

Investigations of the galaxies of the LCV

Finding the normalization constant of
 SFR_{del} and the relations between the various masses of the Galaxies

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Abstract

The paper investigates the properties of galaxies in the Local Cosmological Volume (LCV), using the Catalogue of Neighboring Galaxies (Karachentsev, Igor D. and Makarov, Dmitry I. and Kaisina, Elena I., 2013) and its updated version from the “Catalog & Atlas of the LV galaxies” database(,). The properties studied include the galaxy types, their various masses, the star formation rates (SFRs) and the star formation timescale τ , gas depletion timescale τ_g and the star formation time t_{sf} . The paper aims to understand the distribution and correlation of these properties in the sample of galaxies in the LCV, and how they relate to current astrophysical theories.

1 The Galaxies in the Local Cosmological Volume (LCV)

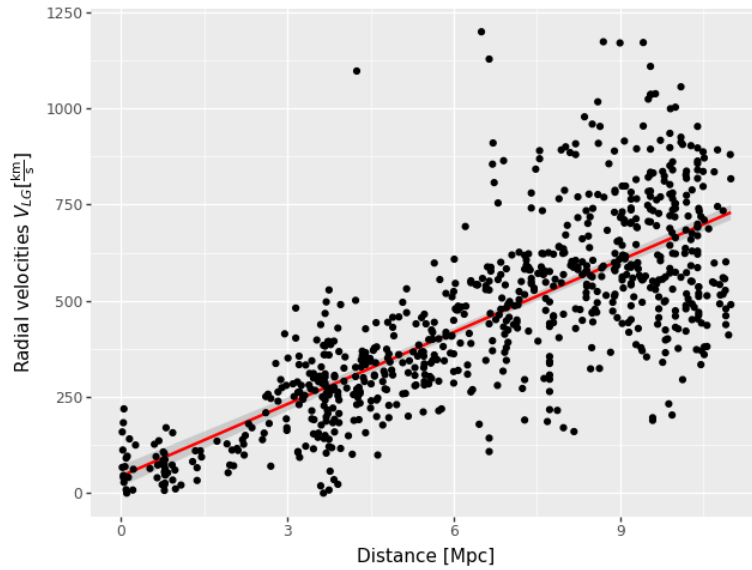
The Catalogue of Neighbouring Galaxies (Karachentsev, Igor D. and Makarov et al. 2013 (Karachentsev, Igor D. and Makarov, Dmitry I. and Kaisina, Elena I., 2013)) and its updated version from the “Catalog & Atlas of the LV galaxies” databas(,) are used to extract the K-band luminosities, the types of the galaxies, the mass within the Holmberg radius (M26), the Hydrogen masses of the galaxies (M_{HI}) and the SFRs based on integrated H and far-ultraviolet (FUV) measurments for galaxies within a distance of ≈ 11 Mpc.

1.1 How are the galaxies chosen

According to (Kraan-Korteweg, R. C. and Tammann, G. A., 1979) the Local Cosmological Volume is defined as the galaxies inside the radius of 10 Mpc and having radial velocities with respect to centroid of the Local Group $V_{lg} \leq 500 \text{ km} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$. However, this assumed a Hubble constant of $H_0 = 50 \text{ km} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$.

1. **Initial Selection Criteria:** Galaxies within a 10 Mpc radius were initially selected based on a radial velocity limit (VLG) of 500 km/s, considering a Hubble parameter (H0) of 50 km/s/Mpc.

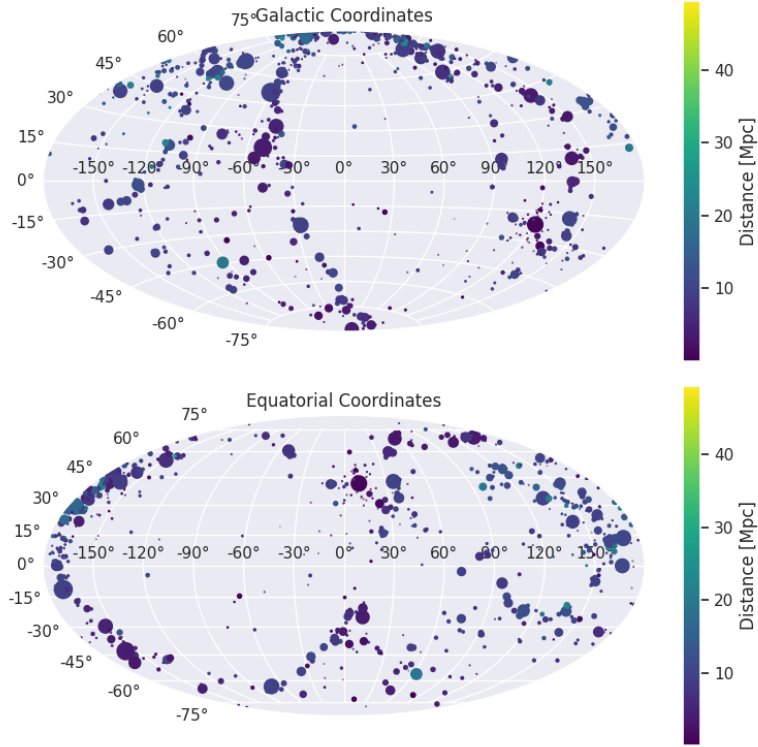
2. **Updated Criteria:** To accommodate the revised H_0 value of 73 km/s/Mpc, the VLG limit needs to be raised to 730 km/s.
3. **Local Velocity Field:** The presence of the Virgo cluster and the Local Void introduces additional velocity components, complicating distance estimation based solely on radial velocities.
4. **Peculiar Motions:** Collective motions within large-scale structures can introduce peculiar velocities, complicating distance estimation.
5. **Distance Measurement Methods:** Direct distance measurements using methods like the tip of the red giant branch (TRGB) provide accurate distances but are resource-intensive, requiring extensive observation time with instruments like the Hubble Space Telescope (HST).
6. **Inclusion Criteria:** Galaxies are included based on either radial velocities or distance estimates, considering the limitations and uncertainties in both methods.
7. **Extension to 11 Mpc:** Galaxies with distance estimates beyond 10 Mpc may still be included due to uncertainties in distance measurements and the potential influence of coherent motions and large-scale structures.
8. **Sample Composition:** The LV sample comprises 1448 galaxies, with considerations for galaxies near the boundaries of the selection criteria and the potential influence of measurement errors.



1.2 Mapping the galaxies

Because matplotlib needs the coordinates in radians and between $-\pi$ and π and, not 0 and 2π , we have to convert coordinates.

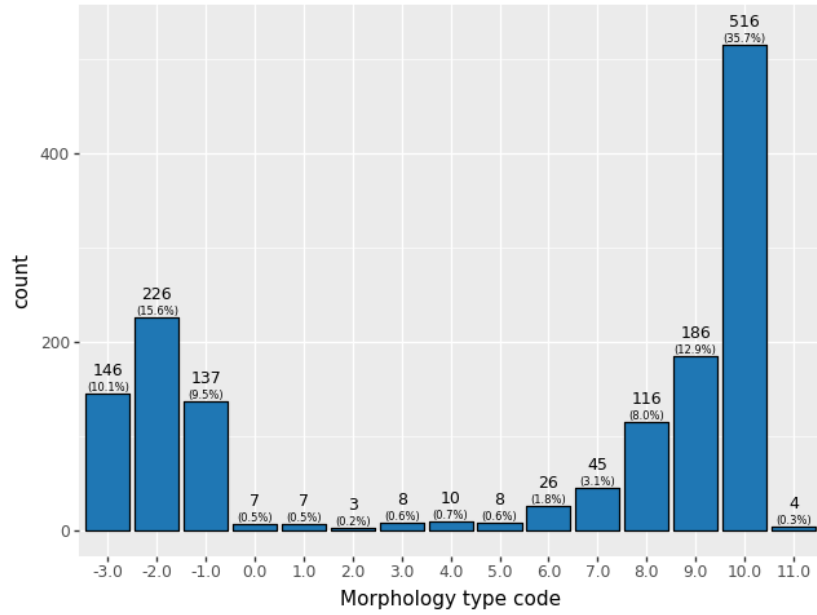
Galaxies of the LCV with Mass and Distance Representation



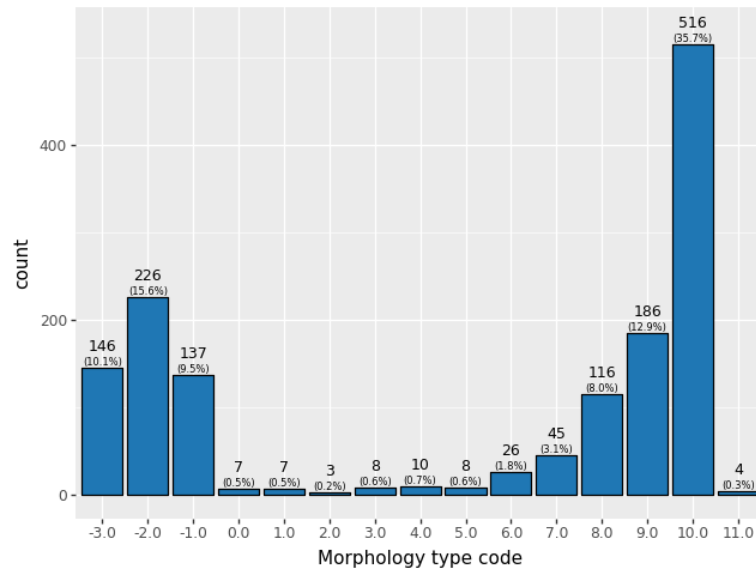
1.3 Types of galaxies

Using the dataset of 1448 galaxies, we can study the morphology of the galaxies in the LCV

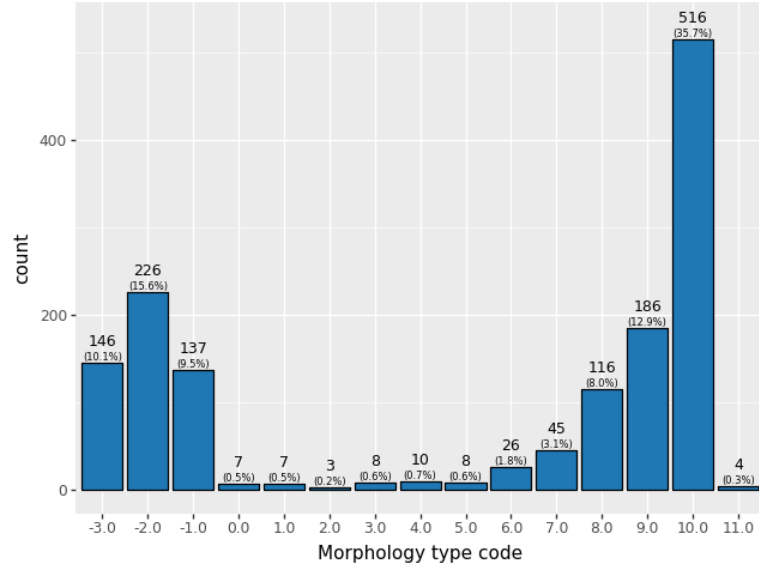
1.3.1 Morphology



1. Morphology of dwarf galaxies



2. Dwarf galaxy surface brightness morphology



2 Understanding the Data

The catalog consists of 8 tables

1. Catalog of Nearby Galaxies
2. Global Parameters of the Nearby Galaxies
3. List of Apparent Magnitudes
4. List of Heliocentric Velocities
5. List of Inner Kinematics
6. List of Distances
7. List of the nearby galaxies with measured SFR
8. List of Bibliographic References

We want several measurements from those lists so we will join them according to the name of the galaxy.

This catalog consists of 1449 galaxies

2.1 Understanding the limit flags

Some of those values contain limit flags, which we will mask for our present analysis. However, those values will be shown in the plots, and afterwards will be compared with the theoretical values.

All masks in l_FUVmag are also masks in FUVmag

All masks in l_Hamag are also masks in Hamag

All masks in f_Kmag are also masks in Kmag

All masks in l_21mag are also masks in 21mag

We have no mask for f_Dis

All masks in l_logMHI are also masks in logMHI

All masks in l_mag_B are also masks in mag_B

All masks in l_mag_FUV are also masks in mag_FUV

All masks in l_mag_HI are also masks in mag_HI

All masks in l_mag_Ha are also masks in mag_Ha
 All masks in l_mag_Ks are also masks in mag_Ks
 All masks in l_SFRHa are also masks in SFRHa
 All masks in l_PHa are also masks in PHa
 All masks in l_FHa are also masks in FHa
 All masks in l_SFRFUV are also masks in SFRFUV
 All masks in l_PFUV are also masks in PFUV
 All masks in l_FFUV are also masks in FFUV

3 Standardized constants

We should use some standart consistent values for our analysis.

1. According to (Speagle, Joshua S. and Steinhardt, Charles L. and Capak, Peter L. and Silverman, John D., 2014) and (Kroupa, P and Haslbauer, M and Banik, I and Nagesh, S T and Pflamm-Altenburg, J, 2020) the $t_{sf} = 12 \text{ Gyr}$ represents a strong and consistent constraint of galaxy evolution, across many studies. While other researchers adopt a $t_{sf} = 13.6 \text{ Gyr}$ (Haslbauer, Moritz and Kroupa, Pavel and Jerabkova, Tereza, 2023), we use the 12 Gyr assumption following the framework of SP14
2. ζ = accommodates mass-loss through stellar evolution. According to the IGIMF theory the galaxies of the the LCV are expected to have $1 < \zeta < 1.3$, so by adopting $\zeta = 1.3$ we are working conservatively
3. Main Sequence $z = 5$

4 Calculations for values that we need

4.1 Total stellar masses, the total gas mass and total barionic of the galaxies

The MHI can be converted to the total mass of the gas of the galaxy using the equation $M_g = 1.33 MHI$

The K-band values are converted to the total Stellar Masses of each galaxy according to the mass-to-light ratio of 0.6 (M_\odot/Lum) (Lelli, Federico and McGaugh, Stacy S. and Schombert, James M., 2016)

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name = StellarMass
dtype = float64
unit = solMass
description = Linear K_S_ band luminosity
class = MaskedQuantity
n_bad = 12
length = 1448

```

The total barionic mass can be calculated as the sum of the total gas mass of the galaxy with the Stellar mass

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name = BarMass
dtype = float64

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unit = solMass
description = Linear hydrogen mass
class = MaskedQuantity
n_bad = 513
length = 1448

```

4.1.1 Ratio of M_g and StellarMass

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length = 1448

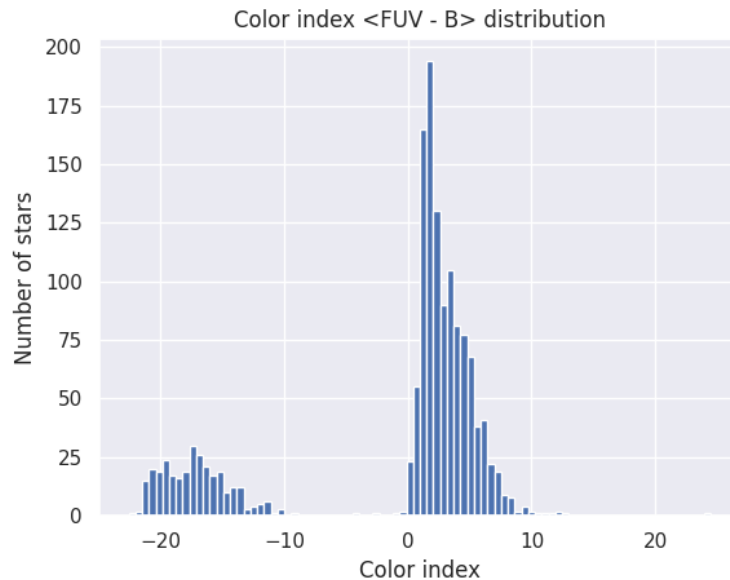
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Histogram of dt["mass_{ratio}"]

4.2 Color index

Here we calculate the color indexes <FUV-B>

The lower the value, the bluer the stars, thus the younger the star populations



4.3 Fixing the SFRs

4.3.1 SFR units

None

4.3.2 log to linear

they are the power in logarithmic scale. SO lets fix them

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name = SFRFUV
dtype = float64
unit = solMass / yr
class = Quantity
n_bad = 321
length = 1448
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	name	mean	std	min	max
SFRFUV	2.27435 solMass / yr	4.13466 solMass / yr	2.13796e-10 solMass / yr	10 solMass / yr	
SFRHa	4.97642 solMass / yr	4.94957 solMass / yr	1.38038e-10 solMass / yr	10 solMass / yr	

4.4 SFR₀

Now we have to calculate the total SFR from the equation:

$$SFR_o = \frac{SFR_{FUV} + SFR_{Ha}}{2}$$

if we have both the SFR. If we only have one of them then:

$$SFR_0 = SFR_i, \text{ if } SFR_j = 0, i \neq j, i, j = SFR_{FUV}, SFR_{Ha}$$

create the average SFR₀ from SFRHa SFRFUV with np.ma.average

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	name	mean	std	min	max
SFR_0	0.0722542 solMass / yr	0.316258 solMass / yr	1.75917e-10 solMass / yr	4.38718 solMa	
SFRFUV	2.27435 solMass / yr	4.13466 solMass / yr	2.13796e-10 solMass / yr	10 solMa	
SFRHa	4.97642 solMass / yr	4.94957 solMass / yr	1.38038e-10 solMass / yr	10 solMa	

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name = SFRHa
mean = 4.97642 solMass / yr
std = 4.94957 solMass / yr
min = 1.38038e-10 solMass / yr
max = 10 solMass / yr
n_bad = 712
length = 1448
None
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4.5 Applying the cut $\text{SFR}_0 \geq 1\text{e-3 solMass/yr}$

keep only the SFR_0 data were $>1\text{e-3}$

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length = 607
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SFRFUV 1.66911 solMass / yr 3.5739 solMass / yr 6.60693e-05 solMass / yr 10 solMas
SFRHa 1.95358 solMass / yr 3.81106 solMass / yr 2.04174e-05 solMass / yr 10 solMas
```

Histogram of SFR_0

4.6 Theoretical Average SFR

To calculate the average Star Formation Rate $\overline{\text{SFR}}$ we can use the equation

$$\overline{\text{SFR}} = \frac{\zeta M_*}{t_{sf}}$$

where ζ is the mass-loss through stellar evolution and we assume that $\zeta \approx 1.3$ (see explanation in the paper), M_* is the stellar mass of each galaxy and we assume that is $t_{sf} = 12.5 \text{ Gyr}$

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name = av_SFR_theor
dtype = float64
unit = solMass / yr
description = Linear K_S_ band luminosity
class = MaskedQuantity
n_bad = 1
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4.7 Ratio $\text{av}_{\text{SFR}}/\text{SFR}_0$

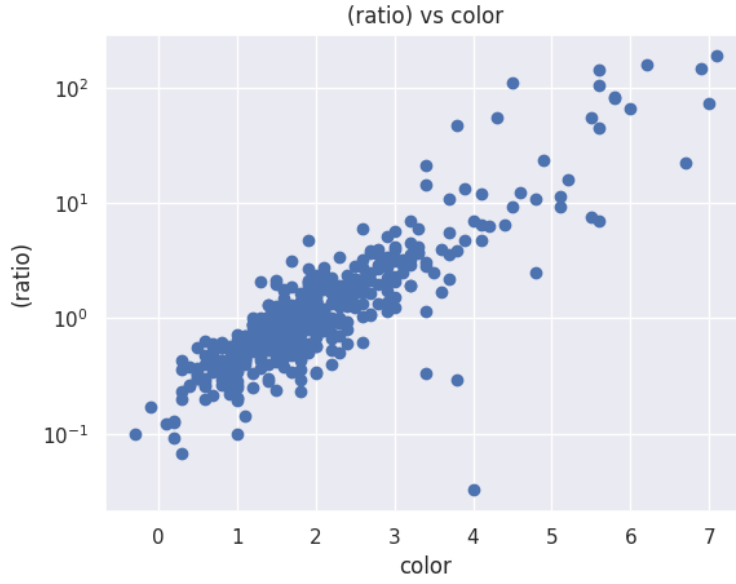
Now we have to calculate the ratio $\frac{\overline{\text{SFR}}}{\text{SFR}_0}$

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SFR_ratio	float64	Linear K_S_ band luminosity	MaskedQuantity	5.77922	45.5965	0.03253
logSFR_ratio	float64	Linear K_S_ band luminosity	MaskedQuantity	0.0646566	0.515905	-1.487

log10 of ratio

Scatter color and ratio



5 The Delayed- τ model

“The delayed- model describes the SFH of a galaxy assuming that the SFRs typically rise in the early phase of galaxy evolution and gradually decline to the present time (e.g. Reddy et al. 2012; Carnall et al. 2019). In fact, Speagle et al. (2014) showed in their figures 9 and 10 that the SFH of galaxies following the main sequence of star-forming galaxies can be accurately parametrized by the delayed- model of the form” (Haslbauer, Moritz and Kroupa, Pavel and Jerabkova, Tereza, 2023)

$$SFR_{0,del} = \frac{A_{del} x e^{-x}}{\tau}, \text{ where } x = \frac{tsf}{\tau} \quad (1)$$

where

is the star formation time-scale, tsf is the real time of star formation in a given galaxy and A_{del} a normalization constant.

The average SFR is

$$\overline{SFR_{del}} = \frac{A_{del}}{tsf} [1 - (1 + x)e^{-x}] \quad (2)$$

and can also be defined by the present day stellar mass

$$\overline{SFR} = \frac{\zeta M_*}{tsf} \quad (3)$$

where accommodates for mass-loss through stella evolution and This is a system of 2 equations and 3 variables

5.1 Calculating A_{del}

5.1.1 Constant t_{sf}

The observed ages of galactic discs are tsf 12 Gyr (Knox, R. A. and Hawkins, M. R. S. and Hambly, N. C., 1999), so assuming an approximation of $tsf = 12$ Gyr, the \overline{SFR}_{del} can be calculated, from the equation (3).

After that the equation of ratio

$$\frac{\overline{SFR}_{del}}{\overline{SFR}_{0,del}} = \frac{e^x - x - 1}{x^2} \quad (4)$$

can be solved numerically for x and using the equations (1) and (2) the A_{del} and of each galaxy are found.

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name	dtype	unit	description	class	n_bad
SFR_0	float64	solMass / yr		Quantity	0
SFR_ratio	float64		Linear K_S_ band luminosity	MaskedQuantity	1
StellarMass	float64	solMass	Linear K_S_ band luminosity	MaskedQuantity	1

5.1.2 Newton

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name	mean	std	min	max	n_bad
x_n	1.66518	2.91771	-29.6974	11.9164	1
A_n	5.27714e+10	solMass 5.20772e+11	solMass 1.60997e-08	solMass 8.60539e+12	solMass 1

None

None

5.1.3 fsolve

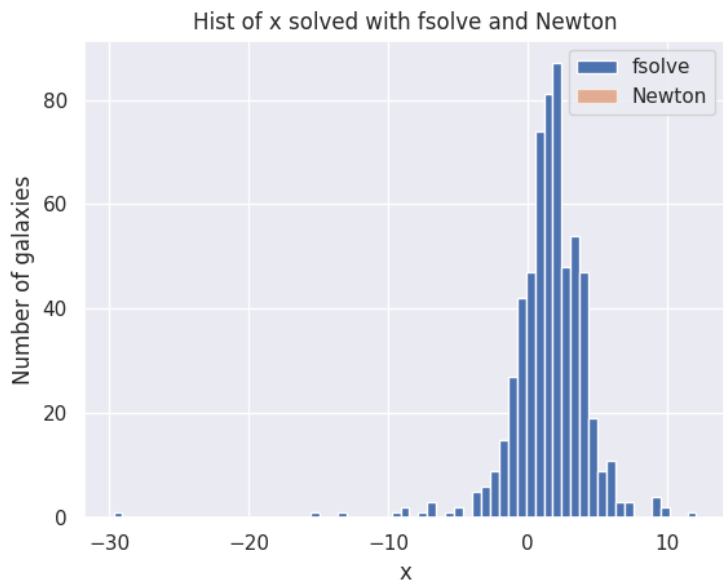
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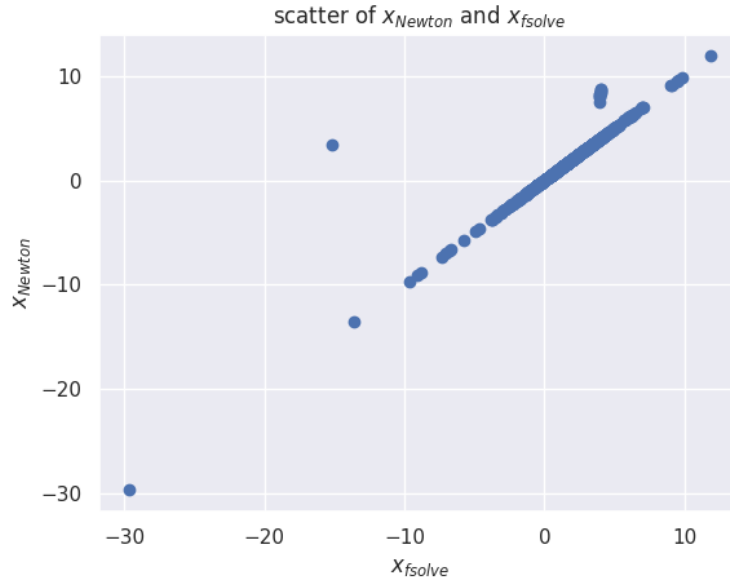
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None
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scatter of x2 and A

5.1.4 Compare the methods

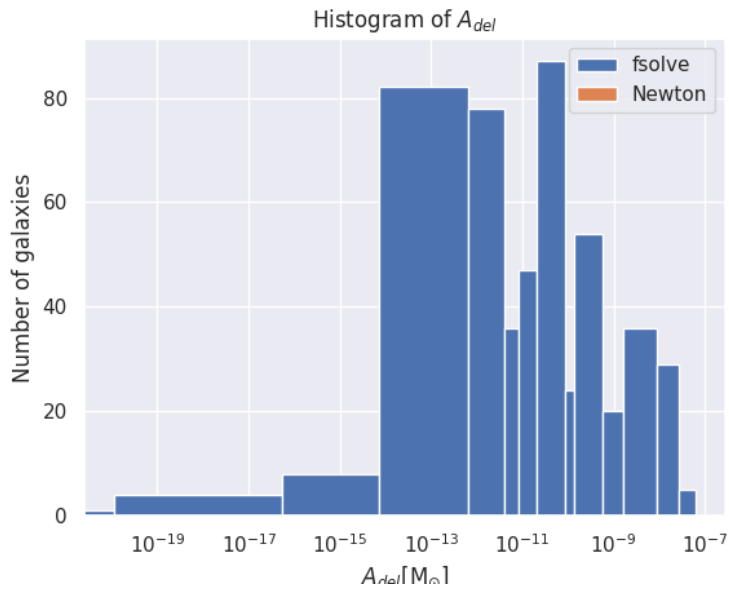


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x_n float64 Column 1.66518 2.91771 -29.6974 11.9164 1
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Since they are both pretty much the same, we can assume that the more compact is better, ie fsolve.

5.1.5 Hist of A



5.2 Calculating the t_{sf} and τ of the galaxies

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name = tau

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dtype = float64
unit = Gyr
class = Quantity
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std = 77.365 Gyr
min = -1036.91 Gyr
max = 988.964 Gyr
n_bad = 0
length = 607
None

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name dtype unit class n_bad
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A_n float64 solMass Quantity 1
x_n float64 Column 1
None

None

```

5.2.1 IDEA Check to see if the almost inf points make any sense

5.3 TODO The gas depletion timescale τ_g

What is the gas depletion timescale?

5.4 TODO The theoretical SFR vs the observed

6 PROJ The relations of the Masses

Since the aim of the paper is to find the SFR lets first understand and calculate the masses of the galaxies and see if we can find any relation with the SFR.

Pairplot with StellarMass, MHI, SFR_0 and av_{SFR} , M26

7 TODO The relations of the Data

7.1 TODO Luminosity and Masses

7.2 TODO Variations in Star Formation Rates across the different masses

8 TODO Filling the Catalogue