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Ionization Source of the M82 Cap Region Investigated by Optical Line Ratio Maps

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Superwind (Galactic wind)

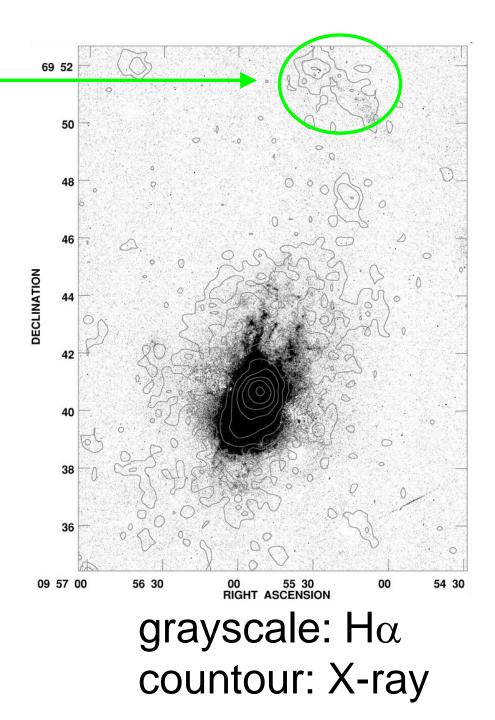
M82 (NASA)

galaxy scale outflow

- is occurred by supernovae or AGN
- quenches the starformation activity (feedback)
- A part of superwind becomes intergalactic medium.

M82 cap

- a gas cloud 11' (= 11.6 kpc) from the M82 center
- detected in X-ray and Hα (Devine & Bally 1999; Lehnert et al. 1999)
- origin of hot gas is type-II supernovae (Tsuru et al. 2007)



Emission mechanism (Devine & Bally 1999; Lehnert et al. 1999)

- X-ray: $k_{\rm B}T = 0.80 \text{ keV} (\sim 10^7 \text{ K})$
 - heated by shock (v_{shock} ~ 800 km/s) between the M82 superwind and halo gas clouds
- H α : FWHM ~ 100 km/s
 - photoionized by the M82 nuclear starburst region?
 - another shock ($v_{shock} \sim 100$ km/s)?

Motivation

Line ratios are powerful to distinguish the ionization source of the cap.

- [NII]/H α > 1.0 \rightarrow fast shock
- [NII]/H α < 0.5 \rightarrow photoionization

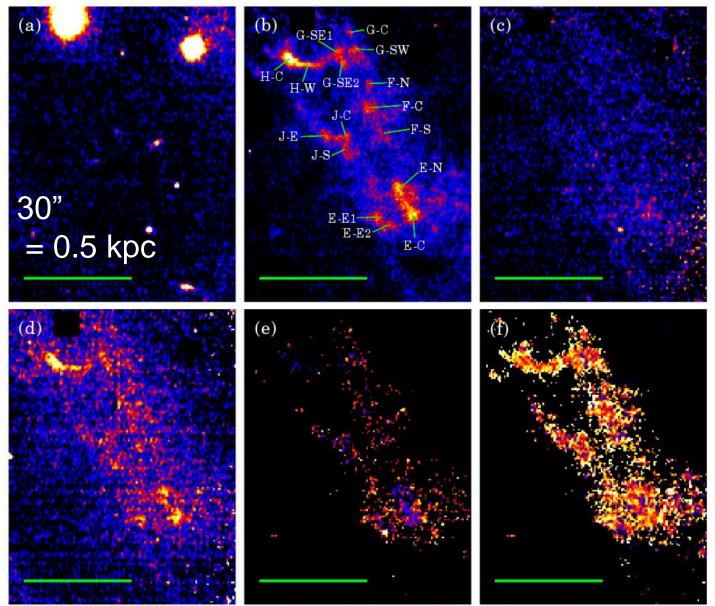


We measured [NII]/H α and [SII]/H α line ratios of the cap with Subaru telescope.

Observation

- object: M82 cap
- date: 2011/Nov/22 26:40 28:50 (HST)
- telescope/instrument: Subaru/Kyoto3DII
 Fabry-Perot mode
- target lines: Hα, [NII]λλ6548,6583, [SII]
 λλ6716, 6731
- wavelength resolution: R = 348, $\Delta \lambda = 19$ Å
- spatial resolution: 0".9
- exposure time: 4200 s (Hα+[NII]), 1500 s ([SII]), 600 s (continuum)

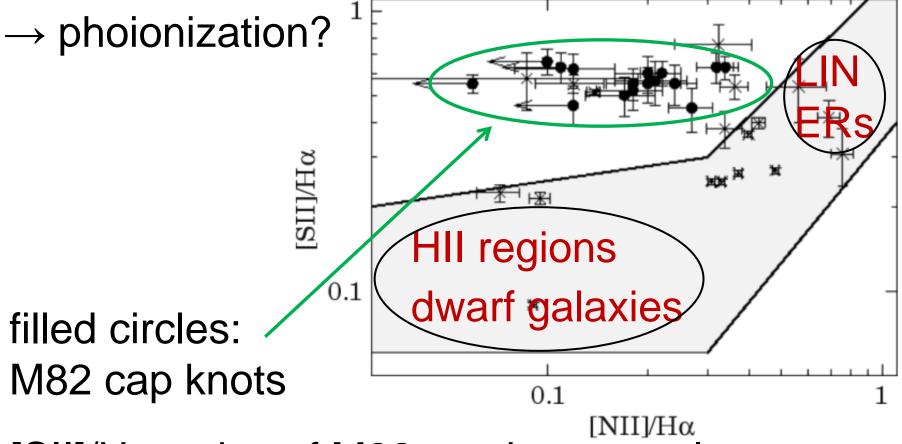
(a) flux(cont.) (b) flux(H α) (c) flux([NII]) (d) flux([SII]) (e) [NII]/H α (f) [SII]/H α



Result

[NII]/H α vs [SII]/H α of knots

• [NII]/H α = 0.10 – 0.35, [SII]/H α = 0.45 – 0.65



[SII]/H α ratios of M82 cap knots are larger than those of HII regions by ~0.3 dex.

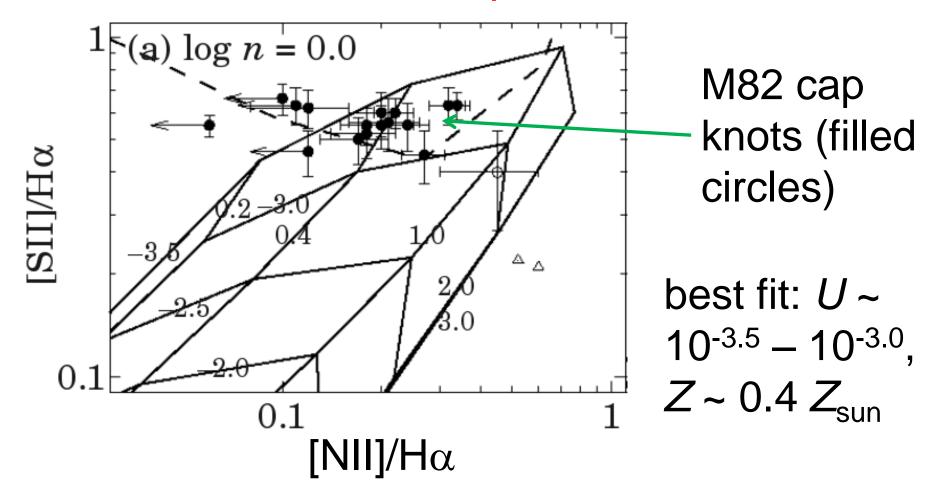
Compare with models

We compare the observed ratios at M82 cap with model predicted values.

- photoionization: UV photons from OB stars ($0.05 \le Z/Z_{sun} \le 3$, $-3.5 \le \log U \le -1.5$) (Cloudy; Ferland et al. 1998)
- slow shock (Z_{sun} , 40 km/s $\leq v_{shock} \leq$ 130 km/s) (Shull & McKee 1979)
- fast shock (Z_{sun} , 200 km/s $\leq v_{shock} \leq$ 1000 km/s, various *B*) (Allen et al. 2008)

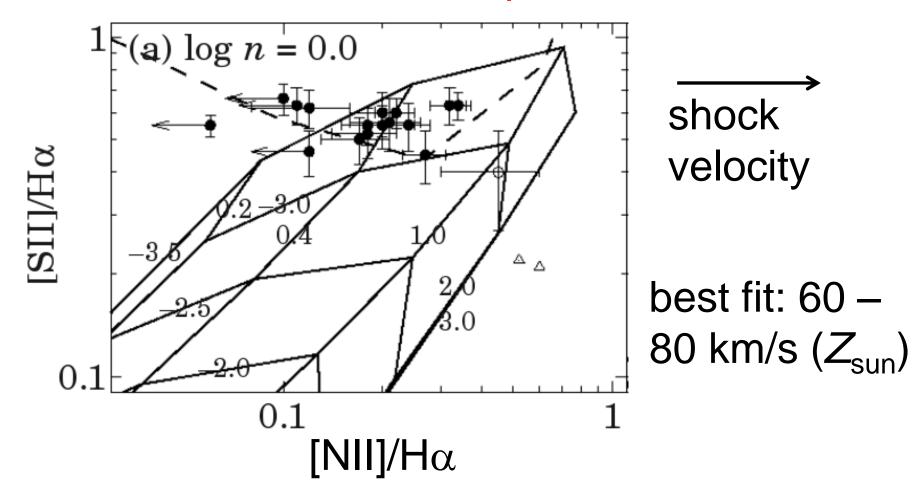
Photoionization

- solid lines: photoionization model
- Photoionization can explain observed ratio.



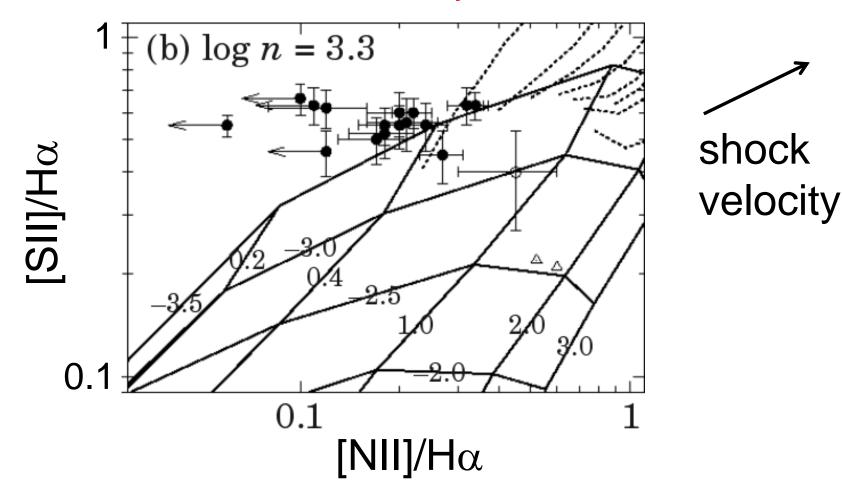
Slow shock

- dashed line: slow shock model
- Slow shock also can explain observed ratios.



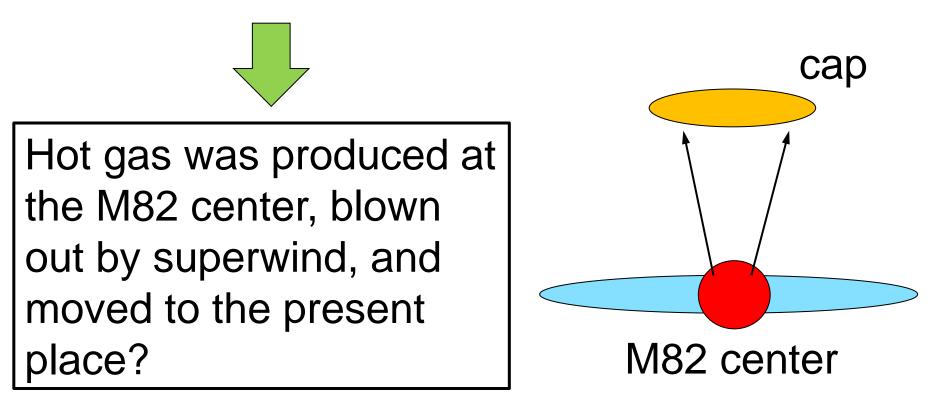
Fast shock

- dotted line: fast shock model
- Fast shock cannot explain the observed ratios.



Heating mechanism of hot gas

- Hot gas was considered to be heated by fast shock at the cap (Lehnert te al. 1999).
- But our data indicates no fast shock there.



Ionized gas origin

- halo gas cloud photoionized by OB stars
 - ionized and hot gas happen to coincide
- part of superwind is photoionized
 - ionized gas metallicity (~0.4 Z_{sun}) is slightly different from hot gas one (~Z_{sun}) (Tsuru et al. 2007)
- Slow shock between superwind and halo gas can avoid these problems.

Summary

- We observed the M82 cap, a gas cloud 11.6 kpc from the center, in order to understand the ionization source.
- The observed ratios are [NII]/H α = 0.10 0.35 and [SII]/H α = 0.45 0.65.
- Photoionization and slow shock can explain the observed ratios, but fast shock cannot.
- It is possible that hot gas heated at the M82 center was transported by superwind, and slow shock produces ionized gas.