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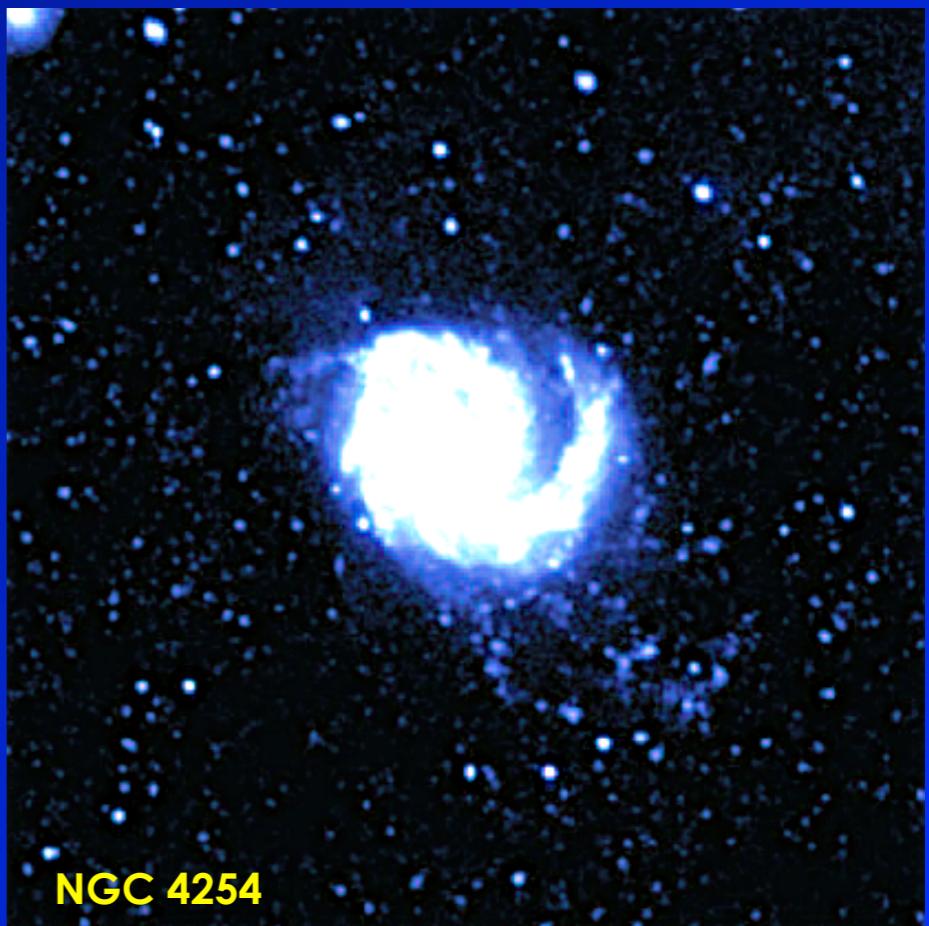
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Extended UV-emission (XUV) in galaxies

- **Discovered using GALEX data.**
 - UV-bright complexes in the outskirts of nearby spirals
 - Well beyond their B_{25} or $H\alpha$ radius
 - Thilker et al. 2005, 2007
Gil de Paz et al. 2005, 2007
- **XUV discs seems to exists in 20 - 30 % of the local disc galaxy population.**
 - Zaritsky & Christlein 2007; Thilker et al. 2007;
Lemonias et al. 2011.
- **Even found around E/S0 galaxies.**
 - Thilker et al. 2010; Salim & Rich 2010;
Moffett et al. 2012; Salim et al 2012; Bresolin 2013.
- **UV-bright complexes are young stellar clusters associated with recent or still on-going star formation.**
 - Gil de Paz 2007, Bresolin et al. 2009, 2012
- **XUV-discs should be embedded in larger HI envelopes, 2X-HI, (Koribalsky & L-S 2009).**

Thilker et al. 2007



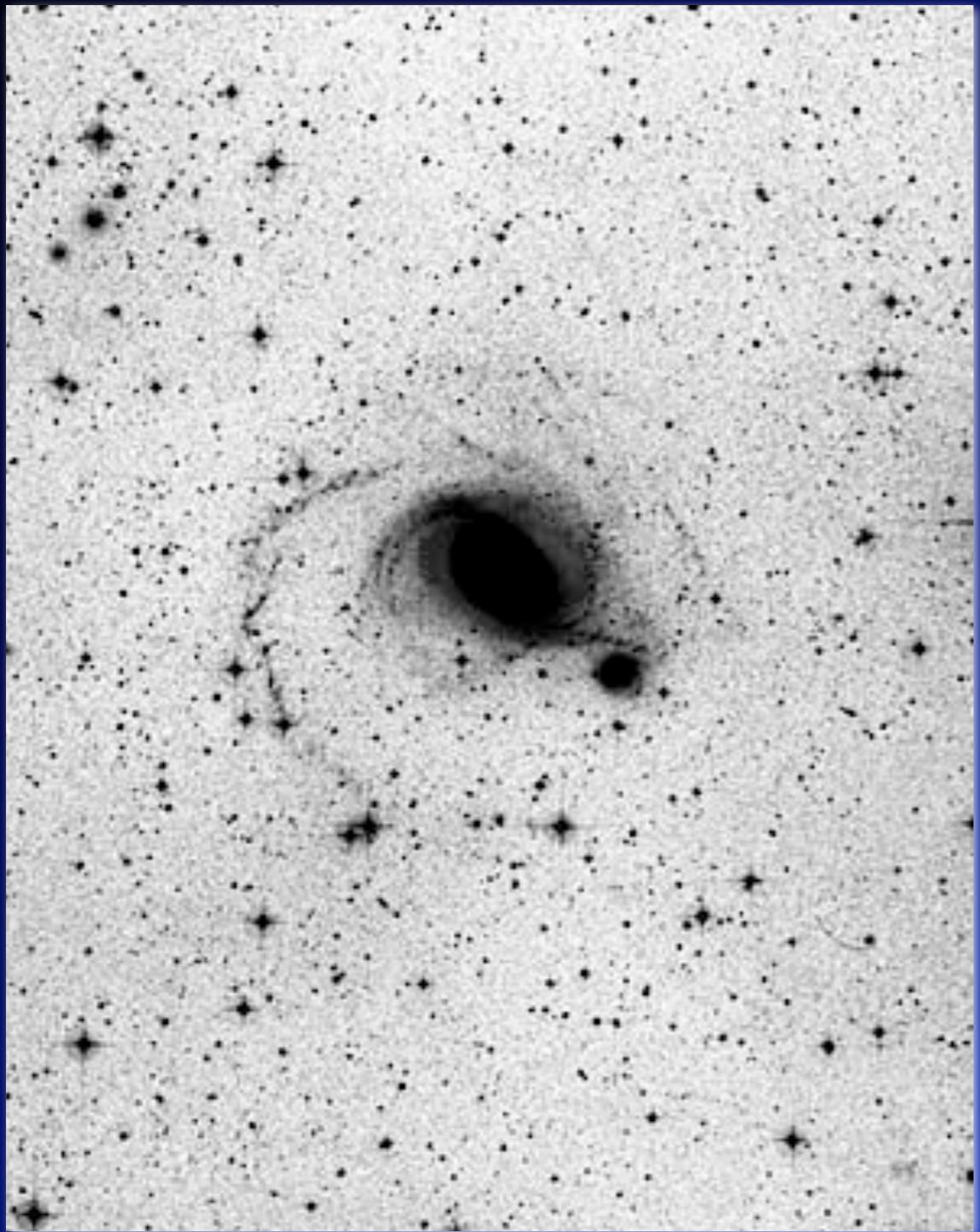
The galaxy pair NGC 1512 / 1510

- **NGC 1512:**
 - SB(r)ab, $Z \sim 0.7 Z_{\odot}$
 - $D = 9.5$ Mpc
 - Bar $\sim 3' = 8.3$ kpc
 - Ring $\sim 3' \times 2'$
 $= 8.3 \times 5.5$ kpc
 - Nuclear ring $\sim 16'' \times 12''$
 $(740 \times 550$ pc)
- **NGC 1510:**
 - S0, BCDG, WR, $Z \sim 0.2 Z_{\odot}$
 - N enrichment ?
 - $5' = 13.8$ kpc
 from NGC 1512
- H α images (Meurer et al. 2006) reveal many star forming regions
 - Sizes $2''$ – $5''$ (90–230 pc)
 - Dozens in the ring
 - NGC 1510
 - But also in external regions with no evident continuum emission!



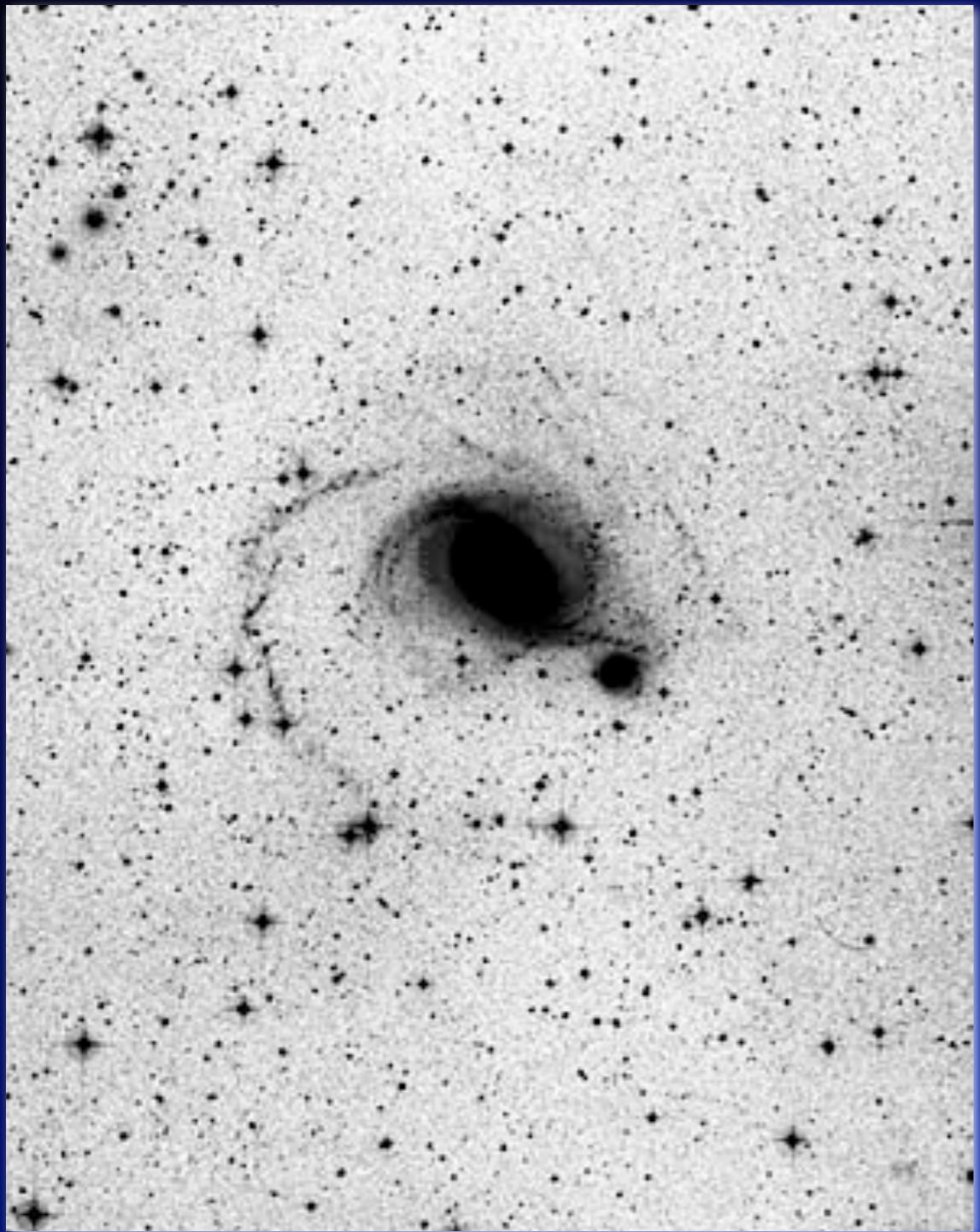
NGC 1512 / 1510 , B + R + H α , CTIO data combined by Á.R. L-S.

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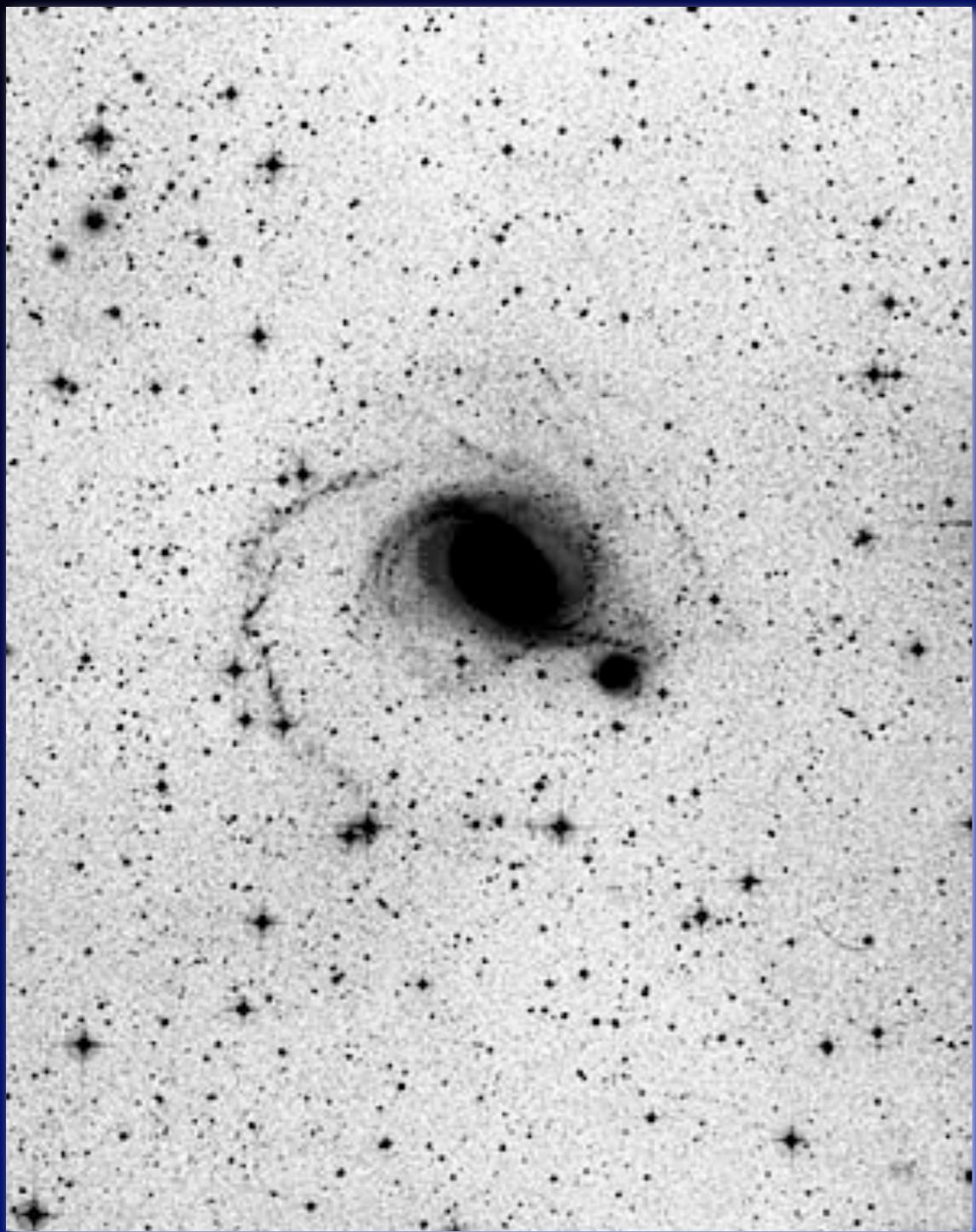
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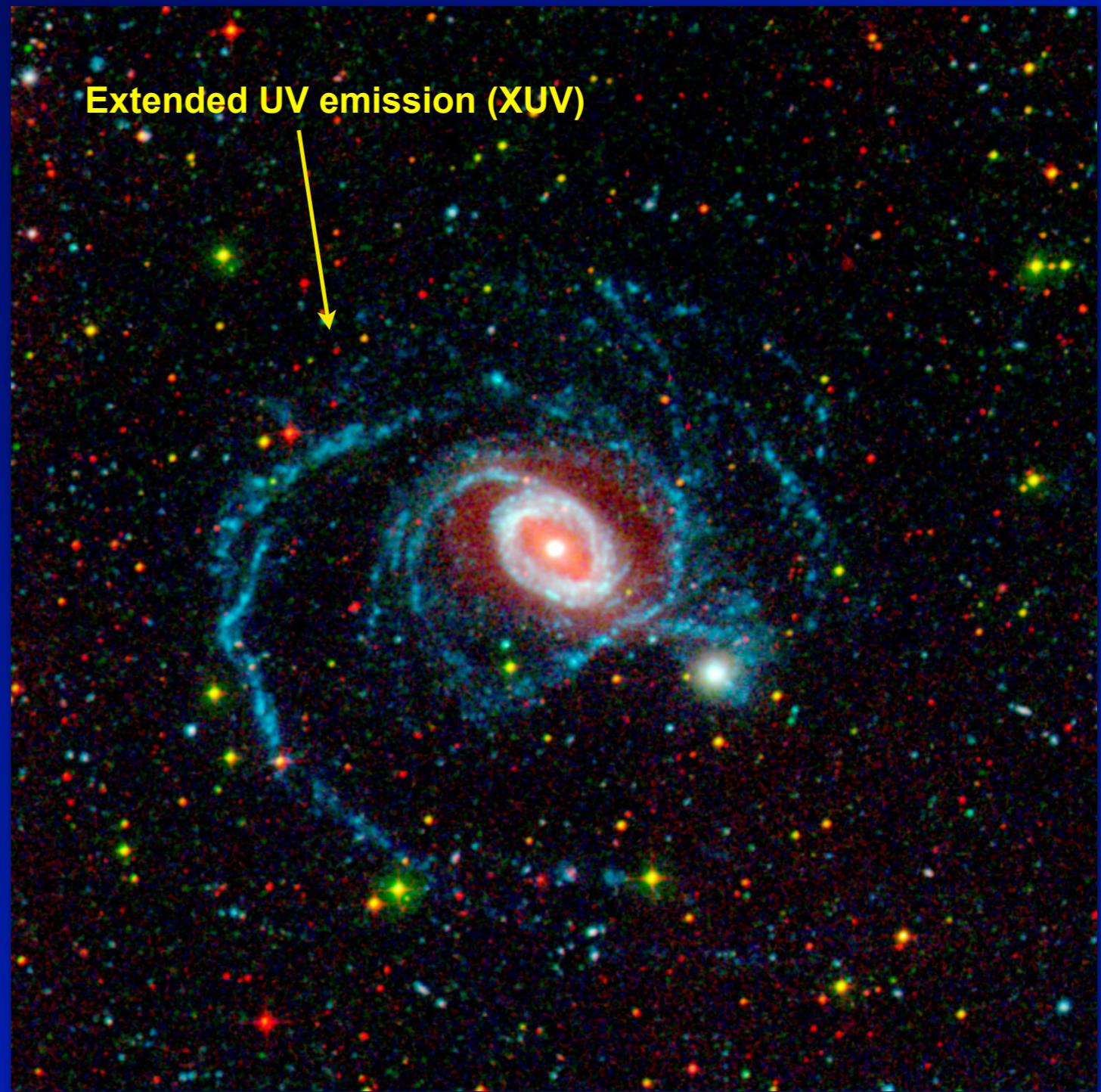
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(FUV + NUV, GALEX, Gil de Paz et al. 2007)

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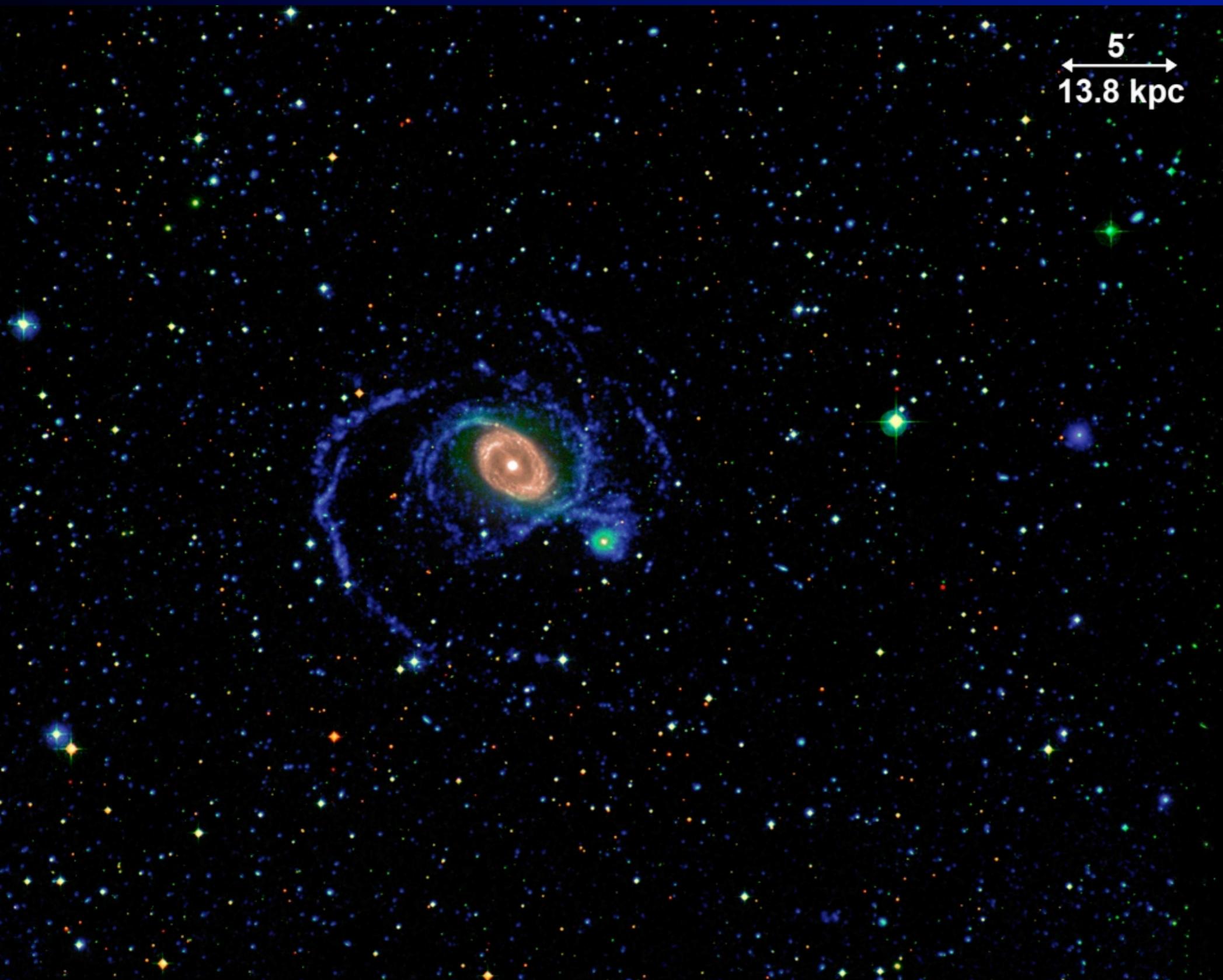


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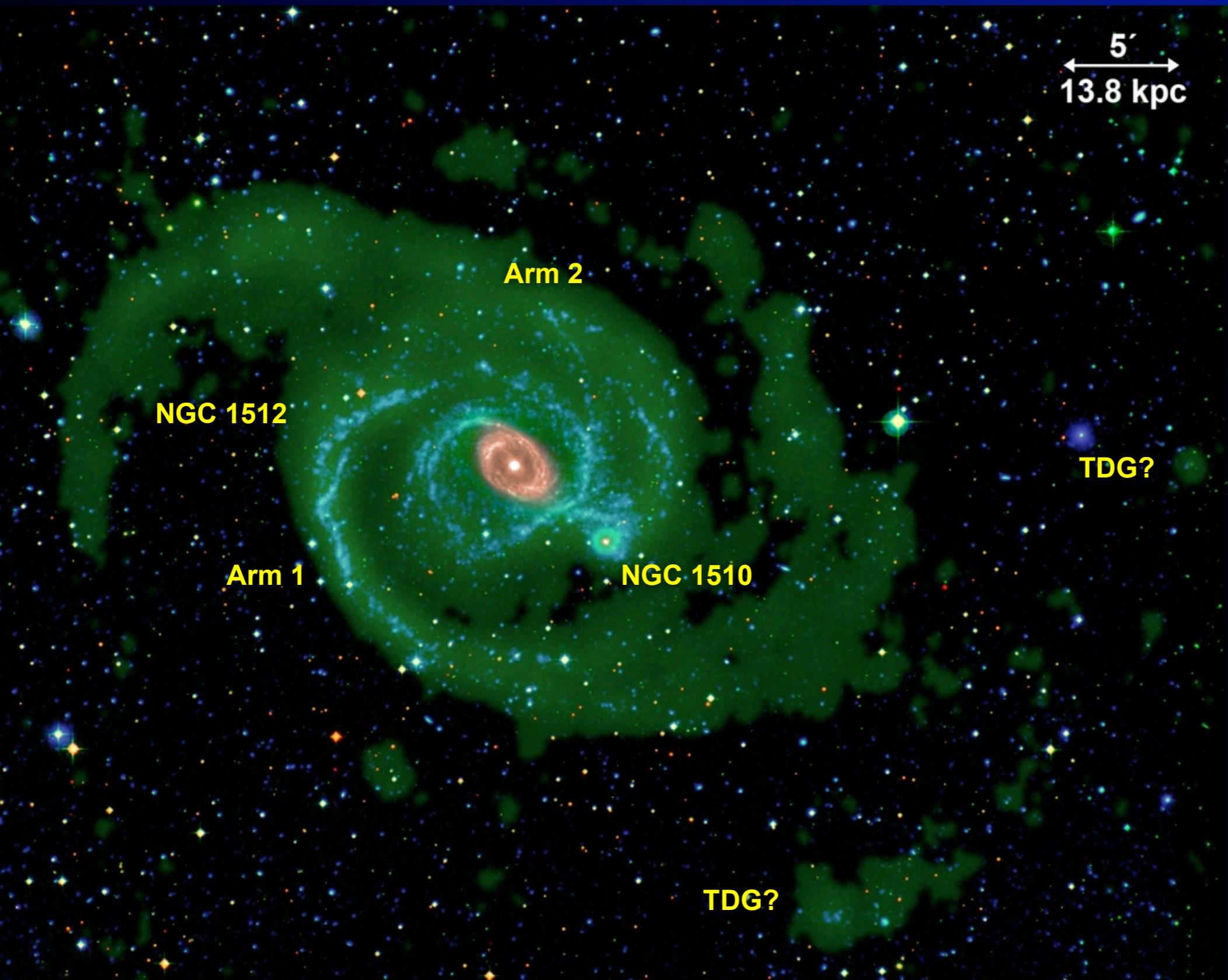
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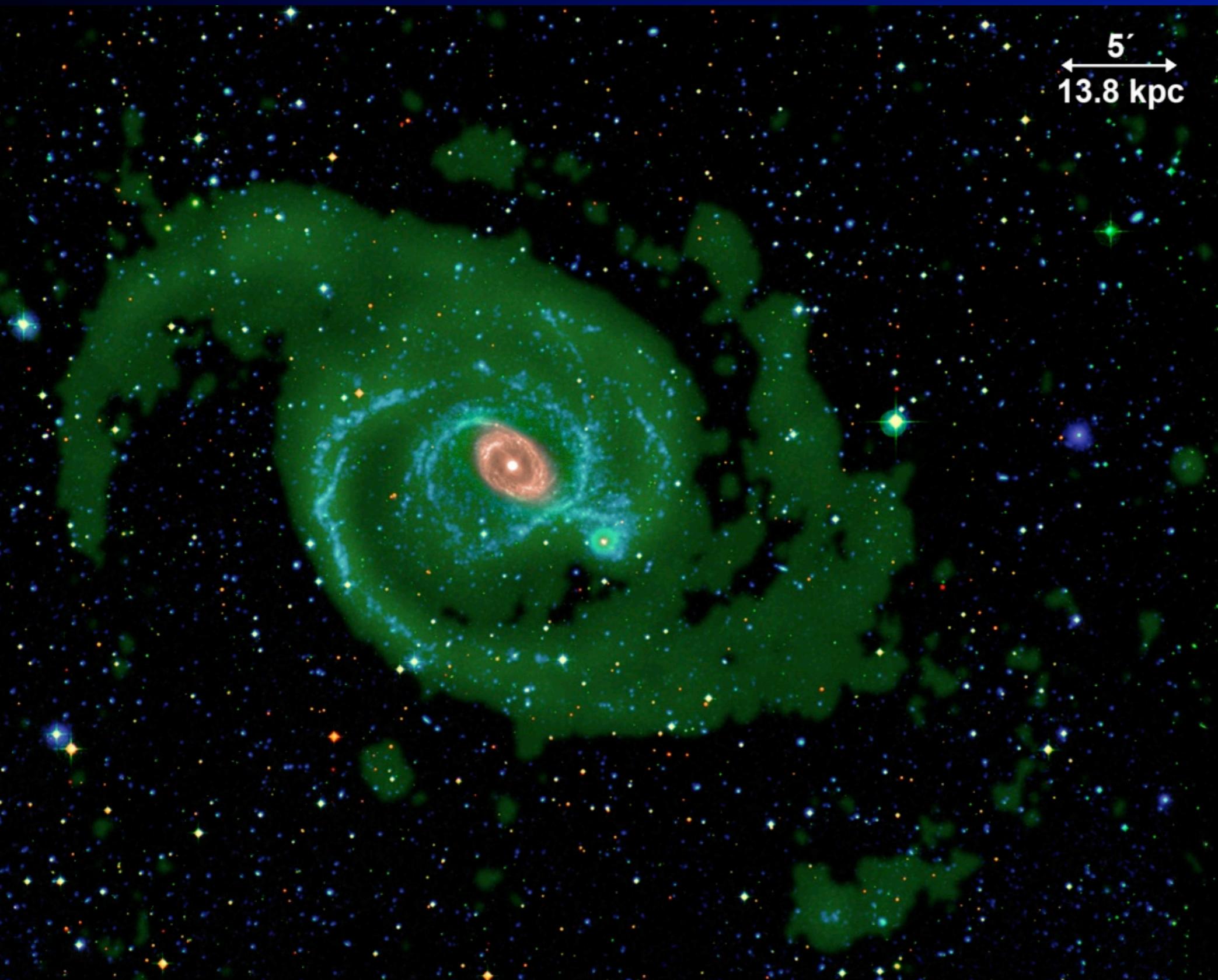


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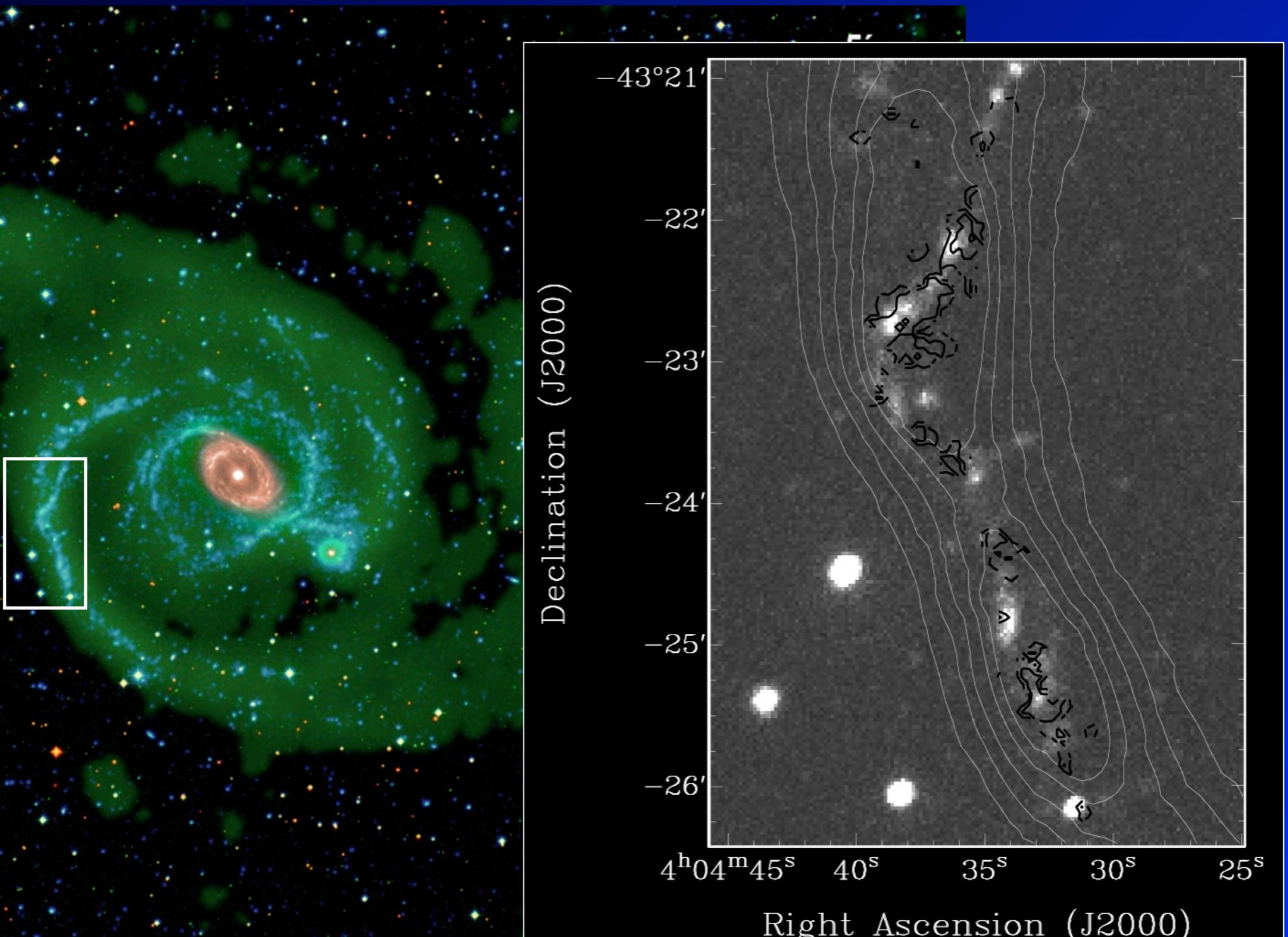


- ATCA observ. using 7 arrays
- Mosaic using 4 pointings
- Total int. time: 3.11 days
- Huge amount of neutral gas!
- Two extended spiral arms
- Two TDG candidates
- **NGC 1512:**
 - $M_{\text{HI}} = 5.7 \times 10^9 M_{\odot}$
 - $M_{\text{Dyn}} \sim 4 \times 10^{11} M_{\odot}$
 - $M_{\text{HI}}/L_B = 1$
- **NGC 1510:**
 - $M_{\text{HI}} \sim 4 \times 10^7 M_{\odot}$
 - $M_{\text{HI}}/L_B \sim 0.07$

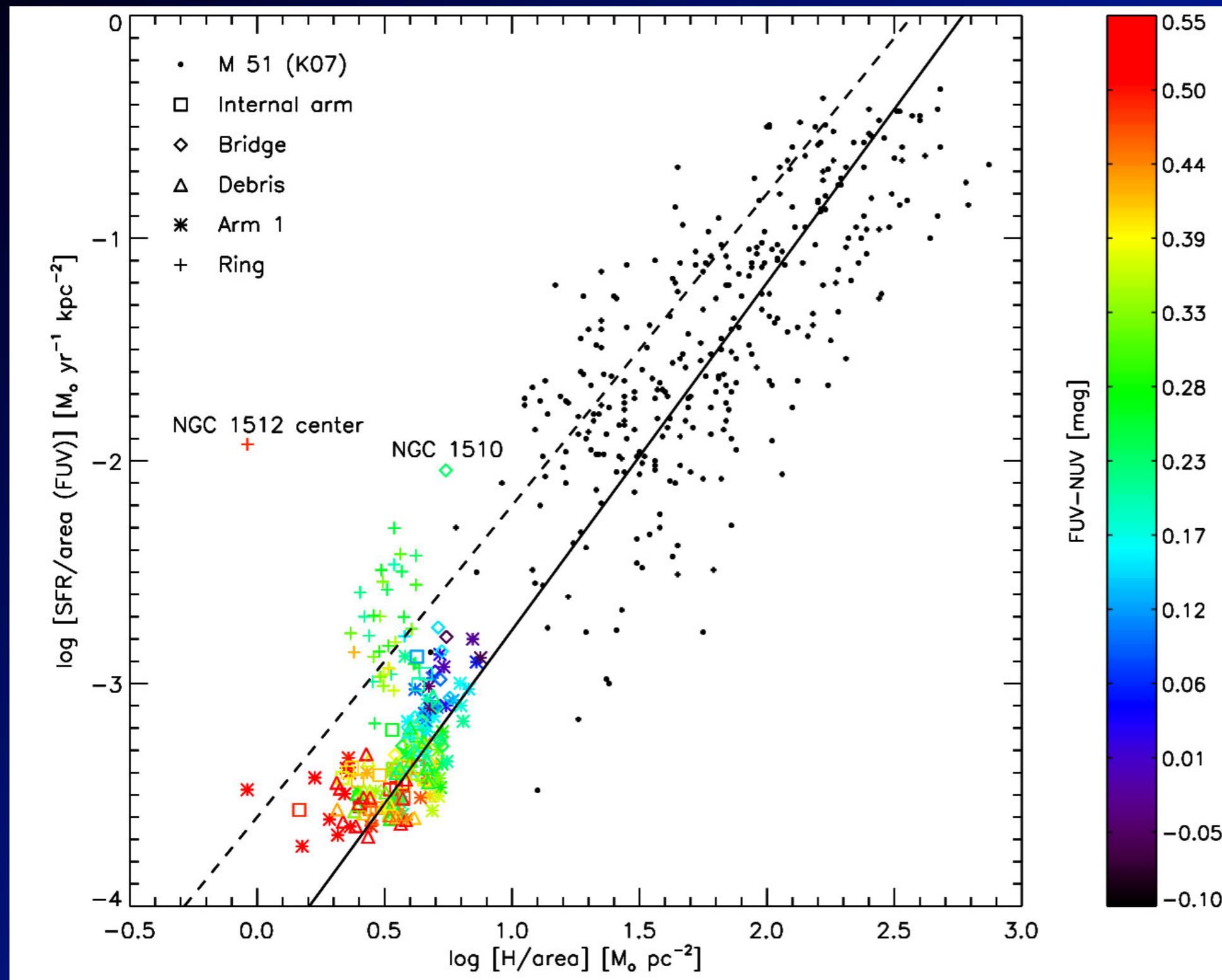
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Star-formation law in NGC 1512/1510

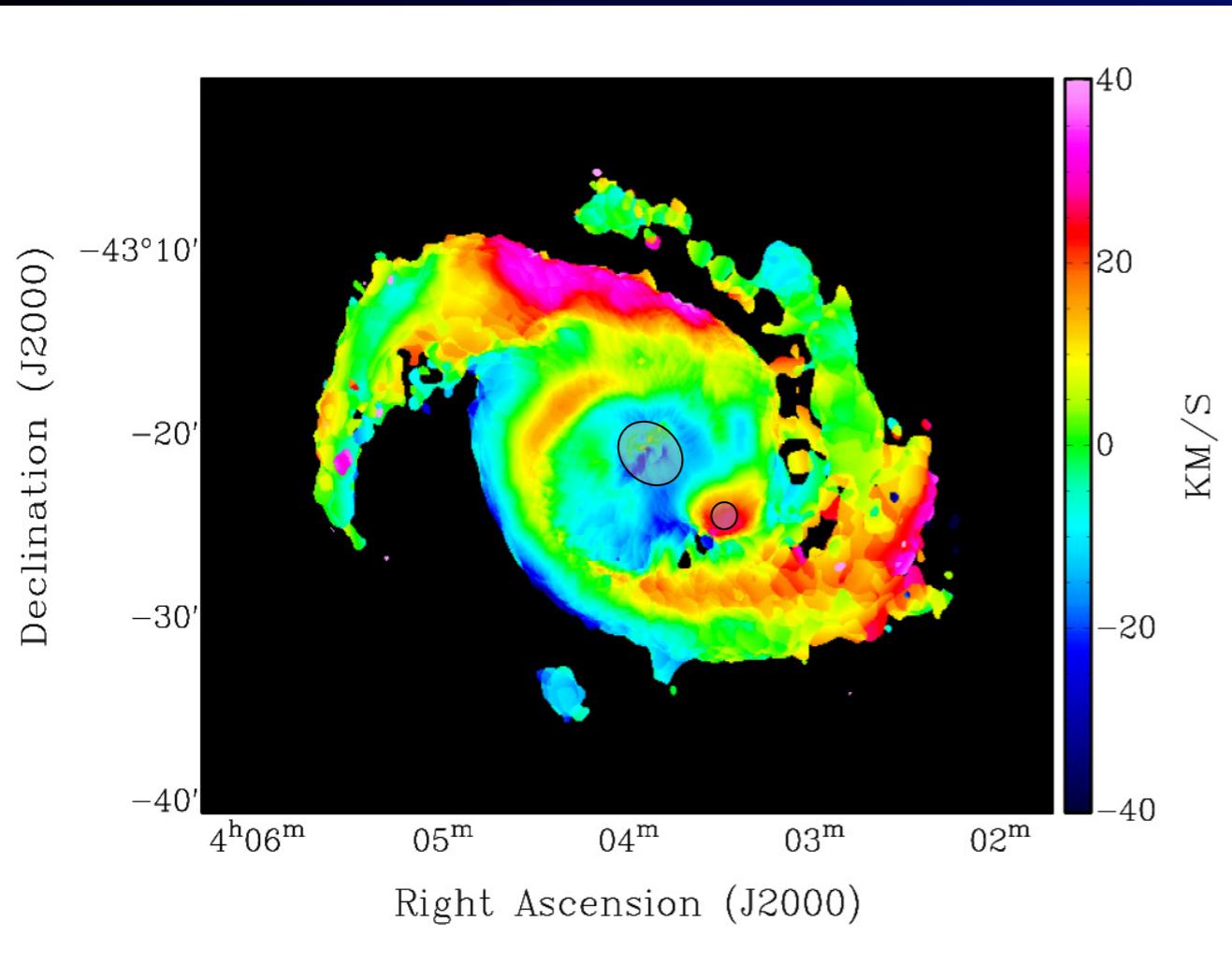


Star-forming regions in NGC 1512/1510 follow the Schmidt-Kennicutt relation.

Comparison of star-forming regions within different areas with regions in M 51 (Kennicutt et al. 2007, continuous line) and relation for dwarf and spiral star-forming galaxies (Kennicutt et al. 1998, dashed line).

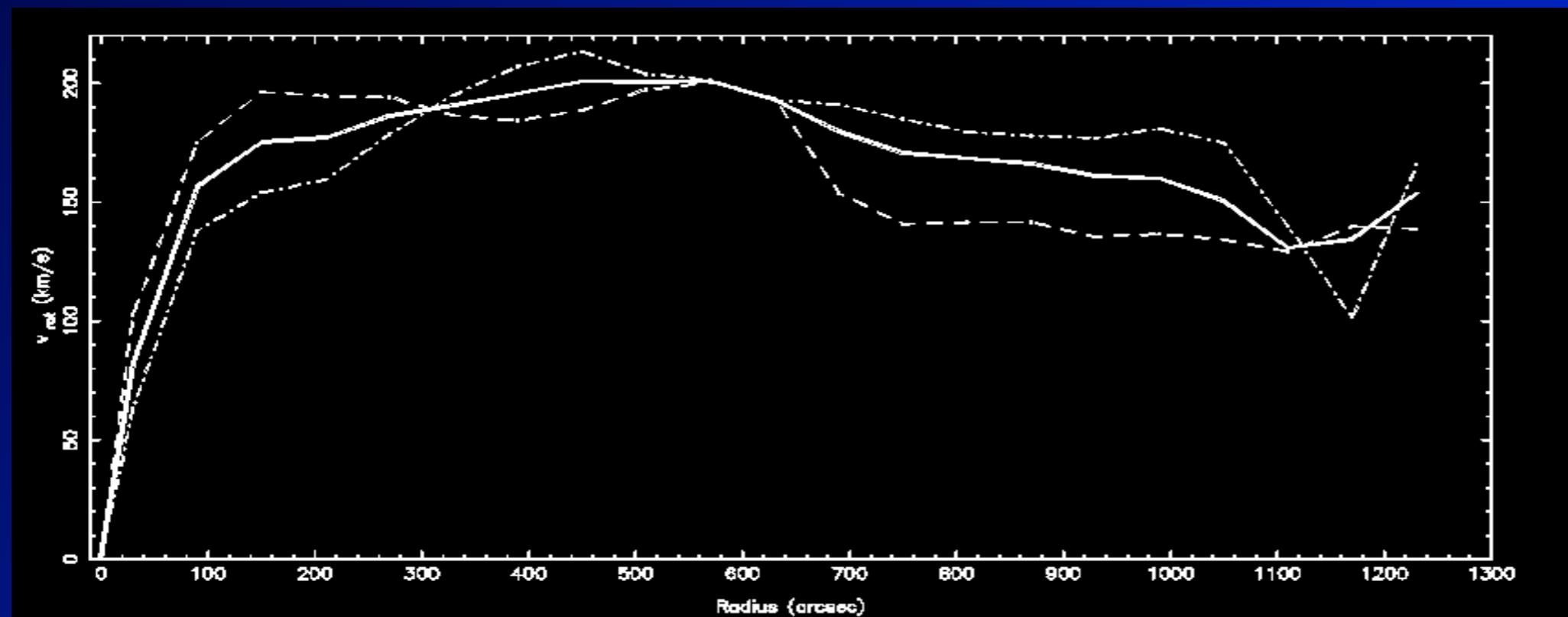
Same results that Bigiel et al. (2008, 2010a,b), and models by Lagos et al (2013)

But see Schruba et al. (2011, 2012), Lada et al. (2013)

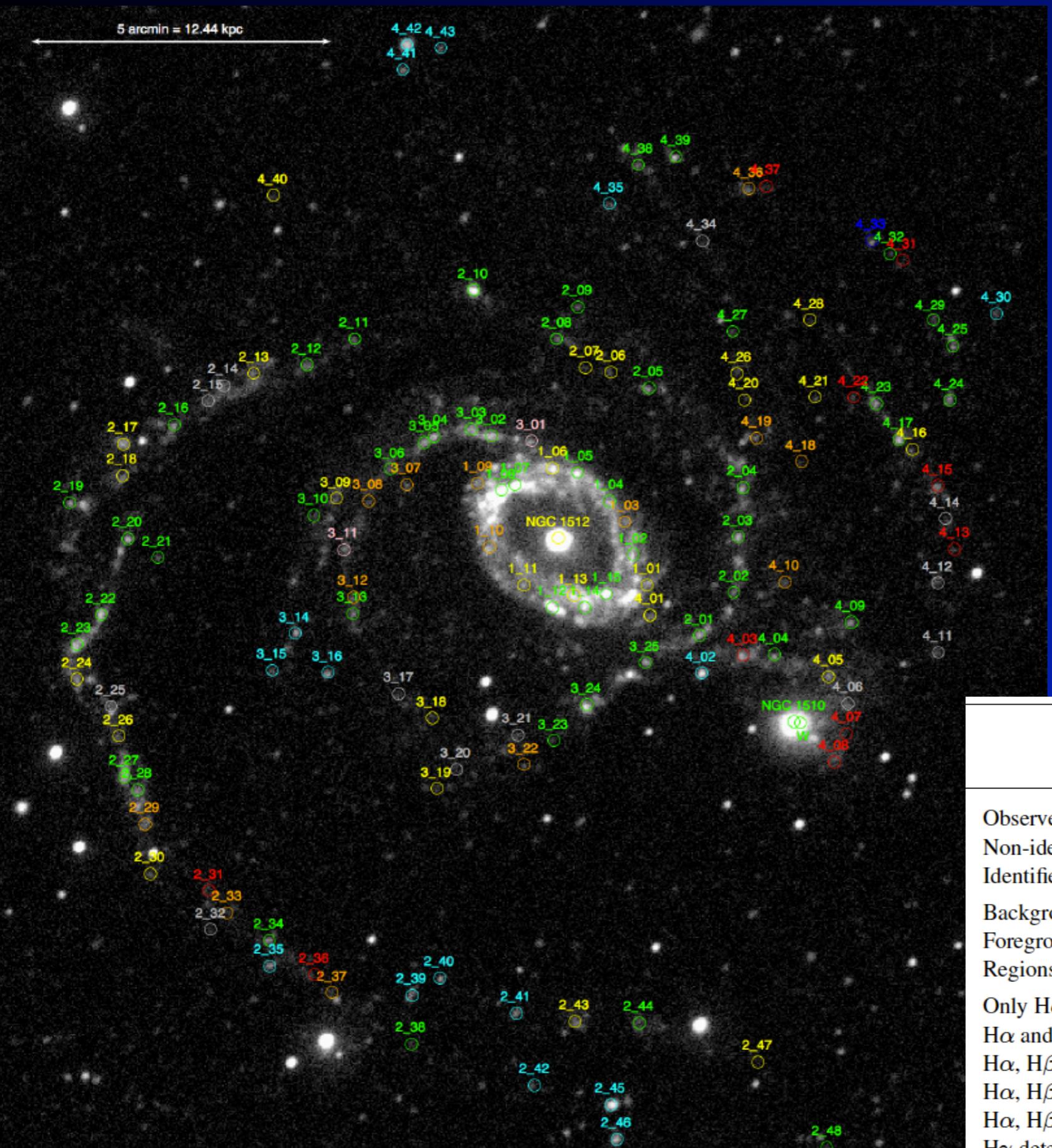


NGC 1512 / 1510 Rotation fit and residues

- The velocity field is mainly **rotation**,
- But we found some **discrepances** in the most **external regions** and in the position of **NGC 1510**.
- **Star formation activity** and the external **HI structures** seem to be consequence of the **interaction** that **NGC 1512** and **NGC 1510** are experiencing. **Minor merger ~ 400 Myr**



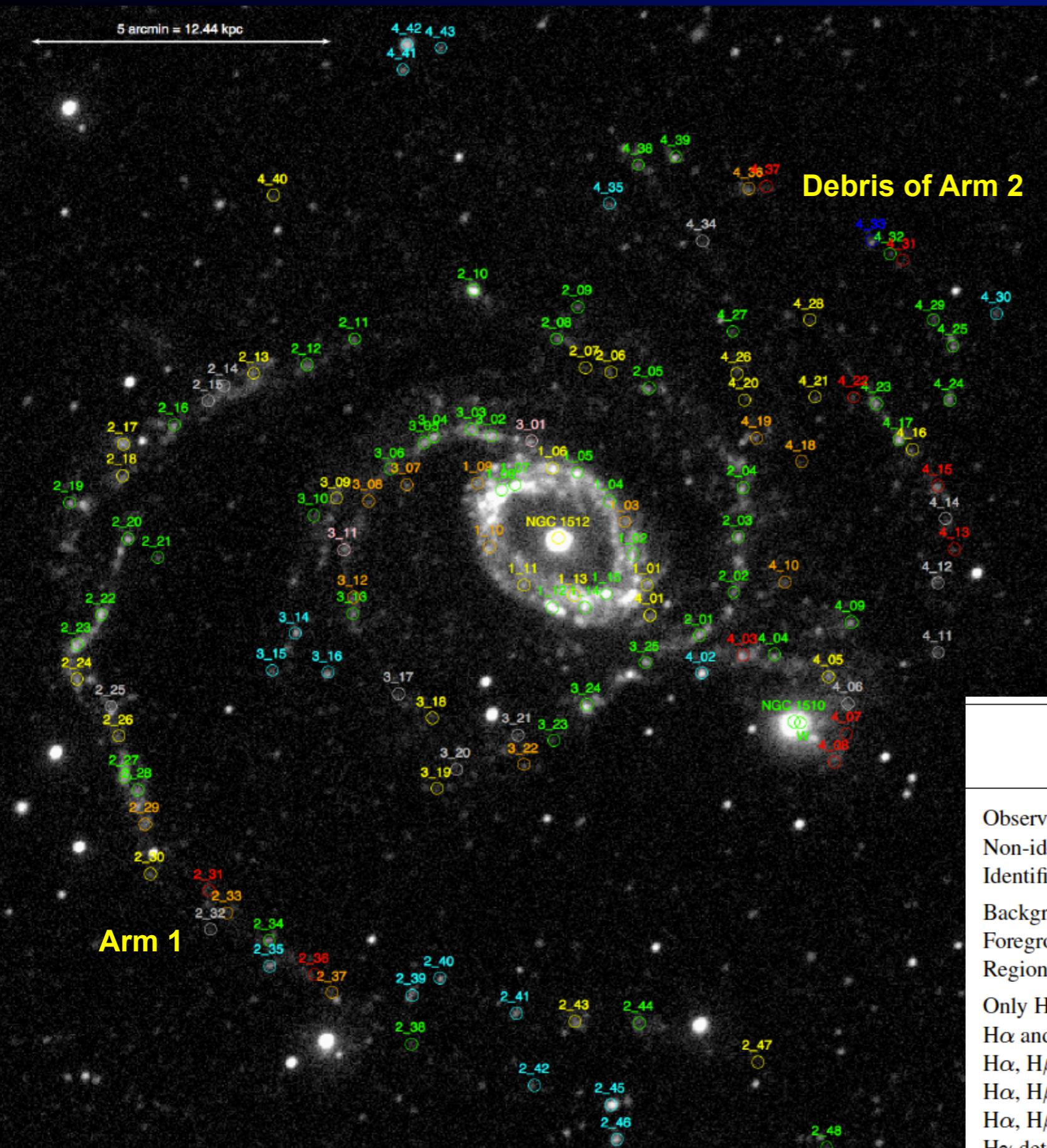
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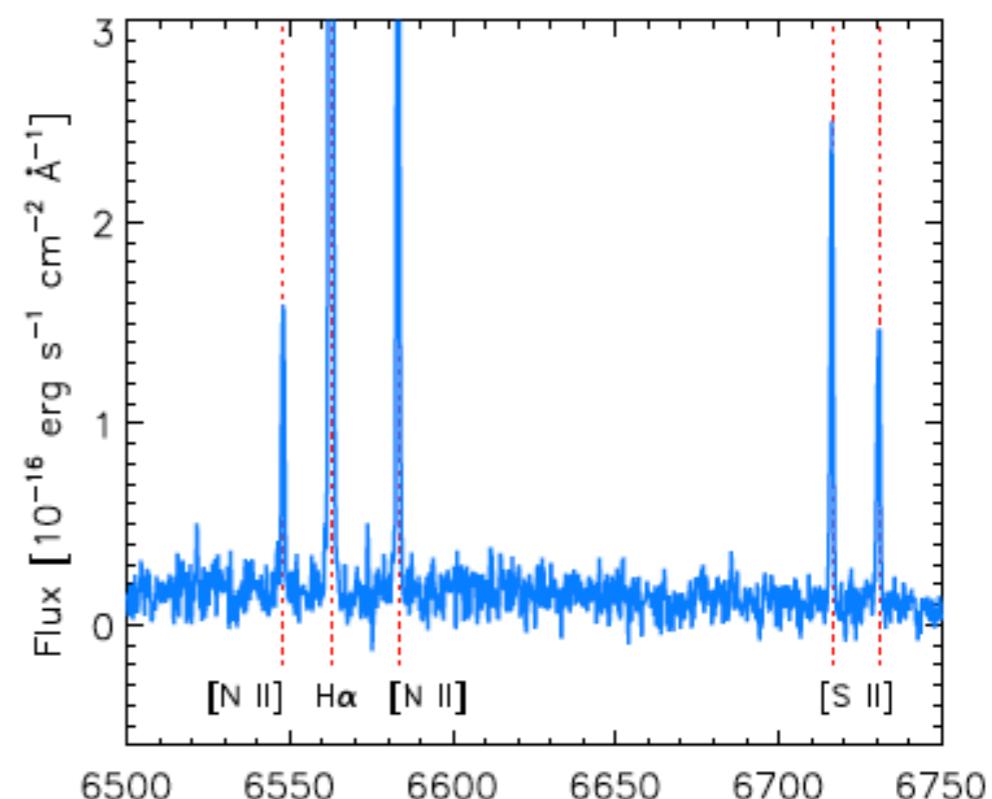
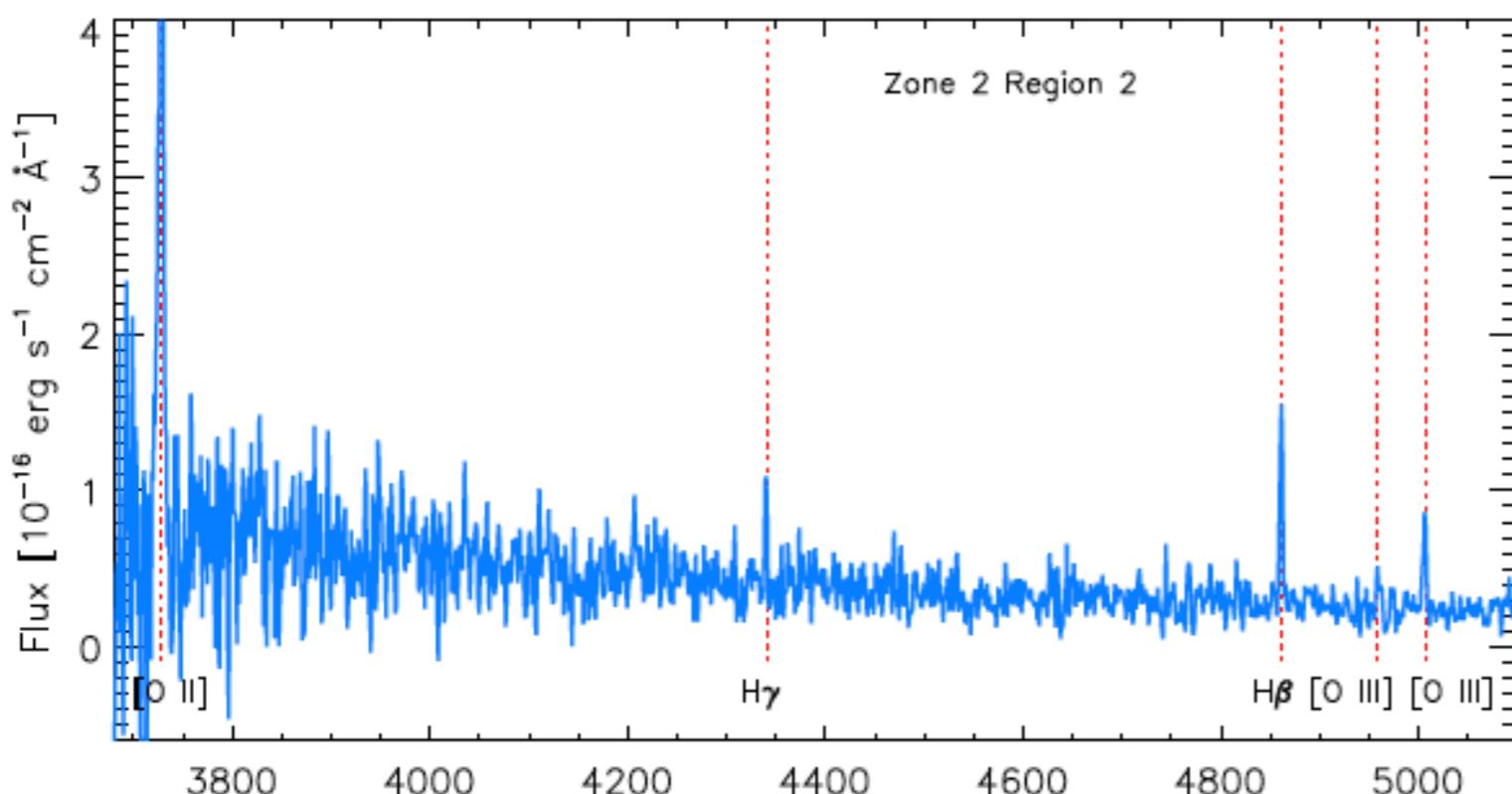
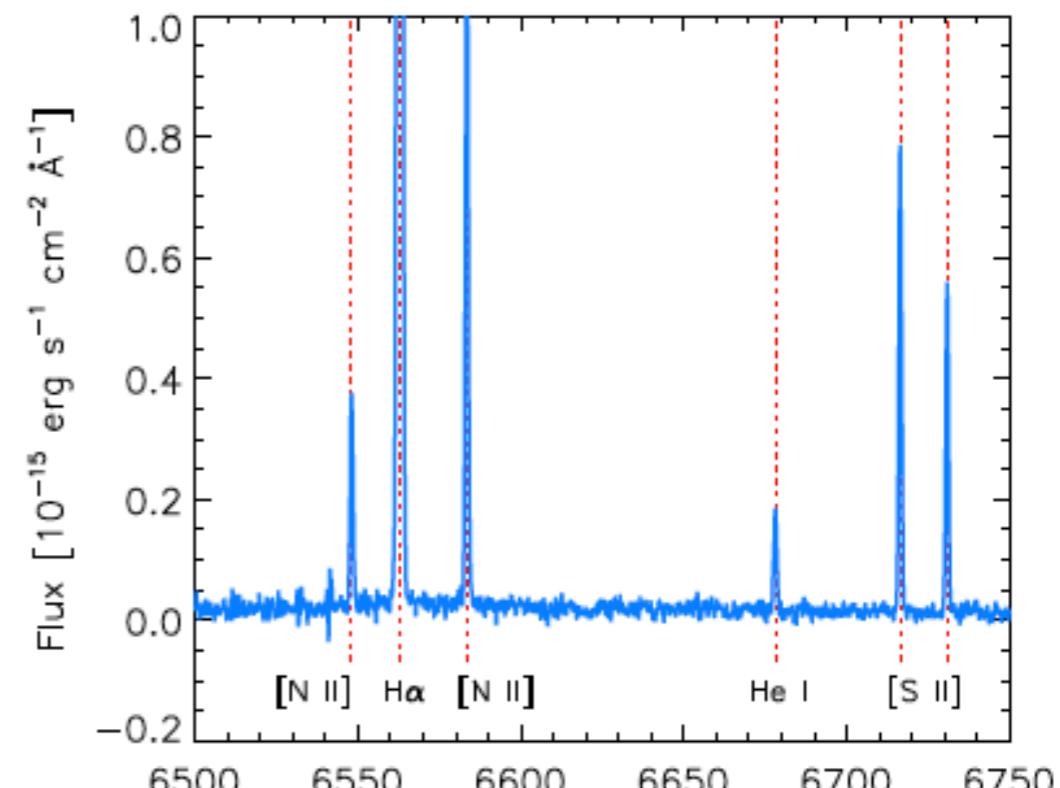
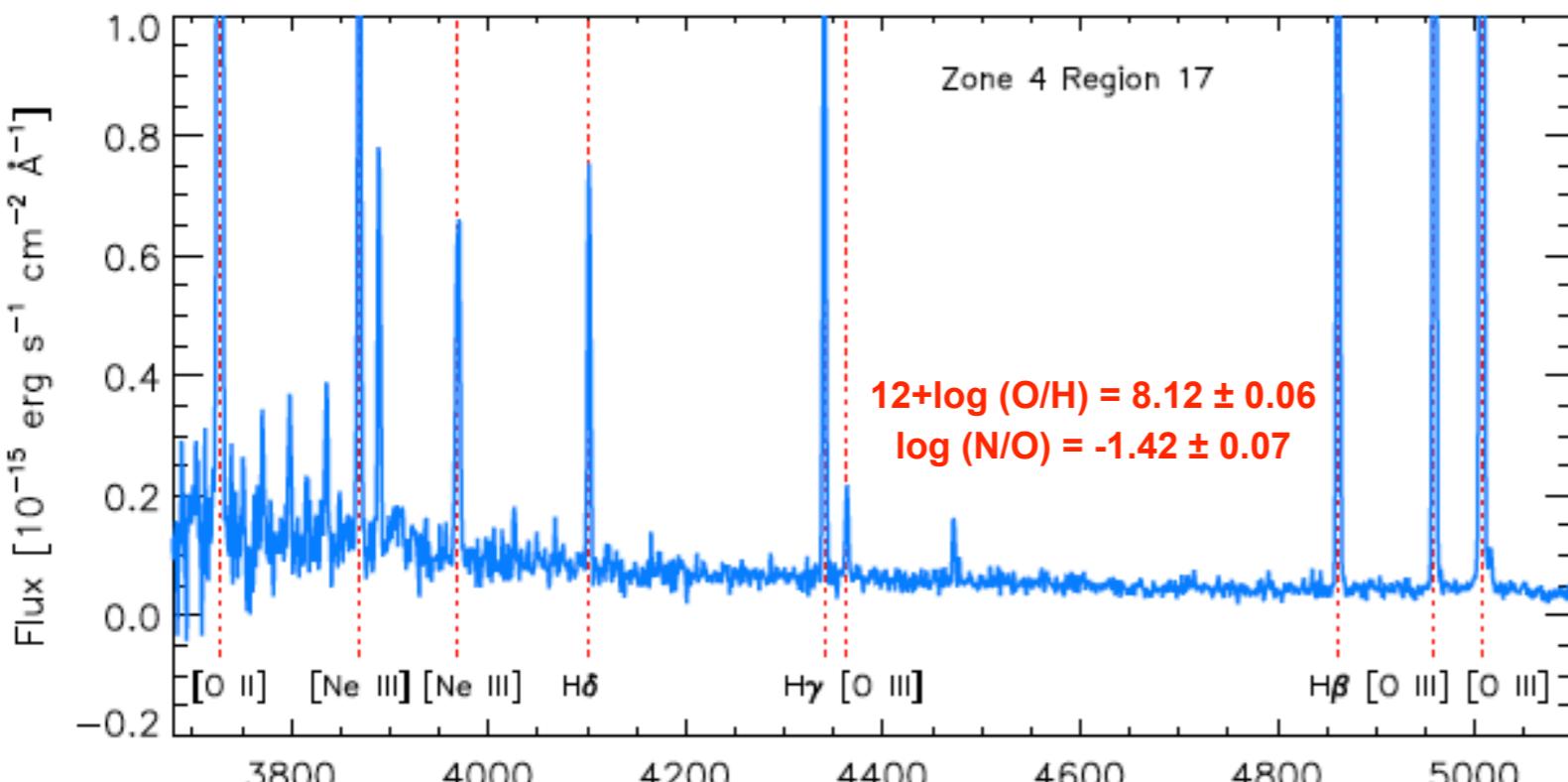


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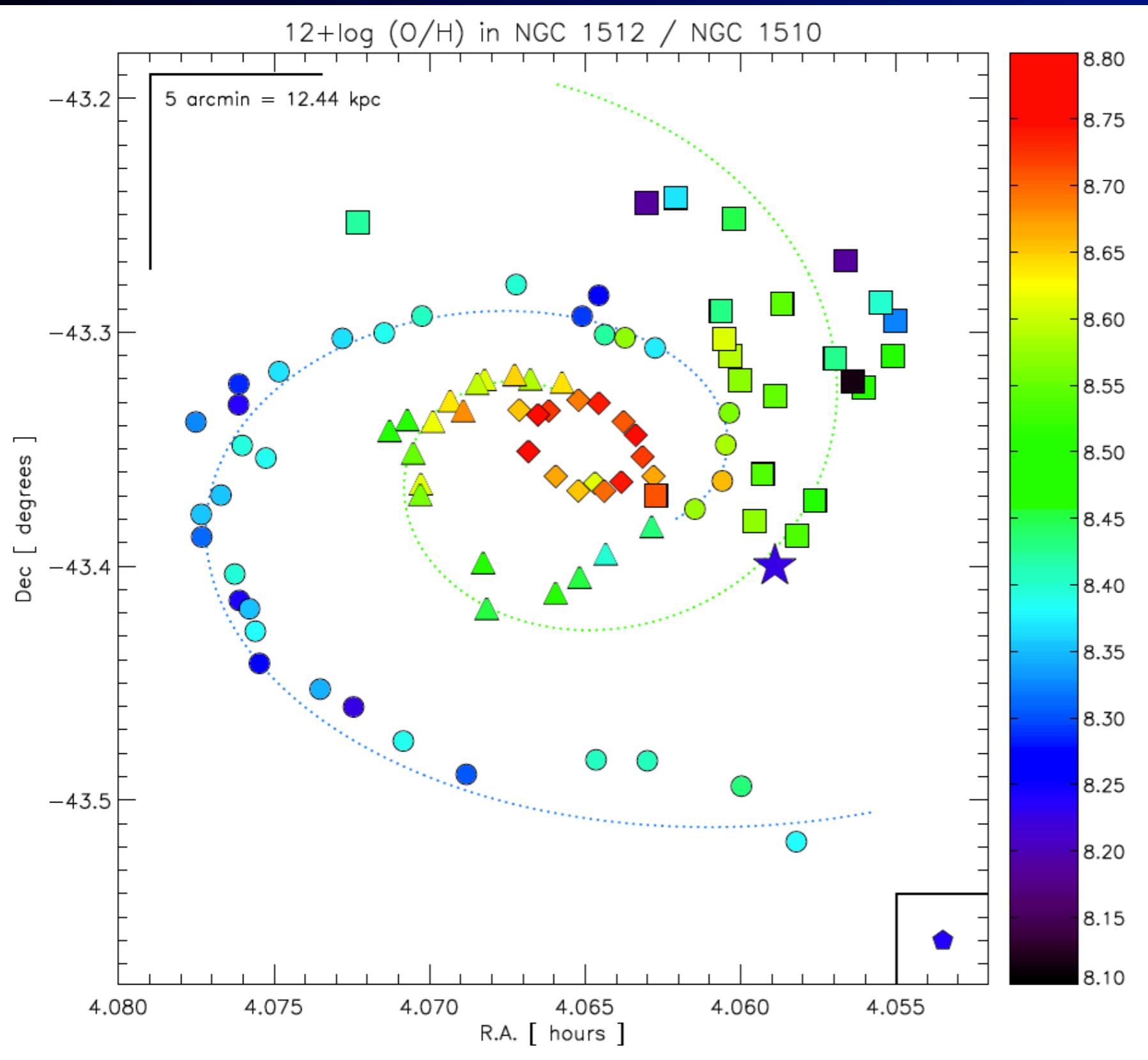
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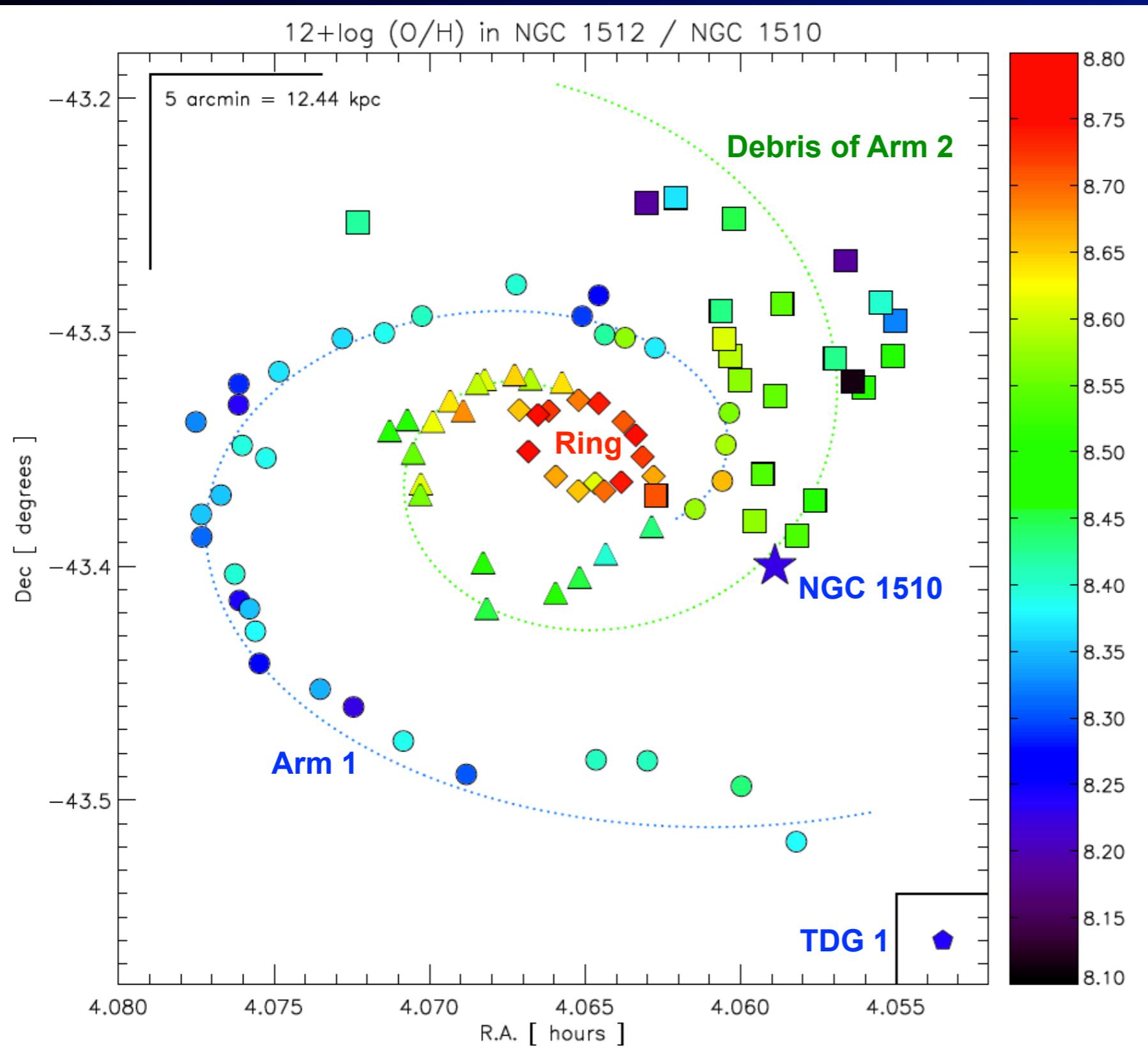


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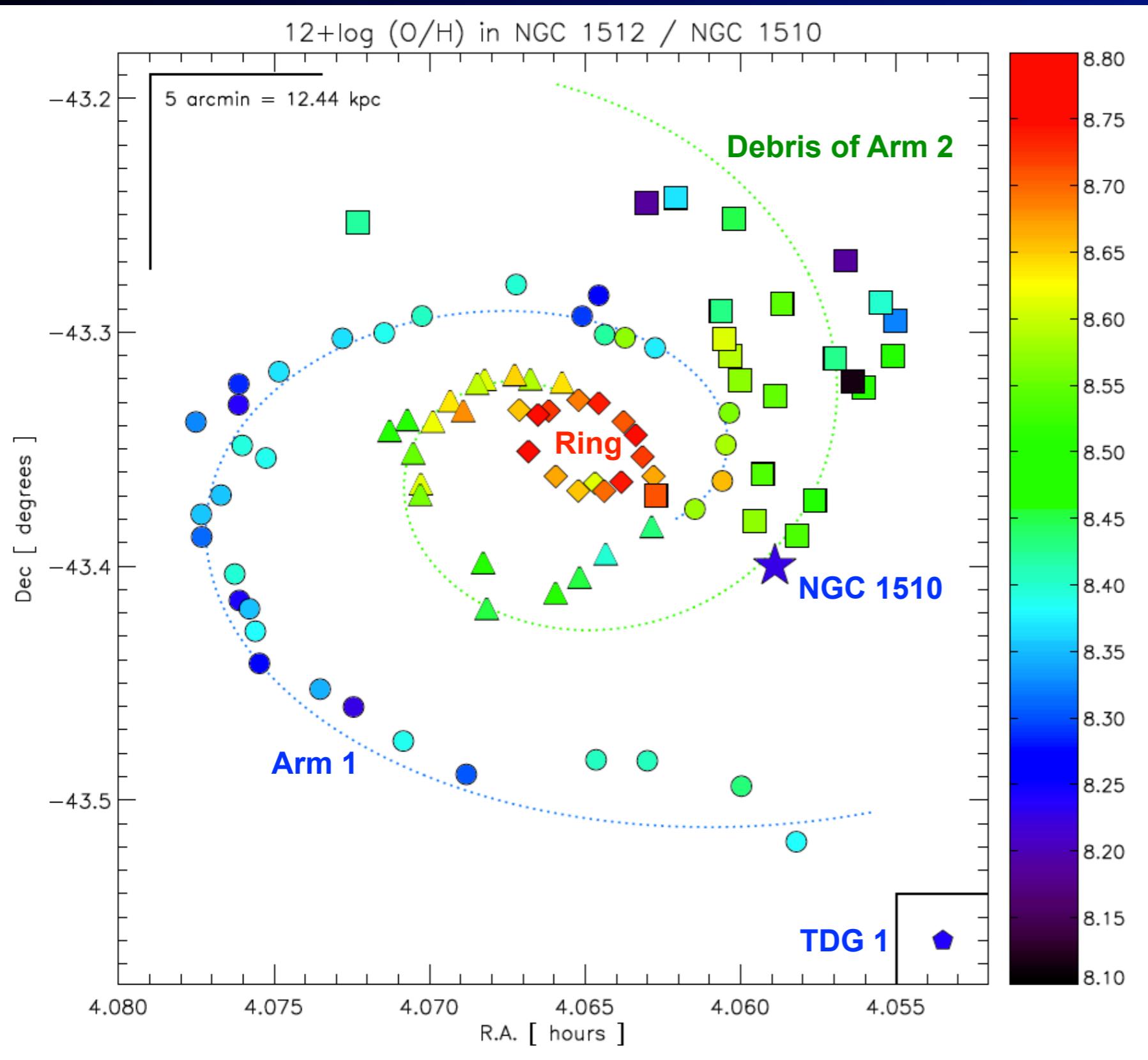


12+log (O/H) map in NGC 1512 / 1510 (López-Sánchez et al. 2015, MNRAS, 450, 3381)

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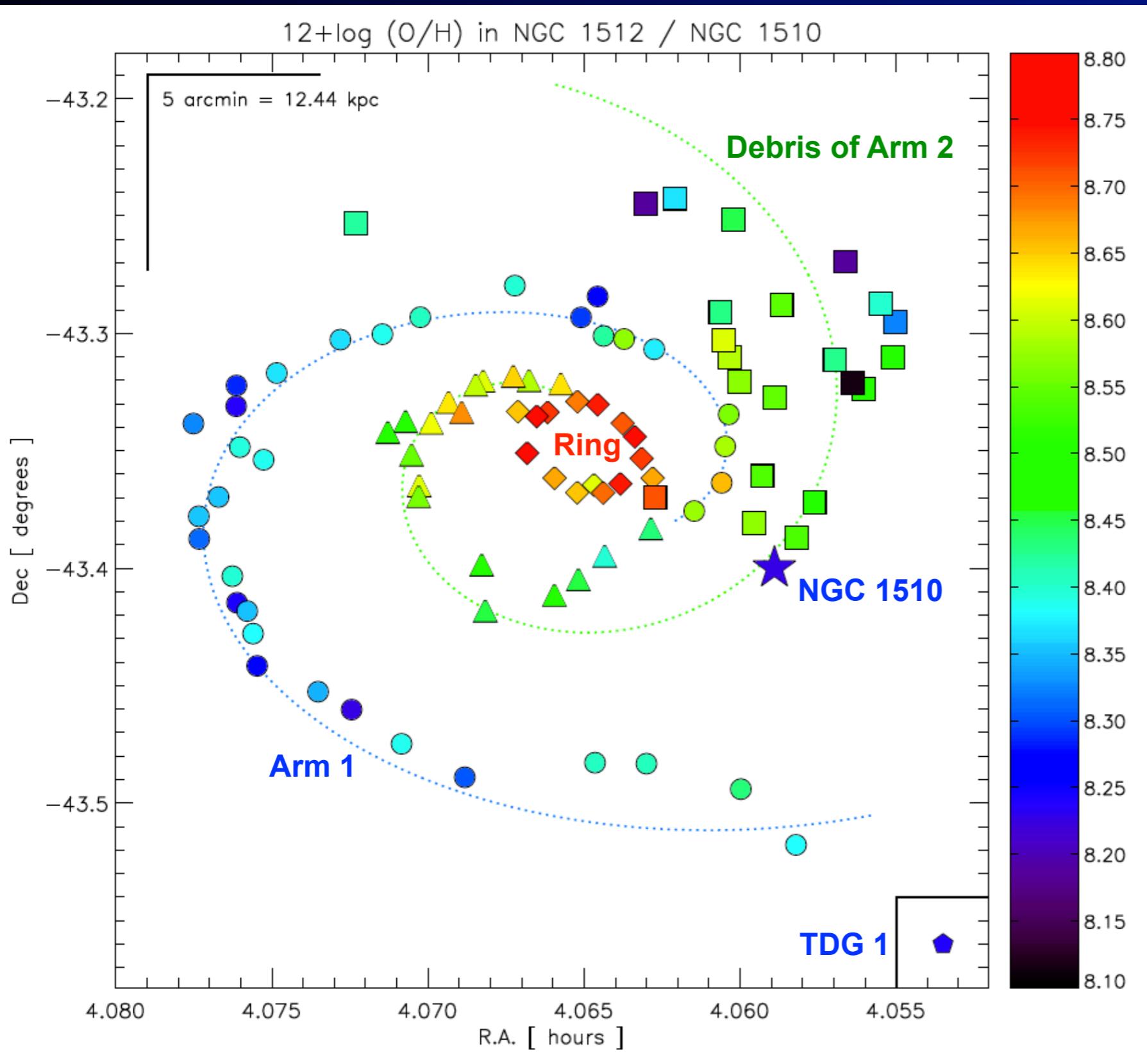


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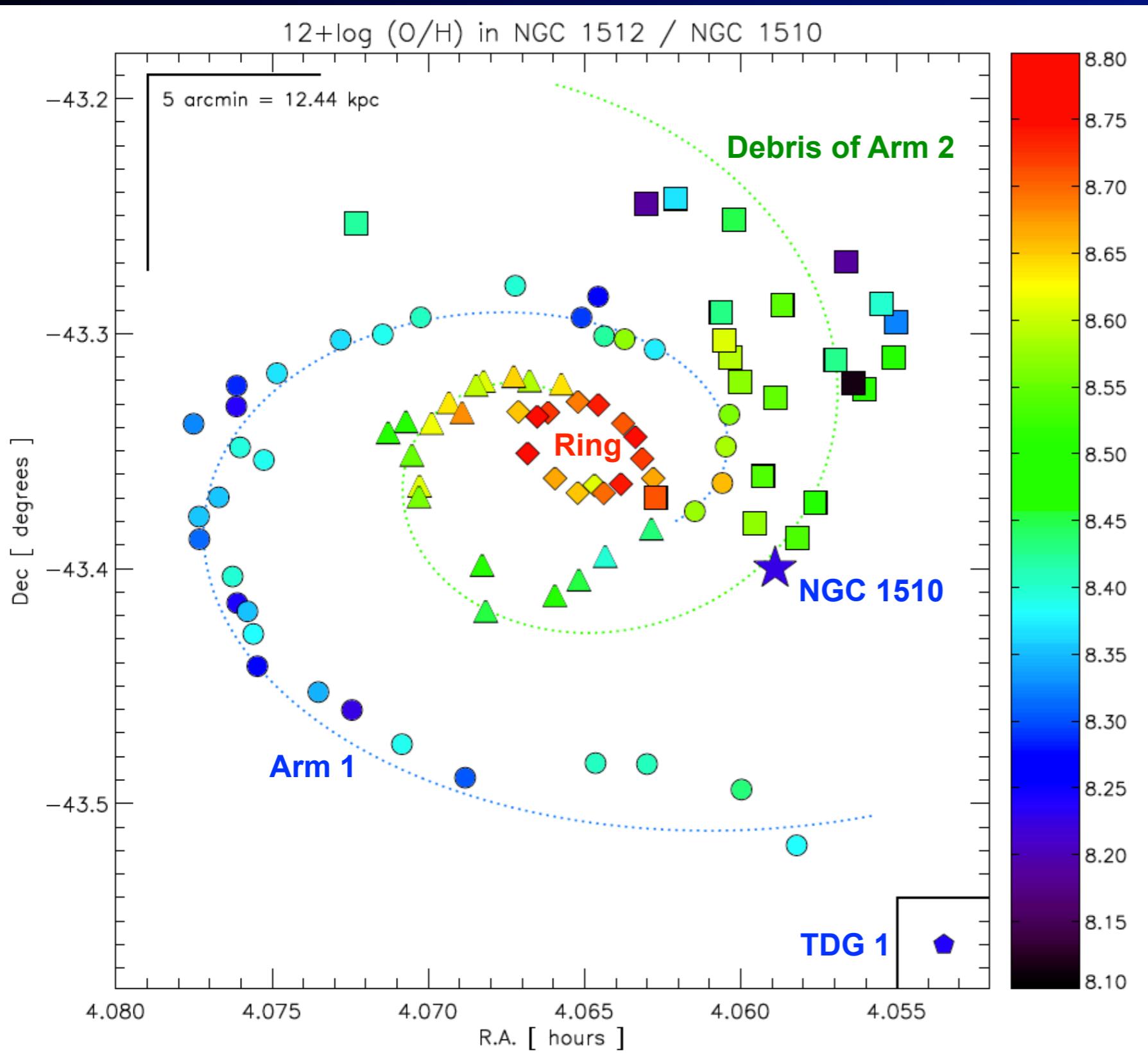
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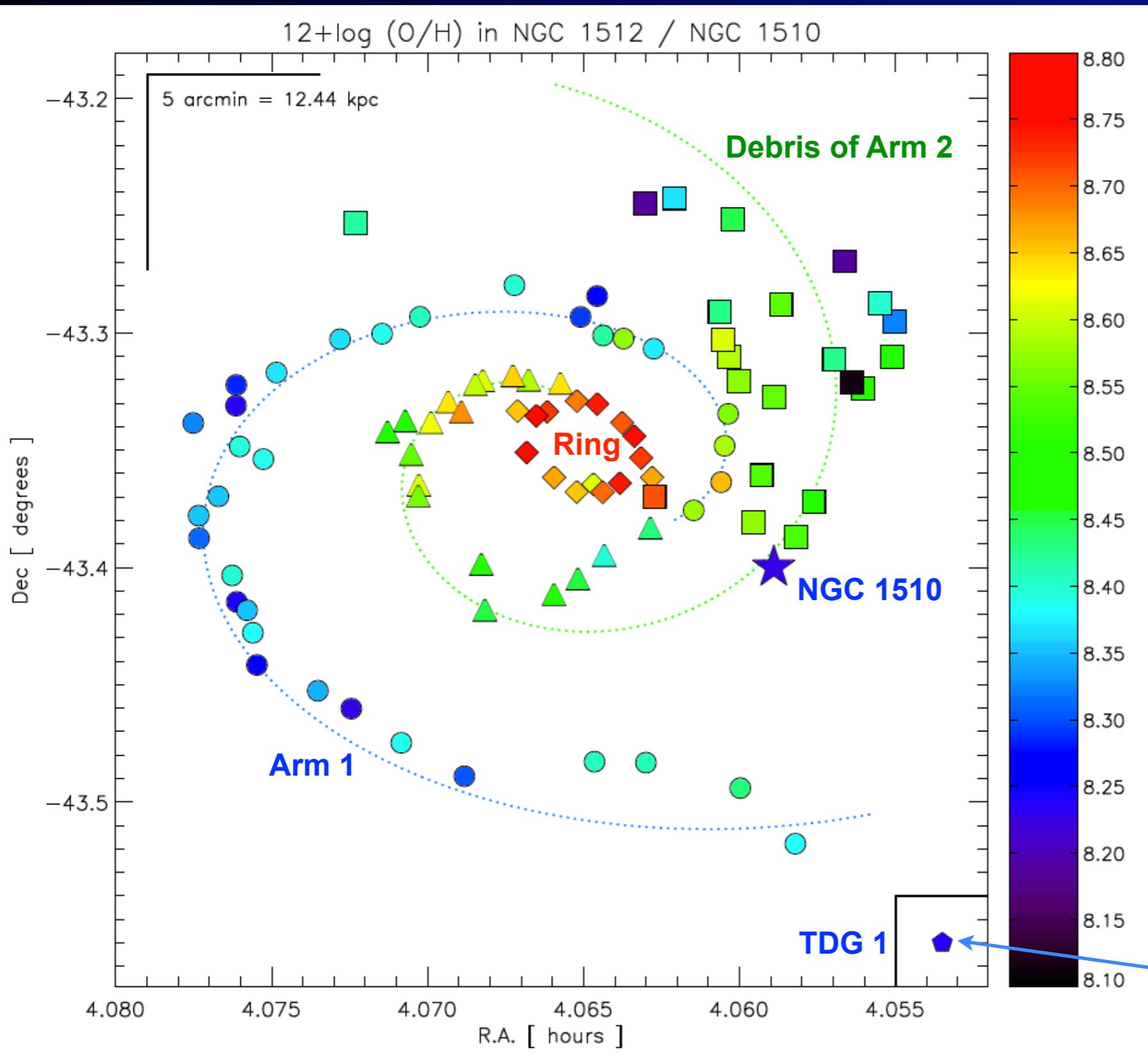


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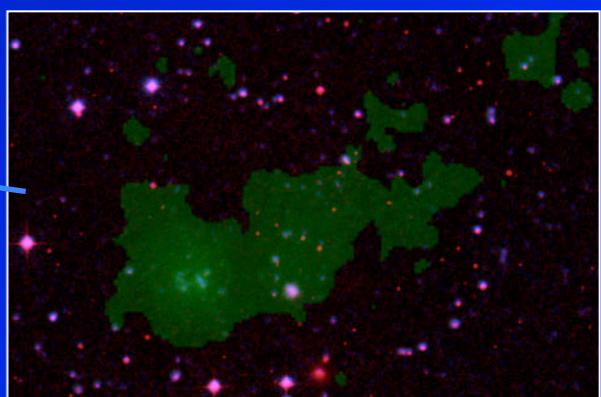
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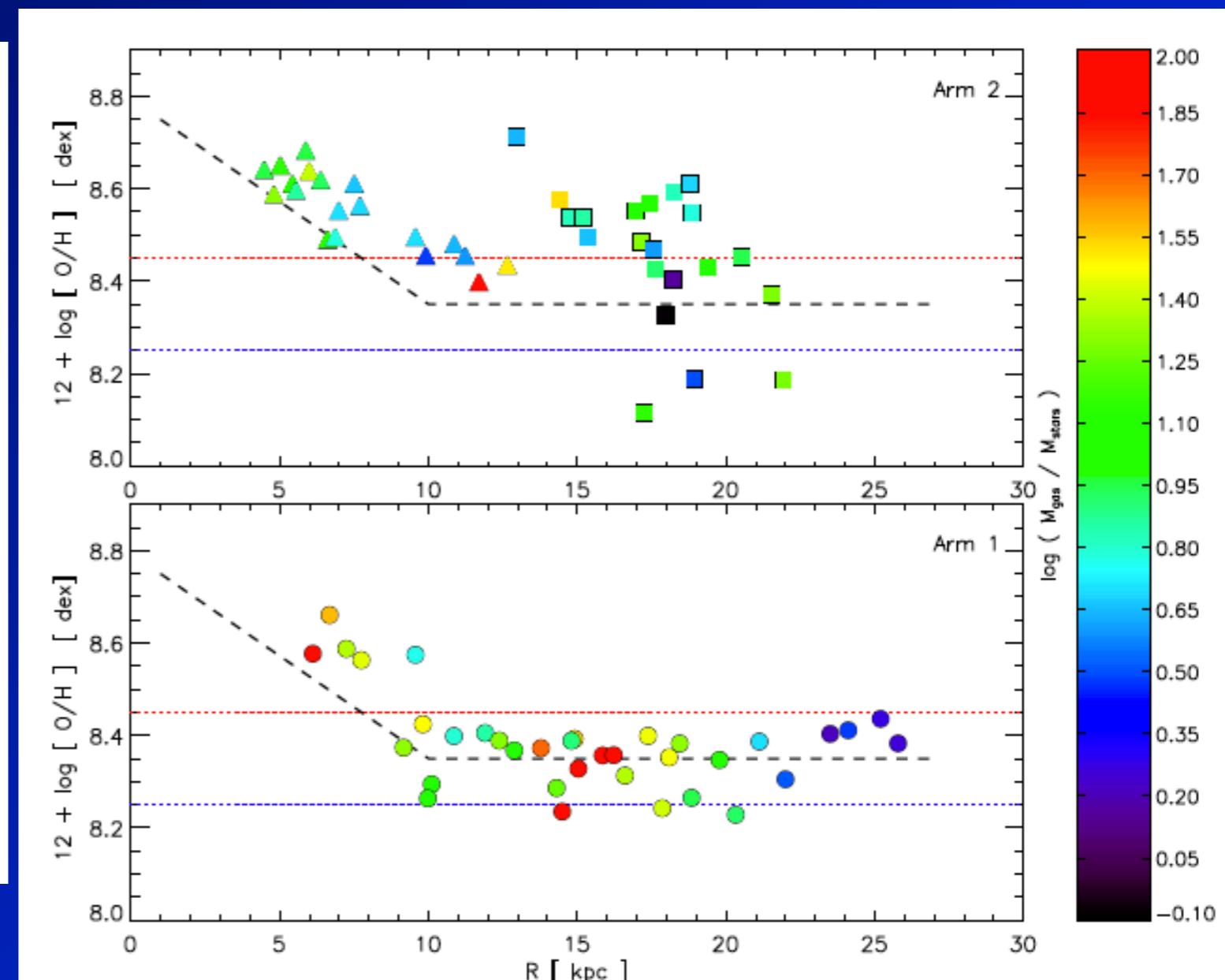
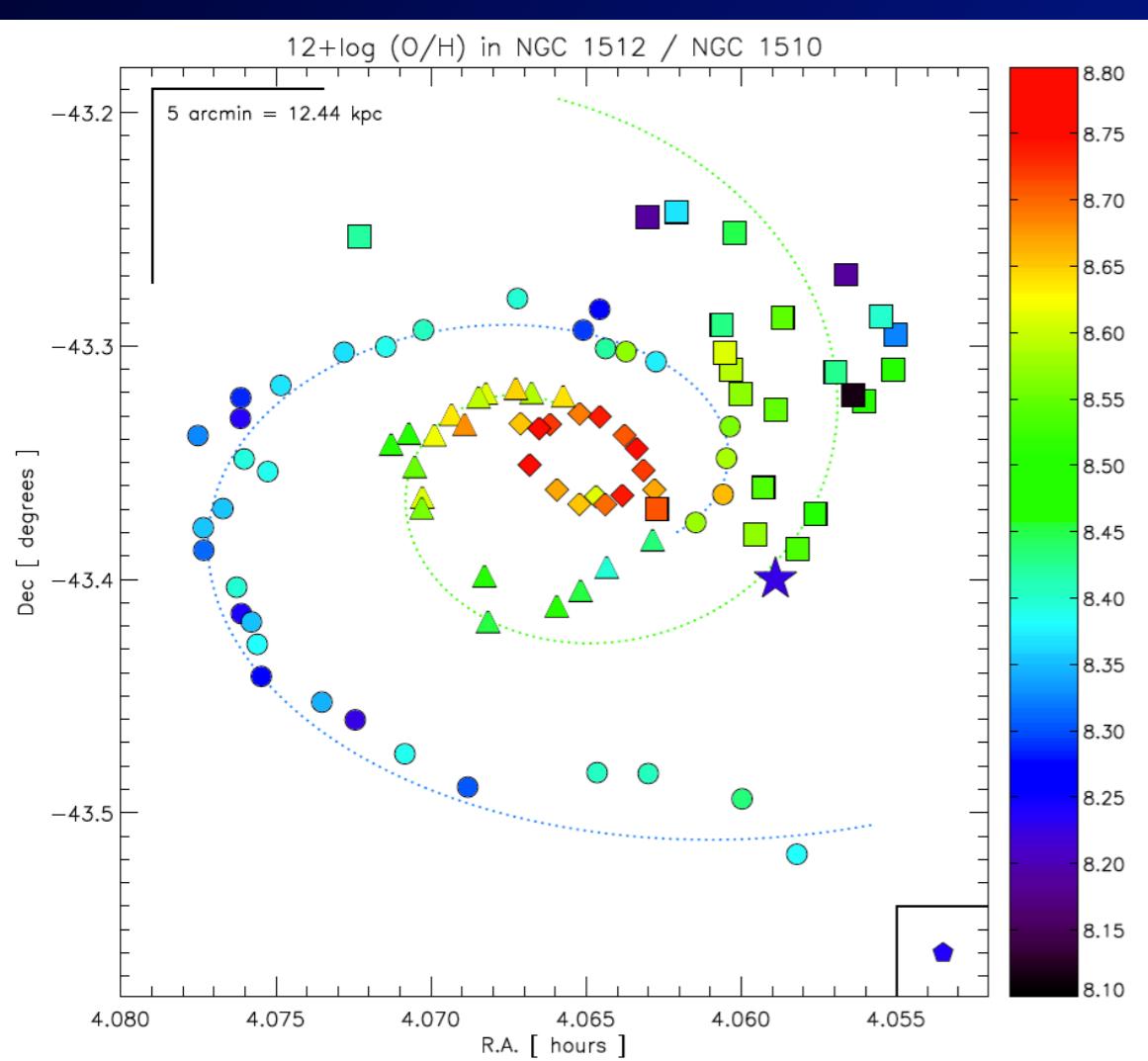


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- Assymmetric O/H distribution throughout debris of Arm 2, average value ~ 8.44 , but high dispersion (8.71 - 8.12).
 - Interaction processes with NGC 1510 enhanced SF!
 - This confirms results by Kewley et al. (2010), Rupke et al. (2010) and Werk et al. (2010, 2011) that galaxy interactions flattens the metallicity gradients in galaxies.
- TDG1 has $12+\log(\text{O/H}) = 8.24$
 - Is it actually a TDG?

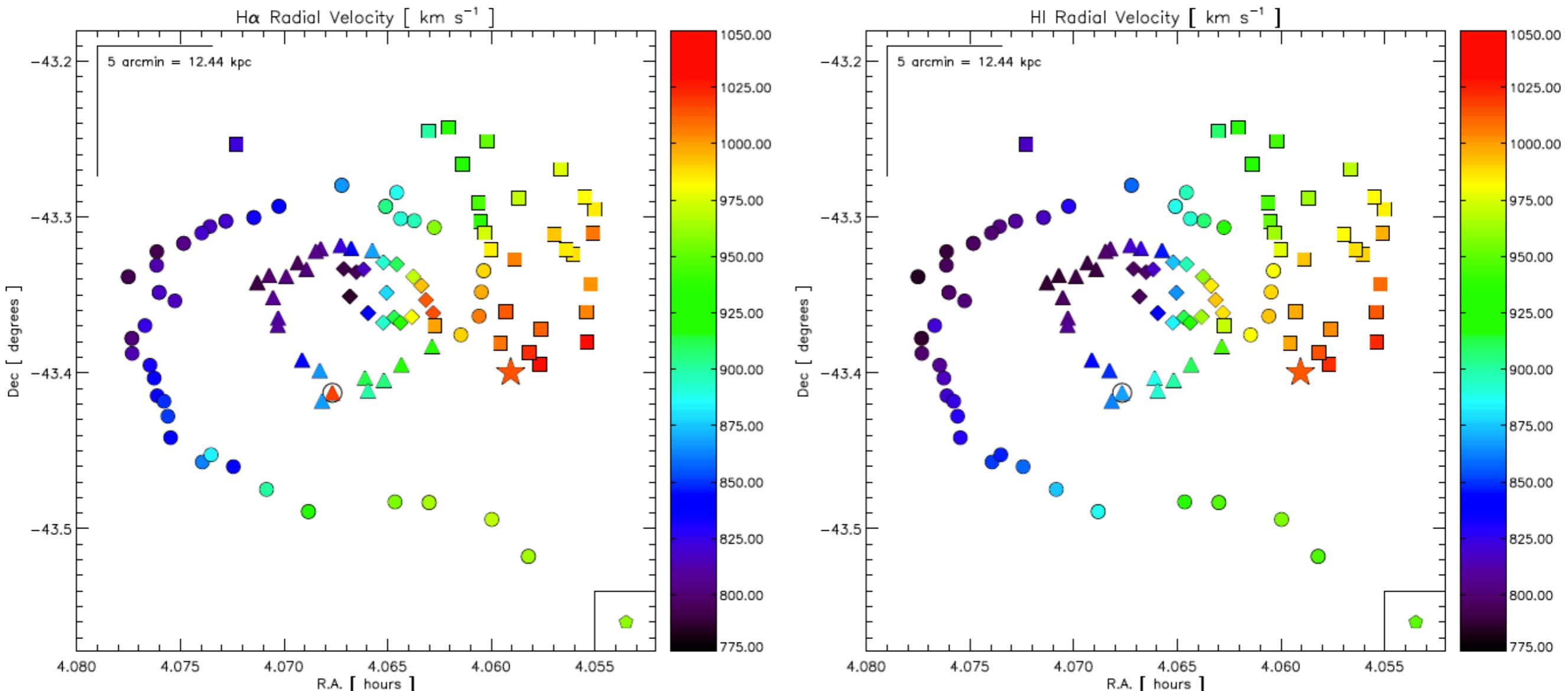


Metallicity gradients

- Assuming a radial + azimuthal gradient along **spiral arms**, the almost undisturbed Arm 1 and the very disturbed Arm 2 are easily identified.
- Similar result plotting the N/O ratio
- The flattening of the metallicity gradient in external regions of spiral galaxies was already detected (e.g. Bresolin et al. 2009, 2012; Kewley et al. 2010; Werk et al. 2010, 2011; Sánchez et al. 2014), as it is seen even in the Milky Way (Esteban et al. 2013).

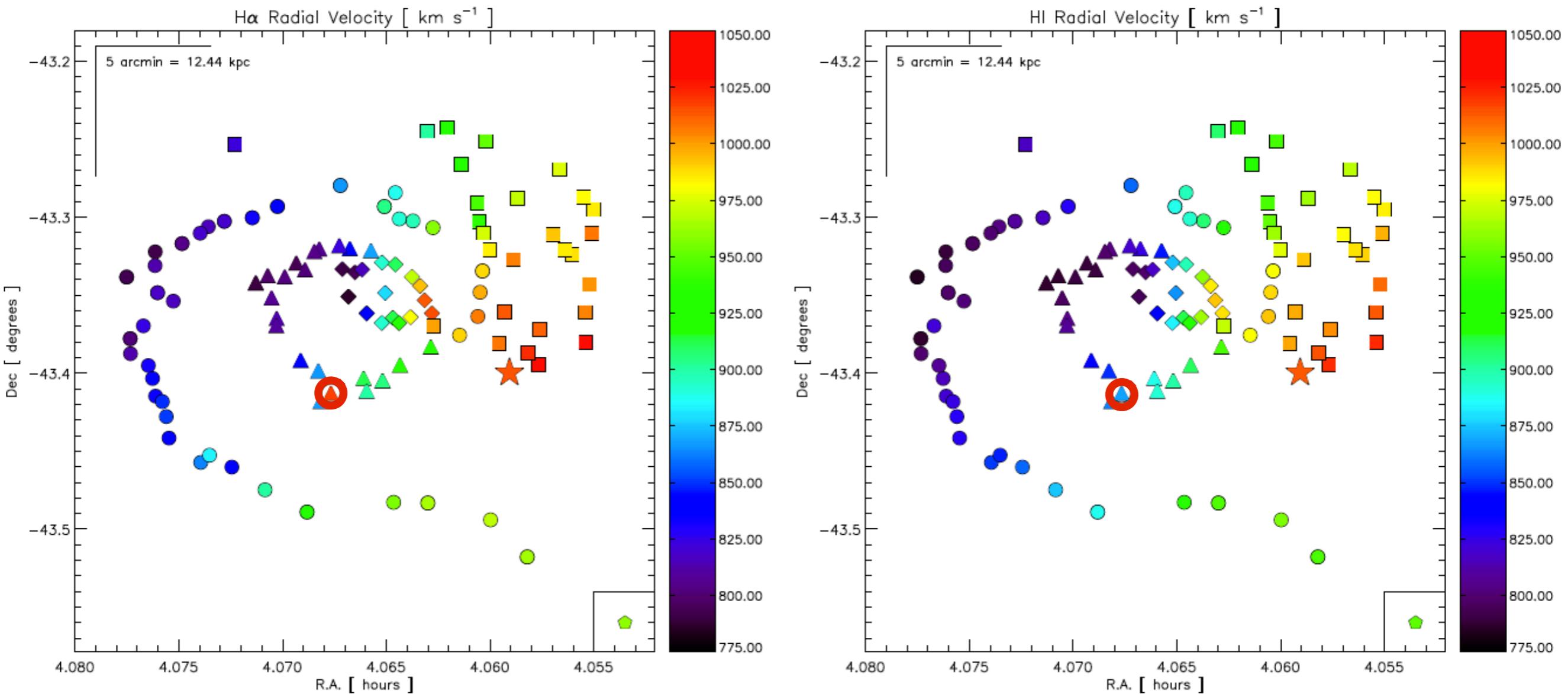


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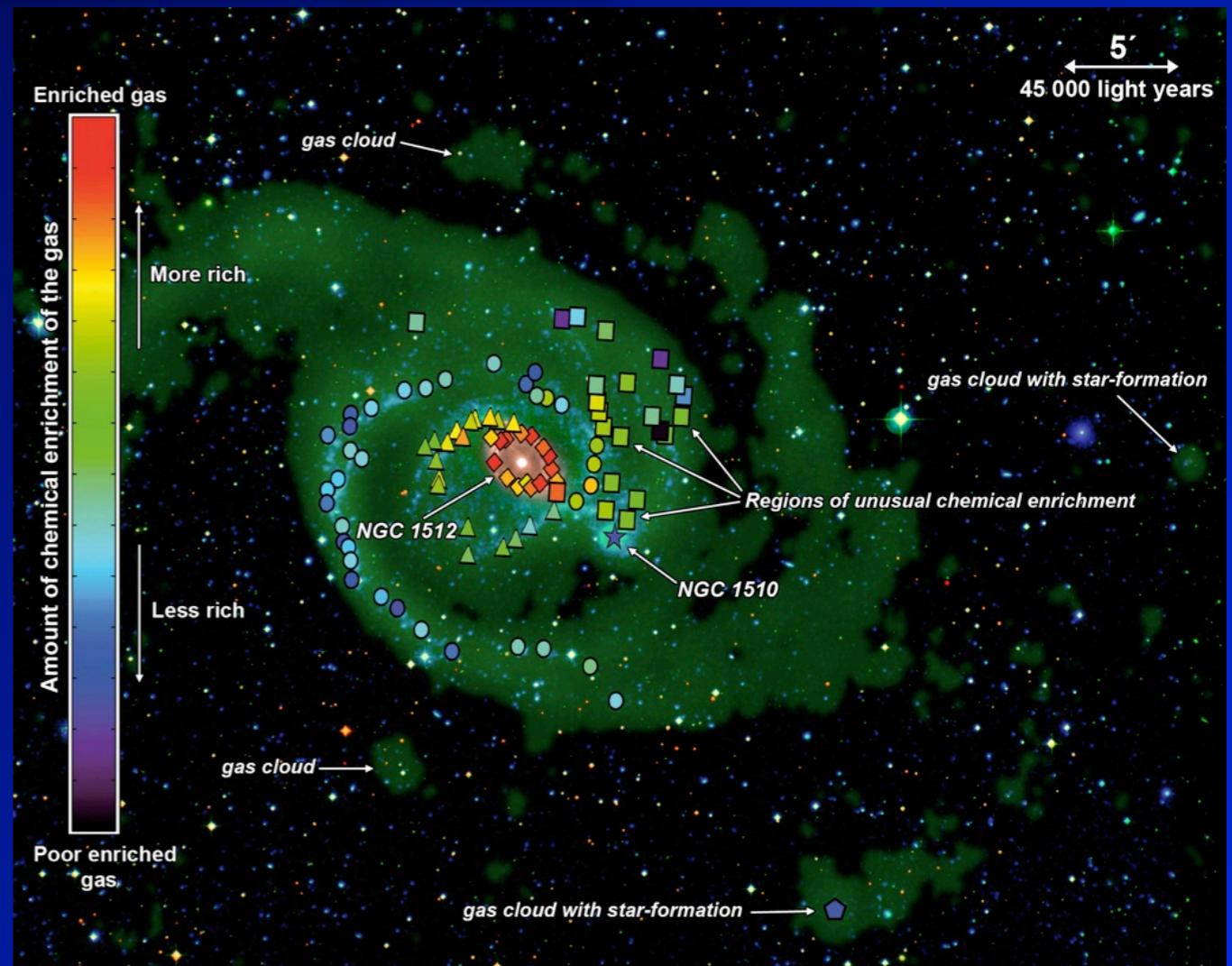
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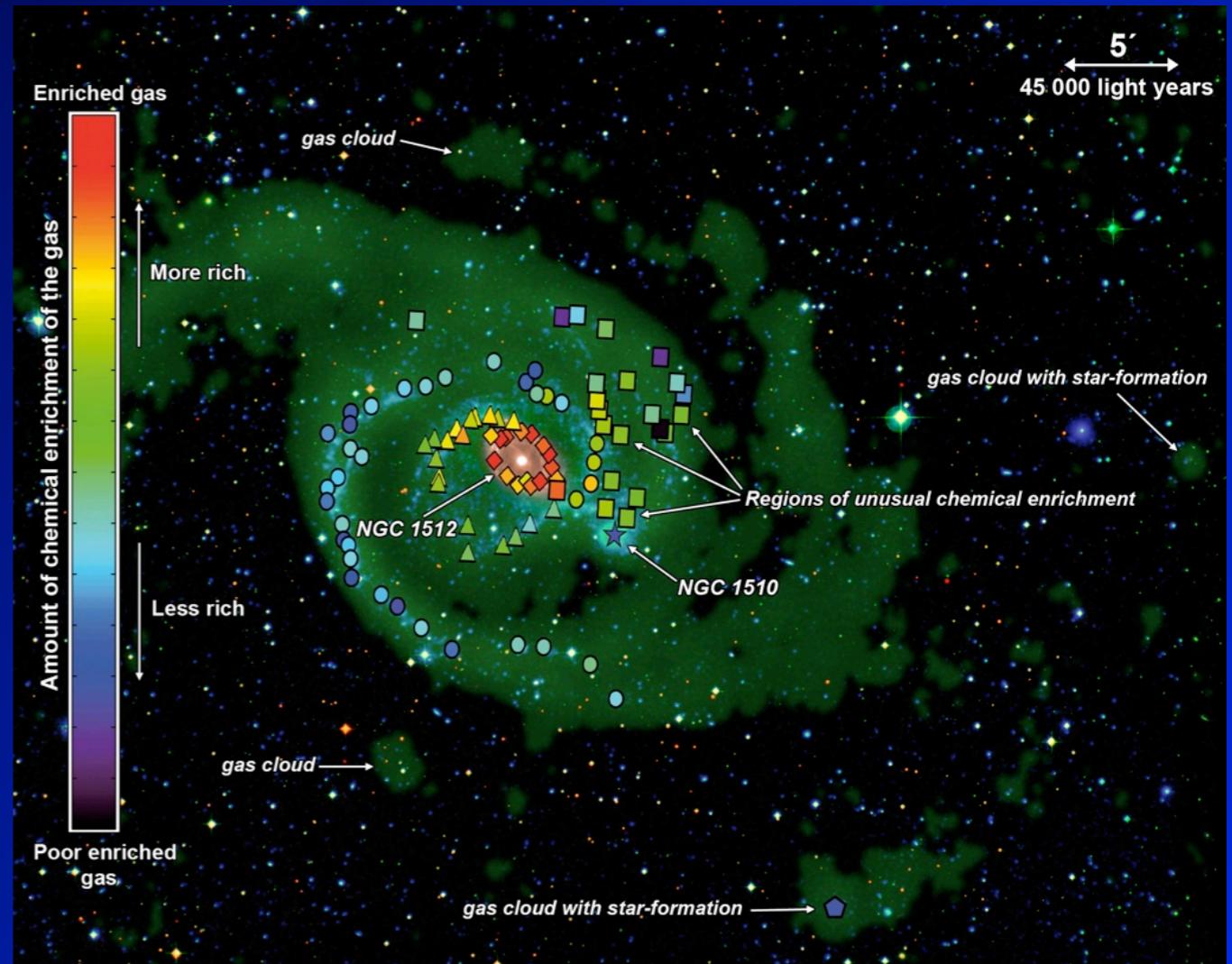
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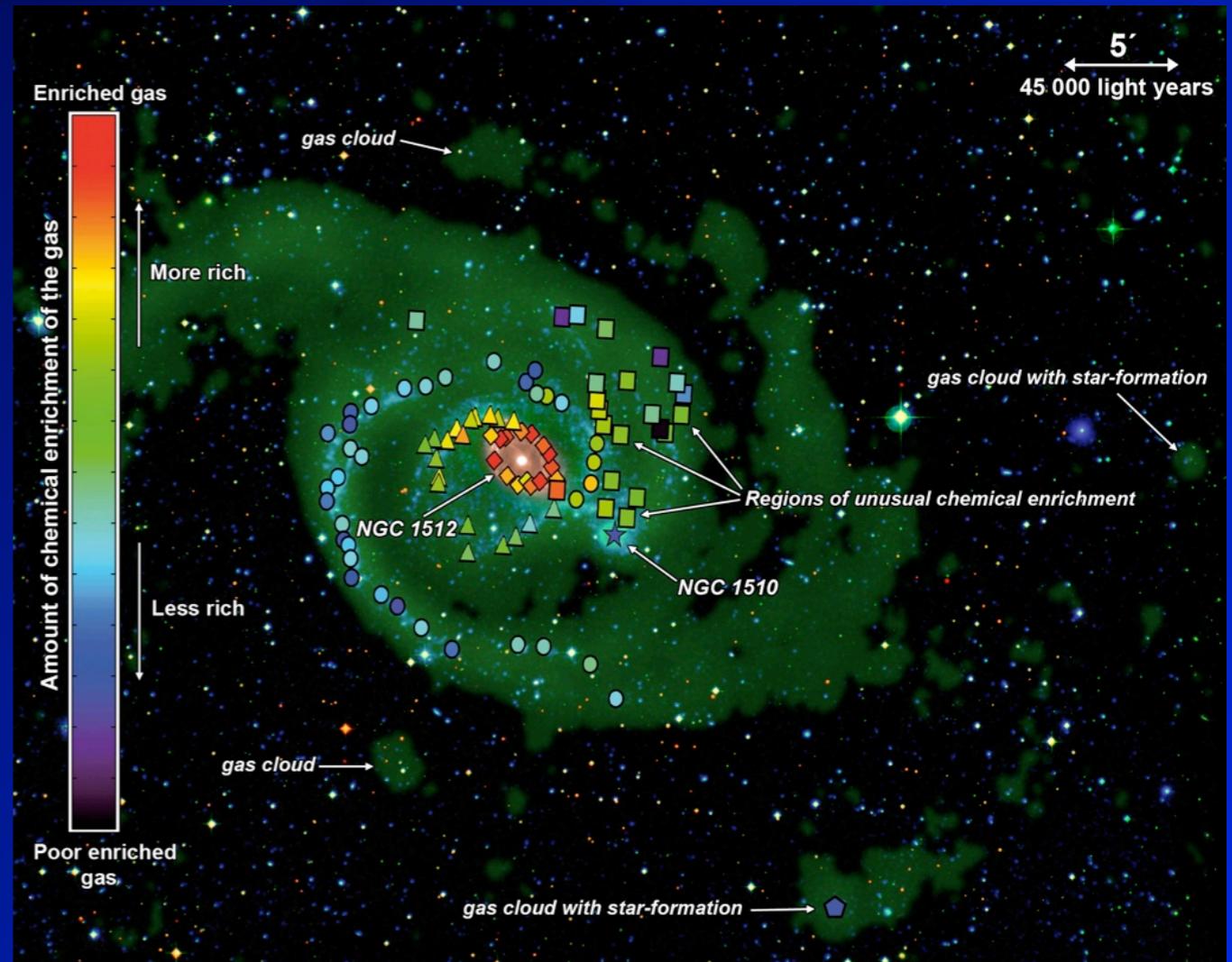
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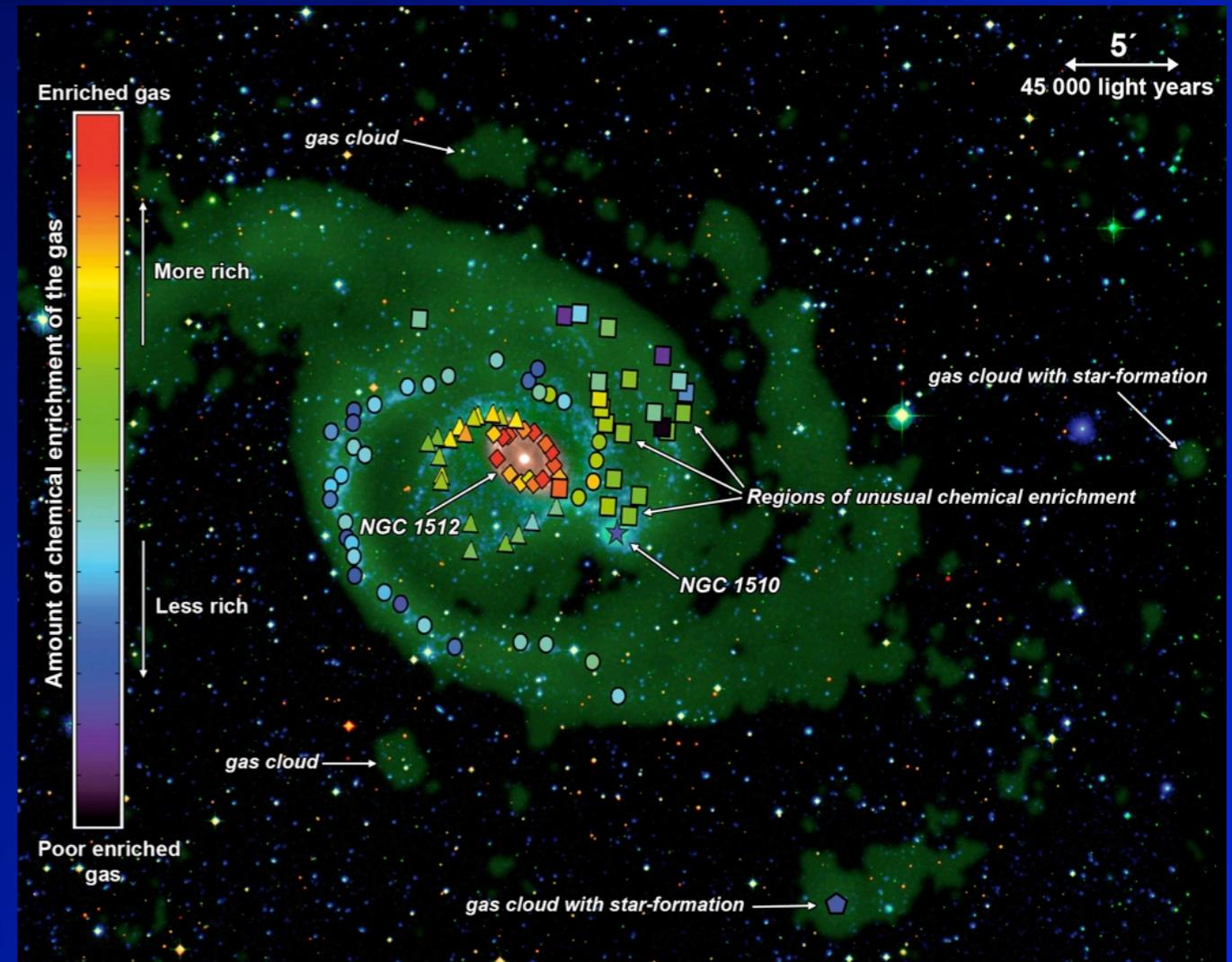
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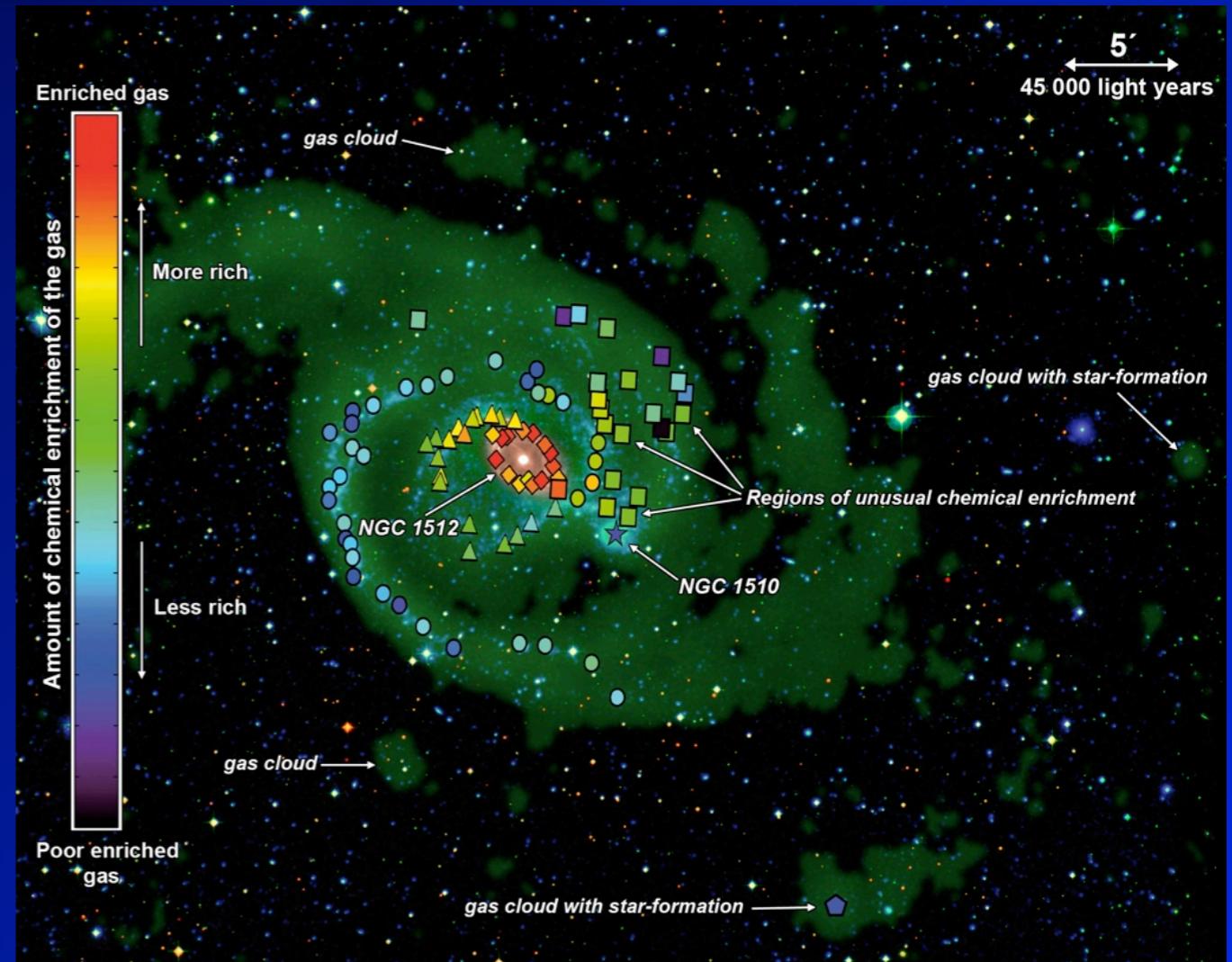
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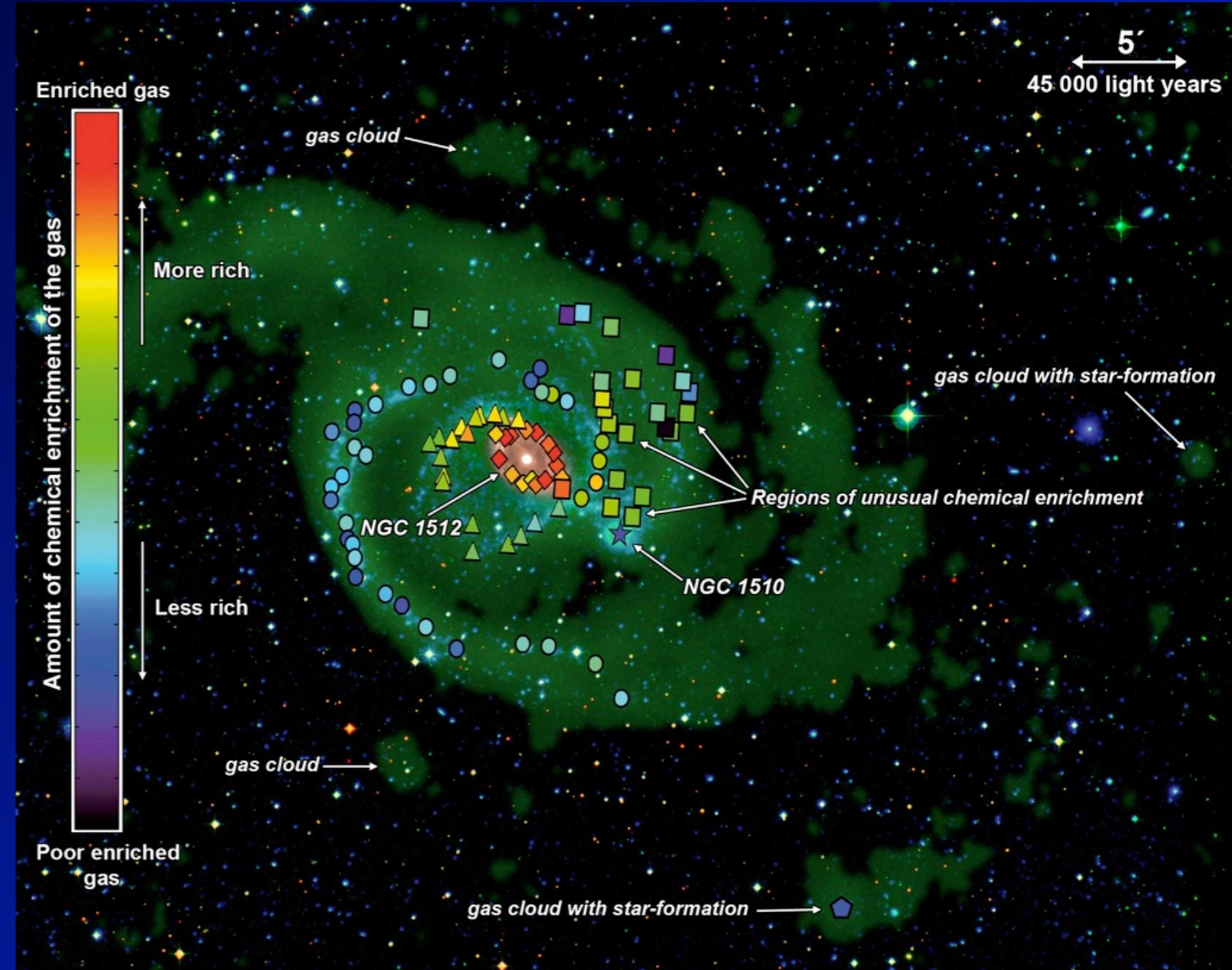
Summary

- Analyses of local SF processes and ISM / IGM interaction in nearby galaxies using HI / UV / optical / MIR data.

- Multiwavelength data needed to get the complete picture!
- Metallicity provides important clues about nature of the gas

- There are many things happening in the outskirts of spiral galaxies.

- The huge reservoir of diffuse gas in the outskirts of spiral galaxies may be coming from the accretion and destruction of gas-rich low-luminosity, low-metallicity dwarf galaxies.



- Allows us to understand galaxy evolution and test Λ CDM scenarios.

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