LoCuSS: Pre-processing in galaxy groups falling in to massive galaxy clusters at z=0.2

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- Cluster formation and pre-processing
- LoCuSS: infalling group sample
- Results
- Future prospects

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Cluster formation

- Clusters appear last in the structure formation ladder
- Doubled in mass since z =0.5 (Gao+ 2012)
- 1/2 Galaxies accreted below z=0.4 (Berrier+ 09)
- Groups contribute to 50% and 45% of a cluster stellar mass and galaxy population, respectively (McGee+ 09)



Illustris simulation, Haider+ 16 Birmingham, 21st Sep

Star formation quenching

- SF quenching is acting on infalling galaxies already prior to them settling in the cluster potential (Fujita 04)
- Deficit of SF galaxies up to 5 r₂₀₀ (Bahè+ 13, Wetzel+13)
- SF quenching due to harassment and starvation (Larson+ 80, De Lucia+12, Peng +15)



Effective combination of high number density and low relative velocity between galaxies Group as favourable locus for pre-processing?

LoCuSS survey

- Multi-wavelength survey of X-ray luminous clusters at 0.15<z<0.30
- Data cover the central 25'x25' cluster region
- J-K color selection for spectroscopic targets down to m_K* (z_{cl}) + 1.5 —> M* ≈ 2x10¹⁰ M⊙
 weak dependence on SFR and

SFH

no morphological bias

- 96% spect. completeness for MIPS 24 µm sources
- 90% phot. completeness at 400µJy



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Group identification



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Group member selection

• 34 groups with 0.15<z<0.3 (subsample of Haines+ 17) • from $L_x \longrightarrow M_{200} \approx 5x10^{13} M_{\odot}, r_{200} \approx 800 \text{ kpc}$



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Results: fraction of SF galaxies



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Results: dust mass



Passive galaxy

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Results: dust mass



SF galaxy

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Results: dust mass



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Results: morphology

SUBARU V+i' imaging (seeing ≈ 0.7 ")

Ellipticals/Spheroidals



Late Type Discs



Irregulars



MB, Luoma, AF, GPS, CH+ in prep.

Lack of tidal features?

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Results: morphology

Stellar mass function

Cluster

Groups



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Conclusions

- Unique dataset and controlled sample of galaxies
- Fraction of SF galaxies is lower in groups than in clusters at same clustercentric distance
- Flatter trend of SF fraction in groups than in clusters with respect to clustercentric distance
- Direct evidences of pre-processing in groups
- Groups are populating clusters with passive galaxies

Future prospects

- Comparison with isolated groups
- Morphological decomposition
- Effect of cluster halo?

Thank you for your attention

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