

# Simulating Quasars at two extremes

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# Introduction

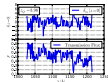
Cosmological hydro simulation of quasars  
and its limitations

## Quasar at small scale

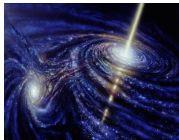
Resimulation of individual halos

## Quasar at large scale

Mocking Quasar and IGM clustering



# Quasars



large scale structure;  
the IGM; role in reionization;  
feedback affects estimation of cosmological parameters

galaxy merger and hubble sequence / color diagram?

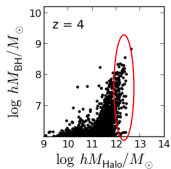
role of feedback in galaxy formation ?

how do galaxy get their gas?

## Cosmological Simulation of Quasars



## Why and how?



10 Kpc .vs. 0.000001pc

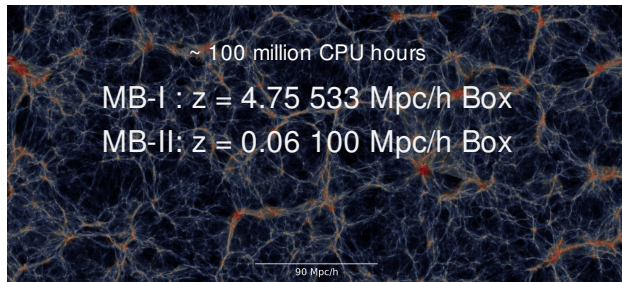
Similar Halos can grow different BHs

Resolve SMBH hosting halos

Subgrid modeling of BH and Star formation

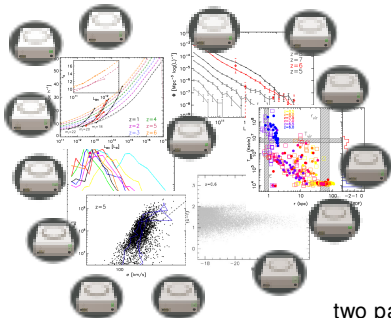
Large sample volume to include extreme objects

## Result: two giant hydro simulations with SMBH



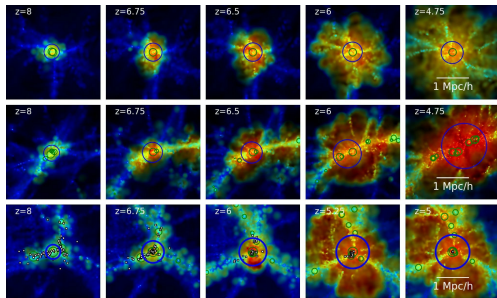
Cuboid Remap by J. Carlson, M. White 2010

Show gigapan



two particular things

# How do gas arrive at Quasars?

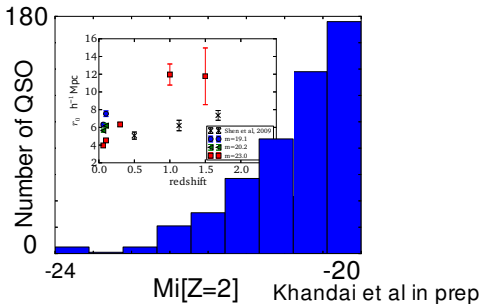


Di Matteo et al 2011



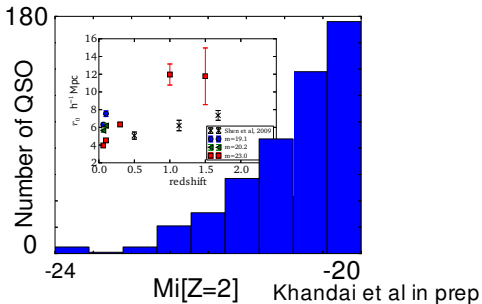
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extrapolate with HOD?



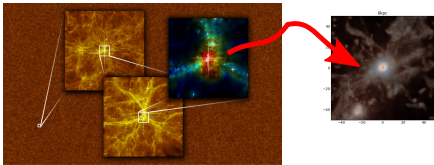
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## Go Smaller: What happened near that Quasar?

Resimulate from Cosmological sim at higher resolution

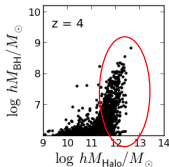


Select rare peaks and re-simulate

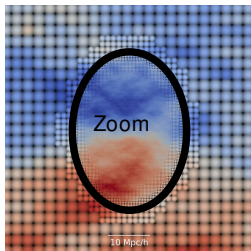
Highest resolution, detailed studies

of host and quasar, detailed modeling

Li et al., Sijacki et al., Alvarez et al.,  
Cattaneo et al., Bellovary et al. Teyssier et al.,  
Dubois et al., Devriendt, et al.



This time, we know apriori these halos  
host extreme blackholes.



## Initial Condition

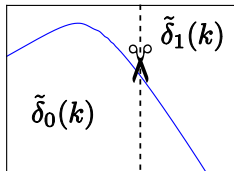
Multi-level Mesh method

Outside: Combine Particles



Keep center of mass!

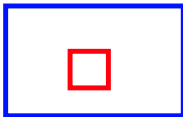
Inside: a broken power spectrum.



$$\delta(x) = F \left[ \tilde{\delta}_0(k) \right] + F \left[ \tilde{\delta}_1(k) \right]$$

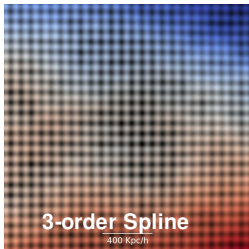
$\tilde{\delta}_0(k)$  from original simulation

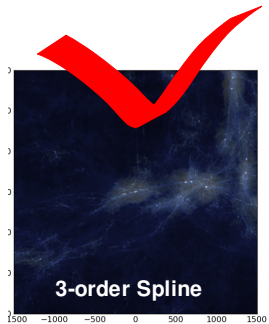
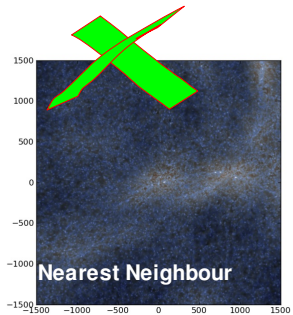
$\tilde{\delta}_1(k)$  from smaller scalepower



# Small things have big consequences

Interpolation matters







BH growth converged?

Thermal feedback

regulates the growth

A transition near  $z = 7$

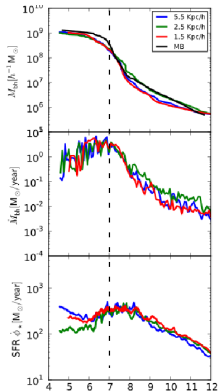
Bondi-scaling Growth

$$\frac{dM}{dt} \propto \frac{\rho M^2}{c_s^3}$$

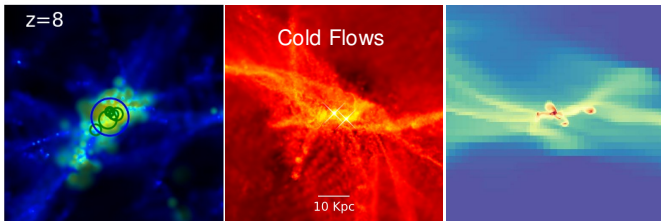
w/ eddington limit

Something happened to **cold gas**

(Play movie)

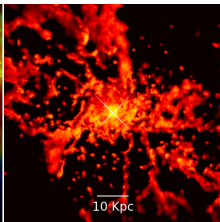
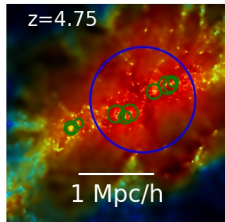


At high  $Z$ , cold gas in filaments **directly** arrives to the proximity of blackholes  
Young BHs are too weak to repel surrounding gas



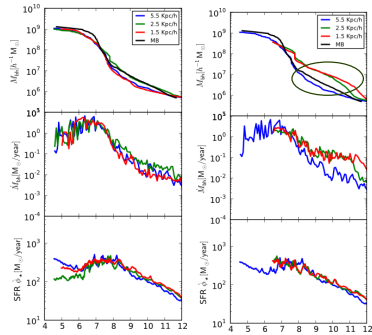
Halo **virialize**; and filaments **break**

Mature BHs keep cold gas away



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# Modifying BH model



1 kpc/h bubble  
e.g, heating within I-front

Stronger early growth  
Brighter Quasars

Radiative Transfer?

## Summary

Resimulation from cosmological SPH simulation

Cold flow vs No-cold flow

The low redshift accretion of SMBH appears stochastic

Stromgren sphere / I-front affects BH growth at high- $z$

Thermal feedback eventually build up and take over any subtle physics for  $10^{10}$  Blackholes

Future: Radiative Transfer? Alternative SPH scheme?

# Go Bigger: Mocking Clustering of Quasars and IGM

- IGM: Forest

Understanding Ly $\alpha$ -Quasar **cross-correlation**

Systematics of non-random sightlines

on Ly $\alpha$  **auto-correlation**

How independent are Ly $\alpha$  auto-correlation  
and Ly $\alpha$ -Quasar cross-correlation?

- Quasar

**UV background fluctuations** due to Quasars

Mocks with **Quasar Light Echos**

## SMBH Simulations are **small** and **expensive**

We need 10 Gpc/h Box, hundreds of realizations

Full hydro is great, but unnecessary for now

Linear theory + bias

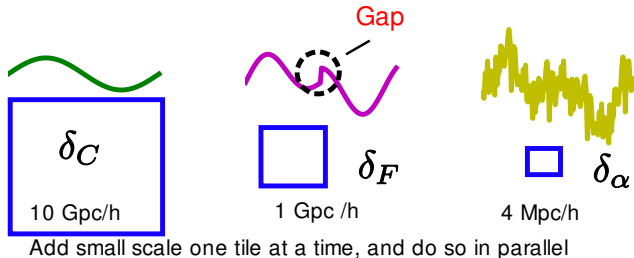
LyaF forest; Fluctuating Gunn Peterson

Revisit the broken power spectrum

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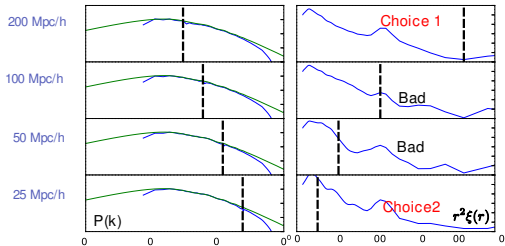


## Setting the split

## Trade-off

Tests on 256 mesh over 1.6 Gpc/h Box with FFT

$$\frac{2\pi}{L_f} \leq k_B \leq \frac{N_C}{2} \frac{2\pi}{L} \quad L_B = \frac{2\pi}{k_B}$$



# Painting Quasars

Mo & White (1996)

$$\delta_q(x) = b(z)\delta_m(x)$$

Bias

Smoothed to 10 Mpc/h

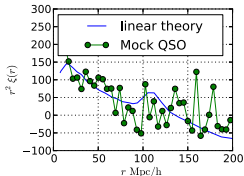
$$n_q(x) = \bar{n}_q(z) (1 + b(z)\delta_m(x))$$

Uniformly painted  
within a cell

mean density

Assume **Linear Bias**

Uncorrelated within **10 Mpc/h**



QSO correlation Function

# Making Spectra

1 Draw sightlines in each small scale tile

Bresenham's Line Algorithm

Liang Barsky Line Clipping Algorithm



2 Lognormal + FGPA

$$F = \exp(-\tau)$$

$$\tau = a(z) \exp(\beta D(z) \delta_m(x))$$

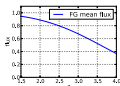
3 Redshift distortion

$$\Delta R = F_{\Omega}(z) D(z) \varphi(x) \cdot \hat{r}$$

Initial displacement at 3 Mpc/h scale

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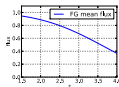
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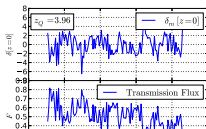
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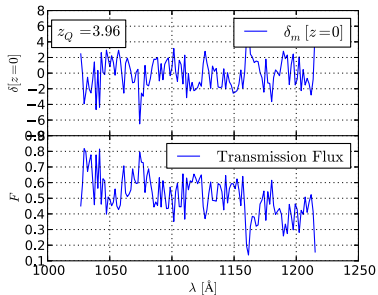
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## Excellent scalability.

Each tile fits into a **laptop**.

~ Raw skewers:

with FFTW 2 hours per DR9 mock  
(140K QSOs) on 16 CPUs  
(5 hours with FFTPACK).

**10 mins** per mock on 512 CPUs

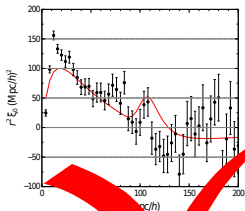
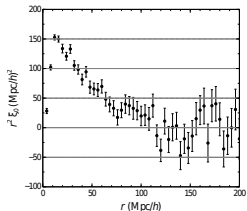
Sightlines scale linearly with quasars

May take longer in bigBOSS



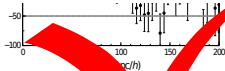
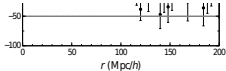
Did we do it right?

Density skewers: cross correlation

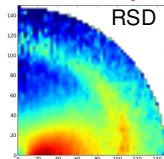
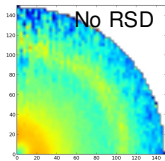


Density skewers: auto correlation





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Fiducial  $z=2$

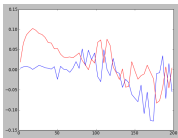
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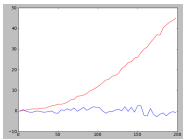
No RSD, reasonable



## Auto correlaiton of Flux with noise?



No RSD, reasonable



With RSD, off



Still investigating

# Summary

Broken power spectrum + nested mesh

Does not tamper with BAO

Fast, excellent scalability

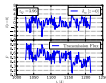
Think about bigBOSS?

# Full Talk summary

## Simulating Quasars

At small scales: Hydro sims  
Feeding & Growth

At large scale: Linear theory  
Clustering



Thanks!