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Galaxy formation - Lecture 1

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Galaxy Formation

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Galaxy formation: key questions and points

- What do we know observationally?
- Galaxy formation in a cosmological context
- Why do we need "complicated" models?
- What physics do we need to worry about?
- How do we model galaxy formation?
- What have we learnt so far?
- Outstanding problems





Outline of lectures

- Lecture 1: The Universe of galaxies; a simple model of hierarchical galaxy formation
- Lecture 2: The physics of galaxy formation
- Lecture 3: Simulating the formation and evolution of galaxies
- Lecture 4: Connecting galaxies to LSS

Learn more about galaxy formation

- Baugh, C. M. Reports on Progress in Physics, 2006, 69, 3101
- Benson A. J., Reviews of Modern Physics, 2010
- White & Frenk 1991, ApJ, 379, 52
- White Les Houches Lectures (arXiv.9410043)
- Cole et al 2000, MNRAS, 319, 168
- Textbook by Mo, Van Den Bosch & White 2010
- See also proceedings by Okamoto 2010, de Lucia 2009

The high redshift universe 1990



Figure 7. (a) The redshift distribution for the whole survey. The line is the no-evolution model prediction; (b) the combined redshift distribution for this survey and that of BES, normalized so that $\int n(z) dz = 1$. The line corresponds to the no-evolution model.





The Lyman break technique

Colour-colour selection of High redshift galaxies.

Efficient identification of candidate high-z galaxies for spectroscopic follow-up

Steidel et al. 1996, 1999



Star formation history of the Universe

Figure 9. Element and star formation history of the Universe. The data points from various surveys provide a measurement or a lower limit to the Universal metal ejection density, $\dot{\rho}_z$, as a function of redshift. For a Salpeter IMF, to translate $\dot{\rho}_z$ into a total star formation density, $\dot{\rho}_*$, a factor of 42 should be applied. Triangle: Gallego et al. (1995). Filled dots: Lilly et al. (1996). Diagonal cross: lower limit from Steidel et al. (1996a). Filled squares: lower limits from the *HDF* images. The dashed line depicts the fiducial rate, $\dot{\Sigma}_z$, given by the mass density of metals observed today divided by the present age of the Universe (see text for details). A flat cosmology with $q_0 = 0.5$ and $H_0 = 50$ km s⁻¹ Mpc⁻¹ has been assumed.

Madau et al. 1996; Lilly et al. 1995

The multi-wavelength view



Hubble Deep Field: optical Williams et al 1996; sub-mm Hughes et al. 1998

The Herschel Space Observatory view



Multi-wavelength astronomy



GAMA Survey Driver et al 2009

Spiral Galaxies in THINGS — The HI Nearby Galaxy Survey



Pseudo-models



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Backwards models:

- Passive evolution
- No evolution
- Luminosity evolution

Brief description of data Unphysical Ignore structure formation No predictions

The cosmological setting: Hierarchical structure formation



0.1

z ~ 1100

z~0

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What is the universe made of?



Other nonluminous components

intergalactic gas 3.6% neutrinos 0.1% supermassive BHs 0.04%

Luminous matter

stars and luminous gas 0.4% radiation 0.005%





THE EXPANDING UNIVERSE: A CAPSULE HISTORY









Why cold dark matter?



galaxy

Cosmic web



WARM



What do we know about galaxies?



FAULKES TELESCOPE

Interacting Galaxies

Hubble Space Telescope • ACS/WFC • WFPC2



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Galaxy formation is inefficient

Cosmic baryon density

$$\Omega_{\rm b} = 0.0462 \pm 0.0015$$

Cosmic density of stars

$$\Omega_{\star} = (2.3 \pm 0.34) \times 10^{-3}$$

Only ~5 % of available baryons are in stars today

Basic galaxy properties: the galaxy luminosity function



Basic galaxy properties: the "Tully-Fisher" relation

Example of tight correlation between stellar content of galaxy and structural properties



Basic galaxy properties: galactic bulge- black hole mass



BH mass ~ 0.001 x stellar mass of bulge



Black hole mass - bulge properties: Marconi & Hunt



Why do we need "complicated" models?

Baugh 2006 Reports on Progress in Physics, astro-ph/0610031



Galaxy group luminosity function Measured from 2dFGRS by Eke et al. 2004, 2005



. group =
$$\Sigma L_{galaxy}$$

Simple prediction: Take CDM halo mass function plus fixed M/L ratio

Galaxy formation TOO efficient in both low and high mass haloes

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Key ideas in galaxy formation

- Structure formation driven by gravitational instability (Landau?)
- Haloes spin due to tidal torques (Hoyle 1949)
- Galaxies form inside DM haloes: Two stage collapse: dissipationless (DM haloes) and dissipative (galaxies) (White & Rees 1978)
- Typical galaxy mass set by cooling arguments (Hoyle 1953, Silk 1977, Binney 1977 Rees & Ostriker 1977)
- Disk galaxy formation can be understood by cooling gas conserving AM in DM halo (Fall & Efstathiou 1980)
- The need to regulate galaxy formation in low mass haloes (White & Rees 1978)
- Heating by Sne (Larson 1972, Dekel & Silk 1986)

A simple model of galaxy formation

- Hierarchical growth of DM haloes
- Galaxies form inside DM haloes
- Look at infall, outflow, star formation

Growth of DM haloes

$$\dot{M}_{\rm h} \simeq 510 \, M_{\rm h,12}^{\ s} (1+z)_{3.2}^t \, M_{\odot} \, {\rm yr}^{-1} \,,$$
 (5)

where $M_{\rm h,12} \equiv M_{\rm h}/10^{12} M_{\odot}$, $(1+z)_{3.2} \equiv (1+z)/3.2$, $t \simeq 2.2$, and $s \simeq 1.1$, with the estimates for s ranging from 1.08 to 1.14 (Neistein & Dekel 2008; Genel et al. 2008; McBride et al. 2009)

A simple model for baryons

$$\dot{M}_{\text{gas}} = \dot{M}_{\text{gas,in}} - (1 - R)\dot{M}_{\star} - \dot{M}_{\text{gas,out}}$$
$$\dot{M}_{\text{gas,in}} = \epsilon_{\text{in}} f_{\text{b}} \dot{M}_{\text{h}}$$
$$\simeq 90 \,\epsilon_{\text{in}} f_{\text{b},0.18} M_{\text{h},12}^{1.1} (1 + z)_{3.2}^{2.2} M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1}$$
$$\dot{M}_{\text{gas,out}} = a \times \text{SFR},$$

A simple model for baryons

$$\dot{M}_{\rm gas} = \dot{M}_{\rm gas,in} - (1-R)\dot{M}_{\star} - \dot{M}_{\rm gas,out}$$

After connecting outflow to SFR:

$$\dot{M}_{\rm gas,out} = a \times SFR_{\rm gas}$$

Where the SFR is defined as

$$\mathrm{SFR} = \epsilon_{\mathrm{sfr}} M_{\mathrm{gas}} / (t_{\mathrm{dyn}})$$

$$\dot{M}_{\rm gas} = \dot{M}_{\rm gas,in} - \alpha \dot{M}_{\star}$$

Evolution within a halo



No suppression of "cooling"



Black: observational constraints z=0 Guo et al. 2012 RED: model

No suppression of cooling

Stellar mass vs halo circular velocity

Stellar mass vs host halo mass



Obs data: McGaugh et al.

Obs data: Guo et al.

IGM heating?



Photoionising background heats IGM, effectively stopping cooling into DM haloes with circular velocity below 30 km/s

SNe feedback: mass loading=1



Invoke an outflow of gas with mass loading equal to SFR

Sne feedback: mass loading =1



Change in normalization but no change in slope

SNe outlfow : mass loading= 2



SNe outflow: mass loading=2



SNe outlfow: mass loading=3



Cooling cut vc>350km/s



Introduce cut (by hand) on cooling of gas in DM haloes above given Vc

Cooling cut vc>350 km/s



SNe vc scaling, cooling cutvc>300 km/s



Introduce scaling of mass loading in Sne wind scaling with Vc squared Energy conserving case

The original reservoir model



Extreme, by-hand fine tuning of cold gas accretion efficiency as a function of mass

Aim is to match z=2 stellar mass vs halo mass relation and behaviour of specific star formation rates

Output of the reservoir model



Output of the reservoir model



A simple model of galaxy formation

- Bathtub or reservoir model: Bouche et al 2010, Dave & Oppenheimer 2012
- Ignores scatter in DM halo growth
- All baryon effects put in by hand
- Ignores galaxy mergers/satelllite galaxies
- Infalling gas assumed pristine i.e. no prior cooling/star formation

Is this a realistic model?



- DM halo mass accretion histories more complicated than single parameter fit in Millennium Simulation
- Range of behaviours
- McBride, Fakhouri & Ma 2009

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What have we learnt so far?

- If cold gas accreted in proportion to DM, too many stars form
- Too many low mass systems, too many high mass systems (if we ignore cooling time)
- Wrong slope for stellar mass versus halo mass circular velocity relation
- Need to modulate supply of gas
- Lecture 2: the physics of galaxy formation