

Galaxy Zoo: The Environments of the Peas

Abstract

1 Introduction

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Low mass starforming galaxies are thought to be the building blocks of galaxies, playing an important role in early galaxy assembly and evolution (Pillepich et al., 2015).

Some recent far-UV studies of extreme star formation in dwarf galaxies suggest that the escape fraction of ionizing radiation from these galaxies could be the source of the unknown re-ionization of the intergalactic medium by redshift $z \sim 6$ (Erb, 2016; Izotov et al., 2016). However, studies of higher redshift star forming galaxies suggest that this radiation may not be sufficient for reionization (Rutkowski et al., 2017; Grazian et al., 2017; Rutkowski et al., 2016).

‘Green Peas’ or ‘Peas’ were galaxies first discovered in the Galaxy Zoo Survey, due to their small and green appearance in the SDSS images. Followup studies have shown them to be examples of relatively lower-mass, compact, highly starforming galaxies, perhaps analogous to SF episodes occurring in the early universe. The question we wish to investigate is do the peas have a ‘typical’ environment

Encoded in the large scale structure of the Universe, is a variety of cosmological parameters as well as key information about the physical processes which underpin the formation of cosmic structures. Hierarchical structure formation, our current paradigm of galaxy formation, places them a key role on gravitational evolution of dark matter clustering around initial peaks providing potential wells for gas halos and galaxies to form in.

2 Data

New peas from SDSS

LRGs from SDSS

3 Analysis

CCFs are cool

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