

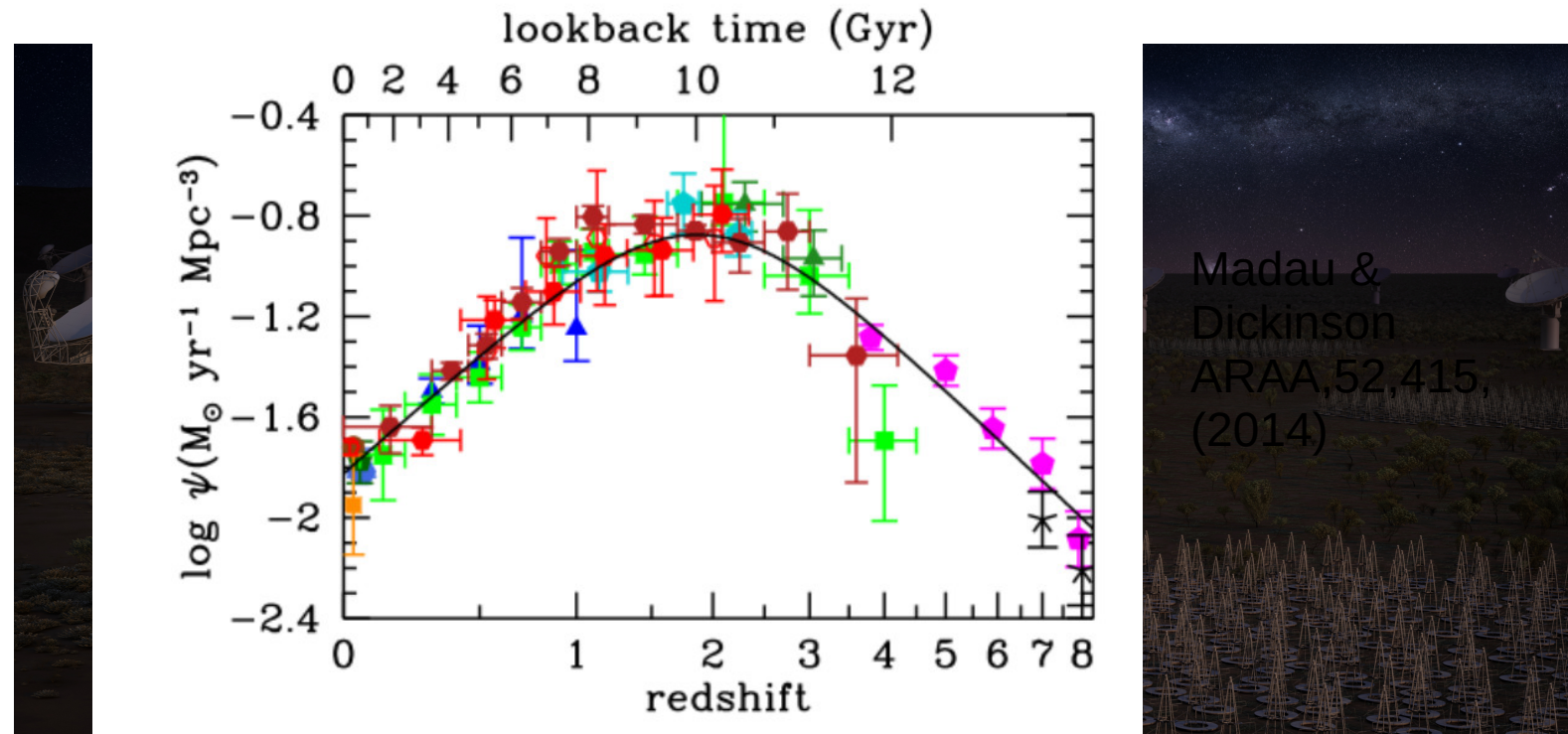
A large radio telescope dish, likely the Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (GMRT), is shown against a dramatic sky at sunset or sunrise. The dish is a complex metal lattice structure, and the sun is visible as a bright orange glow behind it, creating a silhouette effect. The sky is a mix of blue and orange hues with scattered clouds. The text is overlaid in the bottom left corner.

Low to Intermediate redshift HI Stacking Studies

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Observing HI in high redshift star forming galaxies



The time required to make a 3σ detection of the HI emission of an M_{HI}^* galaxy at $z \sim 1$ with the GMRT is

$$\tau = 10000 \text{ hr} \left(\frac{T_{\text{sys}} / 70 \text{ K}}{(N/30)(G/0.25 \text{ K/Jy})} \right)^2 \left(\frac{200 \text{ km/s}}{\Delta V} \right)$$

Clearly a much larger sensitivity is needed *i.e. the SKA*

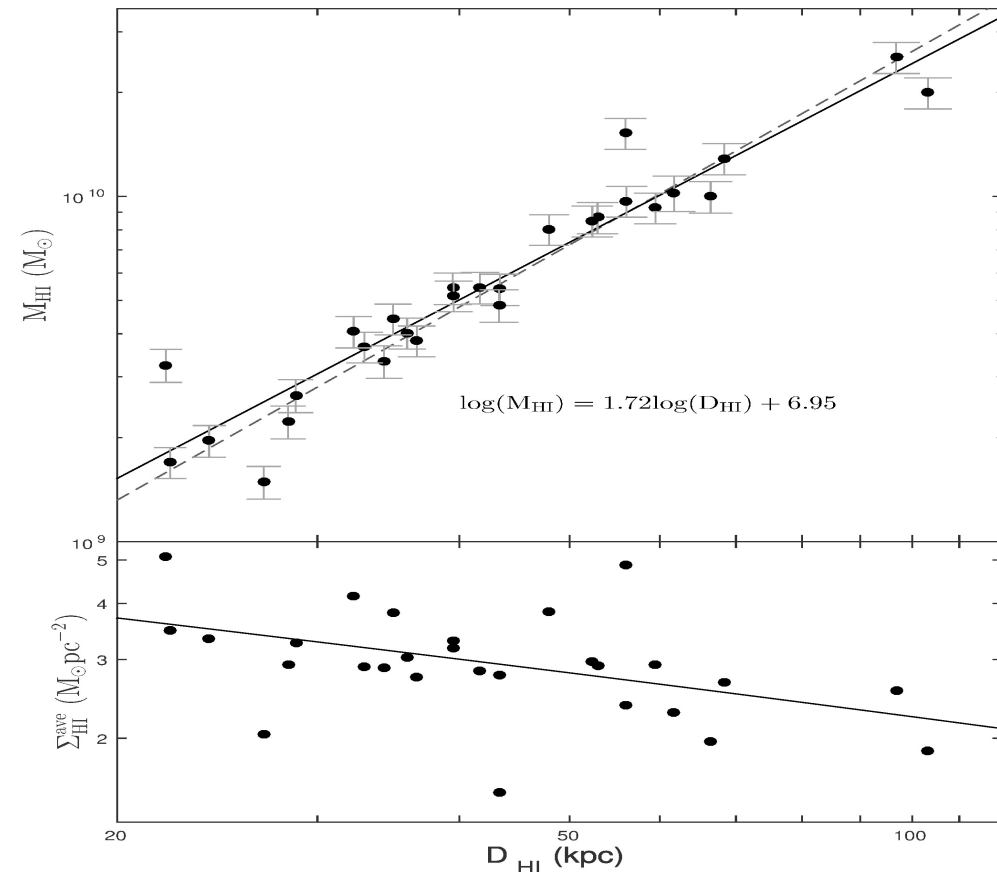
What can one do “now”?

- The volume of space observed in a single setting $\sim$ (FoV x Bandwidth) would contain 100s of bright galaxies
- One could try to detect the average HI emission of all of these galaxies by aligning the spectra and adding (“stacking”)
 - Chengalur, Braun Wieringa A&A 372, 768, 2001, Martin Zwaan Ph.D. Thesis 2000
- Stacking requires one to know the position and redshift of all galaxies



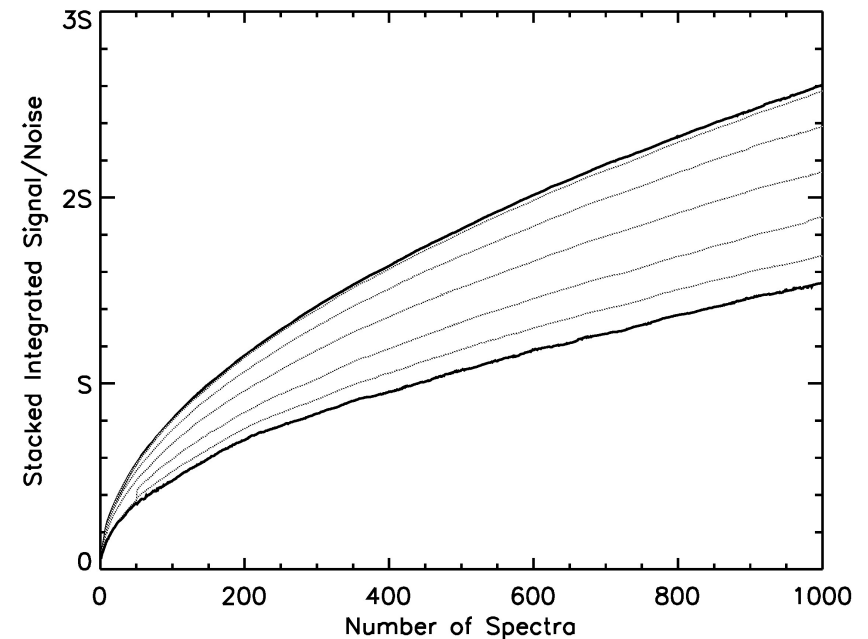
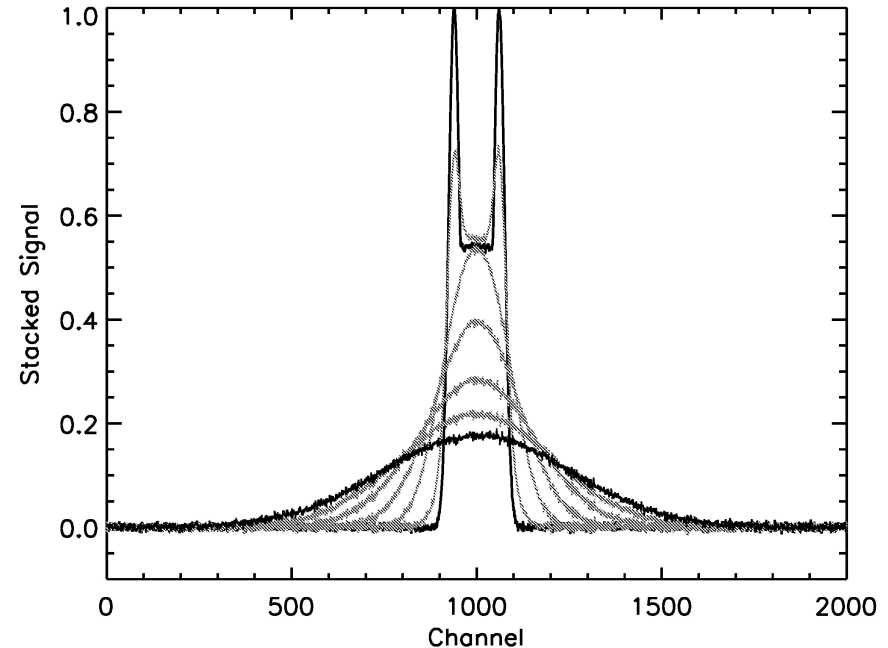
SNR increase with stack size

- Naively if one co-adds the HI emission signal from N galaxies, the SNR should improve by $N^{1/2}$
- BUT
 - Sensitivity varies across the field of view of the telescope
 - Variation in velocity widths results in varying snr per channel
 - Unknown HI extent of each galaxy also leads to non optimal SNR.
 - Redshift measurement errors lead to errors in aligning HI spectra



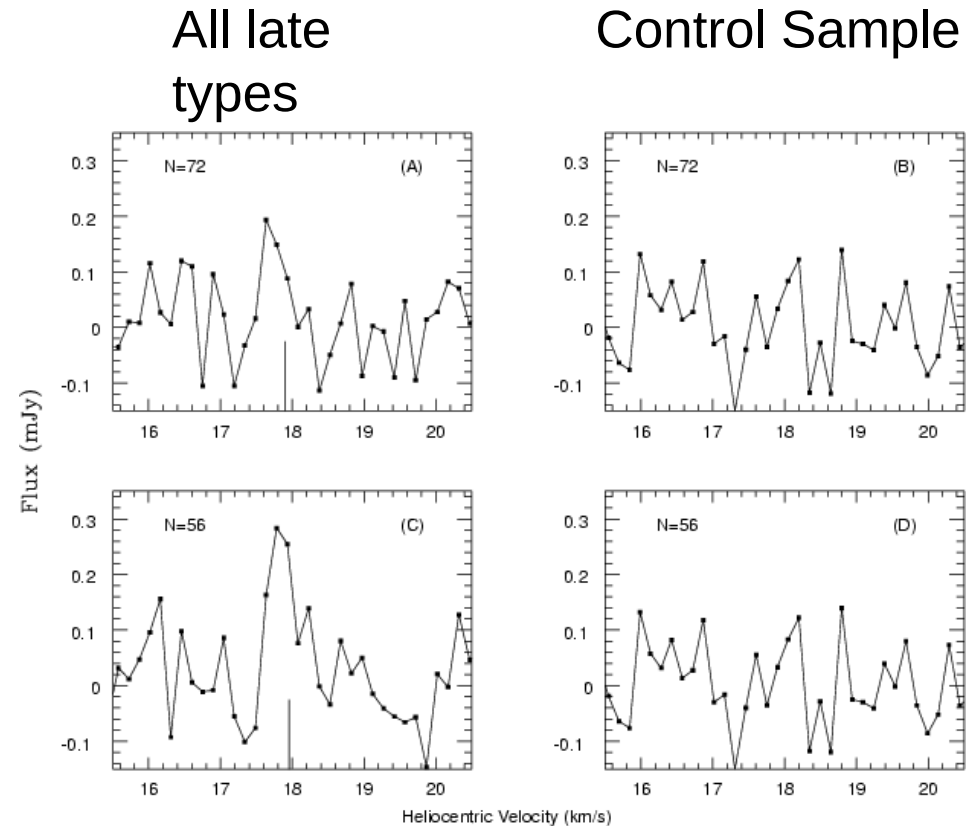
Effect of redshift errors

- Comparison of HI and SDSS redshifts show that negligible systematic offsets
 - Velocity errors lead to a broadening of the stacked profile
 - Since the noise in different channels is independent this leads to a loss in snr
 - Loss can be significant at rms errors of ~ 100 km/s
 - Increasing velocity error does not bias the average integrated flux



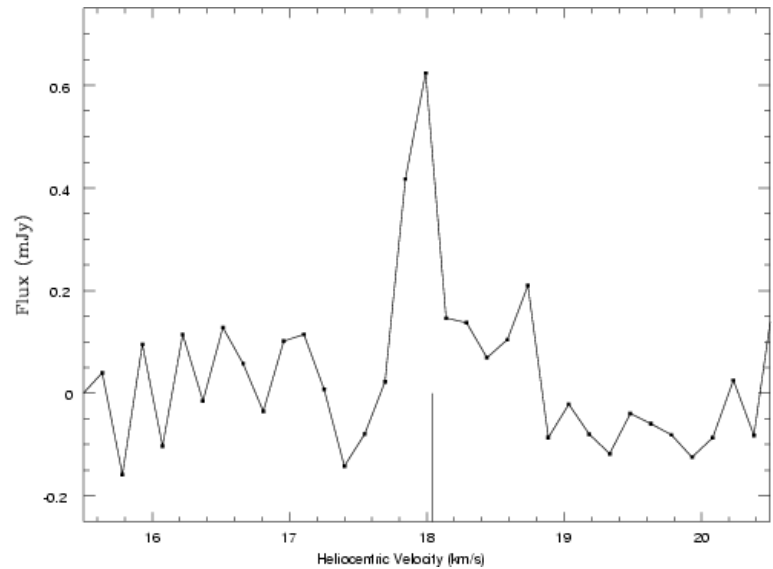
Proof of Concept: A3128

- A 3128 is a $z \sim 0.06$, richness class 3, Bautz-Morgan type I-II cluster
- Shallow ATCA observation made of the cluster region
 - Redshifts were available for 193 galaxies, of which 148 lay inside the ATCA cube
- Co-added emission detected from cluster galaxies.
- Signal detected from late type galaxies that lie outside the cluster core

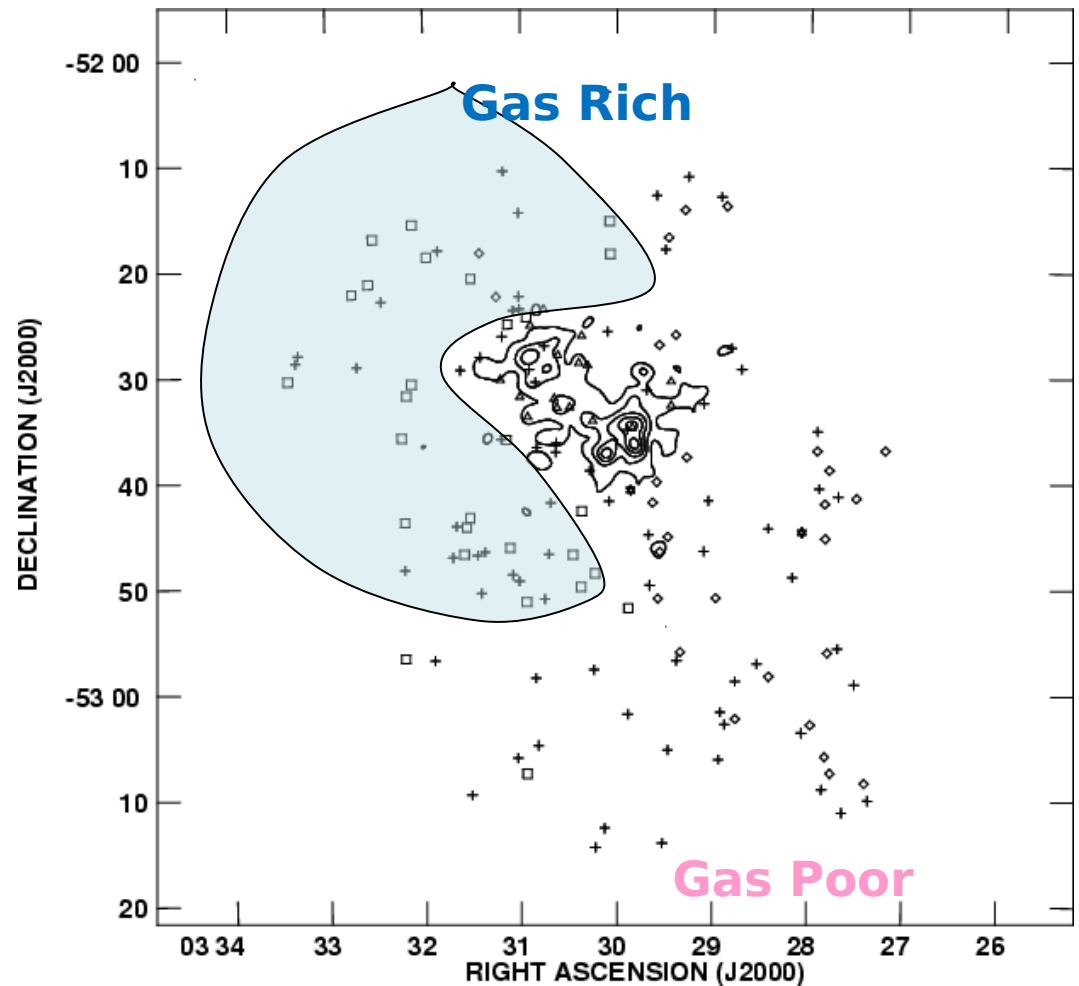


Late types
outside X-ray
contours

Gas rich galaxies in Abell 3128

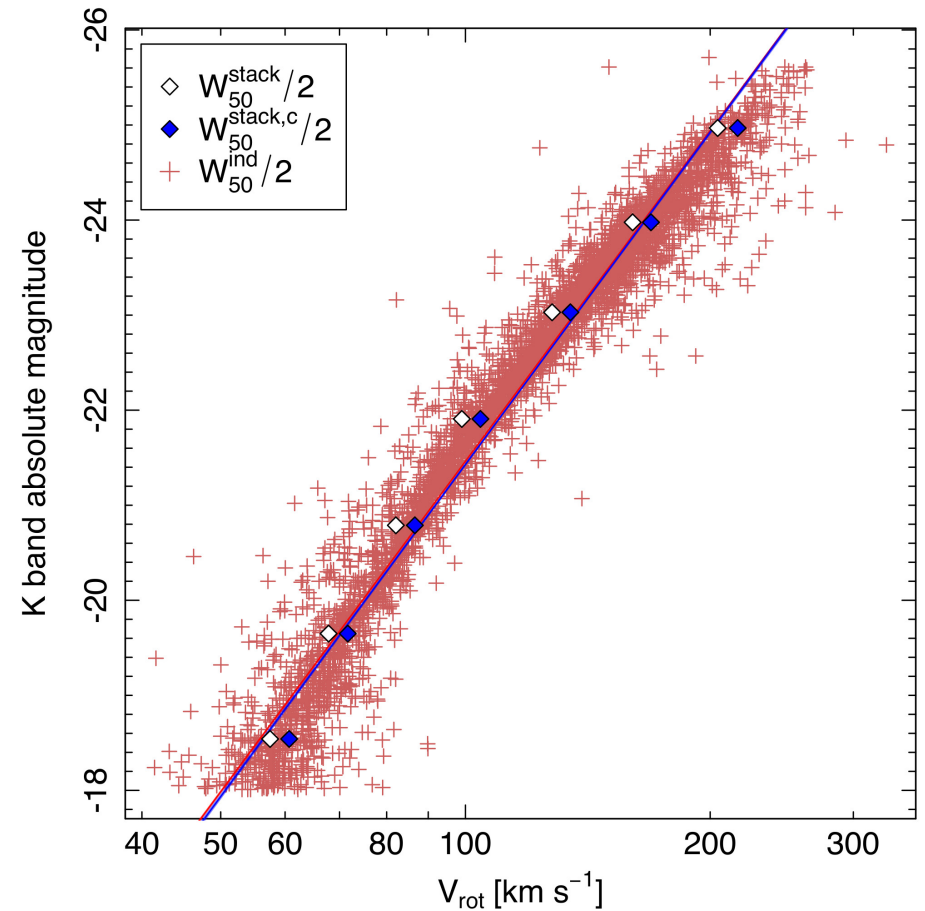


Co-added spectra of the most gas rich group



Tully-Fisher measurements from stacked profiles

- The stacked profile also can be used to measure the TF relation
 - Assuming that the stack is done without redshift errors
 - i.e. does not need information on the individual galaxies inclination etc.
- Stack the observed HI lines from galaxies with the same absolute magnitude
 - Stacked profile width tracks the deprojected and dedispersed input profiles
- Ratio of the width of the stack to that of the deprojected/dedispersed input lines ~ 0.93
 - Very little dependence on the galaxy mass, gas dispersion, galaxy morphology..



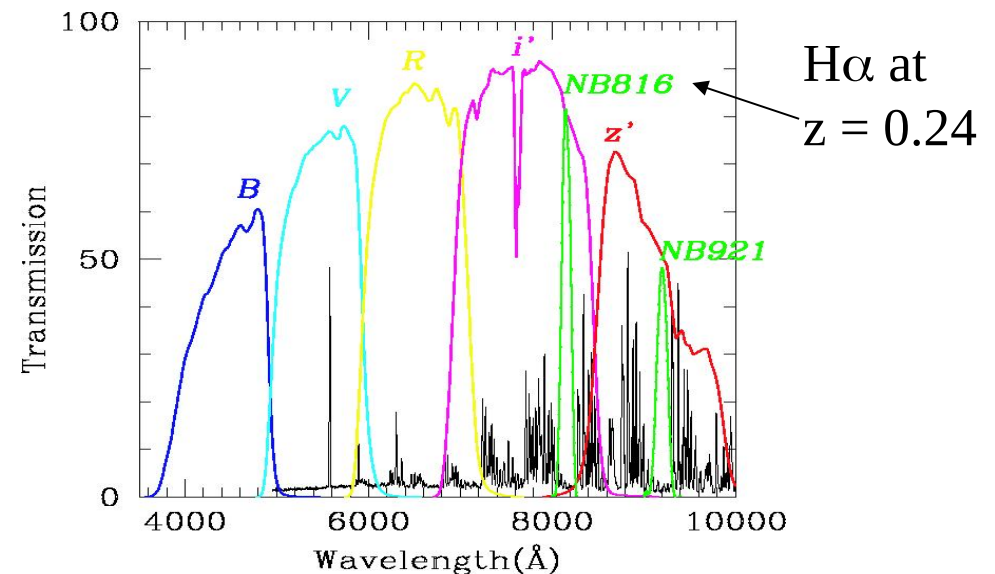
Narrow band $H\alpha$ selected galaxies



24' × 30'

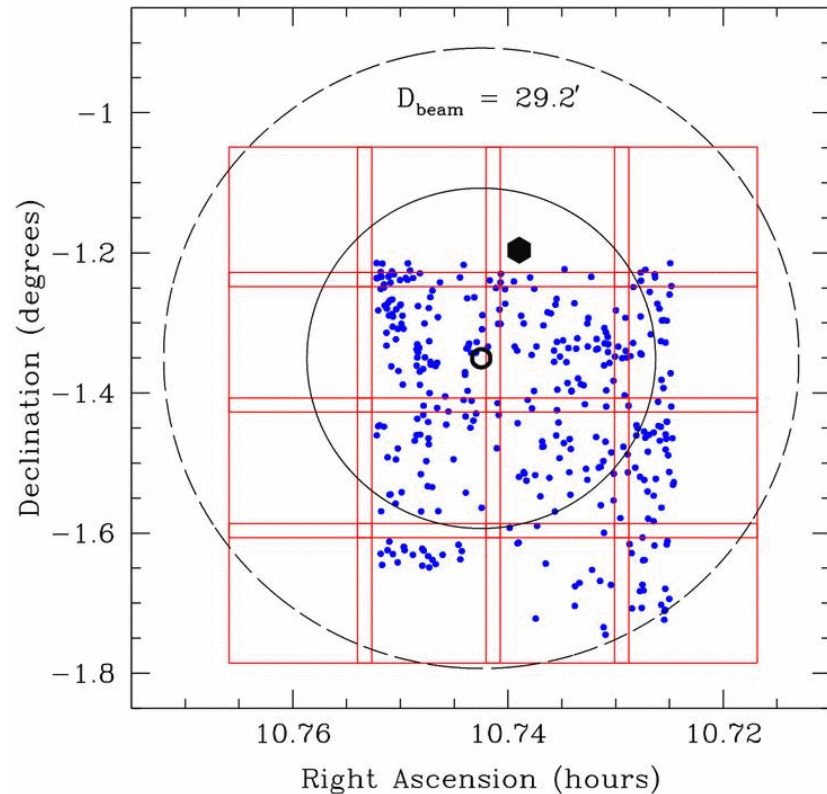
Fujita et al. 2003 did a narrow band imaging survey for $H\alpha$ emission at $z=0.24$

Total of 348 galaxies in the sample

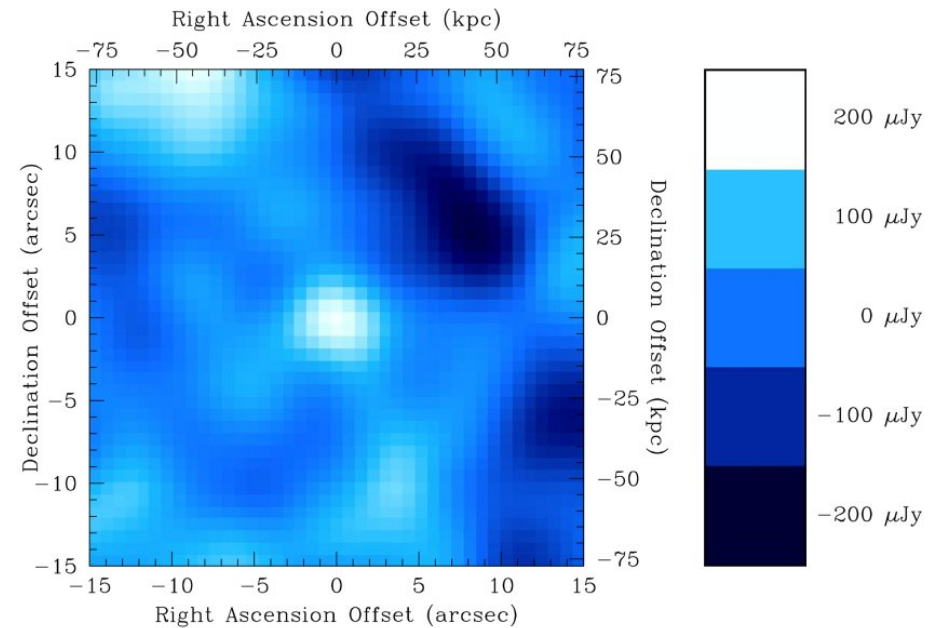
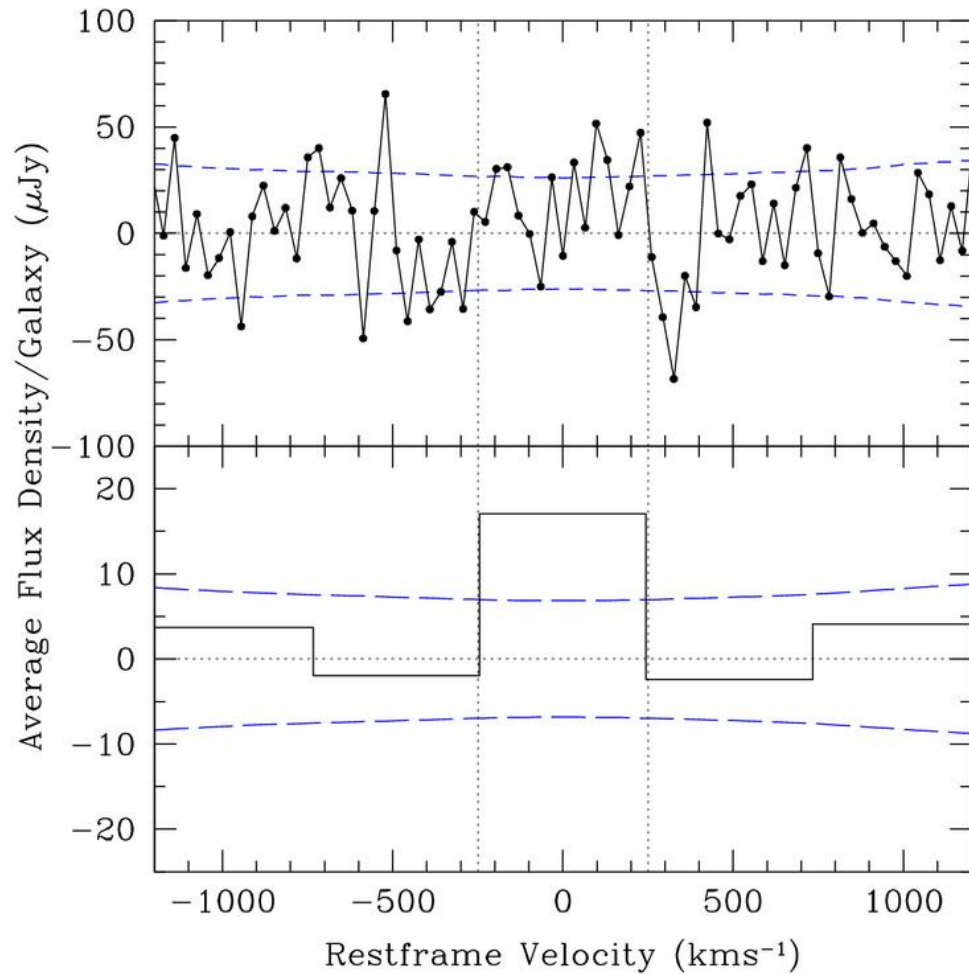


GMRT Observations

- 121 galaxies within the GMRT data cube
 - Total of ~ 40 hours of on source time
- Most of these galaxies are fainter than L_* (i.e. low HI mass)
- Redshifts obtained using the 2dF instrument on the AAT
- Optical imaging with the ANU 40" telescope.
- Smoothing sized fixed using $D_{\text{HI}} - D_{\text{opt}}$ relation from Broeils & Rhee (1997)



Stacked HI signal at $z \sim 0.2$

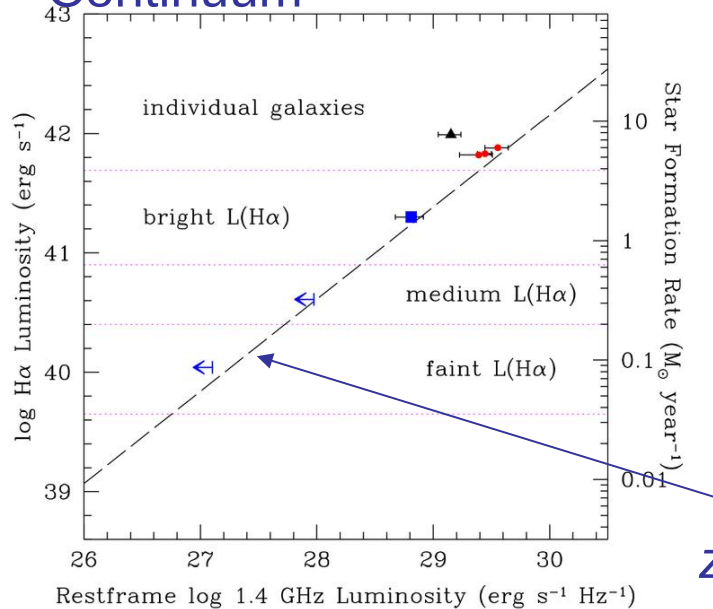


$$M_{\text{HI}} = (6.3 \pm 0.9) \times 10^9 M_{\odot}$$

Star Formation Rate at $z = 0.2$ shows same correlations as for $z=0$ galaxies

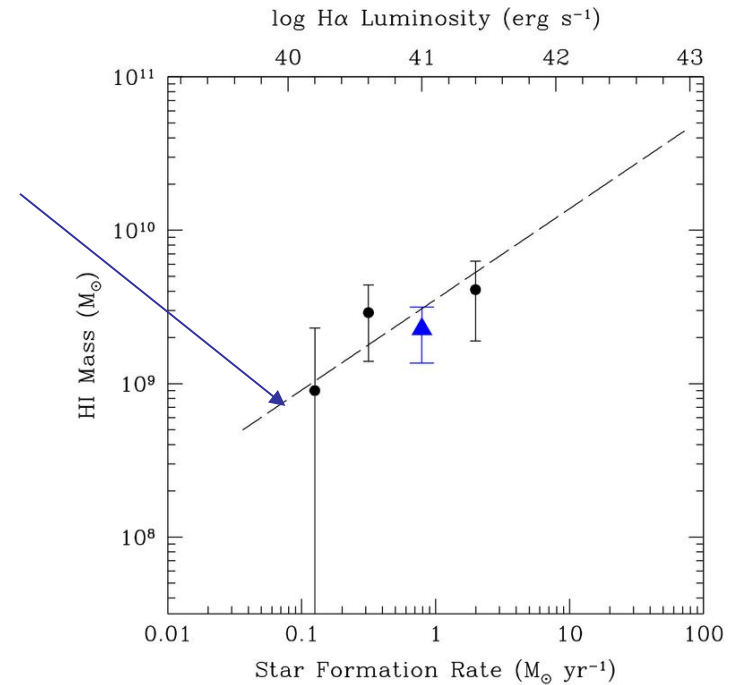
$z = 0$ relation from Doyle & Drinkwater (2006)

SFR vs Radio Continuum



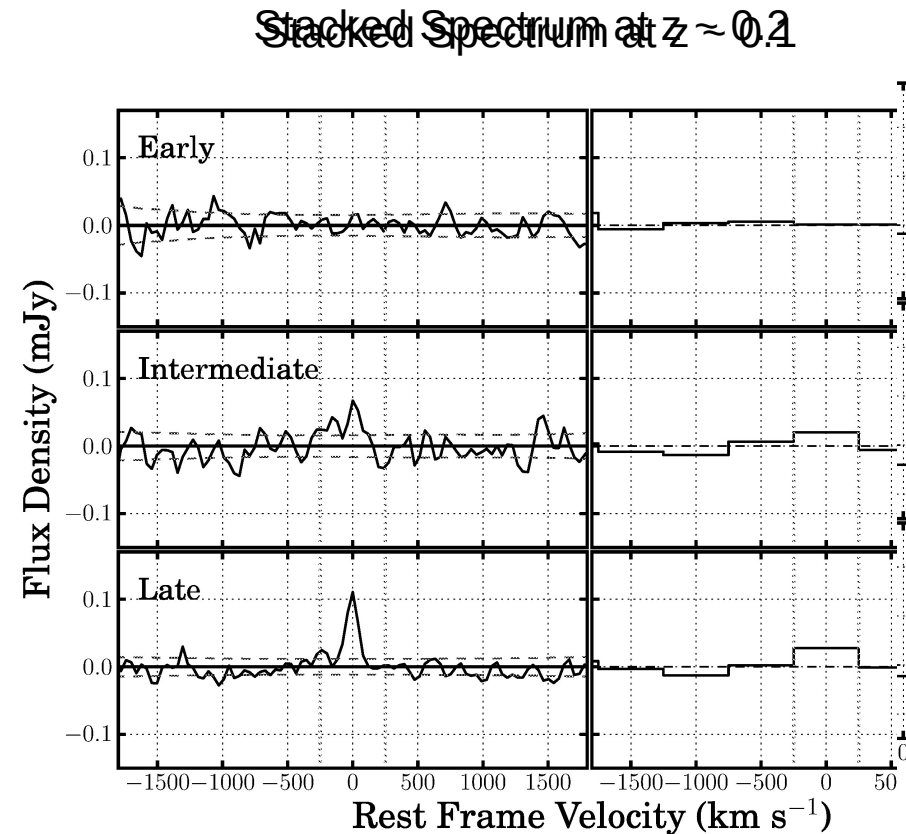
$z = 0$ relation from Sullivan (2001)

SFR vs M_{HI}



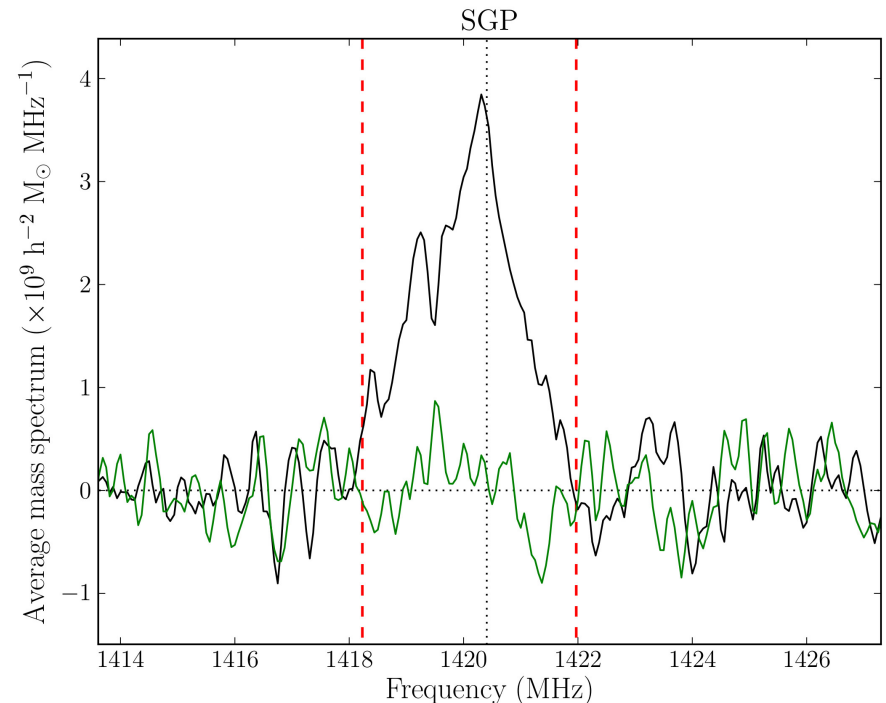
HI in the CNOC2 fields

- Radio observations were made using the WSRT
 - Optical redshifts from the CNOC2 survey
- Correlator covered two subbands, one centered around $z \sim 0.1$ and the other $z \sim 0.2$
 - A total of 115 galaxies with known redshifts lay within the observation volume
- A total of ~ 105 hours of on source time
 - Stacked emission clearly detected at both $z \sim 0.1$ and $z \sim 0.2$
- $\Omega_{\text{HI}}(0.1) \sim (0.33 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-3}$, $\Omega_{\text{HI}}(0.2) \sim (0.34 \pm 0.09) \times 10^{-3}$
- No evidence for the evolution of Ω_{HI}

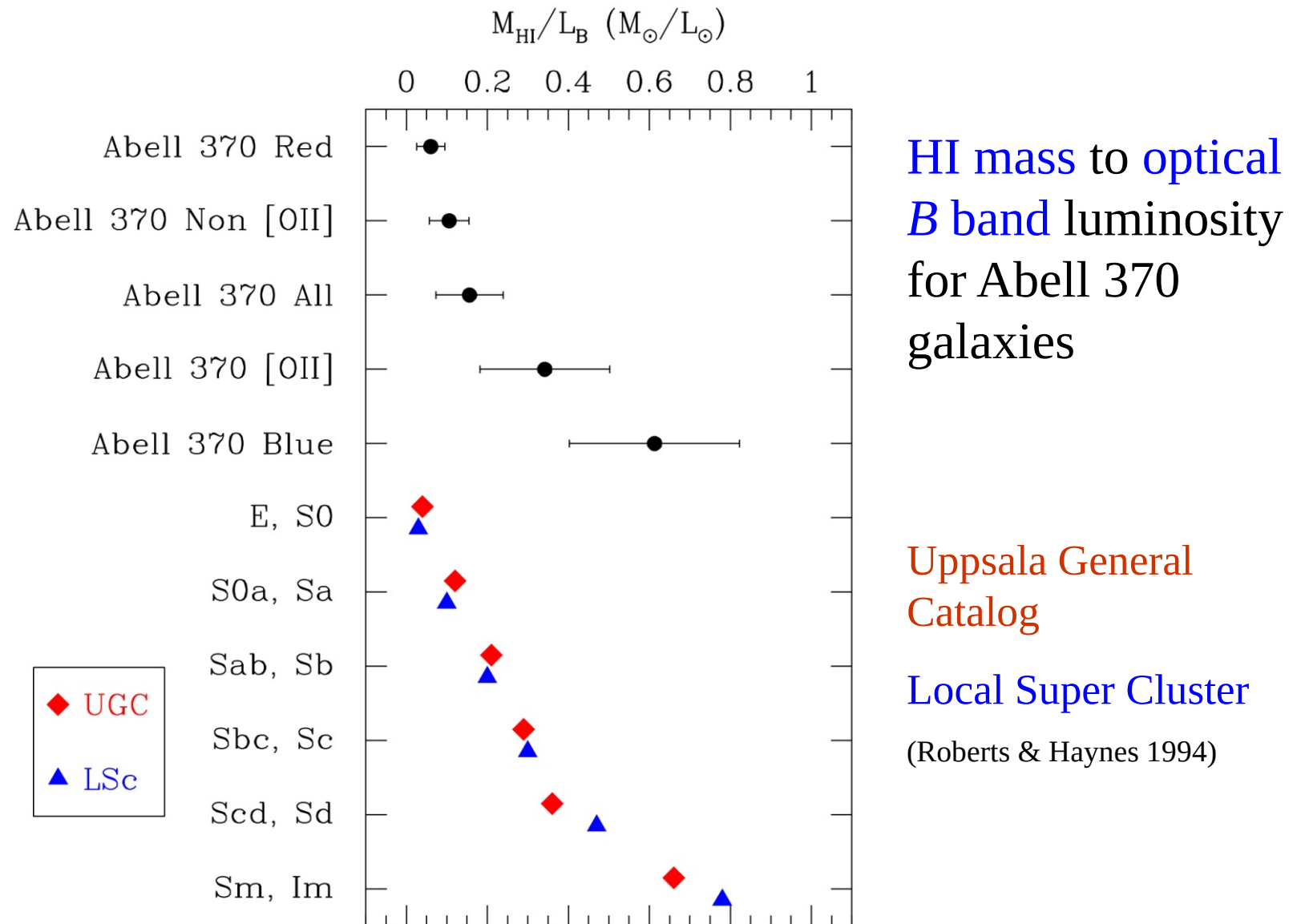


Stacks at $z \sim 0.13$ with the Parkes Telescope

- HI in galaxies with $0.04 < z < 0.13$ studied using observations of 42 deg^2 field near the SGP
 - Optical positions and redshifts taken from the 2dFGRS
- Stacking ~ 12000 galaxies gives a $\sim 12\sigma$ detection
- Given the large beam ($\sim 15'$) source confusion is significant
 - See also (Jones et al. MNRAS, 455, 1574, 2016; Elson et al. MNRAS, 460, 4366, 2016)
- After correction for source confusion, $\Omega_{\text{HI}} \sim 3.19^{+0.43}_{-0.59} \times 10^{-4} h^{-1}$
 - i.e. no evidence for evolution
- Given the large sample size, trends in HI mass with Luminosity, color etc. could be measured

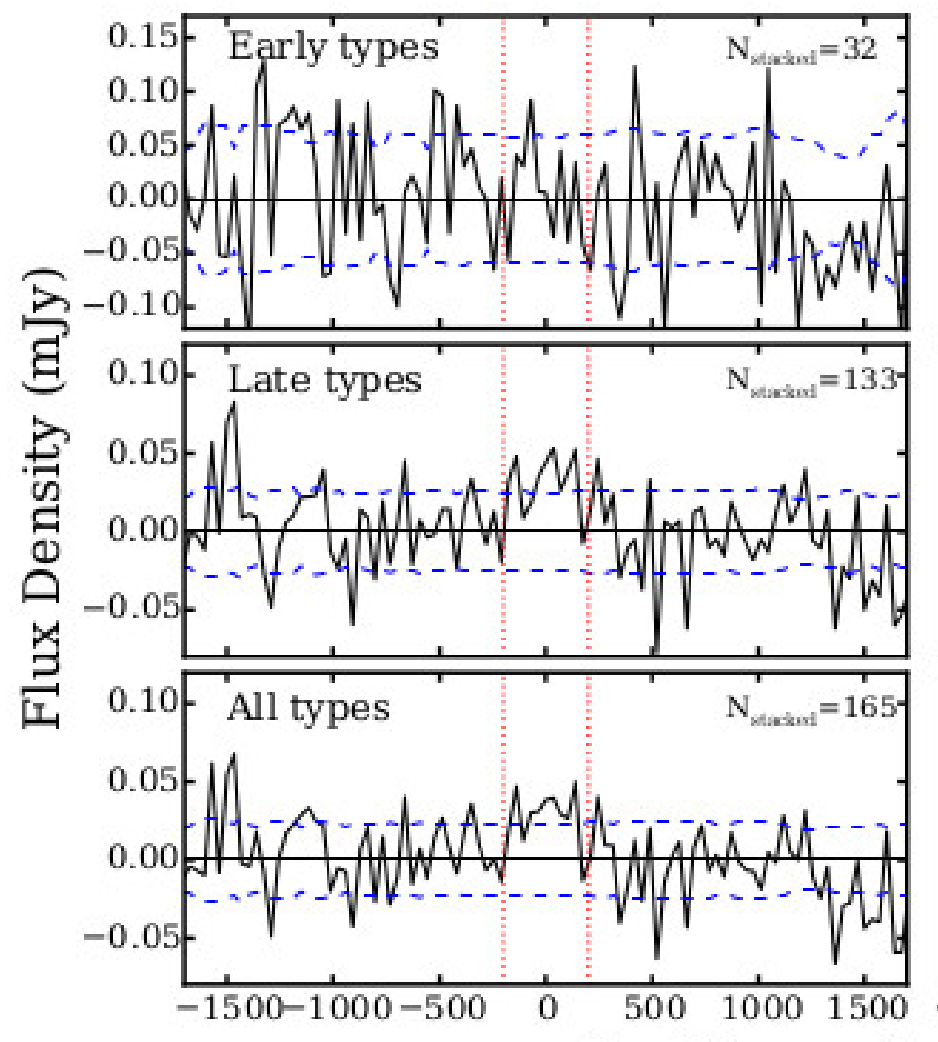


HI mass to luminosity ratios in A 370 ($z \sim 0.37$)



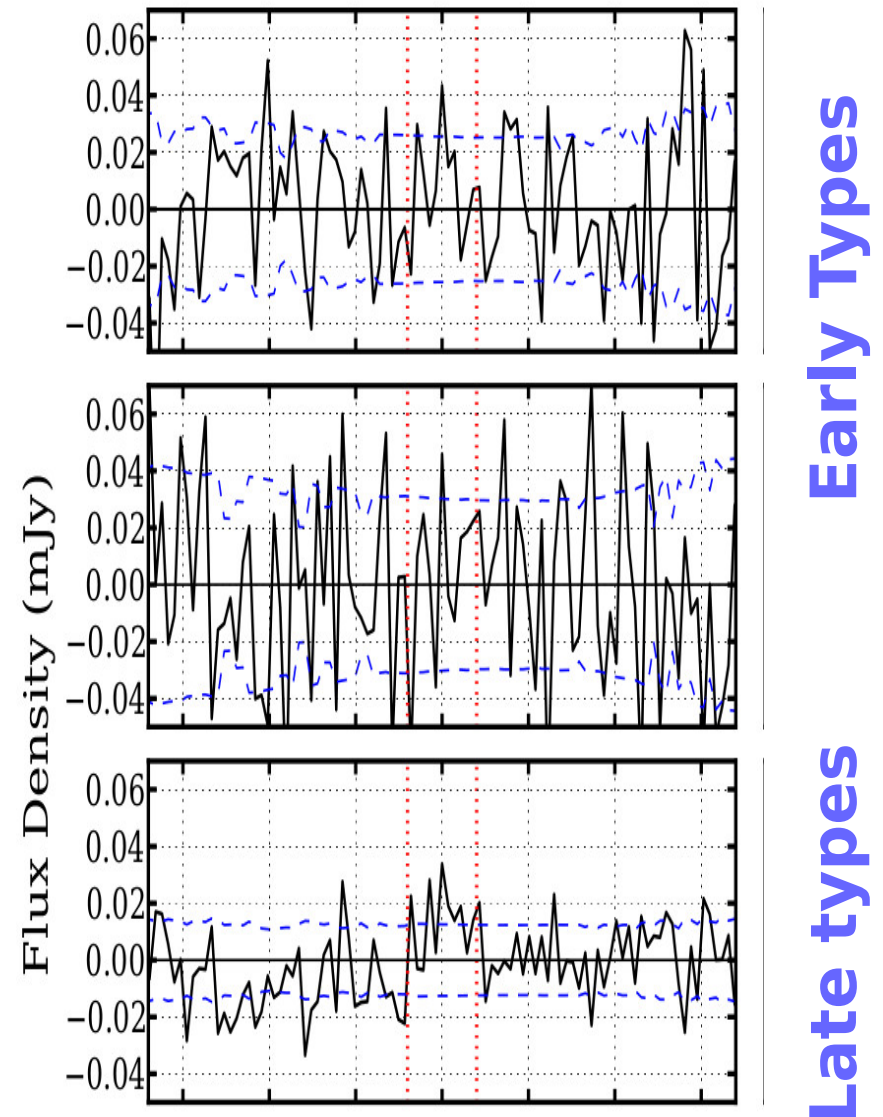
HI at $z \sim 0.3$ (VVDS field)

- VVDS field ($z \sim 0.32$), [Rhee (MNRAS, submitted)]
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- Radio observations made with the GMRT (old hardware correlator)
 - Optical data from the SDSS, as well as fresh AAO & MMT observations
 - Total of 165 galaxies that lie within the observed volume
- Data analyzed in AIPS/CASA after preprocessing through flagcal [Prasad & Chengalur Exp Astr, 33,157,2012].
- $\Omega_{\text{HI}}(0.3) \sim (0.5 \pm 0.18) \times 10^{-3}$

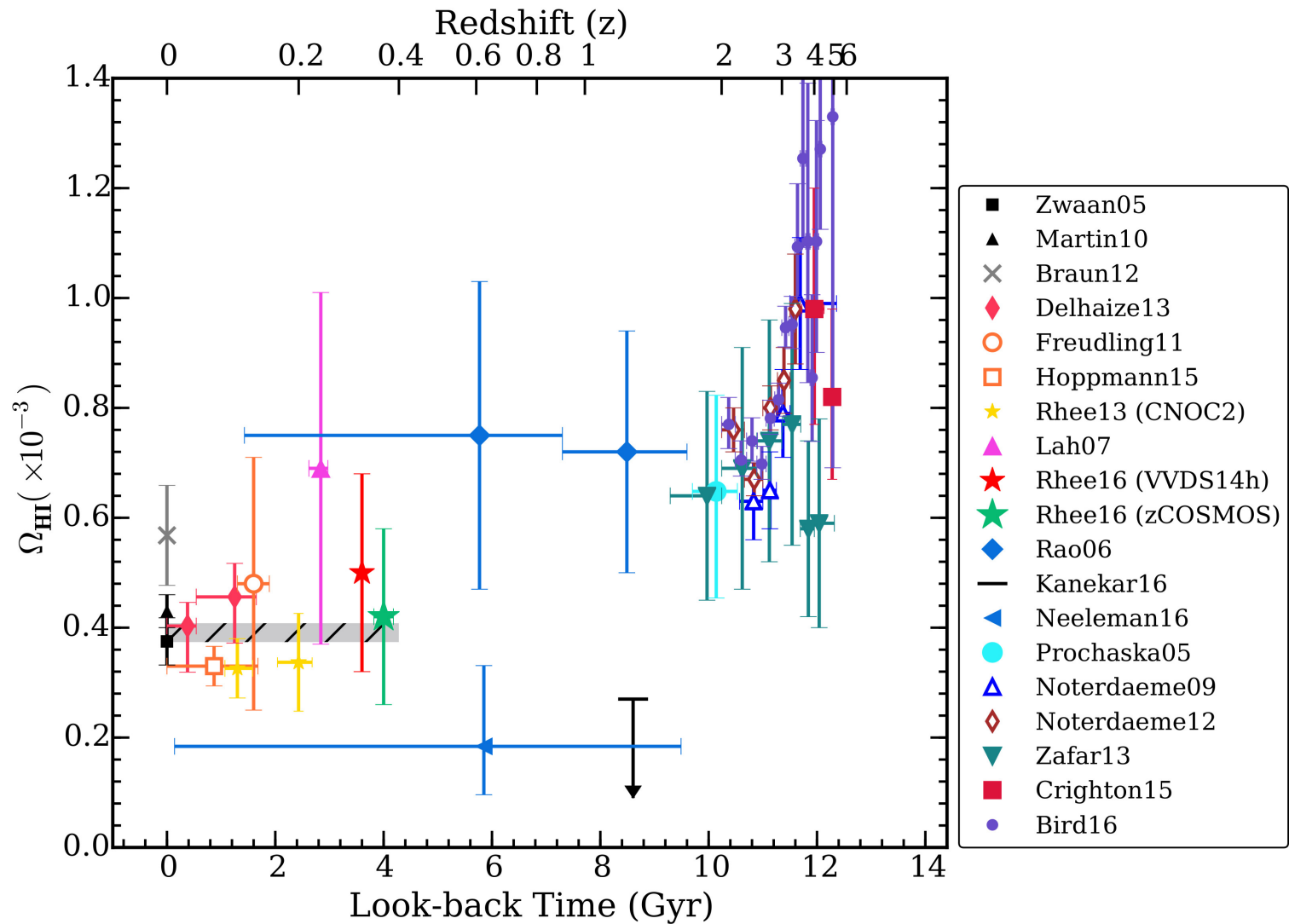


HI at $z \sim 0.4$ (Cosmos field)

- Observations made with the GMRT (old hardware correlator)
 - Total observation time of ~ 135 hours
 - However significant fraction of data had to be flagged because of the low receiver dynamic range at that time
- Redshifts taken from the z COSMOS survey
 - Total of ~ 500 galaxies in the observed volume
- $\Omega_{\text{HI}}(0.4) \sim (0.42 \pm 0.16) \times 10^{-3}$



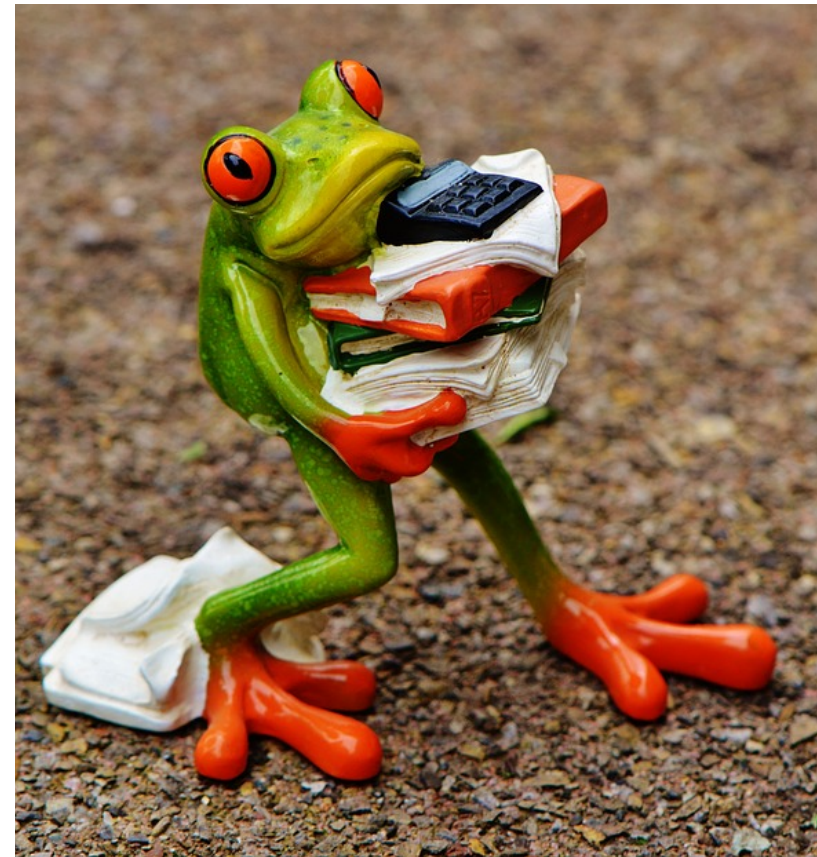
Ω_{HI} in star forming galaxies



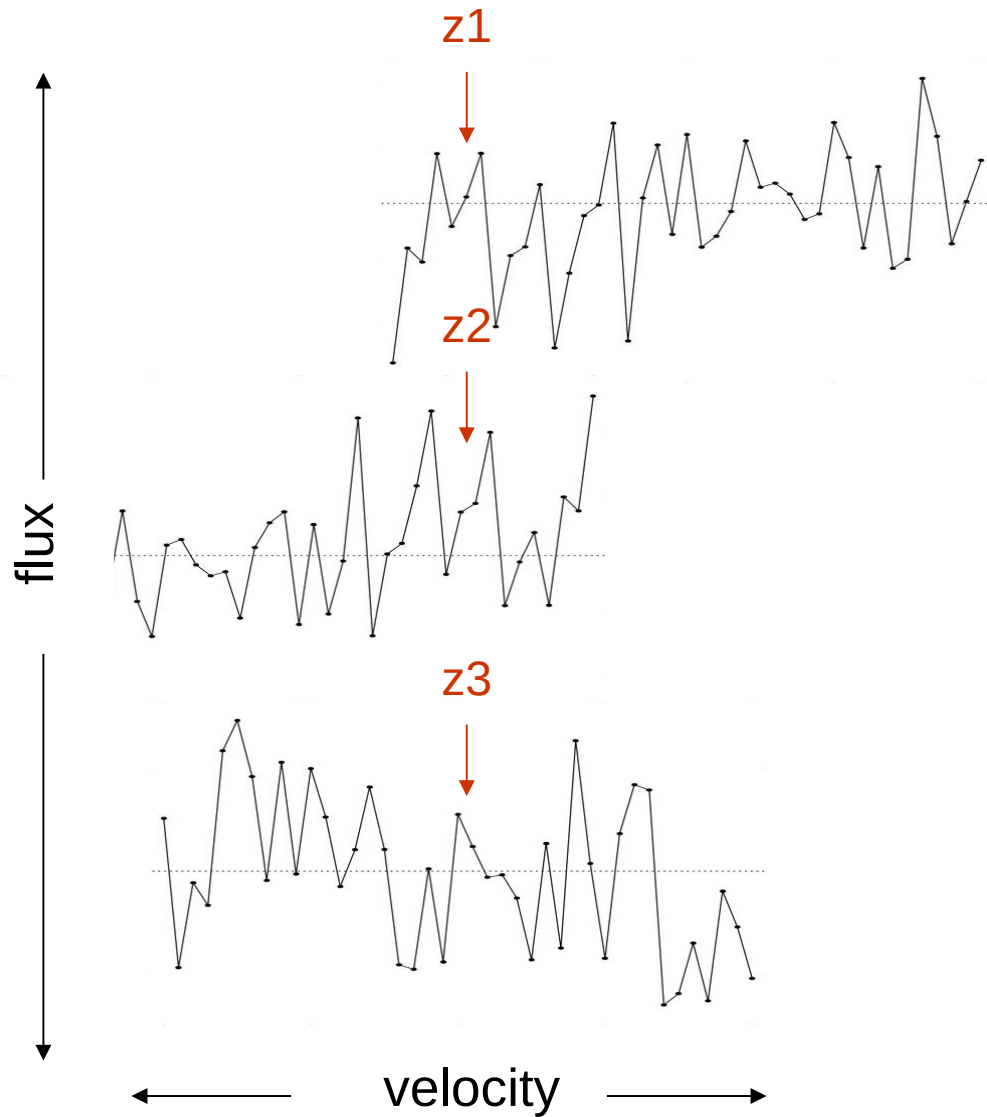
- No evidence for evolution of Ω_{HI} from $z \sim 0$ to $z \sim 0.4$

Summary

- HI stacking studies are a powerful way of studying the average HI content of galaxies
 - At redshifts where it is difficult to detect emission from single galaxies
- Given large enough sample sizes one can determine dependence of HI content on
 - Environment, luminosity, color, etc.
- Observations indicate no evolution in Ω_{HI}

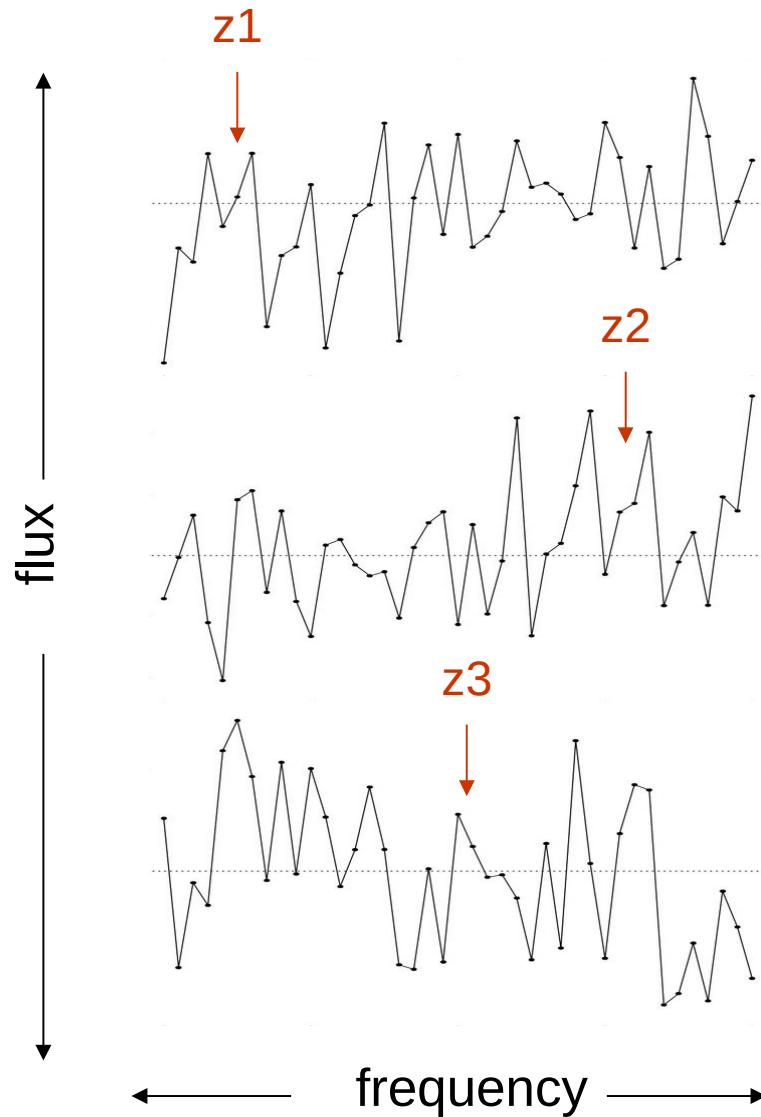


Coadding HI signals



$z1$, $z2$ & $z3$
optical redshifts of
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