

# Gravitational Wave detection: status and outlook

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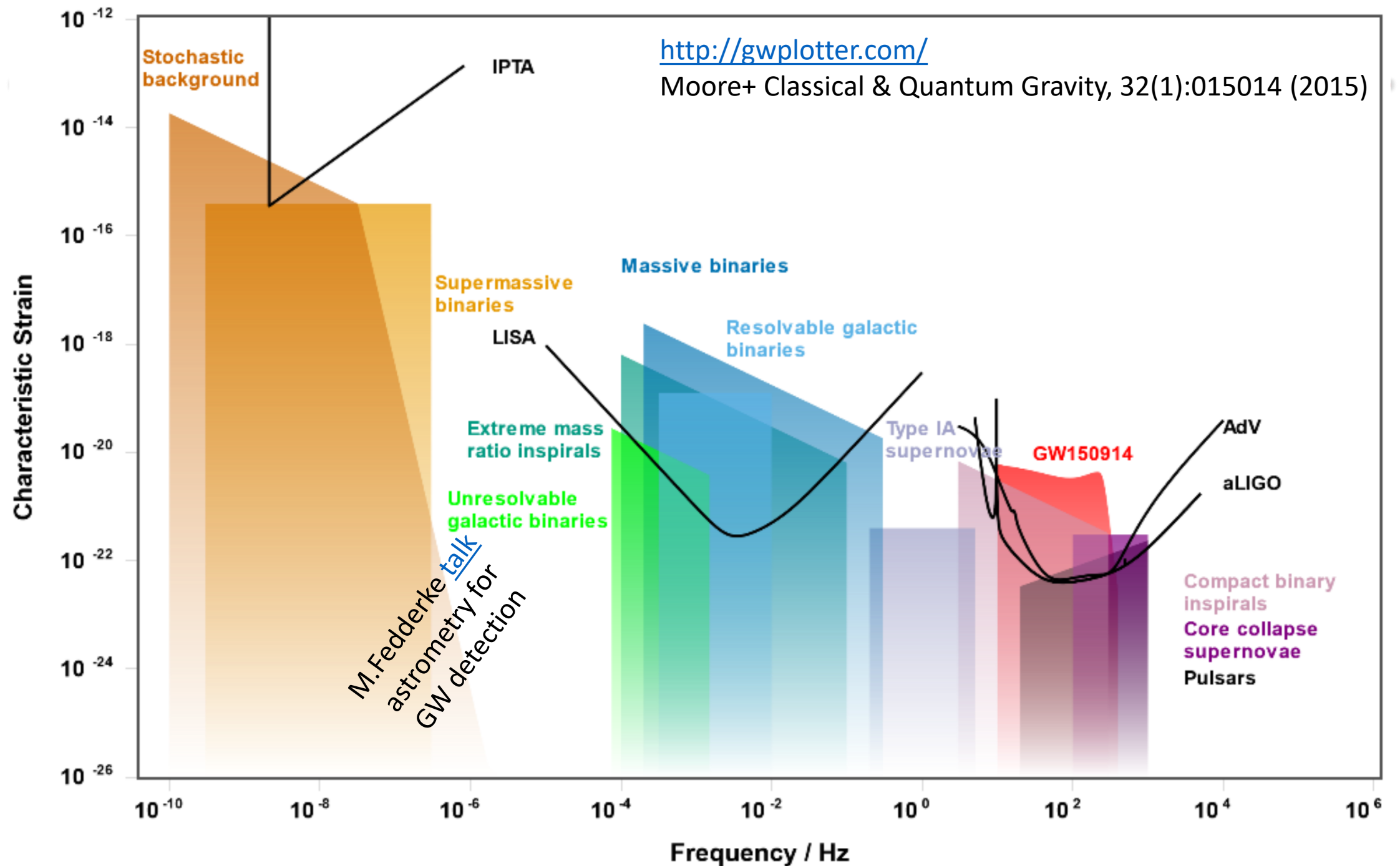


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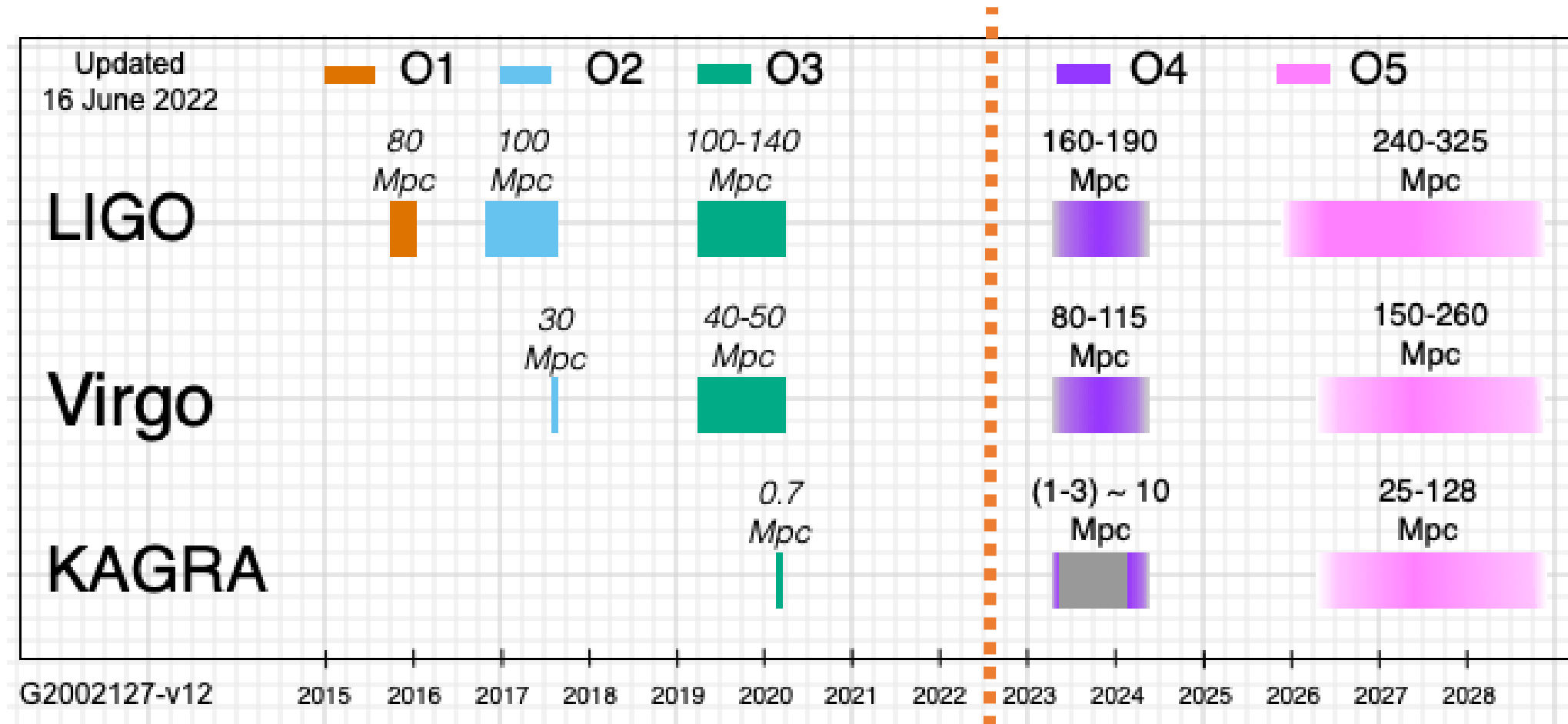
# Plan of the talk

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- **a look to gravitational wave detections and selected science questions**
- **short term plans by LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA**
- **a glimpse into the 2030s and multiband GW astronomy**



# advanced interferometric detectors in operation



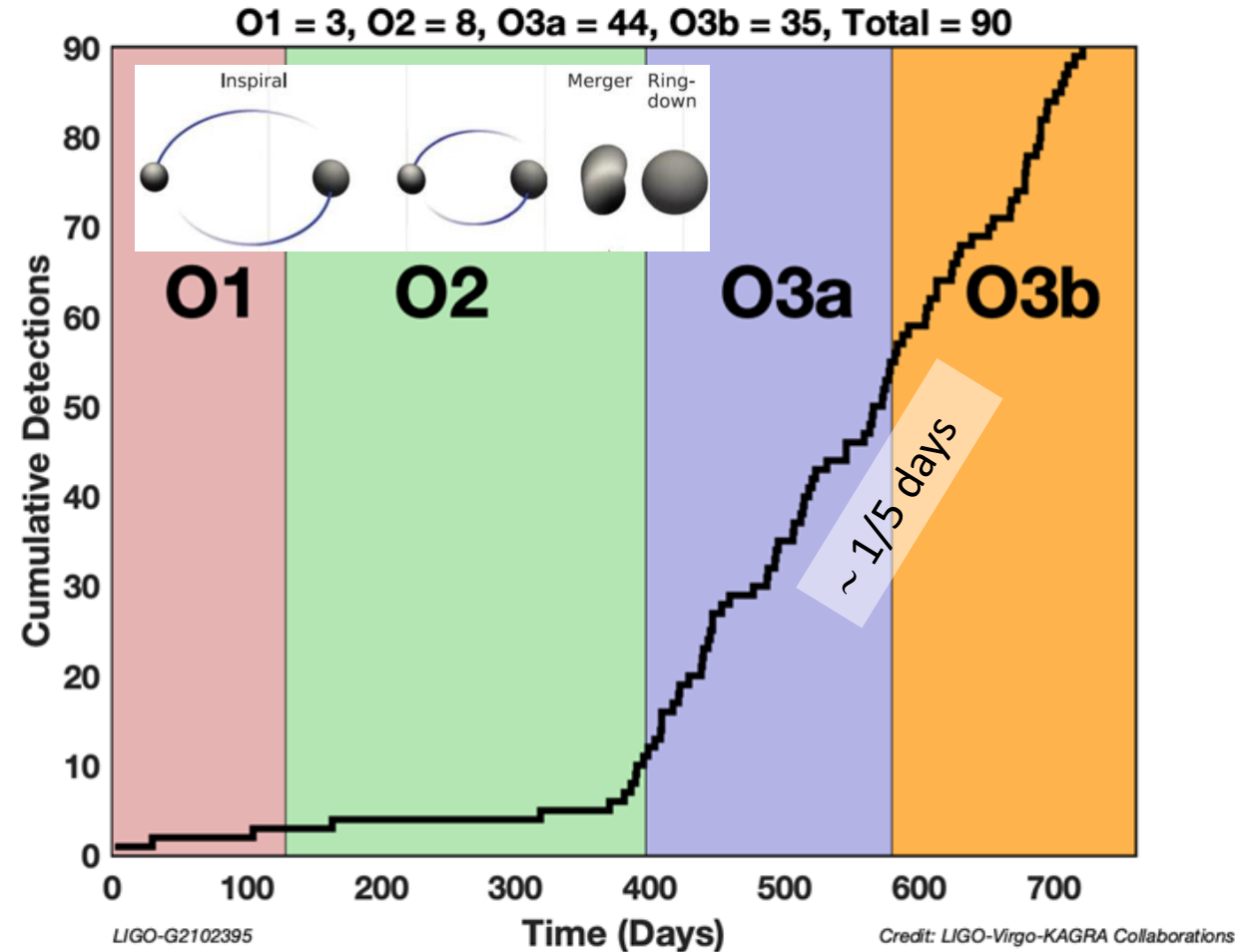
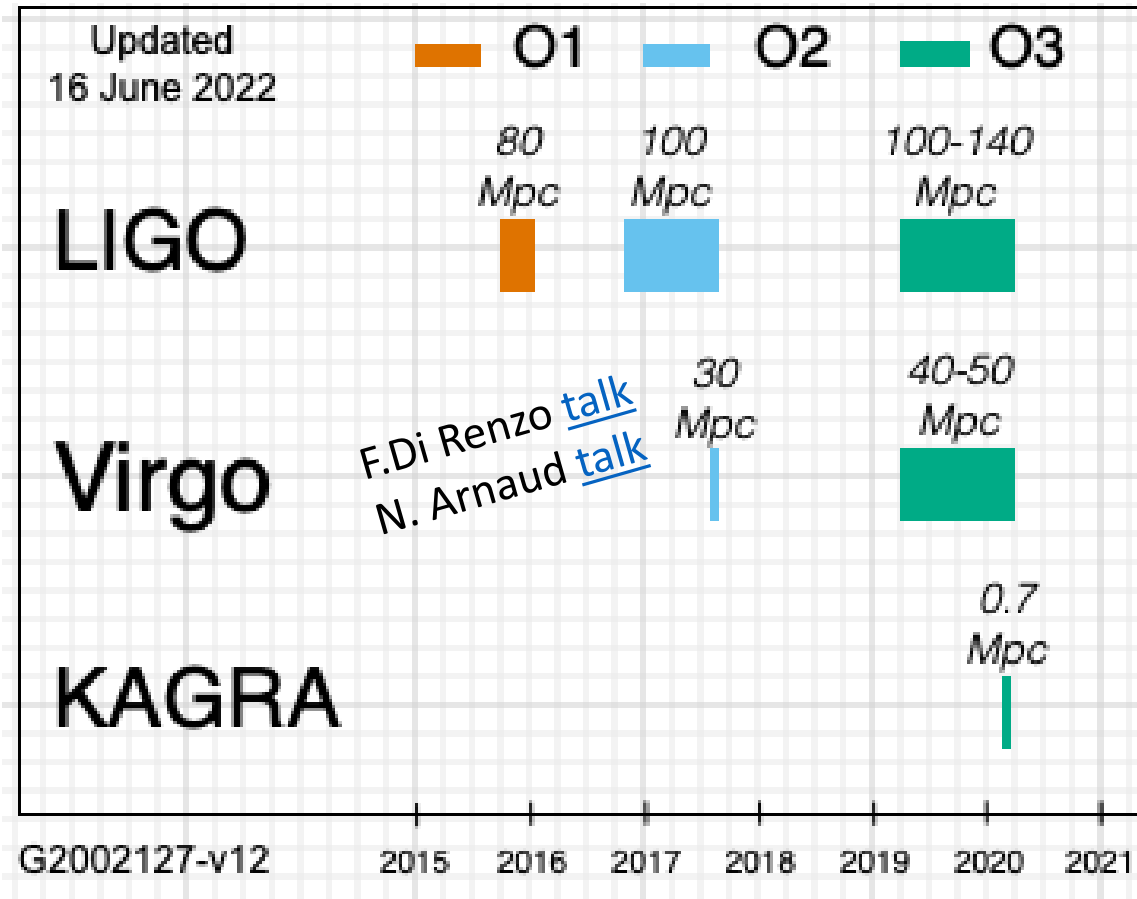
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[Gravitational Wave Open Science Center](https://gwosc.ligo.org/)

coordinated plans at:

<https://observing.docs.ligo.org/plan/>

# first 5 years: from GW discovery to GW astronomy



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**all detections consistent with compact binary mergers**  
[LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA Publications](#)

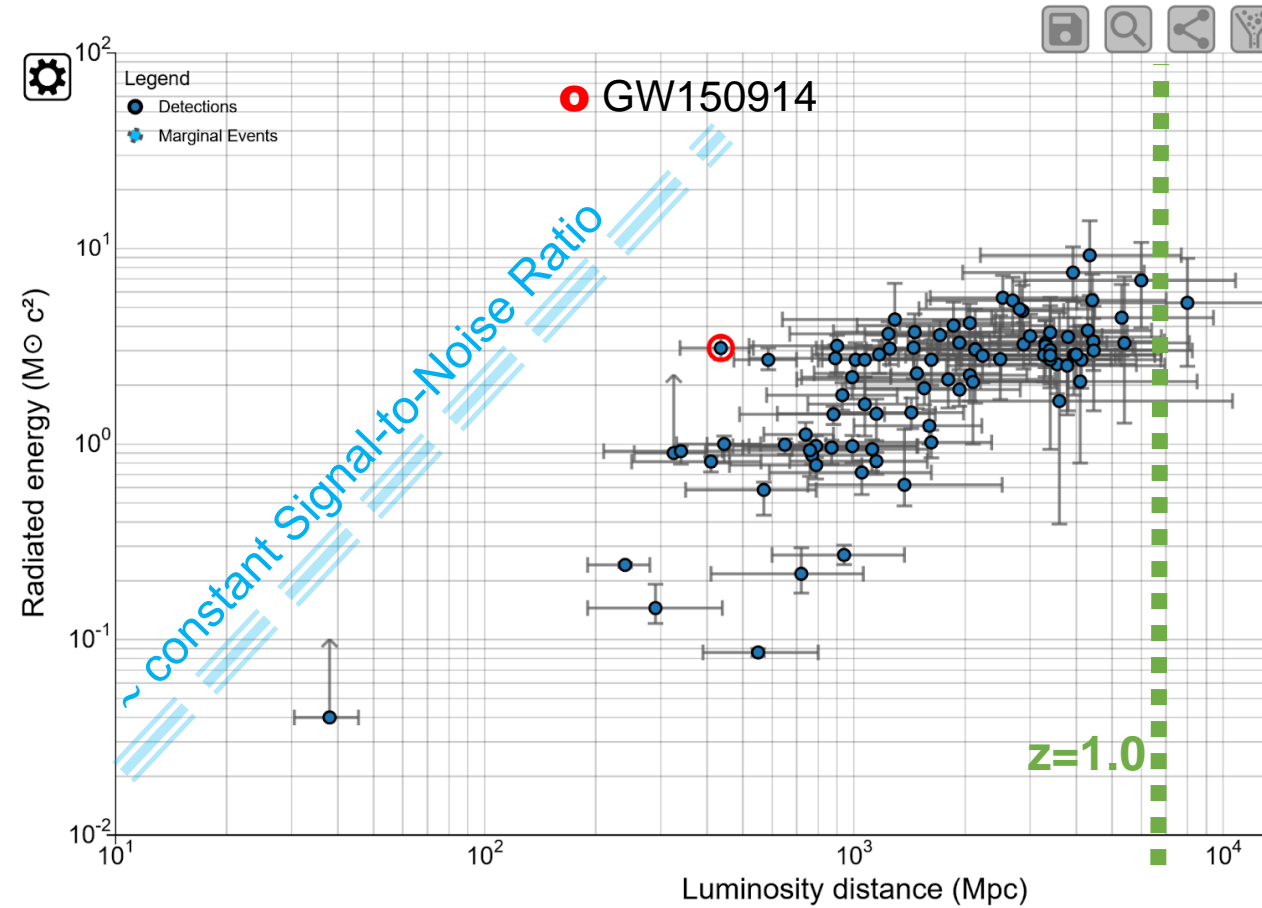
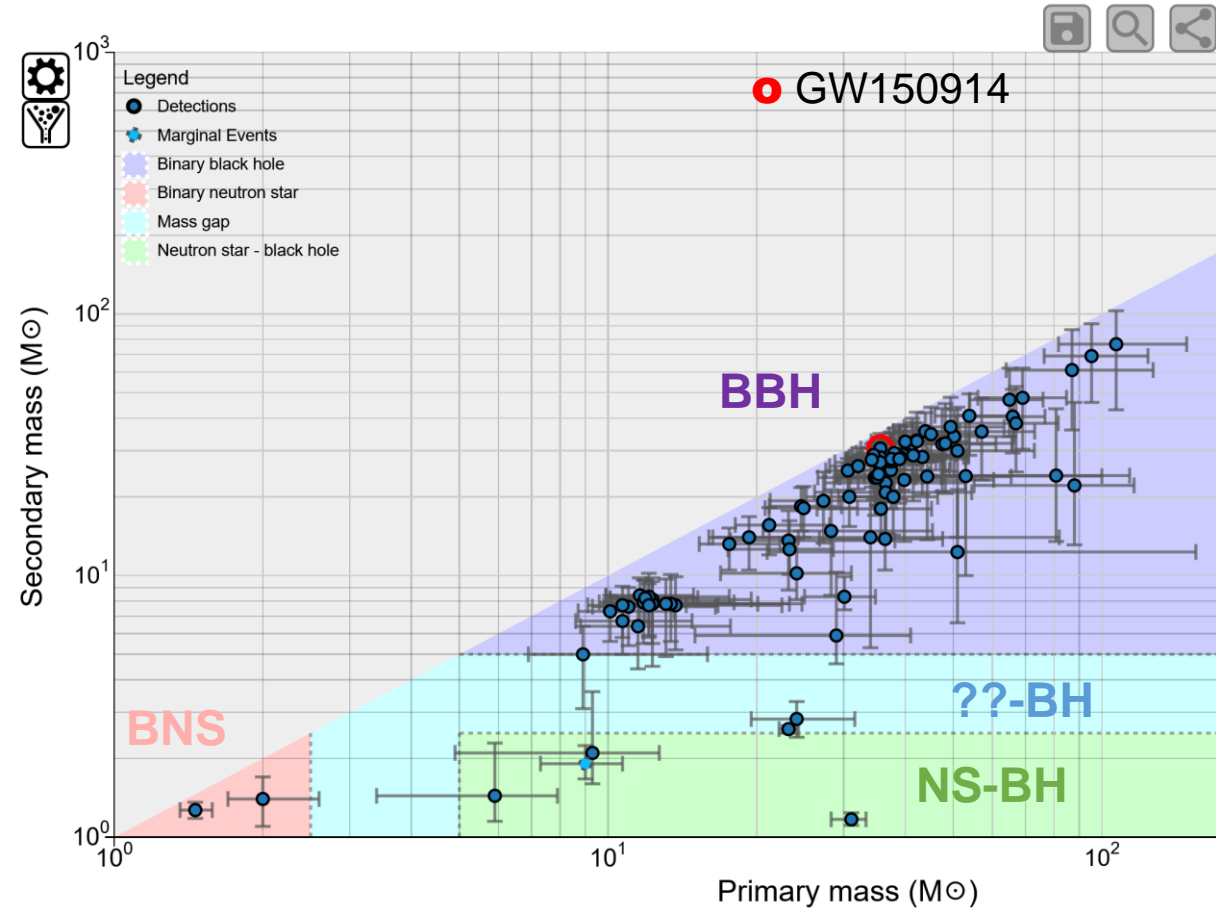
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Gravitational Wave Transient Catalogs:

GWTC-3 [arxiv:2111.03606](https://arxiv.org/abs/2111.03606)

GWTC-2.1 [arxiv:2108.01045](https://arxiv.org/abs/2108.01045)

plots from [catalog.cardiffgravity.org](https://catalog.cardiffgravity.org) :



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[Gravitational Wave Open Science Center](https://www.gwopen.org/)

Peak luminosity of BBH mergers  $\sim 1\text{-}5 \text{ e}56 \text{ erg/s}$   
 $\sim 1\text{-}3$  of the upper limit set by GR ( $\sim$  Planck Luminosity)

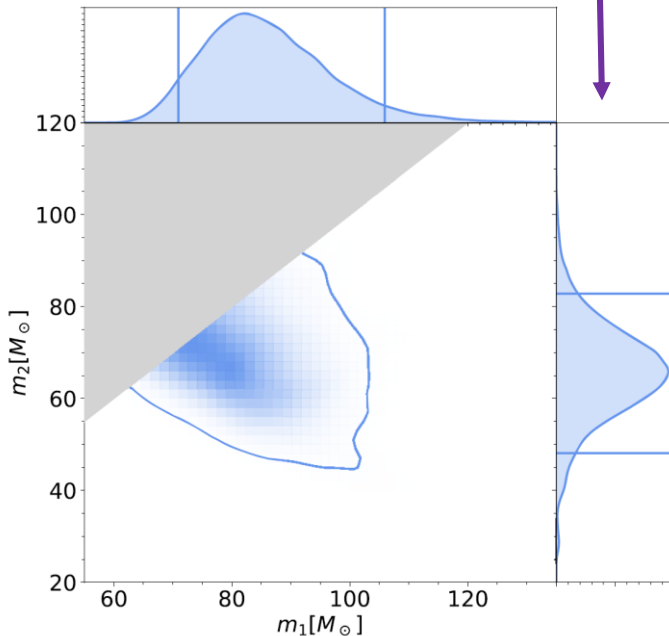
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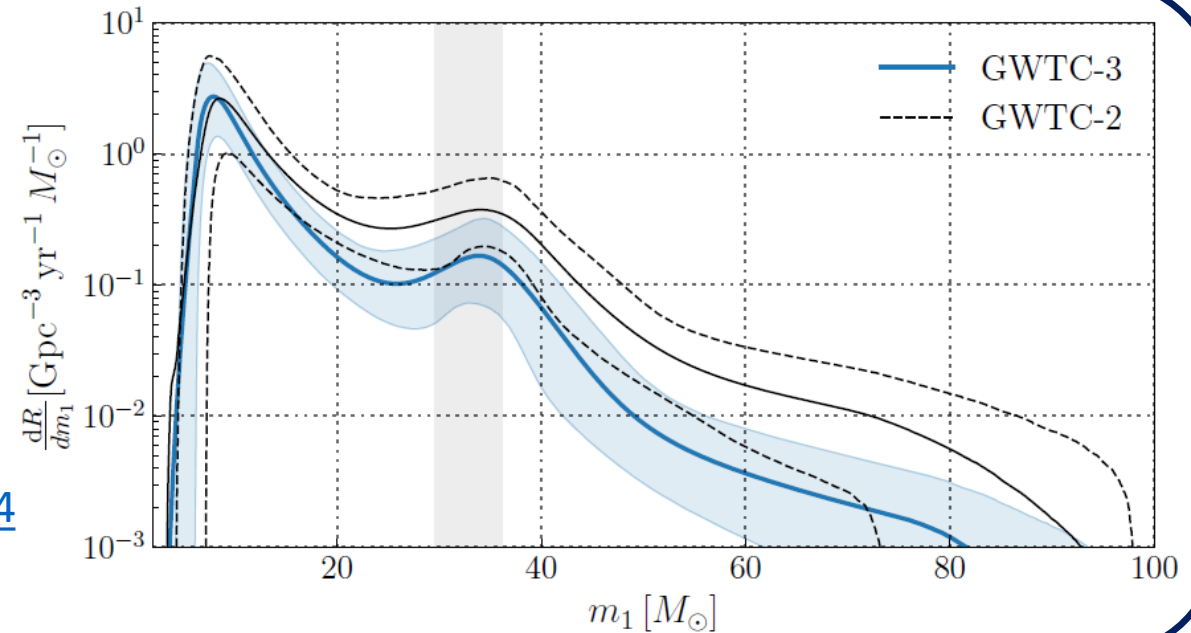
☐ 3 **Intermediate Mass BH**: remnant masses  $> 100 M_{\odot}$



unveiling the distribution of BH masses

power law + peak

[LVK](#)  
[arxiv:2111.03634](#)



## GW190521

- **remnant**: first direct observation of a  $\sim 150 M_{\odot}$  BH
- **higher mass progenitor**: first direct observation of a BH in the pulsational instability mass gap,  $[65, 120] M_{\odot}$

[LV Phys. Rev. Lett. \*\*125\*\*, 101102 \(2020\)](#)

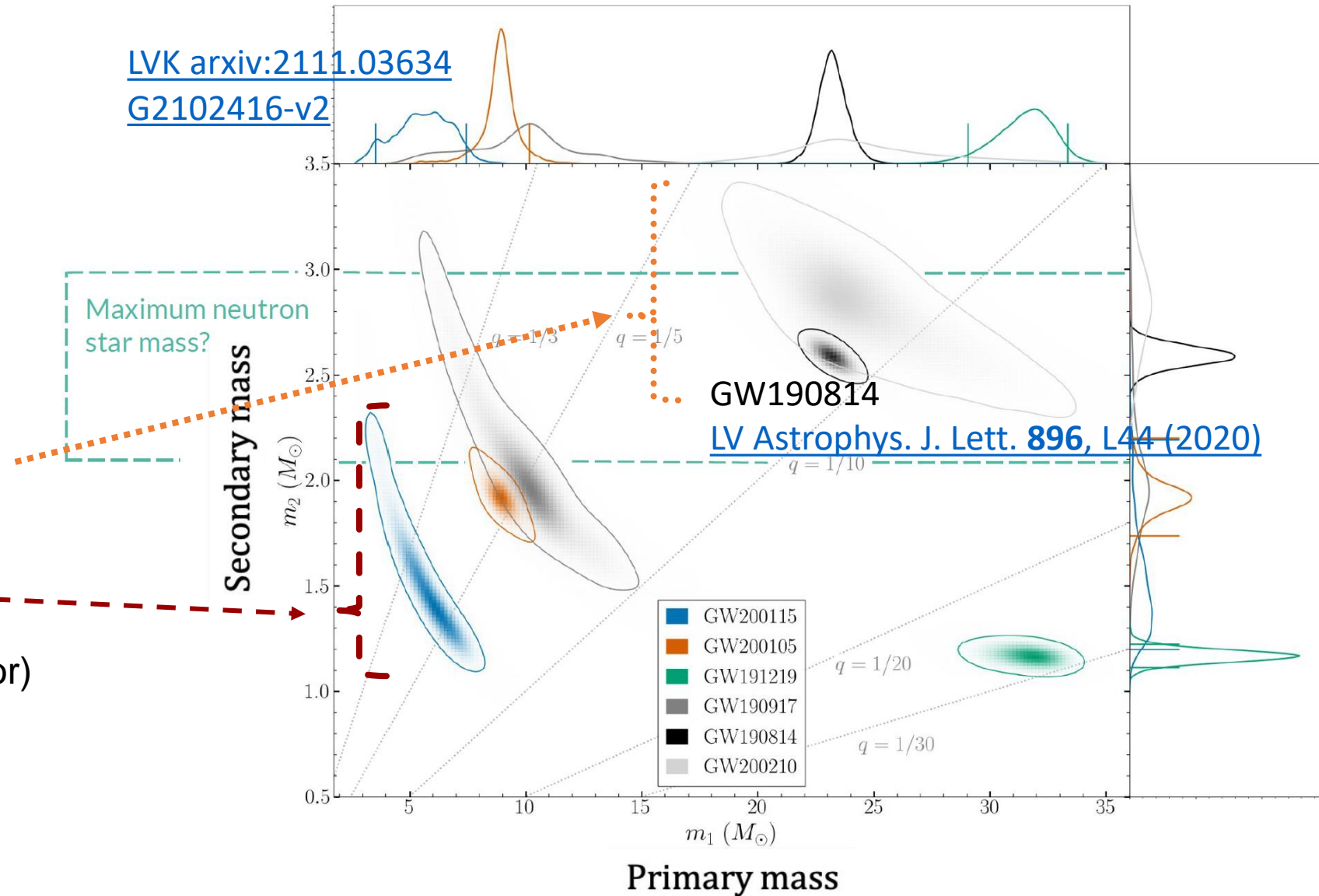


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- ❑ mostly BBHs
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  - ❑ 2 ??-BH: lower mass component in between NS and BH mass ranges
  - ❑ 3 NS-BH
- [LVK Astrophys. J. Lett. 915, L5 \(2021\)](#)  
+1 marginal trigger (single detector)





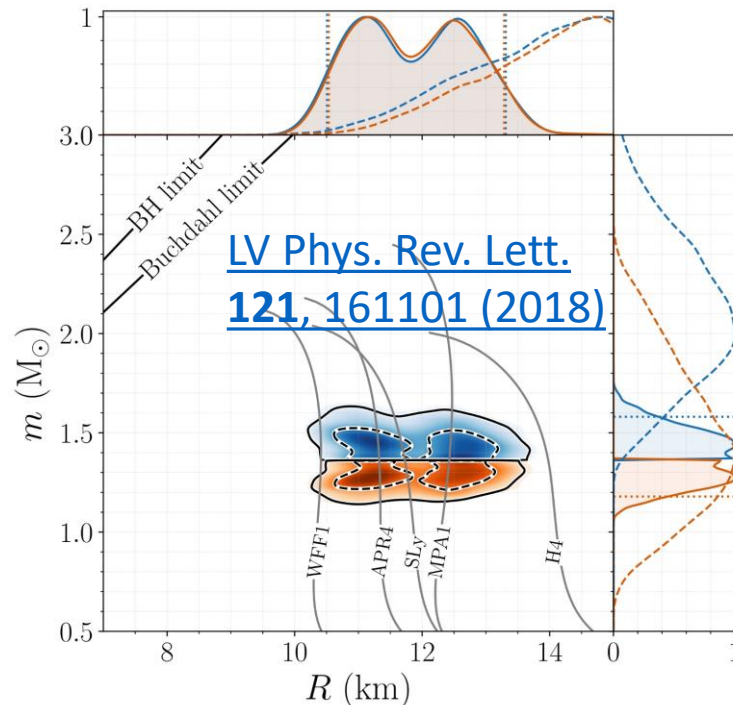
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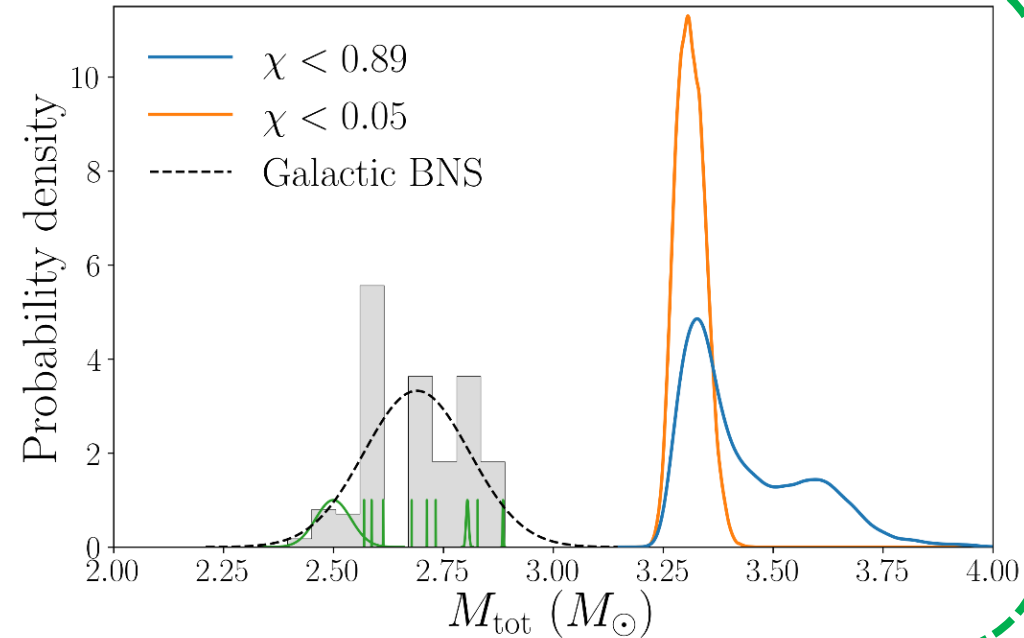
☒ 2 **BNS**



## GW190425

total mass much higher than that of known galactic BNS

[LV Astrophys. J. Lett. 892, L3 \(2020\)](#)



## GW170817

& GRB170817A & AT2017gfo

still the only multimessenger one in the GW Transient catalog

[Phys. Rev. Lett. 119, 161101 \(2017\)](#)

[Astrophys. J. Lett. 848, L12 \(2017\)](#) .....

$$-3 \times 10^{-15} \leq \frac{\Delta v}{v_{\text{EM}}} \leq +7 \times 10^{-16}.$$

$$\Delta v = v_{\text{GW}} - v_{\text{EM}}$$

[Astrophys. J. Lett. 848, L13 \(2017\)](#)



# first 5 years: investigating gravity

## Testing General Relativity

[LVK arxiv:2112.06861](#)

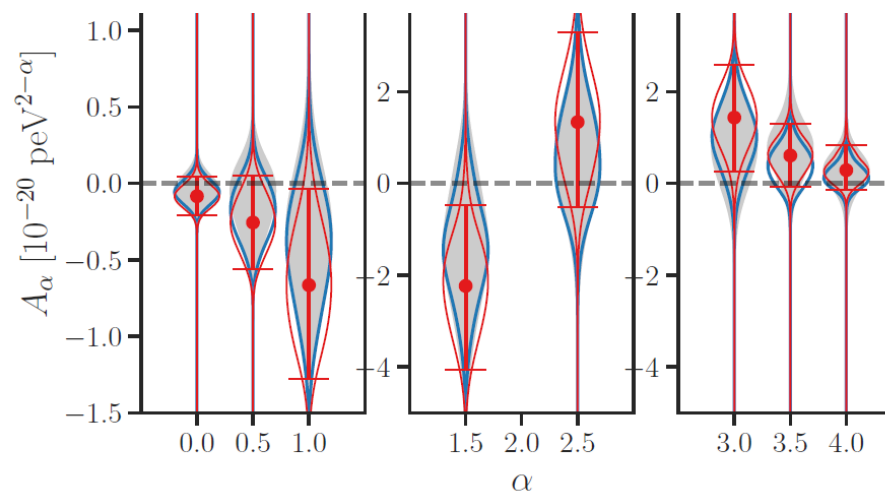
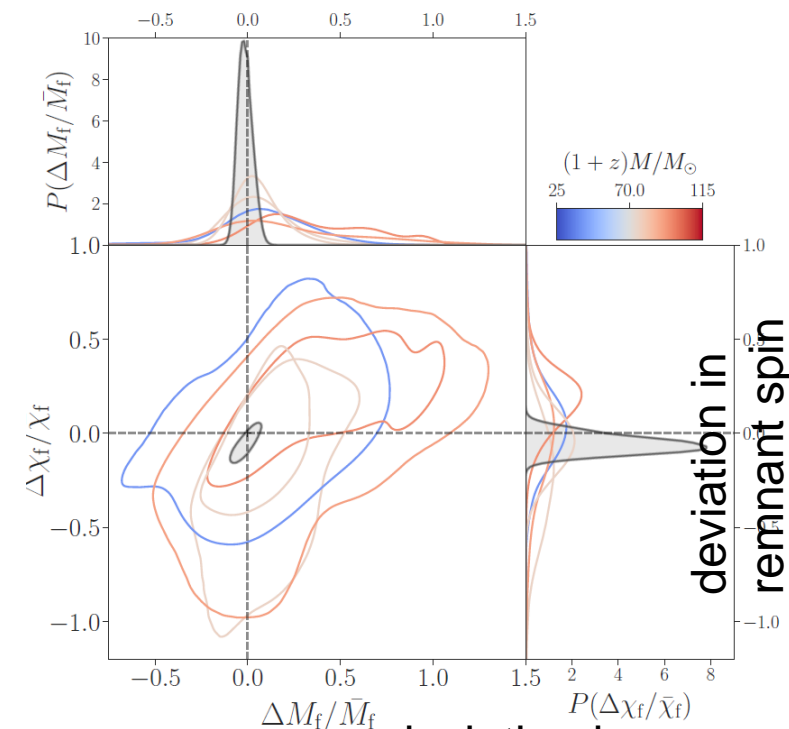
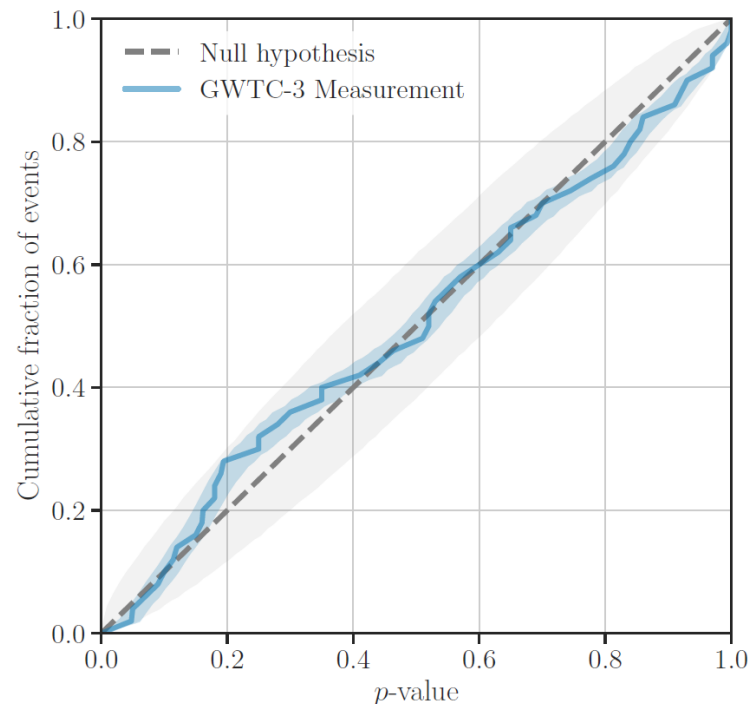
- ❑ consistency tests of predictions vs data
  - ❑ consistency checks of GW emission model using different data portions (inspiral-merger-ringdown)
  - ❑ tests of GW generation
  - ❑ check of BH properties
  - ❑ tests of GW propagation
- see more in L.Haegel [talk](#)

e.g. modified dispersion relation:

$$E^2 = p^2 c^2 + A_\alpha p^\alpha c^\alpha$$

massive graviton:

$$m_g \leq 1.27 \times 10^{-23} \text{ eV}/c^2$$

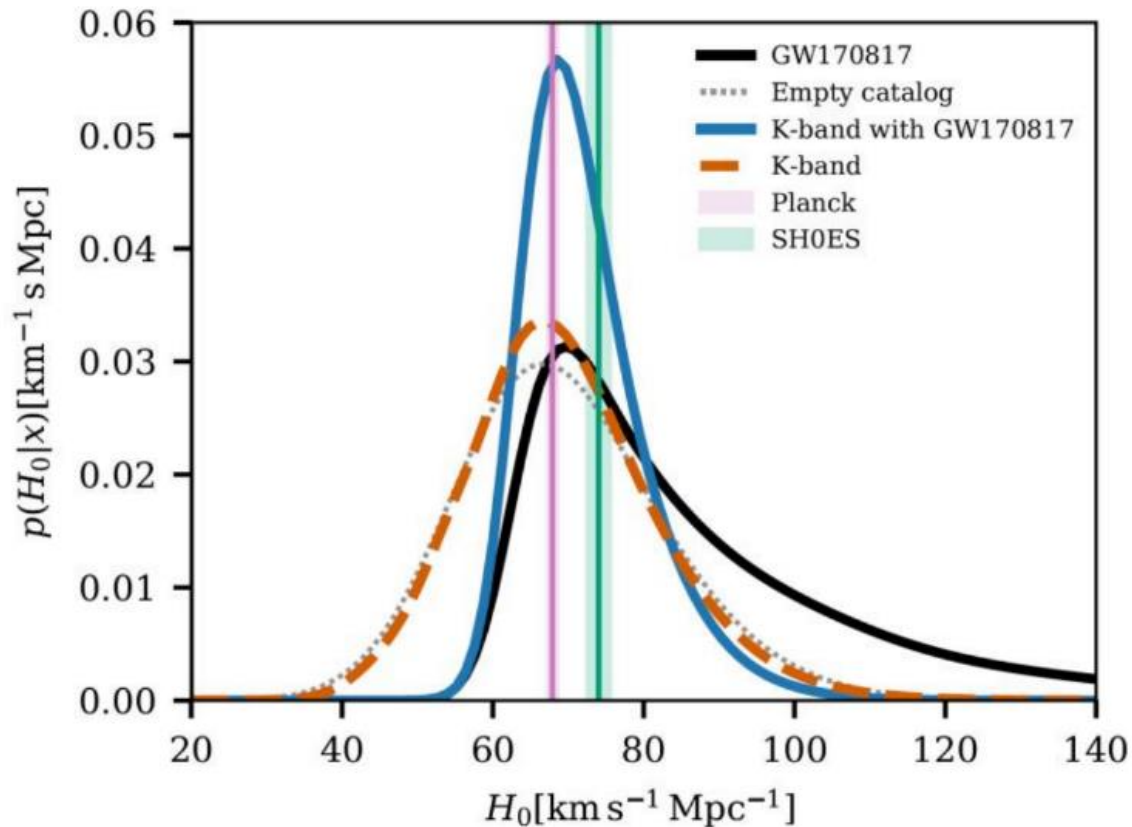


deviation in  
remnant mass

# first 5 years: cosmology and dark matter searches

## Hubble constant

- GW170817 + AT2017gfo
- dark sirens (BBHs + galaxy catalog)
- combined

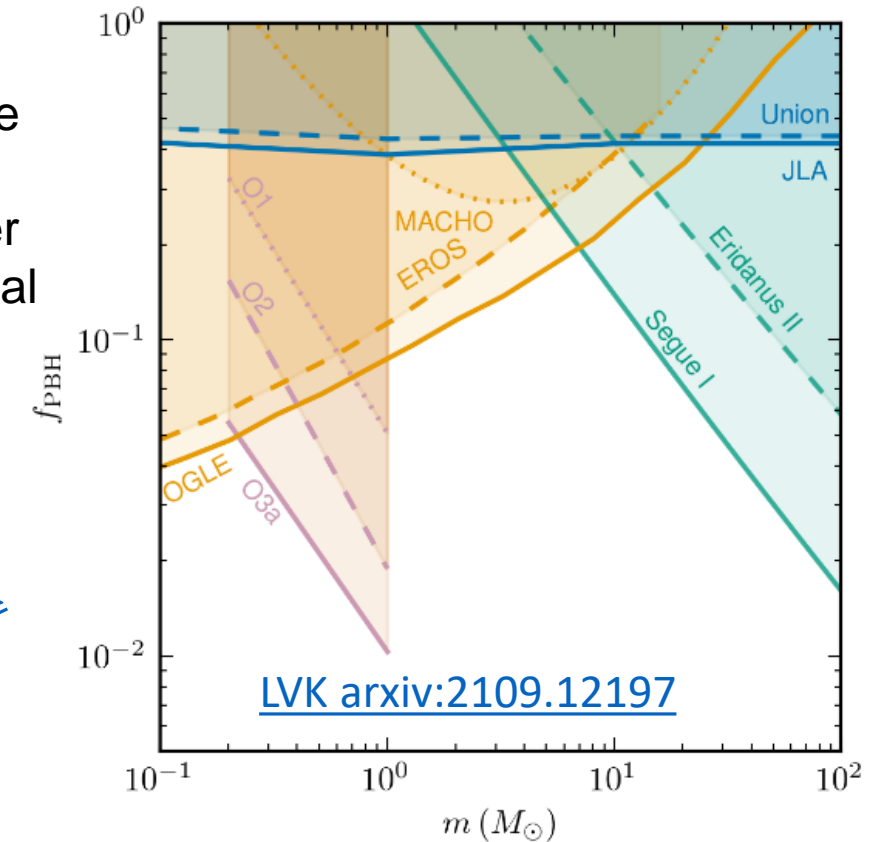


[LVK arxiv:2111.03604](#)

## Dark matter searches

- direct search for sub-solar-mass BHs

limits to the fraction of dark matter in primordial BHs



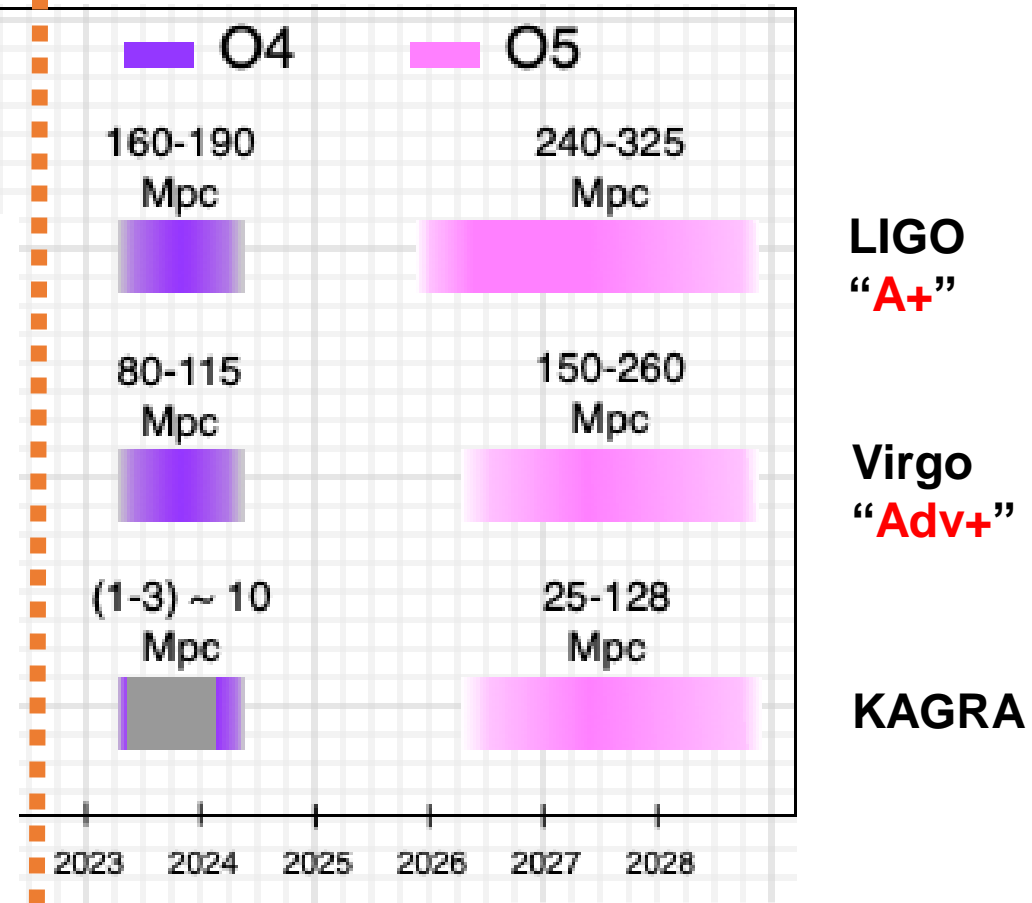
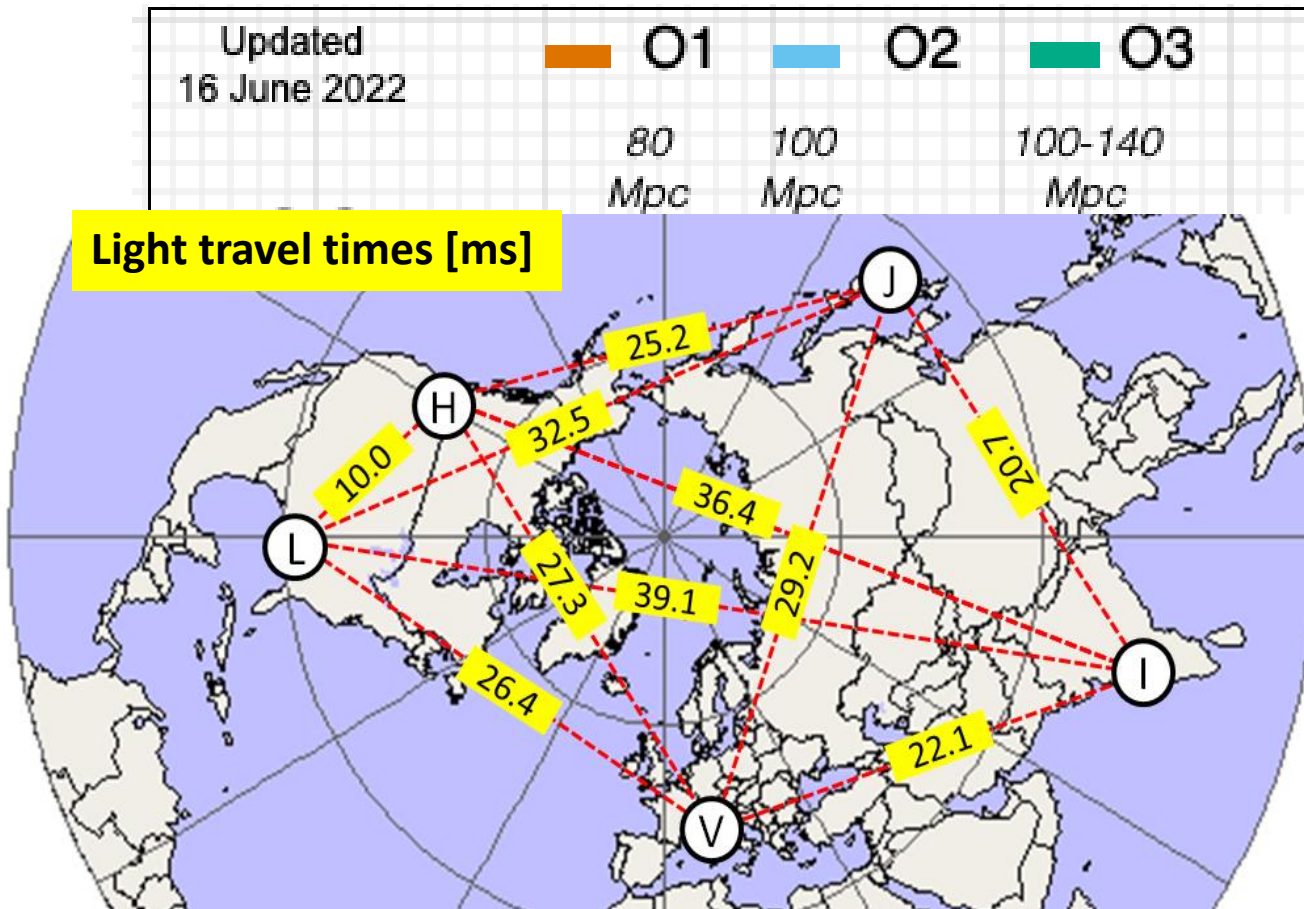
G.Bertone [talk](#)

- direct search for ultralight scalar boson clouds around Kerr BHs  
[LVK Phys. Rev. D 105, 102001 \(2022\)](#)



# upcoming observations

**LIGO INDIA** is expected to join in this decade



~ almost 1 merger / day      ~ a few mergers / day

**detection rate  $\propto$  (range)<sup>3</sup>**      i.e. surveyed volume

coordinated plans at:

<https://observing.docs.ligo.org/plan/>

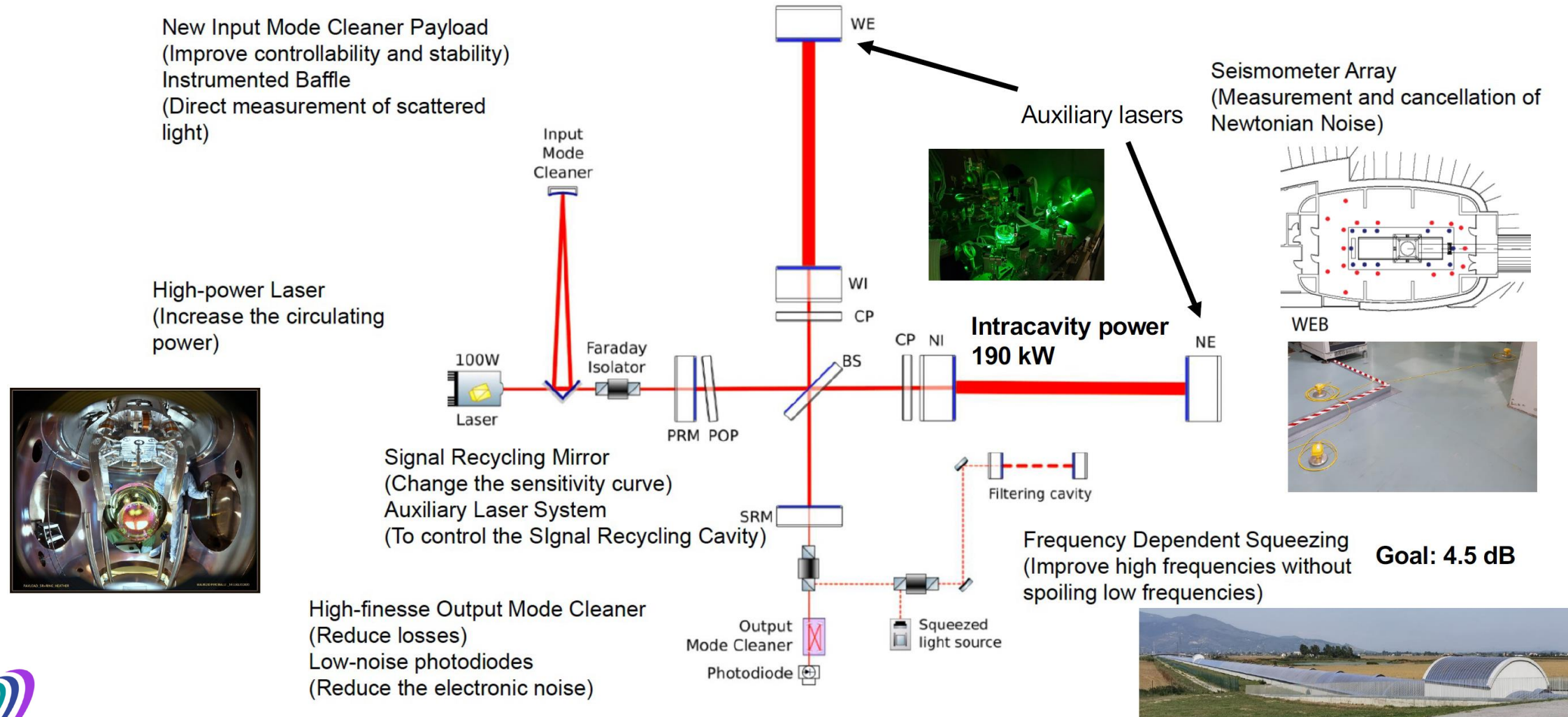




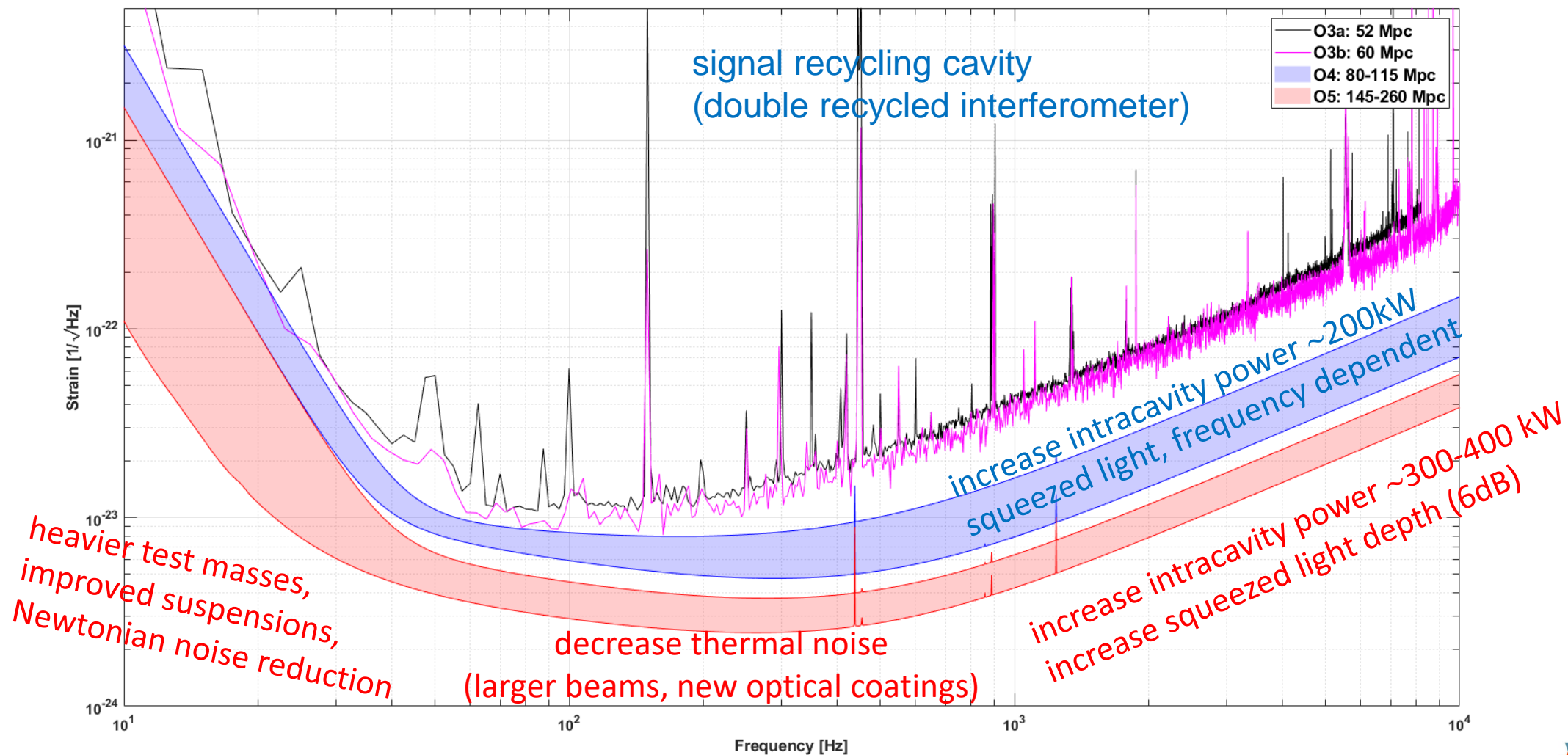
# 2G detectors upgrades: Advanced Virgo +

Path towards O4: reduce quantum noise, hit against thermal noise.

credits: V. Fafone, EAS 2022



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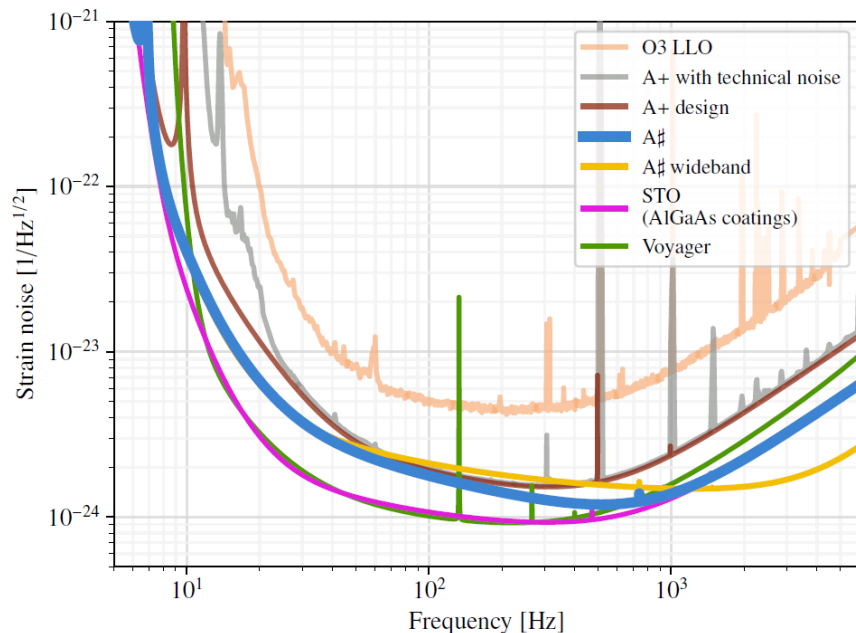
# post-O5 concept study

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- readiness/cost/impact of more detector upgrades

**LIGO A#**   **Voyager (cryogenic)**

- R&D synergies and risk mitigation with future generation detectors 3G

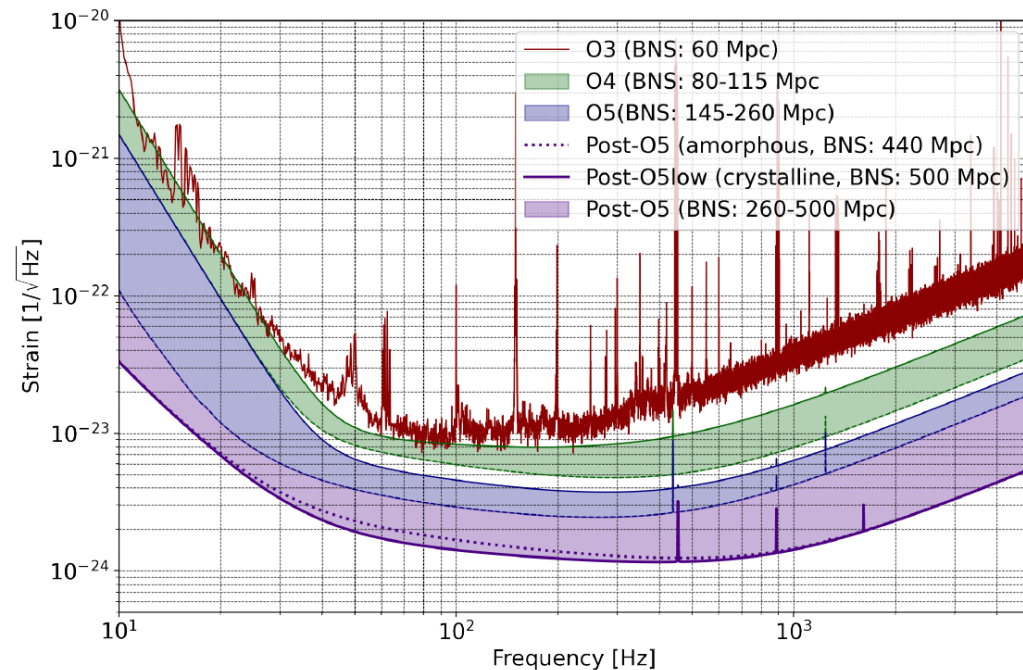


A# versus A+:

- ❖ *Low frequencies:* close to a factor of 2 reduction
- ❖ *High frequencies:* factor of 2 reduction
- ❖ *Mid frequencies:* minimal reduction, limited by coating thermal noise

**Virgo\_nEXT**

AdV sensitivity evolution from O3 to Virgo\_nEXT



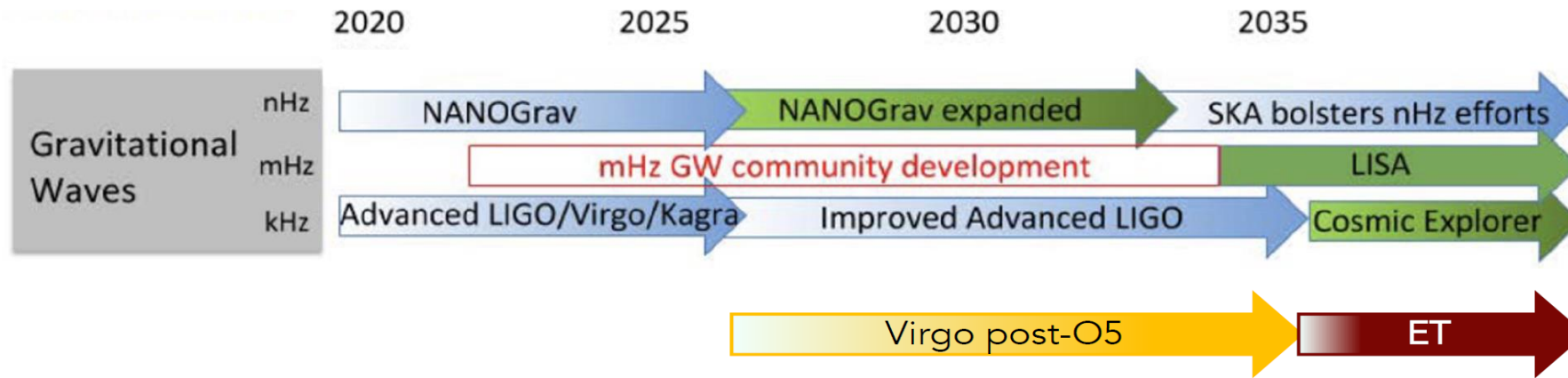
more in P.Puppo's talk at the XII ET Symposium, June 2022

<https://indico.ego-gw.it/event/411/>



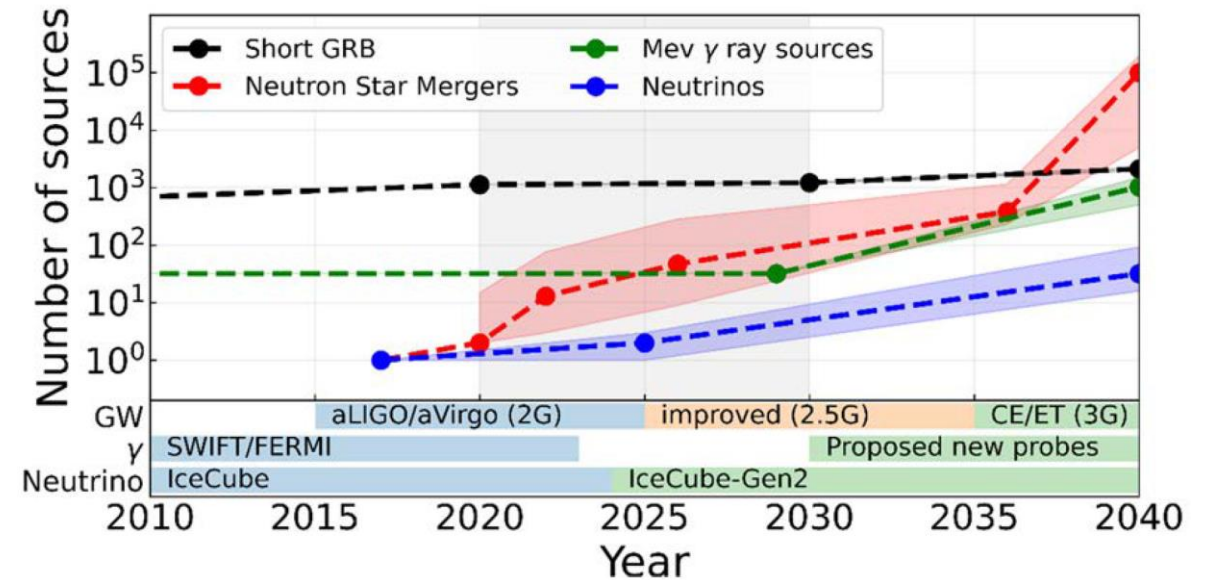
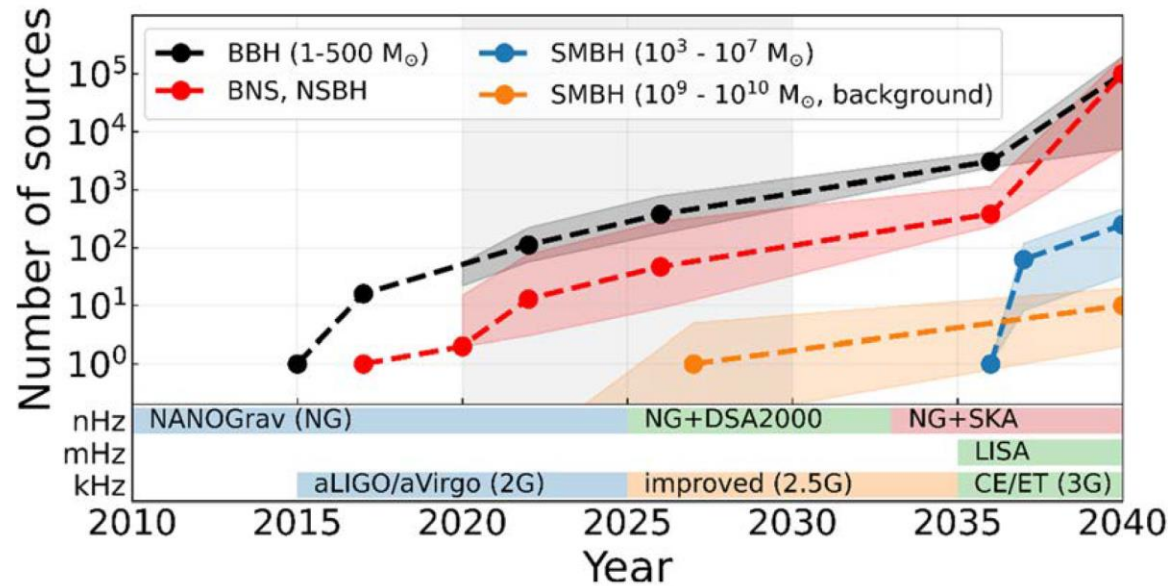


# a glimpse into the 2030s



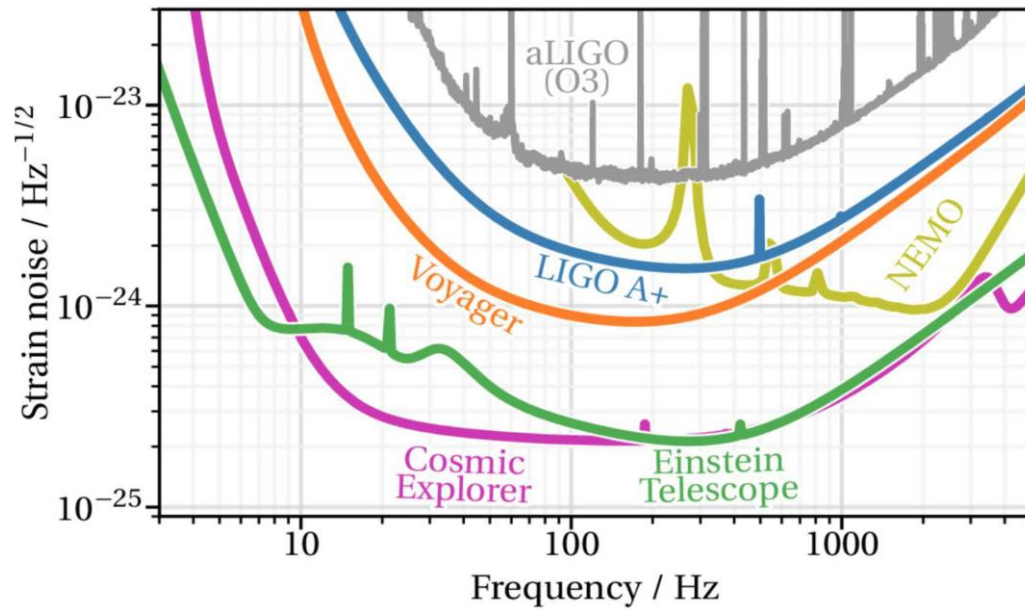
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*Pathways to Discovery in  
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Committee for a Decadal Survey  
 on Astronomy and Astrophysics



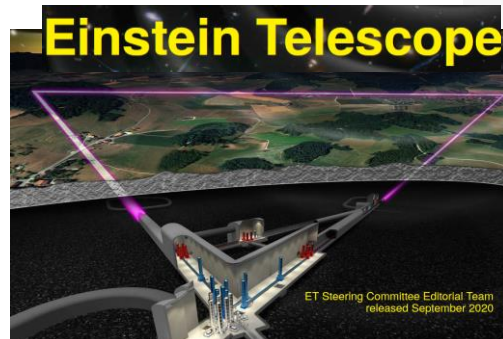
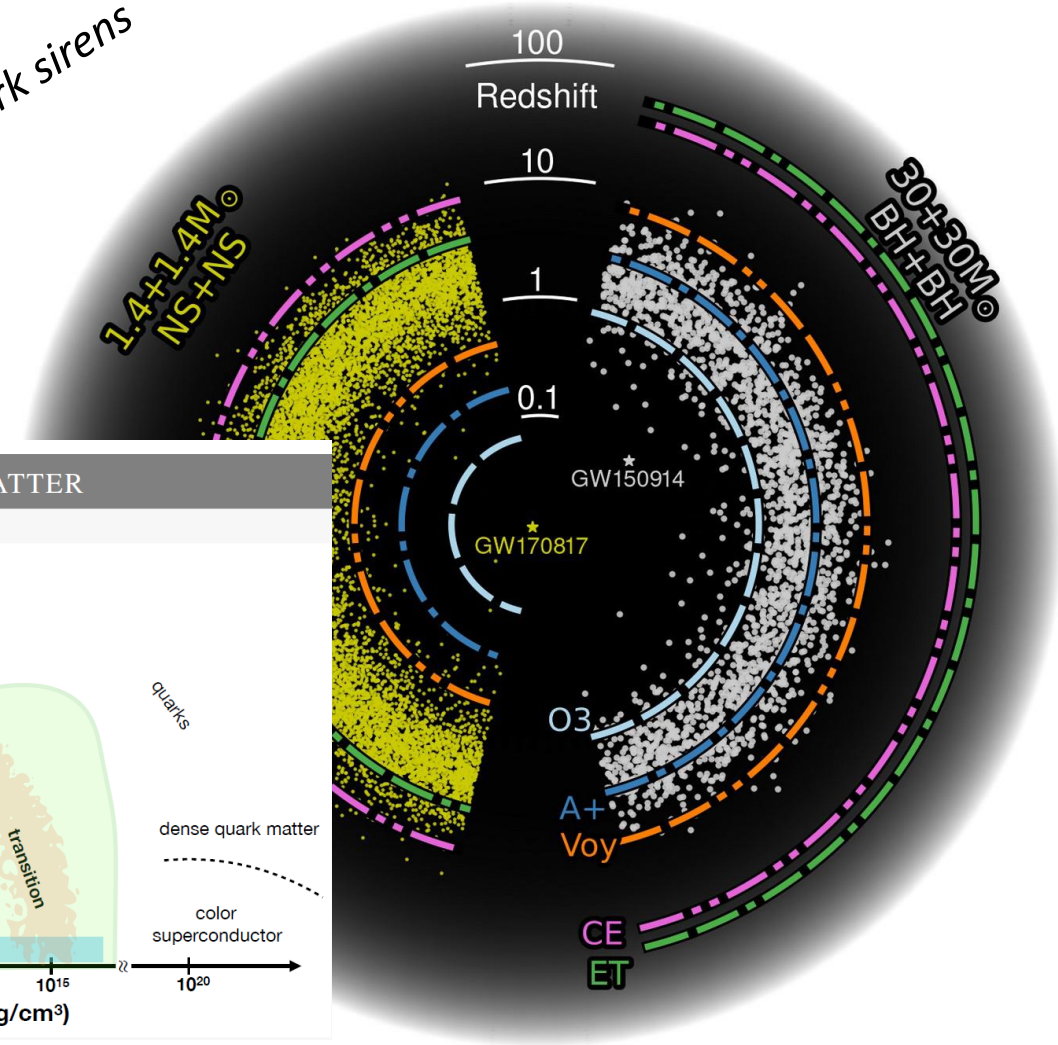
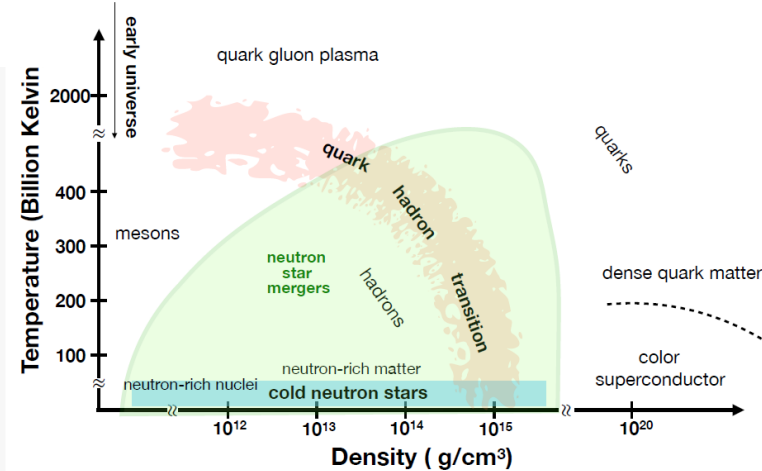
- these are future expectations for **known populations of sources**,
- there are high expectations for **new source classes and phenomena** yet to be discovered and measured

# a glimpse into the 2030s: Earth based detectors



M. Mancarella [talk](#)  
cosmology with dark sirens

DIAGRAM OF DENSE MATTER



Cosmic Explorer: <https://dcc.cosmicexplorer.org/P2100003/public>

Einstein Telescope: <http://www.et-gw.eu>

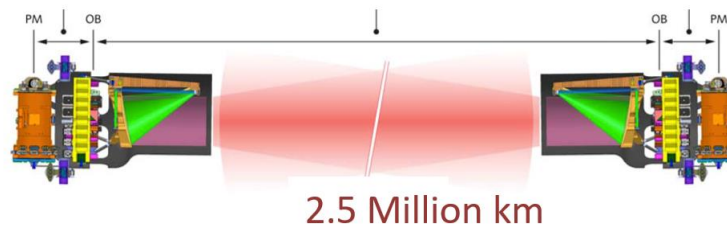
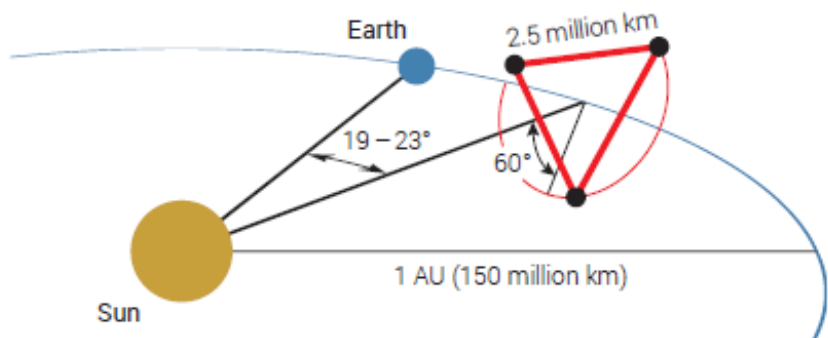
GWIC 3G reports

<https://gwic.ligo.org/3Gsubcomm/>



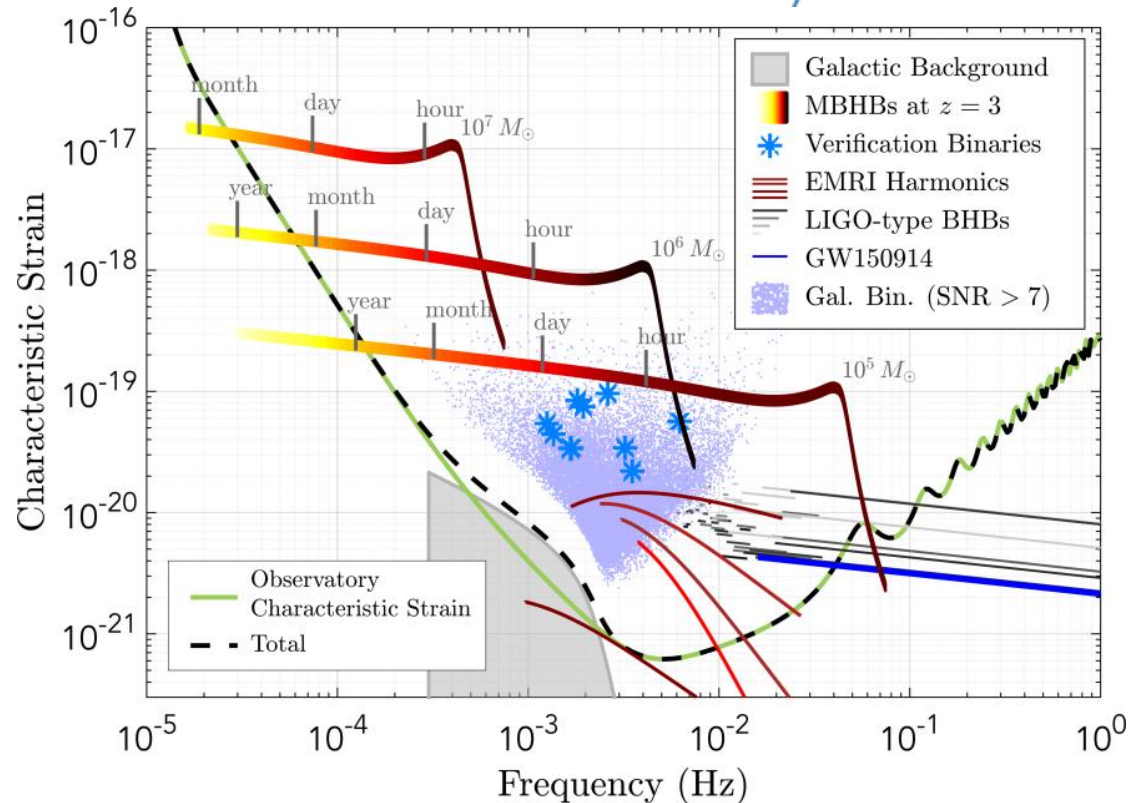
# a glimpse into the 2030s: LISA

target mission adoption: end of 2023



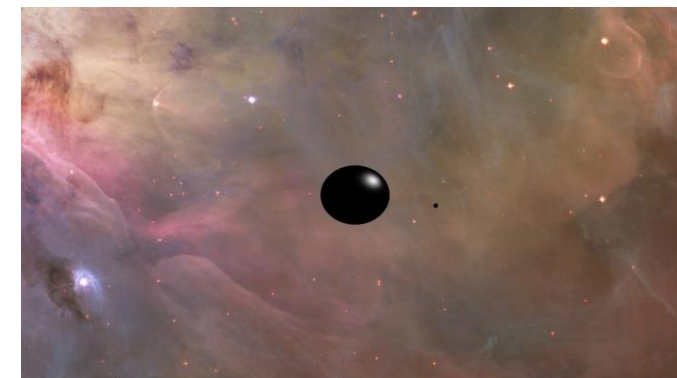
Measure acceleration between free-falling test masses 2.5 million km apart

- 3 parts: TM-SC, SC-SC, SC-TM
- Time delay interferometry
- Drag-free SC



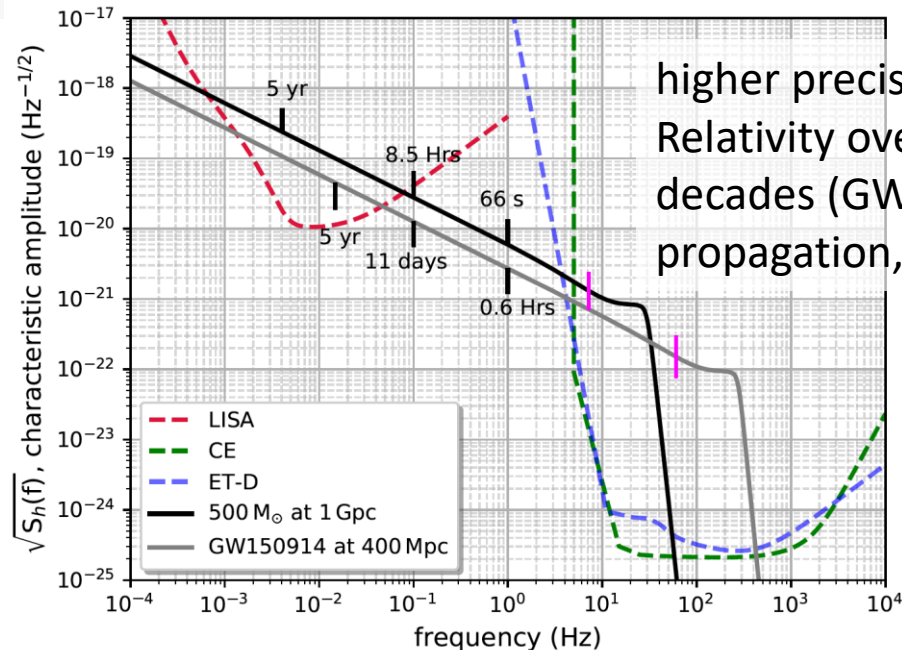
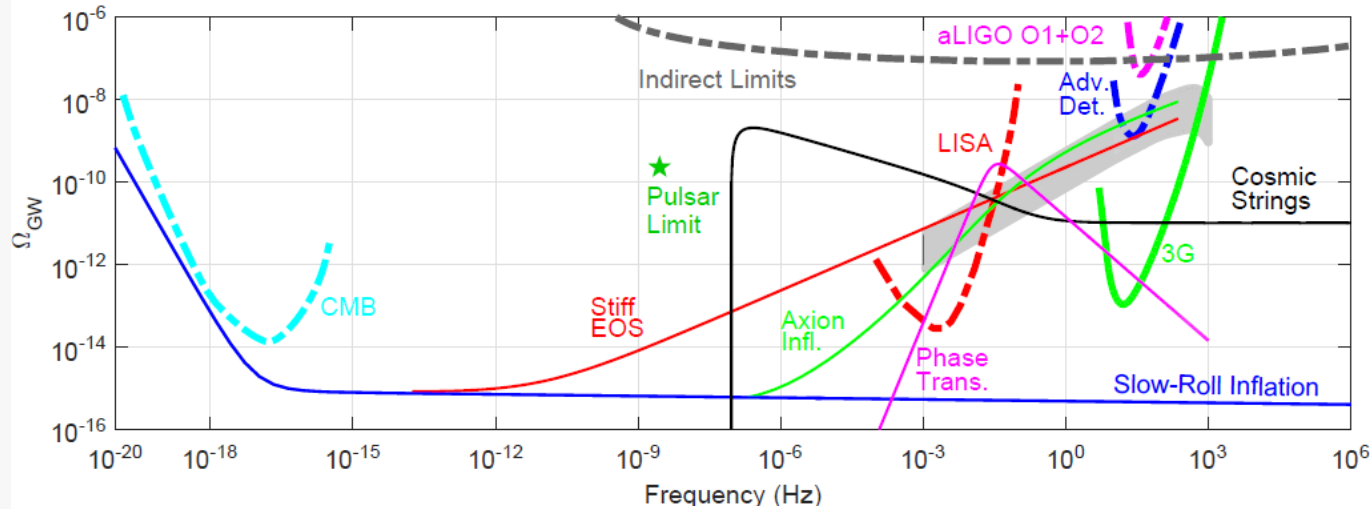
- (Super) Massive BH mergers detectable in all the accessible Universe  $[103, 107] M_{\odot}$
- Milky Way: some 104 discernable binaries + foreground
- Extreme Mass Ratio Inspirals: compact object inspiralling and plunging into a (Super) Massive BH. Enable a precise mapping of Gravity and precise tests of MBH characteristics

[Astrophysics with LISA](#)  
[arXiv:2203.06016](#)



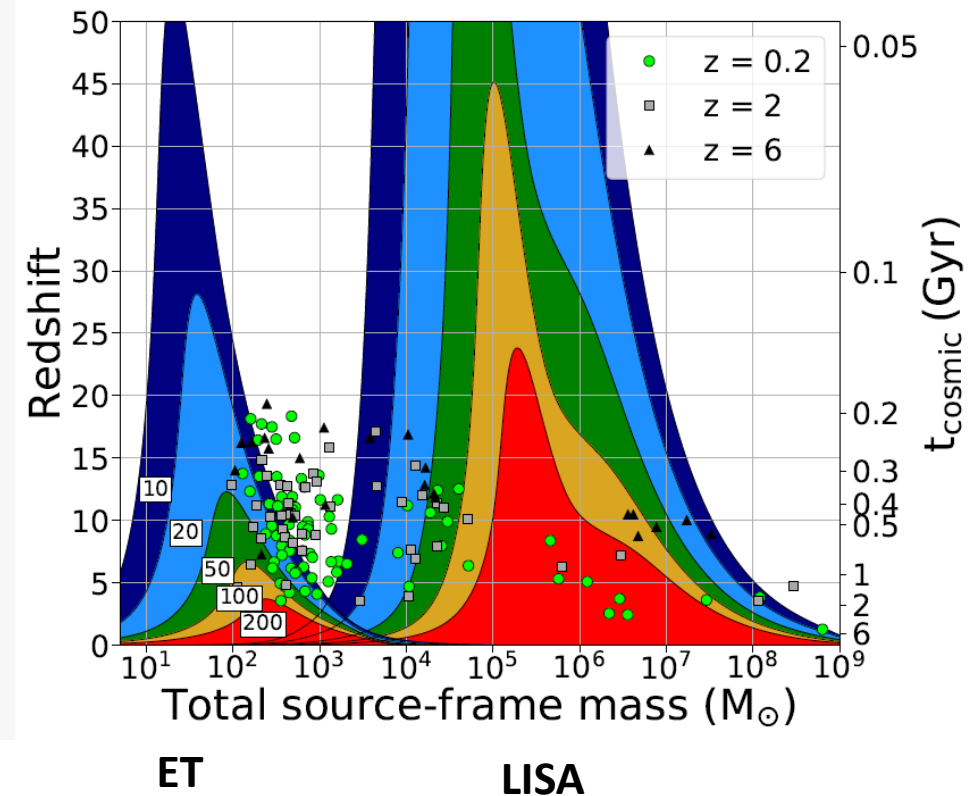
# a glimpse into the 2030s: multiband GW astronomy

## STOCHASTIC BACKGROUND SOURCES AND DETECTOR SENSITIVITIES



higher precision tests of General Relativity over  $\sim 5$  frequency decades (GW generation, propagation, ...)

## BBH MERGERS IN 3G AND LISA



Tracking the entire mass spectrum of seeds of SMBH

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# *remarks*

- LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA observations are unveiling populations of **compact object binaries**, enabling investigations in **astrophysics, gravity, cosmology** and **dark matter**
- the GW **detection rates** of known sources **will increase steeply** as the surveyed volume of Universe. This will boost also **multimessenger observations** as well as investigations of **equation-of-state of NS matter**.
- future **higher precision observations** and **yet-to-be-observed phenomena** will enable new science.
- **multiband GW astronomy** across 12+ orders of magnitude in frequency will bloom in the next decade

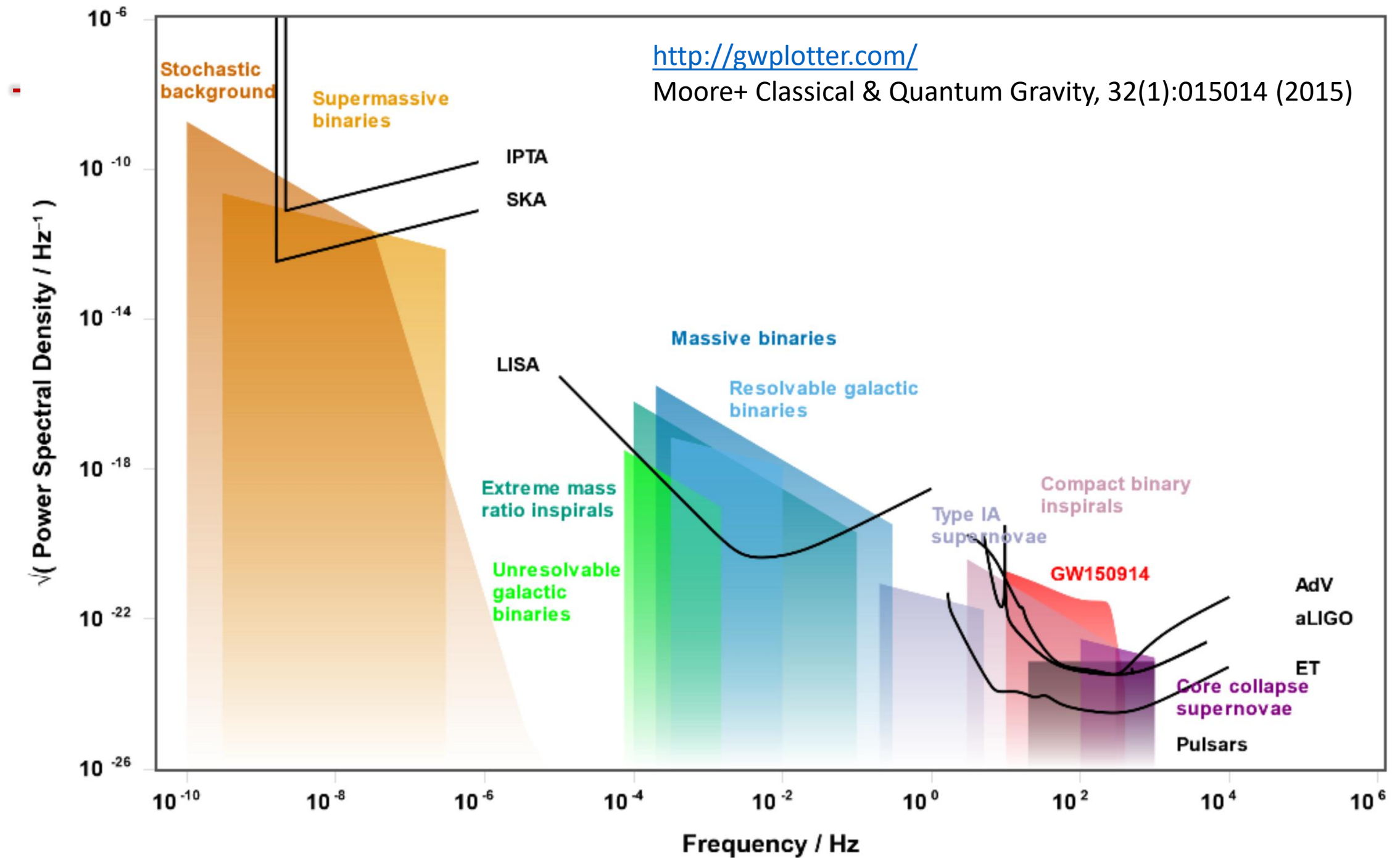
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# SPARES

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<http://gwplotter.com/>

Moore+ Classical & Quantum Gravity, 32(1):015014 (2015)





# investigating gravity

PHYSICAL REVIEW D **94**, 084002 (2016)

YUNES, YAGI, and PRETORIUS

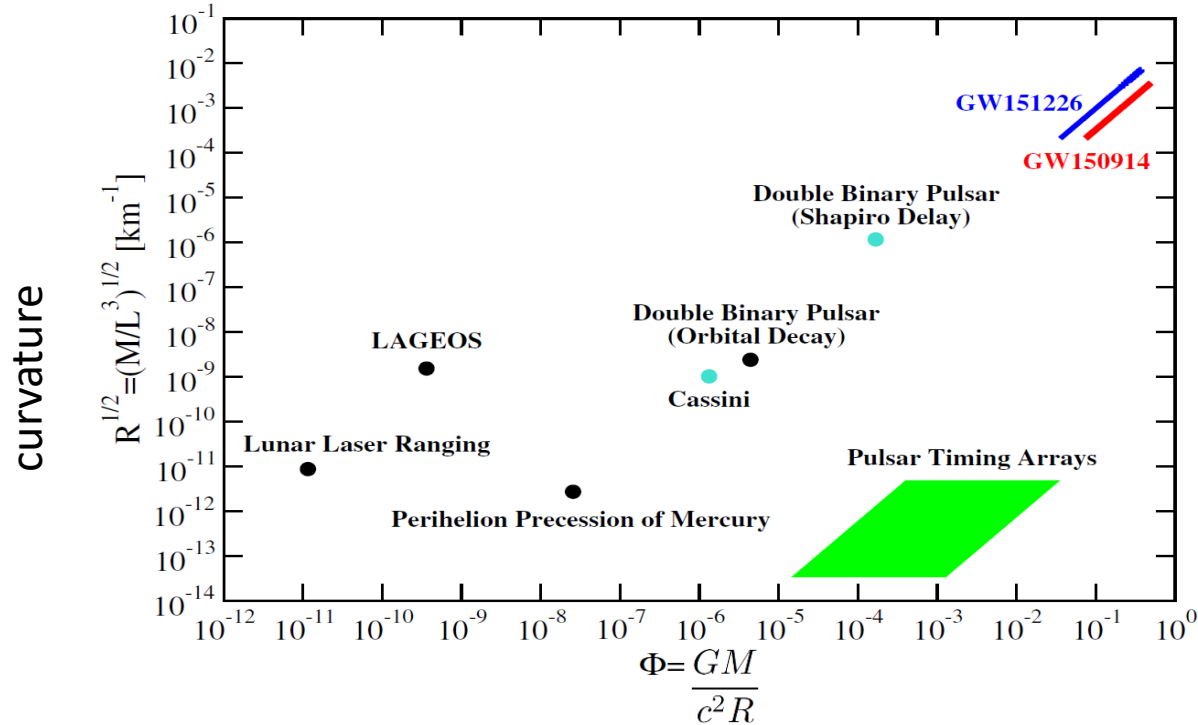
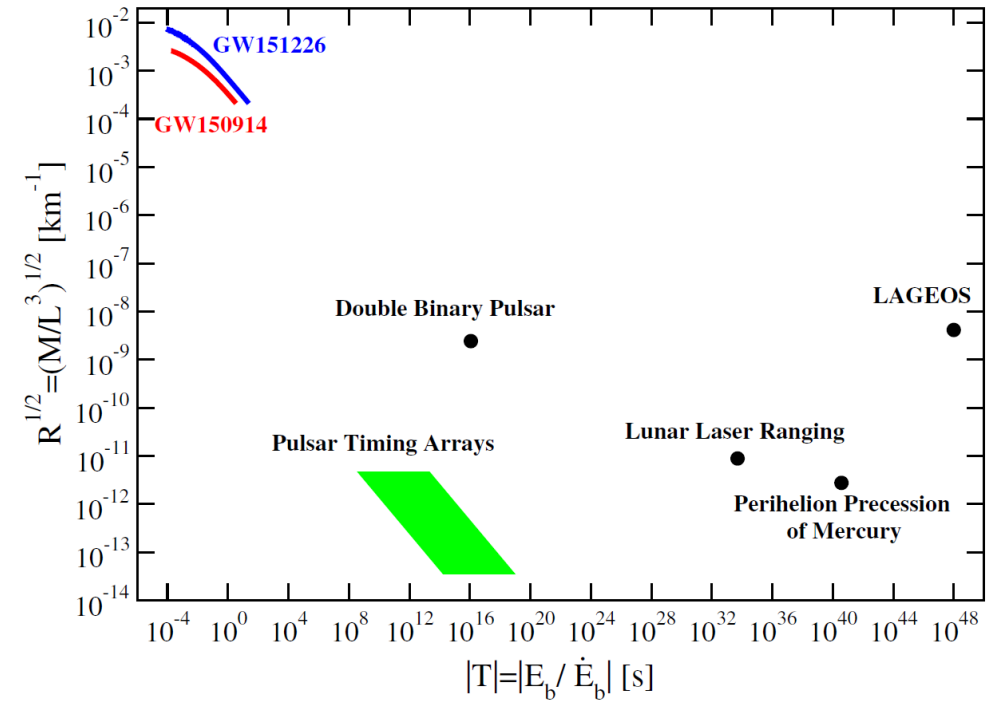


FIG. 2. Schematic diagram of the curvature-potential phase space sampled by various experiments that test GR. The vertical axis shows the inverse of the characteristic curvature length scale, while the horizontal axis shows the characteristic gravitational potential, based on Table II. GW150914 and GW151226 sample

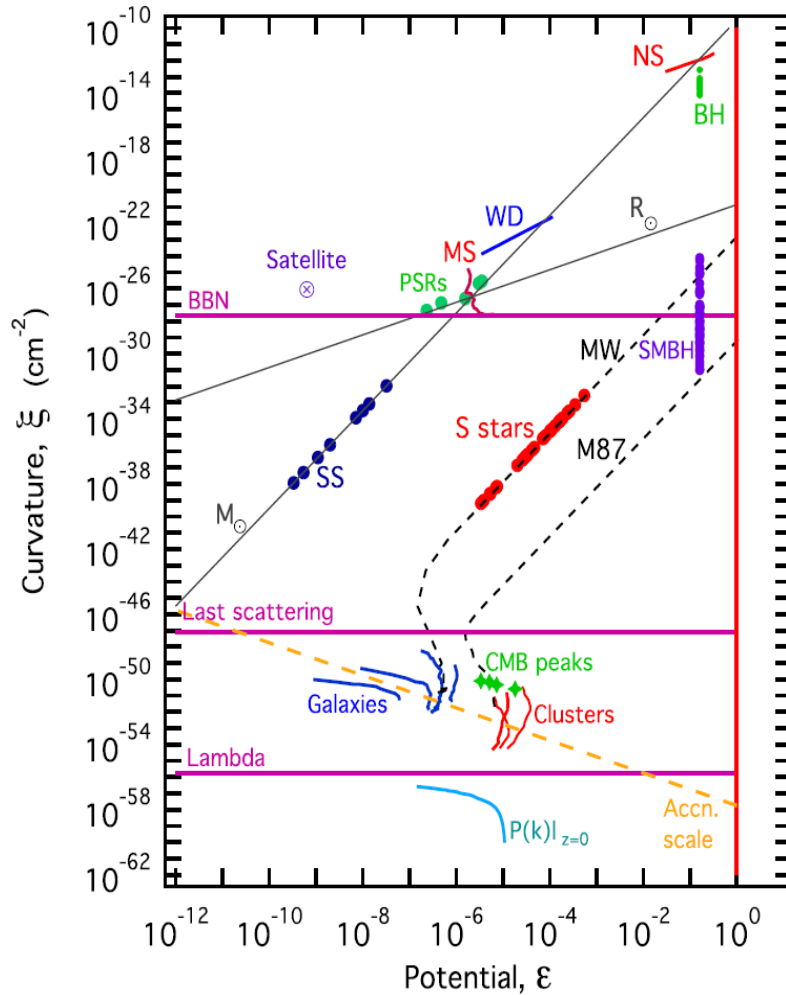


except that the abscissa is now the radiation-reaction time scale sampled by each observation. We model this via  $|T| = |E_b / \dot{E}_b|$ , where  $E_b$  is the characteristic gravitational binding energy and  $\dot{E}_b$  is the rate of change of this energy,

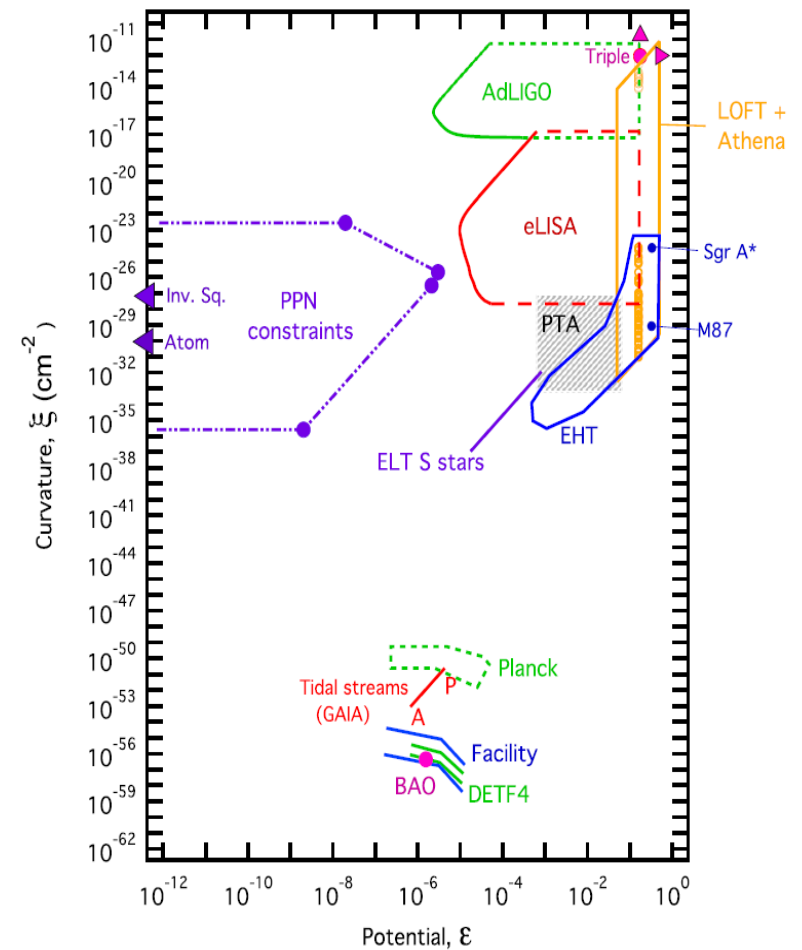
# investigating gravity 2

THE ASTROPHYSICAL JOURNAL, 802:63 (19pp), 2015 March 20

BAKER, PSALTIS, & SKORDIS



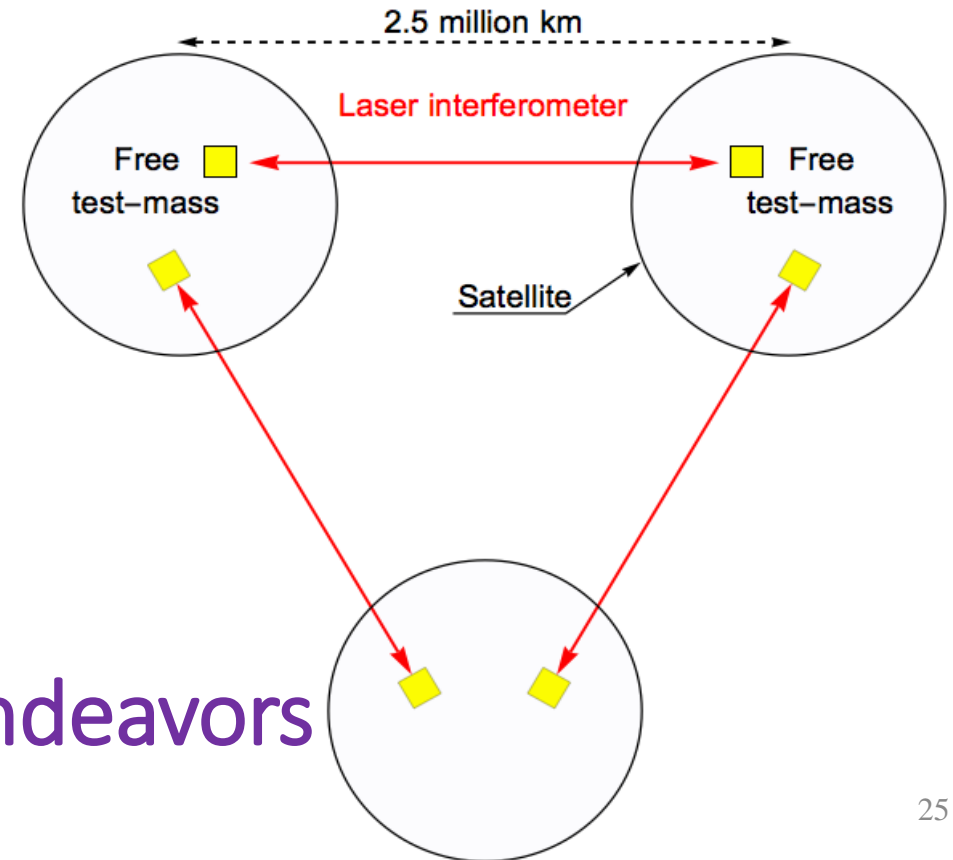
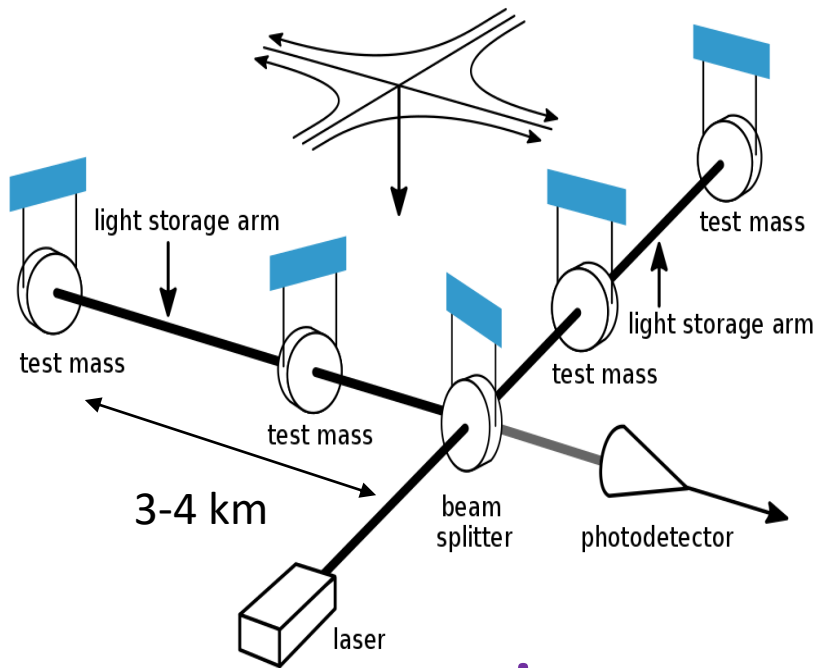
**Figure 1.** A parameter space for gravitational fields, showing the regimes probed by a wide range of astrophysical and cosmological systems. The axes variables are explained in Section 2 and individual curves are detailed in Section 3. Some of the label abbreviations are: SS—planets of the Solar System, MS—Main Sequence stars, WD—white dwarfs, PSRs—binary pulsars, NS—individual neutron stars, BH—stellar mass black holes, MW—the Milky Way, SMBH—supermassive black holes, BBN—Big Bang Nucleosynthesis.



**Figure 2.** The experimental version of the gravitational parameter space (axes the same as in Figure 1). Curves are described in detail in the text (Section 4). Some of the abbreviations in the figure are: PPN—Parameterized Post-Newtonian region, Inv. Sq.—laboratory tests of the  $1/r^2$  behavior of the gravitational force law, Atom—atom interferometry experiments to probe screening mechanisms, EHT—the Event Horizon Telescope, ELT—the Extremely Large Telescope, DETF4—a hypothetical “stage 4” experiment according to the classification scheme of the Dark Energy Task Force (Albrecht et al. 2006), Facility—a futuristic large radio telescope such as the Square Kilometre Array.

# Gravitational Wave Detectors

	<b>LIGO/Virgo/KAGRA: in operation</b>	<b>LISA: preparing the mission</b>
Size	3-4 km	$2.5 \times 10^6$ km
Frequency	10 Hz ÷ few kHz	20 $\mu$ Hz ÷ 1 Hz



international endeavors

# post-O5 concept study

LIGO and Virgo are evaluating how to exploit current infrastructures for observations in the early 2030s

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**Virgo\_nEXT**

**LIGO A# Voyager (cryogenic)**

Parameter	O5 high	O5 low	VnEXT_low
Power injected	60 W	80 W	277 W
Arm power	290 kW	390 kW	1.5 MW
PR gain	35	35	39
Finesse	446	446	446
Signal recycling	Yes	Yes	Yes
Squeezing type	FDS	FDS	FDS
Squeezing detected level	4.5 dB	6 dB	10.5
Payload type	AdV	AdV	Triple pendulum
ITM mass	42 kg	42 kg	105 kg
ETM mass	105 kg	105 kg	105 kg
ITM beam radius	49 mm	49 mm	49 mm
ETM beam radius	91 mm	91 mm	91 mm
Coating losses ETM	2.37e-4	0.79e-4	6.2e-6
Coating losses ITM	1.63e-4	0.54e-4	6.2e-6
Newtonian noise reduction	1/3	1/5	1/5
Technical noise	"Late low"	None	None
BNS range	145 Mpc	260 Mpc	500 Mpc



**VIRGO**

Paola Puppo, ET Symposium, June 2022

P.Puppo's talk at the XII ET Symposium, June 2022  
<https://indico.ego-gw.it/event/411/>

## Comparison of Parameters



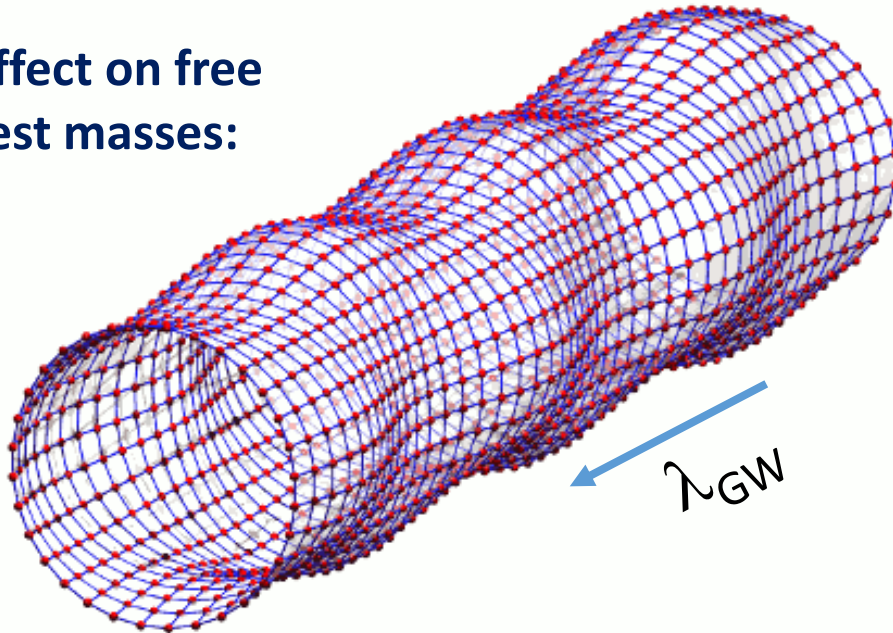
Parameter	Units	A+	A <sup>‡</sup>	STO	Voyager
Arm power	kW	750	1500	1500	3000
Laser wavelength	μm	1	1	1	2
Test mass material		Silica	Silica	Silica	Silicon
Temperature	K	295	295	295	123
Mass	kg	40	100	200	200
Observed squeezing	dB	7	10	10	7
Rayleigh wave suppression	dB	0	6	20	20
Horiz. susp. pt. at 1 Hz	pm/√Hz	10	10	0.1	0.1
Final susp. stage blade		No	No	Yes	Yes
Filter cavity length	m	300	300	4000	300

# Gravitational plane Waves far away from sources

□ weak-field linear approximation of General Relativity:  $g_{\alpha\beta} = \eta_{\alpha\beta} + h_{\alpha\beta}$   $|h_{\alpha\beta}| \ll 1$   
oversimplified separation between GWs and static space-time in the background

- analogies with electromagnetic waves:  
*light speed, transverse, 2 polarization components*
- peculiarities of GWs:  
*tidal deformations of extended bodies, no measurable local effect*

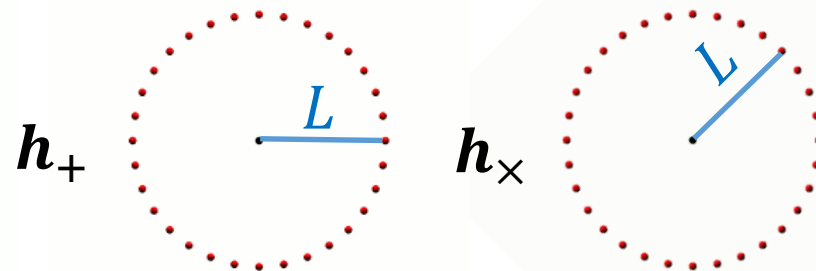
Effect on free  
test masses:



www.einstein-online.info

GW amplitude is  
strain:  $\frac{\Delta L}{L} = \frac{1}{2} h$

tensor polarizations  $h_+$   $h_\times$  rotated  
by  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  in the wavefront plane:



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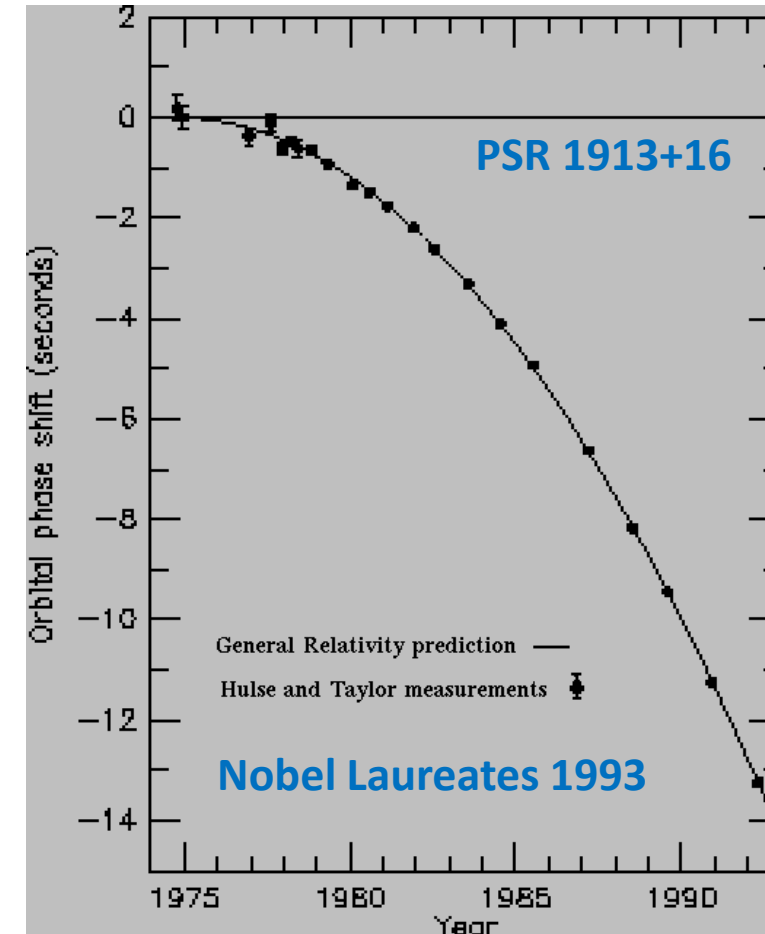
# Sources of Gravitational Waves

- ❑ **mass-Dipole Moment**,  $[M R]$ , position of the Center of Mass of the system:  
“almost forbidden” dipolar emission of GWs from isolated systems

- ❑ leading order emission is **mass-Quadrupole Moment**  $Q_{\mu\nu}$ ,  $[M R^2]$  :  
GW Luminosity is driven by  $\ddot{Q}_{\mu\nu} \neq 0$

$$P \approx \frac{G}{5c^5} \ddot{Q}_{\mu\nu} \ddot{Q}^{\mu\nu} \sim 10^{39} W \left( \frac{f}{\text{Hz}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{M}{M_\odot} \right)^2 \left( \frac{v}{c} \right)^4 \quad \text{dimensional argument}$$

- ❑ generating detectable GWs as in Hertz-like experiment is NOT feasible
- ❑ astrophysical sources (e.g. **Hulse & Taylor binary pulsar**) are emitting in agreement with General Relativity





# GW150914: the first direct observation

[PRL 116, 061102 \(2016\)](#)

unexpected signal: detected first  
by wide-scope transient search  
not assuming waveform model

