STELLAR PROPERTIES OF HOST GALAXIES OF TYPE 2 QSOS

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MOTIVATION

(c) Interaction/"Merger"



- now within one halo, galaxies interact & lose angular momentum
 SFR starts to increase
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- stellar winds dominate feedback
- rarely excite QSOs (only special orbits)

(d) Coalescence/(U)LIRG



galaxies coalesce: violent relaxation in core
gas inflows to center:

starburst & buried (X-ray) AGN - starburst dominates luminosity/feedback, but, total stellar mass formed is small

(e) "Blowout"



 BH grows rapidly: briefly dominates luminosity/feedback
 remaining dust/gas expelled
 get reddened (but not Type II) QSO: recent/ongoing SF in host high Eddington ratios

merger signatures still visible

(f) Quasar



- dust removed: now a "traditional" QSO
 host morphology difficult to observe:
- tidal features fade rapidly - characteristically blue/young spheroid

Hopkins+09

- QSO2s are 'obscured' luminous AGNs (L_{bol} > 10⁴⁵ erg s⁻¹) whose spectra show no broad emission lines.
- Is merging an important mechanism to trigger luminous AGNs in local universe?
- Do host galaxies of QSO2s have special properties, which are different from normal galaxies?
- Studying morphologies, structures, colors and stellar masses of QSO2 host galaxies.
- ► Discussing them with M_{BH} and star formation rate to explore the triggering and evolution of QSO2.



Kormendy & Ho (2003)

SAMPLE AND DATA

- ▶ 887 QSO2s identified from optical SDSS sample by Reyes et al. (2008), L_[OIII]≥10^{41.6} erg s⁻¹, z<0.83.
- ➤ 29 local QSO2s (z~0.1, L_[OIII]~10^{42.1} erg s⁻¹) are selected from sample of Reyes et al. (2008).
- High-quality images taken with HST using WFC3 UVIS and NIR bands (PI: Luis Ho, snapshot mode).
- WFC3 images allow us to study morphologies and structures of QSO2 host galaxies in great detail.
- Data of HST two bands allow us to measure colors and stellar masses of QSO2 host galaxies.







MORPHOLOGY CLASSIFICATION

➤ Only 8/29 (27%) have merging or disturbed morphologies





MORPHOLOGY CLASSIFICATION

► 13/29 (45%) are spiral or bar spiral galaxies



MORPHOLOGY CLASSIFICATION

► 8/29 (28%) are lenticular or elliptical galaxies





STRUCTURE MEASUREMENT

- Structures are measured by GALFIT using WFC3 NIR images
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adding PSF component: n=1.93, re=13.14, mag=16.84

COLOR MAP CREATION

- B-I color map is created by using WFC3 UVIS and IR images
- Color vs. radius shows the color information of different region of QSO2 host galaxies



► Stellar mass is estimated by M/L ratio of Bell et al. (2001):

$$\log_{10}\left(\frac{M_{*,\text{Salpeter}}}{M_{\odot}}\right) = -0.4(M_{\text{I}} - M_{\text{I},\odot}) - 0.394 + 0.439(B - I)$$

- However, measured magnitudes are contaminated by AGNs:
 - Emission lines effect: ~0.1 dex on stellar mass
 - AGN scatter light effect: ~0.01 dex on stellar mass
 - ► Balmer continuum effect: <0.01 dex
- ► Stellar mass of bulge is derived from B/T ratio







► spiral host galaxies





RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS: BULGE

- Bulge properties:
 - host galaxies in merging/ disturbing do not possess bulges with special properties
 - host galaxies in late-type profiles (i.e., bar spiral or spiral) possess pseudobulges
- BH masses are measured by Minzhi Kong (HNU)





RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS: WHOLE

► Properties of whole host galaxy:

Total Galaxy Mass

host galaxies in merging/disturbing do not have special properties





BHs

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS: COMPARE WITH QSO1S

- ► 30 QSO1s with similar z and $L_{[OIII]}$ distribution
- Properties of QSO1 host galaxies are measured with the same method as QSO2s by Yulin Zhao (KIAA)
- ► QSO2s are not distinguished from QSO1s





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- Only 27% of our local QSO2s are in merging or disturbed phase, but 45% have late-type host galaxies, and 28% have early-type host galaxies.
- Host galaxies of QSO2s in merging/disturbing do not have special properties.
- ► Host galaxies of QSO2s and QSO1s have similar properties.
- Merger may not be an important mechanism to trigger AGNs.

THANK YOU