

An Auxiliary Gravitational Field Operating in Galaxies.

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Abstract:

A theory has been developed of an auxiliary relativistic gravitational field, which operates in conjunction with General Relativity gravity and accounts for the empirical success of Milgrom's modified Newtonian dynamics theory. Remarkable links between this astronomical theory and atomic physics have been discovered. Resonant, standing-wave properties of the field encourage the formation of flat rotation curves, bar or spiral structures and quantised galactic rings. Gravitational lensing due to this field is also significant. The angular momentum proportional to mass-squared relationship observed in galaxies is attributed to this field selecting a preferred galactic rotation velocity.

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1. Introduction

An auxiliary gravitational field will be prescribed which operates *in addition to* normal gravity, without modifying General Relativity theory or Newtonian dynamics, yet reducing the amount of dark matter in galaxies. This relativistic theory will fully incorporate the empirical successes of MOND, and also possess physical attributes which *determine* the main characteristics of spiral galaxies. It does not exclude the possibility of some dark matter in galaxies, clusters or inter-cluster space, necessary to satisfy the standard cosmology model. But, dark matter has never been seen, and its theory is grossly inelegant for describing the dynamics of galaxies.

Milgrom and others have applied his theory of modified Newtonian dynamics (MOND) to galaxies and clusters of galaxies with impressive success, as a neat alternative to the dark matter hypothesis [1-14]. It is empirical and has been proposed as a modification to the Newtonian law of gravity or of inertia. However, although MOND satisfies the Tully-Fisher law [15] and *describes* rotation curves very well, it cannot actually *dictate the distribution* of matter

within a disc galaxy, any more than standard gravitation theory can. Therefore, flat rotation curves are *not* imposed by MOND; neither are density variations within galactic rings or spirals and bar structures.

The field theory developed herein leaves GR theory intact and goes well beyond Milgrom's MOND or subsequent relativistic theories by Bekenstein [16] and Moffat [17, 18]. It explains the observed structure within galaxies, in addition to reducing the need for dark matter. Characteristics of the field are defined as follows:

(a) Orbiting atoms are induced, by the normal radial gravitational field, to emit an azimuthal energetic quantum field around their orbit, analogous to electromagnetic virtual photons. (b) The attractive interaction of this orbiting field with the normal radial field produces the extra, binding gravitational force observed in galaxy dynamics. (c) The orbiting field has a quantised resonant standing-wave nature which *causes* galactic material to form into flat rotation curves with bars or spirals and segments, and also to prefer quantised dimensions for galactic rings. (d) The field is easily destroyed by turbulence and may not have developed completely in unsettled galaxies, or not at all in irregular galaxies: it will only be seen optimised in calm rotating systems. These features make the field reminiscent of a binding cordeliere: hence, *gravito-cordic field*.

2. The characteristic acceleration factor

As for MOND, a characteristic acceleration factor a_o is to be fundamental to this gravito-cordic field, and it will be seen to relate galactic to atomic dimensions as follows. First, we have a basic relationship between observable galaxy mass M and asymptotic rotation velocity V_∞ in Keplerian circular orbits:

$$a_o GM = V_\infty^4 \quad . \quad (2.1)$$

Second, we shall see in Section 7 that there is an optimum galactic material velocity for gravito-cordic field production; that is, $V_{201} = 201 \text{ kms}^{-1} = (4\pi\alpha^2)c$, where $\alpha \sim 1/137$ is the atomic fine structure constant and c is the velocity of light. Third, an associated *gravitational de Broglie wavelength*, (λ_{GH}) due to hydrogen electrons, can then be matched to a characteristic galactic mass ($M_G = 1.09 \times 10^{11} M_\odot$) by:

$$\lambda_{GH} = \left(\frac{h}{mV_{201}} \right) \times 137 \times \left(\frac{e^2}{Gm^2} \right)^{1/2} = 2\pi \left(\frac{GM_G}{c^2} \right) \quad ; \quad (2.2)$$

where m is electron mass, h is Planck's constant, and (e^2/Gm^2) is the ratio of electric to gravitational force. Thus, for these optimum conditions, (2.1) yields:

$$a_o = (V_{201})^4 / GM_G = 1.116 \times 10^{-10} \text{ ms}^{-2} \quad , \quad (2.3a)$$

which is within the range suggested by the MOND observations, and does not look like some random coincidence. For Keplerian motion, $[GM_G = (V_{201})^2 R_G]$, a corresponding radius ($R_G = 11.7\text{kpc}$) may also be involved through:

$$a_o = GM_G / R_G^2 = (V_{201})^2 / R_G \quad , \quad (2.3b)$$

so a_o is the acceleration at radius R_G , when galactic mass M_G is included.

This empirical result is very satisfactory from an astronomy point of view, but it must ultimately be founded upon a source process to do with atomic hydrogen. One such exact and compelling connection with the 1st Bohr orbit of hydrogen follows from introducing (2.2) into (2.3a):

$$a_o = \left(\frac{v_1^2}{r_1} \right) \times (4\pi\alpha^2)^5 137^2 \left(\frac{Gm^2}{e^2} \right)^{1/2} = 1.116 \times 10^{-10} \text{ms}^{-2} \quad . \quad (2.4a)$$

Here, the first bracket is the acceleration of the orbiting electron around the proton, with velocity $v_1 = c/137$ at radius r_1 . The second bracket contains the factor for optimum field production and propagation, mentioned above. A further interesting connection with the 1st Bohr orbit is then a scale factor:

$$R_G = r_1 \times \left[\left(\frac{c}{V_{201}} \right)^3 \left(\frac{e^2}{Gm^2} \right)^{1/2} \right] \quad . \quad (2.4b)$$

Hydrogen atoms are therefore considered to be the most prolific source of the gravito-cordic field. Relationships like these two, between atoms and galaxies, have never been seen before. At present, the galactic dark matter alternative hypothesis relies totally upon the proposed existence of unspecified exotic particles.

3. Some fundamental relationships

The *asymptotic* acceleration formula, for total *observed* acceleration g at radius R , is given in MOND by:

$$g = \left(\frac{GM}{R^2} a_o \right)^{1/2} = (g_N a_o)^{1/2} \quad , \quad (3.1)$$

where g_N is the Newtonian acceleration for *observable* mass M , and can be much less than a_o . This has now to be re-interpreted for the real gravito-cordic field because terms like $g_N^{1/2}$ and $a_o^{1/2}$ are not regular, physically tangible. By introducing (2.3b), this expression becomes:

$$g = a_o \left(\frac{M}{M_G} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{R_G}{R} \right) \quad , \quad (3.2)$$

so that variable parameters (M, R) can be normalised with respect to real characteristic values at R_G , and a_o clearly derives from the most fundamental source, (2.4a). Likewise, the gravito-cordic

binding force acting radially on a test particle m may be better understood as a physical process when it is expressed as:

$$F = mg = m \left(\frac{GM}{R^2} \right)^{1/2} \times \left(\frac{GM_G}{R_G^2} \right)^{1/2}, \quad (3.3)$$

where, $(GM/R^2)^{1/2}$ represents *coherence amplitude* in the graviton *intensity* field emitted by all the atoms which constitute central mass M , (this is analogous to summing waves of random phase). It is this amplitude component which induces the orbiting hydrogen to emit the circumferential gravito-cordic field.

One important feature of the gravito-cordic force is that it is not generally reciprocal. If it were, then according to (3.1), the force exerted by our Galaxy (of included mass M_{gal}) on the orbiting Sun (mass M_{\odot}) would be:

$$F_G = M_{\odot} \left(\frac{a_o GM_{\text{gal}}}{R^2} \right)^{1/2}, \quad (3.4a)$$

whereas the Sun would have to re-act on the whole galaxy with force:

$$F_S = M_{\text{gal}} \left(\frac{a_o GM_{\odot}}{R^2} \right)^{1/2} = F_G \times \left(\frac{M_{\text{gal}}}{M_{\odot}} \right)^{1/2}. \quad (3.4b)$$

Since this effect is definitely not observed, the orbiting Sun must be induced by the Galaxy to emit its orbiting gravito-cordic field, whereas the Galaxy is *not* orbiting the Sun and is *not caused* to emit a field. By inference then, the gravito-cordic field energy is confined to its own orbit, and there is no interaction between completely independent galaxies, other than normal gravity. (Galaxies orbiting within clusters are not independent, and will have their own gravito-cordic field between the galaxies). In addition, it also means that the general cosmological expansion of the Universe is not affected. This lack of reciprocity also applies to MOND, when it is interpreted as a general modification of gravity, and it also appears very detrimental to Moffat's theory [17,18].

Consequently, the gravito-cordic force exists within a galaxy *in addition* to normal gravity, and orbiting bodies experience both forces simultaneously, acting towards the galactic centre. The total gravitational acceleration could therefore, at first sight be:

$$g_{\omega} = g_N + (g_N a_o)^{1/2}. \quad (3.5)$$

Unfortunately, when this formula is applied to planetary motion in the solar system, the gravito-cordic component is easily strong enough to have been detected, if it existed, [19]. Therefore, we shall attenuate that component only, in a way to mimic the MOND formula (3.7a), but without modifying the Newtonian gravity term g_N . Fortunately, there is a formula from the theory of electromagnetic inductive coupling [20], which is logically perfect for this attenuation; then:

$$g_{\omega} = g_N + a_o \left\{ \frac{(g_N/a_o)^{1/2}}{[(g_N/a_o) + 1]} \right\} . \quad (3.6)$$

Here, a_o represents a theoretical available acceleration due to the circulating gravito-cordic field. Factor $(g_N/a_o)^{1/2}$ acts like a coefficient of coupling, so that the curly bracket is a **response function** describing how the Newtonian field couples with the gravito-cordic field. This final field is slightly stronger than the MOND field, but it satisfies the solar system criteria and the multitude of galaxy rotation curves already fitted with MOND. Equations (3.6), with (2.1), (2.2) and (2.4a) represent concrete theoretical considerations, supporting the auxiliary field postulate.

For comparison, Milgrom's complete MOND formula is usually given by:

$$\left[\frac{g_{\mu}}{(a_o^2 + g_{\mu}^2)^{1/2}} \right] g_{\mu} = g_N \quad , \quad (3.7a)$$

where g_{μ} is the total observed acceleration and g_N is again the calculated Newtonian acceleration for the *observable* mass, (stars, gas, dust). This reduces to:

$$g_{\mu} = \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \left[g_N^2 + (g_N^4 + 4a_o^2 g_N^2)^{1/2} \right] \right\}^{1/2} . \quad (3.7b)$$

Moffat's [17,18] alternative theory to MOND has acceleration which may be expressed:

$$g_M = g_N + \left(g_N \frac{GM_o}{r_o^2} \right)^{1/2} \left[\frac{r_o}{r} - \left(1 + \frac{r_o}{r} \right) \exp\left(-\frac{r}{r_o} \right) \right] , \quad (3.8)$$

for M_o and r_o as arbitrary best-fit parameters. Strangely, this conscripts a *repulsive* Yukawa potential component, to oppose an attractive $M^{1/2}$ term.

4. Application to galaxies and clusters

Figure 1 illustrates the variation of the above expressions for g_N , g_{μ} , g_{ω} , and g_M , with normalised radius. Clearly, the asymptotic relationship (2.1) holds for g_{ω} , as for g_{μ} , so Milgrom's many published calculations of rotation curves for disc galaxies will remain valid, but the mass distribution will change a little by moving some matter outwards from the centre. For example, at the radial position where $g_N = a_o$ and $R = R_G$, we have ($g_{\omega} = 1.5g_N$) compared with Milgrom's ($g_{\mu} = 1.27g_N$), so the included mass must be 1.18 times less for a given rotation velocity. Moffat's theory produces a field strength which is 1.33 times greater than Milgrom's, if his suggested values are used ($M_o = 10^{12} M_{\odot}$, and $r_o = 13\text{kpc}$). Kent [21-23] has fitted maximum-disk solutions to many disk galaxy rotation curves by carefully selecting best-fit M/L ratios, which are large enough to cover the presence of a gravito-cordic field and some dark matter.

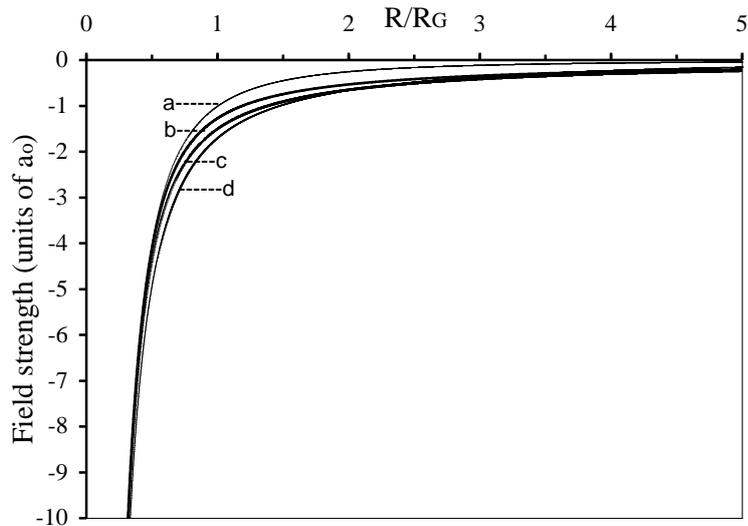


Figure 1. Comparison of accelerations (a) g_N , (b) g_μ , (c) g_ω , and (d) g_M , with normalised radius.

When applied to clusters of galaxies which are supported by angular momentum, MOND theory is still very effective but appears to leave a virial discrepancy amounting to a deficiency factor of 2 in observable matter, [5, 6]. This discrepancy could be reduced by up to 15% if g_ω were used instead of g_μ . Therefore, some kind of dark matter is still necessary in these systems.

Work done by Brownstein & Moffat [24] on galaxy-cluster masses without dark matter has indicated that MOND cannot be applied to isotropic thermal models of clusters which are only supported by gas pressure. This exclusion also applies to our gravito-cordic field, which can only be generated by orbiting matter.

5. Aspects of a relativistic field

Here we shall apply Einstein's equations of general relativity directly to the gravito-cordic field by itself, independent of the normal unmodified radial gravitational field. Inherently, Einstein's equations are a mathematical description of *any* conserved energetic field; so they will be adapted here to a conserved gravito-cordic field.

For simplicity, an idealised astronomical system will be analysed as follows. Consider a disk galaxy in which surface mass density has been observed to be exponential with radius, namely:

$$\rho_s = \rho_0 \exp(-r/r_c), \quad (5.1a)$$

where r_c is the characteristic radius. Then, the galactic mass distribution is given by integration:

$$M = \int_0^r 2\pi r \rho_s dr = M_{\max} \left[1 - \left(1 + \frac{r}{r_c} \right) \exp\left(-\frac{r}{r_c} \right) \right] , \quad (5.1b)$$

where M_{\max} is the total disk mass. Now, by transforming to a sphere, the analysis will be easier yet accurate enough for our immediate purposes. Hence, let this radial mass distribution be exactly equivalent to a spherical galaxy of bulk density:

$$\rho_b = \frac{M_{\max}}{4\pi r_c^2} \left(\frac{\exp - r/r_c}{r} \right) , \quad (5.1c)$$

so that Einstein's equations describing the spherically-symmetric static field in polar coordinates can be applied, (see [25] p242). For the line element:

$$ds^2 = -e^\lambda dr^2 - r^2 d\theta^2 - r^2 \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2 + e^\nu dt^2 , \quad (5.2)$$

the surviving components of the energy-momentum tensor are:

$$8\pi(G/c^4)\Gamma_1^1 = -e^{-\lambda} \left(v'/r + 1/r^2 \right) + 1/r^2 , \quad (5.3a)$$

$$8\pi(G/c^4)\Gamma_2^2 = 8\pi(G/c^4)\Gamma_3^3 = -e^{-\lambda} \left\{ v''/2 - \lambda'v'/4 + v'^2/4 + (v' - \lambda')/2r \right\} , \quad (5.3b)$$

$$8\pi(G/c^4)\Gamma_4^4 = e^{-\lambda} \left(\lambda'/r - 1/r^2 \right) + 1/r^2 . \quad (5.3c)$$

Now for an interior field without pressure, suspended by angular momentum, we shall equate the metric tensor components $e^\nu = e^{-\lambda}$. In addition, the original but arbitrary gravitational constant G on the left side of these equations will be replaced by G_a , for the new auxiliary field. Given that $e^{-\lambda}$ may be regarded as an effective potential function, we can express the field strength in the usual way and equate it to the gravito-cordic field in (3.6):

$$\left(\frac{c^2}{2} \right) \frac{d}{dr} \left(e^{-\lambda} \right) = a_o \left\{ \frac{(g_N/a_o)^{1/2}}{[(g_N/a_o) + 1]} \right\} . \quad (5.4a)$$

However, upon introducing mass (5.1b), it is impossible to integrate this analytically to get $e^{-\lambda}$. Fortunately, numerical integration produces a curve which may be approximated to a simple function, as follows. From Kent's work [21-23] we can introduce values for M_{\max} and r_c such that for 10 large galaxies ($M_{\max} > 5 \times 10^{10} M_\odot$), and we have on average ($GM_{\max}/r_c^2 a_o \sim 7$, and $r_c \sim 7 \text{ kpc}$); then the integral of (5.4a) approximates well to the curve:

$$e^{-\lambda} = 1 + \left(\frac{a_o r_c}{c^2} \right) 7 \ln \left(1 + \frac{r}{5r_c} \right) . \quad (5.4b)$$

This designates the centre of the galaxy as the coordinate reference frame of special relativity, and potential energy increases with radius. We can derive some properties of this field by taking tensor component T_4^4 as representing energy density. Then equation (5.3c) is most usefully expressed in terms of $e^{-\lambda}$ as:

$$8\pi\left(\frac{G_a}{c^4}\right)T_4^4 = -\frac{1}{r^2}\frac{d}{dr}\left\{r\left(e^{-\lambda} - 1\right)\right\} \quad , \quad (5.5)$$

which with (5.4b) evaluates to:

$$8\pi\left(\frac{G_a}{c^4}\right)T_4^4 = -\left(\frac{a_o r_c}{c^2}\right)\frac{7}{r^2}\left[\left(\frac{r/5r_c}{1+r/5r_c}\right) + \ln\left(1 + \frac{r}{5r_c}\right)\right]. \quad (5.6)$$

The negative sign indicates an attractive field force. To interpret this expression at $r = R_G$, in terms of mass density $\rho_{b(R_G)}$ in (5.1c), use $a_o = GM_G/R_G^2$ from (2.3b), and $M_{\max} \sim 2M_G$, then the energy density is given by:

$$T_4^4 \approx -\rho_{b(R_G)}c^2(G/G_a). \quad (5.7)$$

Logically, the ratio (G/G_a) is simply defined in terms of work done against the Newtonian field, compared with the gravito-cordic field. For example, the Newtonian-work done in moving unit mass from the centre of a constant density sphere of mass M_G to its surface at R_G is $W_N = (1/2)(GM_G/R_G)$. The basic gravito-cordic force is $(g_N a_o)^{1/2}$ not counting the response function, so the work done against this would be $W_a = (2/3)(GM_G/R_G)$. Therefore in this example, $(G/G_a) = (W_N/W_a) = (3/4)$. Another example, in which the bulk density decreases with radius ($\rho \propto 1/r$), yields $(G/G_a) = 1$, so clearly G_a is most likely equal to G , and the gravito-cordic field is a true *aspect* of gravity rather than some other force. Tensor component T_4^4 in (5.7) is therefore confirming that local mass density ρ_b is the source of the orbiting gravito-cordic field.

6. Application to gravitational lenses

Since many examples of gravitational lenses have been observed to imply the presence of dark matter, it will be assumed that the gravito-cordic field also causes light deflection analogous to normal gravity, [26]. In the simplest configuration for producing a standard Einstein ring from a distant point source, the observed ring angular radius is:

$$\theta_M \approx 4\frac{GM}{c^2 R} \quad , \quad (6.1)$$

where M is the compact lens mass consisting of *observable* matter, and R is the exterior impact parameter. If the distant source is off-axis, then two arcs or two smaller images of comparable brightness will be produced at separation around $2\theta_M$. When light from a distant source passes *through* a galaxy or cluster, calculation of its deflection is somewhat more complicated than this exterior case. Figure 2 illustrates this situation, where M_R is the observable mass included within the impact parameter R . In particular, the *total* gravitational potential within a body is the sum of exterior and interior parts:

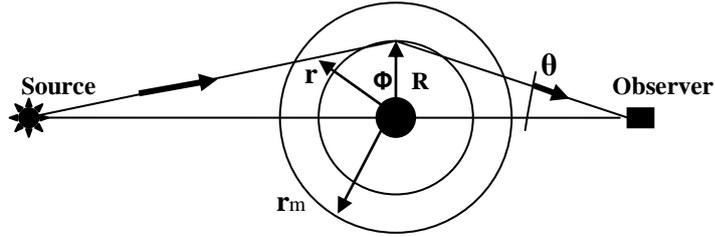


Figure 2. Schematic diagram for deflection of light from a distant source passing *through* a massive cluster.

(i) The outer edge of the body (radius r_m) is at a negative potential relative to infinity, such that the potential function at the exterior surface is:

$$\left(e^{-\lambda}\right)_{\text{Ext}} \approx 1 - 2GM_m / c^2 r_m \quad . \quad (6.2)$$

(ii) Within the cluster, the interior potential is due to the field of (3.6), and is derivable from:

$$\left(\frac{c^2}{2}\right) \frac{d}{dr} \left(e^{-\lambda}\right)_{\text{Int}} \approx g_\omega = g_N + a_o \left\{ \frac{(g_N/a_o)^{1/2}}{[(g_N/a_o) + 1]} \right\} \quad . \quad (6.3)$$

Let the cluster mass be roughly proportional to radius, ($M = Qr$ where Q is a constant), then upon integration, the potential function *referred to the surface* at r_m is:

$$\begin{aligned} \left(e^{-\lambda}\right)_{\text{Int}} \approx & 1 - \left[\frac{2GQ}{c^2} \ln\left(\frac{r_m}{r}\right) \right] - \\ & \left(\frac{4GQ}{c^2} \right) \left[\left(\frac{a_o r_m}{GQ} \right)^{1/2} \left(1 - \left(\frac{r}{r_m} \right)^{1/2} \right) + \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{GQ}{a_o r_m} \right)^{1/2} - \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{GQ}{a_o r} \right)^{1/2} \right] . \end{aligned} \quad (6.4)$$

Now the deflection of light may be derived from consideration of “action”. According to the geodesic equations ([25] p207), a unit of angular momentum in the local frame is equivalent to $(e^{-\lambda})$ units in the coordinate frame. However, a unit of action (say, angular momentum x angle) has to be covariant, within a given body. Consequently, unit angle in the local frame is seen as increased to (e^λ) units in the coordinate frame. This slight increase represents the deflection of light phenomenon, such that total deflection within a cluster is given by:

$$\theta \approx 2 \int_{r=R}^{r=r_m} (e^\lambda - 1) d\phi \quad ; \quad (6.5)$$

where R is the impact parameter, and from the geodesic equations we have:

$$d\phi \approx R dr / r(r^2 - R^2)^{1/2} \quad . \quad (6.6)$$

Thus, for the weak field case using (6.4), we have deflection within the cluster consisting of the separate, Newtonian and gravito-cordic, components:

$$\theta \approx 2 \int_{r=R}^{r=r_m} \left\{ \left[\frac{2GQ}{c^2} \ln \left(\frac{r_m}{r} \right) \right] + \left[\left(\frac{4GQ}{c^2} \right) \left(\frac{a_o r_m}{GQ} \right)^{1/2} \left(1 - \left(\frac{r}{r_m} \right)^{1/2} \right) + \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{GQ}{a_o r_m} \right)^{1/2} - \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{GQ}{a_o r} \right)^{1/2} \right] \right\} d\phi . \quad (6.7)$$

Outside the cluster, the deflection calculated, using (6.2) for $r = r_m$ to ∞ , is relatively negligible compared with using (6.4). However, Figure 3 illustrates the significant interior deflection calculated from (6.7), for a particular Q value of 100 galaxies ($10^{13} M_\odot$) within radius 1Mpc. Light passing through this size of cluster is therefore deflected mainly by the gravito-cordic field, unless there is a proportion of dark matter, (not included here).

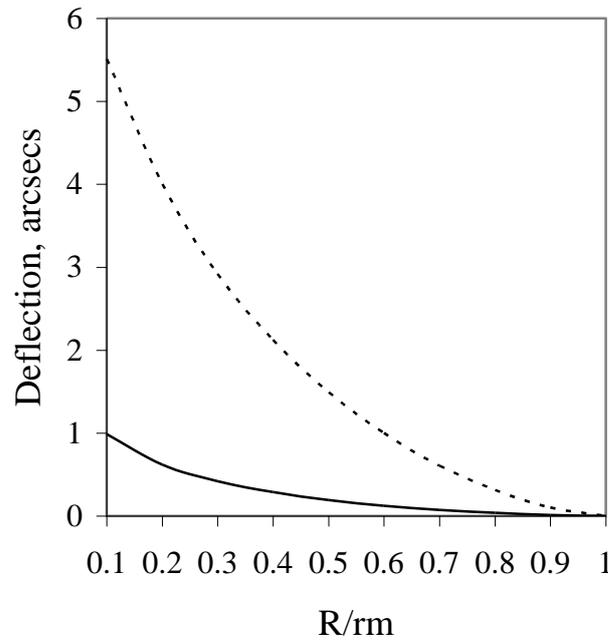


Figure 3. The calculated relativistic deflection of light travelling through a galactic cluster due to the Newtonian component (—), and the gravito-cordic component (.....). Cluster size has been fixed at a typical value, $r_m = 1\text{Mpc}$, and $Q = M/r = 10^{13}M_\odot / \text{Mpc}$.

If the deflection of light were calculated in the normal way, using the geodesic equations, absolute potential would be employed through the cluster. Thus, from (6.2) and (6.4), the potential function is:

$$\left(e^{-\lambda} \right)_{\text{abs}} \approx [1 - 2GQ/c^2] + \left[\left(e^{-\lambda} \right)_{\text{int}} - 1 \right] , \quad (r < r_m) . \quad (6.8)$$

And from the geodesic equations, the photon trajectory is given by:

$$\frac{d^2u}{d\phi^2} + u(e^{-\lambda})_{\text{abs}} + \frac{1}{2}u^2 \frac{d}{du}(e^{-\lambda})_{\text{abs}} = 0 \quad , \quad (6.9)$$

where $u = 1/r$. Numerical integration produces the same total deflection as already given.

One important point to be emphasised is that the gravito-cordic field does not exist outside a galaxy or cluster where there is no orbiting material, so no concomitant deflection of light can occur there. This contrasts with Milgrom's, Bekenstein's and Moffat's theories, which modify normal gravity, out to infinite radius.

7. Quantisation effects

7.1 Resonance in galactic orbits

It is thought that the gravito-cordic field induces resonance in disc galaxy orbits, resulting in flat rotation curves, disc stability, and bar or spiral structures. Hydrogen atoms will be proposed as the main source of the gravito-cordic field because their corresponding *gravitational de Broglie wavelength* shows a special fit to galactic dimensions, as follows. Given that the normal electromagnetic de Broglie wavelength for electrons of velocity v is defined as

$$\lambda = h / mv \quad , \quad (7.1)$$

we shall propose that hydrogen atoms in galaxies emit a gravito-cordic field with a *gravitational de Broglie wavelength*:

$$\lambda_{\text{GH}} = \left(\frac{h}{mV} \right) \times 137 \times \left(\frac{e^2}{Gm^2} \right)^{1/2} \quad . \quad (7.2)$$

This is to be the *quantisation wavelength* of the gravito-cordic field which organises galactic hydrogen into discrete orbits, nodes and clumps. Factor 137 is the inverse atomic fine structure constant, (e^2/Gm^2) is the ratio of electric to gravitational force, h is Planck's constant, m the hydrogen-electron mass and V is the local galactic rotation velocity.

For a particular galactic mass ($M_G = 1.09 \times 10^{11} M_\odot$), and average rotation velocity ($V \approx 201 \text{ kms}^{-1}$) for Sa,b,c galaxies, we find a remarkable theoretical coincidence given earlier in (2.2):

$$2\pi(GM_G/c^2) \approx \lambda_{\text{GH}201} \quad . \quad (7.3)$$

Let mass M_G reside within radius R_G , and put $n_G = c/V_{201}$ in order to get an expression for the number of quantisation wavelengths around this circular orbit:

$$\frac{2\pi R_G}{\lambda_{\text{GH}201}} = n_G^2 \quad , \quad (7.4)$$

which is around 2.2 million. The particular galactic velocity [$V = 201\text{kms}^{-1} = (4\pi / 137^2)c$] will be investigated in detail elsewhere because it has a special electromagnetic relationship with the hydrogen 1st Bohr orbit velocity ($v_1 = c/137$).

Now given this relationship between quantisation wavelength and orbit circumference, we can propose a mechanism which produces *constant* orbital velocity over a wide range of galactic radii. Consider Figure 4 which illustrates three adjacent orbits, each satisfying the *general de Broglie conditions* (7.2):

$$2\pi r = N\lambda_{\text{GH}}, \quad (7.5)$$

such that $N_B = N_A + 1 = N_C - 1$. Let material at B emit a gravito-cordic field counter-clockwise azimuthally in the direction B1 so as to satisfy quantisation condition (7.5), but let the field also spread to affect orbits A and C to some extent. Then for $N \gg 1$, and the given orbit radial separation ($\lambda_{\text{GH}}/2\pi$), the length of the path taken by the field from B around to C is:

$$L_{\text{BC}} \approx N_B\lambda_{\text{GH}} + \lambda_{\text{GH}}/2 \quad . \quad (7.6)$$

Similarly, the spiral orbit for a field travelling from B around to A is approximately of length:

$$L_{\text{BA}} \approx N_B\lambda_{\text{GH}} - \lambda_{\text{GH}}/2 \quad . \quad (7.7)$$

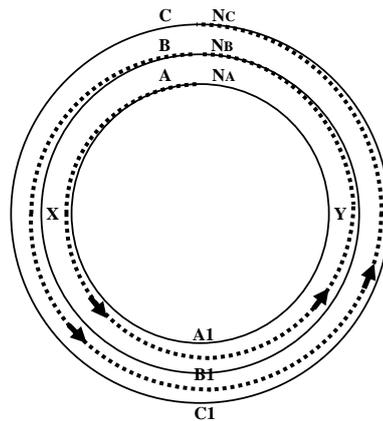


Figure 4. Three adjacent orbits A, B, C, in a disc galaxy, each satisfying the de Broglie condition ($2\pi r = N\lambda_{\text{GH}}$). Due to coherence, a two-armed structure is produced through C,B,A - A1,B1,C1.

That is, if A, B and C just happen to be in phase, then the field from B will assist the native field in orbits A and C, given that there are two stable node positions per λ_{GH} (at phase zero and π for an *intensity* field). The field from B will be in *anti-phase* to that in orbits A or C at positions X and Y; however, over much of the orbit the fields are partially in phase. Now coherence represents the overall lowest energy state, so there will be a tendency for adjacent orbits to resonate at the same quantisation frequency (c / λ_{GH}), as the field coerces material towards a single orbital velocity V . Original node alignment could be established by random clumping of

matter at A say, which then encourages matter at B and C to shift into phase by the above process. For each complete wavelength there are two stable intensity nodes, so there will be a stable potential valley at A1, B1, C1, etc. Consequently, a *two armed material structure* is eventually produced which, if uninfluenced by differential rotation, would extend straight to the edges of the galaxy as a bar. Alternatively, shearing viscosity forces produce a two-armed spiral. In conclusion, there are quantisation forces inherent to the gravito-cordic field trying to usher matter into a diametrical structure, leaving regions of least coherence at X and Y relatively deficient in matter. Density-wave theory [31-33] will probably apply at the same time, in harmony with the actual material distribution.

It is understood that the spiral pattern in galaxies rotates rigidly while disc stars pass through the spiral. Furthermore, the spiral matter is usually less than 10% of the disc mass, and comprises gas and dust swept from the disc, plus an enhanced density of disc stars. The effect is that of a gravitational potential valley due to enhanced mass density, which is self-perpetuating by self-gravity to some extent. Measurements of spirals reveal that some matter flows *along* the arms because the arms tend to disturb the through-flowing matter from the circular velocity needed to support it centrifugally against the gravity of the inner disc stars. But the majority of the spiral matter must have the normal disc velocity in circular orbits, with the spiral pattern merely delineating a region of enhanced mass density, rather than a separate structure rotating through the disc material.

The observed branching and segmentation of grand spirals is found to be consistent with this model of circumferential quantisation nodes, as follows. Matter will accumulate in other energy node-lines as well as the grand spiral, thereby producing inter-arm branches or short inclined parallel segments within the grand spiral. [The clumping of material at nodes, in an electromagnetic standing wave field, has been very well demonstrated, [34]]. Figure 5 part (a) illustrates M51 with one such branch marked for analysis. The arm/branch intersection region is magnified in part (b) to reveal the proposed myriad of quantisation nodes at a particular instant. Line APB represents the *circular* orbit through P with the nodes spaced at $\lambda/2$ intervals, (typically a few million per orbit according to (7.4)). Adjacent circular quantised orbits, wx, yz for example, are $(\lambda/2\pi)$ apart and their nodes are displaced laterally along the spiral arm from those in APB due to the shearing forces. Thus, the main spiral arm at P lies at 23deg from circular and has tangent CPD which joins nodes of the same phase. At the same time, the branch tangent EPF lies at 51deg from circular and also joins nodes of similar phase. The figure shows the essential angles and distances involved, drawn to scale such that angles i_2 and i_1 are simply connected by:

$$\cot(i_2) = \cot(i_1) - \pi/2 \quad . \quad (7.8a)$$

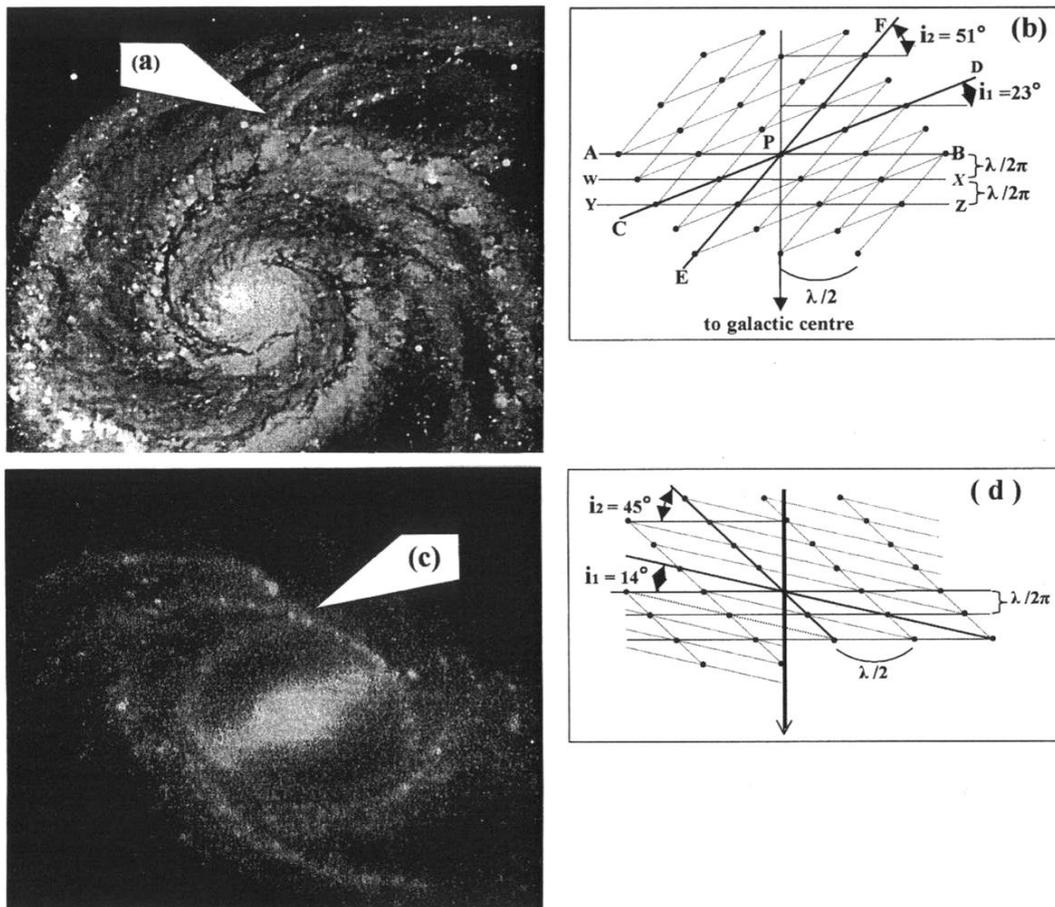


Figure 5. The proposed quantisation node pattern for two galactic spiral arm/branch intersection regions, marked in the photographs. The galactic material in both the main spiral and branch is seen to be aligned along the node lines. Parts a, b, M51; parts c, d, NGC2523.

The barred galaxy NGC2523 has an inner ring and a strongly bifurcated spiral arm, see Figure 5 part (c). After correction for inclination of the galaxy, part (d) shows the proposed nodal pattern at the fork where the spiral arm lies at 14deg from circular and the branch lies at 45deg, so that these angles are related by:

$$\cot(i_2) = \cot(i_1) - \pi \quad . \quad (7.8b)$$

In these galaxies, quantisation theory is strongly supported by the fact that the material clearly prefers the lines of nodes, rather than multiple, smeared, intermediate angles.

7.2 Galactic rings

Galactic rings have been analysed in terms of resonances, [35]; but some problems of origin remain. In particular, their *absolute* sizes still require explanation, and can now be covered

by gravito-cordic theory, as follows. Equation (7.4) with the help of (7.2) may be generalised for any velocity V and radius r to:

$$2\pi r = N_R \lambda_{\text{GH}} (n_G^2) \quad , \quad (7.9a)$$

which also means:

$$mVr = N_R (mV_{201} R_G) \quad , \quad (7.9b)$$

where N_R is a multiple of (1/2), because there are 2 stable nodes per wavelength. Visible *outer-rings* have been observed in several galaxies: e.g. Hubble Atlas NGC2217, 2859, 3081, 3504, 4274, and 4612, [43]. The rings are sometimes broken and superimposed by spiral arm segments, and are not entirely separated from the galactic disc or lens structure. Nevertheless, a gap of reduced brightness inside the ring implies that the ring material is in a preferred orbit compared with the gap material. It is clear from the photographs that N_R is very low because the ring is often diffuse and solitary. Kormendy [36] has remarked that outer rings are unusually rich in HI ; so λ_{GH} is most appropriate here. All these rings are real and not related to the phantom dark matter rings described by Milgrom and Sanders [72].

Table 1. Quantum numbers N_R for some galaxies with outer-rings.

Galaxy	Type	Distance D. Mpc	Inclin. i. deg	Radius arcmin,kpc	v sin i kms ⁻¹	v kms ⁻¹	N_R	Ref
N1068	RSA(rs)b	22.0	40	2.5, 16.0		200	1.36	[50]
N1291	RSB(s)o	13.8	6	4.1, 16.5	20	190	1.34	[44]
N1326	RLB(r)	24.5	40	1.4, 10.0	130	202	0.86	[44]
N2859	RLB(r)	31.0	27	1.7, 15.3	85	187	1.22	[45]
N3419	RLAB(r)	58.0	31	0.55, 9.3	120	233	0.92	[45]
N3626	RLA(rs)	29.5	45	0.70, 6.0	173	245	0.63	[46]
N4321	SAB(s)bc	20.0	35	2.5, 14.6		204	1.27	[47]
N4394	RSB(r)b	18.9	22	1.4, 7.7	84	224	0.73	[48]
N4736	RSA(r)ab	6.1	32	5.6, 9.9	106	200	0.84	[48]
N5633	RSA(rs)b	46.6	58	0.95, 12.9	167	197	1.08	[48]
N5701	RSB(rs)o	30.2	21	1.8, 15.8	65	181	1.22	[48]
N1300	SB(rs)bc	30.9	40	2.7, 24		160	1.64	[49]
N2217	RLB(rs)	32.4	32	1.6, 15.1	135	225	1.45	[48]
N4274	RSB(r)ab	18.6	72	2.9, 15.7	226	238	1.59	[46]
				1.32, 7.2	226	238	0.73	[46]
N5101	RSB(rs)o	33.7	27	2.5, 24.5	95	209	2.18	[70]
				0.85, 8.3	95	209	0.74	[71]
N7217	RSA(r)ab	24.5	33	1.25, 8.9	155	285	1.08	[51]
				0.55, 3.9	159	292	0.49	[51]

Table 1 lists some outer-ring galaxies for which good rotation data are available. Galactic type and radius are mainly from de Vaucouleurs and Buta [37]. Quantum number values N_R are our main concern, and they are seen to lie preferentially around unity. Galaxies NGC1068, 1291, 1326, 2859, 4736 and 5701 are similar in that their outer-ring structure appears joined to the central lens/bar by two wide spiral arms, and the type of central region is apparently unimportant. NGC4394 has an outer-ring, which

is more clearly a part of the outer disc. Similarly, the outermost arms of NGC1300 bend purposefully to form an outer-ring rather than a logarithmic spiral pattern. Galaxy NGC 7217 has a strong ring structure and the spiral arms are segmented but traceable across the low surface brightness ring; so the process of segmentation continues at the same time as the ring processes. In general, the observed diffuse nature of outer-rings is a measure of the weakness of the quantisation field, relative to turbulence forces. It is an intensity field, so there are no forbidden zones. When a spiral is superimposed on a ring, both ring and spiral-forming mechanisms must operate simultaneously. Furthermore, it does not seem to matter whether there is a bar or just a lens at the centre of these galaxies.

Table 2. Quantum numbers N_H for galaxies with rings of HI.

Galaxy	Distance D. Mpc	Inclin. i. deg	Radius r_1, r_2, r_3 kpc	Velocity v_1, v_2, v_3 kms ⁻¹	N_H	Ref
N224	0.69	78	6.0, 11.0, 17.0	200, 260, 240	0.51, 1.2, 1.7	[52]
N224	0.69	78	6.0, 10.5, 17.0	250, 245, 225	0.6, 1.1, 1.6	[53]
IC342	4.50	25	5.0, 9.0, 15.0	155, 190, 200	0.33, 0.7, 1.3	[54]
IC342	4.50	25	5.0, 14.0, 25.0	160, 190, 190	0.34, 1.1, 2.0	[55]
N628	15.0	6	4.4, 15.0, 22.0	200, 230, 250	0.37, 1.5, 2.3	[56]
N891	14.0	90	2.8, 9.4, 16.3	160, 225, 225	0.2, 0.9, 1.6	[57]
N2841	13.5	60	5.0, 12.0, 30.0	270, 290, 265	0.58, 1.5, 3.4	[58]
N3031	3.30	59	3.5, 7.5, 11.0	210, 235, 205	0.31, 0.8, 1.0	[59]
N3938	16.0	9.5	2.3, 7.0, 10.3	150, 230, 230	0.15, 0.7, 1.0	[60]
N4203	21.6	35	22.1	210	2.0	[61]
N4258	6.60	72	10.0, 17.0, 24.0	200, 200, 200	0.85, 1.4, 2.0	[62]
N4278	16.4	45	4.0, 12.0	212, 254	0.36, 1.3	[63]
N5236	8.90	18	3.6, 6.7, 9.1	180, 230, 240	0.28, 0.7, 0.9	[64]
N5457	7.20	18	4.0, 10.0, 16.0	190, 220, 200	0.32, 0.9, 1.4	[65]
N5457	6.90	22	5.0, 10.0, 16.0	130, 185, 200	0.28, 0.8, 1.4	[54]
N5905	71.0	40	20, 31.0, 45.0	220, 230, 240	1.9, 3.0, 4.6	[66]
N6946	10.1	30	4.0, 7.5, 11.0	130, 180, 205	0.22, 0.6, 1.0	[54]
N7013	23.0	72	11.5	158	0.77	[67]
N7331	22.0	75	8.0, 13.0, 18.0	230, 225, 225	0.78, 1.2, 1.7	[68]
Galaxy			4.0, 9.0, 14.0	215, 253, 250	0.37, 1.0, 1.5	[69]

Many galaxies have no visible rings but contain broad rings of neutral hydrogen extending over a range of quantum numbers; thereby indicating that *self-gravity* of the neutral hydrogen has caused the less-preferred zones to fill-up. Table 2 lists several galaxies with broad HI rings. Characteristic radii are given on either side of the peak density in order to derive the corresponding range of quantum numbers N_H , which are seen to be around 1 or 2.

Far-infrared observations of cold dust in M31, [38], have revealed two striking rings which fit quantum numbers $N_H \approx 1.0$ and 1.5. Evidently, the dust appears to be associated with hydrogen, which is governing the ring parameters.

7.3 Systems obeying the J proportional to M^2 law

The J proportional to M^2 law, originally reported by Brosche [39] has been proposed by Wesson [40,41] as evidence of self-similarity between the various groups of bodies. According to

gravito-cordic quantisation theory, an explanation for this observed law proceeds from the early Universe in which vast clouds of turbulent gas constituted the expanding material at that time.

As mentioned in Section 7.1, there is theoretically an optimum material velocity for implementing the gravito-cordic quantisation phenomenon in hydrogen, namely:

$$v_z = (4\pi/137^2)c \approx 201 \text{ kms}^{-1}. \quad (7.10)$$

It is possible then that turbulent material volumes of galactic proportions may have separated-out within the general expansion when they had this preferred rotation velocity, and were self-supporting, so that:

$$GM \approx v_z^2 r_z. \quad (7.11)$$

Thus, at the point of separation we can write for each spherical element,

$$v_z \approx [G\rho(4/3)\pi]^{1/2} r_z, \quad (7.12)$$

where ρ is the average gas density in the element, and $M = (4/3)\pi\rho r_z^3$. Variation in ρ allowed a wide range of galactic masses to be produced. If the total universal material of mass 10^{52} kg only consisted of such adjacent elements, then the separation occurred at around 10^8 years from the beginning.

Given that velocity v_z is preferred, then after separation the total angular momentum of a randomly rotating spherical element is

$$J \approx (3/5)Mv_z r_z, \text{ or } J \approx pM^2. \quad (7.13)$$

Here p is a constant equal to $(3/5)(G/v_z)$, which has the value drawn on Figure 6, namely:

$$p_{201} = 2.00 \times 10^{-15} \text{ g}^{-1} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}, \text{ (} 2.00 \times 10^{-16} \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1} \text{)}. \quad (7.14)$$

Although some *galaxies* may have formed like this from the early denser gas content, the more massive *cluster* formation would have commenced later (when ρ was lower) if (7.11) and (7.12) were again involved. For example, v_z could represent the circular component of the dispersion velocity in turbulent material, then adjacent clusters of mass $10^{13} M_\odot$ would have separated at 2.5×10^9 yr. The total expanding field then consisted of numerous separate cluster-volumes, each of which obeyed (7.13) approximately. There could have been a difference in the type of galaxy which formed before or after the *cluster* separation. For example, the early denser material was probably more turbulent, leading to more rapid star formation and evolution in elliptical galaxies: in contrast to spiral galaxy production by agglomeration of matter within calmer clusters.

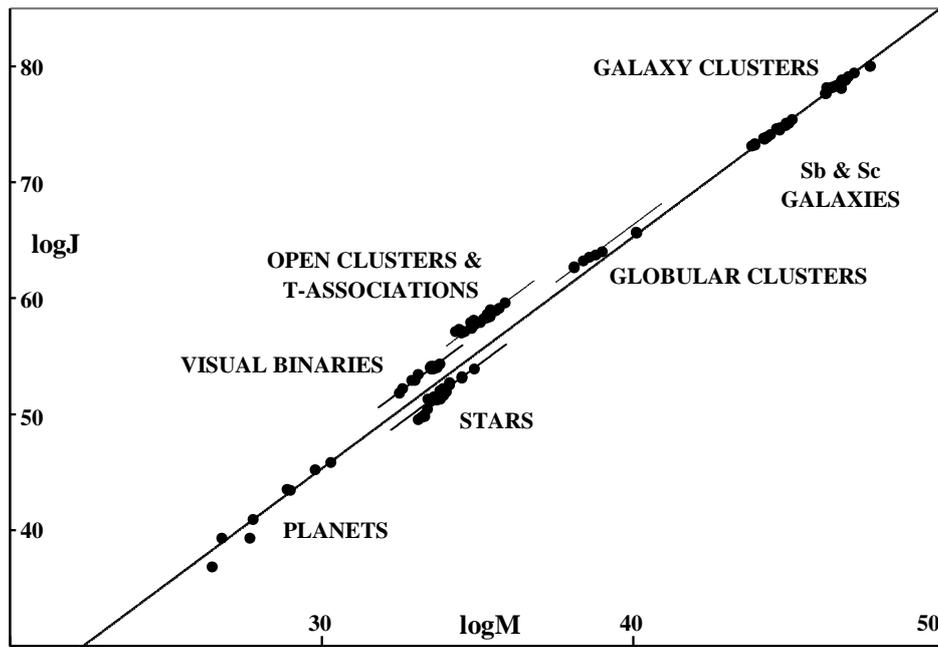


Figure 6. The angular momentum versus mass relationship for various astronomical bodies, showing a theoretical straight line for $J = 2.00 \times 10^{-15} M^2$ over 40 decades.

The data plotted in Figure 6 and listed in Table 3 have representative dimensions from Allen [42]. For *clusters of galaxies* the data give a mean value of $p = 1.95 \times 10^{-16} \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ corresponding to a dispersion velocity circular component of 206 km s^{-1} . Likewise, the data for *Sb and Sc disc galaxies* correspond to an average peripheral velocity of 202 km s^{-1} , in good agreement with quantisation theory. The five other systems show angular momentum proportional to mass-squared, and their different constants of proportionality will be found (in a later paper) to correspond to *preferred* quantisation wavelengths fitting the particular dimensions of those systems. This establishes some control in the creation of astronomical bodies as a whole. Definite gaps exist between the classes because suitable quantisation rules cannot be established there. No classical explanations exist for these gaps, nor for the specific sizes of existing bodies.

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