



ENIGMATIC FIRST STARS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM

IFPU Focus Week

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WHAT IS IFPU?

The Institute for Fundamental Physics of the Universe (IFPU) is a joint initiative of:

- the International School for Advanced Studies (SISSA),
- the Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP),
- the National Institute for Astrophysics (INAF)

and

• the National Institute for Nuclear Physics (INFN) as institutional party

The institute aims at hosting and promoting a vigorous and innovative multi-disciplinary research program focused on investigating the fundamental laws of Nature under a Cosmological and Astrophysical perspective.

Postdoc fellowships of 2+1 years: call for interest published on AJO in the fall.

IFPU PROGRAMS

Focus week programs: small-scale thematic workshops

Team research programs: activity of small groups developing or finalizing a project

Call for proposal for activities planned up to March 2023: now open with a soft deadline on the 6th of June. See the web page for more information.

LOGISTIC INFORMATIONS



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Is it possible to make some progress or to identify new lines of investigation increasing the interactions among communities?

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Review by Nomoto on chemical yields Signature: odd-even effect

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What is the relation between chemical abundances measured in absorption systems (probing the diffuse gas) and in stars?

Is it correct to compare them?

Can we consider these absorption systems as the highz analogues of local ultra-faint dwarf galaxies?

Saccardi et al. 2023



Berg et al. 2015





Skuladottir et al. 2018



Chiaki's talk

Comparison of model predictions with GNz11 abundances

Can we derive the SF history for the observed chemical abundances?