Galaxy Zoo: Evolution of the bar fraction over the last eight billion years from HST-COSMOS

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Cosmic Evolution Survey



- ~2 square degree equatorial field
- Observe over 100,000 galaxies
- Imaging taken in F814W band by ACS
- Follow up observations from several other telescopes
- Combines photometric and spectroscopic redshifts (zCOSMOS)



Image from http://candels-collaboration.blogspot.co.uk/2012/07/cosmos-cosmic-evolution-survey.html

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 - Minimum of 33 classifiers per galaxy



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Final sample details $0.4 \le z \le 1.0$ $\log (M_{star}/M_{sun}) \ge 10.0$ $p \ge 0.5$ (GZH thresholds) 2,380 face-on disc galaxies 317 barred (13.3%)

GZH face-on discs



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Quiescent disc galaxies



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• Low mass disc galaxies are more likely to be gas rich and dynamically hot

• Shallow increase of bar fraction due to number of unbarred discs entering sample being similar to number of bars being formed

What happens at z>1?

