Modeling the magnetized interstellar medium in Star Forming Galaxies

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Overview

- Introduction
- Halo Dynamics
- Plasma Models of Galactic Halos
- Galactic Wind Theory & Models
- Self-consistent modeling of galactic outflows & ionization structure
- * Electron transport in NGC 891 and NGC 253
- * Diffuse radial γ-ray gradient in the Milky Way
- Cosmic Ray Acceleration Beyond the "Knee"
- Summary





- * Galaxies are essential building blocks of the Universe
- they presumably form by hierarchical merging events
- ★ feedback processes in the disk and halo become ever more important for their appearance and evolution → Galactic Cosmic Matter Cycle
- * star formation generates hot plasma, "metals", CRs, B-fields in disk & halo
- * no hydrostatic halo → superbubbles, outflows (fountain & winds)



ISM in Galaxies

- Morphology of Galaxies: Bulge, Disk, Halo
- Active star formation in disk galaxies
 → gas and dust

2) no phase transition, heated by SNRs and superbubbles

 Important components to consider: Magnetic fields, cosmic rays



	Gas Phase	T [K]	n[cm ⁻³]	f _v	f _M		
I	MM ¹⁾ = Molecular Medium (H ₂)	~ 20	~ 10 ³	0.01	0.3-0.6		
П	CNM = cold neutral medium	~ 100	20 – 60	0.05			
Ш	WNM = warm neutral medium	~ 6000	~ 0.05 - 0.3	0.3 – 0.4			
IV	WIM = warm ionized medium	~ 8000	~ 0.1 – 0.5	0.1 – 0.2			
V	HIM ²⁾ = hot ionized medium	~ 10 ⁶	~ 10 ⁻³	0.5	~ 0.01		
1) not in pressure equilibrium (gravitationally bound)							

According to classical theory gas exists in various stable phases in the p-V-diagramm
Transitions possible by heating and cooling
star formation drives matter cycle
→ how does the interstellar gas evolve?

High Resolution ISM Simulations

- * Solve full HD/MHD equations on a large grid: 1 kpc × 1kpc × ± 10 kpc (Δx=0.625 pc or less)
- * Type Ia,b,c/II SNe random + clustered in disk
- * background heating due to diffuse UV photon field
- gravitational field by stars + self-gravity
- * SFR \propto local density/temp.: n >10 cm⁻³/T<100 K
- ★ formation and motion of OB associations (→ random velocity of stars)
- * Evolution of computational volume for $\tau \sim 400$ My
- ★ → sufficiently long to erase memory of initial conditions!
- * 3D calculations on parallel processors with adaptive mesh refinement (AMR)



High Resolution ISM Simulations

* Numerical solution of HD/MHD-Eqs.

 $\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \vec{u} &= q \\ \frac{\partial \rho \vec{u}}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \underline{\mathbf{T}} &= \rho \vec{f} + \vec{m} \end{aligned}$ $\frac{\partial W}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot \vec{S} = \rho \vec{u} (\vec{f} + \vec{m}) + W_0$ $\vec{E} = -\frac{1}{c} \left[\vec{u} \times \vec{B} \right]$ $\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = -c \left[\nabla \times \vec{E} \right]$ $\nabla \cdot \vec{B} = 0$ (as initial condition) ideal MHD ($\sigma \rightarrow 0$)

* with

$$\underline{\mathbf{T}} = \rho \vec{u} \otimes \vec{u} + \left[P + \frac{B^2}{8\pi}\right] \cdot \underline{\mathbf{I}} - \frac{\vec{B} \otimes \vec{B}}{4\pi}$$
$$W = \frac{1}{2}\rho u^2 + \frac{P}{\gamma - 1} + \frac{B^2}{8\pi}$$
$$\vec{S} = \left(\frac{1}{2}u^2 + \frac{\gamma}{\gamma - 1}\frac{P}{\rho}\right)\rho \vec{u} + \frac{\vec{E} \times \vec{B}}{4\pi}$$

- Realistic boundary conditions: mass, momentum, energy input by SNe and stellar winds
- * source terms: $q=M_{ej}/(V_{ej} t_0)$, $m=q V_{ej}$, $dW_0/dt=(W_{k0}+W_{th})/t_0$
- external body force: gravitational field
- background heating, interstellar cooling

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- Density and temperature distribution shows structures on all scales (cf. observation of filaments)
- shear flow due to expanding SNRs generate high level of turbulence → coupling of scales
- Cloud formation by shock compressed layers → clouds are transient features → generation of new stars
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- * no pressure equilibrium!

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Turbulence I

- ISM is highly compressible and turbulent medium (C.F. v. Weizsäcker 1951)
- * Reynolds number **Re**=u L/ ν ~**10**⁶ **10**⁷ high
- Term (u∇)u is non-linearity in Navier-Stokes (NS) equations

$$\nabla\left(\frac{u^2}{2}\right) = (\vec{u}\nabla)\vec{u} + \vec{u}\times\vec{\omega}, \, \vec{\omega} = \nabla\times\vec{u}$$

write NS eqs. as function of **vorticity** ω :

$$\frac{\partial \vec{\omega}}{\partial t} = \nabla \times \left[\vec{u} \times \vec{\omega} \right] + \nu \Delta \vec{\omega}$$

and since

$$\nabla \times [\vec{u} \times \vec{\omega}] = (\vec{\omega} \cdot \nabla)\vec{u} - (\vec{u} \cdot \nabla)\vec{\omega}$$
 we get:

$$\frac{D\vec{\omega}}{Dt} \equiv \frac{\partial\vec{\omega}}{\partial t} + (\vec{u}\cdot\nabla)\vec{u} = (\vec{\omega}\cdot\nabla)\vec{u} + \nu\Delta\vec{\omega}$$

Change of vorticity due to:

Change of moment of inertia by stretching of fluid element (b))

Viscous torques spin up or slow down fluid element (a) and change vorticity

 $\otimes f_{\Omega}^{\omega}$

Figure 2.8 Vorticity can change because: (a) viscous forces spin up (or slow down) a fluid element or (b) because the moment of inertia of that element is changed.







Navier-Stokes Eq. for Newtonian fluids

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- Stretching of fluid elements leads to increase of vorticity
 → "vortex tubes"



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X (pc)

B-field / / to disk cannot prevent outflow into halo; Halo density is **inhomogeneous (Fountain)**



Which pressure determines ISM dynamics?
For T < 200 K: magnetic pressure dominates,
for 200 K < T < 10⁶ K ram pressure dominates,
for T>10⁶ K thermal pressure dominates

- optically thin hot plasmas: continuum + line spectrum
- * collisional ionization equilibrium (CIE): ionization by collisions (3-body process) is balanced by radiative recombination → no detailed balancing, because atomic time scales are different
- plasma is driven out of CIE → non-equilibium ionization (NEI) structure
- particularly striking effect: fast adiabatic cooling like in a galactic fountain or wind (Breitschwerdt & Schmutzler, 1994)



Top: CIE vs. NEI plasma emission codes; in **CIE**, plasma emission can be calculated (in coronal approx., i.e. $n_e < 10^4$ cm⁻³) once and for all if n_e , T_e and Z are given; in **NEI** Z + astrophysical model for dynamical evolution is required! **Left:** Animation of collisional ionization by electrons

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Example: ionization structure of oxygen in CIE and NEI



- ★ CIE: ionization fraction x of O depend only on temperature T (for given Z)
 → sharply peaked → convenient diagnostic tool for determining T
- * NEI: x depends on dynamical and thermal history of plasma → more difficult to fit spectrum, but: evolution of plasma can be inferred!



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 NGC 253, NGC 3079
- underlying galactic wind model: steadystate outflow driven by thermal gas, CR and wave pressures (cf. Breitschwerdt et al. 1991)
- dynamically and thermally selfconsistent modelling:
- * Outflow changes *Q* and T
- this modifies ionization structure
- * which in turn modifies cooling function $\Lambda(\varrho, T)$
- which changes outflow
- flow is described in a flux tube given by:

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Procedure:

- * **Generating** an outflow model and follow timedependent evolution of ions (NEI)
- Binning of high-resolution unabsorbed synthetic (model) spectrum into e.g. EPIC pn channels (for XMM-Newton)
- * **Folding** spectrum through detector response matrix

→ Treating observed and synthetic spectrum equally!

- Fitting synthetic spectrum in XSPEC (X-ray spectral fitting routine) to observational data
- * **Comparing** with observed spectrum and iterate outflow model if necessary until convergence





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- XMM EPIC pn: Soft X-ray halo of NGC253 (0.2 0.5 keV)



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- NEI spectrum mimics a "multitemperature" halo by its characteristic lines, but is physically radically different from it
- Reason: Sum of CIE spectra cannot represent the specific thermodynamic path of a true NEI spectrum



Top: Integrated spectrum of a dynamically and thermally self-consistent NEI simulation; the spectrum is a composite of continuum and lines, which are characteristic for the plasma history \rightarrow spectrum will be folded through detector response

- * NGC 3079: starbust LINER SBc galaxy
- Distance ~ 17 Mpc, Inclination ~ 85°
- Low foreground absorption Log(N(H))= 19.9 → important for recording soft X-ray photons since photoelectric absorption ~ E⁻³



Top: NGC 3079, XMM-Newton image (EPIC pn camera); the optical disk is indicated by the D_{25} ellipse; the exposure was 25 ksec.



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- large extended soft halo emission
- $0.2 \le E \le 1.0 \text{ keV}$

morphology: soft X-ray spurshard emission largely confined to disk



Model	n ₀ [cm ⁻³]	T ₀ [10 ⁶ K]	B ₀ [μG]	u ₀ [km/s]
M1	3 10-3	3.0	2.0	200.3
M2	3 10-3	5.0	5.0	312.9
M3	3 10-3	4.0	5.0	260.4
M4	4.2 10-3	3.7	5.0	234.1
M5	5 10-3	3.6	5.0	220.0

 changing inner boundary conditions, where wind is emanating



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- bad fit in the 0.5 0.8 keV region
- too much emission in the 0.8 1 keV region → T too high







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• better fit: T still slightly too high



ZAA

- * best fit model:
- galactic wind with gravitational potential (including dark matter halo)
- * $n_0 = 5 \ 10^{-3} \ cm^{-3}, T_0 = 3.6 \ 10^6 \ K, B_0 = 5 \ \mu G, u_0 = 220 \ km/s$
- foreground absorption: N(H) = 3.9 10²⁰ cm⁻²
- * goodness of fit: $X^{2}_{red} = 1.2$
- derived mass loss rate:
- * $dm/dt = \varrho_0 u_0 = 0.055 M_{sol}/yr/kpc^2$
- mass loss rate in "spur" region (R = 8kpc): dM/dt = π/2 R² Q₀ u₀ = 3.5 M_{sol}/ yr



Top: Comparison between data and dynamically and thermally selfconsistent galactic wind model \rightarrow 5 iterations were necessary to achieve an acceptable fit

- * NGC 3079: smooth subsonic-supersonic transition → critical point (M=1) in the flow at z ~ 5 kpc from the disk
- superbubble gas injected at the inner boundary (z₀ = 1 kpc) with initial velocity u₀ = 220 km/s (subsonic, but super-alfvenic)
- terminal velocity ~ 450 km/s



Top: Derived outflow characteristics for the best fit model



- Cooling Function: Cooling curve depends on the ionization state of the plasma
- in case of a fast adiabatically expanding flow the difference between CIE and NEI cooling curves is striking
- * whereas the CIE cooling curve peaks at ~ 10⁵ K, the NEI curve in this particular model has a maximum ~ 10⁶ K, where OVII, OVIII lines are abundant due to delayed recombination



Top: Comparison between cooling curve for CIE and for a dynamical NEI model for the starburst galaxy NGC 3079

Cosmic Ray driven Wind in the Milky Way?



Top: ROSAT PSPC observations (Snowden et al. 1997); shown is ROSAT R4 band (0.64 keV)



Top: ROSAT PSPC observations (Snowden et al. 1997); shown is ROSAT R5 band (0.85 keV)

- To fit ROSAT PSPC data in a given region of the MW sky, Everett et al. (2008) show that a CR driven wind gives a statistically much better fit than a hydrostatic halo (especially for ROSAT R5 band)
- * for lower halo here CIE is a good approximation, since deviation from NEI still small
- * fiducial wind model for Milky Way: $n_0 = 6.9 \ 10^{-3} \ cm^{-3}$, $T_0 = 2.9 \ 10^6 \ K$, $u_0 = 173 \ km/s$

- * Non-thermal radio emission of NGC 4631: significant linear polarization for $z \le 5$ kpc
- noticeable B-field component perpendicular to galactic disk
- Modelling: solve diffusion-advection transport equation for electrons incl. synchrotron and inverse Compton losses
- * radio spectral index variation is a measure of dominant transport process: flat curve is indicative of accelerating advection flow, compensating for increasing losses with time → galactic wind





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Diffusion-Advection Advection Diffusion

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Radial Diffuse y-ray Gradient in the Galaxy

- Diffuse y-ray gradient in the Milky Way: Cos-B, EG-RET measured **shallow** gradient of diffuse γ -emission
- for E > 100 MeV γ -rays are mainly due to π_0 -decay, which are due to interaction between CR protons and HI atoms $\rightarrow \gamma$ -emission should follow **CR source** distribution (SNRs and pulsars), which peaks at R ~ 4 kpc
- diffusion model can only marginally reproduce γ-ray * gradient for huge CR halo

simple model: radially dependent diffusion-advection boundary due to local radial variations in star transition boundary z_c(r) [pc] formation

advection dominated zone major axis offset [kpc]







Top: Fermi γ-ray all-sky survey *Middle*: diffuse γ -ray gradient according to COS-B and EGRET observations

Bottom: model (galactic wind) of diffuse γ -ray emission

CR acceleration beyond the "Knee" (I)

- Time-dependent galactic wind calculations (Dorfi & Breitschwerdt 2010) confirm stationary wind solutions as timeasymptotic flow
- ★ for starburst galaxies we use time-dependent boundary conditions, reflecting the duration of a starburst → increase of CR & gas pressures by a factor of 10 at z=z₀
- * double shock structure in the galactic wind region → post-acceleration of galactic CRs (1st order Fermi)
- particles are convected downstream of forward shock, i.e. towards the galactic disk
- particle acceleration modifies shock → subshock → shock strengthens as propagating down a density gradient
- within a few 10⁶ 10⁷ yr, particles can reach shock (diamonds)
 energies up to 10¹⁷ 10¹⁸ eV
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Top: density (a), velocity (b), gas (c), CR and wave pressures (d) for shocks in a galactic wind of the Milky Way for $3 \ 10^7 \le t \le 10^9$ yr **Bottom:** maximum momentum of particles post-accelerated in galactic wind for forward (filled squares) and forward + reverse shock (diamonds)

CR acceleration beyond the "Knee" (II)

- galactic wind post-acceleration of CRs in the halo, i.e. Halo CRs (HCRs) guarantee a smooth transition to the spectrum of Galactic Cosmic Rays (GCRs)
- How do we get spectral hardening at the knee? For energy-dependent CR diffusion ~ E^{-0.6}, we need a spectral index for CR momentum of 2 (3.1-0.6) = 5
- Solve Fokker-Planck Equation in Flux Tube coordinates:

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + u(z)\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z}\left(\kappa\frac{\partial f}{\partial z}\right) + \frac{2z}{H^2 + z^2}\kappa\frac{\partial f}{\partial z} + \frac{1}{3}p\frac{\partial f}{\partial p}\left(\frac{\partial u(z)}{\partial z} + \frac{2z}{H^2 + z^2}u(z)\right)$$

- assume self-similar velocity field:
- * $u(z)=V(\xi) \xi dR/dt, \xi=z/R(t)$

$$A(z) = A_0 \left[1 + \left(\frac{z}{H}\right)^2 \right]$$



Top: Flux tube geometry for a galactic wind perpendicular to the disk; shown is the area cross section; H is the opening distance of the flux tube from the disk **Bottom**: observed CR differential energy spectrum

CR acceleration beyond the "Knee" (III)

- singular perturbation analysis:
- * use a power law ansatz: $f \sim p^{-a} R(t)^{b}$
- * use $\varepsilon = \varkappa / (R dR/dt)$ as perturbation parameter
- * match "inner" to "outer" solution, e.g. expand $f(\xi) = \sum f_i(\xi) \epsilon^i$
- * we obtain a correction term to the CR power law index *a* (for $R \rightarrow 0$ pert. theory breaks down)
- *a* tends rapidly to *a*=5 for increasing R (or z) as required
- Conclusion: increased star formation in the disk can cause shock waves to propagate into the halo and post-accelerate GCRs
- HCRs can explain observed energies and the steepening of the spectrum



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Top: Power law index of CR particle momentum spectrum in a galactic wind outflow (in flux tube coordinates) modified by increasing star formation **Bottom**: same, but for Milky Way parameters

Summary & Conclusions

- ISM is a highly turbulent compressible medium → nonlinear dynamics
- * High resolution (parallel computers, AMR) simulations necessary
- Requirements: (i) box sufficiently large not to be dominated by boundary conditions, (ii) time evolution long enough to wipe out memory of initial conditions, (iii) ensure that results are resolution independent
- * SN dominated ISM shows structures on all scales (turbulent coupling)
- * Turbulence fed by on-going star formation
- * galactic fountain acts as pressure release valve, reducing pressure in the disk → volume filling factor of hot gas is reduced
- * ISM is not in pressure equilibrium, flow is **ram pressure** dominated
- interstellar clouds are shock compressed (transient) layers
- * substantial amount of ISM in **thermally unstable** temp. range (e.g. 50% of HI mass)
- enhanced star formation and superbubbles drive galactic winds
- * winds can explain X-ray and radio halos → thermally & dynamically self-consistent models → flattening of radio spectral index due to advection flow
- * **CR acceleration** beyond the "**knee**" → wind shocks can explain energies & spectrum!

Thank you for your attention!



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