The Jeans Conjecture and the IMF

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(with Romeel Davé)

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Davé 2008

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Wilkins & Trentham (2008) Narayanan & Davé (2012)

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Tacconi 2008

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(then how are their descendents bottom-heavy?)



Conroy & van Dokkum 2012

Gadget: to get model discs and mergers at z=0,2

Sunrise: to get dust temperatures



T.J. Cox et al. 2005-2008



Jonsson et al. 2006, 2009 Jonsson & Primack 2010

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Assumption: $M_{crit} \sim M_J$



André et al. 2010



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Invariant IMF SFRs





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Comparing Cosmic SFR Density Evolution against Stellar Mass buildup



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Conclusions

Under the Jeans Assumption:

I. Dust-gas coupling can raise temperatures in high-z galaxies enough to drive top-heavy/bottom-light IMFs

2. Decreased SFRs in gas where CRs dominate the temperature can promote bottom-heavy IMFs at low-z:

More massive galaxies have increasingly bottom-heavy IMFs at $z\sim0$

Do the Jeans properties of GMCs relate at all to the stellar IMF?