# The gas content of galaxies over cosmic time



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#### **Star formation**



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Speagle 2014

## HI & H2 at low-z



ALFALFA, Maddox et al. 2015, Compilation of COLD GASS, HERACLES, ALLSMOG, Martin 2010, Zwaan 2005, Keres 2003, Obreschkow 2009

# Gas properties of galaxies at z>0



Gas fractions in high-z galaxies are higher; Depletion times are shorter

Tacconi+2010, Magdis+2012, Saintonge+2013, Tacconi+2013, Bethermin+2015, Scoville+2014, 2016

#### What have we observed?



We have only probed a small region of parameter space

Compilation from Genzel 2010, Bauermeister 2013, Tacconi 2013

## Newest generation of radio and sub-mm instruments



New facilities will provide huge amounts of information on multiphase gas in galaxies over cosmic time

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#### Abundance matching



Observationally driven model for stellar mass and SFR as a function of halo mass and redshift

Behroozi et al. 2013a, 2013b

#### H<sub>2</sub> based star-formation relation



#### Hodge+2015, Bigiel+ 2008, Leroy+2008, Bigiel 2012

## **Calculating H2 fractions**

Pressure based (BR)



 $R_{\rm H_2} = \left(\frac{\Sigma_{\rm H_2}}{\Sigma_{\rm H\,I}}\right) = \left(\frac{P_{\rm m}}{P_0}\right)^{\alpha}$  $P_m \sim \frac{\pi}{2} G \Sigma_{\rm gas} (\Sigma_{\rm gas} + \Sigma_* \frac{\sigma_{\rm gas}}{\sigma_*})$ 

#### Molecular hydrogen fraction as a function of midplane pressure

Gnedin & Kravtsov 2011, Krumholz, McKee & Tumlinson 2008, 2009 Wong & Blitz 2003 Blitz & Rosolowsky 2006, Leroy 2008



#### SHAM + inferred gas masses



Inferring the gas, H2, and HI mass of galaxies with abundance matching

#### SHAM + inferred gas masses



Some evolution in Mgas, little evolution in HI, strong evolution in H2

#### SHAM + inferred gas masses



Little evolution in HI mass function, strong evolution in H2 mass function

Gas depletion time



Especially big difference between z=0 & z>= 1

### Gas evolution in DM haloes



Gas masses as a function of dark matter halo mass

#### Gas evolution in DM haloes



The inferred evolution of gas in individual galaxies

#### Gas masses in CANDELS

#### Now with real galaxies

#### 24.000 galaxies from z = 0.5 to z = 3.0

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## SFE in CANDELS

## SFE = SFR/(MHI + MH2)

Star-formation efficiency evolves along the mainsequence of star formation and redshift

## **Semi-Analytic Model**



- Gravitationally bound structures (halos) form as predicted by ACDM
- Gravity causes gas to accrete into halos and galaxies
- Accretion may be suppressed by presence of photoionizing background
- Stars formed out of cold, molecular gas
- Sizes are determined based on angular momentum conservation
- Cold gas is heated and removed from galaxy by SN
- Metals produced by stars enrich cold gas

#### **Gas fractions**



- Relative H2 content of galaxies decreases with time
- HI content remains roughly constant

#### Gas mass functions

Nearly constant HI mass function at z<2.0 H2 mass function evolves strongly



Popping 2014a

#### SAM vs. inferred gas masses



Models do not predict enough gas in galaxies at z~2

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#### same



Black line: SAM

**BLUE LINE: CANDELS** 

#### $\sim$ 0.3 dex too little gas in galaxies at z~2.0

Popping et al. 2015



Semi-analytic models can now make predictions for sub-mm line emission as well!!!

Popping et al. 2014b, Popping et al. 2016

## Problems in galaxy theory



Galaxy formation models do not predict enough CO at z~1 & 2

Popping et al. 2016

### Part of one bigger problem?



from semi-analytic models: SAGE (Croton et al. in prep, dark blue), Y. Lu SAM (Lu et al. 2013, magenta), GALFORM (Gonzalez-Perez et al. 2014, green), the Santa Cruz SAM (Porter et al. 2014, purple), and the MPA Millennium SAM (Henriques et al. 2013). The dotted light blue line shows the Henriques et al. (2013) SAM with observational errors convolved (see text). Colored dashed lines show predictions from numerical hydrodynamic simulations: EAGLE simulations (Schaye et al. 2014, dark red), ezw simulations of Davé and collaborators (Davé et al. 2013, bright red) and the Illustris simulations (Vogelsberger et al. 2014b, orange).

#### Somerville & Davé 2015

#### sub-mm emission deep fields



Predictions for deep fields with PdBI/NOEMA, ALMA and (ng)VLA

Popping et al. 2016

#### ASPECS



A spectroscopic deep field in the UDF with ALMA band 3 and band 6. Looking for CO, [CII], and continuum

Walter, Decarli, Aravena, ..., GP,... (2016)



ALMA blind deep field to observe first CO luminosity functions up to z~4



Decarli, Aravena, Walter, ..., GP, ... 2016

### Conclusions



Models predict hardly any evolution in galaxy HI content. Strong evolution in H2 content and depletion time

Theoretical models predict too little gas at intermediate redshifts





First constraints on cosmic density of H2 up to z~4. Similar to Lilly-Madau plot