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Stellar Kinematics of z-2 Galaxies and the Inside-out Growth of Quiescent Galaxies

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Galaxies from SDSS z-0.1



Red-and-Dead Galaxies at z-2



Early-type galaxies at z ≈ 2 were smaller and denser than low-z analogs

Van Dokkum et al. 2008



Confirmation of small sizes with WFC3

(Szomoru et al. 2010)

Szomoru et al. 2010



Stellar Kinematics of z-2 Galaxies

Use dynamical mass instead:

$$M_{dyn} = K(n) \cdot r_e \cdot \sigma^2$$

Requires deep Near Infrared spectroscopy for z >1.4



Confirming high stellar densities using stellar kinematics

VLT X-Shooter Observations:

- 5 Targets from NMBS-I (van Dokkum et al. 2009) and UDS (Williams et al 2009.)
- Selected to be bright, non-starforming galaxies at 1.4 < z < 2.1
- 2 5 hours per source
- UV to NIR in single shot
- R = 5600 (~23 km/s)

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Selection Effects: young post-starburst like galaxies





X-Shooter spectra zoom



Stellar and Dynamical Mass in good agreement



M*/Mdyn may decrease over time: increase in dark matter fraction?







Massive Quiescent galaxies are indeed smaller at earlier times



Massive Quiescent galaxies have higher velocity dispersions at earlier times



Stellar density within r_e is higher at z~2 and evolves rapidly with time



Stellar density within 1 kpc only slightly higher at earlier times



Hydro-simulation predict similar evolution in size and velocity dispersion

Oser et al. 2012





Strong evolution in effective density central density stays roughly the same



Take Home Message

Photometric and dynamical masses of distant compact massive galaxies are in **good agreement**

The **stellar density** within re **evolves rapidly**, while within **1 kpc** it is consistent with a **very mild or no evolution**

Distant massive compact galaxies are the cores of present-day ellipticals and grow inside-out by mostly minor mergers



