

ANGULAR MOMENTUM OF DWARF GALAXIES

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Angular momentum (AM)

- Mass and AM are fundamental parameters.
- AM in galaxies is originated from tidal torques between neighbouring halos. (Peebles 1969)
- Models predict specific angular momentum (j) of halo $j_{\rm H}^{} \propto {M_{\rm H}^{2/3}}$
- Baryons and dark matter acquire identical AM initially. (van den Bosch et al. 2002)

Observations

- Stellar $j_* \& M_*$ follow $j_*=kM_*^{2/3}$, with ellipticals have 5x lower than spirals. (Fall 1983; Romanowsky & Fall 2012)
- Baryonic j_b and mass M_b correlate with bulge fraction (β), $j_b \propto M_b$ for a fixed β . (Obreschkow & Glazebrook 2014)
- Dwarfs lie above $j_b \text{-} M_b$ relation for bulge-less spirals.

(Butler et al. 2017, Chowdhury & Chengalur 2017)

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- Sample: 11 galaxies from Lynx-Cancer void.
- AM is calculated using the HI kinematics (GMRT, VLA) and SDSS images.

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 j_b of dwarfs in void is similar to dwarfs in field.

Field dwarfs -> Butler et al. 2017, CC 2017

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Stability model



• If j is regulated by stability criterion, $j \propto M \times (\sigma/Q)^{-1}$, where σ is velocity dispersion. (Zasov & Zaitseva 2017)



Best fit value of σ/Q is 2.8 km/s;

matches to canonical values of σ (6-10 km/s) and Q (2-4)

Dwarfs versus spirals

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Stellar feedback

• Increase in j_b sets at $M_b \sim 10^{9.1} M_{\odot}$, which is similar to thickening of gas discs.

 \bullet Stellar feedback might be responsible for both increase j_b and thickness of discs.

• Quantitatively, star formation in dwarfs is insufficient to increase in j_b for a marginally stable disc.

Summary

- Dwarfs in voids and field have similar j_{b} values.
- j_b-M_b slope is consistent with marginally stable disk.
- Dwarfs have higher j_b values than bulge-less spirals.
- Increase in j_b sets at $M_b\sim 10^{9.1}M_\odot,$ which is similar to thickening of gas disks.
- Stellar feedback processes are probably responsible; SF may not be sufficient to produce the observed increase in j.

Additional slides

j-M relation: UM cluster



Dwarfs in UM have similar j as dwarfs in other densities. Spirals in UM have lower j compared to spirals in other densities.

Stability model

- Local instabilities could lead to star formation, which may lead to outflows. The remaining material adjusts itself so that the disk is marginally stable.
- The stability condition against gravitational perturbations is characterized by Toomre Q.
- In case of a thin disc, critical value is Q = 1. Non-zero thickness of a disc makes the disc more stable.
- If the j is regulated by stability criterion, $j = M \times (QG/4\sigma)$. Where, σ is the velocity dispersion.

Rotation curves

Tilted ring model was fit to HI data cube using FAT (3D)



(Rogstad et al. 1974)



Sample

- Lynx-Cancer void (D ~ 18 Mpc), consists of 103 faint galaxies. (Pustilnik et al. 2011)
- 25 gas-rich galaxies ($\rm M_{HI}/L_B>1.9,\,M_B>-16)$ were selected.
- To get good rotation curves, galaxies with
 - well behaved velocity fields
 - at least 6 beams across the major axis
 - inclinations greater than 35^0 were selected.
- The galaxy KK246 from Tully void is also included

$\rightarrow 11$ galaxies

Angular momentum Catastrophe

- Disks in simulations show are an order of magnitude smaller.
- Gas loses significant angular momentum to dark matter due to "over-cooling".



Angular momentum catastrophe-solution

- The problem diminished in the models which include baryonic feedback such as
 - Stellar winds
 - Supernovae feedback
- Outflows can preferentially remove low angular momentum gas.

E.g. Gas outflows from M 82



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Cold-mode accretion

- Cold-mode accretion
 - Flows along filaments
 - Carries more AM
 - Dominant in low-mass haloes.



Stewart et al. 2013

Is feedback sufficient?

- Assuming
- If we assume all material within a fractional radius α is lost,
 - Mass will decrease by a factor of $(1-\alpha)$
 - Offset in j_b - M_b plane will increase by $\log((1+\alpha)/(1-\alpha))$



Angular momentum

- Tidal torquing in early universe: $j_{\rm H} = k M_{\rm H}^{-2/3}$
- At early epochs, $j_b^{\ 0}=j_H$
- Baryon to dark matter fraction: $f_{\rm b} = M_{\rm H} \; / \; M_{\rm b}$
- Angular momentum retention fraction $f_j = j_b^{0} / j_b$
- Then, $j_b \propto f_j f_b^{-2/3} M_b^{-2/3}$

 $\boldsymbol{j}_{H}\,,~\boldsymbol{j}_{b}$ are sAM of dark matter halo, baryons.

 $\rm M_{\rm H}\,,~M_{\rm b}$ are mass of dark matter halo, stars and baryons.

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Tilted Ring Model

- Rotation curves can be derived by fitting a tilted ring model; assumes gas is confined to a thin disk and is in circular motion (Warner et al.1973)
- A set of concentric rings is used to describe the motion of gas; each ring has a constant rotation velocity V_{rot} , depends only on mean radius
- Each ring is characterized by an inclination i, a position angle(PA) of major axis projected onto sky Φ . If V_{sys} is systematic velocity, θ is PA in plane of galaxy, then line of sight velocity at any point (x,y) is

$$V(x,y) = V_{sys} + V_{rot}sin(i)cos(\theta)$$

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{-(x-x_0)\sin(\phi) + (y-y_0)\cos(\phi)}{R}$$

$$\sin(\theta) = \frac{-(x - x_0)\cos(\phi) + (y - y_0)\sin(\phi)}{R\cos(i)}$$