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STELLAR KINEMATICS OF MASSIVE QUIESCENT GALAXIES  
OUT TO  $z=2$

The first massive elliptical galaxies were already in place when the Universe was only 3 billions years old. Surprisingly, they are more compact in comparison to their present-day counterparts.

In this thesis these recent findings are assessed by measuring the stellar kinematics of massive  $z=2$  galaxies from spectra obtained with X-Shooter on the Very Large Telescope. This thesis work shows that high-redshift quiescent galaxies are truly very massive and structurally very different from present-day galaxies, yet they follow the same scaling relations.

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