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Extended UV-emission (XUV) in galaxies

Discovered using GALEX data.

- UV-bright complexes in the outskirsts of nearby spirals
- Well beyond their B_{25} or $H\alpha$ radius
- Thilker et al. 2005, 2007
 Gil de Paz et al. 2005, 2007
- XUV discs seems to exists in 20 30 % of the local disc galaxy population.
 - Zaritsky & Christlein 2007; Thilker et al. 2007; Lemonias et al. 2011.

• Even found around E/S0 galaxies.

- Thilker et al. 2010; Salim & Rich 2010; Moffett et al. 2012; Bresolin 2013.
- UV-bright complexes are young stellar clusters associated with recent or still on-going star formation.
 - Gil de Paz 2007, Bresolin et al. 2009, 2012
- XUV-discs should be embedded in larger HI envelopes, 2X-HI, (Koribalsky & L-S 2009).

Thilker et al. 2007







The galaxy pair NGC 1512 / 1510

• NGC 1512:

- SB(r)ab, Z ~0.7 Zo
- D = 9.5 Mpc
- Bar ~ 3' = 8.3 kpc
- Ring ~ 3' x 2' = 8.3 x 5.5 kpc
- Nuclear ring ~ 16" x 12" (740 x 550 pc)

• NGC 1510:

- S0, BCDG, WR, Z~0.2 Zo
- N enrichment ?
- 5' = 13.8 kpc from NGC 1512

Hα images (Meurer et al. 2006) reveal many star forming regions

- Sizes 2"-5" (90-230 pc)
- Dozens in the ring
- NGC 1510
- But also in external regions with no evident continuum emission!



NGC 1512 / 1510 , $B + R + H\alpha$, CTIO data combined by Á.R. L-S.



NGC 1512/1510 deep optical / UV images



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NGC 1512 / 1510 Rotation fit and residues

The velocity field is mainly rotation,

• But we found some discrepances in the most external regions and in the position of NGC 1510.

• Star formation activity and the external HI structures seem to be consequence of the interaction that NGC 1512 and NGC 1510 are experiencing. Minor merger ~ 400 Myr



Koribalski & López-Sánchez 2009, MNRAS.



Star-formation law in NGC 1512/1510



Star-forming regions in NGC 1512/1510 follow the Schmidt-Kennicutt relation.

Comparison of starforming regions within different areas with regions in M 51 (Kennicutt et al. 2007, continous line) and relation for dwarf and spiral star-forming galaxies (Kennicutt et al. 1998, dashed line).

Same results that Bigiel et al. (2008, 2010a,b) and models by Lagos et al (2013)

But see Schrurba et al. (2011) and Charles Lada talk.

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NGC 1512 / 1510 – 2dF/AAOmega @ AAT observations

3.9m AAT observations using multifiber spectrograph 2dF/AAOmega

- Carried out on 2 4 Dec 2008
- Used NUV image to select regions
- 2 plates configurations,
 - 166 UV-bright regions observed
 - 32 regions observed in BOTH plates
- Flux-calibrated spectra
- Science:
 - H α emission
 - SFR
 - Hα kinematics
 - [N II] / H α vs. [OIII] / H β ratios
 - Excitation mechanism
 - H α / H β and H γ / H β ratios
 - Extinction and Wabs
 - [N II] / H α , [O III] / H β , [O II] / H β ratios
 - Chemical abundances of the regions
 - When other lines detected, analyze in detail physical properties and chemical composition of ionized gas
- See Bresolin et al. 2012
- López-Sánchez, Westmeier, Esteban & Koribalski, 2014, submitted!







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Oxygen abundances in the UV-bright regions of NGC 1512

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Physical conditions of the ionized gas within the UV-bright regions of NGC 1512

Diagnostic diagram: they are Hll regions!

X Plate 1

♦ Plote 2

Reddening: carefully obtained using $H\alpha/H\beta$ and $H\gamma/H\beta$ ratios plus theoretical values for oxygen abundances (see Appendix).

 Just few (1 - 5) massive stars (O7V) can explain the ionization of the gas !

In agreement with Gil de Paz et al. 2007.

0.3

0.4

0.5

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0.2

 $c(H\beta)$ from $H\alpha/H\beta$ [dex]

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-1.0

log ([N II] λ6583 / Hα)

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- TDG1 has 12+log(O/H) = 8.24
 - Is it actually a TDG?

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Metallicity gradients

- Assuming a radial + azimuthal gradient along spiral arms, the almost undisturbed Arm 1 and the very disturbed Arm 2 are easily identified.
- Similar result plotting the N/O ratio

The flattening of the metallicity gradient in external regions of spiral galaxies was already detected (e.g. Bresolin et al. 2009, 2012; Kewley et al. 2010; Werk et al. 2010, 2011; Sánchez et al. 2014), as it is seen even in the Milky Way (Esteban et al. 2013).

2.00

1.85

1.70

1.55

1.40

1.25

1.10

0.95

0.80

0.65

0.50

0.35

0.20

0.05

-0.10

Moss

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- But knot 3 20 shows a difference of 136 km/s between H I and Hα velocities !
 - A careful inspection reveals high Hα dispersion and 12+log (O/H) < 8.1 (8.5 nearby knots) !!</p>
 - Is it an independent dwarf galaxy?

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- FUV-based and Hα-based ages DO NOT agree!!
 - Recent star-formation event (~13 Myr or less) plus an older event (+100 Myr)
 - Combination of on-going + starburst star-formation

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-3.88

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SFR(FUV)

60

9.0

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yo: 0.0074: theoretical yield of O expected for stars with rotation following Meynet & Maeder (2002) models

- The UV-bright, young, relatively low metallicity, gas-rich knots should not be defined as TDGs but as tidally-induced star-forming clusters (TSFCs) in the galaxy outskirsts.
- As members E and F in HCG 31

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 - Metals are probably coming from dwarf, low-luminosity, gas-rich galaxies which have been slowly accreted and destroyed into the system.

<u>Summary</u>

- Analyses of local SF processes and ISM / IGM interaction in nearby galaxies using HI / UV / optical / MIR data.
 - We need multiwavelength data to get the complete picture!
- There are many things happening in the outskirsts of spiral galaxies.
 - The huge reservour of diffuse gas in the outskirsts of spiral galaxies may be coming from the accretion and destruction of gas-rich low-luminosity dwarf galaxies.
 - Allows us to understand galaxy evolution and test ACDM scenarios.

 Many surprises about galaxy evolution will come from HI surveys (ASKAP, MeerKAT, APERTIF) and from optical IFS surveys (CALIFA, SAMI, MANGA).

... BUT EVEN MORE COMBINING BOTH KIND OF DATASETS !!