Hunting for jellyfish galaxies in clusters



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Environmental effects on cluster galaxies

- Gravitational effects affect stars and gas
- <u>Hydrodynamical effects</u> affect only gas: ram pressure stripping where the hot intracluster gas interacts with the gas of infalling galaxies:
- compression along the leading edge of the disk
- boost in star formation during the peak stripping phase
- then quenching of star formation
- formation of tails of gas in the wake of the galaxy
- condensation of star forming knots in the tails
- asymmetric morphologies

Jellyfish galaxies

- First named by Bekki (2009) based on hydrodynamical simulations
- See series of GASP (Gas Stripping Phenomena in galaxies) papers by Poggianti et al. (VLT/MUSE data)
- Extended tails seen in ionized gas, but young stars can also be detected in broad band filters





Sample

- Data: 40 clusters with <u>HST data</u> and galaxy spectroscopic redshifts from DAFT/FADA and CLASH surveys
- MACS J0717.6+3745: large HST mosaic
 over 600 redshifts
 8 magnitude optical
 and IR catalogue

Red: all Green: jellyfish



MACS J0717.6+3745 (z=0.5458) large filaments



Galaxy density map (Subaru/SuprimeCam)

Green contours start at 3σ

Circle = 1 Mpc radius

Yellow ellipses=elongations: 6.0x1.8 and 3.2x2.1 Mpc

Pink points: galaxies at cluster redshift White points: other galaxies with measured redshifts

Durret, Márquez, Acebrón et al. 2016, A&A 588, 69

84 jellyfish candidates



Durret, Chiche, Lobo & Jauzac 2020, A&A in revision



Properties of the 84 jellyfish candidates

They are mainly blue galaxies

They are spread over the entire region





distance to cluster centre

colour-magnitude diagram

Stellar populations of the 84 jellyfish candidates

Fit of stellar population with LePhare (GAZPAR)





Stellar populations of the 84 jellyfish candidates

A large fraction has high SFR and sSFR





The jellyfish candidates have masses between 10^9 and 10^{11} M_{solar} and ages mainly <1.5 10^9 yrs



Conclusions

- Difficult to identify jellyfish galaxies
- 103 jellyfish candidates also detected in 23 clusters (0.2<z<0.9)
- Jellyfish galaxies give informations on the cluster dynamics
- Study of another cluster is beginning