High resolution ALMA imaging of SMGs

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Sub-millimetre galaxies

- Bright (L_{FIR}>10¹²L₀) galaxies detected in the submillimetre range.
- Star-burst dominated (SFR~1000M_o/yr).
- High redshift
 - lensed
 - + makes them easier to detect (i.e. demands less observing time).
 - makes it difficult to achieve the initial conditions and morphology (lensing models)
 - non-lensed
 - makes them more difficult to detect (i.e. demands more observing time).
 - + have the initial conditions and morphology available (no need for lensing models).

Samples: ALESS

ALMA LABOCA ECDFS Sub-millimetre Survey where ECDFS is: Extended Chandra Deep Field South

- 126 SMGs discovered with LABOCA/APEX at 850µm, with angular resolution of ~19" FWHM (Weiss et al 2009).
- Followed up at 850µm with ALMA in cycle-0 with angular resolution of ~1.5" (Hodge et al. 13).



Sample: AS2CLS

ALMA SCUBA-2 Cosmology Legacy Survey where SCUBA-2 is: Sub-millimetre Common-User Bolometer Array 2

- 30 bright submm sources detected in the UDS by SCUBA-2 at an angular resolution of 20.5".
- Followed up at 850µm with ALMA in cycle 1 at an angular resolution of 0.3", detecting 52 SMGs (Simpson et al. 2015).



High resolution

- Follow-up with ALMA of four SMGs
- High redshift: z~ 4.4 4.8
- Longest-baseline ~16km \Rightarrow angular resolution of **0.03**".



Combined HST and ALMA imaging



Apparent morphology: smooth and compact or extended and 'clumpy'

850µm continuum emission



















Tapering to from 0.03" to 0.05" makes the 'clumps' less significant → more similar to smooth discs.

Data vs simulations

Simulation: how a disc with similar size and brightness as the low resolution observations will portray in 0.03" observations.



Hodge et al. 2016



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Sizes: continuum vs [CII]





[CII] emission is more extended than dust continuum emisssion

[CII] emission



[CII] 'deficit'





Follow the 'normal' [CII] line 'deficit' compared to FIR luminosity

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Thank you for your attention

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