### External Enrichment as a Pathway to Metal-Poor Star Formation

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### Purpose: understand the Pop III to Pop II transition



# The First Pop II Stars: knowns and unknowns

- \* 2 critical metallicities are they both relevant?
  - \* 10-5.5 Zo: physical minimum
  - \* 10<sup>-3.5</sup> Zo: most MP stars in MW
- \* How/when do we reach these metallicities?
  - \* enrichment mechanisms
  - \* physical conditions of SF
- What is necessary for fragmentation?
  - \* metals
  - \* turbulence



Where do the most metal-poor stars come from?

### Pop2Prime: metal-enriched stars in a cosmological context

- \* Enzo: open-source AMR
- \* Cosmology: 0.5 Mpc/h box  $10^7 M_{\odot}$  halo at z = 10.
- \* Resolution:
  - \* 1  $M_{\odot}$  dark matter particles.
  - \* AMR: spatial resolution ~ 1 AU.
- \* Physics and models:
  - \* Star particles: 40 M $_{\odot}$  Pop III star t<sub>ms</sub> = 3.86 Myr, core-collapse SN (1  $\beta$ ).
  - \* Adaptive ray-tracing rad. hydro.
  - Non-eq. H/D/He chemistry, dust, metal cooling with Grackle.
- \* Run until collapse with  $Z > 10^{-6} Z_{\odot}$ .



# Grackle: chemistry and cooling as a resource

- Non-eq. H/D/He/dust chemistry, heavy element cooling, UV radiation backgrounds, self-shielding,...
- Library with stable APIs for C, C++, Fortran, Python: used in >14 codes.
- \* Optimized and OpenMP parallel.
- Community developed.
- Access to established models, updated rates.
- Disseminate your research, be credited for it.

#### grackle 3.1 documentation NEXT INDEX Welcome to grackle's documentation! Grackle is a chemistry and radiative cooling library for astrophysical sir Grackle has interfaces for C, C++, Fortran, and Python codes and provid two options for primordial chemistry and cooling: non-equilibrium primordial chemistry network for atomic H, D, b as H<sub>2</sub> and HD, including H<sub>2</sub> formation on dust grains. 2. tabulated H and He cooling rates calculated with the photo-ic Cloudy. tabulated metal cooling rates calculated with <u>Cloudy</u>. • photo-heating and photo-ionization from two UV backgrounds: 1. Faucher-Giguere et al. (2009). 2. Haardt & Madau (2012). 10 support for user-provided arrays 10<sup>8</sup> The Grackle provides functions t update internal energy; and calcula heats (gamma). ∑ <sub>10<sup>5</sup></sub> Contents: $10^{4}$ Installation 10 Dependencies 10<sup>2</sup> Downloading $10^{1} \\ 10^{-6} \\ 10^{-5} \\ 10^{-4} \\ 10^{-3} \\ 10^{-2} \\ 10^{-1} \\ 10^{0} \\ 10^{1} \\ 10^{2} \\ 10^{3} \\ 10^{4} \\ 10^{4} \\ 10^{$ n [cm<sup>-3</sup>]

Smith et al. (2017)

grackle.readthedocs.io

#### ytree: yt for tree data



- merger-tree data from multiple formats
  - \* Amiga Halo Finder
  - \* Consistent-trees/Rockstar
  - \* LHaloTree
- Create merger trees for Gadget FoF/SUBFIND
- incremental tree building, on-demand field loading, derived fields, symbolic units
- re-save trees in optimized format

ytree.readthedocs.io (Smith and Lang, 2018)



#### External Enrichment



#### External Enrichment



![](_page_8_Figure_2.jpeg)

- Prompt star formation after enrichment: ~25 Myr
- \* Star formation from a single Pop III progenitor: Z ~  $2x10^{-5} Z_{\odot}$

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### Collapse and Fragmentation

![](_page_9_Figure_1.jpeg)

# Fragmentation and Physical Conditions $(10^{-5} Z_{\odot})$

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Smith et al. (2015)

# External Enrichment: slightly bigger picture

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# Fragmentation and Physical Conditions ( $10^{-3} Z_{\odot}$ )

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#### Metal Enrichment by Pop III

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#### Enrichment of Starless Mini-halos

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![](_page_17_Figure_0.jpeg)

### Summary

- \* Check these out/get involved:
  - \* grackle.readthedocs.io
  - \* ytree.readthedocs.io

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- Prompt metal-enriched star formation after a single Pop III SN is possible, but it might be rare.
- \* Low mass fragmentation needs dust even at gas-phase Z<sub>cr</sub>.
- \* Singly enriched halos may form stars with a range of metallicities. Not all single-progenitor stars are low-Z.
- \* Halos impacted by multiple blast-waves have a range of metallicities. Not all low-Z stars have a single progenitor.