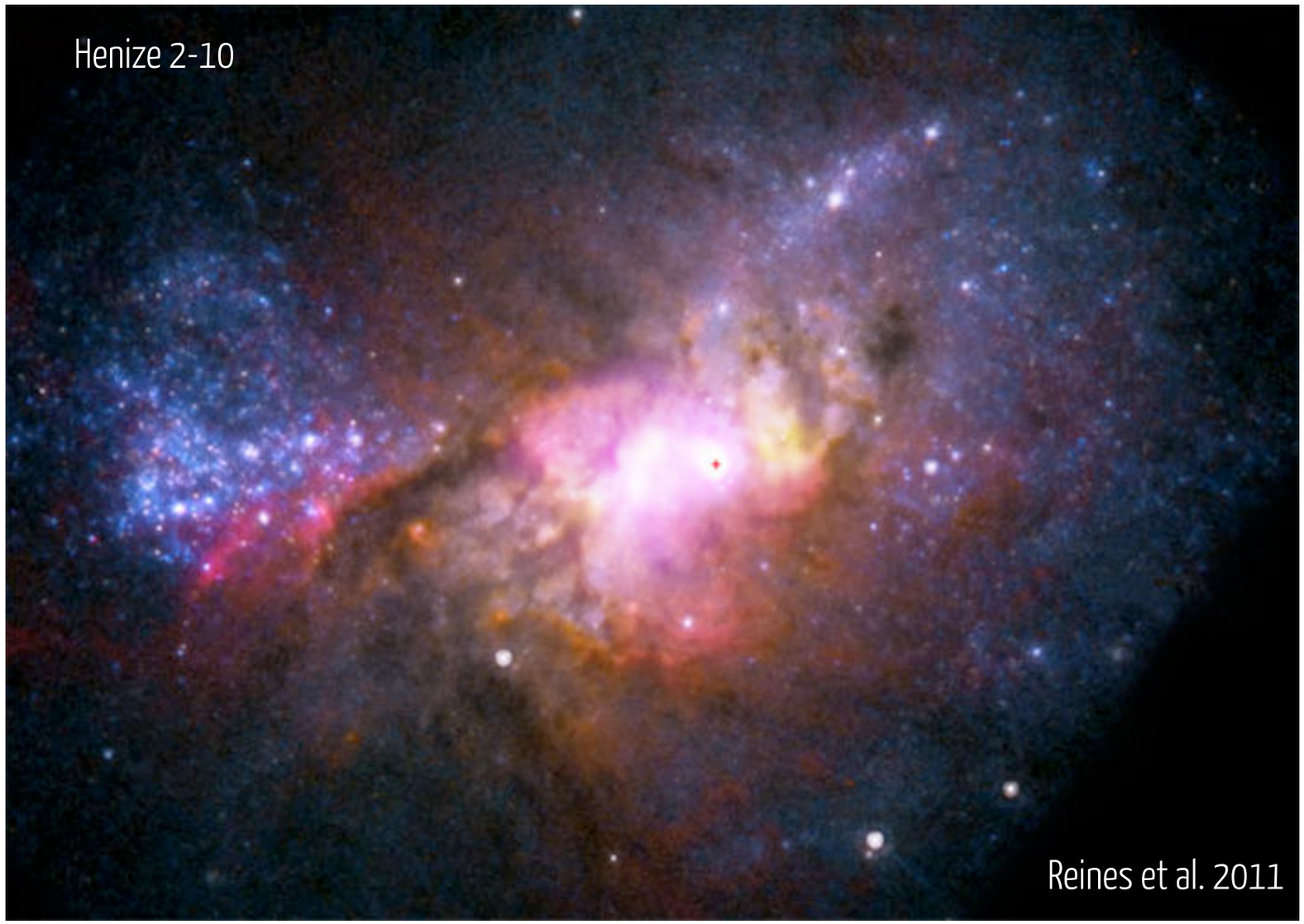
Sowing Black Hole Seeds



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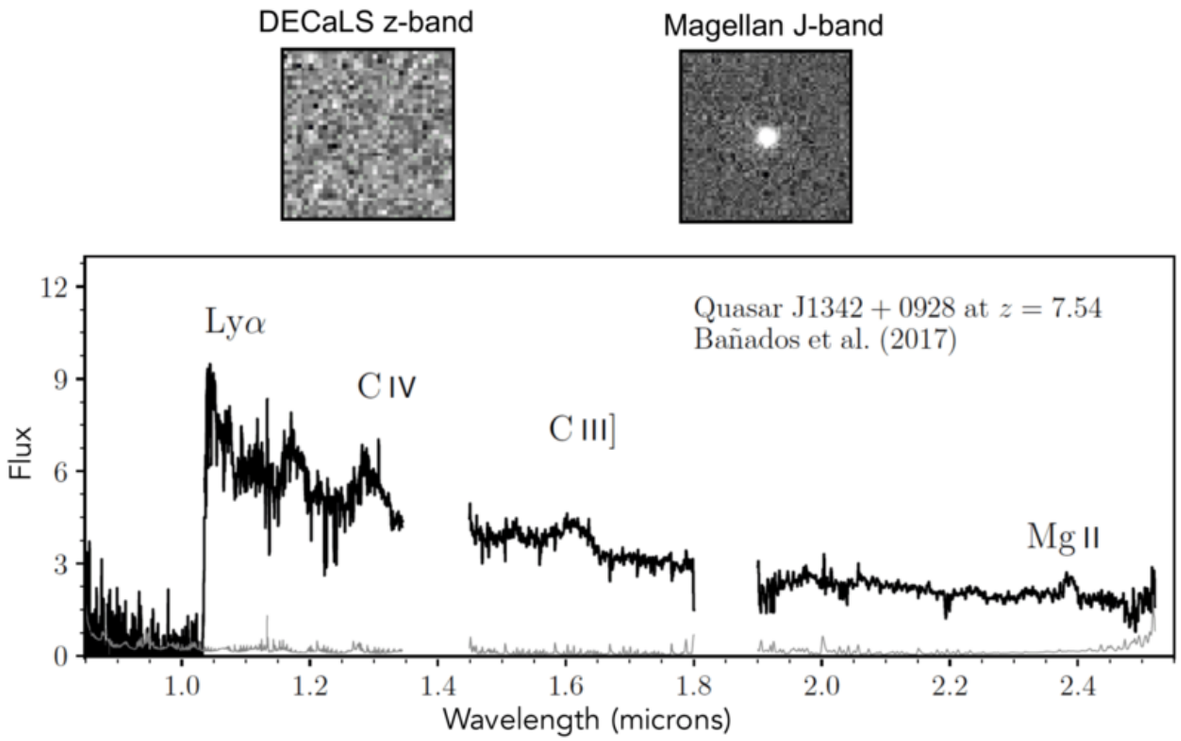
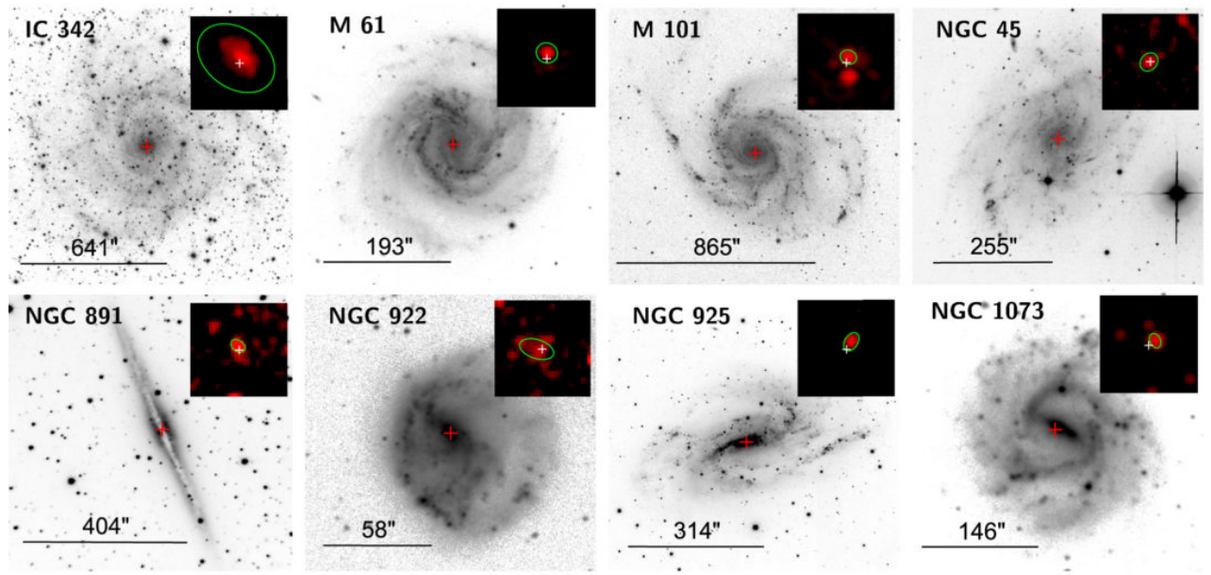
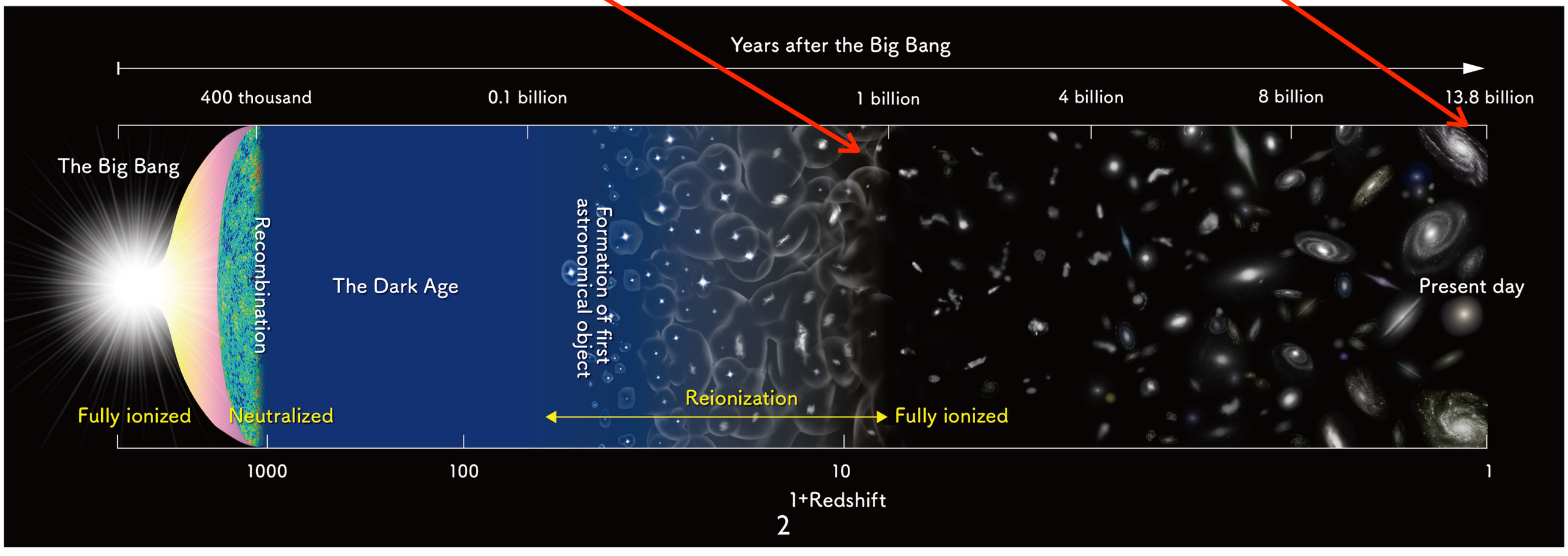


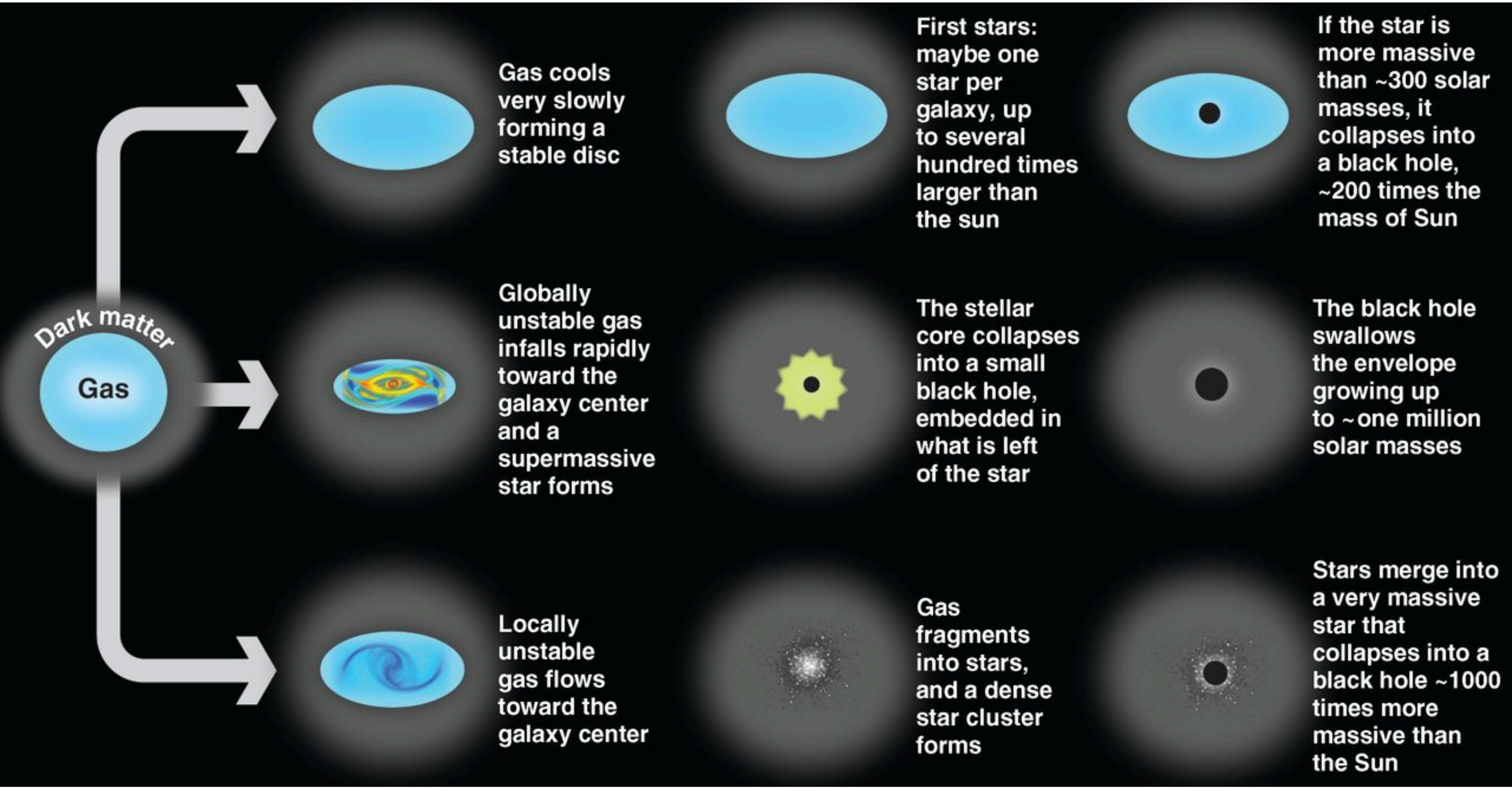
8x10^{11} M$_\odot$ Black Hole!

~10^6 — 10^9 M$_\odot$ Black Holes



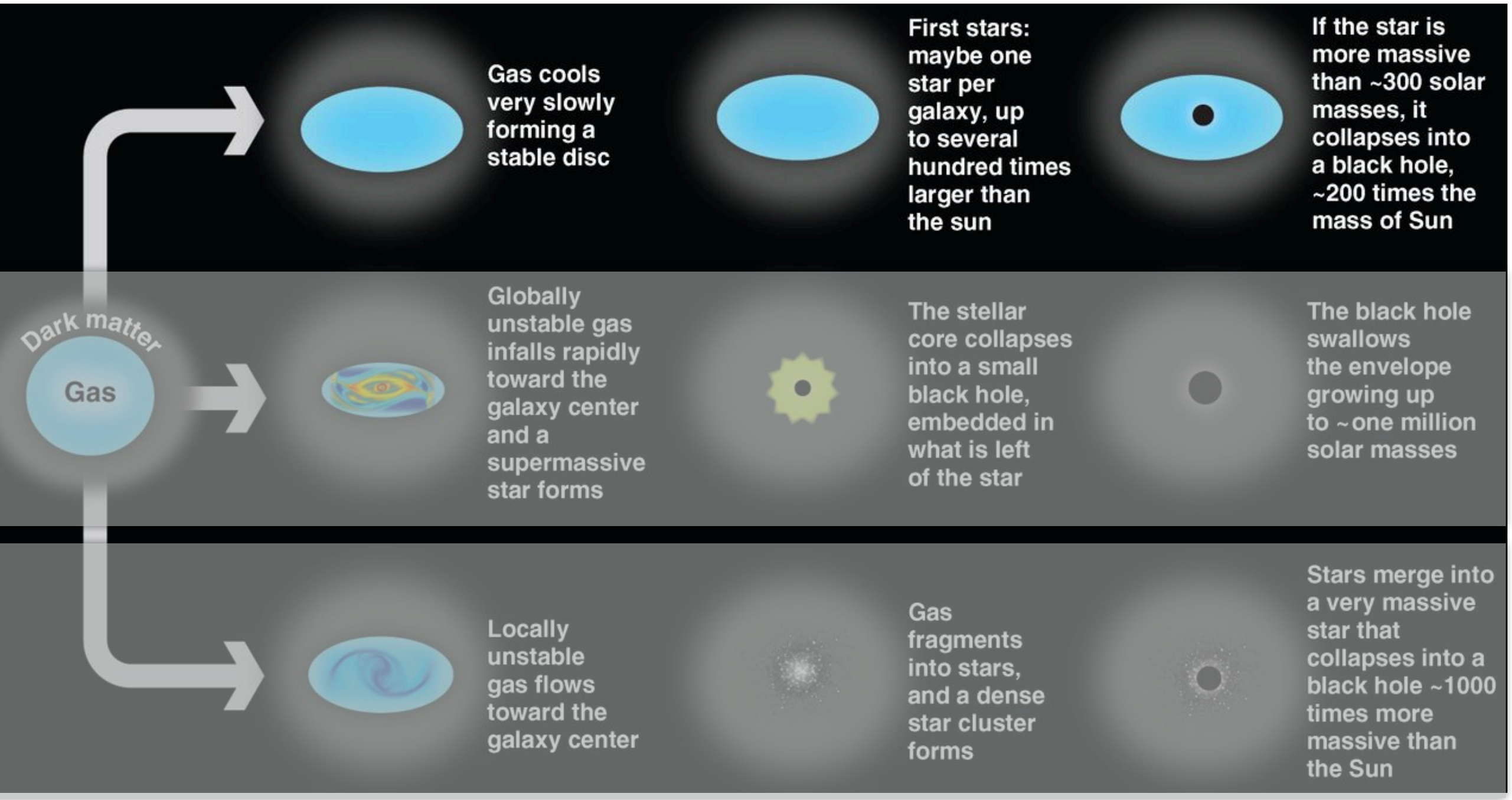


Forming a black hole: let me count (some of) the ways



From excellent Volonteri review

One channel: Light seeds from the first generation of stars



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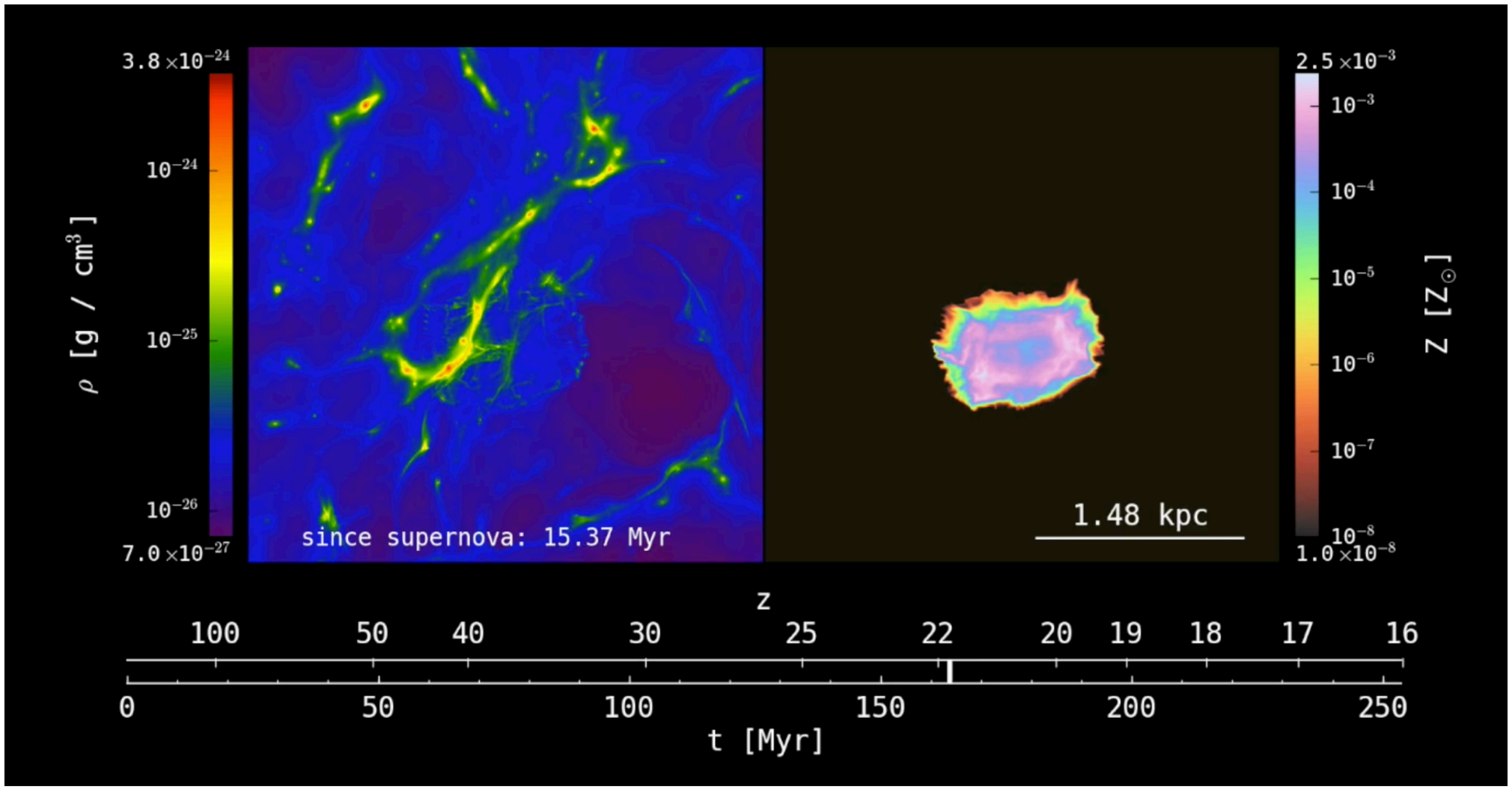
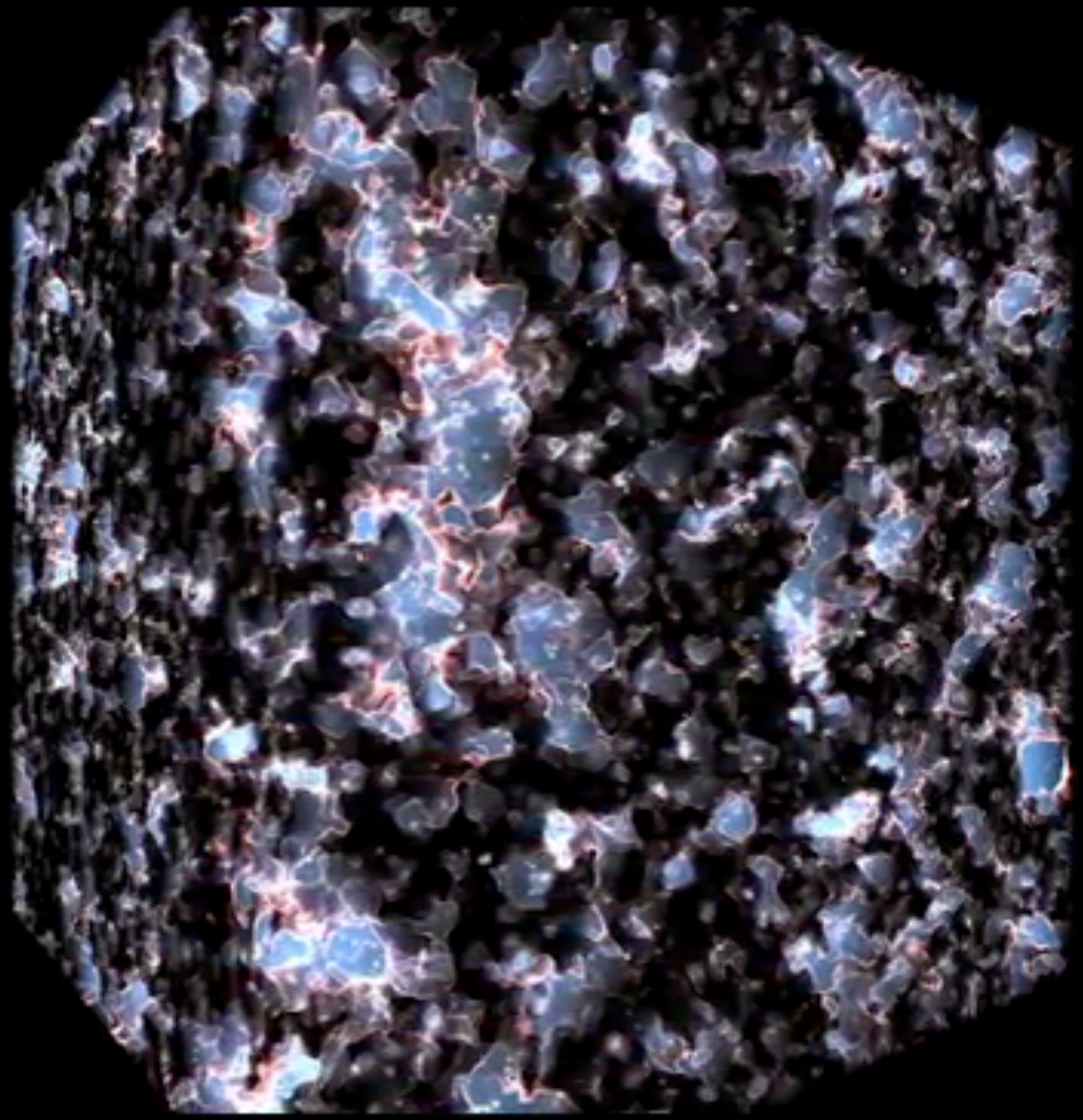
The modern view of how the first stars are born...

Smith et al. 2015

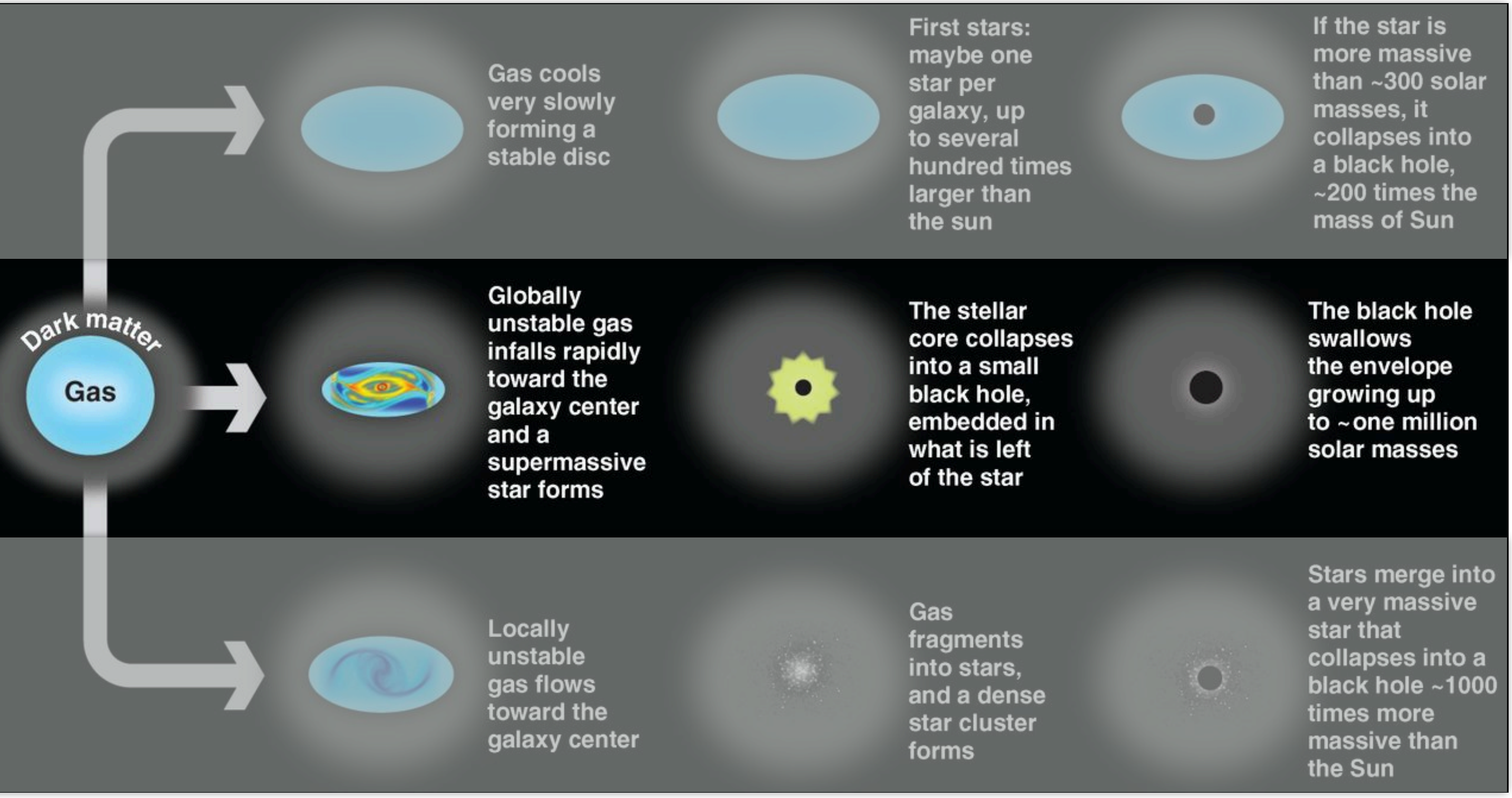


These first stars heat and reionize the universe!



Credits: Simulation: Marcelo Alvarez, Tom Abel; Visualization: Ralf Kaehler

One channel: Heavy seeds from directly collapsing black holes



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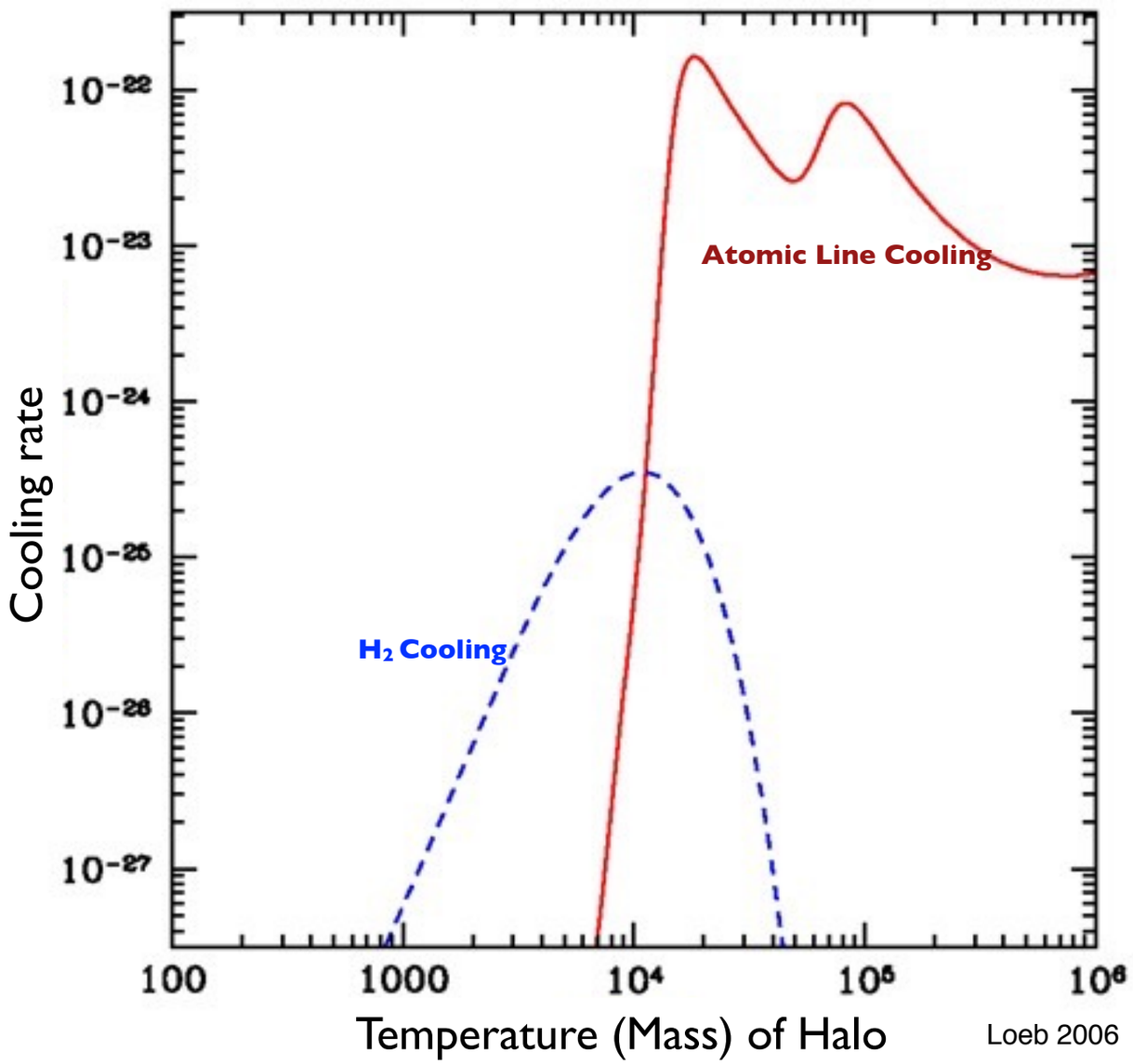
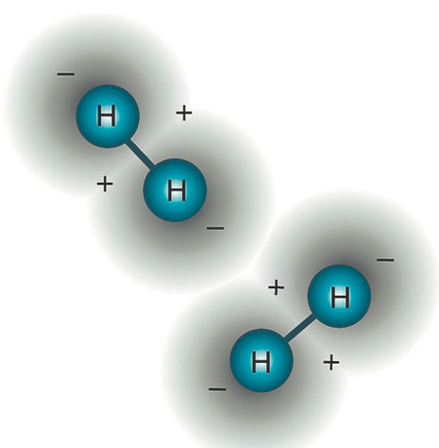
A problem: to build a heavy seed, gas must battle fragmentation!

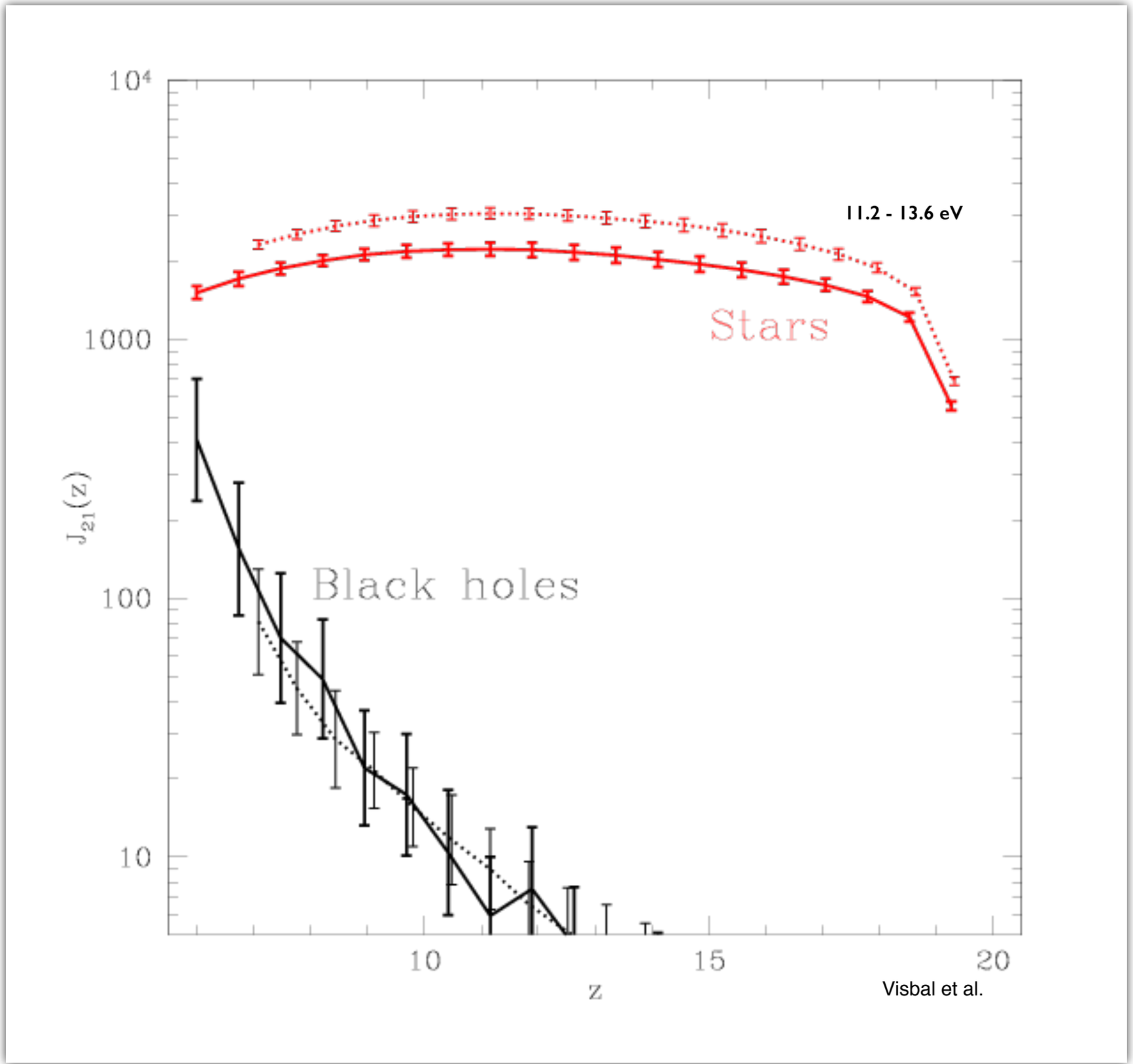


Loeb 2006

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

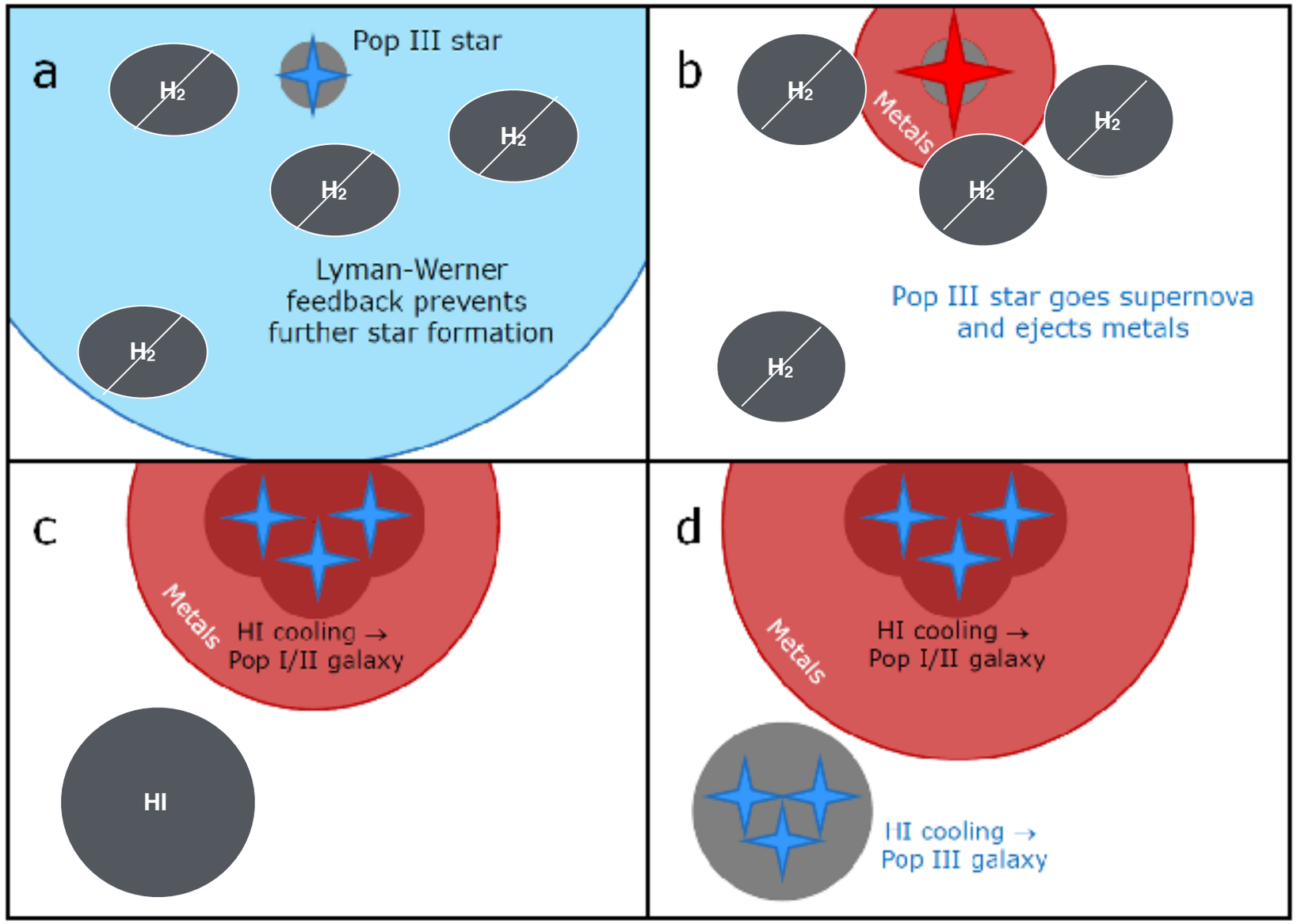


Lyman-Werner radiation from the first stars and black holes can dissociate H_2



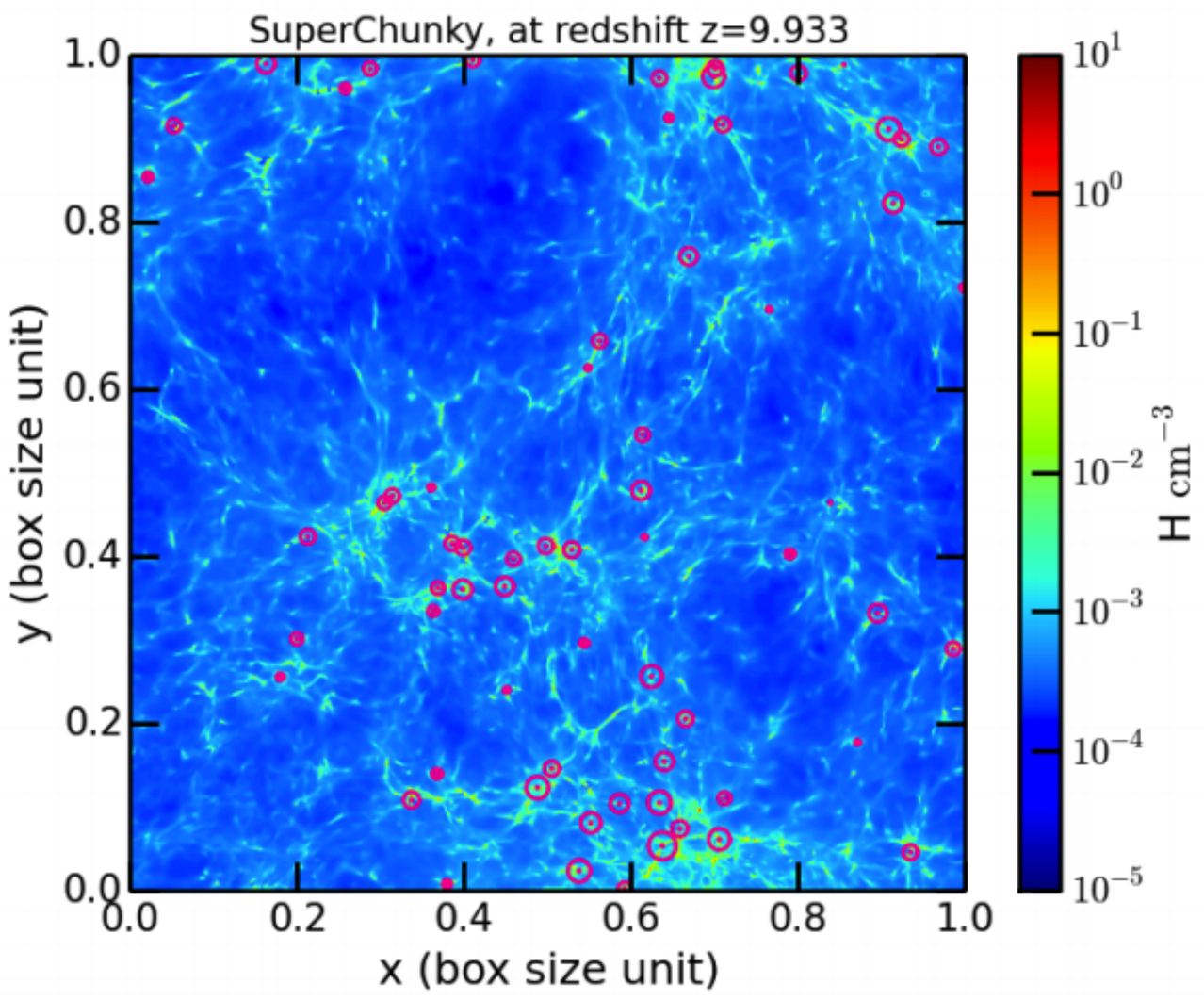
Visbal et al.

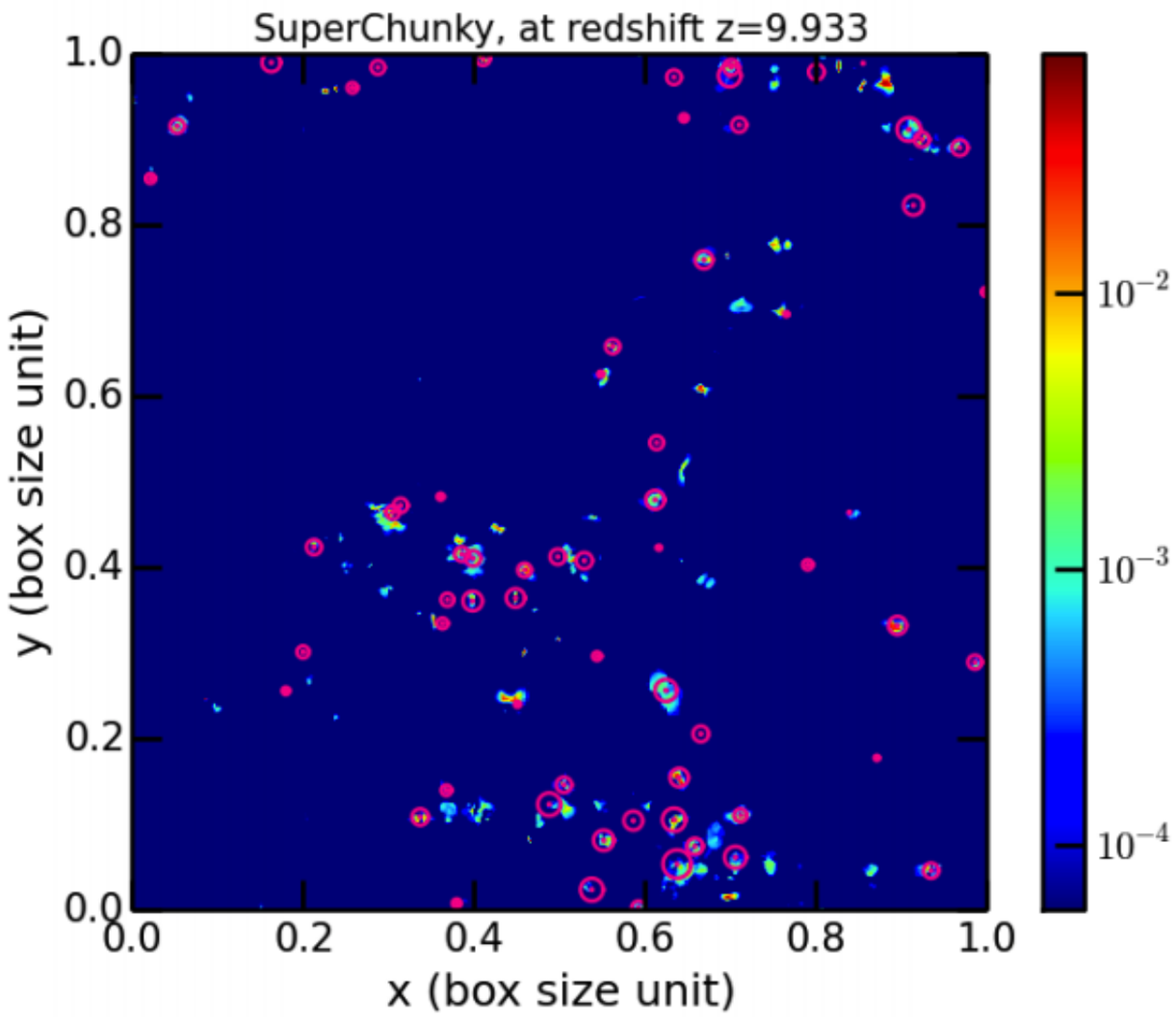
Low mass halos bathed in Lyman-Werner Flux can form Direct Collapse BHs



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

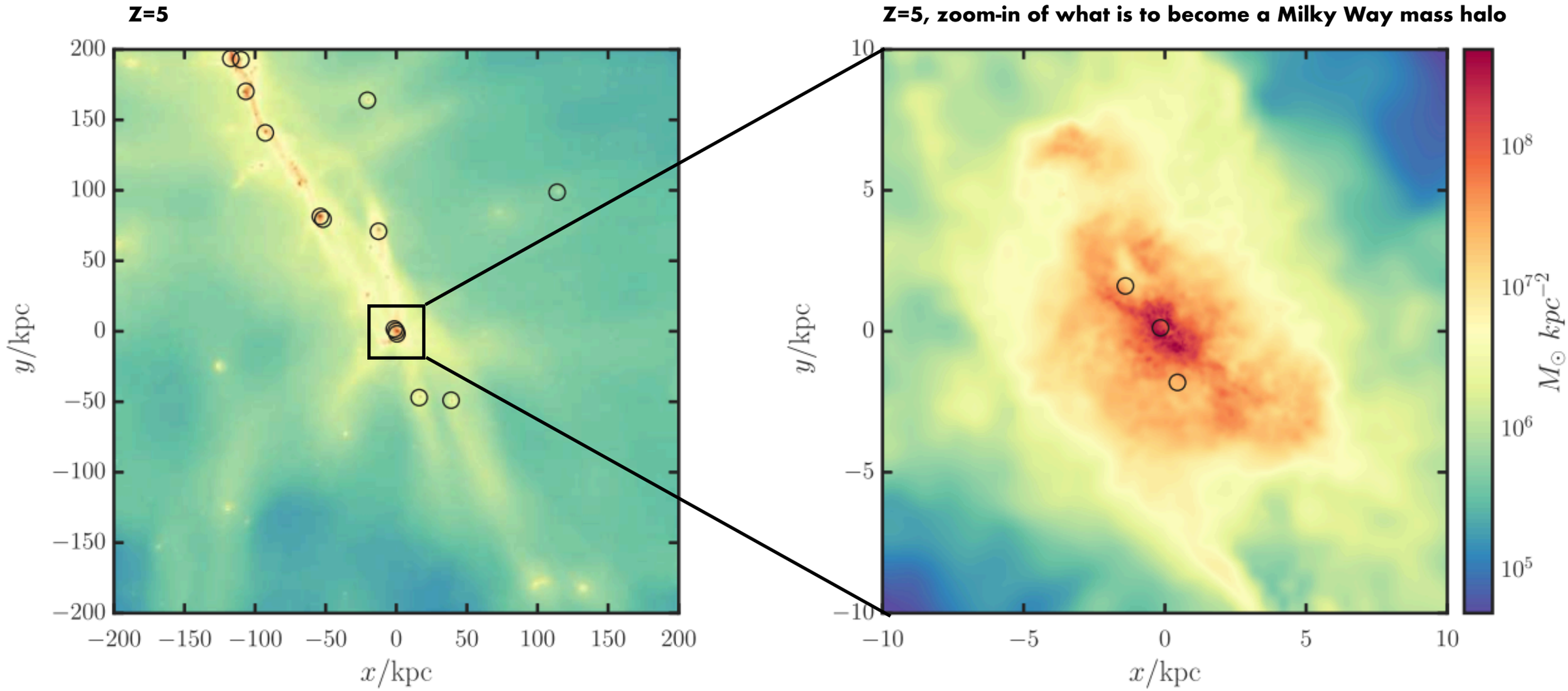
Early consensus: black hole birthplaces are rare with a uniform UV background





Habouzit et al 2016

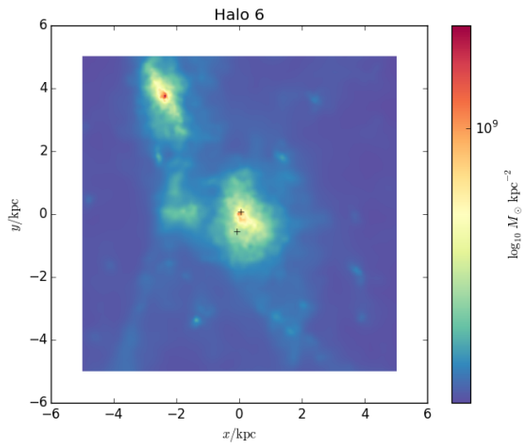
See also Agarwal et al. 2013; Akutalp et al. 2014; Khandai et al. 2014…

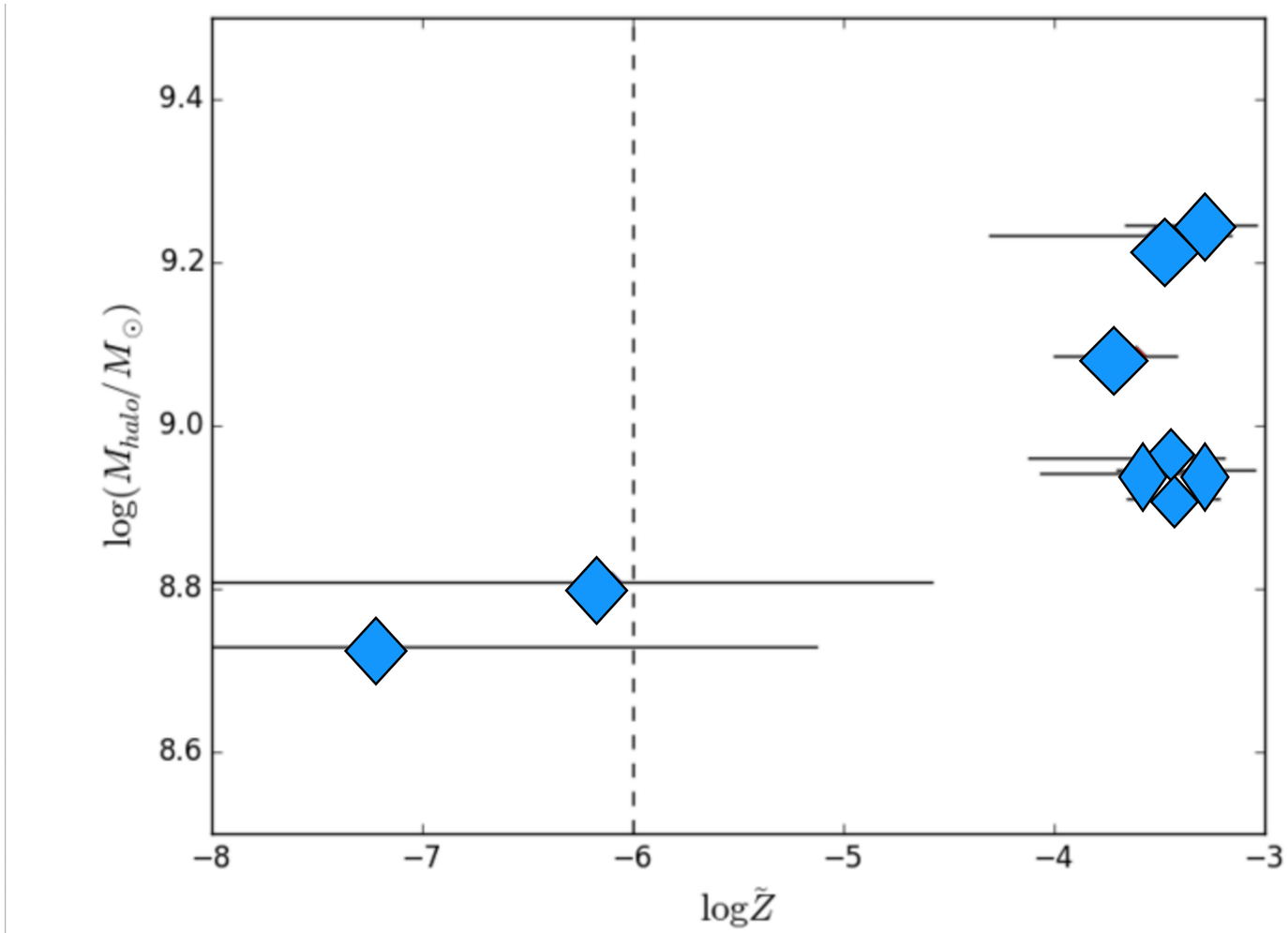


Cosmological Hydrodynamical Simulations of Direct Collapse Black Hole Formation

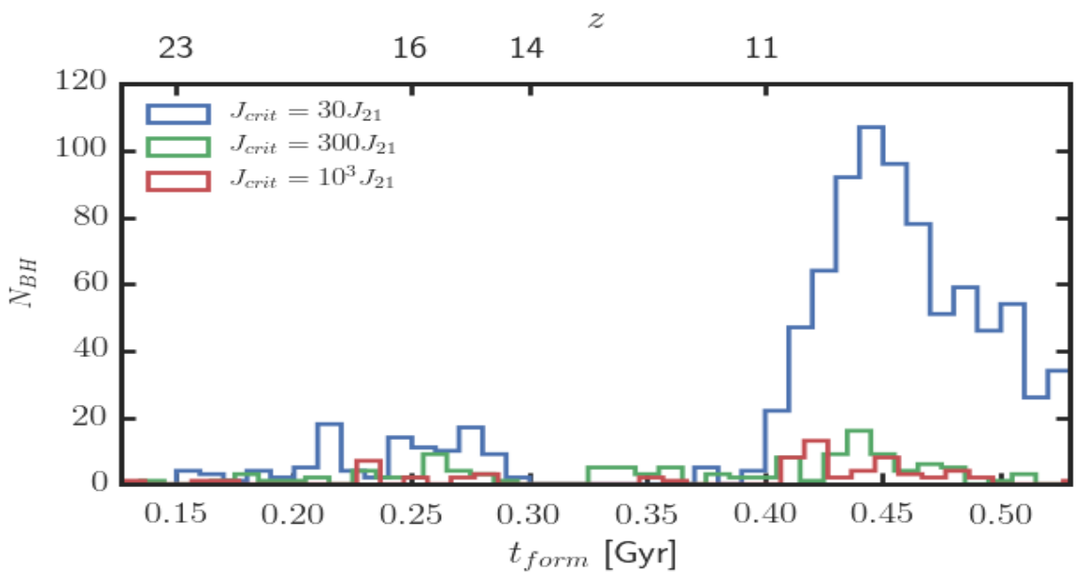
Dunn, Bellovary, KHB, Christensen, Quinn 2018

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

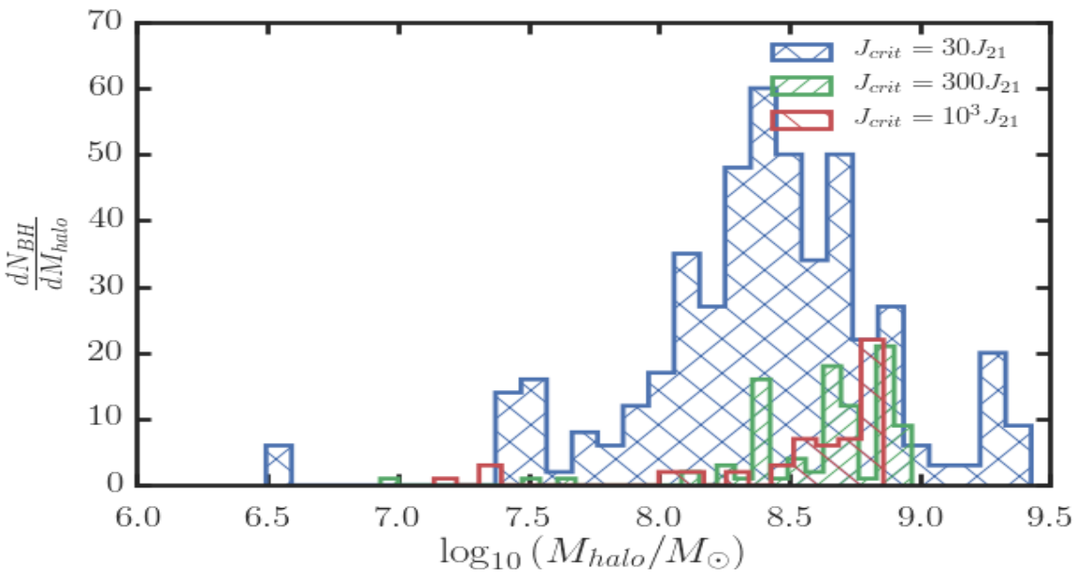




...and seeds can form in 'high' metallicity halos, too!

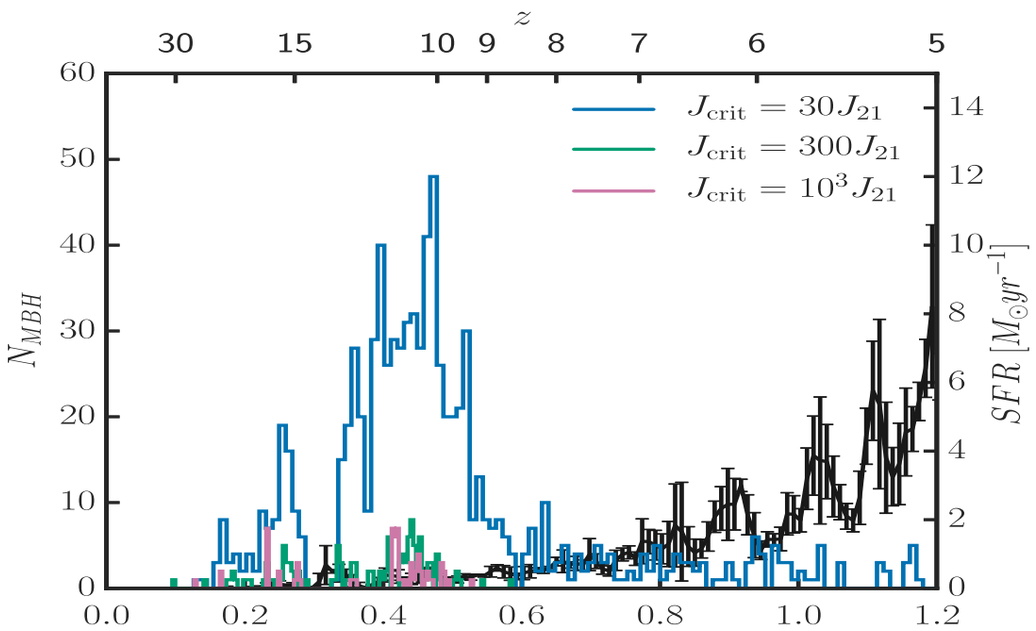


Seed black holes may form after reionization...



in a wider halo mass spectrum...

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



and may surpress early star formation...

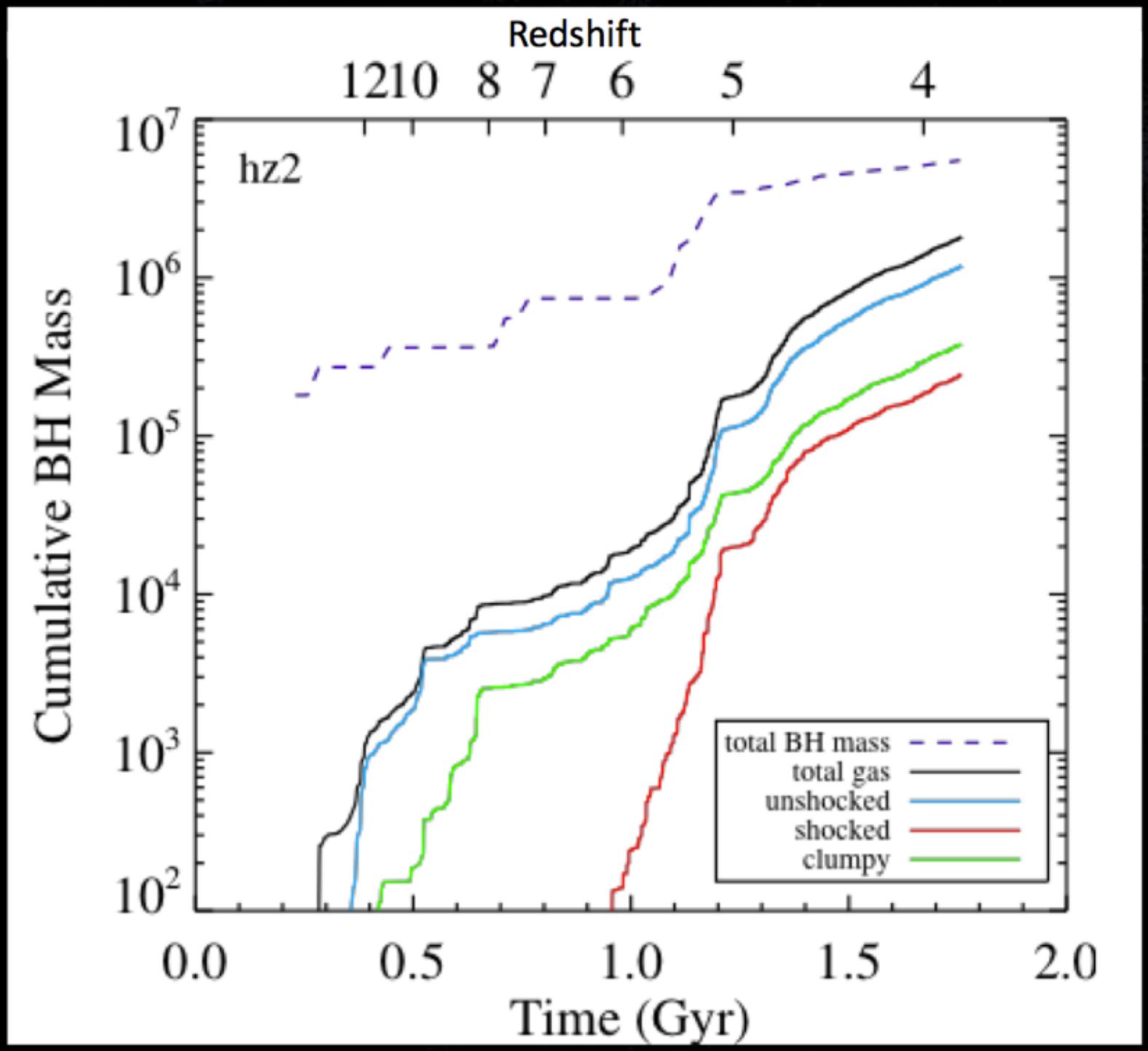
look for Dunn et al. 2018 on an arXiv near you.

How do these heavy seeds grow?

Bellovary et al. 2013

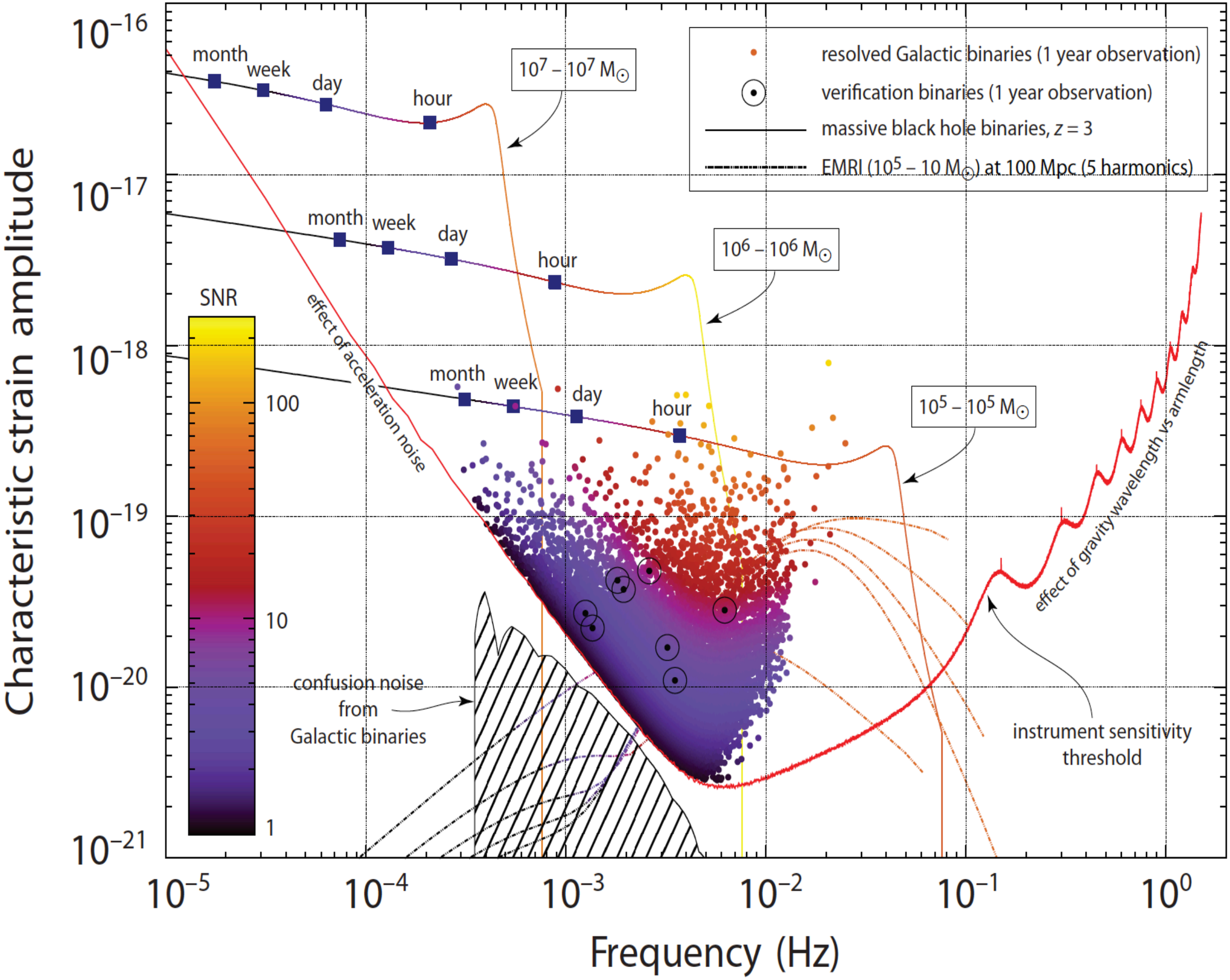
Most of the early SMBH growth is not from gas...

...and the gas that **does** fuel the SMBH is not from galaxy mergers



Sanchez, Bellovary and KHB, 2018

What does all this mean for gravitational wave astronomy?


Characteristic strain amplitude
Frequency (Hz)
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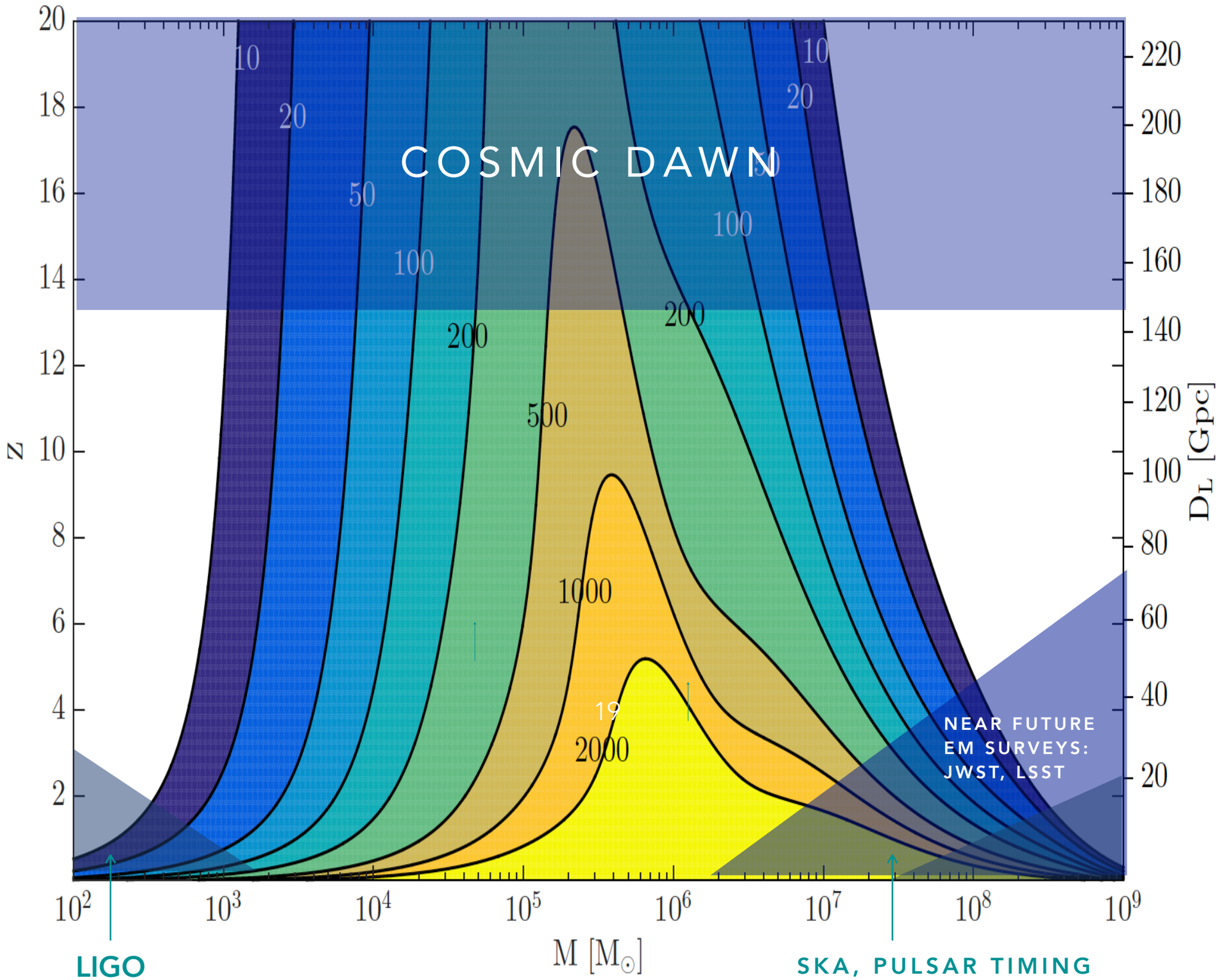
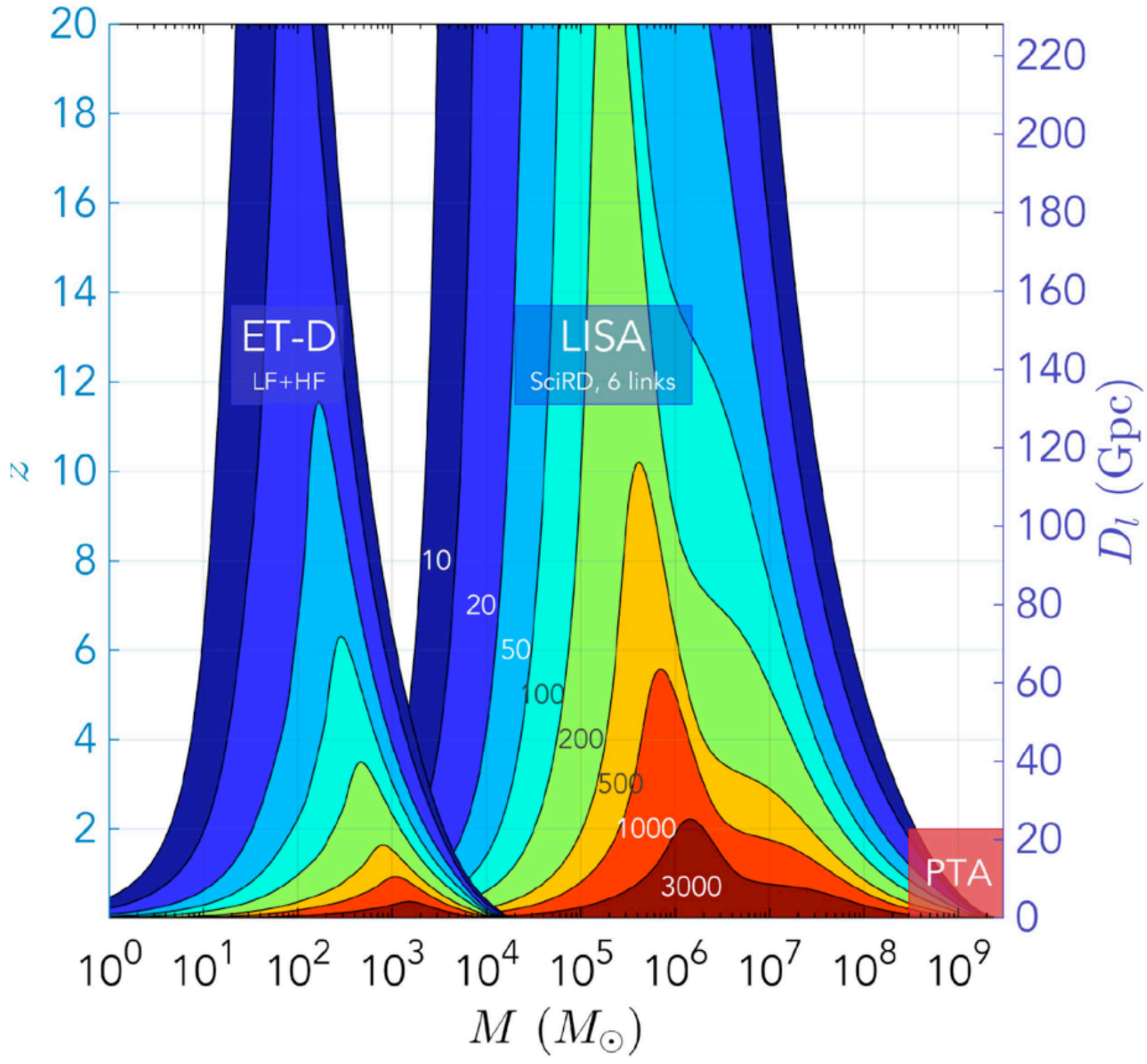
10^{-2}
10^{-1}
10^{0}
month
week
day
hour
10^7 – 10^7 $M_\odot$
10^6 – 10^6 $M_\odot$
10^5 – 10^5 $M_\odot$
SNR
100
10
1
effect of acceleration noise
effect of gravity wavelength vs armlength
confusion noise from Galactic binaries
instrument sensitivity threshold
resolved Galactic binaries (1 year observation)
verification binaries (1 year observation)
massive black hole binaries, z = 3
EMRI (10^5 – 10 $M_\odot$) at 100 Mpc (5 harmonics)

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!



note: actual 3G configuration not selected yet

Glenna Dunn

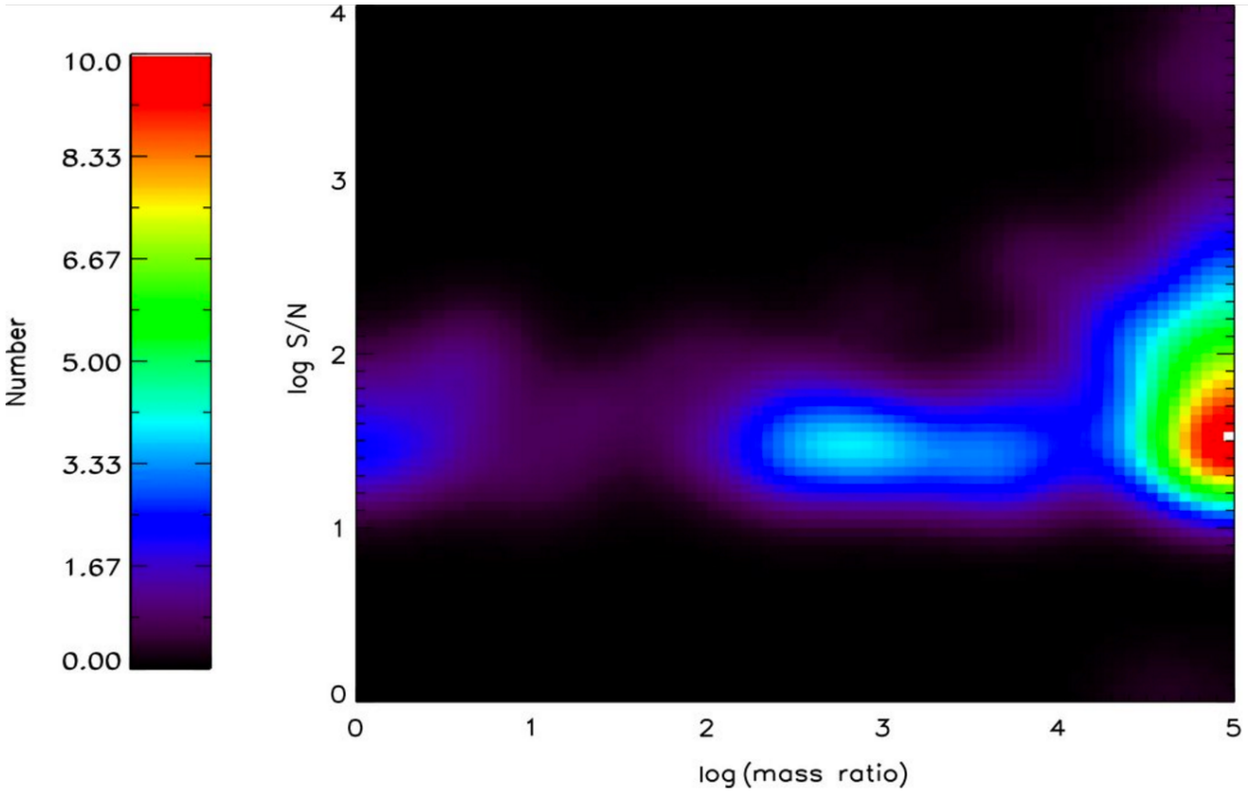
Jillian Bellovary

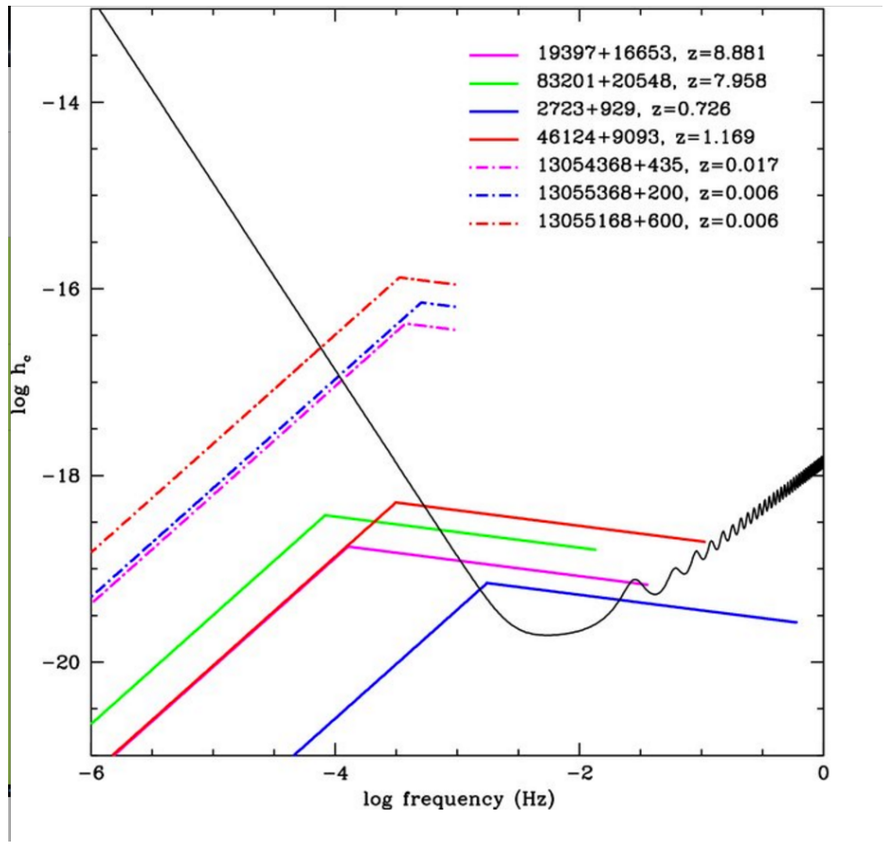
Thanks!

Nicole Sanchez

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

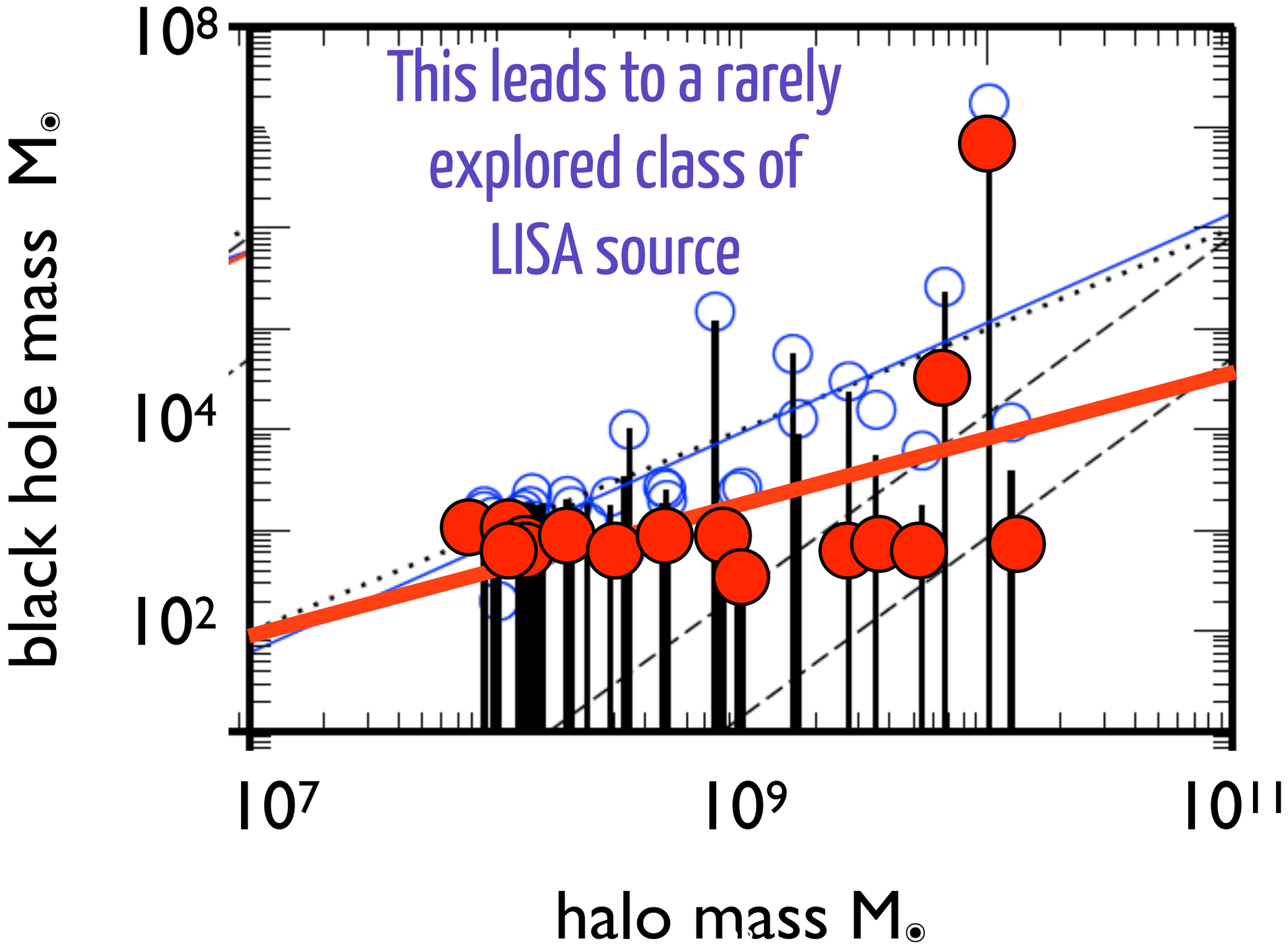
scaling to the universe, ~ 500 sources with SNR>30 for a 5 year mission





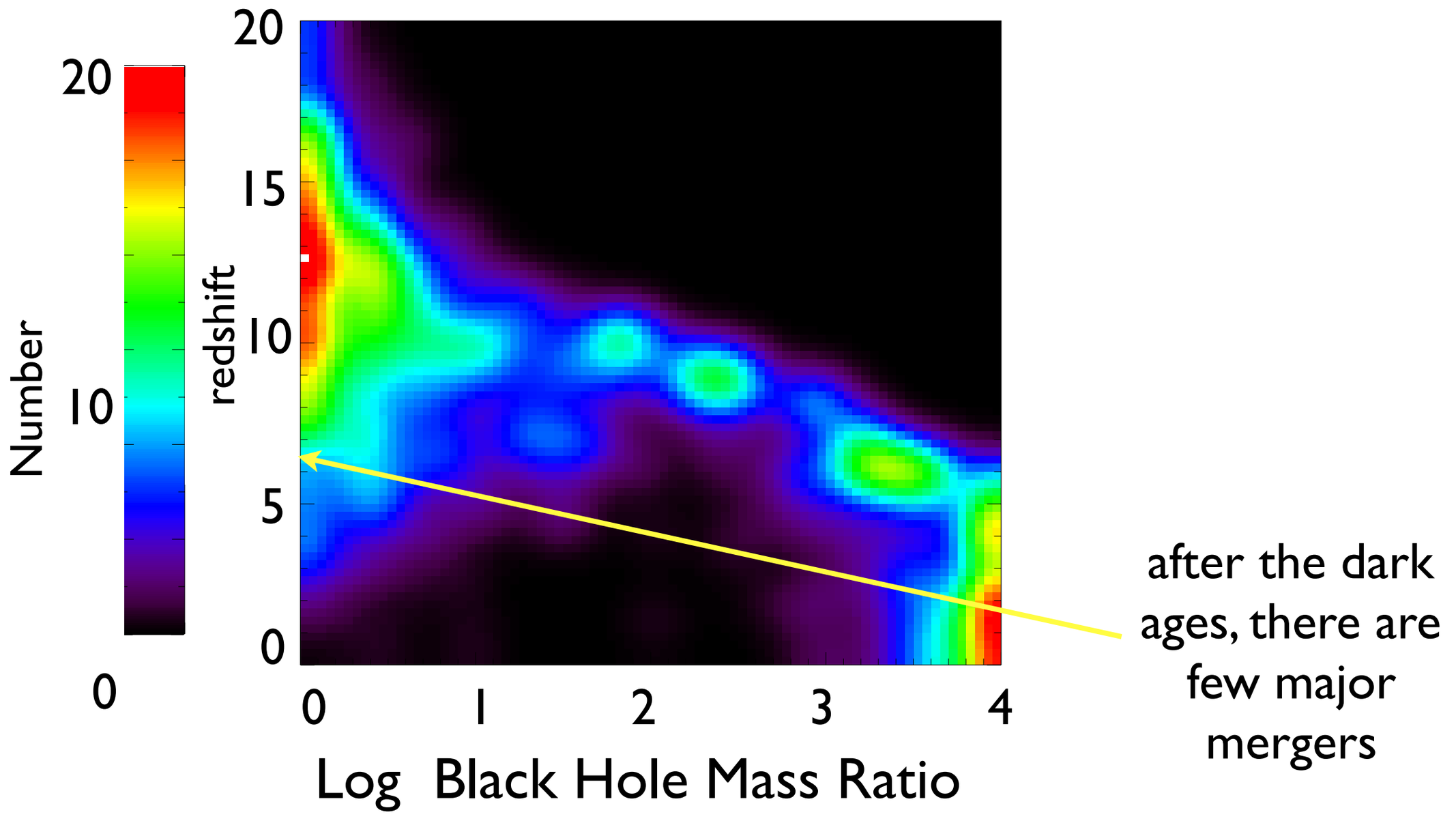
Dwarf galaxies may also have central black holes

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



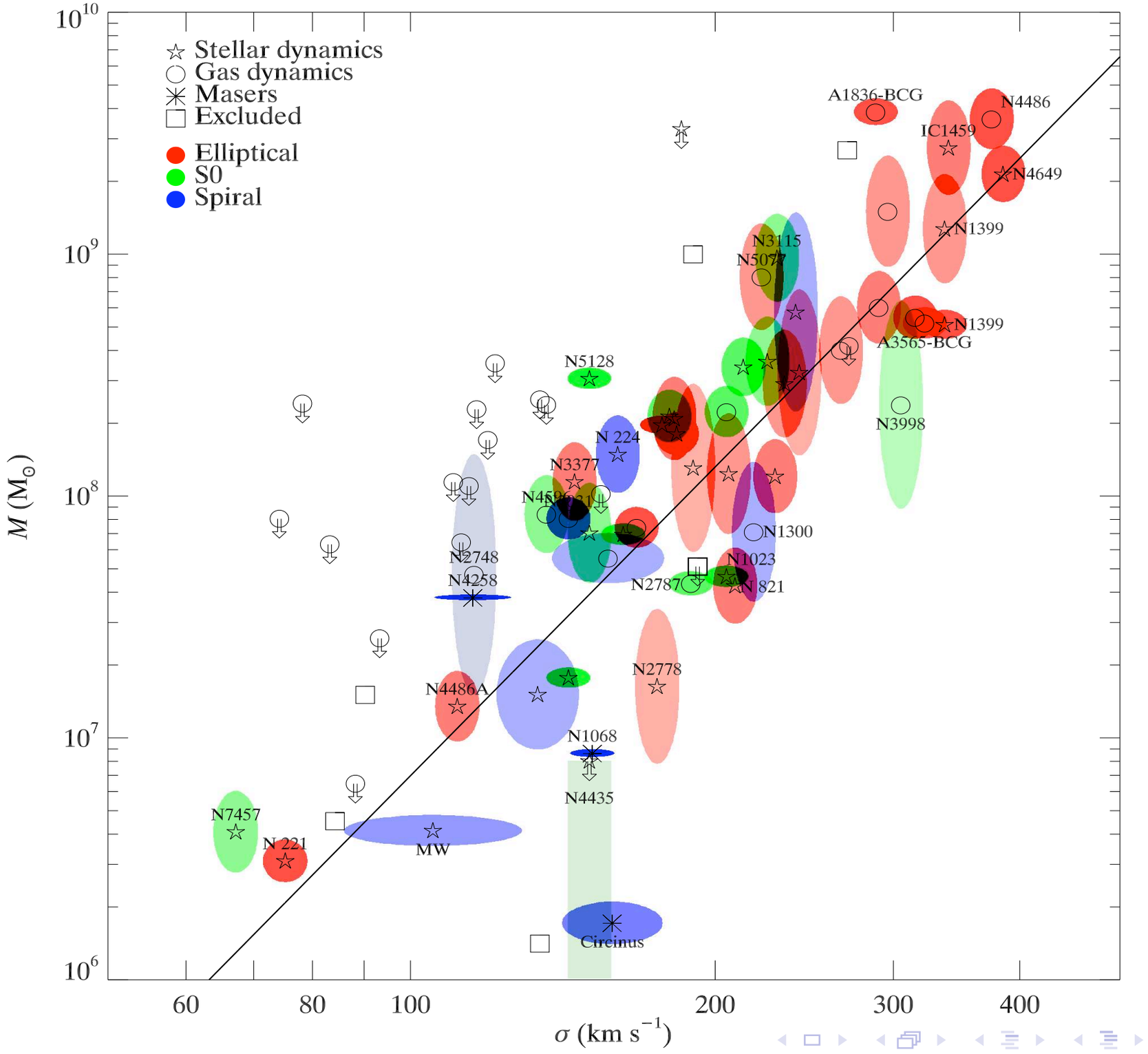
Light SMBHs (like our own) don't assemble from equal mass (or even nearly equal mass) mergers

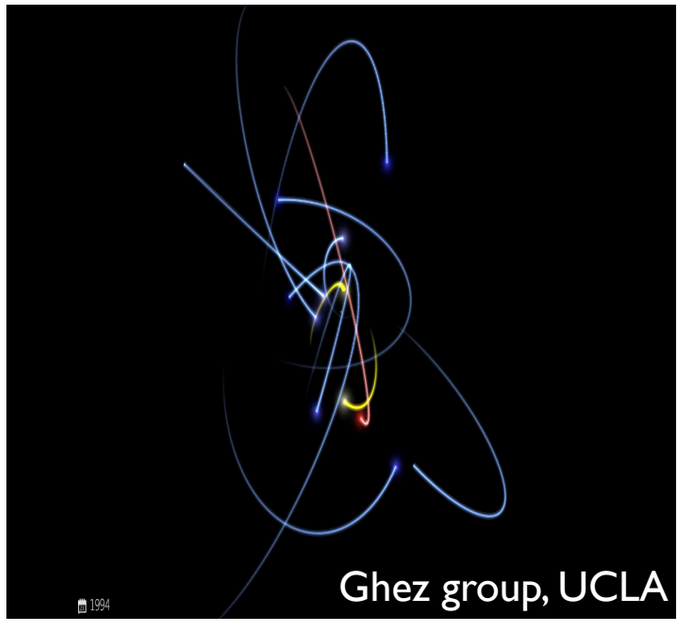
KHB et al. 2010



Massive central

A Supermassive Black Hole for 'Every' Galaxy





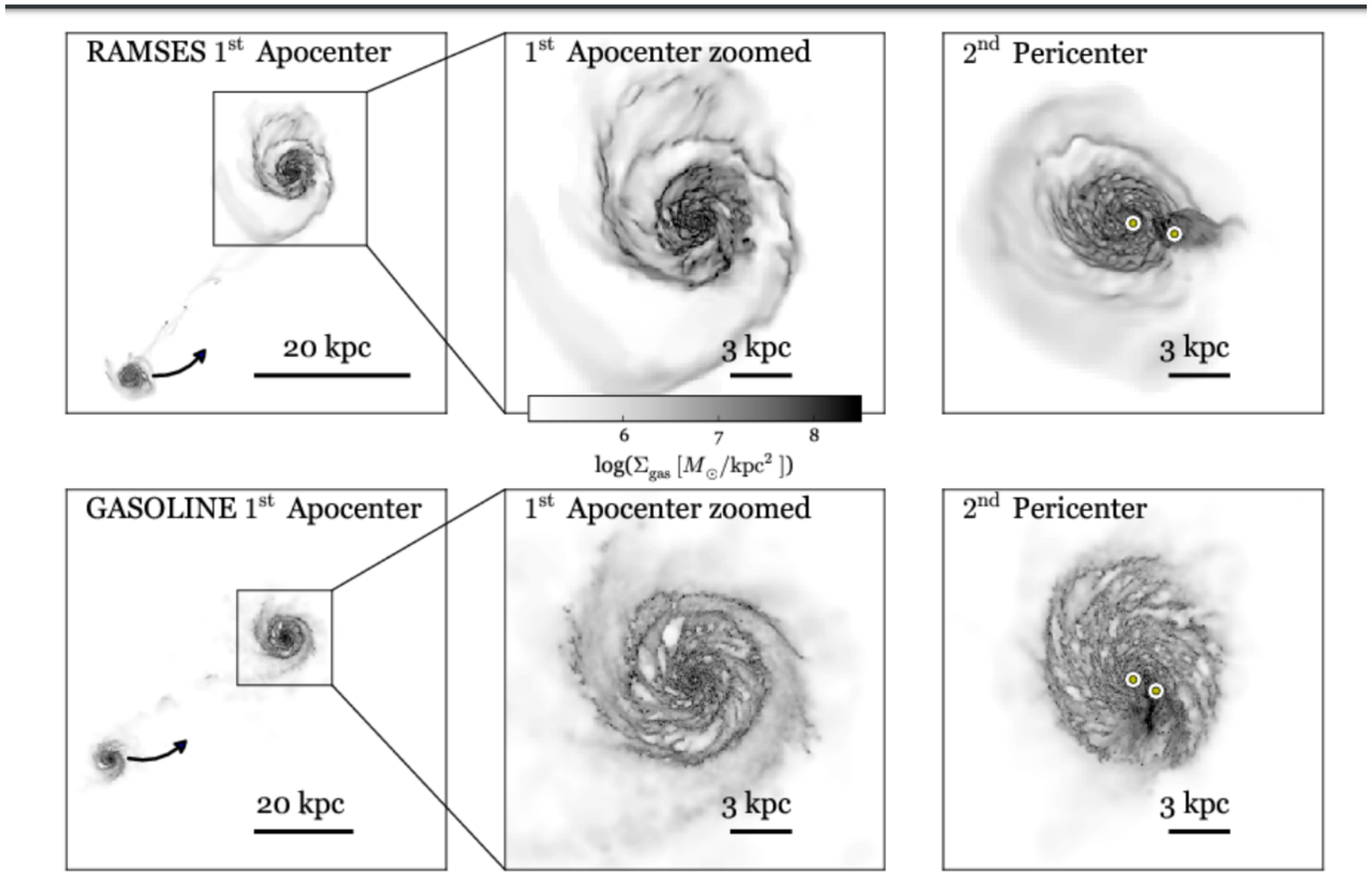
$R_{sch}=2\,G\,M/c^2=O(10^{-6})$ pc

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

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

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

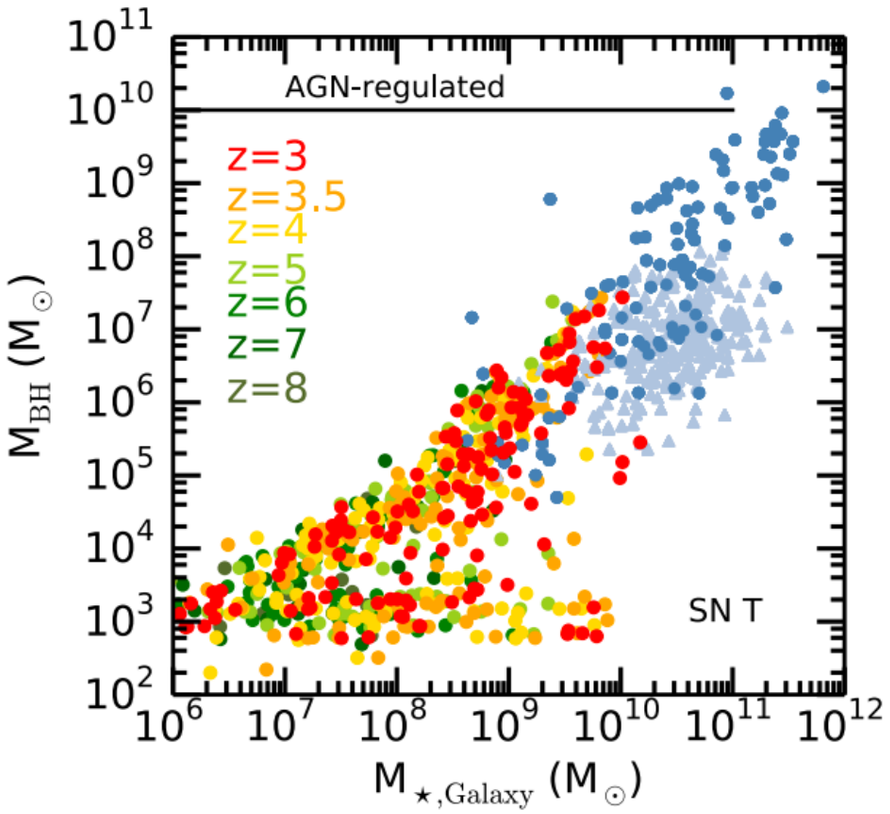
Warning: BH growth depends on the hydrodynamic code

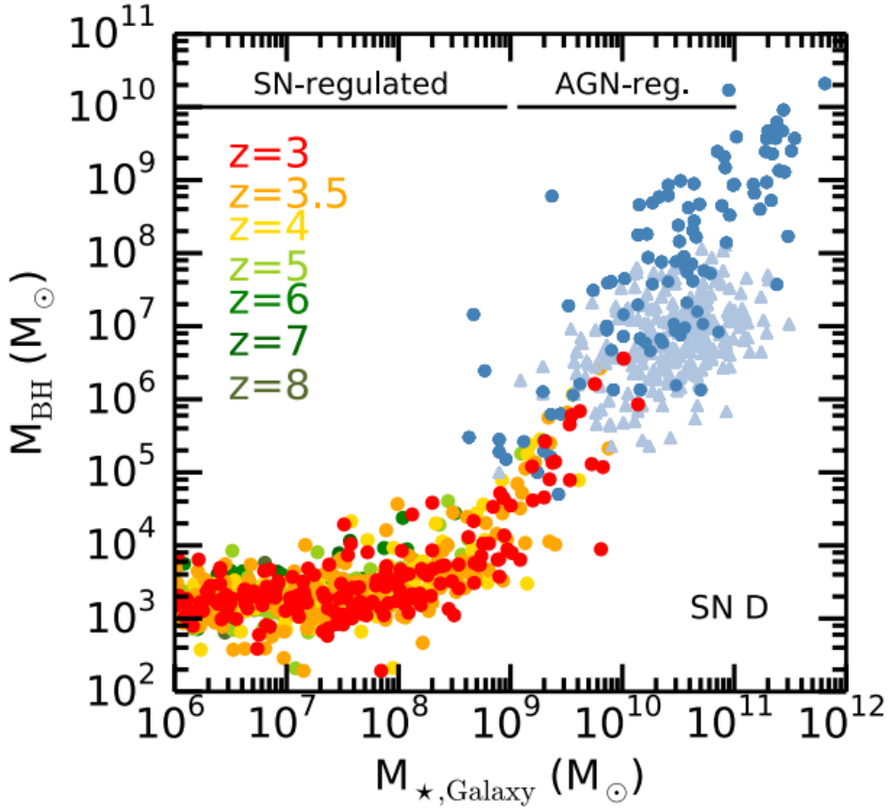


BHs grow less, take longer to merge

Gabor et al. 2015

Warning: BH growth depends on a feedback recipe

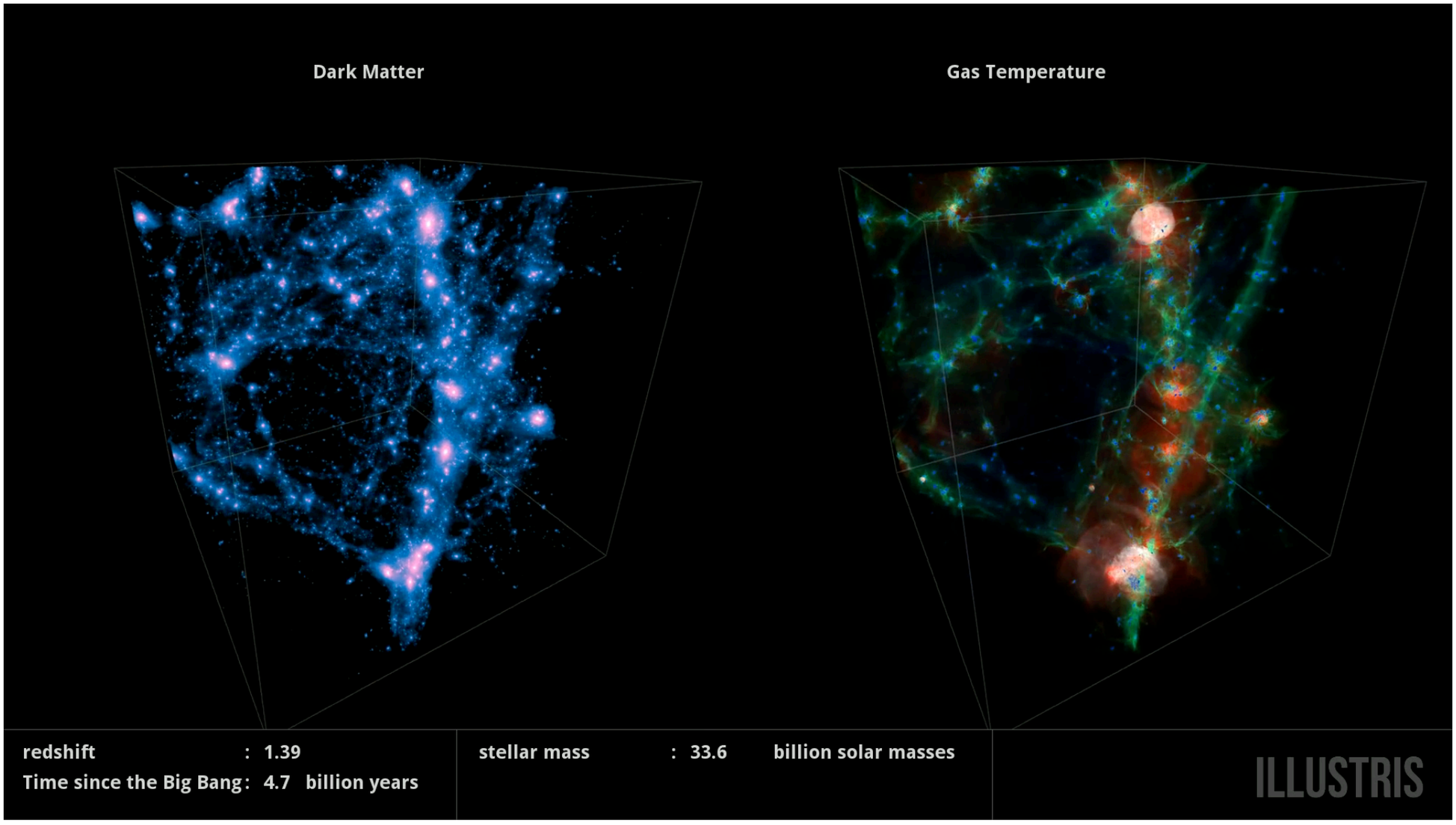




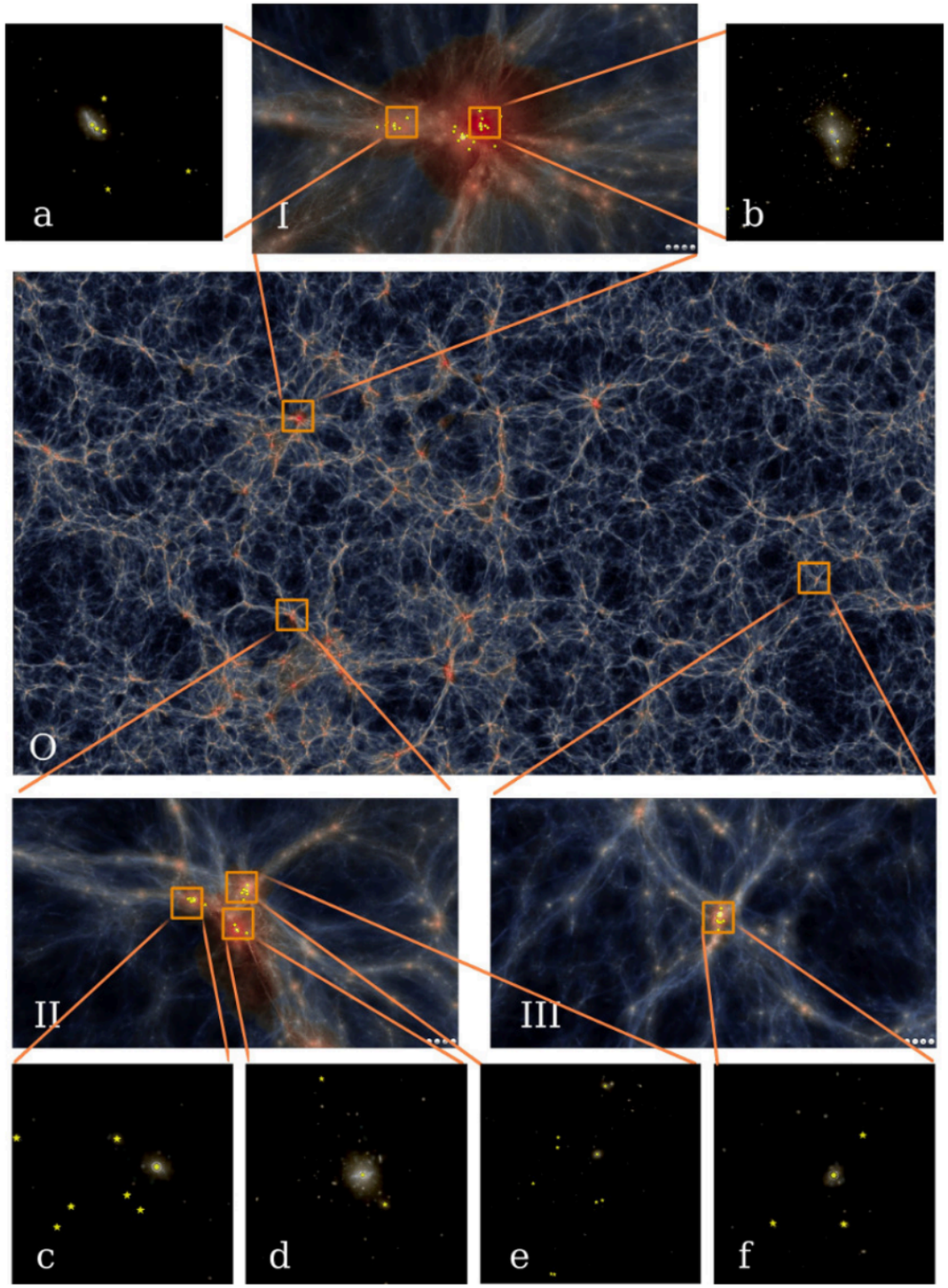
Ramses 10 Mpc (!) box
Habouzit et al 2016
see also Dubois 2015

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

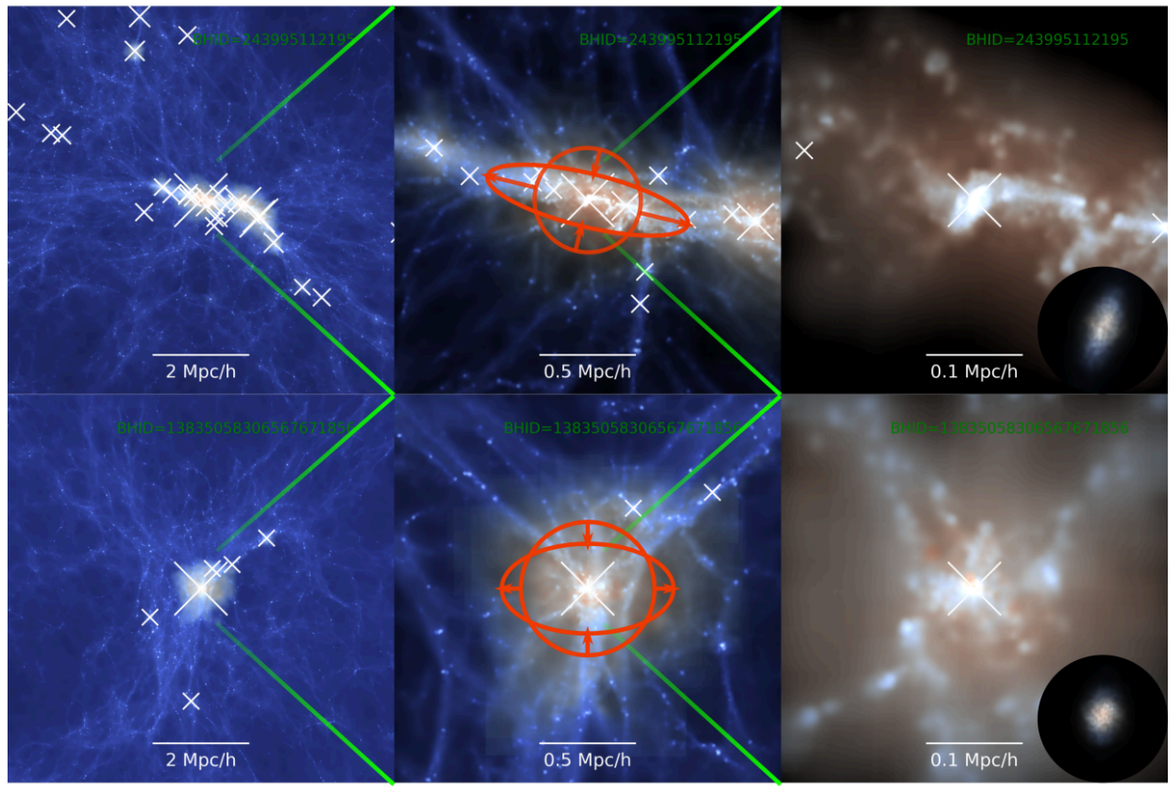
Volgelsburger et al. 2014



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

Spin! We aren't thinking enough about spin!

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

and there are SMBHs in bulgeless galaxies, too!

Reines et al. 2011

Sommers et al. 2012

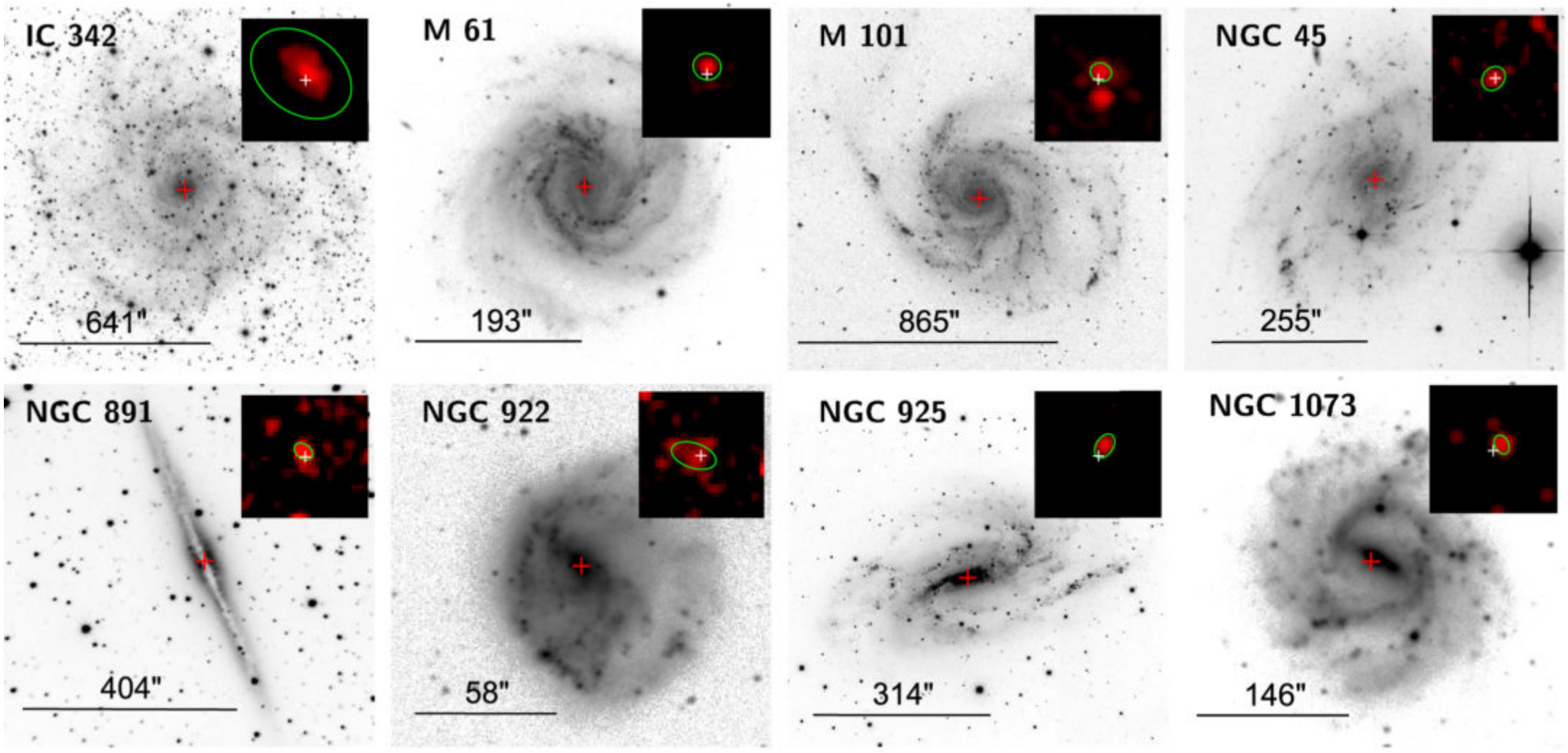
Satyapal et al. 2014

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

Subramanian et al. 2015

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

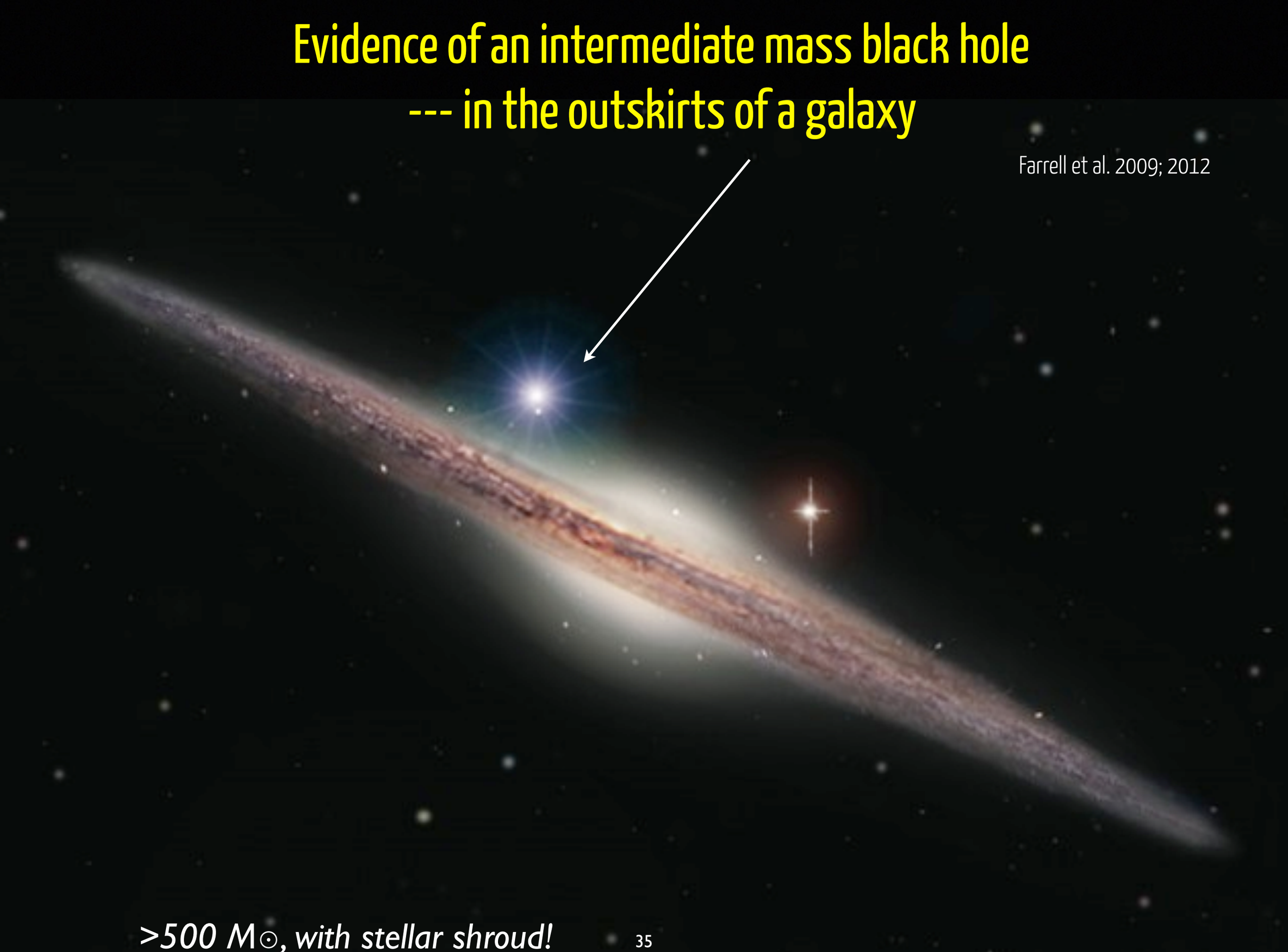
Chandra reveals new SMBHs with <10^6 solar masses in disky galaxies



She et al 2017 — 21% of disky 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⊙, with stellar shroud!