

COURAGE: Cold outflows ruffling the AGN environment*

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Galaxy quenching



SSFR = SFR/M_{*} bimodality up to z>2.5: galaxies are either star forming or passive (quenched)

Galaxy quenching is a big unresolved problem in galaxy evolution: how is star formation suppressed and what keeps galaxies red and dead?

How to quench a galaxy



- Star formation can be suppressed through "ejection" of fuel or "starvation" (= cut feeding). Observational evidence exists for both (Peng+Maiolino15)
- Massive ellipticals quenched rapidly (<1 Gyr, e.g. Thomas+10), which points to an early ejection mechanism but still need to prevent further cooling to keep them passive
- AGNs are the preferred and most promising explanation (both `ejective' and `preventive' feedback) (e.g. Su, Hopkins +18, Biernacki+Teyssier18)



The multiphase nature of outflows in AGN host galaxies

Table 1 Properties of the different outflow phases discussed in this Comment			
Outflow gas phase	Primary tracers	Average gas temperature, <t<sub>gas> (K)</t<sub>	Average gas density, <n<sub>gas> (particles per cm³)</n<sub>
Highly ionized	X-ray absorption lines	10 ⁶ -10 ⁷	10 ⁶ -10 ⁸
lonized	[Ο ΙΙΙ]; Ηα	10 ³ -10 ⁴	10 ² -10 ⁴
Neutral atomic	Н I 21cm; NaID; [С II]	10 ² -10 ³	1-10 ²
Molecular	CO; OH; [C II]; H_2 infrared lines	10-10 ²	≥10 ³

- Constraining the multiphase nature of outflows is the first step to understand their true impact on galaxy evolution
- Need for unbiased surveys conducted on statistically significant samples
- Multiphase properties needed to compute outflow masses and energetics -> and compare with models

Cicone+18a, Nature Astronomy [INAF press release: http://www.media.inaf.it/2018/03/01/parola-al-vento/]



Molecular outflows detected in CO emission



- CO wings tracing outflow
 >10-20 times fainter than line
 peak
- CO wings identified in the spectra and in the PV diagram: high-v (up to 1200 km/s) emission clearly deviates from disk rotation pattern

CO-based energetics reveal link with AGN

Depends on α_{co}

Energetics consistent with AGN feedback models but uncertainties are large!



dM_{out}/dt ~ SFR in starbursts dM_{out}/dt >> SFR in AGNdominated sources Tentative correlation between dM_{out}/dt and L_{AGN} in AGN hosts (in reality dM_{out}/dt depends on SFR, L_{AGN} and M_{*})

41

0.00

42

0.25

43

 $\log(L_{AGN})$ (erg s⁻¹)

L_{agn}/ L_{bo}

0.50

44

0.75

45

1.00

46

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Open questions and ways to address them

What are the physical conditions of the gas in outflow?



What drives the outflows (AGN vs SF) and how is the energy communicated from pc to kpcs?

How much gas is ejected from the halo (vs how much stalls in CGM/falls back)? Use multiple H₂ tracers (high-J CO, [CI], [CII], HCN, CN, CS)

Resolve launching point of the outflow at high-res

Study outflowing gas on >>1 kpc scales

ALMA [CI]³P₁-³P₀ observations of NGC6240

First resolved [CI](1-0) map of molecular outflow in a quasar (ALMA + ACA Band 8)



Cicone+18b ApJ

Strategy: combine [CI] and CO to estimate α_{CO}

CO and CI well mixed in molecular ISM and outflows (thanks to turbulence and cosmic ray) Papadopoulos+04,+18, Bisbas+15,+17, Glover+15

[CI]1-0 allows to estimate M_{out} independent of α_{CO} . Use T_{ex} =30 K and X_{CI} =(3+-1.5)x10⁻⁵ (appropriate for ULIRGs, e.g. Weiss+03,05)

Great legacy value for high-z studies with ALMA as [CI] lines trace bulk of ISM (contrary to high-J CO) and are not affected by CMB (contrary to low-J CO, e.g. Zhang+16)

Identification of outflow components



(i) Fit simultaneously the CO(1-0), CO(2-1), and [CI](1-0) spectra at various positions Cicone+18b, ApJ
 (ii) Look for high-σ/high-v components that are spatially offset from nucleus and inconsistent with rotation or dynamical effects due to merger (e.g. inflows, tidal tails)

The α_{co} of quiescent vs outflowing gas: origin of the 'envelope' ISM of ULIRGs



- Select components from simultaneous fit where CO(1-0) and [CI](1-0) are both detected, derive M_{mol} from L'_{Cl} , and then $\alpha_{CO} = M_{mol} / L'_{CO}$
- We find α_{CO} lower in outflow than in quiescent gas independent of distance: molecular outflows host warm + diffuse H₂ lower- α_{CO} 'envelope' phase advocated by earlier ULIRGs studies, e.g. Aalto+95, Downes+Solomon98

Cicone+18b, ApJ

The α_{CO} of quiescent vs outflowing gas: dense gas



- However α_{CO} > 0.3: not all outflow material is diffuse and warm but also dense gas entrained (as already seen in other outflows with bright HCN and CS emission: Aalto+12,Alatalo+15, Aladro+18)
- In quiescent gas α_{CO} > 'ULIRG' value (0.8) and formally consistent with MW α_{CO} value. Suggests dense gas and selfgravitating GMCs in ISM of ULIRGs

The launching point of the outflow



- The high-v emission peaks between the AGNs: outflow launching point offset from AGNs not easily explained in AGN feedback scenario
- The outflow dominates even the emission at |v|<200 km/s in this nuclear region, see moment maps. No signs of rotating disk(s)

[CI](1-0) moment maps (|y'<200 km/s)



Cicone+18b, ApJ

Open questions and tentative answers

What are the physical conditions of the gas in outflow?

What drives the outflows (AGN vs SF) and how is the energy communicated from pc to kpc scales?

How much gas is ejected from the halo (vs how much stalls in CGM/falls back)? $\alpha_{CO}^{outflow} \sim 2$ and $r_{21}^{outflow} \sim 1.4$ suggest strongly unbound envelope + dense clumps entrained (seen in CN, HCN, CS)

Combined action of SB + quasar, with (little?) help from merging process that redistributes gas and enhances impact of AGN+SB radiation

Substantial outflowing gas exists at r > 5 kpc. Probing larger scales requires HIGH sensitivity

Main additional activities (Oct 2017-Oct 2018)

- 10 accepted publications (2 as first author, 1 as second author) + 3 submitted manuscripts
- 2 APEX ESO PI projects accepted in P101 (60h of data obtained in Summer 2018)
- Observing: (i) 5 nights at ESO-La Silla (NTT) in Feb 2018, data part of PhD thesis of S. Belladitta;
 (ii) ESO-APEX observing run, 10 days in Apr-May 2018, service-mode observer for ESO projects + collected data for my own PI projects; (iii) >50h of remote observations at ARO 12m telescope (Kitt Peak) for the ESO large programme `MASCOT' of which I am co-I.
- **2 Invited colloquia** (Cardiff University, Bonn MPIfR)
- **6 international workshops/conferences** (1 invited review, 2 invited talks, 2 contributed talks)
- Organization (LOC) of a national conference in Oct 2018
- **2 internal seminars** (INAF-OABrera, INAF-Merate)
- **Job applications**: 4 submitted (1 fellowship, 1 for ESO-ALMA staff, 1 tenure track, 1 tenure), shortlisted + interviewed for 1 tenure position
- Supervision of students: external supervisor of a Master thesis student at Uni Milano-Bicocca

Foreseen publications in 2019

Advanced stage (to be submitted within 2-3 months):

- Cicone et al.: extragalactic science case white paper for a new millimeter facility (AtLAST), to be submitted to US 2020 decadal survey in Jan 2019
- **Cicone et al**. Dense gas tracers in the molecular outflow of Mrk231 (Based on PI and archival observations).
- Belladitta (inc. Cicone et al.), Based on NTT-EFOSC2 data collected by Cicone and Belladitta and DDT X-Shooter data (PI:Moretti). PhD thesis of S. Belladitta.

Preliminary stage (data analysis stage):

- Cicone et al. in prep: "The cold CGM of a local galaxy merger", based on APEX ESO (PI:Cicone) data obtained in summer 2018
- Cicone et al. in prep.: "The hidden cold CGM of z>2 AGN host galaxies", based on APEX ESO (PI:Cicone) data obtained in 2017/2018)
- At least two papers by SUPER Collaboration (Circosta et al.; Kakkad et al.)
- At least one paper from MASCOT collaboration (work done by a PhD student at ESO-Garching)
- Sirressi, Cicone, Severgnini et al. Based on ALMA (PI: Severgnini, Cicone) data obtained in 2017. Master thesis of Mattia Sirressi (Uni Milano Bicocca)
- At least one paper from an X-ray study of dual/binary AGN candidates (Serafinelli, Severgnini, Cicone, Della Ceca)