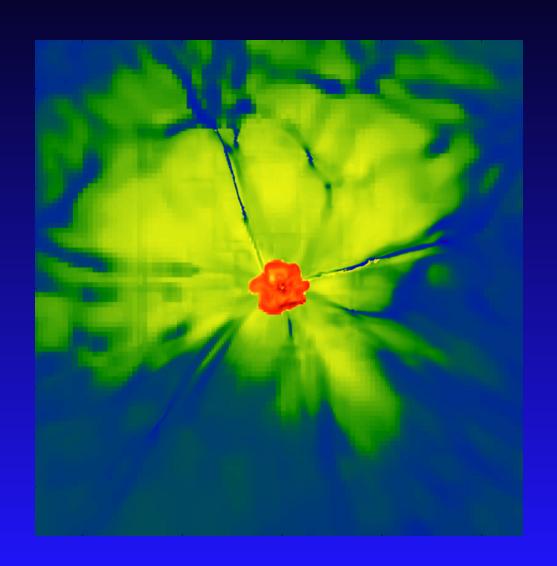
#### How Supermassive Black Holes Form by z ~ 7



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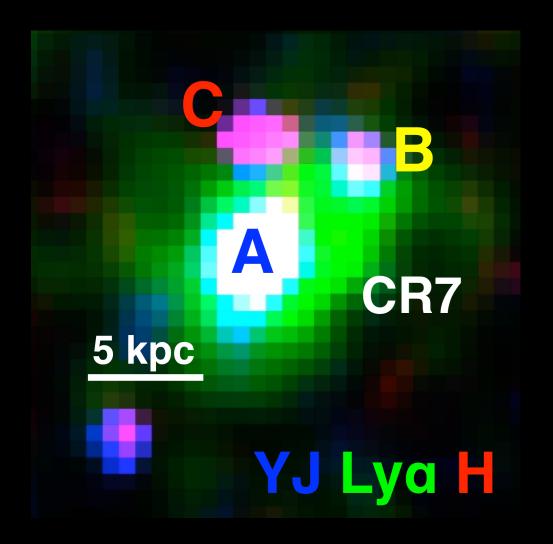
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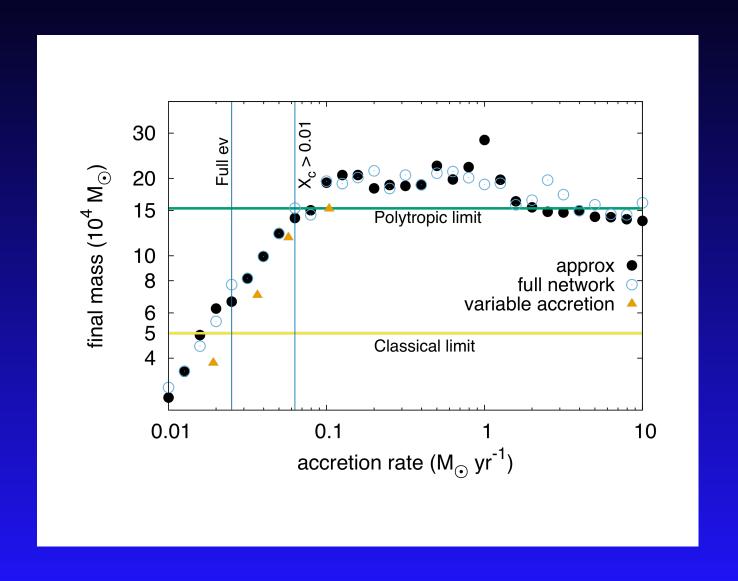
# The Case For SMBH Seed Formation by Direct Collapse for z > 6 quasars

- Pop III BHs are "born starving" (Whalen et al. 2004;
  Alvarez et al. 2006; Abel, Wise & Bryan 2007)
- once accretion begins, low-mass halos have gravity potentials that are too shallow to retain gas that is heated by x-rays (e.g., Whalen et al. 2004)
- low-mass Pop III BHs are often ejected from their host halos, and thus their fuel supply (Whalen & Fryer 2012, ApJL, 756, 19



DCBH Candidate: CR7

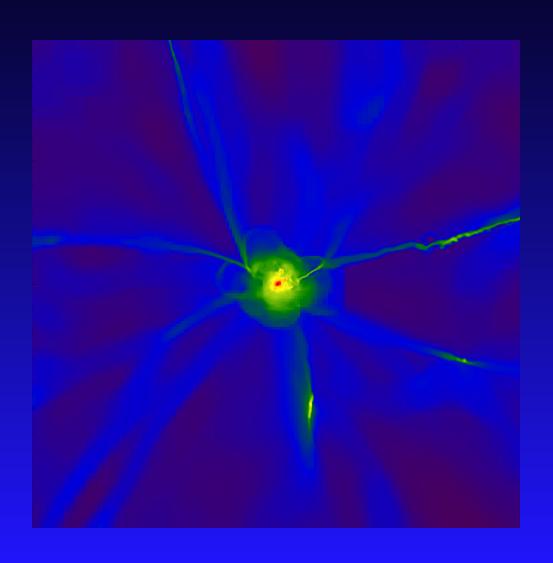
# Supermassive Pop III Stellar Mass at Collapse Woods + DJW et al. 2016 in prep; Hammerle + DJW et al. 2016



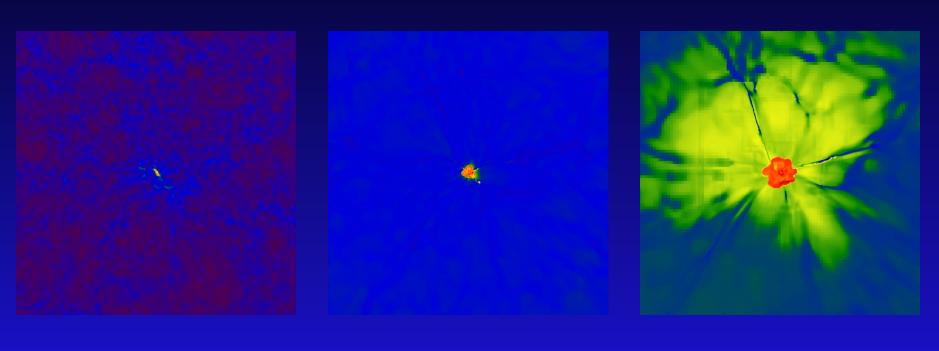
#### Enzo Supermassive Black Hole Formation Simulations Smidt, DJW et al. 2016 in prep

- 100 Mpc box, initialized at z = 200
- x-ray emission from a  $10^5$  seed in a 5 x  $10^8$  solar mass halo at z ~ 19
- prescription for AGN jet feedback is included (DeBuhr et al. 2010)
- single photon energy of 1 keV adaptive raytracing photon transport with the MORAY radiation package
- 10 levels of refinement, resolution of 30 pc
- subgrid alpha disk model of accretion
- multiphase star formation feedback in host galaxy (rad + SN)

# Cold Streams are Key to Formation of the First Quasars

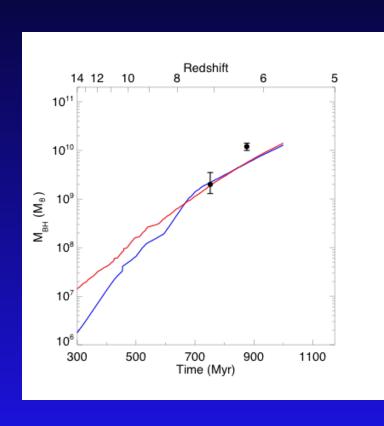


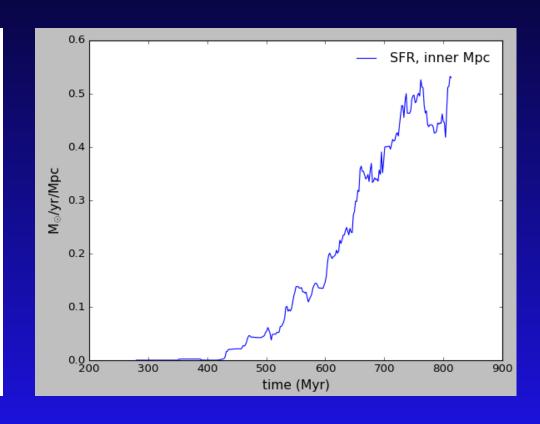
### H II Region of the Quasar



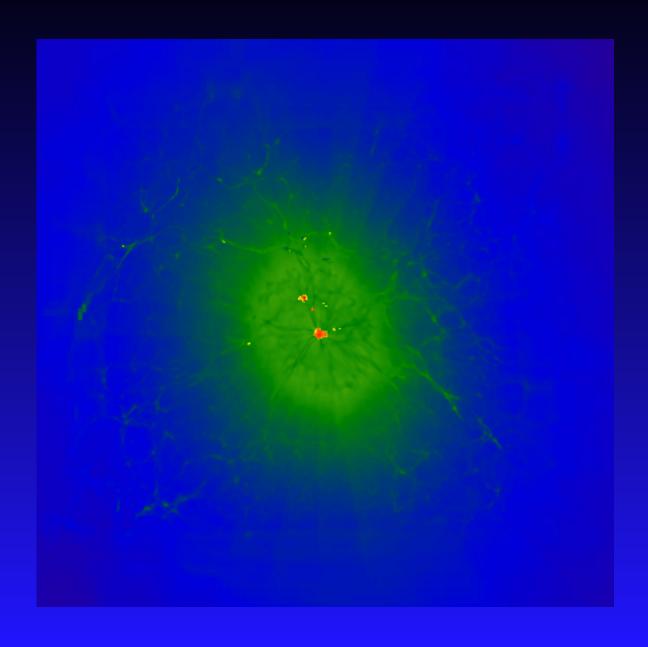
z = 17 z = 9.5 z = 7

#### Primordial Star Formation Regulates SMBH Growth Rates from z > 10

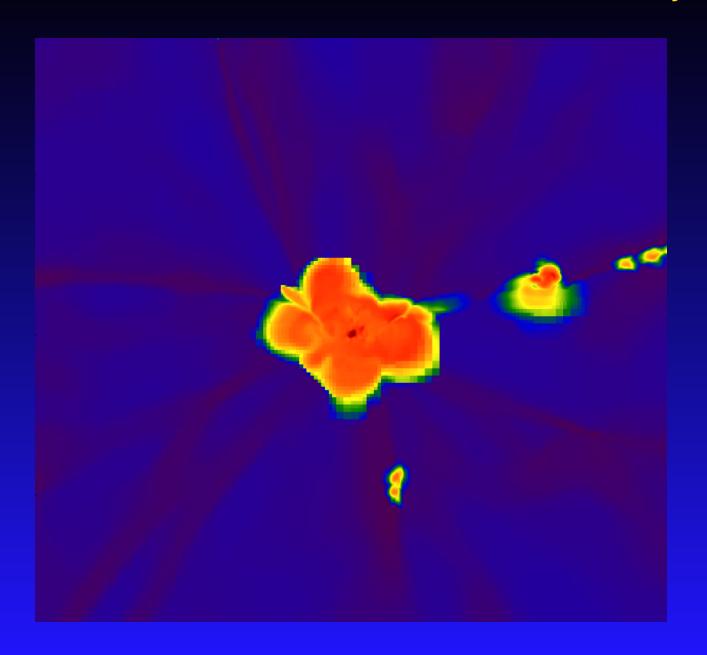




### Quasar Proximity Zone and SN Feedback



## Metal and Dust Enrichment in the Host Galaxy



#### **Conclusions**

- x-ray feedback + SF rad / SN feedback can account for the existence of the Mortlock 2011 and Wu 2015 quasars
- Pop III BHs almost certainly cannot be the origin of these two quasars
- BH mergers, while not ruled out by our models, are not required to create the Mortlock or Wu quasars
- cosmological x-ray rad hydro allows us to calculate realistic synthetic observables for the first quasars (NIR continuum, Ly-a, 21 cm)
- next steps are ensemble studies of large numbers of 5 < z < 15 quasars to study the population at this epoch

#### SMBH Growth with Thermal Feedback in Massive Black Feng et al. 2014, MNRAS, 440, 1865

