The Rise and Fall of Elongated Galaxies in the VELA simulations

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VELA simulations



Moody+ 2014, Barro+ 2014b, Ceverino+ 2015b, Barro+ 2015, Tacchella+ 2016b, Inoue+ 2016, Tomassetti+ 2016, Barro+ 2017

Distribution of projected axis ratio



Most common galaxies at high-z are not discs or spheroids, but elongated galaxies

dP/dq



How do elongated galaxies form in ΛCDM?



Small halos at high-z are highly prolate



Allgood et al. 2006:Halos of a given mass are more prolate at

if DM dominates inner potential, elongated galaxies are expected within λ CDM



 $m_{\rm vir} \approx 10^{-1} \, m_{\odot} \, \rm at \, Z=Z$

are as prolate as today's clusters.

 Halos are increasingly elongated at lower radii

If baryons dominates inner potential, halos get rounder



VELAs



- 35 zoom-in simulations
- AMR code: ART (Kravtsov et al 1997, Kravtsov 2003)
- Gas Cooling, Star Formation, Stellar Feedback (thermal)(Ceverino & Klypin 2009; Ceverino, Dekel and Bournaud 2010)
- Radiative Feedback (Ceverino et al. 2014)
- halos with a virial mass between 10¹¹ M_o 2 x 10¹²
 M_o at z~1
- Maximum resolution of 15-30 pc, M_{DM}=8 10⁴ M_☉

Prolate DM halo \rightarrow elongated galaxy

DM





z≈2

stars

 $R_{vir}=70 \text{ kpc}$ $M_{vir}=2 \ 10^{11} \text{ M}_{\odot}$ $M_{star} \approx 10^9 \text{ M}_{\odot}$

30 kpc



stars





Ceverino, Primack & Dekel 2015

Torques by the halo induce stellar elongation and its alignment with the streams



elongation is supported by anisotropic velocity dispersion

Smearing elongation

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- Growth of an elongated galaxy
- During the compaction phase stellar density increases
- Disruption of stellar orbits with high eccentricity.
- Rounder nugget



The transition mass at log M~9.4 when V_{cir,eff}~100 km/s

Summary

Formation of elongated Galaxies

- DM dominates inner potential
- prolate inner halo
- directional accretion along major axis
 Smearing elongation
- if baryonic density increases
- high-eccentric orbits are deflected

The End

from elongated galaxies to nuggets







