

### THE FIRST STARS AND GALAXIES

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# Credit: Marcelo Alvarez & Tom Abe

#### **BIG BANG**

#### RECOMBINATION

The hot hydrogen plasma cools and expands to the point of changing to a neutral gas. (380,000 years)

DARK AGES Hydrogen gas cools as dark matter fluctuations collapse to form "minihalos", hosts to the very first stars. (1 million to ~300 million years)

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#### **EPOCH OF GALAXY FORMATION**

Larger and larger halos of dark matter collapse, leading to vigorous star formation within the first galaxies. Accretion onto supermassive black holes in some galaxies powers the most luminous objects in the universe -- qusars.

(~1 billion to 9 billion years)

#### PRESENT DAY UNIVERSE

Solar system forms, and galaxies like our own Milky Way continue to evolve. Large clusters of thousands of galaxies, bound by the gravity of the largest halos of dark matter in the universe, are beginning to form. (~9 billion to 13.6 billion years)



# OUTLINE

- Population III star formation
- Radiative transfer calculations (ray tracing)
- Population III stellar feedback
  - Radiative feedback
  - Mechanical & chemical feedback
- Impacts on the early galaxy formation
  - Stellar populations metallicities and star formation rates
  - The role of radiation pressure

# POP III STAR FORMATION

- 3D simulations of Pop III star formation (late 1990's and early 2000's)
- Two independent groups: Bromm+ and Abel+
  - Gas cools to T  $\sim$  few x 100 K
  - Characterizes the Jeans mass of the molecular cloud,  $M_J \sim 1000 \ \text{M}_{\odot}$
  - No fragmentation into low-mass objects
  - Pointed toward very massive stars → 30–300 M<sub>☉</sub>

- (Yoshida et al. 2007) Pushes a simulation to Pop III protostar formation!
- More simulations (e.g. O'Shea+ 2007) gave more samples for an IMF, but always showed a bias toward high masses and no fragmentation.



**Fig. 1.** Projected gas distribution around the protostar. (**A**) The large-scale gas distribution around the cosmological halo (300 pc on a side). (**B**) A self-gravitating, star-forming cloud (5 pc on a side). (**C**) The central part of the fully molecular core (10 astronomical units on a side). (**D**) The final protostar (25 solar radii on a side). The color scale from light purple to dark red corresponds to logarithmically scaled hydrogen number densities from 0.01 to  $10^3$  cm<sup>-3</sup> (A), from 10 to  $10^6$  cm<sup>-3</sup> (B), and from  $10^{14}$  to  $10^{19}$  cm<sup>-3</sup> (C). The color scale for (D) shows the density-weighted mean temperature, which scales from 3000 to 12,000 K.

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- (Clark+ 2011) Disk fragmentation to form tight (sometimes < AU) multiple systems</li>
- (Greif+ 2011, 2012) Finds fragmentation in five halos, evolving the systems for ~100 dynamical times. Flat protostellar mass function from 0.1–10 M<sub>☉</sub>.



# POP III FINAL MASSES

- When do Pop III stars stop accreting?
  - (Stacy+ 2011, Hosokawa+ 2011) Modeled protostellar radiative feedback from an accreting Pop III star.
    - Stacy+: Found that the star grows to ~30 M<sub>☉</sub> in a binary system.
    - Hosokawa+: Found that the star is limited to ~43 M<sub>☉</sub>



Fig. 2. UV radiative feedback from the primordial protostar. The spatial distributions of gas temperature (left), number density (right), and velocity (right, arrows) are presented in each panel for the central



# RAY TRACING

#### Cosmological Radiative Transfer Equation

$$I_{\nu} \equiv I(\nu, \mathbf{x}, \Omega, t)$$

n := normal vector a := scale factor ā := a/a<sub>em</sub> H := Hubble factor ν := frequency

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#### RT Equation along a Ray

- Consider point sources of radiation
- Initially, the radiation flux is split equally among all rays.

$$\frac{1}{c}\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial P}{\partial r} = -\kappa P$$



• P := photon flux in the ray

#### Adaptive Ray Tracing

Abel & Wandelt (2002)



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- Ray directions and splitting based on HEALPix (Gorski et al. 2005)
- Rays are split into 4 child rays when the solid angle is large compared to the cell face area
- Well-suited for AMR
- Can calculate the photo-ionization rates so that the method is photon conserving.



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- (Kitayama+ 04; Whalen+ 04) First I-D radiation hydrodynamics calculations.
  - Starting with the final radially averaged profiles from cosmological halos.
  - They find that most gas is expelled from the halo, driven out by a 30 km/s shock wave that is created by the ionization front.

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- (Shapiro+ 2004) 2-D calculations of photo-evaporation of nearby halos
- (Alvarez+ 2006, Abel+ 2007) First 3-D radiative transfer calculations.
  - Using cosmological initial conditions, found that the star leaves a warm (10<sup>4</sup> K) and diffuse (0.1 cm<sup>-3</sup>) medium behind.
  - Creates shadows and butterfly shaped HII regions.



#### Abel, Wise, & Bryan (2007) H II REGION OF A PRIMORDIAL STAR

Density

Temperature



I.2 kpc



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10<sup>6</sup> M<sub>o</sub> DM halo; z = 17; single 100 M<sub>o</sub> star (no SN)
Drives a 30 km/s shock wave, expelling most of the gas



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# CONTRIBUTION TO REIONIZATION?

 By 2007-2008, several Pop III stars were being simulated in cosmological simulations that had radiative transfer (Johnson+ 2007; Wise & Abel 2008)
#### 150 comoving kpc ~30 Pop III stars simulated z = 30 → 16



log Density [cm<sup>-3</sup>]

z = 31.06







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- By 2007-2008, several Pop III stars were being simulated in cosmological simulations that had radiative transfer (Johnson+ 2007; Wise & Abel 2008)
  - Showed that ~25% of biased regions can be ionized before a galaxy forms.
  - Increases the minimum mass of a star-forming halo by preheating the IGM.
  - I in IO ionizing photons results in a sustained ionization
  - Photo-evaporates neighboring minihalos.

# POP III SUPERNOVAE



# POP III CHEMICAL FEEDBACK

Barkat (1967); Bond+ (1984); Fryer+ (2001); Heger & Woosley (2002); Heger+ (2003)

- Metal-free stars can end its life in a unique type of supernova, a pair-instability SN, between 140–260 M<sub>☉</sub>.
  - Nearly all of the helium core is converted into metals (~80  $M_{\odot}!)$
  - Chemical abundance patterns are much different than Type II SNe (C, Ca, Mg production independent of mass)



# CHEMICAL ENRICHMENT

- (Bromm+ 2003) PISN in a cosmological setting. Removes 90% of the gas (even without radiative feedback!), preenriches the IGM to ≥10<sup>-4</sup> Z<sub>☉</sub>
- (Wise+ 2008; Greif+ 2010) Nearly uniform enrichment to 10<sup>-3</sup> Z<sub>☉</sub> from Pop III supernovae in dwarf galaxies.
  - Metal mixing in galaxies are driven by virial turbulence (Wise + 2007; Greif+ 2008).
  - About 60% of metals fallback into the galaxy.





# 150 comoving kpc -

nment	SimB-SNe z = 16.8	
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20 comoving kpc



# HIGH-Z DWARF GALAXIES



Wise, Turk, Norman, & Abel (2012)

# TRANSITION TO GALAXIES

- Small-scale (I comoving Mpc<sup>3</sup>) AMR radiation hydro simulation with Pop II+III star formation and feedback (1000 cm<sup>-3</sup> threshold)
- Coupled radiative transfer (ray tracing: optically thin and thick regimes)
- 1800 M<sub>☉</sub> mass resolution, 0.1 pc maximal spatial resolution
- Self-consistent Population III to II transition at 10-4  $Z_{\odot}$
- Assume a Kroupa-like IMF for Pop III stars with mass-dependent luminosities, lifetimes, and endpoints.

$$f(\log M) = M^{-1.3} \exp\left[-\left(\frac{M_{\rm char}}{M}\right)^{1.6}\right], \quad M_{\rm char} = 100 M_{\odot}$$



10 kpc



# Temperature

Density

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FoV = 1 c.m. Mpc

Pop II Metals





MASS-TO-LIGHT RATIOS



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#### Wise, Turk, Norman, & Abel (2012)





- Isolated halo (8e7
  M<sub>☉</sub>) at z=7
- Quiet recent merger history
- Disky, not irregular
- Steady increase in
  [Z/H] then plateau
- No stars with [Z/H]
  < -3 from Pop III</li>
  metal enrichment





Most massive halo
 (10<sup>9</sup> M<sub>☉</sub>) at z=7

- Undergoing a major merger
- Bi-modal metallicity distribution function
- 2% of stars with [Z/H] < -3
- Induced SF makes
  less metal-poor stars
  formed near SN
  blastwaves



#### Z-L RELATION IN LOCAL DWARF GALAXIES

- Average metallicity in a 10<sup>6</sup> L<sub>☉</sub> galaxy is [Fe/H]
   ~ -2
- Useful constraint of high-redshift galaxies, if we assume that this metal-poor population was formed during reionization.



#### VARYING THE SUBGRID MODELS

$M_{char} = 40 M_{\odot}$	No H <sub>2</sub> cooling (i.e. minihalos)			
$Z_{crit} = 10^{-5} \text{ and } 10^{-6} Z_{\odot}$	No Pop III SF			
Redshift dependent Lyman-Werner background (LWB)	Supersonic streaming velocities			
LWB + Metal cooling	LWB + Metal cooling + enhanced metal ejecta (y=0.025)			
LWB + Metal cooling + radiation pressure				

# STAR FORMATION RATES



# EFFECTS OF RADIATION PRESSURE $M_{VIR} = 3 \times 10^8 M_{\odot}$ GALAXY AT z = 8



### EFFECTS OF RADIATION PRESSURE AVG. METALLICITIES IN DENSITY-TEMPERATURE SPACE



JHW+ (arXiv:1206.1043)

BASELINE AT z = 8



#### Main Limitation:

#### lacking Metal cooling Soft UV background

JHW+ (arXiv:1206.1043)

# + METAL COOLING & SOFT UVB



JHW+ (arXiv:1206.1043)

#### SOFT UVB + METAL COOLING + RAD. PRESSURE



## EFFECTS OF RADIATION PRESSURE METALLICITY DISTRIBUTION FUNCTIONS



Feedback from radiation pressure more effectively disperses metal-rich ejecta and produces a galaxy on the massmetallicity relation Slice of acceleration due to momentum transfer from ionizing photons only, i.e. not including dust opacity


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## EFFECTS OF RADIATION PRESSURE RADIAL VELOCITIES (OVERCOOLING → DECREASED SF)



- Reverses infall, increases turbulent motions, and decreases SF in the inner 100 pc.
- In rad. pressure simulations,  $v_{\rm rms} \sim V_c$  compared to 25% without it.

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## SUMMARY

- Over the past decade, numerical work have begun to refine the formation scenario for the first stars.
  - Stellar masses ~ tens of solar masses
  - **Binaries** possible (X-ray pre-ionization?)
- Pop III radiative feedback creates gas-poor halos and delays star formation for 10–50 Myr.
- Pop III supernova feedback enriches the first galaxies to a nearly uniform  $10^{-3}$  Z<sub> $\odot$ </sub> but is the demise of Pop III stars.
- The gas depletion, IGM pre-heating, and chemical enrichment all have impacts on the properties of the first galaxies.
- Radiation pressure plays an important role in regulating star formation in the first galaxies through driving turbulence and allowing SN feedback drive outflows more efficiently.