

*Getting to know the “island universes” out there.*

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# Galaxies I

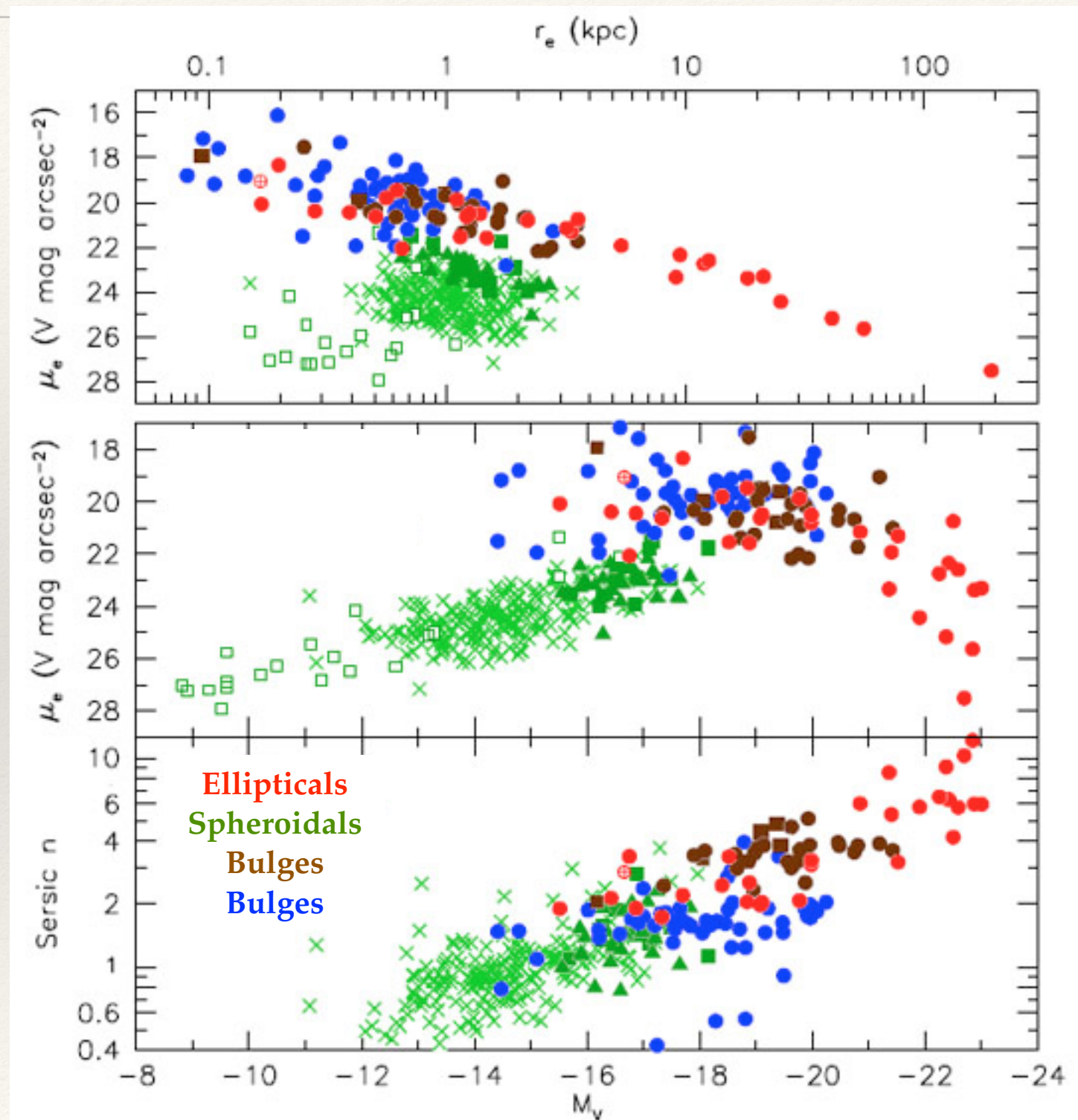
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# Warm-up

- ❖ 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?





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# Outline for Today

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



NGC1232 (ESO)



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# Spirals/Disks: Kinematics

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- ❖ 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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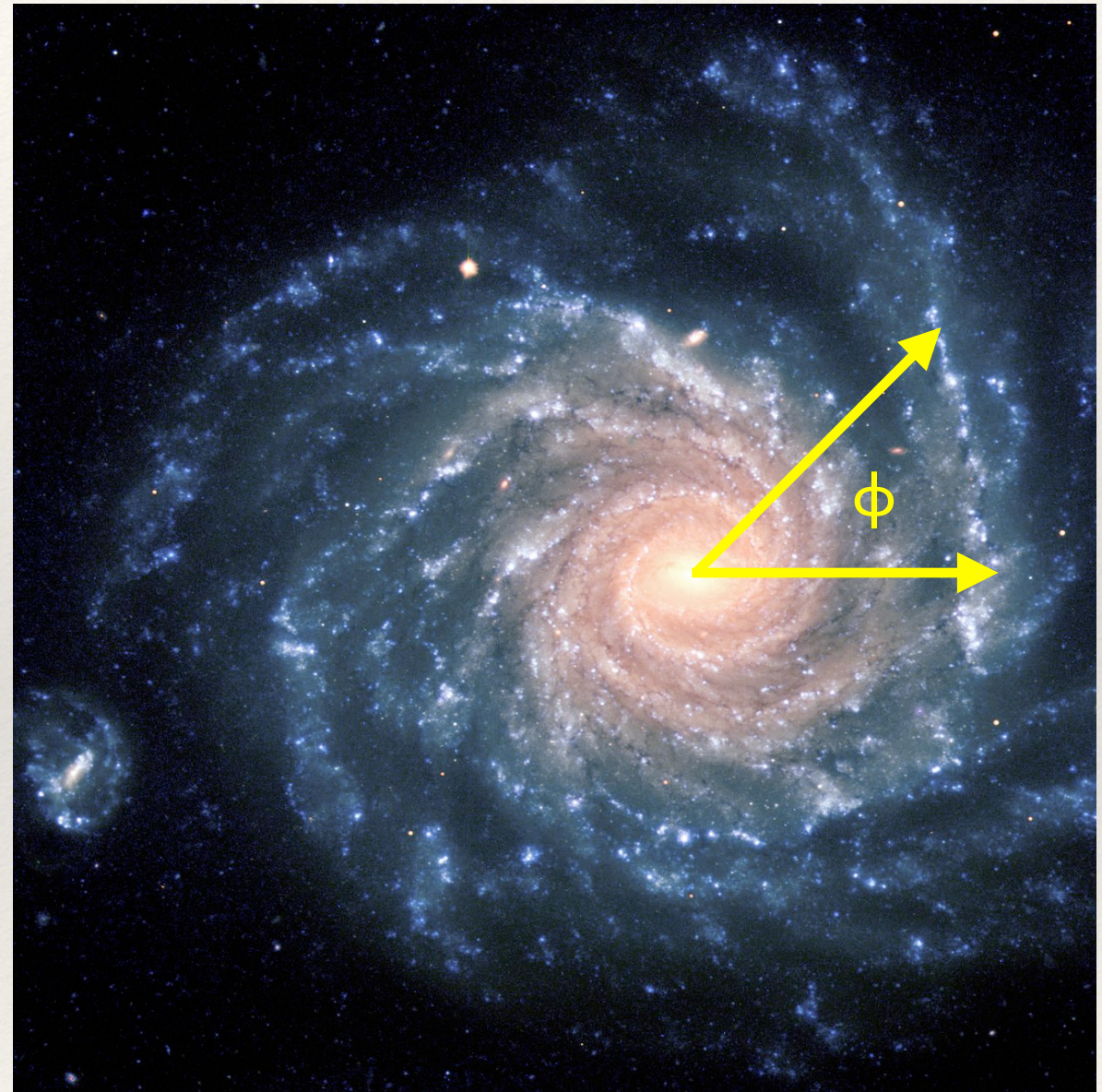


# Spirals/Disks: Kinematics

- ❖ 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 significant distance

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
- ❖  $V_{\text{sys}}$  = systemic velocity
- ❖  $i$  = inclination angle from face-on
- ❖  $\phi$  = azimuthal angle (within disk plane)

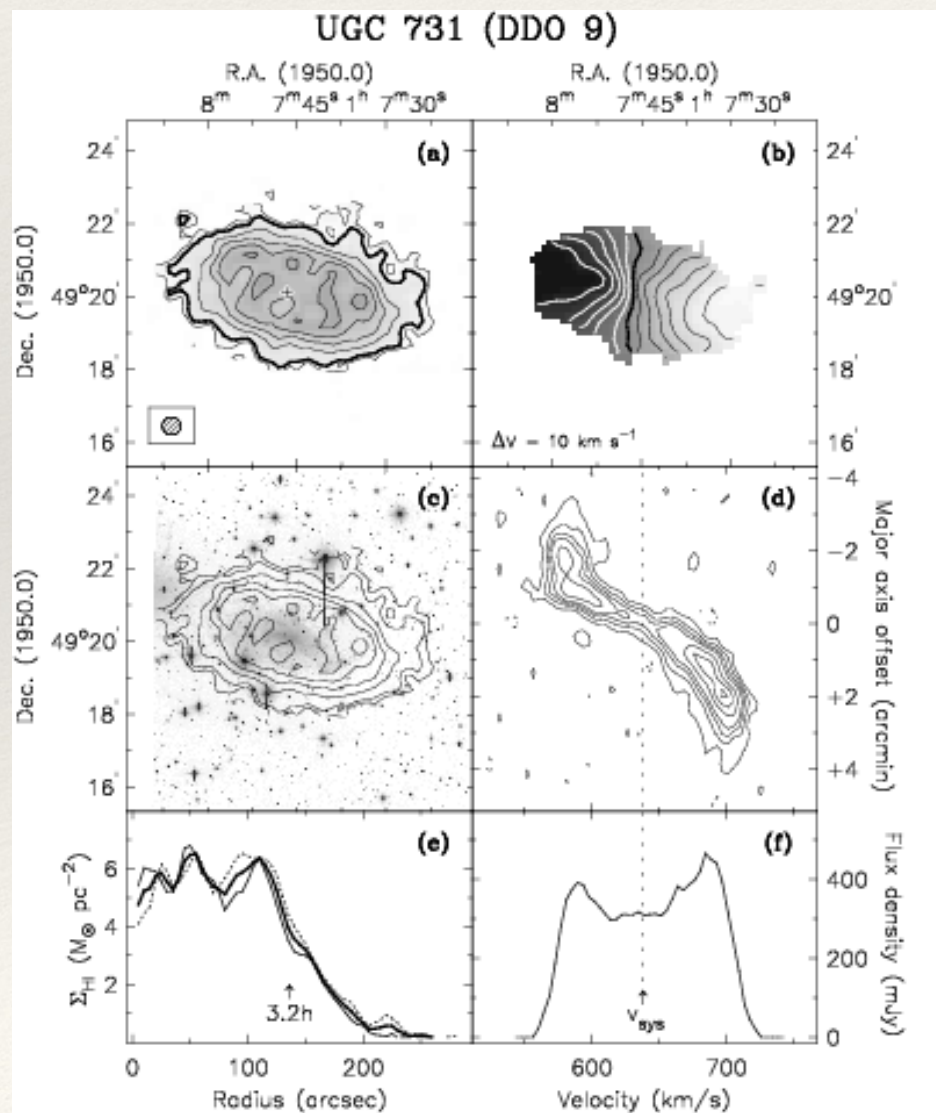


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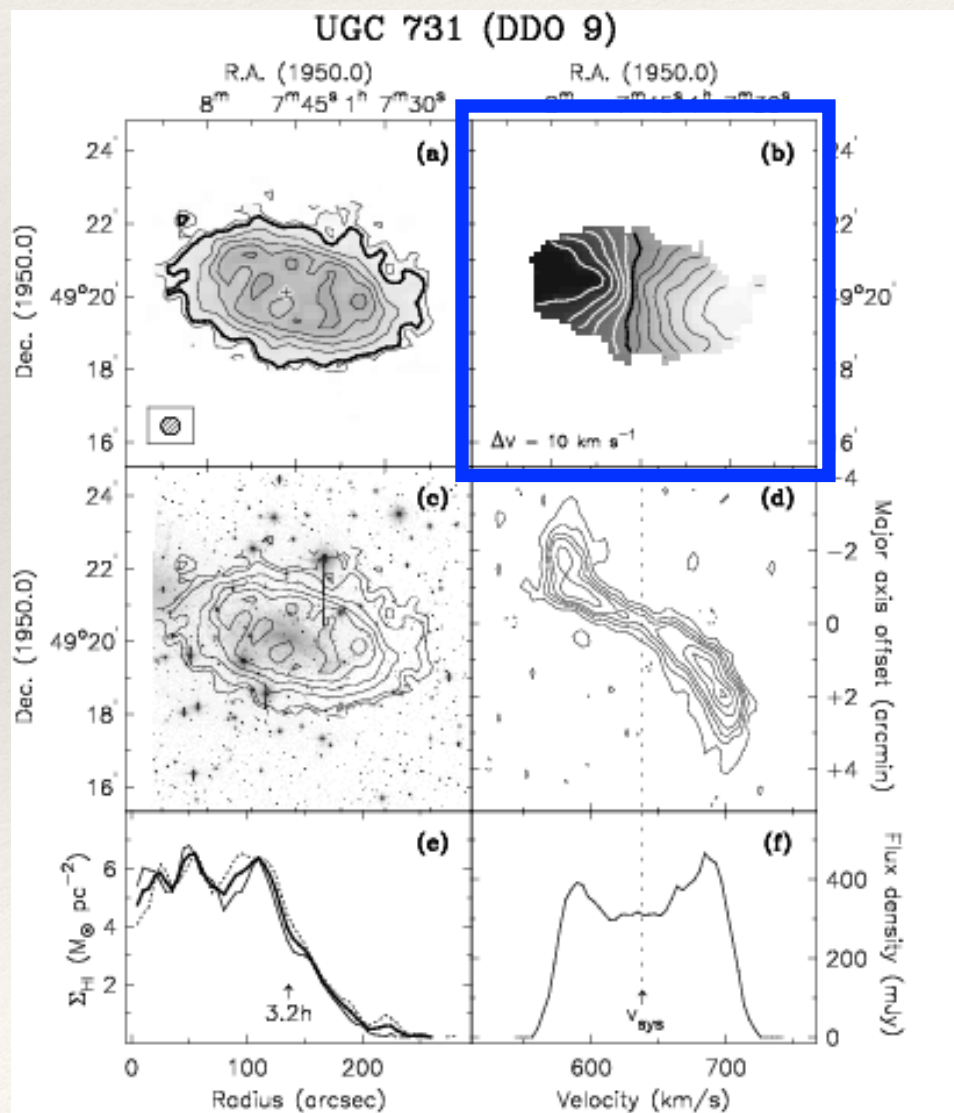
- ❖ Many different ways to look at kinematic data:



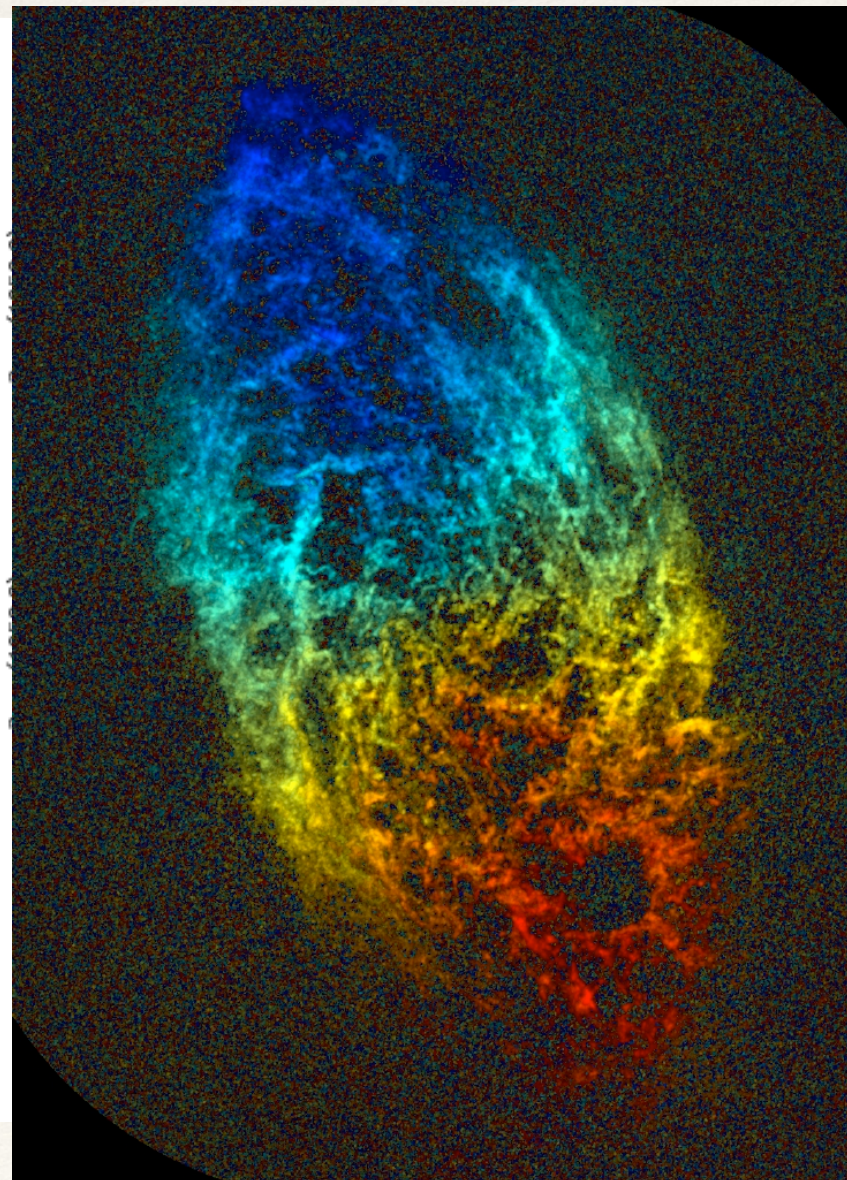


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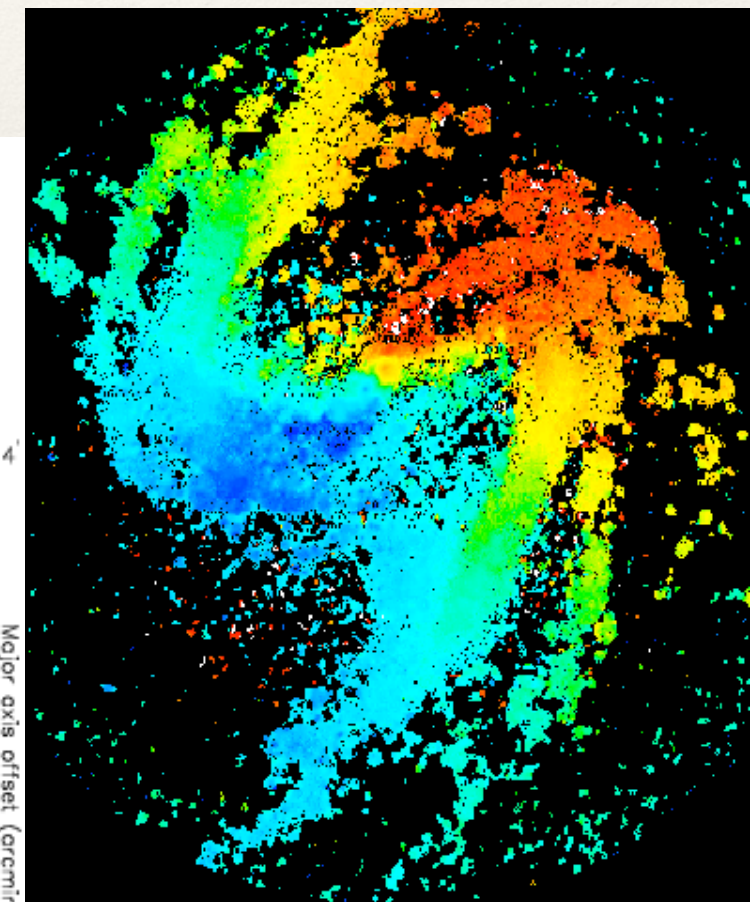
- ❖ Velocity-coded color — showing blueshift to redshift



Swaters et al. 2002



M33 (NRAO)

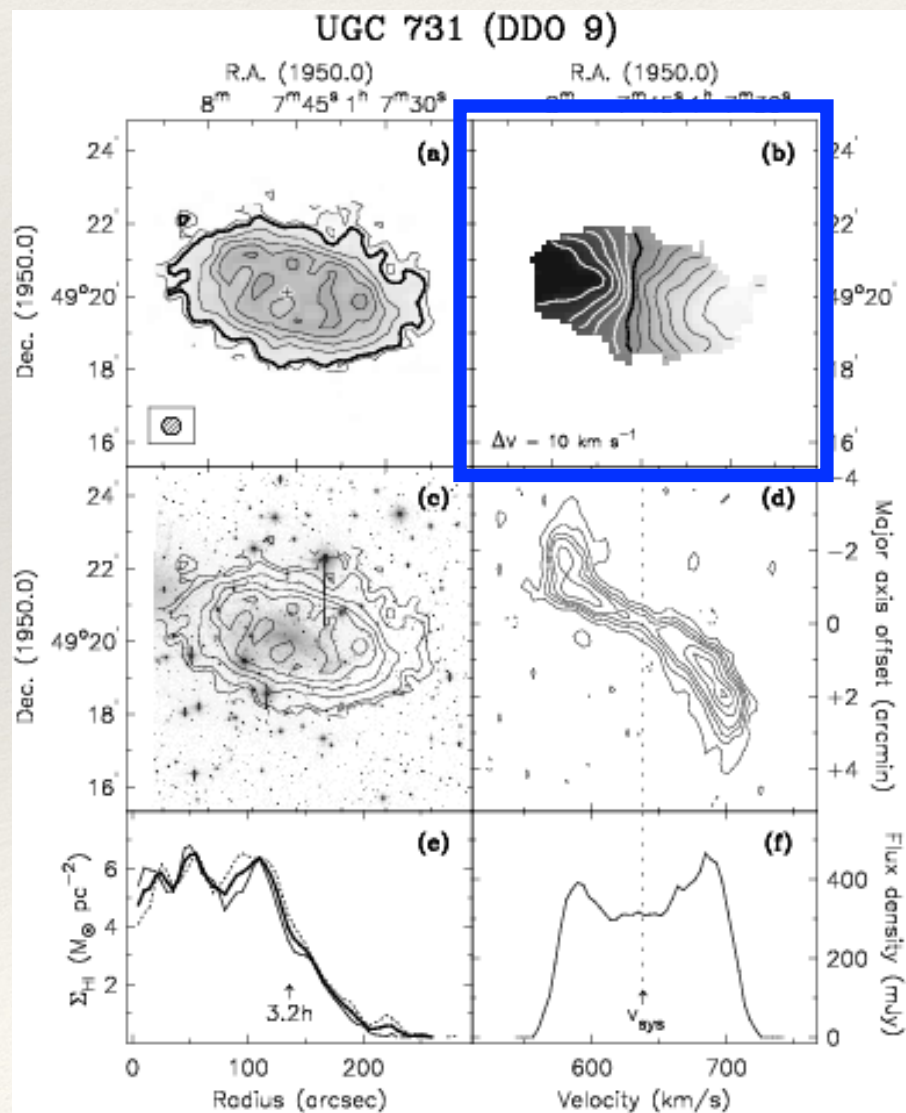


NGC 1365 (Rutgers Astronomy)

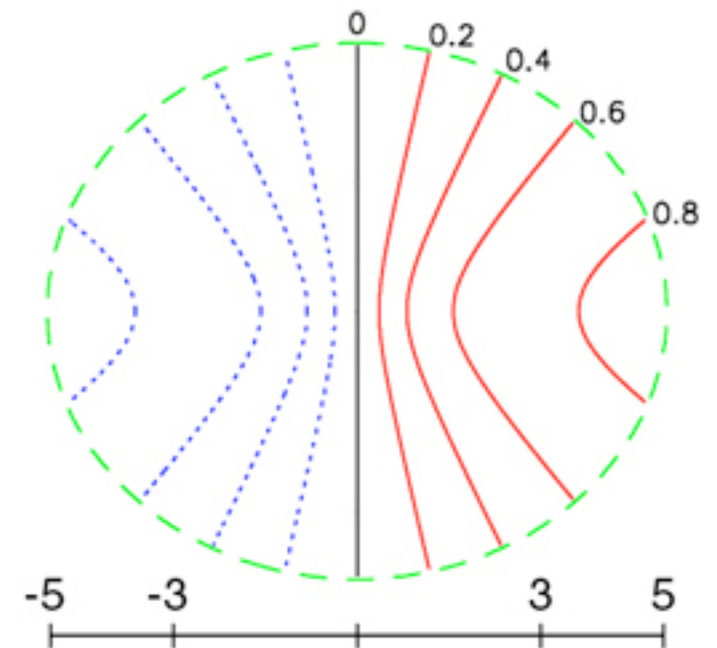
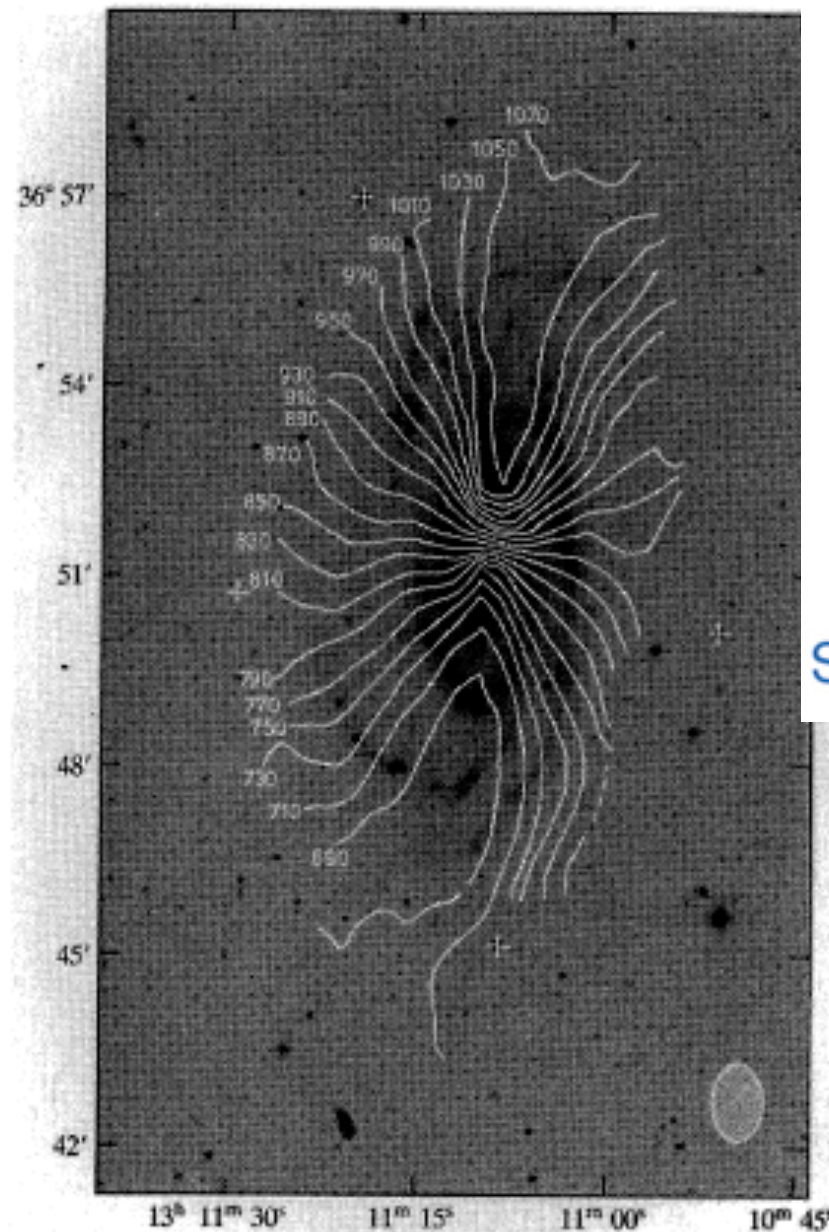


# Spirals/Disks: Kinematics

- ❖ 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

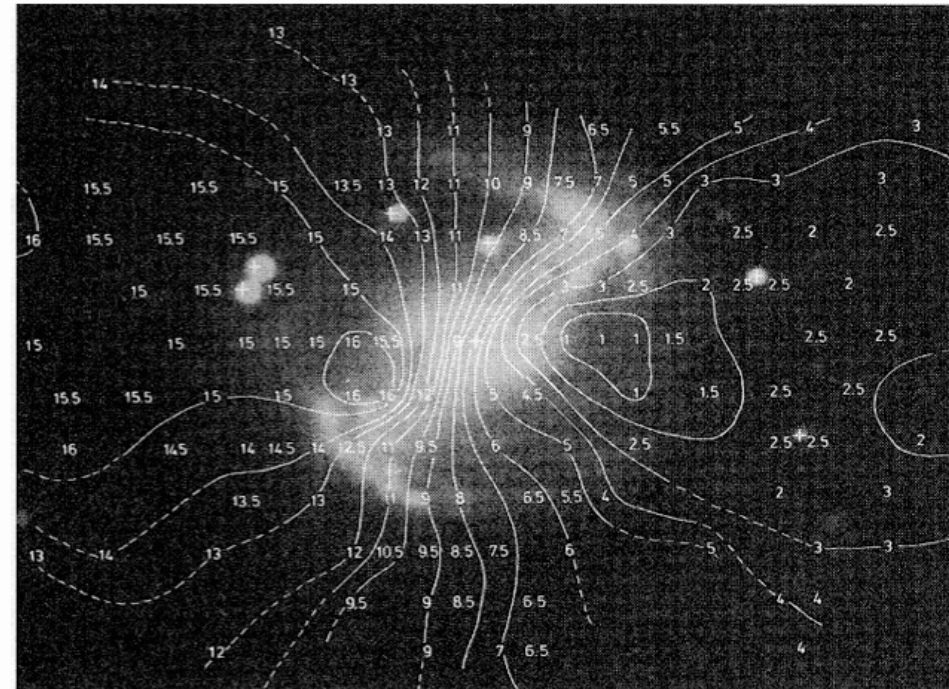
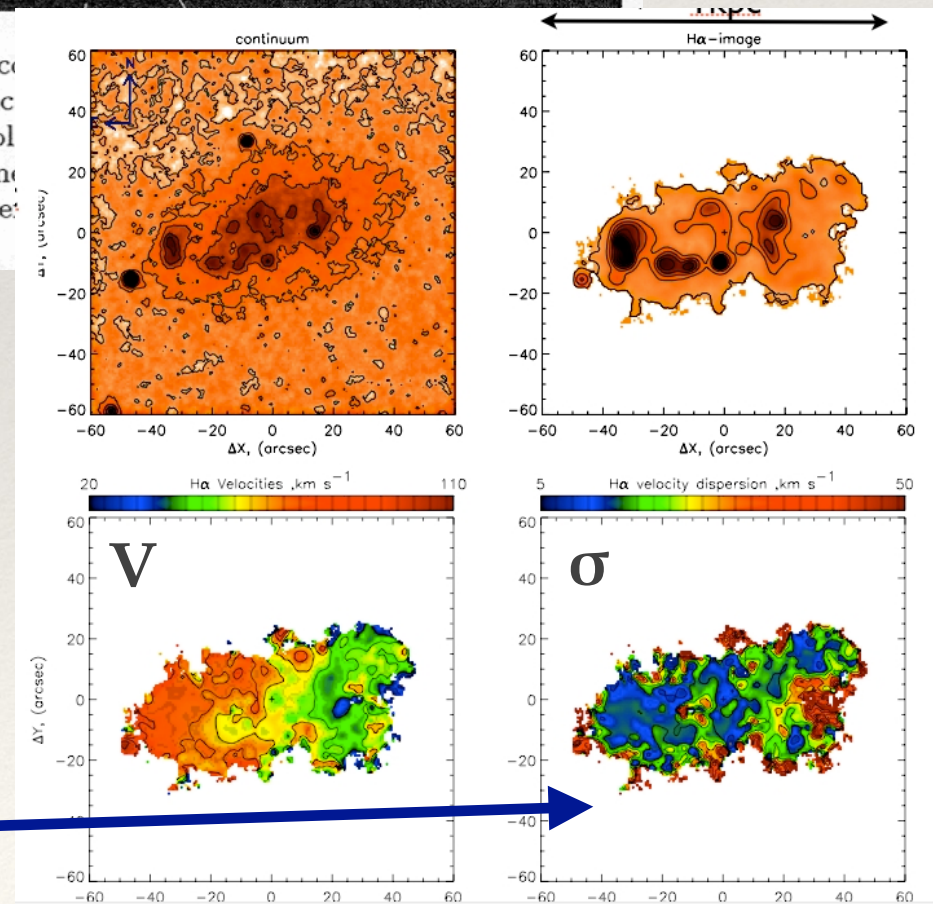


Figure 8.39 The HI contours of NGC 5383 are superimposed on an optical image. The major axis is approximately twice the minor axis. [After van der Kruit & Sancisi]

NGC 5383

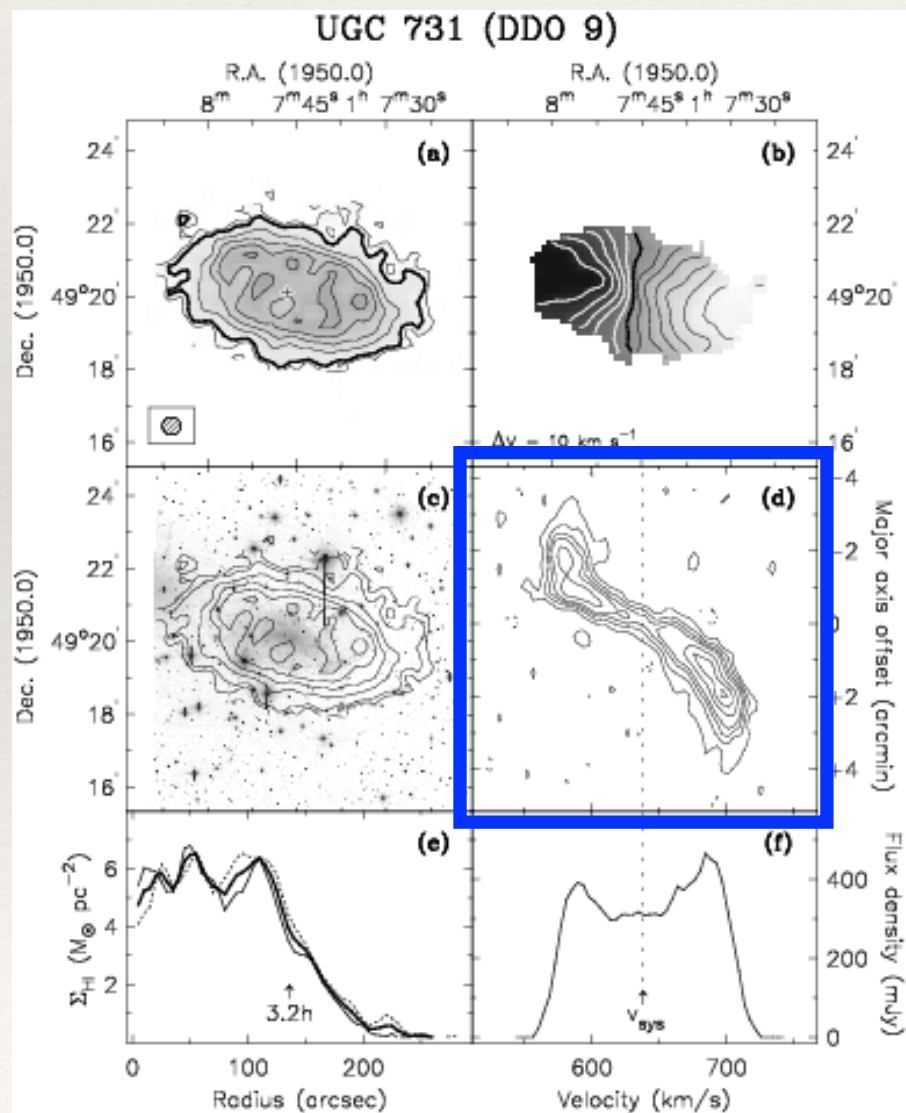


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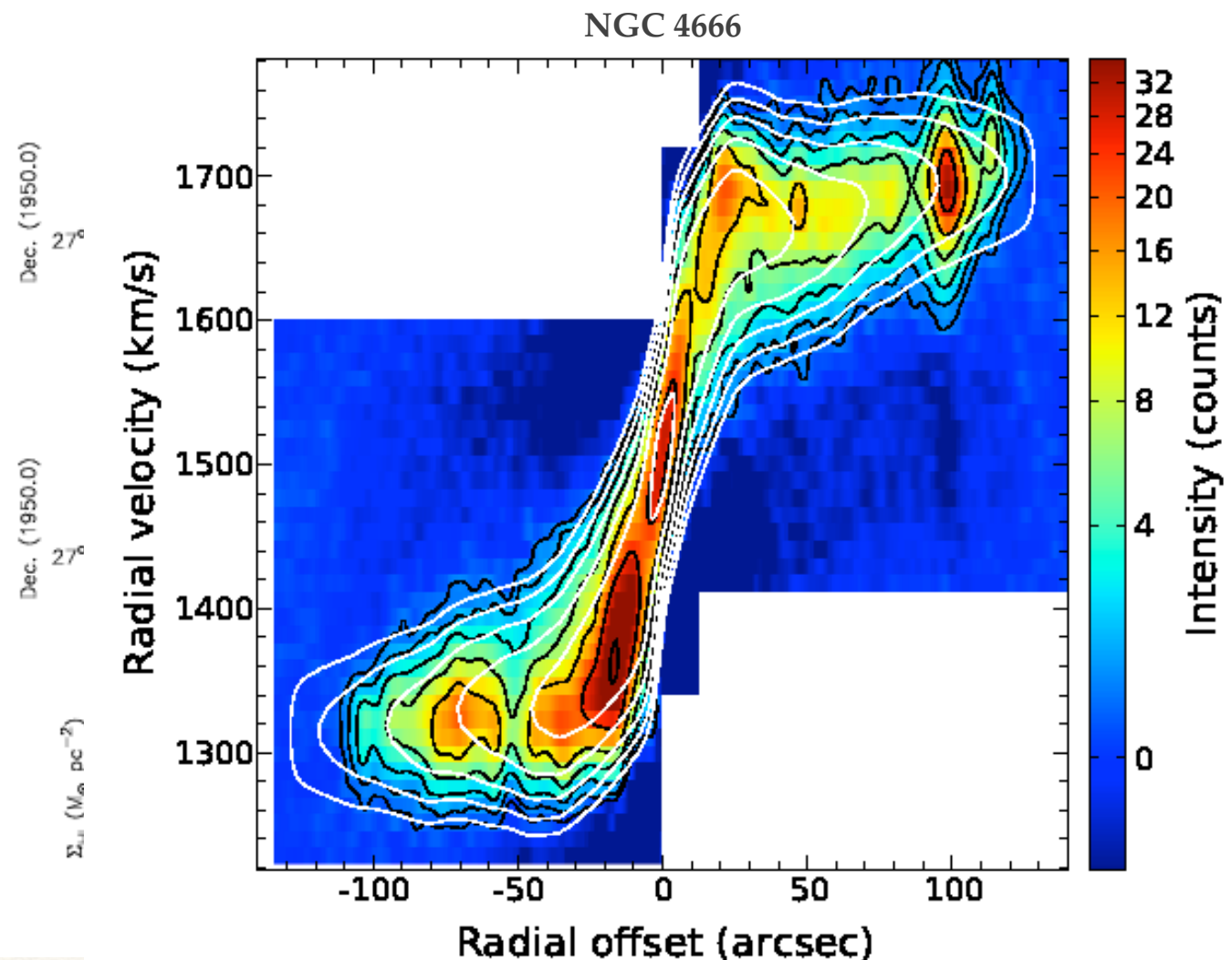


# Spirals/Disks: Kinematics

- ❖ **Position-Velocity (PV) diagrams** — note spread of velocity at any given position



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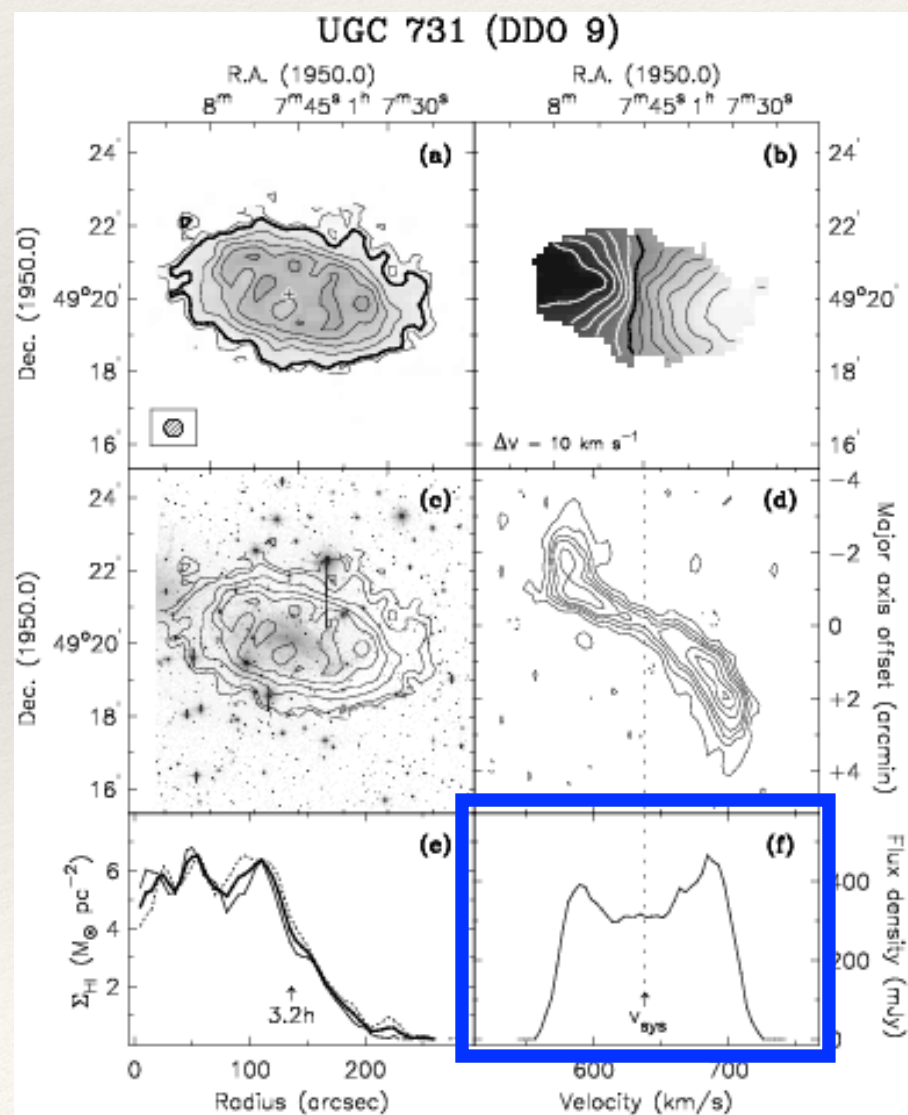


Voigtländer et al. 2013



# 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)



Swaters et al. 2002

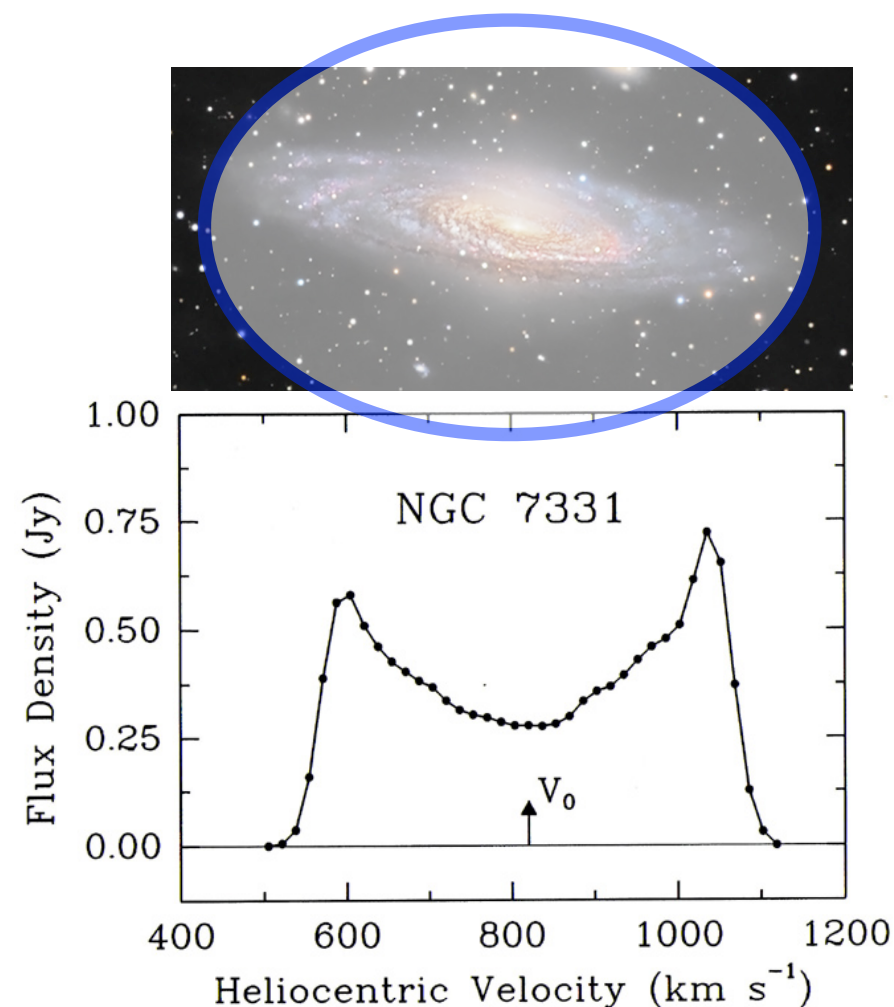


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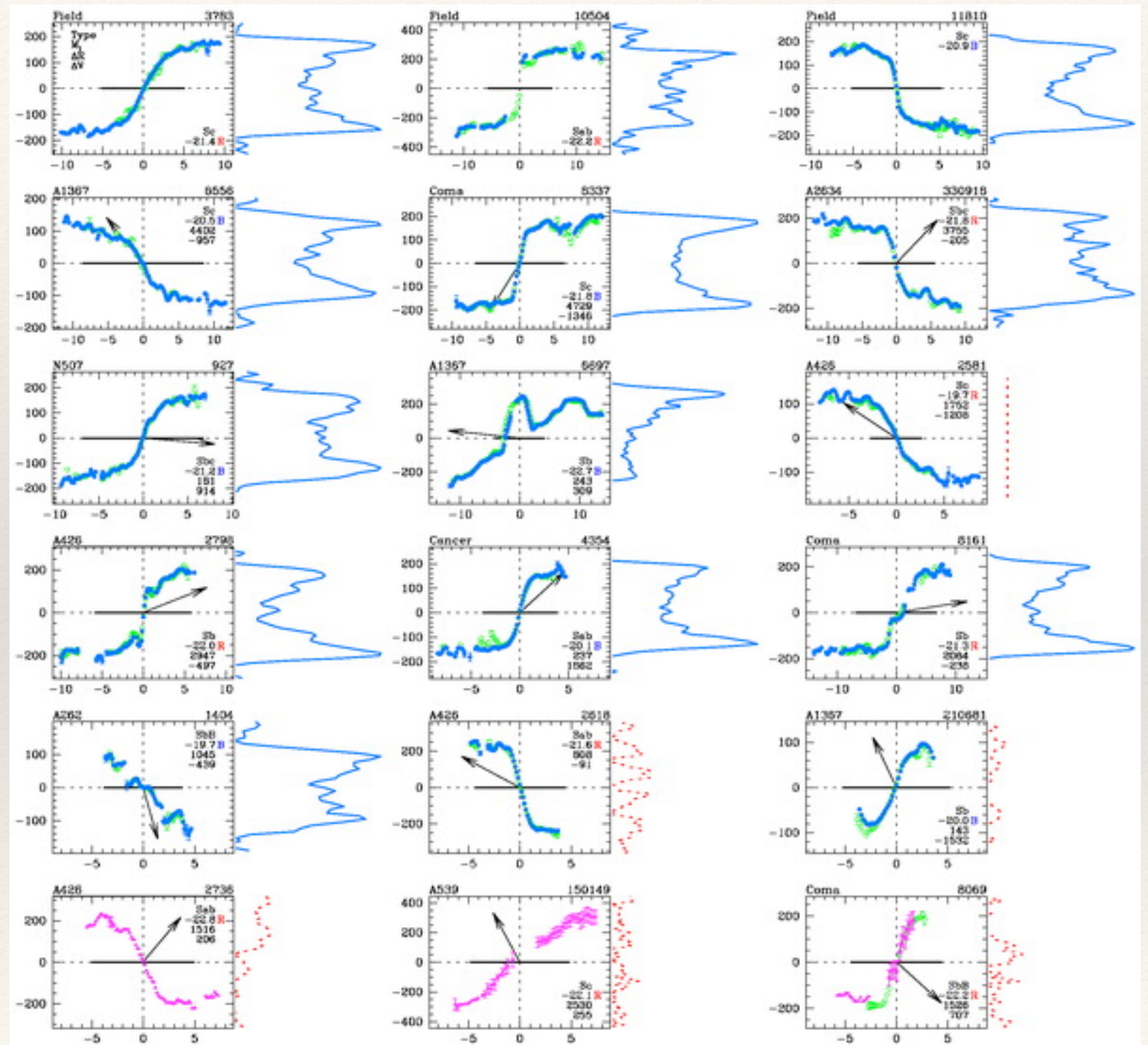


Effelsberg 100m



# 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





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# Thought Question

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

so

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

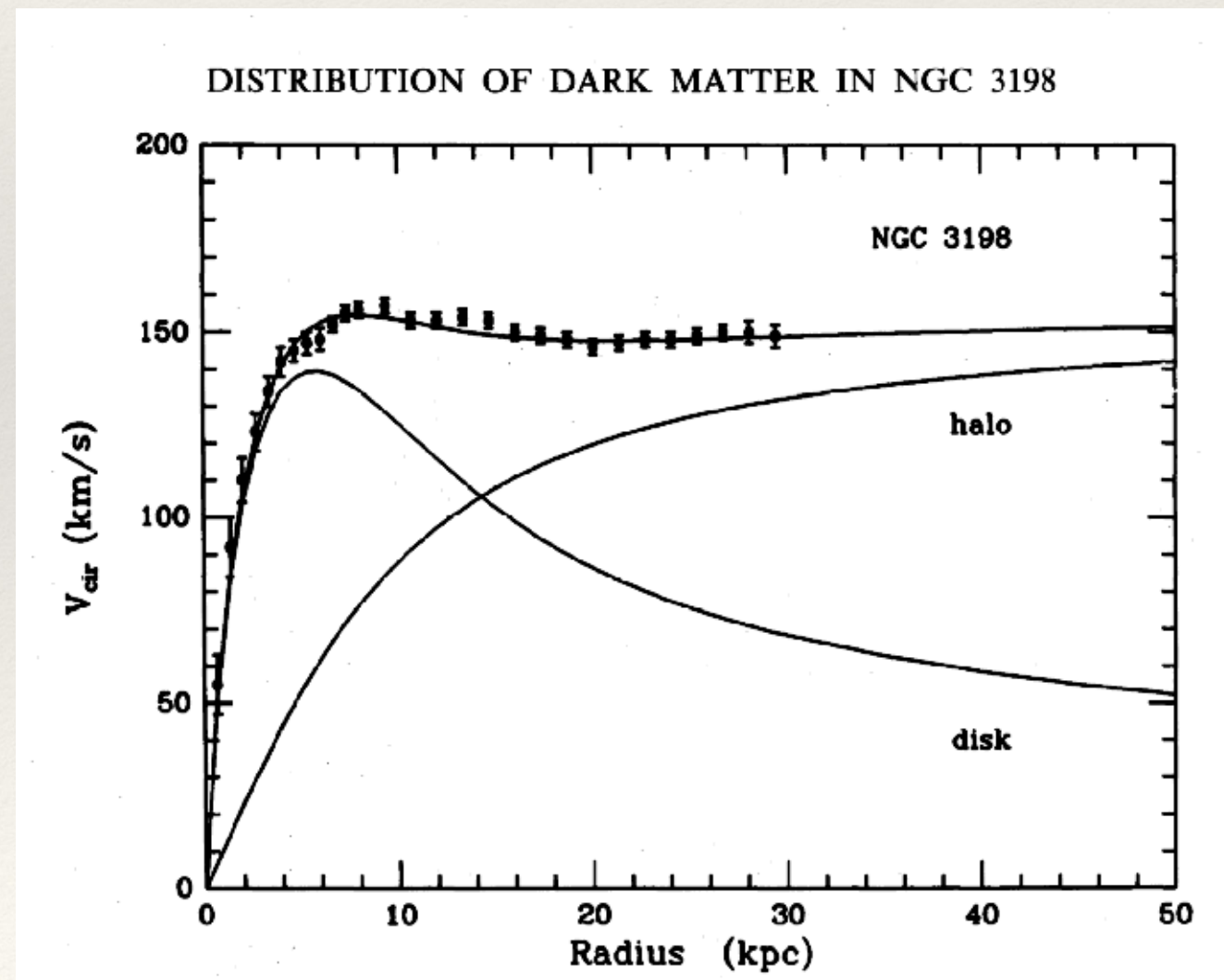
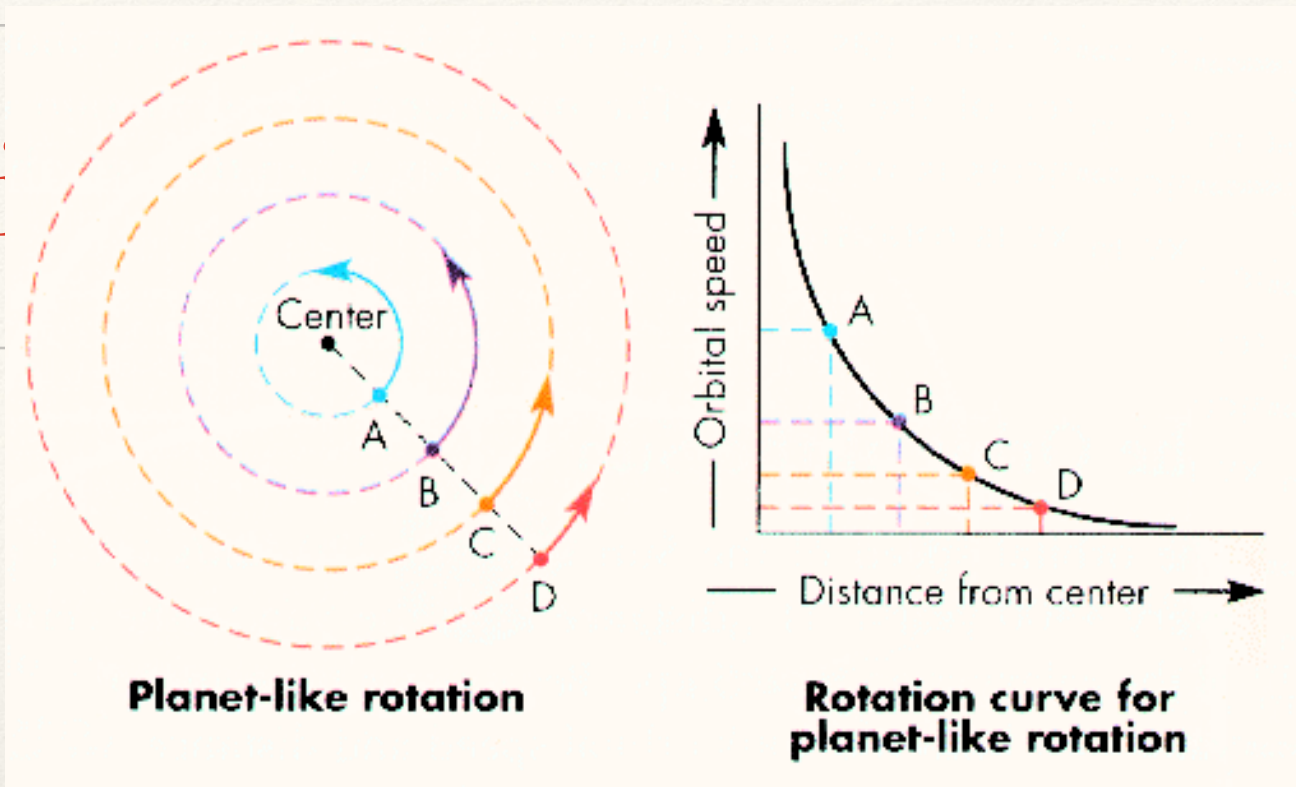


# Spirals/Disks: Kinematics

- ❖ Rotation velocity scales with radius and mass enclosed:

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

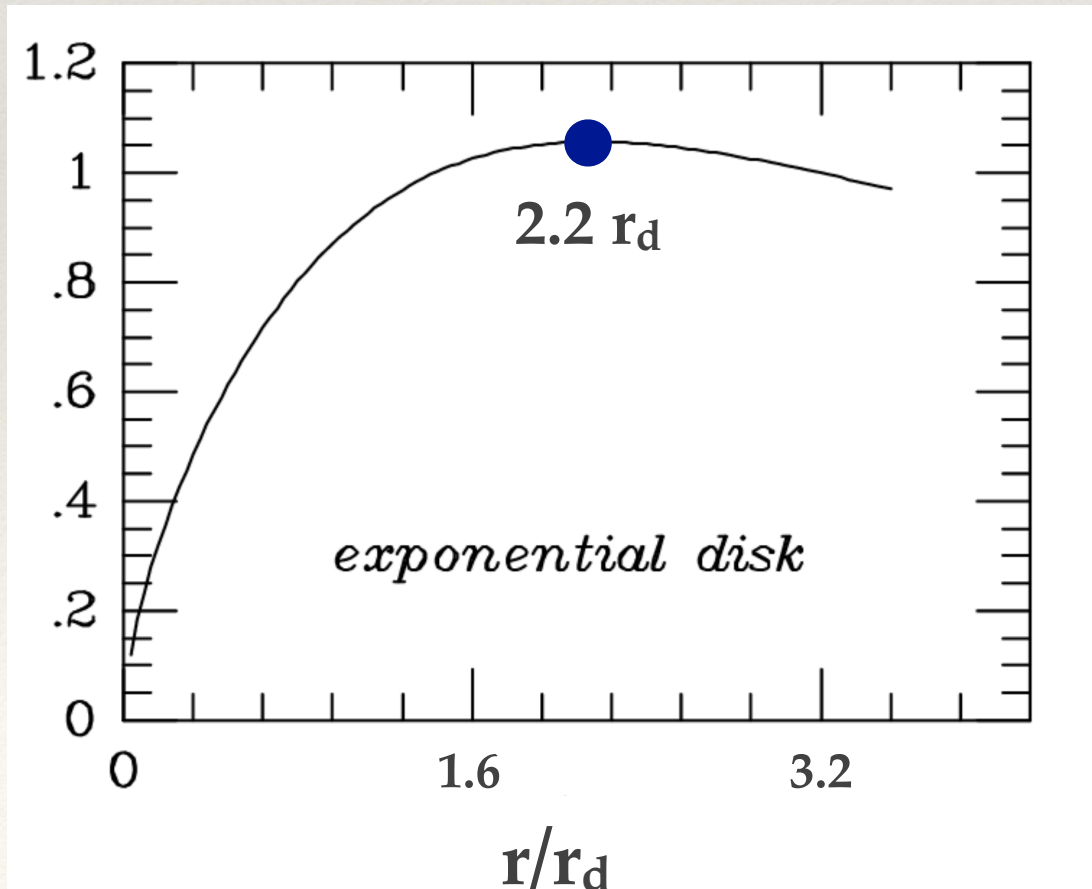
- ❖ Flat rotation curves imply  $M(r) \propto r$ , i.e. significantly more than implied by exponentially declining stellar component
- ❖ A primary indicator of **Dark Matter**!
- ❖ What does solid body rotation mean and imply about mass profile?



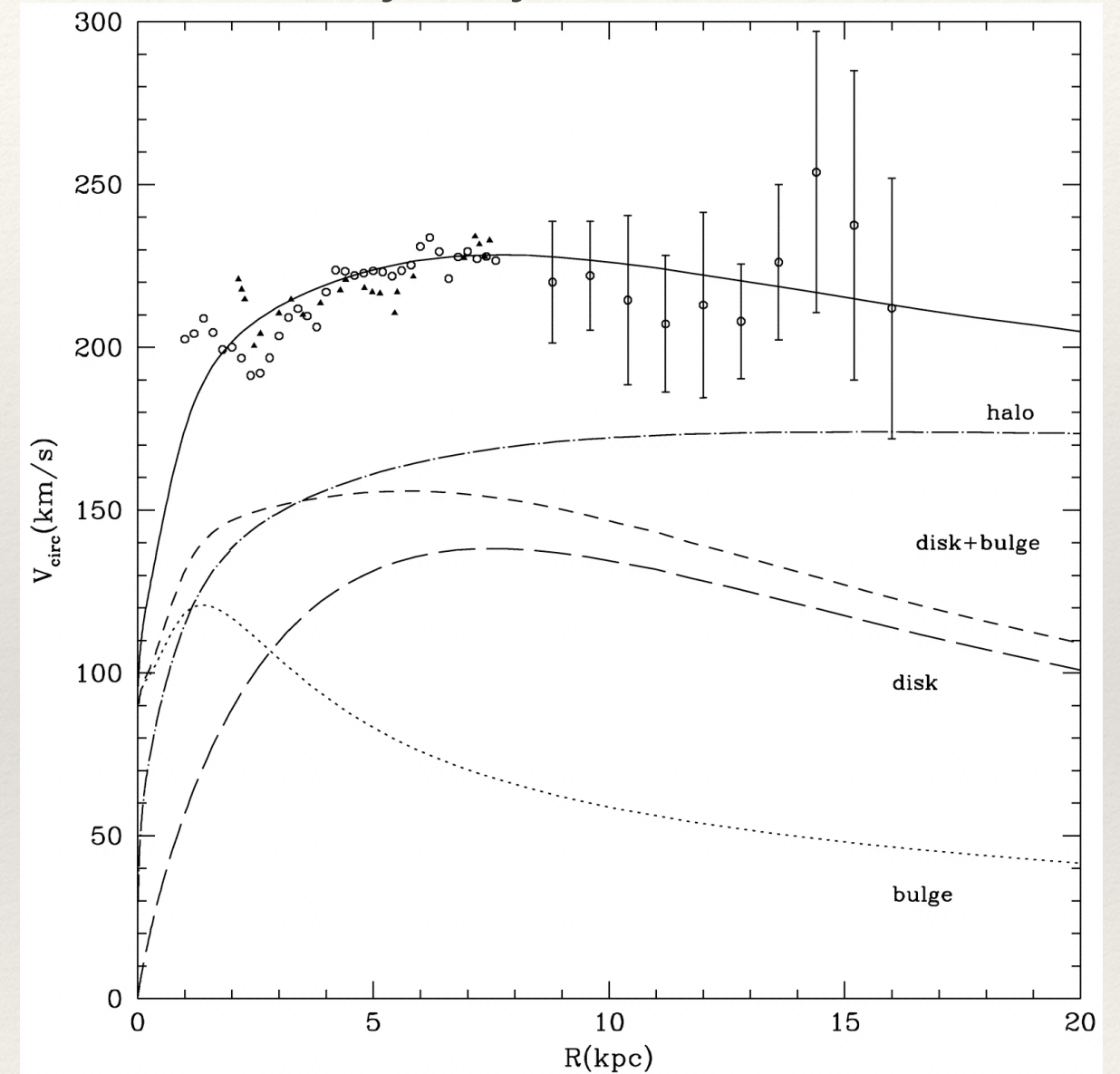


# Spirals/Disks: Kinematics

- ❖ 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

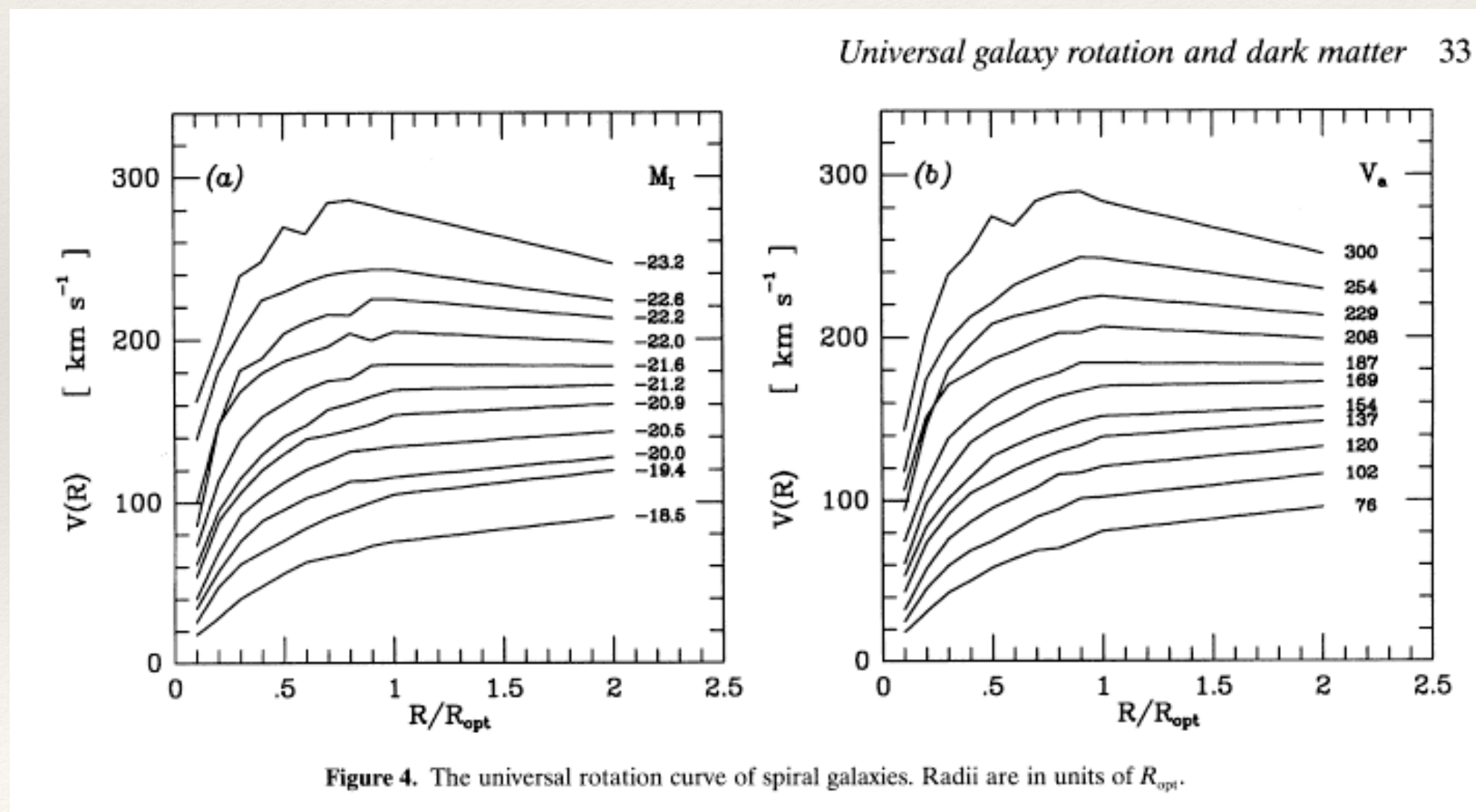


- ❖ Mass modeling from rotation curves



# Galaxy Population - Spirals/Disks: Kinematics

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

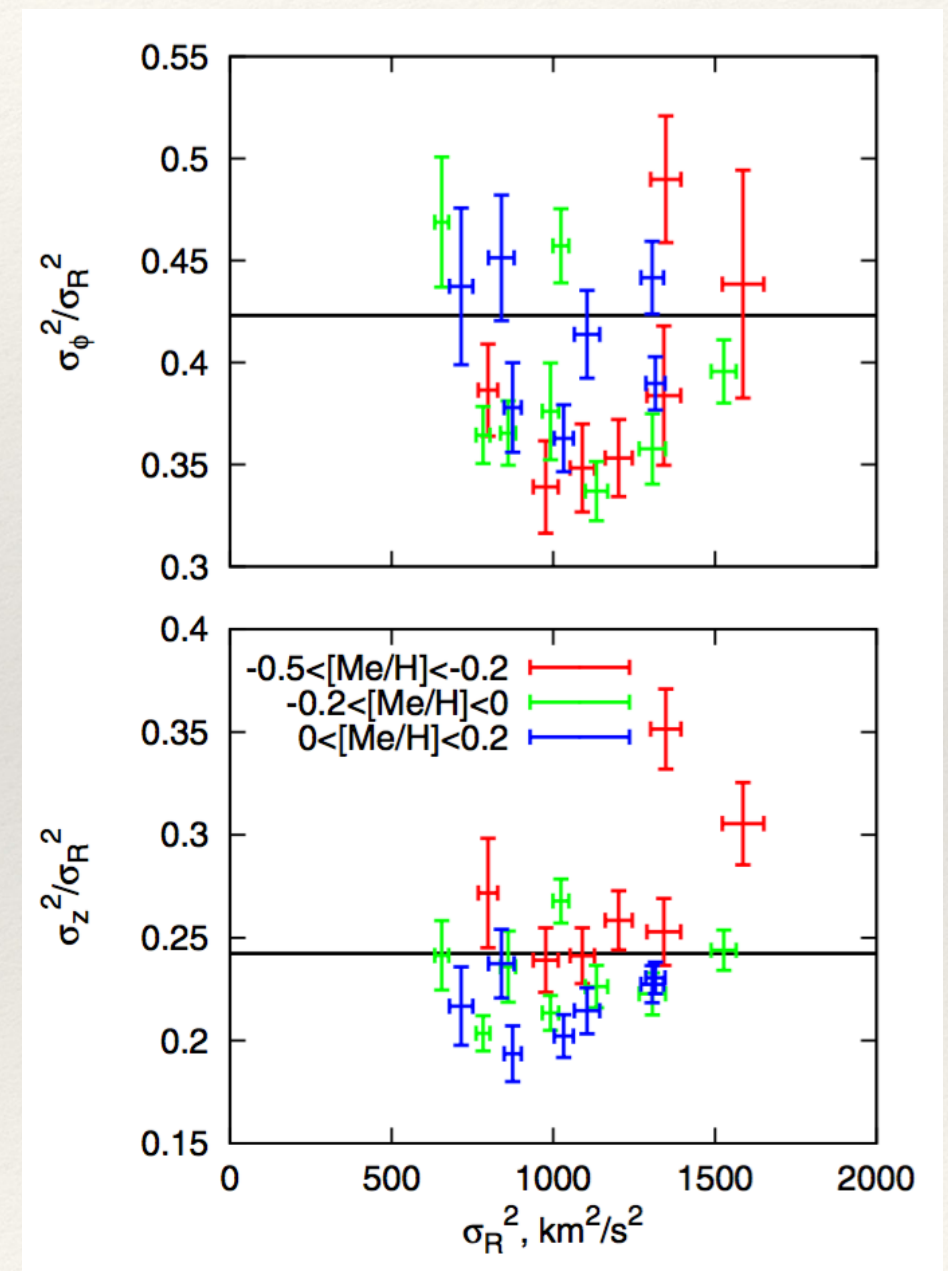




# Spirals/Disks: Kinematics

- ❖ 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 ( $\sim$ 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”)

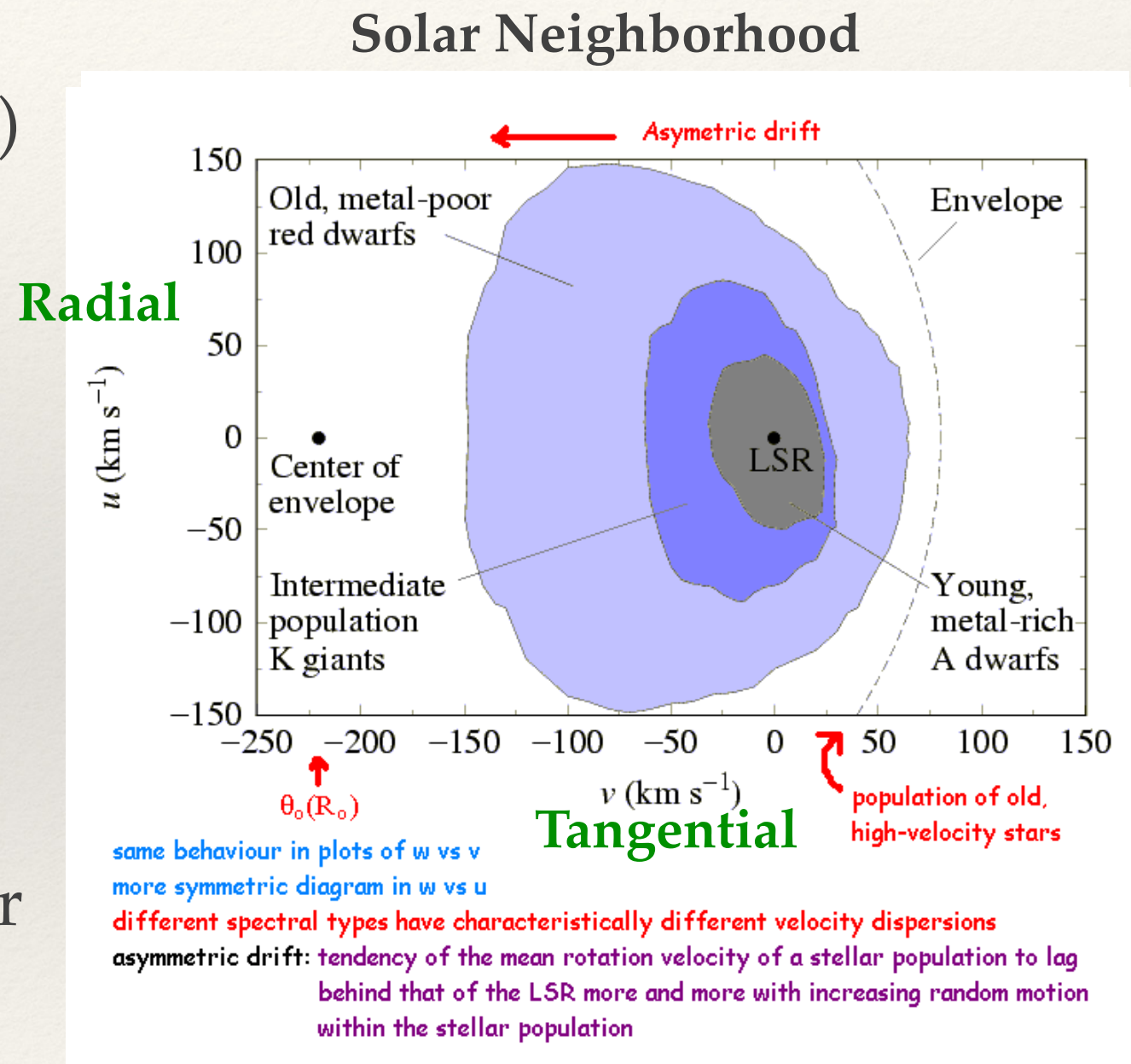
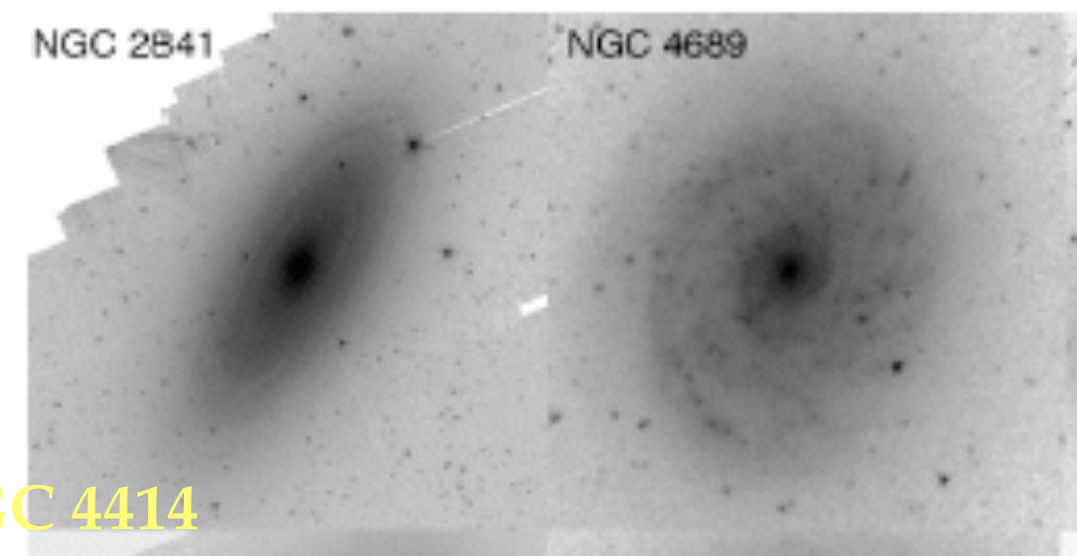
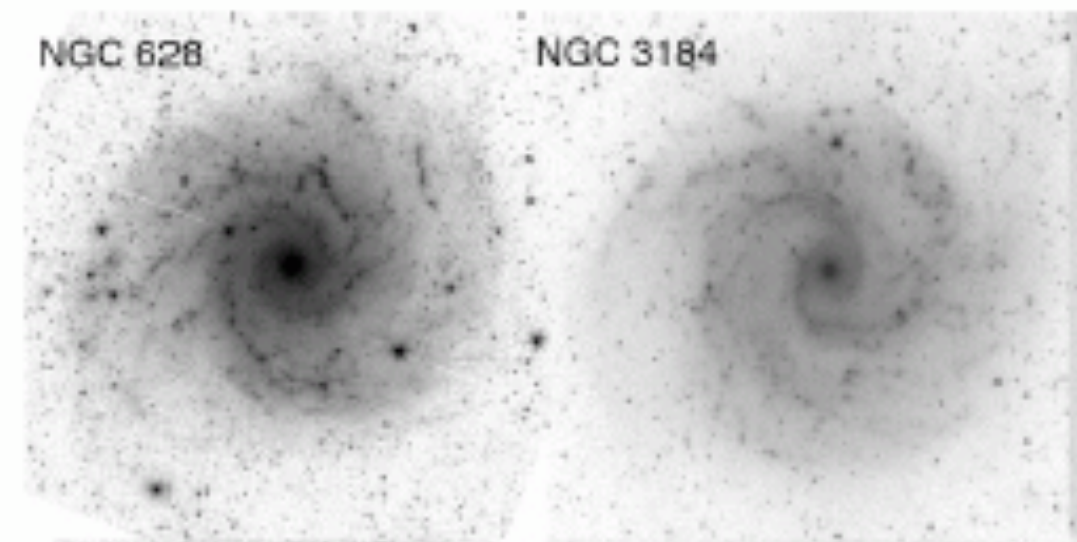
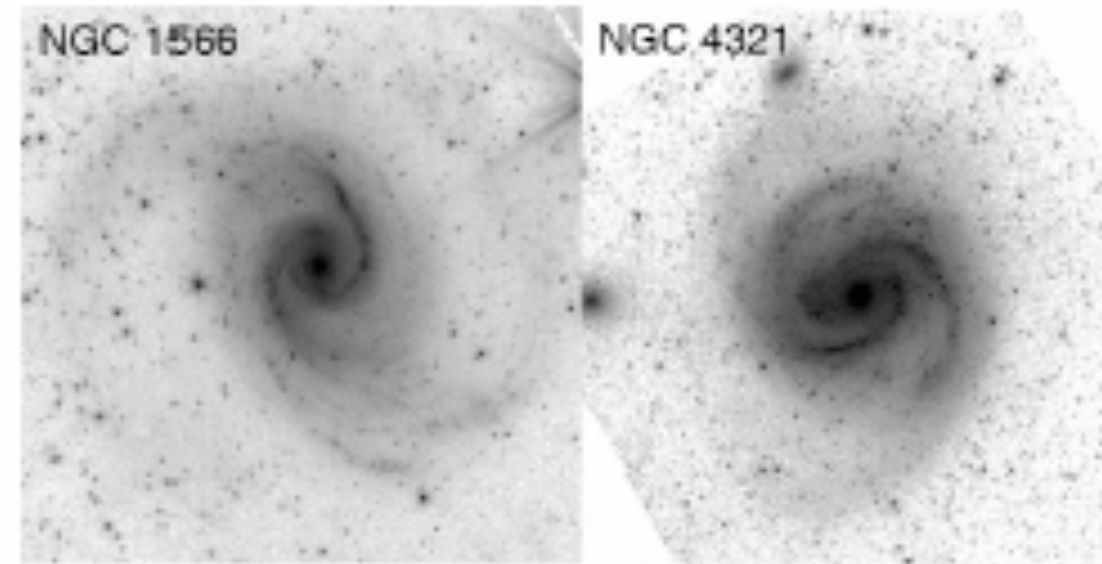


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# Spirals/Disks: Arms

- ❖ How does spiral galaxy rotation affect spiral arms?

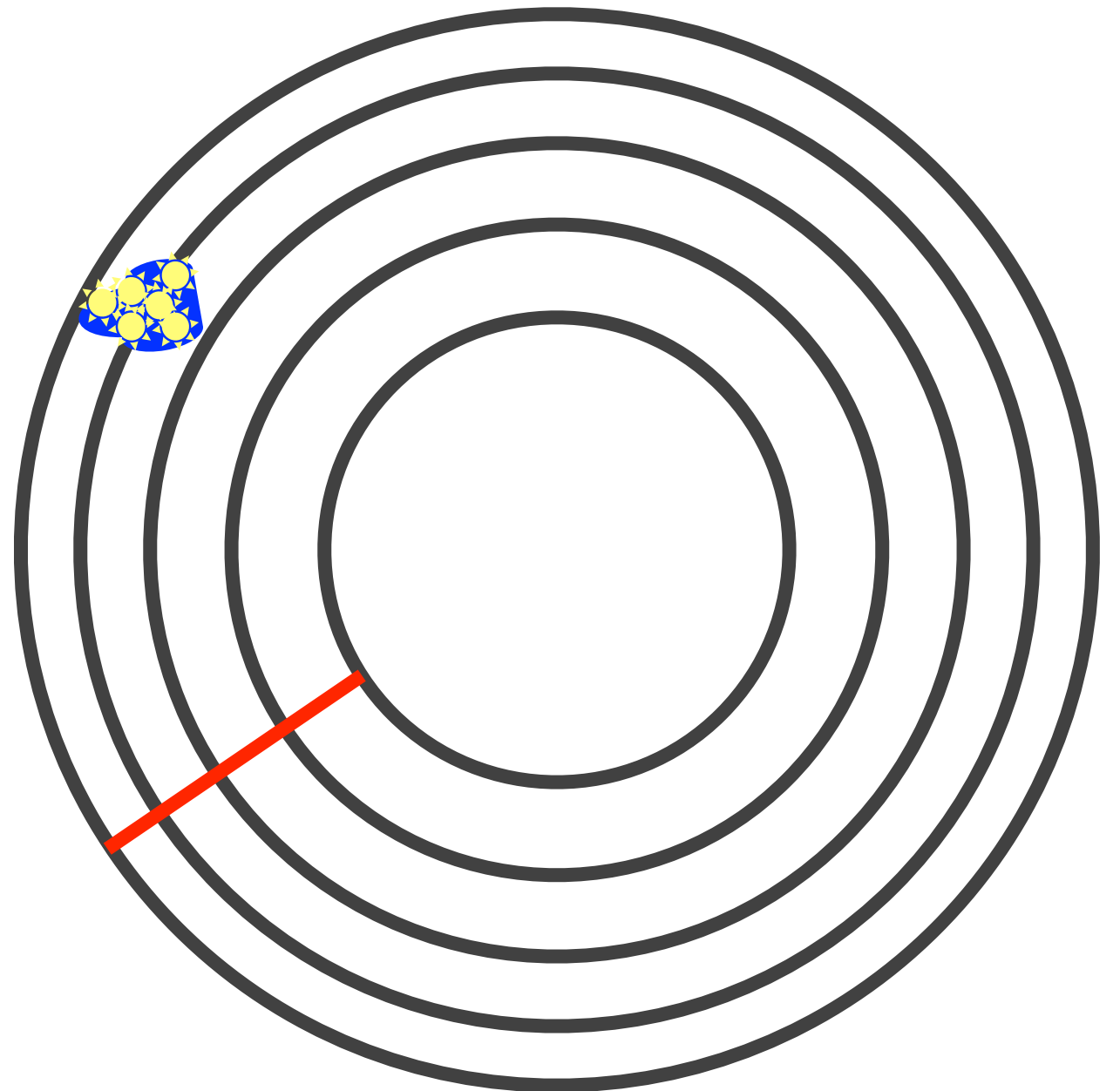


NGC 4414



# Thought Problem

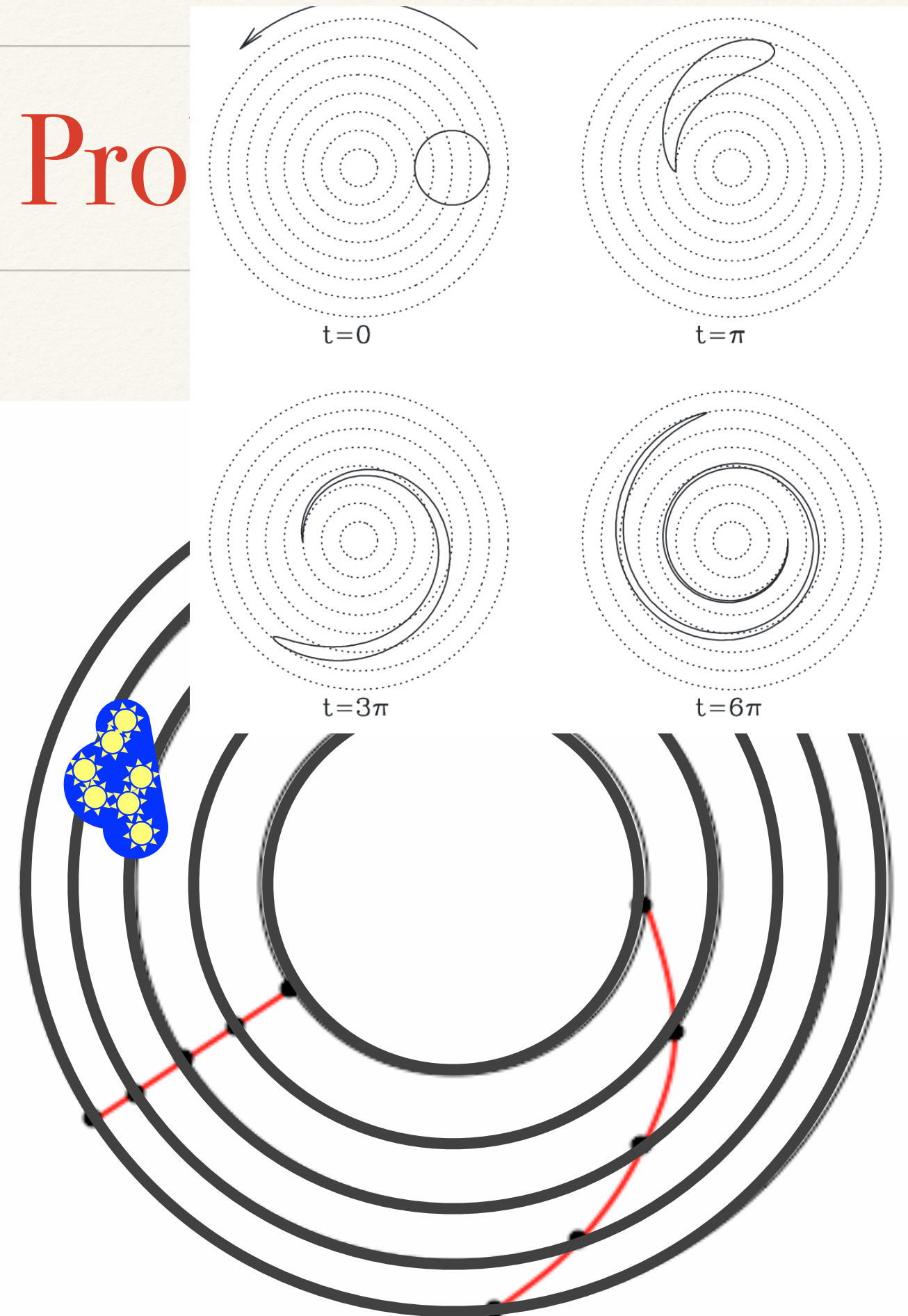
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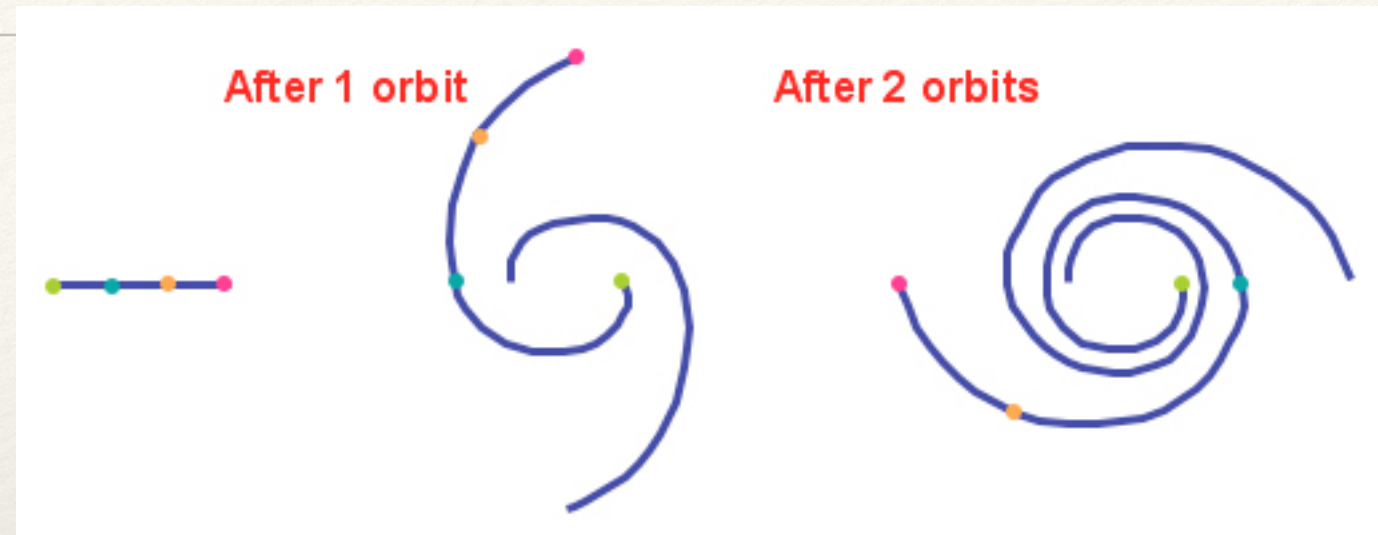
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- ❖ A particle moves in a circular path with a constant angular velocity  $\omega$ .  
What is the magnitude of its centripetal acceleration?  
•  $a_c = \omega^2 r$
- ❖ How long is a rotation period?
- ❖ What is the implication for the evolution of a spiral pattern?

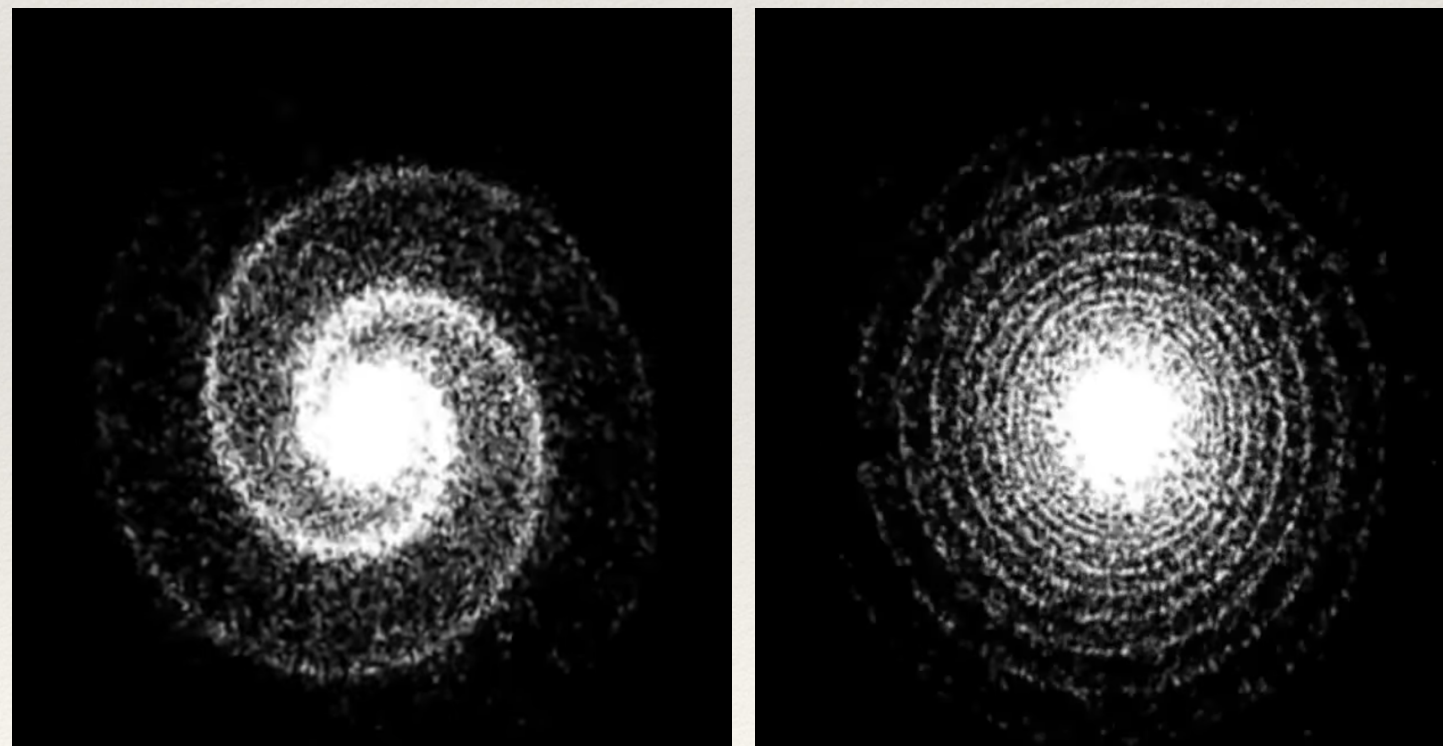


# Spirals/Disks: Arms

- ❖ 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>



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GNPvYdvZAAQ>

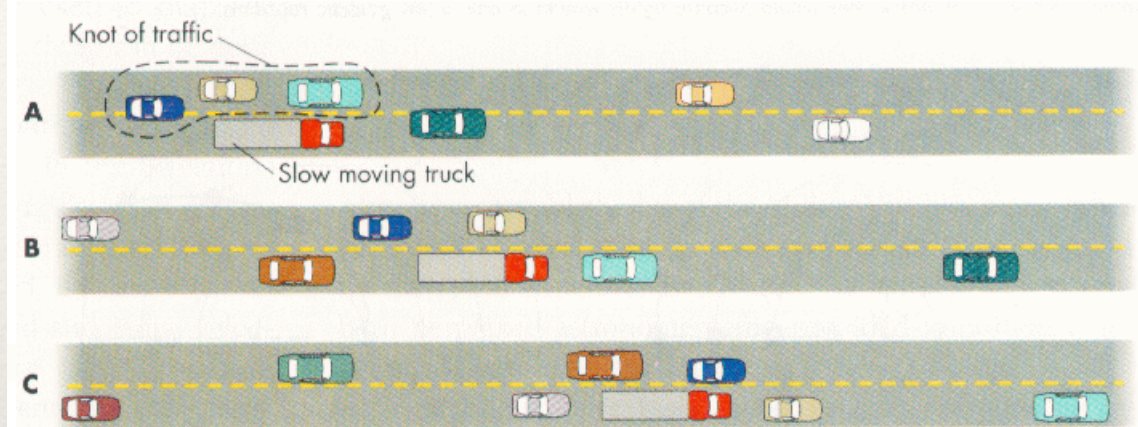


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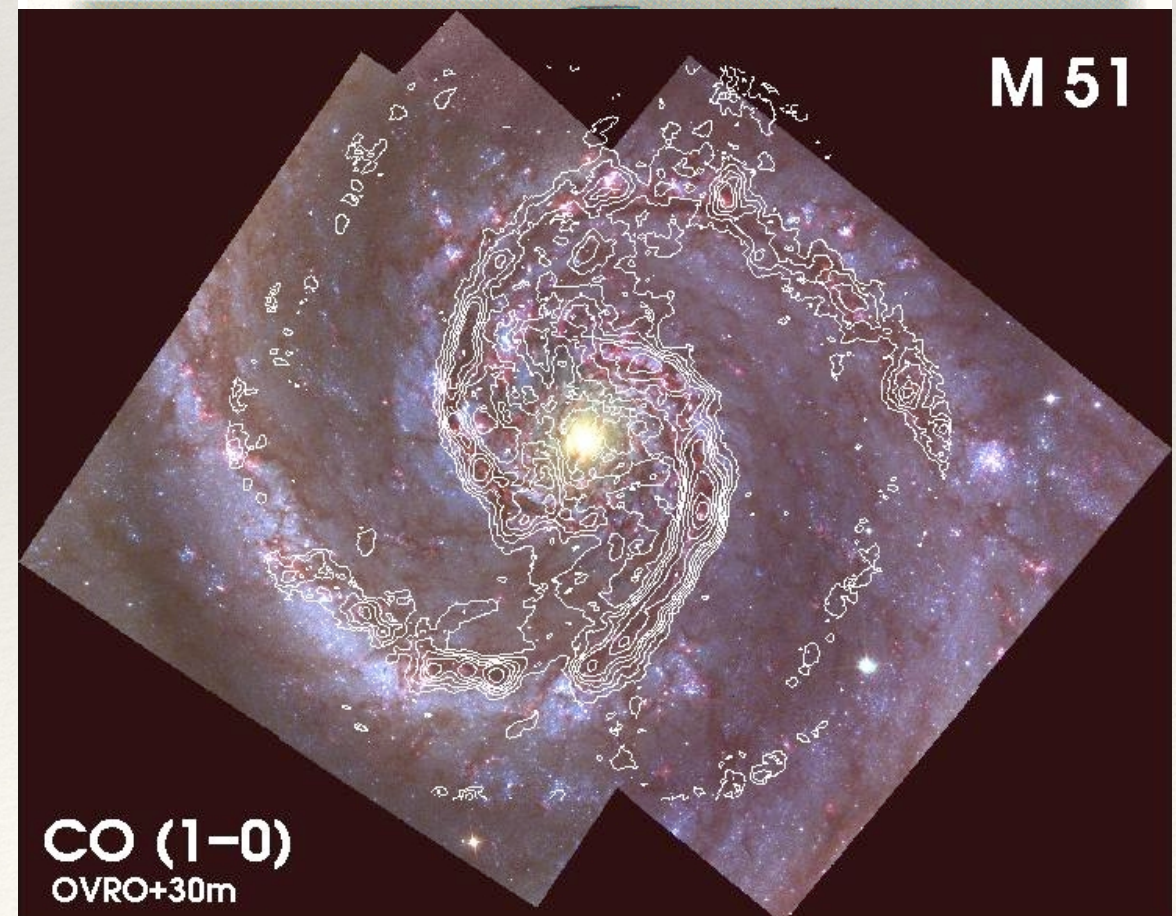
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- ❖ Density waves themselves have a pattern speed, so they will still wrap, but the winding time is longer
- ❖ Many inner arms have dust lanes, HII regions, HI / CO concentrated on inside (concave) edge:
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## 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.



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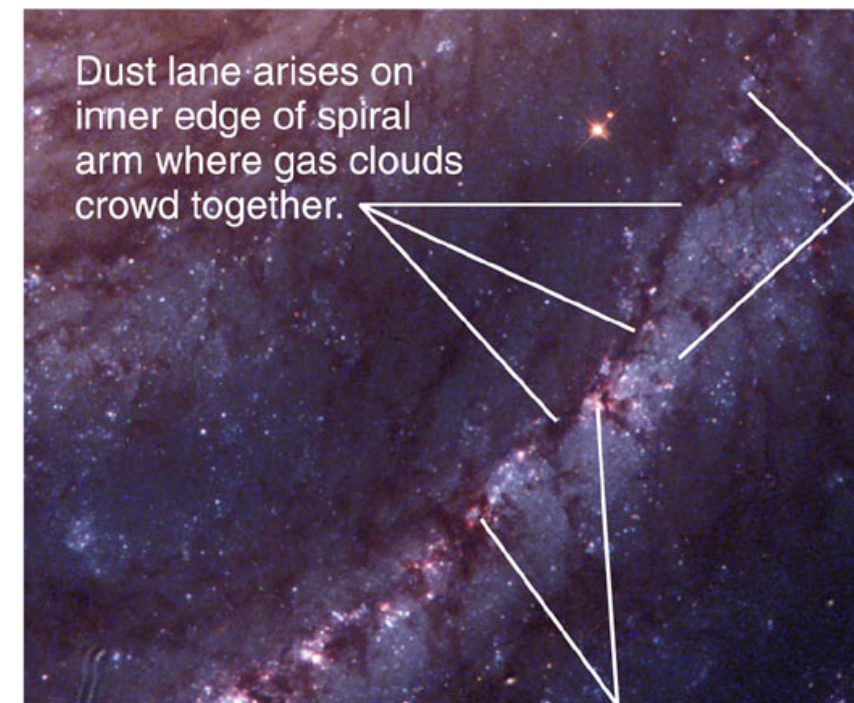
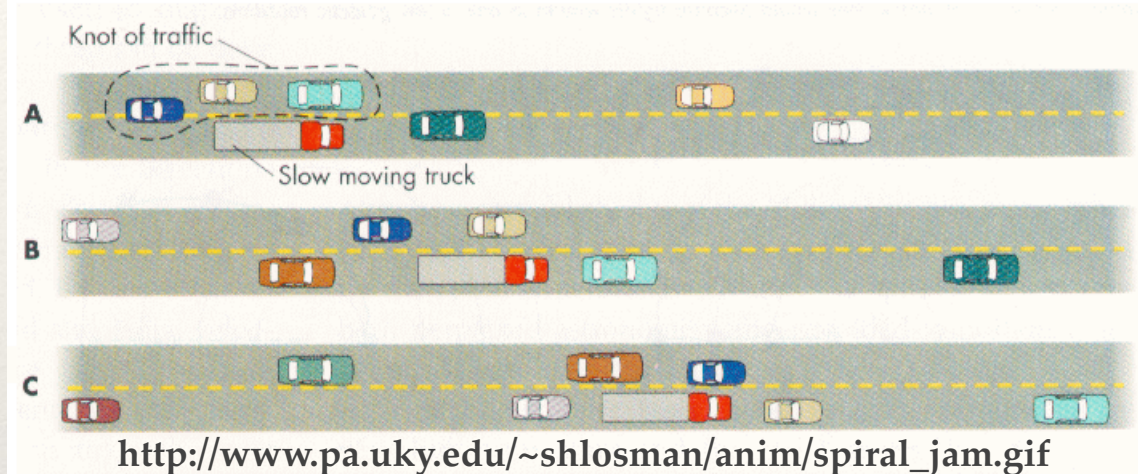


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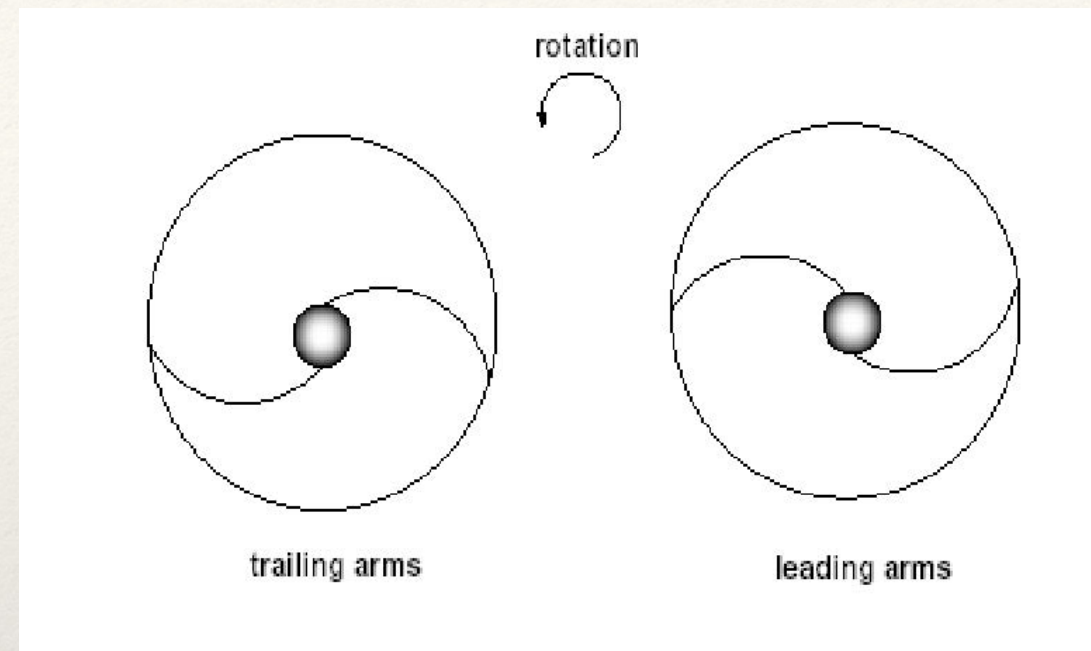


Ionization nebulae arise where newly forming blue stars are ionizing gas clouds.



# Thought Question

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



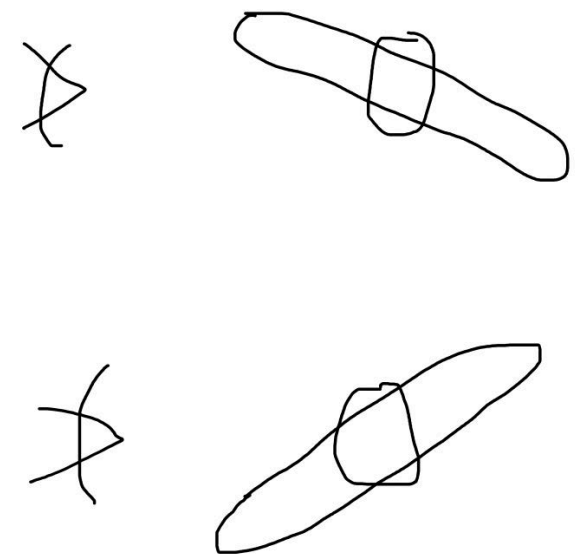


# Thought Question

- ❖ 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

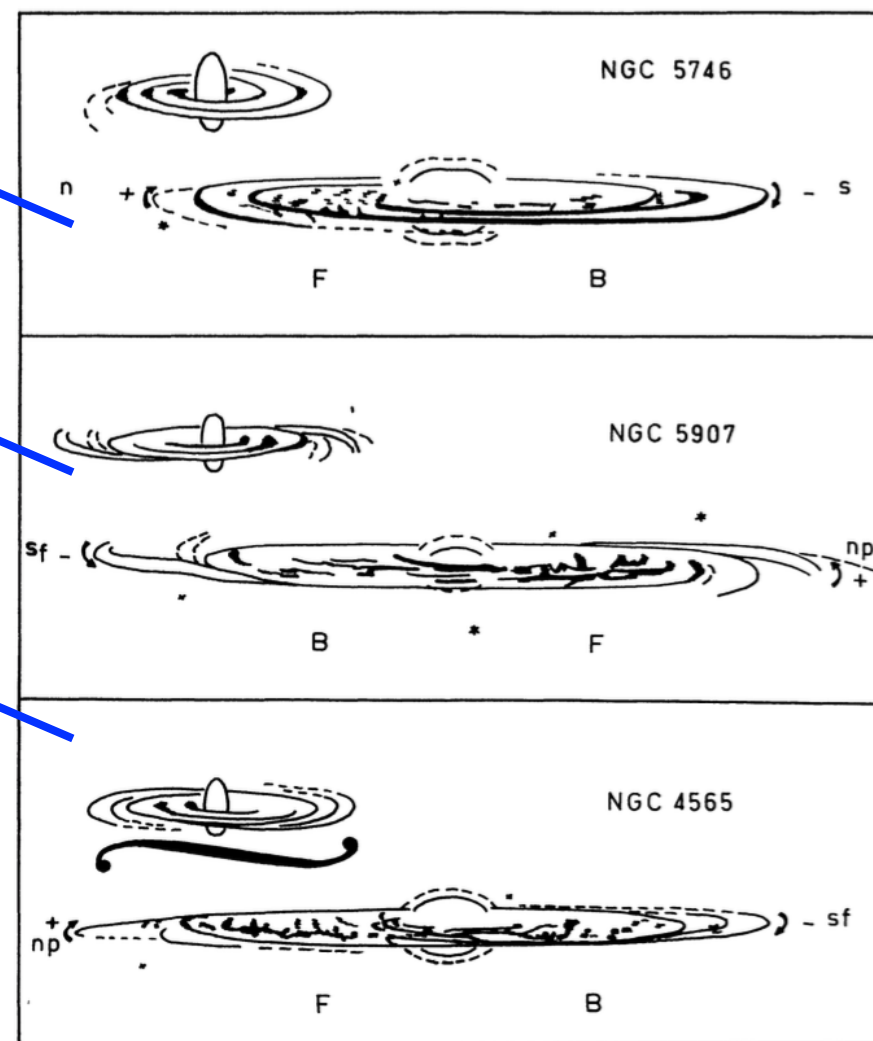


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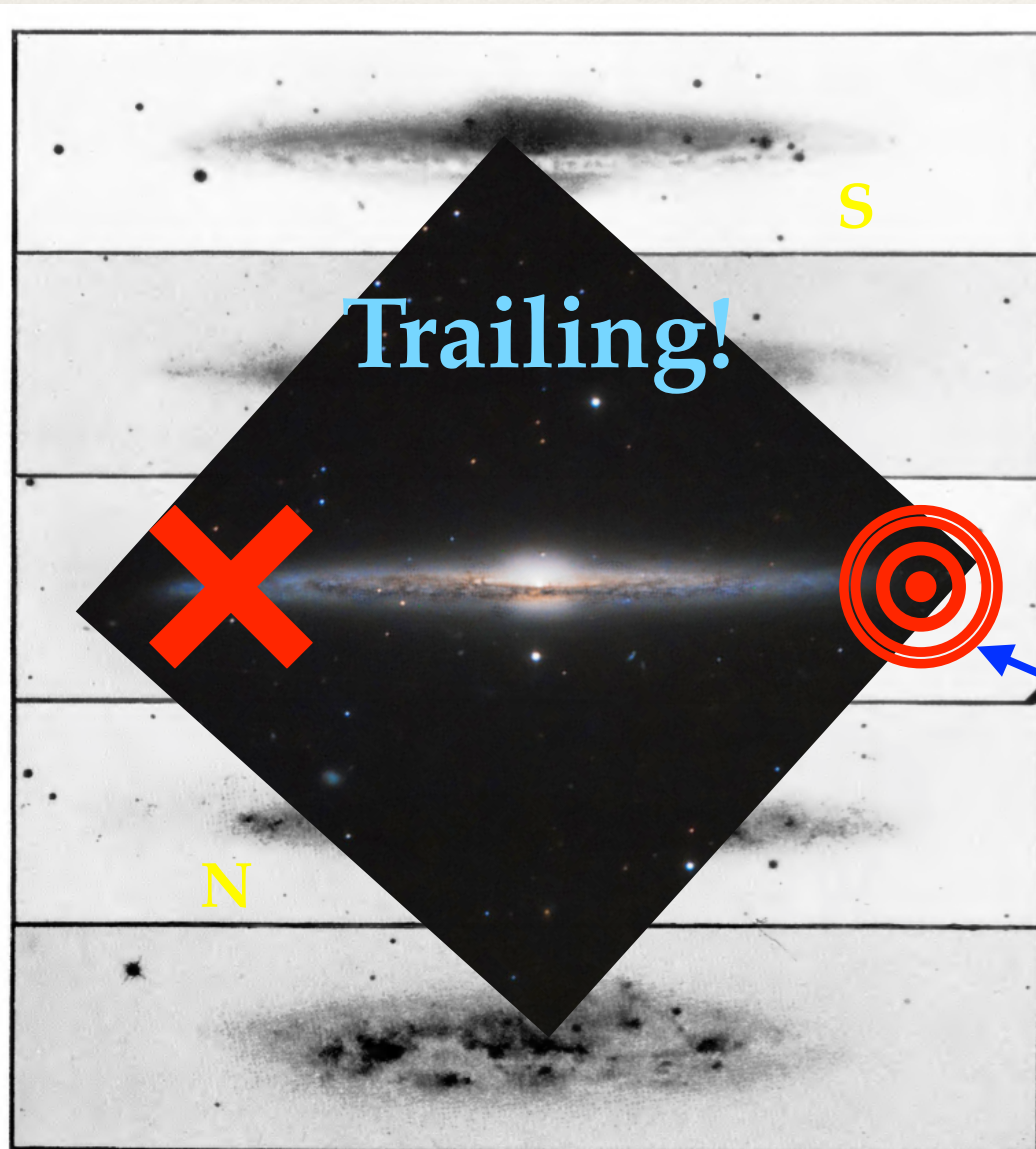


FIG. 3.—Class 1 spirals NGC 5746, 5907, 4565, 4244, and 3556. Mount Wilson and Palomar photographs with the 200-inch reflector.

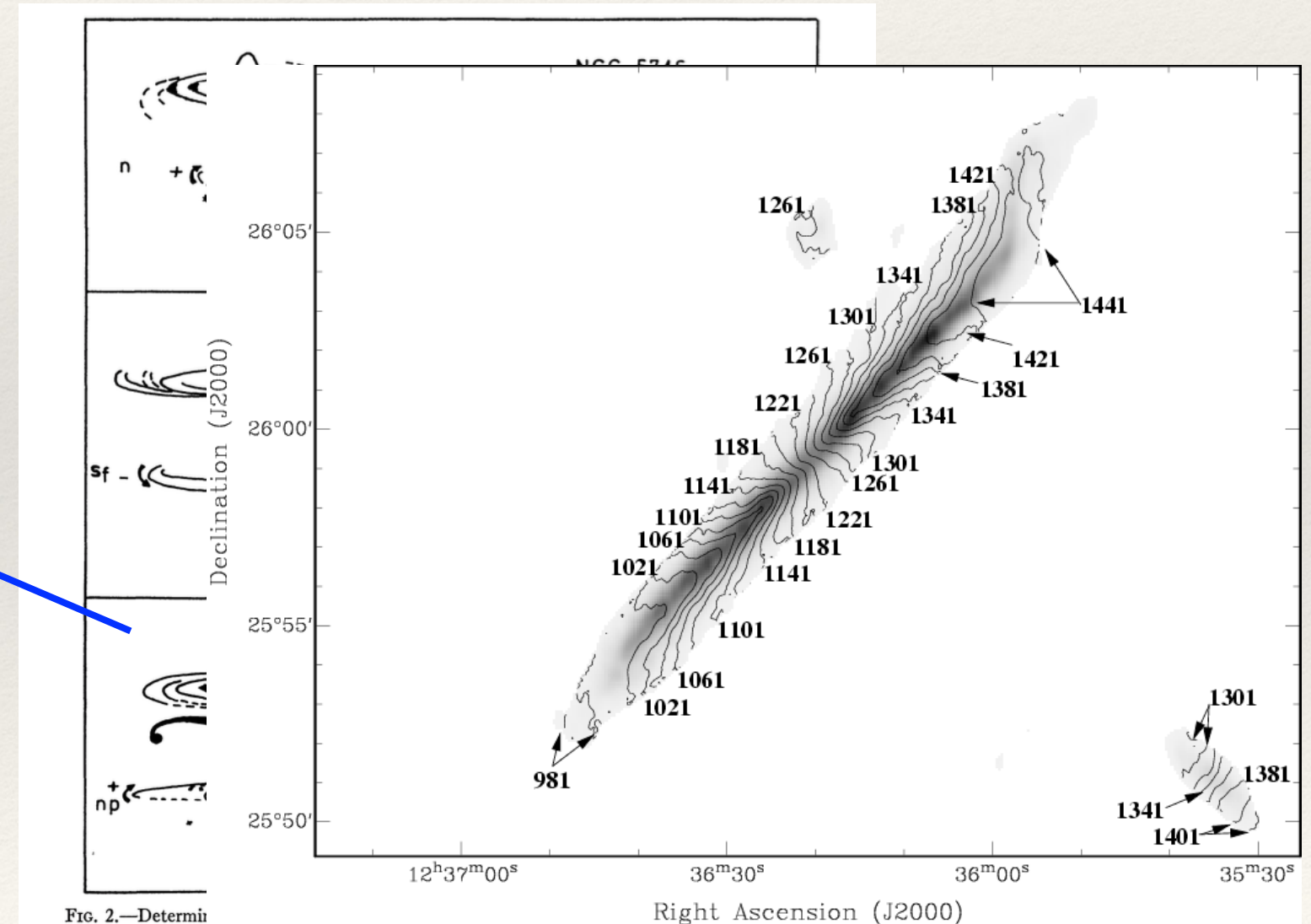
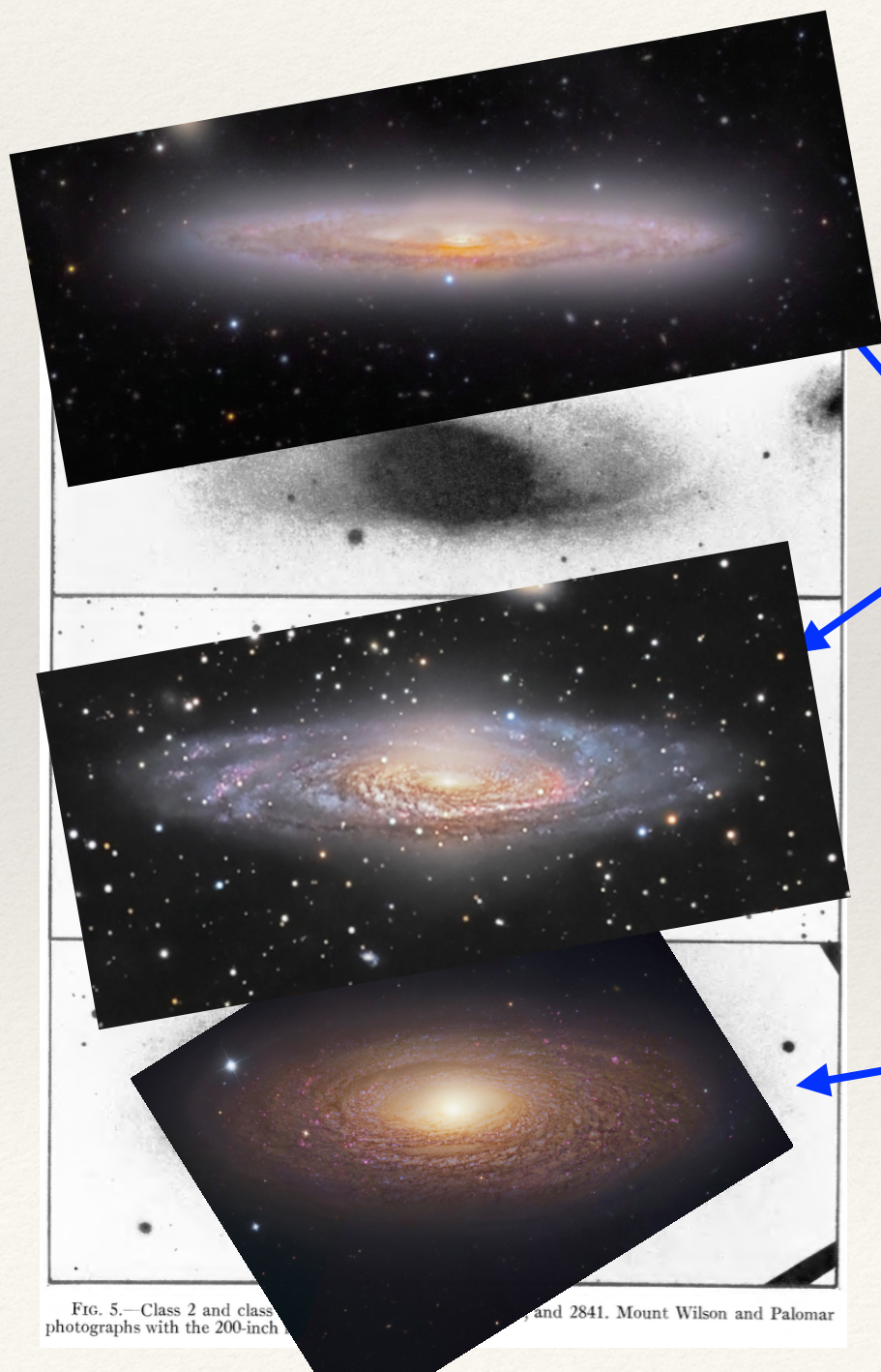


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# Spirals/Disks: Arms

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



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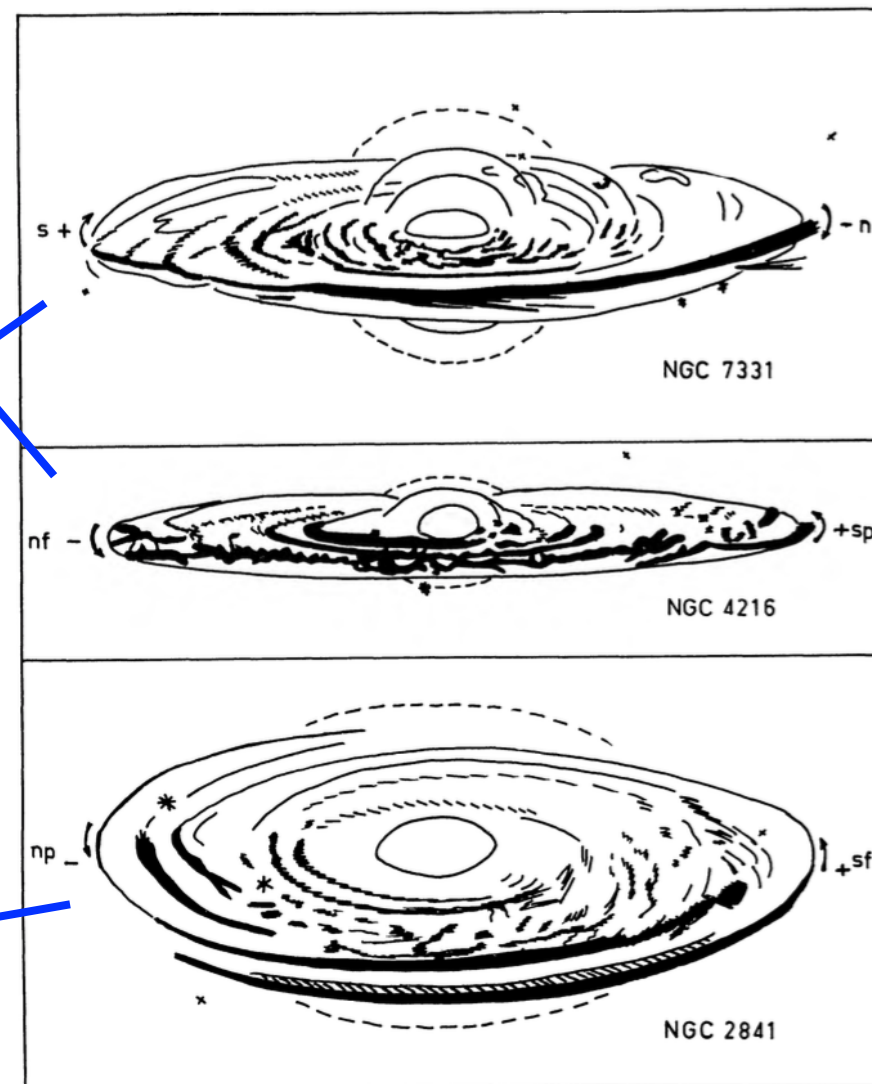


FIG. 4.—Determination of the near side in class 2 and class 3 spirals. The near side of the disk is indicated in NGC 7331, NGC 4216 and possibly NGC 2841 by the primary criterion of tilt, namely, the projection of the outer dark lane against the outer regions of the central bulge traced from 200-inch 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.



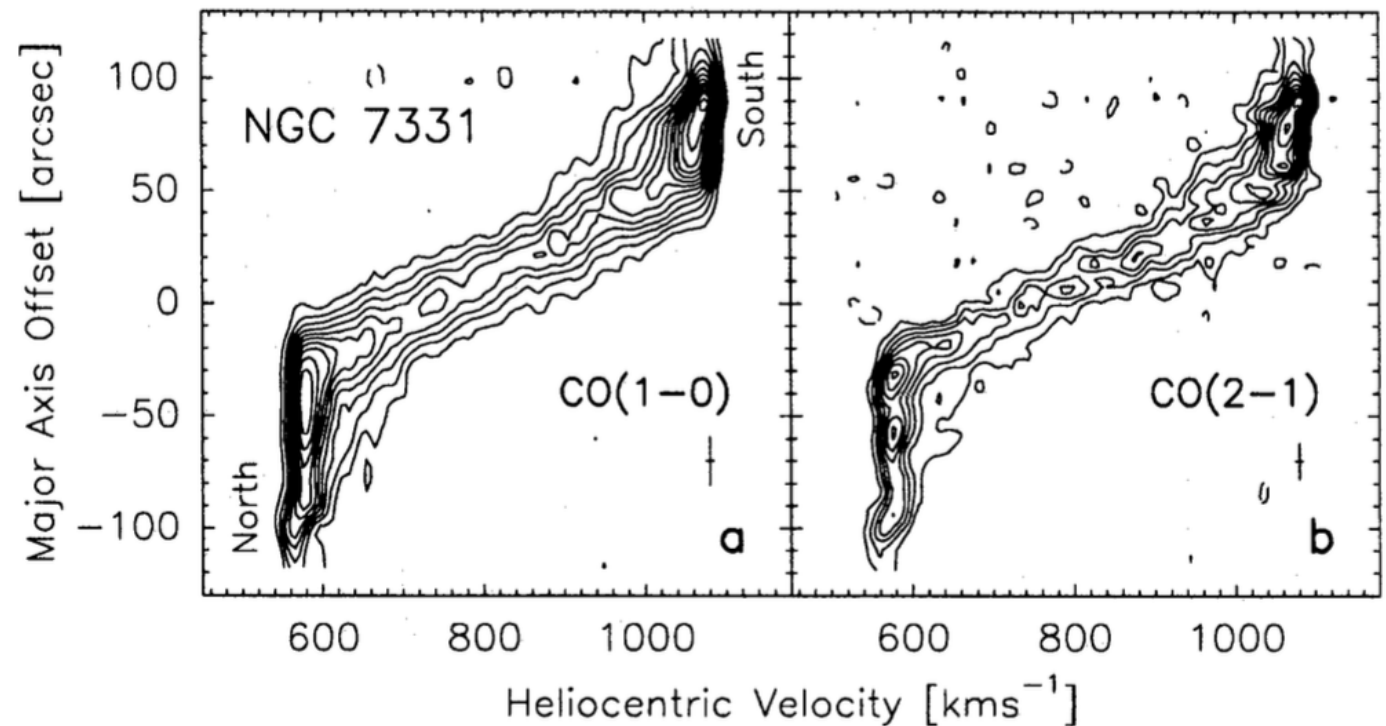
# Spirals/Disks: Arms

- ❖ Moderately inclined galaxy

Trailing!



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



von Linden et al. 1996

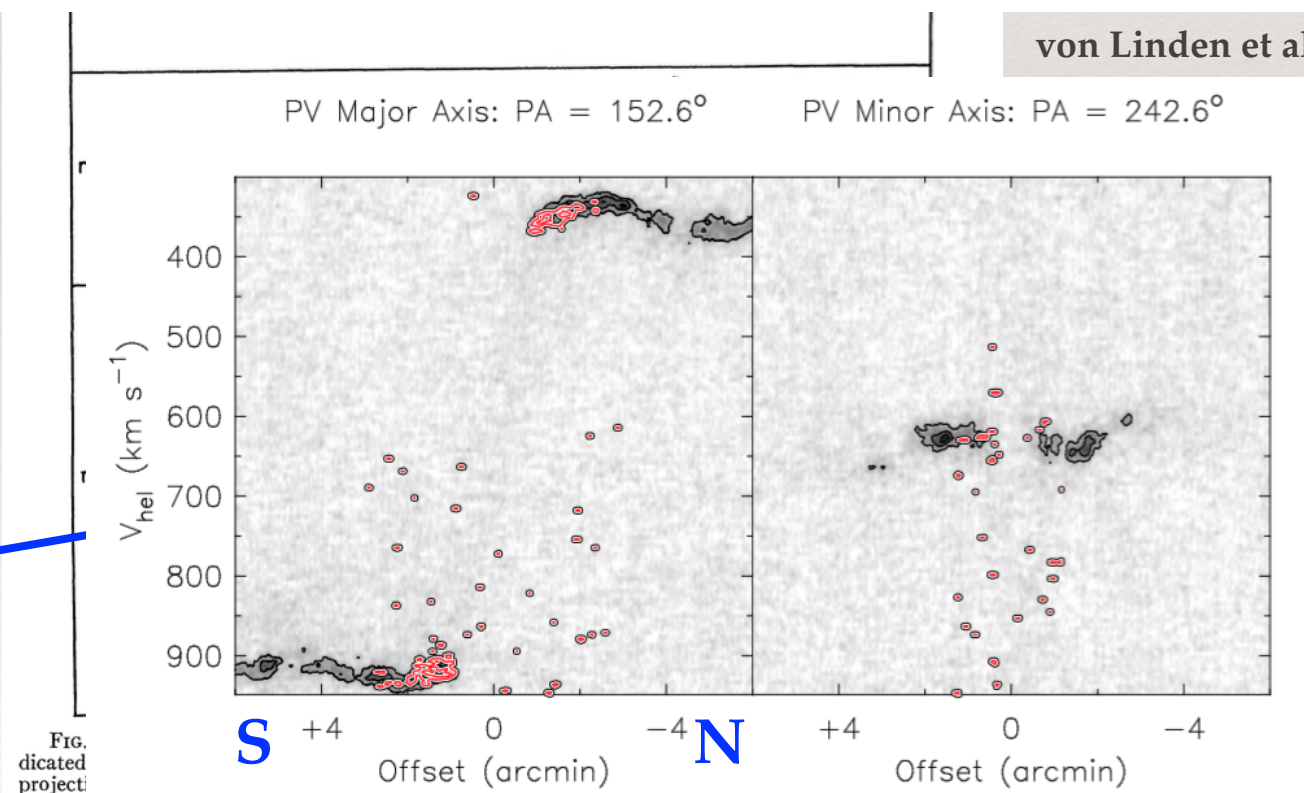


FIG. 6.—Projected CO(2-1) emission lines for NGC 7331. The plot shows the geometry of the CO(2-1) emission lines. It is also indicated by the geometry of the bright arms and dark lines that the shape of the projected disk as in Fig. 6.

CO(2-1) — Frank et al. 2015

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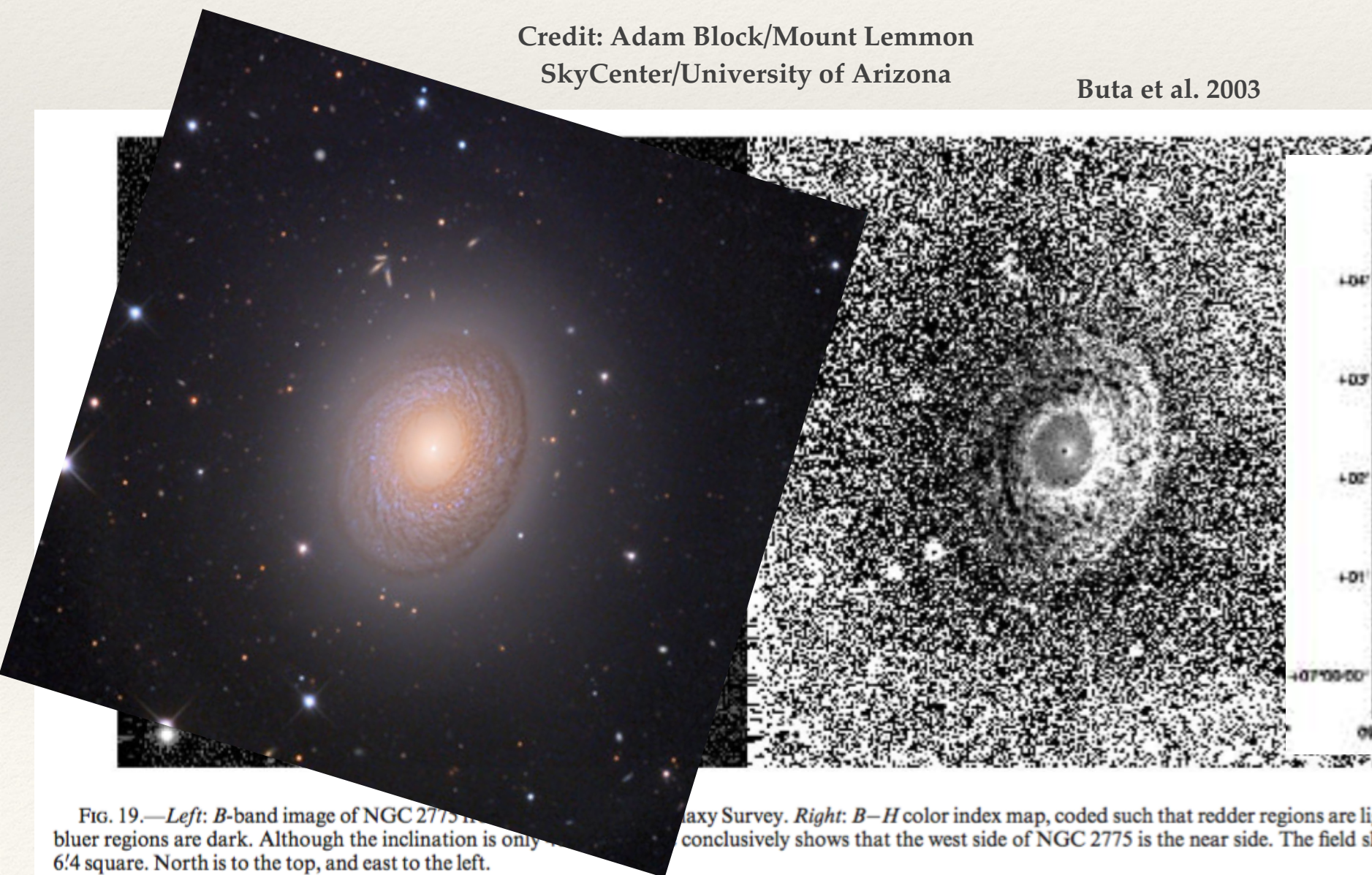
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- ❖ Closer to face-on galaxies — easy to spiral arms, harder to tell near side — but possible with good data!

NGC 2775  
i~40 degrees

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

Buta et al. 2003



Epinat et al. 2008



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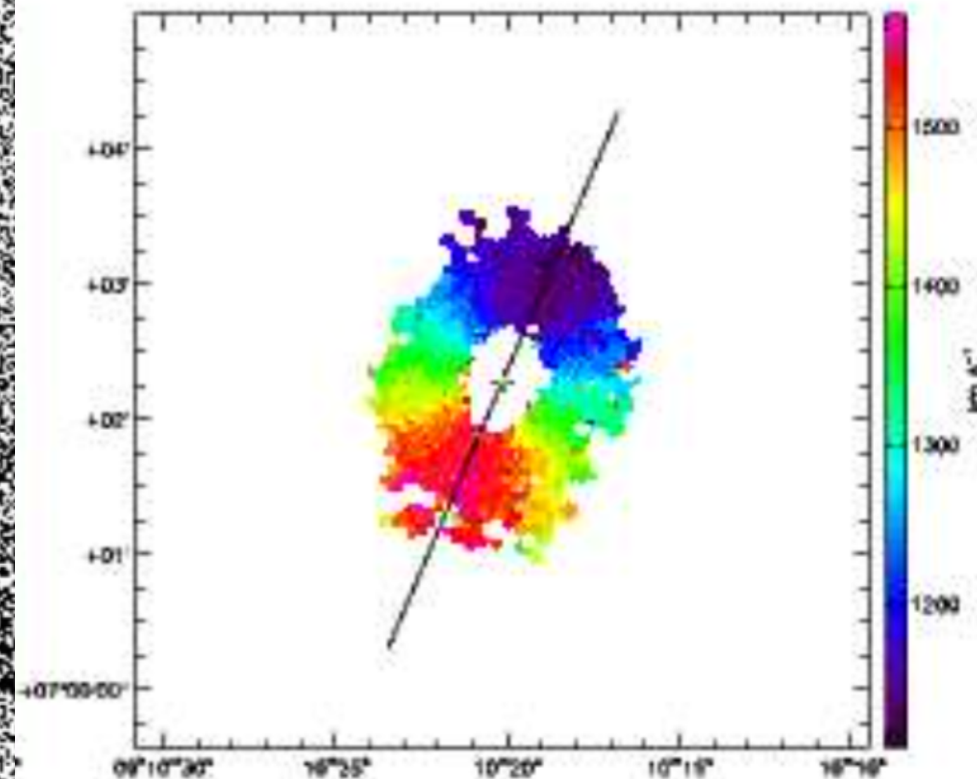
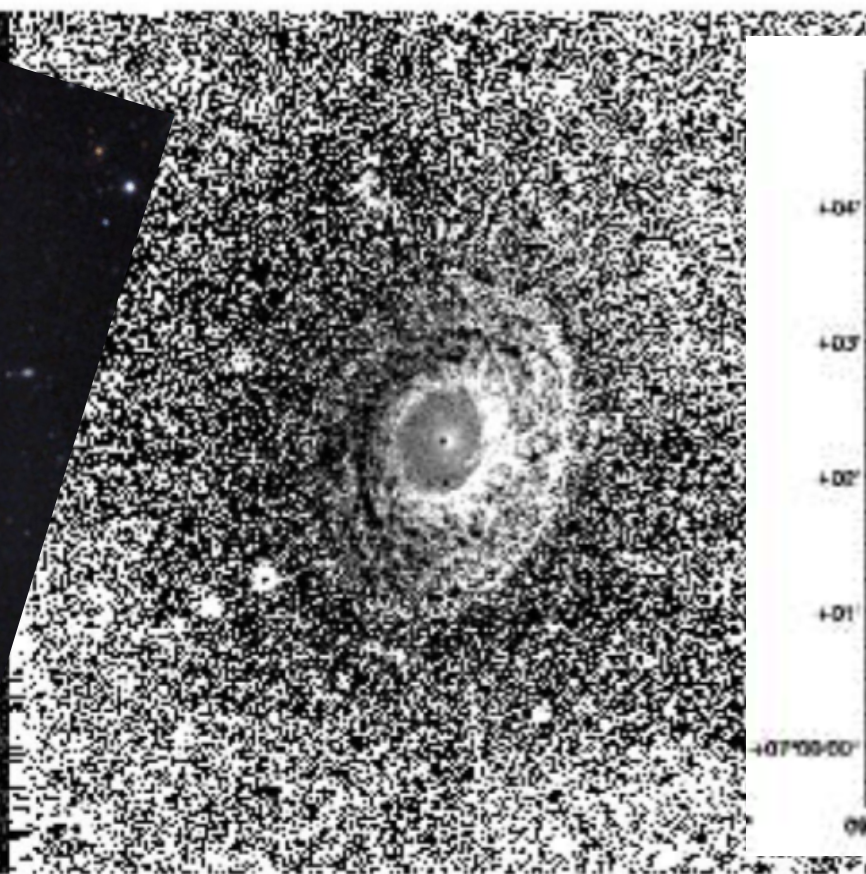


FIG. 19.—Left: *B*-band image of NGC 2775 from the Sloan Digital Sky Survey. Right: *B*–*H* color index map, coded such that redder regions are light and bluer regions are dark. Although the inclination is only  $i \sim 40^\circ$ , this conclusively shows that the west side of NGC 2775 is the near side. The field shown is  $6.4''$  square. North is to the top, and east to the left.

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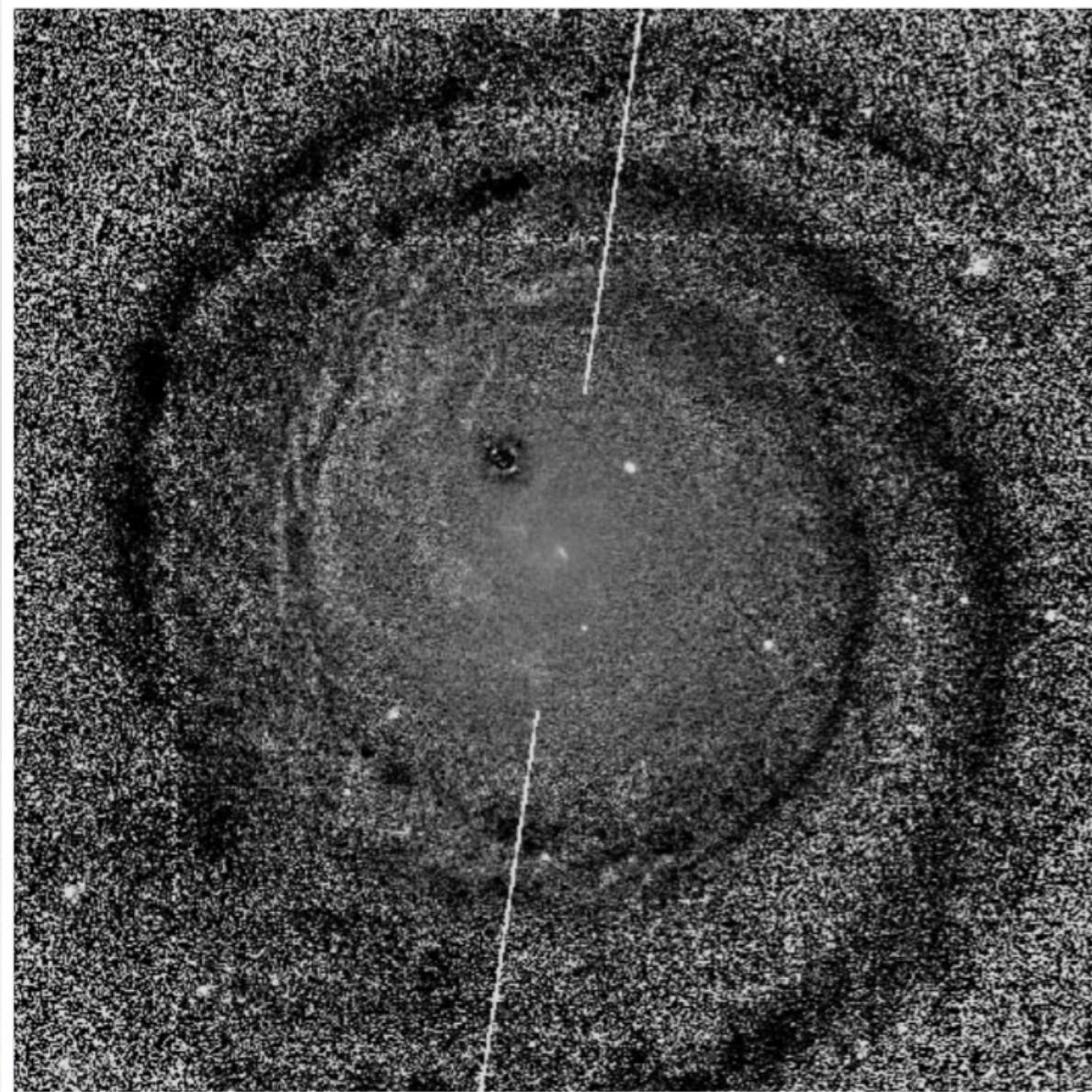
NGC 4622  
i~20 degrees

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

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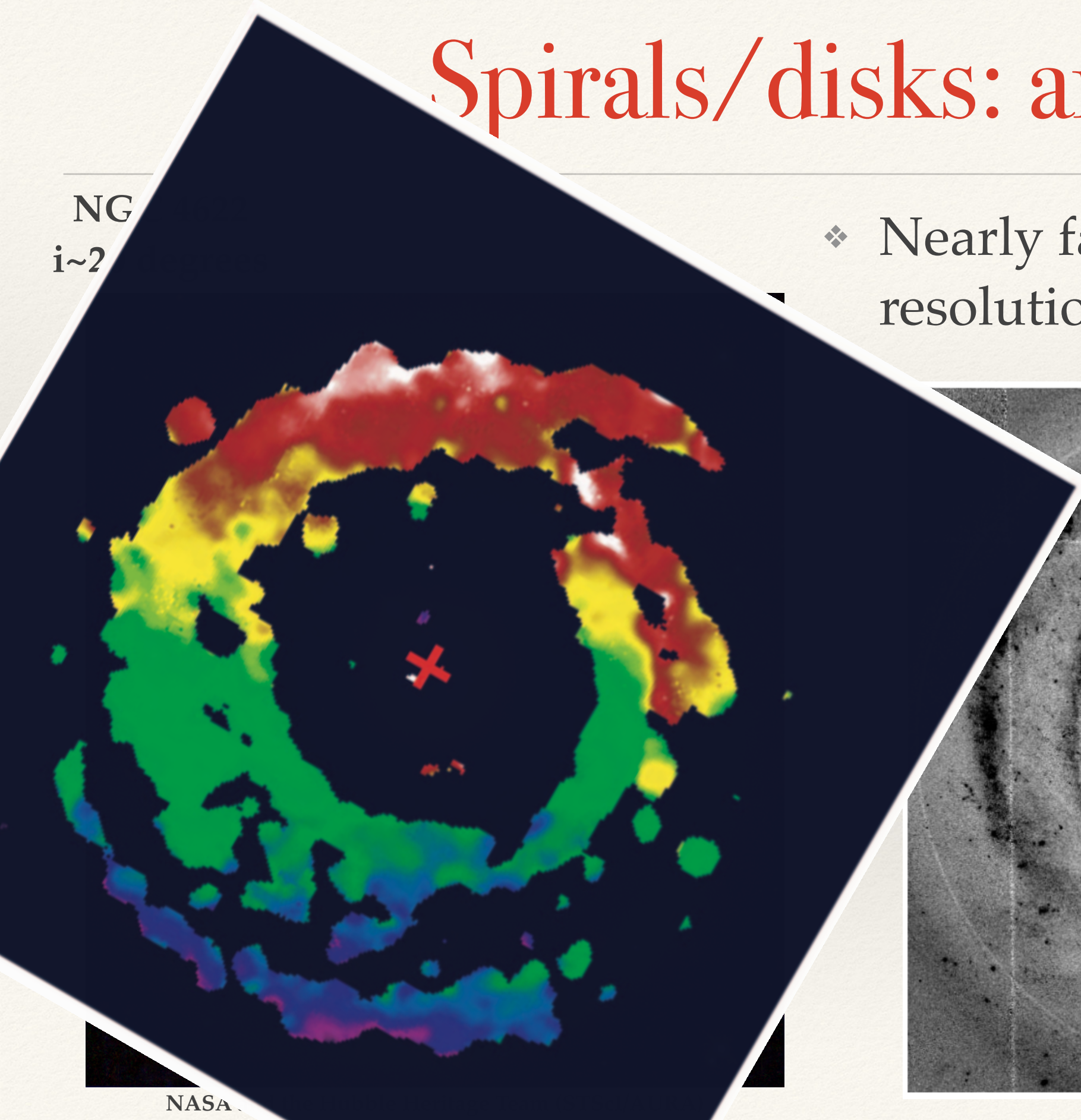
NASA and the Hubble Heritage Team (STScI/AURA)





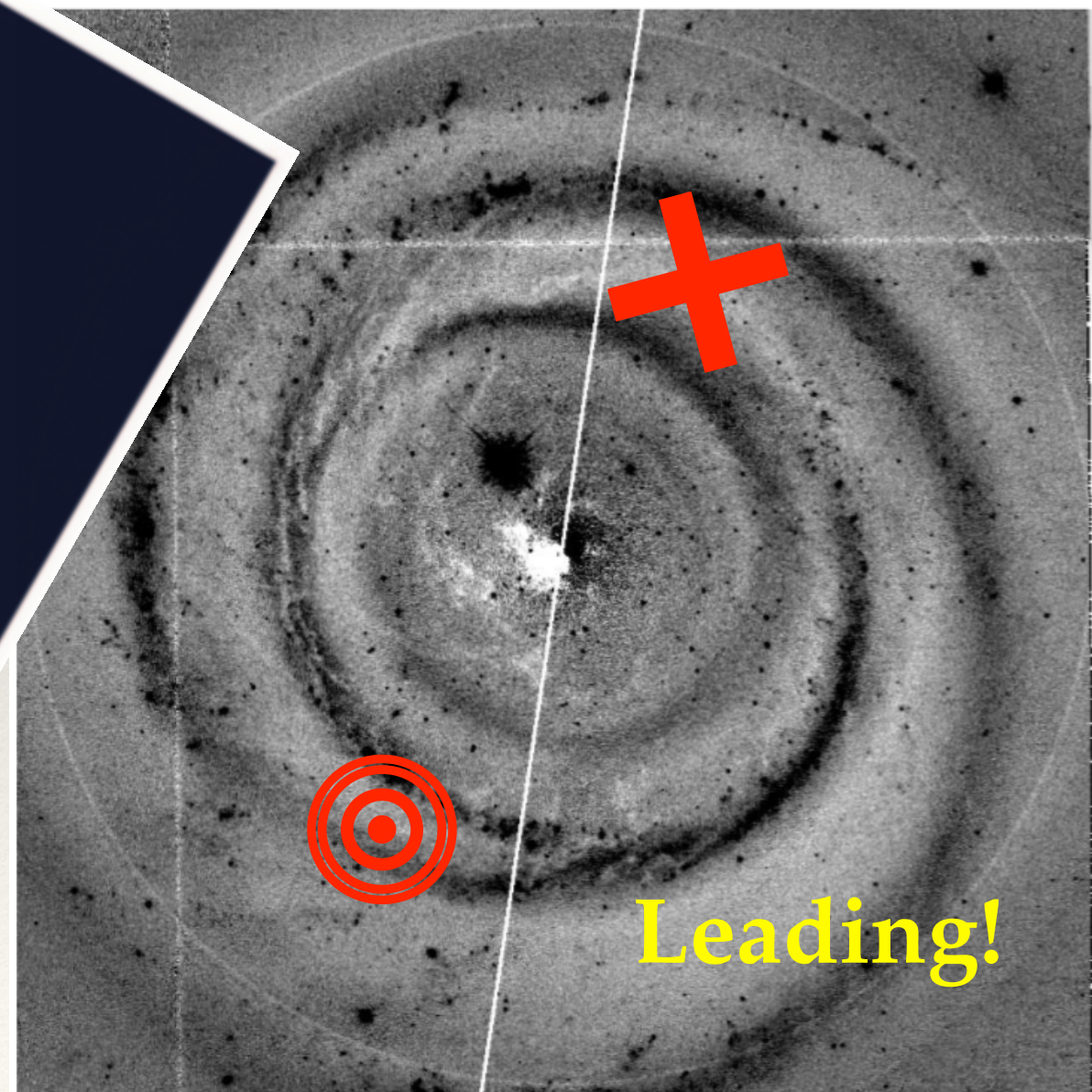
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NGC  
i~2



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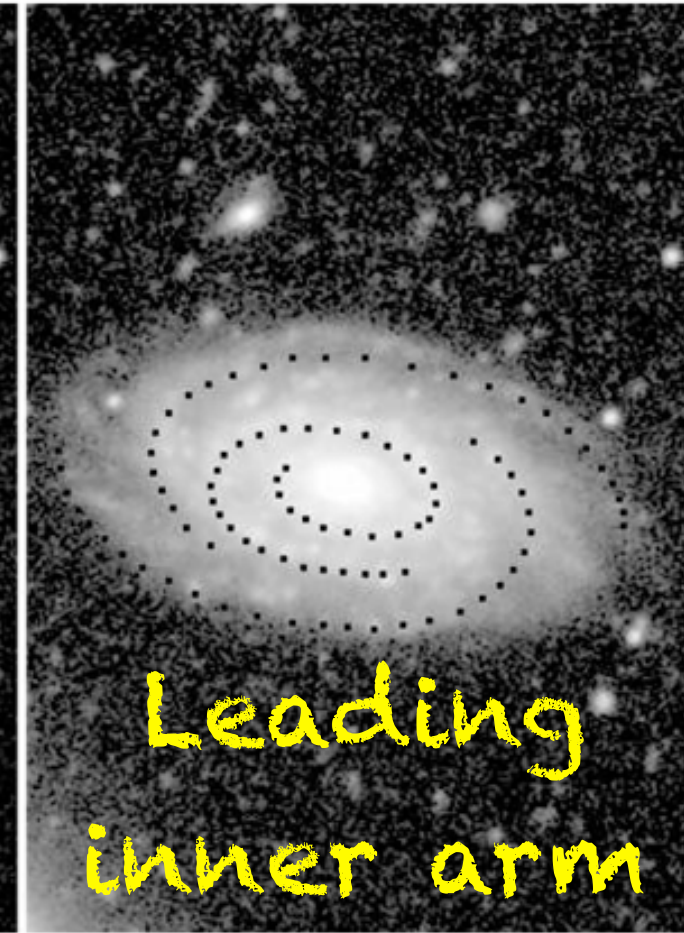
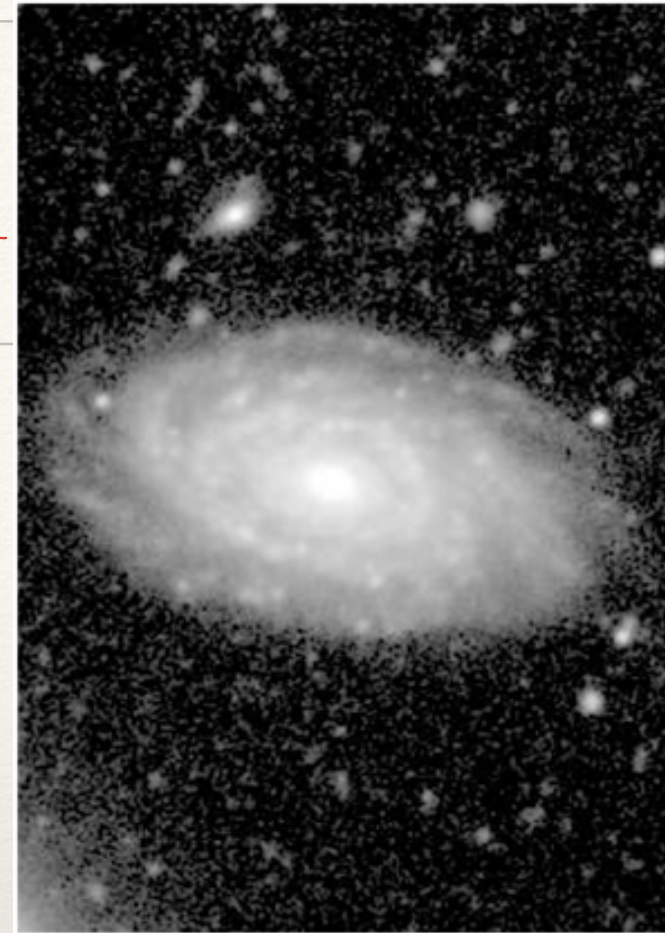
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# Spirals/Disks: Arm

- ❖ "...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!**



Leading  
inner arm

NGC 4622

Buta et al. 2003



Leading  
outer arms

NASA/STScI/AURA

NGC 3124



Two-way  
Spiral

10"

Carnegie Observatories

M64 — Black Eye Galaxy



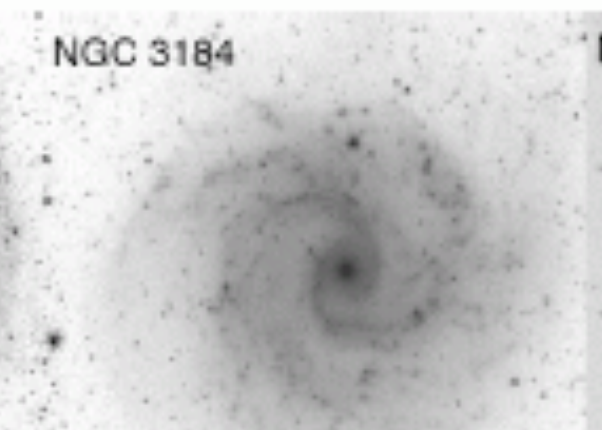
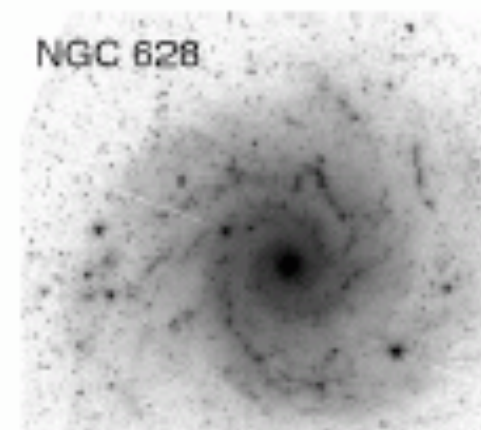
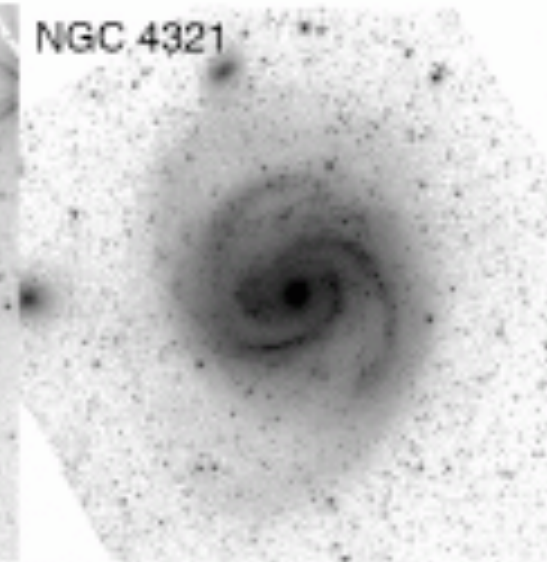
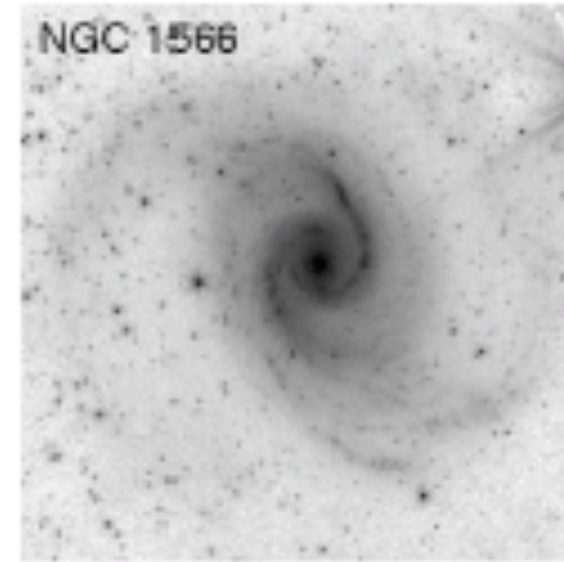
Leading  
outer arms

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)
- ❖ simulated galaxies develop spiral arms
- ❖ How long do spiral arms last?

