The massive red sequence of cluster galaxies at redshift 1.4

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### The red sequence



Tanaka et al. 2005



# Environments at high redshifts The need for high redshift

- Deep surveys probe environments only up to group densities. To probe the highest density environments need to find (elsewhere) and follow up massive clusters.
- ➔ "Time machine" vs "fossil record" approach: probe both star formation and mass assembly history.
- The closer the observations to the formation epoch, the tighter the constraints we get.

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The red sequence of galaxy clusters may be observed as a conspicuous feature in color-magnitude diagrams at all redshifts

Apparent magnitudes and colors. Red sequence evolution as predicted by Kodama & Arimoto 1997



#### XMMU J2235-2557

X-ray luminous massive cluster at z=1.39 (Mullis et al. 2005)

- The most massive cluster known at z>1  $(L_{X,bol<1Mpc}\sim10^{45} \text{ erg/s}, M_{200}\sim6 \ 10^{14} M_{sun}, M_{proj<1Mpc}\sim10^{15} M_{sun})$
- Multi-wavelength coverage (X U R i z J H Ks 3.5µm 4.6µm) from Chandra, VLT, HST, Spitzer
- Extensive spectroscopy secured 30 cluster members
- A well evolved structure at 1/3 of the Universe age Lidman et al. 2008, Jee et al. 2009, Rosati et al. 2009, Strazzullo et al. in prep.

The color-magnitude diagram in the core of XMMU J2235



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obvious interlopers (spec. and photo-z) and disk galaxies removed



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The bulk of the stellar populations formed at z~3

Bright galaxy populations in cluster core dominated by massive early types, hosting ~passively evolving stellar populations



#### The mass-size relation at z~1.4



### Models: semi-analytical predictions

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Menci et al. 2008

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### Models: hydrodynamic simulations

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Hopkins et al. 2010

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### Outlook

• A tight red sequence of massive early types is already in place at 1/3 of the Universe present age

- Stellar populations formed at high redshift
- Stellar masses  $>10^{11}M_{sun}$  already assembled in single galaxies
- Evolved morphology, but smaller sizes (more compact than local)

→ redshift ~1.5 already too late for big action in the most massive structures (go to z>2 protoclusters)

- → explore gas content, fraction and evolution
- not just red sequence galaxies probe the starforming populations