



from the first black holes to the first quasars

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Time since the Big Bang

$z \approx 1000$
380,000 yr

$z \approx 30 - 20$
100-200 Myr

SXDF-NB1006-2
LAE @ $z = 7.215$
Shibuya+2012

$z \approx 6 - 7$
1 Gyr

$z = 0$
13.6 Gyr



Big Bang

the universe is filled with a hot plasma

Recombination

the universe becomes neutral

small density fluctuations grow by
gravitational amplification

Formation of the first stars

mini-halos $10^6 M_{\text{sun}}$ at $z \approx 20$

Proto-galaxies $10^8 M_{\text{sun}}$ at $z \approx 10$

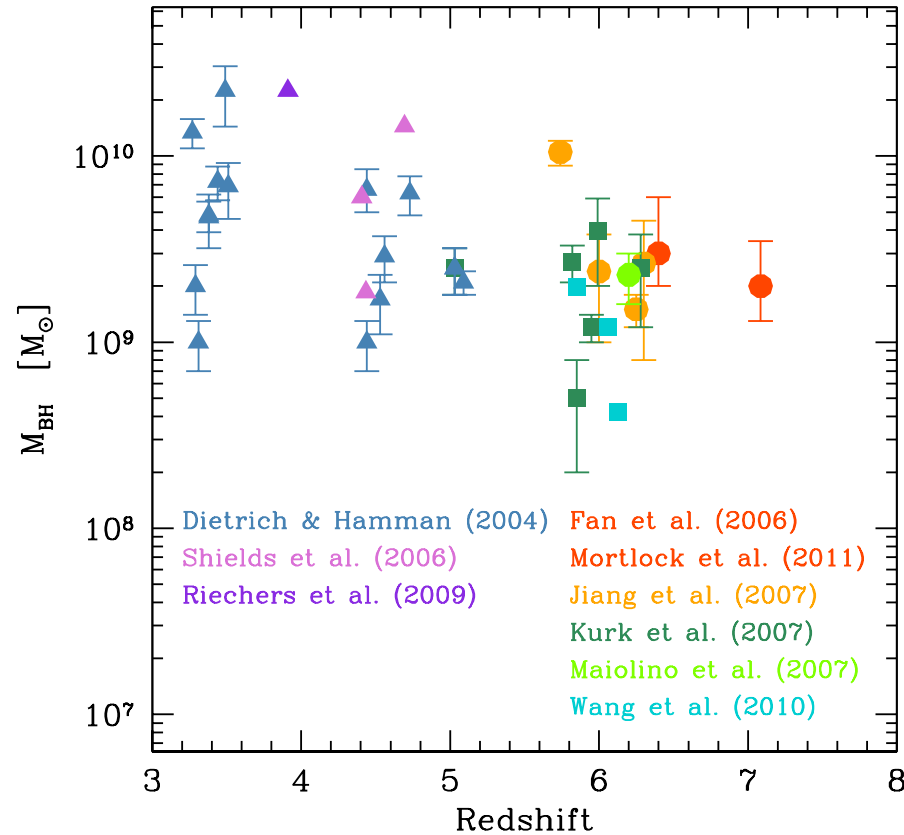
ULAS J112001.48
QSO @ $z = 7.085$
Mortlock+2011

QSOs $10^{12}-10^{13} M_{\text{sun}}$ at $z \approx 6 - 7$

Reionization is complete

Present-day Universe

growing the first quasars

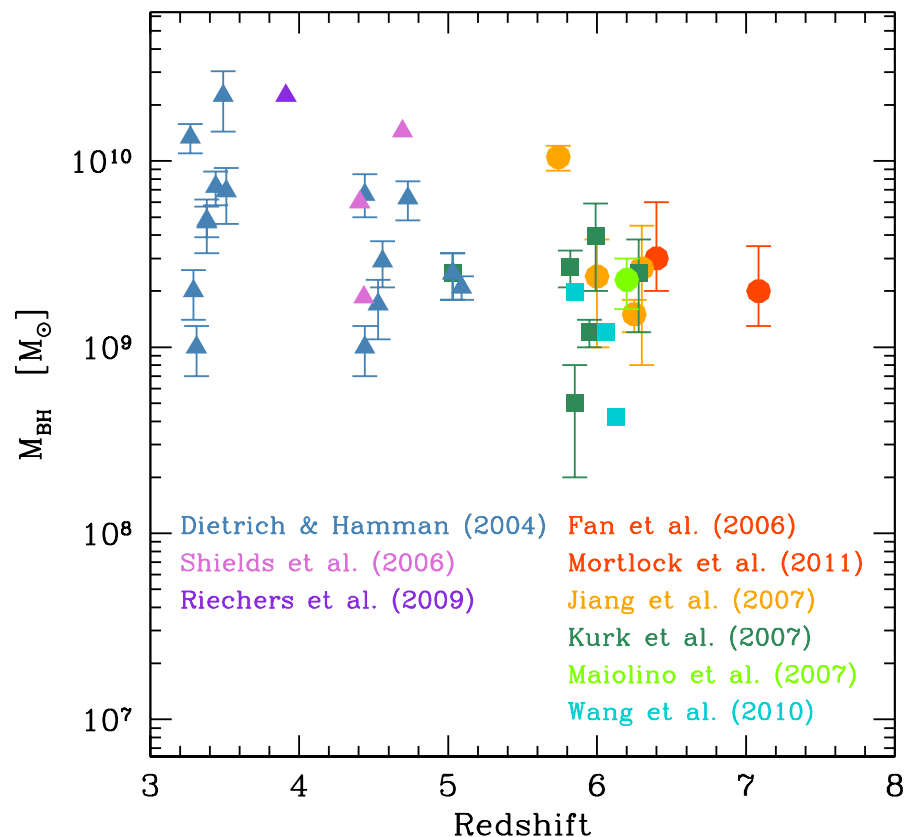


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$$z = 6.42 \quad t = 0.87 \text{ Gyr} \quad M_{\text{BH}} = 3 \cdot 10^9 M_{\text{sun}} \quad \rightarrow \quad M_{\text{seed}} > 80 M_{\text{sun}}$$

growing the first quasars



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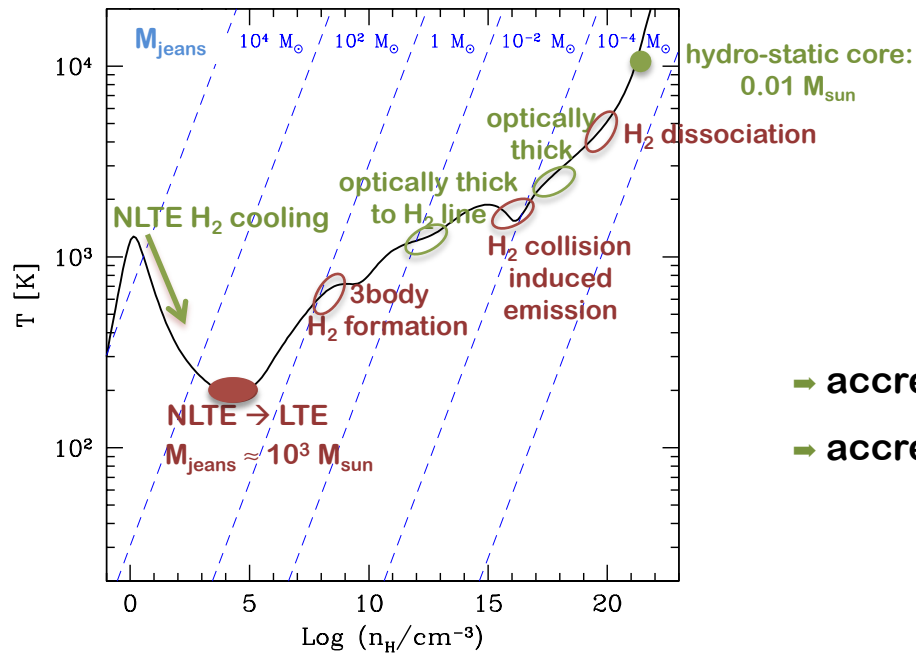
seed BHs formation scenarios

- ❖ Remnants of Population III stars forming in primordial mini-halos at $z \approx 20 - 30$
- ❖ Direct-collapse in the first proto-galaxies at $z \approx 10$
- ❖ Formation in stellar clusters at $z \approx 10$

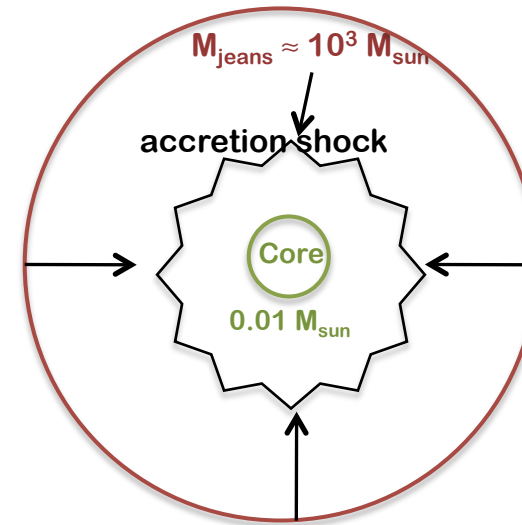
the formation of the first stars

theory for the formation of the first Pop III stars predict an IMF dominated by high-mass stars

- ✓ collapse of $\approx 10^6 M_{\text{sun}}$ mini-halos at $z \approx 20 - 30$
- ✓ H_2 cooling
- ✓ gas cloud becomes Jeans unstable $M_{\text{jeans}} \approx 10^3 M_{\text{sun}}$



Omukai et al. 2005

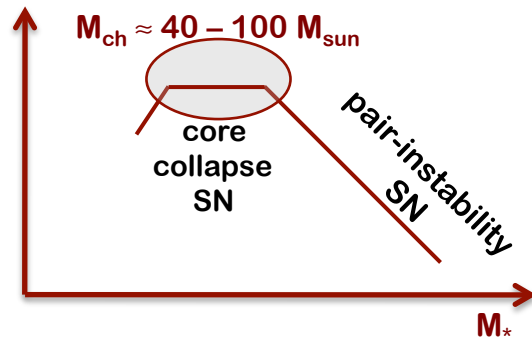


- accretion rate $dM/dt \approx M_J/t_{\text{ff}} \approx c_s^3/G \approx T^{3/2}$ (x 100 larger than Z_{sun})
- accreted gas mass $M_{\star} \approx [40 - 100] M_{\text{sun}}$

Omukai & Palla 2003; Bromm et al 2004; O'Shea et al. 2007;
Tan & McKee 2004; McKee & Tan 2008; Hosokawa et al. 2011

BH seeds as Pop III stellar remnants?

Pop III IMF ?

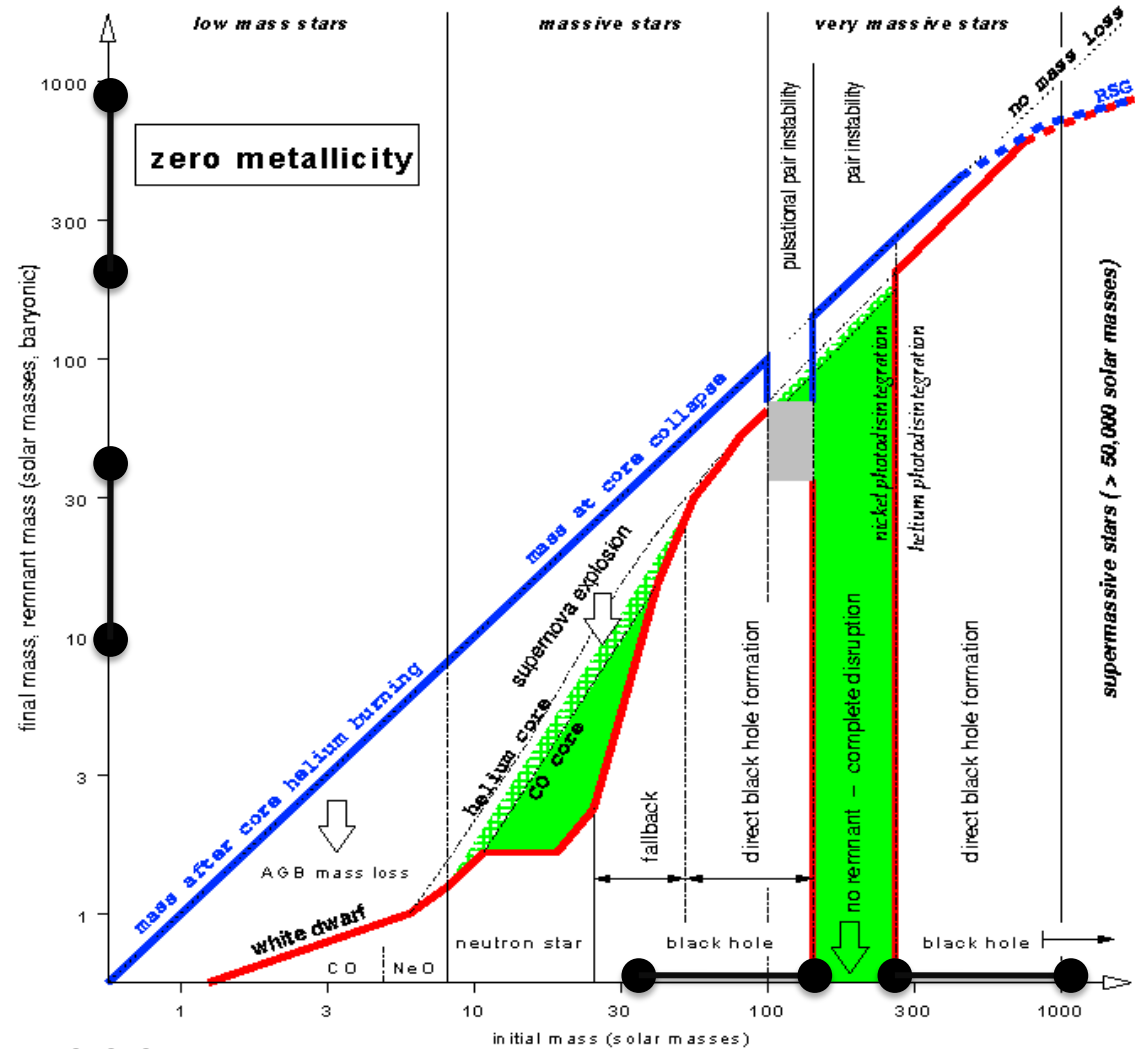


$$40 M_{sun} < M_* < 140 M_{sun}$$

$$M_{BH} \ll 100 M_{sun}$$

$$M_* > 260 M_{sun}$$

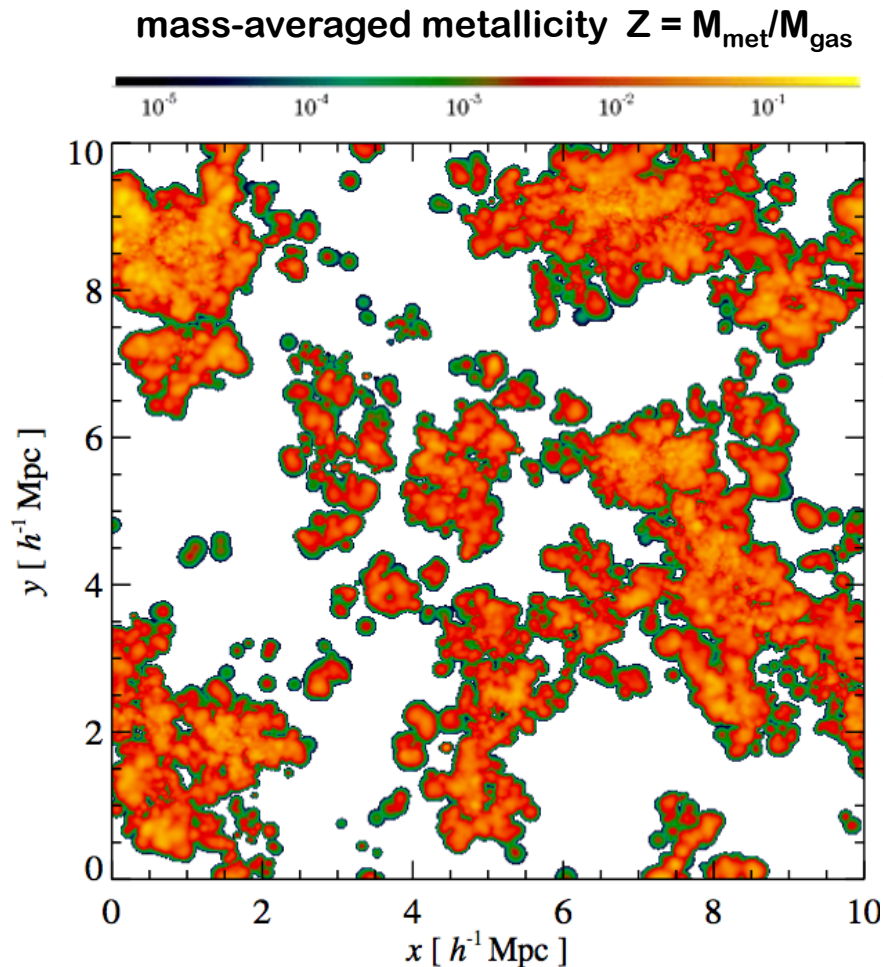
$$M_{BH} > 150 M_{sun}$$



→ may be too small for $z \sim 6 - 7$ QSOs

what happens next?

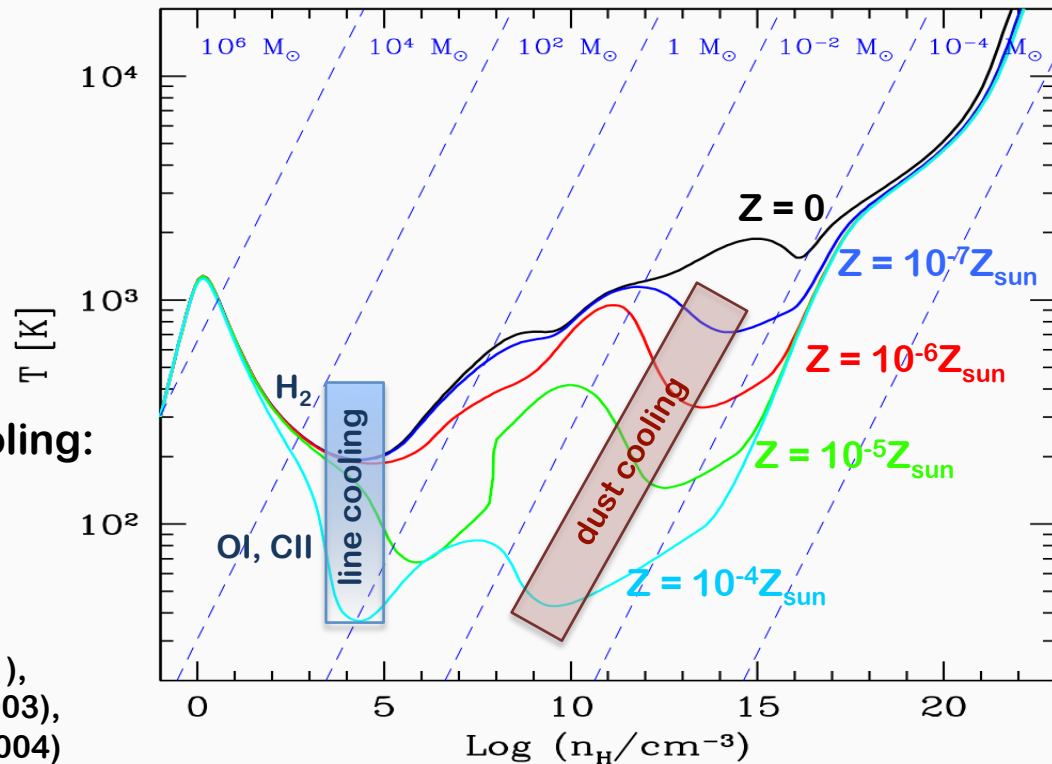
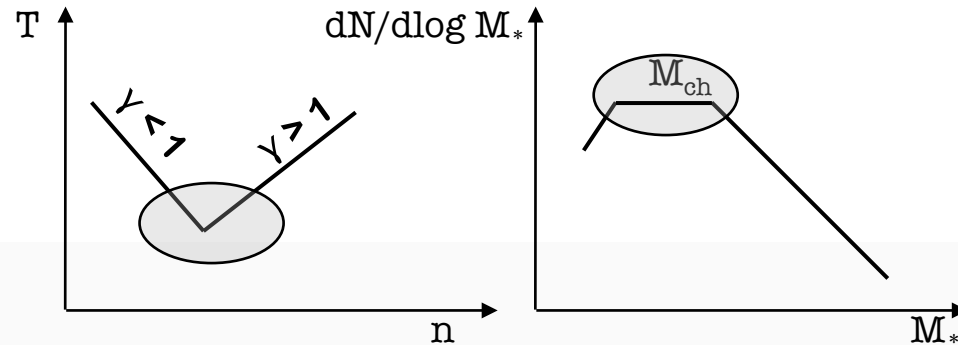
The first supernovae start cosmic metal enrichment



→ second generation stars may form in clouds that have been polluted by metals and dust grains

→ cooling and fragmentation properties of star-forming gas change

Star formation with the first heavy elements and dust grains



metal-line cooling:

$$Z > 10^{-4} Z_{\text{sun}}$$

$$M_{\text{jeans}} > 10 M_{\text{sun}}$$

Bromm et al. (2001),
Bromm & Loeb (2003),
Santoro & Shull (2004)

dust cooling:

$$Z > 10^{-6} Z_{\text{sun}}$$

$$M_{\text{jeans}} < 1 M_{\text{sun}}$$

RS et al. (2002,2003,2006),
Omukai et al. (2005)

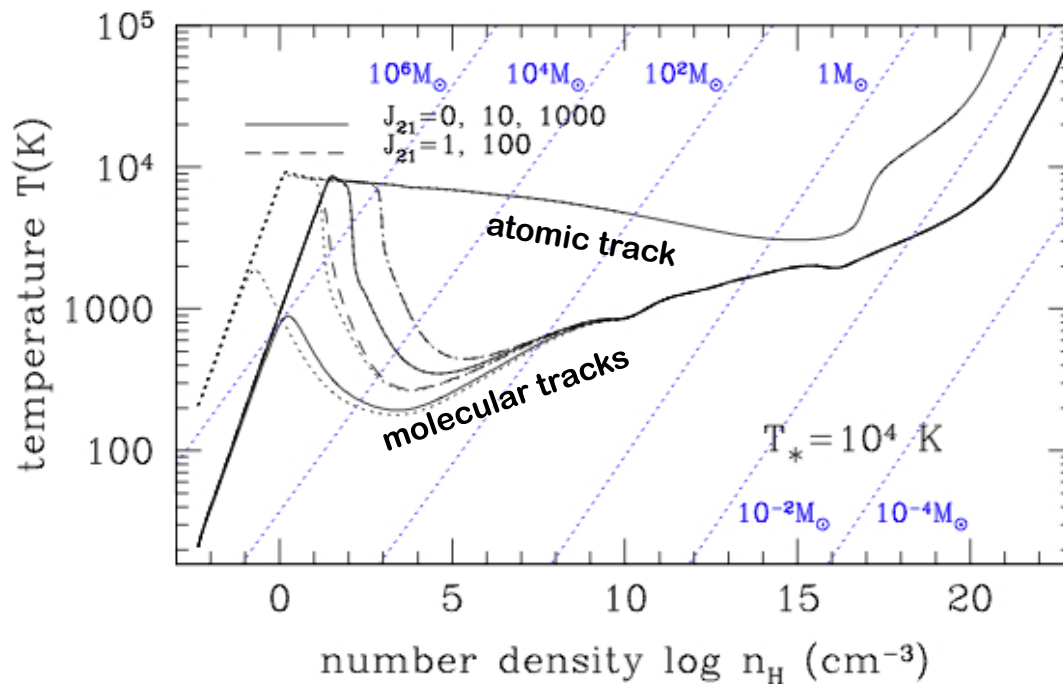
Can fragmentation be avoided?

Yes, preventing the gas to cool!

- sub-critical metallicities $Z < Z_{\text{cr}}$
- inefficient H_2 cooling \leftrightarrow photo-dissociation by a strong UV flux

$$J_{21} = J/10^{-21} \text{ erg cm}^{-2} \text{ sr}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ Hz}^{-1} > J_{21,\text{crit}} \cong 10^2 - 10^3$$

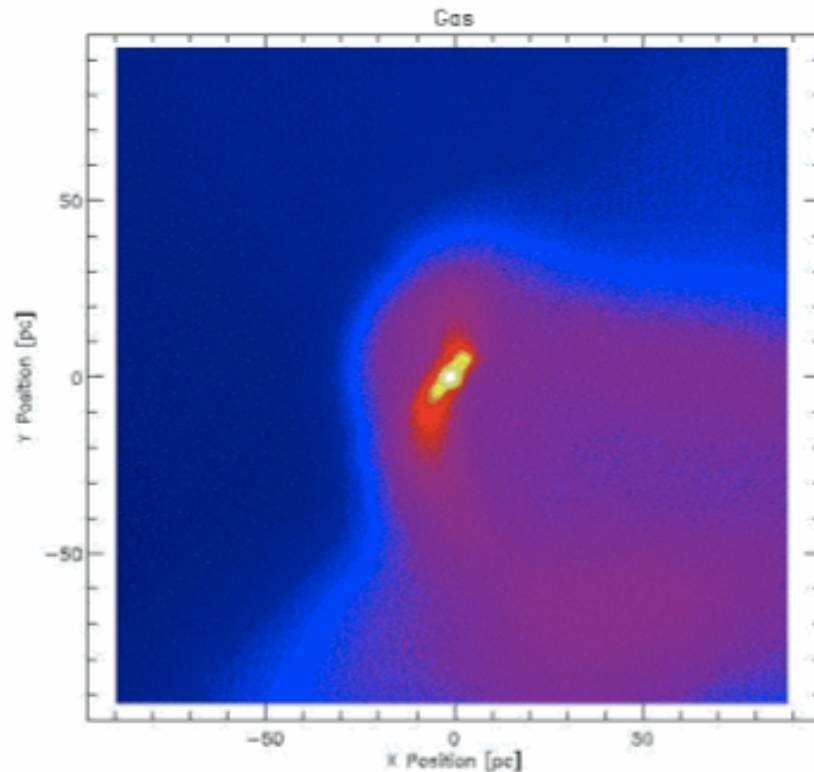
Thermal evolution of $Z = 0$ gas in a protogalaxy ($T_{\text{vir}} > 10^4\text{K}$)



Omukai, RS, Haiman (2007)

BH seeds: rapid direct collapse

- overcome rotational support by gravitational instabilities
- rapid collapse due to deep potential well and large accretion rates $> 1 M_{\text{sun}}/\text{yr}$



Loeb & Rasio (1994), Eisenstein & Loeb (1995),
Oh & Haiman (2002), Bromm & Loeb (2003),
Begelman et al. (2006), Lodato & Natarajan (2006),
Regan & Haehnelt (2009), Shang et al. (2010)

$$M_{\text{BH}} \sim 10^5 - 10^6 M_{\text{sun}} @ z = 10$$

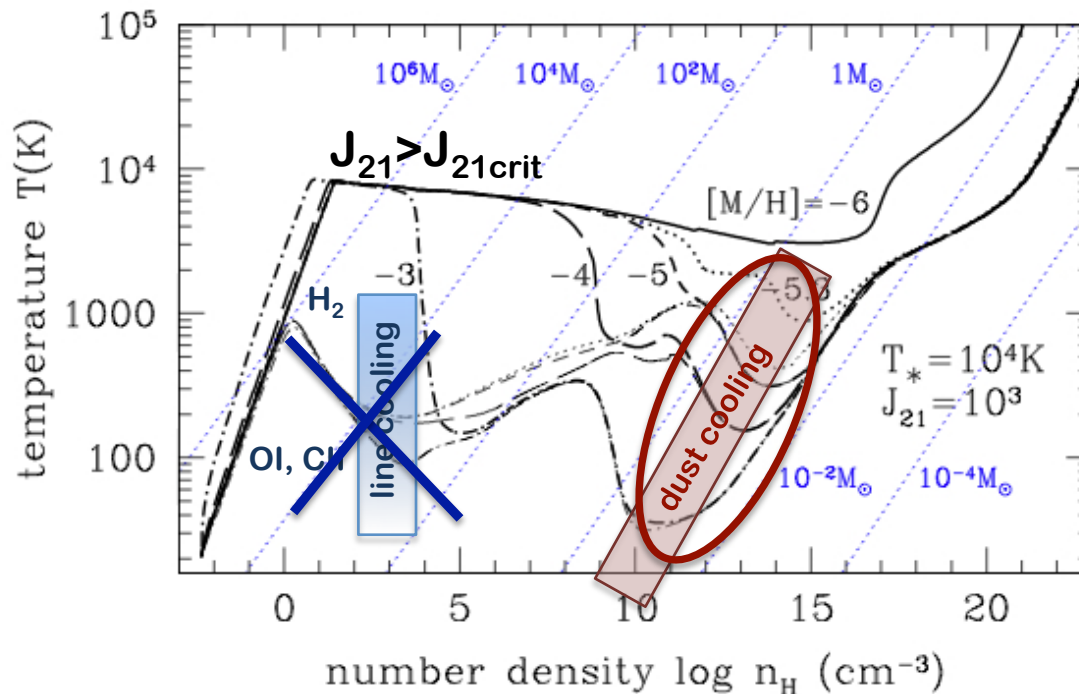
Can fragmentation be avoided?

No, if progenitors of the first galaxies have experienced SF

- super-critical metallicities $Z \geq Z_{\text{cr}}$
- inefficient H_2 cooling \leftrightarrow photo-dissociation by a strong UV flux

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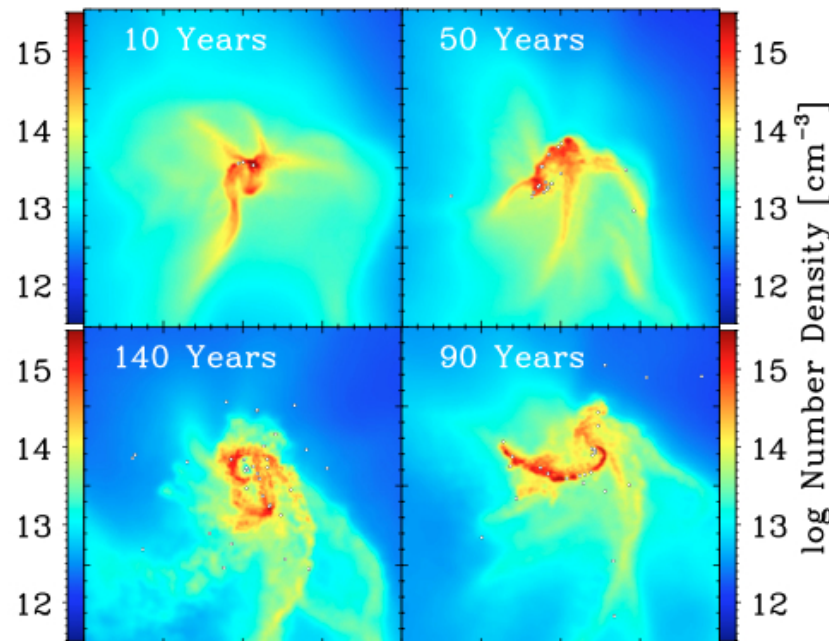


Omukai, RS, Haiman (2007)

BH seeds: formation in a dense stellar cluster

- dust-induced fragmentation leads to the formation of a dense stellar cluster:
~ 1000 fragments with mass $M_{\text{frag}} \sim 0.1 M_{\text{sun}}$ in a 0.01 pc region with free-fall time ~ 300 yr
- dynamical friction timescale: $t_{\text{fric}} \sim 1.6 \times 10^3 \text{ yr} (M_{\text{R}}/10^2 M_{\text{sun}})$

Very Massive Star forms by stellar mergers if $t_{\text{fric}} < 4 \text{ Myr}$ (Portegies-Zwart et al. 2004)



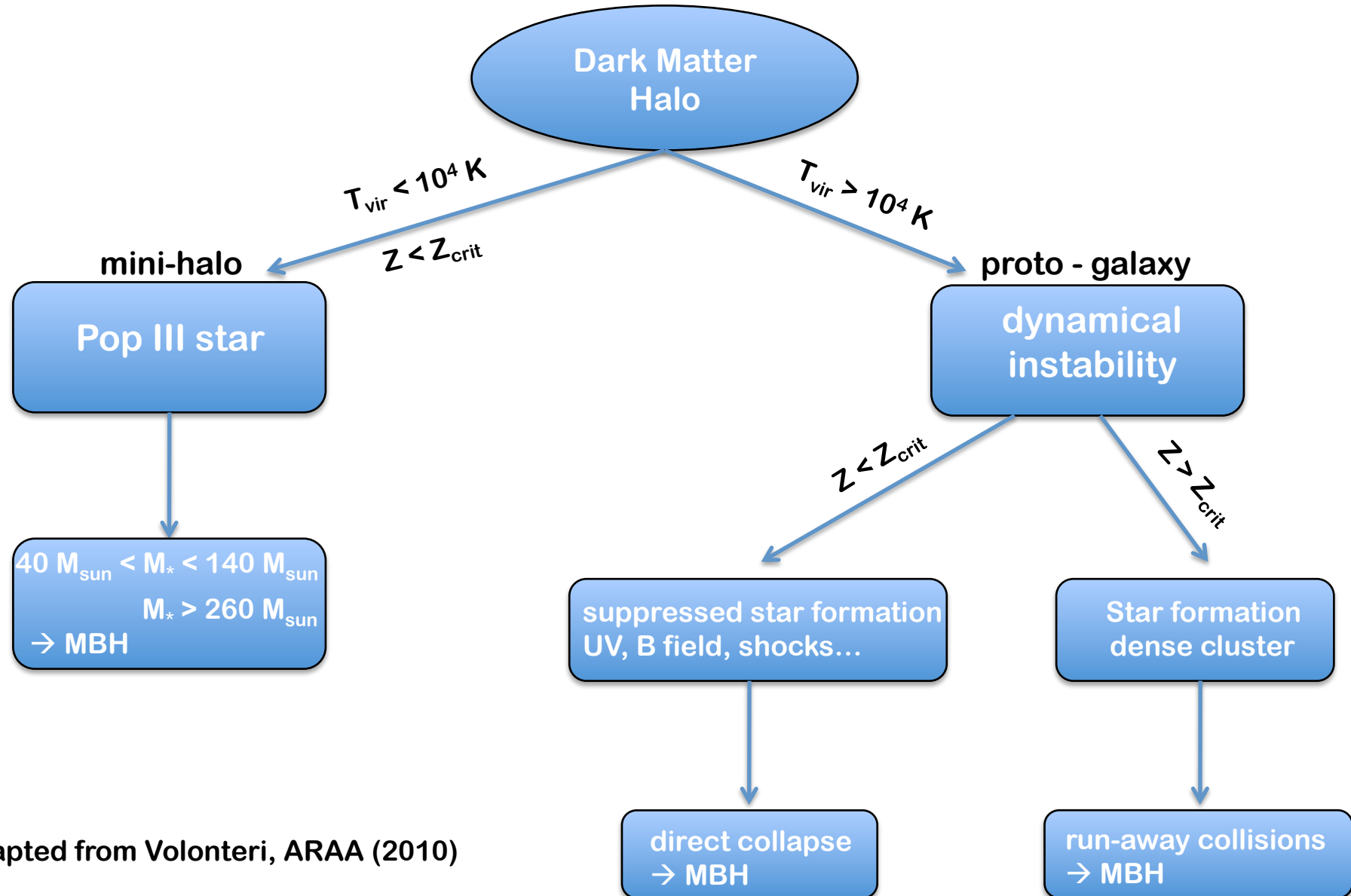
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Dopcke et al. (2011)

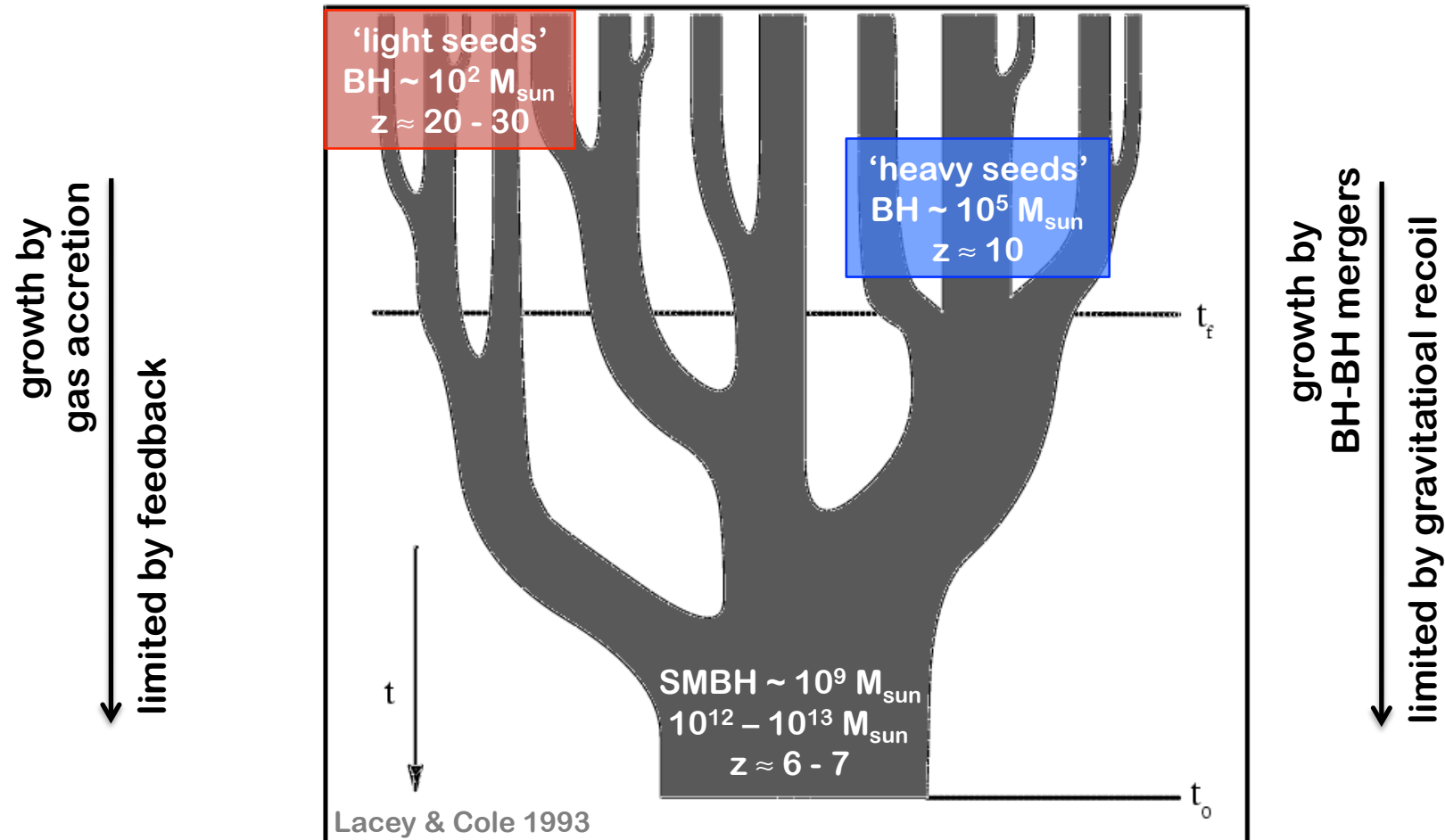
Tsuribe & Omukai (2006), Clark et al. (2008), Omukai et al. (2010)

nature of BH seeds



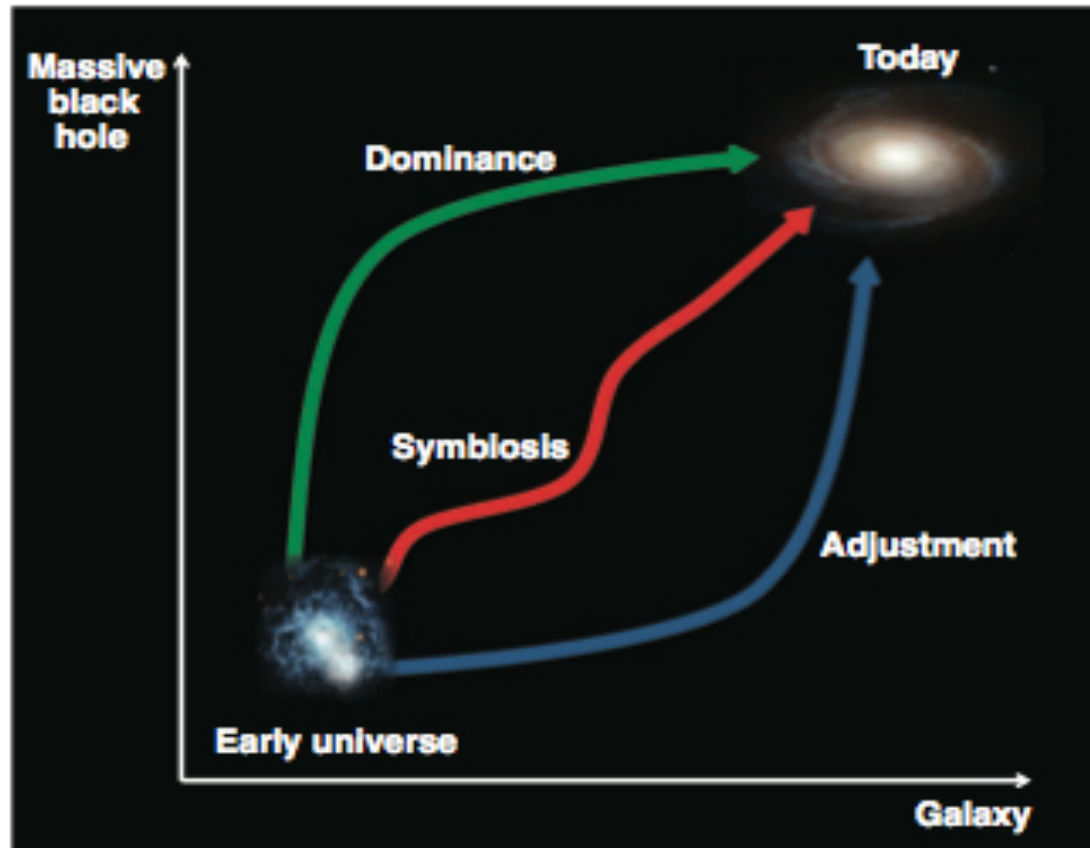
adapted from Volonteri, ARAA (2010)

From the first BHs to the first QSOs: planting and growing seeds



Haiman & Loeb 2001, Volonteri et al. 2003, Wyithe & Loeb 2003, Haiman 2004, Menci et al. 2004, 2008, Shapiro 2005, Yoo & Miralda-Escude' 2004, Bromley et al. 2004, Volonteri & Rees 2005, Li et al. 2007, Pelupessy et al. 2007, Sijacki et al. 2009, Tanaka & Haiman 2009, Lamasra et al. 2010, Valiante et al. 2011, Petri et al. 2012

Co-evolution of the first BH and galaxies: dominance, symbiosis or adjustment?



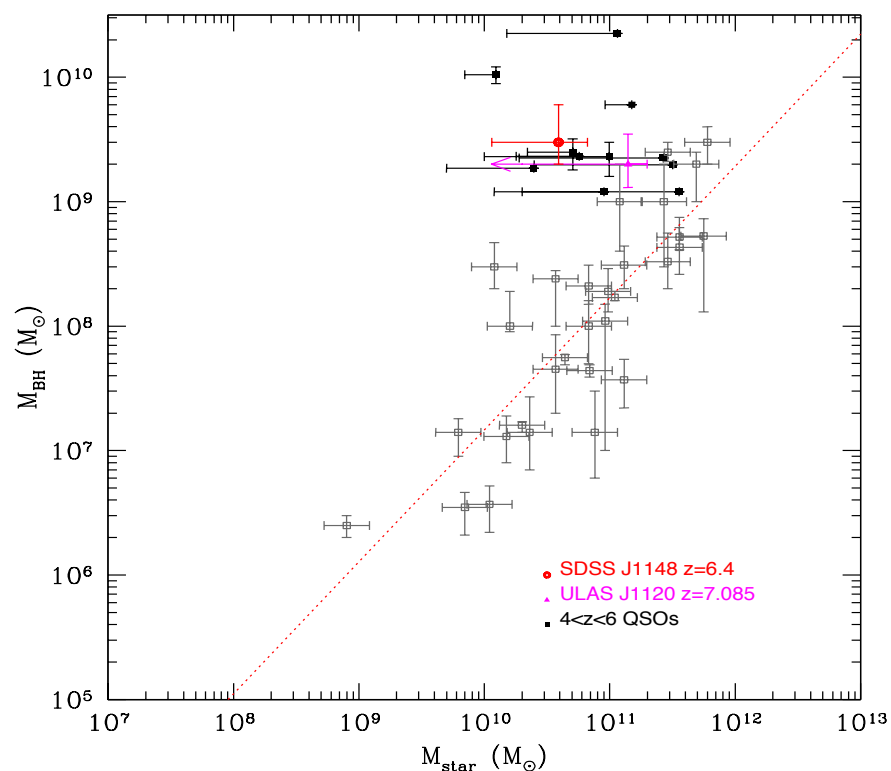
Volonteri 2012

different pathways reflect BH seeds birth and growth conditions

Co-evolution of the first BH and galaxies: footprints in the $M_{\text{bh}} - M_{\text{bulge}}$ relation at early times ?

in AGN-selected samples $M_{\text{bh}}/M_{\text{bulge}}$ evolves to larger values at higher z

Walter et al. 2004; Peng et al. 2006; McLure et al. 2006; Riechers et al. 2008; Merloni et al. 2010; Wang et al. 2010



Valiante et al. in prep

$$M_{\text{bulge}} = M_{\text{dyn}} - M_{\text{gas}}$$

$$M_{\text{dyn}} = 2.3 \times 10^5 v_{\text{circ}}^2 R$$

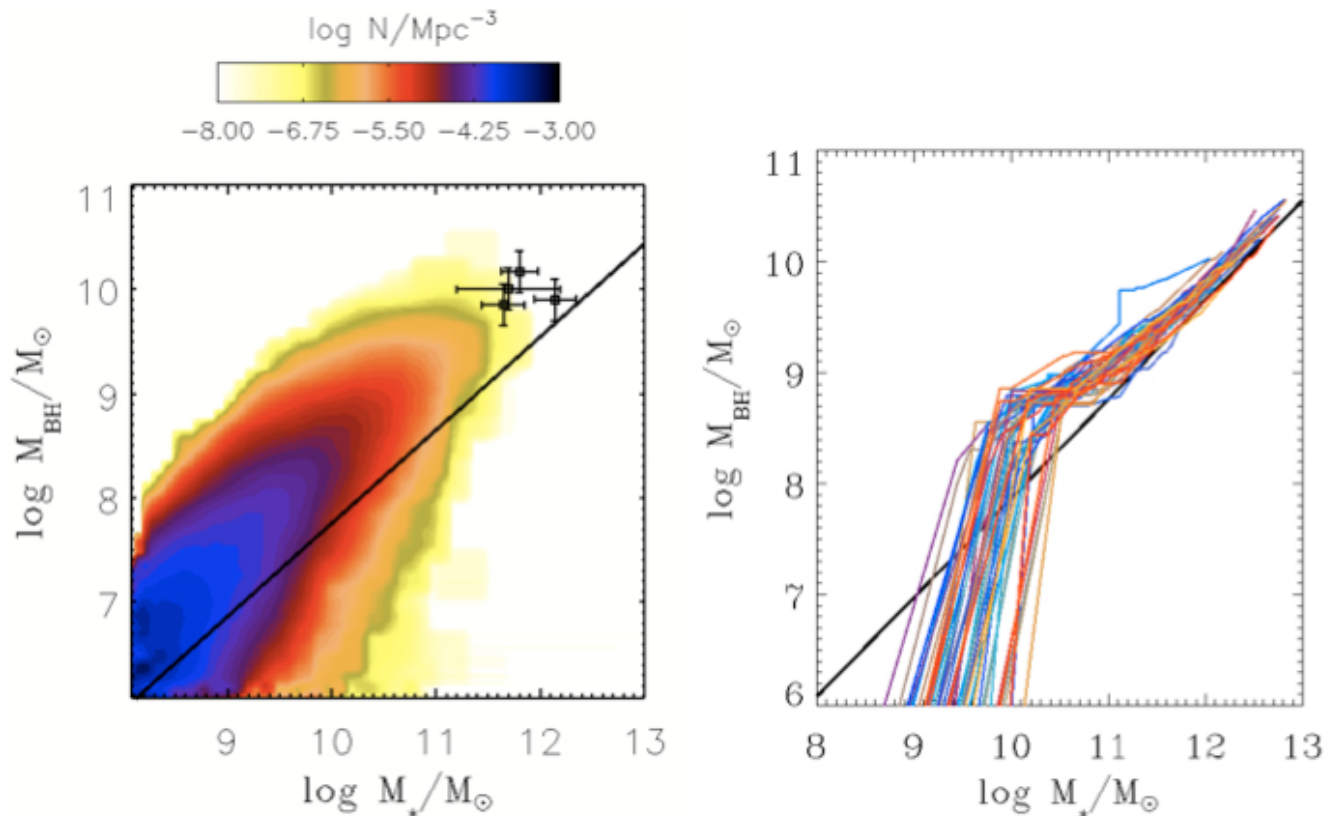
$$M_{\text{gas}} = M_{\text{H}_2} \leftarrow L_{\text{CO}}$$

$$v_{\text{circ}} = \frac{3}{4} \text{CO FWHM} / \sin i$$

$$\langle i \rangle = 40^\circ \quad \langle R \rangle = 2.5 \text{ kpc}$$

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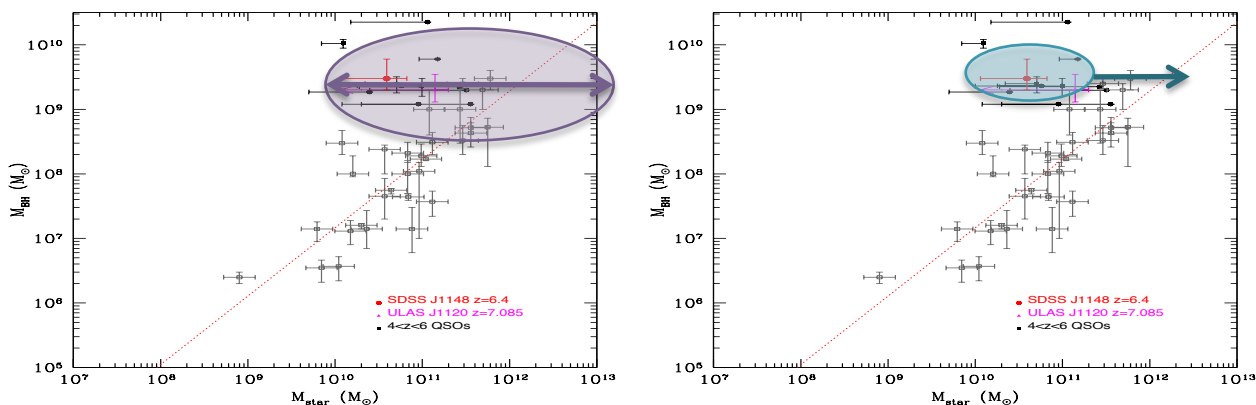
BH dominance: rapid growth at early times due to efficient accretion triggered by galaxy mergers



Is the observed off-set of $z \sim 6$ QSOs in the $M_{\text{bh}} - M_{\text{bulge}}$ relation real?

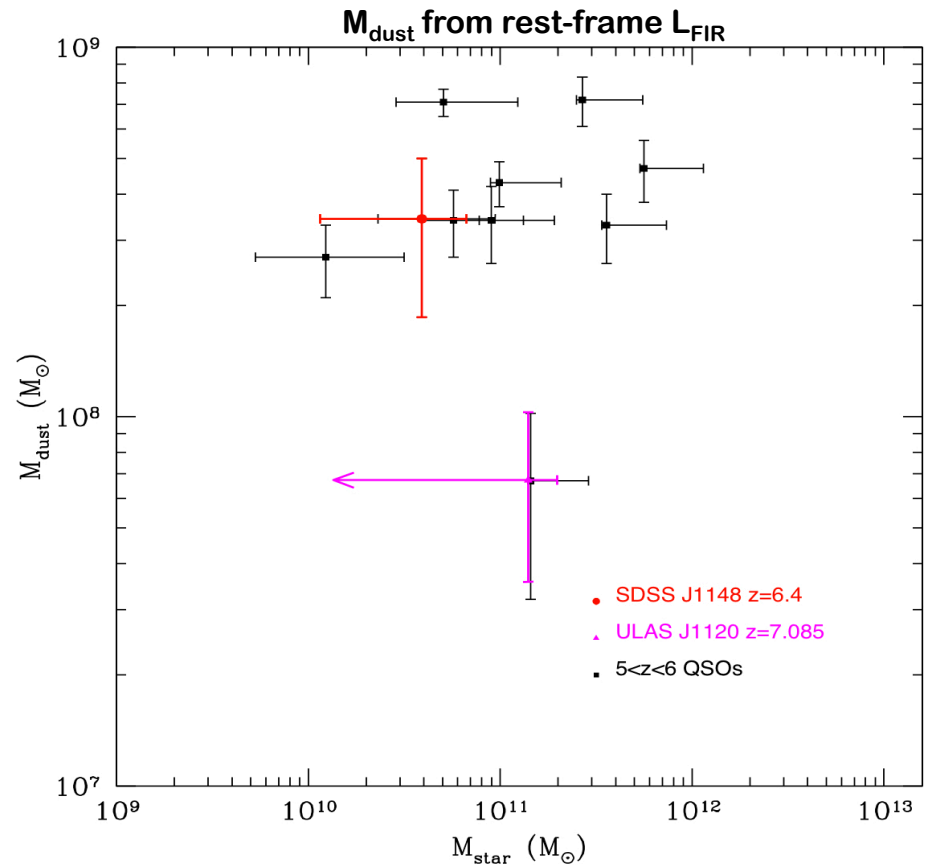
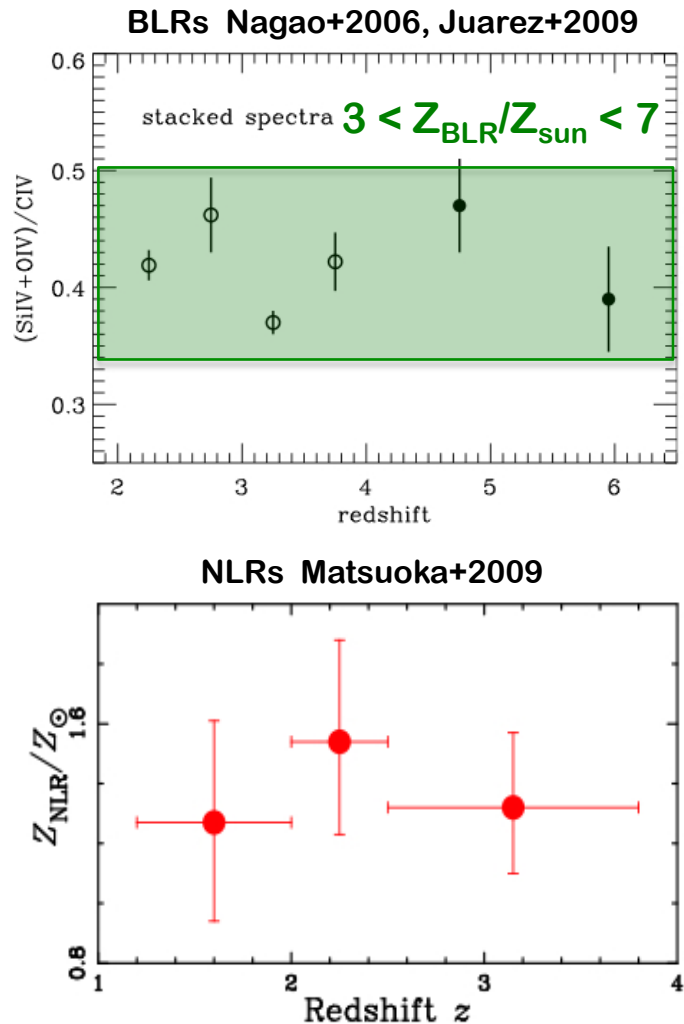
Selection effects may be very important:

- scatter in the $M_{\text{bh}} - M_{\text{bulge}}$ relation + steep mass function $\rightarrow z \sim 6$ QSOs preferentially selected in low-mass hosts than what would be in a volume-limited sample (Lauer et al. 2007, Volonteri & Stark 2011)
- galaxy samples selecting starbursts without luminous AGN show a negative $M_{\text{bh}}/M_{\text{bulge}}$ evolution (Alexander et al. 2008)
- high- z QSOs are preferentially viewed face-on (Ho et al. 2007)
- high- z QSOs observations probe only a smaller (inner) fraction of the host mass (Haiman 2012)



Clues from the chemical properties of the host galaxies

high-z QSOs host galaxies are chemically mature systems:
super solar metallicities in BLR/NLRs and $M_{\text{dust}} \sim 10^8 M_{\text{sun}}$



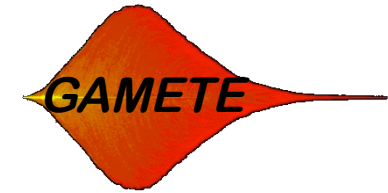
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GALaxy**M**Erger**T**ree&**E**volution

Salvadori, RS, Ferrara (2007)

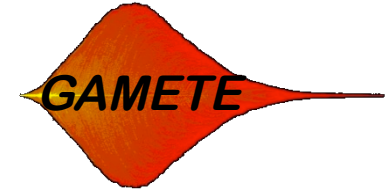
with BH evolution/feedback and dust formation/processing in the ISM

Valiante, RS, Salvadori & Bianchi (2011, 2012)



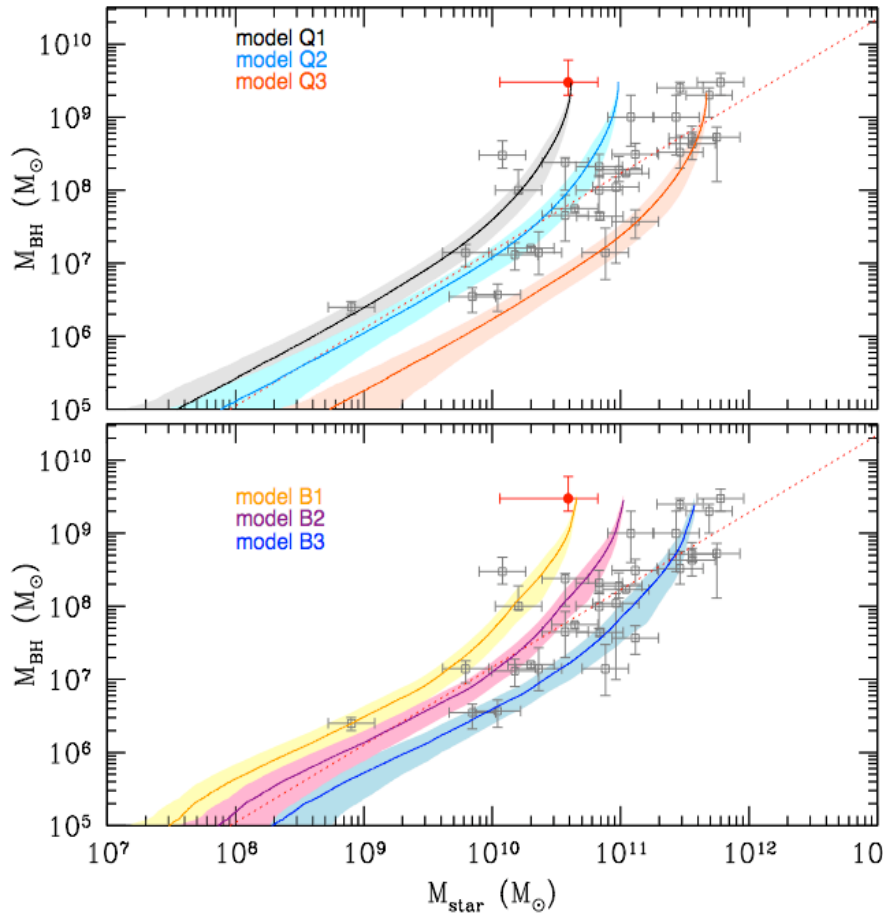
- 50 merger histories of a $10^{13} M_{\text{sun}}$ halo @ $z = 6.4 \rightarrow$ SDSS J1148
- star formation in quiescent and/or merger-driven bursts
- BH growth via gas accretion and mergers
- BH feedback
- chemical enrichment (metals and dust) on the stellar characteristic timescales

Evolution of high-z QSOs: SDSS J1148

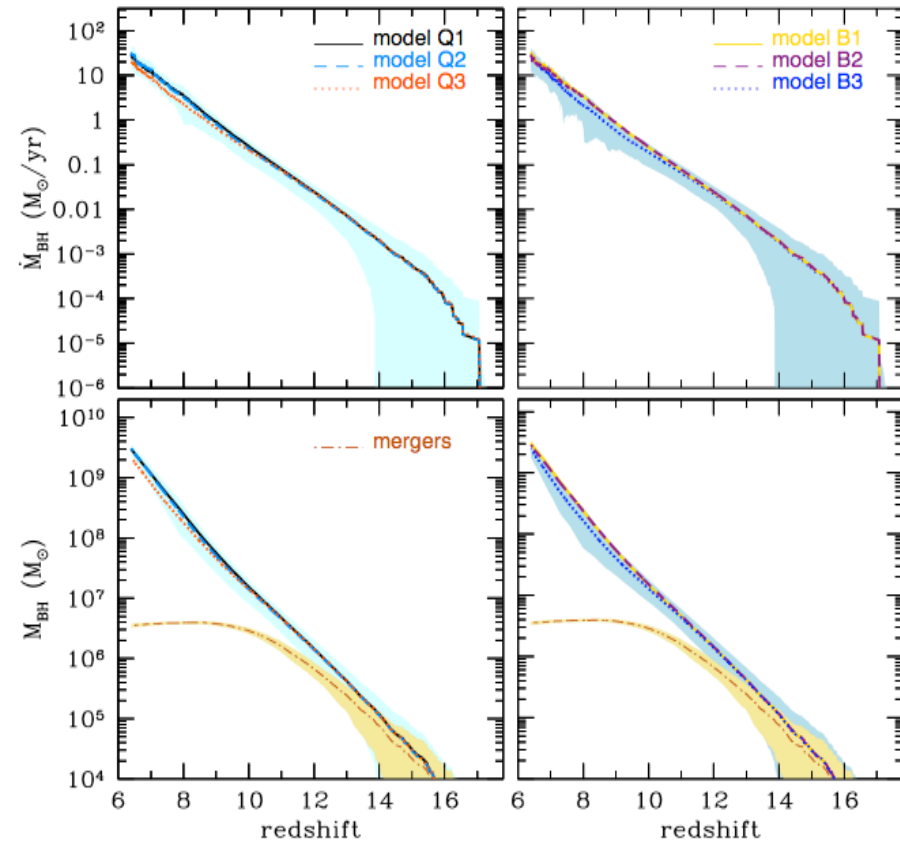


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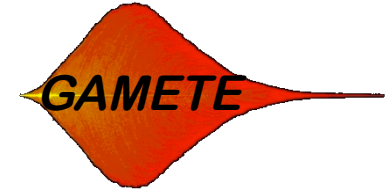
SDSS J1148: testing different evolutionary paths



Evolution of the nuclear black hole mass & accretion rate

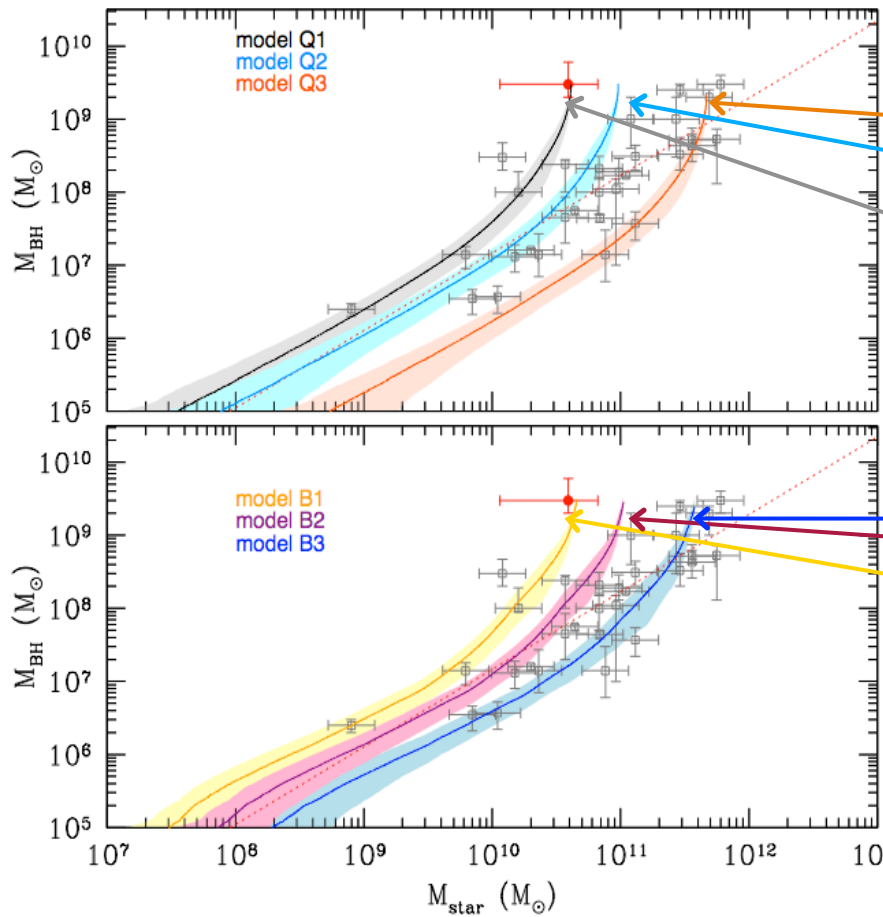


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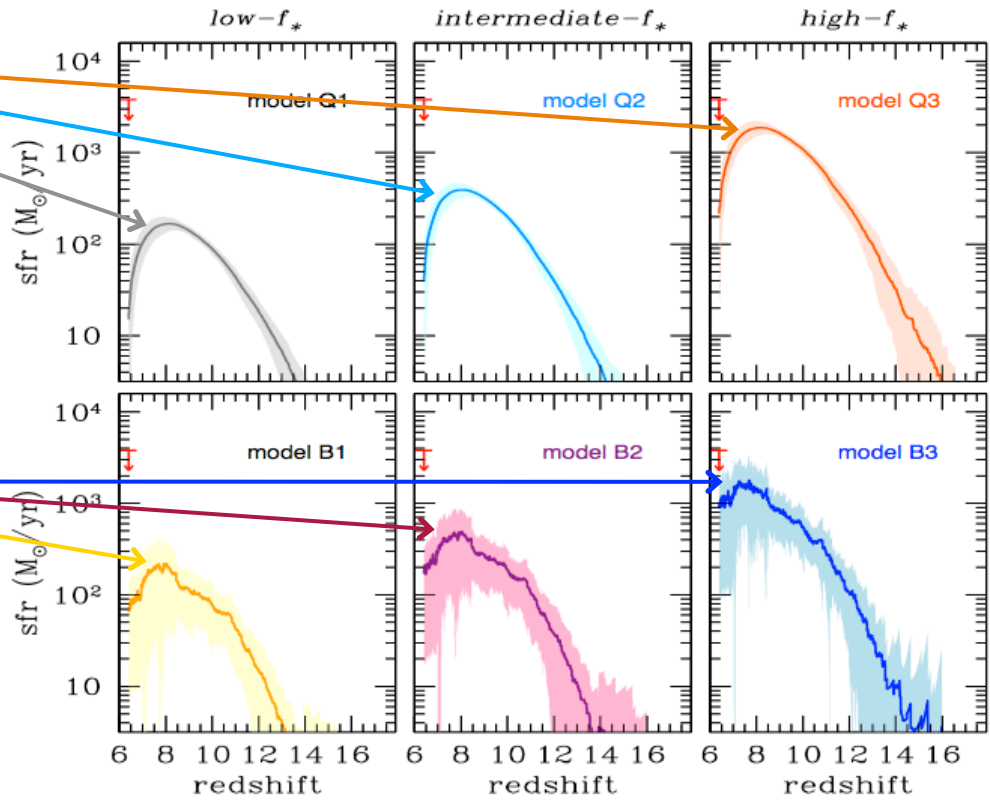


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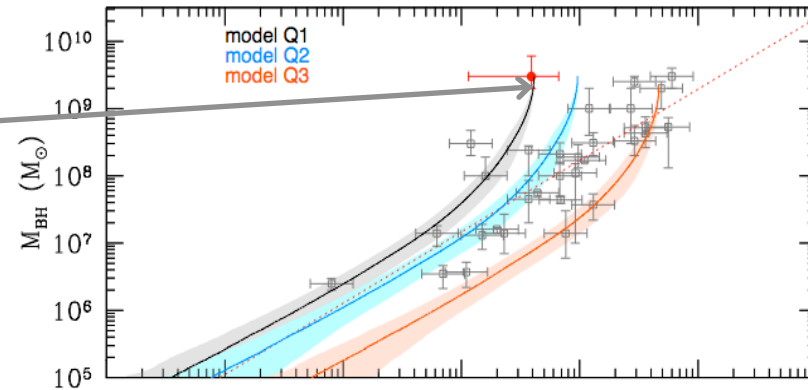
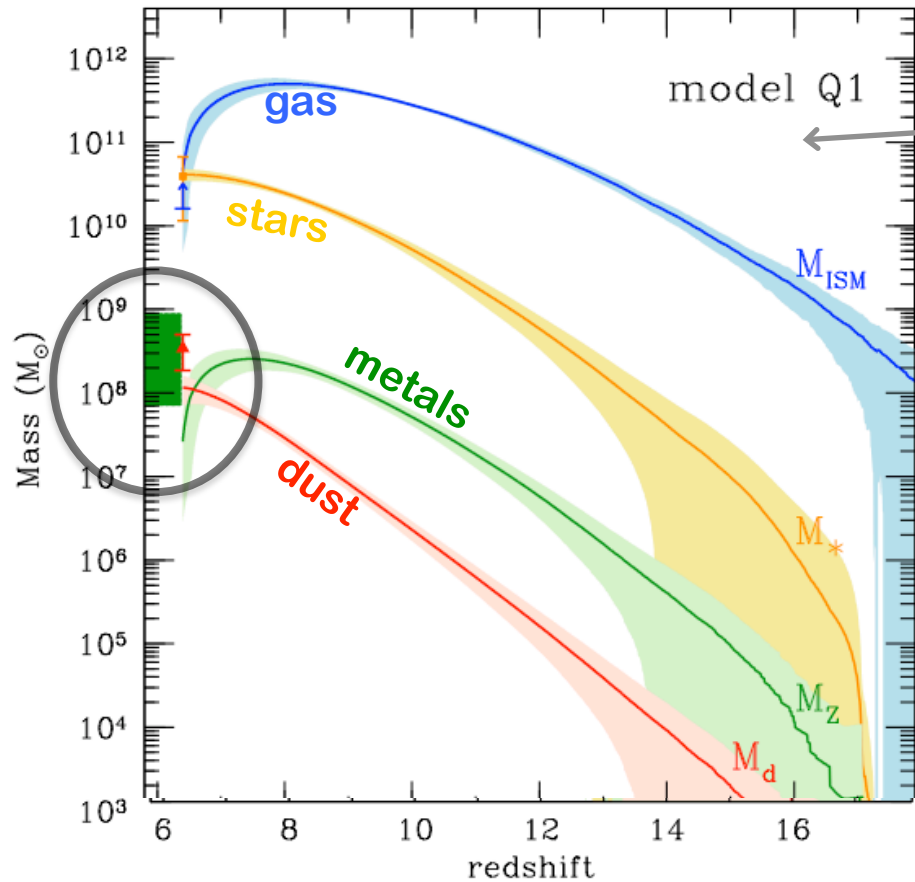
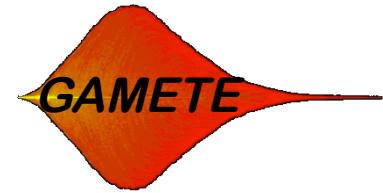


star formation histories



chemical evolution of SDSS J1148 host

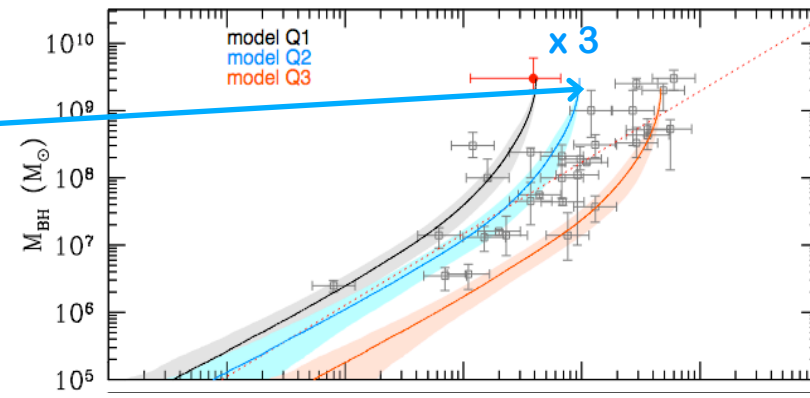
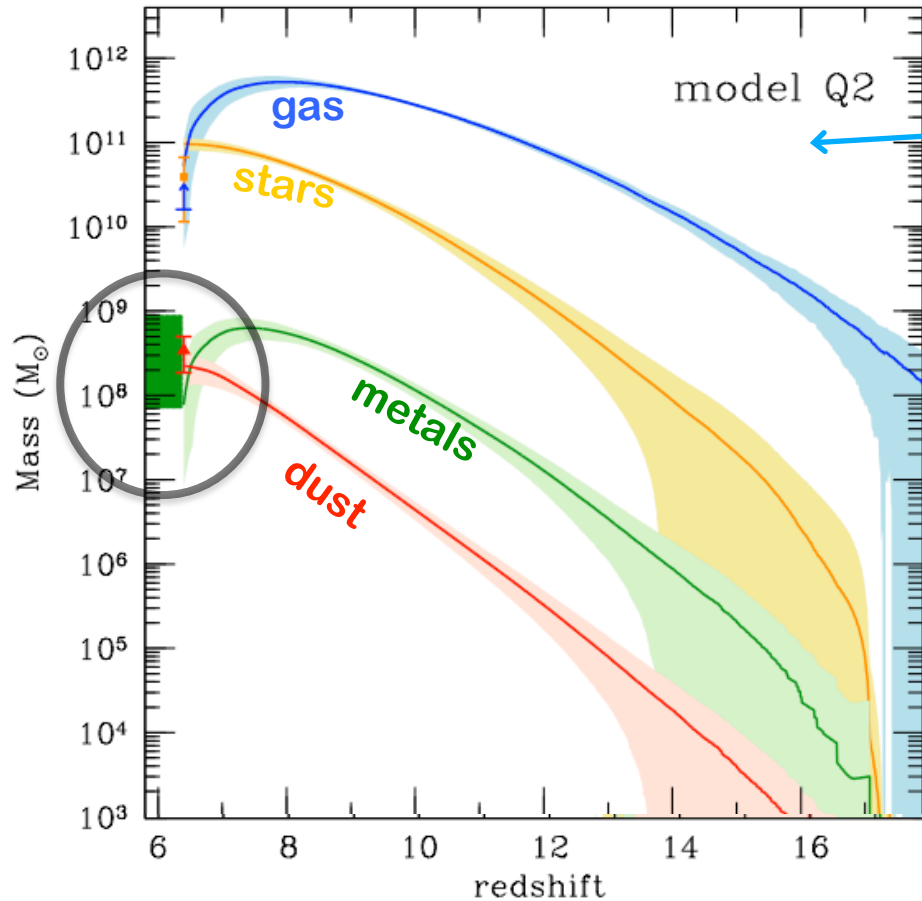
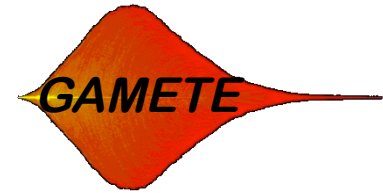
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metals and dust are **underpredicted** by models which reproduce $z \sim 6$ $M_{\text{bh}}-M_{\text{star}}$

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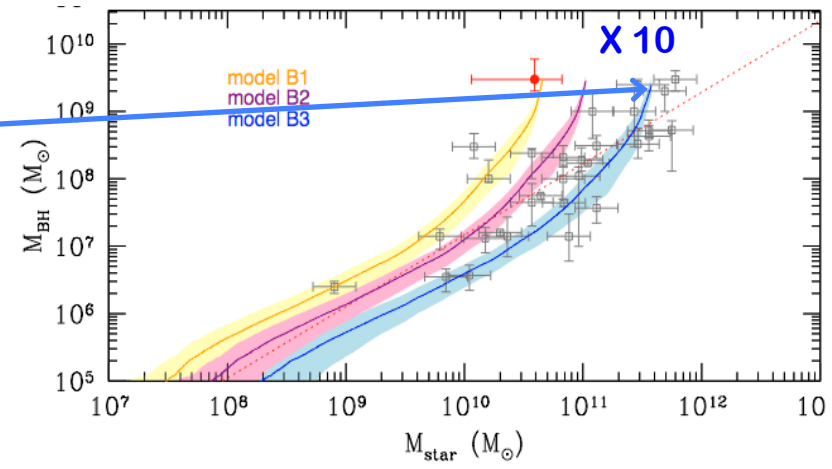
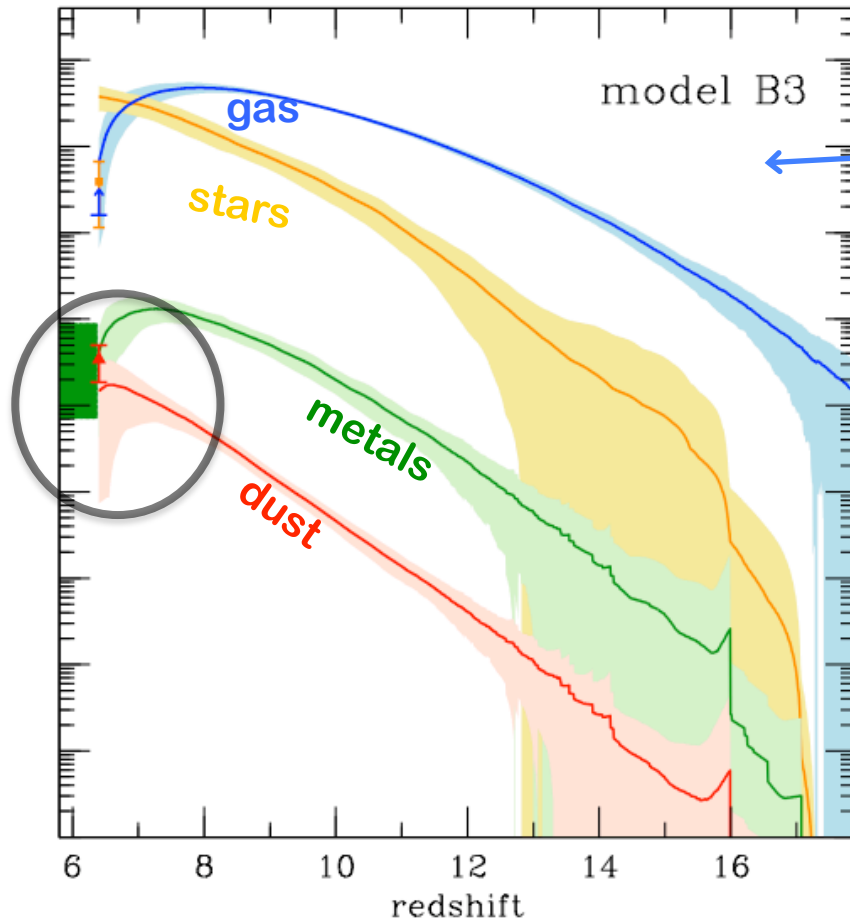
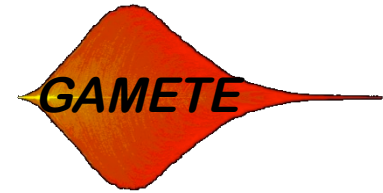
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metals and dust are **reproduced** if M_{star} is a factor 3 – 10 larger:
→ M_{bh} - M_{star} consistent with the local correlation

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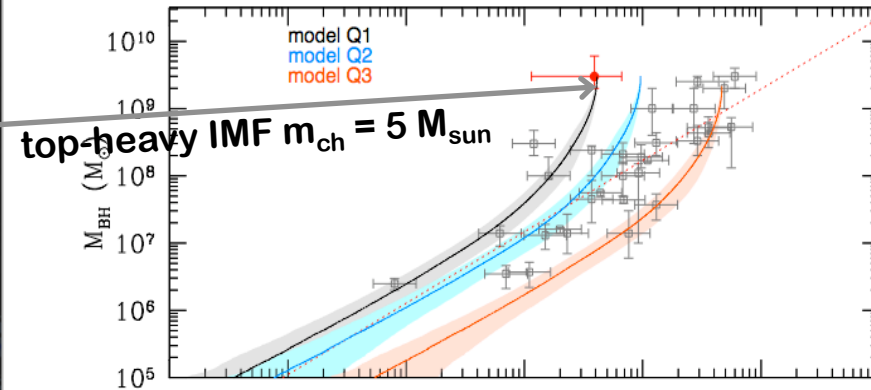
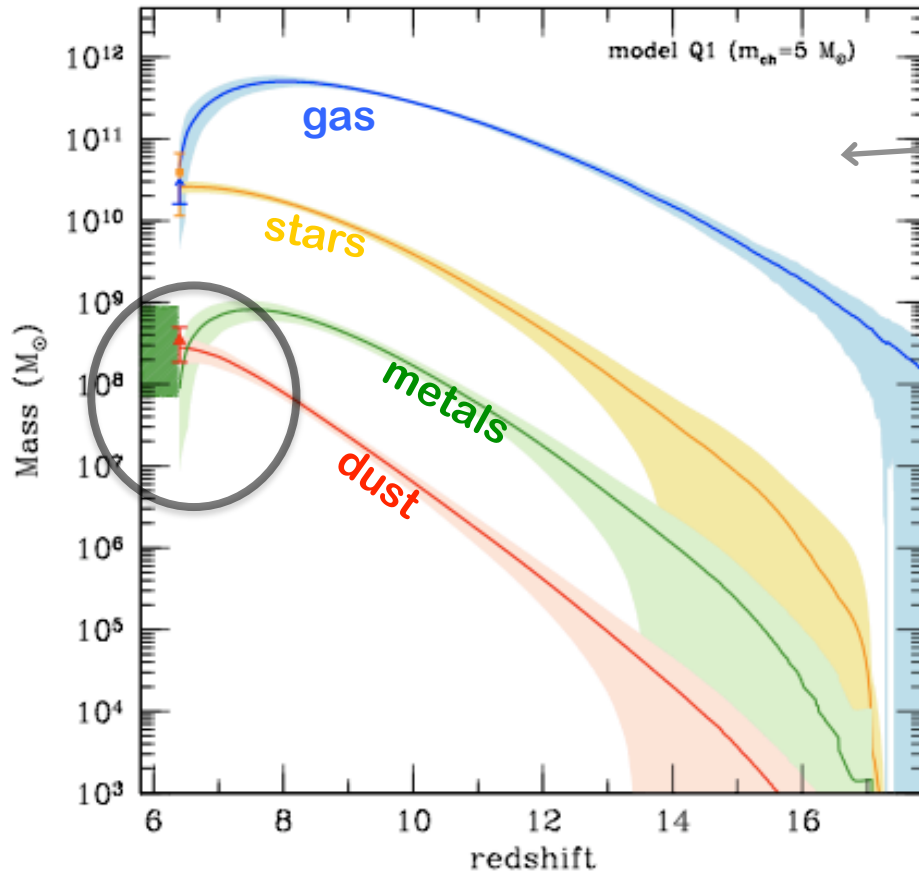
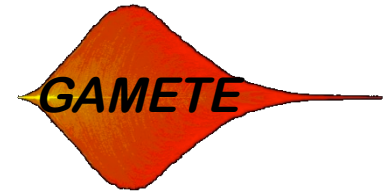
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chemical properties can be reconciled with $z \sim 6$ $M_{bh} - M_{star}$ for a top-heavy IMF

Summary

- The nature of BH seeds: Pop III remnants are likely to be too “light”...
direct collapse scenarios lead to “heavy” seeds but require peculiar environmental conditions
- From the first BHs to the first QSOs: still hard to model accounting for BH dynamics and various radiative and chemical feedback effects
- Tension between the observed mass function of SMBHs @ $z = 6$ and upper limits on the accreted mass density at $z > 5$ from the unresolved CXRB?
Tension between the observed mass density @ $z = 6$ and the positive evolution of the locally observed $M_{\text{bh}} - M_{\text{star}}$ correlation?
- Co-evolution of the first BH and galaxies: dominance, symbiosis or adjustment?
Still hard to answer. Selection effects might influence the inferred correlation at $z = 6$
- Chemical properties of $z \sim 6$ QSOs host galaxies can give important constraints on evolutionary scenarios and on the nature and properties of the stars that dominate the evolution