

Imaging the Radio Universe

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El Universo en el Radio

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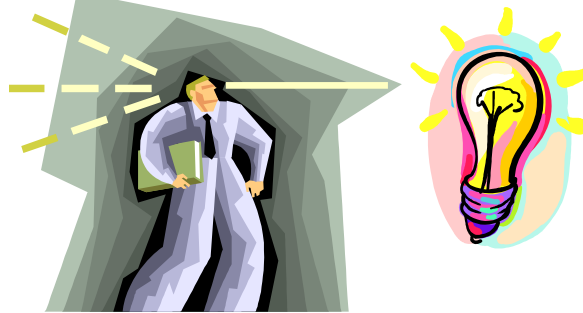
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Que es “viendo”?

- Vemos un objeto quando la radiacion electromagnetico emitido o reflejado del objeto interactia con celulares en nuestra ojos.



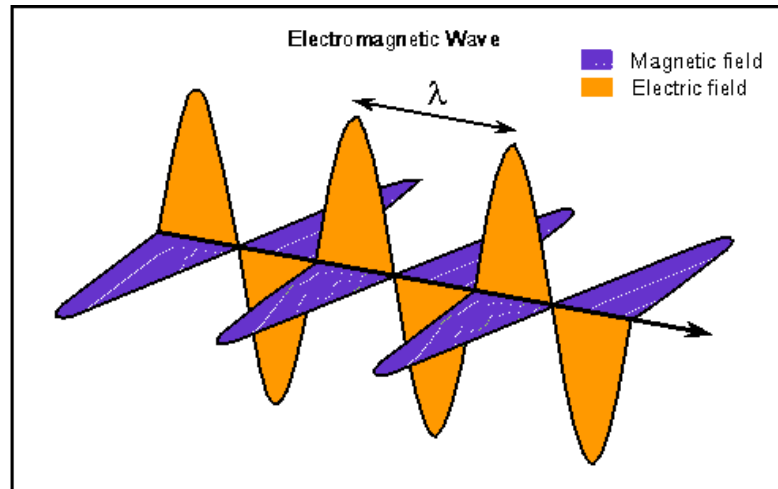
Astronomos vemos un objeto quando la misma radiacion interactia con nuestra detectores.

Entonces que es radiacion electromagnetica?

- Una bolsa de energia, sin mass, viajando, correspondiente a un campo electrico y magnetico oscilando.
 - otro nombres: radiacion, onda de luz, foton

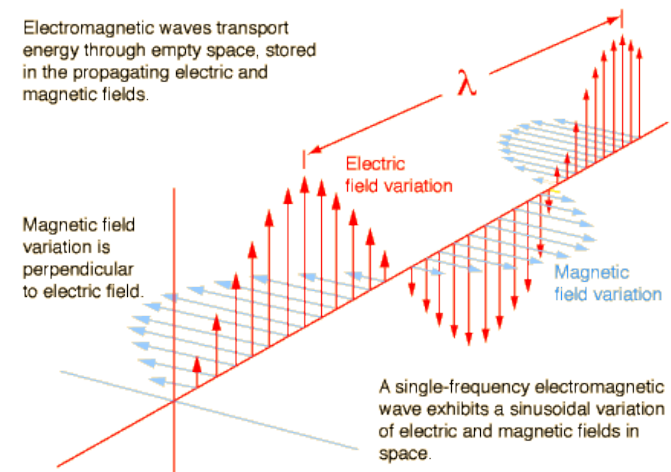
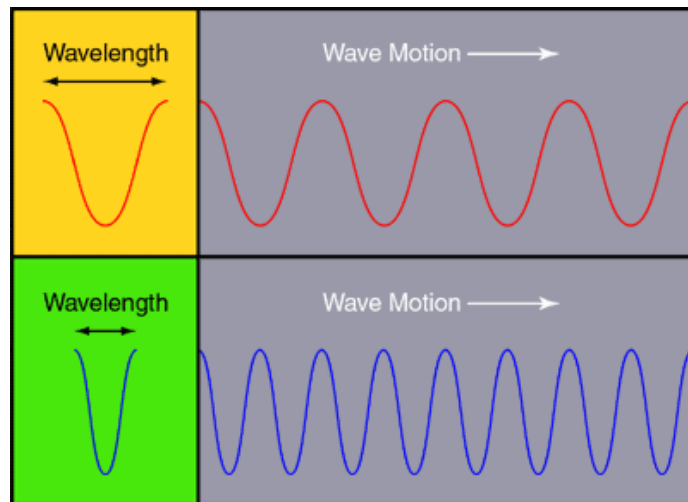
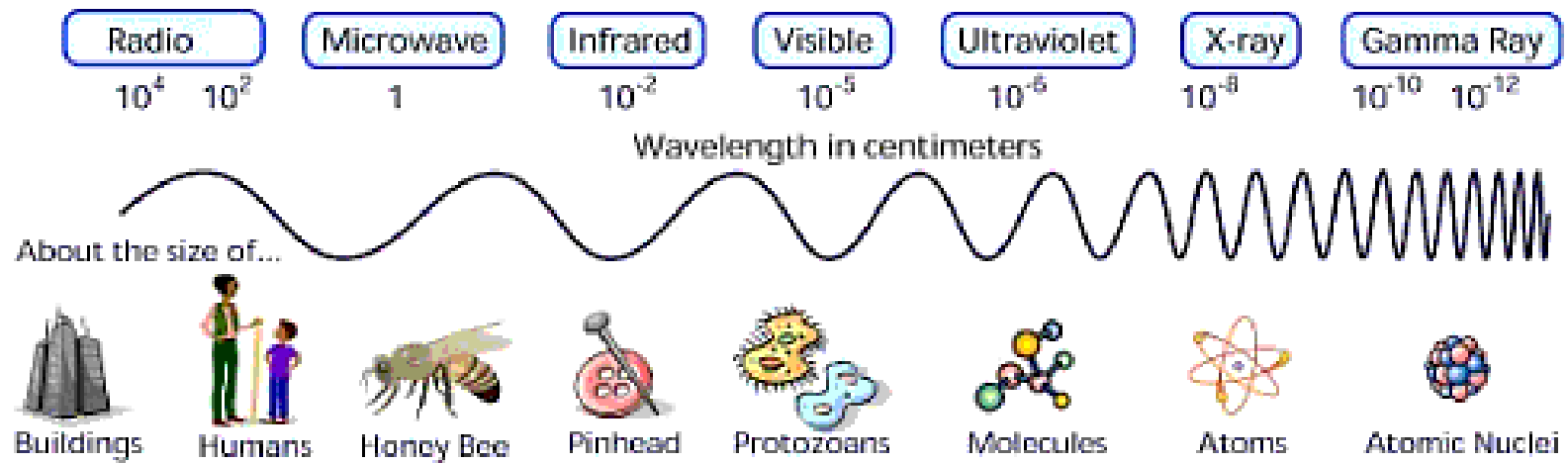
Viajas con velocidad de luz (por supuesto!).

Todos tipos de radiacion EM viajan con esta velocidad, independientemente de que tiene mucho o poco energia

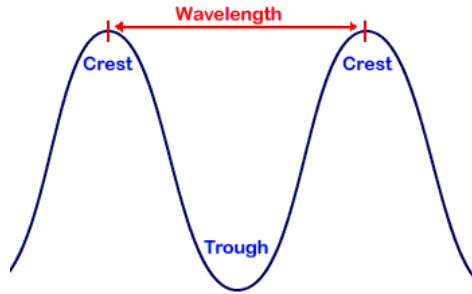


Animation from Nick
Strobel's Astronomy Notes
(www.astronomynotes.com)

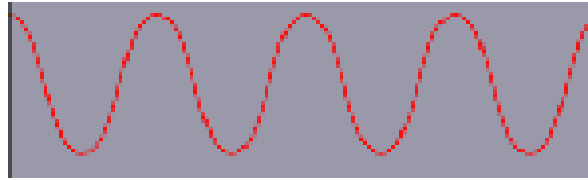
Un onda EM es un onda EM, independiente de su largesa ...



La propiedad de la radiación es definida con su longitud de onda y/o frecuencia y/o energía



Distancia entre
maximos=longitud de
onda, λ

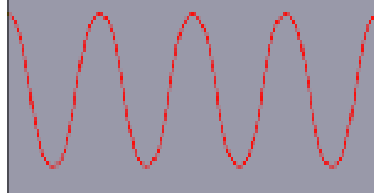


Numero de maximas que pasa
cada segundo = frecuencia, ν

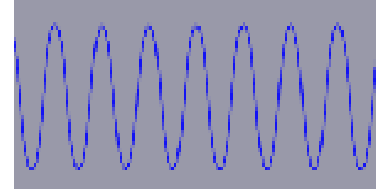
$$\lambda = \frac{\text{velocidad de luz}}{\nu}$$

Larga longitudes de ondas = bajo frecuencias
Corta longitudes de ondas = alto frecuencias

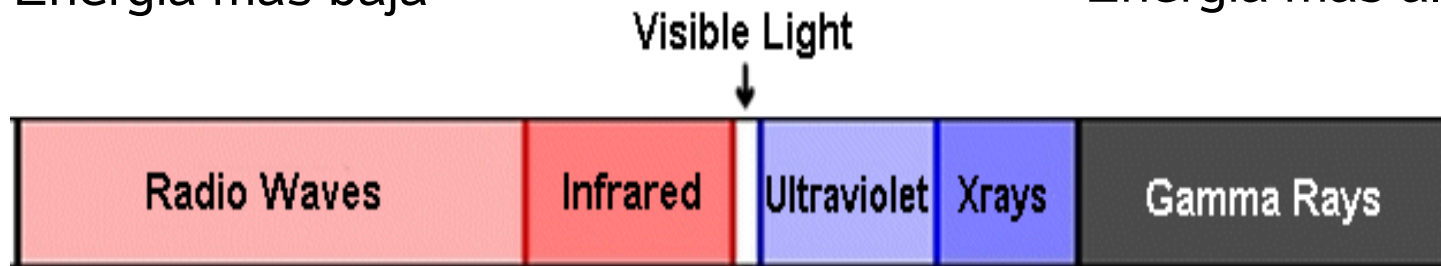
The Electromagnetic Spectrum



long. de onda mas larga
frecuencia mas baja
Energia mas baja



long. de onda mas corte
frecuencia mas alta
Energia mas alta



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long. de onda: 300 metros a 0.5 milímetros
frecuencia: 1 MHz (1 million Hertz or ciclos cada segundo)
a 500 GHz (500 billion Hertz)

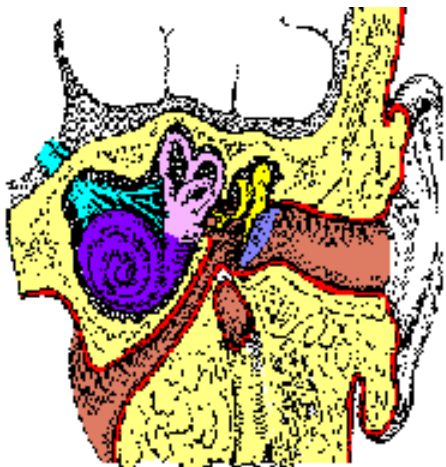
Una cosa muy importante para conocer:



No “escuchamos” a datos Radios

Ondas de Radio no son Ondas Sonidos

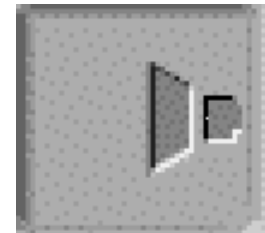
- Ondas de radio son ondas de radiacion electromagneticos, como luz (y rayos-X, microondas etc.).
- Ondas de sonido son ondas de presion. Requieren un medio (aire, aqua, etc.) para transmitir.
- Sonidos son creado via ondas de presion moviendo un membrano en tu oyo. Tu cerebro convertes esta vibraciones en “sonidos”.



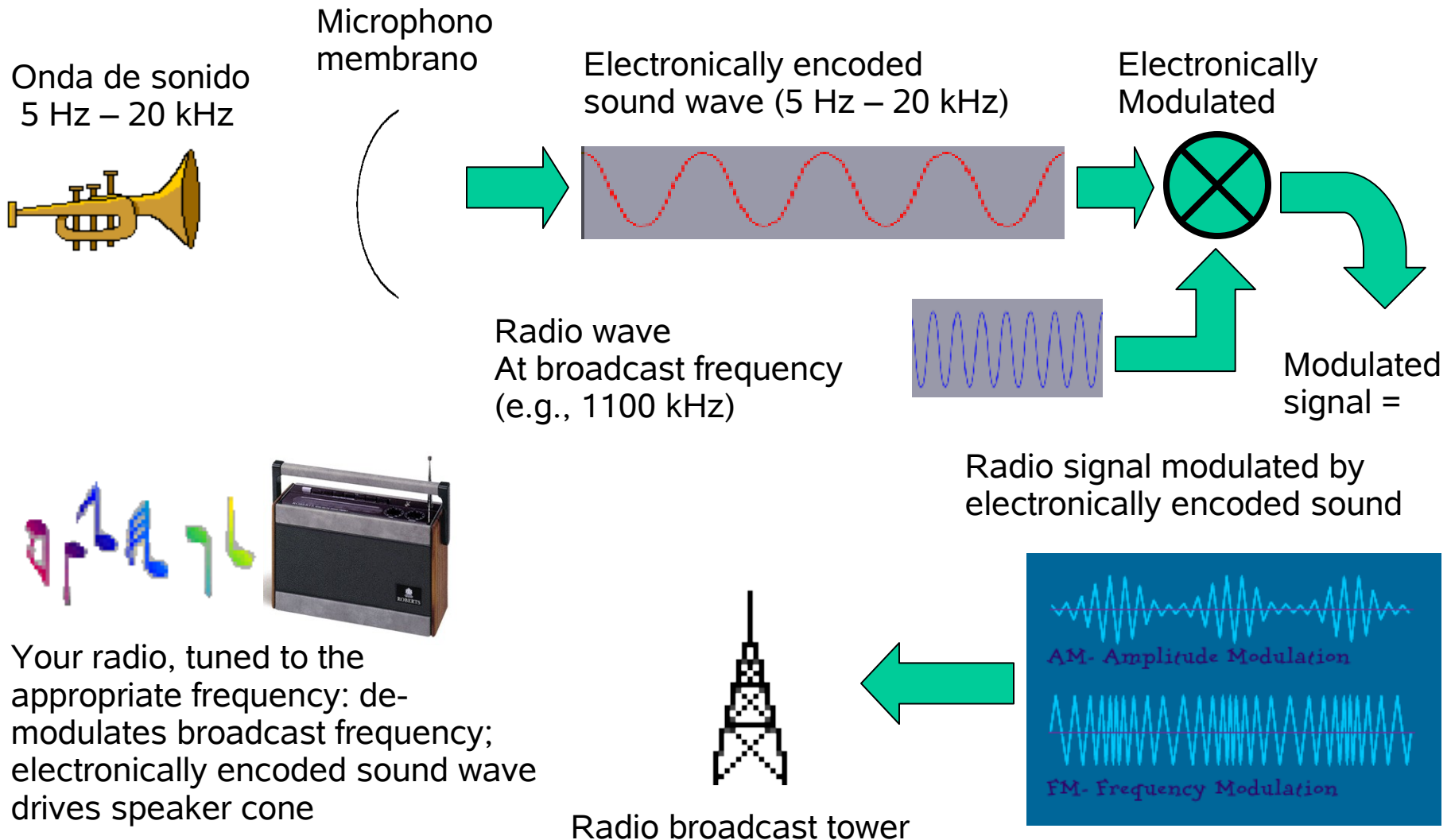
Ear

Medium

Sound



Tu no escuchas ondas de radio con un radio



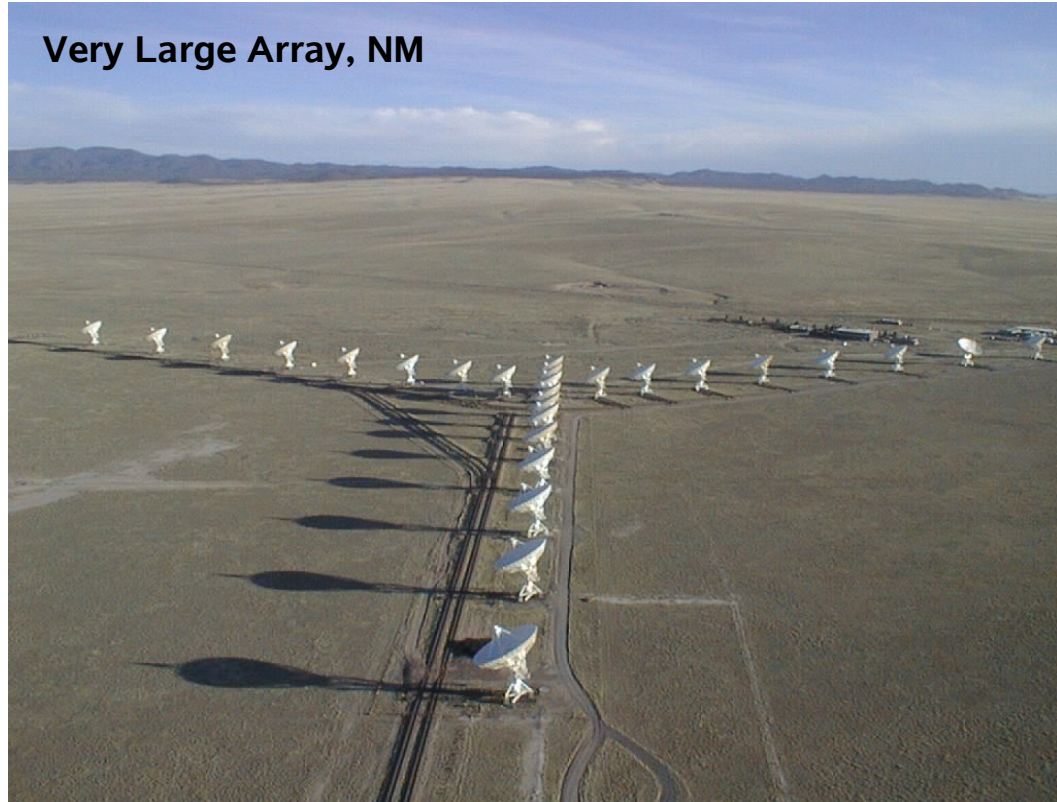
Radio Telescopios

- dos tipos basicos:

Green Bank Telescope, WV

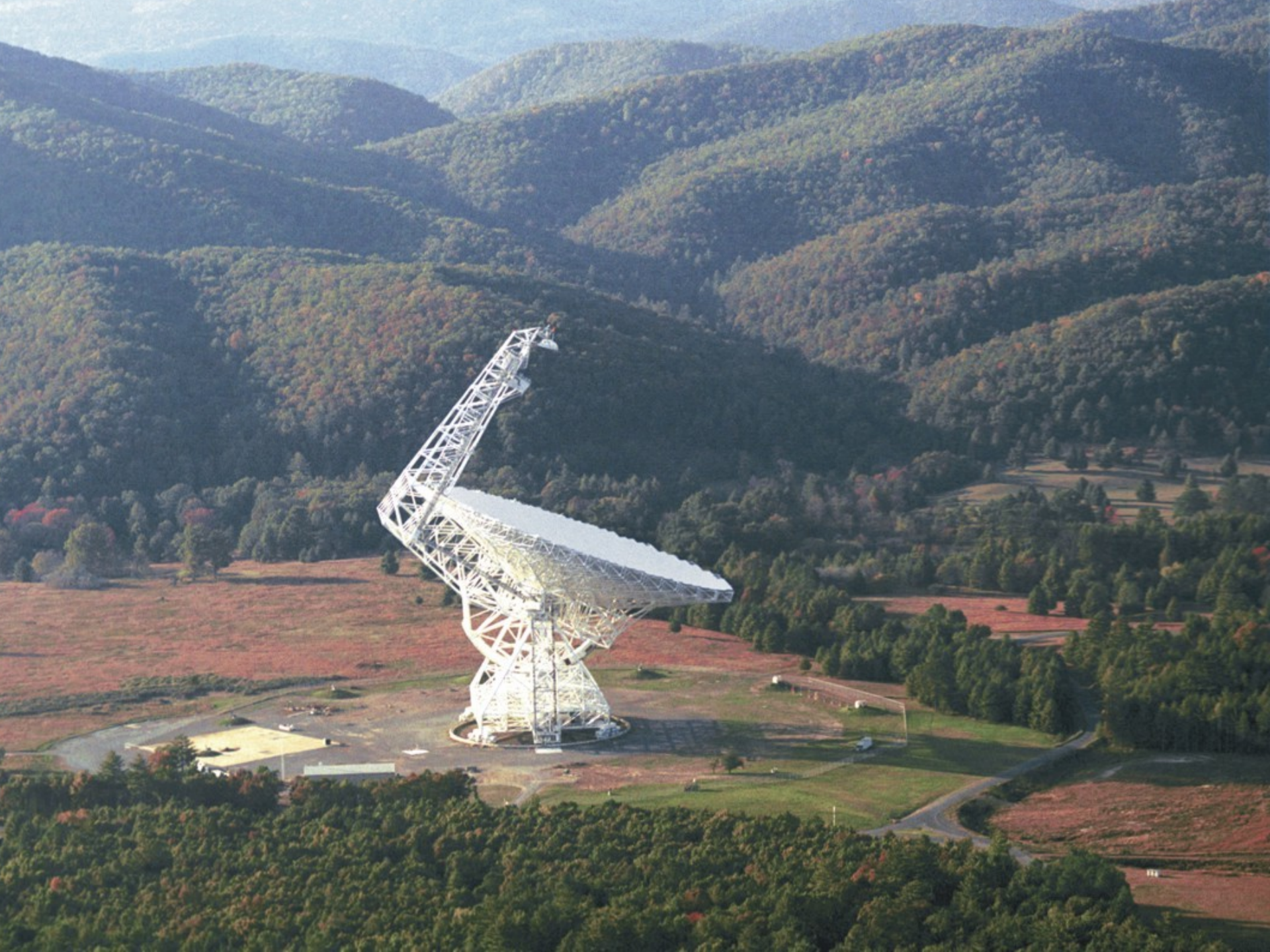


Very Large Array, NM



telescopios simples

Redes

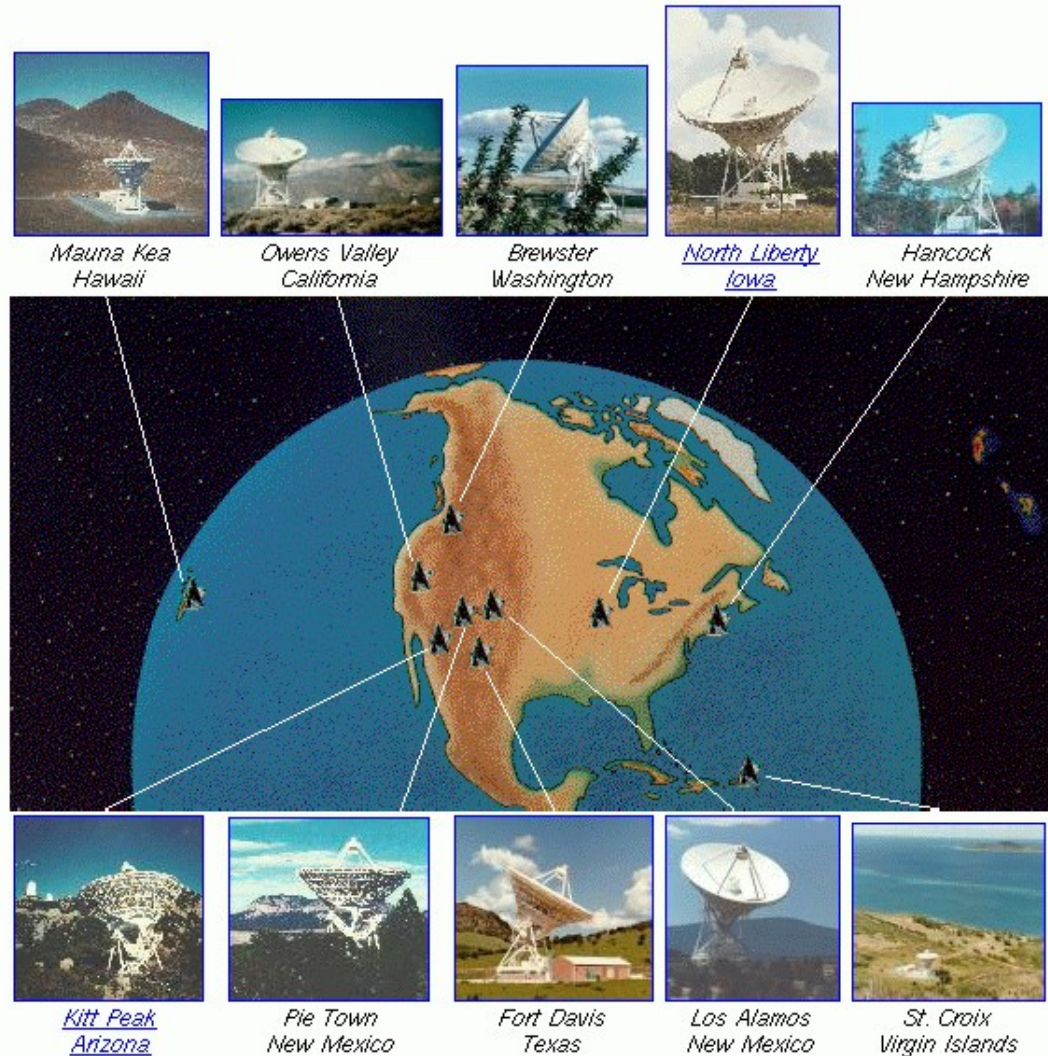






Very Long Baseline Array (VLBA)

- 1993 dedication
- Operado desde Socorro, EE.UU
- Diez antenas de 25-m: U.S. Canada, P. Rico
- Resolucion de imagens mas alto del mundo.

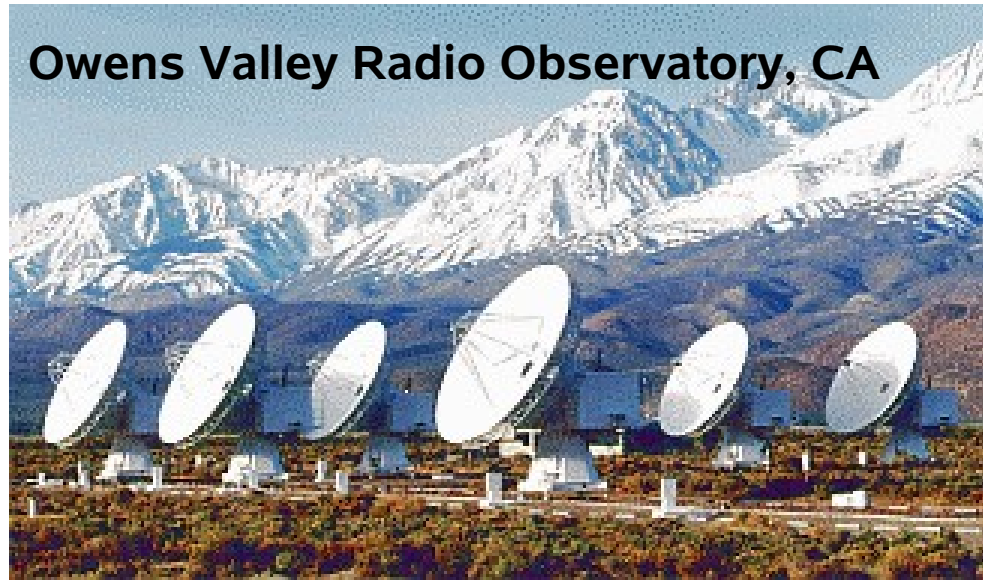


Otros Milimetro y Centimetro Radio Telescopios

Arecibo, P.R.



Owens Valley Radio Observatory, CA



Berkeley-Illinois-Maryland Array, CA



Radio Telescopios: Resolucion

- Poder de resolucion (las mas pequena detalle que puedes “ver”) depende del tamaño del telescopio y el long. de la onda de la radiacion.

$$\frac{\lambda}{\text{size}}$$

← Para radio: esta es grande.

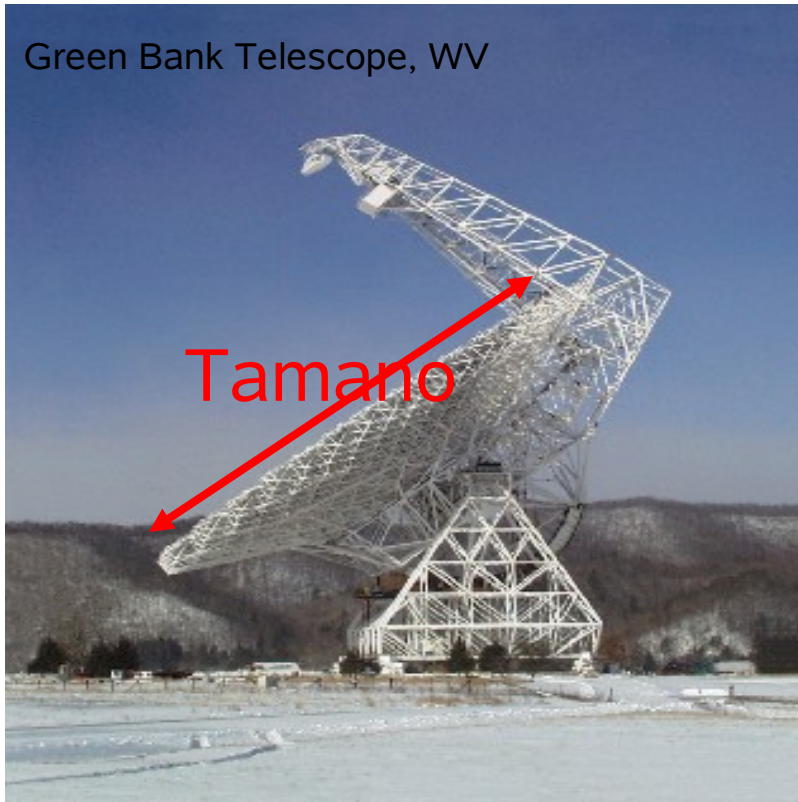
← Entonces necisitas esta grande tambien

- “Tamaño” = diametro del telescopio para un telescopio simple. Distancia maxima entre telescopios para un red.

Radio Telescopes: Resolution

Green Bank Telescope, WV

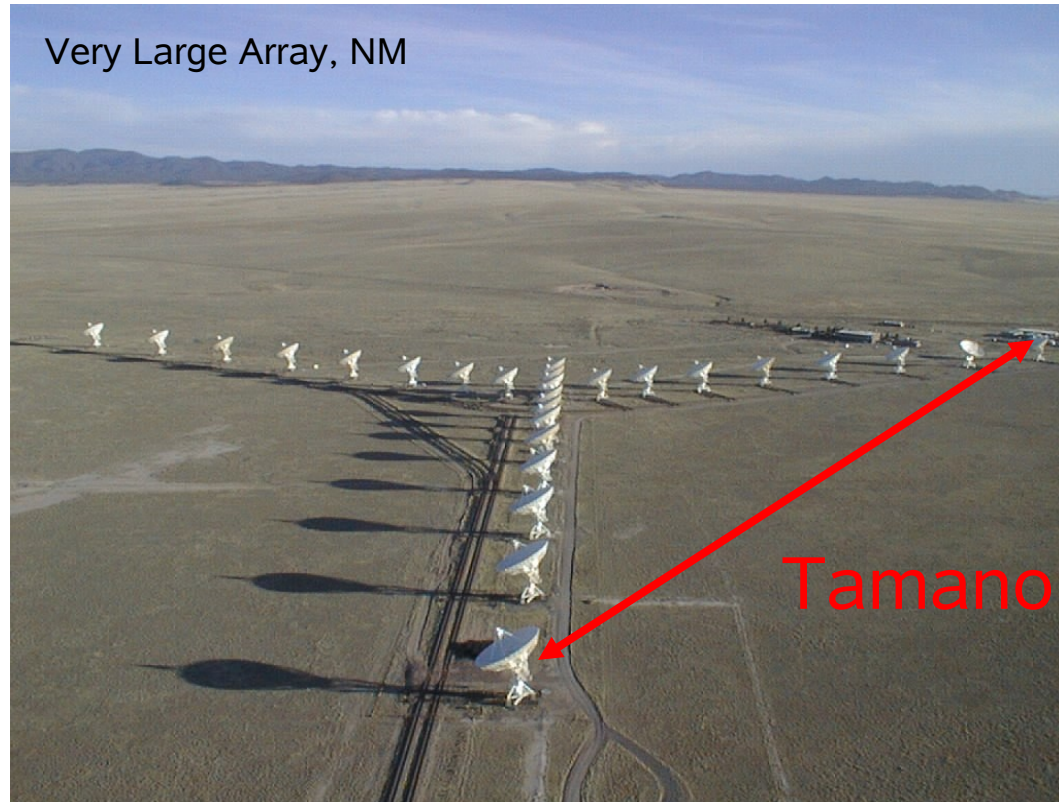
Tamano



Single Dish

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Tamano



Arrays

Reconfigurable Arrays: Zoom Lens Effect

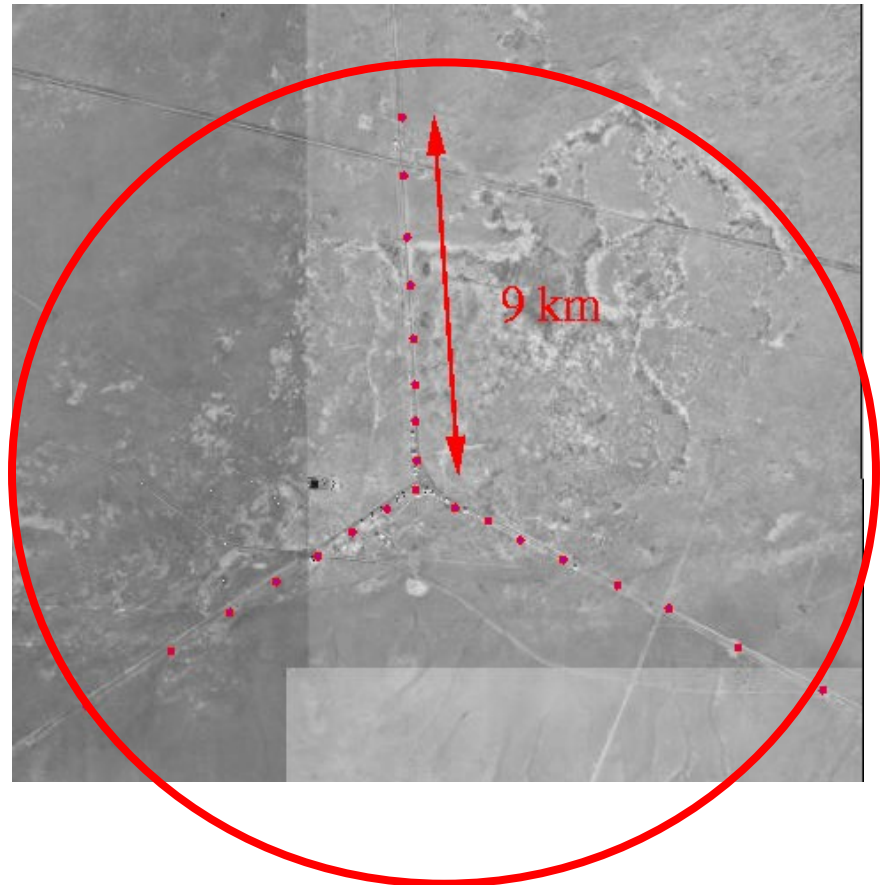
VLBA

- La mas grande la distancia – las mas grande la resolucion.
- Pero la sensibilidad (area de coleccion) es lo mismo independiente de resolucion.



Radio Telescopes: Sensibilidad

- Sensibilidad (la fuente mas debil que puedes detectar) depende de que quanto area del telescopio/red es actualmente coleccionando datos.
 - VLA B-array: area de coleccion de los telescopios es solo 0.02% del area del terreno.
- Redes de largas distancias puedes hacer imagenes de solo fuentes luminosas y compactos.



Elementos Basicos de un radio antena

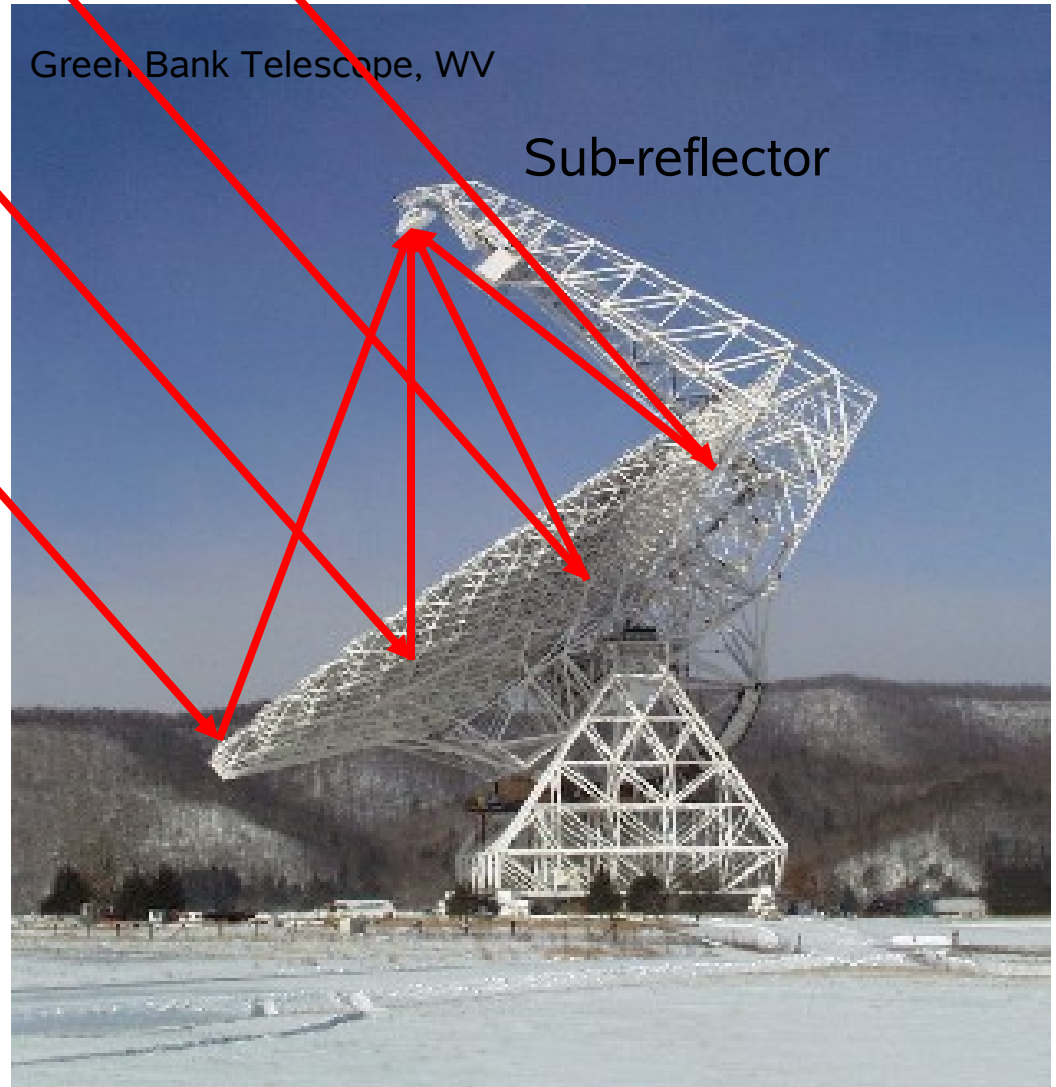
VLBA Antenna:

- 25 metros (82 feet) in diametro
- En altura como un edificio de 10 pisos.
- Se pesan 240 toneladas



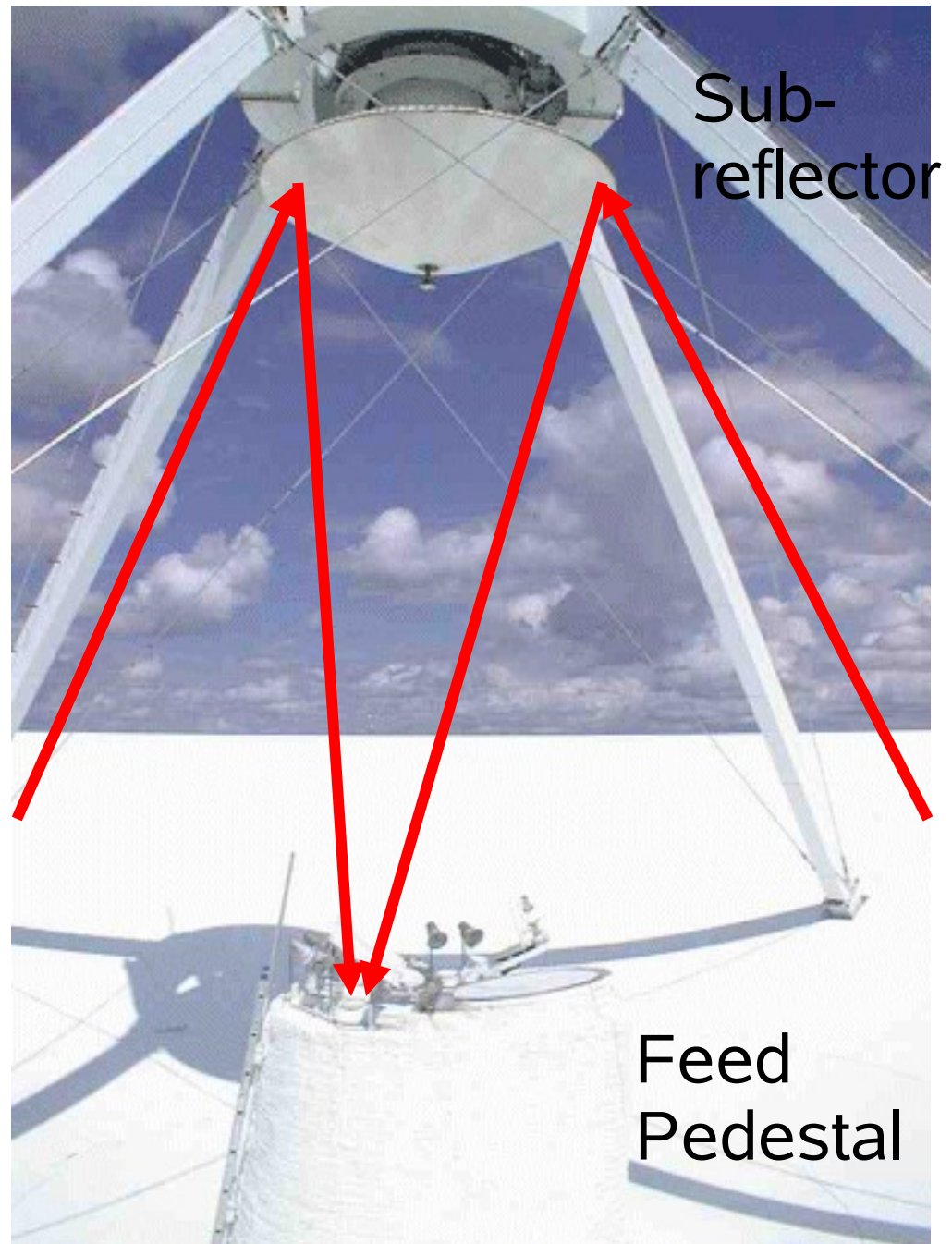
Parabolic Dish

- superficie reflejando de aluminio
- Enfoce ondas al 'prime focus' o un 'sub-reflector'.



Sub-reflector

- Re-directas ondas al 'Feed Pedestal'
- Puede rotar el sub-reflector para redireccionar radiacion a varios receptores.



Feed Pedestal

1.5GHz	20cm
2.3GHz	13cm
4.8GHz	6cm
8.4GHz	4cm
14GHz	2cm
23GHz	1.3cm
43GHz	7mm
86GHz	3mm



327MHz	90cm
610MHz	50cm



Antenna Feed and Receivers



Advantajes de observar en el Radio

- Estudiar procesos fisicos que no emiten nada en otros longitudes de ondas.
- Ondas Radio puedes pasar dentro de regiones con much polvo.
- Puedes medir la potencia del campo magnetico y su orientacion
- Puedes dar informacion sobre velocidades (linea de vision y tangential).
- Observaciones en el dia tambien (en el centimetro por lo meno)

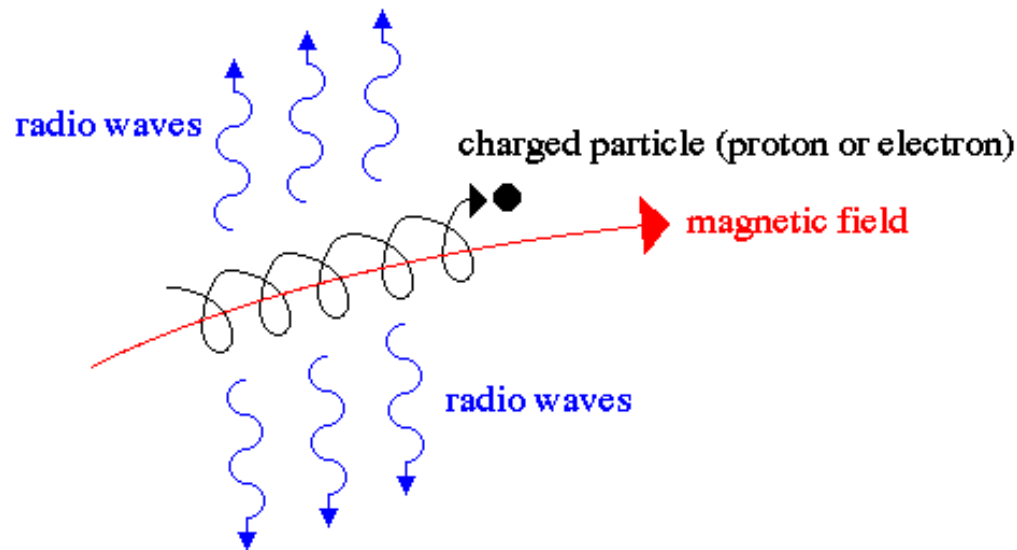
Procesos Astrophysicos Primarios que emiten radiacion radio

Quando particulos con carga cambian direccion,
se emiten radiacion

- Radiacion Sincrotron
 - particules con carga siguiendo lineas del campo magneticos
- Emision termal
 - cuerpos frios
 - particulos con carga en un plasma que estan moviendo.
- Emision de lineas espectrales
 - transiciones discretas en atomes y moleculares

Radiation Sincrotron

Synchrotron radiation



synchrotron radiation occurs when a charged particle encounters a strong magnetic field – the particle is accelerated along a spiral path following the magnetic field and emitting radio waves in the process – the result is a distinct radio signature that reveals the strength of the magnetic field

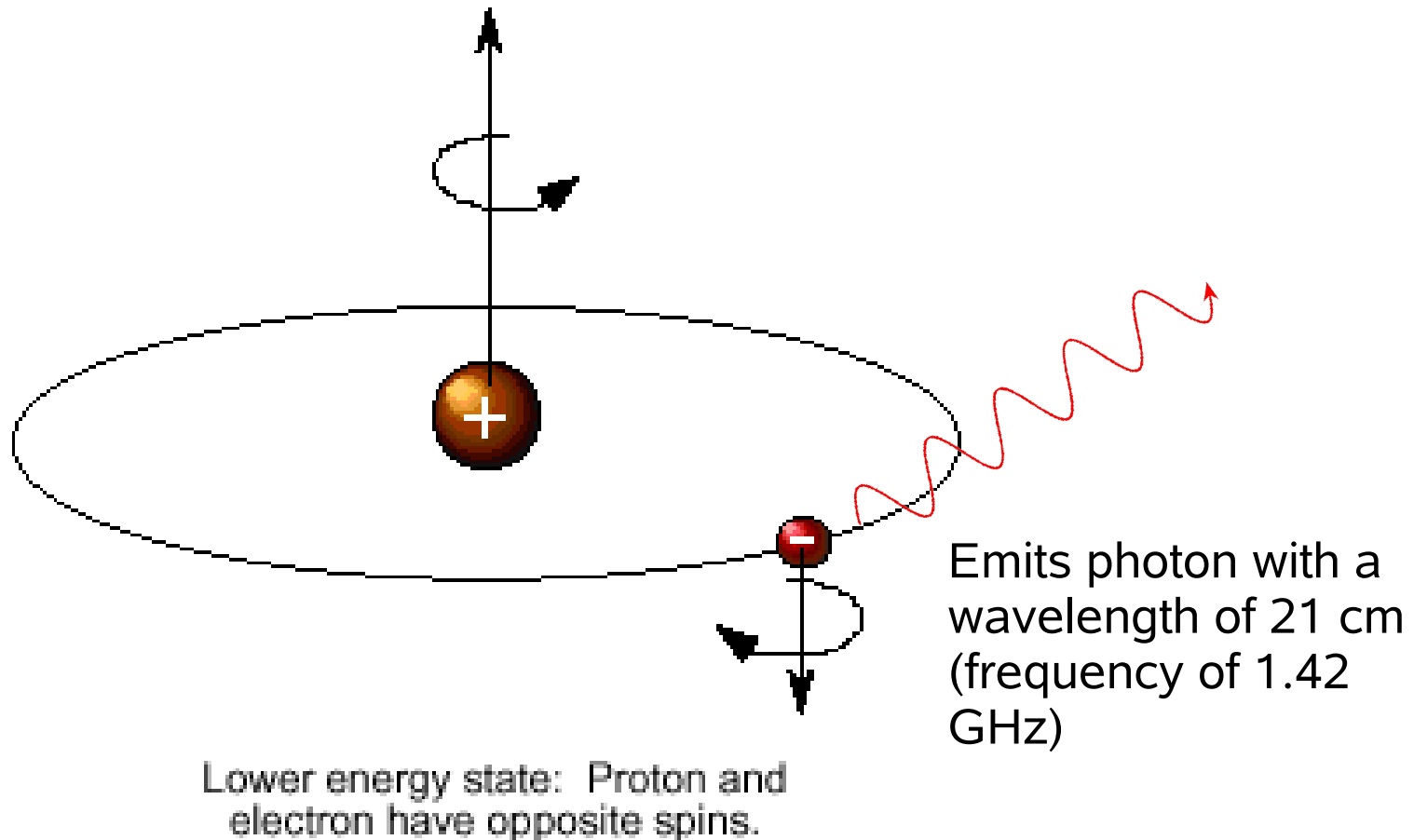
- Caracteristicos de la polarización de la luz se dar información sobre la geometría del campo magnético.

Emission Termal

- Emission de cuerpos con calor
 - radiacion “Blackbody”
 - Cuerpos con temperaturas $\sim 3\text{-}30\text{ K}$ emiten en el mm & submm
- Emission de particulas con carga que estan en aceleracion
 - “Bremsstrahlung” o emission free-free
emission de plasmas ionizadas



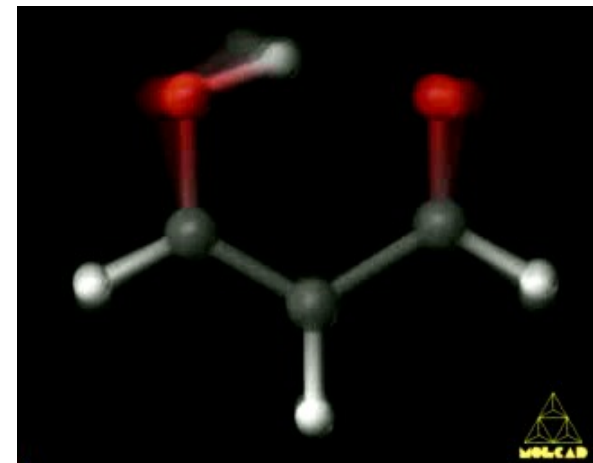
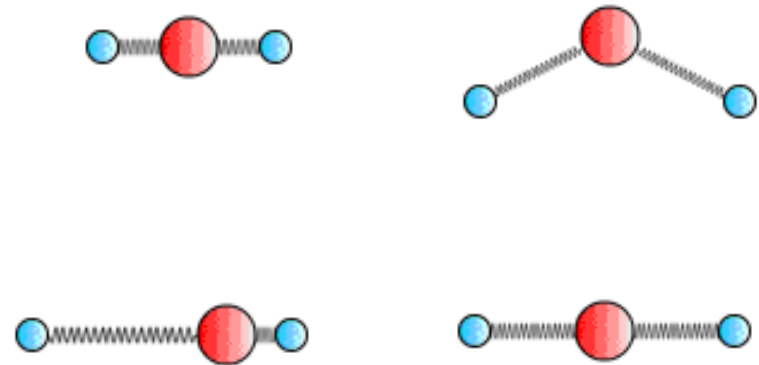
Emission lines espectrales: hyperfine transition de Hidrogeno neutro



Transition probability= $3 \times 10^{-15} \text{ s}^{-1}$ = once in 11 Myr

Emission lineas espectrales: modos de rotacion y vibracion en moleculares

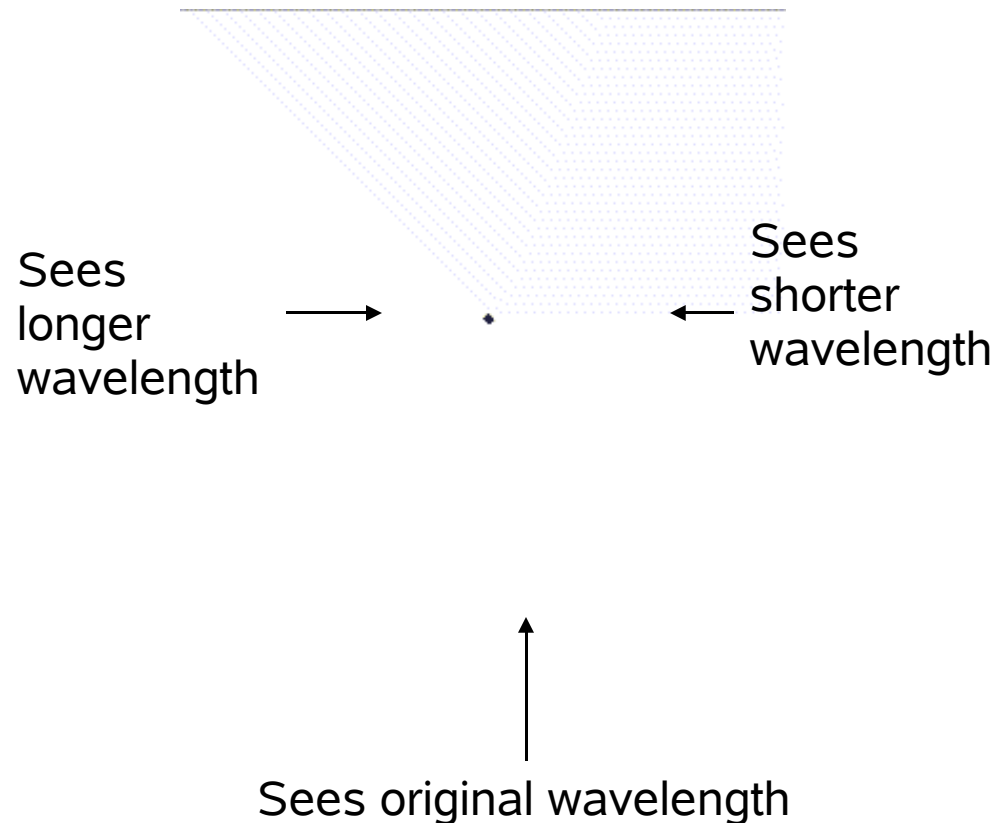
- Molecules commun en espacio:
 - Monoxido de Carbon (CO)
 - Agua (H_2O), OH, HCN, HCO^+ , CS
 - Ammonia (NH_3), Formaldehyde (H_2CO)
- molecules meno commun:
 - Azucar, Alcohol, Antifreeze (Ethylene Glycol), ...



malondialdehyde

Efecto de Doppler: líneas espectrales

- líneas espectrales tienen frecuencias fijas y muy bien determinados.
- La frecuencia de una fuente va a cambiar cuando la fuente está moviéndose a más cerca o más lejos de ti.
- Una comparación de la frecuencia conocida y observada se da la velocidad de la fuente

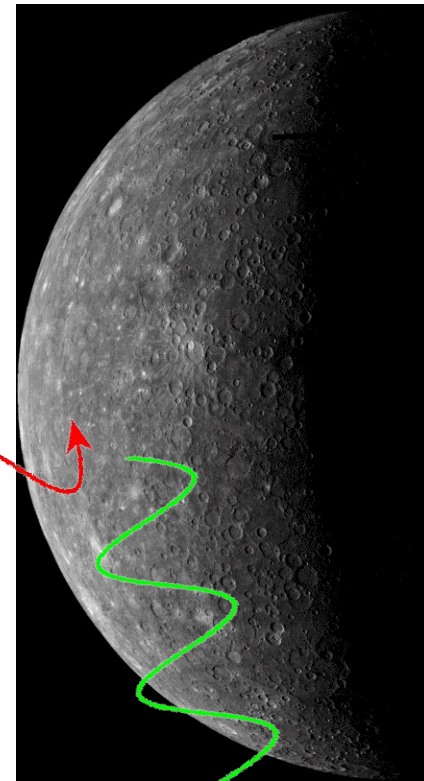


Ejemplo especial de observacion de linea espectral: Doppler Radar Imaging

Transmit radio wave with
well defined frequency...



NASA's Goldstone Solar System Radar



...bounce
off object...

..observe same
frequency



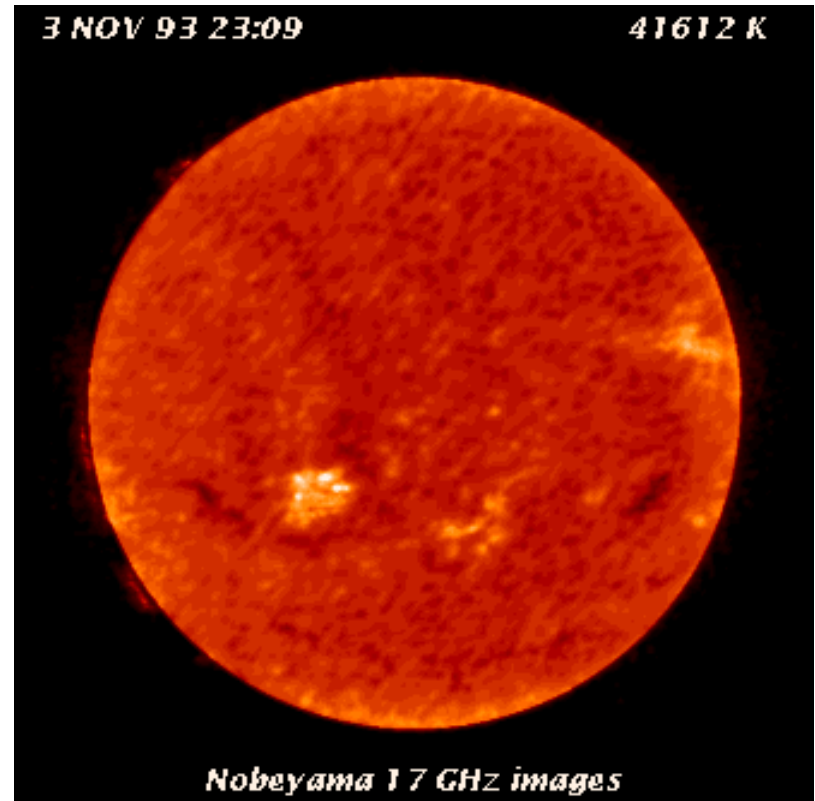
Very Large Array

Pasaje corte en el Universo Radio

- Sistema Solar
 - Sol, Planetas, Asteroides
- Objectos Galacticos
 - Nebulas oscuros, discos proto-estellar, remnantes supernova
- Galaxias
 - Campos Magneticos, Hidrogeno neutro
- Chorros radios
- El Universo..

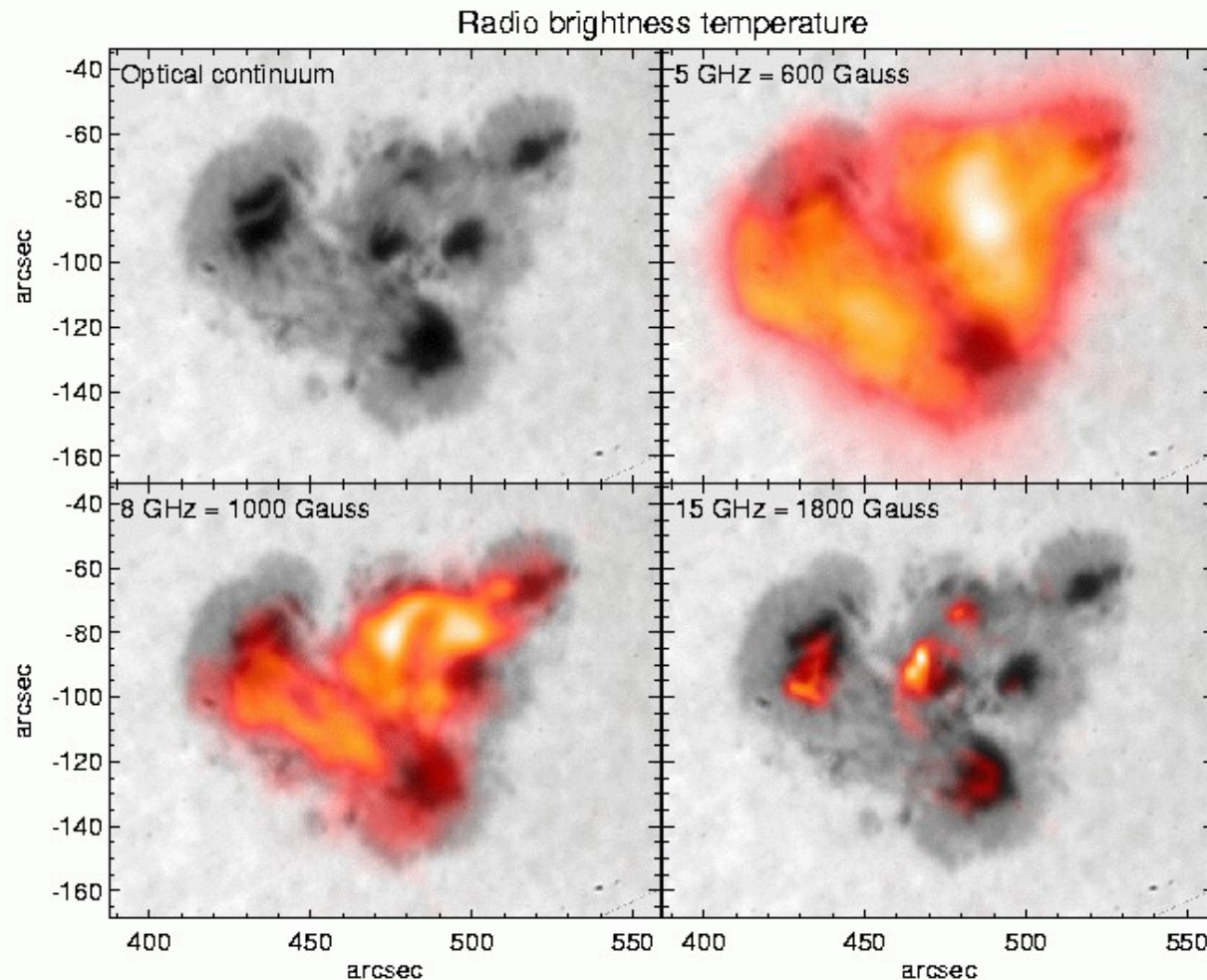
Nuestra Estrella, El Sol

- El Sol en Radio
- Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs)
- “Space weather”
- Estructura del viento Solar

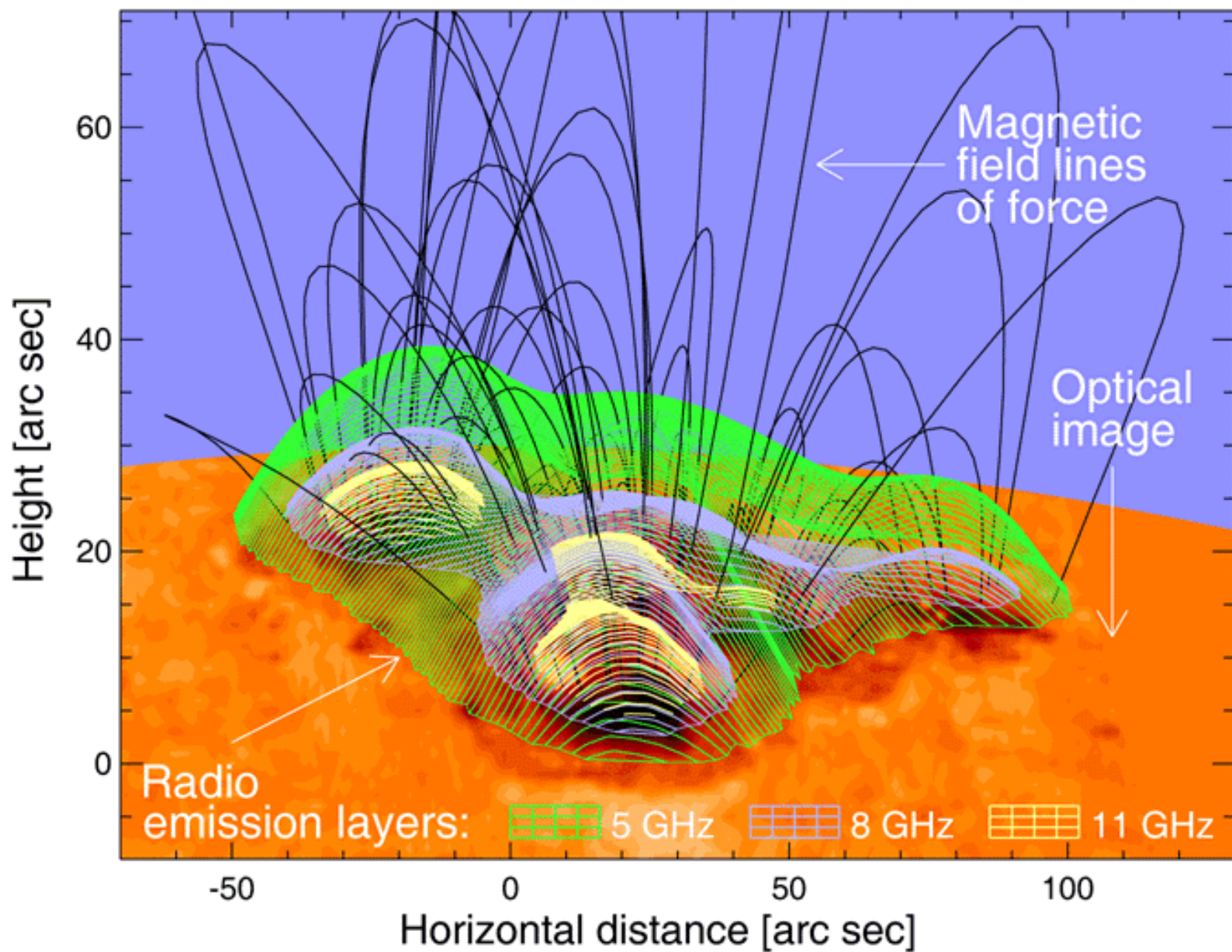


Courtesy Steven White (UMd)
Thermal free-free emission from
chromosphere and active regions.
Dark filaments=dense cool material
suspended in the corona

Estructura del Campo Magnetico del Sol

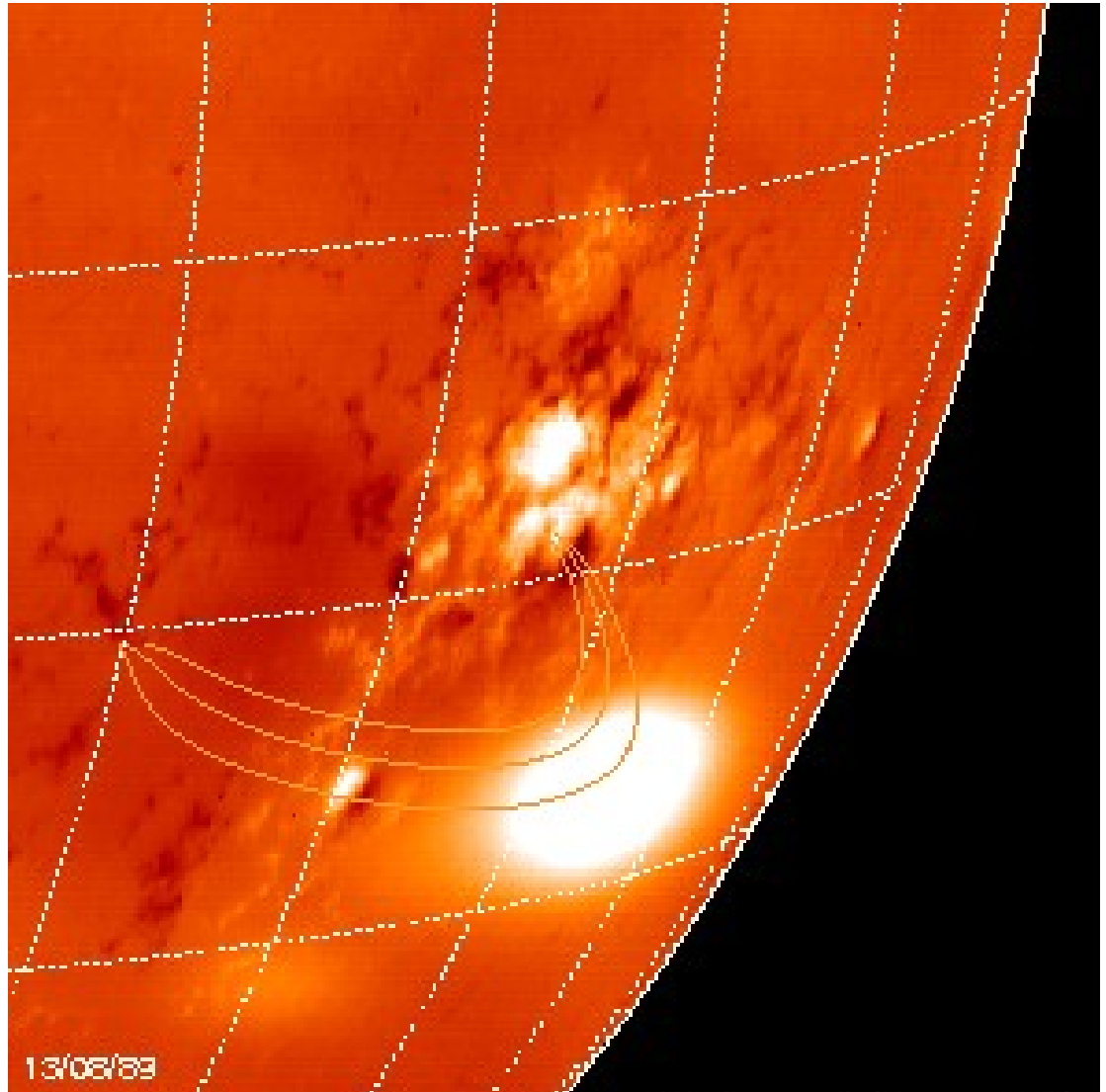


Region activo con 'strong shear': imagenes en radio mostra alta B y temperaturas muy alta



Solar Flares

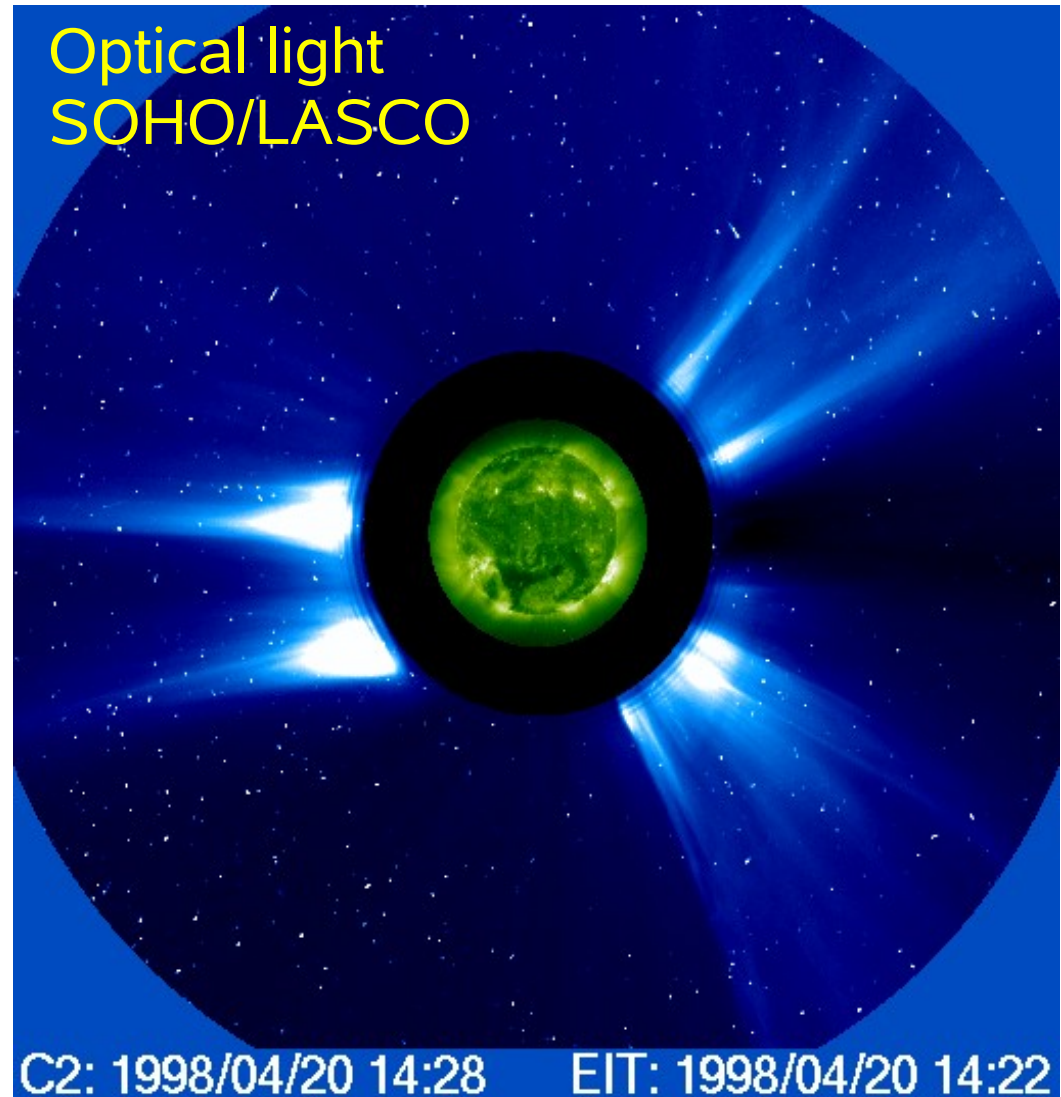
Type U bursts observed by
Phoenix/ETH and the VLA.

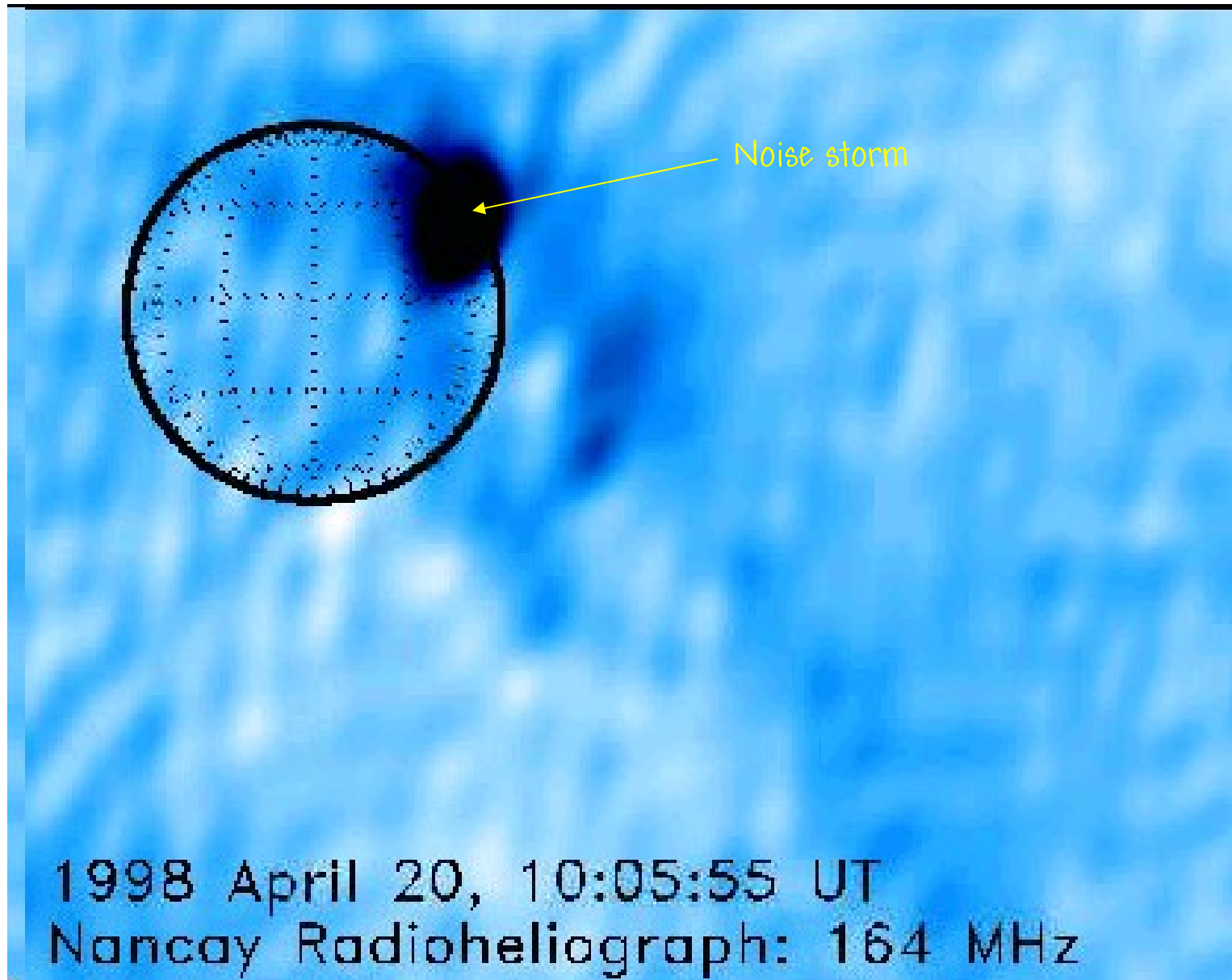


Aschwanden et al. 1992

Coronal Mass Ejections (CMEs)

- Explosiones mas grande en el Sol
- Un gran porcion del Corona Solar esta de-estabilizada y es lanzado con velocidades entre 200-2000 km/s
- particulas con carga acelerado a velocidades circa del velocidad del luz
- Producen efectos de “space weather”
 - interrumpir redes de electricidad, inducir corrientes en oil pipelines, disrupt navegacion

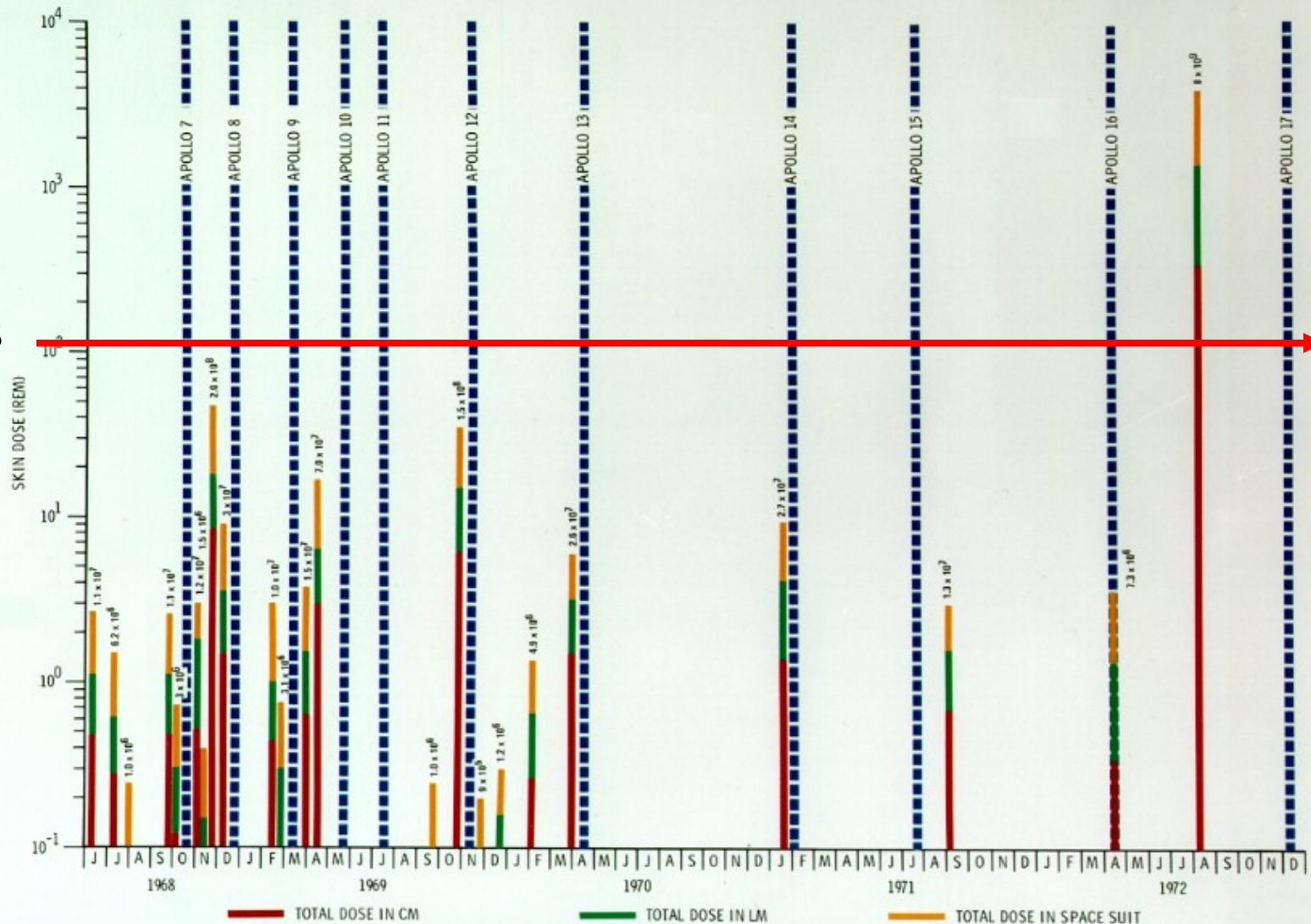




Partículas acelerado durante de Solar Flares y CMEs efectan viajes interplanetarias

NASA-S-73-3131

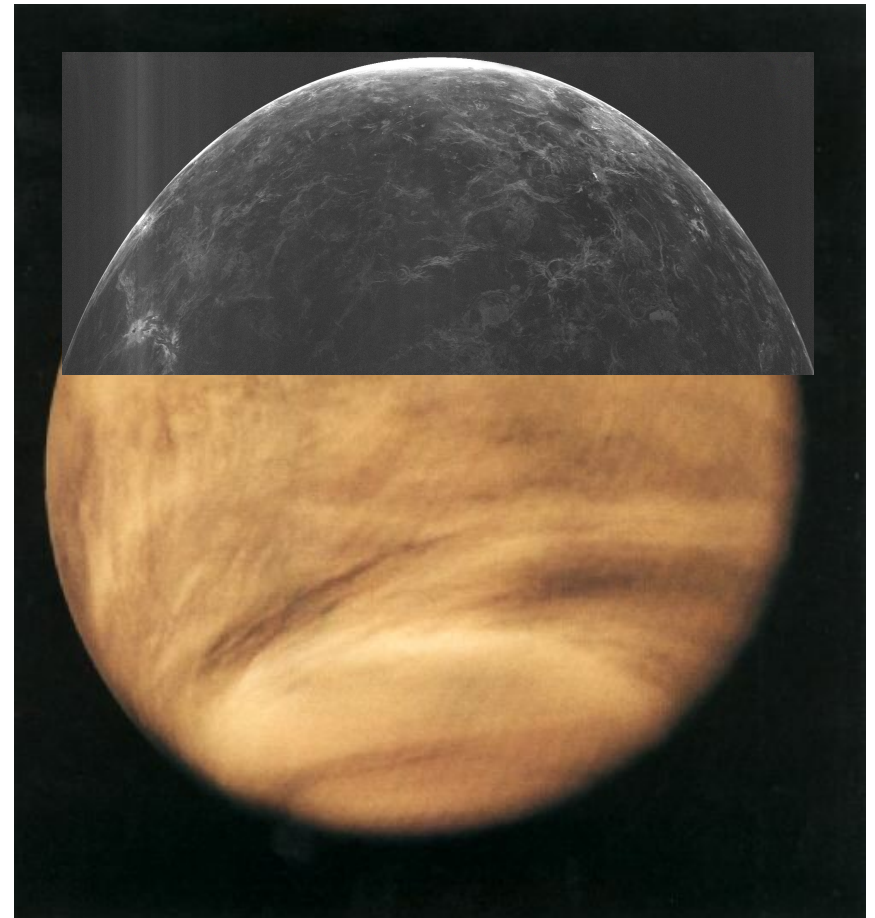
PARTICLE EVENT OCCURRENCE VERSUS CALCULATED EVENT DOSE



Dosis
Fatal

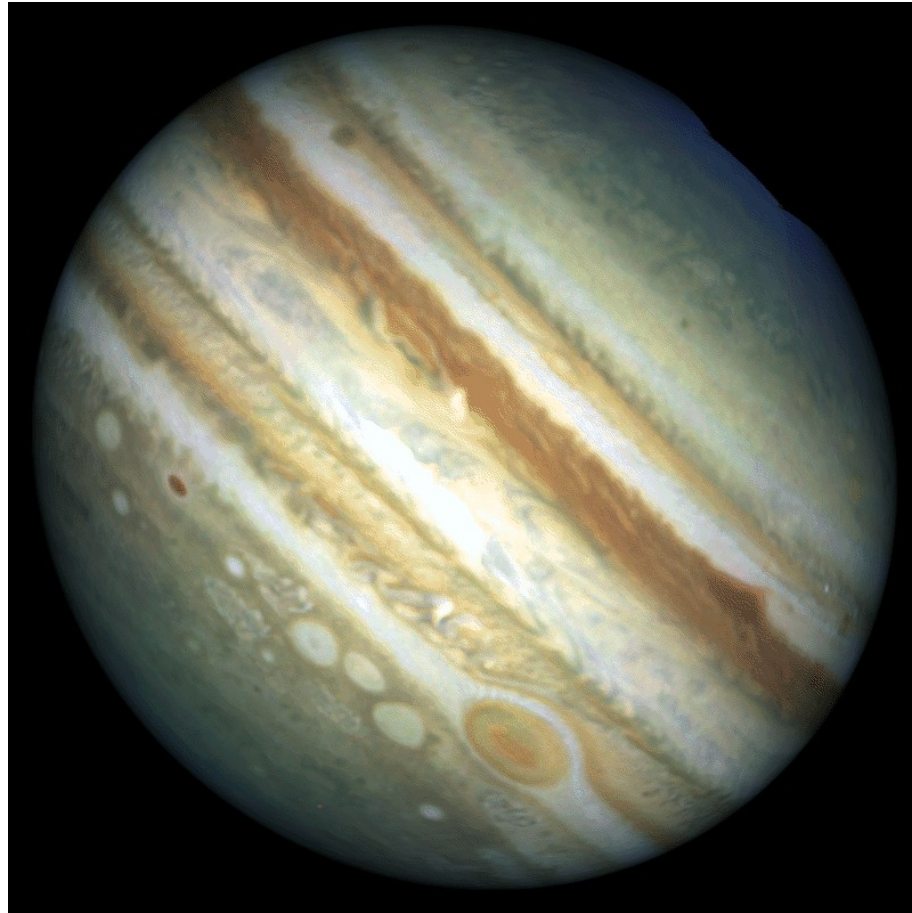
Venus

- Optica/UV imagen de Venus desde Pioneer 10
 - Neblinas, Neblinas y mas Neblinas
- 13 cm Radar imagen de Venus (Arecibo and GBT)
 - Bright=rougher surface
 - Dark=smoother surface



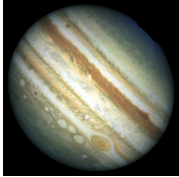
Campbell, Margot, Carter & Campbell

Jupiter



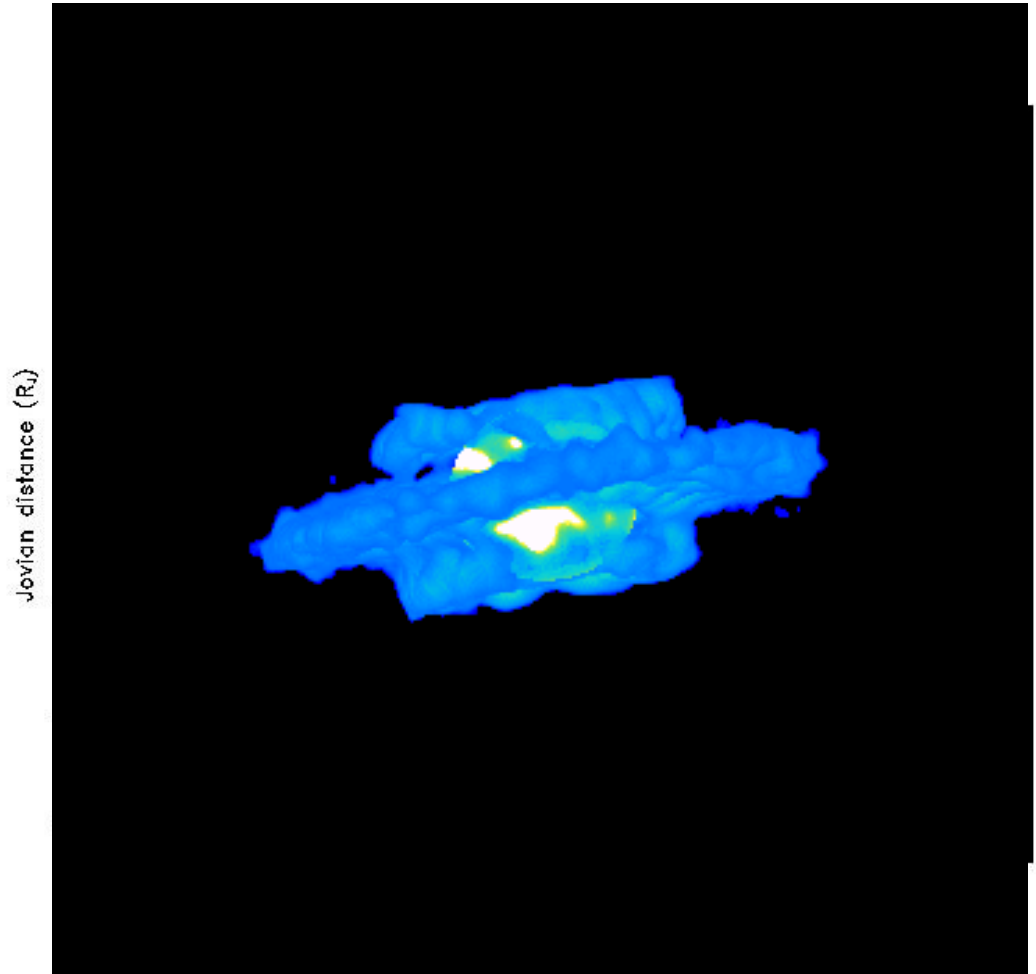
Jupiter - Sincrotron

Particlas cargada y
entrapada en el campo
magnetico de Jupiter.
Similar a la 'Van Allen
belt' dela Tierra



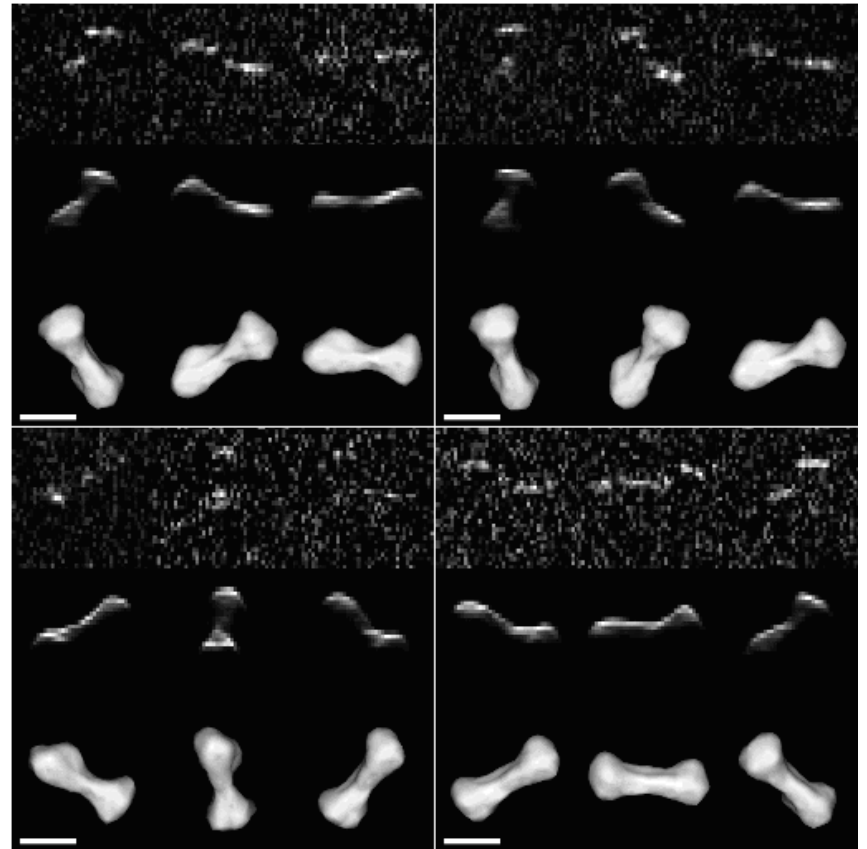
A veces Jupiter es mas
luminoso del Sol en ondas
radios! Podemos ocupar esta
propiedad para buscar planetas
extrasolares.

Observations: VLA 20 cm
De Pater, Schulz & Brecht 1997
3-D model: Sault et al. 1997; de
Pater & Sault 1998



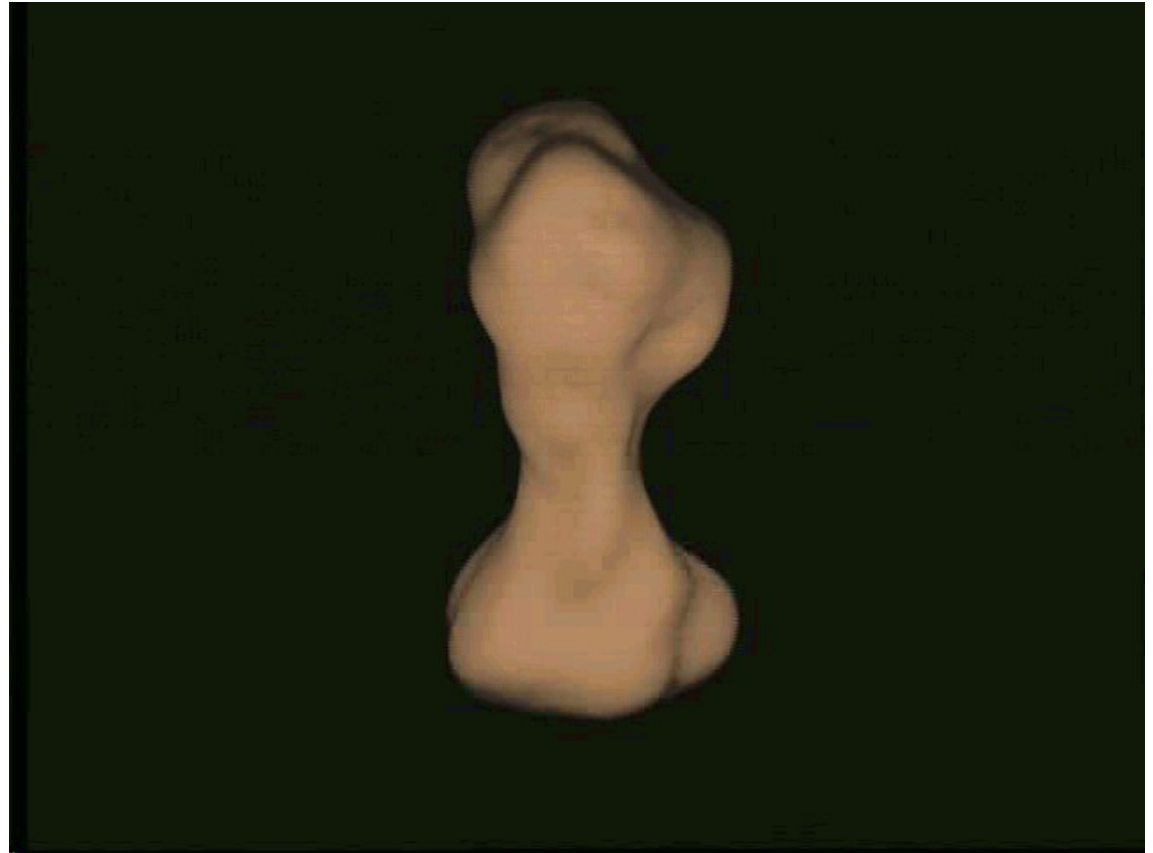
Doppler Radar Imaging de Asteroides

- S-band (2380 MHz, 12.6 cm) radar imagenes del of main belt Asteroid 216 Kleopatra con Arecibo
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Computer reconstruction by Ostro et al. 2000, Science, 288, 836

Formacion de un Estrella

- Un estrella naciendo (protostar) tiene un sobre de gas y polvo
- Radio y far-infrared son los unicos radiaciones que pueden salir
- Neblinas tiene muchos moleculares (tracers) (CO , NH_3 , y otros) que emiten ondas mm

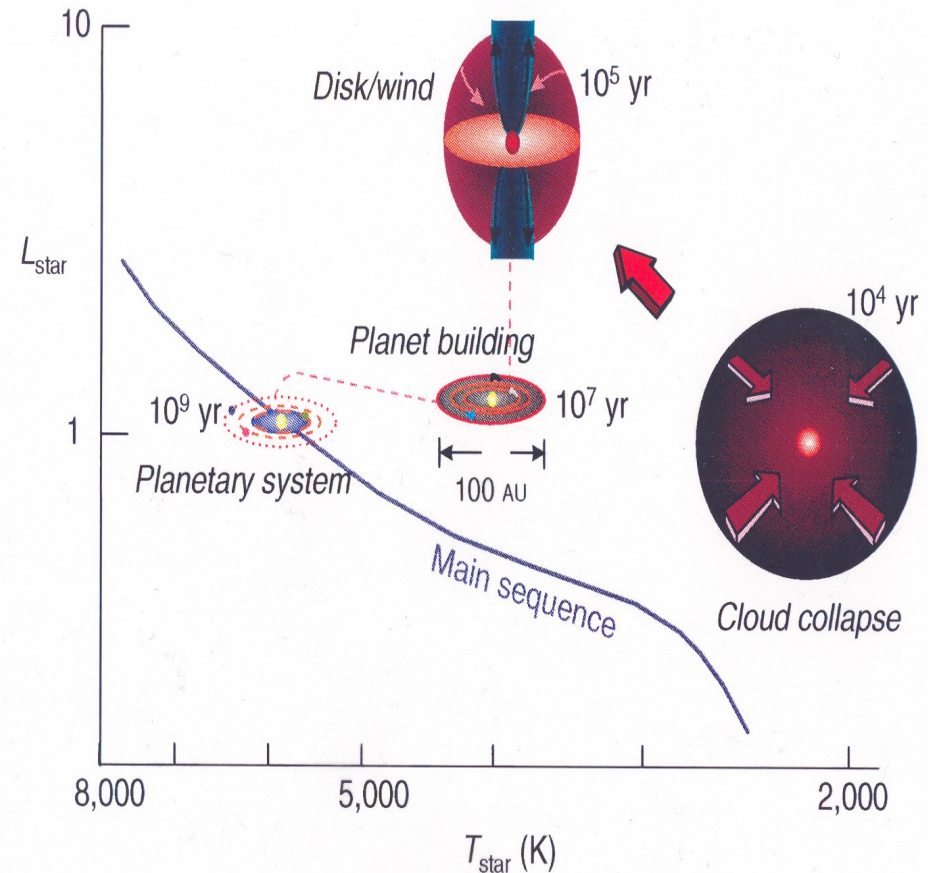
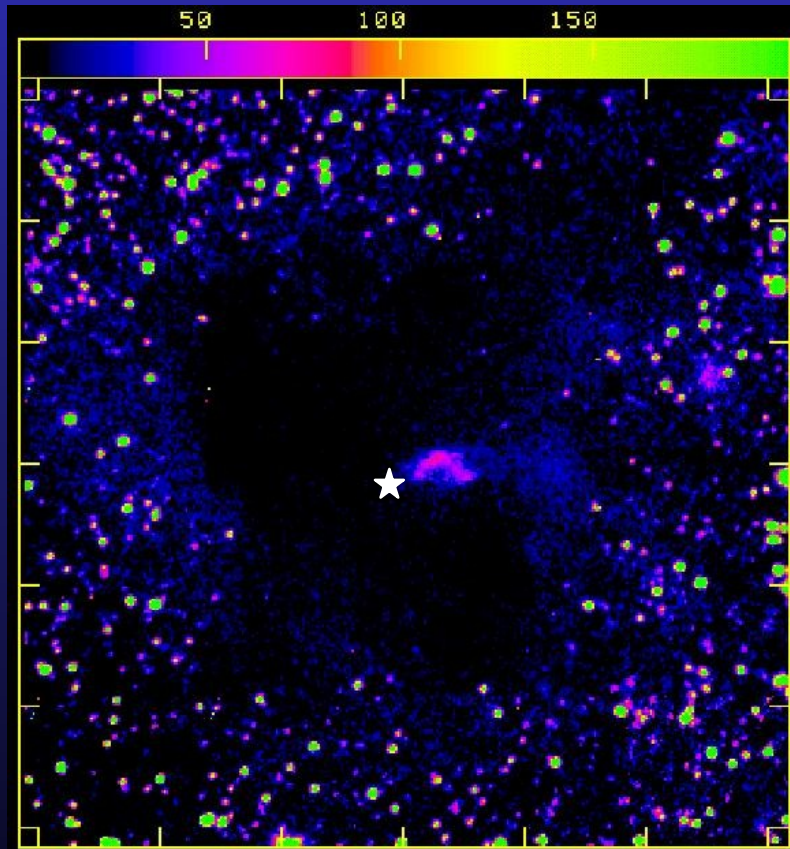


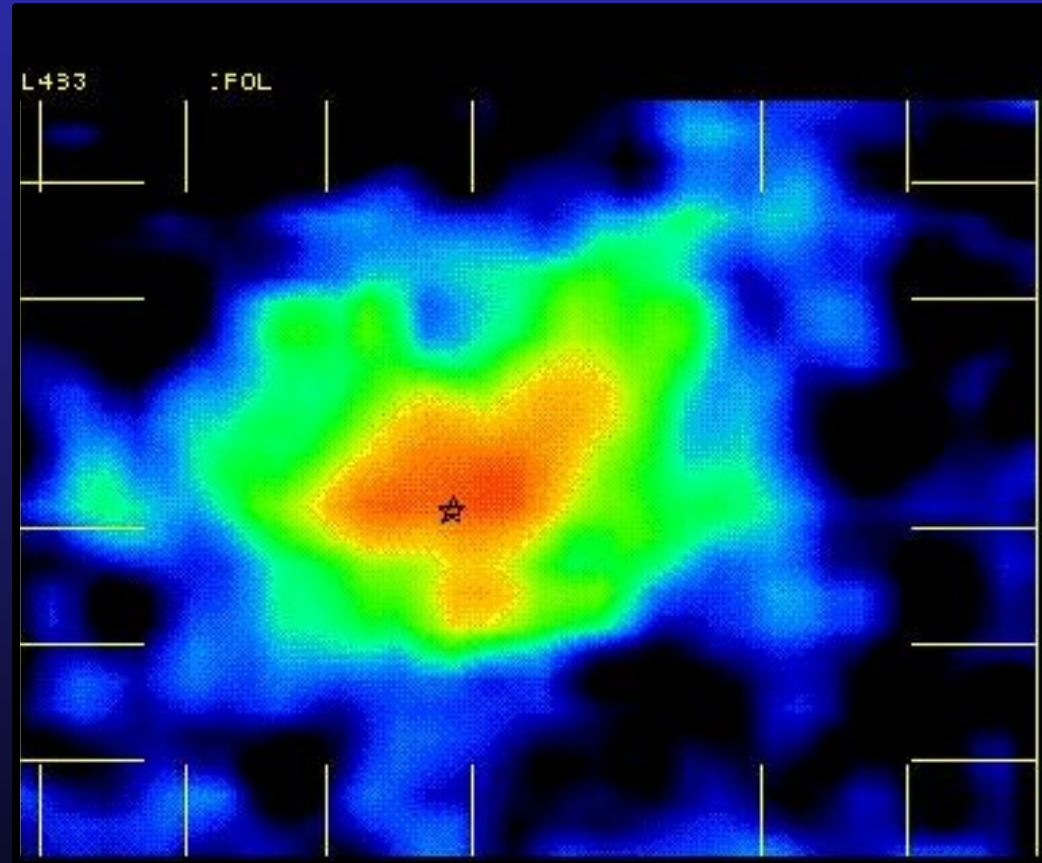
Fig. 2, Beckwith & Sargent, *Nature*, 383, 139-144.

Neblinas oscuras con formacion de Estrellas

L483 Molecular Cloud



Near-infrared (1.2 microns)



NRAO 12-m CO(1-0)

El gas es mas luminoso donde acrecion
al protoestrella warms la neblina.

Proto-stellar Outflows

“9 point” radio map of
bipolar molecular
outflow from the
S106 protostar

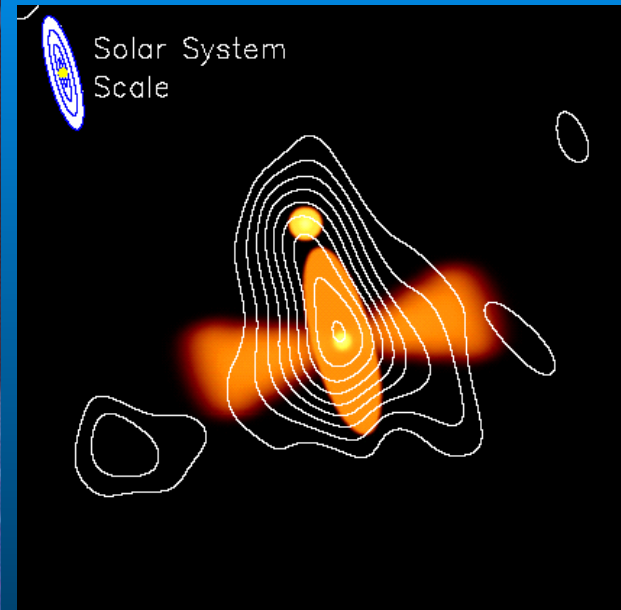
Blue=Towards us

Red=Away from us



S106, IR Subaru Telescope,
Japan

Accretion Disk



Contours: observations

Orange: model of accretion disk,
central star, outflow, & companion
star:

1 M_{sun} protostar

100 M_{sun} disk

Outflow with 40° opening angle.

Cassiopeia A Supernova Remnant

- Remnant of a massive star that exploded ~300 years ago
- VLA image at 1.4, 5, and 8.4 GHz
- Synchrotron emission from tangled magnetic fields

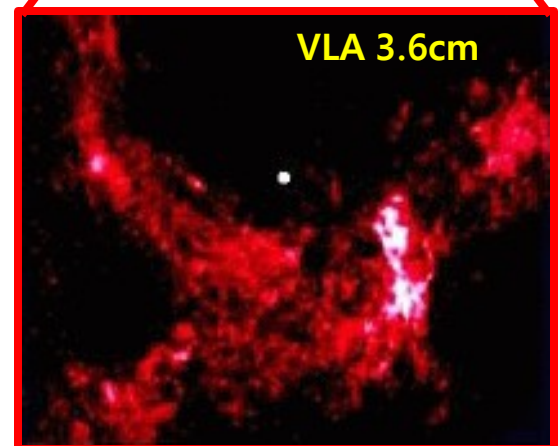
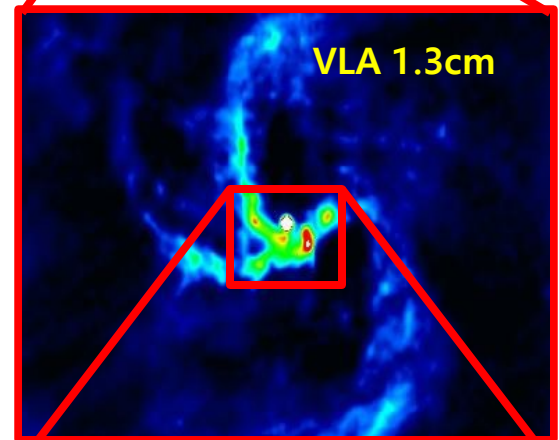
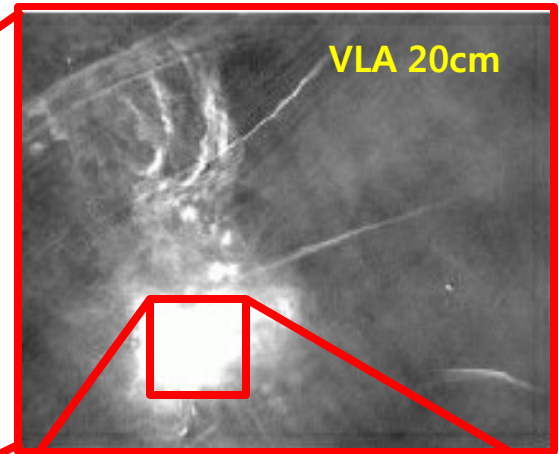
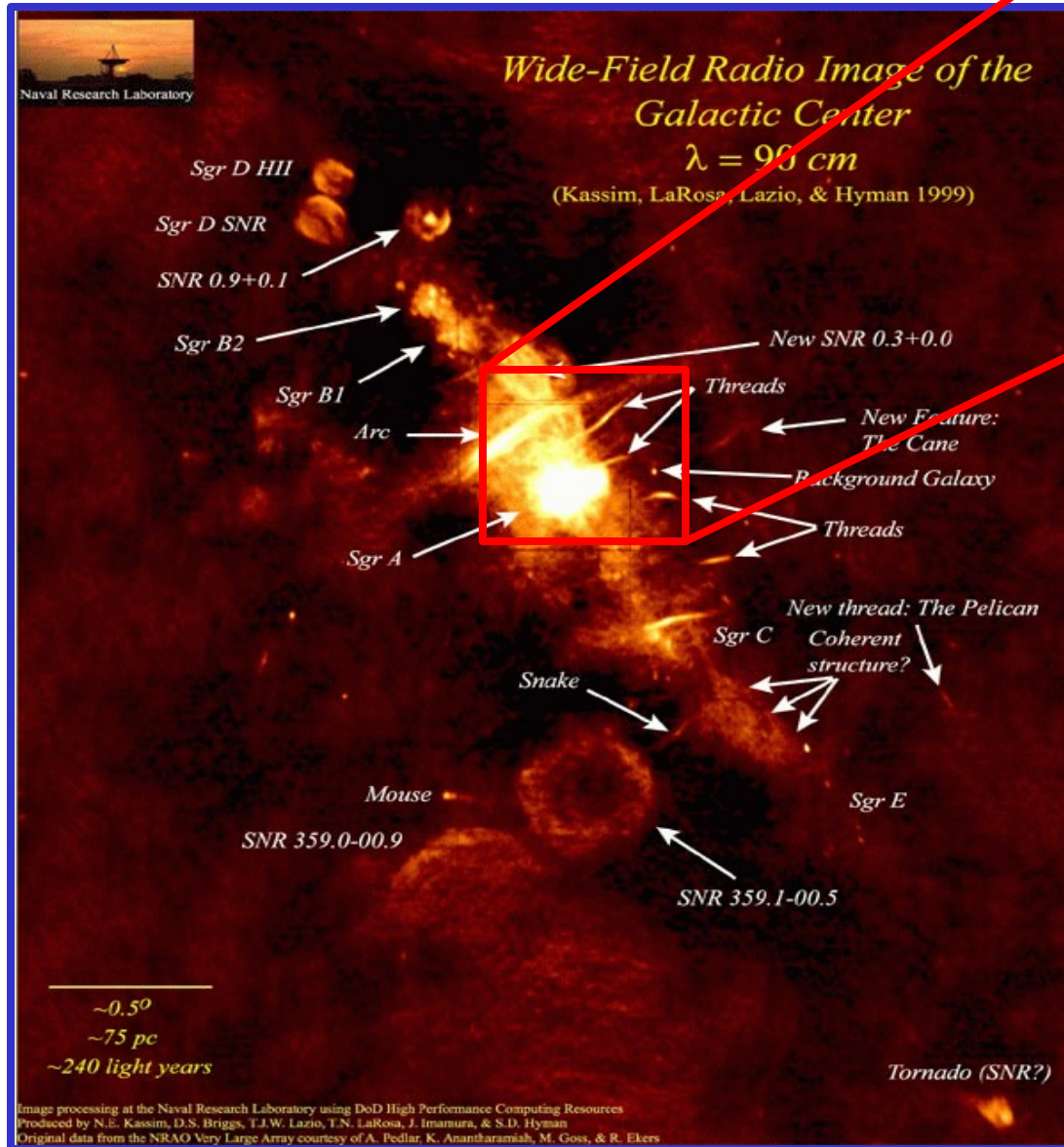


The Crab Nebula

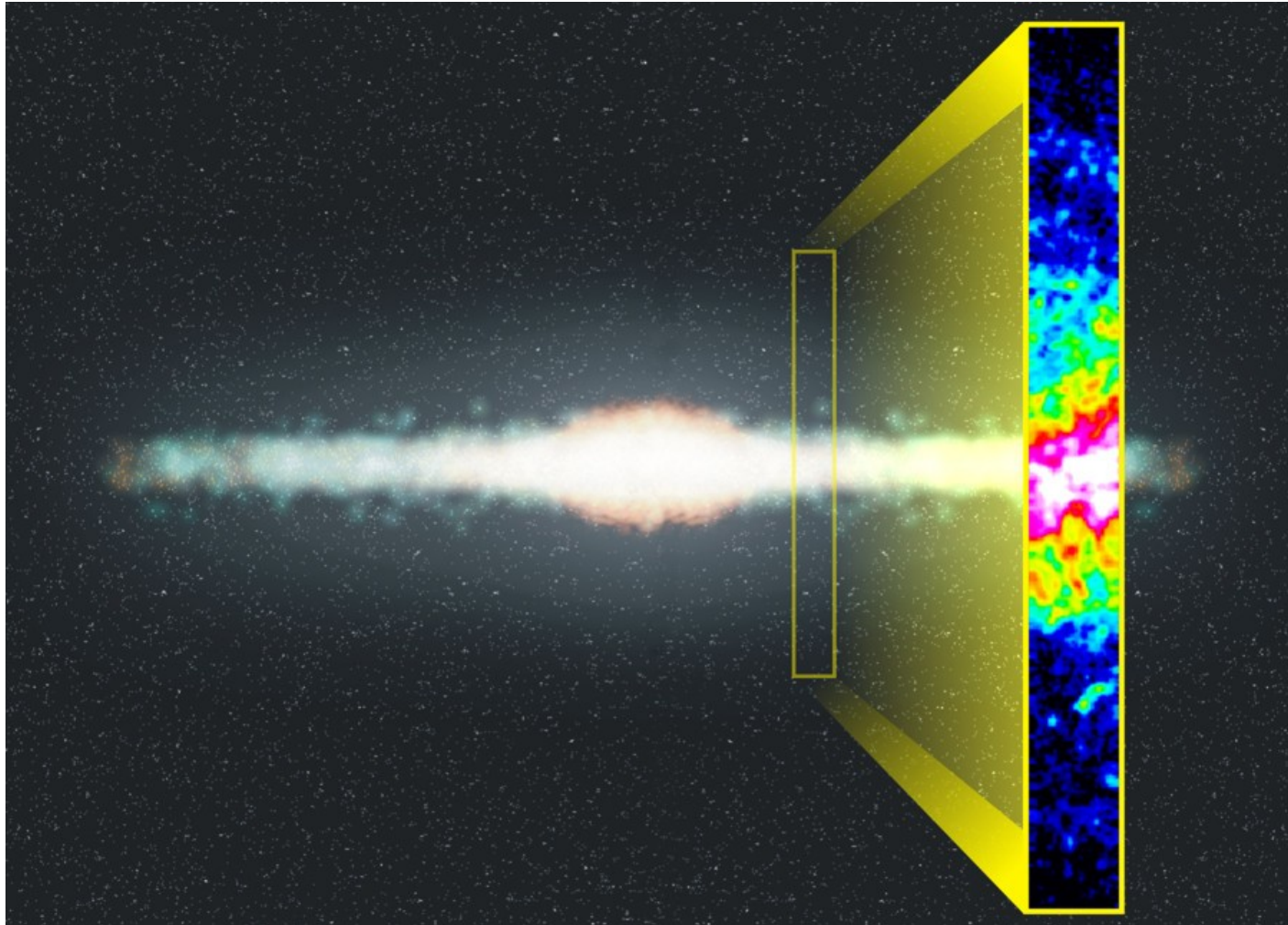
- Remnant of a supernovae from 1054 AD
- Expanding at 1000 km/sec
- Central star left behind a rapidly spinning pulsar
- Wind from pulsar energizes the nebula, causing it to emit in the radio



Center of our Galaxy



Same Space -- Different Light



Extragalactic Supernovae



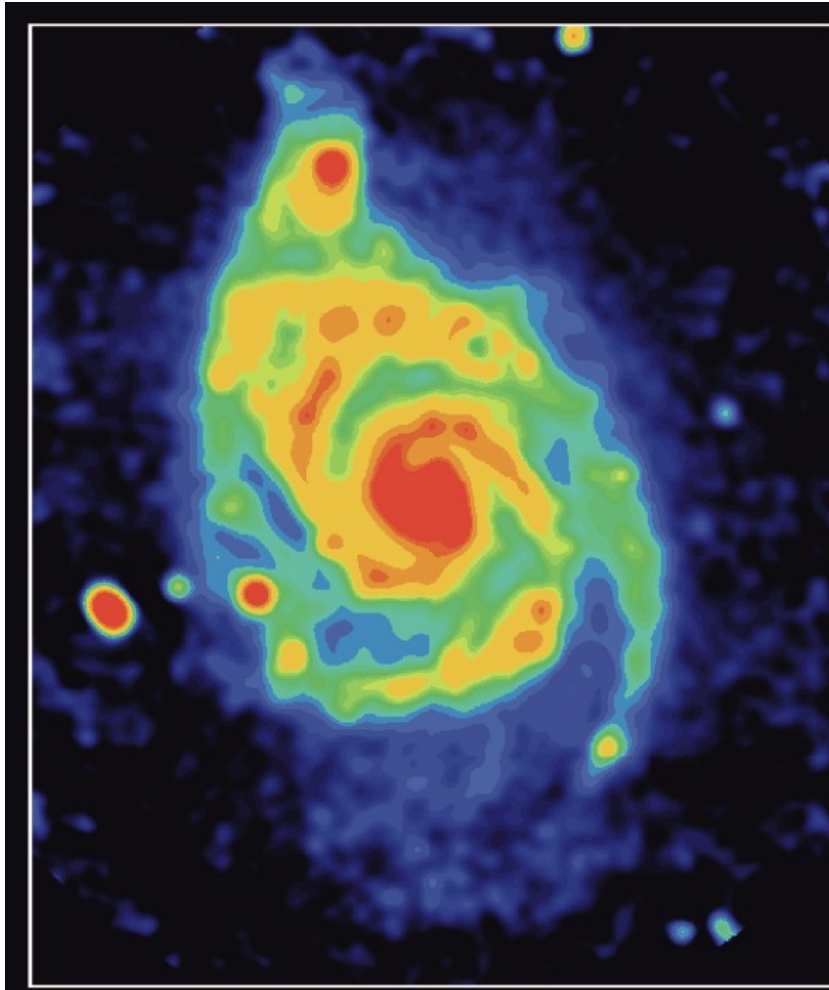
SN 1993J in M81

VLBA Observation from
May 17, 1993 – Feb 25 2000

Bartel, Bietenholz, Rupen et al.

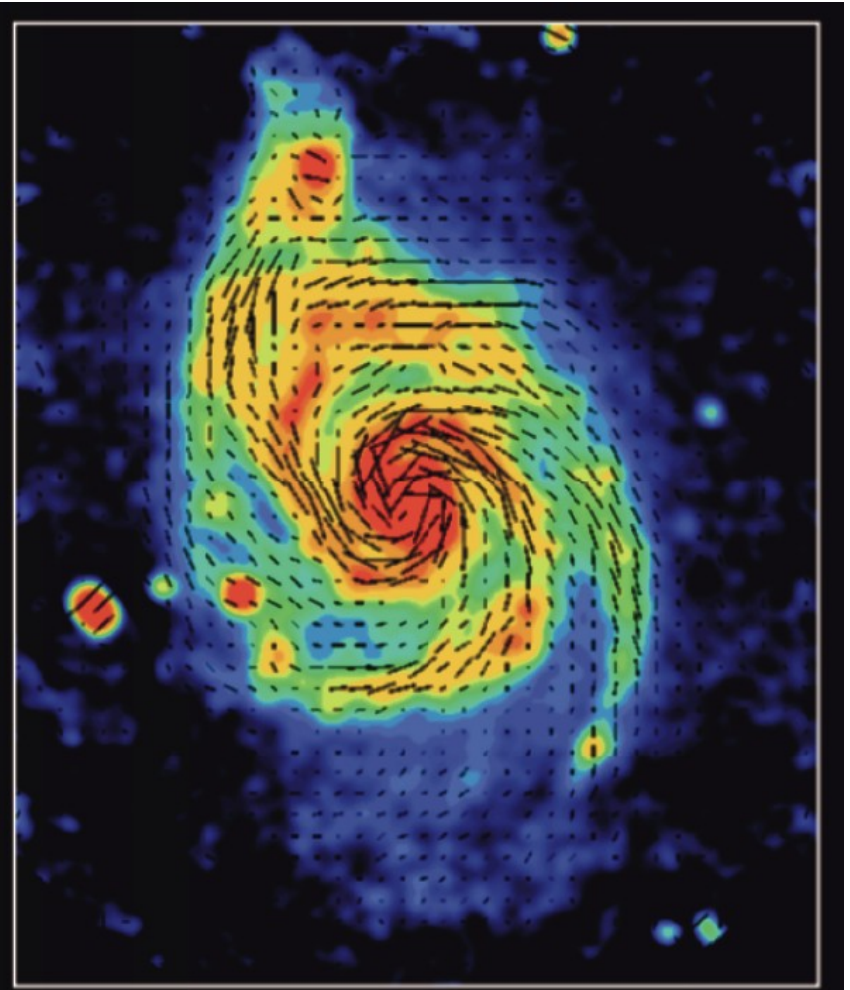
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Magnetic Field Orientation in Galaxies



Radio Continuum

Beck, Horellou, Neiningen

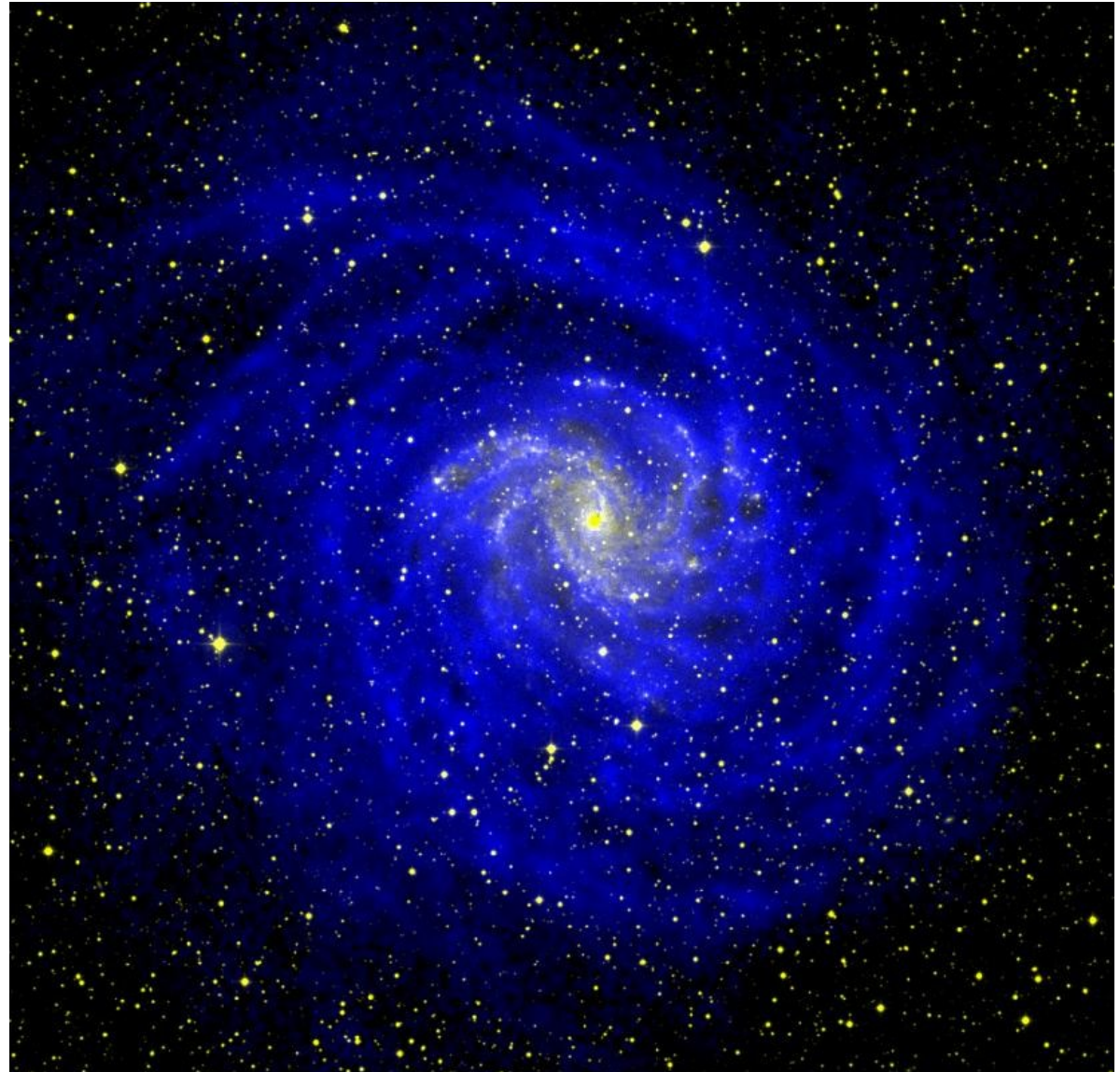


Lines=Magnetic Field Orientation

www.nrao.edu/imagegallery

Neutral Hydrogen in Galaxies

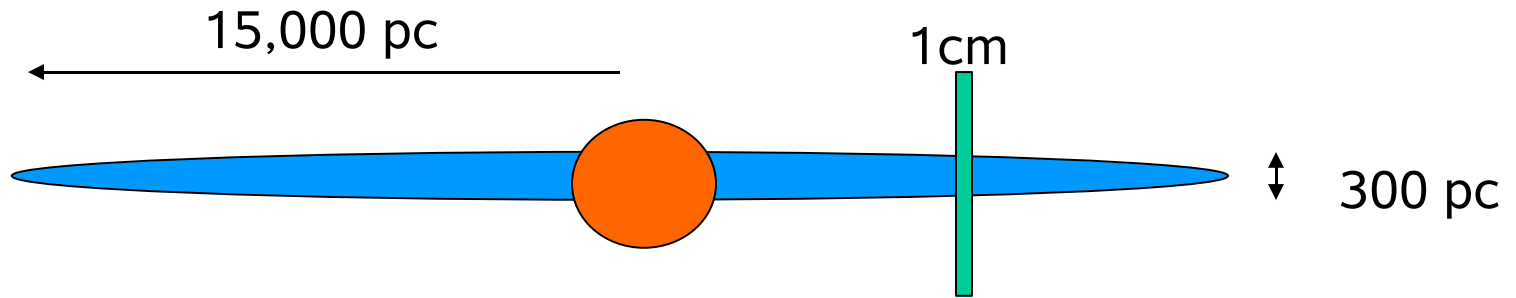
- B/W=optical image of NGC 6946 from Digital Sky Survey
- Blue=Westerbork Synthesis Radio Telescope 21 cm image of Neutral Hydrogen
- Neutral Hydrogen is the raw fuel for all star formation
- Hydrogen usually much more extended than stars



Why can we see 21cm line of neutral Hydrogen?

- A single Hydrogen atom will emit a single 21cm photon once every 11 Myr
- Typical Density in Interstellar Medium ~ 0.1 atom per cubic cm
 - Compare to density of sugar cube: 2×10^{21} molecules per cubic cm
 - Density of best vacuum: 1 Million atoms per cubic cm
- But...Galaxies are big
 - HI layer ~ 300 parsecs (pc) thick
 $1\text{pc} = 3.08 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}$
 - Radius of “typical” spiral galaxy $\sim 15,000 \text{ pc}$

Why can we see 21cm line of neutral Hydrogen?



- Number of hydrogen atoms in column 1cm across and 300 pc thick:

Number = density times volume

$$= 0.1 \text{ atoms/cm}^{-3} \times 300 \text{ pc} \times 3.08 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm/pc} \times 1 \text{ cm}^2$$

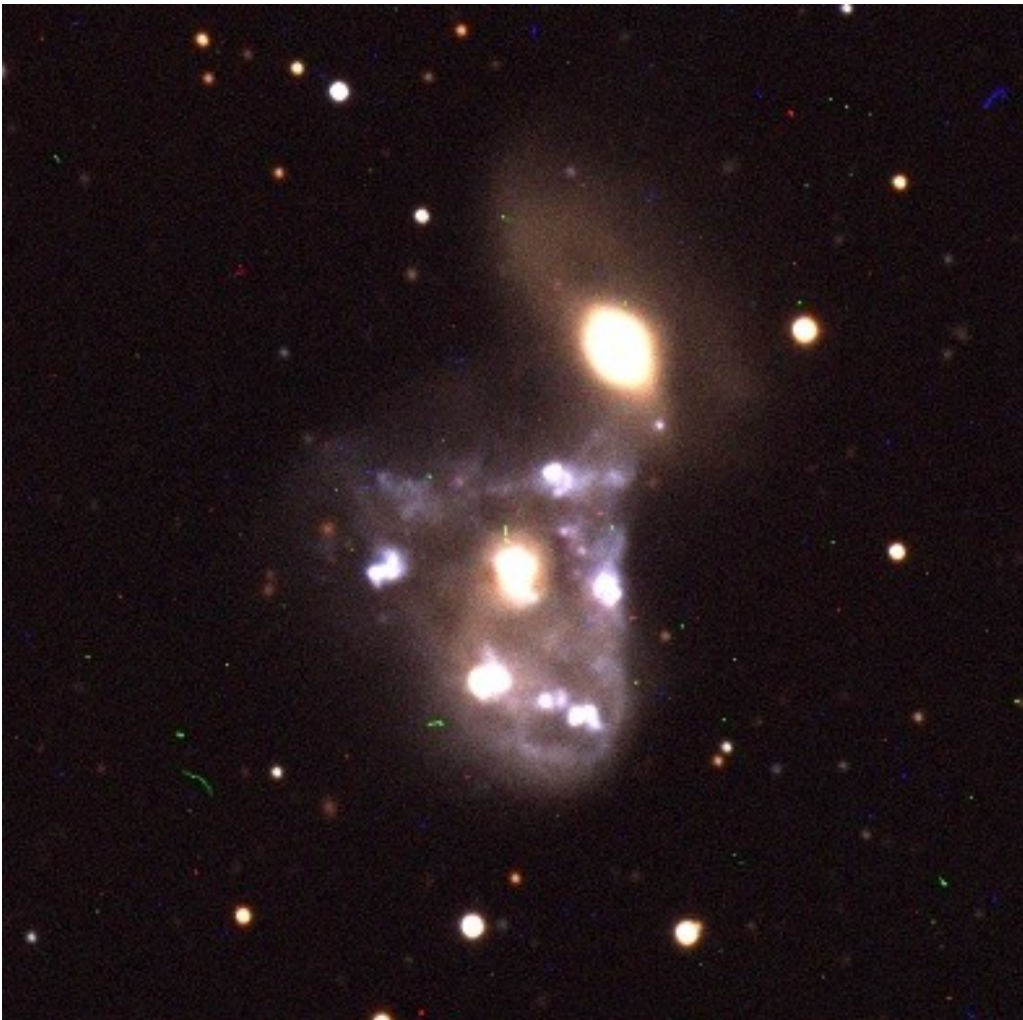
$$\sim 1 \times 10^{20} \text{ atoms (100 billion billion)}$$

Why can we see 21cm line of neutral Hydrogen?

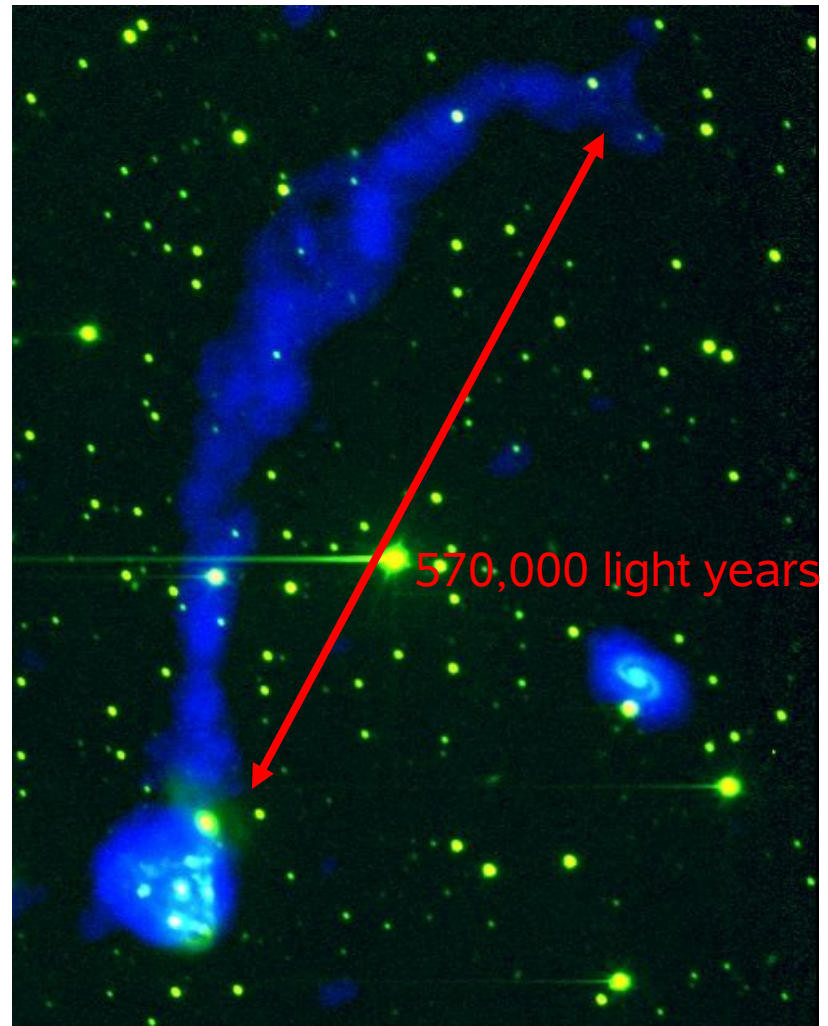
- Number of these atoms that are emitting a 21cm photon each second:
 - = Number of atoms times rate of emission
 - = $1 \times 10^{20} \times 3 \times 10^{-15}$ atoms/sec
 - = 300,000 atoms each second each 1 cm^2 area
- Number of atoms in typical galaxy emitting each second
 - = number per unit area times total area
 - = $300,000 \text{ atoms/cm}^2 \times (\pi r^2)$
 - = $300,000 \times 3.1415 \times (15,000 \text{ pc} \times 3.08 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm/pc})^2$
 - $\sim 2 \times 10^{51}$ atoms each second

21 cm Spectral Line Observations

Often find things you'd never guess from optical light



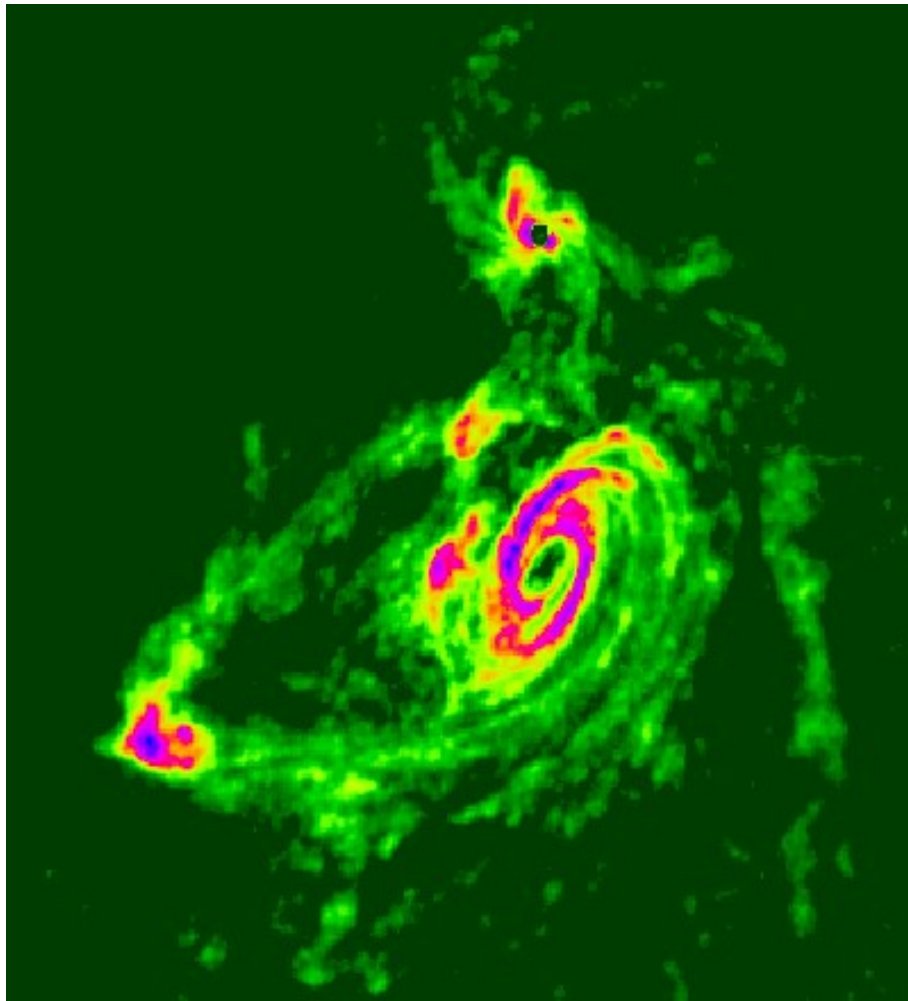
Optical Image of Ring Galaxy Arp 143



VLA 21cm observation Appleton et al. 1987

21 cm Spectral Line Observations

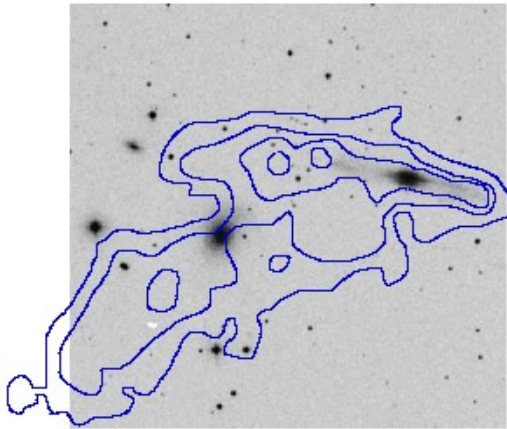
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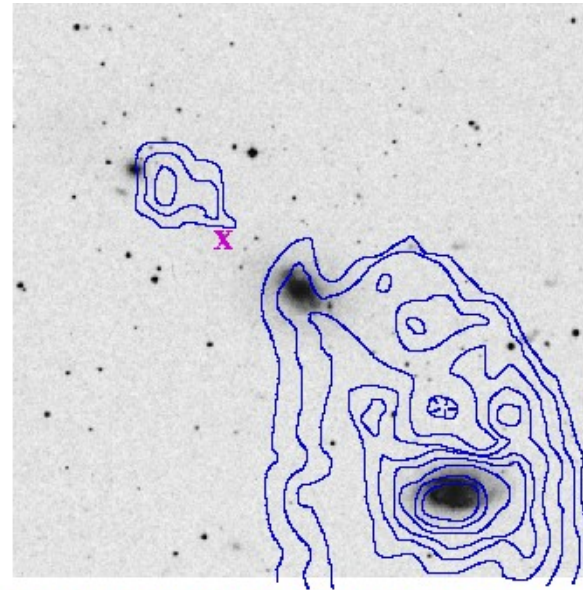
VLA 12-pointing mosaic Yun et al. 1994

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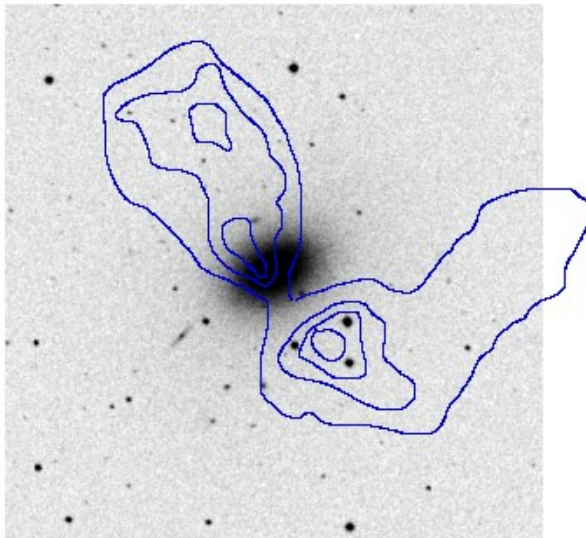
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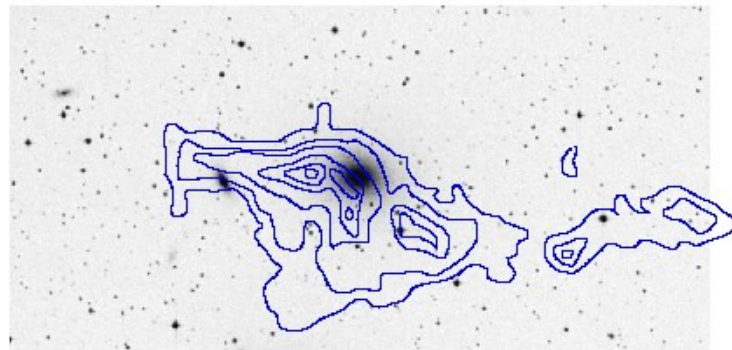
NGC 678+680, Sb+Epec, van Moorsel 1988



NGC 2964+2968+2970, Sb+I0+E1 with extragalactic SNe
van Gorkom & Tyson, in prep



NGC 1052, E4, Sy2, van Gorkom et al. 1986

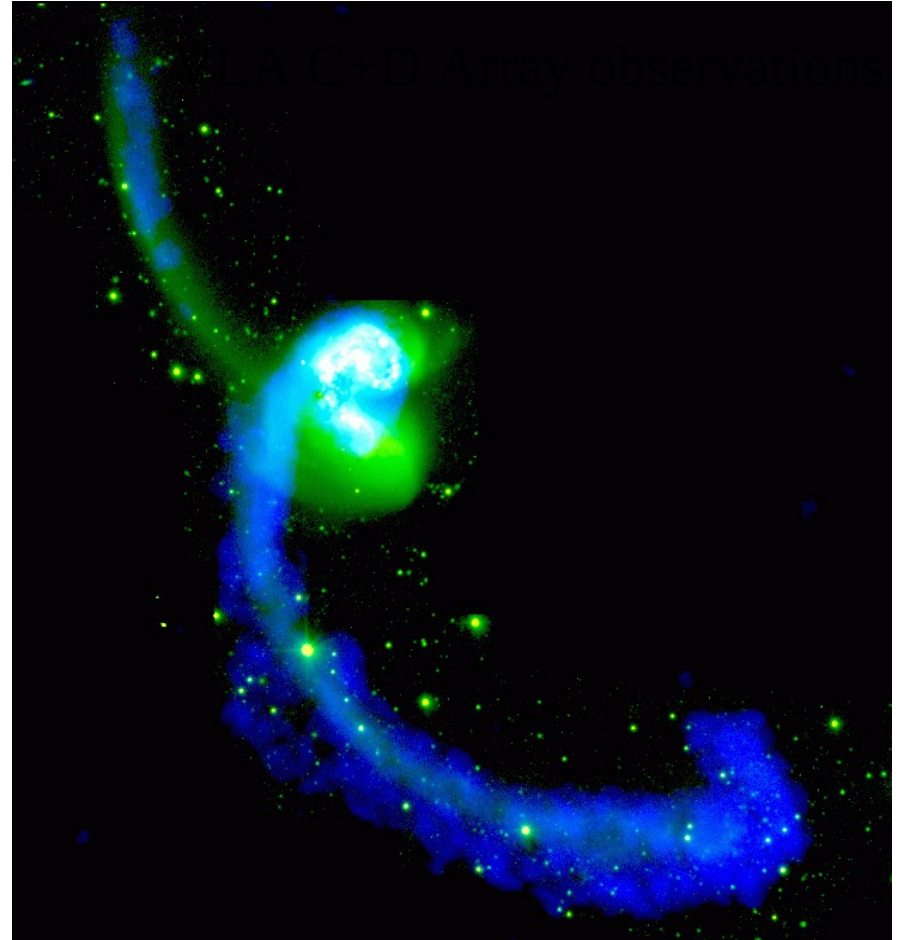


NGC 5903, E2, Appleton, Pedlar & Wilkinson 1990

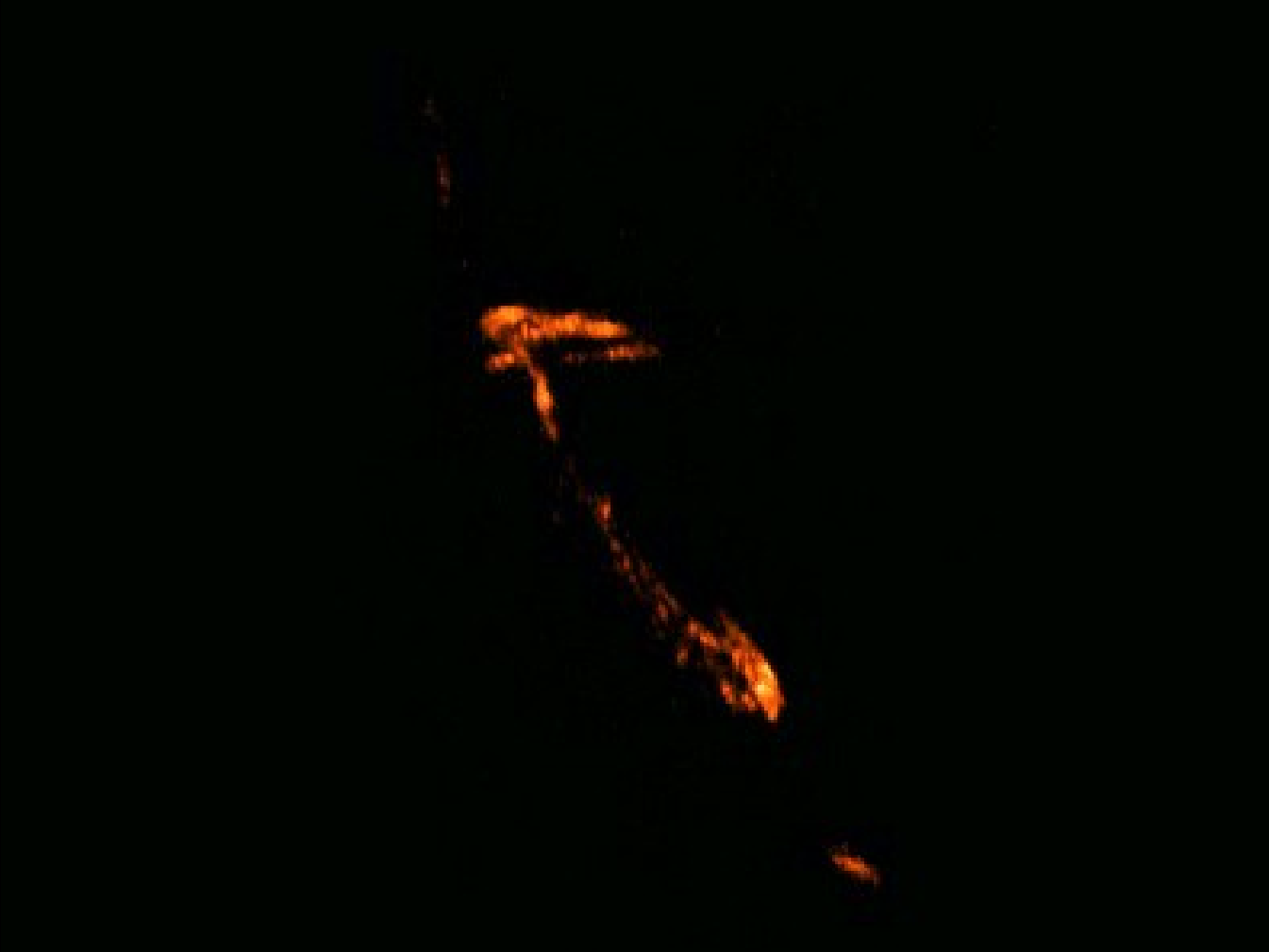
Spectral Line Observations also provide velocity information



CTIO 0.9m Optical image

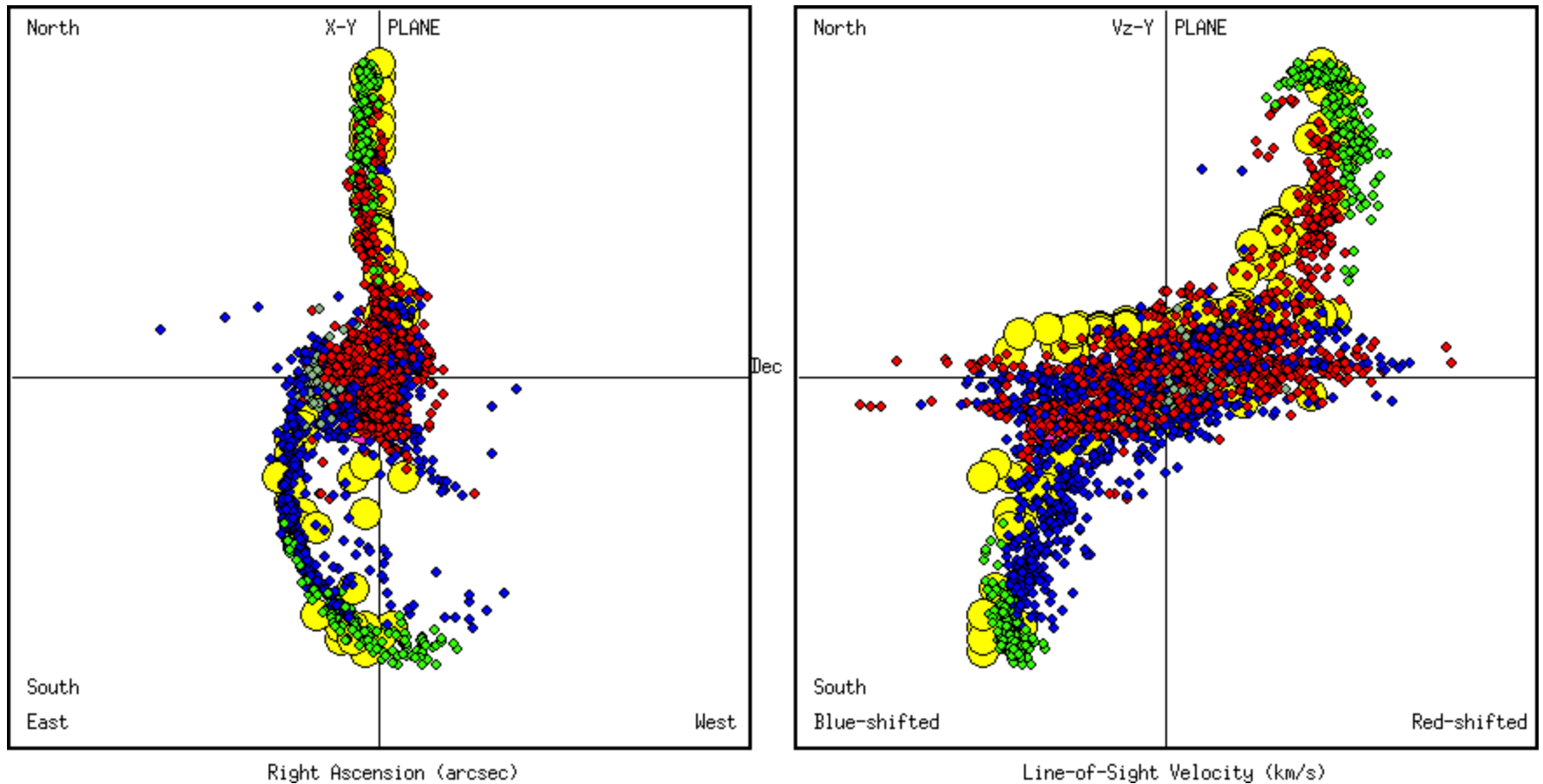


Optical image (green) + VLA 21cm (blue)

The image displays a 3D visualization of a rotating neutral hydrogen 'velocity cube'. The structure is a complex, elongated, and somewhat irregular shape, rendered in a bright orange-red color against a black background. It appears to be a volume of data, possibly representing the distribution of neutral hydrogen in a galaxy, with a central, denser region and several smaller, distinct clumps or filaments extending outwards. The overall shape is somewhat elongated along one axis, with a more complex, multi-lobed structure in the other directions. The color is a vibrant orange-red, suggesting a specific physical property or intensity of the neutral hydrogen emission.

Rotating “Velocity cube” of neutral hydrogen

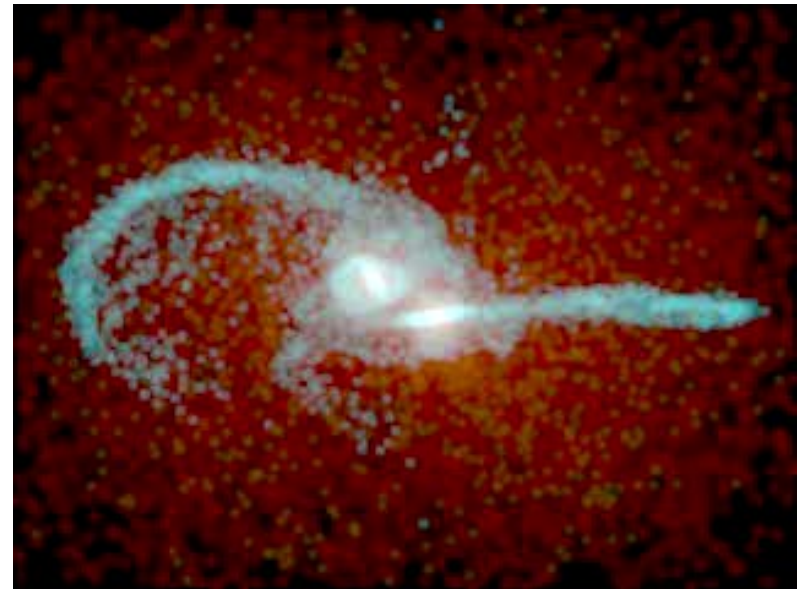
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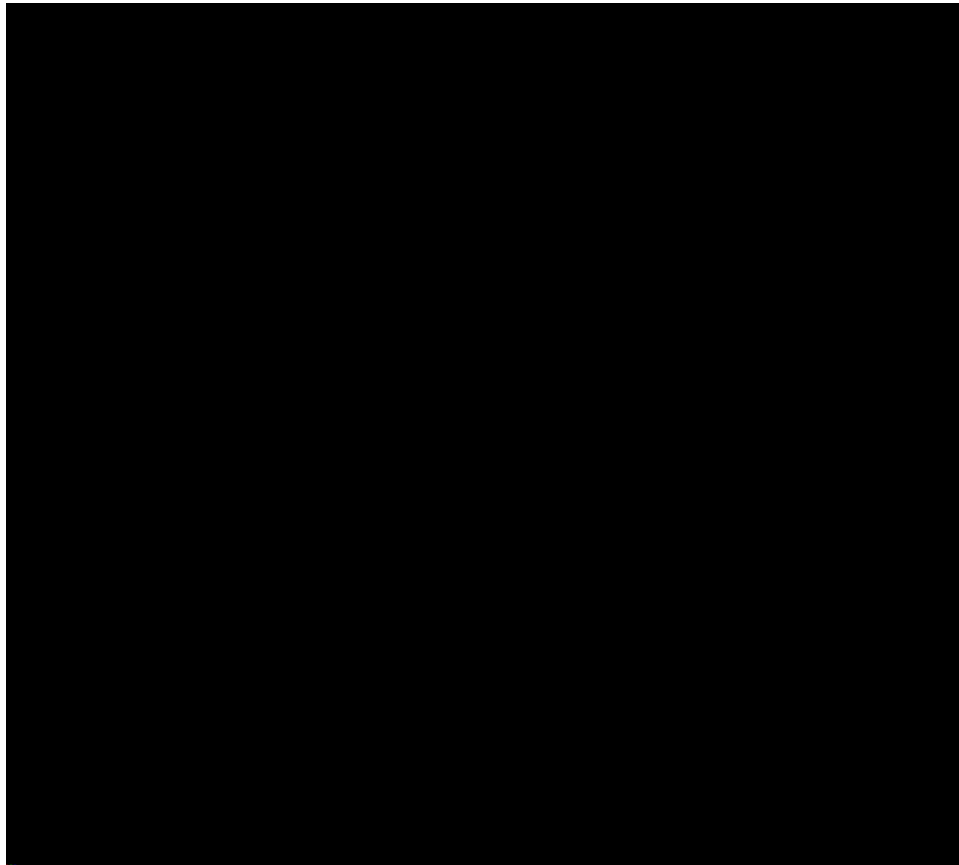
Spatial and Velocity information help motivate physical models

N-body simulation of NGC 4676 “The Mice” Hibbard & Barnes, in preparation

N-body simulations
provide past/future
evolution and 3-D
geometry

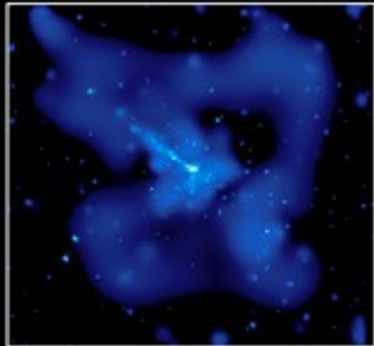


Information from Radio compliments that from other wavelengths



Information from Radio compliments that from other wavelengths

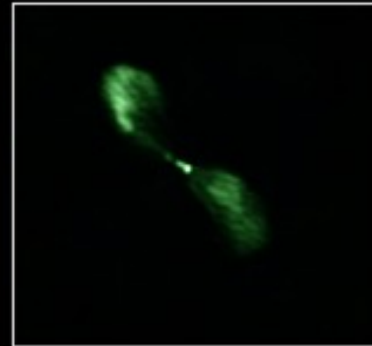
X-ray: Karovska et al.
Optical: DSS
Radio Continuum: NVSS
21cm: Schiminovich et al.



CHANDRA X-RAY



DSS OPTICAL



NRAO RADIO
CONTINUUM

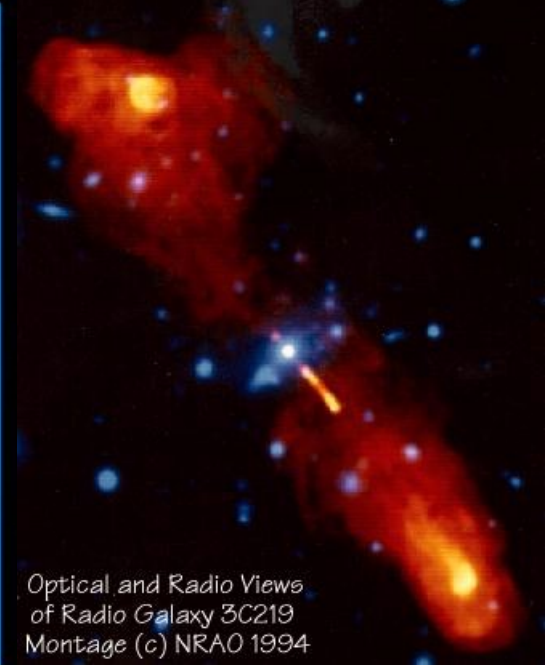
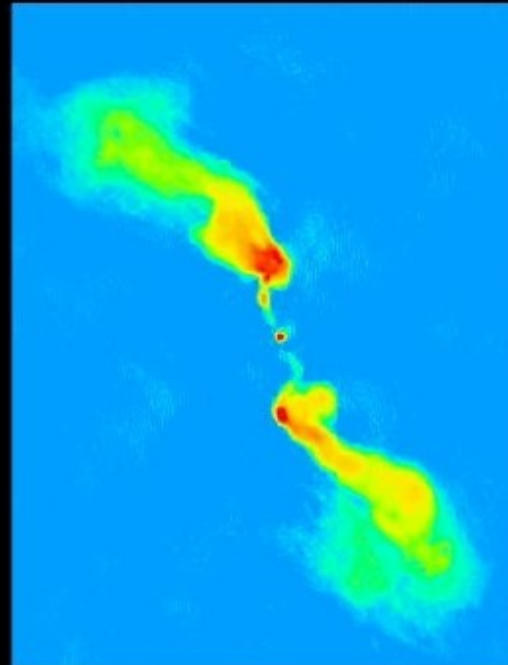
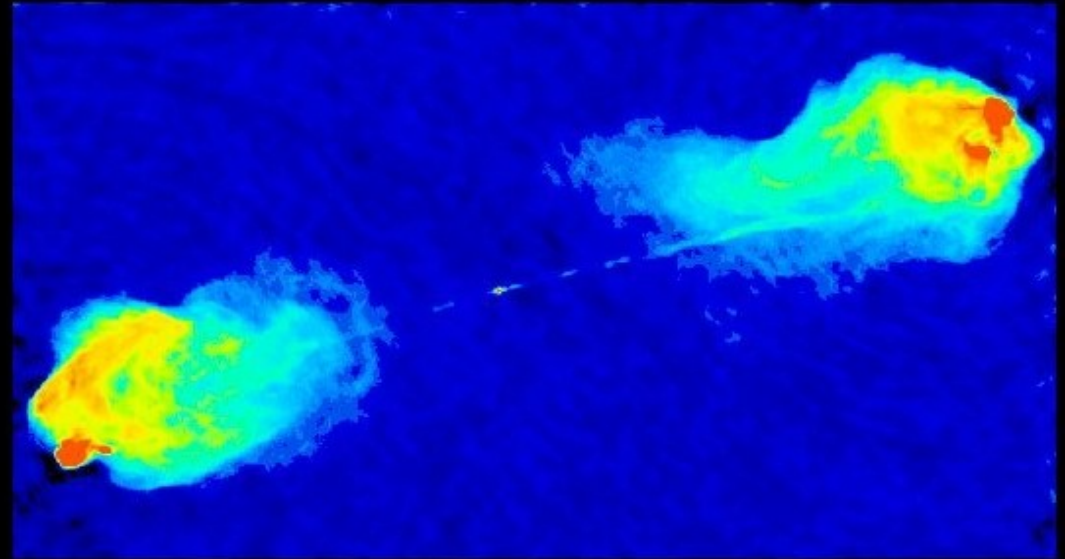


NRAO RADIO
(21-CM)

Radio Jets

- Cosmic jets are ubiquitous
- They range from extragalactic jets to microquasars in our Galaxy
- Central black hole masses range from 1 to billions of solar masses
- Found in ~10% of quasars or other active galactic nuclei

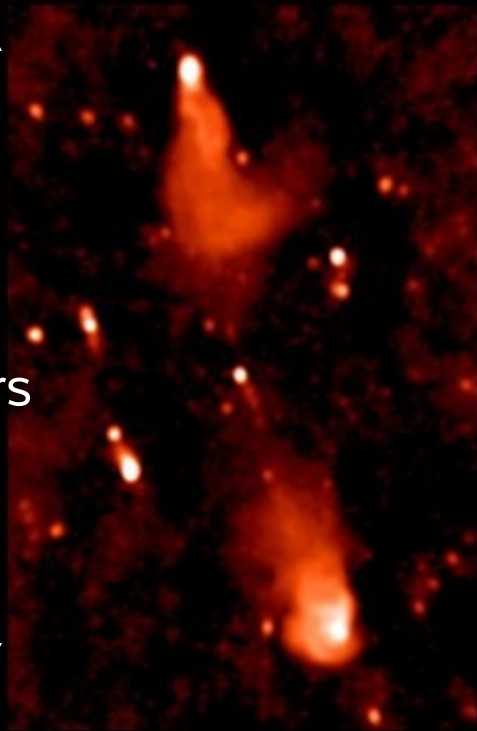
Cosmic Jets Viewed by the VLA



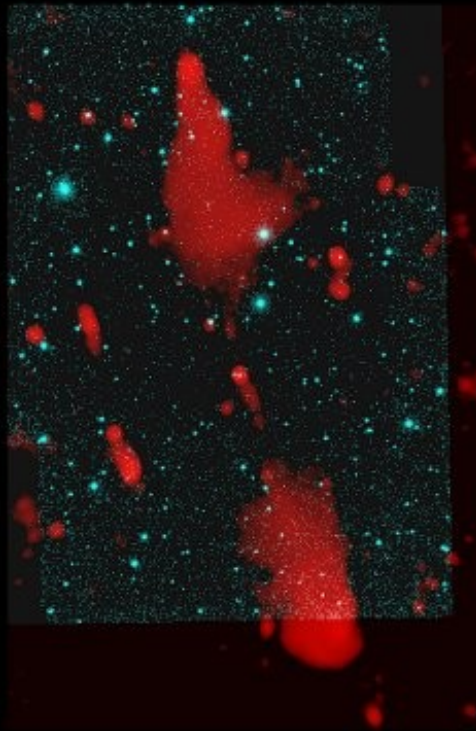
Optical and Radio Views
of Radio Galaxy 3C219
Montage (c) NRAO 1994

Radio Jets

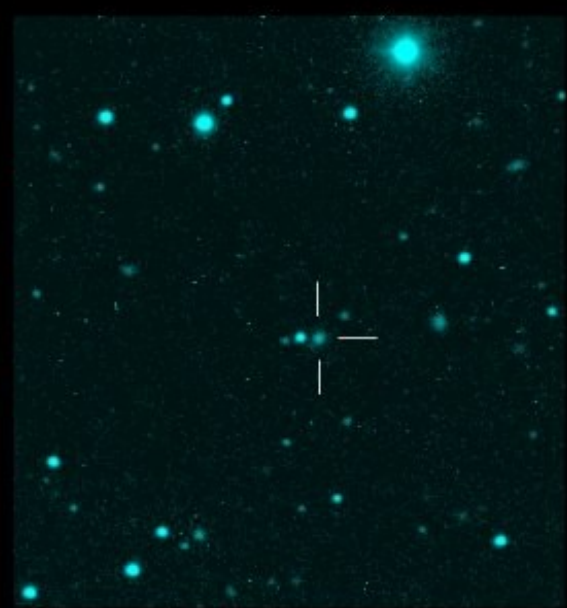
200 kpc
650,000
light years



VLA radio (20cm) image



Radio/optical superposition



Optical identification

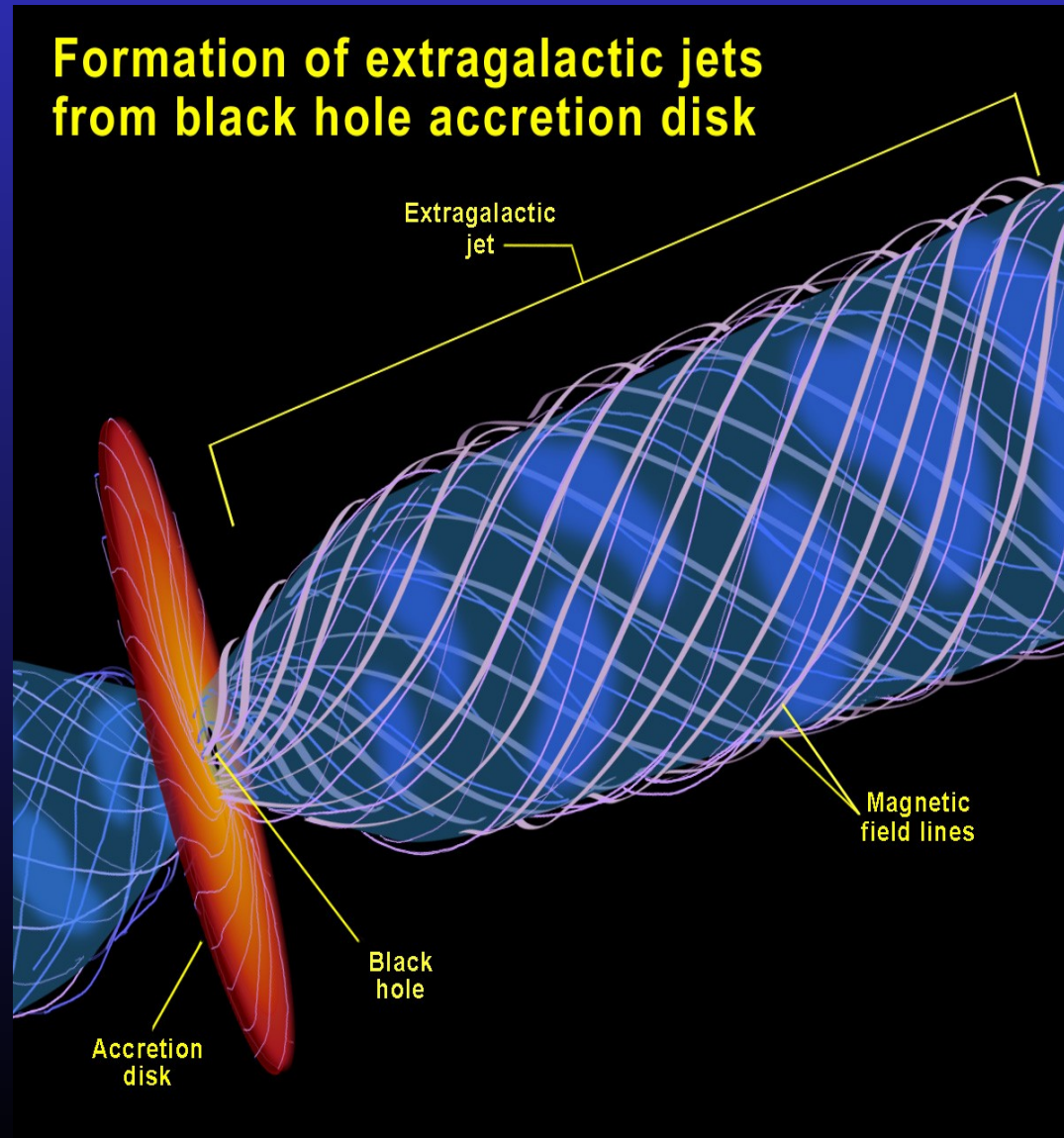
Optical quasar

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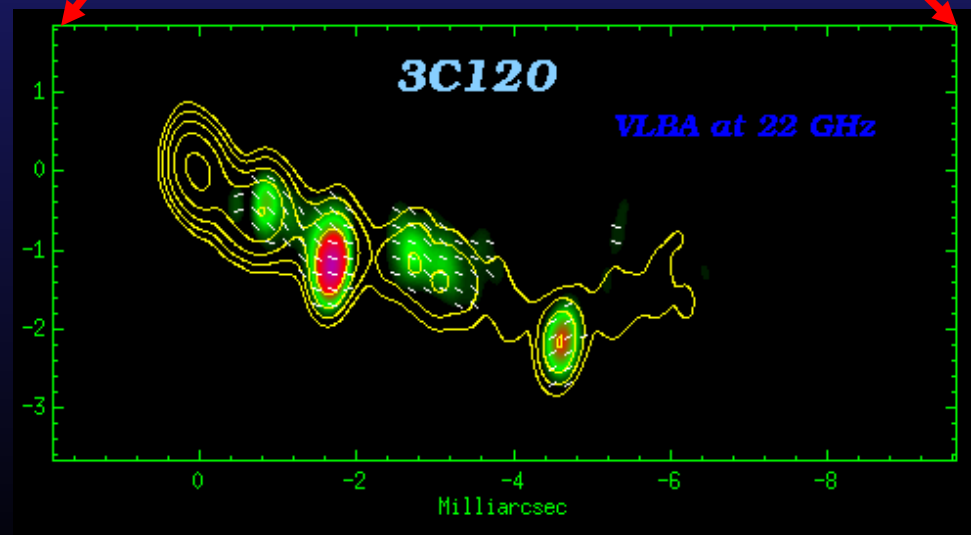
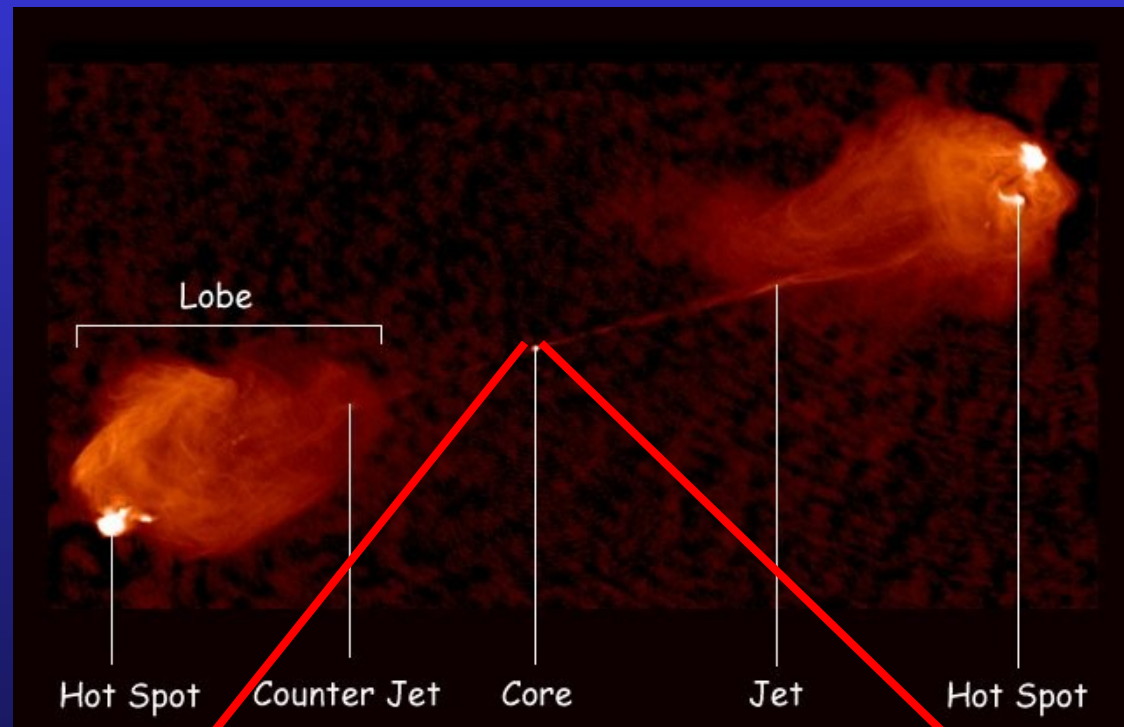
An exclusively radio
phenomena

Jet Mechanism:

- Accretion of gas onto a massive central black hole releases tremendous amounts of energy
- Magnetic field collimates outflow and accelerates particles to close to the speed of light



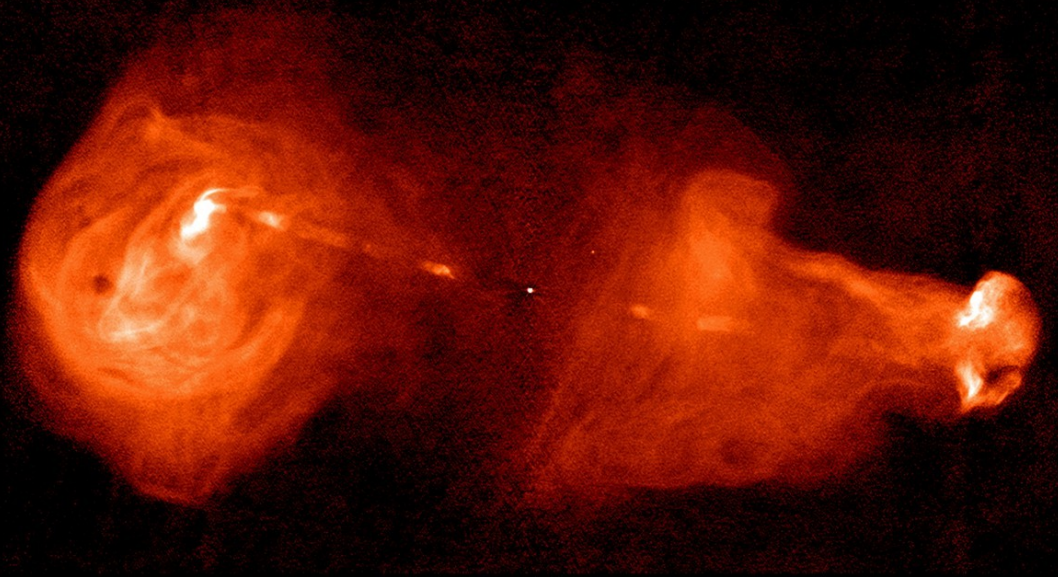
VLBA Time- Elapsed Observations of the Innermost Regions of a Jet



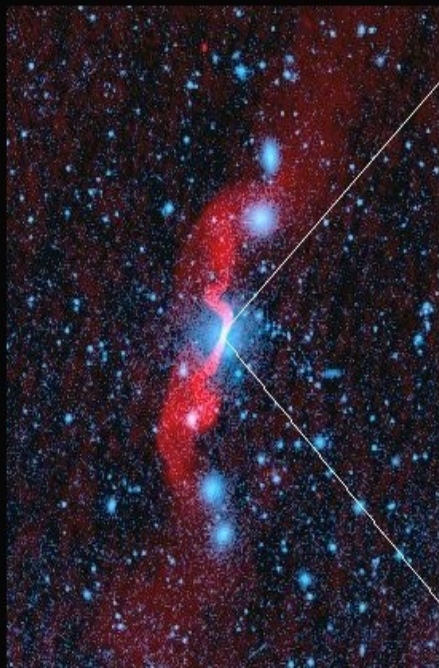
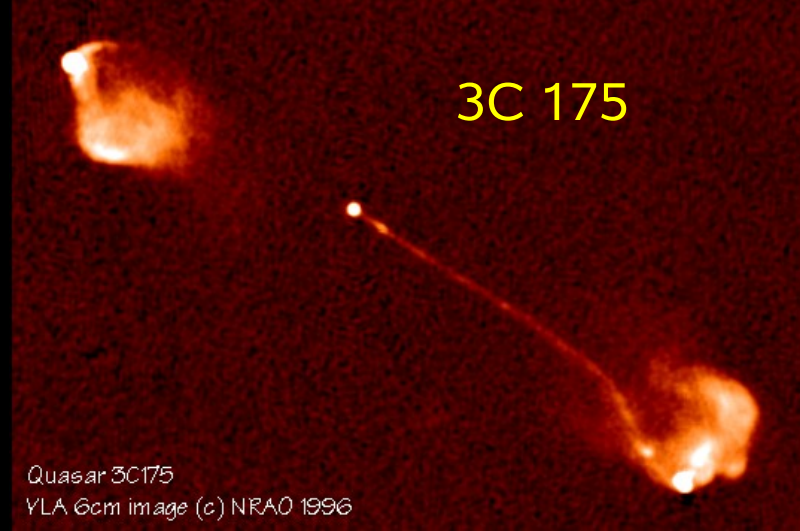


AGN Artistic Simulation by Steffen & Gomez

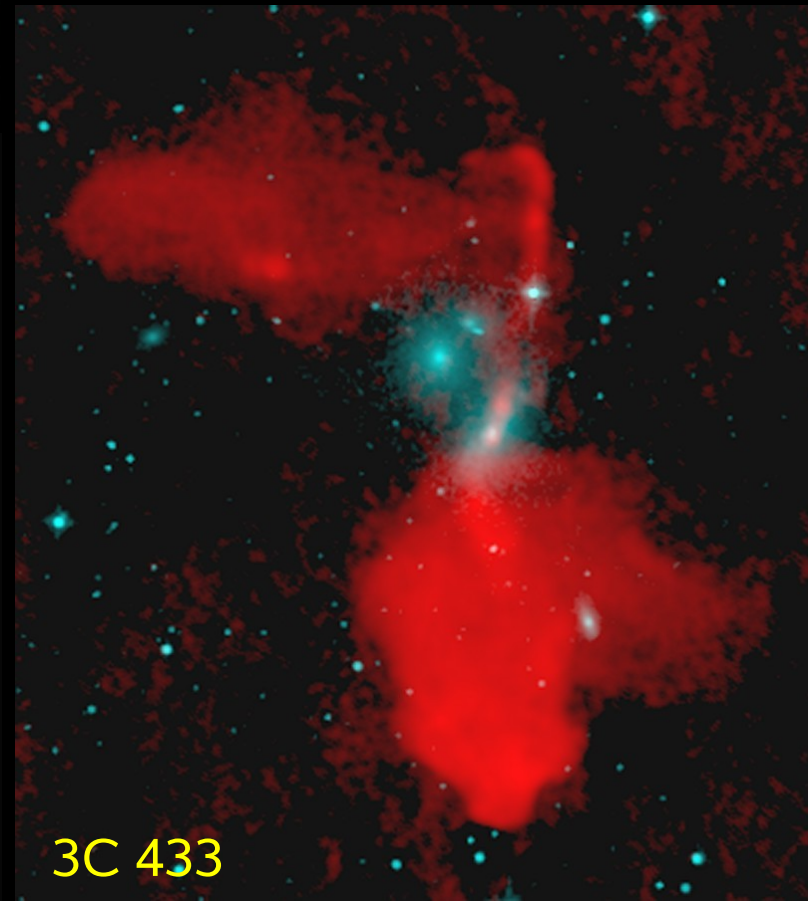
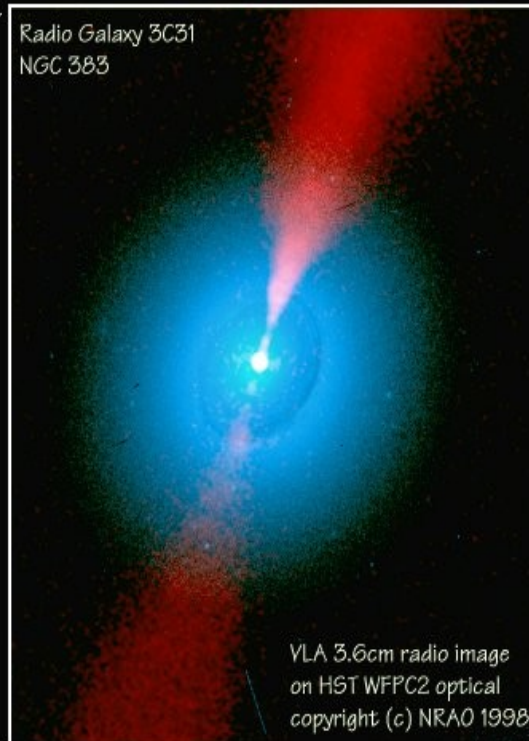
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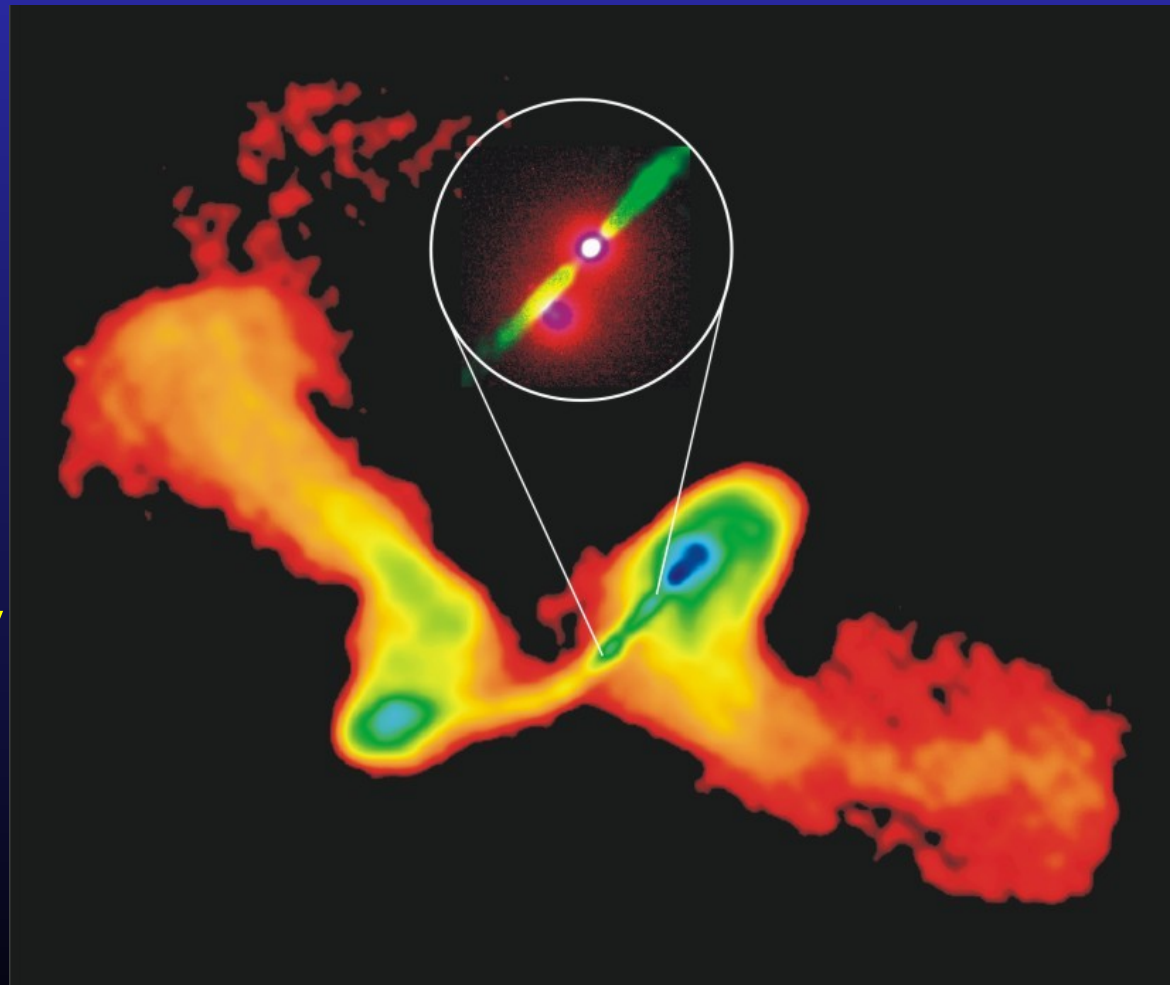
Radio Galaxy 3C31
NGC 383



3C 433

NGC 326: “Smoking Gun” of Colliding Black Holes

- Inset HST optical image shows two nuclei, presumably the result of two galaxies merging
- “X-shaped radio jets show radi axis has flipped
- It is thought that only another black hole can realign a black hole jet



M87 = Virgo A

VLA 20cm

800 pc

10"

VLA 90cm

25 kpc

5'

VLA 2cm

400 pc

5"

HST

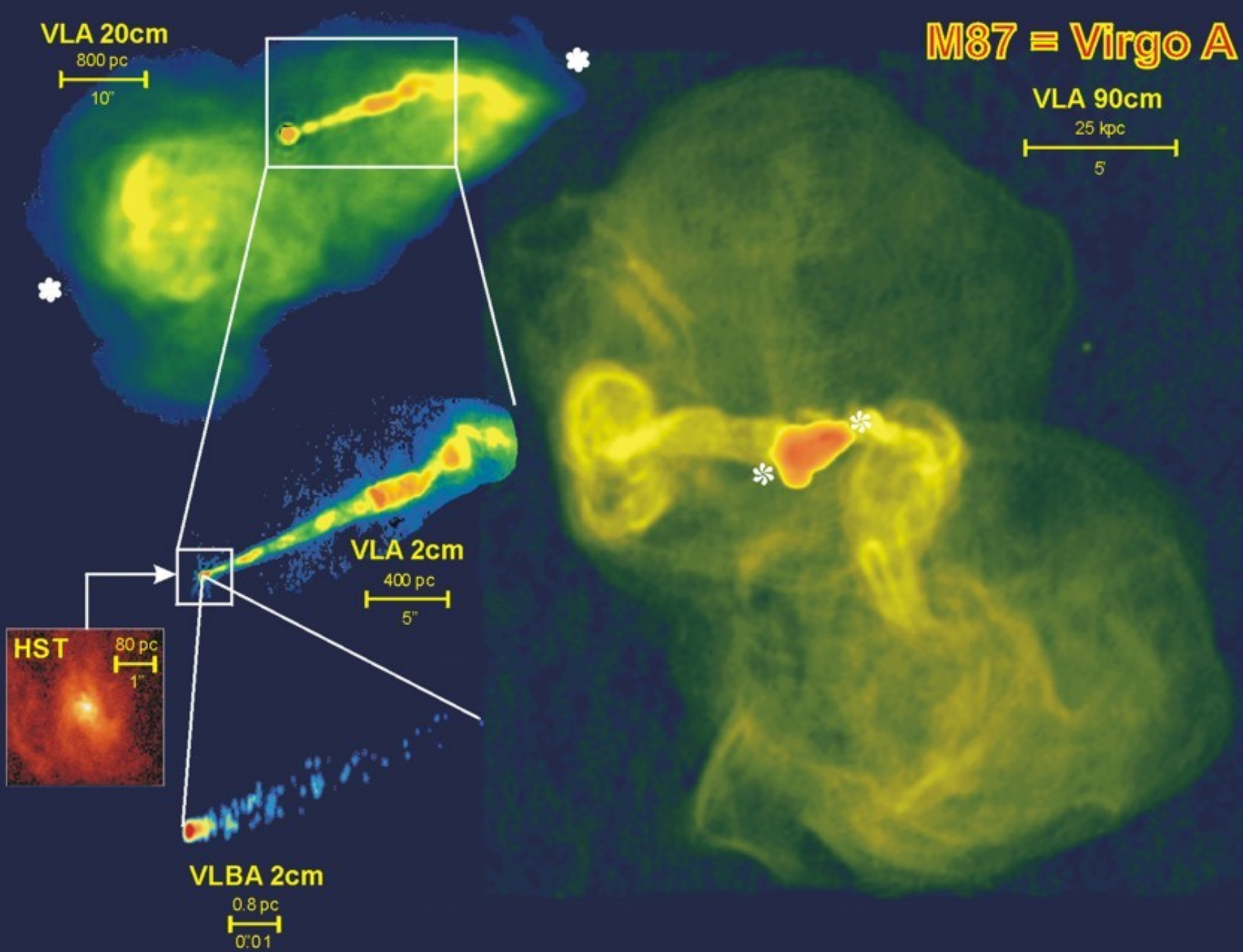
80 pc

1"

VLBA 2cm

0.8 pc

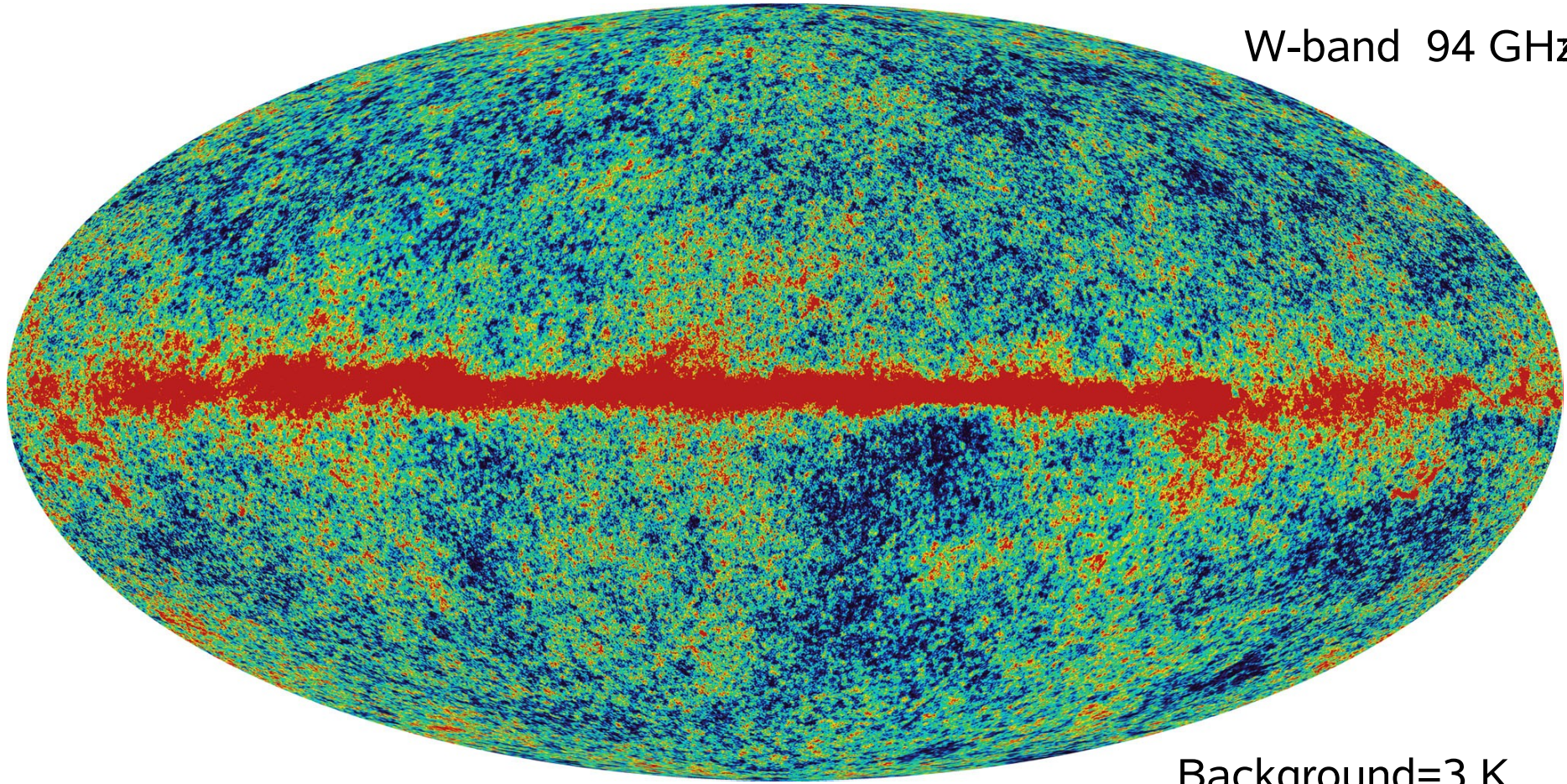
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Wilkinson Microwave Anisotropy Probe (WMAP)

map.gsfc.nasa.gov

W-band 94 GHz



Background=3 K
blackbody radiation

Shepherding in the era of “Precision Cosmology”

So What's Next for Radio Astronomy?

- 2003-2013:
 - EVLA: making the VLA ten times better
 - ALMA: VLA for the sub-millimeter
 - ATA: SETI lives on
- 2008-2030+
 - FASR: solar array
 - LOFAR: low frequency array
 - SKA: collecting area of 75 VLA's



The VLA Expansion Project: 21st Century Astrophysics with the VLA



EVLA - The Expanded Very Large Array

Built on the infrastructure of the current VLA, including its 27 antennas of 25-meter diameter, the EVLA will incorporate state-of-the-art electronics to replace present equipment dating to the 1970s and may include approximately eight new stations as distant as 250 kilometers from the current array. These features will improve the scientific capabilities of the instrument by a factor of 10 in all key observational parameters.

EVLA - Improved Capabilities

Sensitivity:

Continuum sensitivity improvement by up to a factor of 5 (below 10 GHz) to more than 20 (between 10 and 50 GHz).

Frequency Accessibility:

Operation at any frequency between 1.0 and 50 GHz, and potentially to as low as 300 MHz.

Spectral Capabilities:

As many as 262,144 frequency channels will provide flexible, variable resolutions between 1 MHz and 1 Hz.

Spatial Resolution:

Maximum resolution ranging from 0.004 arcsec at 50 GHz to 0.2 arcsec at 1 GHz, complementing the higher resolution of the VLBA.

Implementing the EVLA

The VLA Expansion Project will combine modern technologies with the sound design of the existing VLA to produce a tenfold increase in scientific capabilities for much less than the inflation-adjusted cost of the VLA. The project consists of two phases, with the second phase projected to start midway through implementation of the first phase. The design and development effort for Phase I has now formally begun. A proposal for the Phase II part of the project is currently under development.

Phase I - The Ultrasensitive Array

The Phase I EVLA consists of : wideband receiver systems, a state-of-the-art, flexible correlator, a fiber-optic data transmission system, all new digital electronics, a new powerful on-line control system, and the 27 existing VLA antennas.



Phase II - The New Mexico Array

In Phase II of the EVLA construction, approximately 8 new stations at distances of up to 300 km from the VLA will be brought on-line. The new antennas and some inner VLBA antennas will be connected to the VLA by fiber-optics links.



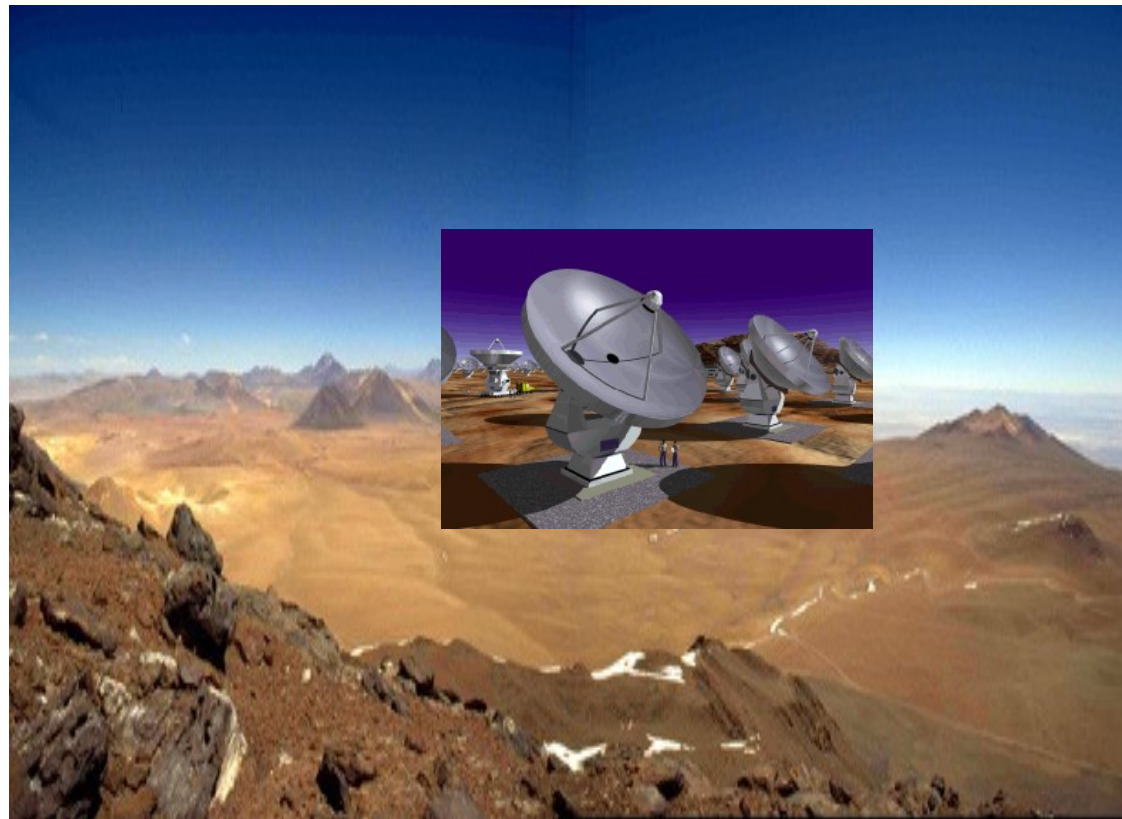
Atacama Large Millimeter Array

A project of the National Science Foundation and the National Research Foundation of Canada through the North American Project for Radio Astronomy via its partners, Associated Universities, Inc. operating the National Radio Astronomy Observatory, and the Herzberg Institute of Astronomy and the European Southern Observatory and its partners The Centre national de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), France; Max Planck Gesellschaft (MPG), Germany; The Netherlands Foundation for research in Astronomy, (NFR); Nederlandse Onderzoekschool Voor Astronomie, (NOVA); The United Kingdom Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council, (PPARC); The Swedish Natural Science Research Council, (NFR); and the Ministry de Ciencia y Tecnologia and Instituto Geografico Nacional (IGN,) (Spain)

EuB



- ALMA will be an array of 64 precision engineered antennas deployed in the Atacama desert in the high Andes in Chile. Configurable array, like the VLA, to provide a zoom-lens capability.
- Most of the energy in the Universe lies at submillimeter/millimeter wavelengths yet we cannot image the sources of this energy with reasonable detail. ALMA will reach the sensitivity of current submm telescopes in seconds, with resolutions reaching 10mas.
- ALMA has been endorsed as the highest priority project for the next decade by the astronomical communities of the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, France, the Netherlands and Japan (the latter as LMSA). Planned completion in 2012.



Al Wootten, ALMA/US Project Scientist



The Allen Telescope Array

- First telescope designed specifically for the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence (SETI)
- Array of 350 commercial satellite dishes, 6m in diameter. More collecting area than the GBT
- Will speed SETI targeted searching by 100x
 - Will target from 100,000 to 1 million nearby stars
 - Will scan 100 million radio channels
- Start-up scheduled for 2005



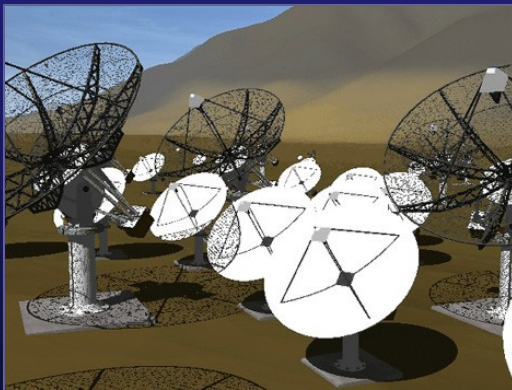
Proposed Radio Instruments:



2008: Low-Frequency Array (LOFAR)

A low-frequency (10–240 MHz) multi-beam-forming array composed of ~100 antenna “stations” each containing ~100 individual antenna, spread over an area of ~400 km. Will open a new window on the Universe

www.lofar.org



2009: Frequency Agile Solar Radiotelescope (FASR)

A multi-frequency (~0.1 – 30 GHz) imaging array composed of ~100 antennas for imaging the Sun with high spectral, spatial, and temporal resolution.

www.ovsa.njit.edu/fasr/



2030?: Square Kilometer Array (SKA)

A multi-frequency (~0.1 – 3 GHz?) imaging array with a collecting area of 1 square kilometer.

www.skatelescope.org

Conclusions

- Radio astronomical imaging is a relatively young, but rapidly advancing field which will explode in the next decade
- You don't have to have a well-funded P.R. machine to churn out fascinating science