Revealing mass and environment quenching since z~1



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Galaxy quenching

• Galaxy quenching: the process galaxies suppress their star formation activities



 Mainly affected by stellar mass and environment

- Internal effect (mass quenching)
 - AGN feedback; morphology quenching…
- External effect (environment

quenching)

Tidal effect; ram pressure stripping…

Timescales are different

 Stellar mass, environment, quenching timescale are important for understanding quenching scenario
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Recently-quenched galaxy

 Recently quenched galaxies: still in or shortly after quenching process >> directly deliver information



 Spectral features of RQGs: passive spectra + strong Balmer absorption lines
 Due to large fraction of A type stars



- Evolution of Balmer absorption line strength
- The strength peaks between 0.1-1
 Gyr > recently-quenched phase
- Quenching timescale is short > RQGs are rare > spectroscopic data are expensive to get

Sample selection

COSMOS2015 catalog

- Type flag == 0 (galaxy type)
- Photometric redshift (LEPHARE; 26 bands) 0.5<z<1.0</p>
- Stellar mass (LEPHARE) $M_* > 10^{9.8} M_{\odot}$
- At least 2 optical bands and 2 NIR bands
- Use local density (Σ5) as proxy of environment
 - 3 σ contours select overdensity (cluster);
 1 σ contours select field
 - Select 17 clusters in total
- Determine the final sample: all galaxies within 2.8×2.8 Mpc² square aperture, in redshift ±0.05 range





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UVJ selection

 Classify SFG, QG, RQG based on rest-frame color information
 Use model evolution paths with 0.1 and 1 Gyr timescale to separate fast and slow quenching RQGs



Spectral confirmation using DEIMOS spectra



Quenching efficiency

Defined as N(RQG)/N(SFG); larger value== more efficient



- Quenching efficiency has both mass and environment dependence
- Visibility time (time a galaxy stay in RQG region) may affect the dependences
 - The mass dependence of N(RQG)/N(SFG) may partly due to mass dependence of visibility time

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Quenching stage

Defined as N(RQG)/N(QG); large value==earlier stage



- Massive galaxies started quenching earlier
- Galaxies in denser environment started quenching earlier
- Visibility time does not show strong impact on this result

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Quenching timescale

N(slow)/N(fast); larger value == longer timescale



- Massive galaxies tend to have longer quenching timescale
- Environment does not show clear impact on quenching timescale
- The importance of slow quenching increases along cosmic time



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Interpretation of results

	Stellar mass	Local density	Redshift
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Timescale	<u></u>	No clear dependence	\searrow

Denser environment and larger stellar mass enhance quenching
 Mass dependence of Q.E. may be affected by visibility time

- Massive galaxies quench earlier > downsizing scenario
- Denser environments are in later stage of quenching > inside-out quenching of clusters
- Mass and redshift dependences of timescale > quenching mechanisms for different mass/redshift should be different

Description	N(slow)/N(fast)	
high mass + low local density	6.500±2.264	
low mass + high local density	1.308±0.343	

Case ①: Slow quenching in massive galaxies, does not depend on environment; consistent with long timescale AGN feedback

Case ②: Fast quenching in dense environment, especially effective on low mass galaxies; consistent with ram pressure stripping Subaru Users Meeting FY2021 9/11 2022.01.12

Future prospects

Expand analysis area and redshift range

- ► COSMOS → all HSC DEEP fields
- ▶ Redshift 0.5-1.0 → redshift 0.5-2.0 (since the cosmic noon) in IRAC covered fields
- Spectroscopic confirmation of RQGs
 - Pilot projects: FOCAS, MOIRCS, MOSFIRE
 - RQG spectroscopic survey: PFS
- Derive physical properties from RQG spectra
 - Quenching timescale
 - Starburst strength
 - Visibility time

Summary

UVJ diagram can effectively select RQG and roughly separate different quenching timescales

- Efficiency of quenching depends on both mass and environment, but the mass dependence might be affected by visibility time
- Our results support downsizing scenario and inside-out quenching scenario in clusters
- Quenching timescale depends on both stellar mass and redshift

Systematic spectroscopic survey of RQG is essential for further study of galaxy quenching

Thank you very much for your attention!

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