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# Supermassive black hole dynamics under the grid

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# The need of BHs



# Outline

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Bondi accretion (Bondi+52):





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Bondi accretion (Bondi+52):  $\dot{M}_{BH} = \frac{4\pi G^2 M_{BH}^2 \rho}{\left(c_s^2 + v^2\right)^{3/2}} \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0}\right)^2 \qquad \mathbf{F} = -f(\mathcal{M})\rho \left(\frac{GM_{BH}}{c_s}\right)^2 \frac{\mathbf{v}}{v} \left(\frac{\rho}{\rho_0}\right)^2$ 

It makes little difference because "our resolution is too poor to capture the coldest and densest region of the ISM, therefore accretion and friction must be boosted".

This gives you the Horizon-AGN BHs. As shown earlier, this model is excellent in reproducing the properties of galaxies. However...

# Limits

- Which value should be given to  $ho_0$
- No physically motivated argument to this boost (calibrated by Booth&Schaye 09)
- In the central region, stars are likely to dominate the dynamics

We can implement unresolved DF from stars/DM similarly to what exists for gas, and see what happens!





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### The model

$$\vec{F}_{\star} = -4\pi \mathbf{G}^2 M_{\bullet}^2 \frac{\vec{v}_{\bullet}}{v_{\bullet}^3} \left\{ \ln \Lambda \int_0^{v_{\bullet}} 4\pi v^2 f(v) dv + \dots \right.$$

$$\dots \int_{v_{\bullet}}^{\infty} 4\pi v^2 f(v) \left[ \ln \left( \frac{v + v_{\bullet}}{v - v_{\bullet}} \right) - 2 \frac{v_{\bullet}}{v} \right] dv \right\}$$
with:
$$\ln \Lambda = \ln(4\Delta x/r_{\mathrm{def}})$$

$$4\pi v^2 f(v) = \frac{3}{256\pi\Delta x^3} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{S}} m_i \delta(v_i - v)$$











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### Tests

- BH falling in a NFW halo.
- Comparison with theoretical estimates of Taffoni+03.
- Resolution 50 pc >  $r_{def}$  ~ 10 pc

- BH falling in a 'complete' galaxy with DM, stars, gas and many physical processes such as star formation, cooling, feedback etc...
- Comparison with a very high resolution simulation



#### **Tests**



#### Tests



# Scaling





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# **Numerical set-up**

- 1e12 Msun halo at z=1.5
- 70 pc resolution, 1e6 Msun DM particles, 1e4 Msun stellar particles
- Mechanical feedback, Turbulent star formation, cooling
- The seed mass of BHs is 1e4 Msun
- 1 simulation with the gas dynamical friction **boosted** 1 simulation with the gas, stellar and DM dynamical friction others to come and analyse...

# **Preliminary results**



![](_page_26_Picture_0.jpeg)

- RAMSES includes a new physically motivated subgrid model for DF from stars and DM.
- The mergers of BHs might take longer than what previous simulations indicate.
- This model is not enough to solve the 'non growing BHs issue' (at least for 1e4 Msun seeds).