

Testing a theoretical prediction for bar formation in galaxies with bulges

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ABSTRACT

Earlier studies have shown that massive bulges impede bar formation in disk galaxies. Recent *N*-body simulations have derived a bar formation criterion that depends on the radial bulge force in a galaxy disk. We use those simulations to show that bars can form only when the force constant FB < 0.13, where FB depends on the ratio of the bulge force to the total force of the galaxy at twice the disk scale length $2R_d$. In this article, we test this theoretical prediction using observational data obtained from the literature. Our sample consists of 63 barred galaxies with a wide range of Hubble classes taken from the S⁴G catalog; for the galaxies that we include, bulge, disk, and bar decomposition has been carried out. We find that 92% of our sample galaxies satisfy the condition FB < 0.13 for bar formation in galaxies and hence agree with the bar formation criterion given by the simulations.

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1. Introduction

Early studies have shown that a massive halo component can prevent the formation of bars in disk galaxies (Ostriker & Peebles 1973; Hohl 1976). The presence of a massive halo makes a disk kinematically hot and prevents bar instabilities from forming. It has also been shown that a massive central bulge component prevents bar formation as it introduces inner Lindblad resonances (Sellwood 1980) and cuts the feedback mechanism such that swing amplification no longer works (Toomre et al. 1981). Apart from bulge mass, the effect of halo densities on bar formation has also been found to be important; the corresponding criterion that depends on halo to disk mass ratios is known as the Efstathiou, Lake & Negroponte criterion (hereafter; ENL criterion) (Efstathiou et al. 1982). However, the application of the ENL criterion for bar formation is limited because the criterion is only based on two-dimensional disk simulations. Also the stellar velocity dispersion was not included and instead of a live dark matter halo, a rigid one was used to model the halo potential. These studies were limited by the availability of computational resources and hence rigid halos were used. Later studies have also shown with various models that the presence of a rigid halo does not allow the exchange of angular momentum between the disk and halo particles, which is important for the formation and evolution of bars (Athanassoula 2008).

Other studies that have examined the effect of galaxy mass distributions on bars include the effect of the central mass concentration of galaxies on bars (Norman et al. 1996; Shen & Sellwood 2004; Athanassoula et al. 2005; Debattista et al. 2006; Kataria & Das 2019). These studies claim that bars become weaker with the increasing central mass concentration (CMC) until the mass is a few percent of the disk mass, at which point the bar dissolves. Massive compact CMCs (Shen & Sellwood 2004) have been found to dissolve bars as they produce chaos in the large scale phase space region occupied by the bar, while

lower mass CMCs make bars weak by producing chaos in the smaller phase space regions of the bar.

Recent 3D *N*-body simulations of isolated disk galaxies with live dark matter halos have shown that both bulge mass and bulge concentration have a strong effect on bar formation timescales in disk galaxies (Kataria & Das 2018) (hereafter KD2018). The criterion depends on the ratio of the force due to the bulge and that due to the total galaxy; the forces are measured at the disk scale length R_d , and the criterion is given by $FB = \frac{GM_{\text{bulge}}}{R_dV_{\text{tot}}^2}$. The above mentioned study suggested that if FB > 0.35 (Force due to bulge), the disk does not form a bar when evolved under isolation.

Observational studies have also shown that a correlation exists between bulges and bars, and a possible preference for bars to form in bulge dominated systems, although this may be an observational bias as bulge dominated spiral galaxies are often easier to spot (Sheth et al. 2008; Skibba et al. 2012). In fact, the results of large optical surveys show that the bar fraction decreases with increasing bulge brightness (Barazza et al. 2008; Aguerri et al. 2009). There is also a correlation between the CMC within bulges in barred galaxies and bar ellipticity (Das et al. 2003, 2008). Also, from observations of early to late type spiral galaxies along the Hubble sequence, it is clear that bulges become less prominent (Binney & Tremaine 2008). Furthermore, some observations show that the bulge to disk mass ratio decreases from early to late type spiral galaxies (Laurikainen et al. 2007; Graham & Worley 2008). The correlation of bars with bulge to disk flux ratios (B/D) is clearly seen in Laurikainen et al. (2007) where the B/D ratio is smaller for early type barred spiral galaxies compared to early type non-barred spiral galaxies. Most of these studies indicate that bars should be less common in spirals with massive bulges, and their presence makes it harder to form bars in their disks.

However, the issue is more complicated than just bulge mass. For example studies such as Díaz-García et al. (2016) show that bars are preferentially found in galaxies in which the mass is more centrally concentrated. This suggests that bulge mass may not be the only important factor, but bulge mass concentration may also play an important role in the evolution of disk structure and bar formation in galaxy disks.

Both observations (Barazza et al. 2008; Aguerri et al. 2009) and simulations (KD2018) indicate that massive bulges do not allow bars to form easily in the disks of galaxies and that bulge concentration may also play a role. In this regard the bar formation criterion FB = 0.35, determined from simulations of disk galaxies by KD2018 is an important theoretical prediction that can be tested with observations of barred galaxies. The criterion is written in terms of parameters that can be easily obtained from observations and includes the effect of both bulge mass and concentration

We will also briefly discuss the different types of bulges, their formation mechanism, and properties since we have compared our numerical results with observations. There has been several discussions about the type of bulges in simulations compared to observations (Athanassoula 2005; Fisher & Drory 2008; Erwin et al. 2015). Athanassoula (2005) suggested that there are three types of bulges, which are classical bulges, boxy/peanutshaped bulges, and disky pseudo bulges. Classical bulges are rounder objects and kinematically hotter, they are similar to elliptical galaxies, and are thought to be formed by major mergers (Kauffmann et al. 1993; Baugh et al. 1996; Hopkins et al. 2009; Naab et al. 2014), multiple minor mergers (Bournaud et al. 2007; Hopkins et al. 2010), accretion of smaller satellites (Aguerri et al. 2001), and monolithic collapse of a primordial cloud (Eggen et al. 1962). Boxy/peanut shaped bulges are vertical, thick systems and rotationally dominated in comparison to classical bulges. They are thought to be formed by disk instability during secular evolution (Kormendy & Kennicutt 2004), vertical heating of the bar due to buckling (Combes et al. 1990; Raha et al. 1991; Martinez-Valpuesta et al. 2006), or heating of the bar due to vertical resonances (Pfenniger & Norman 1990). Disky pseudo bulges are flattened system like an exponential disk in the nuclear region. They are thought to be formed by the inward pulling of gas along the orbits and the consequent star formation (Heller & Shlosman 1994; Regan & Teuben 2004). We have discussed the comparison between bulges of simulations (KD2018) and observations used in this article in Sect. 3.

In this article, our aim is to obtain the value of FB for a sample of barred galaxies in order to test the bar formation criterion mentioned above. To make a fair comparison, we have limited the sample of galaxies with bulge-to-total mass ratios similar to that of the simulated models in KD2018. The article is organized as follows. Section 2 summarizes the bar formation criterion. In Sect. 3, we describe the sample data, its analysis, and the comparison of observational bulges to simulated ones. Section 4 is devoted to results and discussion. A summary of this work is presented in Sect. 5.

2. Revised bar formation criterion

The simulations of KD2018 showed that both bulge mass and bulge concentration play an important role in inhibiting bar formation in disk galaxies. The bulge concentration is defined as the ratio of the effective bulge radius to disk scale length. The study included two types of disk models with increasing bulge masses called MA and MB, which differ in bulge concentrations. The disk scale lengths for models MB are almost twice

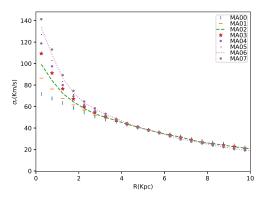


Fig. 1. Radial velocity dispersion for all MA models with increasing bulge masses. The increasing bulge mass order is from MA00 to MA07; MA00 is without a bulge and MB07 has the highest bulge mass.

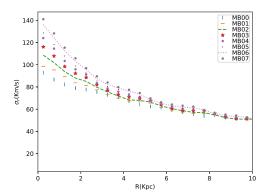


Fig. 2. Radial velocity dispersion for all MB models with increasing bulge masses. The increasing bulge mass order is from MB00 to MB07; MB00 is without a bulge and MB07 has the highest bulge mass.

that of models MA. Hence, MB models represent less concentrated galaxies compared to models MA (more details are given in KD2018). The study showed that as bulge mass increased, bars could not form in the disks. This is because a massive bulge makes a disk kinematically hotter as the central gravitational potential becomes deeper with increasing bulge mass. Figures 1 and 2 show this clearly; we find that as the bulge mass increases for MA and MB type models, it leads to a gradual increase in central velocity dispersion.

In KD2018, the models have bulge to disk mass ratios that vary from 0 to 0.7 or bulge to total galaxy mass ratios that vary from 0 to 0.41. The study showed that if the ratio of force due to the bulge component and that due to the total galaxy potential (FB) exceeds a value of 0.35, the bar instability will not develop in the disk. The relation is given by

$$FB = \frac{F_b}{F_{\text{tot}}} = \frac{GM_{\text{bulge}}}{R_{\text{d}}V_{\text{tot}}^2}.$$
 (1)

Here $M_{\rm bulge}$ is the mass of the bulge component, $R_{\rm d}$ is the disk scale length, and $V_{\rm tot}$ is the total rotational velocity at disk scale length. The study also showed that the bulge mass that inhibits bar formation is lower for models with dense bulges (MA) compared to models with less dense bulges (MB).

However, KD2018 used the initial values (i.e., before evolution) of disk scale length and rotation velocity to calculate the value of FB in the criterion. However, the disk scale length and rotation curve change significantly as a disk forms a bar and secularly evolves until it reaches 9.79 Gyr. Hence, we have revised

the calculations of FB using the final disk scale length and rotation curves to deduce FB values. In the revised version of the FB criterion we calculated the rotation velocity values at a radius that is twice that of the disk scale length. This is because this radius falls in the flat rotation curve of disk galaxies. We find that if FB exceeds a value of 0.13, the disk does not support a bar. Therefore, the revised value of the criterion is given by

$$FB = \frac{F_b}{F_{\text{tot}}} = \frac{GM_{\text{bulge}}}{2R_{\text{d}}V_{\text{tot}}^2} < 0.13$$
 (2)

Here $M_{\rm bulge}$ is the mass of the bulge component, $R_{\rm d}$ is the disk scale length, and $V_{\rm tot}$ is the total rotational velocity at twice the disk scale length.

The above formula can be applied to observations fairly easily as long as the bulge luminosity, disk scale length and galaxy rotation velocities are known for a sample of galaxies.

3. Data

The first two parameters in Eq. (2), M_{bulge} and R_d , can be obtained from the 2D bulge disk decomposition of a galaxy. For this purpose, we have used the bulge disk decomposition of barred galaxies provided by Salo et al. (2015). These 2D decompositions were done using 3.6 μ m images from the *Spitzer* Survey of Stellar Structure in Galaxies (S⁴G) using the GALFIT software (Peng et al. 2002, 2010). The study by Salo et al. (2015) provides the bulge, disk, and bar parameters of a sample of 103 barred galaxies along with reliable estimates of their bulge Sersic index and the bulge-to-total light ratio (B/T).

The other parameter in the bar formation criterion is the rotation velocity at twice the disk scale length, V_{tot} . To determine this parameter we used the Hyperleda¹ database (Paturel et al. 2003; Makarov et al. 2014). This constraint further reduces our sample size to 94 because of the unavailability of rotation curves. For some of the individual sources we have used HI line widths at full width at half maximum (FWHM), also called the W50 value in the literature, to determine $V_{\rm tot}$. It is a measure of the total width at half the peak value of the HI line and is approximately twice the disk flat rotation velocity in a galaxy. These W50 values have been further corrected for galaxy inclination angle taken from Hyperleda database to obtain final flat rotation velocities V_{tot} . These rotation velocities correspond to the outer region of galaxies. However, the FB calculation needs rotation velocities at twice the disk scale lengths and so this approximation may result in lower values of the FB constant in some galaxies. A discussion for this limitation is given in Sect. 4.

In the simulations presented in KD2018, an upper limit of 0.41 for the bulge-to-total mass ratio was used. To obtain the bulge mass for our sample of galaxies, we used mass-to-light (M/L) ratio values of 0.5 (Lelli et al. 2016) to convert the bulge luminosity to bulge mass. The bulge luminosity is taken directly from a 2D decomposition of the galaxies (Salo et al. 2015), which derived the bulge luminosities as a fraction of the total galaxy luminosity. Figure 3 shows the distribution of our sample data with respect to the bulge-to-total mass ratio. Here, the vertical dashed line denotes the upper limit of the bulge-to-total mass used in simulations (KD2018). In order to have a fair comparison, we removed the galaxies that are outside the upper limit of the bulge-to-total ratio used for simulated galaxies. This further reduces our sample to 87 galaxies. As nearly face-on as well as edge-on galaxies will lead to errors in de-projecting the rotation curves, we have only included galaxies that have inclination



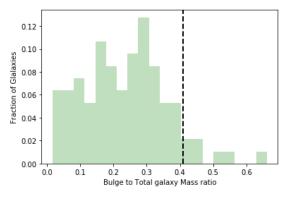


Fig. 3. Distribution of bulge-to-total disk mass for the sample galaxies. Here the vertical dashed line represents the upper limit of this ratio in the simulations of KD2018.

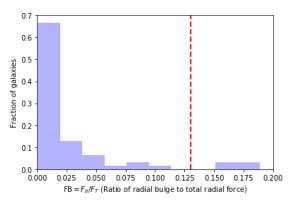


Fig. 4. Distribution of galaxies given according to the ratio FB, i.e., ratio of radial bulge force to total radial force.

angles less than 80° and larger than 30°. This restricts our final sample to 63 galaxies to include in the study. Unless otherwise mentioned, we have used Wilkinson Microwave Anistropy Probe cosmology (Bennett et al. 2013) to convert angular distances to physical distances.

To compare our results of barred galaxies with an unbarred sample, we also compiled the 2D decomposition parameters of an unbarred galaxy sample (Salo et al. 2015) to calculate the FB criterion. We obtained 113 unbarred galaxies after putting similar constraints to those we applied for the barred galaxies discussed above in this section: bulge-total mass fraction, inclination angle, and availability of rotation curve.

Data from Salo et al. (2015) used for this study define bulges based on their Sersic indices and include both classical (n > 2)and boxy/peanut bulges or pseudo bulges (n < 2) (Fisher & Drory 2008). In the KD2018 simulations, the galaxy models in the beginning of the simulations have bulges with hernquist profiles (Yurin & Springel 2014), which are typically classical in nature. As the galaxy models evolve, the buckling of the bar introduces additional boxy bulges (B/P) (Athanassoula 2005). Therefore the KD2018 models contain composite bulges at the end (Erwin et al. 2015), which have both classical as well as boxy bulges. However, the FB criterion from KD2018 includes only the initial classical bulge mass determined from the beginning of simulations. The measured observational FB criterion (Salo et al. 2015) may have a mixture of boxy/peanuts, disky pseudo bulges, and classical bulges. Hence the observed FB values will be an overestimate compared to the simulated ones.

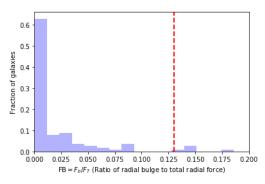


Fig. 5. Distribution of unbarred galaxy according to the ratio FB parameter defined in Eq. (2).

4. Results

Once the observational data for the galaxy sample had been obtained, we calculated the force constant FB for our sample using the bulge masses, the disk scale lengths, and the flat rotational velocities for each galaxy. In Fig. 4 we have plotted the histogram of the FB parameter for the barred galaxy sample. We find that around 92% of the galaxies in our sample lie below the value of 0.13 (Fig. 4). This confirms that the value of FB = 0.13 represents an upper bound on the fractional radial bulge force that allows bar formation (KD2018).

The barred galaxies with FB values larger than 0.13 are ES0 509-026, NGC 3489, NGC 4355, and NGC 6278. Of these, ESO 509-026 is interacting with the neighboring galaxy IC 4249 (Telles & Terlevich 1995) and hence does not agree with the isolated evolution constraint of the bar formation criterion (*FB* parameter). Galaxy NGC 3489 is also part of the Leo group (Watkins et al. 2014) and is interacting with other galaxies within the group; hence it does not agree with the constraint of isolated galaxy evolution. For NGC 4355, the HI detection may be spurious (Beckmann et al. 2006) as the HI detection has been confused with galaxy VV655 (Thomas et al. 2002). Galaxy NGC 6278 is in the phase of early stage merger activity (Barrera-Ballesteros et al. 2015) and hence again the isolated galaxy condition for *FB* criteria is not satisfied for this galaxy.

In Fig. 5 we have plotted the FB criterion value for the unbarred galaxy sample. We find that surprisingly most of the unbarred galaxies are below the upper limit of bar formation, FB = 0.13. This is because the presence of a massive bulge is a necessary condition for inhibiting bar formation in a galaxy disk but it is not a sufficient one. Therefore our bar formation criterion is a necessary condition for a disk to be stable but not a sufficient one as there are a few other factors that are beyond the scope of the simulations (KD2018).

The main difference between the simulation models and the observations of galaxies is that in the FB criterion models, the disk velocity dispersion is mainly determined by the bulge mass and the initial model parameters. However, in real galaxies there are several possible methods by which a disk can increase its velocity dispersion, such as: (1) tidal interactions with satellite galaxies (Elmegreen et al. 1995); (2) when a galaxy passes through cluster potential (Valluri 1993); (3) the accretion of a minor galaxy by a major galaxy, which heats the stars in the major galaxy disk (Qu et al. 2011); and (4) secular evolution of a bar; if a bar has dissolved and it is comparable to the bulge size, it will heat up the disk and bulge (Guo et al. 2020). Thus a disk may be stable against bar formation despite the presence of an allowed bulge mass (FB < 0.13) as suggested by our criterion

because of the higher velocity dispersion (Athanassoula 2008). This has an important implication for unbarred galaxies that satisfy FB < 0.13. It may mean that their disks are kinematically hot compared to similar galaxies that do not satisfy this criterion.

5. Discussion

The HI line widths W_{50} used in this study give an approximate estimate of two times the flat rotation velocity of the galaxy disk after correcting for inclination. However, the criterion given by Eq. (2) requires the rotation curve at disk scale length $2R_{\rm d}$. In general $V_{\rm tot}$ at $2R_{\rm d}$ will be less than $\frac{1}{2}W_{50}$. Hence, our estimates of FB are a lower limit to the values of Eq. (2). For example, in the case of NGC 4569, we initially used a flat rotation velocity $V_{\rm tot}$ of 185 km s⁻¹. However, the rotation curve shows that $V_{\rm tot}$ at $2R_{\rm d}$ corresponds to 179.6 km s⁻¹ (Sofue et al. 1999). Thus, in NGC 4569 the FB parameter changes from 0.022 to 0.024. However, both values satisfy the bar formation criterion (FB < 0.13). Similarly, if we assume that the rotation curve values at $2R_{\rm d}$ are lower by 25% compared to the maximum value of the rotation curve, which is typically the case for most of the galaxies (Sofue et al. 1999), our criterion will still be valid for 90% of the sample galaxies.

It will be interesting to explore this bar formation criterion (FB) for our Galaxy, the Milky Way, which is a barred spiral galaxy (Gerhard et al. 2002). Theoretical modeling of photometric and kinematic data (Binney & Tremaine 2008; McMillan 2011; Bovy & Rix 2013; Licquia et al. 2016) predicts that the disk scale length $R_{\rm d}$ value of the Milky Way varies from 2 to 3 kpc. The rotation curve was obtained from McGaugh (2018). There is uncertainty over the presence of a classical bulge in our galaxy (Bland-Hawthorn & Gerhard 2016). We calculated the classical bulge mass that is required to satisfy FB < 0.13 at twice the disk scale length and found that it varies from 0.44 to $0.76 \times 10^{10} \, M_{\odot}$. This agrees with the upper limit for the allowed classical bulge mass in the Milky Way, which is around $0.84 \times 10^{10} \, M_{\odot}$ (Portail et al. 2015), and is certainly a much smaller mass in the central region of Milky Way.

The simulations of KD2018 show that the central mass concentration in a disk galaxy makes it kinematically hotter, that is, it increases the velocity dispersion of disk stars. This can adversely affect bar formation as a bar will not form in a hot disk. We can see that barred galaxies obey the criterion defined by Eq. (2). On the other hand, we see that the unbarred galaxy sample does not seem to follow the bar formation criterion because it is a necessary condition for bar formation but is not a sufficient one. The criterion is insufficient due to factors other than the presence of a bulge that affect disk velocity dispersion, such as tidal interaction and satellite merging, which make disks hotter.

The effect of the bulges on a disk not only depend on its mass, but also on the bulge concentration. In this study we have not studied the observational effect of bulge concentration on our criterion because of different definitions of concentration in simulations (KD2018) and observations (Barway et al. 2016). A more detailed observational study that includes a wide sample containing barred and unbarred galaxies, is needed to test the effect of bulge mass and concentration in line with simulated results (KD2018).

6. Summary

The primary motivation for this study was to test the bar formation criterion given by KD2018 using an observational data set. We have made a small revision to the threshold value of FB for

bar formation in a galaxy disk. We find bars form in galaxy disks only if the FB < 0.13 criterion is satisfied, where $FB = \frac{GM_{\text{bulge}}}{2R_{\text{d}}V_{\text{tot}}^2}$. We applied the criterion to a sample of 103 barred galaxies for which the bulge, bar, and disk decompositions were given in the literature (Salo et al. 2015). We finally used 63 barred galaxies for the study, due to the constraints of matching the simulation models to observed galaxies and the availability of rotation curves. We find that $\approx 92\%$ of all the barred galaxies in our sample follow the theoretical bar formation criterion, and the outliers are either interacting with companions or have patchy rotation curves. We also find that our criterion is a necessary but not a sufficient condition for bar formation as the effect of disk velocity dispersion cannot be fully accounted for in this criterion as it uses isolated galaxy simulations.

In future, this study can be improved by using precise rotation velocities at disk scale lengths using Integral Field Unit data, as such data can provide rotation velocities at all radii. This is especially important for galaxies that do not have a strong gas component and for which it is not possible to obtain HI or CO rotation curves. A much broader study of the bar formation criterion for disk galaxies carried out by calculating the FB constant will improve our understanding of why bars form in some galaxies but not in all galaxies.

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Appendix A: Table

Table A.1. Galaxy samples used for bar formation criterion study.

Galaxy name	Morphology	$V_{ m rot}$	Bulge magnitude	B/T	Inclination	FB
		$(km s^{-1})$	(3.6 micron AB magnitude)		(degrees)	
ESO 027-001	SBc	87.2	13.985	0.087	37	0.019
ESO 509-026	SABm	21.8	15.55	0.232	65.5	0.181
IC 4214	SBa	204.3	11.917	0.299	55.4	0.022
NGC 0210	SABb	154.2	11.965	0.291	55.4	0.009
NGC 0254	S0-a	148.7	12.428	0.333	57.2	0.016
NGC 0615	Sb	183.4	12.819	0.201	74	0.012
NGC 0936	S0-a	341.3	11.275	0.195	50.4	0.004
NGC 1015	Sa	120.7	13.508	0.209	35.5	0.017
NGC 1022	SBa	86.5	12.269	0.278	59.9	0.064
NGC 1232	SABc	185.2	13.814	0.022	32.7	0.001
NGC 1326	S0-a	138.4	11.224	0.318	52.7	0.029
NGC 1367	Sa	232	12.382	0.138	51.9	0.008
NGC 1415	S0-a	163.6	12.598	0.174	77.7	0.002
NGC 1533	E-S0	132.7	11.697	0.249	64.8	0.083
NGC 2633	Sb	142.6	12.287	0.366	53.8	0.03
NGC 2750	SABc	86.4	13.884	0.148	45.4	0.007
NGC 2893	S0-a	107.5	13.881	0.311	39.1	0.033
NGC 2962	S0-a	203.9	12.722	0.238	72.3	0.014
NGC 2968	Sa	122.9	11.905	0.363	53.3	0.044
NGC 3061	Sc	141.4	17.023	0.022	39.6	0.001
NGC 3166	S0-a	103.9	11.123	0.274	56.2	0.083
NGC 3254	Sbc	207.8	13.398	0.158	64.4	0.009
NGC 3266	S0	264.5	13.811	0.138	34.7	0.005
NGC 3424	SBb	167.9	13.19	0.178	79.2	0.003
NGC 3424 NGC 3489	S0-a	54.4	11.2	0.176	63.7	0.377
NGC 3507	SBb	117.9	13.754	0.068	31.9	0.006
NGC 3626	S0-a	190.4	11.939	0.003	55.8	0.000
NGC 3627	Sb	174.7	10.882	0.297	67.5	0.013
NGC 3684	Sbc	120.2	15.328	0.034	50.7	0.004
NGC 3686	SBbc	120.2	14.685	0.029	41.7	0.004
NGC 3705	SABa	167.9	13.012	0.029	72.2	0.002
NGC 3930	Sc	96.9	15.853	0.034	43	0.010
NGC 3953	Sbc	215.3	12.406	0.054	62.3	0.001
NGC 4045	Sa	169.1	12.586	0.004	55.9	0.002
NGC 4043 NGC 4102	SABb	158	11.592	0.243	58.7	0.019
NGC 4102 NGC 4133	SABb	166.1	13.904	0.201	51.3	0.044
NGC 4267	E-SO	60.2	11.638	0.147	51.5 57.4	0.01
NGC 4207 NGC 4319	SBab	112.5	13.758	0.29	72.5	0.174
NGC 4355	SABa	47 195 9	13.83	0.316	68.1	0.16
NGC 4569	Sab	185.8	11.222	0.146	70.9	0.023
NGC 4606	SBa SBa	70.2 191.8	13.608	0.17	62.7 53.6	0.009
NGC 4795	SBa		13.533	0.149	53.6	0.01
NGC 4897	Sbc	168.1	13.726	0.2	38.3	0.011
NGC 4984	S0-a	125.3	11.092	0.382	47.1	0.041
NGC 5005	SABb	251	11	0.152	77.1	0.023
NGC 5195	SBa	120.3	10.122	0.253	40.5	0.024
NGC 5205	SBbc	136.5	13.734	0.287	56 77.2	0.015
NGC 5377	Sa	177.1	11.732	0.394	77.2	0.017

Note: Galaxy morphology, V_{rot} , and inclination angle are taken from the Hyperleda database. The bulge magnitude and bulge-to-total mass ratio is taken from Salo et al. (2015).

Table A.1. continued.

Galaxy name	Morphology	$V_{\rm rot}$ (km s ⁻¹)	Bulge magnitude (3.6 micron AB magnitude)	В/Т	Inclination (degrees)	FB
NGC 5443	Sb	167.6	13.608	0.144	77.4	0.007
NGC 5448	Sa	208	12.517	0.282	64.4	0.009
NGC 5473	E-S0	158	12.299	0.276	47.7	0.043
NGC 5566	SBab	204	11.511	0.228	75.6	0.01
NGC 5713	SABb	107.9	13.571	0.069	48.2	0.025
NGC 5728	Sa	224.4	11.934	0.263	53.1	0.008
NGC 5878	Sb	214.5	12.795	0.148	73.8	0.007
NGC 6278	S0	76	13.007	0.277	78.8	0.151
NGC 6923	SBb	191.1	13.334	0.137	64.2	0.008
NGC 7280	S0-a	129.4	13.23	0.223	58.7	0.012
NGC 7465	S0	95	13.092	0.357	64.2	0.113
NGC 7479	SBbc	238.3	12.958	0.083	43	0.004
NGC 7531	SABb	161.2	13.115	0.138	68.9	0.011
NGC 7582	SBab	194.7	11.185	0.252	68	0.016
NGC 7731	SBa	92.7	14.839	0.203	45.5	0.019