ATLAS probes of galaxy evolution at the time of clusters formation

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Galaxy formation and evolution in the Large Scale Structure: what in practice ?



 \rightarrow Tailored to individual hosting Dark Matter halos at the peak of the Universe activity (1<z<4)



- A) How well can we hope to trace DM halos from ATLAS galaxies at z~2-3
 - 1) method
 - 2) depth
 - 3) statistics
- A) What open scientific questions we will answer
 - 1) Gas feeding, star formation, mass growth
 - 2) Quenching
 - 3) Morphological transformations

1A) How can we estimate hosting DM halos from a spectroscopic survey ? from stellar mass content



Looser, Lilly et al 2021, using f.o.f. approach as relevant for example for the MOONRISE survey with MOONS CLJ 1449 z=1.99 M_{DM}~6x10¹³Msun Gobat et al 2011; 2013; Strazzullo et al 2013; etc

Quiescent

Gobat

Color magnitude relation is also formi Strazzullo et al 2016

160 kpc (20")



Synergy with the ESA Athena mission (2030+)

Allows us to study crucial baryon phases together: HOT gas at the time of cluster formation (*which is when the cold phase is most connected to action*)



Plus AGN activity

Zhang et al 2020 (80ks spectrum z=2.5 M=5x10¹³Msun)



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Lines at z~2.5(3.5) expected only ~x1.8(x2.5) weaker on average

MOONRISE: 2023+ ~10⁻¹⁷ limit for lines Ha to z=1.8, OII, OIII beyond ~10 sq.deg max

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<Hb> ~ 2x10⁻¹⁷ also, fairly const → Reliable SFRs from Balmer decr.

Passive: high M* end \rightarrow redshifts (lack of lines \rightarrow confirmation)

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3A) Enough halo statistics from ATLAS ?

Mass dependence:

2<z<3 # halos/deg² > 2x10¹³Msun ~ 300 > 6x10¹³Msun ~ 1

Redshift dependence:

>4x10¹³ Msun ~40 halos/deg2 at 1.5<z<2 ~1 halo/deg2 at 2.5<z<3



The Medium and Wide surveys Absolutely needed to build Statistics on massive halos

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KCWI Lya image of the group RO-1001 @z=2.91



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Main science goal: 1) test the gas accretion theory

by measuring distributions of SFR(M_{DM} , z) over M_{DM} ~few x10¹³-10¹⁴Msun and 1<z<4



Dekel et al 2009

See implications on SFRs in Behroozi et al 2019

Theory largely untested to date

The main effect (and reason) for this theory is to feed star formation and galaxy growth, so it affects these observables and also quenching through starvation

 \rightarrow Is there any actual modulation of SFR(M_{DM}, z) due to the cold/hot barreer ? (hints that DM halo cores pass from being predominantly SF at z>2.5 to SF at z<2)

 \rightarrow Is there a weak M_{DM} dependence as predicted (mainly redshift driven) ? Or a marked Environmental effect driven by M_{DM} ?

Additional (important/associated) science drivers:

2) what drives galaxy quenching in forming cluster cores ?



Wang et al 2016

 \rightarrow Measure quiescent fraction fQ(M_{DM}, z) and its dispersion

Connected to SFR(M_{DM} , z) but crucially different: how much of galaxy quenching is from starvation ?

 \rightarrow Measure average ages of passive galaxies $t_{50}(M_{DM}, z)$ and their dispersion

Is there an age-environment relation imprinted at high-z ?

Additional (important/associated) science drivers: 3) what is the relation with morphological transformations ?

Kalita et al 2021 submitted Deep HST+ALMA on z=2.91 RO-1001 group (Daddi et al 2021) → Measure morphological fraction fM(M_{DM} , z), where M (Morphology) can be size/compactness, n-sersic, you name it (including <u>mergers</u>)

Connected to quenching but crucially different: e.g., starvation or AGN does not affect morphology, but mergers do

This requires morphologies from Euclid/Roman (and ALMA) plus the ATLAS spetcroscopy (redshift and physical properties)

Synergy with SKA/ngVLA (but also ALMA)





1) Selection of most active early clusters

2) Provides SFRs, AGN mechanical feedback

3) Plus HI gas, probing accretion from 21cm line ?

Hugely uncertain, but would be a major breakthrough



ATLAS will be a phenomenal machine to quantitatively tailor measurements of Galaxy Formation and Evolution to the underlying hosting DM halos

ATLAS will quantitatively test theories for:

- Gas feeding of galaxies and ensuing star formation regulation (feedback as a result)
- What regulated quenching and role played by environment (DM halo mass)
- Galaxies morphological transformations and role played by environment (DM halo mass) (this part with the crucial morphological info from Euclid/Roman)