# Variations of the stellar initial mass function in and between galaxies

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# IMF clusters ≠ IGIMF (galactic) ≠ PDMF (galactic)

# **PDMF-The Galactic field**

#### **The local PDMF of the MW**



Parravano+ (2011)

# **A time averaged Galactic IMF**



Dib & Basu (2018)



G12NP-S

20.0

# Clusters

# **Statistics matters**

#### The Milky Way forms ~10<sup>4</sup>-10<sup>5</sup> clusters every 10-12 Myrs.



Dib et al. (2017)



#### Bastian et al. (2010)

#### **Evidence against universality**



 $\xi(\log M) = kM^{-\Gamma} \left\{ 1 - \exp\left[ -\left(\frac{M}{M_{ch}}\right)^{\gamma + \Gamma} \right] \right\}$ 

**Dib 2014** 

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Lim et al. (2015), Weisz et al. (2015) Dib (in prep) Massey 2003

# The IGIMF- galaxy-wide IMF

## The galaxy-integrated IMF: IGIMF

$$\Phi_{IGIMF}(M_*) = \int_{0}^{\infty} \varphi_{IMF}(M_*) \varsigma(M_{cl}) dM_{cl}$$

Weidner & Kroupa (2004), ++ several papers by Kroupa's group

# The galaxy-integrated IMF: IGIMF



#### The galaxy-integrated IMF with IMF variations

$$\Phi_{IGIMF}\left(M_{\star},SFR,[Fe/H]\right) = \int_{M_{cl,min}}^{M_{cl,max}(SFR)_{\Gamma}} \int_{min}^{max} \int_{\gamma_{min}}^{\gamma_{max}} \int_{M_{ch,min}}^{M_{ch,mx}} P(M_{ch}) P(\gamma) P(\Gamma) \varphi_{IMF}\left(M_{\star},[Fe/H]\right) \int (M_{cl},SFR) dM_{cl} d\Gamma d\gamma$$

SFR dependence: M<sub>cl,max</sub>=F(SFR)

Metallicity dependence: Γ=G([Fe/H]) γ=H([Fe/H])

> Dib & Basu (2018) Dib (2022)

#### **IMF parameter distributions – Gaussian functions**

$$P(\gamma) = \frac{1}{\sigma_{\gamma} \sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\gamma - \overline{\gamma}}{\sigma_{\gamma}}\right)^{2}\right)$$
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 $\sigma_{\Gamma} = \mathbf{a}_{\Gamma} \sigma_{obs\Gamma} \sigma_{\gamma} = \mathbf{a}_{\gamma} \sigma_{obs,\gamma} \sigma_{M_{ch}} = \mathbf{a}_{M_{ch}} \sigma_{obs,M_{ch}}$ 

For simplicity, vary the a(s) in  $a_{\gamma} = a_{\Gamma} = a_{M_{ch}} = a$  unison:

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#### **Metallicity dependence**



Marks et al. (2012)

## Grid in Metallicity-SFR



#### **Comparison to observations - UFDs**



#### **Some conclusions**

- Variations of the IMF in Galactic clusters
  - Level of variation  $\sigma_{IMF} = (\sigma_{\Gamma_P} = 0.6, \sigma_{\gamma_P} = 0.25, \sigma_{M_P} = 0.27)$
  - Necessity to measure variations in and outside the MW

- Accounting for IMF variation is necessary to fit the IGIMF/PDMF of Ultrafaint dwarfs ...and probably for all galaxies at all epochs
- Should have consequences for gas dynamics and chemical enrichement
- Next step: calculate galactic PDMFs