# Physics 129L Final Project: Investigating the Outflow Dynamics of Active Galactic Nuclei through Computational Simulations

## **AGN Galaxy Simulation**

My goal of this project is to study the outflow dynamics of Active Galactic Nucleis (AGNs) since it is crucial for comprehending their roles in galaxy formation and evolution and aims to simulate the outflow properties of AGNs using computational techniques to understand their process and implications for galaxy evolution.

However, before starting analyzing the properties of AGN, we need some sample of AGN host galaxies to start with, and this is one of the most complex process since there are too many things to be considered. We start by considering some most important factors of AGN host galaxies in the simulation:

- 1. **Modeling the Black Holes**: Simulating the behavior of supermassive black holes at the centers of these galaxies, including their mass, spin, and accretion rates.
- 2. **Modeling the Gas Dynamics**: Modeling the accretion of gas onto the black hole and the resulting jets and winds.
- 3. **Consider the Galactic Interactions**: Considering the gravitational interactions between galaxies, especially in dense environments like galaxy clusters.
- 4. **Consider the Feedback Processes**: Including the effects of the AGN on its host galaxy, like outflows that can heat up or expel gas, affecting star formation.
- 5. Consider the Fact that it is a Part of Our Universe (Cosmological Context):

  Placing these galaxies within the larger structure of the universe, considering the expansion of the universe, dark matter distribution, and the cosmic web.
- 6. **Include the Radiation Processes**: Simulating the radiation emitted by the AGN, which includes a wide spectrum from radio to gamma rays.

I think the best way to simulate such galaxies is to create a galaxy class and define these above properties seperately. So the first step is to initiate a class called galaxy with basic parameters.

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In [121... # First, import useful packages (subject to change, will be adding all the primport numpy as nprimport scipy as sprimport random import matplotlib.pyplot as pltrimport corner import seaborn as sns from astropy import units as u
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In [3]: # Second, define some constant
# (unit included by using the astropy package units)
'''Gravitational constant'''
G = 6.67430e-11 * u.m**3 / u.kg / u.s**2
'''speed of light'''
c = 299792458 * u.m / u.s
'''number of galaxies to be simulated'''
num_galaxies = 1000
'''time steps'''
time_steps = 100
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In [5]: # Now we can start by defining a class of galaxy, and think about the struct
        class Galaxy:
            # initialize the galaxy
            def init (self, mass, position, velocity, black hole mass):
                self.mass = mass
                self.position = position
                self.velocity = velocity
                self.black_hole_mass = black_hole_mass
            # black hole accretion model
            def accretion model(black hole mass):
                This will be an impliment or accresion model for black hole accretic
                This should return accretion_rate, radiation, jets
                pass
            # Gas Dynamics and Interstellar Medium
            def gas dynamics(galaxy):
                 1.1.1
                This models the impliment model of the dynamics of gas in and around
                The processes like cooling, heating, and interaction with AGN radiat
                pass
            # Galaxy Interaction and Dynamics
            def update_galaxy_dynamics(galaxies):
                Implement gravitational interactions between galaxies.
                Update positions and velocities based on gravitational forces.
                 I = I \cup I
                pass
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# A) Accretion Model

The accretion model also contains many parts:

- 1. accretion rate
- 2. radiation
- 3. jet production

I will do these step by step by using and analyzing the equations that describe each model

#### 1. Accretion Rate

The accretion rate of a black hole often depends on the mass of the black hole, the density of the surrounding medium, and the velocity at which this medium is moving relative to the black hole.

I here use the Bondi-Hoyle-Lyttleton accretion rate model: (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bondi\_accretion)

 $c_s$ : Sound speed of the ambient medium

$$\dot{M}=\pi\left(rac{2G^2M^2
ho_\infty}{(v_\infty^2+c_s^2)^{3/2}}
ight)$$

$$\dot{M}$$
: Accretion rate (1)  
 $G$ : Gravitational constant (2)  
 $M$ : Mass of the accreting object (3)  
 $\rho_{\infty}$ : Density of the ambient medium (far from the accreting object) (4)  
 $v_{\infty}$ : Relative velocity between the object and the ambient medium (5)

Since I am working with AGN host galaxies, some of the parameters including  $\rho_{\infty}$ ,  $v_{\infty}$ , and  $c_s$  are constrained. However, they are also kind of randomized within the range.

I was thinking if I should use a constant or use a randomization function. However, since the blackhole mass are already an input, I will keep these three fixed first. Later on, I can also test how these values impact the output accretion rate solar masses per year. I made the default values  $\rho_{\infty}=10^{-13}kg/m^3$ ,  $v_{\infty}=5\times10^7m/s$ , and  $c_s=5\times10^5m/s$  just to start with.

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In [109... # based on this, we can define a accretion rate function called calculate ac # returns the accretion rate solar masses per year def calculate accretion rate(black hole mass, rho = np.random.uniform(1e-14, 1e-13), v = np.random.uniform(4.5e7, 5.5e7),c s = np.random.uniform(1e4, 2e6)): 1 1 1 The input black hole mass should in the unit of solar mass  $\rho = 10^{-13} \, \text{kg/m}^3$ ,  $\rho = 5 \, \text{times} \, 10^7 \, \text{m/s}$ , and  $\rho = 10^7 \, \text{m/s}$ G = 6.67430e-11 \* u.m\*\*3 / u.kg / u.s\*\*2 # gravitational constant with uM = black hole\_mass \* 1.98847e30 \* u.kg # solar masses to kg rho = rho \* u.kg / u.m\*\*3 # density of the accreting material in kg/m^3 v = v \* u.m / u.s # relative velocity in m/s  $c \ s = c \ s * u.m / u.s # sound speed in the material in m/s$ # Bondi-Hoyle-Lyttleton accretion rate accretion rate = (4 \* np.pi \* G\*\*2 \* M\*\*2 \* rho) / ((v\*\*2 + c s\*\*2)\*\*(3/s))# Convert accretion rate to solar masses per year accretion rate solar masses per year = accretion rate.to(u.kg / u.s) / (

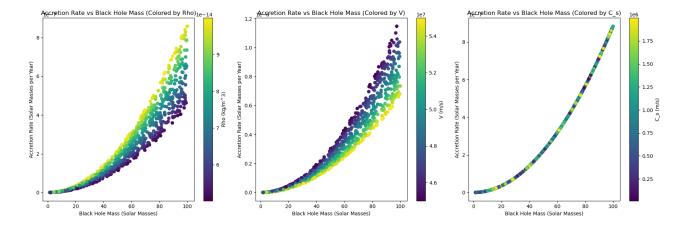
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In [110... # Test the function calculate_accretion_rate
    print(calculate_accretion_rate(100))
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return accretion rate solar masses per year

6.749132070353671e-15 yr / s

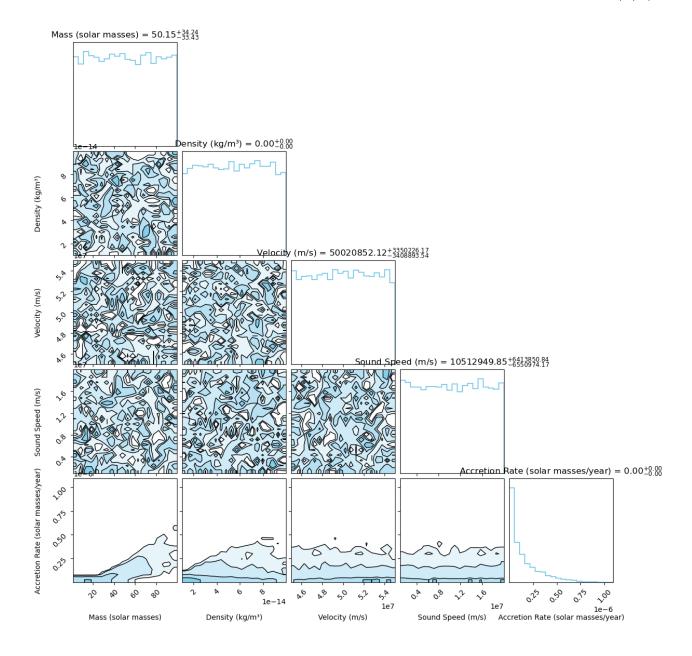
To test if this function works well, and if rho, c, c\_s contributes a lot to the function (if these parameters impacts it significantly, then we want to reconsider the definition of the function)

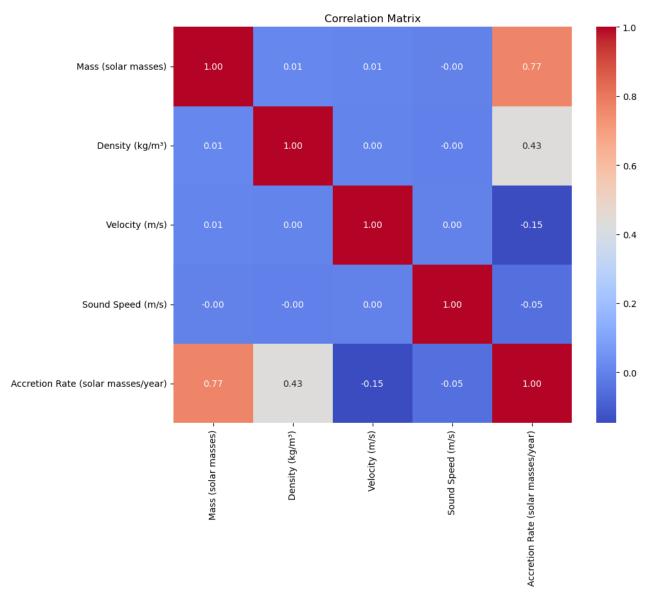
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In [112... '''Plot Accretion Rate in term of Black Hole Masses with varies Parameters'
         # Randomize one parameter at a time, keeping the others fixed
         num points = 1000
         fixed rho = 1e-13 # Fixed density
         fixed_v = 5e7  # Fixed relative velocity
         fixed c s = 1e5 # Fixed sound speed
         # Randomize black hole masses
         black hole masses = np.random.uniform(1, 100, num points)
         # Randomizing rho while keeping v and c s fixed
         rho values = np.random.uniform(5e-14, 1e-13, num points)
         accretion rates rho = [calculate accretion rate(mass, rho=rho, v=fixed v, c
         # Randomizing v while keeping rho and c s fixed
         v values = np.random.uniform(4.5e7, 5.5e7, num points)
         accretion rates v = [calculate accretion rate(mass, rho=fixed rho, v=v, c s=
         # Randomizing c s while keeping rho and v fixed
         c s values = np.random.uniform(1e4, 2e6, num points)
         accretion rates c s = [calculate accretion rate(mass, rho=fixed rho, v=fixed
         plt.figure(figsize=(18, 6))
         # Scatter plot for rho
         plt.subplot(131)
         plt.scatter(black hole masses, accretion rates rho, c=rho values, cmap='viri
         plt.colorbar(label='Rho (kg/m^3)')
         plt.xlabel('Black Hole Mass (Solar Masses)')
         plt.ylabel('Accretion Rate (Solar Masses per Year)')
         plt.title('Accretion Rate vs Black Hole Mass (Colored by Rho)')
         # Scatter plot for v
         plt.subplot(132)
         plt.scatter(black hole masses, accretion rates v, c=v values, cmap='viridis'
         plt.colorbar(label='V (m/s)')
         plt.xlabel('Black Hole Mass (Solar Masses)')
         plt.ylabel('Accretion Rate (Solar Masses per Year)')
         plt.title('Accretion Rate vs Black Hole Mass (Colored by V)')
         # Scatter plot for c s
         plt.subplot(133)
         plt.scatter(black hole masses, accretion rates c s, c=c s values, cmap='viri
         plt.colorbar(label='C s (m/s)')
         plt.xlabel('Black Hole Mass (Solar Masses)')
         plt.ylabel('Accretion Rate (Solar Masses per Year)')
         plt.title('Accretion Rate vs Black Hole Mass (Colored by C s)')
         plt.tight layout()
         plt.show()
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According to the output plots, adjust the randomization to an acceptable range, and update the function calculate\_accretion\_rate with these randomization range.

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In [126... # observe the correlation between black hole mass, density of ambient object
         # velocity between the object and the ambient medium, and Sound speed of the
         def pearson correlation(x, y):
             Calculates the Pearson correlation coefficient between two arrays x and
             mean_x = np.mean(x)
             mean_y = np.mean(y)
             numerator = np.sum((x - mean_x) * (y - mean_y))
             denominator = np.sqrt(np.sum((x - mean x)**2) * np.sum((y - mean y)**2))
             return numerator / denominator if denominator != 0 else 0
         # Monte Carlo Simulation Parameters
         num simulations = 10000
         black hole mass range = (1, 100) # in solar masses
         rho range = (1e-14, 1e-13) # in kg/m^3
         v range = (4.5e7, 5.5e7) # in m/s
         c s range = (1e6, 2e7) # in m/s
         masses = np.random.uniform(*black hole mass range, num simulations)
         rhos = np.random.uniform(*rho range, num simulations)
         vs = np.random.uniform(*v range, num simulations)
         c ss = np.random.uniform(*c s range, num simulations)
         accretion rates = np.array([calculate accretion rate(m, rho, v, c s) for m,
         data = np.vstack([masses, rhos, vs, c ss, accretion rates]).T
         # Labels for each parameter
         labels = ['Mass (solar masses)', 'Density (kg/m³)', 'Velocity (m/s)', 'Sound
         figure = corner.corner(data, labels=labels, show titles=True, title kwargs={
                                color='skyblue',
                                hist kwargs={'density': True, 'histtype': 'step', 'li
                                plot density=True,
                                plot datapoints=False,
                                fill contours=True,
                                contour_kwargs={'colors': 'black', 'linewidths': 1})
         plt.show()
         # Plotting the correlation matrix
         labels = ['Mass (solar masses)', 'Density (kg/m3)', 'Velocity (m/s)', 'Sound
         plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))
         sns.heatmap(correlation matrix, annot=True, xticklabels=labels, yticklabels=
         plt.title('Correlation Matrix')
         plt.show()
         print("Correlation Matrix:")
         for i, label in enumerate(labels):
             print(f"{label}: {correlation matrix[i]}")
```





Correlation Matrix: Mass (solar masses): [ 1. 0.01104955 0.0081355 -0.00201125 0.769 874861 Density  $(kg/m^3)$ : [ 0.01104955 1. 0.00226745 - 0.00473387 0.43432878 ] Velocity (m/s): [ 8.13549795e-03 2.26745355e-03 1.00000000e+00 3.70909177 e - 04-1.47239019e-01] Sound Speed (m/s): [-2.01124530e-03 -4.73386867e-03 3.70909177e-04 1.00000 000e+00 -5.11943843e-02] Accretion Rate (solar masses/year): [ 0.76987486 0.43432878 -0.14723902 -0. 05119438 1.

Here I run 10000 times monte carlo simulation to explore the correlation between our interested parameters. This is as what was expected: the mass of black hole contributes significantly to the accretion rate. However, note that the density also has a relatively high correlation with the accretion rate comparing to other parameters, so I should keep this in mind in the future work.

#### 2. Radiation

Since radiation is emitted by the accretion process as luminosity, it is important to consider the radiation in doing the modeling. The luminosity is typically calculated by (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luminosity#:~:text=Luminosity%20is%20an%20absolute%20r

$$Radiation = \epsilon \times \dot{M} \times 1.98847 \times 10^{30} \times c^2$$

where

 $\dot{M}$ : Efficiency factor - typically around 0.1 for non-rotating black holes (7)

$$c: \text{speed of light}$$
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$$R_{acc}$$
: accretion rate (9)

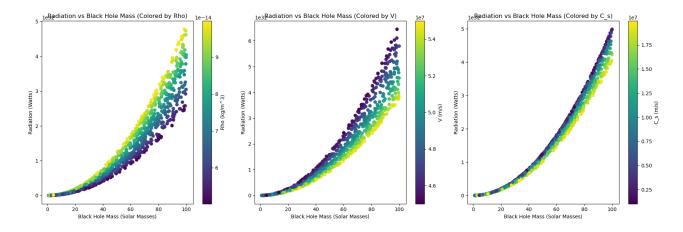
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In [99]: # Test the function calculate_radiation
    print(calculate_radiation(calculate_accretion_rate(100)))
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4.7190308957700396e+32 m2 yr / s3

```
In [106...
'''Plot Radiation in term of Black Hole Masses with varies Parameters'''
# Randomize the parameters and calculate accretion rates and radiation
num_points = 1000
fixed_rho = 1e-13  # Fixed density
fixed_v = 5e7  # Fixed relative velocity
fixed_c_s = 5e6  # Fixed sound speed

# Randomize black hole masses
black_hole_masses = np.random.uniform(1, 100, num_points)
```

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# Randomizing rho while keeping v and c s fixed
rho values = np.random.uniform(5e-14, 1e-13, num points)
accretion rates rho = [calculate accretion rate(mass, rho=rho, v=fixed v, c
radiation rho = [calculate radiation(rate) for rate in accretion rates rho]
# Randomizing v while keeping rho and c s fixed
v values = np.random.uniform(4.5e7, 5.5e7, num points)
accretion_rates_v = [calculate_accretion_rate(mass, rho=fixed_rho, v=v, c_s=
radiation_v = [calculate_radiation(rate) for rate in accretion_rates_v]
# Randomizing c s while keeping rho and v fixed
c s values = np.random.uniform(1e6, 2e7, num points)
accretion_rates_c_s = [calculate_accretion_rate(mass, rho=fixed rho, v=fixed
radiation c s = [calculate radiation(rate) for rate in accretion rates c s]
radiation rho = [x.value for x in radiation rho]
radiation_v = [x.value for x in radiation_v]
radiation_c_s = [x.value for x in radiation_c_s]
# Plotting the results
plt.figure(figsize=(18, 6))
# Scatter plot for radiation vs black hole mass (Colored by Rho)
plt.subplot(131)
plt.scatter(black hole masses, radiation rho, c=rho values, cmap='viridis')
plt.colorbar(label='Rho (kg/m^3)')
plt.xlabel('Black Hole Mass (Solar Masses)')
plt.ylabel('Radiation (Watts)')
plt.title('Radiation vs Black Hole Mass (Colored by Rho)')
# Scatter plot for radiation vs black hole mass (Colored by V)
plt.subplot(132)
plt.scatter(black hole masses, radiation v, c=v values, cmap='viridis')
plt.colorbar(label='V (m/s)')
plt.xlabel('Black Hole Mass (Solar Masses)')
plt.ylabel('Radiation (Watts)')
plt.title('Radiation vs Black Hole Mass (Colored by V)')
# Scatter plot for radiation vs black hole mass (Colored by C s)
plt.subplot(133)
plt.scatter(black hole masses, radiation c s, c=c s values, cmap='viridis')
plt.colorbar(label='C s (m/s)')
plt.xlabel('Black Hole Mass (Solar Masses)')
plt.ylabel('Radiation (Watts)')
plt.title('Radiation vs Black Hole Mass (Colored by C s)')
plt.tight layout()
plt.show()
```



## 3. jet production

The jet which emits energy is determined by many factor and is usually very hard to model, so we here assume a simpler case where the jets are produced when the accretion rate and radiation exceed certain limit. We assume the limits to be:

- 1. accretion rate thershold =  $10^{-4}$  solar mass per year
- 2. radiation thershold =  $10^{36}$  watts

```
In [50]: def determine_jet_production(accretion_rate, radiation):
    # Limits when jet production takes place
    accretion_rate_threshold = 1e-4 # in solar masses per year
    radiation_threshold = 1e36

# Determine jet production
    jets = accretion_rate > accretion_rate_threshold and radiation > radiati
    return jets
    # returns true or false
```

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In [55]: # Examples for determine_jet_production
    print(determine_jet_production(1e-7, 1e20)) # neither parameter exceeds the
    print(determine_jet_production(1, 1e30)) # the accretion rate exceeds the li
    print(determine_jet_production(1e-5, 1e40)) # the radiation exceeds the limit
    print(determine_jet_production(1, 1e40)) # both exceeds the limit
```

False False True

### combining the three function

```
In [56]:
    def accretion_model(black_hole_mass, accretion_radius, other_parameters):
        accretion_rate = calculate_accretion_rate(black_hole_mass, accretion_rad
        radiation = calculate_radiation(accretion_rate, other_parameters)
        jets = determine_jet_production(accretion_rate, radiation, other_parameters)
    return accretion_rate, radiation, jets
```

Now I can add these functions to the original class as the first part of the code:

```
In [108... class Galaxy:
             '''initialize the galaxy'''
             def init (self, mass, position, velocity, black hole mass):
                 self.mass = mass
                 self.position = position
                 self.velocity = velocity
                 self.black_hole_mass = black_hole_mass
              '''black hole accretion model'''
             def calculate accretion rate(black hole mass,
                                           rho = np.random.uniform(1e-14, 1e-13),
                                           v = np.random.uniform(4.5e7, 5.5e7),
                                          c s = np.random.uniform(1e6, 2e7)):
                 # The input black hole mass should in the unit of solar mass
                 G = 6.67430e-11 * u.m**3 / u.kg / u.s**2 # gravitational constant wi
                 M = black hole mass * 1.98847e30 * u.kg # solar masses to kg
                 rho = rho * u.kg / u.m**3 # density of the accreting material in kg
                 v = v * u.m / u.s # relative velocity in m/s
                 c s = c s * u.m / u.s # sound speed in the material in m/s
                 # Bondi-Hoyle-Lyttleton accretion rate
                 accretion rate = (4 * np_*pi * G**2 * M**2 * rho) / ((v**2 + c s**2)*
                 # Convert accretion rate to solar masses per year
                 accretion_rate_solar_masses_per_year = accretion_rate.to(u.kg / u.s)
                 return accretion_rate_solar_masses_per_year
             def calculate radiation(accretion rate, epsilon = 0.1):
                 # The accretion rate is obtained from the previous function calculat
                 c = 299792458 * u.m / u.s
                 # calculate the luminosity (or radiation)
                 radiation = epsilon * accretion rate * 1.98847e30 * c**2 # Convert
                 return radiation
             def accretion model(black hole mass, accretion radius, other parameters)
                 accretion rate = calculate accretion rate(black hole mass, accretion
                 radiation = calculate radiation(accretion rate, other parameters)
                 jets = determine_jet_production(accretion_rate, radiation, other_par
                 return accretion rate, radiation, jets
             # Gas Dynamics and Interstellar Medium
             def gas dynamics(galaxy):
                 This models the impliment model of the dynamics of gas in and around
                 The processes like cooling, heating, and interaction with AGN radiat
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# B) Cooling and Heating

According to my research of other people's work, the fully modeled dynamic of mass cannot be easily computed from a local computer and requires much more computation work. Thus, for my work, I will be creating a easier model with more idealized condition than what is actually happening in AGN galaxies but keep all the key concepts in AGN gas dynamics simulation.

The temperature change within the galaxy is another important thing to consider. From previous study (Li et al 2016), they analyzed a battle between radiative cooling and AGN heating. Thus the cooling and heating are happening at the same time within the AGN host galaxy. That being said, we want to set different rate of cooling and heating in terms of other parameters.

This is complex as a lot of parameters could contribute to the cooling/ heating rates, such as mass, cooling coefficient, environment, AGN activity, and many more. We here consider some of the most significant factor in cooling and heating, which are:

- density: Cooling processes in the ISM are significantly influenced by the gas's density, and it is usually proportional to density square
- 2. cooling coefficient
- 3. **temperature**: Cooling processes in the ISM are inversely proportional to temperature
- 4. **time**: The rate might decrease over time as the galaxy loses energy
- 5. **composition**: The composition of AGN galaxies are really hard to determine, I will keep this away from the simulation for now, but may come back to it as this project becomes more developed
- 6. metallicity
- 7. star formation rate
- 8. **AGN luminosity**: this was calculated above with the radiation

```
In [147... # combining what has been discussed above, cooling rate is proportional to d
         # and inversely proportional to time and temperature
         def cooling function(temperature):
             if temperature < 1e4:</pre>
                 # Low-temperature regime
                 new temp = 1e-22 * temperature
                 return new temp
             else:
                 # High-temperature regime
                 new_temp = 1e-24 * temperature**1.5
                 return new_temp
         def heating function(star formation initial, agn luminosity initial, density
             decay factor = 0.5 # Represents a decay over time
             # Star formation rate and AGN luminosity decrease over time
             star formation rate = star formation initial / (1 + decay factor * time)
             agn luminosity = agn luminosity initial / (1 + decay factor * time)
             return 1e-35 * (star formation rate + agn luminosity) * density
         def cooling rate(new temp, density):
             cooling_rate = new_temp * density**2
             return cooling rate
         def ism temperature evolution(initial temperature, density, metallicity, sta
             temperature = initial_temperature
             for time in range(total time):
                 # cooling and heating rates
                 cooling rate = cooling function(temperature) * density**2
                 heating rate = heating function(star formation rate, agn luminosity,
                 # Update temperature
                 temperature change = (heating rate - cooling rate) * timestep
                 temperature += temperature change
                 if temperature < 10: # 10 K is a reasonable lower limit for ISM tem
                      temperature = 10
             return temperature
```

```
In [158... # Test the function
    initial_temperature = 10000 # in Kelvin
    density = 1.0e-10 # in particles per cubic centimeter
    metallicity = 1.0 # Solar metallicity
    star_formation_rate = 2.0 # Solar masses per year
    agn_luminosity = 1e44 # in ergs per second
    timestep = 1e6 # in years
    total_time = 1000 # number of timesteps
    final_temperature = ism_temperature_evolution(initial_temperature, density,
    print(f"Final ISM Temperature: {final_temperature} K")
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#### Final ISM Temperature: 1307293.9723098695 K

In [159... def ism\_temperature\_evolution\_over\_time(initial\_temperature, density, metallicity, star formation initial, agn\_luminosity\_initial, timestep, total\_time): temperature = initial\_temperature temperatures, cooling rates, heating rates = [], [], [] for time in range(total time): cooling rate = cooling function(temperature) \* density\*\*2 heating rate = heating function(star formation initial, agn luminosi temperature change = (heating rate - cooling rate) \* timestep temperature += temperature\_change if temperature < 10:</pre> temperature = 10 temperatures.append(temperature) cooling rates.append(cooling rate) heating\_rates.append(heating\_rate) return temperatures, cooling rates, heating rates

In [160... # Run the simulation temperatures, cooling\_rates, heating\_rates = ism\_temperature\_evolution\_over\_ # Time axis time axis = [timestep \* i for i in range(total time)] # Plotting plt.figure(figsize=(12, 12)) # Temperature plot plt.subplot(3, 1, 1) plt.plot(time axis, temperatures, label='Temperature', color='red') plt.ylabel('Temperature (K)') plt.title('Time Evolution of ISM Properties') plt.legend() # Cooling rate plot plt.subplot(3, 1, 2) plt.plot(time axis, cooling rates, label='Cooling Rate', color='blue') plt.ylabel('Cooling Rate') plt.legend() # Heating rate plot plt.subplot(3, 1, 3) plt.plot(time\_axis, heating\_rates, label='Heating Rate', color='green') plt.ylabel('Heating Rate') plt.xlabel('Time (Years)') plt.legend() plt.tight layout() plt.show()

