

MAPPING STAR FORMATION HISTORIES IN NEARBY GALAXIES TO SOURCE LYC PHOTON ESCAPE

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OUR GALAXY SAMPLE

Solution: Map the star formation histories of Reionization Epoch <u>local analogs</u> to source photon escape

- I) Low mass
- 2) Irregular morphology
- 3) Low metallicity
- 4) High specific star formation rate



Credit: https://www.astronomy.com/science/merging-galaxies-wrap-their-black-holes-in-dusty-shrouds/

METHODS: IDENTIFY STELLAR COMPLEXES



I. Segmentation













25 50 75 100 125 150 175

II. DEBLENDING











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III. SETTING THE APERTURE













III. EXTRACTING REGIONS





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DATA PROCESSING: EXTRACTING THE REGION AND SPECTRUM





DATA PROCESSING: OBSERVE THEIR SPECTRA











DATA ANALYSIS: ANALYZE THEIR SPECTRA











DATA ANALYSIS: CALCULATE EQUIVALENT WIDTHS







10⁶ years old



10^7 years old







10^9 years old







NEXT STEPS

Compare star formation histories of stellar complexes

• Further explore the interactions (if any) between stellar complexes

Compare star formation histories across galaxy sample

• Trace trends and outliers (in our sample) to learn more about cosmic reionization









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