Kinematics of Multiphase Extraplanar Gas in Spiral Galaxies

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Outline

- Extraplanar gas in spiral galaxies: morphology, kinematics
- Fabry-Perot imaging spectroscopy: NGC 5775
- SparsePak IFU spectroscopy: NGC 891, NGC 4302
- WSRT HI observations: NGC 4395
- Conclusions





Extraplanar gas in spiral galaxies

 Deep observations of (edge-on) spirals show thick, vertically extended, multi-phase gas layers



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 - Galactic fountain?



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- "Shuffled" the data cube
- Extracted emission with more than 30 km/s deviation from rotation

- Most "anomalous" gas corresponds to locations of star formation
- Large cloud complex (~10⁷ M_☉) unassociated with SF, may be accreting

Heald & Oosterloo (2008)

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