





The spectroscopic mass function in the Upper Scorpius association

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- → Wide-field NIR survey with WFCAM on UKIRT (Lawrence et al. 2007)
- → Pipeline-processed by CASU in Cambridge (Irwin et al. 2008, in prep)
- → WFCAM Science Archive (Hambly et al. 2008)
- → 5 components: LAS, GCS, GPS, DXS, and UDS
- → Typical 5 σ completeness limit is K = 18.1 mag (Vega)
- → EDR, DR1-4 in July 2006 now WR4 (Dye et al. 2006; Warren et al. 2007a)
- → DR5 (April 2009) and DR8 (September 2009)



The UKIDSS Galactic Clusters Survey

- → ZYJHK observations
- → 1000 square degrees
- → 10 star-forming regions and open clusters
- → 2 epochs in the K-band for proper motions
- → 5 sigma completeness limits: Z=20.4, J=19.6, K=18.2 mag



Photometric selection



☆ GCS Science Verification
 ☆ Depth J ~ 18.7 mag
 ☆ 6.5 sq. deg. covered
 ☆ 30% coverage in DR8

Cluster sequence well
 separated from field stars
 Various colour cuts applied
 164 candidates selected
 Mass scale: NextGen and
 DUSTY models

Proper motion selection



Optical spectroscopy



☆ AAT/AAOmega multi-fibre spectroscopy
 ☆ Wavelength range: 5700-8800 Å
 ☆ Resolution R~1350
 ☆ Blue spectra (3740-5720 Å) available
 ☆ 94 candidates observed

- 90/94 phot+PM candidates confirmed
- > H α + NaI & KI equivalent widths
- Spectral types: M3.5-M8.5
- Teff = 3340-2250 Kelvins
- > Mass = 0.4-0.004 M.

Youth features





Increase of Hα EWs with cooler temperatures
 Several accretors above the empirical boundary

Nal doublet sensitive to gravity
Weak features and EWs

==> Young objects members of the Upper Sco association

Near-infrared spectroscopy (I)



 ☆ Gemini/GNIRS near-infrared crossdispersed spectroscopy
 ☆ Wavelength range: 1.15-2.49 microns
 ☆ Resolution R~1700 with 0.3 arcsec slit
 ☆ 23 candidates observed

- 21/23 candidates confirmed
- Gravity-sensitive features EWs
- Peaked-shaped H-band spectrum
- Spectral types: M8-L2
- Teff = 2700-1800 Kelvins
- > Mass = 0.03-0.008 M_•

First L dwarfs in the USco association

Near-infrared spectroscopy (II)



<u>Gemini/GNIRS near-infrared cross-dispersed spectroscopy:</u> Comparison between USco members and old field dwarfs with spectral types ranging from M8 to L2

Hertzsprung-Russell diagram



The Luminosity Function



The Mass Function



☆ Age = 5 Myr
☆ Distance = 145 pc
☆ 117 spectroscopic members
☆ Mass range: 0.4-0.01 M_☉

USco spectroscopic MF similar to IC 348
 Possible excess of low-mass brown dwarfs in USco

Comparison with the field

Field mass function from T dwarfs identified in the UKIDSS Large Area Survey



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Conclusions & outlook

Conclusions:

- Selection of stellar, substellar and planetary-mass members
- Proper motion measurements using 2MASS as first epoch
- Chromospheric activity and youth features
- First L dwarfs in the Upper Sco association
- > Determination of the IMF down to 0.01 M_{\odot}

Outlook:

- Full coverage of the association in ZYJHK
- Second epoch in the K-band for proper motions
- Deep Upper Sco zJ+CH₄ survey underway
- > Binarity in the planetary-mass regime
- GAIA 3D space motions of brightest members

Discussion: questions?

Q1: Is the IMF universal?

Q2: Can we explain this discrepancy?