

Outer Disks of Nearby Galaxies

Ultraviolet Insight from GALEX



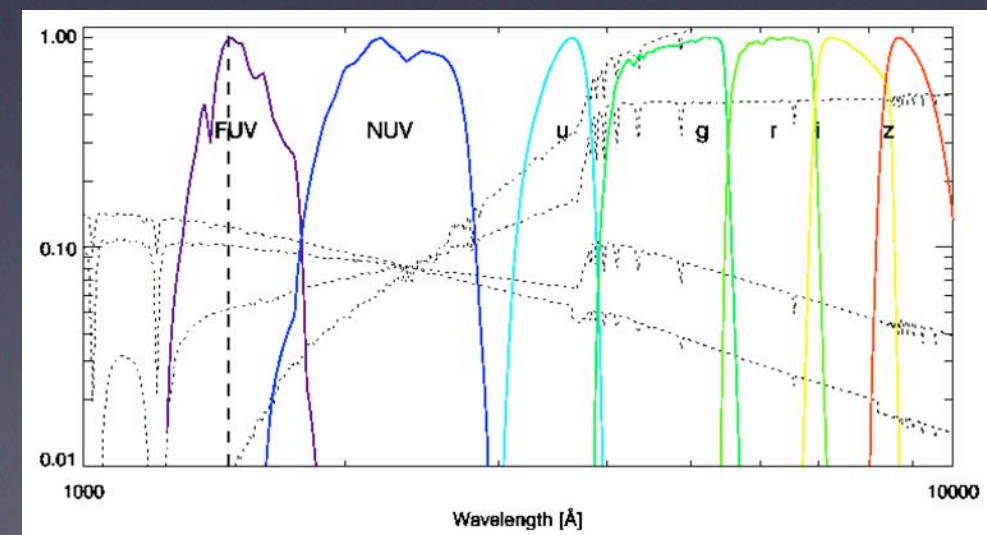
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- GALEX - mission specifics
- UV-traced SF reflects the presence of extended gas distributions, acquisition and removal processes, and the overall role of gas in galaxy evolution and transformation
- Highlighted results [and processes]:
 - Extended UV disk (XUV-disk) galaxies [accretion]
 - The Green Valley and early-type rejuvenation [merger]
 - On the late formation of giant LSB disks [TBD??]
 - SF intergalactic structures and tidal dwarf galaxies [collision, interaction]
 - Timing gas removal in cluster environments [stripping]



- GALEX = UV “sky survey” mission / 50 cm aperture
 - All-sky Imaging Survey (AIS), Medium Imaging Survey (MIS), Nearby Galaxy Survey (NGS), Deep Imaging Survey (DIS)
 - current “Legacy” surveys
 - formerly - guest investigator program
- Two simultaneous detectors (~~FUV 1539A~~, NUV 2316A)
- Imaging + grism modes
- 4 - 5” resolution
- 1.2° diameter circular FOV

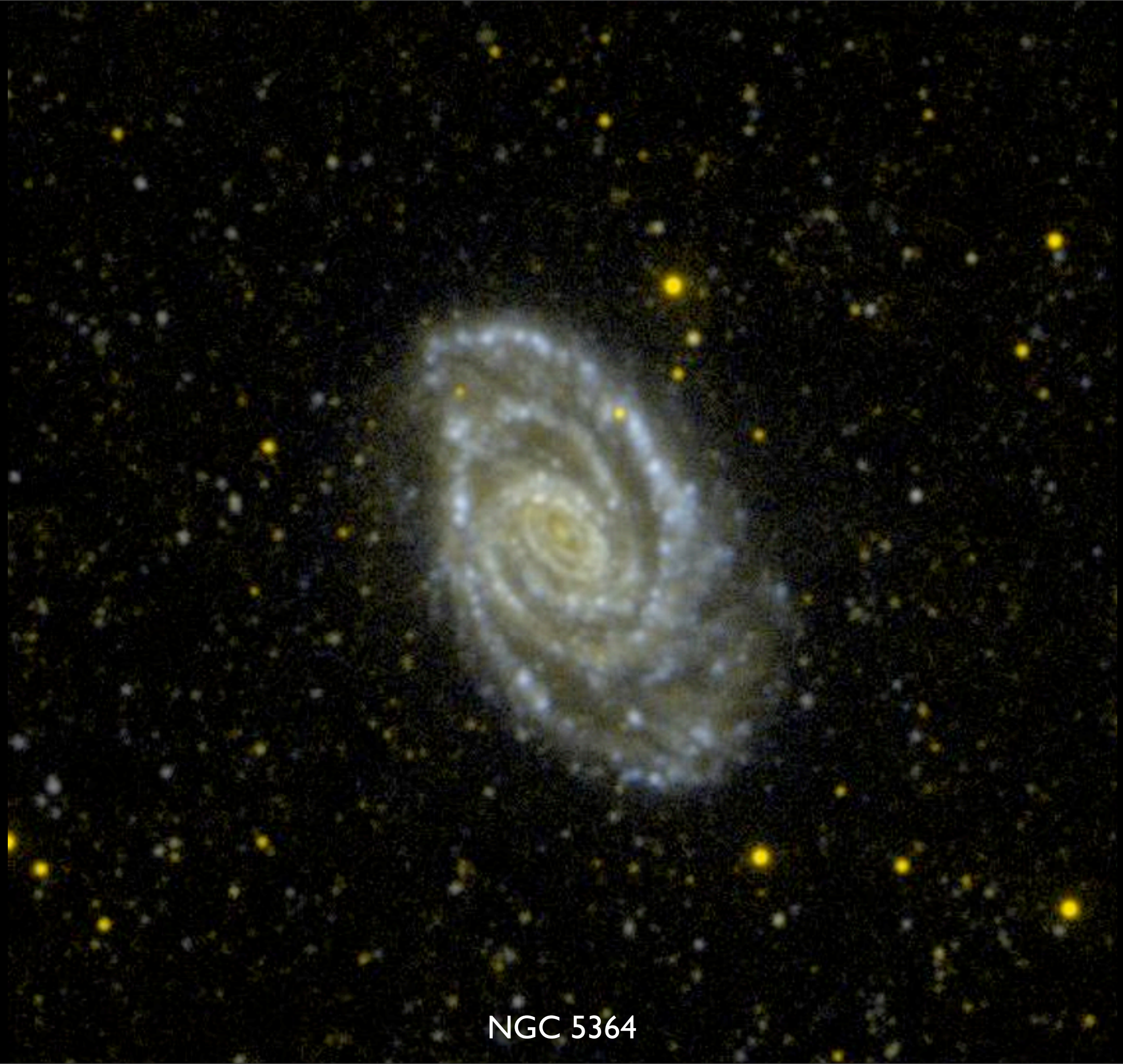


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NGC 5364

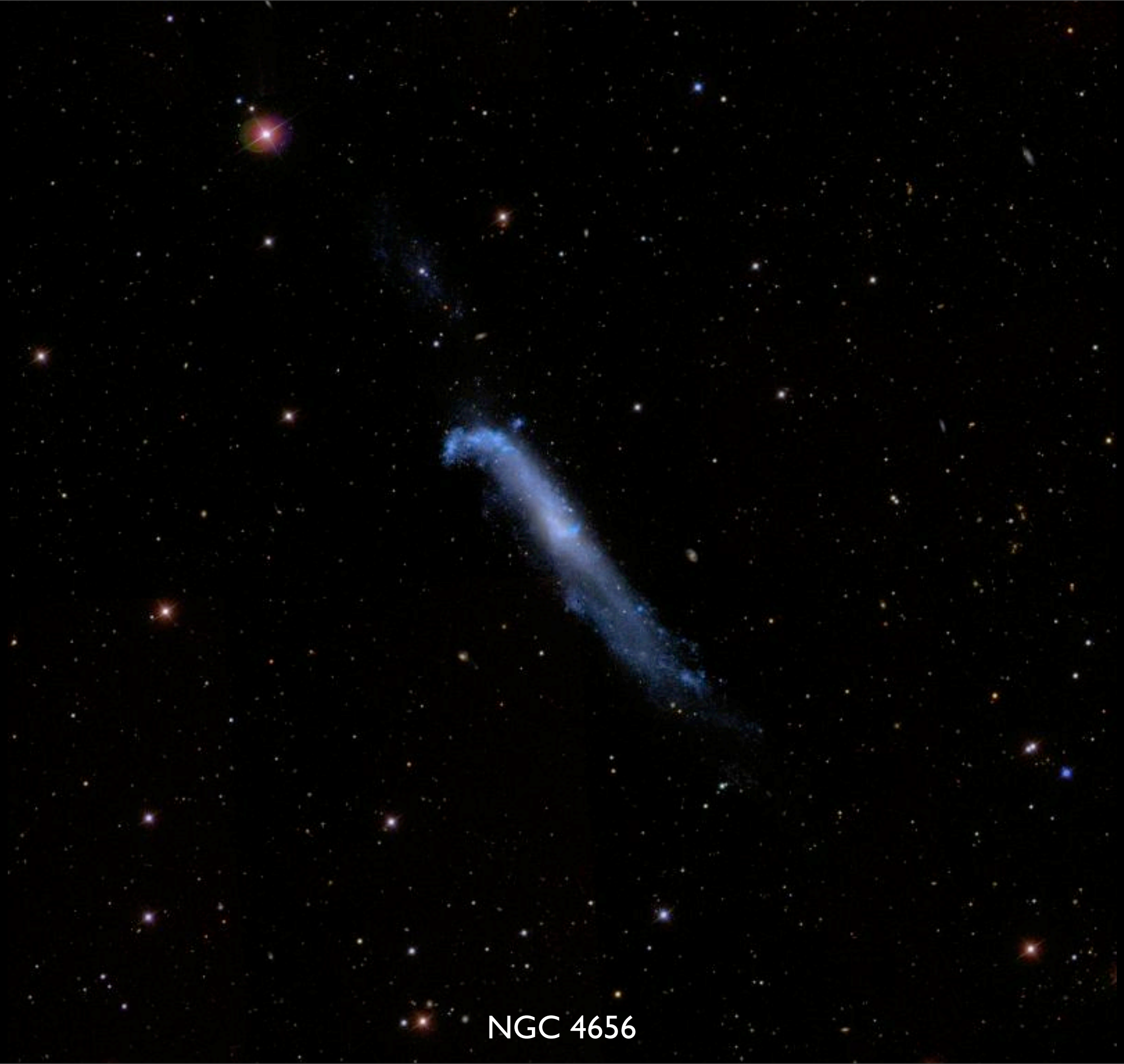
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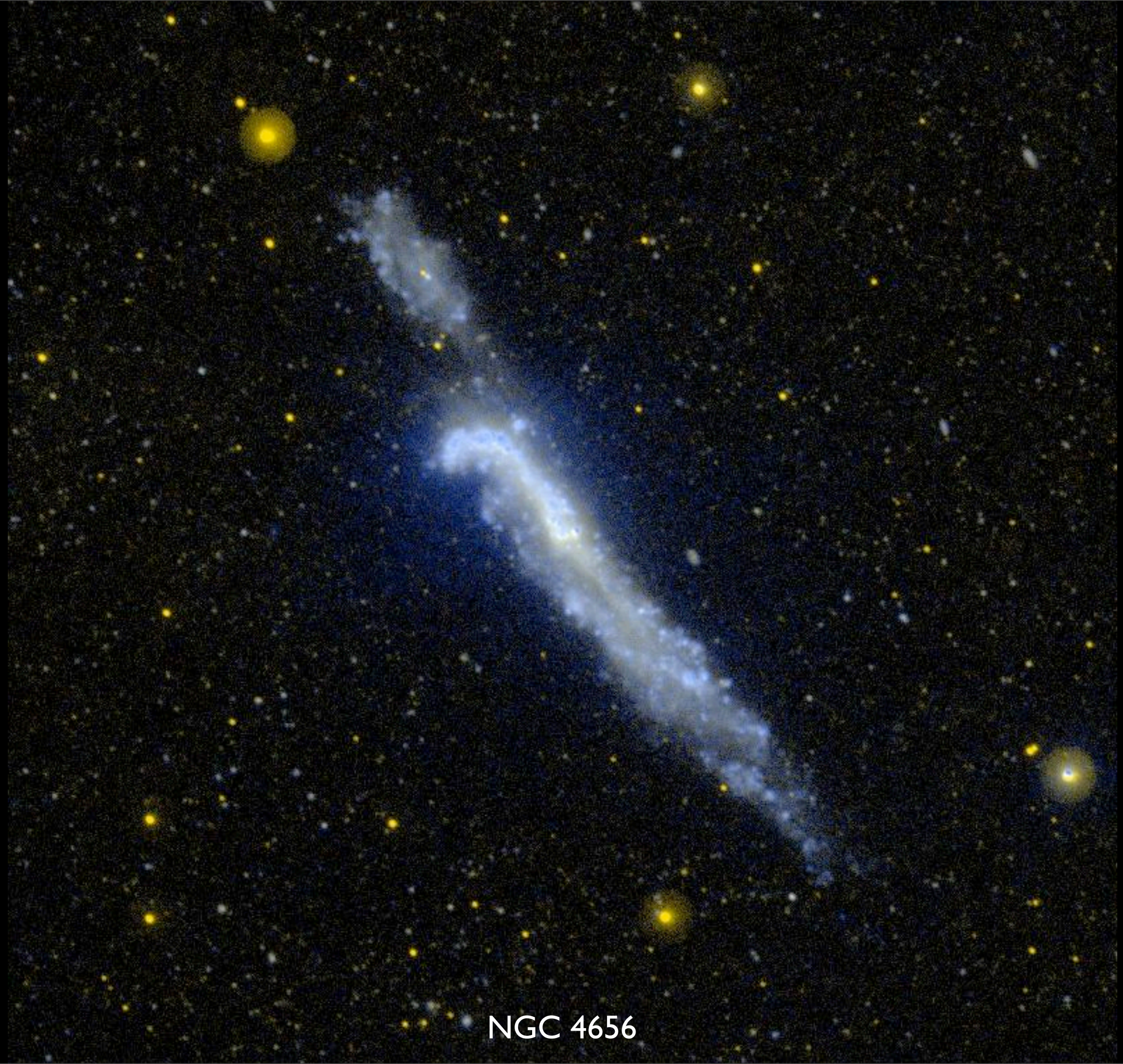
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NGC 4656



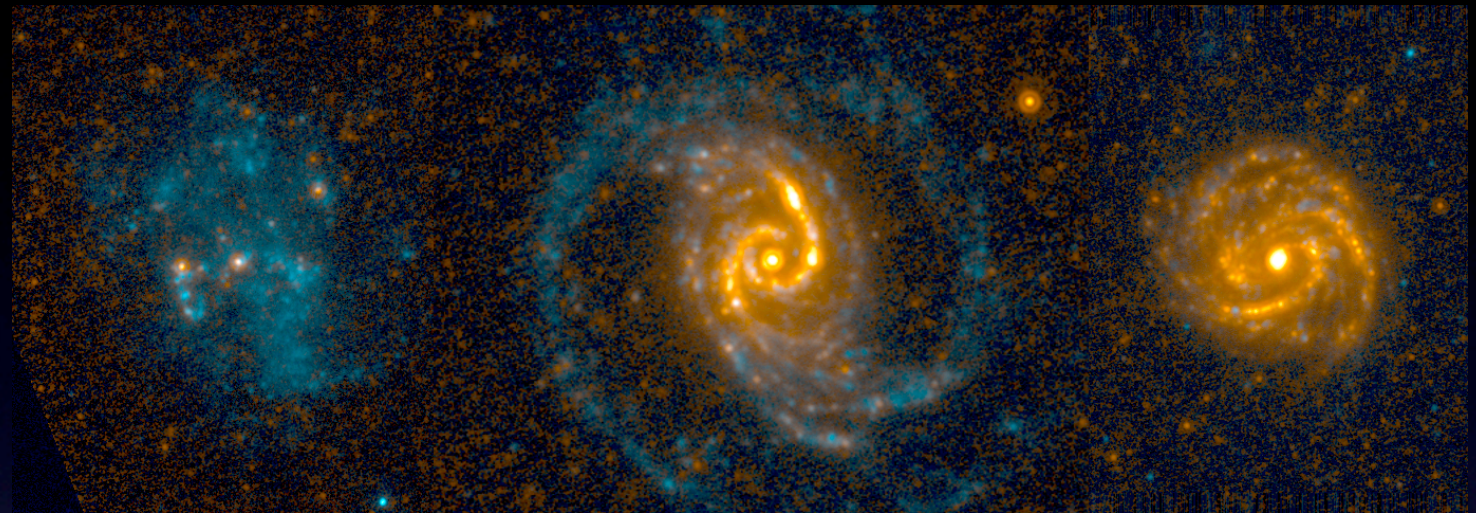
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NGC 4656

- **Key advantages**

- wide-field = serendipity
- very low sky bkgd
- high sensitivity to locales of *recent* SF (few 100 Myr)

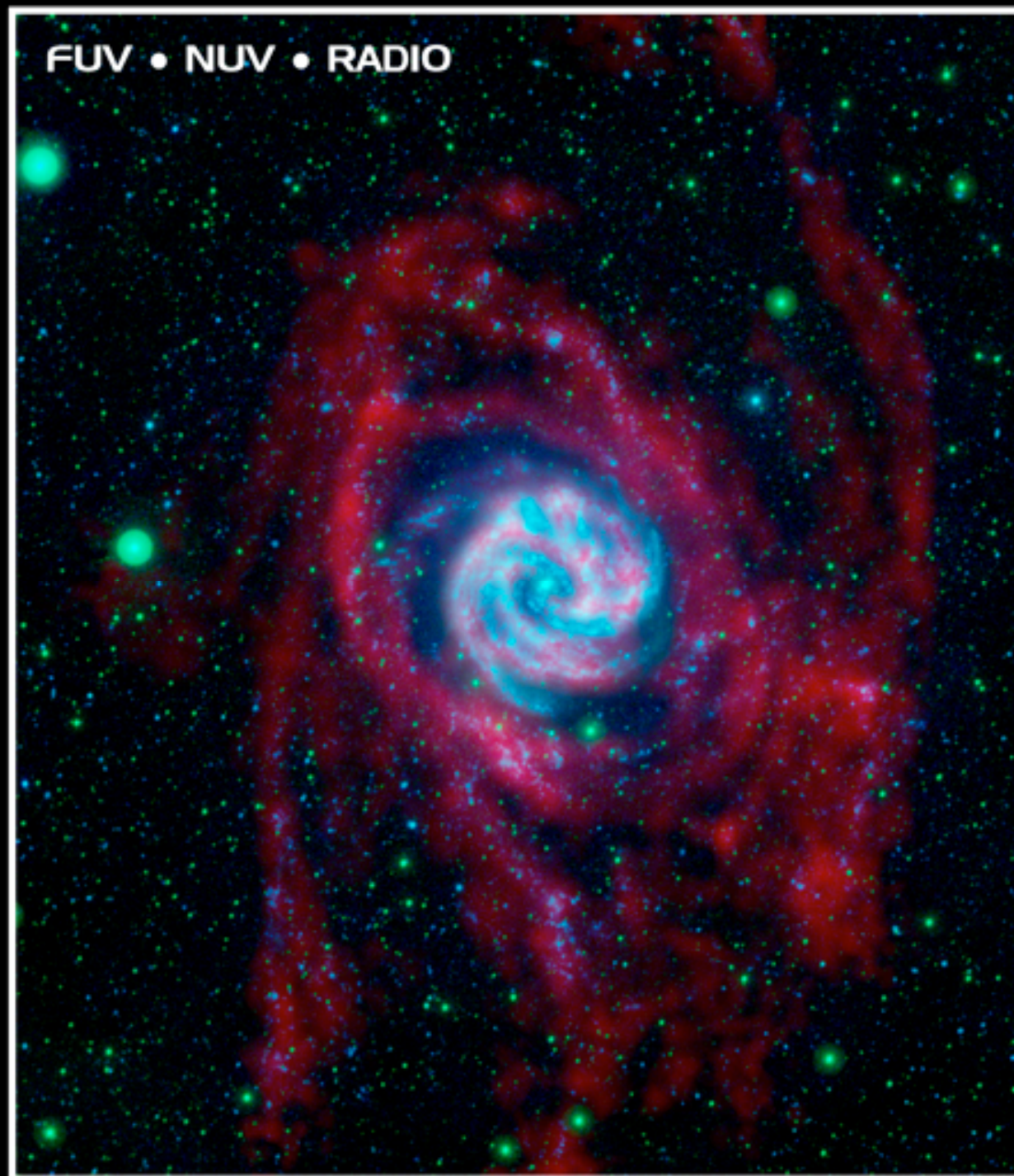


FUV / 24 μ m

- **Limitations**

- modest angular resolution, brightness limit
- potentially dust censored
 - true synergy with Spitzer and Herschel in IR

GALEX Galaxy Evolution Explorer



Extended Disk of Galaxy M83

Discovery - Thilker et al. (2005) / Deep Image - Bigiel et al. (2010)

GALEX • NUV • FUV
VERY LARGE ARRAY • RADIO



- Long known that HI disks are larger than optical extent, but such extensive SF was a surprise
 - Early VLA and WSRT maps -- now **THINGS / LVHIS**
 - Deep census: HALOGAS, soon MHONGOOSE
- **Next generation all-sky HI surveys = unbiased picture**
 - ASKAP (WALLABY) and WSRT (WNHS)
- **GALEX already provides a view of associated SF activity**
 - Gas consumption, enrichment + improved SFL
 - Follow-up optical spec. of youngest reg. to pin down metallicity
 - GALEX can also supply QSO sightlines for absorption spec.

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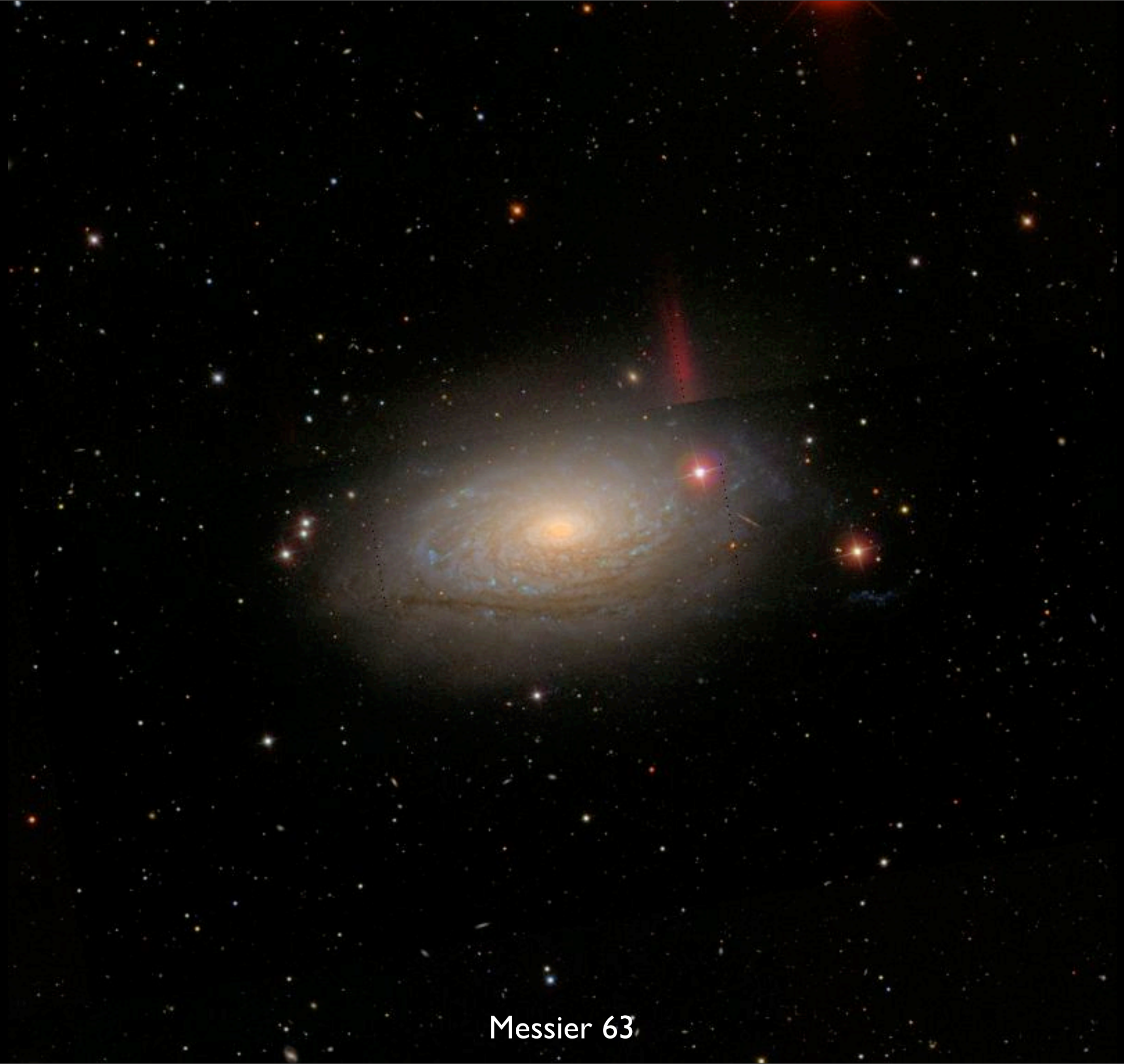
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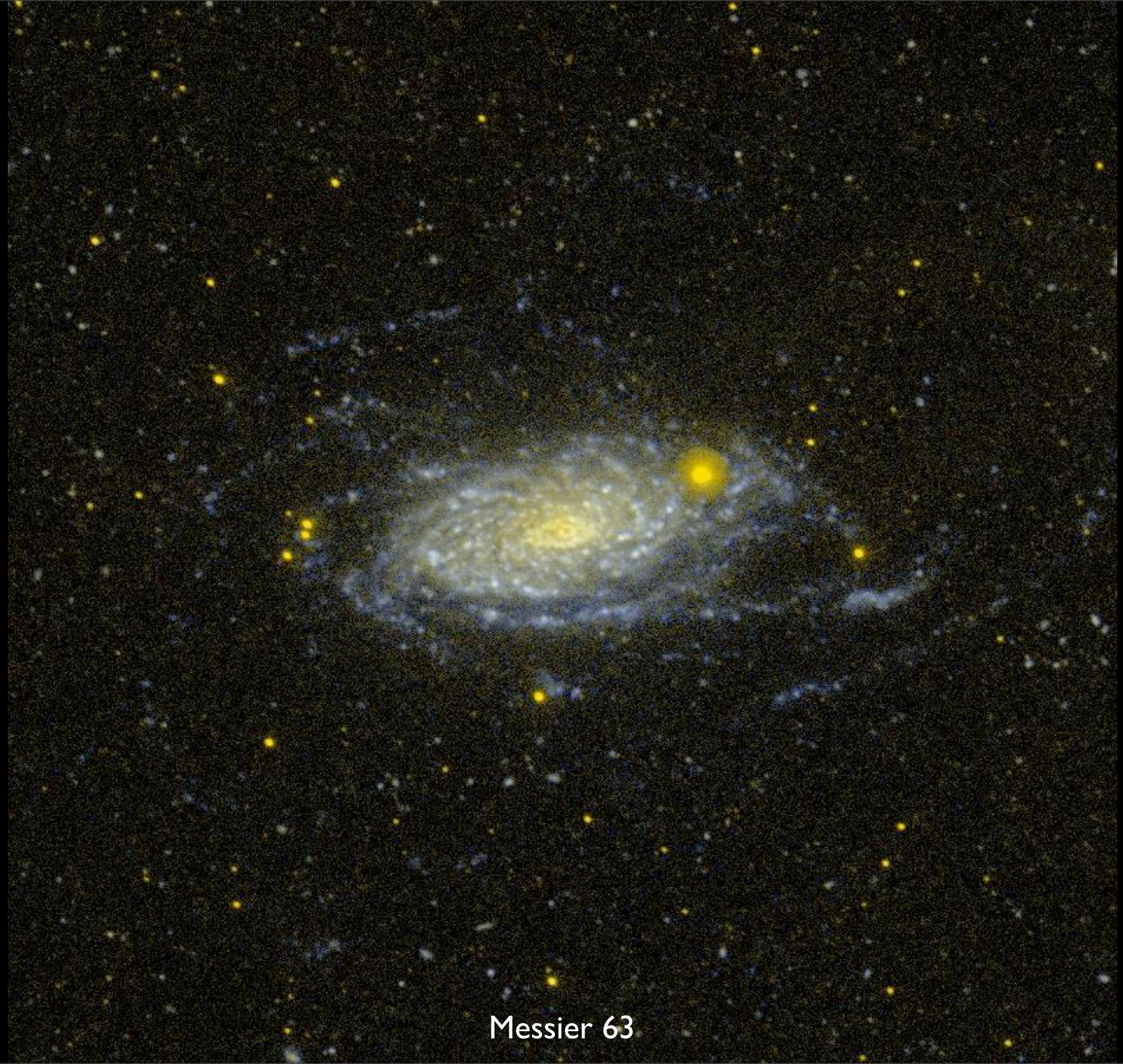
- Extended UV disk (XUV-disk) galaxies
 - Outer disk, low density star formation within HI reservoir
 - Highly structured distribution of UV-bright clumps
 - Spatial correlation on kpc scales between HI and UV
 - Azimuthally averaged $\Sigma_{\text{SFR}} < 10^{-4} \text{ M}_{\odot} / \text{yr} / \text{kpc}^2$ but bright exceptions
- Limited HII reg. originally seen in $\text{H}\alpha$ by Ferguson et al. (1998)
- XUV portion = few to 50+% of $L_{\text{UV, tot}}$ = diverse morphology
- XUV features evidently commonplace, but when to call it ...
 - Significant? (only if morphologically transformative?)
 - Outer? (past stellar body or main area of SF?)

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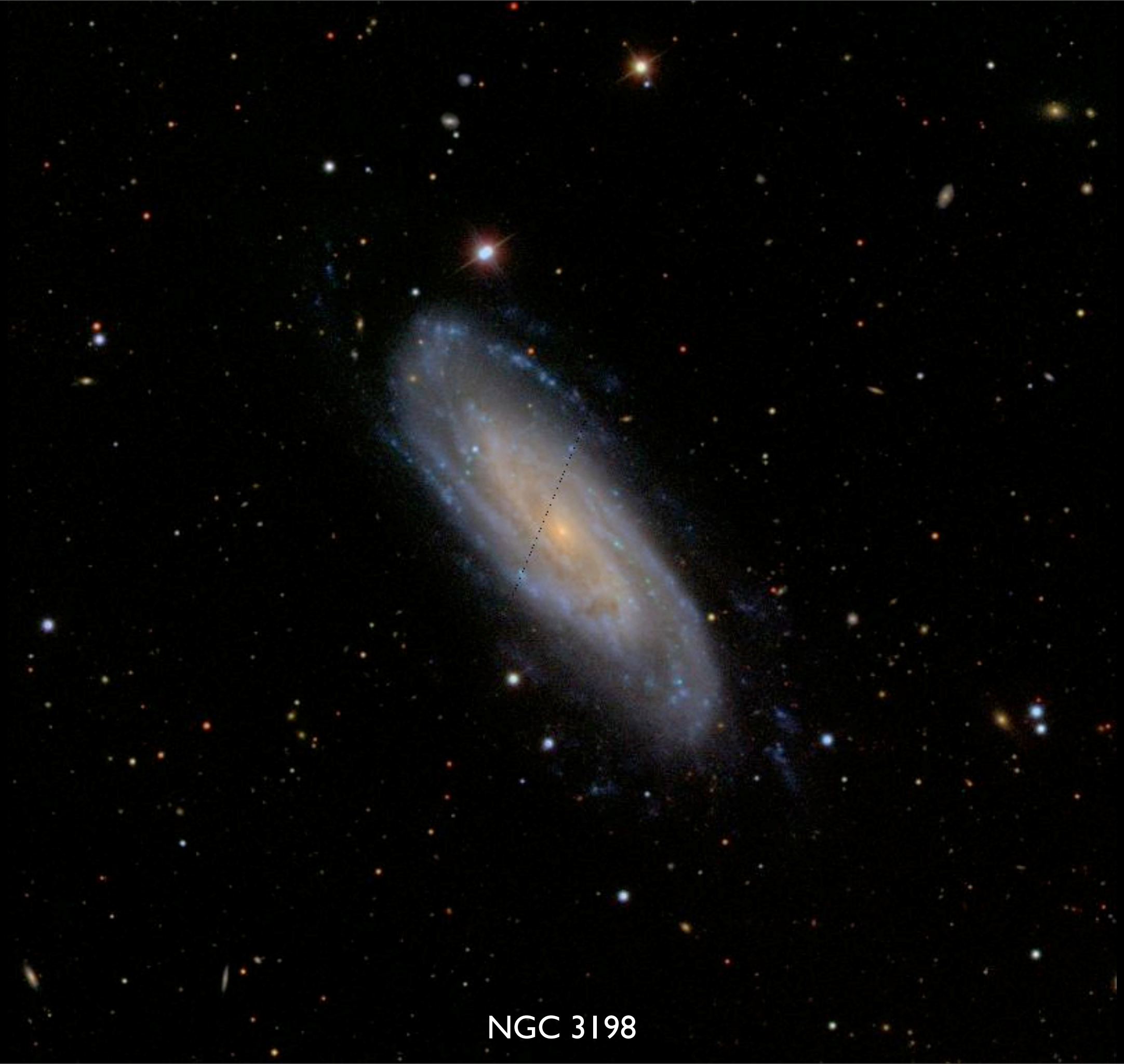
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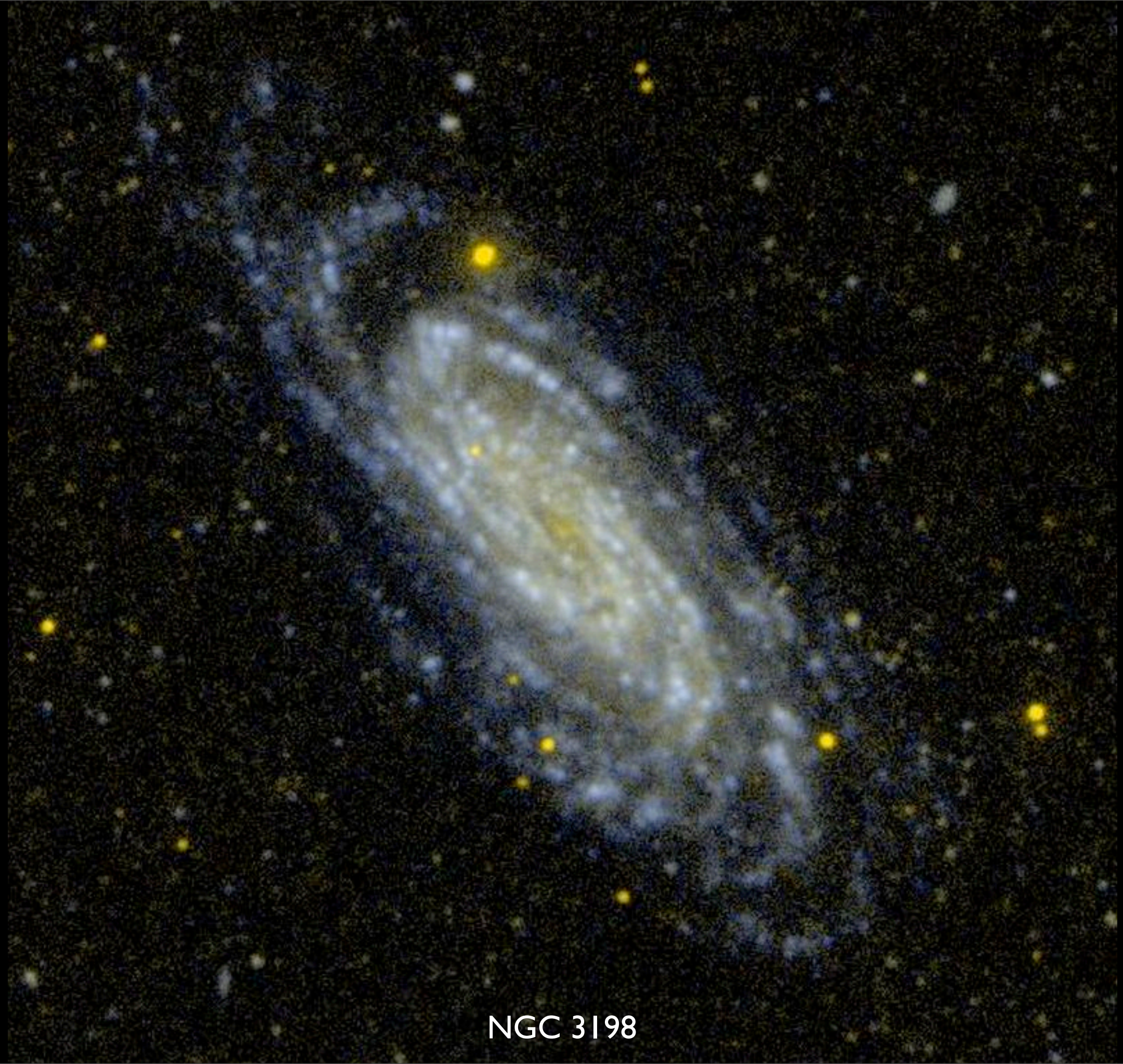
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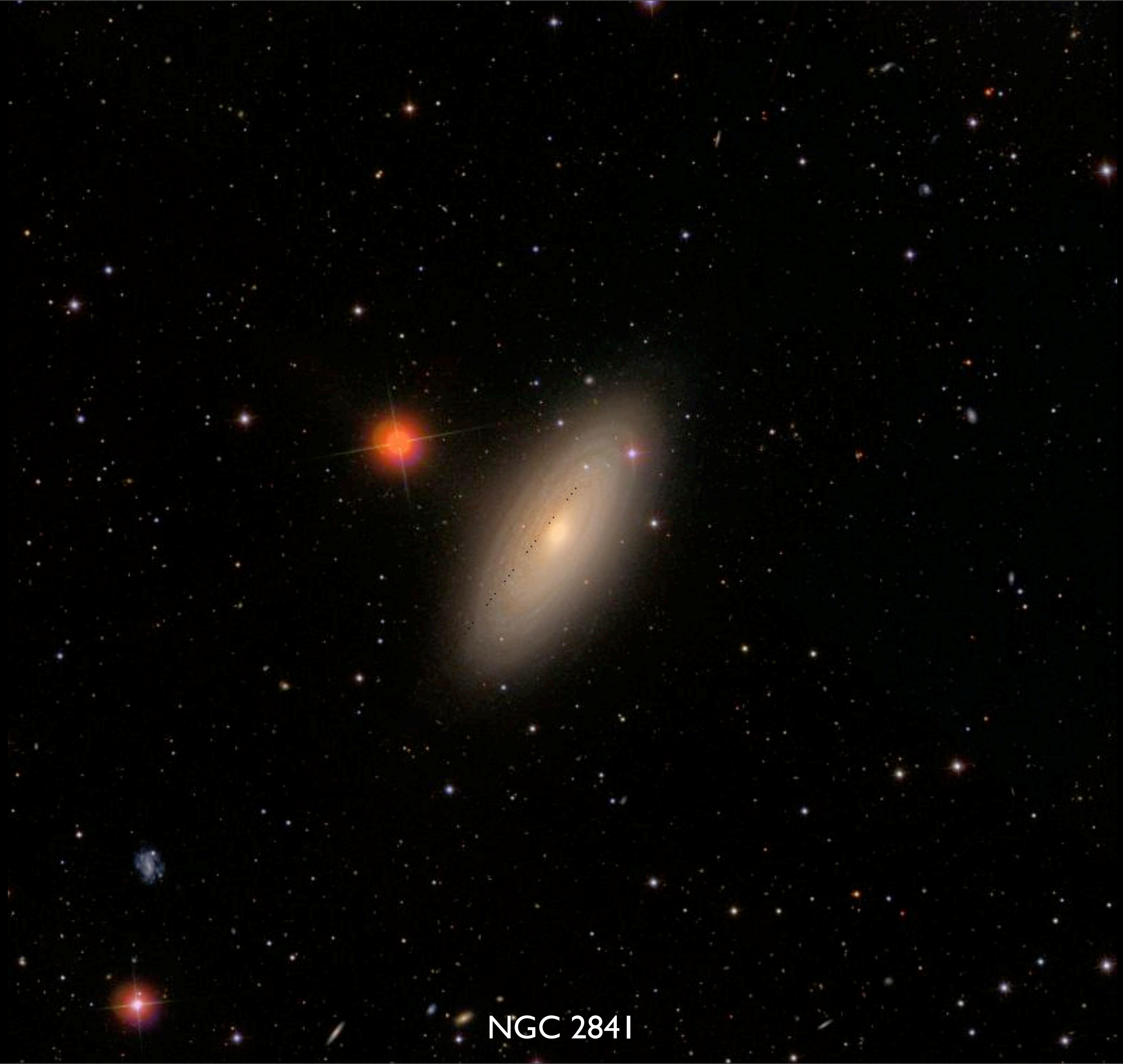
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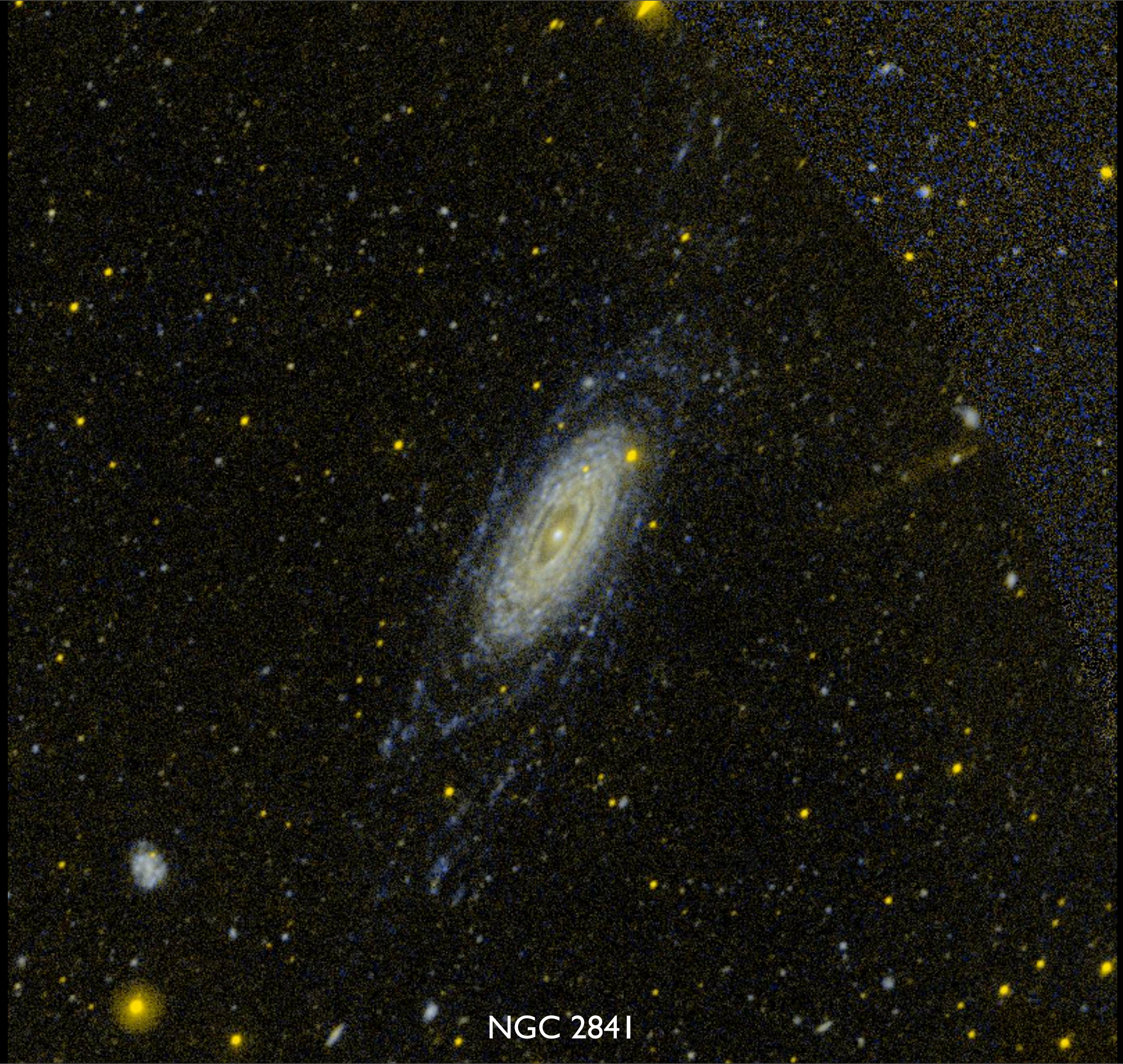
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Visible light / SDSS



NGC 284I

UV light / GALEX



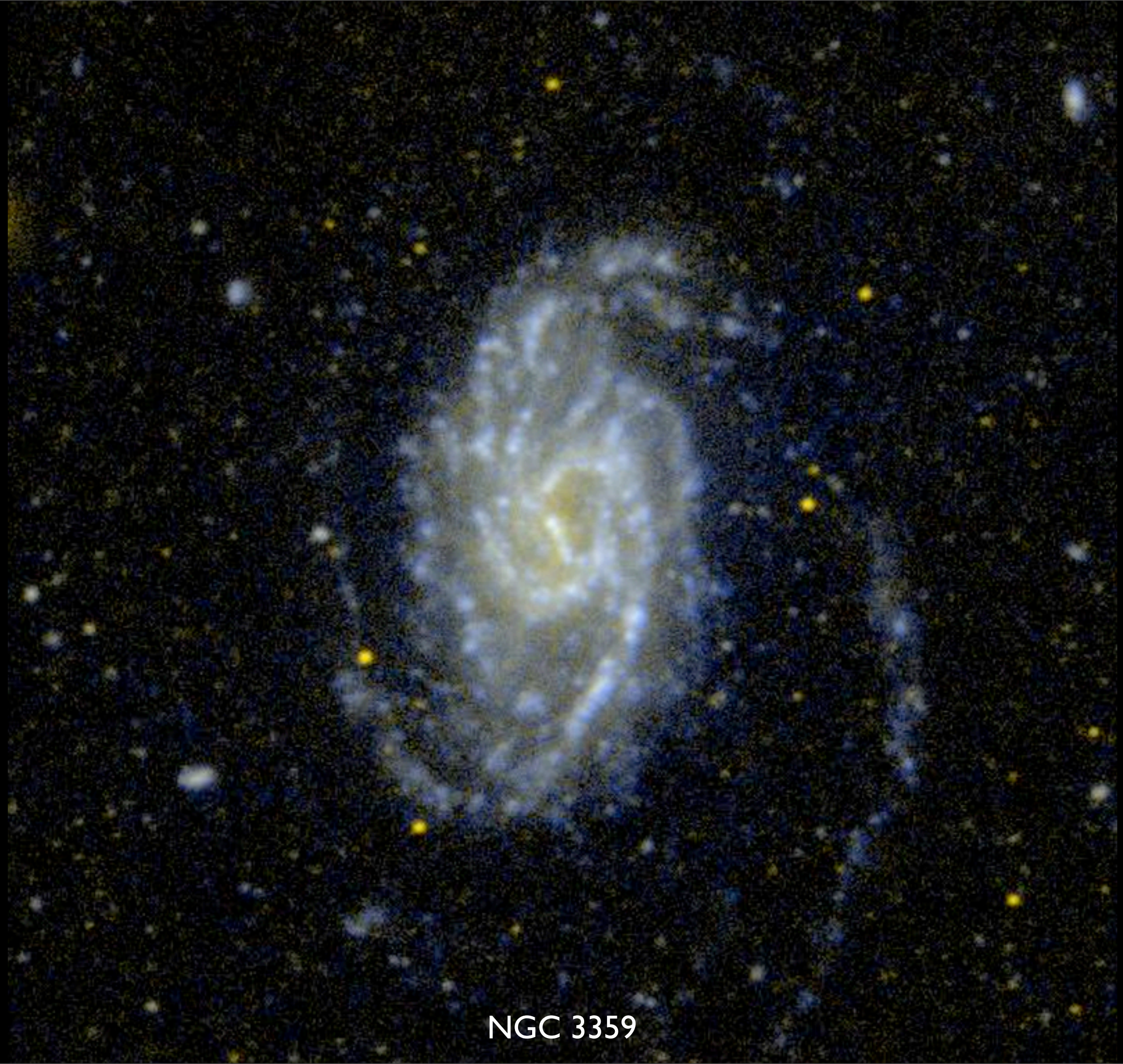
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Visible light / SDSS



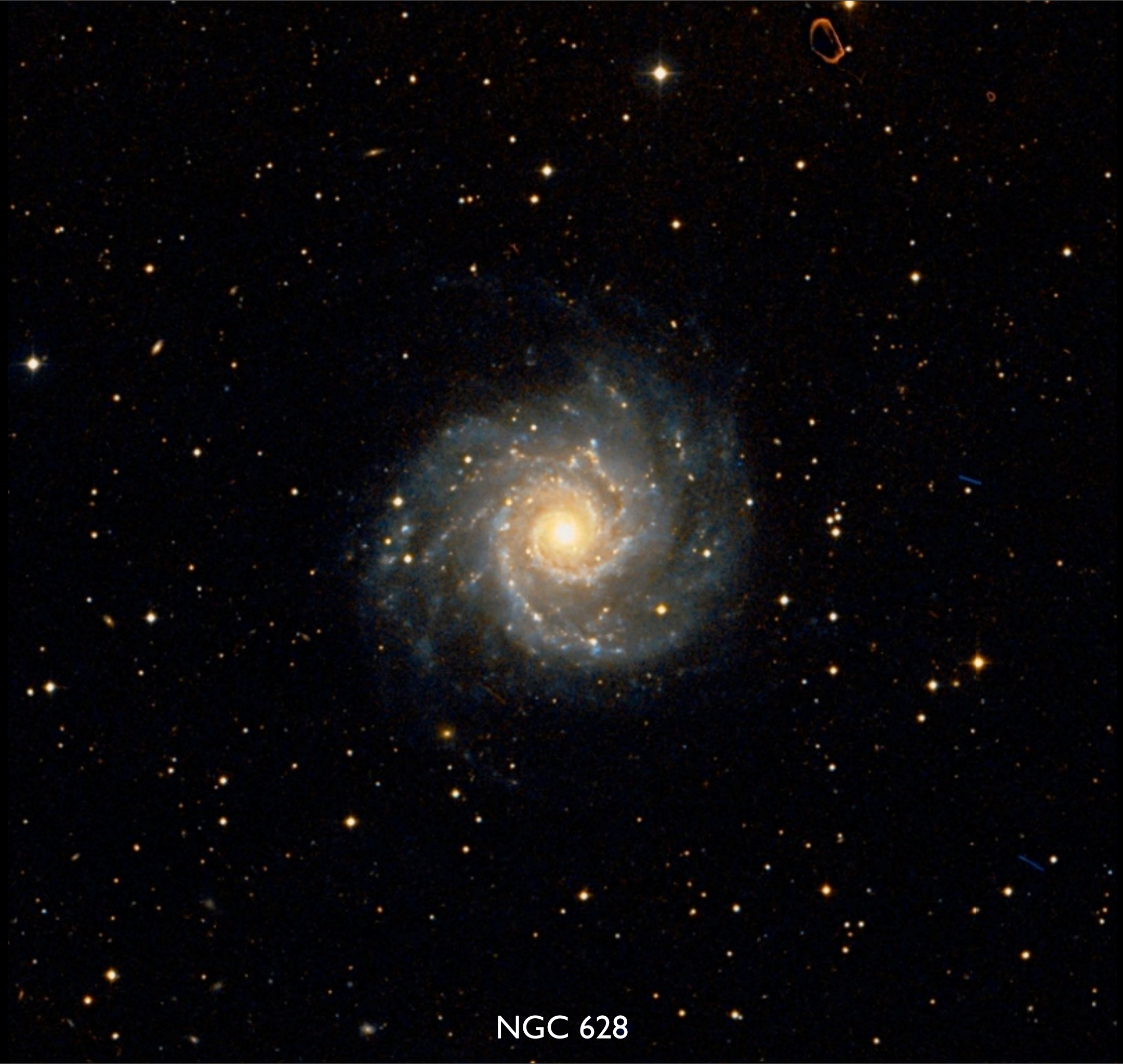
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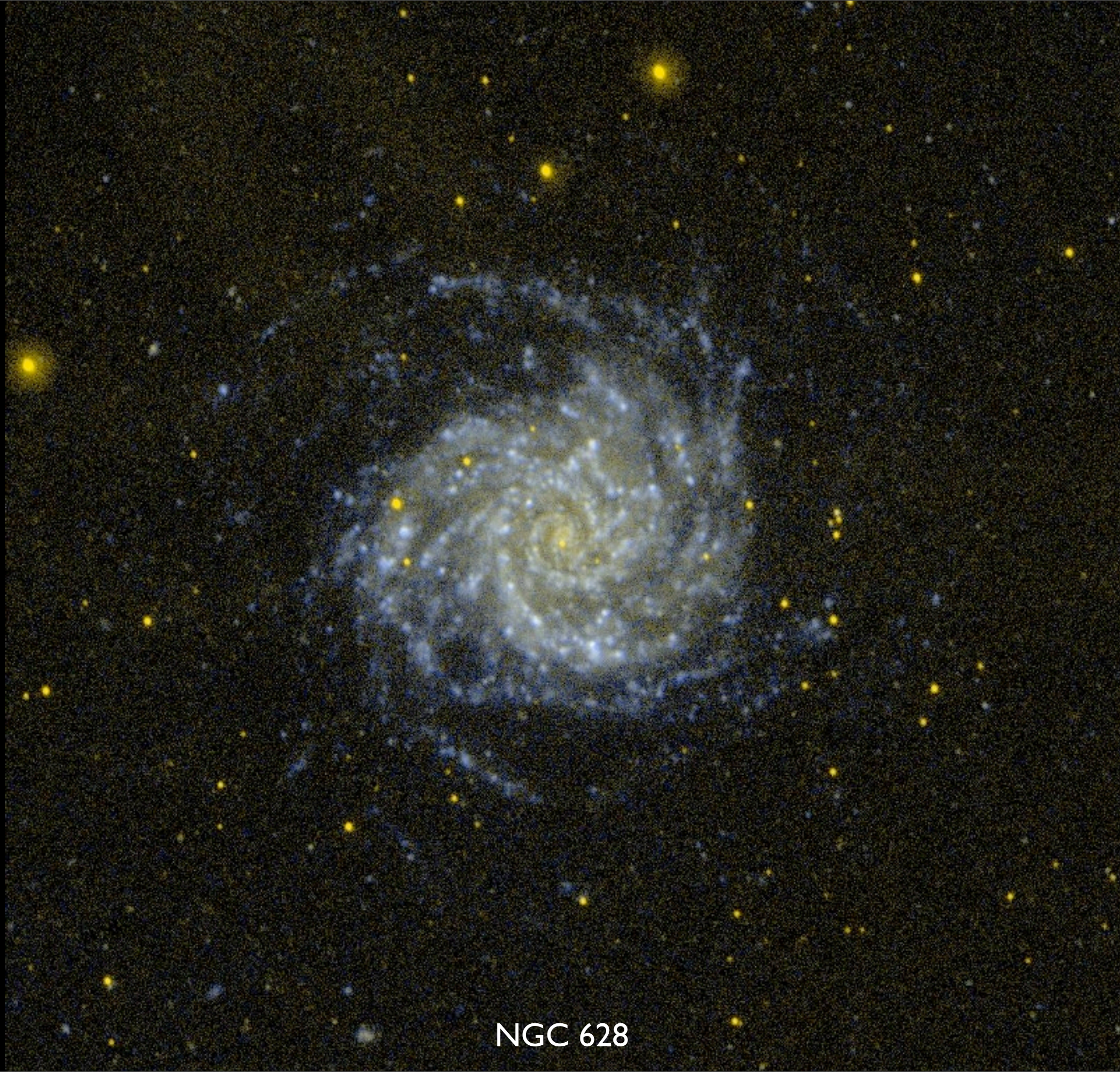
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NGC 628

UV light / GALEX



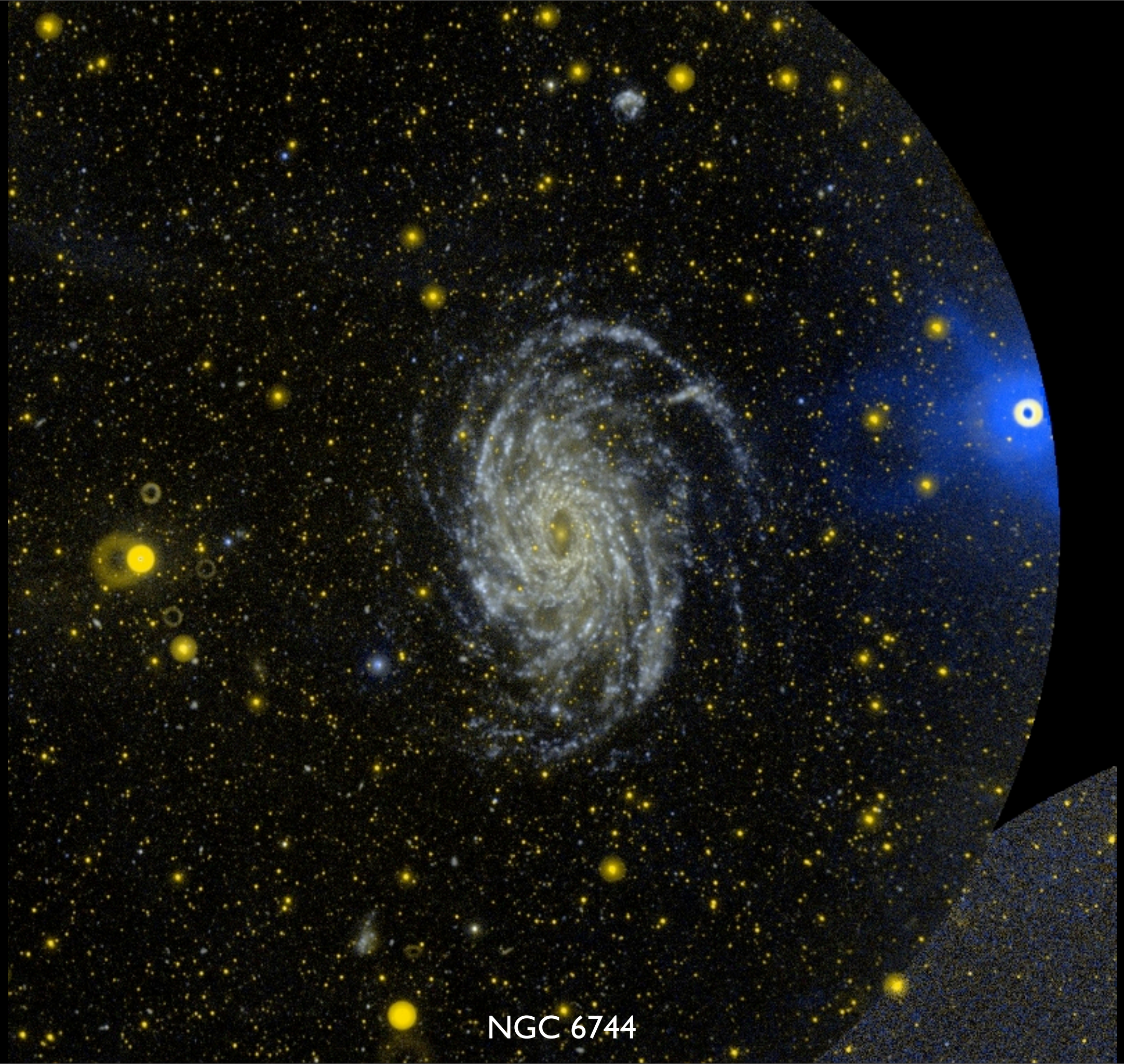
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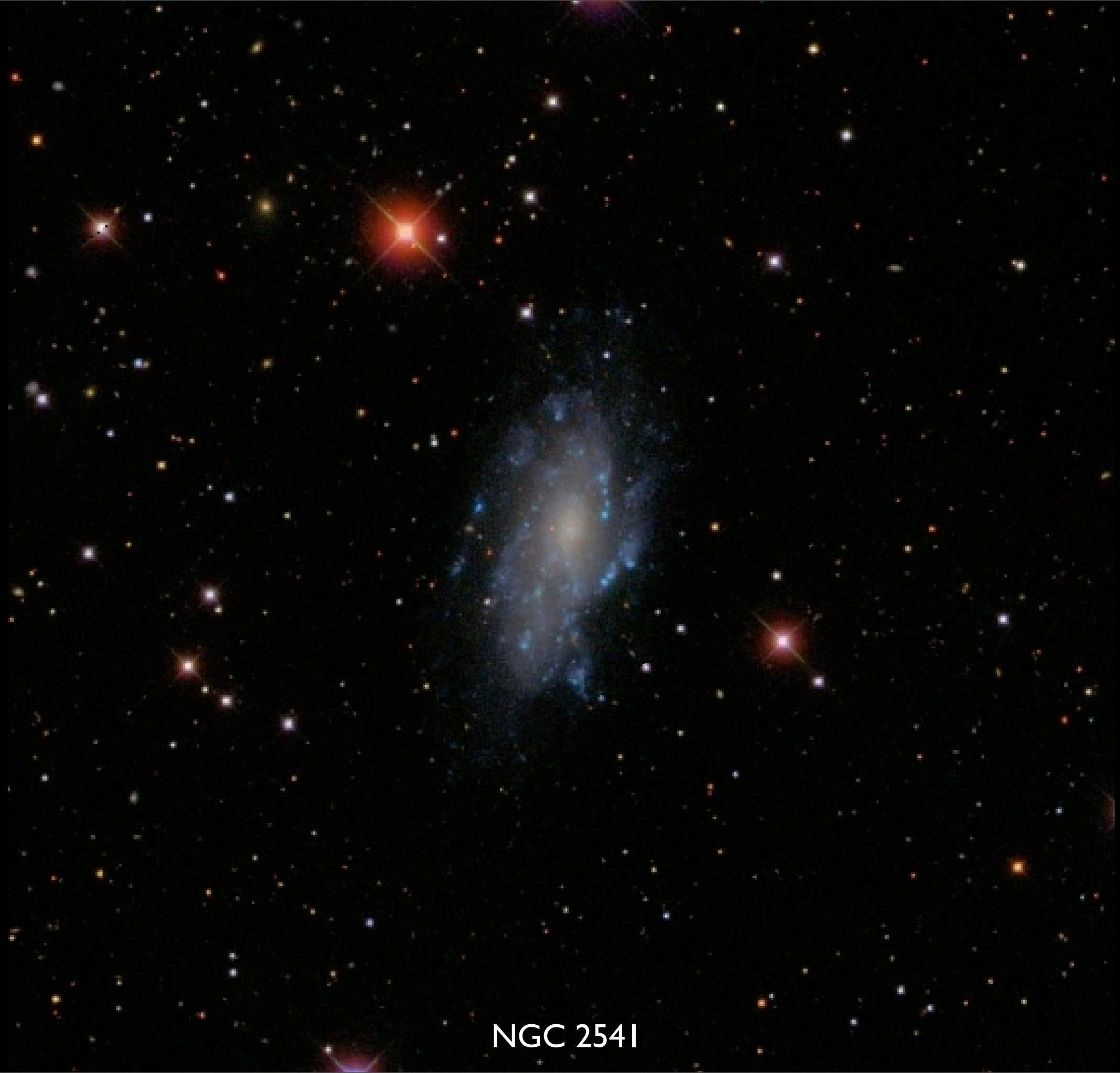
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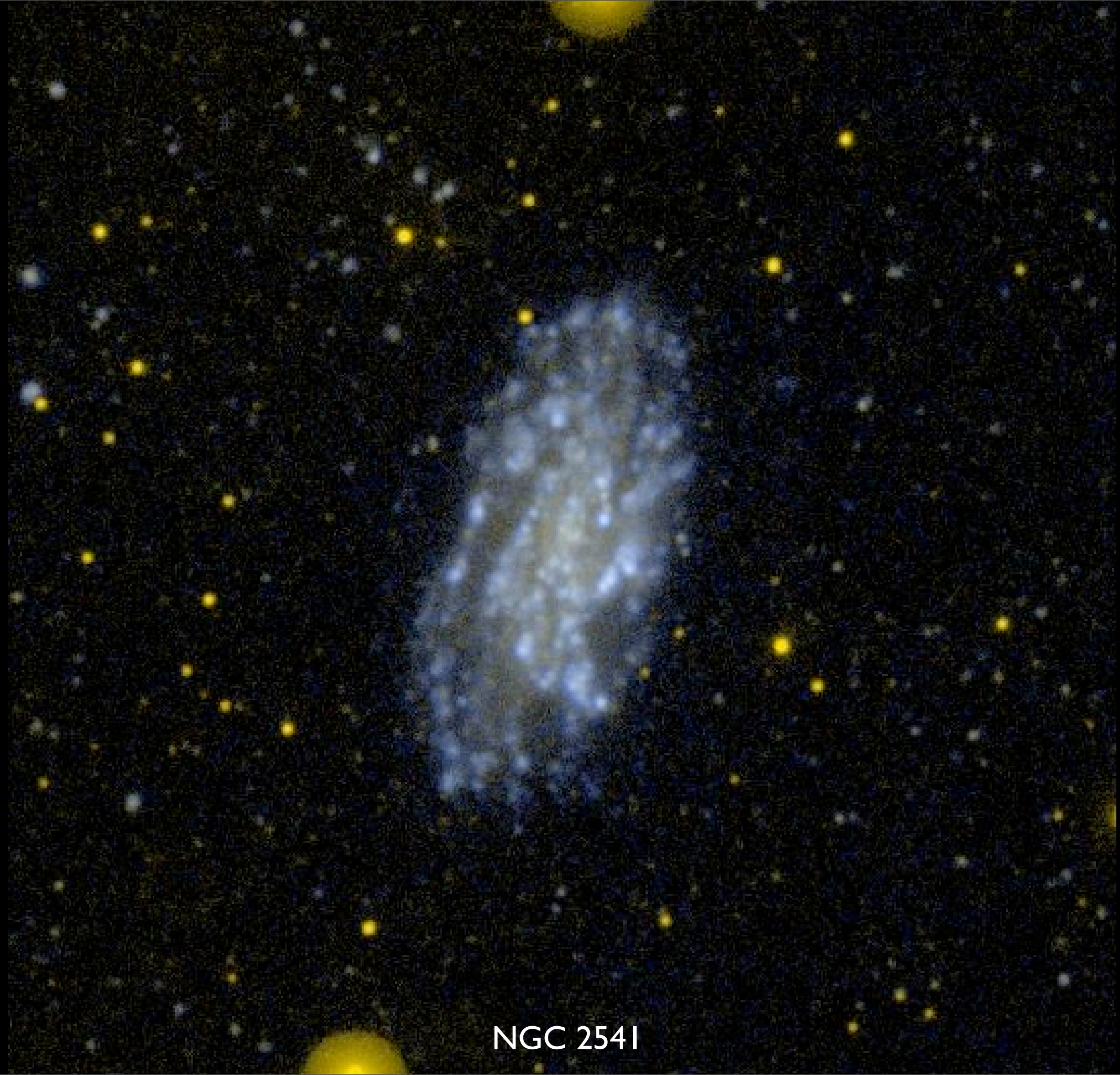
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NGC 2541

UV light / GALEX



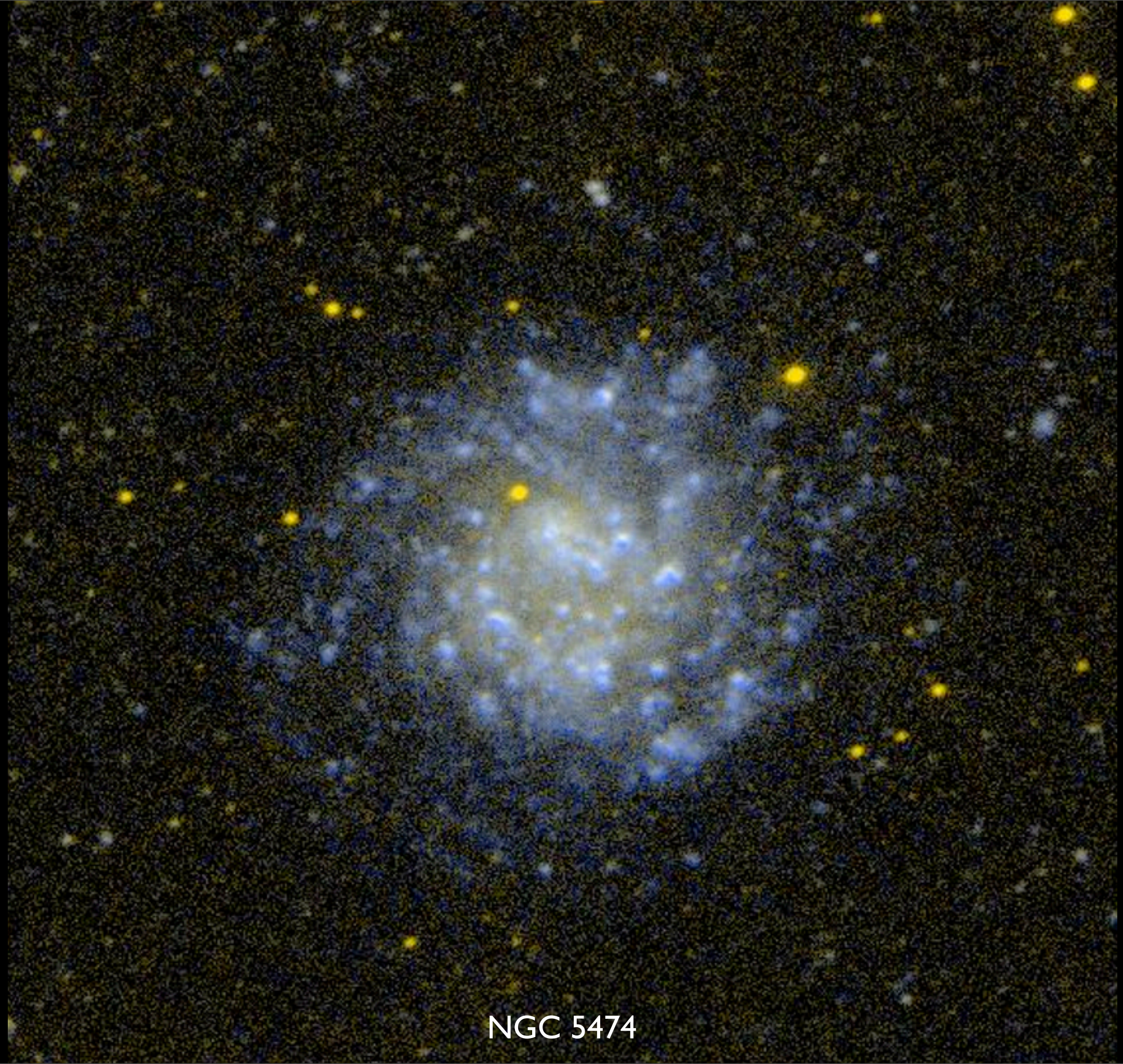
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UV light / GALEX

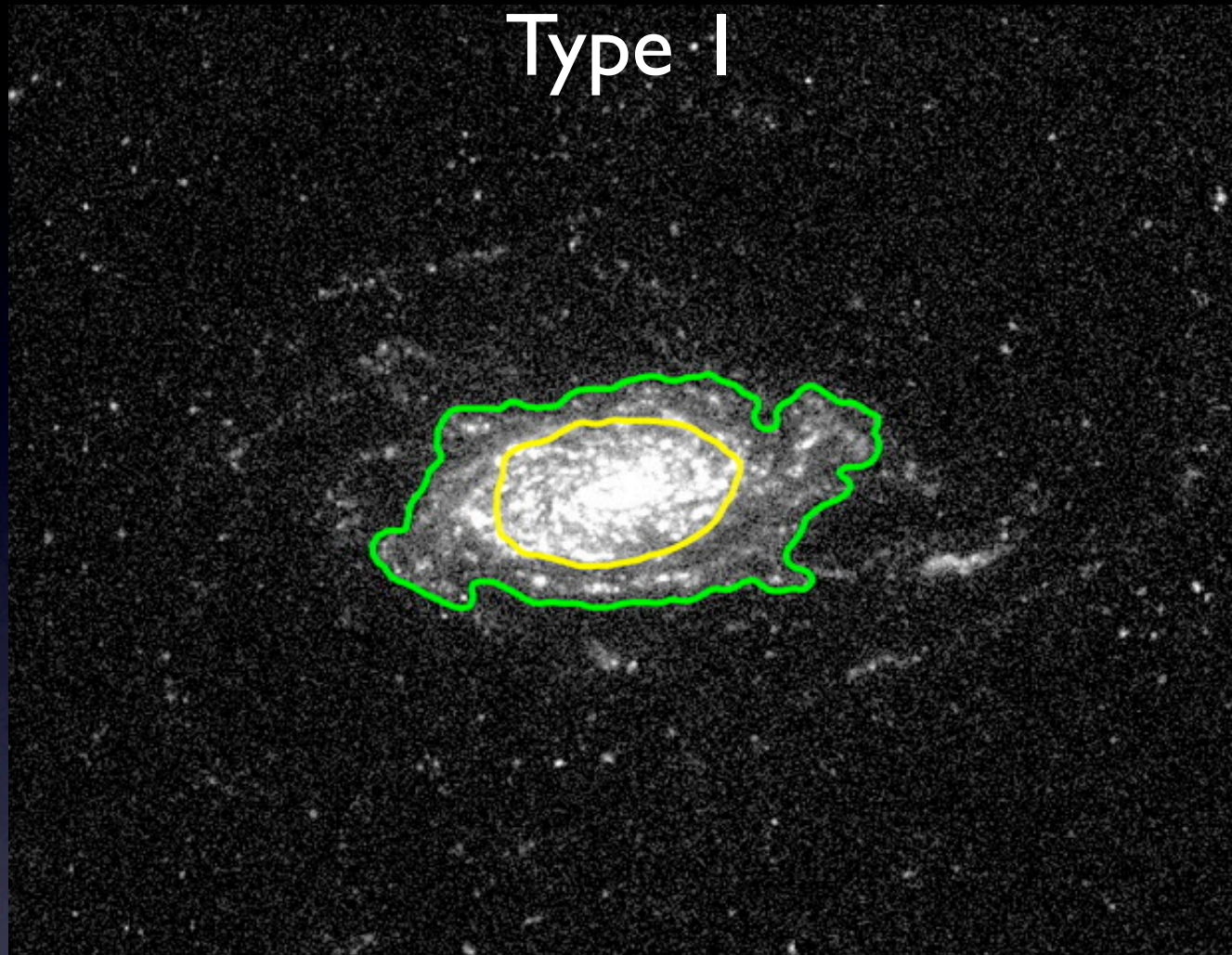


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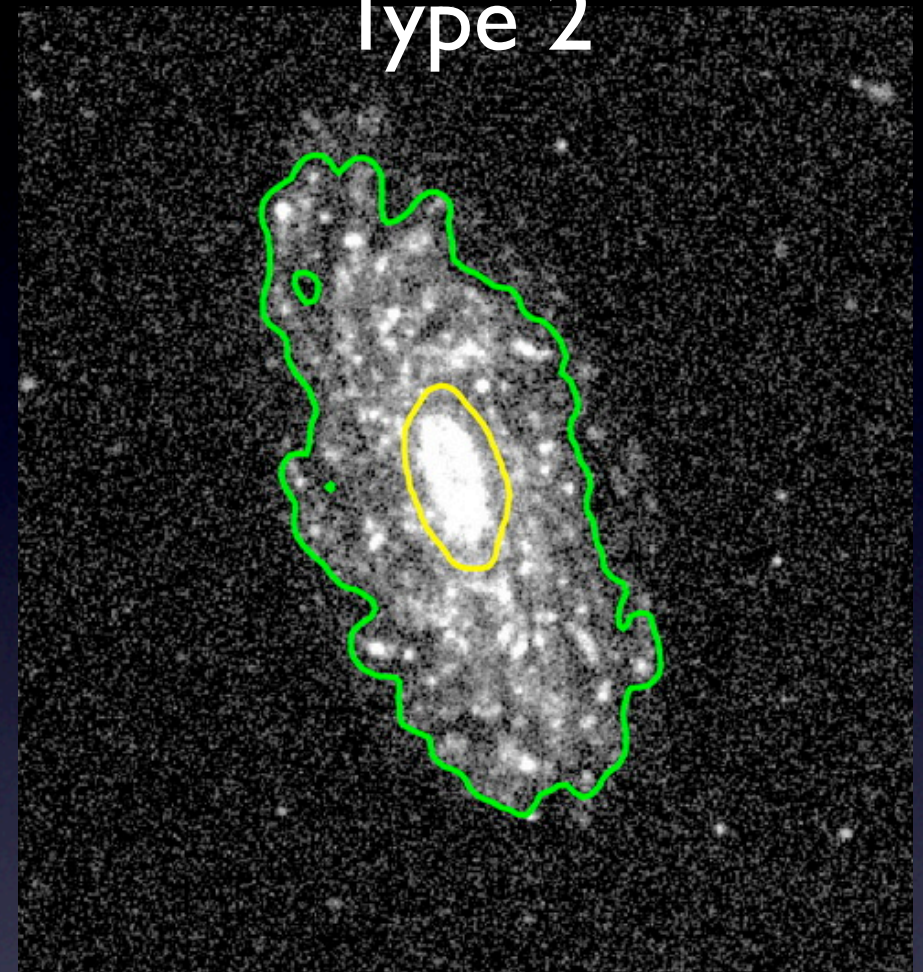


- Thilker et al. '07 published classification scheme based on ~200 galaxies drawn from the GALEX Atlas (Gil de Paz et al. '07).
- Two (non-exclusive) morphological types ... **NEXT SLIDE**
- 30% overall XUV-disk incidence at $z = 0$
- Type 1 is twice as common as Type 2
- Disk sparseness and imaging depth influence detection efficiency (eg. NGC 2915)
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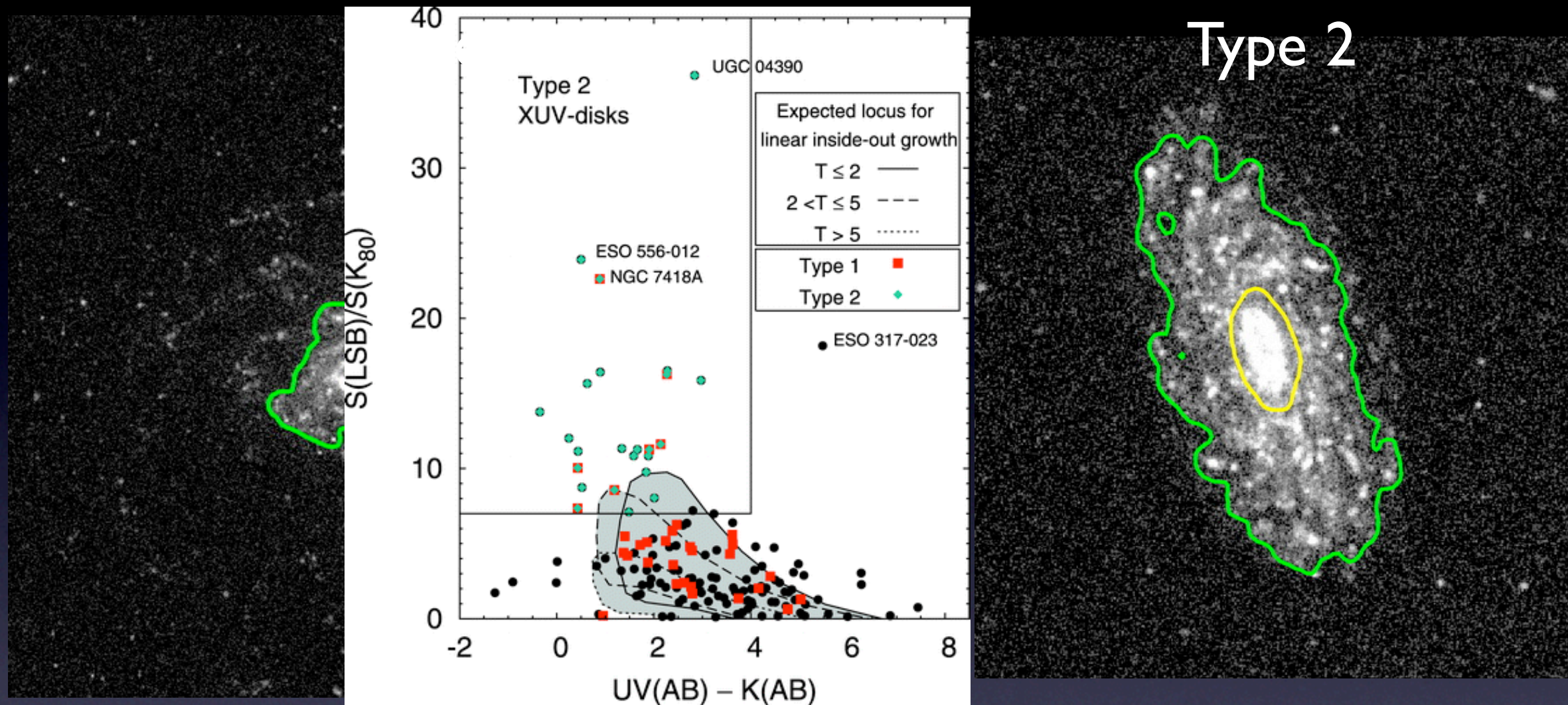
Type 1



Type 2



- Type 1 -- Sparse, structured UV past expected **SF threshold**
- Type 2 -- Widespread, blue LSB zone inside threshold but beyond **80% of stellar mass**

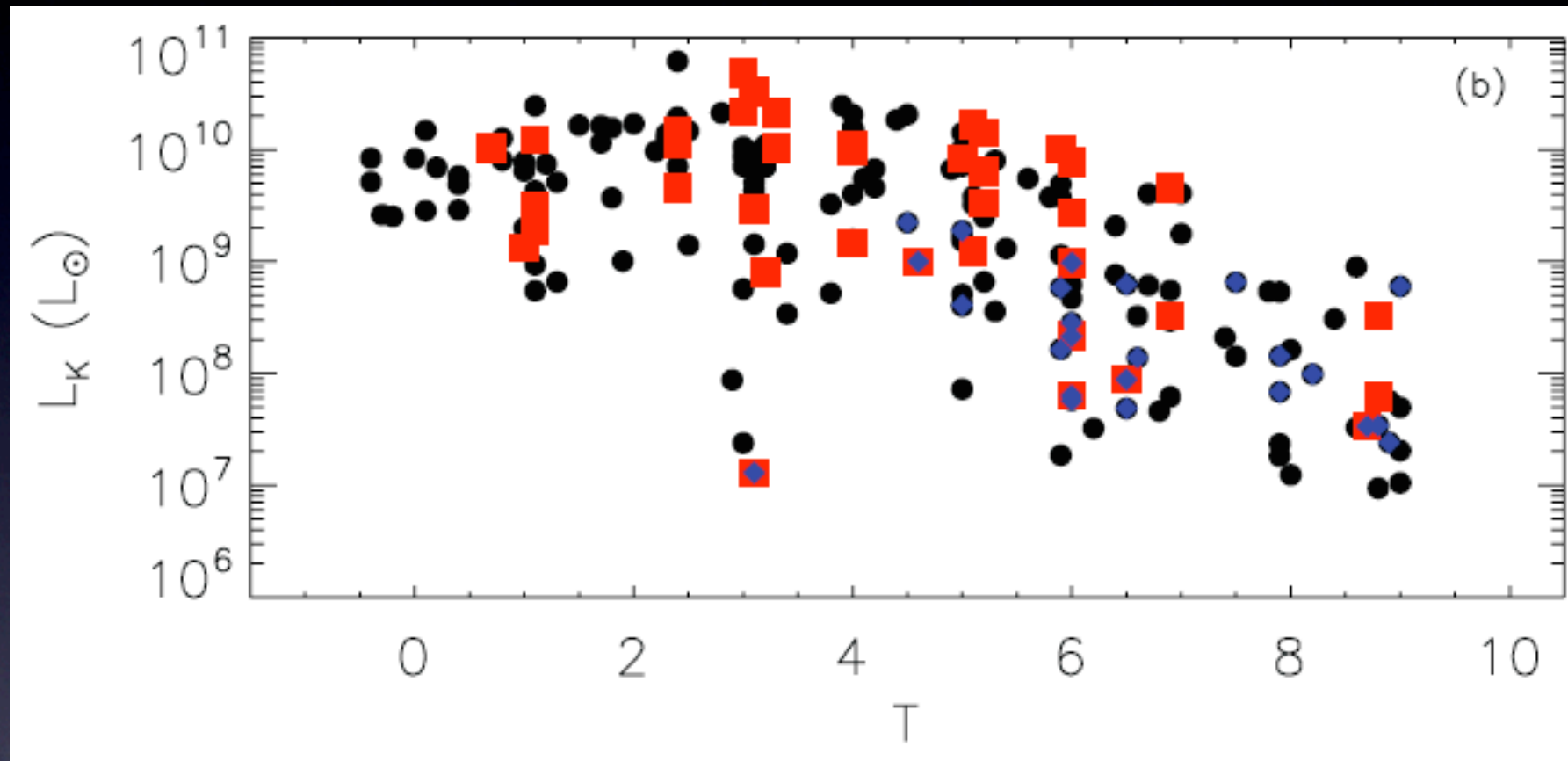


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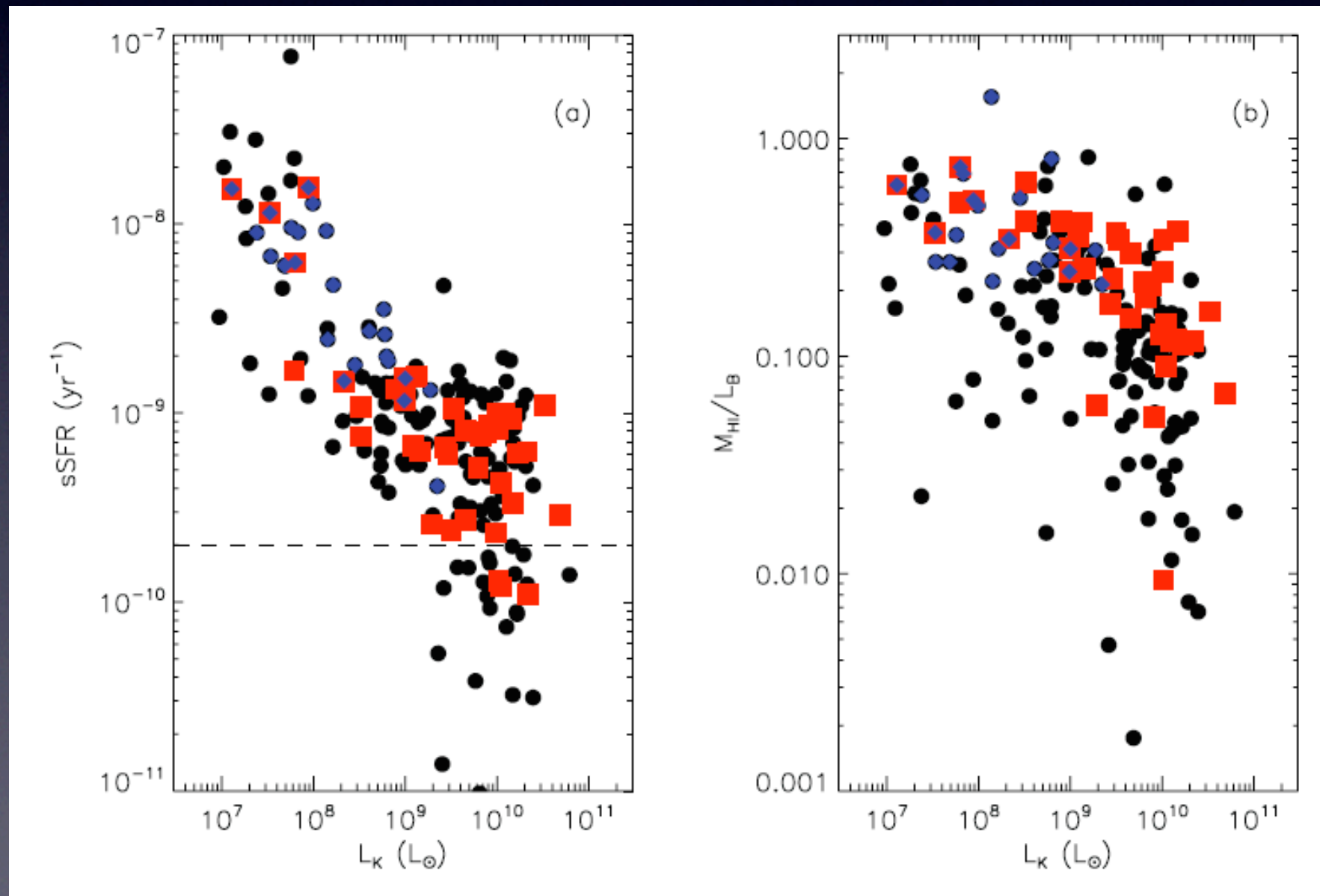
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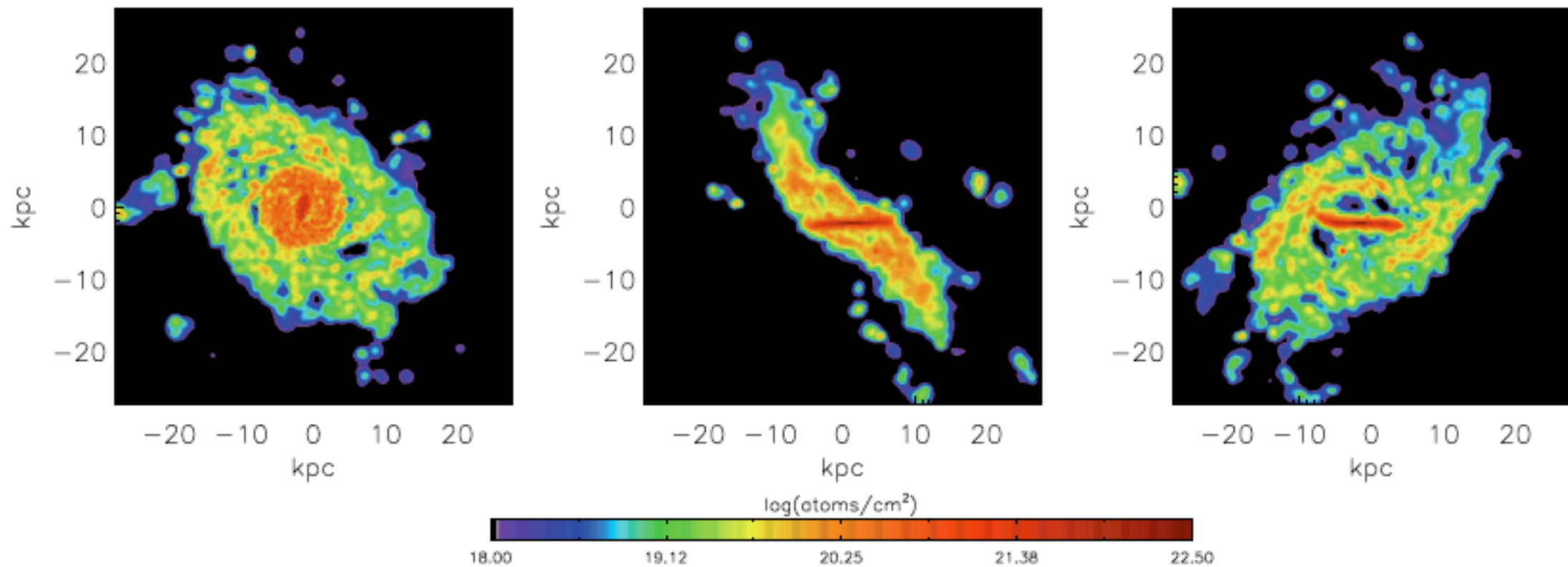
- **Type 1** seen in all galaxy disks. **Type 2** prefer late-type disks.



- Mergers unlikely the source of all the extended star-forming gas, though perturbation may stimulate SF (75% of XUV Type 1 have LSB companions or HVCs.)
- IGM accretion is viable source

- High specific SFR in **Type 2** - doubling of stellar mass in < 1 Gyr
- XUV-disks are 2x more gas rich than non-XUV counterparts at fixed L_K or fixed SFR





Roškar et al. (2010)

Fully cosmological simulation in which a warped, misaligned outer disk is formed via IGM accretion through hot halo

SFR and metallicity tracked separately in main disk and outer area

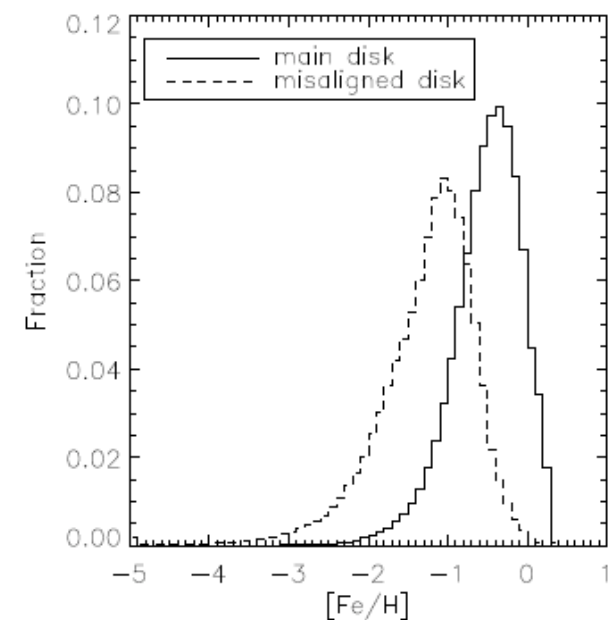
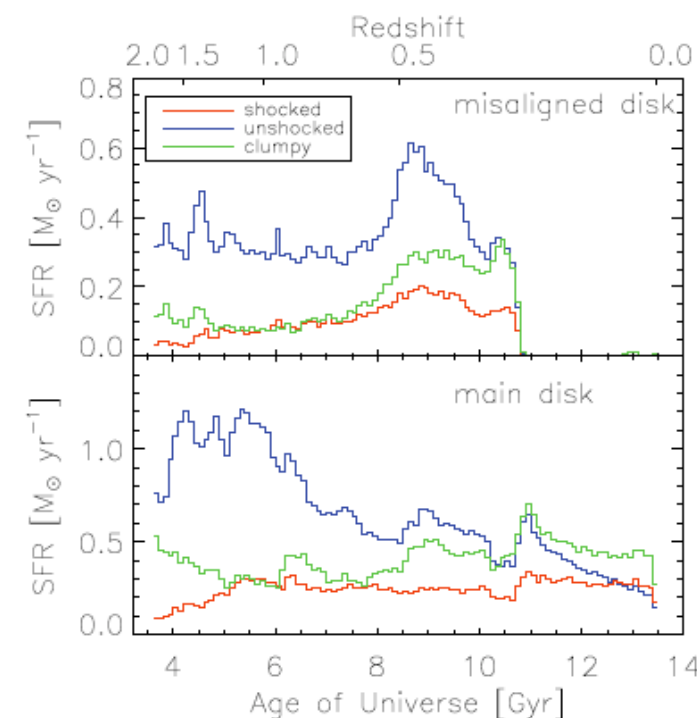
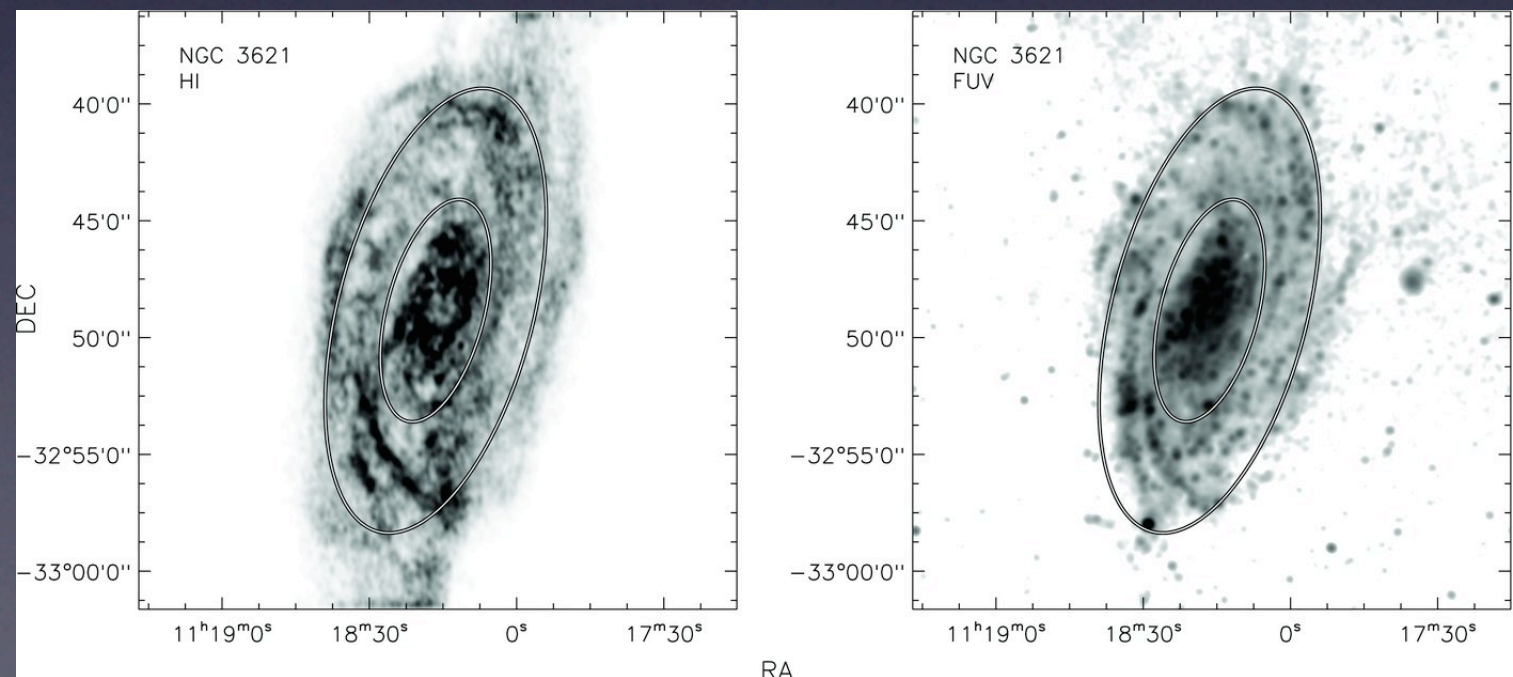
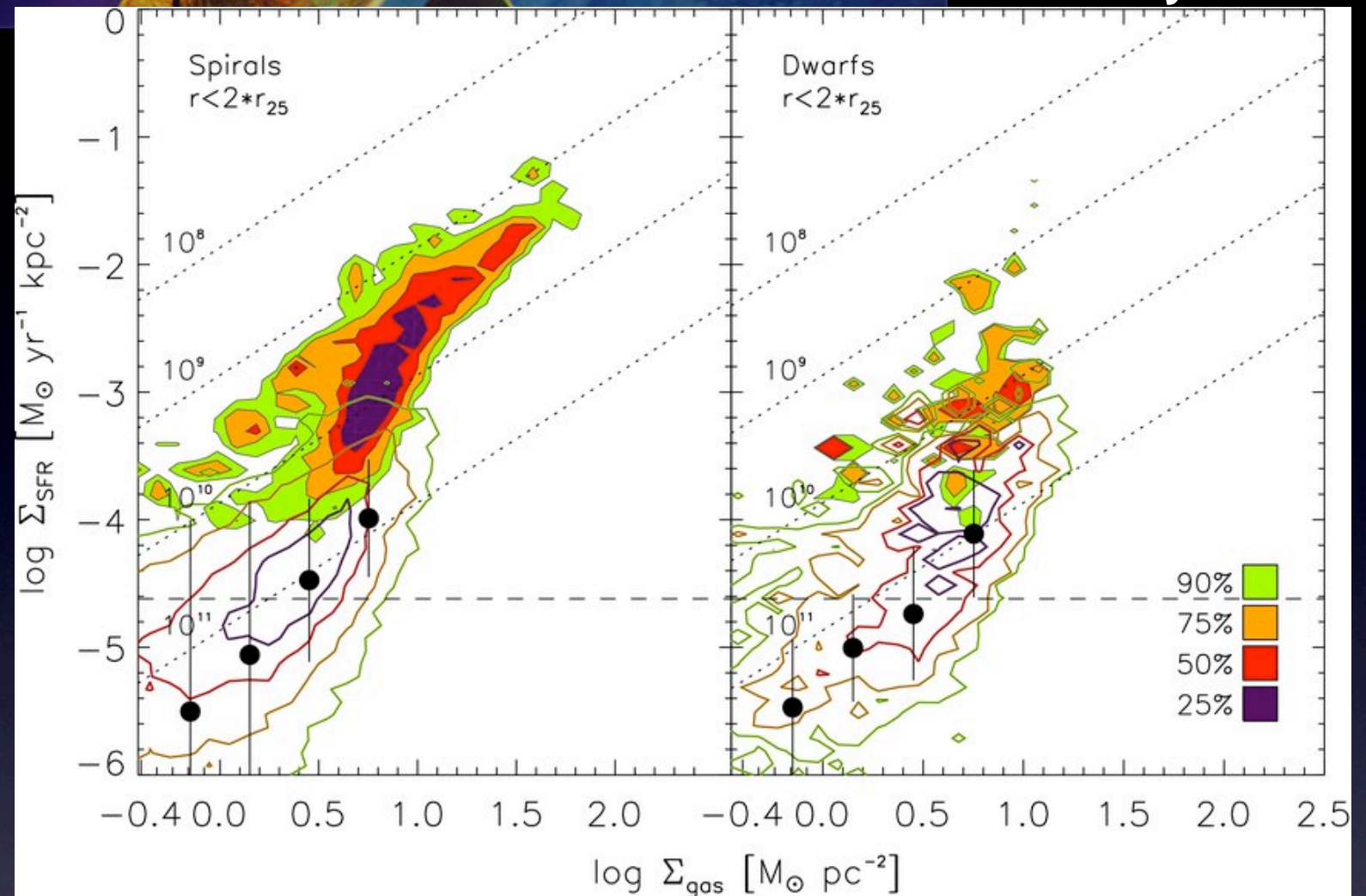


Figure 11. Mass-weighted metallicity distribution function for the st

- Bigiel et al. (2010) composite SFL
- GALEX FUV + Spitzer 24 μ m
- vs. HI + CO (H₂)
- Total gas SFE is 30x lower in Type I XUV-disks compared to high density environments
- Formation of molecular gas is rate limiting process (eg. Schruba et al. 2011)
- Possible change in IMF, cluster/association demographics?





- **IMPROVED XUV-SURVEY UNDERWAY**
 - Dramatically more GALEX data are now available!
 - Include AIS and new sky coverage at MIS-depth.
 - Previous survey limited to disk-like “host” galaxies
- Thilker et al. (2011, in prep) analyzes a sample of 3000+ nearby galaxies, selecting XUV-disks following T07 rules
 - Deep multi-wavelength follow-up for best examples
 - Several surprises already
- **SEE ALSO - Lemonias et al. (2011) - GALEX DIS XUV-disks**

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- Complicated relation with optical SB profiles

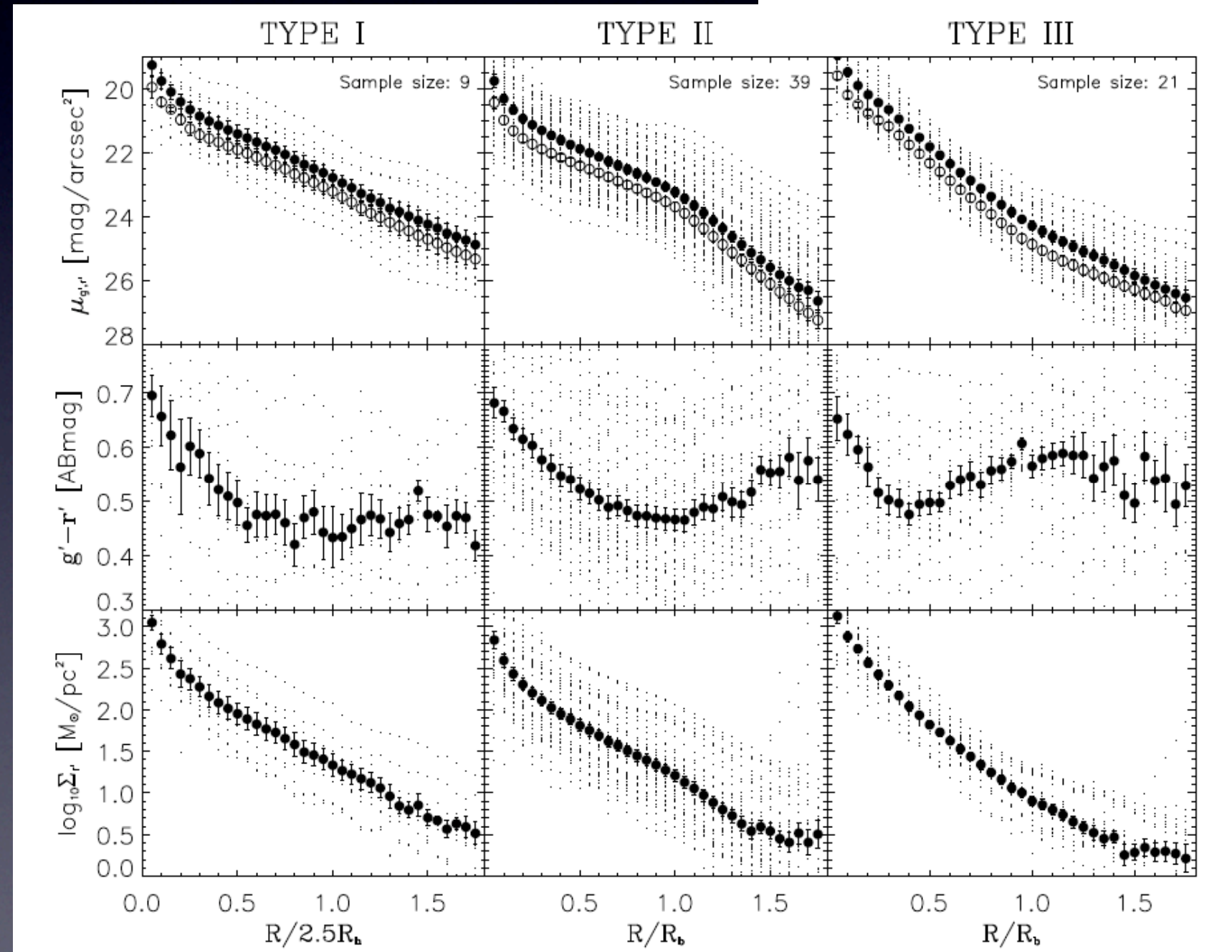
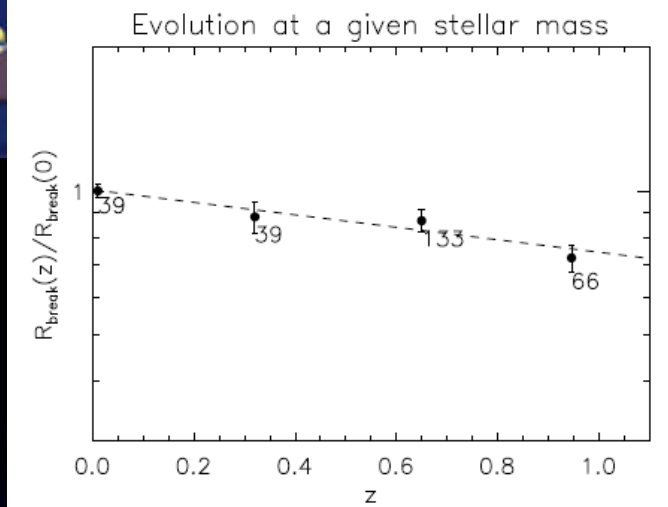
- Bakos et al. (2010)

- Following Pohlen, Erwin, & Trujillo

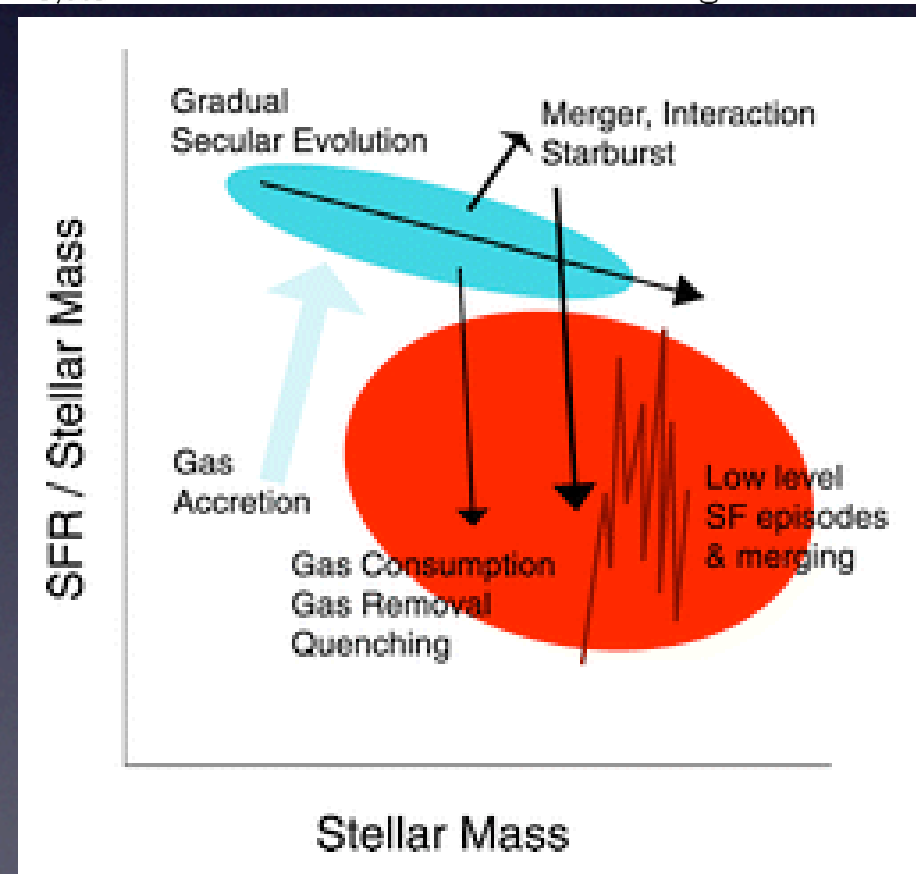
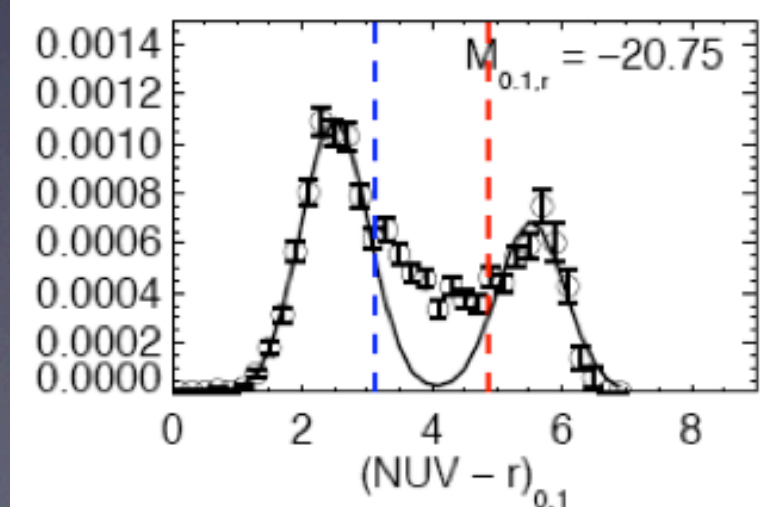
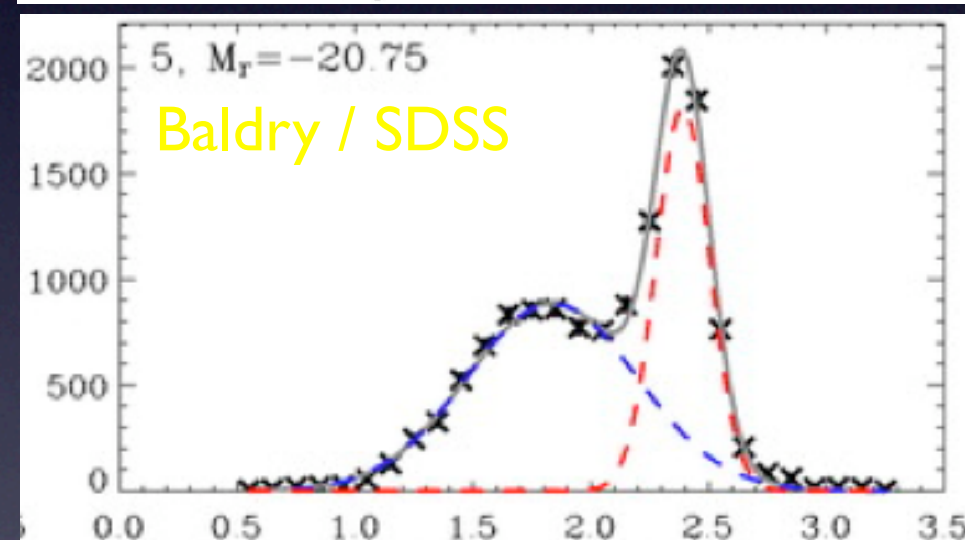
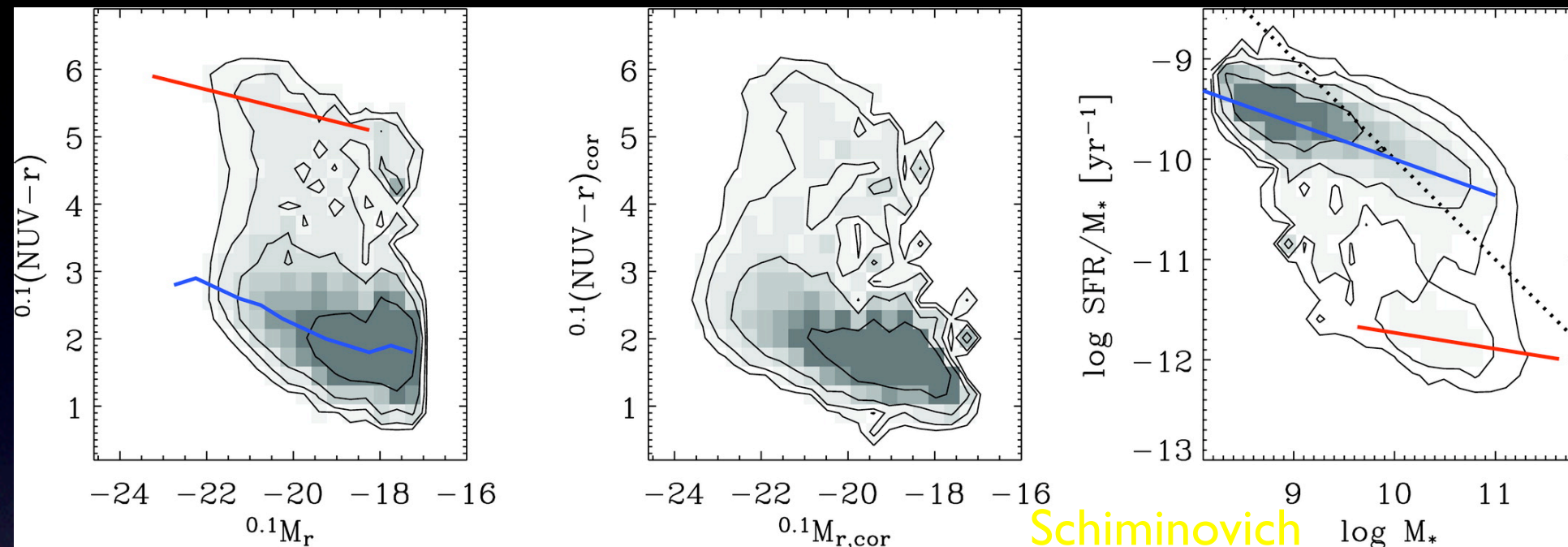
- Radial migration of stars into outer disk + in-situ SF determines profile shape / color

- Type III showing long-term effect of XUV SF?

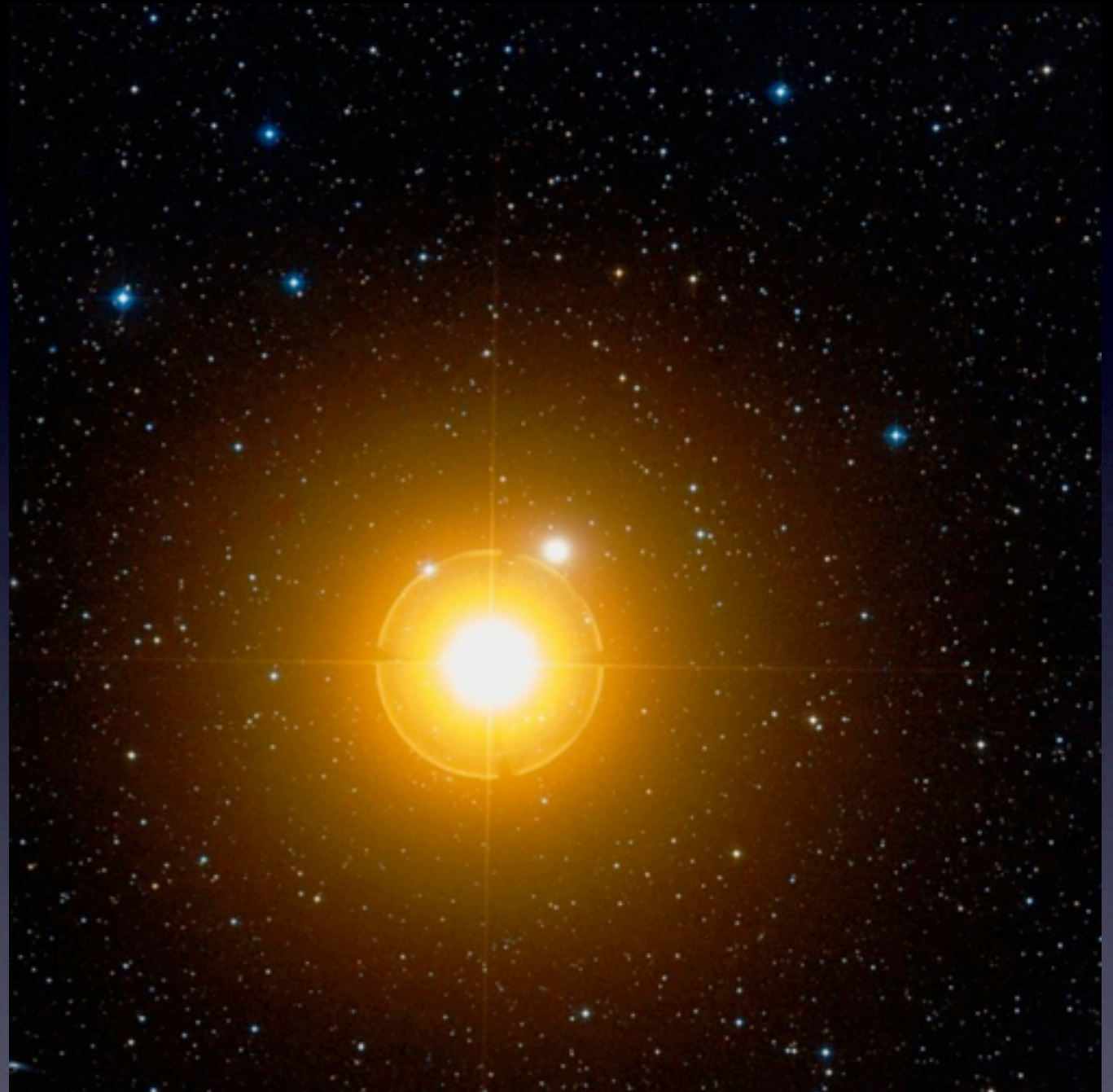
- Z. Zheng, Pan-STARRS I dissertation project -- correlation of optical + UV disk type



- Baldry et al. '04
- Galaxies migrate from blue to red sequence
- Wyder, Schiminovich, Martin papers in 2007 GALEX ApJS issue
- Green valley galaxies are likely transition objects



- NGC 404
- Nearby, low mass S0
 - $M_* = 7e8 M_\odot$
 - $M_{HI} = 1.5e8 M_\odot$
- Isolated ...now
- No other galaxy within 1.1 Mpc radius
- Group remnant?
(Karachentsev et al. 2002)



- NGC 404: nearby ETG galaxy w/ XUV-disk

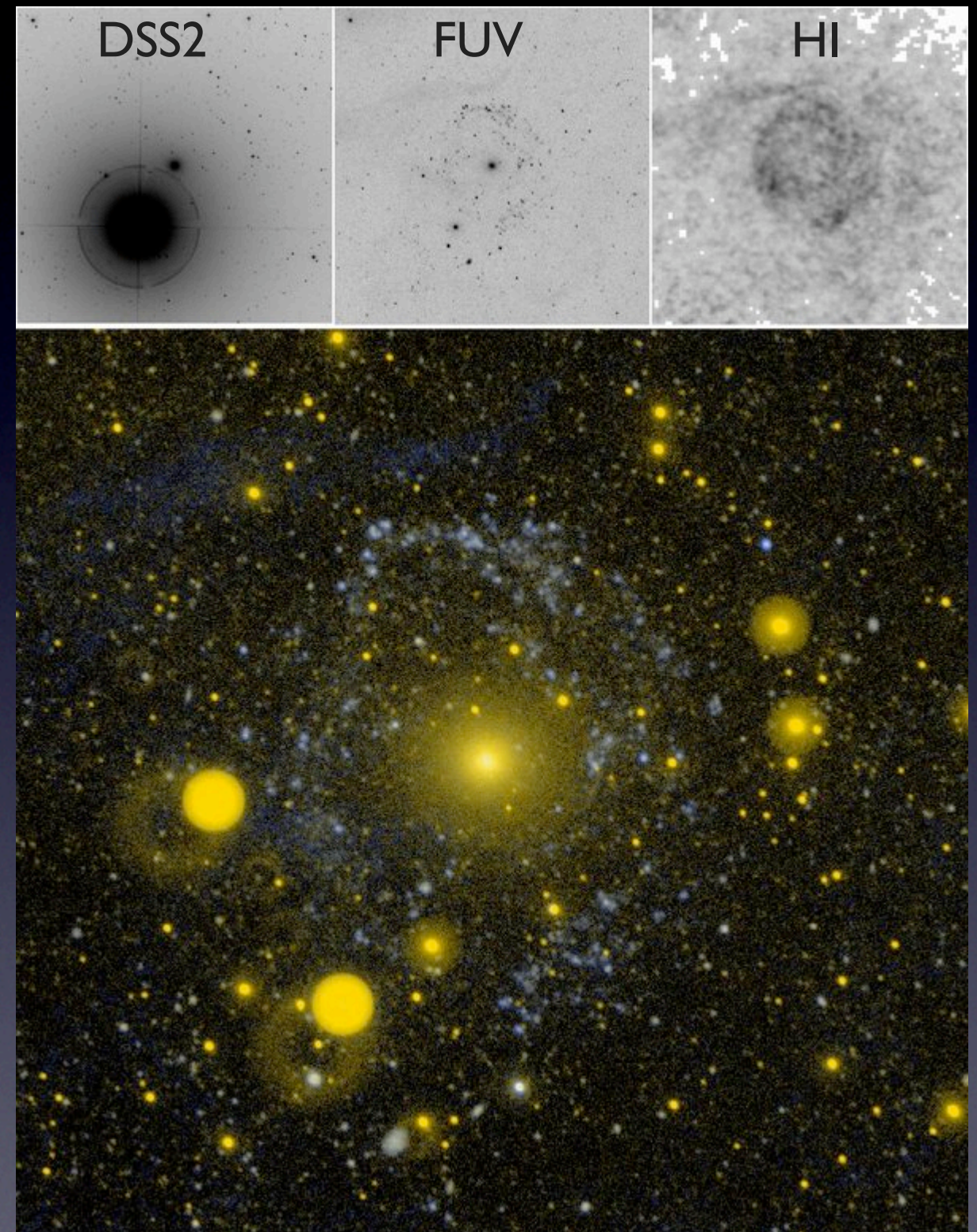
- Merger origin for HI ring (del Rio et al. '04)

- First such merger?

- Maybe the S0 disk formed this way...

- Is this event transformational?

- Available HI gas could augment stellar mass by 20% if all converted
- More important-- change in B/D ratio?



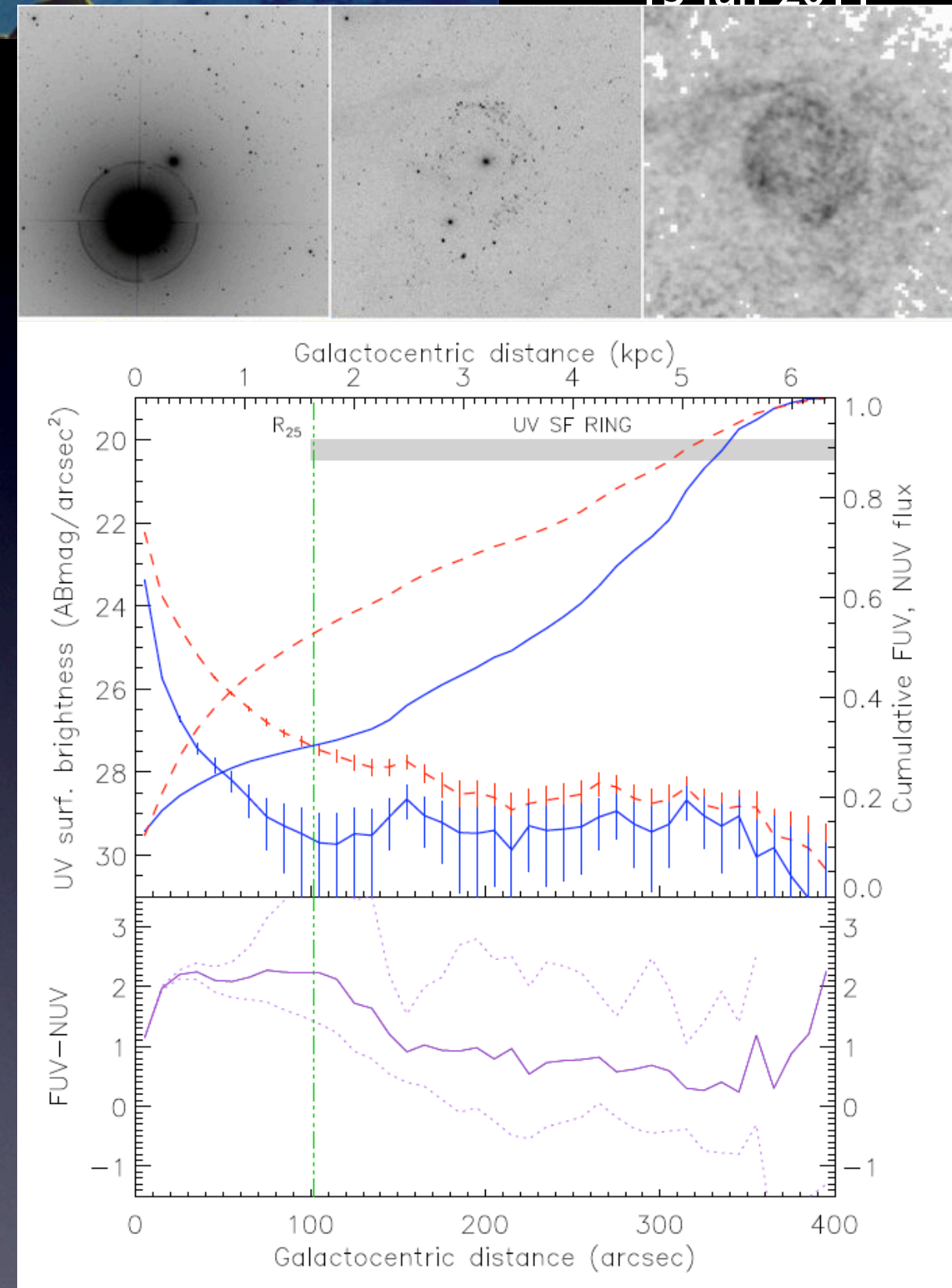
Thilker et al. (2010)

- **NGC 404: nearby ETG galaxy w/ XUV-disk**

- $\Sigma_{\text{SFR}} = 2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}_{\odot}/\text{yr}/\text{kpc}^2$
- $\text{SFR} = 0.0025 \text{ M}_{\odot}/\text{yr}$
- 70% from XUV-disk despite low $\Sigma(\text{SFR})$
- $\tau_{\text{dep}} \sim 60 \text{ Gyr}$, equiv. $\text{SFE}_{\text{HI}} = 2 \times 10^{-11} \text{ yr}^{-1}$
- non-transformational -- but the potential is there if stimulated

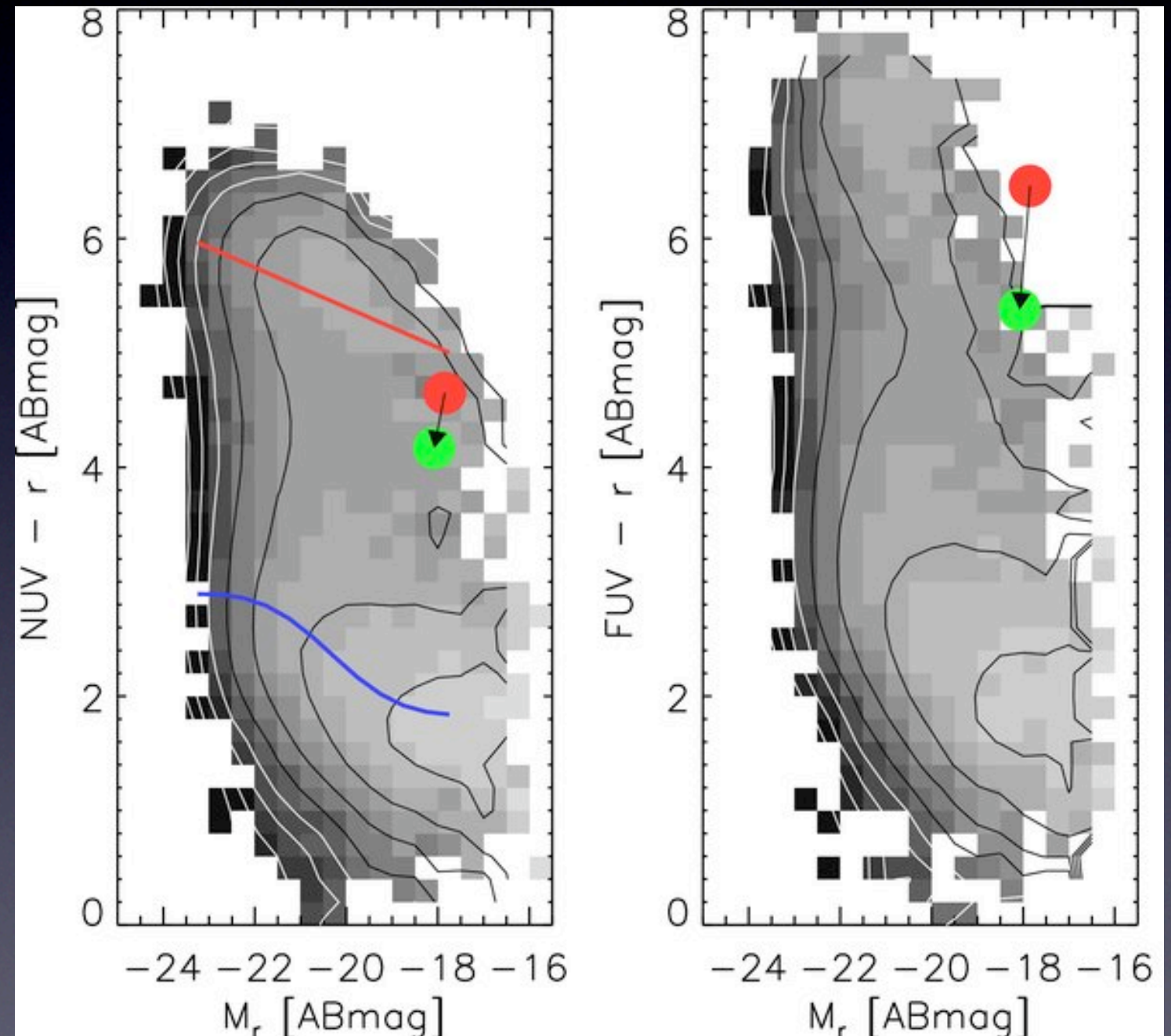
- **UV color gradient due to underlying S0 disk**

- Outer color agrees with merger dating



- Inferred motion in the UV-opt galaxy CMD
- CMD from Wyder et al. '07
- Thilker et al. (2010) show that the presence of the SF ring changes the position of the galaxy (red seq. to green valley)

Without SF ring / “before”
Including SF ring / “after”

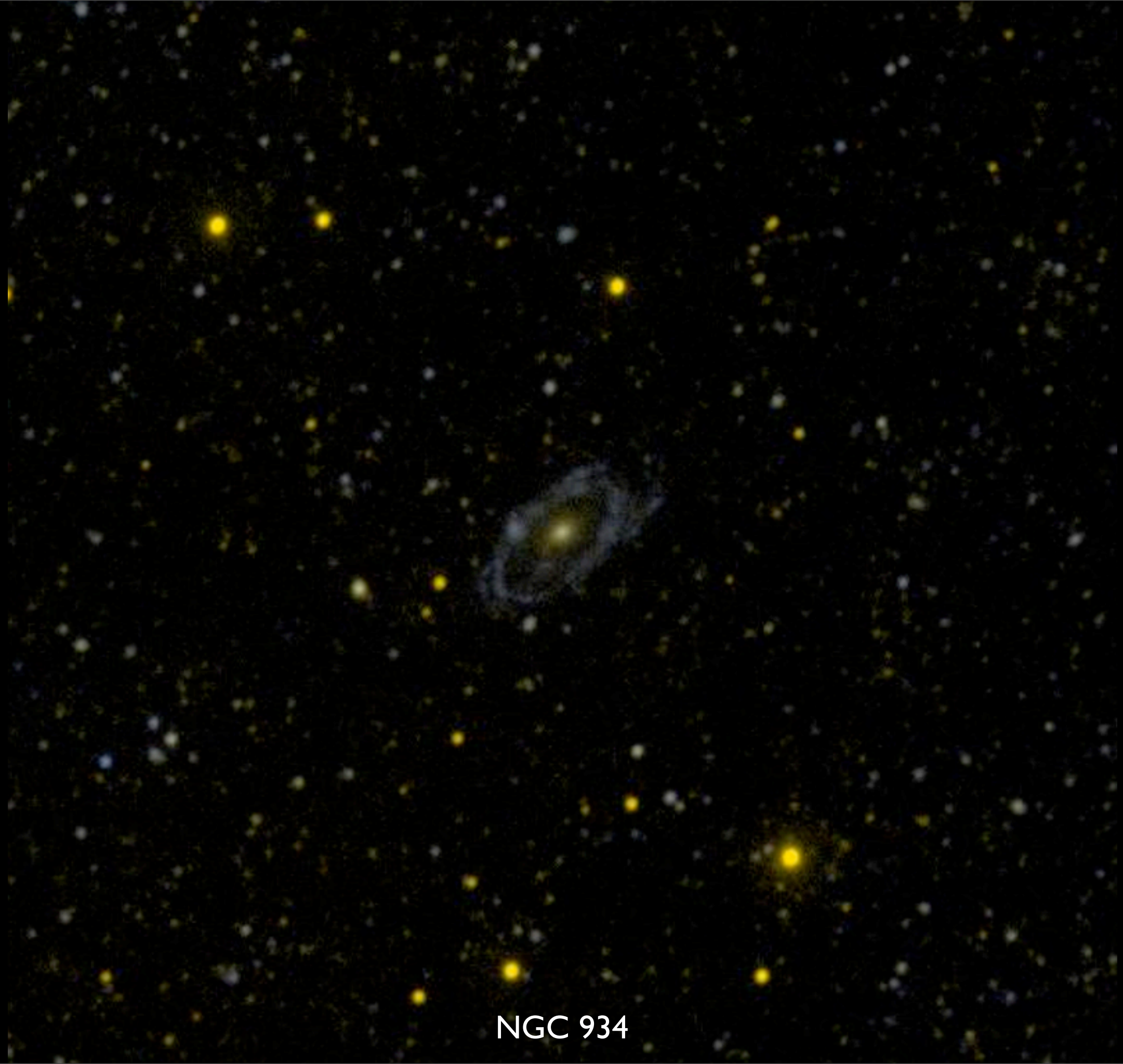


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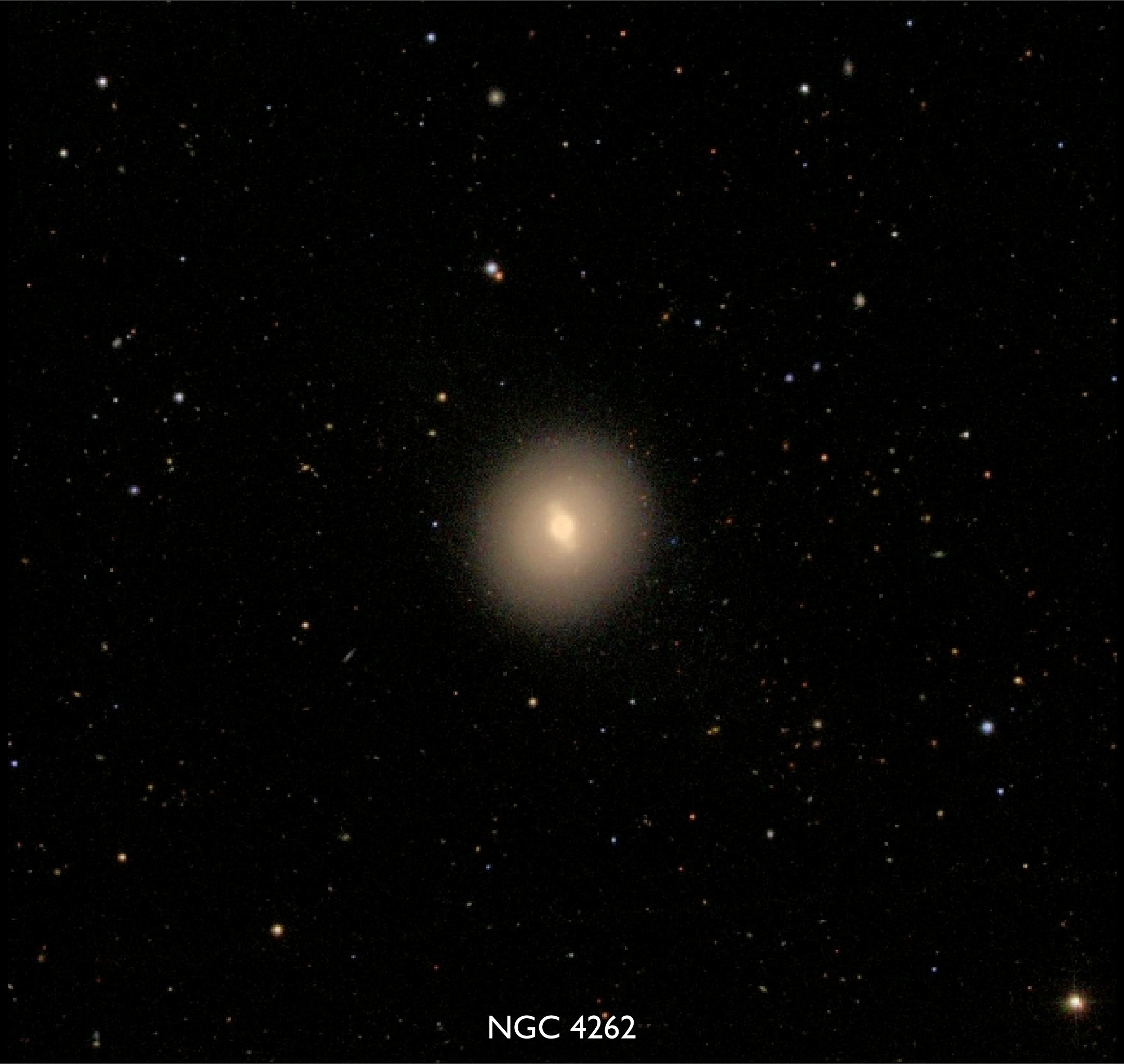
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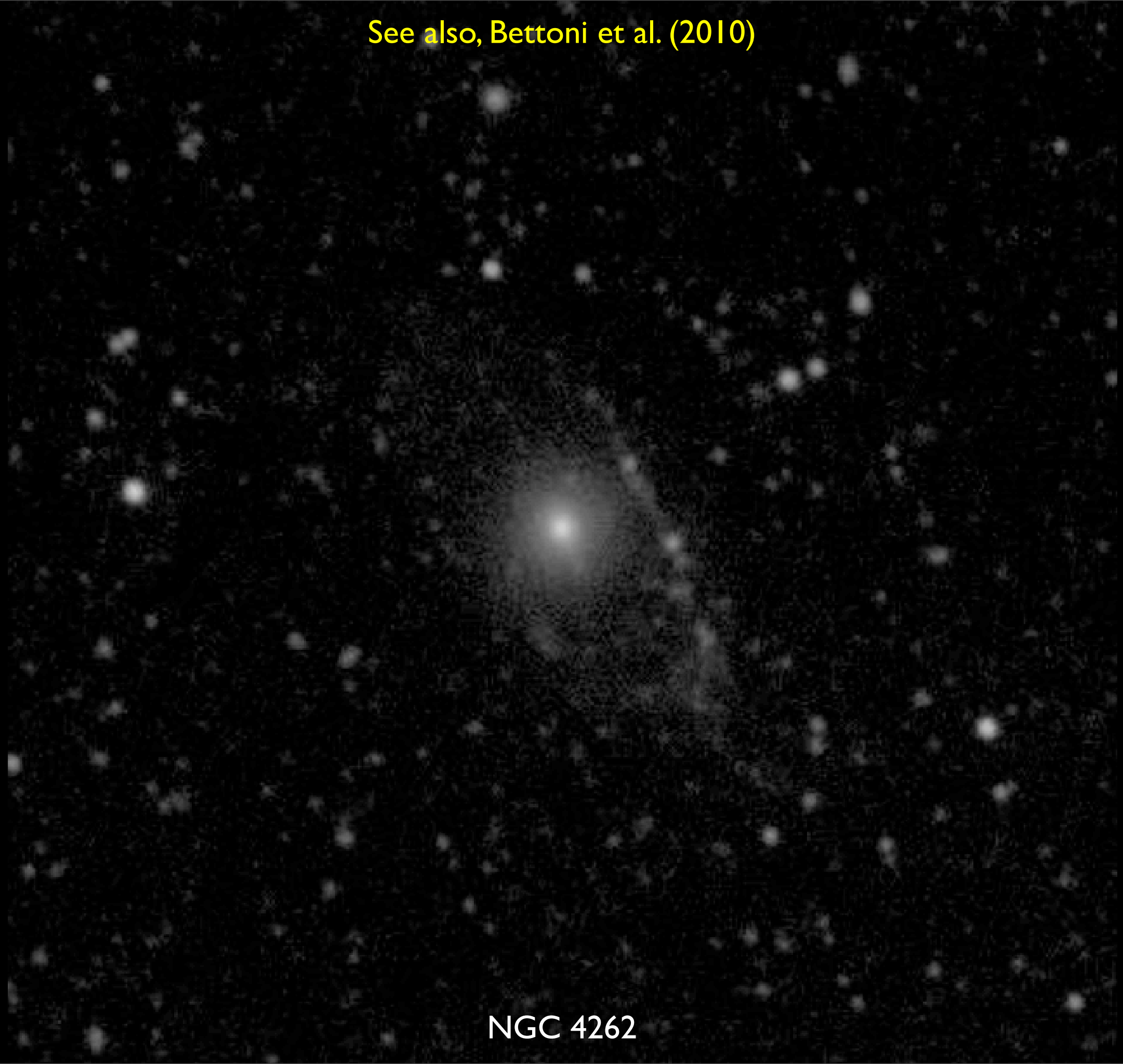
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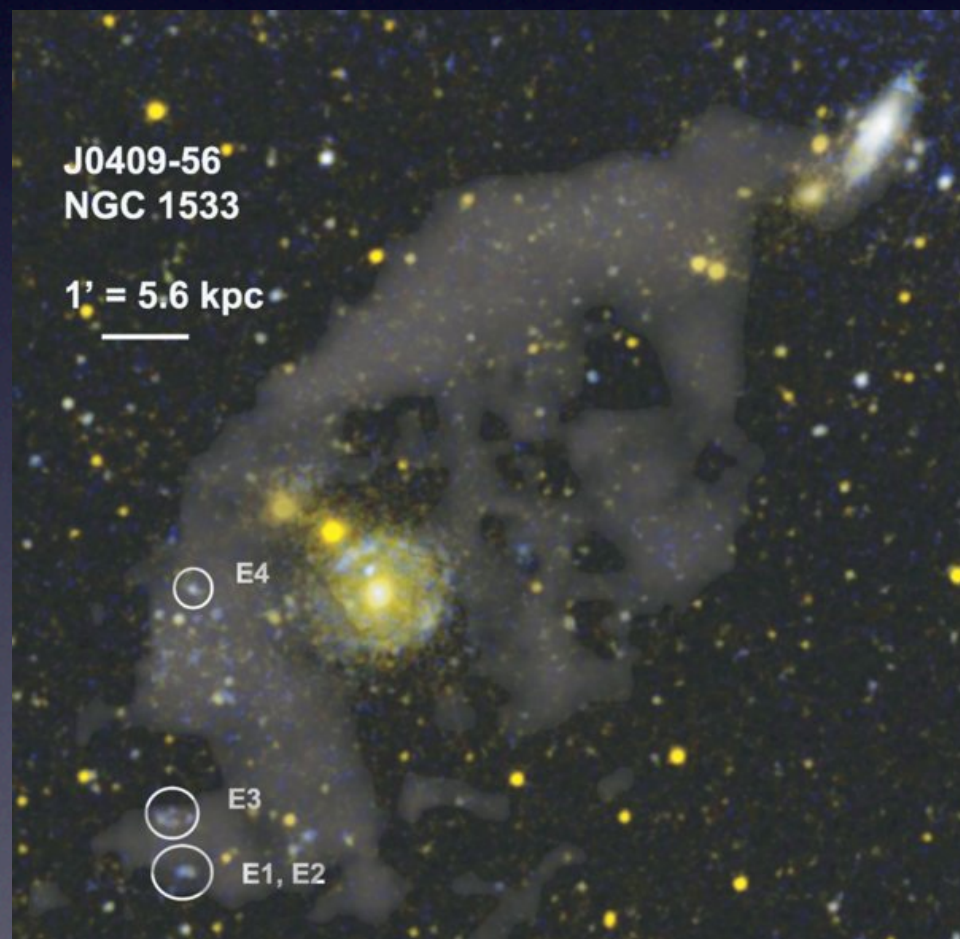
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See also, Bettoni et al. (2010)



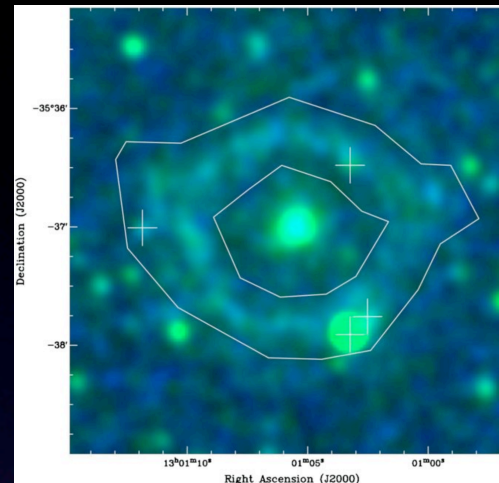
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- **GV is partially two-way!**
- Mixed mergers in RS, or other accretion mechanism, are responsible



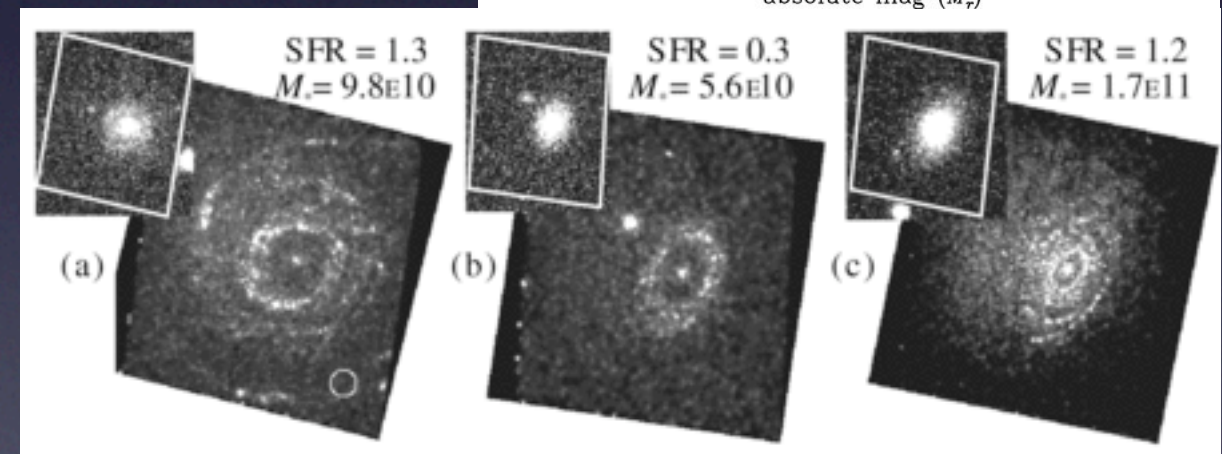
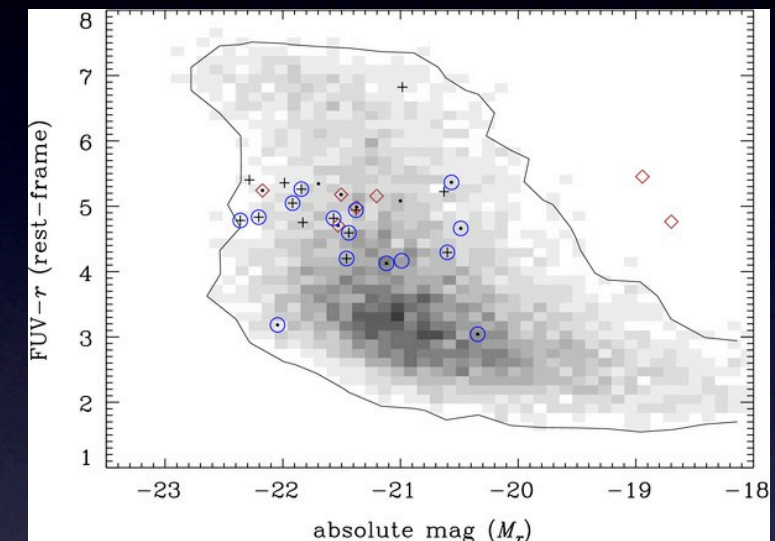
Werk et al. '09

HI arc = early-stage remnant?

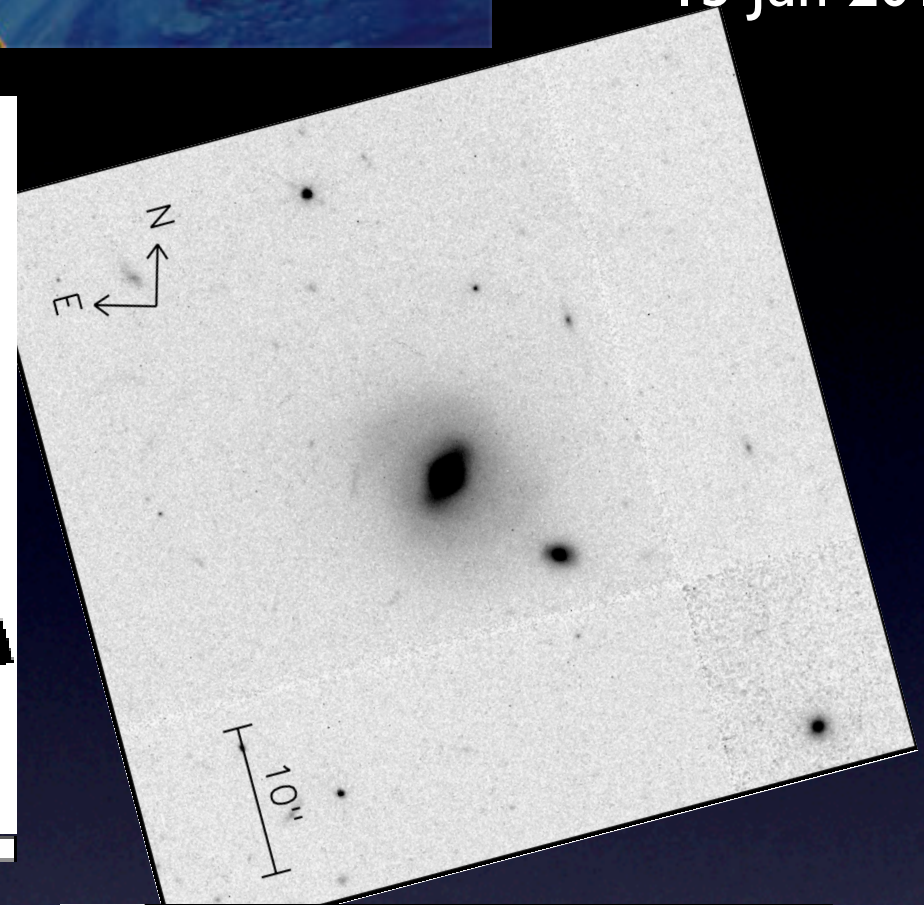
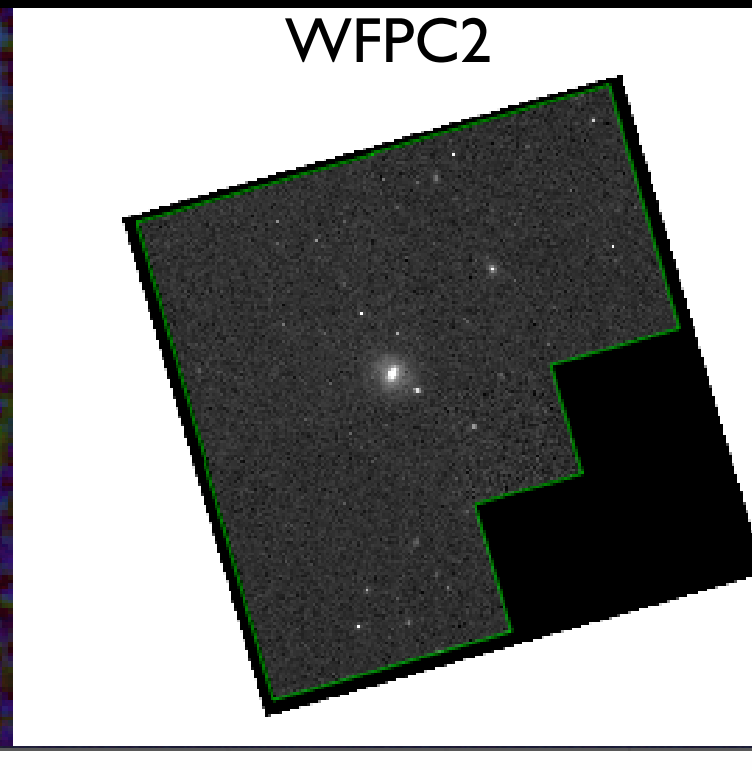
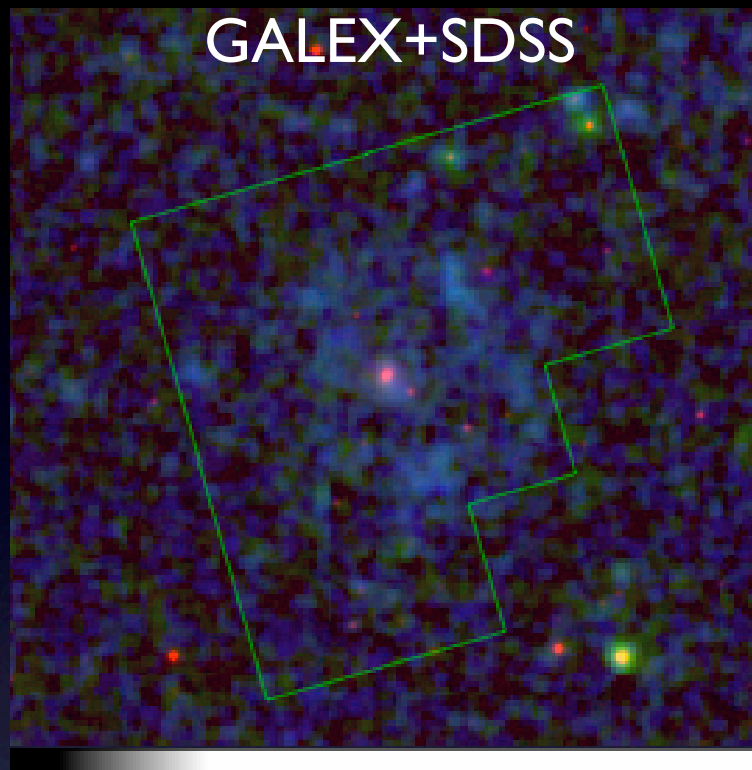


Donovan et al. '09
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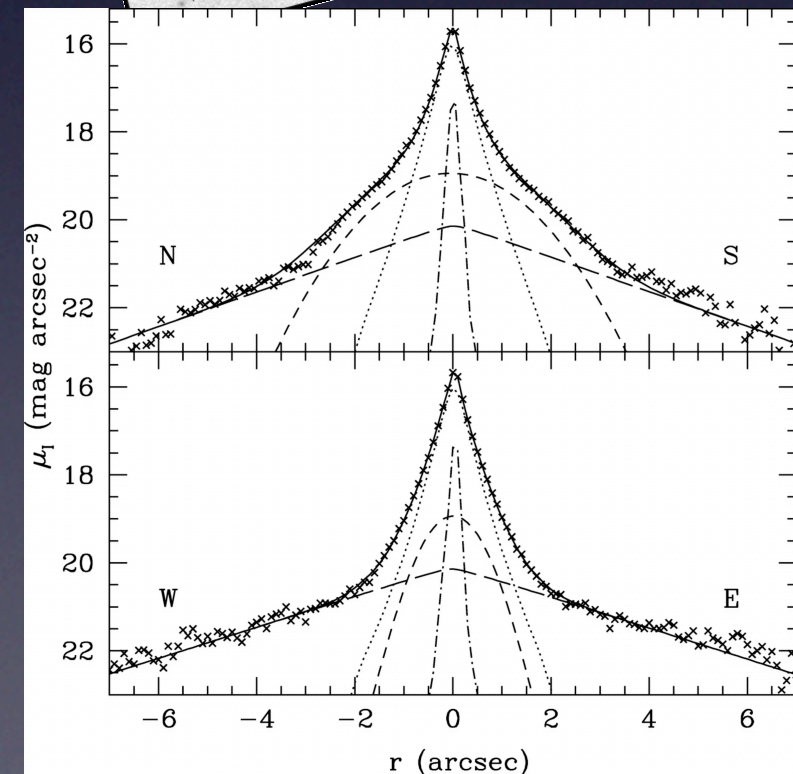
Salim & Rich '10
same process at $z \sim 0.1$



- see also: Cortese & Hughes '09, Kannappan et al. '09 (BS ETGs), Moffet et al. '10, Zernow et al. 2010



- Barth (2007): HST shows Malin 1 has a typical HSB S0 disk within separate LSB outer component.
- Massive LSBs are likely extreme XUV-disks with anomalously high $M(\text{HI})$ obtained *somewhat*.

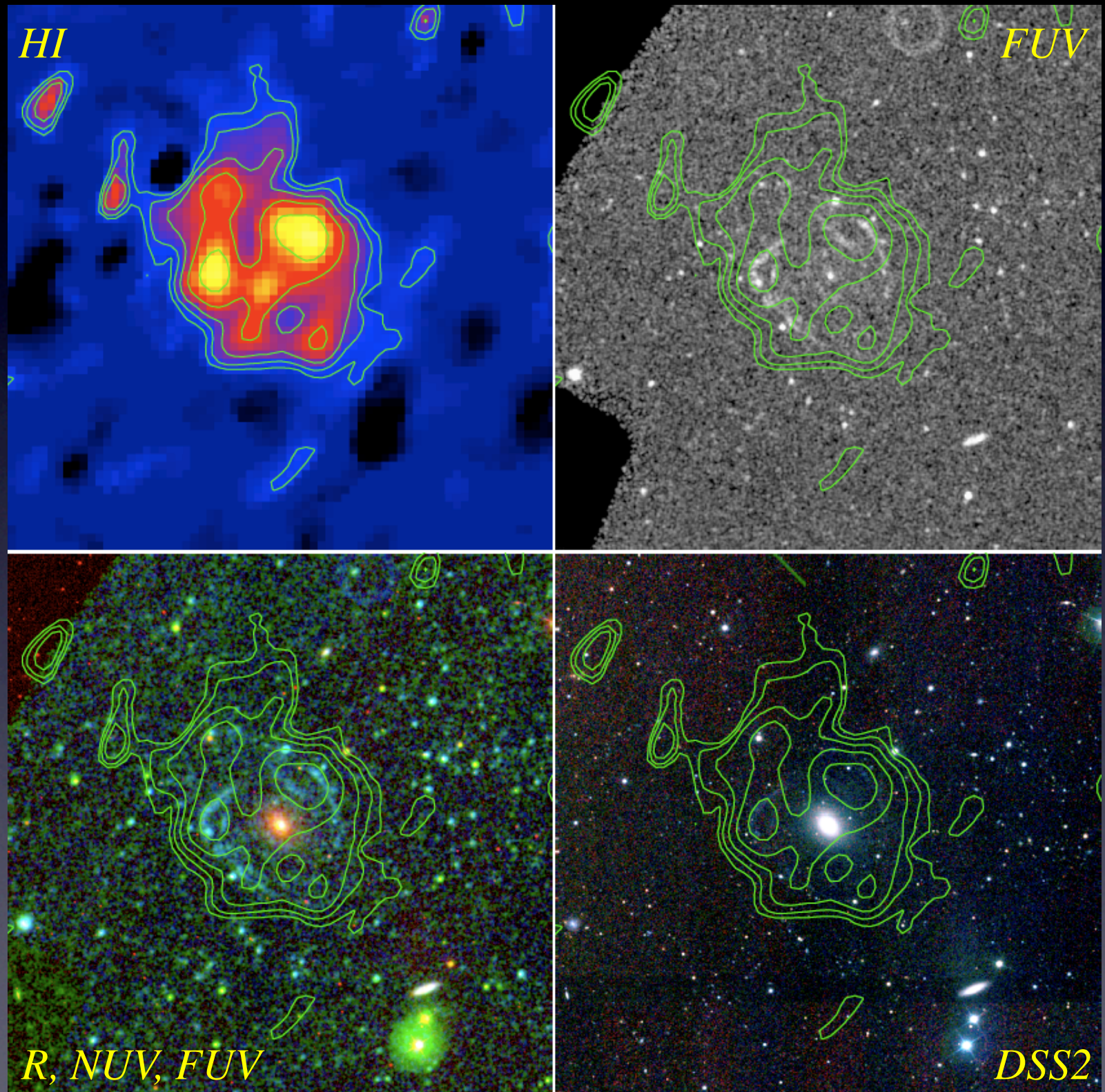




- Two-stage formation scenario likely for at least some mLSBs
- First make “host” object through typical process
 - (a) HSB disk + bulge, or... (b) red/dead early-type
- An ordinary host later acquires much more gas, enabling it to build the (a) hybrid disk or (b) singular LSB component
 - similar to Type 2 XUV-disk gas budget
- High angular momentum accretion required to retain gas at large radii, not consumed in a quick burst of SF

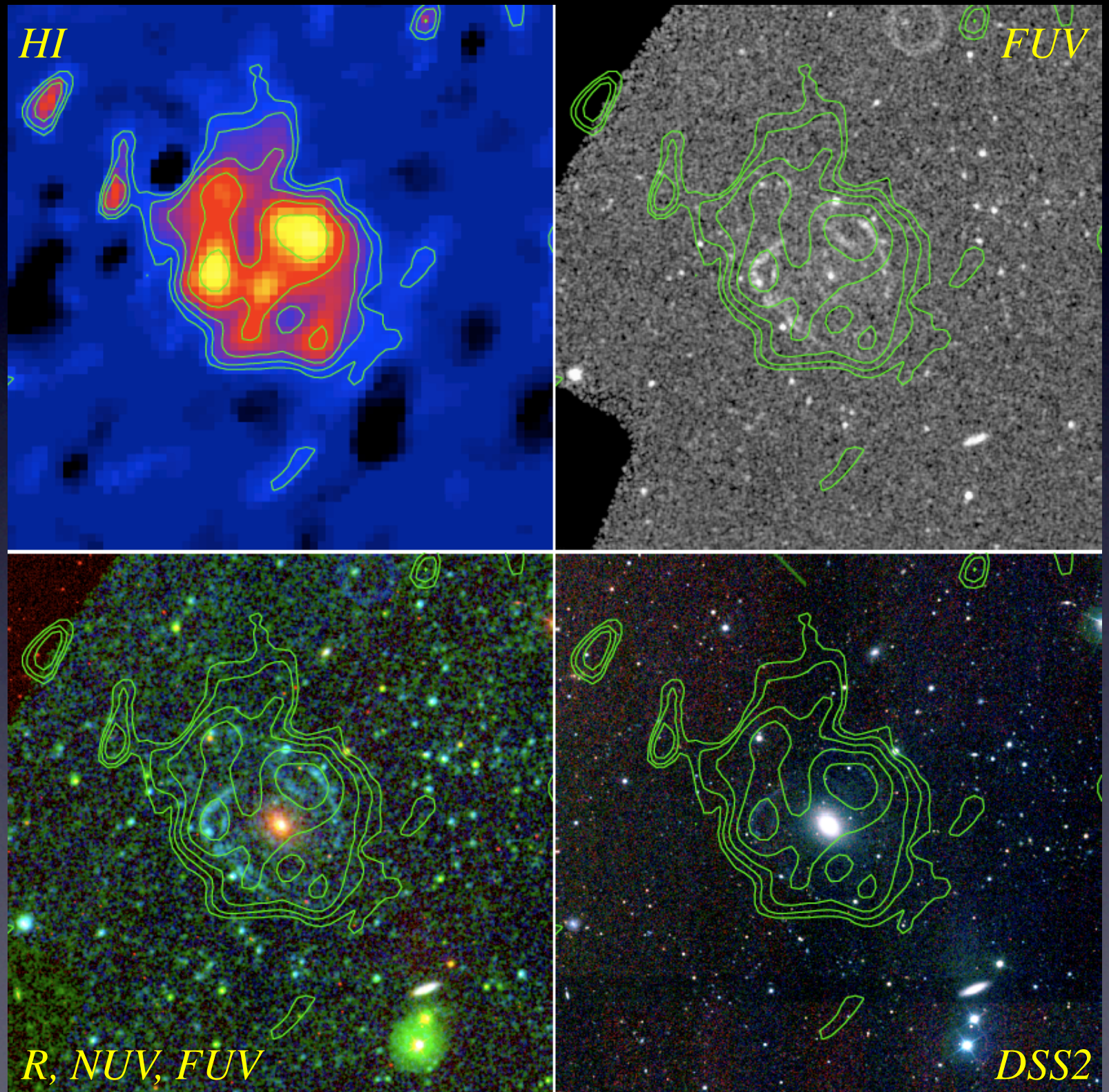
- Massive LSB disk galaxies forming about E or S0 hosts.
- Offshoot of XUV survey, increased dist. limit to examine early types in which $\log M(\text{HI}) > 10$.
- Found several with XUV-disks of diameter 100-150 kpc

UGC 1382



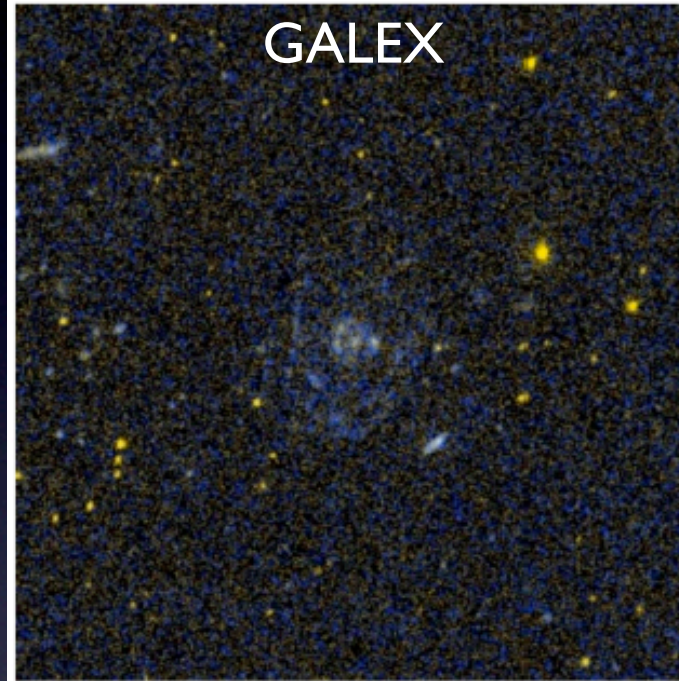
UGC 1382

- UGC 1382
 - Elliptical host ($T = -5$) with $M_* = 4 \times 10^{10} M_\odot$
 - Gas frac. ~ 0.5
 - Spiral structure



UGC3642 (SA0)

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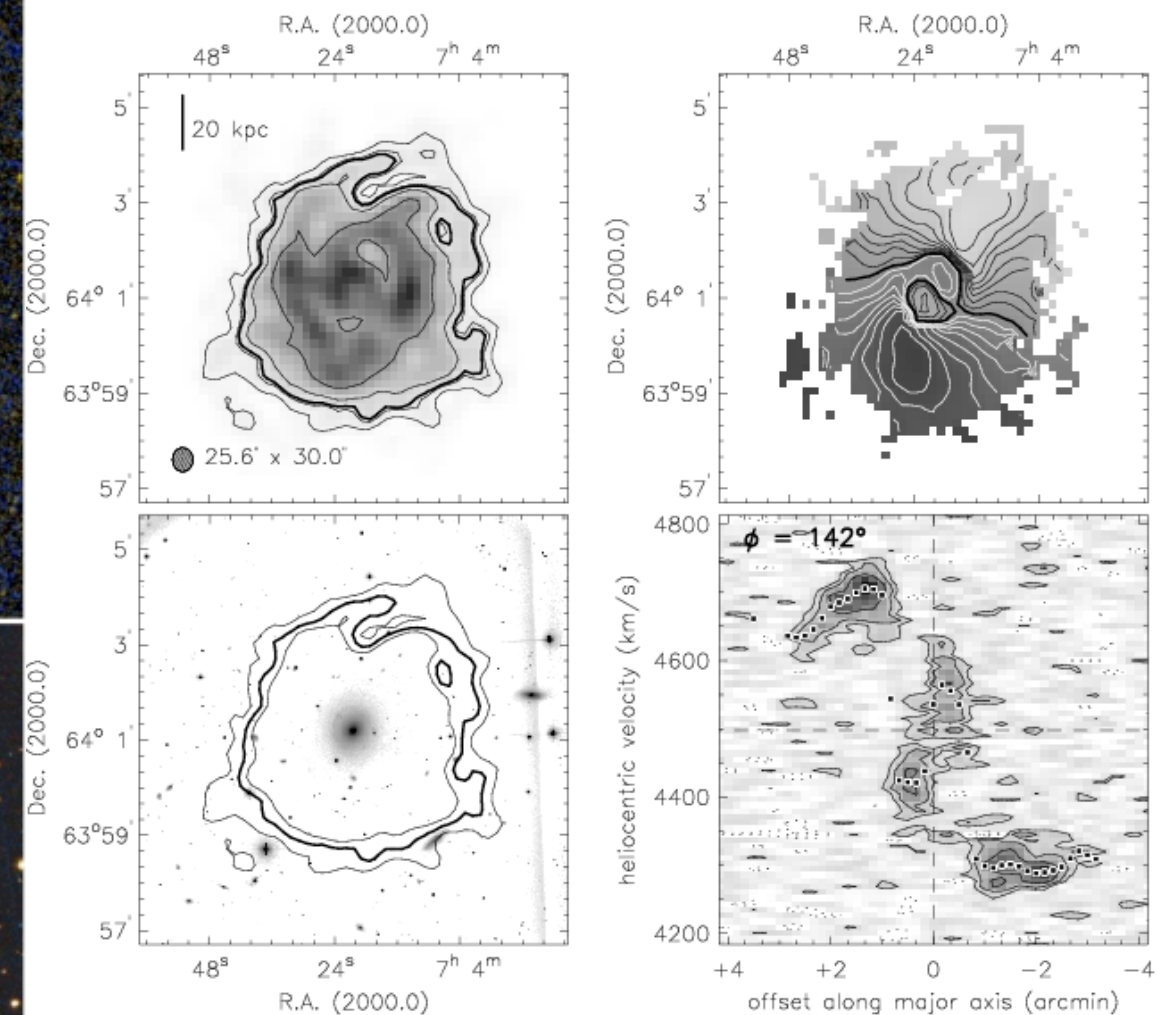


DSS2

UGC 3642

- S0 host ($T = -2$)
 $M_* = 7 \times 10^{10} M_\odot$
- Opt. brighter,
more evolved?
- Counter-rot. HI
evidence for late
assembly

UGC 3642

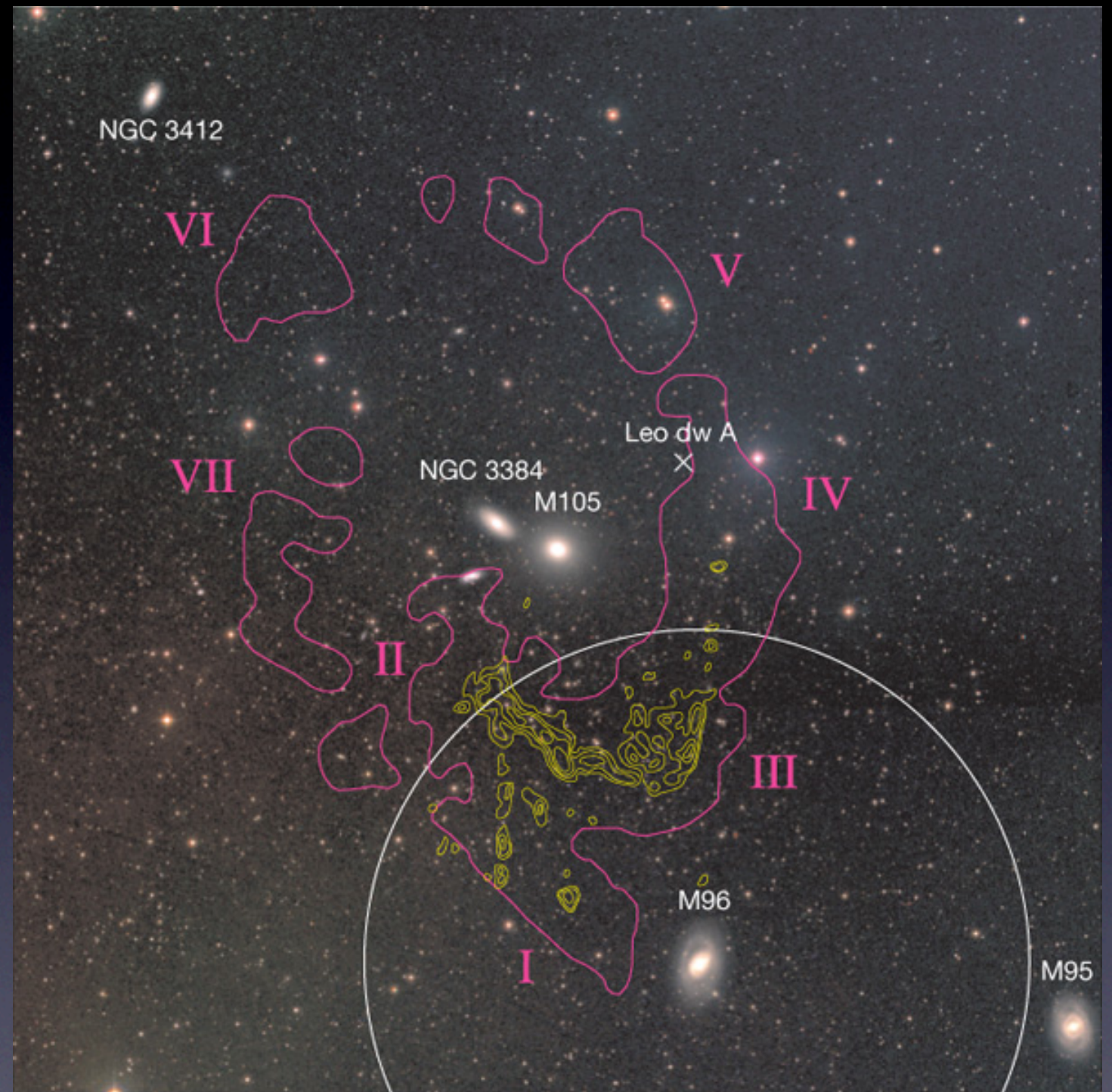


HI from WHISP



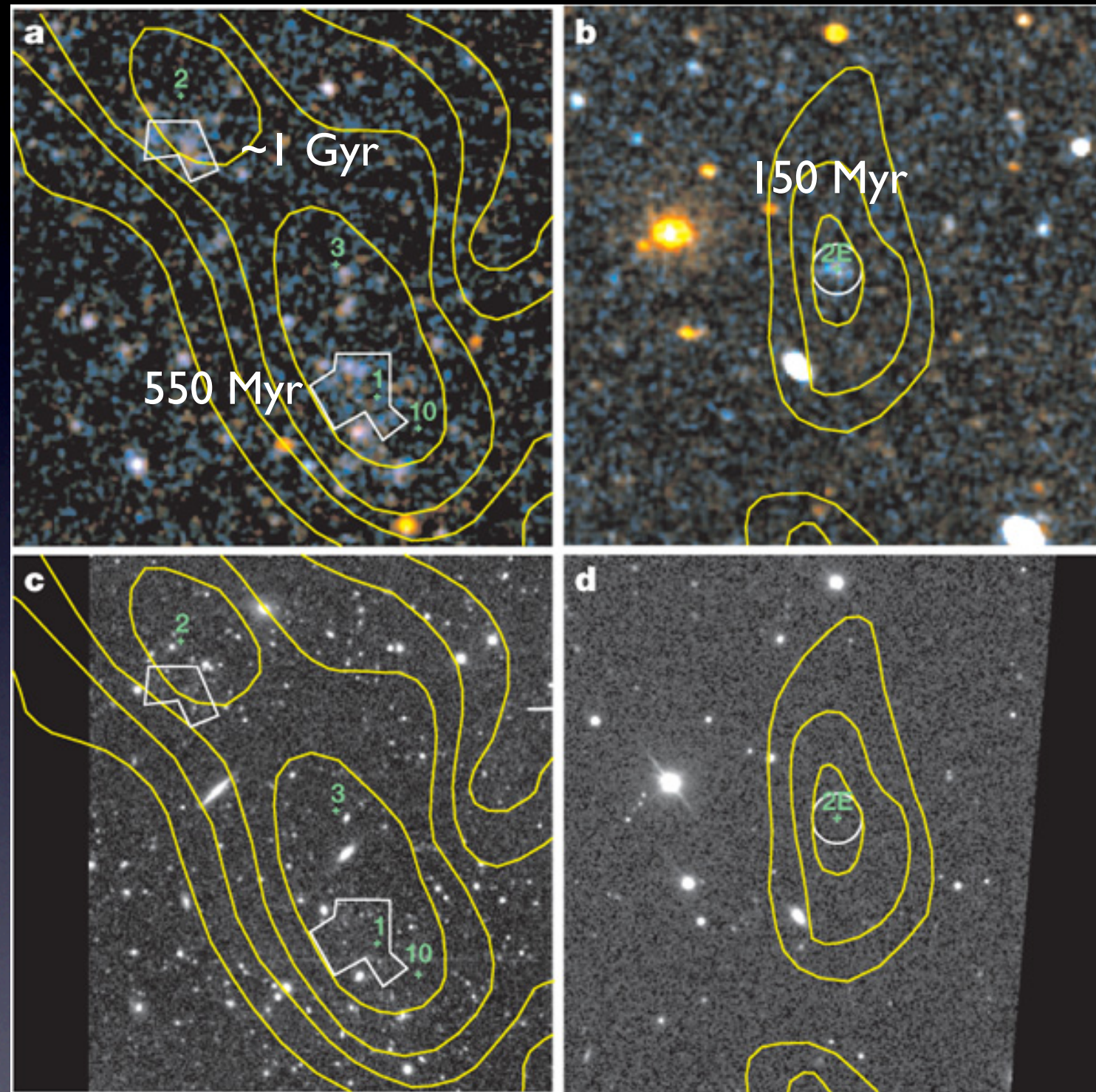
- NEW HI SURVEYS WILL FIND MUCH MORE CIRCUMGALACTIC & INTERGALACTIC GAS
 - Possible accreting clouds, collisional rings, TDGs
 - GALEX can find them now
- In the low SFR regime, UV is a more reliable tracer than $H\alpha$ or IR - regardless of IMF
 - stochastic limits: $\log(\text{SFR}) = -3.5$ for $H\alpha$, -5 for UV
- What SF might we be missing in $H\alpha$ surveys?
 - ultra-faint dwarf galaxies
 - intragalactic debris

- The Leo Ring
(Thilker et al. '09)
- Putative fossil
intragroup
structure
contains 2×10^9
 M_{\odot} of HI
- Several sites of
intergalactic SF
found with
GALEX

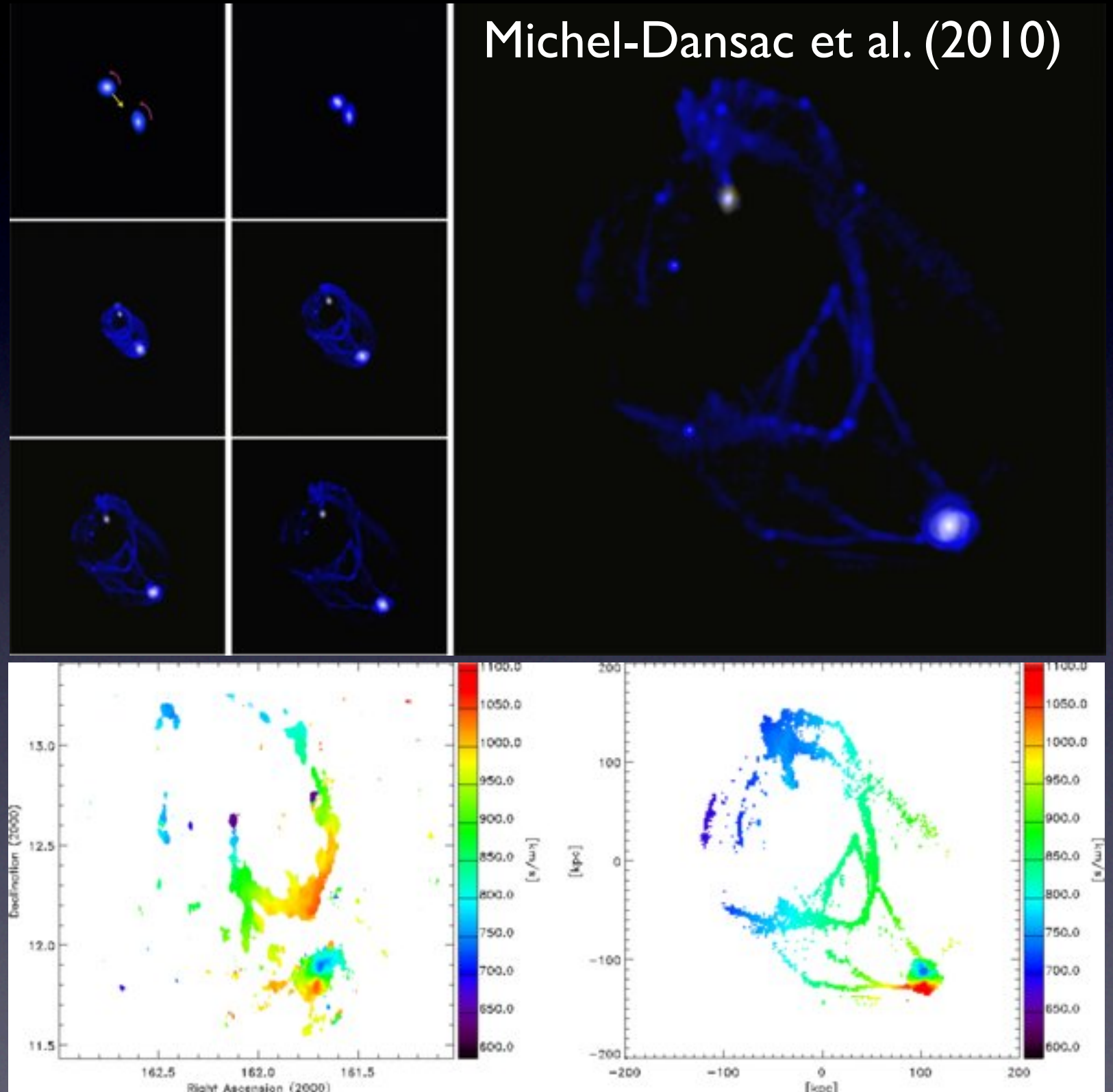


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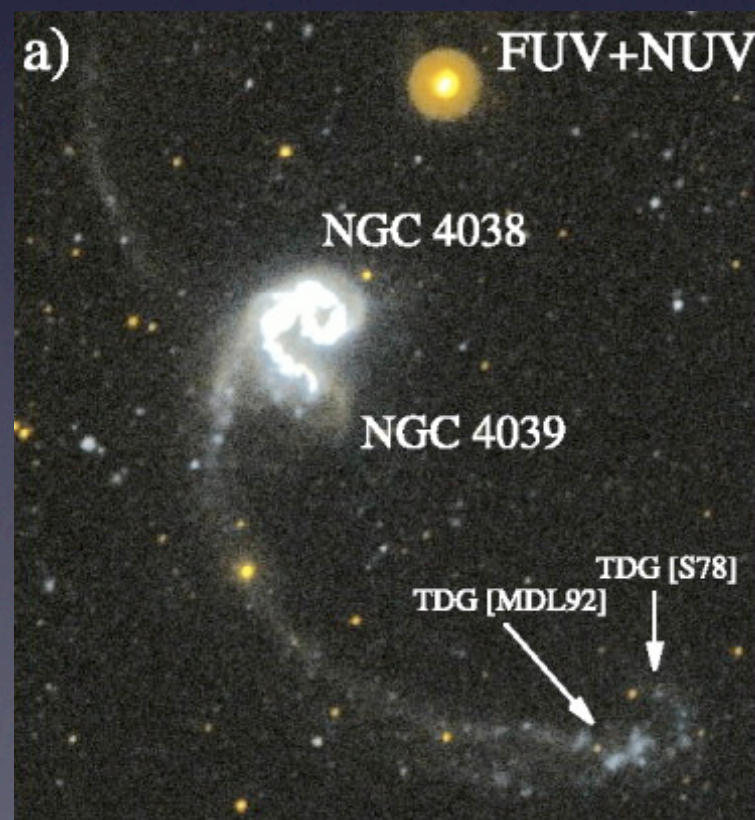
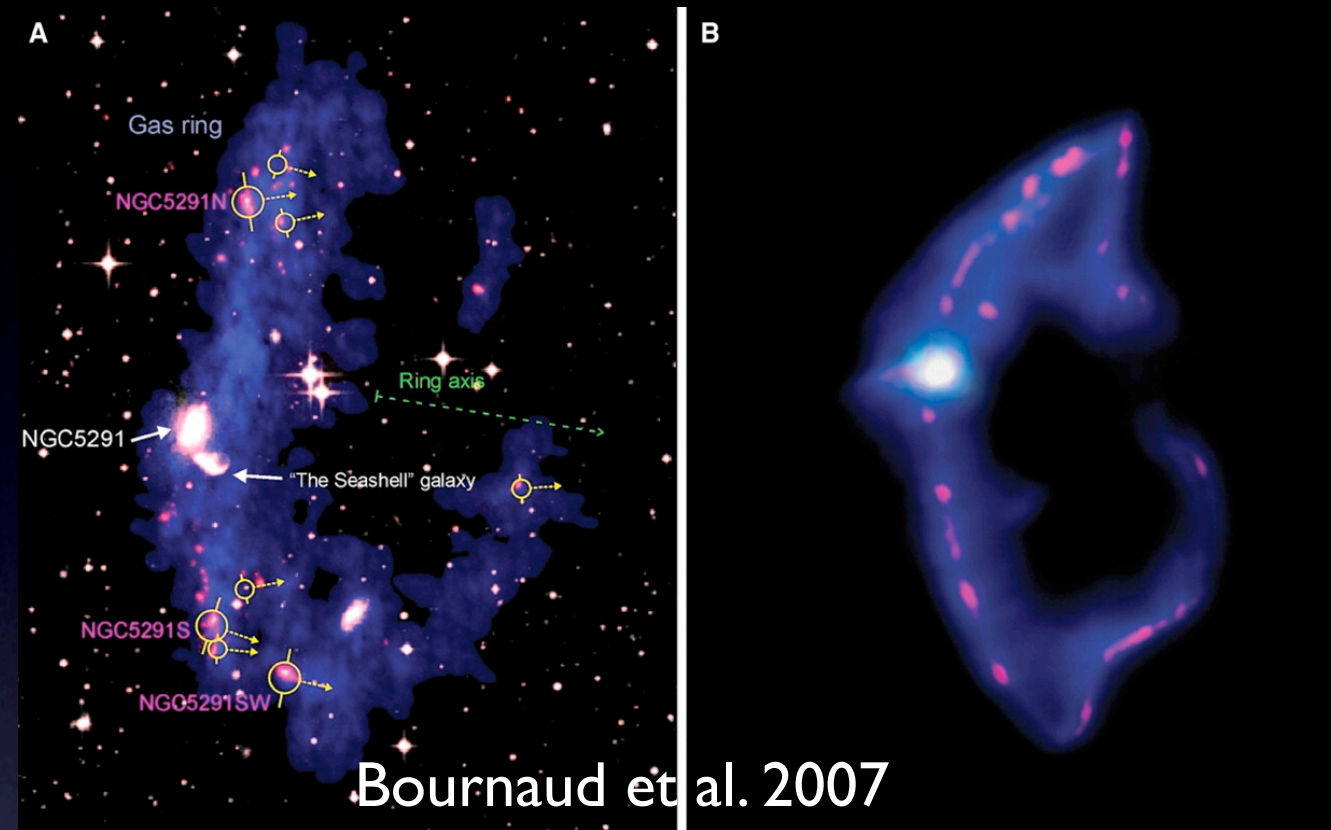
- UV-opt color-color ages
- $\text{SFR} < 0.001 \text{ M}_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$
- Leo Ring Clumps lack DM (Schneider et al. 1989)
- Objects similar to TDGs
 - Metallicity TBD w/ HST



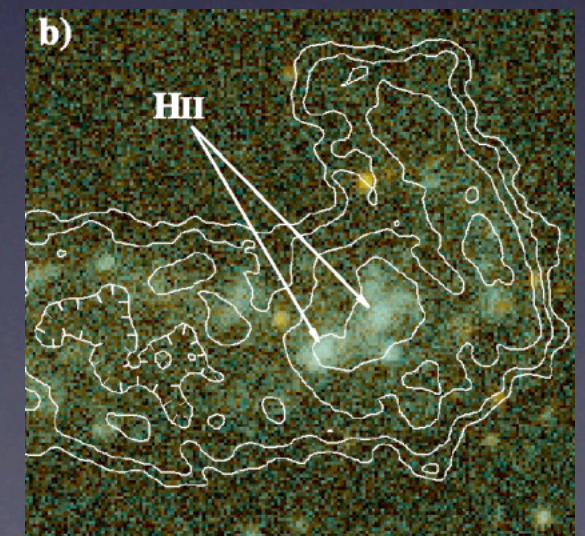
- Collisional model
- If verified as true origin, then possibly the oldest known collisional ring
- Do any faint dwarfs survive from prior SF events?
 - Perhaps a better chance than traditional TDGs
- Probe of group “pollution” mechanism
 - stars and enriched gas
 - ring remains distinct



- NGC 5291's collisional ring (Boquein et al. '07 & Bournaud et al. '07)
- Another example: NGC 2292/93 (LGG 138) ring
- GALEX is ideal for finding such SF sites, and following evolution of displaced gas
- Classical TDGs also...



Hibbard et al. '05



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Hester et al. '10

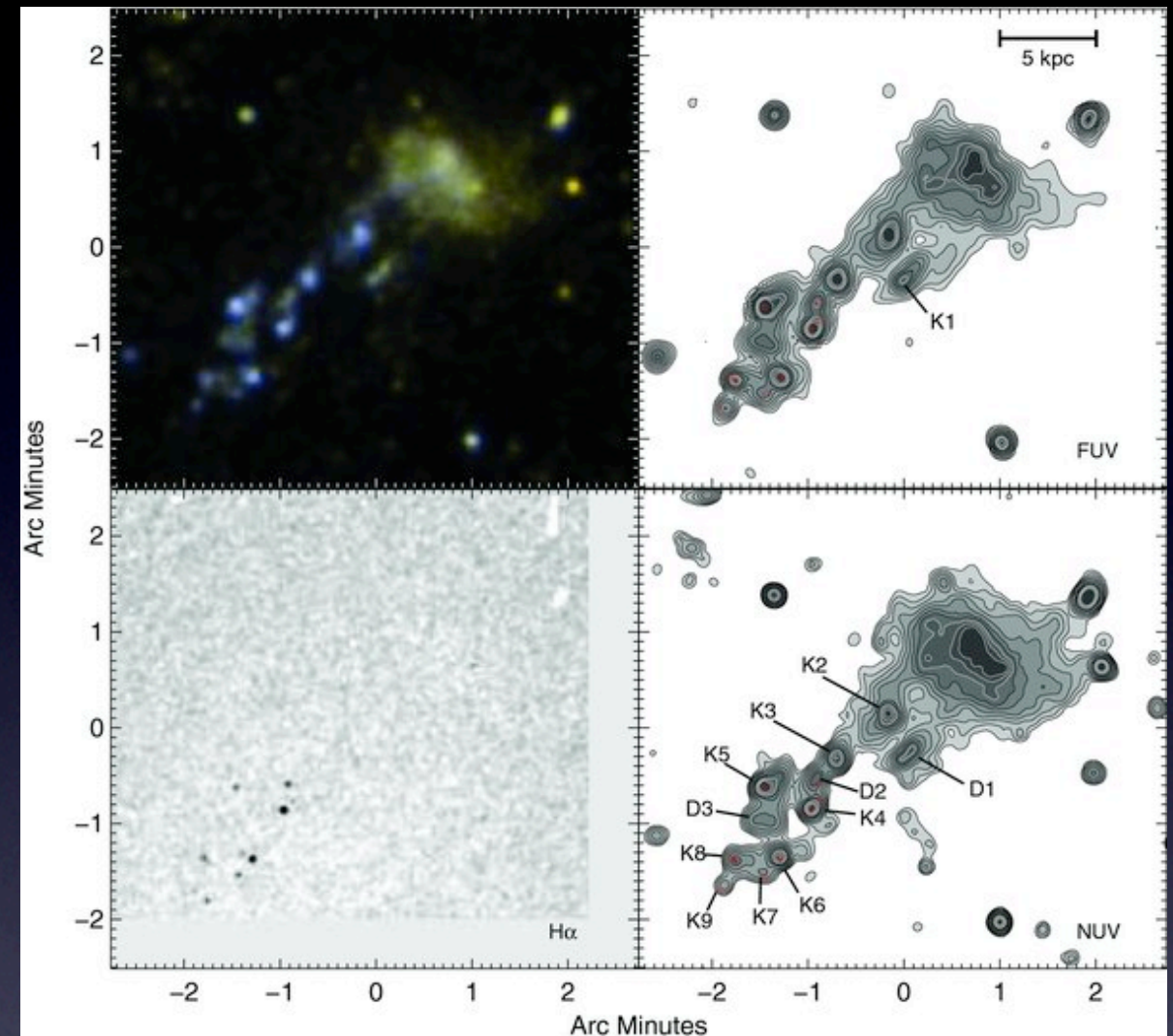
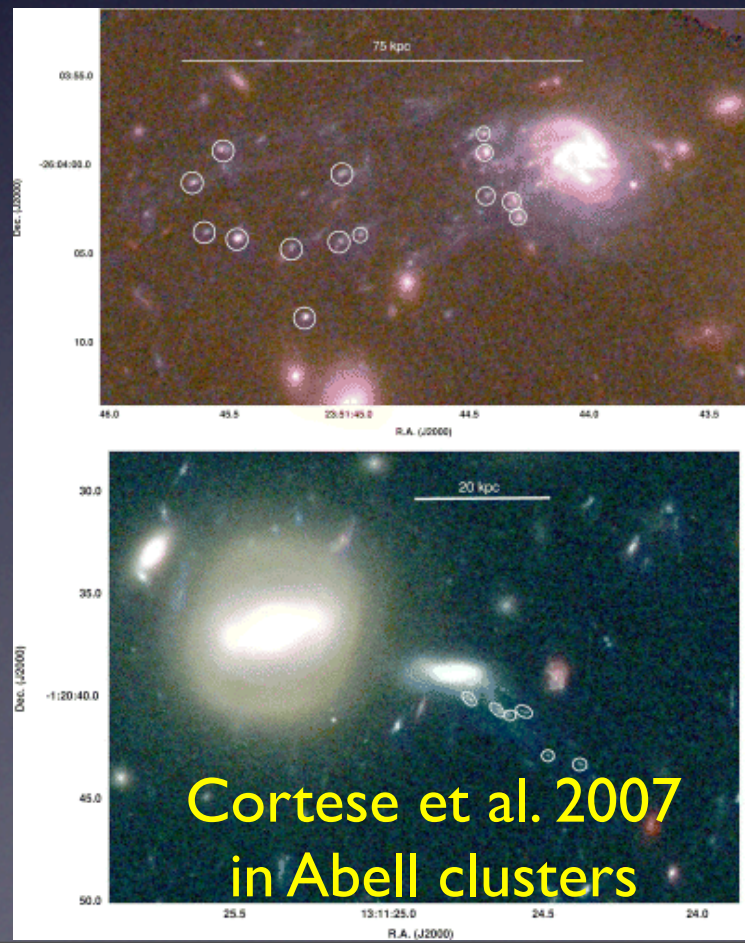
In-situ SF within ram-press. stripped gas

Hester et al. 2010 (IC3418, Virgo Cluster)

XUV-disk NGC 4254 is similar

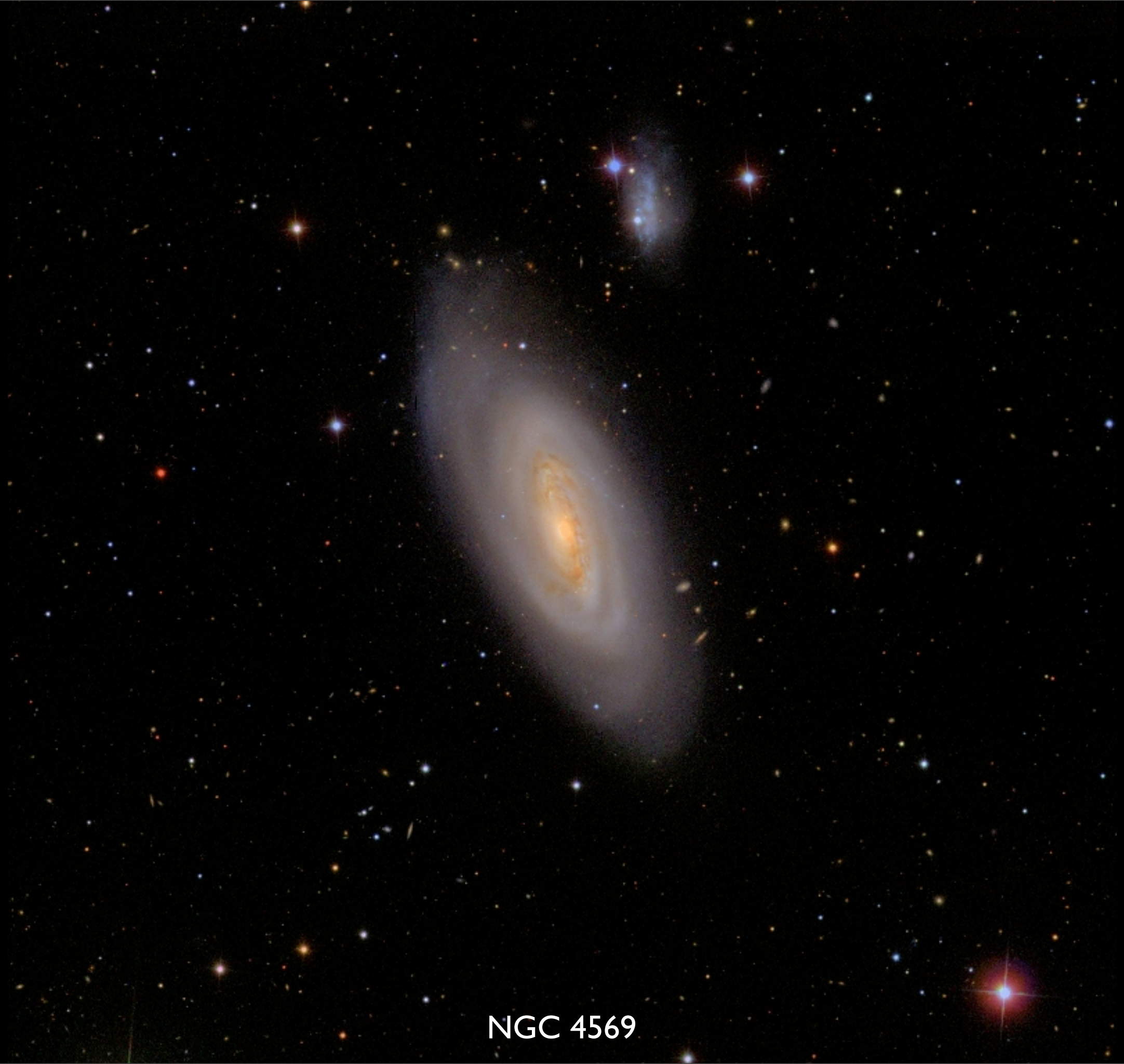
Smith et al. '10 (UV tails in Coma)

Use UV-opt SED as a timer since RP...



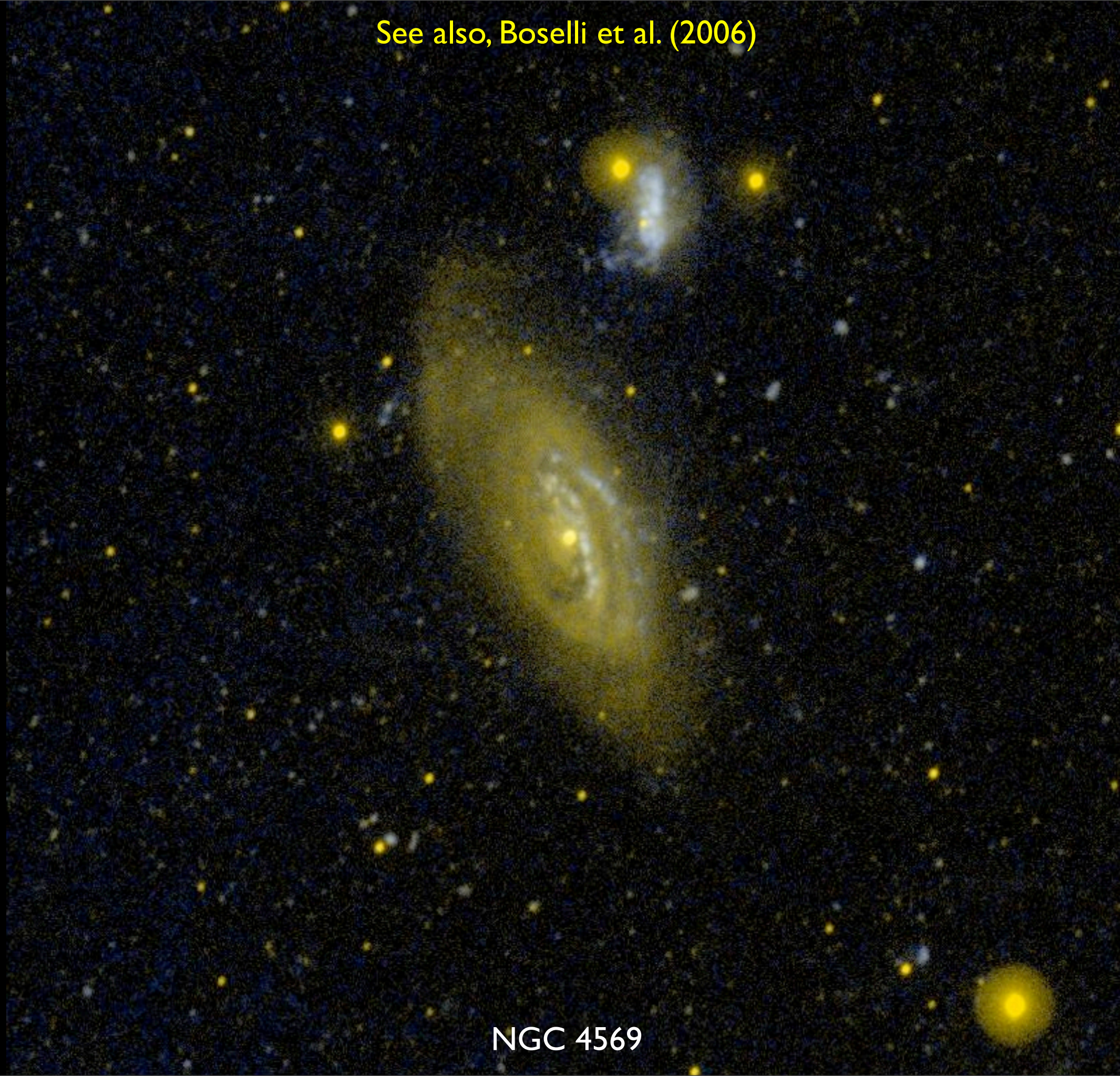
Visible light / SDSS

NGC 4569



UV light / GALEX

See also, Boselli et al. (2006)



NGC 4569



• CONCLUSIONS:

- XUV-disks are common and trace ongoing inside-out disk formation
 - The Green Valley galaxy pop. is diverse, including rejuvenated SF ETGs
 - At least some massive LSB disk galaxies may have formed in two stages
 - GALEX provides an ideal way to search for TDGs and intergalactic SF
 - Timing gas removal in cluster environ. is feasible with UV-opt SED
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- GALEX, the Galaxy Evolution Explorer, has lived up to its name - highlighting disk building and morphological transformation processes, while allowing the study of rate limiting factors inherent to the resolved SFL.