The First Ostars and Galaxies: Basic Theoretical Framework



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## THE FIRST GALAXIES IN THE UNIVERSE

PRINCETON SERIES IN ASTROPHYSICS

## **Richard Larson:** *a brilliant first star who illuminated the physics of galaxy and star formation during the dark ages of astrophysics*



- PhD (1968): "Dynamics of Collapsing Protostar"
- Galaxy formation and evolution: with Tinsley
- Larson Laws : "Turbulence and Star Formation in Molecular Clouds" (1981)
- First stars: with Bromm and Coppi

## The Visible Universe



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## Standard Model

$\Omega_{\Lambda}$	$\Omega_m$	$\Omega_b$	h	$n_s$	$\sigma_8$
0.72	0.28	0.05	0.7	1	0.82

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### **Cosmic Microwave Background (WMAP7)**



 $\tau_{e-scatt} = 8.8 \pm 1.5\%$ 

The polarization data indicates that the first stars must have formed <500 million years after the big bang, when the universe was only a few percent of its current age!

## **Baryon Streaming Relative to Dark Matter**



## $R \sim c_s t \sim (c/\sqrt{3})t$ $v_b \sim 30 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ relative to dark matter at $z \sim 10^3$

- Streaming of baryons relative to dark matter potential wells acts as an effective inhomogeneous sound speed
- Coherence scale of  $\sim 3 \text{ cMpc} \gg$  Jeans scale at  $z \sim 50$

Tseliakhovich & Hirata (2010)

# $v_b \propto (1+z)^{-1}$ is significant only for halos with $T_{\rm vir}$ well below the HI cooling threshold of $\sim 10^4 { m K}$



FIG. 2.— Effect of relative streaming on the minimum halo mass into which primordial gas can collapse. Each line represents the necessary halo masses for baryon collapse at a different redshift, marked in the plot. The diamonds represent the final halo masses found in 'standard collapse' simulations ( $z_{col} = 14$  for no streaming), and the squares represent masses from the 'early collapse simulations' ( $z_{col} = 24$  for no streaming). Note that the halo mass does not noticeably increase unless the initial streaming velocites are very high ( $\gtrsim 3 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ ). Also note that halos collapsing at high redshift are more affected by relative streaming, as the physical streaming velocities are higher at these early times.

Stacy, Bromm, & Loeb (2011)



Figure 8. In the left panel we plot the total mass fraction in halos a above the minimum cooling mass (solid lines). In the right panel we

Tseliakhovich, Barkana, & Hirata (2011)

**Cooling Rate of Primordial Gas** 



## Fraction of collapsed matter



## **Observed Growth of Mass in Stars**

← Time



## Population III.1



(a) Gas accretion onto dark matter halo; heating to virial temperature



(c) Radiative cooling via H<sub>2</sub> and collapse to "loitering" density



(b) Buildup of H<sub>2</sub> and recombination of H I until saturation



(d) Gravitational collapse once Jeans unstable

# The First Stars Are Predicted to Have Formed ~100 Million Years After the Big Bang

 $\dot{M}_{\star} \sim c_s^3 / G \propto T^{3/2}$ 

 $T_{\rm min}[{\rm H_2}] \sim 200 {\rm K}$ 

## $M_{\star} \sim M_{\star} \times \mathrm{Myr} > 10 M_{\odot}$

1000 light-years

(D) new-born protostar

15 light-years

(C) fully molecular part

**Bromm et al.** (2009)

25 solar-radii

**10 astronomical unit** 

## **Population III Binaries or Multiples**





#### Turk, Abel, & O'Shea 2009

Stacy, Greif, & Bromm 2009

## **Population III.2**



(a) Accreted gas is shocked and ionized





(b) Accreted gas cools and forms H<sub>2</sub>, HD



(d) Gravitational collapse once Jeans unstable



Observing the Stars

#### James Webb Space Telescope: Searching for the First Light



Mirror diameter: 6.5 meter Material: beryllium 18 segments Wavelength coverage: 0.6-28 micron L2 orbit

Launch date: 2018?

## Extremely Large Telescopes (24-42 meters)



- GMT=Seven mirrors, each 8.4m in diameter
- TMT, EELT segmented 30,42m aperture





## A Magnified Young Galaxy at z~9.6







 $M_{\star} \sim 10^8 M_{\odot}$ 

 $\mu \sim 15$ 

Zheng et al. (2012)

## <u>First Galaxies Were Strongly Clustered on</u> <u>Scales of up to ~100 comoving Mpc</u>

z=20



## First Galaxies Were Strongly Clustered on Scales of up to ~100 comoving Mpc z=10 Collapse threshold 100 comoving Mpc

#### **Challenges for numerical simulations of reionization:**

\*Resolving dwarf galaxies as sources of ionizing photons

\*Simulation box >100 comoving Mpc on a side

\*Following gravity, hydrodynamics, radiative transfer and feedback (dissociation of molecular hydrogen, photo-ionization, heating, metal enrichment)

#### **HI Density**







## **Reionization**

z=29,2270

- -0

HII density

-1

Trac, Cen, & Loeb 2008

Zahn et al. 20<u>06</u>

#### THE REIONIZATION OF INTERGALACTIC HYDROGEN



## # ionizing photons = # H atoms





Finkelstein et al. (2012)



Enrichment by >0.001 of solar metallicity: C+/O cooling is more effective than H\_2 cooling: Pop III  $\rightarrow$  Pop II (dust)



#### (a) Pop III Salpeter IMF model

Redshift

11

12

13

14

15

10

R250

CC

10

6

RSG Total

8

9

## **Pair Instability** Supernovae

\*Best understood SNe \*Examples are known up to z~4 (Cooke et al. 2012)

 $E \sim 10^{53}$ ergs



(b) Pop III Flat IMF model

#### GRB 090429B at *t*=520 million years (*z*~9.4)



Cucchiara et al. (2011)

Observing the Diffuse Gas



# So far, the intergalactic hydrogen was mainly probed by quasar spectra





Spectra of our sample of nineteen SDSS quasars at 5.74 < z < 6.42. Twelve of the spectra vere taken with Keck/ESI, while the others were observed with the MMT/Red Channel and Kitt Peak 4-meter/MARS spectrographs. See Table 1 for detailed information.

Fan et al. 2005

## A luminous quasar at a redshift of z = 7.085

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Nature (June 2011)



Harvard connection: Theodore Lyman, Cecilia Payne-Gaposchkin, Edward Purcell, George Field ...
# 21cm Tomography of Ionized Bubbles During Reionization is like Slicing Swiss Cheese HII ΗI

*Observed wavelength ⇔ distance* 



### Cosmological Evolution of the 21-cm Signal



Mesinger, Furlanetto, & Cen (2011)

# Foregrounds



Liu & Tegmark (2011)



\*LOFAR (Low-frequency Array) Netherlands/Europe \*MWA (Murchison Wide-Field Array) MIT/U.Melbourne,ATNF,ANU/CfA/Raman I. \*PAPER UCB, South Africa

\*21CMA (formerly known as **PAST)** China

\*GMRT (Giant Meterwave Radio Telescope) India/CITA

\*SKA (Square Kilometer Array) International



### Murchison Wide-Field Array: 21cm emission from diffuse hydrogen at z=6.5-15



- 4mx4m tiles of 16 dipole antennae, 80-300MHz
- 128 antenna tiles with total collecting area 2000 sq.m. at 150MHz across a 1.5km radius; few arcmin resolution

### The Global 21-cm Signal



(Pritchard & Loeb, Phys. Rev. D, 2010)

## The EDGES Experiment

#### The Experiment to Detect the Global EOR Signature (EDGES)



Sky at 100 MHz



1.0

0.0

Ontensity Mapping of Other Rines (without resolving individual galaxies)

# Galaxy surveys, Intensity Mapping and 21-cm Mapping



**Other Emission Lines from Galaxies** 

		F	Species	Emission Wavelength[ $\mu$ m]	$R[L_{\odot}/(M_{\odot}/yr)]$
$R \left[ L_{sol} / M_{sol} yr^{-1} \right]$	10 <sup>8</sup> OI 10 <sup>7</sup> NIII CII CO OIII OI OIII		CII	158	$6.0 \times 10^{6}$
		$\begin{array}{c c} & \text{NIII} & \text{CII} & \text{CO}(J - >J - 1) \\ \hline & \text{OIII} & \text{OIII} \\ & \text{I} & \text{I} & \text{I} & \text{I} \\ \end{array}$	OI	145	$3.3 \times 10^5$
			NII	122	$7.9 \times 10^5$
			OIII	88	$2.3 \times 10^6$
	106		OI	63	$3.8 \times 10^6$
	10 <sup>5</sup>	CI CI CI CI CO(2-1) CO(1-0)	NIII	57	$2.4 \times 10^6$
			OIII	52	$3.0 \times 10^6$
			$^{12}CO(1-0)$	2610	$3.7 \times 10^3$
			$^{12}CO(2-1)$	1300	$2.8 \times 10^4$
			$^{12}CO(3-2)$	866	$7.0 \times 10^4$
	10 <sup>3</sup>		$^{12}CO(4-3)$	651	$9.7 \times 10^4$
	10	100 1000	$^{12}CO(5-4)$	521	$9.6 \times 10^4$
		$\lambda[\mu m]$	$^{12}CO(6-5)$	434	$9.5 \times 10^4$
			$^{12}CO(7-6)$	372	$8.9 \times 10^4$
			$^{12}CO(8-7)$	325	$7.7 \times 10^4$
			$^{12}CO(9-8)$	289	$6.9 \times 10^4$
			$^{12}CO(10-9)$	260	$5.3 \times 10^4$
			$^{12}CO(11-10)$	237	$3.8 \times 10^4$
			$^{12}CO(12-11)$	217	$2.6 \times 10^4$
			$^{12}CO(13-12)$	200	$1.4 \times 10^4$
			CI	610	$1.4 \times 10^4$
			CI	371	$4.8 \times 10^4$
			NII	205	$2.5 \times 10^5$
			$^{13}CO(5-4)$	544	3900
			$^{13}CO(7-6)$	389	3200
			$^{13}CO(8-7)$	340	2700
			HCN(6-5)	564	2100

#### Cross Correlating CO (galaxies) and 21-cm (HI)



size of ionized bubble

Figure 1.6 Cross-correlation between CO(2-1) emission and the spin-flip background in a numerical simulation of reionization (as in Fig. 1.5). The dot-dashed, dotted, and solid curves take z = 9.8, 7.3, and 6.8 (or  $Q_{\rm HII} = 0.21$ , 0.54, and 0.82 in this model), assuming that all galaxies emit CO(2-1). The long-dashed curve takes z = 7.3 but assumes that only massive galaxies emit CO. The top and bottom panels show the absolute value of the cross-power spectrum and the cross-correlation coefficient, respectively. Figure credit: Lidz et al. 2011.

*Lidz. et al. (2011)* 

### The Next Decade Promises to be Exciting!

- Large-aperture infrared telescopes and radio arrays will image galaxies and the diffuse cosmic gas during the epoch of reionization. 21-cm brightness fluctuations are expected to be anticorrelated with infrared galaxies during reionization and correlated after reionization.
- Adequate simulations of reionization are starting to employ sufficiently large (>100Mpc) boxes with the necessary spatial resolution to properly identify the ionizing sources.

### The Optimal Cosmic Time for Constraining the Initial Density Perturbations



FIG. 1: In the standard (post-inflation) cosmological model, a Fourier mode with a comoving wavelength  $\lambda$  which enters the comoving scale of the Hubble radius  $R_{\rm H} = c(aH)^{-1}$  (in units of  $cH_0^{-1} = 4.3$  Gpc) at some early time (corresponding to a redshift  $z = a_{\rm enter}^{-1} - 1$ ), would eventually exit the Hubble radius at a later time (corresponding to  $a_{\rm exit}$ ). Hence, there is only a limited period of time when the mode can be observed.

FIG. 2: The Hubble volume  $V_{\text{max}}$ , normalized by its presentday value  $V_0 = \frac{4\pi}{3} (c/H_0)^3 = 3.3 \times 10^2 \text{ Gpc}^3$ , as a function of cosmic time t (top axis, in units of the Hubble time  $H_0^{-1} = 14$ Gyr) and scale factor  $a = (1 + z)^{-1}$  (bottom axis).

#### How Did the First Stars and Black Holes Form?

\* Standard model of physics and cosmology

\* Initial conditions from inflation

\* Weakly-interacting Cold Dark Matter



Surprises may signal new physics

### When Was the Universe Ionized?



Zahn et al. 2012

#### The Optimal Cosmic Epoch for Precision Cosmology





FIG. 4: The minimum fractional error attainable for the power-spectrum amplitude  $1/\sqrt{N_{\text{max}}}$  per Hubble volume, as a function of cosmic time and scale factor (solid line). The dashed line includes the reduction in the statistical uncertainty for a present-day observer who surveys a spherical shell of comoving width  $2R_H(t)$  centered at the corresponding cosmic times.

# Hydrogen •

• Most abundant element produced in the Big Bang



### First Stars Had High Spin





Sr and Y abundance in eight ~12Gyr old stars in NGC 6522 require a rotation speed of ~500 km/s (slow neutron capture is 10,000 more effective than in non-rotating stars).

#### **Implications:** rotational mixing, GRBs

Stacy, Bromm, & Loeb (2010)

Chiappini et al., Nature (2011)

### Number of ionizing photons (>13.6eV) per baryon incorporated into stars:



Bromm, Kudritzki, & Loeb 2001, ApJ, 552, 464



Milky-Way halo anemic stars:  $Z_{\rm Fe} \sim 10^{-5} Z_{\odot}$ but:  $Z_{\rm C,O} > 10^{-3} Z_{\odot}$ 

#### 21-cm Tomography throughout Cosmic History



(Pritchard & Loeb, Phys. Rev. D, 2008)

### <u>Low-Metallicity H II Regions with a ~10<sup>5</sup> K</u> Ionizing Continuum



# <u>Requirements for Reionization</u> <u>by Pop II Stars:</u>

• To produce one ionizing photon per baryon:

$$\rho_{\star} \approx 1.7 \times 10^6 f_{\rm esc}^{-1} \ M_{\odot} {\rm Mpc}^{-3}$$

• To keep the IGM ionized by compensating for recombinations:

$$\dot{\phi}_{\star} \approx 2 \times 10^{-3} f_{\rm esc}^{-1} C \left(\frac{1+z}{10}\right)^3 M_{\odot} \text{ yr}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-3}$$

### **Observed Growth of Mass in Stars**

← Time



### Redshift Record of Observed Galaxies (one z~10 candidate, Bouwens et al., Nature 2011)



#### **Prediction from Barkana & Loeb (2000):**

Most SFR at z>10 is in galaxies fainter than 1nJy! (AB>32.9 at 0.6-3.5 micron, ~10 x fainter than WFC3/IR sensitivity)





#### A carbon-enhanced metal-poor damped Ly $\alpha$ system: Probing gas from Population III nucleosynthesis?\*

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#### A Bright Explosion 600 Million Years after the Big Bang





**Predicted** by Van de Hulst in 1944; Observed by Ewen & Purcell in 1951

#### 21cm Mapping of Cosmic History in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

#### LIGHTING UP THE COSMOS

In the beginning of the Dark Ages, electrically neutral hydrogen gas filled the universe. As stars formed, they ionized the regions immediately around them, creating bubbles here and there. Eventually these bubbles merged together, and intergalactic gas became entirely ionized.

> Time: Width of frame: Observed wavelength:

Simulated images of 21-centimeter radiation show how hydrogen gas turns into a galaxy cluster. The amount of radiation (white is highest; orange and red are intermediate; black is least) reflects both the density of the gas and its degree of ionization: dense, electrically neutral gas appears white; dense, ionized gas appears black. The images have been rescaled to remove the effect of cosmic expansion and thus highlight the cluster-forming processes. Because of expansion, the 21-centimeter radiation is actually observed at a longer wavelength; the earlier the image, the longer the wavelength.

210 million years 2.4 million light-years 4.1 meters

All the gas is neutral. The white areas are the densest and will give rise to the first stars and quasars.



290 million years 370 million years 3.0 million light-years 3.6 million light-years 3.3 meters 2.8 meters Faint red patches These bubbles of

gas around them.

show that the stars ionized gas grow. and quasars have begun to ionize the







460 million years

2.4 meters

bubbles.

New stars and

quasars form and

create their own

4.1 million light-years





540 million years

2.1 meters

4.6 million light-years

The bubbles have merged and nearly taken over all of space.





620 million years 5.0 million light-years 2.0 meters

5.5 million light-y 1.8 meters The only remainin neutral hydrogen is concentrated in galaxies.

710 million years

#### Line-of-Sight Anisotropy of 21cm Flux Fluctuations

$$T_b = \frac{\tau}{(1+z)} (T_s - T_{\rm CMB})$$
$$n_{\rm HI}$$

Peculiar velocity changes  $\tau \propto \overline{|dv_r/dr|}$ 

→ Power spectrum is not isotropic ("Kaiser effect")

$$\delta_{T_b}(\vec{k}) = -\cos^2\theta \times \delta(\vec{k})$$



$$P(\vec{k}) = [\delta_{\rm iso}(k) + \delta(k)\cos^2\theta]^2$$

 $\cos^{0}\theta, \cos^{2}\theta, \cos^{4}\theta$  terms allow separation of powers Barkana & Loeb 2004; see also Bharadwaj & Ali 2004

#### **Reionization Was Not Abrupt!**



Bowman & Rogers 2010 Separating the Physics from the Astrophysics

**Physics:** initial conditions from inflation; nature of dark matter and dark energy

Astrophysics: consequences of star formation

#### Three epochs:

- <u>Before the first galaxies (z>25)</u>: mapping of density fluctuations through 21cm absorption
- <u>During reionization</u>: anisotropy of the 21cm power spectrum due to peculiar velocities
- <u>After reionization (z<6)</u>: dense pockets of residual hydrogen (DLAs) trace large scale structure

<u>Testing gravity</u>: measuring the gravitational growth of perturbations on small scales (not probed so far) which are still in the linear regime at high redshifts (1<z<15)

# <u>Status</u>: analogous to CMB research prior to COBE

### **SN 2007bi** – a Pair Instability Supernova in a Nearby Metal-Poor Dwarf Galaxy



Nickel mass of ~4-7 (ejecta mass of 100 ); kinetic energy of
Dwarf galaxy at z=0.128 with M\_B=-16.3 mag, and 12+[O/H]=8.25

#### Gal-Yam et al., Nature (arXiv:1001.1156)
## Herschel Spectra







Brightness

Messier 82

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