EVOLVTION OF MASSIVE GALAXIES IN THE ERA OF LARGE AREA SVR VEYS





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MASSIVE GALAXIES IN A Λ CDM UNIVERSE Massive galaxies: $M_{stellar} > 10^{11} M_{\odot}$

- Scarcity
- Drivers of the environment (semi-analytical models)
- Smaller number densities than predicted by galaxy formation models



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Hard to reconcile with ΛCDM?

OBSERVATIONAL PROPERTIES



Not so quiescent as previously thought (Cava+10, Viero+11)

 Cores of present-day BCGs (Bezanson+09, Hopkins +09), but see Trujillo+09,+12 in prep.

GOODS NICMOS SURVEY

180 orbits HST program NICMOS 3 camera F160W (H) band

P.I. Christopher J. Conselice (Nottingham) 60 pointings, 45 arcmin², > 8000 galaxies in total Pixel scale 0.1", PSF ~ 0.3", Limiting mag. H = 26.8 (5σ) Details in Conselice+11 (+FB) or visit <u>http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/astronomy/gns/</u>

80 galaxies $\geq 10^{11}M_{\odot}$ at $1.7 \leq z \leq 3$

BzK galaxies (Daddi et al. 2007) IRAC-selected Extremely Red Objects, IEROs (Yan et al. 2004) Distant Red Galaxies, DRGs (Papovich et al. 2006) ... and now waiting for CANDELS to come (Bruce+12 in prep.)

Many works focussed specially in massive galaxy evolution:

Merging (Bluck+09,+11a) SMBHs (Bluck+11b) SFR (Bauer+10) Environments (Grützbauch+10) Mass functions (Mortlock+11) Luminosity profiles (Onsworth+12 in prep.)





Da10182 @ z = 2.72 r_e = 0.93 kpc Mass = 1.91x10¹¹ M_{\odot}

MORPHOLOGICAL TRANSFORMATION





3D SPECTROSCOPY OF MASSIVE GALAXIES (BUITRAGO ET AL. 2012, IN PREP.)

 Bright future: spectroscopy + photometry (cf. Durham+Edinburgh projects such us KMOS or EAGLE)

 $\bullet H_{\alpha}$ traces the ionized gas

Insights on the MINOR MERGING, cold flows and dynamical masses

1st sample "solely" selected by mass using SINFONI

(cf. POWIR Survey, e.g. Bundy+2006, Conselice+2007)

•10 objects @ z=1.36 - 1.41 and $K_{AB}=17.9 - 18.5$ •Modelling as in Epinat+2010 (see also Epinat +09)







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Buitrago+12 in prep.

AFTER:

 Massive galaxies are supported mainly by rotation (vs low-z Univ.)
Disks are already stable at high-z, but merging has been observed

LARGE AREA SURVEYS

- To palliate scarcity of massive galaxies
- To witness the end of the galaxy mass function
- EUCLID will provide 10x massive galaxies and 100x spectra for these objects
- To pick other rare objects such us PDGs (Messias+12 in prep. & FB)
- A compromise between depth and surveyed area: UltraVISTA
 - $I \times I.5 \text{ deg}^2$; YJHK_S; H_{AB/5 σ /lim}=26.1; PI J. Dunlop(RoE)

CONCLUSIONS

Massive galaxies are an exceptional test-bed to check **ACDM** framework predictions

Extremely small sizes, lack of local counterparts and a variety of star formations make them a challenging frontier on galaxy formation & evolution

There is a clear trend towards a switch from spheroids to disk-like morphologies as redshift increases for massive galaxies.

They seem to be supported by rotational velocity at high-z and their evolution is consistent with a crucial role of minor merging