## Using Stellar Archaeology and Pair-Instability Supernovae to Detect the First Stars

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## The first stars set the scene



# **Observing the First Stars**





## Star formation after the first SNe



## Semi-analytical model of Pop III star formation



- 30 MW-like DM merger trees from Caterpillar simulation
- Pop III star formation based on Hartwig+15b, Magg+18
- Chemical yields from Nomoto+13



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#### Methodology

# Probability of 1SN per halo



- Poisson statistics with on average one SN per 100M<sub>sun</sub> of stellar mass
- Single-enriched 2<sup>nd</sup> generation stars only in one out of 100 halos.

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## Single-enriched 2<sup>nd</sup> generation stars occupy specific regions in the chemical plane



Results

## Probability to find single-enriched 2<sup>nd</sup> generation stars



Results

### Illustrate PopIII SN yields in chemical plane: "chemical displacement"



Results

### Novel diagnostic to identify single-enriched 2<sup>nd</sup> generation stars: Divergence of the chemical displacement



- Computationally cheap
- Depends only on SN yields
- Other element ratios provide additional information

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# NIRcam filters are well suited



Introduction

## Lightcurves for a long exposure time



years (observer frame)

Visibility time depends on:

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- redshift
- progenitor mass

## Lightcurves for different exposure times



More efficient to observe 10 field of view with t<sub>exp</sub> = 600s each or observe 1 field of view with t<sub>exp</sub> = 6000s?

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## Optimal Exposure Time and Filter Combination



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# **Detecting the First Stars**

- Stellar Archaeology is a powerful tool to derive the masses of individual Pop III stars
- New diagnostic to identify single-enriched 2<sup>nd</sup> generation stars (1% probability)
- PISNe are bright enough to be seen with JWST, but they are rare so that we need optimised survey strategies (50,000 FoV)
- (non-)detections with JWST will probe the high-mass end of the Pop III IMF
- Gravitational Waves will probe the high-mass end of the Pop III IMF over the next decade(s) (Hartwig+16,Kinugawa+16,Inayoshi+16)







#### Conclusion