Orbital decomposition of CALIFA spiral galaxies

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1 INTRODUCTION

The orbital structure of a galaxy is a fundamental diagnostic of its formation and evolution. The stars on dynamically cold near circular orbits were born and lived in quiescent times (e.g. White & Rees 1978; Fall & Efstathiou 1980), while stars on dynamically hot box or radial orbits could be born from unsettled gas or been heated by violent processes; such as major mergers (Davies & Illingworth 1983), minor mergers (Quinn, Hernquist & Fullagar 1993) and internal disc instabilities (Minchev & Quillen 2006; Saha, Tseng & Taam 2010).

For decades, morphological type (Hubble sequence) and photometric bulge–disc decomposition have been used as proxies of the orbit distribution of galaxies (Freeman 1970; Weinzirl et al. 2009; Laurikainen et al. 2010). However, the morphological type is not always a good indication of the underlying orbital structure (Krajnović et al. 2013). Simulations have for instance shown cases of galaxies with exponential discs but stars on kinematically hot orbits (Teklu et al. 2015; Obreja et al. 2016), and cases of galaxies where bulge–disc decomposition based on photometry and kinematics give significantly different results (Scannapieco et al. 2010; Martig et al. 2012; Obreja et al. 2016).

Integral field spectroscopic surveys, such as Calar Alto Legacy Integral Field Area (CALIFA; Sánchez et al. 2012), Sydney-3AO Multi-object Integral-field spectrograph (SAMI; Croom et al. 2012) and Mapping Nearby Galaxies at APO (MaNGA; Bundy...
et al. 2015), provide stellar kinematic maps for thousands of nearby galaxies across the Hubble sequence. Dynamical models are needed to infer from these observations the orbital structures of galaxies.

A powerful dynamical modelling technique is the Schwarzschild (1979) orbit-superposition method, which builds galactic models by weighting the orbits generated in a gravitational potential. The Schwarzschild method has been widely applied to model the dynamics of early-type galaxies: from the central black hole mass (e.g. Gebhardt et al. 2011; van den Bosch et al. 2012) to the outer dark matter (DM) distribution (e.g. Thomas et al. 2007; Murphy, Gebhardt & Adams 2011), to the internal orbital structures of the galaxies (van de Ven, de Zeeuw & van den Bosch 2008) and globular clusters (van de Ven et al. 2006). The orbit distributions obtained by these models have been used to identify different dynamical components (van de Ven et al. 2006; Cappellari et al. 2007; van den Bosch et al. 2008; Breddels & Helmi 2014).

Here, we extend the application of Schwarzschild models to late-type galaxies and perform dynamical decomposition. The paper is organized in the following way: in Section 2, we describe the modelling steps and the technical details; in Section 3, we apply it to two CALIFA galaxies; in Section 4, we compare with the results from photometric decompositions and we conclude in Section 5. In Appendix A, we explain in detail why the Schwarzschild models had problems on modelling fast rotating galaxies and present our solution. In Appendix B, we apply the model to mock data from simulated galaxies, and evaluate the model’s reliability of recovering the underlying mass profiles and orbit distribution.

2 SCHWARZSCHILD MODELS OF SPIRAL GALAXIES

The main steps to create a Schwarzschild model are, first, to create a suitable model for the underlying gravitational potential, second, to calculate a representative library of orbits with this gravitational potential, third, to find the combination of orbits that reproduces the observed kinematic maps and luminosity distribution. We illustrate these steps of creating Schwarzschild models for spiral galaxies in this section. The first two steps directly follow van den Bosch et al. (2008), and we only briefly describe them here to illustrate model parameter choices.

About half of the nearby spiral galaxies in optical wavelengths show bar features (e.g. Marinova & Jogee 2007; Mendez-Delmestre et al. 2007). However, bar does not significantly affect galaxy’s global kinematics (Barrera-Ballesteros et al. 2014; Seidel et al. 2015), stellar kinematics tends to still follow the gravitational potential of the disc, even for the galaxies with strong bars (see our tests to simulated barred galaxy in Appendix B). Thus we neglect the non-axisymmetry features regarding to the bar in the model.

2.1 Gravitational potential

The gravitational potential is generated by a combination of the stellar and DM distributions. The resolution of CALIFA data is well beyond the influence radius of black hole (BH), so that the BH mass does not affect our results significantly, and is fixed by adopting a value following the relation between the BH mass and the stellar velocity dispersion from van den Bosch (2016).

2.1.1 Stellar mass distribution

The images of the galaxy trace the stellar light, which can be deprojected to get the intrinsic luminosity.

To make the deprojection and the following calculations of gravitational force mathematically convenient, we use 2D Multiple Gaussian Expansion (MGE; Emsellem, Monnet & Bacon 1994; Cappellari 2002) to describe the flux on 2D plane (in unit of $L_{\odot} \text{pc}^{-2}$ converted from surface brightness in unit of magnitude arcsec$^{-2}$):

$$S(x', y') = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{L_i}{\sigma_i \sqrt{2\pi} q_i} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x'^2 + y'^2)}{\sigma_i^2} \right],$$  \hspace{1cm} (1)

where $(L_i, \sigma_i, q_i)$ describes the observed total luminosity, size and flattening of each Gaussian component.

After assuming the space orientation of the galaxy, described by three viewing angles $(\theta, \phi, \psi)$, we can deproject the 2D axisymmetric MGE flux to a 3D triaxial MGE luminosity density:

$$\rho(x, y, z) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{L_i}{\sigma_i \sqrt{2\pi} q_i} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)}{\sigma_i^2} \right],$$  \hspace{1cm} (2)

As argued in van den Bosch et al. (2008), the intrinsic shapes are more natural parameters than the space orientation to use as our model’s free parameters. The flattest Gaussian component, having the minimum flattening $q_{\text{min}}$, dictates the allowed space orientation for the deprojection. In practice, we adopt $(q_{\text{min}}, q_{\text{min}}, u_{\text{min}})$ as free parameters of our model.

Assuming a constant stellar mass-to-light ratio $\Upsilon_*$ as free parameter in our models, we obtain the 3D stellar mass density to generate the contribution of stars to the gravitational potential. The correctness of the assumption of constant $\Upsilon_*$ depends on how well an image taken at a certain wavelength range traces the underlying mass distribution. We investigate this in Section 3.1.

2.1.2 Dark matter distribution

For the DM distribution, we adopt a spherical NFW (Navarro, Frenk & White 1996) halo with the enclosed mass profile:

$$M(<r) = M_{200} g(c) \left[ \ln(1 + cr/r_{200}) - \frac{cr/r_{200}}{1 + cr/r_{200}} \right],$$  \hspace{1cm} (3)

where $c$ is the concentration of the DM halo, $g(c) = [\ln(1 + c) - c/(1 + c)]^{-1}$, the virial mass $M_{200}$ is defined as the mass within the virial radius $r_{200}$, i.e. $M_{200} = \frac{4\pi}{3} r_{200}^3 \rho_{*} r_{200}^3$, with the critical density $\rho_0 = 1.37 \times 10^{-10} M_\odot \text{pc}^{-3}$. There are two free parameters in an NFW halo: the concentration $c$ and the virial mass $M_{200}$.

Kinematic data extending to large radius are required to constrain the concentration $c$ and the virial mass $M_{200}$ separately. With CALIFA kinematic data extending to $\sim 2R_e$ of the galaxies, the degeneracy between these two parameters is significant (e.g. Zhu et al. 2014). Therefore, we fix the DM concentration $c$ following the relation from Dutton & Macció (2014):

$$\log_{10} c = 0.905 - 0.101 \log_{10}(M_{200}/[10^{12} h^{-1} M_\odot]),$$  \hspace{1cm} (4)
with $h = 0.671$ (Planck Collaboration XVI 2014). This assumption should not significantly affect the enclosed DM profiles within the CALIFA data coverage, thus not affect the stellar mass-to-light ratio.

Combining stellar mass-to-light ratio $\Upsilon_\ast$, the three parameters representing the space orientation $(q_{\text{min}}, p_{\text{min}}, u_{\text{max}})$, and the DM halo mass $M_{\text{halo}}$, we have five free parameters in total.

2.2 The orbit library

In a separable triaxial potential, all orbits are regular and conserve three integrals of motion $E, I_2$, and $I_3$ that can be calculated analytically. Four different types of orbits exist: three types of tube orbits (the short axis tubes, outer and inner long axis tubes) and the box orbits.

In the more general potential as generated with the MGE of luminosity density, the three types of loop orbits are still supported (Schwarzschild 1993), the box orbits are transformed into boxlets (Miralda-Escude & Schwarzschild 1989).

We sample the initial conditions of the orbits via $E$ and their position on the $(x, z)$ plane (van den Bosch et al. 2008). The orbit energy $E$ is sampled implicitly through a logarithmic grid in radius, each energy is linked to a grid radius $r_i$ by calculating the potential at the position $(x, y, z) = (r_i, 0, 0)$. Then for each energy, the starting point $(x, z)$ is selected from a linear open polar grid $(R, \theta)$ in between the location of the thin orbits and the equipotential of this energy. We refer to van den Bosch et al. (2008) for the details of the orbits sampling. This orbit library includes mostly short axis tubes, long axis tubes and a few box orbits in the inner region.

The number of points we sampled across the three integrals is $n_x \times n_y \times n_z = 21 \times 10 \times 7$, where $n_x, n_y, n_z$ are the number of intervals taken across the energy $E$, the azimuthal angle $\theta$ and radius $R$ on the $(x, z)$ plane. The $r_i$ representing energy spans the region from $0.5\sigma'_{\text{min}} (<1$ arcsec) to $5\sigma'_{\text{max}}$, where $\sigma'_{\text{min}}$ and $\sigma'_{\text{max}}$ are the minimum and maximum $\sigma'$ of the Gaussian components from the MGE fit.

The above sampling may not include enough box orbits for creating a possible triaxial shape, we include additional box orbits dropped from the equipotential surface, using linear steps in the two spherical angles $\theta$ and $\phi$. Combining with the energy $E$, the number of points we sample across the three dimensional set is $n_x \times n_y \times n_z = 21 \times 10 \times 7$. The set of energies $E$ and angles $\theta$ is designed to be identical for the two sets of orbit libraries.

In order to smooth the model, five ditherings for each value of integrals are introduced. So for each orbit, we create $5 \times 5 \times 5$ dithering orbits to form an orbit bundle.

2.3 Weighing the orbits

Consider we have 2D MGE described flux and kinematic data in hundreds of observational apertures forming kinematic maps (each aperture denoted as $f_l$) used as the model constraints. We are going to reproduce these data simultaneously by a superposition of $\sim 1000$ orbit bundles, with each orbit bundle $k$ weighted by $w_k$. The solution of orbit weights is a linear least $\chi^2$ problem, the $\chi^2$ to be minimized is

$$\chi^2 = \chi^2_{\text{flux}} + \chi^2_{\text{kin}}. \quad (5)$$

In practice, the luminosity distribution is easy to fit and $\chi^2_{\text{flux}}$ is much smaller than $\chi^2_{\text{kin}}$. $\chi^2$ is dominated and highly correlated with $\chi^2_{\text{kin}}$.

Throughout the paper, we keep the subscript $l$ denoting observational apertures and the subscript/superscript $k$ denoting orbit bundles.

2.3.1 Fitting luminosity distribution

Luminosity distribution of the model is constrained by both the observed 2D MGE described flux and deprojected 3D MGE luminosity density. We bin the 2D flux as the same binning scheme as the kinematic data $(S_l$ for each aperture $f_l$) and divide the 3D luminosity distribution into a 3D grids with 360 bins ($\rho_{n}, n = 1, 2, 3, \ldots, 360$).

We allow relative errors of 1 per cent for $S_l$ and 2 per cent for $\rho_{n}$.

Each orbit bundle $k$ contributes linearly $S_l^k$ to flux in each aperture $l$ and $\rho_{n} \times \rho_{n}^k$ to the intrinsic luminosity density in each bin $n$, thus the fitting to luminosity distribution is just minimizing

$$\chi^2_{\text{flux}} = \chi^2_l + \chi^2_\rho,$$

$$\chi^2_l = \sum_l \left[ \frac{S_l - \sum_k w_k S_l^k}{0.01S_l} \right]^2,$$

$$\chi^2_\rho = \sum_n \left[ \frac{\rho_n - \sum_k w_k \rho_{n}^k}{0.02\rho_n} \right]^2. \quad (6)$$

2.3.2 Fitting kinematic maps

Consider a velocity distribution profile (VP) $f_l$ observed at the aperture $l$, several orbit bundles in the model may contribute partly to this aperture; each orbit bundle $k$ contributes with a VP of $f_l^k$. Our purpose is to get the best fitting of $f_l$, that is solving the orbit weights $w_k$ to get $\sum_k w_k f_l^k$ as close as possible to $f_l$ for all the observational apertures.

The observed VP $f_l$ itself is usually a complicated profile. Gaussian–Hermite (GH) expansion is used to describe the VPs (Gerhard 1993; van der Marel & Franx 1993; Rix et al. 1997):

$$G\mathcal{H}(v; \gamma, V, \sigma, h_m) = \frac{\gamma}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{v - V}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] \sum_{m=0}^4 h_m H_m \left( \frac{v - V}{\sigma} \right), \quad (7)$$

where $H_m$ are the Hermite polynomials and for which we usually truncate at the fourth order or at the second order depending on the data quality. We just keep the description of methodology in generality by including $h_3, h_4$. If there is no reliable $h_3, h_4$, the following description still holds with only up to the second-order moments.

For each observational aperture $l$, the best GH fit of $f_l$ yields the parameters $(V_l, \gamma, h_{2l}, h_{3l}, h_{4l})$, given errors of $(dV_l, d\gamma, dh_{2l}, dh_{3l}, dh_{4l})$, with fixed $h_{0l} = 1, h_{1l} = 0, h_{2l} = 0$. In this way $(V_l, \gamma, h_{2l})$ also determines the best Gaussian fit of $f_l$ (van der Marel & Franx 1993).

We then describe the distribution of each orbit bundle $f_l^k$ by GH expansion around the same $(V_l, \gamma, h_{2l})$, resulting in the coefficients of $(h_{0l}^k, h_{1l}^k, h_{2l}^k, h_{3l}^k, h_{4l}^k)$.

Adopting option A as described in Appendix A, $h_{0l}^k$ will not be included in the fitting, the parameters we are going to fit are $(h_{1l}^k = 0, h_{2l}^k = 0, h_{3l}^k, h_{4l}^k)$, with errors of $(dh_{1l}^k = dV_l/(\sqrt{2\sigma}), dh_{2l}^k = d\gamma/(\sqrt{2\sigma}), dh_{3l}^k, dh_{4l}^k)$ (van der Marel & Franx 1993; Magorrian & Binney 1994). Each orbit $k$ contributes linearly to these parameters of the VP $f_l^k$:

$$\chi^2_{\text{kin}} = \sum_l \sum_{m=1}^4 \sum_{n=1}^4 \frac{S_l h_{m,l}^k - \sum_k w_k S_l^k h_{m,l}^k}{S_l dh_{m,l}^k}^2. \quad (8)$$

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The solution of the orbit weights becomes a linear least $\chi^2$ problem and it includes the non-Gaussian components of the VPs.

The algorithm causes problems in modelling fast rotating galaxies (Cretton & van den Bosch 1999) in the present Schwarzschild models. In Appendix A, we explain in detail the reason of this problem and show two possible solutions, while option A is chosen for the modelling of CALIFA galaxies. In Appendix B, we show that our model works reasonably well for recovering the true orbit distribution of a simulated spiral galaxy.

## 3 APPLICATION TO TWO CALIFA GALAXIES

### 3.1 Stellar imaging and kinematics

The two galaxies we selected are in the CALIFA and the Spitzer Survey of Stellar Structure in Galaxies (S$^4$G) survey. The basic information of the galaxies is listed in Table 1. We use the half-light radius $R_e$ measured from the $r$-band images. $M_{\text{sun},r} = 4.64$ and $M_{\text{sun},3.6} = 3.24$ are used to convert magnitude to solar luminosity.

We use the stellar kinematic data from the CALIFA survey (Sánchez et al. 2012; Husemann et al. 2013). The stellar kinematics are extracted from CALIFA spectrum that covers the range 3400–4750 Å at a spectrum resolution of ~1650. The stellar kinematic maps are obtained by using Voronoi binning, getting a signal-to-noise ratio threshold of S/N = 20. Refer to Falcón-Barroso et al. (2017) for the details of the CALIFA stellar kinematics.

As mentioned in Sections 2.1.1 and 2.3.2, we need an image to construct the gravitational potential and an image to constrain the luminosity distribution of the orbit-superposed model. The former image has to follow the assumption of constant stellar mass-to-light ratio and the latter one has to trace the luminosity of the kinematic tracer. The Schwarzschild model does not need to be self-consistent, thus the two images are not necessarily the same.

The CALIFA kinematic data are drawn from spectra with wave-length coverage close to the SDSS $r$ band, so we take the SDSS $r$-band image to constrain the luminosity distribution of the orbit-superposed model.

As a simplest option, we also take the same $r$-band image to construct the stellar mass contribution to the gravitational potential, assuming a constant stellar mass-to-light ratio in the $r$ band ($Y_r$). This is our first set of models and we call it the $r$-band model in the following sections.

Alternatively, we use the S$^4$G stellar light map at 3.6 μm to construct the stellar mass contribution to the gravitational potential. The stellar light at 3.6 μm is isolated from the ‘contaminating’ emission by using independent component analysis (Meidt et al. 2014; Querejeta et al. 2015). The (corrected) 3.6-μm image traces primarily the light from old stars and is therefore a more direct tracer of stellar mass than the $r$-band image. A constant stellar mass-to-light ratio at 3.6 μm $Y_{\text{r}}$ is supposed to be a more reasonable assumption than a constant $Y_r$. We create another set of models with this option, which is called the 3.6-μm model in the following sections.

Note that even for the 3.6-μm models, the $r$-band images are always used to constrain the luminosity distribution of the models, because the stellar kinematics are in the optical and not near-infrared.

Fig. 1 shows the images of the two galaxies and the corresponding MGE fit, with the parameters of MGEs are shown in a table in the appendix. The top panels are the ($r$-band and 3.6-μm) images (the black contours), with the 2D MGE fit overplotted (the red ellipses). The middle panels are the radial flux with the MGE fit along the major (solid curves) and minor axis (dashed curves). The bottom panels are the flux ratio of 3.6 μm to $r$ band along the major (solid curves) and minor axis (dashed curves).

NGC 4210 has a bar in the inner 0.5$R_e$. The bar is elongated and has a different orientation than the major axis of the galaxy defined as the photometric shape in the outer regions. The non-axisymmetry of the bar is neglected in the MGE fits. NGC 4210 is brighter at 3.6 μm in the inner 0.5$R_e$ where the bulge/bar dominates. The flux ratio of S$^4$G 3.6 μm to SDSS $r$ band, calculated by their MGE fits, along the major axis is generally consistent with that along the minor axis within 2$R_e$. The broader bar in 3.6-μm image is not reflected in the MGE fits.

NGC 6278 has a prominent bulge and possibly also an embedded bar revealed from the slightly twisted surface brightness contour in the centre, however the 2D axisymmetric MGEs fits the surface brightness reasonably well. The two images have different flattening, which may be caused by a significant contribution of bulge component extending to large radius, which is round and older than the disc, thus causing the 3.6-μm image to be rounder.

As described in Section 2.1.1, when deprojecting the image, the flattest Gaussian component with $q_{\text{min}}$ dictates the lower limit of inclination angle. During the MGE fit, we choose $q_{\text{min}}$ as large as possible to allow for a wide region of inclination angles.

### 3.2 Best-fitting models

We construct the Schwarzschild models as described in Section 2. We have five free parameters in the model, the stellar mass-to-light ratio $Y_r$, the intrinsic shape of the flattest Gaussian component ($q_{\text{min}}, q_{\text{min}}, p_{\text{min}}$), which represents the space orientation ($\theta, \phi, \psi$), and the DM halo mass $M_{200}$. A central BH is included with the mass fixed as described in Section 2. We fix $u_{\text{min}} = 0.9999$ to reduce the degeneracy thus only four free parameters left. No specific prior constraints have been applied to $p_{\text{min}}$ and $q_{\text{min}}$. $Y_r$ and $\log M_{200}/M_{\odot}$ are allowed in a wide range: $Y_r$ from 0.1 to 10 and $\log M_{200}/M_{\odot}$ from $-3$ to $3$.

We adopt a parameter grid with intervals of 0.1, 0.05, 0.05 and 0.5 in $Y_r$, $q_{\text{min}}$, $p_{\text{min}}$ and $\log M_{200}/M_{\odot}$, and perform iterative process searching for the best-fitting models. The modelling is started with an initial, then iterating starts after the first models finished. We select the best-fitting models after each iteration by using $\chi^2$, which represents the space orientation ($\theta, \phi, \psi$), and the DM halo mass $M_{200}$. A central BH is included with the mass fixed as described in Section 2. We fix $u_{\text{min}} = 0.9999$ to reduce the degeneracy thus only four free parameters left. No specific prior constraints have been applied to $p_{\text{min}}$ and $q_{\text{min}}$. $Y_r$ and $\log M_{200}/M_{\odot}$ are allowed in a wide range: $Y_r$ from 0.1 to 10 and $\log M_{200}/M_{\odot}$ from $-3$ to $3$.

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Figure 1. The stellar surface brightness at SDSS r band and S′G 3.6 μm; NGC 4210 on the left and NGC 6278 on the right. Top panel: the black contours represent the original images of 3.6 μm and r band, the red contours are the two-dimensional MGE fits correspondingly. The arrows point the north direction. Middle panel: the dots represent the flux radial profiles when dividing the original image to several sectors. The solid and dashed curves are the MGE fit along the major and the minor axis. Red is for the r-band image and black is for the 3.6-μm image. Bottom panel: the solid and dashed curves are the flux ratio of S′G 3.6-μm to SDSS r-band image along the major and the minor axis. The vertical dashed line represents the position of 1R_e.

Table 2. The best-fitting parameters for NGC 4210 and NGC 6278 using images in r band and 3.6 μm, respectively. The second column gives the stellar mass-to-light ratio ϒ*,Chab from stellar population synthesis assuming Chabrier IMF from Meidt et al. (2014) and Walcher et al. (2014), the remaining columns show the parameters obtained from the best-fitting Schwarzschild models: the stellar mass-to-light ratio ϒ*, inclination angle θ, the intrinsic shape of the model μ and μ measured at 2R_e, μ fixed at 0.9999, the DM mass M_{dm(<2R_e)} [10^{10} M_{solar}], M_{dm(<2R_e)} [10^{10} M_{solar}] and min(χ^2) / N_{kin} from our best-fitting models.

|       |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| N4210 |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| r band| 1.1    | 3.8 ± 0.5| (42 ± 1)° | 0.26^{+0.1}_{-0.14} | 1.00^{+0.02}_{-0.02} | 0.9999 | 0.6^{+1.3}_{-0.3} | 1.6^{+0.6}_{-0.4} | 0.74 |
| 3.6 μm| 0.6    | 1.6 ± 0.2| (42 ± 1)° | 0.26^{+0.01}_{-0.14} | 1.00^{+0.02}_{-0.02} | 0.9999 | 0.5^{+3.0}_{-0.2} | 1.0^{+1.3}_{-0.3} | 0.76 |
| N6278 |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| r band| 2.9    | 5.5 ± 0.3| (83 ± 10)° | 0.53^{+0.00}_{-0.02} | 0.85 ± 0.05 | 0.9999 | 0.9^{+1.5}_{-0.6} | 3.4^{+2.0}_{-2.0} | 0.60 |
| 3.6 μm| 0.6    | 1.0 ± 0.1| (79 ± 10)° | 0.50^{+0.02}_{-0.02} | 0.95 ± 0.05 | 0.9999 | 0.5^{+2.0}_{-0.2} | 2.0^{+1.0}_{-1.3} | 0.70 |

As mentioned in Section 2.3.2, the luminosity distribution can almost always be reproduced up to numerical precision (van der Marel et al. 1998; Poon & Merritt 2002; van den Bosch et al. 2008) and is thus not relevant for finding the best-fitting solution. We only use χ^2_{kin} to estimate the statistical uncertainties.

As shown in Table 2, min(χ^2_{kin}) / N_{kin} of ~0.7\(^1\) is obtained for the best-fitting models. N_{kin} is the total number of Voronoi-binning kinematic data (the number of apertures times the number of GH moments). The kinematic data are point-symmetrized before the modelling; the data in different bins are not independent. We introduce a normalized χ^2 = χ^2_{kin} / M_{kin} to ensure min(χ^2) / N_{kin} = 1, as expected for models constrained by independent data points.

χ^2 (χ^2_{kin}) fluctuate significantly in Schwarzschild models, with a standard deviation of ~√2N_{kin}, which enlarges the model confidence level (Thomas et al. 2005; Morganti et al. 2013). We use Δχ^2 = √2N_{kin} as our model’s 1σ confidence level, and qualify its statistical meaning in Appendix B when applying the model to mock data sets.

The parameters space we span and the best-fitting modelling for NGC 6278 are illustrated in Fig. 2. The coloured dots represent all the models within 3σ confidence interval, while the black dots

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\(^1\)Ignoring the orbital weights, we only have four free parameters regarding to gravitational potential and orientation of the galaxies in our model, which is much smaller than N_{kin}, thus N_{kin} is used as the number of freedom for each model.
represent that outside. \( q_{\text{min}} \) of the best models hit the boundary set by the flattest Gaussian component with \( q'_{\text{min}} \), which just indicates that NGC 6278 prefers the models near edge-on. In the end, we typically get a few hundreds of models for each set, with 10–50 models within the 1\( \sigma \) confidence intervals.

The parameters of the best-fitting models of these two galaxies are summarized in Table 2, the inclination angle \( \vartheta \) of the system has been inferred from the intrinsic shape of the flattest Gaussian (\( q_{\text{min}}, p_{\text{min}} \)), while \( \bar{q}, \bar{p} \) represents the intrinsic shape of our model measured at 2\( R_e \). The total DM mass \( M_{200} \) is hard to constrain due to the limited data coverage and the DM versus luminous matter degeneracy, so that we show the constraint on DM mass within \( R_e \) and 2\( R_e \), \( M_{\text{dm}}(<R_e) \) and \( M_{\text{dm}}(<2R_e) \), instead.

Most of the analysis below is based on the best-fitting models, while errors of the parameters are calculated using the models within 1\( \sigma \) confidence intervals.

The best-fitting models provide good fits to the surface brightness and kinematic maps for the two galaxies as shown in Fig. 3. The top panels are the observed mean velocities and velocity dispersions, the middle panels are the best-fitting 3.6-\( \mu \)m models and the bottom panels are the best-fitting \( r \)-band models. The two sets of models fit the date equally well; \( \chi^2_{\text{kin}} / N_{\text{kin}} \) of the best-fitting \( r \)-band model and the 3.6-\( \mu \)m model are similar.

### 3.3 The cumulative mass profiles

Fig. 4 shows the cumulative mass profiles for the two galaxies. The mass profiles obtained by the two sets of models, \( r \)-band model and 3.6-\( \mu \)m model, are shown in solid and dashed lines respectively. The black, red and blue curves represent the enclosed total mass, stellar mass and DM mass profiles, respectively.

The total mass profiles are well constrained with statistic 1\( \sigma \) uncertainties of \( \sim 10 \) per cent within 2\( R_e \). The total mass obtained by the two sets of models are consistent with each other within 1\( \sigma \) errors for both galaxies.

There is significant degeneracy between the contribution of stellar mass and DM mass, which causes \( \sim 20 \) per cent uncertainties on the stellar mass, and \( \sim 50 \) per cent uncertainties on the DM mass within 2\( R_e \). The 1\( \sigma \) error bars of the stellar mass (or DM mass) obtained from the two sets of models can overlap, but are not so large as to overlap with the median value of the other model; an increase in the error bar by a factor of \( \sim 2 \) would lead to greater overlap and thus statistical similarity of stellar mass (or DM mass) obtained by \( r \)-band model and 3.6-\( \mu \)m model.

Considering the statistical error bars and the difference of \( r \)-band model and 3.6-\( \mu \)m model, from \( R_e \) to 2\( R_e \), the DM fraction increases from 14 \( \pm \) 10 to 18 \( \pm \) 10 per cent for NGC 4210 and from 15 \( \pm \) 10 to 30 \( \pm \) 20 per cent for NGC 6278.

The flux ratio of 3.6-\( \mu \)m to \( r \)-band image is higher in the inner 10 arcsec for these two galaxies (see Fig. 1). If the stellar mass-to-light ratio is constant in 3.6 \( \mu \)m, we thus expect the stellar mass-to-light ratio in the \( r \) band to be \( \sim 10 \) per cent higher in the inner regions than that in the outer regions. In our model, we assumed constant \( \Upsilon_r \) and constant \( \Upsilon_{3.6} \). The possibly higher \( \Upsilon_r \) in the inner regions is compensated by including different combinations of DM mass and luminous mass in the \( r \)-band models.

The assumption of constant \( \Upsilon_r \) affects the estimate of DM and stellar matter separately, thus we expect our imperfect stellar mass model to lead to systematic errors in both the DM and stellar masses. As seen in Fig. 4, the formal errors on the DM mass and the stellar mass could be larger than their pure statistical errors by a factor of \( \sim 2 \). However, constant \( \Upsilon_r \) does not systematically affect the...
Figure 3. The kinematic maps for NGC 4210 on the left and NGC 6278 on the right. For each galaxy, the top panels are the point-symmetrized observed mean velocity (left) and velocity dispersion (right), with the contours of $r$-band image overplotted. The middle panels are the best-fitting 3.6-$\mu$m model, with the corresponding MGE fit of the surface brightness overplotted. The bottom panels are the best-fitting $r$-band model, with the corresponding MGE fit overplotted. The observed and modelled kinematic maps are scaled in the same values as indicated in the colour bars.

Figure 4. The cumulative mass profiles of the two galaxies; NGC 4210 on the left and NGC 6278 on the right. The black, red and blue curves represent the mass profiles of total mass, stellar mass and DM, respectively (solid curves: $r$-band models; dashed curves: 3.6-$\mu$m models). Error bars at $r = 30$ arcsec indicate the 1$\sigma$ error of the mass profiles at that point. The vertical dashed line represents the position of $1R_e$. 
total mass profile within the data coverage, thus does not affect our estimates of the internal dynamics as we show in Sections 3.4 and 3.5.

The $\Upsilon_r$ and $\Upsilon_{3.6}$ we obtained for the best-fitting models are listed in Table 2. By assuming Chabrier initial mass function (IMF), the stellar population synthesis gives $\Upsilon_r, \text{Chab} = 1.1$ for NGC 4210 and $\Upsilon_r, \text{Chab} = 2.9$ for NGC 6278 (Walcher et al. 2014), and average $\Upsilon_{3.6, \text{Chab}} = 0.6$ (Meidt et al. 2014) for all galaxies regardless of their age and metallicity. The dynamical stellar mass-to-light ratio is a few times higher ($\sim 3.0$ for NGC 4210, and $\sim 1.7$ for NGC 6278) from stellar population synthesis with Chabrier IMF.

The dynamical stellar mass-to-light ratio $\Upsilon_r$ is reliable regarding to its independence of the stellar age, metallicity, star formation history and IMF, while all these factors affect the estimate of stellar mass-to-light ratio from stellar population synthesis. For the S0 galaxy NGC 6278, a higher stellar mass-to-light ratio could be inferred from a more bottom-heavy IMF (Cappellari et al. 2013). While for the SBb galaxy NGC 4210, the discrepancy between $\Upsilon_r$ and $\Upsilon_{3.6, \text{Chab}}$ could be partly caused by the content of gas in the disc plane (Huang et al. 2012) and partly by the old stellar population of this galaxy (Meidt et al. 2014; Sánchez-Blázquez et al. 2014).

3.4 The velocity anisotropy

The internal dynamical properties of the galaxy can be investigated via the best-fitting models. We show both the velocity anisotropy profiles in a spherical coordinate and that in a cylindrical coordinate in Fig. 5.

$\sigma_r/\sigma_t$ in black is plotted along the intrinsic radius $r$, where $\sigma_r = \sqrt{(\sigma_r^2 + \sigma_y^2)/2}$; $\sigma_r$, $\sigma_y$, and $\sigma_z$ are the radial, azimuthal angular and polar angular velocity dispersion in a spherical coordinates. $\sigma_r/\sigma_R$ in red is plotted along the radius $R$ on the disc plane; $\sigma_r$ and $\sigma_R$ are the vertical and radial velocity dispersions in a cylindrical coordinate. We discuss $\sigma_r/\sigma_t$, and $\sigma_r/\sigma_R$ separately.

The solid and dashed curves represent that obtained by $r$-band and 3.6-µm models, respectively. The error bars indicate the scatters among models within 1σ confidence intervals. The velocity anisotropy profiles from the two sets of models are consistent with each other.

$\sigma_r/\sigma_t$ is the velocity anisotropy widely used for early-type galaxies, a value of unit indicates isotropic, a value larger (smaller) than unit indicates radially (tangentially) anisotropic. NGC 4210 is close to isotropic with $\sigma_r/\sigma_t \sim 0.9$ in the inner $\sim 0.5 R_e$, and becomes strongly tangentially anisotropic with $\sigma_r/\sigma_t \sim 0.5$ in the outer regions. NGC 6278 is radially anisotropic within $1 R_e$, and also gets to be tangentially anisotropic in the outer regions. $\sigma_r/\sigma_t$ is a good indicator of the underlying orbital distribution, the more radial anisotropic in the inner regions indicates the existence of dynamical hot orbits as we show in Section 3.5.2.

$\sigma_r/\sigma_R$ has been used as an indicator of different heating processes in the spiral galaxies. NGC 4210 is a typical Sb galaxy, its $\sigma_r/\sigma_R$ decreases with radius and reaches $\sim 0.5$ in the outer regions, which is similar to $\sigma_r/\sigma_R = 0.5$ of the Milky Way (Dehnen & Binney 1998; Smith, Whiteoak & Evans 2012). For NGC 6278 as an S0 galaxy, $\sigma_r/\sigma_R$ is nearly constant with values close to unit along radius. NGC 6278 is near-spheroidal, thus binning the data along $R$ on the disc plane is not efficient to show the difference from the inner to outer regions. The $\sigma_r/\sigma_R$ of these two galaxies we obtained is consistent with the variation of $\sigma_r/\sigma_R$ across Hubble sequence (Gerssen & Shapiro Griffin 2012).

3.5 Orbit distributions

3.5.1 The orbit distributions

We use the circularity $\lambda_\ast$ to indicate different orbit types:

$$\lambda_\ast = \frac{L_z}{(r \cdot V_c)},$$

where $L_z = x v_y - y v_x$, $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$ and $V_c = \sqrt{v_x^2 + v_y^2 + v_z^2 + 2v_x v_y + 2v_x v_z + 2v_y v_z}$, taken the average of the points $(x, y, z, v_x, v_y, v_z)$ saved with equal time step for that orbit. Notice that $V_c$ here is defined as the summation of all the elements of the second moments matrix, representing $V_{\text{rms}}$ with the cross-elements included.
\[ |\lambda_z| = 1 \] indicates a circular orbit, while \( \lambda_z = 0 \) indicates a box or radial orbit.

The orbit distributions in the phase space have clear structures, which suggest different formation history of the stars in different regions. In the inner regions, hot orbits dominate. There are some counter-rotating orbits in the inner regions of NGC 4210, which may contribute to a bulge or a bar. A bar could be counter-rotating according to the disc (e.g. Jung & Zotos 2016), although we neglect the non-axisymmetry of bar in the image of NGC 4210, our models are still trying to fit all the kinematic features of the galaxy, including that induced by the bar. However, the counter-rotating orbits in our models are just regular orbits that produce similar kinematic features, not the real orbital structures of the bar because we do not include figure rotations as those dynamical models focusing on the bar (Long et al. 2013; Wang et al. 2013; Vasiliev & Athanassoula 2015; Portail et al. 2017).

In the outer regions, the contribution of dynamical cold orbits increases and they are the dominant components in the outermost regions for these two galaxies.

We make cuts at the two dips to separate the orbits into three components. We identify a cold component with the circular orbits \((\lambda_z > 0.8)\) and a hot component with the radial orbits \((\lambda_z < 0.1)\), while the orbits in between construct a warm component. This choice is consistent with the dynamical decomposition for some of simulated spiral galaxies (Abadi et al. 2003).

3.5.2 The morphology and kinematics of the three components

We rebuilt the three components with the corresponding orbits as shown in Fig. 7. The first row shows a SDSS image and the CALIFA data of the galaxy. The following three rows represent the cold, warm and hot component from top to bottom. From left to right, the four columns are the flux projected edge-on, and then the flux, mean velocity and velocity dispersion projected with inclination angle \( \theta \).

Taking the radius \( r \) and circularity \( \lambda_z \) of each orbit, and considering their weights given by the solution from the best-fitting model, we get the orbit distribution on the phase space from the best-fitting \( r \)-band models as shown in Fig. 6. The phase space have been divided into \( 7 \times 21 \) bins, the colours indicate the total weights of orbit in each bin. The orbit distributions in the best-fitting 3.6-\( \mu \)m models (not shown) are similar.

Fig. 7 shows that the three dynamical components have well-defined and distinct morphologies and kinematic properties. For NGC 4210, the cold component is geometrically thin and dynamically cold with \( V/\sigma = 4.98 \). The warm component is thicker and with \( V/\sigma = 1.58 \). The hot component is round and concentrated, it has \( V/\sigma = -0.44 \) and contributes to the high dispersion in the central regions. Note that negative \( V/\sigma \) of the hot component could be just caused by the hard cut in \( \lambda_z \), it does not necessary indicate a counter-rotating bulge. NGC 6278 has three similar components in morphology and kinematics with \( V/\sigma \) of 4.36, 1.07 and 0.01, respectively.

By perturbing the kinematic data, we find that the uncertainty of luminosity fraction of each component in a single model (with fixed potential and orientation) is \(<5\%\). The variation of luminosity fraction of each component among models within \( 1\sigma \) confidence interval is \( \approx 20\% \). Considering the \( 1\sigma \) variation, the luminosity fractions of the three components are \(0.49 \pm 0.10, 0.45 \pm 0.10 \) and \(0.06 \pm 0.03 \) for NGC 4210 and \(0.12 \pm 0.06, 0.39 \pm 0.10 \) and \(0.49 \pm 0.10 \) for NGC 6278, respectively.

The fine structures, e.g. the X-shape in the flux map of the warm component of NGC 4210, or the ring-like structures in the velocity dispersion maps, are likely to be caused by hard cuts on \( \lambda_z \).

4 Comparison Orbital vs Photometric Decomposition

The cold, warm and hot components are separated purely dynamically, and they are not necessary to match any morphological structures. However, they do show either a disc-like or bulge-like morphology. In Fig. 8, we compare the projected surface brightness of the three components with the results from photometric decomposition. In this section, disc and bulge represent particularly the photometrically identified disc-like and bulge-like structures.
The morphology and kinematics of the three components for NGC 4210 (left) and NGC 6278 (right). The first row shows a SDSS image and the CALIFA data of each galaxy, the following three rows represent the cold, warm and hot components rebuilt with each part of the orbits, with decreasing circularity from top to bottom. For each component, the four columns are the flux projected edge-on, and then flux, mean velocity and velocity dispersion projected with inclination angle $\theta$, from left to right. The total luminosity of the galaxy (three components together) is normalized to be unit. The mean velocity and velocity dispersion of one component are made to be white where the contribution of that component is negligible.

The black and red dotted lines represent an exponential disc and a Sérsic bulge from the photometric decomposition by Méndez-Abreu et al. (2017), they also include an elongated bar that only contribute a small fraction of the luminosity and we do not show it in the figure. The surface brightness of the orbital decomposed cold, warm and hot components are shown with blue, orange and red solid lines, while the black solid line represents the combination of cold and warm components. The three dynamical components are only constrained within the coverage of the kinematic maps, so we only compare the surface brightness profiles within 40 arcsec for NGC 4210 and within 30 arcsec for NGC 6278. The luminosity fractions of different components are shown in the figure.

The combination of our dynamical cold and warm components generally matches, although higher in the inner region, the photometrically identified exponential discs, the warm component may also partly contribute to the bar and/or bulge in the inner regions.
For both galaxies, the discs are dominated by the dynamical cold components beyond \( \sim R_e \), while they are constructed mainly by the warm components inside.

The hot components are concentrated in the inner regions and have mass fractions generally consistent with the combination of bulges and bars. The surface brightness profiles of the hot components are similar to the Sérsic profiles of the bulges.

The contribution of the cold and warm components to the disc is consistent with what was found from simulations, that a morphological-disc-like structure could also contain significant non-circular orbits (Teklu et al. 2015; Obreja et al. 2016). The warmer disc-like component in the inner regions is consistent with the inside-out scenario in which stars born earlier have lower angular momentum (Lagos et al. 2017).

5 SUMMARY

We create Schwarzschild models for two CALIFA galaxies: an SBb galaxy NGC 4210 and an S0 galaxy NGC 6278. We have two sets of independent models, using two images at different wavelengths to construct the stellar mass, for each galaxy. The main results are the following.

(1) With the CALIFA kinematic data extending to \( \sim 2R_e \) of the galaxies, the total mass profiles are well constrained with 1σ statistical uncertainties of \( \sim 10 \) per cent, within the data coverage. Because of the degeneracy between the stellar mass and DM mass, the enclosed mass of stars and DM mass are constrained separately with uncertainties of \( \sim 20 \) and \( \sim 50 \) per cent.

(2) The assumption of constant stellar mass-to-light ratio affects the estimates of DM mass and luminous mass separately due to the uncertainties of \( \sim \sigma \). The contribution of the cold and warm components to the disc is consistent with the variation of \( \sigma \) across Hubble sequence.

(3) The velocity anisotropy profiles of both \( \sigma_r/\sigma_t \) and \( \sigma_\phi/\sigma_R \) are well constrained. \( \sigma_r/\sigma_t \) profile is a good indication of the underlying orbital structures. \( \sigma_\phi/\sigma_R \) profiles we obtained for these two galaxies are consistent with the variation of \( \sigma_\phi/\sigma_R \) across Hubble sequence.

(4) We obtain the orbital distributions of the galaxies and dynamically decompose the galaxies into cold, warm and hot components based on the orbits’ circularity. NGC 4210 is dominated by the cold and warm components with mass fractions of 0.49 ± 0.10 and 0.45 ± 0.10 compared to 0.06 ± 0.03 for the hot component. NGC 6278 has a less massive but still well-defined cold component. The mass fractions of cold, warm and hot components are 0.12 ± 0.06, 0.39 ± 0.10 and 0.49 ± 0.10, respectively.

(5) The photometrically identified exponential discs are dominated by the dynamical cold components beyond \( \sim 1R_e \), while they are constructed mainly by the warm components in the inner regions. Our dynamical hot components are concentrated in the inner regions, similar to the photometrically identified bulges.

This is the first paper showing how the technique works. In the next paper we present and exploit Schwarzschild models of a statistically representative sample of 300 CALIFA galaxies across the Hubble sequence.

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APPENDIX A: REASON AND SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS IN MODELLING OF FAST ROTATING GALAXIES

A1 GH expansion

The GH coefficient of \( f^i_l \) expanding as \( \mathcal{G} \mathcal{H} (V, \gamma^i_l, V_l, \sigma, h^k_{m,l}) \) can be obtained by

\[
h^k_{m,l} = \gamma^k_l f^i_l = \sqrt{2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f^i_l(v) \exp \left[ - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{v - V_l}{\sigma_l} \right)^2 \right] H^m \left( \frac{v - V_l}{\sigma_l} \right) dv
\]

(A1)

for \( m = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 \).

Now we consider a specific case:

\[
f^i_l(v; \Delta V) = \frac{1}{2\pi \sigma_l} \exp \left[ - \frac{(v - (\Delta V + V_l))^2}{2\sigma_l^2} \right],
\]

(A2)

which is a Gaussian profile with \((V_l, \sigma_l)\) being the observed values of that aperture. For this specific form of \( f^i_l \), \( h^k_{m,l} \) varies as a function of \( \Delta V \).

Notice that we have a \( \gamma^k_l \) degenerated with \( h^k_{m,l} \). In order to obtain \( h^k_{m,l} \) explicitly, we have two options: option A assuming \( \gamma^k_l = 1 \), then \( h^k_{m,l} = h^k_{0,l} \), and option B assuming \( h^k_{0,l} = 1 \), then we have \( \gamma^k_l = \hat{h}^k_{0,l} \) and \( h^k_{m,l} = \hat{h}^k_{0,l}/\hat{h}^k_{0,l} \). The top and bottom panels of Fig. A1 show how \( h^k_{m,l} \) \((m = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4) \) varies as a function of \( \Delta V \) for the two options, respectively.

For option A (top panel), when \( \Delta V = 0 \), \( f^i_l \) is identical with the centre of the GH expansion, thus \( \hat{h}^k_{0,l} = 1 \) and \( h^k_{0,l} = 0 \). With \( |\Delta V| \) increasing from zero, \( h^k_{0,l} \) gradually decreases from 1 to 0, while \( |\hat{h}^k_{0,l}| \) \((m = 1, 2, 3, 4) \) increases and get their maximum at \( |\Delta V/\sigma_l| \sim 2 \), then \( |\hat{h}^k_{0,l}| \) \((m = 1, 2, 3, 4) \) decreases and becomes zero again when \( |\Delta V/\sigma_l| > 5 \).

For option B (bottom panel), when \( \Delta V = 0 \), \( \hat{h}^k_{0,l} = 1 \) and \( h^k_{0,l} = 0 \). With \( |\Delta V| \) increasing from zero, \( \hat{h}^k_{0,l} \) keeps unit, while \( |\hat{h}^k_{0,l}| \) \((m = 1, 2, 3, 4) \) monotonously and sharply increases (note the large scale of \( y \)-axis in the bottom panel comparing to the top panel).

We describe these two options in detail in the following sections and option A will be modified for modelling fast rotating galaxies.

A2 Option A

For whatever reason, \( \gamma^k_l = 1 \) was taken in the Schwarzschild models when describing the distribution of each orbit bundle \( f^i_l \) by GH expansion around the observational aperture \((V_l, \sigma_l)\) (Rix et al. 1997; Cretton & van den Bosch 1999; van den Bosch et al. 2008).

\( h^k_{0,l} \) cannot be fitted in a consistent way for this option. Because \( h_{0,l} \), as a normalization parameter degenerated with \( \gamma^k_l \), was fixed \((h^k_{0,l} = 1) \) when extracting observational data. With \( h^k_{0,l} \)
varying from 1 to 0 in option A as shown in top panel of Fig. A1, the following two equations cannot be satisfied simultaneously:
\[ x^2_h = \sum \left( \frac{\Sigma - \Sigma_k}{0.018} \right)^2 \] and \[ \chi^2_h \approx \sum \left( \frac{\Sigma - \Sigma_k}{0.018} \right)^2 \]. Because the fitting of surface brightness (\( \chi^2_h \)) is the one obviously we have to satisfy for the model normalization, thus the fitting of \( h_{0,i} \) is skipped. Only \( h_{0,i} (m = 1, 2, 3, 4) \) is considered in the fitting of kinematics as shown in equation (8).

Now consider a specific orbit \( k \) contributing to the aperture \( I \) with a VP of \( f^j_k \). The GH expansion of \( f^j_k \) around \((V, \sigma)\) results in \( h^k_{ij} = 1 \) and \( h^k_{ij} = 0 \) (m = 1, 2, 3, 4).

Its counter-rotating partner orbit \( k' \), thus has a Gaussian VP of \( f^j_{k'} \) with \((V, \sigma) = (-V, \sigma)\), which has \( \Delta V = 2V_0 \) comparing to \((V, \sigma)\). When expanding \( f^j_{k'} \) around \((V, \sigma)\), the values of \( h^k_{ij} \) (m = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4) depend on \( \Delta V/\sigma \) (see Fig. A1, top panel).

When \( |V_0/\sigma| > 2.5 \), thus \( |\Delta V/\sigma| > 5 \) for orbit \( k' \) comparing to \((V, \sigma)\), we get \( h^k_{ij} \approx h^k_{ij} \approx 0 \), which is almost identical with its partner orbit \( k \) having \( h^k_{ij} = 1 \). Limited to reliable estimate for only \( h_{0,i} (m = 1, 2) \) for use as model constrains, these two orbits become indistinguishable in the model. When \( 1.5 < |V_0/\sigma| < 2.5 \), thus \( 3 < |\Delta V/\sigma| < 5 \), we get \( h^k_{ij} (m = 1, 2) \) not zero but still small values, by which the couple of orbits \( k \) and \( k' \) are still hard to be distinguished from each other.

We notice that higher order GH coefficients \( h^k_{ij} (m = 3, 4) \) have larger values when \( 3 < |\Delta V/\sigma| < 5 \), while \( h^k_{ij} = 0 \) (m = 3, 4) keeps for orbit \( k \). Thus including higher order of GH coefficient \( h^k_{ij} \), \( h_{0,i} \) helps to distinguish these two orbits. However, the quality of CALIFA data can only provide reliable \( h_{0,i} (m = 1, 2) \) (Falcón-Barroso et al. 2017).

In practice, we may not have such orbits \( k \) and \( k' \) with shape of VP exactly the same as Gaussian profiles defined by \((V, \sigma)\). The above analysis just illustrates the condition that a pair of counter-rotating orbits with high \( V/\sigma \) are hard to be distinguished in the model.

If any of the orbits \( k \) is highly weighted to the observations, as for fast rotating galaxies, the model will mistakenly take in significant contributions of its counter-rotating partner, thus causing problems in the modelling. The problem can be solved by just cutting all the counter-rotating orbits in the regions where \( |V_0/\sigma| \) are high. Cretton & van den Bosch (1999) excluded the counter-rotating orbits whose circular radius is larger than a limiting radius. Within the limiting radius, all observations have \( |V_0/\sigma| < 1.5 \). This procedure works in their modelling.

We choose a different solution to avoid determining the orbit cut limiting radius from galaxy to galaxy, and to allow the contribution of counter-rotating orbits. If a counter-rotating orbits \( k' \) passing aperture \( I \) with \( |V_0 - V|/|\sigma| > 3 \) and \( |V_0| < 0 \), this orbit should contribute little to the velocity distribution of this aperture \( I \). When the orbit \( k' \) meets this criterion in \( \geq 2 \) observational apertures, we exclude it from the model. The orbit is still included when only the criteria in one aperture to avoid the case that a bad bin in the data would exclude orbits incorrectly. The orbits with \( |V_0 - V|/|\sigma| < 3 \), even counter-rotating (with \( |V_0| < 0 \)), are included in the model, such orbits have \( h^k_{ij} \), \( h^k_{ij} \) values distinguishable from those of their counter-rotating partners \( k \). We will test how it works in Appendix B, and this option will be mentioned as option A (taking \( \gamma^2_k = 1 \) and being modified by cutting counter-rotating orbits as described).

As a result, this orbit exclusion suppresses the counter-rotating components in strongly rotating disc, such structures, if any, could be found with data of high quality \( h_3 \) and \( h_4 \). We do not expect such structures to be common, and our procedure should not bias the orbit distribution for most of the galaxies.

A3 Option B
Taking \( h^k_{ij} = 1 \) is consistent with the way we extract the observational data with \( h_{0,i} = 1 \) fixed. \( h_{0,i} \) can be included in the fitting in a consistent way as \( h_{0,i} (m = 1, 2, 3, 4) \). Following Magorrian & Binney (1994), we calculate the measure error \( dh_{0,i} = \sigma \delta/\lambda \).

In this case, \( x^2_h = \sum \left( \frac{\Sigma - \Sigma_k}{0.018} \right)^2 \), with \( h_{0,i} = 1 \) and \( h^k_{ij} = 1 \), is equivalent to \( x^2_S = \sum \left( \frac{\Sigma - \Sigma_k}{0.018} \right)^2 \) but with different errors. Thus the fitting of \( h_{0,i} \) is actually included in the fitting of surface brightness.

As shown in the bottom panel of Fig. A1, when keeping \( h^k_{ij} = 1 \), \( h_{0,i} (m = 1, 2, 3, 4) \) increases monotonously with \( |\Delta V/\sigma| \). Thus the counter-rotating orbits issue should disappear straightforwardly.

This option (taking \( h^k_{ij} = 1 \)) will also be tested in Appendix B, and it will be mentioned as option B.

APPENDIX B: APPLICATION TO SIMULATED GALAXIES

To test our model’s ability of recovering the underlying mass profile and internal orbit distribution with CALIFA-like kinematic data for spiral galaxies, we apply our model to mock data created from a simulated spiral galaxy. The two options of extracting GH coefficients for orbit bundles described in Appendix A will be applied separately, we call the code optimized with option A as Model A, as the latter Model B. In the following sections, we will show that the two models work closely comparable on recovering the mass profiles. Model A works reasonably well on recovering the orbit distribution, while model B, unexpectedly, does not.

B1 The mock data
We use the N-body simulation from Shen et al. (2010) of a Milky Way-like galaxy. The simulation contains 10⁵ equal mass particles, with the total stellar mass of \( 4.25 \times 10^{10} M_\odot \). A rigid logarithmic DM halo is included; the potential of the DM halo \( \phi(r) = \frac{1}{2} V^2_0 \log(1 + r^2/R_0^2) \) with the scale radius \( R_0 = 15 \) kpc and scale velocity \( V_0 = 250 \) km s⁻¹. We take a snapshot from the simulation at \( t = 2.4 \) Gyr, which corresponds to a well-developed barred spiral galaxy.

We place the galaxy at a distance of 41 Mpc (5 arcsec = 1 kpc), then project it to the observational plane. The projected mock data will be affected by the viewing angles (position angles of the bar \( \psi_{\text{bar}} \) and inclination angles of the disc plane \( \theta \) of the galaxy, thus affect the internal properties that could be constrained from our models. 21 sets of mock data are created with their viewing angles shown in Table B1, we call them \( S_0 \) to \( S_{21} \) as listed. We omit the very face-on cases \((\theta < 30^\circ)\), for which the uncertainty caused by deprojection becomes large.

We take each mock data set as an independent galaxy and observe each galaxy with spatial resolution of 1 arcsec pixel⁻¹, to get the surface mass density. For the kinematic data, we first divide the particles into each pixel with the size of 1 arcsec, then process Voronoi binning (Cappellari & Copin 2003) to get a signal-to-noise ratio threshold of \( S/N = 40 \), then calculate the mean velocity and velocity dispersion with the particles in each bin. We use a simple logarithmic function inferred from the CALIFA data to
Table B1. 21 mock data sets. $\psi_{\text{bar}}$ is the positional angle of the bar, $\psi_{\text{bar}} = 0^\circ$ denotes the long axis of bar aligned with long axis of the galaxy. $\theta$ is the inclination angle of the disc, $\theta = 0^\circ$ is face-on and $\theta = 90^\circ$ is edge-on.

| Name  | $\psi_{\text{bar}}$ ($^\circ$) | $\theta$ ($^\circ$) |
|-------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| $S_1$ | 0                             | 30                 |
| $S_2$ | 0                             | 40                 |
| $S_3$ | 0                             | 50                 |
| $S_4$ | 0                             | 60                 |
| $S_5$ | 0                             | 70                 |
| $S_6$ | 0                             | 80                 |
| $S_7$ | 0                             | 90                 |
| bibkey1 | 45                           | 30                 |
| $S_9$ | 45                            | 40                 |
| $S_{10}$ | 45                         | 50                 |
| $S_{11}$ | 45                        | 60                 |
| $S_{12}$ | 45                        | 70                 |
| $S_{13}$ | 45                        | 80                 |
| $S_{14}$ | 45                        | 90                 |
| bibkey2 | 90                           | 30                 |
| $S_{15}$ | 90                          | 40                 |
| $S_{16}$ | 90                          | 50                 |
| $S_{17}$ | 90                          | 60                 |
| $S_{18}$ | 90                          | 70                 |
| $S_{19}$ | 90                          | 80                 |
| $S_{20}$ | 90                          | 90                 |
| $S_{21}$ | 90                          | 90                 |

Figure B1. A kinematic map created from a simulated galaxy, projected with the position angle of the bar $\psi_{\text{bar}} = 45^\circ$ and the inclination angle of the disc $\theta = 60^\circ$. The top panels are the mean velocity $V$ and velocity dispersion $\sigma$. The $V$ and $\sigma$ maps have been perturbed with the error maps shown in the bottom panels.

We then perturb the kinematic data by adding random values inferred from the error maps. A typical case of the final kinematic maps and the error maps ($S_{11}$) is shown in Fig. B1.

The surface mass density is taken as an image of the galaxy with constant stellar mass-to-light ratio $\Upsilon = 1$. We perform a 2D axisymmetric MGE fit to the surface mass density, which is used as the tracer density and the stellar mass distribution in our model.

B2 Best-fitting models

We take each of those 21 mock data sets as an independent galaxy, and applying the same modelling process to each of them.

We still take $S_{11}$ as an example to show the best-fitting models in Fig. B2. The upper panels are the mock data; mean velocity on the left and velocity dispersion on the right, with contours of the surface mass density overplotted. The middle and bottom panels are our best-fitting kinematic maps from model A and model B; with contours of the MGE fits to the surface mass density overplotted. The shape of bars is clear in the contours of the original surface mass density, while the non-axisymmetry of mass density caused by the bars is not included in the MGEs. The kinematics are generally matched well by our models, with $\min(x^2_{\text{test}})/N_{\text{bin}} = 1.1$ obtained for the best-fitting model. $N_{\text{bin}}$ is the total bins of kinematic data (number of apertures times number of GH moments). Unlike to the two CALIFA galaxies in Section 3.2, the kinematic data here are constructs the errors of the mean velocity and velocity dispersion (Tsatsi et al. 2015).

Figure B2. The best-fitting models of $S_{11}$. The upper panels are the mock kinematic data; mean velocity (left) and velocity dispersion (right), with contours of the surface mass density overplotted. The middle and bottom panels are our best-fitting models of model A and model B, respectively; with contours of the axisymmetric MGE fits to the surface mass density overplotted.
not symmetrized, thus the data points are independent from each other. $\chi^2_{\text{kin}}/N_{\text{kin}} \sim 1$ is what we expected for a good model.

**B3 Recovery of mass profiles**

To illustrate the recovery of the underlying mass profiles, we calculate the enclosed total mass and DM mass profiles as shown in Fig. B3 from model A and Fig. B4 from model B. The true enclosed mass profiles of the simulated galaxy are plotted with back solid lines, the thick one represents the total mass profile and the thinner one represents the DM mass profile. The mass profiles from the best-fitting models of $S_1$–$S_7$ ($\psi_{\text{bar}} = 0^\circ$), $S_8$–$S_{14}$ ($\psi_{\text{bar}} = 45^\circ$) and $S_{15}$–$S_{21}$ ($\psi_{\text{bar}} = 90^\circ$) are shown in the left-hand, middle and right-hand panels, respectively.

The $\chi^2_{\text{kin}}$ has significant fluctuation with standard deviation of $\sim \sqrt{2N_{\text{kin}}}$ in Schwarzschild models. Each dashed line in Fig. B3 is the mean mass profiles of the models with $\chi^2_{\text{kin}} - \min \chi^2_{\text{kin}} < \sqrt{2N_{\text{kin}}}$ for each mock data set. The error bars show the typical $1\sigma$ scatter of mass profiles among those models. For the enclosed total mass at $r = 10$ kpc, masses represented by dashed lines are consistent with the true values within the error bar for 16/21 cases for model option A and 17/21 for model option B. Thus, the $1\sigma$ fluctuation of $\sqrt{2N_{\text{kin}}}$ works as the $1\sigma$ confidence level, in respective to total enclosed mass within 10 kpc. The total enclosed mass at this large radius is least affected by the axisymmetric assumption of our model, thus with errors could be dominated by statistical error. We also note that the $1\sigma$ error is $\sim 10$ per cent of the total mass with this CALIFA-like mock data.

From now on, we take $\Delta \chi^2_{\text{kin}} = \sqrt{2N_{\text{kin}}}$ as the $1\sigma$ confidence level of Schwarzschild models with CALIFA-like kinematic data. And qualify how well our model recovers another properties within $1\sigma$ errors defined by this confidence level.

In the inner regions, the total mass obtained by our models is less accurate due to the ignorance of bar. And we notice that the deviation is larger for the projections with $\psi_{\text{bar}} = 0^\circ$.

The $1\sigma$ error of DM mass only is larger, with relative uncertainty of $\sim 20$ per cent. However, we systemically overestimated the DM mass by $1\sigma$–$2\sigma$ errors in the inner regions. This is caused by the NFW DM model we are using, it concentrates more DM in the inner regions than the real logarithmic DM halo of this simulated galaxy. This accounts for the possible systemic errors caused by non-perfect DM models. We expect the DM to be recovered better for real galaxies. From cosmological hydrodynamic simulations, DM haloes are found to be closer to NFW haloes (Xu et al. 2017), rather than logarithmic haloes.

**B4 Recovery of orbit distribution**

As described in Section 3.5.1, we characterize each orbit by its average radius $r$ and $\lambda_z$, indicating the circularity of the orbit, as defined in equation (9). The internal orbit distribution of a galaxy is described by the probability density of orbits on the phase-space $r$ versus $\lambda_z$.

To obtain the true orbit distribution of the simulated galaxy at the time of this snapshot taken, one has to freeze the potential, and let the particles run more than a few times of orbital period. Thus we can get the time averaged $r$ and $\lambda_z$ for each orbit that occupied by particles. We take an approximately equal but simpler approach by taking time average instead of time average, using only one snapshot of the simulation here. We consider the particles with close values of energy $E$, angular momentum $L_z$ and the total angular momentum amplitude $L$ are on the same (or similar) orbits even the galaxy is not a perfect axisymmetric system. Then we calculate averaged $r$ and $\lambda_z$ with these particles, and this orbit is weighted with the number of particles. The true orbit distribution of this galaxy constructed in this way is shown in Fig. B5.

In Fig. B6, we show the orbit distribution obtained by taken model option A. The top panels show the orbit distribution on $r$ versus $\lambda_z$ from the best-fitting models of $S_1$ ($\psi_{\text{bar}} = 0^\circ$, $\theta = 60^\circ$), $S_{14}$ ($\psi_{\text{bar}} = 45^\circ$, $\theta = 60^\circ$) and $S_{18}$ ($\psi_{\text{bar}} = 90^\circ$, $\theta = 60^\circ$). To...
Figure B4. Similar to Fig. B3, but from model option B.

Figure B5. The true orbit distribution of this simulated galaxy shown as the orbits’ probability distribution on the phase-space $r$ versus $\lambda_z$.

quantitatively compare the $\lambda_z$ distributions, we integrate over $r$ and show, in the middle and bottom panels, the $\lambda_z$ distribution for orbits within $r < 3 \text{kpc}$ and $r < 10 \text{kpc}$. The left-hand, middle and right-hand panels show the orbits’ $\lambda_z$ distribution from models of $S_1$–$S_7$ ($\psi_{\text{bar}} = 0^\circ$), $S_8$–$S_{14}$ ($\psi_{\text{bar}} = 45^\circ$) and $S_{15}$–$S_{21}$ ($\psi_{\text{bar}} = 90^\circ$), respectively.

With model option A, we generally recovered the main substructures of the orbit distribution. Counter-rotating orbits at large radius $r > 3 \text{kpc}$ are cleaned as expected. At $r < 3 \text{kpc}$, orbits span a large range of $\lambda_z$, constructing the bulge/bar-like kinematics, while at $r > 3 \text{kpc}$, high $\lambda_z$ orbits dominate in constructing the disc.

Fig. B7 is similar to Fig. B6, but showing the orbit distribution obtained by model option B. First of all, it also worked to clean the counter-rotating orbits at large radius and get some substructures of orbit distribution on the phase-space $r$ versus $\lambda_z$ by looking the top panel. However, with quantitatively comparison in the middle and bottom panels, the orbit distribution obtained by this model option B is discretized and includes too much hot and cold orbits, which deviates from the true orbit distribution significantly.

With reasonable well recovery of orbit distribution by model option A, we see that projections of the galaxy matter. Bar orientation $\psi_{\text{bar}}$ of the mock data affects the models’ orbit distribution in the inner regions. The models’ orbit distribution could easier be biased from kinematic data with a bar aligning with major axis of the disc ($\psi_{\text{bar}} = 0^\circ$) (also the mass profiles shown in Fig. B3).

Inclination angles of the projection are also important for us to recover the real orbit distribution. In general $50^\circ \leq \vartheta \leq 80^\circ$ is the favoured area. Projections with $\vartheta > 80^\circ$ and $30^\circ \leq \vartheta < 50^\circ$ still work but could have larger deviations. We include all projections with $\vartheta \geq 30^\circ$ to evaluate the quality of our models’ orbit recovery. The models’ internal orbit distribution could be biased significantly constrained by mock data projected with $\vartheta < 30^\circ$, which takes ~5 per cent of CALIFA galaxies.

We divide the orbits into cold, warm, hot and counter-rotating (CR) components at $\lambda_z = 0.8$, 0.2 similarly to that shown in Section 3.5.1, and summarize the quality of orbit recovery in Fig. B8. With model A, the orbit fractions of the four components are generally recovered well with deviation $\overline{d} < 0.05$, $|\overline{d}| = |\overline{\mathcal{F}_{\text{model}} - \mathcal{F}_{\text{true}}} = |\overline{\mathcal{F}_{\text{model}} - \mathcal{F}_{\text{true}}}|$, averaging from seven sets of models with kinematic maps inclined in the range $30^\circ < \vartheta < 90^\circ$ but with the same $\psi_{\text{bar}}$. After accumulating to just four components, the recovery with model B looks better than it shown in Fig. B7, although we still see significant overestimate of the cold component and underestimate of warm components. We adopt model option A for modelling of CALIFA galaxies.
Figure B6. Orbit distributions obtained by model option A. Top: the probability distribution of orbit on $r$ versus $\lambda_z$ of the best-fitting models of $S_4$ ($\psi_{\text{bar}} = 0^\circ$, $\theta = 60^\circ$), $S_{11}$ ($\psi_{\text{bar}} = 45^\circ$, $\theta = 60^\circ$) and $S_{18}$ ($\psi_{\text{bar}} = 90^\circ$, $\theta = 60^\circ$). Middle and bottom: orbit’s $\lambda_z$ distribution, within 3 kpc (top panels) and within 10 kpc (bottom panels). The left-hand, middle and right-hand panels show the $\lambda_z$ distribution from the best-fitting models of $S_1$–$S_7$ ($\psi_{\text{bar}} = 0^\circ$), $S_8$–$S_{14}$ ($\psi_{\text{bar}} = 45^\circ$) and $S_{15}$–$S_{21}$ ($\psi_{\text{bar}} = 90^\circ$), respectively. In each panel, black solid line is the true $\lambda_z$ distribution of the simulated galaxy, dashed with colours from blue to red indicate that obtained from models with mock data with inclination angle $\theta$ from 30° to 90°. Each dashed line is the average orbit distribution of models among $1\sigma$ confidence level (defined as $\sqrt{2N_{\text{kin}}}$) with each mock data set, the error bars show typical values of the $1\sigma$ error of the colourful lines (note that the error bars are not errors of the true orbit distribution although they are located with the black solid line). Crosses denote the average of the seven projections with different $\theta$ in each panel.
Figure B7. Similar to Fig. B6, but with model option B. The orbits’ $\lambda_z$ distributions obtained by this option B are more discretized, and they deviate from the true orbit distribution significantly, the galaxy’s orbit distributions on $\lambda_z$ are not recovered well.
Figure B8. The recovery of cold, warm, hot and CR orbit fractions. The black symbols represent orbit fractions within $r < 3$ kpc and red symbols within $r < 10$ kpc. The dashed lines are the true values of the simulated galaxy, while the thick symbols are obtained by our models, each point represents the average of the seven sets of models with kinematic data inclined in the range $30^\circ < \vartheta < 90^\circ$, but with the same $\psi_{\text{bar}}$ as labelled on the $x$-axis. The error bars are the typical $1\sigma$ scatter of each single set of model. The left six lanes are obtained from model option A and the right six lanes are from model option B.

APPENDIX C: THE PARAMETERS OF THE MGES

Table C1. MGE fits of the $r$-band image and the 3.6-µm image for NGC 4210 and NGC 6278. $L_j$ is the central flux in unit of $L_{\odot}\text{pc}^{-2}$, $\sigma_j$ is the size in unit of arcsec and $q'_j$ is the flattening of each Gaussian component. The position angles of all Gaussian components are fixed to be 0.

|   | $L_j$ | $\sigma_j$ | $q'_j$ |
|---|-------|------------|--------|
| **NGC 4210** |       |            |        |
| $r$ band |     |            |        |
| 1 | 1804.6 | 0.493      | 0.872  |
| 2 | 362.3  | 1.514      | 0.745  |
| 3 | 522.4  | 2.014      | 0.999  |
| 4 | 177.7  | 19.49      | 0.760  |
| 3.6 µm | 1 | 4575.9 | 0.406 | 0.899 |
| 2 | 1588.9 | 1.665 | 0.802 |
| 3 | 694.1  | 2.292 | 0.999  |
| 4 | 98.3   | 6.318 | 0.999  |
| 5 | 417.2  | 19.584 | 0.808 |
| 6 | 1.4    | 45.00   | 0.999  |
| **NGC 6278** |       |            |        |
| $r$ band |     |            |        |
| 1 | 4141.36 | 0.792     | 0.998  |
| 2 | 9300.93 | 0.792     | 0.922  |
| 3 | 1793.64 | 2.454     | 0.846  |
| 4 | 610.450 | 6.409     | 0.555  |
| 5 | 137.000 | 22.086    | 0.502  |
| 6 | 11.5600 | 24.500    | 0.998  |
| 3.6 µm | 1 | 55768.3 | 0.79  | 0.993 |
| 2 | 15000.3 | 1.500   | 0.813  |
| 3 | 2920.0  | 2.672    | 0.999  |
| 4 | 3708.2  | 5.809    | 0.623  |
| 5 | 669.1   | 16.360   | 0.623  |
| 6 | 177.2   | 28.00    | 0.623  |
| 7 | 40.6    | 28.00    | 0.999  |

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