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The impact of an evolving IMF on galaxy evolution and reionisation

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Why do we see a high abundance of bright galaxies at z>10?

Harikane+2023



Due to bursty star formation, radiative feedback pushing dust from star forming region, feedback-free starbursts, and/or top-heavier IMF?

see e.g. Dekel+ 2023, Ferrara+2023, Mason+2022, Trinca+2023

Can a top-heavy IMF explain the bright z>10 galaxy abundance?



IMF depends on gas temperature (metallicity, CMB temperature)

Integrate into Astraeus simulation framework

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Astraeus framework: simulating the evolution of galaxies and the IGM



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The evolution of the UV LFs at z=5-12 hardly changes!

Free parameters:

- f_{*} = 0.01 / 0.025
 star formation
 efficiency
- f_w = 0.3 / 0.2
 SN wind coupling efficieny
- f_{esc} = 0.038 / 0.31
 ionising escape
 fraction

Values driven by z<10 UV LFs





The evolving IMF's lower mass-to-light ratio requires assuming a smaller star formation efficiency and stronger SN wind coupling.

Evolving IMF: Lower star formation efficiency leads to stellar masses being \sim 0.5-1 dex lower in same z=6-12 halos





Main characteristics of the evolving IMF:

slower build-up of stellar mass due to lower star formation efficiency

Evolving IMF: Lower stellar mass-to-light ratio





Main characteristics of the evolving IMF:

slower build-up of stellar mass due to lower star formation efficiency



reduced mass-to-light ratio due to a higher abundance of massive stars

Evolving IMF: star formation main sequence hardly changes





Characteristics of the evolving IMF:



star formation main sequence unchanged due to self-similar mass growth of halos



higher SFR for low stellar mass galaxies due to SN feedback being less delayed & located in more massive halos

Evolving IMF: mass – metallicity relation shifts to higher metallicities



Characteristics of the evolving IMF:

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higher metallicities at same stellar masses due to lower stellar-tohalo mass ratio & higher oxygen abundance

Note: metallicity-halo mass relation and metallicity-luminosity relation hardly change!

Evolving IMF: Only minor impact on reionisation topology





Conclusions

ASTRAEUS: self-consistent galaxy evolution model and reionisation:

- Semi-analytical galaxy evolution model fully coupled to a semi-numerical reionisation scheme
- Robust against mass and time resolution of underlying merger trees
- Publicly available at: <u>https://github.com/annehutter/astraeus</u>
- Inlcudes now an evolving IMF!

Effect of an evolving IMF compared to constant Salpeter IMF ...

- ... Galaxy evolution
- Slower build-up of stellar mass due to lower star formation efficiency and stronger SN feedback
- Lower stellar mass-to-light ratio
- Stellar mass metallicity relation shifted to higher metallicities
- VV luminosity dust mass relation shift to lower luminosities Possibility to test with observations?

... Reionisation

- Stronger correlation between large-scale ionising emissivity and density distribution
- Reionisation history and topology change only minorly.

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