Star formation in z > 1.4 early-type galaxies

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Introduction



what processes quench galaxies during the cosmic noon?

indices from abundances, stellar population structure, residual gas

how do quenched galaxies stay quiescent for ~9 Gyr ?

COSMOS pBzK + UVJp sample



Mass-matched pBzK + UVJp sample



early-type morphologies: n ~ 3, r_{eff} ~ 1.5 kpc

Far-infrared stacks (2D)



Spitzer/MIPS













100 µm





JCMT/SCUBA2

ASTE/AzTEC

VLA

Far-infrared stacks (2D)



distance from central (arcsec)

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Satellite halos

Gobat et al. 2015, A&A 581, 56



Diffuse X-ray emission: $M_{200} = 1-3 \times 10^{13} M_{\odot}$

Depressed sSFR closer to the central

SFR density does not follow SF satellite number density

Far-infrared stacks (SED)



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High dust & gas fractions in z > 1.5 quiescent galaxies

(Gobat et al., arXiv:1703.02207)



 $f_{gas} = M_{gas}/(M_{gas}+M_{*}) = 7.4^{+4.6}_{-3.0}$ % (1/4 of the MS)

Mass-matched spectroscopic ETG subsample



VLT/VIMOS observations of 31 BzK-selected quiescent galaxies in COSMOS

 $\langle z \rangle = 1.51, \langle M_* \rangle = 1.2 \times 10^{11} M_{\odot}$ (Salpeter IMF), $\langle E(B-V) \rangle = 0.12$

Stellar metallicity from rest-frame UV spectroscopy ~ 1 Z_o

Spectroscopic ETG subsample: stacked 2D spectrum

Median stacked 2D spectra (same relative scale)



outer aperture
inner aperture (~PSF FWHM)

Decomposition in core and wings components:

 $\begin{pmatrix} \text{in} \\ \text{out} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} w_{ic} & w_{iw} \\ w_{oc} & w_{ow} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \text{core} \\ \text{wings} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \delta_{\text{in}} \\ \delta_{\text{out}} \end{pmatrix}$

First detection of **spectroscopic gradients** at high redshift (Gobat et al. 2017, A&A 599, 95)



Spectroscopic ETG subsample: resolved [OII] emission



extended [OII]3727Å flux: (3.4±0.3)×10⁻¹⁸ erg s⁻¹ cm⁻²

flux calibration + dust & aperture corrections

if star formation, SFRoII = 4.5 ± 1 M_☉ yr⁻¹

close to the FIR value SFR_{IR} ≅ 4.8 M_☉ yr⁻¹



Hydrodynamical simulations

- non-expulsive quenching process leaves significant amounts of gas
- 2. transition to low SFE mode when $f_{gas} \approx 15\%$
- 3. **bulge stabilisation keeps SFE low**, even after later reaccretion of gas

Summary

low residual star formation in z >1.4 ETGs from both emission-line and far-infrared diagnostics. ~1.5 dex below the MS

> Iow T_{dust} (-10 K) Iow SFE (×1/3)

stabilization by bulge and halo

high dust and gas fractions (10%) ~1-2 dex above the MS

> non-exhaustive quenching process

Thank you