Galaxy formation





Cosmological simulations



From Gaussian random fields to galaxies: nonlinear dynamics of gravitational instability with Nbody and hydrodynamics codes.



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The Aquila comparison project (Scannapieco et al. 2012)

Dark matter

Gas density

band



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Mock gri SDSS composite image with dust absorption based on Draine opacity model.

NGC4622 as seen from HST

Cooling function for astrophysical plasmas

Photo-Ionization Equilibrium: depends on T and n

Net cooling rate (erg cm^3)



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Cooling function for astrophysical plasmas



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Classical theory of galaxy formation

Formation of slowly rotating dark matter halos

- spin from tidal torques
- statistical Virial equilibrium

Hot gas settles in thermal equilibrium

$$\frac{3}{2}\frac{k_{\rm B}T_{gas}}{\mu m_{\rm H}} = \frac{1}{2}\frac{GM_{halo}}{R_{halo}}$$





Radiative cooling dissipates pressure support Dense gas disc settles into centrifugal equilibrium Atomic physics sets typical galaxy masses

 $\mathcal{I}_0 = 13.6 \text{ eV}$ $M_{\text{galaxies}} \simeq 10^{11} M_{\odot}$

White and Rees (1978); Dekel and Silk (1986) Discs form from quiescent gas accretion history Ellipticals form out of violent mergers



Modern theory of galaxy formation

Radiation hydrodynamics simulations from Rosdahl & Blaizot (2012)



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Different codes, same physics, different morphologies...



Same code, different subgrid models, different morphologies...



RAMSES

Feedback and SF matter more than code type.



Feedback and star formation in galaxy formation

Very low efficiency of gas conversion into star.

Small mass galaxies are dominated by stellar feedback.

Large mass galaxies are governed by AGN feedback.



Star formation: what do we know ?

A popular theory for star formation: gravo-turbulent fragmentation. Turbulence in the ISM determines ultimately the mass spectrum of molecular cores (CMF) and stars therein (IMF) (Hennebelle & Chabrier 2008; Hopkins 2010)



Old subgrid recipe for star formation



New subgrid recipe based on turbulent SF theory

5 kpc 5 kpc 5 kpc 10^{0} 101 10^{3} 10^{4} 10^{5} 10 10^{-4} 10^{-3} 10^{-2} 10^{-1} 10^{-1} 0.33 30 10^{-2} 10^{2} 10^{6} 10° $n, \text{ cm}^{-3}$ T, K σ , km s⁻¹ $\epsilon_{\rm ff}$

Isolated galaxy simulations with subgrid model for turbulent energy.

Periodic box simulations with decaying turbulence and collapse into sink particles

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Dadoan, Haugbolle, Nordlund 2012

Energy and momentum feedback from stars



After 10 Myr, 10 Msol stars have radiated:

- 10⁵¹ erg in supernovae & winds
- 10⁵³ erg in radiation

UV radiation from stars:

- heats the gas to a few 10⁴ K
- injects momentum

$$\Delta Q_{\rm rad} \simeq \frac{E}{c} = 2 \times 10^5 \ {\rm M}_{\odot} {\rm km/s}$$

SN blast wave builds up momentum during the energyconserving phase, until its reaches the cooling radius

$$r_{\rm cool} \simeq 3 \ {\rm pc} \left(\frac{n_{\rm H}}{100 \ {\rm H/cc}} \right)^{-0.5}$$

SN blast wave enters the momentum-conserving phase with terminal momentum

$$\Delta Q_{\rm max} \simeq \frac{E}{v_{\rm max}} = 1 \times 10^5 \, {\rm M}_{\odot} {\rm km/s}$$

Stellar feedback with non-thermal energy

Stellar winds, supernovae remnants are highly turbulent environment, filled with cosmic rays and magnetic field.

Thermal energy dissipates almost instantaneously through cooling. Non-thermal processes dissipate much more slowly.

Hanasz et al. 2009 ; Scannapieco & Brüggen 2010; Wadepuhl & Springel 2011 and others...

Here, we capture the non-thermal energy as:

$$ho rac{D \epsilon_{turb}}{D t} = \dot{E}_{inj} - rac{
ho \epsilon_{turb}}{t_{diss}} \qquad \epsilon_{turb} = \sigma_{turb}^2$$



Chandra image of Tycho

The total dynamical pressure is $\ P_{tot} = P_{thermal} + P_{turb}$

Maximal feedback scenario: $\dot{E}_{inj} = \dot{\rho}_* \eta_{SN} 10^{50} \text{ erg/M}_{\odot}$ $t_{diss} \simeq 10 \text{ Myr}$

We mimic slow dissipation of non-thermal energy using delayed cooling for the thermal energy:

$$\rho \frac{D\epsilon_{thermal}}{Dt} = \dot{E}_{inj} - P_{thermal} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} - n_H^2 \Lambda \quad \text{with} \quad \Lambda = 0 \text{ if } \sigma_{turb} > 10 \text{ km/s}$$

Feedback in dwarf galaxies: a controlled experiment



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Dark matter cusp-to-core transformation

Excellent fit of the dark matter profile with a pseudo-isothermal profile

$$ho \propto rac{1}{1+(r/r_{core})^2}$$



The origin of cosmic magnetic fields

- Biermann battery at the EoR sets the initial field around 10⁻²⁰ G (Gnedin et al. 2000).
- Current magnetic fields in local galaxies reaches several 10⁻⁶ G (Beck 2015).
- High-redshift galaxies seems to have 10x larger fields, probably even increasing with increasing redshift (Bernet, Miniati & Lilly 2013)



- Successful large-scale dynamos are slow with growth rate $\simeq 0.1\Omega$ up to Ω Hanasz *et al.* (2004), Pariev *et al.* (2007), Gressel *et al.* (2008)
- Early galaxy formation MHD simulations with no or weak feedback show moderate field amplification: Wang & Abel (2009), Dubois & Teyssier (2010)
- Recent simulations Beck et al. (2012), Pakmor & Springel (2013) or semi-analytical models Rodrigues et al. (2015) favour the scenario of a small scale dynamo at high redshift.



Turbulent dynamo in a dwarf galaxy



Magnetic field generation in dwarf galaxies



Observational signatures of the small-scale dynamo



Simulation of a 10¹² Msol halo with strong feedback and comparing to new VLA spectral data on 50 quasars with/without MgII absorption (Kwang Seong Kim and Simon Lilly, arxiv/1604.00028).

Saturated small scale dynamo within strong galactic winds compares favourably with observations at intermediate redshifts.

Transition to quiescence: final magnetic configuration





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Cosmological MHD simulations



Galaxies that shine

Isolated galaxy with 5 different photons groups, photo-ionisation and dust absorption.



Rosdahl et al. (2015)

- 10¹¹ solar masses halo
- 3x10⁹ solar masses baryonic disk
- 50% gas fraction.
- 10⁶ stellar and DM particles
- 18 pc resolution
- 0.1 solar metallicity

Feedback processes:

- thermal SN energy injection (no trick)
- radiation from the B&C (2003) SEDs.
- · HI and dust opacities

Radiative processes:

- · photo-ionisation heating
- direct pressure from UV
- IR pressure from dust scattering

The problem with supernovae feedback

Consider a single molecular cloud of mass M_{gas} going supernova.

Most efficient scenario is the adiabatic blast wave model (Sedov solution).

The total energy is just
$$E_{\rm SN} = \epsilon_{\rm SN} \epsilon_* M_{\rm gas} \frac{10^{51}}{10 \text{ M}_{\odot}} \text{ erg}$$
 $\epsilon_* \simeq 10\%$
The cloud velocity is $v_{\rm Sedov} = \frac{2}{5} \sqrt{\frac{E_{\rm SN}}{M_{\rm gas}}} \simeq 90 \text{ km/s}$ $\epsilon_{\rm SN} \simeq 10\%$

The cloud is probably entirely destroyed but the gas remains within the galaxy. For the MW, the escape velocity is very high $v_{\rm escape} \simeq 700 \ {\rm km/s}$

We can consider that only a fraction of the cloud is accelerated in a wind

$$M_{
m wind} = \eta_{
m wind} M_*$$
 with $\eta_{
m wind} < \frac{1}{\epsilon_*}$
Mass-loading factor $\eta_{
m wind} = 1$ gives only $v_{
m Sedov} = \frac{2}{5} \sqrt{\frac{E_{
m SN}}{M_{
m wind}}} \simeq 300
m km/s$

Supernovae feedback hardly work for the MW, only for dwarf galaxies !

Constraints from abundance matching





Feedback in massive galaxies: supermassive black holes



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A simple model for SMBH growth and feedback

Numerical implementation in cosmological simulations: Sijacki et al. 2007; Booth & Schaye 2010 and many others. Constantly improving.

In high density regions with stellar 3D velocity dispersion > 100 km/s, we create a seed BH of mass $10^5 M_{sol}$.

Accretion is governed by 2 regimes:

Bondi-Hoyle regime
$$\dot{M}_{\rm BH} = \alpha_{\rm boost} rac{4\pi {
m G}^2 M_{\rm BH}^2
ho}{(c_{
m s}^2 + u^2)^{3/2}}$$

Eddington-limited
$$\dot{M}_{
m ED} = rac{4\pi {
m G} M_{
m BH} m_{
m p}}{\epsilon_r \sigma_{
m T} c}$$

Feedback performed using a thermal dump

$$\Delta E = \epsilon_{\rm c} \epsilon_{\rm r} \dot{M}_{\rm acc} c^2 \Delta t.$$

Free parameter epsilon_c and alpha_boost calibrated on the M_BH-sigma and M_star-M_halo relations.

Galaxy formation on cluster scales



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Booth & Schaye 10; Teyssier+10; Sembolini+11; Dubois+10,11; Martizzi+11

A dichotomy in the structure of elliptical galaxies

1774 FABER ET AL.; EARLY-TYPE GALAXIES. IV.



Structural properties of the BCG



A stellar core in massive elliptical galaxies



Core elliptical: light deficit, low ellipticity, slow rotator

SN feedback limits SMBH growth



Dubois et al. 2015

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Combined SN/AGN feedback to launch massive outflows



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