

Galaxies Étoiles Physique et Instrumentation

The Physics and mass assembly of distant galaxies with the E-ELT

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Galaxy Evolution

Q: What is the main channel for mass assembly in galaxies (as a function of cosmic time)?

We don't know... But it should be one of these:

- Cold gas accretion from filaments
- Minor mergers
- Major mergers

Galaxy evolution processes operate on different spatial scales



We need to map the physical and chemical properties of galaxies... but on which scale?

What is the relevant scale?

Star formation in galaxies ↔ HII regions



Elmegreen et al. 2006

The E-ELT will allow us to resolve only the largest HII complexes

Clumps



Formation of an exponential spiral disk and a central bulge

from the evolution of a gas-rich primordial disk evolving through a clumpy phase

Models from Bournaud, Elmegreen & Elmegreen 2007

Clumps are thought to be resulting from Jeans-fragmentation in high-z, very gas-rich disks fed by cold streams (eg, Dekel+09, Puech10)



Kpc-sized clumps are ubiquitous in z>1 galaxies:





Current high-z (z>1.5) 3D samples are drawn using various selection criteria which makes their representativeness more uncertain.



One would like to use the E-ELT collecting power to observe *ALL* galaxies in a given volume, in a mass-limited way and then draw secured representative samples.

Rq: very deep, highly complete, spectroscopic surveys will be needed

DRM Proposal

Science Case C10: "The Physics and Mass Assembly of Galaxies out to z~6" (P.I.: P. Rosati). Goal is to provide the ultimate test of galaxy formation theories: epoch and physical channels of mass assembly.

Mapping of physical and chemical properties (kinematics, SFR, metallicity, etc.) in a large sample (statistics) of massive, emission line galaxies at 2<z<5.6 in the range $0.1 < M_s < 5x10^{11} M_{\odot}$.



DRM simulations

Set of ~1000 simulations of IFS of distant galaxies from z=2 to z=5.6







DRM Results: GLAO vs. MOAO

High multiplex required: R_{FoV}>5arcmin



GLAO or MOAO

GLAO leads to smaller S/N compared with MOAO and will limit observations to smaller-mass galaxies. GLAO will impact strongly the recovery of Rotation Curves and detailed kinematics.





Analogs with a range of EEs ... challenging since we consider a very small distant galaxy at z=4 with only 30A EQW (SINFONI data at $z\sim2$ show ~100A)

37.5mas/pix (EAGLE baseline)



At about 20% can start to see clumpy structure, 30% is more robust

DRM Results: sample selection

The GSMF can be probed down to M^* up to $z\sim4.5$

Flat curve below z~4: no strong sensitivity to variations in, e.g., seeing, SNR limit,etc.

Above z~5: S/N limited by the thermal background from the telescope



DRM Results: Optimal IFU survey

DRM Goal: ~ 1000 galaxies at 2<z<5.6 with 0.1 < $\rm M_{s}<$ 5.10^{11} $\rm M_{\odot}$ using MOAO

R=5000, 50mas/pix, SNR_{min}=10, Overheads OH= 30 %, 8 bins

$$< S/N >_{min} = 5 \left(\frac{T}{24h}\right)^{0.5} \left(\frac{D}{42\,m}\right) \left(\frac{EW}{30\text{\AA}}\right) \left(\frac{R}{5000}\right)^{-0.5} \left(\frac{\Delta pix}{50\,mas}\right)$$

	T_{intg}	$0.5 \mathrm{M}_{*}$	M_{*}	$5M_*$	Total
(125) (SNR) $(27N)$ $(0H)$	z=2	1.2	0.8	0.3	2.3
$S_{survey}(n) \simeq 90 \left(\frac{125}{M}\right) \left(\frac{BNR_{lim}}{10}\right)^{-} \left(\frac{R_{gal}}{1000}\right) \left(\frac{BR}{10}\right)^{-}$	z=4	2.3	1.4	0.6	4.3
(M) (10) (1000) (1.3)	z=5.6		66.9	16.39	83.2
	Total	3.5	69.1	17.2	89.8

In nights (1n = 8 hr)

Multiplex	Total integration time	Number of galaxies	
125	90n	1000	
20	90n	160	
20	12.5n=100hr (z≤4)	240	

IFU survey (EAGLE DRSP)

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Redshift

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SHALLOW Goal = dynamics ♦ z = 1 to 4 Switch between lines to avoid the K-band Total T_{intg} ~100 hr for several hundreds of gals (M=20)





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JWST: z, SED





ALMA: molecular gas kin.

Optimized trade-off for studying the internal driver(s) of galaxy mass assembly

Spatial Resolution



EAGLE will be unrivaled to study statistically the physics of distant galaxies in situ

Other E-ELT facilities



Extras

Large spatial scales

Test-case II : distinguishing between a grand-design spiral and a merging pair

UGC5253: Fabry-Perot Observations (Garrido et al. 2004)



Sbc-Sbc Major Merger SPH Simulation (Cox et al. 2006)

What is the required scale-coupling & contrast to distinguish between them?

Mergers vs. Disks @ z=4

EE in 150 mas (75mas/pix):



Mergers vs. Disks @ z=4

EE in 100 mas (50mas/pix): Smaller pixels -> smaller contrast required



0.8 arcsec

Note: Simulations not limited by S/N

Large scale motionsZ=4 with MOAOZ=4 with MOAO



Z=4 with GLAO





Z=4 with GLAO



Needs at least SNR~5

DRM Results: spatial resolution

Pixel scale: depends on the scale-coupling needed (ratio between the spatial feature to be recovered by the IFU and the number of spatial element of resolution). SC=3 is a min. for large-scale kinematics (ie, detection of large-scale rotation; Puech+08; Epinat+2010)

Trade-off between resolution vs. surface brightness detection limit

