

Galaxies & Dark Matter

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1. Galaxies

Our Milky Way (Akash Ganga)



Disk galaxies: Orientations



Edge-on View



Face-on View

Disk Galaxies: Hubble's Tuning Fork Diagram

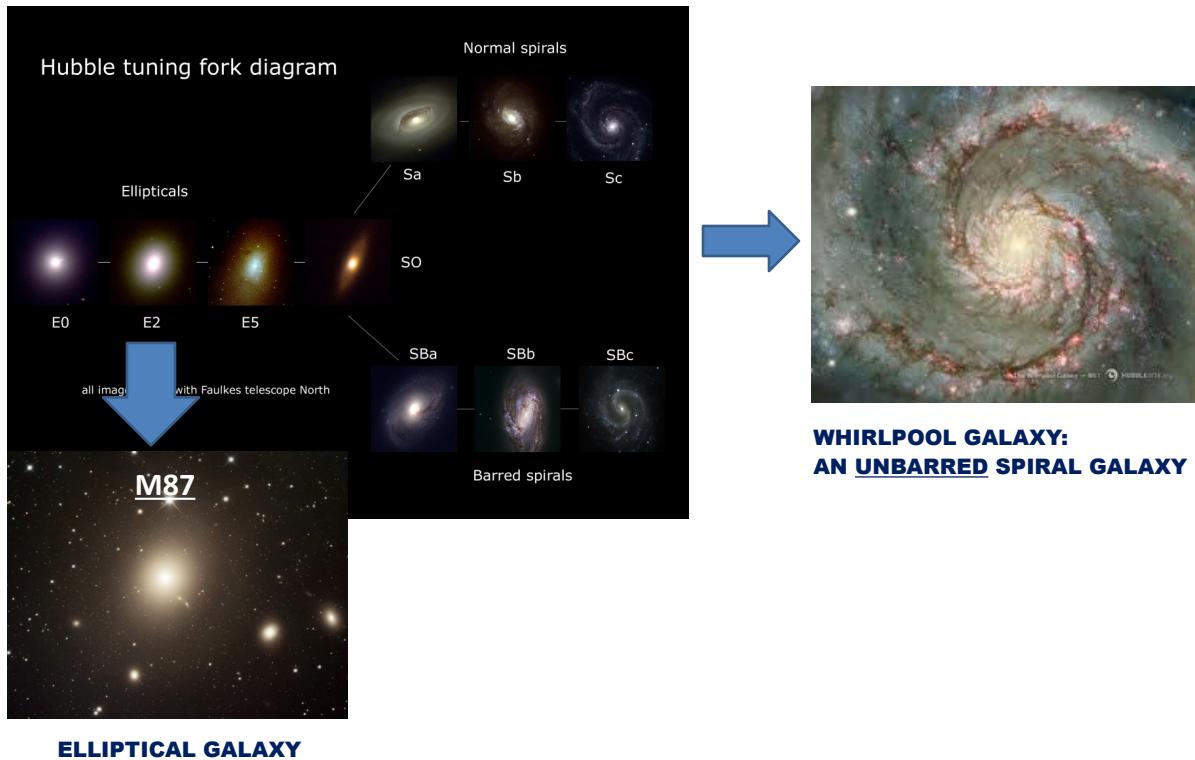
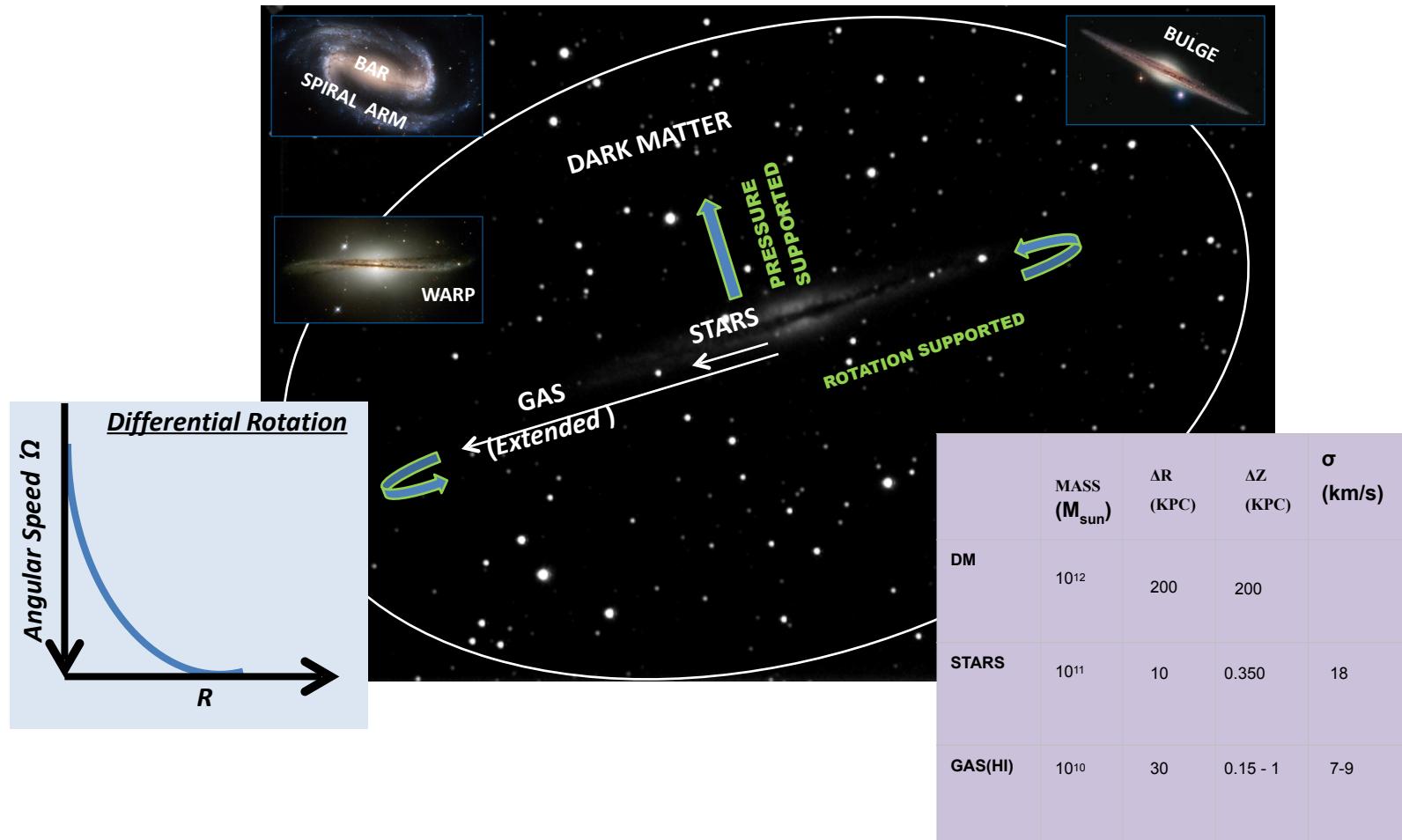
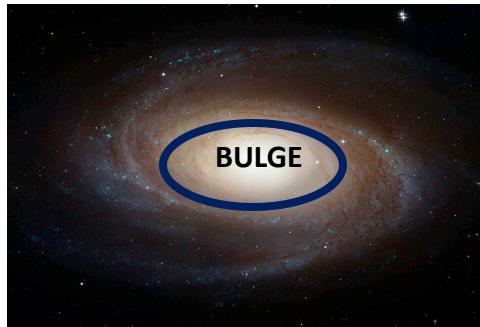


Figure Courtesy: Wikipedia

Disk galaxies: A Schematic



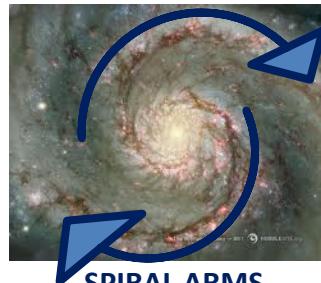
Spiral Galaxies: Other Disk Features



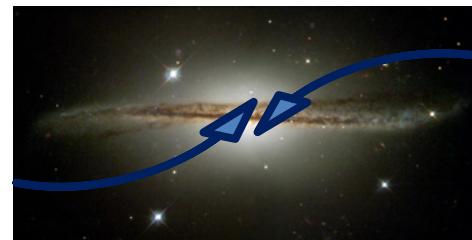
DISK ASSYMETRIC FEATURES



BAR

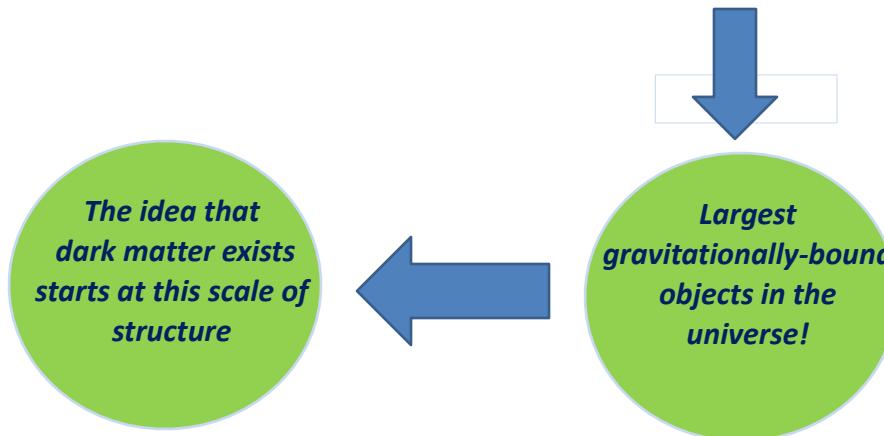
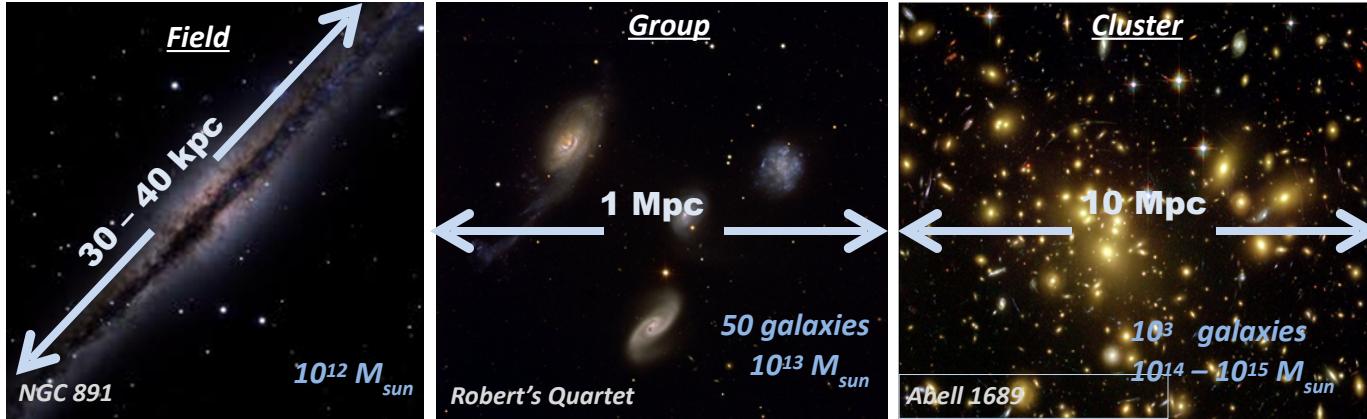


SPIRAL ARMS

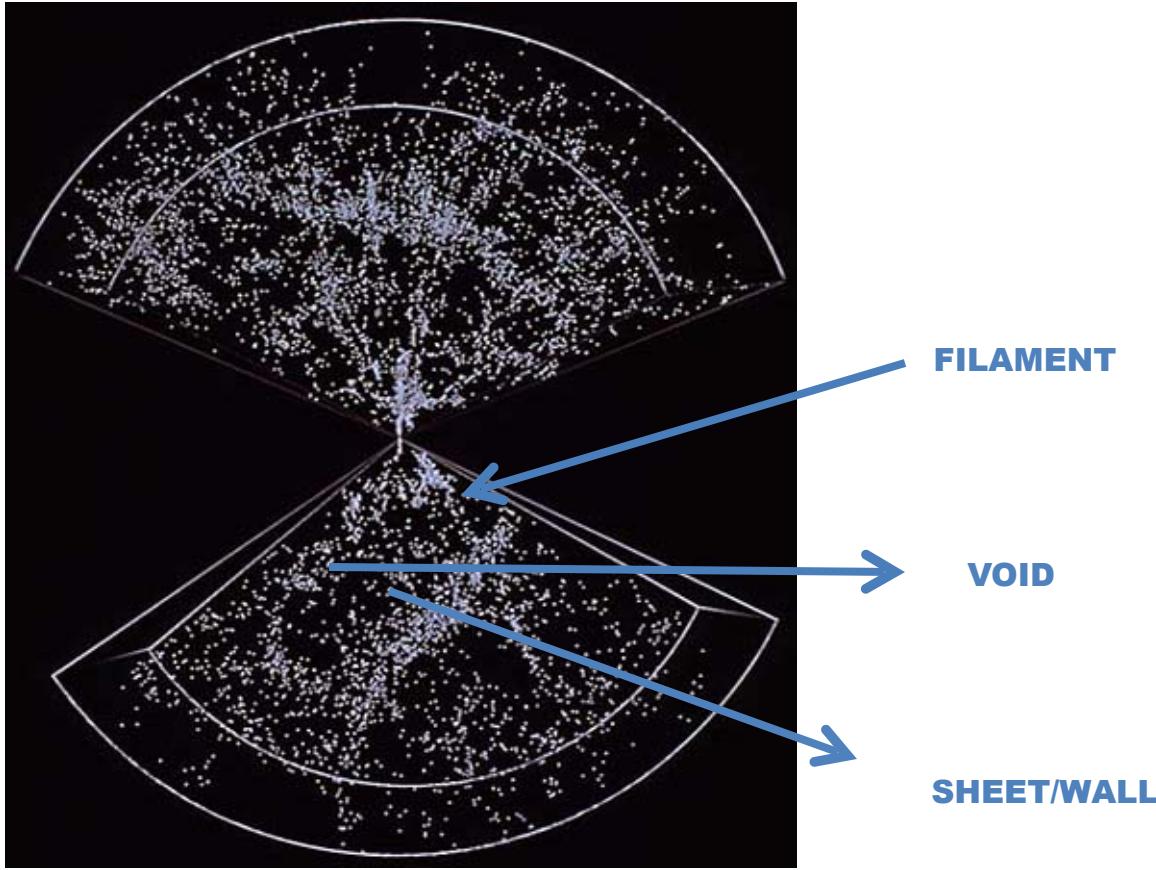


WARP

Galaxy Environment



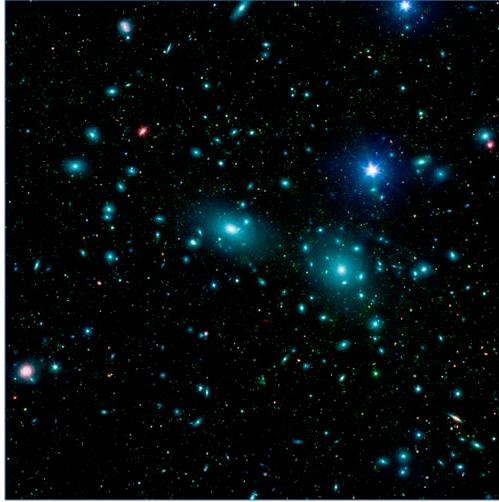
Large Scale Structure in the Universe



Large scale structure in the universe as seen by the
Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS)

2. Dark Matter

Dark Matter: Cluster Kinematics (1933)



Coma Cluster (Abell 1669)

Hints at the
existence of
Dark Matter!



Fritz Zwicky

From Virial Theorem,

$$\mathbf{T} + \mathbf{V} = 0$$

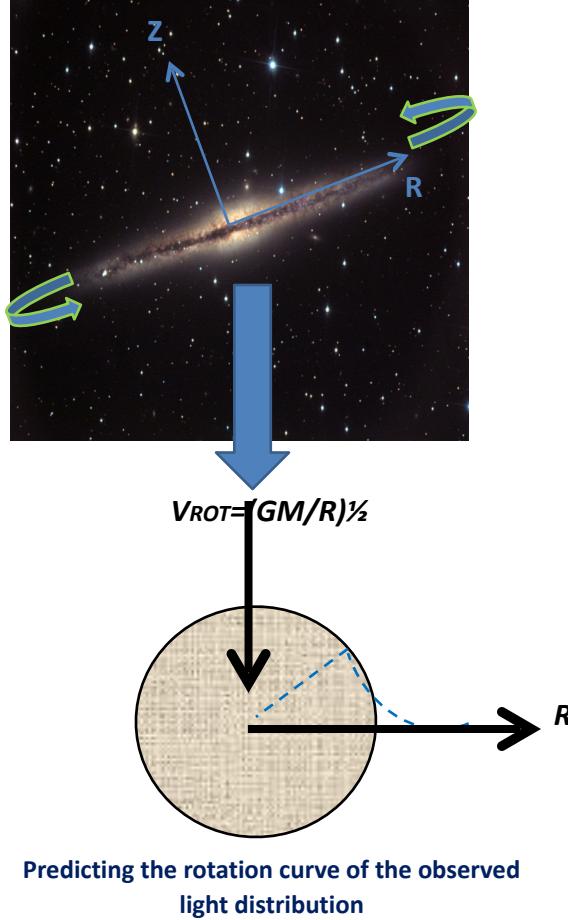
i.e. $\mathbf{V} = -\mathbf{T}$

Estimable from the
Doppler Shifts of the
galaxy spectra

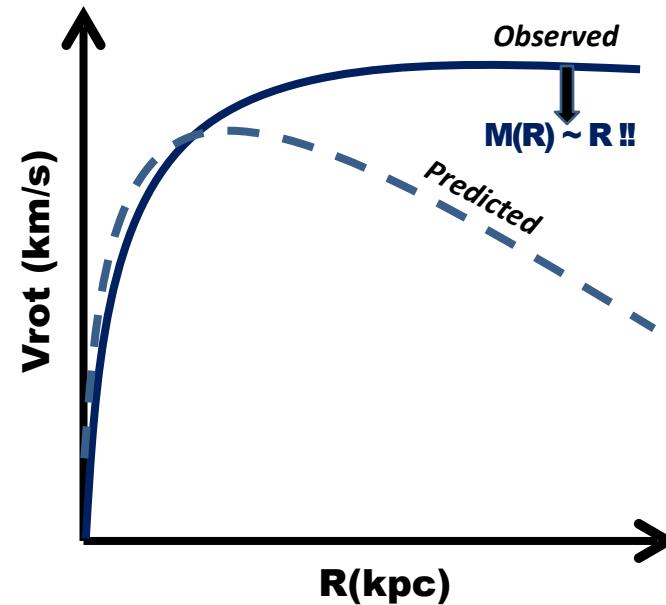
But
 $\mathbf{V} \gg \mathbf{V}_{\text{obs}}$!!

Estimable from the
luminosities of the
galaxies

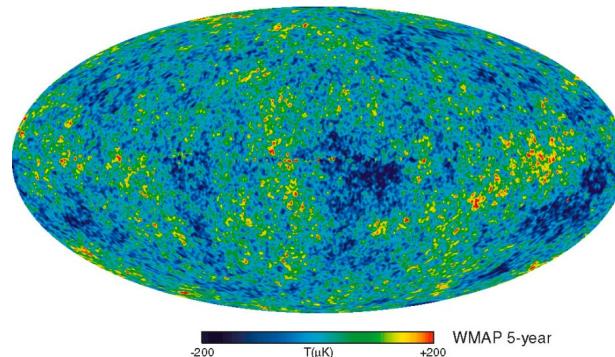
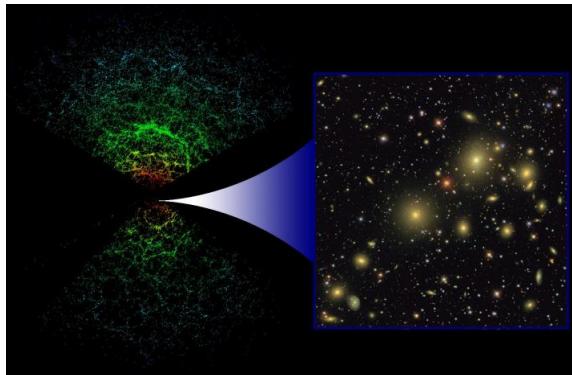
Dark Matter: Rotation Curve (1980)



Vera Rubin

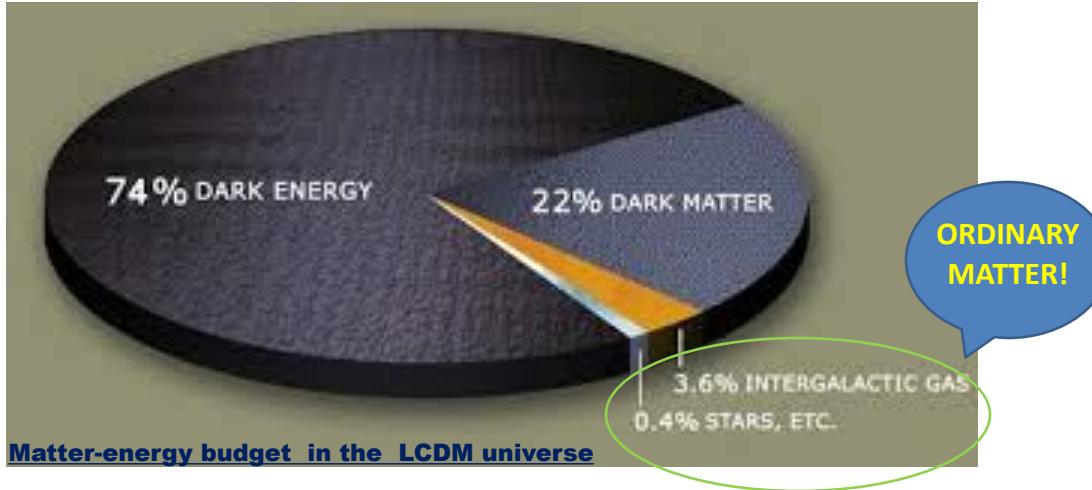


Dark Matter: Large Scale Structures



*Observed Abundance of the light elements:
Hydrogen, Helium and Lithium*

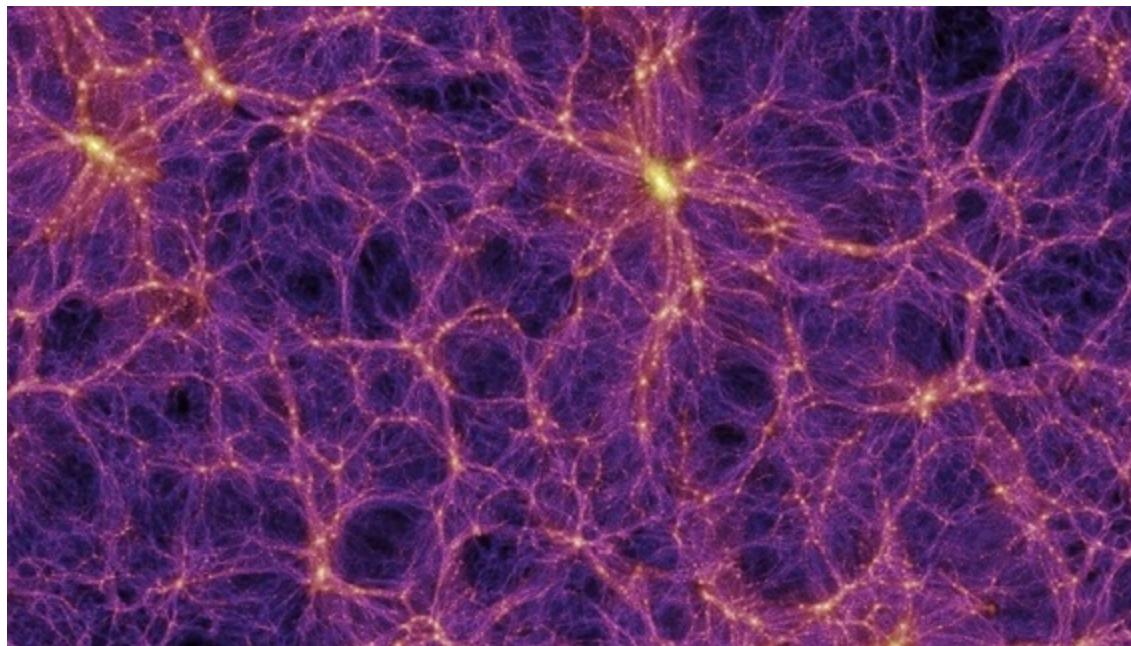
LCDM: Standard Model of Cosmology



LCDM model constitutes a flat universe

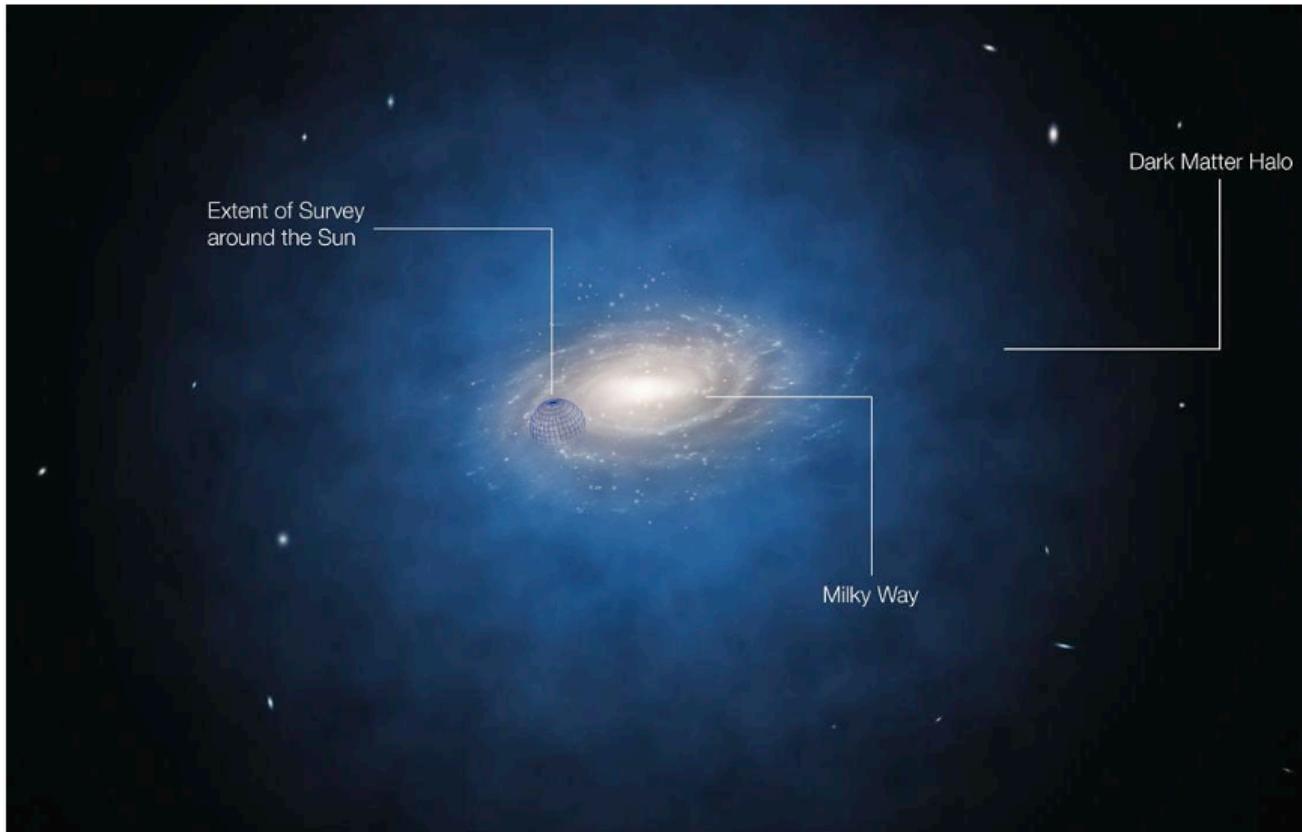
- dark energy
- cold, dissipationless and collisionless dark matter
- and complies with the observed
- acceleration of the universe
- its large scale structure

Large Scale Structure in the LCDM universe



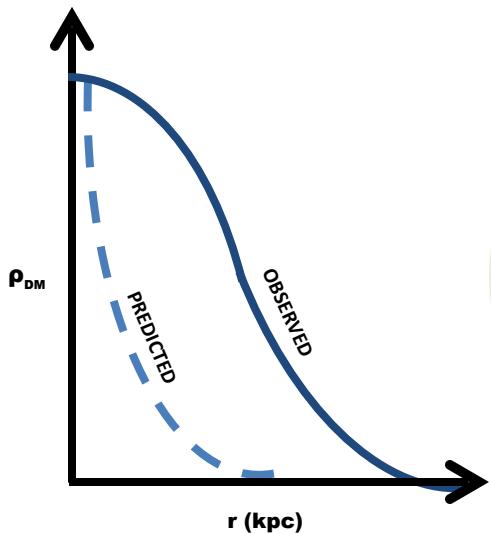
Millenium Simulation

Galaxy Formation in a Dark Matter Halo

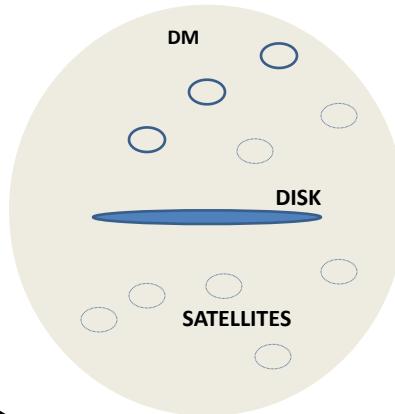


Λ -CDM Universe: Catastrophes

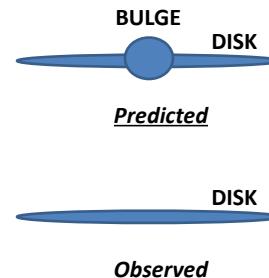
Core/Cusp Issue



Missing Satellite Problem



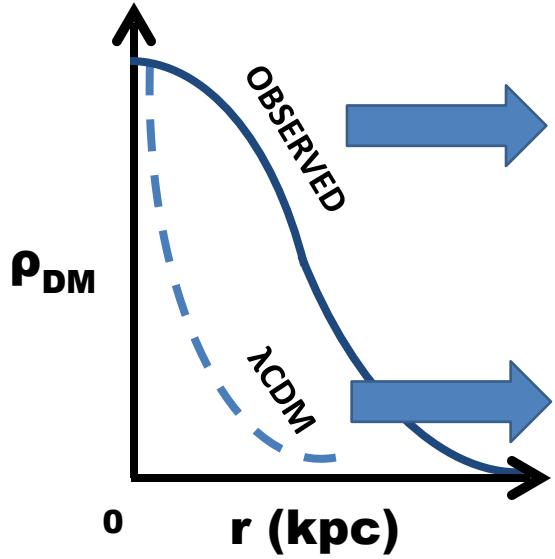
Angular Momentum Catastrophe



Motivation to study Dark Matter on galactic scales!

Λ -CDM Universe: Galactic Scale Catastrophes (1)

Core/Cusp Issue



Pseudo-Isothermal

$$\rho_{DM}(R, z) = \frac{\rho_0}{R^2 + \frac{z^2}{q^2} + \frac{1}{R_c^2}}$$

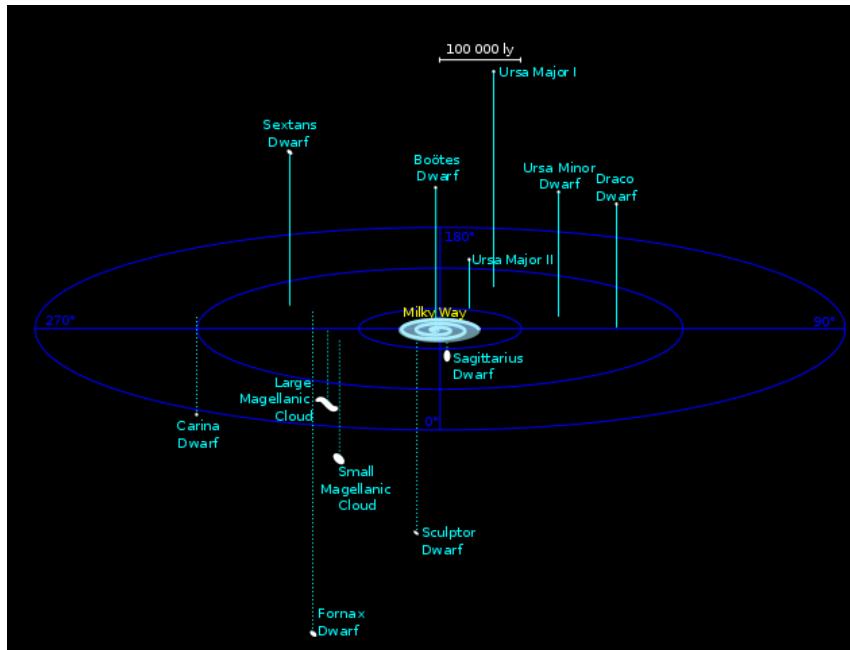
Navarro-Frenk-White (NFW)

$$\rho_{DM}(R, z) = \frac{\rho_0}{\frac{R}{R_s} \left(1 + \left(\frac{R}{R_s} \right)^2 \right)}$$

Dark Matter Density: Cuspy (Predicted), Cored (Observed)!

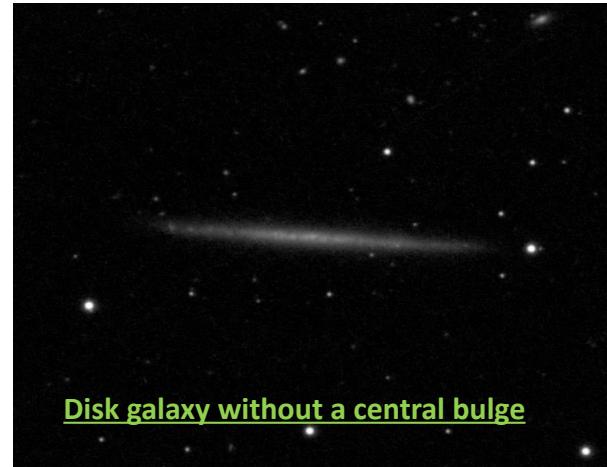
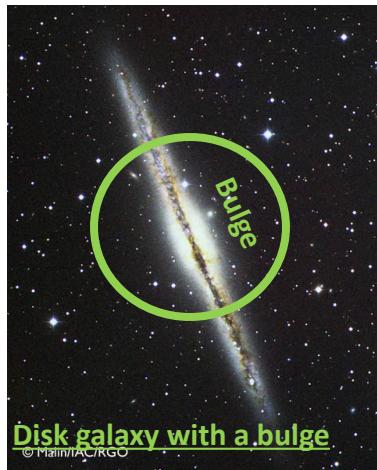
Λ -CDM Universe: Galactic Scale Catastrophes (2)

Missing Satellite Problem



Number of Satellite Galaxies: 300 (Predicted), 7-8 (Observed)!

Λ -CDM Universe: Galactic Scale Catastrophes (3)

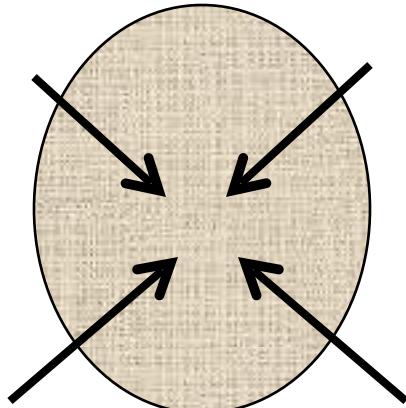


Number of Bulgeless Galaxies: 0 (Predicted), Many (Observed)!

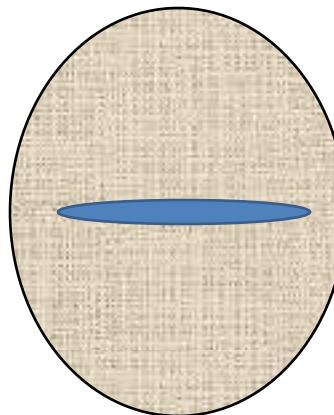
Possible Remedies

- **Inclusion of Feedback:**

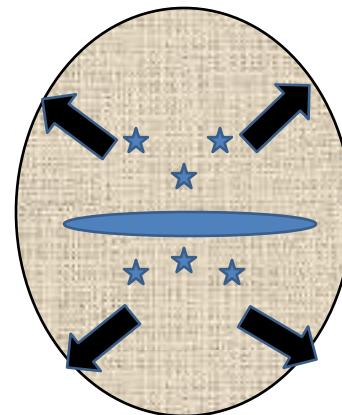
Gas accretion, cooling, Star Formation and Feedback
(supernovae/AGN)



*Gas Accretion
into DM halo*



- *Gas Cooling*
- *Disk Formation*



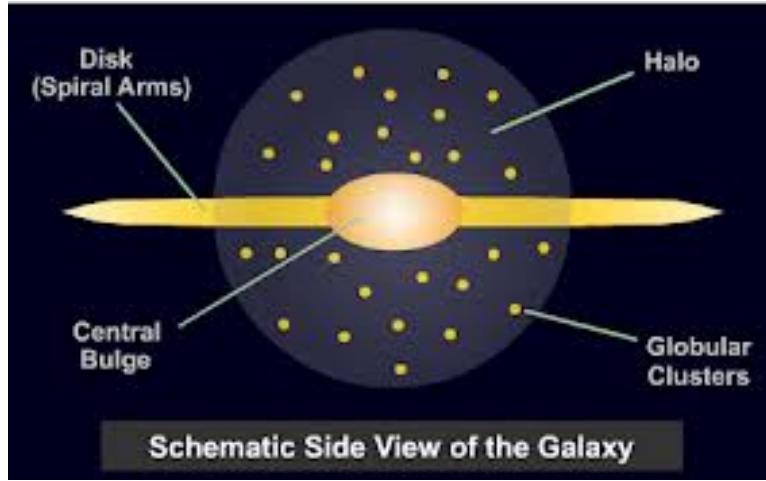
- *Star Formation*
- *Supernovae*
- *Feedback*

Possible Alternatives

- Modified Newtonian Dynamics (MOND)
- Alternative Theories of Gravity

NO CONSENSUS REACHED!

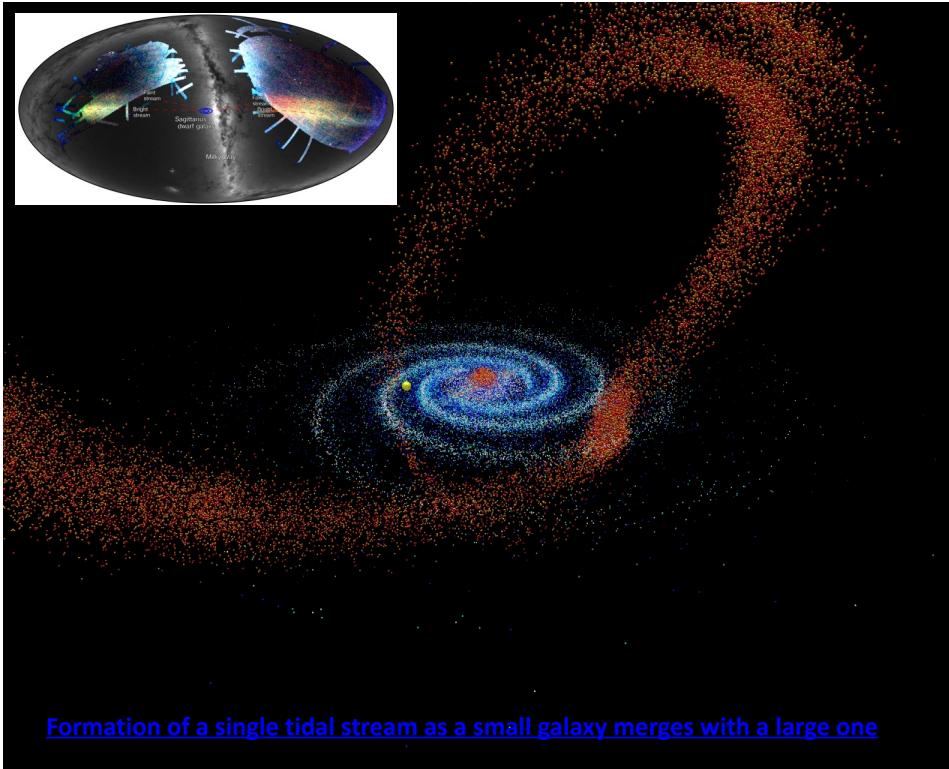
Dark Matter Halos Tracers: Stellar Kinematics



Loebman et al. 2012

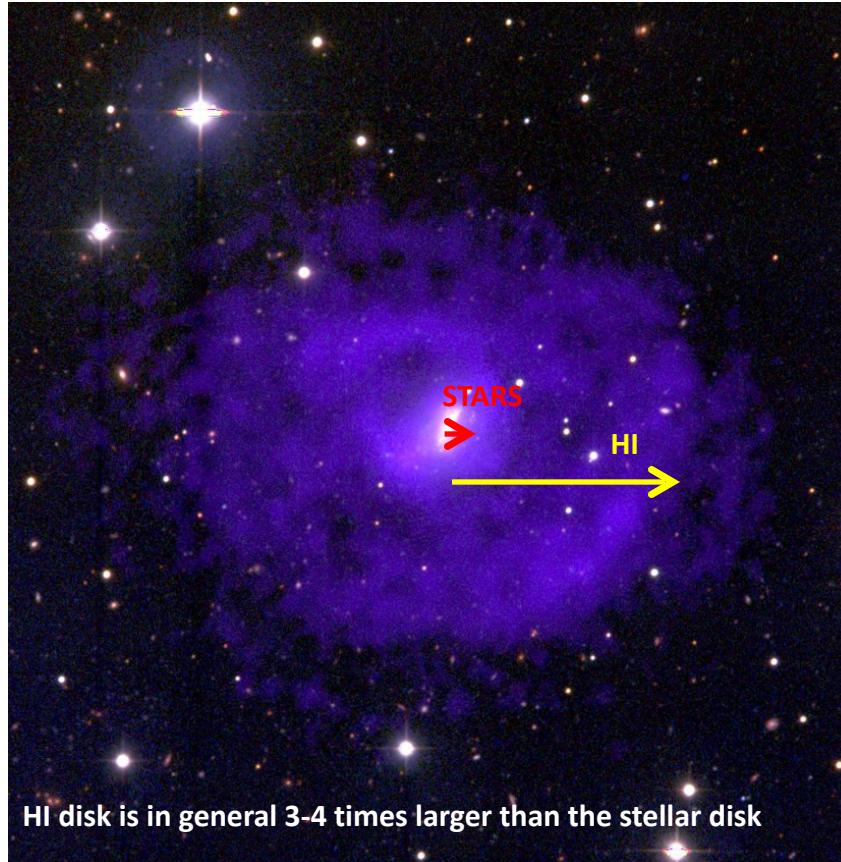
**Galaxy and its immediate neighbours*

Dark Matter Halos Tracers: Stellar Streams



**Galaxy and its immediate neighbours*

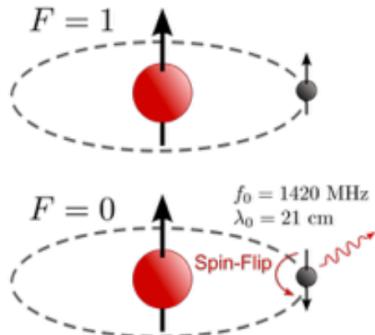
Dark Matter Halos Tracers: HI



**Edge-on galaxies in the nearby universe*

HI 21cm radio-synthesis observations

Spin-Flip Transition



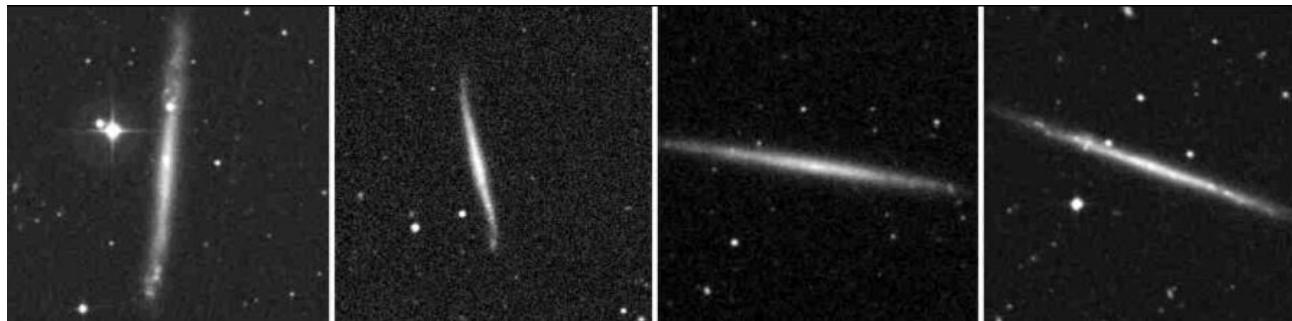
Very Large Array
(VLA), USA

Giant Meterwave Radio Telescope
(GMRT), near Pune



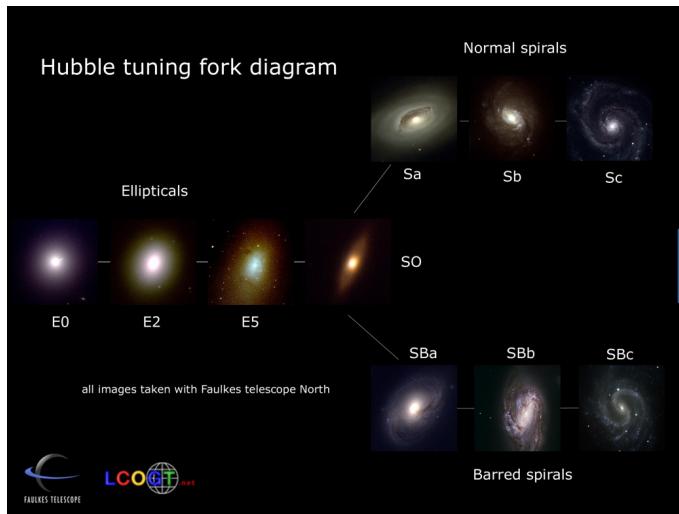
3. Dark Matter & Disc Dynamics

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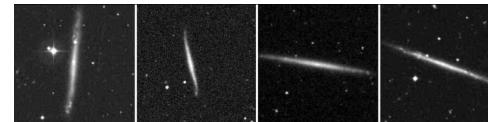


The superthin low surface brightness galaxies

Effect of DM Halo on Disk Structure & Dynamics



Superthin LSBs



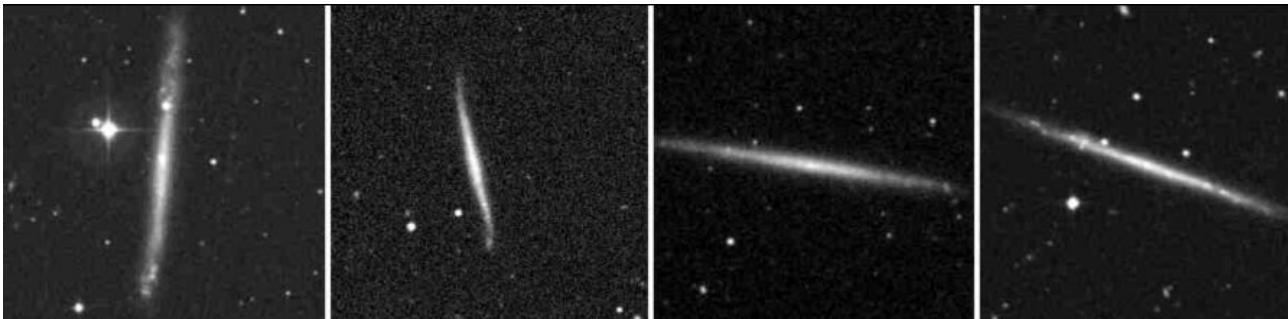
The farthest end of the tuning fork...

Dwarf Irregulars

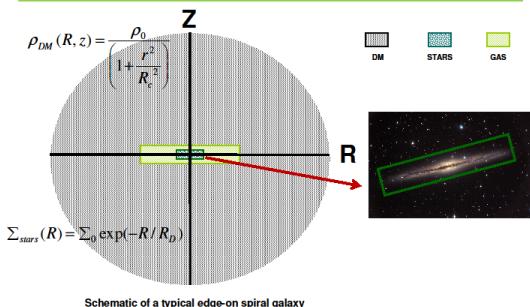


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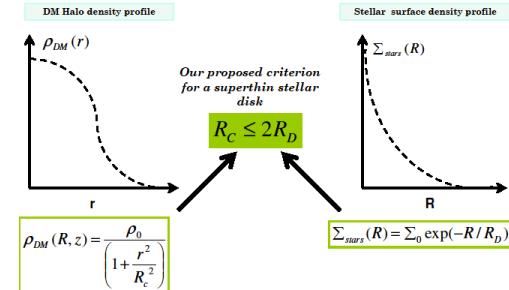
The superthin low surface brightness galaxies



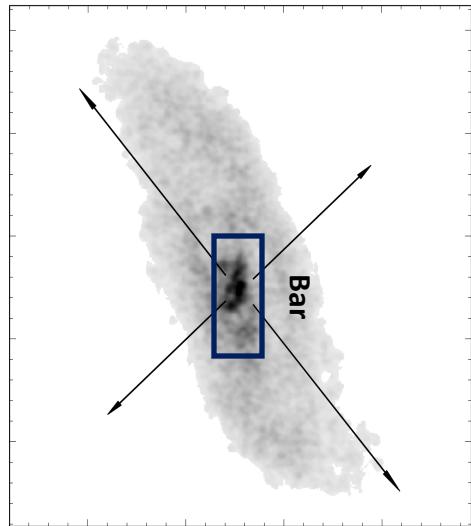
Basic building blocks of a disk galaxy



Our recipe for a superthin stellar disk



2. The slowly rotating bar in NGC 3741

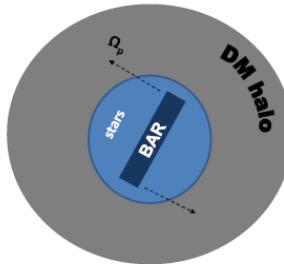


**NGC 3741 (HI 21 cm): Dwarf
Irregular, Dark Matter Dominated**

Tremaine-Weinberg Method

Bar Pattern Speed from the observed surface density and velocity field of a face-on galaxy assuming **Equation of Continuity**.

SLOW BAR IN NGC 3741

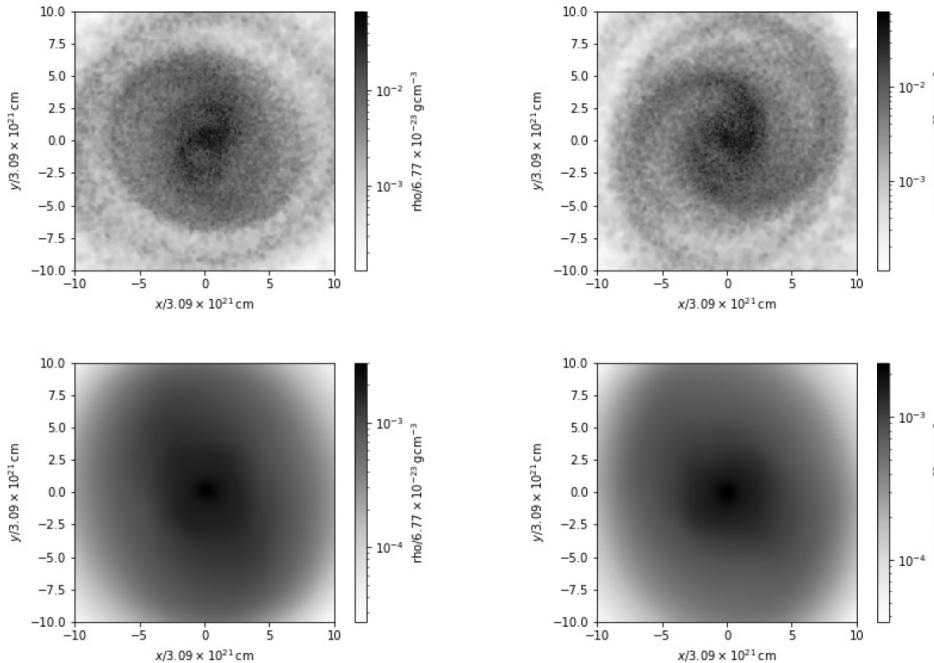


Drag Force of the Dark Matter Particles (Dynamical Friction) slowing down the bar?

3. How does a low surface brightness galaxy form spiral arms?

LSB F568-VI in an oblate DM Halo

Dark Matter axis ratio: 0.7
Spin: 0.02
Stellar Toomre Q: 1.5

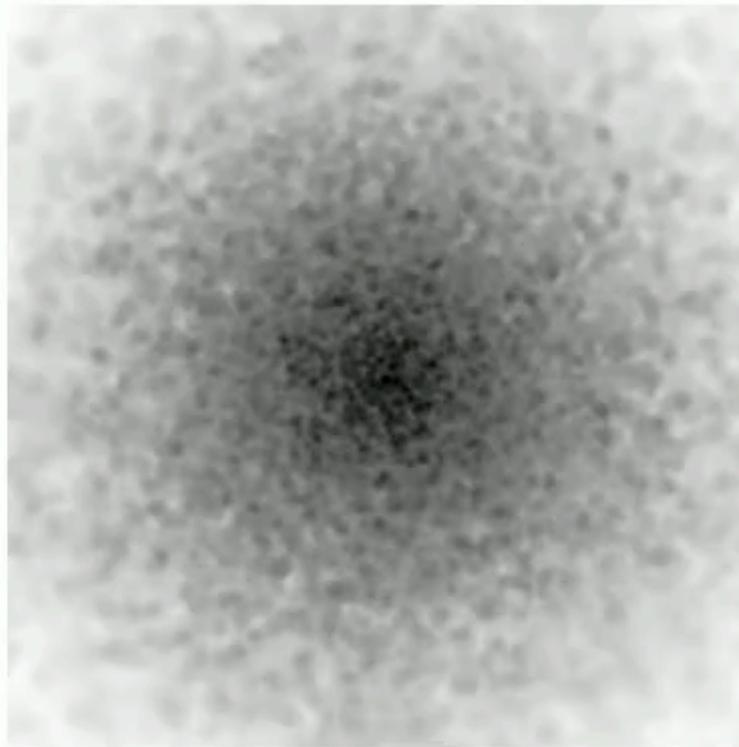


Narayanan, Anagha & Banerjee 2024

A oblate DM halo ($q=0.7$) sustains a spiral arm
in the stellar disc surviving for more than 28 dynamical times

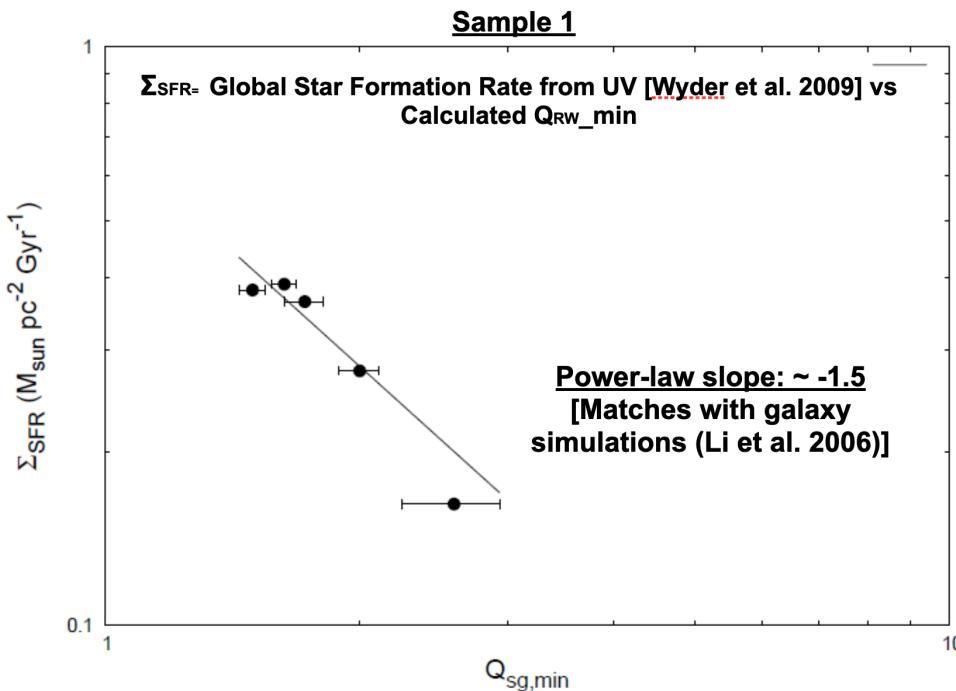
Results: N-body+hydrodynamical simulation

LSB F568-VI in an oblate DM Halo



4. Origin of low surface brightness galaxies

Q_{RW} vs observed SFR



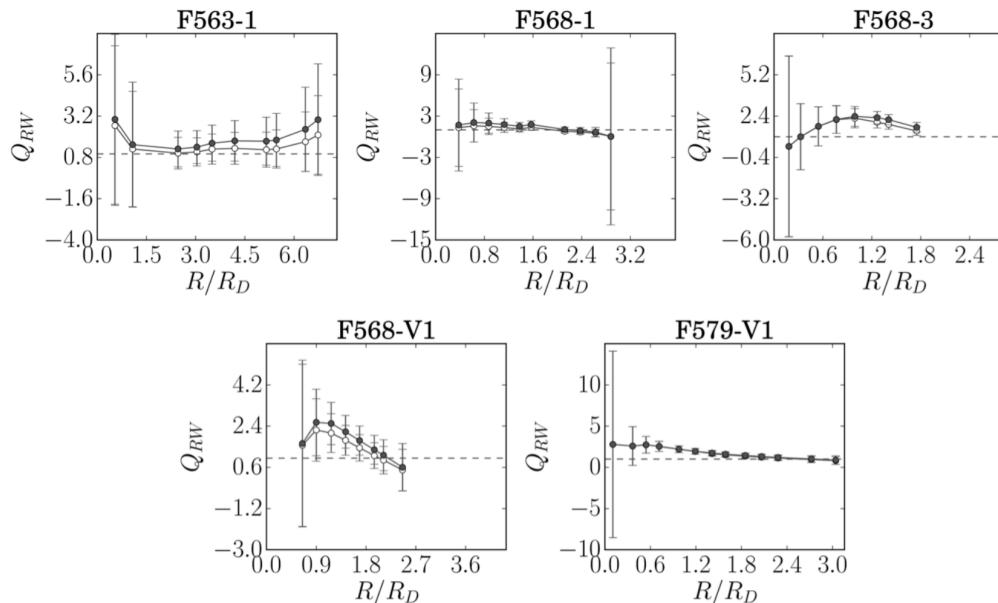
Star formation rate surface density falls off with disc stability

4. Origin of low surface brightness galaxies

Q_{RW} (Disk Only) vs R

Q_{RW} ($\sigma_{\text{HI}} = 7 \text{ km/s}$): ○ Q_{RW} ($\sigma_{\text{HI}} = 11 \text{ km/s}$): ●

Sample 1



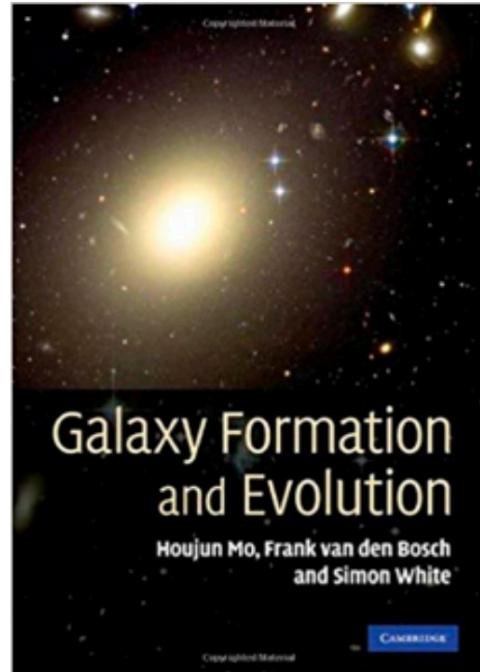
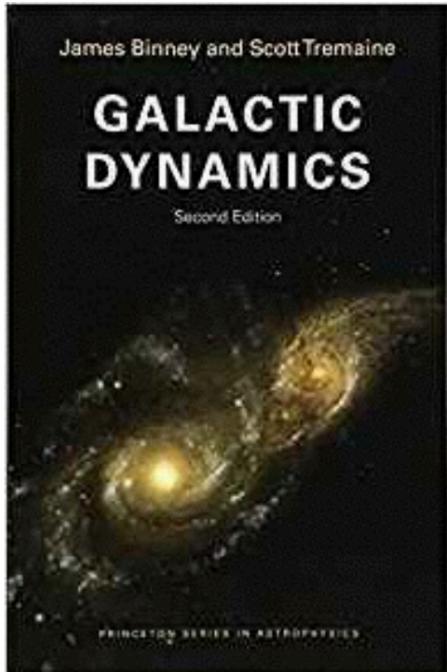
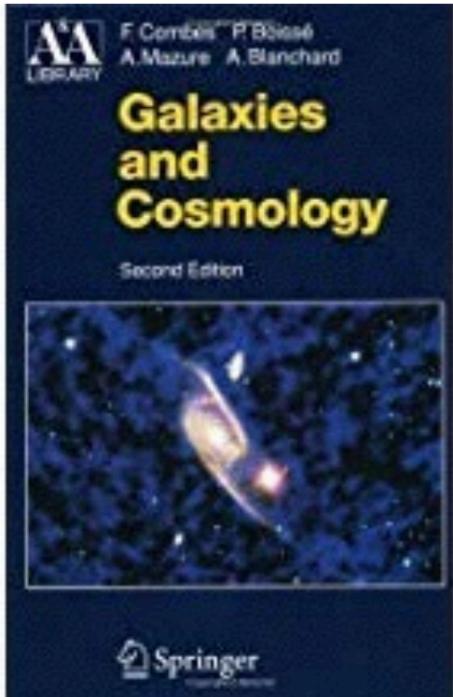
Disk can not be stable in the presence of only the disk potential

Summary

- The basic building blocks of a galaxy are stars, gas and dark matter halo
- The non-axisymmetric structures in galaxies like bars and spiral arms drive galactic secular evolution
- Galaxies lie in groups, groups in clusters and clusters in the large scale structure of the universe
- Galaxies form via the cooling and condensation of baryons in the potential well of the dark matter halos
- There is evidence of dark matter on the scales of the galaxy, the cluster and the large scale structure of the universe
- Alternatives to Dark Matter: Modified Newtonian Dynamics and Alternative Theories of Gravity
- The Dark Matter regulate disc structure and dynamics including the vertical thickness, pattern speed of the bar, formation of spiral arms and star formation

Figure Courtesy: Wikipedia/Internet

Text Books



Thank You!