WLM: Dynamics of an Isolated Dwarf Irregular Perturbed by the IGM



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Clouds in the opposite direction of proper motion is Strong evidence for ram pressure stripping due to the IGM, only the second reported case in the local group

An Illustration of WLM's Motion through the IGM Approaching side, Decrease in gas velocity due to Ram Pressure acting against rotation Ram Pressure direction of WLN'S proper motion A **Receding side** Increase in gas velocity Due to Ram Pressure acting in the direction of rotation

Ram pressure affects the gas in the galaxy asymmetrically

Dynamical Equilibrium and Rotation Curves







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Asymmetric Rotation curve?



A dynamical center shifted due to Ram pressure?

2 Rotating components?











Unseparated PV diagram



Component 1



Component 2



Summary

- If the IGM can perturb gas disks of dwarfs, one must be careful with mass estimation
- There are 2 rotating gas components in WLM
- Solid body-like rotation of one of the components can explain the inner steep rise in WLM's rotation curve
- A Program for a close examination of gas rich dwarf dynamics is required, particularly with future radio observatories such as the SKA
- Hydrodynamical simulations can help understand IGM-gas disk interaction