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# GR & DM

## HOW DRAGGING AND GENERAL RELATIVITY COULD EXPLAIN THE MISSING MASS PROBLEM

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# KEY IDEAS

## Strategies for the Missing Mass Problem

Most natural idea:  
Existing invisible mass

- Dark matter:
  - MaCHOs?
- Hot DM (sterile neutrinos)?
- Cold DM (WIMPs)?

KI #1: *all the MMP have gravitational nature*

- Galaxy rotation curves
  - Virial of clusters
- Gravitational lensing
- Temperature of hot gases
  - Bullet clusters
  - CMB anisotropies
- SNIa redshift measures
  - Etc...

All gravitational attractions  
or space-time distortions,  
i.e. gravitational wells

Is the Missing Mass a clue of  
misunderstanding in gravity?

Attempts to modify the  
Newtonian Gravity (MOND)

Milgrom 1983,  
Bekenstein&Milgrom 1984,  
Bekenstein 2004

KI #2: *GR is already a  
“modified gravity”*

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# KEY IDEAS

## GR is more than post-Newtonian corrections

Intuition: GR = Newton + post-Newtonian corrections

Galactic dynamics in low energy régime:

- Sub-relativistic speeds
  - Weak forces

PN terms have magnitude  $\sim \frac{v^2}{c^2}$ :  
Negligible corrections

Ciotti 2022,  
Lasenby+ 2023,  
Costa+ 2023,  
Glampedakis&Jones 2023  
Costa&Natàrio 2023

**KI #3: *GR allows non-Newtonian phenomena in low energy régime***

Astesiano+3 2022

- Carlotto-Shoen shielding metrics
- Geons (solitonic GW)

A galaxy is an extended source:  
Not *globally* Newtonian

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} g_{00} & g_{0i} \\ g_{0i} & g_{ij} \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $g_{0i}$  dragging term

**KI #4: *galaxy surrounded by dragging vortex supporting rotation curve***

Balasin&Grumiller 2008  
Crosta+ 2020  
Astesiano+5 2022  
Re&Galoppo 2024

Re-weight DM amount in disc galaxies

DM phenomena =  
fake DM from GR + true DM

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# KEY IDEAS

## Low energy limit and non-commutativity

Widespread intuition:

Require small metric perturbations (classical limit):

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + c^{-2} h_{\mu\nu}$$

Then deduce Einstein Eqs

Find in Newtonian limit:

$$4\pi G\rho = \Delta\Phi + O(v^2/c^2), \dots$$

Switch the order:

Start with full Einstein Eqs

Then expand formulas at the lowest order in  $v/c$ :  
Low Energy Limit (LEL)

Find non-negligible corrections to Newtonian eqs!:  
 $4\pi G\rho = \Delta\Phi + \text{something}, \dots$

**They don't commute!**

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# ( $\eta, H$ ) MODEL

## Metric and source

Lewis–Papapetrou–Weyl metric:

$$ds(r,z)^2 = -c^2 e^{2\Phi/c^2} (dt + A d\varphi)^2 + e^{-2\Phi/c^2} \left[ r^2 d\varphi^2 + e^{2k/c^2} (dr^2 + dz^2) \right]$$

No velocity dispersion:  $U^\mu = (-H)^{-1/2} (\partial_t + \Omega \partial_\varphi)$

Perfect fluid:  $T_{\mu\nu} = \rho U_\mu U_\nu$

Generalization of BG metric

Balasin&Grumiller 2008  
Crosta+ 2020  
Galoppo+ 2022  
Beordo+2024

- In Low Energy Limit (LEL):
- $A \approx -\frac{rv_D}{c^2}$  with finite  $v_D$  “dragging speed”,
    - $\Phi/c^2, k/c^2 = O(v^2/c^2)$ ,
    - $U^\mu U_\mu = -c^2 \Rightarrow H = -1 + O(v^2/c^2)$ .

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# ( $\eta, H$ ) MODEL

## Metric and source

$$ds(r,z)^2 = -c^2 e^{2\Phi/c^2} (dt + Ad\varphi)^2 + e^{-2\Phi/c^2} \left[ r^2 d\varphi^2 + e^{2k/c^2} (dr^2 + dz^2) \right],$$

$$U^\mu = (-H)^{-1/2} (\partial_t + \Omega \partial_\varphi), T_{\mu\nu} = \rho U_\mu U_\nu$$

( $\eta, H$ ) family of exact solutions.

Fully generated by the choice of functions  $\eta(r, 0)$  and  $H(\eta)$

$\hat{\Delta}\tilde{\eta} = 0$  s.t.  $\hat{\Delta} = \partial_r^2 - \frac{\partial_r}{r} + \partial_z^2$  Grad-Shafranov operator,  
 and  $\tilde{\eta}(r, z) := \eta + \frac{c^2}{2} r^2 \int \frac{H'}{H} \frac{d\eta}{\eta} - \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{H'}{H} \eta d\eta$  Velocity Field Equation (VFE)

$$\Omega(\eta) = 1/2 \int H'(\eta) d\eta / \eta$$

$$8\pi G\rho = \frac{v^2(2-\eta l)^2 - r^2 l^2}{4e^\mu} \frac{\eta_r^2 + \eta_z^2}{\eta^2} \text{ s.t. } l(\eta) := \frac{H'}{H}$$

$$g_{tt} = H - 2vr\Omega + \frac{r^2\Omega^2}{-H\gamma^2},$$

$$g_{t\varphi} = rv + \frac{r^2}{\gamma^2 H} \Omega,$$

$$g_{\varphi\varphi} = \frac{r^2}{-H\gamma^2}, \text{ s.t. } \gamma = \gamma(v_z)$$

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# ( $\eta, H$ ) MODEL

## What speed?

Zero Angular Momentum Observers (ZAMO):

$$e_Z^0 = \frac{\sqrt{g_{\varphi\varphi}}}{W} (\partial_t + \chi \partial_\varphi), e_Z^1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{g_{\varphi\varphi}}} \partial_\varphi, e_Z^2 = e^{-(\Phi-k)/c^2} \partial_r, e_Z^3 = e^{-(\Phi-k)/c^2} \partial_z;$$

where  $\chi = -\frac{g_{t\varphi}}{g_{\varphi\varphi}}$  “dragging angular speed”

Measures speed  $v_Z = \frac{e_Z^1 \cdot U^\mu}{e_Z^0 \cdot U^\mu} = \frac{W(\Omega - \chi)}{-H\gamma_Z^2} = \eta/r$

**In LEL:**

$$v_Z \approx r(\Omega - \chi)$$

Stationary (not static!) Observers:

$$e_S^0 = e^{-\Phi/c^2} \partial_t, e_S^1 = \frac{e^{\Phi/c^2}}{W} (\partial_\varphi - A \partial_t), e_S^2 = e^{-(\Phi-k)/c^2} \partial_r, e_S^3 = e^{-(\Phi-k)/c^2} \partial_z$$

Measures speed  $v_S = \frac{e_S^1 \cdot U^\mu}{e_S^0 \cdot U^\mu} = \gamma_S^{-1} e^{-\Phi/c^2} W \Omega$

**In LEL:**

$$v_S \approx r\Omega \sim 10^{-3}$$

Dragging speed:  $v_D = \frac{e_S^1 \cdot e_Z^0}{e_S^0 \cdot e_Z^0} = \frac{g_{\varphi\varphi}\chi}{W}$

**In LEL:**

$$v_D \approx r\chi \sim 10^{-3}$$

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# ( $\eta, H$ ) MODEL

## What speed?

Measure rotation curves with redshift. In SR, for a edge-on galaxy:  $1 + z = \frac{1 + v/c}{\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}} \approx 1 + v_{obs}/c$

A still observer at spatial infinity measures  
 $1 + z_{dr} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-H}} \left[ 1 + e^{-2\Phi/c^2} \frac{\Omega}{c} \left( W + \frac{g_{\varphi\varphi}\chi}{c} \right) \right]$

**In LEL:**

$$1 + z \approx 1 + v_s/c$$

Astesiano+5 2022, Re&Galoppo 2024

Analog if measure our speed from the CMB dipole. According SR:  $\langle a_{T,10} \rangle = -2\sqrt{\pi/3} \langle T \rangle v_{obs}/c$

Inside a dragging metric we see

$$a_{T,10} = \int \frac{T(\hat{n})}{1 + z_{dr}(\hat{n})} Y_1^0(\hat{n})^* d^2\hat{n}$$

**In LEL:**

$$\langle a_{T,10} \rangle \approx -2\sqrt{\pi/3} \langle T \rangle v_s/c$$

Re, Galoppo, Dotti (coming soon)

We measure the speed  $v_s$ , but the dynamics is determined by the angular momentum, proportional to the (different!) speed  $v_Z \approx v_s - v_D$

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# PHANTOM DARK MATTER

## Corrections on required density

$$8\pi G\rho = \frac{v^2(2-\eta l)^2 - r^2l^2}{4e^\mu} \frac{\eta_r^2 + \eta_z^2}{\eta^2}$$

In  
LEL:

$$8\pi G\rho \approx 4 \frac{v_S}{r} \frac{dv_S}{dr} - 2 \frac{d(rv_S)}{r dr} \frac{d(rv_D)}{r dr} + \left( \frac{d(rv_D)}{r dr} \right)^2$$

$-\rho_{II}$

$+\rho_I$

$+\rho_I$

Cfr non-linear gravitomagnetic formalism:  $\vec{G} := -\nabla\Phi, \vec{H} := e^{\Phi/c^2}\nabla \times (A\partial_\varphi) \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{cases} \nabla \cdot \vec{G} = \vec{G}^2/c^2 + \vec{H}^2/2c^2 - 4\pi G\rho \\ \nabla \times \vec{G} = 0 \\ \nabla \cdot \vec{H} = -\vec{G} \cdot \vec{H}/c^2 \\ \nabla \times \vec{H} = 2\vec{G} \times \vec{H}/c^2 - 16\pi G \vec{j}/c^3 \end{cases}, \text{ being } j^\mu = -\frac{T^{\mu\nu}U_\nu}{c^2} \text{ momentum density}$$

$$\dot{\vec{v}} = \vec{G} + \frac{\vec{v}}{c} \times \vec{H}$$

$-\rho_{II}$

We don't measure directly  $G$

We measure  $v_S$ . With  $H \rightarrow$  less  $G \rightarrow$  less  $\rho$

# PHANTOM DARK MATTER

## Corrections on gravitational lensing

Gauss-Bonnet ( $\chi(S) = 1$ )

$$\theta_R + \theta_S = \int \int_S K da + \int_{\partial S} \kappa_g d\lambda$$

Gravitomagnetism:

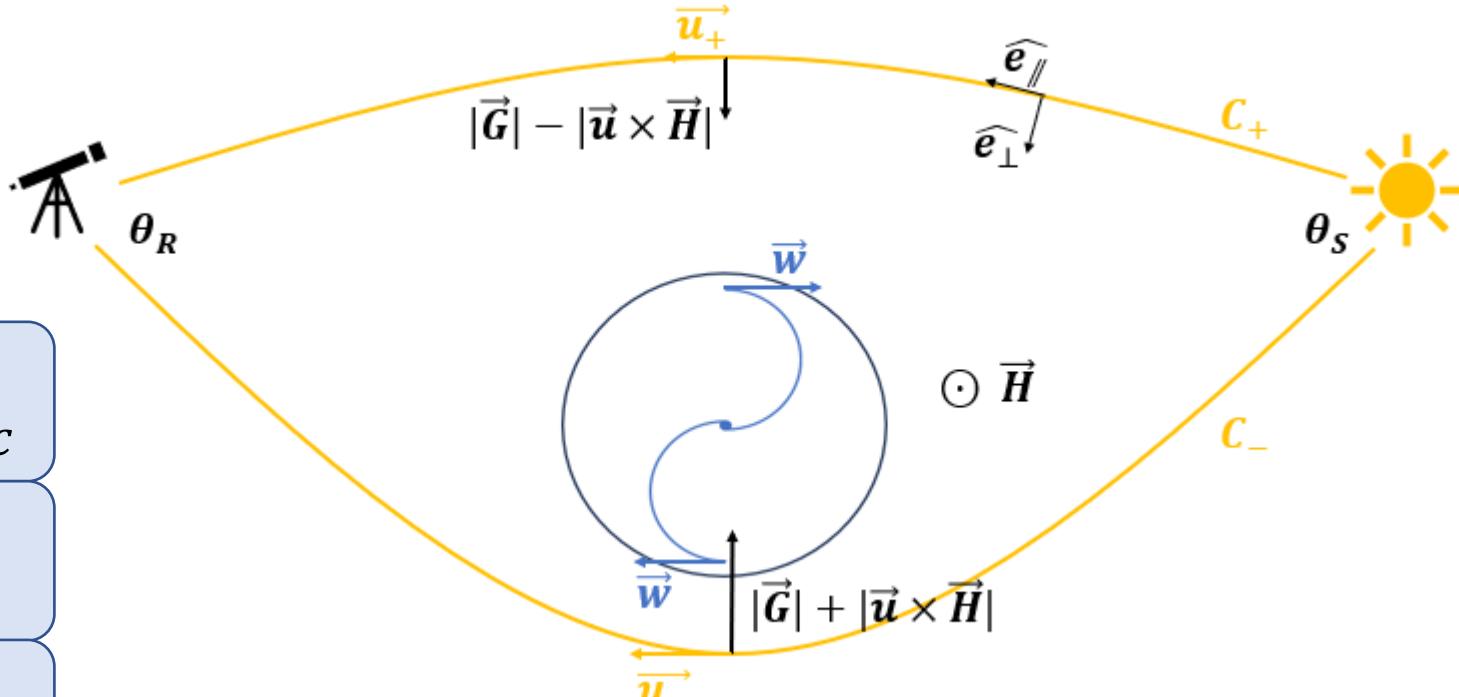
$$\kappa_g = (\vec{G} + \vec{u} \times \vec{H}) \cdot \hat{e}_\perp, |\vec{u}| \equiv c$$

Asymmetric geodesics:

$$r_\pm \approx r_0 \pm \Delta r$$

Far from the centre:

$$G_{,r}, H_{,r} < 0$$



$$\theta_R + \theta_S \approx (\theta_R + \theta_S)|_{Newt} - 2c \int_{C_+} H_{,r}(r_0) \Delta r d\lambda$$

# ESTIMATION OF DRAGGING SPEED

## With Newtonian ad-hoc term

$$8\pi G(\rho_B + \alpha\rho_{DM}) := 8\pi G\rho := \frac{\eta^2_{,r}}{r^2} - r^2\Omega^2_{,r} + 2\frac{v_S^2}{r^2}$$

Fraction  $1 - \alpha$  of DM explained  
by dragging  $v_D = v_S - \eta/r$

$$4\pi G(\rho_B + \rho_{DM}) = 2\frac{v_S v_{S,r}}{r} + \frac{v_S^2}{r^2}$$

$\alpha = 1 \Leftrightarrow v_D \equiv 0$ : spherically symmetric  
Newtonian model with 100% of DM

Evaluate for MW:  $\rho_B := \rho_{B0} e^{-r/r_B}$  exponential,  $\rho_{DM} := \rho_{DM0} \frac{r_{DM}}{r} \left(1 + \frac{r}{r_{DM}}\right)^{-2}$  NFW,  
 $r_B \cong 2.1$  kpc,  $r_{DM} \cong 5.69$  kpc,  $v_\infty \cong 220$  km/s,  $\rho_{DM0} \cong 6.4\% \rho_{B0}$

**At  $r_\odot \cong 8.6$  kpc:  $w(r_\odot, 0) \cong (1 - \alpha) \cdot 71$  km/s**

Example:  $\alpha = 1/2 \Rightarrow v_D(r_\odot, 0) \approx 35$  km/s in our neighborhood

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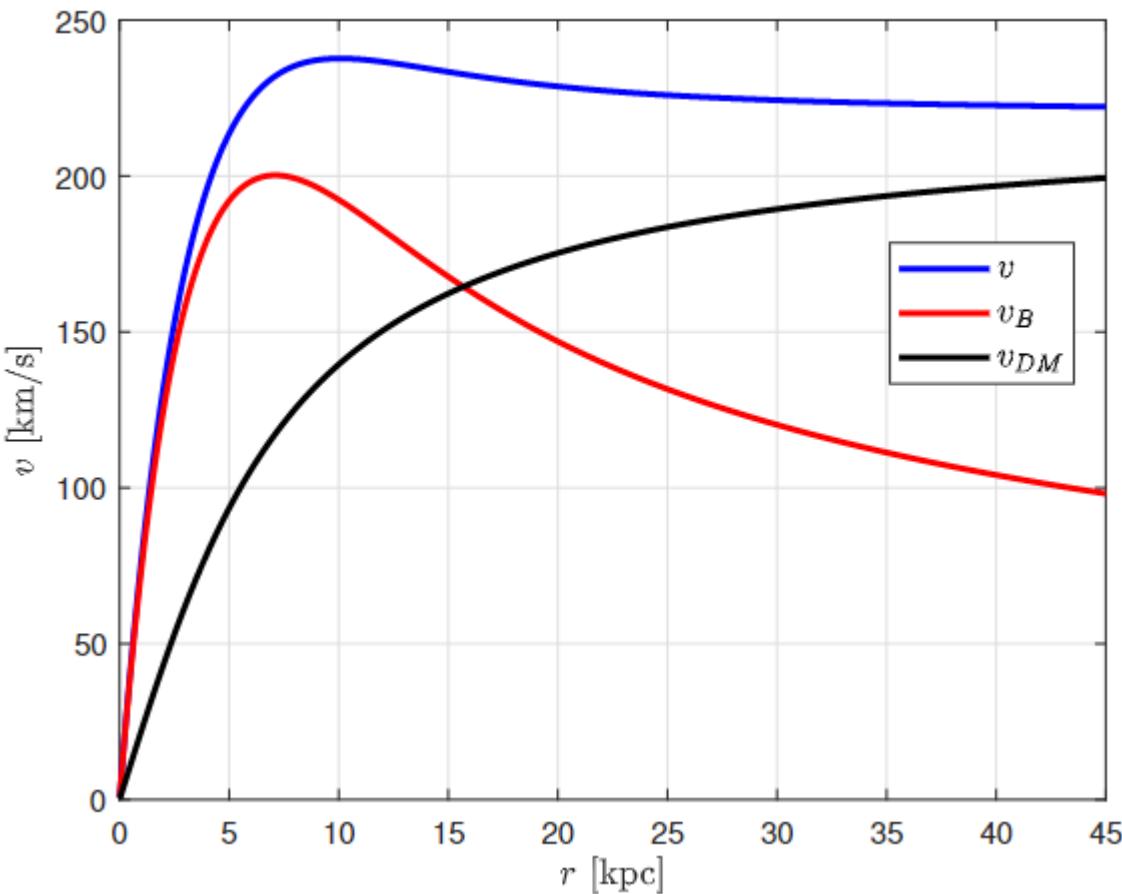
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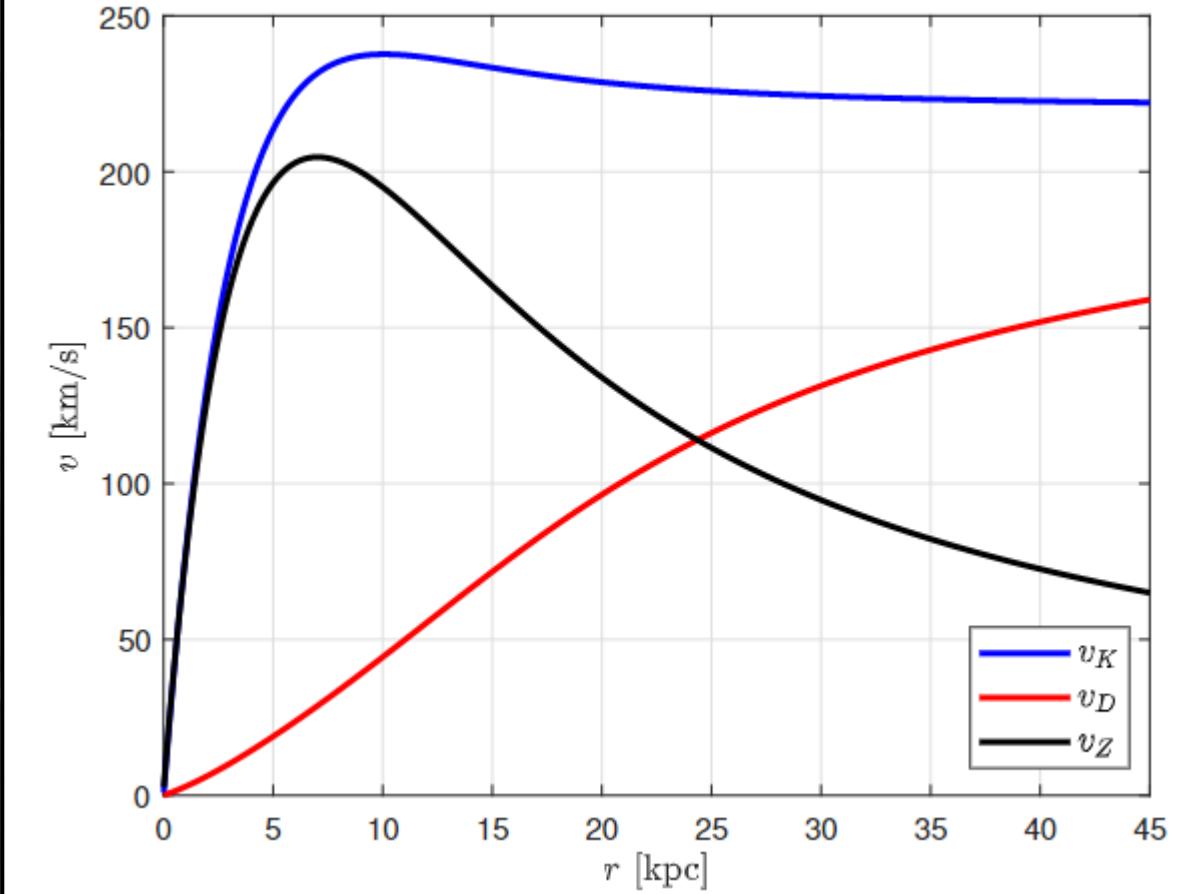
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## With Newtonian ad-hoc term

Newtonian description



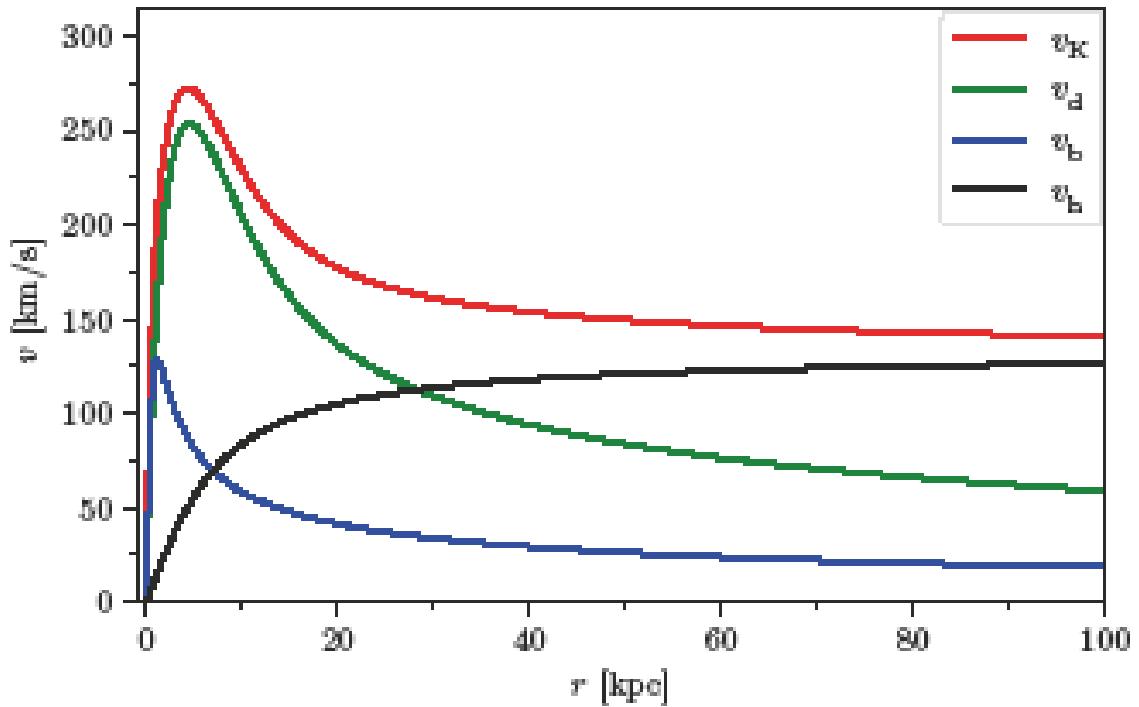
General-relativistic description



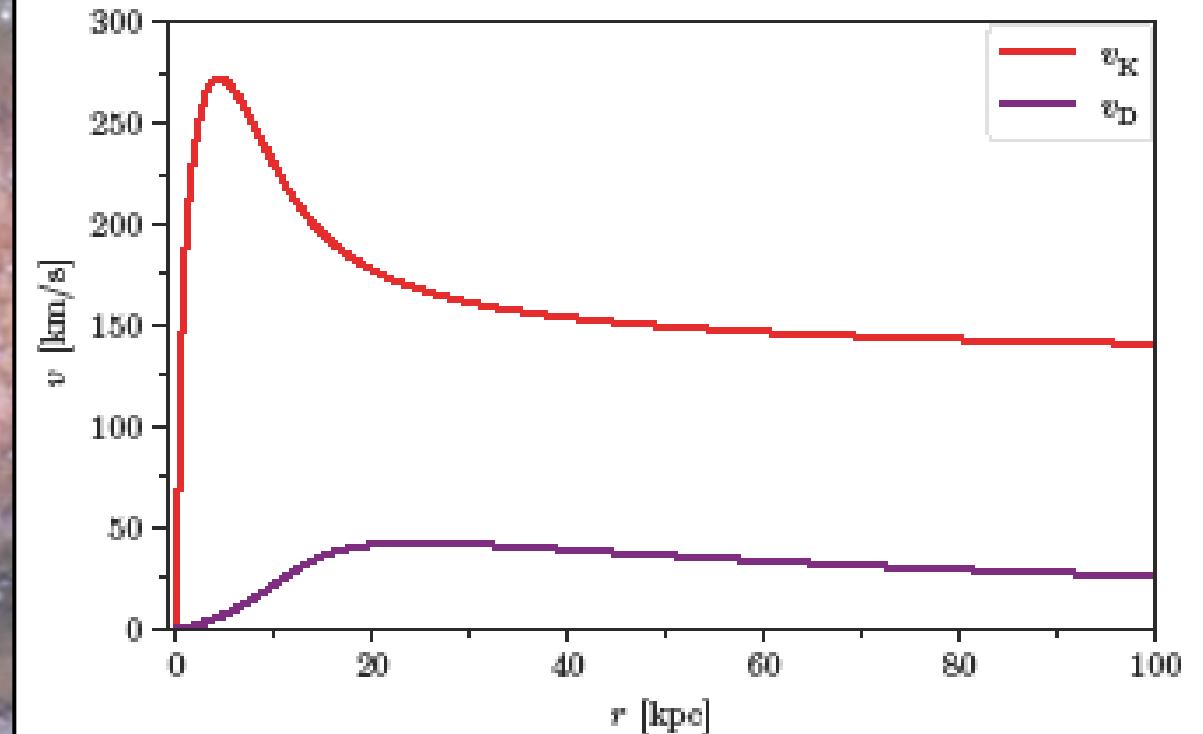
# ESTIMATION OF DRAGGING SPEED

Coming soon: more precise formulas with pressure!

Newtonian description



General-relativistic description



Galoppo, Wiltshire, Re (coming soon)

# EMPIRICAL MEASURES

## Counter-rotating matter

Some disc galaxies have counter-rotating stars or gas

Kuijken+ 1996,  
Corsini 2014

**The counter-rotating component is also dragged!**  $v_+ + v_- \propto v_D$

Re (coming soon)

Consider geodesics for a test particle with tangent motion  $\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial\tau} \cong \tilde{\Omega} \cong \tilde{v}/r$

Without dragging ( $v_D \equiv 0$ ): depends only on the potential  $\Phi$  s.t.  $g_{tt} = -e^{2\Phi}/c^2$ ,  $\frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial r} = \frac{v_S^2}{r}$

Geodesic  $\ddot{r} \cong \frac{\tilde{v}^2 - v_S^2}{r} \Rightarrow$  symmetric  $v_\pm \cong \pm v_S$

With dragging  $w$ :  
 $\frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial r} \cong v_S \left( \frac{v_Z}{r} - \frac{\partial v_D}{\partial r} \right)$

Geodesic  
 $\ddot{r} \cong \frac{\tilde{v}^2 - v_S^2}{r} + \frac{v_S - \tilde{v}}{r} \frac{\partial(rv_D)}{\partial r}$

Asymmetric  
 $v_+ \cong v_S, v_- = -v_S + \frac{\partial(rv_D)}{\partial r}$

**Non-negligible deviation from Newton!**

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## What has been done and what remains to be done

### What we know:

- GR non-linearities allow solitonic solutions for the dragging terms
- Strong dragging implies non-negligible deviations from Newton
  - A quite small dragging vortex sustains flat rotation curve
- It returns also a suitable correction on the gravitational lensing
- The dragging speed can be measured with counter-rotating matter components

### Future perspectives:

- Generalize equations (in LEL) for non-negligible pressure (bulge, elliptical galaxies...)
  - Consequences of the dragging on CMB
  - Measure the actual dragging with the counter-rotating matter
- Apply GR to other MMP (gravitational lensing, universe expansion...)

Galoppo, Wiltshire, Re (coming soon)

Re, Galoppo, Dotti (coming soon)

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Galoppo+ 2022; Re 2020, Re 2021, Vigneron&Buchert 2019, Buchert 2008

Stay tuned!

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*Thanks for your attention!*

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