Models of BH formation – how to make a middle weight black hole

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MBHs in the local Universe: where from?

✓MBH formation

Looking for observational signatures

M_{BH}- host relationships : co- evolution of SMBHs and galaxies



from Marconi & Hunt 2004



from Gultekin et al. 2009





WHEN do you make a (super) massive black hole?

The highest redshift quasar currently known SDSS 1148+3251 at z=6.4 has estimates of the SMBH mass M_{BH} =2-6 x10⁹ M_{sun} (Willott et al 2003, Barth et al 2003)

As massive as the largest SMBHs today, but when the Universe was I Gyr old!



Hierarchical Galaxy Formation small scales collapse first



BARYONS: need to COOL only in the MOST MASSIVE HALOS, i.e. the HIGHEST DENSITY FLUCTUATIONS at z~20-30

HOW can you make the first massive black holes?

 $M_{BH} \sim 100~M_{sun}$

PopIII stars remnants

(Madau & Rees 2001, MV, Haardt & Madau 2003)

Simulations suggest that the first stars

are massive M~100-600 M_{sun} (e.g., Abel et al. Bromm et al.)

✓ Metal free dying stars with M>260M_{sun} leave remnant BHs with M_{seed}≥100M_{sun} (Fryer,Woosley & Heger) $M_{BH} \sim 10^{3} \text{--} 10^{5} \ M_{sun}$

Gas-dynamical processes

(e.g. Haehnelt & Rees 1993, Eisenstein & Loeb 1995, Bromm & Loeb 2003, Koushiappas et al. 2004,
Begelman, MV & Rees 2006, Lodato & Natarajan 2006)

Stellar dynamical processes

(Devecchi & MV 2009, Omukai et al. 2009)

Gas-dynamical processes

ANGULAR MOMENTUM TRANSPORT

Collapsing gas clouds become rotationally supported at 10⁶⁻⁸ Schwarzschild radii.

STAR FORMATION

competition in gas consumption

collisionless stars do not dissipate angular momentum efficiently

✓ SNe can blow away the gas reservoir

NO H2/ZERO METALLICITY/TURBULENCE HELP AVOID FRAGMENTATION

The central regions fulfill the conditions for MBH formation: quasistars?

gas

Begelman, MV & Rees 2006





Seeds are allowed to form if: •zero metallicity •n> I cm⁻³

Truncation of seed BH formation at a redshift ~3.5 due to metal enrichment

Bellovary et al. 2010

Stellar-dynamical processes

Devecchi & MV 2008

Instabilities can lead to mass infall instead of fragmentation and global star formation



Inflow versus fragmentation



Accumulation of infalling gas until outer disc ($R > R_{tr}$) is stable: Q=Qcrit in the outer disc

Density increases in the very inner region

$$\Sigma(R) \sim \begin{cases} \Sigma_{in} \left(\frac{R}{R_0}\right)^{-5/3} \left(\frac{t}{t_0}\right)^{2/3} & R < R_{tr} \\ \Sigma_0 \left(\frac{R}{R_0}\right)^{-1} & R > R_{tr} \end{cases}$$

VERY LOW, but NON-ZERO METALLICITY: inefficient

fragmentation unless very high density: n > ncrit, Z (Santoro & Shull 2006)

$$R_{SF} = R_{tr} \left[\frac{\Sigma_0}{c_s} \frac{R_0}{R_{tr}} \sqrt{\frac{\pi G}{2\mu m_u n_{crit,Z}}} \right]^{1/\gamma}$$



✓ gas inflow increases central density, and within an inner, compact, region where n > ncrit,Z, stars can form \Rightarrow VERY DENSE CLUSTER

mass segregation: massive stars sink to the center

 \checkmark stellar collisions form a very massive star if $t_{merge} << t_{MS}$: to avoid mass loss in SNae

✓ at large metallicity stellar winds cause mass-loss. The supermassive star collapses into a low-mass BH

at low metallicity mass loss is negligible: MBH seed!

metallicity increases with cosmic time

critical density for SF decreases

as time goes on clusters form more massive and less concentrated!

mass segregation and core collapse are slower

stellar collisions unable to build up a very massive star before
 SNae explode



Mildly unstable

very low Z



Collisions

Runaway growth Fragmentation if n> n_{crit} : inner region only

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dense star cluster formation

Mass function of seed MBHs

(MV, Lodato & Natarajan 2008; Devecchi & MV 2009)



SMBHS are grown from seed pregalactic BHs. These seeds are incorporated in larger and larger halos, accreting gas and dynamically interacting after mergers.





Wandering black hole populations...

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I. Ungrown seeds, accreted during the

galaxy's

hierarchical evolution

Bellovary et al. 2010, see also Mapelli et al. 2006, 2007, 2008,

MBHs in Milky Way





(Van Wassenhove, MV in prep)

Gas-dynamical collapse PopIII remnants

* IF BH HOST COMPLETELY STRIPPED

• accretion when passage within the region of the disk

$$\dot{M}_{BH} = \frac{4\pi G^2 M_{BH}^2 \rho}{\left(c_s^2 + v_{rel}^2\right)^{3/2}}$$

• fraction of time that a galaxy will harbor a ULX due to a wandering black hole: $0.2\% - 10^{-2}\%$

 \Rightarrow between one in 500 and one in 15,000 MW-like galaxies will exhibit one such object

* IF BH HOST RETAINED ITS CORE

• BHs would not be active unless gas perturbed in some way (e.g., passage near center if on eccentric orbit)

Bellovary et al. 2010, see also Mapelli et al. 2006, 2007, 2008,

Gravitational rocket

binary center of mass recoil during coalescence due to asymmetric emission of gravitational waves



2. massive black holes ejected from galaxies at merger



Dwarf-size galaxy

Milky Waysize galaxy

Elliptical-size galaxy

MV, Gultekin & Dotti 2010



MV & Perna 2005

 $<\!\mathrm{N_{BH}}>$



SMBHs can be built up from seeds dating back to the end of the cosmological dark ages

seed MBHs in proto-galaxies

MBHs evolve through mergers and accretion

recoils can displace/eject BHs

Ieftover population in today's galaxies