

# BPASS predictions for Binary Black-Hole Mergers

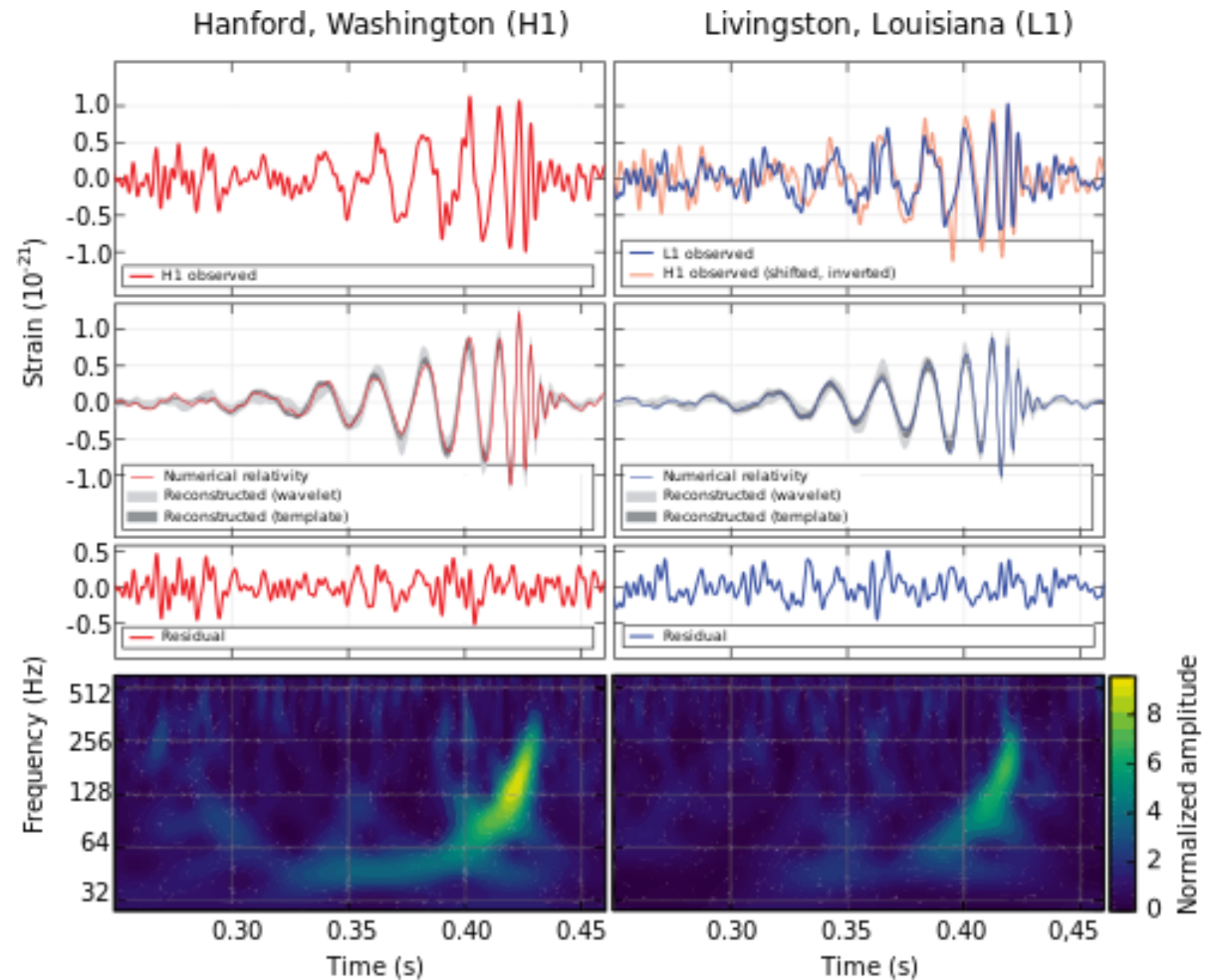
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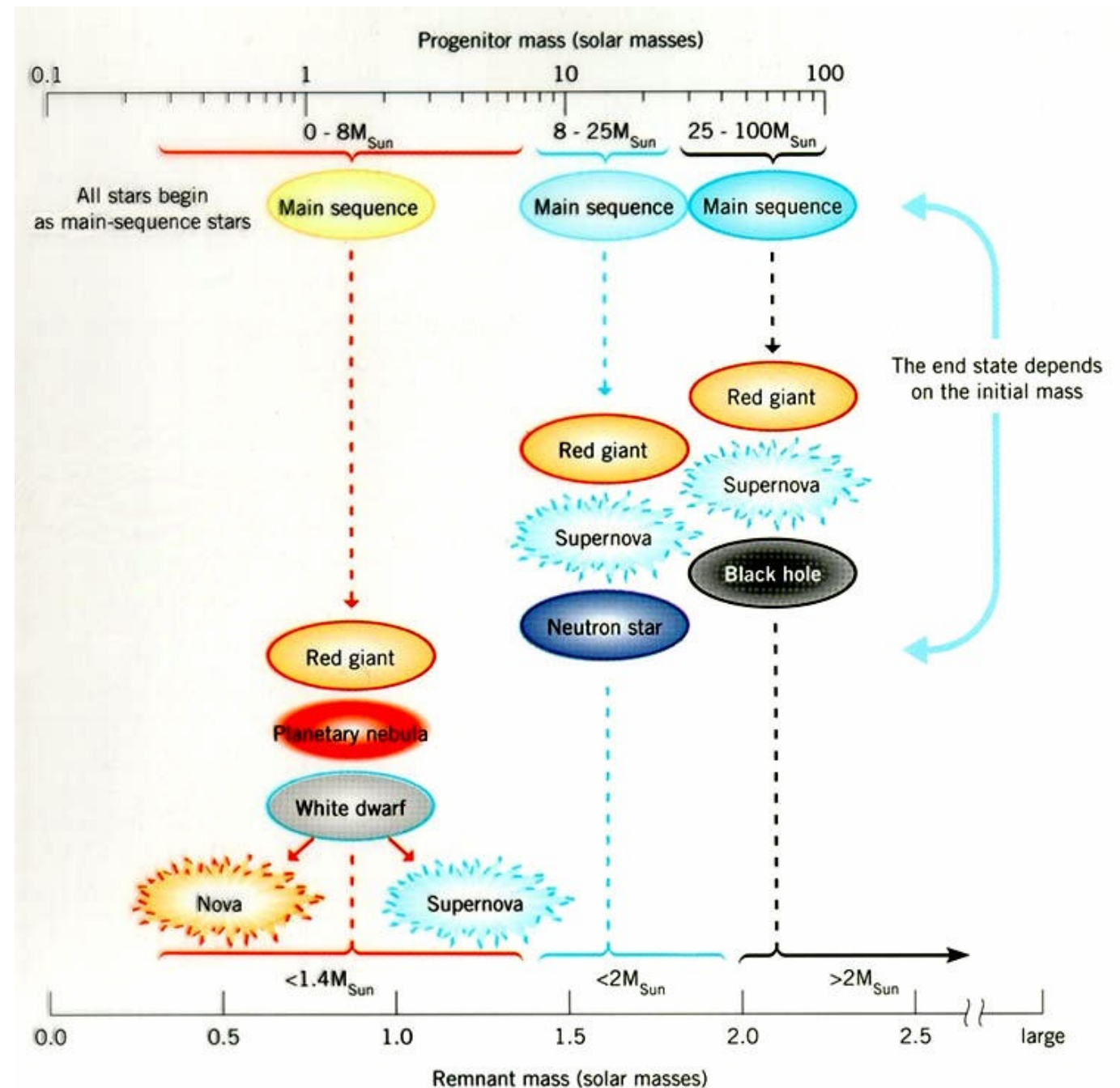
# GW 150914

- Motivated by the 1st LIGO event -  $36 \pm 5$  &  $29 \pm 4 M_{\odot}$
- Low probability for  $Z > 0.5 Z_{\odot}$
- Age is unimportant
- electromagnetic follow-up



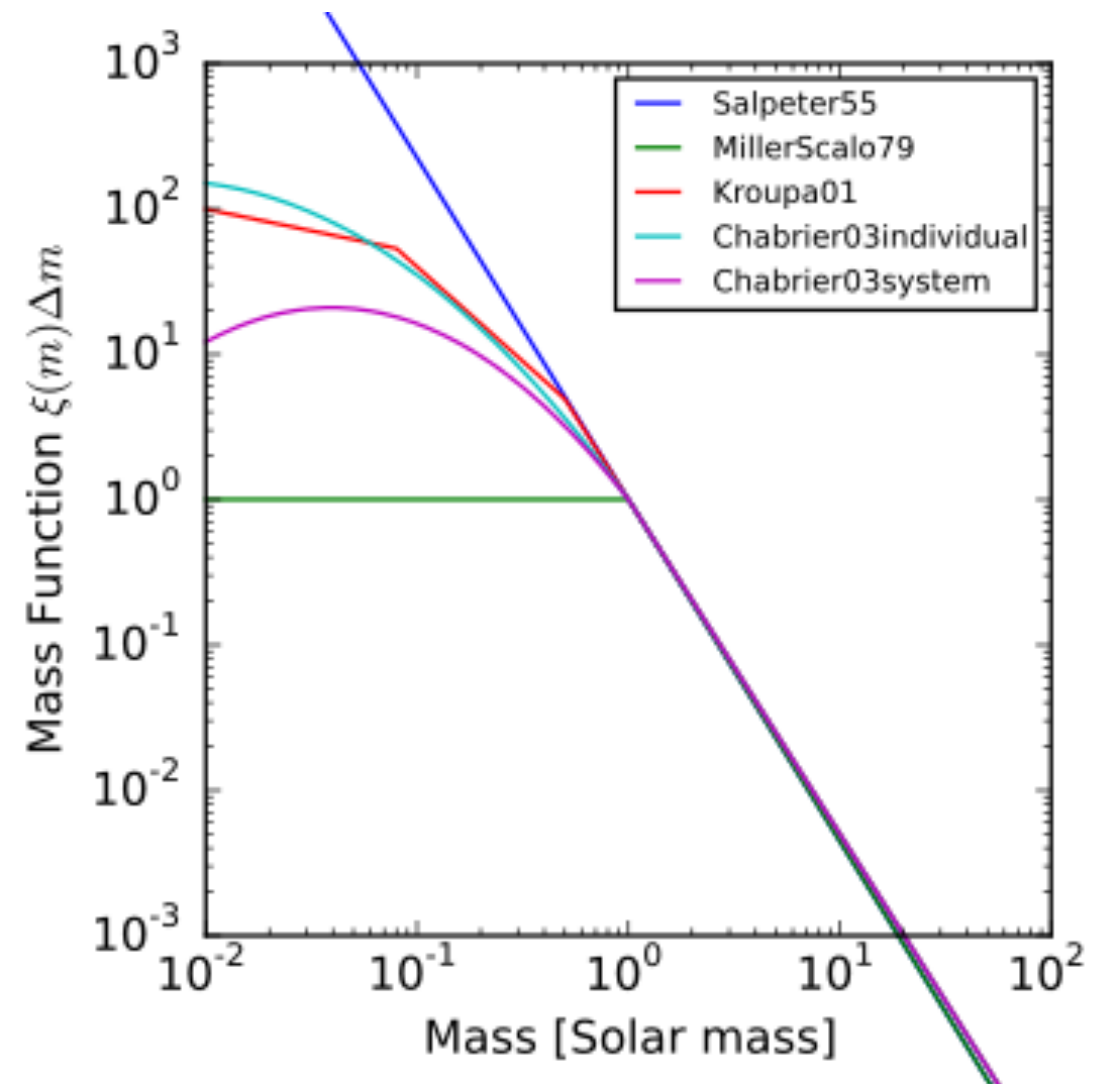
# BH-BH mergers

- All BHs are thought to be the end of stellar evolution
- initial mass needed  $> 20 M_{\odot}$
- Stellar Population Synthesis is necessary to predict the rates of BH formation and BH binary objects
- Most massive stars may be in binary interactions (70 %)

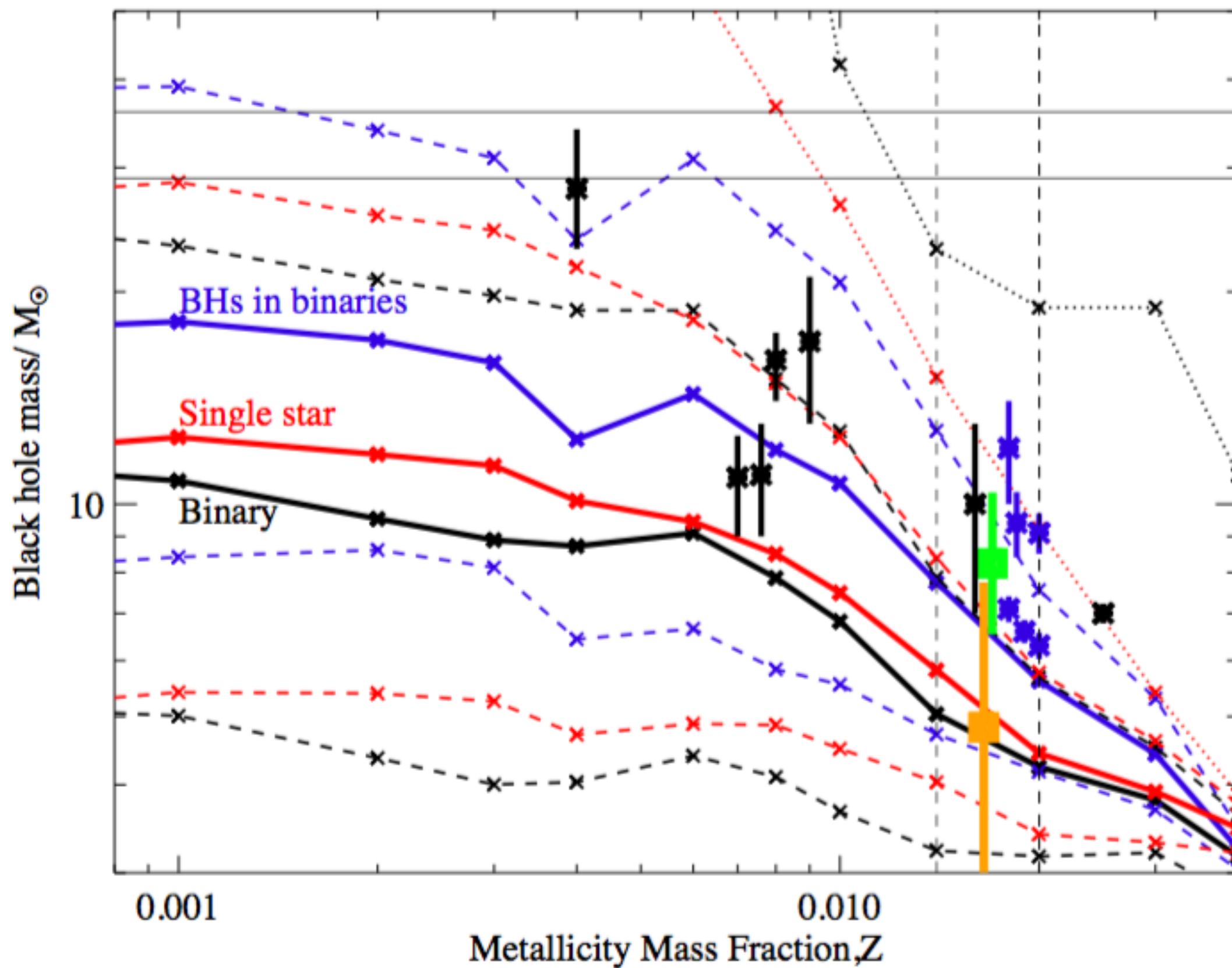


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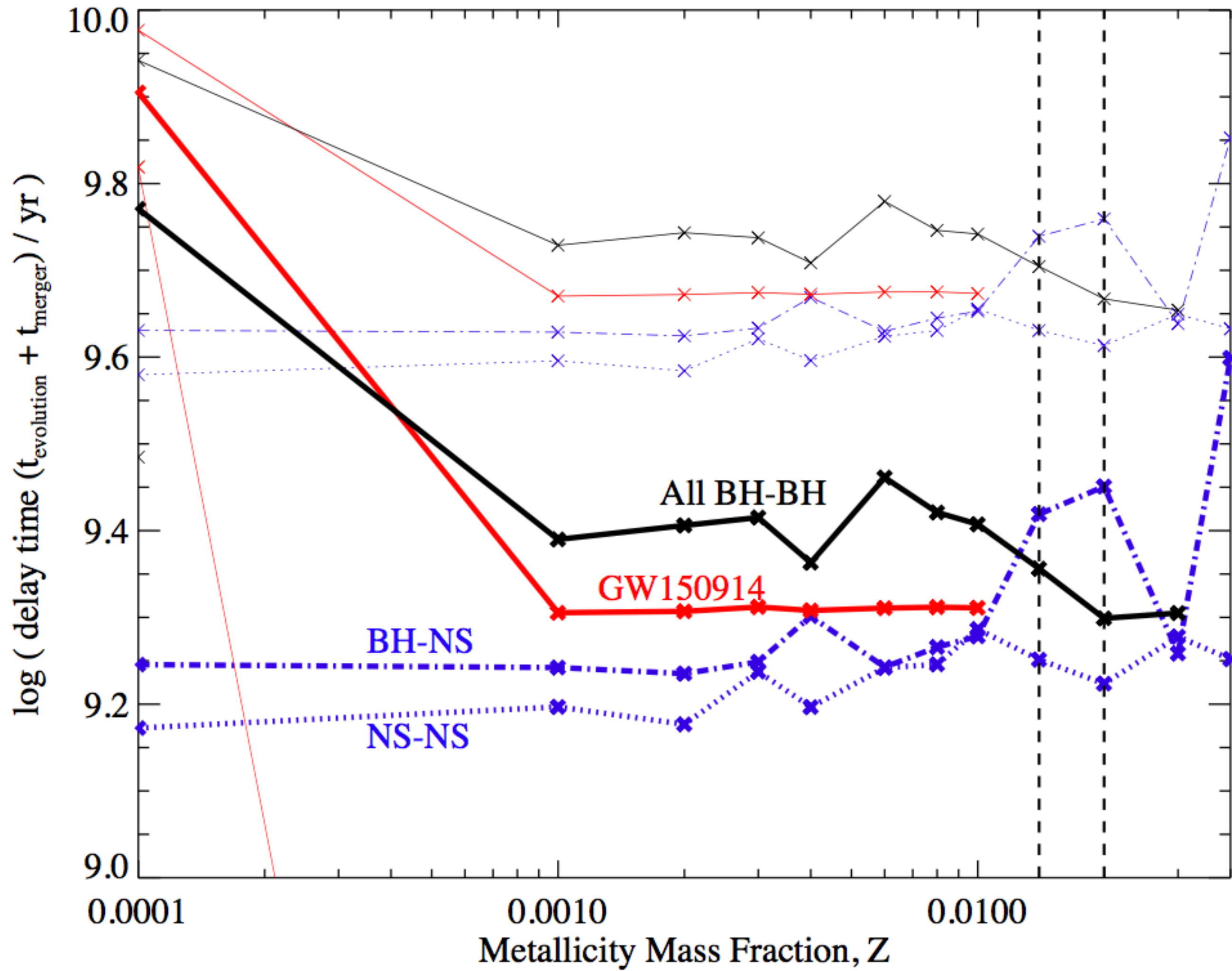
- Large Star evolution grid compared to rapid population synthesis codes (RSCodes)
- Models are improved by including the effect of binaries
- Uncertainties can't be explored as with RSCodes
- IMF power law slope of -1.3 from 0.1-0.5 and -2.35 from 0.5-300

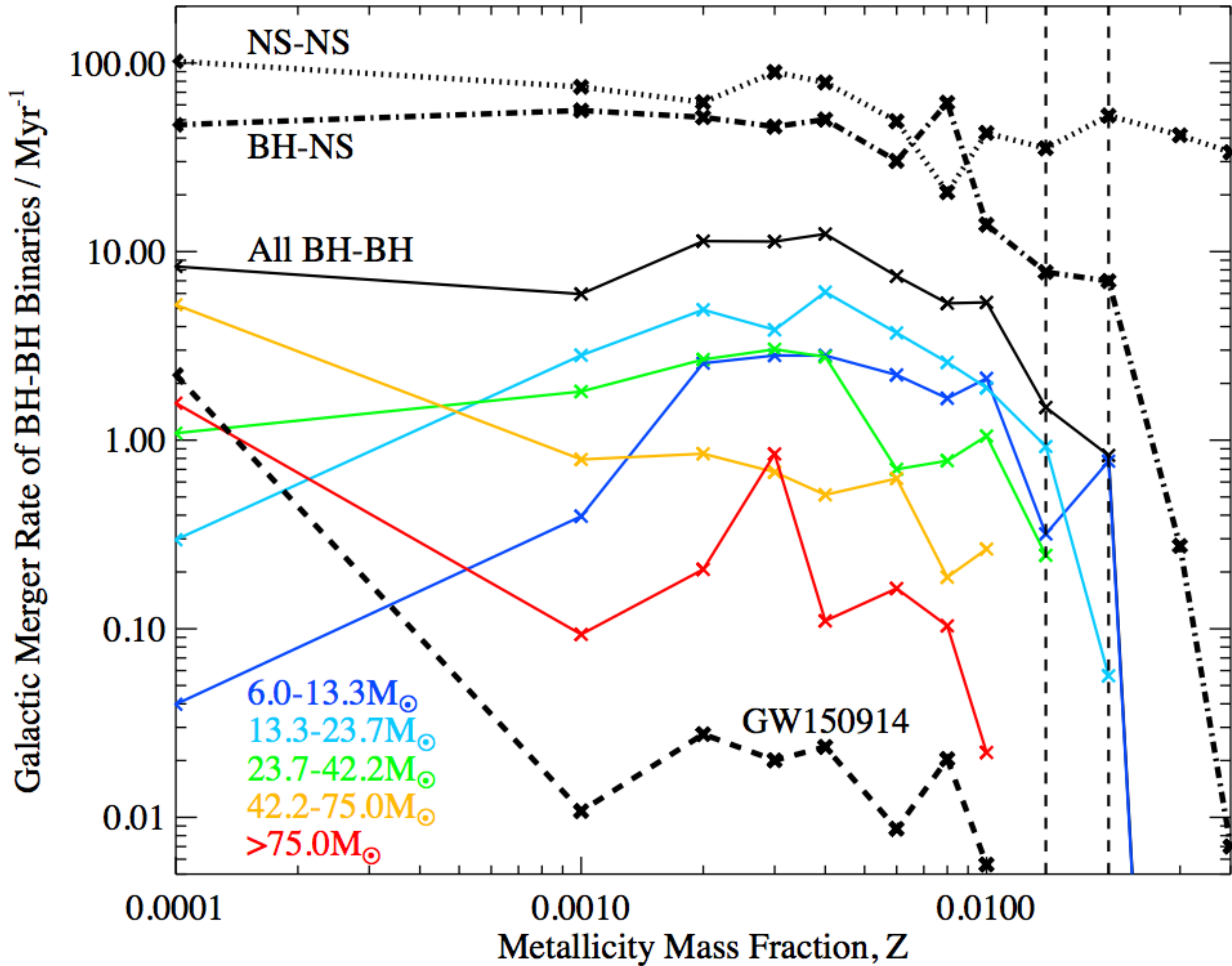


# Predicted BH masses to those in nature









# Typical orbital parameters for binary BH mergers

$Z$	Fraction of QHE systems				Galactic Merger Rate / $\text{Myr}^{-1}$				$e$	$M_{\text{BHtot}} / M_{\odot}$	$\log(P / \text{days})$
	NS-NS	BH-NS	BH-BH	GW150914	NS-NS	BH-NS	BH-BH	GW150914			
$10^{-5}$	0	0.061	0.878	0.989	160	29	3.1	0.14	$0.34 \pm 0.32$	$72 \pm 49$	$0.7 \pm 0.7$
$10^{-4}$	0	0.008	0.858	0.988	100	47	8.3	2.2	$0.24 \pm 0.31$	$67 \pm 36$	$0.7 \pm 0.6$
0.001	0	0.011	0.721	0.000	75	56	6.0	0.011	$0.92 \pm 0.16$	$28 \pm 15$	$1.7 \pm 0.9$
0.002	0	0.023	0.692	0.000	62	52	11	0.028	$0.91 \pm 0.19$	$24 \pm 19$	$1.5 \pm 0.8$
0.003	0.024	0.026	0.653	0.0002	89	46	11	0.021	$0.86 \pm 0.27$	$29 \pm 29$	$1.4 \pm 0.8$
0.004	0.033	0.024	0.685	0.049	79	50	12	0.024	$0.93 \pm 0.14$	$21 \pm 13$	$1.5 \pm 0.8$
0.006	0	0	0	0	49	30	7.4	0.009	$0.84 \pm 0.26$	$21 \pm 16$	$1.2 \pm 0.8$
0.008	0	0	0	0	21	62	5.3	0.019	$0.89 \pm 0.16$	$21 \pm 20$	$1.2 \pm 0.9$
0.010	0	0	0	0	43	14	5.4	0.006	$0.87 \pm 0.22$	$20 \pm 12$	$1.4 \pm 0.8$
0.014	0	0	0	0	35	7.8	1.5	0	$0.95 \pm 0.11$	$17 \pm 5$	$1.8 \pm 0.7$
0.020	0	0	0	0	52	7.0	0.82	0	$0.98 \pm 0.02$	$10 \pm 2$	$1.6 \pm 0.5$
0.030	0	0	0	0	41	0.27	$2 \times 10^{-7}$	0	$0.9996 \pm 0.0003$	8	$3.6 \pm 0.1$
0.040	0	0	0	0	34	0.007	0	0	0	0	0



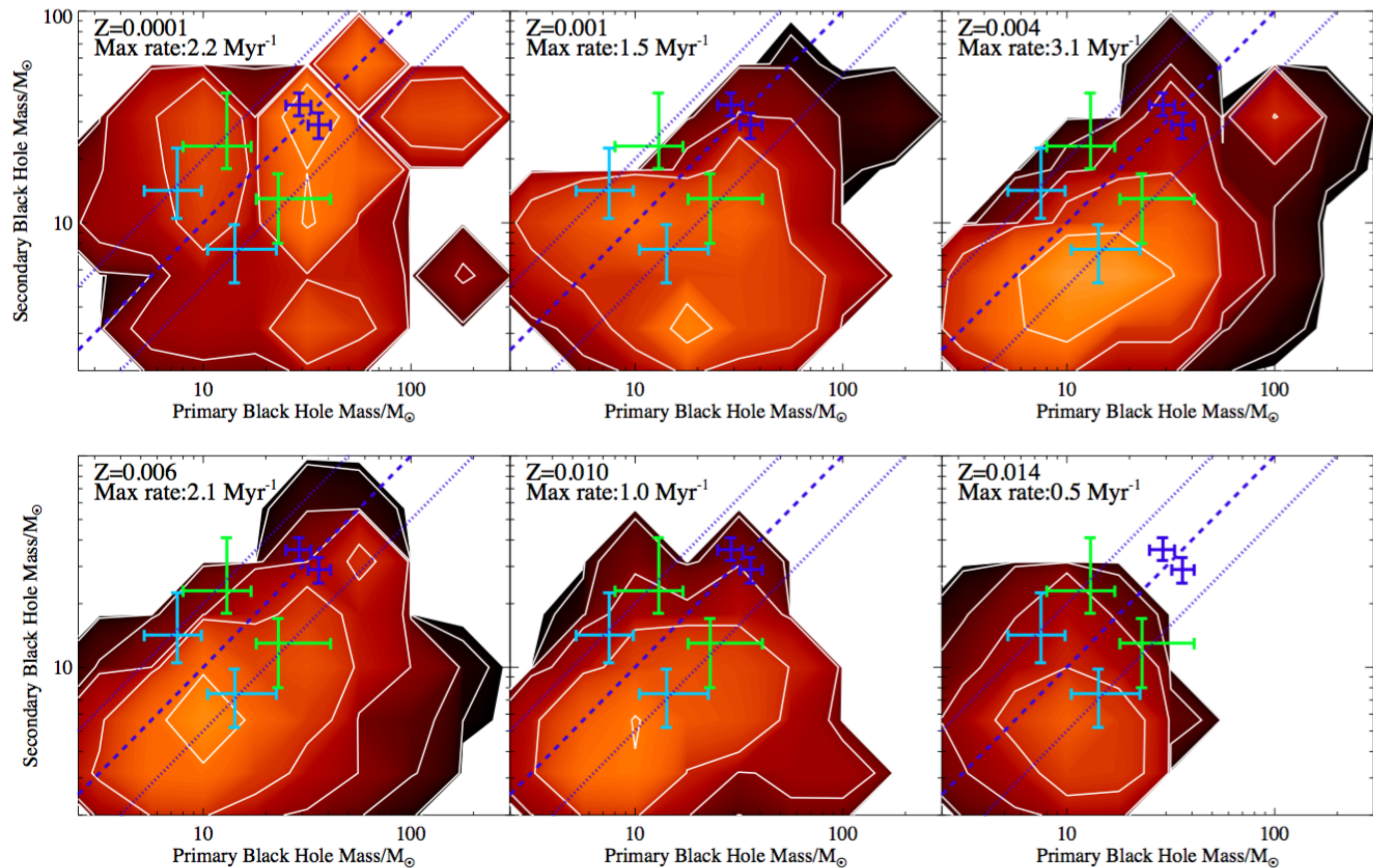
# System that look like those of GW 150914

$Z$	$M_{1,i}$ / $M_{\odot}$	$M_{2,i}$ / $M_{\odot}$	$\log(P_{i,1})$ /days)	$M_{1,BH}$ / $M_{\odot}$	$M_{2,pSN}$ / $M_{\odot}$	$\log(P_{i,2})$ /days)	$M_{1,BH}$ / $M_{\odot}$	$M_{2,BH}$ / $M_{\odot}$	$e$	$M_{BHtot}$ / $M_{\odot}$	$\log(P/$ days)
$10^{-5}$	40–80, 100	20–90	$\geq 0$	25–40	35–100	0.6–0.8, $\geq 3.8$	20–40	27–40	$0.05 \pm 0.08$	$79 \pm 4$	$0.7 \pm 0.2$
$10^{-4}$	60–80, 120	24–65	$\geq 0.6$	25–40	40–70	$\geq 3.6$	25–40	24–40	$0.07 \pm 0.06$	$69 \pm 6$	$0.6 \pm 0.2$
0.001	80, 100	40–72	$\geq 0.6$	32–40	70–100	$\geq 3.6$	32–41	28–41	$0.9994 \pm 0.0006$	$67 \pm 6$	$4.0 \pm 0.3$
0.002	120	40–110	$\geq 0.8$	32–40	70–100	$\geq 3.2$	25–41	25–35	$0.9994 \pm 0.0006$	$64 \pm 6$	$4.0 \pm 0.3$
0.003	100–200, 300	60–180	$\geq 0.8$	32–40	80–100	$\geq 3.4$	32–40	24–31	$0.9993 \pm 0.0006$	$63 \pm 6$	$4.0 \pm 0.4$
0.004	120–200, 300	75–180	$\geq 1$	25–40	100–120	$\geq 3.2$	25–40	27–38	$0.9994 \pm 0.0006$	$62 \pm 7$	$4.1 \pm 0.4$
0.006	100–300	70–150	$\geq 0$	32–40	120–150	$\geq 3.4$	25–40	24–41	$0.9994 \pm 0.0007$	$68 \pm 9$	$4.1 \pm 0.5$
0.008	200	180	$\geq 1.4$	25–32	120–200	$\geq 2.4$	25–34	26–37	$0.9994 \pm 0.0007$	$57 \pm 6$	$4.1 \pm 0.5$
0.010	200	120	1.2	16–25	120	$\geq 2$	25–40	25	$0.9991 \pm 0.0008$	$50 \pm 1$	$3.8 \pm 0.4$

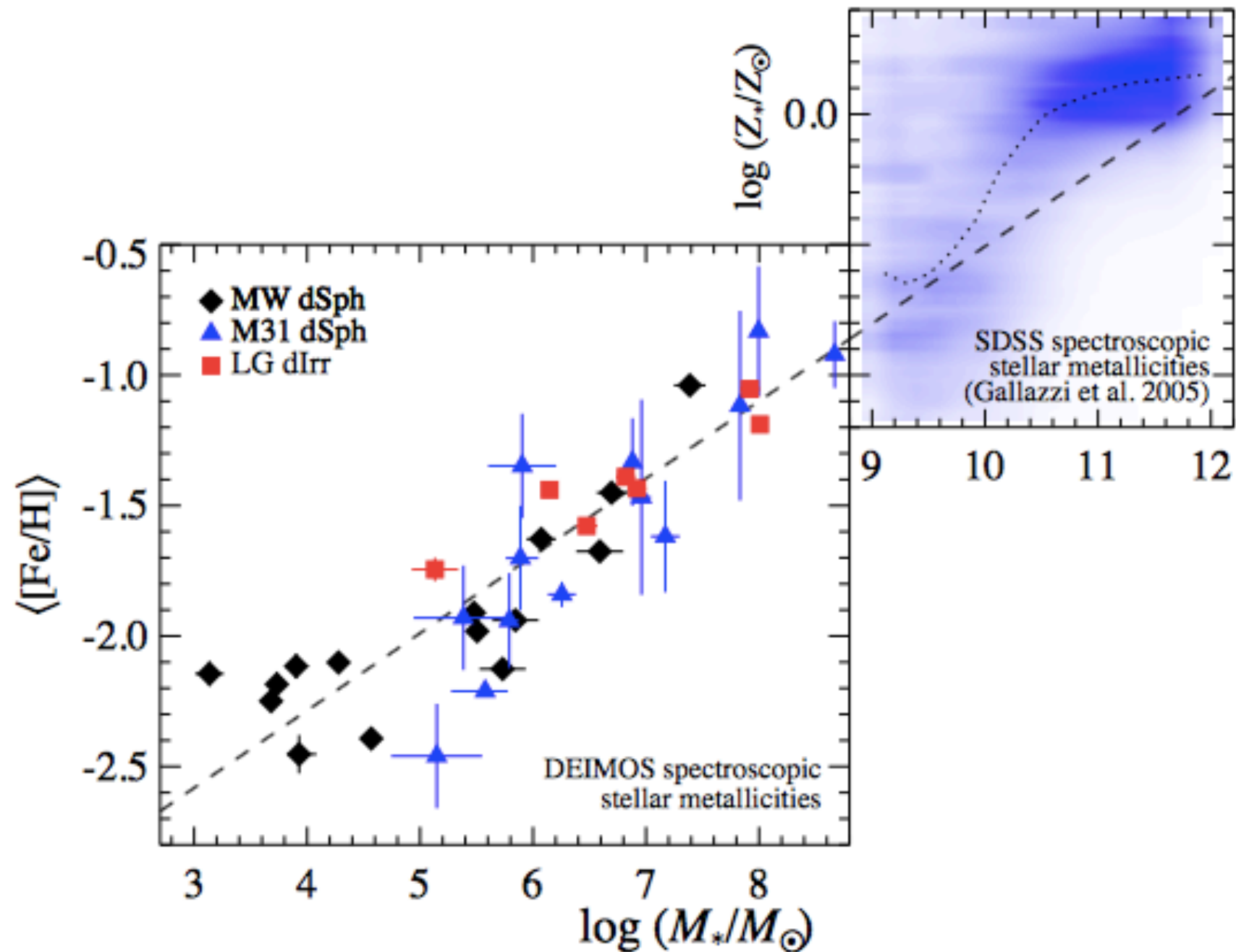
$Z$	Mean Chirp Mass, $\mathcal{M}_0$			Relative detection rate		
	NS-NS	BH-NS	BH-BH	NS-NS	BH-NS	BH-BH
$10^{-5}$	1.22	$3.08 \pm 1.04$	$27.3 \pm 18.1$	2.44	4.52	115
$10^{-3}$	1.22	$3.15 \pm 0.93$	$25.5 \pm 12.9$	1.58	7.80	258
0.001	1.22	$3.06 \pm 0.86$	$9.47 \pm 4.40$	1.16	8.64	15.5
0.002	1.22	$2.93 \pm 0.82$	$8.77 \pm 7.18$	0.96	7.13	24.5
0.003	1.22	$2.88 \pm 0.72$	$10.9 \pm 11.3$	1.38	6.10	42.1
0.004	1.22	$2.66 \pm 0.63$	$7.79 \pm 4.30$	1.22	5.48	19.9
0.006	1.22	$2.61 \pm 0.61$	$8.07 \pm 5.64$	0.76	3.13	12.9
0.008	1.22	$3.99 \pm 1.79$	$7.18 \pm 3.64$	0.32	18.4	6.94
0.01	1.22	$2.54 \pm 0.61$	$7.21 \pm 3.42$	0.66	1.35	7.07
0.014	1.22	$2.55 \pm 0.96$	$6.45 \pm 1.60$	0.55	0.77	1.49
0.02	1.22	$2.14 \pm 0.41$	$4.07 \pm 0.68$	0.81	0.44	0.26
0.03	1.22	$2.52 \pm 0.47$	$3.29 \pm 0.00$	0.64	0.03	$5 \times 10^{-8}$
0.04	1.22	$1.87 \pm 0.10$	$0.00 \pm 0.00$	0.52	0.0003	—
Mean	1.22	2.8	11	1	4.9	42



# BH Mass Ratio



- strong relation between metallicity and both stellar mass and luminosity
- may be pockets of low metallicity they are not likely to form high mass BH-BH mergers
- Dwarf galaxies have low metallicities (significantly less than solar)
- Tidal forces may be more important in dwarf galaxies



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# EM Follow - Up

- BH-BH mergers are considered poor candidates for EM detection
- Given the strong metallicity dependence of our results, using such catalogues may not be an optimal strategy for binary black hole mergers.
- the stars that ended their lives in GW 150914 likely formed at  $z \sim 2$ , and at metallicities significantly lower than those estimated in the star forming galaxy population at that redshift
- short-timescale binary black hole merger events are more likely to be associated with low mass, less luminous regions
- the most likely evolutionary path- way for GW 150914 is standard binary evolution