# Growth and X-rays from Intermediate mass black holes



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# Basic question: what is the Bondi accretion rate including the effects of radiation feedback?

#### Work based on KwangHo Park's PhD Thesis



- PhD 2012 University of Maryland
- Postdoc at Carnegie Mellon (with T. DiMatteo)
- References:
  Park & Ricotti 2011, ApJ, 739, 2
  Park & Ricotti 2012, ApJ, 747, 9
  Park & Ricotti 2013, ApJ, 767, 163

# **Fueling of BHs**

- Complex topic, related to star formation, galaxy formation, galaxy mergers, and feedback effects
- Large body of work in literature on growth of SMBHs at the center of galaxies: complex because of interplay between galaxy and SMBH (e.g., see Luca Ciotti's work, and many others .... di Matteo+, Haiman+, Hernquist+, Ho+, Hopkins+, Johnson+, Milosavljevic+, Nagamine +, Ostriker+, Proga+, Spaans+, Volonteri+, ...etc)

## How it all started: Bondi-Hoyle and Eddington Accretion

1) Sphere of influence of the BH's gravity:  $\dot{M}=\pi R^2
ho v$ 

Obtain the Bondi radius<br/>setting the escape<br/>velocity=sound speed:<br/>Bondi accretion rate (Bondi 1952): $R = \frac{2GM}{c_s^2}$ <br/> $\dot{M} = \frac{4\pi\rho G^2 M^2}{c_s^3}$ 

2) Effect of radiation pressure on e<sup>-</sup> (Compton scattering)

$$L_{\rm bol} = L_{\rm Eddington} = \frac{4\pi G c m_p}{\sigma_e} M_{\rm BH}$$
$$= 1.26 \times 10^{38} {\rm erg \, s^{-1}} \left(\frac{M_{\rm BH}}{M_{\odot}}\right). \tag{6}$$

# But there is much more:

- Radiation feedback: thermal, rad pressure
  - If ambient gas is neutral: photoionization
- Effect of angular momentum of gas produces a thin disk (alphadisk)
- Non-trivial boundary conditions and external gravitational potential (stars and dark matter in a galaxy)
- Fueling by stellar winds, mergers, etc.
- Details depend on the halo mass and mass of the BH:
  - 1. Dwarf and Milky Way size galaxies: gas is mostly neutral
  - 2. Clusters and massive elliptical galaxies: IC gas is diffuse and collisionally ionized

However, for IMBHs the Bondi radius is small with respect to galactic scales several of these complications are less relevant

## Philosophy of our approach

• We take one step back: try to understand the Bondi problem with radiation feedback:

#### $L = \eta (dM_{rmin}/dt)c^2$

- Simple initial conditions (IC) + parametric study = analytic modeling
- Aim is to have more accurate formulae than the Bondi equations to model accretion onto IMBH and perhaps SMBH in large scale cosmological simulations
- Results are qualitatively different with respect to Bondi's equations + surprising rich phenomenology even with very simple IC!
- Simulations focus on IMBHs in first galaxies (high-density), but our analytical scaling relationships apply to wide range of BH masses (with the many caveats mentioned before)

## **Numerical Simulations**

#### - ZEUS-MP (Hayes et al. 2006) + Radiative Transfer (Ricotti et al. 2001)

- 1D and 2D Hydrodynamics + ray-tracing module
- Photoheating & Photoionization, Radiation pressure, Compton Heating
- Multi species : HI, HII, HeI, HeII, HeIII, e<sup>-</sup>
- IC: Uniform density and zero angular momentum
- Log grid in radial direction (resolve from Bondi radius to10<sup>-3</sup>-10<sup>-4</sup> Bondi)
- Parameters explored for IC:
  - Mass : 100-10,000 M<sub>sun</sub>
  - Density :  $10^2 10^7 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
  - Temperature of the gas : 3000-14000 K
  - Radiative efficiency : 0.002-0.1
  - Power law spectra with spectral index : 0.5-2.5



# Outline

# I. Bondi accretion with RT (stationary IMBHs)

II. Bondi-Lyttleton accretion with RT (moving IMBHs)

## **Periodic Luminosity Bursts**



### **Periodic FREDs**



#### Gas depletion & Collapse of I-front



#### **Parameter Space Exploration**



#### **Modeling: Mean Accretion Rate**

Simple model explains all sim. results:1) Bondi formula inside the HII region

$$\langle \dot{M} \rangle = 4\pi \lambda_B r_{\rm acc}^2 \rho_{\rm in} c_{s,\rm in},$$

2) Pressure equilibrium in/out HII region:  $\rho_{\rm in} \approx \rho_{\infty} \frac{T_{\infty}}{T_{\rm in}} = \rho_{\infty} \left(\frac{c_{s,\infty}}{c_{s,\rm in}}\right)^2.$ 

Accretion rate in units of Bondi rate:

$$\langle \lambda_{\rm rad} \rangle \simeq \lambda_B \frac{r_{\rm acc}^2 \rho_{\rm in} c_{s,{\rm in}}}{r_{b,\infty}^2 \rho_{\infty} c_{s,\infty}} \simeq \frac{1}{4} (1.8)^2 \left(\frac{\rho_{\rm in}}{\rho_{\infty}}\right) \left(\frac{c_{s,{\rm in}}}{c_{s,\infty}}\right)^{-3}$$
  
  $\simeq 3\% T_{\infty,4}^{2.5},$ 

# Accretion rate proportional to thermal pressure of ambient gas

And very sensitive to the temperature inside the HII region  $\langle \lambda_{\rm rad} \rangle \simeq 1\% T_{\infty,4}^{2.5} \left( \frac{T_{\rm in}}{4 \times 10^4 \ {
m K}} \right)^{-4}$ 

$$<\dot{M}>\approx (4\times 10^{18} \text{ g/s})M_{\mathrm{bh},2}^2 \left(\frac{n_{\mathrm{H},\infty}}{10^5 \text{ cm}^{-3}}
ight)T_{\infty,4} \left(\frac{\bar{E}}{41 \text{ eV}}
ight)^{-1}$$

# Period between bursts is the sound crossing time of HII region



#### **Two Distinct Modes of Oscillations**

**Mode-I** n = 10<sup>6</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>

**Mode-II n = 10<sup>7</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup>** 



#### **Two Distinct Modes of Oscillations**



f<sub>duty</sub> increases in mode-II oscillations. Makes Eddington-limited accretion efficient



^rad.max

#### **Transition to Eddington-limited Regime**



#### What determines T<sub>cycle</sub> in mode-I and mode-II?



# **Summary Part-I**

- Very inefficient accretion: ~1% of Bondi rate (because accretion rate determined by gas temperature and density inside the HII region).
- 2. Accretion rate proportional to thermal pressure

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- 3. Two distinct accretion modes:
  - I. Mode-I f<sub>duty</sub>=6% (I-front collapse)
  - II. Mode-II  $f_{duty} \sim 50\%$  (thus, mean accretion rate can approach Eddington limit)

$$\tau_{\rm cycle} = \begin{cases} \tau_{\rm cycle}^{\rm I} \approx (0.1 \,\,{\rm Myr}) \,\, M_{\rm bh,2}^{2/3} \eta_{-1}^{1/3} (\frac{n_{\rm H,\infty}}{1 \,\,{\rm cm}^{-3}})^{-1/3} (\frac{\bar{E}}{41 \,\,{\rm eV}})^{-3/4} \\ \tau_{\rm cycle}^{\rm II} \approx (1 \,\,{\rm Gyr}) \,\, \eta_{-1} (\frac{n_{\rm H,\infty}}{1 \,\,{\rm cm}^{-3}})^{-1} (\frac{\bar{E}}{41 \,\,{\rm eV}})^{-7/8}, \end{cases}$$

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#### **Bondi-Hoyle-Lyttleton Accretion**



### **Moving IMBH + Radiative Feedback**

#### (Park & Ricotti, 2013)



Bondi-Hoyle-Lyttleton accretion rate

$$\dot{M} = \frac{4\pi G^2 M^2 \rho_{\infty}}{(c_{\infty}^2 + v_{\infty}^2)^{3/2}}$$



#### **D-type ionization front + bow shock**





## **Accretion Rate**



#### Modeling based on Simulations:

- 1. Transition from R-type to Dtype ionization front
- 2. Isothermal bow-shock
- 3. Thin shell instability produce periodic accretion rate

## **Modeling: Accretion Rate**

• Transition from D-type to R-type I front:

 $v_R \sim 2c_{s,in}$ 

 D-type front: isothermal shock stops the gas flow and transforms the problem into Bondi problem downstream of the front.

$$\langle \lambda_{\rm rad} \rangle \equiv \frac{\dot{M}}{\dot{M}_B} = \frac{\rho_{\rm in}}{\rho_{\infty}} \left( \frac{c_{\rm s,\infty}}{c_{\rm s,in}} \right)^3 \frac{1}{\left( 1 + \mathcal{M}_{\rm in}^2 \right)^{3/2}}$$
$$= \frac{\Delta_{\rho}}{\Lambda^{3/2}} \frac{1}{\left( 1 + \mathcal{M}^2 \right)^{3/2}}.$$

Where  $\Delta_{\rho} \approx (v/v_R)^2$  and  $\Delta_{T=}$  const. are the density and temperature inside the HII region in units of the values outside.



### **BH in Wind-tunnel Experiment**



#### Shell instability and periodic oscillations



#### IMBH grow fastest if moving at 20 km/s



## A Few Applications of these Results

Early Universe:

- IMBH from PopIII remnants: many moving IMBHs? Growth rate faster and total X-ray output larger than miniquasars at high-z!
- X-ray heating and pre-ionization
- X-ray/FIR background fluctuations (see Nico's work: Cappelluti et al 2012)
- ULXs in local galaxies:
  - IMBHs moving through a dense cloud? Can be visible due to periodic luminosity bursts.

# **Summary Part-II**

- 1. D-type I-front and bow-shock modify the accretion flow onto the BH
- 2. Accretion rate increases with increasing BH velocity: peaks at  $v=2c_{s,in}\sim 20-30$  km/s
- 3. Growth rate can be faster than for non-moving BH because is independent of temperature of the medium!
- Thin shell instability produce periodic collapse of the front and periodic pulsation of luminosity. Can be important for ULX modeling.

## Backup slides

$$\begin{split} \Delta_{\rho} &\equiv \frac{\rho_{\rm in}}{\rho_{\infty}} = \frac{\rho_{\rm in}}{\rho_{\rm sh}} \frac{\rho_{\rm sh}}{\rho_{\infty}} \\ &\approx \frac{\mathcal{M}^2}{2\Delta_T} \approx 2 \left(\frac{\mathcal{M}}{\mathcal{M}_R}\right)^2 \quad \text{for } \mathcal{A} \sim 1, \end{split}$$

#### Moving black holes + Radiative Feedback (Park & Ricotti, 2013)













