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<u>Methods to estimate the Stellar Mass</u>

1-Using photometry + HyperZ (by Bolzonella & Pozzetti)
2-Using photometry+spectra (Franzetti, Scodeggio)
3-Using spectral features (Lamareille, Meneux, Charlot)

Comparison in progress: global good agreement 1&2

<u>Methods to estimate the Mass Function</u>

1- Vmax (by Pozzetti & Franzetti)2- STY (by Pozzetti)



SIMULATIONS: Hyper-Z using opt+NIR Mass recovered within a factor 1.6



Simulations: PHOTOMETRY

Only Optical (U_L,U_{ESO},B,V,R,I)+ photometric bands

Mass recovered within a factor ~ 2 at z<1

and within a factor ~ 4 at z > 1

Tends to overestimate high-mass objs at high-z



Mstar: UBVRIJK vs. UBVRI

• VVDS: K-selected spectroscopic sub-sample:



 For most of VVDS spectroscopic sample we have only optical photometry
 Overestimate masses at high-z when use only UBVRI photometry

Mstar: HyperZMass vs. Photo+spectra-Mass (byPF)

• VVDS: K-selected spectroscopic sample:

The 2 methods are quite consistent

→ Mass (Photo+spectra) are slightly lower than Mass (HyperZMass) at z>1



VVDS sample

I-selected spectroscopic sample Using only optical photometry→ Mstar to z<1 I_{AB}<24 N ~ 6400 gals (zflag=2,3,4,9) Area~1750 arcmin^2

K-selected spectroscopic sample Using only optical+NIR photometry→ Mstar to z<1.5 K_{AB}<22.84 (+ I_{AB}<24) 90% complete N=694 galaxies (520 zflag=2,3,4,9) Area~172 arcmin^2

K-selected photometric sample Using only optical +NIR photometry + zphoto→ Mstar to z<2 N=3484 galaxies with z-photo (VVDS+LS+NIR)I_{AB}<26 Area~172 arcmin²

K-selected photometric sample:

K_{AB}<22.84 (90% complete) N=3851 objects 3688 with z-photo I_{AB}<26 (VVDS+LS+NIR) 145 I_{AB}>26 no z-photo 17 not in DB

204 candidate stars from different methods

- 3484 galaxies
- Area=172.28 arcmin²
- → K_{AB}<22.84 & I_{AB}<26</p>

K-selected photometric sample:



204 candidate stars from different methods



 \rightarrow Very good z-photo up to I_{AB} <23



Massive (>10¹¹ solar masses) galaxies at z>1 !!

VVDS: Mass Function: K_{AB}<22.84

- Good agreement between photometric and spectroscopic sample, except at z>1.5
- Good agreement with K20 results BUT extended 1 mag. fainter, i.e. to lower Masses limit



Small decrease of massive gal. at high-z
Faster evolution of less massive galaxies

I-selected spectroscopic sample:

I_{AB}<24 N ~ 6400 gals (flag=2,3,4,9) Area~1750 arcmin²

- Good agreement up to redshift~1
- Overestimate MF at high-z and highmasses



Mass Function: I_{AB} <24

- Masses from UBVRIJK+spectrum (by PF)
- Good agreement
 between photometric
 and

spectrophotometric MF up to z<1

 Underestimate massiveend of MF at z>1



Simulations: VVDS+SWIRE

Adding SPITZER-IRAC bands (3.6,4.5,5.8, 8 micron) when (1+z)>IRAC/(2.2micron) (now 4 micron) i.e. z > 0.55,0.96,1.47,2.46 add 3.6,4.5, 5.8, 8 micron

No systematic shift
Dispersion decreases
Uncertanties
decrease (within less
than a factor 1.5)
Can be used up to
high-z



VVDS spectroscopic sample
I-selected spectroscopic sample
Using only optical photometry → Mstar to z<1</p>
I_{AB}<24 N ~ 6400 gals (zflag=2,3,4,9)</p>
Area~1750 arcmin²
VVDS+SWIRE spectroscopic sample

I-selected spectroscopic sample Using optical+Swire photometry→ Mstar to z<1.5 I_{AB}<24 N ~ 6400 gals (zflag=2,3,4,9) ~3000 with swire Area~1750 arcmin^2

VVDS+SWIRE I_{AB} spectroscopic sample: Preliminary Mass Function

Using I-selected spectroscopic catalog (flags 2,3,4,9): I_{AB}<24 (VVDS+LS+SWIRE) N ~ 6400 gal.



VVDS+SWIRE sample

Next step:

Extend to higher redshifts (z>1.5) using a SWIRE selected sample and photometric redshifts

(define a swire complete sample, well tested zphoto, star/QSO contamination)



Most of current hierarchical merging models do not match the above results BUT Hydrodinamical simulations match !!