

# First stars first galaxies and massive black holes

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# Motivations

**Goal:** Understand the formation of the first stars, galaxies and massive black holes:

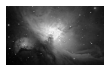
- *What is the **formation epoch** of first objects?*
- *What is the role of early **molecules** and **metals**?*
- *How **relevant** is PopIII for star formation and metal spreading?*
- *What are the effects of different **IMFs** on **SFR**?*
- *What is the formation path of early **massive BHs**?*
- *What are the implications for **early observables** (LF, GRB)?*
- *What are the effects on cosmic **reionization**? → What are the effects of the underlying **matter distribution**?*

**Requirements:** Study the chemical properties of cosmic medium during cosmological evolution.

**Techniques:** N-body/Sph chemistry (RT) simulations

## For a complete picture

→ follow gravity and hydrodynamics *coupled* to molecule formation and metal production from stellar evolution through cosmic time



**molecules**  
determine *first* gas  
collapsing events



**metals** determine  
*subsequent*  
structure formation

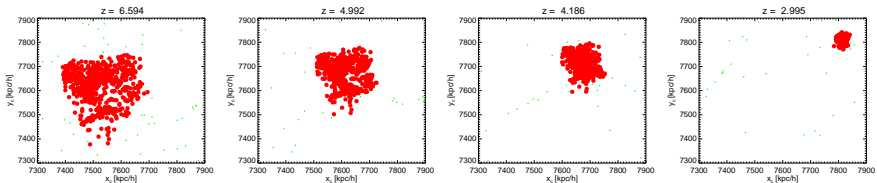


**stellar evolution**  
determines *yields*,  $\gamma$   
and *timescales*

Following and implementing metal and molecule evolution in numerical codes (e.g Gadget, etc.) required

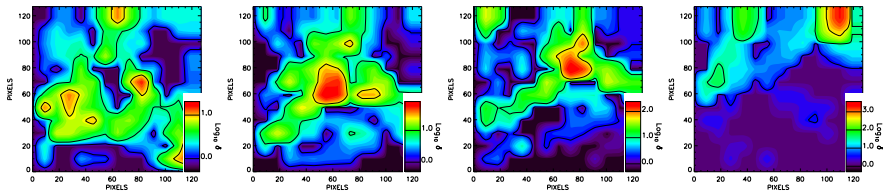
(Springel, 2001, 2005; Yoshida+, 2003; Tornatore+, 2007; Maio+, 2007, 2010, 2011; Biffi & Maio, 2013)

# H/H<sub>2</sub>-driven gas collapse (inflows)...

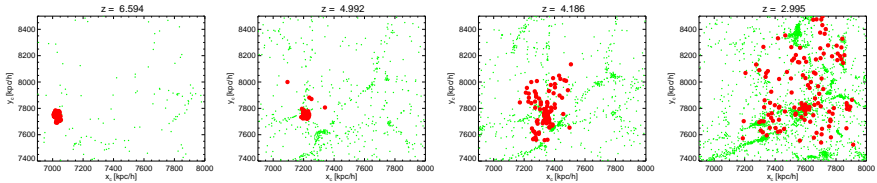


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$z \simeq 2.9$

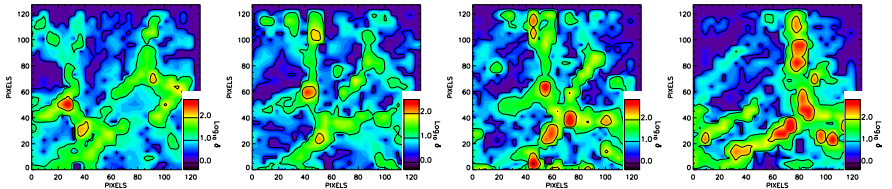


# ... star formation and disruption (outflows) ...

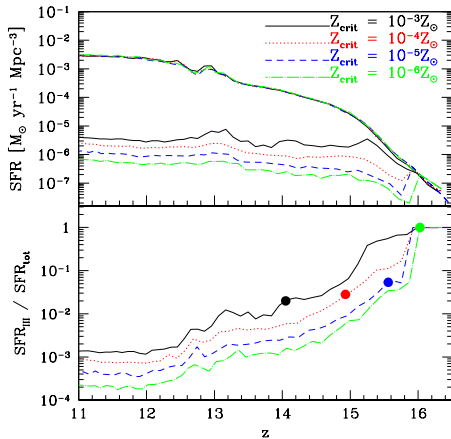


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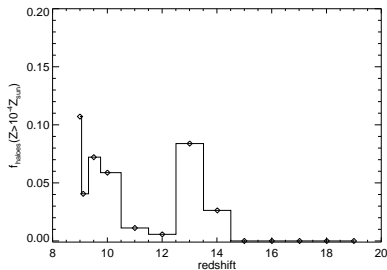
# The 1st Gyr: the epoch of the first stars



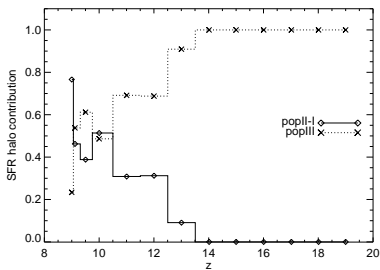
box:  $1 \text{ Mpc}^3$ ; PopIII IMF: top-heavy with slope= $-1.35$ , range= $[100 M_{\odot}, 500 M_{\odot}]$ ; [Maio et al., 2010](#)

# Primordial populations in the first galaxies

Fraction of popII haloes (i.e. with mean  $Z_{\text{halo}} > Z_{\text{crit}}$ ) vs.  $z$



SFR contribution from popII and popIII haloes vs.  $z$



For further investigations and dynamical features see [Biffi & Maio \(2013\)](#)

# Observables

Theoretical models must be compared against observational findings. The main observables that will be considered are:

- LF
- (S)SFR
- DLA abundances
- GRB host properties
- SMBHs at  $z \gtrsim 6$



# Luminosity functions

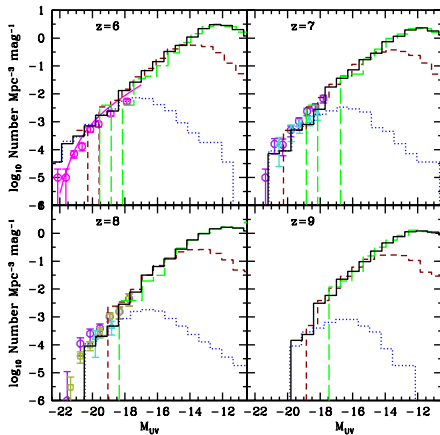
For each galaxy:  $L_\lambda = L_\lambda^{\text{II}} + L_\lambda^{\text{III}}$   
in **L5**, **L10**, **L30**

*PopII-I SEDs* from Starbust99  
(Vazquez & Leitherer, 2005).  
*PopIII SEDs* from Schaerer (2002).  
*No dust assumed: fair at  $z > 6$*

Observational data points from:

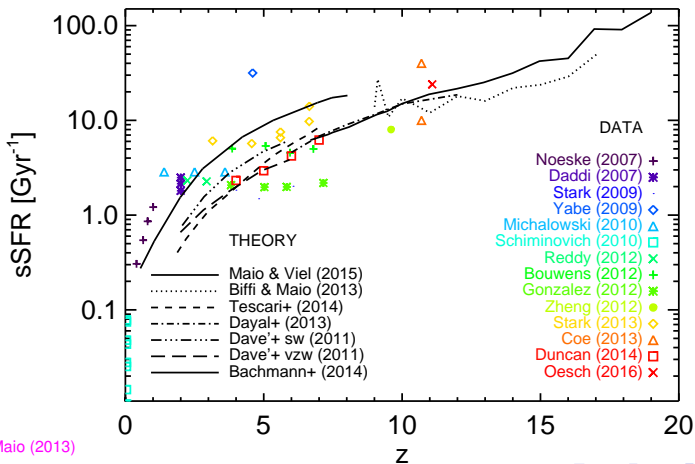
Bouwens et al., 2007 (circles);  $z=6$   
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Oesch et al., 2012 (squares);  $z=8$

Fit: Su et al., 2012 (solid line);  $z=6$ .



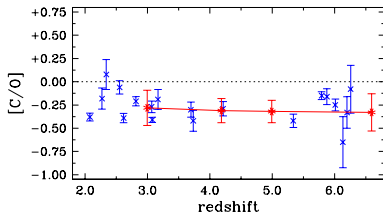
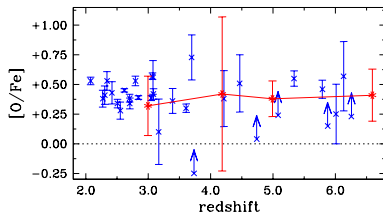
Salvaterra, Maio, Ciardi, Campisi; 2013

# SSFR – early bursty Universe



Biffi & Maio (2013)

## DLA abundance redshift evolution

mean [C/O] vs  $z$ mean [O/Fe] vs  $z$ 

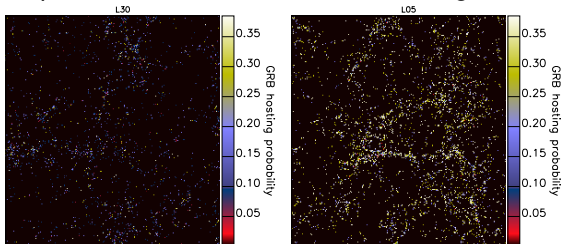
SNII/AGB  $\rightarrow$  left; SNIa  $\rightarrow$  right (more line broadening at  $z < 5$ ?)

No PopIII needed to explain current low- $z$  DLA data?

Simulations with N-body/hydro + molecules + metals + feedback: [Maio & Tesfari \(2015\)](#)

# Implications for high-z GRBs

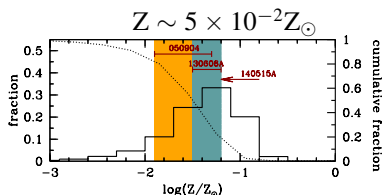
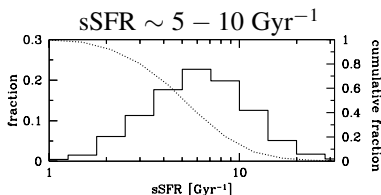
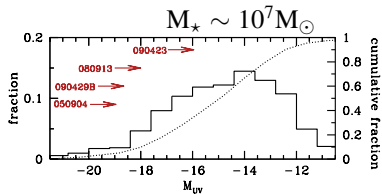
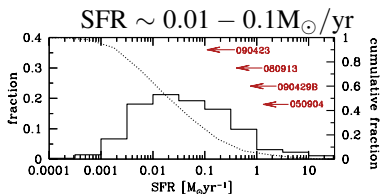
Primordial (Long) Gamma Ray Bursts are originated by **collapse of the first massive stars** and accompany the formation of BHs  
→ Early GRBs provide infos about SFR in the first galaxies



$$\text{Differential GRB hosting probability} \rightarrow dP = \frac{dN_{GRB}(\text{Log}_{10}(\text{SFR}[M_{\odot}/\text{yr}]))}{N_{GRB} d\text{Log}_{10}(\text{SFR}[M_{\odot}/\text{yr}])}$$

High-z GRBs are more likely found in intermediate-, low-size objects:  
**large objects (high SFR)** are rarer than **small objects (low SFR)**

# Statistical properties of the first GRB hosts



GRB Data: Tanvir et al. (2012); Thöne et al. (2013); Hartoog et al. (2014); Chornock et al. (2014)  
See: Campisi et al. (2011); Salvaterra et al. (2013, 2015); Ma et al. (2015, 2017)

# GRB abundance ratios: stellar populations at high $z$

## Indirect signatures: abundance ratios

**GRB 050904** ( $z = 6.3$ ): no PopIII

$[C/O] = -0.1$ ,  $[S/O] = 1.3$

$[Si/O] = -0.3$ ,  $Z \simeq 0.03 Z_{\odot}$

(Kawai et al., 2006; Thöne et al., 2013)

**GRB 130606A** ( $z = 5.9$ ): unlikely PopIII

$[S/O] < 1.24$ ,  $[Si/O] < 0.55$

$[Fe/O] < -0.34$ ,

$Z \simeq 0.1 Z_{\odot} - 0.01 Z_{\odot}$

(Castro-Tirado et al., 2013)

**GRB 111008A** ( $z = 5.0$ ): unlikely PopIII

$[S/H] = -1.7$ ,  $Z \gtrsim 0.01 Z_{\odot}$

(Sparre et al., 2014)

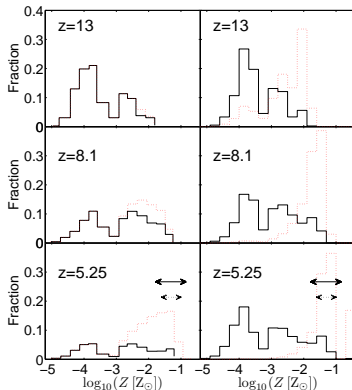
**GRB 100219A** ( $z = 4.7$ ): unlikely PopIII

$[C/H] = -2.0$ ,  $[Fe/H] = -1.9$

$[O/H] = -0.9$ ,  $[S/H] = -1.1$

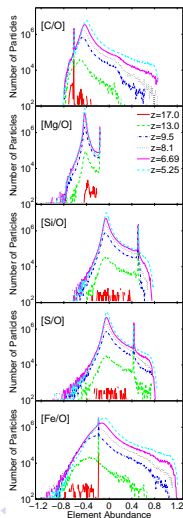
$Z \simeq 0.1 Z_{\odot}$

(Thöne et al., 2013)



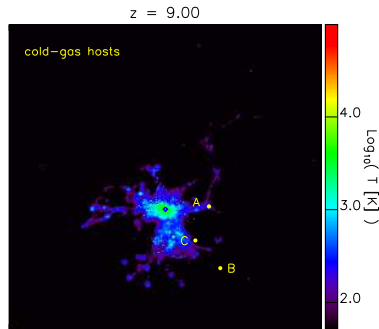
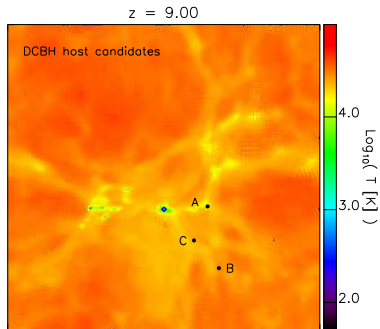
PopIII star forming haloes

PopIII star forming haloes pre-enriched by popIII



# MBHs: DCBHs as seeds of SMBHs at $z \gtrsim 6$ ?

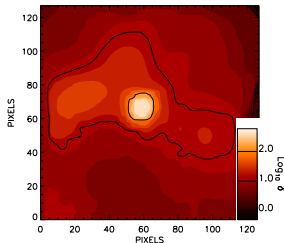
Look for haloes which host gas direct collapse (no fragmentation!):  
→ pristine non-SF haloes with  $T \sim 10^4$  K, dark mass  $\gtrsim 2 \times 10^6 M_{\odot}$ ,  
no  $H_2$  content (destroyed by nearby LW radiation)



See: [Maio et al. \(2017\)](#)

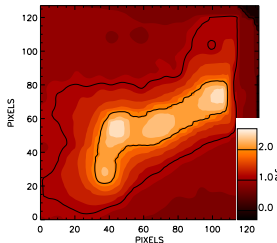
$L=0.5\text{Mpc}/h$

Candidate A



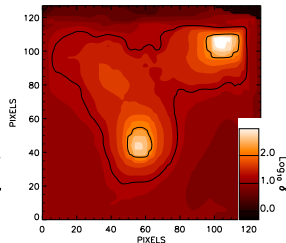
isolated

Candidate B



interacting

Candidate C



substructures

Gas mass:  $\sim 2 - 4 \times 10^5 M_\odot$

Turbulent gas regimes:  $Re \sim 10^4 - 10^8$



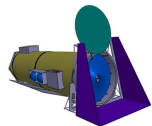
## Future perspectives



- **JWST** space telescope: early Universe, reionization; launch: 2018+; costs:  $\sim 11$  Bln \$ (NASA, ESA, Canada)



- **SKA** radio telescope: HI, reionization, galaxy formation, radio transients; construction 2020+; costs:  $\sim 8$  Bln EUR (Int. coll.)



- **Athena** space satellite: hot gas, clusters, BHs, GRB X-ray afterglows up to  $z \sim 6 - 10$ ; launch 2028+; costs:  $\sim 1.3$  Bln EUR (ESA, Thales-Alenia, Airbus)

## Summary...

- We have presented results from cosmological **N-Body hydrodynamical chemistry RT simulations**
- We study **early** objects (PopIII stars, DLAs, GRB hosts, MBHs) and their **interplay** with the surroundings (SFR, Z, T, [ / ])

## Conclusions...

- First star/galaxy formation episodes are **very 'bursty'** and feature rapid **metal enrichment**
- **DLA and GRB host observables** help constrain early populations
- **DCBHs** can be seeds of SMBHs in peculiar conditions
- Results are **not very sensitive** to the assumed parameters although effects from **WDM** can be important (Maio & Viel, 2015)