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Platon 428/427–348/347 BC

Capitoline Museum, Rome.

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Example: from CO emission to total column density







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Kennicutt (1998, ARAA, 36, 189)

• when considering galaxies as a whole, there seems to be a super-linear relation between total gas (H_2+H) and the star formation rate (SFR) with slope ~1.4:

$$\Sigma_{SFR} = (2.5 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-4} \left(\frac{\Sigma_{gas}}{1 \ M_{\odot} \ \text{pc}^{-2}}\right)^{1.4 \pm 0.15} M_{\odot} \text{ year}^{-1} \text{ kpc}^{-2}$$



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- but with different normalization for starburst galaxies compared to normal ones



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true physical behavior may be (much) *more complicated* than simple models assume!







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- QUIZ: do we really see a universal Σ_{H2} Σ_{SFR} relation?
- ANSWER: large galaxy-to-galaxy variations
 - relation is often sublinear



- analysis of THINGS/ HERACLES data
- many galaxies show sublinear KS-type relation

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Hierarchical Bayesian model for STING galaxies indicate varying depleting times. Depletion time increases with increasing density. Why ??

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resolved data in M51



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all galaxies

physical origin of this behavior?

- maybe strong shear in dense arms (example M51, Meidt et al. 2013)...
- maybe non-star forming H₂ gas becomes traced by CO at high column densities (recall H₂ needs A_v~I, CO needs A_v~2,)...




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SEARCH FOR CO-dark H₂ GAS here SOFIA can provide major input

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dense vs. diffuse CO-traced H₂ gas



in addition:

 maybe a large fraction of H₂ (even if traced by CO) may not be in dense clouds, but in a diffuse state!

observational approach



Exeter-Five College Radio Astronomy Observatory (EXFC) Galactic Ring Survey (GRS)

INNER GALAXY: Galactic Ring Survey (GRS)

Roman-Duval et al. (2016, ApJ, 818, 144)



observational approach:

 comparison of ¹³CO (tracing mostly dense clouds) and ¹²CO tracing all the gas (including the more diffuse component)

INNER GALAXY: Galactic Ring Survey (GRS)

OUTER GALAXY: Exeter Fife College survey





Figure 13. Average Galactic H₂ surface densities of the diffuse (red, detected in ¹²CO, undetected in ¹³CO) and dense (green, detected in ¹²CO and ¹³CO) components as a function of Galactocentric radius (in bins of width 0.1 kpc), in logarithmic scale, combining all data sets. In the inner Galaxy, the pink line indicates the surface density of H₂ in molecular clouds identified in Roman-Duval et al. (2010).



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HH 901/902 in Carina with HST

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early theoretical models

- Jeans (1902): Interplay between self-gravity and thermal pressure
 - stability of homogeneous spherical density enhancements against gravitational collapse
 - dispersion relation:



- instability when

$$\omega^2 < 0$$

- minimal mass:

$$M_J = \frac{1}{6}\pi^{-5/2} G^{-3/2} \rho_0^{-1/2} C_s^3 \propto \rho_0^{-1/2} T^{+3/2}$$



Sir James Jeans, 1877 - 1946

first approach to turbulence

- von Weizsäcker (1943, 1951) and Chandrasekhar (1951): concept of MICROTURBULENCE
 - BASIC ASSUMPTION: separation of scales between dynamics and turbulence

 $\ell_{\rm turb} \ll \ell_{\rm dyn}$

- then turbulent velocity dispersion contributes to effective soundspeed:

$$\mathbf{C}_{c}^{2}\mapsto\mathbf{C}_{c}^{2}+\sigma_{rms}^{2}$$

- \rightarrow Larger effective Jeans masses \rightarrow more stability
- BUT: (1) turbulence depends on k: $\sigma_{rms}^2(k)$

(2) supersonic turbulence $\rightarrow \sigma_{rms}^2(k) >> C_s^2$ usually



S. Chandrasekhar, 1910 - 1995

C.F. von Weiszäcker, 1912 - 2007

problems of early dynamical theory

- molecular clouds are highly Jeans-unstable, yet, they do NOT form stars at high rate and with high efficiency (Zuckerman & Evans 1974 conundrum) (the observed global SFE in molecular clouds is ~5%)
 - \rightarrow something prevents large-scale collapse.
- all throughout the early 1990's, molecular clouds had been thought to be long-lived quasi-equilibrium entities.
- molecular clouds are magnetized

magnetic star formation

- Mestel & Spitzer (1956): Magnetic fields can prevent collapse!!!
 - Critical mass for gravitational collapse in presence of B-field

$$M_{cr} = \frac{5^{3/2}}{48\pi^2} \frac{B^3}{G^{3/2}\rho^2}$$



Lyman Spitzer, Jr., 1914 - 1997

 Critical mass-to-flux ratio (Mouschovias & Spitzer 1976)

$$\left[\frac{M}{\Phi}\right]_{cr} = \frac{\zeta}{3\pi} \left[\frac{5}{G}\right]^{1/2}$$

- Ambipolar diffusion can initiate collapse

"standard theory" of star formation

- BASIC ASSUMPTION: Stars form from magnetically highly subcritical cores
- Ambipolar diffusion slowly increases (M/ Φ): $\tau_{AD} \approx 10\tau_{ff}$
- Once (M/Φ) > (M/Φ)_{crit} : dynamical collapse of SIS
 - Shu (1977) collapse solution
 - $dM/dt = 0.975 c_s^3/G = const.$
- Was (in principle) only intended for isolated, low-mass stars



Frank Shu, 1943 -



magnetic field

problems of "standard theory"

- Observed B-fields are weak, at most marginally critical (Crutcher 1999, Bourke et al. 2001)
- Magnetic fields cannot prevent decay of turbulence (Mac Low et al. 1998, Stone et al. 1998, Padoan & Nordlund 1999)
- Structure of prestellar cores (e.g. Bacman et al. 2000, Alves et al. 2001)
- Strongly time varying dM/dt (e.g. Hendriksen et al. 1997, André et al. 2000)
- More extended infall motions than predicted by the standard model (Williams & Myers 2000, Myers et al. 2000)
- Most stars form as binaries (e.g. Lada 2006)

- As many prestellar cores as protostellar cores in SF regions (e.g. André et al 2002)
- Molecular cloud clumps are chemically young (Bergin & Langer 1997, Pratap et al 1997, Aikawa et al 2001)
- Stellar age distribution small ($\tau_{\rm ff} << \tau_{\rm AD}$) (Ballesteros-Paredes et al. 1999, Elmegreen 2000, Hartmann 2001)
- Strong theoretical criticism of the SIS as starting condition for gravitational collapse (e.g. Whitworth et al 1996, Nakano 1998, as summarized in Klessen & Mac Low 2004)
- Standard AD-dominated theory is incompatible with observations (Crutcher et al. 2009, 2010ab, Bertram et al. 2011)

(see e.g. Mac Low & Klessen, 2004, Rev. Mod. Phys., 76, 125-194 Klessen & Glover, 2014, Saas Fee Lecture, arXiv:1412.5182)

gravoturbulent star formation

• BASIC ASSUMPTION:

star formation is controlled by interplay between supersonic turbulence and self-gravity

- turbulence plays a *dual role*:
- on large scales it provides support
- on small scales it can trigger collapse
- some predictions:
 - dynamical star formation timescale $\tau_{\rm ff}$
- high binary fraction
- complex spatial structure of embedded star clusters
- and many more . . .



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• Navier-Stokes equation (transport of momentum)

viscous stress tensor



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Tornado over Portofino

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energy source & scale *NOT known* (supernovae, winds, spiral density waves?) $\sigma_{\rm rms} << 1$ km/s M_{rms} ≤ 1 L ≈ 0.1 pc dissipation scale not known (ambipolar diffusion, molecular diffusion?)



modeling molecular cloud formation



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total column density Position [kpc] 10²¹ Column Density [cm⁻²] 10²⁰ 10²²

HI column density





(Smith et al., 2014, MNRAS, 441, 1628)



image from THOR Galactic plane survey (PI H. Beuther): continuum emission around 21 cm

next step: produce all sky maps at various positions in the model galaxy (use RADMC-3D)

(Beuther et al., 2016, A&A, in press, arXiv:1609.03329, Bihr et al. 2016, A&A, 588, A97)
















0.1 1.0 10.0 W_{c0} [K kms⁻¹]

- weak correlation between [CII] emission and H₂ column density (saturation at large columns)
- CO-bright component is cold (T ≤ 30 K) and gas is almost 100% molecular (clouds)
- CO-dark gas has range of temperatures (30 K ≤ T ≤ 100 K), H₂ fraction varies strongly







standard MW case

low surface density

standard surface density with high radiation field $(G_0 = 17)$



comparison with data from SOFIA large program on M51

surface density radiation field

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more information about the M51 SOFIA project in talk by Jorge Pineda





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details of CO emission

(Smith et al., 2014, MNRAS, 441, 1628)

relation between H₂ and CO





Ragan et al. (2014 A&A 568, A73)

dark gas fraction

Observational estimates:	
Grenier et al. (2005)	f _{DG} = 0.33-0.5
Planck coll. (2011)*	$f_{DG} = 0.54$
Paradis et al. (2012)*	f _{DG} = 0.62
(inner $f_{DG} = 0.71$, outer $f_{DG} = 0.43$)	
Pineda et al. (2013)	f _{DG} = 0.3
Roman-Duval et al. (in prep.)	f _{DG} ~ 0.5

* dust methods have large uncertainties.







new models that include self-consistent star formation

Treß et al. (in preparation)



new models that include self-consistent star formation



see also: Walch et al. 2015, MNRAS, 454, 238, Gatto et al. 2015, MNRAS, 449, 1057, Girichidis et al. 2016, MNRAS, 456, 3432



synthetic maps in further observables: HI, Halpha, other radio recombination lines

SILCC collaboration: <u>http://hera.ph1.uni-koeln.de/~silcc/</u>





zoom-in calculations to provide better boundary conditions for star cluster formation simulations

Ibanez Mejia et al. (2016, ApJ, 824, 41), Ibanez Mejia et al. (2016, in prep.), Seifried et al. (2016, in prep.)





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- example 2: detailed (M)HD calculations with time-dependent chemistry allow us to study the properties of CO-dark H2 gas





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