## Dynamical black-hole mass measurements with 3D molecular gas interferometry

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 Black-hole masses are found to correlate with galaxy properties

Also (to varying degrees with):

- Bulge Luminosity
- Bulge Mass
- Core deficit
- Galaxy mass
- Galaxy luminosity
- V\_flat...

Big Question: WHY?!





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#### Masers

- Detect maser emission from accretion disk
- Great when present, but rare!

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Spiral and earlytype galaxies

In a hierarchical picture spirals (with smooth SF histories) may have different BH mass relations....

Hard to study! Different tracers→ different biases

> Need to find a relation that could work in all galaxy types, at all masses





- Could molecular gas help?
- Present in 22% of Early type galaxies (Young et al., 2011) and almost all spirals
- Generally low velocity dispersion (<10 km/s)</li>

#### **Requirements:**

- An ideal tracer would be dynamically cold in all galaxy types
- Present to the very centre
- Observable at high angular resolution





Is CO a good tracer of the circular velocity in dispersion dominated galaxies?

Use the sample of 40 mapped ETGs from ATLAS<sup>3D</sup>

4.5" resolution

Compare CO with JAM V<sub>circ</sub> (jeans models)

Want to compare and see if observations fit the predicted circular velocity

→ Need to account for observational effects (beam smearing, projection, finite channel width...)



Davis et al., 2013a (Paper XIV)





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- Inputs: (all in either 1D or 3D)
  - Surface brightness
  - Velocity curve
  - Velocity dispersion
  - Scale Height
- Outputs a simulation data cube
- Perfect for direct modeling, or for inputting into another simulation tool (e.g. *simdata* in CASA)
- Described in Davis et al., 2013a

## **KINetic Molecular Simulation tool**

An IDL tool for simulating cold gas distributions





#### **CARMA survey- Kinematics**

Is CO a good tracer of the circular velocity in these dispersion dominated galaxies?

Used KinMS to Compare CO with JAM V<sub>circ</sub>

Only "Disturbed" galaxies don't follow |V<sub>circ</sub>|

 $\rightarrow$ CO is a great tracer to use!

Example: The CO Tully Fisher Relation Paper V: Davis et al., 2011a



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## 2) High resolution

Current (pre-ALMA) instrument can already get reasonable resolution

NGC4459

- 0.15" with CARMA
- 0.25" with PdBI

### **Examples:**

#### NGC4526





NGC4459:



BIMA observations of Young et al., 2008

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CARMA observations of Davis et al., in prep Resolution: 1x1 arcseconds

- $\rightarrow$  Resolve inner ring
- $\rightarrow$  Outer disk is flocculent



#### Correlates well with dust structures visible in HST images



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### NGC4526: A BH mass measurement candidate

- An SO galaxy in the Virgo cluster
- D= 16.4 Mpc  $\rightarrow$  80 pc/arcsecond
- $\sigma = 216 \text{ km/s}$  $\rightarrow$  Predicted BH mass: 2x10<sup>8</sup> Msun
- BH SOI= 20pc = 0.25 arcseconds
- Nice smooth dust lanes visible right to centre

 $\rightarrow$  Good selection criteria (see Ho et al., 2002)





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Resolution: 0.27 x 0.17 arcseconds

 $\rightarrow$  At least 2 molecular rings!

ightarrow Spiral spurs between these rings

Higher resolution image of gas in an ETG ever!



CARMA Data → 0.25 arcsecond resolution = ~20 pc @ 16.4 Mpc

 Resolve individual molecular clouds

HST WFPC3 NUV data→ 0.04 arcsecond resolution

Great correspondence! Coming soon: (very) resolved SF laws in NGC4526!





#### Gas model

- Need to model the effect of the interferometer well to get good constraints
- Include inner and first ring
- Model gas distribution expect with and without BHs
- Couple the KinMS tool to a Baysian MCMC fitter









No Black Hole (too cold!)





Massive Black Hole (too hot!)





Best fit Black Hole (just right!)











 $\frac{\text{Best fit BH (w/ 3 sigma errors):}}{\text{M}_{\text{BH}}=4.5^{+4.20}\text{-3.09}\times10^{8}\text{M}_{\text{sun}}}$ 

Agrees with M- $\sigma$  relation

Best fit M/L:

M/L<sub>I</sub>= 2.6±0.55 M<sub>sun</sub>/L<sub>sun</sub>

Fits with M/L estimate from stellar pops of 2.6M<sub>sun</sub>/L<sub>sun</sub>





Errors smaller than average of any other technique! (e,g, Gould et al., 2013). However- need to be careful with systematics



### This technique will be very useful in the ALMA era:

- With full ALMA resolving the SOI of NGC4526 will be possible to 1000 Mpc (z=0.35!)
- A Milky-Way mass black-hole will be resolved out to 50 Mpc!
  - $\rightarrow$  Thousands of galaxies accessible!
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#### How many galaxies are accessible?

- Invert M-Sigma relation using SDSS velocity dispersion catalogue and redshifts
- Assuming ALMA resolution
- Also shown are the known black hole masses and upper limits - essentially all remeasurable → error checking



## ~35,000 galaxies accessible! $\rightarrow$ revolutionary!



### Whats next?

We need WISDOM!!

#### mm-Wave Interferometric Survey of Dark Object Masses

Aims:

- Estimate BH masses in accessible targets
- Calibrate techniques
- Identify targets for ALMA follow-up

#### Data already requested/obtained

#### **Target Selection:**

- IRAM-30m fluxes 30 objects (proposal accepted)
- APEX fluxes 20 objects (time allocated)
- CARMA mapping
  (50 hours of time allocated this semester)

#### Mass measurements:

- IRAM PdBI one object (time allocated)
- CARMA two objects (time allocated)
- ALMA three objects (proposal submitted)











#### **Conclusions:**

- Molecular gas is a good kinematic tracer (in spirals+ETGs)
- You can estimate BH masses with molecular gas if you have enough resolution
- Errors are pretty low
- It is possible to resolve the SOI in some nearby galaxies with current instruments

#### **The Future:**

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Use the **KinMS** tool for your research! http://www.eso.org/~tdavis

## Thanks for Listening!

## Any questions?



#### Dust disk in NGC4526

- Dust contamination present
- Simple disk morphology
- Easily masked
- MGE fit ignoring these sectors is good
- ightarrow Should give a good mass model

