

How to Simulate Galactic Outflows?

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Abstract. A challenge in cosmological simulations is to formulate a physical model of star-formation (SF) and supernovae (SN) feedback which produces galactic outflows like that widely observed. In several models an outflow velocity (v_{out}) and mass loading factor (η) are input to the sub-resolution recipe. We present results from our MUPPI model, which uses local properties of gas, and is able to develop galactic outflows whose properties correlate with global galaxy properties, consistent with observations; demonstrating a significant improvement in such work.

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1. Introduction

We explore our novel *sub-resolution* model for SF and SN feedback, MUPPI [Multi-Phase Particle Integrator] (Murante *et al.* 2010, 2014), embedded in the GADGET-3 code, which uses only local properties of the gas. Unlike popular adaptation in the literature, our model has no input expression of v_{out} and η for SN feedback.

2. Conclusions

We measure properties of SN-driven galactic outflows over redshifts $z = 1 - 5$ in cosmological hydrodynamical simulations (Barai *et al.* 2013, 2014). The MUPPI model generates v_{out} and mass outflow rate (\dot{M}_{out}) exhibiting positive correlations with galaxy mass and with the star formation rate (SFR) (Fig. 1). However, most of the relations present a large scatter. The mass-loading is between 0.2 – 10, with an average $\eta \sim 1$.

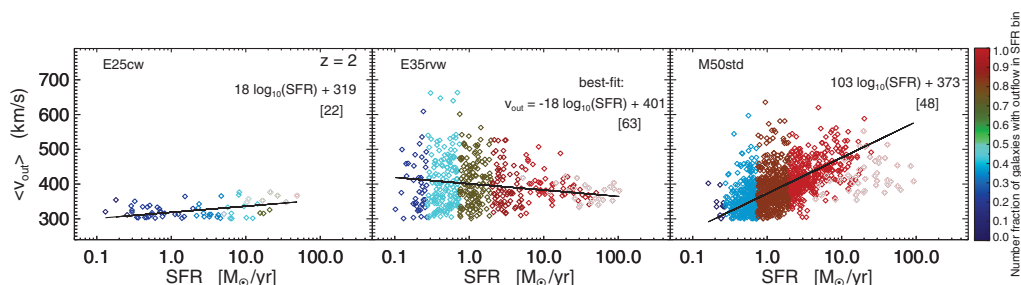


Figure 1. Outflow velocity as a function of SFR of galaxies in three cosmological simulation runs at $z = 2$. The black line is the best-fit relation between v_{out} and $\log_{10}(\text{SFR})$.

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