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stelle e galassie primordiali

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from the first stars to the local universe



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 ²	B < 16.5	200	2	Christlieb et al.
SEGUE	1,000 deg ²	<i>B</i> < 19	(1,000)	(10)	Beers et al.; Caffau et al.
LAMOST	12,200 deg ²	<i>B</i> < 18.0	(3,000)	(30)	Zhao et al.
SSS	20,000 deg ²	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

the C to Zn abundances of metal poor stars



Cayrel et al. 2004; Spite et al. 2005; François et al. 2007

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

C-normal and C-rich stars: different formation patways?



C-normal stars with [Fe/H] < -3.5 can not form through metal line-cooling

Dust-driven fragmentation if the $D > D_{cr} = (4.4 \pm 2.0) \times 10^{-9}$

$$SD > 1.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{cm}^2/\text{gr} \left[\frac{T}{10^3 \text{K}}\right]^{-1/2} \left[\frac{n_{\text{H}}}{10^{12} \text{cm}^{-3}}\right]^{-1/2}$$

Schneider & Omukai (2010) Schneider et al. (2012)

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]?





Schneider et al. 2012

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

Marassi et al. 2014



a single formation pathway based on dust-driven fragmentation



GAMETE GAMETE **GAlaxy MErger Tree and Evolution** Salvadori et al. 2007, 2008, 2009; Valiante et al. 2011, 2014; de Bennassuti et al. 2014 star formation and chemical evolution dark matter halo merger tree $M_{\rm MW} = 10^{12} M_{\rm sun}$

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 ccSN Pop III/II transition criterium \rightarrow degenerate with the Pop III IMF Change of slope in the low-[Fe/H] tail \rightarrow radiative feedback effects?

Metallicity distribution of C-rich stars



Relative fraction of C-rich and C-normal stars



data points from Yong et al. (2013)

Conclusions:

Stellar Archaeology of the most metal-poor stars is a powerful way to constrain the first stellar generations

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

Ordinary vs faint SN: a single thermal pathway with dust-driven fragmentation

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

very sensitive to the adopted Pop III IMF and SN yields interplay between chemical and radiative feedback effects

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sensitive to the Pop III/II transition observed CEMP fraction at [Fe/H] > -4 may require that a fraction of Pop II SN is faint