

# LIGO-Virgo efforts to study the post-merger remnant of the GW170817 event



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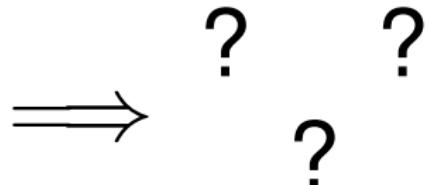
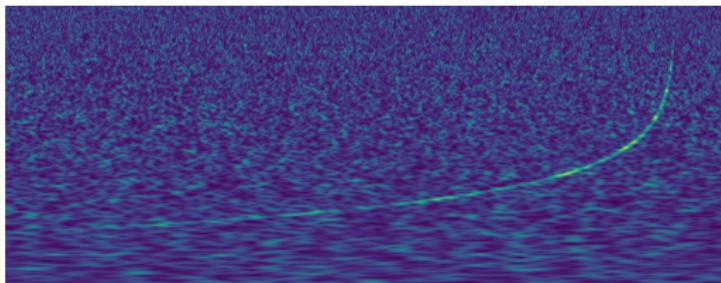
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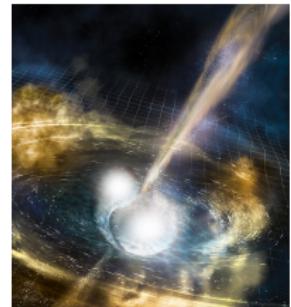
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## first golden multi-messenger source

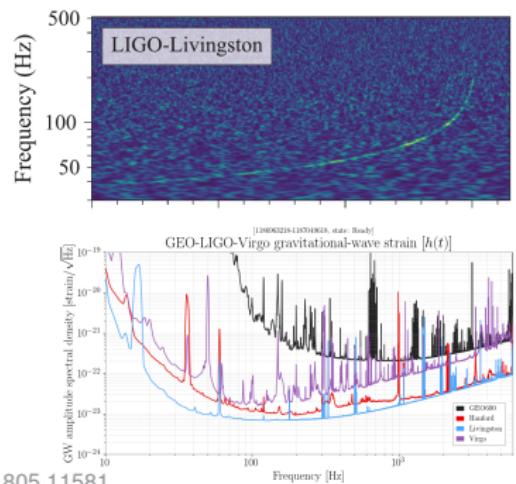
- binary neutron star (BNS) merger observed in GWs,  $\gamma$ -rays, X-rays, optical, IR, radio [1, 2]
- nuclear EoS constraints [1, 3, 4]
- $H_0$  standard siren measurement [5]
- tests of GR: speed of gravity etc [6]



[NSF/LIGO/SSU/A.Simonnet]

### from GW side:

- all information from *inspiral only*
- 'visible' chirp vanishes above  $\sim 400$  Hz due to rising detector noise
- close to Earth:  $d = 40^{+8}_{-14}$  Mpc [1] (host NGC 4993 at  $\sim 40$  Mpc [2])



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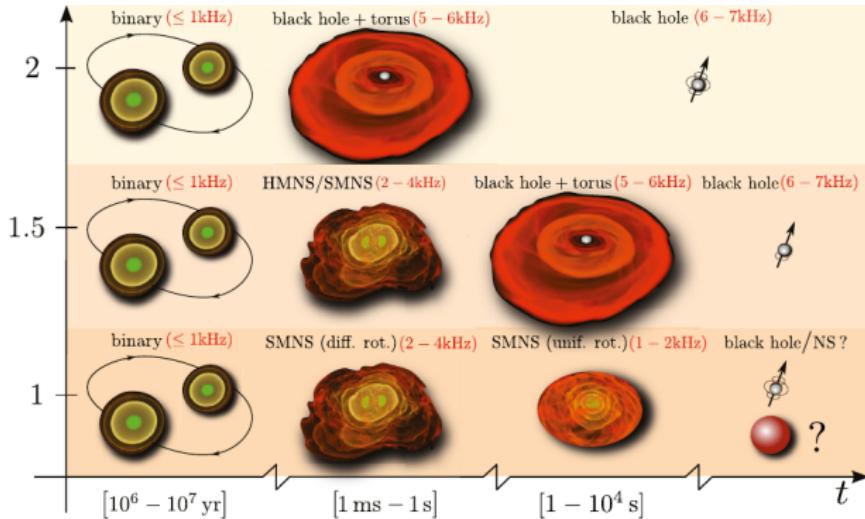
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# 1 GW170817 and BNS remnants

## remnant scenarios

- 1 prompt collapse to BH
- 2 hypermassive NS  
(~ms, differential rotation)
- 3 supramassive NS  
( $\lesssim 10^4$  s, rigid rotation)
- 4 stable NS ( $M < M_{\text{TOV}}$ )



[Baiotti & Rezzolla 2017]  
[Rep. Prog. Phys. 80]

- post-merger GWs can be smoking gun for remnant identity
- yield improved EoS constraints [see e.g. [7] Bauswein et al. (2017)]

## ② short-duration remnant searches

- prompt collapse to BH  $\Rightarrow$  GWs  $\gtrsim 5\text{ kHz}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  no chance of detection with LIGO-Virgo
- circumstantial evidence for hypermassive (HMNS) case:
  - inspiral results on progenitor (e.g. total system mass:  $M = 2.74^{+0.04}_{-0.01} M_{\odot}$ )  
 $\Rightarrow$  remnant mass posteriors: main support in HMNS range [6]
  - kilonova lightcurve modelling: additional energy injection? [8, 9]
  - LIGO-Fermi 1.7 s delay ... ?
- supramassive or stable NS unlikely, but not ruled out

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### Search for Post-merger Gravitational Waves from the Remnant of the Binary Neutron Star Merger GW170817

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model-agnostic search for signals  $\lesssim 1\text{ s}$  and  $\lesssim 1000\text{s}$

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## 2 short-duration remnant searches

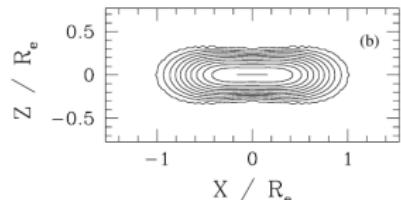
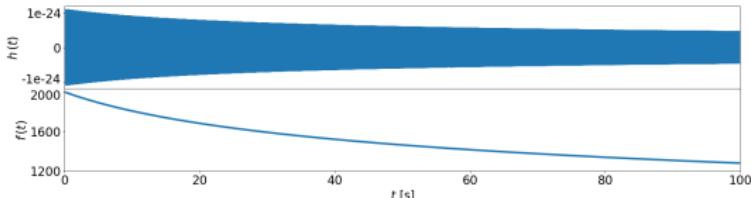
signal models considered in Abbott et al. (LVC), *APJL* **851**:L16 (2017)

- Used for sensitivity estimates, *not* assumed in search!
- high-freq modes: first few–dozens ms after merger,  
modelled by numerical relativity [see [10] for many refs]



[T. Dietrich et al., Albert Einstein Institute]

- secular bar modes:  $\sim$  hundreds of s [11]
- long-duration power-law spindown [12]  
(dominated by magnetic field or GWs)



[Shibata&Karino 2004]

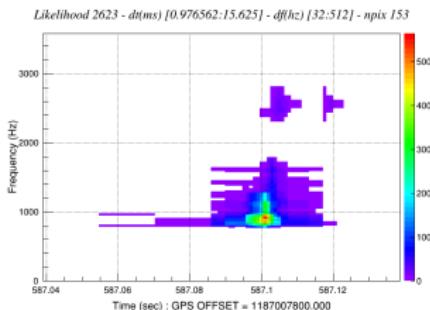
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## ② short-duration remnant searches

### cWB analysis

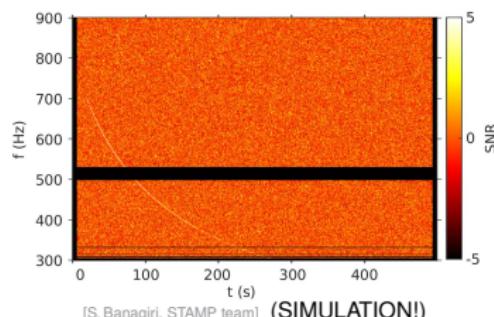
- unmodelled search for 'bursts' of excess strain power [13]
- HL data in 1–4 kHz for  $\lesssim 1\text{s}$  search
- HLV data in 24–2048 Hz for  $\lesssim 1000\text{s}$  search



[C. Lazzaro, CWB team] **(SIMULATION!)**

### STAMP analysis

- 'stochastic' search, clustering power in time-freq plane [14]
- HL data, 24–2000 Hz and 2000–4000 Hz bands
- full 8.5 days of O2 data after merger split into 500 s maps
- $\Rightarrow$  in principle could find long signals in multiple chunks, but not optimal

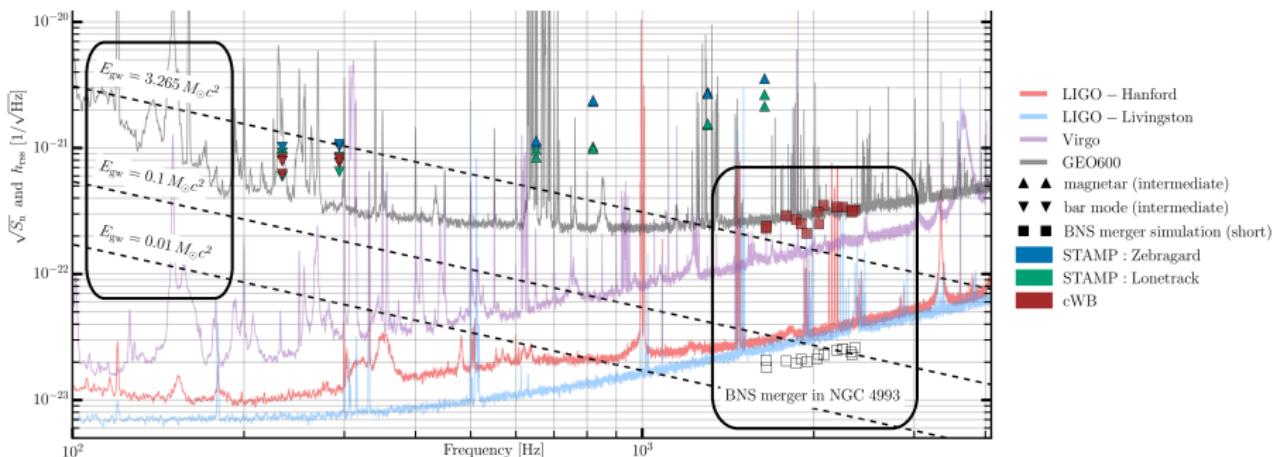


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HL: Hanford+Livingston (LIGO), HLV: LIGO+Virgo

## 2 short-duration remnant searches

- result: no detections [10]
- injecting example waveforms at GW170817 distance: typically  $\sim$  factor 10 (in strain) away from detectability



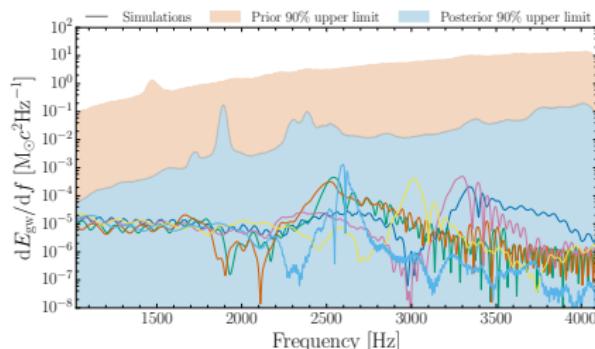
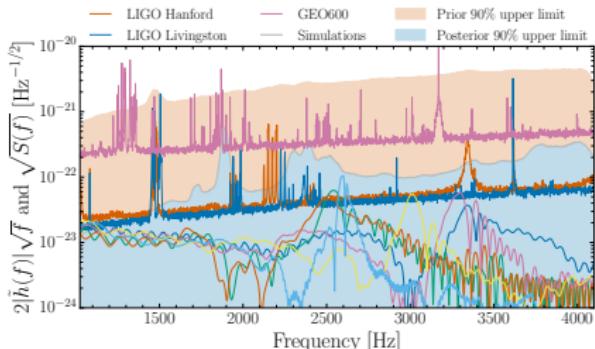
- e.g. for high-freq NR simulations, close to but not quite excluding whole system energy into post-merger GWs ( $E_{\text{gw}} = 3.265 M_{\odot} c^2$ )
- current and future upgrades to LIGO+Virgo will improve overall sensitivity, and especially at high frequencies

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## 2 short-duration remnant searches

### BayesWave

- new LVC paper: “Properties of the binary neutron star merger GW170817” [3]
- no significant short-duration post-merger detection candidates from [10]
- fully Bayesian upper limits on  $h(f)$  and  $E_{\text{gw}}(f)$  using wavelets [15, 16]
- 1 s of 1–4 kHz LIGO+GEO600 data (GEO still has decent high- $f$  sensitivity!)
- Bayes factor  $\approx 257$  in favor of Gaussian noise over coherent GW signal
- strain ULs 3–10x over NR expectation at  $d = 40$  Mpc (10–100x in  $E_{\text{gw}}$ )



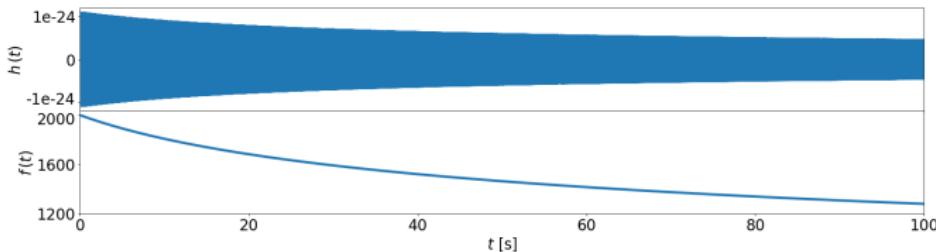
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### ③ long-duration remnant searches

- for signal durations  $\gg 1000$  s:  
different data analysis methods can yield better sensitivity
- available LIGO data from GW170817 coalescence  
to end of O2 observing run: 8.5 days
- signal model: power-law spindown ('ms magnetar' [10, 12])

$$f_{\text{gw}}(t) = f_0 \left(1 + \frac{t}{\tau}\right)^{\frac{1}{1-n}}$$



- braking index: spindown dominated by ...
  - $n = 3$ : magnetic field dipole braking
  - $n = 5$ : GWs from mass quadrupole ('mountains')
  - $n = 7$ : GWs from r-mode unstable oscillations

### ③ long-duration remnant searches

#### What are the odds for a long-lived NS remnant?

- inspiral mass posteriors prefer hypermassive NS [6, 10] (collapse after ms–s) but don't exclude long-lived NS
- some circumstantial EM evidence for hypermassive NS (ejecta composition, lightcurve modeling) [8, 9]

#### arguments for long-lived remnant NS?

- Yu&Dai, 1711.01898: “A long-lived remnant neutron star after GW 170817 inferred from its associated kilonova”
- Ai et al., 1802.00571: “The allowed parameter space of a long-lived neutron star as the merger remnant of GW170817”
- Matsumoto et al., 1802.07732: “Is the macronova in GW170817 powered by the central engine?”
- Li et al., 1804.06597: “What powered AT2017gfo associated with GW170817?”
- Geng et al., 1803.07219: “Brightening X-ray/Optical/Radio Emission of GW170817/SGRB 170817A: Results of an Electron-Positron Wind from the Central Engine?”

#### summary

- long-lived NS with low  $B$  ( $\lesssim 10^{12}$  G) could help lightcurve fitting
- problems making that low- $B$  scenario work
- ⇒ not the most likely scenario, but not excluded, so worth testing!

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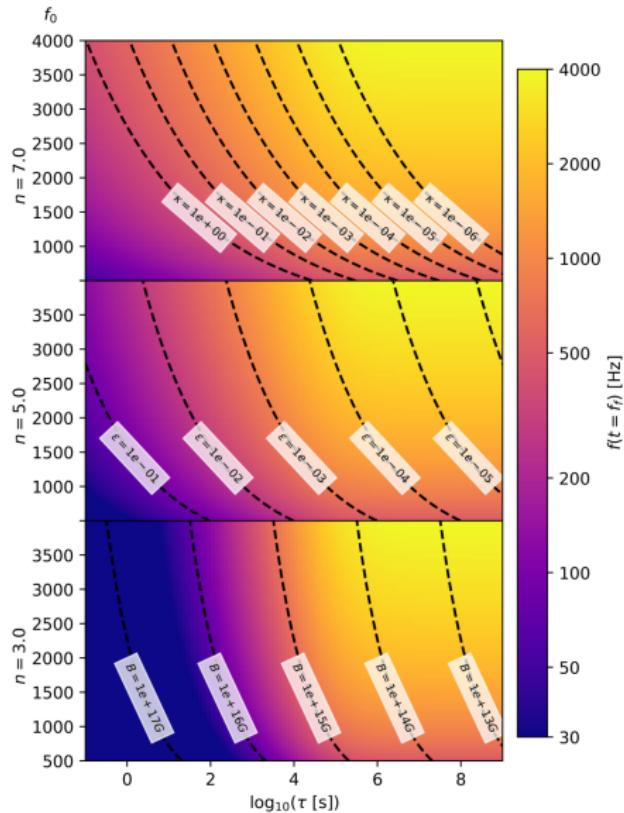
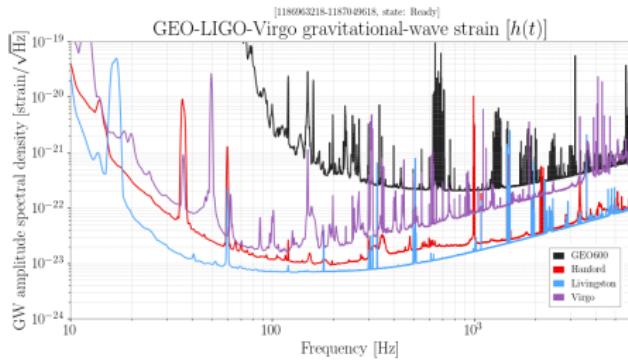
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### ③ long-duration remnant searches

#### power-law spindown

$$f_{\text{GW}}(t) = f_0 \left(1 + \frac{t}{\tau}\right)^{\frac{1}{1-n}} \quad [12]$$

- for  $f_0$  in 1000 – 4000 Hz, reasonable  $B$ -fields and  $\epsilon$  yield spindowns into sensitive range
- most SNR from high  $f$ , though
- $d=40$  Mpc: need  $\epsilon \gtrsim 0.01$ , high  $\tau$

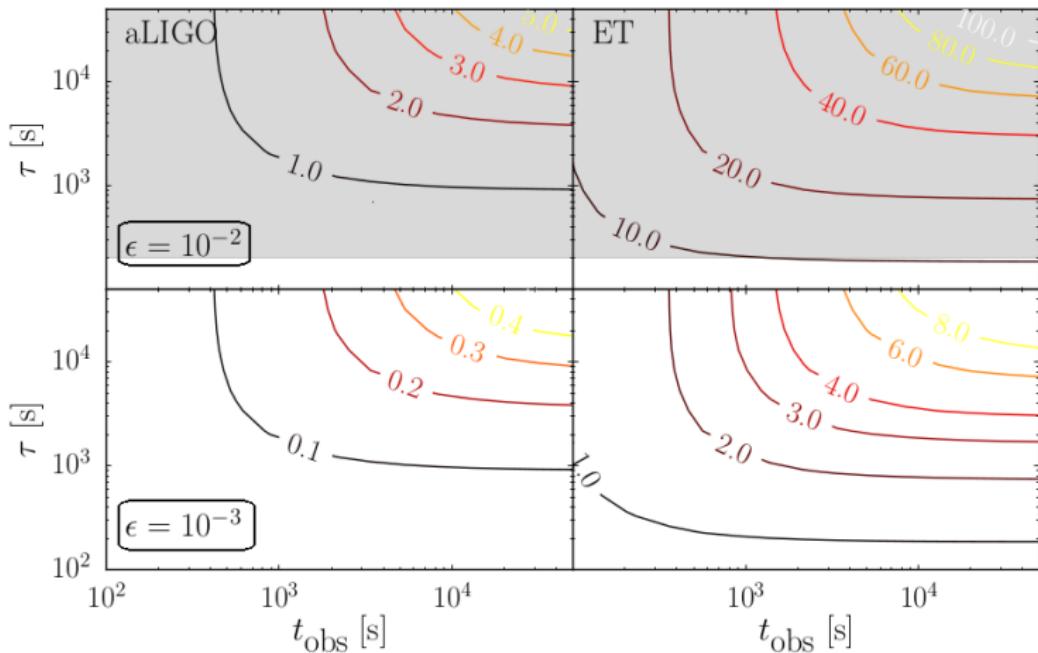


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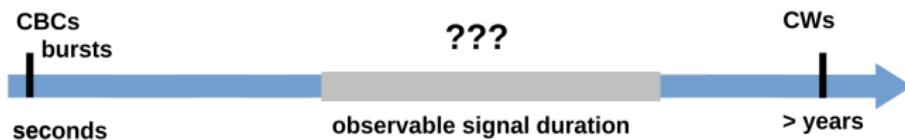
single-detector optimal matched-filter SNRs at  $d = 40$  Mpc



[Sarin et al., arXiv:1805.01481]

### ③ long-duration remnant searches

long post-merger GWs: between traditional analysis regimes



- some unmodelled pipelines easy to modify
- better sensitivity possible when *assuming* power-law spindown

recent development on unmodelled pipelines:

- STAMP-VLT (stochastic search, S. Banagiri @Minnesota [19])
- hidden-Markov Viterbi tracking (L. Sun @Melbourne [21])

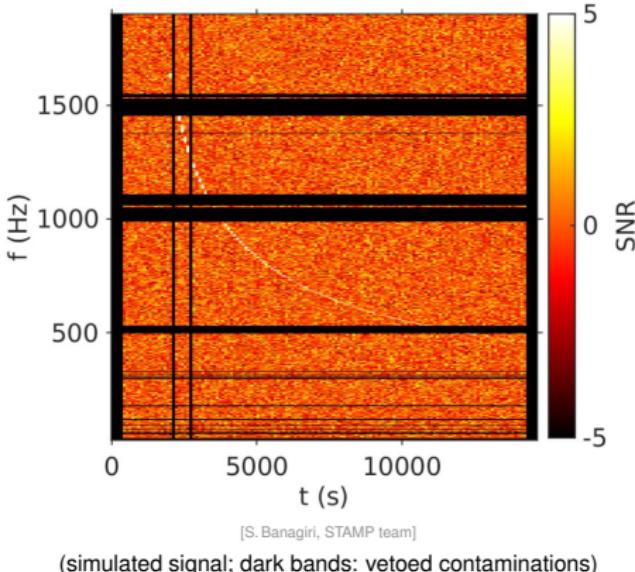
recent development on modelled pipelines:

- SkyHough [22] variant (M. Oliver & A. Sintes @Mallorca)
- FrequencyHough [23] variant (A. Miller, C. Palomba et al. @Rome)

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[22] Krishnan et al., *PRD* **70**,082001 (2004) [23] Palomba et al., *CQG* **22**,1255 (2005)

- unmodelled search
- different configuration of same algorithm as in previous search [10]
- clustering power in time-freq plane [14, 19]
- candidates selected with Bézier curves
- data split into 15 000 s maps (500 s in [10])
- two separate bands: 30–1900 Hz and 2000–4000 Hz
- $100\text{ s} \times 1\text{ Hz}$  and  $50\text{ s} \times 1\text{ Hz}$  resolution



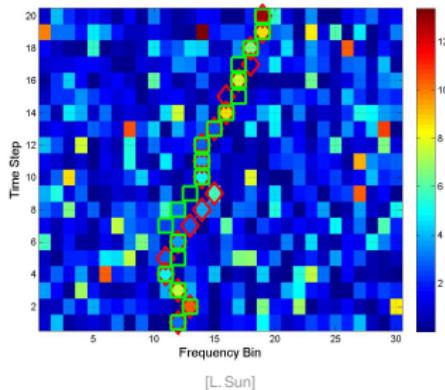
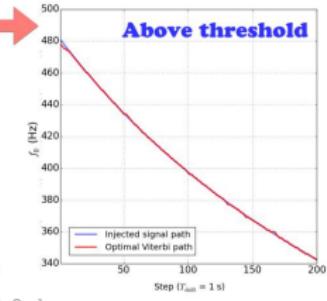
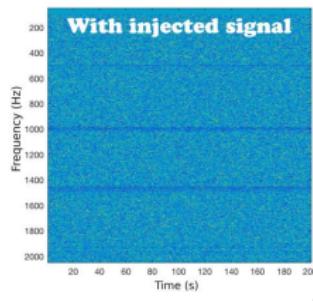
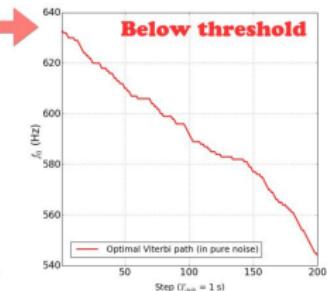
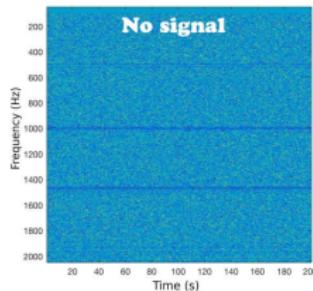
[S. Banagiri, STAMP team]

(simulated signal; dark bands: vetoed contaminations)

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### ③ Hidden Markov Model

- unmodelled search
  - allows for signal drift from bin to bin in time-frequency plane [21, 24]



- previously used for Sco X-1 binary [20] and supernova remnants [21]
  - GW170817 post-merger: analysing 10 000 s of data

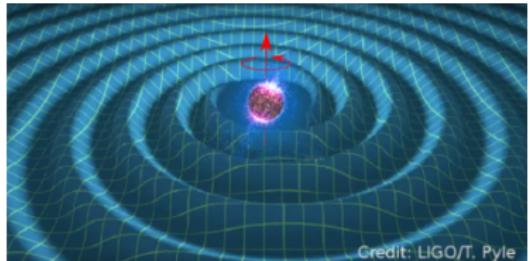
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### ③ CW-like modelled searches

#### Continuous Waves

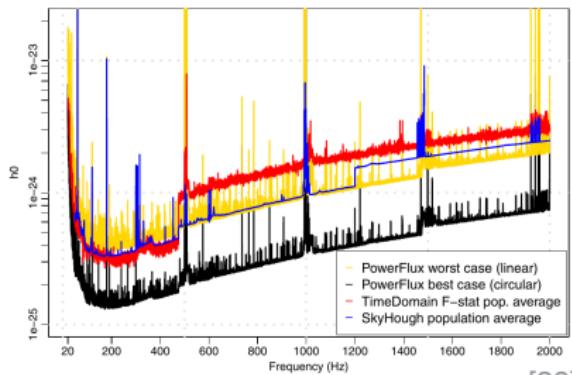
- spinning NSs with non-axisymmetric deformations emit GWs
- weak ( $h_0 \lesssim 10^{-25}$ !), long duration, slow evolution
- computationally challenging
- several search methods routinely applied to LIGO+Virgo (e.g. [25, 26, 27, 28])



Credit: LIGO/T, Pyle

#### adaptation to post-merger remnant

- rapid frequency evolution
- hence limited in-band signal length
- but possibly stronger signal



[28]

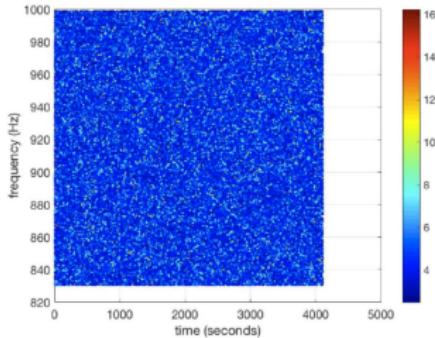
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### ③ CW-like modelled searches

#### Hough transform searches

- computationally efficient CW searches [22, 23]
- peaks in time-frequency data mapped to different space and straight lines detected with Hough transform method
- grid over model parameters ( $n, f_0, \tau$ )

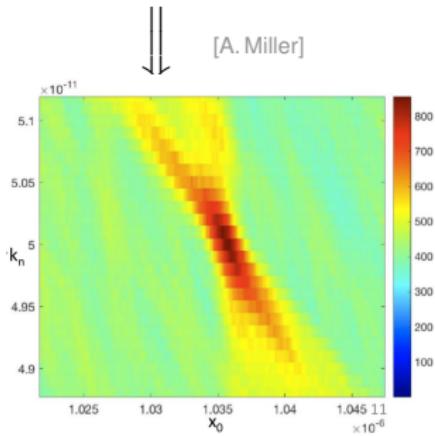


#### Discrete PowerLaw Tracker

- adapted from [22, 29] (SkyHough)
- 1–8 s long SFTs, 1 day of data

#### FrequencyHough post-merger

- adapted from [23, 30]
- transforming to  $k_n = -\dot{f}/f^n$ ,  $x_0 = f_0^{1-n}$
- 2–8 s SFTs, 1 day of data

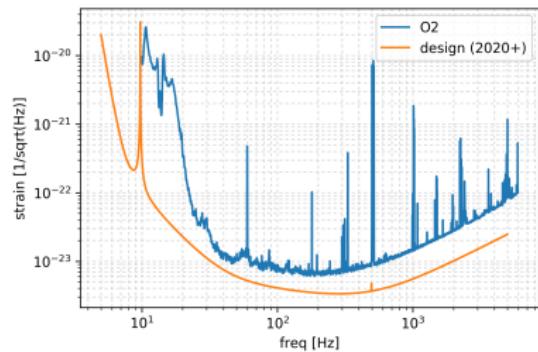


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## ④ BNS observations in future observing runs

- improved high-freq sensitivity crucial for postmerger search
- aLIGO currently being upgraded between O2 and O3
- design sensitivity: 2020+ [31]
- estimate for ms-duration signals:  
~ 20–40 Mpc horizon [32]
- for long-duration searches:  
very parameter-dependent
- GRB/X-ray observations yield encouraging constraints [33]
- successful post-merger GW detection  $\Rightarrow$  strong evidence about remnant identity (long-duration signal: fully conclusive), while EM evidence often ambiguous
- remnant identity yields EoS constraints [7] complementary to inspiral (+probing *difference* of pre- and post-merger EoS!)



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# Thanks for your attention!

## Questions welcome!

Please also go see Andrew Miller's poster.

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