

# 20250520 Stellar Mass Map on Voronoi Binning

## 1. Load data

I have two files. One is the voronoi binng map:

Filename: IC3392\_SPATIAL\_BINNING\_maps.fits

No.	Name	Ver	Type	Cards	Dimensions	Format
0	PRIMARY	1	PrimaryHDU	4	( )	
1	BINID	1	ImageHDU	26	(437, 438)	float64
2	FLUX	1	ImageHDU	26	(437, 438)	float64
3	SNR	1	ImageHDU	26	(437, 438)	float64
4	SNRBIN	1	ImageHDU	26	(437, 438)	float64
5	XBIN	1	ImageHDU	26	(437, 438)	float64
6	YBIN	1	ImageHDU	26	(437, 438)	float64

None

The other is about the SFH, including `GIRD` for ages and metallicities and `WEIGHTS` for each bin:

Filename: IC3392\_sfh-weights.fits

No.	Name	Ver	Type	Cards	Dimensions	Format
0	PRIMARY	1	PrimaryHDU	23	( )	
1	WEIGHTS	1	BinTableHDU	27	4077R x 1C	[477D]
2	GRID	1	BinTableHDU	31	477R x 3C	[D, D, D]

None

The data size makes sense for me. The IC3392 datacube is stacking into a  $437 \times 438$  map with 4077 voronoi bins. By further examination, I know that each bin has corresponding weights on a 9 (rows of metallicities)  $\times$  53 (columns of ages) SPS grid. The header of `WEIGHTS` also tells me that wavelength range is 4800 – 7000Å and the SPS template is `MILES`. I also check that in each bin, the `WEIGHTS` are summed up to be 1.

## 2. Getting the Mass-to-Light ratio

I go the the [MILES website](#) and find that they provide tables for model predictions:

### Magnitudes, colours and mass-to-light ratios

Magnitudes, colours and mass-to-light ratios are provided for the SSPs specified in the table below. For computing the mass-to-light ratios we take into account the remnants and the mass loss during the latest phases of the stellar evolution. It is also important to note that the adopted lower and upper mass cutoffs for all the IMFs are 0.1 and 100 Mo respectively (see Notes), and the faintest star is 0.1 Mo. These model predictions can be obtained from the following files:

Isochrone	[ $\alpha$ /Fe]	Unimodal	Bimodal	Kroupa Universal	Kroupa Revised	Chabrier
Padova+00	baseFe	<a href="#">link</a>	<a href="#">link</a>	<a href="#">link</a>	<a href="#">link</a>	<a href="#">link</a>
BaSTI	baseFe	<a href="#">link</a>	<a href="#">link</a>	<a href="#">link</a>	<a href="#">link</a>	<a href="#">link</a>

Each file contain the following columns: (1)IMF type, (2)IMF slope, (3)[M/H], (4)Age, (5)U, (6)B, (7)V, (8)R, (9)I, (10)J, (11)H, (12)K, (13)U-V, (14)B-V, (15)V-R, (16)V-I, (17)V-J, (18)V-H, (19)V-K, (20)(M/L)U, (21)(M/L)B, (22)(M/L)V, (23)(M/L)R, (24)(M/L)I, (25)(M/L)J, (26)(M/L)H, (27)(M/L)K, (28)F439W, (29)F555W, (30)F675W, (31)F814W, (32)F439W-F555W, (33)F555W-F675W, (34)F555W-F814W.

**HEADER\_out\_phot** includes the appropriate header for these files.

By looking at the [Fraser-McKelvie et al. \(2024\)](#) and checking the exact value in **GRID** data, I think **BaSTI+Chabrier** is the correct one that I should use, so I download the header and table into **BaSTI+Chabrier.dat** and extract the R-band Mass-to-Light ratio ( $M/L_R$ ).

Now for each bin, I can match the  $9 \times 53$  METAL-LOGAGE **GRID** with **BaSTI+Chabrier** table to get their  $M/L_R$ . Then I dot product the **WEIGHTS** with  $M/L_R$  to get effective  $M/L_R$  at each bin. And therefore I get  $M/L_R$  map and stored it as a new **ImageHDU** called **ML\_R** in **IC3392\_SPATIAL\_BINNING\_maps\_extended.fits**.

Here I perform a check for a comparison with . Since I also have access to **FLUX** data of each bin, I can compute the flux-weighted mean R-band Mass-to-Light ratio:

$$\overline{M/L_R} = \frac{\sum_i^{4077} (M/L_R)_i \cdot F_i}{\sum_i^{4077} F_i}. \quad (1)$$

And this gives  $\overline{M/L_R} = 1.442 = \log(0.159)$ . Recall that the one I get from legacy data with **BC03** template is  $1.40 = \log(0.15)$  and the other one I get from **pPXF** with **E-MILES** template is  $2.105 = \log(0.323)$ . Now here is a question, how can **MILES** one become so close to **BC03** one rather than **E-MILES**.

### 3. Stellar mass map

To get stellar mass map, I make such assumptions:

1. The distance to IC3392 is 11.5 Mpc
2. 4800 – 7000Å is SDSS r-band coverage with effective wavelegth at 6231Å
3. Solar R-band Magnitude is 4.64

Then I construce the stellar mass map and also save it into an extra array `LOGMSTAR` of `IC3392_SPATIAL_BINNING_maps_extended.fits`.

In this way, the total r band magnitude is 12.323 and total stellar mass is  $\log(9.207)$ . As a comparison, these values are 11.958 &  $\log(9.32)$  in legacy data and 12.369 &  $\log(9.355)$  from previous `pPXF`.

Below is the maps I store in `IC3392_SPATIAL_BINNING_maps_extended.fits`. Top left is the stellar mass map, bottom left is the  $M/L_R$  map, and the one on the RHS is just the flux.



