RESOLVING IONISATION AND METALLICITY ON PARSEC SCALES ACROSS PRIMORDIAL ANALOGUES WITH HST-WFC3

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My questions/themes: *What can we learn from metal-poor galaxies? *Spatially resolving metal-poor galaxies at different redshifts *What's the most efficient way of detecting and studying them?

The Interplay Between Local And Global Processes In Galaxies

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What are the effects of stellar feedback in metal-poor environments?

Did dwarf galaxies play a role in cosmic reionization?



Madau & Dickinson 2014







Are star-forming galaxies chemically homogeneous?

How is starformation triggered?





NEARBY ANALOGUES TO THE FIRST GALAXIES





Mostly blue compact dwarf galaxies (BCDs)

Metal poor + (often) starbursting ≈ High-z galaxies



MAPPING STELLAR FEEDBACK IN MRK 71

I filters: 7 emission lines: HST-WFC3I orbits, 2 BCDs, PI: James

James et al., 2016a, ApJ





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STELLAR FEEDBACK IN MRK71





"FEEDBACK IMAGING"

James et al., 2016a, ApJ







What are the effects of stellar feedback in metal-poor environments?

Feedback mechanisms create gas cavities: suppress star-formation ...and dwarf galaxy evolution? (but can also trigger SF)
 Stellar super winds transport photons: reionization of the IGM
 Shock-excitation: very difficult to detect...large consequences?



METALLICITY "IMAGING" OF MRK 71



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Decrease in O/H surrounding main super star cluster:

- Blow-out of primordial gas?
- Pollution from young clusters hasn't mixed?
- Has the R₂₃ diagnostic broken down?...

CHEMICAL MAPPING @LOW-Z: DEPENDENCE ON SCALE

The era of 30/40m telescopes is approaching... Each one will have an IFU.



Declination

Structure observed <50 pc scales

Do emission-line diagnostics have a minimum spatial scale?



e.g. **E-ELT Harmoni** 0.04''/spaxel (5''×10'' FoV) 0.02''/spaxel (2.5''×5'' FoV) We will probe <50pc scales at z=2



CHEMICAL MAPPING @HIGH-Z: DEPENDENCE ON SCALE



Although ΔZ is lost, $\langle Z \rangle$ (usually) remains

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Are star-forming galaxies chemically homogeneous?

Not always!
Environments affect mixing timescales & star-formation,
+ evidence for accretion
Spatial scales play a big role - at both low-z & high-z.



EMISSION-LINE MAPPING: FUTURE PATH

Pin-down shocks at low-z with IFUs





Signatures of shock excitation

Assess how LyC photons escape

Ionisation Parameter Mapping 12 HST-WFC3/ACS orbits, PI: Oey LyC emitters: Haro 11,Tol 1247-232



Stellar Feedback at z=2.4 with HST



Simulated 3 Orbits HST-WFC3 F167N

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IFS studies of nearby systems allow extended insight into the 'realistic' ISM of star-forming galaxies at **all** redshifts → constrain high-z galaxy evolution. **A major scientific objective of all future observatories.**

