











The Questions ?

Can we start with initial conditions taken from the now standard model of cosmology, add standard physics, compute forwards and end with galaxies like those we see about us?

Predictive and falsifiable. It could fail! [Unlike the "semi-analytic" method]

What ingredients in physics are essential?

Focus on massive galactic systems - giant ellipticals.



But first, what have we learned from 50 years of *observations*?

- Giant elliptical galaxies form early and grow in size and mass without much late star-formation.
- Major mergers are uncommon at late times (or else disk galaxies would have been destroyed).
- Dark matter does not dominate the inner parts of elliptical galaxies.
- Half of all metals are ejected from massive systems (*cf* winds and cluster metals).















First Step: Evolution of Dark Matter Component

- 1) Put down particles on a grid (~ 10^9 particles) with slight perturbations of the positions consistent with the early large scale structure given by CBR.
- 2) Give them small velocities consistent with the density structure and the continuity equation.
- 3) Calculate the accelerations of all the particles from Newton's laws (in principle a calculation of order N*(N-1)/2). But algorithms are used which are N*log(N).
- 4) Advance positions and velocities given the velocities and accelerations to find the new distribution of particles.
- 5) Go back to step (3) and iterate to find the evolution of structure.





Second Step: hydrodynamic treatment of one piece.

- Select region of interest.
- Put down finer grid.
- Add hydrodynamic equations.
- Add atomic physics: adiabatic, + cooling, +heating, + non-equilibrium ionization.
- Radiative transfer: global average, +shielding of sinks, +distribution of sources.
- Heuristic treatment of star-formation.
- Repeat calculation using tidal forces from larger region and do details of smaller region.



Overall Picture of Two-Phase Growth		
Phase	In situ star formation	Accretion of stars
Epoch	6>z>2	3>z>0
Baryonic mass source	Cold gas inflows	Minor and major mergers
Size of region	< ~ 1kpc	~ 10 kpc
Stellar metallicity	Super-solar	Sub-solar
Energetics	Dissipational	Conservative

































 For massive systems the 1977 work of Binney, Silk and Rees & Ostriker appears to be correct :

Cooling time of gas becomes longer than the dynamical time and star formation ceases. Systems live in hot bubbles and then grow by accretion of smaller stellar systems.

3) Why is there a dramatic evolution of size?4) Why is galaxy "red and dead" early but continues to grow in luminosity?

- Evolution of size is apparent, not real.
 Both components keep roughly constant in size, but mean size grows as accreted material dominates.
- During the second phase, the luminosity and stellar mass may double but very few stars are formed.

 $-(\Sigma_{\rm F}/\Sigma_{\rm I}) = [(1+\eta \varepsilon)^2/(1+\eta)^3]$

If the "accretion" consists of "major mergers", with mass ratio unity, then ε is also unity and the above formulae reduce to the classic result,

BUT

If the added systems have much lower velocity dispersions than the original system, then $\varepsilon \ll 1$, and the velocity dispersion declines, with the surface density declining dramatically, as in the numerical simulations.

Conclusions: High Mass Systems

- High resolution SPH simulations without feedback produce normal, massive but small elliptical galaxies at early epochs from in-situ stars made from cold gas.
- Accreted smaller systems add, over long times, a lower metallicity stellar envelope of debris (obvious test exists).
- The physical basis for the cutoff of star-formation is gravitational energy release of in-falling matter acting through -PdV and +Tds energy input to the gas.
- This simple two phase process explains the decline in velocity dispersion and surface brightness at later times.
- Feedback from SN and AGN are real phenomena but secondary and mainly important for clearing out gas at late times and reducing stellar mass as compared to the simulations.

