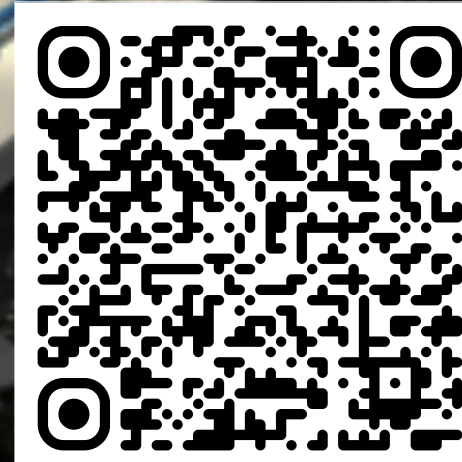




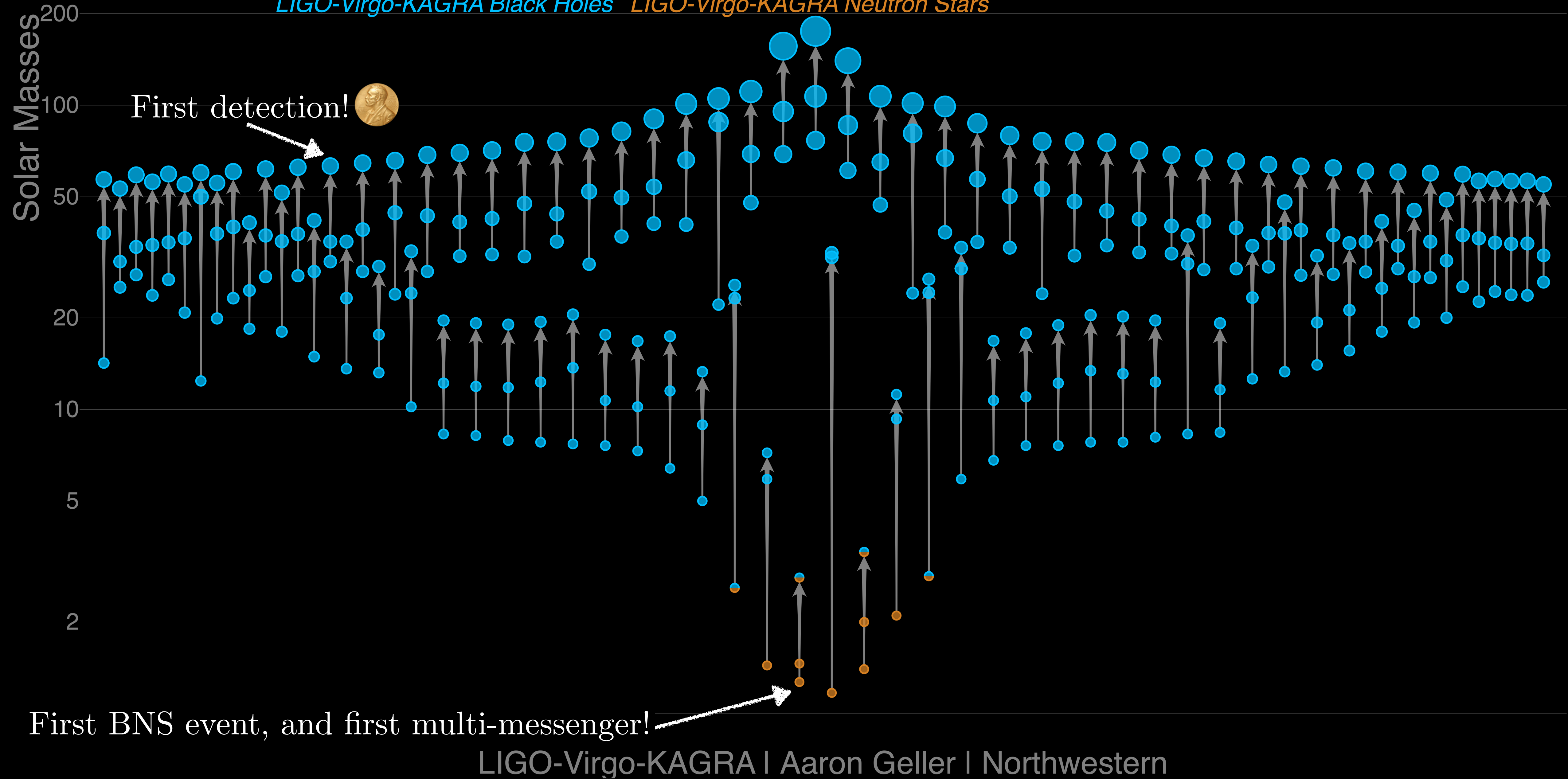
Einstein Telescope: science objectives and designs



Mainly based on
[Branchesi et al., JCAP07\(2023\)068](#)

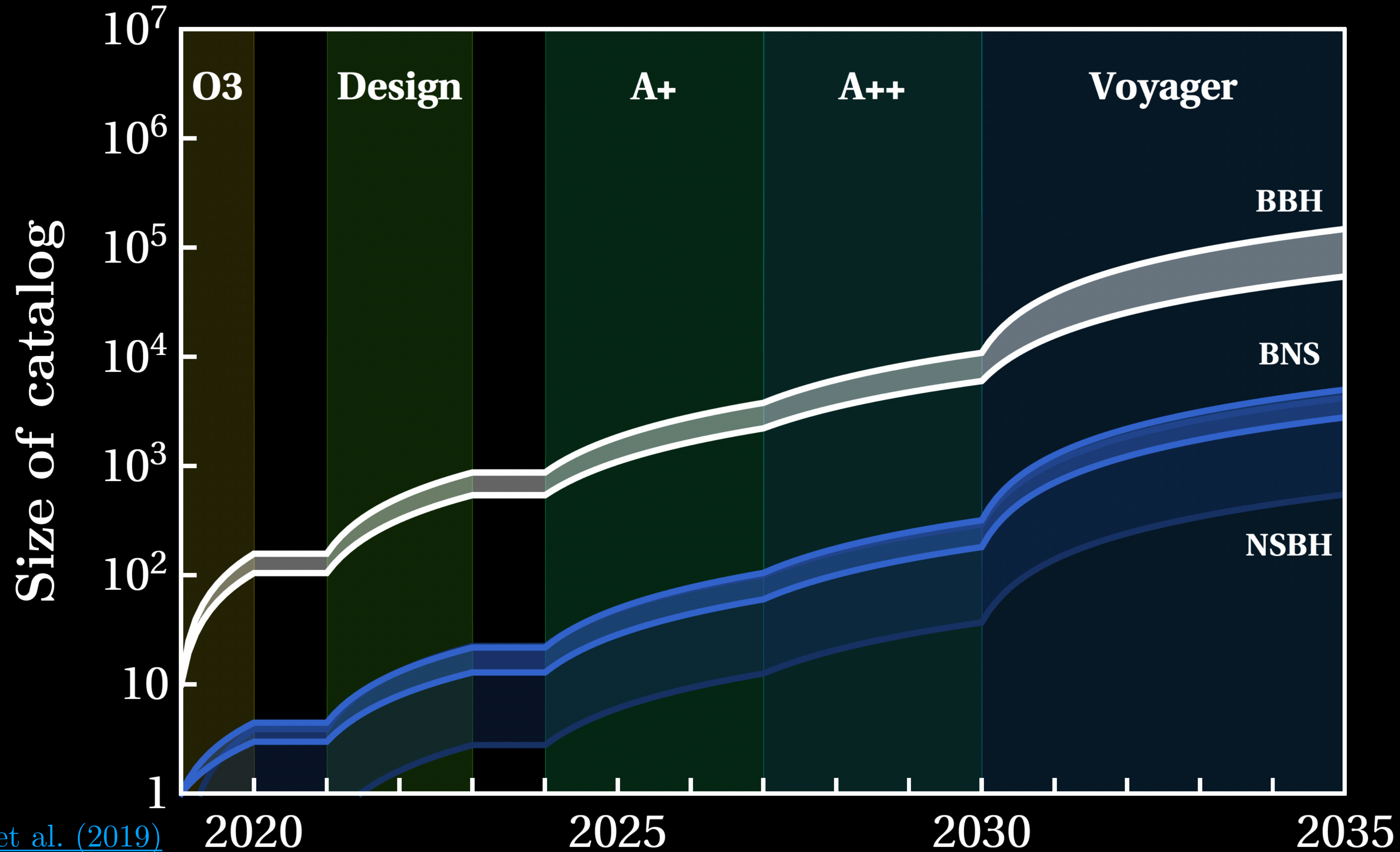
State of the art at 2G detectors

LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA Black Holes *LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA Neutron Stars*

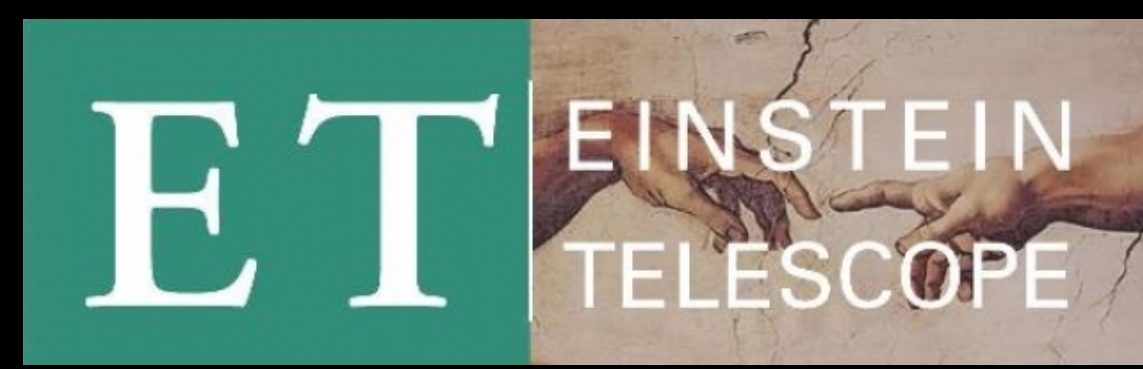


Prospects at 2G detectors

Already at 2G detectors, thanks to future advancements, in the coming years the number of detections is expected to quickly raise

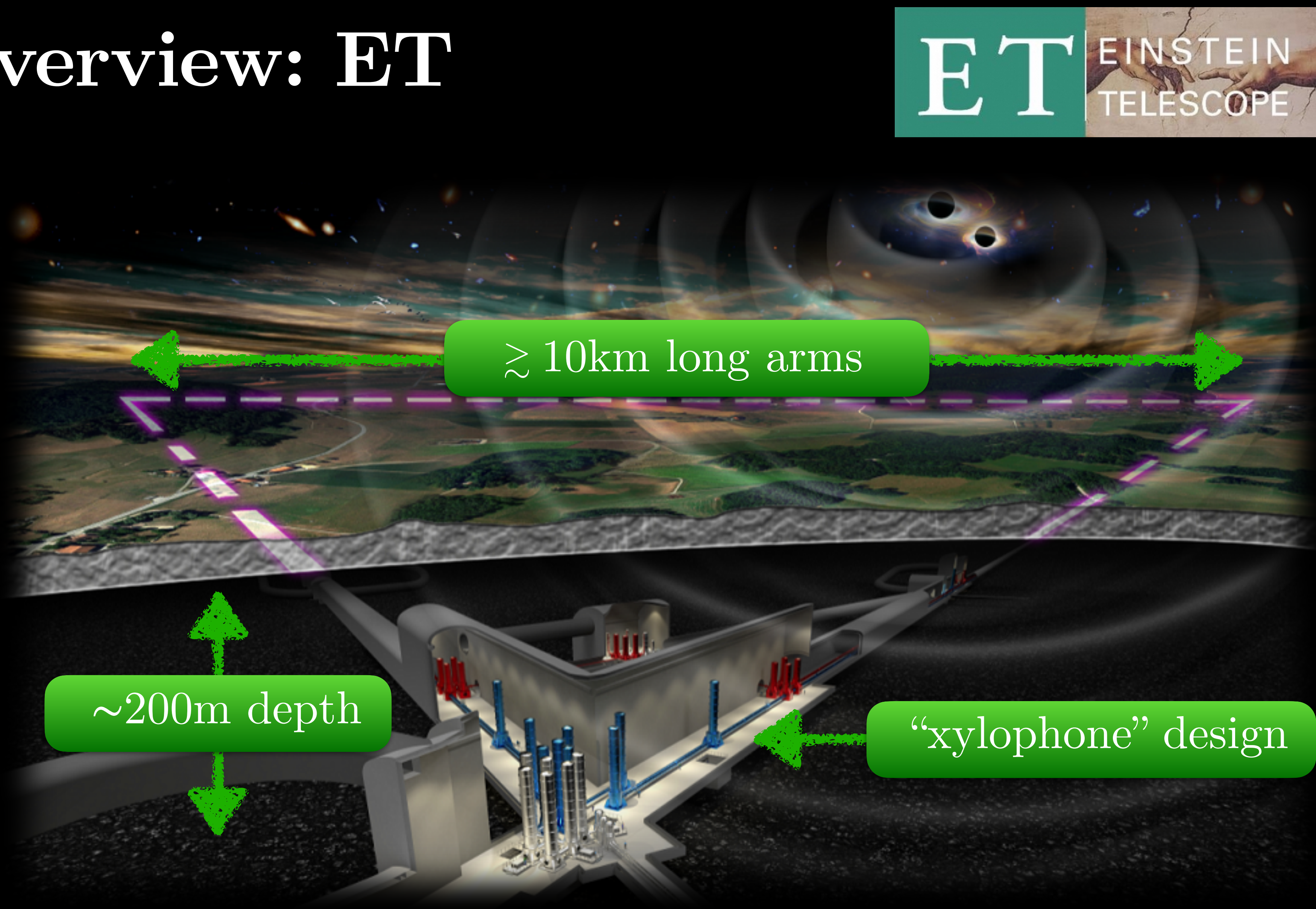


3G detectors overview: ET



ET pioneered the idea of 3G GW observatory:

- new infrastructure capable to host future upgrades
- large improvement in sensitivity
- greatly extended frequency range, especially below 10Hz
- ...



Proposed more than 10 years ago ([Punturo et al. \(2010\)](#)) and included in ESFRI roadmap in 2021. Science case in [Maggiore et al. \(2020\)](#)

3G detectors overview: CE



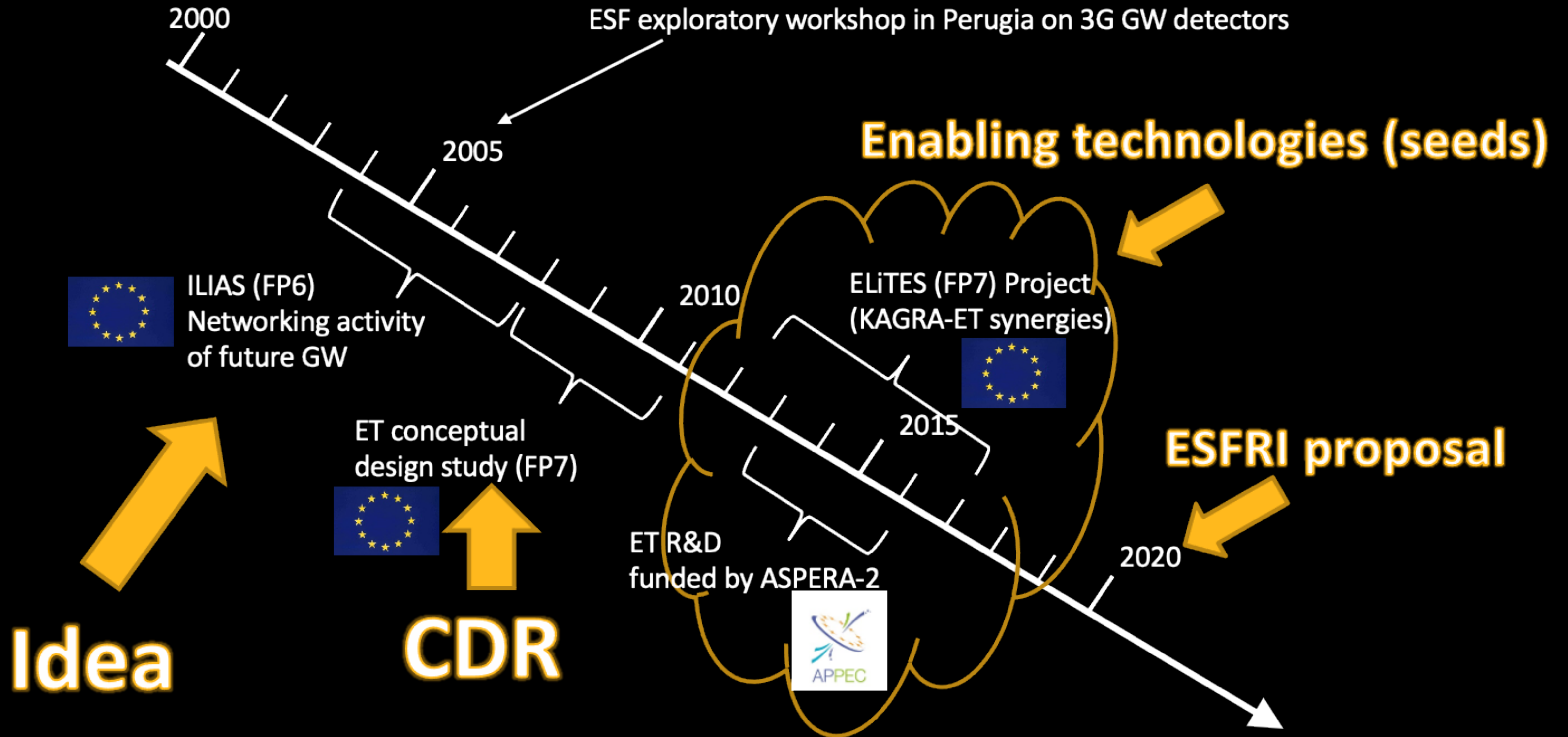
CE is the proposed U.S. 3G detector:

- 2 L-shaped surface instruments, one 40km-long and one 20km-long;
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- tunable design
- global network with ET
- ...

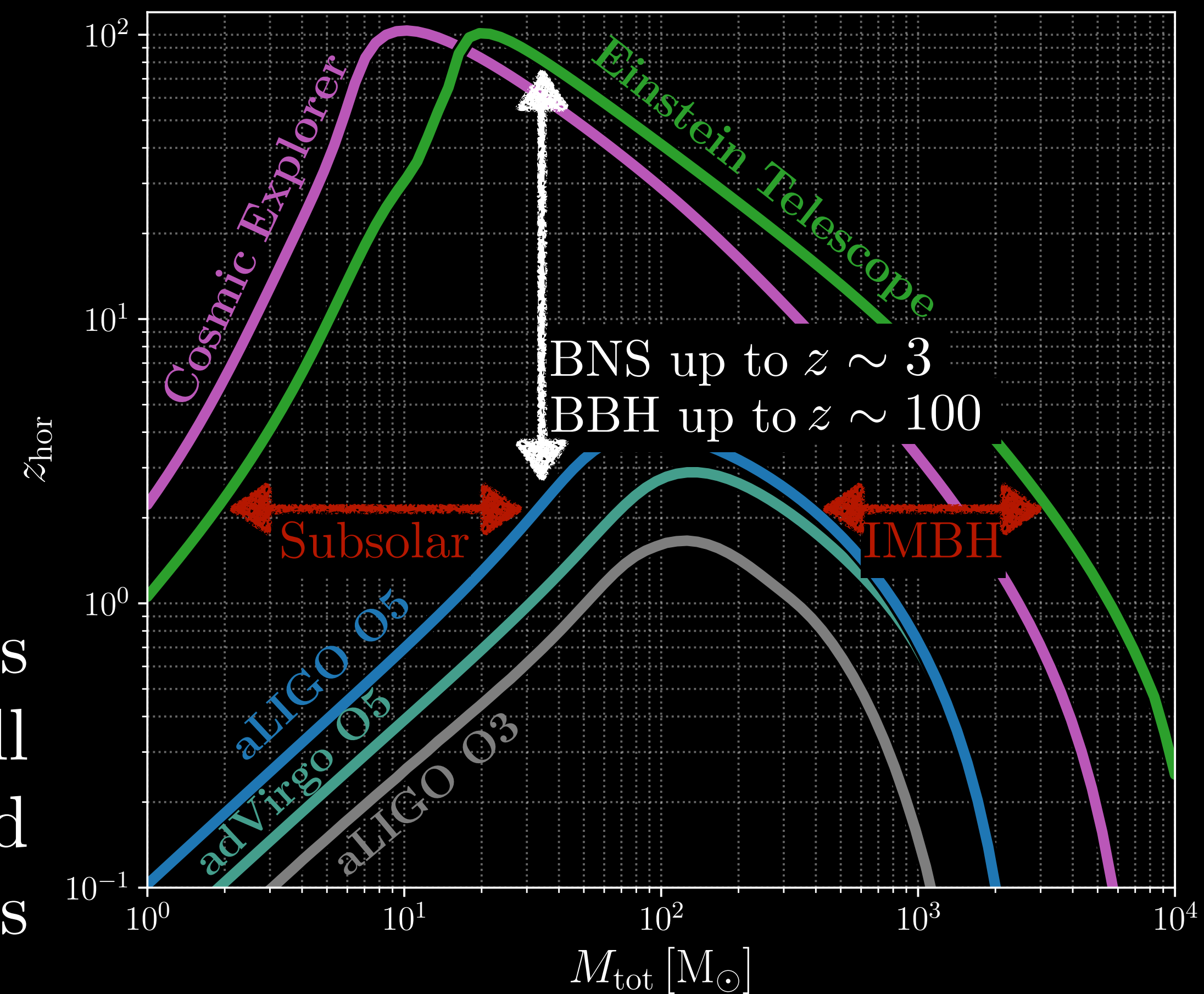
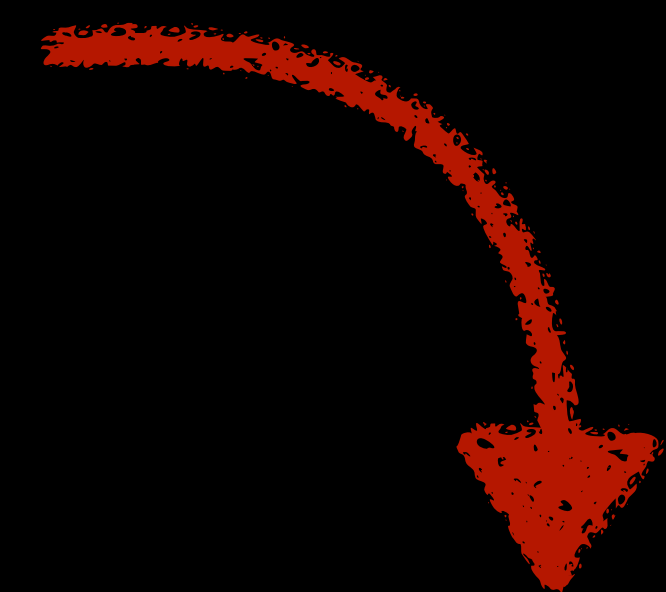
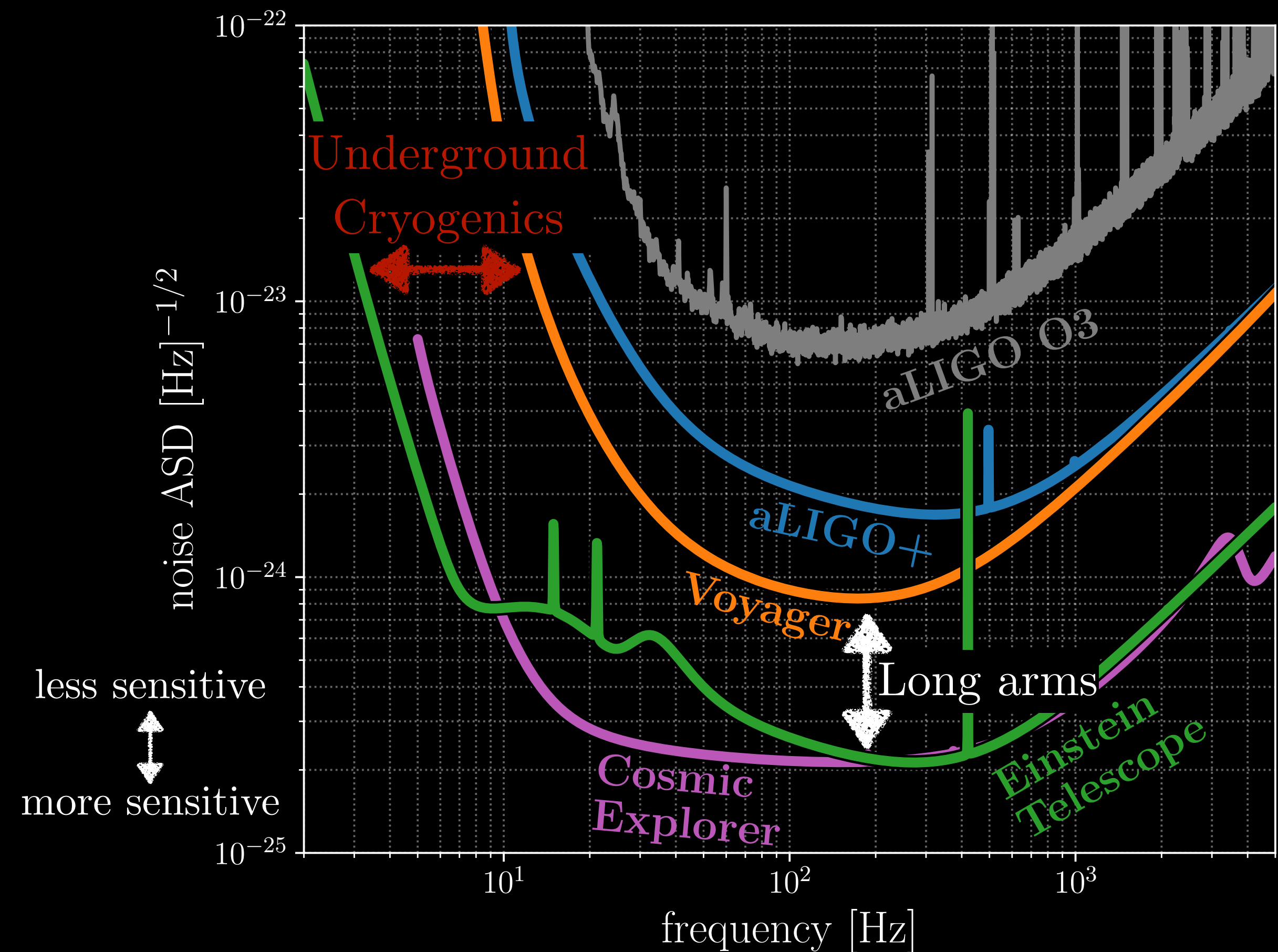


CE white paper in 2019 ([Reitze et al. \(2021\)](#)) and CE Horizon Study document recently published ([Evans et al. \(2021\)](#))

3G detectors overview: ET history

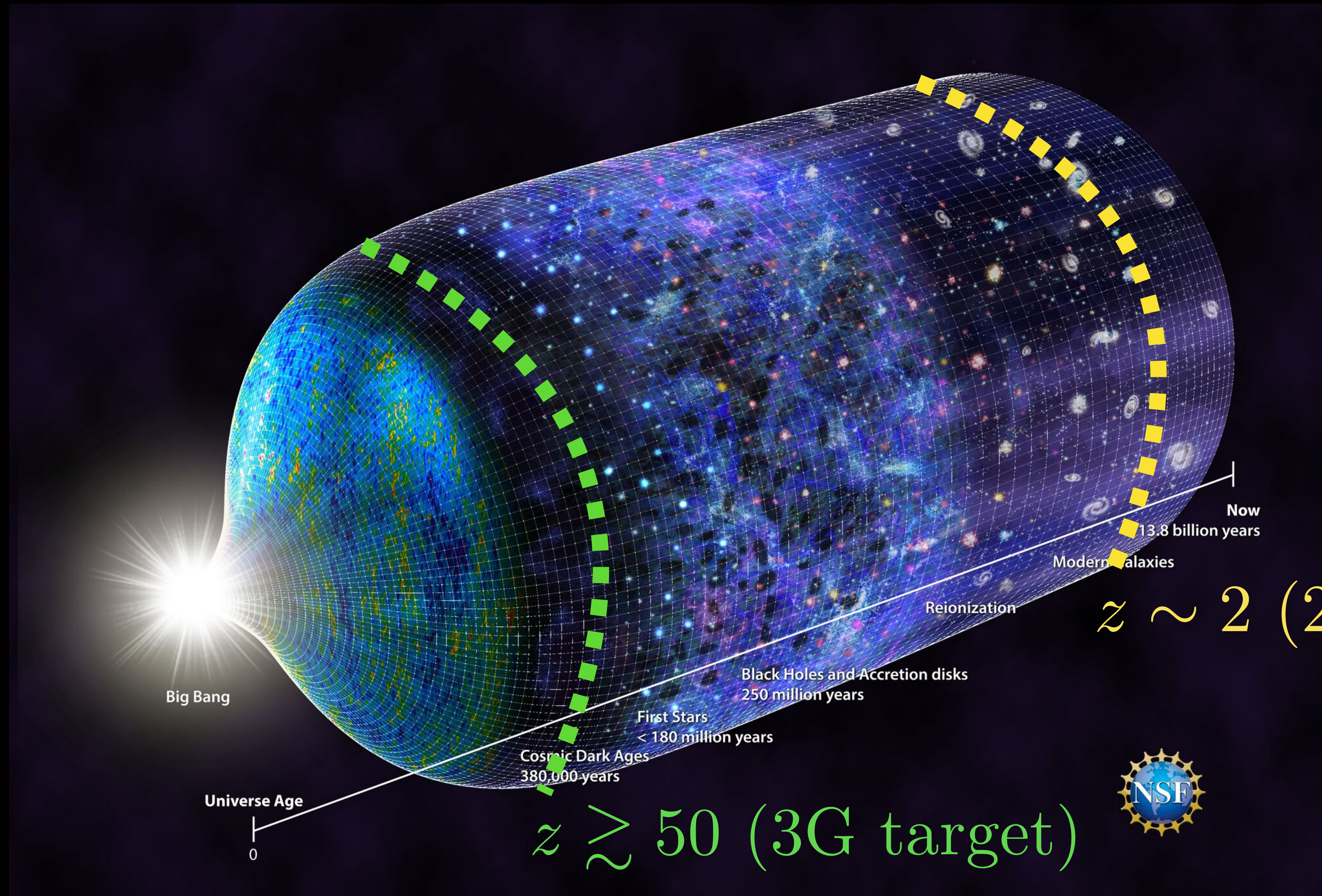


Jump to 3G detectors: how much do we gain?



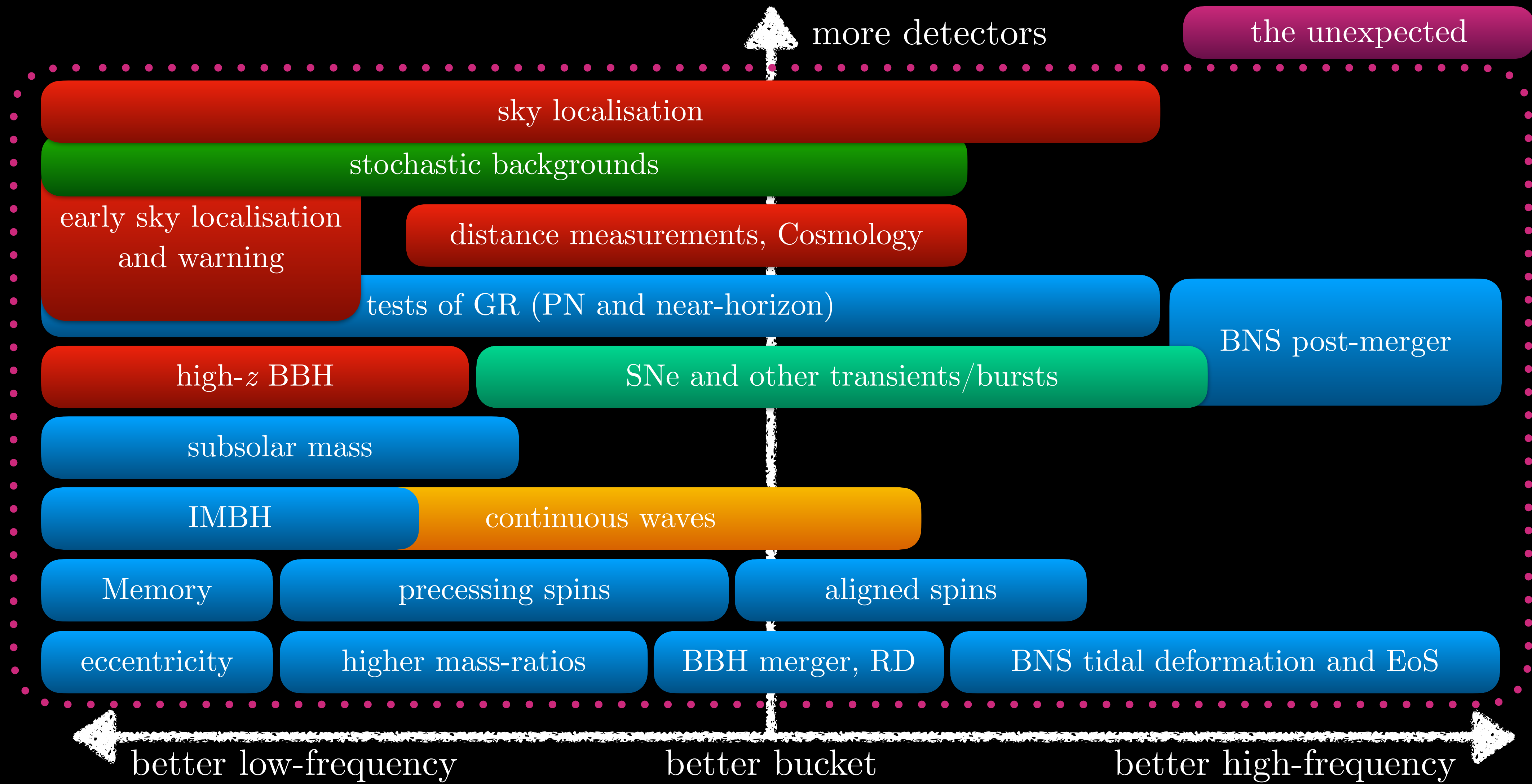
Thanks to their technological advancements and the bigger facilities, ET and CE will have a broader frequency range and sensitivities improved more than 10 times compared to LVK!

Jump to 3G detectors: why do we need it?



Jump to 3G detectors: why do we need it?

GW sources produce signals in different GW ranges: the larger the frequency band and the more sensitive the detector, the higher the scientific output!



ET science case

ASTROPHYSICS

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 - origin (stellar vs. primordial)
 - evolution, demography
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 - interior structure (QCD at ultra-high densities, exotic states of matter)
 - demography
- **Multi-band and -messenger astronomy**
 - joint GW/EM observations (GRB, kilonova,...)
 - multiband GW detection (LISA)
 - neutrinos
- **Detection of new astrophysical sources**
 - core collapse supernovae
 - isolated neutron stars
 - stochastic background of astrophysical origin

FUNDAMENTAL PHYSICS AND COSMOLOGY

- **Tests of General Relativity and nature of compact objects**
 - post-Newtonian expansion
 - near-horizon physics
 - tests of no-hair theorem
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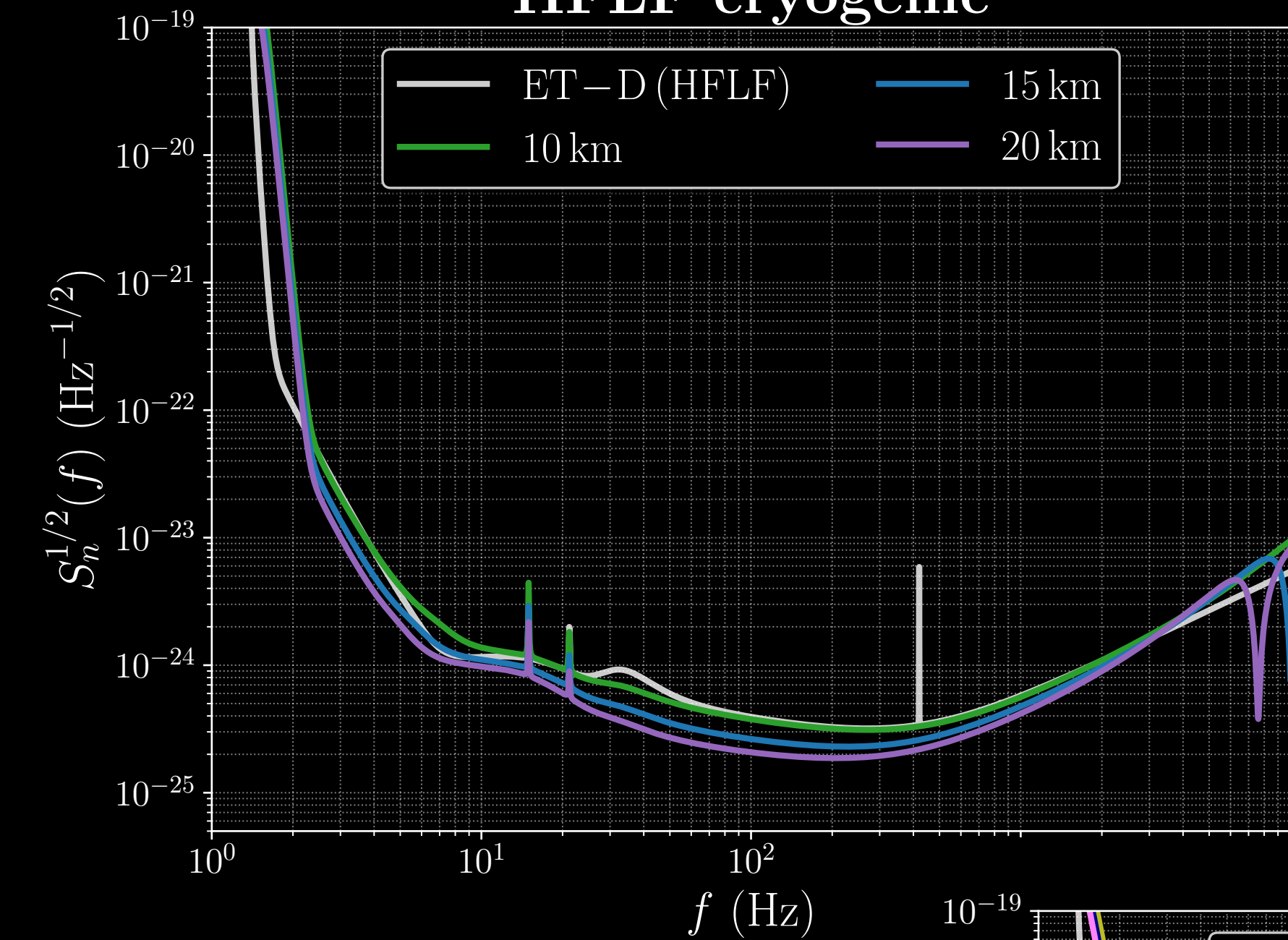
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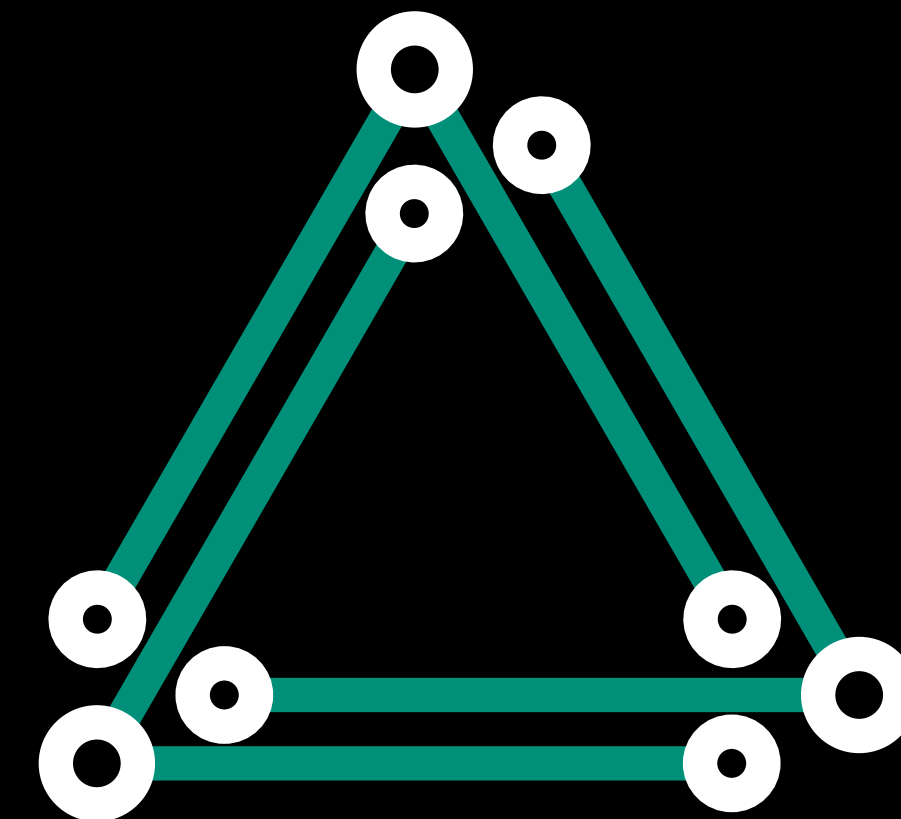
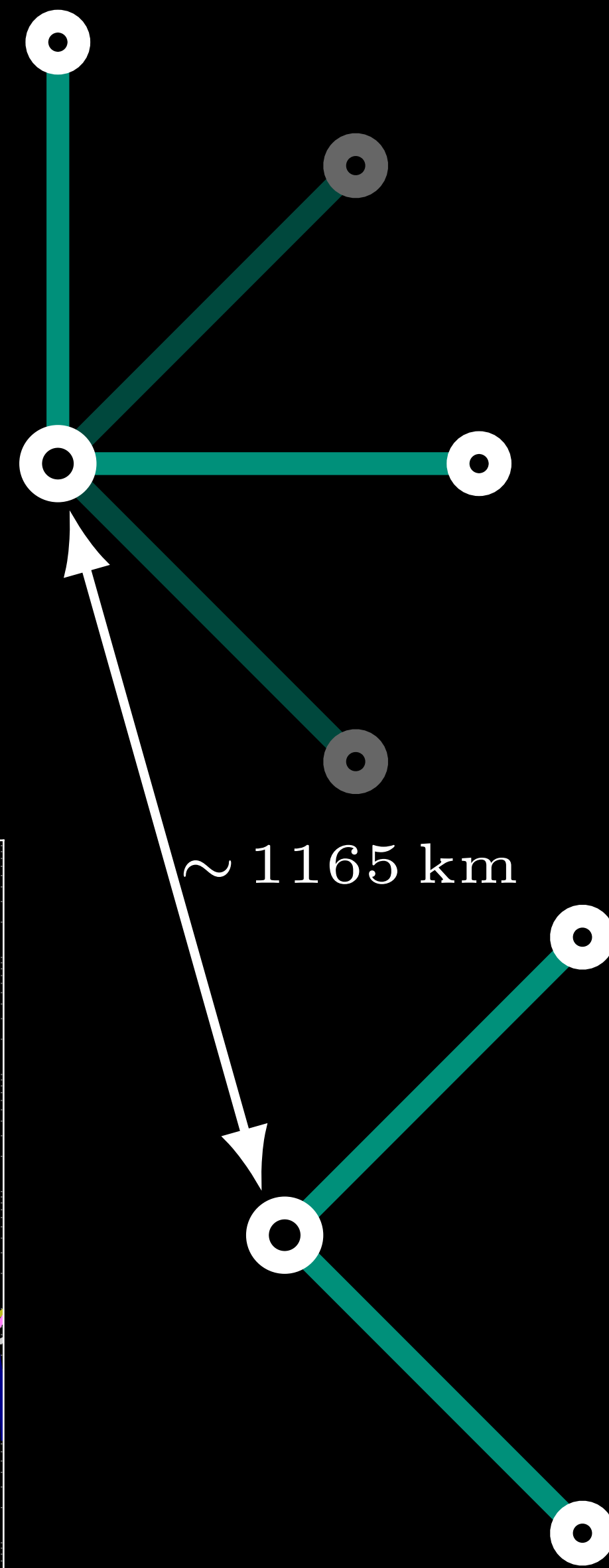
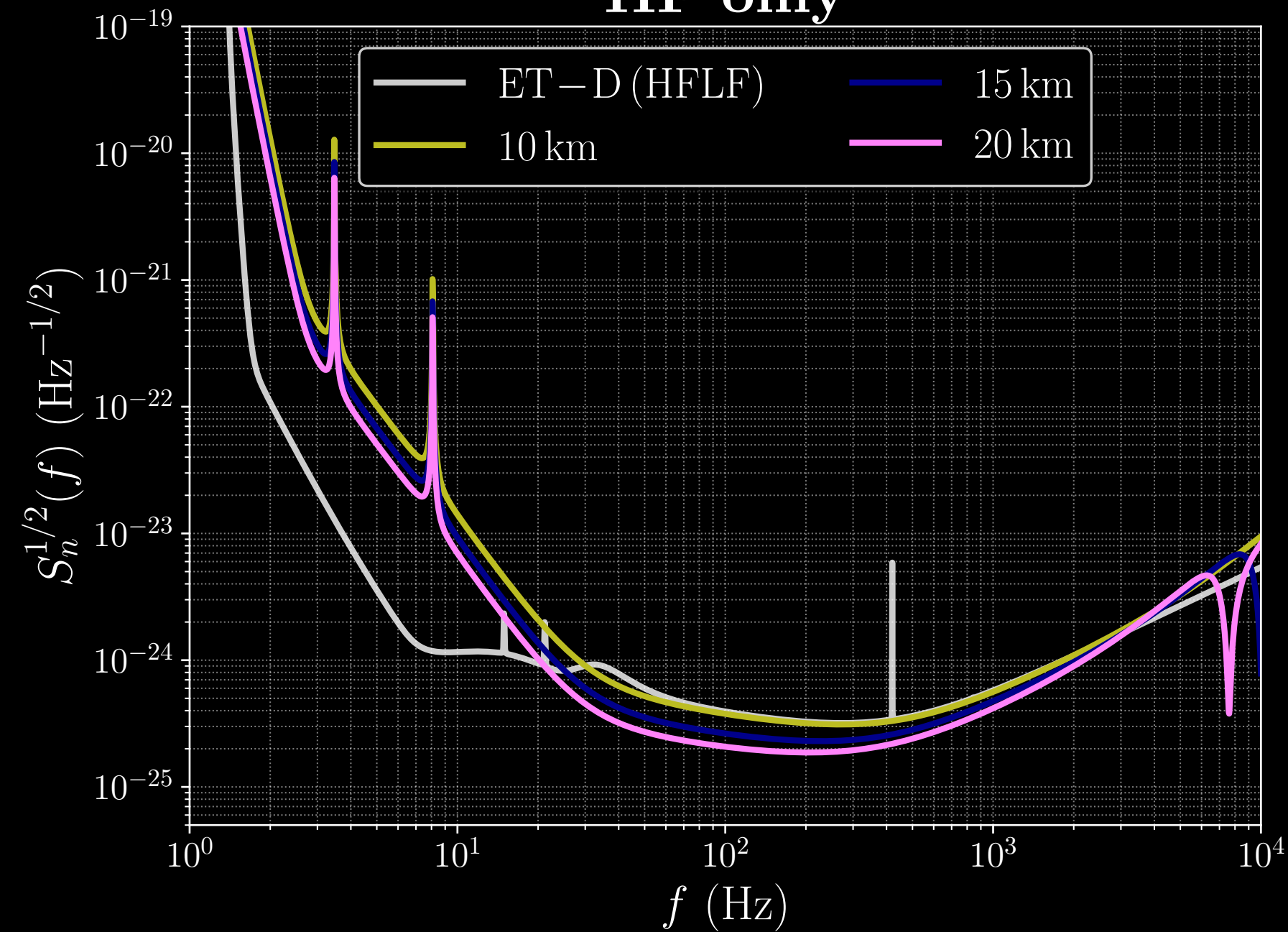
ET will be a "discovery machine": expect the unexpected!

Variation of the design: which ones?

HFLF cryogenic



HF only



Variation of the design: a lot of work from a lot of people

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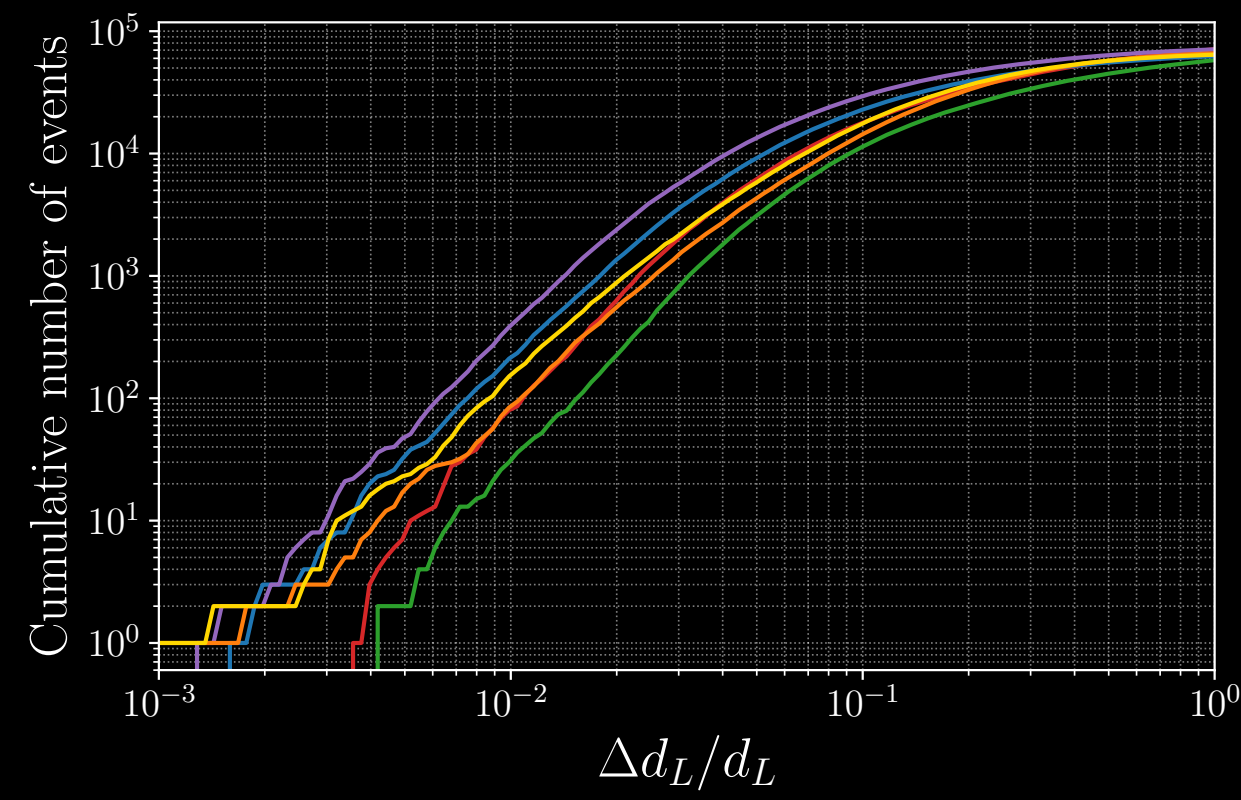
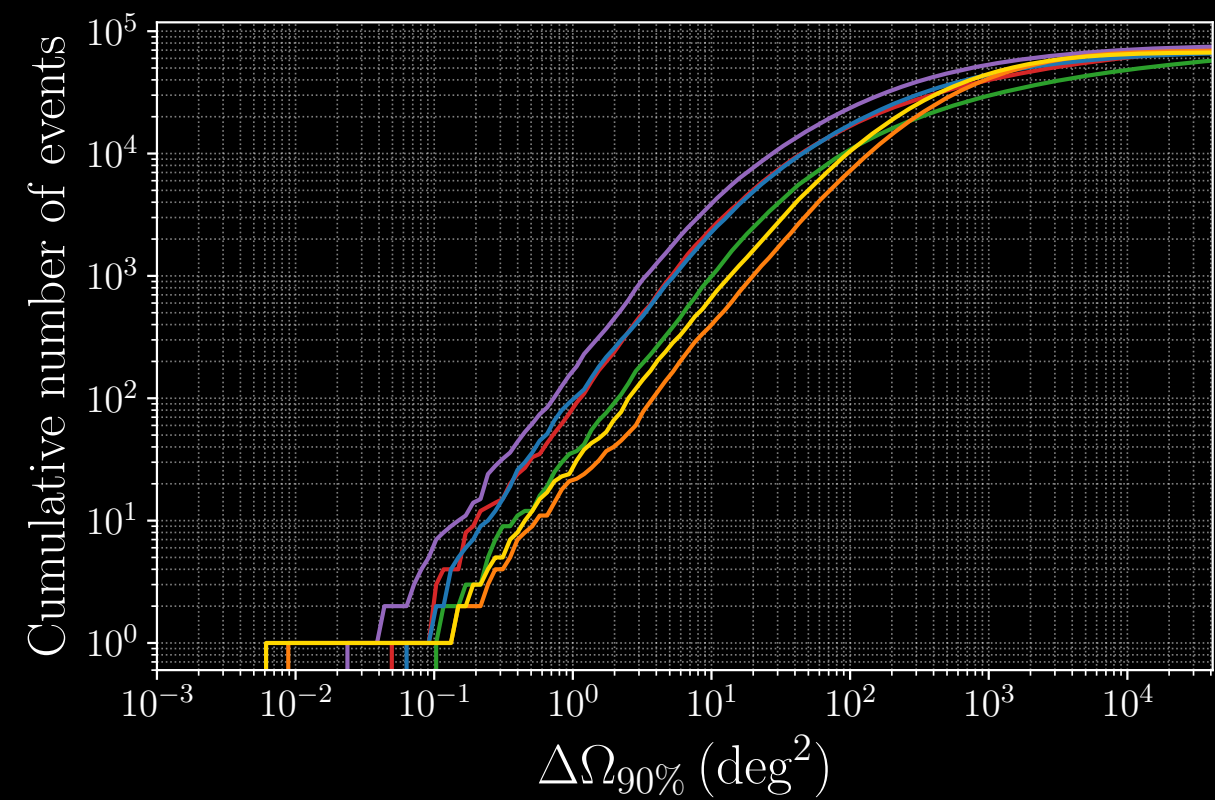
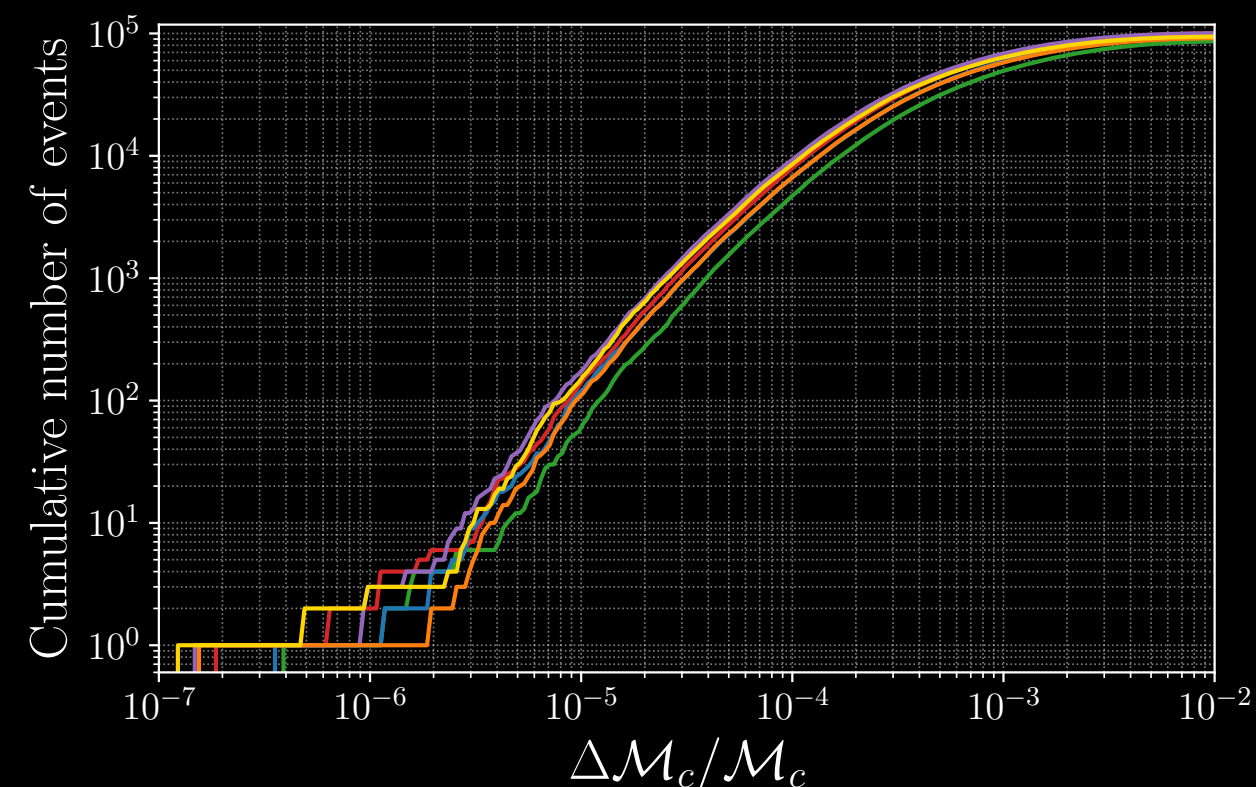
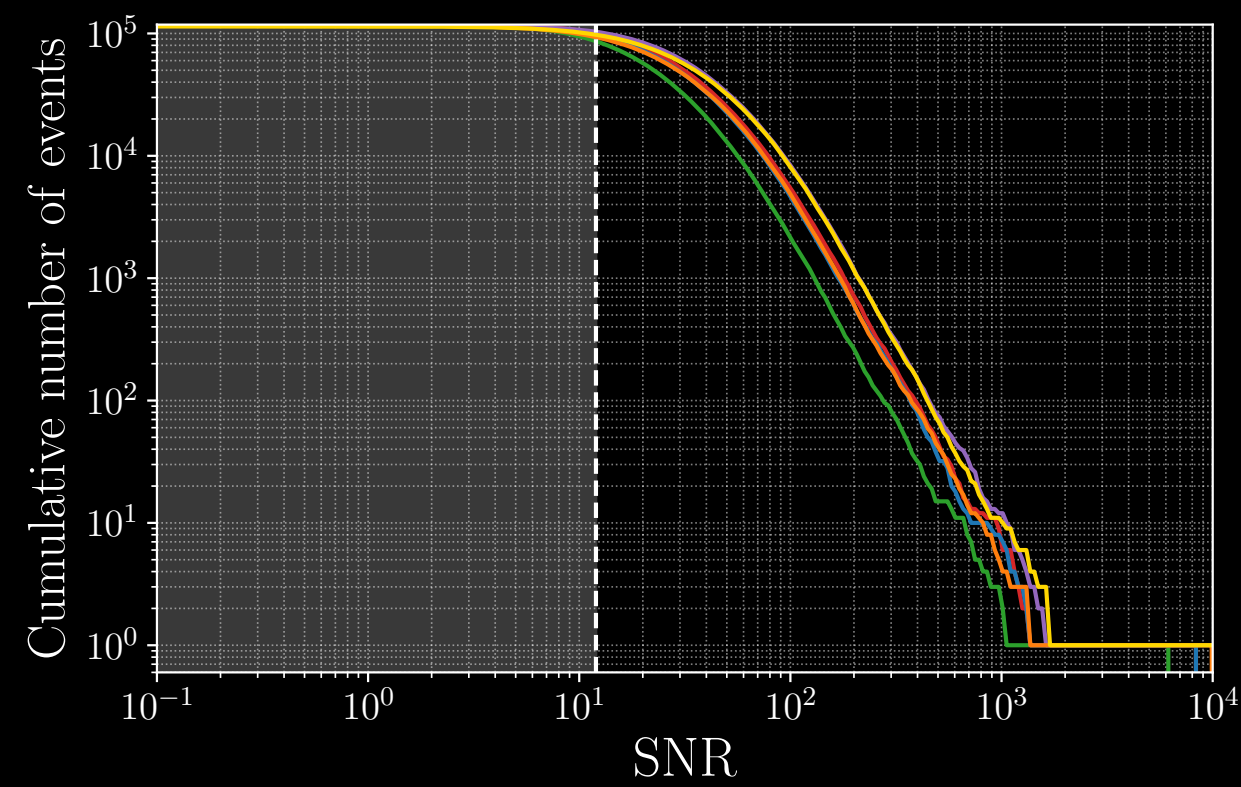
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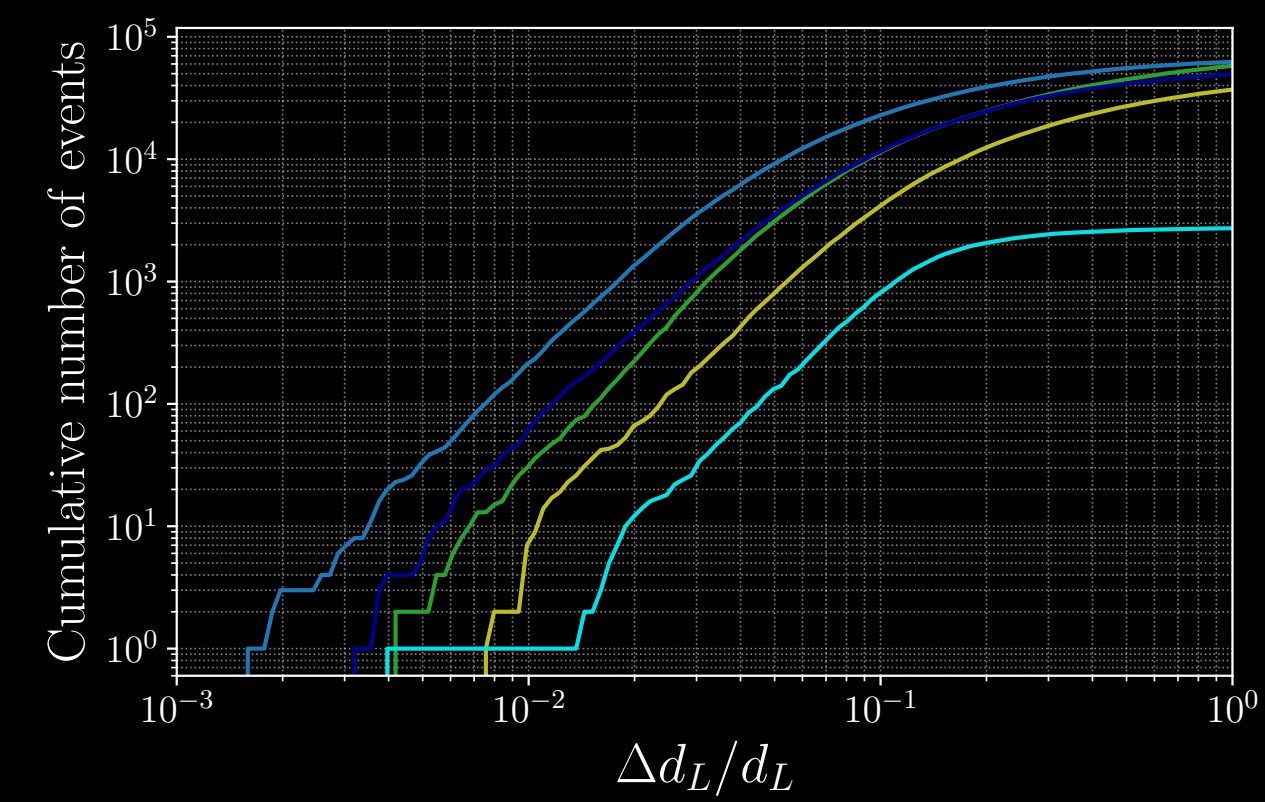
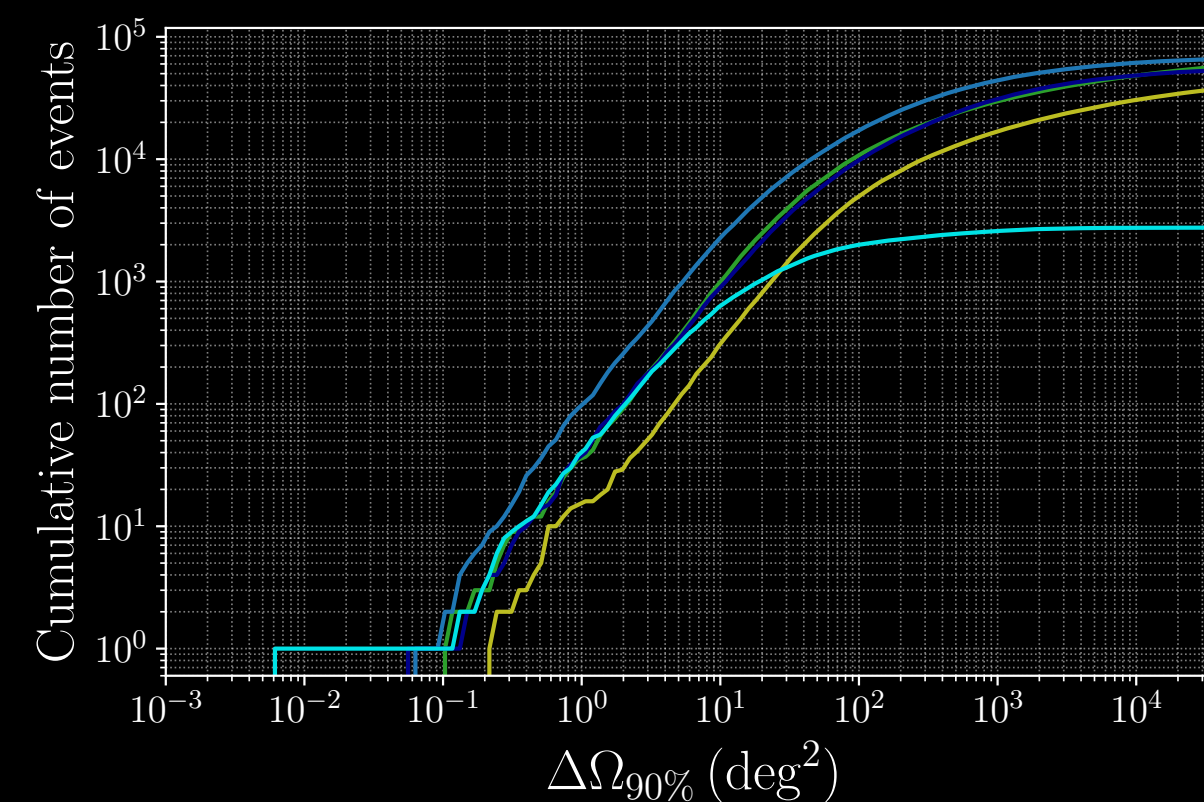
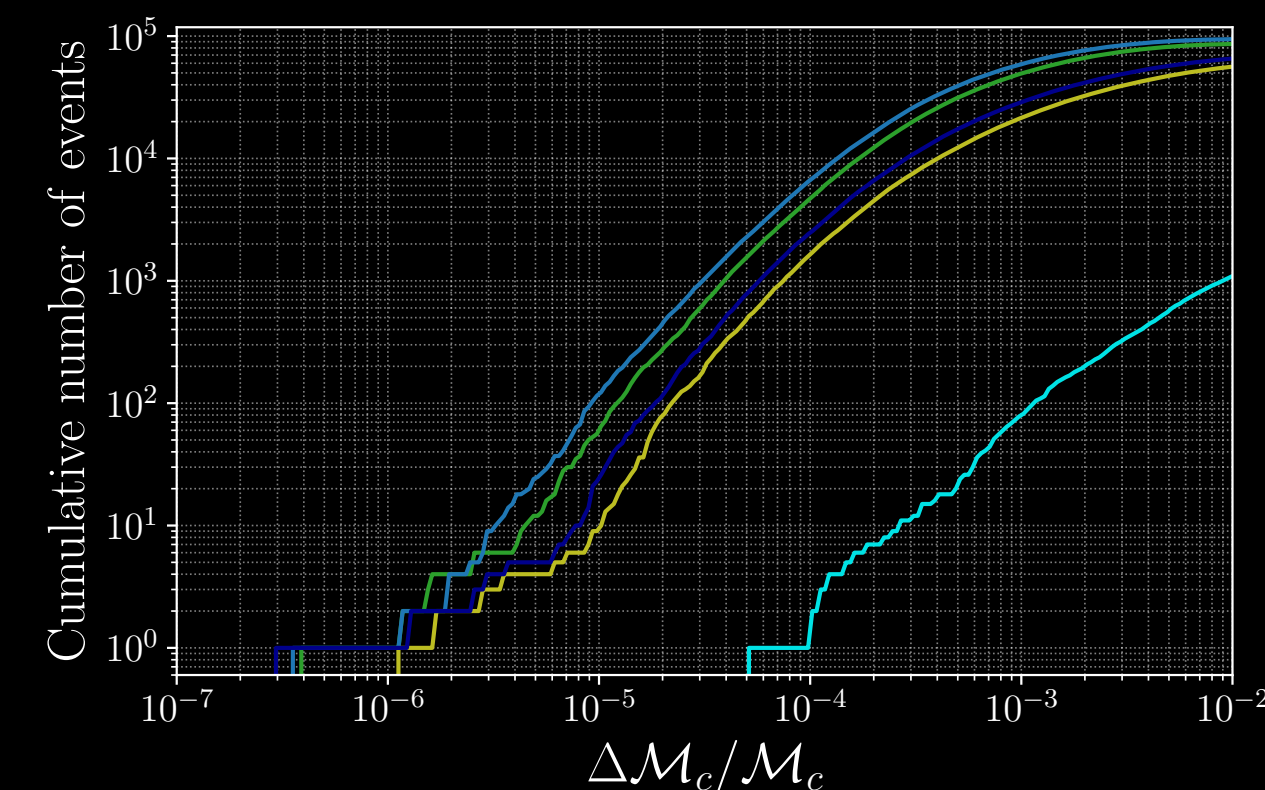
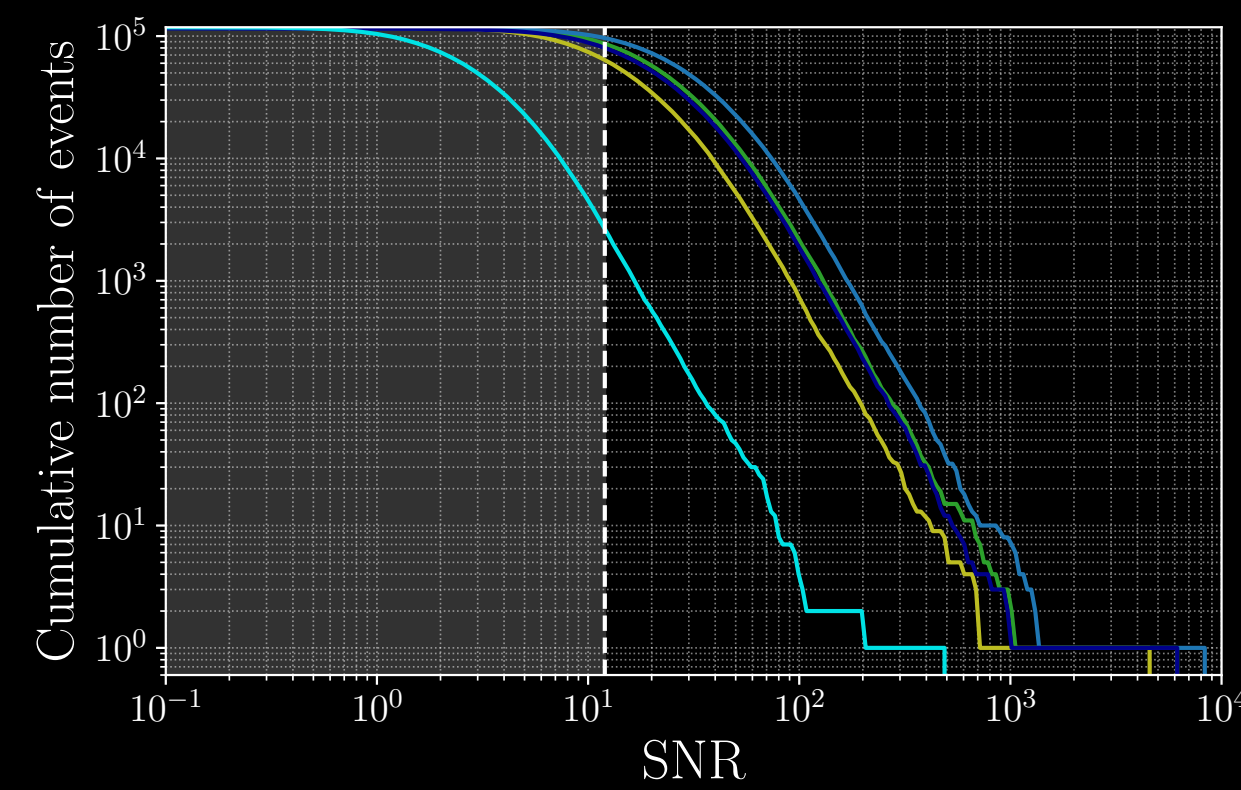
Variation of the design: PE at ET

BBH



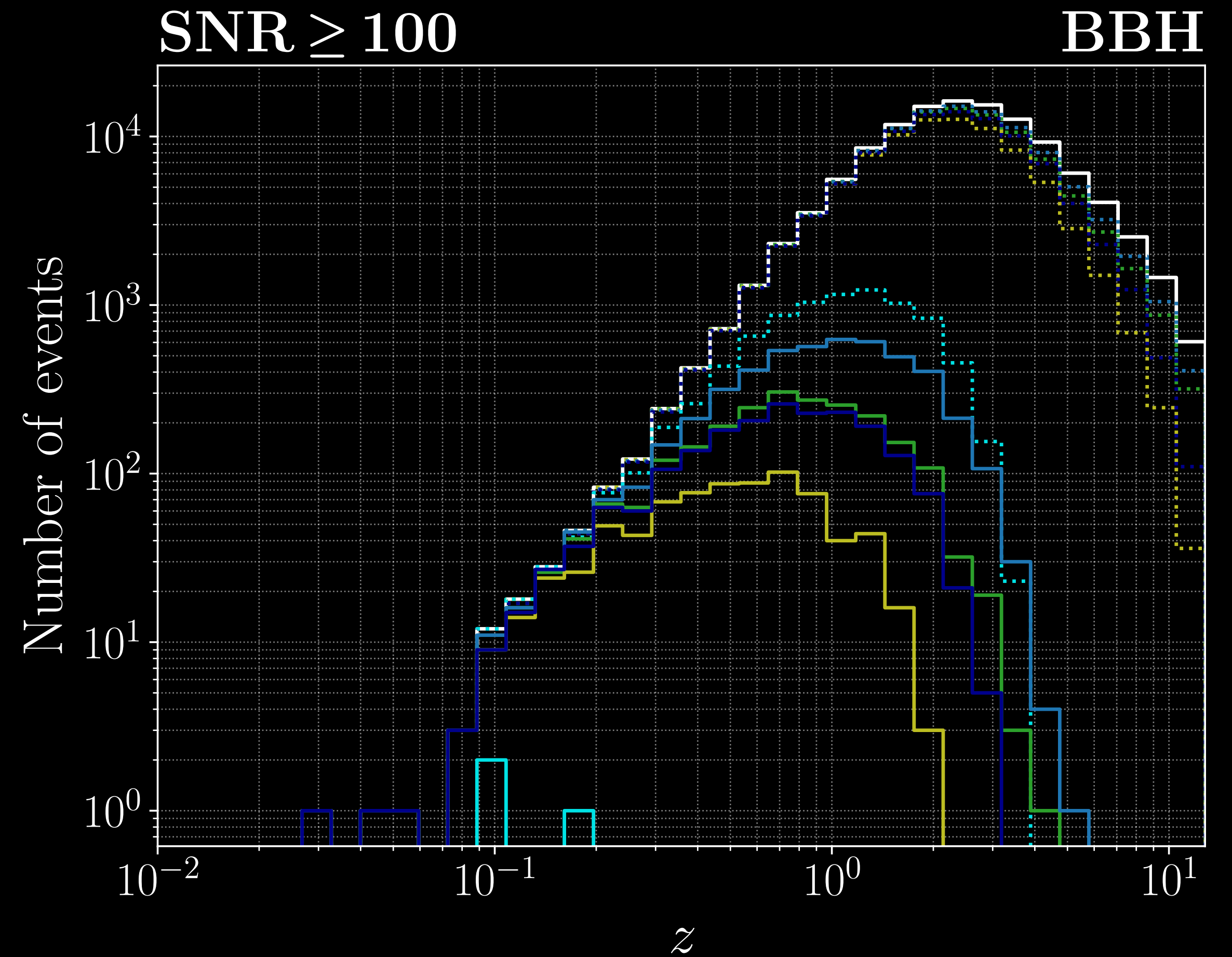
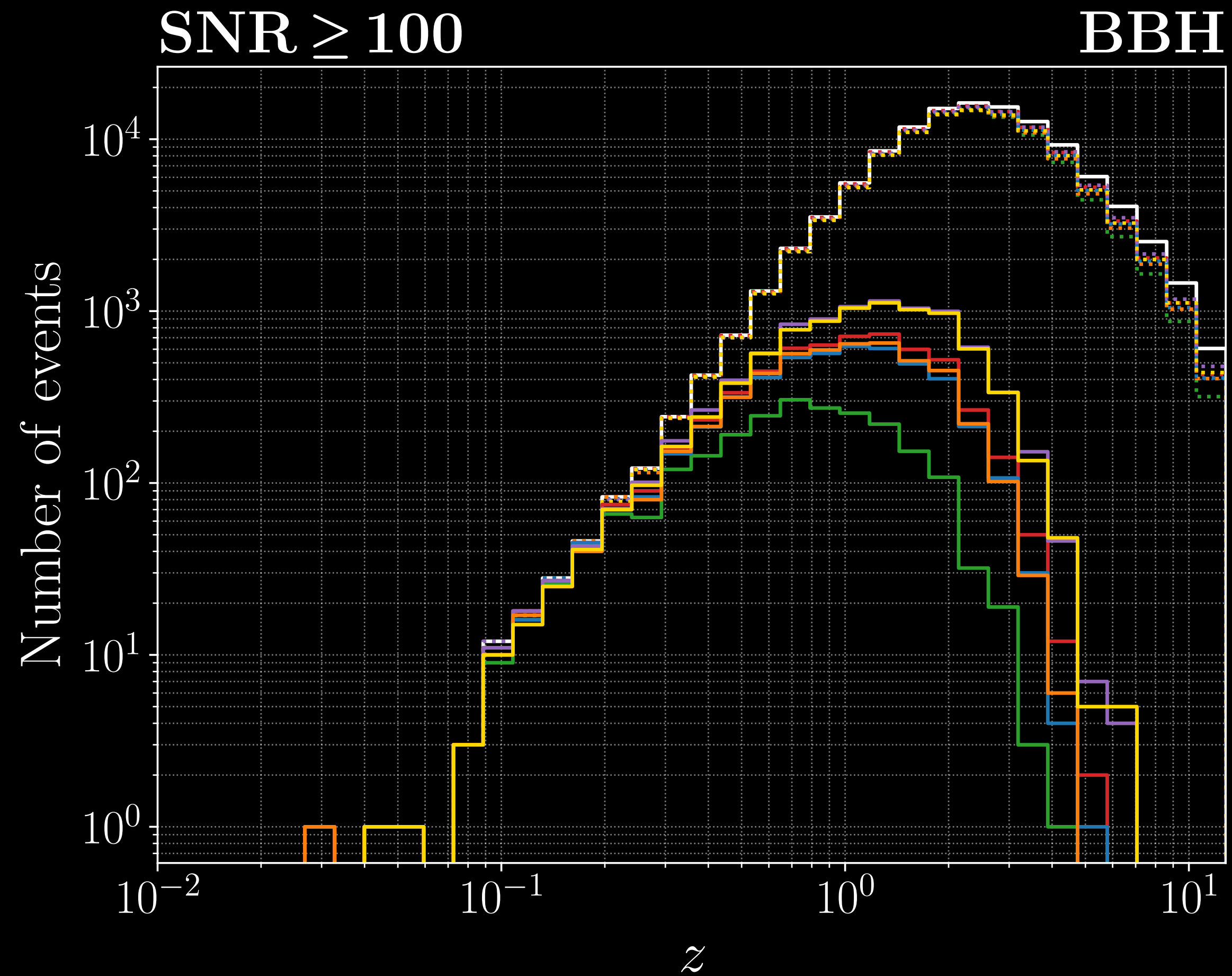
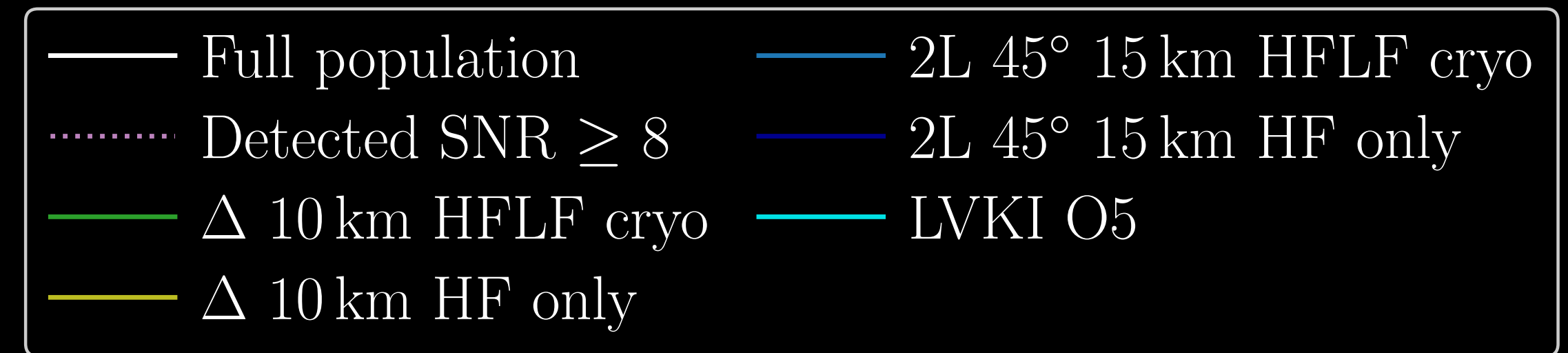
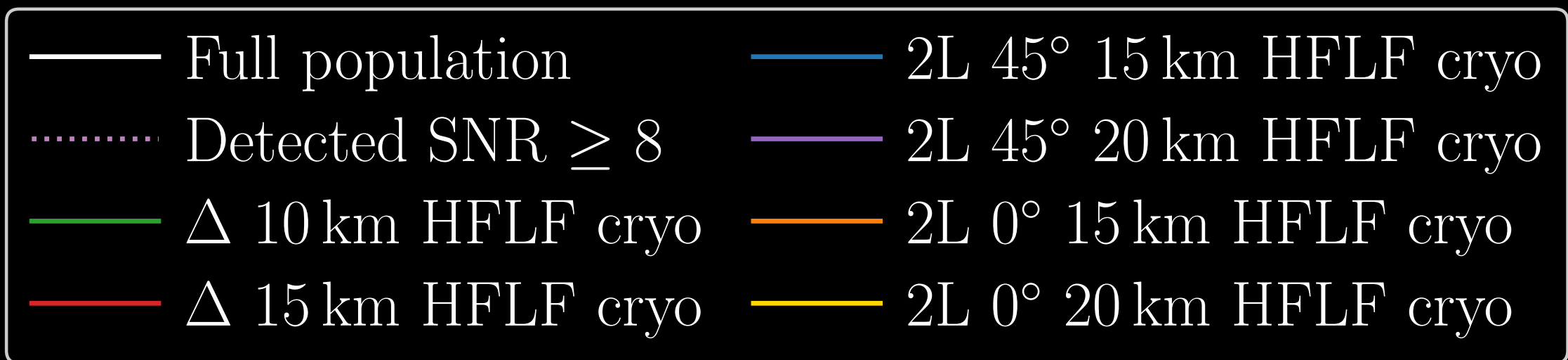
Both the geometry and the technologies can impact the number of detections and the parameter reconstruction

BBH



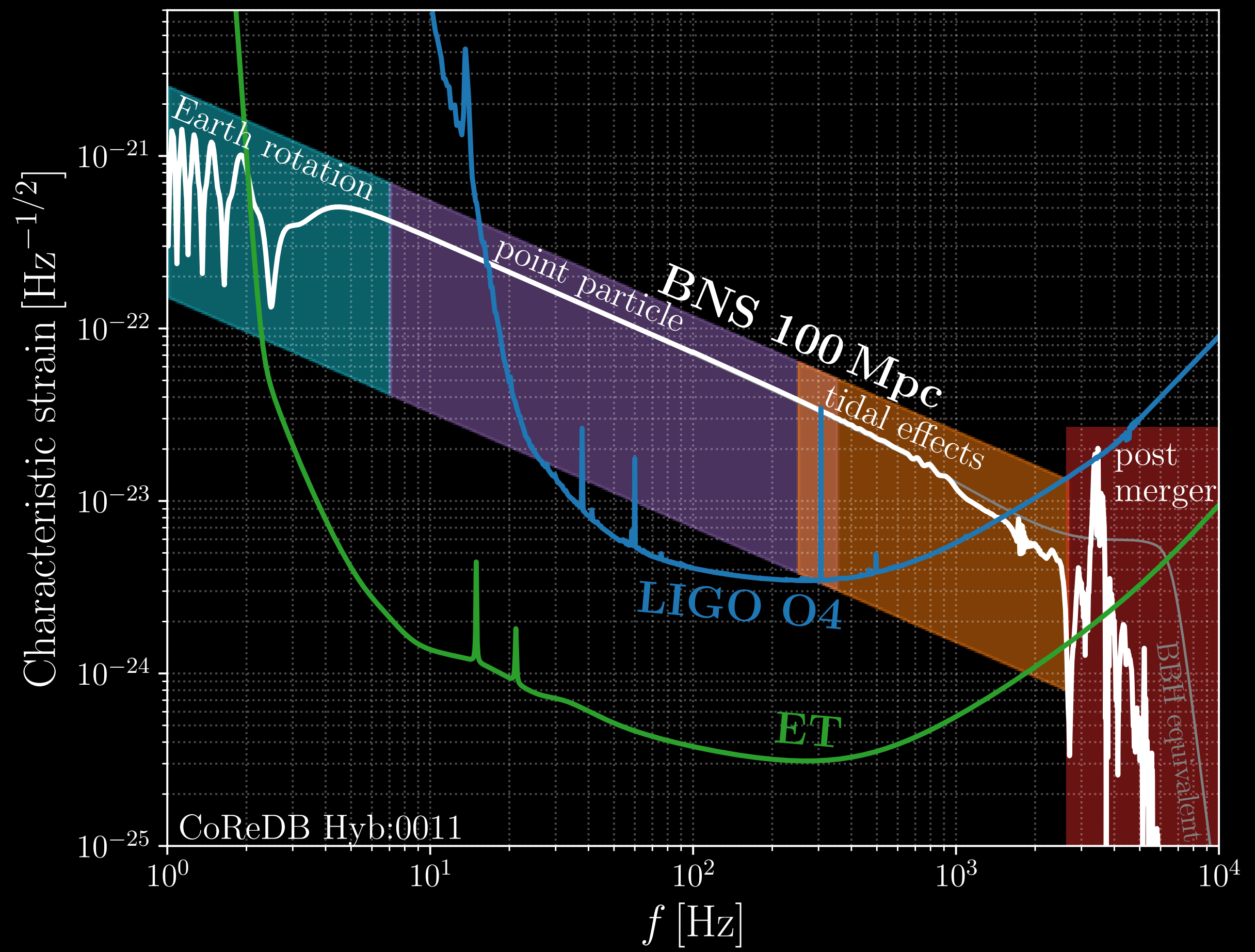
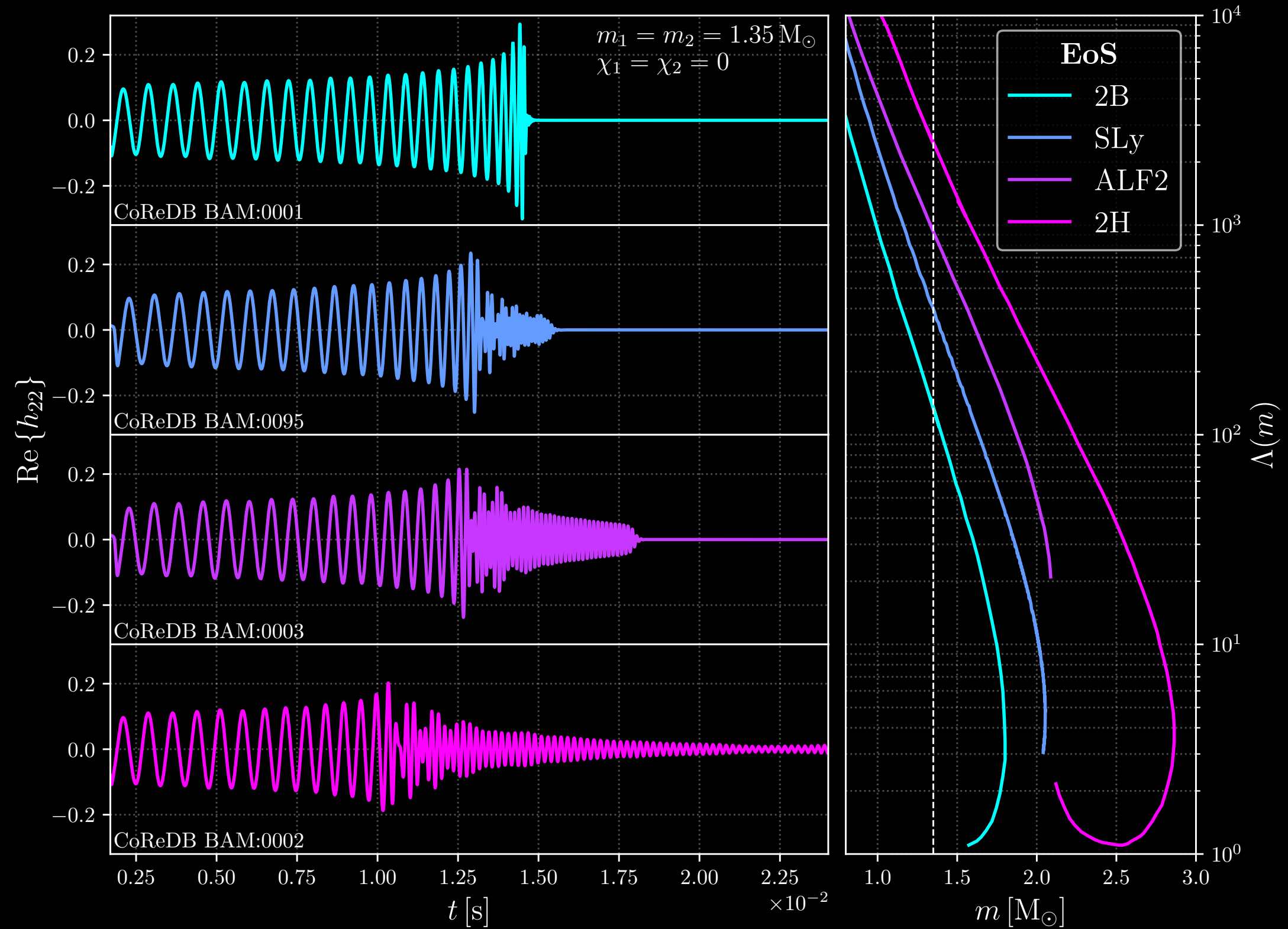
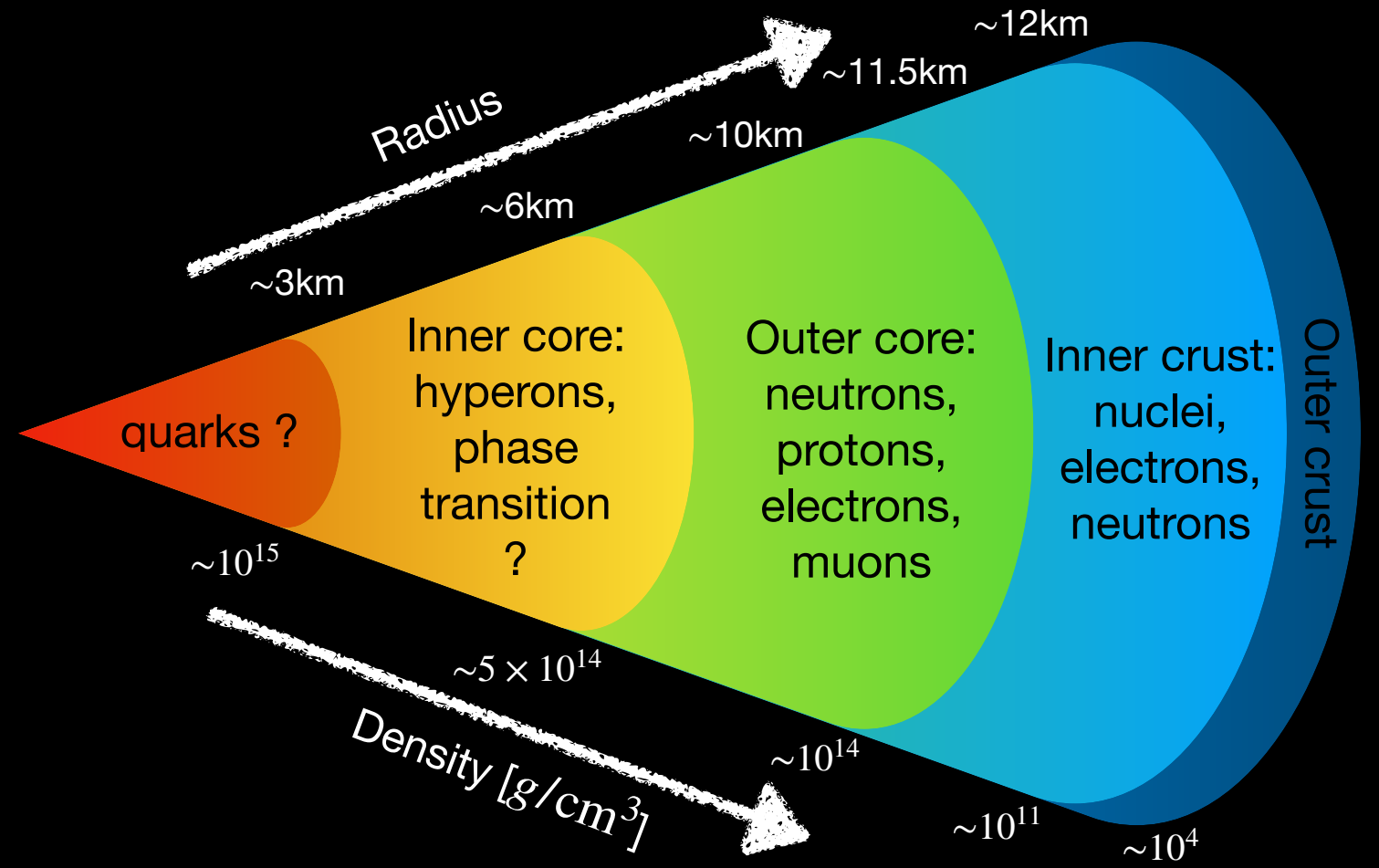
The performance remains however outstanding!

Variation of the design: golden events at ET



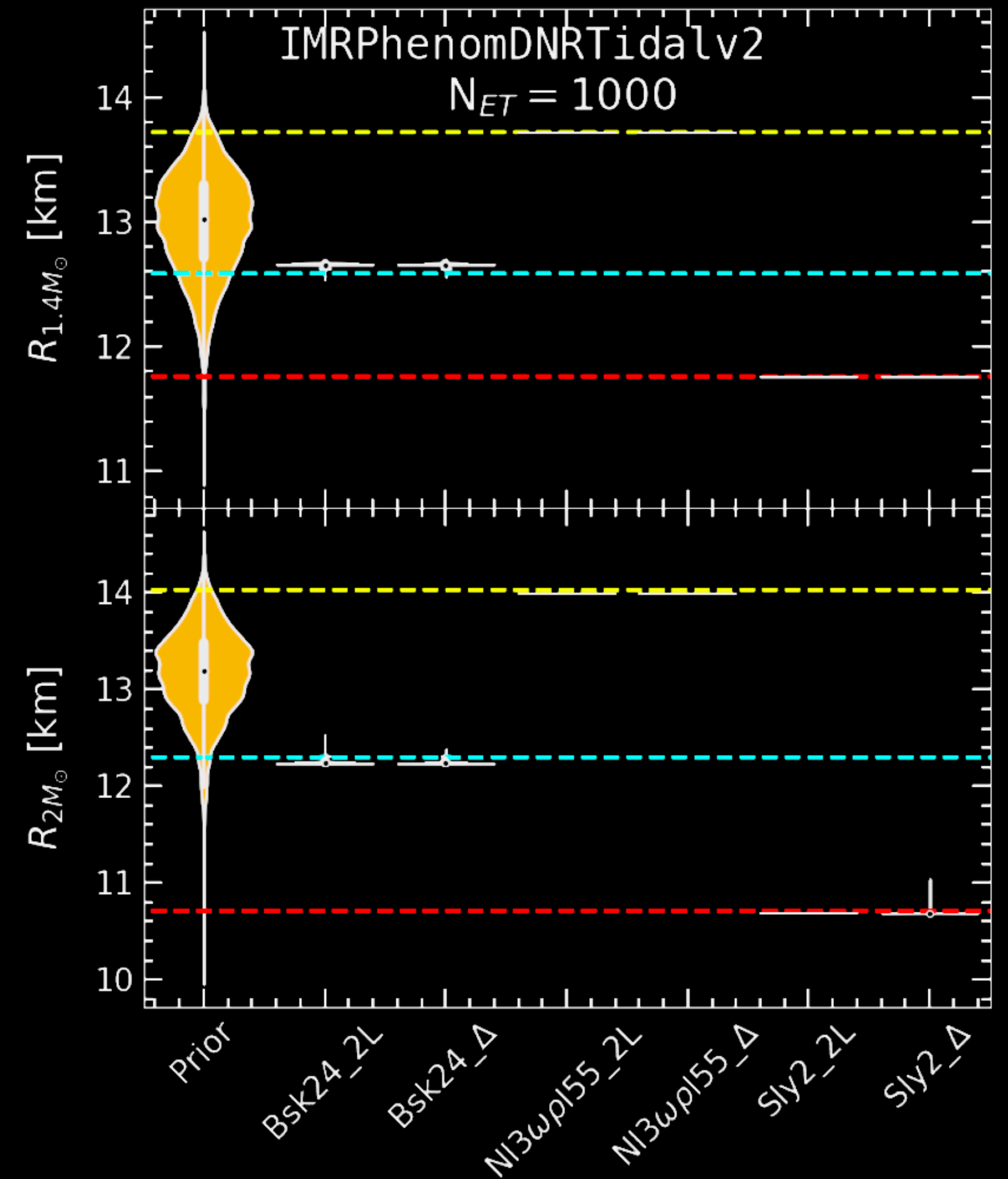
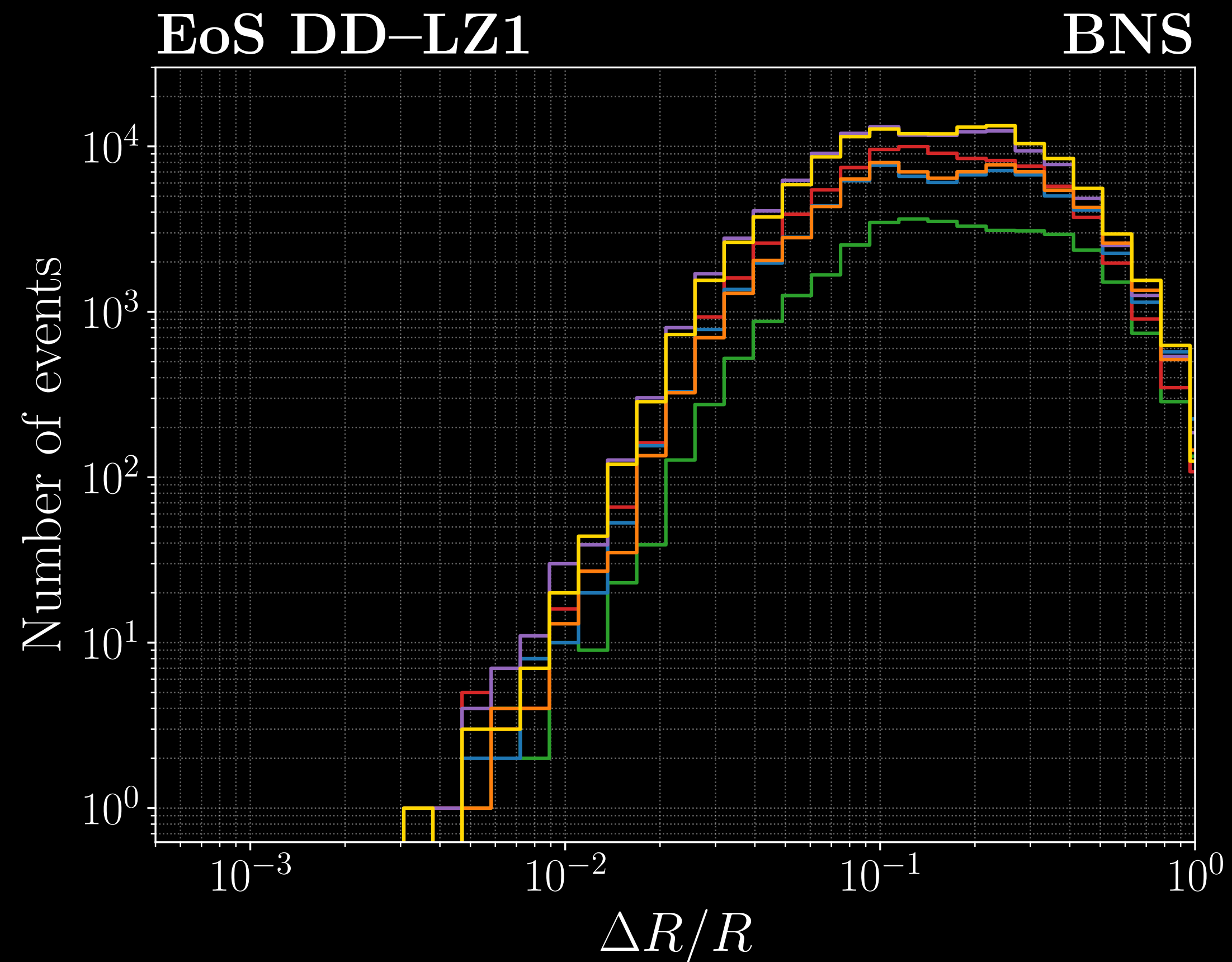
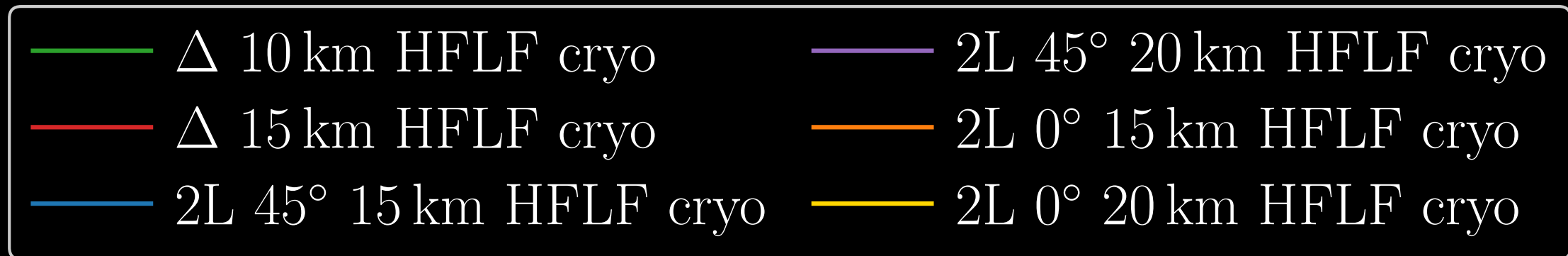
Neutron star structure and properties

The largely improved sensitivity at high frequencies will allow to look deeply into the PM phase of BNS mergers, that can provide extremely valuable information on the NS structure



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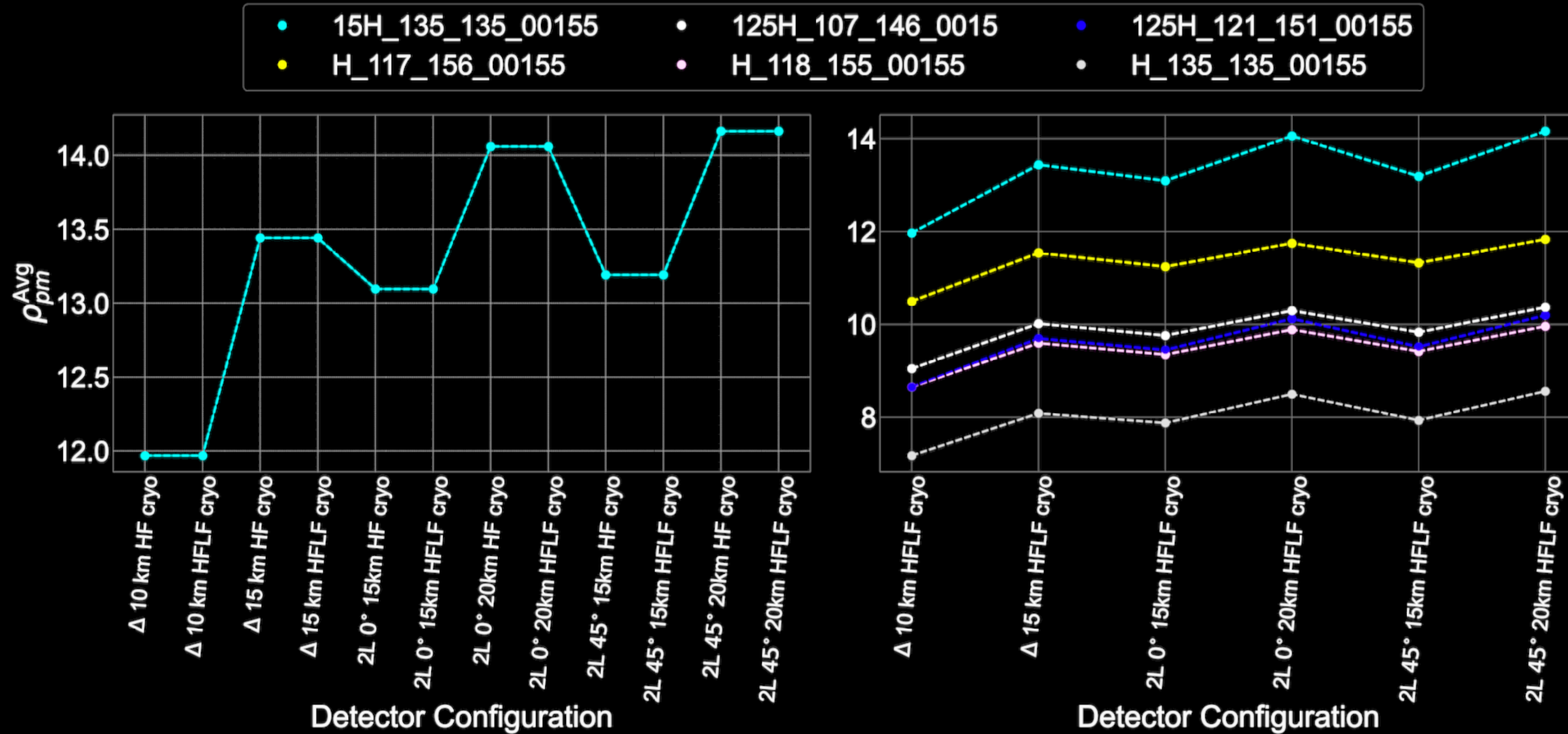
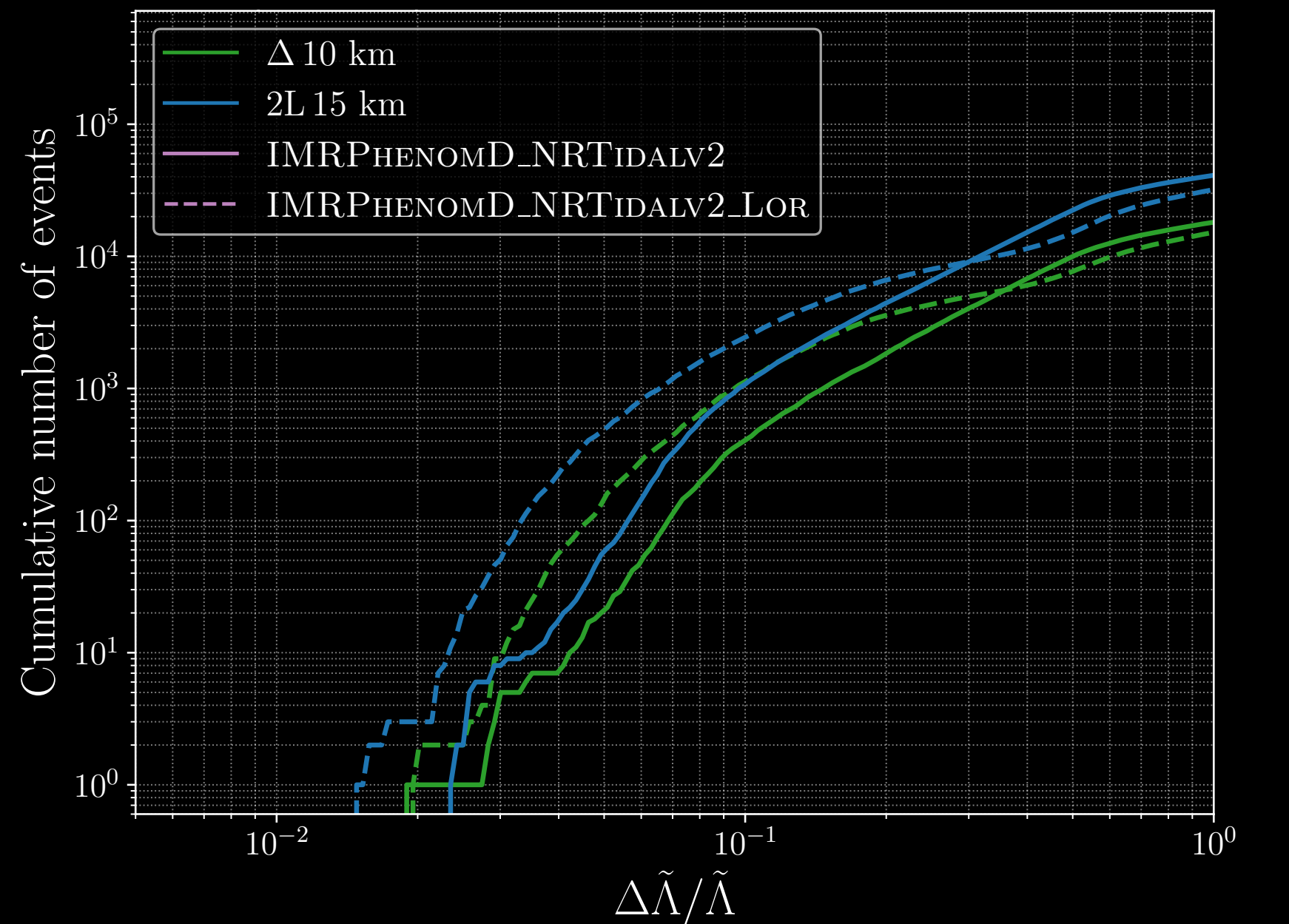
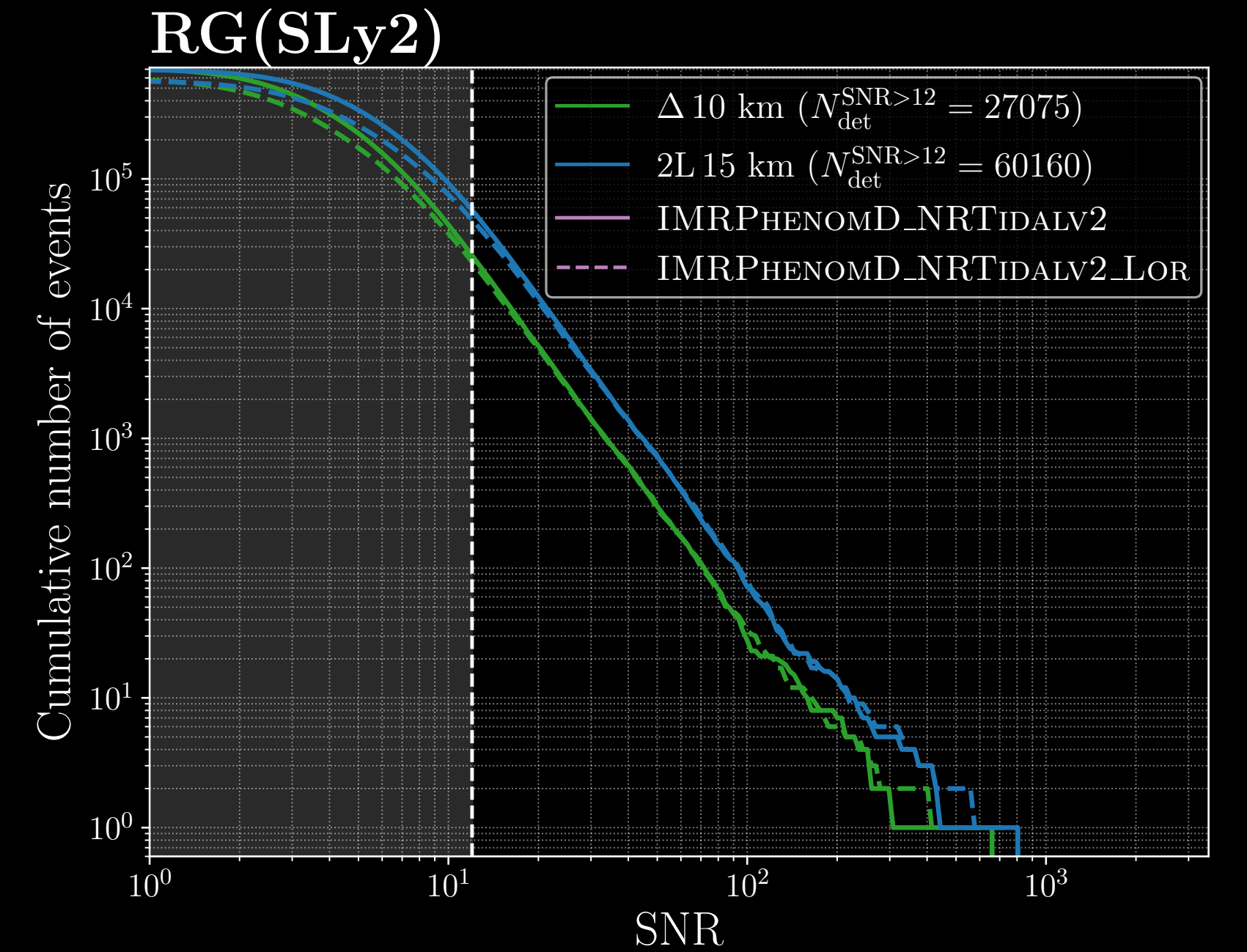
The tidal deformability reconstruction is not strongly affected by the geometry and the LF sensitivity



Already with ~ 1000 detections the reconstruction of the NS properties is extremely precise

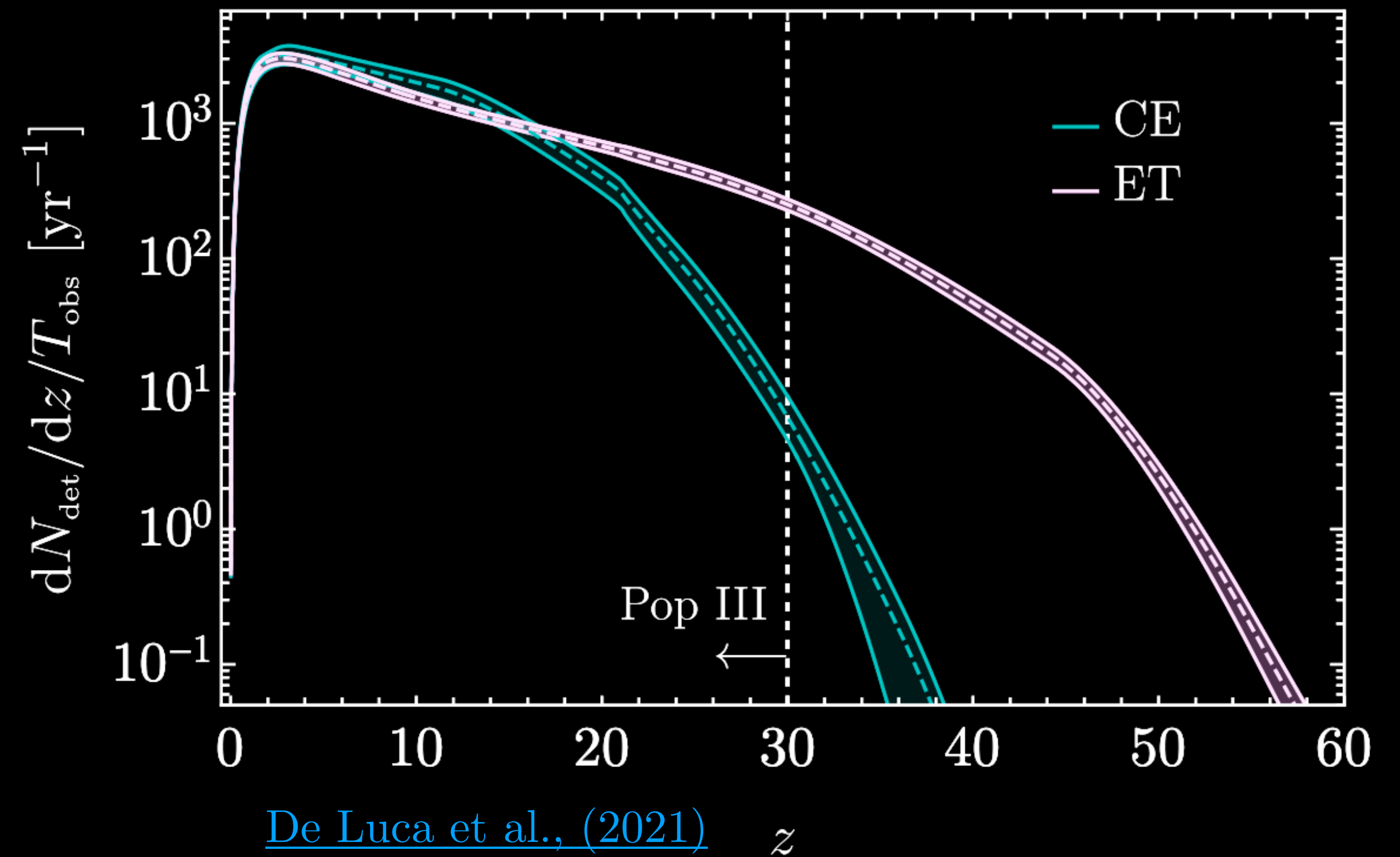
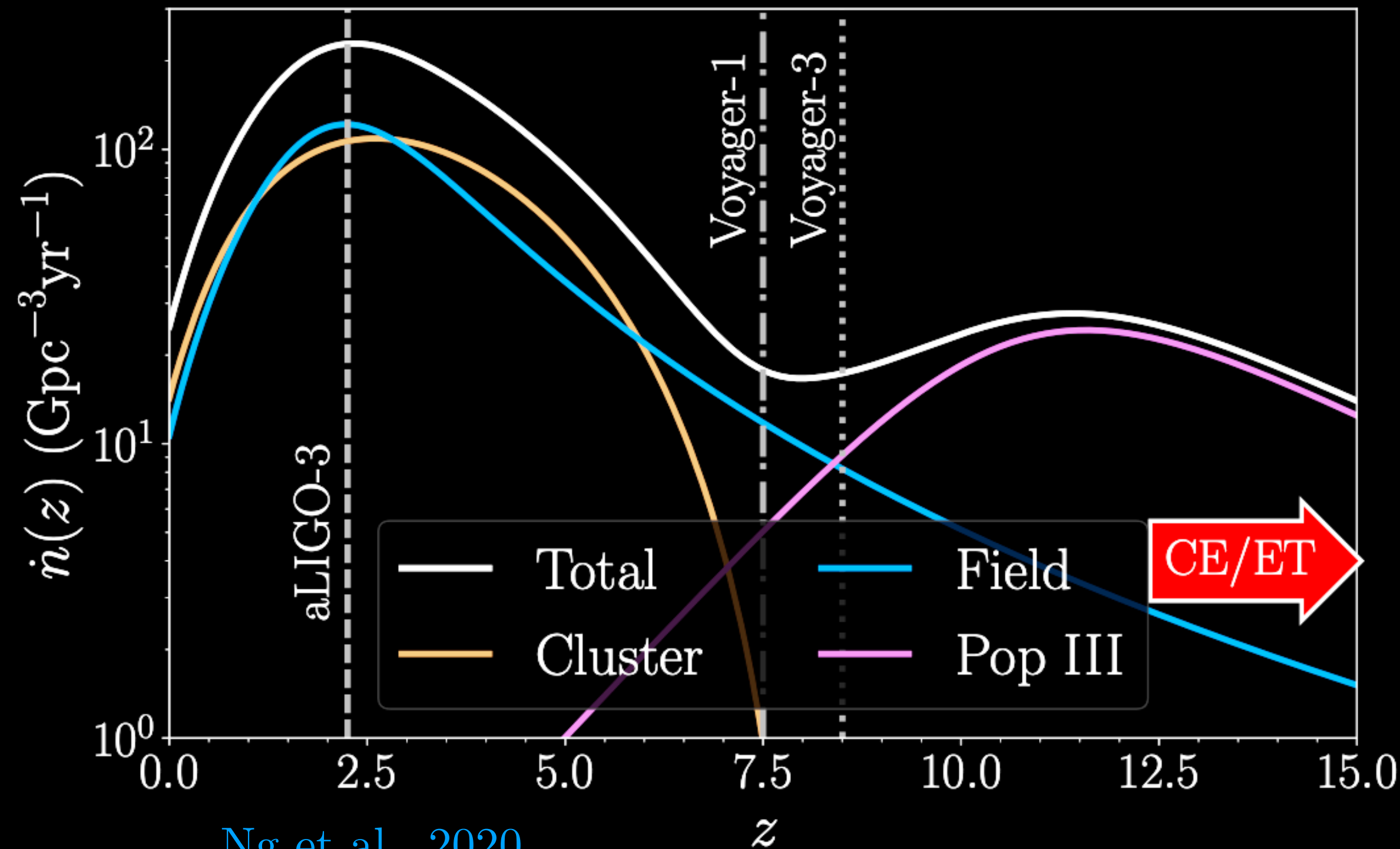
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Also the post-merger observation is affected only marginally by the design, but its inclusion can improve on the parameter reconstruction at the population level!



Primordial black holes

PBHs can form from the collapse of inhomogeneities in the radiation-dominated era. PBHs could explain at least a fraction of the dark matter in our universe, be the seed of SMBHs at high z , and could give rise to CBC events

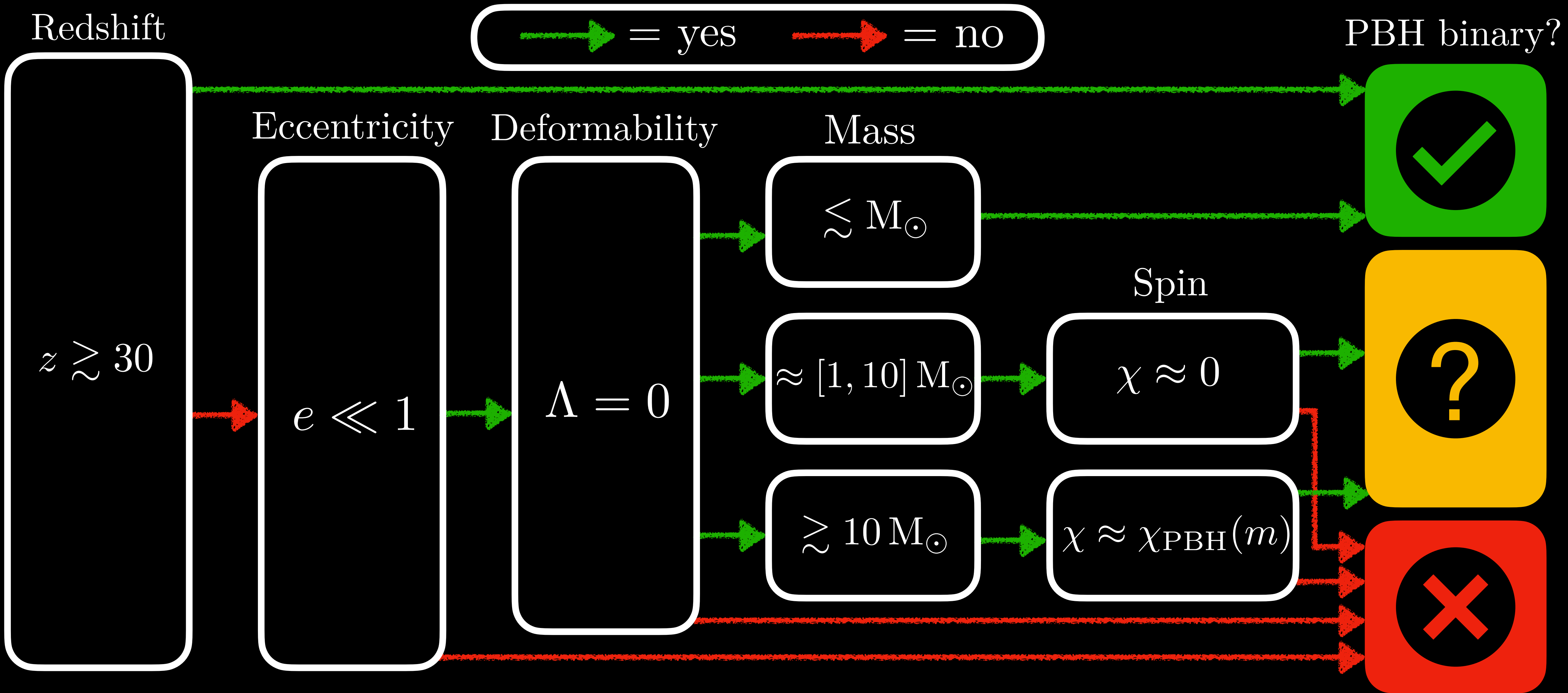


Detecting BBH beyond $z \gtrsim 30$ is a strong indication of PBH, ET can get to $z \gtrsim 100$!
Also the subsolar window is extremely promising, and the LF are crucial

Primordial black holes

Some key signatures can help disentangling ABH and PBH binaries

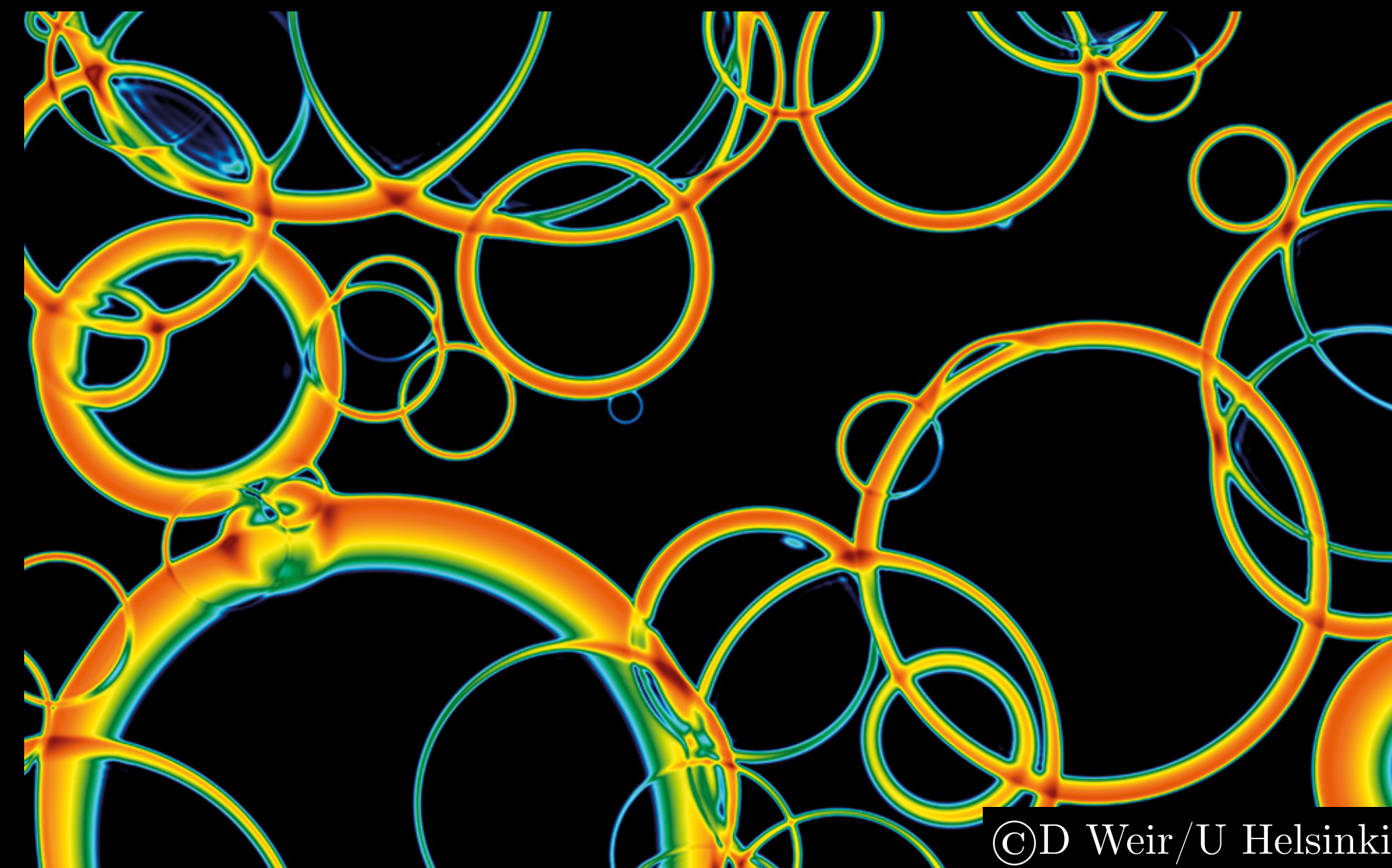
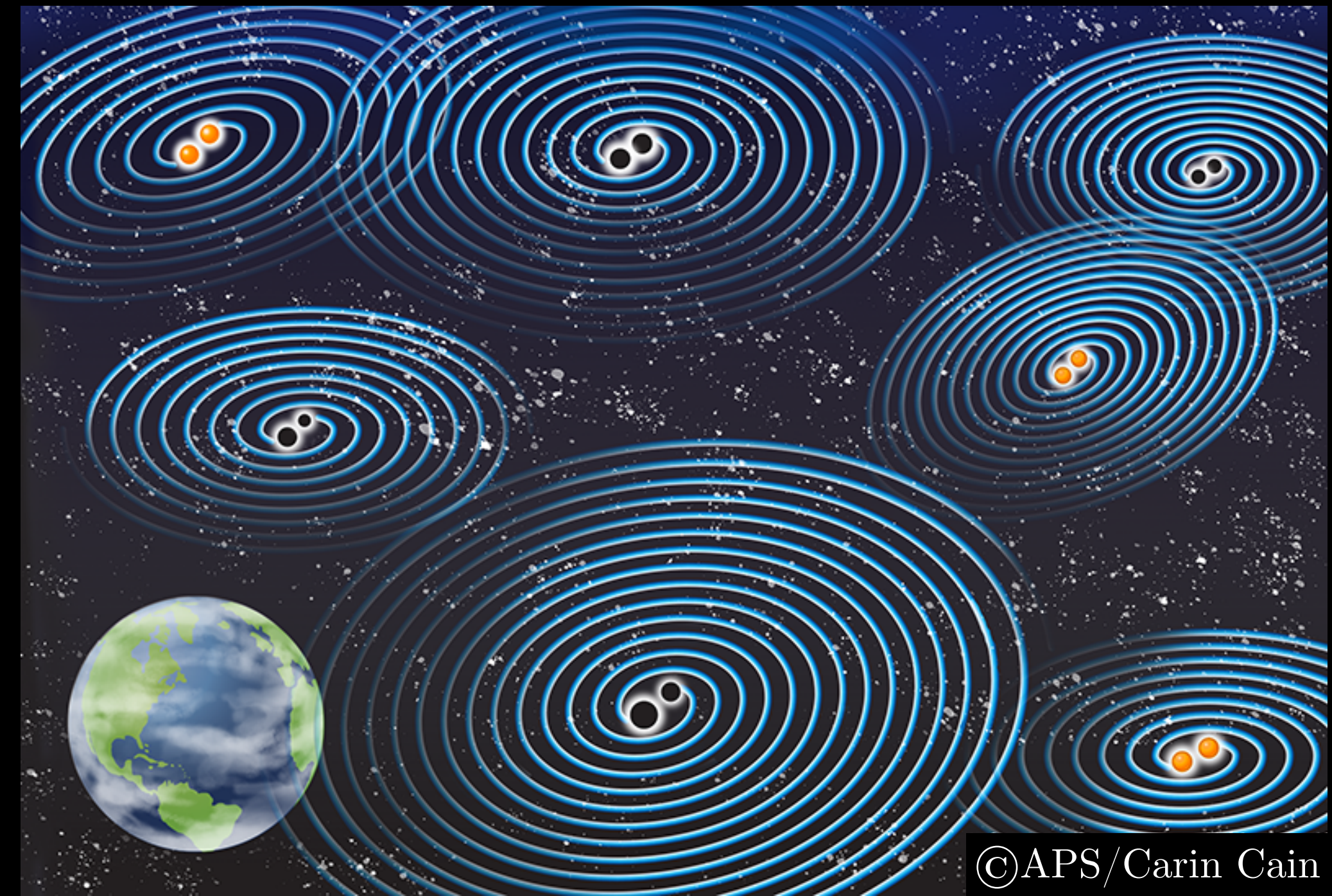
[Franciolini et al., \(2021\)](#)



Stochastic GW background

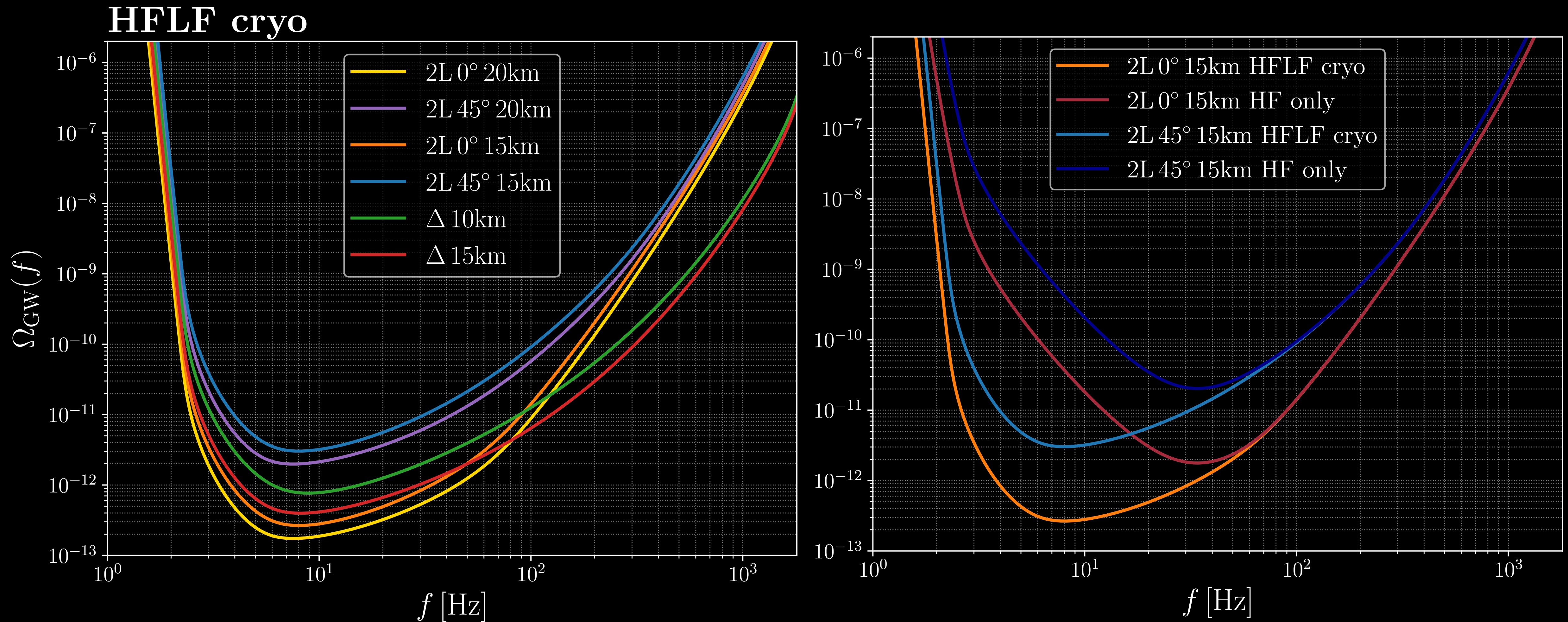
The stochastic GW background is formed by the incoherent superposition of signals emitted by different GW sources in our Universe:

- the AGWB is made of the superposition of all GWs emitted by different populations of astrophysical sources, from the onset of stellar activity until the present epoch
- The CGWB are tensor modes produced by different processes in the early universe such as inflation, reheating, phase transitions, cosmic strings, or primordial black holes



Stochastic GW background

The power-law integrated sensitivity curve is built so that any line tangent to it represent a SGWB that would be detected in a given observational time (1yr) with the chosen SNR (1)



Summary

- Whatever the design, ET is a superb detector with a vast science case: the combination of distances and masses explored, sheer number of detections, and high SNR will provide a wealth of data that have the potential of triggering revolutions in astrophysics, cosmology and fundamental physics
- Studying different designs allows to understand how different elements contribute to the scientific output and to suggest changes to maximise it
- From the scientific point of view, the 15km 2L with arms at 45° is superior on basically all the considered metrics with respect to the 10km triangle, with the exception of the nominal sensitivity to stochastic backgrounds, and offers a better possibility to proceed in steps

Thanks for your attention... questions?

