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# Gravitational waves. Detector concepts and future perspective.

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**Motivations, experience, observations and R&D**

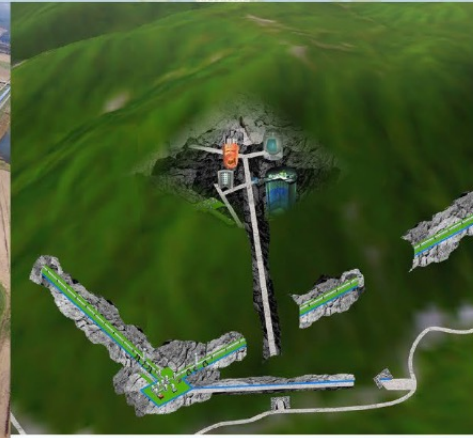


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# The network of present interferometric detectors



LIGO Scientific Collaboration



What do we measure ?

The strain is associated to a metric deformation propagating at the speed of light as a wave with two polarizations at 45°

$$R^{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2} g^{\alpha\beta} R = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T^{\alpha\beta}$$

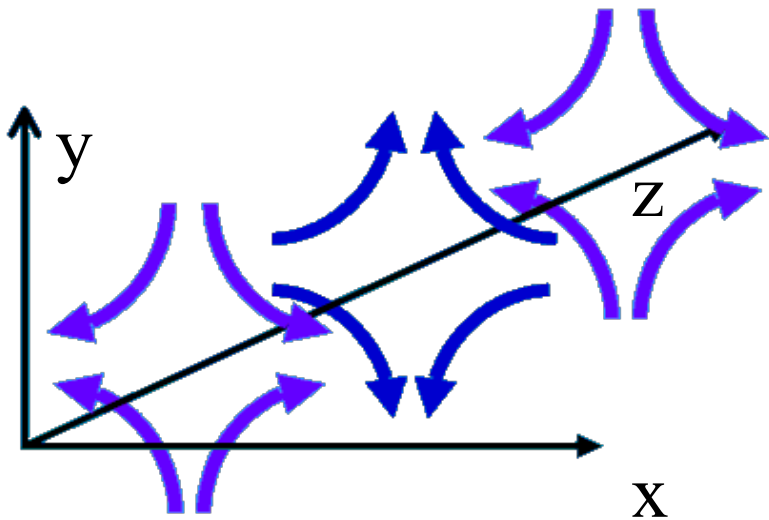
$$g_{\alpha\beta} = \eta_{\alpha\beta} + h_{\alpha\beta} \quad |h_{\alpha\beta}| \ll 1$$

$$R^{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2} g^{\alpha\beta} R = -\frac{\square h^{\alpha\beta}}{2} = 0$$

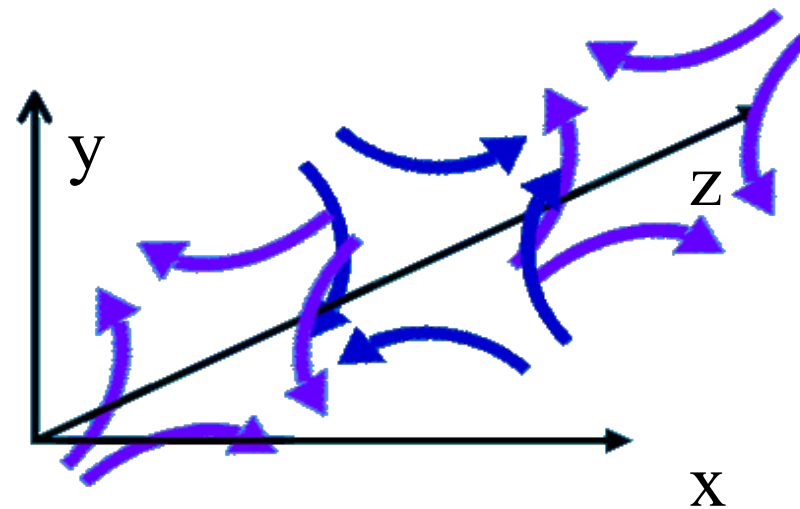
A. Einstein 1916

Linearization and gauge choice

Wave equation set (in absence of the source)



$$\hat{k} = \hat{z}$$





# Energetics → astrophysics

Luminosity [W] 
$$L = \frac{G}{45c^5} |\ddot{Q}_{\mu\nu}|^2$$

- A very small coefficient
- Mass quadrupole emission

## A very small coupling

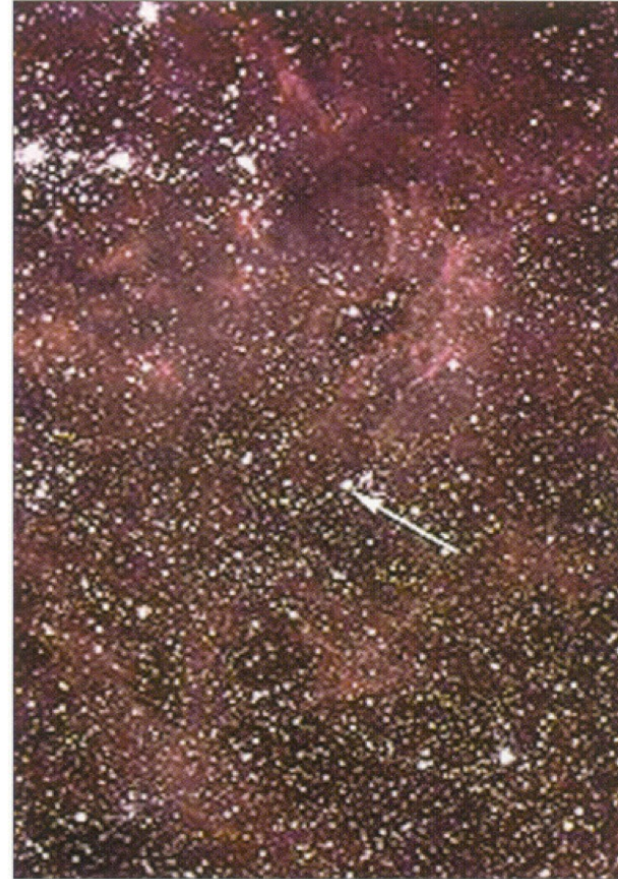
Example: a Supernova in the Milky Way

Distance: 10 kpc =  $3 \cdot 10^{20}$  m

Energy:  $10^{40}$  Joule

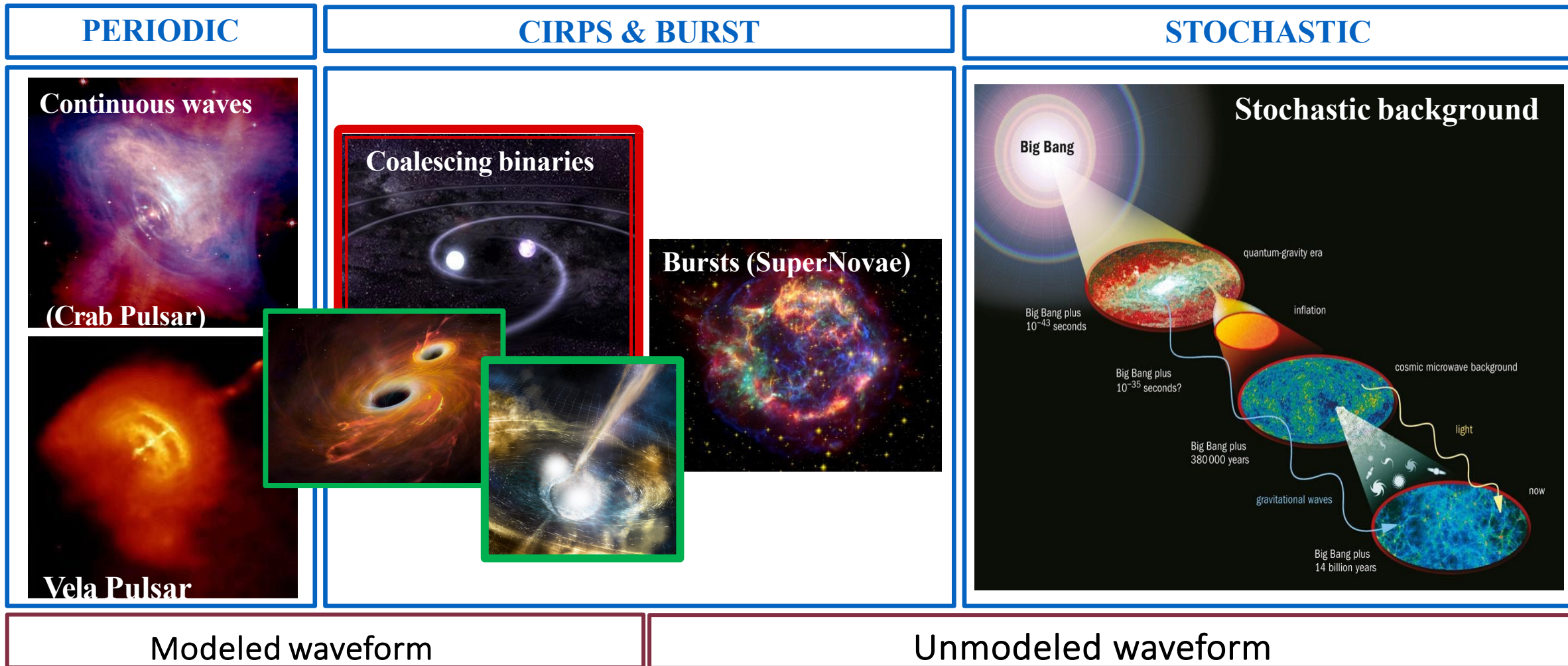
Expected strain at the Earth  $h = 10^{-21}$

Galactic SNovae (1 event/30-50 y), a very small rate



**Supernova 1987a**  $1.6 \cdot 10^5$  ly

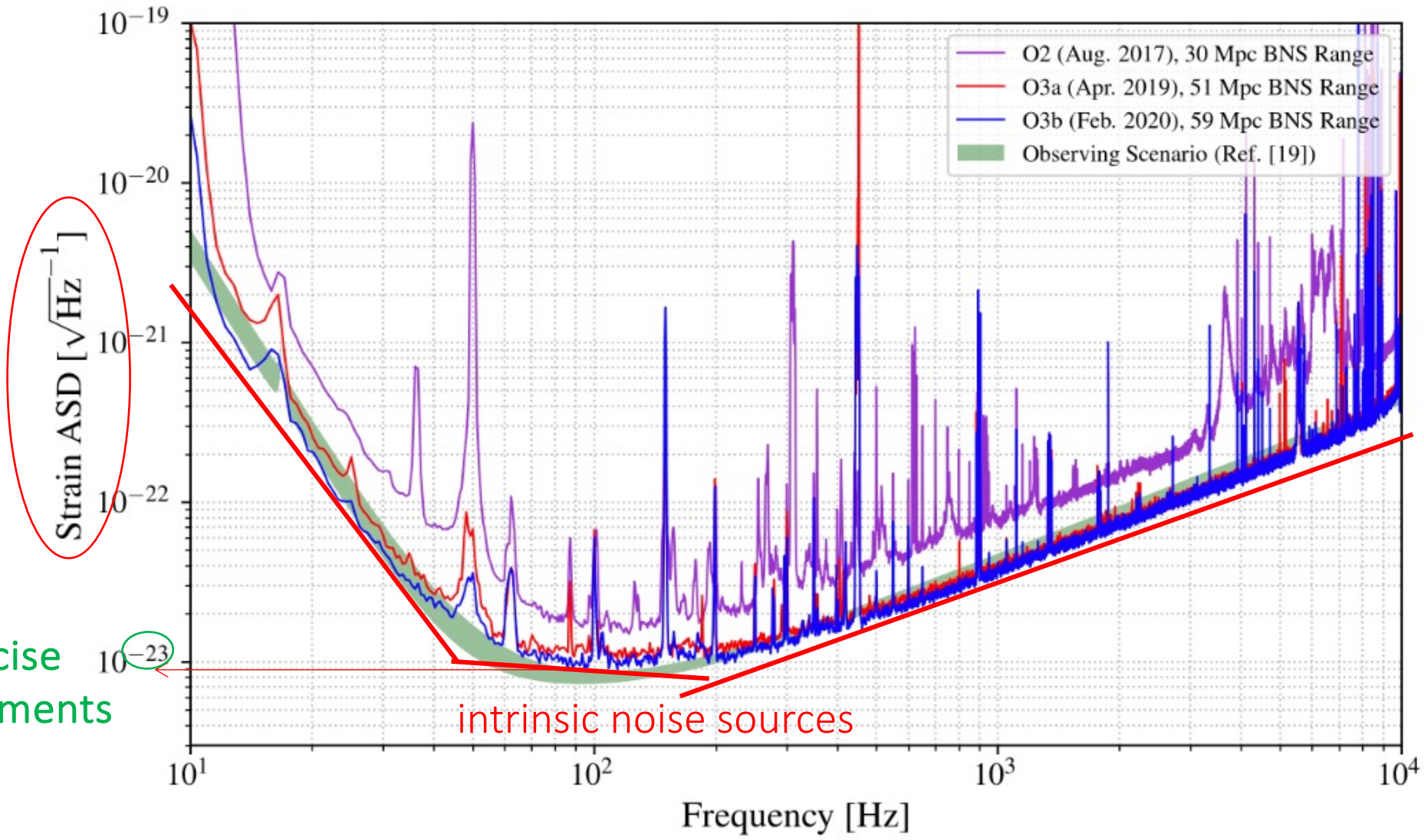
# We aim to detect various sources



Still to be observed: SuperNovae, isolated Neutron Stars, Stochastic background

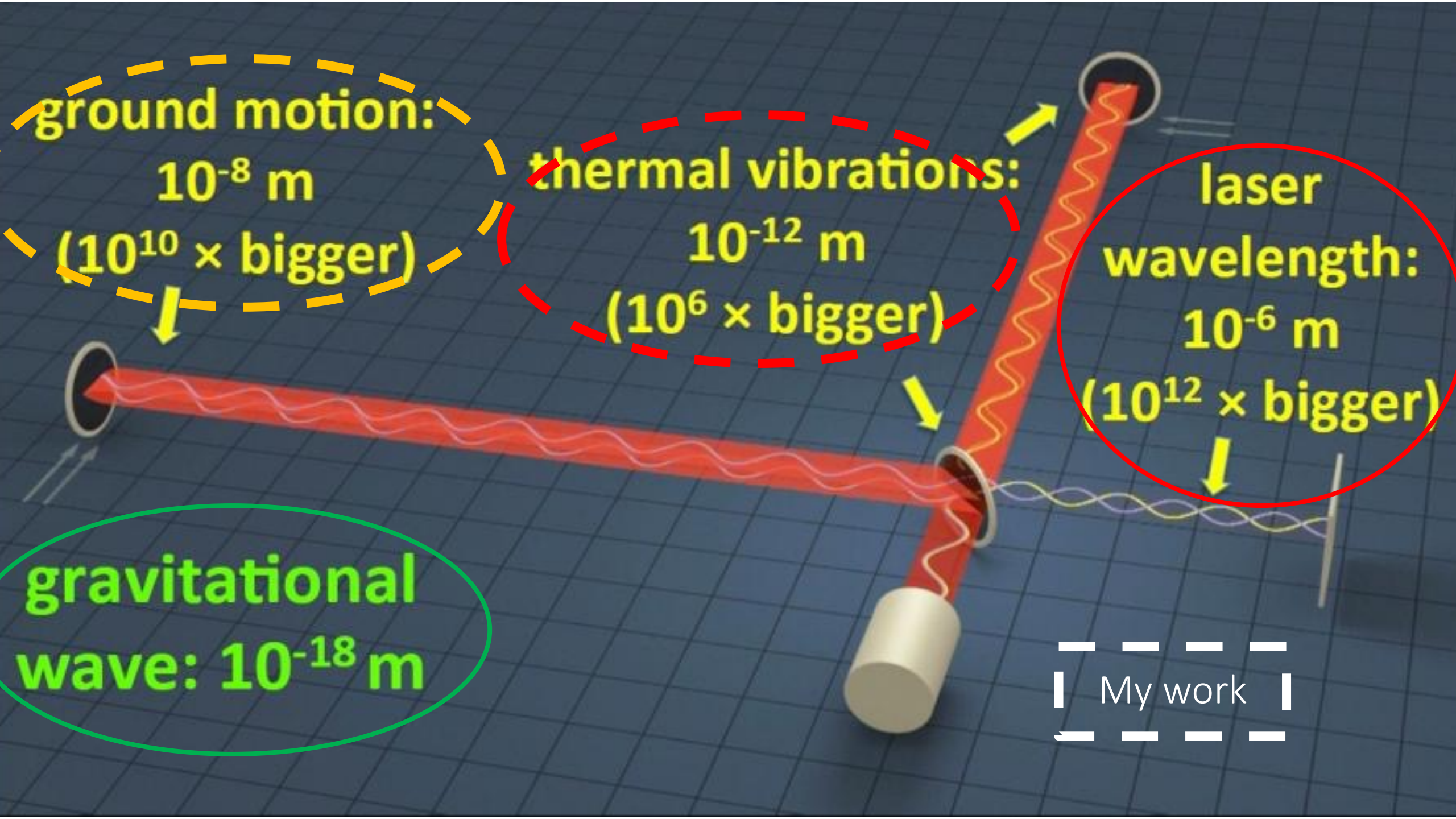


GW interferometers sense the strain, their sensitivity is expressed by the **strain spectral density**  $\tilde{h}(\omega) = \sqrt{S(\omega)}$



Very precise measurements

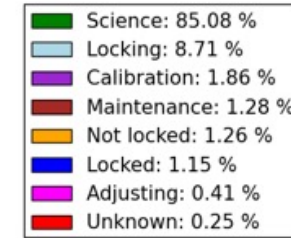
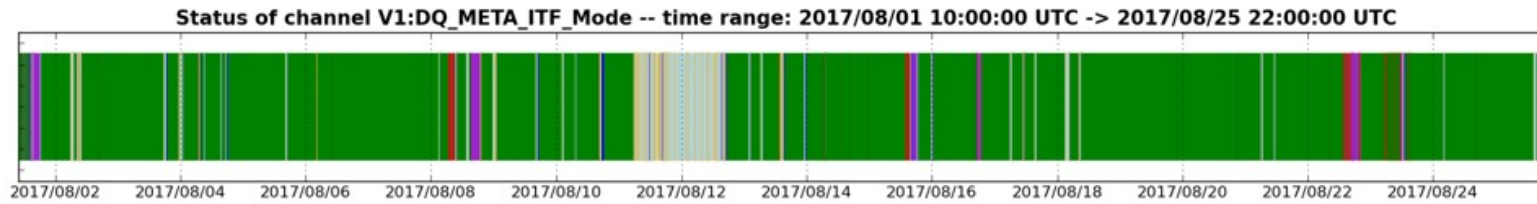
intrinsic noise sources





# The *network* detecotr

# Concept: O2, just 16 days in coincidence with LIGO, the power of the network



Quiet weather conditions (summer)

Good duty-cycle (85.5% in spite of some technical bug...)

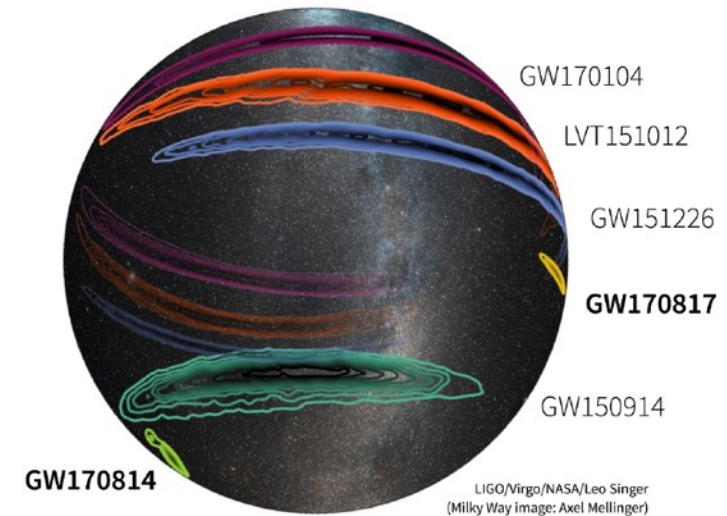
Highest BNS range: 28.2 Mpc

Average ranges: BNS 26 - BBH<sub>10</sub> 134 - BBH<sub>30</sub> 314 Mpc

→ O2 Glitchness had to be reduced (done for O3!)

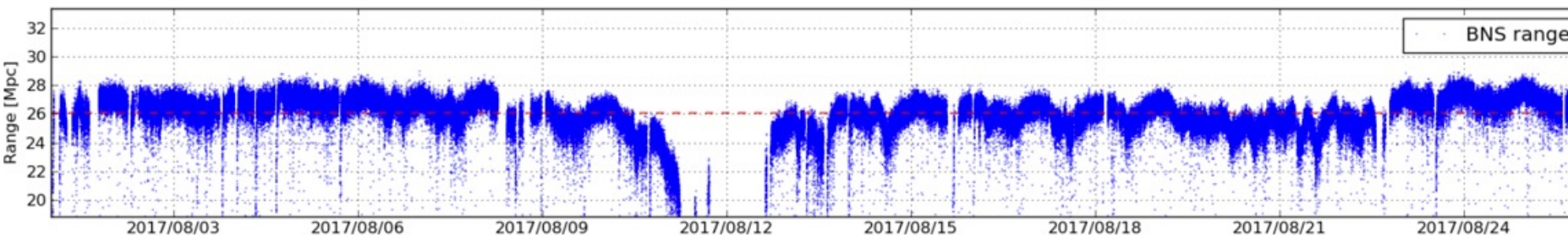
→ Automatic Alignment accuracy to be improved (done for O3!)

→ Several other technical noise issues (done for O3!)



LIGO/Virgo/NASA/Leo Singer  
(Milky Way image: Axel Mellinger)

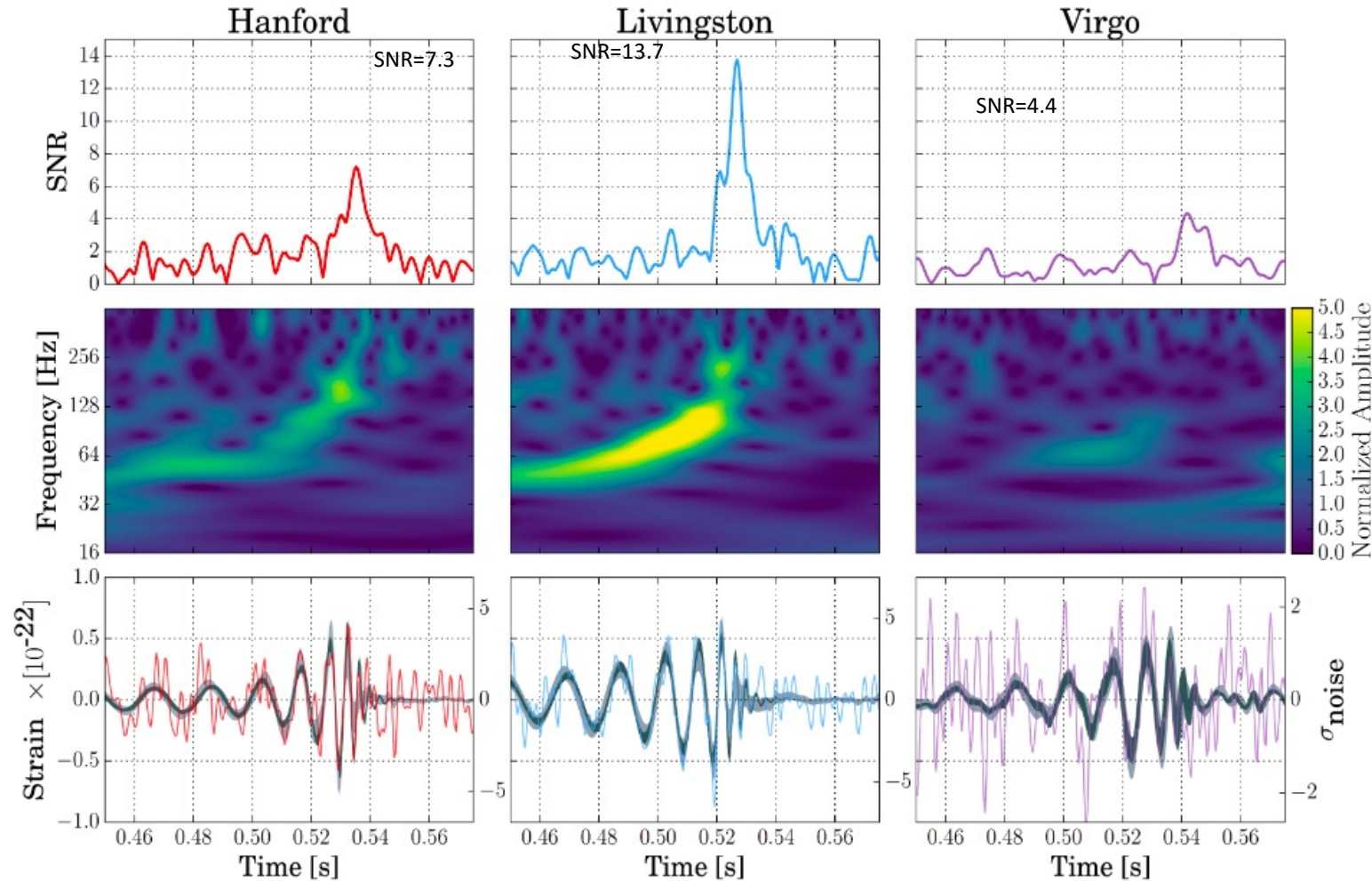
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**Bad sensitivity on one detector... nevertheless, three events detected produced a lot of science**

# GW170814 BBH, TRIPLE !!! A new life

August 14, 2017: a Three-Detector Observation of Gravitational Waves from a coalescing Binary Black Hole with 31 and 25 solar mass, while the final black hole figure is 53 solar mass,  $\sim 3$  solar masses radiated as pure GWs (Phys. Rev. Lett. 119, 141101, 2017)



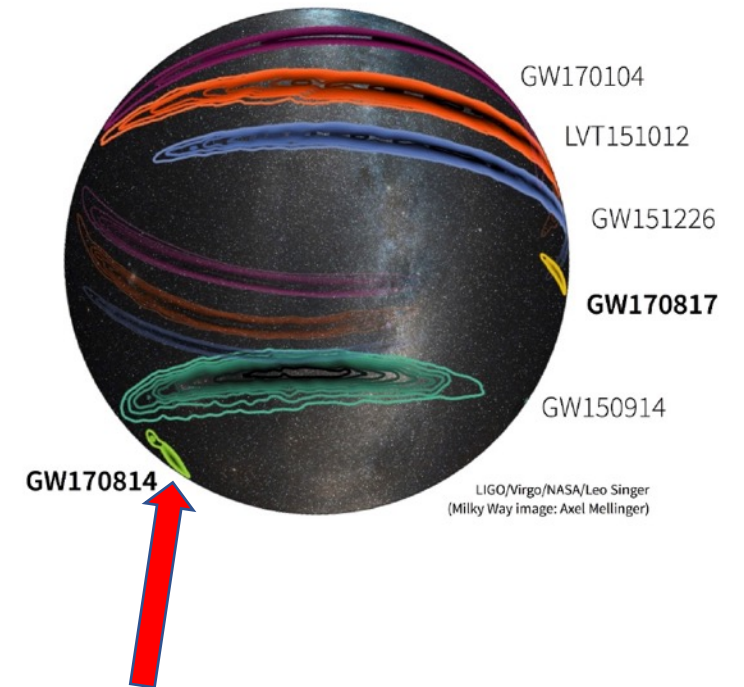
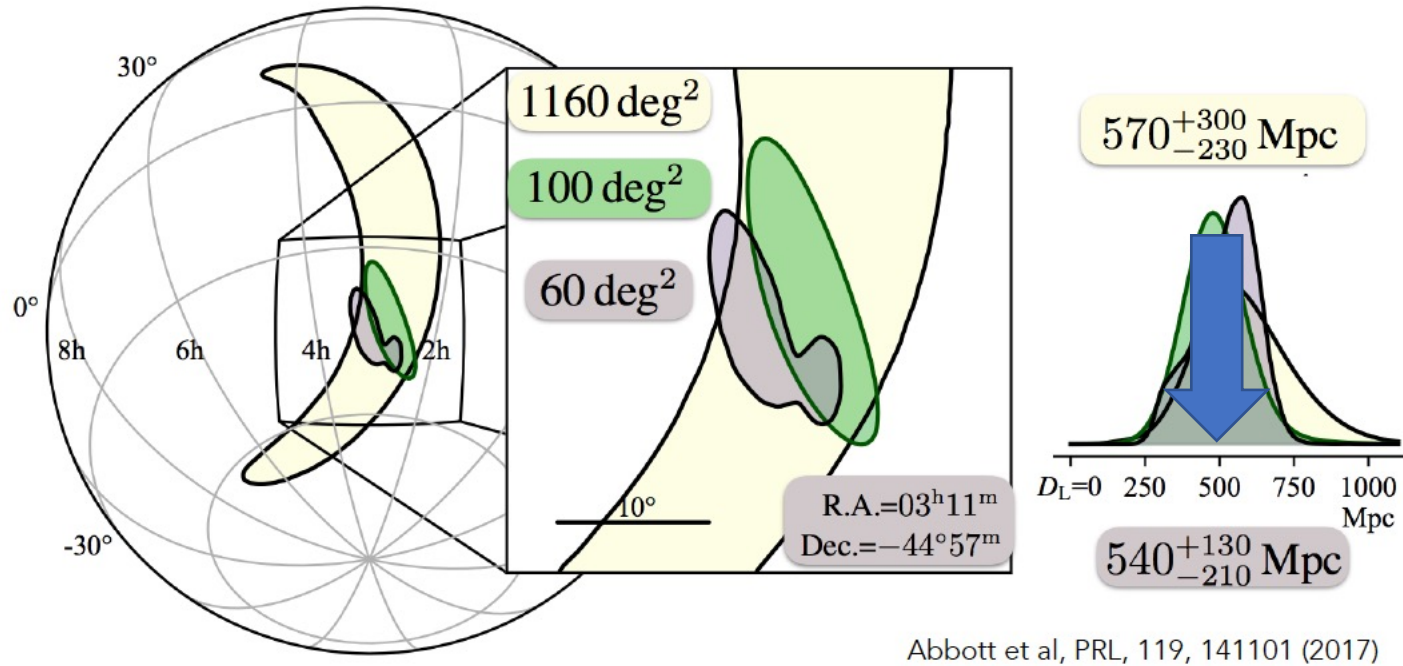
Sky position localization for GW170814 is within an area of  $\sim 100 \text{ deg}^2$

Radiated GW energy  $\sim 2.7 M_{\odot} c^2$



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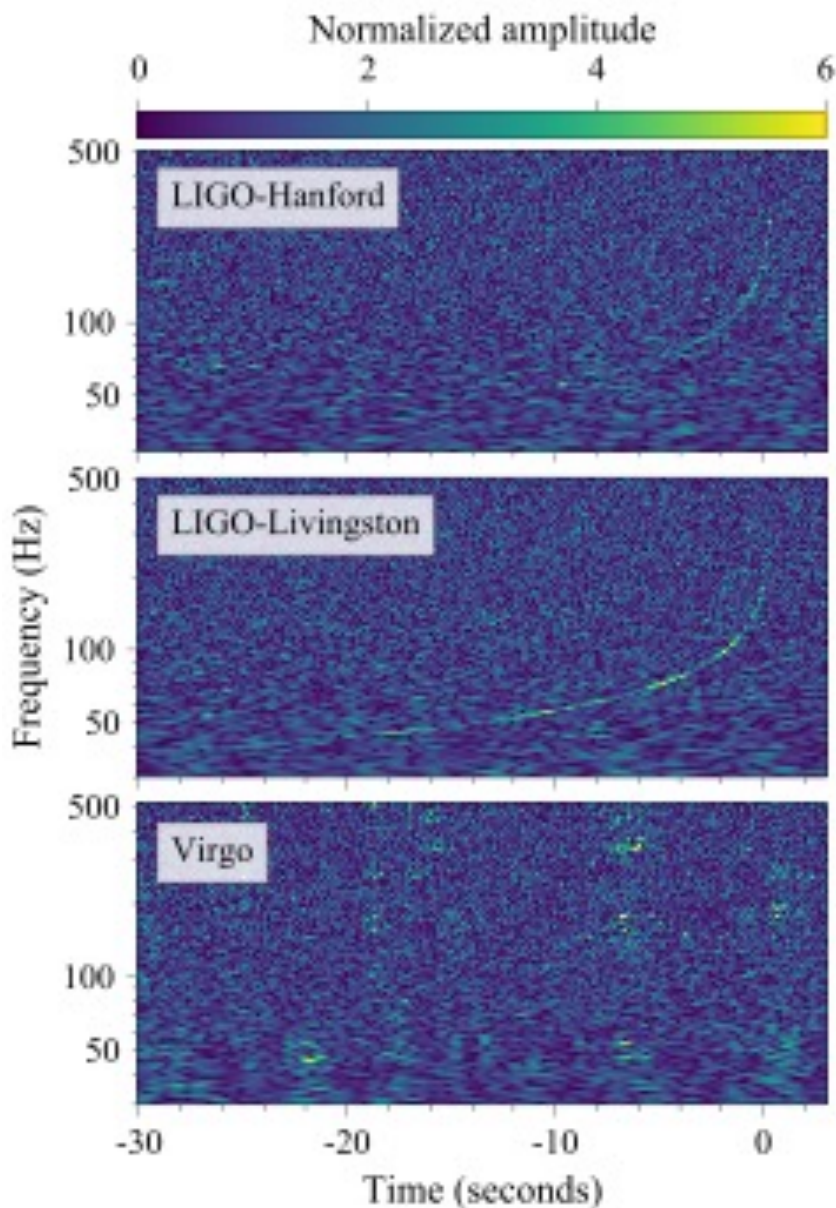


ERROR IN SKY AREA: 20x  
ERROR IN DISTANCE: 1.5x  
ERROR BOX ON THE SKY: 30x  
(from 70 to 2 Mpc<sup>3</sup>)



# GW170817: from pure geometry to matter and multi-messenger physics

GW170817: Observation of Gravitational Waves from a Binary Neutron Star Inspiral, Phys. Rev. Lett., 119, 161101 (2017)



LIGO and the Virgo detectors were operational at the time of the **binary neutron star inspiral 12:41:04.4 UTC**

GW170817 swept through the detectors' sensitive band in **~60s**.

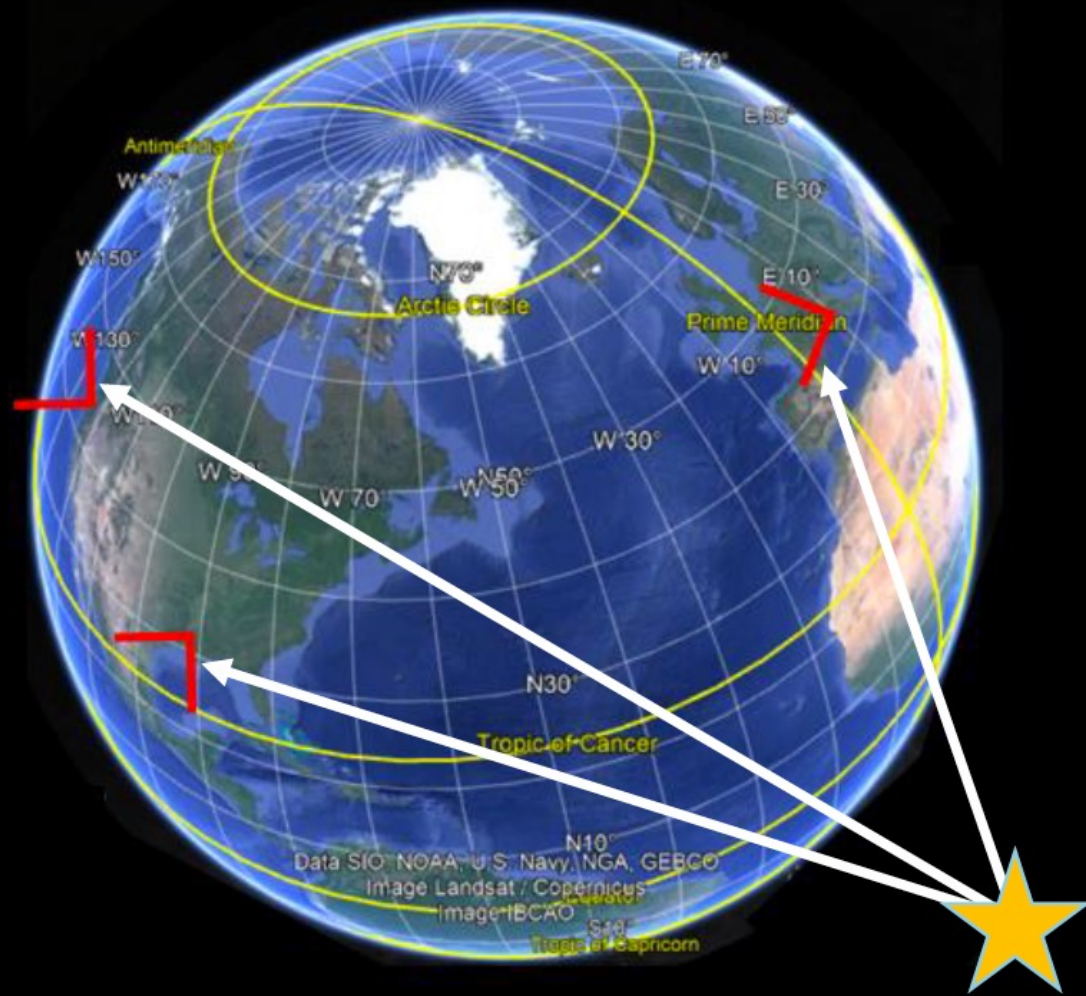
**$f_{\text{start}} \sim 24\text{Hz}$** , Radiated energy  $> 0.025 M_{\odot} c^2$

Loudest (network SNR of **32.4**), closest and best localized signal signal ever observed by LIGO and Virgo

$$M_c^{\text{det}} = 1.1977^{+0.0008}_{-0.0003} M_{\odot} \quad D_L = 40^{+8}_{-14} \text{ Mpc}$$

$$2.73 < M_{\text{Total}} < 3.29 M_{\odot} \quad 0.86 < m_i < 2.26 M_{\odot}$$

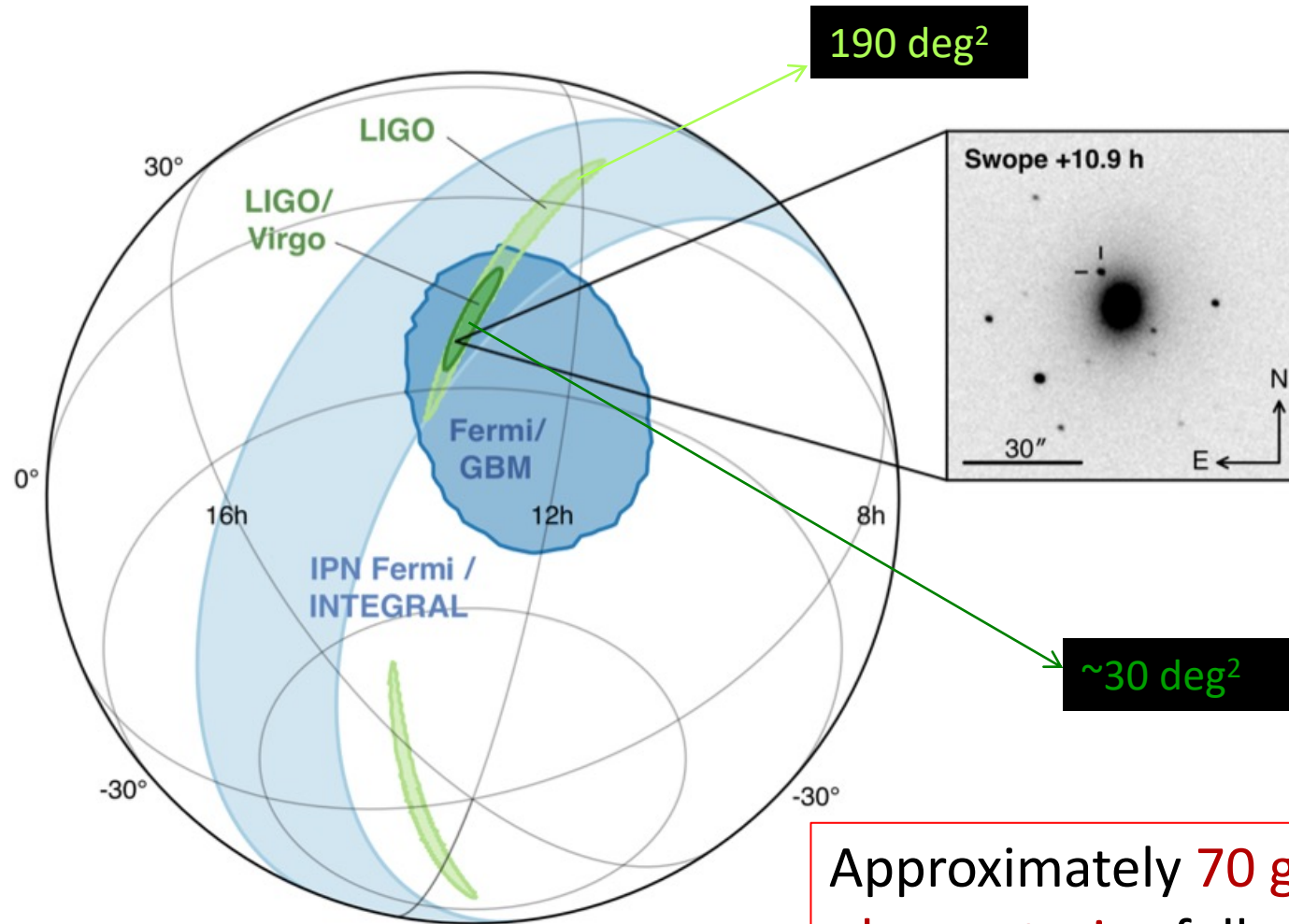
# BNS



GW170817 first arrived at Virgo, after 22 ms it reached LLO, and another 3 ms later LLH detected it



# Sky Localization GW170817



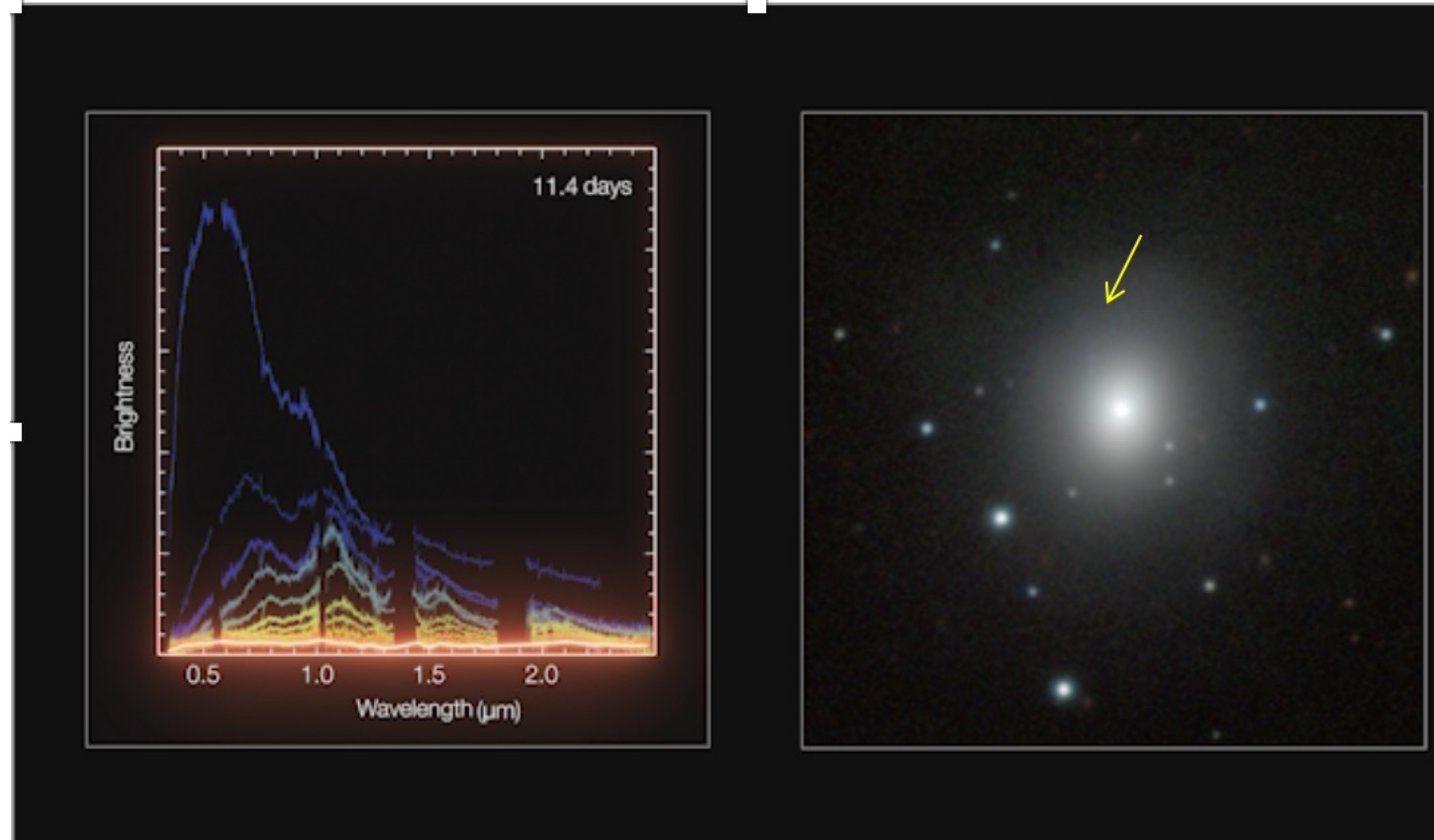
Location of the apparent host galaxy **NGC 4993** in the Swope optical discovery image at 10.9 h after the merger

Approximately **70** ground- and space- based **observatories** followed-up on this event !

# Kilonova interpretation

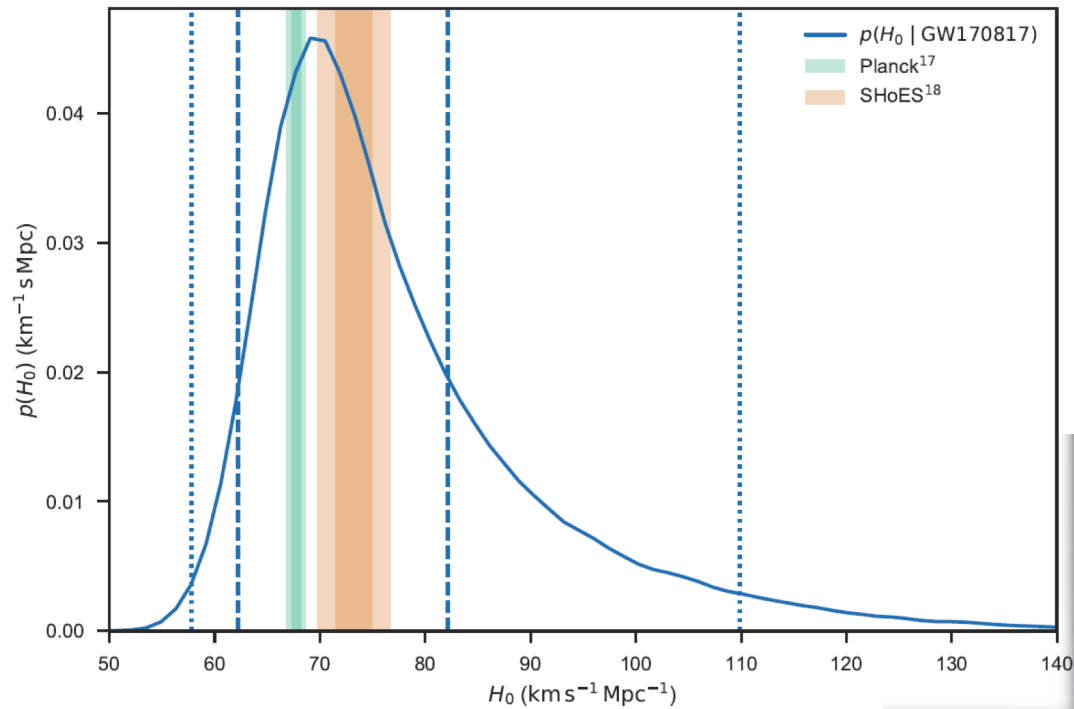
The evolution of the spectral energy distribution, **rapid fading** and emergence of **broad spectral features** indicated that the source had physical evolution similar kilonovae models (Metzger et al (2010)):

- Rapid shift of the spectral energy distribution from the optical to the near-IR
- Signatures of the radioactive decay of *r*-process nucleosynthesis elements
- Features consistent with the production of lanthanides within the ejecta



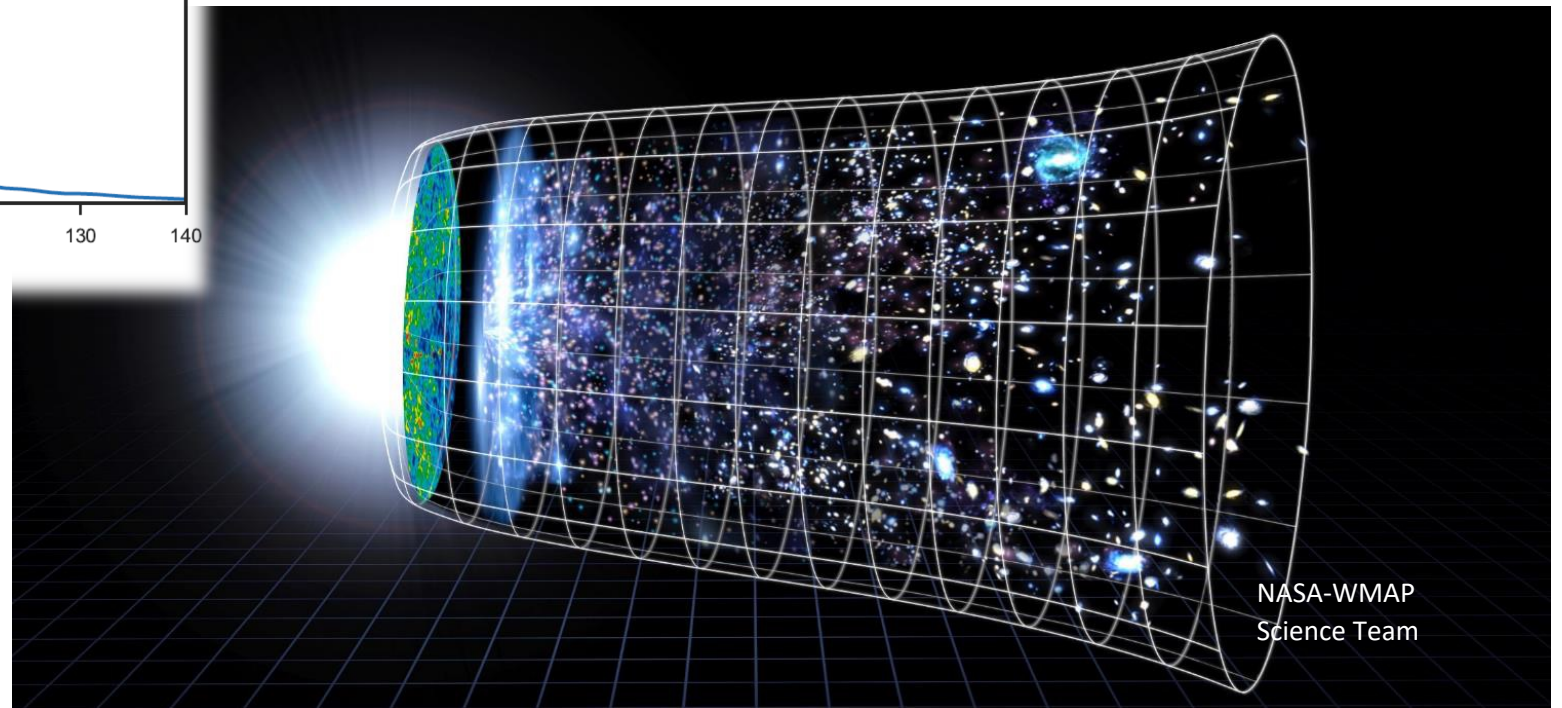


# Hubble constant measurements: a new astronomy was born



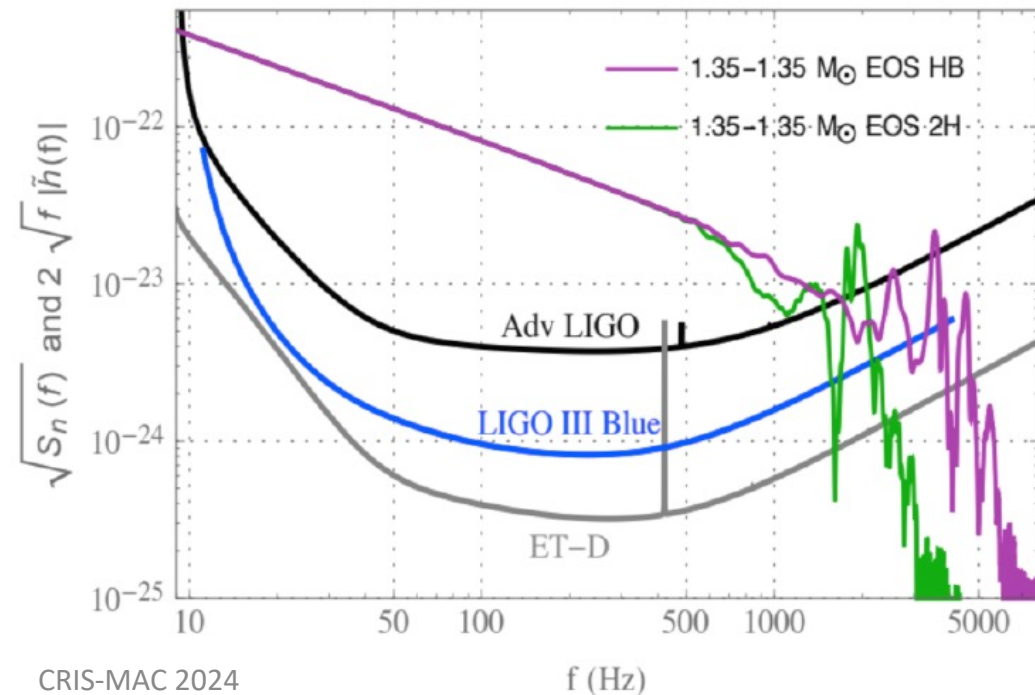
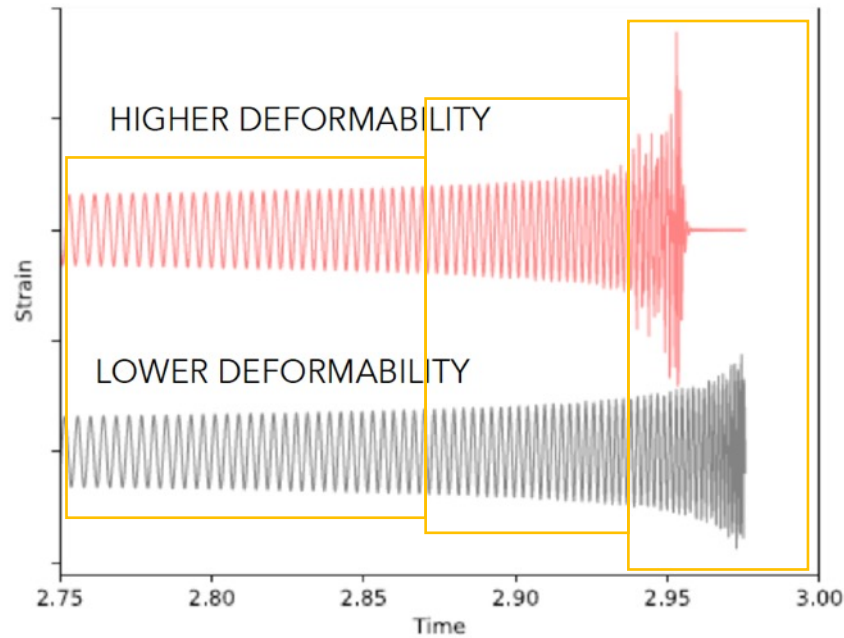
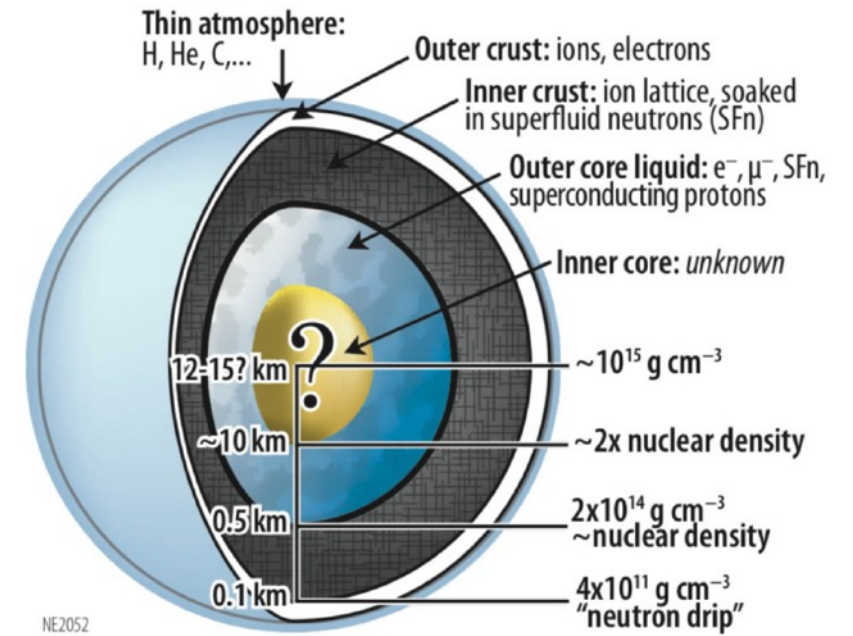
$$H_0 = 70.0^{+12.0}_{-8.0} \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

“A Gravitational-Wave Standard Siren Measurement of the Hubble Constant”, Nature [<https://doi.org/10.1038/nature24471>]

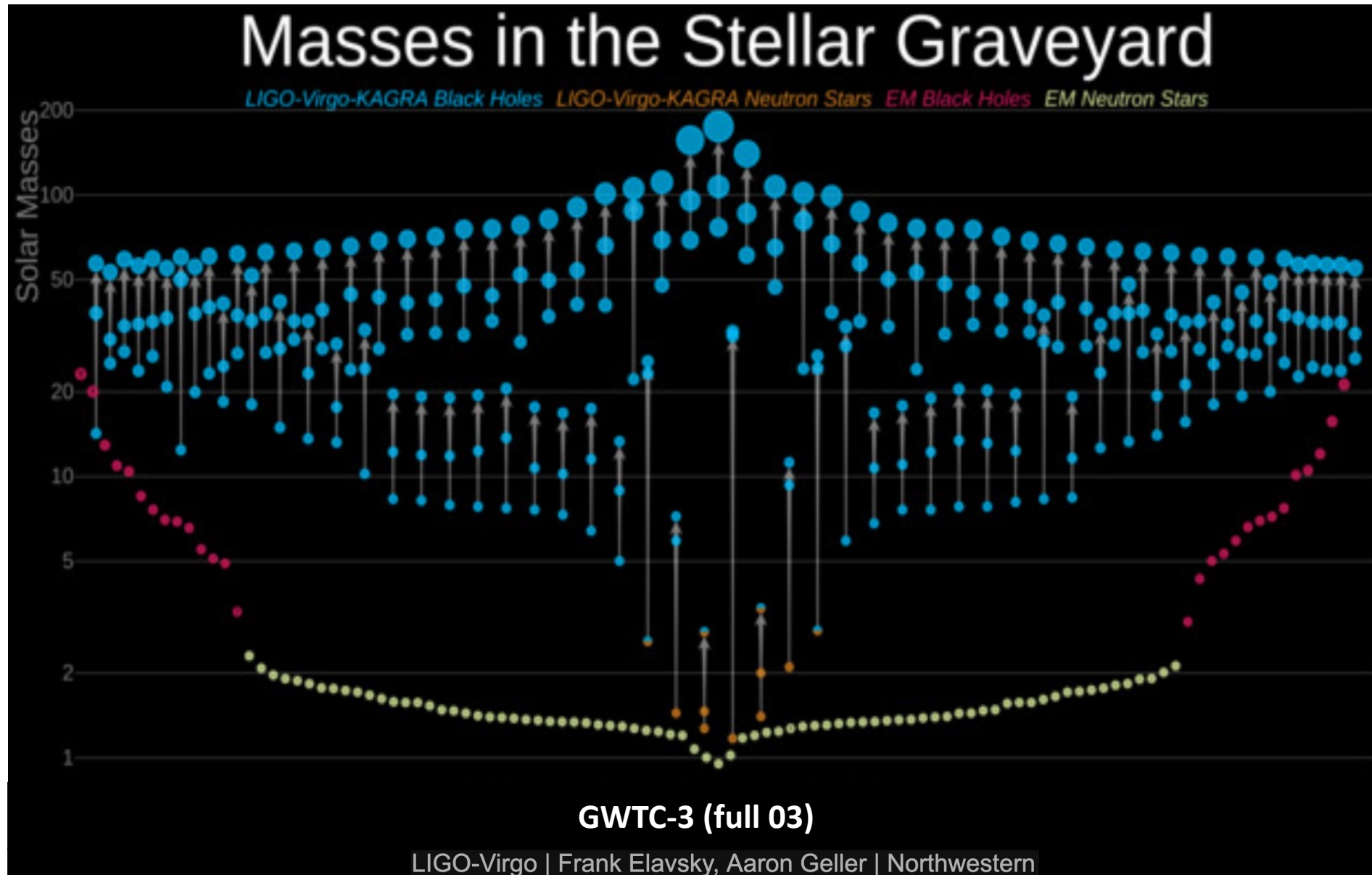


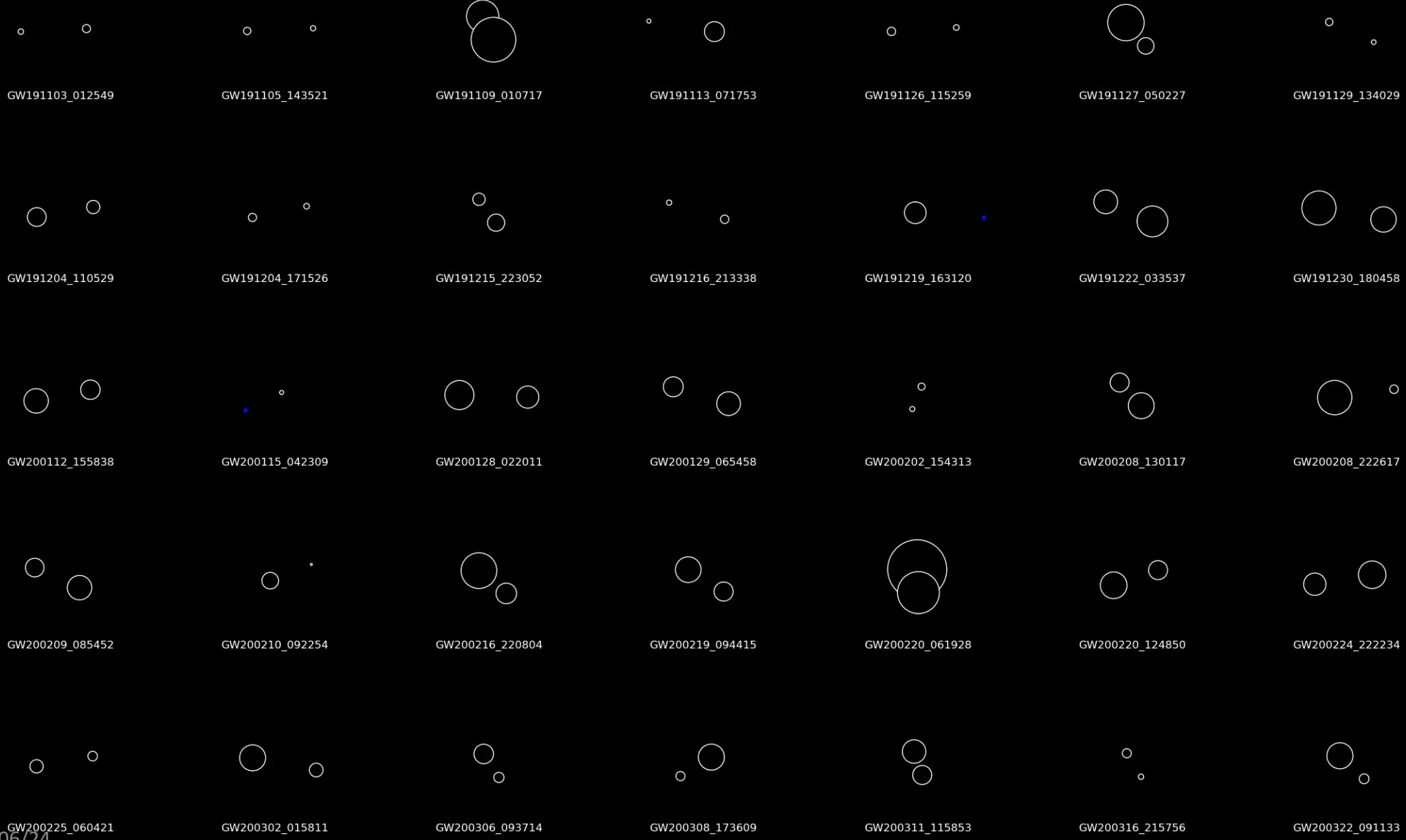
We really need much more to reconstruct NS composition through EOS

More events, higher sensitivity !



CBCs, a lot of events  
BUT MOSTLY BBH





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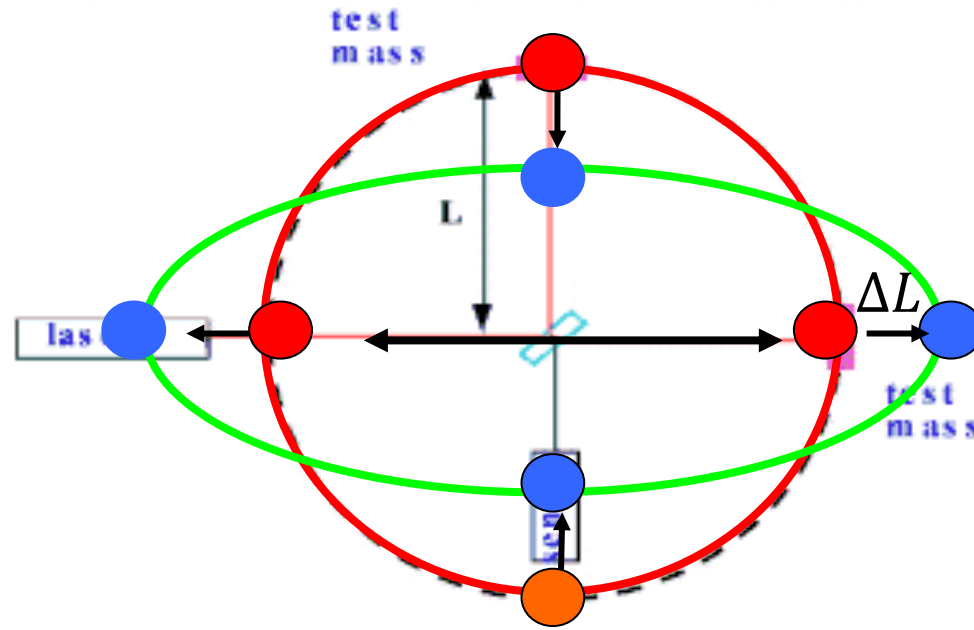
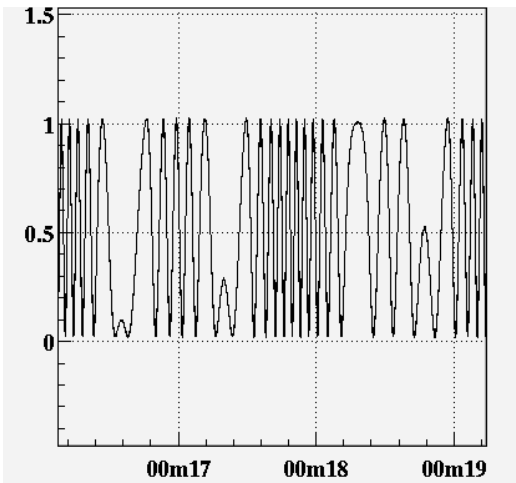
How do we measure ?



# Free-mass (wide band) detectors VS Old technology of mechanically resonant detectors

Wide-band detection possible using interferometry:

*Interference fringes*

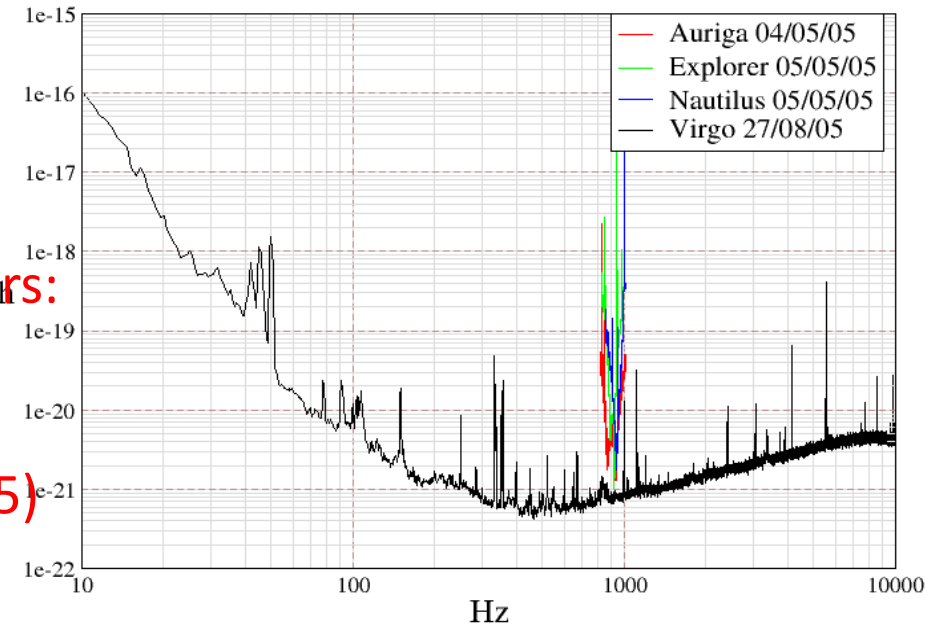


$$h \approx \frac{\Delta L}{L}$$



Compared to Weber resonant detectors:

- higher sensitivity
- many more detectable sources !!
- Resonant detectors abandoned (2005)



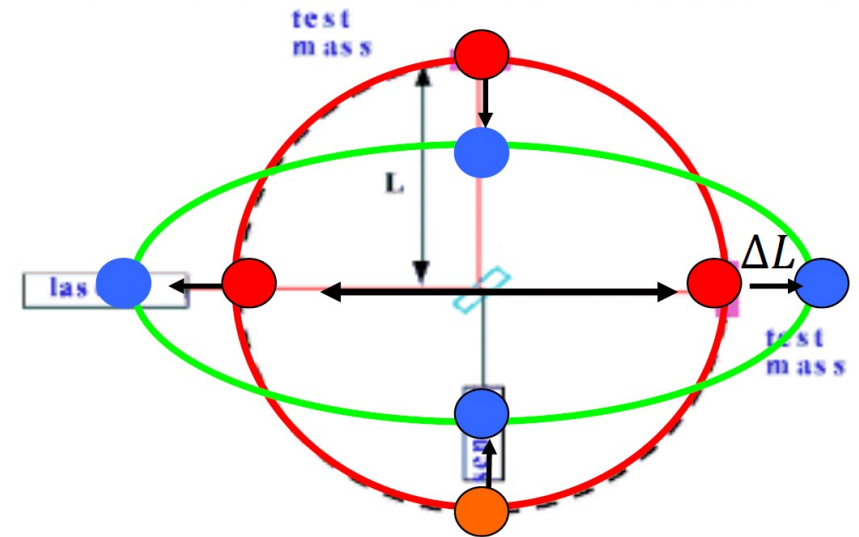
## Michelson ITF, basic formalism

Given a GW source at distance  $r$   
the effect due to optimal coupling  
of polarization “+” is:

$$l_1 \rightarrow l_1 \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} h_+ \right)$$

$$l_2 \rightarrow l_2 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2} h_+ \right)$$

$$\delta P_{GW} \propto \text{Amplitude}_{GW}$$



The detected ITF **power** signal is sensitive to the **amplitude** of gravitational waves (and not to their **power**, as in e.m. wave detection).

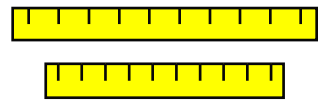
ITF GW signal fades as  $1/r$  (and not as  $1/r^2$  as in e.m. telescopes):

If  $\tilde{h}(f)$  is the detector noise LSD, the number detectable sources increases as  $\Delta \tilde{h}^3$

The detection is intrinsically limited by (A) quantum noise (shot noise), but also by the mechanical thermal noise and, if the detector is on the Earth, by (B) seismic background and (C) gravity gradients



# “Observational feasibility” adopting km baseline



$$\Delta l = \int \sqrt{|g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu|} = \int_0^l |g_{xx}|^{1/2} dx \approx l |g_{xx}(x=0)|^{1/2} \approx l \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2} h_{xx}^{TT} \right]$$

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- in the acoustic band (low freq.) the amplitude of the wave can be roughly considered constant during travel in the arm → we can just multiply by 2 the forward term

$$T_{tot}^x - T_{tot}^y = \left[ \frac{2L}{c} + \frac{1}{c} \int_0^L h dx \right] - \left[ \frac{2L}{c} - \frac{1}{c} \int_0^L h dy \right]$$

$h_{xx} = h_{yy} = h$

- It does not apply for LISA as L is  $10^6$  larger

“Observational feasibility” on km-scale

$$\Delta\phi = \omega\Delta T = \omega \frac{2L}{c} h = \frac{4\pi}{\lambda} L h$$

$3 \text{ km}$  (pointing to  $L$ )  
 $1.0610^{-6} \text{ m}$  (pointing to  $\lambda$ )  
 $10^{-22}$  (pointing to  $h$ )

long armlength  $L$  helps but even adopting km baseline,  $h$  is too small and GW-observation level  $\Delta\phi$  would result impossible due to the shot noise

→ using Fabry-Perot cavities further enhances  $L$  through the Finesse  $f$

$$\Delta\phi_{PF} = \frac{2f}{\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\omega_{GW}}{\omega}\right)^2}} \Delta\phi$$

$\sim 300$  (circled around  $2f$ )  
 $L_{opt}(\omega)$  (circled around the entire fraction)

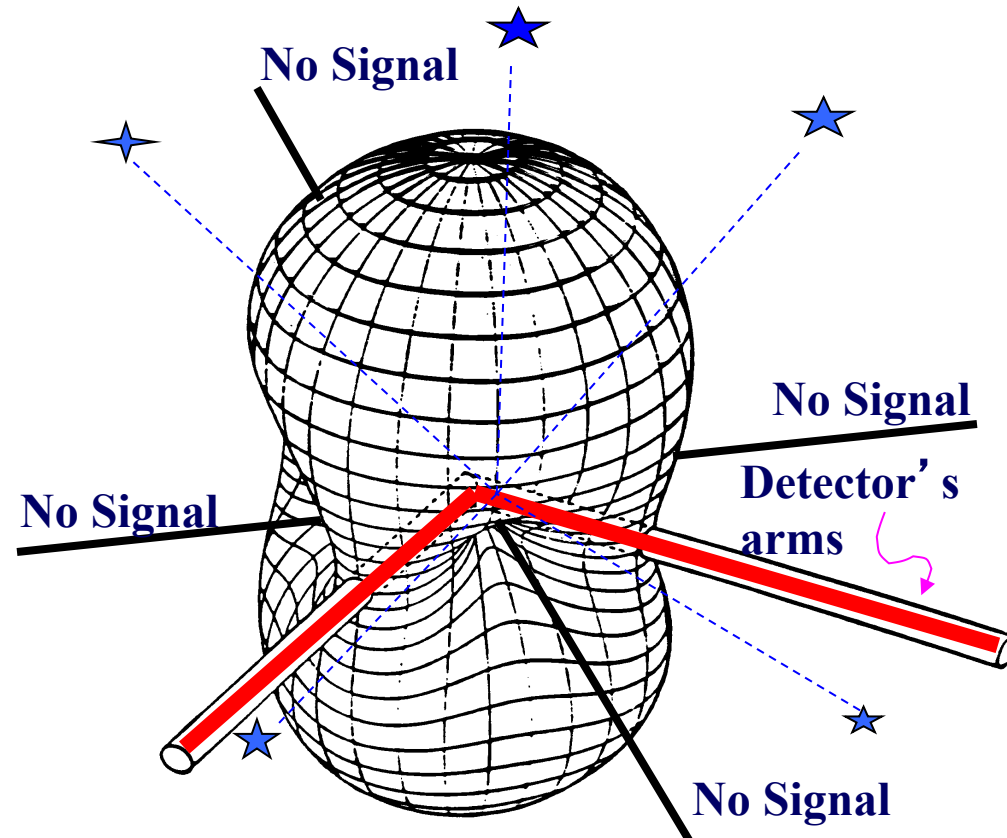
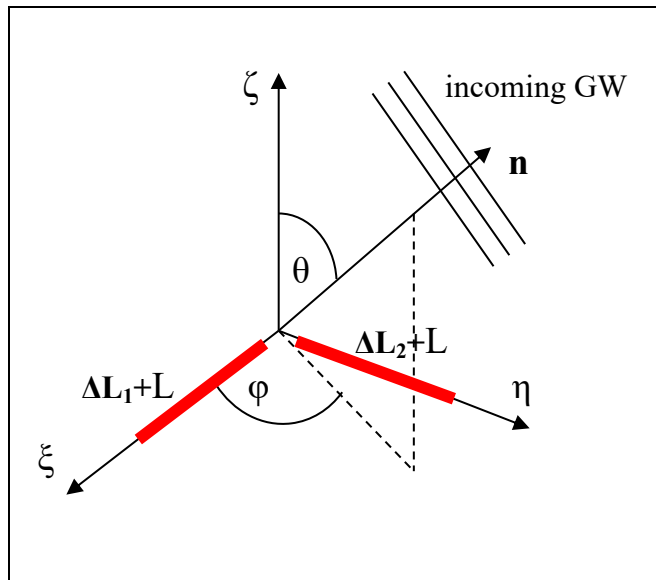
Amplitude of a phase signal due to strain  $h = \frac{\Delta L}{L}$  detected

$$\tilde{\Phi}_{FP} = \frac{1}{8Lf} \sqrt{\frac{2\hbar\omega}{\eta P_{in}}} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\omega_{GW}}{\omega}\right)^2}$$

The shot noise is reduced by increasing Laser power and FP finesse

# Antenna Pattern for Michelson interferometer

$$\frac{\Delta L}{L} = \frac{\Delta L_1 + \Delta L_2}{L} = \frac{1 + \cos^2 \theta}{2} \cos(2\varphi) h^+ + \cos \theta \sin(2\varphi) h^x$$



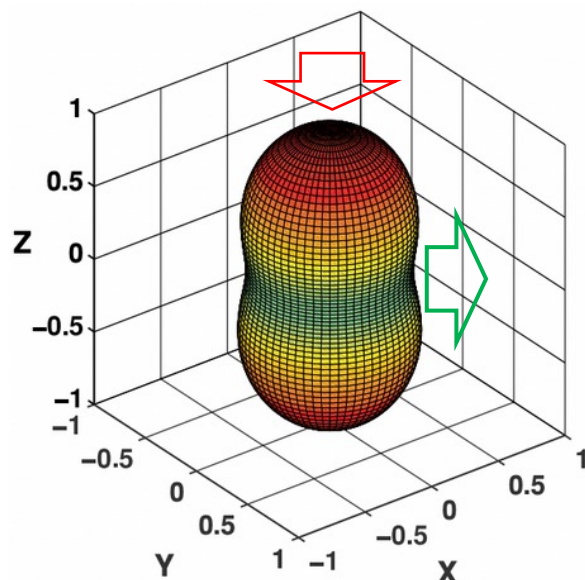


# A glance to *km-scale* triangle shape

- Start with a “single” hybrid detector
- Add a 2<sup>nd</sup> one to fully resolve polarization
- Add a 3<sup>rd</sup> one aimed to provide *null stream*
- *Notice: omnidirectional*

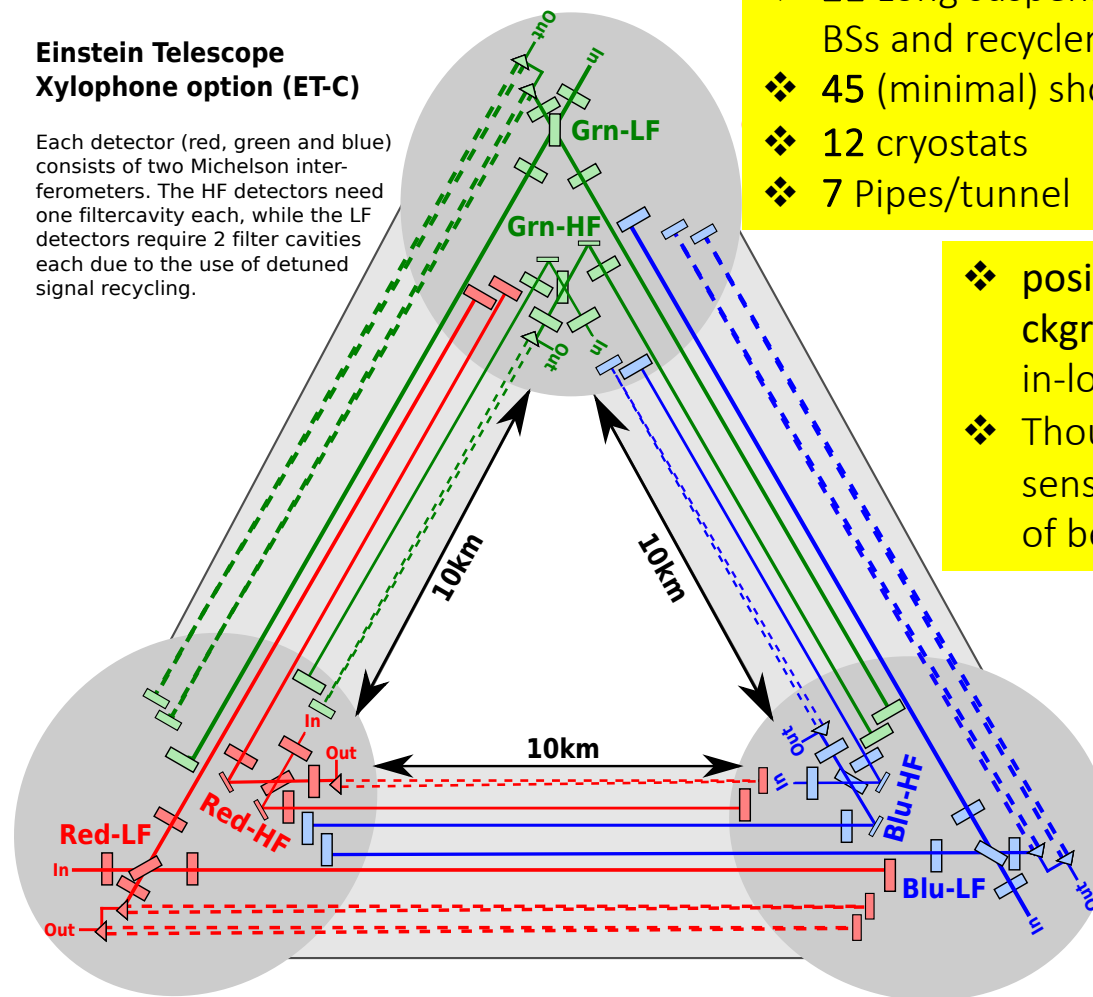
## Minimal numbers

- ❖ 21 Long suspensions for Test masses
  - BSs and recyclers (signal and power)
  - ❖ 45 (minimal) shorter towers
  - ❖ 12 cryostats
  - ❖ 7 Pipes/tunnel
- ❖ position/acceleration/background: thousands of in-loop sensors for
  - ❖ Thousands of global sensors for optical D.O.F of beams

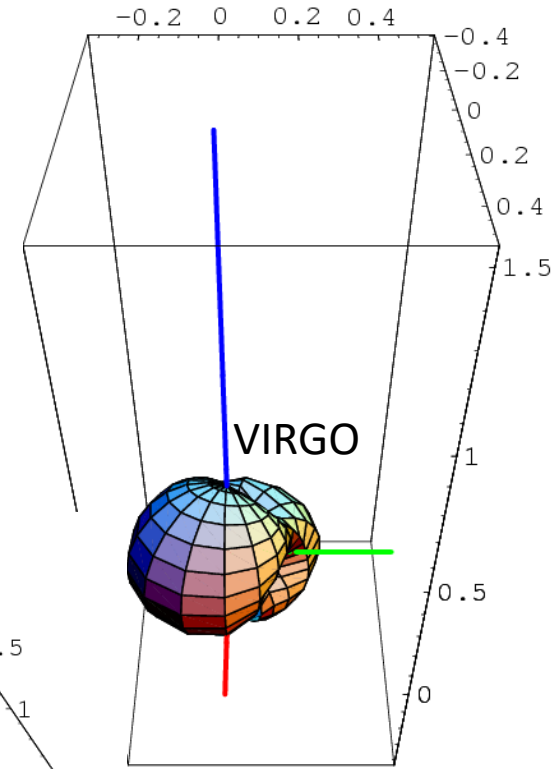
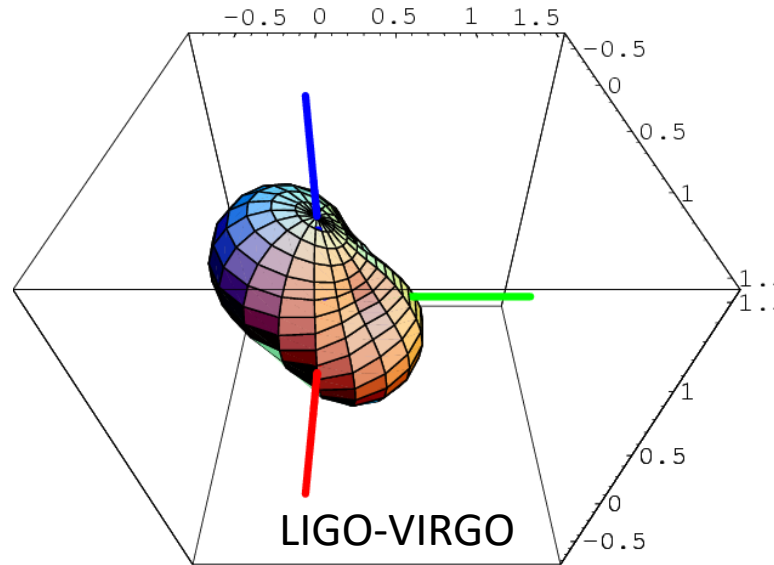
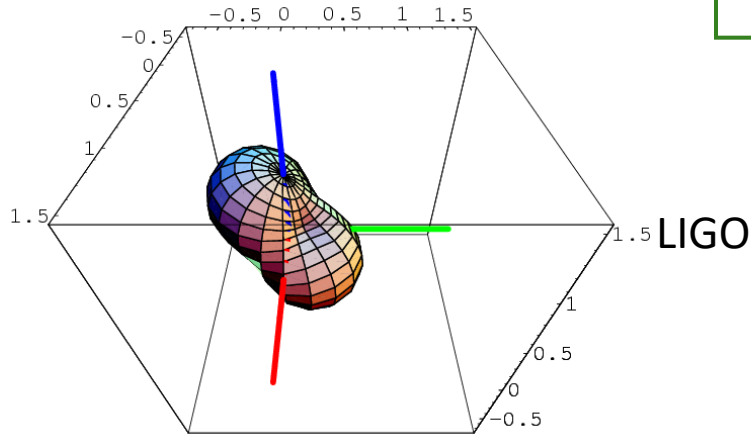


### Einstein Telescope Xylophone option (ET-C)

Each detector (red, green and blue) consists of two Michelson interferometers. The HF detectors need one filtercavity each, while the LF detectors require 2 filter cavities each due to the use of detuned signal recycling.



## Network patterns



(A. Viceré)

- Environmental monitoring and engineering signals are used to veto on environmental noise
- Coincidence analysis is essential to further identify false alarms at the level of the residual noise affecting the single detectors.
- but also to constitute a “single” detector  
→ location and orientation are relevant parameters

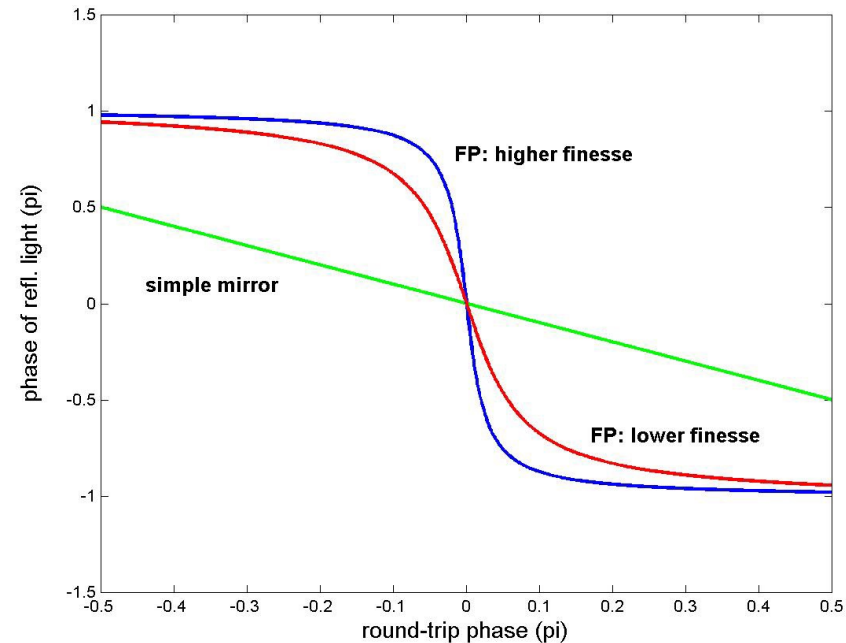
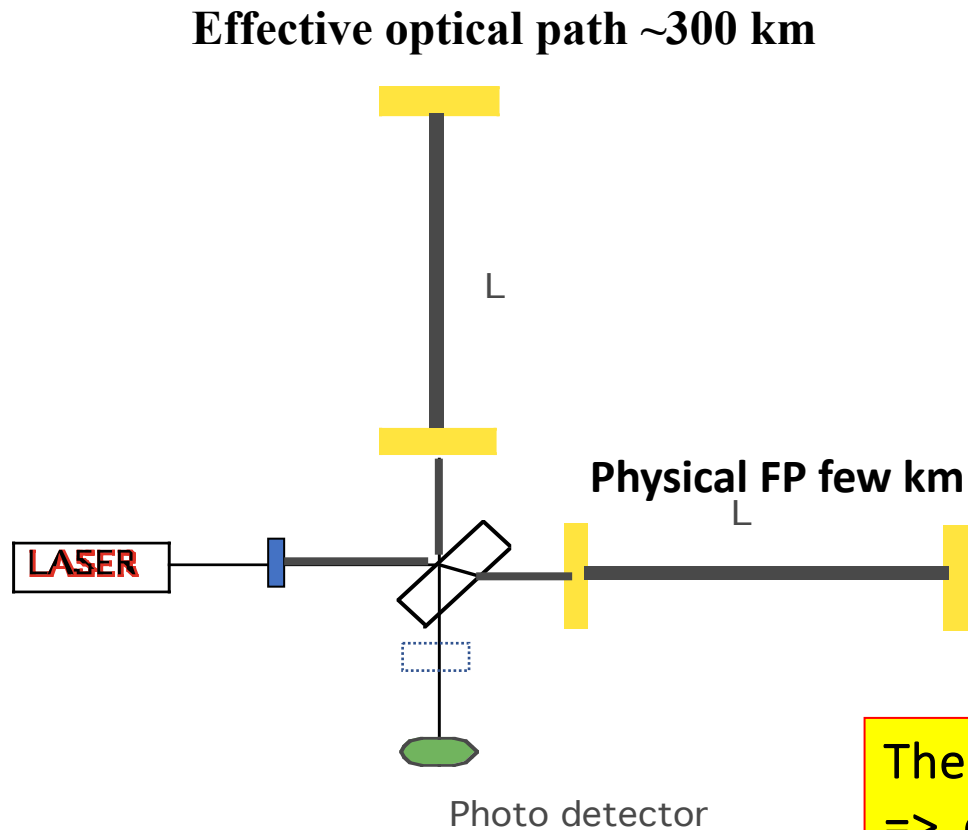
For example, coherent combination advanced LIGO-H/LIGO-L/Virgo (SNR=8, eff. 90%), enlarges the BNS detection distance at which BNS from 150-170 Mpc of single antennas  
→ 270 Mpc

# Standard layout used in ground-based detectors

I) **The optical path** where the GW-induced phase shift is accumulated can be enhanced by means of Fabry-Perot resonant cavities.

II) **Dark fringe detection** to reduce read-out noise.

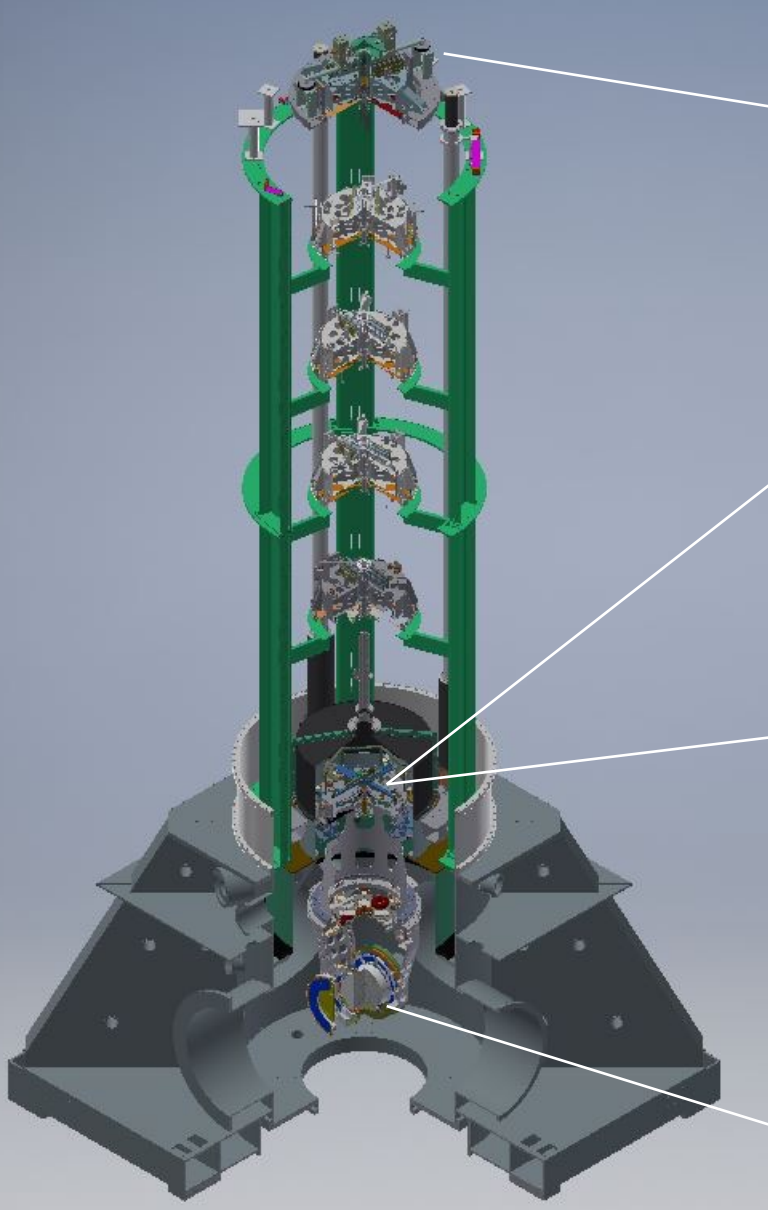
III) Power and Signal **recycling**.



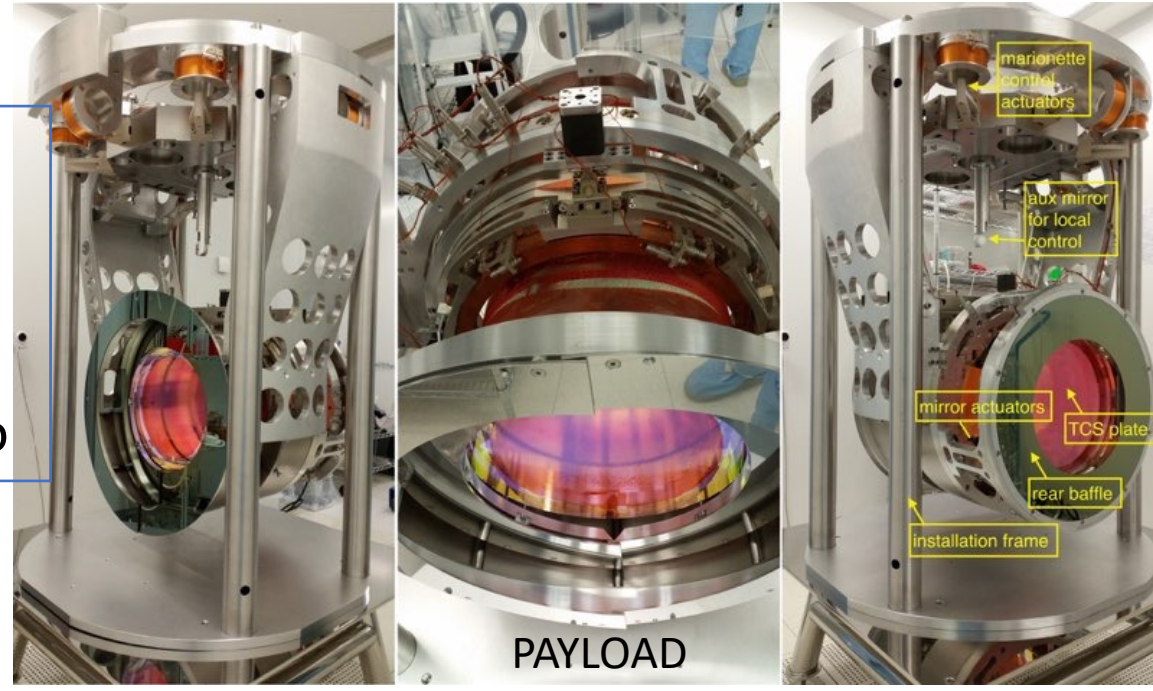
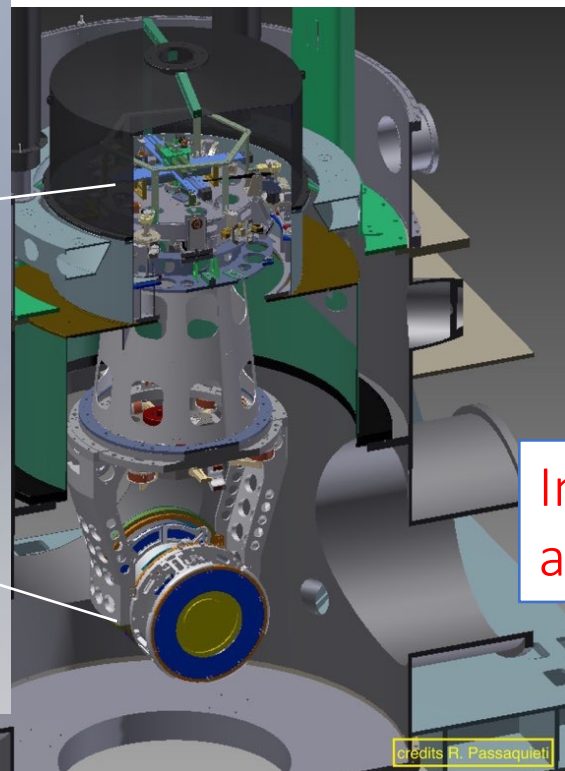
The response of the resonant ITF is much steeper  
=> demanding attenuation and control system are needed



# Test mass suspensions and seismic isolator in Virgo: overall system



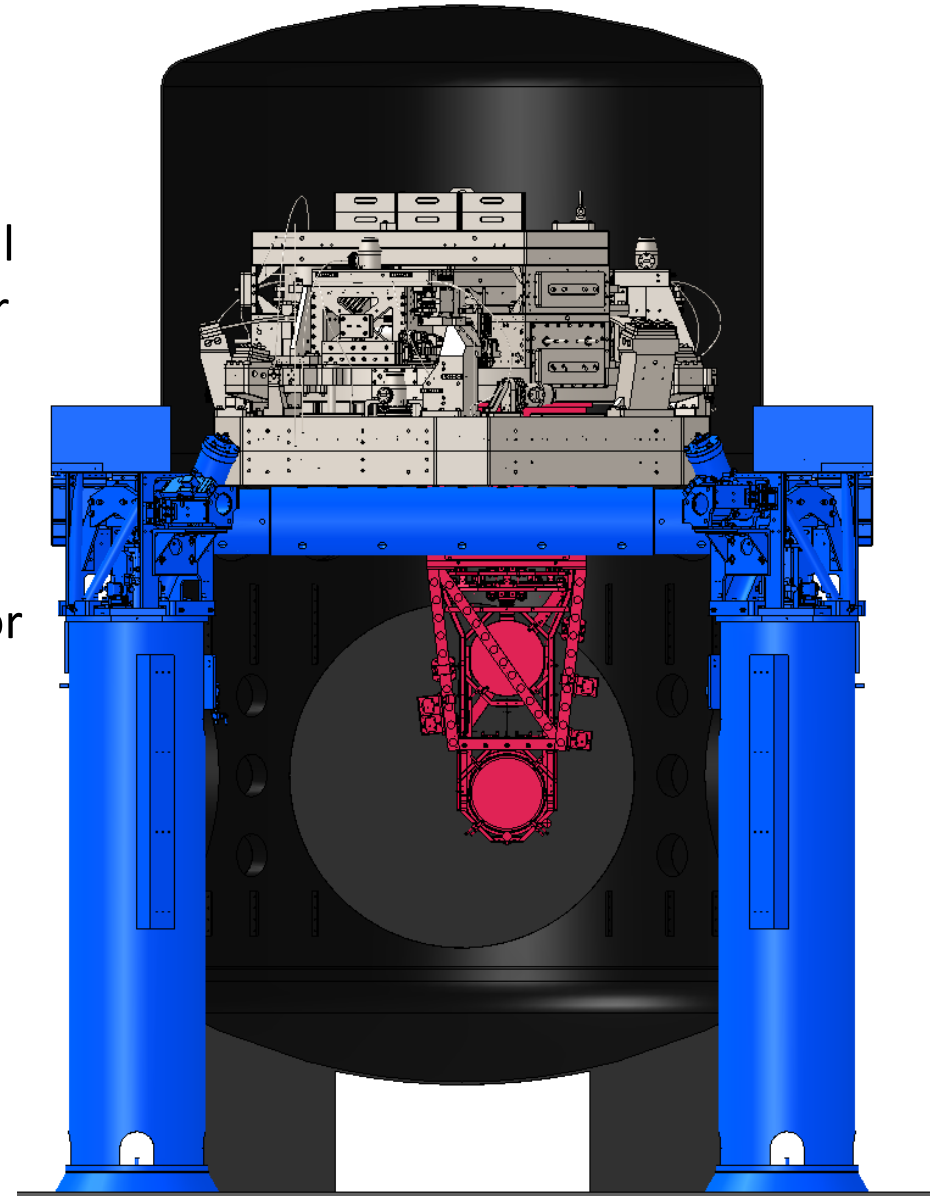
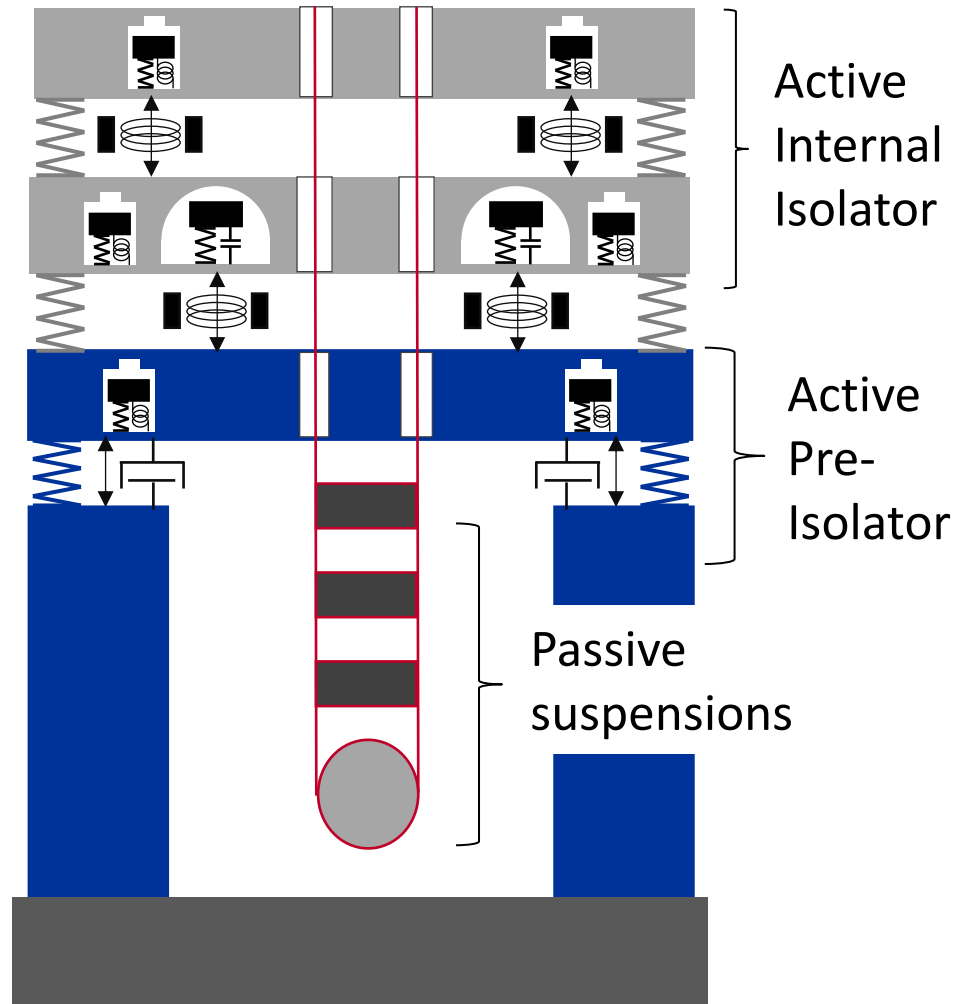
In AdV the first 5 stages of the Super-attenuator (horizontal and vertical) are roughly the same designed ~30 years ago



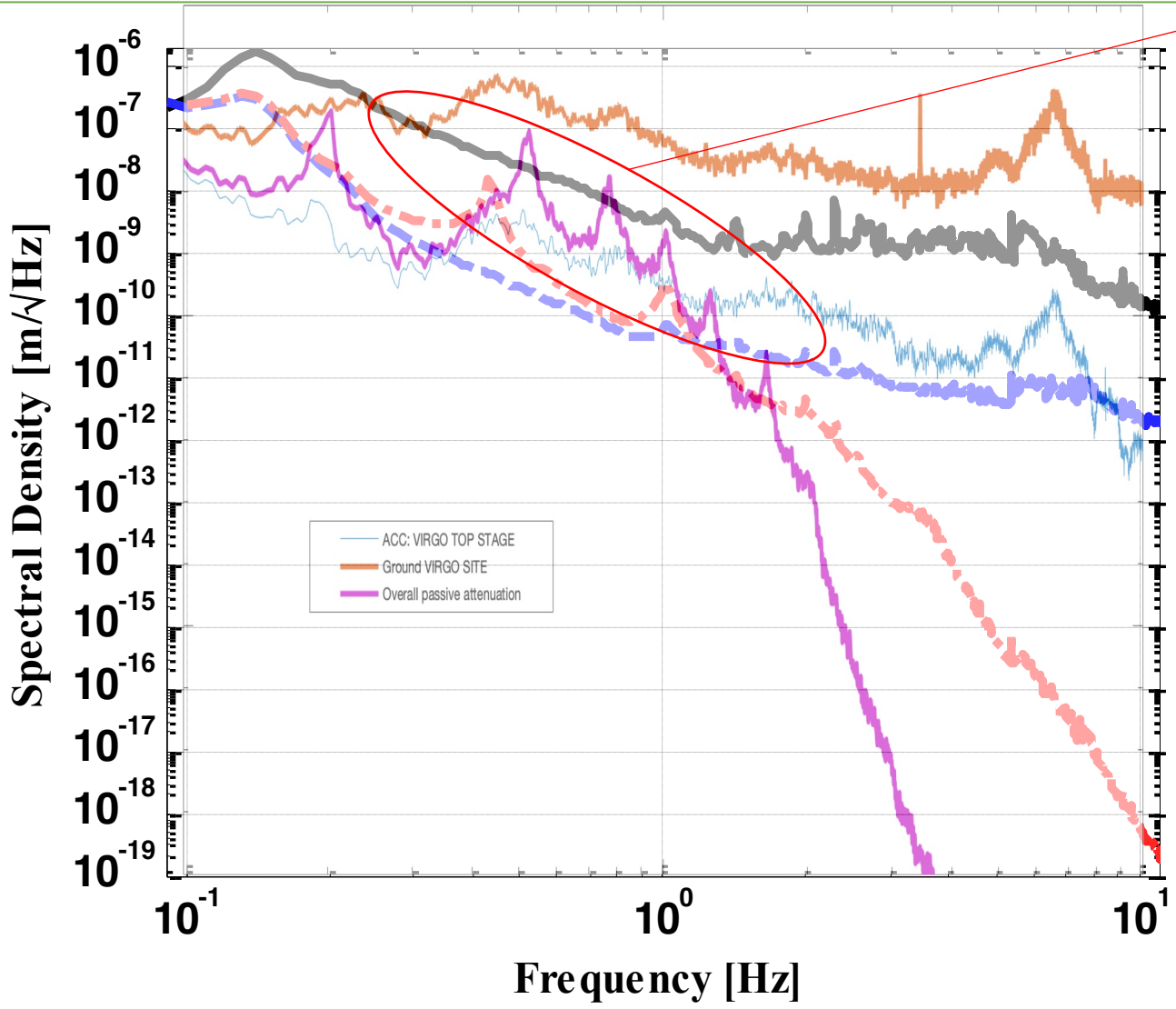
Indeed, the seismic suspension is already there almost ready for ET (!!)

# Test mass suspensions and seismic isolator in LIGO: overall system

Purely active (wide band control on a more rigid mechanics)



# Both LIGO and Virgo/KAGRA are equipped performance attenuators of seismic background



Need of chain mode damping

GROUND noise at Virgo

GROUND noise at LIGO

ACTIVE SUPPRESSION  
@ payload suspension point

$\sim 10^{-9}$   
SUPPRESSION  
@10 Hz for LIGO,  
@3 Hz for Virgo

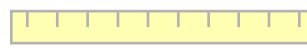
PASSIVE FILTERING in LIGO

PASSIVE USING LONG CHAIN (Virgo, KAGRA)



Let's avoid the seismic background

What about *Mkm* baseline ?



notice how the ticks on a ruler affected by GW

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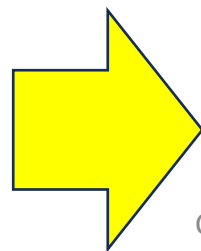
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Real time optical recombination (phase reconstruction)

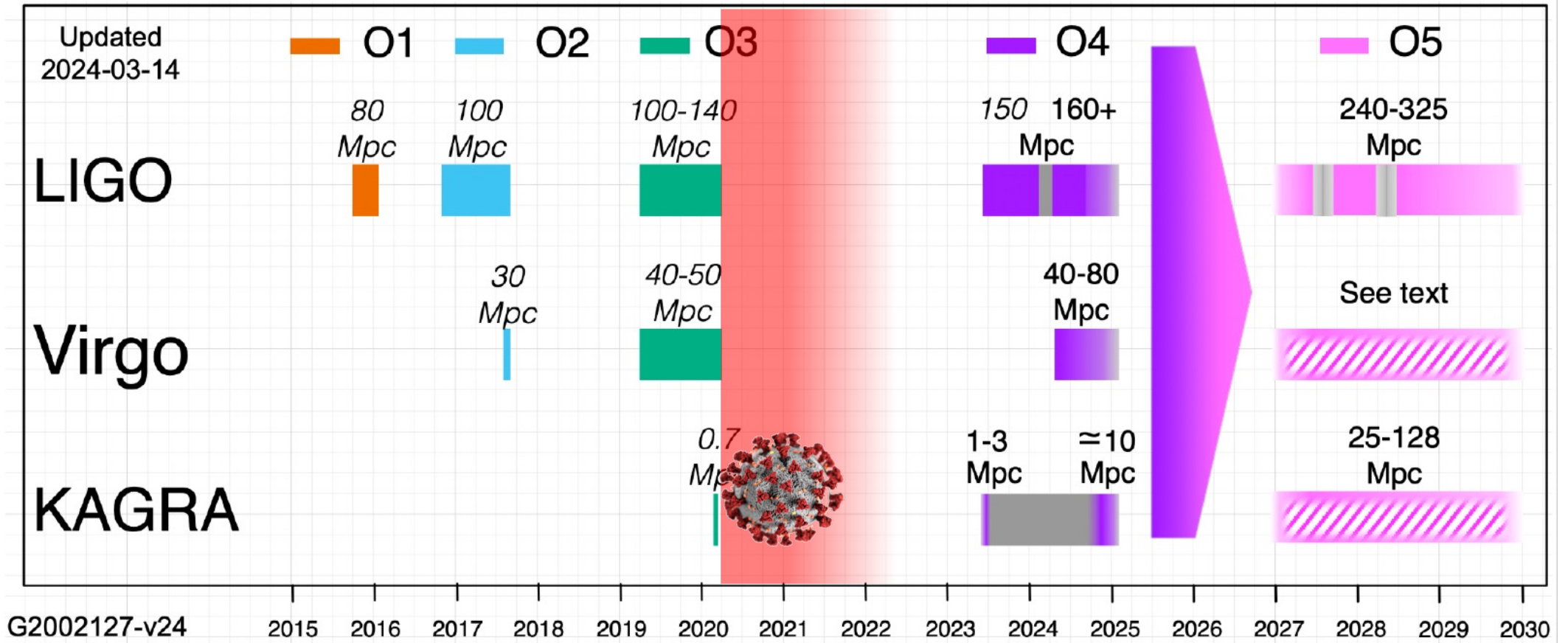


Off-line Doppler (frequency) shift observation and metric reconstruction

Where do we go ?

# LVK Observation runs

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Post O5 planning  
= just started



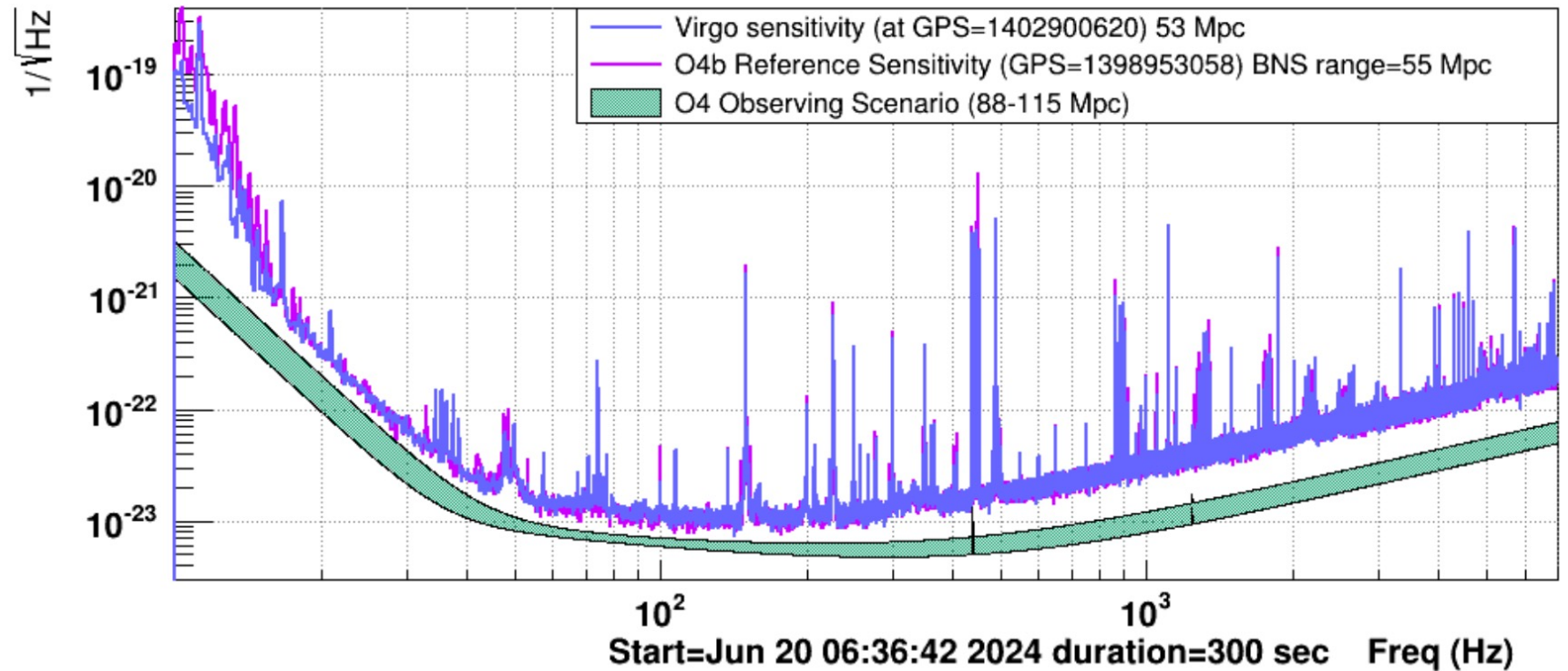
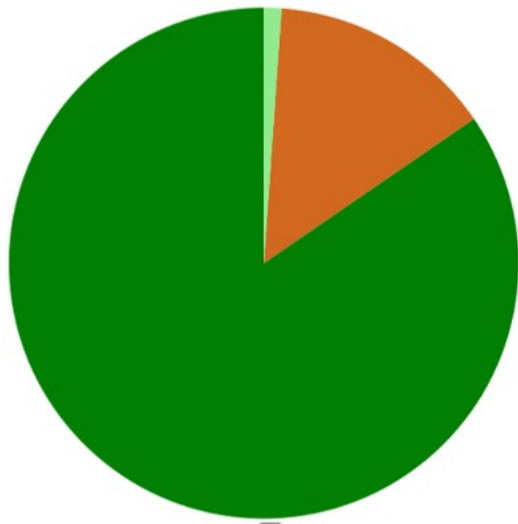
# The hard life of commissioning

O4b: we have the same sensitivity of O3,

- At low frequency technical noise, a typical issue affecting the interferometers. ET will dedicate further and major improving efforts
- The power injected is nowadays low in Virgo. The machine is very stable, but tuning at high power is a time consuming activity
- We must improve the optical configuration

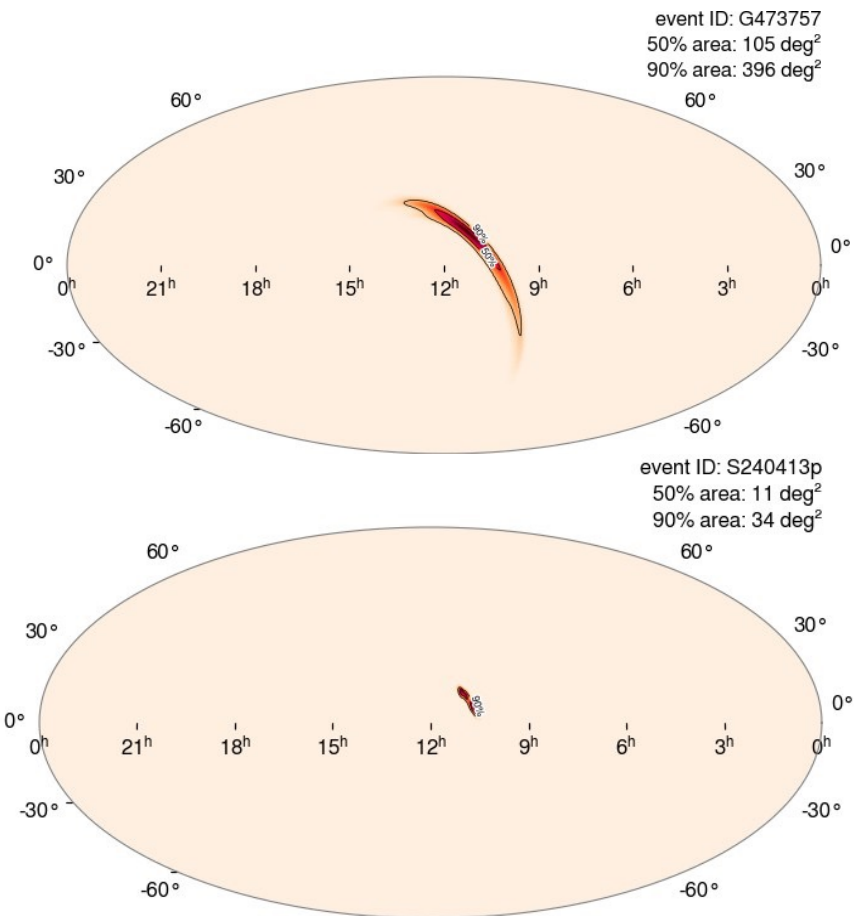
Last Sensitivity (Thu Jun 20 06:36:42 2024 UTC)

■ Science: 84.56 %  
■ Commissioning:  
■ Prepare science



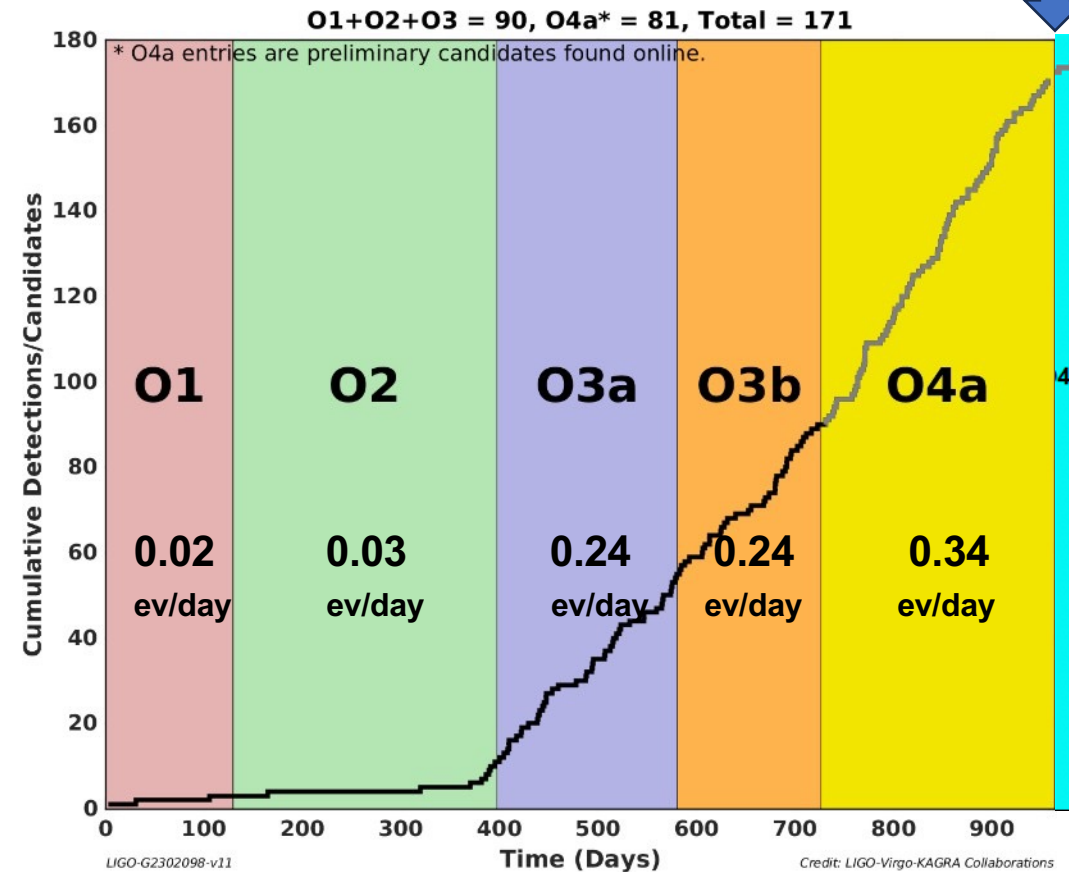
# O4, the current run: the importance of being there

## BBH candidate S240413p (2024) W W/O VIRGO



We just joined O4(b)

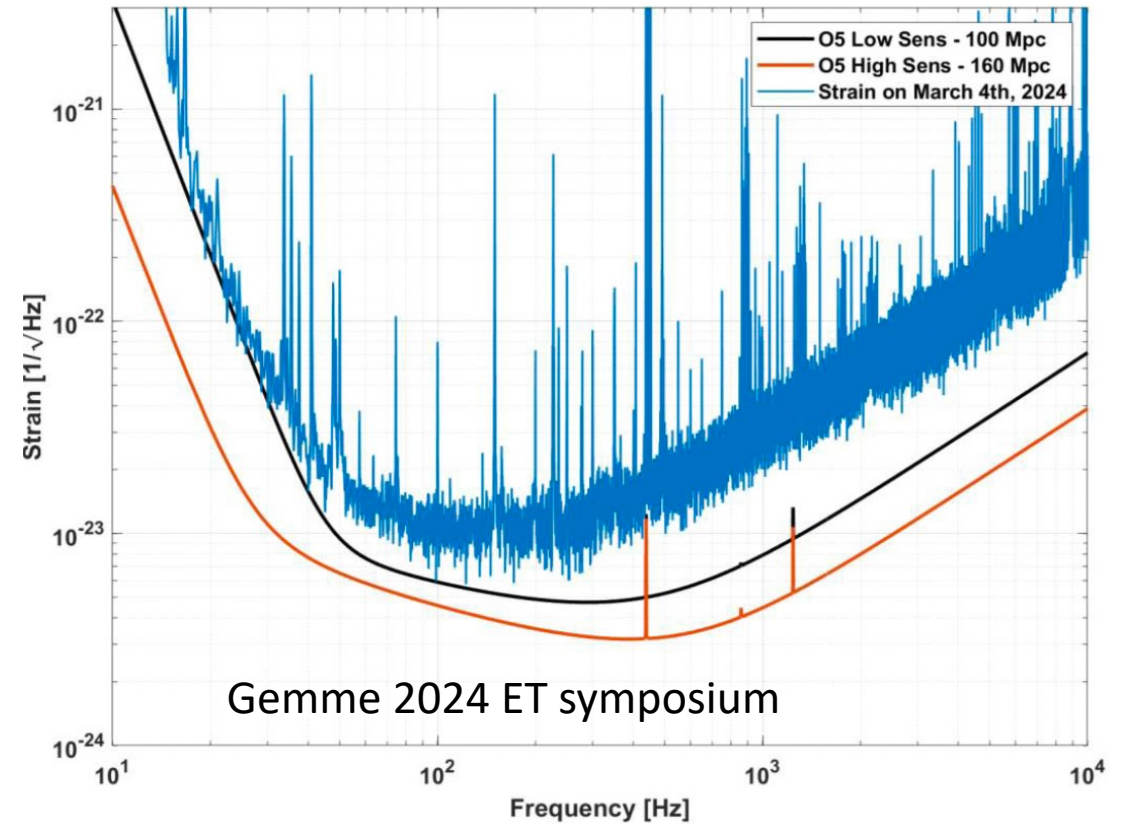
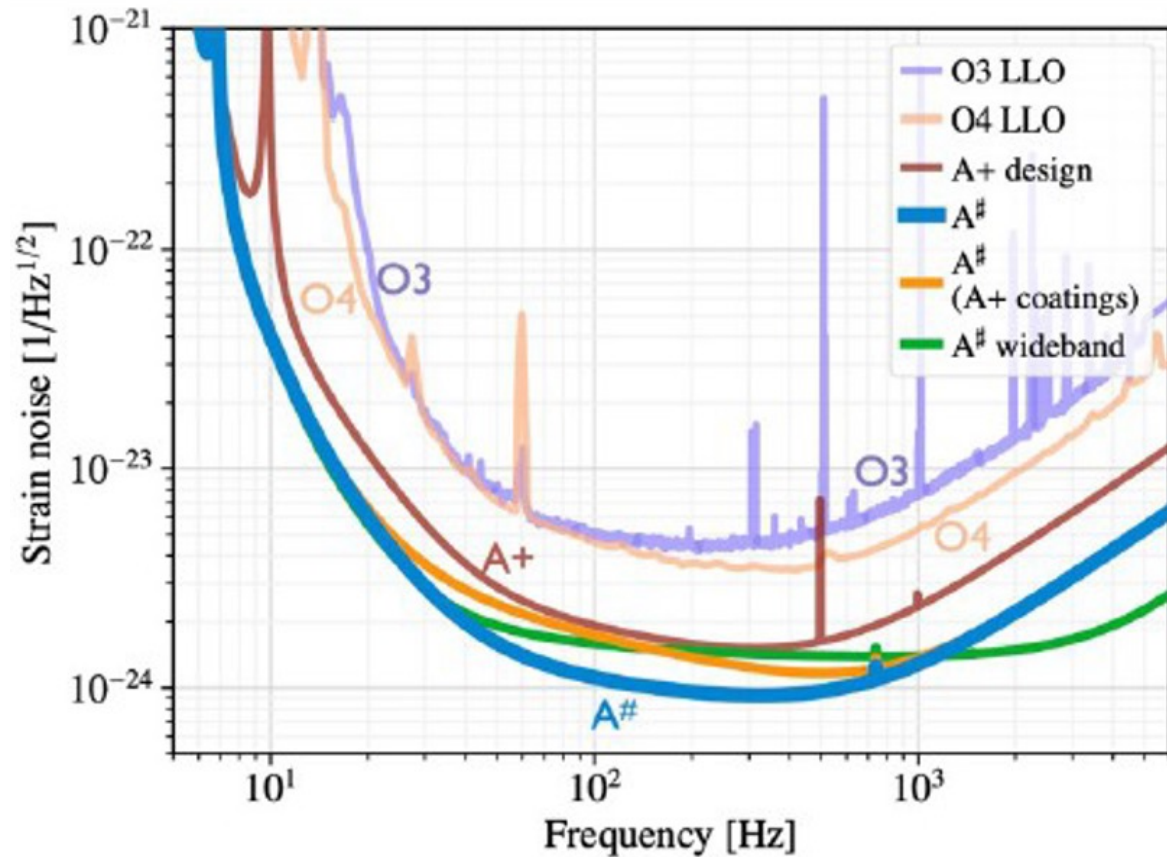
- 15 events (using LIGO trigger)
- a few discarded



Total O4 significant detection candidates: ~100 (~10% rejected)

# A major effort to recover triggering sensitivity WRT LIGO

We cannot perform another observation run with 1/3 LIGO sensitivity



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# Progress on LIGO-India

- LIGO Aundha Observatory (LAO aka LIGO-India) was approved for funding in April 2023!
- Most of the major activities are now happening in India, eg:
  - LIGO-India Vacuum System Prototyping 'LI-VISTA' @IPR
  - Final facility design @DCSEM
  - Expression of Interest for LAO facility construction @RRCAT
  - Human resource development @IUCAA
- Activities on US/LIGO Lab side:
  - Export license for shipment of critical detector components to India
  - Finalization of DAE-Caltech-MIT MOU
  - Joint LIGO US – LIGO-India Systems Meetings

## LI-VISTA



Brian & Dave visit IPR, Dec 2023



## LI-VISTA BT+GV+Cryopump Inspection





Large-scale Cryogenic Gravitational-wave Telescope

2<sup>nd</sup> generation GW detector in Japan, started in 2010.



Artwork Image of KAGRA

## Large-scale Detector

Baseline length: 3km  
High-power Interferometer

## Cryogenic interferometer

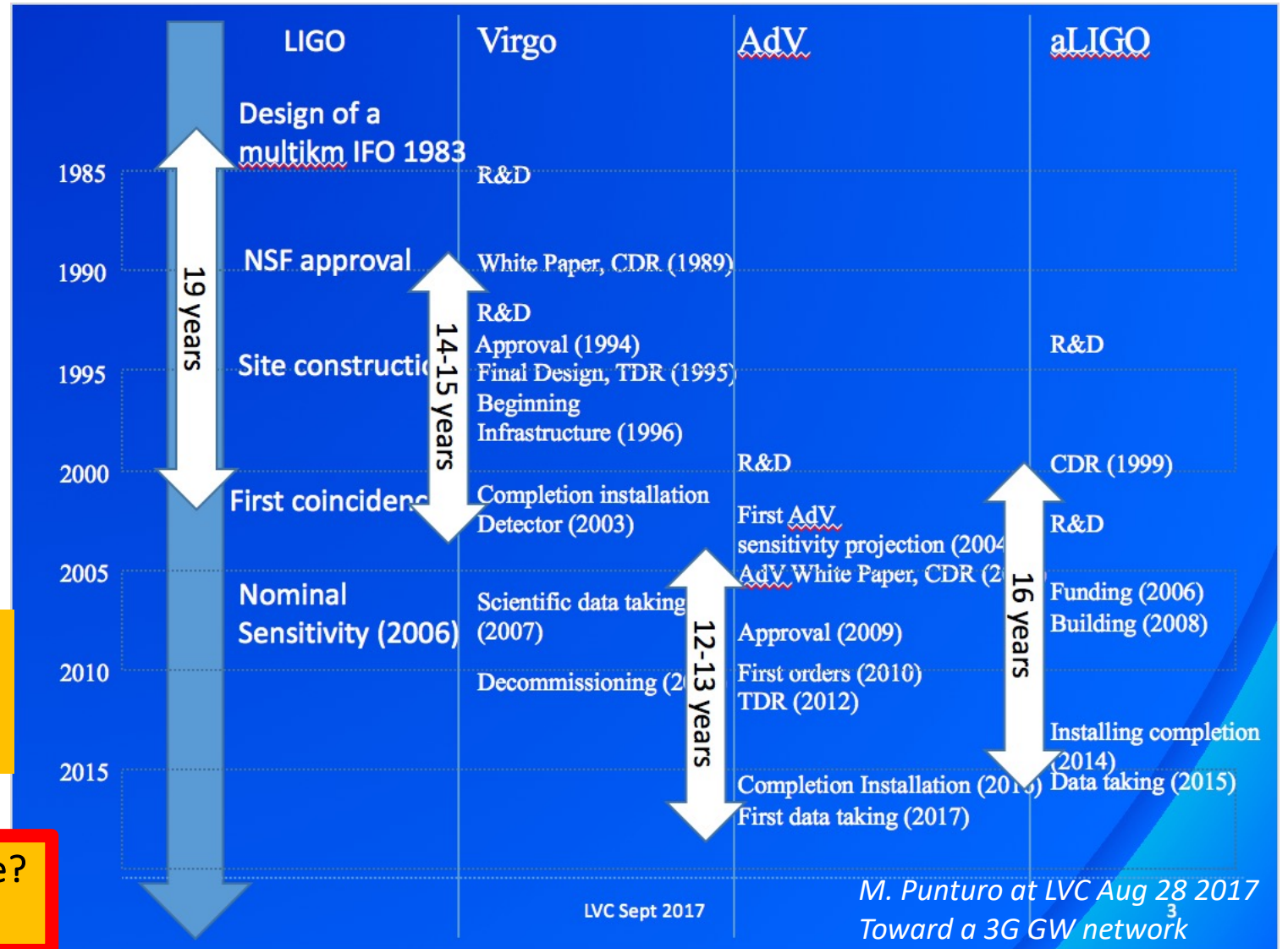
Mirror temperature: 20K

## Underground site

Kamioka site dedicated  
L-shaped tunnel

# Conclusion: “the factory of water” (until ET is in operation)

- GW detectors are scientific infrastructures with a long “time constant”
  - Ideas in the '70s
  - Projects in the '80
  - 1G integration, end of '90s
- The typical timeline (CDR-to-realisation) for a GW detector is ~15 years
- ➔ how long building a 2G detector would it take? (INDIGO approval 2016...)



- ➔ Something must change for ET !
- ❖ The infrastructure is the main issue
- ❖ Timeline to have the whole ITF operation

- ➔ Who produces scientific data meanwhile?
- ❖ LVK (20-25 y?)





PLEASE HELP US !

