Milestones and Challenges in galaxy formation

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Overview of galaxy formation



- LCDM gives a very good representation of the large scale structure of the Universe
- Hydrodynamical simulations of structure formation at Kpc resolution can reproduce the fundamental properties and scaling relations of observed galaxies
- Baryonic physics processes modeled in hydrodynamical simulations:
- Gas inflowing and cooling
- Star formation

- Feedback (mechanical, thermal, kinetic, radiation pressure) from SNae, massive stars, AGNs

Credit: CLUES collaboration

Advances in Computer Technology

Zoom-in sims => high resolution but low number of simulated galaxies

Box-region => large number of simulated galaxies but low resolution

Future => simulate cosmological volumes with high resolution, to resolve individual galaxies



Credit: TNG collaboration

Successes and tensions



Cusp-core discrepancy: the impact of baryonic physics



Sweet spot of core formation



Credit: Lazar+20, Katz+17, Tollet+16, Chan+15, Di Cintio + 14a.b

Dark matter profiles determined by two opposite effects: energy from SNae vs gravitational potential of underlying DM halo (see Penarrubia+12, Di Cintio+14a,b, Katz+17..) 15.7.2020-HR8-SEA

R kpc

Planes of satellites



Credit: Pawlowski +18,19, Muller+17, Ibata+13,14

Planes of satellite galaxies are extremely unlikely in simulations, showing up in 0.1% (Millennium-II) to 0.5% (ELVIS) of simulated galaxies. Not solved with baryonic physics nor with special host halo properties!

Prospects for the future

HIERARCHICAL GALAXY FORMATION



Credit: astronomy.nmsu.edu

The nature of DM: structure formation depends on DM type

LCDM is the standard cosmological model of structure formation , based o Cold dark matter particles, which have ten to a hundred times the mas of a proton



Redshifts in cluster galaxies

- Mass profiles of clusters
- Identification of substructure
- Mass Accretion Rates







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The connnection between halos and galaxies



How galaxies acrete their gas? When, where and how galaxies formed their stars?

Cosmic star formation history: steady rise from EoR, peak at 3.5 Gyr after the Big-Bang (z~2) and exponential drop at z<1



extinction, IMF (change with redshift?)

Key questions:

- Is there a characteristic cosmic epoch of the formation of stars in galaxies?
- How is the stellar mass density evolution with redshift?
- How does the CSFH compares with the history of mass acretion into the black hole?
- How does SF vary with galaxy properties and environment?

Do galaxies reionize the Universe at a z> 6?

SKA: can provide a measure of the CSFH free from extinction JWST: evolution of the stellar mass density with redshift



Gas acretion

Ly α emission with MUSE 3 < z < 6





Key questions:

- How do galaxies exchange baryons with the Intergalactic Medium?
- How do the CGM properties evolve when reaching the peak of galaxy starformation?
- What is the spatial extent and how is the CGM gas around galaxies distributed, spatially and kinematically?

Which galaxies dominate the SFRD in the Universe?

 From z≈2 to the present day, most stars formed in galaxies in the SFR-M (means that the evolution of the cosmic SFH is primarily determined by a balance between gas accretion and feedback processes?)



at z=2

COSMOS Hersche FIR data mainly detect starbursts

GOODS-s Herschel reaches the main sequence at intermediate stellar masses UV-based SFRs are statistically robust for MS galaxies (however extinction)



Understading SF regulation





The processes that regulate SF occur at the scale of molecular clouds



- How do the properties and population of molecular clouds depend on host galaxy, dynamical environment, and galaxy disk structure?
- Star Formation: How does the ability of gas to form stars depend on the cloud-scale structure and dynamics of the molecular gas?
- Timescales: What are the statistical timescales implied by cross-correlation of molecular gas, young stellar populations, and dynamical features in the galaxy?
- Self-Regulation: How does the self-regulation of star formation in galaxy disks emerge from the violent cloudscale processes of star formation and feedback?

Importance of AGN in galaxy evolution

At least 25% of massive galaxies at 1.5 < z < 3 show indication of SMBH accretion

Two types of AGNs:

quasar mode [acretion at the Eddington limit] (able to remove interestellar gas from the galaxy)

radio mode [heat the gas preventing cooling flows] (found in massive galaxies in the center of the clusters and fundamental to explain mass function] -- they don't seem to fit in the unified model (Hardcastle 2007)

Key questions:

Are radio and quasar mode accretion/spin mechanisms or physically

1. what is the impact of the energy released during the qso phase? (Di Matteo+2005)

- generate large ouflows quenching SF?
- Just modify the gas dynamics in the galactic nucleus? (Debuhr +2010)
- 2. Only spheroidal bulges follow a M_{BH} - σ relation or also pseudobulges?
- 3. Does the BH accretion history follow the cosmic SFH? 15.7.2020 HR8 SEA
- 4. What is the impact of the so called radio-



Prospects for the Future



Will detect faint and radio loud AGN* \rightarrow cosmic evolution of radio AGN activity to the cosmic dawn (z & 6), covering all environmental densities



(see HR4 by S. García-Burillo & A. Alsonso)

* down to a 1 GHz radio luminosity of about 2 10^{23} W/Hz at z = 6



Multi-frequency studies of the future

SKA (thermal and non-thermal components)

- Large area with µJy sensitivty → (combined with other bands) potential to obtain the SF free of extinction up to very high redshifts
- Cosmic magnetism

JWST: evolution of the mass density with redshift (not only SF galaxies) -- first objects

nearby galaxies: SKA will be able to resolve individual HII, SSCs,SNR, and PNe → extintion free SF / high-mass end of the IMF (complementary to ALMA) HST+MUSE+ALMA+SKA+.... advances expected..

AGNs: SKA will provide a complete census of the evolution of AGN with redshifts ALMA/SKA direct imaging of galaxy tory, outflows (S. Burillo & A. Alonso's talk) 15.7.2020 - HR8 - SEA

How did reionization occur?

Computation: First Radiation-Hydrodynamics Simulation of Reionization in the Local Universe -> Reionization proceeds in patches around galaxies, it is not uniform







Observations: Discovery of z=6.8 galaxy with large escape fractions, entirely responsible for its local ionised bubble-> scenario with few bright galaxies are causing reionization, rather than lots of smaller ones

Conclusions

The modern theory of cosmological galaxy formation is a synthesis of many physical ideas involving an array of operative physics

A transformative decade ahead of us





6m Space-Borne IR Telescopes





20-40m Ground-Based

Telescopes

TMT

Large-Scale Radio Arrays



8m Telescope All-Sky Synoptic Surveys

