

First Stars and their Local Relics

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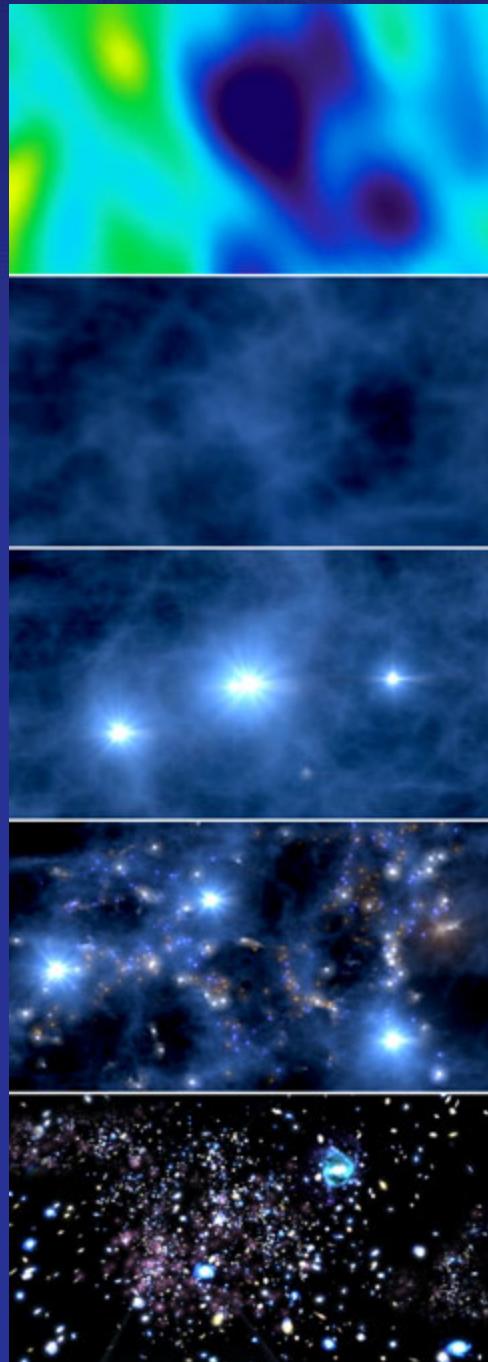
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Sequence of events

At $z=1000$ the Universe has cooled down to 3000 K. Hydrogen becomes neutral (“Recombination”).



At $z < 20$ the first “PopIII” star (clusters)/small galaxies form.

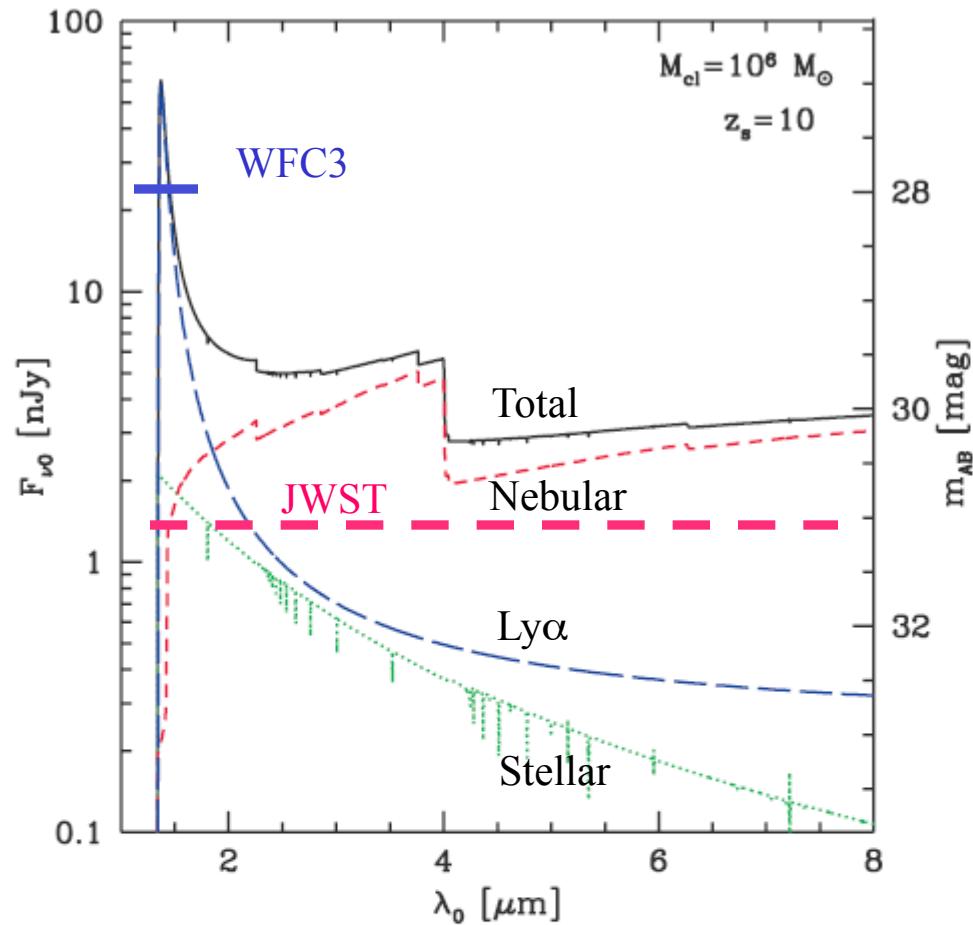
At $z \sim 6-15$ these gradually photo-ionize the hydrogen in the IGM (“Reionization”).

At $z < 6$ galaxies form most of their stars and grow by merging.

At $z < 1$ massive galaxy clusters are assembled.

Time
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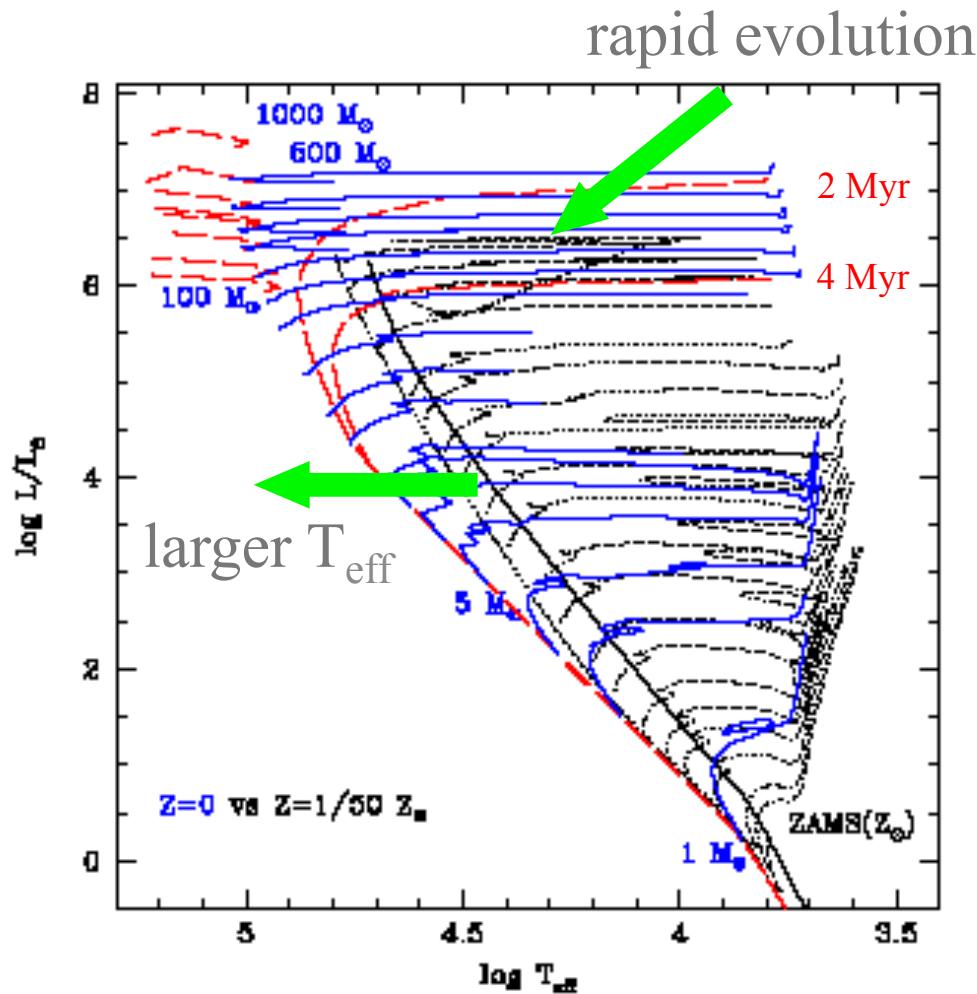
DIRECT DETECTABILITY



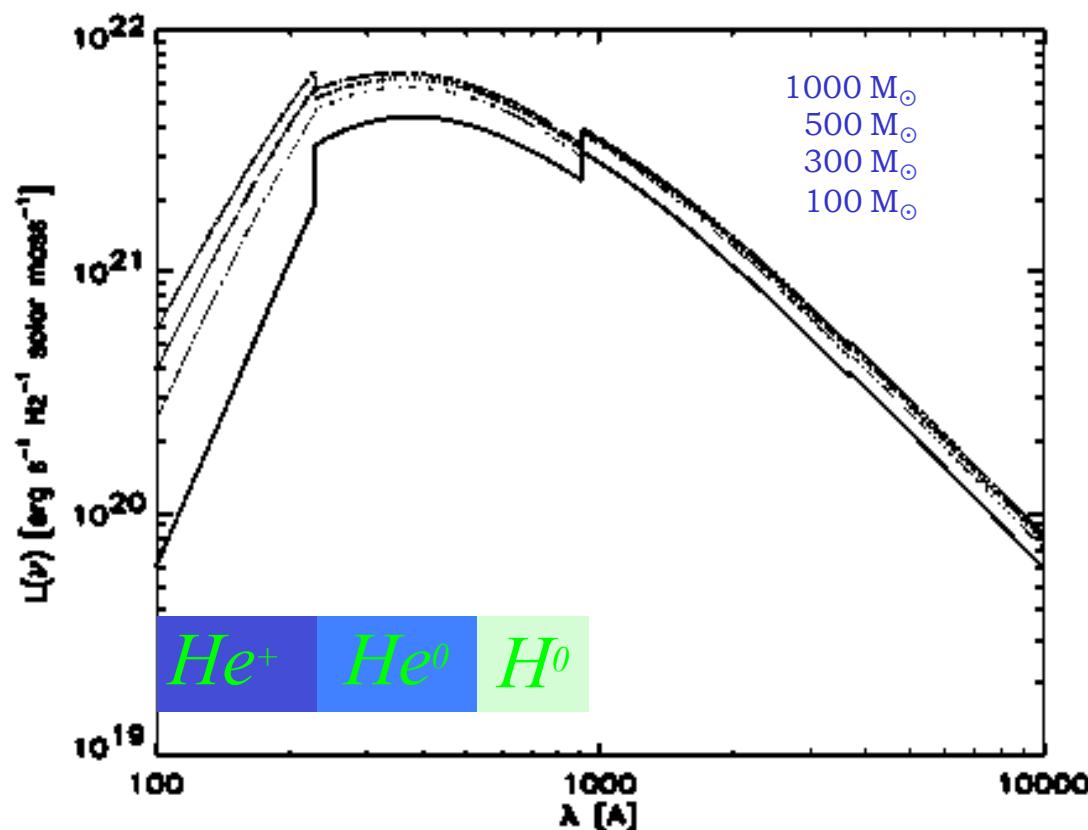
Pop III cluster

 $M = 10^6 M_{\odot}$
 $z = 10$
 $M_* = 300 M_{\odot}$

STELLAR TRACKS



EMISSION SPECTRUM



IONIZING POWER

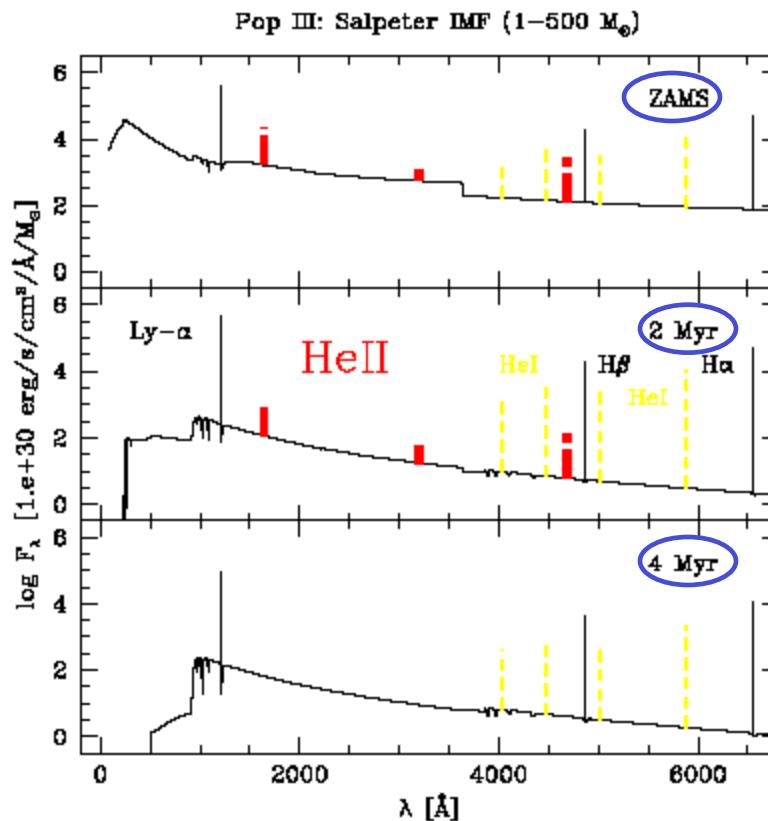
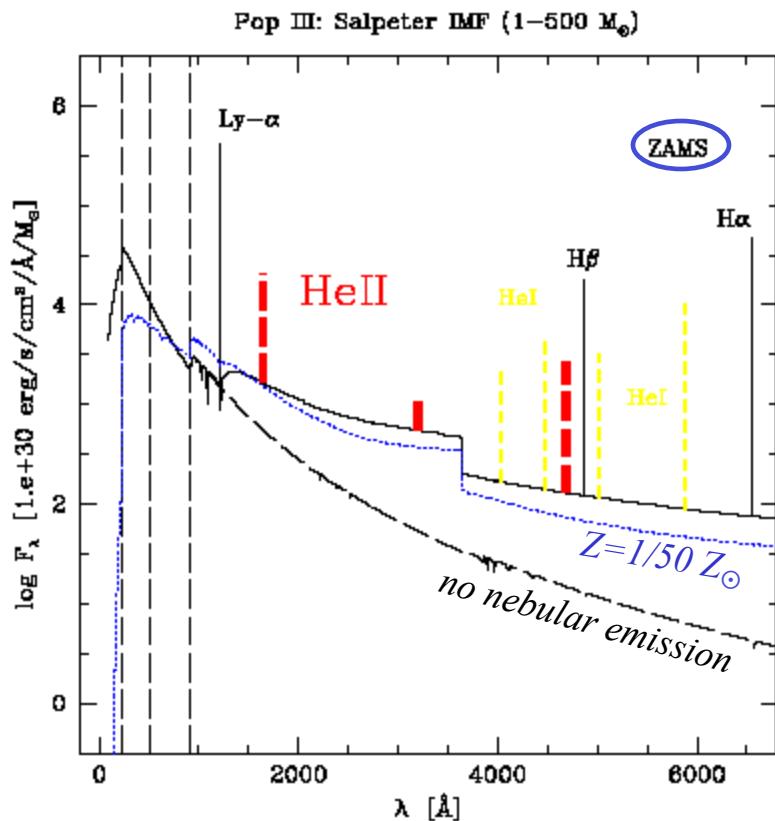
$$Q_i = 4\pi R_*^2 q_i = 4\pi R_*^2 \int_{\nu_i}^{\infty} \frac{F_\nu}{h\nu} d\nu, \quad \bar{Q}_i(M) = \frac{\int_0^{t_*(M)} Q_i(t, M) dt}{t_*(M)},$$

Time-averaged quantities

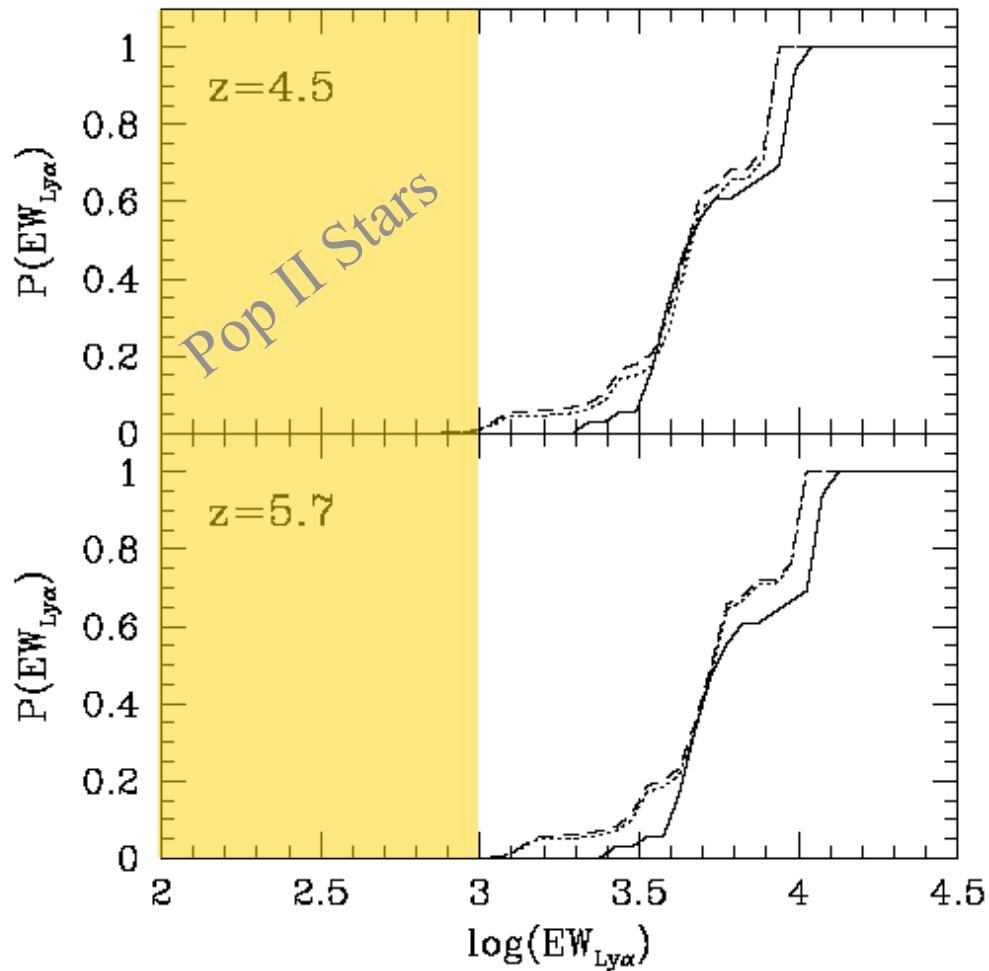
M_{ini}	lifetime	$\bar{Q}(\text{H})$	$\bar{Q}(\text{He}^0)$	$\bar{Q}(\text{He}^+)$	$\bar{Q}(\text{H}_2)$	$\bar{Q}(\text{He}^0)/\bar{Q}(\text{H})$	$\bar{Q}(\text{He}^+)/\bar{Q}(\text{H})$
1000.		not available					
500.00	1.899E+06	6.802E+50	3.858E+50	5.793E+49	7.811E+50	0.567E+00	0.852E-01
400.00	1.974E+06	5.247E+50	3.260E+50	5.567E+49	5.865E+50	0.621E+00	0.106E+00
300.00	2.047E+06	3.754E+50	2.372E+50	4.190E+49	4.182E+50	0.632E+00	0.112E+00
200.00	2.204E+06	2.624E+50	1.628E+50	1.487E+49	2.918E+50	0.621E+00	0.567E-01
120.00	2.521E+06	1.391E+50	7.772E+49	5.009E+48	1.608E+50	0.559E+00	0.360E-01
80.00	3.012E+06	7.730E+49	4.317E+49	1.741E+48	8.889E+49	0.558E+00	0.225E-01
60.00	3.464E+06	4.795E+49	2.617E+49	5.136E+47	5.570E+49	0.546E+00	0.107E-01
40.00	3.864E+06	2.469E+49	1.316E+49	8.798E+46	2.903E+49	0.533E+00	0.356E-02
25.00	6.459E+06	7.583E+48	3.779E+48	3.643E+44	9.387E+48	0.498E+00	0.480E-04
15.00	1.040E+07	1.861E+48	8.289E+47	1.527E+43	2.526E+48	0.445E+00	0.820E-05
9.00	2.022E+07	2.807E+47	7.662E+46	3.550E+41	5.576E+47	0.273E+00	0.126E-05
5.00	6.190E+07	1.848E+45	1.461E+42	1.270E+37	6.281E+46	0.791E-03	0.687E-08

$R_{120/15}$ 0.25 74 94 3×10^5 64 1.25 4390

HE NEBULAR LINES



LYA EW OF POP III STARS

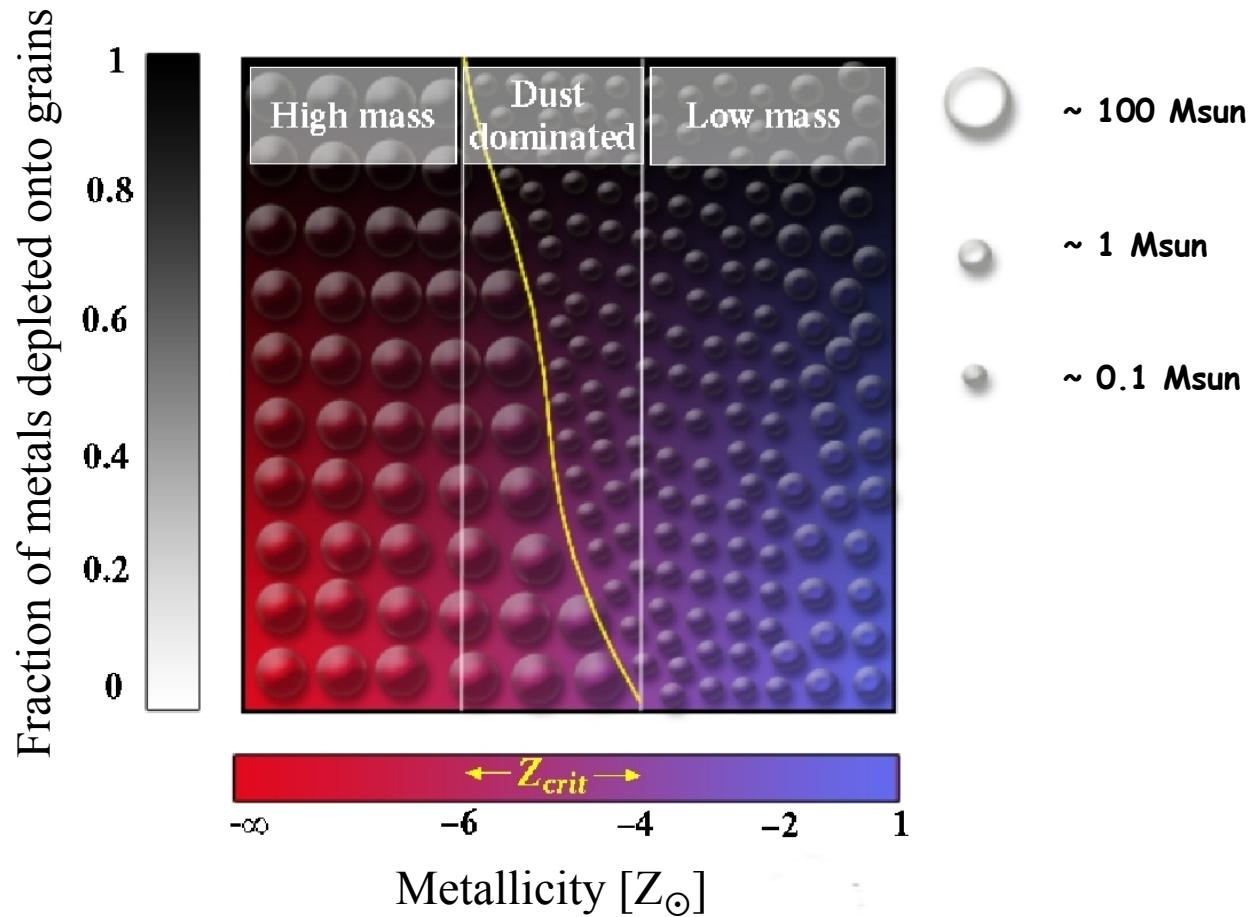


Pop III IMF

Salpeter 50-500 M_⊙Salpeter 1-500 M_⊙

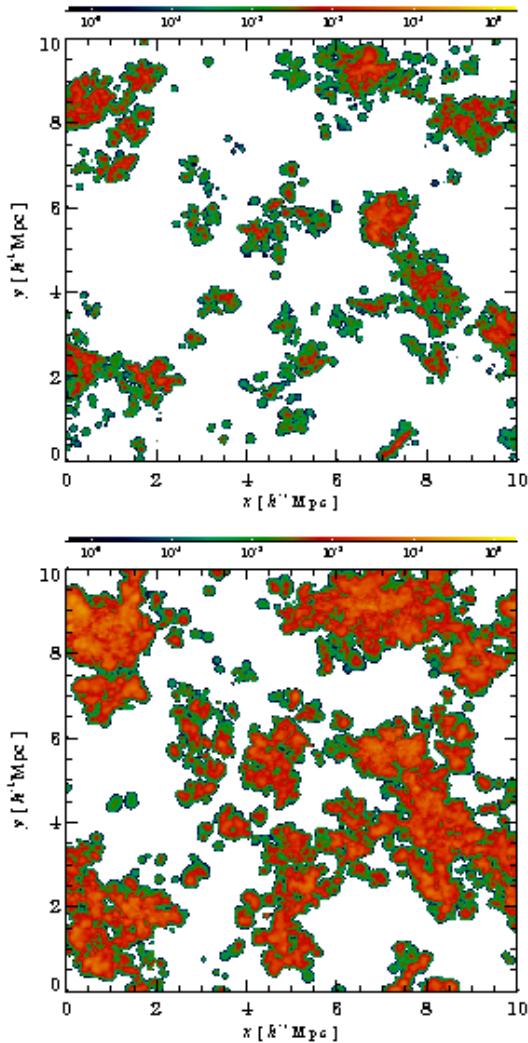
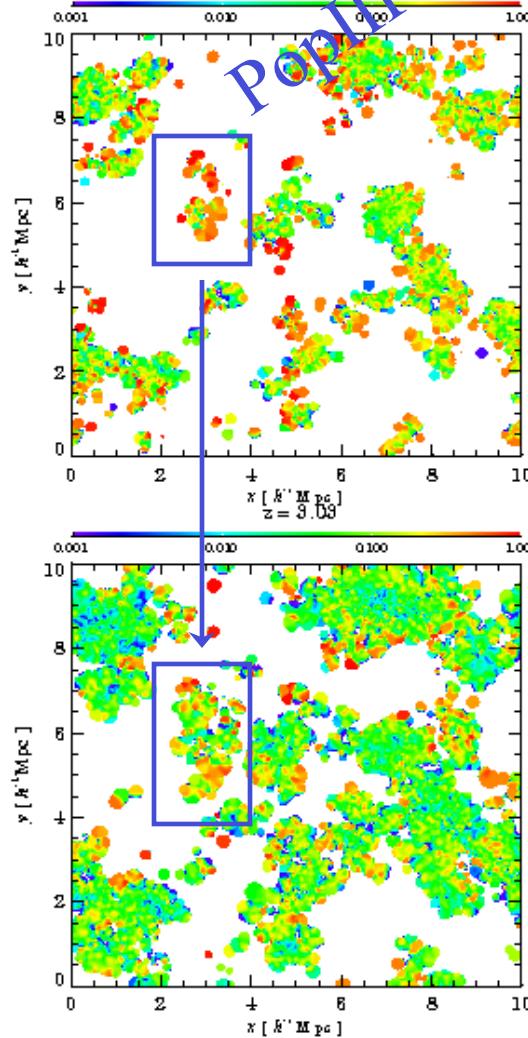
Schneider+ 2002, Schneider+ 2006

MASS OF EARLY STARS



COSMIC POP III/POP II TRANSITION

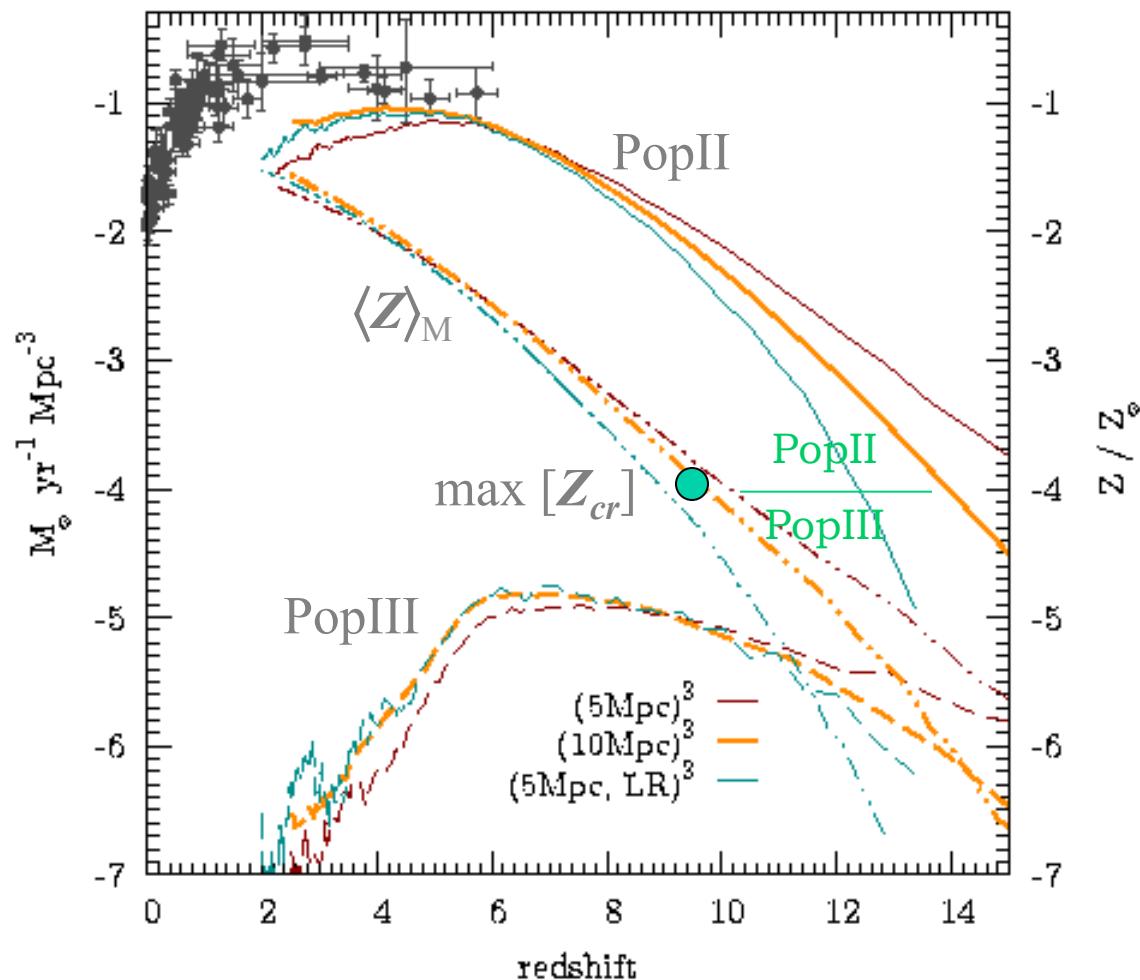
Total Metallicity

 $z=5$  $z=3$  $z=5$ $z=3$

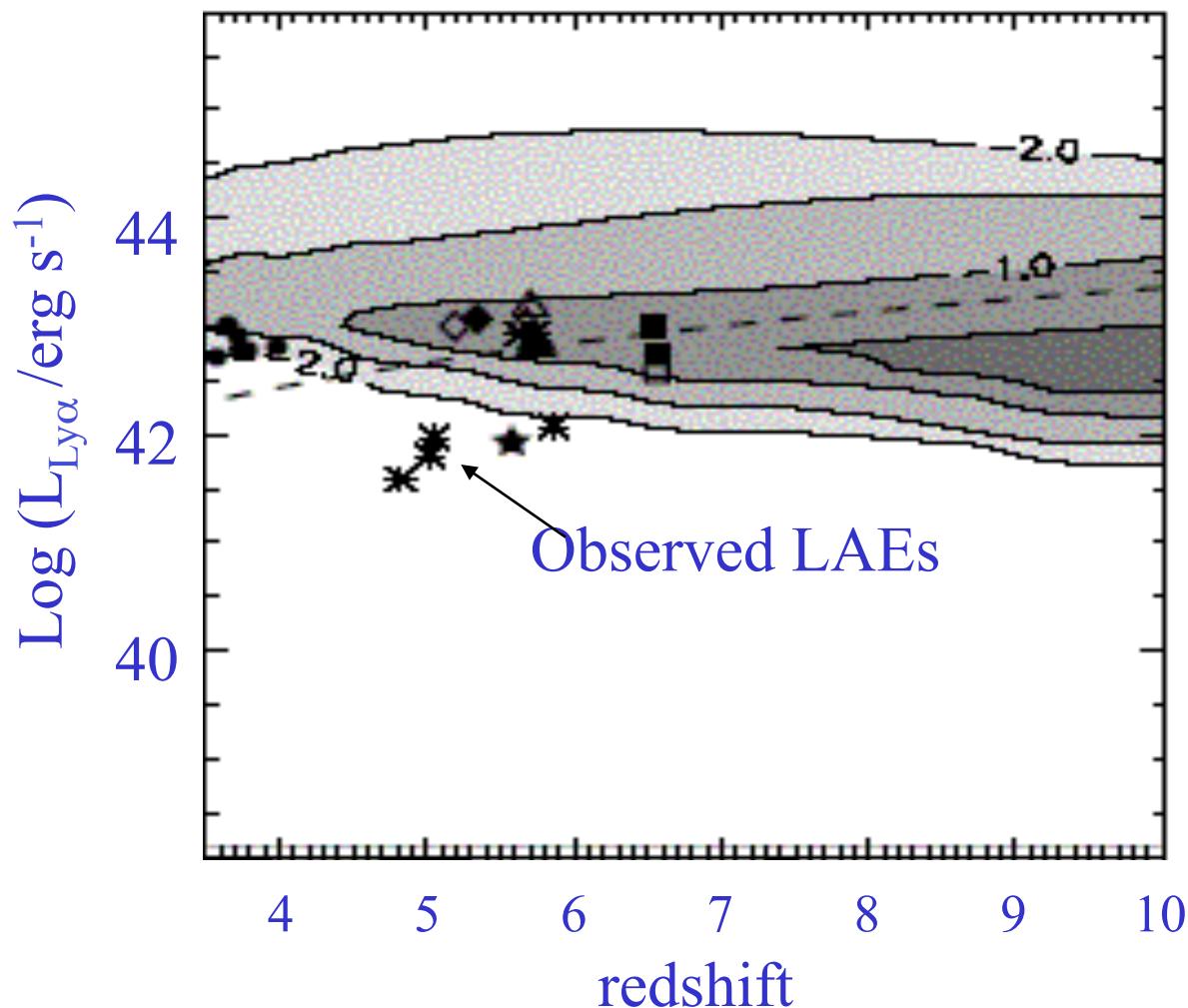
● *Pop III*
● *Pop II*

Fraction of PopIII forming sites

STAR FORMATION RATES



POPIII DETECTION PROBABILITY



AVAILABLE SURVEYS

1. HK

*Started 1980, 300 plates covering 2800 deg^2 (4100 deg^2) in the Northern (Southern) hemisphere,
Plates visual inspection with binocular 10X microscope. Med-red (1 \AA) spectroscopic follow-up
with 2m-class telescopes*

2. Hamburg/ESO Survey (HES)

*Greatly increased numbers. Objective-prism survey, **2 mag deeper than HK**, regions of sky not
sampled by HK. 8225 deg^2 above $|b| = 30^\circ$. Selection using automatic spectral classification.
Medium-res follow-up using 4m-class telescopes, JHK from 2MASS*

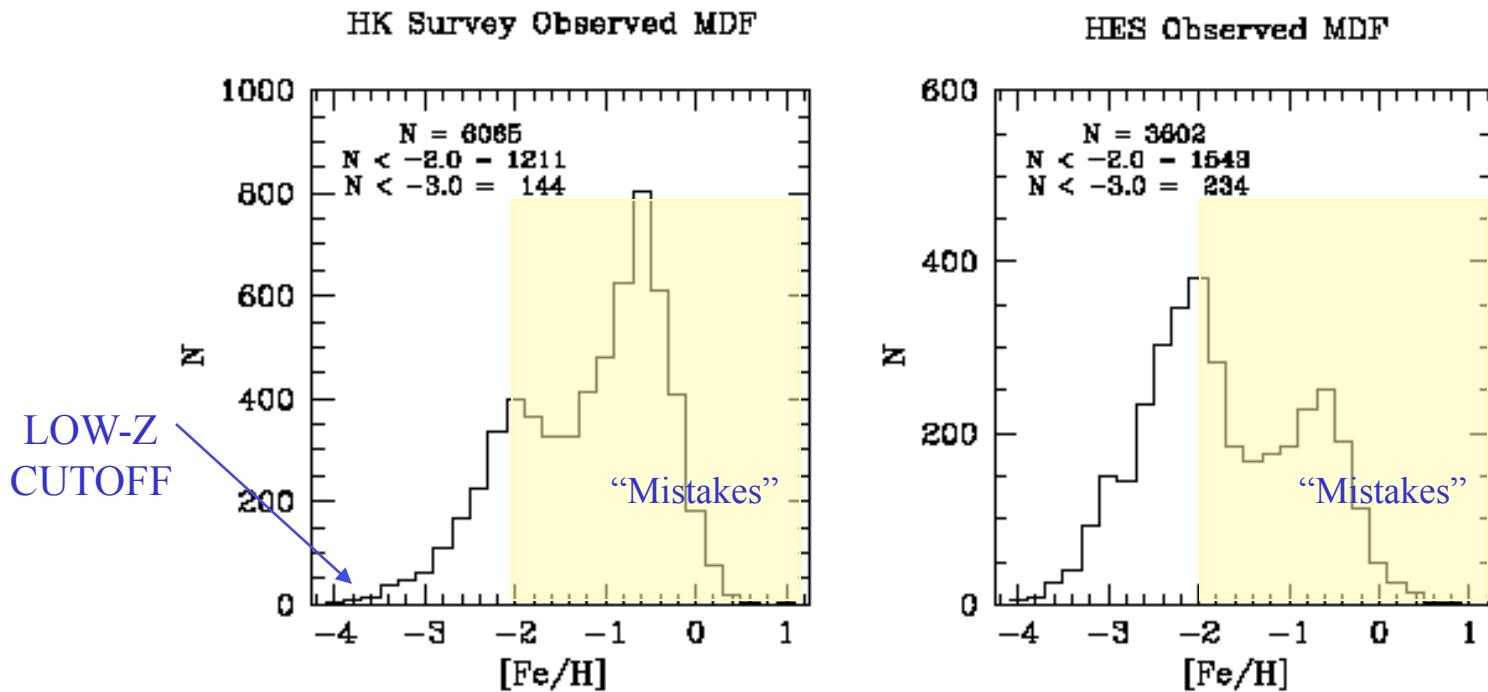
3. Sloan Digital Sky Survey (SDSS)

*Med-res spectra + ugriz photometry for about 70000 stars, not targeted specifically to search for
metal-poor stars, inhomogeneous assembly. Useful to test the tail of MDF*

Table 1. Observational Follow-Up of Surveys

Survey	Spectra	Unique	UBV	JHK
HK	14488	11212	4944	10438
HES	7465	6212	812	5078
SDSS-DR3	71396	~ 70000

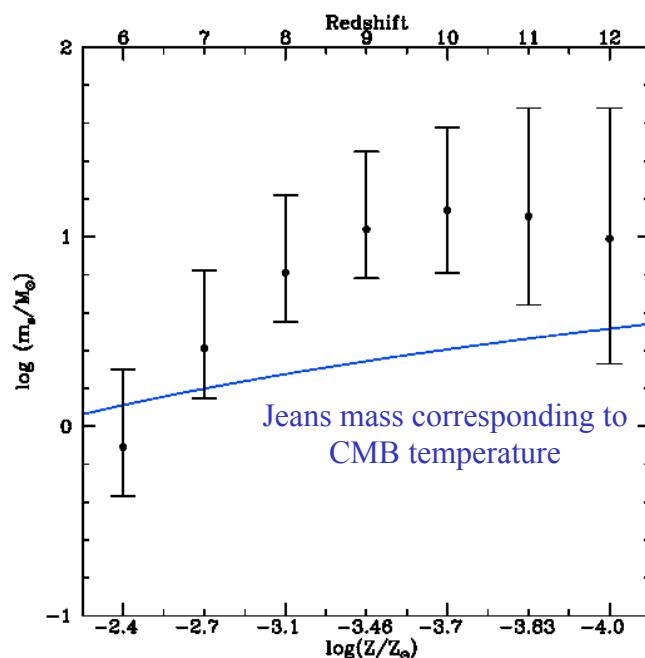
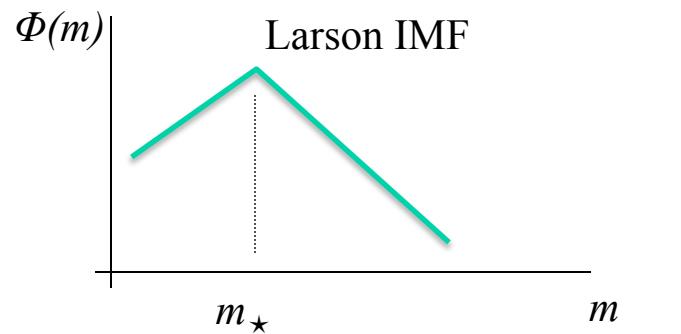
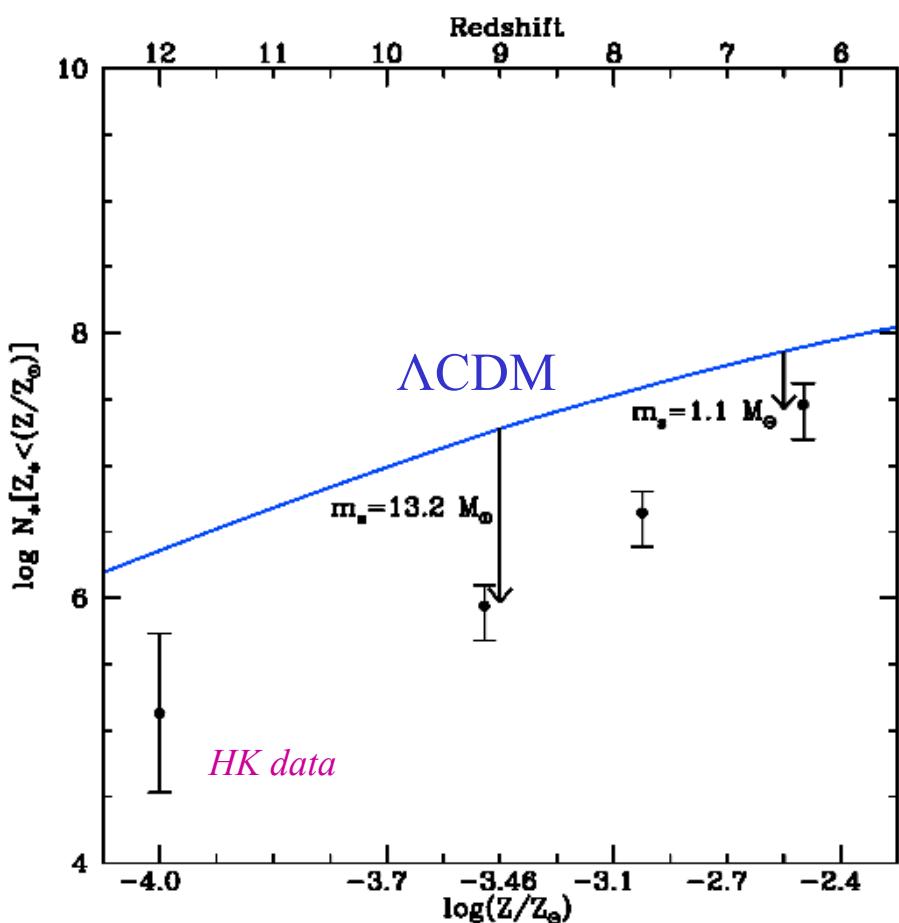
METALLICITY DISTRIBUTION FUNCTION



- Total sample: 2700 stars with $[Fe/H] < -2.0$ and 400 with $[Fe/H] < -3.0$
- Bias due to selection criterion in the range $-2.5 < [Fe/H] < -2.0$
- Possible underestimate of the metallicity of cooler stars; spectrum-by-spectrum analysis.

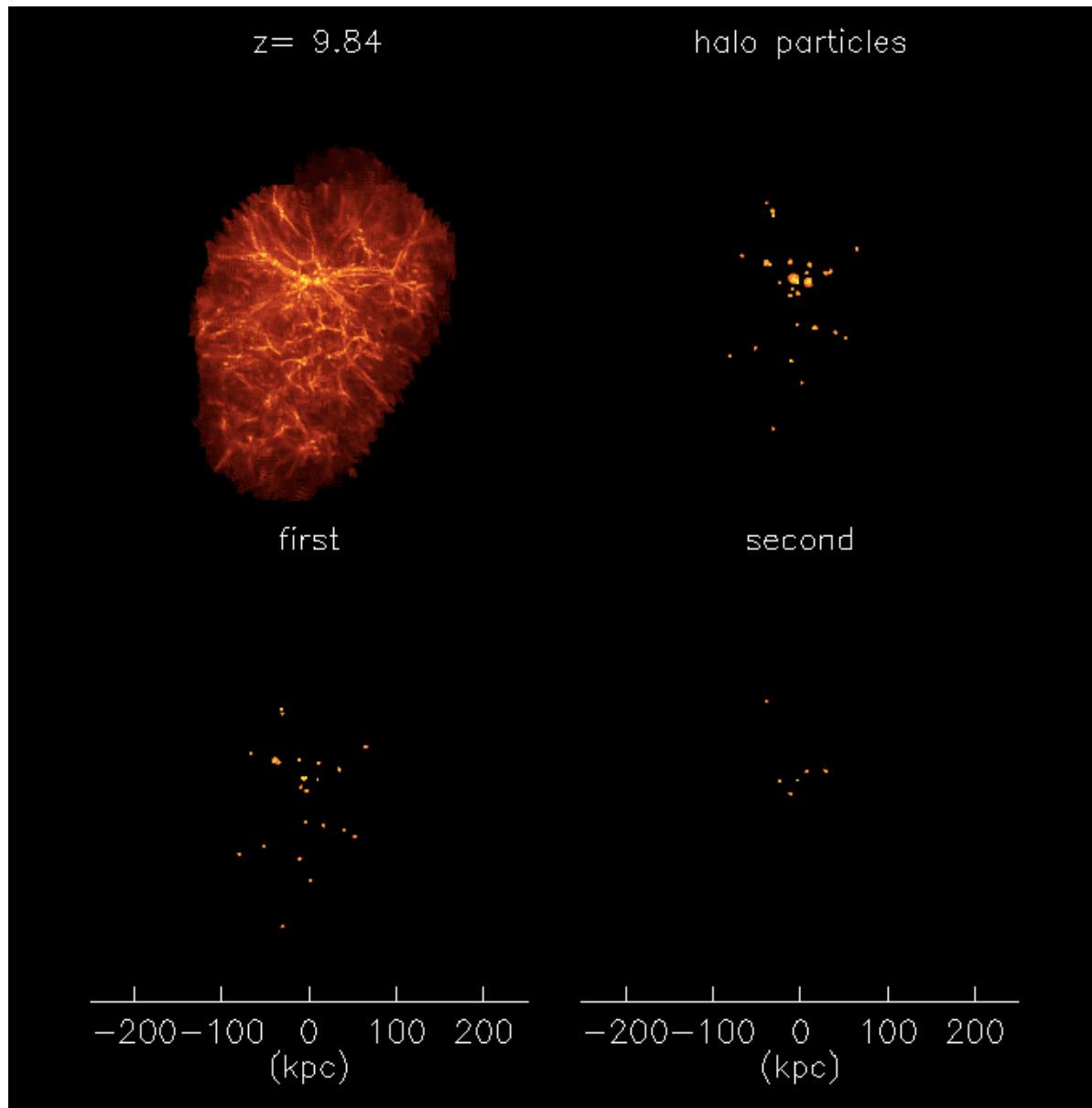
Hernandez & AF 2000

MDF INTERPRETED – I.

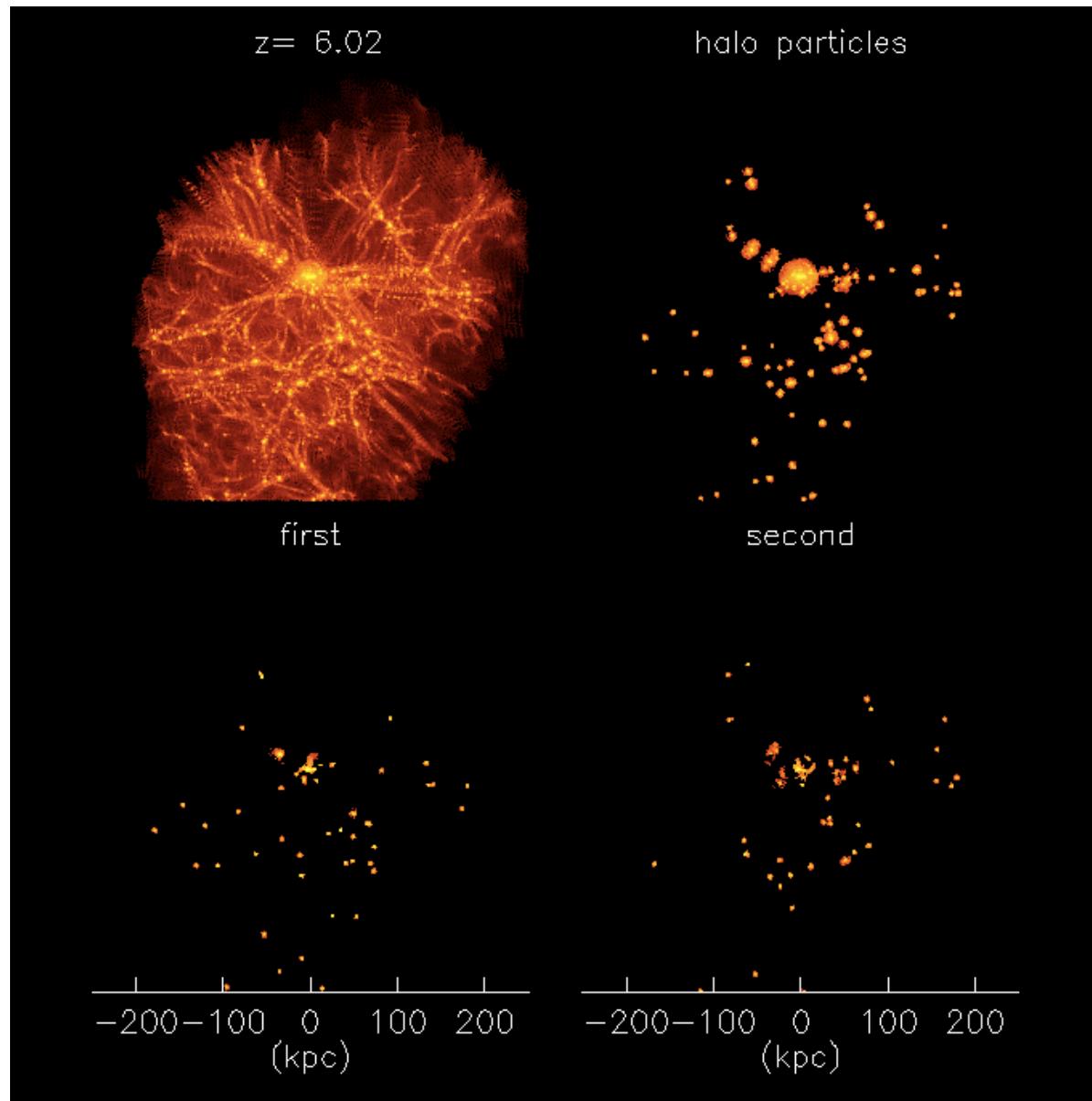


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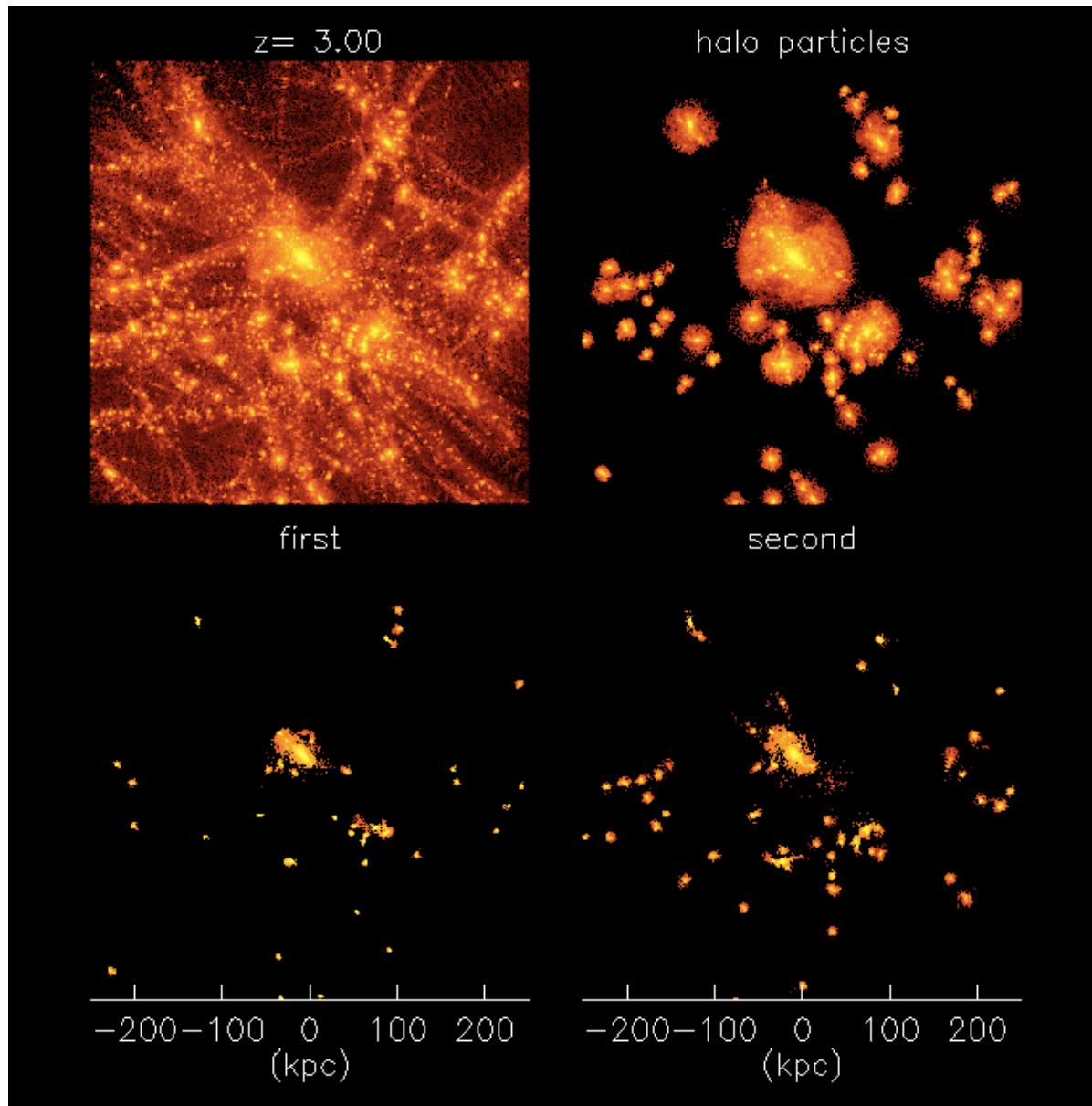
Scannapieco+ 2006



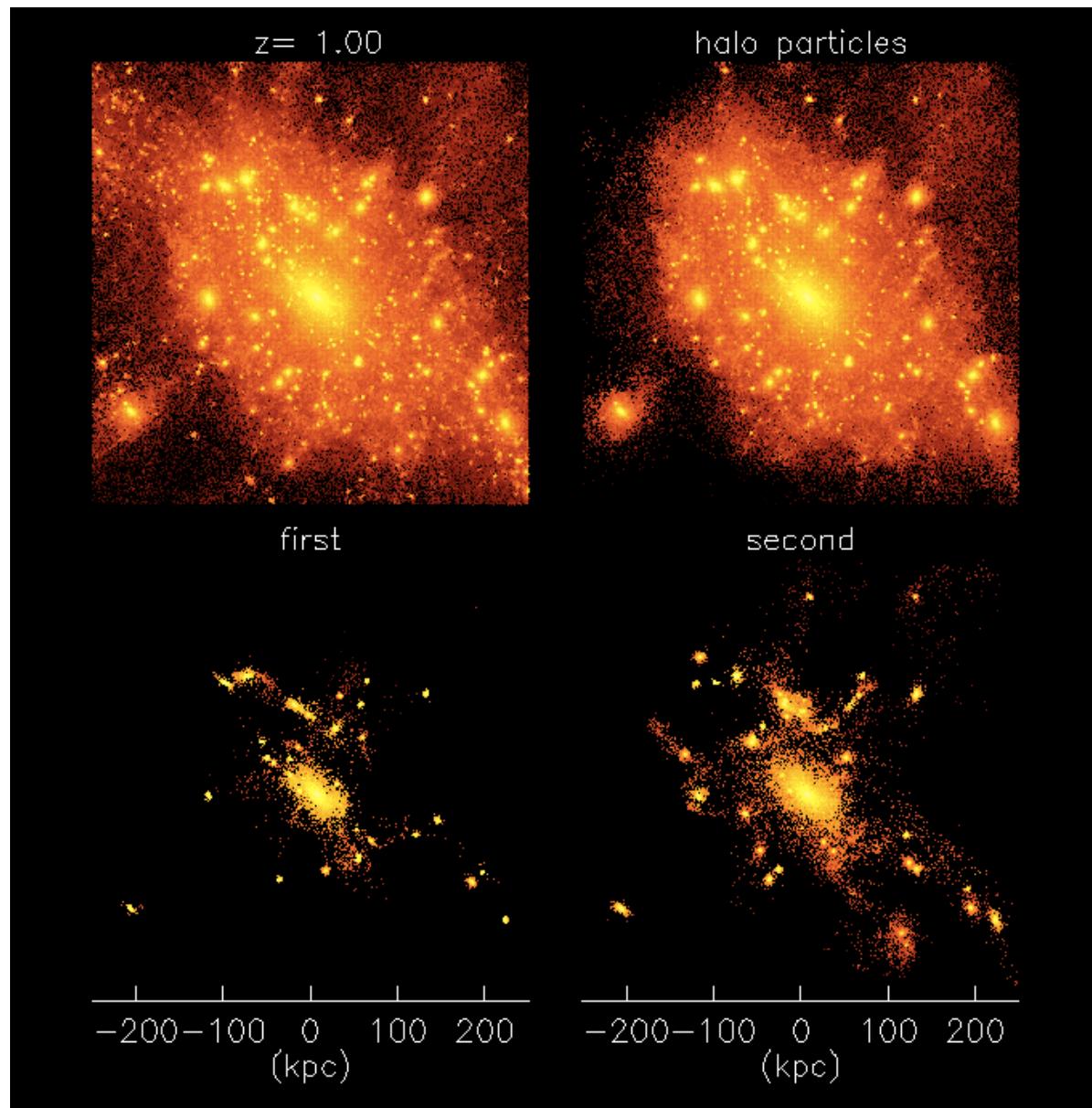
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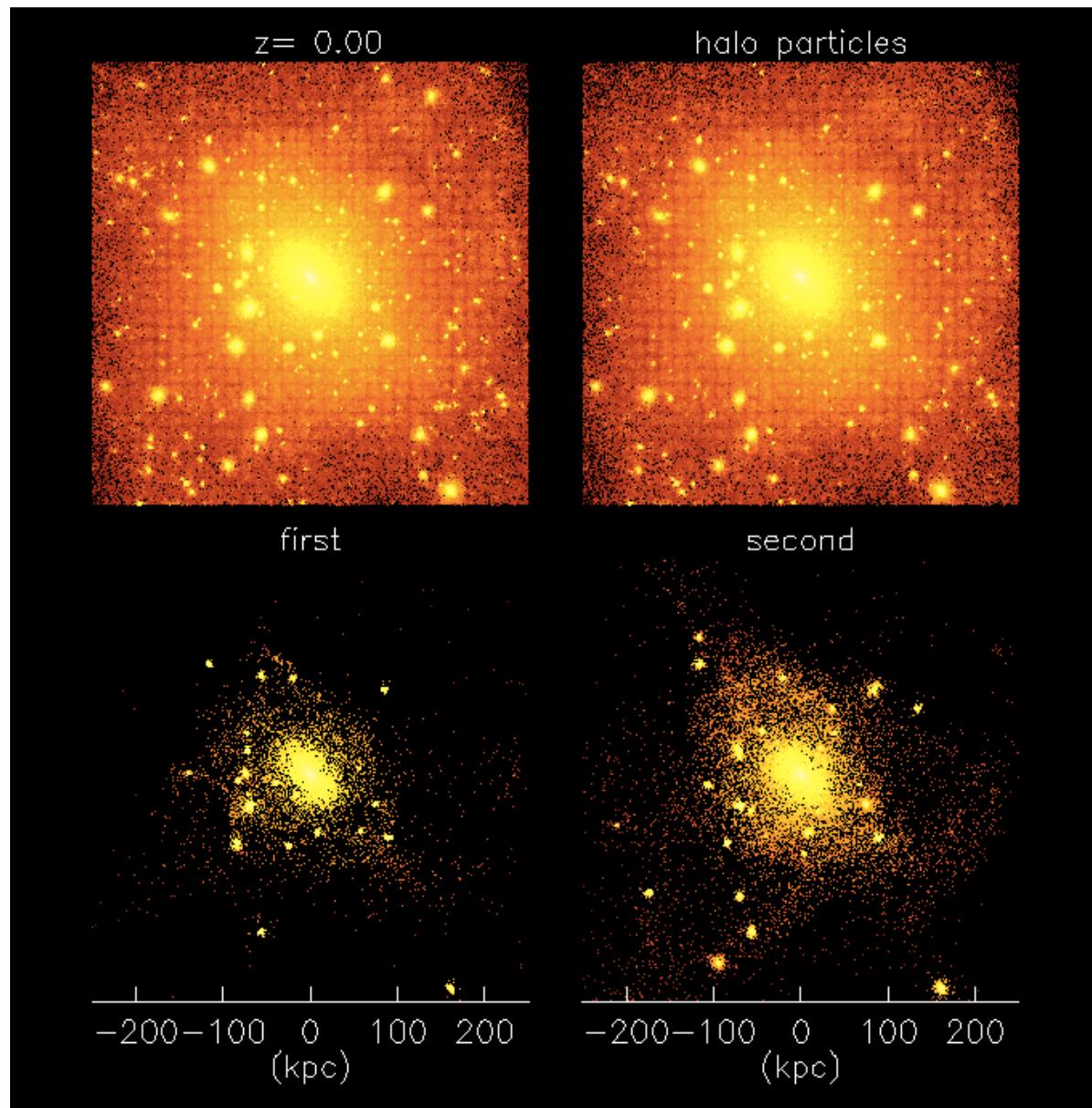
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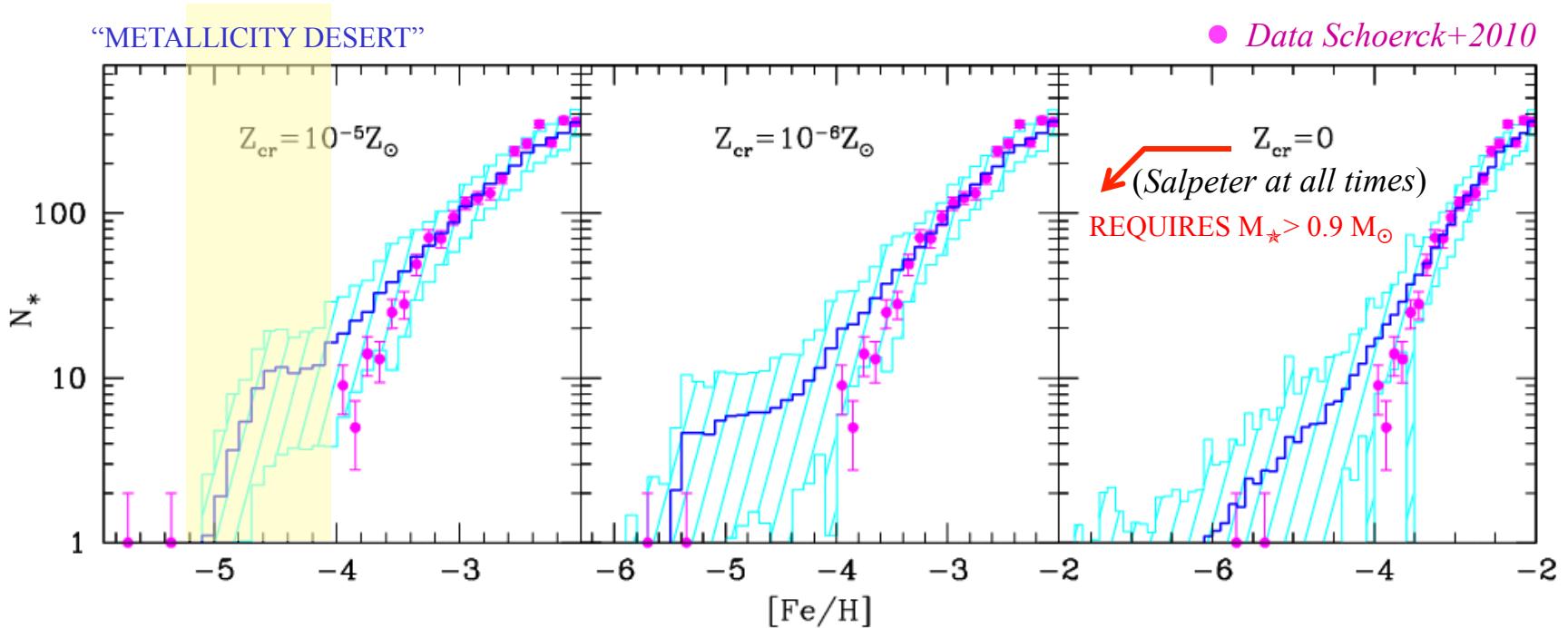
FIRST STARS IN THE MILKY WAY



Salvadori, Schneider, AF 2006, Tumlinson 2006

MDF INTERPRETED – II.

- ✓ Stellar / chemical evolution of the Milky Way based on Λ CDM merger-tree
- ✓ Joint HK/HES Metallicity Distribution Function, 2756 stars with $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] < -2$.

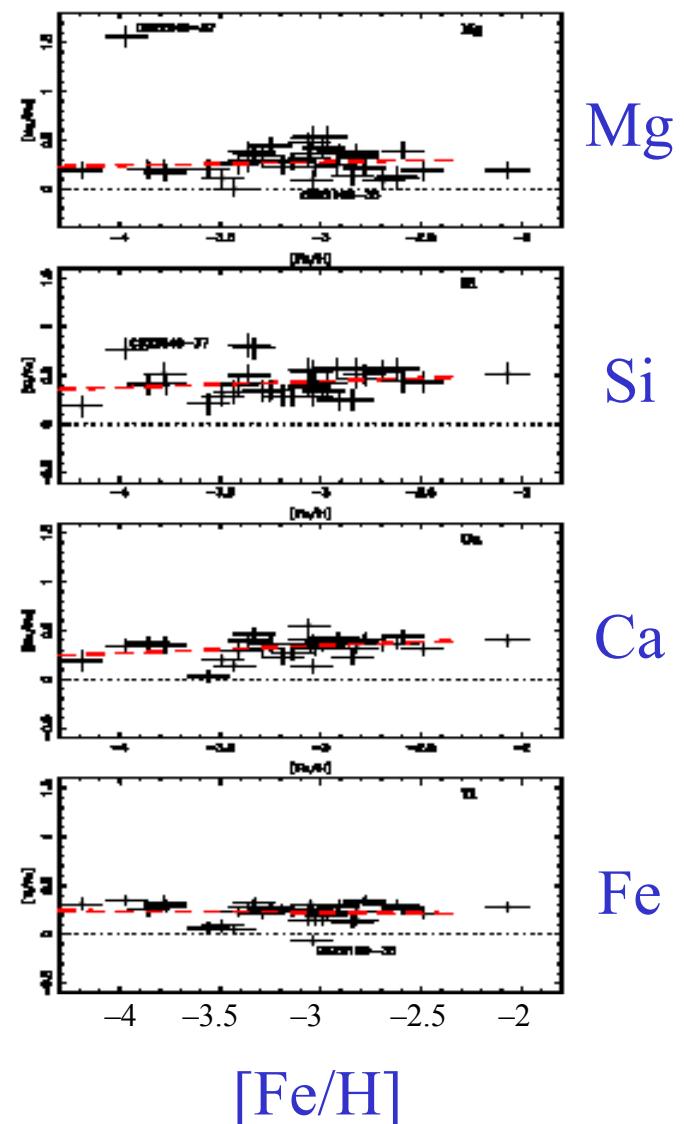


ABUNDANCE PATTERNS

- ✓ 30/35 stars with $-4.1 < [\text{Fe}/\text{H}] < -2.7$
- ✓ 17 elements from C to Zn measured

Very small scatter: $\sigma < 0.05$ dex

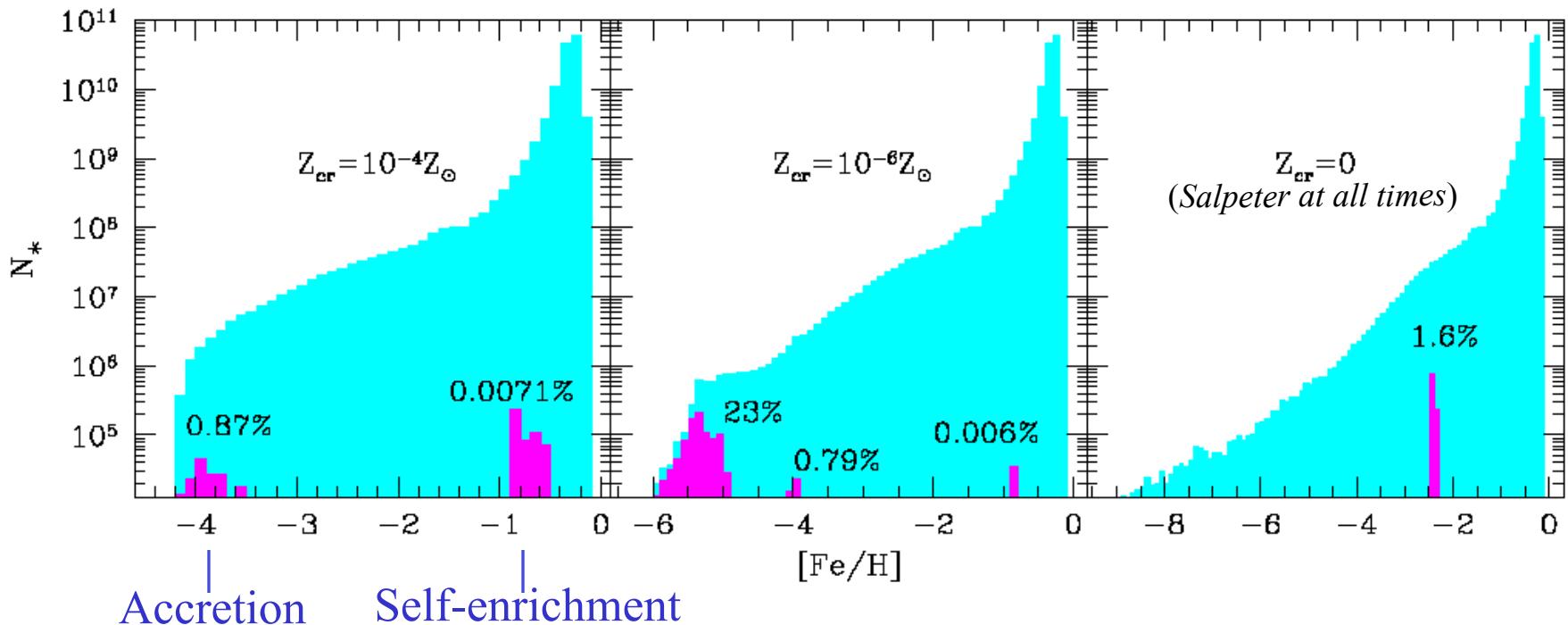
- ▷ Unlikely resulting from *individual* SN ejecta
- ▷ Ratios *do not* match PISN yields



STELLAR RELICS IN THE MILKY WAY

Salvadori, Schneider, AF 2006

SECOND GENERATION STARS



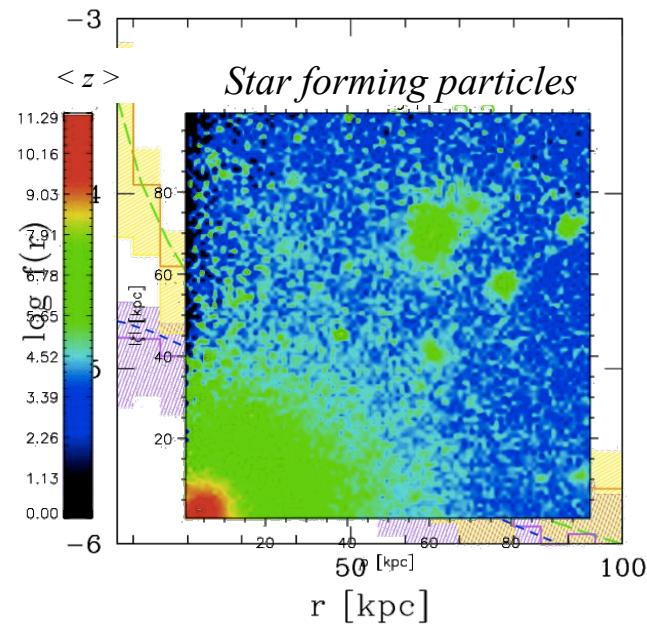
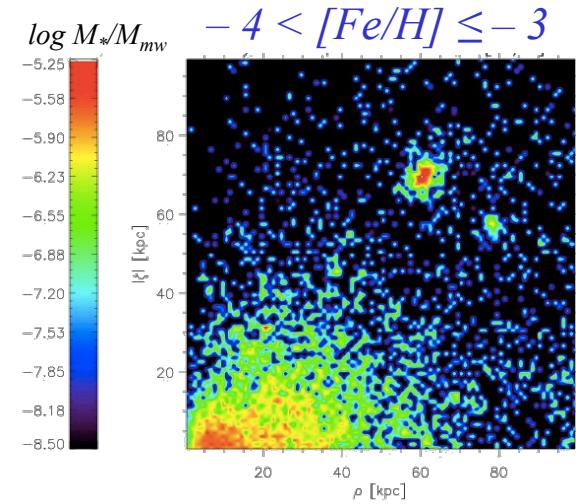
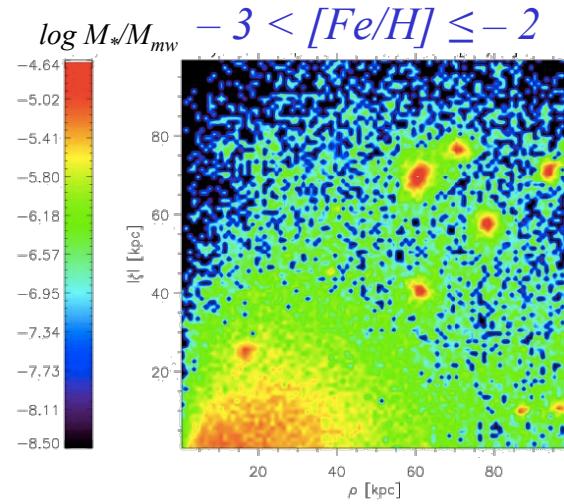
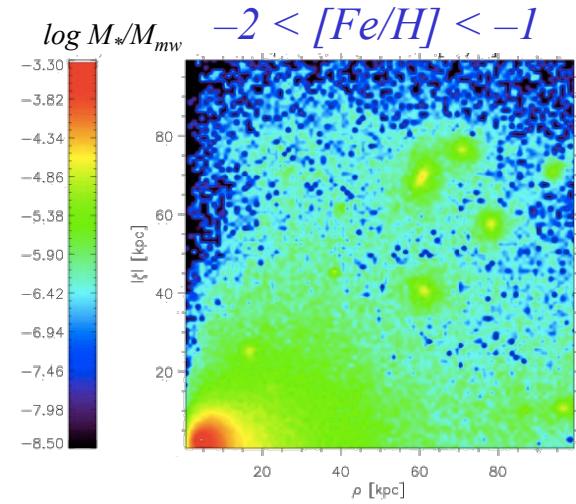
Joint HK/HES sample: 2756 stars with $[Fe/H] < -2$.

Z_{crit}	Expected number of second-generation stars
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STELLAR RELICS IN THE MILKY WAY

Salvadori+2010



The relative contribution of $[\text{Fe}/\text{H}] < -2$ stars increases from 17% for $r < 20$ kpc up to > 40% for $r > 20$ kpc

(Carollo+07/09; DeLucia & Helmi 08; Zolotov+10)

THE MILKY WAY PROGENITORS AS LAES ?

Dayal, Salvadori & AF 2010

80 Monte Carlo realizations

Yellow: all progenitors

Black: major branch

Symbols: LAE progenitors

LAEs selection criteria:

$L_\alpha > 10^{40} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$

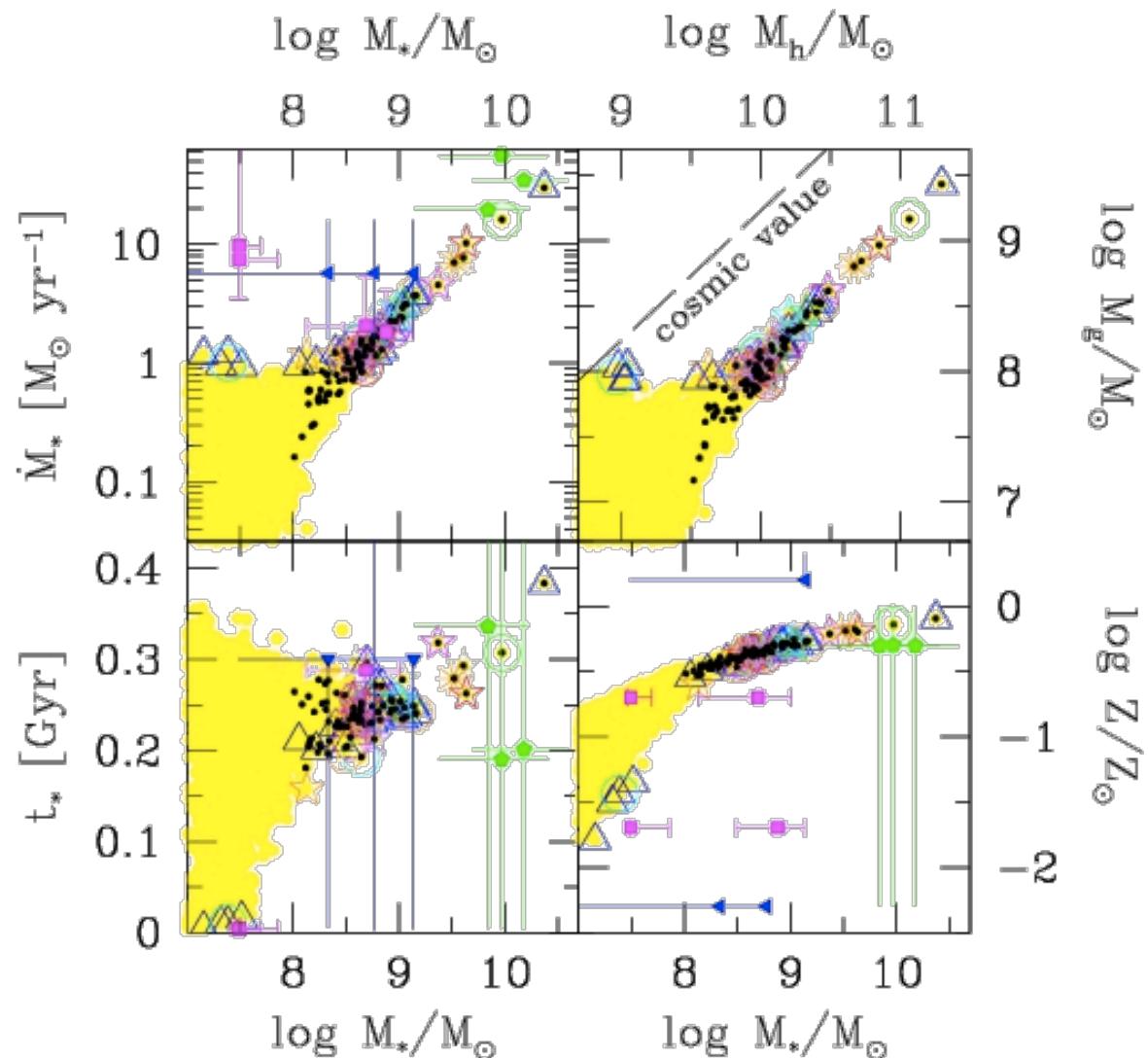
$EW > 20 \text{ \AA}$

Observations:

■ Ono+10

▲ Pirzkal+07

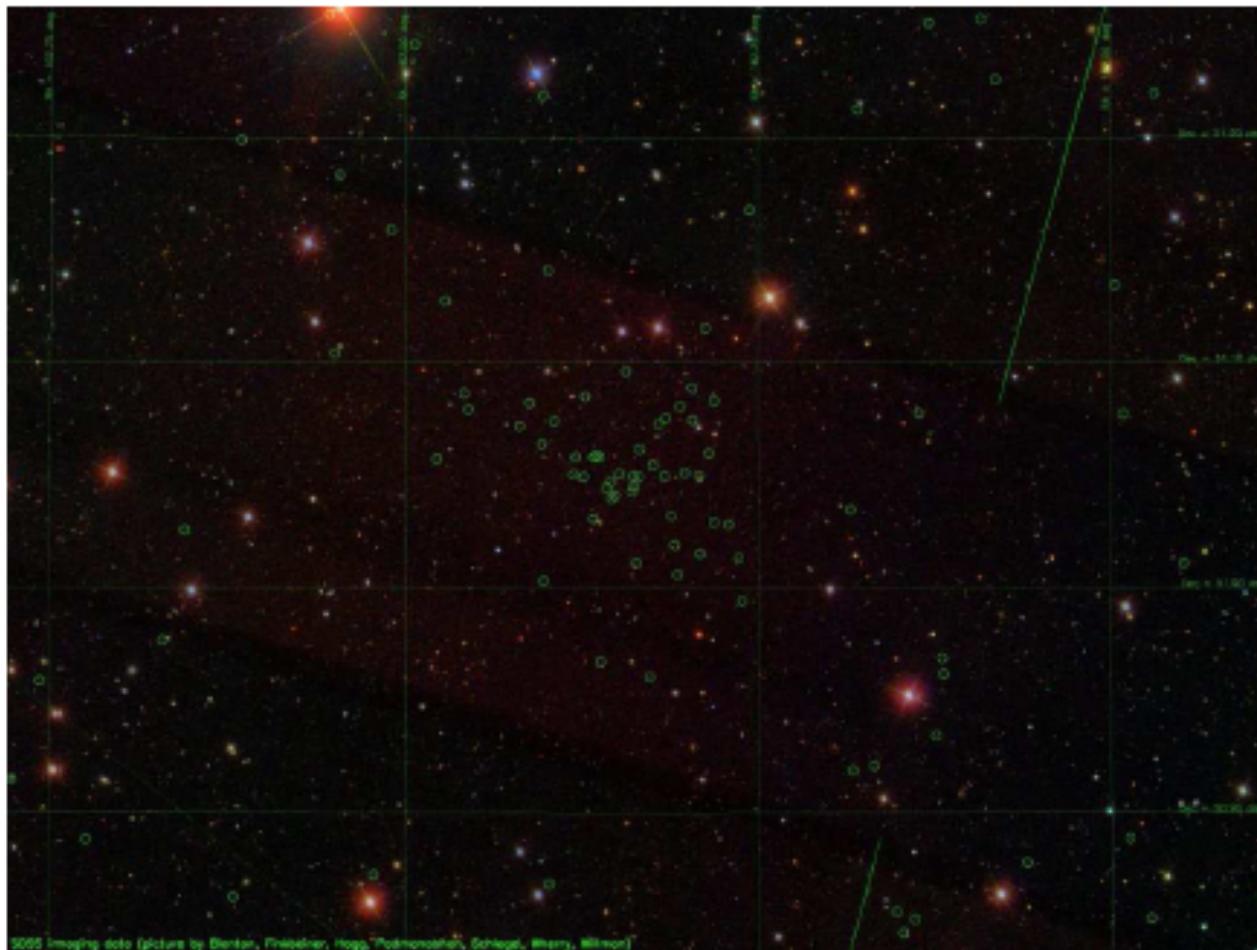
● Lai+07



STELLAR RELICS IN ULTRA FAINT DWARFS

WHAT ARE THEY ?

Willman+ 2006, Simon & Geha 2007

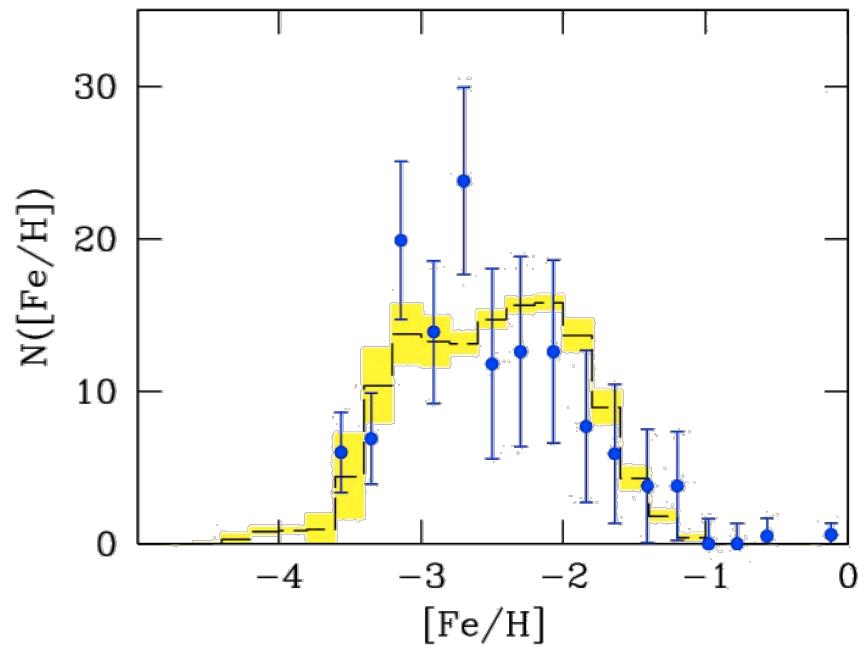
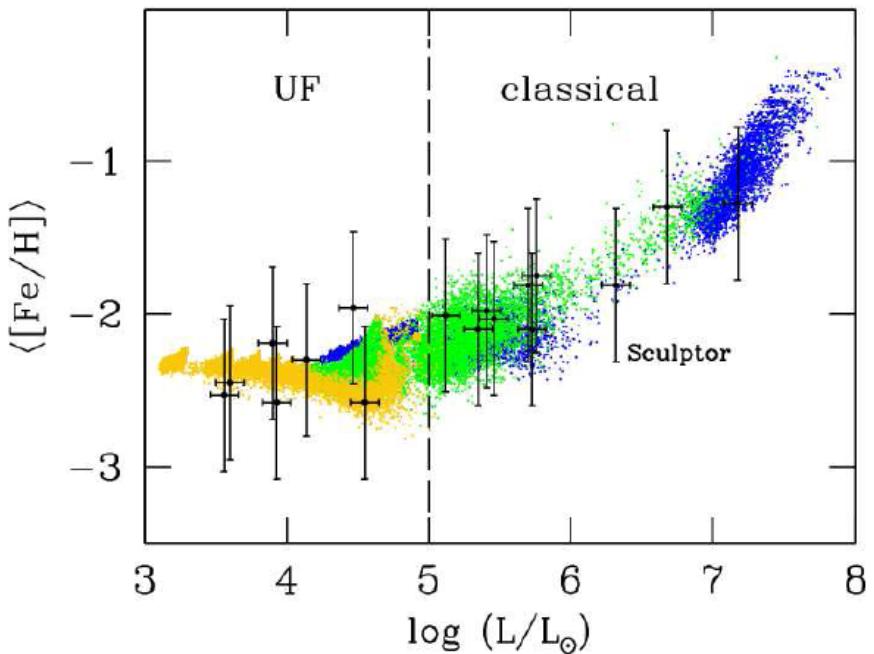


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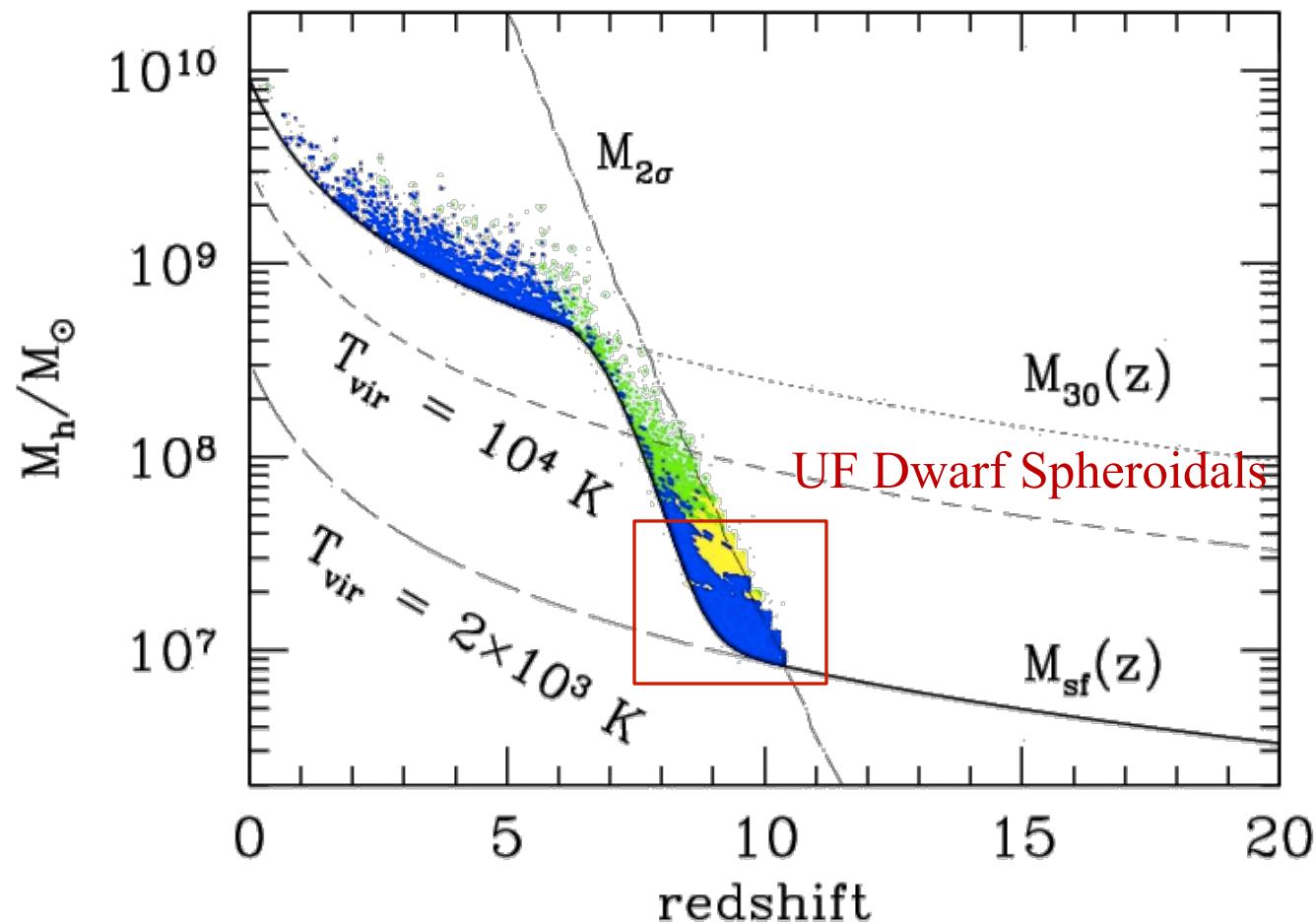
Salvadori & AF 2009, Bovill & Ricotti 2009, Wyse+2010

ULTRA FAINT DSPHS: METALLICITY

data: Kirby+2007



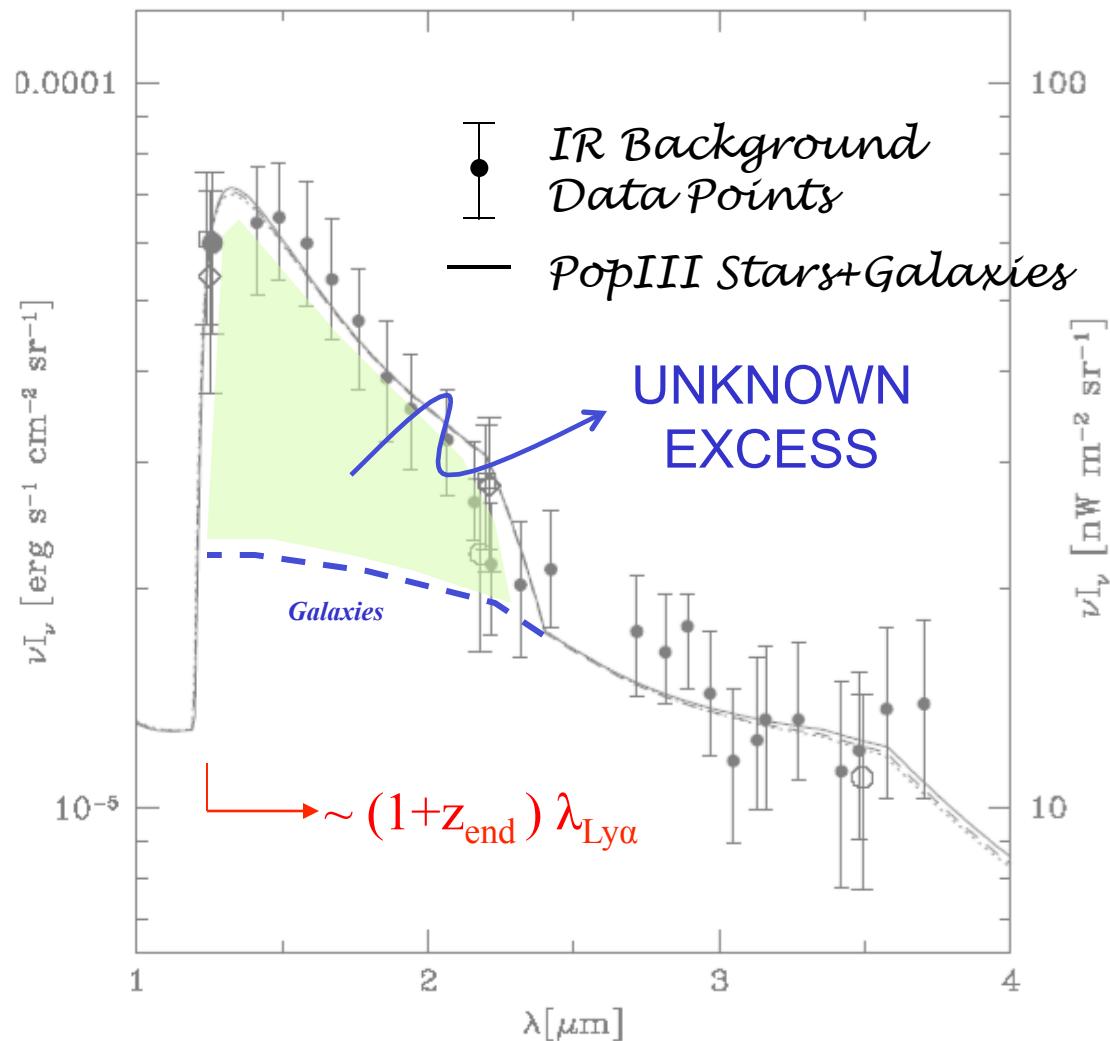
UFDs: MASS & FORMATION EPOCH



- ❖ (Massive) PopIII stars strongly influence first stages of cosmic reionization
- ❖ Transition to normal stars occurs when $Z > Z_{crit} \sim 10^{-5 \pm 1} Z_\odot$; strongly governed by dust
- ❖ Pop III SF continues to $z \sim 3$ at periphery of collapsing structures. Observable in [LAEs](#) ?
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- ❖ The [outer halo](#) ($20 \text{ kpc} < r < 40 \text{ kpc}$) is the most promising region for EMP searches
- ❖ Faintest LAEs at $z \approx 5.7$ may represent the [MW in its infancy](#)
- ❖ UFs MDF shifted towards [lower \[Fe/H\]](#) with respect to classical dSphs
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A PUZZLING EXCESS



Best fit model to NIR data

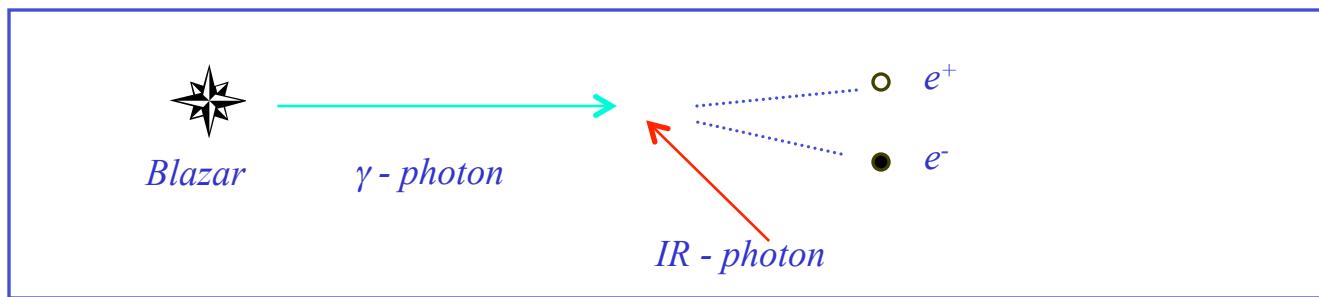
$$z_{\text{end}} = 8.8$$

$$f_\star \approx 30\%$$

Massive Pop III stars can explain NIRB excess

GAMMA-RAY CONSTRAINTS

- *TeV-GeV photons absorbed by optical/IR photons via $e^+ - e^-$ pair production.*



$$\tau(E) = \int_0^{z_{em}} dz \frac{dl}{dz} \int_{-1}^1 dx \frac{(1-x)}{2} \int_{\epsilon_{th}}^{\infty} d\epsilon n(\epsilon) \sigma(\epsilon, E, x)$$

σ peaks at
 $\lambda_{IR} \sim 2.37 (E/TeV) \mu m.$

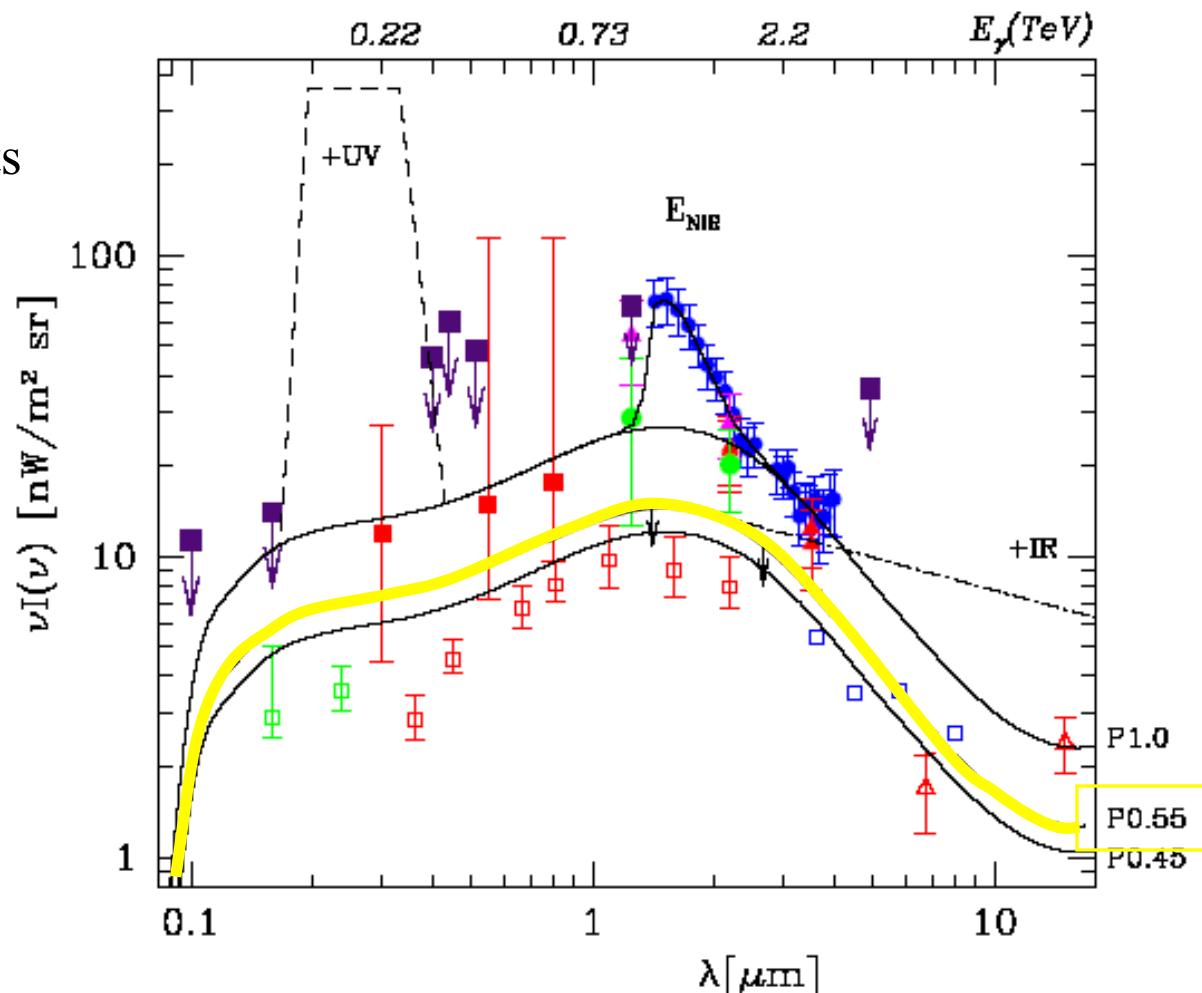
- *The observed spectrum of blazar reproduced by convolving the unabsorbed (power-law) spectrum with the optical depth:*

$$(dN/dE)_{abs} \propto e^{-\tau} E^{-\alpha}$$

Mapelli+ 2005, Aharonian+ 2005

GAMMA-RAY CONSTRAINTS

- Galaxy counts
- Direct measurements

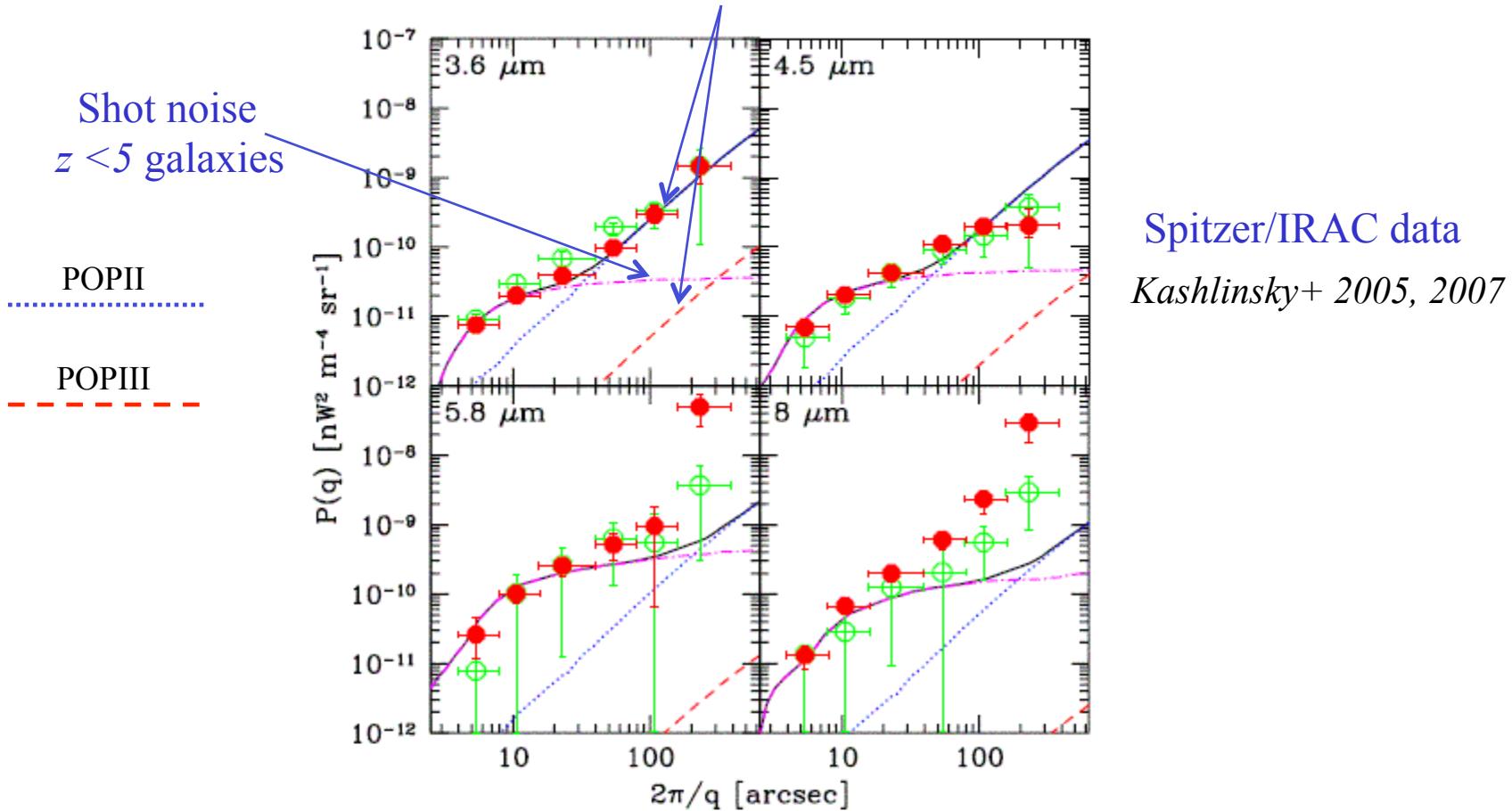


NEAR INFRARED BACKGROUND

Salvaterra+ 06, Cooray+ 06, Sullivan+06, Thompson+ 07a,b

FLUCTUATIONS

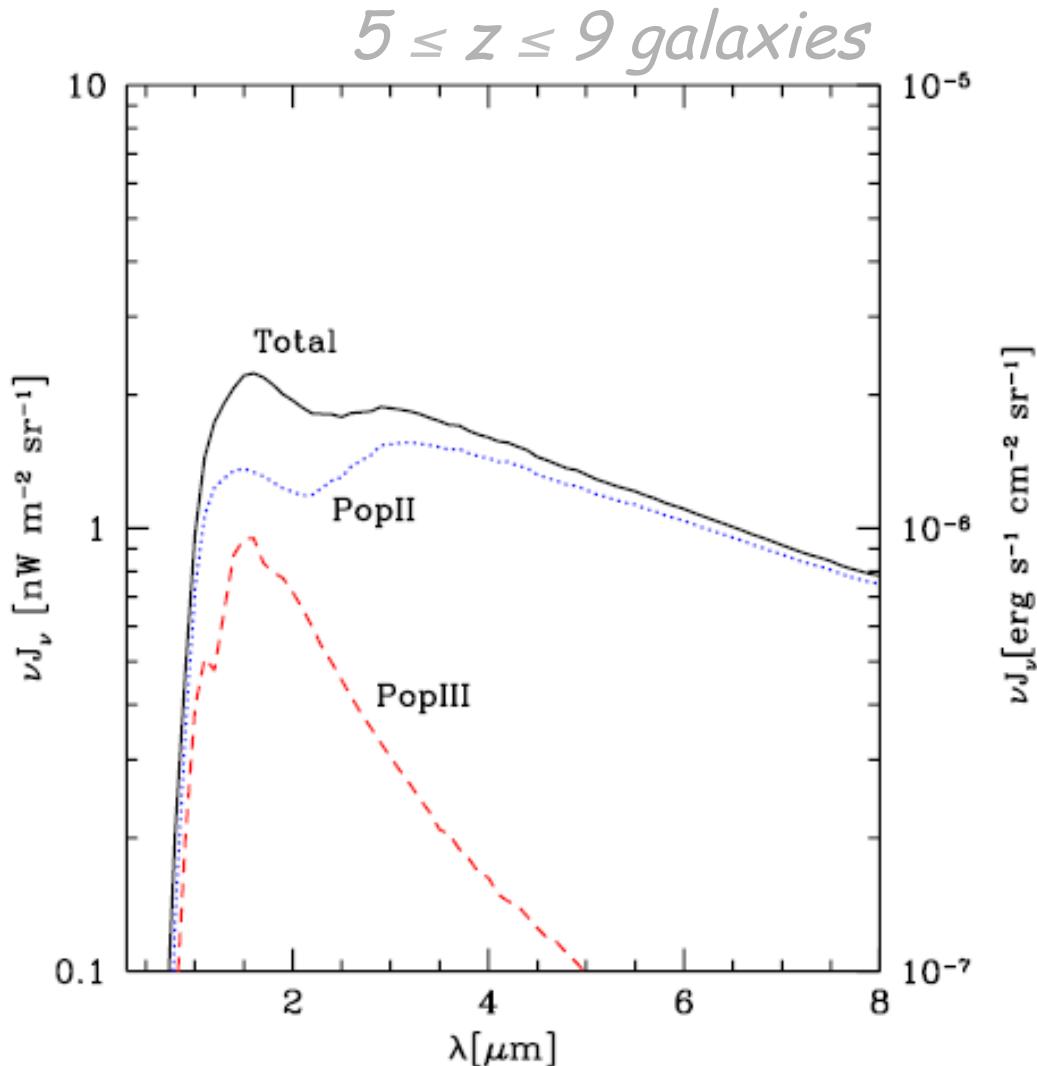
Clustering $z > 5$ galaxies



NEAR INFRARED BACKGROUND

Salvaterra+ 2006, Fernandez & Komatsu 2006

INTENSITY



NIRB PHOTON BUDGET

	nW m ⁻² sr ⁻¹ @ 1.4 μm
Observed	70
After zodi-subtraction (Wright)	17
Gamma rays	~15
Low- z galaxy contribution	> 8
Left unexplained	< 7
$z > 5$ galaxies (from fluctuations)	2.5

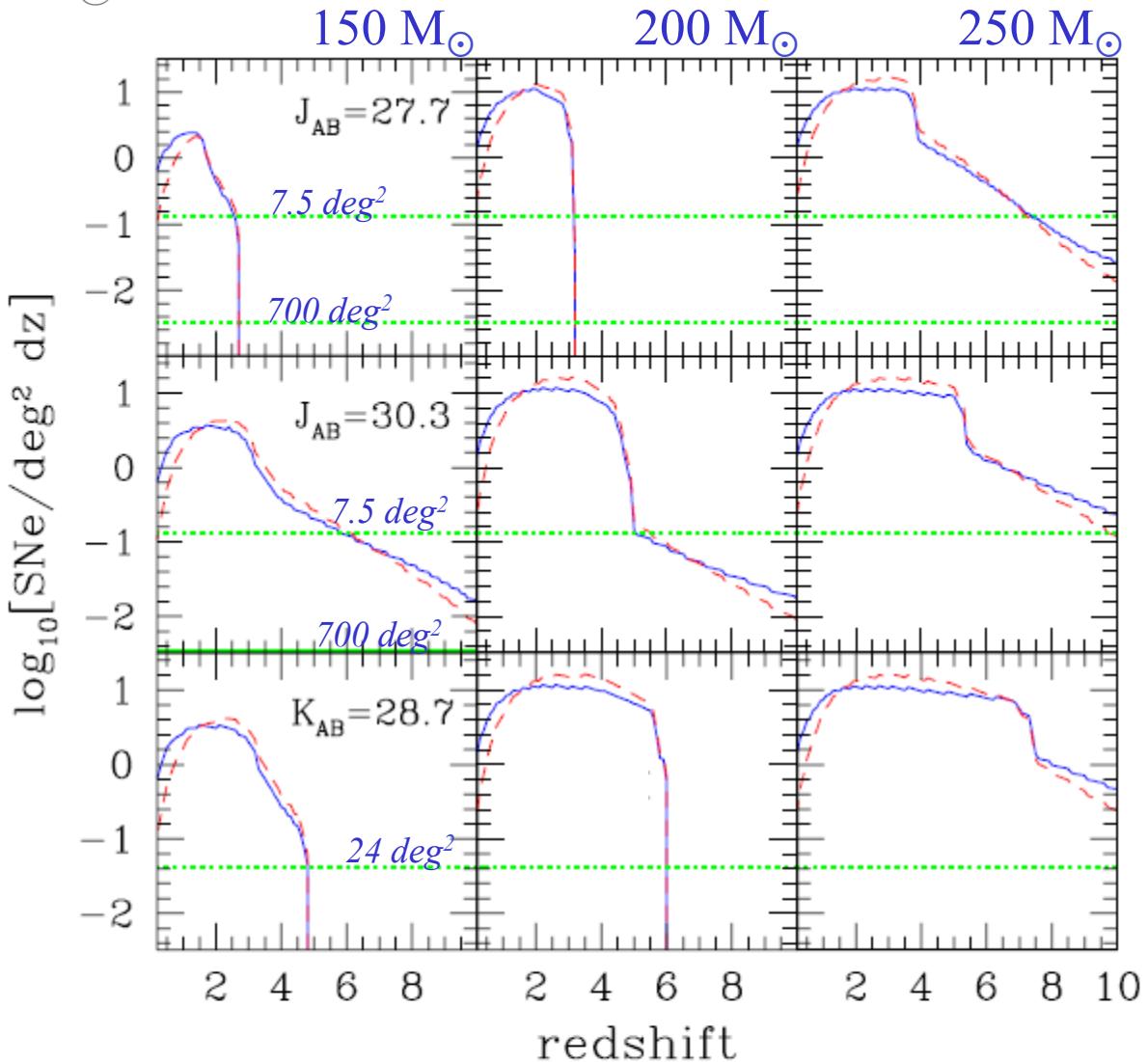
ADDITIONAL PROBES

*Scannapieco+ 2005, Weinmann & Lilly 2005*PISN EXPLOSIONS @ $z < 6$

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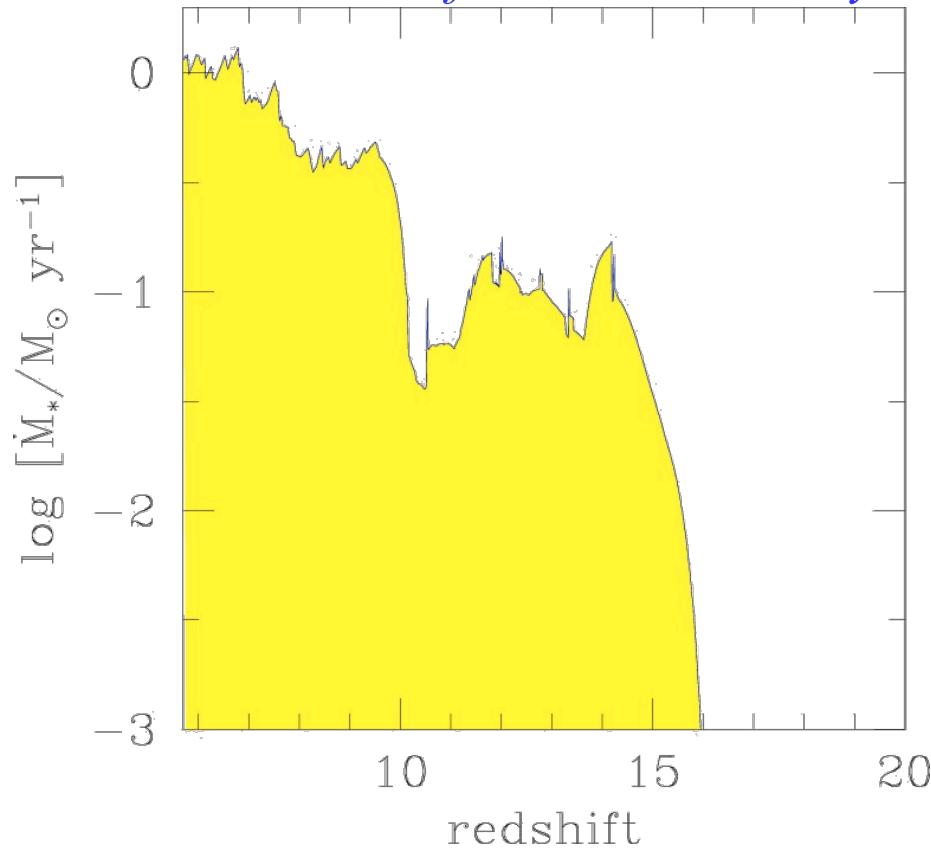
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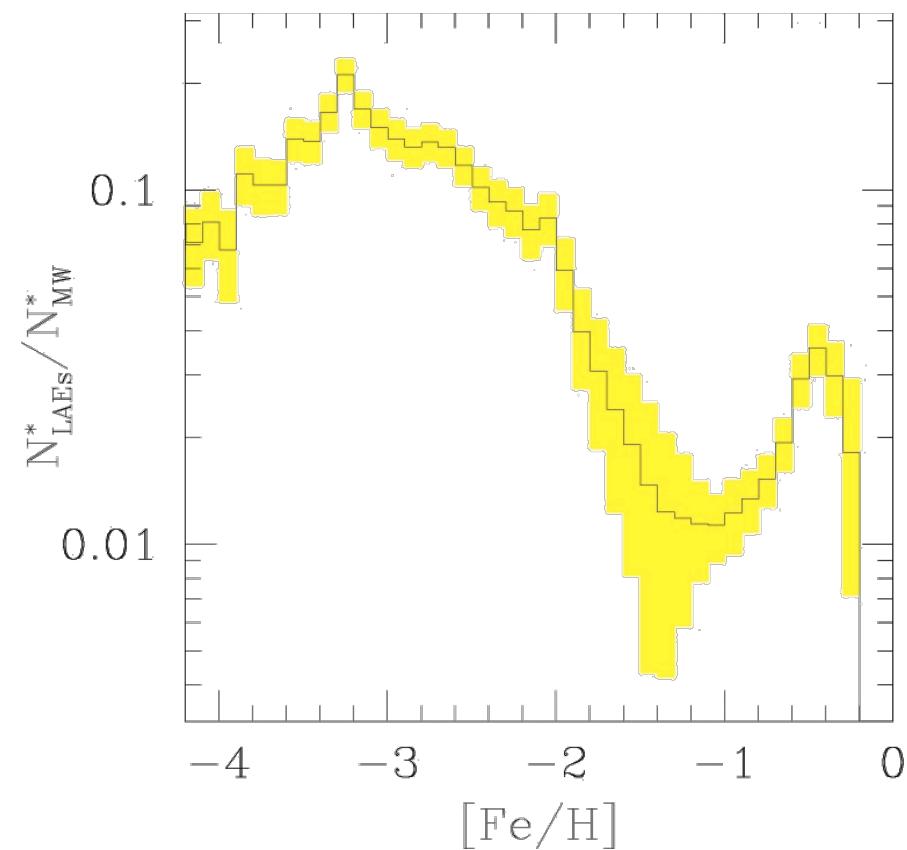
LAEs candidates: the infant MW

Salvadori, Dayal & Ferrara 2010

Star formation history



Relative MDF



The LAE candidates provide more than the 10% of the very metal-poor stars observed today in the Galactic halo