Dynamical Properties of Massive Quiescent Galaxies at z~4

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Massive early-type galaxies are dominated by old stellar populations and have not formed stars since an early epoch. What is the physical mechanism to form a massive galaxy in the early Universe and shut off their star formation?

Massive quiescent galaxies at high redshifts

Brammer+11

van Dokkum+09



 \sim 50% of the massive galaxies at z \sim 2 are compact and quiescent.

Deep Multi-Wavelength Data in UDS



u:	26.8
B:	27.6
V:	27.3
R:	27.1
i	27.0
z:	26.0
J:	25.2
H:	24.6
K:	25.0
[3.6]:	24.8
[4.5]:	24.3
[6.5]:	22.6
[8.0]:	22.5
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5sigma in 2" aperture

BzK composite

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Quiescent: sSFR<10^-9.5 yr^-1

Kubo, MT, et al. 2018

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MOSFIRE spectra

z=4.01



z=3.99



~7 hours integration with MOSFIRE (Tanaka+ 2019, ApJ,885, L34)

~15 hours integration with MOSFIRE (Tanaka+ in prep)

Highest redshift quiescent galaxies known to date!

Star formation histories



SFH from pPXF (age distribution of the SSP templates contributed to the best-fit spectrum). The z=4.01 is a young poststarburst, while the z=3.99 is a more typical poststarburst. The latter object has z_form~6.

Massive quiescent galaxies at z=4



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Rest-frame UV sizes from HSC-SSP



HSC-SSP is pretty good for constraining sizes.

Rest-frame UV sizes from HSC-SSP



Rest-frame optical sizes from HAWK-I + GLAAL



The z=4.01 galaxy has $r_{eff} = 0.74 + 0.17 / -0.08$ kpc

Size-Stellar Mass relation



The z=4 objects are very compact for their mass. Their sizes are Consistent with the typical size of $z\sim4$ galaxies from Kubo+ 2018.

First Dynamical Analysis at z=4



The dynamical mass is consistent with the stellar mass from photometry.
The z=4 object is on the mass fundamental plane.

Discussion and Summary

- We have confirmed the highest redshift quiescent galaxies at z=4.
 We made the first measurement of stellar velocity dispersion at such a high redshift.
- Stellar velocity dispersion does not significantly evolve over the last 12 Gyr.
- But, we know that sizes and masses increase with time.
- This suggests that the mass growth does not occur equally at all radii; mass growth mostly occurs in the outer parts. That also drives the size evolution.
- This is consistent with the 2-phase formation scenario.
- But, this galaxy may be rotating!
- Step forward to a larger sample and also to JWST.