

Big Data applications for Black hole Evolution Studies

Shaping galaxies via DREAM The DiscRete statistical sEmi-empiricAl Model

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Background image by C. Marsden from the Astera project (Marsden & Shankar 2020).



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Motivations

The galaxy stellar mass function

- Systematics in stellar mass measurements
- Different works/observations suggest different shapes and evolutions for the galaxy stellar mass function (SMF)
- Especially the high-mass end of the SMF is poorly constrained





Methodology



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Methodology

The role of the SMHM relation



BⁱD₄BES^t

DREAM (DiscRete statistical sEmi-empiricAl Model) (Fu H., Shankar F., et al. 2022, MNRAS, resubmitted)

- Generation of dark matter (sub)halo population.
- Populating haloes with galaxies.
- Evolution of subhaloes/satellites after infall.

Methodology





Main goals

DREAM can rapidly probe the impact of the SMHM relation on:

- Galaxy-galaxy mergers.
- Satellite galaxy abundances.
- Star formation histories.
- Morphologies and B/T ratios.



Galaxy-galaxy major mergers





- We follow galaxy-galaxy mergers from redshift z = 4.
- **Different SMHM relations lead to different galaxy merger histories.**

Satellite galaxy abundances

The rate of mergers impacts the numbers of satellites!



Results

Elliptical type galaxies

Ellipticals in DREAM:

- Can major mergers generate the right fraction of ellipticals?
- It depends on the SMHM relation and the major merger mass ratio threshold.
- Only a redshift-evolving SMHM relation can reproduce the observational local fraction of ellipticals.



Results



Fraction of Bulge-to-Total ratios

Modelling galaxy bulges in DREAM:

- Can mergers build the right B/T ratio?
- Need disc instabilities?



Results



Results

Star formation histories

Galaxies grow their mass via both in-situ (e.g., star formation) and ex-situ processes (e.g., mergers)





Our main results are summarized as below:

- Galaxy major merger rates, satellite abundances, elliptical fractions, B/T ratios and SFHs are highly sensitive to the input SMHM relation.
- A SMHM relation implied by a SMF with larger number or massive galaxies and significant evolution in redshift, is more suitable to reproduce simultaneously the **satellite abundances** in the local Universe as inferred by observations.
- The same SMHM relation can also reproduce the fraction of local elliptical galaxies on the assumption that they are formed by major mergers with mass ratio > 0.25, and the mean B/T ratio with contribution from disc instabilities at low stellar masses.