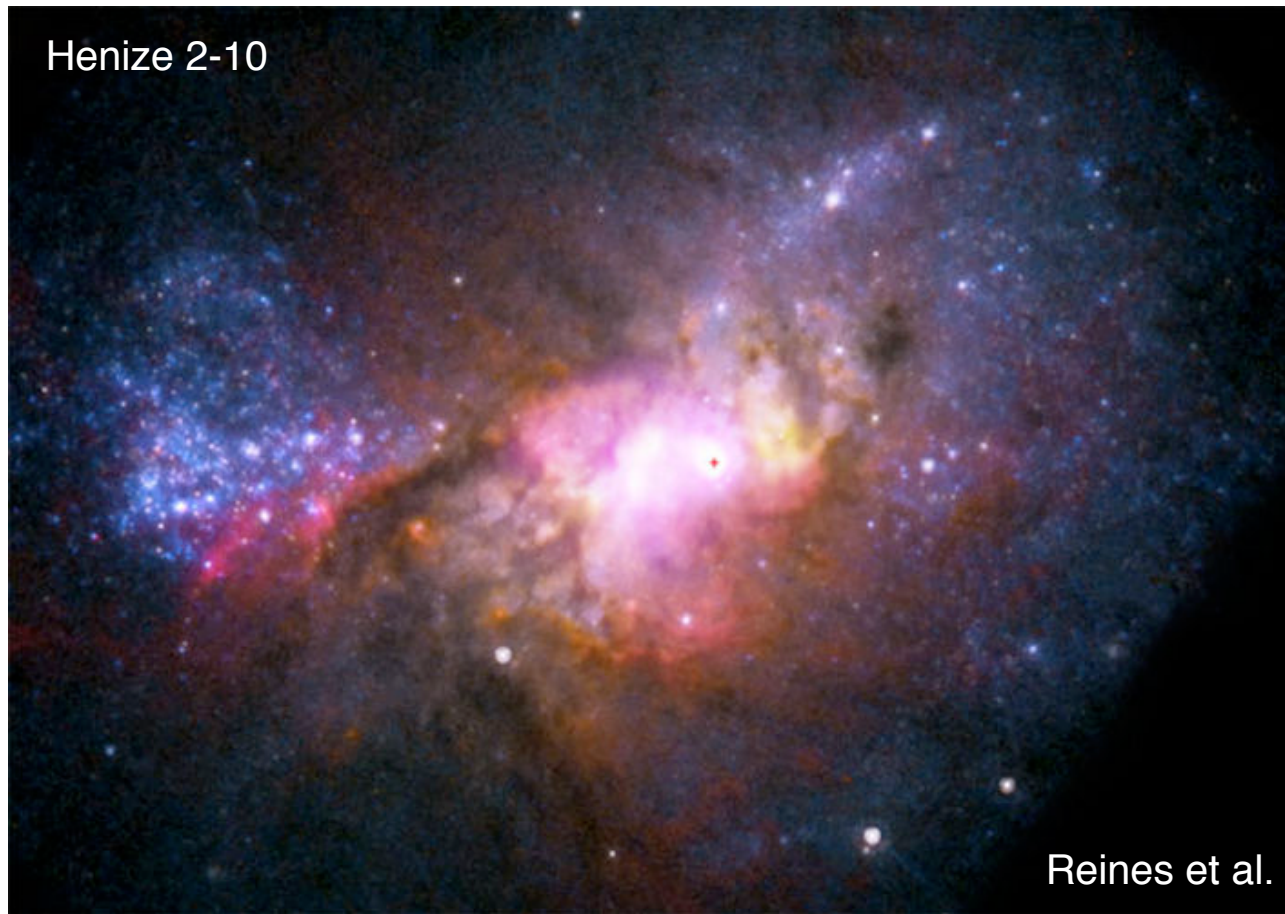


# Sowing Black Hole Seeds

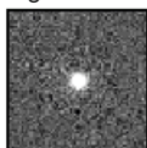


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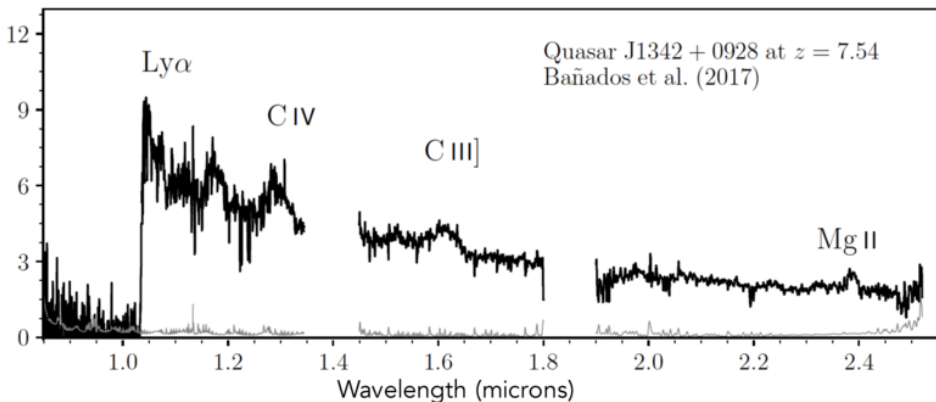
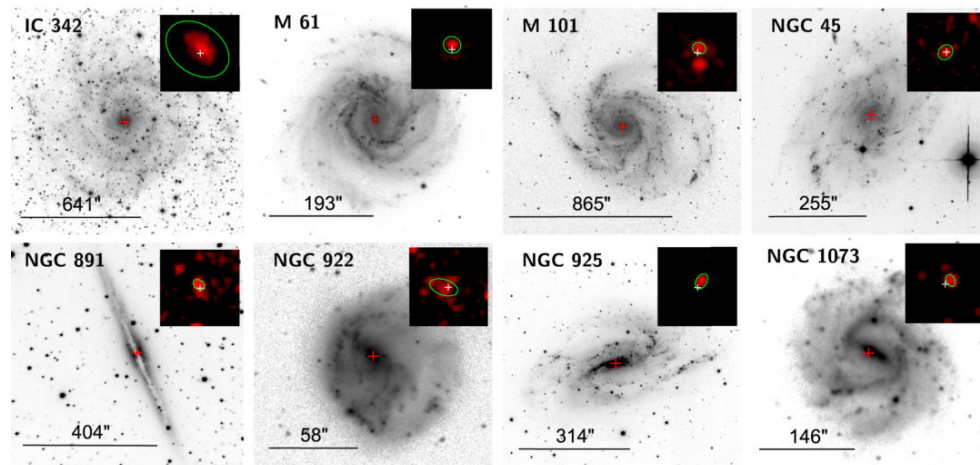
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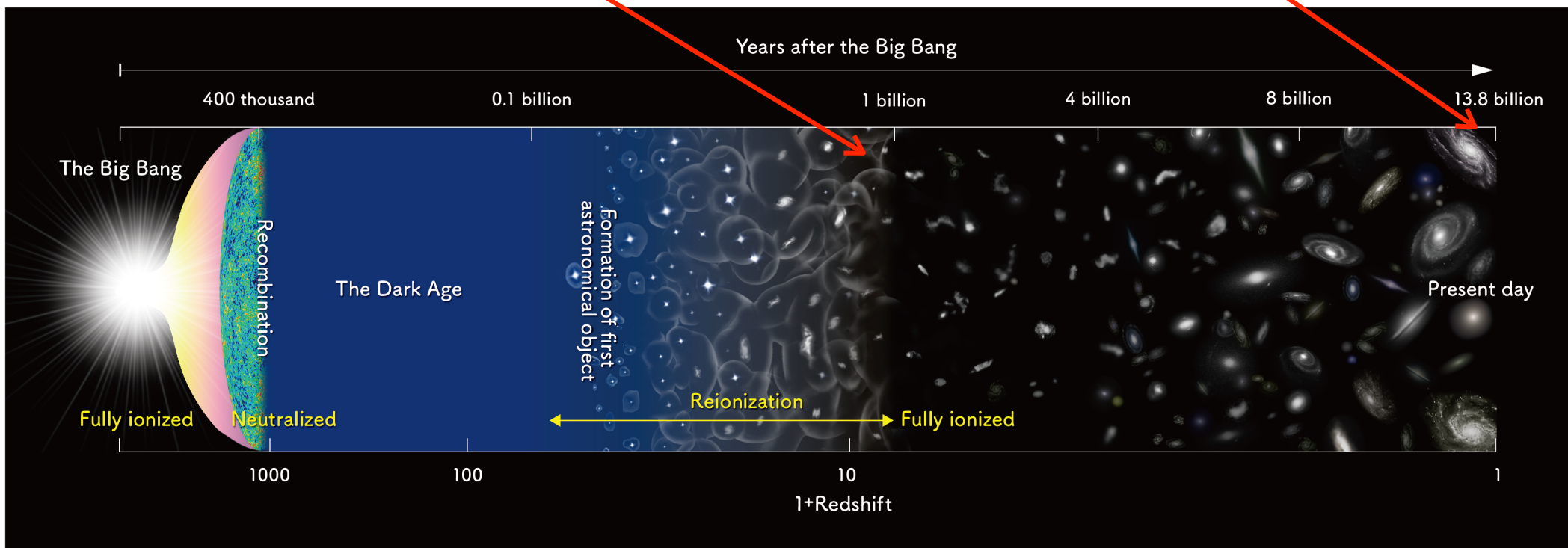
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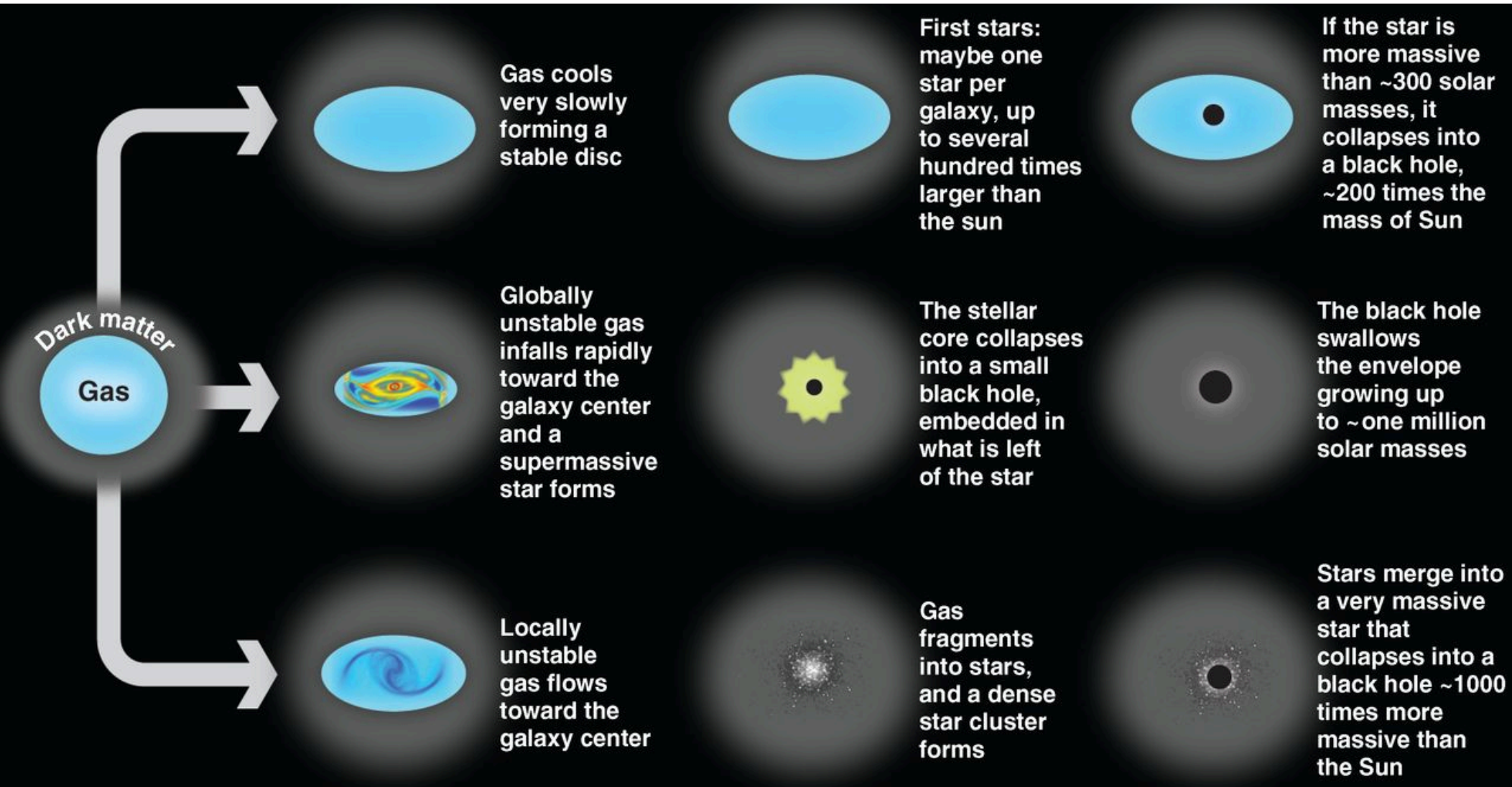
$\sim 10^6 - 10^9 M_{\odot}$  Black Holes



$8 \times 10^{11} M_{\odot}$  Black Hole!

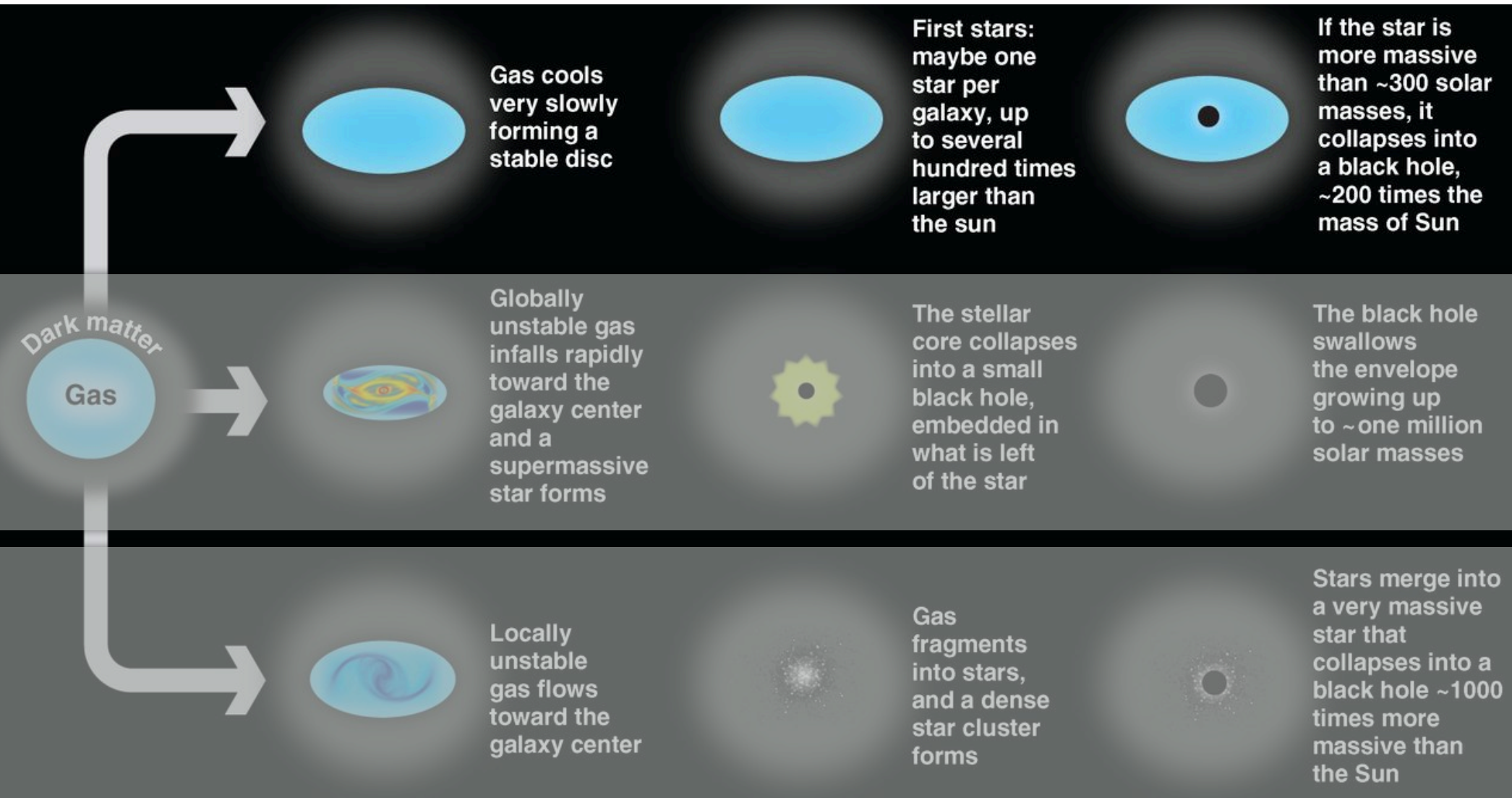


# Forming a black hole: let me count (some of) the ways





# One channel: Light seeds from the first generation of stars



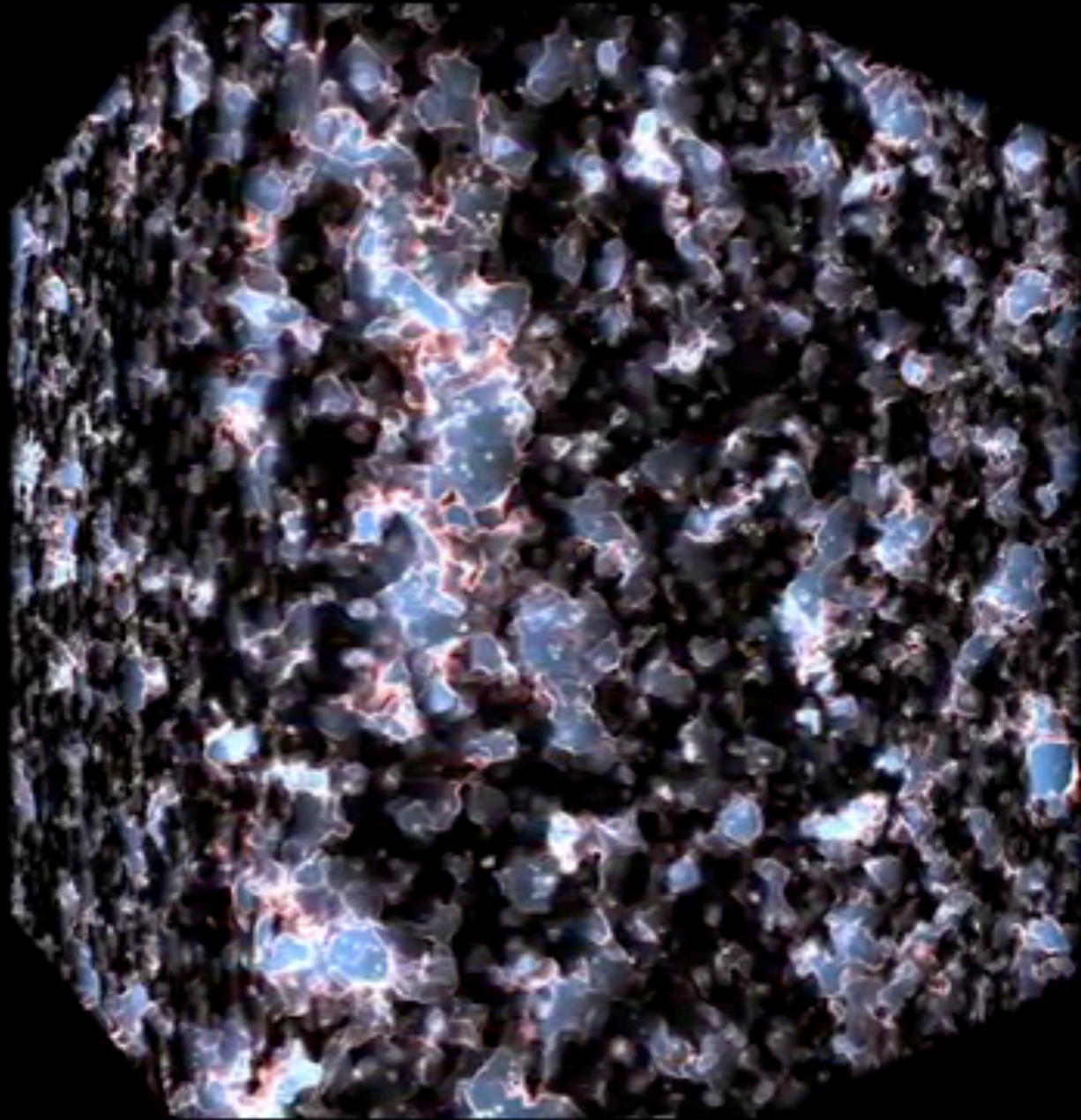
From excellent Volonteri review



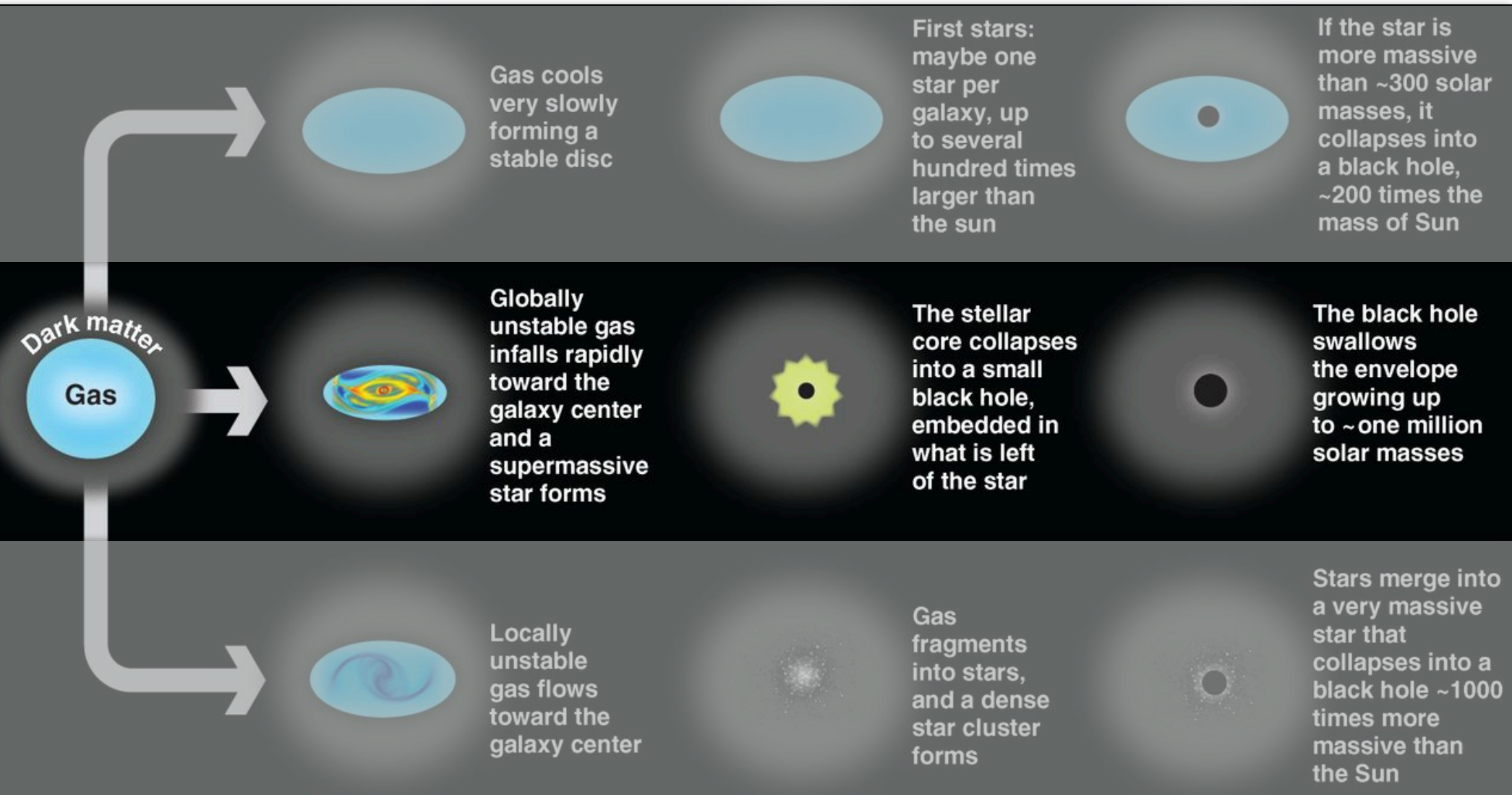
# The modern view of how the first stars are born...

Smith et al. 2015

These first  
stars heat  
and reionize  
the universe!

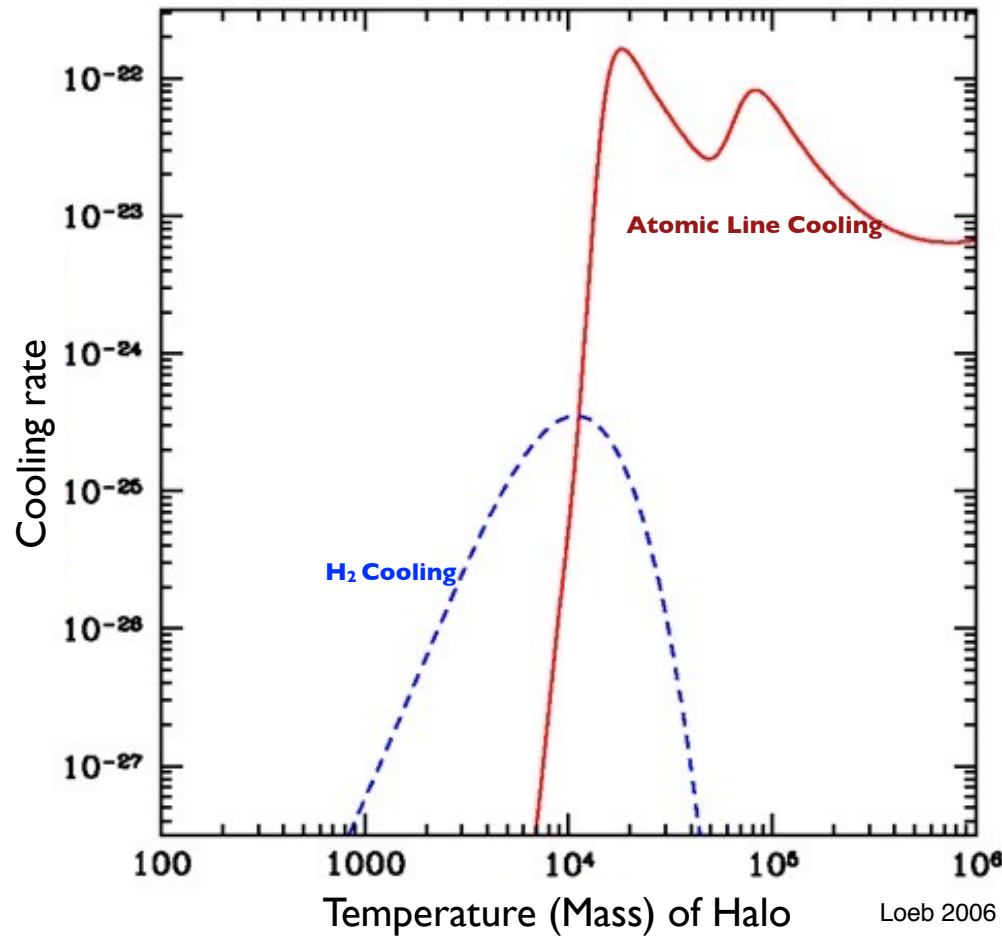


# One channel: Heavy seeds from directly collapsing black holes

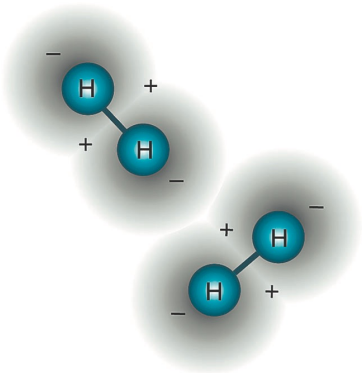




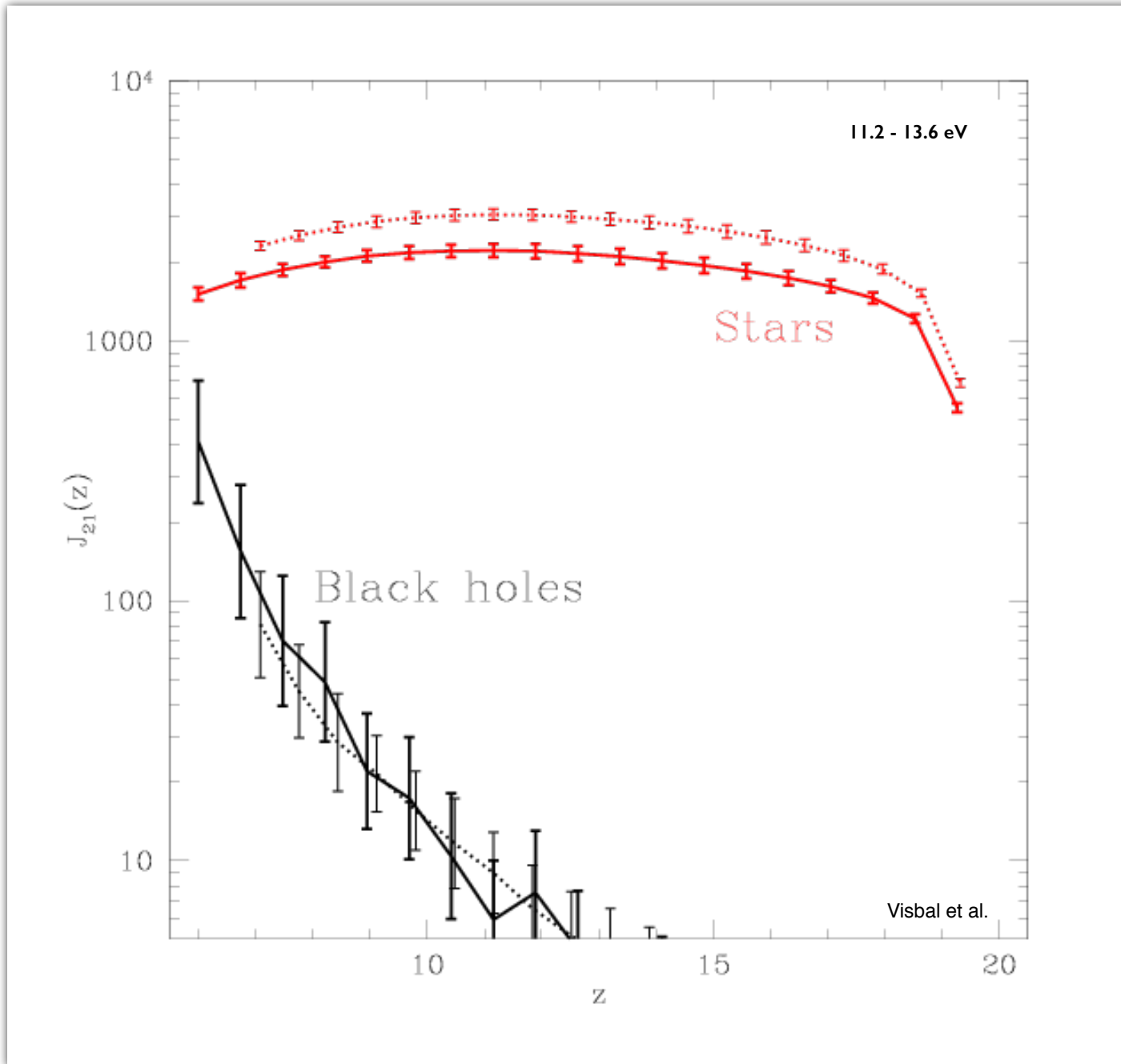
A problem: to build a heavy seed, gas must battle fragmentation!



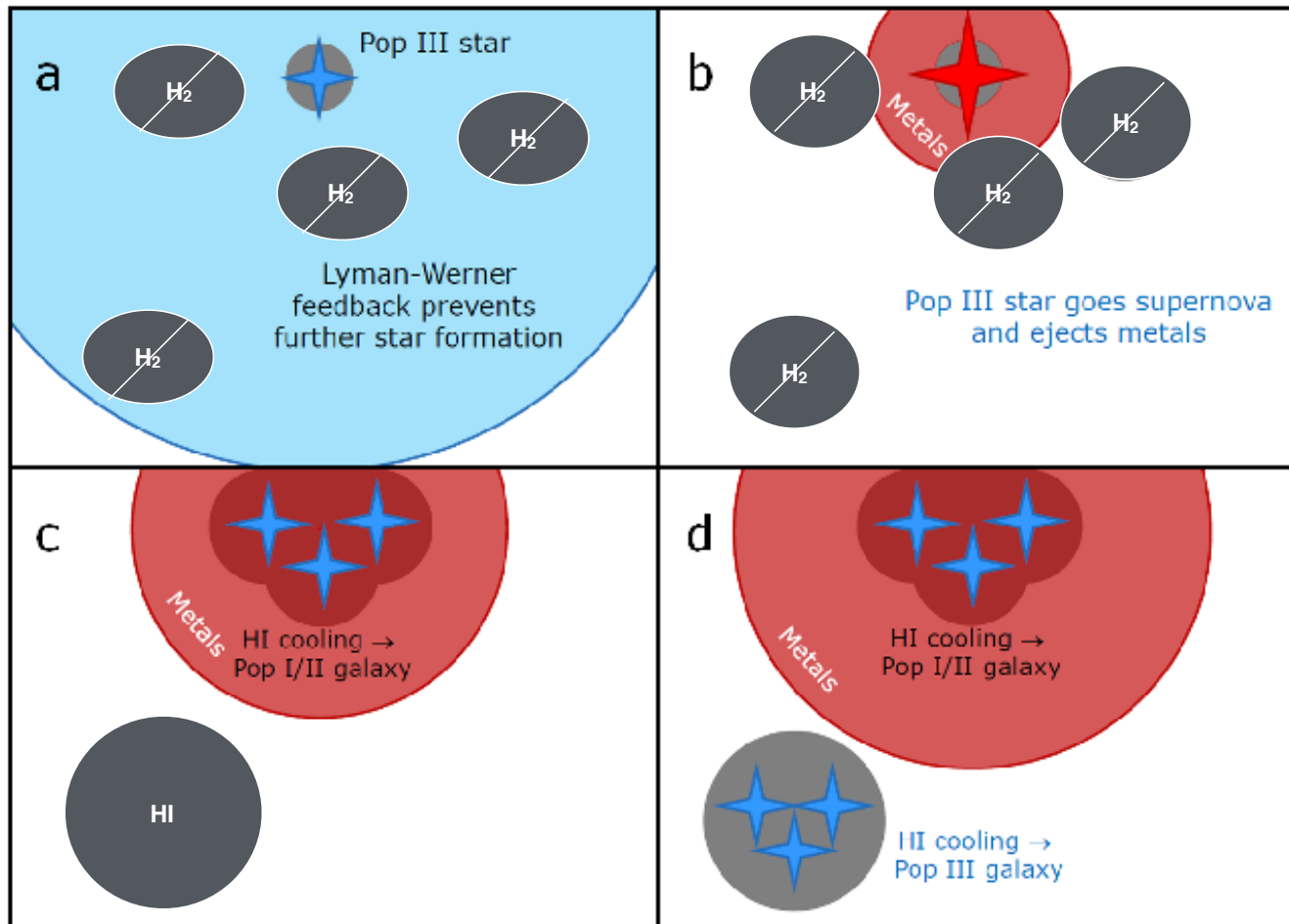
Once halo is polluted with metals, they **really** dominate cooling!



# Lyman-Werner radiation from the first stars and black holes can dissociate H<sub>2</sub>



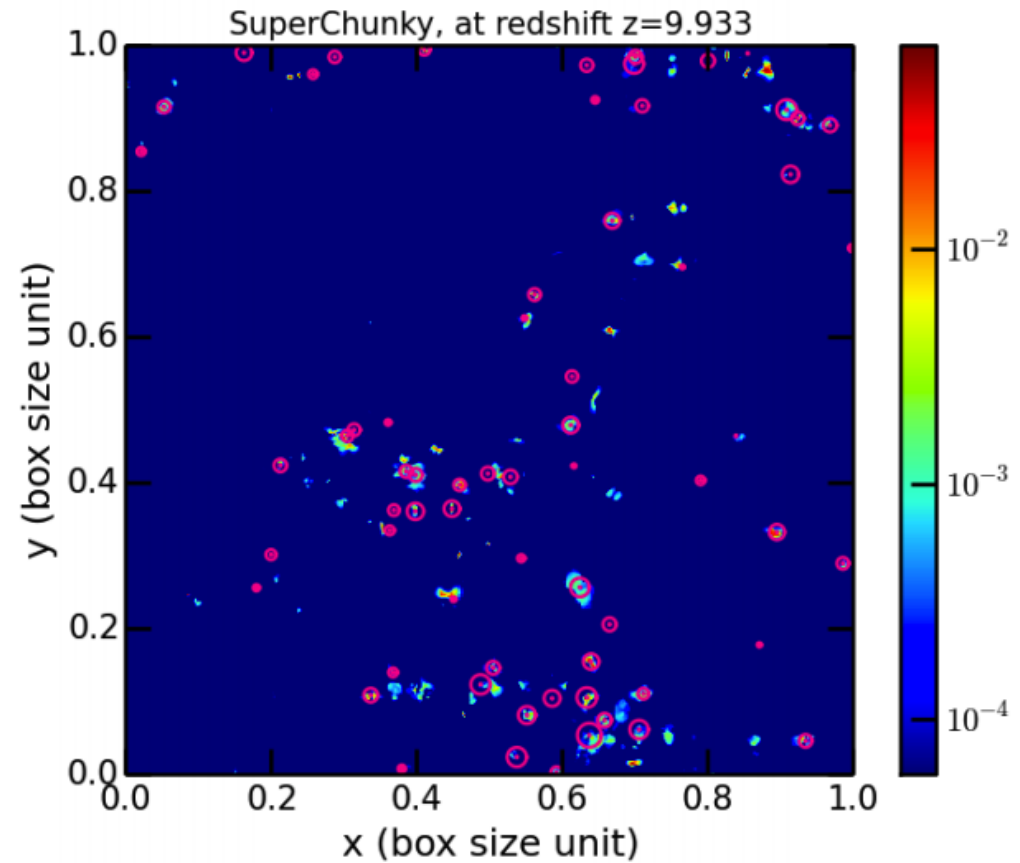
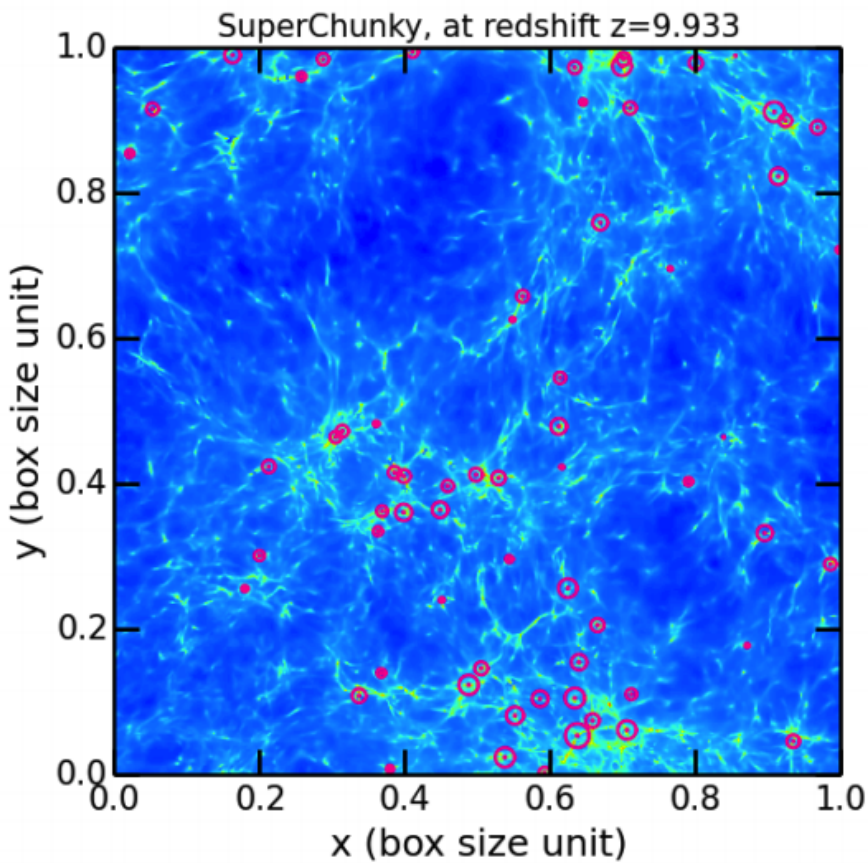
# Low mass halos bathed in Lyman-Werner Flux can form Direct Collapse BHs



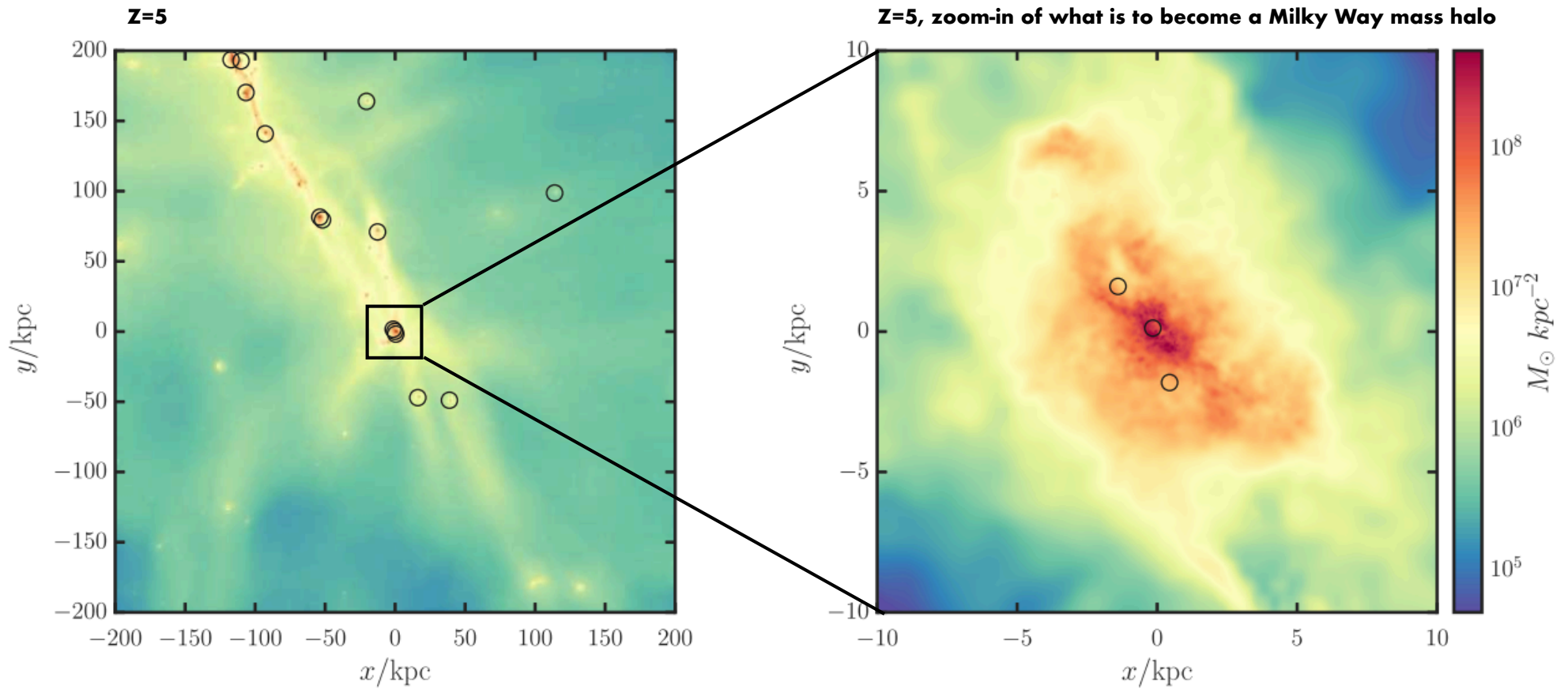
adapted from Zackrisson et al. 2012; see Visbal, Haiman, Bryan 2018



# Early consensus: black hole birthplaces are rare with a uniform UV background



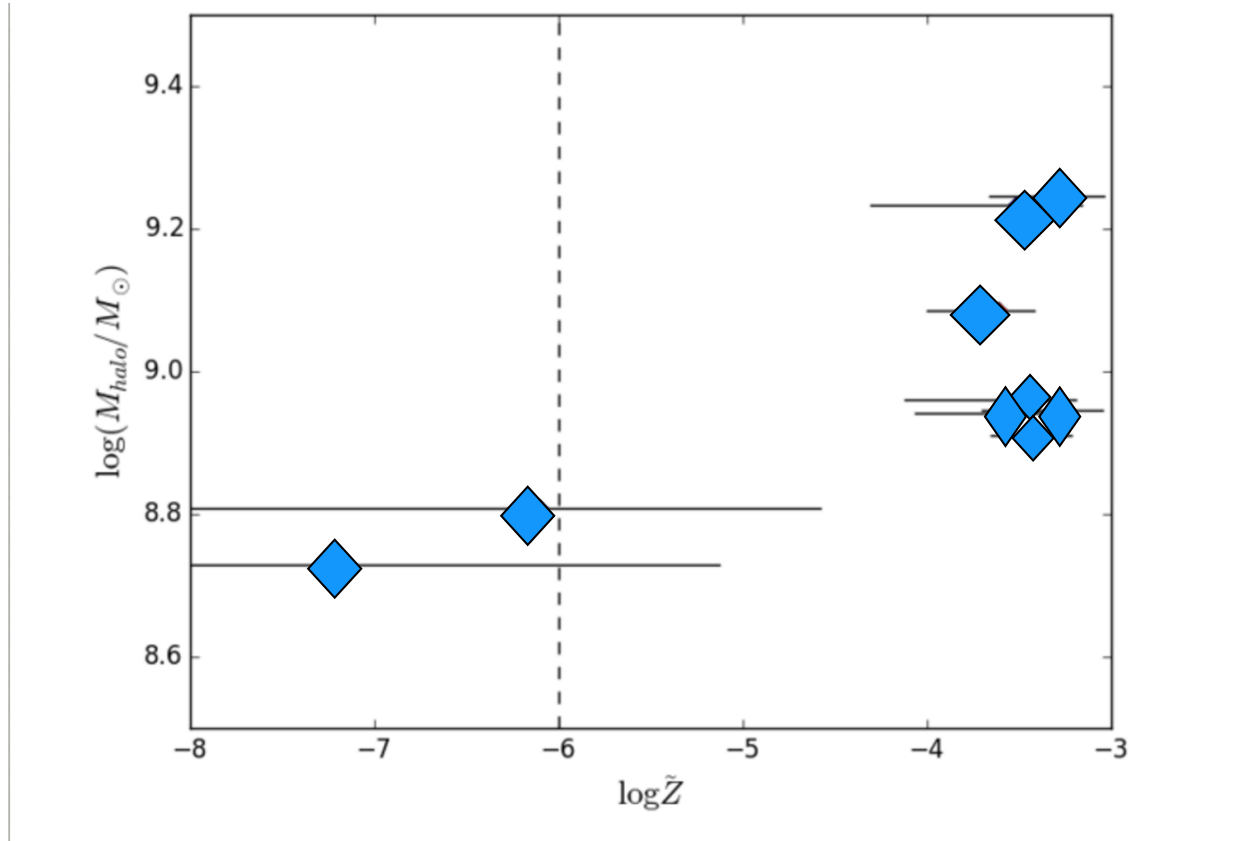
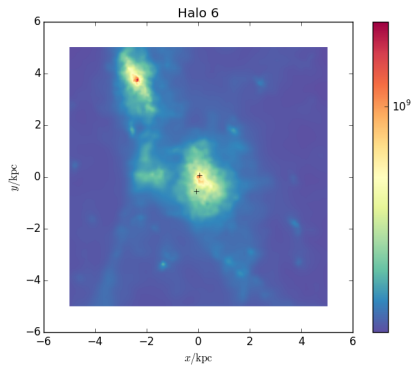
Habouzit et al  
2016



# Cosmological Hydrodynamical Simulations of Direct Collapse Black Hole Formation

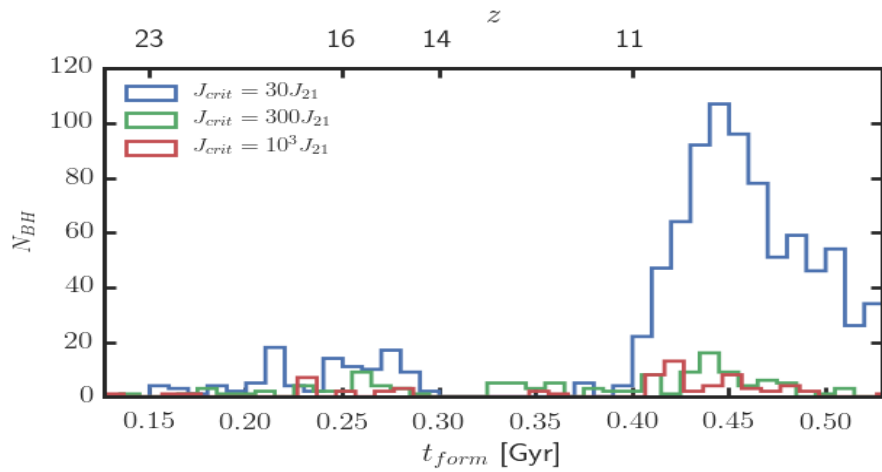
Dunn, Bellovary, KHB, Christensen, Quinn 2018

# Surprises so far — several Direct Collapse Black Holes can form in a single halo

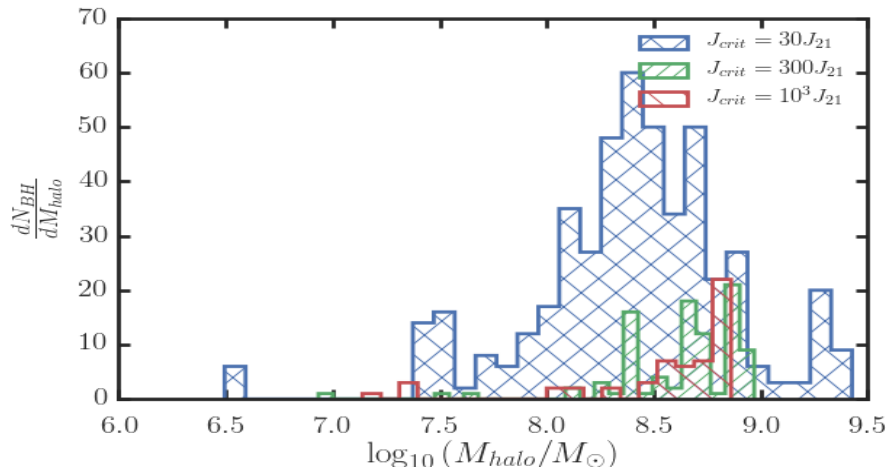


...and seeds can form in 'high' metallicity halos, too!



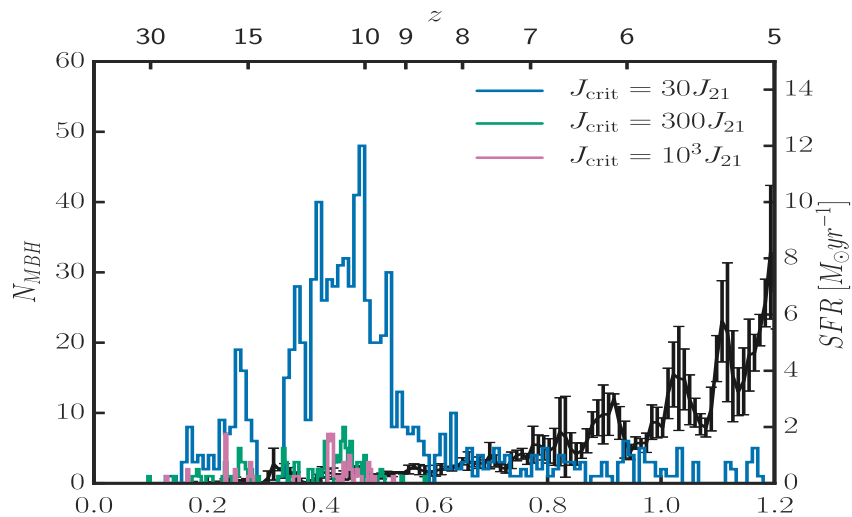


Seed black holes may form after reionization...



in a wider halo mass spectrum...

>50% of halos with masses  $\sim 10^8 M_\odot$  host a seed BH by  $z \sim 4$



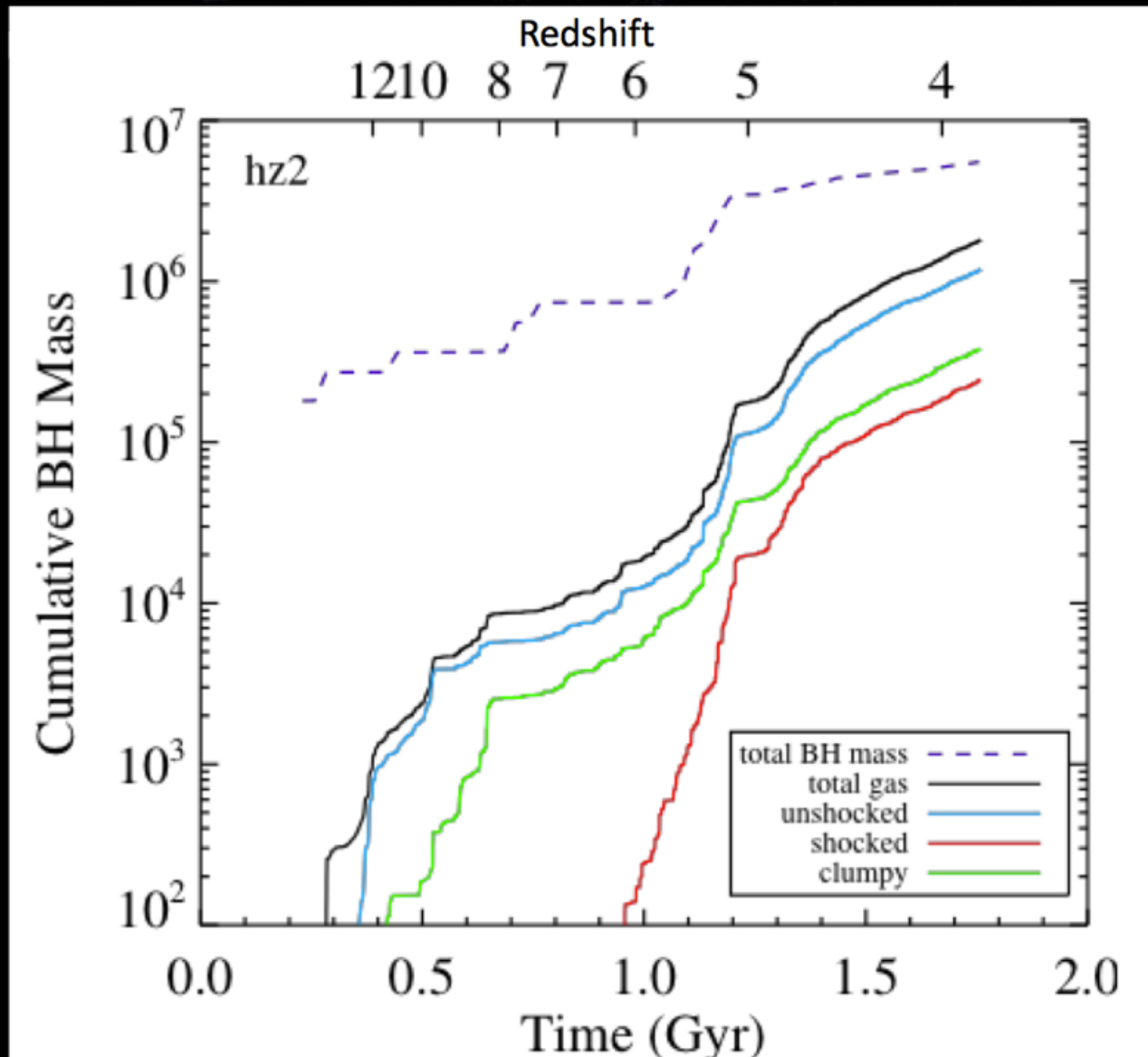
and may suppress early star formation...

# How do these heavy seeds grow?

Bellovary et al. 2013



**Most of the early SMBH growth is not from gas...**  
...and the gas that does fuel the SMBH is not from galaxy mergers

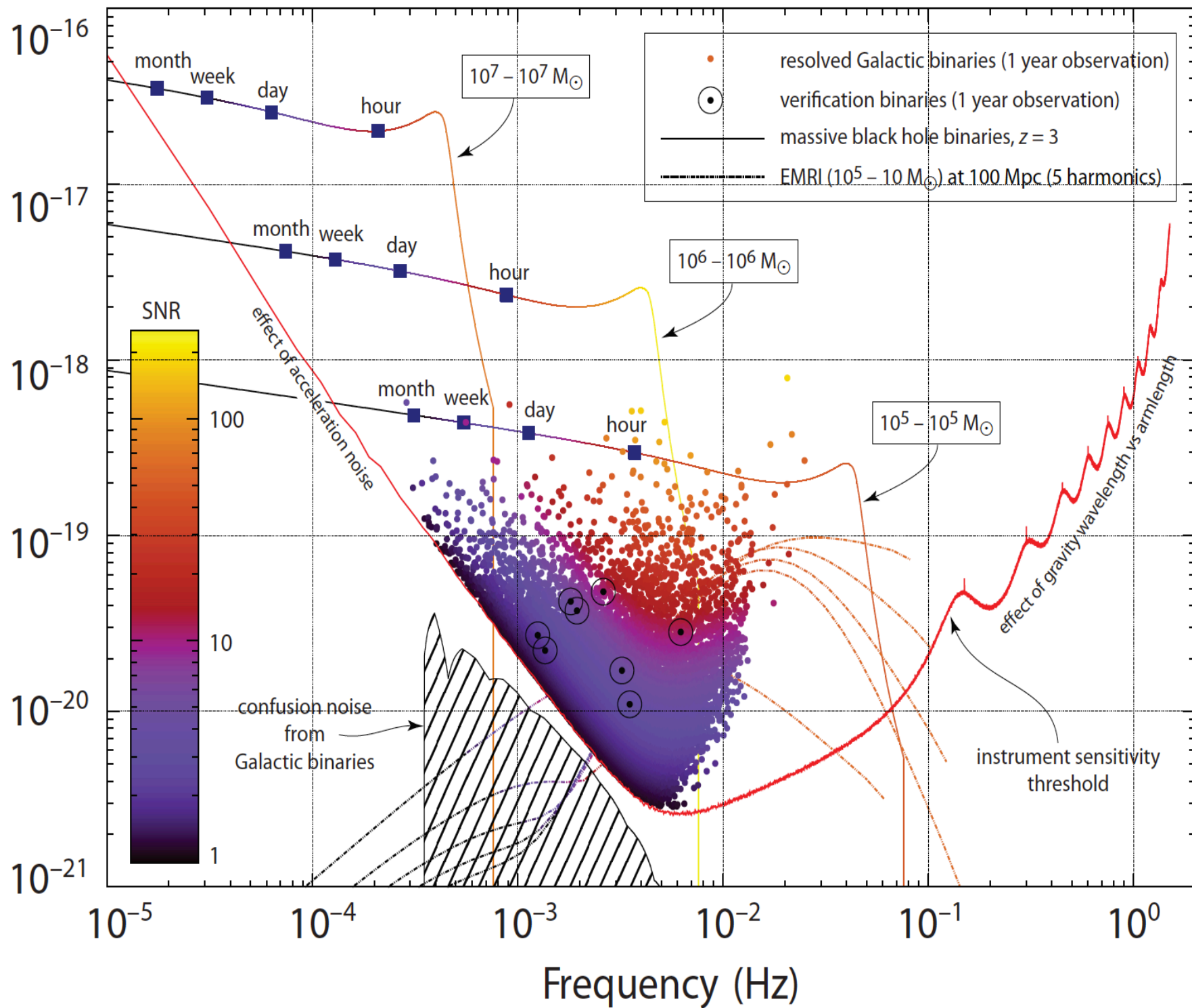




What does all this mean for gravitational wave astronomy?

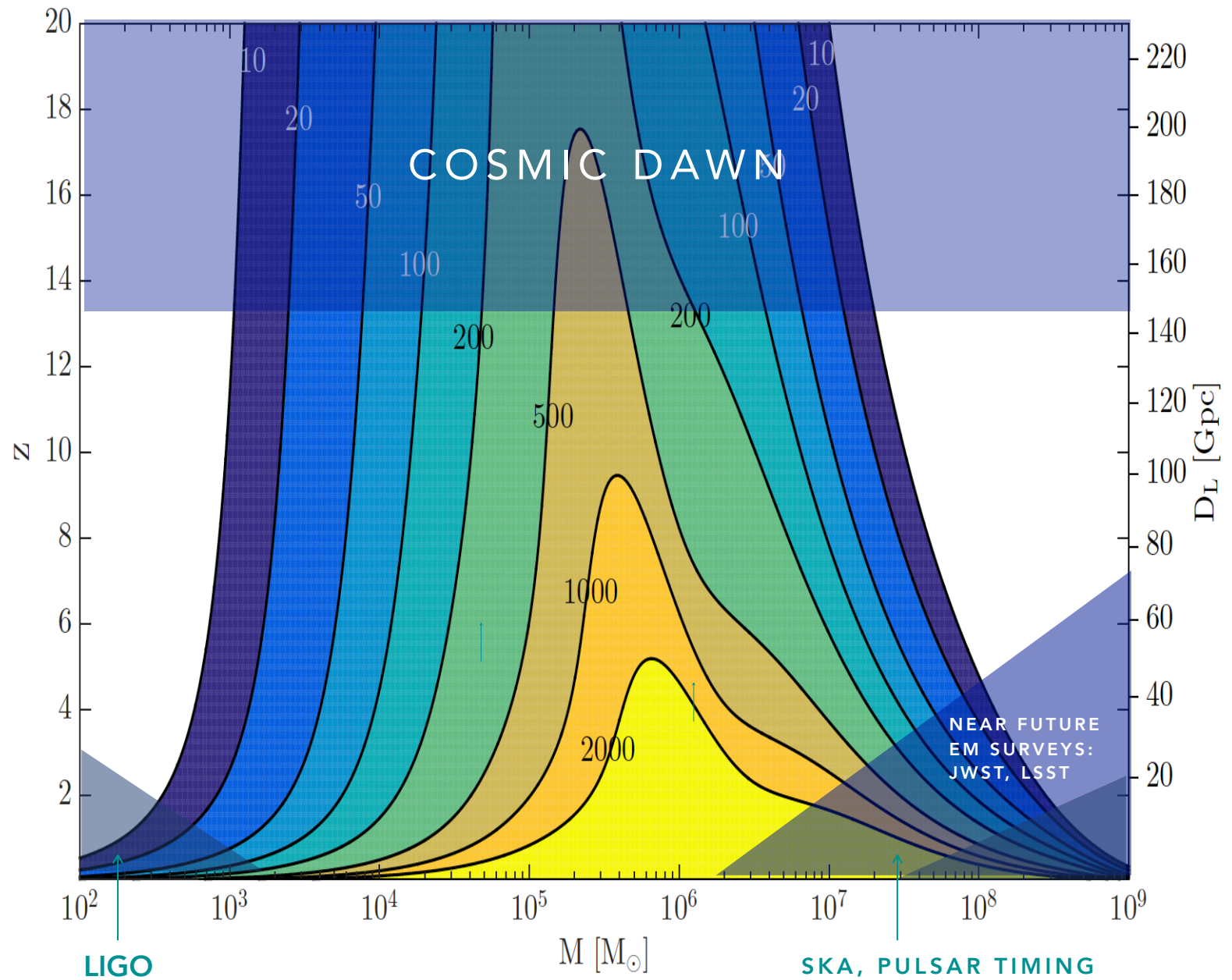


Characteristic strain amplitude

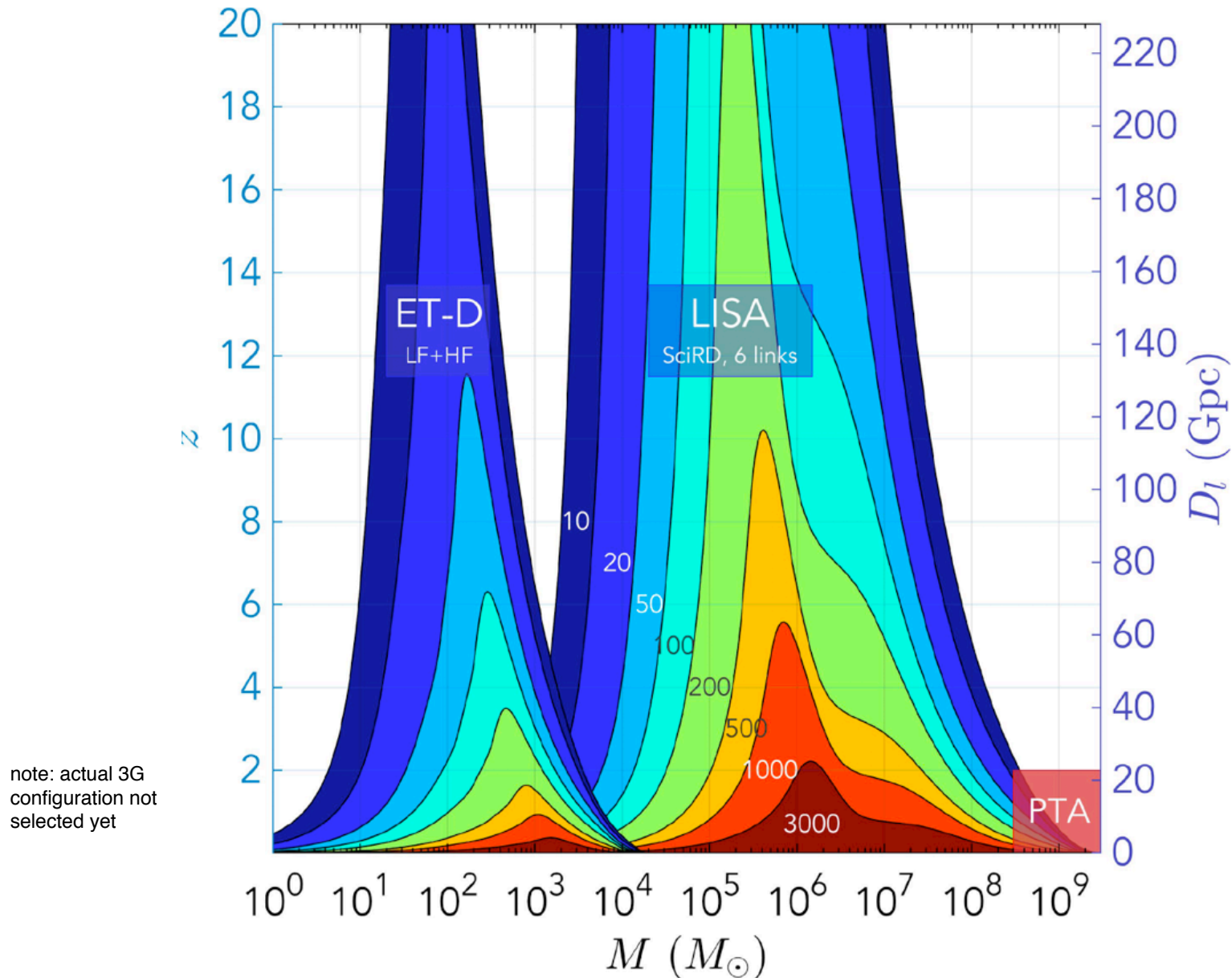




Gravitational Waves will get the only\* direct view of seed formation and black hole early growth!



LISA will have an exquisite view of seed BHs. Hopefully, 3G will too – could especially probe the lighter seed channel!







Glenna Dunn



Jillian Bellovary

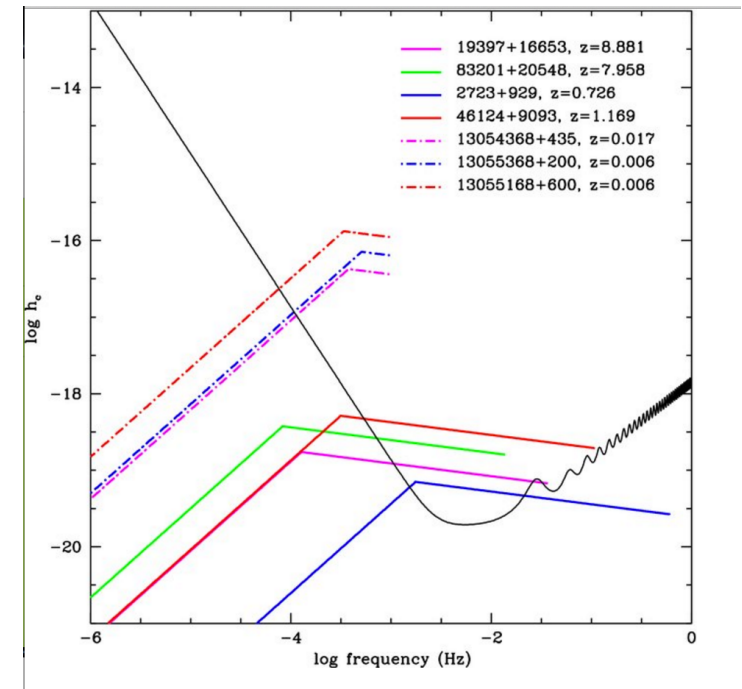
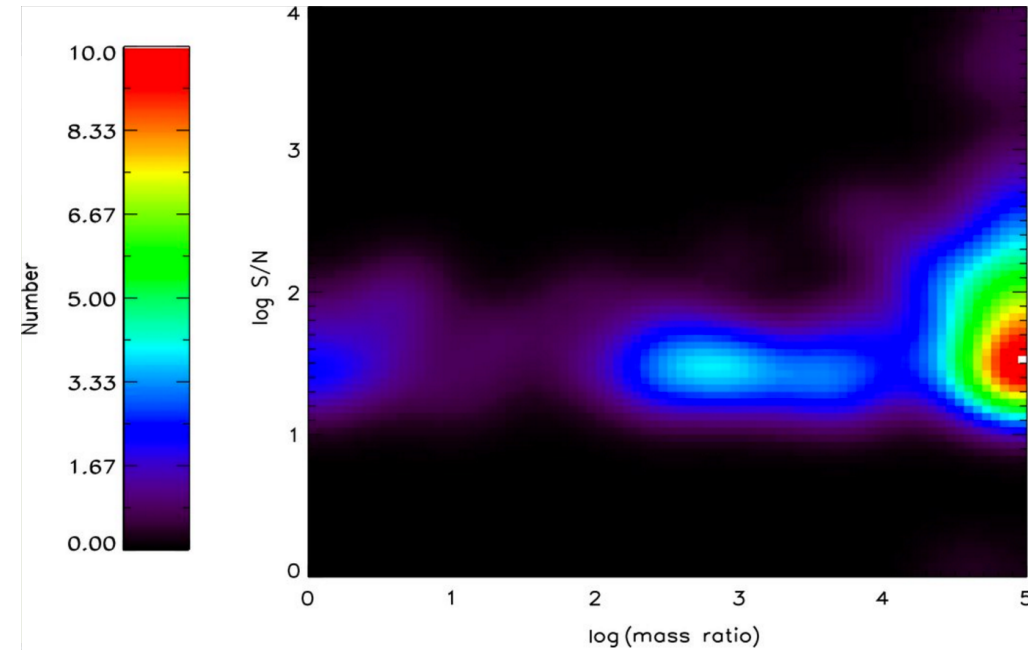
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ks!



Nicole Sanchez

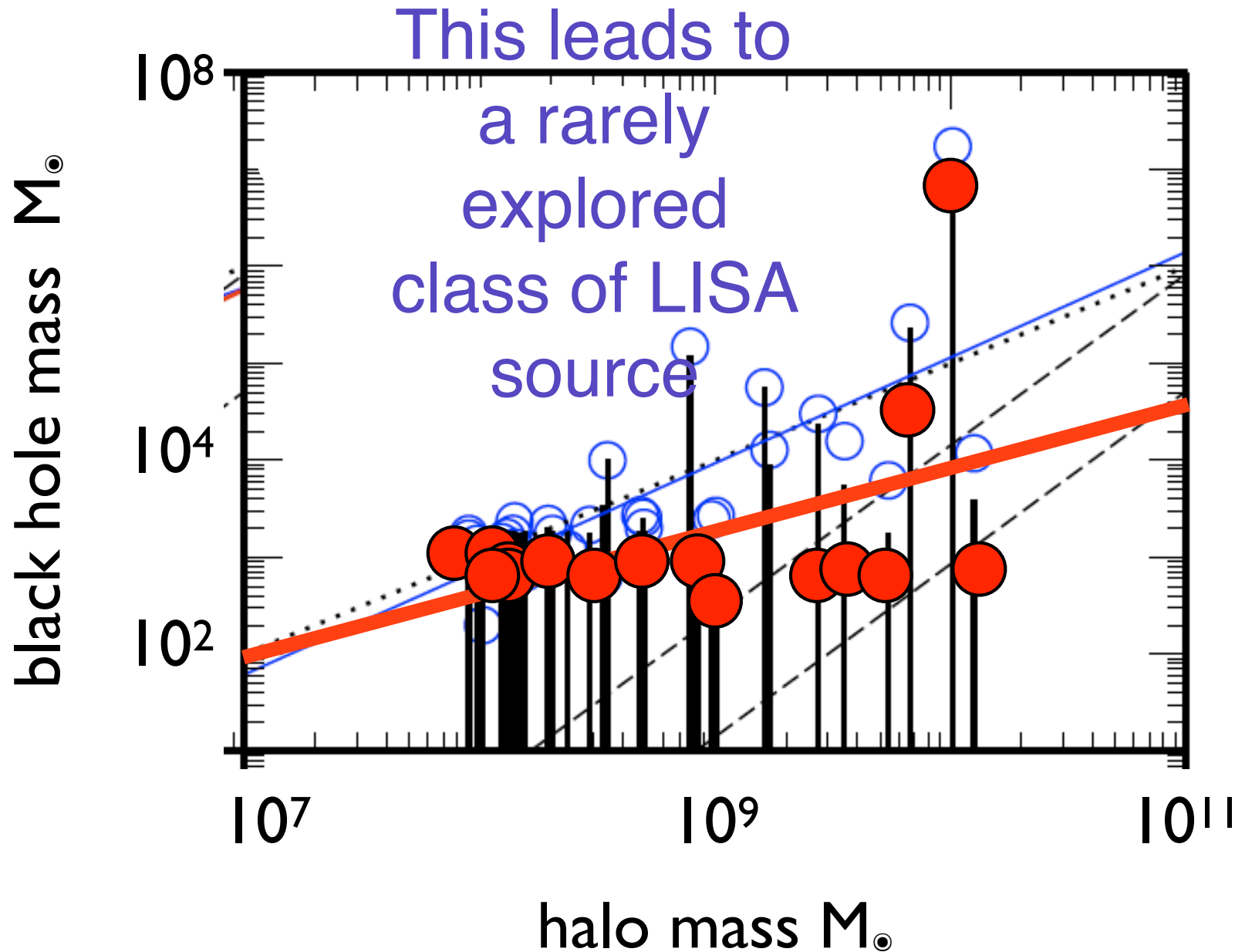
# Assembling a MW SMBH results in dozens of loud signals, mostly with really unequal masses

scaling to the universe,  $\sim 500$  sources with  $\text{SNR} > 30$  for



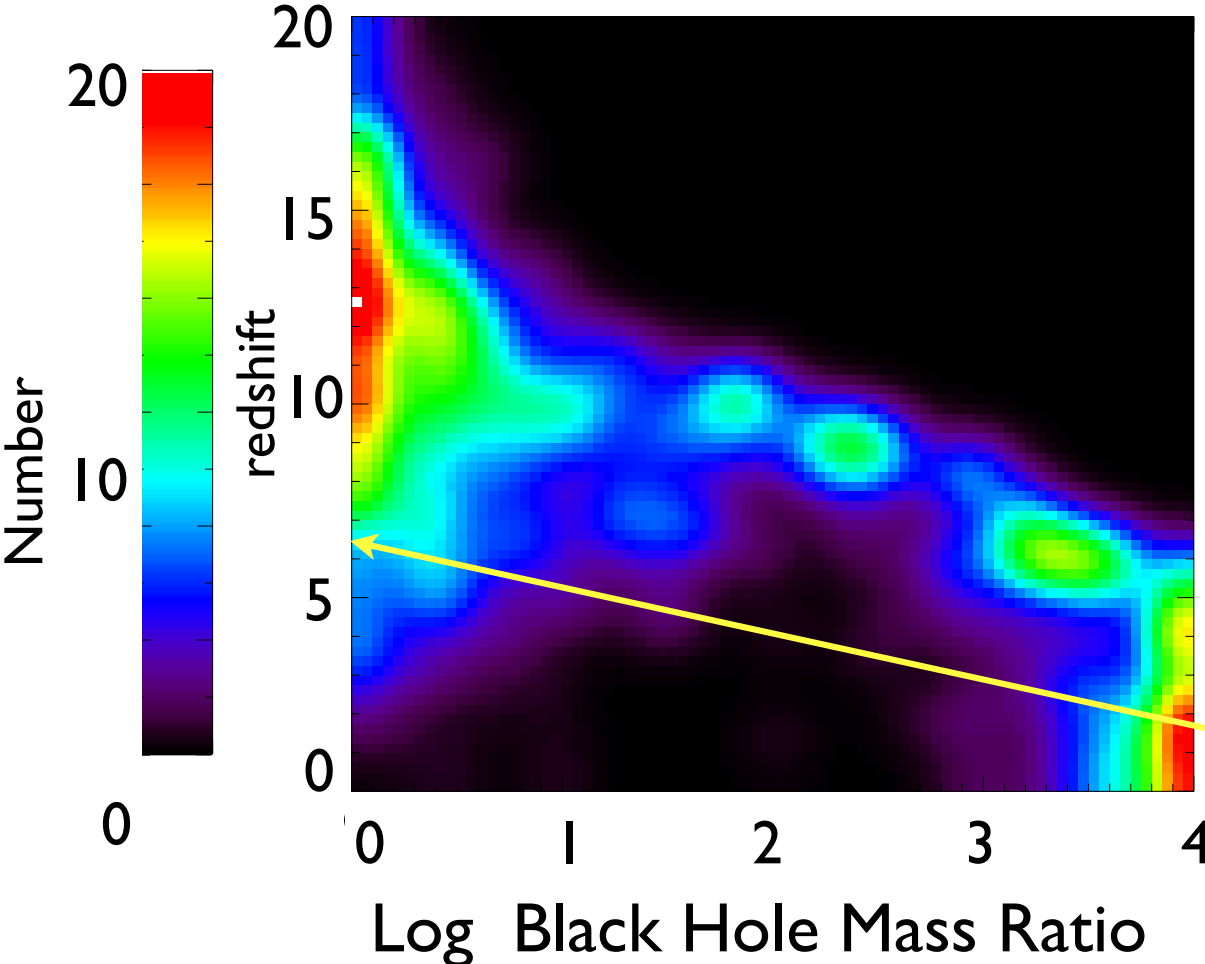
# Dwarf galaxies may also have central black holes

see also Micic, KHB 2007, Volonteri + Priya 2009, Per 2010



# Light SMBHs (like our own) don't assemble from equal mass (or even nearly equal mass ) mergers

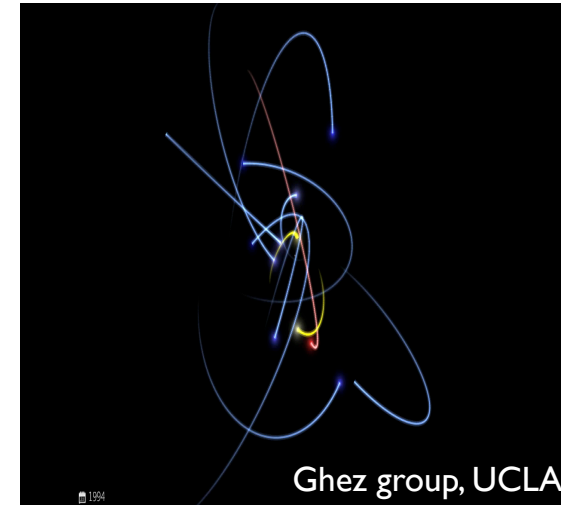
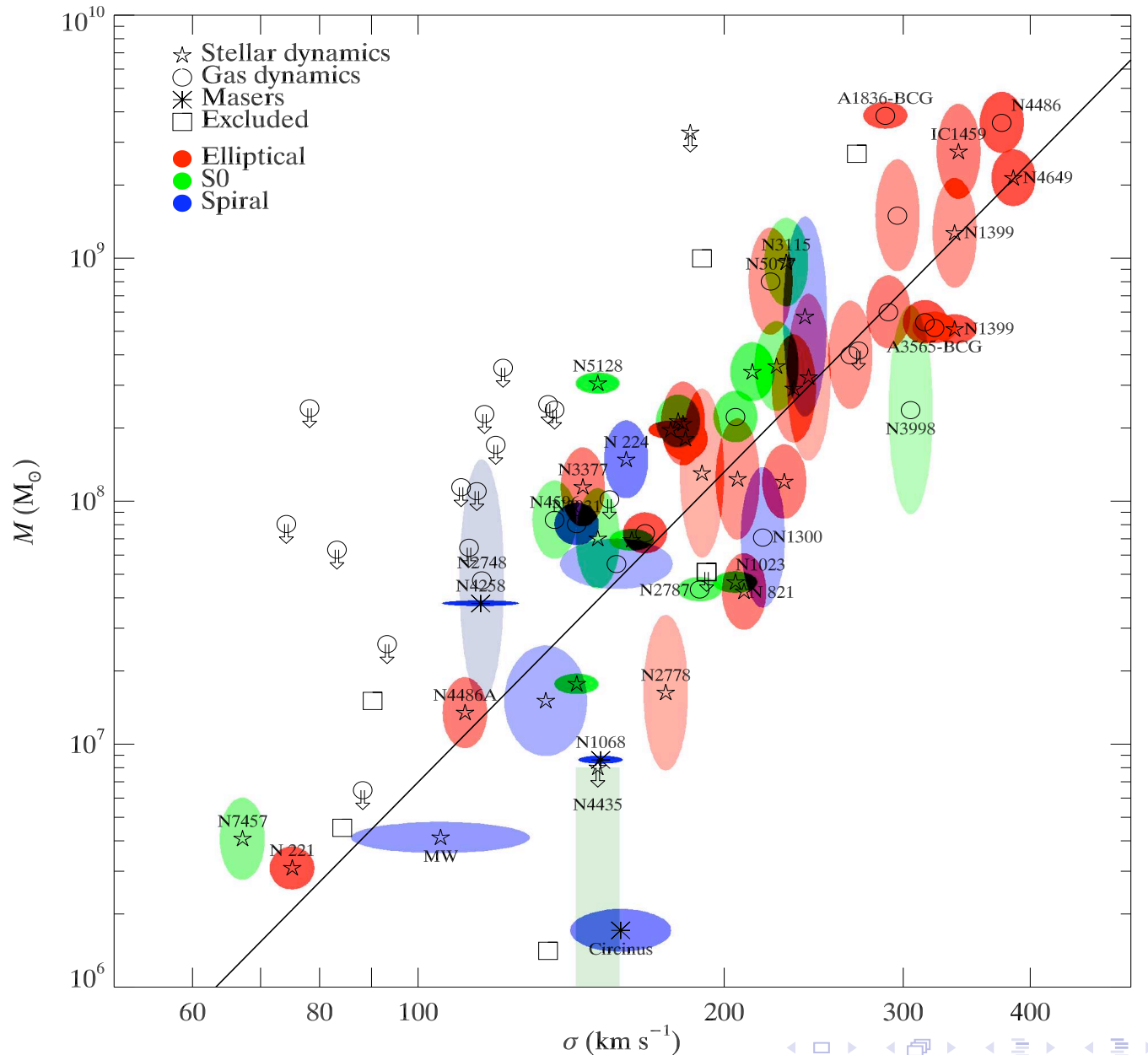
KHB et al. 2010



after the dark ages, there are few major mergers

Massive central

# A Supermassive Black Hole for 'Every' Galaxy



$$R_{\text{sch}} = 2 G M / c^2 = O(10^{-6})$$

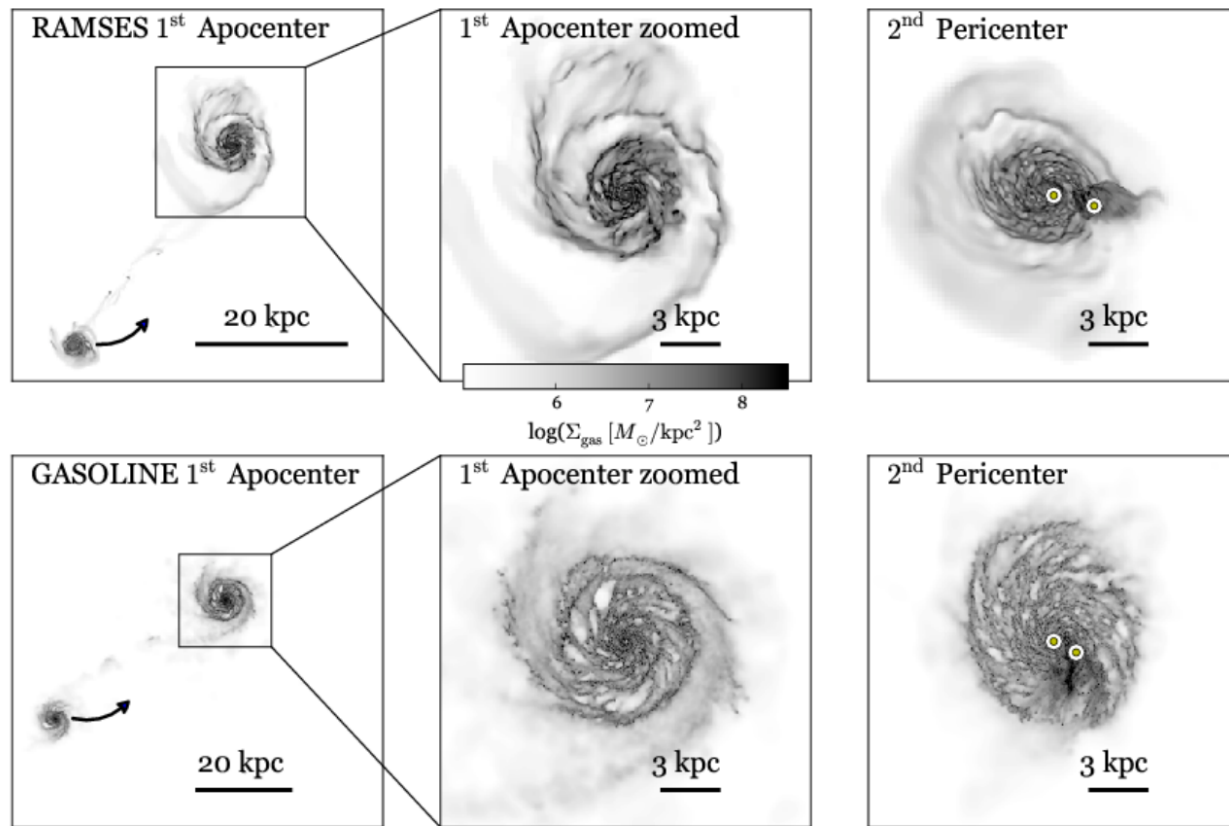
$$R_{\text{infl}} = G M / \sigma_0^2 = O(10^0) \text{ pc}$$

$$R_e = O(10^3) \text{ pc}$$

Gultekin et al 2009 -- see also Gebhardt et al 2000; Ferrarese & Merritt 2000; McConnell+Ma 2013, and work is on-going...



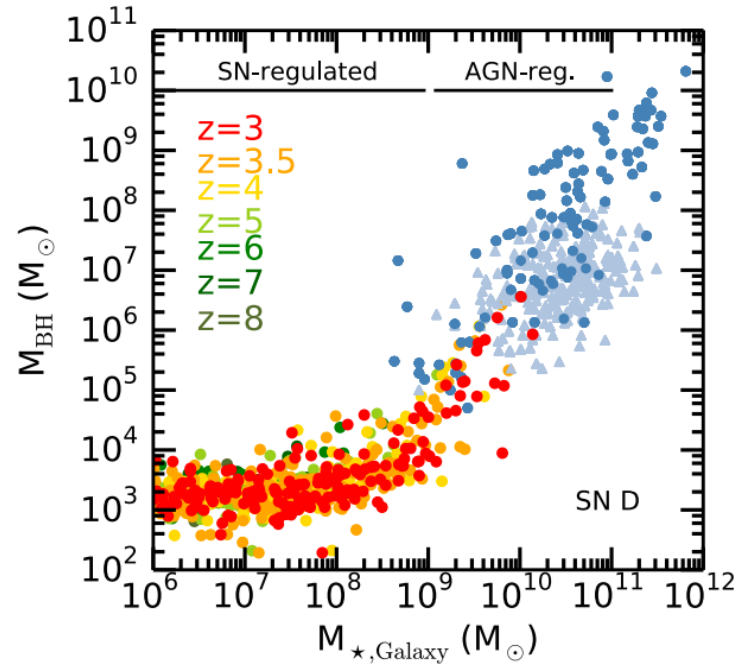
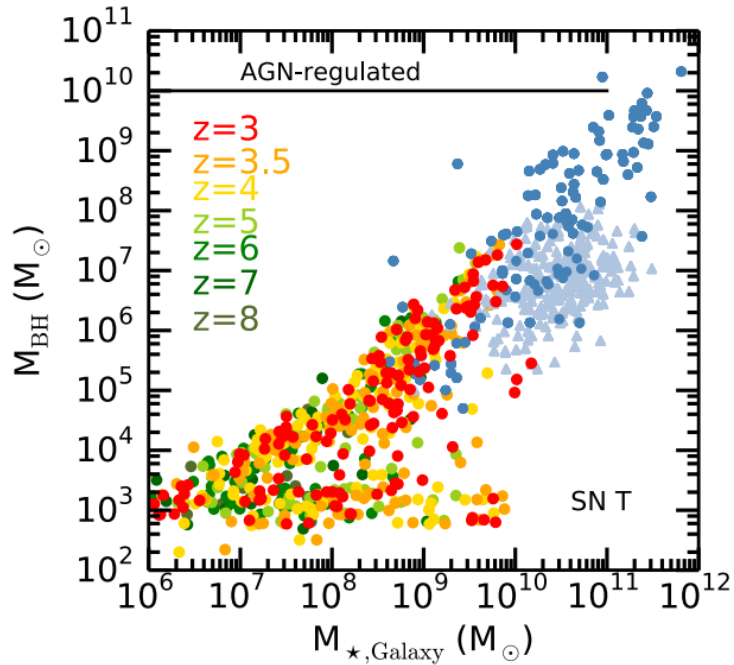
# Warning: BH growth depends on the hydrodynamic code



BHs grow less, take longer to merge

Gabor et al.  
2015

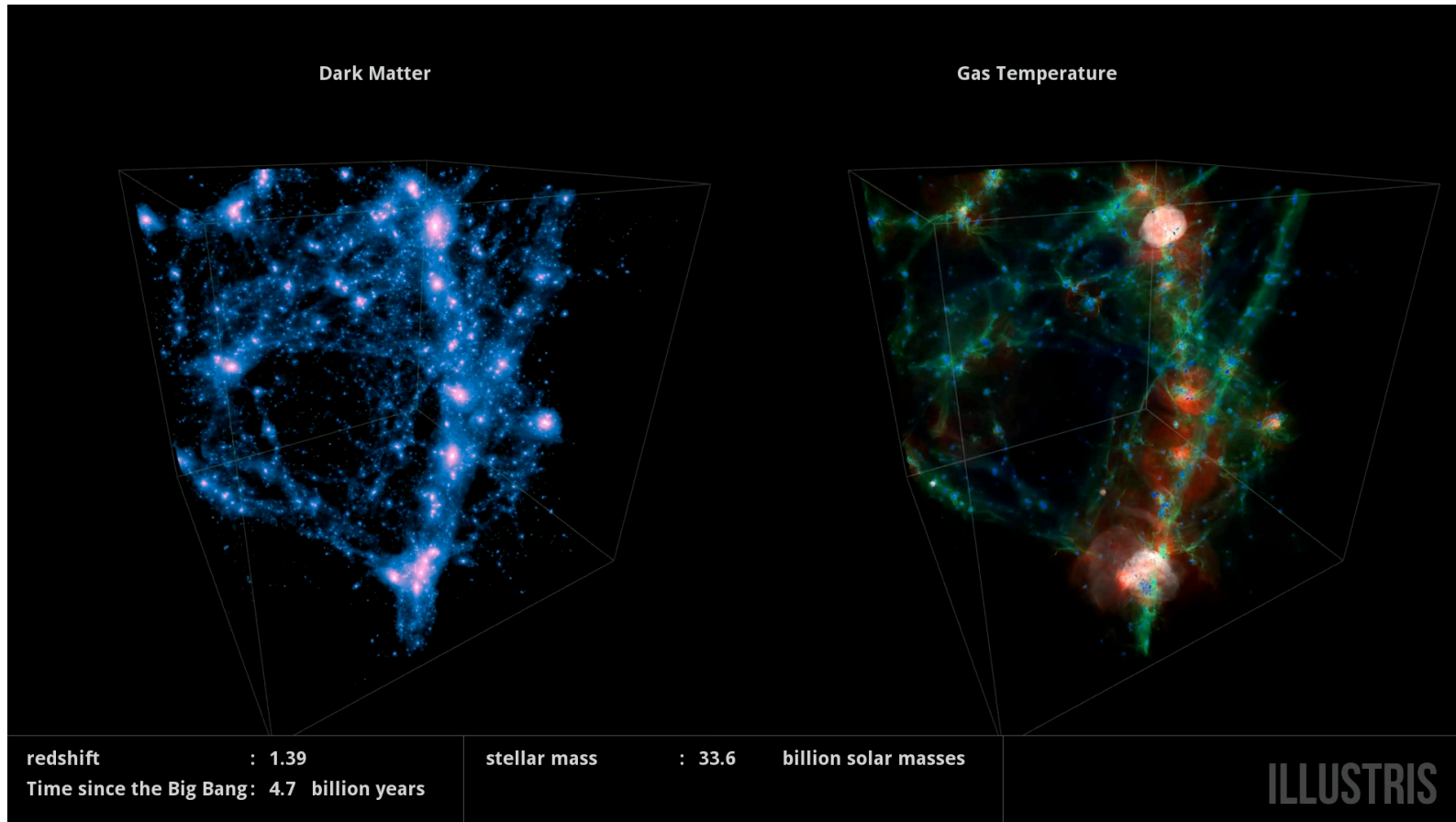
# Warning: BH growth depends on a feedback recipe



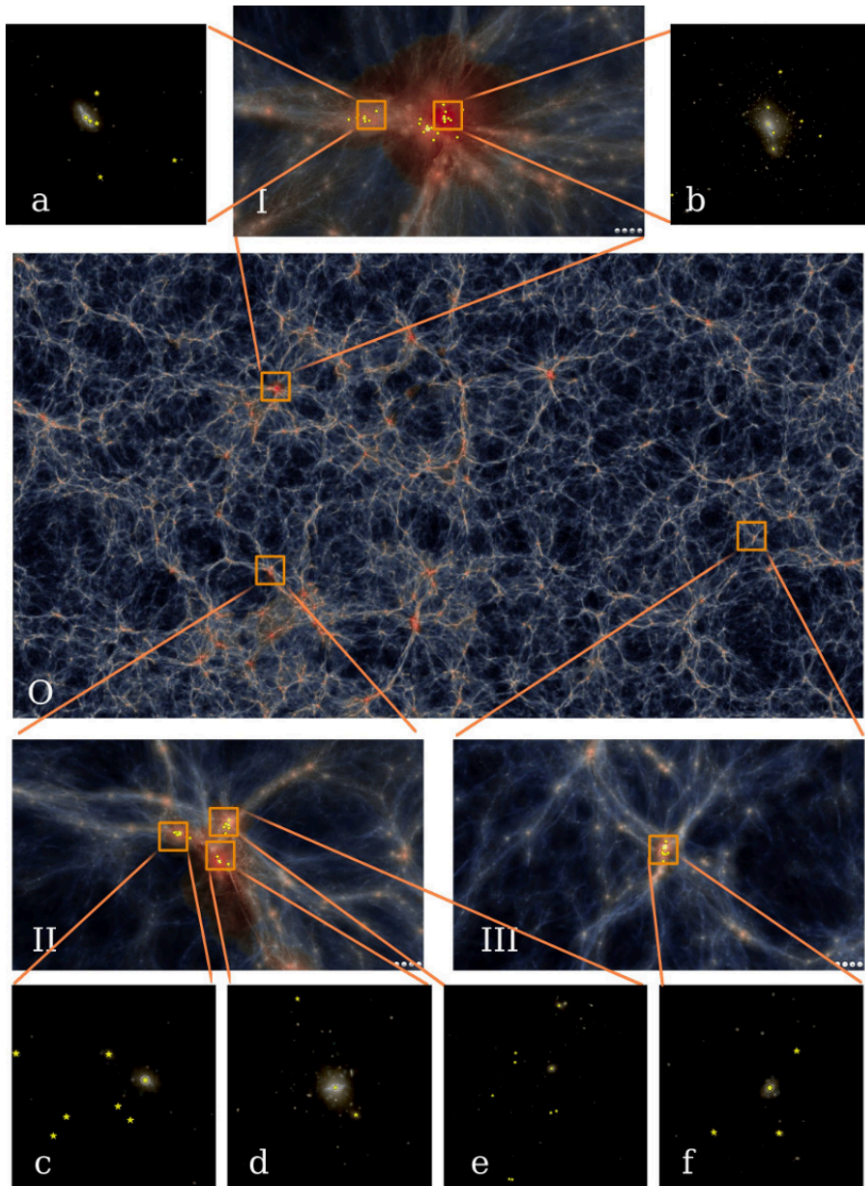
(!) box  
Habouzit et al  
2016  
see also Dubois  
2015

# Warning: Over-zealous AGN feedback stifles BH growth (and star formation, too)

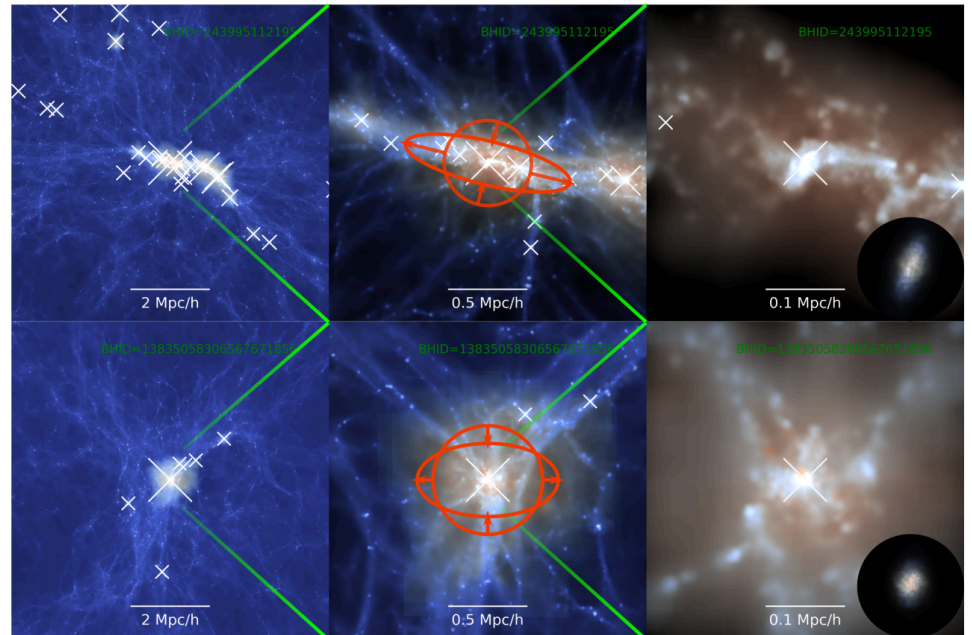
Volgelsburger et al. 2014



# Stay Tuned: Large volumes with high resolution may help constrain black hole evolution



MassiveDark II, Khandai et al. 2014



BLUETIDES, Di Matteo et al. 2016

Step 0: measure a black hole mass

Step 1: relate BH mass to host galaxy

Step 2: find evidence of binary black holes

Step 3: measure galaxy merger rate to constrain SMBH merger rate

Step 4: Sow SMBH seeds

Step 5: Model SMBH growth

**Step 6: Model SMBH merger dynamics to get merger timescales**

Step 7: Find the strain, SNR for each merger



# It's a wonderful era to be an astronomer!

We need to get robust SMBH masses and pin down SMBH binaries

We need to know the real SMBH-galaxy correlation

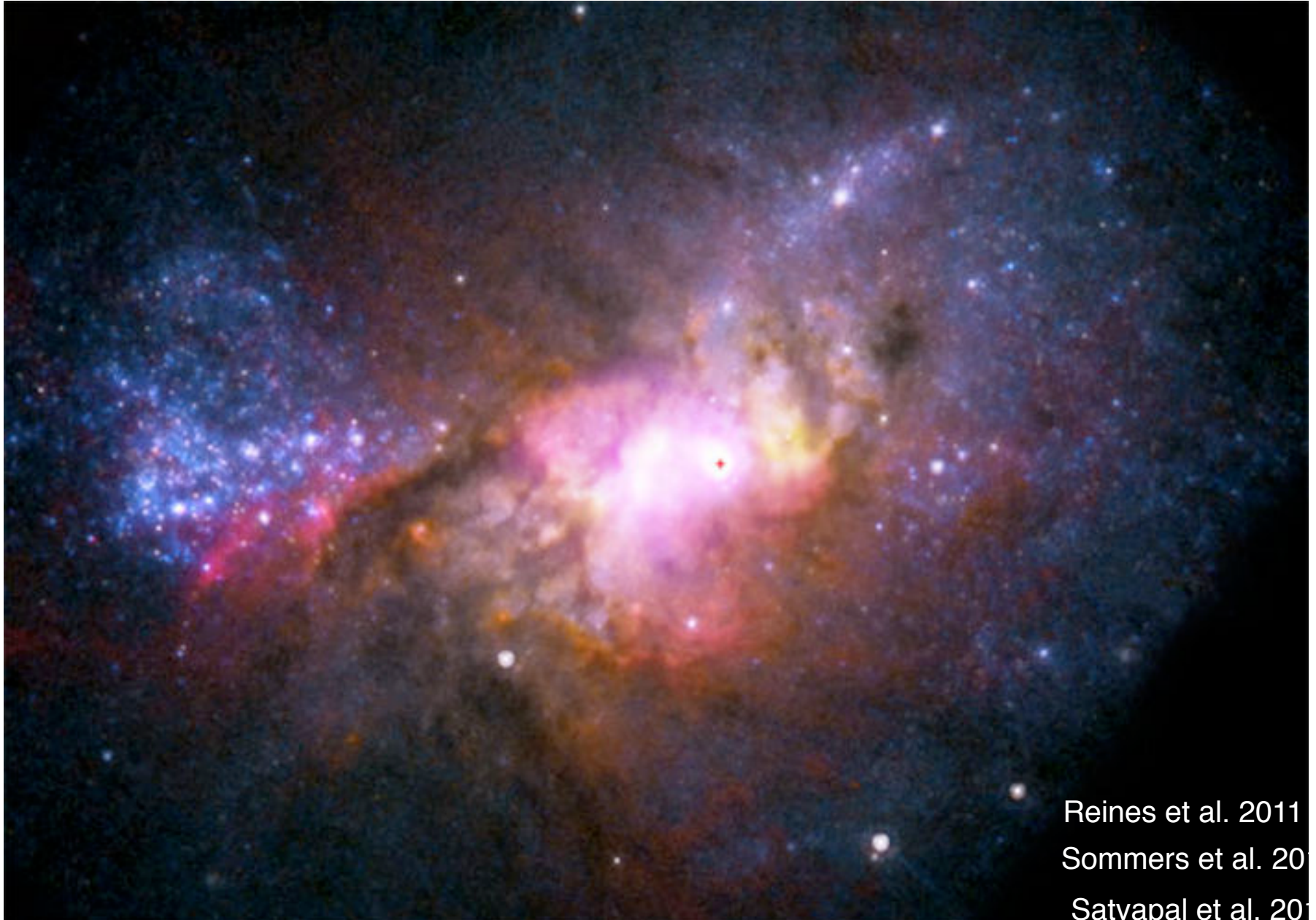
We don't know how black holes are born

We don't understand SMBH accretion and feedback (including secular mass growth from, e.g., stellar plunges)

We need to include accurate SMBH dynamics in predictive models

# Heinze 2-10 is dwarf with a million solar mass black hole

and there are SMBHs in bulgeless galaxies,



Reines et al. 2011  
Sommers et al. 2011  
Satyapal et al. 2011



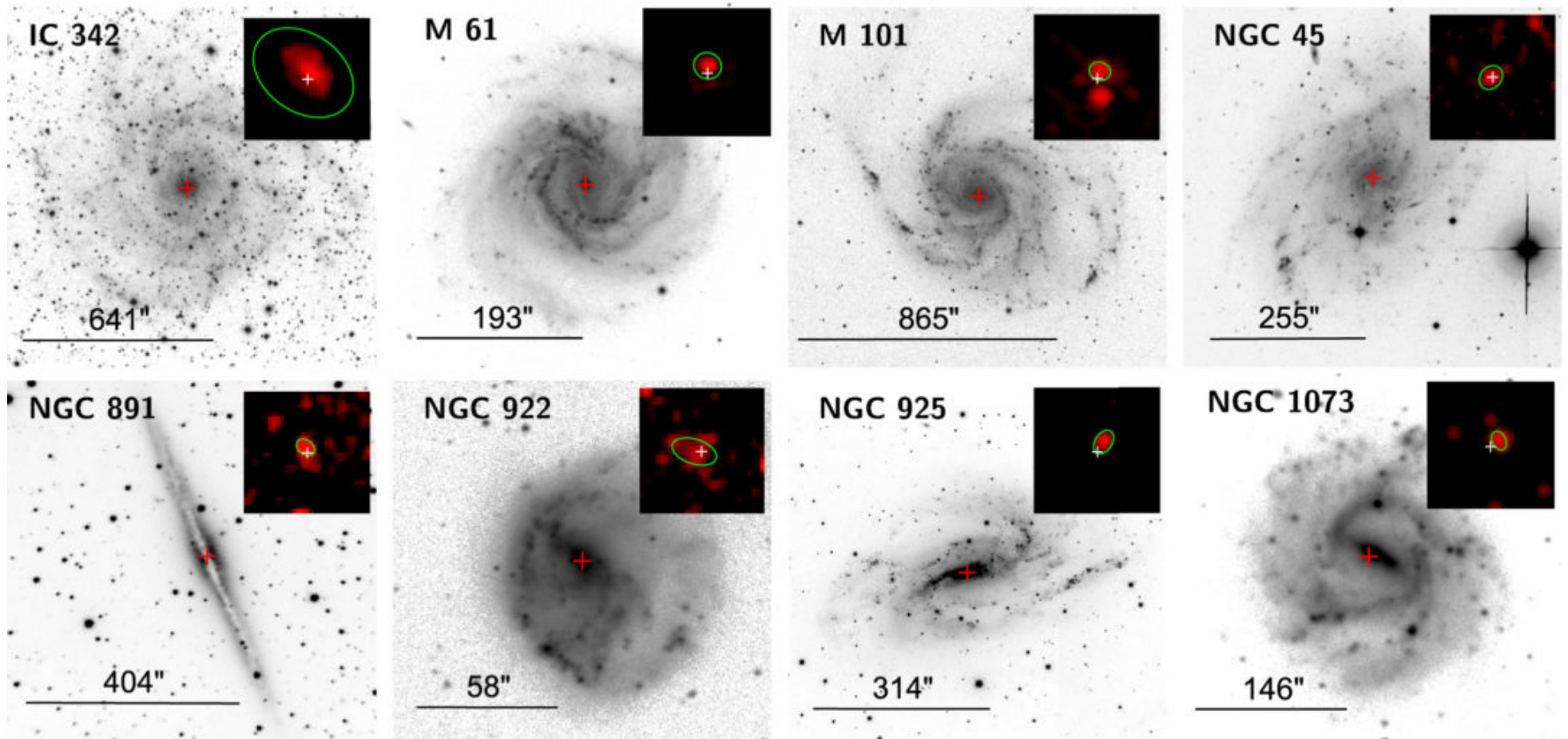
...and in low surface brightness galaxies, like Malin 1



$3 \times 10^6 M_{\odot}$  black hole here

Warning: viral masses —  
assume line width maps  
to velocity for Keplerian  
motion

# Chandra reveals new SMBHs with $<10^6$ solar masses in galaxies



She et al 2017 — 21% of disk galaxies host SMBHs like these.



# Evidence of an intermediate mass black hole --- in the outskirts of a galaxy

Farrell et al. 2009; 2012



*>500  $M_{\odot}$ , with stellar shroud!*