

# Galaxy Evolution in the Fornax Cluster

New Opportunities using the FDS Survey

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# Galaxies in “field” vs. “cluster”



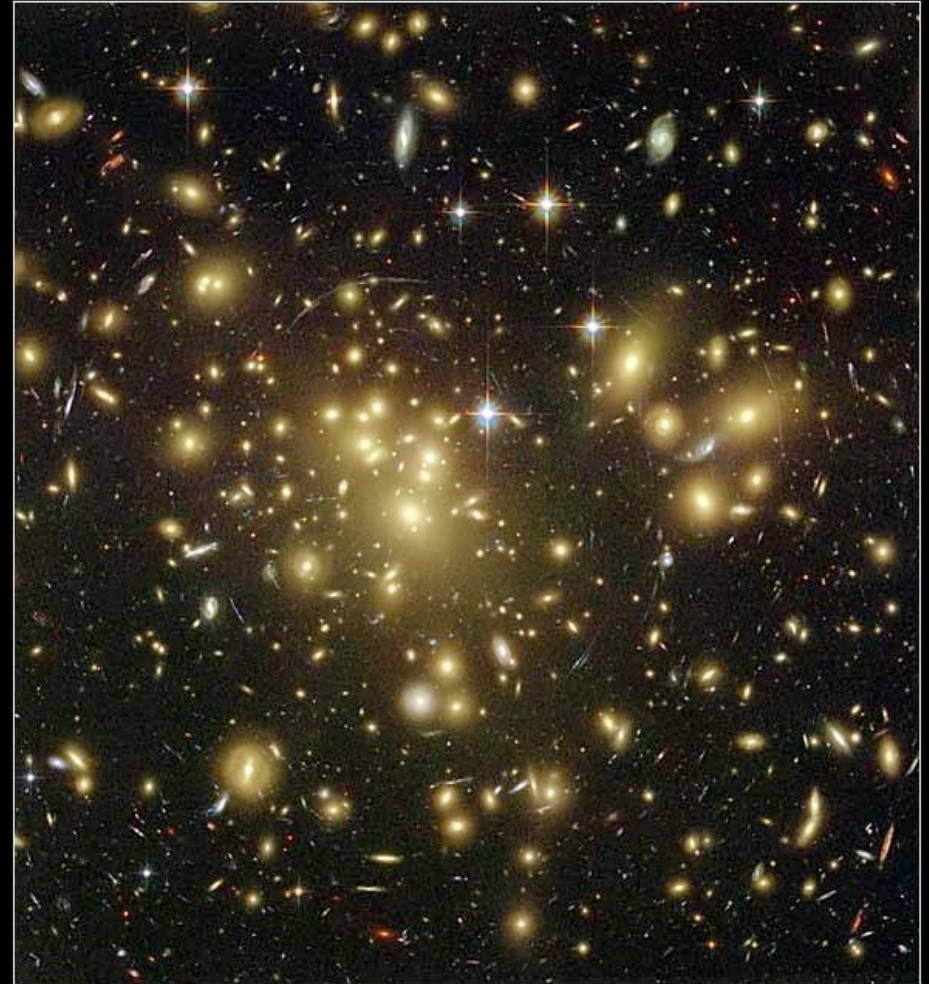
**Hubble Ultra Deep Field**  
**Hubble Space Telescope • Advanced Camera for Surveys**

NASA, ESA, S. Beckwith (STScI) and the HUDF Team

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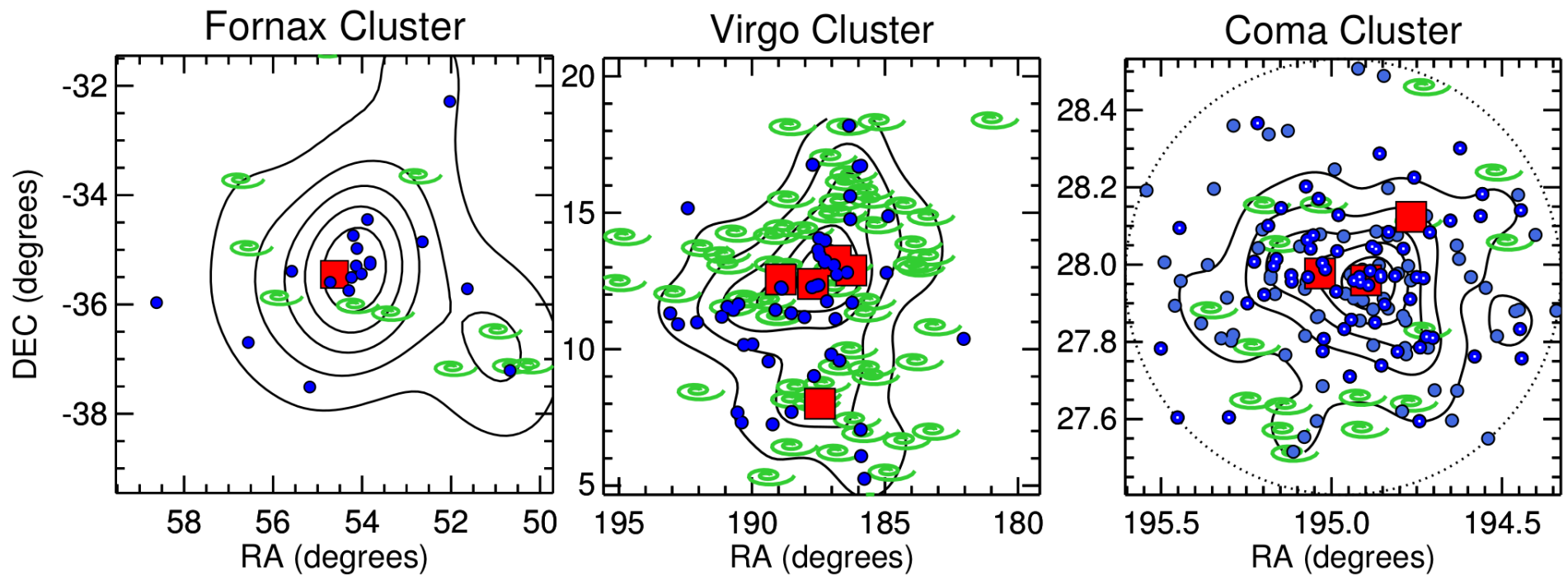
**Galaxy Cluster Abell 1689**

**HST • ACS**



NASA, N. Benitez (JHU), T. Broadhurst (Hebrew Univ.), H. Ford (JHU),  
M. Clampin(STScI), G. Hartig (STScI), G. Illingworth (UCO/Lick Observatory),  
the ACS Science Team and ESA  
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# The strong morphology-density relation in nearby galaxy clusters shows that the environment is very important in shaping galaxies

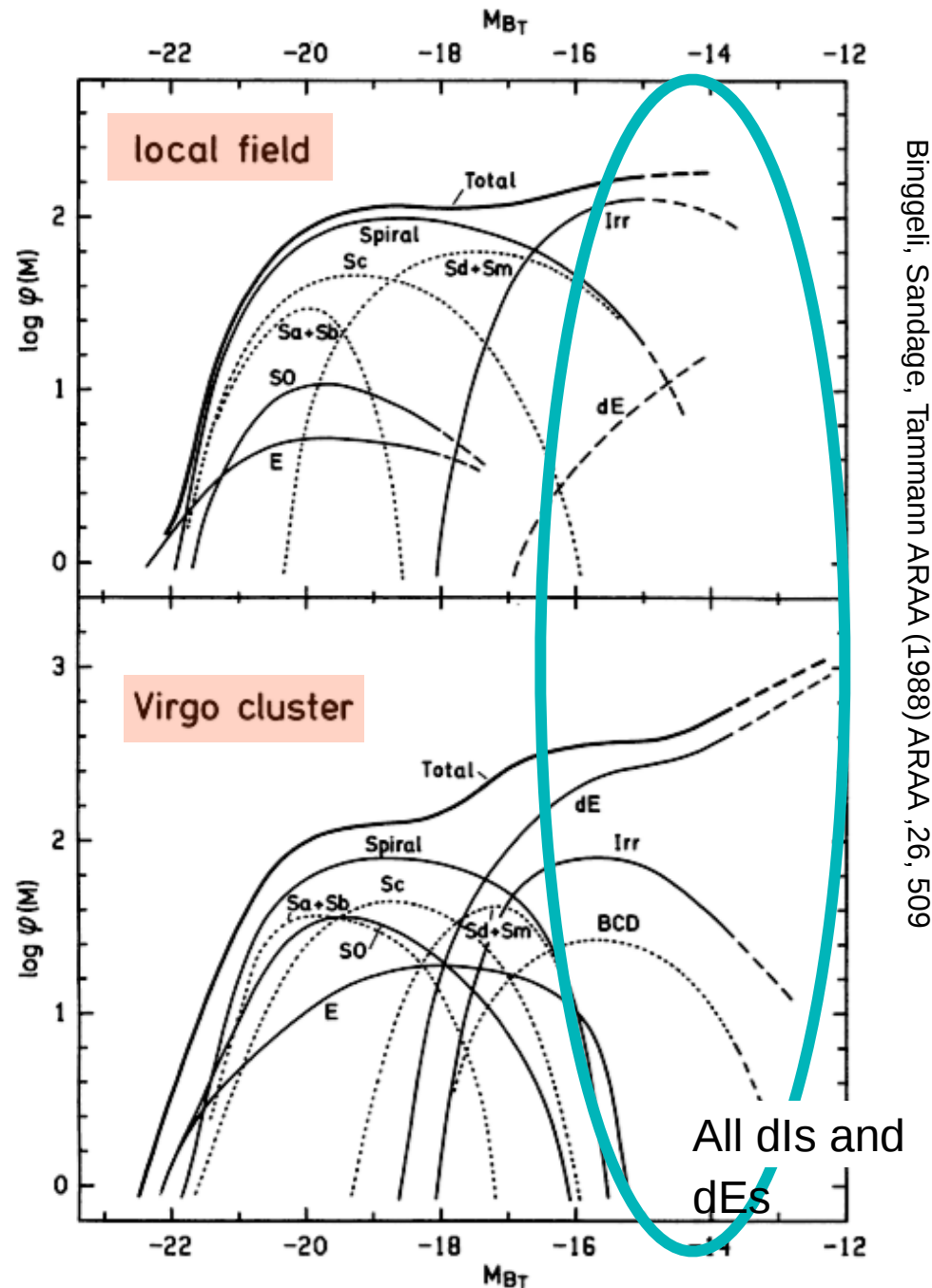


(Cappellari 2016)



# The Luminosity Function differs strongly between cluster and field

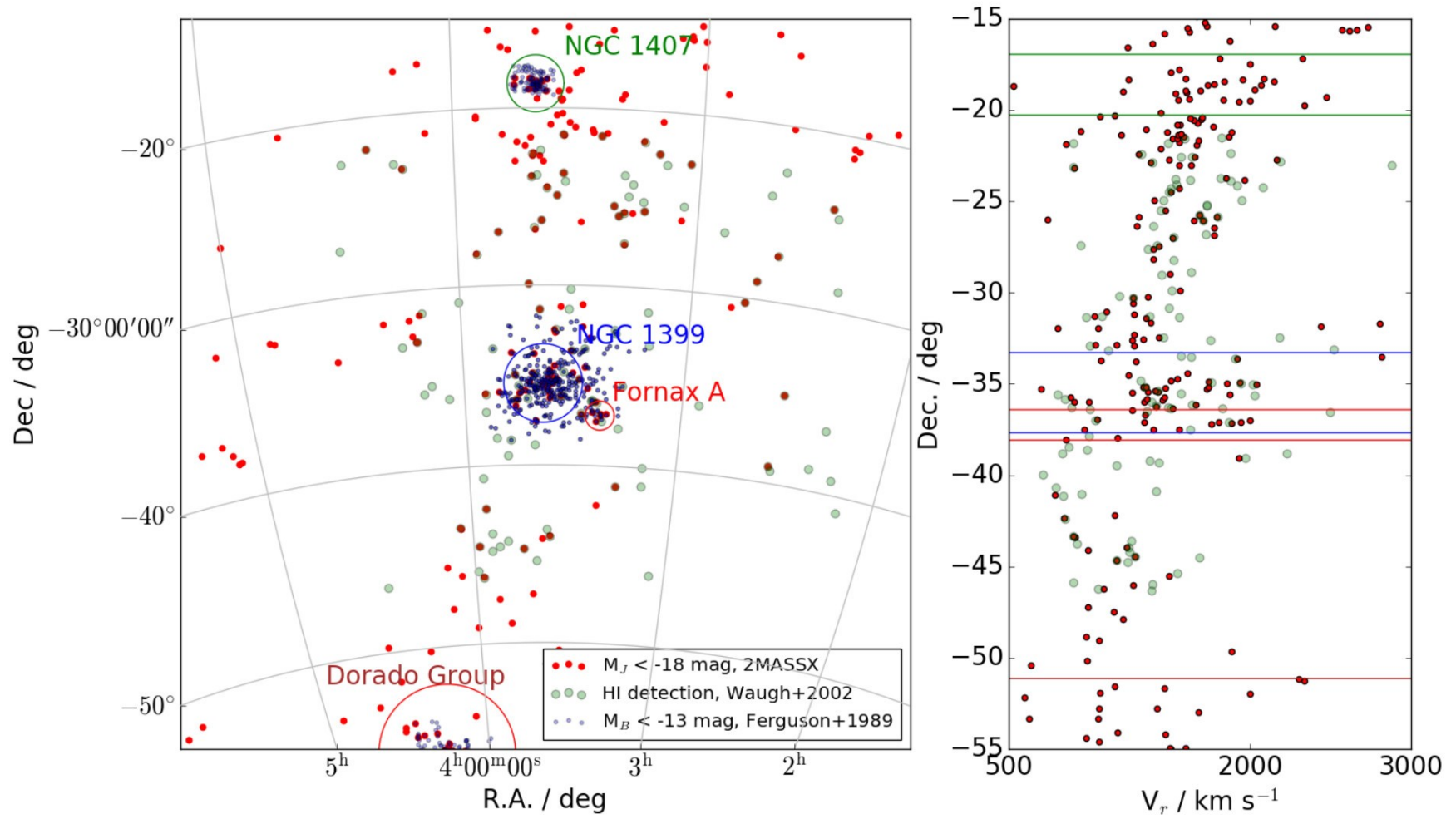
- Dwarfs are excellent probes to study the role of the environment on the evolution of galaxies
- Dwarfs are faint, so need to be studied in the nearby Universe
- Largest nearby clusters: Virgo and Fornax. Virgo is being studied using the NGVS survey (Ferrarese et al. 2012).
- For Fornax we have set up the **Fornax Deep Survey (FDS)**



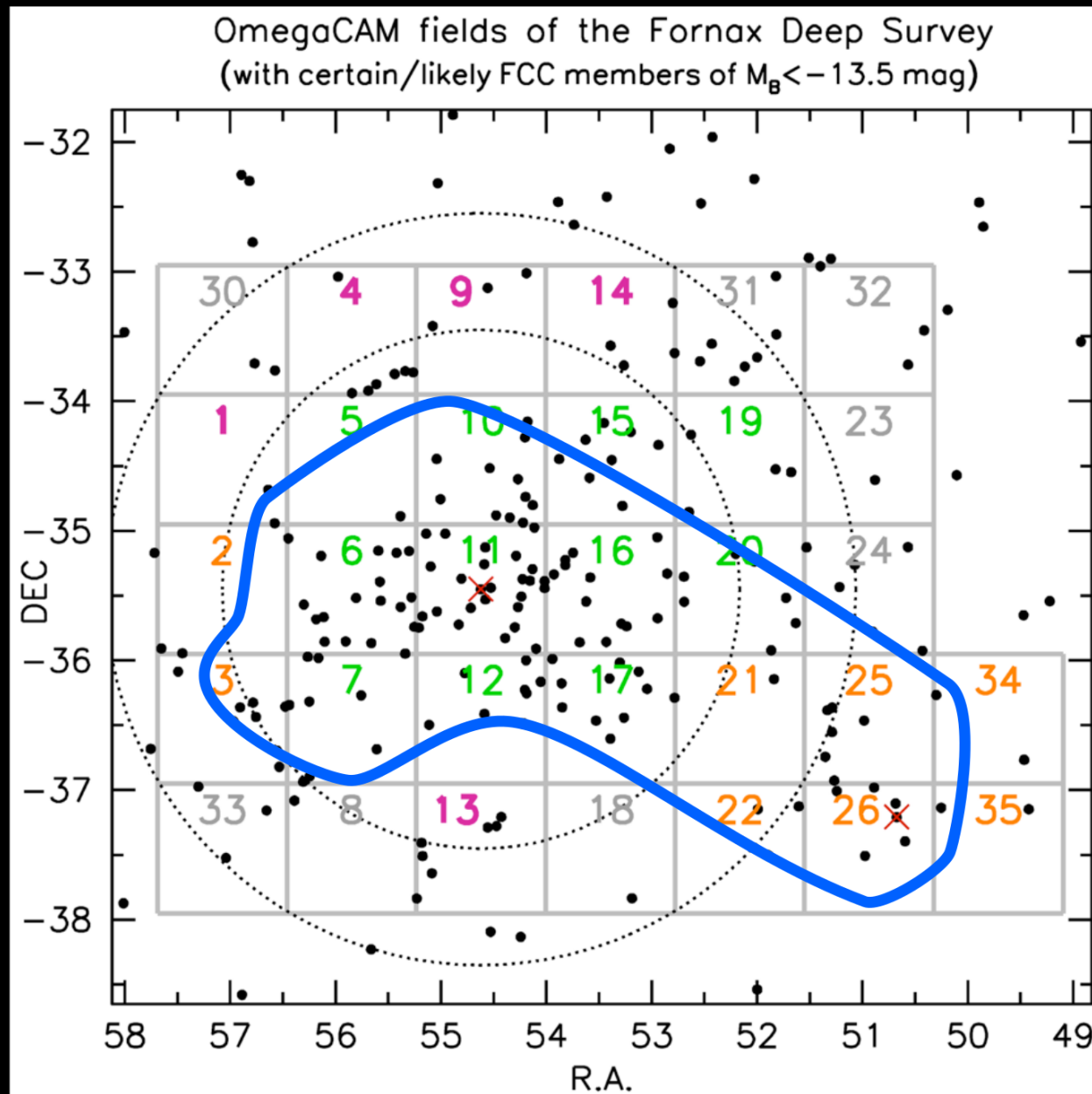
# HI in the Fornax Cluster



# Large Scale Structure around the Fornax Cluster



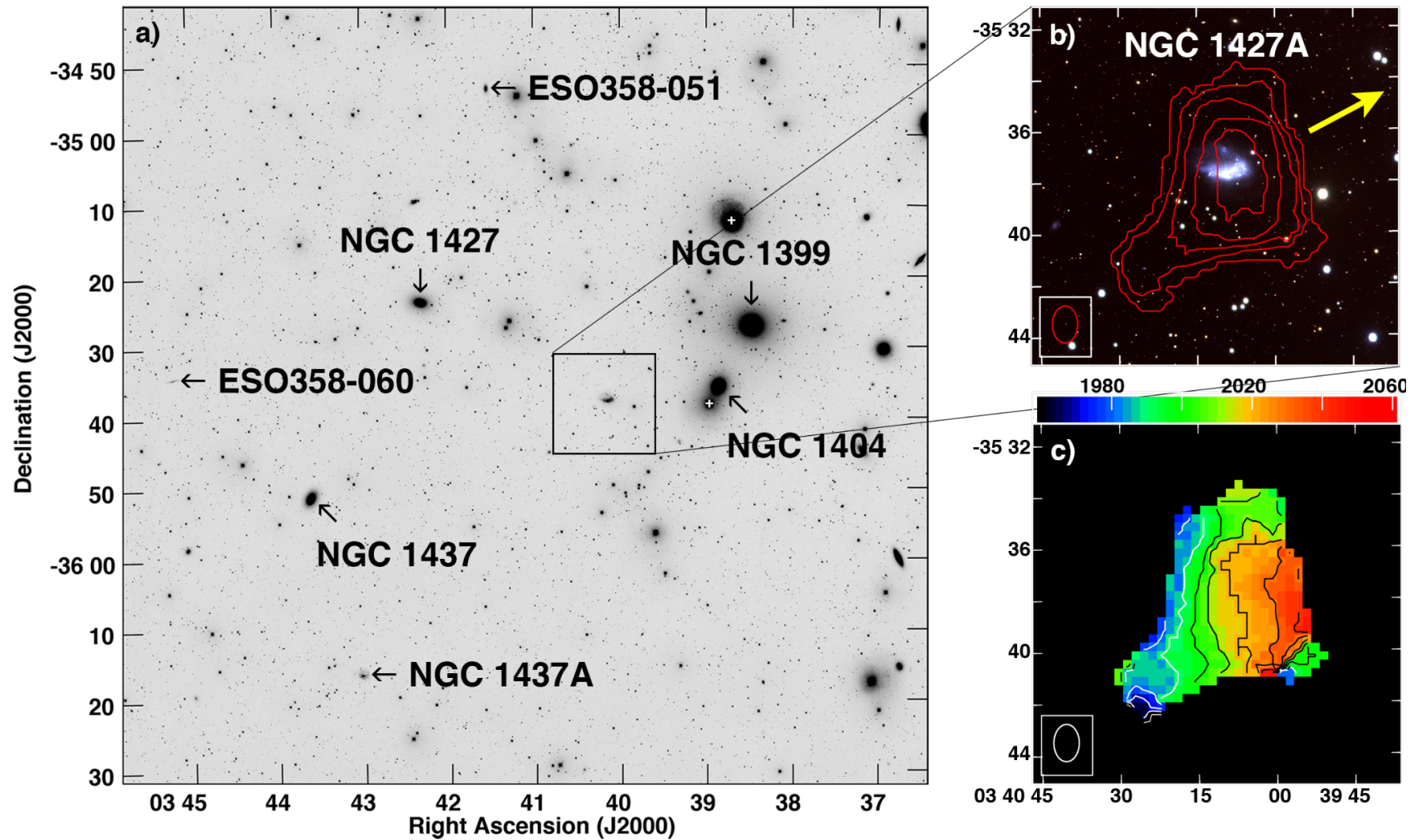
# The Meerkat Fornax Survey (P.I. P. Serra)



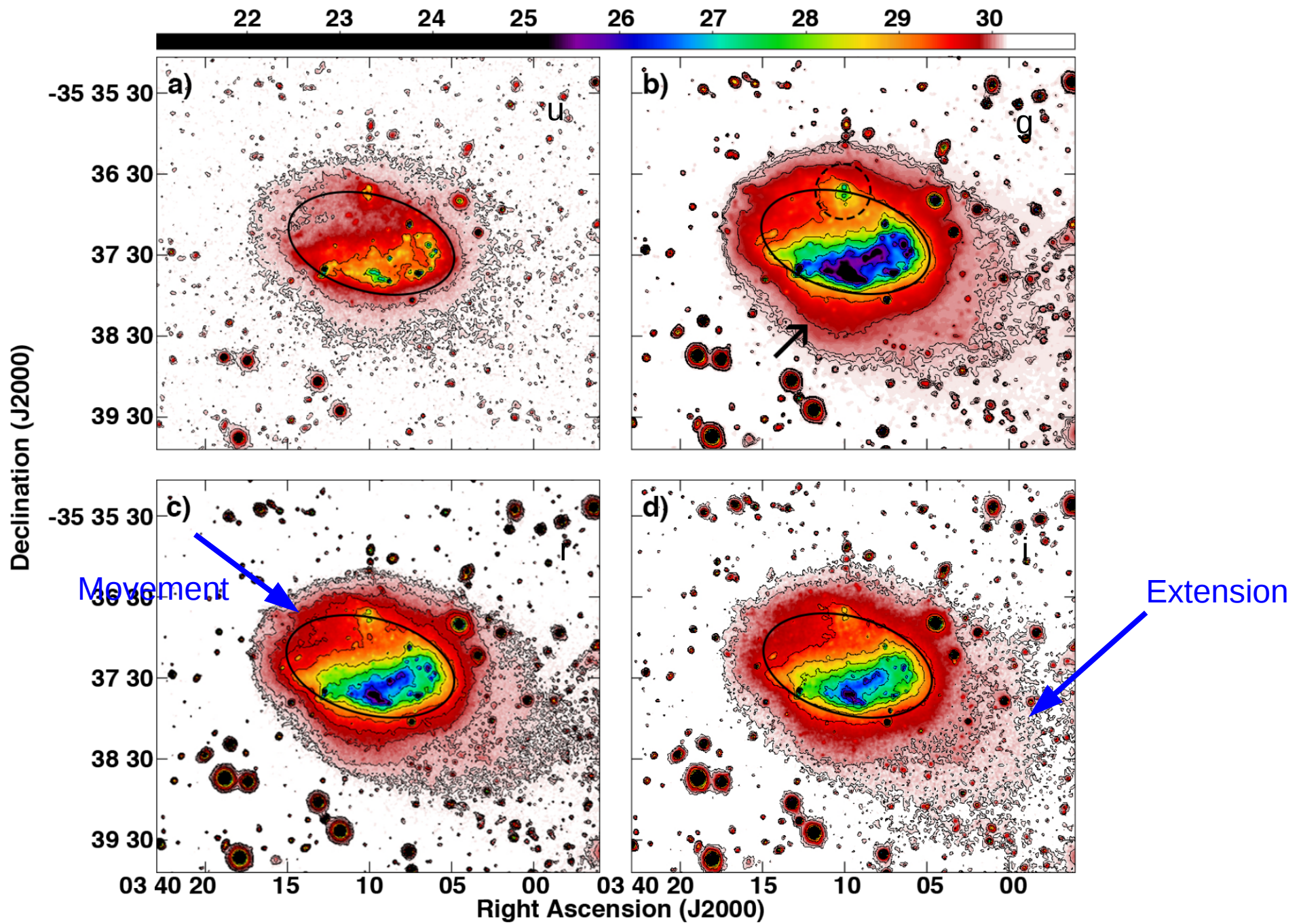
Blue: HI coverage (Meerkat)



# Ram pressure in action?



Lee-Waddell, Serra, Koribalski, Venhola, ... (+ Peletier) 2018 - ATCA

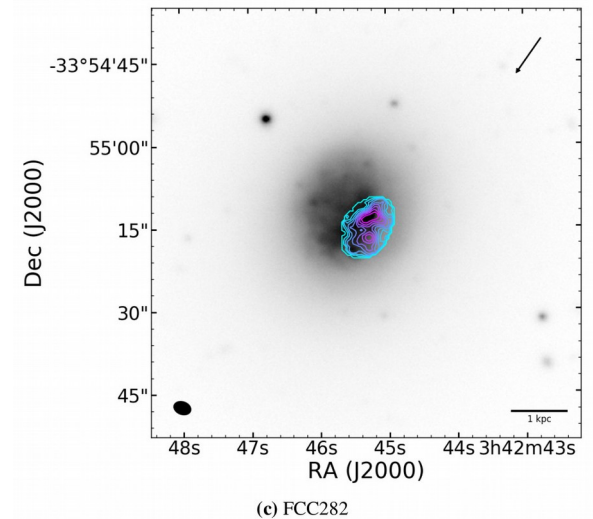
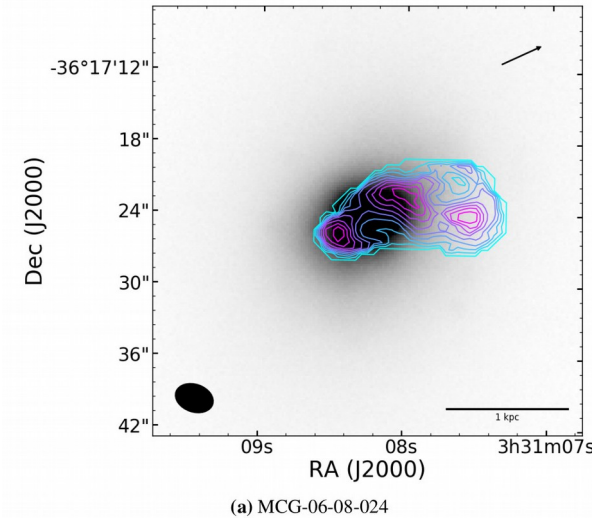
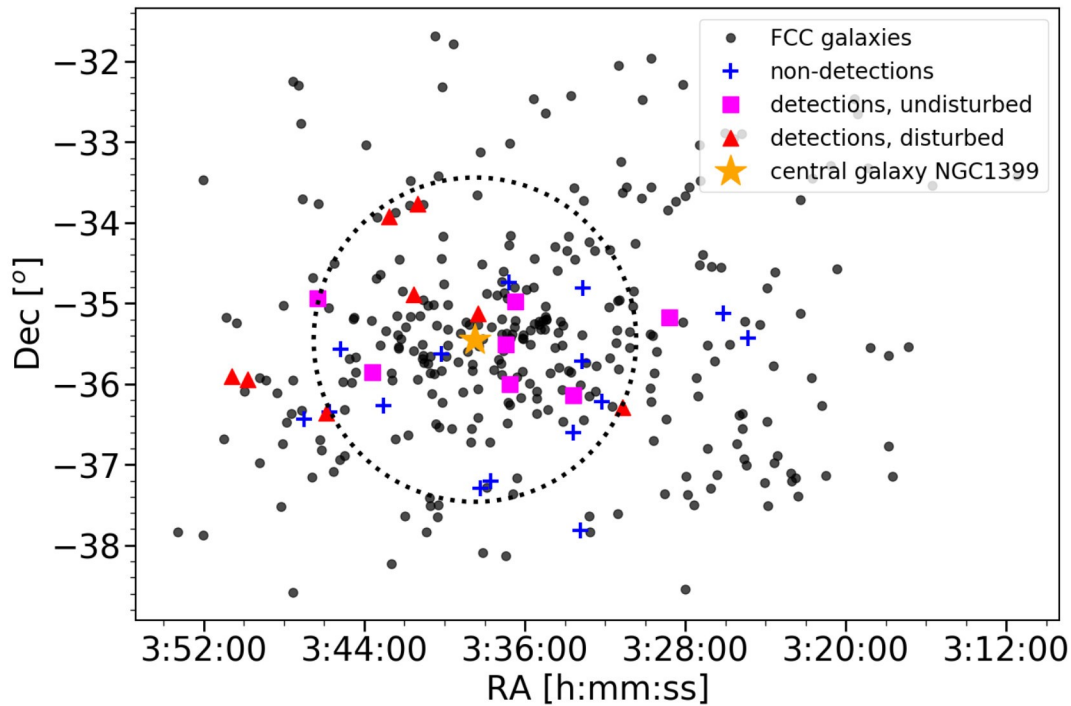


Extension on side towards which the galaxy should move  
argues against ram pressure stripping!



# ALFOSC – CO survey of galaxies in Fornax (with ALMA)

Zabel, Davis, ..., Peletier, Venhola, ..., in preparation

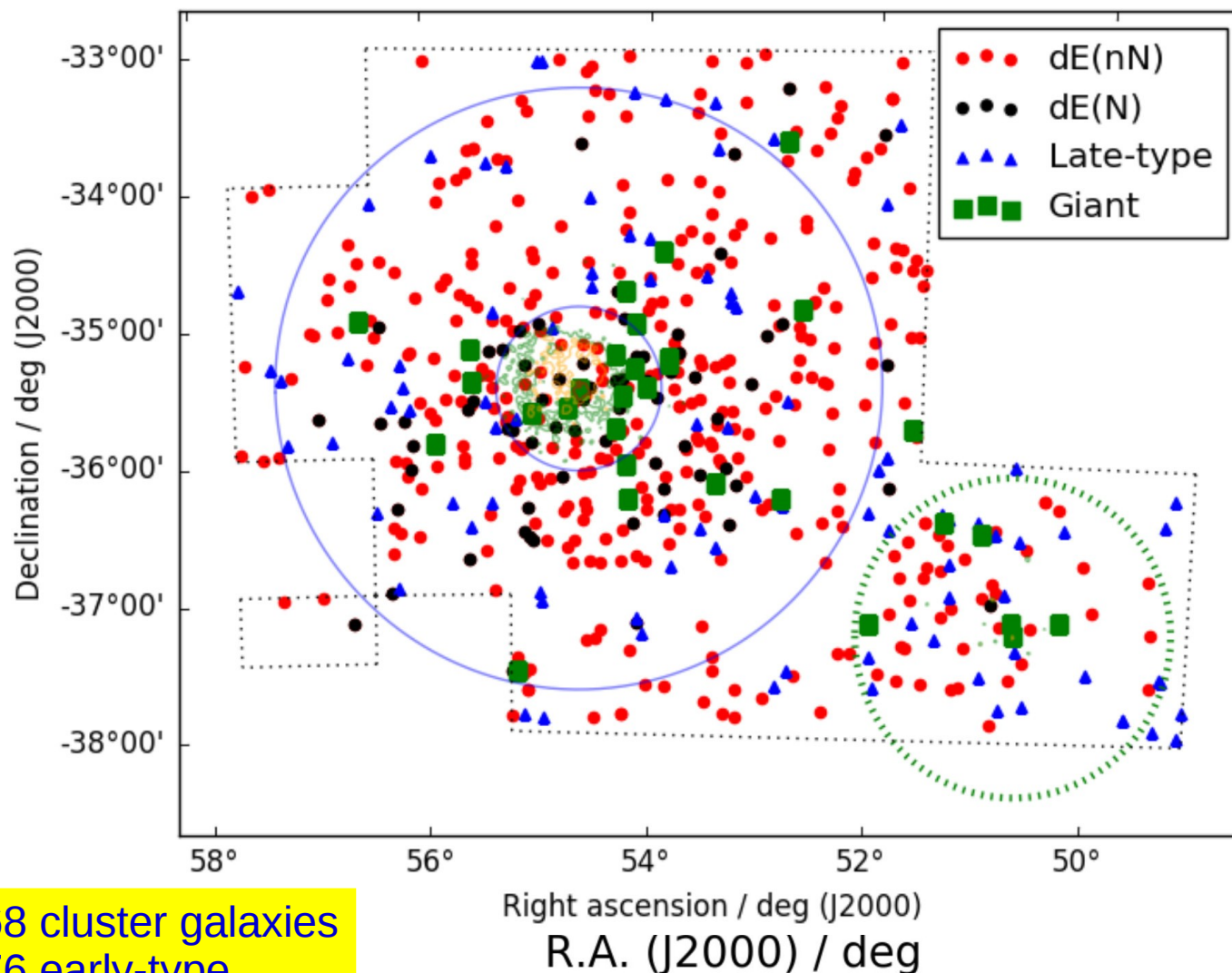


To take away from this:

Optical data fundamental to understand gas processes!

# The FDS Fornax (Ultra)deep Survey

ESO/2.6m VST



## INTEGRATION TIMES

$u'$  – 11000s

$g'$  – 8000s

$r'$  – 8000s

$i'$  – 5000s

## DEPTH (SB, $1\sigma$ )

$U'$  – 28.0 mag arcsec<sup>-2</sup>

$G'$  – 28.6 mag arcsec<sup>-2</sup>

$R'$  – 28.1 mag arcsec<sup>-2</sup>

$I'$  – 27.2 mag arcsec<sup>-2</sup>



FDS: Observations finished Nov 2017, data reduction finished March 2018 by Aku Venhola;  
NGC 1316 (Fornax A) area reduced by VSTTUBE (Naples), Data release: April 2019



# The Fornax Deep Survey

Collaboration based on VST OmegaCAM  
GTO time of

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Kapteyn



and

INAF/  
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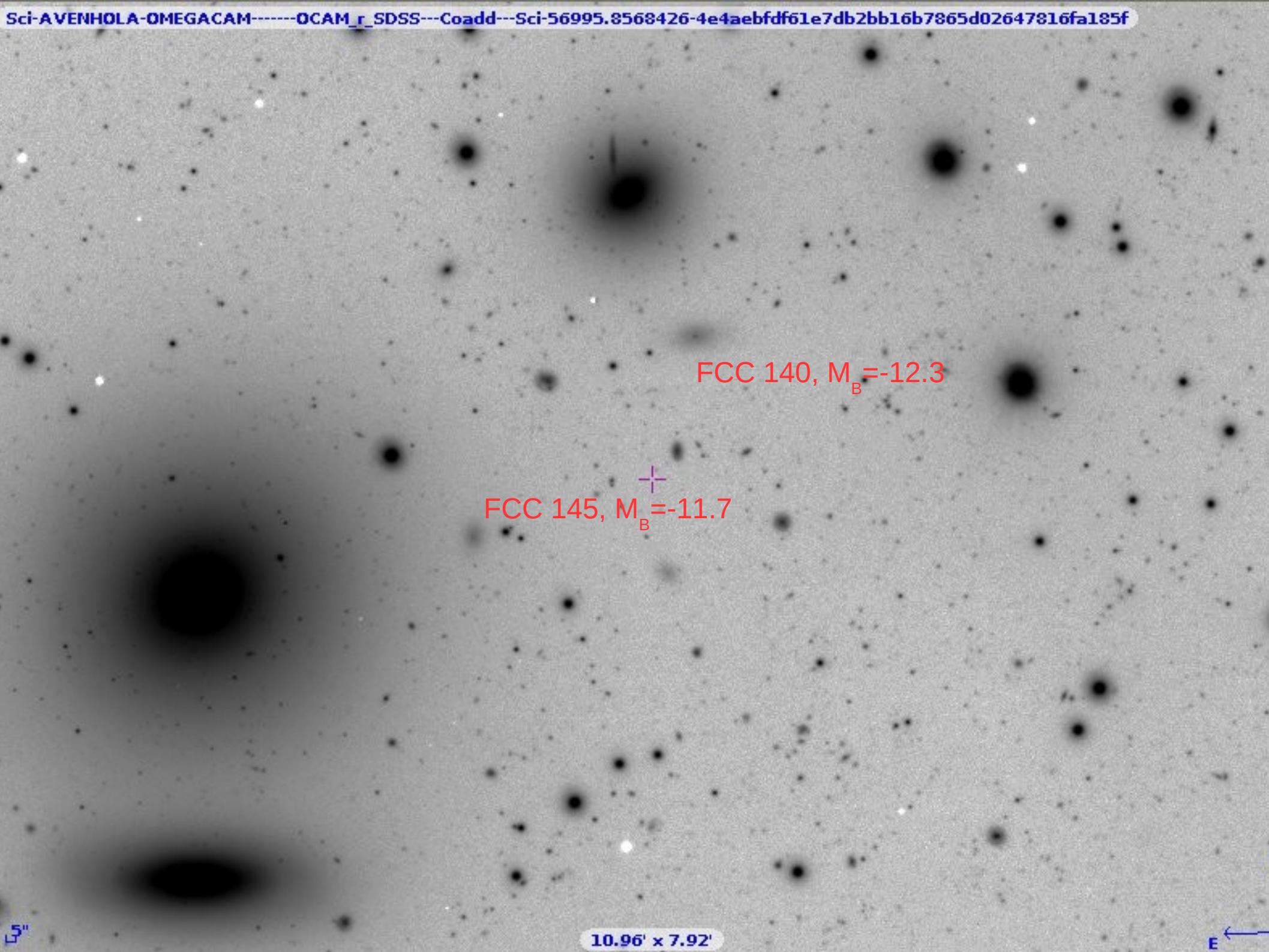
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FCC 140,  $M_B = -12.3$

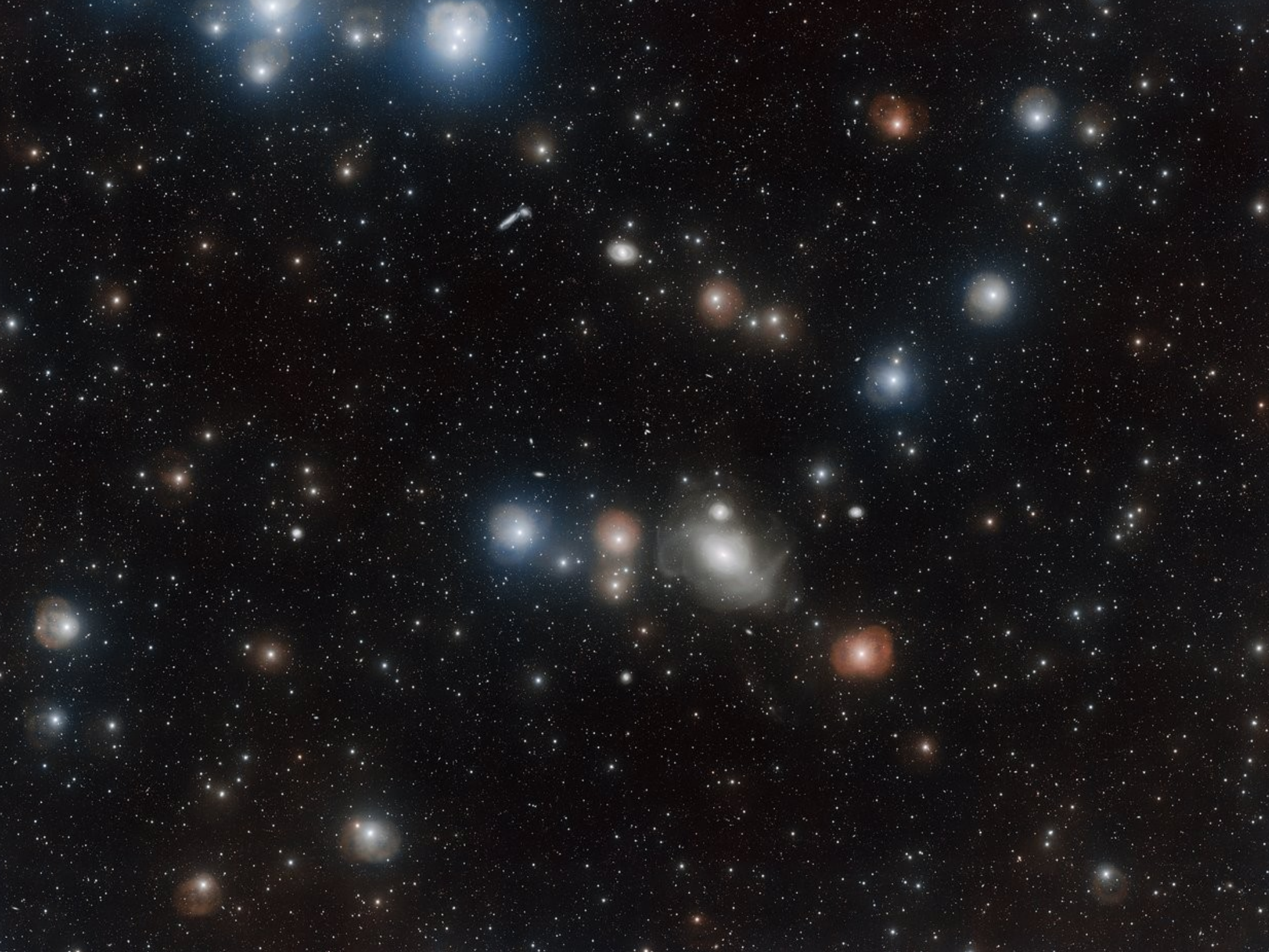
FCC 145,  $M_B = -11.7$

10.96' x 7.92'

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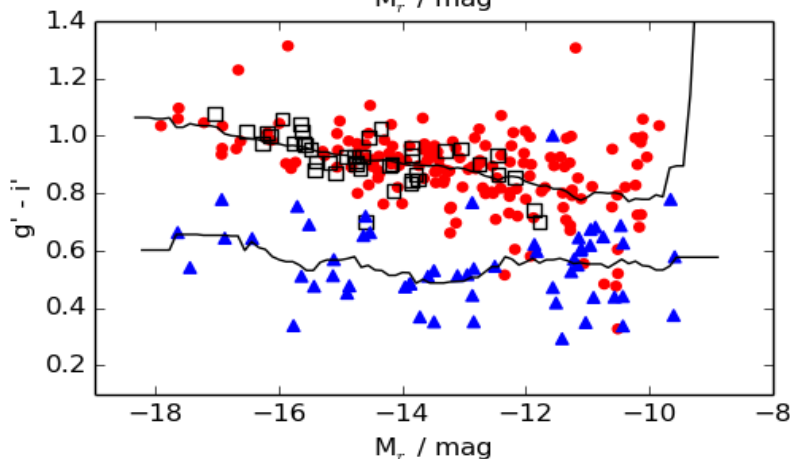
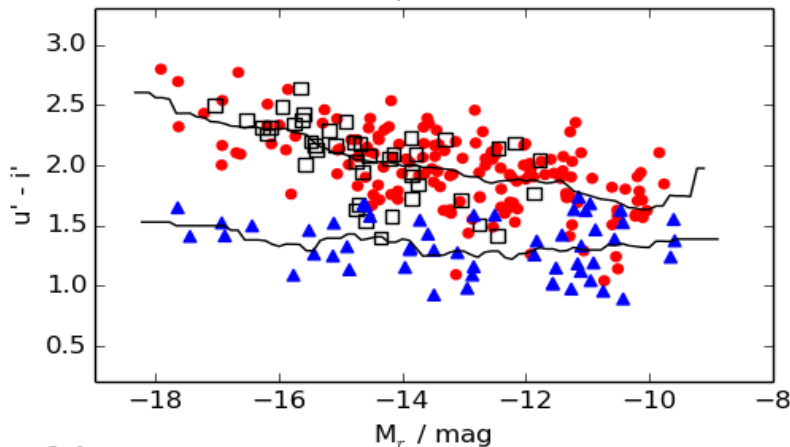
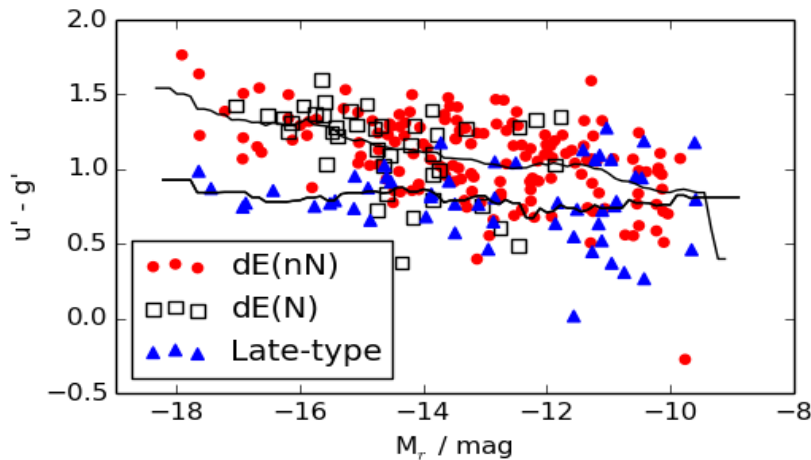






# **Some new science with FDS**

# The Color-Magnitude Relation in Fornax (FDS)



## Questions:

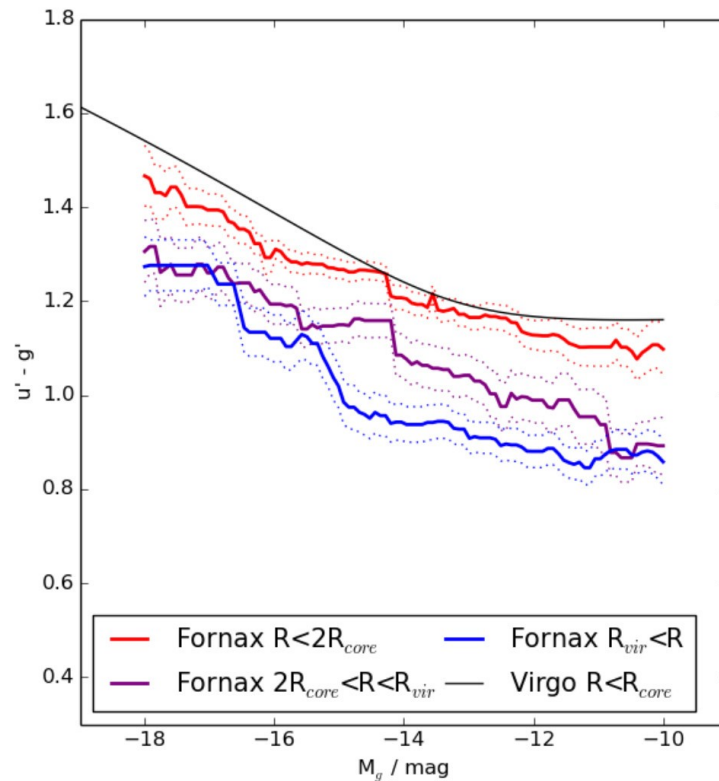
- What is the scatter along the CM relation, how many objects still need to reach the red sequence?

The cluster shows a tight CM relation, becoming less tight towards fainter magnitudes, similar to Virgo. The scatter seems, however, larger, although here we are comparing the whole Fornax Cluster with the center of Virgo.

- What is the fraction of galaxies below (young) and above (compact) the red sequence?

A few compacts above the relation, but many more irregular dwarfs (classified morphologically) than in Virgo. But again, we compare the whole Fornax Cluster with the center of Virgo.

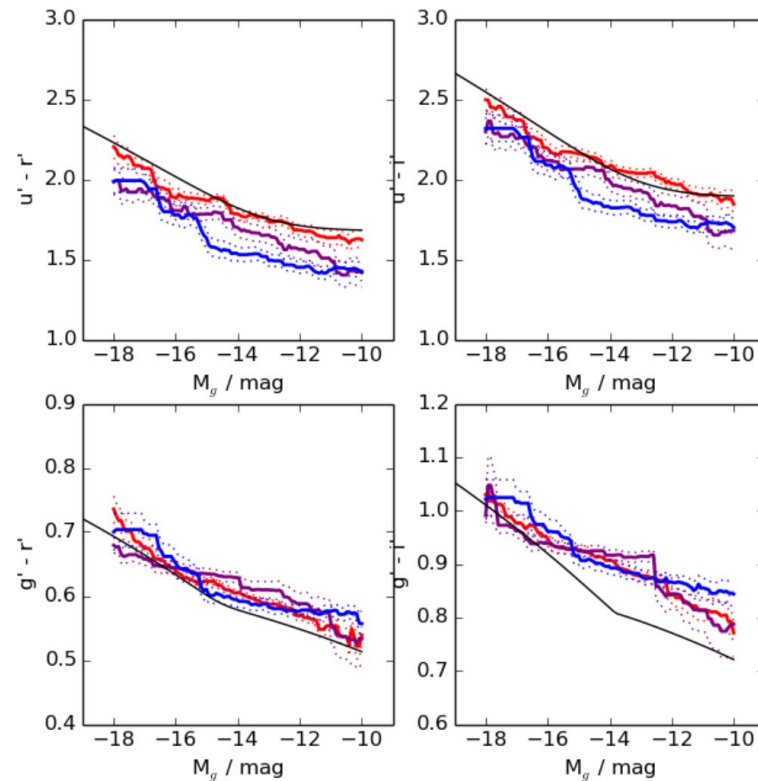
# The Color-Magnitude Relation – Comparison with Virgo



## Questions:

- What is the shape of the CM relation? Roediger et al. Claim it is an S-shape. Why this shape?

In Fornax we see the same shape.



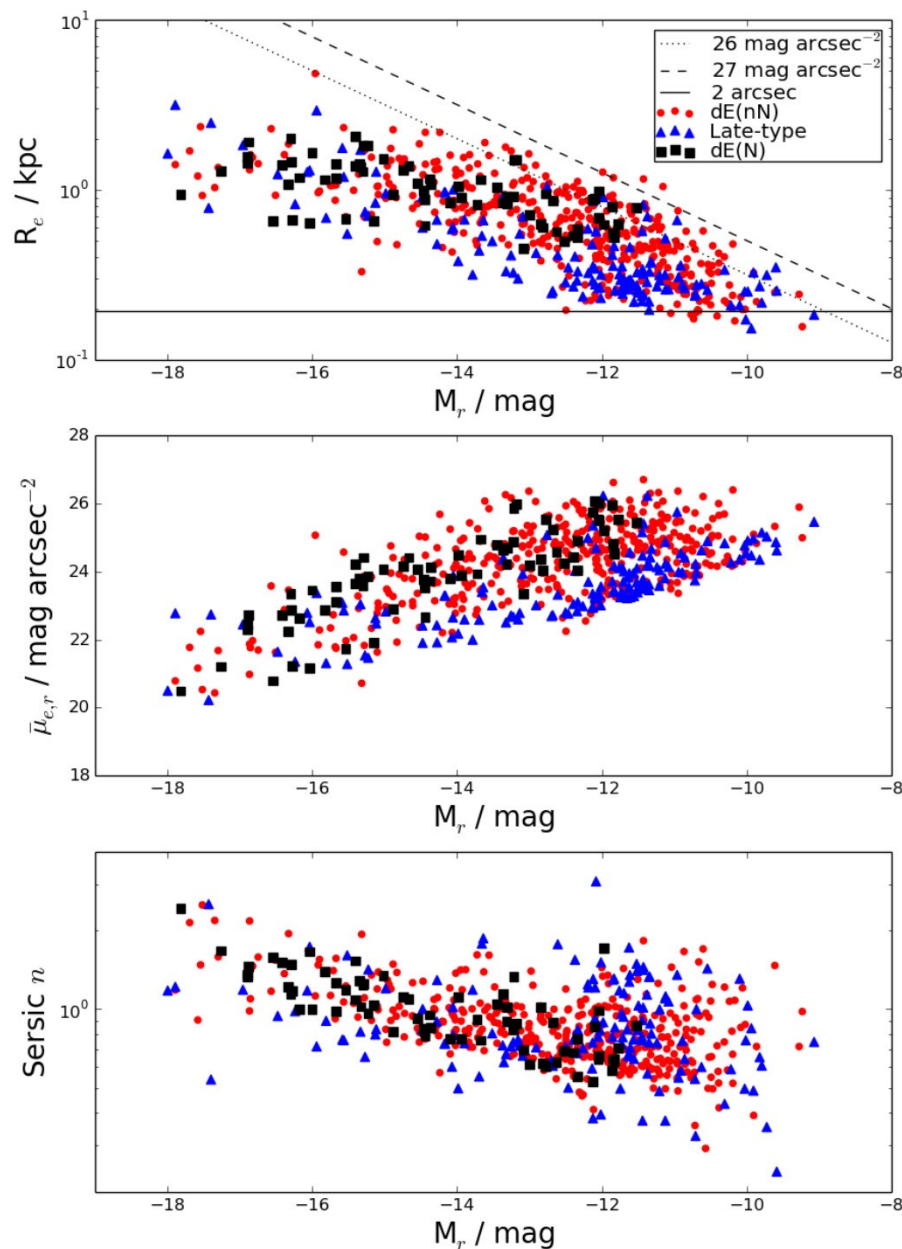
## Questions:

- How does the CM relation change as a function of environment?

It becomes slightly bluer from inner to outer parts (probably due to a combination of age and metallicity).

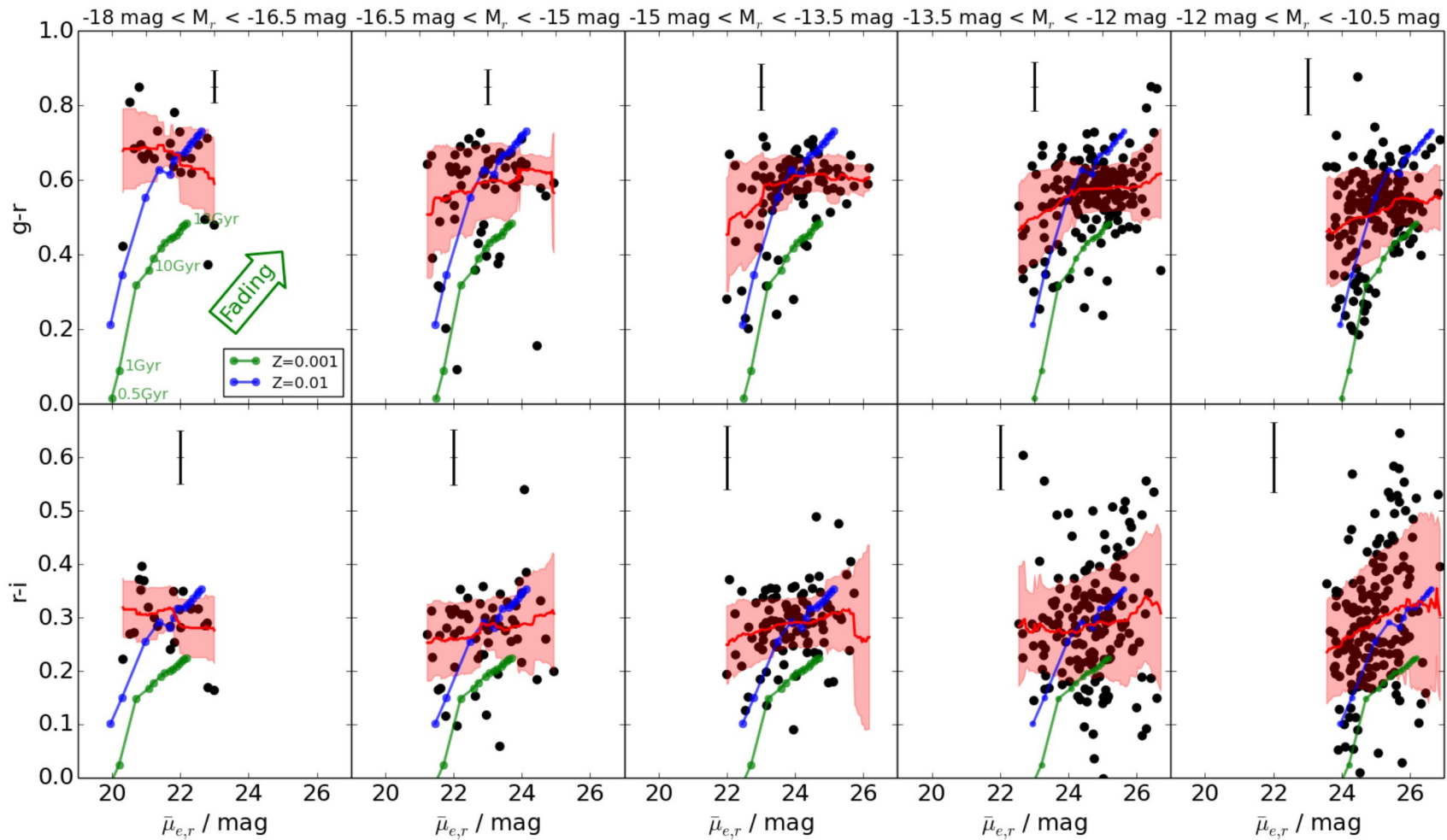


# Kormendy Relations in Fornax



- Dwarf galaxies in Fornax show tight scaling relations, consistent with other clusters.
- Nucleated and non-nucleated dwarfs show similar behavior
- Irregular dwarfs behave differently from dwarf ellipticals, being smaller, and having higher surface brightness, but with similar Sérsic indices. This is consistent with a picture that these irregulars fade into dwarf ellipticals, once their gas has been removed.

# Scaling Relations as a function of magnitude



Lines show a galaxy fading (using MILES models with time changing along the line). Different colors indicate different metallicities.

**Brighter dwarfs:** Ram Pressure Stripping seen in action

**Fainter dwarfs:** Consistent with fading of Infalling dwarf irregulars

**To conclude:** this analysis is very preliminary, and still needs work.

However, we find that the Fornax cluster is very different from the center of the Virgo Cluster, with more dwarf irregulars. We also find that these objects have scaling relations that are not the same as those of dwarf ellipticals.

To be published: Venhola + FDS collaboration 2018

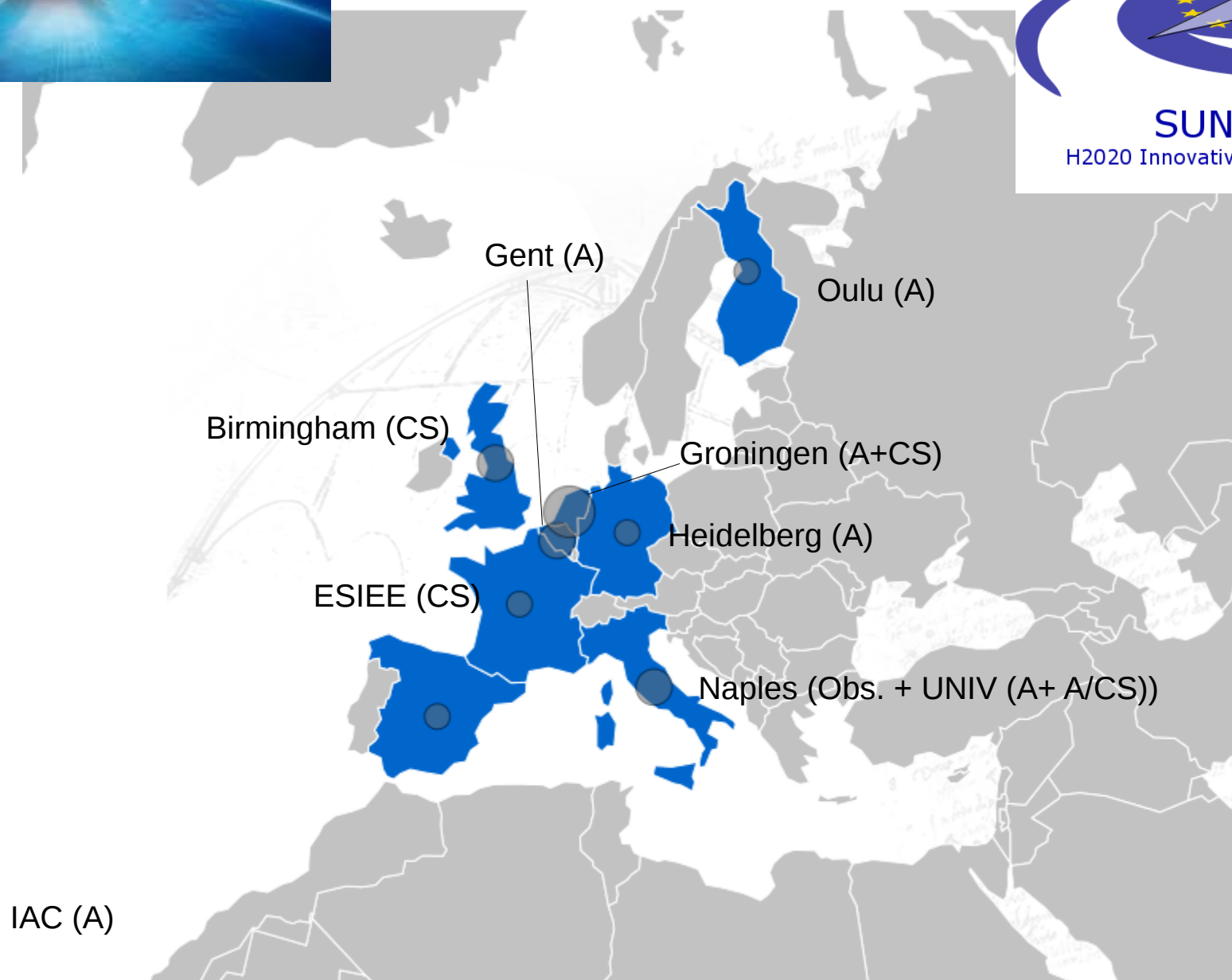


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## Aims of network:

Interdisciplinary collaboration of **astronomers** and **computer scientists** to determine novel algorithms to study galaxy evolution. In particular:

(1) **Automatic detection of faint low surface brightness galaxy features** (dwarf galaxies, merger remnants, intracluster light) in deep astronomical surveys, and interpreting them astrophysically in terms of galaxy formation and evolution.

(2) Automated object recognition in Big Data sets: (a) the unsupervised identification of groups of objects with similar properties (**clustering**) and (b) the supervised assignment of objects into pre-defined target classes (**classification**). The addition of **prior information** from astrophysics will be crucial in both cases.

(3) **Simulations** of galaxy interactions, their **characterisation** and **visualisation**. The simulations serve to identify the critical characterisation, necessary to optimally identify how observations can be described. Such comparisons will lead to a better parametrisation and understanding of galaxy cluster evolution.