



HI Galaxies: science results from centimetre wavelength SKA precursors

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Why study HI?

- Neutral atomic hydrogen (HI) is the fundamental fuel for star formation in galaxies
- Sensitive probe of the dark matter halo in a galaxy
- Traces a history of past interactions
- Scaling relations provide insight into baryonic cycle in galaxies: HI mass vs HI size, stellar mass, SFR, sSFR, etc
- How is HI linked to star formation galaxy disks & related to kinematics
- How does accretion fuel star formation
- What is the fate of HI in environmental
- How do HI scaling relations vary with



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NGC 4945; Ianjamasimanana et al (2019)



SKA Science Community



HI Galaxy Science Science Working Group



Solar, Heliospheric & Ionospheric Physics →

Pulsars

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- How do galaxies replenish their gas?
- How are gas accretion, star formation, and feedback related
- How is the HI in galaxies linked to AGN activity?
- How is HI affected by galaxy interactions, environment, & redshift



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Precursors:



Pathfinders:





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HI surveys with SKA pathfinders: pushing instrumentation limits

Untargeted HI surveys



- Previous generation of HI studies
 - Pointed HI observations
 - Wide-area unresolved HI surveys
 - CHILES: upgraded EVLA



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HI surveys with SKA precursors: a tiered approach

Untargeted HI surveys



MIGHTEE-HI ~20 deg²

z~0.5

- New generation of HI surveys enabled by tech advances with new SKA precursors
- Improved surface brightness & resolution
- Wide-area; medium-deep; deep



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z=1.4

LADUMA

MHONGOOSE: Single dish sensitivity but at interferometric resolution SE

MeerKAT:

- Study HI accretion & link with star formation
- 30 nearby field disk
 & dwarf galaxies
- HIPASS detected/ SINGG
- M_{HI} ~ 10⁷-10¹¹
- Each 55h
- HI column density limit of ~5x10¹⁷ cm⁻² (3σ/16 km/s)



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FEASTS: HI in/surrounding galaxies in the Local Volume

- FAST: 2.4 deg² in 4.47 hours
- Combine single dish & interferometric data
- Low surf brightness gas >25% of total mass
- Separate warm and cool HI; argue that the HI is cooling out of the intragroup medium



Keeler 529

IGC4627

Dwarf A

Stephan's Quintet

VLA

Group observations: quantify the amount of intragroup HI; tidal debris; gas processing

JWST + Apertif HI contours



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Stephan's Quintet





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Galaxy Clusters with MeerKAT: prevalence of ram pressure stripping & jellyfish galaxies





MeerKAT HI + DECam Halpha:

- HI and star forming tails
- NGC 3314a/b: 2 galaxies in projection
- Drag: galaxies have past cluster pericenter

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WIDE AREA SURVEYS: Apertif, WALLABY, CRAFTS



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APERTIF: An unbiased view of HI across environments

S2207+4114

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WALLABY: Census of gas rich galaxies in the local (southern) Universe

NGC 5044

~120 deg²

ASKAP

- Unbiased view of HI in galaxies with environment
- Dwarf galaxies: dark matter halo mass/distribution
- Galaxy kinematics: quantifying frequency of warps; how bars funnel gas in center of galaxies

Medium-deep HI surveys: Apertif MDS & MIGHTEE-HI

- Tens to hundreds of deg²
- Fills the niche between wide and deep surveys
- Good depth; good area; good resolution; great ancillary data

See also: Ranchod et al (2021) Ponomareva et al (2021, in prep) Rajohnson et al (2022)

GMRT DEEP2 stacking: HI detection at z=1 !

- Stacking 11,419 galaxies with spectroscopic redshifts $<M*> = 10^{10} M_{\odot}$
- 510 hours between 7 pointings
- $<M_{HI}> = 1.3x10^{10} M_{\odot}$ at <z>=1; significantly more than $<M_{HI}> = 3.9x10^9 M_{\odot}$ at <z>=0

DEEP HI SURVEYS: CHILES, LADUMA, DINGO

- Single pointing surveys >1000 hours on JVLA, MeerKAT, ASKAP
- Science goals
 - Cosmic evolution in Ω_{HI};
 HI mass function, HI scaling relations, Tully-Fisher,
 HI with environment

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CHILES: Resolved galaxies in different environments

- Low HI mass: aligned with filaments 10^{9.5} M_☉
- High HI mass: anti-aligned with filaments

(5d)

Group 1 (5a-5e)

27⁶.0 26⁶.5 26⁶.0 25⁶

LADUMA: Highest redshift untargeted detection of OH megamaser at z=0.526

1667 MHz line redshifted into L-band (z>0.12)

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- First untargeted OH maser detection beyond z=0.5
- Host galaxy is ULIRG with $L_{FIR} \,^{\sim} \, 1.6 x 10^{12} \, L_{\odot}$
- OHMs are tracers of the cosmic merger rate

Science highlights

- Combining high surface brightness sensitivity (single dish or interferometers with lots of short baselines) with high resolution imaging
- Untargeted wide-area observations present an unbiased view of HI in a range of environments; what types of galaxies contain HI
- Pushing well beyond the local Universe

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SoFiA HI TOOLS: Source finding, source characterization, and data visualization

- Source Finding Application (SoFiA)
 - Identify, catalog, parametrize sources in a noise dominated cube
 - Well vetted in SKA SDC2
- SoFiA Image Pipeline:
 - Convert SoFiA output catalogs and FITS files to publication quality images

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Conclusions

- Surveys with precursors are combining high surface brightness sensitivity (single dish or interferometers with lots of short baselines) with high spatial resolution
- Untargeted wide-area observations present an unbiased view of HI in a range of environments; what types of galaxies contain HI
- Pushing well beyond the local Universe

 Tools for HI surveys; maximizing science from large data volumes are being developed and tested now -- demonstrating success with current surveys

