Deep HI volumes at z=0.2 and beyond



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Oosterloo & van Gorkom 2005

Fraternali et al 2002

HI, ICM, SFR, SP interrelations





Abell 2670



Infalling galaxies are clustered in space and velocity relates to substructures in redshift space

Why clusters at higher redshift?

Content of galaxy clusters and the surrounding field evolves over cosmic time.

→ Exploratory steps towards understanding the role and fate of cold gas in cosmological evolution.

Why Z~0.2 ?

→ Highest redshift for 'practical' HI imaging with existing arrays

→ Lowest redshift where cosmological evolutionary effects are seen

Butcher-Oemler effect

The fraction of blue (starforming?) galaxies in clusters increases with redshift and peaks in cluster outskirts.



Morphological mix in clusters depends on redshift and compactness





Fasano et al, 2000

Clusters of different compactness

Concentration of ellipticals:



Goals of HI observations at $z \le 0.5$:

- Characterize nature of blue galaxy population
 gas content, SFR, stellar populations
- Witness galaxy transformation in various environments
 which physical mechanisms dominate where?
- SFR versus environment (from continuum fluxes)
 Evolving Ω^{HI} from HI 21 cm emission
- Evolving HI Mass Function?
 HIMF in different environments
- HI based Tully-Fisher and rotation curve studies

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SDSS images

z=0.206

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Ultra-deep WSRT observations

- Minimum detectable HI mass: $2 \times 10^9 M_{\odot}$ over 150 km/s profile width, with 4 σ in each of 3 resolution elements.
- Corresponding limiting column density: 3×10¹⁹(cm⁻²) over 75 km/s profile width at 7σ.

This requires: 73×12^{hr} for A2192 at z=0.188 117×12^{hr} for A963 at z=0.206

WSRT pilot observations



- 8x10MHz bands, overlapping to cover 1160-1220 MHz Z = 0.164-0.224, surveyed volume $\approx 70,000 \text{ Mpc}^3$
- 8x256 channels, covering 18,000 km/s velocity range
 20 km/s velocity resolution (after Hanning smoothing)
- dual polarisation, 2-bit correlation, recirculation
- 20x12^{hr} on Abell 963, 15x12^{hr} on Abell 2192
- rms noise per channel: 68 μJy and 91 μJy
- ~5% lost to RFI

The power of a fully upgraded WSRT



Survey Volume & Large Scale Structure



SDSS redshift slice

one IF , 87 channels $(\Delta V=20 \text{ km/s}, R=2\Delta V)$

v : 1196.9 – 1190.2 MHz Z : 0.1867 - 0.1934 cz : 55,970 - 57,980 km/s

15 x12hr σ_{rms} = 39 µJy/beam

Abell 2192

9.7 x 9.7 Mpc



one IF, 91 channels $(\Delta V=20 \text{ km/s}, R=2\Delta V)$

v : 1174.8 – 1167.8 MHz Z : 0.2091 - 0.2163 cz : 62,687 - 64,847 km/s

II5xI2hr σ_{rms}= I8 μJy/beam

 41 galaxies detected in two clusters
 5×10⁹ - 4×10¹⁰ M_☉

Abell 963

12.3 x 12.3 Mpc

Detections in pilot observations



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Redshift distributions



Revealing the surrounding field



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Colour-Magnitude diagrams

Galaxies with known redshifts only

optical redshifts

O: SDSS X: other

: WSRT

HI redshifts



Stacking HI spectra



Average HI mass: $\sim 2 \times 10^9$ M $_{\odot}$

Summary & Outlook

- HI reveals physical processes not seen otherwise
- HI emission from 41 galaxies at Z≈0.2 (need EVLA & ASKAP for Z≤0.5 and SKA for Z≥0.5)
- Blind HI survey uncovers LSS not seen by SDSS
- Blue 'BO-galaxies' gas-poor wrt similar field galaxies
- Long-term program on WSRT completed (~200 detections expected in full cubes)
- ASKAP & APERTIF will enable all-sky 0<Z<0.2 surveys at 30"-15"