Modelling the connection between galaxies and their dark matter halos

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The efficiency of galaxy formation



- Galaxy formation very inefficient
- Globally only a few percent (~5%) of baryons are stars
- Different processes set efficiency of galaxy formation in different mass DM halos

Attempt to model the physics that shape this relation using gas simulations and semi-analytical models

Gas dynamics simulations: e.g. EAGLE



What is semi-analytical modelling?

A new model of galaxy formation

Lacey et al. 2015

Follow baryons in halo merger tree



Solve set of coupled differential equations

Baugh 2006, Benson 2010

What is semi-analytical modelling?

• Model parameters – too many?

Model parameters

| parameter | value | range | type=F/P/S | description | Eqn/paper |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Cosmology | | | | Komatsu et al. (2011) | |
| Ω_{m} | 0.272 | - | F | matter density | |
| $\Omega_{\rm b}$ | 0.0455 | - | F | baryon density | |
| h | 0.704 | - | F | Hubble parameter | |
| σ_8 | 0.81 | - | F | Fluctuation amplitude | |
| n_s | 0.967 | - | F | Scalar spectral index | |
| Stellar population | | | | | Maraston (2005) |
| IMF : quiescent | | | | | |
| x | Kennicutt | - | F | IMF | Eq. 32 |
| p | 0.021 | - | F | yield | Eq. 31 |
| R | 0.44 | - | F | recyled fraction | Eq. 30 |
| IMF : starburst | | | | | - |
| x | 1 | 0-1 | Р | IMF slope | Eq. 32 |
| p | 0.048 | - | Р | yield | Eq. 31 |
| R | 0.54 | - | Р | recyled fraction | Eq. 30 |
| Star formation: quiescent | | | | | Lagos et al. (2011b |
| $\nu_{ m SF}$ | $0.74 \mathrm{Gyr}^{-1}$ | $0.25 - 0.74 Gyr^{-1}$ | Р | efficiency factor for molecular gas | Eq. 7 |
| P_0 | $1.7	imes10^4$ | - | F | normalisation of pressure relation | Eq. 6 |
| α_P | 0.8 | - | F | slope of pressure relation | Eq. 6 |
| Star formation: bursts | | | | | Baugh et al. (2005) |
| $f_{ m dyn}$ | 20 | 0 - 100 | Р | Multiplier for dynamical time | Eq. 9 |
| $\tau_{\rm *burst,min}$ | 0.1 Gyr | 0-1.0 | Р | minimum burst timescale | Eq. 9 |
| Photoionization feedback | | | | | Benson et al. (2003 |
| $z_{\rm reion}$ | 10 | - | F | reionization redshift | |
| $V_{\rm crit}$ | $30 \rm km s^{-1}$ | - | F | threshold circular velocity | |

Table 1. Table of parameters. F=fixed, P=primary, S=secondary. P_0 has units $k_B \text{cm}^{-3} \text{K}$.

Lacey et al. 2015

Model parameters

| SNe feedback | | | | | Cole et al. (2000) |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|------------|---|--|-----------------------|
| $V_{\rm SN}$ | $320 \rm km s^{-1}$ | anything | Р | pivot velocity | Eq. 10 |
| $\gamma_{ m SN}$ | 3.2 | 0-5.5 | Р | slope on velocity scaling | Eq. 10 |
| $lpha_{ m ret}$ | 0.64 | 0.3-3 | Р | reincorporation timescale multiplier | Eq. 11 |
| AGN feedback & SMBH growth | | | | | Bower et al. (2006) |
| $f_{ m BH}$ | 0.005 | 0.001-0.01 | S | fraction of mass accreted onto BH in starburst | Malbon et al. (2007) |
| $\alpha_{ m cool}$ | 0.8 | 0-2 | Р | ratio of cooling/free-fall time | Eq. 12 |
| $f_{ m Edd}$ | 0.01 | - | S | controls maximum BH heating rate | Eq. 13 |
| $\epsilon_{ m heat}$ | 0.02 | - | S | BH heating efficiency | |
| Disk stability | | | | | Cole et al. (2000) |
| F_{stab} | 0.9 | 0.9-1.1 | Р | Threshold for instability | |
| Galaxy mergers | | | | | Jiang et al. (2008) |
| Size of merger remnants | | | | | Cole et al. (2000) |
| $f_{ m orbit}$ | 0 | 0 - 1 | S | orbital energy contribution | Eq. 19 |
| $f_{ m DM}$ | 2 | - | S | dark matter fraction in galaxy mergers | |
| Starburst triggering in mergers | | | | | Baugh et al. (2005) |
| $f_{ m ellip}$ | 0.3 | 0.2 - 0.5 | Р | Threshold on mass ratio for major merger | |
| $f_{ m burst}$ | 0.05 | 0.05 - 0.3 | Р | Threshold on mass ratio for burst | |
| Dust model | | | | | Granato et al. (2000) |
| $f_{ m cloud}$ | 0.5 | 0.2 - 0.8 | Р | fraction of dust in clouds | |
| $t_{ m esc}$ | 1Myr | 1-10 Myr | Р | escape time of stars from clouds | |
| β_b | 1.5 | 1.5 - 2 | S | sub-mm emissivity slope in starbursts | Eq. A17 |

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- Parameter calibration

Local galaxy luminosity function

Calibrated model

Vary strength of SNe feedback



Try different parameter values until model reproduces target data

Lacey et al. 2015



Lacey et al 2015

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- Modular upgrade implementation of physics

An example of semi-analytics in action: Modelling star formation: old method

Parametric forms for the SF law

$$\psi = \frac{M_{\rm cold}}{\tau_{\star}}$$



What drives star formation?



The Blitz & Rosolowski law (BR) Leroy et al. (2008), Bigiel et al. (2008)

$$\frac{\Sigma(H_2)}{\Sigma(HI)} = \left(\frac{P_{\text{ext}}}{P_0}\right)$$
$$\Sigma_{\text{SFR}} = \nu_{\text{SF}} \Sigma_{\text{mol}}$$

The mass function of atomic hydrogen



- Improved modelling of star formation
- Reduced volume of parameter space
- New predictions: HI mass function and CO LF
- Illustrates modular approach of semianalytics

Simulated ALMA images of GALFORM galaxies



(see Lagos et al. 2012 GALFORM + UCL_PDR model)

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- Multi-wavelength/multi-property outputs

UV luminosity function at high-z



Lacey et al. 2011

UV luminosity function at high-z



Lacey et al. 2011



 $S_{1100\mu m} (mJy)$

Cowley et al. 2014

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- Multi-wavelength outputs
- Complementary to gas simulations

SAMs vs gas simulations



Schaye et al. 2014

The galaxy – halo connection

How robust are the predictions of different semi-analytical models?

How well do empirical clustering models (HOD, SHAM) describe SAMS?

Contreras et al. 2013, arXiv:1301.3497 Contreras et al. 2014 ← → ∂ ∞ S Web galaxy-cata

Virgo - Millennium Database



Comparison of public results

N-BODY

Millennium – I N-body simulation

Independent construction of DM halo merger trees

SEMI-ANALYTICS

Bower et al. 20006 De Lucia & Blaizot 2007 Bertone et al. 2007 Font et al. 2008 Guo et al. 2011 Different physics implementations: AGN feedback, SNe feedback, gas cooling in satellites

Different observations used to set Model parameters

How many galaxies?

Cumulative number densities for stellar mass, cold gas mass, SFR



How many galaxies in each halo?

Galaxies ranked by STELLAR MASS: Decreasing galaxy abundance



Halo Occupation Distribution: model OUTPUT

Contreras et al. 2013

Clustering: stellar mass samples



Contreras et al. 2013

Small scale clustering differences: Median radius of galaxy pairs in halo



Contreras et al. 2013

Cold Gas Mass Sample



How do galaxy properties change with sub-halo mass?

Does the output of SAM look like SHAM?



Which subhalos host galaxies?



Samples defined by STELLAR MASS

Contrast SAM predictions with simple SHAM

Contreras et al 2014

Does SHAM reproduce SAM? Impact on correlation function



Compare clustering predicted directly by semi-analytic model with that predicted using a simple SHAM reconstruction

Contreras et al. (2014)

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RED: Indirect: SHAM on stellar mass, use model SFR/stellar mass ratio Empirical reconstructions over predict the semi-analytic clustering

Contreras et al. (2014)

Conclusions

- Semi-analytical models allow us to test our ideas about galaxy formation: complementary to gas sims
- Robust predictions for clustering of galaxies selected by stellar mass
- Less robust predictions for abundance and clustering of SFR & cold gas mass selected samples: variation in one-halo term – different numbers of satellites
- Generic features predicted in HOD
- HOD(M*) looks like standard form
- HOD(SFR or cold gas) peaked different
- Some properties close to SHAM assumption e.g. M*
- Others very different from SHAM e.g. cold gas mass

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GALFORM – The Movie