Galaxy Evolution & Environment

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EVOLUTION OF GALAXIES' STELLAR CONTENT SINCE Z~1:

PROSPECTS FROM DEEP SPECTROSCOPIC

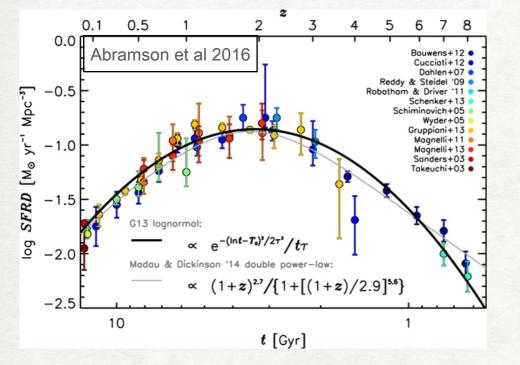
SURVEYS

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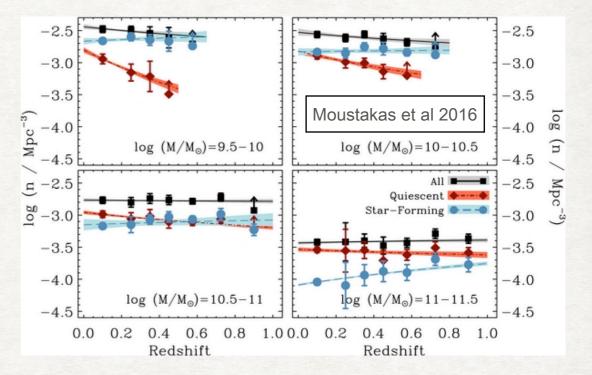
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The global SFR density has declined by almost a factor 10 since z~1 (e.g.,Hopkins & Beacom 06, Bell+05, Zheng+07, Karim+11, Cucciati+12, Madau&Dickinson'14, Abramson+16)



different evolution in number density of massive red-sequence galaxies and of massive star-forming galaxies (e.g.,Cimatti+06, Faber+07, Bell+07, Ilbert+10,13, Pozzetti+10, Moustakas+13)



More detailed and complementary insight from stellar populations

- MASS, AGE AND CHEMICAL COMPOSITION OF STELLAR POPULATIONS are the result of the past history of star formation and chemical evolution, the recycling of heavy elements into the ISM/IGM, galaxy-environment interactions
 - "Fossil record" approach: infer past history from present-day stellar populations
 - "Direct" approach: census of galaxy populations at different redshift

apply archaeological approach at different epochs to constrain galaxies star formation and assembly histories

- high-quality rest-frame optical spectra
- modeling that captures complexity of galaxy SFHs

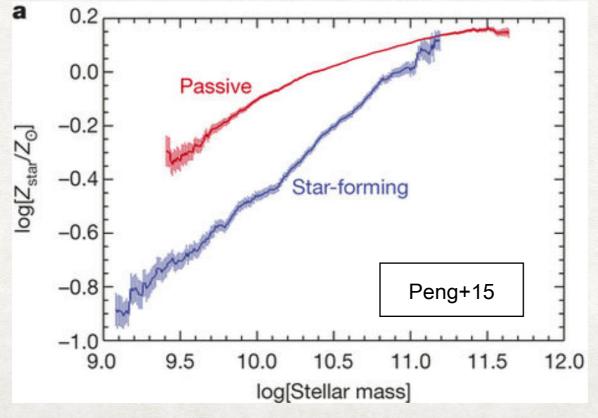
GALAXY POPULATIONS AT Z=0

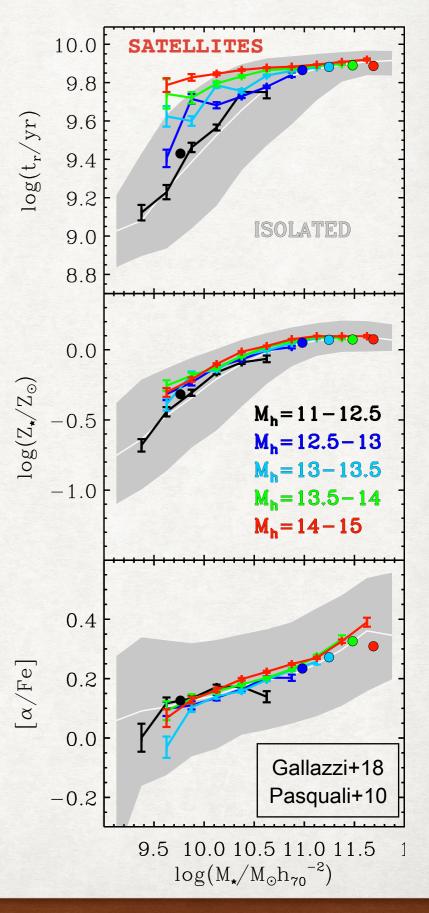
Bimodality in several spectral, structural and physical properties transitioning around a characteristic mass of 3×10^{10} M_{\odot} (e.g. Kauffmann et al 2003, Baldry et al 2004, Gallazzi et al 2005, Mateus et al 2006, Panter et al 2008, Schawinski et al 2014, Gonzalez-Delgado et al 2014)

Stars in more massive galaxies are older and metal-richer than in lower mass galaxies ("chemo-archaeological downsizing" Fontanot et al 2009)

change in slope and scatter around $3x10^{10}$ M $_{\odot}$ (~ transition mass in MF of "blue" and "red")

- scatter in scaling relations associated to
 - different scaling relations for quiescent and star-forming
 - environment

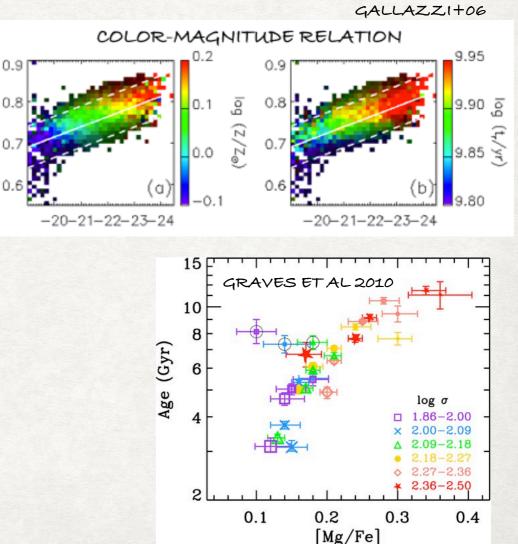




LOCAL QUIESCENT GALAXIES

- contain more than half of the mass and metal mass densities in stars at z=0 (e.g. McDermid+15, Gallazzi+08, Baldry+04, Bell+03)
- increase in age, total metallicity and α/Fe with mass/velocity dispersion (e.g. Kuntschner+00, Trager+00, Thomas+05, Gallazzi+06, Nelan+06, Graves+09,10, Arrigoni+10, Spolaor+10, Johansson+12, Harrison+11, McDermid+15)
- correlation between α/Fe and age (Gallazzi+06, Graves+10, Walcher et al 2015) and "half-mass time" (de la Rosa+11)

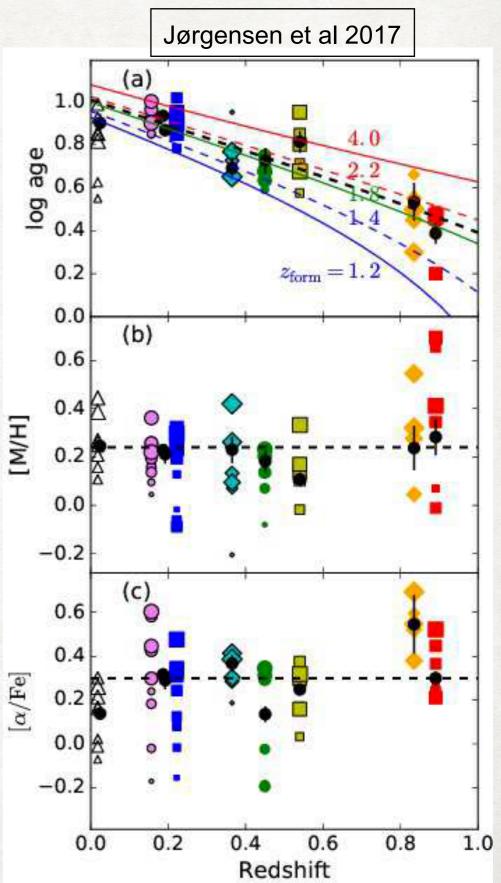
- scatter in metallicity and in age increasing at low stellar masses
- Episodic rejuvenation through small burst of SF?
- Continuous build-up of the red-sequence through quenching of SF in blue-cloud galaxies?



EVOLUTION TO INTERMEDIATE REDSHIFT

- How do scaling relations and their scatter evolve?
- Can we distinguish between EVOLUTION OF INDIVIDUAL RS GALAXIES and EVOLUTION OF THE POPULATION through addition of newly "formed" RS galaxies?
- Can STAR-FORMING GALAXIES provide the necessary population for the observed evolution?
- Is there an ENVIRONMENTAL dependence?
 - Age of massive CLUSTER quiescent galaxies consistent with high formation redshift (z~2) and subsequent passive evolution to z=0 (e.g. Sanchez-Blazquez+09, Jørgensen & Chiboucas 2013, Jørgensen+17).
 - no clear evolution in metallicity nor α/Fe but clusterto-cluster variations

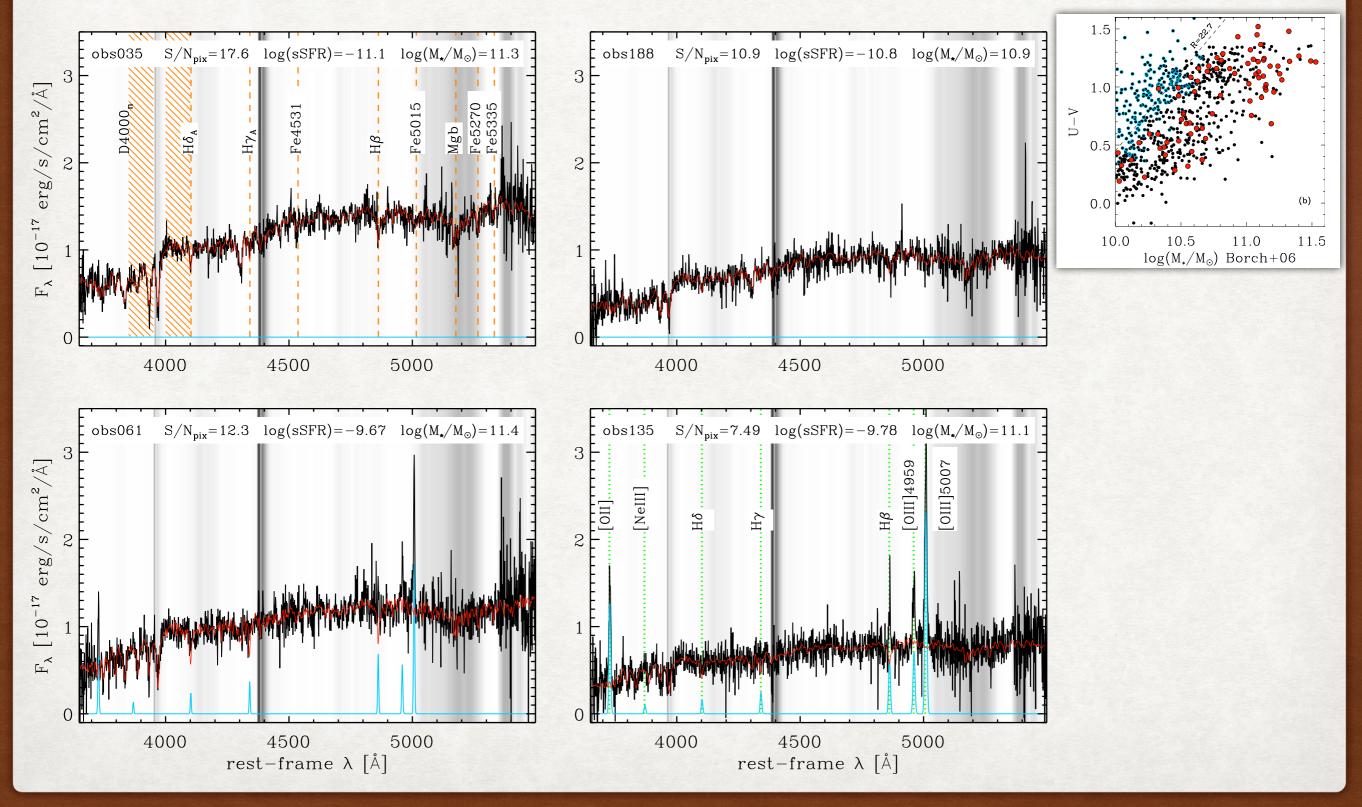
quiescent/early-type cluster galaxies (Kelson+06, Sanchez-Blazquez+09, Jorgensen 05, Jørgensen&Chiboucas+13, Ferre'-Mateu+14, Jørgensen+17), quiescent/early-type field galaxies (Schiavon+06, Ferreras+09, Choi+14), mass-selected field galaxies (Gallazzi+14)



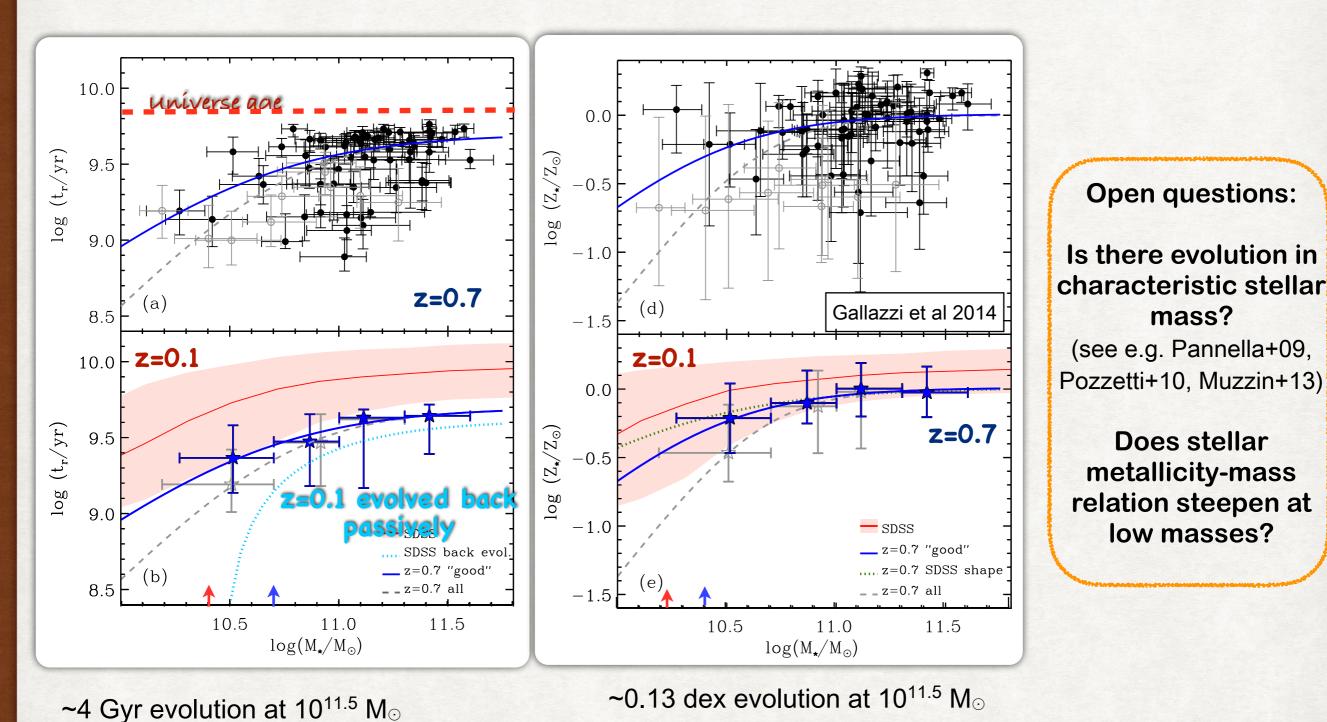
STELLAR POPULATION PROPERTIES AT Z~0.7: OUR FIRST ATTEMPT GALLAZZ

GALLAZZI ET AL 2014

- ★ ≥70 massive galaxies at 0.65<z<0.75 in CDFS</p>
- * IMACS spectroscopy, 10hr exposures, 3700-5500Å rest-frame, 3.4Å FWHM resolution

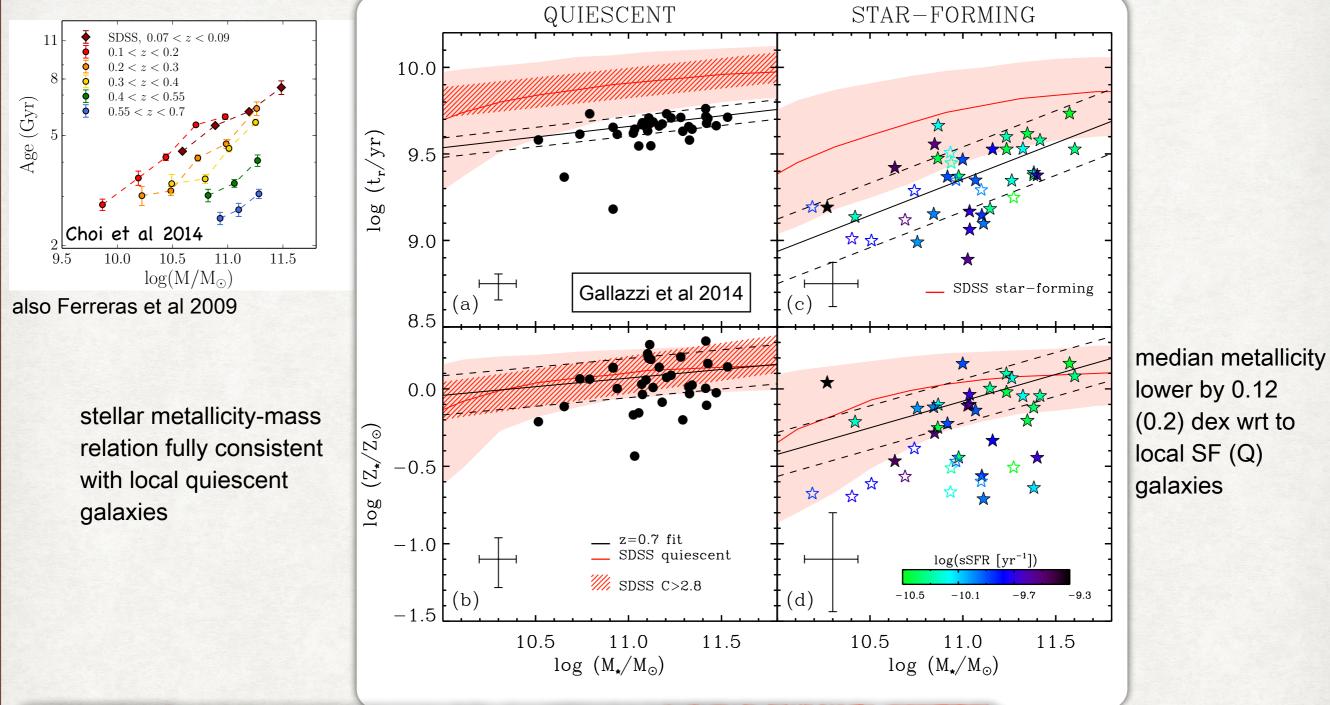


STELLAR POPULATION SCALING RELATIONS FOR ALL GALAXY TYPES



Too shallow and too old : mass-dependent rate of evolution in age

QUIESCENT AND STAR-FORMING



Passively evolved Q galaxies consistent with local population, but smaller age scatter

Low fraction of post-SB (~3%) argues against significant SF episodes prior to quenching - Only small amount of 'frosting' is allowed Require quenching and subsequent passive evolution of (high-metallicity) SF

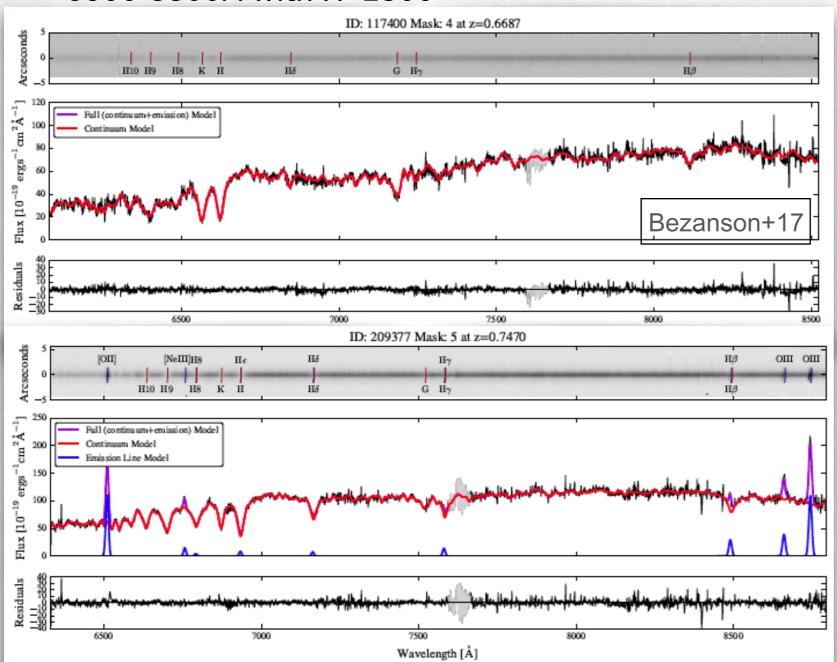
galaxies to populate the younger portion of local Q galaxies

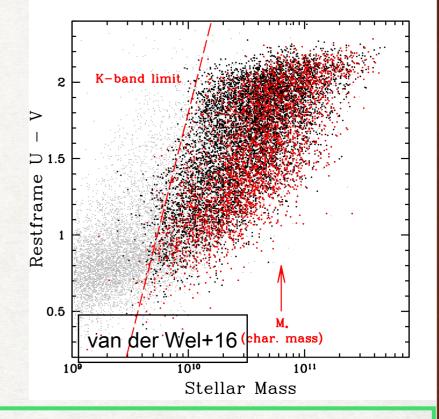
LEGA-C

Public spectroscopic survey with VIMOS @ VLT (van der Wel+2016, Barisic+2017)

PI: Arjen van der Wel, Survey Scientists: Rachel Bezanson, Anna Gallazzi

- 3200 0.6<z<1 targets **K-band selected** (K=21.1@z=0.6, K=20.4@z=1) from UltraVISTA catalog
- 1.3 sq. deg. in COSMOS field
- 20 hr integration: S/N>10/A for ~2700 galaxies
- 6300-8800A with R=2500





DR1 is out (15/9/2016): spectra and redshifts for 865 unique galaxies over 0.29 sq.deg. stay tuned for DR2! (~1900 galaxies)

- emission lines and stellar continuum and absorption features
- stellar and gas kinematics (resolve down 50 km/s)

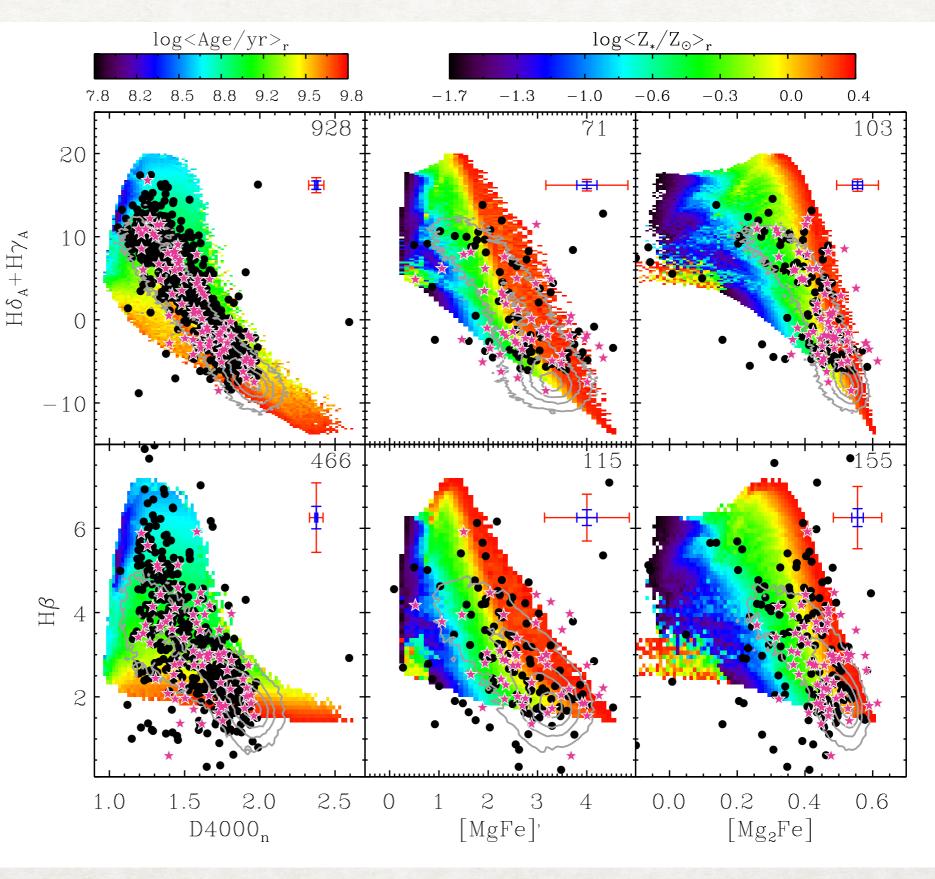
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Gallazzi+14

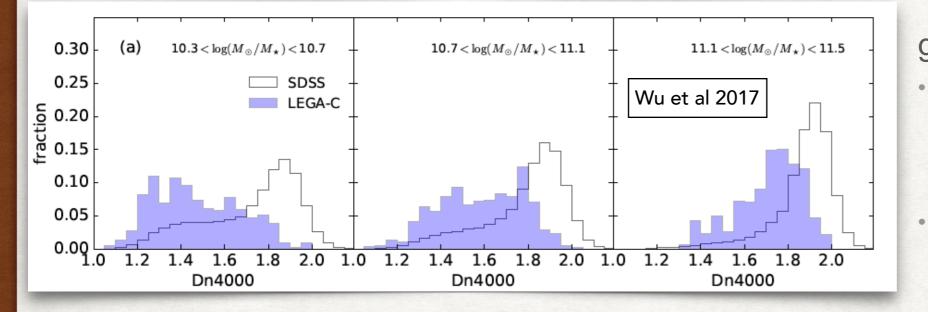
SDSS

SPS models with complex SFHs and metal enrichment

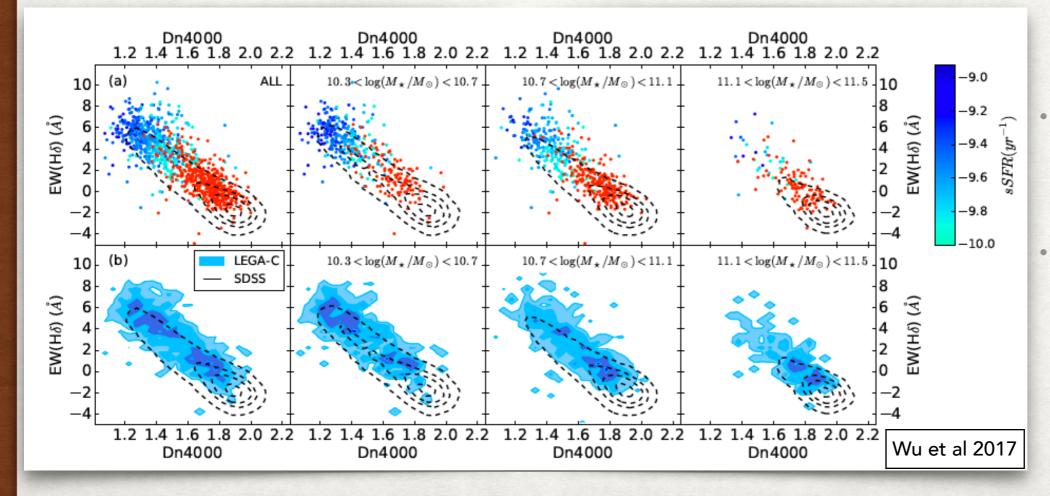


$D_N4000\text{-Hd}\ FOR ~1000\ Z~1\ GALAXIES$

Wu, van der Wel, Gallazzi et al, to be submitted

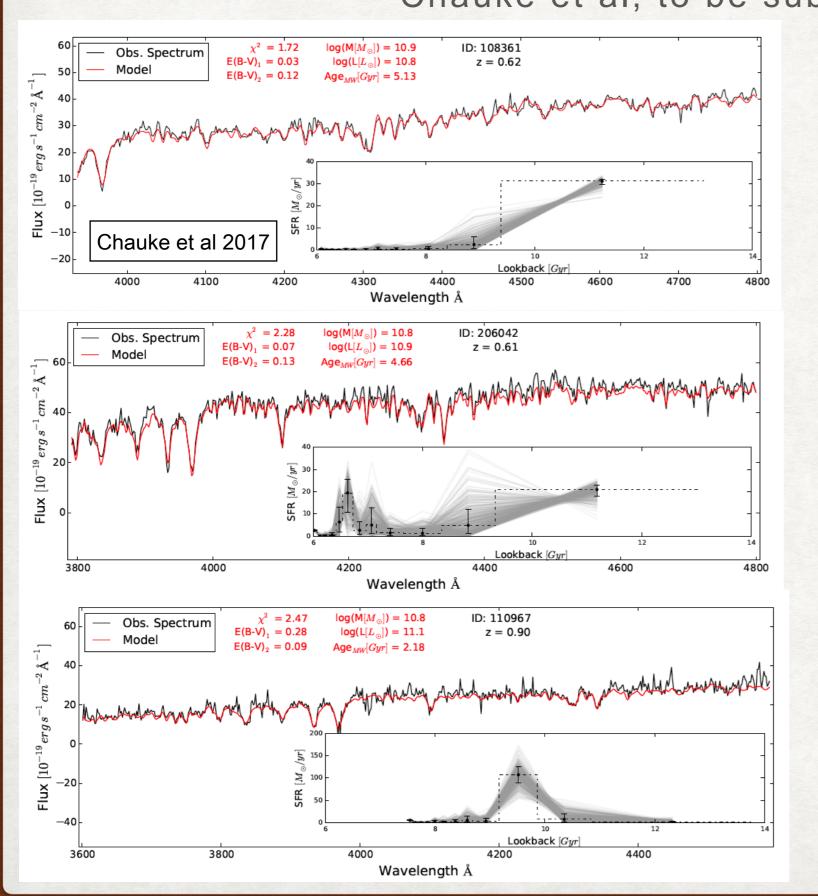


galaxies at z~0.8 show
bimodal distribution in D4-Hδ below 10¹¹M_☉
see Chris Haines's talk
stronger Hδ at fixed D4 than z~0 galaxies



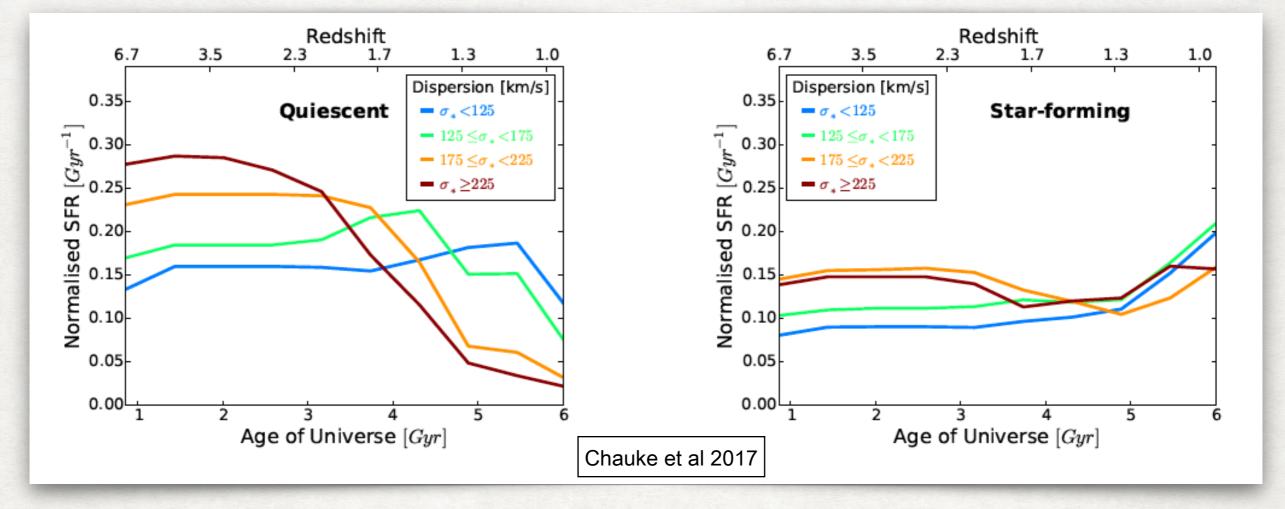
more bursty SFH at z~0.8 than at z~0.1 different amount of dust or dust geometry at z~0.8

RESOLVING SFHs AT Z<1 WITH LEGA-C Chauke et al, to be submitted



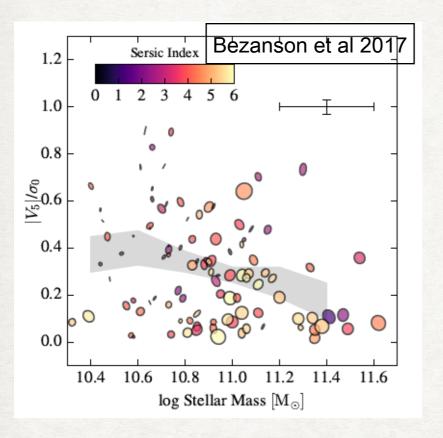
- 678 galaxies, 0.6<z<1, logM>2*1010 M_☉ FSPS stellar population code (Conroy+09) + MCMC
- sample values:
 - logM=2*10⁹ 4*10¹¹ M_☉, uncertainties 1-30% up to 60%;
 - log Age=60 Myr 4.8 Gyr, 60% older than 3 Gyr, uncertainties 1-20%
- light-weighted age consistent with other studies (Gallazzi+14, Choi+14)

Chauke et al, to be subm.



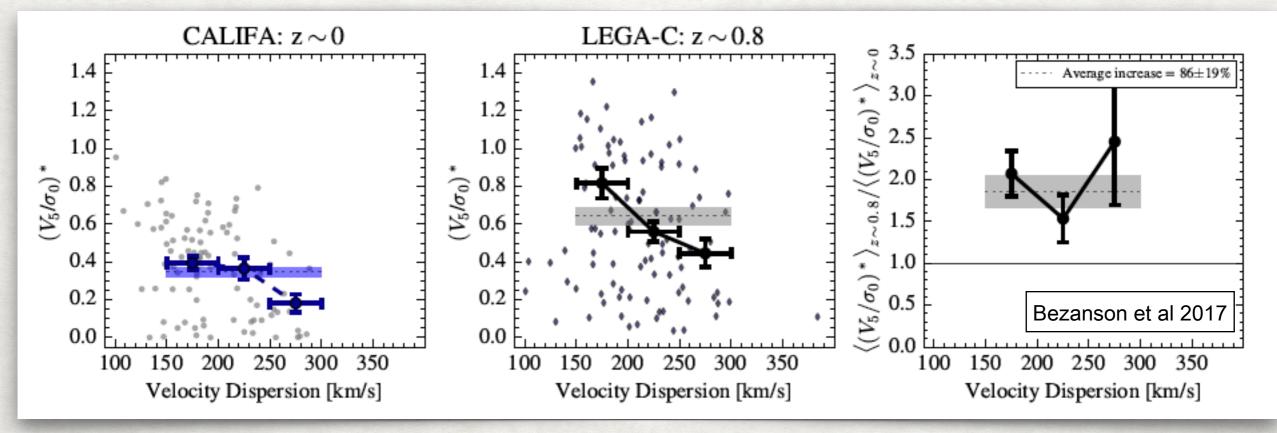
- evidence of "downsizing" at z~1 among the quiescent population
- lowest mass galaxies are undergoing main formation stage at z~1; massive SF galaxies peak 8.5 Gyr ago, while quiescent galaxies peak earlier (>10 Gyr)
- most galaxies are old, but variety of SFHs even among the oldest galaxies (some show signs of rejuvenations due to accretion or merger-induced SF)

INCREASED ROTATIONAL SUPPORT IN Z~0.8 QUIESCENT GALAXIES



Bezanson et al, submitted

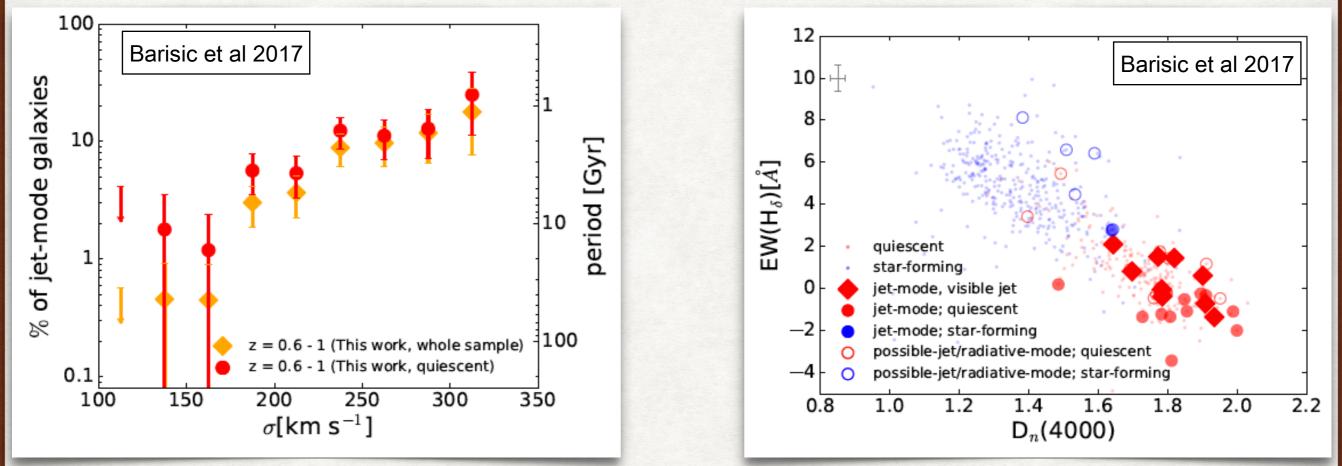
- no or little rotational support above 2*10¹¹M_☉;
 64% of lower mass galaxies show significant rotational support
- not directly correlated with structure
- higher average rotational support in z~0.8 quiescent galaxies compared to z~0 CALIFA quiescent galaxies
- galaxies must lose angular momentum at or after cessation of star formation



THE "SFH" OF RADIO-LOUD AGN: MAINTENANCE FEEDBACK

Barisic et al 2017

58 radio-loud galaxies from LEGA-C and VLA 3GHz cross-match (322 LEGA-C galaxies with VLA counterpart)



- fraction of radio-loud AGN at z~1 is 5-10 times higher than locally at fixed mass
- z~1 radio-loud AGN occur in old, high velocity dispersion galaxies
- D4-Hd imply that they have been quiescent for more than 1 Gyr -> radio-loud AGN with lifetime of ~100 Myr can play a role in maintaining quiescence
- Age and velocity dispersion measures allow to test the hypothesis that radio-loud AGN occur in old galaxies with large velocity dispersion, i.e. whether jet-mode galaxies have been quiescent for a long time

OUTLOOK

- Time is ripe for statistically-significant studies at intermediate redshift with current (LEGA-C) and planned large spectroscopic surveys (WEAVE-STePs)
- WEAVE-StePS survey with WEAVE @ WHT (PI: B. Poggianti, A. Iovino; start in 2019)
 - 30k I<20.5 selected galaxies at z>0.3 over 25 sq.deg.
 - R~5000, target S/N~15/A, 3700-9600A
 - trace kinematics and stellar populations of massive galaxies out to z~0.7 and their environmental trends
- Extend to higher redshift where most of the evolution in size, structure, dynamics and stellar populations is expected to happen: NIR multi-object facilities (MOONS @ VLT, MOSAIC @ E-ELT)