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Extended UV-emission (XUV) in galaxies

- Discovered using GALEX data.
  - UV-bright complexes in the outskirts of nearby spirals
  - Well beyond their B$_{25}$ or H$\alpha$ radius
    Gil de Paz et al. 2005, 2007

- XUV discs seem to exist 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;

- UV-bright complexes are young stellar clusters associated with recent or still on-going star formation.

- XUV-discs should be embedded in larger HI envelopes, 2X-HI, (Koribalsky & L-S 2009).
The galaxy pair NGC 1512 / 1510

- **NGC 1512:**
  - SB(r)ab, $Z \sim 0.7 \, Z_\odot$
  - $D = 9.5 \, \text{Mpc}$
  - Bar $\sim 3' = 8.3 \, \text{kpc}$
  - Ring $\sim 3' \times 2' = 8.3 \times 5.5 \, \text{kpc}$
  - Nuclear ring $\sim 16'' \times 12'' = 740 \times 550 \, \text{pc}$

- **NGC 1510:**
  - S0, BCDG, WR, $Z \sim 0.2 \, Z_\odot$
  - N enrichment?
  - 5' = 13.8 kpc from NGC 1512

- **H$\alpha$ 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!
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http://www.atnf.csiro.au/research/LVHIS
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- ATCA observ. using 7 arrays
- Mosaic using 4 pointings
- Total int. time: 3.11 days
- Huge amount of neutral gas!
- Two extended spiral arms
- Two TDG candidates

NGC 1512:
- $M_{\text{HI}} = 5.7 \times 10^9 M_\odot$
- $M_{\text{Dyn}} \sim 4 \times 10^{11} M_\odot$
- $M_{\text{HI}}/L_B = 1$

NGC 1510:
- $M_{\text{HI}} \sim 4 \times 10^7 M_\odot$
- $M_{\text{HI}}/L_B \sim 0.07$

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Using GALEX images, we derived UV colors and SFRs in individual UV-bright clusters.

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Rotation fit and residues

- The velocity field is mainly \textit{rotation},
- But we found some \textit{discrepances} in the most \textit{external regions} and in the position of \textbf{NGC 1510}.
- \textbf{Star formation activity} and the external \textit{HI structures} seem to be consequence of the \textit{interaction} that \textbf{NGC 1512} and \textbf{NGC 1510} are experiencing. \textit{Minor merger} ~ 400 Myr

\textit{Koribalski \& López-Sánchez} 2009, \textit{MNRAS.}
Star-formation law in NGC 1512/1510

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

Comparison of star-forming regions within different areas with regions in M 51 (Kennicutt et al. 2007, continuous 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 Schurubba et al. (2011) and Charles Lada talk.
NGC 1512 / 1510 – 2dF/AAOmega @ AAT observations

- 3.9m AAT observations using multi-fiber 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:
  - $H\alpha$ emission
    - SFR
    - $H\alpha$ kinematics
  - $[\text{N II}] / H\alpha$ vs. $[\text{OIII}] / H\beta$ ratios
    - Excitation mechanism
  - $H\alpha / H\beta$ and $H\gamma / H\beta$ ratios
    - Extinction and Wabs
  - $[\text{N II}] / H\alpha$, $[\text{O III}] / H\beta$, $[\text{O II}] / H\beta$ 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
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\[ O_3N_2 = \log \frac{[O \text{ III}]_{\lambda 5007}/H\beta}{[N \text{ II}]_{\lambda 6583}/H\alpha} \]

Results similar to those found by Bresolin et al. 2012

See López-Sánchez 2010 and López-Sanchez et al. 2012 for extended discussion about the choice of these calibrators.

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

- Diagnostic diagram: they are HII regions!
- Reddening: carefully obtained using Hα/Hβ and Hγ/Hβ 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.

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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).
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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) !!
  - Is it an **independent dwarf galaxy**?

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  ➡ 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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➡ 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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How did those metals get to the huge reservoir of HI gas in the outer areas?

- If we put all those metals (~ 6.5 \( \times 10^6 \) M\(_\odot\) of oxygen) in the galaxy center, the original oxygen abundance of NGC 1512 would be \( 12+\log(O/H) \sim 8.85 \) (~9.20 in the KD scale). This value is more than 1 order of magnitude higher than that expected following the mass-metallicity relation.
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- Arm 2: average \( \Delta [12+\log(O/H)] = 0.32 \pm 0.25 \)

Both arms (and even “TDG1”) had \( 12+\log(O/H) \sim 8.10 \) before the interaction with NGC 1510 started!

How did those metals get to the huge reservoir of HI gas in the outer areas?

- If we put all those metals (~ \( 6.5 \times 10^6 \) M\(_{\odot}\) of oxygen) in the galaxy center, the original oxygen abundance of NGC 1512 would be \( 12+\log(O/H) \sim 8.85 \) (~9.20 in the KD scale). This value is more than 1 order of magnitude higher than that expected following the mass-metallicity relation.

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

- 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 outskirts of spiral galaxies.
  - The huge reservoir of diffuse gas in the outskirts 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 $\Lambda$CDM 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 !!