RADIO CONTINUUM SURVEYS AND GALAXY EVOLUTION: MODELLING AND SIMULATIONS

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0 < redshift < 20

flux density > 10nJy



Limitations

use of extrapolated luminosity functions

lack of star forming/AGN hybrid galaxies

lack of small scale nonlinear clustering







History of cosmic star formation rate density





Dubois et al. 2012

What's the role of AGN feedback?

Horizon no-AGN



Horizon-AGN



Stellar masses

Stellar mass function



Kaviraj et al, in prep

The FIR/Radio Correlation



Yun, Reddy, Condon 2001



Mauch & Sadler 2007





Model for radio emission from star formation

Condon 1992













Grey squares: SF galaxies Black dots: AGNs

Smolcic et al. 2008









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Model for radio emission from AGN: exploit analogy between X-ray binaries & AGNs

Kording, Jester, Fender 2008

| X-ray binaries | AGNs |
|---|---|
| Hard state objects Flat radio spectra Stable, compact jets | Low luminosity AGN Accreting at low fraction of Eddington Flat spectrum radio core Energy output: jet |
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| Intermediate state sources Unstable jets Ejections of highly relativistic blobs | Radio Loud AGN Accreting at high fraction of Eddington Energy output: radiation, extended radio lobes |
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Measure accretion rate onto black hole

Compare to Eddington accretion

For low accretion $\chi = \dot{M}_{acc} / \dot{M}_{edd} < \chi_{low}$ Low luminosity AGN

Use relationship between core radio luminosity & mass accretion rate (Kording, Fender, Migliari 2006)

$$\dot{M} \approx 4 \times 10^{17} \left(\frac{L_{\text{Rad}}}{10^{30} \,\text{erg s}^{-1}} \right)^{12/17} \,\text{g s}^{-1}$$

let $L_{rad} \sim v L_v$ (assume a flat spectrum) & solve for L_v for a particular v, e.g. v = 1.4 GHz For high accretion $\chi = \dot{M}_{acc} / \dot{M}_{edd} > \chi_{high}$ **Radio Loud AGN**

Use correlation between extended radio emission & mass accretion rate (Rawlings & Saunders 1991, Willott et al. 1999)

$$\log \dot{M} (g s^{-1}) = \log L_{151} (W Hz^{-1} sr^{-1}) - 0.15.$$

Kording, Jester, Fender 2008

assuming $L_{v} = A v^{-0.7}$ (a steep spectrum) solve for $L_{1.4} = L_{0.151} (1.4/0.151)^{-0.7}$





For low accretion $\dot{M}_{acc}/\dot{M}_{edd} < \chi_{low}$ Low luminosity AGN

Model 1:
$$\chi_{low} = \chi_{high} = 0.01$$

For high accretion $\dot{M}_{acc}/\dot{M}_{edd} > \chi_{high}$ Radio Loud AGN













log₁₀ [L_{1.4GHz} (W Hz⁻¹)]



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Summary

Hard problem because predictions rely on instantaneous quantities *(e.g. SFR, black hole accretion rate)* in the simulations. Much easier to get integrated quantities to match observations!

Hard problem because physics of radio continuum emission is complex!

Hard problem because very little known about how radio continuum emission depends on black hole accretion rate!

Luminosity evolution of radio continuum from star formation depends on luminosity.

Choice of IMF changes prediction for radio continuum fueled by SF

Seem to need to suppress low luminosity AGN to get agreement with observations.