

# Molecular gas in tidal and ram-pressure stripped tails





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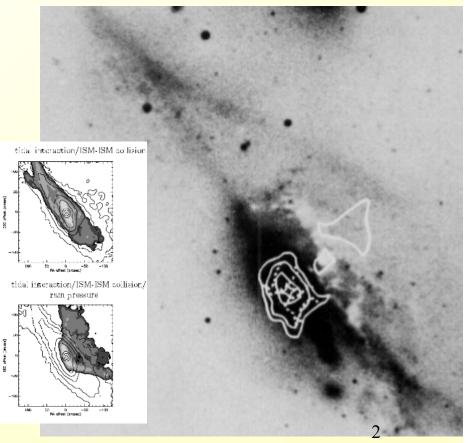
# **Tides and ram-pressure**

Both physical processes are acting, difficult to disentangle

tidal interaction

pressure

#### NGC 4438 & 4435 in Virgo First CO detections outside galaxy disks



Vollmer et al 2005

Combes et al 1988

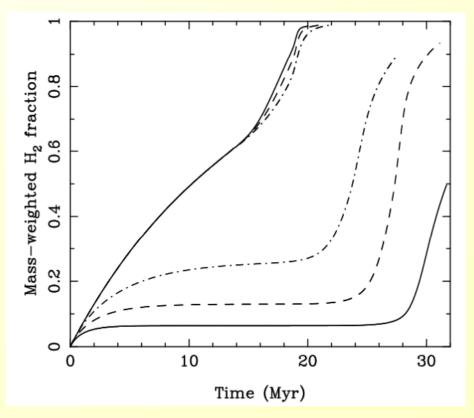
#### **Questions about CO in tails**

Molecules should be quickly destroyed in shocks, violent perturbations Where does the molecular gas come from?

→ Either from the galaxy disk
→ Or reformed in the tail from HI, after destruction?

Time-scale or reformation: A few Myr, depending on density

> Glover & McLow 2007 Glover & Clark 2012

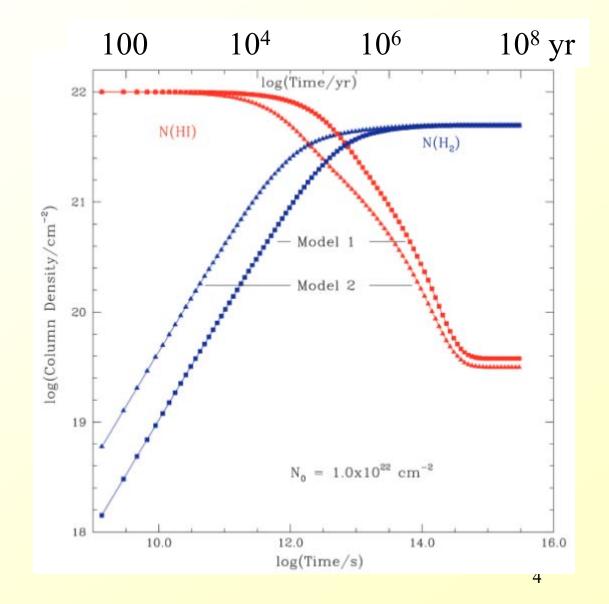


# HI to H<sub>2</sub> transition

Taking into account Photodissociation H<sub>2</sub> destruction

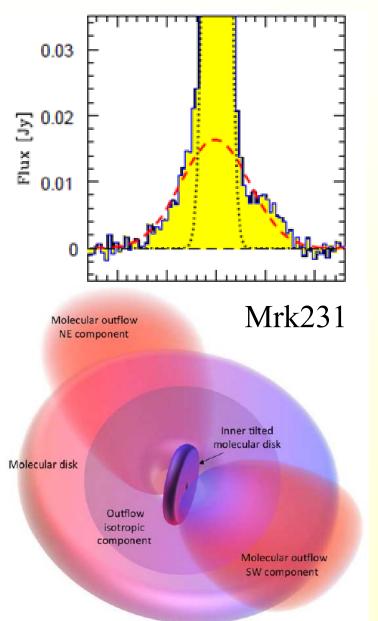
In the dense core  $HI-H_2$  transition time-scale is 3 10<sup>4</sup> yr

**Model 1:** 1.6 10<sup>4</sup>cm<sup>-3</sup> **Model 2:** 7.4 10<sup>4</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>



Goldsmith et al 2007

## Same question arises in outflows



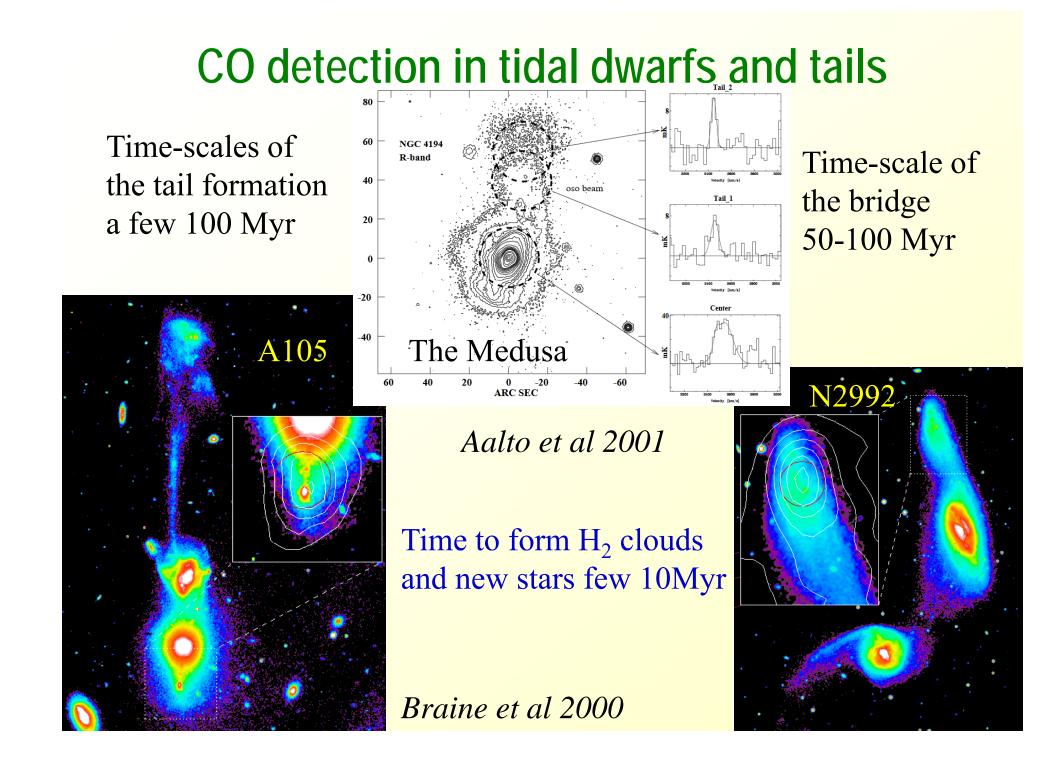
Gas shock-heated to 10<sup>6</sup>-10<sup>7</sup>K Molecules dissociated

Cooling efficient (free-free, metals)
→ Multiphase, with RT instabilities

Time-scale for cooling << 1Myr At kpc scales, →SF induced

Mrk 231 Outflow 700Mo/yr On kpc scale

Feruglio et al 2010, 2015

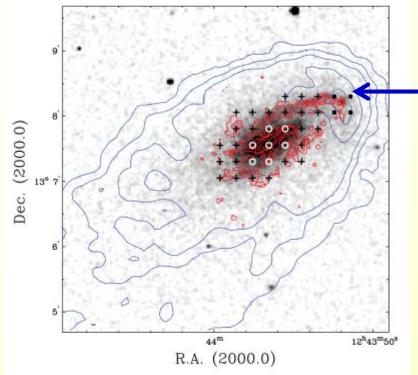


# HI to H<sub>2</sub> phase transition

N4654 in Virgo: tidal interaction 500Myr ago, + ram-pressure

Delay in H2 formation? Or problem of projection effect, beams? Or there exists CO-dark molecular hydrogen ( $\alpha$ CO)

#### HI in blue, CO in red (CARMA)

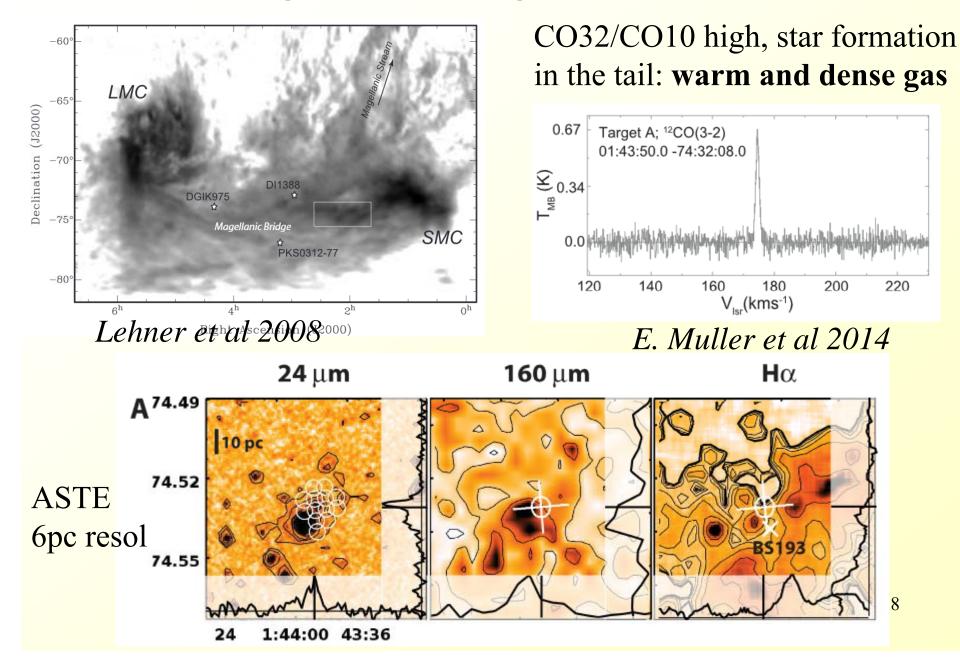


25 Mo/pc<sup>2</sup> of HI, without  $H_2$ , Low metallicity gas dragged out towards NW?

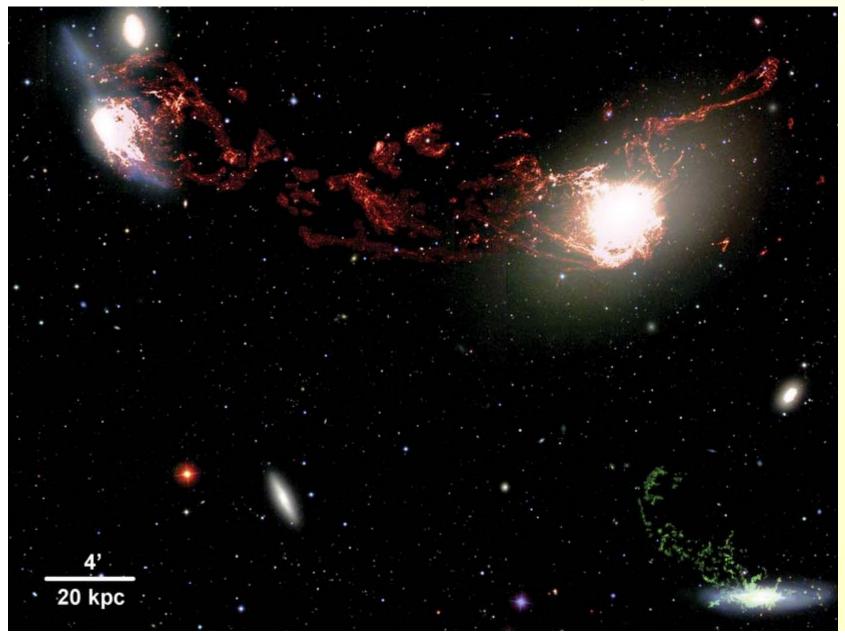
High efficiency of star formation

Chung & Kim 2014

# Magellanic bridge LMC-SMC

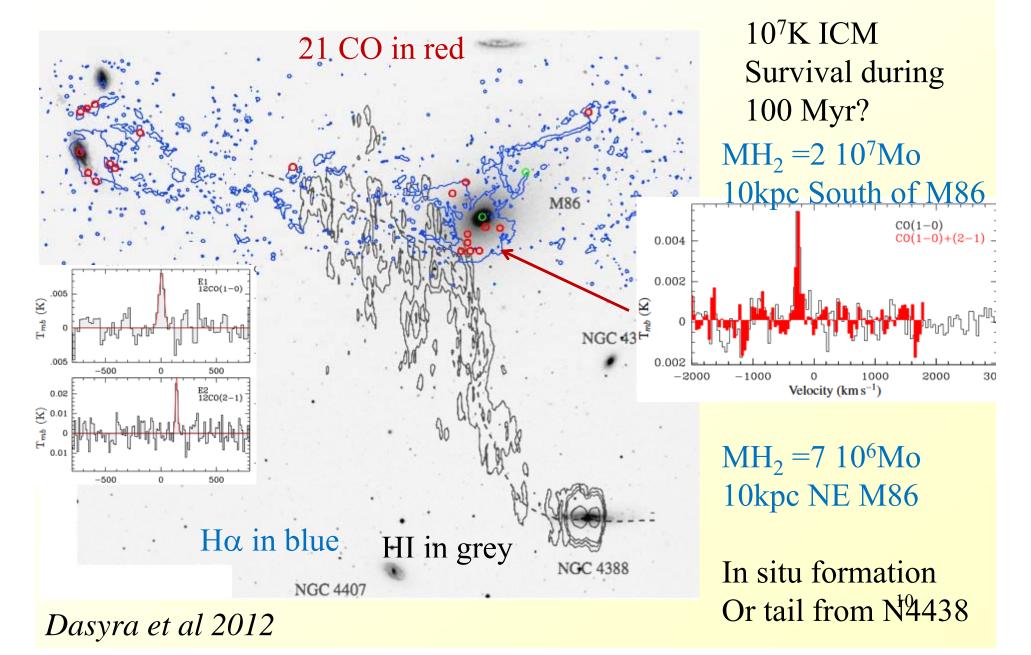


Giant H $\alpha$  tail in Virgo

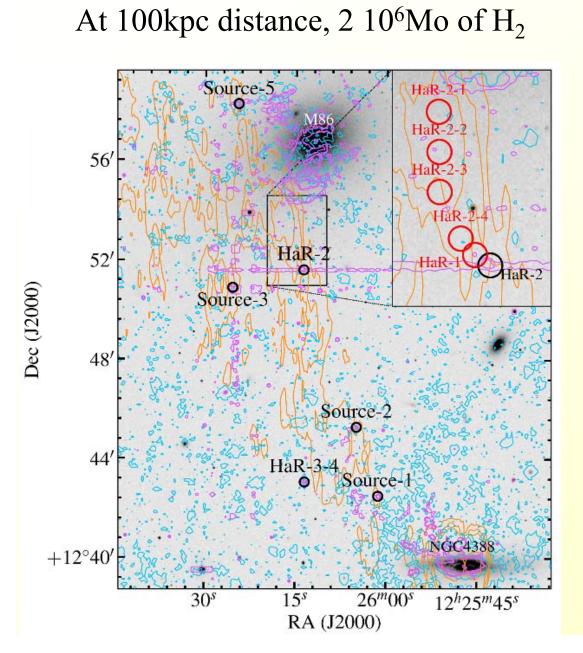


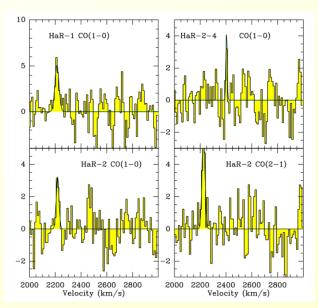
#### Kenney+ 2008

# Tail around M86 : H2 gas in hostile environment



# Tidal tail N4388 – M86

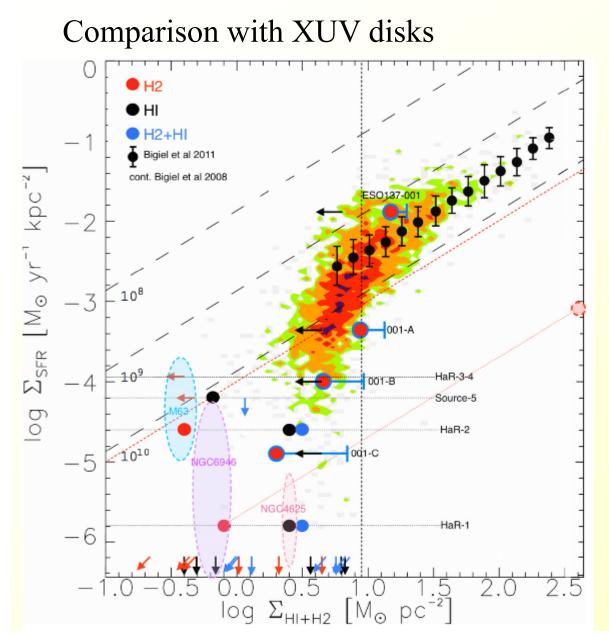




➔ Formation in situ of H<sub>2</sub> Star formation enrich the ICM Low SFE, tdep ~500Gyr

11 Verdugo et al 2015

# **Star formation efficiency**



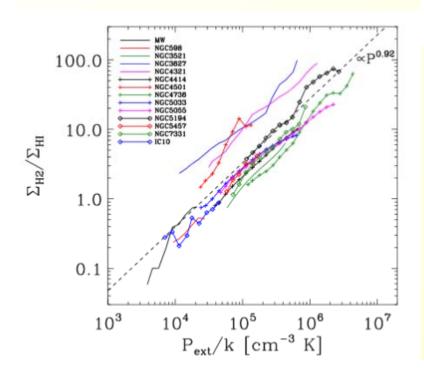
Gas in tails, and far from disks have not enough pressure from stars

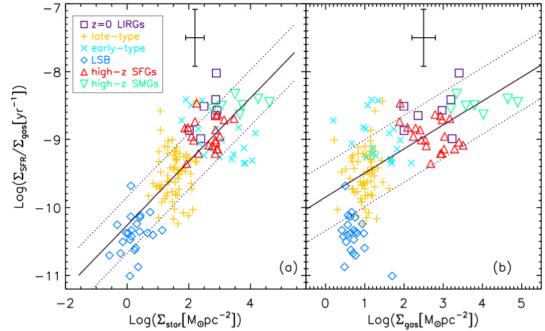
And the gas surface density is not enough for fast HI to  $H_2$  transition

Verdugo et al 2015

#### Importance of pressure

The surface density of stars is very important for the SF effeiciency





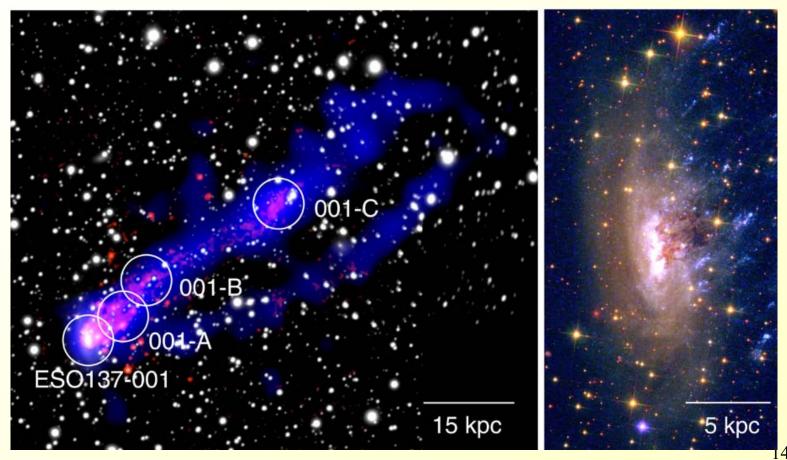
Shi, Helou et al 2011

The HI to H<sub>2</sub> transituon is favored by external pressure

*Blitz & Rosolowsky 2006* <sup>13</sup>

# **Environmental quenching**

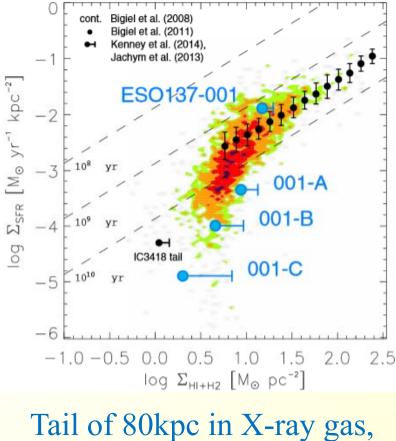
Ram pressure in clusters: in general slow: In Virgo, HI deficient, but not  $H_2$  (Kenney & Young 1989) but can be fast in exceptional cases: ESO137-001



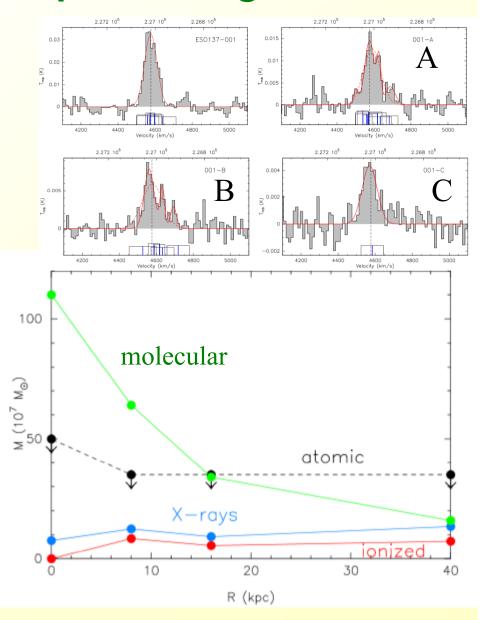
Jachym et al 2014

Norma cluster

# **Ram-pressure quenching**

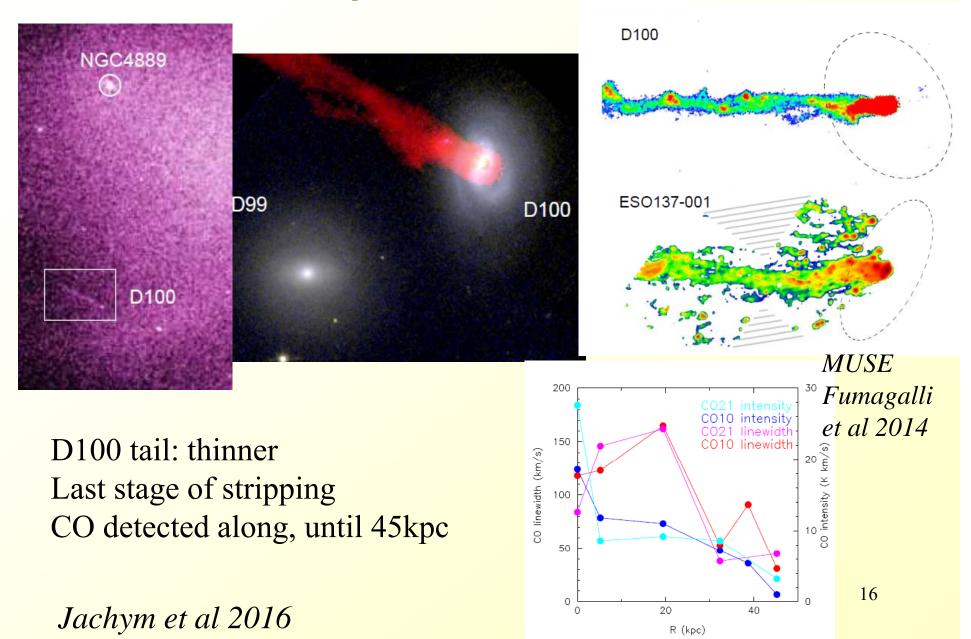


40kpc in CO  $M(H_2)$  in C =1.5 10<sup>8</sup>Mo



Jachym et al 2014

# **Ram-pressure in Coma**



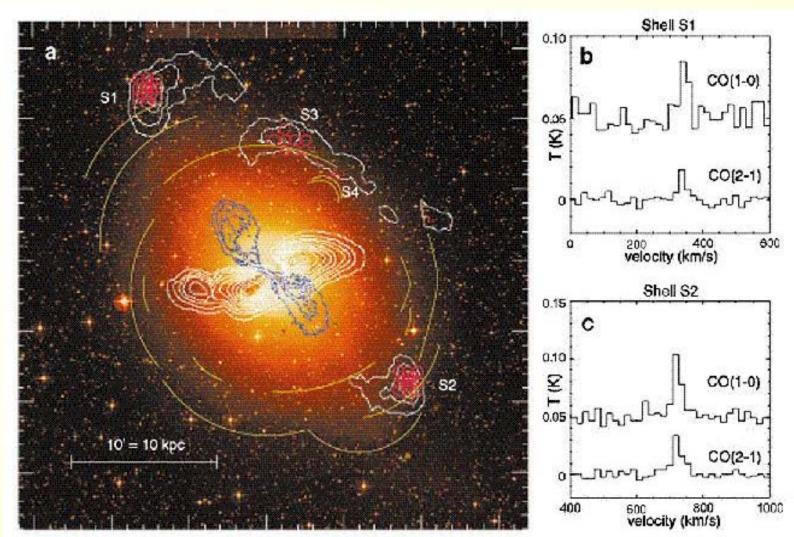
# Molecular gas in shells

Yellow: stellar shells

White: HI

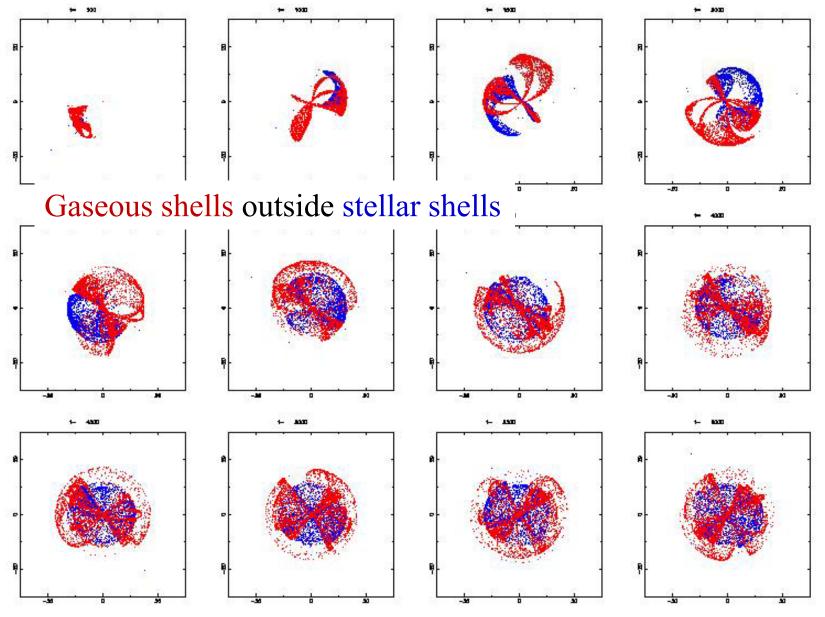
Blue: Radio jets

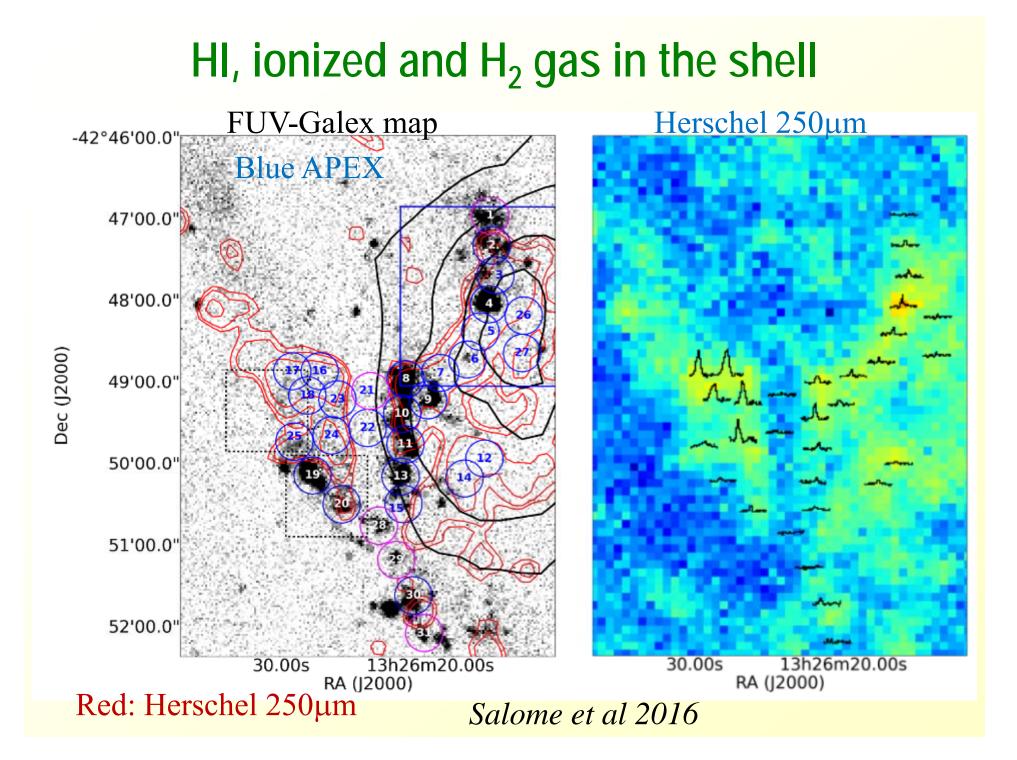
Red CO obs



Charmandaris et al 2000

Gas is less bound, and stripped earlier in the interaction than stars → Suffers less dynamical friction.





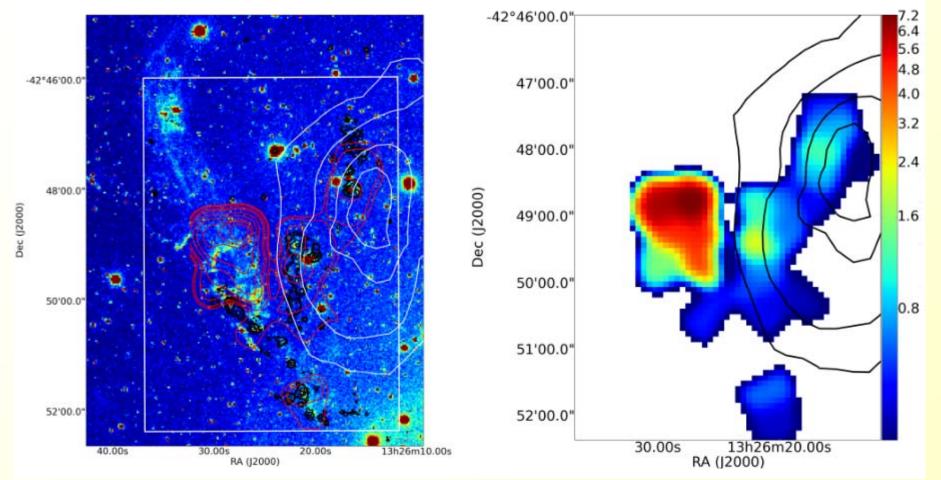
# Molecular gas in the shell

#### H<sub>2</sub> dominant at E, while HI at W

Ha map

Salome et al 2016

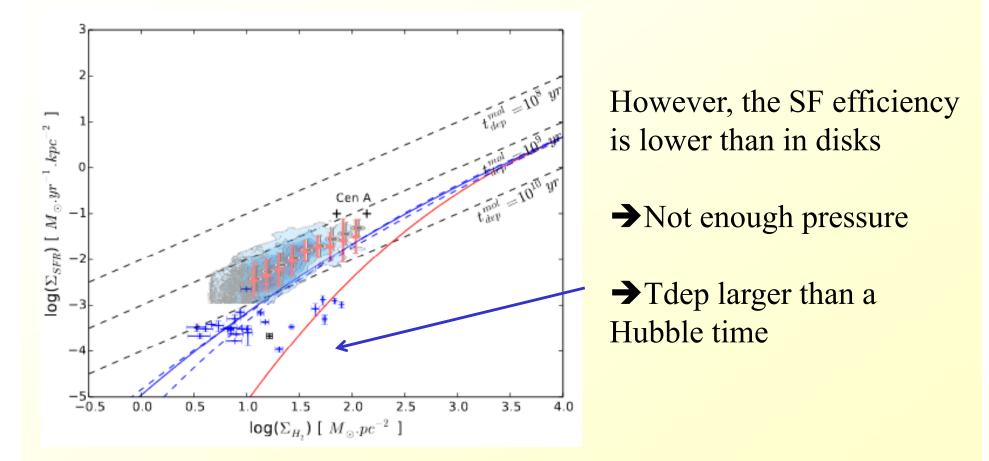
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Red: CO, White: HI, FUV-Galex: black CO21, HI contours

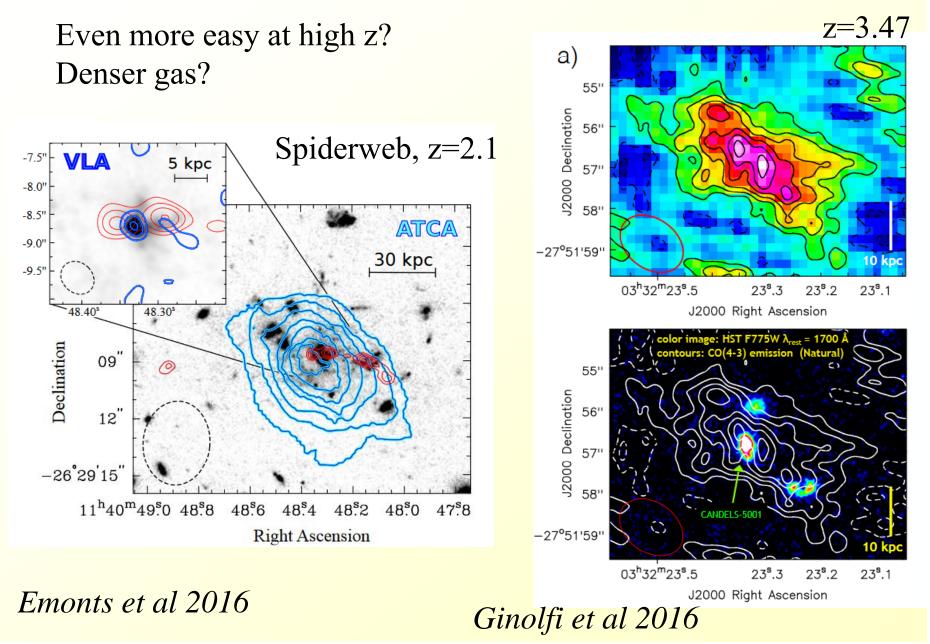
# Star formation triggering

The radio jet effectively triggers star formation in the shell along the jet  $\rightarrow$  positive AGN feedback



Salome et al 2016

# High-z CO extensions



## Conclusions

Molecular gas detected in the tails, either tidal or ram-pressure

For tides: metallicity problems For ram-pressure: survival of molecular clouds, in 10<sup>7</sup>K ICM? (but see also cooling flows, e.g. Perseus)

Star formation in tails also, clumpy molecular gas

HI to H<sub>2</sub> phase transition: either spontaneous (instabilities) Or triggered by AGN

High-z cases, Lyα blobs, Cluster BCG

A lot to do with ALMA





SOC: Pavel Jachym, Elke Roediger, Ming Sun, Jeff Kenney et al.