ARE THE MOST MASSIVE GALAXIES SVBSTANTIALLY DIFFERENT VSING THE DEEPEST SVR VEYS?

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OUTLINE

- Why should we care about the massive end of the galaxy mass function?
- Limitations to our knowledge: surface brightness dimming
- Low-z Universe
- High-z Universe
- Conclusions

M87 NGC 4486 HST ACS/WFC

 F814W /
 15,000 light-years

 F606W //
 15,000 light-years

 F475W g
 4600 parsecs

Not all galaxies in the Universe have beautiful spiral arms...

The galaxy monsters contain up to 50% of the stars in the local Universe



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2. Invisible dark matter halos (shewn in orange below) collapse from the ambient background, tracing the initial mass fluctuations.

Primordial gas condenses within the dark matter halos. Some stars form during the collapse, and collect into globurar clusters. Most of the gas collects into disks (shown in yollow).

Metter Halo





4. Stars form in the disk, gradually building up a spiral galaxy

Van der Bergh & Abraham 2001

EVOLUTION OF MASSIVE GALAXIES (Buitrago et al. 2013) (see also Van der Wel+11, Bruce+14)





NGC1277 @ 73 Mpc $r_e=1.2 \text{ kpc}$, $M_{stellar}=1.2 \times 10^{11} M_{\odot}$ 10 - 10-5 5 10 0 8 20 arcsec 10 - 10-5 5 10 0 X (kpc)

Van der Bosch et al. 2012, Trujillo et al. 2014



OBSERVATIONAL PROBLEMS

- Surface brightness dimming at high-z
 - The factor $(1+z)^{-4} = > +10 \log (1+z)$



 Limitations in our stellar evol. codes, photometry, difficulty to get (decent) spectra...

OBSERVATIONAL PROBLEMS

z = 0.65

- Surface brightness dimming at high-z
 - The factor $(1+z)^4 = > +10 \log (1+z)$



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OBSERVATIONAL PROBLEMS

z = 3.5

- Surface brightness dimming at high-z
 - The factor $(1+z)^4 = > +10 \log (1+z)$



0.1

20

40

Radius

60

80

100

difficulty to get (decent) spec

EVOLUTION IN SIZE





Investigating the low surface brightness stellar haloes at z = 0.65! or how to use HUDF for low-z Buitrago et al. 2015 almost ready







ULTRAVISTA

- VIRCAM@VISTA 4-m survey telescope
- http://www.ultravista.org/



OBJECTIVES



- Photometric masses & redshifts
- Double Sérsic decompositions (and bulge + disk)
- Mass/luminosity functions
- IRAC DECONFUSION ALGORITHM





NEXT CHALLENGE: HUBBLE FRONTIER FIELDS PROGRAMME



Parametric analyses of the galaxies' surface brightness are specially suited for dealing with overcrowded images: why not adding this capability to TPHOT? Merlin et al. (2015) in preparation

MASS-SIZE RELATION FOR MASSIVE GALAXIES UP TO Z=4.5 USING THE DEEPEST K-BAND SURVEY - HUGS



SIZE EVOLUTION – MASSIVE – OPT. RESTFRAME



- Observational Cosmology: constraining \lambda CDM
- Once we have access to the low surface brightness (up to 100 kpc or >25 r_e) size-mass rel. is accurate
- CANDELS spheroids@z=0.65 no need for size evolution
- Preliminar analysis shows extended/interacting and compact massive galaxies up to z=4.5
- Is at 1<z<3 where evolution takes place for massive galaxies?