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GALAXY FORMATION

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Lecture.l

- Cosmological framework
- Galaxies in the Local Universe: main properties
- The cosmic star formation history
- Main galaxies properties around $z\sim2$ and at high z.

+ Initial Conditions are given by precision cosmology



Dark

Energy 71.4%





How did galaxy form? What processes regulate star formation? What processes transform galaxies ?



Hubble 1936



The fundamental plane of early type galaxies (ETGs) galaxies can be used to constrains galaxy formation models and determine distances

$$\log R_{\rm e} = a \log \sigma_0 + b \log \langle I \rangle_{\rm e} + {\rm constant},$$



Fig. 2.17. The masses of central black holes in ellipticals and spiral bulges plotted against the absolute magnitude (left) and velocity dispersion (right) of their host spheroids. [Adapted from Kormendy (2001)]

ETGs are dominated by old stellar populations, suggesting the bulk of star formation at z>2.

The correlation between the properties of ellipticals (and bulges) with their central black holes suggests a connection between their formation/evolution.

Sèrsic law

$$\mu(R) = \mu_{\rm e} + 1.086 \beta_n \left[\left(\frac{R}{R_{\rm e}} \right)^{1/n} - 1 \right].$$



Disc galaxies show flat rotational velocity curves: dark matter determines the global potential well but baryons matter

The dark matter distribution depends is affected by the presence of baryons (e.g.Tissera & Dominguez-Tenreiro 1998).



Fig. 2.21. The rotation curves of the Sc galaxy NGC 3198 (left) and the low surface brightness galaxy F568-3 (right). The curve in the left panel shows the contribution from the disk mass assuming a mass-to-light ratio of $3.8 M_{\odot}/L_{\odot}$. [Based on data published in Begeman (1989) and Swaters et al. (2000)]



The tight correlation between Mb and V_{max} encodes the combined action of different physical processes.

ETGs follow the 'TFR' is dispersion is taken into account:

$$S_K = \sqrt{KV_{rot}^2 + \sigma_g^2},$$

STAR FORMING MAIN SEQUENCE



STAR FORMATION AND GAS FRACTION



Higher cold fractions can be related to higher SFR: Is it enough to have available HI? Is it necessary to have triggering mechanisms such as mergers? What is the role of environment?

•LUMINOSITY/STELLAR MASS FUNCTIONS IN DIFFERENT ENVIRONMENT

$$\phi(L)\,dL\sim L^{\alpha}e^{-L/L^*}\,dL,$$

$$\phi(M) dM \sim 10^{-0.4(\alpha+1)M} e^{-10^{0.4(M^*-M)}} dM.$$

Different contributions of morphologies in different environments (e.g.Dressler 1980)



•ENVIRONMENT



As the local density increases, the effects of environment are more important. galaxy-galaxy encounters, galaxy stripping, etc.

Dynamical friction: galaxies loose orbital angular momentum and sinks galactic (galactic cannibalism)

Ram-pressure: interaction of the galaxy with the IGM that can deprive (cold/hot) gas (strangulation/starvation)

The remotion of gas from galaxies by environmental processes contribute to enrich the IGM and might lead to the quenching of the star formation in galaxies (pre-processing).

Dressler 1980

Interacting Galaxies

Hubble Space Telescope • ACS/WFC • WFPC2



- mass ratio of the galaxies: <u>major mergers</u>: M₁/M₂ > 3 – 4 <u>minor mergers</u>: otherwise; satellites major mergers are more destructive than minor mergers
- morphologies of the progenitors (disks or spheroids): disks are more fragile; even minor mergers may have a structural impact (e.g. disk thickening, bars, warps)
- gas mass fraction of the progenitors: <u>wet mergers</u>: between gas-rich galaxies <u>dry mergers</u>: with gas-poor progenitors gas responds to pressure as well as to gravity and may loose energy by radiation
- orbital properties: the orbital energy and angular momentum determine the fate of a merger

Taken from L. Sodré's lectures at UNAB 2016



FROM LUMINOSITIES TO STELLAR MASSES AND STAR FORMATION RATES 19



Optical image + 0.4m (blue) and 0.7 m(green) Visible light (blue and green) + infrared (red) Spitzer: 3.5m(blue), 4.5m(green), 7m(red). Red features show dust composed mostly of C Spitzer includes 24m(red), hot dust. Red/ white spots—> new stars heating their surroundings.

•FROM LUMINOSITY TO STAR FORMATION

- + The technique relies on some basic properties of stellar populations and dusty starburst galaxies.
- The UV -continuum emission is dominated by short-lived massive stars, except for the oldest galaxies. Hence, for a given (Initial Mass Function) IMF and dust content —> it is a measure of the instantaneous star formation rate density (SFRD).
- The rest-frame NIR light is dominated by near-solar-mass-evolved stars —> they can be used as tracers of the total stellar mass density (SMD).
- Interstellar dust preferentially absorbs UV light and re-radiates it in the thermal IR —> the FIR emission of dusty galaxies can be a sensitive tracer of young stellar populations and the SFRD.

Spectral Energy Distributions (SEDs) models:

Single Stellar Populations (SSPs): stars formed at a given time (same age), with a given a metallicity (Z), assuming an Initial Mass Function (IMF),

$$f_{\rm SSP}(t,Z) = \int_{m_{\rm lo}}^{m_{\rm up}(t)} f_{\rm star}[T_{\rm eff}(M), \log g(M)|t, Z] \Phi(M) \,\mathrm{d}M,$$

Metallicity: the fraction of chemical elements heavier than He in the gas or stars, Z=M(Z)/M_{gas})

•STELLAR POPULATION SYNTHESIS: SOME CONCEPTS



$$f_{\rm CSP}(t) = \int_{t'=0}^{t'=t} \int_{Z=0}^{Z_{\rm max}} \left({\rm SFR}(t-t') P(Z,t-t') f_{\rm SSP}(t',Z) e^{-\tau_d(t')} + A f_{\rm dust}(t',Z) \right) \, {\rm d}t' \, {\rm d}Z,$$

CSPs provide estimations of:

- The characteristics of the SPs that are in a galaxy
- The fraction of gas.
- The stellar mass.

SYNTHETIC SPECTRA



Shapley 2011

 $SFR = \mathcal{K}_{FUV} \times L_{\nu}(FUV), \qquad SFR_{tot} = \mathcal{K}_{FUV}L_{FUV} + \mathcal{K}_{IR}L_{IR},$



The value of the conversion factor is sensitive to the recent SFH and metal-enrichment history as well as the choice of the IMF.

•EVOLUTION WITH REDSHIFT

Caution: calibration of conversion factors done at z~0



There are higher LUV at higher redshift —> higher star formation activity LFIR —>extends to higher L Starburst galaxies are obscured in UV.

Stellar masses by SED





Equation 1 was first used by Lanzetta et al. (1995) to study the chemical evolution of the damped Ly α absorption systems, where one infers the comoving rate of star formation from the observed cosmological mass density of H_I. Pei & Fall (1995) then generalized it to models with inflows and outflows. Madau et al. (1996, 1998b) and Lilly et al. (1996) developed a different method where data from galaxy surveys were used to infer the SFRD $\psi(t)$ directly. This new approach relies on coupling the equations of chemical evolution to the spectrophotometric properties of the cosmic volume under consideration. The specific luminosity density at time t of a "cosmic stellar population" characterized by an SFRD $\psi(t)$ and a metal-enrichment law $Z_*(t)$ is given by the convolution integral

$$\rho_{\nu}(t) = \int_0^t \psi(t-\tau) \mathcal{L}[\tau, Z_*(t-\tau)] d\tau, \qquad (13)$$

where $\mathcal{L}_{\nu}[\tau, Z_*(t-\tau)]$ is the specific luminosity density radiated per unit initial stellar mass by a SSP of age τ and metallicity $Z_*(t-\tau)$. The theoretical calculation of \mathcal{L}_{ν} requires stellar evolutionary tracks, isochrones, and stellar atmosphere libraries. As an illustrative example of this technique, we provide in this section a current determination of the SFH of the Universe and discuss a number of possible implications.



Madau & Dickinson 2014

Mass-loaded galactic winds are detected in star-forming galaxies, carrying up to ~300-500 Mo/yr in Local (Martin1999; Rubin+2014) and high redshift universe (e.g.Martin+2013).



z~2; Newman 2012

z~0; Martin 1999

Galactic wind can be also AGN-driven (e.g. Genzel+2014)

Hubble probes the invisible halo of a galaxy

The light of a distant quasar shines through the invisible gaseous halo of a foreground galaxy. Elements in the halo absorb certain frequencies of light. They become detectable, and can be used to measure the halo's mass.

Enriched massloaded winds: enriching of the CGM/ICM contribute to galactic fountain

COS-Halo survey Tumilson+2011 Borthakur-201 Quasar



Star formation-M_{star} sequence for galaxies at different redshift (blue lines, Elbaz+2007) At a given stellar mass, galaxies are more actively forming stars and are more gas-rich for higher redshift.

EVOLUTION OF THE GAS FRACTION AND SFR



The increase in star formation rate —> increasing gas fraction 50 % at z ~2 (e.g. Daddi+2010).

Submillimiter star forming galaxies (SMGs) at z=1-4



U-B versus M_{star} A: AGN activity Large, clumpy irregular galaxies reside mainly in the blue cloud.

Compact, quiescent galaxies lie on a red sequence.

EVOLUTION OF STAR FORMATION AND GAS FRACTION



Kennicutt-Schmit (KS) law:

Grey points: KS law at z~0 (Kennicutt 1998; Garcia-Genzel+2010;Armus+2009) **Depletion times:**

t_{dep}= M_{molecular}/SFR

z~1-3 -> t_{dep} =0.70 (0.34) Gyr z~0 -> t_{dep} =1.24 (0.24) Gyr

THE EVOLUTION OF GALAXY SIZE



Shapley 2011

THE EVOLUTION OF GALAXY SIZE



The evolution of the galaxy sizes from z~3 (van der Wel+2014) using 3D-HST+ CANDELS survey The evolution of ETGs is stronger than for LTGS —> Different assembly histories.

Disc galaxies are common at high redshift but they are more turbulent and clumpy.

- The cosmic star formation history shows maximum activity at z~1-2 after an increasing rate at higher redshift and a strong decline at lower ones.
- Galaxies at higher redshift are gas-rich and have higher star formation rates. Main star formation sequences are identified: the regulation of the star formation rate is associated to the gas availability.
- At high z, discs are frequent and more disturbed and clumpy. The fraction of irregular galaxies increases as well the signs for mergers and interactions.
- Galaxies sizes evolve: at a given stellar mass, galaxies grow. The rate of grow is more pronounced for ellipticals. The size growth favours dry mergers as a possible formation mechanism after in situ formation phase.
- Supernova feedback and/or AGN feedback are important together with environmental effects. How do they work to establish self-regulated star formation activity?

There are still many aspects to understand in relation to triggering/regulation/quenching of star formation and the connection with morphology.