

# Galaxy Formation during the Epoch of Reionization

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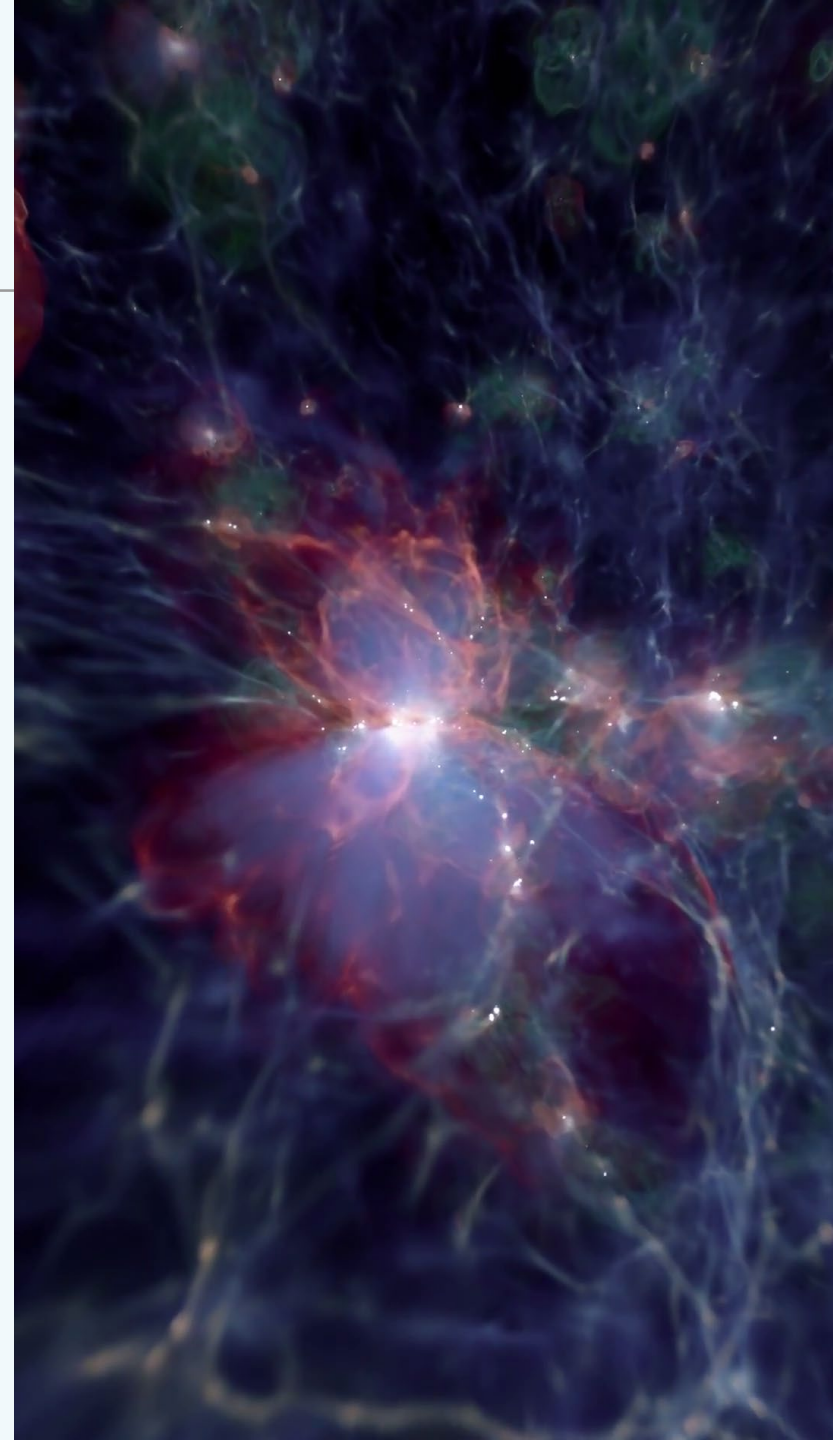


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# Outline

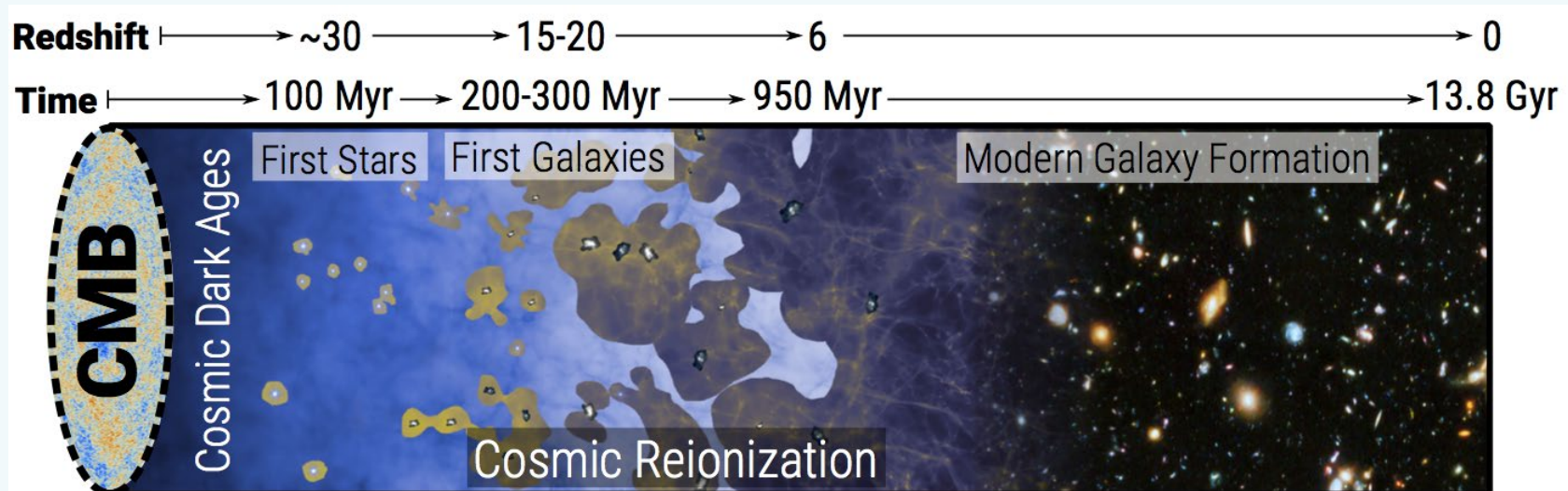
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- **First stars: Population III**
- **Transition to metal-enriched star formation**
- **First generations of galaxies**
  - *How are they affected by feedback from their Pop III progenitors and ensuing reionization?*
  - *Are they different than nearby low-luminosity galaxies?*
  - *Does forming in a neutral medium affect their properties?*
- **Massive BH seeding in pre-galactic halos**



# Overview

<p><b>First (Pop III) stars</b></p>	<p><math>M_{\text{halo}} \gtrsim 10^{5.5} M_{\odot}</math></p>	<p>Metal-free; reliant on H<sub>2</sub> cooling only → Massive SF (top-heavy IMF)</p>	<p>H<sub>2</sub> easily dissociated from a soft UVB; high resolution requirements</p>
<p><b>First galaxies</b></p>	<p><math>M_{\text{halo}} \gtrsim 10^{7.5} M_{\odot}</math></p>	<p>Bursty; metals from Pop III SNe can trigger galaxy formation</p>	<p>Low-mass end susceptible to rad/SNe feedback</p>



# The First Stars



# Population III Stars

## Properties and environment

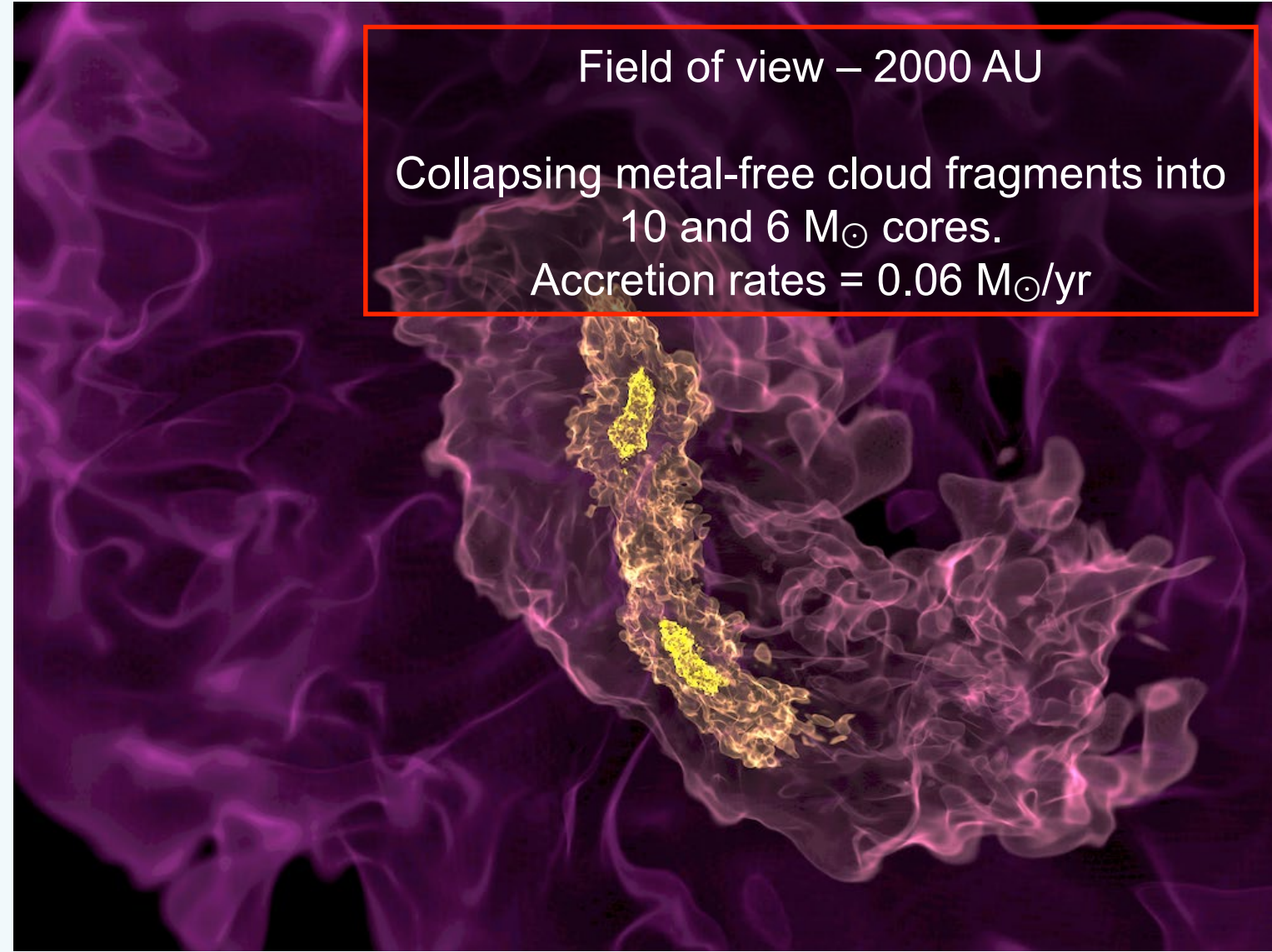
Abel+ (2002); Bromm+ (2002)

**Turk+ (2009)**

Greif+ (2012)

Hirano+ (2015)

- Metal-free stars
- Thought to be generally massive ( $\sim$ tens of  $M_{\odot}$ )
- Form in clusters up to  $\sim 15$  massive stars
- Binaries possible  $\rightarrow$  High mass X-ray binaries
- Form in minihalos with  $M < 10^7 M_{\odot}$
- IMF unclear but top-heavy

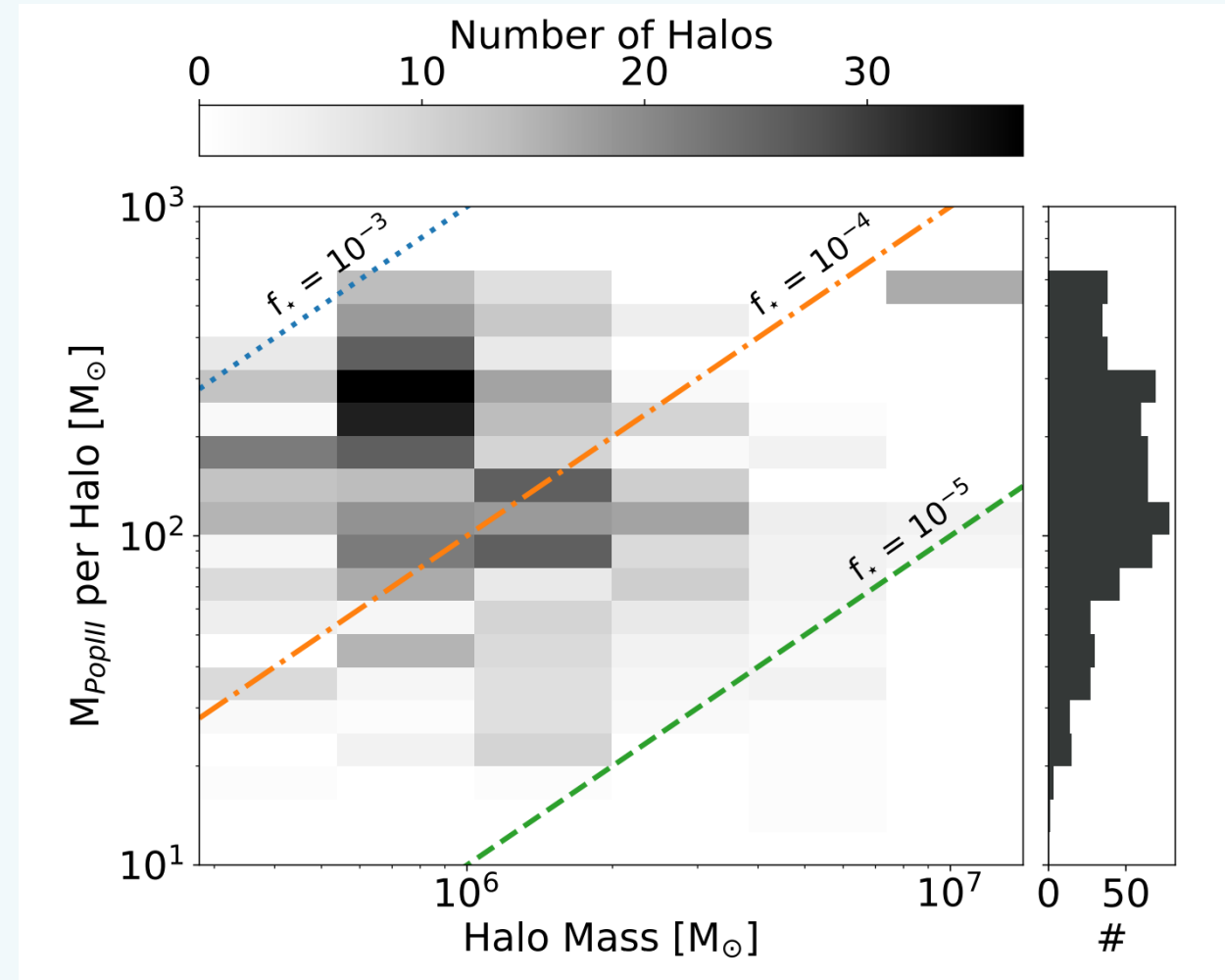
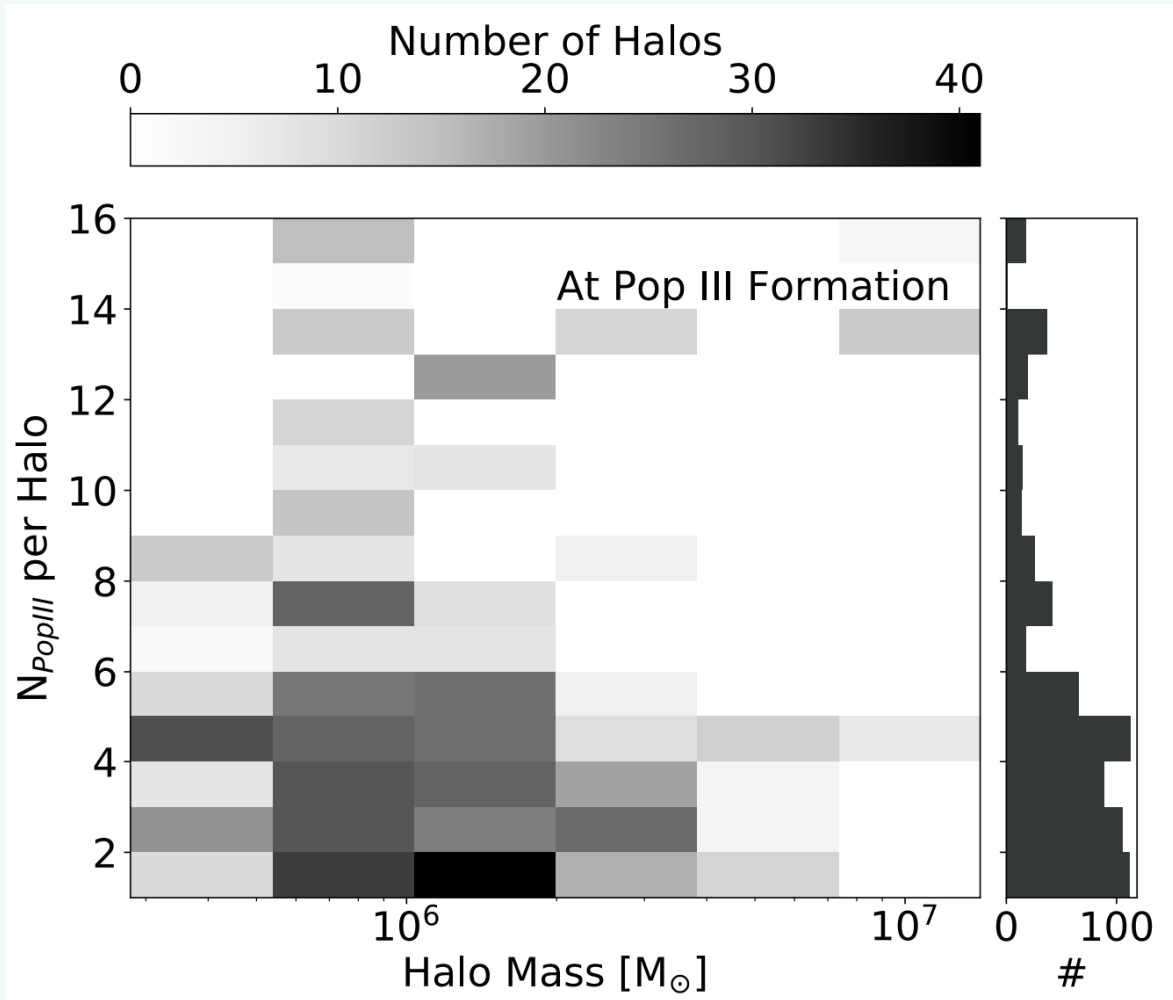


# Population III Stars

## Multiplicity and SF efficiency



- Most form with  $\# < 5$
- $SFE = M_{\star}/M_{\text{gas}} = 10^{-3} - 10^{-5}$
- $M_{\star}$  up to  $700 M_{\odot}$

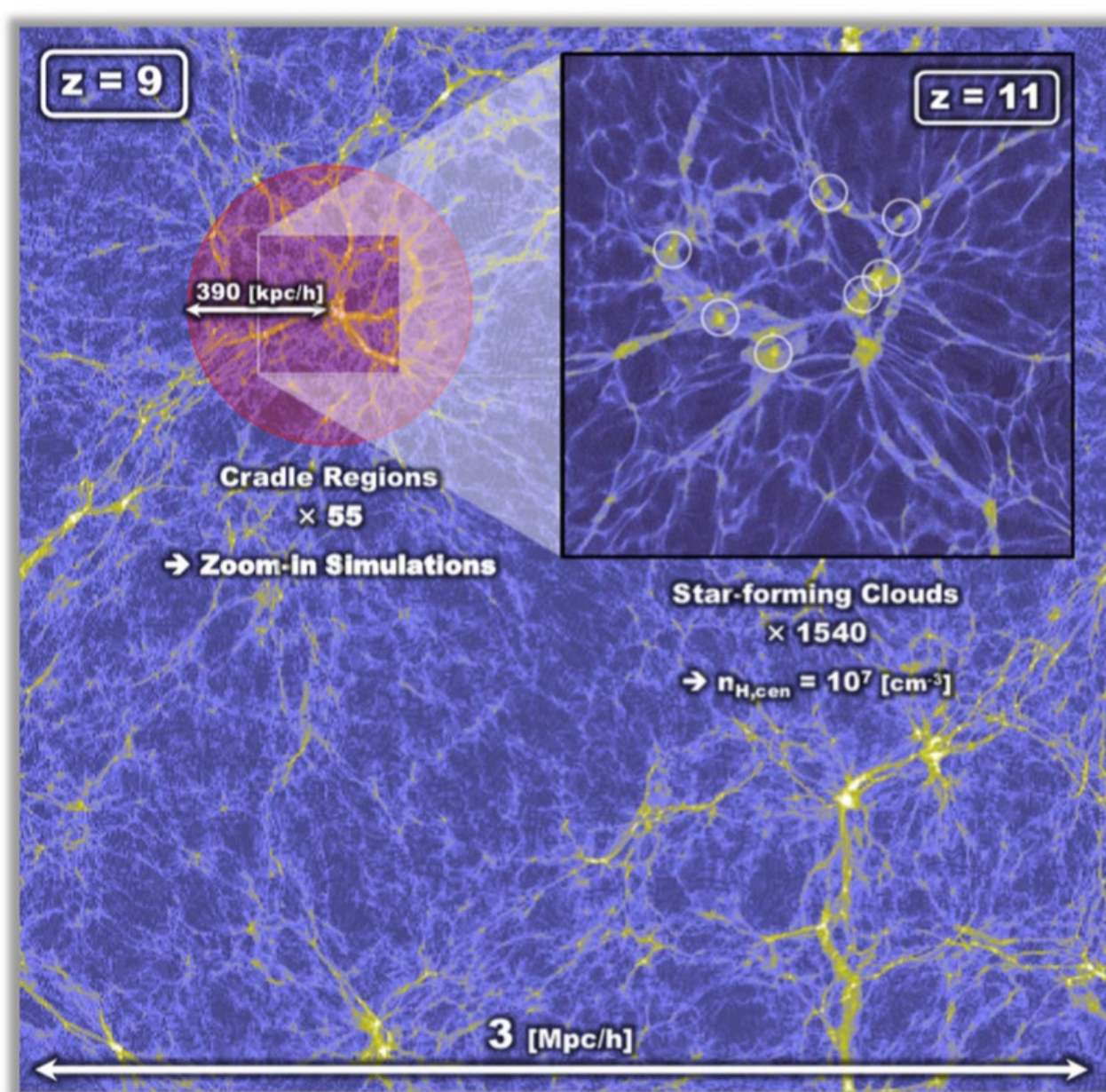


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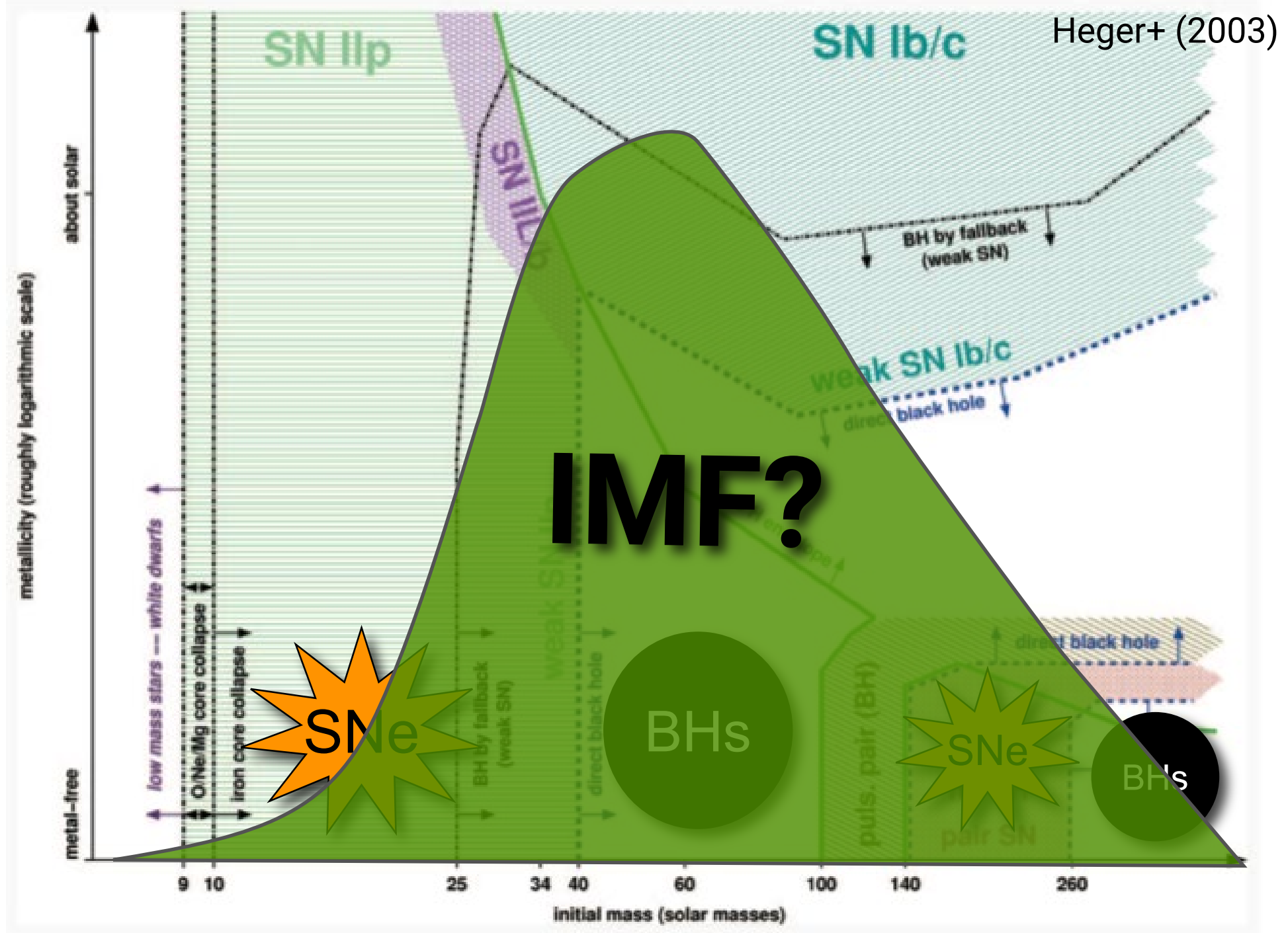
Working toward an IMF

- When do Pop III stars stop accreting?
- Radiative feedback key to determine final masses (general massive SF problem)
- 1540 2.5D protostellar radiation-hydro calculations, taken from a cosmological sample
- Cannot follow fragmentation, though

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Turk+ (2009)  
Greif+ (2012)  
**Hirano+ (2015)**



# Population III Stellar Endpoints





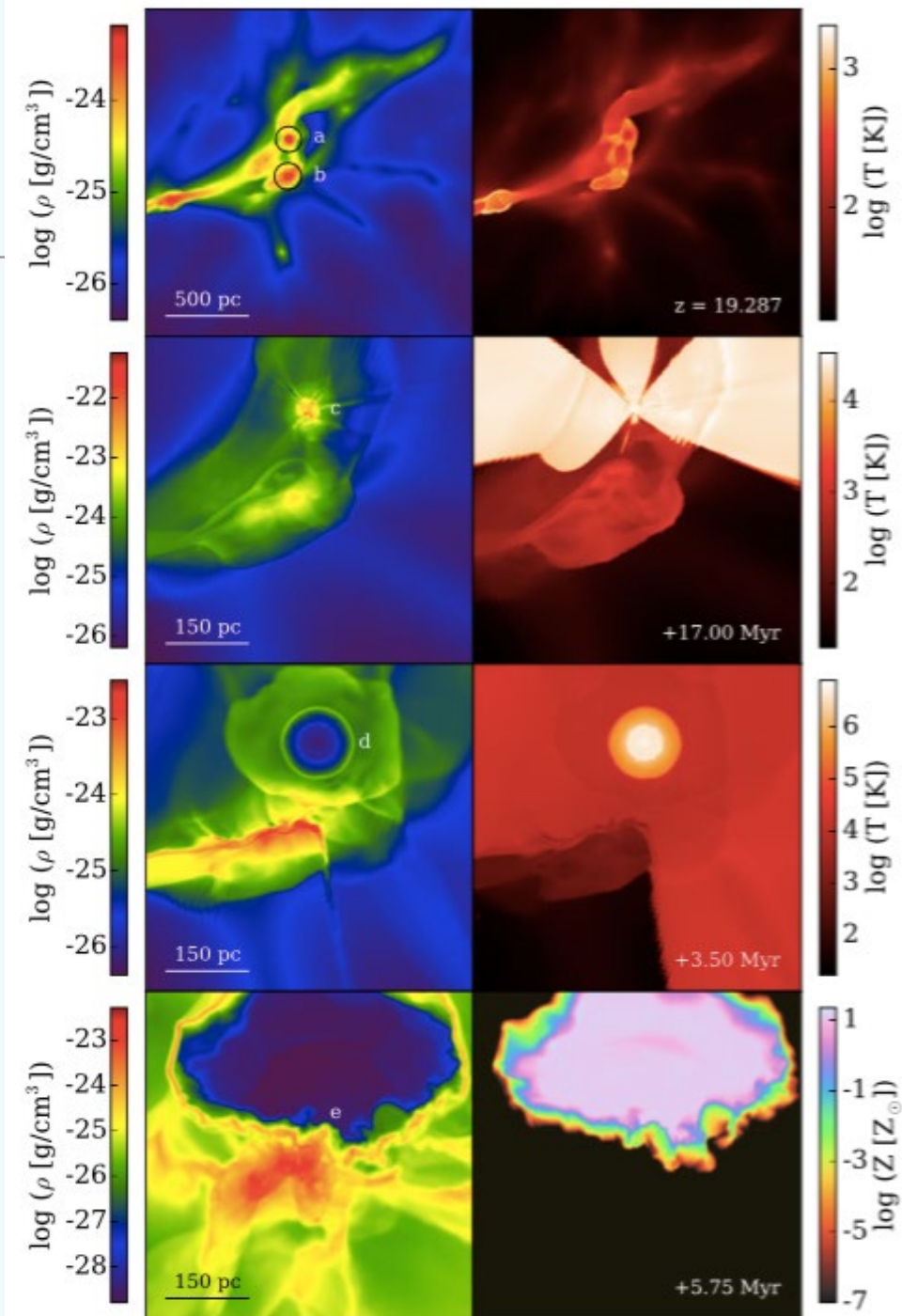
# Metal Enrichment



# Transition to metal-enriched stars

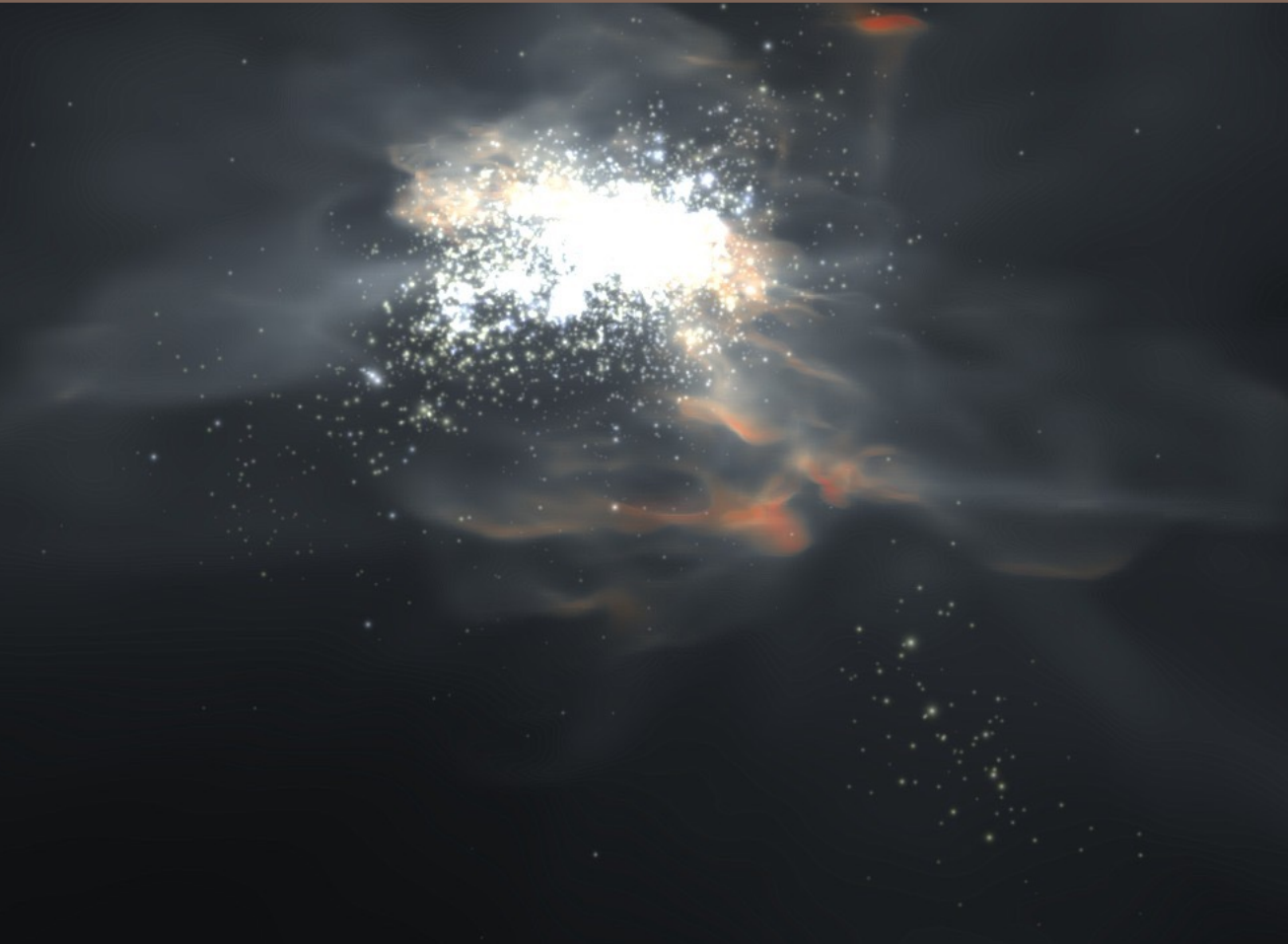
External enrichment (Smith, JW+ 2015)

- Cosmo sim:  $1.3 M_{\odot}$  DM resolution, 0.1 AU(!) maximum spatial resolution in a 0.5 Mpc/h box
- Pop III star formation at  $z = (23.7, 18.2)$
- Photo-evaporates most nearby halos
- If it survives, can metals mix into the halo without destroying it?
- First metal-enriched collapse occurs at  $z = 16.6$
- In a DM halo with  $M = 3 \times 10^5 M_{\odot}$
- 300 pc away from the blastwave site





# Renaissance Simulations



# The First Galaxies

## The Renaissance Simulations

Xu, JW, Norman (2013)

Xu et al. (2014)

Chen, JW, et al. (2014)

Ahn et al. (2015)

O'Shea, JW et al. (2015)

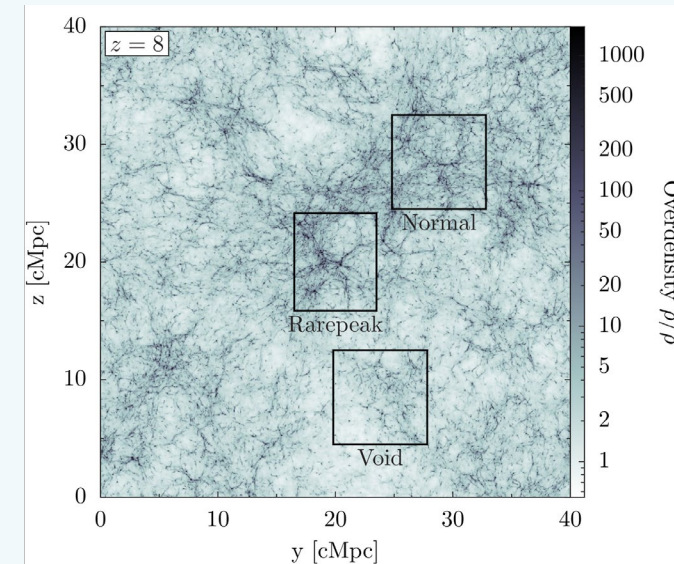
Xu et al. (2016abc)

Barrow, JW et al. (2017, 2018)

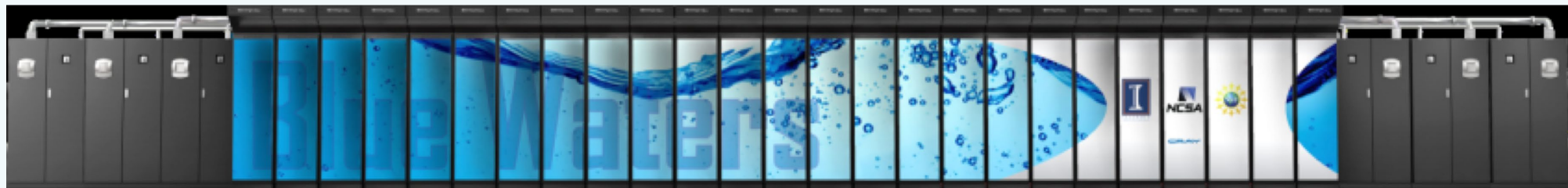
Smith et al. (2018)

Wise et al. (Nature, 2019)

- Follow three regions (“rare peak”, mean, void) until  $z = 15, 12, 8$  (respectively).
- 40 comoving Mpc box, 5 comoving Mpc zoom-in region
- DM particle mass:  $29,000 M_{\odot} \rightarrow$  Resolve  $10^6 M_{\odot}$  halos
- Maximal spatial resolution: 19 comoving pc
- **Population II & III star formation and feedback,  $M_{\text{PopII,min}} = 1000 M_{\odot}$**
- **H/He ionizing coupled radiative transfer (adaptive ray tracing)**
- Follow about 10,000 Pop III stars and 1,000 stars in each region



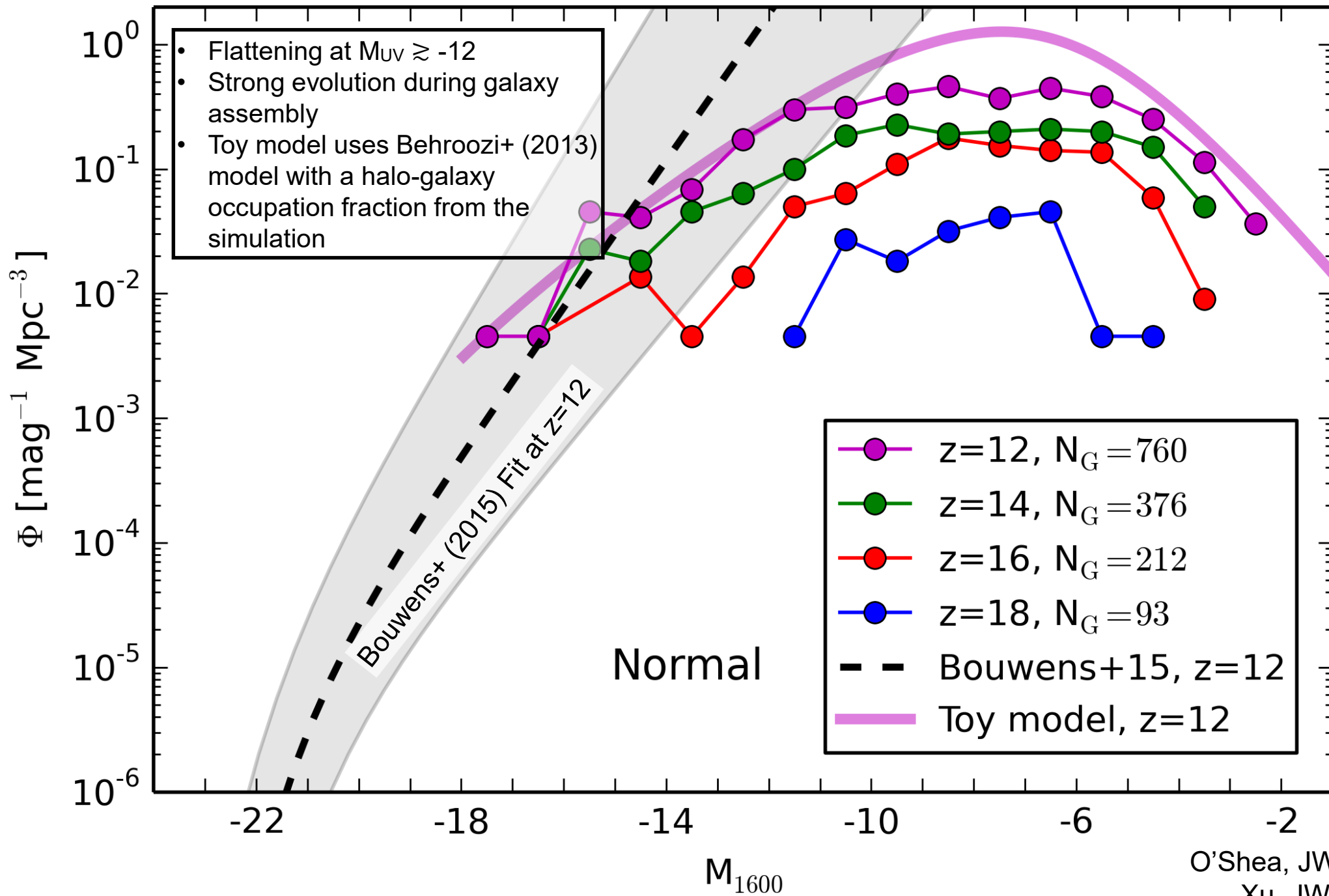
Per run  
10M core-hours  
9 months real-time  
30TB





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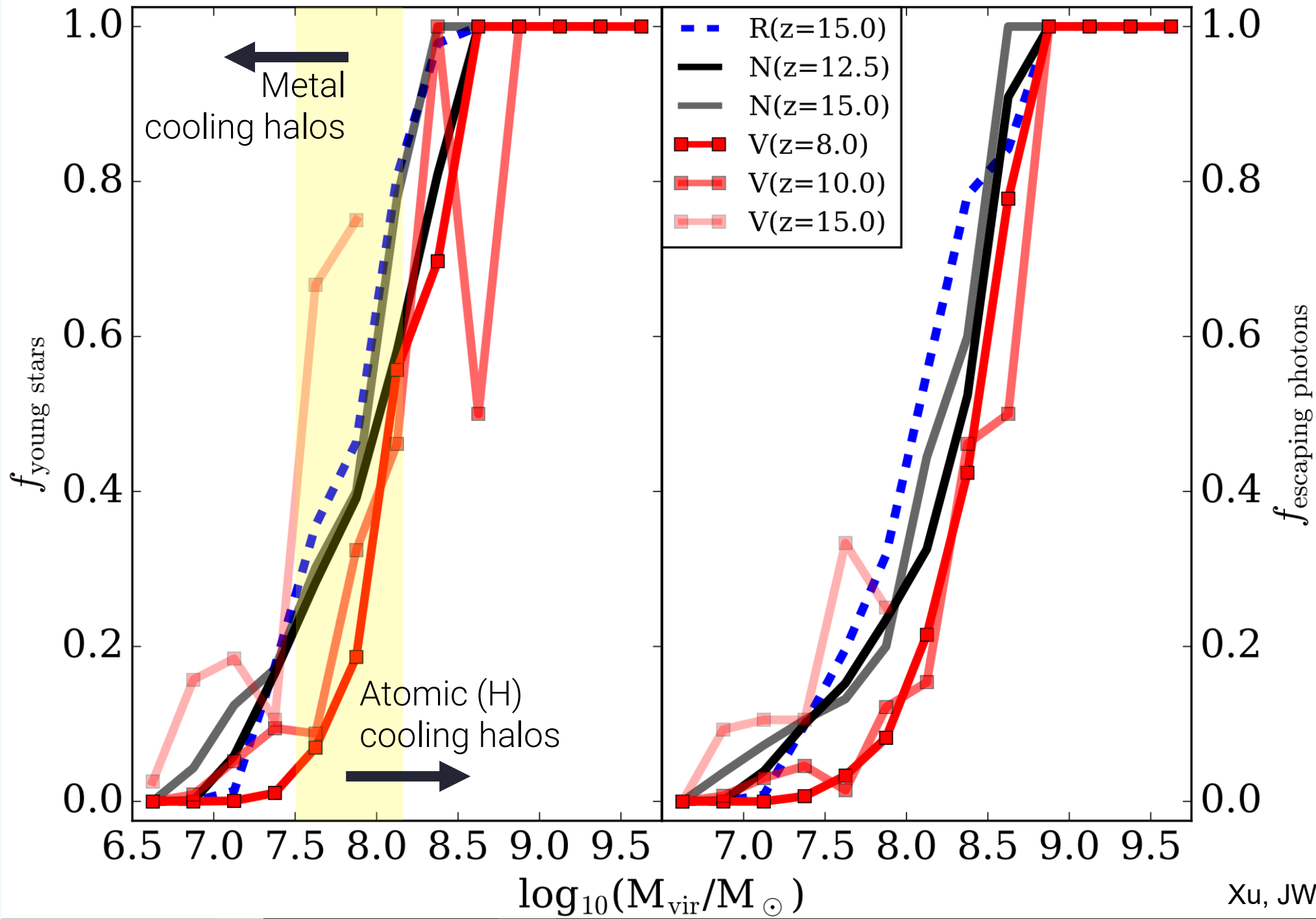
## Luminosity Functions



O'Shea, JW, et al (2015)

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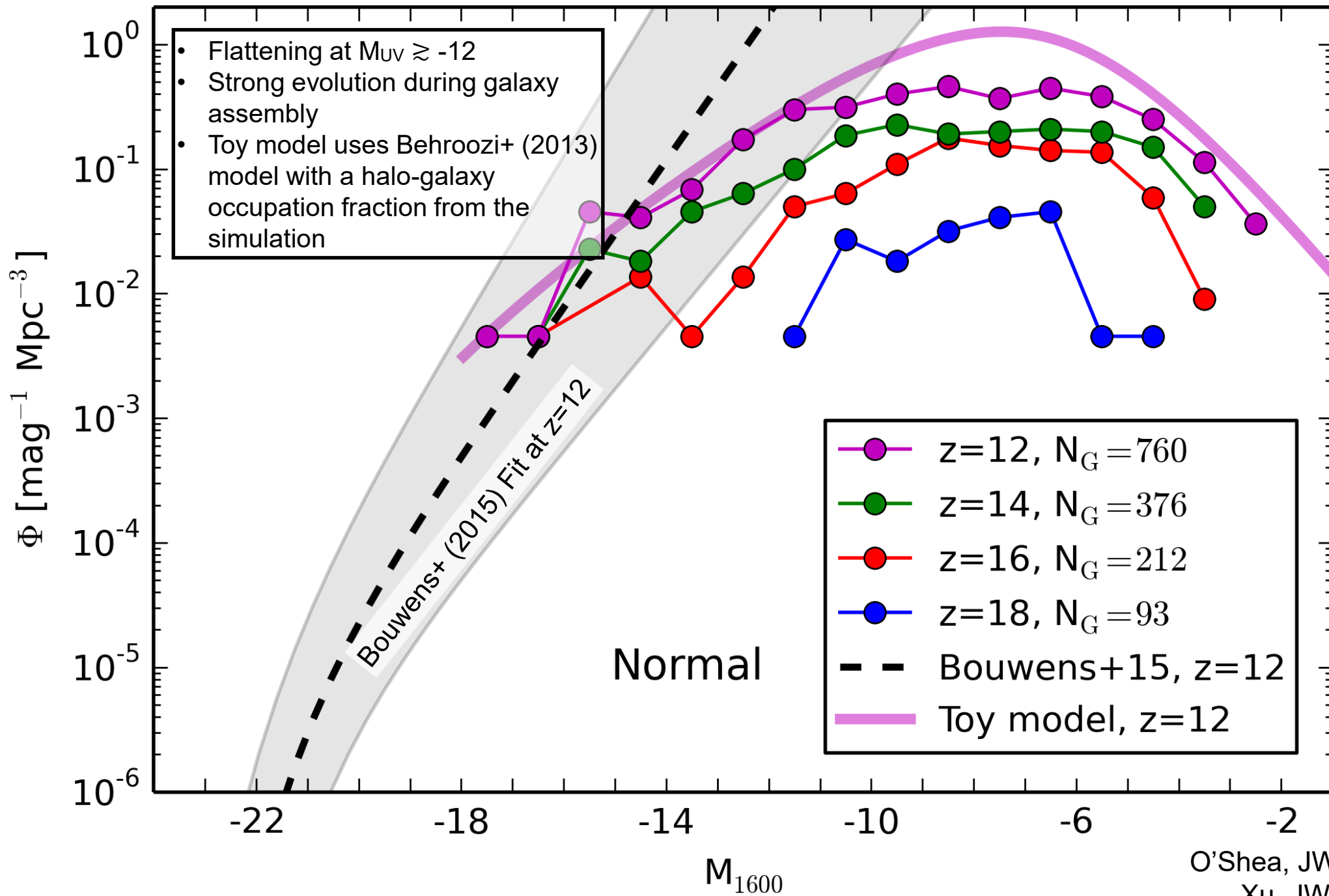
Fraction of halos with  
young (<20 Myr) stars





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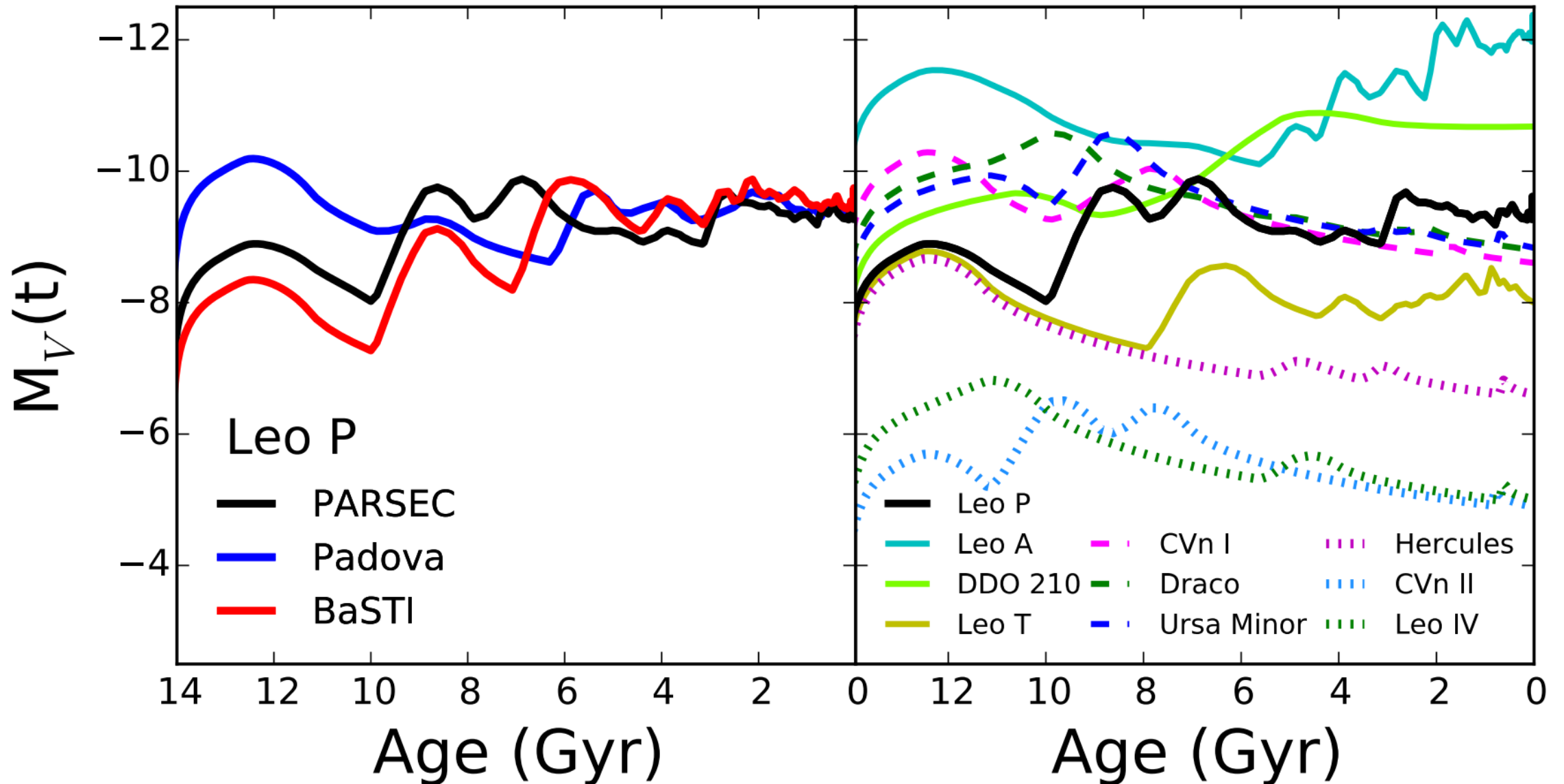
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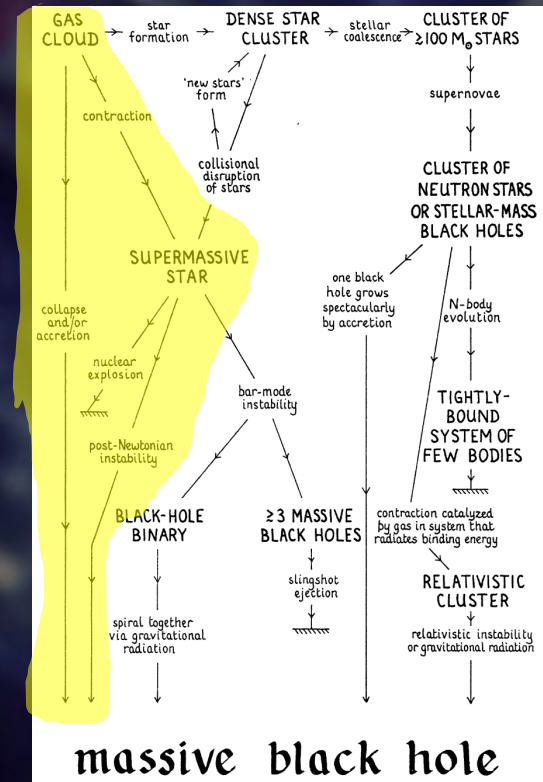
# Luminosity History of Local Group Dwarfs

Convert star formation history to magnitudes (McQuinn+ 2015)

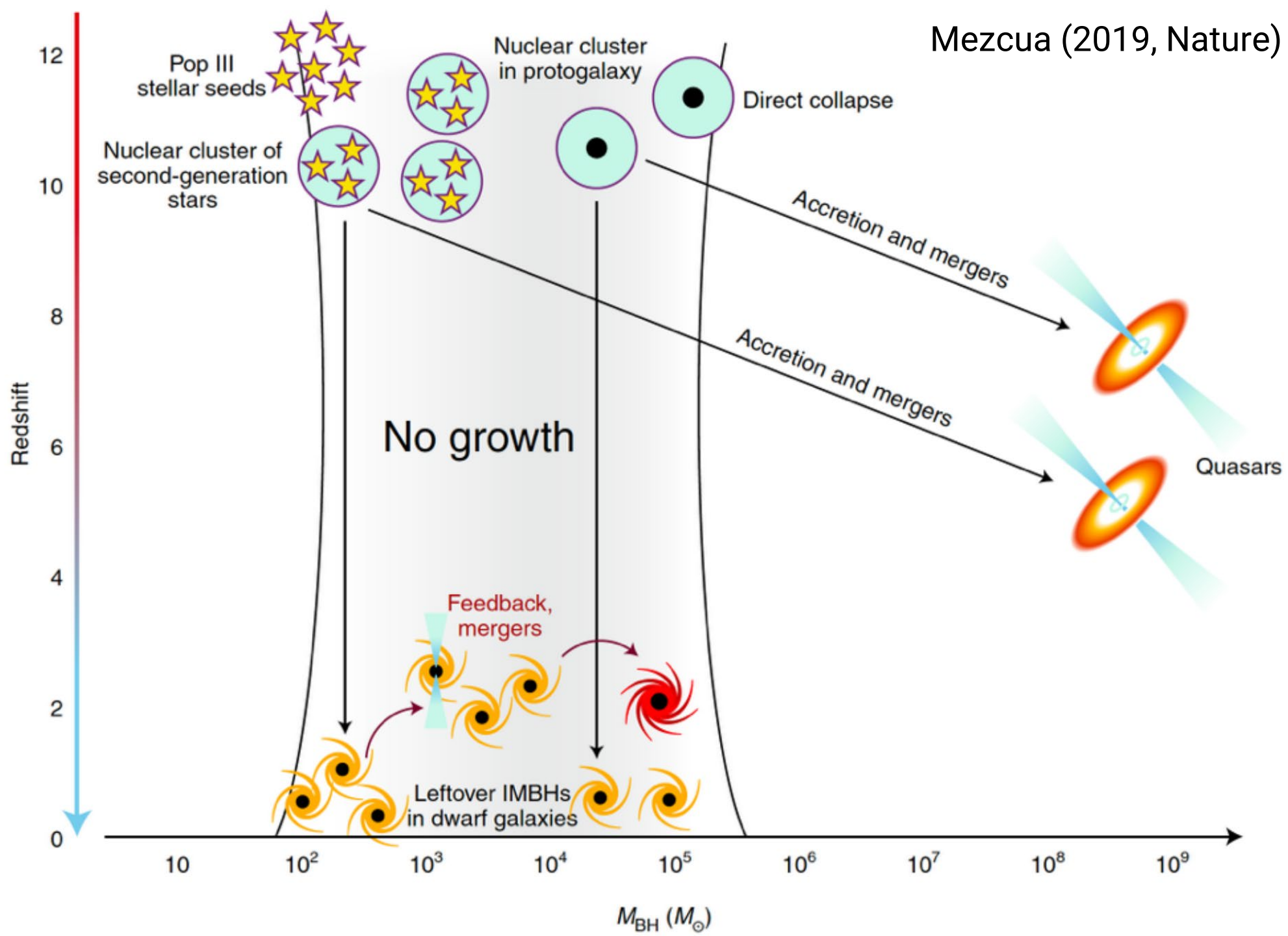
~constant over 13 Gyr!



# Massive Black Hole Seeds



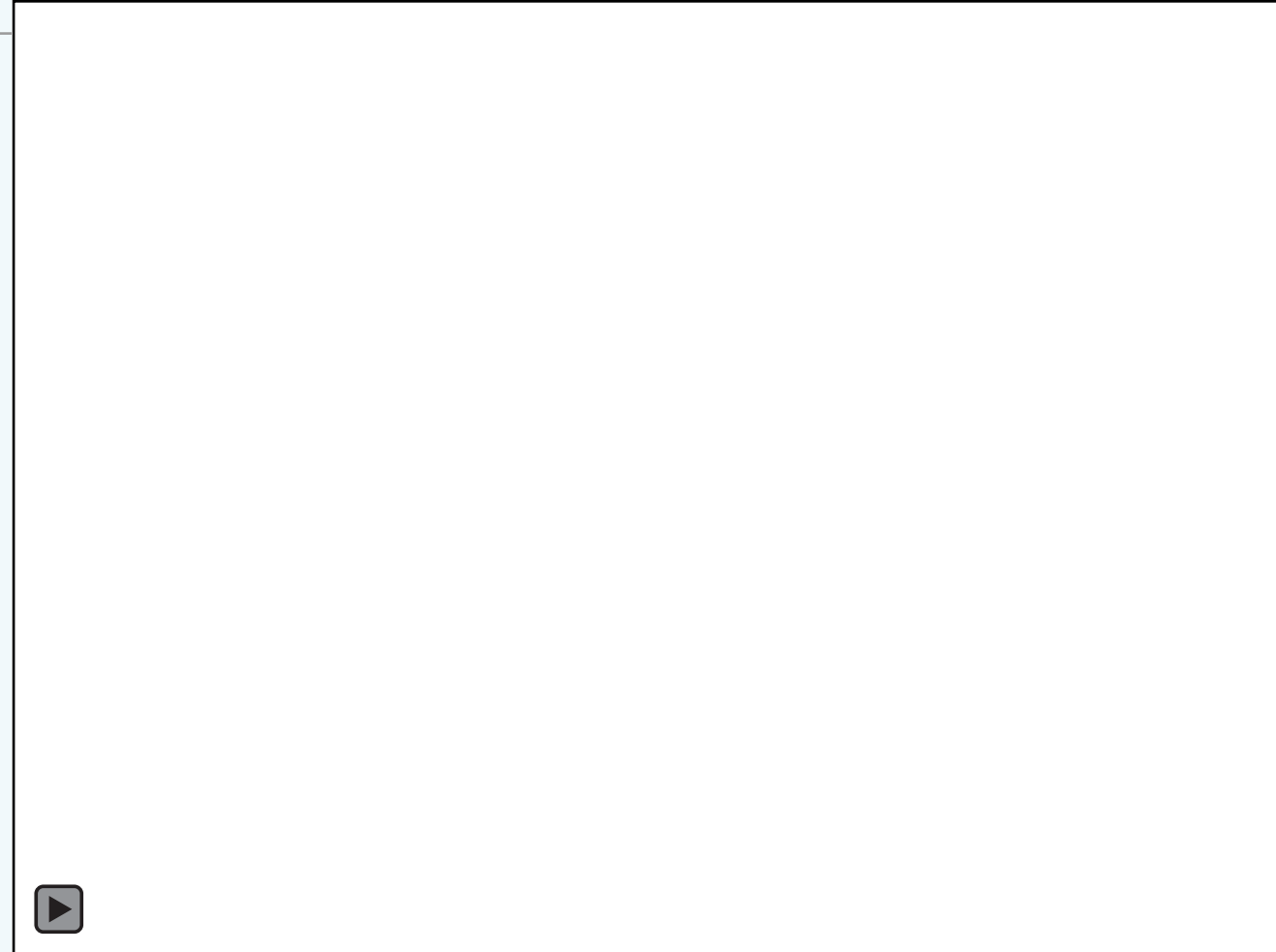
# Seeding Mechanisms



# Massive Black Hole Seeds

## Supermassive stars & Direct Collapse Black Holes (DCBHs)

- The most massive seeds can form through a monolithic collapse in a primordial halo
- Forms either a supermassive star ( $10^3 - 10^5 M_{\odot}$ ) or a dense stellar cluster that could form a **massive BH seed**
- Very special conditions required for its formation
- **Hypothetical.** Need JWST to verify/falsify (Haiman+ 2019)



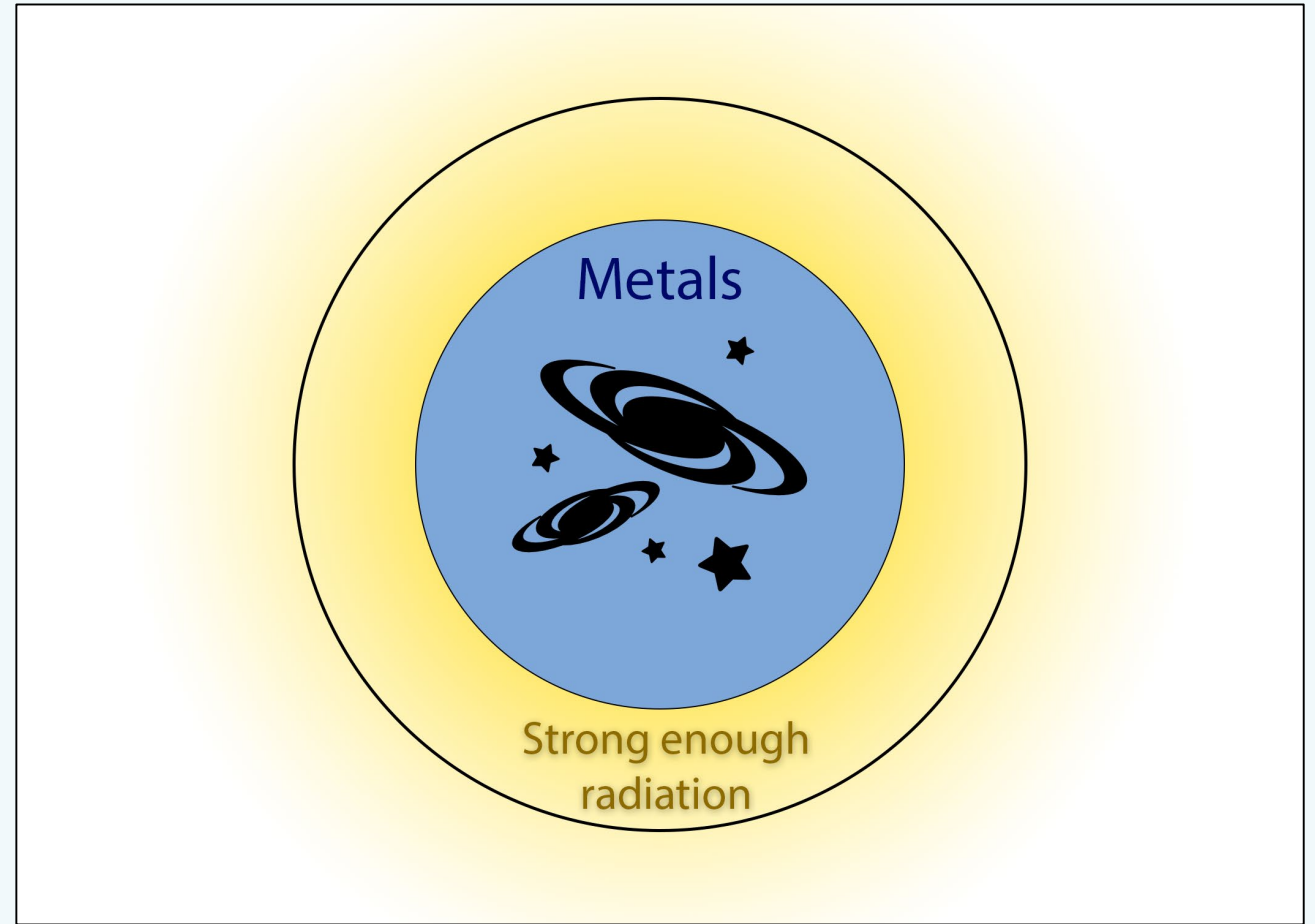
20 pc  $\rightarrow$  1 AU

(Density isosurfaces; Wise+ 2008)

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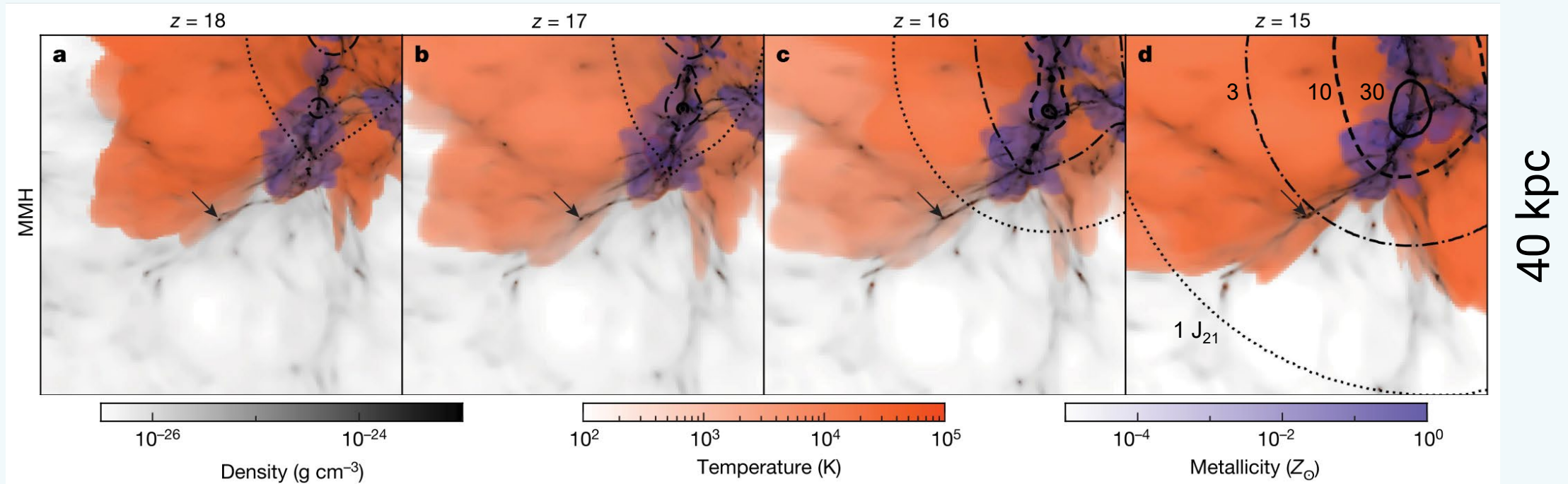
Suppressing cooling: metal-free & molecule-free

- **#1 condition: Avoid fragmentation**
- **#2 condition: High accretion rates**  
( $>0.04 M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$ )  $\rightarrow$  Atomic cooling halo
- Metal-free  $\rightarrow$  Far from massive stars
- Molecule-free  $\rightarrow$  Strong radiation intensity ( $>100 J_{21}$ )  $\rightarrow$  Close to sources
- Previously proposed scenario: “close pair” galaxy formation
- *Just the right distance* away from a young massive galaxy



# Massive Black Hole Seeds

New scenario: rapid halo growth & “dynamical heating”

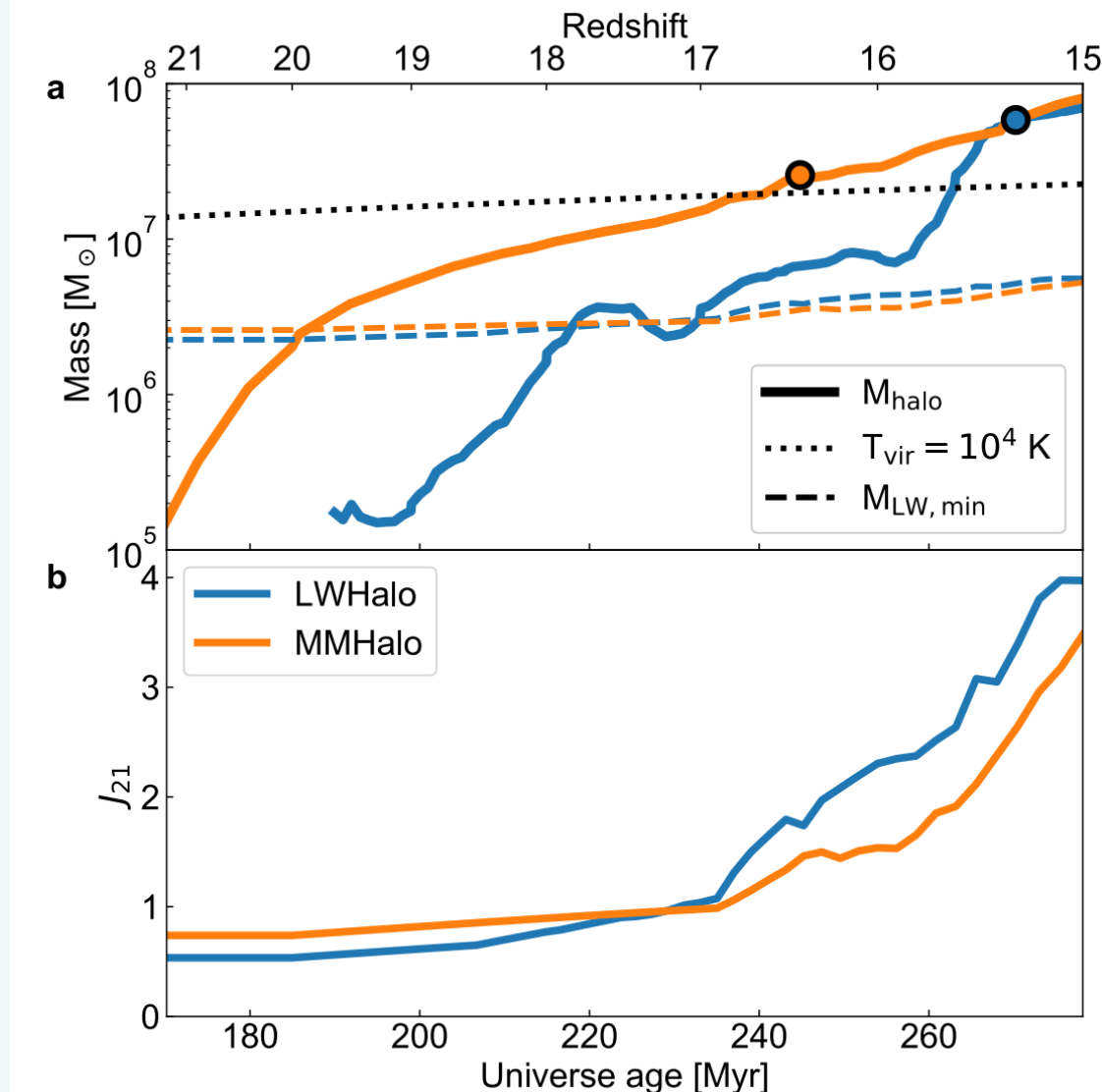


- Moderate ( $\sim 3 J_{21}$ ) radiation background required
- Forms 10-25 kpc away from young galaxies
- No “close pair” scenario needed
- Halo undergoes rapid growth that suppresses  $\text{H}_2$  cooling
- Naturally occurring in CDM

# Massive Black Hole Seeds

New scenario: rapid halo growth & “dynamical heating”

- Found 10 metal-free and star-less halos above the atomic cooling limit ( $T_{\text{vir}} = 10^4$  K) out of 670. Re-simulated two halos at high resolution
- Can “jump” from Pop III star forming to DCBH forming mass range
- Forms  $10^3 - 10^4 M_{\odot}$  supermassive stars and subsequent DCBHs
- Most likely not the seeds of  $z \gtrsim 6$  SMBHs because they exist far from massive galaxies. Faint high- $z$  QSOs?





# Massive Black Hole Seeds

Wise+ (2019, Nature)

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# Summary

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- **Population III Stars**

- Simulations suggest a top-heavy mass function
- Provides pre-enrichment for the first galaxies; reduces initial gas fraction

- **Transition to metal-enriched star formation**

- Internal enrichment: fallback of SN ejecta.  $[Z/H] \sim -3$
- External enrichment: rare. Incomplete mixing.  $[Z/H] \lesssim -3$

- **First generations of galaxies**

- Luminosity function flattening at  $M_{UV} \gtrsim -14$  (efficient  $\rightarrow$  inefficient SF)
- Metal-enriched stars form in  $\sim 10\%$  of halos below the atomic cooling limit

- **Massive black hole seeds ( $10^3 - 10^5 M_{\odot}$ )**

- Product of structure formation (rapid growth or streaming velocities)
- Most likely SMBH seeds. May or may not grow, creating a diversity in  $M_{BH} - M_{star}$  relation

