# The cosmic evolution of metallicity and abundance gradients

open problems

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### A new landscape

- Number of high-redshift galaxies with good rest-frame optical spectroscopic data is rapidly increasing:
  - Keck/MOSFIRE
  - Subaru/FMOS
  - LBT/LUCI

- A significant number of galaxies have spatially resolved spectroscopy:
  - VLT/KMOS
  - VLT/SINFONI
  - Keck/OSIRIS



### New models

### analytic equilibrium models



 $Z_{\rm eq}(M_{\star}, \, {\rm SFR}) = Z_0$ 

+ 
$$\frac{y}{1 + \lambda(1 - R)^{-1} + \varepsilon^{-1} \left\{ (1 + \beta - b) \operatorname{SFR}/M_{\star} - (1 - R)^{-1} \frac{1.2}{t} \right\}}$$
,



 $Z_{eq}$  = equilibrium metallicity = metallicity of the incoming gas, Z0 = chemical yield, У λ = outflow rate/SFR  $= \lambda_0 \cdot m^a$ R = fraction of mass returned = star formation efficiency = SFR/M =  $\epsilon_0 \cdot m^b$ 3 = slope of the MSSF, SFR ~  $M^{1+b}$ β = age of the universe t

Dalcanton+04, Keres+05, Dekel+09, Brooks+07; Finlator+08, Davé+11, Campisi+11, Peeple+11, Krumholz+11, Fu+13, Dayal+13, Romeo-Velona+13,, Lilly+13, Forbes+14, Peng+14,15, Pipino+14, Obreja+14, Muñoz & Peeples 14, Lu+14, Creasy+15, Mitra+15, 17, Lu+15, Kacprzak+16, Davé+17

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### New models

#### semi-analytic models and numerical hydrodynamic simulations



- balance between cosmological accretion, outflows, star formation, recycling and feedback
- stellar-driven winds at low masses, AGN feedback at high masses
- mass-metallicity due to outflow rate
- FMR related to stochastic variations in the inflow rate
- scatter set by the timescale to re-equilibrate
- slow evolution of the FMR with redshift

#### Somerville & Davé 2015

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### Strangulation model



### Testing the models at high z

What is needed for emission-line galaxies:

1 - More accurate ways to estimate metallicity 2- Spatial distribution of metallicity

3 - Large samples to assess the role of environments







### Accurate measurement of metallicity



### Three methods

#### **1.** CEL $\rightarrow$ Te

[OIII] 4363/5007 [NII] 5755/6548 [SII] 6312/9532

- homogeneous regions (Te, ne, X)
- *Hβ* and *CEL* from the same region
- LTE
- simple geometry





CII4050 CII4267

- most reliable?
- very faint lines
- different abundances from different lines
- inconsistencies



#### 3. photo-models

- ionizing continuum
- ionization parameter
- gas density
- geometry
- abundance ratios
- dust distribution



### strong line method

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# Strong line method

Based on the previous ones

- measure metallicity with one of the previous methods
- compare metallicity with line flux ratios
- calibrate the relations
- 1. Empirical (Te)

Pilyugin 00,01, 03, Denicolò+02, Pilyugin & Thuan 05, Pe´rez-Montero & D´ıaz 2005, Stasinska 06; Yin+07; Peimbert+07, Pilyugin+10, 12; Marino+13;, Bianco+15, Brown+16, Curti+17

2. Theoretical (photoin. models)

McGaugh 91; Zaritsky+94; Dopita+00; Charlot & Longhetti 01; Kewley & Dopita 02, Kobulnicky & Kweley 04, Tremonti+04, Dopita+13,16, Perez-Montero+14

#### 3. Semi-empirical

Alloin+79; Pagel +79; Edmunds & Pagel 84; McCall+85; Dopita & Evans 86; Skillman 89, Pettini & Pagel 04, Nagao+06, Maiolino+08,



### Systematic differences

### Poorly understood systematic differences

1.Theoretical: highest, 0.4-0.6 dex above Te

oversimplified assumptions: geometry? N/O?

2.Te lowest:

temperature gradients?

3.Recombinational lines: intermediate (lines too faint cannot be used)



Peimbert+67, Stasinska+02,05, Kennicutt +03; Garnett+04; Bresolin+04, 05; Shi+06; Nagao+06; Liang+06; Yin+07; Kewley & Ellison 08, Moustakes+10 Emission line galaxies with MOS - Cambridge Sept 2017

### Empirical (CEL, Te) better than Theoretical

- 1. Better agreement with solar value
- 2. Better agreement with stellar metallicities

Possible biases:

 fluctuations of temperature, density, abundances

Peimbert 1967; Kobulnicky+99, Stasinska 05; Bresolin 06

• NLTE effects

Garcia-Rojas & Esteban 06, 07, Nicholls+12; Dopita+13, Blanc+15



Bresolin+09, Simon-Diaz+10,11, Gazak+15, Toribio San Cipriano+15, Davies+16

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## Strong-line calibration based on Te

- Robust calibration based on:
  - galaxies (instead of HII regions)
  - many galaxies
  - metallicities from a direct Te method
  - wide range of metallicities
  - not based on N/O



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Curti+17
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 Stacking analysis of ~120.000 SDSS spectra to detect Tesensitive lines

region	species	line ratio	Temp.
	0+	[OII] 3727, 3729/[OII] 7320, 7330	T2[OII]
low ionization	N+	[NII] 6584/[NII] 5755	T2[NII]
	S+	[SII] 6717,6731/[SII] 4069	T2[SII]
high ionization	O++	O[III] 5007/[OIII] 4363	T3[OIII]

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# Stacking procedure

Earlier attempts:

- Liang+07: MZR  $\rightarrow$  stacking in mass
- Brown+16: FMR  $\rightarrow$  stacking in mass and SFR



### Different approach: similar properties vs similar spectra

• Bins of  $[OII]/H\beta$  and  $[OIII/H\beta]$ 



## Stacking procedure



Assumption: a pair of  $[OII]/H\beta$  and  $[OIII]/H\beta$  corresponds to a value of  $12 + \log(O/H)$ 

- strong-line method can be used
- $[OII]/H\beta$  and  $[OIII]/H\beta \propto$  main ionization states of O
- [OIII]/[OII] sensitive to ionization parameter
- The flux of the auroral lines can be predicted from the strong lines  $\rightarrow$  Te([OII], [OIII])
- not assuming any particular combination (e.g. R23)
- no assumptions on [N/O]

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### The calibrations

- main strong lines
- stacks and single galaxies (SDSS galaxies with SNR(4363)>10
- distribution on R2 and R3 due to binning

Diagnostic	$\sigma$	Range
$R_2$	0.26	$7.6 < 12 + \log(O/H) < 8.3$
$R_3$	0.07	$8.3 < 12 + \log(O/H) < 8.85$
$O_{32}$	0.14	$7.6 < 12 + \log(O/H) < 8.85$
$R_{23}$	0.12	$8.4 < 12 + \log(O/H) < 8.85$
$N_2$	0.10	$7.6 < 12 + \log(O/H) < 8.85$
$O_3N_2$	0.09	$7.6 < 12 + \log(O/H) < 8.85$



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Emission line galaxies with N

### Mass-metallicity



### The calibrations



self-consistency

dispersion



- metallicity does not depend on the line ratio used.
- incomplete spectra give the same metallicity

Often dominates the uncertainties: don't believe to  $\Delta met=0.1$  !!

### FMR

### prediction of Z=Z(mass, SFR) based only on data at z=0

1- expected Z for a given mass and SFR

easier to test, average among many galaxies, does not depend on dynamic range of SFR

2- dependence of Z on SFR for galaxies of a given mass more difficult, further subdivision of galaxies in bin, dynamic range of SFR, accuracy of determination of SFR



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### FMR at high redshift



### FMR and MZR



There is no "absolute" mass-metallicity relation at any redshift depends on SFR as expected from the FMR

### Local galaxies:

- most show negative gradients (Zaritsky+94, van Zee+98, Manciel+03, Magrin+06, Moustakas+10, Ho+15, Davies+16)
- CALIFA & MANGA (Sánchez+14; Pérez-Montero+16; Belfiore+17)
- mergers show flat gradients, → interaction-induced inflow of metal-poor gas (Kewley+06,10; Michel-Dansac+08, Rupke+10, Perez+11, Sánchez+14).

### Models: different prescription for:

- gas infall
- radial transfers
- feedback and outflows
- efficiency of star formation
- galactic fountains
- major/minor merging.



Mollà+97, Chiappini+01, Magrini+07, Fu+09, Crain+09, Di Matteo+09, Rupke+10, Spitoni+11, Kobayashi+11; Rahimi+11,
 Few+12; Pilkington+12; McCarthy+12, Mott+13, Gibson+13; Anglés-Alcázar+14, Tissera+16,17, Ma+17, Taylor+17, Schönrich+17
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Evolutionary scenarios and correlations.

- Smooth, secular inside-out evolution  $\rightarrow$  steeper gradients at high-z
- Strong feedback and outflows  $\rightarrow$  flatten gradients (Pilkington+12; Gibson+13; Anglés-Alcázar+14)
- Rapid radial gas inflows -> flatten or even invert gradients (Tosi+88, Chiappini+01, Mott+13)
- Merging → flattens the gradients, but merger-induced instabilities can create negative gradients (Sillero+17)

•AGN feedback prevents the building up of gradients flattened by mergers (Taylor+17)



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#### Large dispersions expected



Many effect and different timescales  $\rightarrow$  large scatter

Effect of evolution, merging, feedback

Observations at high redshifts: large uncertainties:

- different calibrations
- few (one) line ratios
- low SNR (resolving faint lines)
- limited spatial resolution (best with AO and lensing)
- AGN
- azimuthal averages





#### Williams+14

Multi-parametric approach: Gradients as a function of galaxy properties: mass, SFR, position of the MS, gas fraction, metallicity size, dynamics, dynamical mass, presence of outflows (broad wings), velocity dispersion

> Cresci+10, Yuan+11, Queyrel+11, Swinbank+12, Jones+10,13,15,, Troncoso+14, Williams+14, Stot+14, Leethochawalit+15, Wuyts+16



- Large dispersions
- Only weak dependences
- differences among the different works:

Paper	Stott +14	Queyrel +12	Wuyts +16	Williams +14	Leethoch awalit+15	Troncoso +14
redshift	~1	~1.2	0.9 & 2.3	~1.5	~2	~3.3
mass	NO	-	🥆 2.8σ	-	_	NO
sSFR	∕ 2.9σ	-	∕ 2.5σ	-	NO	NO
metallicity	NO	<b>N</b>	NO	-	<b>N</b>	-
V/σ	-	<b>N</b>	NO	NO	NO	7
size	-	-	NO	-	-	-
posit. grad.	few	many	a few	no	several	many







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# Lensed galaxies with ARGOS



Ground Layer Adaptive Optics @ LBT

"seeing enhancer" (PSF~0.3") over a large FoV (~4'x4')



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Perna+ in prep.
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#### low SFR : 10 - 80 M<sub>☉</sub>/yr

low masses, log(M\*) = 9.1 - 10.3

resolution ~ 200pc



### lensed galaxies with ARGOS



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Perna+ in prep.

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### lensed galaxies with ARGOS

• evidence for outflows





#### Perna+ in prep.

• flat metallicity gradients both within and between the clumps

### Environment

One of the fundamental parameters. Effects:

- remove metal-poor gas from the outskirts
- effect on gas recycling
- merger rates
- timescales
- interactions central galaxy satellites

Limited effects on MZR and FMR (Mouhcine+07, Cooper+08, Ellison+09, Davé+11, Scudder+12, Pasquali+12, Magrini+12, Kulas+13, Hughes+13, Shimakawa+15, Kacprzak+15)

Valentino+15: lower metallicities  $(0.25 \text{ dex}, 4\sigma)$  in a proto-cluster at z = 1.99.





### Environment

 $z\sim0.9$ : central galaxies have higher metallicities than satellites of 0.06 dex, low significance (<2 $\sigma$ )



### NIRSPEC/JWST and MOONS/VLT



1000 fibers, 500 sq.arcmin FoV λ: 0.64 -1.8 μm simultaneous wavelength range R=4000-6000

100.000 galaxies at 0.5<z<2.5

- $\rightarrow$  [OII] H $\beta$  [OIII] H $\alpha$  [NII] [SII]
- → [NeIII]3870 [SII]4069 [OIII]4363 [NII]5755 [OII]7320



R=100, 1000, 2700 λ: 0.6 - 5.3 μm

### Conclusions

metallicity: entering the era of precise measurements and model testing

- 1. more accurate and predictive models
- 2. more accurate calibrations
- 3. more powerful multi-object instruments
- 4. more powerful multi-object IFUs (with and without AO)
- multi-parametric scaling relations
- distribution inside galaxies

### JWST & MOONS will change the landscape

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### Internal consistency

 differences of the metallicity derived for single galaxies using various calibrations



### Resulting spectra



Continuum subtraction: MIUSCAT Vazdekis+12, Ricciardelli+12, Falcón-Barroso+11, Cenarro+01, Vazdekis+10; Sánchez-Blázquez+06

## Iron below Oxygen ?

- [OIII]4363 is contaminated in high-metallicity galaxies (12+log(O/H)≥8.3)
- [OIII]4363 flagged "unreliable" when f(FeII)>0.5 · f(OIII)

Problem in old measurements of Te?



### Measuring temperature



 $T_2[NII] \sim T_2[OII]$ 

#### $T_2[SII] > T_2[OII]$

t2 - t3



• different relations between galaxies and HII region

Campbell+86, Garnett 92; Izotov+06; Pilyugin+06, 09, 10, Andrews&Martini13

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t2 - t3



• Diffused gas?



#### Moustakas & Kennicutt 2006, Pilyugin+10

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# galaxies without lines: f-f relation observed relation between auroral and strong lines

1 - [OIII] $R = \frac{[OIII]4363}{H\beta}$  $P = \frac{[OIII]4959,5007}{[OIII]4959,5007 + [OII]3727}$  $R3 = \frac{[OIII]4959,5007}{H\beta}$ 



#### $\log R = -4.151 - 3.118 \log P + 2.958 \log R_3 - 0.680 (\log P)^2$

#### Pilyugin+05,06

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### galaxies without lines: f-f relation observed relation between auroral and strong lines

2 - [OII]7320,7330

#### combination of [OII]/H $\beta$ and [OIII/H $\beta$



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# galaxies without lines: f-f relation observed relation between auroral and strong lines

2 - [OII]7320,7330



 $\log R_{[OII]} = -1.913 + 0.806 \log R_2 + 0.374 \log R_3$ 

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# Deriving O/H

pyneb from: temperature, density, line flux ratios
 - O<sup>+</sup> and O<sup>++</sup>



### Tests of the method

- 1. similar values of both R2 and R3 correspond to similar metallicities
- 2. stacking does not introduce undesirable effects

Single galaxies:

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### Evolution of line ratios and BPT



evolution of BPT diagram at z>0.8 as a function of mass and SFR

### Observational status of FMR

• Numerous confirmations (predictions!) at all redshifts



- wide range of selections, properties, and redshifts
- cautions when selecting in metallicity (OIII4363, OIII5007)

Richard+10, Nakajina+11, Erb+10, Contini+11, Sanders+11, Dessauges+11, Cresci+12, Wuyts+12, Roseboom+12, Cullen+13, Pilyugin+13, Ly+13, Belli+13, Henry+13a,13b, Yabe+13, Maier+14, Stott+14, Lian+15

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### Redshift evolution of the FMR

### Steidel et al. 2014: 179 galaxies at $z\sim 2.3$ with MOSFIRE:

We find that the dependence of inferred gas-phase metallicity on SFR at a given M\* is much weaker at high redshift than at  $z \sim 0$ , indicating that  $z \sim 2.3$  galaxies do not adhere to the same "fundamental metallicity relation" as star-forming galaxies at low redshift.





#### Wuyts et al. 2014: 222 z~2.2 with SINFONI/ KMOS:

"our data do not show a correlation between the [N II]/Ha ratio and SFR, which disagrees with the 0.2-0.3 dex offset in [N II]/Ha predicted by the "fundamental relation" between stellar mass, SFR and metallicity discussed in recent literature"

### Redshift evolution of the FMR

scatter can be reduced by considering SFR only if the intrinsic scatter is smaller than the dependence on SFR

- 1. quality of data:
  - metallicity
  - SFR
  - mass
- 2. range in SFR (usually narrow)
- 3. mass range
- 4. larger intrinsic scatter at high redshifts

FMR: prediction of the median value of metallicity from local galaxies

mass-metallicity relations: different parts of the same FMR



### FMR and apertures

#### FMR: due to aperture because of gradients?

SDSS spectra: 3" fiber metallicity gradients and dimensions correlated to SFR?

- 1. min dist = 300Mpc, aperture=4kpc (median 6kpc)
- 2. no dependence on distance
- 3. no dependence on light fraction

Sanchez et al 2012" *The Mass-Metallicity relation explored with CALIFA: Is there a dependence on the star formation rate?*" "..we do not find any secondary relation with the star-formation rate.."





### Observational status of FMR

- 1. dependence on Ha
- 2. Lilly et al 2013
- 3. "The use of the Ha line in both metallicity and SFR measurements may introduce coupling of errors"



### Calibrations and evolutions

shape depends on metallicity calibrat

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12+log(0/H) [direct] a iv

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- different conditions at high redshift
- evolution in the BTP diagram

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Extreme GPs

Normal GPs Q2343-BX418

Q2343-BX660

 $\Delta \log(0/H) = 0.04 \pm 0.14$ 

8.2

Q0207-BX74

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12+log(0/H) [N2]

CSWR 20

significant spread when using Te





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12+log(0/H) [R23]

8.2

Extreme GPs

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CSWR 20

### Calibrations and evolutions

• systematic offset between NII/Ha and O3+O2



### Calibrations and evolutions Oxygen better than Nitrogen?



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SDSS galaxies with [OIII]4363 detection, binned in OIII/OII (i.e. ionization parameter): no clear trend with ionization parameter, and no differences with Te and N2 metallicity

### conferme FMR

• Lian et al 2015: 703 LBG-analogs, selected in Ha luminosity and surface brightness, 8.5<log(M)<11, 0.05<z<0.30, D(4000)<1.1



### Yabe+13

- Yabe et al. (2013) 340 K-band selected star forming galaxyes, FMOS/Subaru, 1.2<z<1.6, N2, stacking analysis
- low depndence on SFR, but only ~0.1dex expected!
- FMR works to reproduce average metallicity
- "found that the metallicity of galaxies at high redshift correlates with the rest-frame NUV—optical colour at a fixed mass.



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### Wuyts genzel +14

- 222 galaxies, 0.8<z<2.6, 9<M<11.5, LUCI+SINFONI+KMOS
- KMOS: K<23, mass-selected parent sample from the 3D-HST survey, cover the star formation-stellar mass (M\*) and rest-frame (U V) M\* planes uniformly.</li>
- SFR from UV+IR
- steep slope of the MZR

### Steidel 14

- 179 galaxies at 2.0<z<2.6, 5 < SFR < 150 M/yr8.8 < log(M)< 11.5.
- extinction from continuum fit
- models: correlation between Gamma and metallicity



### Steidel 14

• shallow MZR,



### Steidel 14

- shallow MZR,
- error in computing the FMR



### salim 14

- dependence of SFR with all the SFRs, no spurious dependence on Ha
- M10 results more robust that T04
- dependence on aperture even in Sanchez



### Shapley 14

- 53 MOSDEF galaxies, MOSFIRE
- galaxies outdside the BPT only when N2 is used:



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### newman 14

- 22 galaxies at  $z \sim 1.5$ , spatially resolved
- importance of shocks and faint AGNs
- O3N2 works better than N2, offset





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