Galaxies in the Core of the Virgo Cluster: Results from the Next Generation Virgo Cluster Survey







i-band, 0.55", 2'x2' field



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The Next Generation Virgo Cluster Survey (NGVS)

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NGVS: Virgo Science



The CFHT Next Generation Virgo Cluster Survey

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Virgo in X-rays

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ELLIPSE-Based Measurement of Galaxy Photometric and Structural Parameters

NGVS12:27:08.417+13:20:08.64

VCC972

M(g) = -14.69 mag



Sky Estimate (first iteration) (including additional sky estimate)

Results from the Central Four Square Degrees:

III. Scaling Relations

A Seemingly Mature Field...

Barazza et al. (2003), Binggeli et al. (1984), Binggeli et al. (1985), Binggeli et al. (1987), Binggeli et al. (1988), Binggeli & Cameron (1991), Binggeli & Cameron (1993), Bower et al. (1992), Burstein et al. (1987), Busarello et al. (1997), Caldwell (1983), Caon et al. (1990), Caon et al. (1994), Capaccioli (1987), Capaccioli (1989), Capaccioli et al. (1992), Cote et al. (2006), Cote et al. (2007), de Vaucouleurs (1977), de Vaucouleurs & Olson (1982), Ferrarese et al. (1994), Ferrarese et al. (2006a), Ferrarese et al. (2006b), Gavazzi et al. (2002), Gavazzi et al. (2005), Graham & Colless (1997), Graham (2002), Grant et al. (2005), Janz & Lisker (2008), Janz & Lisker (2009), Jerjen & Binggeli (1997), Jerjen et al. (2000), Kormendy (1985), Kormendy et al. (2009), Longo et al. (1983), Lisker et al. (2006), Lisker et al. (2007), Lisker et al. (2009), Lotz et al. (2004), McDonald et al. (2009), Michard (1985), Michard (1994), Prugniel et al. (1992), Prugniel et al. (1993), Prugniel & Simien (1997), Reaves (1983), Rines & Geller (2008), Ryden & Terndrup (1994), Sandage & Binggeli (1984), Sandage et al. (1985), Young & Currie (1998), ...

- areal coverage
- photometric depth
- image quality
- homogeneity
- SED coverage



- complete and unbiased sample
- uniform analysis

Scaling Relations in the Cluster Core

- Galaxies spanning *a factor of ~2 million in luminosity* define nonhomologous, but continuous scaling relations.
- Such continuity suggests that the various processes involved in the assembly of progressively more massive systems (mergers, harassment, accretion, ram pressure stripping, etc) act **continuously**, albeit with different weights, across the entire luminosity range.



Scaling Relations in the Cluster Core





44"



	Fornax	Draco
	measured (model)	measured (model)
mag	19.37 (19.42)	22.19 (22.18)
R_{e}	9.05" (8.81")	2.24″ (2.21″)
n	1.08 (1.0)	1.19 (1.10)
P	0.78 (0.74)	0.69 (0.69)

Scaling Relations in the Cluster Core



Results from the Central Four Square Degrees:

III. Spatial Distribution

Spatial Distribution #2

- + centre of M87
- * centroid of galaxy distribution



Structure/Morphology Code

Central Concentration



- Virgo's core is highly deficient in starforming galaxies.
- The small number of galaxies that are actively forming stars are far more spatially extended than the dominant population of quiescent galaxies
 - ➡ Consistent with interloping galaxies on the near/far side of the cluster (±2σ back-to-front depth = 2.4 Mpc; Mei et al. 2007).
- Galaxies with a even modest level of star formation avoid the cluster centre.

Results from the Central Four Square Degrees:

IV. Nucleation



Nucleation Frequency as a Function of Magnitude and Mass



- Presence of a central nucleus established from:
 - 1.Model residuals in ELLIPSE and GALFIT analyses (1D + 2D).
 - 2.Inspection of stacked
 ugriz images (median i band FWHM = 0.55").
 - 3.Inspection of colour images.
 - $4 \cdot \chi^2$ test for fits of Sersic vs. Sersic plus nucleus vs. higher order models for surface brightness profiles.
- Overall frequency:

 $f_n = (102/488) \simeq 21\%$

 But frequency among galaxies with M* ≥ 10⁸ M_☉ consistent with previous studies (e.g., Seth et al. 2008).

Results from the Central Four Square Degrees:

V. Colour-Magnitude Relations

ugriz Colour-Magnitude Relations



- Cluster core is almost totally deficient in Blue Cloud galaxies.
- Red sequence is continuous over a range of ~ a million in luminosity.
- S-shaped CMR in some bandpasses (Janz & Lisker 2009; Chen et al. 2010).
- Small but systematic red offset relative to ACSVCS: a sample of 100 ETGs scattered over the cluster
- qualitatively
 expected on the
 basis of extreme
 environment (e.g.,
 quenching/
 strangulation during
 infall).

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- NGVS is the widest contiguous field surveyed to this depth in the optical.
 - ugriz imaging to g ~ 25.7 and μ_g ~ 29 mag arcsec^2 covering ~ 100 deg^2.
- In the core region, a nearly three-fold increase in census of galaxies down to M_{\star} ~ $10^5~M_{\odot}.$
 - A strong deficiency in star-forming galaxies.
 - Red sequence population is continuous to limit of the survey.
 - Global scaling relations spanning a factor of ~ 2 million in stellar mass are also continuous.
 - Nuclei are common $M_* \sim 10^8 M_{\odot}$, becoming much less common below this point.
 - Virgo is a special environment for studying the relationship between various types of stellar systems.
- Upcoming NGVS papers focusing on the Virgo core region:
 - Globular clusters (Durrell et al. 2014, Puzia et al. 2014).
 - Globular cluster dynamics (Peng et al. 2014, Zhu et al. 2014).
 - NGVS-IR and source classification in the uik diagram (Muñoz et al. 2014).
 - UCDs (Zhang et al. 2014, Liu et al. 2014).
 - Low-mass galaxies (Ferrarese et al. 2014, Côté et al. 2014, Sanchez-Janssen et al. 2014).



The Next Generation Virgo Cluster Survey

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