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Galaxy size trends as a consequence of cosmology

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ABSTRACT

We show that the wealth of recent work on trends in galaxy sizes with mass and redshift can be understood in terms of the influence of underlying cosmic evolution; a holistic view which is complimentary to the usual interpretations involving the accumulation of discreet evolutionary processes acting on individual objects. Using analytic predictions from standard cosmology theory, supported with the results of the Millennium simulations, we begin by deriving the size trends in the population of collapsed cosmic structures, and emphasise the important distinction between these trends and the hierarchical assembly of individual structures. Moving on to galaxies, we argue that the observed variation in galactic stellar mass, as a function of inferred host structure mass, can be understood to first order in terms of natural limitations of cooling and feedback. But whilst this fractional stellar mass content varies by orders of magnitude, the characteristic radius of galaxies has been found to correlate strongly and linearly with that of the host structure. Using analytic arguments, illustrated with mock populations generated from the Millennium simulations, we then explain how these two aspects will lead to galaxy sizes that closely follow recently observed trends and their evolution, and verify this with direct comparison to galaxies from the COSMOS and SDSS surveys. Thus we conclude that it may be possible to understand the observed minimum radius for galaxies, the evolving trend in size as a function of mass for intermediate systems, and the observed increase in the sizes of massive galaxies, as being an emergent consequence of the cosmic expansion.

Key words: galaxies: formation – evolution, cosmology: theory



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Ι	I
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3	155
4	140
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7	
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Rank at z=2.2	Rank at z=0
Ι	I
2	53
3	155
4	140
5	I
6	
7	
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10	



Rank at z=2.2	Rank at z=0
Ι	I
2	53
3	155
4	140
5	I
6	250
7	
8	
9	
10	



Rank at z=2.2	Rank at z=0
Ι	I
2	53
3	155
4	140
5	I
6	250
7	11,697
8	
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We use a statistical approach to determine the relationship between the stellar masses of galaxies and the masses of the dark matter halos in which they reside. We obtain a parameterized stellar-to-halo mass (SHM) relation by populating halos and subhalos in an N-body simulation with galaxies and requiring that the observed stellar mass function be reproduced. We find good agreement with constraints from galaxy-galaxy lensing and predictions of semi-analytic models. Using this mapping, and the positions of the halos and subhalos obtained from the simulation, we find that our model predictions for the galaxy two-point correlation function (CF) as a function of stellar mass are in excellent agreement with the observed clustering properties in the Sloan Digital Sky Survey at z = 0. We show that the clustering data do not provide additional strong constraints on the SHM function and conclude that our model can therefore predict clustering as a function of stellar mass. We compute the conditional mass function, which yields the average number of galaxies with stellar masses in the range $m \pm dm/2$ that reside in a halo of mass M. We study the redshift dependence of the SHM relation and show that, for low-mass halos, the SHM ratio is lower at higher redshift. The derived SHM relation is used to predict the stellar mass dependent galaxy CF and bias at high redshift. Our model predicts that not only are massive galaxies more biased than low-mass galaxies at all redshifts, but also the bias increases more rapidly with increasing redshift for massive galaxies than for low-mass ones. We present convenient fitting functions for the SHM relation as a function of redshift, the conditional mass function, and the bias as a function of stellar mass and redshift.

Key words: cosmology: theory – dark matter – galaxies: clusters: general – galaxies: evolution – galaxies: halos – galaxies: high-redshift – galaxies: statistics – galaxies: stellar content – large-scale structure of universe

1. INTRODUCTION

In the standard cold dark matter (CDM) paradigm, the formation of galaxies is driven by the growth of the large-scale structure of the universe and the formation of dark matter halos. Galaxies form by the cooling and condensation of gas in the centers of the potential wells of extended virialized dark matter halos (White & Rees 1978; Fall & Efstathiou 1980; Blumenthal et al. 1984). In this picture, galaxy properties, such as luminosity or stellar mass, are expected to be tightly coupled to the depth of the halo potential and thus to the halo mass.

There are various different approaches to link the properties of galaxies to those of their halos. A first method attempts to derive the halo properties from the properties of its galaxy population using, e.g., galaxy kinematics (Erickson et al. 1987; Zaritsky et al. 1993; Carlberg et al. 1996; More et al. 2009a, 2009b), gravitational lensing (Mandelbaum et al. 2005, 2006; Cacciato et al. 2009), or X-ray studies (Lin et al. 2003; Lin & Mohr 2004).

A second approach is to attempt to model the physics that shapes galaxy formation *ab initio* using either large numerical simulations including both gas and dark matter (Katz et al. 1996; Springel & Hernquist 2003) or semi-analytic models (SAMs) of galaxy formation (e.g., Kauffmann et al. 1993; Cole et al. 1994; Somerville & Primack 1999). In "hybrid" SAMs (e.g., Croton et al. 2006; Bower et al. 2006), dark matter "merger trees" are extracted from a dark matter only *N*-body simulation, and gas processes are treated with semi-analytic recipes. An advantage of this method is that high-resolution *N*-body simulations can track the evolution of individual subhalos (Klypin et al. 1999; Springel et al. 2001) and thus provide the precise positions and velocities of galaxies within a halo. However, many of the physical processes involved in galaxy formation (such as star formation and various kinds of feedback) are still not well understood, and in many cases simulations are not able to reproduce observed quantities with high accuracy.

With the accumulation of data from large galaxy surveys over the last decade, a third method has been developed, which links galaxies to halos using a statistical approach. The Halo Occupation Distribution (HOD) formalism specifies the probability distribution for a halo of mass M to harbor Ngalaxies with certain intrinsic properties, such as luminosity, color, or type (e.g., Peacock & Smith 2000; Seljak 2000; White 2001; Berlind & Weinberg 2002). More complex formulations of this kind of modeling, such as the conditional luminosity function (CLF) formalism (Yang et al. 2003, 2004; van den Bosch et al. 2003) have extended the HOD approach. These methods have the advantage that they do not rely on assumptions about the (poorly understood) physical processes that drive galaxy formation. In this way, it is possible to constrain the relationship between galaxy and halo properties (and thus, indirectly, the underlying physics), and to construct mock catalogs that reproduce in detail a desired observational quantity (such as the luminosity function). One disadvantage of the classical HOD approach was that one had to make assumptions about the distribution of positions and velocities of galaxies within their host halos. In addition, the results of the HOD modeling can be difficult to interpret in terms of the underlying physics of galaxy formation.

In recent years, HOD models have been introduced that make use of information about the positions, velocities, and masses of halos and subhalos extracted from a dissipationless *N*-body simulation. The (sub)halo mass is then empirically linked to THE ASTROPHYSICAL JOURNAL, 710:903–923, 2010 February 20 © 2010. The American Astronomical Society. All rights reserved. Printed in the U.S.A.

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Figure 4. Derived relation between stellar mass and halo mass. The light shaded area shows the 1σ region while the dark and light shaded areas together show the 2σ region. The upper panel shows the SHM relation, while the lower panel shows the SHM ratio.


















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SUMMARY

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Another reason for considering the possibility of early gas loss in elliptical galaxies is the fact that the galaxy models of Paper I, which allow no gas loss, do not readily account for the observed correlation between the metal abundances and the masses of elliptical galaxies (Baum 1959; McClure & van den Bergh 1968; Sandage 1972; Faber 1973). This correlation might be explainable if elliptical galaxies lose some of their recycled and metal-enriched gas at an early stage of evolution, and if the amount of gas lost is greater for galaxies of smaller mass. As

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90 per cent of the initial blast energy E_0 of each supernova is radiated away and that the remaining 10 per cent is available for heating the interstellar medium and powering a galactic wind. We also assume that the energy deposited in the interstellar gas by each supernova is stored without further losses until the total energy content of the gas becomes large enough to cause the gas to escape. In the model calculations to be described below, it will be assumed for simplicity that all of the gas in a galaxy is suddenly lost as soon as its total energy content exceeds the escape energy. In reality, the gas is probably not lost all at once, but we would obtain approximately the same prediction for the total amount of gas lost by assuming only that all of the available energy of $\sim 0.1 E_0$ per supernova is expended in removing gas from the galaxy.

If one supernova is produced for every 100 M_{\odot} of stars formed and if the energy available per supernova for driving a galactic wind is $\approx 10^{50}$ erg, then the total energy available is $\approx 10^{48}$ erg per M_{\odot} of stars formed. The energy required to cause escape from an elliptical galaxy of mass $10^{11} M_{\odot}$ can be estimated by noting that the escape velocity at the centre of the models of Paper I is about 800 km s⁻¹, which corresponds to an escape energy of about 3×10^{15} erg g⁻¹ or 6×10^{48} erg M_{\odot}^{-1} . Hence if $M_{\rm s}$ is the mass (M_{\odot}) of stars formed and $M_{\rm g}$ is the mass remaining in gaseous form, we predict that loss of the remaining gas can occur when the available energy of $\approx 10^{48} M_{\rm s}$ erg is equal to the required energy of $\approx 6 \times 10^{48} M_g$ erg, i.e. when $M_g/M_s \approx 1/6$. Thus, in the models of Paper I, gas loss can occur after roughly 6/7 or 86 per cent of the initial mass has been transformed into stars; the remaining $\approx 1/7$ or 14 per cent of the initial mass is lost in a galactic wind. This result is consistent with the conclusion previously obtained for model D that a galactic wind would have been established by the time that ~ 94 per cent of the initial mass has been converted into stars (Section 3.2). Thus it seems reasonable to conclude that for a galaxy of mass $10^{11} M_{\odot}$ gas loss will become important by the time that roughly 90 per cent of the initial mass has been transformed into stars, and that the remaining \approx 10 per cent of the mass will be lost in a galactic wind.

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