Shaping the interstellar medium with stellar feedback

Work in progress!



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THINGS (Walter et al. 2008)



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Stellar feedback in cosmological simulations Agertz et al. (2013)

A stellar population/particle of mass m_* , +IMF, + M_{star} -Z-age relation (e.g. Bertelli et al. 1994), gives us a time resolved release of:

Energy:
$$\dot{E}_{tot} = \dot{E}_{SN}(m_*, t, Z_*) + \dot{E}_{wind}(m_*, t, Z_*)$$

Momentum: $\dot{p}_{tot} = \dot{p}_{SN}(m_*, t, Z_*) + \dot{p}_{wind}(m_*, t, Z_*) + \dot{p}_{rad}(m_*, t, Z_{gas})$
Mass loss: $\dot{m}_{tot} = \dot{m}_{SN}(m_*, t, Z_*) + \dot{m}_{winds}(m_*, t, Z_*)$
Metals: $\dot{m}_{Z,tot} = \dot{m}_{Z,SN}(m_*, t, Z_*) + \dot{m}_{Z,winds}(m_*, t, Z_*)$

All rates are calibrated on the stellar evolution code STARBURST99 (Leitherer et al. 1999). See also Hopkins et al. (2012, 2014), Brook et al. (2012), Ceverino et al. (2013).

• All simulations performed using the Adaptive-Mesh-Refinement (AMR) code **RAMSES** (*Teyssier 2002*)

- Cosmic ray feedback (Booth et al. 2013) $+E_{
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Momentum generation

The initial momentum injection rates from SNe, stellar winds and radiation pressure are roughly equal

$$\dot{p}_{\rm SNII} \sim \dot{p}_{\rm winds} \sim \frac{L_{\rm mech}}{v} \sim \frac{L_{\rm bol}}{c} \sim \dot{p}_{\rm rad}$$

- IR photon trapping? Warm/hot dust? Stability of feedback accelerated $\dot{p}_{rad} = au \frac{L}{c}$ shells? (Krumholz & Thompson 2013)
- Supernovae explosions undergoing a successful adiabatic Sedov-Taylor phase, will also boost momentum (e.g. Cioffi et al. 1988, Blondin et al. 1998)

$$p_{\rm ST} = M_{\rm ST} v_{\rm ST} \approx 2.6 \times 10^5 E_{51}^{16/17} n_0^{-2/17} M_{\odot} \,\mathrm{km \, s^{-1}} \longrightarrow p_{\rm ST} \sim 10 \, p_{\rm SNII}$$

The success of momentum generation depends on environment, e.g. cooling in unresolved shocks. Thornton et al. (1998), Cho & Kang (2008) and Krausse et al. (2013) found that only 10-20% of thermal energy is converted into kinetic energy. A large number of studies just in the past year has studied momentum generation: Martizzi et al. (2015), Kim & Ostriker (2015), Vasiliev et al. (2015), Simpson et al. (2015), Gatto et al. (2015), Walch et al. (2015), Haid et al. (2016) etc.

Feedback energy injection/evolution

- Thermal feedback is inefficient in galaxy formation simulations; **the gas cooling time in dense gas is short.**
- Successful implementations of thermal feedback usually assume an extended period of adiabatic evolution (Gerritsen 1997, Stinson et al. 2006, Governato et al. 2010, Agertz et al. 2011, Guedes et al. 2011). Alternatively, one may find ways of depositing the energy outside of star forming regions (runaway stars, Ceverino & Klypin 2010), by enforcing large temperature jumps via selective energy deposition (Dalla Vecchia & Schaye 2013) or explicitly modeling super bubbles. (Keller, Wadsley et al. 2014)
 - We evolve a fraction of the feedback energy using a second energy equation (Agertz et al. 2013, 2015). This field provides extra pressure to the gas. See also Teyssier et al. (2013), Birnboim et al. (2015).

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(E_{\rm fb}) + \boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot (E_{\rm fb}v_{\rm gas}) = -P_{\rm fb}\boldsymbol{\nabla} \cdot v_{\rm gas} - \frac{E_{\rm fb}}{t_{\rm dis}}$$

 $t_{\rm dis} = 10 \,{\rm Myr}$ $f_{\rm fb} = 10\% - 50\%$

Cosmological zoom-in simulations of galaxy formation

- Milky Way-like progenitor, M₂₀₀=10¹² M_{sun} at z=0.
- Force/hydro resolution: 50-100 pc.
- Accounts for energy and momentum feedback via radiation pressure, stellar winds and supernovae, as well as associated enrichment and mass loss processes.
- Star formation based on local abundance of H₂ (Krumholz et al. 2009, Gnedin et al. 2009, Kuhlen et al. 2012, Christensen et al. 2014).

$$\dot{\rho}_{\star} = f_{\mathrm{H}_2} \epsilon_{\mathrm{ff}} \frac{\rho_{\mathrm{gas}}}{t_{\mathrm{ff}}}$$



Agertz & Kravtsov (2015 & 2016)

Star formation in Milky Way-like galaxies is expected to be highly suppressed for the first 3 billion years!

"Milky Way-like galaxies form ~90% of stellar mass after z~2.5"

Leitner (2012), Behroozi et al. (2013), van Dokkum et al. (2013)



Internal properties differ significantly!

SDSS mockups (g,r,i) Agertz & Kravtsov (2016)



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- Cosmic star formation histories
- Stellar mass halo mass relation
- Stellar mass gas metallicity relation + evolution
- Kennicutt-Schmidt relation
- Flat rotation curves
- M-r_{1/2} relation
- Surface density of stars/gas vs local spirals



Appears when dx <50-100 pc. In the current model, only 1/3 of the disk mass is in a kinematically thin disk.



Galaxy sizes (Agertz & Kravtsov 2016)



Observational data from Misgeld & Hilker (2011), Leroy et al. (2008), Zhang et al. (2012), Bernardi et al. (2012). Szomoru et al. (2013)

Surface density profiles (Agertz & Kravtsov 2016)

- Exponential stellar surface density profiles are recovered, with a normalization in agreement with local spirals
- The bulge component is prominent! This galaxy is roughly of Sa type.
- What drives the disc Hubble sequence?



Disk instabilities/bars vs. feedback



Angular momentum loss occurs inside the discs due to instabilities (fragmentation, spiral arms and bars).

- The role of stellar feedback for the angular momentum content is two-fold:
- I.expulsion of low-angular momentum gas from centers of galaxies (e.g. Brook et al 2009)
- 2.*maintain* of a low baryon fraction content via outflows in the disc to quench bar formation.This is 'easier' for low mass spirals.

Efstathiou, Lake & Negroponte (1982), Christodoulou et al. (1995), Mo, Mao & White (1998)

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- A bit unsatisfactory to have a free timescale and energy injection fraction to tune. A more proper subgrid model for these parameters would look like the Keller et al. (2014, 2016) super bubble model.
- Properties of ISM/CGM are sensitive to the implementation of thermal feedback.



Momentum generation from SNe

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- The total momentum that SNe inject into the interstellar medium depends on local density, turbulence properties etc, but doesn't change by more than a factor of ~ a few.

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(Neglects CRs)

Test of Kim & Ostriker (2015) approach in a 10⁶ M_{sun} cloud



- Unresolved/embedded SNe are initialized in the momentum-conserving phase (<3 rcool)
- Resolved SNe (~98%) are initialized in the energy conserving phase

Star formation rates in cosmological simulations



see also Hopkins et al. (2014)

Can current feedback models reproduce the density and velocity structure of the cold ISM?



Table 1. Summary of our analysed sample of galaxies from THINGS

| Galaxy | Distance | Inclination | $M_{\rm HI}$ | $M_{\rm H_2}$ | M_{\star} | Global SFR | HI beam width | H ₂ beam width |
|----------|----------|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| | [Mpc] | [°] | $[10^8 M_{\odot}]$ | $[10^8 M_{\odot}]$ | $[10^8 M_{\odot}]$ | $[M_{\odot} \mathrm{yr}^{-1}]$ | [pc] | [pc] |
| NGC 628 | 7.3 | 7 | 38.0 | 8.3 | 37.15 | 1.21 | 240 | 389 |
| NGC 3521 | 10.7 | 73 | 80.2 | 26.5 | 602.56 | 3.34 | 425 | 570 |
| NGC 4736 | 4.7 | 41 | 4.0 | 4.1 | 218.78 | 0.43 | 136 | 250 |
| NGC 5055 | 10.1 | 59 | 91.0 | 36.2 | 575.44 | 2.42 | 263 | 538 |
| NGC 5457 | 7.4 | 18 | 141.7 | 19.8 | 107.15 | 1.49 | 269 | 394 |
| NGC 6946 | 5.9 | 33 | 41.5 | 32.0 | 91.20 | 4.76 | 173 | 314 |

Galaxy simulations



- Spatial resolution of a few parsec (tests with 2, 4 and 16 pc) (gas/star mass resolution $\sim\!1000/500~M_{sun})$
- •The galaxies are evolved with and without stellar feedback for 0.5 Gyr
- We compute surface density and kinetic energy power spectra (simulated data convolved with Gaussian, data is padded by 3x the domain etc)
- Molecular hydrogen model based on Krumholz, Mckee & Tomlinson (2009)

Galaxy simulations

Gas density



Gas temperature

Grisdale, Agertz et al. (in prep)

Galaxy simulations



Observed surface density power spectra



see also e.g. Begum et al. 2006; Block et al. 2010; Bournaud et al. 2010; Pilkington et al. 2011, Combes et al. 2012; Dutta & Bharadwaj 2013; Dutta et al. 2008, 2009a,b, 2010, 2013; Elmegreen et al. 2001; Stanimirovic et al. 1999; Zhang et al. 2012, Walker et al. 2014

Simulated surface density power spectra

- Small scales (< 1 kpc) are feedback regulated.
- Large scales are sensitive to the initial conditions. Adding an extended diffuse HI distribution brings large scale P(K) closer to observations.
- However, galaxies such as NGC 6946 have a higher fraction of dense HI gas and may fit the no feedback case better.



Simulated surface density power spectra

• Turning on/off feedback shifts feedback driven result closer to nondriven result on small scales (cloud formation)



Kinetic energy spectra of HI field

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$$E_{\rm kin} = 4\pi k^2 \langle P_w(\vec{k}) \rangle$$
$$w = \sqrt{\rho} v$$

- Burgers like turbulence on scales < disc thickness. $E(k) \propto k^{-2}$
- Stellar feedback is necessary to sustain this. Large scale driving only fails as gas is trapped in dense clouds.

Effective driving scale of turbulence

$$L_{\rm d,eff} \equiv \frac{2\pi \int k^{-1} E_k \, dk}{\int E_k \, dk}$$

e.g. Joung, Mac Low & Bryan (2009)

- Stellar feedback yields large effective driving scales (~I kpc)
- Without feedback, L_d~ few 100 pc (cloud-cloud interactions?)







Conclusions



- Modern feedback models are able/designed to reproduce global properties of galaxies vs. redshift (stellar mass, disc sizes, metal content etc), but should also be tested against internal (ISM) properties
- Feedback (here a la Kim & Ostriker 2015) is necessary to match the observed density and energy structure of the ISM.
- Large scale (kpc) galactic driving of turbulence might dominate (large driving scale), but is sustained by stellar feedback via GMC dissolution/gas recycling.