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Outline

What do we expect?

- Where are the most metal-poor and oldest stars in the Galaxy and what can cosmological models tell us about them?
- How do we find larger samples of CEMP (and general extremely metal-poor) stars?
 - Our probes of the First Stars
 - The Pristine survey
- Where are we going?
 - Preliminary and on-going work

Does this show the history of our Milky Way?



Credit: J. Helly, A. Cooper, S. Cole and C. Frenk (ICC), based on simulation data from The Virgo consortium and software by V. Springel

Where are the metal-poor stars?

- Where do we expect to find them today?
- There are more old stars in the halo
- There are more metalpoor stars in the halo
 - Using the APOSTLE simulations
 - 12 Local Groups
 - High-resolution
 - Full hydrodynamics



Where are the first (generations) stars?

- Where do we expect to find them today?
- There are more old stars in the halo
- There are more metalpoor stars in the halo
 - but not all of them are really old
 - if you discover a metal-poor star in the inner Galaxy, it is very likely to be old



Starkenburg, E., Oman K. et al., 2017a



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Metallicity is not always a clock.

Analysis of the APOSTLE hydrodynamical simulations of Loal Groups:

Inner Galaxy and substructures are a very promising place to find the oldest stars!

Both bound and unbound

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Coloured by % old stars (< 0.8 Gyr after Big Bang)

Where are the first (generations) stars?



- The history of the Galaxy is messy
 - Are they all in the center?
- Be careful with quantitative results, they depend heavily on the metal-mixing recipe in the simulations

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Where are the first stars?

Dwarf galaxies are also good to hunt for the oldest stars
 They are very interesting systems!



Observations

We would like a statistical sample of these stars across all Galactic environments



Figure from Aguado et al., 2017



1 in every 2000 stars in a halo field has [Fe/H] < -3 1 in every 200000 stars [Fe/H] < -4

(depending on magnitude, fainter = deeper = more metal-poor stars)

(Narrow-band) filters

- Skymapper in the Southern Hemisphere - talk Gary
- Best and brightest with WISE data
 Schlaufmann & Casey (2014)
- Pristine in the Northern Hemisphere



 $[Fe/H] = -\infty$

[Fe/H] = -3.0

[Fe/H] = -2.0

[Fe/H] = -1.0

[Fe/H] = +0.0





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The *Pristine* survey I: Mining the Galaxy for the most metal-poor stars^{*}

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The *Pristine* **survey II:** – **a sample of bright stars observed with FEROS** *

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The *Pristine* survey III: Spectroscopic confirmation of an efficient search for extremely metal-poor stars^{*}

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- Search for the most metal-poor stars and try to constrain the early Universe by studying them more closely
- Study substructures as a function of metallicity
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Photometric metallicities



- Metallicity in colour-colour space
 - Calibrating with SDSS / SEGUE spectra (standing on the shoulders..)

Photometric metallicities



A metallicity scale

 An rms scatter of 0.2 dex from [Fe/H] = -0.5 down to [Fe/H] = -3.0

Opening up a new regime – before only accessible to spectroscopy



Spectroscopic follow-up

- Follow-up in medium resolution at the Isaac Newton and William Herschel Telescope
 - Metallicities derived by the FERRE pipeline (David Aguado, Carlos Allende Prieto & Jonay Gonzalez Hernandez)
- Success rate of 22% below [Fe/H]<-3</p>
 - Only 15% is really contaminant
 - Blind rates are 0.05%



Spectroscopic follow-up

- High-resolution follow-up for individual interesting abundances
 - Venn et al., in prep.
- We are looking at going brighter than SDSS
- We expect full and homogeneous follow-up with the future WEAVE and 4MOST surveys
 - 1000(s) of fibers over the field-of-view
 - We only need 10s of fibers on the most promising objects
 - Even in low-res mode we will get a lot of information!

Going fainter, deeper, better (?!)

Probing the most metal-poor stars in the Galactic halo & bulge

THE GALACTIC BULGE



Anke Arentsen

Image credit: ESO/S. Brunier

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MDF in the **SkyMapper/EMBLA** survey (Howes+2016) compared to the **ARGOS** survey (Ness+2013)

~150 stars [Fe/H] < -2.5 9 stars [Fe/H] < -3.0 Almost no CEMP stars (3%)!In the halo it is ~27% for stars with [Fe/H] < -2.0 See also Koch et al., 2016

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Dwarf galaxies in Pristine



In conclusion:

Mapping the Pristine Universe

- Oldest/most metal-poor stars inform us on early build-up of galaxies & First Star physics
 - We think some stars show imprints of First Stars chemical enrichment
 - We would like to understand more about their composition across various environments

Metallicity decomposition of the MW from narrow-band photometry

- Can uncover efficiently the rare extremely metal-poor population
- Added dimension to the MW deconstruction, even in the era of Gaia
- Helps to study the faint dwarf galaxies