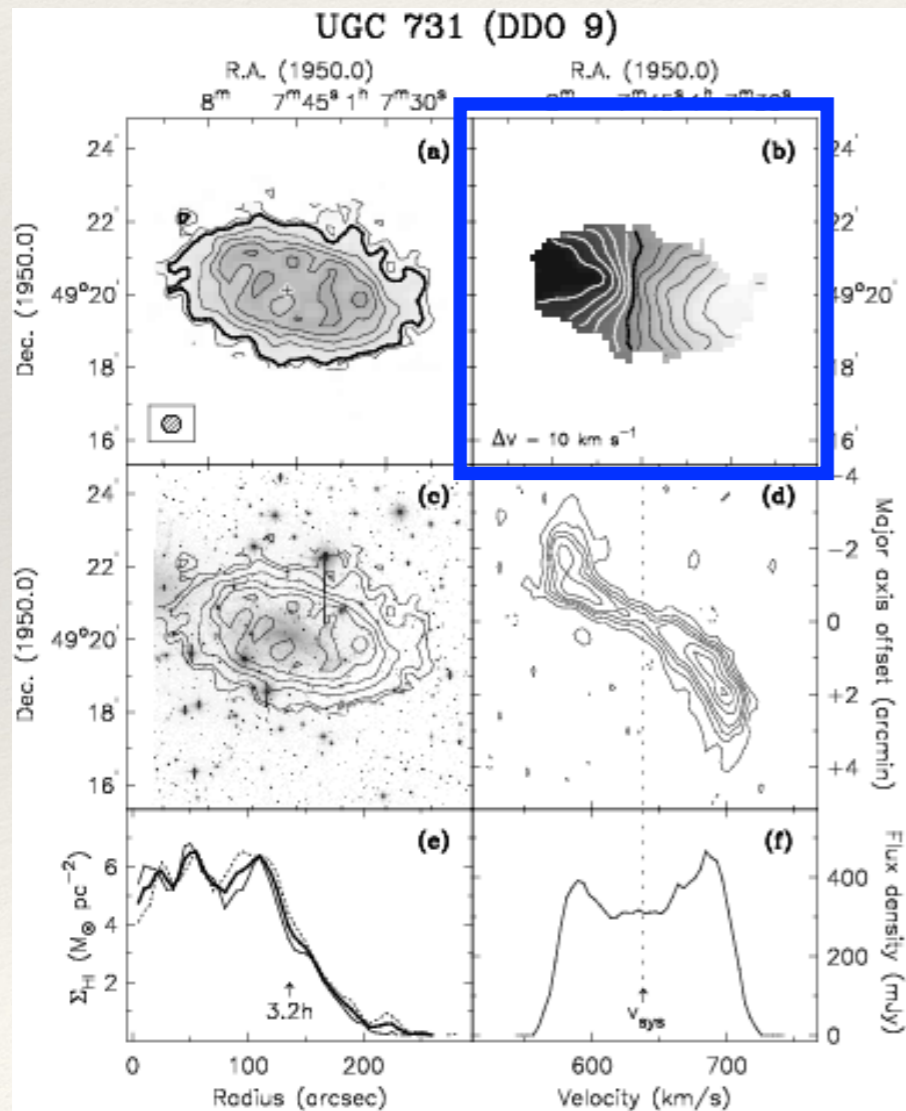
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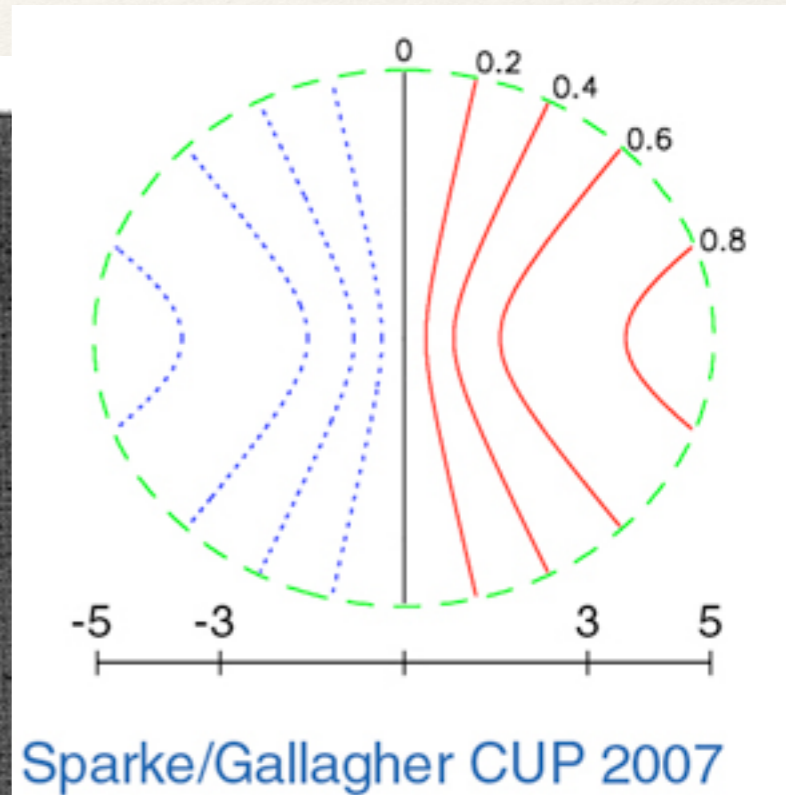
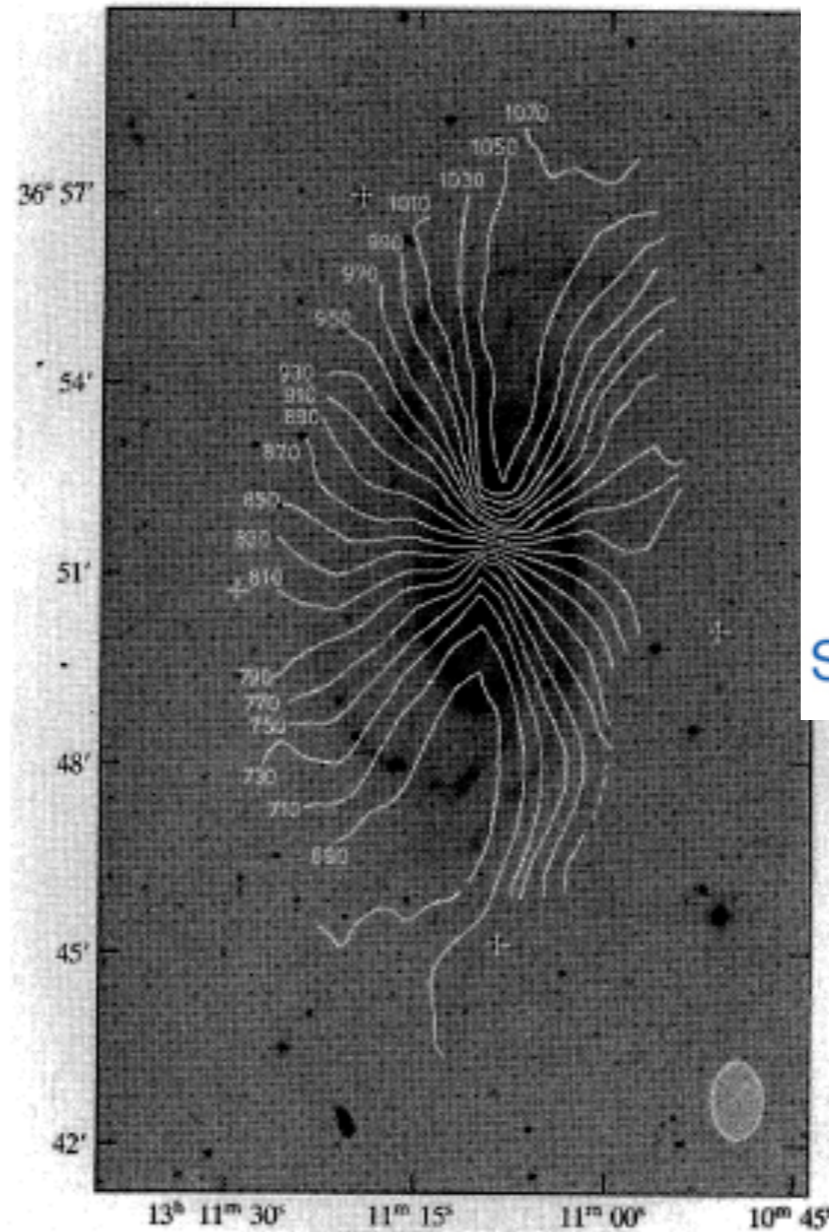
NGC 1365 (Rutgers Astronomy)

Spirals/Disks: Kinematics

- ❖ Spider diagrams — maps of isovelocity contours



Swaters et al. 2002



Sparke/Gallagher CUP 2007

Figure 8.17 Contours of constant HI velocity in NGC 5033. Notice the curvature of the kinematic principal axes. [After Bosma (1978)]

Spirals/Disks: Kinematics

- ❖ Spider diagram isovelocity contours aren't always perfectly regular:
 - ❖ features related to disk structure
 - ❖ motions of gas within disk
 - ❖ large scale systematic deviations from rotation, e.g., streaming motions in bars
- ❖ Maps of internal velocity dispersion

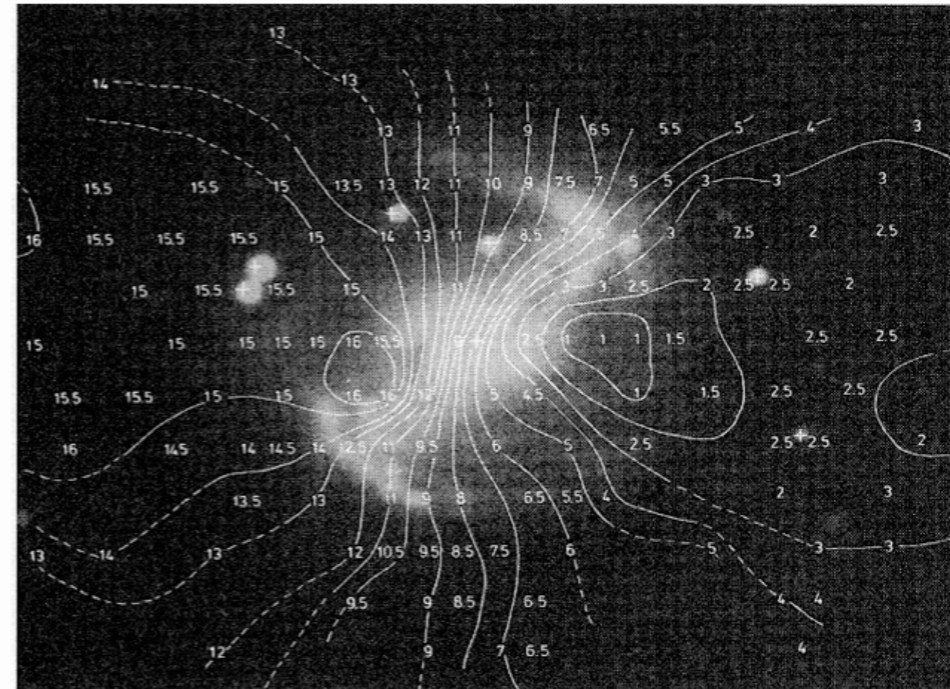
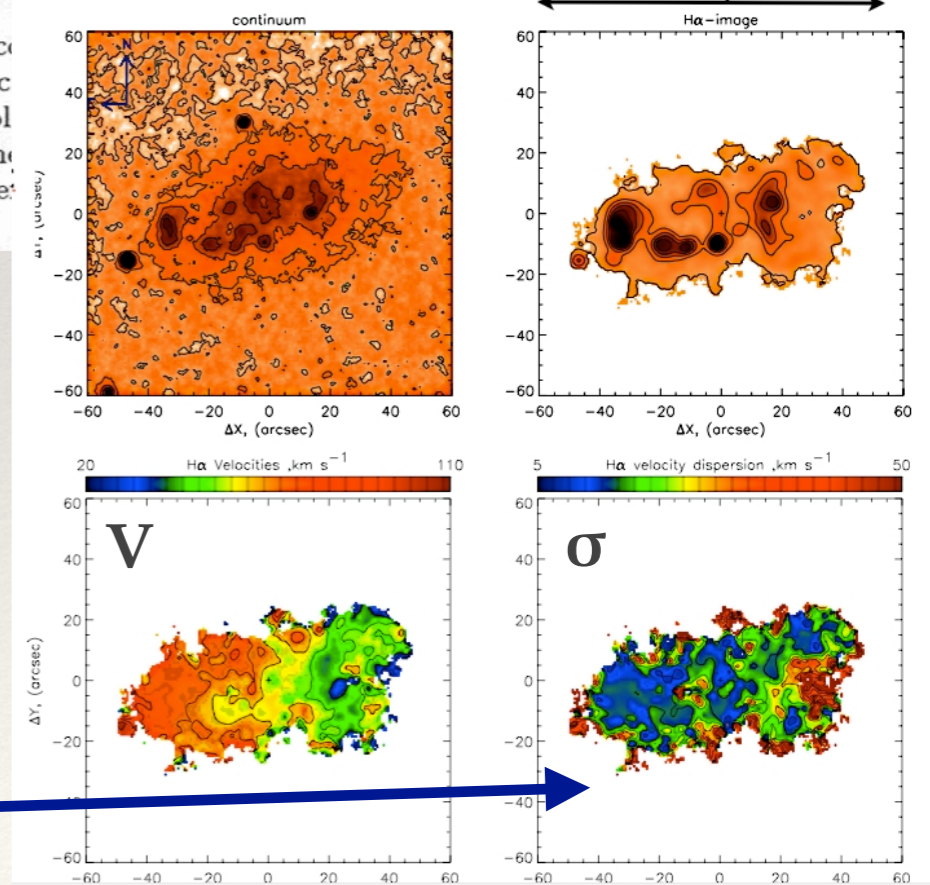


Figure 8.39 The HI contours are superimposed on an optical image. The major and minor axes are by no means perfectly elliptical. [After Sancisi et al. 1991]

NGC 5383



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Spirals/Disks: Kinematics

- ❖ **Unresolved HI profiles** — rotation characterized by line widths, e.g. W_{50} , W_{20} (width at 50%, 20% of peak line flux)

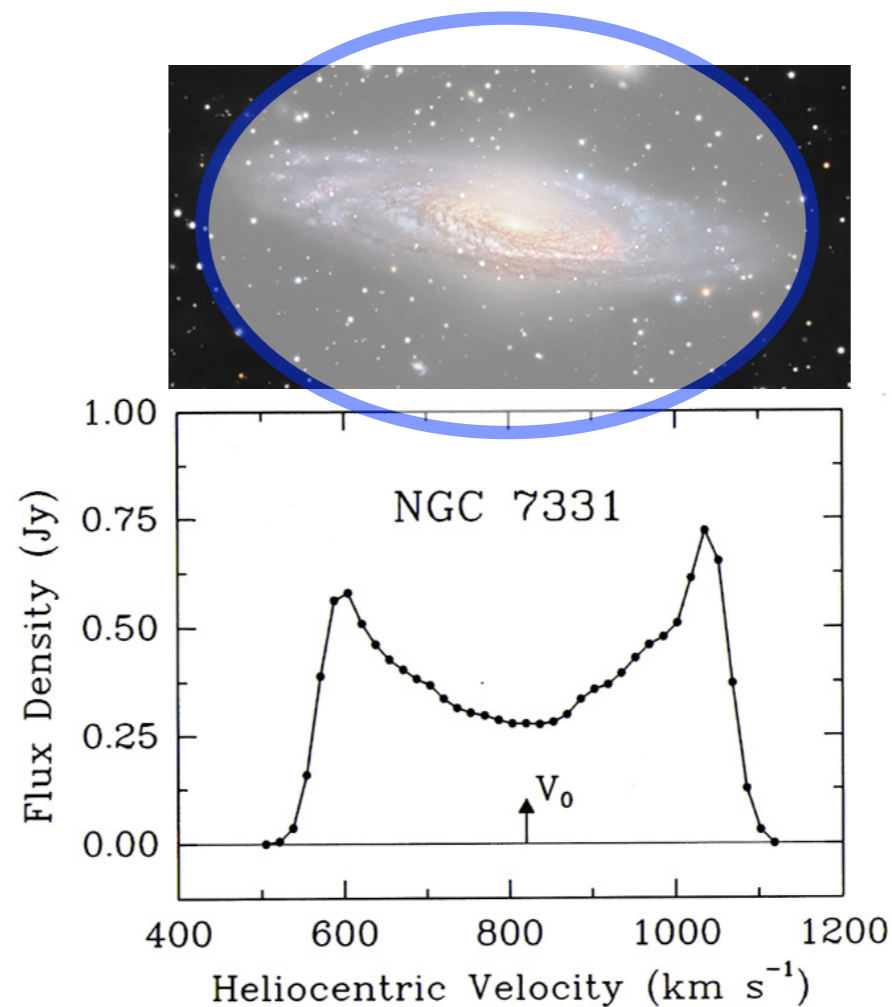
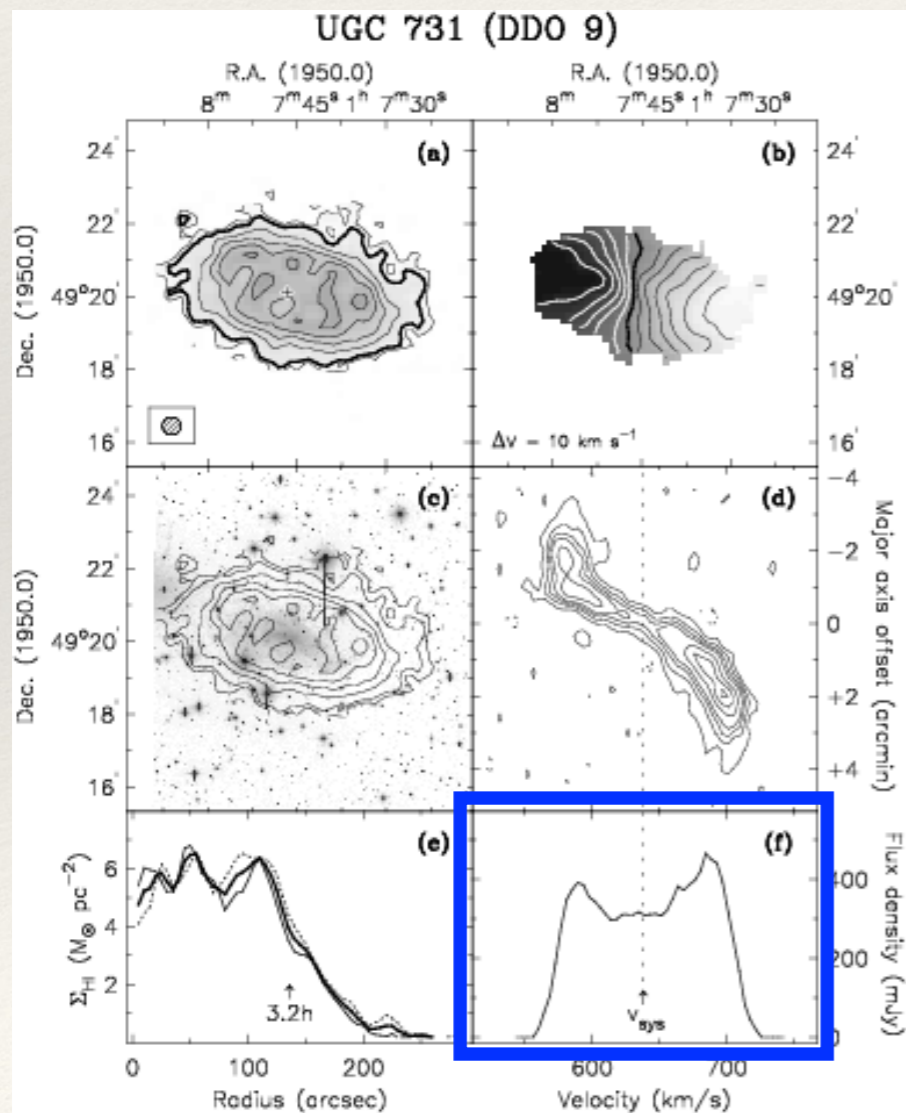


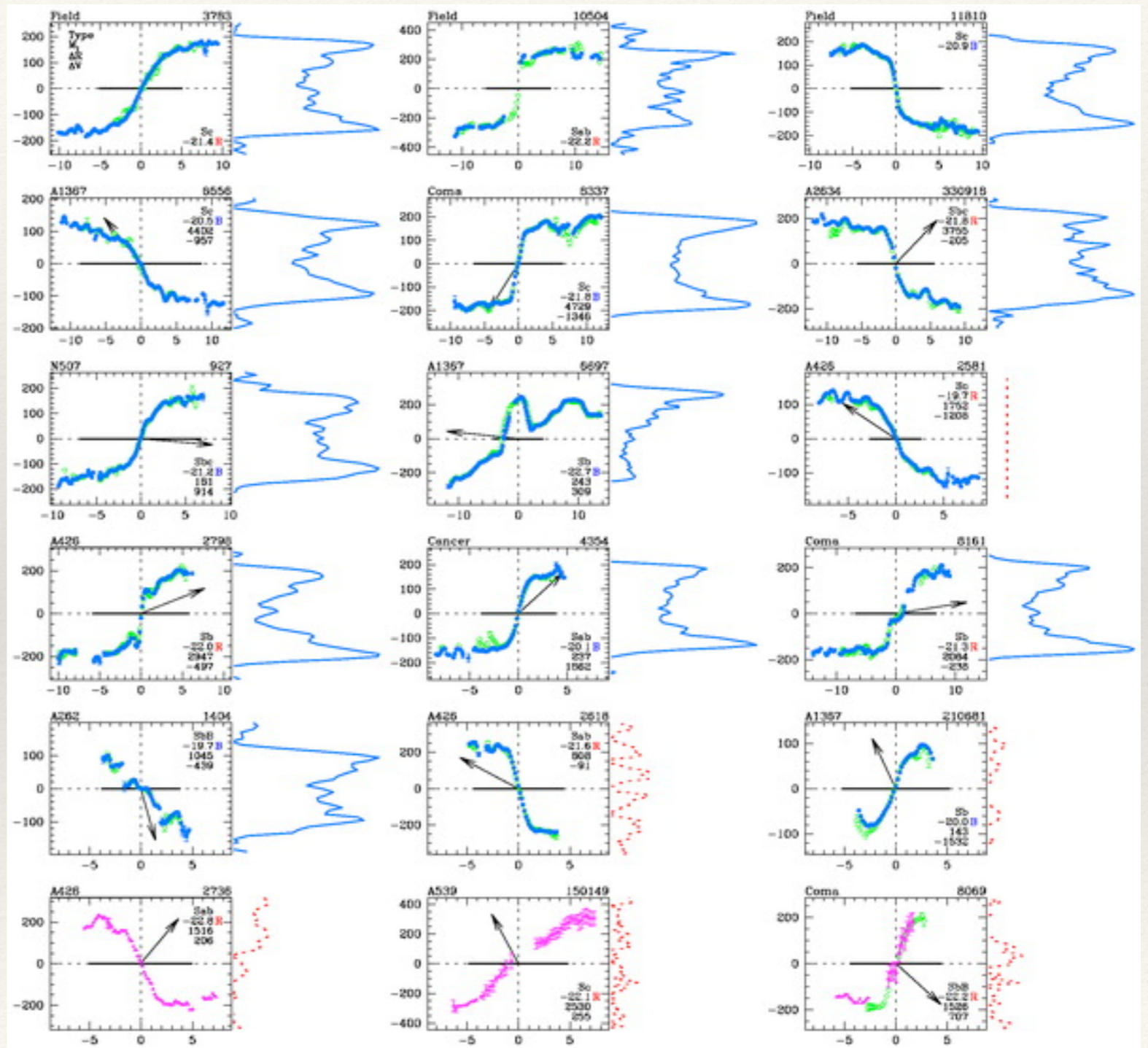
Fig.5.22 (K. Begeman) 'Galaxies in the Universe' Sparke/Gallagher CUP 2007



Effelsberg 100m

Spirals/Disks: Kinematics

- ❖ Spirals are often characterized by 1D cut along major axis:
 - ❖ **Rotation curve** — maximum rotation velocity as a function of radius
 - ❖ Correct for inclination of galaxy, usually based on observed axis ratio



Thought Question

- ❖ Consider the expected rotation curve of a spiral galaxy:
 - ❖ Derive an expression for the rotational velocity versus radius **assuming spherical symmetry and only luminous matter.**
 - *hint* set centripetal acceleration equal to gravitational acceleration
 - what does the mass in the gravitational acceleration expression refer to?

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$$\frac{v(r)^2}{r} = \frac{G M(r)}{r^2}$$

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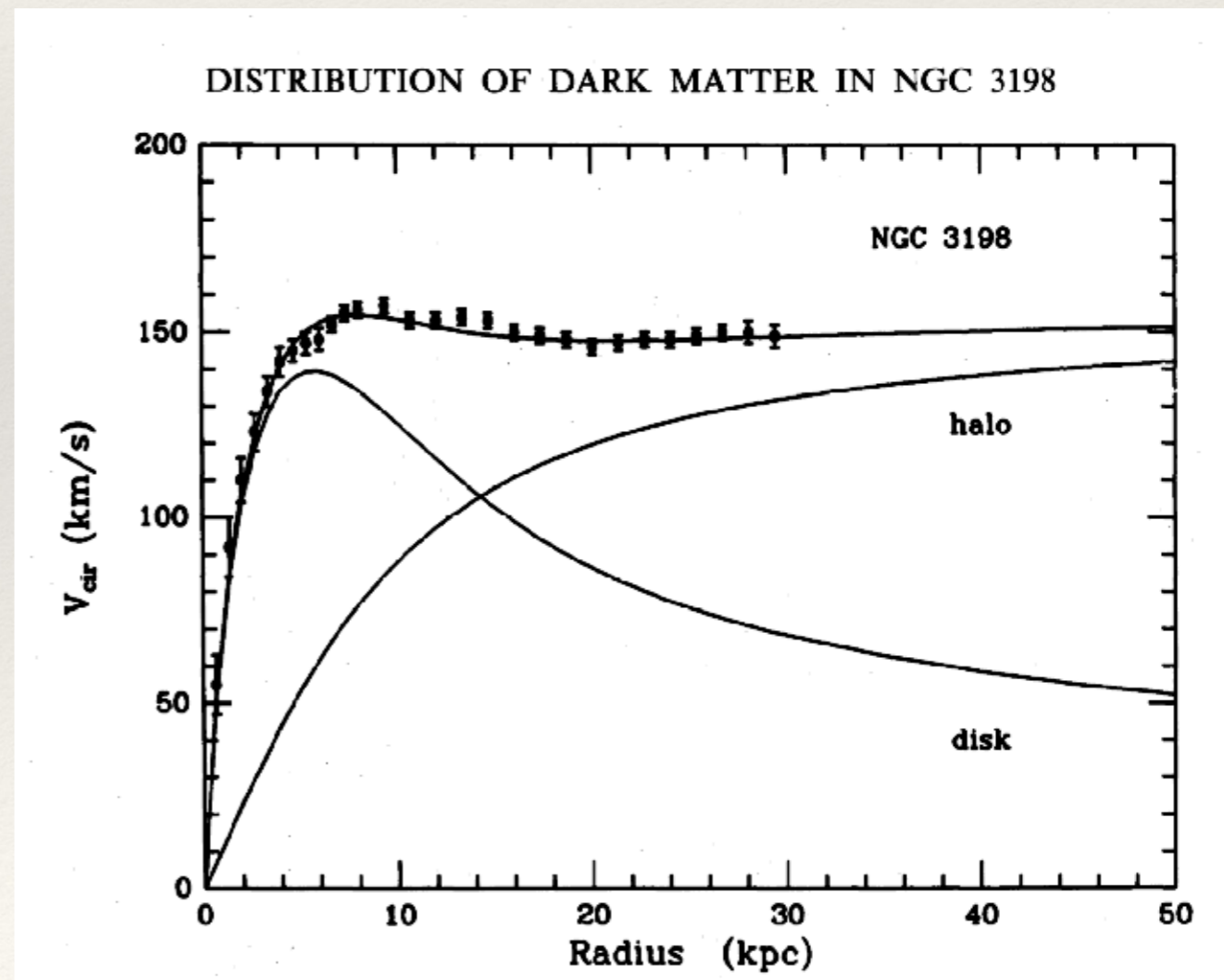
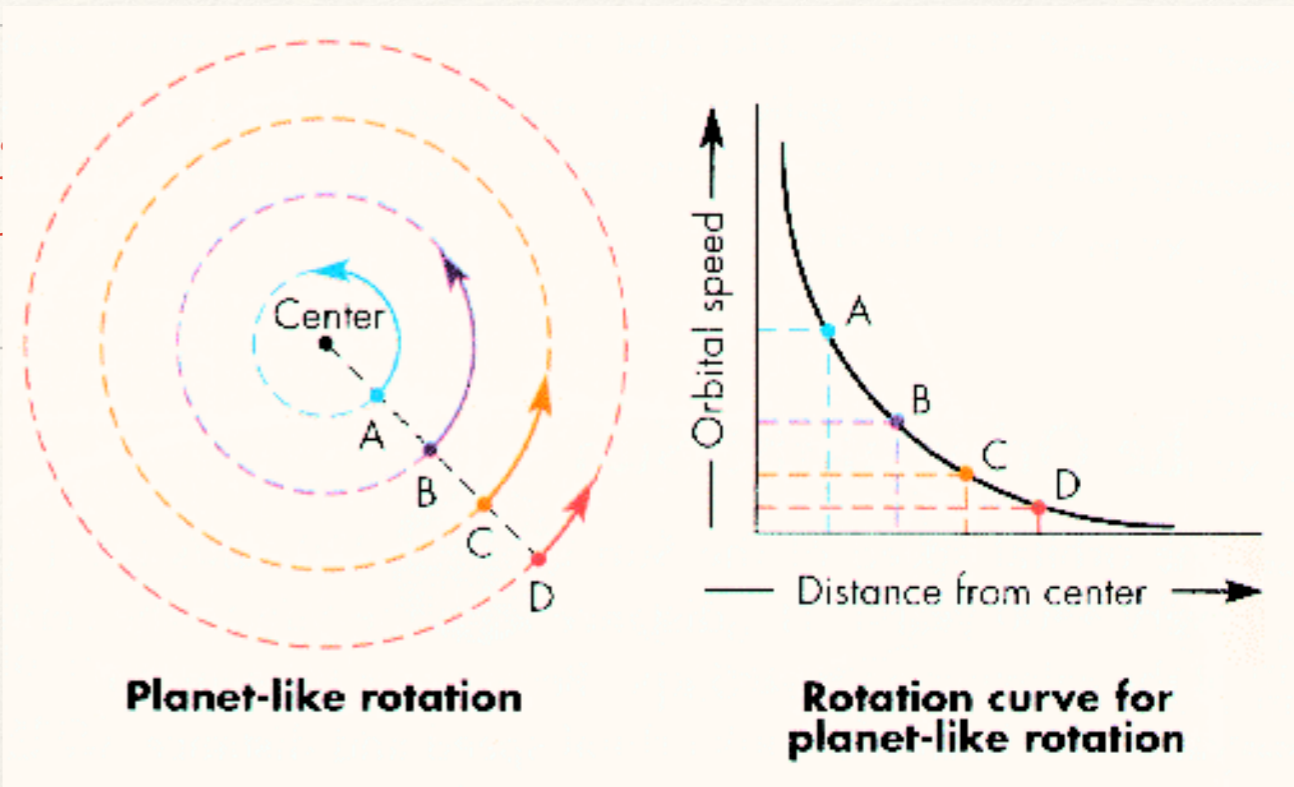
$$v(r) = \sqrt{\frac{GM(r)}{r}}$$

Spirals/Disks: Kinematics

- ❖ Rotation velocity scales with radius and mass enclosed:

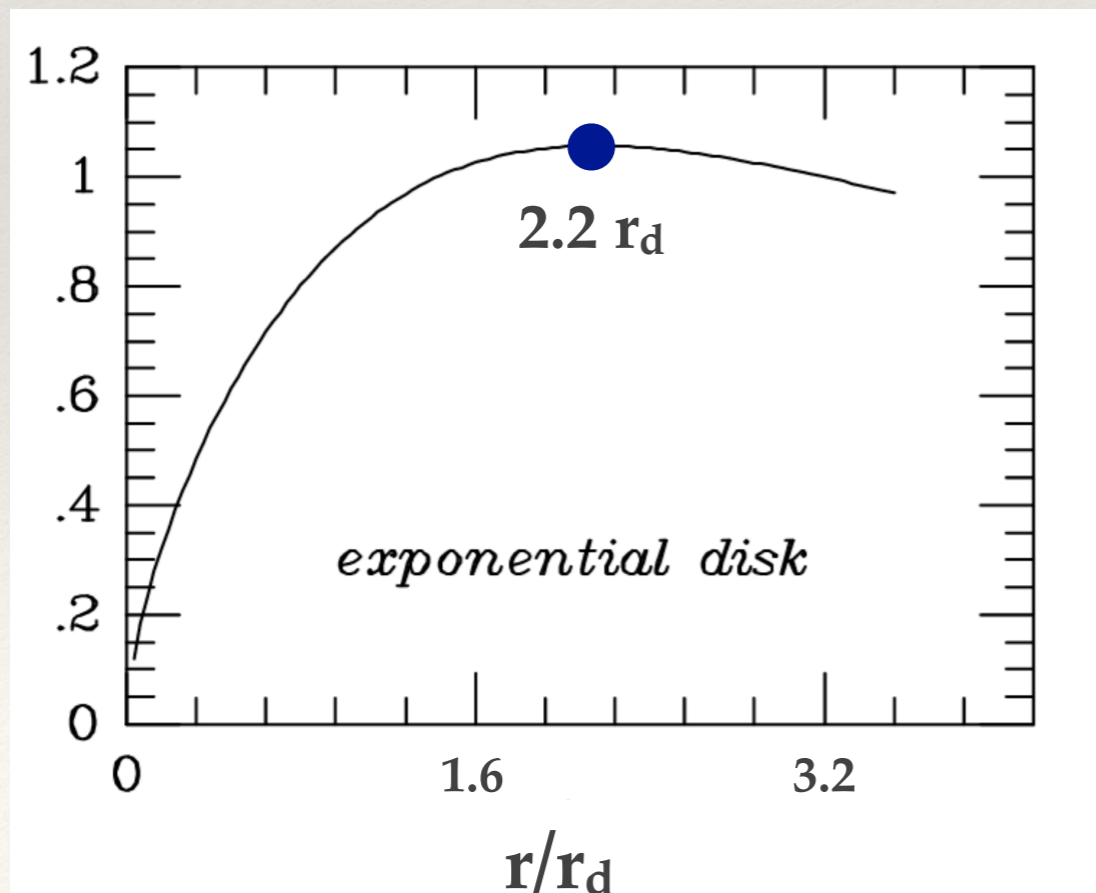
$$v_{rot} \propto \sqrt{\frac{GM(r)}{r}}$$

- ❖ Flat rotation curves imply $M(r) \propto r$, i.e. significantly more than implied by exponentially declining stellar component
- ❖ A primary indicator of **Dark Matter!**
- ❖ What does solid body rotation mean and imply about mass profile?

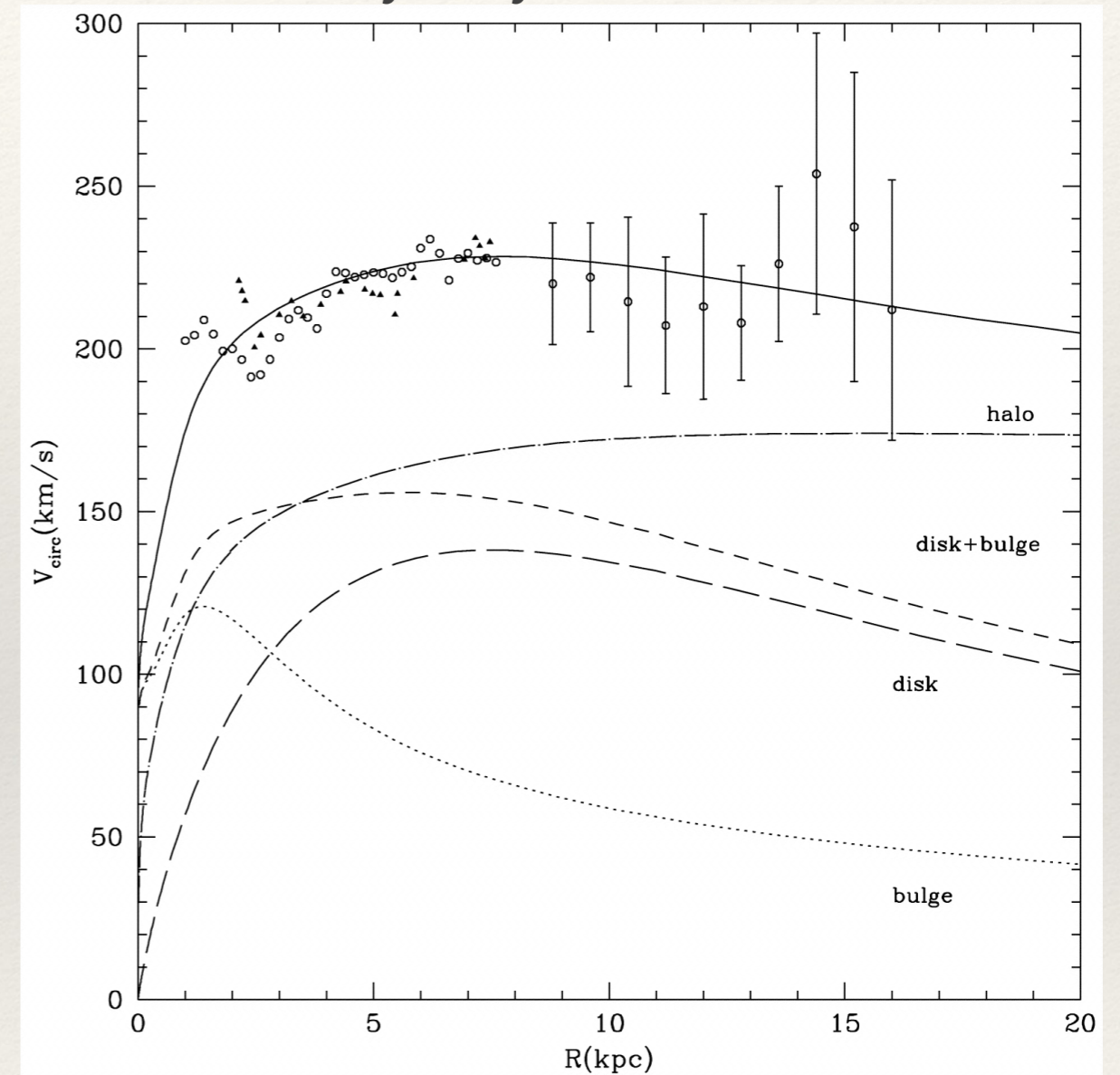


Spirals/Disks: Kinematics

- ❖ Galaxy often characterized by:
 - ❖ V_{\max} , i.e., maximum rotation velocity
 - ❖ Velocity at specified radius, e.g. $2.2 r_d$, radius of maximum velocity for a pure exponential disk



Milky Way Rotation Curve

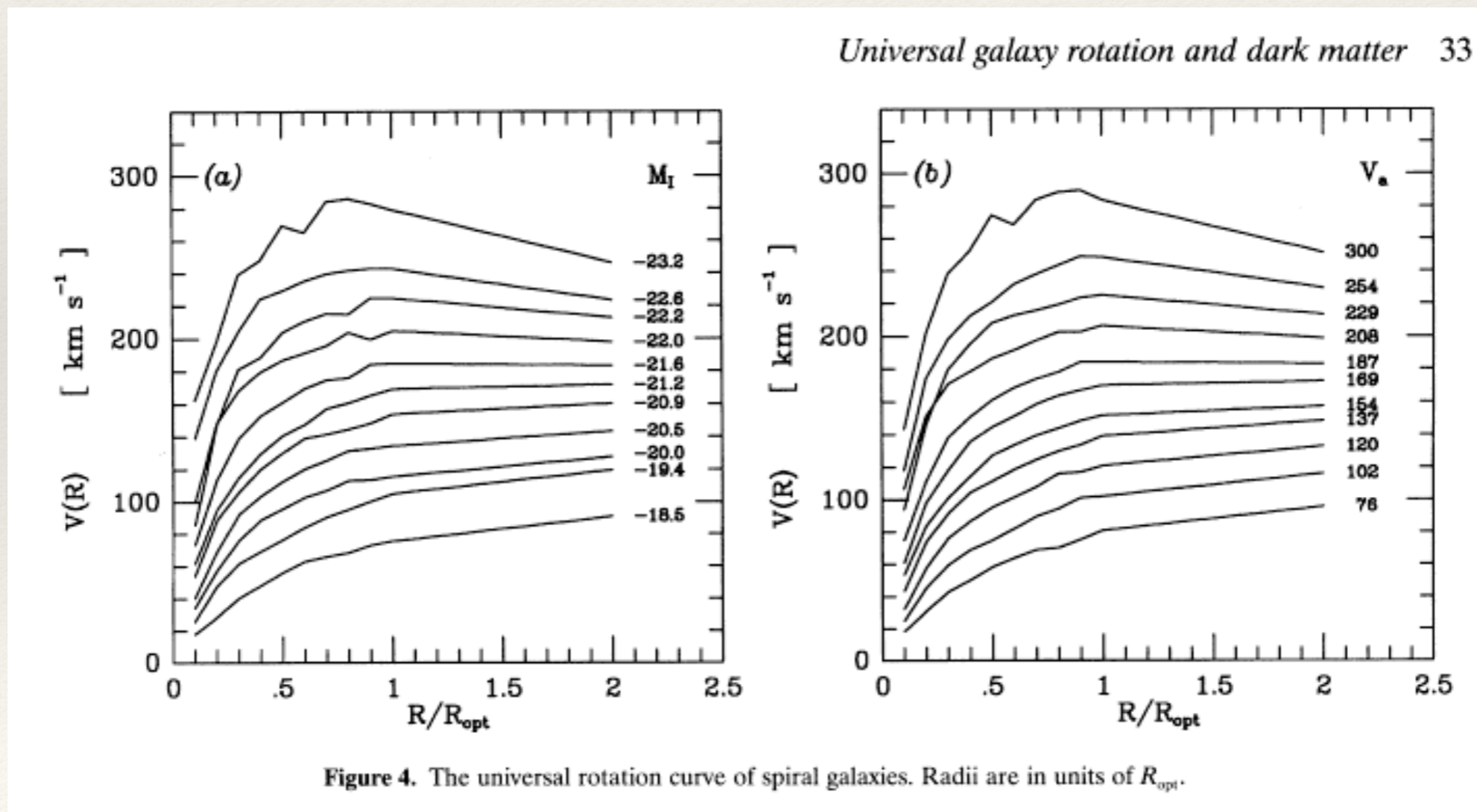


Klypin et al 2002

- ❖ Mass modeling from rotation curves

Galaxy Population - Spirals/Disks: Kinematics

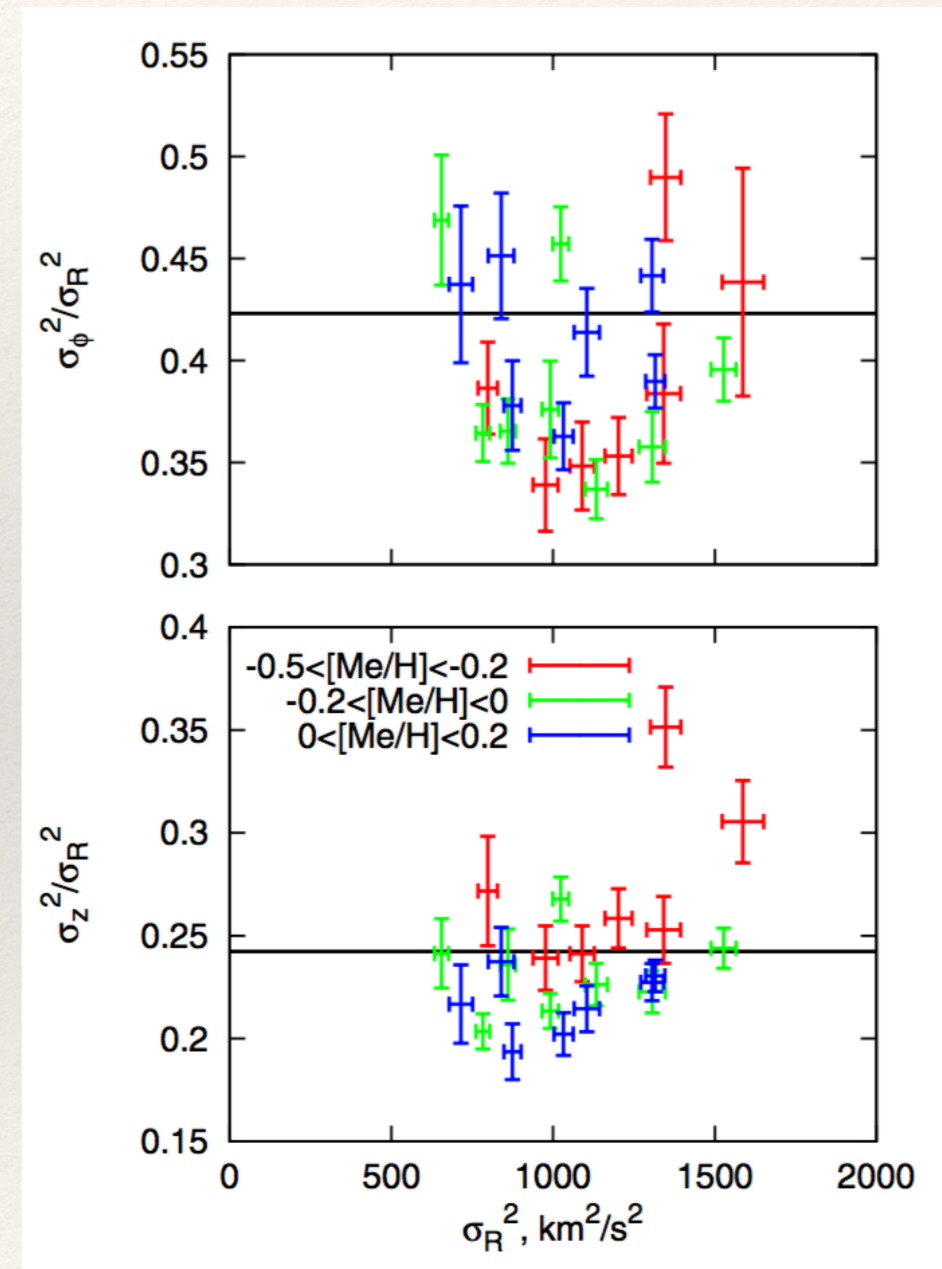
- ❖ Amplitude and shape of rotation curve correlated with luminosity, but with significant scatter



Spirals/Disks: Kinematics

- ❖ Stars also have “random” motions, characterized by velocity ellipsoid:
- ❖ velocity dispersion typically small (\sim few 10s km/s)
 - ❖ hard to observe in external galaxies, but known to exist in the solar neighborhood
- ❖ velocity ellipsoid not isotropic

Solar Neighborhood



Spirals/Disks: Kinematics

- ❖ Velocity dispersion increases for redder, more metal-poor (~older) populations:
 - ❖ lag in rotation velocity (“asymmetric drift”)
 - ❖ increased ellipticity of orbits (“radial blurring”)
- ❖ Transient spiral structure may play an important role in angular momentum transfer for stars:
 - ❖ radial migration (“churning”)

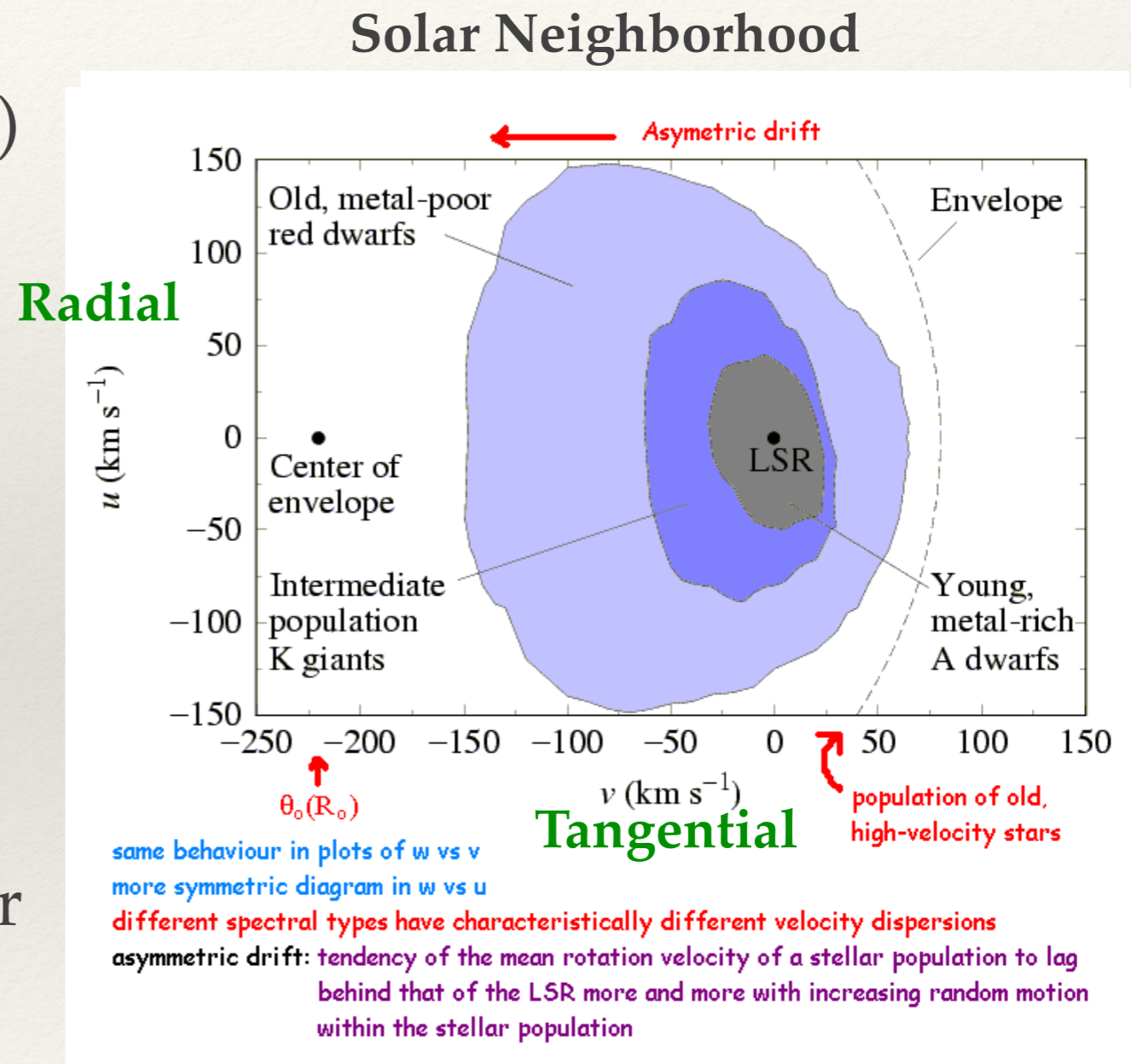
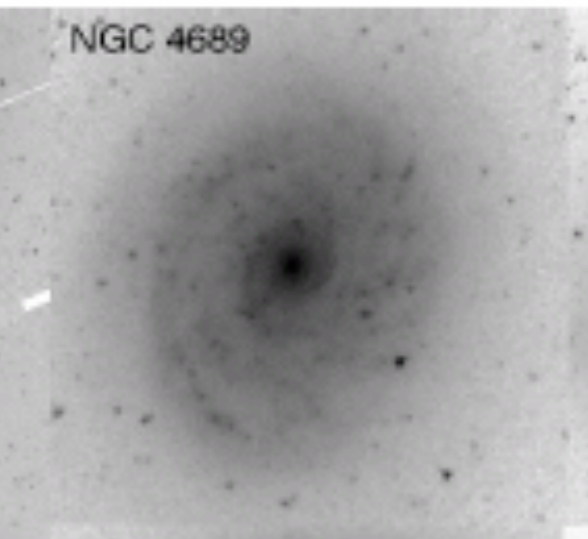
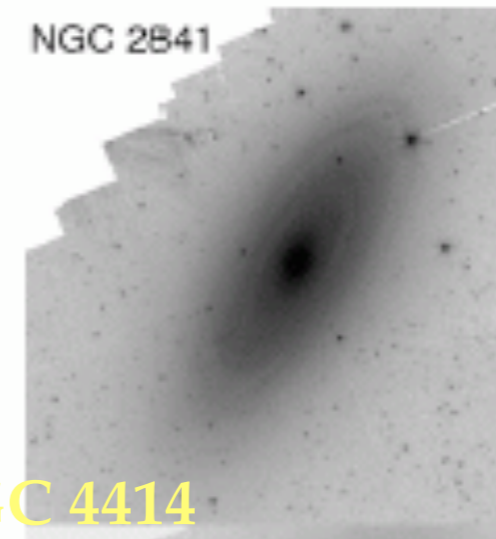
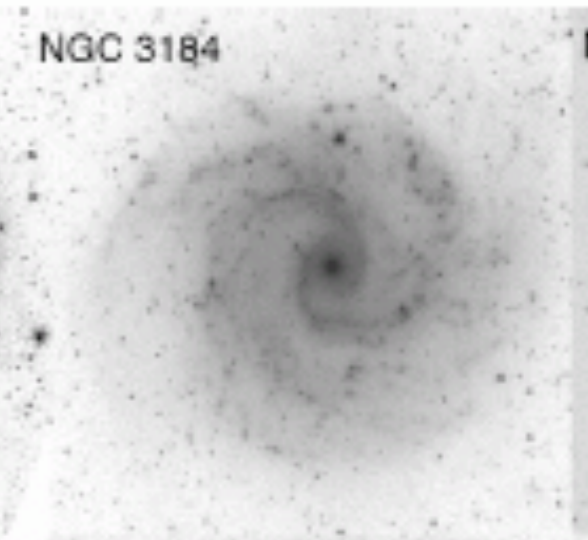
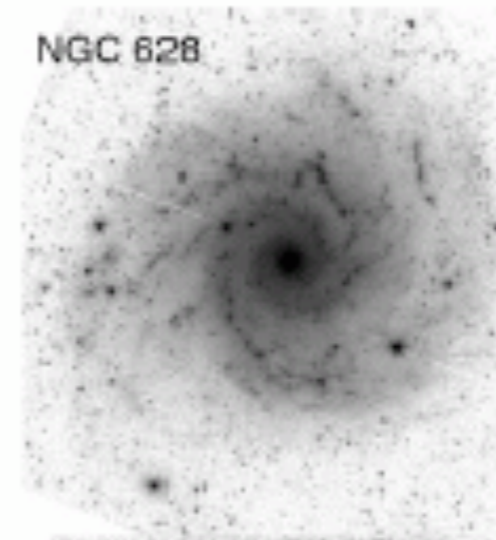
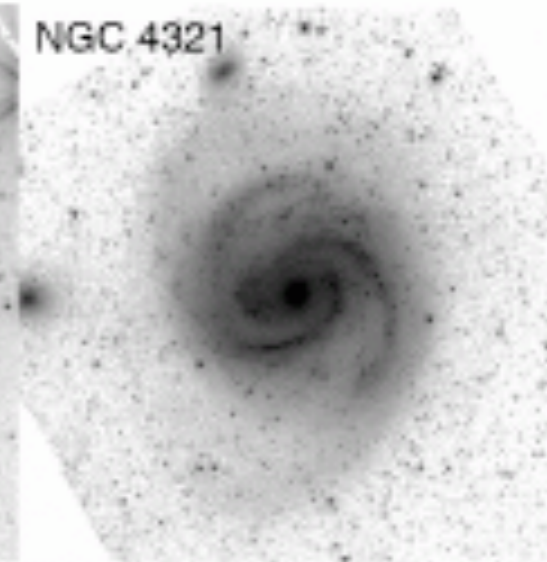
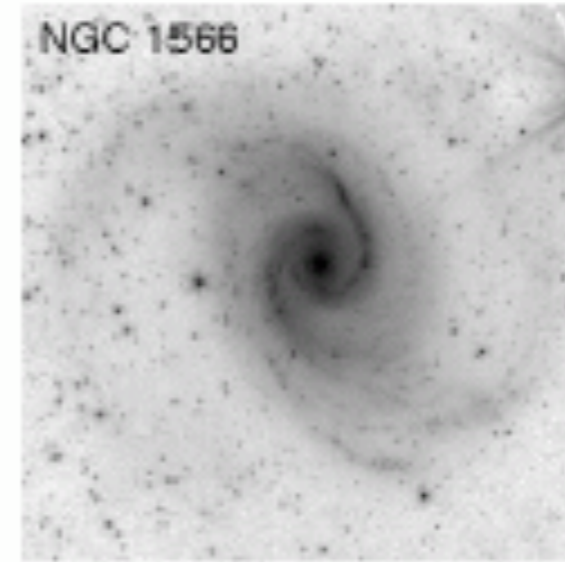


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Spirals/Disks: Arms

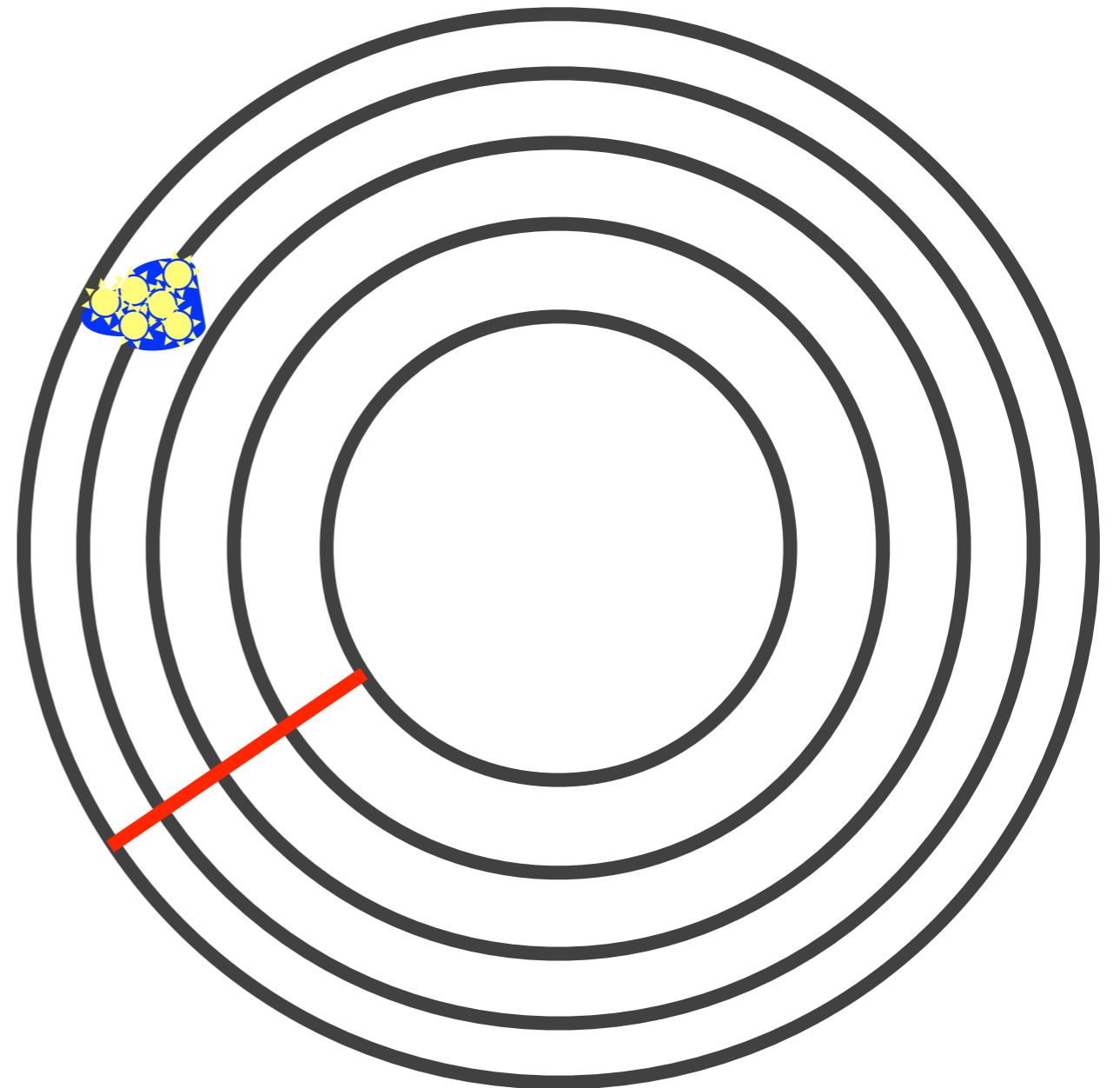
- ❖ How does spiral galaxy rotation affect spiral arms?



NGC 4414

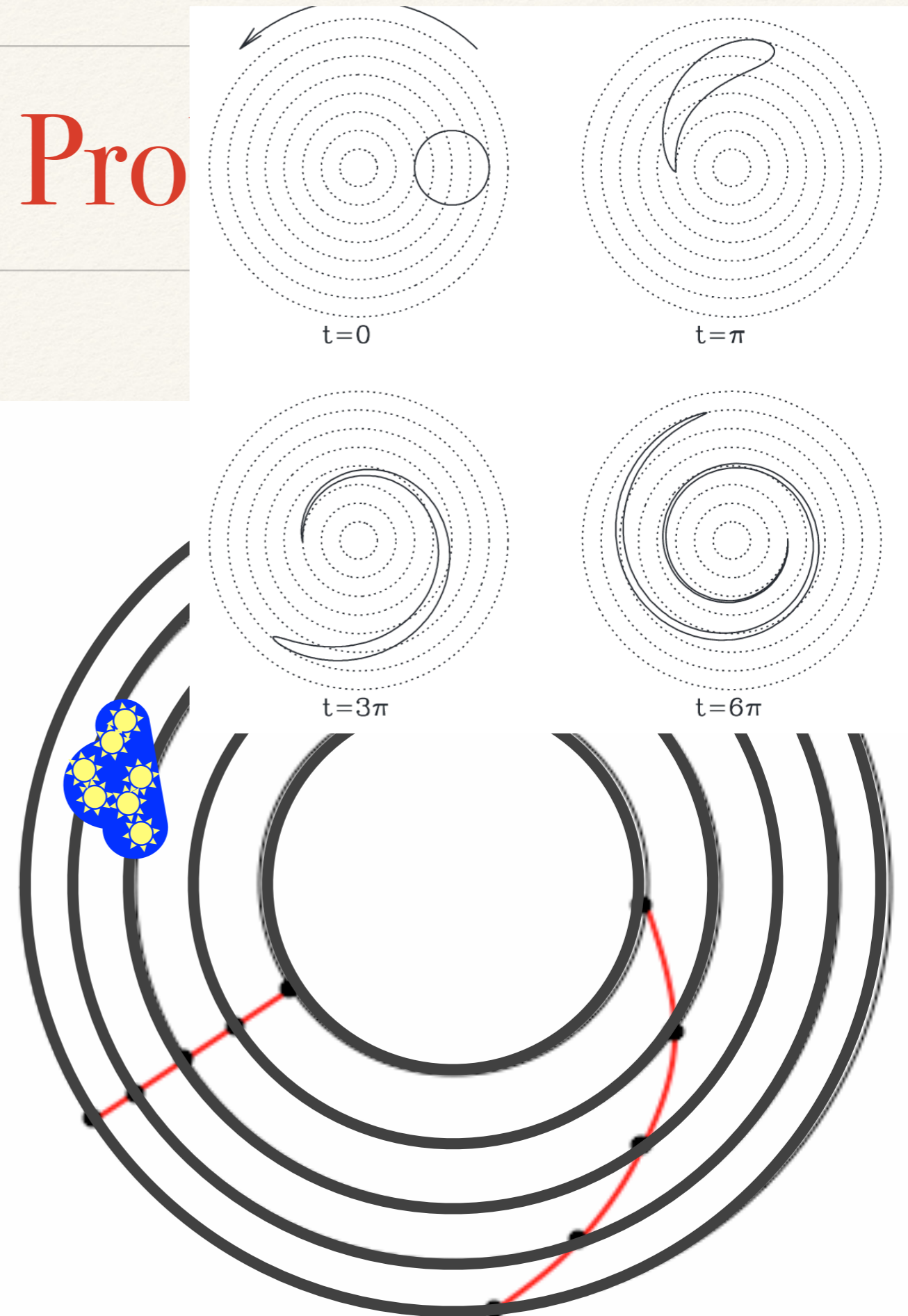
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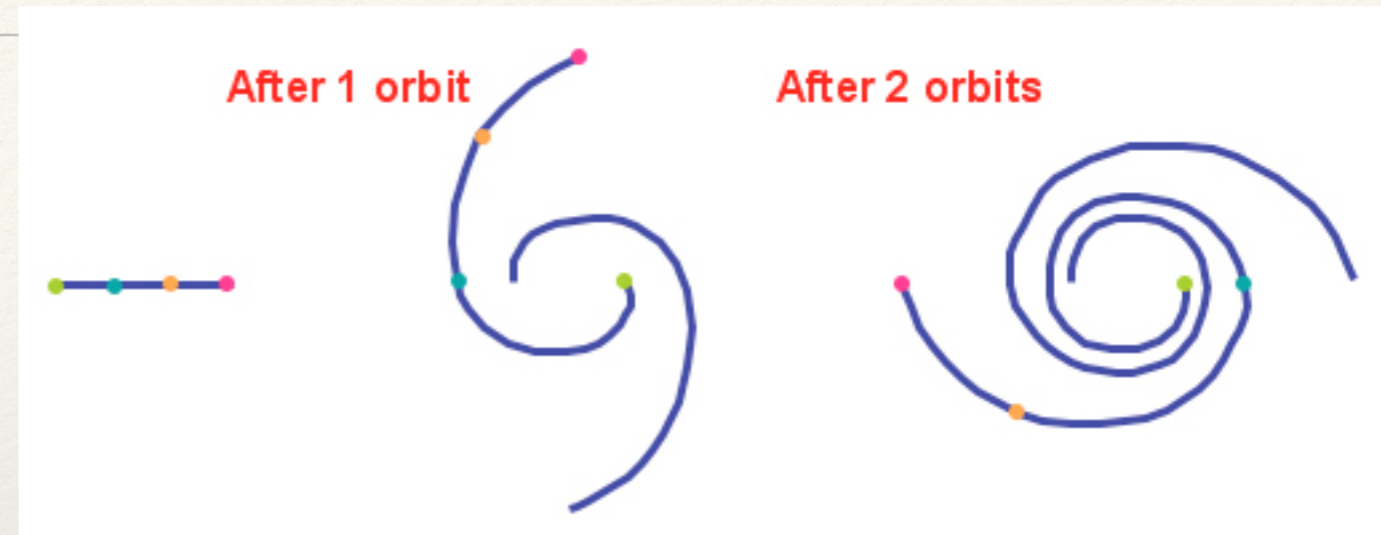


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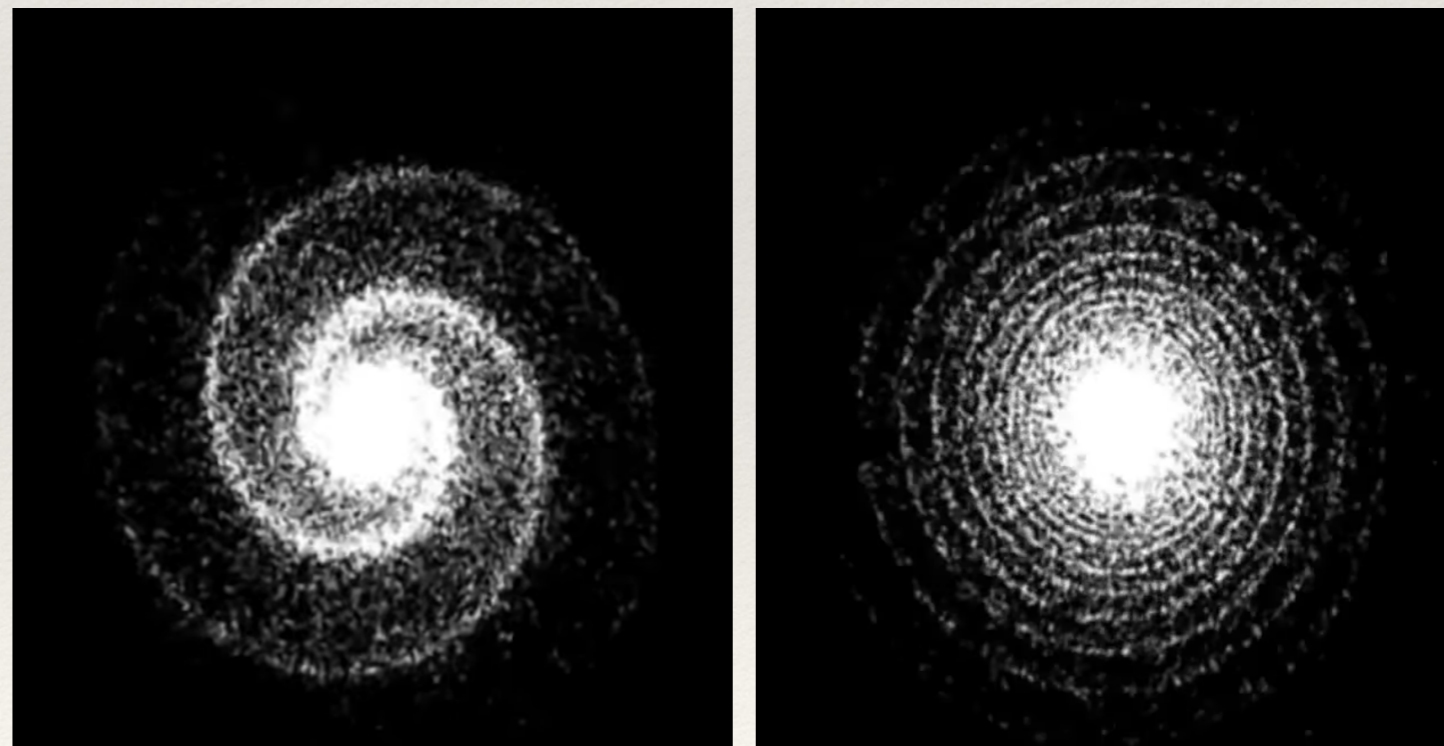
- ❖ A particle moves in a circular path with a constant angular velocity ω . At $t = 0$, the particle is at the point $(r, \theta) = (R, 0)$.
 - What is the equation of the path in Cartesian coordinates?
- ❖ How long is a rotation period?
- ❖ What is the implication or the evolution of a fixed spiral pattern?

Spirals/Disks: Arms

- ❖ Spiral arms can't be a physical spiral
- ❖ Material takes longer to orbit at larger radii ("differential rotation")
- ❖ Arms would get wound up after just a few orbits ("winding problem")



<http://astronomy.swin.edu.au/cosmos/W/Winding+Problem>



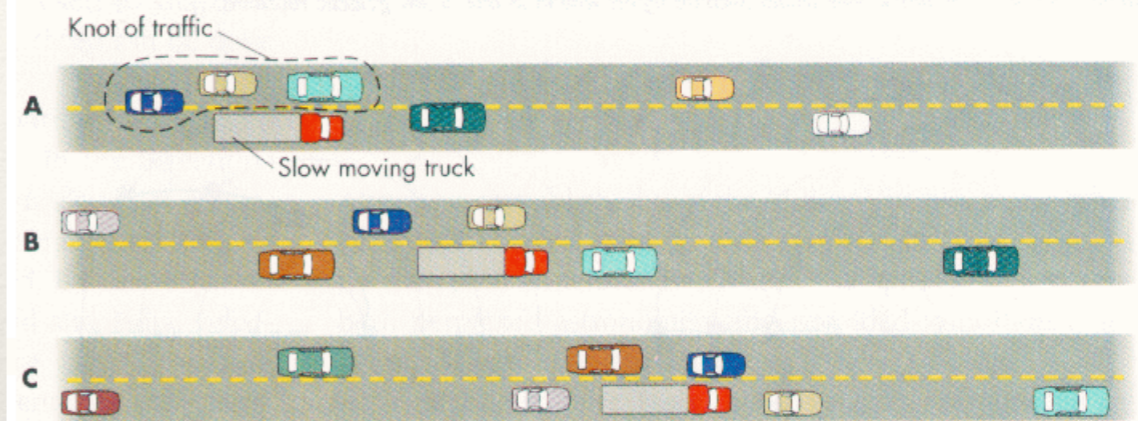
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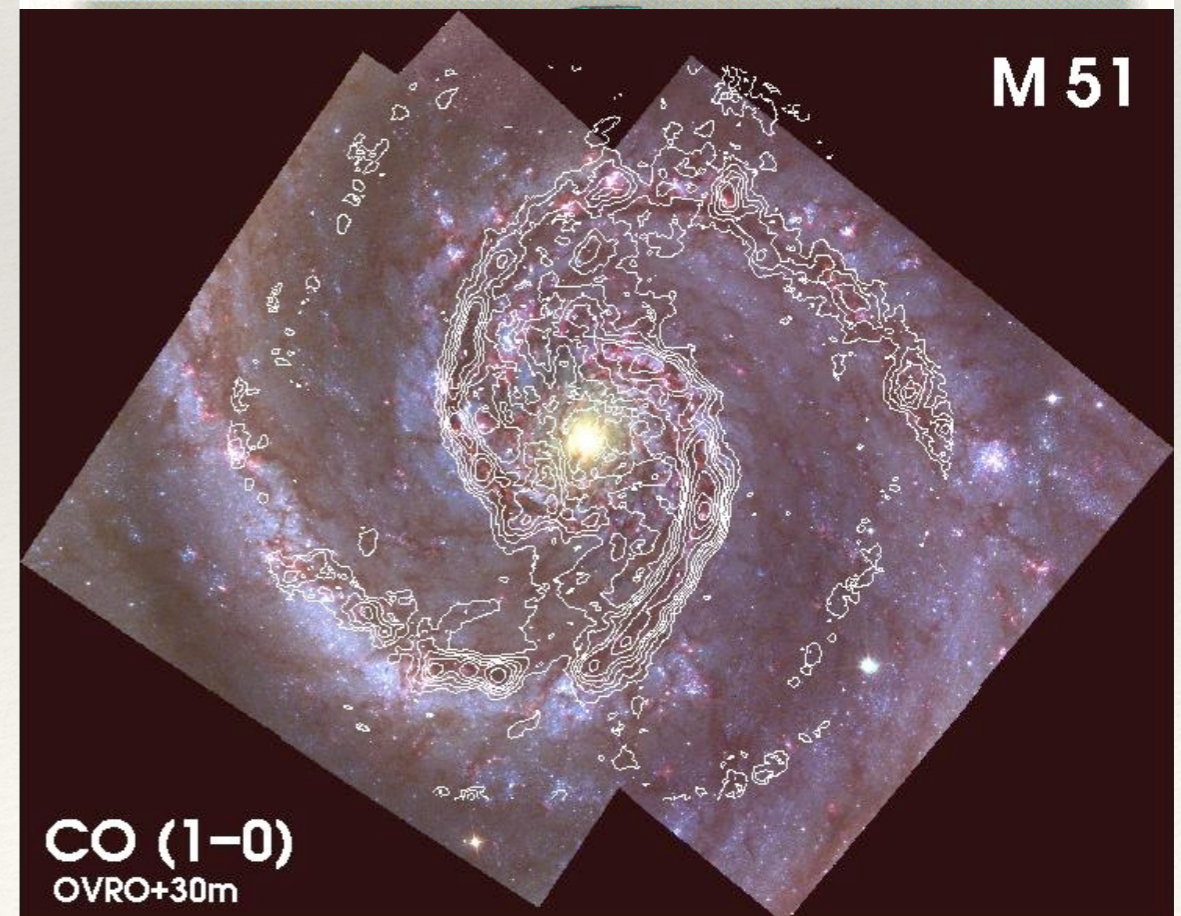
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- ❖ Density waves themselves have a pattern speed, so they will still wrap, but the winding time is longer
- ❖ Many inner arms have dust lanes, HII regions, HI / CO concentrated on inside (concave) edge:
 - ❖ stars / gas overtaking pattern
 - ❖ gas compressed in density wave triggering star formation

Density Wave

A slow moving truck causes a knot of traffic that moves along the highway at the speed of the truck. Individual cars approach the traffic knot, slow down as they move carefully through the knot, and then resume speed as they leave the knot. As a result, the traffic knot consists of different cars at different times.



http://www.pa.uky.edu/~shlosman/anim/spiral_jam.gif

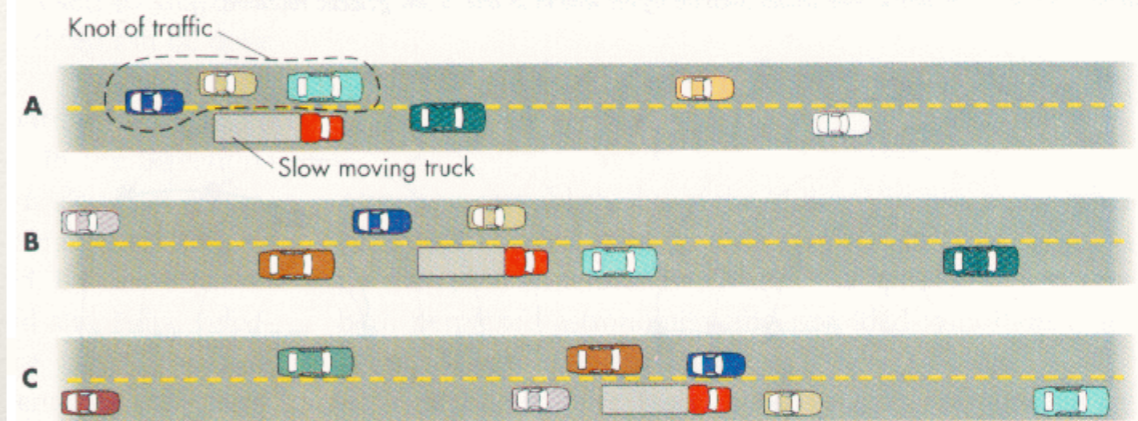


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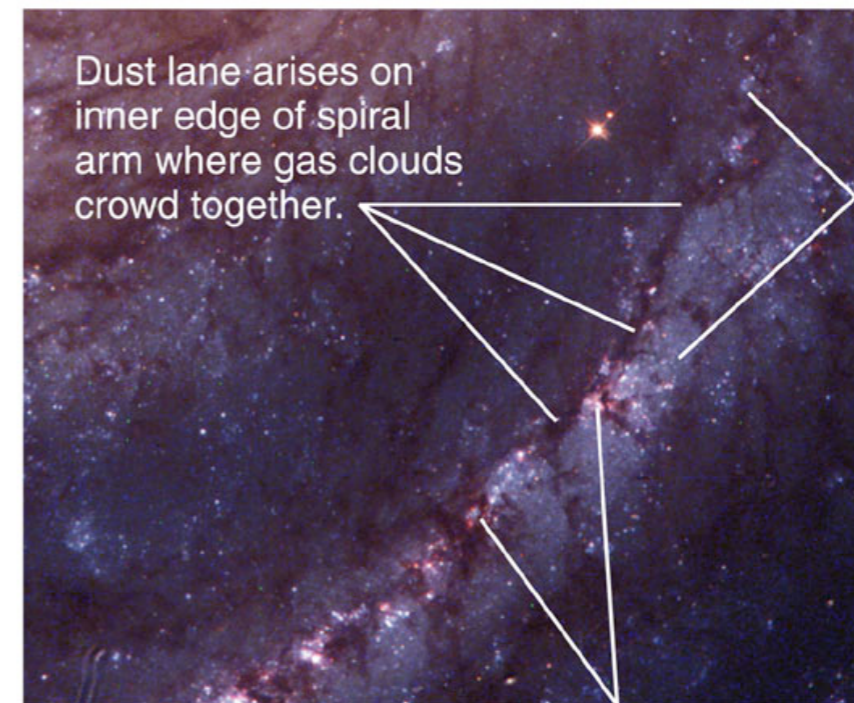
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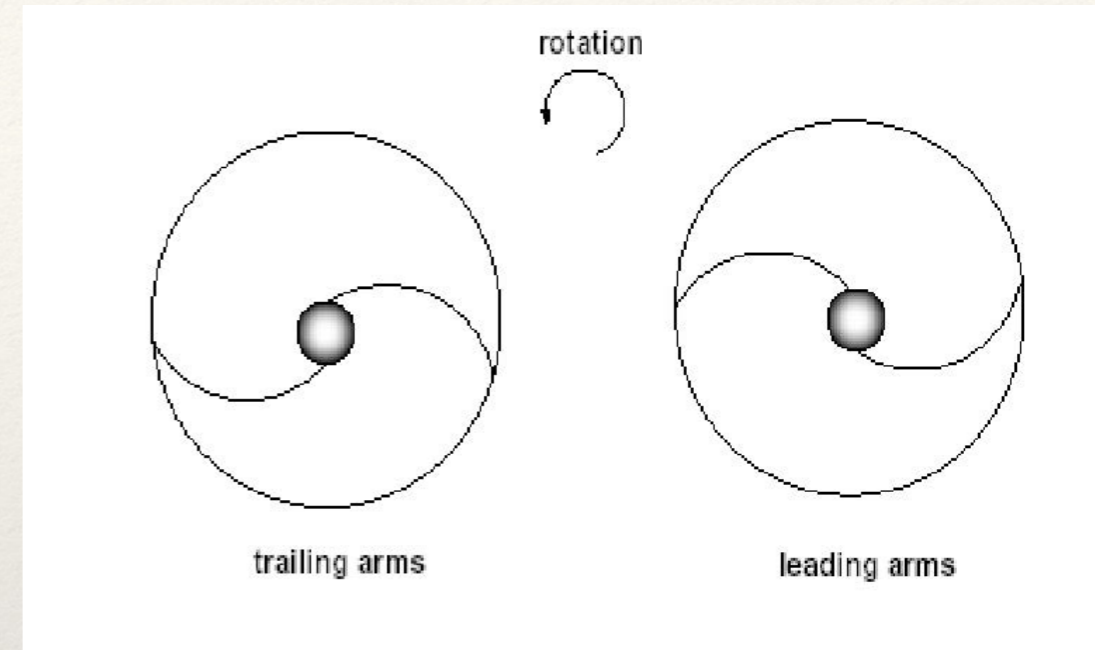
Dust lane arises on inner edge of spiral arm where gas clouds crowd together.

Young blue stars are found on outer edge of spiral arm.

Ionization nebulae arise where newly forming blue stars are ionizing gas clouds.

Thought Question

- ❖ How can we tell if spiral arms are “trailing” (i.e. spiral winds behind the rotation) versus “leading”?

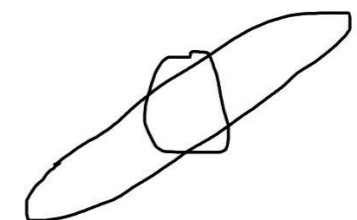
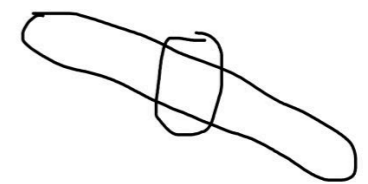


Thought Question

- ❖ In an inclined galaxy, not so easy to tell!

Need to know which way material is moving and which side of galaxy is closer!

Look for evidence of more prominent dust lanes on near side



Spirals/Disks: Arms

- ❖ Edge-on galaxies — easy to tell near side, but hard to see arms

de Vaucouleurs 1958

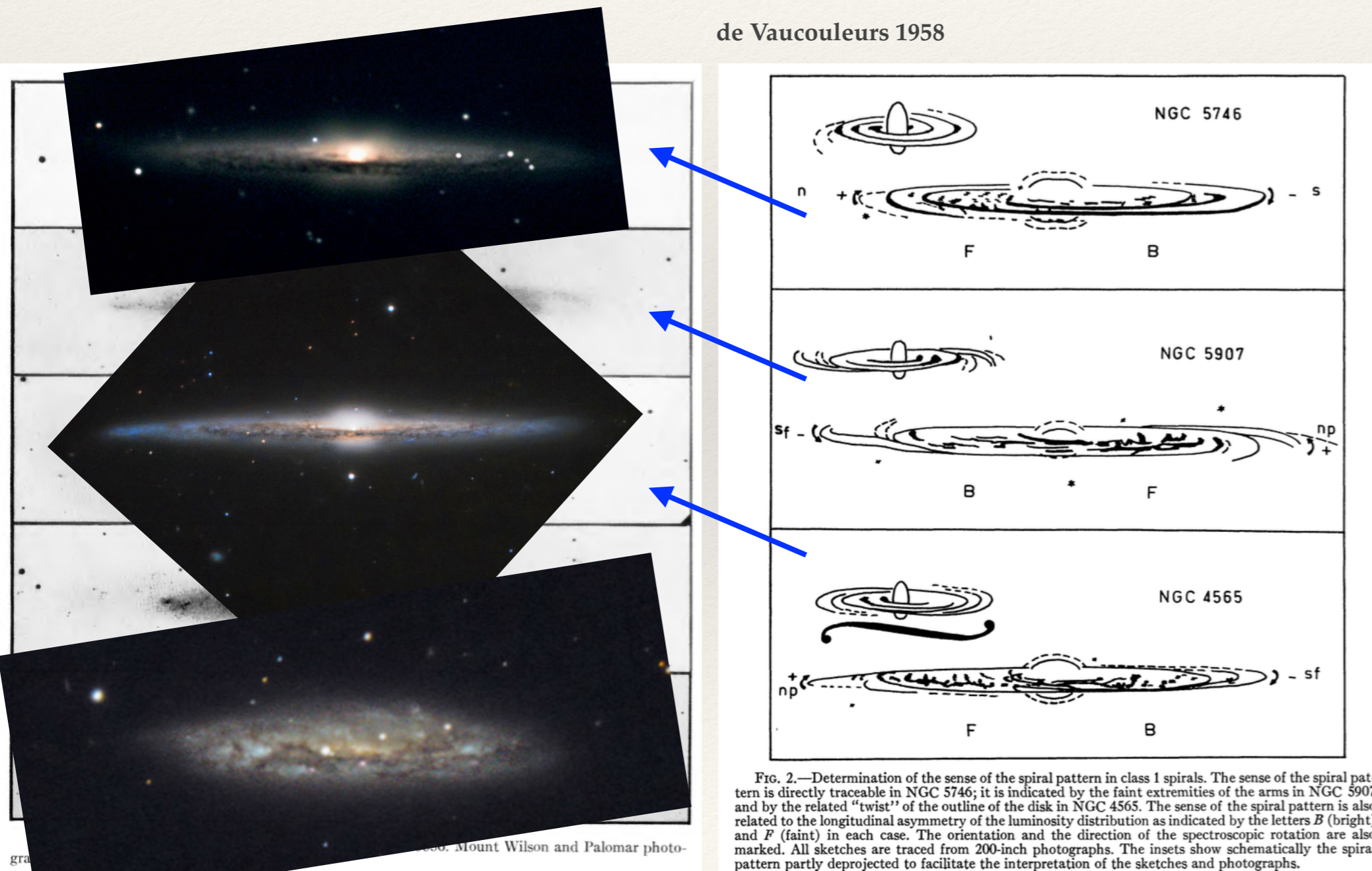


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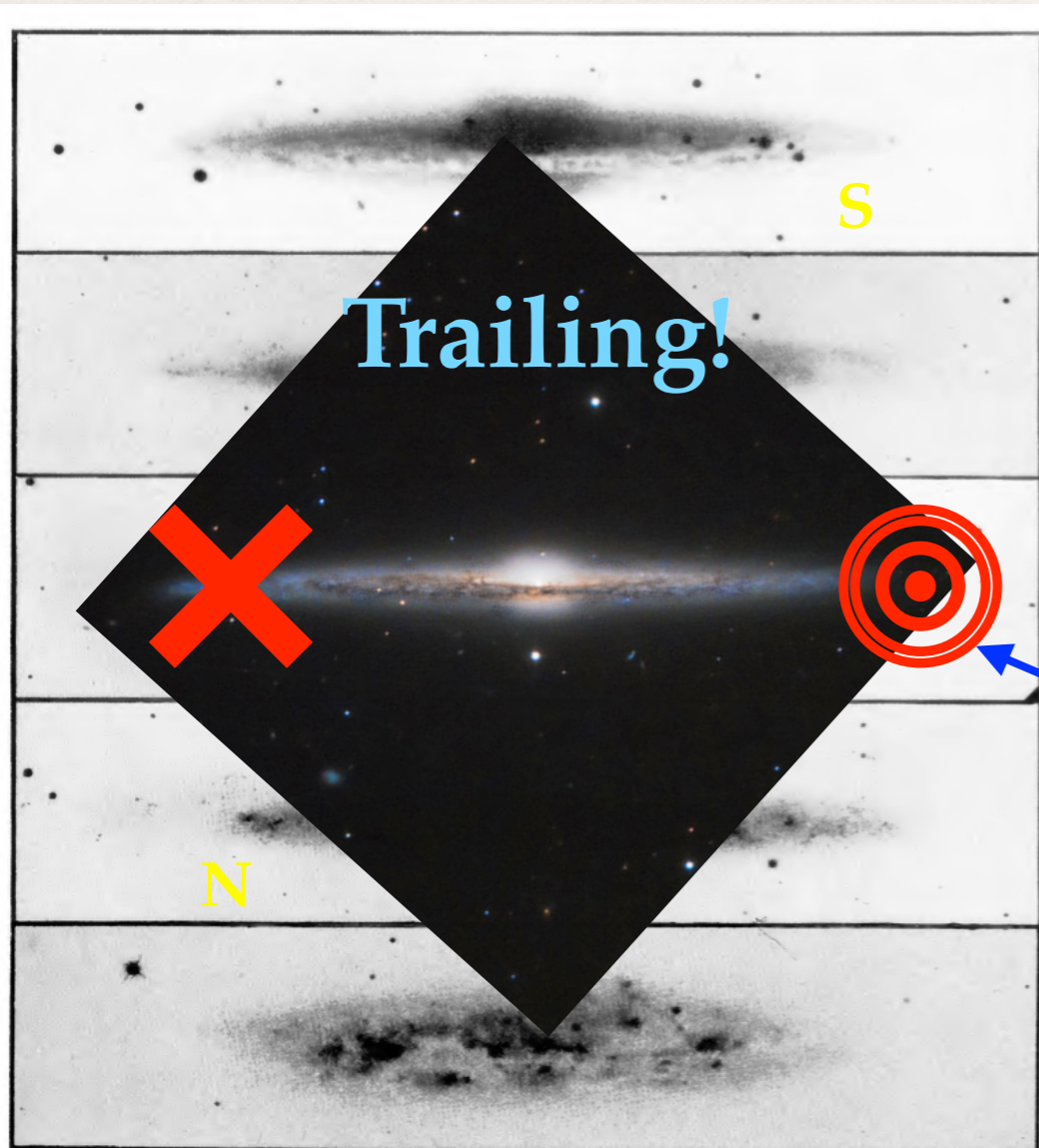


FIG. 3.—Class 1 spirals NGC 5746, 5907, 4565, 4244, and 3556. Mount Wilson and Palomar photographs with the 200-inch reflector.

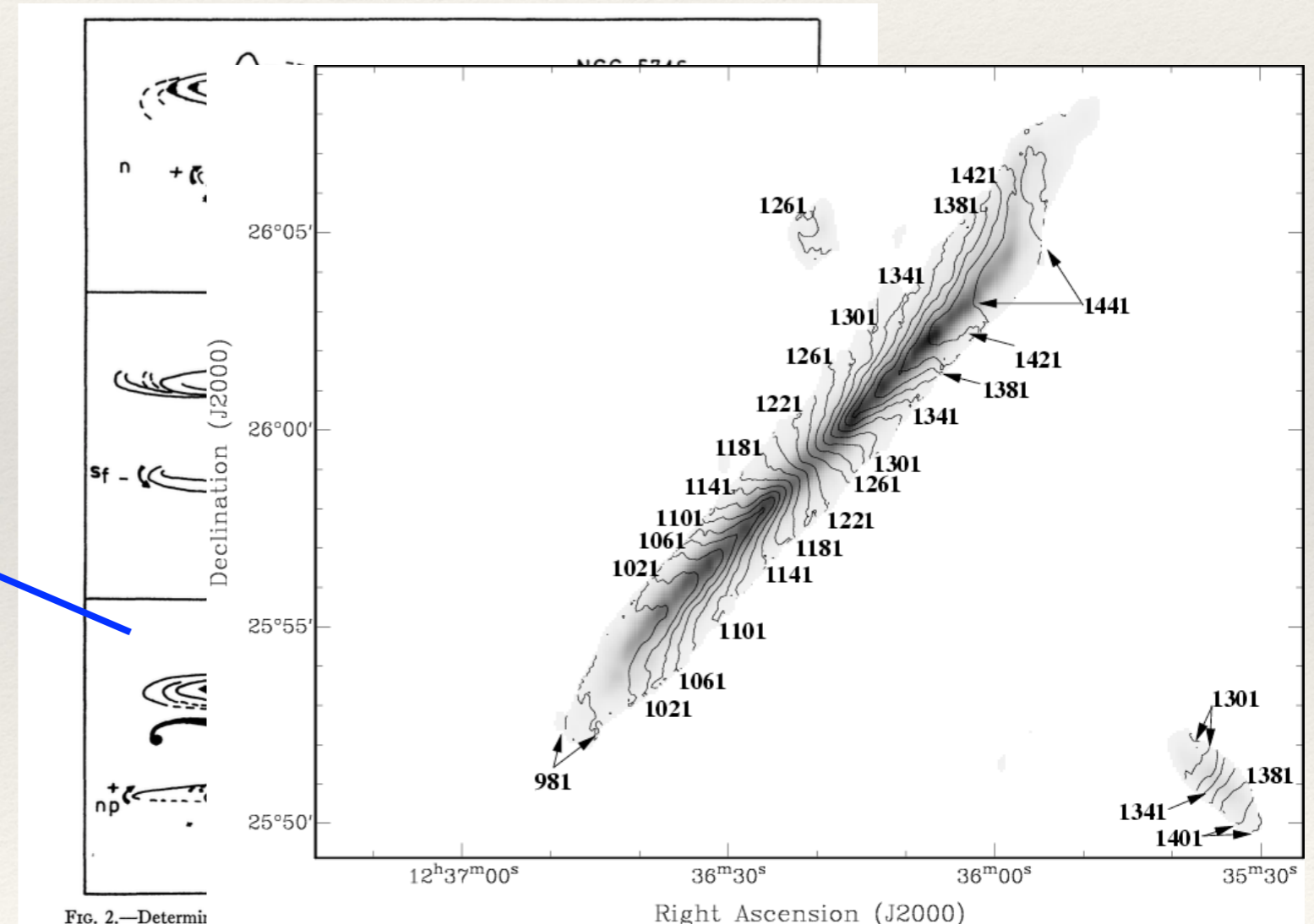


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- ❖ Moderately inclined galaxies — easy to tell near side, better view of arms



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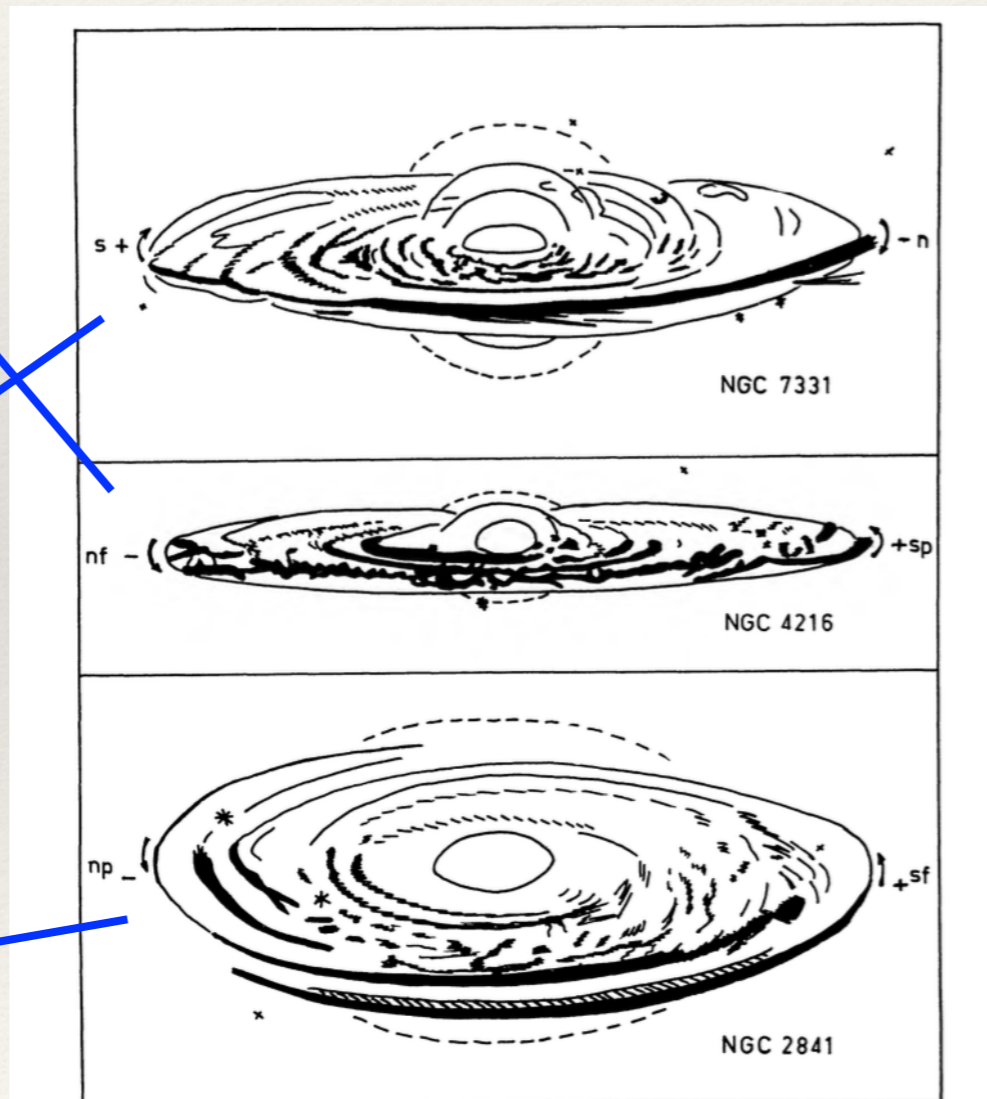


FIG. 4.—Determination of the near side in class 2 and class 3 spirals. The near side of the disk is indicated in NGC 7331, NGC 4216 and possibly NGC 2841 by the primary criterion of tilt, namely, the projection of the outer dark lane against the outer regions of the central bulge traced from 200-inch photographs. It is also indicated by the geometry of the bright arms and dark lanes near the apexes of the projected disk as in Fig. 6.

FIG. 5.—Class 2 and class 3 spirals. NGC 7331, NGC 4216, and NGC 2841. Mount Wilson and Palomar photographs with the 200-inch telescope.

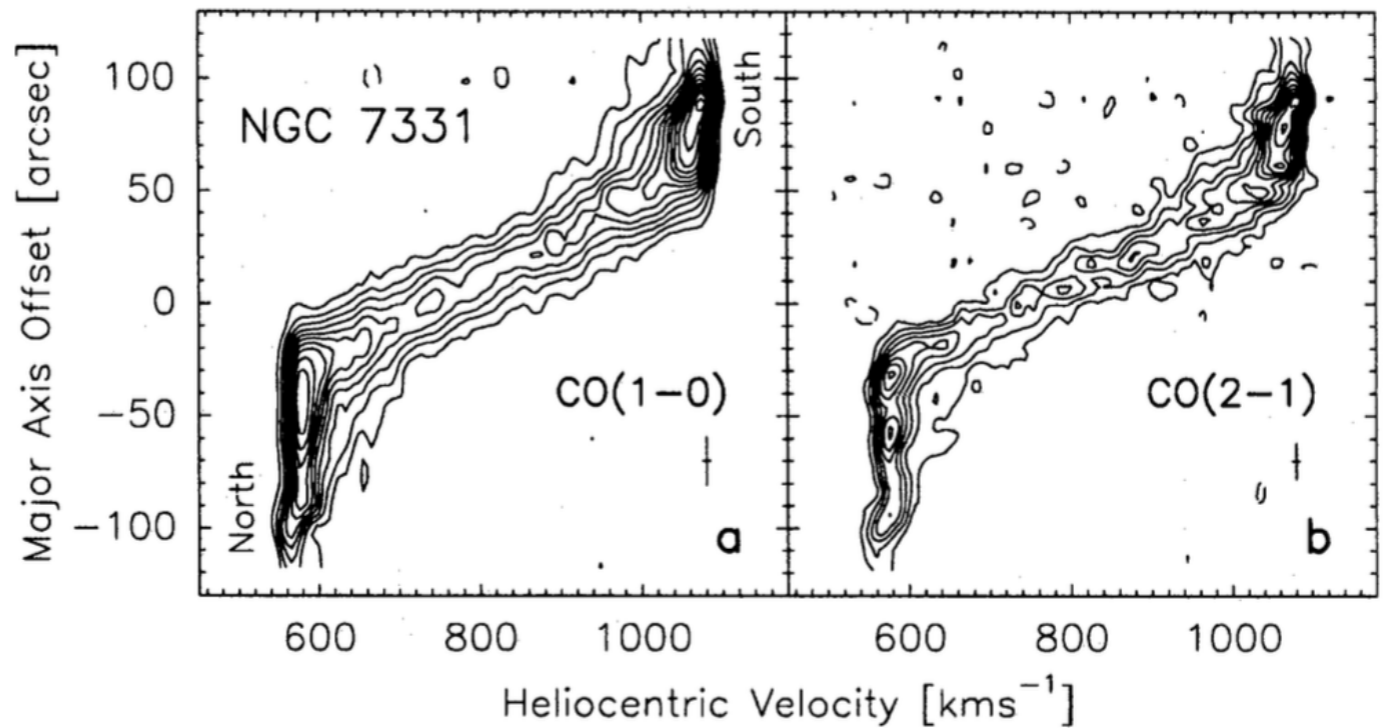
Spirals/Disks: Arms

- ❖ Moderately inclined galaxy

Trailing!



FIG. 5.—Class 2 and class 3 galaxies NGC 2445 and 2841. Mount Wilson and Palomar photographs with the 200-inch telescope.



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von Linden et al. 1996

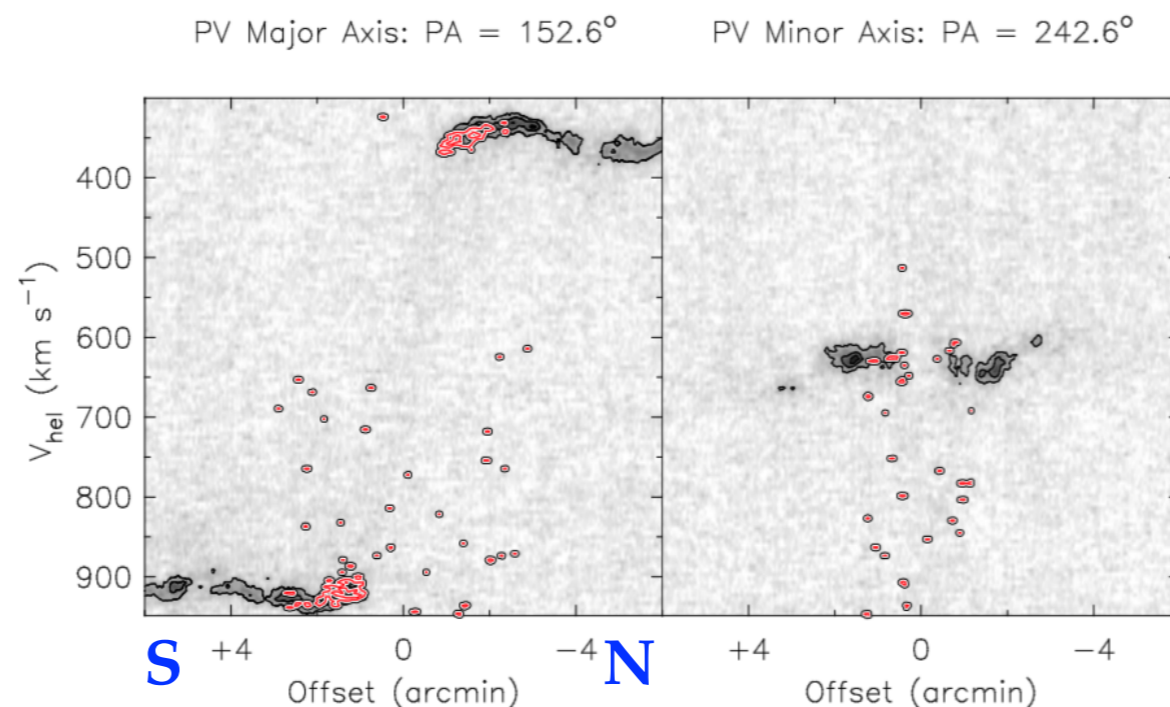


FIG. 6.—Projected velocity field of NGC 7331. The velocity field is shown in the left panel, and the velocity field is shown in the right panel. The velocity field is shown in the left panel, and the velocity field is shown in the right panel. It is also indicated by the geometry of the bright arms and dark lanes from the spectra of the projected disk as in Fig. 6.

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Spirals/Disks: Arms

de Vaucouleurs 1958

- ❖ Closer to face-on galaxies — easy to see spiral arms, harder to tell near side — but possible with good data!

NGC 2775
 $i \sim 40$ degrees

Credit: Adam Block/Mount Lemmon
SkyCenter/University of Arizona

Buta et al. 2003

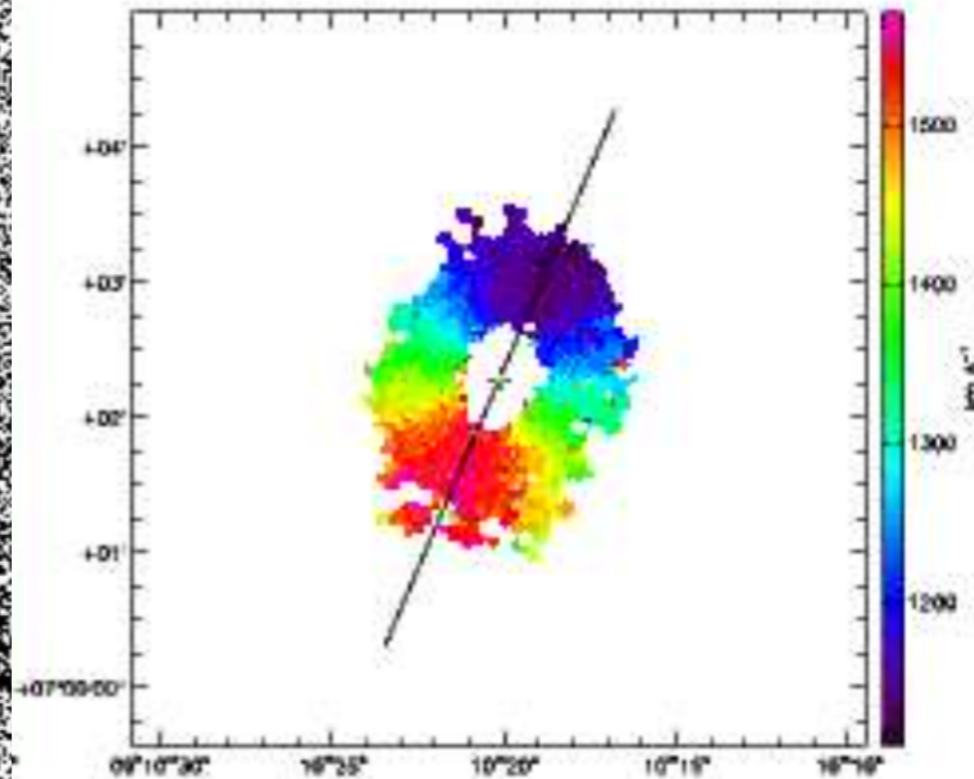
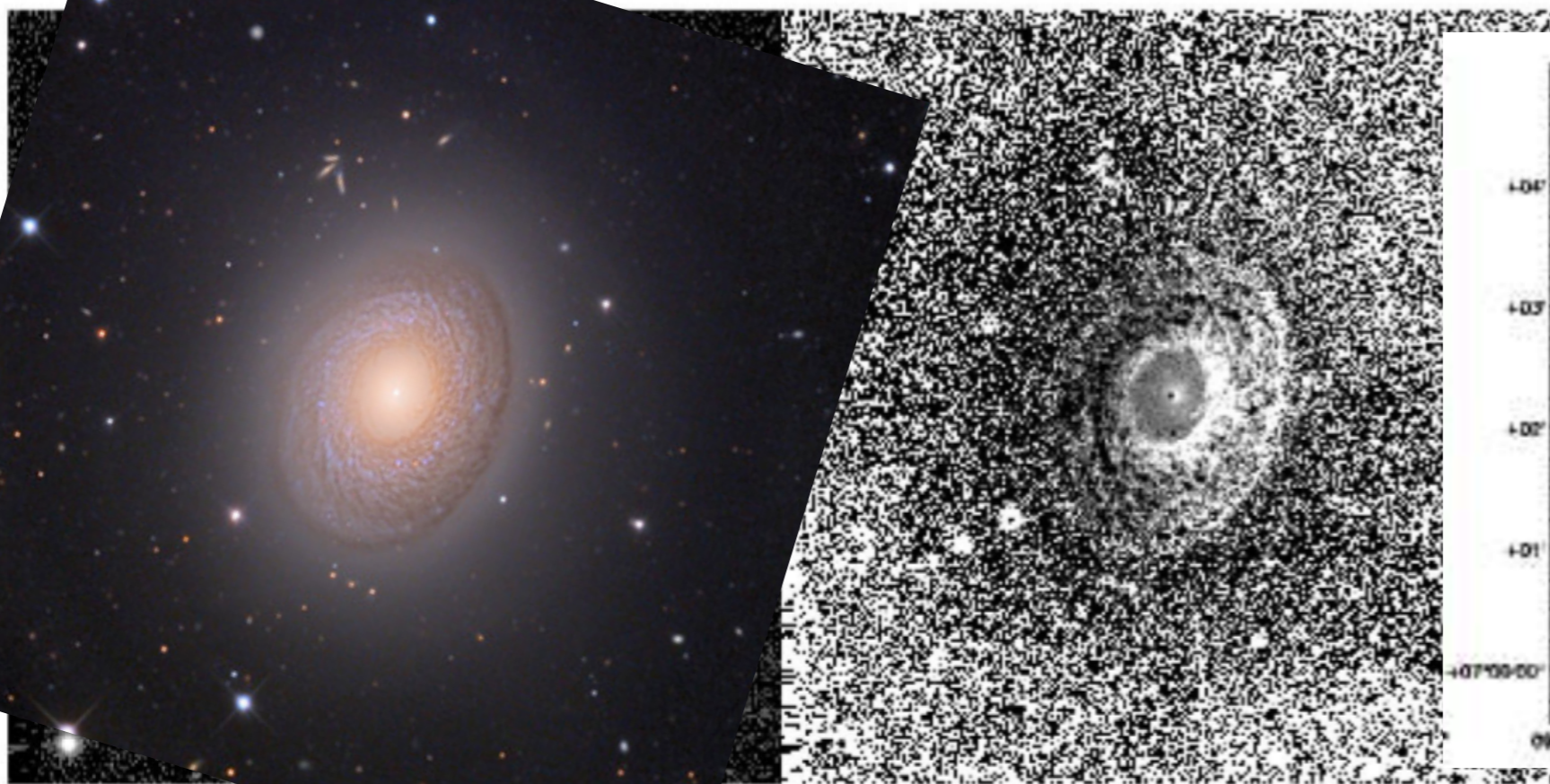


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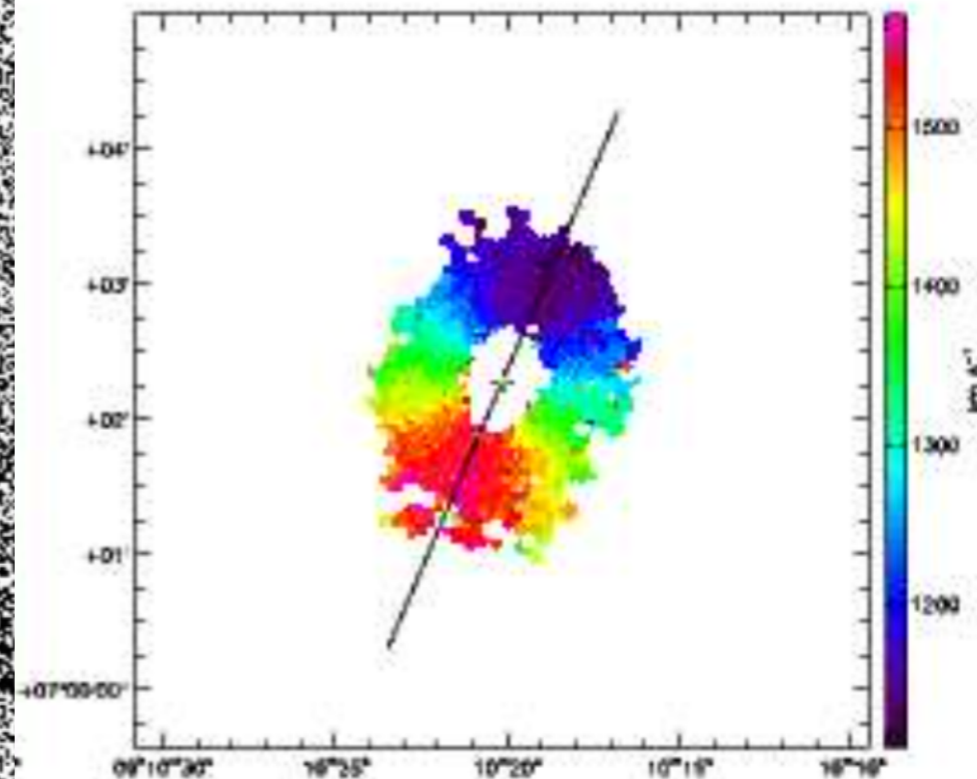
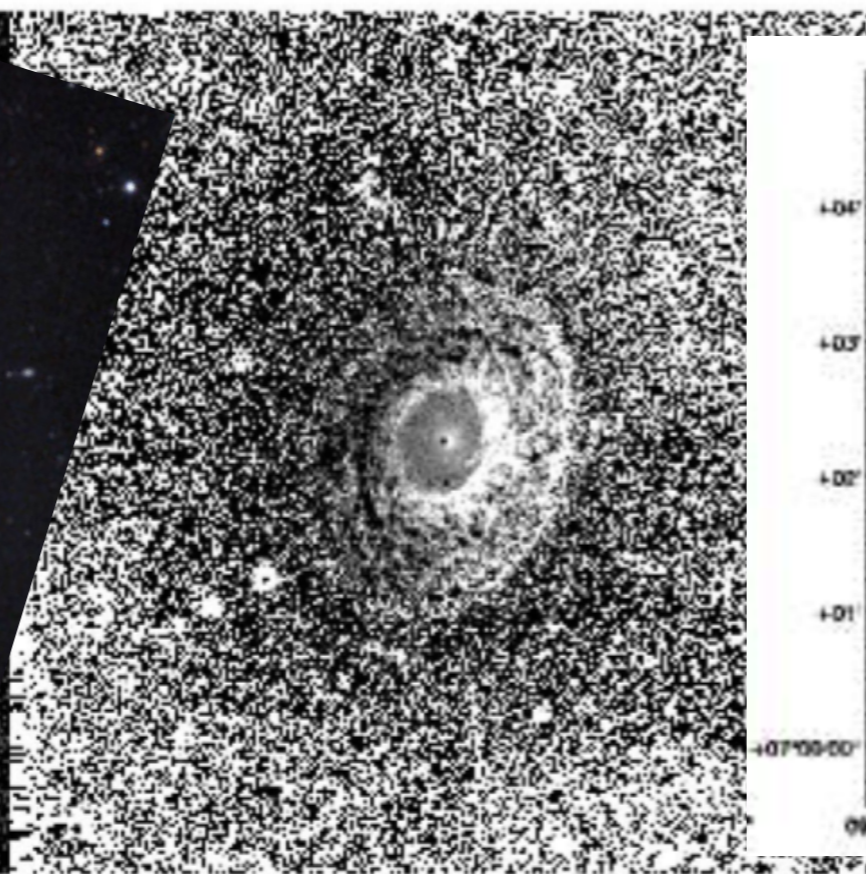


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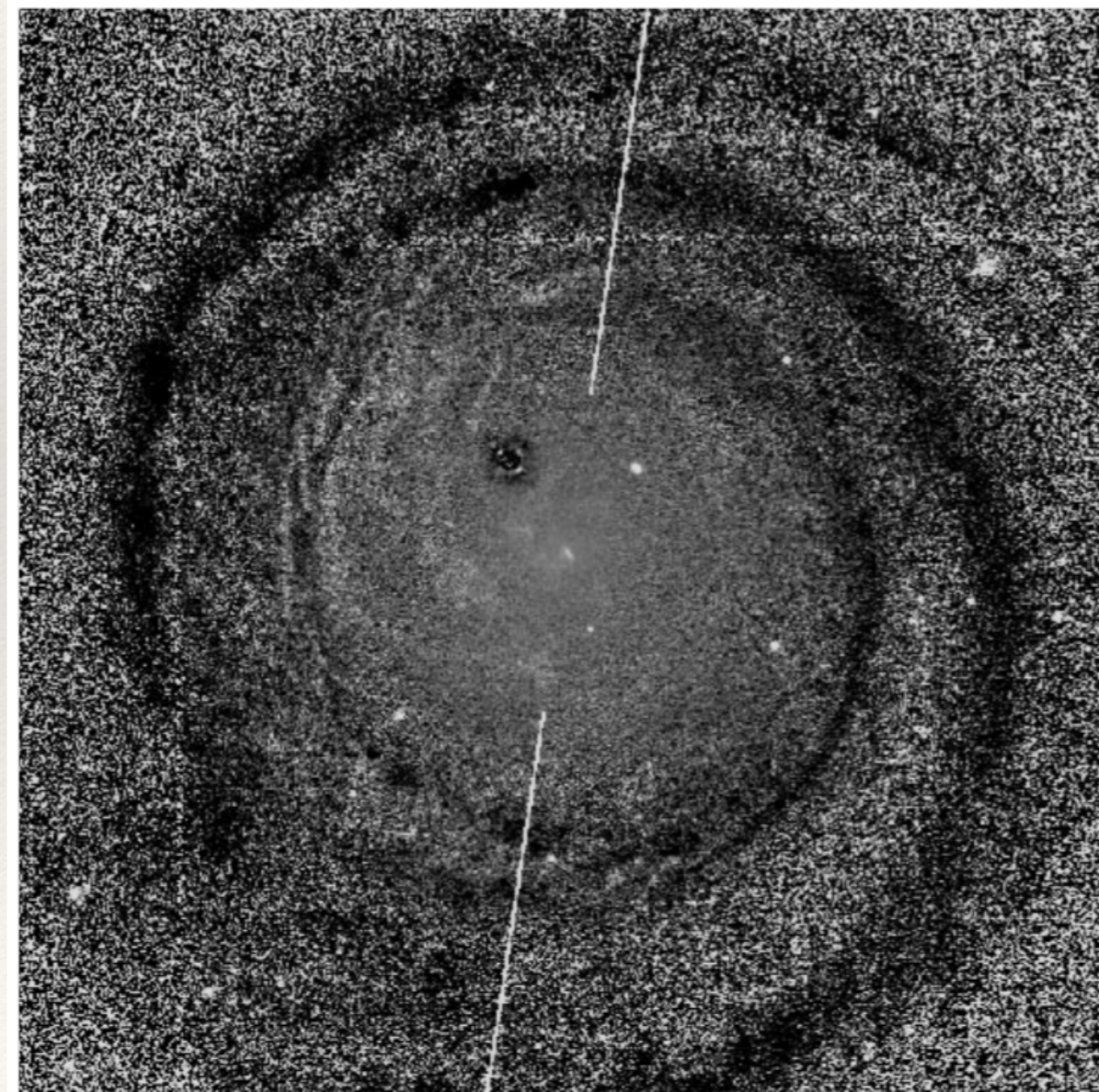
NGC 4622
 $i \sim 20$ degrees

- ❖ Nearly face-on — need high resolution HST imaging

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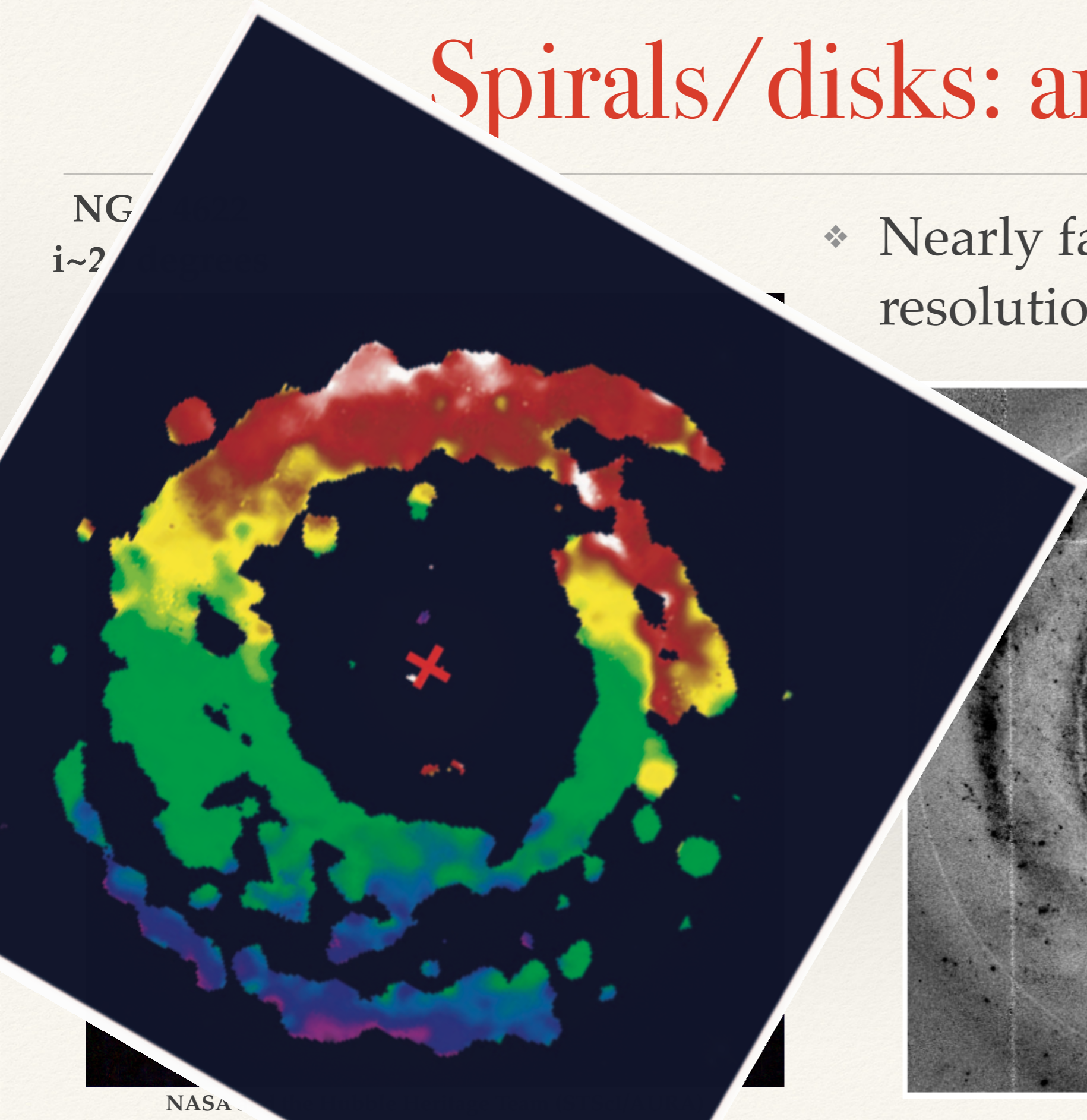


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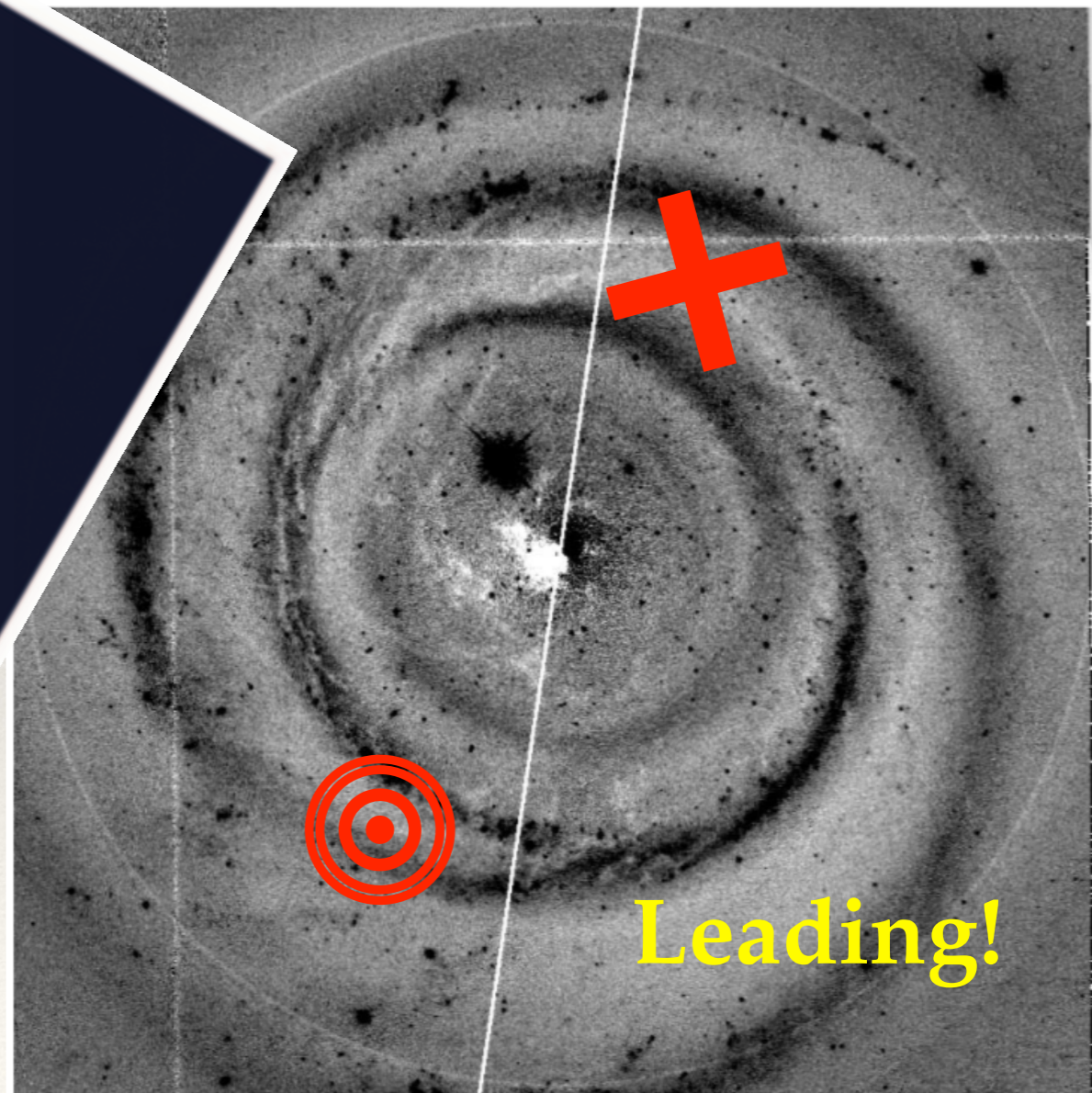
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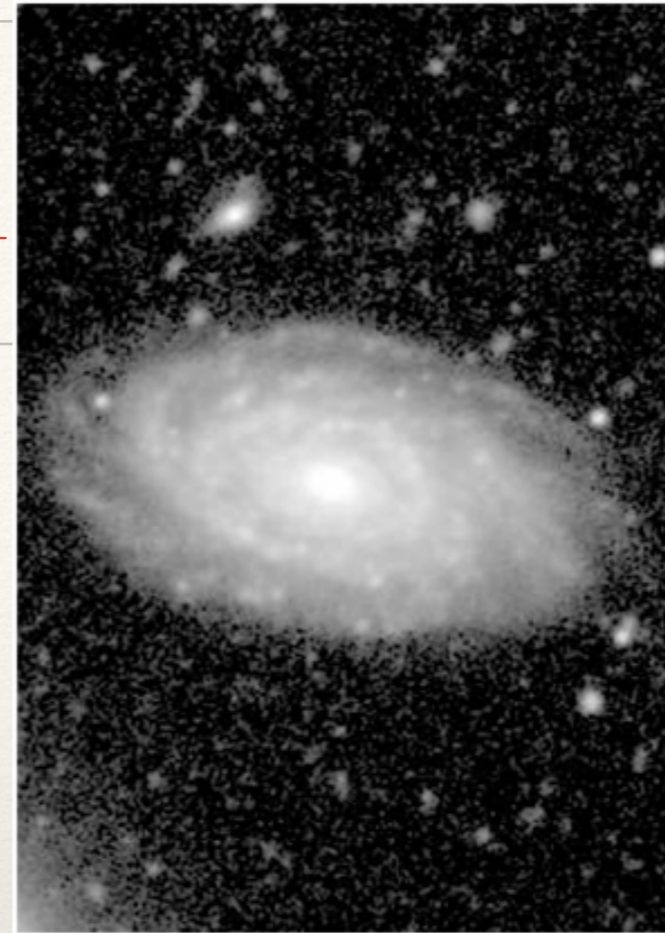
- ❖ Nearly face-on — need high resolution HST imaging!

Buta et al. 2003



Spirals/Disks: Arm

- ❖ "...the central part... turns into the spiral arms as a spring turns in winding up." — Vesto Slipher (1922)
- ❖ **Most galaxies have trailing arms — with a few notable exceptions!**

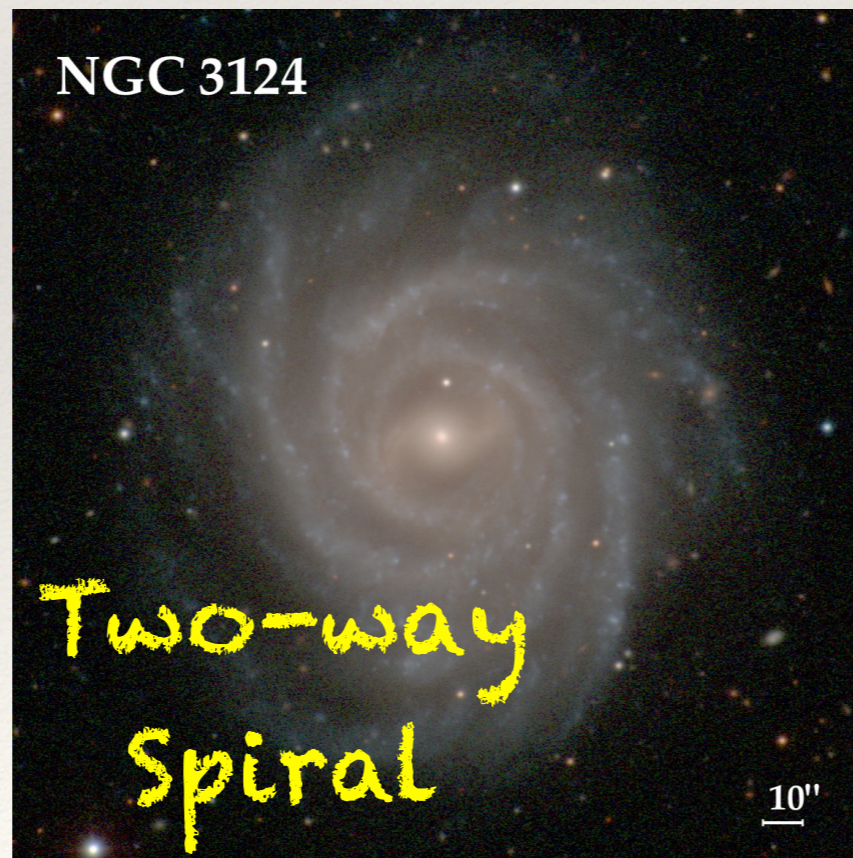


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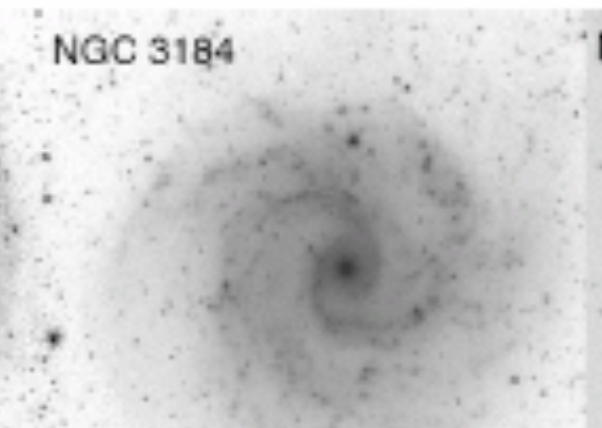
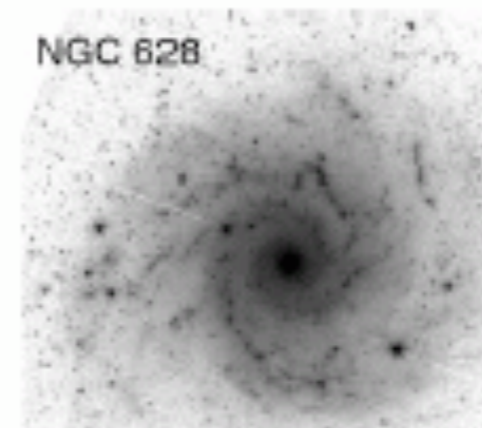
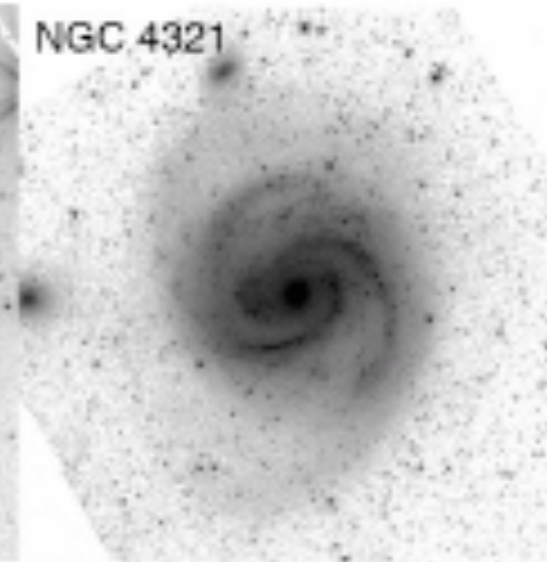
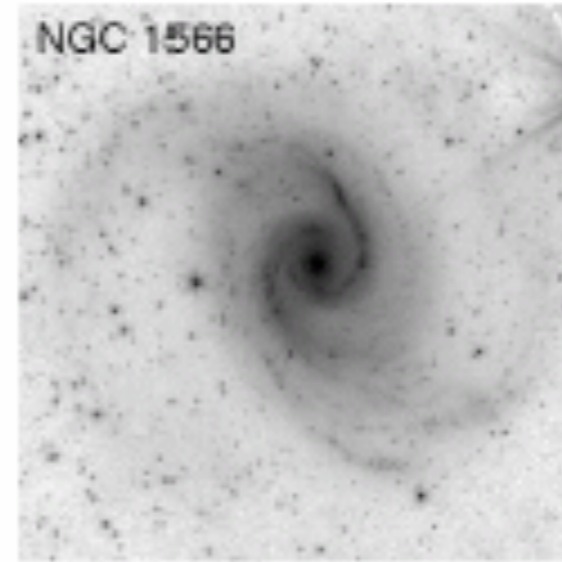
M64 — Black Eye Galaxy



Walterbos et al. 1994

Spirals/Disks: Arms

- ❖ Instabilities and differential rotation likely drive different types of spiral structure:
 - ❖ “flocculent” spirals may be local instabilities sheared by differential rotation
 - ❖ “grand design” spirals must be a **density wave pattern**
 - ❖ gas and stars move into and out of density wave



Spirals/Disks: Arms

- ❖ What triggers spiral arms to begin with?
 - ❖ initial non-axisymmetric properties of disk and halo (intrinsic), e.g. bars
 - ❖ galaxy encounters (environmental)
- ❖ in tilted galaxies develop spiral arms
- ❖ How long do spiral arms last?

