

Could population III binary stars be the progenitors of massive stellar black hole binaries?



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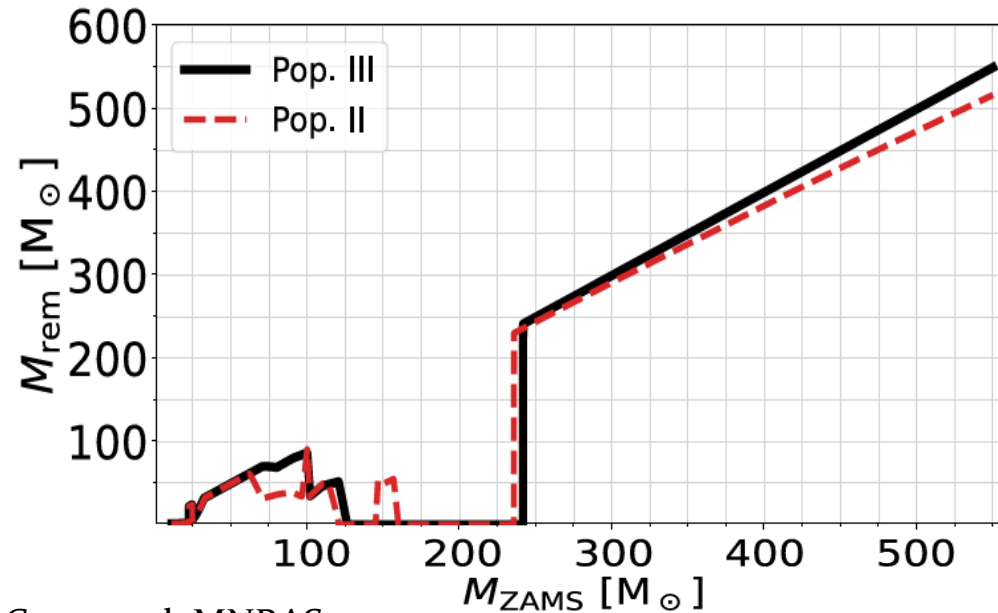
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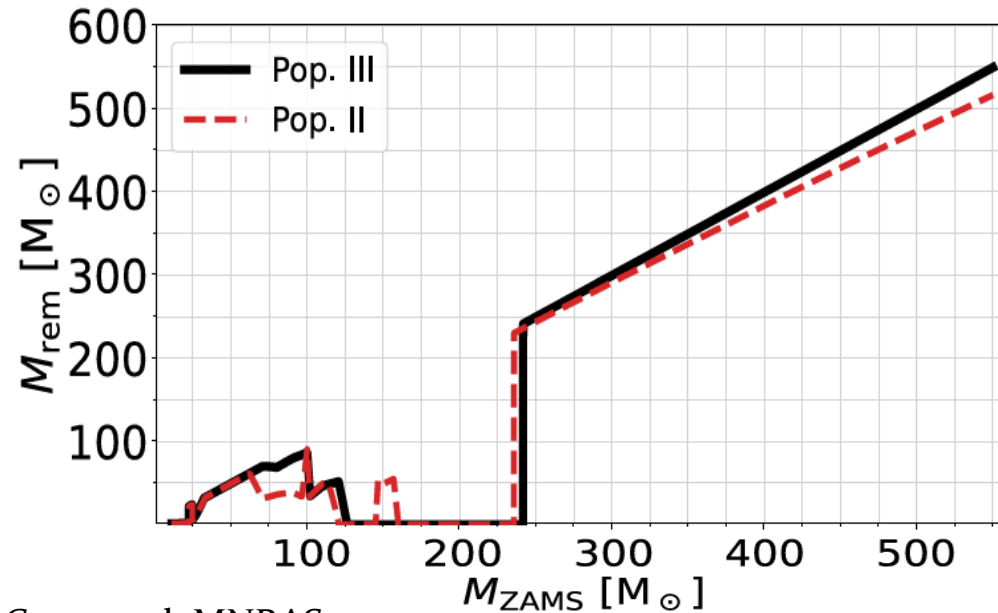
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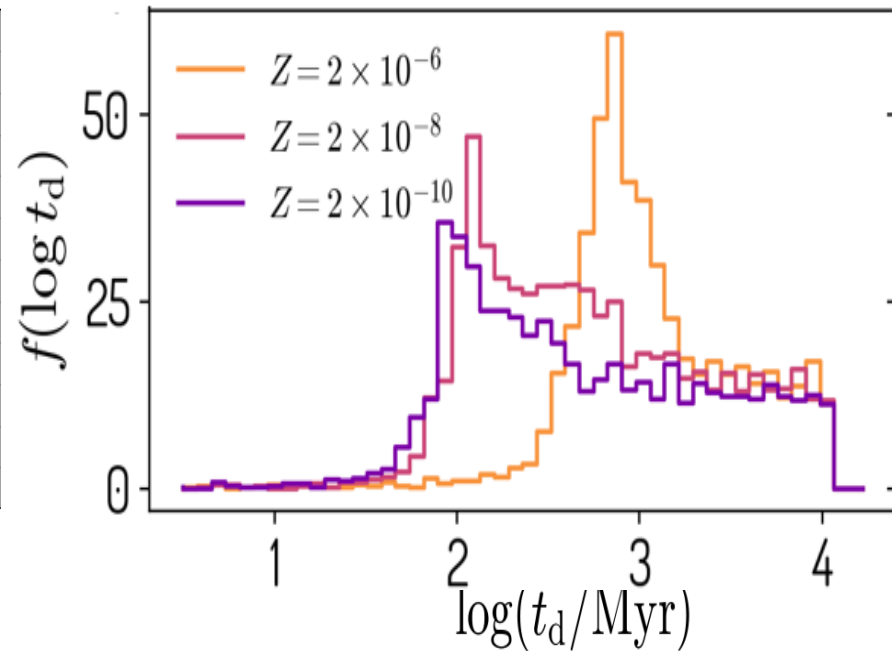
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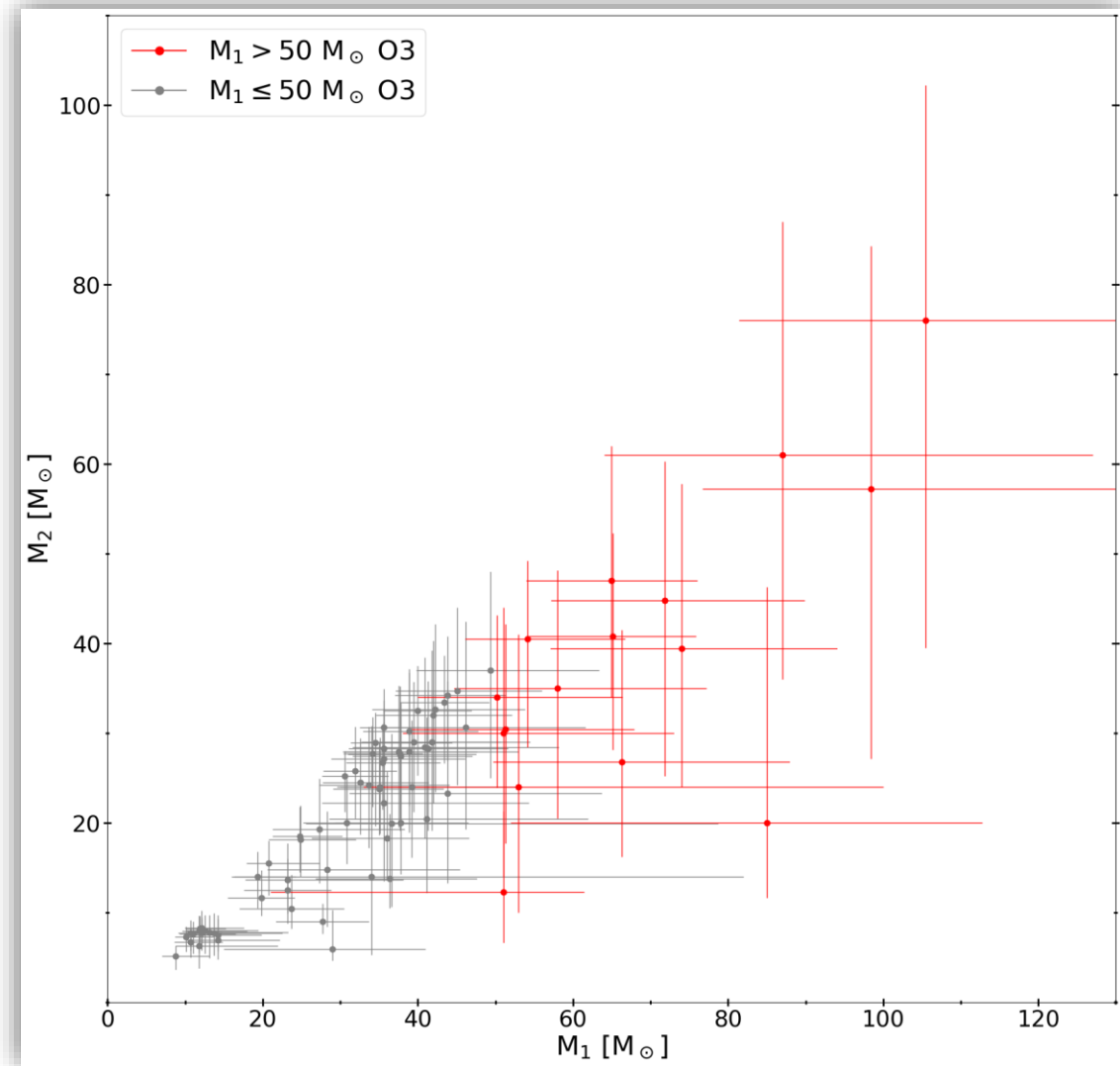
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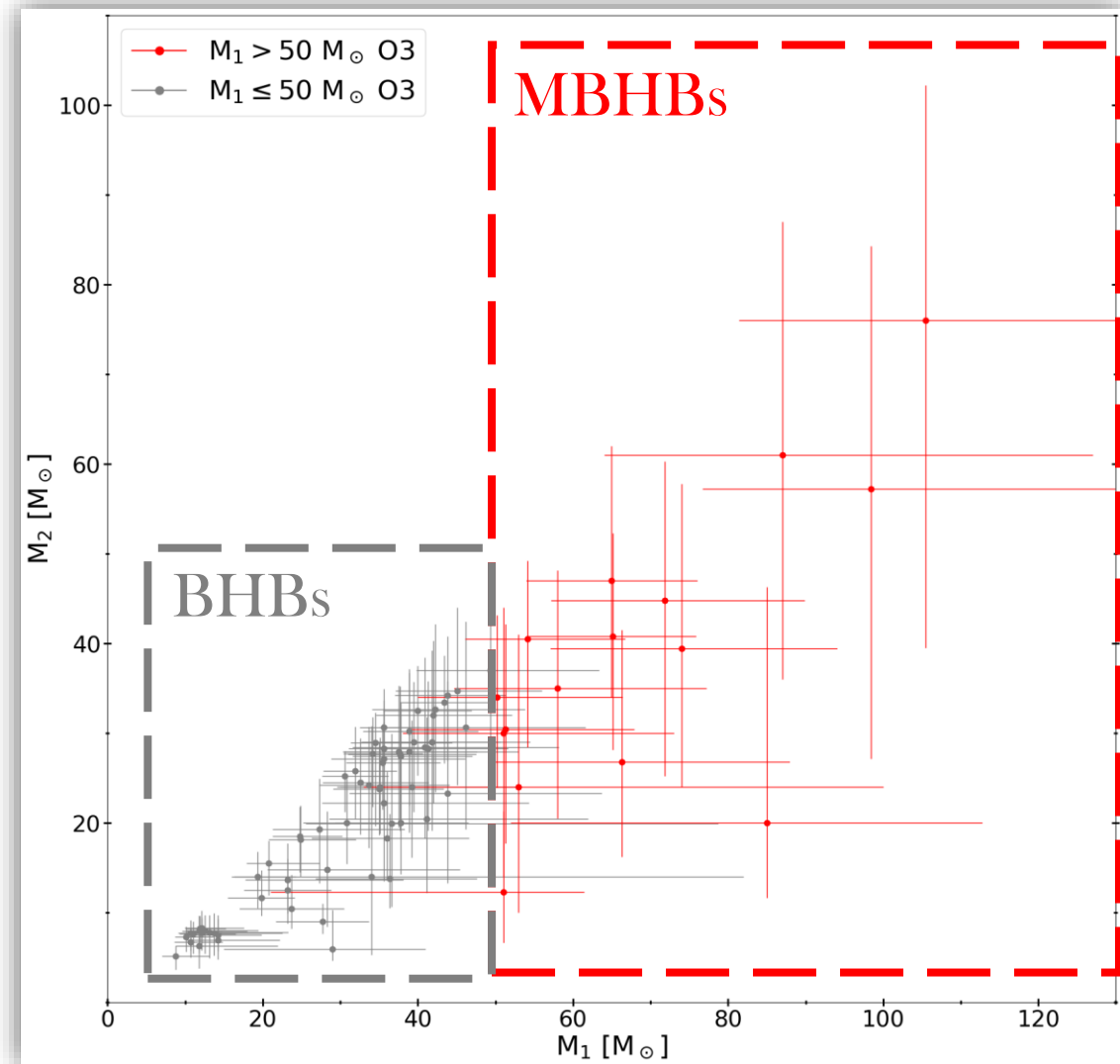
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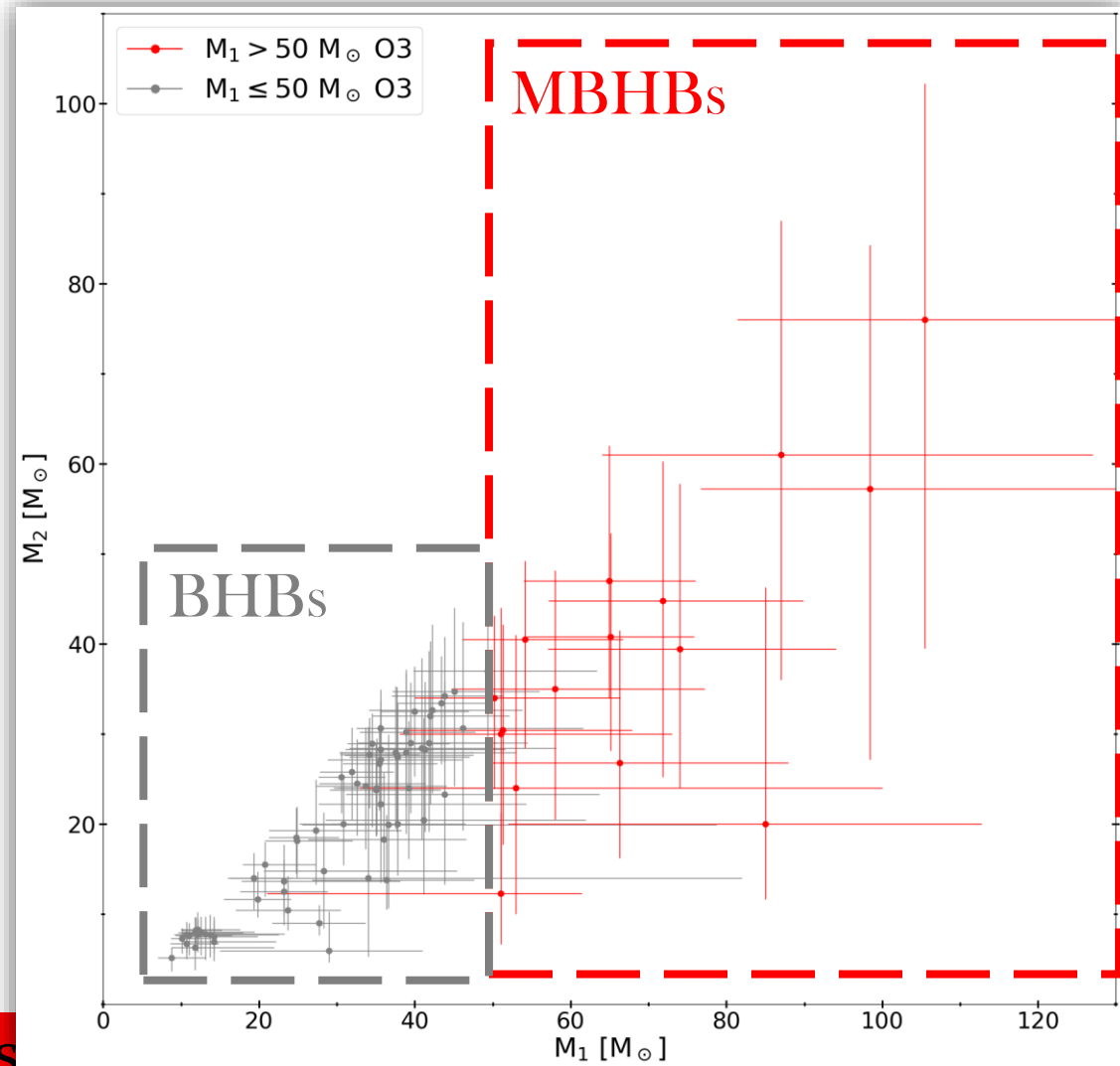
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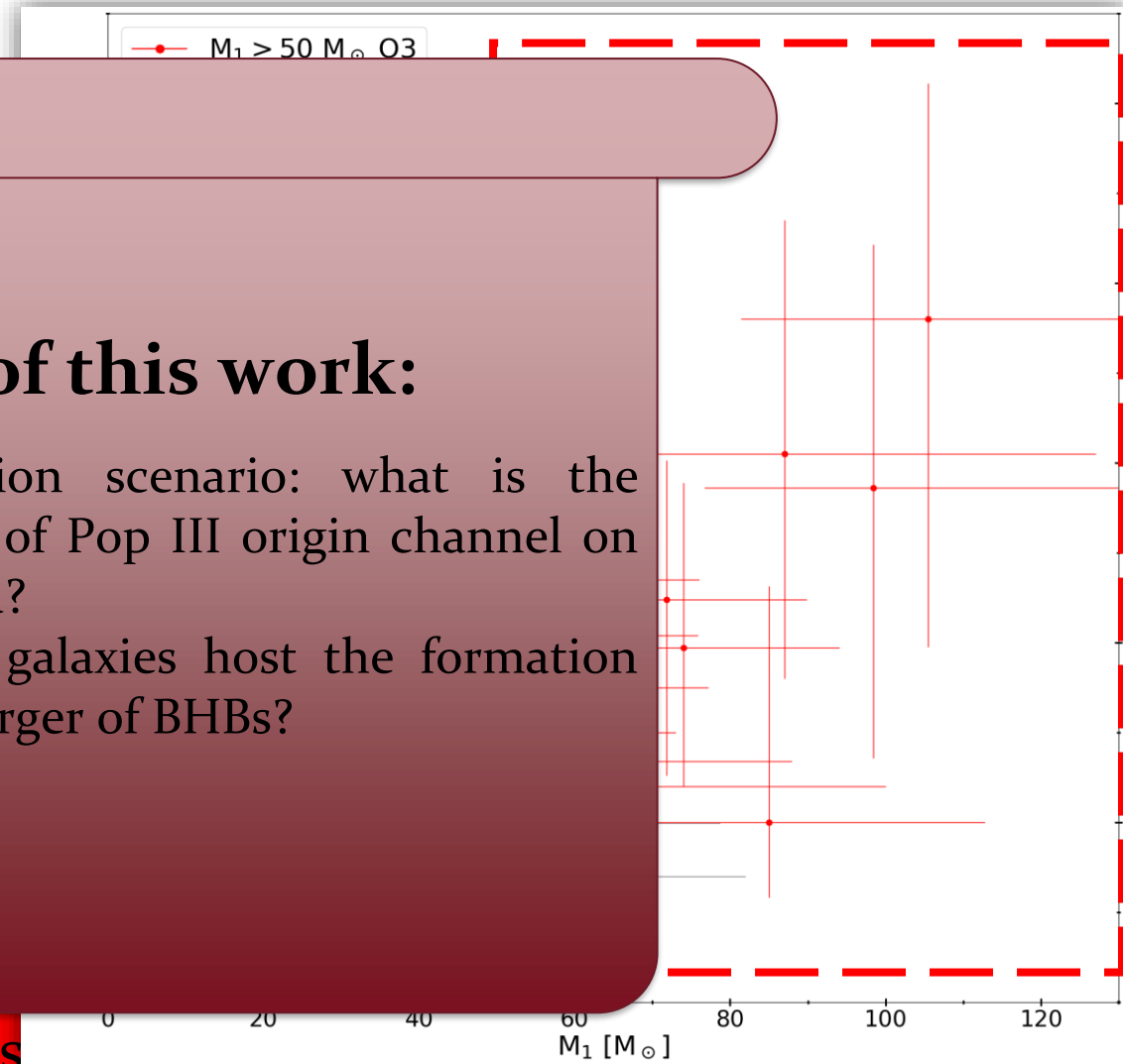
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- 2) Which galaxies host the formation and merger of BHBs?

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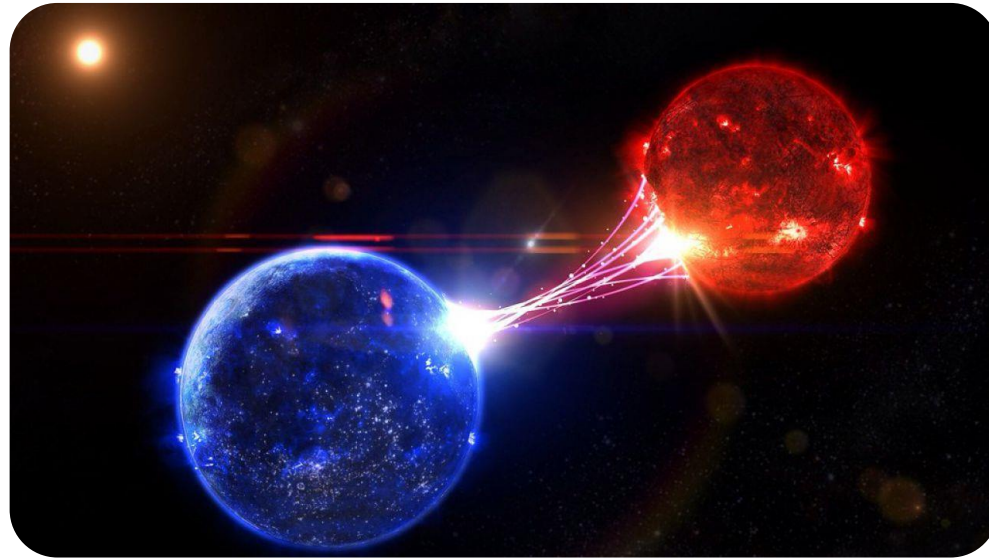
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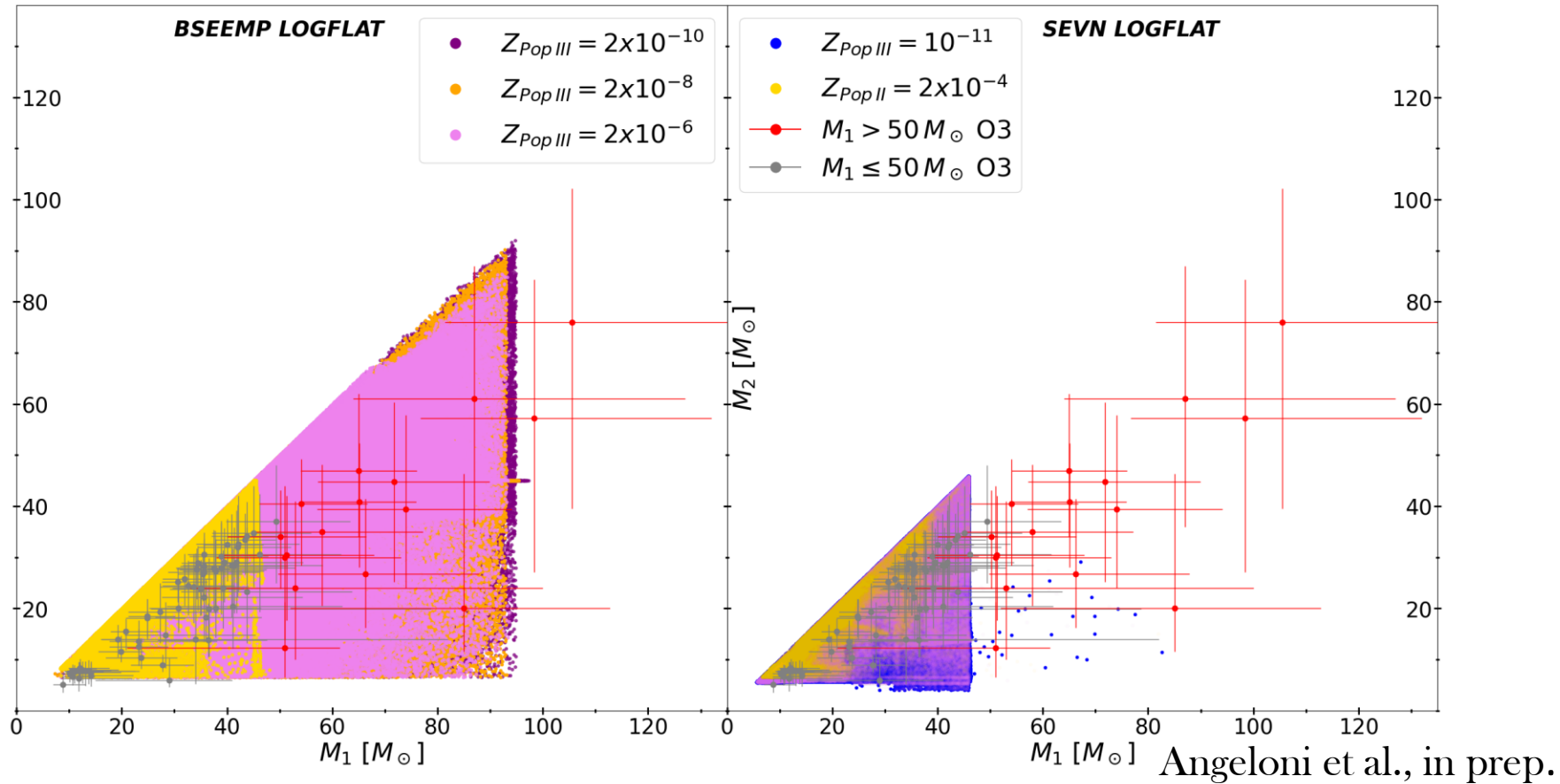
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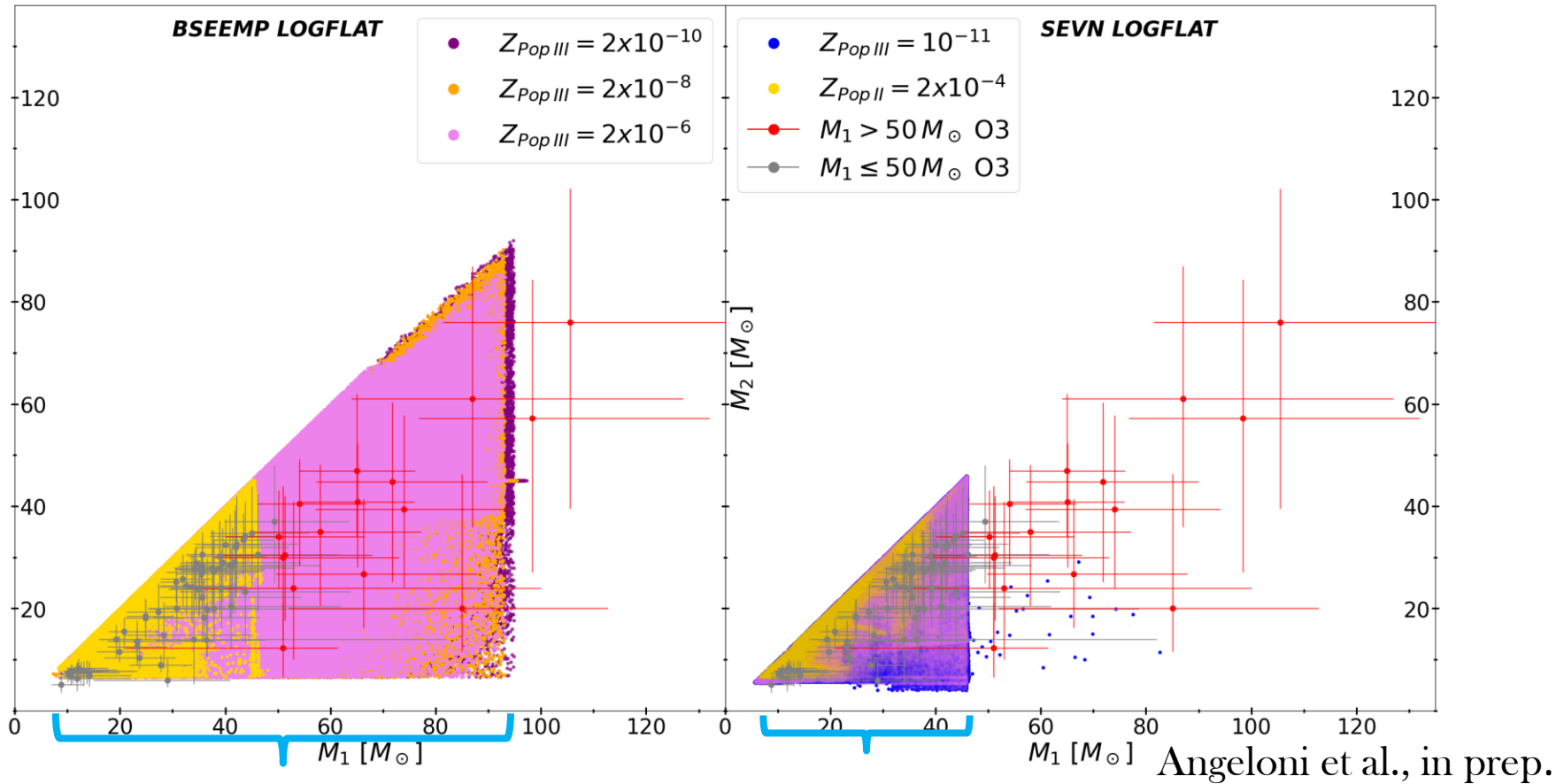


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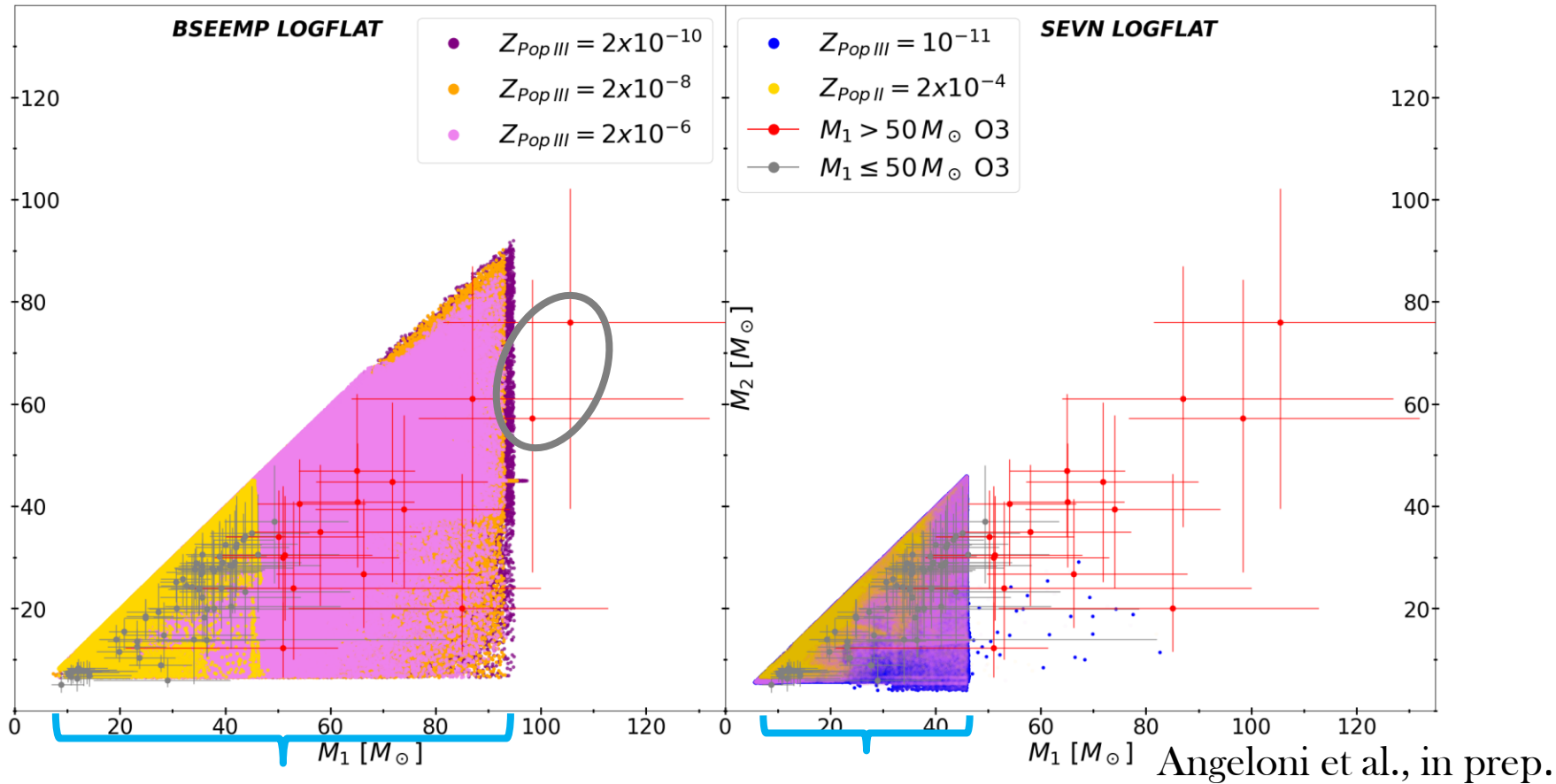
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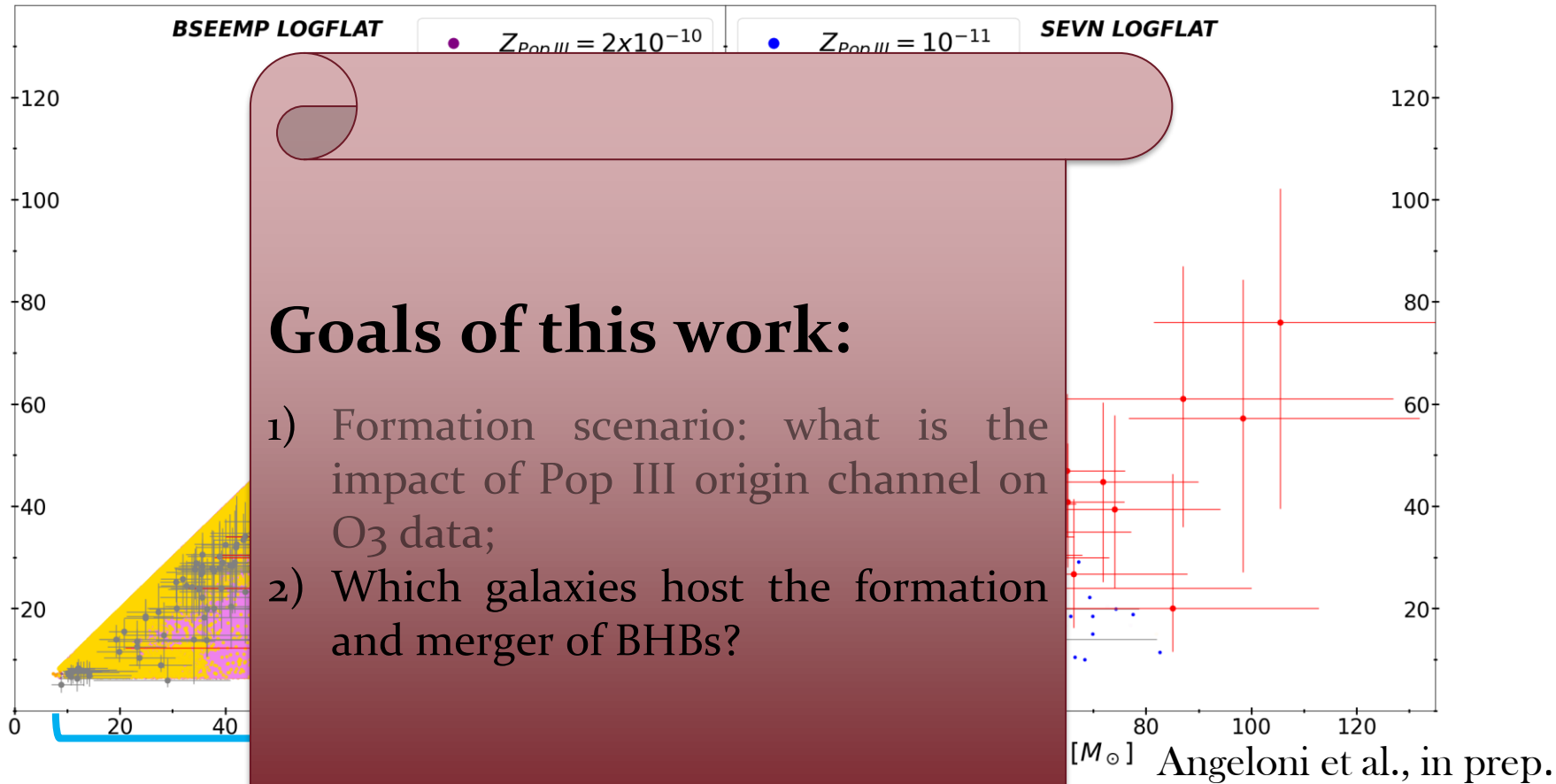
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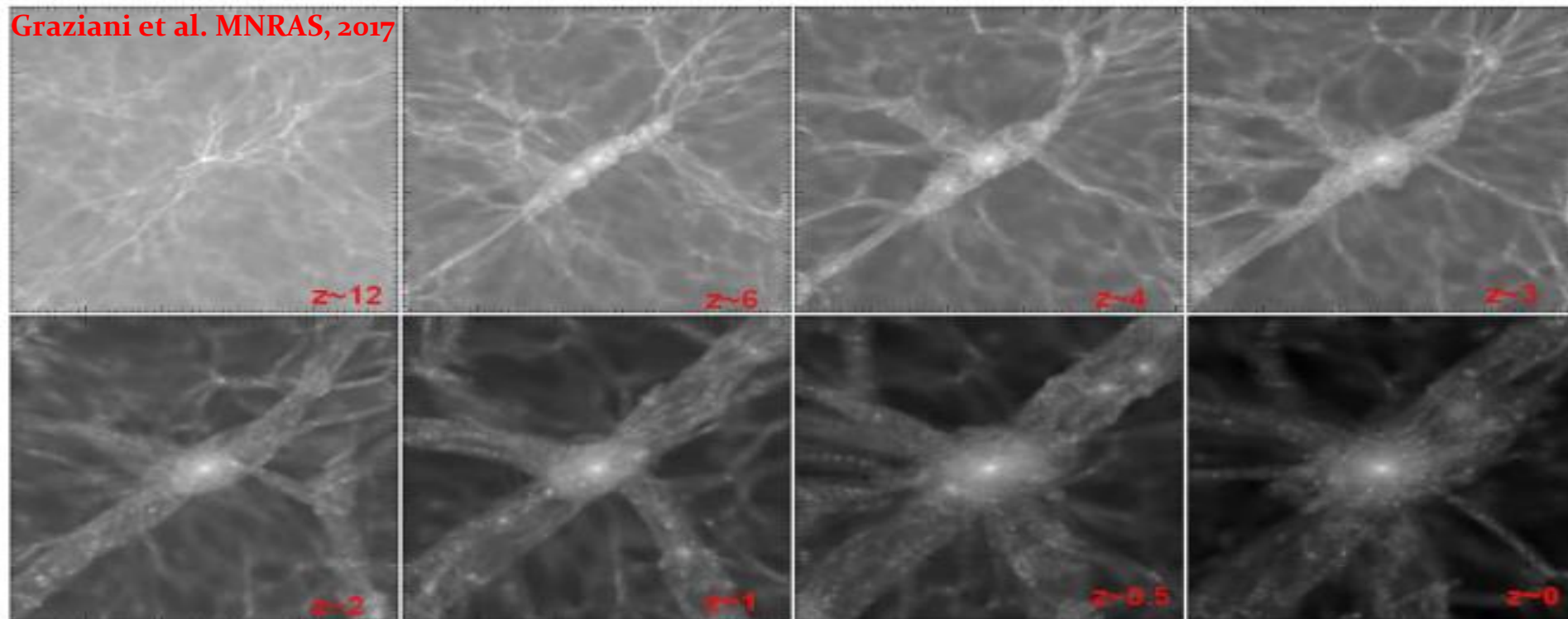


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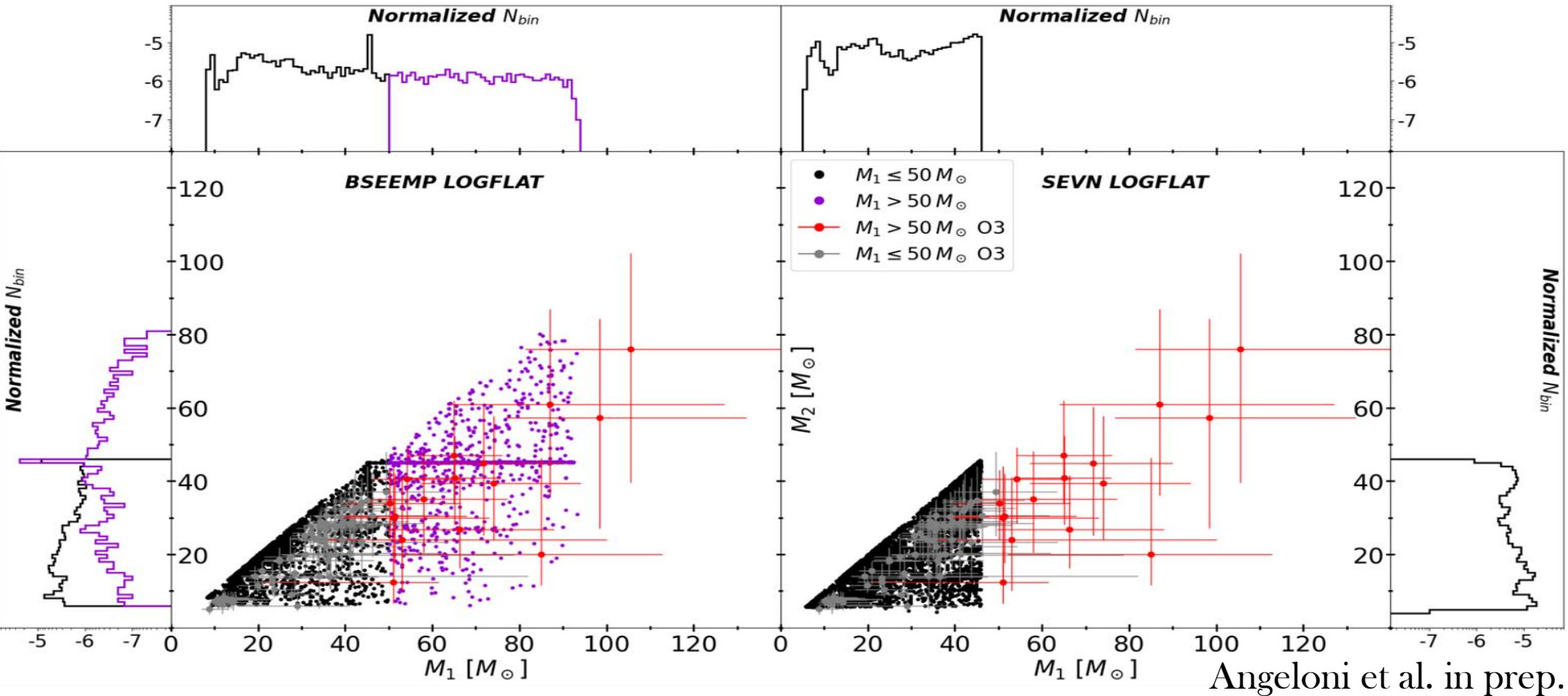
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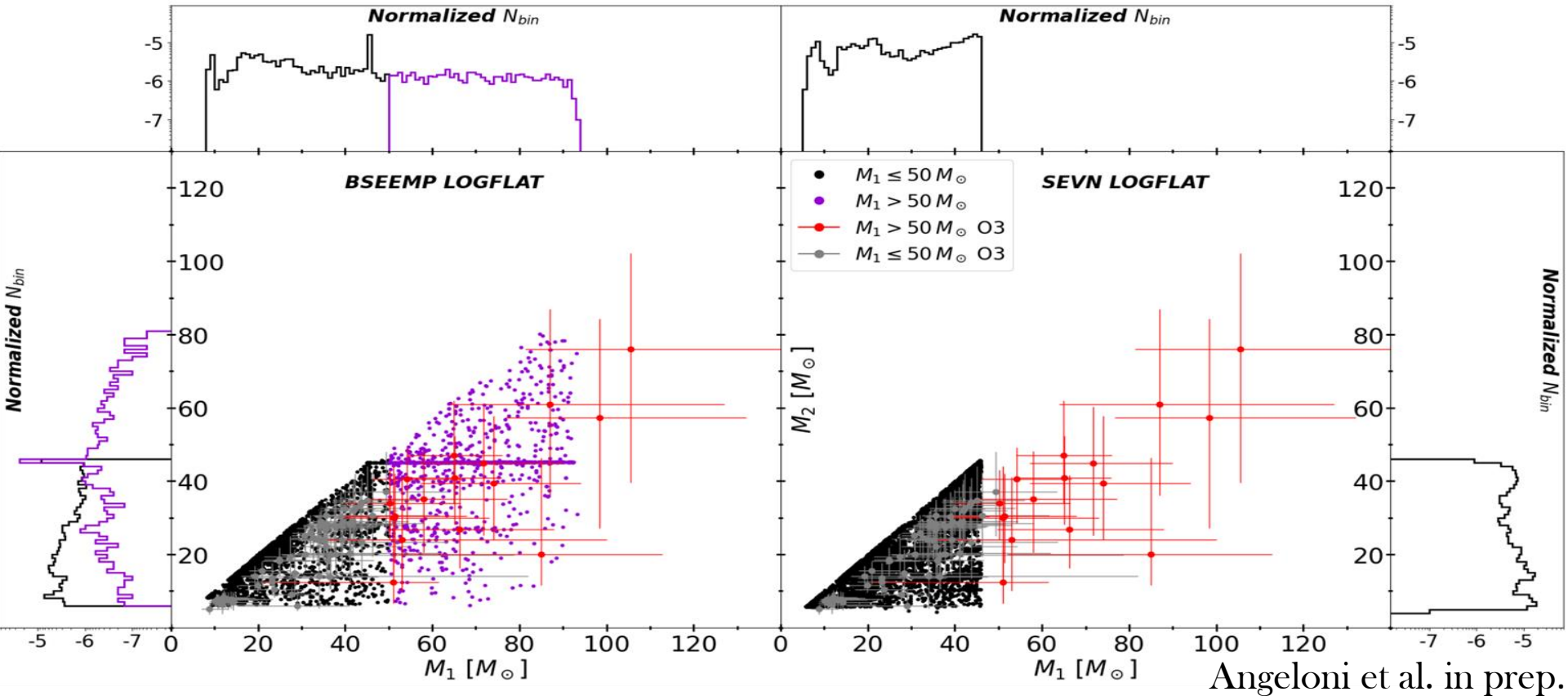
- Semi-numeric model: N-body + semi-analytic model for baryons;
- Simulated volume: 5^3 cMpc^3 (Local Group-like) with the Milky Way at centre and resolved mini-halos;
- Fast and flexible runs coupled with BPS still require HPC.



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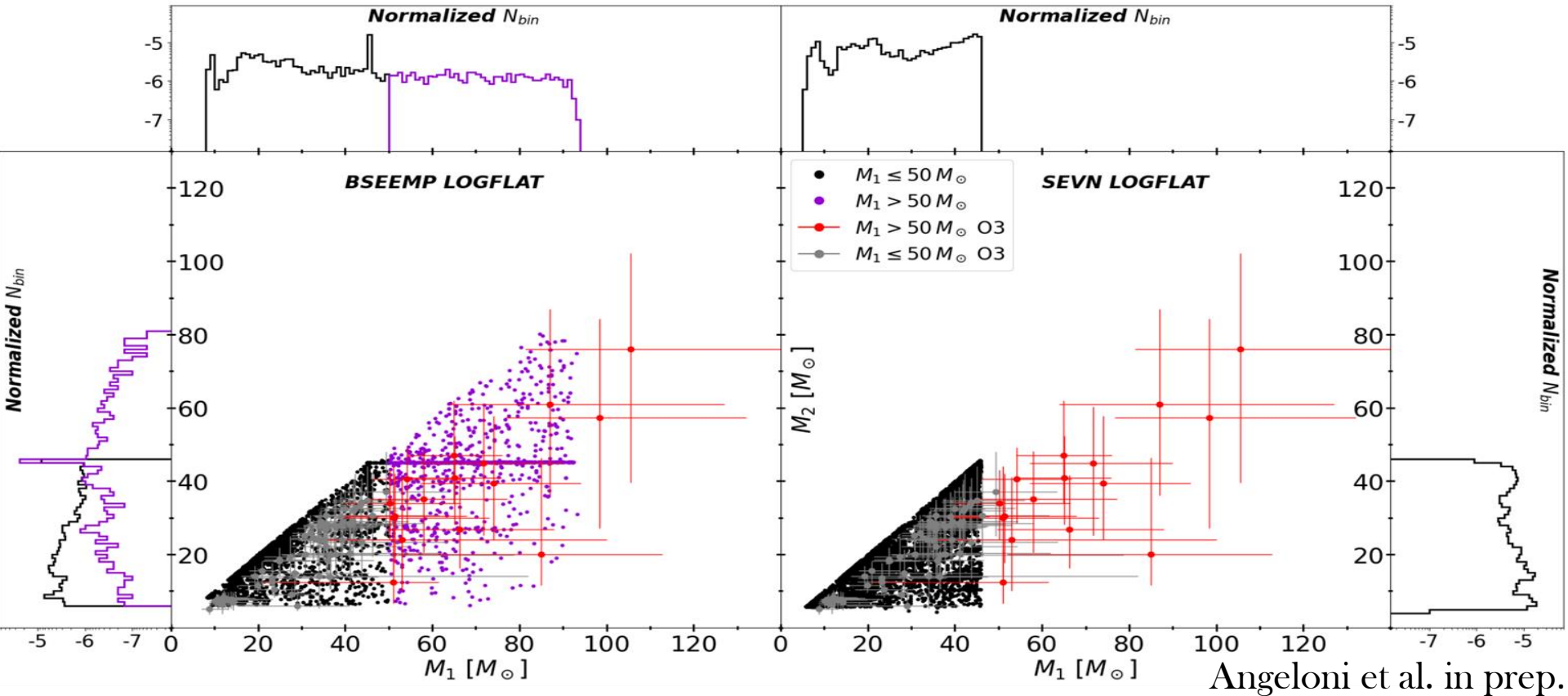
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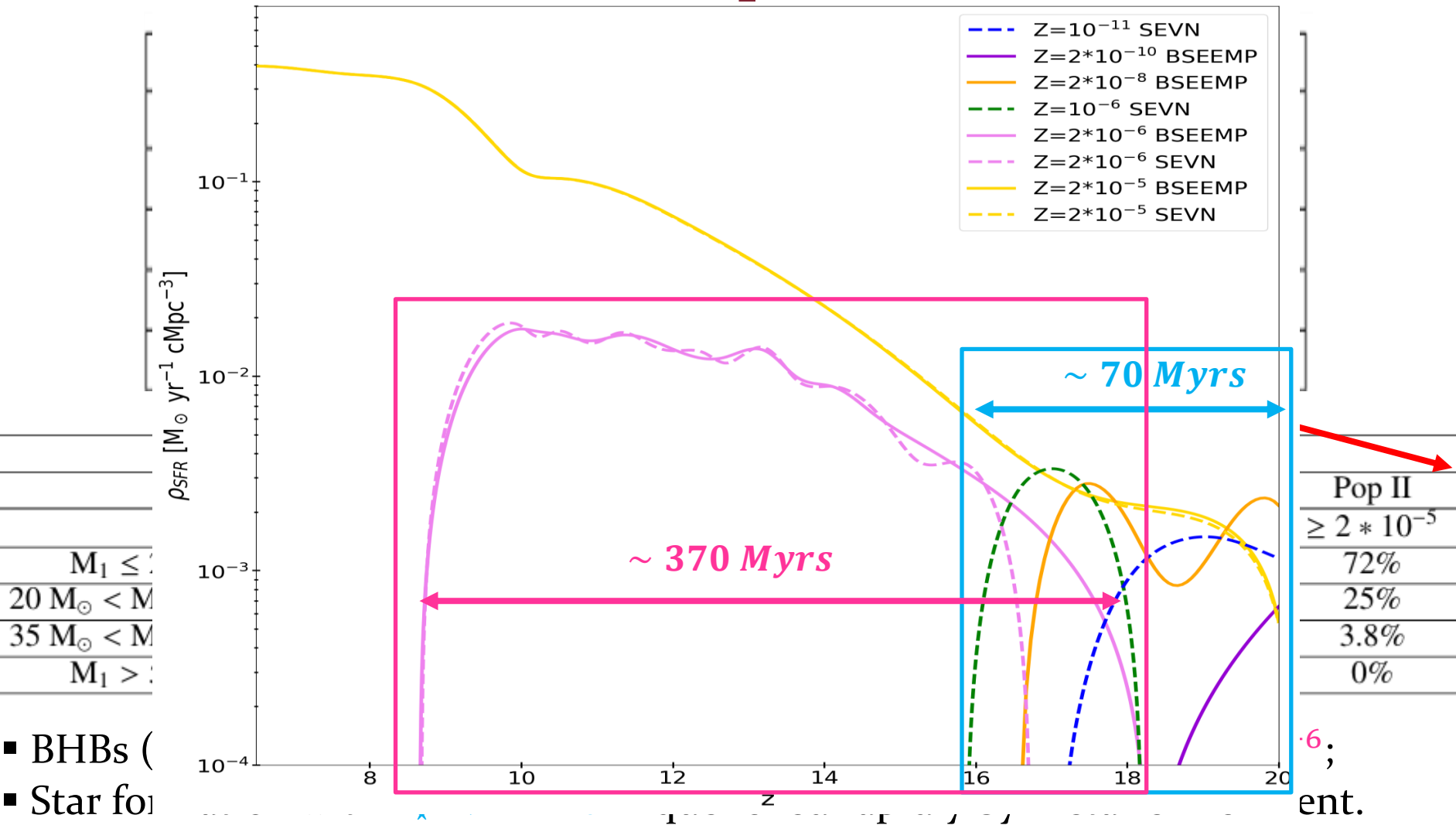
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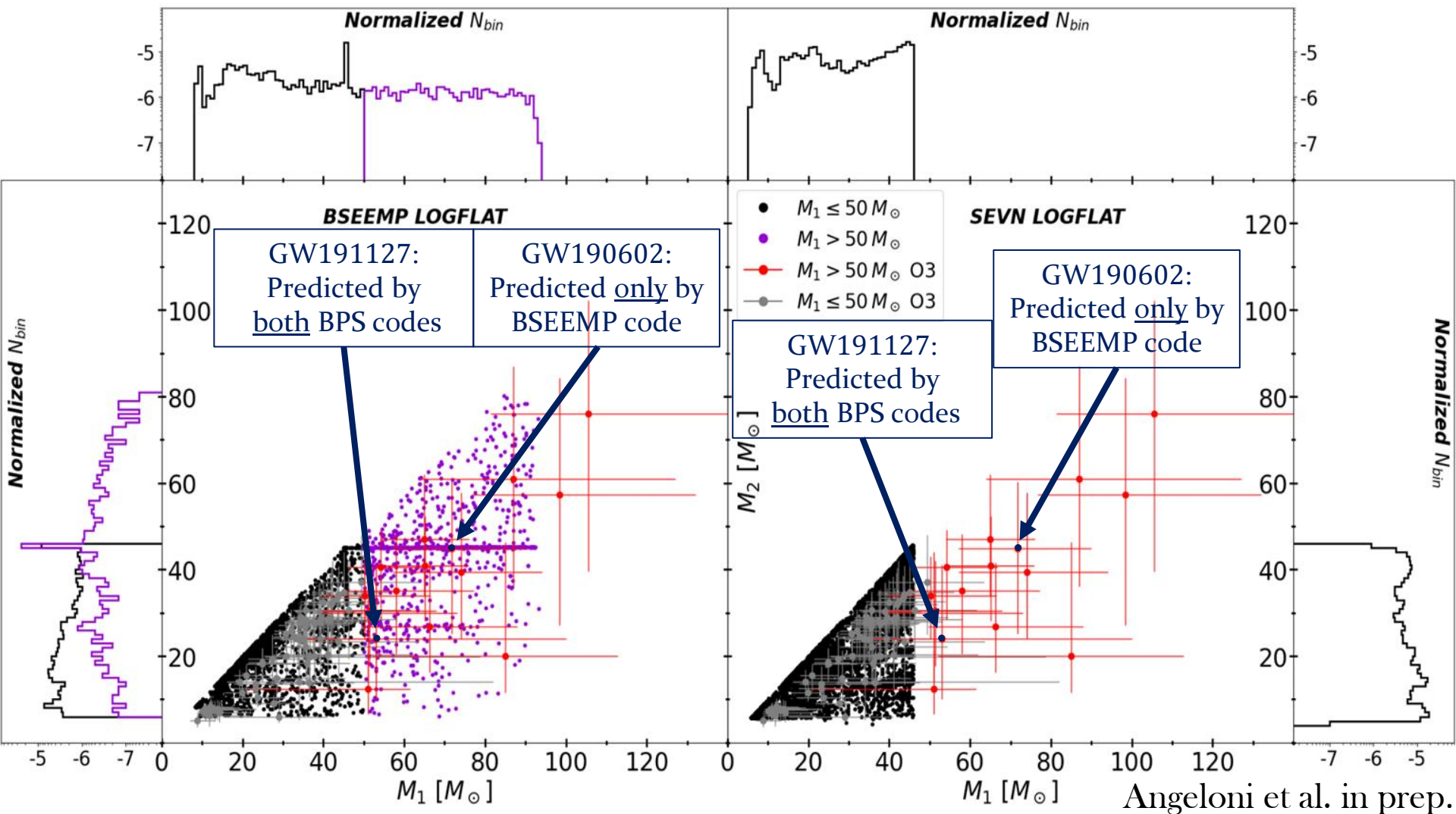


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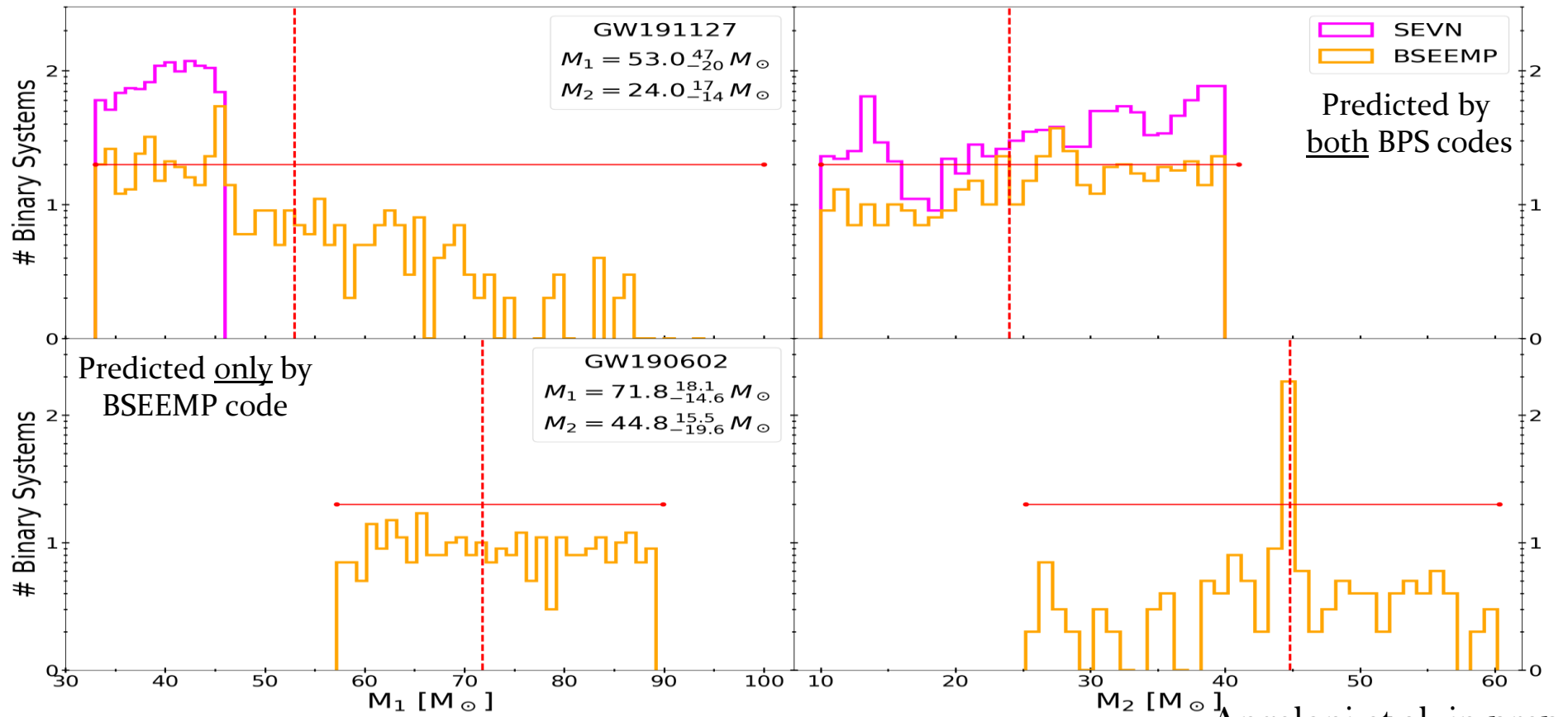
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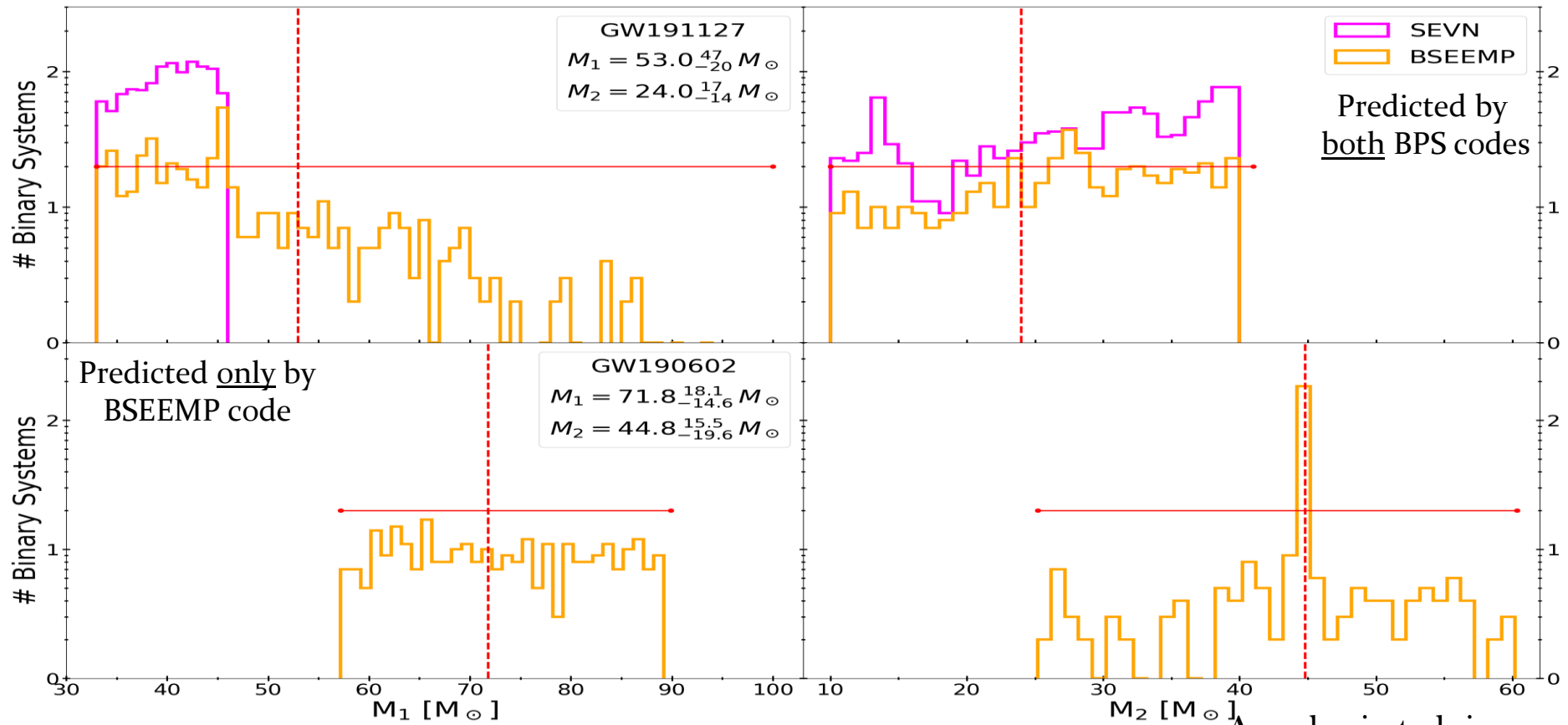
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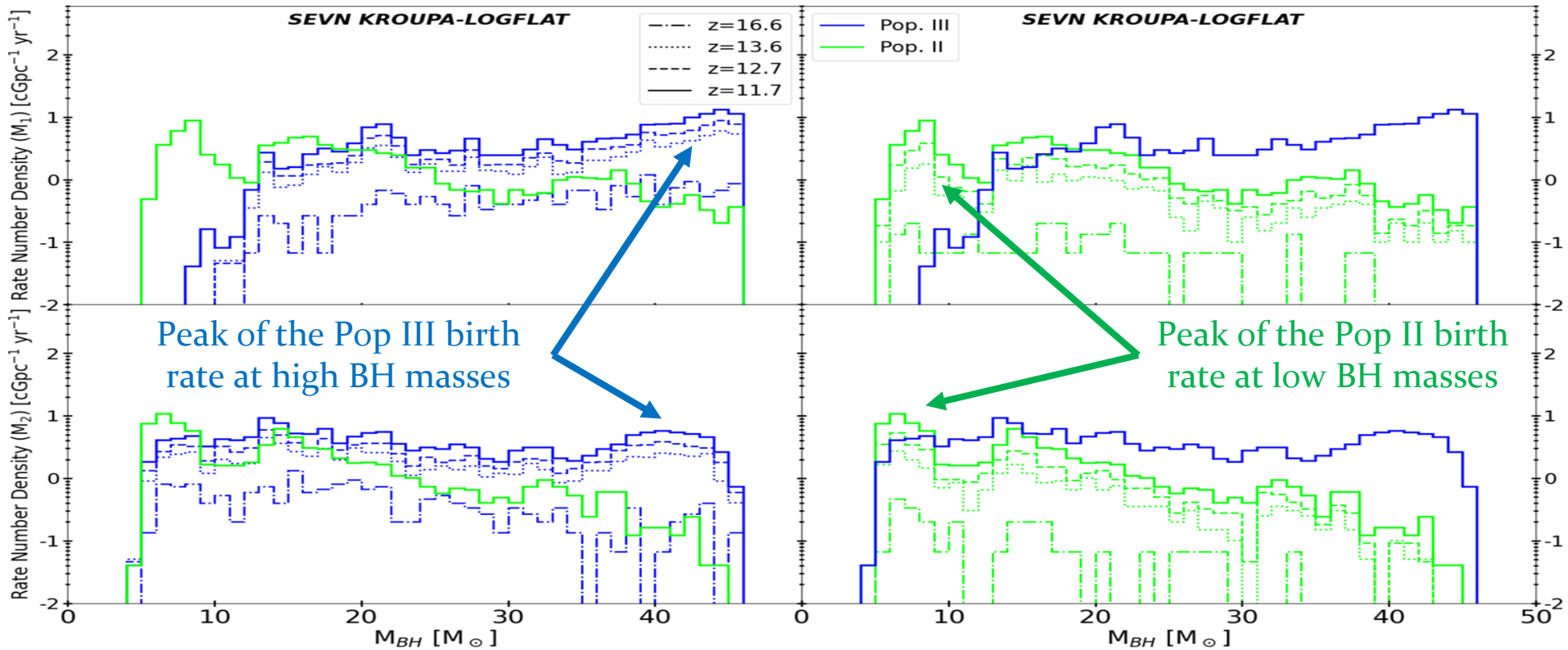
Next steps and future perspectives

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- 2) Predictions for the future interferometers ET, CE and LISA;
- 3) Cosmological prediction of merger and birth rate density of all populations by the coupling with the cosmological fully hydrodynamic zoom-in simulation dustyGadget (Graziani et al. *MNRAS*, 2020);
- 4) Impact of dynamical formation channel on the O₃ events.



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Redshift evolution BHB formation rate from Pop III and II binary stars



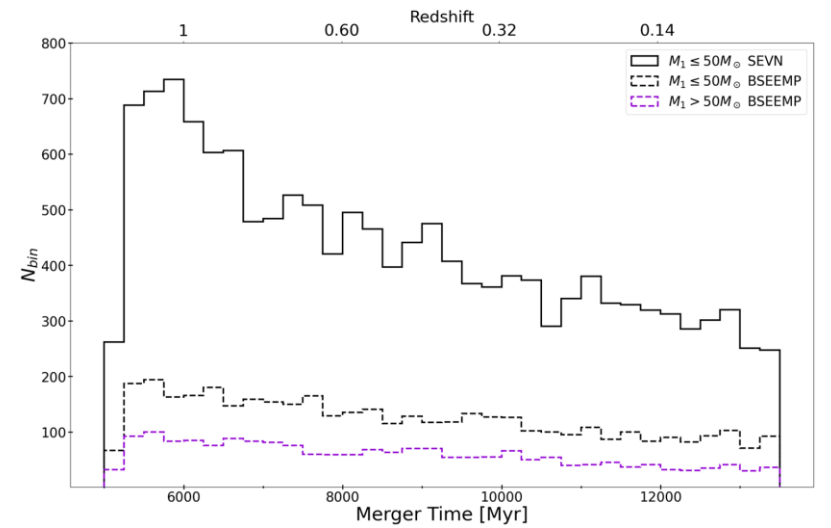
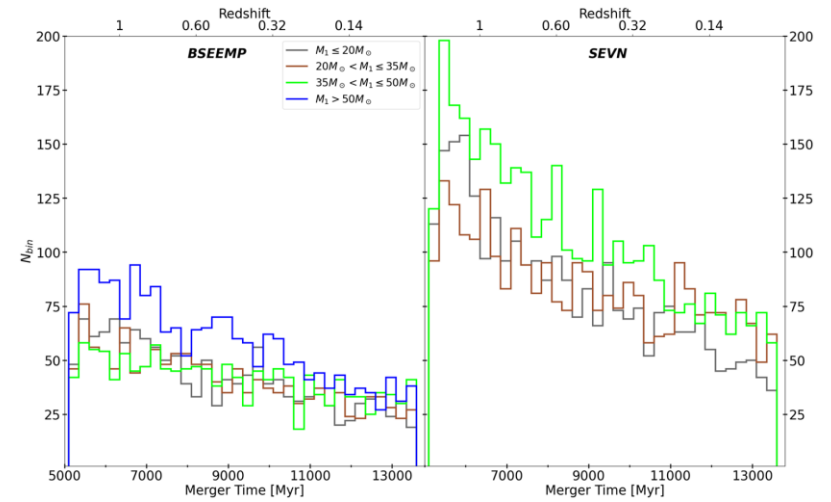
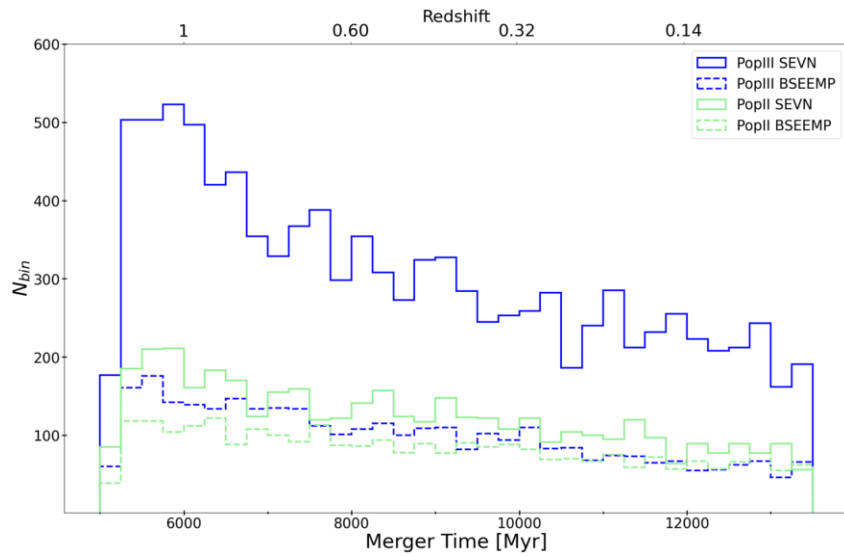
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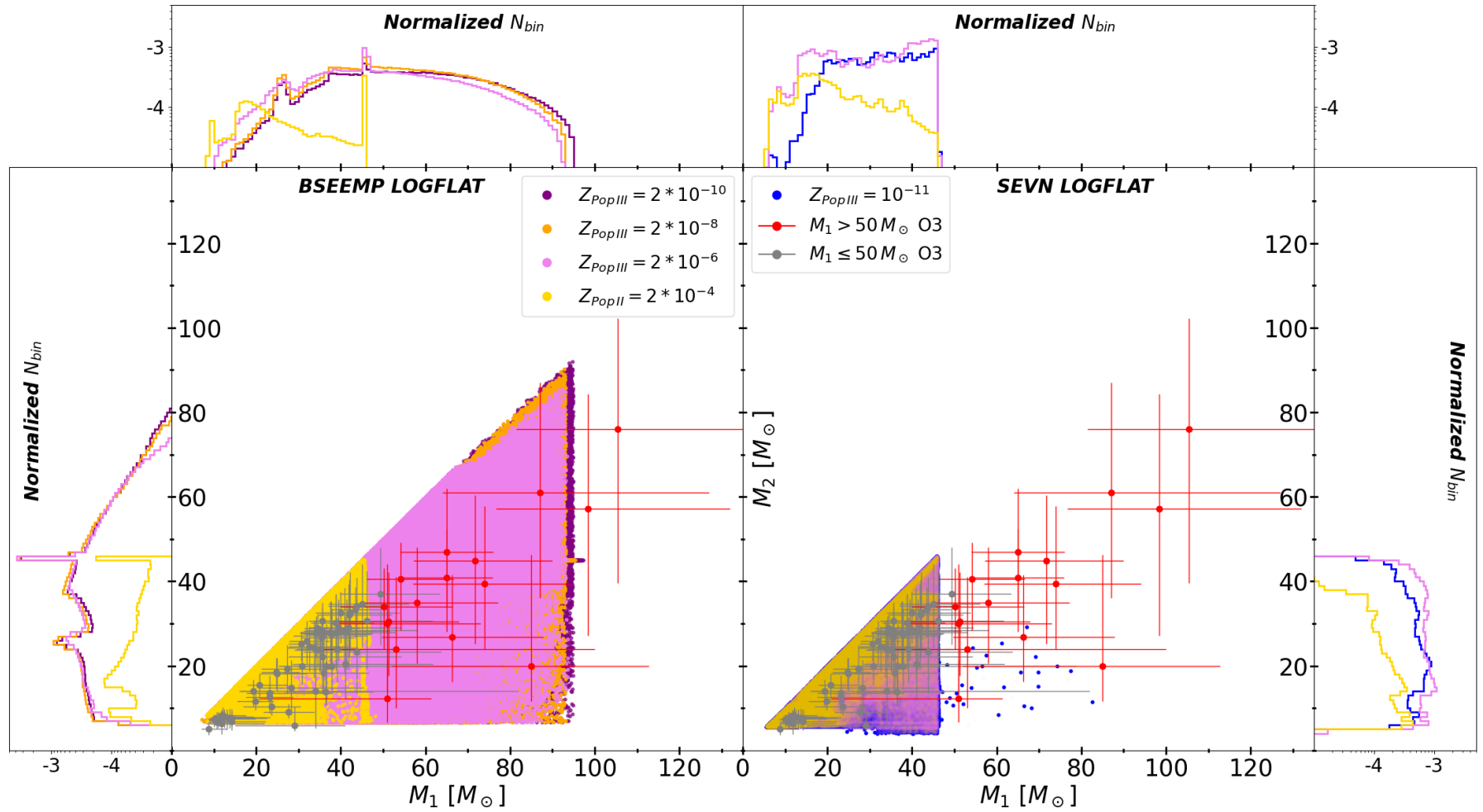
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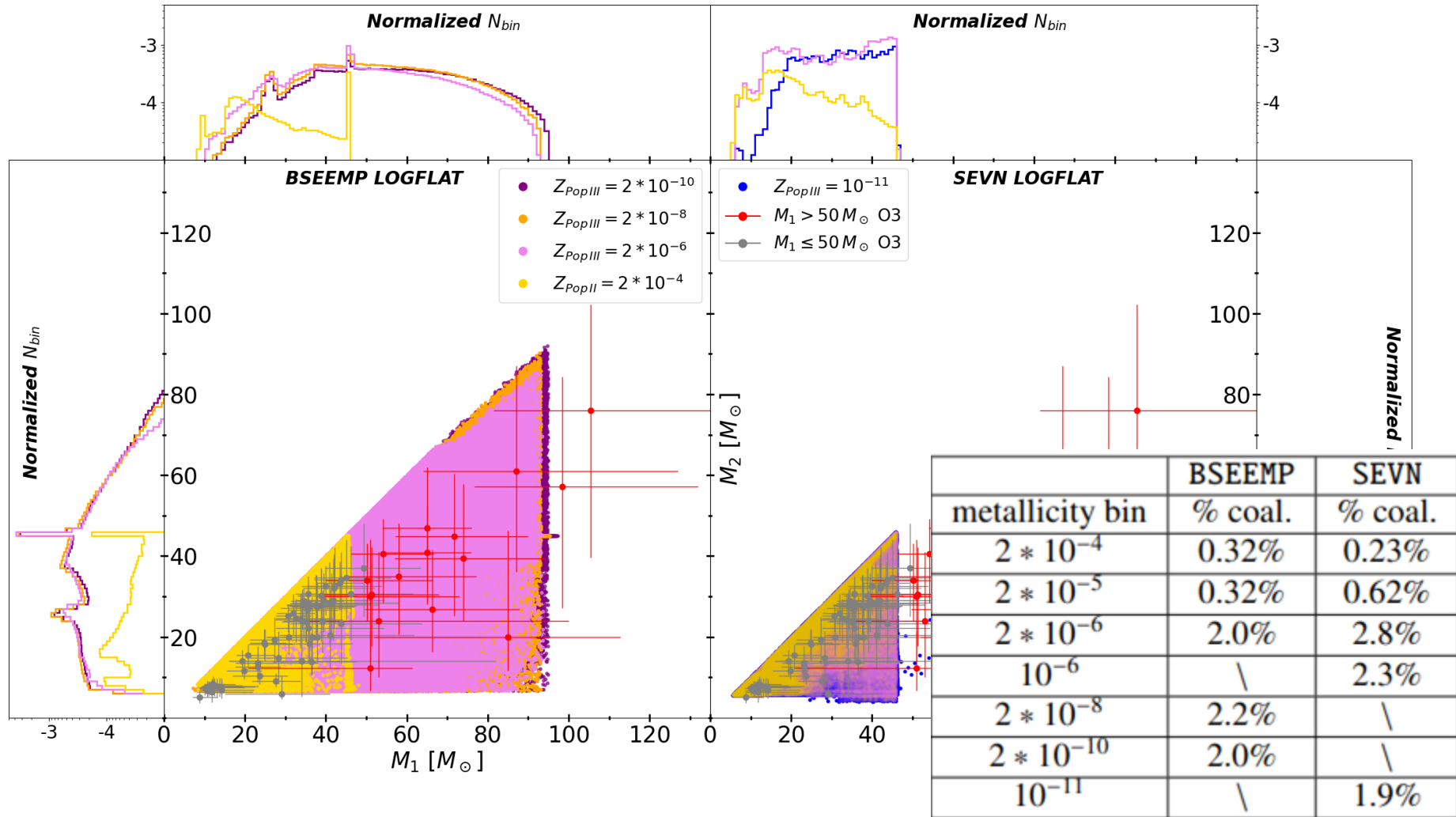


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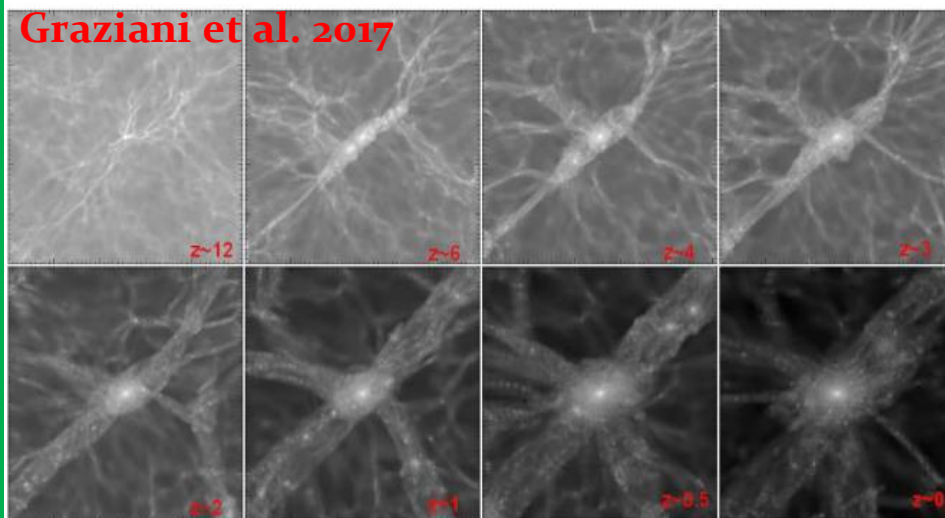


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dustyGadget

Simulated volume: 50 cMpc

- Fully hydrodynamic simulation: N-body + gas hydrodynamics;
- More accurate;
- More computationally expensive → HPC facilities.

