HI Distributions of Virgo Cluster Galaxies: Ram Pressure Stripping and Galaxy Evolution

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Diagnostics of active ram pressure stripping:

Gas not Stars, outside-in, one direction



Chung+09

Large fraction of Virgo spirals have truncated gas disks with normal stellar disks & one-sided extraplanar gas features

but! we don't yet have objective quantifiable measures of gas distribution to indicate active ram pressure stripping ... until now (?)

... new analysis of VIVA HI data

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VIVA! VLA Imaging of Virgo Galaxies in Atomic Gas

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50 spiral & peculiar galaxies (~50% of late type galaxies M_{*}>10⁹ M_{sun})

VLA HI maps on X-ray HI maps blown up 10x



want to measure something from HI map that traces active rps
 → global head-tail asymmetry (of all the gas) doesn't work well
 → head-tail asymmetry of outer gas works well



extent ratio & defining the inner galaxy



outer tail-to-total flux ratio



global head-tail ratio





extent ratio and outer flux ratio give accurate measures of *projected wind direction*, since they do good job identifying compressed & extended sides

> radio deficit region on radio map (Murphy+09)



Virgo cluster

map of directions of sky motion (preliminary)





global head-tail ratio: 0.78 0.70 0.79 (1.00 is symmetric)

NGC 4501 has a clear head-tail morphology but its global head-tail ratio is the same as galaxies with no head-tail morphology ?!?!?



global head-tail ratio:0.780.700.79 (1.00 is symmetric)outer tail flux ratio:0.010.010.13 (0.00 is symmetric)head-tail extent ratio:1.041.051.46 (1.00 is symmetric)

the extent ratio and outer tail-to-total flux ratio are much higher in NGC 4501

asymmetries of inner & outer galaxy are typically opposite or unrelated



 outer galaxy has more HI flux on trailing side (tail) due to r.p.

inner galaxy has more HI flux on leading side (head) due to r.p. compression

2 effects tend to cancel each other out so total head-tail flux ratio is poor indicator of the asymmetry

NGC 4501









NGC 4651 large m=2 component due to minor merger small m=1 component – irregularity in accreted thing?









M100 = NGC 4321

clear head-tail gas morphology & stellar arm without dust or young stars extends beyond gas truncation radius in NE



gas disk truncated in NE at r= 1.0 R₂₅ far out so not previously recognized as clear case of rps





radial gas distributions help trace evolutionary state of galaxies

90°

radial gas distributions from tilted ring models



radial gas distributions from radial gas distributions help tilted ring models trace evolutionary state of NGC 4330 NGC4330 galaxies $[M_{\odot}/pc^2]$ R_{eff(in)}: 0.55 HI drops off R_{eff(tot)}: 1.75 • sharply in disk 200 inner gas is disk 45° 315° density 150^{...} component so has CC 100' accurate radial profile 50 10⁰ HI surface 90° 270° 225° 135° 10 0.5 1.0 2.0 2.5 3.0 3.5 0.0 1.5 180° r/R_{25}

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radial gas distributions from tilted ring models



HI effective radius in disk vs. HI deficiency



Virgo spiral HI radial profiles

HI def = 0.2 - 0.7 (deficient by factors of 1.5-5)



HI-deficient galaxies with large HI asymmetries (active rps) have higher disk HI surface densities

Virgo spiral HI radial profiles

HI def = 0.7 - 1.2 (deficient by factors of 5-20)



HI-deficient galaxies with **small HI asymmetries** (post rps) have **lower disk HI surface densities**

disk gas distributions before & after peak pressure

galaxy during active stripping stage (pre-peak pressure)



disk gas distributions before & after peak pressure

galaxy during active stripping stage (pre-peak pressure)

galaxy after active stripping stage (post-peak pressure, starvation phase)

gas supply consumed by SF but not replenished

stripping radius increases so gas disk can spread out



HI effective radius in disk vs. HI deficiency



HI effective radius in disk vs. HI deficiency



stripping & evolution of SFR



summary

- good diagnostic for active stripping:
 outer galaxy head-tail HI asymmetry traces recent stripping rate
- good indicator of stripping vs. starvation evolutionary stage: effective radius of gas *in disk (inner galaxy) post-stripped galaxies are starved & have lower disk gas surface densities*