The Ly$\alpha$ Forest Revisted

- It's the cosmic web.
- Contains most of the baryons at high redshift.
- Contains 30% of baryons at $z = 0$.

When did galaxy formation occur?

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<th>Structure</th>
<th>Redshift</th>
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<td>Density fluctuations in CMB</td>
<td>$z_{WMAP} = 1089\ 0.00018$</td>
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<td>Spheroids of galaxies</td>
<td>$z \sim 20 \ 0.18$</td>
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<td>The first engines of active galactic nuclei</td>
<td>$z \geq 10 \ \leq 0.48$</td>
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<td>The intergalactic medium</td>
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<td>Dark halos of galaxies</td>
<td>$z \sim 5 \ 1.20$</td>
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<td>The first 10% of heavy elements</td>
<td>$z \geq 3 \ \leq 2.19$</td>
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<td>Rich clusters of galaxies</td>
<td>$z \sim 2 \ \leq 3.34$</td>
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<td>Thin disks of spiral galaxies</td>
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TABLE 30.3 Redshifts for Structure Formation. Approximate redshifts at the time of the formation of various structures. (Adapted from Peebles, Principles of Physical Cosmology, Princeton University Press, Princeton, NJ, 1993.)
Bias

- CDM simulations ➔
  accurate predictions of CDM structure.

- Problems describing baryon response.
  - Observations ➔ preference for galaxies to form in denser regions.
    \[
    \left( \frac{\delta_B}{\delta_D} \right)_B = b \left( \frac{\delta_B}{\delta_D} \right)_D \quad \text{in CDM simulation} \Rightarrow
    \]
    \[
    b^2 = \frac{\sigma^2_{\text{galaxies}}}{\sigma^2_{\text{mass}}} \quad \text{from observations,}
    \]
    where \( \sigma \) = variance of mass distr. in \( 8h^{-1} \text{Mpc} \) co-moving sphere.

- So arbitrary assumptions are needed to describe the observable galaxies.

The Hubble Deep Field

Northern field:
- 10 days, 150 orbits
  - WFPC2 camera
  - 5.3 arcmin\(^2\)
- 5000 objects
  - 20 stars
  - rest are galaxies

Southern field:
- 70 hours
- QSO in center
Photometric Redshifts

- Pioneered by Loh & Spillar 1986
- Used with HDF and most deep surveys since.
- Reasonable redshift accuracy.
- Reasonable ability to classify galaxies.
- Only need a few broad-band images, not spectra.

www.ifa.hawaii.edu/~cowie/tts/tts.html

Hubble Ultra Deep Field

- Advanced Camera for Surveys
  - 3 x 3 arcmin^2
  - 11.3 days exposure.
- NICMOS
  - 2.4 x 2.4 arcmin^2
  - 4.5 days exposure
Other deep surveys:

• **Chandra Deep Fields**
  – North (Centered on HDF North)
  – South (New location; no QSO; but HUDF now centered here)

• **GOODS (Great Observatories Origins Deep Survey)**
  – Less deep survey, but over wider area
  – Incorporates HST, Chandra, Spitzer, XMM Newton + ground-based observations.
  – Fields centered at:
    • Hubble Deep Field North (same as CDF North)
    • Chandra Deep Field South (same as HUDF)

Basic idea behind galaxy formation - objects start small and grow by merging

Do galaxies form this way?

Does star formation occur before, during or after mass assembly?

When and how do Hubble Types form?

From a talk by Chris Conselice

Abraham & van den Bergh (2001)
Star formation rate as a function of time

Measured from
- Blue light (O star continuum)
- Hα emission (H II regions)

"Madau diagram"
Galaxy Formation
Gravity → Material Falls to Center

Quasar = gas falling into massive black hole.

Most Quasars Lived and Died Long Ago

Rate at which stars are formed in galaxies.

Number of Quasars per unit volume

Conclusion: Quasars are events in young galaxies.

Out of gas
Now = 14 billion yrs
← time
Formation of universe
Sidetrack: The Black Hole at the Galactic Center

Velocities of stars in very center ➔ 1 million M\(_{\odot}\) black hole at position of Sagittarius A*

Infrared observations over 6 years.

Follows complete orbits to within 60AU from black hole.

The Gunn – Peterson Effect

- Expect Ly continuum absorption from Inter-Galactic Medium to completely block all radiation with \(\lambda < 912\)Å
- Why doesn’t it?

\(\text{IGM is ionized. Re-ionized.}\)
The dark ages

When did re-ionization occur?

• We see QSOs at $z \sim 6$ with Gunn-Peterson absorption.

• But WMAP finds $z = 10.9^{+2.7}_{-2.3}$ (420 Myr) for re-ionization
  – From polarization of CMB.
  ➔ patchy re-ionization?

Continuum disappears at Ly$_\alpha$ (1215Å)

$z = 7$

galaxy?

Gravitationally lensed galaxy observed at Keck by Ellis et al.

Ly 1215 break?

Figure 1: WFPC2-F606W, WFPC2-F814W, ACS-F850LP and NICMOS-F160W images of Abell 2218 of the new faint pair in the lensing cluster Abell 2218 ($z = 0.175$). The signals released of the WFPC2-F814W observation suggests a marked break occurs in the continuum signal at around 9000Å. Red lines correspond to the predicted location of the critical lines at $z = 5, 5.5$ and $7$ (from bottom to top, the latter two being almost coincident). The scale bar at the top left of each image represents 2″. The predicted shear direction (thin blue lines) closely matches the orientation of the lensed images.

Lens simulation
Z ~ 10 galaxies?

Conjugate caustics

Expected (rest frame) spectrum

Keck NIRSPEC slit positions

6 possible Ly\(\alpha\) emission lines (circled)
z ~ 8.5 – 10.4

2 best bets are z ~ 10

HST broadband images show no continuum emission.