# Mechanisms of Galaxy Evolution

Self-inflicted mechanisms: Gas cooling Star Formation Feedback

## Recall...

#### Reionisation --> leads to warm/hot intergalactic medium >~10<sup>6</sup> K



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# What happens to the IGM?



- Gas cooling strongly density (n<sup>2</sup> obviously) and metallicity dependent (>1 dex level)
- Y-axis is cooling rate / n<sub>i</sub>n<sub>e</sub>
- Sutherland & Dopita 1993

### How Gas Gets Into Galaxies

Modes of Gas Accretion (Keres et al 05):

- Hot Mode: (White&Rees 78) Gas shock heats at halo's virial radius up to  $T_{vir'}$  cools slowly onto disk. Limited by  $t_{cool}$ . Hydrostatic eqm kT/m ~ v<sup>2</sup>
- Cold Mode: (Binney 77) Gas radiates its potential energy away in line emission at T<<T<sub>vir</sub>, and never approaches virial temperature. Limited by  $t_{dyn}$ . kT/m << v<sup>2</sup>

• Cold mode dominates in small systems  $(M_{vir} < 3x10^{11}M_{\odot})$ , and thus at early times.

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#### Accretion in a Growing Halo (Keres at al 06; from Dave)

- Left panels: z=5.5,
- right panels: z=3.2.
- Halo grows from  $M \sim 10^{11} M_{\odot}$   $\rightarrow 10^{12} M_{\odot}$ , changes from cold  $\rightarrow$  hot mode dominated.
- Left shows cold mode gas as green; Right shows hot mode as green.

Cold mode filamentary, extends beyond R<sub>vir</sub>; hot mode quasi-spherical within R<sub>vir</sub>. Filamentarity enhances cooling.

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# Star formation

- ----> go to THINGS talk
- Physical picture --
  - HI collapses to molecular hydrogen, then the H<sub>2</sub> turns into stars with characteristic gas depletion timescales 2Gyr (I.e., M<sub>H2</sub>/SFR ~ 2Gyr)
  - What sets this HI to H<sub>2</sub> conversion?
- Empirical laws
  - SFR ∝ gas density <sup>1.4</sup> (Kennicutt 1998)
  - Threshold of ~10 solar masses per sq. pc. (Kennicutt 1989)
  - SFR  $\propto$  gas density / t<sub>dyn</sub> (Kennicutt 1998)
  - SFR/M<sub>gas</sub>  $\propto$  M<sub>\*</sub> <sup>0.5</sup> (Bell, in prep)

# Feedback (or, why doesn't star formation just use up all the gas straight away?)

- Energy / material / metals from stellar winds and supernovae
- Limits star formation efficiency at ~10% per dynamical time

Key papers : Dekel & Silk 1986, Mac Low
 & Ferrara 1999

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Martin, 2007 Heidelberg conference talk

### How Far Do ULIRG Winds Travel? Dynamics of Entrained (Cool) Gas

Radiatively-Driven Wind

(?) Motivated by V<sub>w</sub> ~ few V<sub>c</sub>; but dwarfs probably not luminous enough

(-) Low density (smooth) wind + measured UV/FIR requires very low NaI/Na. Measured NaI then implies large dM/dt.

Ram Pressure-Driven Wind

(+) See hot phase in x-rays now but hard to prove it's outflowing

(+) High density (pressure eq.  $n_c = T_x n_x / T_c$ ) wind + measured UV/FIR requires modest ionization correction NaI/Na ~0.1. Measured NaI then imples dM/dt ~ few tenths SFR

(+) Covering Factors



# Feedback : discussion

#### Important at all masses

- Regulating SF efficiency
- Some cycling of the ISM
- For high SF intensities / low masses, looks likely to lead to outflows
  - Issue: *plausible* that they escape, but not clear that they *actually* do escape...

#### ULIRGS

- outflow rate >~ 1/4 SFR
- energy >~ 1/4 SN energy

## Consequences of feedback

- Redistribution of metals / gas thoughout IGM
- Regulation of star formation rate
- Suppression of low-mass galaxies











# Summary I

#### Gas accretion / cooling from cosmic web

- Gas cooling rate  $\propto n^2$
- Depends on metallicity
- Hot mode (virial temp) / cold mode

#### Star formation

- SFR ∝ H<sub>2</sub> mass (Biegel, Leroy et al.)
- Empirical star formation laws
  - SFR ∝ gas density <sup>1.4</sup> (Kennicutt 1998)
  - SFR ∝ gas density / t<sub>dyn</sub> (Kennicutt 1998)

#### Feedback

- Flows follow line of least resistance
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# Mechanisms of Galaxy Evolution

Things that happen to galaxies...

Galaxy merging

# Galaxy merging : basics

- Same physics as gravitational slingshot, just backwards....
  - M = secondary mass, going at speed v<sub>M</sub>
  - $\rho$  = local density
  - C depends on how v<sub>M</sub> compares with velocity dispersion of the matter around it...

$$\mathbf{f}_{dyn} \approx C \frac{G^2 M^2 \rho}{v_M^2}$$

 Dark matter is important contributor to dynamical friction for galaxy mergers...

# Galaxy merging : dynamical friction



# The effects of galaxy merging

i) Mergers create spheroids

ii) Drives inflow of gas, burst of star formation

ii) Merger initiatesfeedback whichquenches SF

(recall spheroids empirically associated with quenched SF)

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# Mergers and spheroid creation



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# Mergers and driving star formation

Robaina's work (z~0.6), Li et al. (z~0.1)

- For star-forming galaxies, factor of 2-3 enhancement in star formation rate with interacting and merging (averaged over all galaxies, over whole *recognisable* interaction and merger phase)
- Most very intense SF events
  - Associated with interactions and mergers
  - Sanders & Mirabel 1996 is a decent review
- At present day, significant number of mergers between elliptical galaxies.

### High end of the luminosity function



At  $L > 10^{11} L_0$  infrared galaxies are the dominant population z<0.3

more abundant than QSOs

Energy from starbursts at  $L> 10^{12}L_o$ , all major mergers

In some cases, an AGN is superposed



# Borne et al 99 HST WFPC2 ULIRGS

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# Dry Mergers at z<0.7





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## Dry Mergers at z<0.7

- Using 150 Myr timescale
  - 0.5-1.5 dry merger for L>L\* galaxies since z~0.7 with mass ratios from 4:1 to 1:1
- Consistent with Somerville et al. (2008) AGN feedback model
- Rate consistent with current CMR and stellar mass size relation limits



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### Spectroscopic Wind Survey in EGS

Na I Survey @  $z \sim 0.4$  with DEEP2 (Work in Progress)

Work of Taro Sato



#### Line Strength ~ Doppler Parameter



#### Find Outflows in Blue Cloud and on Red Sequence Find outflows in high fraction of LIRGs ( $L_{IR} > 10^{11}L_{O}$ )



#### Gas-Rich Disks => Cool ULIRGs => Warm ULIRGs ==> Field E



• Ultraluminous Infrared Galaxies (L  $> 10^{12}$  L<sub>o</sub>) discovered with IRAS; Rare today (Soifer; Sanders)

•R<sup>1/4</sup> profile; high  $\sigma/v$  (Genzel & Tacconi)

•Na I Doppler Shifts 200-600 km/s2 (CLM 2005, 2006; Rupke et al. 2005)



# AGN feedback from poststarbursts?



Tremonti et al. 2007

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# I. Merger rates

#### Messed up morphologies?





HUBBLE SPACE TELESCOPE IMAGES OF DISTANT GALAXY PAIRS



# I. Merger rates

#### Merger rates

 2 point correlation function --> fraction of galaxies in close pairs in 3D space (through deprojection)



#### Introduction

The growth of the red sequence

Can mergers drive growth of the red sequence?

introduction merger rates assumptions results

Summary

# **II.** Assumptions

Assume

- Mergers between galaxies 2.5x10<sup>10</sup> M<sub>☉</sub> galaxies → red galaxies with > 5x10<sup>10</sup> M<sub>☉</sub>
- All r<30kpc pairs merge (limit)</p>
- Timescale ~ 2nr / v
  - $r_{av} \sim 15$ kpc, v ~ 150km/s  $\rightarrow$  timescale ~ 0.4Gyr
  - Very uncertain
- Only way to make z<1  $5 \mathrm{x} 10^{10} \ \mathrm{M}_{\odot}$  galaxy is through merging
- Predict rate of growth of number of red galaxies with >  $5 x 10^{10} \mbox{ M}_{\odot}$

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# III. Results

IF all mergers between gals with M >  $2.5 \times 10^{10}$  M<sub>☉</sub> → red sequence galaxy M> $5 \times 10^{10}$  M<sub>☉</sub>

> There are enough mergers to plausibly feed the growth of red sequence



### **Galaxy Mergers**

#### Galaxy Merging

- From dynamical friction (wake of particles behind secondary)
  - $\propto M_{\text{secondary}}^2/v^2$
- Makes spheroidal structures
- If gas, enhances star formation (x2-3 on average)
- Drives intense stellar and AGN feedback
- Early-type galaxies merge, produce very massive elliptical galaxies...
- ~ 0.5-1 merger per massive galaxy z<1...</li>

# The influence of halo mass (or galaxy clusters)



# Moore et al. 1999

- DM halo of a Milky Way galaxy
- DM halo of a large galaxy cluster

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- The behaviour of the baryons is the main thing that is different...
  - Efficiency of galaxy formation low for low-mass halos/subhalos
  - Efficiency of galaxy formation maximal at 10<sup>12</sup> solar masses
- Some minor differences in assembly history (rather more recent assembly for a cluster)
- Clusters filled with >10<sup>7</sup>K gas

# Cluster-specific physical processes

Ram pressure stripping
 P ~ ρ<sub>hot</sub>V<sup>2</sup>
 Restoring force 2πGΣ<sub>g</sub>Σ<sub>\*</sub>
 Stripping if ram pressure > restoring force...

#### Gunn & Gott 1972

An almost halo mass-independent physical process...

- Galaxy tidal interactions / harassment
  Interactions with dark matter halo / individual galaxies in the cluster
  - Tidal interactions
    - Drive gas to middle
    - Thicken disk (increase vel. disp)
  - Ben Moore, Kenji Bekki...

# Galaxy clusters

#### Higher red galaxy fraction

- Also higher early-type galaxy (elliptical) fraction, Blanton argues this is mostly because of higher red fraction (at least at L\*)
- Luminosity function slightly different
  more high-mass and low-mass red galaxies

#### Evolution:

Tendency towards older stellar populations

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## Question

#### Why are red sequence galaxies red?

- Merging + AGN feedback
  - This happens at 10<sup>12</sup>-10<sup>13</sup> solar masses
- Environment (ram pressure stripping, harassment)
  - This happens just in massive halos >10<sup>14</sup>



## Summary

#### Dark matter scale-free

- Behaviour baryons very scale-dependent
- Galaxy clusters
  - Lots of ~L\* galaxies --> tides / harassment
  - Lots of hot gas --> ram pressure
- Appears that properties of L\* galaxies determined before fall into a cluster
  - Clusters are a second-order effect for L\* galaxies
  - Decisive for low-mass galaxies
- Only <~1Mpc scales matter for galaxy formation</li>
  - Support for the halo model

# **Questions for Friday**

- If there were dark matter halos without galaxies in them, how could you go about finding out?
- Massive galaxies are red, massive galaxies are in dense environments. How could one tackle the problem of best finding out what is 'driving' this correlation?
- In simulations of merger --> obscured star-burst --> optically bright QSO phase, this is the time ordering. How would you go about figuring out whether nature obeys this time order?
- If you had the, say, Andromeda galaxy perfectly resolved into stars (to make CMDs) etc, what (broadly) interesting questions would you ask of the data?

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# Questions for Friday (cont)

- How would you go about estimating the ratio of 'dry' mergers (mergers with no new stars), vs. 'wet' mergers (i.e. mergers that go along with possibly obscured, IRbright star-bursts)?
- How would you go about running an ab-initio (dark matter) simulation that actually resembles our Local Group (Milky Way, M31, M33, etc...)?
- How could you go about finding out whether spiral arms or bars are long-lived phenomena (would retain their 'shape' for longer than t\_dyn)?
- If (some) galaxies contained not yet merged binary black holes, how could you tell?
  - (What should their orbital velocities be?)