# How do Massive Black Holes Get their Gas? (and Get Rid of It?)

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#### Every massive galaxy hosts a supermassive black hole



#### These BHs are "fossil" quasars



How Do Massive BHs Get Their Gas?





- Galaxy merger: good way to get lots of gas to small scales!
- *If* BHs trace spheroids, then \*most\* mass added in violent events that also build bulges



- Problem: Scale of merger: ~100 kpc Viscous disk: ~0.1 pc
- Solution 1: simple prescription
- Solution 2: re-simulate ("zoom in") and see what happens!

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3.5 4.0 log Σ<sub>ges</sub> (M<sub>sun</sub> pc<sup>-2</sup>)

3.0

Hicks et al.

VGC 108

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#### Tidal torques $\Rightarrow$ large, rapid gas inflows (e.g. Barnes & Hernquist 1991)





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#### Triggers Starbursts (e.g. Mihos & Hernquist 1996)





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Fuels Rapid BH Growth? (e.g. Di Matteo et al., PFH et al. 2005)





Gas



Large-scale simulation: follow gas to sub-kpc scales























- Cascade of instabilities: merger not efficient inside ~kpc
- *Any* mechanism that gets to similar densities at these scales will do the same
- Instabilities change form at BH radius of influence

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- M31 disk has ~0.1-1  $M_{BH}$  in old stellar mass
- Outer radius R~1-10 pc
- Moderate thickness, high eccentricity (& similar kinematics)

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 "run backwards": the M31 disk implies accretion at ~0.5-3 M<sub>sun</sub>/yr (~L<sub>Edd</sub>) for ~100 Myr (~ M<sub>BH</sub>) !

**M31:** 



## Feedback: How Does the Black Hole Know When to Stop?



- Simplest model: ~few % energy injection
- Need to see feedback on large scales, can't zoom-in: estimate BHAR from gas on ~100 pc scales
  - Good news: It's near Eddington at peak



 Springel, Di Matteo, & Hernquist: 5% of L<sub>bol</sub> back in central ~10s of pc, as thermal energy

#### *Self-Regulated* BH Growth:



#### **Predictions?**

- "Fundamental" correlation? M<sub>BH</sub>-E<sub>binding</sub>: BH "fundamental plane" (PFH et al.)
- Different correlation for "classical" and "pseudobulges"
  - Observed? (Aller & Richstone; Greene et al.; Hu; Gadotti et al.)



• Redshift evolution: as galaxy properties change (Peng et al., Shields et al., Walter et al.)

#### Can AGN Feedback Prevent Star Formation?



Helps Ensure Ellipticals are "Red and Dead"



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1000

500



But:

#### With Feedback

No Feedback

**Momentum-Driven** (vs Energy-Driven) Winds:



• BH self-regulates, but no galaxy scale "blowout"



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M51

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  - Physically/empirically motivated SF in only dense clumps (n<sub>H</sub>>>100cm<sup>-3</sup>)
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$$\frac{\dot{P}_{\rm w}}{\rm g\,cm\,s^{-2}} \sim 2 \times 10^{33} \left(\frac{v_{\rm w}}{500\,\rm km\,s^{-1}}\right) \left(\frac{\dot{M}_{*}}{M_{\odot}\,\rm yr^{-1}}\right)$$

Supernovae:

$$\frac{\dot{P}_{\rm SN}}{\rm g\,cm\,s^{-2}} \sim 2 \times 10^{33} \left(\frac{v_{\rm launch}}{3000\,\rm km\,s^{-1}}\right) \left(\frac{\dot{M}_*}{M_{\odot}\,\rm yr^{-1}}\right)$$







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• Set by feedback (i.e. SFR) needed to maintain marginal stability

# Summary

- Fueling Most Luminous BHs: Global gravitational instabilities CAN power ~10 M<sub>sun</sub>/yr! Really!
  - New Mdot estimator: neither viscous nor Bondi
- Stuff within Stuff": Cascade of instabilities with diverse morphology
- > Accretion rates & orientations are stochastic
- See stellar nuclear disk 'relics': M31 & 4486b
- >  $M_{BH}$  traces spheroid  $E_{binding}$ : self-regulated BH growth
  - Consequences for *galaxies* depend on details of feedback model & ISM
- Next-Generation Simulations:
  - Resolve the ISM at the GMC-scale
  - Couple feedback self-consistently
    - *Momentum* matters, not just energy!
    - If you don't have feedback, you shouldn't get the Kennicutt Law

4) Modeling the small-scale ISM phase structure:





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Without Feedback

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With Feedback







Some GMC Properties Emerge Generically from Feedback-Regulated Turbulence