



# A deep uGMRT Hi 21cm survey of the Extended Groth Strip

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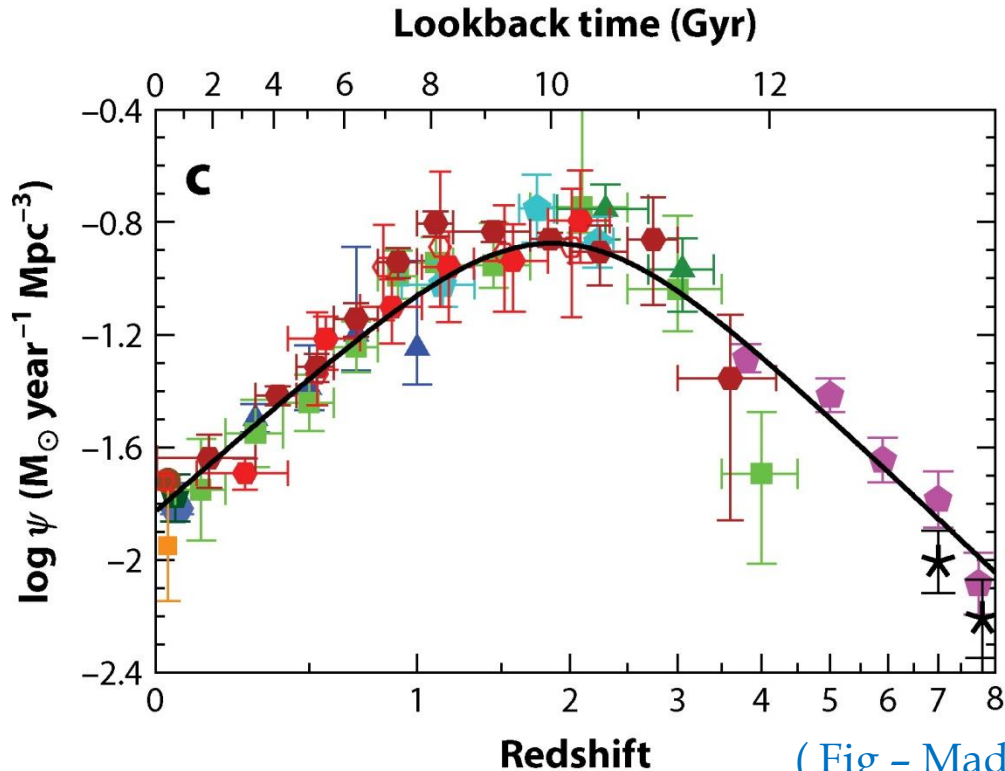
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# Cosmic star-formation history



( Fig - Madau & Dickinson, 2014 )

- ▶ Comoving SFR density of the universe decreases by an order of magnitude from  $z \sim 1$  to  $z \sim 0$ .
- ▶ Atomic gas (HI) in galaxies – fuels the star formation evolution with cosmic time not yet understood

# Probing H I in distant galaxies

- ▶ H I content of galaxies – best probed by H I 21 cm emission line hyperfine transition, intrinsically weak  
difficult to detect from distant galaxies (  $z > 0.1$  )

- ▶ Big and gas rich galaxies at  $z \sim 0.2$  detected in recent surveys

(e.g. Catinella & Cortese 2015; Jaffe et al. 2012,2013)

- ▶ Only two detections at  $z > 0.3$   
CHILES detection at  $z = 0.376$   
tentative detection at  $z = 0.407$

(Fernandez et al. 2016, Blecher et al. 2019)

- ▶ H I 21 cm emission from smaller galaxies at  $z > 0.2$   
difficult to detect with currently operating radio telescopes in reasonable integration time

# H I 21 cm stacking

- ▶ Average H I 21 cm emission from smaller galaxies can still be measured ... by STACKING !
- ▶ “Stacking” H I emission from a large number of faint galaxies gives information of their average H I mass.

(Chengalur et al. 2001)

- ▶ Stacking can be done in bins of redshift, stellar mass, SFR, etc to probe the variation of average H I mass with redshift and the physical properties of the galaxies.
- ▶ Previous H I stacking experiments at  $z > 0.2$ 
  - yielded some information on average H I mass of galaxies
  - provided estimates of cosmic H I density ( $\Omega_{HI}$ )
  - results had large uncertainties

(Rhee et al. 2018, 2016; Lah et al. 2007)

# HI 21 cm survey with the uGMRT

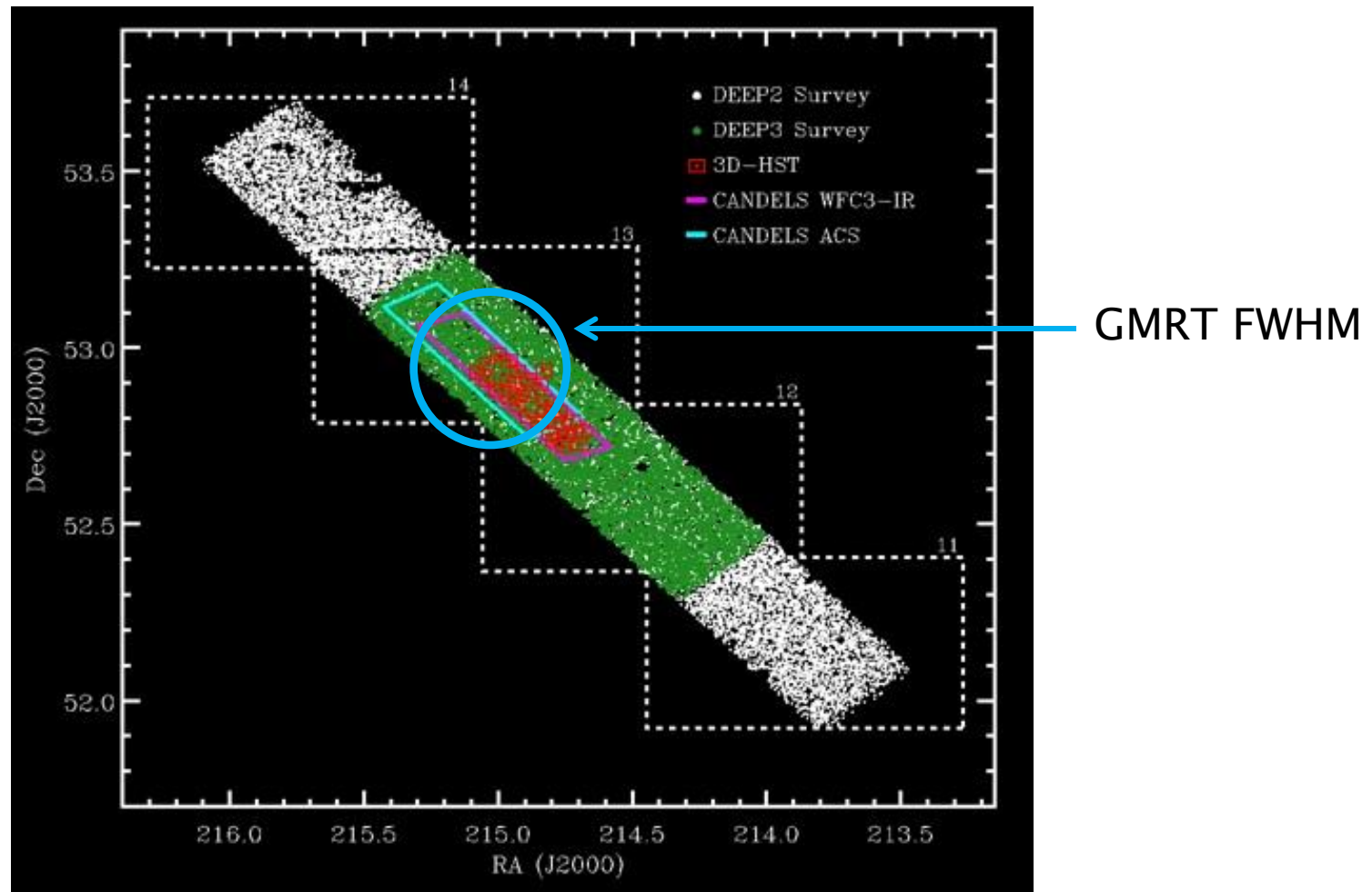
- ▶ uGMRT band-5 receivers + 400 MHz bandwidth covers HI 21 cm from galaxies out to  $z < 0.4$
- ▶ Goals of uGMRT HI 21cm survey

To probe atomic gas in individual star-forming galaxies out to  $z < 0.4$  through their HI 21cm emission

To measure the average HI mass of the galaxies with known spectroscopic redshifts by stacking their HI 21cm emission

To produce a deep L-band continuum image of the field and obtain dust-free estimates of the total SFR of star-forming galaxies from their radio continuum emission.

# Target field – Extended Groth Strip



- ▶ DEEP2, DEEP3 surveys – Accurate spectroscopic redshifts.
- ▶ SFR, stellar mass estimates, etc are available.

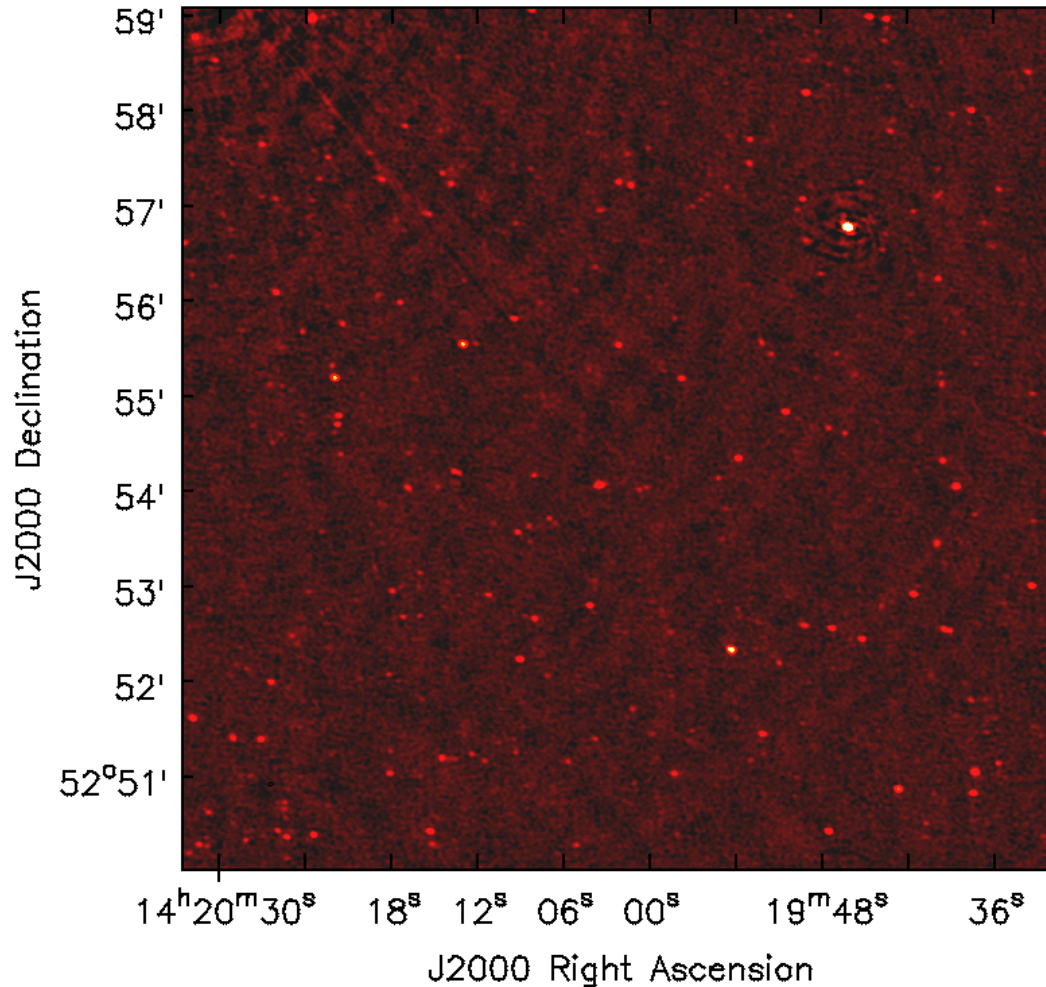
(Newman et al. 2013, Mostek et al. 2012, Cooper et al. 2011)

# Survey plan & current status

- ▶ Planned total on-source integration time = 250 hours
- ▶ Using uGMRT band-5 receivers (1000 MHz – 1400 MHz)  
400 MHz bandwidth with frequency resolution ~ 12 km/s
- ▶ Current status –  
Observation started in March 2017  
245 hours allocated so far, over three observing cycles  
yielded ~170 hours of on-source data
- ▶ Analysis done for 175 hours (~120 on-source hours) of data
- ▶ Preliminary results  
based on first 175 hours (~120 on-source hours) of data



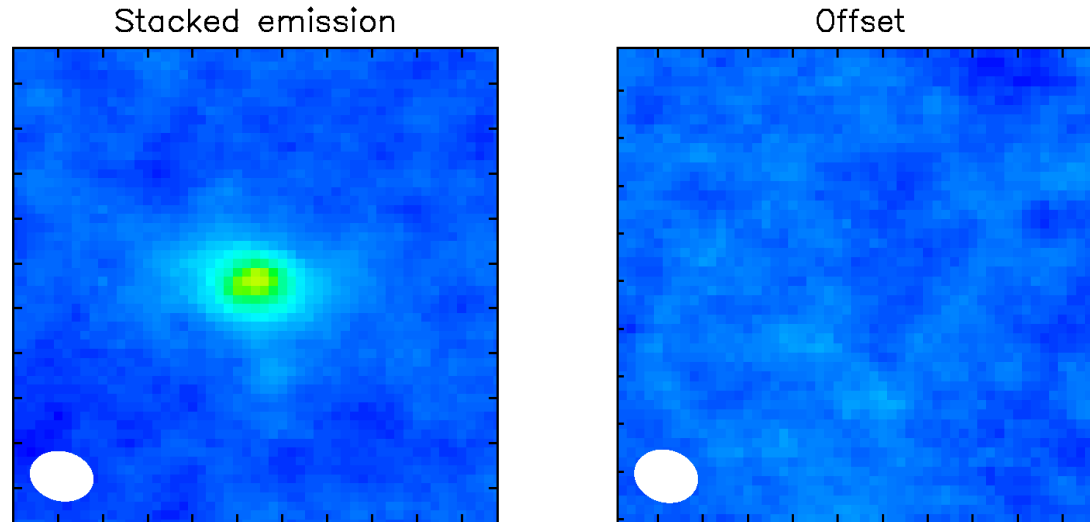
# EGS continuum image



- ▶ RMS noise  $\approx 2.3 \mu\text{Jy}/\text{Beam}$ , beam size  $\approx 2.3''$
- ▶ Deepest image ever made with the GMRT.

# SFR from the radio continuum

- ▶ Stacked radio continuum emission from  $\sim 200$  blue star-forming galaxies with  $M_B < -18$  at  $0.2 < z < 0.4$



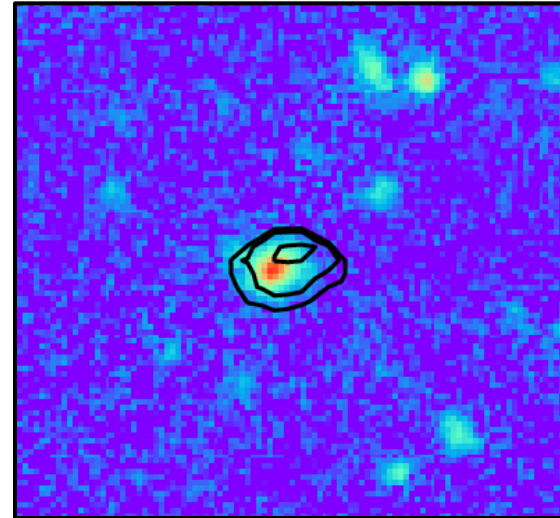
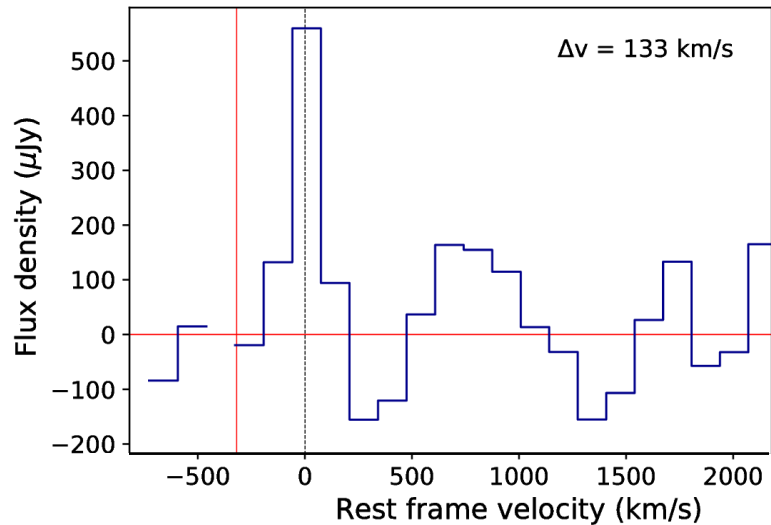
- ▶ Clear detection of stacked emission ( $12\sigma$ )
- ▶ Median radio derived SFR =  $(2.56 \pm 0.21) M_{\odot} yr^{-1}$
- ▶ Median optical SFR =  $1.40 M_{\odot} yr^{-1}$
- ▶ Median extinction factor  $\approx 1.83$

# HI 21 cm spectral line analysis

- ▶ Data cube from continuum subtracted visibilities  
Channel resolution 100 kHz ( $\sim 25$  km/s)
- ▶ Spectral line analysis done for DEEP2/DEEP3 sources at  $0.2 < z < 0.4$   
Sub-cubes extracted around each target source  
spectra extracted after smoothing to different beam sizes  
each spectra searched for HI 21 cm emission feature
- ▶ Stacking analysis done for blue star forming galaxies at  $0.2 < z < 0.4$   
excluded galaxies with unreliable redshifts  
excluded spectra failing statistical tests for Gaussianity  
stacking done for different spatial and velocity resolutions
- ▶ A blind search for HI 21cm emission in the entire cube will be carried out in future

# H I 21 cm emission at $z \approx 0.387$

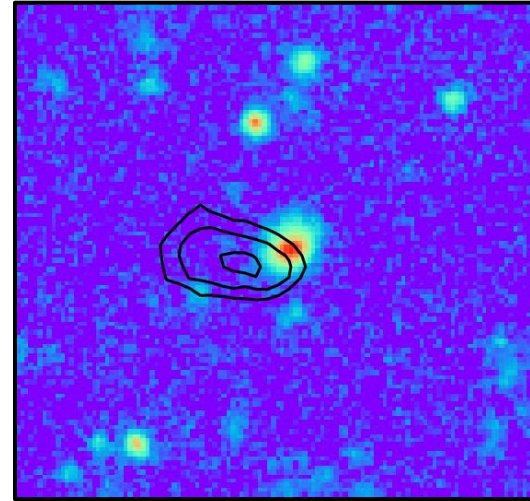
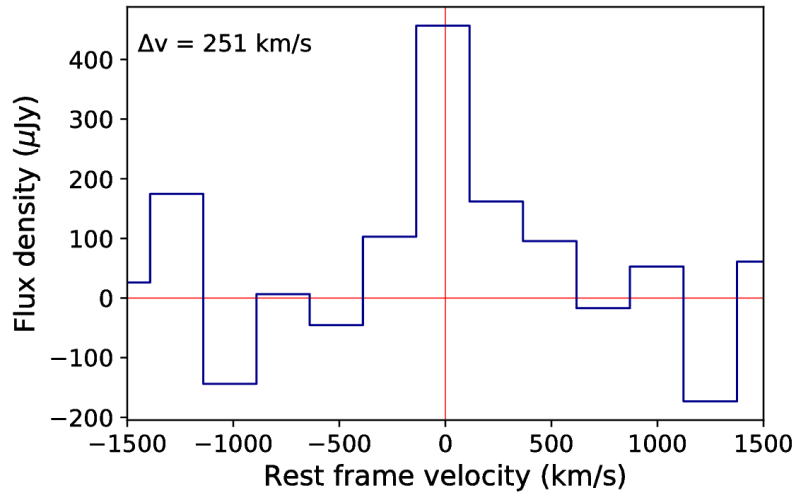
- ▶ Initially detected in the original survey well outside the FWHM  
detected again in a follow-up, with the source at the pointing centre



- ▶ Emission unresolved, inferred size  $< 25 \text{ kpc}$
- ▶  $M_{\text{HI}} = (5.8 \pm 1.3) \times 10^{10} M_{\odot}$  ( $\approx 4.5\sigma$ ), velocity width  $\approx 130 \text{ km/s}$
- ▶  $M_{*} \approx 10^9 M_{\odot}$ ,  $M_{\text{HI}}/M_{*} \approx 60$
- ▶  $SFR(\text{optical}) \approx 0.5 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ ,  $SFR(\text{radio}) < 12 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$

# Tentative detection at $z \approx 0.324$

- ▶ Detected outside the FWHM of the primary beam (sensitivity  $\approx 25\%$ )



- ▶ Emission marginally resolved

- ▶  $M_{\text{HI}} = (6.1 \pm 1.3) \times 10^{10} M_{\odot}$  ( $\approx 4.6\sigma$ )

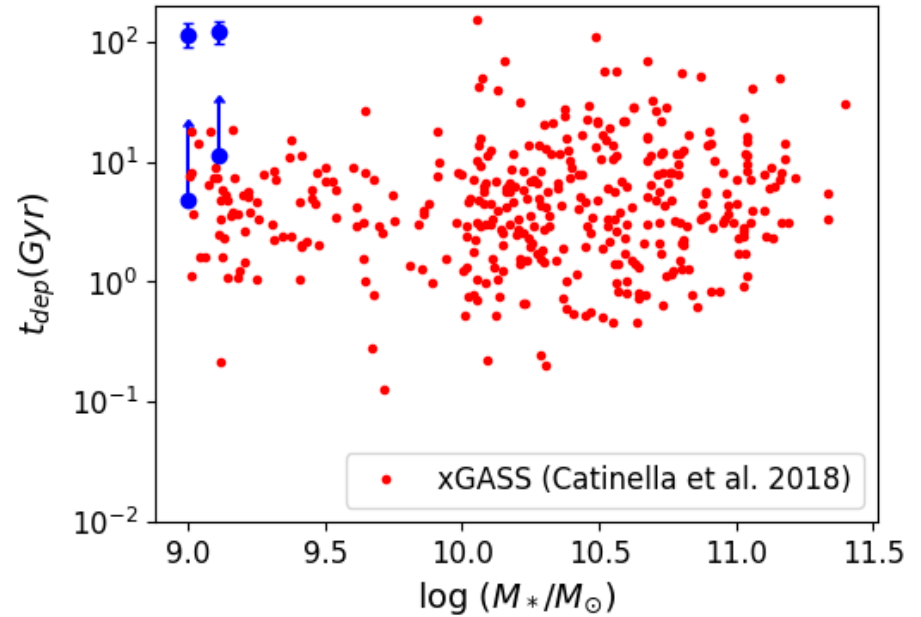
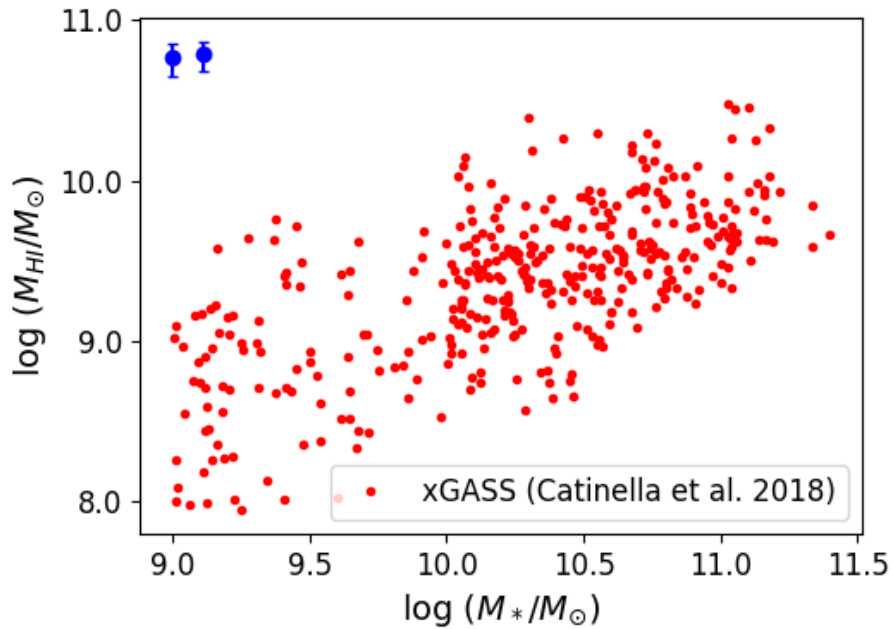
Velocity width  $\approx 250 \text{ km/s}$

- ▶  $M_{*} \approx 1.3 \times 10^9 M_{\odot}$        $M_{\text{HI}}/M_{*} \approx 50$

- ▶  $SFR(\text{optical}) \approx 0.5 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ ,

$SFR(\text{radio}) < 5 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$

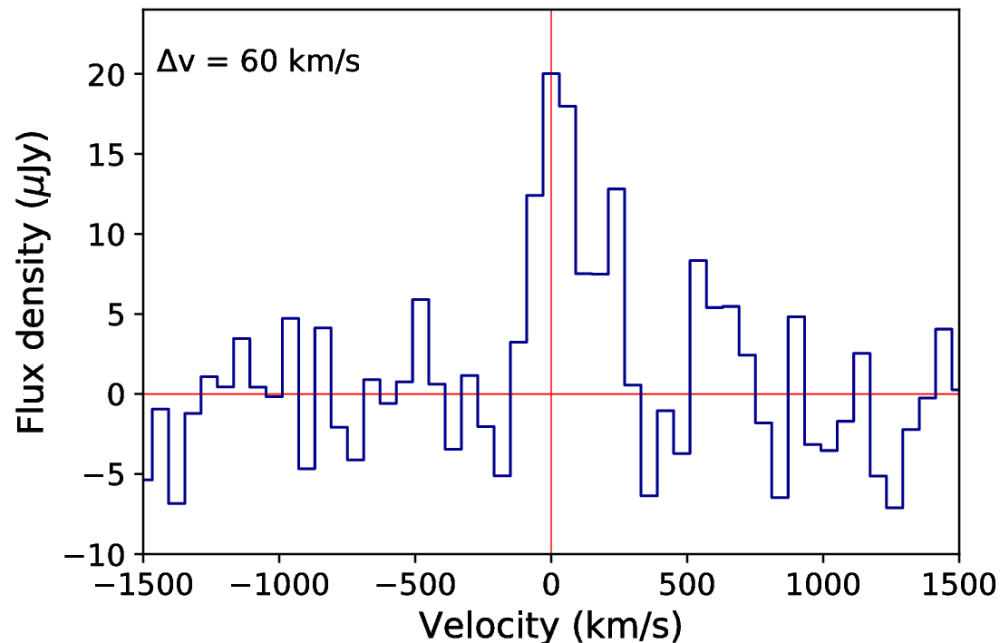
# Comparison with local galaxies



- ▶ High gas-to-stellar mass ratio,  
large HI depletion time-scale !

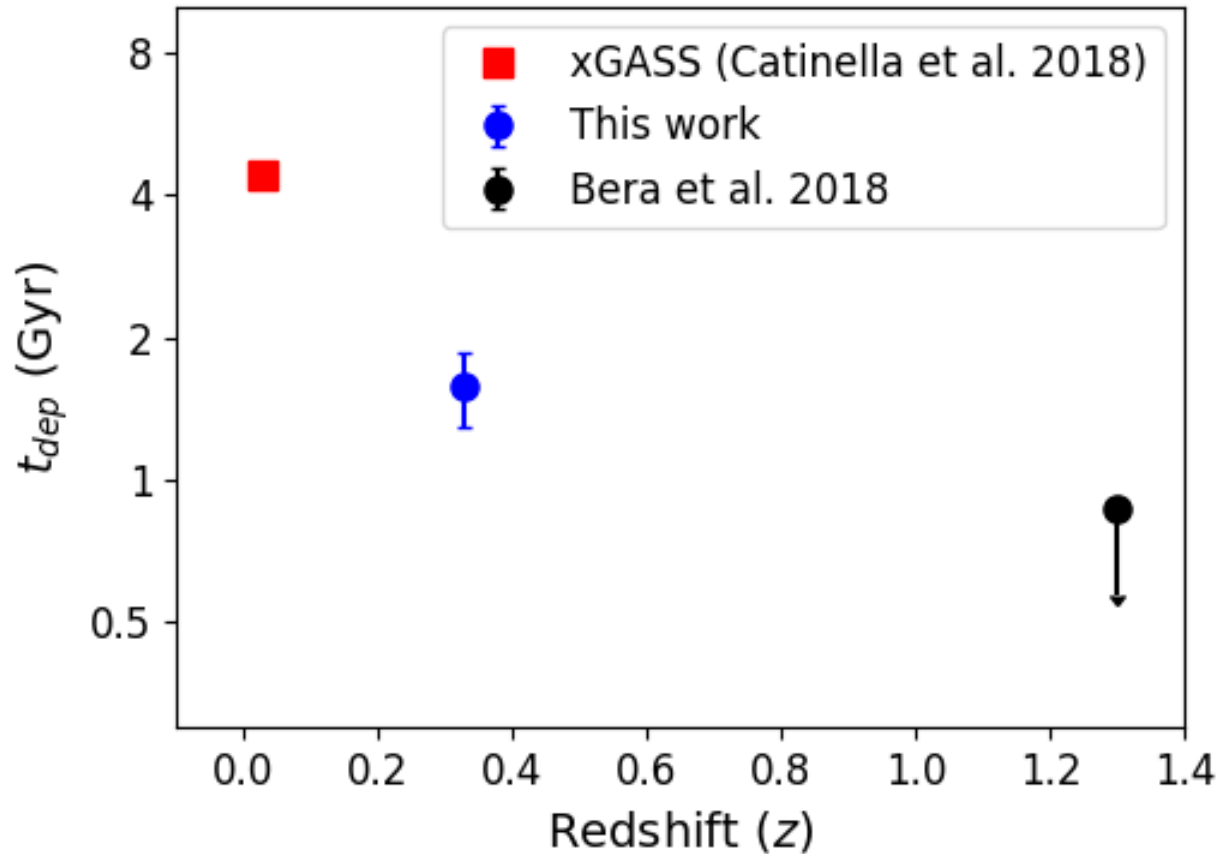
# Stacked H I 21 cm emission

- ▶ Stacked  $\sim 200$  blue star-forming galaxies with  $M_B < -18$  (brighter than the LMC) at  $0.2 < z < 0.4$



- ▶ Clear detection of average H I 21 cm emission ( $6.5 \sigma$ )
  - $\langle M_{\text{HI}} \rangle = (4.06 \pm 0.63) \times 10^9 M_{\odot}$
  - $\langle M_{\text{HI}} \rangle / \langle M_{*} \rangle = 0.8 \pm 0.1$
  - $\langle t_{\text{dep}}(\text{HI}) \rangle = 1.58 \pm 0.21 \text{ Gyr}$

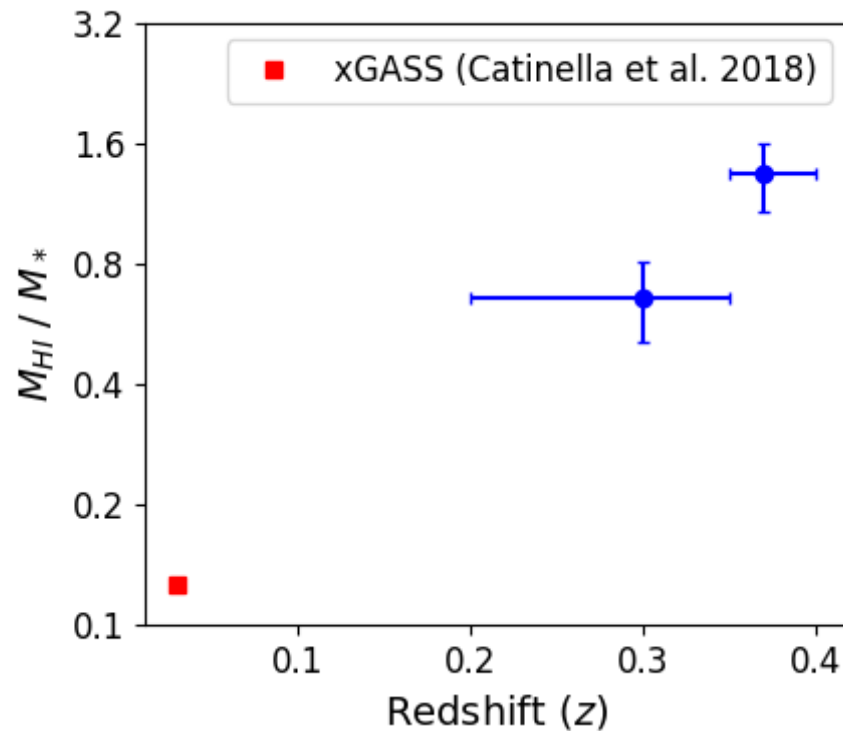
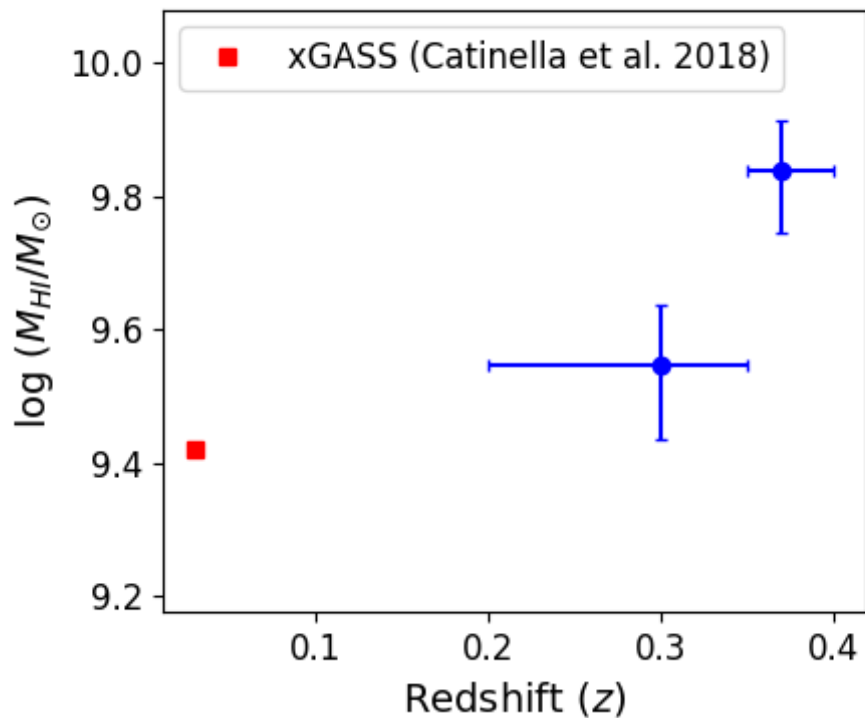
# Atomic gas depletion time scale



- ▶ HI depletion time scale appears to decrease with increasing redshift.

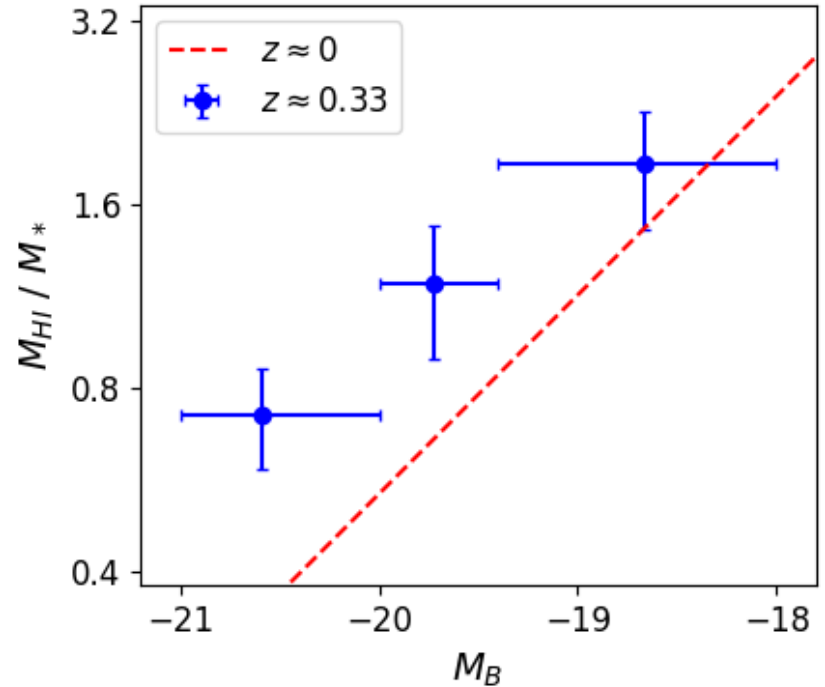
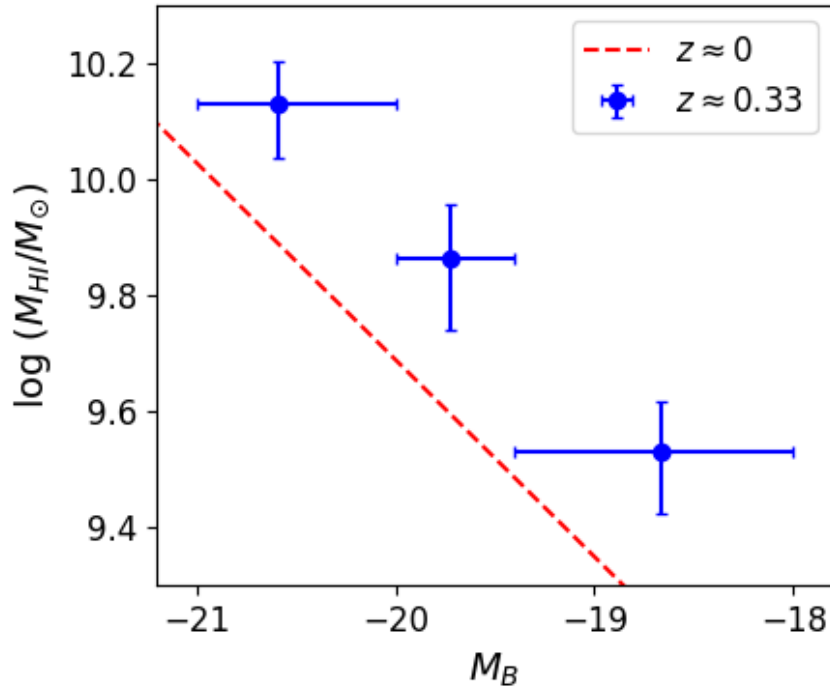


# Redshift evolution of $\langle M_{HI} \rangle$



- ▶ Average HI mass and gas-to-stellar mass ratio of star-forming galaxies appear to increase with redshift.

# $M_{HI} - M_B$ scaling relation



- ▶  $M_{HI} - M_B$  scaling relation in the local universe

$$\log\left(\frac{M_{HI}}{M_{\odot}}\right) = \alpha - \beta M_B$$

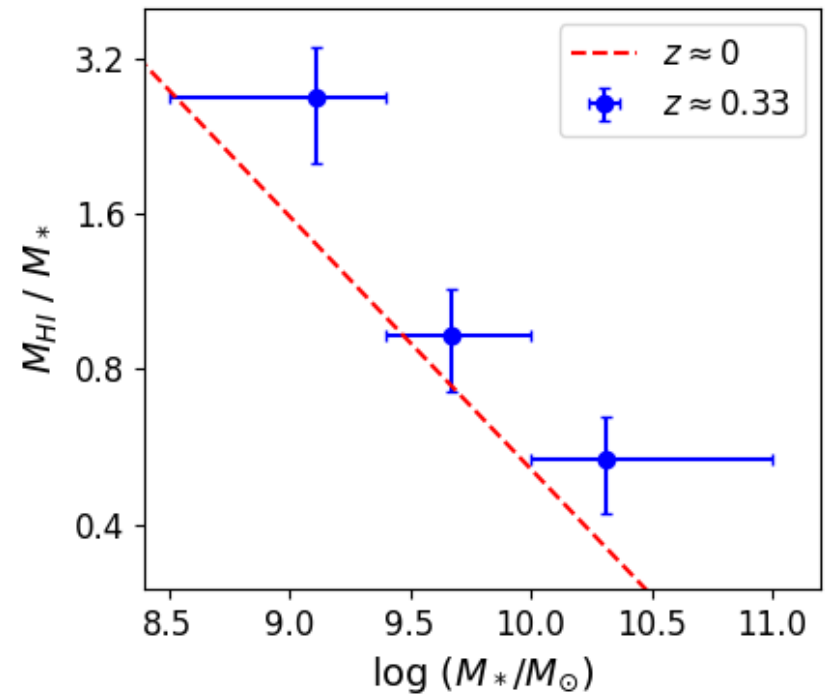
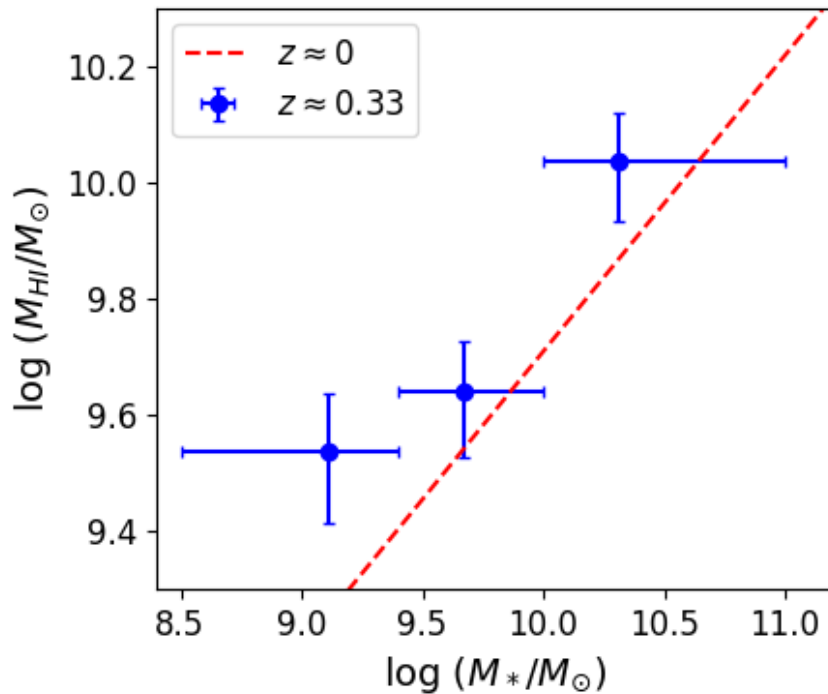
(e.g. Dénes et al. 2014)

- ▶ **Scaling relation appears to shift upward from  $z \approx 0$  to  $z \approx 0.33$ .**

# Summary

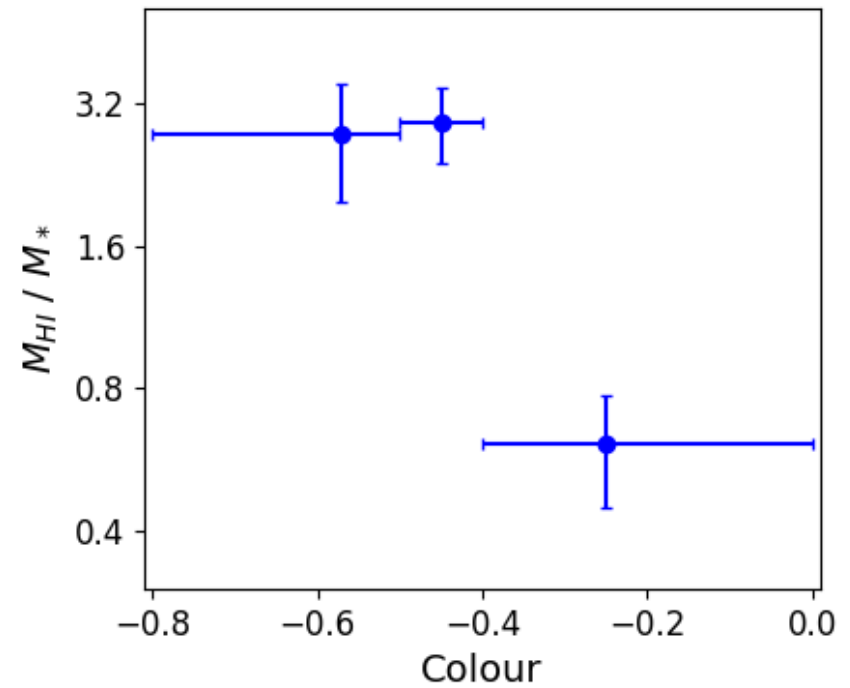
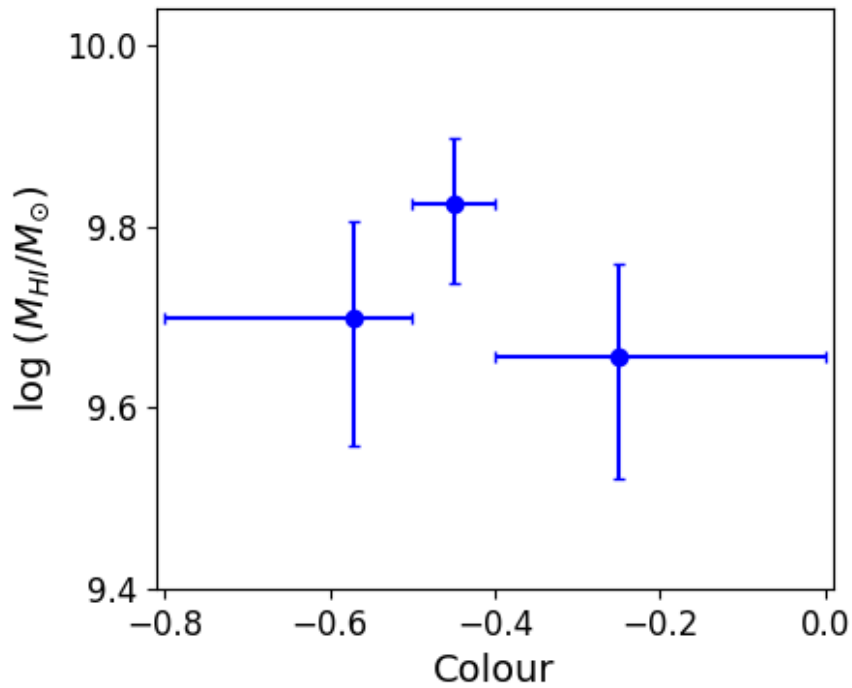
- ▶ We are carrying out a deep HI 21cm survey of the Extended Groth Strip with the uGMRT. So far analyzed 117 hours of on-source data.
- ▶ Deepest ever continuum image with the GMRT, used to estimate radio-derived SFR of star-forming galaxies.
- ▶ Two tentative detections at  $z \approx 0.387$  and  $z \approx 0.324$ , with high gas-to-stellar mass ratio, large HI depletion time scale.
- ▶ HI mass of the star-forming galaxies at  $z \approx 0.33$ 
  - $\langle M_{\text{HI}} \rangle = (4.06 \pm 0.63) \times 10^9 M_{\odot}$
  - $\langle t_{\text{dep}}(\text{HI}) \rangle = 1.58 \pm 0.21 \text{ Gyr}$
- ▶  $\langle M_{\text{HI}} \rangle$  of star-forming galaxies appears to increase with redshift.
- ▶ Atomic gas depletion time scale appears to decrease with redshift.

# $M_{HI} - M_*$ scaling relation



- ▶ Bigger galaxies -- more HI but less gas-to-stellar mass ratio (Similar to the local universe)
- ▶ In the local universe  $\log(M_{HI}) = a + b \log(M_*)$  (e.g. Parkash et al. 2018)
- ▶  $M_{HI} - M_*$  scaling relation shifts upward from  $z \approx 0$  to  $z \approx 0.33$ .

# $\langle M_{HI} \rangle$ vs galaxy colour



- ▶ No detectable dependence of total HI mass with galaxy colour.
- ▶ Bluer galaxies (more negative colour) – lighter in terms of stellar mass  
larger gas-to-stellar mass ratio

# EGS continuum image

