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### Science Justification I

Galaxies show significant evolution since z=1, but what drives this...

Since z~1:

- •number density of blue galaxies \$\], but red galaxies \$\]
- •SFR has dropped by order of magnitude but  $\Omega_{HI} \sim \text{const}$ ?



### Science Justification II

To study galaxy evolution over cosmic time, we need to understand **where** & **how much** HI exists...

### HIMF vs. z



### I) What is the distribution of HI within galaxies?

 How do M<sup>\*</sup><sub>HI</sub>, α & normalisation vary vs. redshift?

- Help to constrain hierarchical galaxy formation models
- Effect of different environments?

#### only measured for z=0!

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2) What is the average amount of HI at different z?

- What is the trend for 0.2< z <0.6 where SFR is increasing?
- How will HI measurements compare to Lyα and MgII results at high z?

### $\Omega_{\text{HI}}$ vs. z



only existing direct HI line detections

### Survey Headline Science Goals

#### **Primary aims:**

# •To measure, for the first time, the evolution of $\Omega_{HI}$ using HI emission out to z $\leq$ I

requires optical redshifts for stacking of HI spectra at highest z

•To measure the shape of the HIMF in different environments out to  $z \le 0.6$ 

#### Secondary aims:

To study evolution of HI properties of galaxies
To study the star formation law in galaxies vs. z
To study the evolution of galaxy dynamics (Tully-Fisher relation)

### Current surveys

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Galaxy in Abell 963, z = 0.21Observing time: 20x12 hours on WSRT

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Field galaxy from SDSS (z=0.25) Observing time: 176 minutes on Arecibo

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### MeerKAT

## MeerKAT: large instantaneous bandwidth + high sensitivity + moderate FoV = ideal instrument!

Point<br/>source<br/>sensitivity:10.80.6



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(Courtesy E. de Blok)

The observing strategy was driven by the detection constraints of the survey headline goals:

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Project goals & milestones:		
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•Based on simulations using Oxford S<sup>3</sup>-SAX database for direct detections + stacking

### **Observing strategy: HIMF**



5σ galaxy detections using optimal smoothing on S<sup>3</sup>-SAX simulations:

time z	1000 hours	4000 hours
z<0.4	2712	6474
z<0.6	3297	8591
	x 2 (2 fields)	

## Observing strategy: $\Omega_{HI}$



•Galaxies with m<sub>B</sub><24

 used optical spectra counts from zCOSMOS per z-bin

•even more optical redshifts will be available in few years time...

## Layer Cake of Surveys

Integration Time MeerKAT UltraDeep HI Survey DINGO (ASKAP) MHONGOOSE Wallaby (ASKAP)



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### Survey Volume & Large Scale Structure



SDSS redshift space

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## Field Requirements

- Easily viewable with MeerKAT.
- A <u>spectroscopic</u> redshift catalogue with excellent spatial and redshift coverage.
- Multi-wavelength complementary data.

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## The Vuvuzela







# Spectroscopic Challenge

- Primary beam of the meerKAT increases with redshift (the vuvuzela)
- Number of detections lowers with z: greater need for stacking.
- Need high-redshift, widefield spectral redshift surveys.









COSMOS



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CDF-S



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COSMOS

**CDF-S** 

### SALT proposal

- Proposed for the GOOD-S field where a photometric redshift catalogue already exists but not a complete spectroscopic one.
- Commissioning proposal: 20 hours (8 x 30 min exposures), medium resolution
- Plan to obtain spectra (same as VLT A-sample) to verify spectrograph and MOS mode to plan of large survey





## VLT coverage



#### Balestra et al. A&A 512,A12,2010

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#### MeerKAT FOV



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## Multi-wavelength Coverage



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# Galaxy Evolution

- Tully-Fisher relation (direct detections)
- Star-formation efficiency (detections and stacking)
- Hubble Sequence or Luminosity classes (direct detections and stacking).

• Other topics: "dark galaxies", the cosmic web, OH maser counts.

# **Tully-Fisher**

- Need high s/n individual detections. No stacking.
- Evolution is expected and seen by some authors based on small samples (~100 galaxies) with optical rotation curves.
- MUDHI will provide thousands of HI linewidths: probe virial radius and proper statistics.
- Direct view of Galaxy Assembly: zeropoint, slope and scatter of complete TF samples.

# **Tully-Fisher**



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### Star Formation Law

- Schmidt-Kennicutt law for whole disk and HI surface density.
- Missing Molecular (H<sub>2</sub>) component.



• Follow-up with ALMA for the direct detections.

#### Kennicutt et al. 2007

# HI in Galaxy Populations

- Subdivide the galaxy population based on e.g., Hubble type or other property from multi-wavelength data
- Stack sub-populations.
- Characterise HI gas content vs B/D, Lum class, Type, SF etc. etc.

# Strange new galaxies

- At higher redshift there are examples of many new types of galaxies. The HI perspective will help understand them, e.g.:
- ULIRGS at higher redshifts; stage of interaction? Dynamics?
- Chain galaxies: are they rotating or not?



#### Elmegreen et al. 2006

### Conclusions

- MeerKAT is ideally suited to detect HI at high redshift.
- Bandwidth drives two-tiered strategy.
- HIMF and  $\Omega_{HI}$  headline science.
- Challenge to optical spectroscopy.
- Galaxy Evolution from multi-wavelength.

# Back-up slides

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Figure 1: The HI Mass Functions based on mock catalogues by M. Zwaan. Galaxies are detected using optimal smoothing and we use a HIPASS-like correlation statistics between HI mass and velocity width and other parameters. No evolution in the HIMF is assumed. Image courtesy of M. Zwaan

#### z=0.5 (1000 galaxies)

#### z=1.0 (500 galaxies)





Survey I: 1000 hour observations, noise = 0.0286 mJy $\Delta v = 30 \text{ km/s}$  UCT/ICRA

rvations, Survey 3: 4000 hour observations, noise = 0.0143 mJy UCT/ICRAR Workshop, Arnistorr, May 2/6 2010

### Observing strategy: HIMF



#### $5\sigma$ detections using optimal smoothing

For survey S3, detections:		For surve	ey S2, detections:	For surve	ey SI, detections:
z= 0.0	59	z= 0.0	57	z= 0.0	53
z= 0.05	368	z= 0.05	338	z= 0.05	302
z= 0.1	1266	z= 0.1	943	z= 0.1	647
z= 0.15	1466	z= 0.15	905	z= 0.15	535
z= 0.2	750	z= 0.2	454	z= 0.2	278
z= 0.25	963	z= 0.25	566	z= 0.25	337
z= 0.3	609	z= 0.3	388	z= 0.3	219
z= 0.35	993	z= 0.35	583	z= 0.35	341
z= 0.4	658	z= 0.4	381	z= 0.4	206
z= 0.45	521	z= 0.45	274	z= 0.45	144
z= 0.5	542	z= 0.5	302	z= 0.5	144
z= 0.55	396	z= 0.55	208	z= 0.55	91
z= 0.6	456	z= 0.6	211	z= 0.6	88
z= 0.65	376	z= 0.65	172	z= 0.65	67
z= 0.7	210	z= 0.7	89	z= 0.7	36
z= 0.75	240	z= 0.75	93	z= 0.75	32
z= 0.8	156	z= 0.8	51	z= 0.8	16
z= 0.85	119	z= 0.85	37	z= 0.85	6
z= 0.9	150	z= 0.9	43	z= 0.9	8
z= 0.95	101	z= 0.95	32	z= 0.95	6
z= 1.0	60	z= 1.0	17	z= 1.0	3
total galaxies detected: 10459		total gala	xies detected: 6144	total gala	xies detected: 3559

# OH Maser Counts

- Galaxy-Galaxy merger is ideal setting for OH megamasers:
  - high molecular density.
  - an IR pump (star-formation) to invert the OH molecule population.
  - a background of I.6 GHz seed photons to be amplified.
- Redshifted OH maser lines can be identified by known redshifts from spectroscopy or photo-z's.

# Second Tier Sanity Checks

- Verify the stacked results from phase-I (z=0-0.6) at z~0.5 with direct detections in phase II.
- For example, stacked results for faint HIMF, SFR, gas fractions for different galaxy types can all be verified in phase-II (z=0-1.42)

### Data Releases

 Initial data releases for team consumption only: pipeline verification only.

 First big data-release after 1000 hr on one field completed. Early science, stacking results etc.

### Data Releases

Phase	Data release	Description
Phase I		
	0.1- $0.9$	1 field, tens to hundreds of hours
		internal "releases" to check s/n improvement and source counts
	Release 1	Field 1, 1 month of integration
	Release 2	Field 2, 1 month of integration
	Release 3	Field 1, full integration (1000 hours)
	Release 4	Field 2, full integration (1000 hours)
Phase II		
	Release 5	3 months integration
	Release 6	6 months integration
	Release 7	full integration (4000 hours)

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HST coverage:
CDFS by HUDF, GOODS-S, GEMS
COSMOS

Wide-field HI and Optical Surveys Workshop, Bunker Bay, Nov 17 2009





# Complentarity

- MHONGOOSE/DINGO: use the higher frequency part of the datacubes as cosmic variance checks.
- MIGHTEE: highest tier observations, commensal with ours.
- THUNDERKAT: parallel analysis of the same data (piggybacking pipeline).

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