The progenitors of present-day early-type galaxies

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Progenitor bias

• Progenitor bias is a consequence of the morphological transformation of the late-type population over cosmic time.

• At z = 1, 50% of the stellar mass found in early-type morphologies by the present-day is found in early types

• Excluding late-types progenitors underestimates the evolution of the early-type population

Horizon-AGN

- 10 million CPU hours
- 100 CoMpc box length
- Minimum 1kpc resolution
- Cosmology corresponding to WMAP7 results (Komatsu+ 2011)
- Hz-AGN Provides good agreement with observations, (Kaviraj+16, previous talk)





14sq' composite mock image in u,r,z



Identifying galaxies and mergers

- AdaptaHOP structure finder identifies ~150000 galaxies per snapshot including galaxies in the process of merging
- 91 snapshots in the range $z \in [0, 7]$ in steps of ~130 Myrs
- Extract merger trees for each galaxy identified at the final time output by tracing their progenitors
- Use the merger trees to build merger histories for each of the early-type galaxies in the final time output.

Observables

• Morphology – defined kinematically



• Integrated SFR – defined by star particle formation times

• Environment – defined by the local number density

Redshift evolution of the progenitors of earlytype galaxies



• Redshift of last merger <1:10

• The most massive galaxies finish assembling later on

• Galaxies in denser environments assemble earlier



 Morphology of early-type progenitors pairs undergoing binary mergers

• Few mergers occur between two galaxies of early-type morphology

 >20% at z = 0, all other mergers contain at least one early-type progenitor



- Redshift evolution of morphologies in the progenitor set
- Less than 50% of mass in early-type galaxies at z=0 is found in progenitors with early-type morphology at z=1
- Morphological transformation and mass assembly are more rapid in denser environments

Progenitor fractions

• We can use the merger histories to calculate the fraction of latetype galaxies that are early-type progenitors with redshift

• Allowing us to produce a prescription for the inclusion of latetypes







Conclusions