

# First stars and their local relics

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## the formation of the first stars

Standard model for the formation of the first Pop III stars predicts an IMF dominated by high-mass stars



Omukai et al. 2005

## An ab-initio calculation of the Pop III IMF



## the end-products of Pop III stars



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#### H<sub>2</sub>, metal and dust-driven fragmentation: three different mass-scales



## stellar archaeology with the most metal poor stars

[Fe/H] < -3 [Fe/H] < -5

Survey	Effective sky coverage	Effective mag limit	N < -3.0 (EMP)	N < -5.0 (HMP)	People
HES	6,400 deg <sup>2</sup>	B < 16.5	200	2	Christlieb et al.
SEGUE	1,000 deg <sup>2</sup>	<i>B</i> < 19	(1,000)	(10)	Beers et al.; Caffau et al.
LAMOST	12,200 deg <sup>2</sup>	<i>B</i> < 18.0	(3,000)	(30)	Zhao et al.
SSS	20,000 deg <sup>2</sup>	B < 17.5	(2,500)	(25)	Keller et al.

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A single low-energy, iron-poor supernova as the source of metals in the star SMSS J031300.36-670839.3

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#### [Fe/H] < -7.1

## the metallicity distribution function of the Galactic halo



Schörck et al. 2009 Christlieb 2013

#### carbon-enhanced metal poor stars

~ 20 % of stars with [Fe/H] < -2 are C-enhanced: [C/Fe] > 0.7



Yong et al. 2013; Norris et al. 2013

#### The frequency of CEMP-no stars



#### **Questions that we want to address:**

What are the formation pathways of C-normal and C-rich stars?

What are the physical processes that shape the low-[Fe/H] tail of the MDF?

Why is the relative fraction of C-normal and C-rich stars varying with [Fe/H]?





### simulating the birth environment of **C-normal and C-rich stars**





#### a single formation pathway based on dust-driven fragmentation





#### GAlaxy MErger Tree and Evolution

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#### GAMETE



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#### The MW and its dusty progenitors



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#### The low-[Fe/H] tail of the MDF



Pop III stars IMF  $\rightarrow$  [10-140]  $M_{sun}$  and explode as faint SN

Pop III/II transition criterium  $\rightarrow$  degenerate with the Pop III IMF

#### **Metallicity distribution of C-rich stars**



#### **Relative fraction of C-rich and C-normal stars**



data points from Yong et al. (2013)

de Bennassuti et al 2014

## When do the low-[Fe/H] tail of the MDF of C-rich and C-normal stars form?



#### Galaxy formation with radiative and chemical feedback

GAMESH, a new pipeline integrating the latest release of cosmological radiative transfer code CRASH (Graziani+ 2013) with the semi-analytic model of galaxy formation GAMETE, powered by an N-body simulation (Salvadori+2010, Kawata+2010)



Graziani+2015

## The cosmic assembly of the Milky Way

N-body simulation of a MW-sized halo in Planck cosmology

GCD+ code with multi-resolution technique (Kawata & Gibson 03): Low-res spherical region of  $R_1 \sim 20 h^{-1} Mpc$  taken from a low-res cosmological simulation High-res spherical region of  $R_h \sim 2 h^{-1} Mpc$  with  $M_p = 3.4 \times 10^5 M_{sun}$ 



Graziani+2015

## The Milky Way reionisation simulation



Slice cuts (distances in cell units 1 cell =  $15.6 h^{-1} kpc$ )

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effects of inhomogeneous radiative feedback



Z = 12

Z = 10

**Z =** 6

Temperature contours: T ~ 100, 4 x 10<sup>3</sup>, 10<sup>4</sup>, 1.3 x 10<sup>4</sup>, 1.5 x 10<sup>4</sup> K

## Summary

- \* the Pop III IMF is likely to be top-heavy and characterized by masses of 10s – 1000s Msun
- \*metals and dust grains produced by the first Pop III SNe have important effects on the stellar mass scales
- \* dust grains condensed in the ejecta of the first SN allow the formation of the first low mass stars  $\leq$  1 M<sub>sun</sub> at Z<sub>cr</sub> > 10<sup>-6</sup> Z<sub>sun</sub>
- \* stellar archaeology is a fundamental benchmark for theoretical models