

Condition for low-mass star formation in shock-compressed metal-poor clouds

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1. Introduction

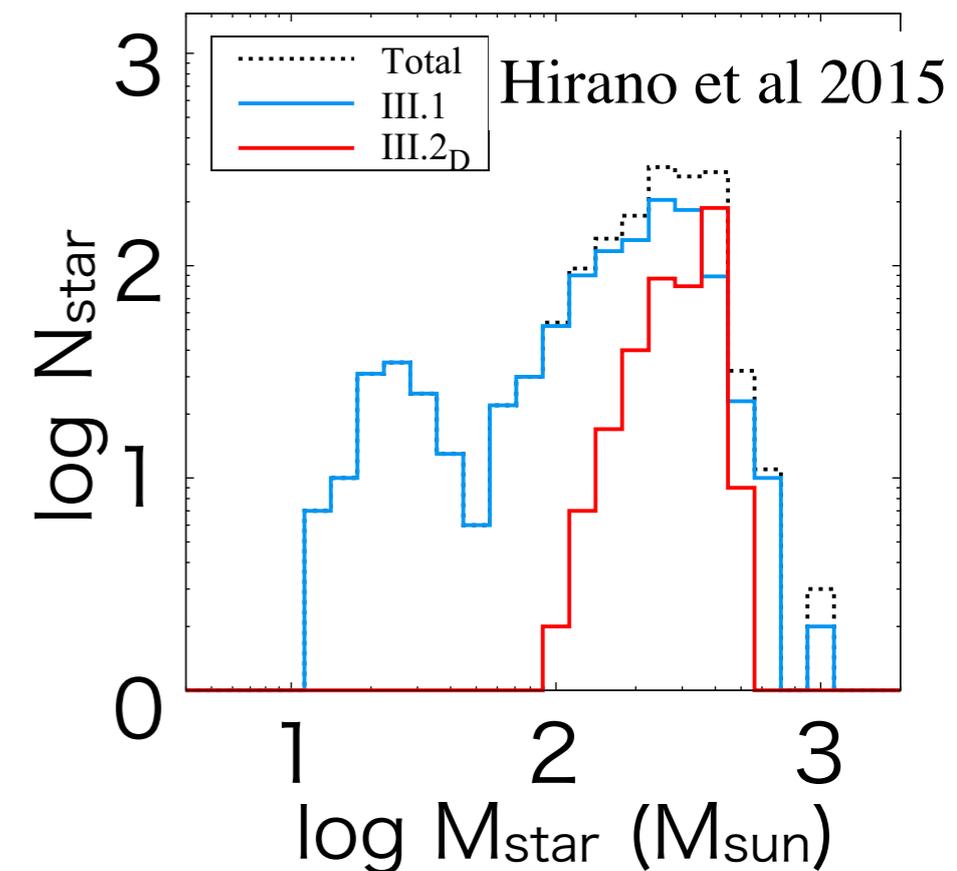
Transition in star formation mode

- **Pop III**: typically **massive**, 10-1000 M_{\odot}
- **Pop I, II**:
low mass ($\lesssim M_{\odot}$) stars are broadly observed in the solar neighborhood, Galactic halo, and globular cluster etc.

* Naively, cooling by **metal lines** and **dust emission** may play a role.

* Especially, **dust** is indispensable for low mass star formation.

* Above results are obtained for clouds collapsing by (self-)gravity from very low densities $\sim 1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$.



Broom&Loeb 2003
Schneider et al.
Omukai et al.

Star formation in shock-compressed clouds

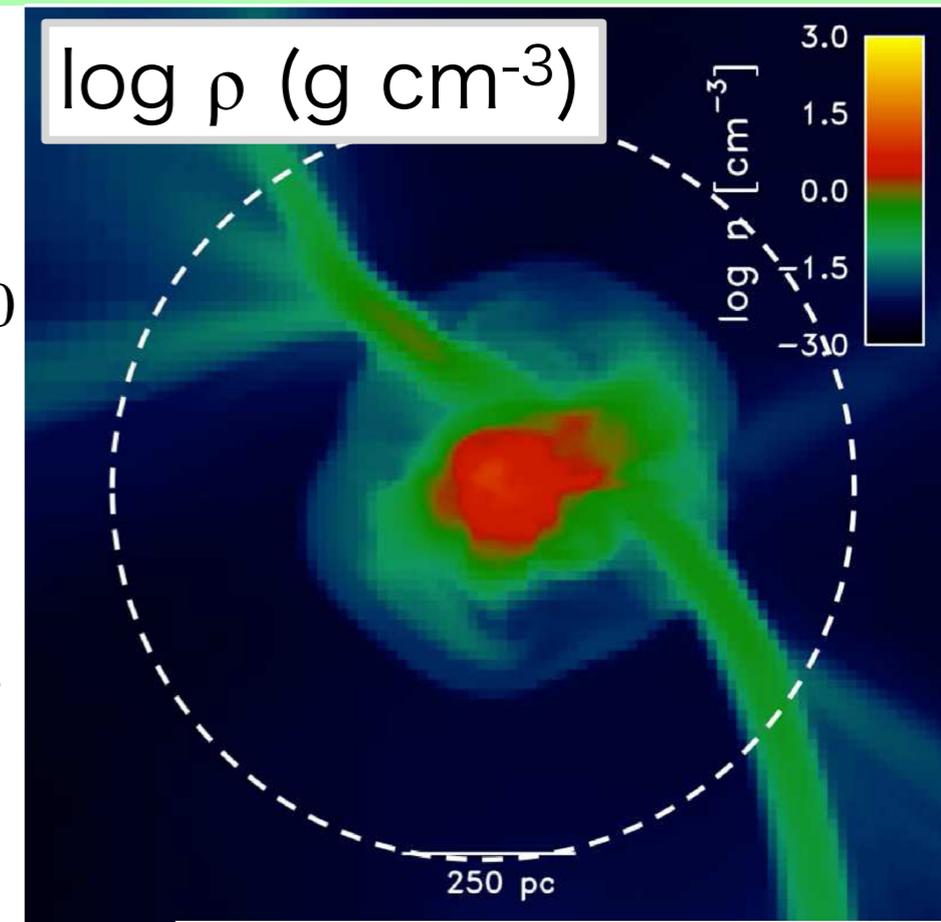
- * One zone calculation of shocked clouds in **early galaxy formation**.

Safronek-Shrader et al. 2010

- Initial density & temperature:

$$n_{\text{H},1} = 4 \times 10^3 \text{ cm}^{-3} \quad T_1 = 1.1 \times 10^4 \text{ K}$$

- If $Z/Z_{\odot} \sim 10^{-2.5}$, \sim solar mass fragments are formed by metal line cooling alone.



Safronek-Shrader et al. 2014

- **BUT,**

- H_2O , dust cooling and H_2 formation heating were missed.
- Evolution after fragmentation was not studied.
- Shock-compression may be frequent stellar wind, SN, and galaxy merger, etc...

Our study

- * Thermal evolution of shock-compressed clouds is studied
 - by treating detailed chemical processes.
 - by calculating the clump evolution after fragmentation.
 - under various conditions.
 - Initial density: $4 \text{ cm}^{-3} \leq n_{\text{H},1} \leq 4 \times 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
 - Initial temperature: $T_1 = 1.2 \times 10^4 \text{ K}$ ($v_s = 20 \text{ km s}^{-1}$).
 - Metallicity: $0 < Z/Z_{\odot} \leq 10^{-2}$
 - External UV radiation: $0 \leq J_{21} \leq 10^4$
($J_{21} \sim 20$, in solar neighborhood)

Condition for low-mass star formation is examined.

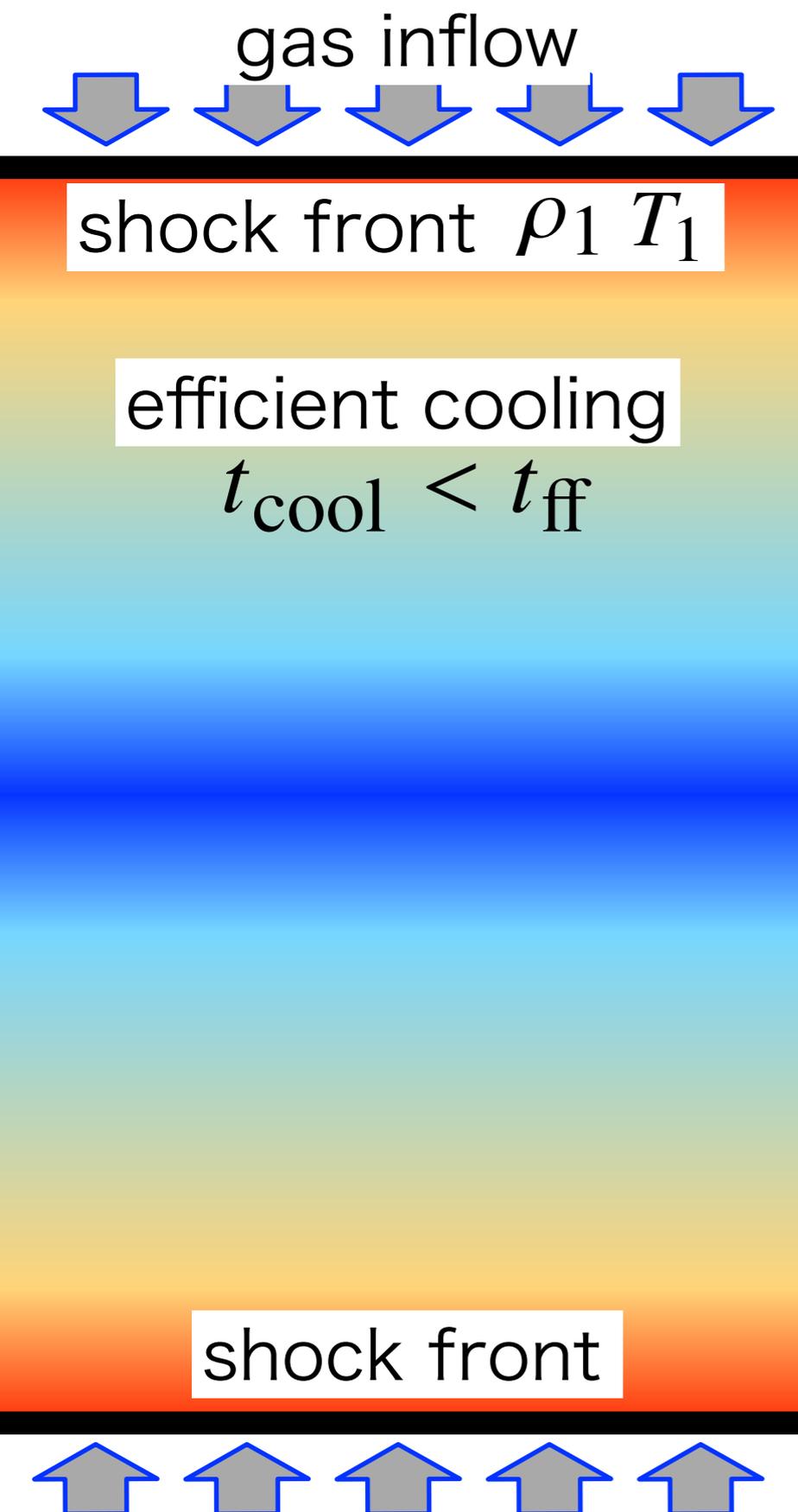
2. Methods

Basic equations
Fragmentation conditions

Evolution in shocked layers

Safranek-Shrader et al. 2010

Nakauchi et al. 2014



★ Shocked layers are assumed to be plane parallel and steady.

• EoM: $\rho_1 v_1^2 + P_1 = \rho v^2 + P,$

• Continuity: $\rho_1 v_1 = \rho v,$

• Energy: $\frac{de}{dt} = -P \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{\rho} \right) - \Lambda_{\text{net}},$

$$\Lambda_{\text{net}} = \Lambda_{\text{line}} + \Lambda_{\text{chem}} + \underline{\Lambda_{\text{grain}}}$$

Λ_{line} : line cooling by Omukai 2012 etc.

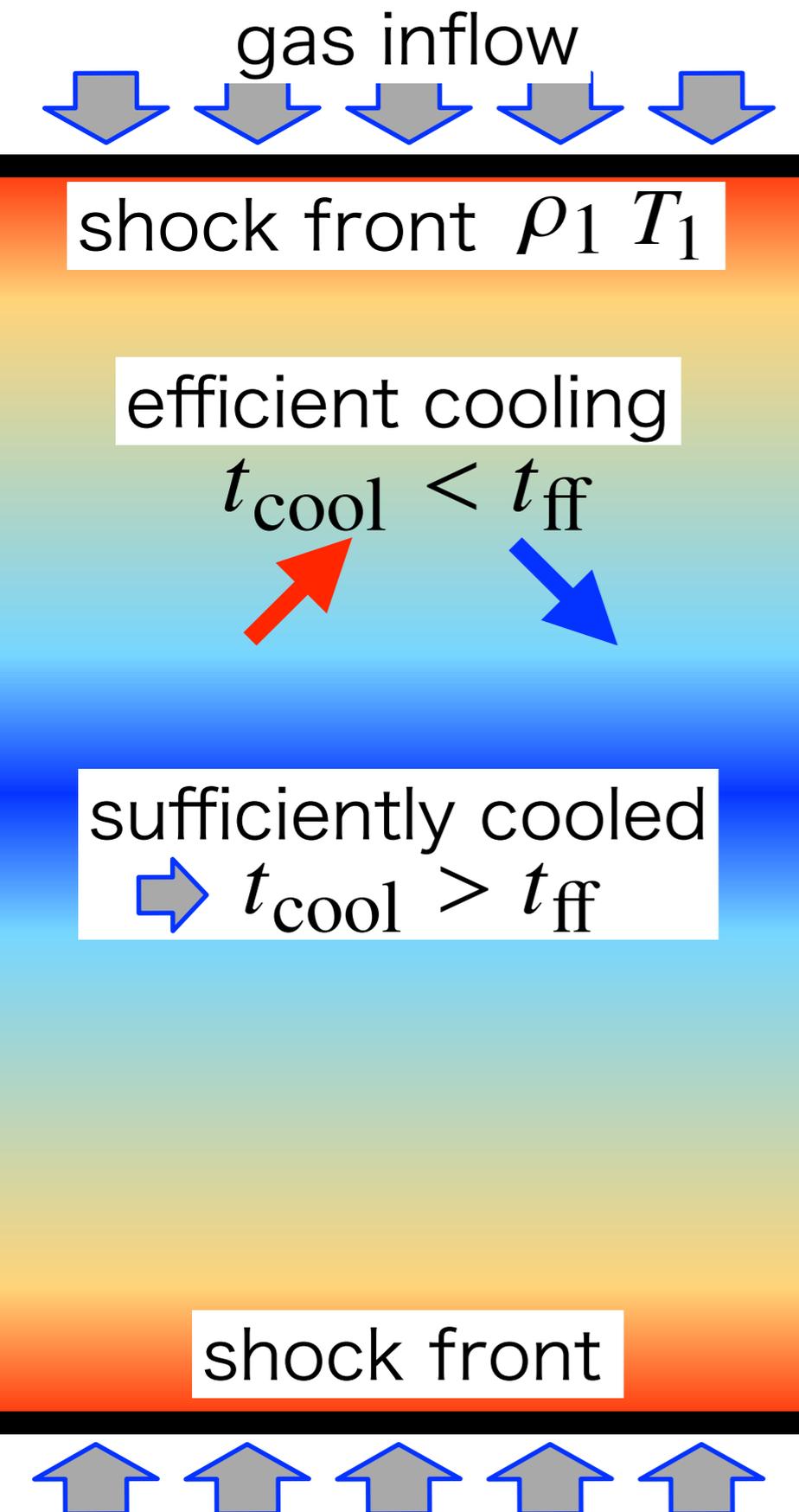
H, H₂, HD, H₂O, CII, OI, etc.

Λ_{chem} : H₂ formation heating by
3-body & grain surface reactions,
etc.

Fragmentation condition

Elmegreen&Elmegreen 1978

Nakauchi et al. 2014



① $t_{\text{cool}} > t_{\text{ff}}$ $t_{\text{cool}} \equiv e/\Lambda_{\text{net}}$

➔ density perturbations grow in the layer.

② $t_{\text{sound}} > t_{\text{ff}}$ $t_{\text{sound}} = H_{\rho}/c_s$

$H_{\rho} = \rho/(d\rho/dr)$: density scale height

➔ fragment contracts by self-gravity.

Both ① & ② should be satisfied for the formation of self-gravitating clumps.

*Fragment mass:

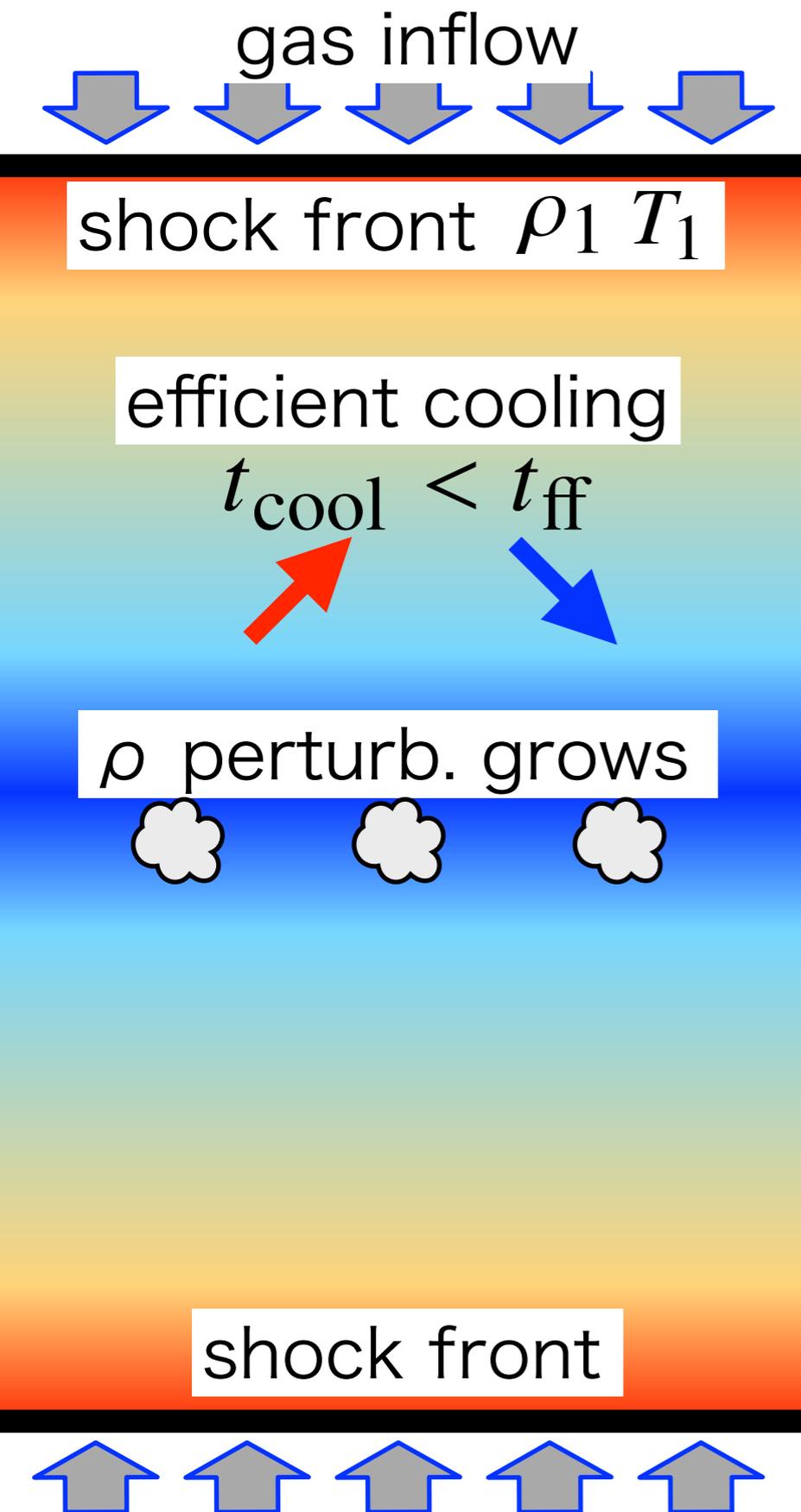
$$M_{\text{J}}(\rho_{\text{frag}}, T_{\text{frag}}) \sim \rho_{\text{frag}} \lambda_{\text{J}}^3(\rho_{\text{frag}}, T_{\text{frag}})$$

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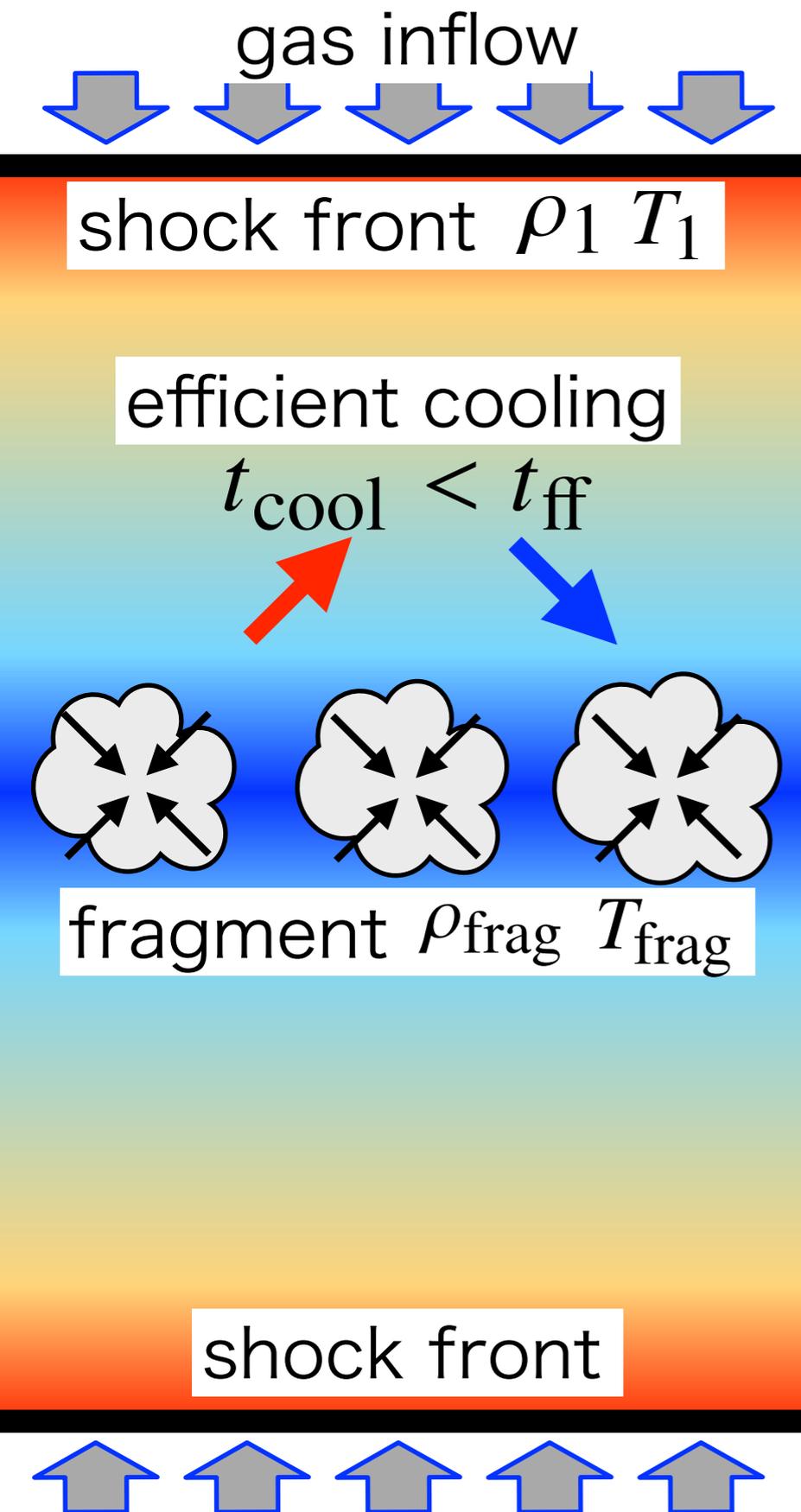
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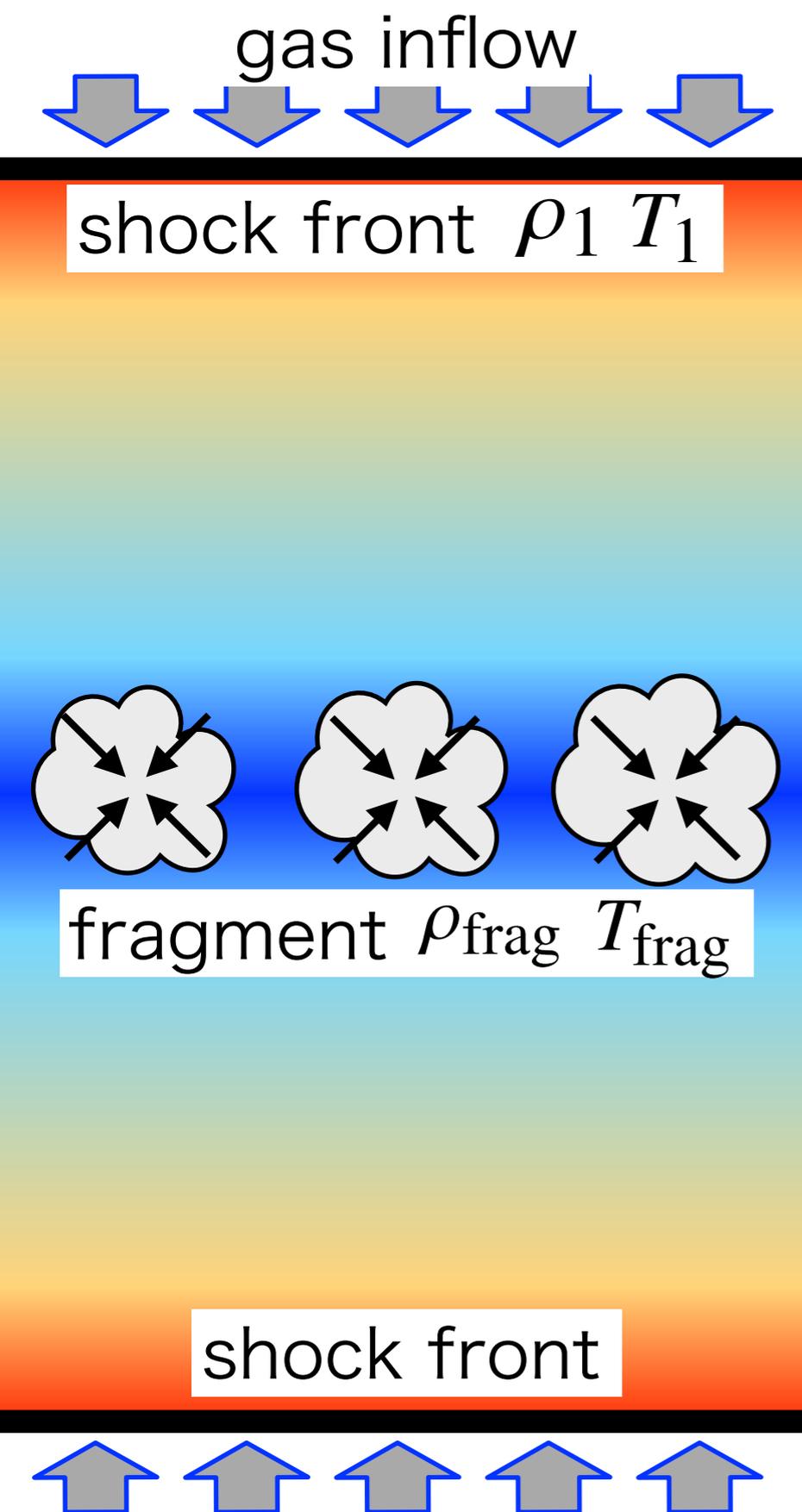
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Contraction by self-gravity

Omukai 2000, 2012

Omukai et al. 2005, 2010



★ Evolution in the cloud center is followed.

• Dynamics: $\frac{d\rho}{dt} = \frac{\rho}{t_{\text{ff}}}$,

• Energy: $\frac{de}{dt} = -P \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{\rho} \right) - \Lambda_{\text{net}}$,

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Below, we present the results for shocked clouds with

$$n_{\text{H},1} = 4 \text{ cm}^{-3} \text{ supernova remnant (SN)}$$

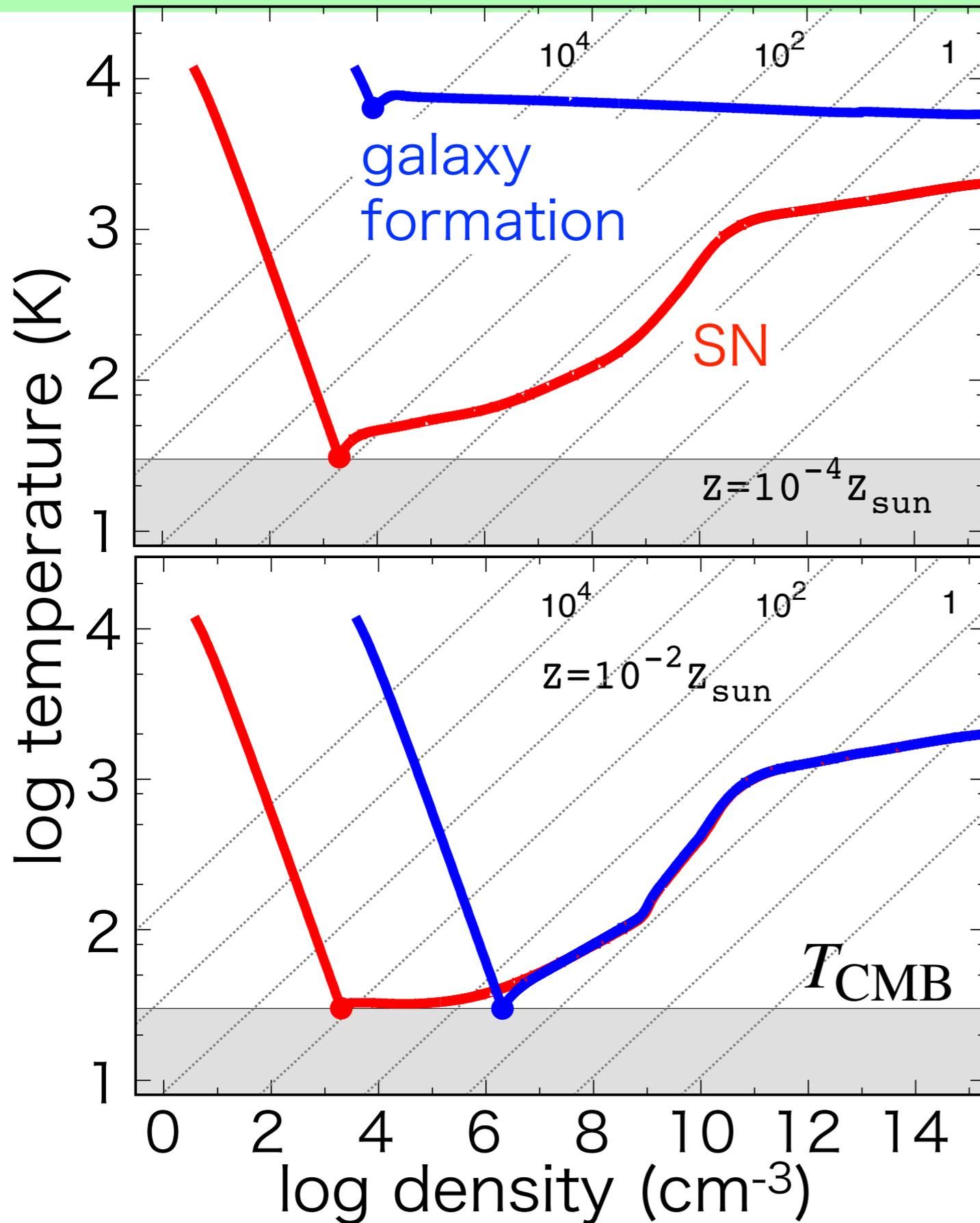
$$4 \times 10^3 \text{ cm}^{-3} \text{ galaxy formation (GF)}$$

3. Results

Thermal evolution without/with dust
with UV radiation

Fragment mass

Thermal evolution without dust



Isobaric contraction

$$T \rightarrow T_{\text{CMB}} = 30 \text{ K}$$



Fragmentation

$$M_{\text{frag, shock}} \sim 100 M_{\odot} \text{ in SN}$$

$$\sim 10 M_{\odot} \text{ in GF}$$

$$\text{for } 10^{-2} Z_{\odot}$$



Gravitational contraction

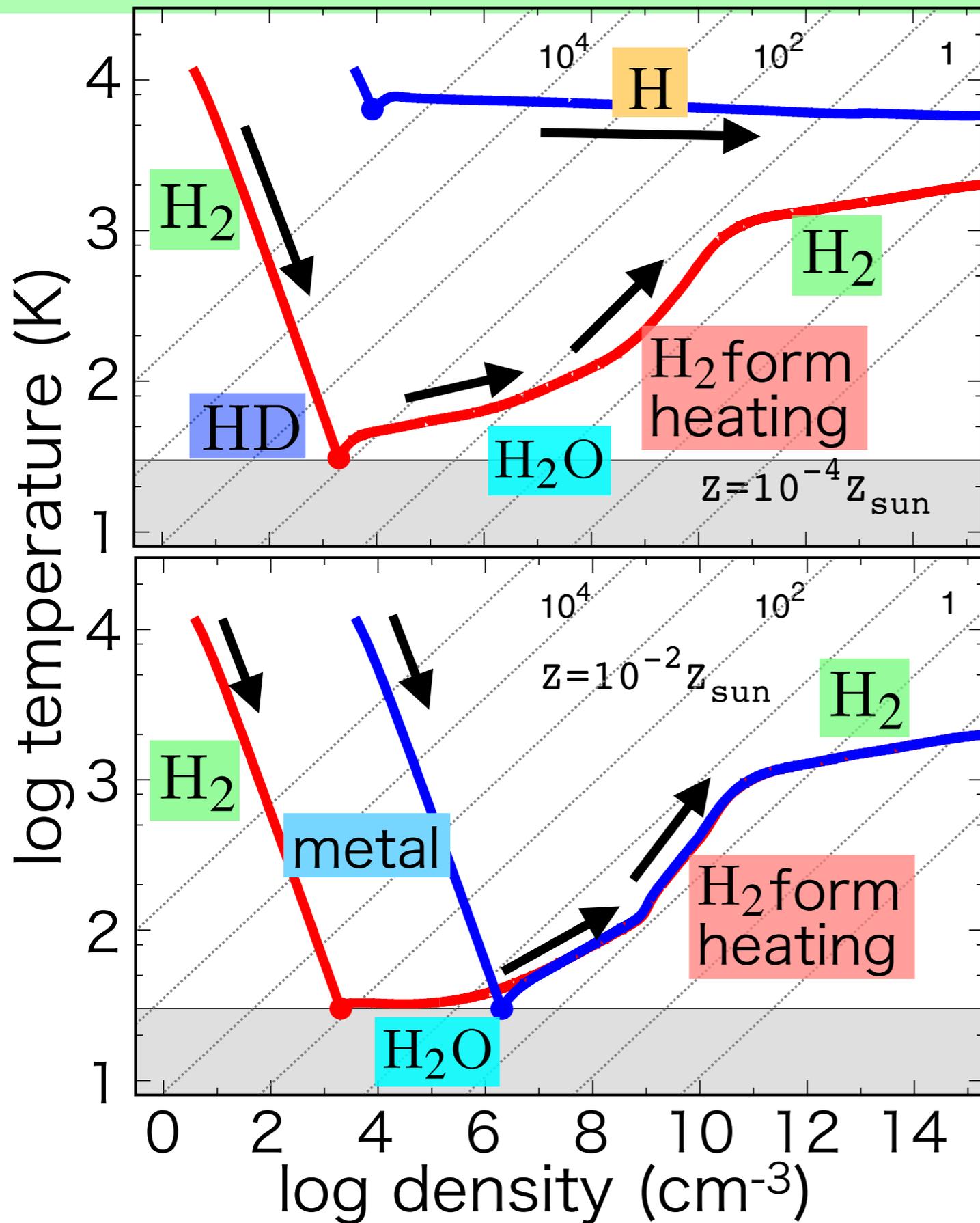
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In GF, H₂ suffers from collisional dissociation.

➡ Gas can not cool below
~ 8000 K without metals.

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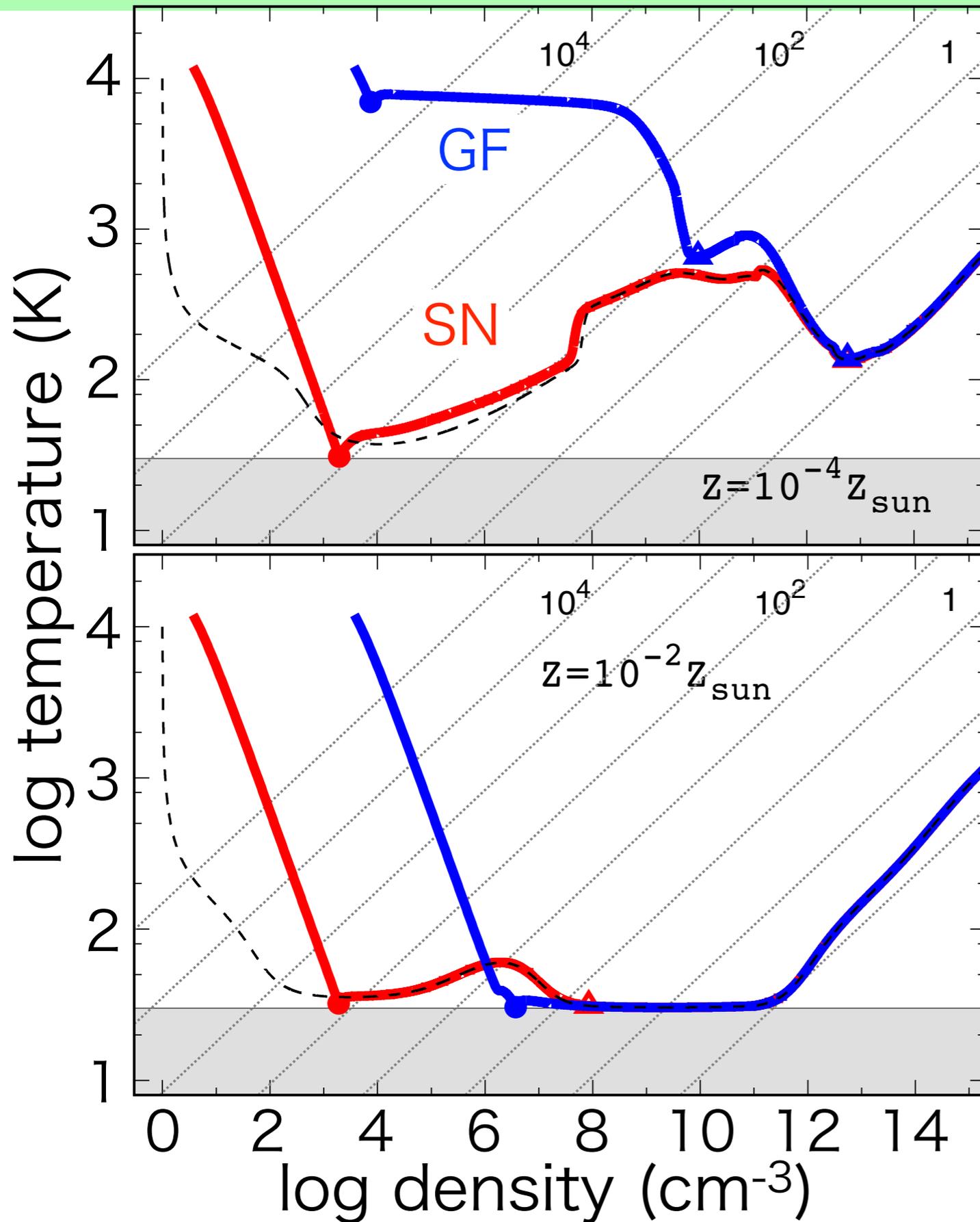
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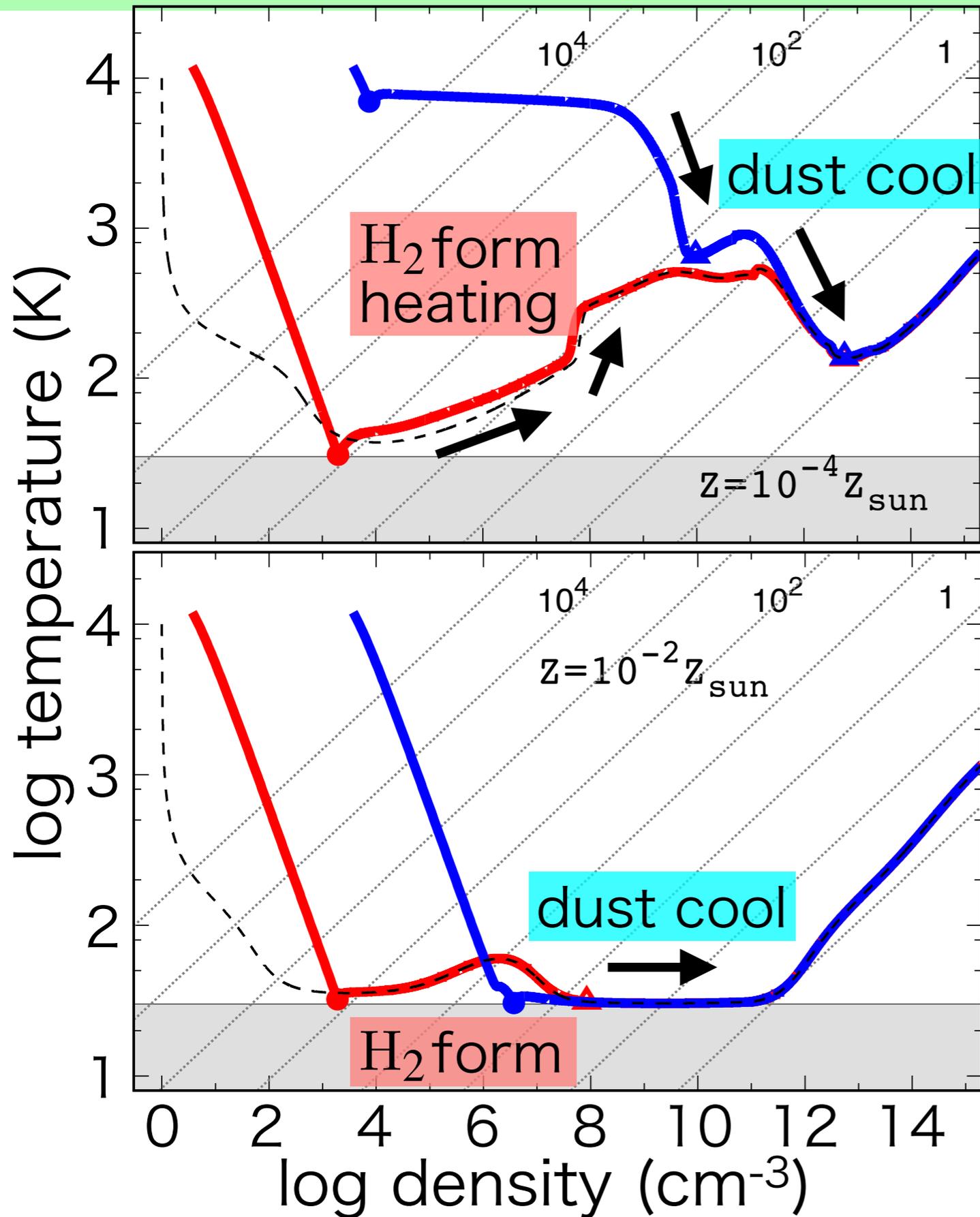
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➔ Sub-solar mass fragments are formed.
($M_{\text{frag,dust}} \sim 0.01-1 M_{\odot}$)

*This is not true for $10^{-2} Z_{\odot}$ in galaxy formation.

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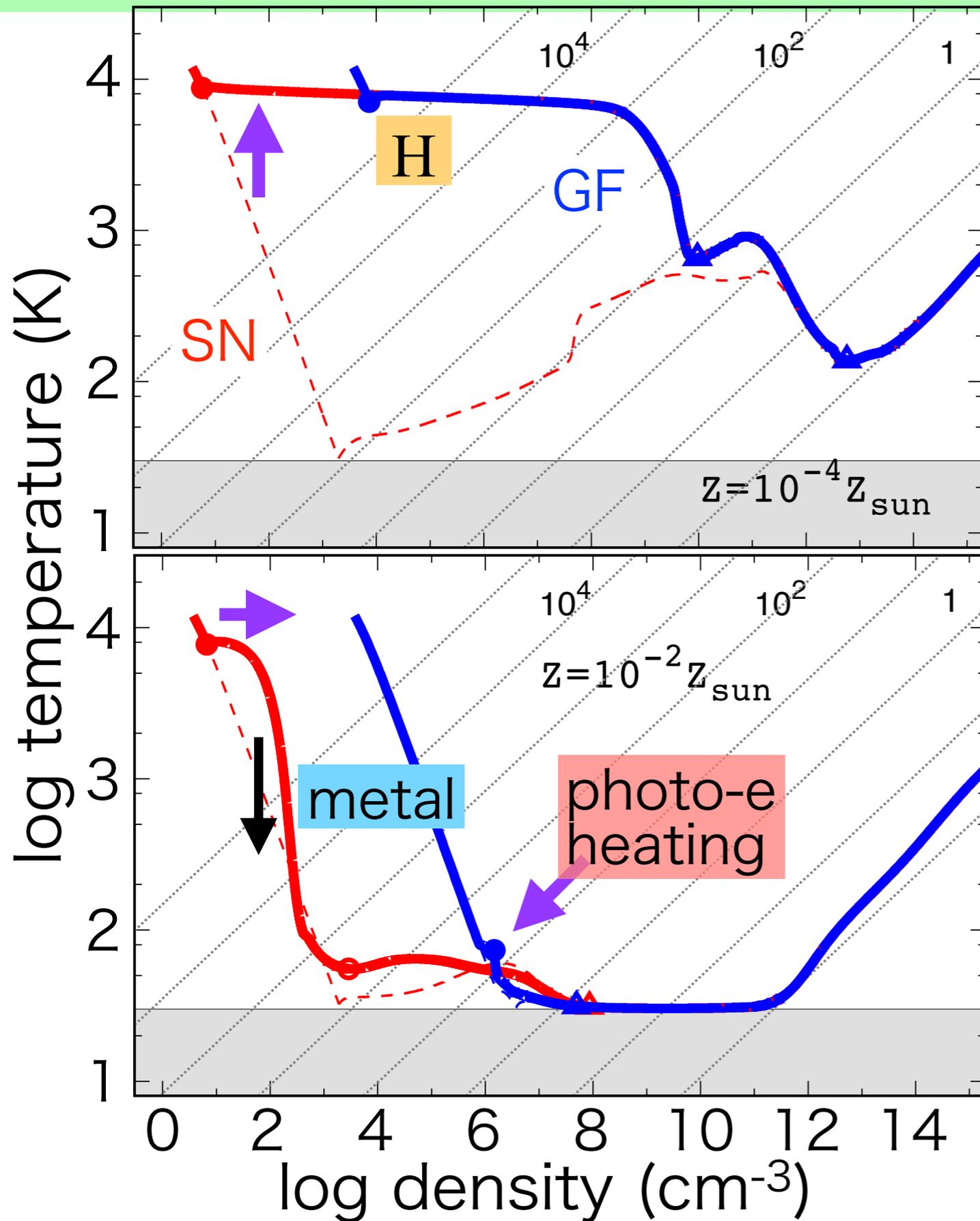
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Thermal evolution with UV radiation



UV effect is explicit in **SN**.

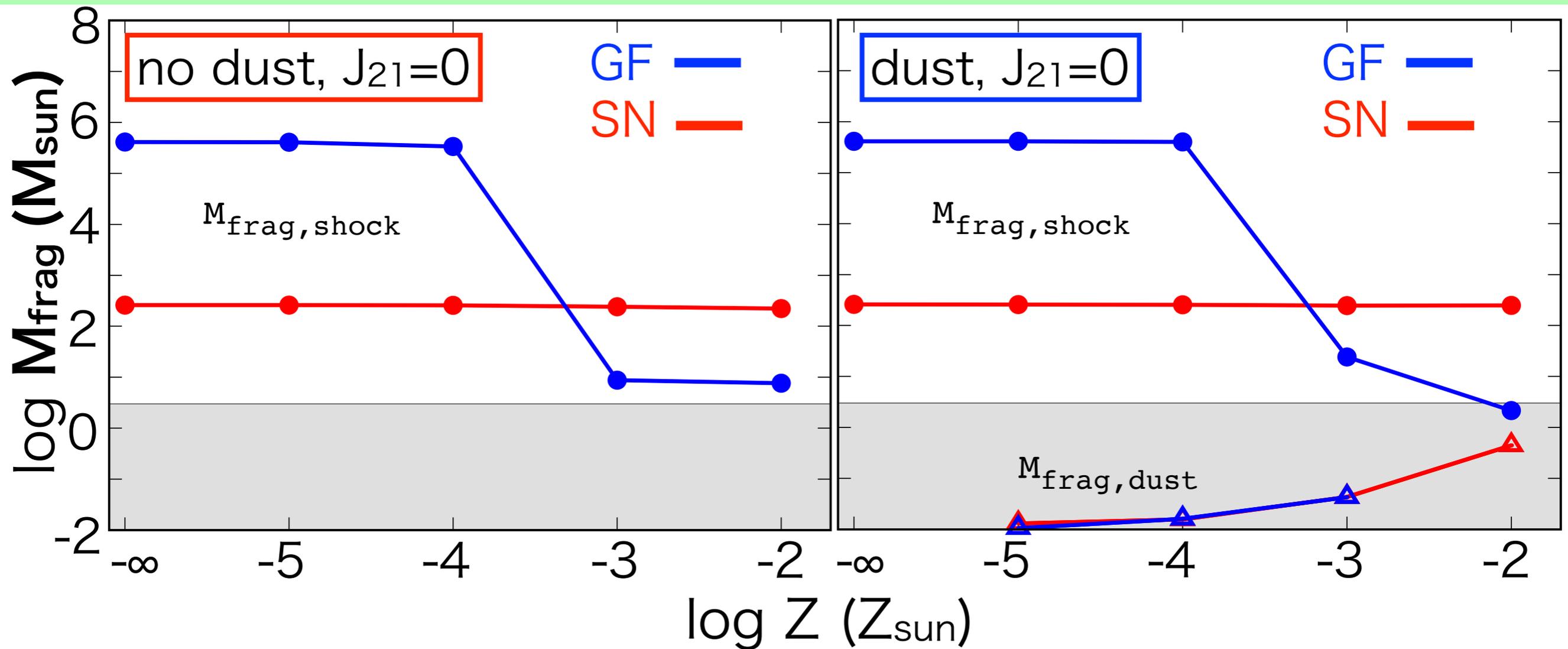
By H₂ photodissociation, gas can not cool below 8000K.

For $10^{-2} Z_{\odot}$, re-fragmentation occurs multiple times by metal/dust cooling.

In **galaxy formation**, little effect is seen.

Photoelectrons emitted from grains heat gas at 10^5 - 10^6 cm⁻³.

Fragment mass: with no UV



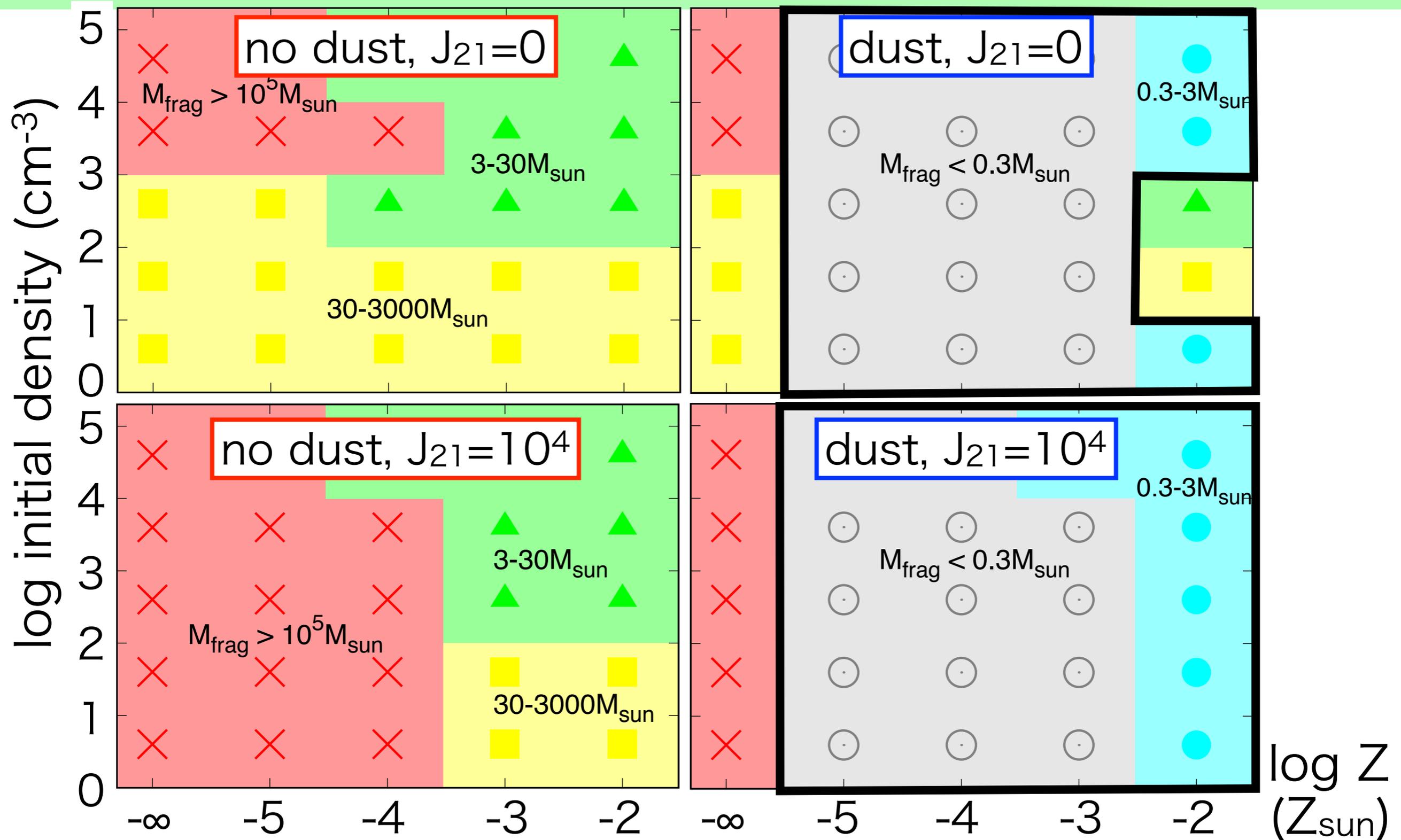
*In **GF**, $M_{\text{frag,shock}} > 10^5 M_{\odot}$ \rightarrow $\sim 10 M_{\odot}$ at 10^{-4} - $10^{-3} Z_{\odot}$.

*In **SN**, $M_{\text{frag,shock}} \sim 100 M_{\odot}$ for all metallicities.

*Sub-solar mass fragments are formed by dust cooling even in a very metal-poor cloud $\gtrsim 10^{-5} Z_{\odot}$.

*UV hardly changes these trends.

Condition for low mass star formation



Dust is indispensable for low-mass star formation in shock-compressed clouds.

Summary

- * Thermal evolution of a shock-compressed cloud is studied.
- * Isobaric contract \rightarrow fragmentation \rightarrow gravitational contract.
 - In **GF**, $M_{\text{frag, shock}} > 10^5 M_{\odot} \searrow \sim 10 M_{\odot}$ at 10^{-4} - $10^{-3} Z_{\odot}$.
 - In **SN**, $M_{\text{frag, shock}} \sim 100 M_{\odot}$ for all metallicities.
- * Dust cooling drives rapid T drop & re-fragmentation.
 - \rightarrow Sub-solar mass fragment is formed for $\gtrsim 10^{-5} Z_{\odot}$.
- * UV hardly changes these trends.
- * Dust is indispensable for low-mass star formation in shock-compressed clouds.