Study of the Mass-Metallicity Relation in Galaxies MultiDark Galaxies Workshop

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Introduction



- Correlation between gas-phase oxygen abundance and M_{*}.
- At a fixed M_{*}, galaxies with higher SFR have lower metallicities.
- Information of SF histories and different processes affecting gas evolution.

Mannucci+(2010)

Introduction



Explanations?

- Ejection of metal-rich gas \propto SFR/M_{*}.
- Infall of metal-poor gas.
- Downsizing → peak of SFR relates with metallicity.

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The Fundamental Metallicity Relation (FMR)



- Surface of M_{*}-SFR-Metallicity.
- Minimizes the scatter of metallicity.
- No evidence of evolution up to $z \sim 2.5$.
- Not so fundamental?
 ⇒ M_{*}-HI-Metallicity (Bothwell et al. 2011;2013)

Fundamental Metallicity Relation (FMR)



Results

MultiDark Simulation + SAG



Main Sequence of Galaxies



Model agrees with observations at z = 0.

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Main Sequence of Galaxies: higher z



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Main Sequence of Galaxies: Evolution



At fixed M_{\star} galaxies have higher SFR with higher redshift.

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Cosmic Star Formation Rate



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- Downsizing is observed.

Projection of the FMR: z = 0



$$12 + \log(\mathrm{O/H}) = \begin{cases} 8.90 + 0.47 \,(\mu_{0.32} - 10) & \mu_{0.32} < 10.5 \\ 9.07 & \mu_{0.32} \ge 10.5 \end{cases}$$

Projection of the FMR: higher z



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Projection of the FMR: Evolution













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Mass-Metallicity Relation: z = 0



- Steeper slope than observed.
- For galaxies with high M_{\star} , the relation does not flatten.
- General behaviour: the model agrees with observations at z = 0.

Mass-Metallicity Relation: higher z



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Mass-Metallicity Relation: Evolution



Evolution observed!!

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MZR: bin SFR



SFR not enough to justify the scatter.

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Gas Fraction



- At z = 0 the model agrees with observations from Bosseli et al. (2014).
- At fixed M_{*}, the M_{gas} increases with redshift.

Gas Fraction



- At fixed redshift, gas fraction increases with the decrease of M_{\star} .
- The decrease of the f_{gas} with the redshift for intermediate masses is not as pronounced as that observed by Troncoso et al. (2014).

Future Work

- Study of the processes responsable of the mild evoltion at the MZR observed.
- Implementation of modifications in the prescription of physical processes in order to recover the correct slope of the MZR at z = 0 and an evolutionary trend in better agreement with observations.
- Continue studying the MZR with other SAM and Hydrodynamical Simulations.
- Try to understand what is causing the scatter of the MZR.
- Suggestions are welcome.

