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# GWs from the first BHs growing cosmological BH binaries from the earliest BHs

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## **AstroWG-Catalog project**

*This project aims at contributing to WP8, WP6 and WP5 of the LISA-DAWP document*

First goal: this WG commits to deliver a catalog of cosmological BHs that will produce a mock catalog of waveforms to be injected in pipelines to simulate the LISA sky

## **Our key questions**

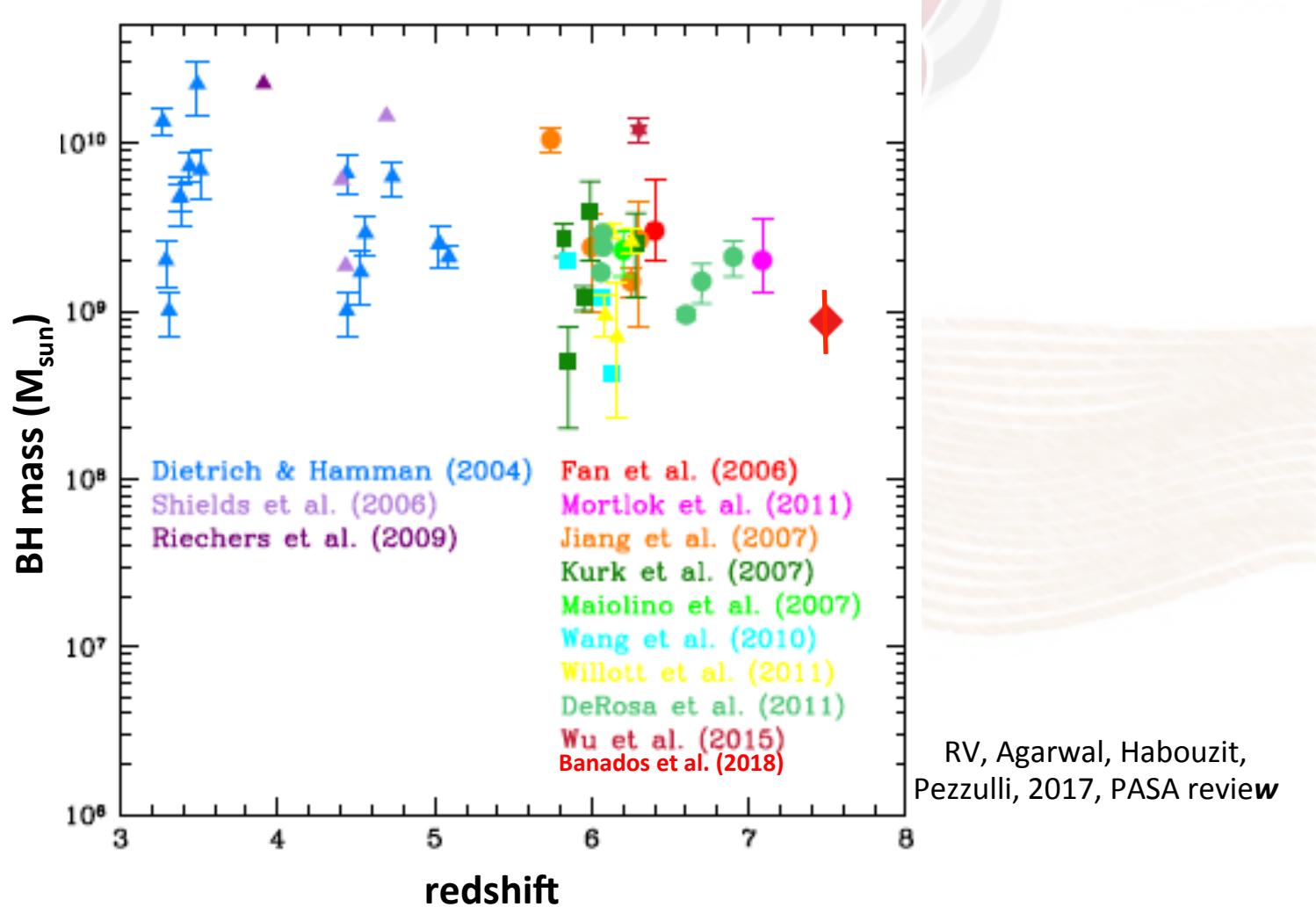
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Which is the mass (and spin) of the first BHs?

Are the BHs detected at high redshift the “seeds” upon which SMBHs form?

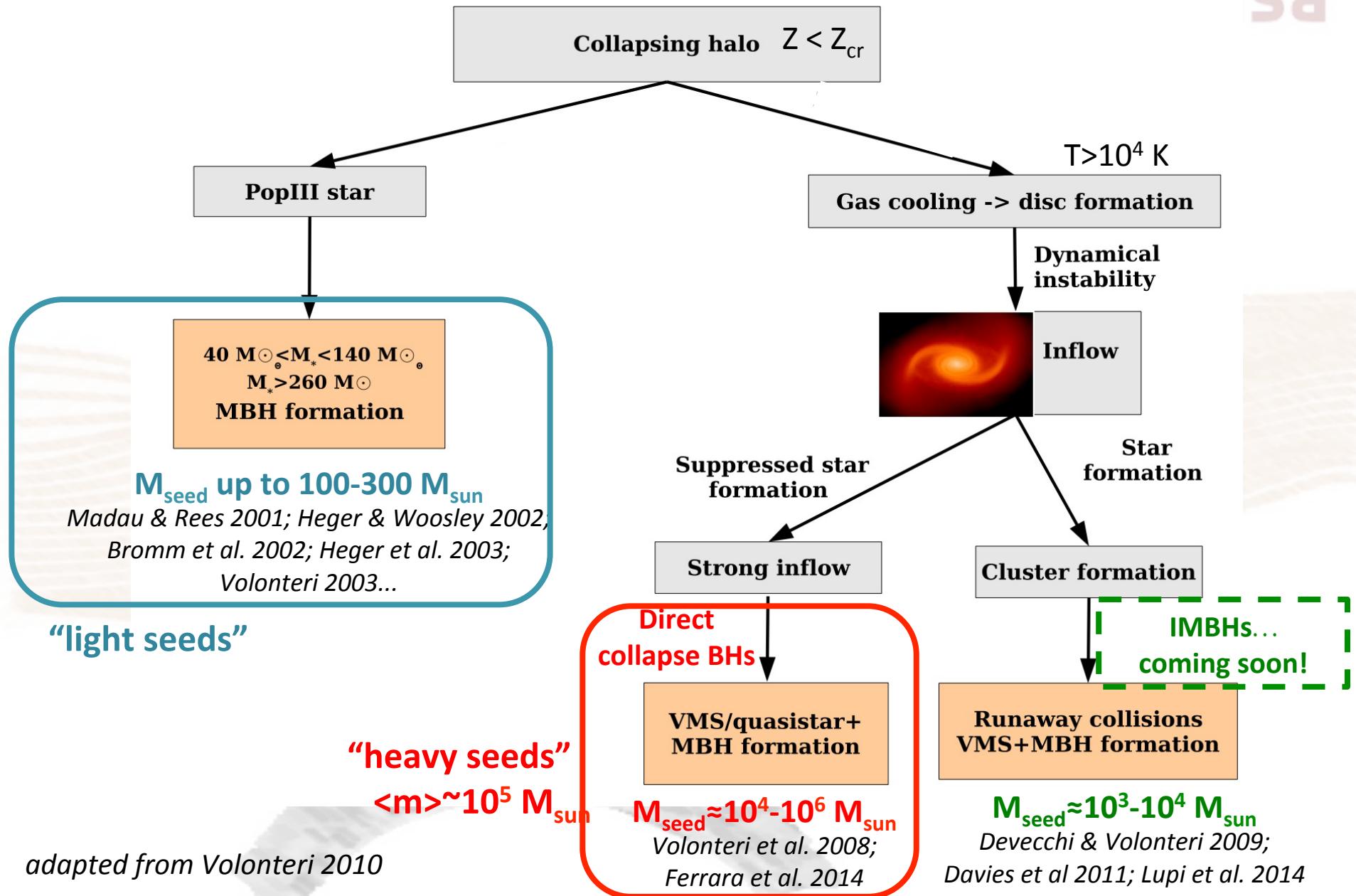
# the first (supermassive) black holes

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The first step toward the BHB catalog: modeling the build-up the first SMBHs  
tracing seed evolution and BH binaries along the hierarchical assembly of high-z galaxies

# how do the (first) BHs form in the Universe?

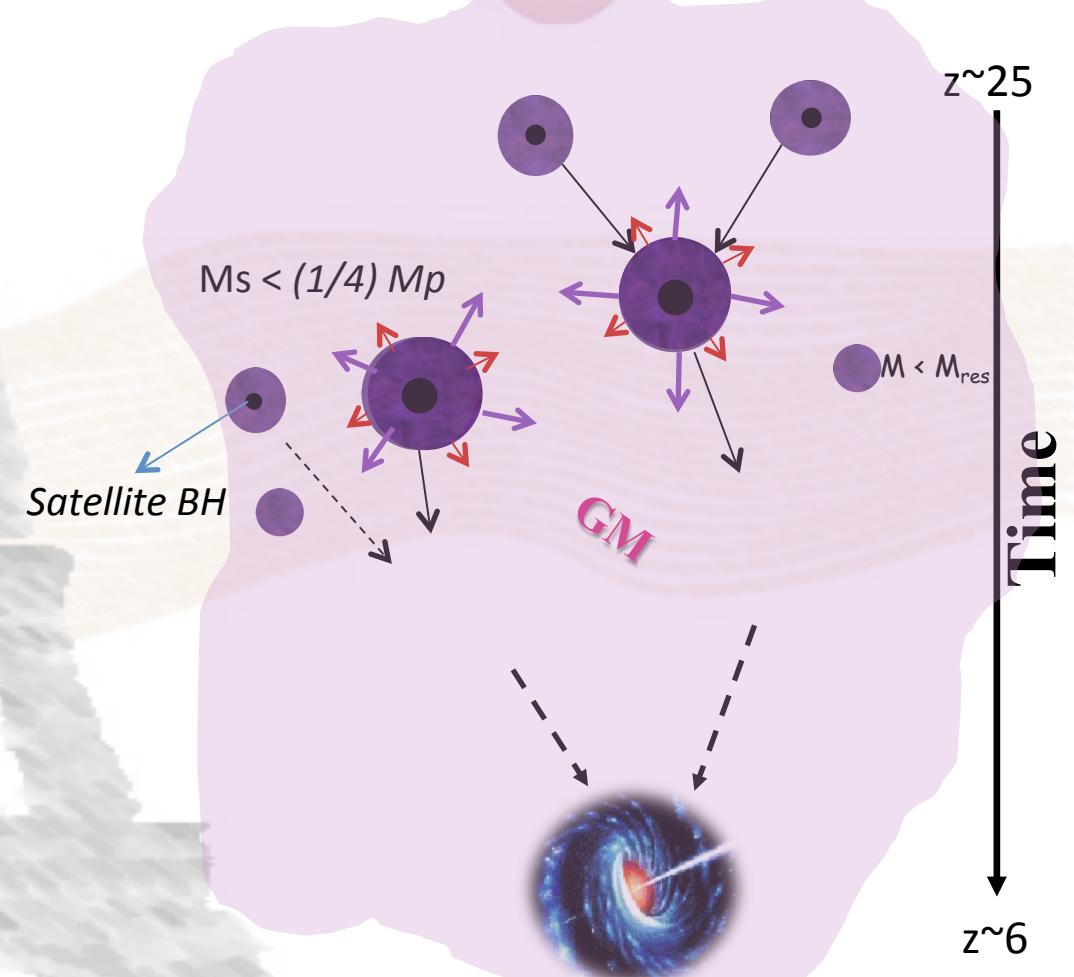


# semi-analytical approach: GAMETE/QSOdust (GQd)

*data-constrained model + statistical power*

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- star formation:**  
PopIII/II SF via quiescent/burst mode  
in mini- and Ly $\alpha$ -halos
- seed BHs formation:**  
**Pop III remnants & DCBHs**
- BH growth:**  
**Eddington-limited accretion and mergers**
- mechanical feedback:**  
BH/SN energy-driven winds
- chemical feedback:**  
dust and metals enrichment
- radiative feedback:**  
stellar and AGN UV emission

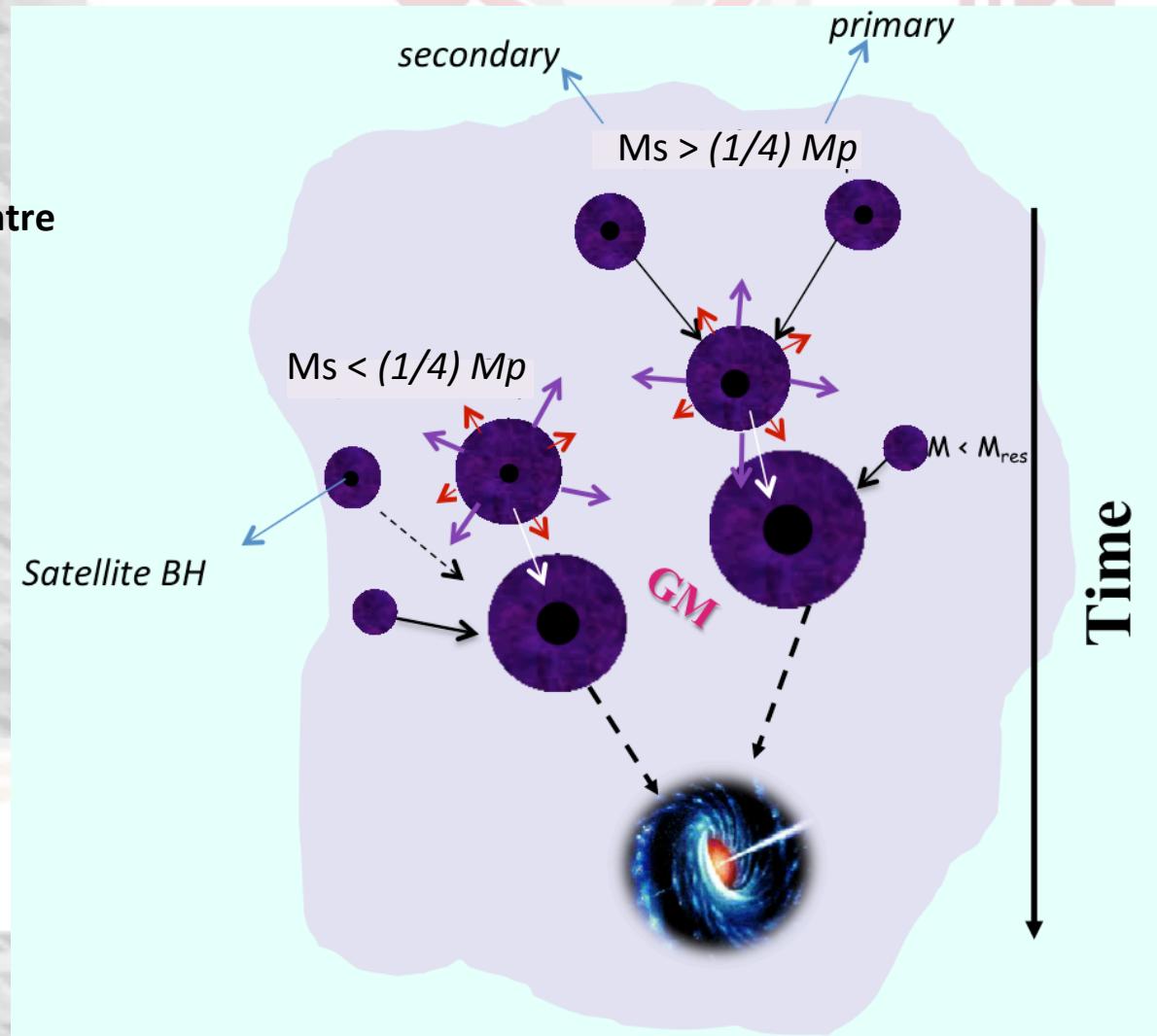


# forming the first BHs in GQd

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and atomic cooling halos ( $10^{7-8} M_{\text{sun}}$ )  
at  $z > 15$

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*RV, Schneider, Volonteri, Omukai. 2016*

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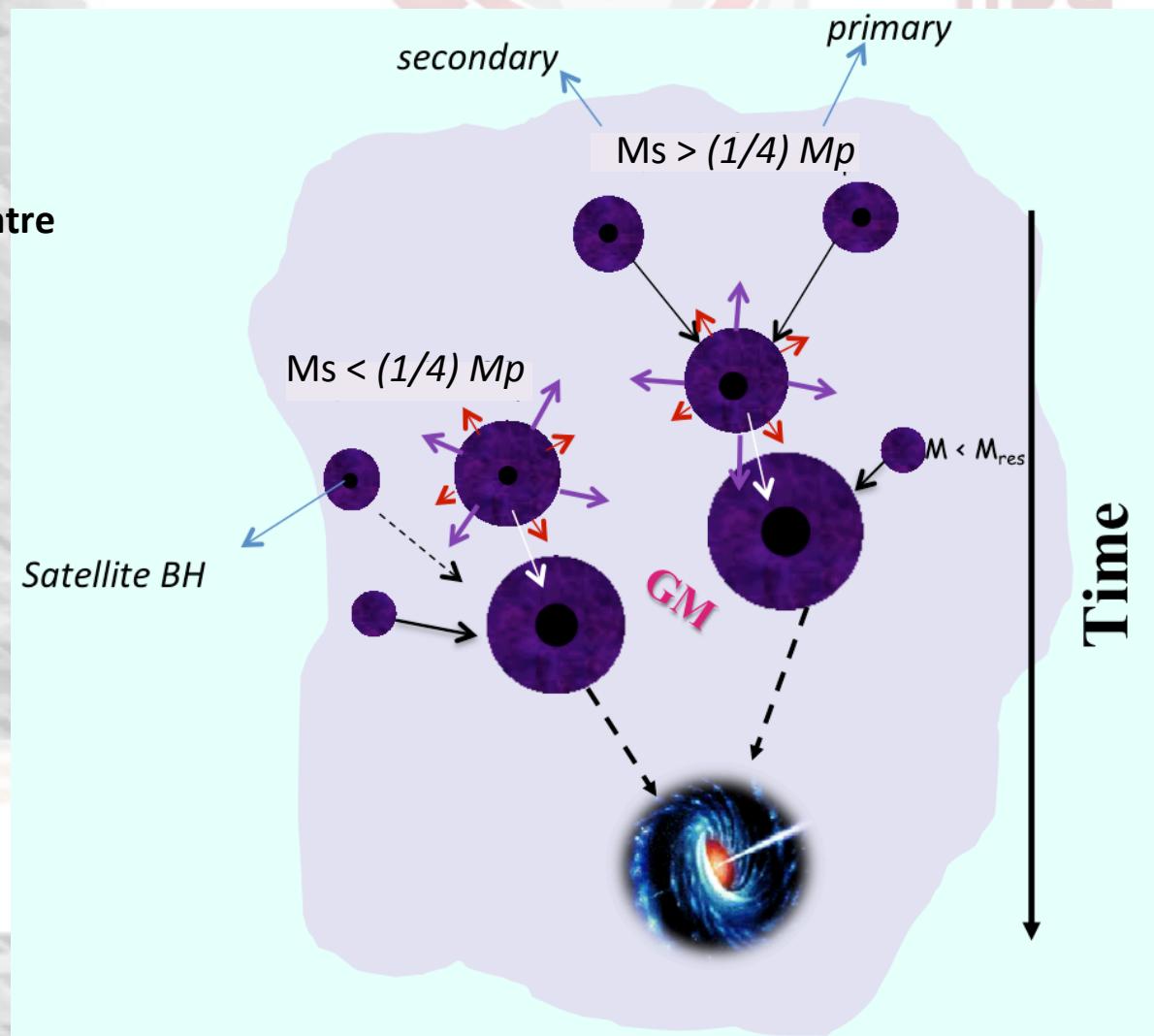
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## HEAVY SEEDS

form in metal poor atomic cooling  
halos ( $10^{7-8} M_{\text{sun}}$ ) when  $J_{\text{LW}} > J_{\text{cr}}$   
at  $15 < z < 17$

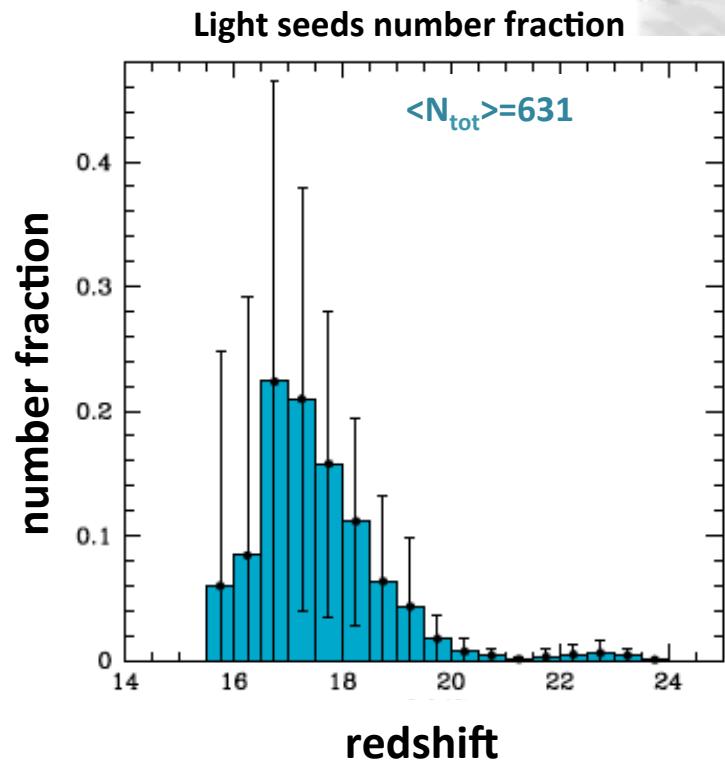
we assume  $m_{\text{HS}} = 10^5 M_{\text{sun}}$



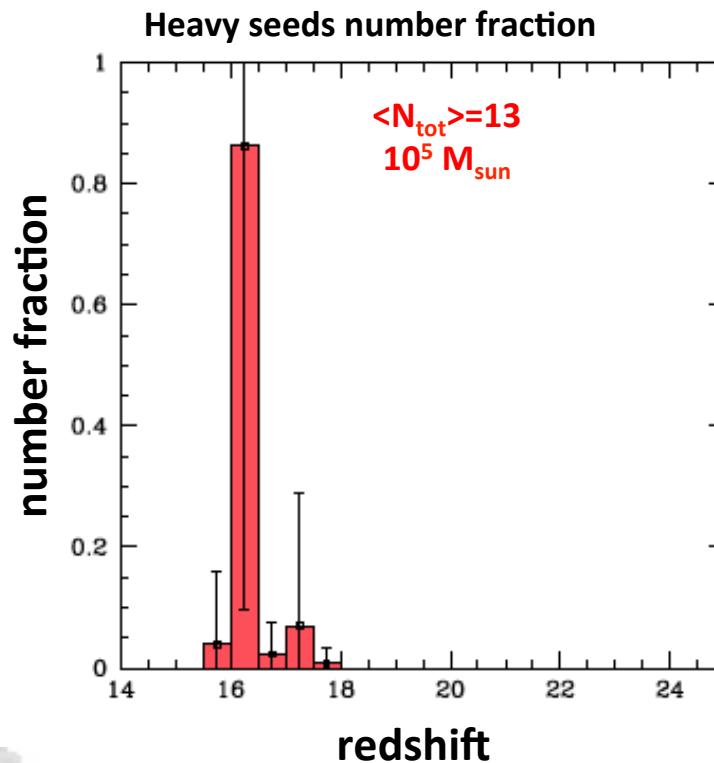
# light and heavy seeds of a $z \sim 6$ SMBH

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The properties of seeds birth environments are regulated by chemical and radiative feedback  
(only final BH progenitors are considered, i.e. no satellite BHs)



Light seeds start forming at  
 $z \approx 24$  with a peak at  $z \approx 17$   
LS formation stops at  $z \approx 15.5$   
when  $Z_{\text{ISM}} > Z_{\text{cr}}$



Heavy seeds form in a  
narrow redshift range >80%  
at  $z \approx 16.5$   
(rare birth environments)

# the first “cosmological BH binaries” in GQd

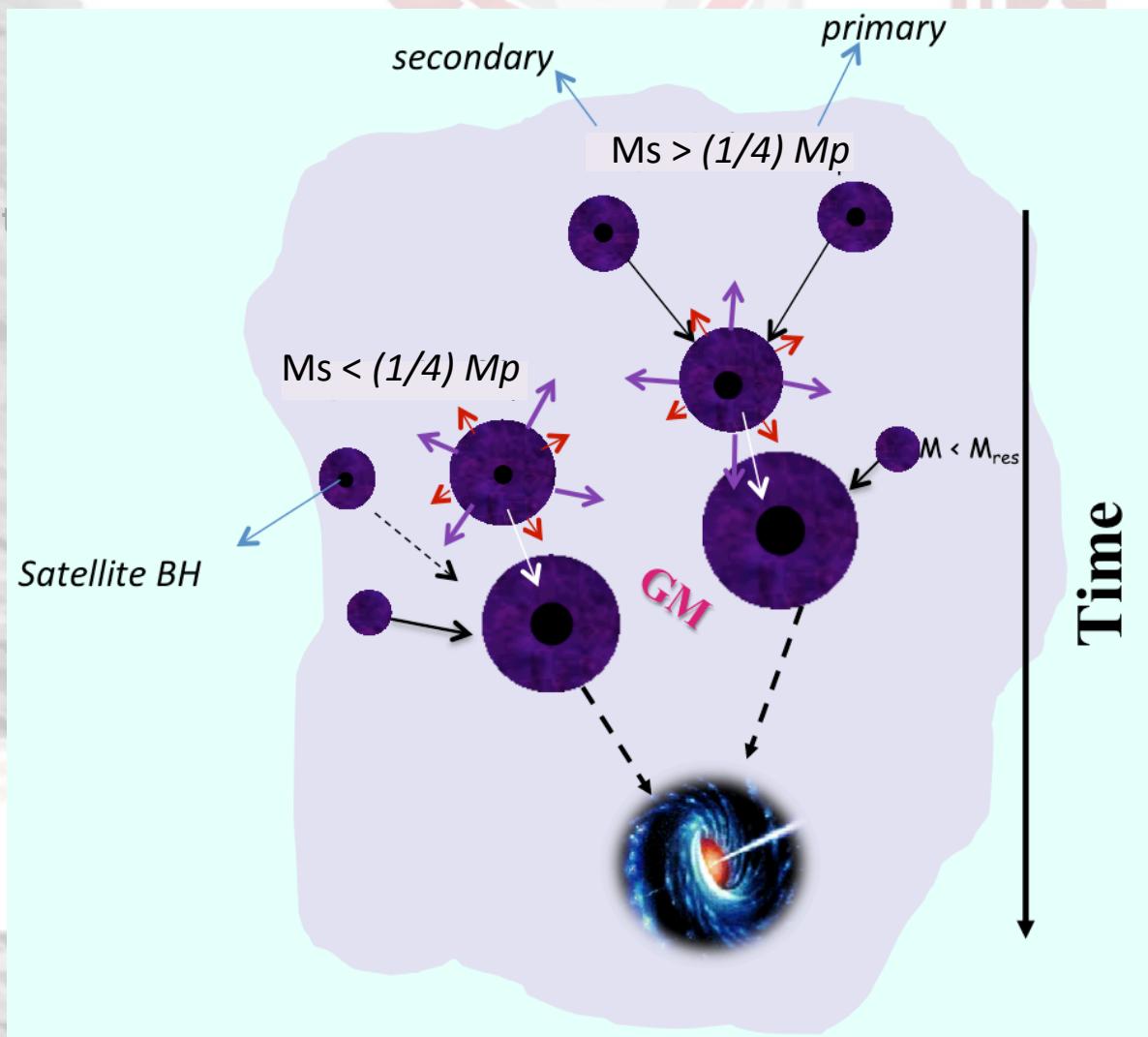
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**seeds growth**  
Eddington-limited accretion  
and mergers

**BH binaries formation**  
In halo-halo major mergers  
coalescence over  $\sim 0.1$ -2 Myrs

some of these BHs will end up in  
the SMBH by  $z \sim 6$



# the earliest coalescing BHs

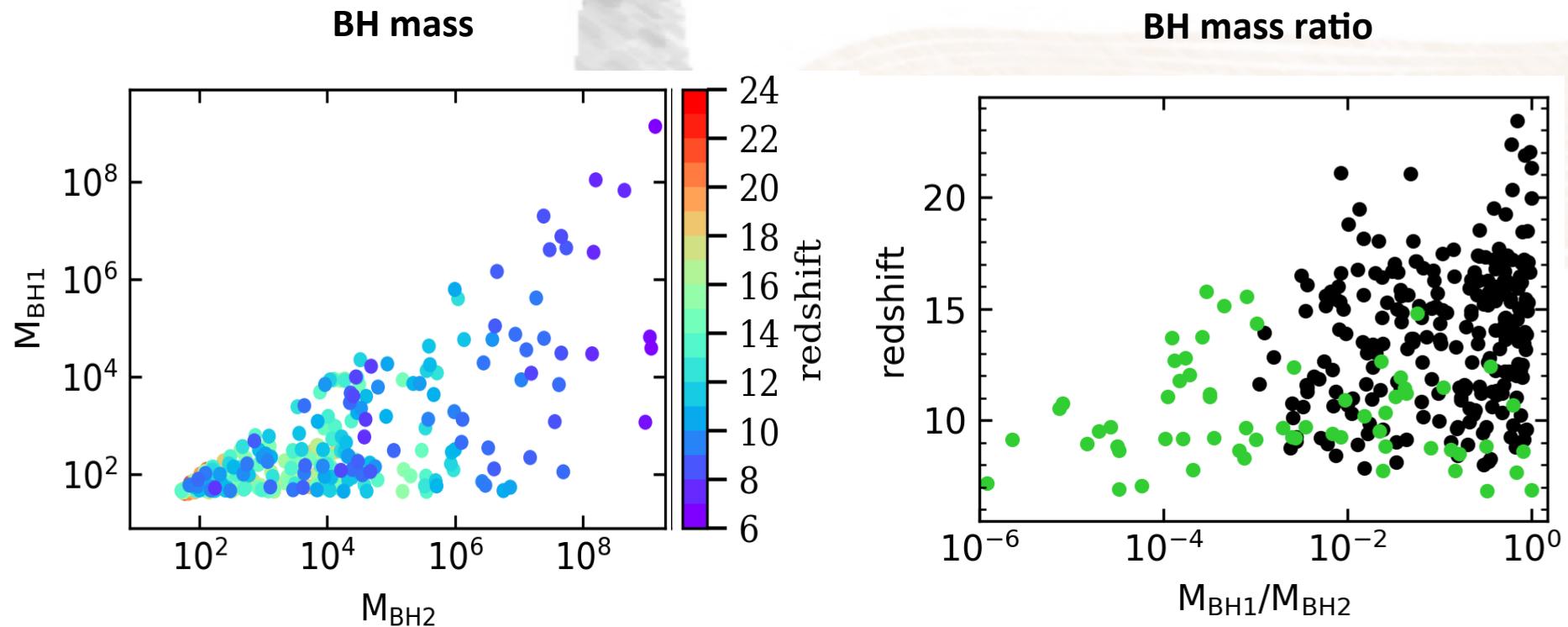
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data-constrained model (GQd): forming a  $>10^9 M_{\text{sun}}$  BH @  $z=6$  in  $10^{13} M_{\text{sun}}$  DM halos

All BH pairs forming in halo-halo major mergers (halo mass ratio  $>0.25$ )

one single  $z \sim 6$  galaxy merger tree out of 10 realisations

*NB: the redshift indicates the BHs formation epoch*

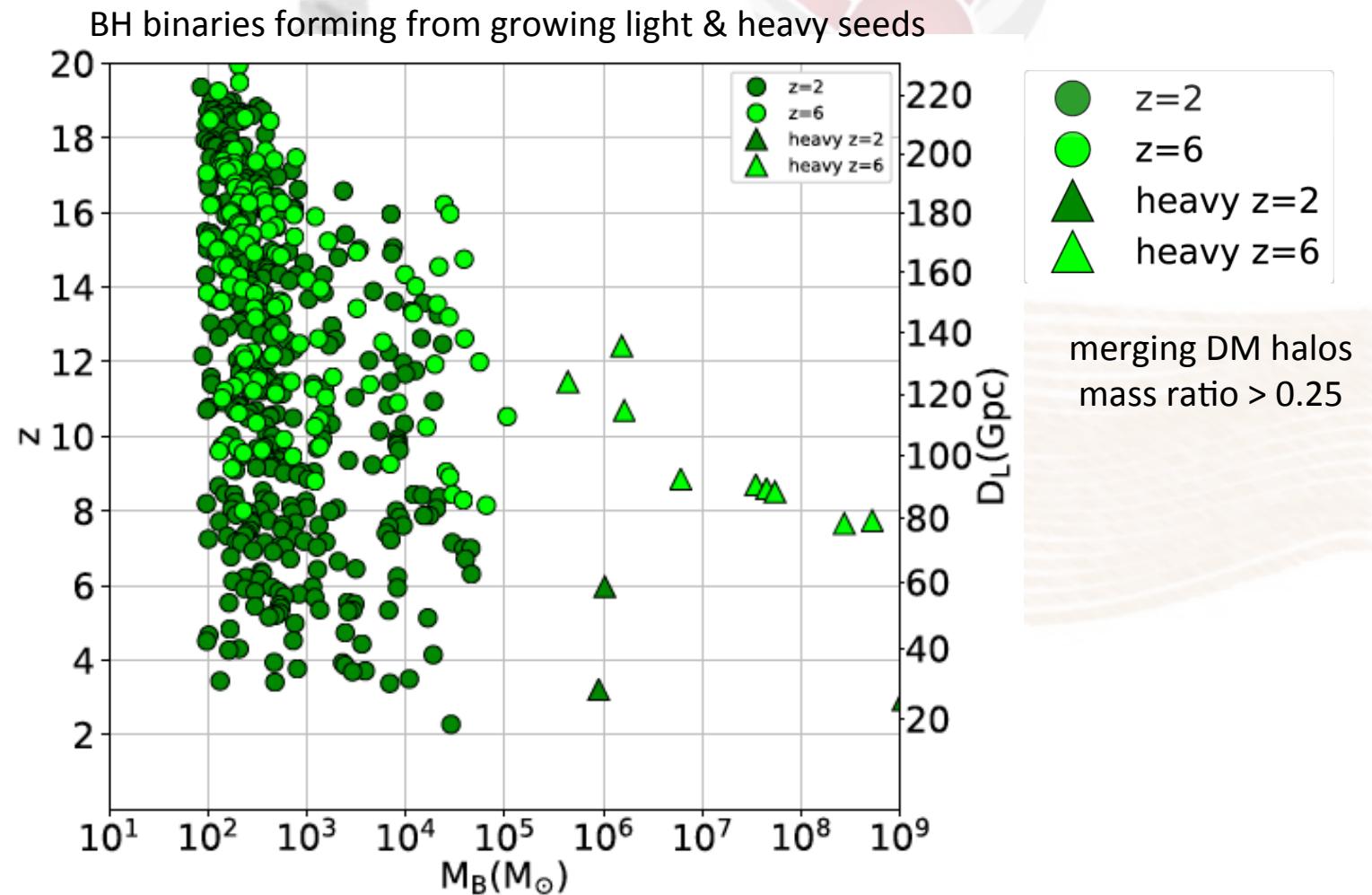


# BHs in the cosmological framework

data-constrained models (GQd):  $>10^9 M_{\text{sun}}$  BH @  $z=2$  or 6 in  $10^{13} M_{\text{sun}}$  DM halos

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*BH Binary  
formation epoch*



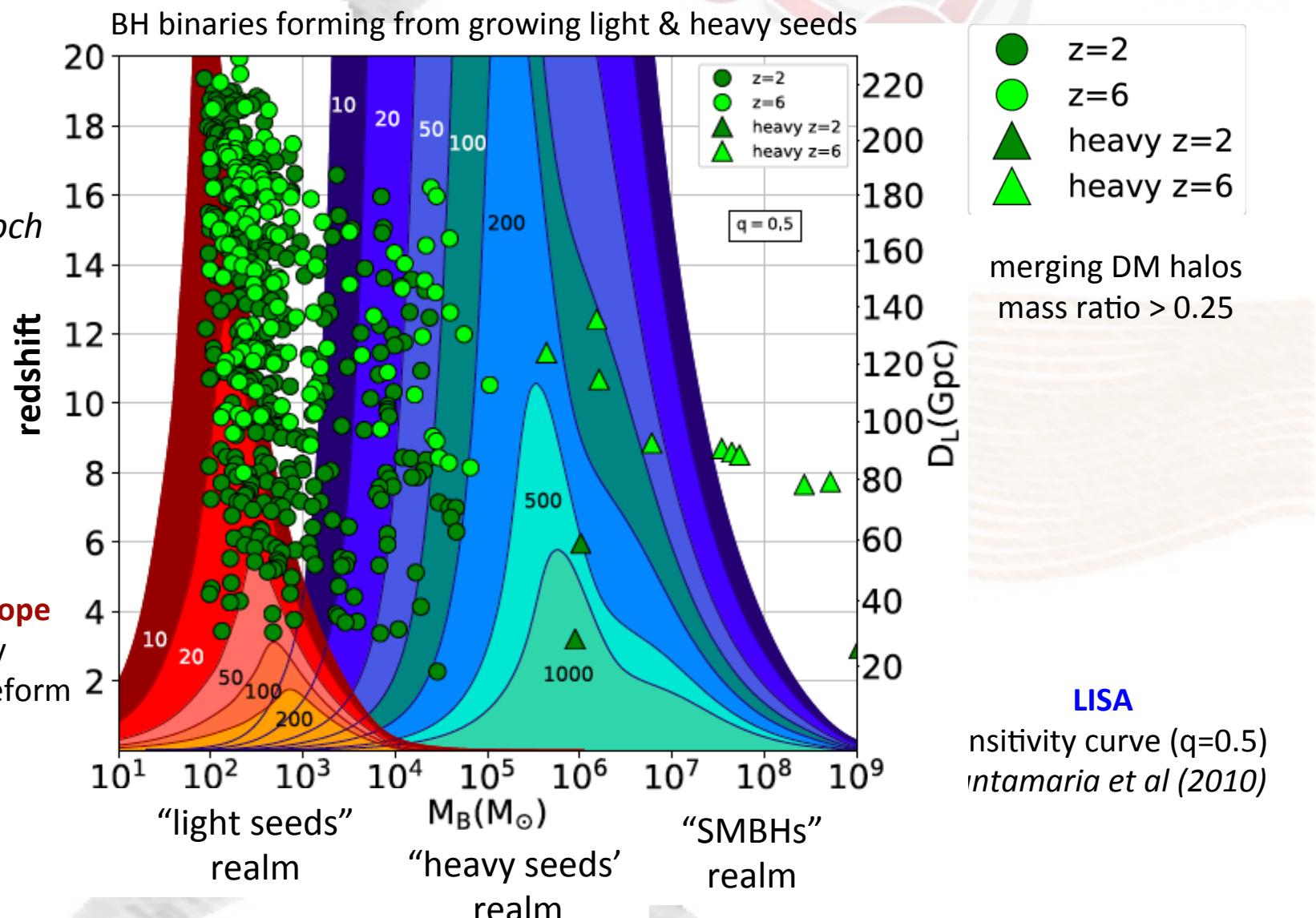
“Cosmological BH binaries”

BHs forming in pristine/metal poor halos and pairing during halo-halo mergers

# Black Holes in the Gravitational Universe

*BH Binary formation epoch*

**Einstein Telescope**  
ET\_D sensitivity  
PhenomC waveform  
(spin=0, q=0.5)



# Future prospects



The existence of  $>10^9 M_{\text{sun}}$  BHs at high redshift implies the formation of lower mass BHs, the “seeds” ( $10^2\text{-}10^6 M_{\text{sun}}$ ), and large “cosmological” merger rates already at  $z>10\text{-}15$   
*How about “in situ” binaries formation? → AstroWG-Dynamics*

## These epochs/masses will be accessible to LISA

LISA will see the “heavy seeds” ( $10^3\text{-}10^6 M_{\text{sun}}$ ) and the SMBHs ( $10^7\text{-}10^8 M_{\text{sun}}$ ) already at  $z=20$

## Synergy with 3<sup>rd</sup> generation GW observatories

**3G GW ground-based detectors will reveal “light seeds” ( $10^2\text{-}10^3 M_{\text{sun}}$ ), if they exist**

LISA+ET will enable to discriminate at statistical level if light seeds contribute significantly to the early growth of supermassive black holes at  $z\sim6\text{-}7$

## Multi-messenger (observational) strategies

BH binaries GW source catalog + predicted observational features of accreting BHs/hosts galaxies  
*SEDs: optical/IR/X-ray emission to support searches for EM counterparts → AstroWG-X and AstroWG-EM in view of the current facilities (e.g. ALMA, SUBARU) and future missions (e.g. JWST, ATHENA, Lynx)*