

Star Formation (part 2)



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- historic remarks
- our current understanding and its limitations
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 - the stellar mass function at birth (IMF)





• star formation theory

- phenomenology
- historic remarks on observations
- our current understanding and its limitations
- applications & controversies
 - global star formation relations
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Platon 428/427–348/347 BC

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Example: from CO emission to total column density



slobal SF relations



galaxies from THINGS and HERACLES survey (images from Frank Bigiel, ZAH/ITA)

H2 and SF well correlated





Genzel et al. (2010, MNRAS, AJ, 407, 2091)

- standard model: roughly linear relation between H
- standard model: roughly constant depletion time: few x 10
- super linear relation between total gas and SFR

data from STING survey (Rahman et al. 2011, 2012)



QUIZ: do you see a universal



- QUIZ: do you see a universal
- ANSWER: probably not
 - in addition, the relation often is sublinear



Figure 1. Slope and intercept of test galaxies in Group A. Black cross shows the true values. Red and orange squares show the $OLS(\Sigma_{SFR}|\Sigma_{mol})$ and $OLS(\Sigma_{mol}|\Sigma_{SFR})$ results, with their 1 σ uncertainties, respectively. The gray circles indicate the estimate provided by the median of hierarchical Bayesian posterior result, and the contours mark the 1 σ deviation. The filled blue squares mark the bisector estimates. The last panel on the bottom row shows the group parameters and fit estimates.





Hierarchical Bayesian model for STING galaxies indicate varying depleting times.





all galaxies

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- maybe strong shear in dense arms (example M51, Meidt et al. 2013)...
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in addition:

 maybe a large fraction of H dense clouds, but in a diffuse state!



 comparison of tracing all the gas (including the more diffuse component)

Roman-Duval et al. (2015, in prep.)



stellar mass fuction

stars seem to follow a universal mass function at birth --> IMF





Orion, NGC 3603, 30 Doradus (Zinnecker & Yorke 2007)

stellar mass fuction

BUT: maybe variations with galaxy type (bottom heavy in the centers of large ellipticals)

from JAM (Jeans anisotropic multi Gaussian expansion) modeling

inferred excess of low-mass stars compared to Kroupa IMF



(Cappellari et al. 2012, Nature, 484, 485, Cappellari et al. 2012ab, MNRAS, submitted, also van Dokkum & Conroy 2010, Nature, 468, 940, Wegner et al. 2012, AJ, 144, 78, and others)

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(from A. Goodman)



image from Alyssa Goodman: COMPLETE survey







example: model of Orion cloud

"model" of Orion cloud: 15.000.000 SPH particles, 10⁴ M_{sun} in 10 pc, mass resolution 0,02 M_{sun} , forms ~2.500 "stars" (sink particles)

isothermal EOS, top bound, bottom unbound

has clustered as well as distributed "star" formation

efficiency varies from 1% to 20%

develops full IMF (distribution of sink particle masses)







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dynamics of nascent star cluster

in dense clusters protostellar interaction may be come important!



Trajectories of protostars in a nascent dense cluster created by gravoturbulent fragmentation (from Klessen & Burkert 2000, ApJS, 128, 287)




ICs of star cluster formation

• key question:

- what is the initial density profile of cluster forming cores? how does it compare low-mass cores?
- observers answer:
 - very difficult to determine!
 - most high-mass cores have some SF inside
 - infra-red dark clouds (IRDCs) are difficult to study
 - but, new results with Herschel



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- theorists answer:
 - top hat (Larson Penston)
 - Bonnor Ebert (like low-mass cores)
 - power law $\rho \propto r^{-1}$ (logotrop)
 - power law $\rho \propto r^{-3/2}$ (Krumholz, McKee, et
 - power law $\rho \propto r^{-2}$ (Shu)
 - and many more



different density profiles

• does the density profile matter?

- in comparison to
 - turbulence ...
 - radiative feedback ...
 - magnetic fields ...
 - thermodynamics ...



different density profiles

- address question in simple numerical experiment
- perform extensive parameter study
 - different profiles (top hat, BE, r^{-3/2}, r⁻³)
 - different turbulence fields
 - different realizations
 - different Mach numbers
 - solenoidal turbulence dilatational turbulence both modes
 - no net rotation, no B-fields (at the moment)







 10^{-1}

Girichids et al. (2011abc)

Run	$t_{ m sim}~[m kyr]$	$t_{ m sim}/t_{ m ff}^{ m core}$	$t_{ m sim}/t_{ m ff}$	$N_{ m sinks}$	$\langle M angle [M_\odot]$	$M_{ m max}$	
TH-m-1	48.01	0.96	0.96	311	0.0634	0.86	
TH-m-245.46BE-c-127.52BE-c-227.49	45.46	0.91	0.91	429	0.0461	0.74	
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however, the real situation is very complex: details of the initial turbulent field matter number of protostars

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(Kroupa 2002)

ONC (HCOO)

standard

-1

0 log₁₀m [M₀]

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application to early star formation

thermodynamics & fragmentation

degree of fragmentation depends on EOS!

polytropic EOS: $p \propto \rho^{\gamma}$ $\gamma < I$: dense cluster of low-mass stars $\gamma > I$: isolated high-mass stars

(see Li et al. 2003; also Kawachi & Hanawa 1998, Larson 2003)

dependency on EOS



for $\gamma > 1$ it is suppressed \rightarrow isolated massive stars

how does that work? (I) $\mathbf{p} \propto \rho^{\gamma} \rightarrow \rho \propto \mathbf{p}^{1/\gamma}$ (2) $M_{jeans} \propto \gamma^{3/2} \rho^{(3\gamma-4)/2}$ • $\gamma < I: \rightarrow$ large density excursion for given pressure → $\langle M_{jeans} \rangle$ becomes small
→ number of fluctuations with M > M_{jeans} is large • $\gamma > 1: \rightarrow$ small density excursion for given pressure \rightarrow $\langle M_{ieans} \rangle$ is large \rightarrow only few and massive clumps exceed M_{ieans}









present-day star formation



IMF in nearby molecular clouds



(Jappsen et al. 2005, A&A, 435, 611)





transition: Pop III to Pop II.5



two competing models:

- cooling due to atomic finestructure lines ($Z > 10^{-3.5} Z_{sun}$)
- cooling due to coupling between gas and dust (Z > 10^{-5...-6} Z_{sun})
- which one explains origin of extremely metal-poor stars? NB: lines would only make very massive stars, with M > few x10 M_{sun}.

transition: Pop III to Pop II.5



SDSS J1029151+172927

- is first ultra metal-poor star with Z
 ~ 10^{-4.5} Z_{sun} for all metals seen (Fe, C, N, etc.)
 [see Caffau et al. 2011]
- this is in regime, where metal-lines cannot provide cooling

[e.g. Schneider et al. 2011, 2012, Klessen et al. 2012]

•	TOPoS ESO large
	program to find
	more of these stars
	(120h x-shooter,
	30h UVES)
	(Caffau et al. 2013, A&A, 560, A71, Bonifacio et al. 2014, in prop)

Element			[X/H] _{1D}		N lines	S _H	A(X) _o
		+3Dcor.	+NLTE cor.	+ 3D cor + NLTE cor			
С	≤ -3.8	≤ -4.5			G-band		8.50
Ν	≤ -4.1	≤ -5.0			NH-band		7.86
Mgı	-4.71 ± 0.11	-4.68 ± 0.11	-4.52 ± 0.11	-4.49 ± 0.12	5	0.1	7.54
Sii	-4.27	-4.30	-3.93	-3.96	1	0.1	7.52
Сат	-4.72	-4.82	-4.44	-4.54	1	0.1	6.33
Сап	-4.81 ± 0.11	-4.93 ± 0.03	-5.02 ± 0.02	-5.15 ± 0.09	3	0.1	6.33
Тiп	-4.75 ± 0.18	-4.83 ± 0.16	-4.76 ± 0.18	-4.84 ± 0.16	6	1.0	4.90
Feı	-4.73 ± 0.13	-5.02 ± 0.10	-4.60 ± 0.13	-4.89 ± 0.10	43	1.0	7.52
Niı	-4.55 ± 0.14	-4.90 ± 0.11			10		6.23
Srш	≤ -5.10	≤ -5.25	≤ -4.94	≤ -5.09	1	0.01	2.92

(Caffau et al. 2011, 2012)

modeling the formation of the first/second stares





Temperature (K)



time [yr]







Figure 1: Density evolution in a 120 AU region around the first protostar, showing the build-up of the protostellar disk and its eventual fragmentation. We also see 'wakes' in the low-density regions, produced by the previous passage of the spiral arms.



Most recent calculations: fully sink-less simulations, following the disk build-up over ~10 years (resolving the protostars - first cores - down to 10^5 km ~ 0.01 R_☉)



density

temperature

expected mass spectrum



Greif et al. 2011, ApJ, 737, 75, Clark et al. 2011b, Science, 331, 1040, Smith et al. 2011, MNRAS, 414, 3633, Dopcke et al., 2013, ApJ, 766, 103

expected mass spectrum

- expected IMF is flat and covers a wide range of masses
- implications
 - because slope > -2, most mass is in massive objects as predicted by most previous calculations
 - most high-mass Pop III stars should be in binary systems
 --> source of high-redshift gamma-ray bursts
 - because of ejection, some *low-mass objects* (< 0.8 M_☉) might have *survived* until today and could potentially be found in the Milky Way
- consistent with abundance patterns found in second generation stars



⁽Joggerst et al. 2009, 2010)



The metallicities of extremely metal-poor stars in the halo are consistent with the yields of core-collapse supernovae, i.e. progenitor stars with 20 - 40 M_{\odot}

(e.g. Tominaga et al. 2007, Izutani et al. 2009, Joggerst et al. 2009, 2010)

primordial star formation

- just like in present-day SF, we expect
 - turbulence
 - thermodynamics (i.e. heating vs. cooling)
 - feedback
 - magnetic fields

to influence first star formation.



- masses of first stars still uncertain, but we expect a wide mass range with typical masses of several 10s of M_{\odot}
- disks unstable: first stars in binaries or part of small clusters
- current frontier: include feedback and magnetic fields and possibly dark matter annihilation...
primordial star formation

- from present-day star formation theory we know, that
 - magnetic fields: Peters et al. 2011, Seifried et al. 2012, Hennebelle et al. 2011
 - accretion heating: Peters et al. 2010, Krumholz et al. 2009, Kuipers et al. 2011
 can influence the fragmentation behavior.
- in the context of Pop III
 - radiation: Hosokawa et al. 2012, Stacy et al. 2012a
 - magnetic fields: Turk et al. 2012, but see also Bovino et al. 2013 Schleicher et al. 2010, Sur et al. 2010, Federrath et al. 2011, Schober et al. 2012ab, 2013
- all these will reduce degree of fragmentation (but not by much, see Rowan Smith et al. 2011, 2012, at least for accretion heating)
- DM annihililation might become important for disk dynamics and fragmentation (Ripamonti et al. 2011, Stacy et al. 2012b, Rowan Smith et al. 2012)

stellar archeology

- if genuine Pop III stars with M<0.8 M_☉ have been formed, they should be still be around !
- could be seen in current (and future) surveys of searching for extremely metal-poor stars
- QUESTION:

can we constrain the *low-mass* end of the primordial IMF?

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Figure 1. Roadmap, illustrating our model, with references to the relevant sections and equations. Based on the merger tree, we check which haloes are able to form Pop III stars. These checks include the critical mass, the absence of dynamical heating due to mergers, no pollution by metals and the strength of the LW background. We assign an individual number of Pop III stars to each successful halo and determine the influence on their environment. The contribution of Pop I/II star formation is modelled based on the analytical cosmic star formation history. By comparing to existing observations, we can calibrate our model parameters. Finally, we derive a prediction for the number of Pop III survivors in the Milky Way and determine constraints on the primordial IMF.

stellar archeology

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