

Breakout 2: Evolution of Global Properties of Galaxies of Cosmic Time

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Big Questions

- Is CDM hierarchical growth the correct paradigm?
 - Galaxy properties vs. large-scale structure
 - deep photz, spectroscopy over large areas
 - Full spectral coverage stellar content over wide z range
- What is the feedback cycle?
 - AGN? SNe? Infalling subhalos? Metagalactic UV?
 - High resolution IFU spectroscopy
- How do super-massive black-holes form & evolve?
 - Time series (smaller telescopes)
 - High-resolution IFU spectroscopy

Big Questions, continued

- Nature of Dark Matter
 - Cusps, substructure
 - Nearby galaxy kinematics
 - Cluster lensing
- Nature of Dark Energy / Gravity
 - BAO, Weak lensing, SNe, cluster growth

Competitive Landscape

- Big optical imagers
 - Subaru, VST
 - LSST and Pan-Starrs, DEC coming
- NIR imaging on 4-m class
 - VISTA, UKIDSS, CFHT
- Spatially resolved spectroscopy
 - SAURON
 - SINFONI, OSIRIS, NIFS
- Big MOSs
 - VIMOS, DEIMOS, IMACS
 - limited US public access
 - Have they reached their size & efficiency limit?
 - WFMOS in the offing?

Instruments

Wide-deep NIR seeing-limited imagers (soon)

- 4x gain over today on 8-m class; good QE 0.8-2.5 microns; narrowband useful

- Wide-field MOS (optical) (soon as well)
 - Fibers vs. slits?
 - Public access to current big MOS is limited
- Deeper NIR spectroscopy (study; high priority)
 - Low scattered light & detector noise
- SAURON on an 8-m
 - Low scattered light & detector noise

Instruments (later)

- Multiplex at the diffraction limit
 - Build on SINFONI, OSIRIS, ...
- Improve the diffraction limit (still later)
 - Interferometry (especially IFU spectroscopy)

System comments

- Further priority setting between workshops
 - Steering committee?
- Capability for larger surveys
 - But how do you keep community involved?
 - But protect time for have-nots?
- NSF support for emerging technologies