Structure and Kinematics of Galaxies



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Galaxy zoo

Galaxy types: disk galaxies (Sa, Sb, Sc, Sd, Sm, dlrr) S0s ('interlude'), SBa ... have bars elliptical galaxies (E0 ... E7, dE, dSph)



disk galaxies:

- stellar bulge & disk
- gas disk (HI + H_2)
- hot gaseous corona



- ordered circular rotation of stellar and gaseous disk

elliptical galaxies:

- spherical or elliptical in projection (prolate, oblate, triaxial?)
- entire gas in hot gaseous corona
- dE, dSph: no gas at all



- stars move on random elliptical orbits, no ordered rotation



disk galaxies:

- all prerequisits for B-field generation and sustainment

cold gas with ionized component

(differential) rotation, turbulence via SF and SNe

ellipticals:

- may possess B-fields (high conductivity), but

no SF \Rightarrow no relativistic particles \Rightarrow no synchrotron radiation \Rightarrow no detection

no SF \Rightarrow no turbulence

dE, dSph: no gas \Rightarrow no SF \Rightarrow no ...

so here focus on disk galaxies!

Constituents of spiral galaxies[†]

Component	Mass	dynamically
• stellar		
- thin disk	$4.7\cdot10^{10}~M_{\odot}$	significant
- thick bulge	$6.2 \cdot 10^{10} M_{\odot}$	significant
 gaseous disk 		
- atomic neutral hydrogen (HI)	$3.1\cdot10^{10}~M_{\odot}$	significant
- molecular hydrogen (H ₂)	7.5 · 10 ⁹ M _☉	significant (?)
- ionized/hot gas (HII)	5.0 · 10 ⁸ M _☉	insignificant
- dust	4.0 · 10 ⁸ M _☉	insignificant
 relativistic plasma 	10 - 50 M _☉	insignificant
 dark halo 	5.0 · $10^{11} \mathrm{M}_{\odot}$	dominant

† e.g. NGC 7331

Structure of disk galaxies

stellar disk: exponential decline of brightness

$$I(R) = I_0 \cdot e^{-R/R_d}$$

I(R) and I_0 have units of mag/3''

conversion to $L_{\odot}\ pc^{\text{-2}}$ for optical band X via



$$I_{X} = 4.25 \cdot 10^{8+0.4 \left[\left(\frac{M_{\odot,X}}{mag} \right) - \left(\frac{\mu_{X}}{mag/G''} \right) \right]} \cos i \quad L_{\odot} \text{ pc}^{-2}$$

conversion to mass surface density then via mass-to-light ratio for that band:

$$\left(\frac{\Sigma_X(R)}{M_{\odot} \text{ pc}^{-2}}\right) = K_X \cdot \left(\frac{I_X(R)}{L_{\odot} \text{ pc}^{-2}}\right)$$

likewise for mass and luminosity density, respectively:

$$\left(\frac{\rho_X(r)}{M_{\odot} \text{ pc}^{-3}}\right) = K_X \cdot \left(\frac{j_X(r)}{L_{\odot} \text{ pc}^{-3}}\right)$$

use Poisson equation to convert to circular velocities (see kinematics)

note:

we use R for observed radial brightness and r for intrinsic galacto-centric distance



edge-on view:



truncated disk with finite thickness (Casertano 1983):

$$I(R, z) = I_0 e^{-\frac{R}{R_d}} \cosh^{-2} (z/z_0)$$

~ exp[- $(z/z_0)^2$] for small z

with underlying density

$$\rho(R, z) = \rho_0(R) \cosh^{-2}(z/z_0)$$

where

$$\rho_{0}(R) = \begin{cases} \rho_{00} e^{-R/R_{d}} & (R \leq R_{t}) \\ \rho_{00} e^{-R/R_{d}} \left[1 - (R - R_{t}) / \delta \right] & (R_{t} \leq R \leq R_{t} + \delta) \\ 0 & (R_{t} + \delta \leq R) \end{cases}$$

 R_t = truncation radius, δ = soft-cutoff region note: sech(x) = cosh(x)⁻¹

e.g. NGC5907 (van der Kruit & Searle 1982):



bulge: intensity follows de Vaucouleurs (1948) law

$$I(R) = I_e \cdot e^{-7.67 \left[(R/R_e)^{1/4} - 1 \right]}$$

or, its generalized form, a Sersic law

$$I(R) = I_{e} \cdot e^{-b_{n} \left[(R/R_{e})^{1/n} - 1 \right]}$$



where R_e is the effective radius, implying that one-half of the total light is emitted interior to R_e .

Intensity distribution of a spheroid needs to be deprojected (Binney & Tremaine 1987; Binney & Merrifield 1998):

$$I(R) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} j(r) dz = 2 \int_{R}^{+\infty} \frac{j(r) r dr}{\sqrt{r^2 - R^2}}$$
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this Abel integral is readily inverted to yield the luminosity density

$$j(r) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{r}^{+\infty} \frac{dI}{dR} \frac{dR}{\sqrt{R^2 - r^2}}$$

convert luminosity density into matter density of bulge

$$\rho_X(r) = \mathsf{K}_X \cdot j_X(r)$$

and calculate circular velocity using Poisson equation for the spherically symmetric case (see kinematics).

gaseous disks:

e.g. Leroy et al. (2008):

total gas and SFE from

- HI (THINGS) 34 galaxies, 6" resolution
- CO (BIMA SONG) 44 galaxies, 44" resolution

distribution of molecular gas:

inferred H₂ leads to nearly exponential decline

fills the HI gaps in the centres



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Atomic gas

neutral hydrogen

formation: in the first 3 minutes ... (BBNS)

21 cm line radiation of neutral hydrogen at frequency

 $v_{10} = 1.42040575178(6) \text{ GHz}$

hyperfine transition, interaction of electron and nuclear spin magnetic dipole radiation with

 $A_{10} = 2.86888 \cdot 10^{-15} \,\mathrm{s}^{-1}$

column densities easily derived via

$$N_{HI}(\xi,\eta) = 1.822 \cdot 10^{18} \int_{V_1}^{V_2} \left[\frac{T_b(\xi,\eta)}{K} \right] \left(\frac{dV}{km \ s^{-1}} \right) \quad atoms \ cm^{-2}$$



in general: HI disks much larger than stellar ones! e.g. NGC 5055

Battaglia et al. (2005)





... and another one: NGC 3741 (Gentile et al. 2007):

WSRT observations; $15^{\circ} \times 12^{\circ}$ beam $\Rightarrow 220 \text{ pc} \times 170 \text{ pc}$

- largest HI disk so far
- out to ~15 × R₂₅,
 = 42 B-band scale-lengths!



warps:

- most pronounced in HI line
- first seen in edge-on systems (Sancisi 1976; 1983)

cause: external or internal torques





Battaglia et al. (2006) Ringberg, 19 July 2011



DDO 154: HI out to ~15 × R_{25} (B band)



Gentile et al. (in prep.)

DDO 154: the 3-D gaseous structure (?)





Józsa et al. (in prep.)

cold halo gas: e.g. NGC 891, a matter of sensitivity ...



Oosterloo et al. (2007)

rotation of halo gas:



$$dV_z/dz = 15 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ kpc}^{-1}$$

further support for accretion scenario: HI with anomalous velocities

NGC 2403

NGC 6946

Boomsma (2007)

Fraternali et al. (2002)



holes and shells in the ISM Bagetakos et al. (2010):

• found > 1000 holes (THINGS)

larger and round holes in dwarfs

origin:

- star formation
- turbulence (Dib & Burkert 2005)



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influence of environment:

VLA Imaging of Virgo galaxies in Atomic gas

extended H I tails, almost all pointing away from the cluster center

truncated H I disks

near cluster center compression gas on one side

some of the HI extra-planar

variety of environmental effects:

- ICM-ISM interactions
- harassment
- tidal interactions
- mergers



HI Atlas of VIVA Sample

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molecular gas:

most abundant: H₂ molecule

determination of N_{H2} much more difficult than N_{H1}

lacks dipole moment

 \rightarrow quadrupole transitions with $\Delta J = 2 (J = 2 \rightarrow 0)$

requires high gas temperatures ($\Delta E / k = 509 \text{ K}$)

 \rightarrow not representative for general ISM (only hot molecular gas)

CO molecule:

second-most abundant molecule

frequent collisions with $H_2 \rightarrow$ information about H_2 (column) density

quite stable: $E_{diss} = 11.09 \text{ eV} \Rightarrow \lambda_{diss} \leq 1118 \text{ Å}$









no CO for $log(O/H) + 12 \le 7.9$ (Taylor et al. 1998)

BIMA Survey of Nearby Galaxies (BIMA SONG)



Regan et al. (2001) Helfer et al. (2003)

and finally the dark-matter halo:

inferred from rotation curves (see kinematics)

Photometry

optical photometry \Rightarrow mass distribution of stellar component (bulge, disk)

calibration is tricky, e.g. "flat-fielding"



raw image

flat-field image

flat-fielded image

then subtract stars and fit elliptical isophotes to galaxy image, with position angle χ and inclination *i* such as to obtain (projected) intensity distribution I(R).

(from A. Pizzella's home page)

evaluation: e.g. profile fitting

- one-dimensional: average brightness in elliptical rings and fit analytical function to it
- two-dimensional fit to the photometry

most widely used tool: GALFIT (Peng et al. 2002; 2007; 2010)

- provides large set of radial fitting functions
- accounts for PSF by convolving galaxy model functions with it
a weird thing: star subtraction!



... a real challenge: e.g. UGC 11891 (a 'smudge' close to the Galactic plane)

$$I(R) = I_e \cdot e^{-b_n [(R/R_e)^{1/n} - 1]}$$

Sersic

exponential
$$I(R) = I_0 \cdot e^{-R/R_d}$$

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$$I(R) = I_b \cdot 2^{(\beta - \gamma)/\alpha} \left(\frac{R}{R_b}\right)^{-\gamma} \left[1 + \left(\frac{R}{R_b}\right)^{\alpha}\right]^{(\gamma - \beta)/\alpha}$$

Gaussian

$$I(R) = I_0 \cdot e^{-(R^2/2\sigma^2)}$$

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$$I(R) = I_0 \cdot \left[1 + \left(R / R_d\right)^2\right]^{-n}$$

Graphical illustration of GALFIT functions



when principal axes of ellipse aligned with coordinate axes, the radial pixel coordinate given by

$$R = \left(\left| x \right|^{c+2} + \left| \frac{y}{q} \right|^{c+2} \right)^{\frac{1}{c+2}}$$

pure ellipse : c = 0

boxy : c > 0

disky : c < 0

q = minor/major axis ratio



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Kinematics of disk galaxies

obtain V_{obs} from spectroscopy:

- optical emission lines (H α etc.)
- neutral hydrogen (HI)
- carbon monoxide (CO)

Tracer	angular resolution	spectral resolution
н	7" 30"	2 10 km s ⁻¹
СО	1.5" 8"	2 … 10 km s ⁻¹
Ηα,	0.5" 1.5"	10 … 30 km s ⁻¹









optical spectroscopy \Rightarrow kinematics of inner galaxy (bulge, disk)

long-slit spectroscopy



(A. Pizzella's home page)





mainly three lines: nitrogen

hydrogen sulfur

$$\begin{array}{lll} & {}^{3}\mathsf{P}_{1} \rightarrow {}^{1}\mathsf{D}_{2} & 6543 \text{ Å} \\ {}^{3}\mathsf{P}_{2} \rightarrow {}^{1}\mathsf{D}_{2} & 6583 \text{ Å} \\ \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{lll} & \mathsf{en} & \mathsf{H}\alpha & 6563 \text{ Å} \\ & {}^{4}\mathsf{S}_{1/2} \rightarrow {}^{2}\mathsf{D}_{5/2} & 6716 \text{ Å} \\ {}^{4}\mathsf{S}_{1/2} \rightarrow {}^{1}\mathsf{D}_{3/2} & 6731 \text{ Å} \end{array} \end{array}$$

$$V = c \frac{\lambda_{obs} - \lambda_0}{\lambda_0}$$



integral-field spectroscopy

e.g. DensePak on WIYN telescope:

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91 fibers (7 fiber x 13 fiber rectangle)
fiber diameter: 300 microns = 3 arcseconds
fiber-to-fiber spacing: 4 arcseconds
overall dimensions: 30 arcseconds x 45 arcseconds
spectral window: 3700 Å to 1.1 \mum
\Delta V = 13 km s<sup>-1</sup> in H\alpha
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another one: SAURON on the 4.2-m on WHT

Simon et al. (2003): dwarf spiral NGC2976, Ha integral-field + CO



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140

V_{HEL} (km s⁻¹)

60

40

20

0

-20

-40

-60

rotation curves: assume symmetric circular rotation of a disk characterized by

- sky coordinates (η_0, ξ_0) of the kinematic centre
- systemic velocity V_{sys} , i.e. the velocity of the galaxy's centre w.r.t. the sun
- circular velocity V(R)
- position angle χ of the major axis (clockwise from north)
- inclination angle *i* between normal to galaxy plane and l.o.s., i.e.

$$i = \arccos\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)$$

now subdivide projected (elliptical) galaxy image into elliptical rings of width ΔR .





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radio spectroscopy \Rightarrow data cubes

e.g. 21-cm line:

brightness temperature:

$$T_b = T_b(\xi, \eta, V)$$

velocity

vity:

$$\left\langle V(\xi,\eta) \right\rangle = \frac{\int_{V_1}^{V_2} T_b(\xi,\eta,V) V(\xi,\eta) \, dV}{\int_{V_1}^{V_2} T_b(\xi,\eta,V) \, dV}$$

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column density (e.g. HI):

$$N_{HI}(\xi,\eta) = 1.822 \cdot 10^{18} \int_{V_1}^{V_2} \left[\frac{T_b(\xi,\eta)}{K} \right] \left(\frac{dV}{km \ s^{-1}} \right) \quad atoms \ cm^{-2}$$

single dish vs. interferometer



data cubes





$\overline{L}_{B} \sim 0.5 \times L_{*}$





$\overline{L}_{B} \sim 0.06 \times L_{*}$

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$L_B \sim 0.005 \times L_*$









VLA



PdB Interferometer



ALMA







Rotation curves

needed for studies of mass distributions: rotation curve V(r)

problems (see, e.g., Swaters et al. 2003):

- slit position and orientation (H α)
- distribution of tracers (HI, CO, $H\alpha$)
- spectral smoothing
- spatial smoothing ("beam smearing")
- finite disk thickness, edge-on galaxies
- anomalous velocities
 - non-circular motions
 - star-forming regions (H α)
- lopsidednes
- warps



tilted-ring analysis of velocity field:

$$V_{obs}(\xi,\eta) = V_{sys} + V(r) \cos\theta \sin i$$

- i = inclination angle (0° = face-on)
- θ = azimuthal angle

$$\cos\theta = \frac{-(\xi - \xi_0)\sin\chi + (\eta - \eta_0)\cos\chi}{R}$$
$$\sin\theta = \frac{-(\xi - \xi_0)\cos\chi - (\eta - \eta_0)\sin\chi}{R\cos i}$$

 ξ_0 , η_0 , *i*, χ and *V* are expected to vary with *R*



procedure (Begeman 1989):

- 1. divide galaxy into concentric rings (width ~ 1 beam width)
- 2. estimate initial values of V_0 , ξ_0 , η_0 , V_c , *i* and χ
- 3. calculate initial radial velocities $V(\xi, \eta) \Rightarrow 1^{st}$ moment
- 4. make least-squares fit for parameters V_0 , ξ_0 , η_0 , V_c , *i* and χ , using observed velocity field and initial guess determined above
- 5. improved values of basic parameters define new set of sky coordinates ξ, η ; go to 3 until convergence is reached; iteration process is monitored by calculating χ^2

Battaglia et al. (2006)



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fit parameters in RC fitting:

$$V_{rot}^{2}(r) = V_{DM}^{2}(r) + V_{b}^{2}(r) + V_{d}^{2}(r) + V_{HI}^{2}(r) + V_{H_{2}}^{2}(r)$$

<u>stars</u>

mass-to-light ratio of optical band X: $\bigoplus_{\mathbf{X}}$ (disk, bulge)

<u>gas</u>

- HI: straight forward, just account for helium, $X_{He} \approx 1.3 \dots 1.4$
- H_2 : conversion from CO brightness to H_2 column density, X_{CO}

<u>dark halo</u>

- core or characteristic radius : r₀, r_s

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- central or characteristic density : ρ_0 , ρ_s

MOND

- acceleration : a_0 (although this ought to be a universal constant)
- distance

now perform mass decomposition

needs excellent data quality!

from THINGS:







Probing the galaxy potential

Poisson equation:

$$\overrightarrow{\nabla}^2 \Phi = 4\pi \cdot G \cdot \rho$$

in principle for axi-symmetric potentials: measure circular rotation speed V and infer density ρ

for spherical (DM, stellar bulge) potential: measure circular rotation speed $V_{DM}(r)$ and infer $\rho_{DM}(r)$ using

$$\vec{\nabla}^2 \Phi_{DM}(r) = 4\pi \cdot G \cdot \rho_{DM}(r)$$
$$= \left(\frac{V_{DM}}{r}\right)^2 + 2 \cdot \left(\frac{V_{DM}}{r}\right) \cdot \frac{\partial V_{DM}}{\partial r}$$

⇒ most simple inversion method in case of (e.g.) dominating (spherical) DM halo or, vice versa:

$$M(< r) = \int_{0}^{r} 4\pi r'^{2} \rho(r') dr'$$

$$V^2(r) = \frac{GM(< r)}{r}$$

e.g. quasi-isothermal halo:

$$\rho(r) = \rho_0 \left(1 + \frac{r^2}{r_0^2} \right)^{-1}$$

i.e.

$$M(< r) = 4\pi \rho_0 \int_0^r \frac{r'^2 r_0^2}{r_0^2 + r'^2} dr'$$
$$= 4\pi \rho_0 r_0^2 r \left(1 - \frac{r_0}{r} \arctan \frac{r}{r_0}\right)$$

so: measure $V_{rot}(r)$, calculate $V_{stellar}(r)$, $V_{gas}(r)$, and deduce $V_{DM}(r)$

$$V_{rot}^2 = V_{DM}^2 + V_{stellar}^2 + V_{gas}^2$$

stellar component : bulge (b) and disk (d) gaseous component : HI and H₂

$$V_{rot}^{2} = V_{DM}^{2} + V_{b}^{2} + V_{d}^{2} + V_{HI}^{2} + V_{H_{2}}^{2}$$

high-precision rotation curve delivers $V_{rot}(r)$

mass surface densities yield $V_{stellar}(r)$, $V_{gas}(r)$

$$V_{DM} = \sqrt{V_{rot}^2 - V_b^2 - V_d^2 - V_{HI}^2 - V_{H_2}^2}$$

stellar disk

solution for infinitely thin exponential disk, which has intensity an distribution

 $I(r) = I_0 \cdot e^{-r/r_D}$

is (Freeman 1970)

$$V_d^2(r) = 4\pi G \Sigma_0 r_d y^2 \left[I_0(y) K_0(y) - I_1(y) K_1(y) \right]$$

I(R) and I_0 have units of L_{\odot} pc⁻², and $y = R / 2 R_d$.

with stellar mass-to-light ratio \mathcal{Q}_* :

$$\Sigma_0 = \mathsf{K}_* I_0$$

solution for truncated thick disk reads (Casertano 1983)

$$V_d^2(r) = 4\pi G r \int_0^\infty du \int_0^\infty d\zeta \frac{2\sqrt{u}}{\pi\sqrt{r p}} [\mathcal{K}(p) - \mathcal{E}(p)] \frac{\partial}{\partial u} [\rho(u, \zeta)]$$

where ${\cal K}$ and ${\cal E}$ are complete elliptical integrals,

$$p = x - \sqrt{x^2 - 1}$$

and

$$x = \frac{r^2 + u^2 + \varsigma^2}{2Ru}$$

now plug in numerically any density distribution $\rho(R,z)$ and obtain (circular) velocity of the disk component.

gaseous disk

in general not an exponential disk, but rather has arbitrary $\Sigma(R)$, so use Casertano (1983) formalism:

$$V_{gas}^{2}(r) = 4\pi G r \int_{0}^{\infty} du \int_{0}^{\infty} d\zeta \frac{2\sqrt{u}}{\pi\sqrt{r p}} [\mathcal{K}(p) - \mathcal{E}(p)] \frac{\partial}{\partial u} [\rho(u, \zeta)]$$

observed: $N_H(R)$, readily converted into mass surface density $\Sigma_H(R)$

divide by effective thickness of gaseous disk to obtain density $\,
ho$

$$\rho_{gas}(r) = 1.4 \cdot \Sigma_{gas}(r) \cdot \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-z/z_0} dz\right)^{-1}$$

factor of 1.4 accounts for presence of helium.

note: N_{HI} results directly from 21-cm line N_{H2} results indirectly via CO line (s.b.)

Dark halos

Burkert (1995) established empirical law that fits (DM-dominated) dwarf Galaxies best; characterized by central density ρ_0 and core radius r_0

$$\rho(r) = \frac{\rho_0 r_0^3}{(r + r_0)(r^2 + r_0^2)}$$

test particle has circular velocity

$$V^{2}(r) = 2\pi G \rho_{0} \frac{r_{0}^{3}}{r} \left[\ln \left(\frac{r+r_{0}}{r_{0}} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{r^{2}+r_{0}^{2}}{r_{0}^{2}} \right) - \arctan \frac{r}{r_{0}} \right]$$

numerical simulations in the (Λ)CDM framework yield halos that are best fitted by analytic function (Navarro, Frenk & White 1997) referred to as "NFW profile"

$$\rho(r) = \frac{\rho_s}{r/r_s \left(1 + r/r_s\right)^2}$$

test particle in such a potential has circular velocity

$$V^{2}(r) = V_{200}^{2} \frac{1}{x} \frac{\ln(1+cx) - (cx/1+cx)}{\ln(1+c) - (c/1+c)}$$

where $x = r/r_{200}$. V_{200} is the circular velocity at r_{200} , the "virial radius", for which $\langle \rho \rangle = 200 \rho_{crit}$. *c* is the concentration parameter defined as

$$c = \frac{r_{200}}{r_s}$$
concentration parameter *c*, characteristic radius $r_{\rm s}$ and density $\rho_{\rm s}$ are connected by

$$c \approx 20 \left(\frac{M_{vir}}{10^{11} \mathrm{M}_{\odot}}\right)^{-0.13}$$

$$r_s \approx 5.7 \left(\frac{M_{vir}}{10^{11} \mathrm{M}_{\odot}} \right)^{0.46} \mathrm{kpc}$$

$$\rho_{\rm s} \approx \frac{\Delta}{3} \frac{c^3}{\ln(1+c) - c/(1+c)} \rho_{crit}$$

$$M_{\rm vir} \equiv \frac{4}{3} \pi r_{200}^3 \Delta \cdot \rho_{crit}$$

 $\Delta \approx 337$ is the overdensity at z = 0 (see Bryan & Norman 1998).



... and the circular velocities of DM halos



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e.g. de Blok et al. (2001a): 48 LSB galaxies
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high-resolution RCs (H\alpha + HI)
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inner slopes strongly peaked around α = -0.2 for $\rho_{DM} \propto r^{\alpha}$



dotted : isothermal halo, with core radii of 0.5, 1 and 2 kpc solid : NFW model dashed : Moore c = 8 and $V_{200} = 100$ km s⁻¹

Gentile et al. (2004):

sample of spiral galaxies with

- low luminosities
- precise optical RCs available
- late type (small or no bulges)
- well known distances



Right Ascension (12000)

derived rotation curves



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comparison with models



0.4

0.12

0.6 0.6

0.7

0.6

2 3 4

- 6



NFW



7 2

15

MOND

0.205

0.2



Burkert



0.75

0.1

0.65



NFW

ESO 287-G13

Discrepant points: 2 o 3 o no. of points

Burkert	2	0	26
NFW	6	2	26
Moore	6	3	26
HI-scaling	8	3	26
MOND	3	2	26



fits with NFW (dashed) and Burkert (magenta & black solid) law



last point matches M_{vir}

NFW "flagrantly" bad (c = 25) Burkert yields: $r_0 = 7$ kpc $\rho_0 = 1.4 \cdot 10^{-24}$ g cm⁻³ c left as free parameter

Relation to magnetic fields

'flux freezing':

magnetic fields tightly coupled to gas (via ionized component)

 \Rightarrow B-field influenced by kinematics!

observations:

B-field follows spiral arms

kinematics:

- galactic rotation
- spiral density waves

B-field influenced by density waves?



Fletcher et al. (2011)

influence by magnetic field on gas kinematics requires

$$\frac{B^2}{8\pi} \approx \rho \left(\Delta V\right)^2$$

e.g.

turbulence: $u_{mag}/u_{kin} \approx 3$ rotation: $u_{mag}/u_{kin} \ll 10^{-4}$

magnetic field passive on large scales

density waves

classical case: M 81 (Rots 1975) kinematic imprint: $|\Delta V| \ll 20$ km S⁻¹ 20 α h V (km s⁻¹) 0 -20 10 6 8 R (kpc) 10 6 8 4 8 R(kpc)

does this affect the B-field?



pitch angles of B-field in M 51 (Patrikeev et al. 2006)



\Rightarrow inspect HI data cubes!

de Blok et al. (2008)



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construct deprojected velocity vectors from residual velocities and compare with B-field orientation

good candidates:

spirals with pronounced density waves:

M 51, M 81, M 83, NGC 2903

spirals with bars:

NGC 1097, NGC 1365, NGC 3627



Galaxy Survey



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