The Shapes of the HI Velocity Profiles from THINGS

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- VLA B,C,D array of 34 nearby Sa-Irr galaxies
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HERACLES

- HERACLES Leroy et al. (2009)
- HEterodyne Receiver Array CO Line Extragalactic
 Survey
- HERA multipixel receiver on IRAM 30m telescope
- Maps CO J=2→1 of entire HI disk of 18 THINGS galaxies (+others)
- 13" spatial and 2.6 km/s velocity resolution (~ THINGS)

Outline

- Stacking of THINGS HI profiles
- Broad and Narrow HI components
- Comparison with CO from HERACLES
- Narrow-component HI and SF





HERACLES



NGC 628 (M74)

NGC 2841

NGC 3521

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Needed for star formation

- "Cold" gas a necessary ingredient for star formation
- Neutral \rightarrow cold neutral \rightarrow molecular \rightarrow SF
- Investigate cold neutral component: mass, distribution and velocity dispersion

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Stacking the profiles



lanjamasimanana et al. 2012 (accepted AJ: arXiv:1207.5041



Profiles



Dispersions



- Many ways to get a non-Gaussian super profile
 - Inclination and resolution effects
 - Dominant narrow profiles
 - Thick, lagging component
 - Skewed input profiles
 - Inaccurate shuffling
 - Bulk motions (galaxy interaction, starburst)
- Tested and under control: lanjamasimanana et al 2012

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 $(\mathrm{A_n/A_b})_{\mathrm{bright}} - (\mathrm{A_n/A_b})_{\mathrm{faint}}$

0.5

-0.5

- Define clean sample of galaxies not obviously affected by these systematic effects (also no star burst, no interaction)
- Example: compare approaching and receding sides



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 $|v_{Her3}-v_{IWM}| < 5 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ to identify symmetrical profiles

Velocity Dispersions





But is this relevant for star formation?

Global Properties



Refining the pro



Preliminary



Radial trends



Trend with column density



 A_n/A_b is the flux ratio of the broad and narrow components

Star formation rates



Define SFR masks using Leroy et al (2008) THINGS star formation rate maps (24 μ m Spitzer and GALEX FUX)



Preliminary

all profiles, all galaxies

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NGC 2403 Example





poster by Bradley Frank

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NGC2403 VELOCITY FIELDS

IWM velocity field Hermite h.

Hermite h3 velocity field



NGC2403 POSITION VELOCITY

major-axis

minor-axis



- HERACLES - THINGS

contours start from $+3\sigma$ in steps of $+3\sigma$

NGC2403 ROTATION CURVES



CO Dispersions



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NGC 3184 Example



CO dispersions



HI-CO comparisons



Stacking the CO

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Ratio of HI/CO Velocity Dispersion for all Galaxies



Average Ratio is 1.41 ± 0.34

consistent with non-stacked value

Ratio of HI/CO Velocity Dispersion ...



Summary

- Stacking can be used to identify broad and narrow components in THINGS galaxy profiles
- Narrow component: 6.5 \pm 1.5 km s⁻¹
- Broad component: 16.8 ± 4.3 km s⁻¹
- Dispersions decline exponentially
- Narrow component associated with star formation
- CO dispersions ~1.5 times smaller than "single component" HI dispersions, and similar to "narrow component" HI dispersion
- Future work: quantify the "narrow HI"-CO (H₂) connection "narrow HI" SF law
- Increase S/N of individual profiles, more sophisticated stacking, smaller areas, CO super profiles