The KMOS Cluster Survey - KCS: Tracing the evolution of passive galaxies in clusters at 1.4<z<1.8

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Tracing passive galaxies out to high redshift



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- What are the properties of massive quiescent galaxies at/near their epoch of formation?
 - How do they evolve over time?
 - How do they depend on their environment?



Timing the formation of massive passive galaxies in different environments



• Do formation times depend on environment?



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Thomas et al. 2005, Renzini et al. 2006



- KCS: 30 nights KMOS GTO program (PI s: R. Bender & R. Davies)
- Primary goal: enlarge existing **spectroscopic samples at z>1.4** *in dense environments*. **Complementary to VIRIAL**.
- 1.4<z<2: critical epoch where diversity of the Hubble sequence is established



- Overdensities with lots of ancillary data: spectroscopic redshifts, HST/ACS&WFC3 imaging (HST Cycle 22 WFC3 images (PI: A. Beifiori).
- Passive Galaxies (~85% nights):
 - Deep absorption-line spectroscopy of \geq 20 passive galaxies *in each* of 4 main overdenstities at 1.4<z<1.8 & in cluster at z=1.04 to bridge to local studies. Exposure: 20h on source.
 - Red-sequence selected
- Star-forming galaxies in infalling regions @ z~1.4



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Beifiori et al. 2017



- Structural parameters, i.e. size R_e and surface brightness I_e from HST images in several bands for each cluster (e.g., Chan et al 2016, Chan et al 2018, Prichard et al. 2017)
- 26 new stellar velocity dispersions σ_e in *dense environments* from KMOS spectra: 19 @ 1.39<z<1.61 - Beifiori et al 2017 + 7 @ z~1.8 - Prichard et al 2017 (+5 new @z=1.04)



Timing the formation of passive galaxies in KCS

The Fundamental Plane of KCS galaxies @ 1.4 < z < 1.8



• Adopt FP coefficients from local Coma studies —> trace zero-point evolution

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The Fundamental Plane of KCS galaxies @1.4 < z < 1.8



- Adopt FP coefficients from local Coma studies —> trace zero-point evolution
- Zero Point of FP varies as result of evolving M/L with z, i.e. galaxies are getting younger.
- Effects of structural evolution and stellar velocity dispersion evolution account for ~6-35% of ZP evolution

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The formation ages of KCS galaxies from the fundamental plane

- KCS expands previous FP studies up to z~1.8 (e.g., Beifiori et al. 2017, Prichard et al 2017).
- From SSPs derive luminosity-weighted ages of logM_{*}/M_☉>11 gals—> z_{form}~2.4-3.
- Weak suggestion of older mean ages for logM_{*}/ M_o>11 galaxies in more evolved clusters (XMM2235 & JKCS041)
- Mean ages for logM_{*}/M_☉>11 galaxies ~ mean ages from VIRIAL field survey (e.g., Mendel et al 2015), weak suggestion that are older in more evolved cluster



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Timing the formation of KCS galaxies using stacked spectra



Houghton, Mendel et al, in prep

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 Derived formation ages, consistent with fundamental plane ages. Metallicity ~ solar/slightly above solar in lowest redshift cluster. All clusters moderately *α*-enhanced.

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Timing the formation age of KCS galaxies using stacked spectra



• Weak suggestion of older mean ages of most massive galaxies in the more massive/evolved cluster versus field galaxies (e.g., Mendel et al 2015/KMOS VIRIAL survey)

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The properties of KCS galaxies from high-z to present

The resolved stellar mass distribution of cluster galaxies at 1.4<z<1.6

- Mass-weighted sizes are smaller than R-band rest-frame light-weighted sizes-> variations between clusters.
- Related to the variation in the colour gradients and M/L gradients —> how mass and light distributed within galaxies







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Chan, AB et al 2016, Chan, AB et al. 2018

The resolved stellar mass distribution of cluster galaxies at 1.4<z<1.6



- **Ratio** mass-weighted to light-weighted sizes at z~1.5 smaller than at z~0
- Ratio of mass-weighted to light-weighted sizes in XMMUJ2235 (z=1.39) and XMMXCSJ2215(z=1.46) smaller than field samples at similar z , Cl0332 (z=1.61) comparable to the field

Chan, AB et al. 2018

The evolution of the color gradients



- Model the evolution of the color gradients with SSPs using age-driven gradient (passive) evolution
- Colour gradients of galaxies in our sample steeper than local colour gradients: evolving luminosityweighted age gradients at cluster redshift + fixed metallicity gradient with local early-type value
- Age gradient consistent with inside-out growth scenario, via an epoch of enhanced minor merger activity during cluster assembly

Future Prospects

The stellar-mass fundamental plane of KCS galaxies at 1<z<1.8

- Stellar-mass FP: -> isolate structural and dynamical evolution. Mass FP includes variations of galaxy stellar population
- Tilt of mass FP —> variations of M_{dyn}/M_{*} within the galaxy population
- Assumptions: local Hyde &Bernardi 2009 coefficients. R_{e,B} contains half of the stellar mass...
- Zero point of the stellar-mass FP does not evolve with redshift - consistent with results from field (i.e. Bezanson et al 2013)



Stellar-mass fundamental plane

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Beifiori, Chan, Mehrgan et al. in prep

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- Combine KCS & VIRIAL





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Star-forming galaxies in the infalling regions of KCS clusters @ z~1.4

Emission-line sample:

- YJ-band observations of ~40 emission-line galaxies for [OIII] and Hβ at 1.39<z<1.8
- H-band observations of ~40 line emitters for Hα & [NII] at 1.39<z<1.46
 - XMM2215: Hayashi+2012 NB [OII] emitters
 - XMM2235: Grützbauch+2012 NB Hα emitters

• Science plans:

- resolved emission line studies of the star forming galaxies and AGN in the clusters.
- dynamics and resolved SFR and metallicity
- Ongoing: stay tuned!



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XMMU J2235-2557, z = 1.39-25°55'12" -25°56'24' -25°57'36' -25°58'48' **Cluster** core 22^h35^m2822^h35^m2622^h35^m2422^h35^m2122^h35^m1922^h35^m16^{*} RA

Nick Amos & John Stott et al.

Summary

• KCS: Deep (~20h on source) absorption line spectroscopy in known overdensities at 1.4 <z<1.8 & emission-line spectroscopy in the infalling region of 2 clusters at z~1.4.

Main Results:

- Timing the formation of passive galaxies in KCS:
 - **FP:** Rate of zero-point evolution of the FP consistent with previous work.
 - FP: Weak suggestion that logM>11 galaxies in more massive/ evolved clusters at 1.4<z<1.8 are older, older than field.
 - Stacked spectra: Ages fairly consistent with FP ages (Houghton, Mendel et al in prep) suggesting older ages of galaxies in evolved clusters compared to field (e.g., VIRIAL, Mendel et al 2015).
- The properties of KCS galaxies from high redshift to present:
- Mass-weighted sizes smaller than light-weighted sizes. Dependence on cluster and redshift.
- Colour gradients much steeper than local gradients -> age gradients+metallicity gradients. Gradual mass-growth mechanism, i.e. minor mergers, favoured.



Beifiori et al 2017, Prichard et al 2017



Chan, AB et al 2016, Chan, AB et al 2018