The Coma 3-degree Survey
Stripping and Quenching of Infalling Dwarfs

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1) Motivation

2) UV tails & trails: Ongoing stripping of star-forming galaxies

3) Asorption-line spectroscopy: Recent quenching of outer dwarfs

4) Enviro-history of cluster members in models.

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Two programmes observed in parallel extending to 2.5 Mpc radius ~ $R_{\text{vir}}$

I. A fast **redshift survey** of ~7,000 galaxies with $r<20.5$ to establish membership, measure LF, GSMF, etc. -> Marzke et al. (in prep).

II. Repeated observations to yield high-S/N spectra of “bright” dwarfs ($r\sim17$) for linestrengths -> stellar population information (RJS et al. 2009)

~160 “dwarf” galaxies (2-4 mag fainter than $M^*$). Integration ~4-10 hours per galaxy, S/N ~ 50 per Angstrom.

SDSS DR7 spectra re-analysed identically to ensure consistent treatment (Price et al. 2010).

Combined sample: ~430 galaxies.
15 ksec GALEX Cycle 5 observation of Coma core.

Combined with 20 ksec Cycle 2 observation of outskirts field to SW by Hammer et al. (2010 & LF paper submitted).
Small number of known “spectacular” stripping events in rich clusters.
Removal of gas, leading to quenching of SF eventually....
... but temporarily perhaps enhance SF in tails of stripped material.
NUV - i colour-magnitude relation for 590 confirmed members within two deep (>15ksec) Coma GALEX pointings, down to ∼M*+4.5.

All 80 blue (NUV-i<4, M_i<-17) members examined for evidence of UV tails/trails: SF in stripped gas.

Find 13 cases - not all “spectacular”!
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11 / 13 tails directed away from cluster centre, i.e. stripping on approach to cluster.

-> Stripping occurs on first passage through cluster centre, and is triggered at ~1Mpc radius.
We see trends with projected radius, well within the virial radius.

Is this expected?

Aren’t clusters well-mixed at such radii?

Shouldn’t projection weaken the trends substantially?

Address this with orbital history of $\sim10,000 \ M_{\text{stel}} > 10^9 \ M_{\odot}$ members of the four most massive clusters ($\sim10^{15} \ M_{\odot}$) in Millenium Simulation.

Ignore semi-analytic predicted SFH!

Track key “life events” of each simulated galaxy...

... and compare to projected location at $z\sim0$. 
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Reproducing the ongoing-stripping fraction

Can match fraction of GSEs, and low incidence of “outgoing” events, by assuming a dumb toy model where galaxies:

1) start to be stripped when they *first* come within 1Mpc,

2) remain visible for 500 Myr after this point

3) become “red” thereafter

*RJS et al. 2010*
SSP-equivalent ages from absorption line analyses.

Low-\(\sigma\) galaxies are younger on average (Caldwell et al. 2003; Nelan, RJS et al. 2005; etc)

**What about environment?**

Earlier claims of steep environmental trends in Coma-SW dwarfs, e.g. Carter et al. (2002).

Contrasts with much weaker effect in giants e.g. NFPS (RJS et al. 2006)
Age-radius-mass relations

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Age-radius trend: universal, not localised

South-West of Coma is “special”: ongoing merger of NGC 4839 group.

BUT: outer galaxies are younger than those in core at all azimuths.

It is the central region that is “unusual”, not the South-West!

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Time since coming within 1Mpc of progenitor of eventual “BCG”

... and came within a given “threshold” radius earlier.

Simplistically, if SF “quenching” accompanies any of these events, we could predict age-radius trend...
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Projected gradient of “key-event-times” is sufficient to explain observed age-radius trend (though need not be the sole explanation!)
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