

The First Stars and Galaxies: Challenges for the Next Decade

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## The Pop III/II Transition

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# What are the minimal conditions for the formation of the first low-mass long-lived stars?

cooling by metals fine-structure lines

Omukai (2000); Bromm et al. (2001); Schneider et al. (2002); Bromm & Loeb (2003); Santoro & Shull (2006); Jappsen et al. (2007); Smith, Sigurdsson & Abel (2008); Jappsen et al. (2009); Hocuk & Spaans (2010)

cooling by dust grains thermal emission

Schneider et al. (2003), (2006); Omukai et al. (2005); Tsuribe & Omukai (2006); Clark, Glover & Klessen (2008)

## the role of metals

\* Bromm, Ferrara, Coppi & Larson (2001)

SPH simulation isolated halo with  $M_{halo} = 2 \times 10^6 M_{sun}$  at z = 30 no  $H_2$  and only metal-line cooling (C, N, O, Fe, S, Si)



### Distinguishing between different coolants

 $[A/H] = \log_{10}(N_A/N_H) - \log_{10}(N_A/N_H)_{\odot}$ 

★ Bromm & Loeb (2003) one-zone model CII (158 µm) and OI (63, 145 µm) line cooling initial conditions:  $T_c=200 \text{ K} \text{ n}_c=10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3}$   $\begin{bmatrix} C/H \end{bmatrix}_{\text{orit}} \cong -3.5 \pm 0.1 \qquad \begin{bmatrix} 0/H \end{bmatrix}_{\text{orit}} \cong -3.02 \pm 0.2$  ★ Santoro & Shull (2006) CII (158 µm), OI (63, 145 µm), SiII (35 µm), FeII(26, 35 µm) line cooling

 $[C/H]_{crit} \approx -3.48 \qquad [O/H]_{crit} \approx -3.78$  $[Si/H]_{crit} \approx -3.54 \qquad [Fe/H]_{crit} \approx -3.52$  $(T_{free})^{3/2} (R_{H})^{-1/2}$ 

Fragment masses:  $M_{\rm J} = (700 \ M_{\odot}) \left(\frac{T_{\rm frag}}{200 \ \rm K}\right)^{3/2} \left(\frac{n_{\rm H}}{10^4 \ \rm cm^{-3}}\right)^{-1/2}$   $M_{\rm J,C} \approx 1000 \ \rm M_{sun}$   $M_{\rm J,O} \approx 90 \ \rm M_{sun}$  $M_{\rm J,Si} \approx 130 \ \rm M_{sun}$   $M_{\rm J,Ee} \approx 50 \ \rm M_{sun}$ 

### Numerical simulations with $H_2$ and metal line cooling

#### ★ Smith & Sigurdsson (2007)

3D AMR simulation cosmological initial conditions  $5 \times 10^5$  Msun halo at z = 18 No UV background is assumed: cooling from H2, CI (370µm, 610µm), OI, SiII, FeII and SI (25 µm)



multiple clump formation when  $10^{-4} \, \rm Z_{sun} < Z_{cr} \le 10^{-3} \, \rm Z_{sun}$ 

is this enough to mark a shift from the primordial to a modern IMF?

## dependence on the initial conditions

★ Jappsen et al. (2007; 2009a; 2009b)

3D SPH simulation molecular and atomic fine structure line cooling



(1) Cold initial conditions: isolated halo with  $M_{halo} = 2x10^6 M_{sun}$  at z = 30 (same as in Bromm et al. 2001)

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(2) Warm initial conditions: isolated halo with  $M_{halo} = 7.8 \times 10^5 M_{sun}$  at z = 25 in a fossil HII region



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Christlieb et al 2002,2004, 2008

#### Metallicity Distribution Function

HK+HES sample (2756 stars [Fe/H] < -2)



Salvadori, Schneider & Ferrara (2007)

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#### LOW-MASS RELICS OF EARLY STAR FORMATION

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## the role of dust grains

★ Schneider et al. (2002; 2003; 2006), Omukai et al. (2005)

One-zone model with simplified dynamics but detailed chemical and thermal evolution (478 reactions for 50 species) Molecular cooling ( $H_2$ , HD,  $H_2O$ , OH) metal line cooling (CI, CII, OI) Dust grains ( $H_2$  formation, cooling via thermal emission)

solar composition, present-day dust properties  $(M_{dust}/M_{met} \approx 0.47)$ 



## simulations of dust-induced fragmentation

★ Tsuribe & Omukai (2006)

★ Clark, Glover & Klessen (2008)



 $Z=10^{-5} Z_{sun} \epsilon=2$ 

-20 -10 0

x[AU]

10 20 -10 -5 0

-20 0 20

x[AU]

formation of a cluster of stars with  $M_{\rm ch}\!\sim\!\!1~M_{\rm sun}$ at  $Z_{cr}$  = 10<sup>-5</sup>  $Z_{sun}$ 

#### simulating the collapse in the presence of the CMB field

\* Smith et al. (2008)

★ Jappsen et al. (2009a,b)



### thermal evolution with metals, dust & the CMB

★ Schneider & Omukai (2010)



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 $10 \ \mathrm{M_{sun}}$ 

 $1 \ \mathrm{M_{sun}}$ 

 $0.1 \ \mathrm{M_{sun}}$ 

ightarrow 0.01  $m M_{sun}$ 



## chemical feedback

Pop III stars can form at late epochs if pockets of  $\rm\,Z < Z_{cr}$  gas are present



(i) transport of metals by outflows

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#### \*<u>semi-analytic studies</u>

(Scannapieco et al. 2003; MacKey et al. 2003; Schneider et al. 2005; Furlanetto & Loeb 2005; Grief & Bromm 2006; Whythe & Cen 2007; Trenti & Stiavelli 2009)



Scannapieco, Schneider & Ferrara (2003)

Pop III to Pop II/I transition is extended in time

PopIII stars contribute to SFR at z < 10

#### Schneider, Salvaterra, Ferrara & Ciardi (2005)



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Whythe & Cen (2007)

## mini-halos as repositories of pristine gas

Cen & Riquelme (2008)





## two populations of metal-free stars

Press-Schechter like formalism combined with analytic recipes for chemical and radiative feedback



killed by chemical fdbk due to SELF-ENRICHMENT

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## The Pop III/II transition on cosmic scales

#### \*<u>numerical studies</u>

**SPH SIMULATION** (metallicity-dependent IMF)

Tornatore, Ferrara & Schneider (2007)

**HYBRID CODES** dark matter simulation+semi-analytic gas physics

Trac & Cen (2007) Trenti, Stiavelli & Shull (2009)



## numerical simulations

\*Tornatore, Ferrara & Schneider (2007)

GADGET-2 with improved treatment of chemical enrichment (Tornatore et al 2007)



Reference run:

$$Z_{cr} = 10^{-4} Z_{sun}$$
  
 $L_{box} = 10h^{-1} Mpc$   $N_p = 2 \times 256^3$   $M_p = 3.6 \ 10^6 \ h^{-1} M_{sun}$ 

## spatial distribution of metals

\*Tornatore, Ferrara & Schneider (2007)

mass-averaged metallicity

fraction of metals from Pop III stars



Pop III stars appear to be hidden in the outskirts of collapsing structures

A fraction of observable z>3 objects may be powered by radiative (LAEs, LBGs) or mechanical (PISN) input of Pop III stars

## properties of Pop III star forming sites

- $\star$  pure halos: only Z < Z<sub>cr</sub> gas/stars
- mixed halos: both  $Z < Z_{cr}$  and  $Z > Z_{cr}$  gas/stars



Schneider et al. in prep

## resolving the first protogalaxies

Ricotti, Gnedin & Shull (2002, 2008); Wise & Abel (2007, 2008); Whalen et al. (2008); Greif et al. (2008, 2010)



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## Observational searches in the Local Universe: stellar archaeology

GAMETE (GAlavy MErger Tree & Evolution)

Salvadori, Schneider & Ferrara (2007)

#### Metallicity Distribution Function of Halo stars

statistics of second-generation (2G) stars: enriched by yields of PopIII SN



Beers & Chris	tlieb (2006) sample
1150 stars with -4 < [Fe/H] < -2.5	
$ m Z_{cr}/ m Z_{sun}$	Number of 2G stars
10-4	1.3
10-6	0.3
0	6x10 <sup>-2</sup>

## conclusions

\* minimal conditions for the first low-mass stars may require dust-cooling:

