High-z galaxies

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Observing the deep sky

Atmospheric absorption



banda	sotto-	λ	λ	assorbimento	osservazioni
	banda		> 300m	plasma interplanetario	opaco
RADIO	(non oss.) radio	>30m	> 30m	ionosfera	(satellite)
101DIO	microonde	3 cm - 1 mm	$30\mathrm{m}-3\mathrm{cm}$	finestra radio	da terra
sub-mm		$1 \mathrm{mm} - 300 \mu$	$3 \mathrm{cm} - 1 \mathrm{mm}$	$H_2O \in O_2$	alta montagna
	FIR	$300\mu - 30\mu$	$1 \mathrm{mm} - 10 \mu$	H_2O, O_2, CO_2	pallone o satellite
IR	MIR	$30\mu - 5\mu$	$850\mu e 450\mu$	finestre sub-mm	alta montagna
ottico	NIK	$5\mu - 7000A$ 7000Å - 4000Å	$10\mu-7000{ m \AA}$	H_2O , molte finestre	alta montagna
(visuale)		100011 400011	$7000 \text{\AA} - 3100 \text{\AA}$	finestra ottica	da terra
	NUV	$4000 \text{\AA} - 3100 \text{\AA}$	$3100\mathrm{\AA}-912\mathrm{\AA}$	O_3	satellite
UV	soft UV	3100Å – 912Å	$\sim 912 \text{\AA}$	HI galattico	quasi opaco
V	EUV	912A - 100A	$\lesssim 100 \text{\AA}$	ionizzazione di stratosfera	satellite
Χ	soft X hard X	100A - 10A 10Å - 0.02Å	$\lesssim 0.02 { m \AA}$	scattering Compton etc.	satellite
γ		<0.02Å	$E > 100 {\rm GeV}$	creazione di sciami	da terra

Angular resolution:

- diffraction limit
- seeing (atmospheric turbulence)
- ability to deflect photons

Spectral resolution:

- slitless spectroscopy,
- slits,
- Multi-Objects Spectroscopy (MOS),
- Integral Field Units (IFU)

Image depth (given the exposure time!):

- telescope size
- detector sensitivity
- backgrounds
- angular resolution / confusion limit

Survey vs pointings!





Integral field units





From stellar spectra to galaxy SEDs

Needed ingredients:



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plus:

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$$L_{\nu}^{(\text{SSP},1\,\text{M}_{\odot})}(t_0 - t, Z_{\text{gas}}(t)) = \text{const} \times \int_{m_l}^{m_u} dm \phi(m) L_{\nu}^{\text{star}}(m, t_0 - t, Z)$$
IMF

Adding dust

Historical evidence for dust: Trumpler, 1930

The apparent size of an open cluster decreases like the inverse of the diameter distance.

The total flux of an open cluster decreases like the inverse square of the luminosity distance.

If open clusters have on average the same size and luminosity, one can get their luminosity ("photometric" in the plot) and diameter distances from observed flux and angular size.

As we are inside the galaxy, luminosity and diameter distances are the same.

Extinction of more distant objects is revealed by a flattening of the relation of luminosity vs diameter distance.

Because it is a continuum absorption, it must be due to dust.



FIG. 1.—Comparison of the distances of 100 open star clusters determined from apparent magnitudes and spectral types (abscissae) with those determined from angular diameters (ordinates). The large dots refer to clusters with well-determined photometric distances, the small dots to clusters with less certain data (half weight). The asterisks and crosses represent group means. If no general space absorption were present, the clusters should fall along the dotted straight line; the dotted curve gives the relation between the two distance measures for a general absorption of 0^m7 per 1000 parsecs. Size distribution: from a few Å (PAH molecules) to ~1-10 μ m, with max at ~0.5 μ m (~the wavelength of visible light).

Composition: C, Si, O, Mg, Fe. two main groups carbonaceous (graphite and/or amorphous C) and silicate (Mg+Fe+Si+0, eg olivine) grains.

Typically from 0.5 to 1% of ISM mass is in dust at z=0, about 1/2 of heavy elements are *depleted* to dust.

Dust particles interact with photons emitted by astrophysical objects, mostly at optical/UV wavelengths:

- absorption,
- scattering,
- polarization.

Absorbed energy is then thermally re-radiated at $\lambda \sim 10-100 \,\mu$ m

The effect of dust

reddening:

$$E(B-V) := (B-V)_{\text{obs}} - (B-V)_{\text{true}}$$

extinction in the V band:







Optical: dust absorbs background Ha light from hydrogen recombination

MIR: dust thermal emission + PAH







Silva et al. 1998, ApJ 509, 103

Full SED of a simulated galaxy







Radiative transfer vs simple recipes on a set of model galaxies



Fontanot et al. 2009, MNRAS 392, 553

From galaxy SEDs to physical quantities

Star Formation Rate indicators

SFR is mainly calibrated on local molecular clouds by counting the number of "Young Stellar Objects", that is massive newly born (pre-main sequence) stars. If <M> is the total mass of new stars for each YSO and τ the YSO lifetime:

$$SFR = N_{\rm YSO} \frac{\langle M \rangle}{\tau}$$

Then light at a SFR-sensitive wavelength is correlated with this SFR.

The main SFR indicators are:

- UV (1500 A) luminosity,
- 24 µm luminosity,
- total IR luminosity, from 8 to 1000 $\mu m,$
- Ha line luminosity, emerging from HII regions,
- Paschen-α line luminosity, if observable,
- other nebular lines,
- radio luminosity,
- X-ray luminosity.

To account for dust extinction:

- correct UV data for extinction, using the (reddened) UV slope,
- add UV and FIR SFR indicators.

(Un-extincted) UV light

The 1500 A luminosity of an SSP drops quickly with time, especially after 3 x 10⁸ yr. For a constant SFR, the UV luminosity is constant after ~10⁸ yr. These numbers depend weakly on metallicity.



Madau & Dickinson 2014, ARA&A 52, 415



Stellar mass measurements

- Luminosity in some red band (K band at 2 m, or Spitzer NIR bands)
- Average M/L in the K-band
- Correction for (little) extinction



SED fitting

Main parameters:

- REDSHIFT!
- stellar mass
- Star Formation Rate, SFR(tobs)
- Star Formation Rate history, SFR(t)
- metallicity, Z(t_{obs})
- metallicity history Z(t)
- IMF
- extinction and reddening (dust mass and geometry)
- library of galaxy SEDs
- AGN contamination



courtesy of C. Gruppioni

SED fitting tested on model galaxies: stellar masses



Mitchell et al. 2013, MNRAS 435, 87

SFR from SED fitting versus 24 μ m + H α



Estimating the SFR of a galaxy, it is possible to notice a correlation of surface densities of SFR and gas mass.

This was first noticed by Maarten Schmidt in 1959, then confirmed by several authors among which Robert Kennicutt.

With significant uncertainties, the relation has been fit as:

$$\Sigma_{\rm SFR} \propto \Sigma_{\rm gas}^{1.4}$$



Kennicutt 1998, ApJ 498, 541

A breakthrough was obtained in 2008 thanks to a suite of multiwavelength surveys of a sample of nearby spirals. *(Leroy et al. 2008, AJ 136 2782; Bigiel et al. 2008, AJ 136, 2846)*

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VLA: 21 cm -> HI
mm antennas: CO -> H2
Spitzer: 24 \mum
GALEX: UV
24 \mum + UV -> SFR
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total gas: different regimes

molecular gas: linear relation



total gas: different regimes

neutral gas: no correlation

Timescales of star formation

Gas consumption timescale:

$$t_{\rm gc} = \Sigma_{\rm mol} / \Sigma_{\rm SFR} \simeq 2 \ \rm Gyr$$

Dynamical time of molecular clouds:

 $t_{\rm dyn} \simeq 20 {\rm ~Myr}$

Fraction of stars formed per dynamical time:

$$f_{\star} \simeq 1 \%$$

Star formation rate:

$$SFR = f_{\star} M_{\rm mol} / t_{\rm dyn}$$

Then:

$$t_{\rm dyn} \simeq f_{\star} t_{\rm gc}$$



Lines of constant gas consumption timescale
Kennicutt relation with starbursts



Two relations at high densities?



Daddi et al. 2010, ApJ 714, L118

Passive and active galaxies

Bimodality of the color-magnitude relation



Baldry et al. 2006, MNRAS, 373, 469

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Selection of active and passive galaxies from rest-frame colors



Main sequence of star-forming galaxies



Noeske et al. 2007, ApJ 660, L43

$$SSFR = \frac{SFR}{M_{\star}}, \text{ yr}^{-1}$$

Passive galaxies : $SSFR < 10^{-11} \text{ yr}^{-1}$



Rodhighiero et al. 2011, ApJ 739, L40

Potential biases in the main sequence



A personal opinion on morphologies



Bulge over total (light or mass) ratio, B/T

Observing galaxies at high redshift





Dole et al. 2006, A&A 451, 417

Number counts -> backgrounds

Redshift surveys



Cimatti et al. 2002, A&A 391, L1

Number counts -> backgrounds Redshift surveys Luminosity functions

log₁₀ Number / mag / Mpc³ -2 New + Existing New -3 -4 7∼4 -5 ~5 z~6 z~7 z~8 -6 z~9 z~10 z~9 z~10 -22 -20 -18 -22 -20 -18 $\mathsf{M}_{\mathsf{UV},\mathsf{AB}}$ $\mathsf{M}_{\mathsf{UV},\mathsf{AB}}$

Bouwens et al. 2019, arXiv:1905.05202

Extragalactic surveys

Main properties:

Surveyed area on the sky Observed bands Depth in each band -> confusion limit Target selection for spectroscopy Spectroscopic redshifts Photometric redshifts

To control systematics:

Completeness: fraction of galaxies really observed as a function of magnitude Purity: fraction of objects that are true galaxies

Angular mask: completeness and purity maps on the sky Spectroscopic redshift errors Photometric redshift errors



Complete spectroscopic surveys of a deep field with Multi-Object Spectrographs:

just observe one small field, like the Hubble deep and ultra-deep fields, and take spectra for all the galaxies that are bright enough



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Galaxies in massive galaxy clusters at z~1:

these systems can be recognized both as galaxy overdensities and as X-ray soures, galaxies in that field have a high probability of belonging to the cluster



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photometric redshifts from SED fitting:

redshift is one of the crucial parameters for SED fitting, even few bands are sufficient to obtain a redshift determination



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Lyman-break galaxies:

at high redshift the Lyman break enters optical or NUV filters, galaxies then "drop out" of blue images and their colors are easily recognisable



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other color-color techniques (BzK):

star-forming or passive galaxies at z~1.5 acquire recognizable colors due to their redshift.



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Lyman-alpha emitters:

observations with a narrow filter can reveal galaxies that have a strong Lyman alpha emission line.



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sub-mm galaxies:

the large positive K-correction at such long wavelenghts allows us to observe dusty star-forming galaxies in the submm to very high redshift.



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sub-mm galaxies;

gravitational lenses:

high-redshift galaxies can be observed, highly amplified by lensing, in as background sources of clusters.



Two cool things related to lensing

On lensing: Refsdal supernova



Globular cluster formation caught in act?



Vanzella et al. 2017, MNRAS 467, 4304

The cosmic star formation history

Evolution of the rest-frame UV luminosity function



Cucciati et al. 2012, A&A 539, 31

Madau & Dickinson 2014, ARA&A 52, 415

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Evolution of the total IR luminosity function

The same is observed in the IR, that however does not go deep enough to see faint galaxies at high redshift



Gruppioni et al. 2013, MNRAS 432, 23

Very high redshift galaxies



Bouwens et al. 2019, arXiv:1905.05202

Evolution of SFR function



Gruppioni et al. 2015, MNRAS 451, 3419

Evolution of stellar mass function



Madau & Dickinson 2014, ARA&A 52, 415

The cosmic star formation history - UV and IR



Madau & Dickinson 2014, ARA&A 52, 415

The cosmic star formation history



Madau & Dickinson 2014, ARA&A 52, 415
The stellar mass density



Madau & Dickinson 2014, ARA&A 52, 415

Evolution of galaxy properties with redshift

Stellar mass function for passive and active galaxies



Bundy et al. 2006, ApJ 651, 120

Evolution of the main sequence





Mannucci & Cresci, arXiv:1011.0264

Ratio of IR and UV luminosity densities

$$LD = \int_{L_{\min}}^{\infty} L\Phi(L)dL$$





From the luminosity functions, one can compute the luminosity density of observed galaxies in the UV and IR; its ratio is a proxy of how dust extinction evolves with cosmic time.

Burgarella et al. 2013, A&A 554, A70

Evolution of morphology

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(from Steve Beckwith, private comm.)

Evolution of morphology: clumpy discs at z~2



Galaxy kinematics at z~2



Förster Schreiber, N. M., et al. 2009 ApJ, 706, 1364

Evolution of galaxy sizes

z~0, SDSS

What size?

- scale radius of a disc, $\ensuremath{\mathsf{R}}_{d}$
- optical radius (= 3.2 R_d)
- effective half-light radius Re
- Petrosian radius

 (surface brightness (SB) at that radius = a fraction of average SB within that radius
- half-mass radius (not projected)



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Lange et al. 2015, MNRAS 447, 2603



Cimatti et al. 2008, A&A 482, 21

What makes elliptical galaxies larger at z=0? minor dry mergers?

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Evolution of galaxy sizes



van der Wel et al. 2014, ApJ 788, 28

The gas content of local galaxies

molecular hydrogen (CO + α_{CO})



neutral hydrogen (21 cm)

from Zoldan et al. 2015, MNRAS latest data from Martin et al 2010, ApJ 723, 1359

Saintonge et al. 2017, ApJS 233, 22



Evolution of molecular hydrogen



Cosmic downsizing

Fontanot et al. 2009, MNRAS 397, 1776



Gallazzi et al. 2005, MNRAS 362, 41

Fontanot et al. 2009, MNRAS 397, 1776

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AGN DS: the number density of fainter AGNs peaks at lower z.

