

COSMIC JELLYFISH

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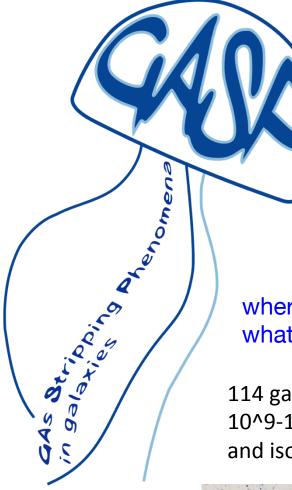


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OUTLINE

- The importance of gas removal processes in galaxies
- What are jellyfish galaxies and why is it fun to study them
- Integral-field spectroscopy unveils the rich physics involved in gas stripping
- What happens in the tentacles: star formation and multiphase gas
- ✤ AGN-stripping connection
- Final remarks and open questions

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Gas Stripping Phenomena in galaxies

MUSE ESO Large Programme + ALMA/APEX (CO), JVLA/MeerKAT (HI), UVIT@ASTROSAT (UV), HST

where, how, why is gas removed from galaxies? what is the effect on the galaxy SFH?

114 galaxies at z=0.04-0.07, with masses 10^9-10^11.5 Msun, in clusters, groups, filaments and isolated

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GALAXIES ARE FULLY OPENED BOXES

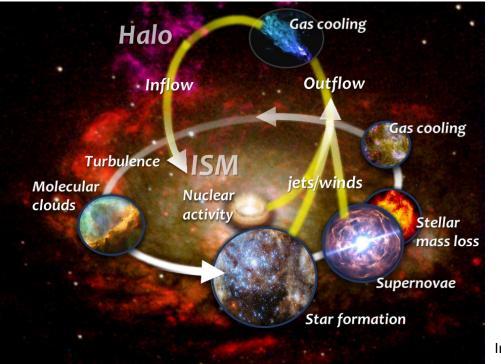
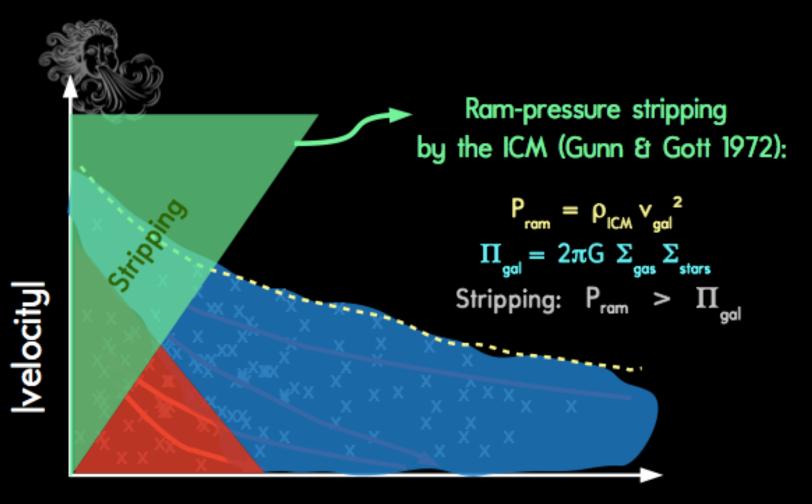


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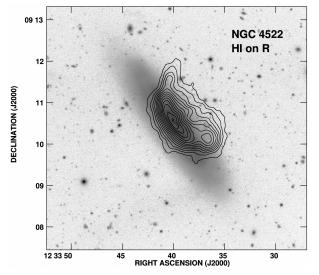
- The gas supply regulates the stellar histories of galaxies
 Several processes can affect the gas content:
 - -- shock-heating of circumgalactic gas, that stops cooling in a DM halo
 - -- galactic winds due to star formation or an active galactic nucleus
 - -- affecting gas and stars: tidal interactions, mergers
 - -- affecting only gas: <u>ram pressure stripping</u> and strangulation
- Gas removal processes can lead to the interruption of the star formation activity (quenching)



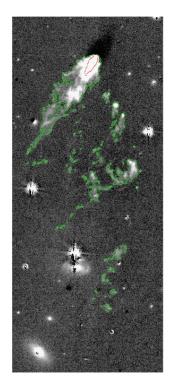
Distance from cl. centre

OBSERVATIONS OF RAM PRESSURE STRIPPING

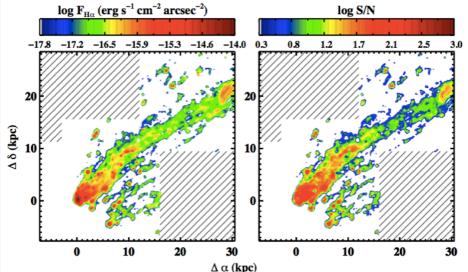
Observational evidence for gas stripping in clusters from:



HI H-alpha narrow band imaging X-ray IFU spectroscopyand even UV and optical images



HI - Kenney, van Gorkom and Vollmer 2004, Virgo cluster

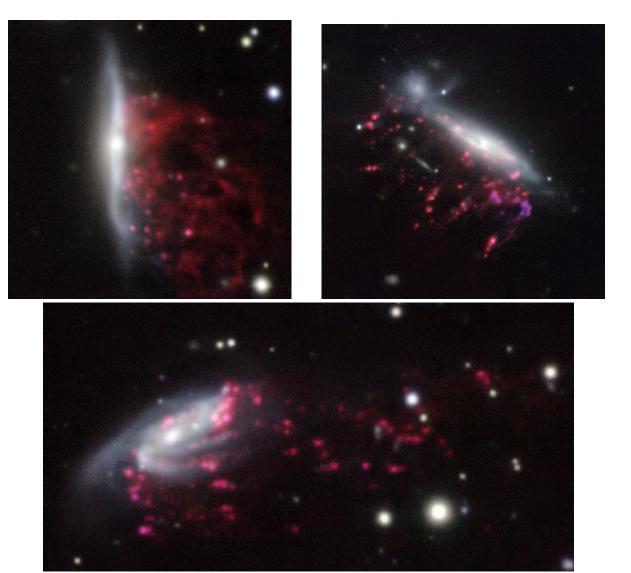


Halpha imaging, Yagi + 2010, 2017, Coma cluster

ESO137-001, Fumagalli+ 14, Fossati et al. 2016, in Abell 3627

JELLYFISH GALAXIES

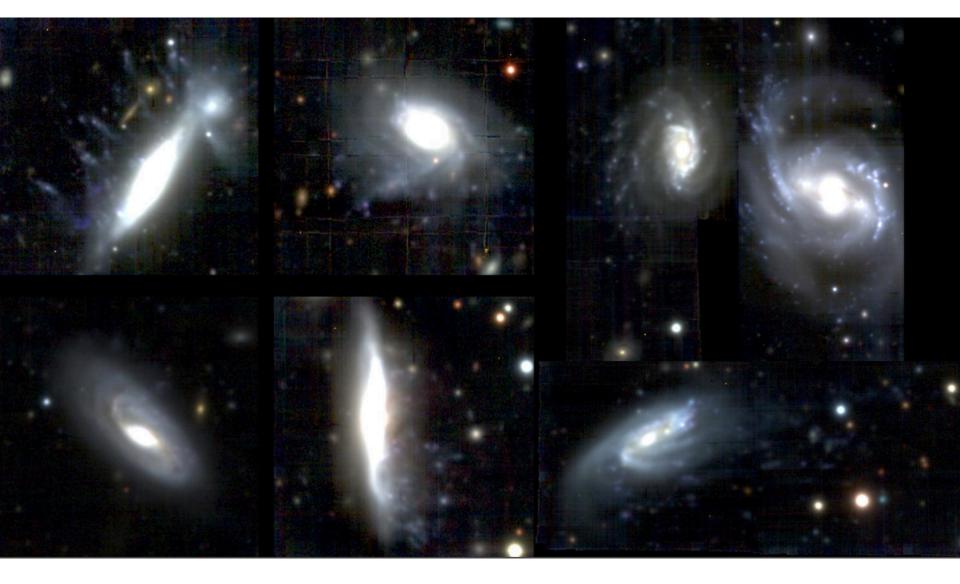
"Galaxies with clearly distorted images with optical data resolving multiple filaments offset asymmetrically from the galaxy " (Smith+, 2010)



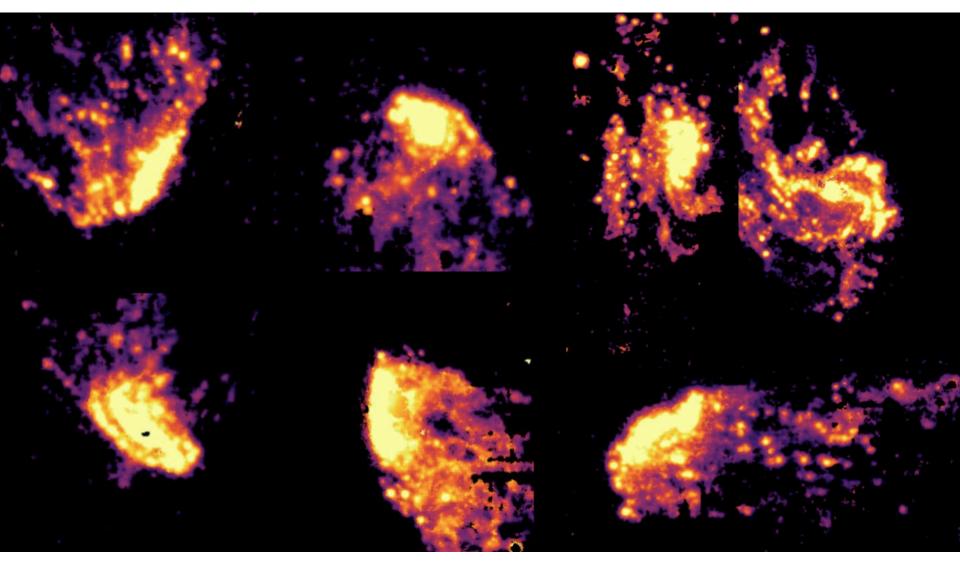
ESO Press Release n. 1725 GASP definition:

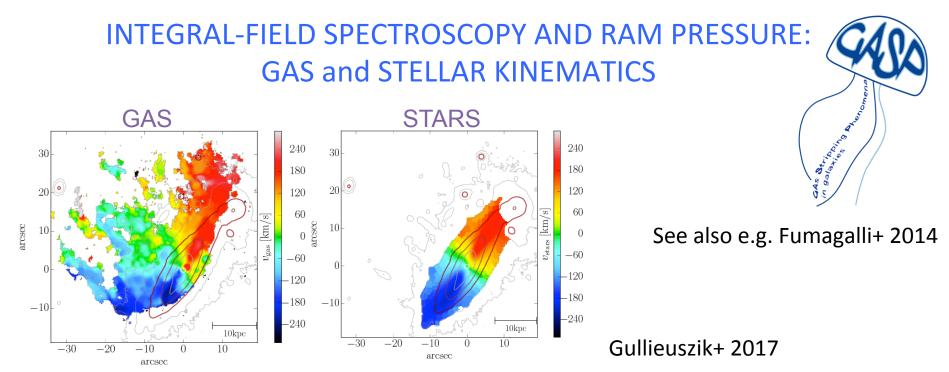
"Tails at least as long as the stellar disk diameter"





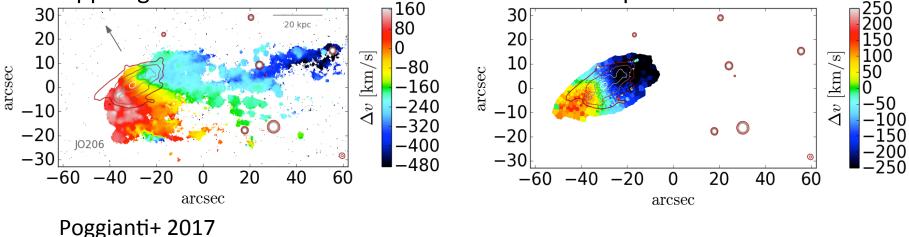
M. Gullieuszik and the GASP collaboration

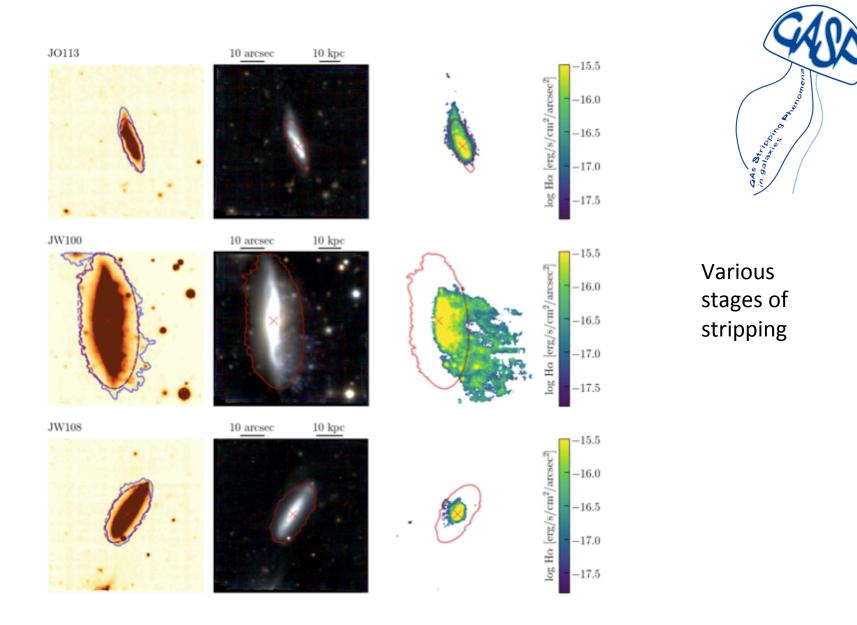




The stellar component is not disturbed, regular stellar kinematics: gas-only stripping

Stripped gas maintains coherent rotation for several kpc downstream

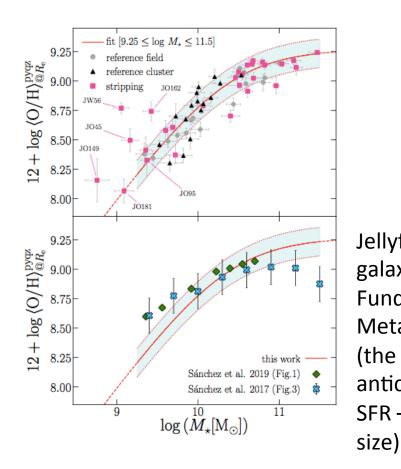


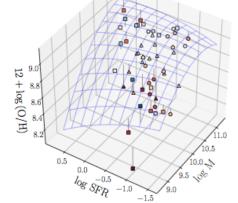


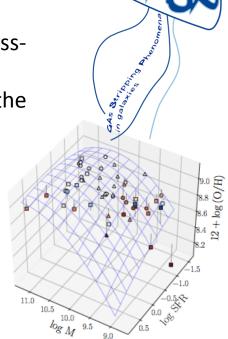
Gullieuszik+ 2020

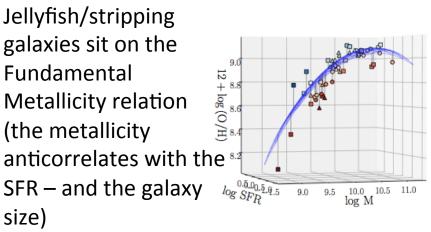
GAS METALLICITIES

Jellyfish galaxies, and stripping galaxies in general, follow the massmetallicity relation of non-stripped cluster galaxies. At low galaxy masses, metallicities in clusters are higher than in the field.







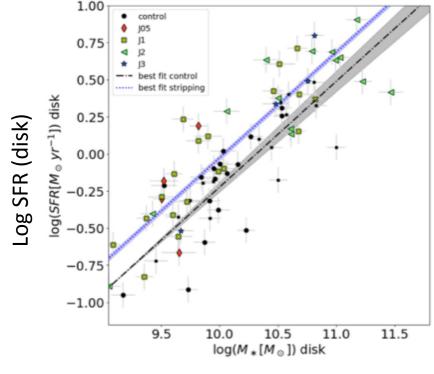


Franchetto+ 2020

STAR FORMATION

ENHANCED GLOBAL STAR FORMATION

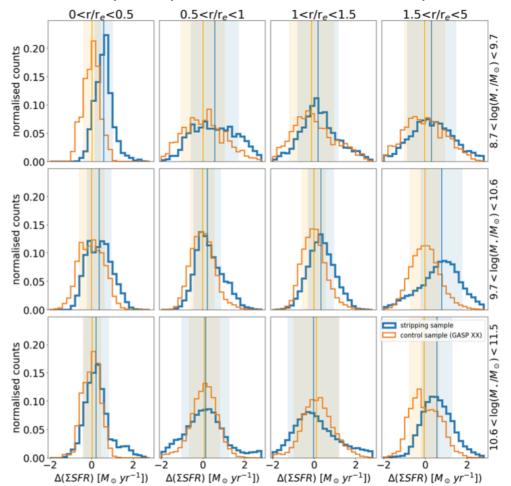
RPS can moderately enhance the SFR in the disk before quenching



Log M*

Galaxies undergoing stripping show a systematic enhancement of the *disk* SFR at fixed disk galaxy stellar mass (0.2dex)

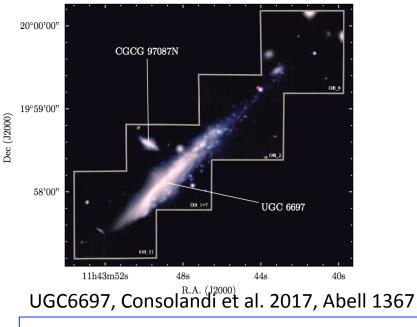
Vulcani+ 2018c, Roberts & Parker 2020 Systematic enhancement of SFR surface density at a given stellar mass surface density – at all galactocentric distances – suggesting SF enhancement induced by compression waves from ram pressure





Vulcani+ 2020b

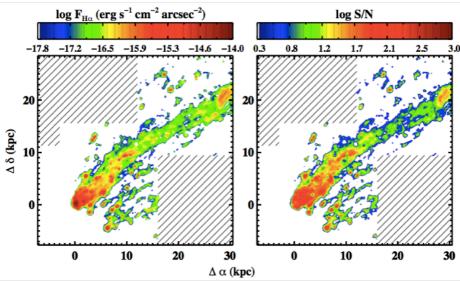
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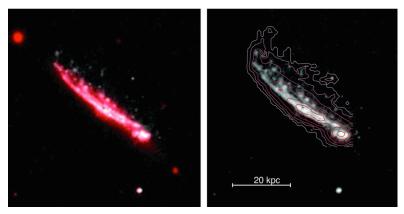
IFU data allow us to assess gas ionization mechanism from multiple line ratios.

See also Fossati+ 2019.

SF evidence also from UV+Halpha (Boselli+ 2018, Abramson+ 2011), UV-only of post-SB (Hester+ 2010, Yoshida+ 2008), and UV-only or Halphaonly surveys (Smith+ 2010, Yagi and Gavazzi's works)



ESO137-001, Sun et al. 2010, Fumagalli+ 14, Fossati et al. 2016, in Abell 3627



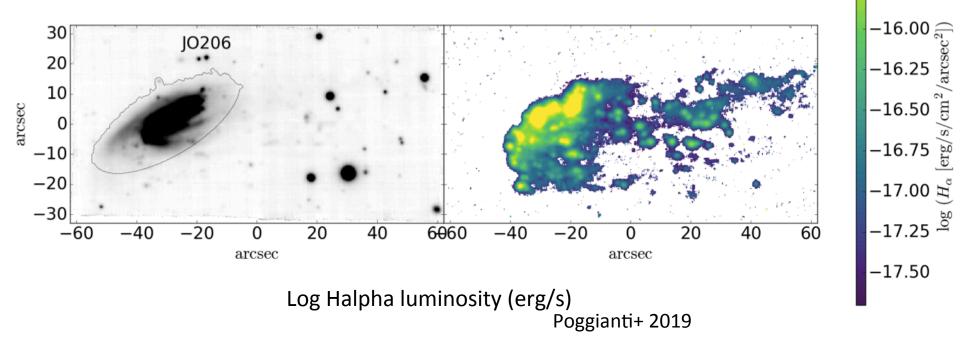
SOS 114372, Merluzzi+2013, 2016, Shapley supercluster

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The SF takes place in Halpha bright, dynamically cold (median σ =27 km/s): star-forming clumps forming in-situ in the tails.

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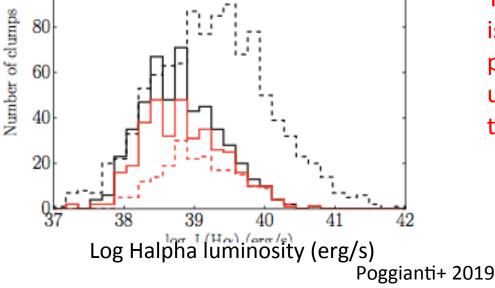
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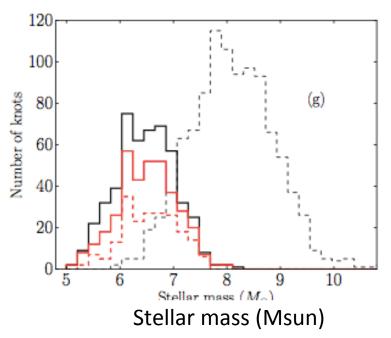
The SFR in the tails is typically a few percent (2-5%), and up to 20%, of the total SFR.



(b)

Median stellar mass of the clumps in the tails 3X10^6Msun

Are we witnessing the formation of UltraCompact Dwarf Galaxies / Globular Clusters?



Poggianti+ 2019

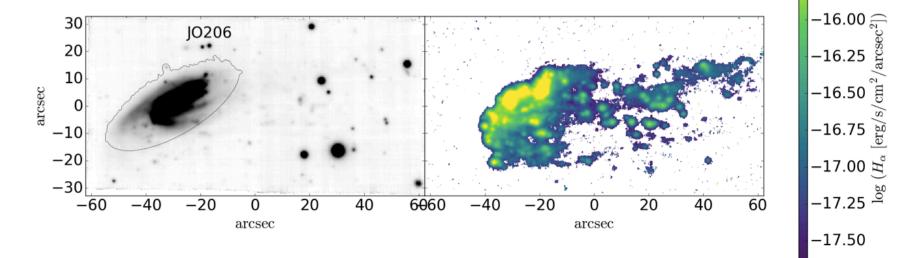


DIFFUSE Halpha-emitting IONIZED GAS (DIG)

In tails, 50% of emission is Halpha clumps and 50% is DIG.

DIG mostly due to photoionization by young massive stars + "LINER-like" emission component from [OI] line: thermal heating from ICM? Or mixing? Or shocks?

Diffuse emission due to lower luminosity HII regions, or to photon leakage from SFing clumps? Average escape fraction is 18%





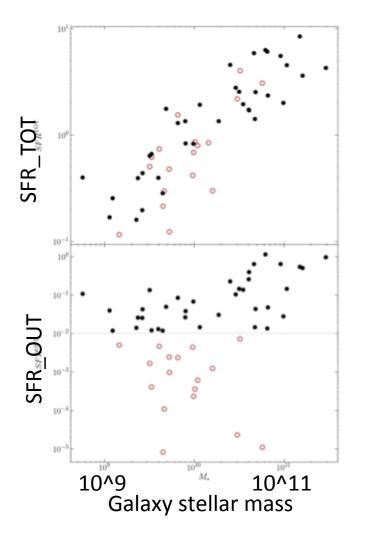
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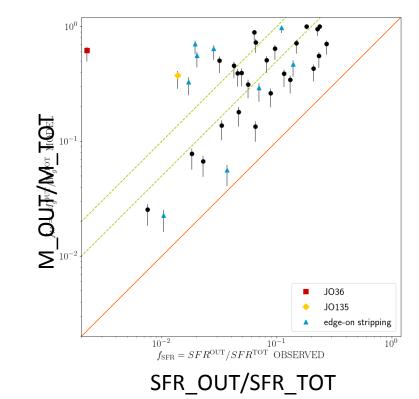
Poggianti+ 2019a

What does the amount of SF in the tail depend upon?

Not simply the galaxy stellar mass...



The fraction of SFR that is "out" follows the fraction of gas mass that is expected to be stripped according to the Gunn&Gott formulation...

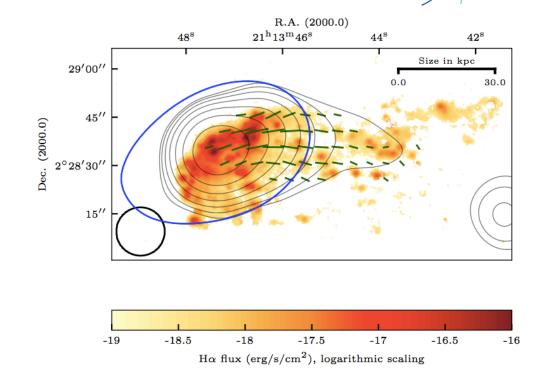


With 4 observed quantities (galaxy mass, cluster mass, v and r) SFR_OUT can be roughly predicted, in a statistical sense Gullieuszik+ 2020

FIRST OBSERVATION OF THE MAGNETIC FIELD IN A JELLYFISH TAIL!!!

The magnetic field vectors are aligned with (are parallel to) the direction of the ionized gas tail and stripping direction.

A key factor in allowing in-situ SF?

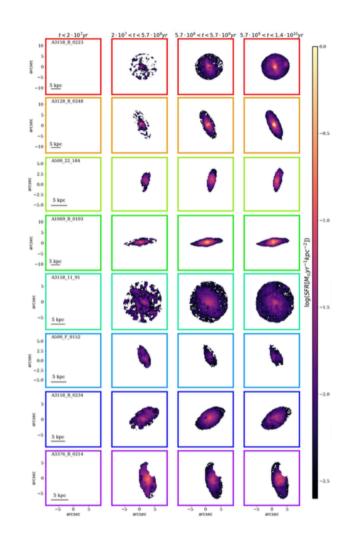


Mueller+ 2020

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POST-STARBURST/POST_STARFORMING GALAXIES: NO (ionized) GAS and NO SF LEFT

OUTSIDE-IN QUENCHING



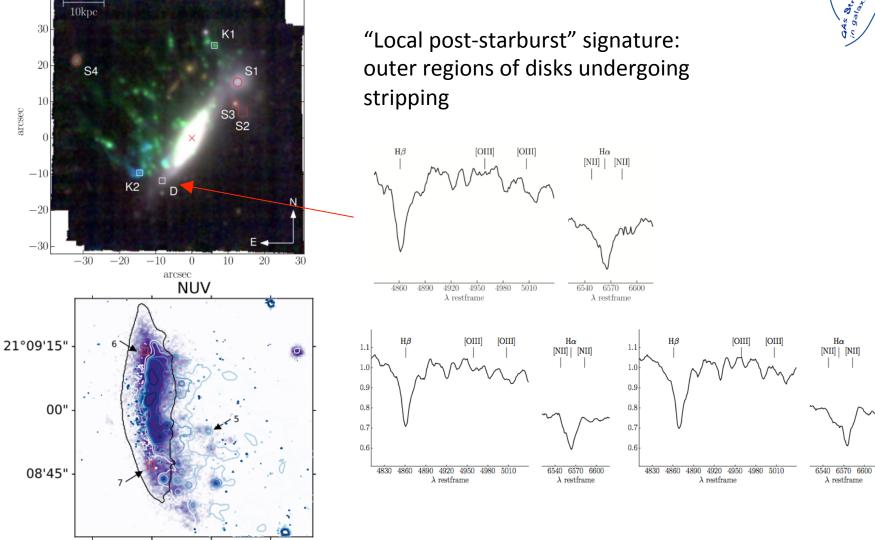
Post-starburst spirals, with strong Balmer absorption and no emission lines

typically located between 0.5 and 1 cluster virial radii (r200)

Vulcani et al. 2020

QUENCHING: POST-STARBURST SIGNATURES





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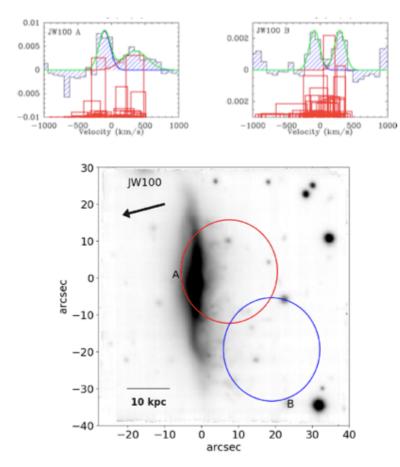
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Gullieuszik+ 2017 – Poggianti+ 2019b

MULTI-PHASE GAS AND SF

MOLECULAR GAS IN TAILS: SINGLE DISH STUDIES



Moretti+ 2018

Large molecular gas masses (CO) in the tails, and in the disks

Until recently, 8 galaxies detected (large beam, low spatial resolution)

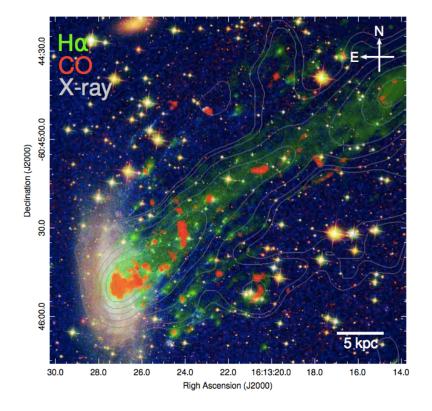
Jachym+ 2014, 2017, Verdugo+ 2015, Lee+ 2018, Moretti+ 2018

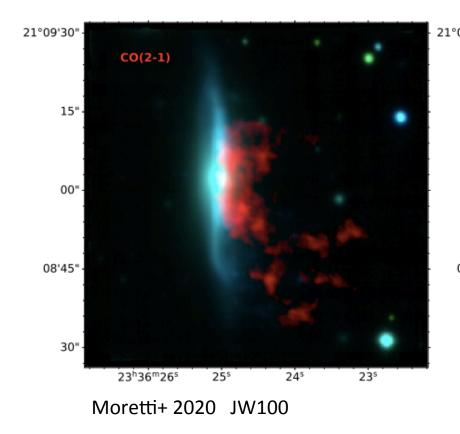


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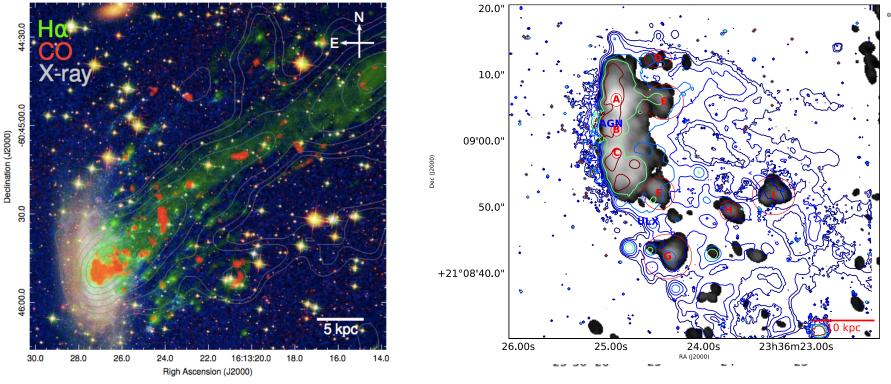


Jachym+ 2019 ESO 137-001

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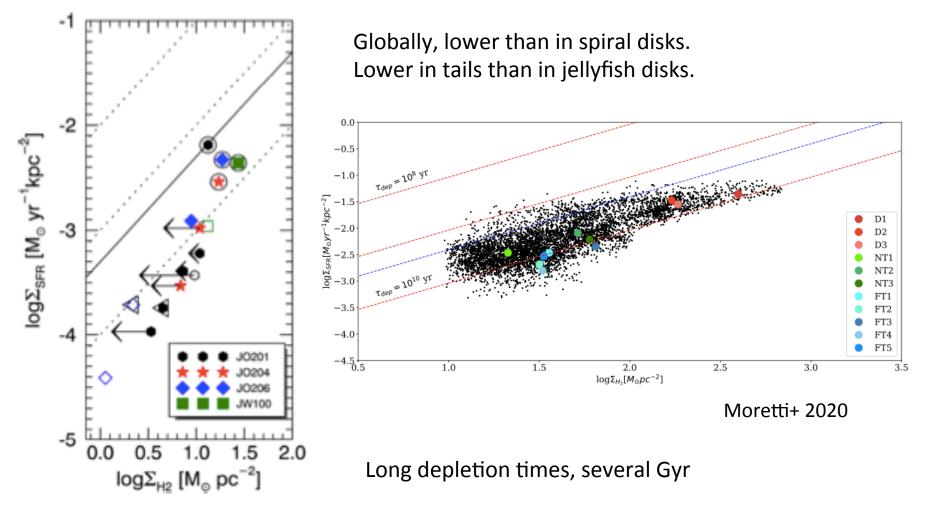
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Moretti+ 2020 JW100

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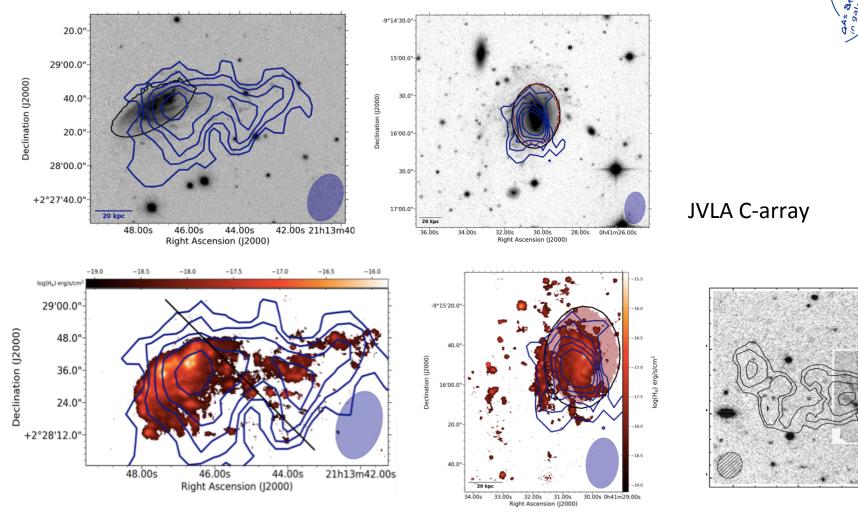
LOW CO-STAR FORMATION EFFICIENCY (SFR surface density per unit of molecular gas mass surface density)



Moretti+ 2018

HI GAS

Generally, HI tails present in galaxies with Halpha tails – but HI and Halpha tail morphologies can be very different (but always for a reason...)

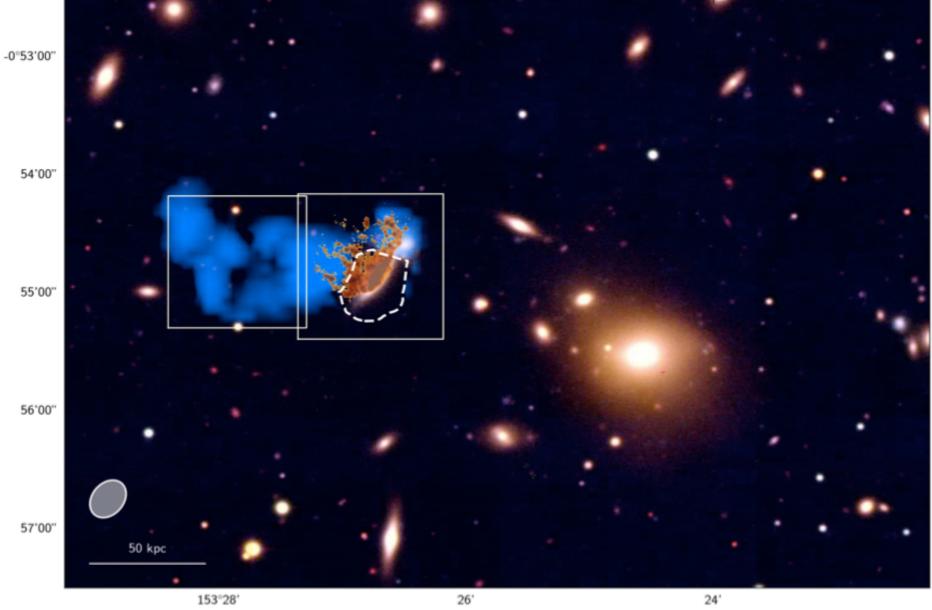


Ramatsoku+ 2019

Ramatsoku+ 2020

Deb, Verheijen+2020

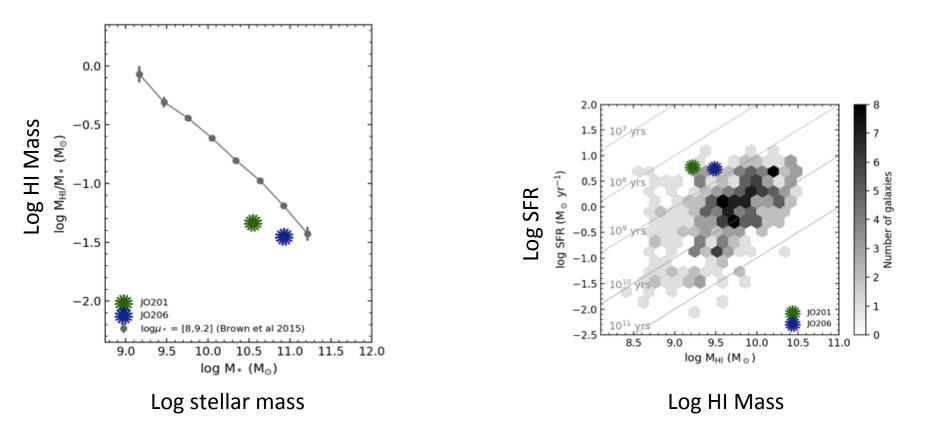




RA (J2000)

Slightly HI-deficient

SF excess for their HI content – both globally and locally



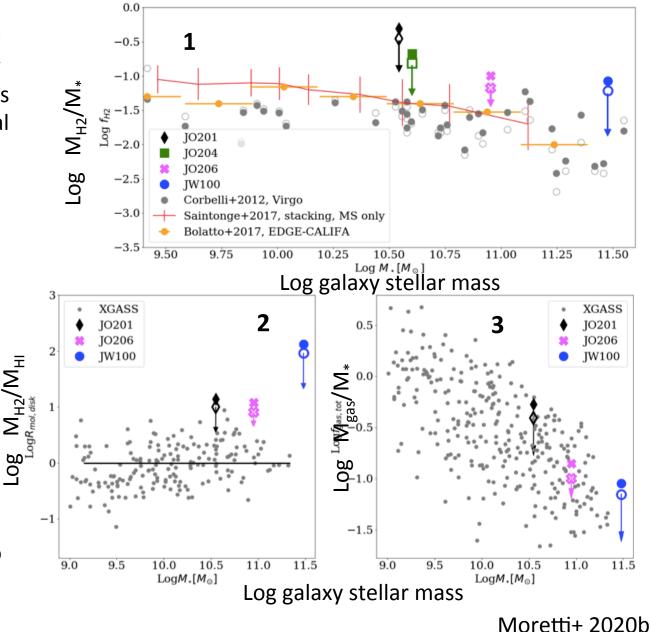
Ramatsoku+ 2020

MORE JELLYFISH SURPRISES

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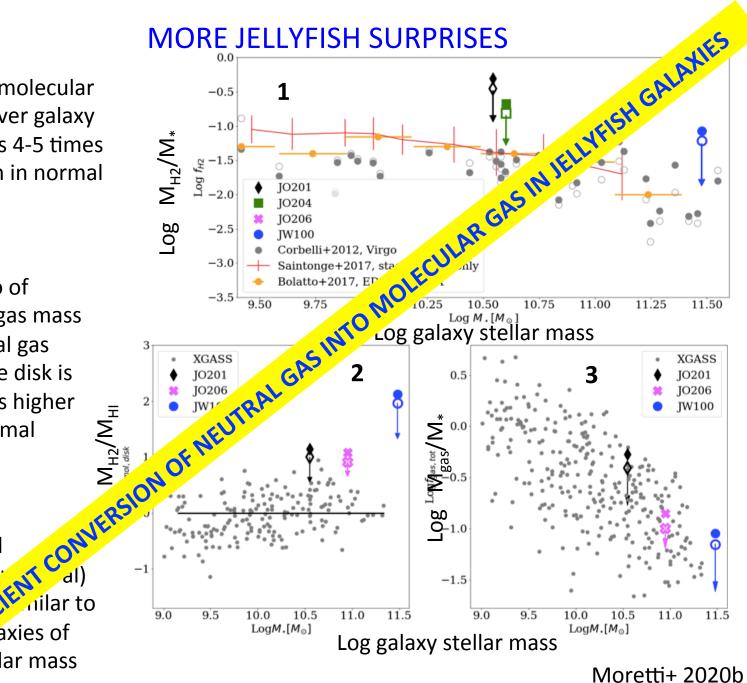
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AGN-RAM PRESSURE CONNECTION

HIGH FRACTION OF AGN IN JELLYFISH GALAXIES

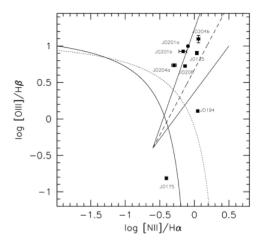
7 galaxies with H α tentacles longer than the diameter of the stellar disk and stellar masses 4 * 10¹⁰ - 3 * 10¹¹ Msun

5 AGN (Seyfert2) and 1 LINER

---- suggesting that ram-pressure stripping is triggering the AGN

ISM interacting with non-rotating ICM loses angular momentum

oblique shocks in a disk flared by magnetic field





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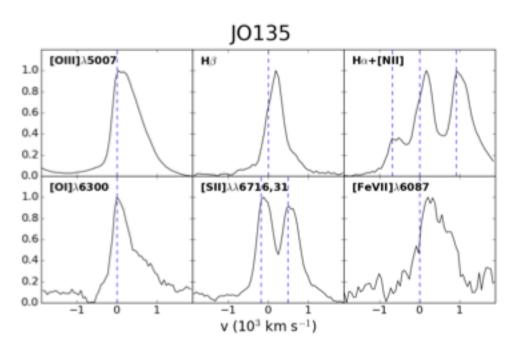
Poggianti+ 2017b

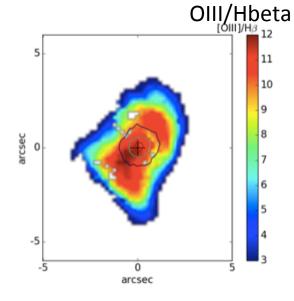
AGN and their OUTFLOWS in JELLYFISH GALAXIES

1) Comparison with AGN, shock and HII models using combination of line ratios confirms AGN. (+ HI absorption due to AGN in some cases...see later)

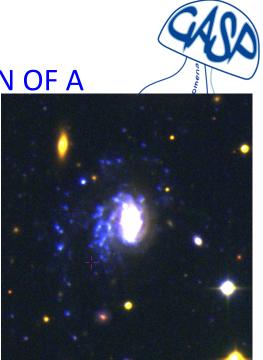
2) Nuclear iron coronal lines and extended (>10kpc) AGN-ionized regions in some of the galaxies.

3) AGN outflows in 4/6, extending out to 1.5-2.5kpc, with outflow velocities 250-550km/s

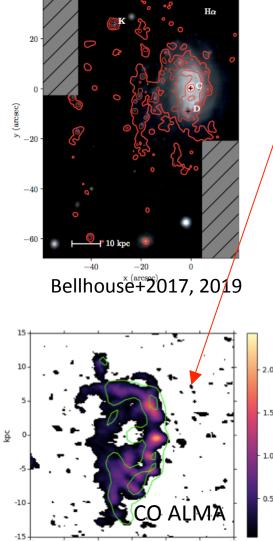




Radovich+ 2019



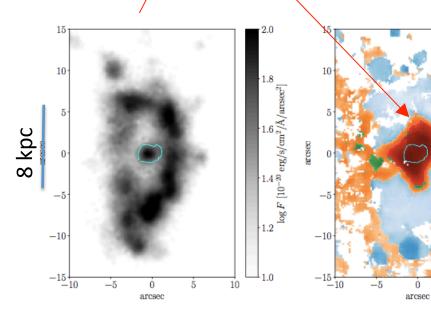
AGN FEEDBACK: LACK OF UV, CO and SF IN THE CENTRAL REGION OF A



JELLYFISH GALAXY (MUSE+ALMA+UVIT)

A central 8kpc-long region depleted of molecular gas and of star formation (central UV hole) – this region is filled with gas ionized by the AGN

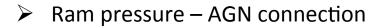
George+ 2018



George+ 2019

CONCLUSIONS

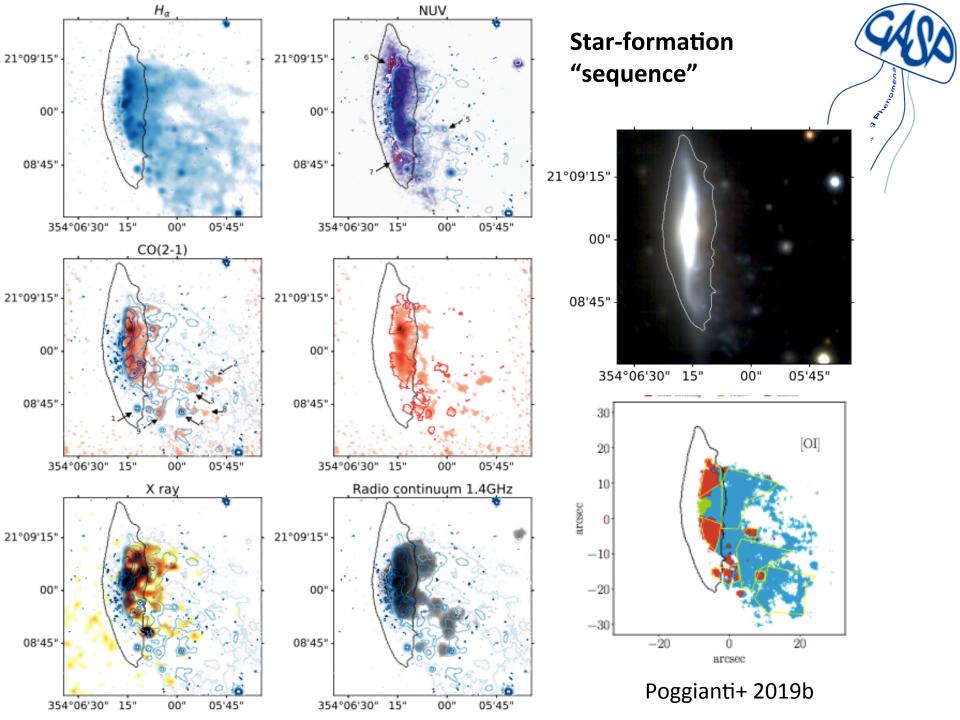
- Jellyfish galaxies, and galaxies undergoing stripping in general, are an excellent opportunity to study a plethora of physical processes, testing our knowledge of such processes under extreme environmental conditions
- Star formation: enhanced in the disks, and in-situ also in tails
- Multi-phase gas in disks and tails: excess of molecular gas, likely efficient conversion of HI into H2 star formation efficiency unusually high for HI, unusually low for H2



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- The universality of the SF process, versus the dependence of the various gas phases and the star formation efficiency on local conditions
- How does ram pressure trigger the AGN?
- Inside and outside clusters, what is the role of ram pressure stripping for the evolution of the overall galaxy population? What about other mechanisms?
- The nature and fate of the extraplanar star-forming clumps; the contribution to the intracluster light and the intracluster medium; the nature of the diffuse emission etc etc