

Einstein Telescope

*a 3G gravitational
wave observatory*

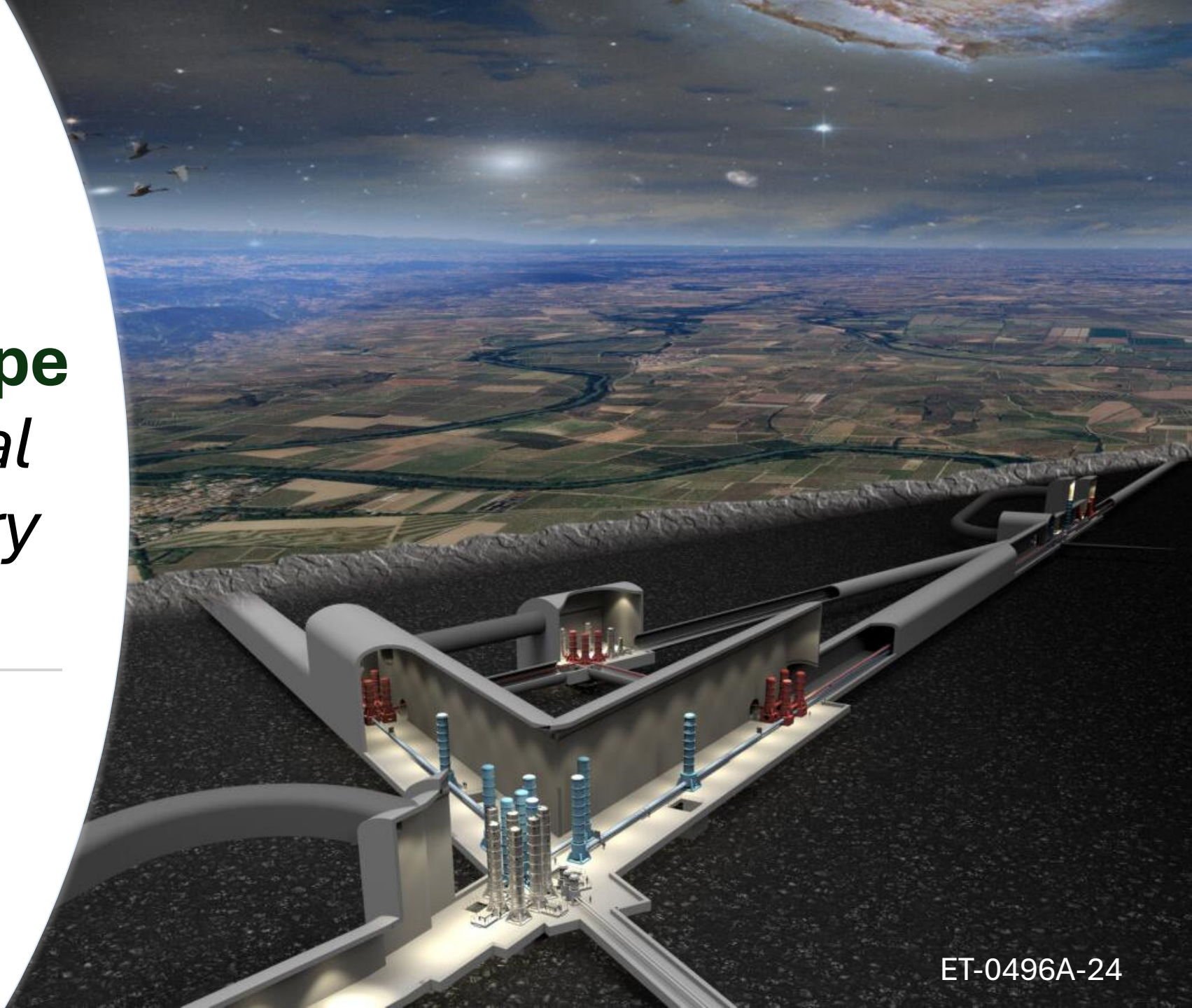
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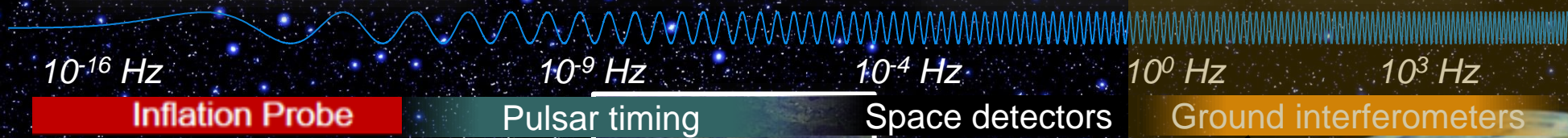
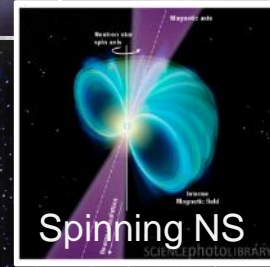
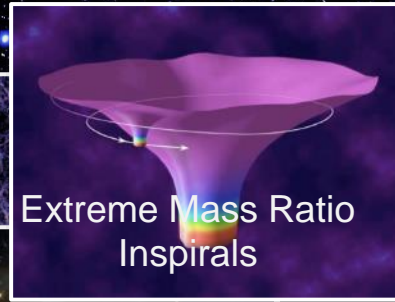
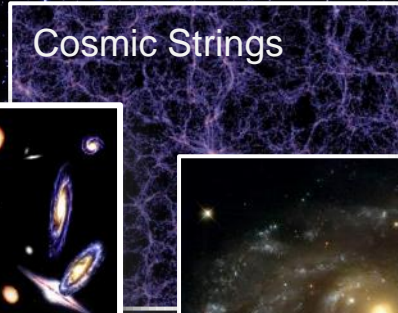
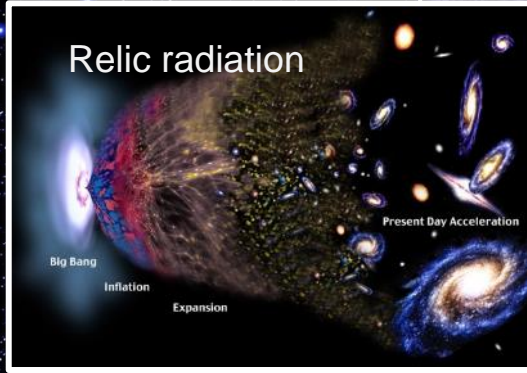


Summary

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The GW spectrum

sources



2G current gravitational wave world network (LVK)



LIGO Hanford



LIGO Livingston

VIRGO

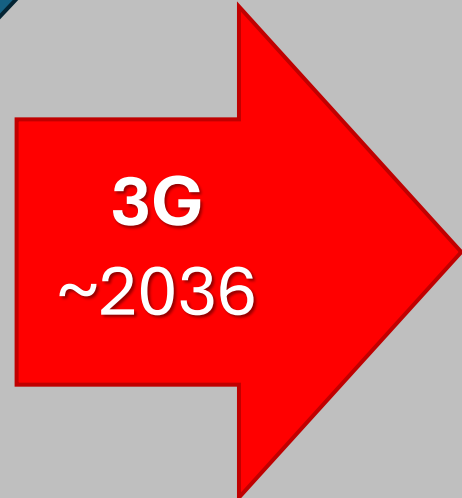
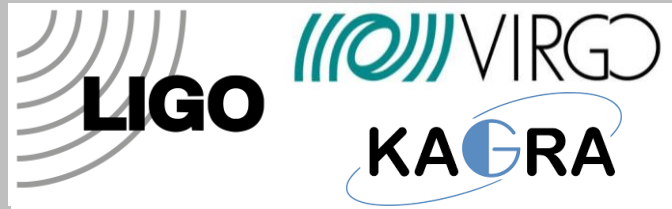
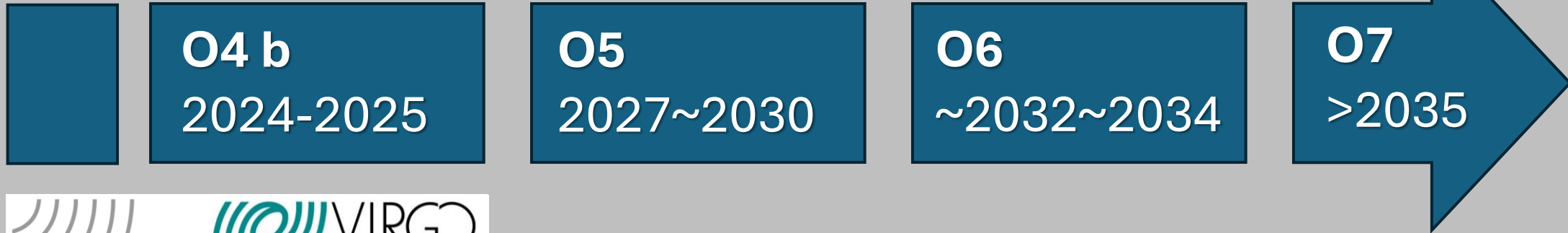


KAGRA

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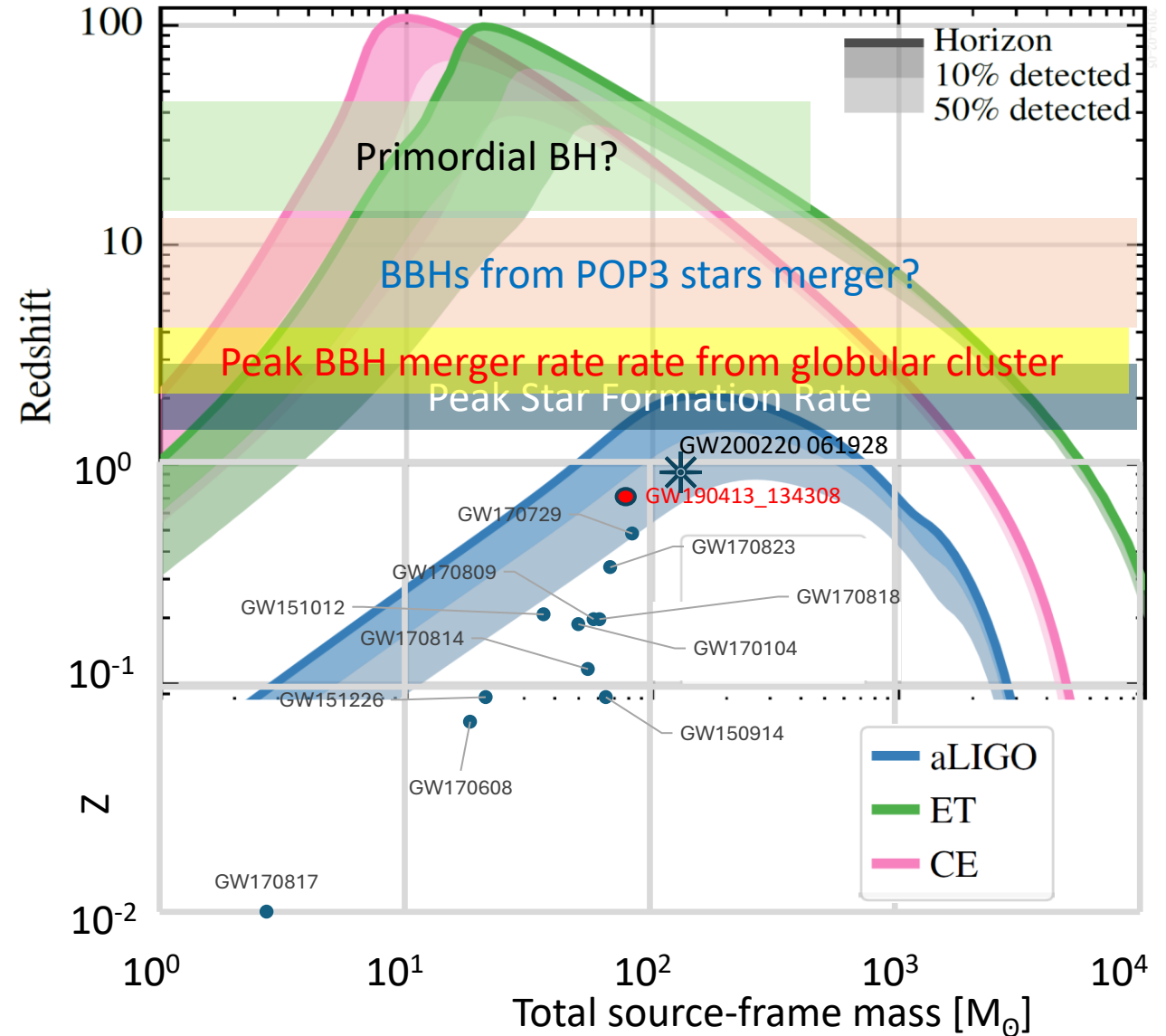
2G/2G+ expected timeline

Observation Runs

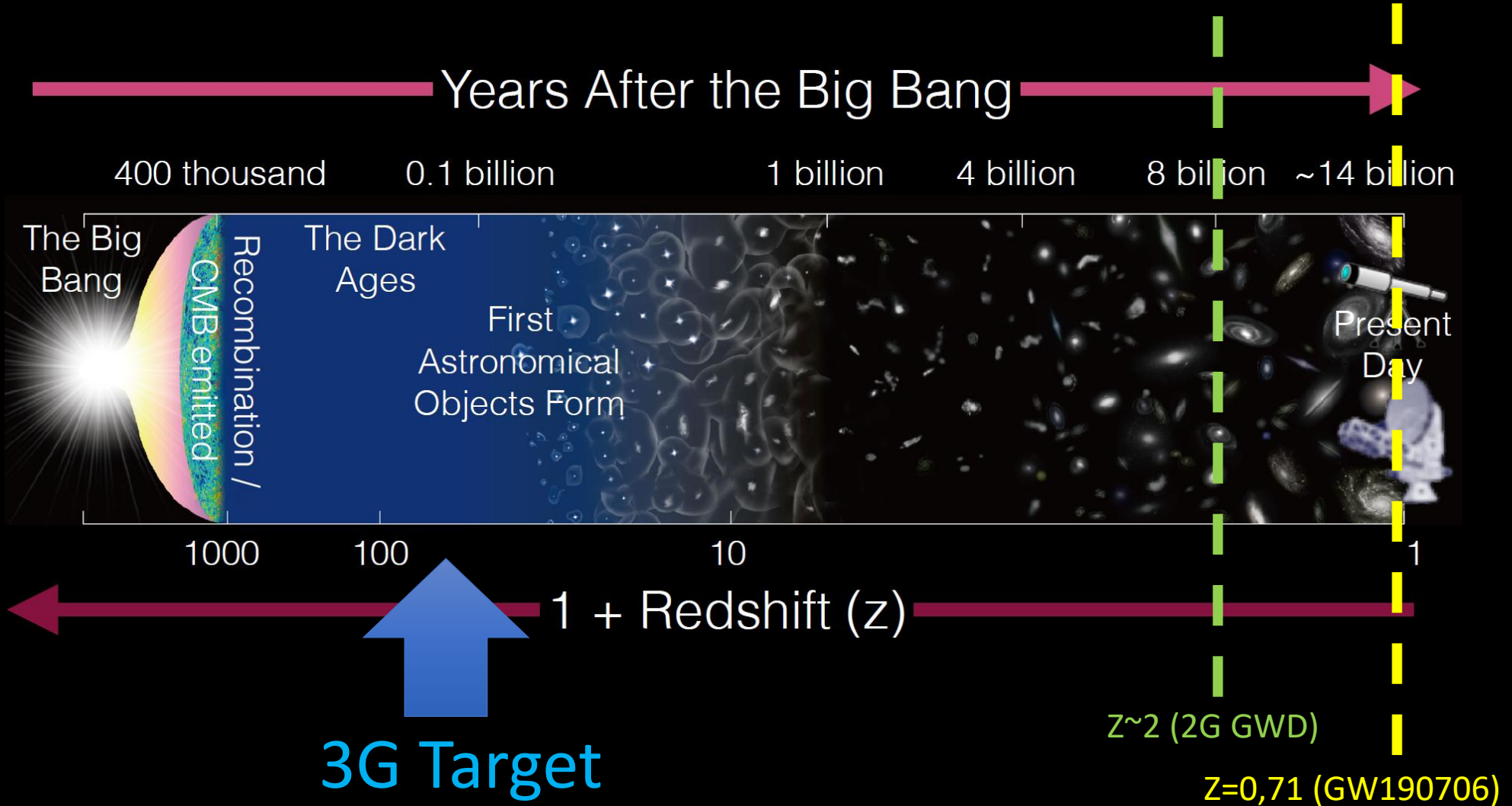


Where we are, where we aim

- 2nd generation GW detectors are exploring the *local Universe*, initiating the precision GW astronomy, but to have *cosmological* investigations **a factor of 10 improvement in terms detection distance is needed.**
- Great results achieved even though with a sensitivity below the nominal one.
- Post-O5 Advanced detector will be able to expand the observation horizon, but still local universe!
- **3G ground-based detectors (ET, CE) will be required to access the high-redshift Universe!**



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ASTROPHYSICS

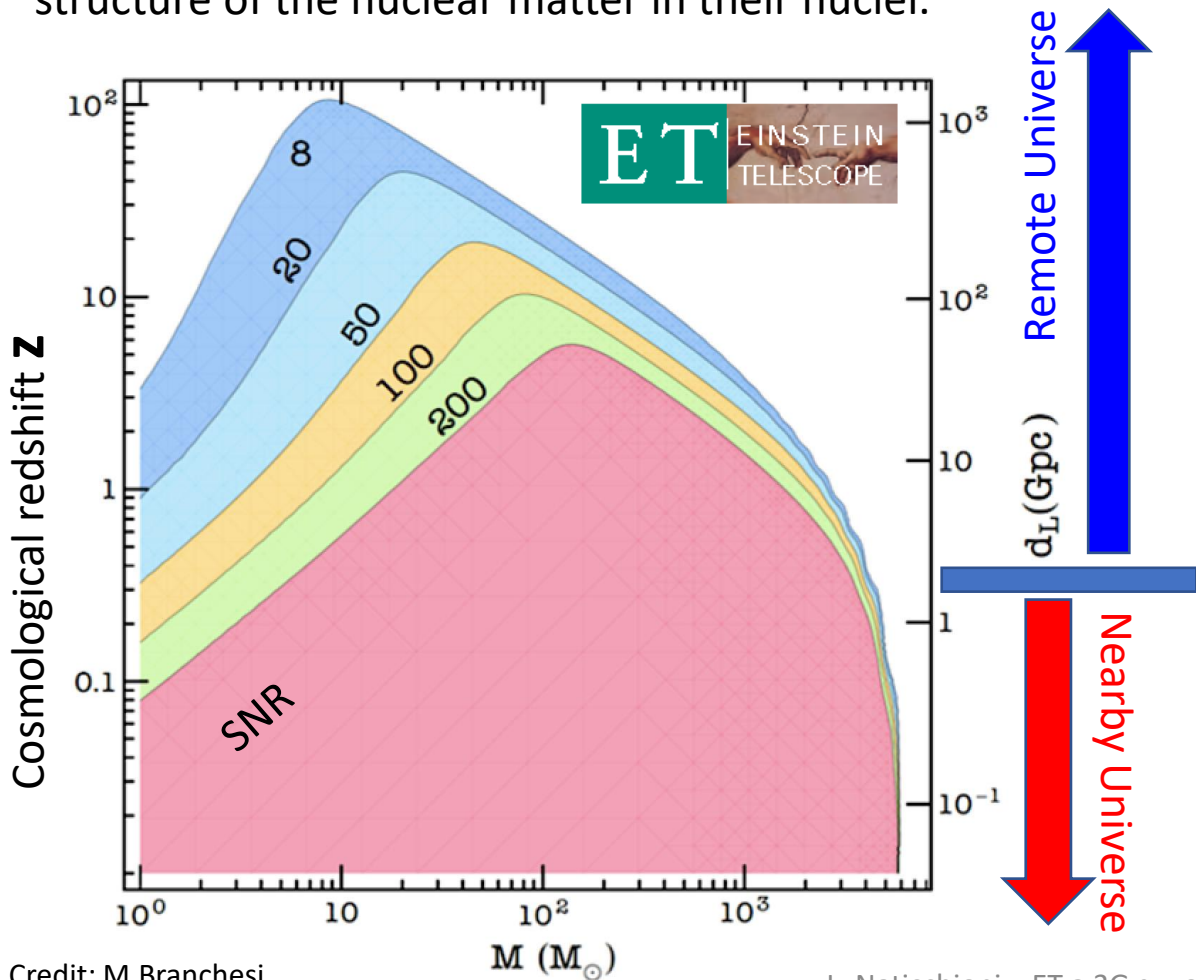
- **Black hole properties**
 - origin (stellar vs. primordial)
 - evolution, demography
- **Neutron star properties**
 - interior structure (QCD at ultra-high densities, exotic states of matter)
 - demography
- **Multi-band and -messenger astronomy**
 - joint GW/EM observations (GRB, kilonova,...)
 - 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

- **The nature of compact objects**
 - near-horizon physics
 - tests of no-hair theorem
 - exotic compact objects
- **Tests of General Relativity**
 - post-Newtonian expansion
 - strong field regime
- **Dark matter**
 - primordial BHs
 - axion clouds, dark matter accreting on compact objects
- **Dark energy and modifications of gravity on cosmological scales**
 - dark energy equation of state
 - modified GW propagation
- **Stochastic backgrounds of cosmological origin**
 - inflation, phase transitions, cosmic strings

GW Science with ET

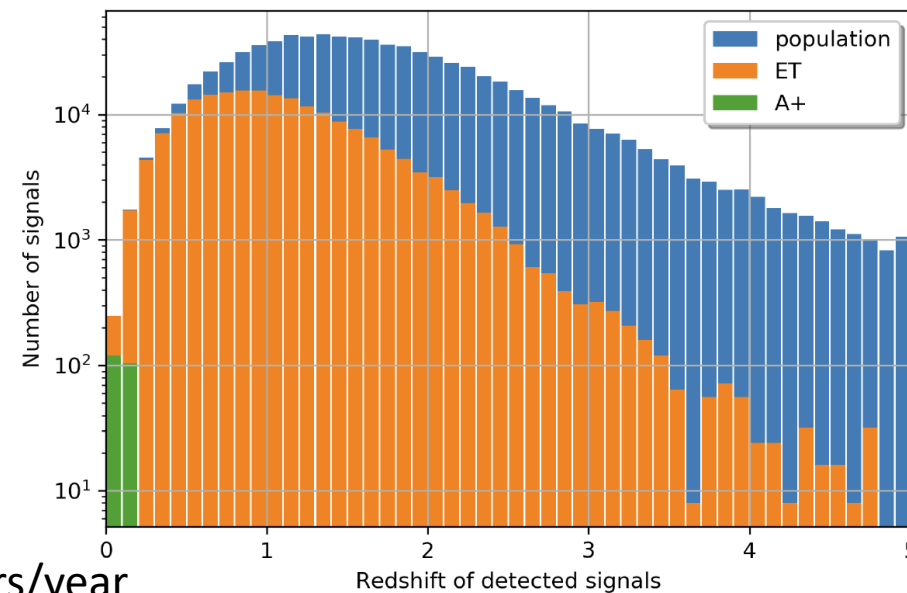
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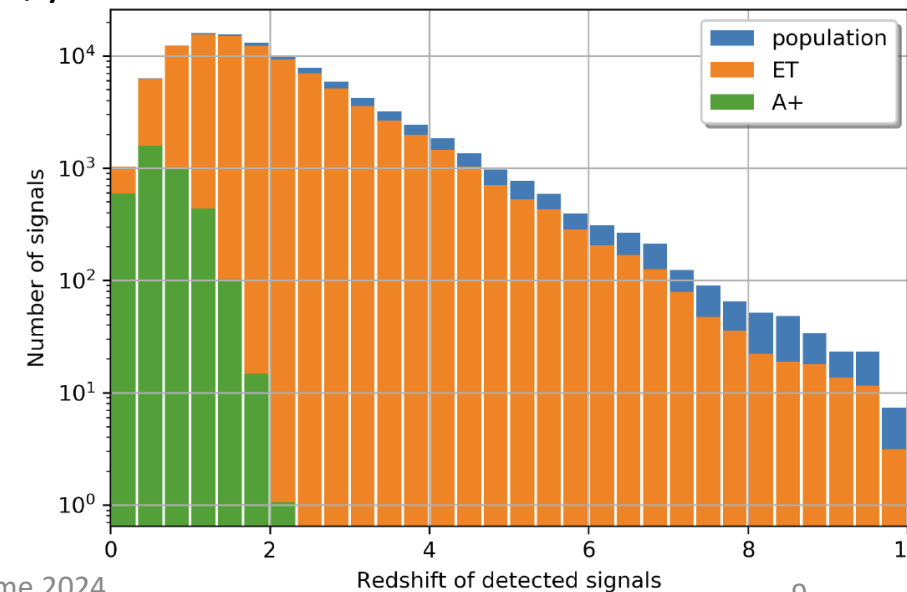
Compact Object Binary Populations

BNS mergers



$O(10^5)$ mergers/year

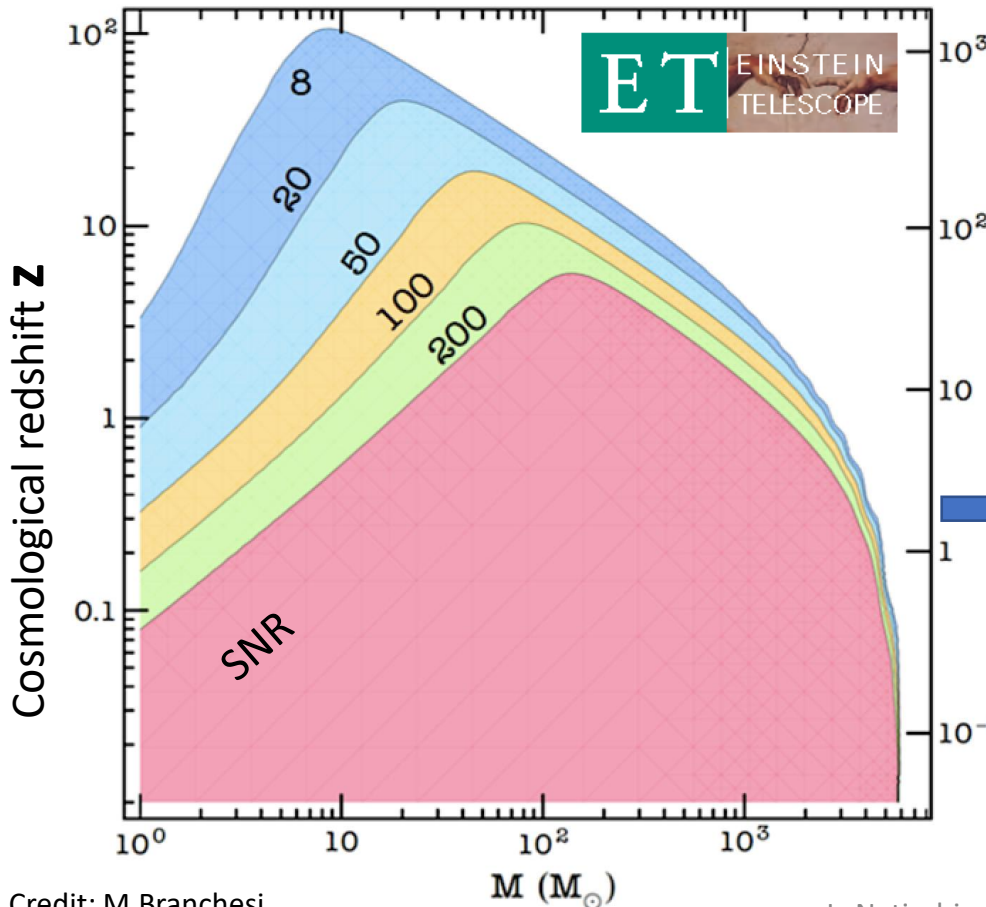
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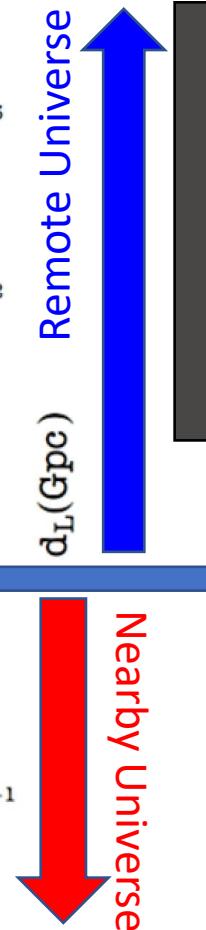
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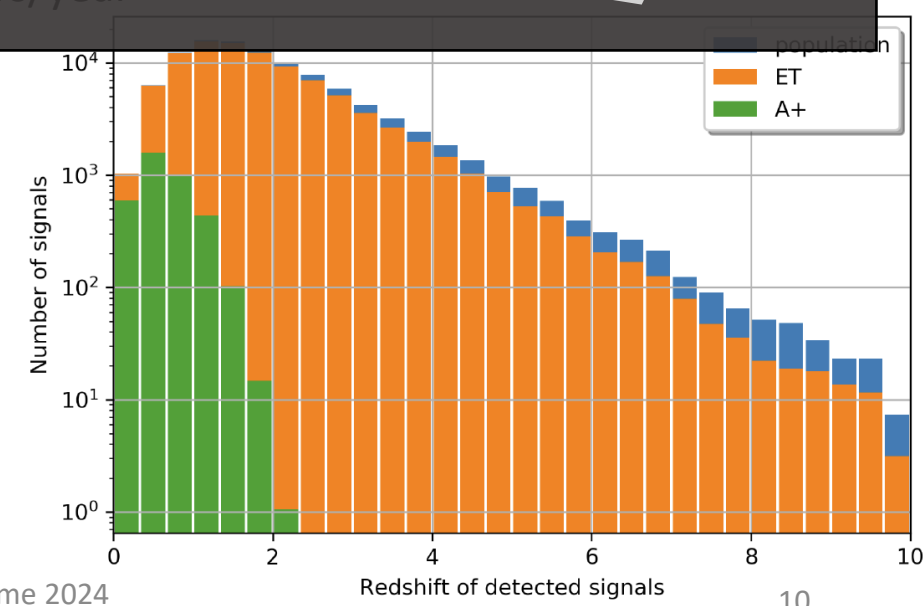
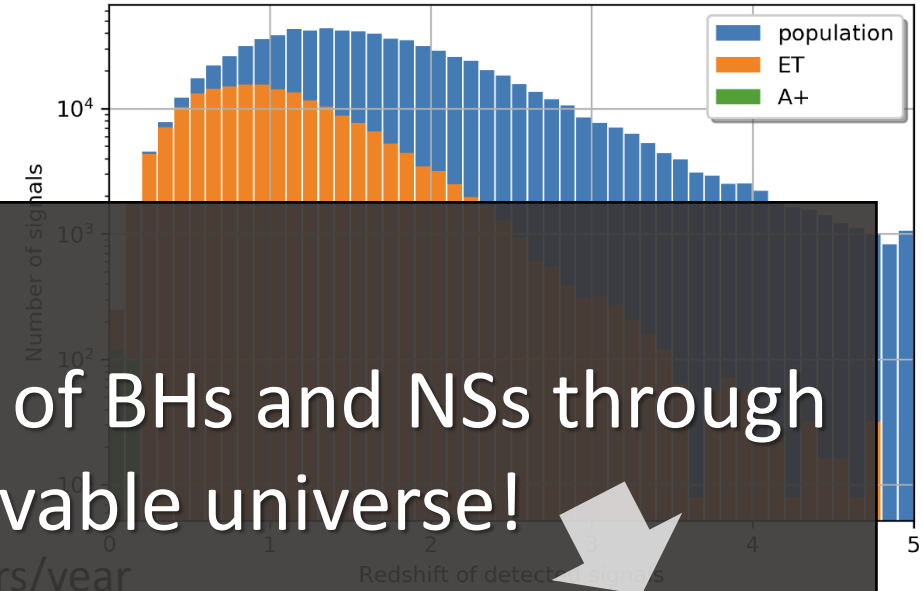
NS mergers

BBH mergers

Evolution of BHs and NSs through the observable universe!

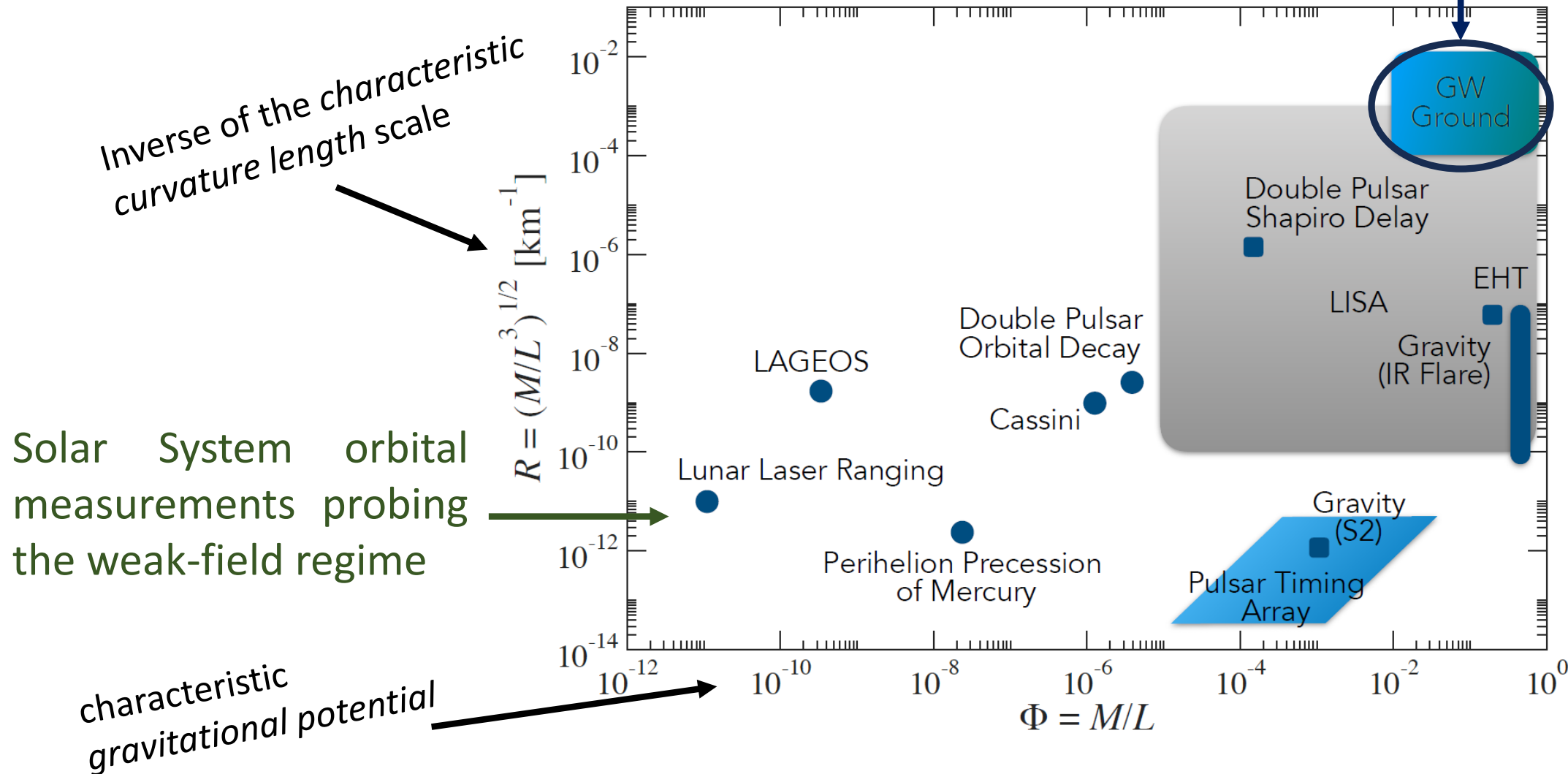
O(10⁵) mergers/year

Redshift of detected signals



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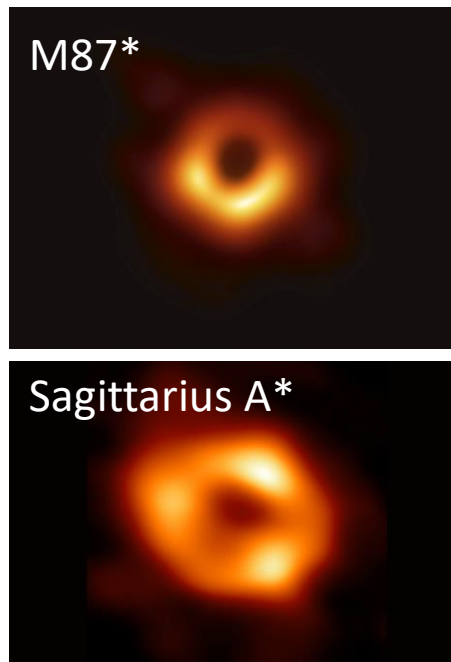
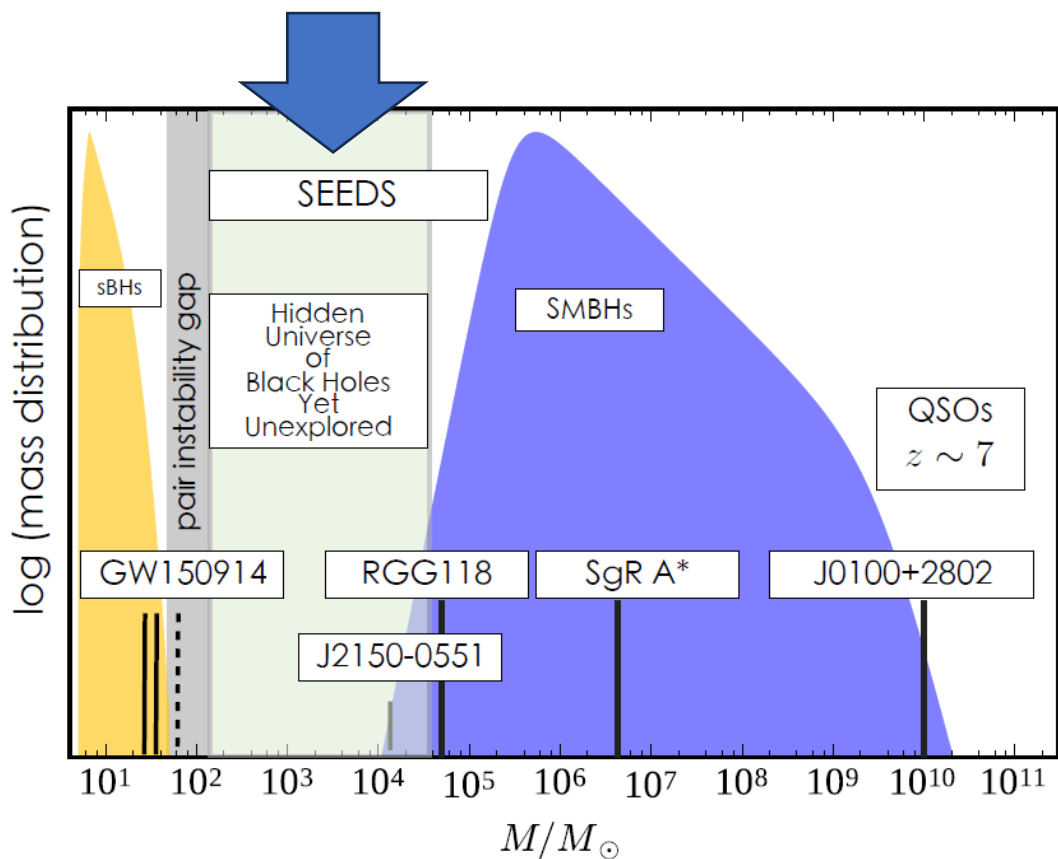
GWs from coalescing Binary Black Hole (BBH) allows to test GR in strong-field regime



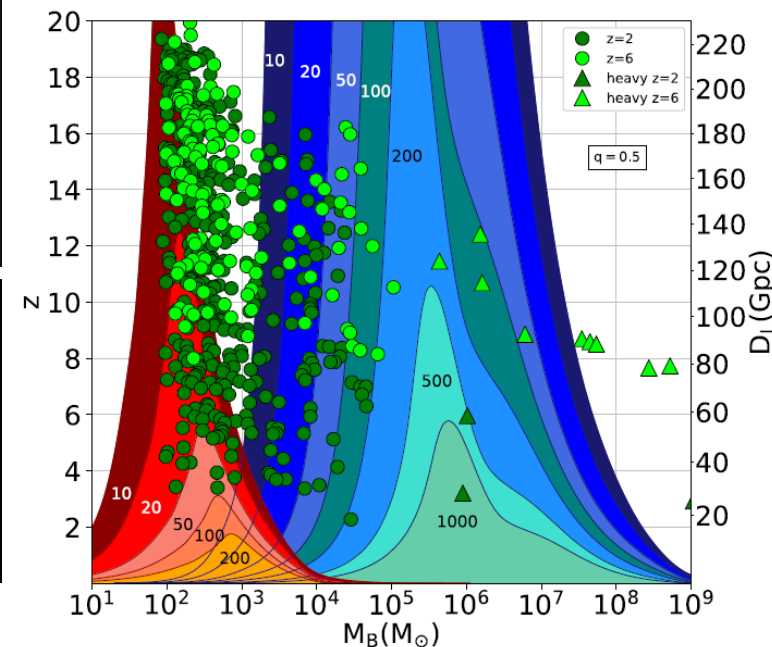
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Seeds and Supermassive Black Holes

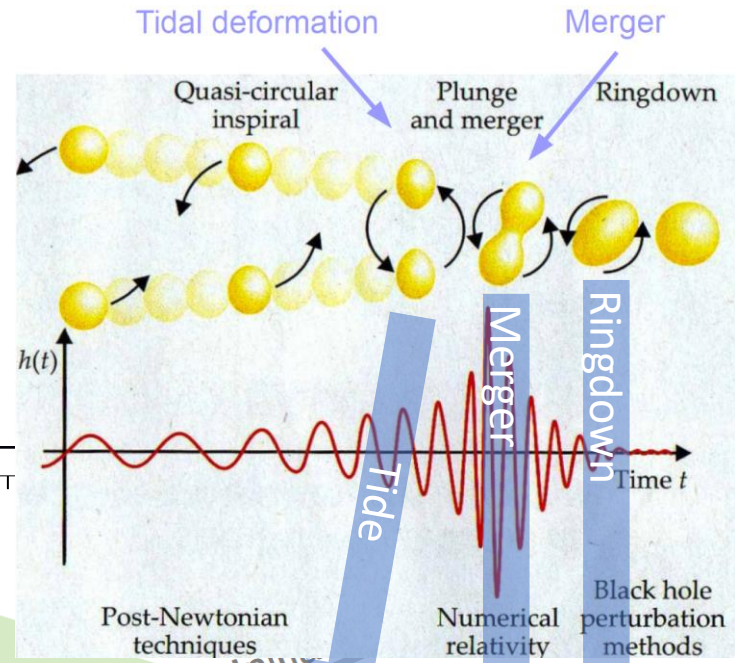
- **Supermassive Black Holes (SMBHs)** are present at the center of many galaxies:
 - What is their **history** and **evolution**? How have they formed? What are the **seeds**?



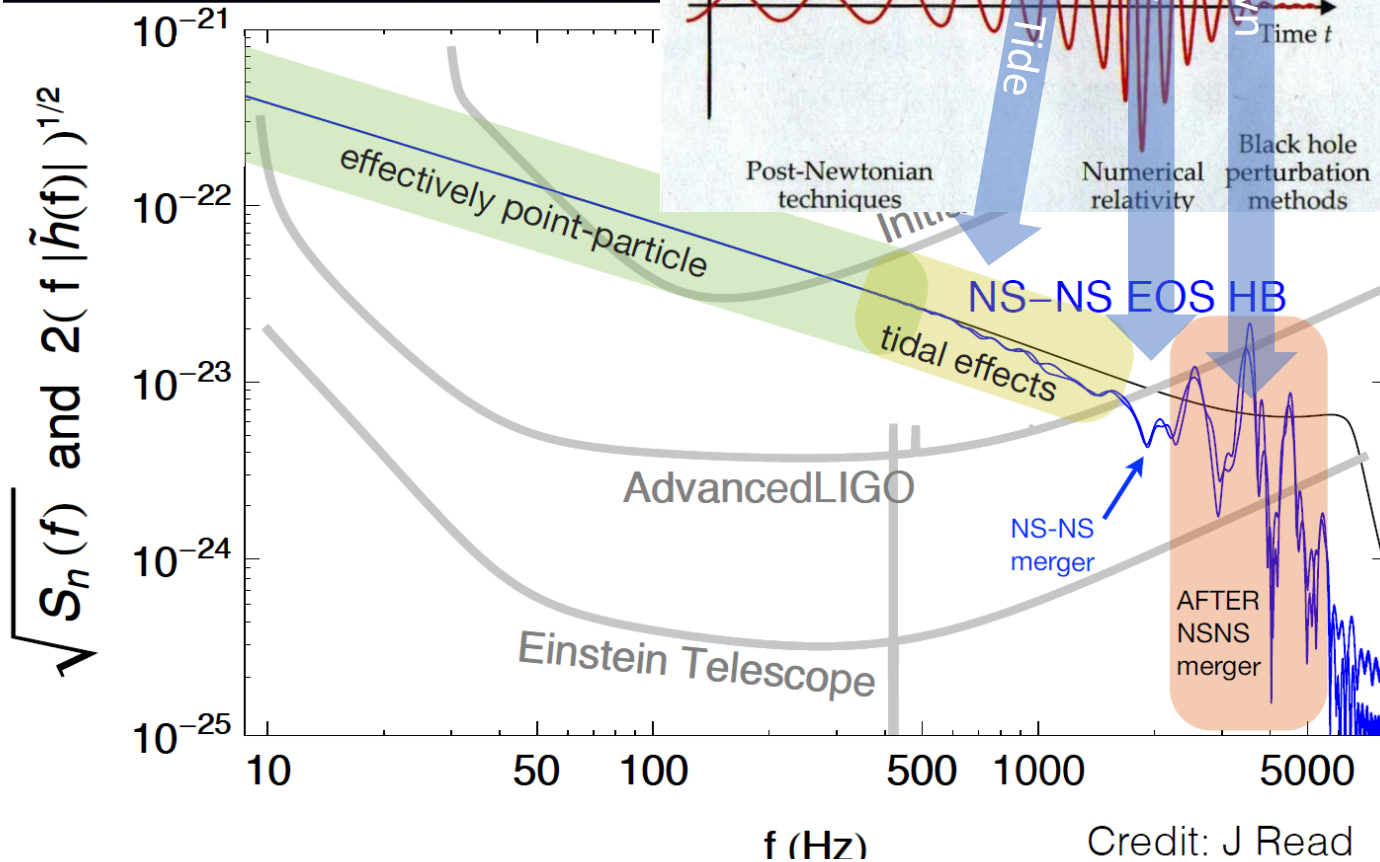
Black Holes in the Gravitational Universe



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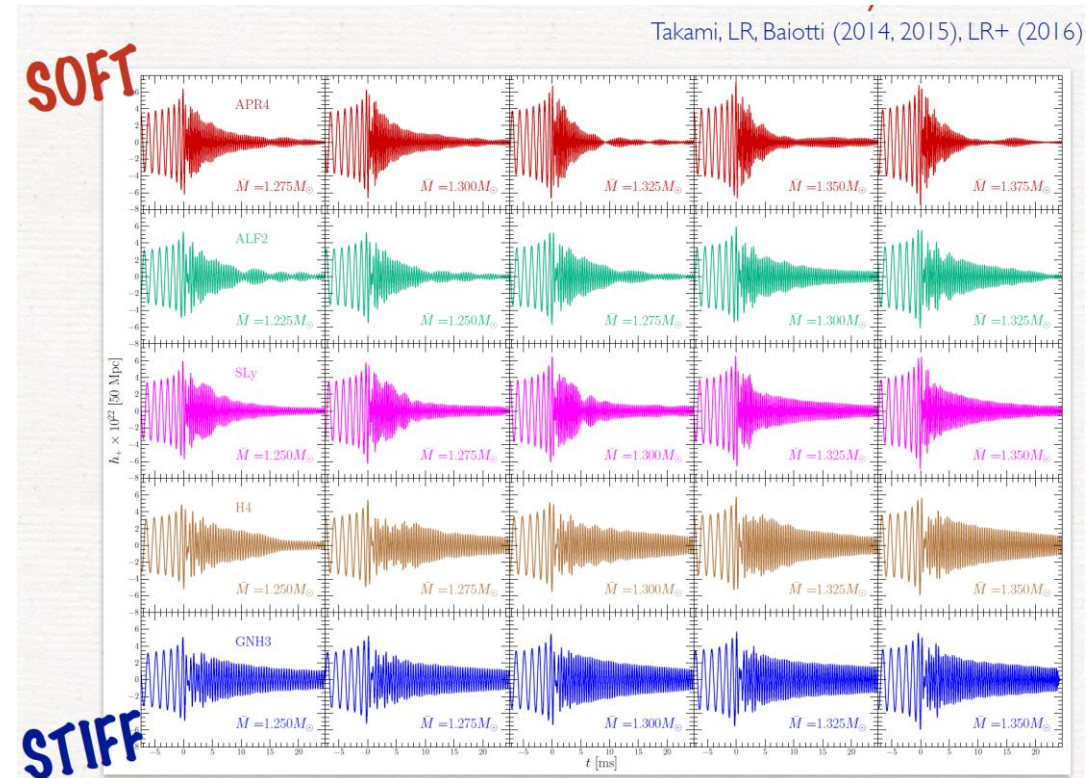


Stephen Fairhurst
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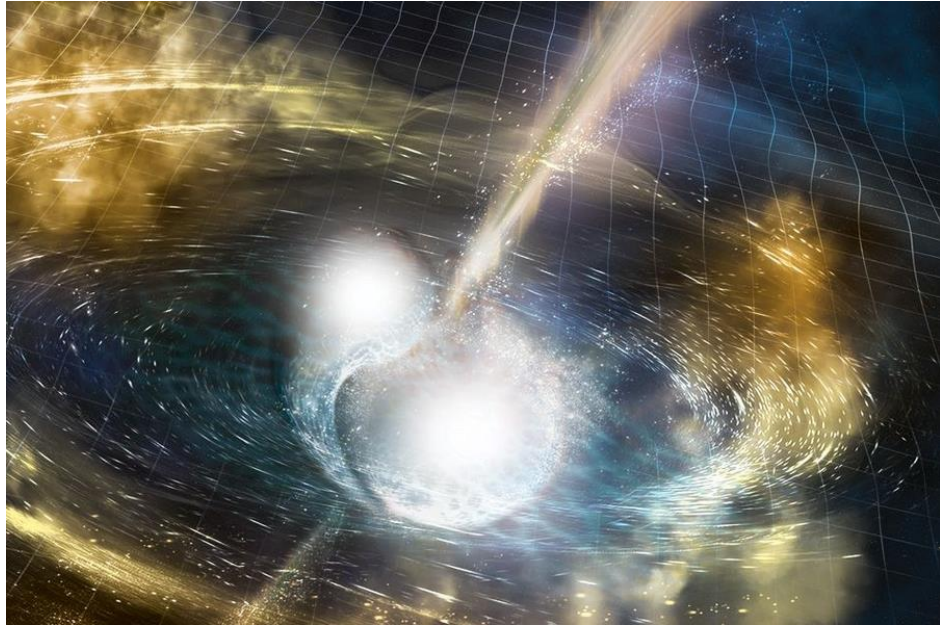


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Structure of a Neutron Star: equation of state



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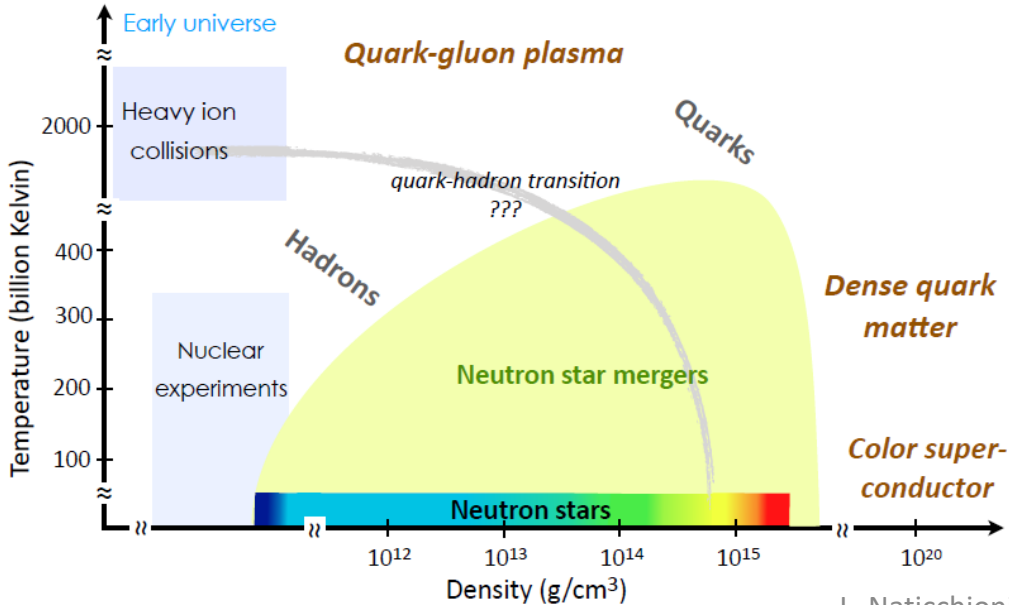
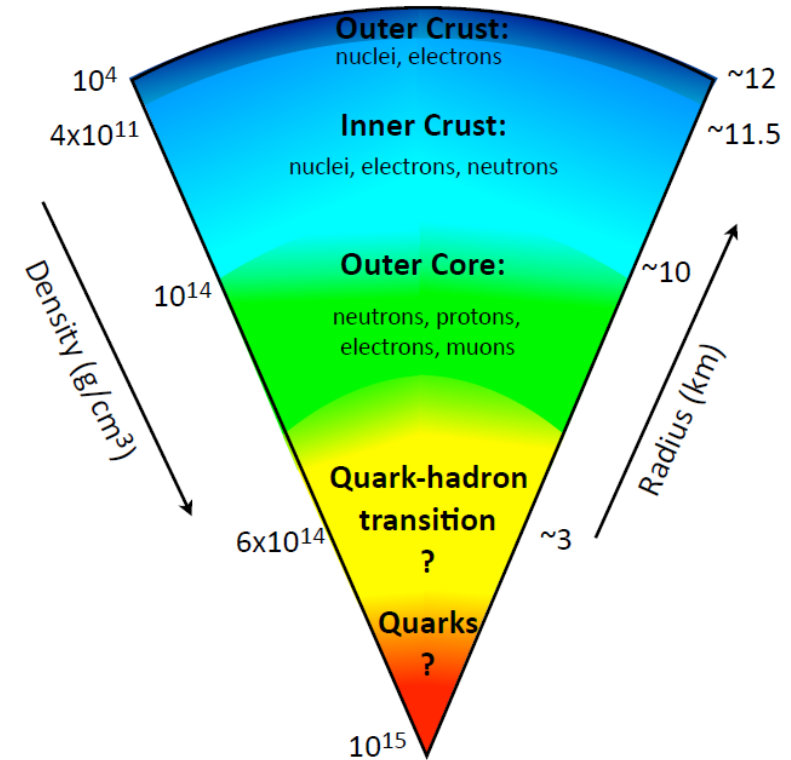
- Neutron stars are an **extreme laboratory for nuclear physics**

- The external crust is a Coulomb Crystal of progressively more neutron-rich nuclei.
- The core is a Fermi liquid of uniform neutron-rich matter (“Exotic phases”? Quark-Gluon plasma?)

- Tidal deformation from the dephasing in the GW signal → constrain the EOS of the NS.

- EM information → more stringent constrain.

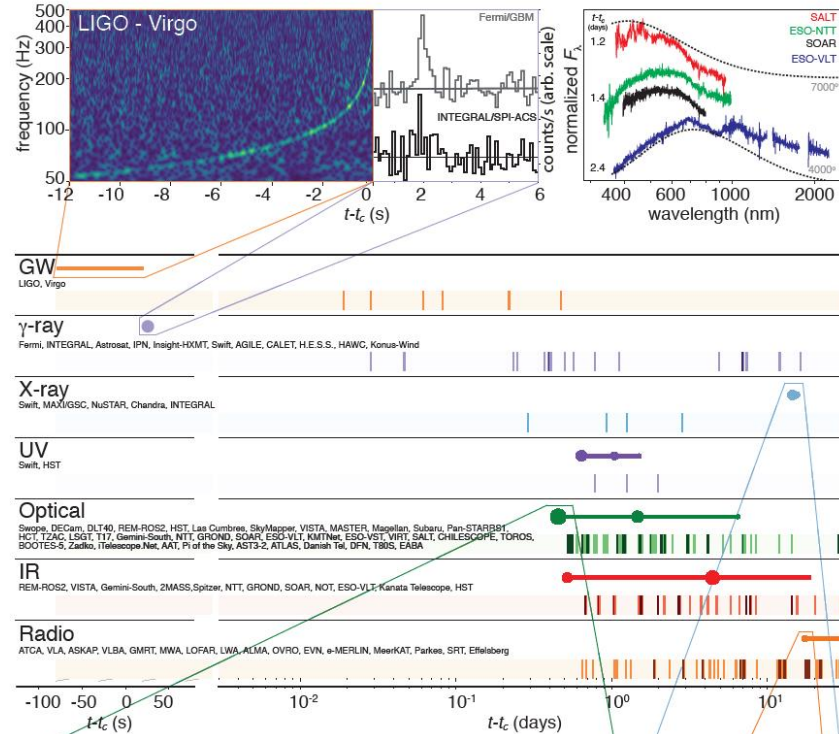
- EOS describes the status of the matter in the over-critical pressure condition.



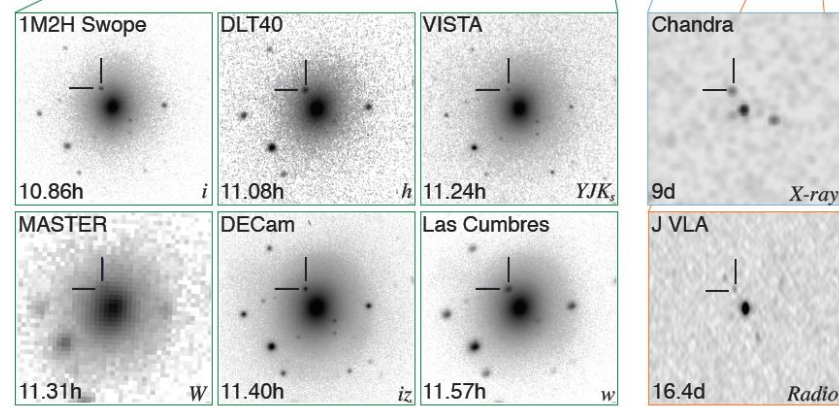
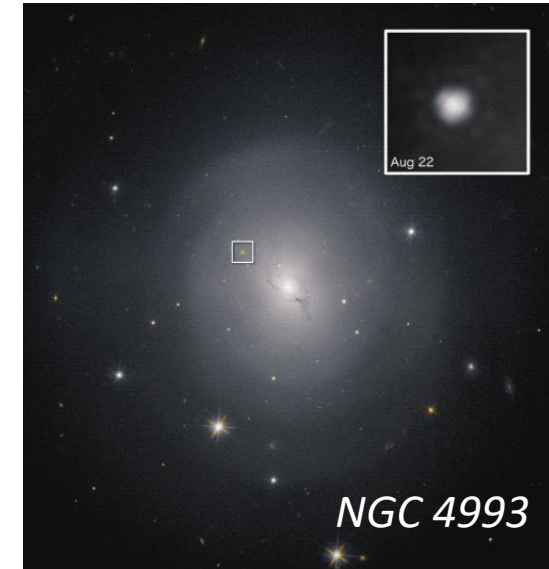
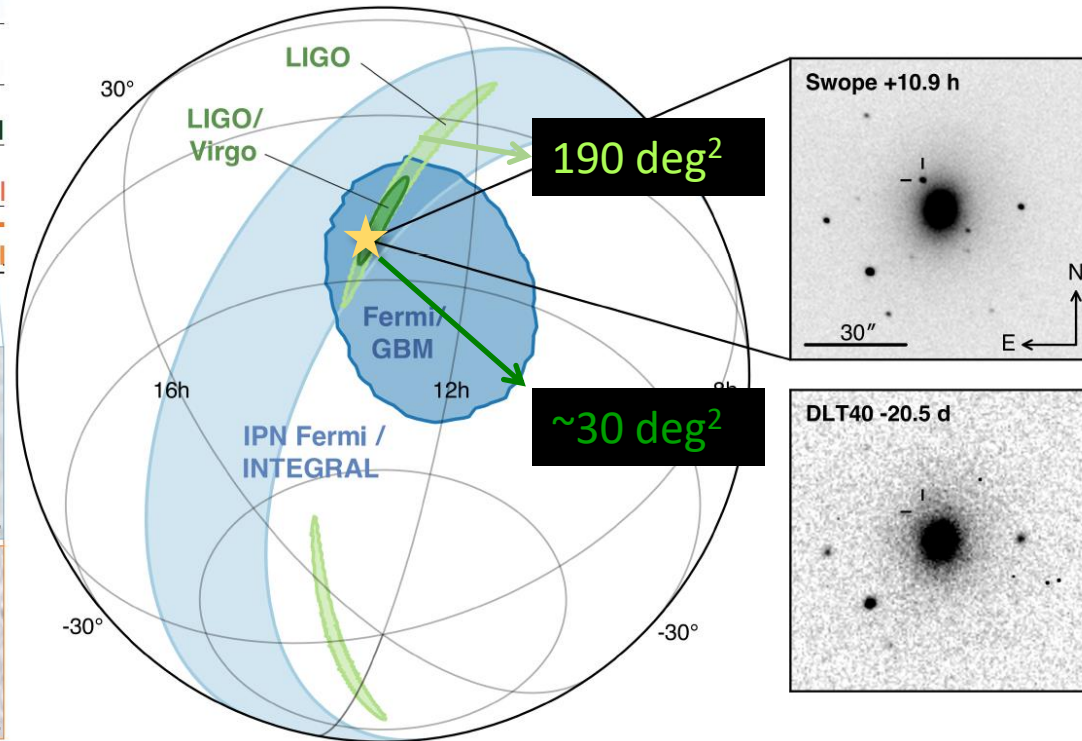
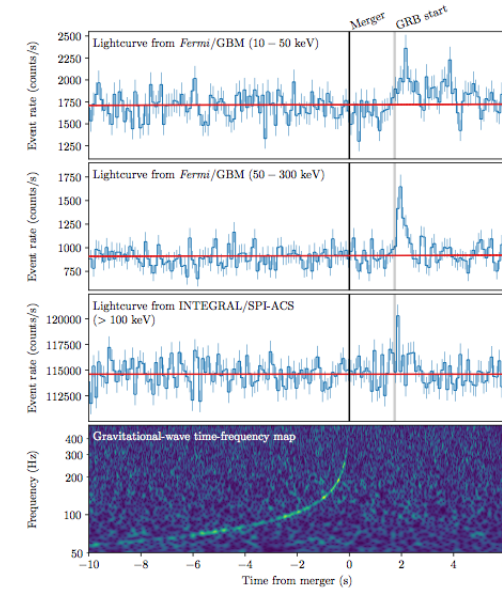
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GW170817 BNS: the birth of MultiMessenger Astronomy

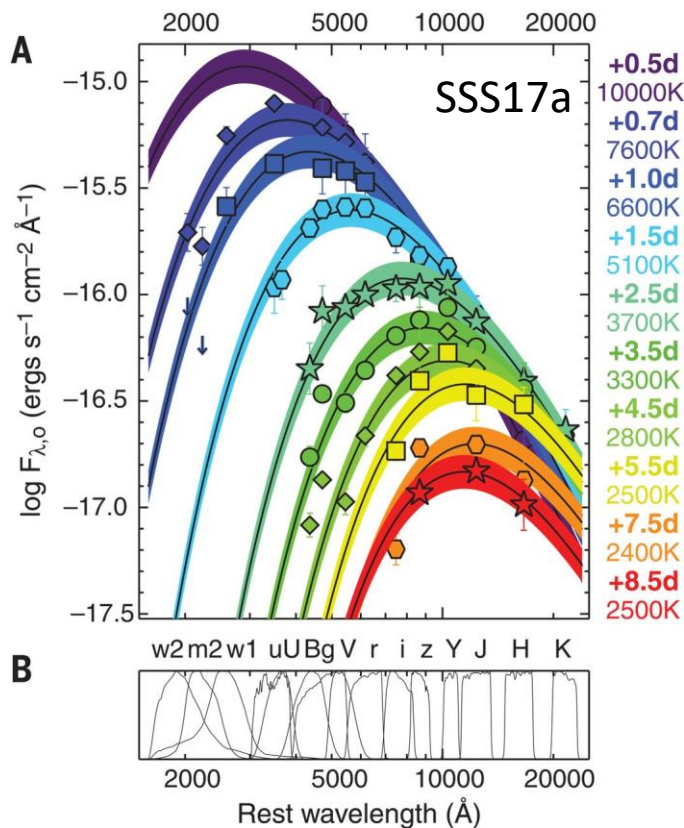
The power of MMA



- BP Abbott et al. (LVC), 2017, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **119**
- BP Abbott et al. (LVC), 2017, *ApJL* **848** (2)
- **LIGO+Virgo (GW)**
- **Fermi+Integral (GRB)**
- **70 observatories follow-up (EM)**

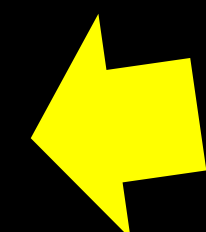
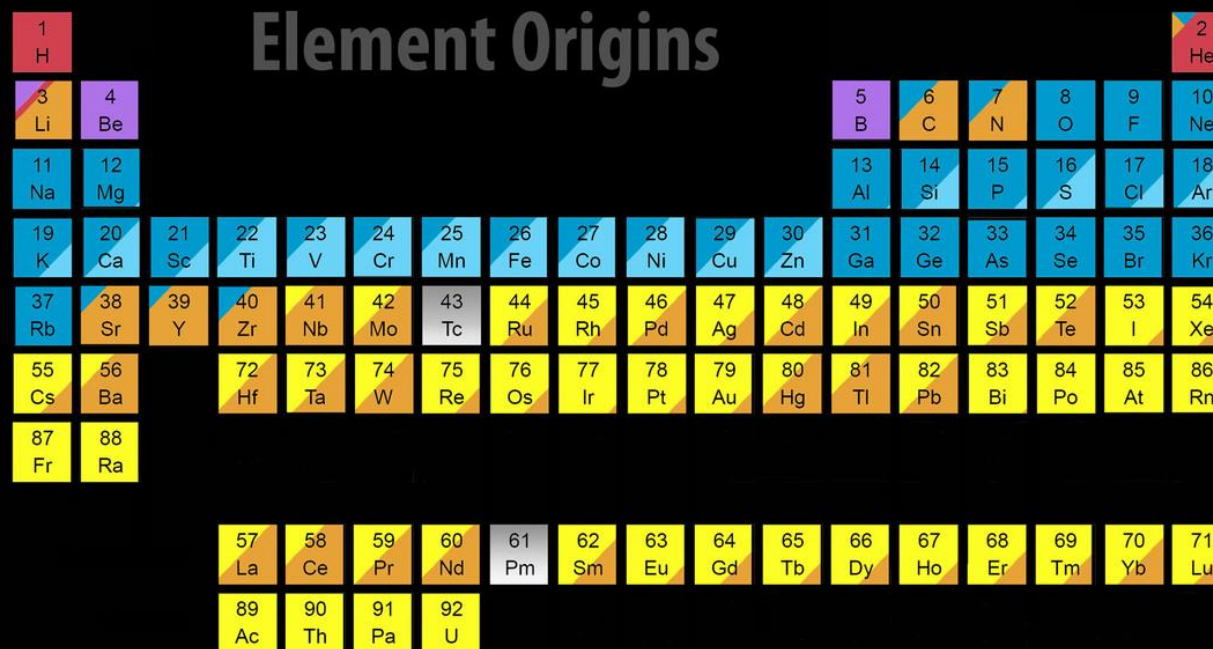


GW170817 BNS: the birth of MultiMessenger Astronomy



Drout M.R. et al.,
Science Vol. 358, Issue
 6370

- The e.m. counterpart light curve evolution of GW170817 is compatible with rapid neutron capture process (r-process) nucleosynthesis
 - It explains the observed lanthanide abundances
 - GW170817 produced and ejected $\sim 0.05 M_{\odot}$ of heavy elements



Merging Neutron Stars
 Dying Low Mass Stars

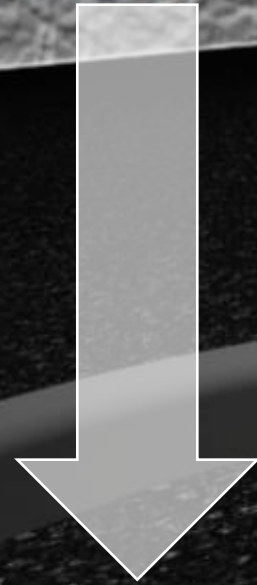
Exploding Massive Stars
 Exploding White Dwarfs

Big Bang
 Cosmic Ray Fission

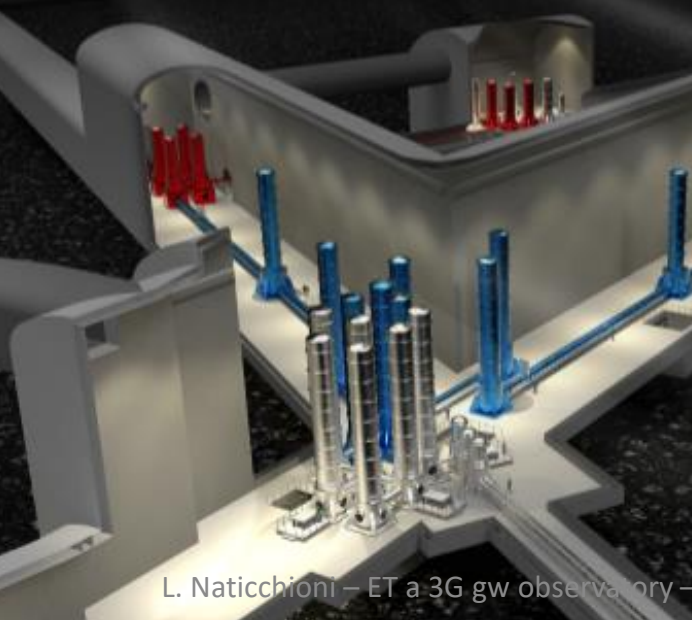
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← $\geq 10\text{km}$ →



Corner halls depth about 200m



ET pioneered the idea of a 3rd generation GW observatory:

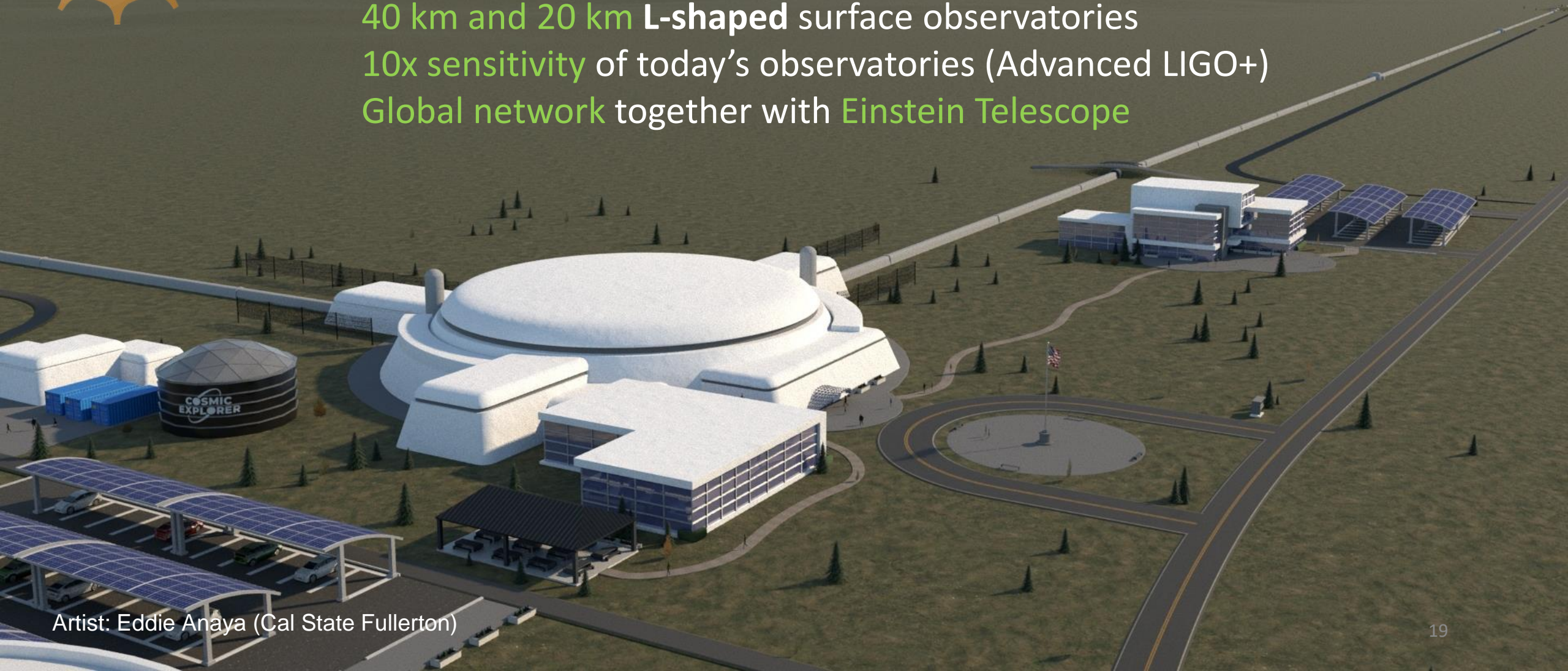
- A new infrastructure capable to host future upgrades for decades without limiting the observation capabilities.
- A sensitivity at least 10 times better than the (nominal) advanced detectors on a large fraction of the (detection) frequency band.
- A dramatic improvement in sensitivity in the low frequency (2Hz – 10Hz) range.
- High reliability and improved observation capability .
- Polarisation disentanglement, localization, duty cycle.



ET will be not alone...



40 km and 20 km L-shaped surface observatories
10x sensitivity of today's observatories (Advanced LIGO+)
Global network together with Einstein Telescope



Einstein gravitational wave Telescope

Conceptual Design Study

2011

<https://apps.et-gw.eu/tds/ql/?c=7954>



- 2004-3G idea
- 2005-ET idea
- 2007-ET CDR proposal
- 2011-ET CDR
- 2012-2018 Tech development (in background)
- 2020-ESFRI ET proposal



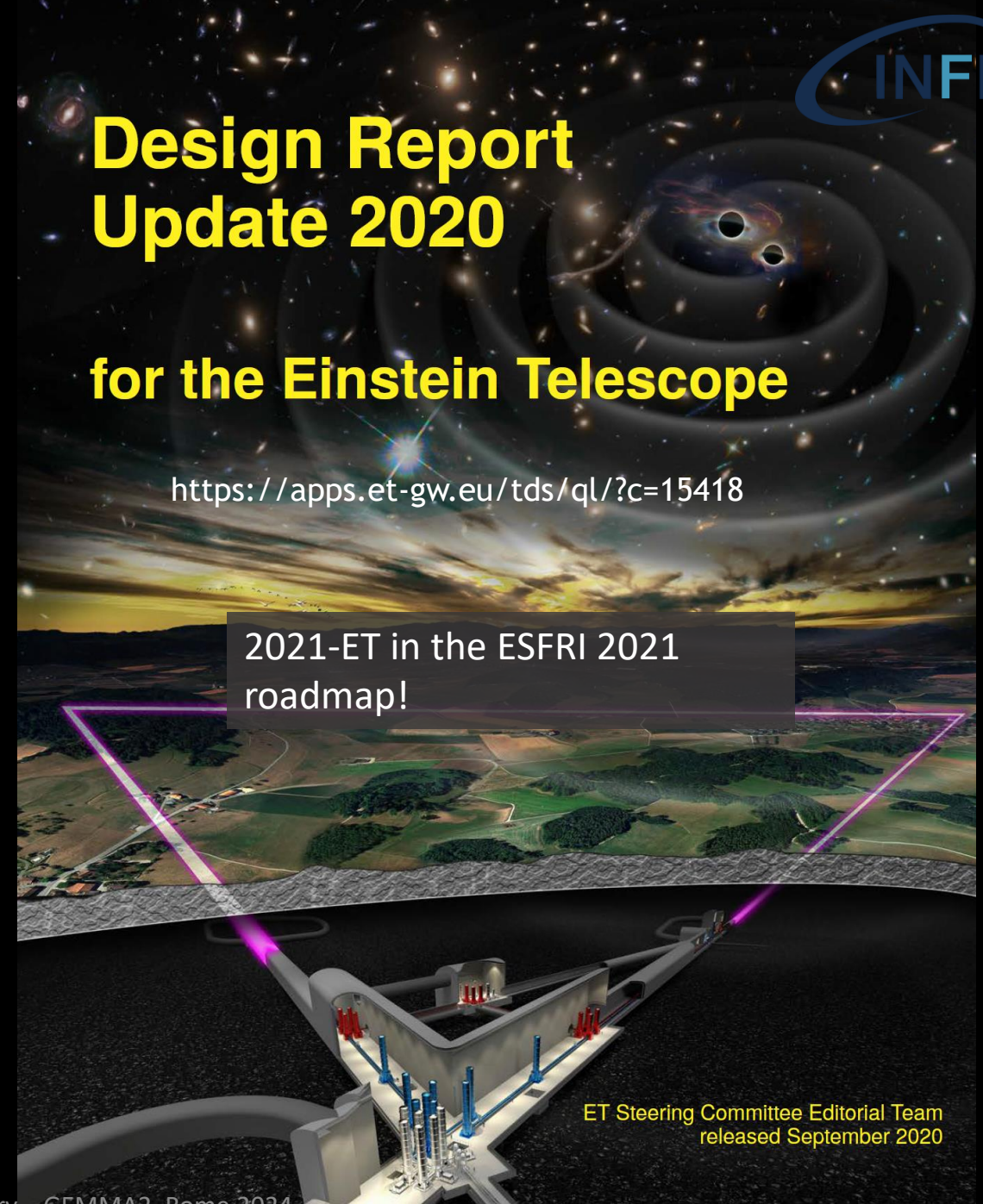
ESFRI proposal (2020)

Design Report Update 2020

for the Einstein Telescope

<https://apps.et-gw.eu/tds/ql/?c=15418>

2021-ET in the ESFRI 2021 roadmap!



ET Steering Committee Editorial Team released September 2020

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



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XII Einstein Telescope
Symposium



Official Birth of the ET Collaboration

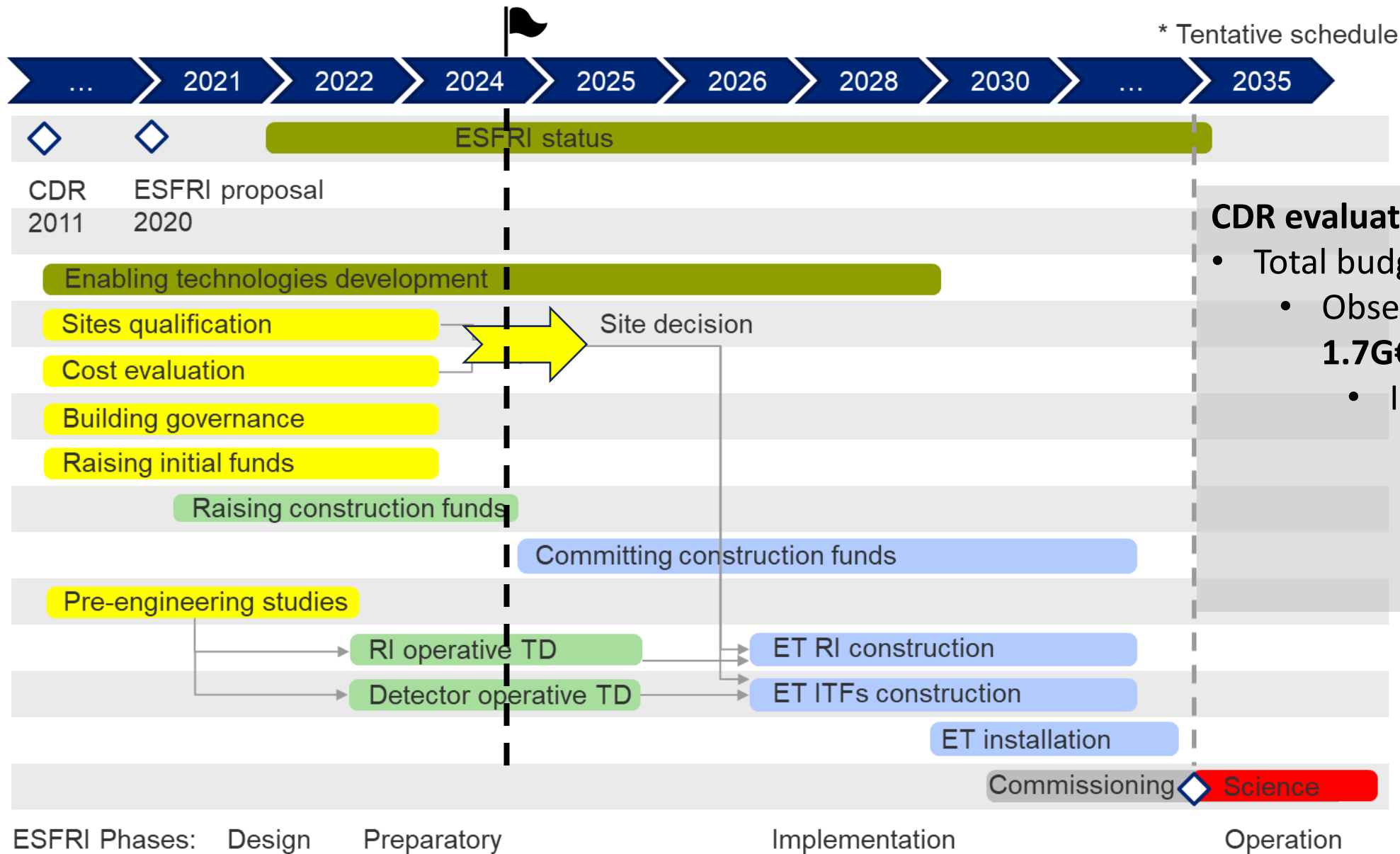
XII ET Symposium, Budapest on June 7th - 8th
More than 400 scientists,
out of >1200 members of the Collaboration,
attended the meeting in person or remotely.



L. Naticchioni – ET a 3G gw observatory – GEMMA2, Rome 2024

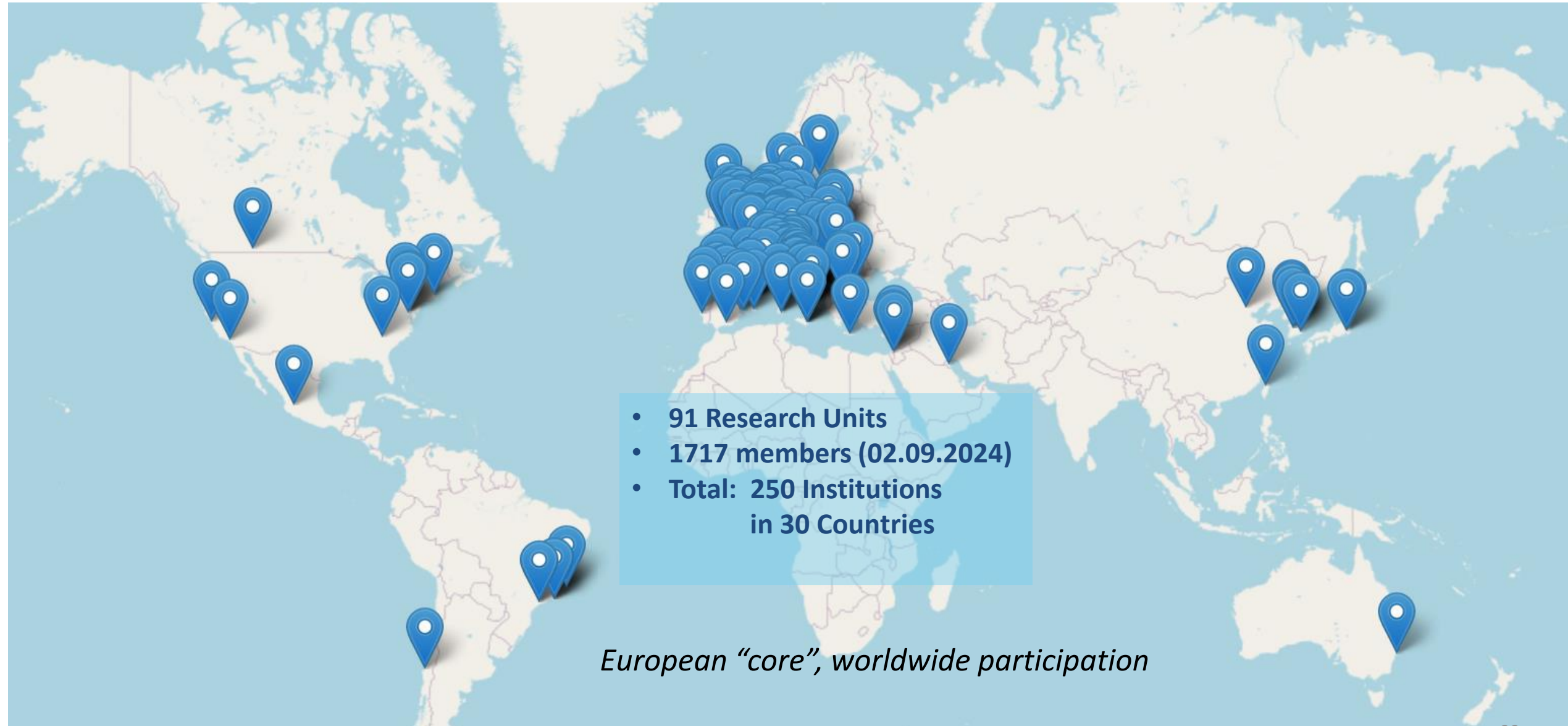


ET timeline as presented to ESFRI

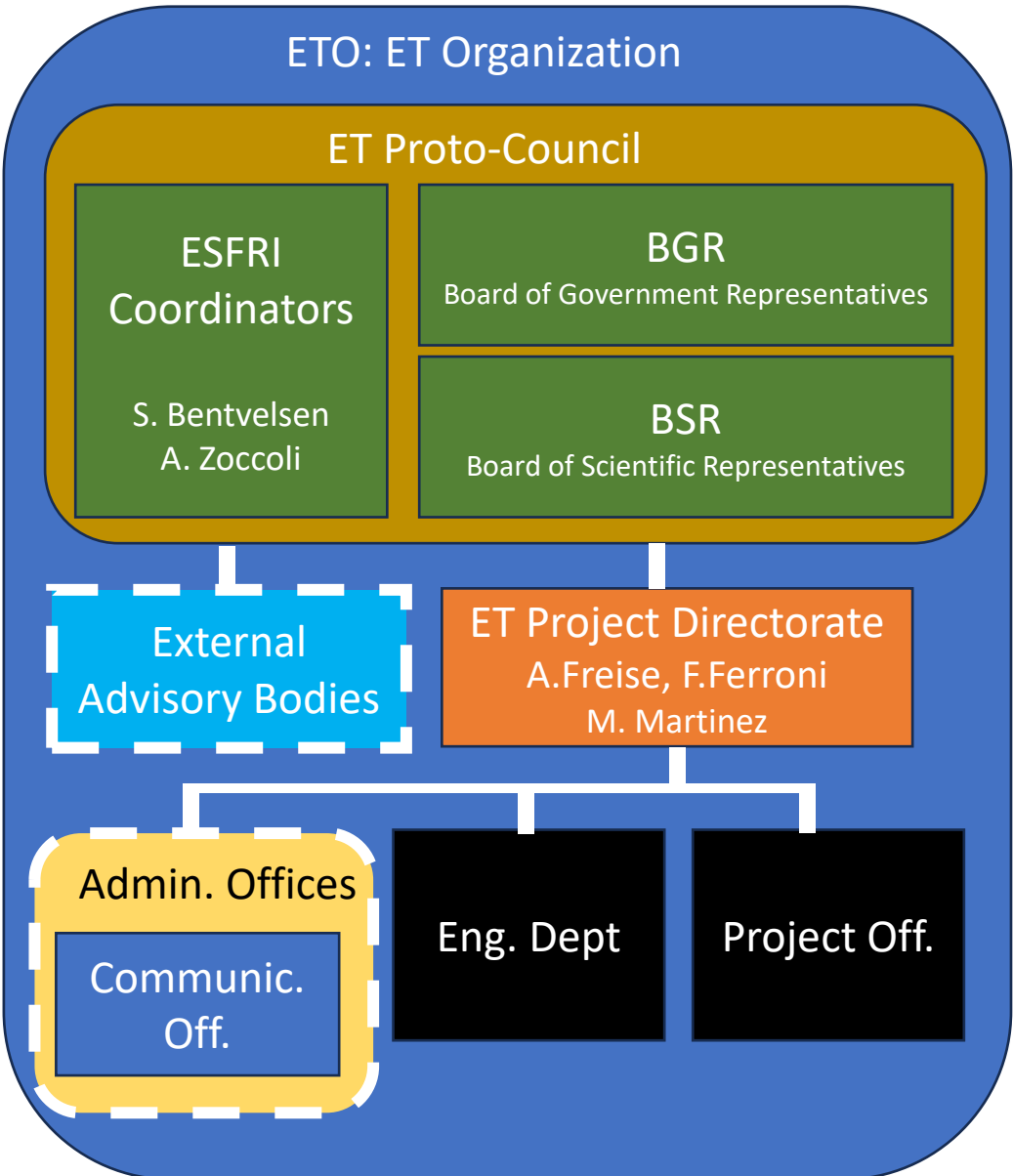


CDR evaluations:

- Total budget ~ **2G€**
- Observatory budget ~ **1.7G€**
- Infrastructure Budget:
 - Civil infrastructure: ~**930M€**
 - Vacuum system: ~**570M€**

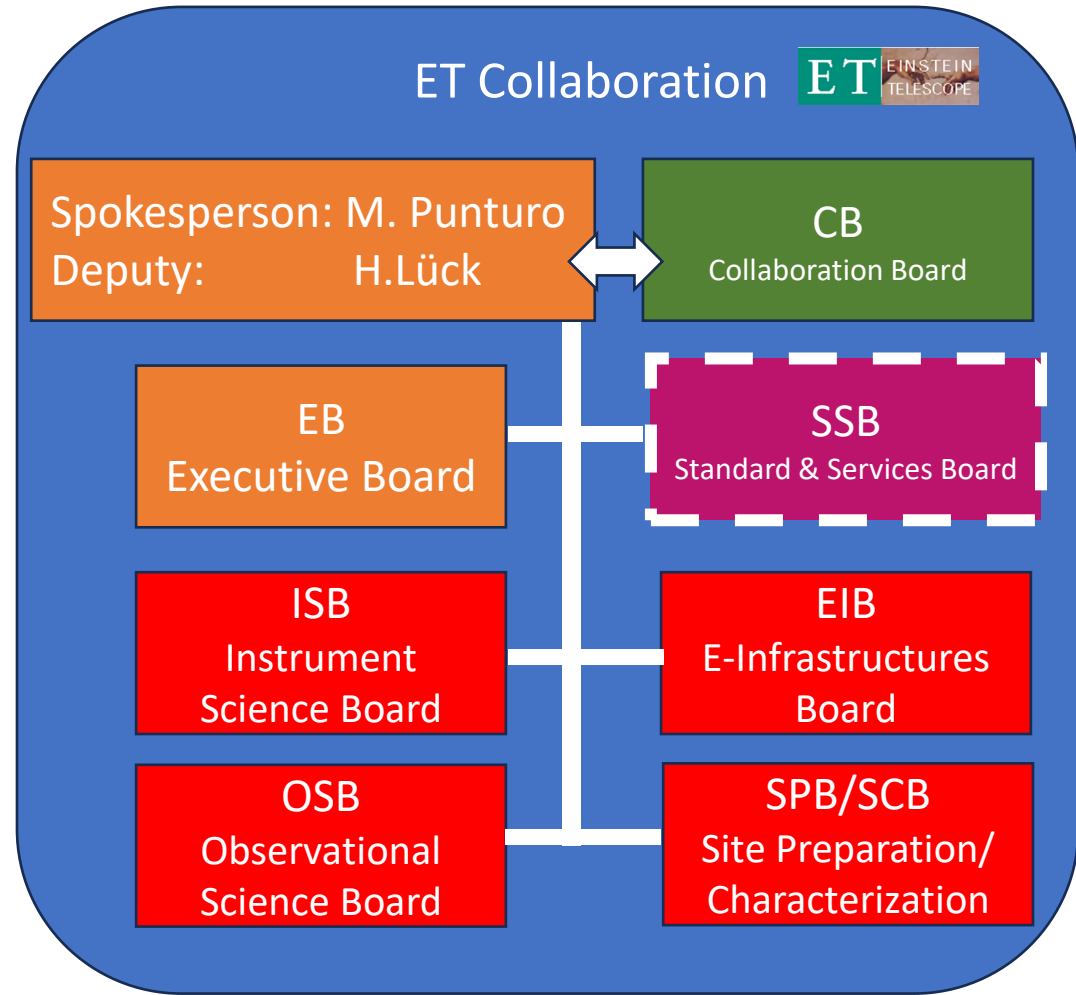


ET Framework



Projects

- Infradev ET-PP**
Implementation plan of ET Observatory
M. Martinez
(Managed by Project Directorate)
- Design of ET Vacuum Pipe**
P. Chiggiato
(CERN coordination)
- Civil Engineering**
(CERN advisory)



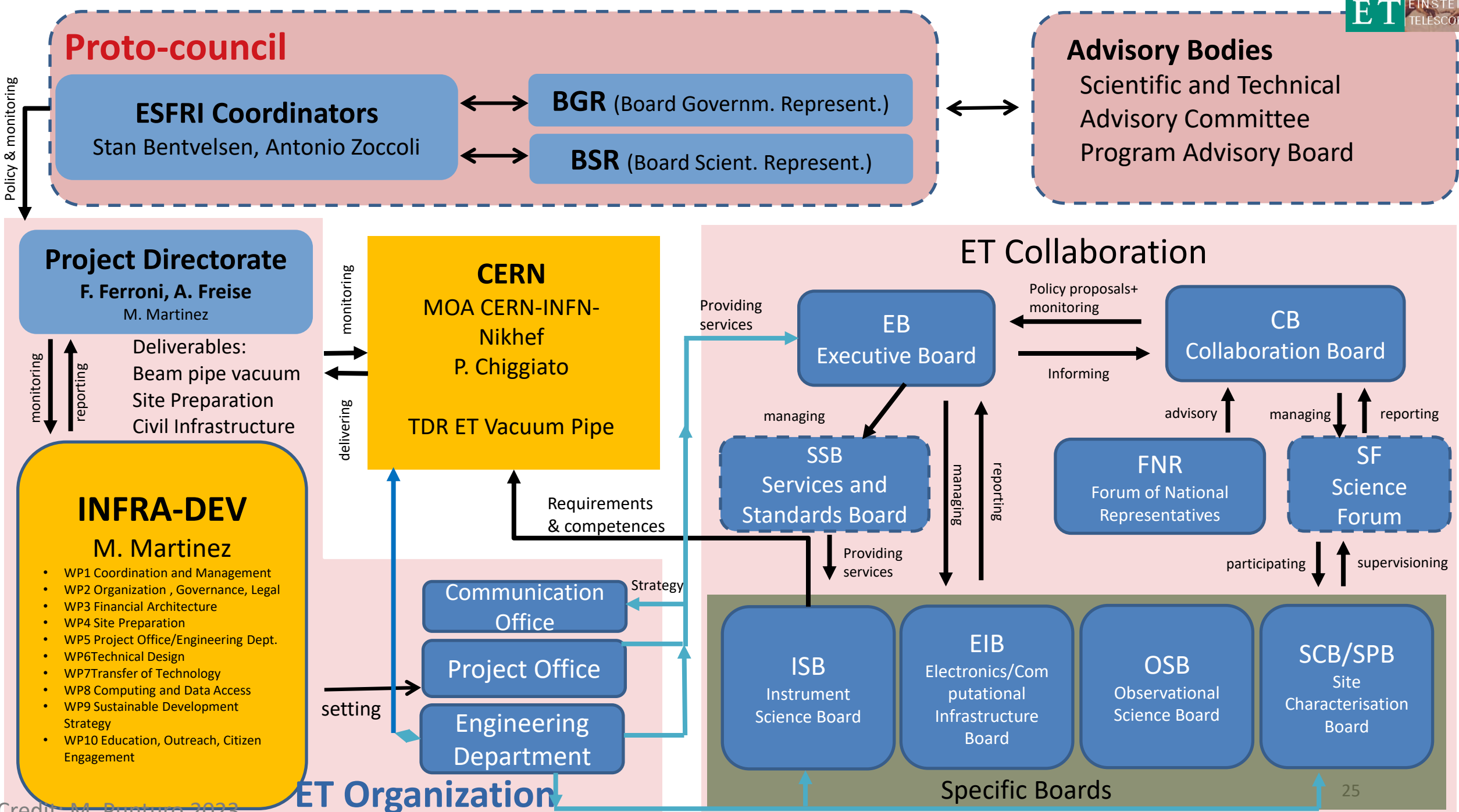
National Host Teams

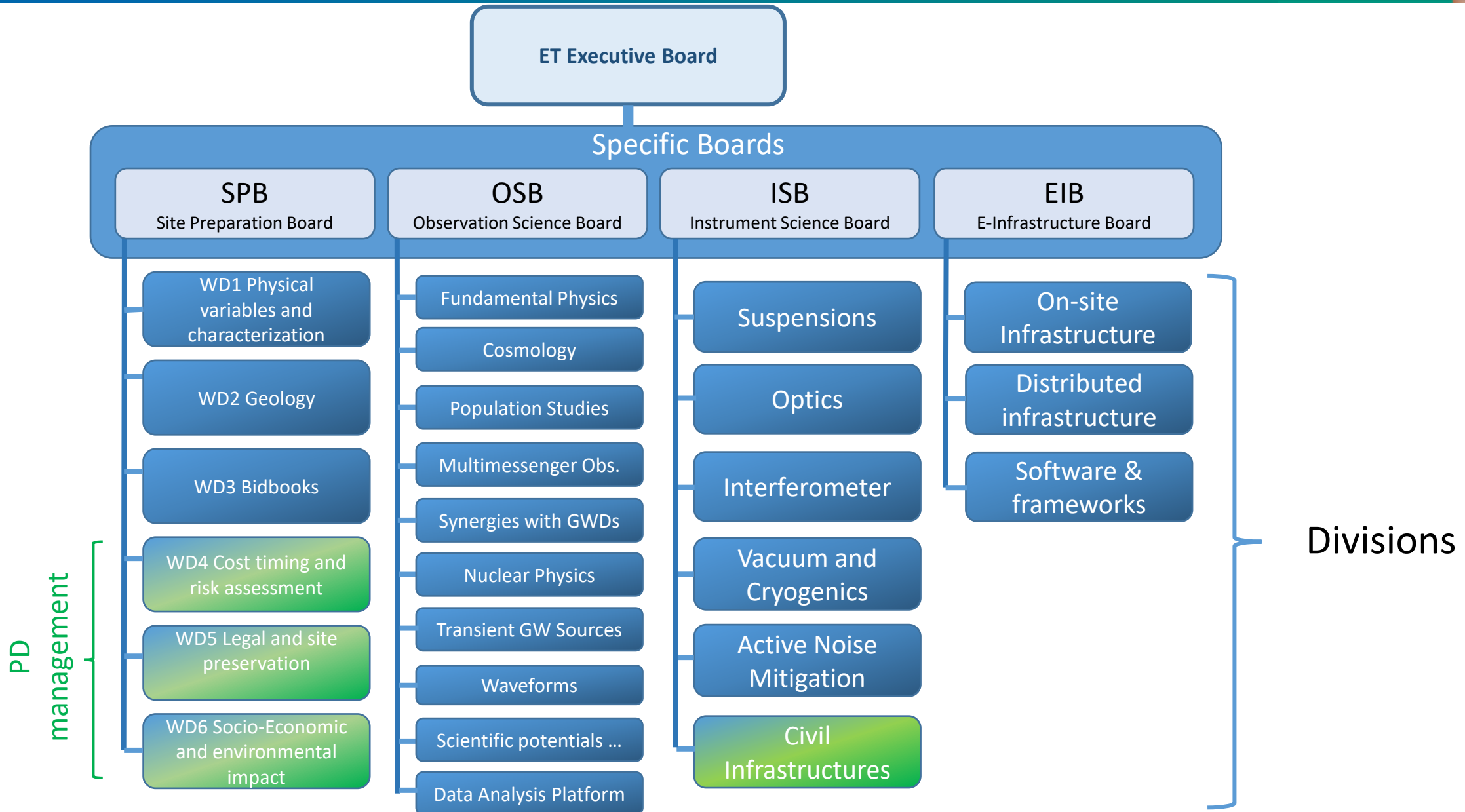
EMR Host Team

Sardinia Host Team

Private companies

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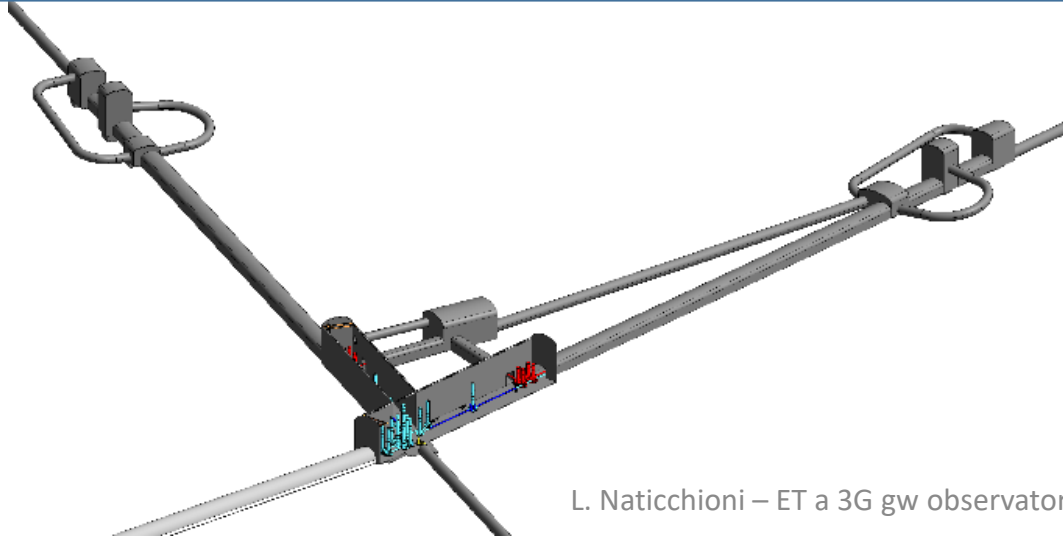
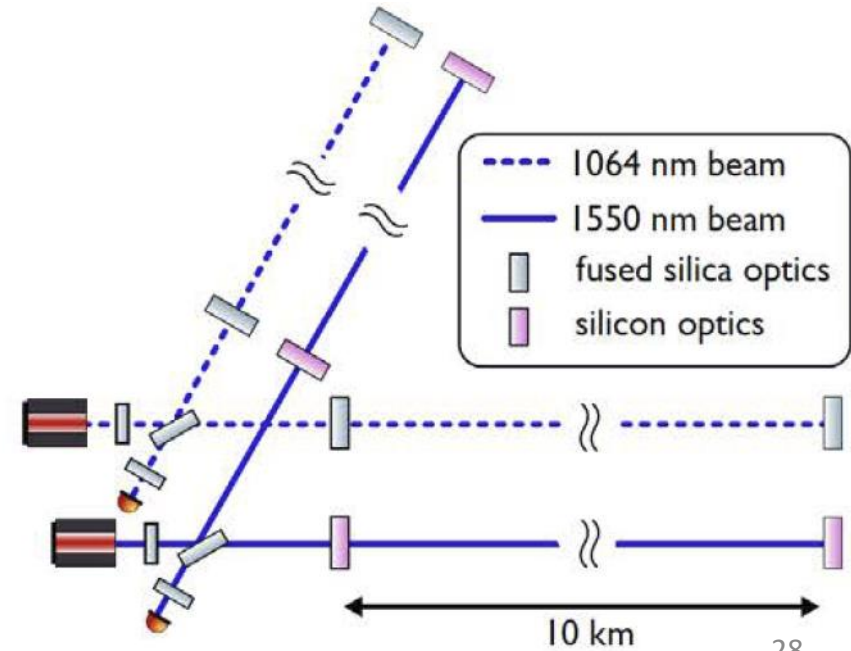
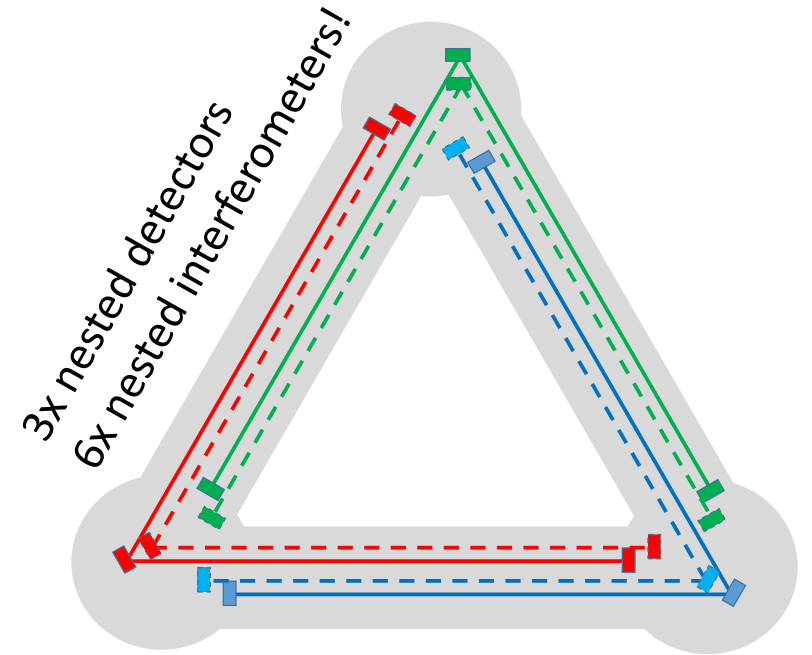
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Requirements

- Wide frequency range
- Massive black holes (LF focus)
- Localisation capability
- (more) Uniform sky coverage
- Polarisation disentanglement
- High Reliability (high duty cycle)
- High SNR

Design Specifications

- Xylophone (multi-interferometer HF+LF) Design
- Underground
- Cryogenic (LF)
- 1 "Triangle" or 2 "L"
- Multi-detector design
- Longer arms ($\geq 10\text{km}$)



ET Enabling Technologies

Challenging engineering

New technology in cryo-cooling

New technology in optics

New laser technology

High precision mechanics and low noise controls

High quality opto-electronics and new controls

- The multi-interferometer approach asks for two parallel technology developments:

• ET-LF:

- Underground
- Cryogenics
- Silicon (Sapphire) test masses
- Large test masses
- New coatings
- New laser wavelength
- Seismic suspensions
- Frequency dependent squeezing

| Parameter | ET-HF | ET-LF |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Arm length | 10 km | 10 km |
| Input power (after IMC) | 500 W | 3 W |
| Arm power | 3 MW | 18 kW |
| Temperature | 290 K | 10-20 K |
| Mirror material | fused silica | silicon |
| Mirror diameter / thickness | 62 cm / 30 cm | 45 cm/ 57 cm |
| Mirror masses | 200 kg | 211 kg |
| Laser wavelength | 1064 nm | 1550 nm |
| SR-phase (rad) | tuned (0.0) | detuned (0.6) |
| SR transmittance | 10 % | 20 % |
| Quantum noise suppression | freq. dep. squeez. | freq. dep. squeez. |
| Filter cavities | 1×300 m | 2×1.0 km |
| Squeezing level | 10 dB (effective) | 10 dB (effective) |
| Beam shape | TEM ₀₀ | TEM ₀₀ |
| Beam radius | 12.0 cm | 9 cm |
| Scatter loss per surface | 37 ppm | 37 ppm |
| Seismic isolation | SA, 8 m tall | mod SA, 17 m tall |
| Seismic (for $f > 1$ Hz) | $5 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ m}/f^2$ | $5 \cdot 10^{-10} \text{ m}/f^2$ |
| Gravity gradient subtraction | none | factor of a few |

• ET-HF:

- High power laser
- Large test masses
- New coatings
- Thermal compensation
- Frequency dependent squeezing

Evolved laser technology

Evolved technology in optics

Highly innovative adaptive optics

High quality opto-electronics and new controls

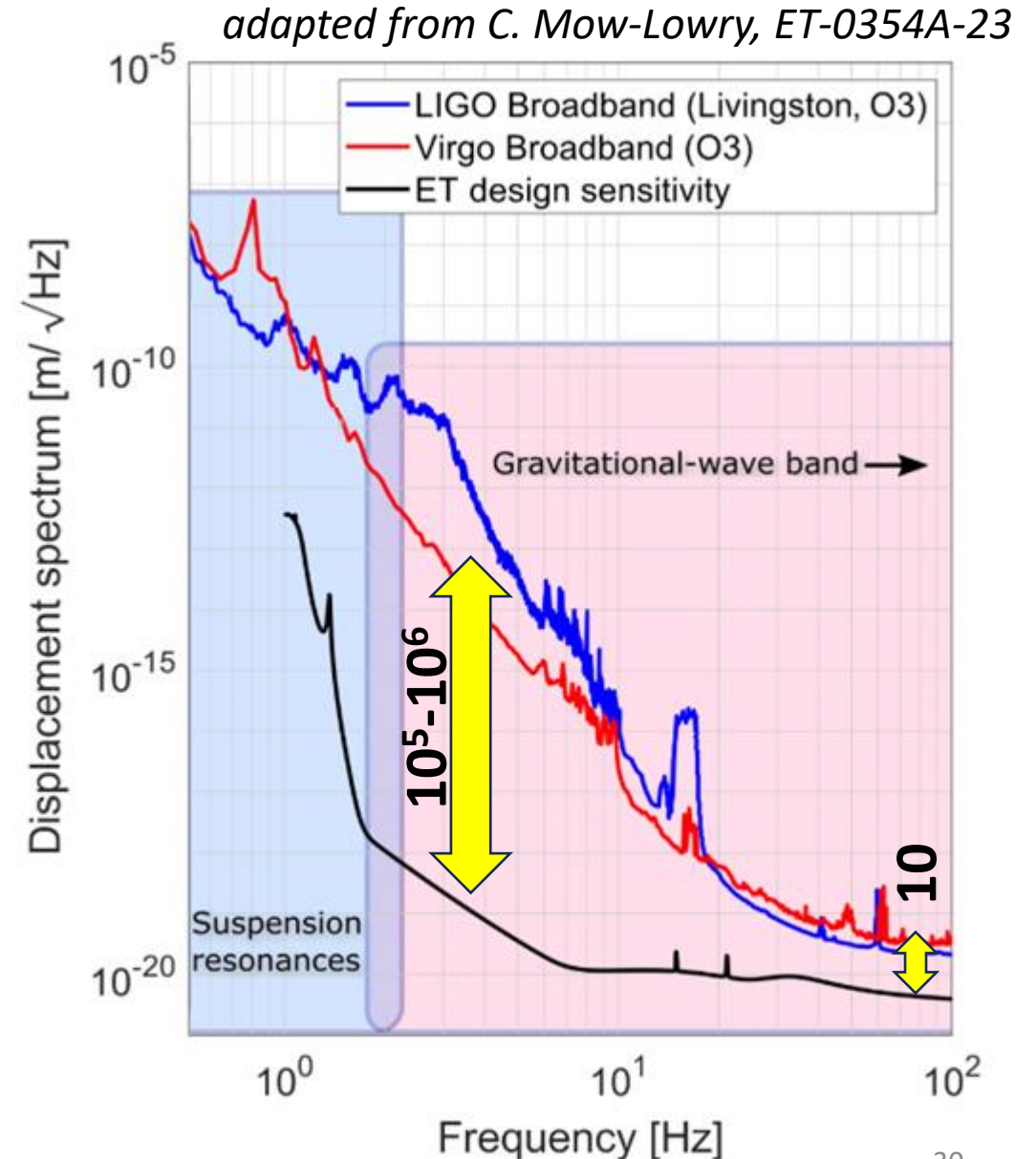
ET – Low Frequency challenge

ET target sensitivity will be on average **10x** wrt to current GW detectors...

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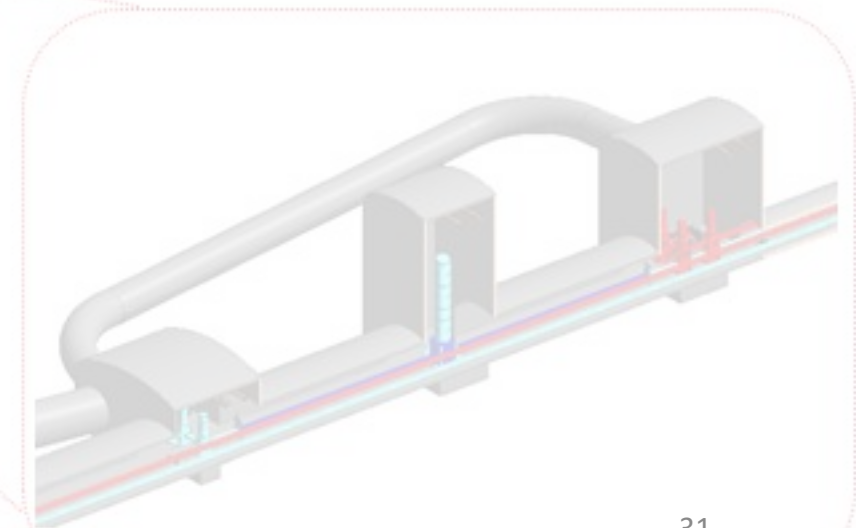
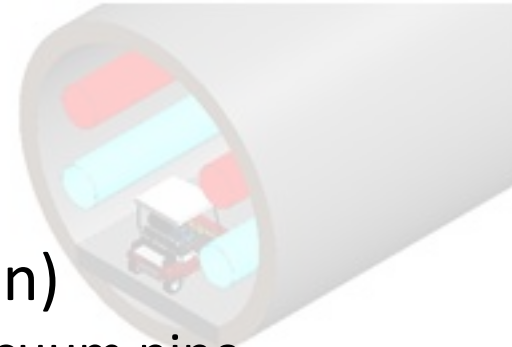
2-10 Hz band, that is crucial for ET, requires a dramatic improvement: $10^5 - 10^6$!

- start from a low-noise site
- apply mitigation strategies
- learn from 2G detectors



Challenging Engineering: key points

- **~30km of underground tunnels** (10km Δ or 15km L configuration)
 - Safety (fire, cryogenic gasses, escape lanes, heat handling during the vacuum pipe backing)
 - Noise (creeping, acoustic noise, seismic noise, Newtonian noise)
 - Minimisation of the volumes, but preservation of future potential)
 - Water handling, hydro-geology and tunnels inclination
 - Cost!
- **Large caverns**
 - In addition to the previous points:
 - Stability
 - Cleanliness
 - Thermal stability
 - Ventilation and acoustic noise



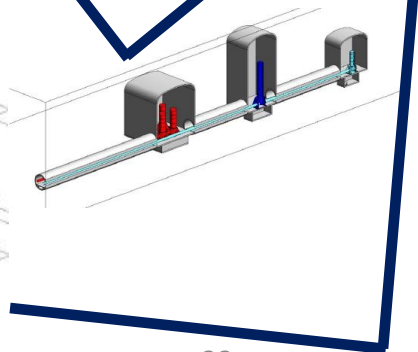
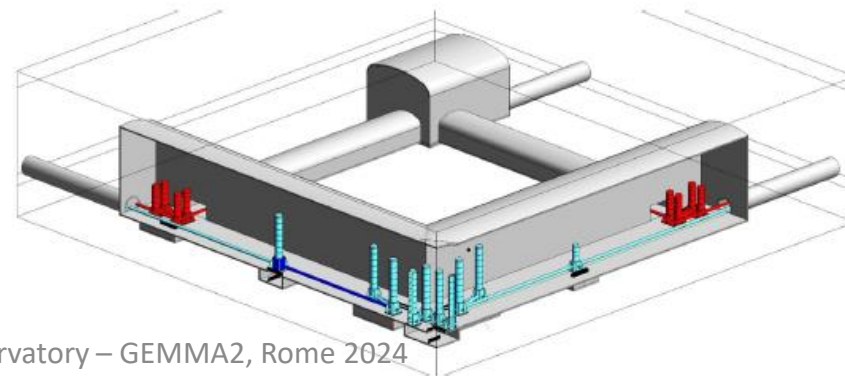
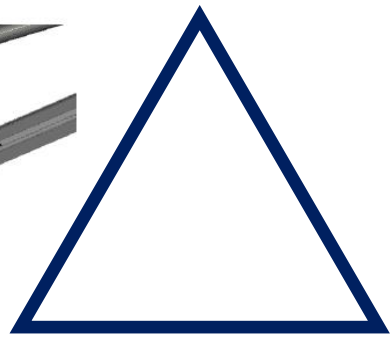
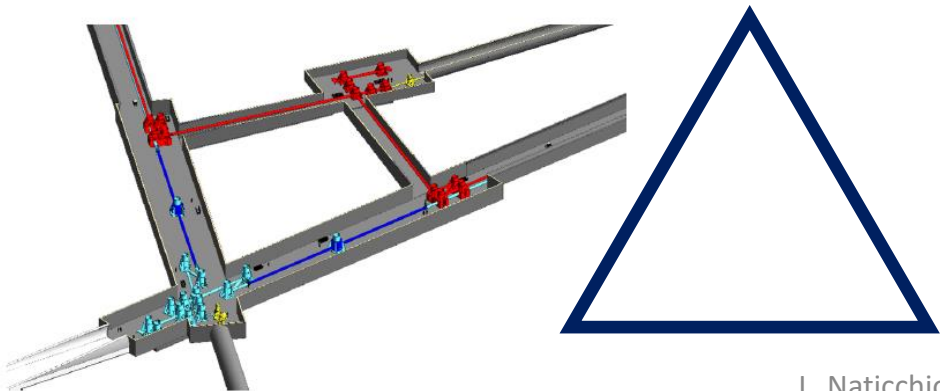
ET design: Δ or 2L

In the last ~ 3 years, the collaboration started the evaluation of the best configuration for ET, considering the alternative of two L configuration (as LIGO, Cosmic Explorer) to **maximize the science return** and **reduce risks**.

Since 2011 (CDS, triangle configuration) the situation drastically changed:

- First detections, GTWC-3 catalog, O4... \rightarrow BH population \rightarrow new SF and evolution models;
- Science case developed;
- Know-how with advanced (L) detectors;
- Risk & costs \propto layout complexity;
- International scenario (+ Cosmic Explorer in US);
- Two candidate sites strongly supported (and a potential third site...).

The collaboration is analyzing both configurations: **science case**, **risk assessment**.



ET design: Δ or 2L : science case

The **science case** for different ET designs has been studied by a dedicated committee (the Cost Benefit Analysis, CoBA).

Impressive work resulted in a detailed report of 197 pages (ET-0084A-23) and a published paper:
M. Branchesi *et al* JCAP07(2023)068, doi:[10.1088/1475-7516/2023/07/068](https://doi.org/10.1088/1475-7516/2023/07/068)

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**Science with the Einstein Telescope: a
comparison of different designs**

ET design: Δ or 2L : **risk assessment**

The **risk evaluation** for different ET layouts has been studied by a dedicated committee (the ET Risk Assessment Committee, ETRAC), composed of experts in GW interferometer commissioning (Virgo, LIGO, GEO600).

The committee duty is to evaluate and compare the integration, commissioning, science and operation risks of the different ET configurations studied in the CoBA-Science document.

Political and financial risks are NOT considered in the study!

A detailed report (45 pages) is under review of the ET Executive Board and will be released soon

| | | Severity → | | | | |
|------------|---------------|---|---------|----------|-------------|--------|
| | | Negligible | Minor | Moderate | Significant | Severe |
| Likelihood | Very Likely | Low Med | Medium | Med Hi | High | High |
| | Likely | Low | Low Med | Medium | Med Hi | High |
| | Possible | Low | Low Med | Medium | Med Hi | Med Hi |
| | Unlikely | Low | Low Med | Low Med | Medium | Med Hi |
| | Very Unlikely | Low | Low | Low Med | Medium | Medium |

ET design: Δ or 2L

Based on the COBA and ETRAC studies of all the possible configurations, two of them are currently under consideration in the ET collaboration:

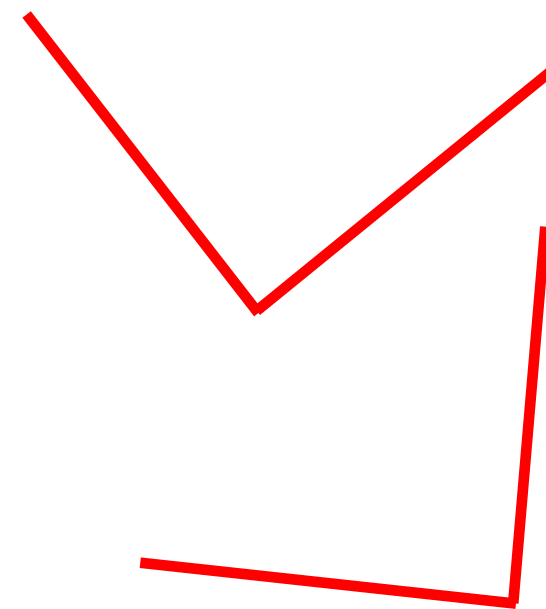
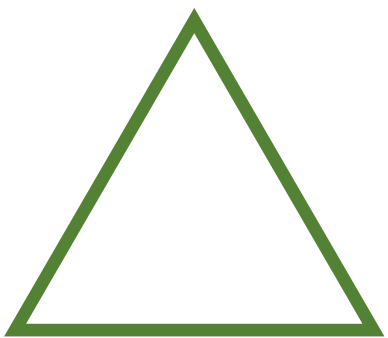
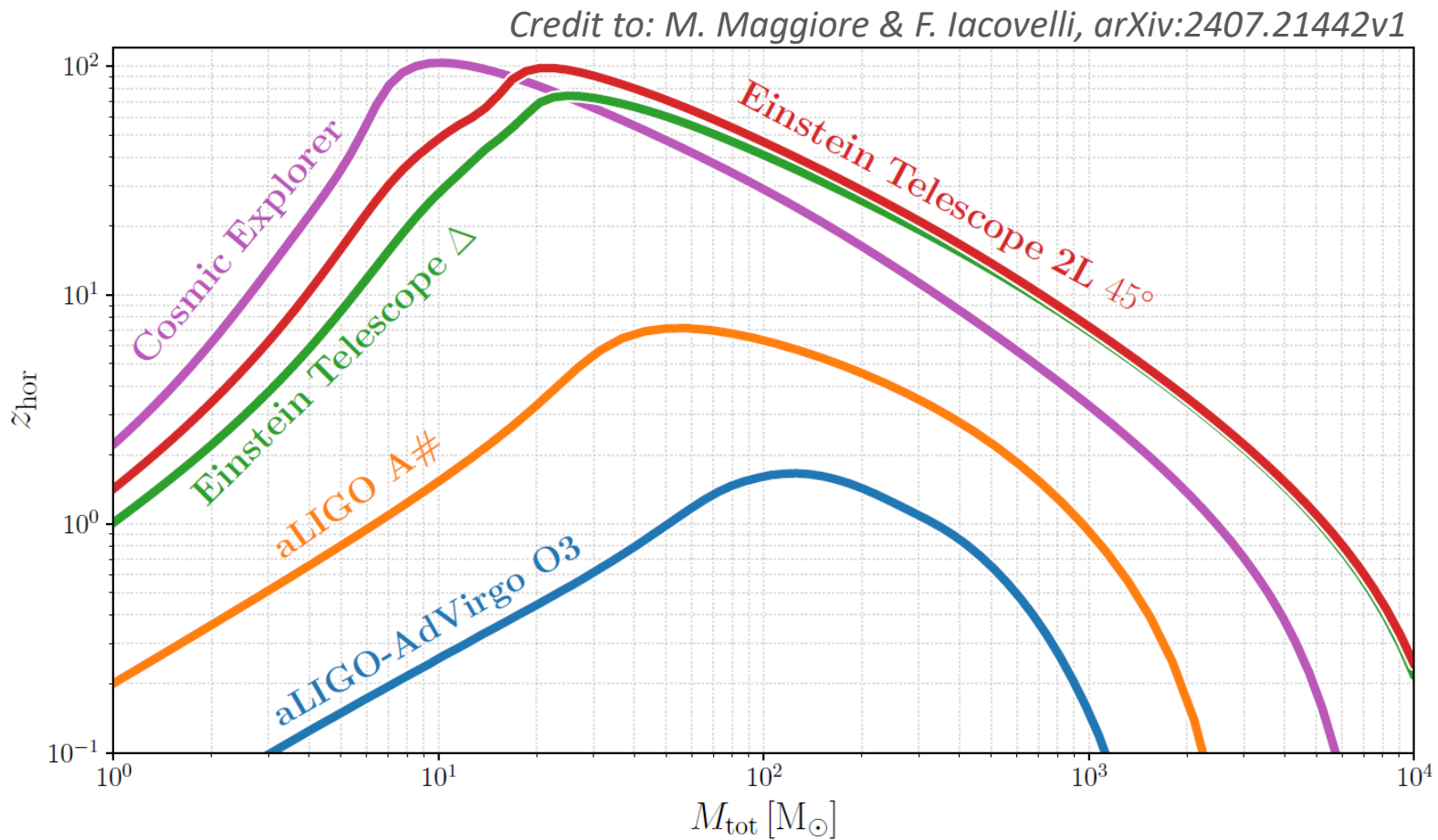
- **Triangle, 10km-long arms** (original baseline of ET) \rightarrow one site.
- **2L, 15km-long arms** at 45° wrt local north \rightarrow two sites.

*In general, **2L** option seems better for several aspects, but the discussions and evaluations considering **all the concerned aspects and mitigation strategies** will continue at higher level (funding agencies, government representatives, etc) to define the definitive baseline and hosting site(s) in the next few years.*

ET design: Δ or 2L

Whatever the chosen configuration, **ET will make a great leap forward** compared to 2G detectors!

Example: Observation horizons for equal-mass spin-less binaries, ET configurations and CE vs 2G.



Summary

- ❑ From 2G to 3G gravitational wave detectors
- ❑ The ET collaboration
- ❑ A 3G GW observatory
- ❑ **The ET site(s)**
- ❑ Conclusions

ET - Candidate Sites

- Two sites officially candidate to host ET:
 - **EMR** EUregio, border region between Nederland, Belgium and Germany
 - **Sardinia** (Sos Enattos - Lula area, Barbagia)
- A third potential site is located in Saxony (Lusatia), *still not official*
- Overall site evaluation is a complex task depending on:
 - Geophysical and environmental quality
 - Financial and organization aspects
 - Services, infrastructures
- Ongoing measurements to evaluate the seismic (\rightarrow NN), magnetic (\rightarrow NN), acoustic (\rightarrow NN) noise

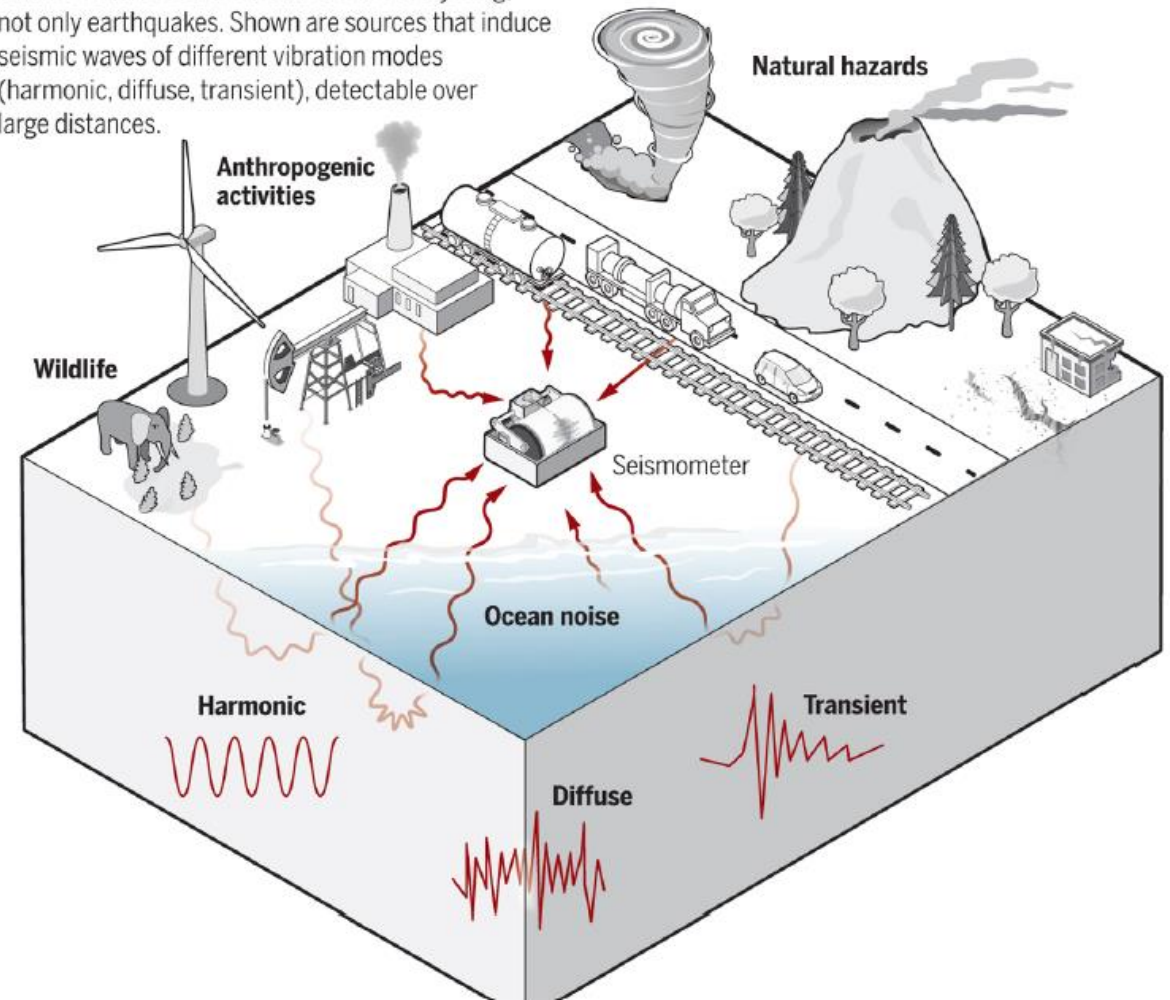


Understanding the noise contributions

- ET will be much more **susceptible to environmental noise** with respect to 2G detectors (LIGO, Virgo).
- For ET the characterization of environmental (in particular, seismic) noise sources at **low frequency** (<20Hz) is paramount.
- Understanding the **sources of seismic noise** provides crucial information to design and adapt the detector **noise mitigation** and its **control systems**.
- Since ET will be an **underground** observatory, we are interested in measuring noise underground (in former mines, boreholes, ~250m is a representative depth).

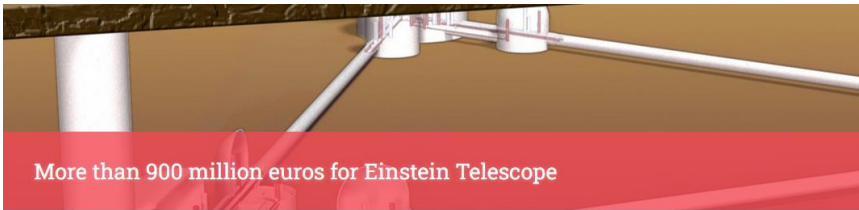
Humans and nature excite seismic waves

Seismometers record vibrations from everything, not only earthquakes. Shown are sources that induce seismic waves of different vibration modes (harmonic, diffuse, transient), detectable over large distances.



ET - Candidate Sites

- Strong support from local/national governments for hosting ET at both sites!
 - ~ 900M€ by Netherlands for the EMR site option.
 - ~ 950M€ by Italy (+300M€ by Sardinia local gov.) for the Sardinia site option.



42 million for the preparations and 870 million for when the installation is actually built in Limburg

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MAASTRICHT The Dutch government is investing in the Einstein Telescope: almost 1 billion. The money, from the National Growth Fund, is partly for the preparations (42 million) and partly a reservation for when the installation is actually built in the Heuvelland (870 million). That is still uncertain; the decision will be made in 2025 whether the gigantic project will be awarded to South Limburg or Sardinia.

28 DECEMBER 2023

THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT STRENGTHENS THE EINSTEIN TELESCOPE CANDIDACY



The Italian Government is ready to support the financial commitment required to host the Einstein Telescope (ET), the large research infrastructure dedicated to the study of gravitational waves that Italy has proposed to build in Sardinia, in the area of Sos Enattos, in Lula.

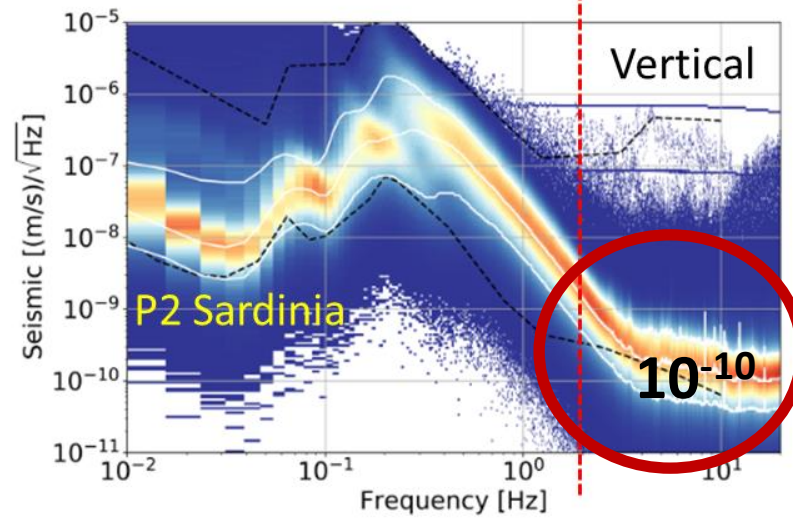
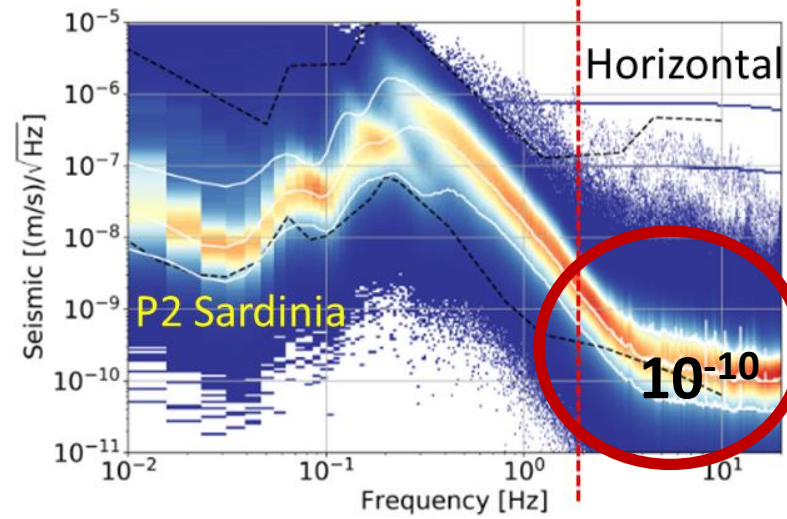
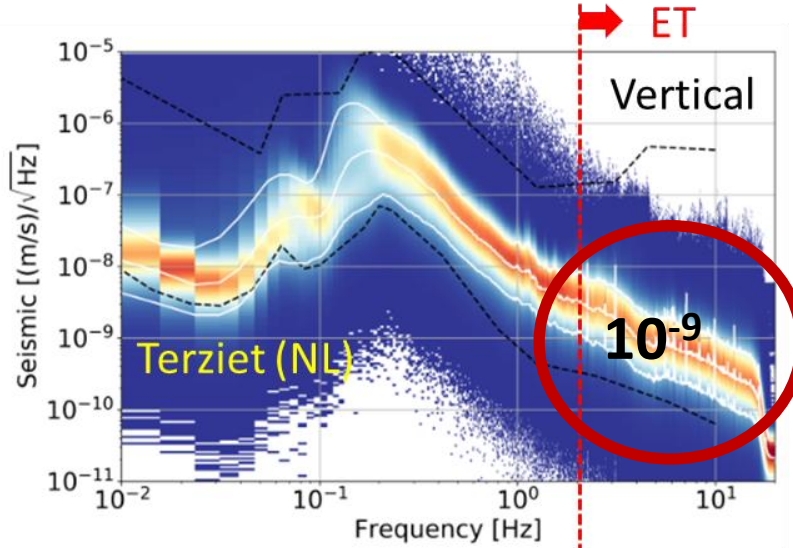
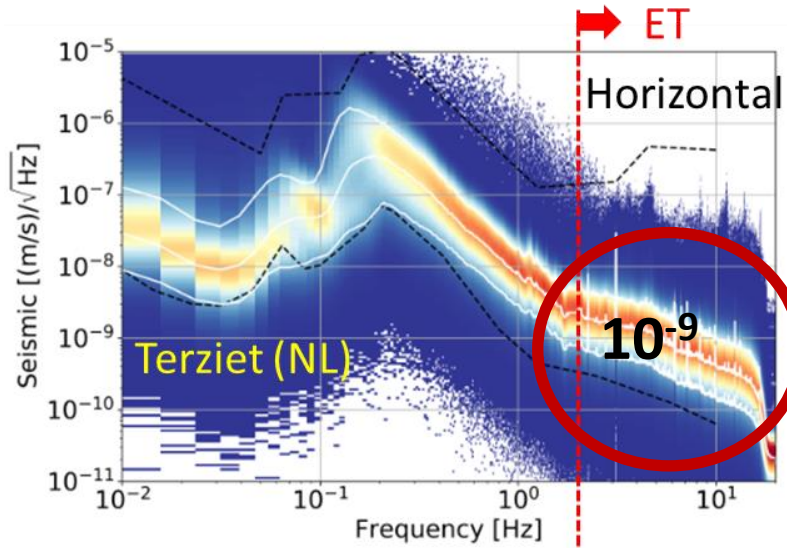
The government has expressed its commitment, both institutional and financial,

to strengthen our country's candidacy for ET in a letter addressed to Antonio Zoccoli, the President of the

- Currently, contracts started at the two sites with the aim of providing geotechnical and geophysical evaluation of the ET infrastructure (preparatory for the engineering design of the infrastructure at the sites).
 - ~ 2M€ contract in Netherlands (EMR site).
 - ~ 12M€ contract in Italy (Sardinia site).

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Borehole seismic data (1yr)



EMR Terziet (NL) borehole



Sardinia P2 borehole



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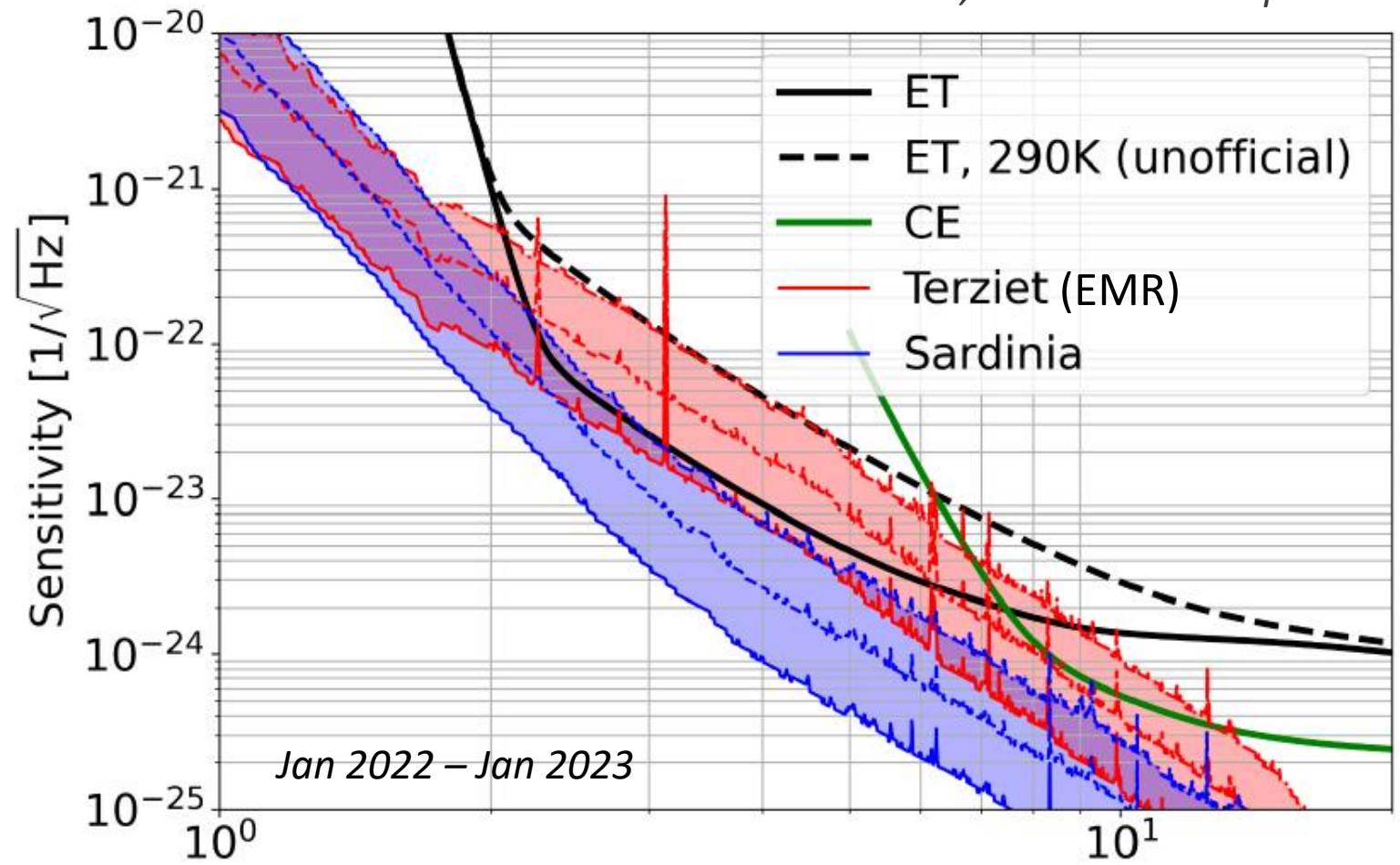
Seismic Newtonian Noise projections for LF sensitivity

J.Harms, ET-SPB workshop 2023

Defining the Newtonian Noise ASD as:

$$\tilde{h}_{NN}(f) = \frac{4\pi}{3} G \rho_0 \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{L} \frac{1}{(2\pi f)^2} \tilde{x}(f)$$

↑
seismic noise displacement ASD



Conclusions

- **ET will be a 3G GW Observatory**, and it will be able to extend the detection horizon to the whole observable universe: routine (Multimessenger) astronomy, cosmology, fundamental physics in extreme conditions.
- **ET will be the larger and more complex underground research infrastructure!**
- **ET will require and push great technological improvements** in many fields.
- **ET is in the European ESFRI roadmap.**
- **Two baselines** under study: **10km-long triangle** and **15km-long (double) L**, new science case released by the COBA committee considering different configurations.
- **ET intl. Collaboration:** 250 institutions, 30 countries, 1717+ members, still growing!
- **Two sites officially candidate** to host the infrastructure(s): **EMR (NL, BE, GE)** and **Sardinia (Italy)**, **large financial support for both** sites by host countries.
- **Extensive site characterization studies ongoing** at the 2 (+1) candidate sites.



**Thank you for
your attention!**

Any question?