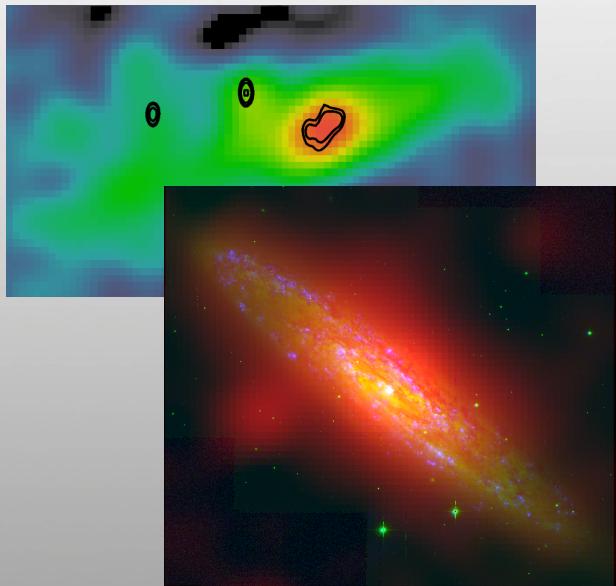




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Star formation & physical processes in Sculptor Group galaxies at low radio frequencies



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Crucial: data from the Murchison Widefiled Array (MWA)

GLEAM DR1: 70–230 MHz



(Hurley-Walker+2017)



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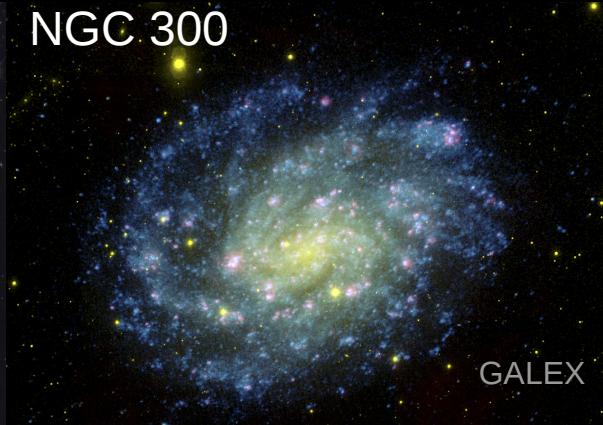
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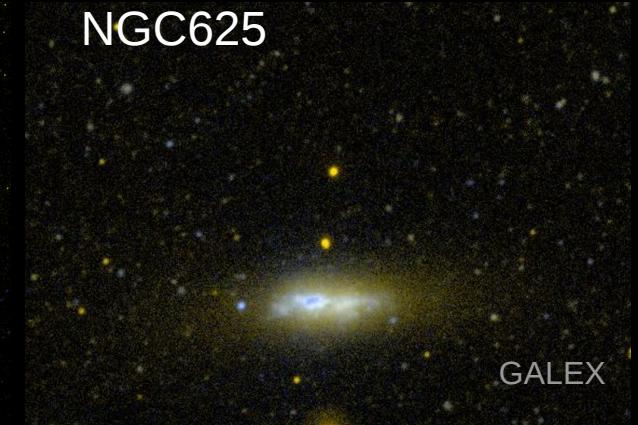


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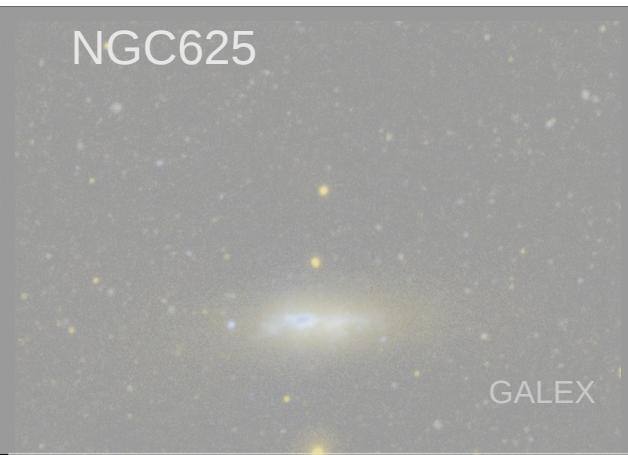
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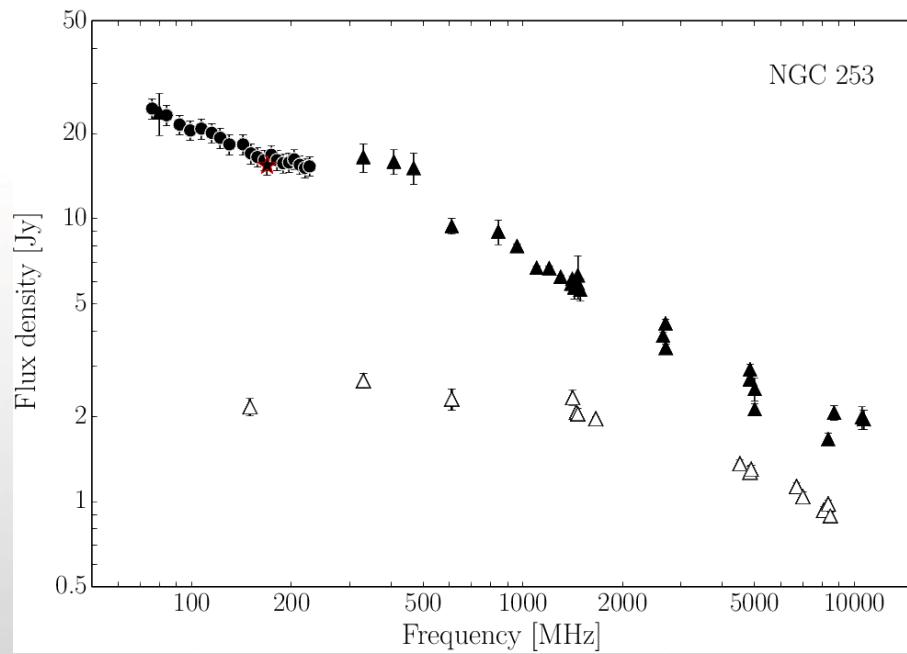


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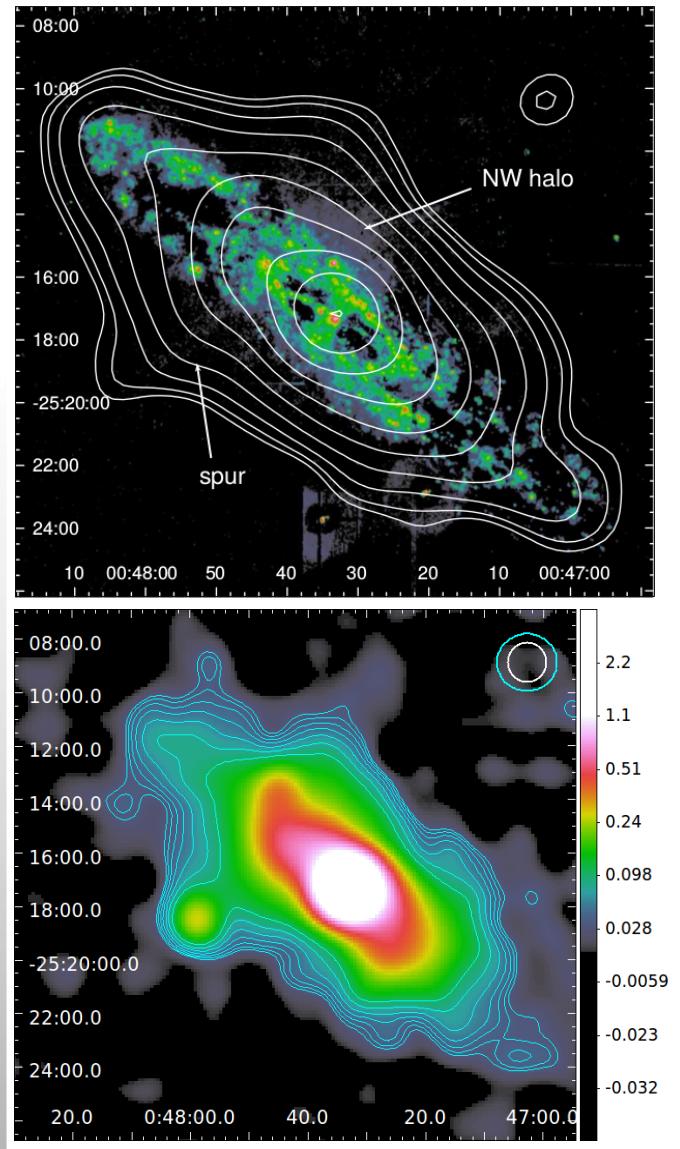
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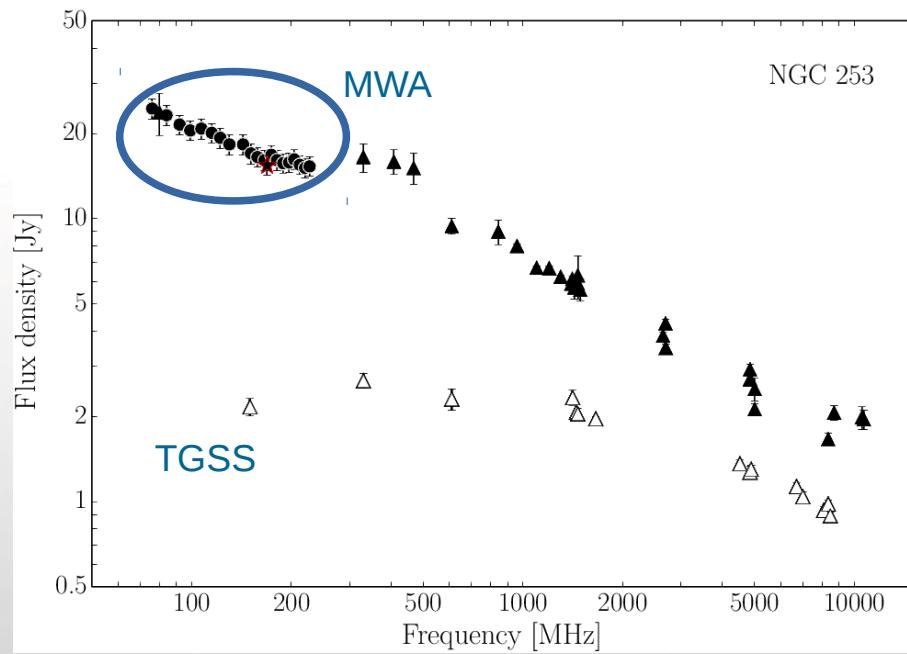


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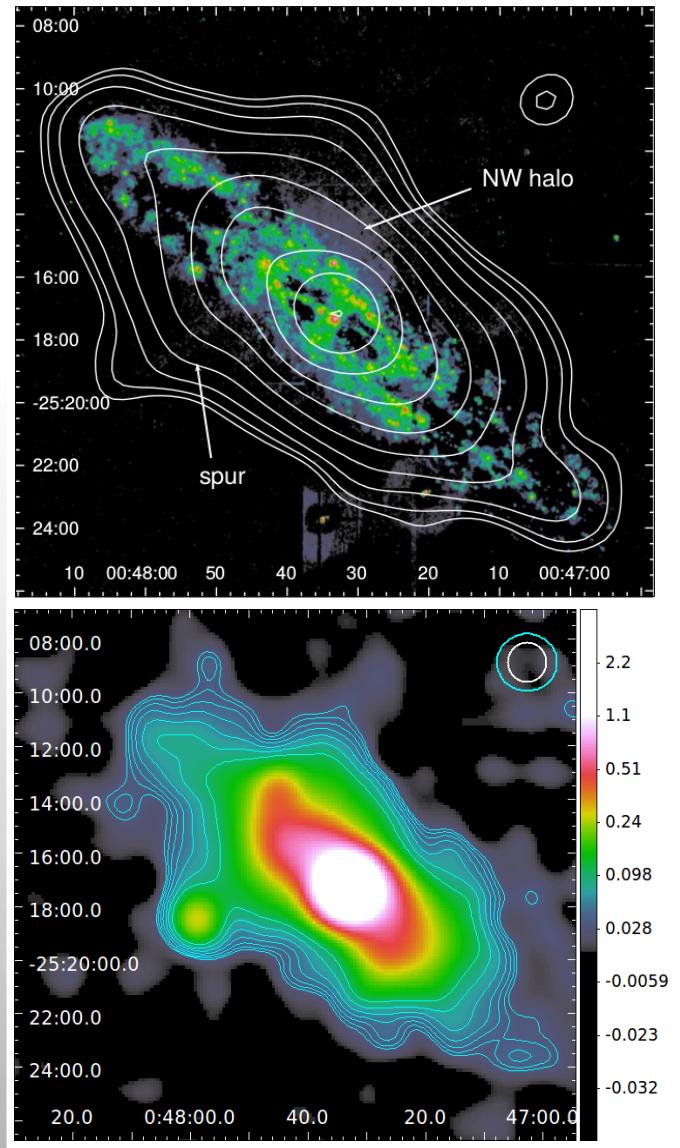


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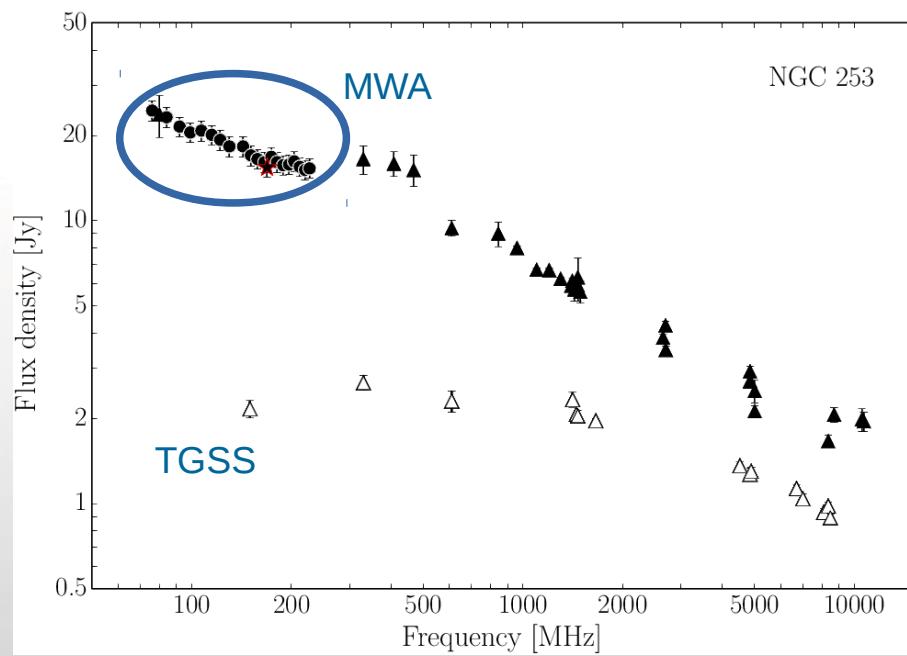


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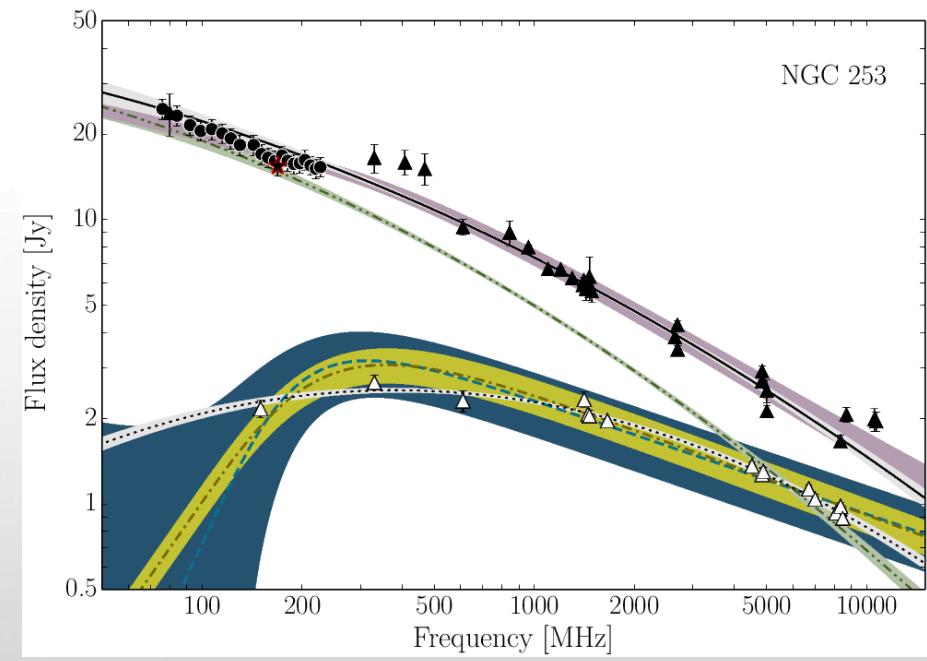
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Broadband radio SED of NGC253

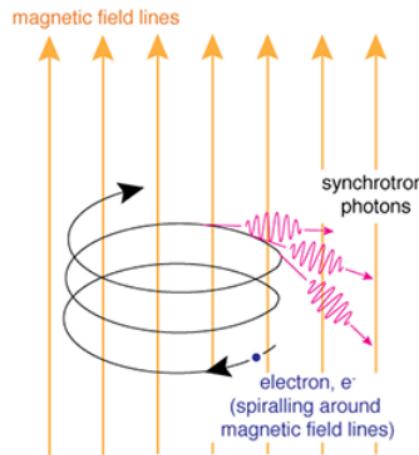


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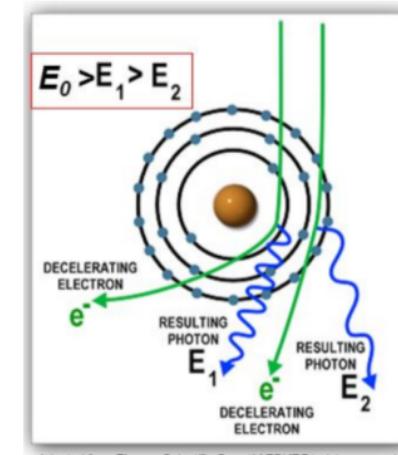
Physical processes at radio frequencies

synchrotron emission



absorption at low frequencies
optically thick regime

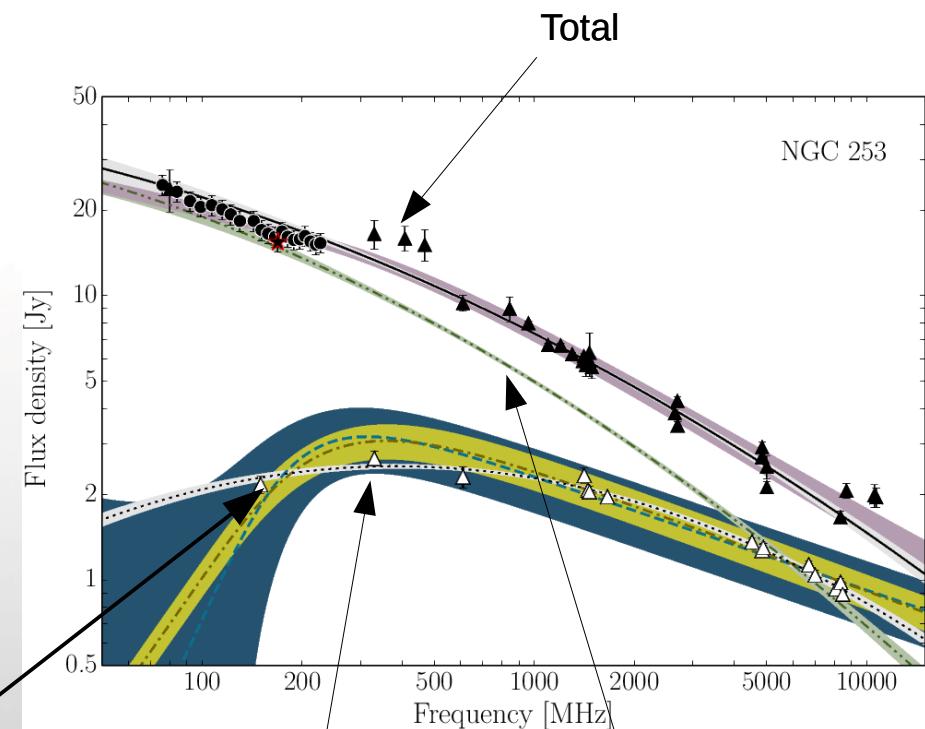
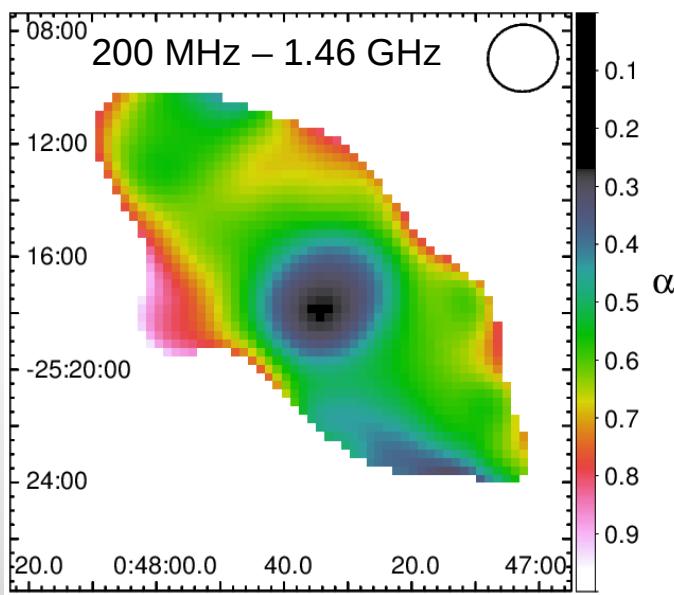
free-free emission



→ mainly SNR,
also disk winds, jets from
X-ray binaries etc

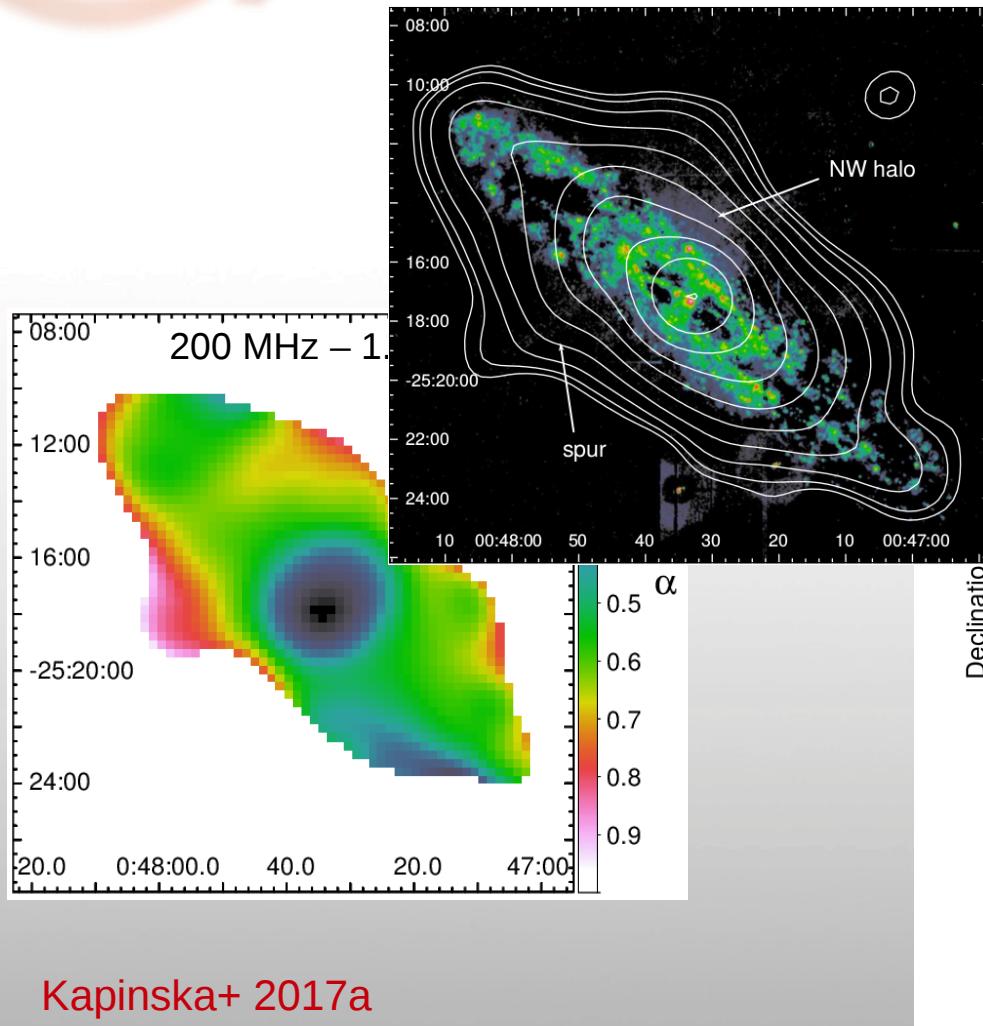
→ HII regions,
ionised medium

Modelling radio SED of NGC 253

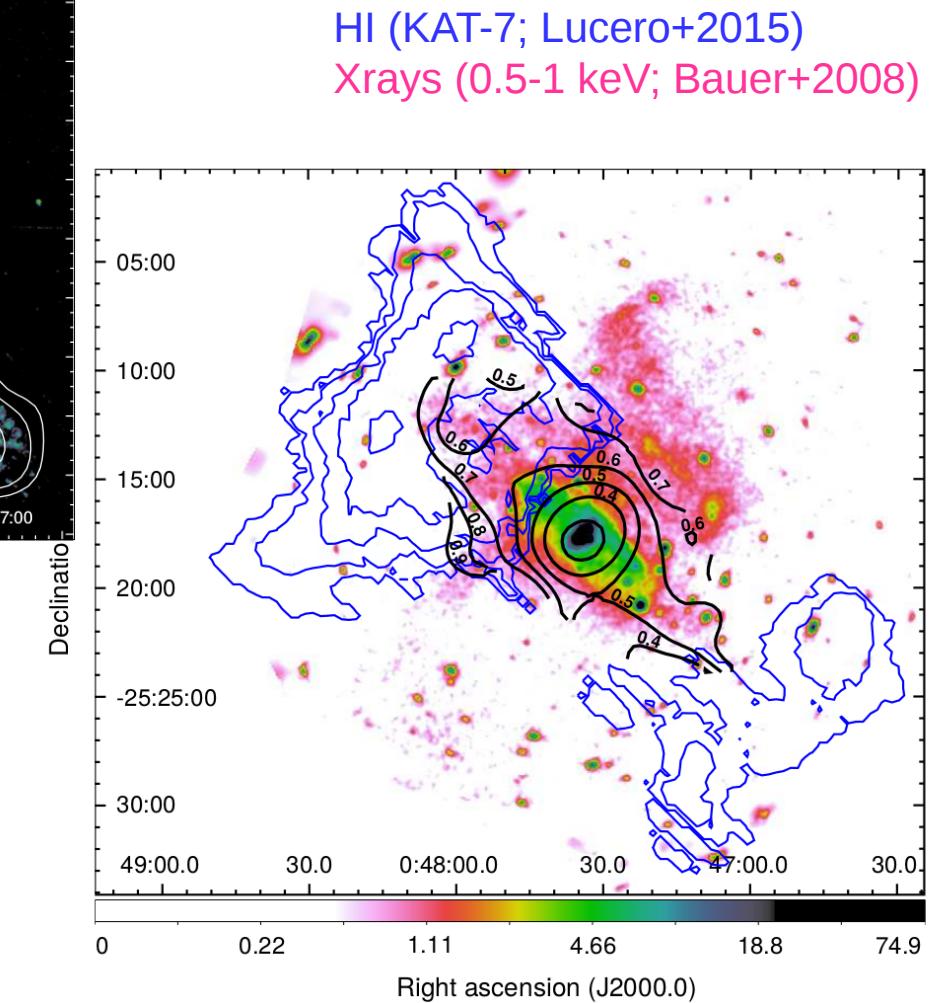


Turnover frequency \sim 230 MHz
 \rightarrow emissivity 4×10^5 pc/cm⁶

Synchrotron radio halo of NGC 253

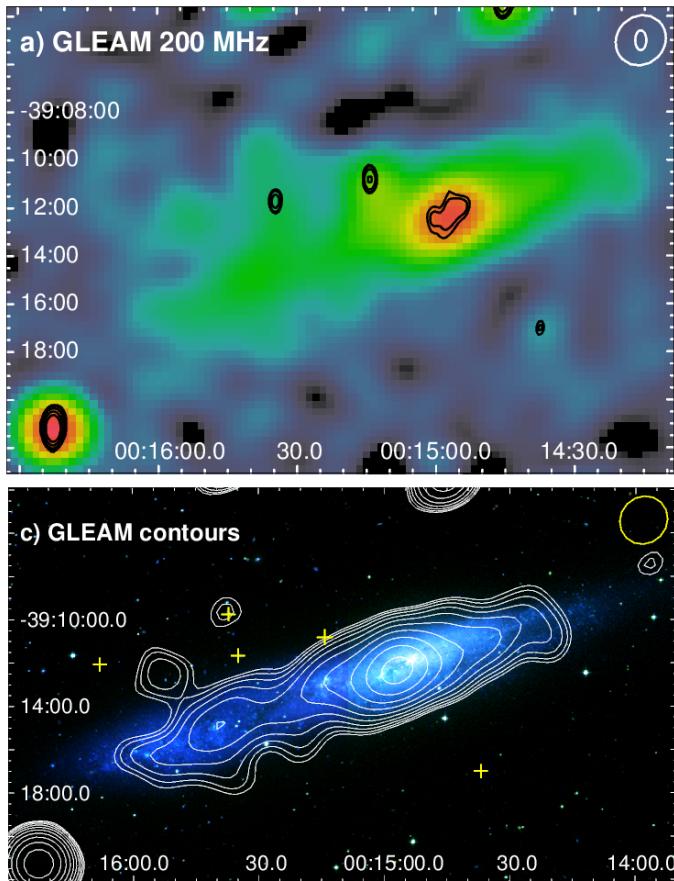


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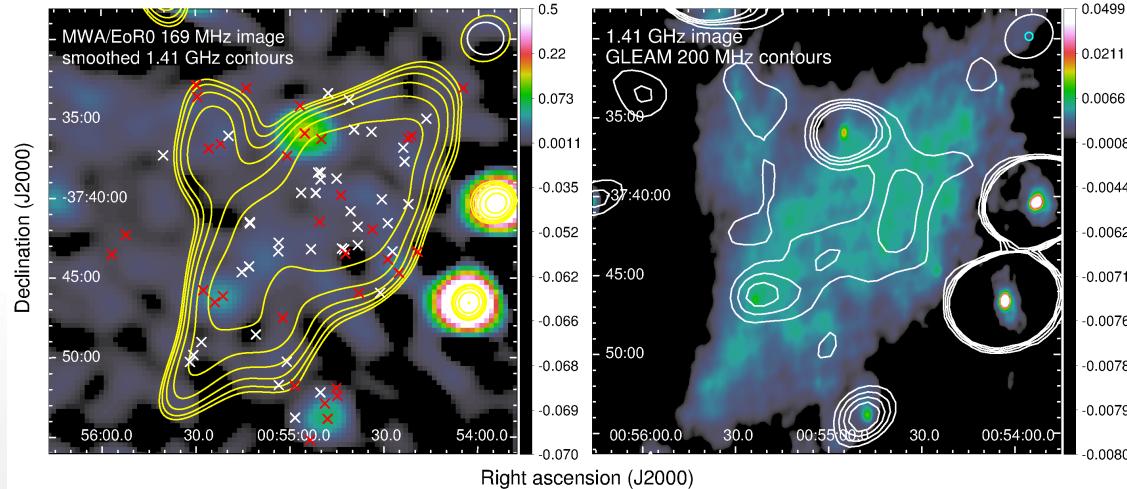


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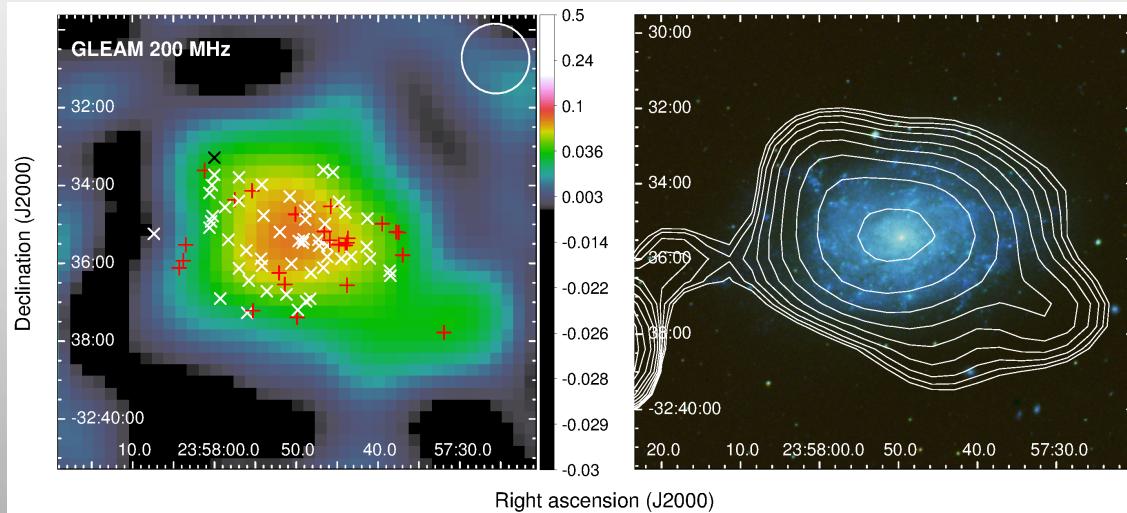
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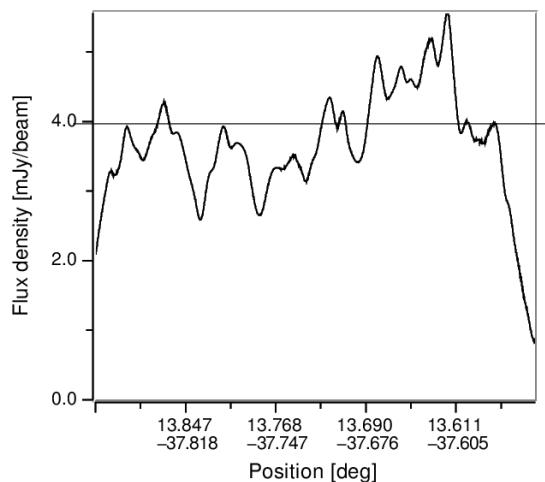
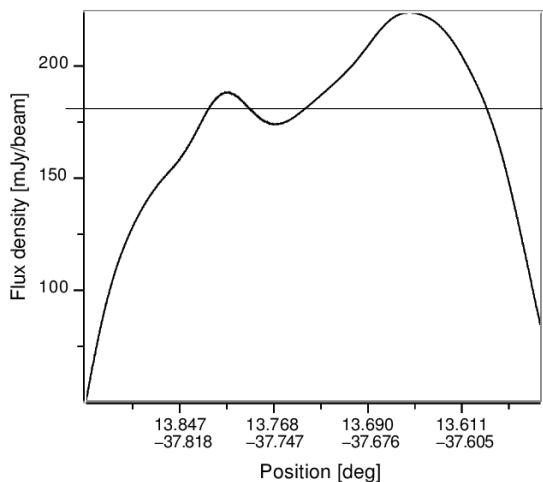
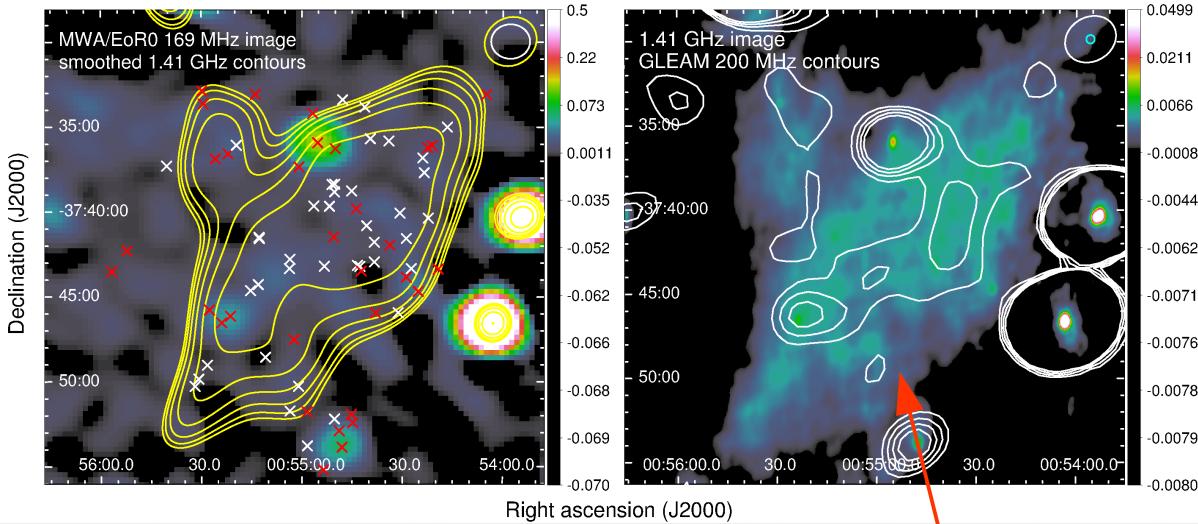
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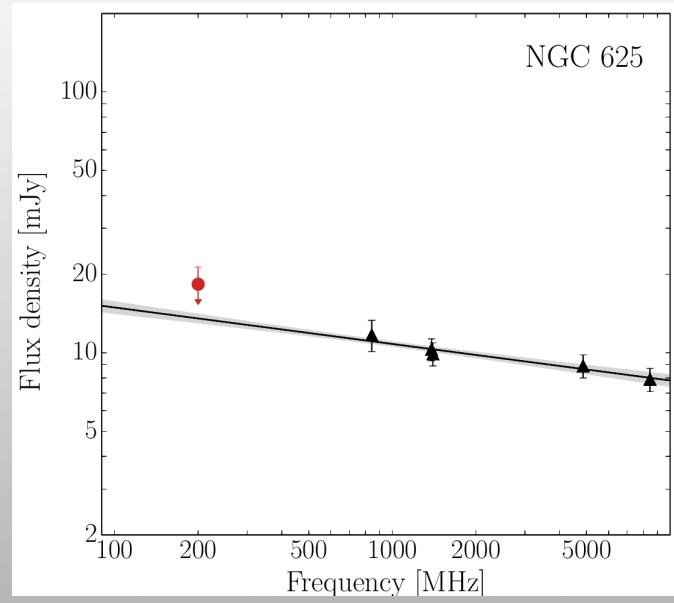
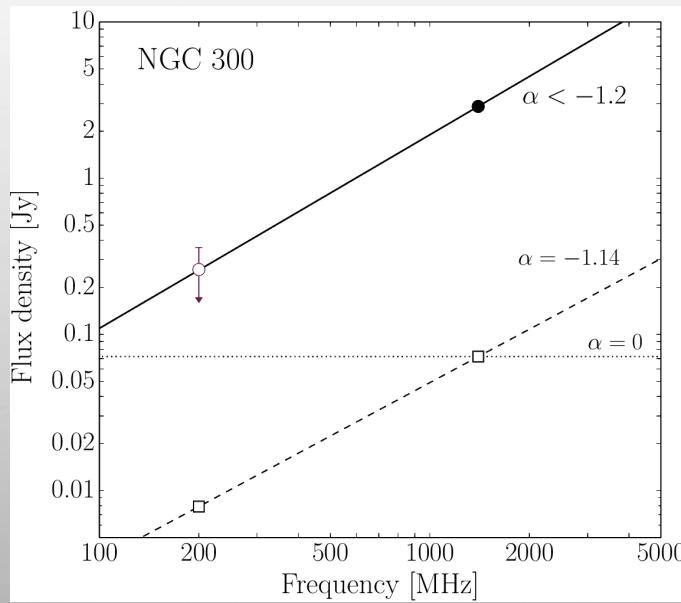
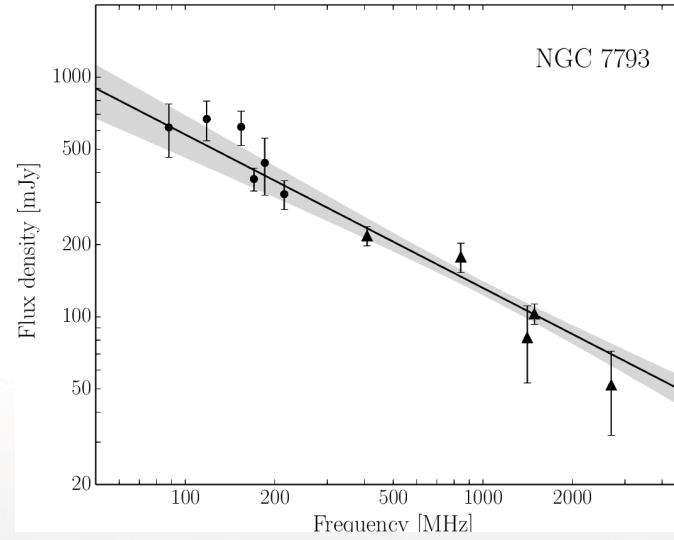
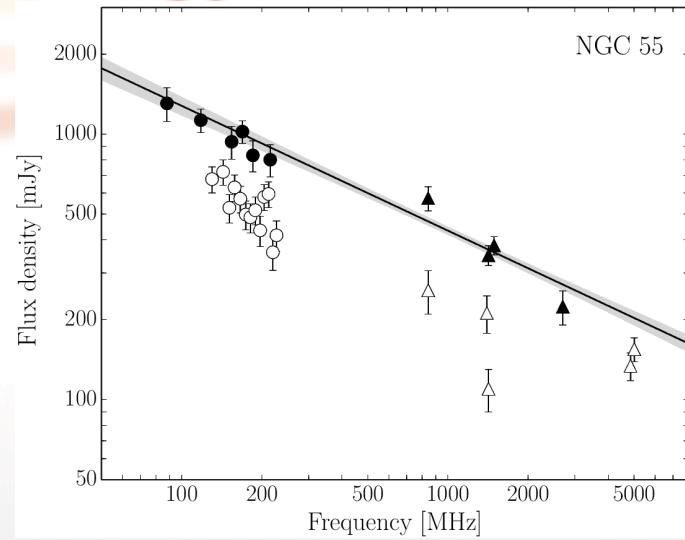
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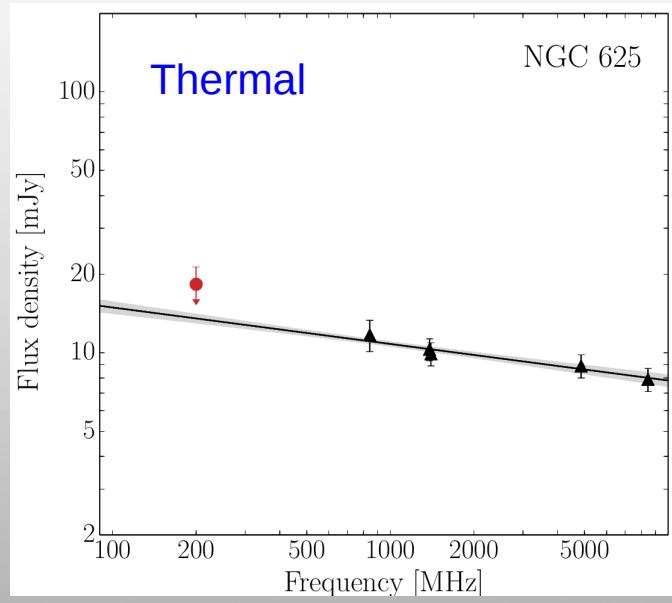
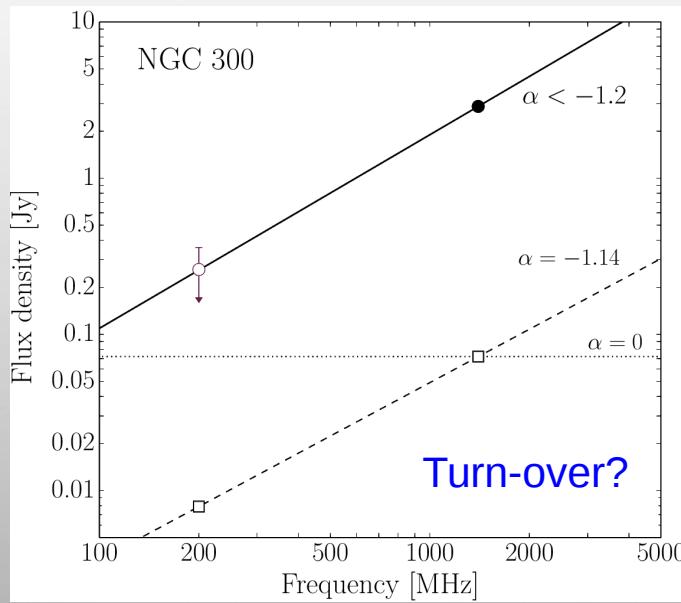
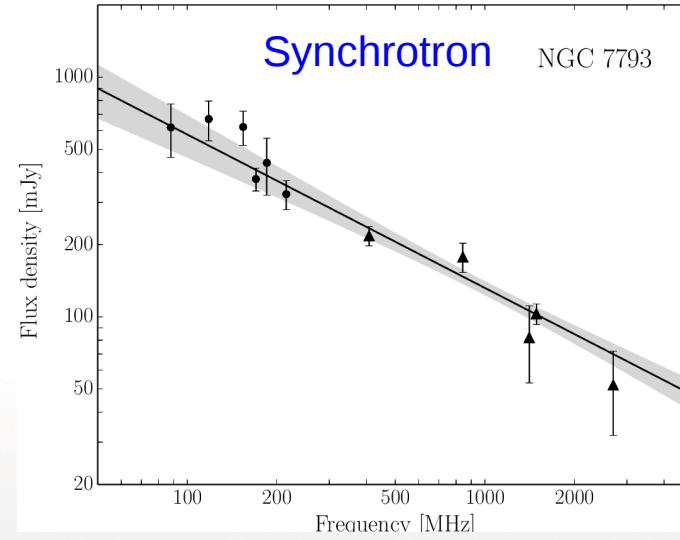
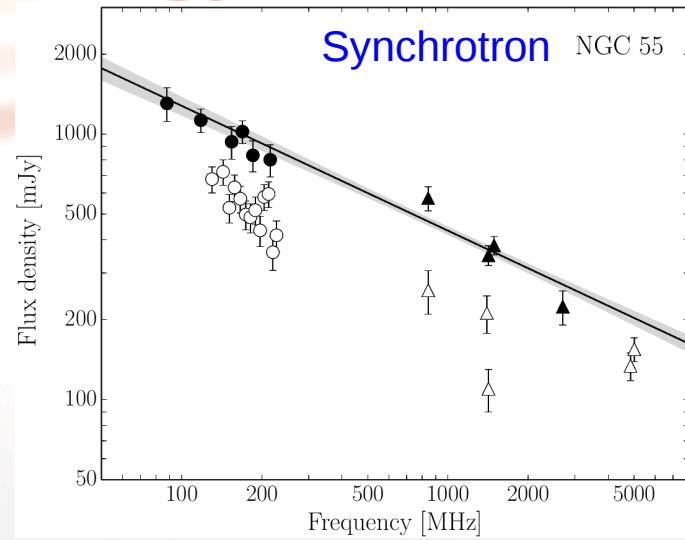
cf. Condon 1987

Radio SEDs of Sculptor Group galaxies



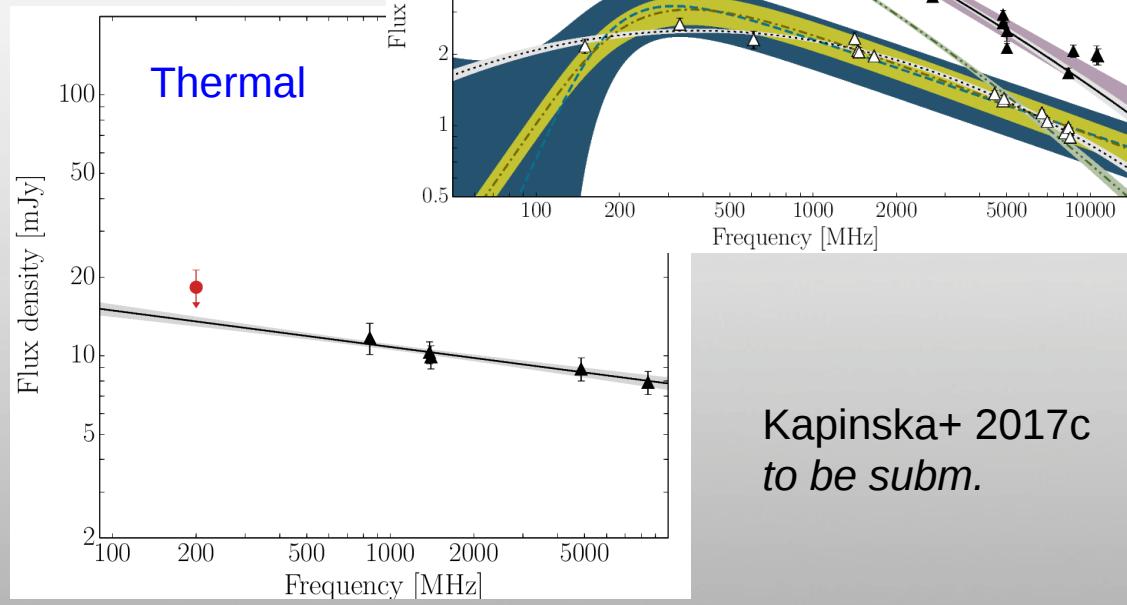
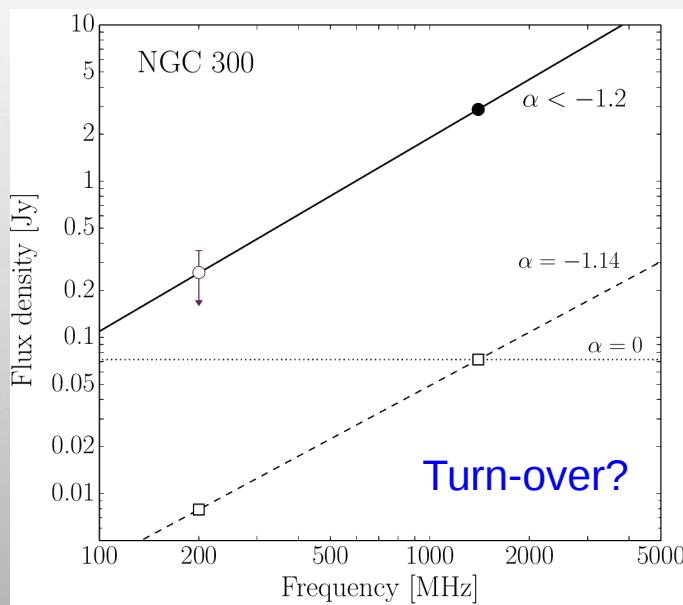
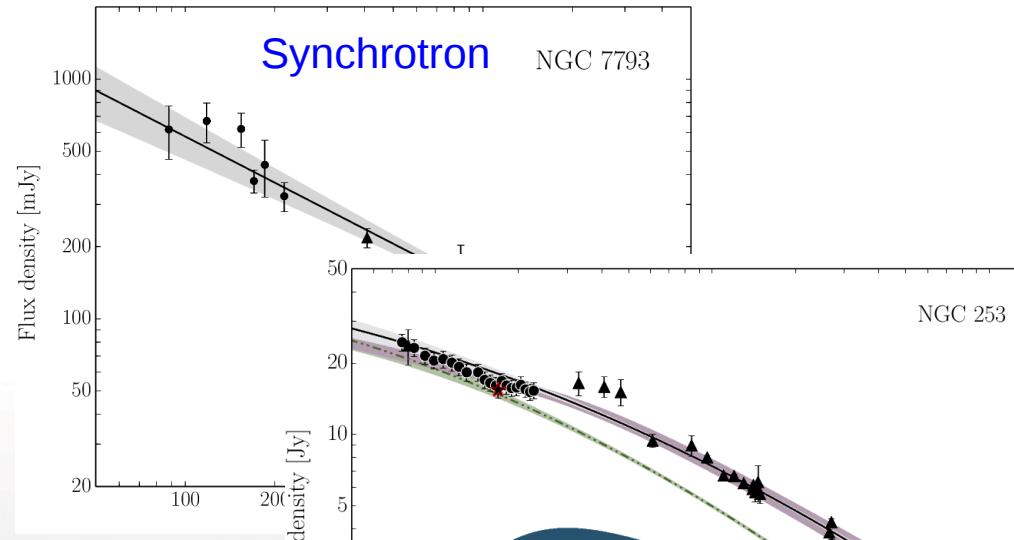
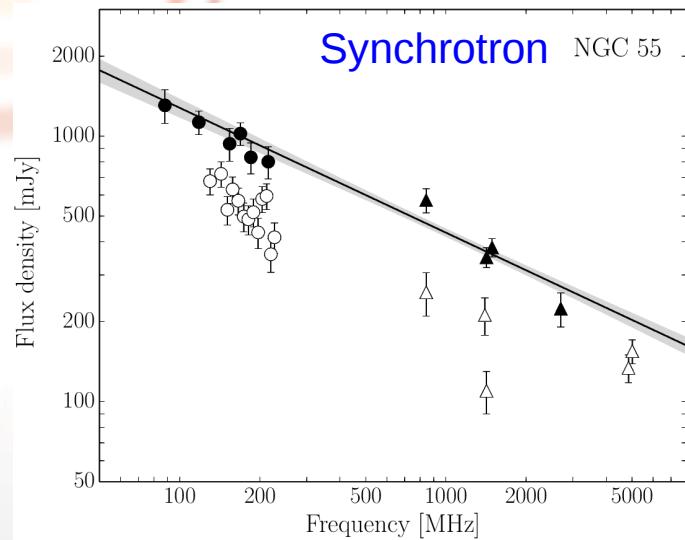
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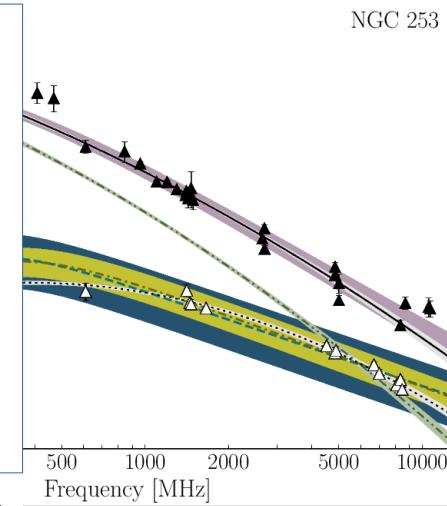
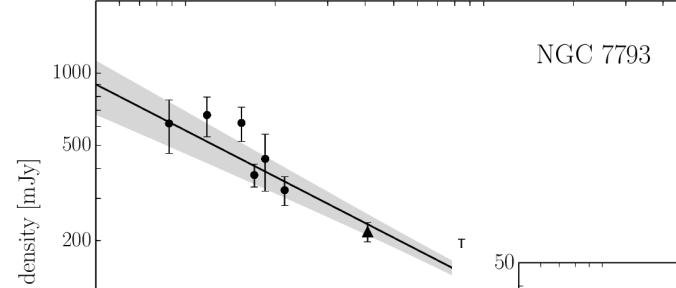
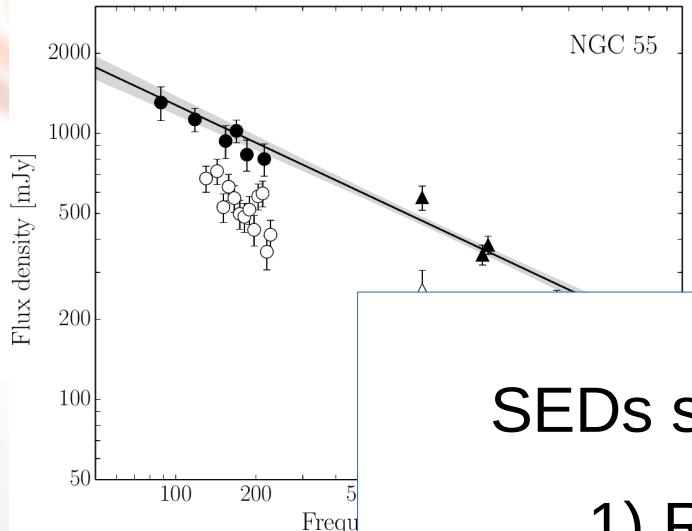


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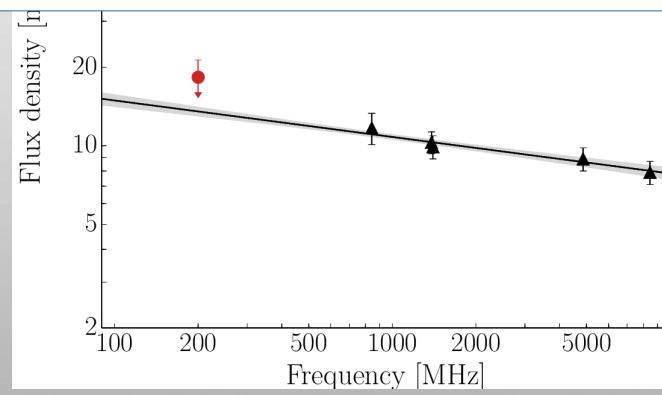
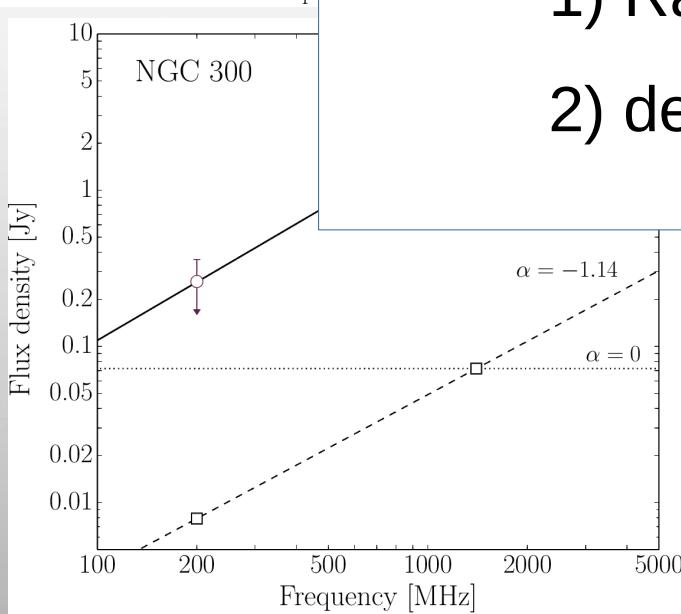


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SEDs show variety of shapes

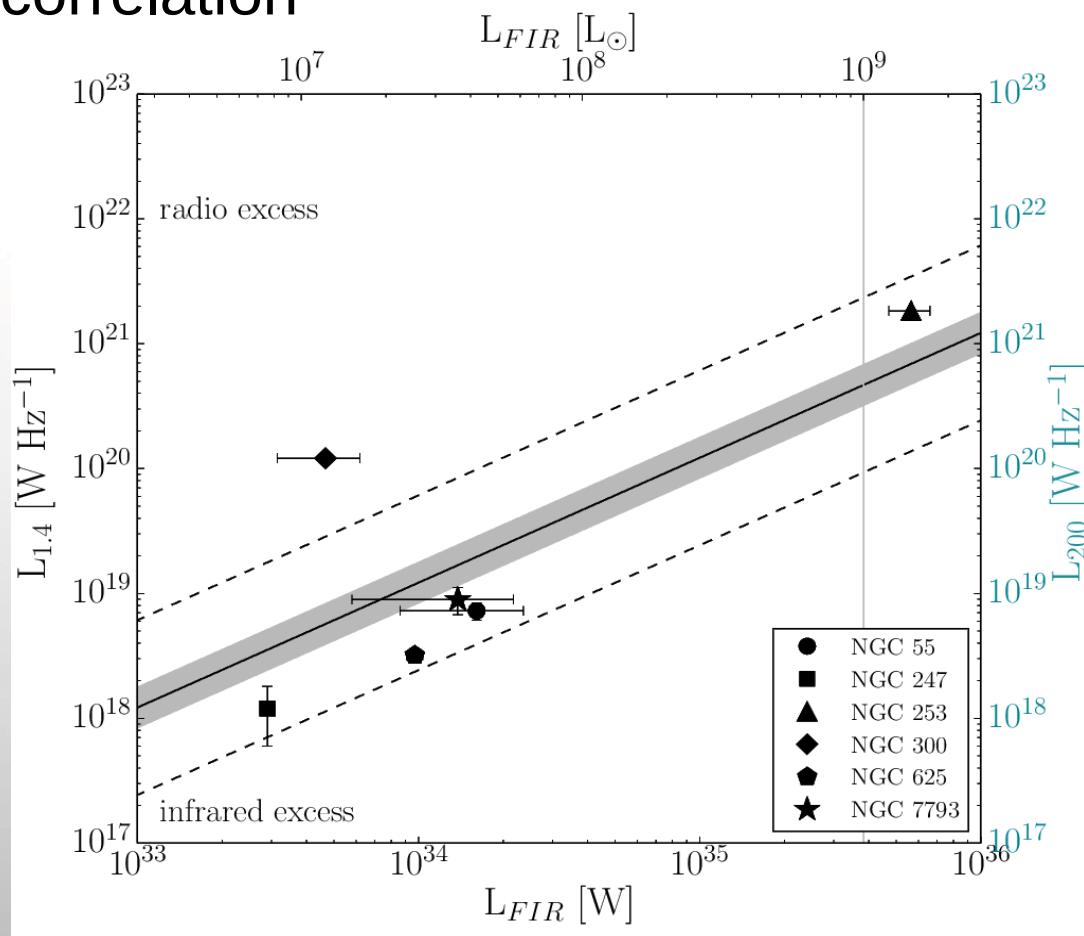
- 1) Radio → SF tracer..
- 2) detectability @radio



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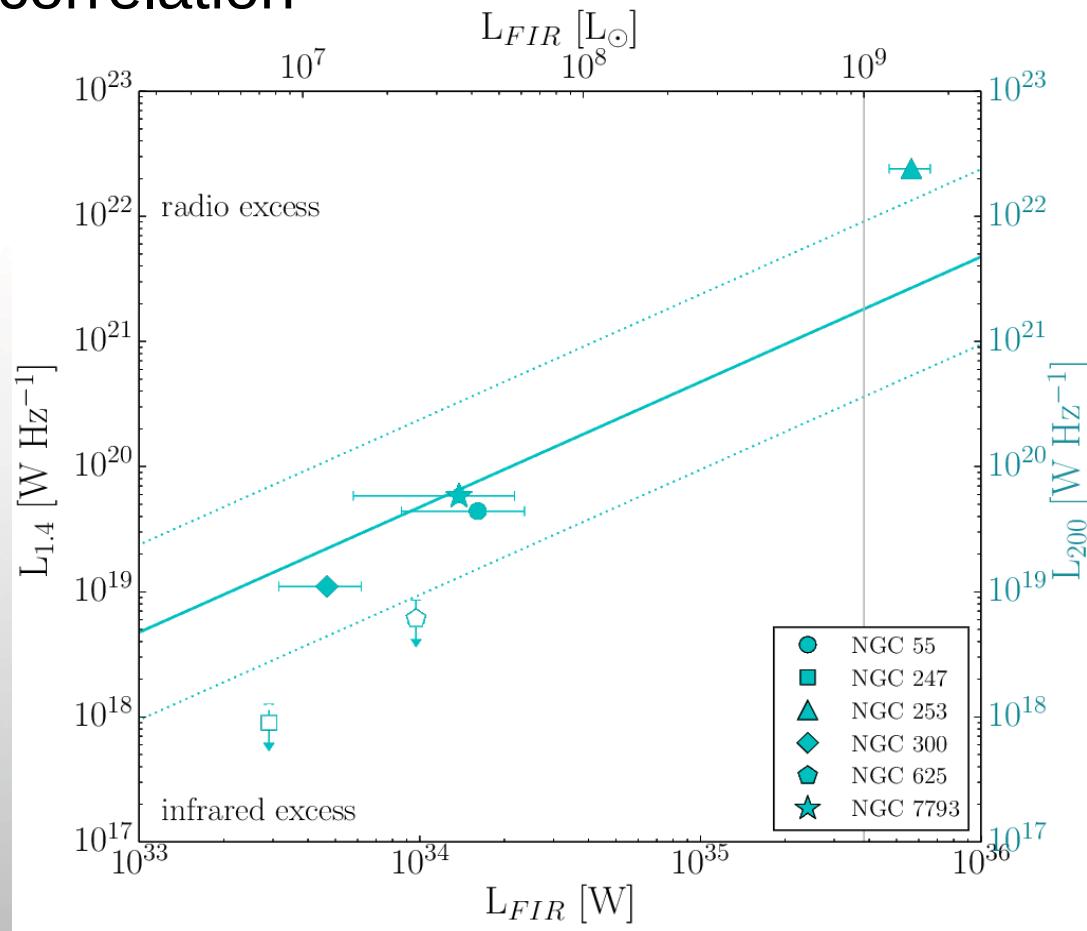
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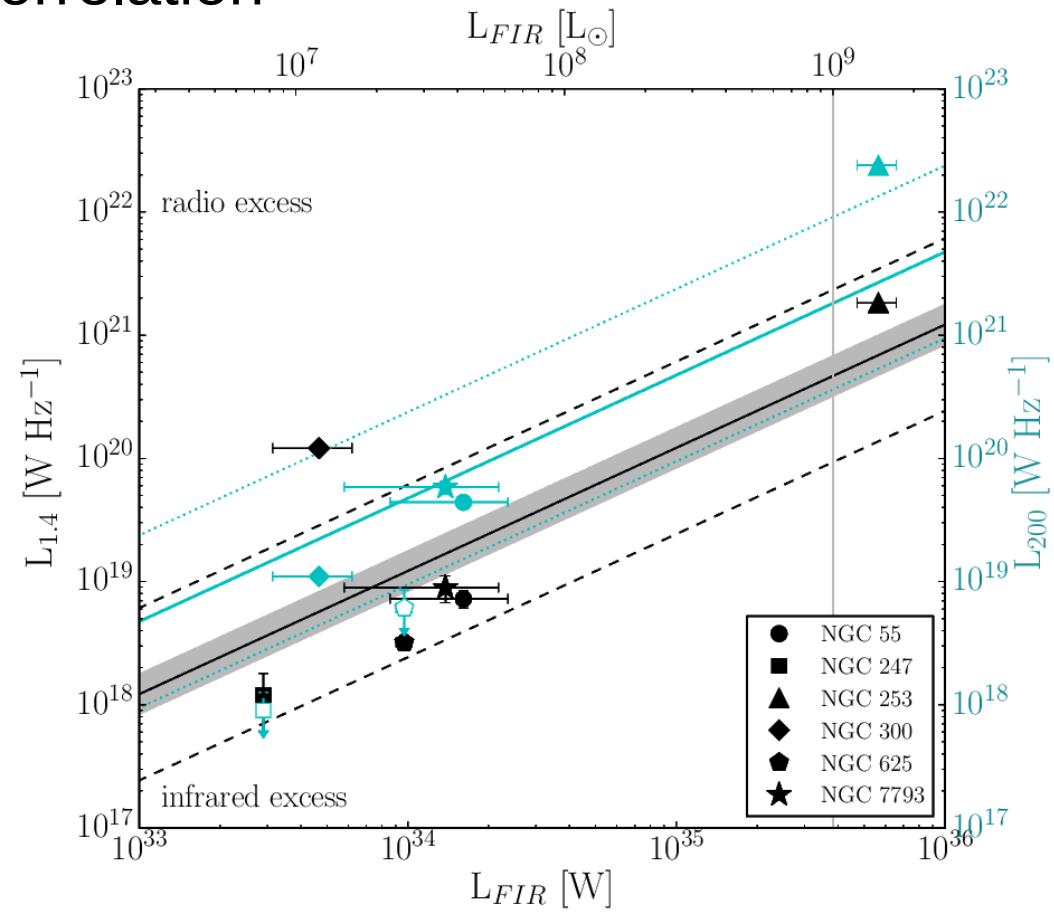


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Summary

- Star formation @ radio frequencies still poorly understood, need more study of broadband radio SEDs (MHz \leftrightarrow GHz)
- Much more to it than just sum of HII regions and SNRs
- FIR/radio correlation at MHz radio frequencies better than at 1.4GHz?

