



## *very* heavy elements in the early Universe

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## Possible way to constrain Nature of the First Stellar Generations:

# The oldest stars in our Galaxy formed from the gas ejected by the First Stars

Massive Stars – short lifetimes



Low mass stars – long lifetimes



The Sun

Core collapse Supernova

**First polluters in the Universe** 

#### **Imprints of the First stars**

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### Where are the oldest fossil stars in the MW?







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## First Stars: fast rotators?

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#### **Stellar Rotation:**

Can explain observed stellar properties that models without rotation/mass-loss cannot (e.g. departure from spherical form)



0.001

 $R_{e}/R_{p}=1.5$ 

#### Low metals: stars rotate faster (more compact)

0.001

In the Early Universe

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Fast Rotation
Mixing inside star

Image: Start Start



# How to predict the chemical enrichment?

#### **Chemical evolution models!**

Models for the chemical evolution of galaxies are not self-consistent but they have a predictive power (and are extremely fast). They need to assume the infall of gas, the collapse of gas and metals into stars (*star formation*), the *synthesis of new elements* within these stars, and the subsequent release of metal-enriched gas as stars lose mass and die. An additional feature can be the <u>outflow of gas</u> from the system.

**Cosmological simulations** with a detailed chemical enrichment treatment are a promising way. Simulations are time demanding and they need anyway a faster tool to check our nucleosynthesis and

"Is it really a Milky Way-like galaxy? (cit. Matteucci)



Preliminary results obtained at AIP with C. Scannapieco for a isolated DM halo



## **MDF of the Galactic halo**

Comparison between our halo model (see Chiappini+ 2006) Basic ingredients: Gaussian infall (tau=250Myr), outflow ~ SF, Scalo IMF

and the observed MDF by Li+ (2010) main-sequence turnoff stars in the HESS (Hamburg ESO survey)





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## **Empirical yields for r-process**

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## **Results for Barium**

By construction of the yields themselves, it fits the data...

#### BUT

This homogenous model cannot be used to have an insight of the spread observed in the halo stars, only the trend is recovered.







α-elements do not show scatter whereas the neutron capture elements do show a lareg spread...

In this case, it is shown the results for sample of halo stars, measured homogeneously by the same authors.



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Problem to solve:

The neutron capture elements at low metallicities show spread whereas  $\alpha$ -elements (O, Ca, Si, Mg) do not Main assumptions:

A random formation of new stars subjects to the condition that the cumulative mass distribution follows a given initial mass function;

 $\alpha$ -elements and neutron capture elements are produced with different dependence to the stellar mass:

- shallow dependence to the mass for  $\alpha$ -elements
- peaked and strong mass dependent for neutron capture elements

## Inhomogeneous chemical evolution model for the halo of the Milky Way

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We divide the halo in boxes each one of the typical size of 200 pc and we treat each box as isolate from the other boxes.



Inside each box, we simulate for 1 Gyr the chemical enrichment.

The main parameters are the same as those of the homogeneous model but in each box the masses of the formed stars are different and this fact produces different enrichments.

## **Inhomogenous model for Ba**

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The homogeneous model with the empirical yields fits the data but cannot explain the spread...

We run the inhomogenous model (Cescutti '08) with the new yields



We can reproduce the [Ba/Fe] spread...

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halo stars:

normal

cemp-s

cemp-no

## **NO spread for alphas!!!**

With standard yields for alpha the inhomogeneous model does not predict spread (less than the data!!!)



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## Puzzling result for the "heavy to light" n.c. element ratio

For Sr yields: scaled Ba yields according to the r-process signature of the solar system (Sneden+ 08)



It is impossible to reproduce the data, assuming only the r-process component, enriching at low metallicity. Well known issue (see Sneden+ 2003, François+ 2007)

> halo stars: normal cemp-s cemp-no



## Signatures of Fast Rotators found in the Galactic Halo

- (1) Large amounts of N in the early Universe (Chiappini et al. 2006 A&A Letters)
- (2) Increase in the C/O ratio in the early Universe
- (3) Large amounts of <sup>13</sup>C in the early Universe (Chiappini et al. 2008 A&A Letters)
- (4) Early production of Be and B by cosmic ray spallation (Prantzos 2012)



Early production of neutron capture elements through a boosted s-process (Sr,Ba,...)

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## s-Process from fast rotators

+ standard r-process site (the 2 productions are decoupled!)

Boosted models:  $V_{ini}/V_{crit}=0.5$ & 0.1 of the reaction rate by Caughlan & Fowler '88 for <sup>17</sup>O ( $\alpha$ ,  $\gamma$ )

Boosted s-process from fast rotators assumed only for [Fe/H]<-3



Cescutti et al. (2013)

s-process from spinstars provide a solution!



halo stars: normal cemp-s cemp-no

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The spinstars scenario naturally produces also a prediction on the Ba isotopic ratio in halo star.



Challenging to check these predictions. See results by Magain (1995) & Gallagher+(2012)



## Conclusions

### Fast rotating massive stars

(3)

## Solution for 4 signatures in the early Universe



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## Models predict a boosted s-process

## <u>5th signature</u>: The boosted s-process can solve the puzzle of Sr/Ba

In the Early Universe the stars were fast rotators!(?)



## The true r-process site?

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# What's going on in the other fossil early Universe - the Bulge?

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Inhomogeneous model for the Bulge -Soon first preliminary results, stay tuned