LOW-MASS STAR FORMATION INDUCED BY THE GROWTH OF DUST GRAINS IN LOW-METALLICITY GAS CLOUDS

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Massive Pop III Stars

Stellar Radius [R

First star (or Population III star)

- formed in metal-free gas
- massive → SN explosion e.g. Abel+ (2002); Bromm+ (2002)



• One cosmological simulation yields Pop III stars with 50-150 M_{\odot}

Hirano+ in prep.



Abel+ (2002)

Present-Day IMF

- First stars are estimated to be massive (~100 M_☉).
- Whereas, stars in Galaxy is typically low-mass (< $1 M_{\odot}$).
- ➔ When did transition of mass scale occur?



Formation of Pop II Stars

- Various chemical reactions and cooling/heating mechanisms determine the evolution of collapsing gas clouds.
 - H_2 cooling
 - HD cooling
 - Dust cooling
- Cooling can trigger fragmentation of the clouds.
- Low-mass star formation





SNR as a Site of Dust Formation/Destruction

- First dust was formed in Pop III SNR. Todini & Ferrara 2001; Nozawa+ 2003;
- Simultaneously, grains are destroyed by the reverse shock (RS).
 Bianchi & Schneider 2007; Nozawa+ 2007
- By taking dust destruction into consideration, Schneider+ (2012, MNRAS 419, 1566) found that the condition for low-mass star formation:

$$SD > 1.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ g}^{-1} \left(\frac{T}{10^3 \text{ K}}\right)^{-1/2} \left(\frac{n_{\text{H}}}{10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}}\right)^{-1/2}$$

S: geometrical cross-section per unit dust mass $\mathcal{D}=Zf_{dep}$: dust-to-gas mass ratio after destruction



see also Schneider+ (2012, MNRAS 423, 60)

Grain Growth in a Collapsing Gas Cloud

• Nozawa+ (2012) suggest that the grain growth in a collapsing gas can modify the fragmentation condition.





- They show that all of metallic atoms eventually deplete on grains in certain models.
- We further investigate whether dust cooling affect the thermal evolution of collapsing gas cloud.

Question: Can the grain growth enhance the fragmentation?



Collapse of fragments

One-zone calculation (Spherical collapse)

- •Self-gravity
- •Non-eq. chemistry
- •Radiative cooling
- •Radiative transfer

Simultaneously solve •Grain growth •Dust temperature •Dust cooling •Dust opacity self-consistently!



- Metallic atom Dust grain
- We consider MgSiO₃ grains.

Assumptions:

- Dust grains are spherical and have the same size.
- Si atoms are accreted onto MgSiO₃ grains.

Results: Metallicity Dependence

- Initial grain radius of MgSiO₃
 0.01 μm
- Initial condensation factor of Si 0.1
- All Si atoms are accreted onto MgSiO₃ grains before the cloud becomes optically thick.
- Dust thermal emission increases.
- For metallicity Z=10⁻⁵ Z_☉, low-mass fragments form in our model w/ grain growth and not in our model w/o grain growth.





Results: Critical abundance



- Initial grain radius of $MgSiO_3 0.01 \ \mu m$
- Initial condensation factor of Si 0.001–0.1
- fragment in both models w/ and w/o grain growth
- fragment in models w/ grain growth
- O no fragments
- ----- critical metallicity presented by Schneider+ (2012)

present work

Results: Critical abundance



Question: Can the grain growth enhance the fragmentation?

Answer: Yes!

Critical metallicity changes into [Z/H]~-5.5 for the initial grain radius 0.001—0.01 µm [Z/H]~-4.5 for the initial grain radius 0.1—1 µm

Summary

- We study the evolution of collapsing gas cloud, considering the growth of dust grains.
- Due to grain growth, the fragmentation condition dramatically changes.
 - > Lower initial abundances are required in models w/ grain growth.
 - Critical metallicity for formation of low-mass fragments
 - \times [Z/H]~-5.5 for the initial grain radius 0.001–0.01 μm
 - × [Z/H]~-4.5 for the initial grain radius 0.1–1 µm

Future Works:

- Calculations including multiple dust species
- Three-dimensional simulations to follow the fragmentation
- Cosmological simulations
 - Evolution of dust-to-gas mass ratio in the first galaxies

Appendix

Models

• Grain growth model (see Nozawa+ 03, 12)

$$\frac{dr_i}{dt} = s_i \left(\frac{4\pi}{3}a_{i,0}^3\right) \left(\frac{kT_{\text{gas}}}{2\pi m_i}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} c_i^{\text{gas}}(t) \left(1 - \frac{1}{S_i}\sqrt{\frac{T_{\text{dust}}}{T_{\text{gas}}}}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

• Dust temperature/dust cooling

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