

Supermassive black hole dynamics and evolution at redshifts z>5 z>6 using KETJU

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The three phases of SMBH binary evolution

• Dynamical friction

 Three-body interactions, gas physics



Gravitational wave emission

Adapted from Amaro-Seoane et al. 2023

SMBH dynamics in cosmological simulations

- The mass ratio $m_{\rm BH}/m_{\rm star}$ can be quite small, BH repositioning traditionally used
- Modern simulations often use a subgrid model to account for unresolved dynamical friction
- Tremmel et al. 2015 model: based on Chandrasekhar 1943 dynamical friction formula

$$\boldsymbol{a}_{\mathrm{DF}} = -4 \,\pi G^2 M_{\mathrm{BH}} \rho (< v_{\mathrm{BH}}) \ln \Lambda \frac{v_{\mathrm{BH}}}{v_{\mathrm{BH}}^3}$$



Adapted from Ma et al. 2023

KETJU

- Removes softening between SMBHs and stellar particles using a regularized integrator
- SMBH binaries also not softened, post-Newtonian corrections up to PN3.5
- Has been used in cosmological zoom-in simulations (Mannerkoski et al. 2021, 2022), but only at relatively low redshifts (z≤0.815), BH repositioning used before this redshift
- KETJU/GADGET-4 version publicly available https://www.mv.helsinki.fi/home/phjohans/ group-website/research/ketju/



Mannerkoski et al. 2023

KETJU's Brownian motion strongly depends on the BH/stellar particle mass ratio

 Isolated Hernquist sphere, SMBH starting at the center

• Decreasing $m_{\rm BH}/m_{\rm star}$ increases median distance from the center

Wander away from the center

 → delayed BH binary formation
 in galaxy mergers



Combining KETJU with a subgrid model

 KETJU used if the SMBH mass is above a mass limit

• The Tremmel et al. 2015 subgrid model used until the mass limit is reached



Cosmological zoom-in setup



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No large effect on BH mass when allowing super-Eddington accretion

- Galaxies grow in stellar mass before SMBHs, which starts to grow efficiently at stellar masses ${\sim}10^9 {\rm M}_{\odot}$
- No large differences between super-Eddington and Eddington-limited accretion

• No overmassive black holes



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SMBHs begin to grow in very compact galaxies

 Forming galaxies seem to grow in stellar mass and decrease in half-mass radius

- SMBHs start to grow ~at the same time as half-mass radius begins to decrease
- Most compact sizes agree well with the sizes of LRDs



BH feedback prevents further size decrease

- Very recently, Shashank et al. (2024) discussed how the ratio sBHAR/sSFR reflects how gas is used between star formation and BH accretion
- Ratio sBHAR/sSFR<1 → skewed towards making galaxy more compact, ratio above 1 prevents further size shrinking
- BH feedback causes star formation to be more spread out

Dirstibution of change in $r_{\rm eff}$, $10^8 {
m M}_{\odot} \le M_{\star} \le 10^{10} {
m M}_{\odot}$



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Summary

- With low mass ratios, Brownian motion of a BH can be large with KETJU
- Combining KETJU with a dynamical friction subgrid model allows the use of KETJU in a cosmological setting without picking the KETJU integration start time by hand
- At high redshifts, our simulation produces SMBHs that start to grow in very compact galaxies, with BH accretion increasing the size of the stellar component
- KETJU integrated mergers coming soon!
 Thank you!

