The Universal Rotation Curve of Spiral Galaxies

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ABSTRACT
The observed strong dark-to-luminous matter coupling is described by a bias relation between visible and dark matter sources. We discuss the bias which emerges in the case where the topological structure of the Universe at very large distances does not match properly that of the Friedman space. With the use of such ”topological” bias, we construct the Universal Rotation Curve (URC) for spirals which occurs to be in a striking agreement with the empirically known URC. We also show that the topological bias explains the origin of the Tully-Fisher relation (L ∼ V^4) and predicts peculiar oscillations in the URC with a characteristic length ∼ \sqrt{L}.

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1 INTRODUCTION
It has been long known (Persic, Salucci & Stel 1996, PSS hereafter) that the shape of rotation curves of spirals is rigidly determined by a single global parameter, e.g., luminosity or the number of baryons in a galaxy. This feature was stressed in PSS by an empirical construction of a universal rotation curve (URC) which describes quite well the rotation velocity at any radius and for any galaxy as a function of, say, the galaxy luminosity only. It follows that the distribution of the Dark Matter (DM) in galaxies carries a universal character as well, and is a function of the luminous mass. Note that the standard Cold DM (CDM) models fail to explain this strong dark-to-luminous matter coupling, by an obvious reason: in any model where DM is built from non-baryonic particles (e.g., CDM, worm DM, or self- interacting DM) the number of the DM particles in the halo of a galaxy is, essentially, a free parameter and relating it to the number of baryons in the galaxy requires some very strong nonlinearity. Moreover, it is well established that the DM density in galaxies shows an inner core, i.e. a central constant density region (e.g., see Gentile et al., 2004 and references therein; Weldrake, de Blok & Walter 2003; de Blok & Bosma 2002; for spirals and Gerhard et al., 2001; Borriello, Salucci & Danese 2003 for ellipticals), which is in a conflict with the predictions of Λ -CDM models yielding NFW-type profiles with a cusp (e.g. ρ_{DM} \sim 1/r) in the central region of a galaxy (Navarro, Frenk & White 1996).

The strong coupling between DM halos and baryons (see also Donato, Gentile & Salucci 2004) definitely requires some new physics. The coupling can be described by a rigid relation between the sources of dark, ρ_{DM}, and visible, ρ_L, matter, the so-called bias relation (Kirillov 2006). In the linear case the most general form of the bias relation is

\[ \rho_{DM}(x) = \int b(x,x') \rho_L(x') \, dV'. \] (1)

The homogeneity assumption \( b(x,x') = b(x-x') \) allows one to fix empirically the bias operator \( b_{emp} \). Indeed, in this case the Fourier transform of the bias relation (1) gives

\[ \rho_{DM}(t,k) = b(t,k) \rho_L(t,k) \] (2)

where we added a dependence on time to account for the cosmic evolution. The empirical bias function \( b_{emp} = \rho_{DM}(t,k)/\rho_L(t,k) \), in virtue merely of its definition, will perfectly describe DM effects at very large scales (i.e. in the region of linear perturbations).

The present Universe is not quite homogeneous though, e.g. it is not uniform at galaxy scales. Still we would expect relation (2) to hold in the geometrical optics limit (i.e. for rather short wavelengths as compared to the Hubble scale, or to a cluster scale when a single galaxy is considered). Parameters of the bias function may then vary for different spatial regions, i.e. \( b_{emp} \) may include an additional slow dependence on the location in space: \( b = b_{emp}(t,k,x) \). In order to fit observations, any theoretical source of DM should reproduce properties of the bias function \( b_{emp} \) in detail.

In the linear gravity, the bias relation (2) can be interpreted as a modification of the Newton law:

\[ \frac{1}{r^2} \to \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{\sin(kr) - kr \cos(kr)}{kr^2} \, dk. \] (3)

The asymptotically flat rotation curves in galaxies require
that the correction to the Newton’s potential should be logarithmic, i.e. the gravitational acceleration should switch from $r^{-2}$ to $r^{-1}$. This, according to \( 4 \), implies $b(k) \sim k^{-1}$, or
\[
b(x - x') \sim |x - x'|^{-2}
\]
at galaxy scales. In fact, observations suggest the same behavior of $b(x - x')$ for much larger scales (Kirillov 2006). Indeed, the distribution of the luminous mass shows characteristically fractal behavior: the mass $M_L(r)$ within the ball of radius $r$ grows, essentially, as $\sim r^D$ with $D \approx 2$ on distances up to at least 200Mpc (Pietronero 1987; Ruffini, Song & Taraglio 1988, Labini, Montuori & Pietronero 1998). Thus, the parameter $R$ Universe unavoidably (and, in fact, model-independently) decreases up to at least 200Mpc (Pietronero 1987; Ruffini, Song & Taraglio 1988, Labini, Montuori & Pietronero 1998). It was shown there that processes involving topology were connected to the large-scale homogeneity of the metric.

A theoretical scheme capable of explaining the origin of such bias was proposed in (Kirillov 1999, Kirillov & Turaev 2002). It was shown there that processes involving topology changes during the quantum stage of the evolution of the Universe unavoidably (and, in fact, model-independently) lead to a scale-dependent renormalization of the constant of gravity $G$, and this effect can be imitated by the emergence of DM, whose distribution is linearly related to the distribution of actual matter. Importantly, assuming the thermal equilibrium during the quantum stage predicts in almost unique way a very specific form of the bias function (Kirillov & Turaev 2002; Kirillov 2003)
\[
b(k) = \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{k^2 + \kappa^2}} \quad \text{for} \quad k < \mu.
\]
where $\mu \sim T_{Pl} a(T_{Pl}) / a(t)$ has the meaning of the primordial temperature at which the topology has been tempered and $\kappa \sim m a(T_{Pl}) / a(t)$ is the mass of primordial scalar particles if they do exist. This means that at scales $k \lesssim \kappa$ the bias becomes the constant $b(k) = \mu / \kappa$ and the standard Newton’s law restores. However at galaxy scales it should be $k \sim \mu \gg \kappa$ and in what follows we take $\kappa = 0$ in $1$. Thus in the coordinate representation the bias takes the form
\[
b(r, t) = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_0^{\mu} (b(k) k^3) \frac{\sin(kr) \, dk}{kr} = \frac{\mu}{2\pi^2 r^2 (1 - \cos(\mu r))}.
\]
Bias \( 5 \) is of form \( 4 \), so it predicts the logarithmic correction to the Newton’s potential for a point source: $\delta \phi \sim \ln r$ at $r > R_0$ where $R_0 = \pi / (2\mu)$ (see for details Kirillov & Turaev 2002; Kirillov 2006). Thus, the parameter $R_0$ plays the role of the scale at which DM starts to show up, so in galaxies it has to be estimated as a few Kpc. As bias \( 4 \) has a thermodynamical origin, there have to be certain fluctuations in the value of $R_0$ (this effect is analyzed in the next Section).

In the present Letter we demonstrate that bias \( 5, 6 \) gives a very good agreement with the empirical URC constructed in PSS and, therefore, it seems to be reasonable to believe that the nontrivial topological structure of the Universe gives indeed a correct explanation to the DM phenomenon.

## 2 THE TULLY-FISHER RELATION

The parameter $\mu$ in \( 5 \) has the meaning of the temperature at which the topology has been tempered (Kirillov & Turaev 2002; Kirillov 2003). We expect that in the very early Universe it had the order of the Planck temperature $T_{Pl}$ (recall that at $T > T_{Pl}$ quantum gravity effects are thought to dominate). When, on the other stages of the Universe evolution, topology changes were suppressed, this parameter evolved as $\mu \sim T_{Pl} a(t_{Pl}) / a(t)$, where $a$ is the scale factor. Note, however, that the present value of $\mu$ has the sense of the primordial temperature. As it is extremely small: $\mu \sim 10^{-23} T_0$, where $T_0$ is the temperature of CMB radiation ($T_0 \approx 2.7 K$), we have to admit the existence of a specific phase in the past when the nontrivial topological structure might decay (Kirillov 2002, 2003), causing a certain re-heating of matter. During the decay phase, $\mu a$ was a decreasing function of time, i.e. the scale $R_0 = \pi / (2\mu)$, that corresponds to the cross-over from the standard Newton’s law to the logarithmic behavior of the potential of a point mass, grew faster than the scale factor $a(t)$.

Note that the homogeneity of the Universe requires the total mass distribution (luminous plus dark components) to have a constant density in space. With the bias of form \( 5, 6 \) this corresponds to a fractal distribution of baryons (Kirillov 2002, 2003), i.e. the number of baryons within the sphere of a radius $R > R_0$ behaves as
\[
N_b(R) \approx \nu R^D
\]
with $D \approx 2$, while for $R < R_0$ the fractal distribution is unstable (for the Newton’s law restores and baryons dominate over the DM). The increase of $R_0 / a$ allows one to assume that in the very early Universe there was a moment $t_*$ when $N_b(R_0 (t_*)) < 1$, i.e. baryons had the fractal distribution \( 4 \) at all scales. After the topology decay phase, as the scale $R_0 (t)$ “jumps” towards a new, higher value, the fractal distribution is preserved at scales larger than $R_0$, but it becomes unstable on smaller scales. The instability develops and baryons under a certain scale of order $R_0$ start to redistribute, governed by Newtonian dynamics. This means that we can relate $R_0$ to the scale of galaxy formation. Then, according to \( 4 \), we should expect the number of baryons in a galaxy to be
\[
N_b \approx \nu' R_0^D,
\]
with the values of $R_0$ and $\nu'$ corresponding to the moment when a galaxy started to form. Note, however, that during the formation of a galaxy the value of $R_0$ switches off from the Hubble expansion (Kirillov 2006), i.e. law \( 5 \) remains valid for the present-time values of $N_b$ and $R_0$.

It is easy to see that this relation leads directly to the Tully-Fisher law $L \sim V^4$ (Tully & Fisher 1977), where
Let us now compute the rotation curve (RC) of a galaxy modeled by an infinitely thin disk with surface mass density distribution $\rho_D = \sigma e^{-r/R_D} \delta(z)$. From (13), we find for the DM halo density (we use the notations $x = r/R_D$ and $\lambda = \mu R_D$)

$$\rho_D(x) = \frac{\lambda \sigma}{2\pi^2 R_D} \int \frac{e^{-y}}{|x-y|^2} (1 - \cos(\lambda|x-y|)) \, d^2y$$

(13)

where $y$ lies on the plane $z = 0$, while $x$ is the 3-dimensional vector. For the sake of convenience we present the Fourier transform

$$\rho_H(k_x, k_z) = \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{k_x^2 + k_z^2}} \left( \frac{M_L}{((k R_D)^2 + 1)^2} \right) \theta \left( \mu - \sqrt{k_x^2 + k_z^2} \right)$$

(14)

where $\theta$ is the step function: $\theta(u) = 0$ for $u < 0$, and $\theta(u) = 1$ for $u > 0$, and $M_L = 2\pi\sigma R_D^2$ is the (non-dark) mass of the galaxy.

First of all we note that this distribution is quite consistent with the observed cored distribution (Gentile et al., 2004). Indeed, in the central region of the galaxy

$$\rho_H(0) = \frac{M_L}{(2\pi^2 R_D^3)} \ln (1 + \lambda^2)$$

(15)

while for $x \gg 1$ we find

$$\rho_H(x) \approx \frac{2\rho_H(0)}{\ln (1 + \lambda^2)} \frac{1 - \cos(\lambda x)}{x^2}$$

(16)

If we neglect the oscillating term and compare this with the pseudo-isothermal halo $\rho = \rho_0 e^{-\alpha x^2}/(2\pi x^2)$, we find for the core radius

$$\alpha^2 = \frac{R_D^2}{R_D^2} = \frac{2}{\ln (1 + \lambda^2)}$$

(17)

According to PSS, the core radius can be estimated as

$$\alpha = 4.8 (L/L_*)^{1/5}$$

(18)

with $\log L_* = 10.4$, which makes $\lambda$ a certain function of the luminosity.

Consider now circular velocities predicted by the above mass distributions. For the disk contribution to the equilibrium circular velocity, we get PSS

$$\frac{V_D^2}{V_\infty^2} = f_d(x, \lambda) = \frac{x^2}{\lambda} \int_0^\lambda \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - k_x^2}}{\sqrt{(k_x^2 + 1)^2}} J_1(k_x) \, dk_x$$

(19)

and for the Dark Halo contribution we find from (14) the expression

$$\frac{V_H^2}{V_\infty^2} = f_h(x, \lambda) = \frac{x}{\lambda} \int_0^\lambda \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - k_x^2}}{\sqrt{(k_x^2 + 1)^2}} J_1(k_x) \, dk_x$$

(20)

where $J_n, K_n$ are the Bessel and the modified Bessel functions and $V_\infty^2 = GM_L/\lambda$. Thus for the rotation curve we find the expression

$$V^2(x, \lambda) = \frac{V_D^2}{V_\infty^2} (f_d(x, \lambda) + f_h(x, \lambda))$$

(21)

As we see, the shape of the rotation curve depends indeed on one parameter $\lambda$. Via relation (9), or equivalently (12), $\lambda$ is expressed as a function of the total number of baryons $N_b$ in the galaxy; there is, however, an uncertainty in $\lambda$ due to the variation of the ratio $M/L$ for different galaxies. At the moment of the galaxy formation $R_D \sim R_0$ which corresponds to the same initial value $\lambda \sim 1$ in all galaxies. On subsequent stages of the evolution $\lambda$ becomes different in different objects. Indeed in smaller galaxies supernovae are more efficient in removing the gas from the central (stellar forming) region of a galaxy than in bigger galaxies (e.g., see Shankar et al., 2006 and references therein) and this creates the fact that in smaller objects the disc has a smaller baryonic density (a lower surface brightness) and the ratio $\lambda \leq R_D/R_0 \gg 1$.

To compare expression (21) with that from PSS we rewrite it as

$$\frac{V^2(x, \lambda)}{V_{\text{opt}}^2} = \frac{f_d(x, \lambda) + f_h(x, \lambda)}{f_D(3.2, \lambda) + f_H(3.2, \lambda)}$$

(22)

where $x = 3.2$ corresponds to the optical radius of a galaxy. The plot of this curve for different values of $\lambda$ is presented in Fig.1.

While the similarity of our RC (22) with the empirical URC of PSS is quite good, we note that the topological bias (7) predicts a new feature in Rotation Curves – specific oscillations in the DM density with the characteristic wavelength $\ell = 2\pi/\lambda$ (or in dimensional units $\ell \approx M_L^{1/3}$). Indeed at a sufficient distance from the edge of the optical disc (i.e., as $x \gg 3.2$) a galaxy can be considered as a point-like object. Then from (11) for the rotation velocity we find the expression
Figure 1. The rotation curves $V^2(x)/V^2_{\text{opt}}$ vs $x = r/R_D$ for different values of $\lambda$. The green and red dashed lines give the visible and DM contributions respectively, while the black line gives the sum. We see that with the decrease of the luminosity (increase of $\lambda$) DM fraction increases in agreement with PSS.

$$\frac{V^2(x)}{V^2_{\infty}} = \frac{\pi}{2\lambda x} + 1 - \frac{\sin(\lambda x)}{\lambda x}$$

which shows the presence of a specific oscillations with the decaying amplitude $1/(\lambda x)$. Such oscillations are, in turn, rather difficult (though possible) to extract from observations. Indeed in the case of HSB (high surface brightness) galaxies when $\lambda \lesssim 1$ (i.e., for rather long periods $\ell \gtrsim 2\pi$) the expression (23) gives a very good quantitative approximation to the exact formula (22) starting already from $x = x_{\text{opt}} = 3.2$. However the reliable RC data available extend usually not more than to $x = (2 - 3)x_{\text{opt}}$. In this range oscillations are not established yet and the beginning of oscillations is seen (e.g., see Fig.1.) as not flat RC slopes. The slopes observed are known to take values between 0.2 and −0.2 (e.g., see PSS). In the case of LSB galaxies $\lambda \gg 1$ ($\ell \ll 2\pi$), the amplitude of oscillations is somewhat suppressed $\sim 1/\lambda$ and the small amount of the stellar mass in the range $x_{\text{opt}} < x < 3x_{\text{opt}}$ considerably smooths such oscillations which results in a some deviation from the exact expression (23). Moreover, in deriving (22) we do not take into account the presence of gas which due to supernovae does not trace the brightness, i.e., it deviates the exponential profile. Essentially this is true for LSB galaxies.

Thus, to observe such oscillations we have either to measure velocities for sufficiently large distances $\sim 10x_{\text{opt}}$ (e.g., for HSB), or to improve the accuracy of available observational data in LSB.

4 DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

As it can be seen from Fig.1, the topological bias (5) predicted in (Kirillov & Turaev 2002; Kirillov 2003) shows quite a good agreement with observations. Indeed, it repeats all features of the empirical URC of PSS: the amount of DM progressively increases with the decrease of the luminosity (cf. PSS), DM shows the cored distribution (cf. Gentile et al., 2004) with the strong correlation (17) between the core radius and the disk size (cf. Donato, et al., 2004), and the Tully-Fisher relation (Tully & Fisher 1977) is explicitly present (see (12)). There is no doubt that the tuning of a single free parameter $M/L$ allows to fit any RC. At least, it is claimed in (e.g., see Milgrom & Sanders 2005 and references therein) for the RCs obtained via Milgrom algorithm.
MOND (Milgrom 1983), and our RCs are phenomenologically quite close to those, although the physics in our approach is completely different. In this respect we can claim that the topological bias gives a rigorous basis for applying the MOND-type algorithm in galaxies (which however allows for the Tully-Fisher relation to have \( \beta \neq 4 \)). Therefore, there is enough evidence that bias \([\text{I}], [\text{II}]\) gives an adequate description of galaxies.

We repeat that our approach produces as good fit to the observed RCs as the Milgrom algorithm (known to be quite successful empirically (Milgrom & Sanders 2005, see however Gentile et al. 2004, Donato et al. 2004)) can do. However, contrary to MOND, our theory remains linear in weak fields, and the superposition of forces holds. In fact, our approach does not presume any modification of the theory and basic equations: there is actually no modification of gravity, while the bias appears merely as a result of a disagreement between the actual topology of the physical space and that of the flat space (e.g., see Sec. 2 in Kirillov 2006). Thus, there are all reasons to believe that the DM phenomenon has indeed the topological origin.

Once we accept the topological origin of the bias \([\text{I}], [\text{II}]\), the Tully-Fisher relation

\[
L \sim V^3
\]

with \( \beta = \frac{2D}{D - 4} \approx 4 \) serves as a strong indication of the fractal behavior in the primordial distribution of baryons with the dimension \( D \approx 2 \). Such fractal distribution changes essentially the estimate for the baryon number density in the Universe (e.g., see Kirillov 2006). The currently accepted post-WMAP cosmology has (roughly): \( \Omega_{\text{total}} = 1, \Omega_{\Lambda} \sim 0.7, \Omega_{DM} \sim 0.25, \) and \( \Omega_b \sim 0.05 \), which implies \( \Omega_{DM}/\Omega_b \sim 5 \). We stress that such estimates are model dependent, for they are strongly based on the standard model (e.g., the content, evolution, the homogeneity of the baryon distribution, the power law of initial spectrum of perturbations, etc.)\(^2\). Moreover, the direct count of the number of baryons gives \( \Omega_b \sim 0.003 \) for the whole nearby Universe out to the radius \( \sim 300 h^{-3}_5 Mpc \) (e.g., see Persic & Salucci, 1992), which means that in the standard cosmological models most of baryons are somehow hidden.

When the topological bias is accepted such estimates require essential revision. Indeed, according to \([\text{II}]\) the topological bias modifies the Newton’s law in the range of scales \( \mu > k > \kappa \) where the equilibrium distribution of baryons has the fractal behavior. On scales \( k < \kappa \) the standard Newton’s law restores (and baryons cross over to the homogeneity) but dynamically every particle becomes heavier in \( 1 + \mu/\kappa \) times, which gives for the effective DM fraction \( \Omega_{DM}/\Omega_b \sim 1 + \mu/\kappa \). The scale \( R_0 = \pi/(2\mu) \) is directly measured in galaxies by RCs and is estimated as a few Kpc. However the mean value \( < R_0 > \) for the homogeneous Universe should be \( 10^2 \) times bigger (Kirillov 2006). The maximal scale \( 1/\kappa \) is the scale where the primordial fractal distribution of baryons crosses over to the homogeneity. This scale is not so easy to measure without a detailed investigation. Indeed, the large-scale structure, e.g., the existence of huge (\( \sim 100-200 Mpc \)) voids with no galaxies inside and thin (\( \sim 1-5 Mpc \)) walls filled with galaxies, fits quite well into the fractal picture and suggests only the lower boundary \( 1/\kappa > 100-200 Mpc \). This gives for the DM fraction \( \Omega_{DM}/\Omega_b > 10^2 \) which is consistent with the observed value \( \Omega_b \sim 0.003 \). However the maximal possible value \( 1/\kappa \sim R_H \) (\( R_H \) is the Hubble radius) which gives \( \Omega_{DM}/\Omega_b \sim 10^5 \) cannot be excluded. To avoid misunderstanding we stress that the topological nature of the bias makes the fractal distribution to be equilibrium and consistent with the homogeneity of the metric and the observed CMB fluctuations \( \Delta T/T \) (e.g., see Kirillov 2006). The topological nature means that the same bias appears in all interactions. If the bias would not modify the electromagnetic field, then the fractal distribution of baryons would be in a severe conflict with observations and surely had to be rejected as it does take place in the standard models (e.g., the fractal distribution produces too strong fluctuations \( \Delta T/T \sim \Delta p_H/p_0 \sim \mu/\kappa \)). The topological nature of the bias however creates the fact that the Coulomb force and all Green functions are also modified at galaxy scales (Kirillov & Turaev 2002, Kirillov 2006) which reduces \( \Delta T/T \) to the observed value \( \Delta p_{\text{total}}/p_{\text{total}} \sim \kappa/\mu \sim 10^{-5} \) (e.g., for sufficiently remote objects \( \mu > r \gg 1 \) the apparent luminosity has to behave as \( \ell \sim L/r^{D-1} \) instead of \( 1/\ell^2 \) which gives for the number of objects brighter than \( \ell \) somewhat higher (with respect to \( D = 3 \)) value \( N (\ell) \approx \nu^{D} (\ell) \approx 1/\ell^{D/(D-1)} \). Thus the topological bias and the observational definition of \( 1/\kappa \) requires the careful and thorough revision of the standard model and all basic formulas.

In conclusion, we point out that bias \([\text{II}]\) predicts the existence of specific oscillations in the distribution of DM with the characteristic wavelength \( \sim M_\gamma^{1/D} \sim \sqrt{L} \). When the observational data allow, this can be used to verify the theory and, thus, to make a more definite conclusion on the nature of DM.

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