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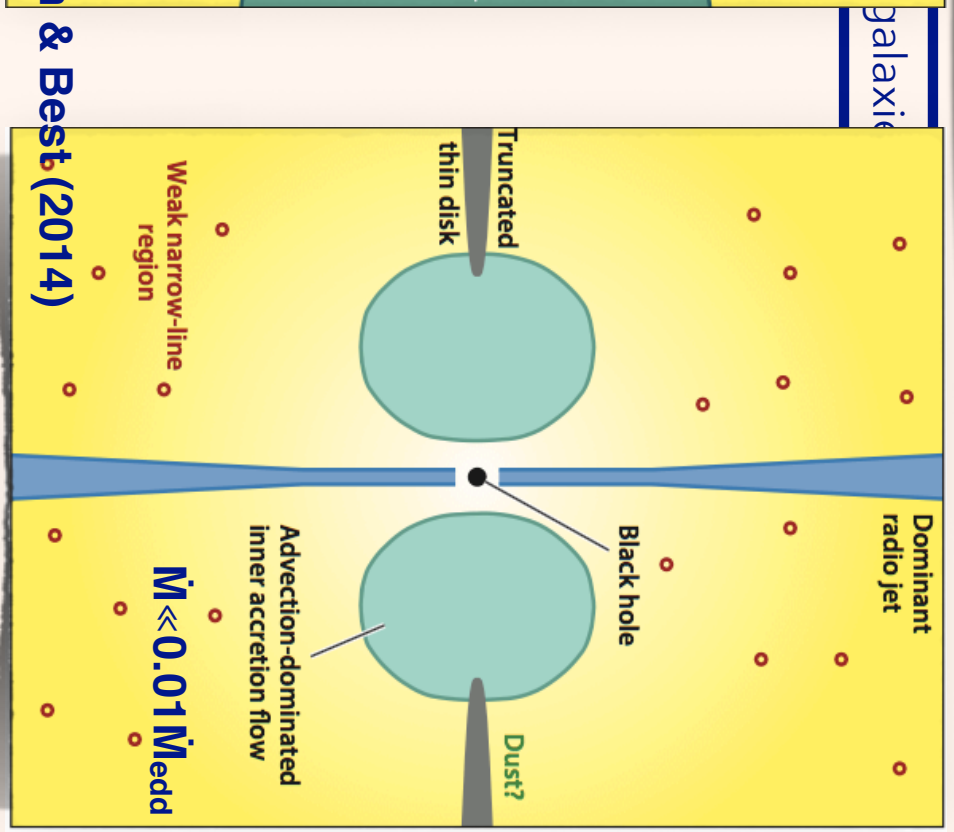
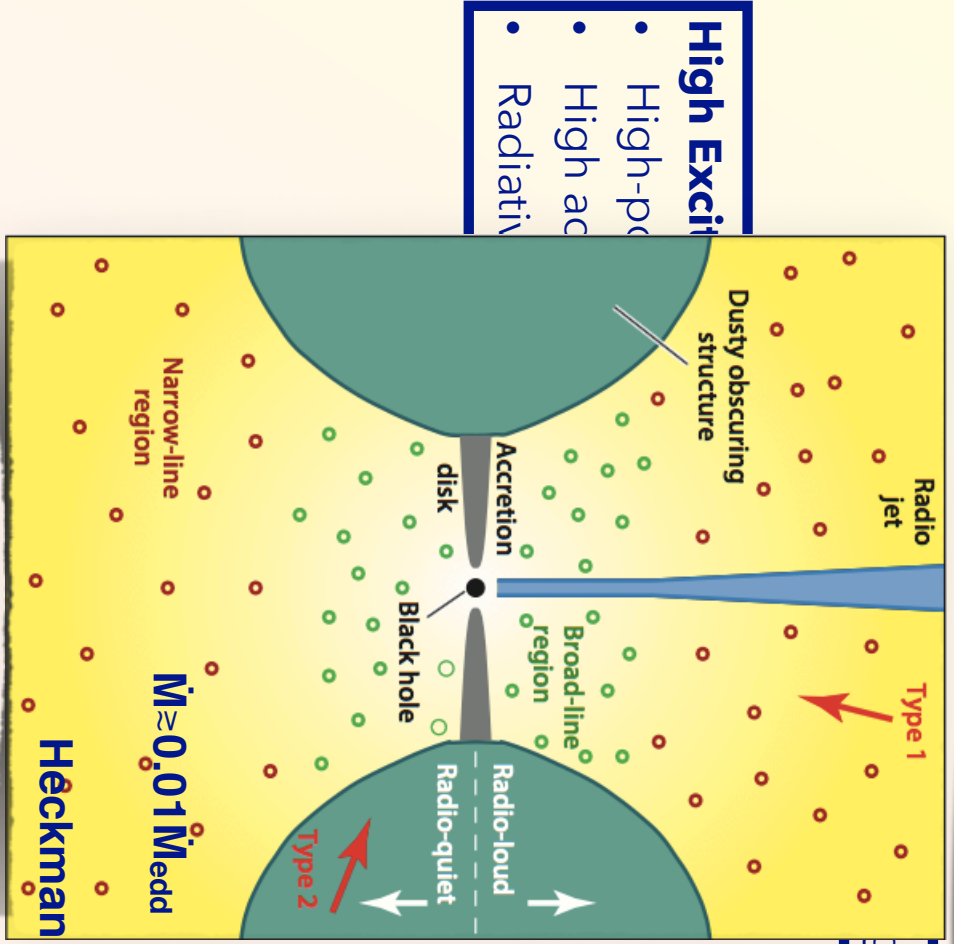
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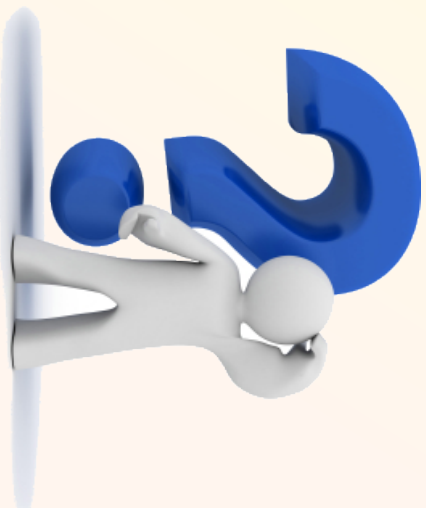
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Cold gas often detected in large
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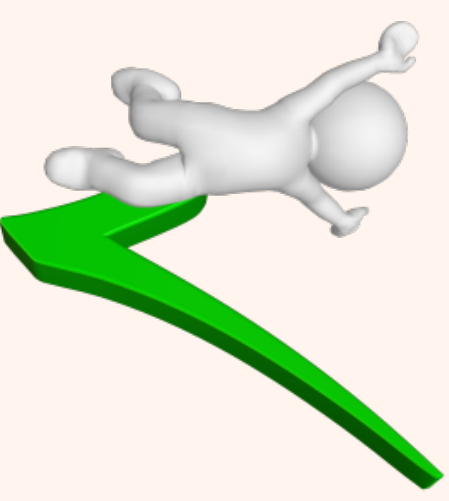
The goal

Investigate the AGN feeding/feedback loop in a sample of 11 nearby LERGs selected from the Southern Parkes 2.7 GHz Survey



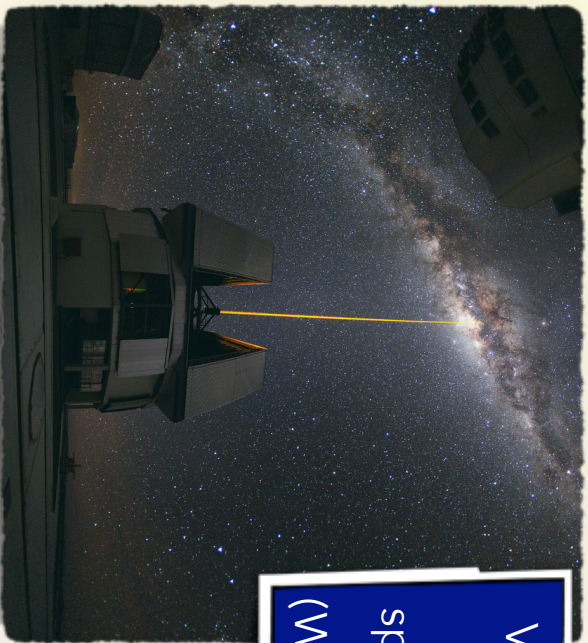
Role of the cold gas in fueling LERGs?
Origin of the gas? Kinematics?
Jets/ gas interaction?

Different galaxy components (stars, warm and cold gas, dust, radio jets) using multi-wavelength data



The dataset

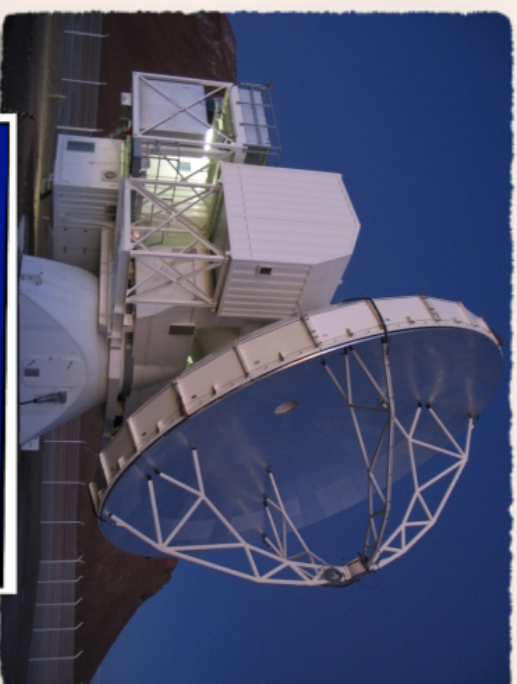
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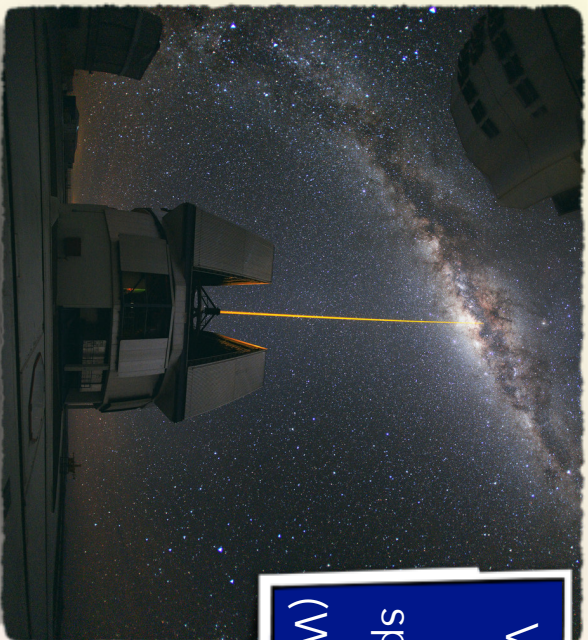


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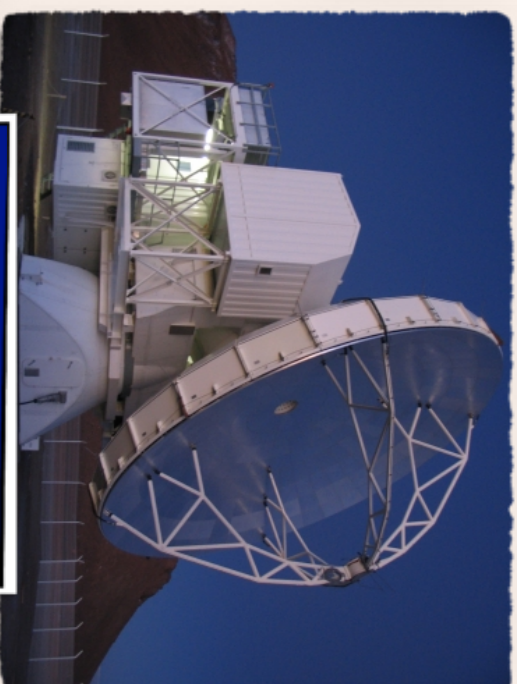
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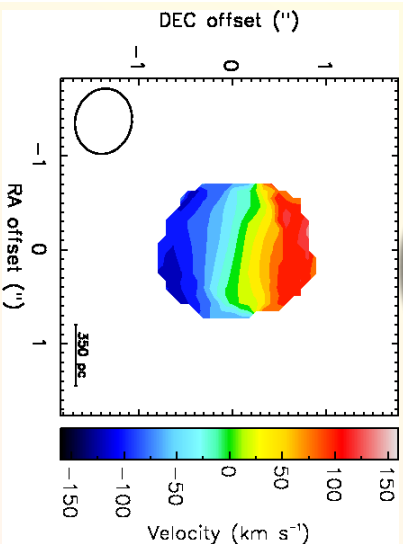
Cycle 3 CO(2-1) and 230 GHz continuum ALMA observations of 9 targets (PI: I. Prandoni). CO (2-1) detected in 6 out of 9 sources (Ruffa et al., submitted to MNRAS)

Target	Redshift	CO peak (mJy/beam)	SNR	Δv (km/s)	θ_{synth} " (pc)
IC 5131	0.0256	12.4	18	20	0.7 (360)
NGC 612	0.0298	18.3	14	20	0.3 (180)
PKS 0718-34	0.0284	<0.6	–	80	0.7 (400)
NGC 3100	0.0088	28.3	45	10	0.9 (160)
NGC 3557	0.0103	16.3	38	22	0.6 (130)
ESO 443-G 024	0.0170	<0.6	–	75	0.7 (240)
IC 4296	0.0125	2.0	8	40	0.6 (150)
NGC 7075	0.0185	4.0	10	40	0.6 (230)
IC 1459	0.0060	<1.8	–	80	1.0 (120)



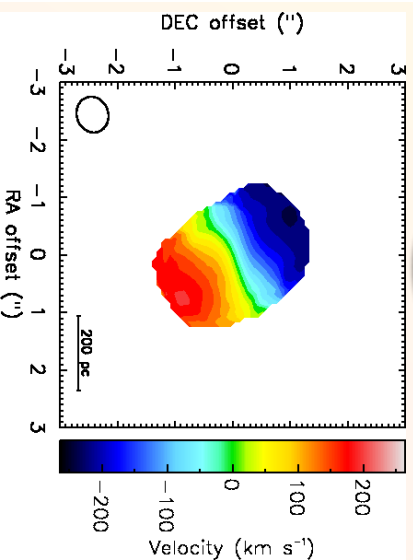
CO(2-1) detections

IC 1531



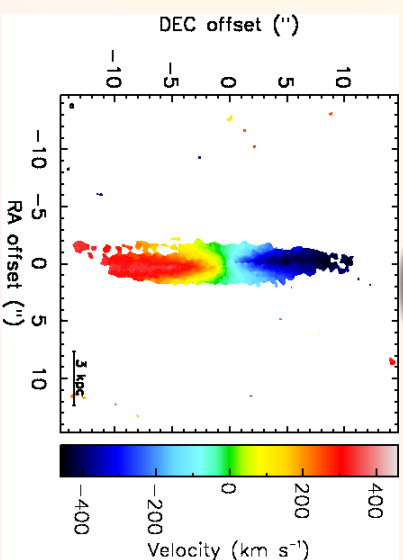
Size = 250 pc
 $M_{\text{H}_2} = 1.1 \times 10^8 M_{\odot}$

NGC 3557



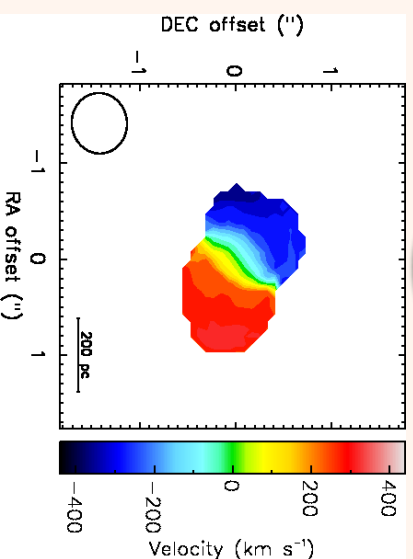
Size = 300 pc
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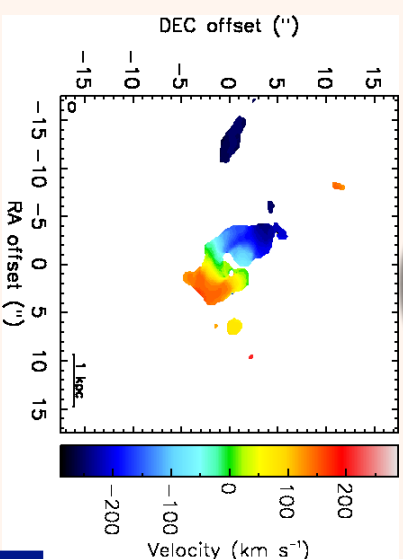
Size = 9.6 kpc
 $M_{\text{H}_2} = 2.0 \times 10^{10} M_{\odot}$

IC 4296



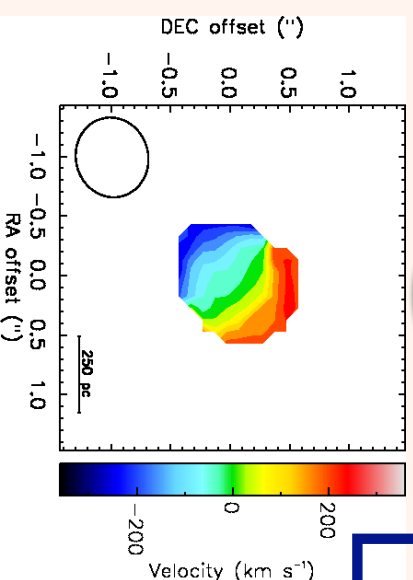
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NGC 3100



Size = 1.6 kpc
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NGC 7075

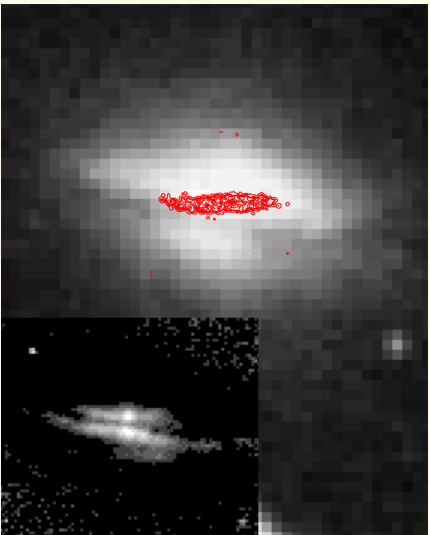


Size < 200 pc
 $M_{\text{H}_2} = 2.9 \times 10^7 M_{\odot}$

- Rotating CO discs
- Large molecular gas masses
- Sizes from ≈ 200 pc to 9.6 kpc
- Signs of asymmetries and/or warping in some cases

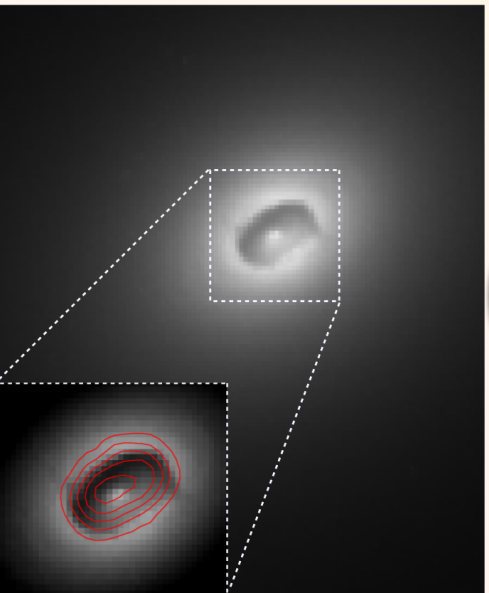
Dust and molecular gas

NGC 612



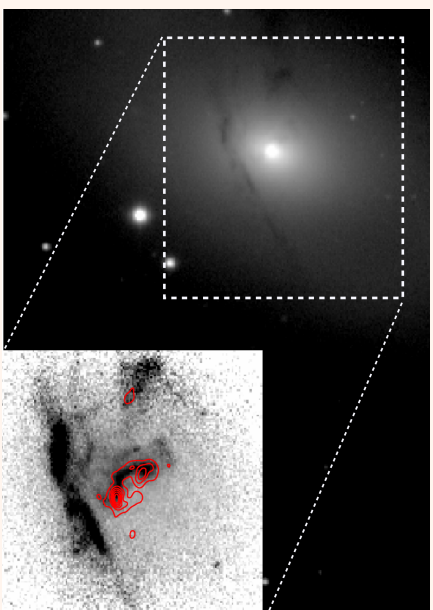
UK Schmidt Telescope image (468 nm).
Resolution = 1.7 arcsec. B-I color map
adapted from Veron-Cetty & Veron (2001)

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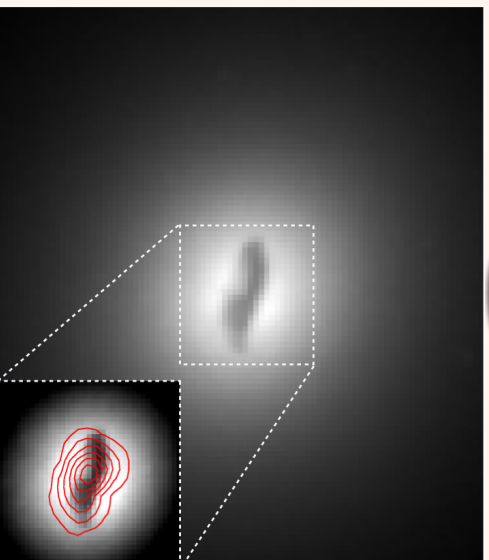
Archival HST images in the F555W filter. Resolution: 0.1 arcsec/pixel. CO moment 0 contours in red

NGC 3100



Las Campanas Obs. image (300-400
nm). Resolution = 0.77 arcsec.

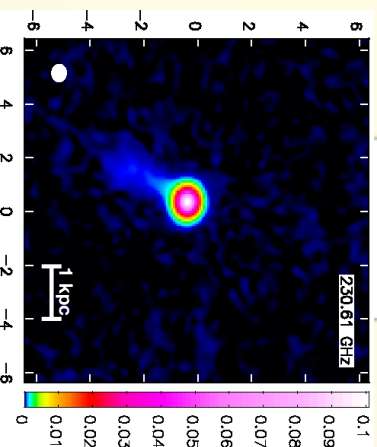
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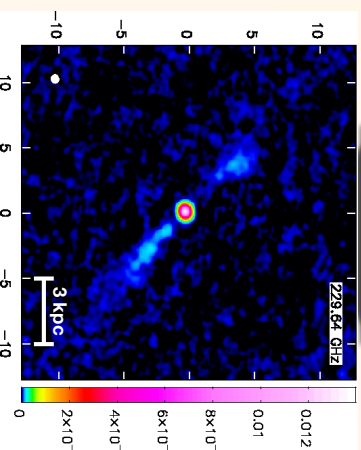
- Evidences of dust and molecular gas co-spatiality

230 GHz continuum emission

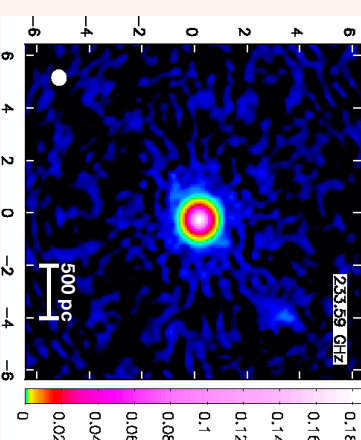
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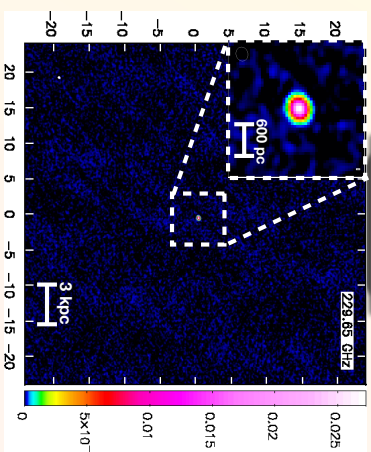
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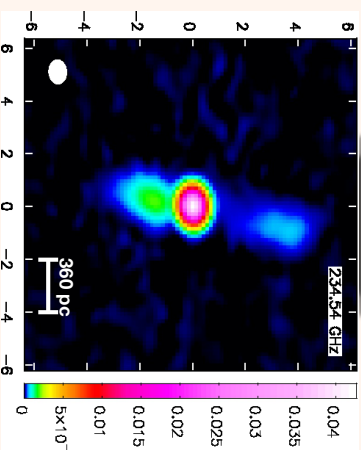
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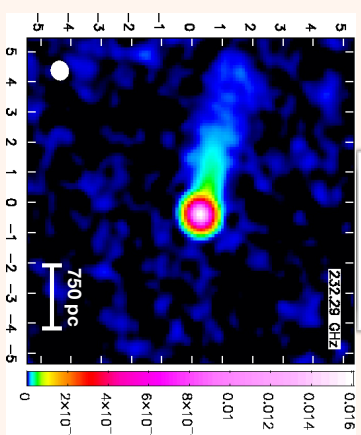
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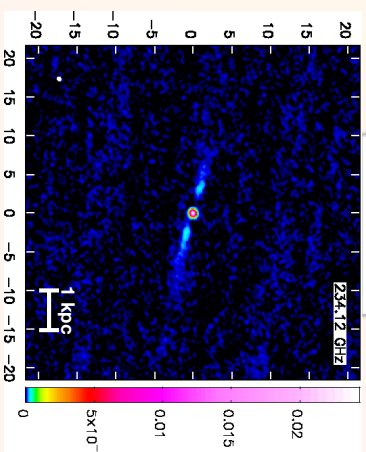
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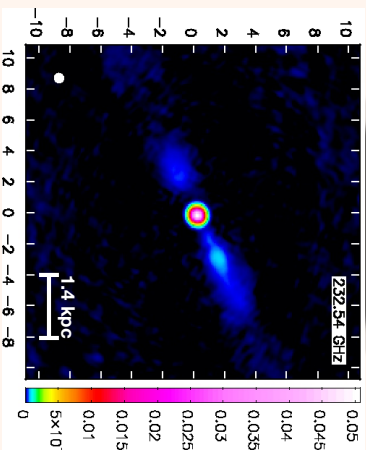
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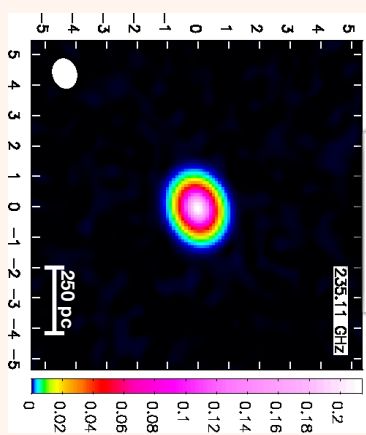
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ESO 443-G 024



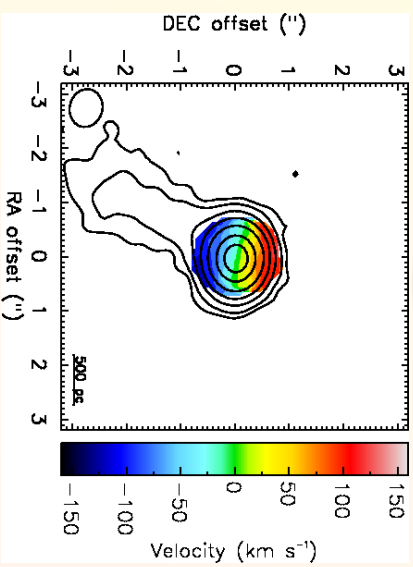
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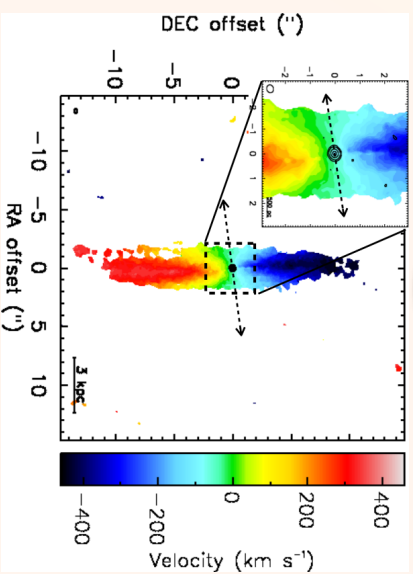
- All the sources detected in continuum
- Six of them show extended emission from the jets, perfectly matching that visible in the archival radio images (1.4-10 GHz)

Jets and CO discs

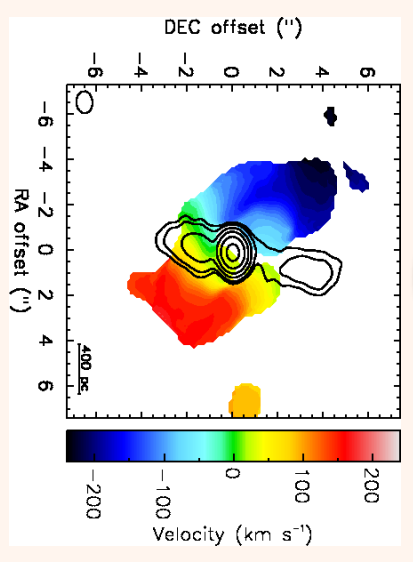
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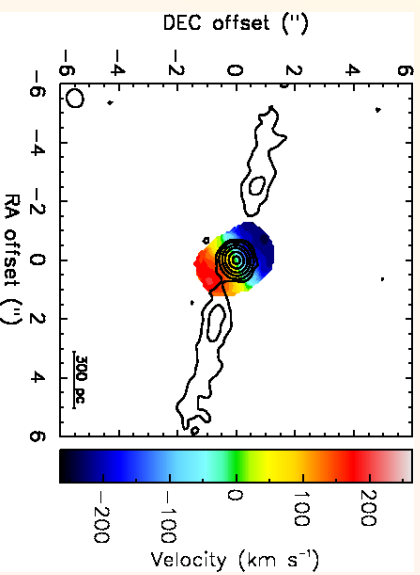
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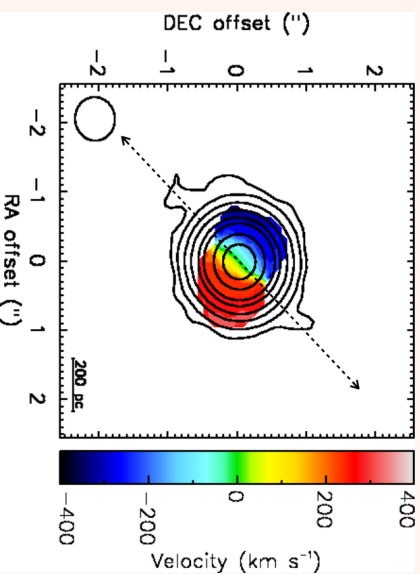
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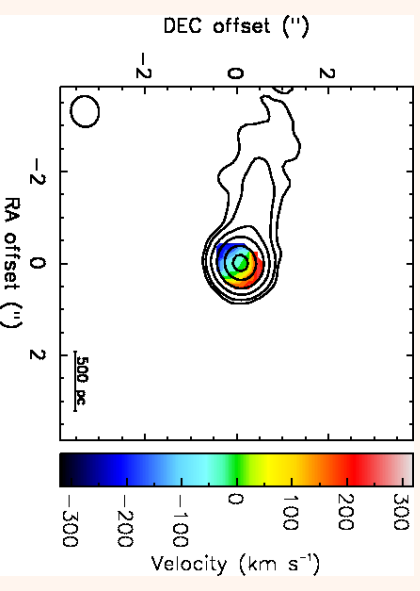
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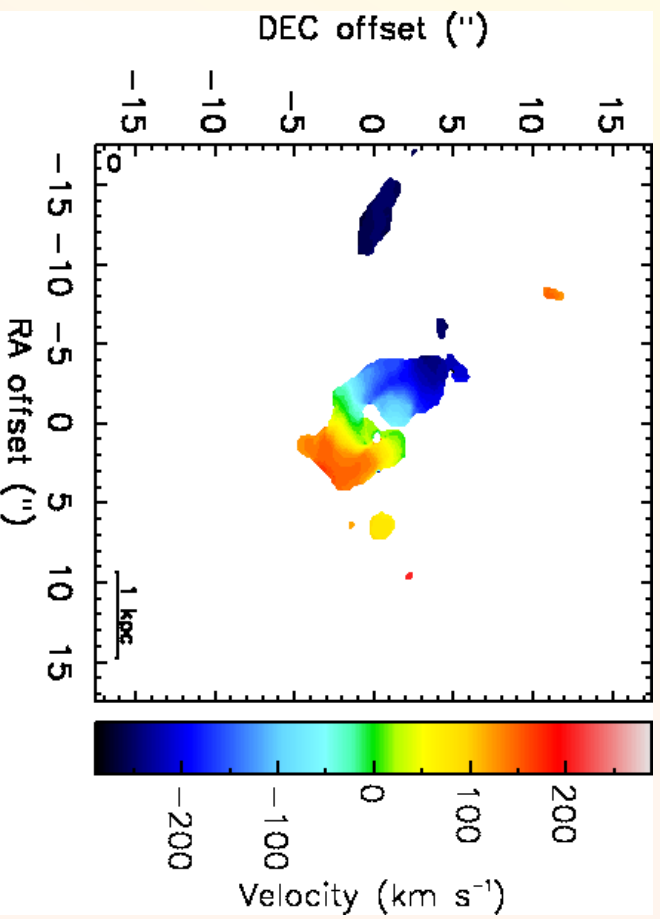
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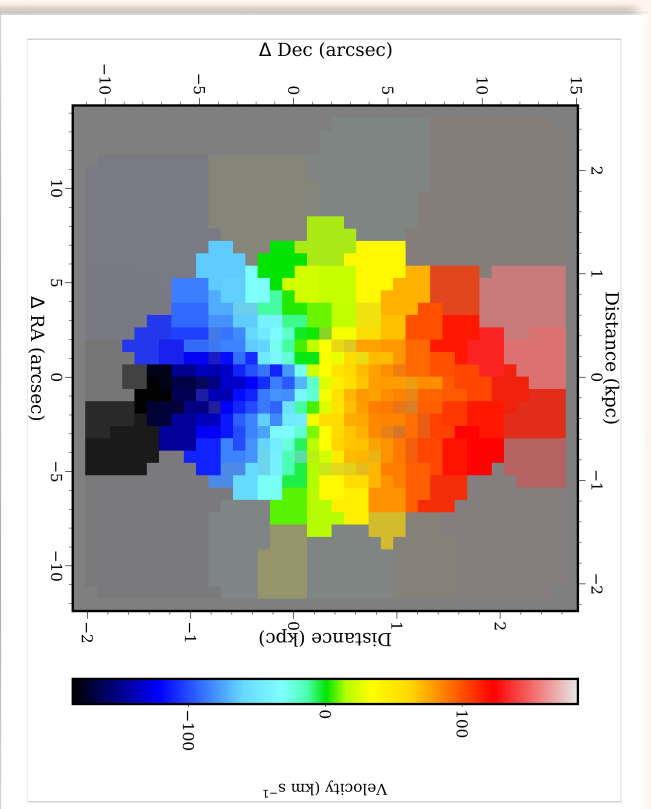
- CO disc/jet axes aligned (in projection) in four cases (NGC 612, NGC 3100, IC 4296, NGC 7075)
- Significant misalignments in NGC 3557 and IC 1531

- Assuming dust/CO co-spatiality: consistence with results of de Ruiter (2002), de Koff (2000)
- Origin of the misalignment?

The case of NGC 3100



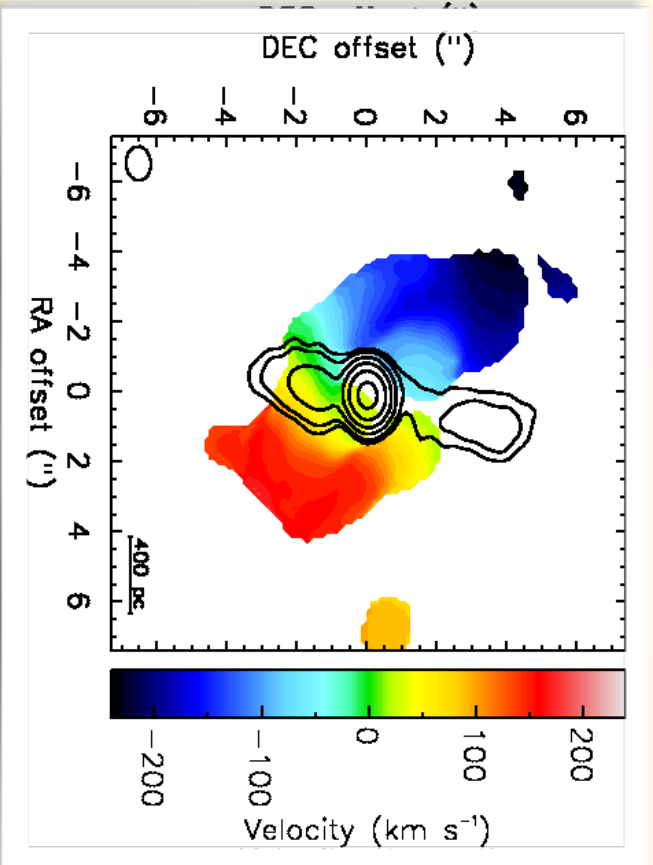
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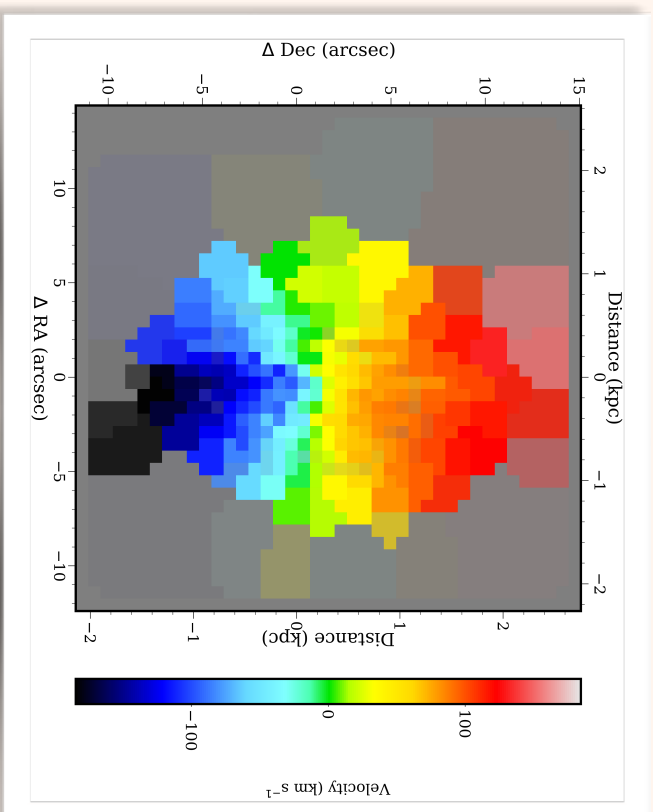
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