



Extragalactic Astrophysics





What did we learn?





- 1. Galaxies are not isolated system: usually, they are bounded in groups, clusters, or interacting systems
- 2. Specific physical processes act on galaxies within denser environments and can modify their shape
- 3. Galaxies in clusters have less star formation, are more gas-poor and a correlation exists between morphology and the density
- 4. These mechanisms can be studied via spectral and/or SED analysis





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A phase-space view of cold-gas properties of Virgo-cluster galaxies: multiple quenching processes at work?

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We investigate the cold-gas properties of massive Virgo galaxies (> 10⁹ M_☉) at < $3R_{200}$ (R_{200} is the radius where the mean interior density is 200 times the critical density) on the projected phasespace diagram (PSD) with the largest archival dataset to date to understand the environmental effect on galaxy evolution in the Virgo cluster. We find: lower HI and H₂ mass fractions and higher starformation efficiencies (SFEs) from HI and H₂ in the Virgo galaxies than the field galaxies for matched stellar masses; the Virgo galaxies generally follow the field relationships between the offset from the main sequence of the star-forming galaxies [Δ (MS)] with gas fractions and SFEs but slightly offset to lower gas fractions or higher SFEs than field galaxies at Δ (MS) ≤ 0 ; lower gas fractions in galaxies with smaller clustocentric distance and velocity; lower gas fractions in the galaxies in the W cloud, a substructure of the Virgo cluster. Our results suggest the cold-gas properties of some Virgo galaxies are affected by their environment at least at $3R_{200}$ maybe via strangulation and/or pre-processes and HI and H₂ in some galaxies are removed by ram pressure at < $1.5R_{200}$. Our data cannot rule the possibility of the other processes such as strangulation and galaxy harassment accounting for the gas reduction in some galaxies at < $1.5R_{200}$. Future dedicated observations of a mass-limited complete sample are required for definitive conclusions.



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Outline of the course

- 1. History
- 2. General concepts review
- 3. Galaxies in the local Universe

4. Galaxies kinematics and scaling relations

- 5. Star formation
- 6. Interstellar Medium
- 7. Distances and redshift
- 8. High redshift Universe
- 9. Final remarks and open debate

Galaxy kinematics

Goal: To measure the motions of gas and stars providing relevant hints about galaxy evolution. Examples:

- a) dynamical mass within galaxies \rightarrow gravitational potentials
- b) dynamical state of baryons \rightarrow angular momentum and the ratio of kinetic energy in random motion vs. ordered rotation

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Galaxy halo

At high R the velocity of two stars is similar and from:

$$M = \frac{v^2}{G} \cdot R$$

Derives that: $M \propto R$

Isothermal Sphere

PHASE 1

Age: Before the recombination of the Universe (~380,000 years after the Big Bang)

- Baryons are ionized and interacts with photons
- DM does not interact with the photons → collapse once matter dominates over radiation

PHASE 2

- Age: During recombination
- Baryons decouple from the photons → can fall into the DM halo potential well

Hydrogen 75% - Helium 24%

Gas dissipates \rightarrow rotating discs (angular momentum due to tidal torques in the halo is concerved)

Local gravitational instability \rightarrow gas forms stars

Hierarchical model: galaxies form and evolve through successive mergers of smaller bodies and their fate is dependent on the environment which they inhabit.

Pros

- Mergers are seen
- Ellipticals in high density

environments

- Irrs isolated

Cons

- Ellipticals saw at early epochs
- Irregulars forming today

Merging of 2 discs with randomly oriented angular momenta \rightarrow lower angular momenta

Multiple minor mergers \rightarrow massive bulges

Major mergers (mass ratio close to 1) \rightarrow elliptical galaxies (spheroid)

Monolithic scenario: galaxies form and evolve as relatively isolated bodies. Their physical properties are determined by the initial condition.

Pros:

- Ellipticals are old
- Ellipticals are seen at high z
- Spirals/Irrs rotating
- Irregulars forming today
 Cons:
- Mergers are seen

If star formation occurs more quickly than the collapse time \rightarrow spheroid forms first \rightarrow disc forms later through gas accretion

Hybrid Hierarchical Model: a combination of the two models. The small variations in CMB show that the distribution of matter in the early universe was slightly clumped. These clumps formed the cores of the first protogalaxies.

Figure 5: These 18 small blue objects imaged by the HST could be the precursors to galaxies we see in the universe today.¶

Spectrum

Continuum

- The combination of many Black-Body spectra spanning a range in temperatures
- This produces a fairly flat overall spectrum

D_n4000

The 4000A-break

- Caused by:
 - blanket absorption of high energy radiation from metals in the stellar atmospheres
 - the lack of hot blue stars
- Hence:

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- Ellipticals => A strong 4000A-Break
- Spirals => A weak 4000A-Break
- Irregulars => No 4000A-Break

Absorption Lines

 Caused by Atoms/Molecules in a star's atmosphere that absorb specific wavelengths

• Can also be due to COLD gas in the interstellar medium which can EXTRACT energy from the passing radiation

Emission Lines

 Caused by gas being ionized and heated and then re-radiating at specific allowed wavelengths

- Stars form from gas so are often embedded
- Young stars ionise gas which releases radiation at a specific wavelength as it recombines

Absorption / Emission Lines

- Absorption Lines
 - Need metals in stellar atmospheres or cold gas in the interstellar medium
- Implies
 - Old stellar population = old galaxy
- From
 - Ellipticals
 - Spiral Bulges

- Emission Lines
 - Need very hot gas and O and B type stars
- Implies
 - Newly formed stars = starforming/young galaxy
- From
 - Spiral Disks
 - Irregulars

Basic of Spectroscopy

3b. Absorption-Line Centroid:

$$\lambda_{c} = \frac{\int \lambda (F_{c} - F_{\lambda}) d\lambda}{\int (F_{c} - F_{\lambda}) d\lambda} \qquad (Å$$

3c. Radial Velocity Centroid: (nonrelativistic)

$$v_{\rm r} = \frac{\lambda_{\rm c} - \lambda_{\rm lab}}{\lambda_{\rm lab}} {\rm c}$$
 (km s⁻¹)

Example: Elliptical

Wavelength (Angstroms)

Example: Spiral

Example: Irregular

Spectrum: S0 & Spirals

- SO similar to E in terms of old stellar populations
- Sa/Sb have stronger Balmer lines (A, F stars) and bluer continua
- Sc have emission lines from H II regions (young hot stars)
- Starburst galaxies have very strong emission lines and blue continua

Spectrum: Ellipticals

- . Features from giant G and K stars
- . In the optical stellar absorption
- Ca II H, K and Nal D can come from ISM as well (but not much in Ellipticals)
- . Lines are broadened from stellar motions
- Call triplet lines at ~8500 Å are good for kinematics (well separated, uncontaminated)

Typical Spectral features

- Absorption
 - Ca(H) = 3933.7A
 - Ca(K) = 3968.5A
 - G-band = 4304.4A
 - Mg = 5175.3A
 - Na = 5894.0 A

- Emission
 - O[II] = 3727.3A
 - $H\delta = 4102.8A$
 - $H\gamma = 4340.0A$
 - $H\beta = 4861.3A$
 - O[III] = 4959.0A
 - O[III] = 5006.8A
 - H α = 6562.8A
 - S2 = 6716.0A

What did we learn?

- 1. What is galaxy kinematics
- 2. How DM was discovered
- 3. Galaxy Formation theory
- 4. Physical parameters from spectral analysis