Environmental quenching and structural evolution in massive galaxy clusters at z~1.5

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Are cluster environments at z~1.5 already effective at suppressing star formation?

Are there environmental signatures on structural properties (of quiescent galaxies)?



Massive distant clusters in the SPT-SZ survey













>500 clusters over 2500 deg², ~40 clusters at z>1, 5 ξ>5 clusters at z>1.4 in Bleem+2015

• clean sample with roughly redshift independent mass threshold $M_{500} \gtrsim 3 \cdot 10^{14} M_{\odot}$ at z>0.25







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The basic wish list from 4 band HST and Spitzer imaging

(Spitzer/IRAC 3.6 μ m & 4.5 μ m , HST/ACS+WFC3 F814W & F140W)

- **1.** candidate member sample selection (3.6μ m- 4.5μ m + optical/NIR color)
- **2.** cluster redshift constraints (3.6μ m- 4.5μ m + red-sequence color)
- **3. stellar mass estimates (3.6µm flux+ restframe U-V color)**
- 4. quiescent vs. star-forming classification (UVJ-like)
- 5. morphologies / structural parameters (restframe optical WFC3 imaging)









• a massive red sequence typically dominates the bright population

• a clear excess of red sources compared to the field color distribution at same redshift







flux-limited samples!







mass-complete samples, log(M/M_o)>10.85



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The environmental quenching efficiency at high stellar masses, in the central regions of these massive clusters, is typically ≥50% over the probed redshift range.













Structural properties of quiescent and star-forming cluster galaxies







n_{Sersic}<1.5

1.5<n_{Sersic}<2.5

n_{Sersic}>2..5

Morphological and stellar population properties tightly related (as in the field)

The red sequence is mostly made of quiescent, largely **bulge-dominated sources**

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Environmental dependence of (early-type) galaxy sizes ?





Summary

In the central regions of the most massive clusters at $z \sim 1.5$:

Environmental Morphological evolution quenching is active follows along 100 all $\log(M/M_{\odot})>10.85$ UVJ-quiescent UVJ-starforming 1.0 80 quiescent fraction 9.0 8.0 8.0 60 (%) fraction 40 20 0 0421 0459 0446 0.4 1.5 2.5 1.5 2.5 1.5 2.5 2040 0607 Sersic n Sersic n Sersic n

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Size differences wrt field (?)

