# Einführung in die Astronomie II Teil 13 

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## Overview part 13

- historic stuff
- extragalactic distance determination
- classification of galaxies
- general properties
- spiral structure


## Historical stuff

- 19th Century observations: Rosse with 60 inch reflector (!)
- discovered "spiral nebulae" (e.g., M51)
- Kant: "island universes"
- astronomers divided about local versus non-local nature of the spiral nebulae
- 1920's debate between Shapley (local) and Curtis (non-local) did not decide the issue
- needed to measure distances to settle the question

Rosse's sketch of M51


## Distance determinations !!

- Hubble (1923): discovered Cepheids in the Andromeda (spiral) nebula, aka M31
- P-L relation gives distance!
- modern result: distance of 900 kpc to Sun!
- much farther than size of our Galaxy!
- must be non-local!
- angular size of Andromeda galaxy $\rightarrow$ diameter of 70 kpc
- larger than the Milky Way!


## primary distance indicators !!

- cepheids
- brightest giants and super-giants
- novae


## secondary distance indicators

- diameter of largest H II region
- brightest blue stars
- brightest globular clusters
- planetary nebulae
- Supernovae


## tertiary distance indicators

- luminosity classes of galaxies
- width of emission lines
- brightest galaxy in clusters
- M-L relation (galaxies)
- color-L relation (galaxies)


## The Hubble Law !!

- Slipher (1911): spectral lines in spiral nebulae are mostly redshifted
- Hubble \& Humason (1920's): correlation between distance and redshift
- the farther a galaxy is away, the larger the redshift (and thus its radial velocity)
- Redshift of a receding galaxy

$$
z=\frac{\lambda-\lambda_{0}}{\lambda_{0}}
$$

- use Doppler formula to convert $z$ to $v$

Hubble diagram !!


## The Hubble Law !!

- Hubble (1929): relation between distance $d$ and recession speed $v$

$$
v=H_{0} d
$$

$\rightarrow$ Hubble law

- $H_{0} \approx 65 \mathrm{~km} \mathrm{~s}^{-1} \mathrm{Mpc}^{-1}$ : Hubble constant


## The Hubble Law !!

- example: galaxy at 100 Mpc distance moves away from us at a speed of $6500 \mathrm{~km} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}$
- note: only holds as an average, galaxies have individual velocities, too
- example: M31 is approaching the Milky Way
- $H_{0}$ relatively hard to measure accurately: $z$ (and thus $v$ ) easy to measure but $d$ is hard to measure accurately.
- Hubble law used to estimate distances to remote objects where no other information is available!


## Classification of galaxies

- we can see millions of galaxies in the sky
- Hubble defined 4 broad classes of galaxies
- spirals
- barred spirals
- ellipticals
- irregulars
- these types have different appearance and different physical characteristics


## The Hubble sequence !!



## Classification of galaxies

- spiral galaxies are divided into
- normal (SA) spirals (Sa-Sc, or SAa-SAc)
- barred (SB) spirals (SBa-SBc)
- intermediate types (SBA)


## spirals



Sa


Sb


Sc
barred spirals


Sa


Sb


## Classification of galaxies

- elliptical galaxies
- sub-class depends on apparent ellipticity

$$
\epsilon=1-\beta / \alpha
$$

- sub-class is $10 \epsilon$
- E7 is "latest" classes, >E8 not found so far.
- S0/SB0: intermediate class: lenticular galaxies


E0


E3


E6
lenticular galaxies


## Classification of galaxies

- Class E does not use the "real" shape of the galaxy: oblate spheroidal galaxy


Observer $A$


- $a=b$
- $c<a$


## Classification of galaxies

- prolate spheroidal galaxy

Observer B


- $b=c$
- $a>b$


## Classification of galaxies

- irregular galaxies:
- Irr I: hint of structure (LMC, SMC)
- Irr II complete chaos




## Modifications

- luminosity class
- ranges I to V
- uses "definition" of the arms
- does not correlate well with absolute magnitude!


## Modifications

- de Vaucoleurs:
- remove Irr I and Irr II, S-classes later than Sc or SBc
- IrrI $\rightarrow$ Sd (SBd), Sm (SBm), Im (m: Magellanic type)
- Irr II $\rightarrow$ Ir or "amorphous"
- Sd's and later are very small $\rightarrow$ dwarf spirals


## Elliptical galaxies

- modern classification:
- cD galaxies: huge ( 1 Mpc ) and bright, masses $10^{13} \mathrm{M}_{\odot}$, large M/L ratios (750!) $\rightarrow$ large masses of dark matter
- normal elliptical galaxies: 1 kpc to 200 kpc diameters, $10^{8} \ldots 10^{13} \mathrm{M}_{\odot}, \mathrm{M} / \mathrm{L}: 7$ to 100.
- dwarf ellipticals (dE's): 1 to 10 kpc diameter, $10^{7} \ldots 10^{9} \mathrm{M}_{\odot}$
- dwarf spheroidal galaxies (dSpH's): 0.1 to 0.5 kpc , $10^{7} \ldots 10^{8} \mathrm{M}_{\odot}$
- blue compact dwarf galaxies (BCD's): small unusually blue ellipticals, low M/L (0.1).


## giant elliptical




## K-correction !!

- extinction correction
- most galaxies show significant redshifts $\rightarrow$ light that came, e.g., originally from the $B$ band is shifted away!
- needs to be corrected to get intrinsic $B$ band magnitude!
- $\rightarrow$ K-correction
- more important for more distant galaxies


## Tully-Fisher relation !!

- measure rotation speed of galaxies through HI 21 cm line
- maximum rotation velocity $V_{\max }$ correlates with $M_{B}$
- different relations for different Hubble-types!
- form depends on distribution of mass within galaxy and mass-to-light ratio!


## Tully-Fisher relation !!



## Tully-Fisher relation !!

- rotation curve flat in the outer parts
- $\rightarrow$ mass contained within distance $r$ from center:

$$
M=\frac{V_{\max }^{2} R}{G}
$$

- with $M / L \equiv 1 / C_{\mathrm{ML}}$ as the same $\mathrm{M} / \mathrm{L}$ for all spirals (assumption!)

$$
L=C_{\mathrm{ML}} \frac{V_{\max }^{2} R}{G}
$$

## Tully-Fisher relation !!

- if surface brightness is constant for all spirals (another assumption) then $L / R^{2} \equiv C_{\mathrm{SB}}$
$\rightarrow$ eliminate $R$ :

$$
L=\frac{C_{\mathrm{ML}}^{2}}{C_{\mathrm{SB}}} \frac{V_{\max }^{4}}{G^{2}} \equiv C V_{\max }^{4}
$$

## Tully-Fisher relation !!

- converting to $M \rightarrow$

$$
\begin{aligned}
M & =M_{\odot}-2.5 \log \left(\frac{L}{L_{\odot}}\right) \\
& =M_{\odot}-2.5 \log V_{\max }^{4}+\text { const. } \\
& =-10 \log V_{\max }+\text { const. }
\end{aligned}
$$

- gives the correct leading coefficient in the Tully-Fisher relation


## general properties

## Table 26-1 Some Properties of Galaxies

|  | Spiral and barred spiral galaxies | Elliptical galaxies | Irregular galaxies |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mass ( $\mathrm{M}_{\odot}$ ) | $10^{9}$ to $4 \times 10^{11}$ | $10^{5}$ to $10^{13}$ | $10^{8}$ to $3 \times 10^{10}$ |
| Luminosity ( $\mathrm{L}_{\odot}$ ) | $10^{8}$ to $2 \times 10^{10}$ | $3 \times 10^{5}$ to $10^{11}$ | $10^{7}$ to $10^{9}$ |
| Diameter (kpc) | 5 to 250 | 1 to 200 | 1 to 10 |
| Stellar populations | Spiral arms: young Population I <br> Nucleus and throughout disk: <br> Population II and old Population I | Population II and old Population I | mostly Population I |
| Percentage of observed galaxies | 77\% | 20\%* | 3\% |

*This percentage does not include dwart elliptical galaxies that are as yet too dim and distant to detect.
Hence, the actual percentage of galaxies that are ellipticals may be higher than shown here.

## Properties: spirals

- arched lanes of stars (like Milky Way)
- spiral arms contain young, hot stars and H II regions
- $\rightarrow$ Pop. I stars!
- spectrum of a spiral galaxy (sum of all stars!) shows strong metal lines
- central bulge: little star formation, Pop. II stars
- difference related to amount of gas and dust:

Sa: 4\% of mass in gas and dust
Sb: 8\%
Sc: $25 \%$

- thus Sc has lots of star formation in the disk, Sa doesn't


## Properties: barred spirals

- spiral arms start at the ends of a bar running through the nucleus
- subdivided by relative size of central bulge and winding of arms
- SBa to SBc (same idea as for spirals)
- SBa-SBc show similar gas+dust changes as spirals
- bars appear as natural effects in many spirals
- SB's are 2 times more frequent that S's
- models $\rightarrow$ bar does not develop if a massive dark matter halo is present


## Properties: ellipticals

- practically no gas and dust!
- no star formation, only old stars $\rightarrow$ Pop. II stars, red!
- wide range of sizes and masses
- giant elliptical galaxies
- about 20 times larger than normal spiral!
- pretty rare


## Properties: dwarf ellipticals

- much smaller than normal galaxies
- few stars: $10^{6}$ stars (compared to $10^{11}$ in the Milky Way)
- $\rightarrow$ completely transparent, can see through them
- Doppler shifts of lines $\rightarrow$ stellar motions "random"
- round ellipticals $\rightarrow$ isotropic velocities
- flattened ellipticals $\rightarrow$ anisotropic velocities



## spiral structure !!

- grand-design spirals
- 2 very well defined and symmetric arms
- $10 \%$
- multiple ( $>2$ arms) spirals
- 60\%
- flocculent spirals
- ill-defined arms
- not traceable far from the nucleus
- $30 \%$


## spiral structure



Trailing structure


Leading structure

## spiral structure

- both leading or trailing spirals are possible!
- radial velocity measurements are ambiguous
- need orientation of the galaxy!
- in almost all feasible cases
$\rightarrow$ trailing spirals
- some weirdos with $2+1$ arm moving in opposite directions
- leading arms caused by tidal interactions?
- winding problem


## spiral structure !!



## spiral structure !!

- differential rotation!
- time scale very short!
- $\rightarrow$ spiral arms are not "constant" pattern of stars


## Density Wave Theory !!

- initially proposed by Lindblad first worked out by Lin \& Shu:
- quasi-static density waves
- regions in the disk where density is larger than average (10-20\%)
- stars, clouds move through density waves during orbits around center
- spiral density wave pattern stationary in a non-inertial rotating coordinate system
- angular speed: global pattern speed $\Omega_{\mathrm{gp}}$


## Density Wave Theory !!

- stars etc. are not stationary in this system!!
- near the center: $\Omega>\Omega_{\mathrm{gp}}$
$\rightarrow$ stars overtake density wave
- far from the center: $\Omega<\Omega_{\mathrm{gp}}$
$\rightarrow$ density wave overtakes stars
- Co-rotation radius $R_{c}: \Omega=\Omega_{\mathrm{gp}}$ $\rightarrow$ "dividing line"


## Density wave theory !!



- S: inertial system, density wave rotates with $\Omega_{\mathrm{gp}}$
- S': rotating non-inertial system rotating with $\Omega_{\mathrm{gp}}$


## Density Wave Theory

- Density wave model explains:
- young, massive stars in the arms
- H I and dust in the inner trailing edges of the arms
- distribution of low mass stars not as concentrated in arms
- reduces winding problem (but need to stabilize the wave)


## Density Wave Theory

- flocculent spirals may be result of several overlapping waves?
- SSPF: stochastic, self-propagating star formation model
- outbursts of star formation triggered by SNe sequences
- doesn't explain location of dust and OB stars


## Simulation



