

The power of the radio : Witnessing AGN feedback and how it regulates galaxy growth through cosmic history

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Hubble Ultra Deep Field



Cosmic star formation history



& roughly parallel evolution for the growth rate of supermassive black holes in the centers of galaxies.

Main sequence of star-forming galaxies

Rate of star formation in galaxies depends on galaxy mass.

Balance between gas infall and star formation.

Origin unclear.

A subset (another sequence?) at lower star-formation rates : « Quenching »



Star-formation efficiency and gas supply



MS & SK : Is star formation in galaxies set locally or globally ?

Why is baryon cooling in galaxies inefficient?

Cosmic baryon cooling onto galaxies is *highly inefficient*

- ~20% of average cosmic baryon fraction in 10 12 $\rm M_{\odot}$ halos
- less in higher and lower mass halos



Short, transformative stages



Short vigorous stages of transformation

Release of large quantities of kinetic energy, ~ E_{bind}

Not all energy is thermalized into the hot plasma.



Where does the energy go?

multi-wavelength observations & interpretation that borrows from galaxy evolution and star formation modeling.

Impact on star formation?



Active galactic nuclei

Intense radiation field and/or radio

Entrained material HI (Morganti et al. 2005) HII (Holt et al. 2008, NPHN08) H_2 (Alatalo et al. 2011, Cicone et al. 2014, ...)

Hot wind (10⁷ K) "Piston" of the outflow

Accretion disk

Star formation Best observed in the mm

Bolometric vs. radio emission from AGN





Two forms of AGN energy output

- \rightarrow Bolometric radiation
- → Relativistic particle beams (radio jets)

[**QSO zoology :** QSOs, Quasars, Seyferts, Radio galaxies FRI/FRII, BLERGS/LERGS, Blazars, BL Lacs, ...]

How does each mechanism affect star formation in their host galaxy ?

Bolometric radiation

(Often) in actively star-forming, low/intermediate mass galaxies, high black hole accretion rates

Radio sources

At low-z (often) in very massive, early-type galaxies with radio sources, low black-hole accretion rates.

 \rightarrow Impact on gas in the host galaxy ? \rightarrow Impact on star formation ?

How do AGN regulate star formation in galaxies?



Winds as feedback mechanism



AGN-driven winds in galaxies are common !





Milky Way : Fermi bubbles



MS 0735+742 Chandra + VLA+ DSS



X-ray

cavities

BCG

McNamara et al. (2007)

Mpc radio

lobes



The SINFONI survey of powerful radio galaxies at z~2



NIR imaging spectroscopy : WIM kinematics and diagnostics of 49 powerful radio galaxies



Small range in bolometric, large range in radio power

 $\rightarrow\,$ systematic study of impact of radio source.

Gas kinematics and kinetic energy







Velocities

- Consistent w/ backto-back outflows
- Δv up to 1500 km s $^{\text{-1}}$

Kinetic energy

- $E_{kin,mech} = \frac{1}{2} \sum m_i v_i^2 t_{dyn}$ = few 10⁵⁸ erg
- $E_{kin.blast} = 1.5 \times 10^{46} r_{10}^{2},$ $v_{1000}^{3} n_{0.5} t_{dyn} erg s^{-1}$ = few 10⁵⁹ erg
- Dynamical timescale

 $t_{dyn} = size / (\frac{1}{2} \Delta v)$ = few 10^{^7} yrs



1900

1100

300

VLT/SINFONI

FWHMs

Consistent w/ high turbulence

FWHM up to 1500 km s⁻¹ (typically 500-1000 km s⁻¹)

$$E_{kin,turb} = 3/2 \Sigma m_i \sigma_i^2$$

= few 10⁵⁸ erg

- σ/v~1
- v > v escape
 for P(500) ≥ 10²⁸ W Hz⁻¹
- $E_{kin} \sim 10^{-2} M_{BH}$

Expected signatures of AGN-driven winds

No signatures of gravitational motion

- line widths \gg than in mass-selected samples of high-z galaxies with $\rm M_{stellar}$ = few 10^{11} $\rm M_{\odot}$
- no trends between kinematics and stellar mass estimates
- higher ratio of bulk / random motion than in pressure-supported (early-type) galaxies
 No evidence of rotationally dominated kinematics



Jet, QSO or star formation? Empirical arguments

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Size of the gas \leq jet size

 \neq diffuse Ly α halos (Villar-Martin et al. 2003)

Good alignment of jet and gas

("alignment effect"), e.g., Cimatti et al. (1997)

Energy constraints

Jet kinetic energy > gas kinetic energy







Nesvadba et al. (2006, 08, 11, 17), Collet, NPHN et al. (2015, 16)

... are winds all there is to feedback?

probably not

Three main arguments

(I) The basic picture that galaxies w/o star formation are also poor in gas is oversimplified

(II) AGN activity is variable, but feedback is continuous.

(III) What is the impact on star formation?

AGN feedback and star formation



FIR SED fitting, Herschel-Atlas

Quasars are near the main sequence,

for optically, radio-loud/radio-quiet, and X-ray selected sources.

SINS and other IFU surveys of optically selected SFGs

AGN hosts do not show significant offsets from the main sequence.

Warm H₂ in radio galaxies

Ogle et al. (2007)





Nesvadba et al. (2010, 2011)

Inefficient star formation in radio galaxies



Inefficient star formation in radio galaxies (???)







Feedback in galaxy evolution

- After 20 years of work: <u>Winds are very frequent in many types of AGN hosts</u>, but are not enough by themselves to explain why star formation is inefficient in massive galaxies.
- We need to identify in detail how it works: alternatives are not ruled out.
- Next step: Constrain well how, when, and where the energy is pumped into the gas. What effect does this have on the gas, and is this enough to limit star formation within the theoretical framework of turbulence-regulated star formation that we currently have ? \rightarrow This is best done in the radio !
- Many new questions to be addressed, before answering the main one :

(How) Do AGN regulate galaxy growth ?

LOFAR, JVLA, SKA : New possibilities in the (c)m



LOFAR: 10-250 MHz, 100 km LoTSS : 100 µJy all-sky, <u>5" (25")</u>

Importance of low frequency, low surface brightness

Radio sizes :

- Timescale of energy injection ?
- Total energy over activity period
- Jet advance speed
- Reacceleration processes ?
- Probe of environment
- Range of impact

Radio ages :

- Timescale of energy injection ?
- Duty cycle / global impact of feedback

Radio relics :

- Dissipation of kinetic energy in the ISM
- Long-term effect of turbulence

More energetic electrons "age" faster :

Kinetic jet power best measured at low frequencies $!!! \rightarrow AGN$ energy input





Radio AGN are frequent !

Sabater et al. (2018), LoTSS :

All massive galaxies w/ $\rm M_{_{stellar}} > 10^{11} \rm \, M_{_{\odot}}$ have nuclear radio source w/ $> 10^{21} \rm \, W \, Hz^{-1}$!

However, more powerful sources are very rare ...

What does that imply for feedback ?? Impact during galaxy formation at high redshift? Intermittency, duty cycle? Feedback mechanism? Efficiency of interaction?





Population studies

 Low-power radio sources in up to 30% of early-type galaxies in the SDSS (Best et al. 2005)

 $\rightarrow E_{\text{mech,jet}} \text{ balances } L_x$

(Best et al. 2006)





 30% of radio galaxies in the SDSS have broad, slightly blueshifted interstellar NaD absorption.

→ dM/dt ~ 10 M_s yr⁻¹ → dE/dt ~ 10⁴² erg s⁻¹, 1-10% E_{jet}

(Lehnert, Tasse, NPHN et al. 2011)

Mechanism of radio emission ?

Alternative mechanisms to relativistic jets

- Shocks from radiation-driven winds in radio-quiet quasars ? (Zakamska et al. 2014)
- Star formation?

Far-infrared radio correlation

- Supernova remnants
- Free-free emission in HII regions

Redshift surveys of star-forming galaxies with SKA-1.

Distinguish different mechanisms producing radio emission !!



The far-infrared radio correlation

Summary

