

# Today's announcement on GW observational science:

We will join from AULA FORTUNA h19:00

## **New Pulsar Timing Array results !**

On June 29th, the North American Nanohertz Observatory for Gravitational Waves (**NANOGrav**) will be making a major announcement during a live-streamed event! This is in coordination with results being released by other PTAs around the globe.

We invite all interested members of the public to join our public announcement event on **Thursday, June 29, 2023 at 1:00 PM Eastern US Time**. The announcement will report results of the analysis of NANOGrav's 15-year data set, and interpretations of those results.

<https://nanograv.org/news/2023Announcement>

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2306.16213>

# Observing Gravitational Waves

More than 800 scientists  
37 groups

Detector Site:  
European Gravitational  
Observatory Consortium  
(Cascina, Pisa, Italy)

a large collaboration

**LIGO & Virgo** coordinating  
detector upgrades

Joined by **KAGRA**  
**collaboration (Japan)**

- joint strategies for observing runs and data analysis;
- prompt public alerts for multimessenger astronomy.
- Virgo detector expected to approach LIGO sensitivity across the entire spectrum in O4.



# Current Virgo Group at TIFPA

Composition	FTE 4.7
Matteo Leonardi	0.4
Albino Perego	0.4
Antonio Perreca	0.6
Giovanni Prodi	0.7
Alessandro Martini	1.0
Andrea Miani	0.8
Sophie Bini	0.8
Gianmarco Puleo	LM
Damiano Avi	
Roberto Graziola	
Claudio Salomon	
Massimo Gennara	

## activities:

- **Virgo Detector upgrade and commissioning**
  - implementation of signal recycling
  - instrument sensing and control
  - Mode Matching sensing and control for squeezed light injection
- **R&D in instrument science:**
  - optical mode matching devices
    - optical actuators
    - Study of Mode Matching control loop
  - squeezed light sources
- **Virgo LIGO KAGRA observational science**
  - transient gravitational waves
    - detection
    - characterization
  - interpretation of NS observations
- **R&D in data analysis and modeling of GW sources**

R&D activities have large overlap with **Einstein Telescope**

# Virgo preventivi TIFPA 2024

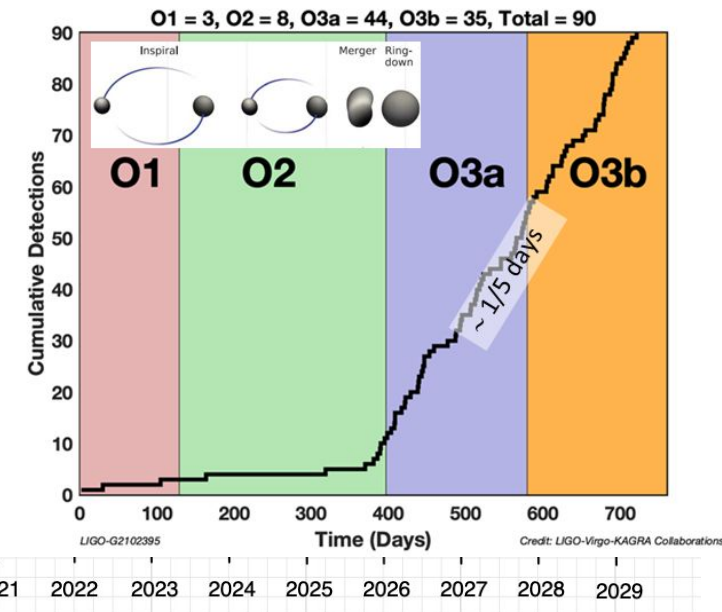
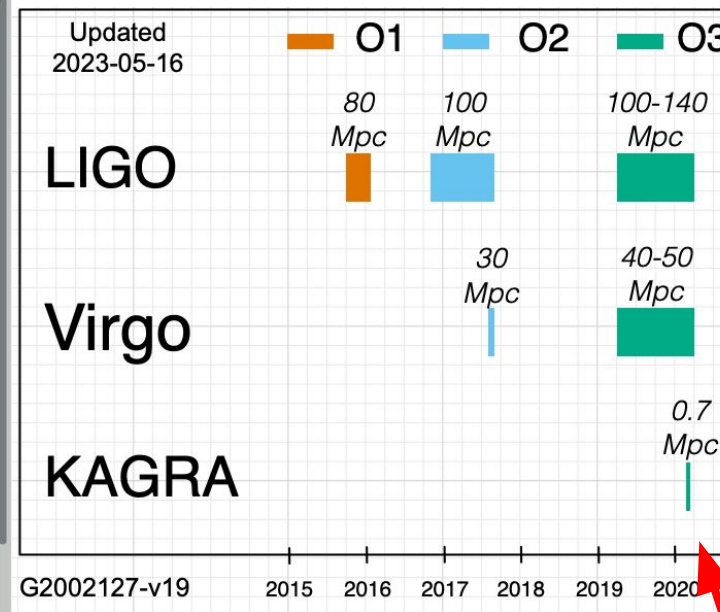
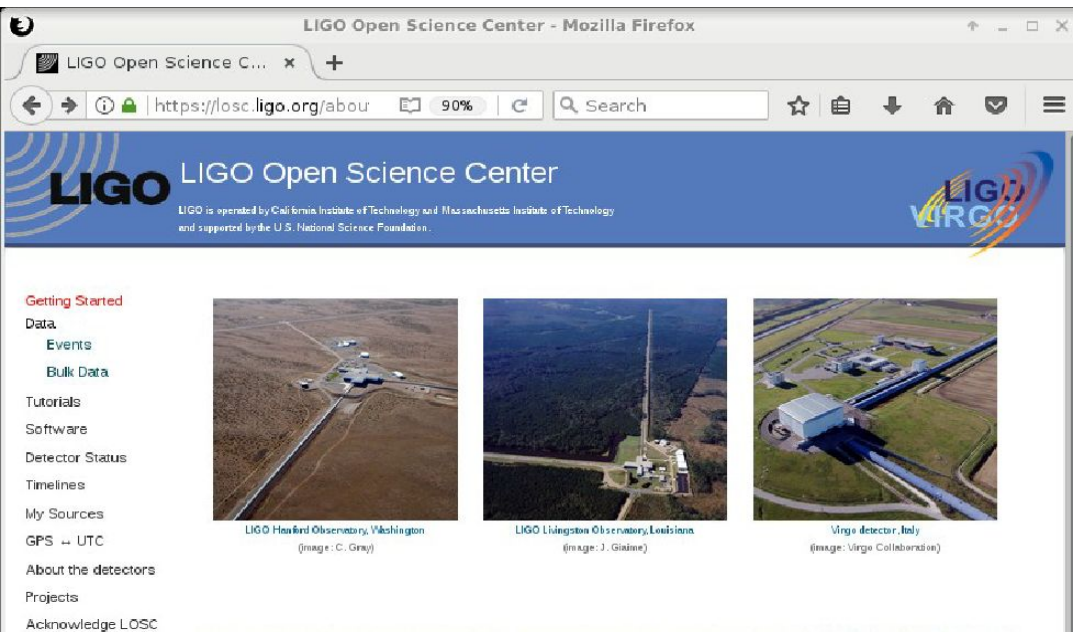
Non ancora definitivi, saranno richieste simili a quelle dell'anno scorso:

- Hardware: ~ 20 k (inventariabile + consumo)
- Travel funds:
  - shifts at Virgo site: commissioning/noise hunting pre-O4 and operation O4
  - joint work with other LIGO-Virgo groups at their sites
  - topical f2f meetings when feasible and collaboration meetings
  - 
  - Selected conferences

# LIGO-Virgo past Gravitational Wave Surveys

- **Open data:**
  - **LV** [10.1016/j.softx.2021.100658](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.softx.2021.100658)
  - **LV** [arXiv:2302.03676](https://arxiv.org/abs/2302.03676) (2023).
- <http://www.gw-openscience.org>

**First 5 years:**  
**from GW detection to GW astronomy**  
*nominal BNS ranges in Mpc*  
[doi.org/10.1007/s41114-020-00026-9](https://doi.org/10.1007/s41114-020-00026-9)  
[LIGO-G2002127-v12](https://arxiv.org/abs/2002.12712)



- **first observation by KAGRA and GEO600**  
[Progress of Theor. and Exp. Phys. 2022, 063F01 \(2022\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/2002.12712)

# LIGO-Virgo past observations' highlights

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

Yet to detect emissions different from Compact Binary Coalescences

90 confirmed detections of Compact Binary Coalescences

*"...expect ~ 10% of false alarms"*

+ marginal and subthreshold candidates

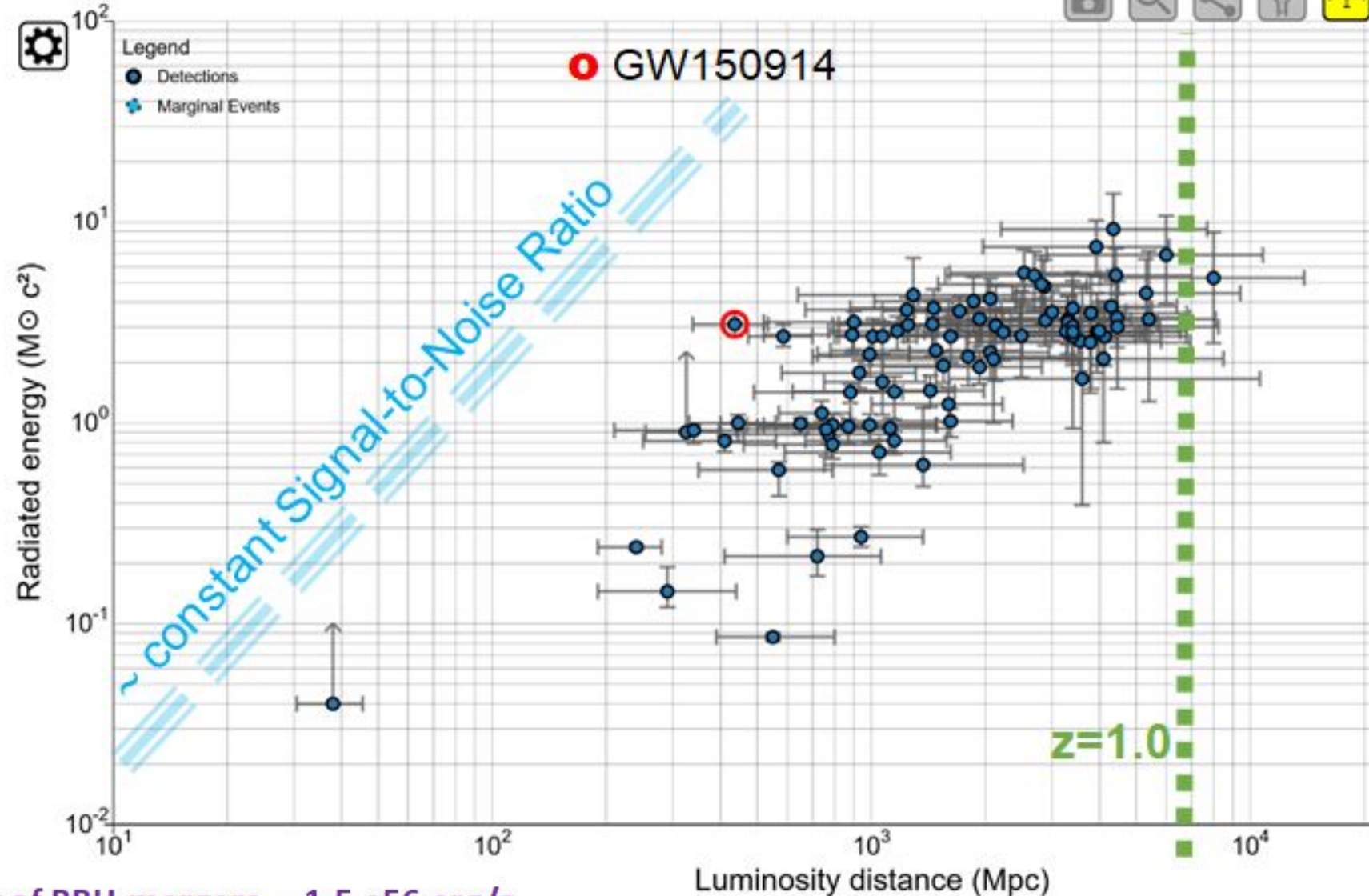
*Radiated energy in GWs up to 10 solar masses*

*Distances up to  $z=1$*

GW 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)



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

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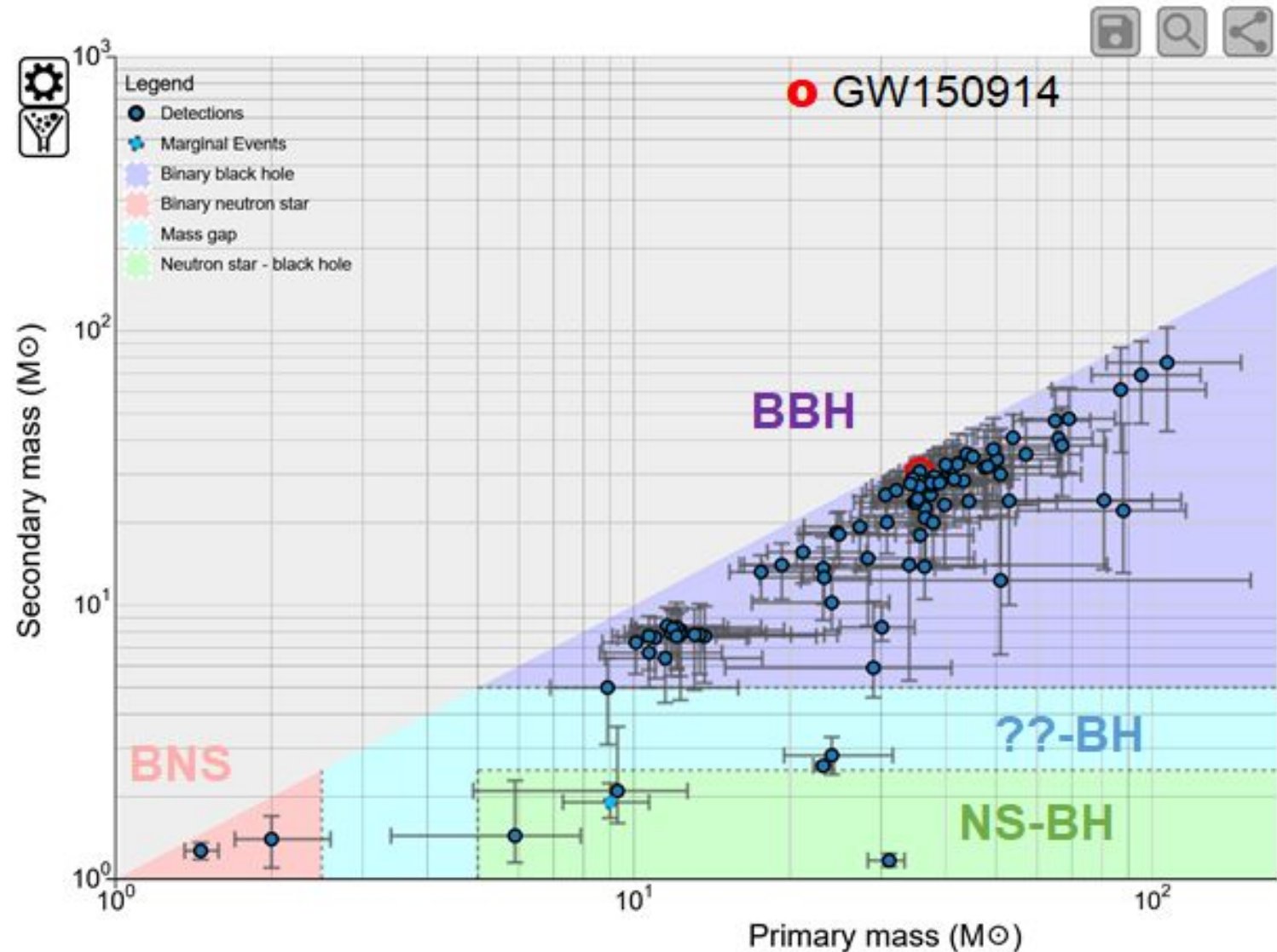
mostly binary BH mergers

2 Binary Neutron Star mergers


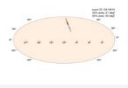
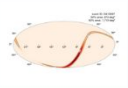
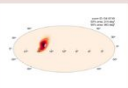

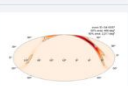
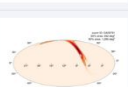
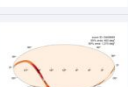
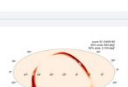
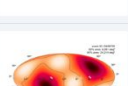
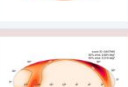
3 NS-BH mergers

2 ??-BH: ambiguous lighter object in-between known NS and BH mass ranges

3 intermediate mass BH



# LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA Gravitational Wave Surveys

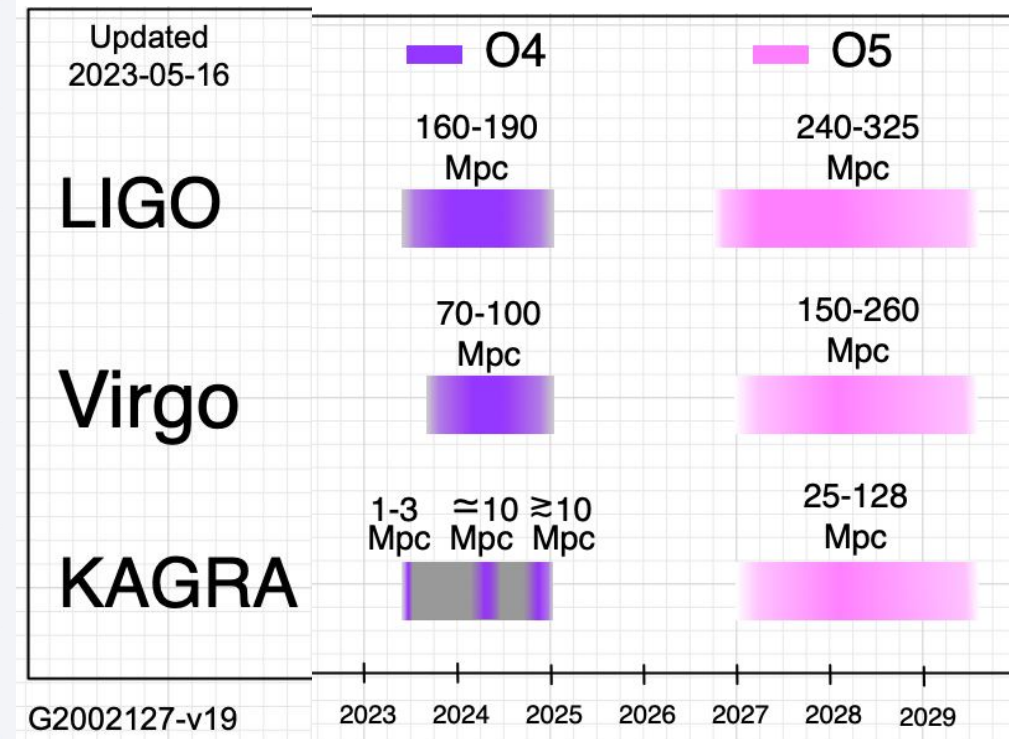
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<a href="#">S230601bf</a>	BBH (>99%)	Yes	June 1, 2023 22:41:34 UTC	<a href="#">GCN Circular</a> <a href="#">Query</a> <a href="#">Notices</a>   <a href="#">VOE</a>		1 per 1.8492e+07 years	
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## ● Current survey: Observing run 4

started on May 24, 2023

public alerts in low latency

<https://gracedb.ligo.org>



# LIGO–Virgo–KAGRA Observing run 4

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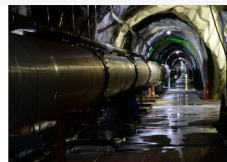
GWOSC Calendar ▾ Today Yesterday O4 summary Previous Observing Runs ▾

## Gravitational-Wave Observatory Status

Please select a date from the calendar above to see archived or current status.

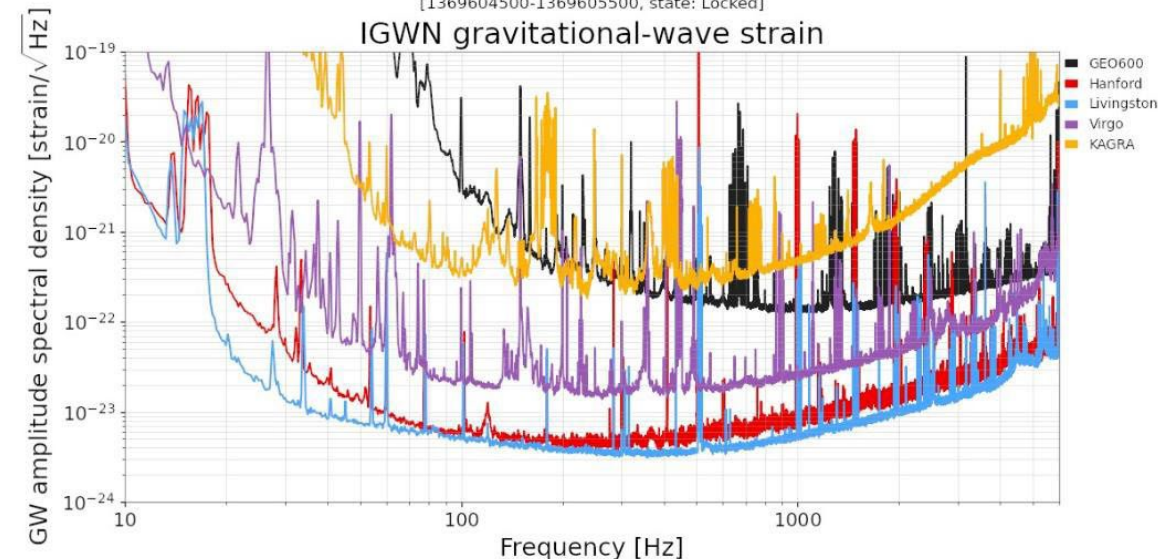
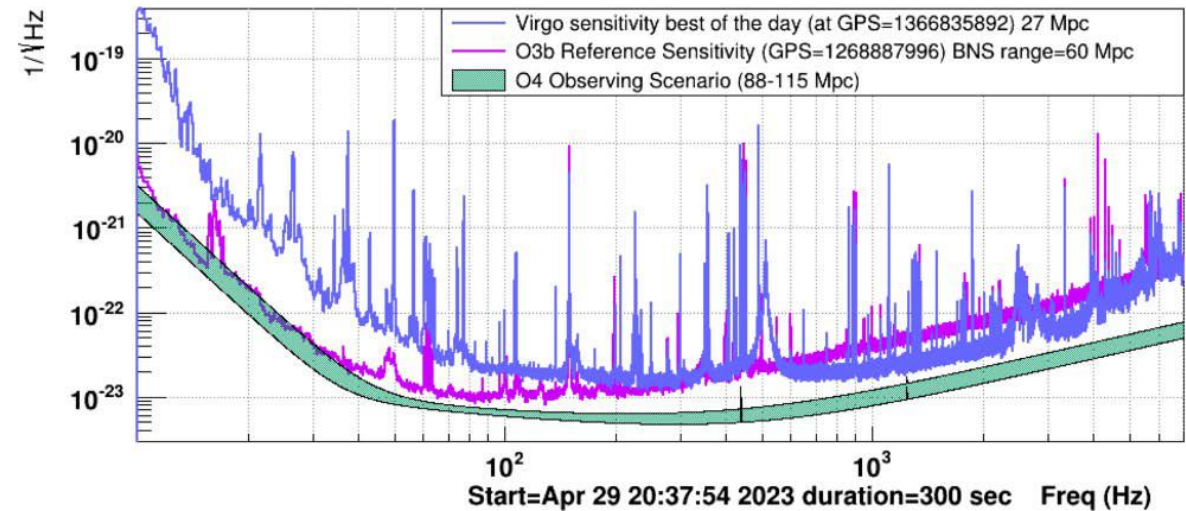
Information is available for dates after November 30, 2016. The Advanced LIGO and KAGRA detectors have begun the fourth observing run, known as O4, as of May 24, 2023. The entry of the Advanced Virgo detector into O4 has been postponed in order to continue detector commissioning activities and further increase the sensitivity of the detector. Summaries of the [current observing run](#) and previous observing runs are available in the menu above. For overviews of LIGO, Virgo, and KAGRA observing runs, see the [arXiv:1304.0670](#).

- [Today's Summary Page](#)
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## Virgo sensitivity in April 2023:

Sensitivity for best BNS range of the day (27 Mpc)



# Searches for transient gravitational waves @ Trento

## Pursuing the most general search for transient gravitational waves

- Agnostic method wrt the signal morphology
- Phase-coherent analysis of the detector network
- All-sky, all-time, full frequency-band survey

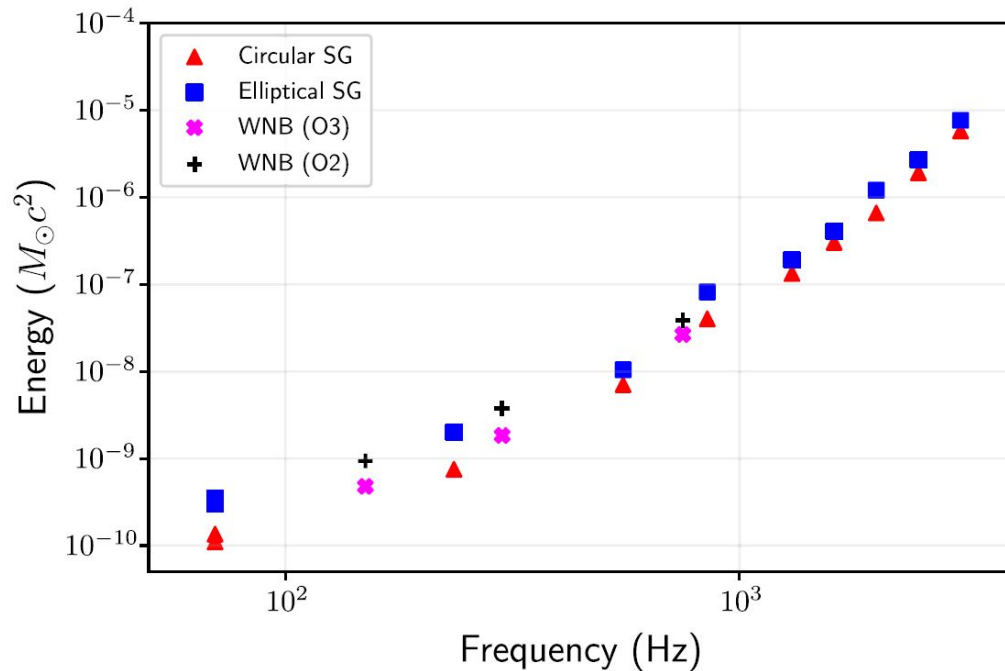
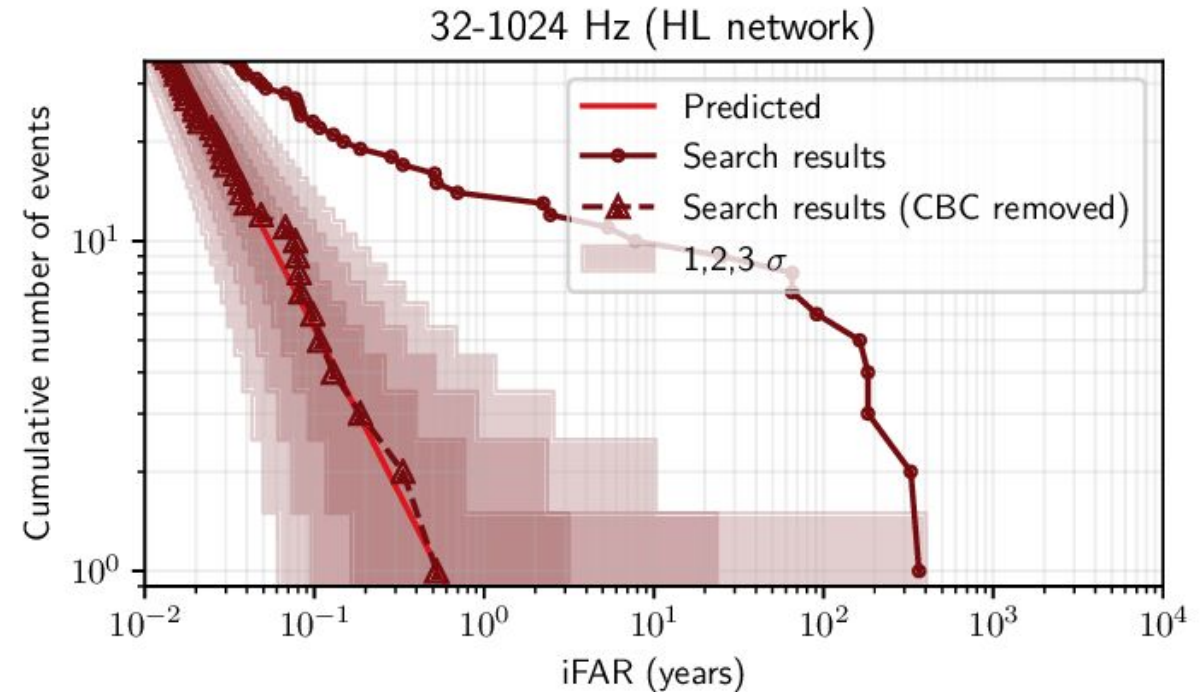


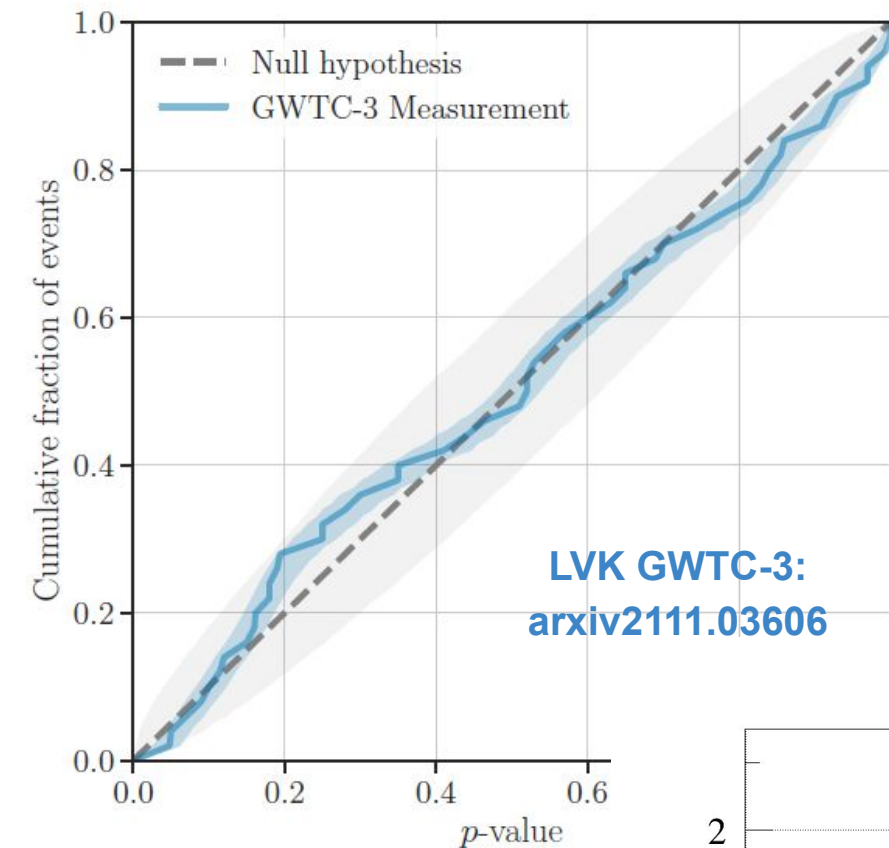
FIG. 5. The GW emitted energy in units of solar masses that correspond to a 50% detection efficiency at an IFAR of  $\geq 100$  years, for a source emitting at 10 kpc. The wave

LVK Collaborations Phys. Rev. D 104, 122004 (2021)

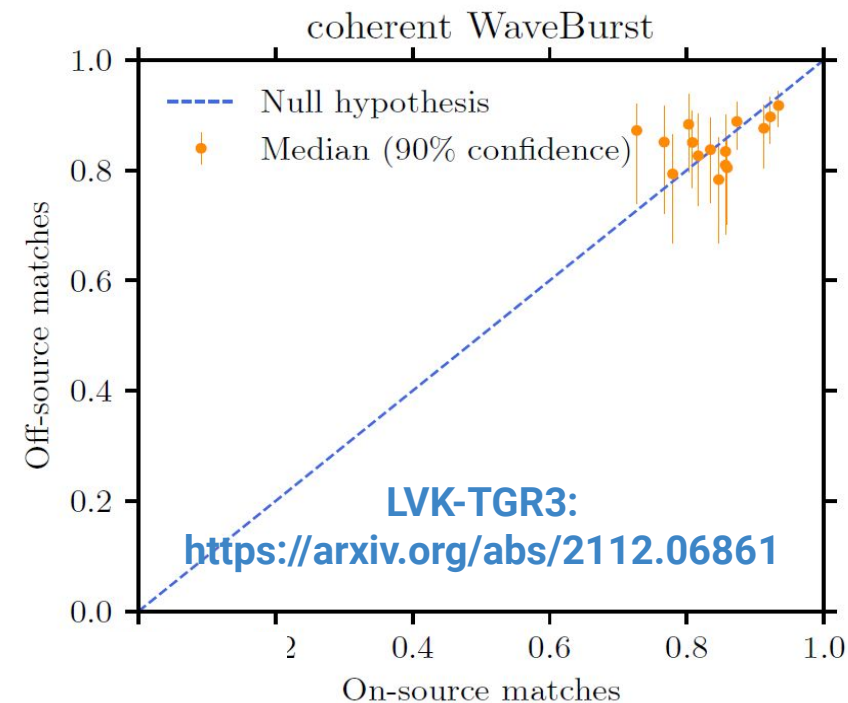


No other GW transients once Compact Binary Coalescences are excised

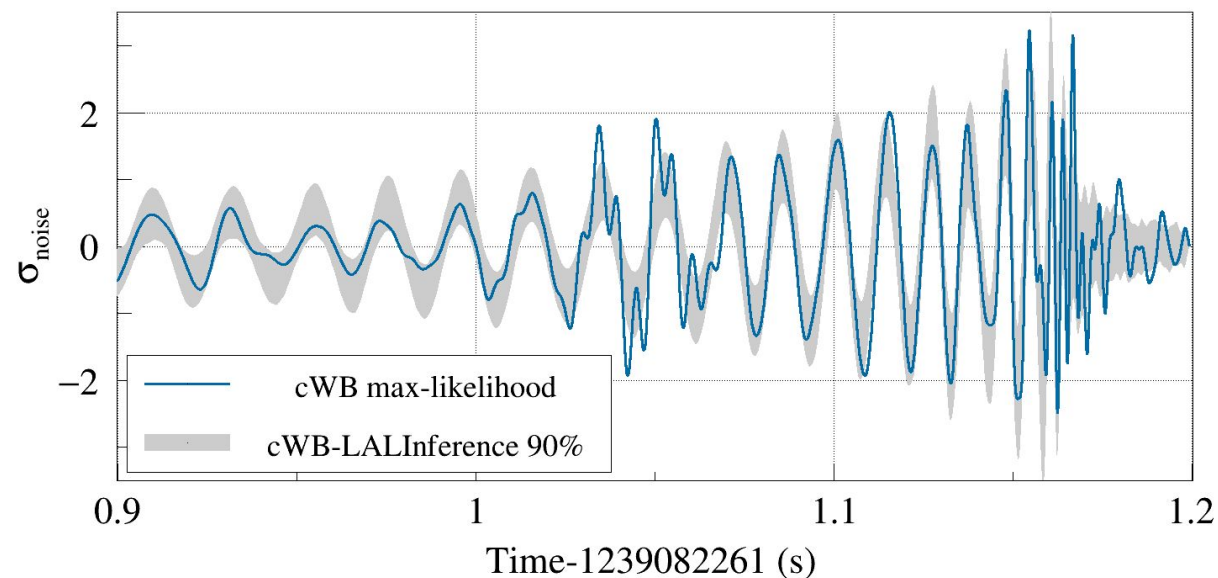
# Unmodeled reconstruction vs GR models



check of consistency  
between preferred signal  
model and our data-driven  
agnostic reconstruction

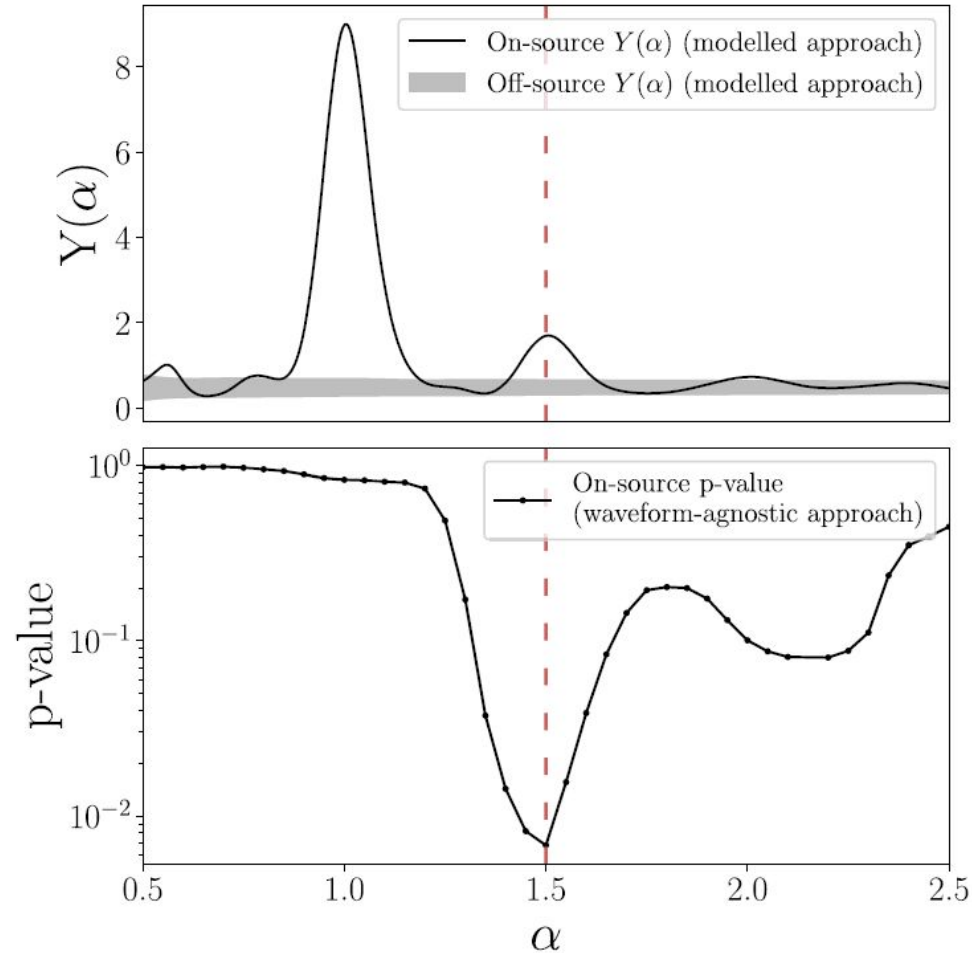


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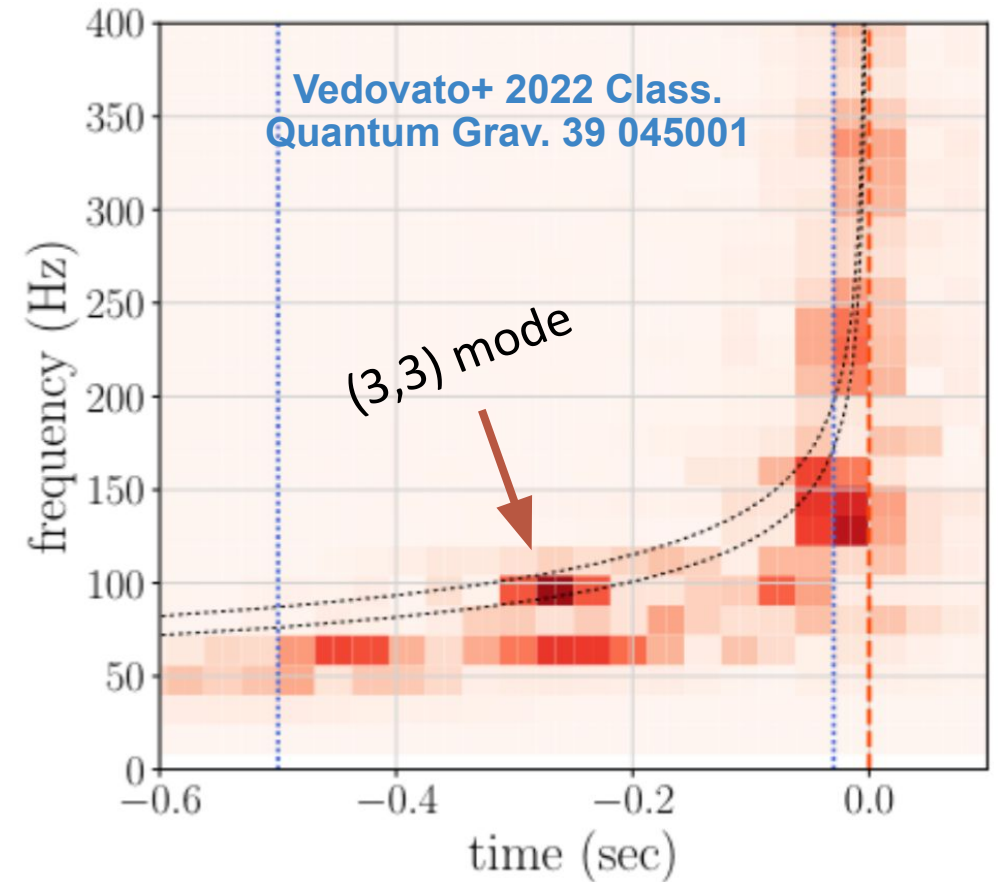


# Unmodeled reconstruction vs GR models

## Characterization of the signal waveform and detection of weak features



LVK GW190814: APJ896L44



Detection of  $l=3$ ,  $|m|=3$  higher order multipole in the inspiral of GW190814 at 1.5 \* freq. of quadrupolar mode

# Improving the most general search for GW transients

- Discrimination from noise
- Characterization of event properties

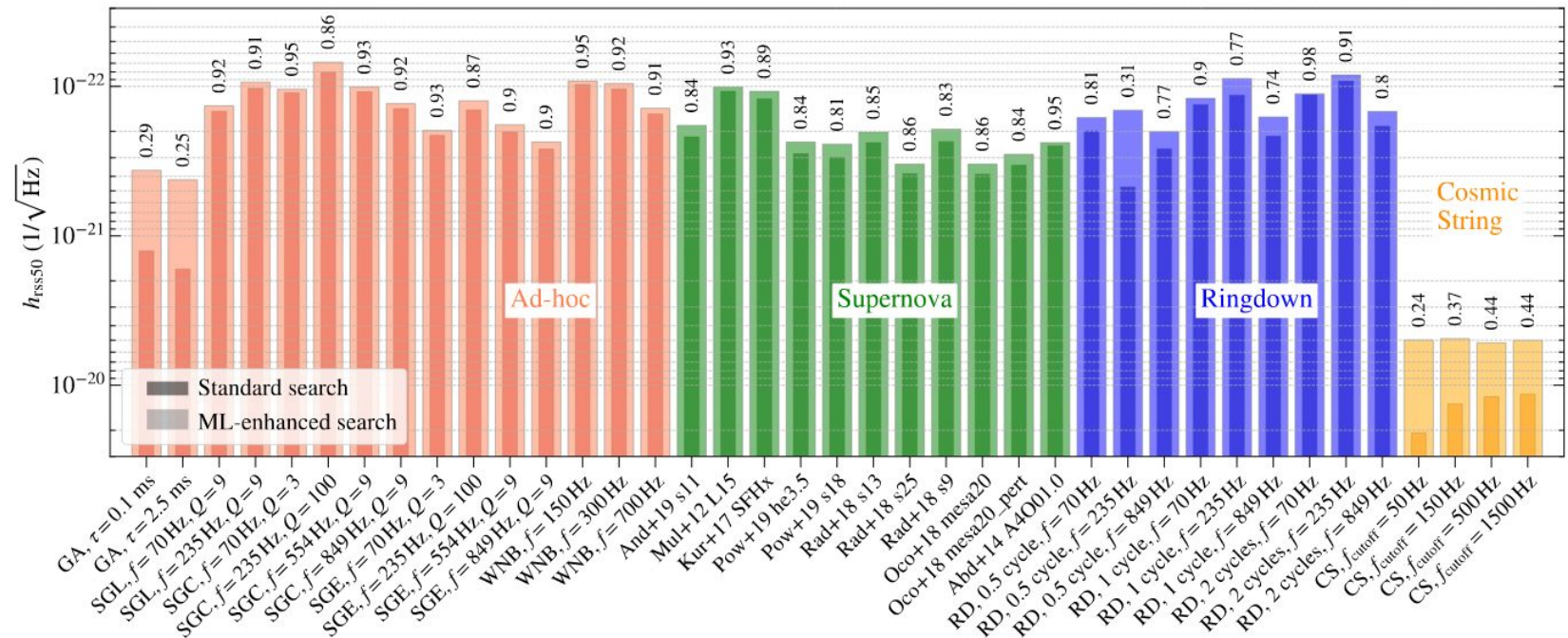


FIG. 2: Resulting  $h_{\text{rss50}}$  achieved with cWB with standard post-production veto procedure (darker colors) and with ML-enhanced cWB (lighter colors) for the HL network on full O3 and at  $\text{iFAR} \geq 100$  years. The waveforms reported are a subset of those listed in Table I: ad-hoc signals ordered according to central frequency (red), core-collapse supernovae (green), ringdown waveforms (blue), and cosmic strings (yellow). The values on the top show the reduction factor on  $h_{\text{rss50}}$  with respect to the standard search;  $h_{\text{rss50}}$  ordinate scale decreases going upwards.

Szczepańczyk, M. J., Salemi, F., Bini, S., et al. (2022).

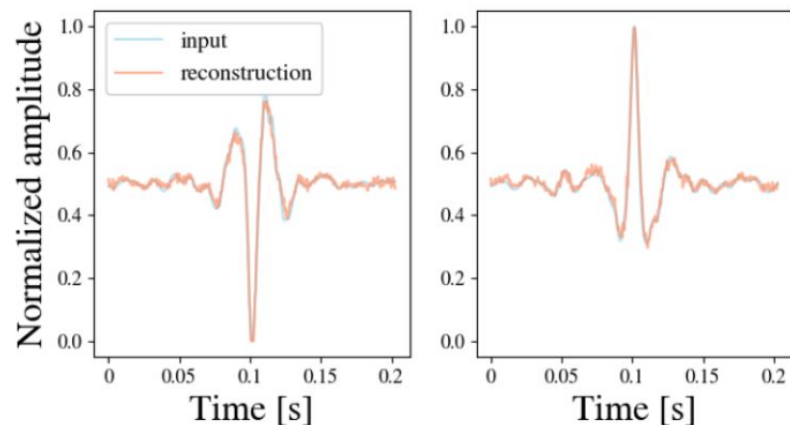
All-sky search for gravitational-wave bursts in the third Advanced LIGO-Virgo run with coherent WaveBurst enhanced by Machine Learning.

Phys. Rev. D 107, 062002 (2023) <https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.107.062002>

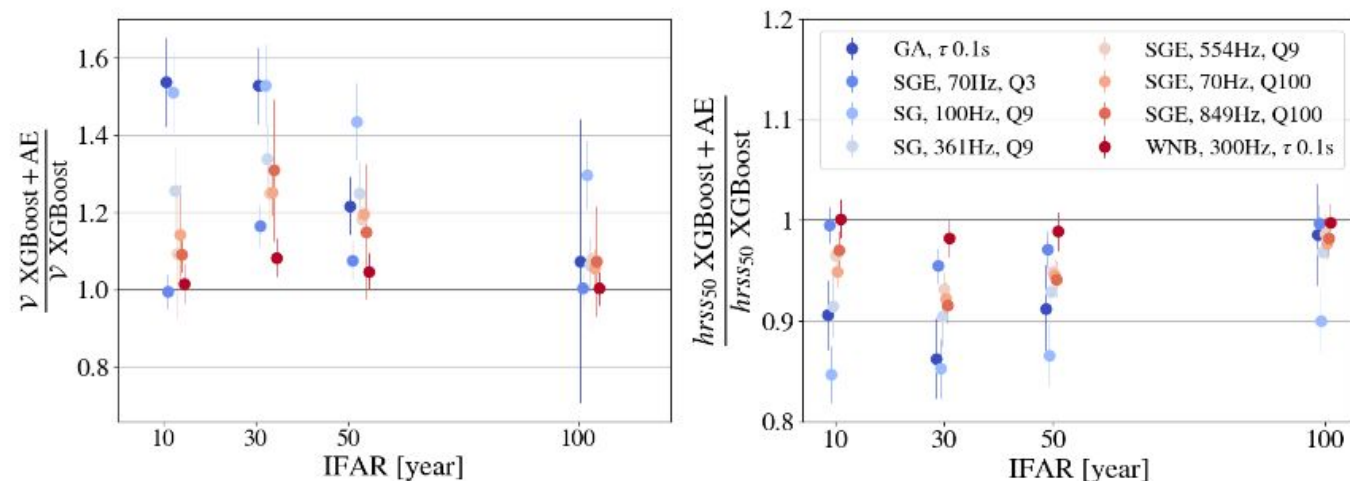
# Improving glitch discrimination

An autoencoder neural network learns transient noises morphologies from GW time-series.

Improving sensitivity to generic GW transients and binary black hole mergers



**Figure 2.** Two examples of blip time-series according to the GravitySpy classification detected by cWB in LIGO Hanford. In blue the autoencoder inputs  $x_i$ , that are cWB reconstructed waveforms windowed and normalized as described in Section 4.2). In orange the autoencoder reconstructions  $g_D(f_E(x_i))$ .



**Figure 5.** Ratio between the sensitivity volume  $\mathcal{V}$  (left) and  $h_{rss50}$  (right) obtained including the autoencoder (XGBoost + AE) and without using it (XGBoost), at different IFAR thresholds (10, 30, 50, 100 years) for a subset of ad-hoc waveforms (data points are slightly shifted around the IFAR thresholds to avoid overlaps). The ad-hoc waveforms are: Gaussian Pulse (GA) characterized by the duration  $\tau$ , then Sine Gaussian (SG) characterized by central frequency  $f$ , and the quality factor  $Q$  and White Noise Burst (WNB) with bandwidth  $\Delta f$ , duration  $\tau$  and lower frequency bound  $f$ .

part of Sophie Bini's PhD thesis

S. Bini *et al* 2023 *Class. Quantum Grav.* **40** 135008

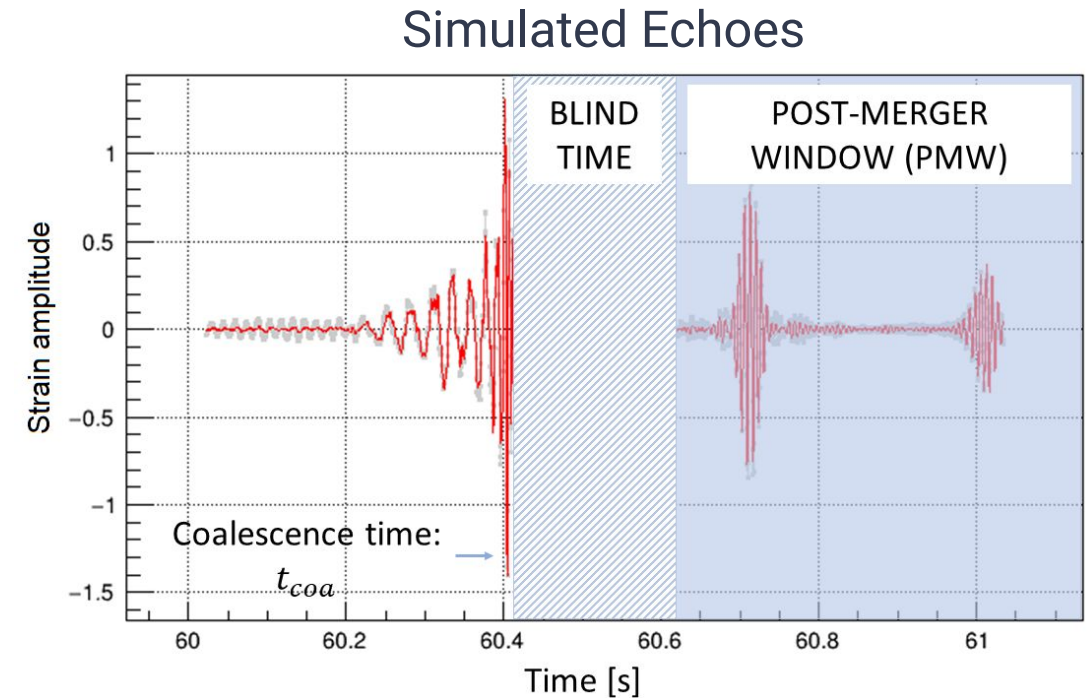
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# Searches for Black Hole mimickers: post-merger echoes

**Echoes:** repeated GWs pulses, after merger of binary of compact objects, ONLY IF remnant IS NOT a GR BH.

General method to  
search for weak GW  
features...

- any exotic properties of matter at extreme densities (exotic compact objects) ?
- Solution of the BH information paradox ?
- violations of the no-hair theorem for Black Holes ?
- not limited to GW echo signals
  - extendable to any post-merger features
  - morphological reconstruction
    - detector noise characterisation

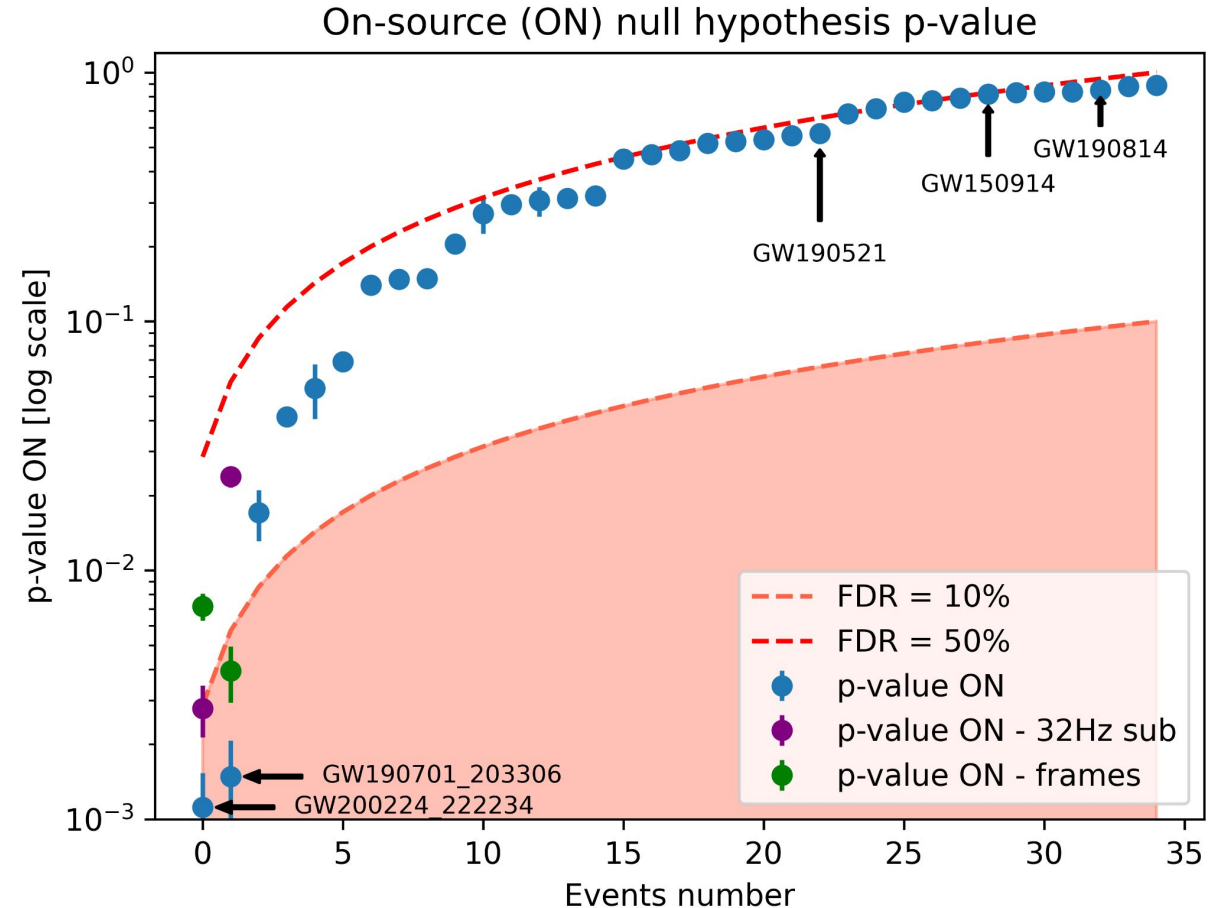
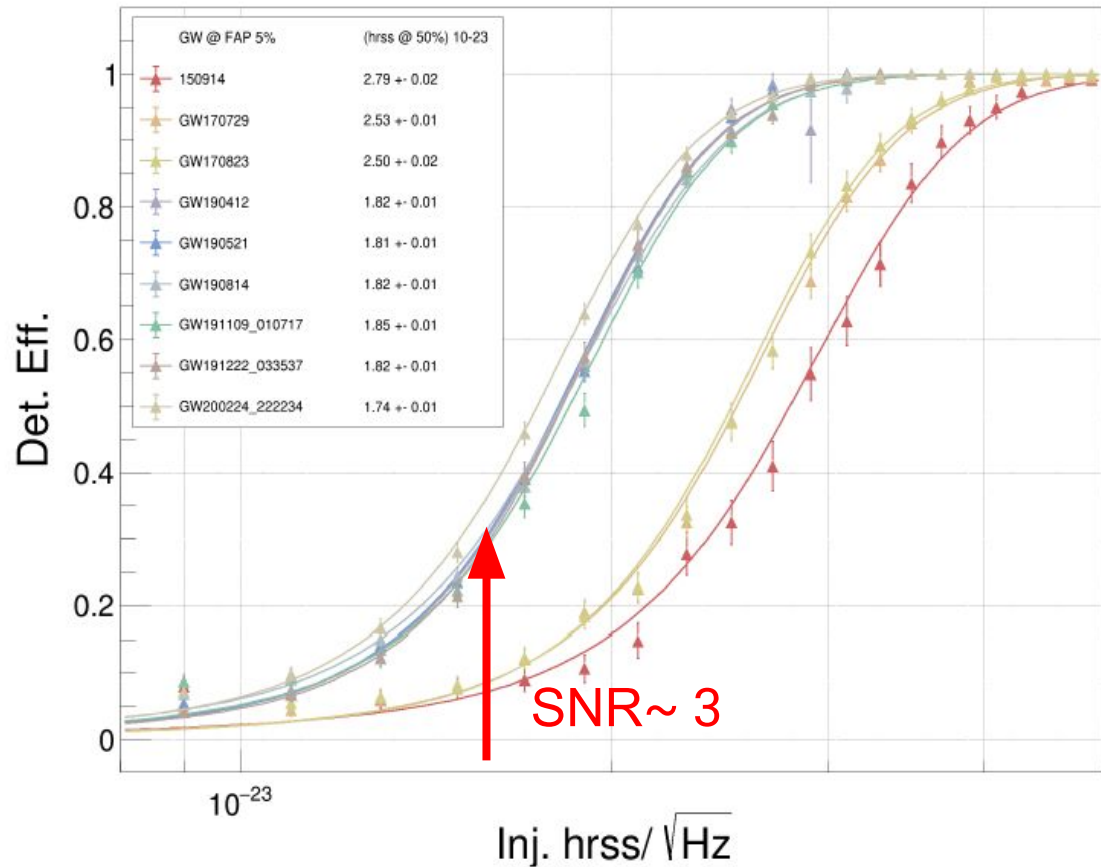


Andrea Miani's PhD thesis

A.Miani et al , [arXiv:2302.12158](https://arxiv.org/abs/2302.12158)

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## RESULTS



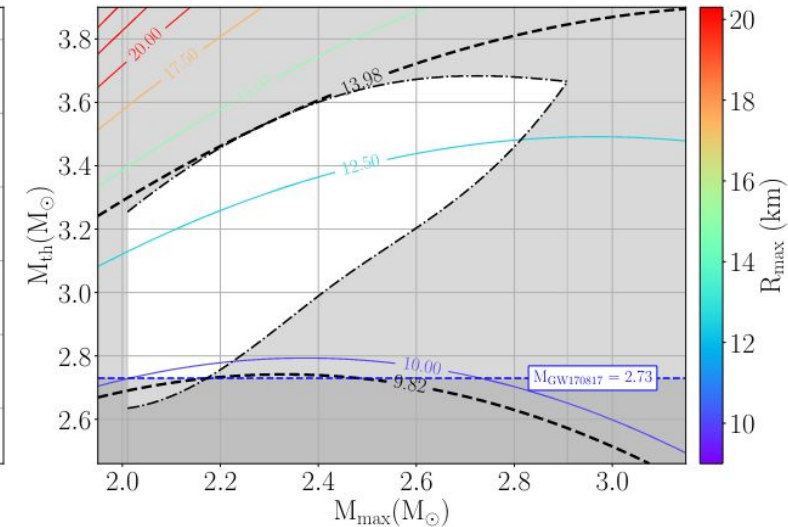
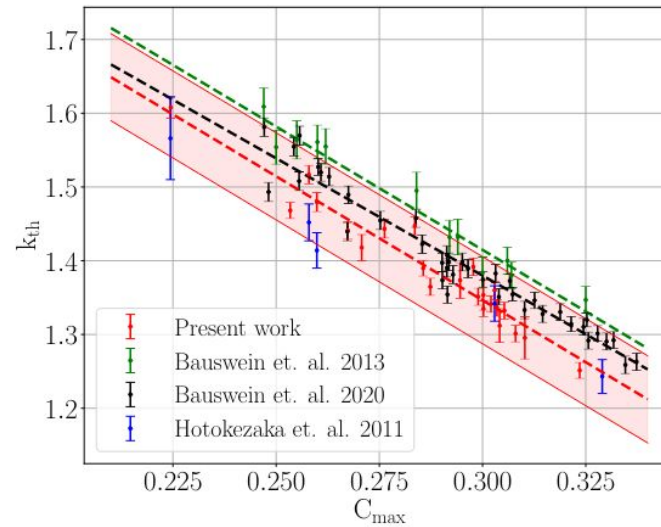
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morphological reconstruction of subthreshold signals

# Prompt collapse in BNS mergers

Detailed analysis of **prompt collapse** phenomenology in BNS mergers through the largest set of simulations (>400) in numerical relativity

- **EoS-insensitive relations** and **empirical constraints** for NS radii and tidal deformability from **symmetric BNSs**
- **constraints on nuclear EoS** from prompt collapse of **asymmetric BNSs**



up: Kashyap et al, (2022) PRD, bottom: Perego et al. PRL accepted

