

Live fast, die... small:

The progenitors of

the first quiescent galaxies

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- CANDELS H-band selected in GOODS-S & UDS , log(M)>10 - Photo-z's (spec-z), stellar masses, (UV+IR) SFRs, GALFIT morphologies







Fast track to the red-sequence





compact SFGs





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How are these galaxies formed?

Major mergers

Dissipational galaxy interaction
Triggers strong starbust

(Hopkins+06-,08; Naab+06,09; Johansson+09; Wuyts+10; Oser+10,12, etc.)

Disk instabilities

Unstable dynamics -> gas inflow
Dissipational SF in the center
Signaled by SF clumps

(Keres+05,Cox+06,Dekel+09, Hopkin+09,Ceverino+10, etc.)

Life-paths of cSFGs from SAMs

Porter+13c (submitted)

Disk instability in past Gyr Gas-poor merger in past Gyr

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70% are dusty (far-IR)
50% are AGNs
Only 2 starburst
Range in sSFR
Consistent w/ quiescent:
Mass range
Sersic index
axis ratio



- The 3 models provide equally good fit []² - SAM-SFHs predict longer formation timescales by x2





Star-formation histories in the MS

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 SAMs match better the slope and normalization of the MS
 Predict a longer MS phase consistent with the secular (gas-fed) mode (Dekel+09, Bouche+10, Magnelli+12, Sargent+13)



Predicted number densities



- To match observations SAM-SFHs require short quenching times



Compact SFGs formation

- * SAMs DI (60%), wet mergers (40%)
- SAMs Compactification of ~x2
- * ART-hydro VDI time-scale 300 500 Myrs.



* AGN/SF feedback (outflows?)

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Galaxy scale outflows



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SED modeling of cSFGs



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SED-based stellar properties for 2 < z < 3 cSFGs 3D-HST (Brammer+12), NIR (1.1-1.7_{microns}) grism spectroscopy

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 Sharp truncations are caused by disk instabilities more often (62%) than mergers

Far-IR Spitzer/PACS/SPIRE colors



Colors consistent with SF even in most X-ray galaxies Color distribution betwee MS and SB w/ few exceptions

NIR - spectroscopy of compact SFGs



Emission line diagnostic



Spitzer/Herschel IR-SFRs









The dusty path to the red-sequence

Barro in prep

Whitaker+11





Mass vs. Size 1.4 < z < 3.0



SHARDS + HST/GRISM at 1<z<2



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Conclusions from Barro+13

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