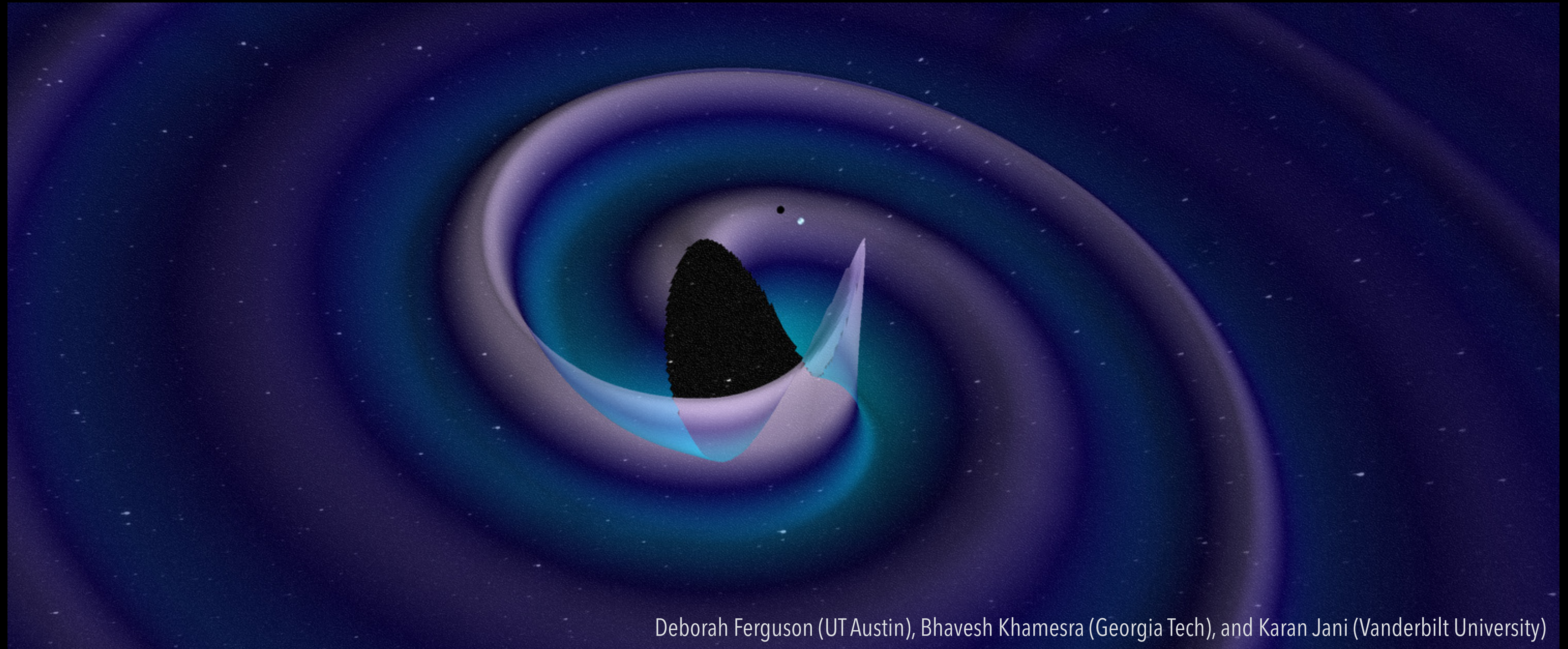


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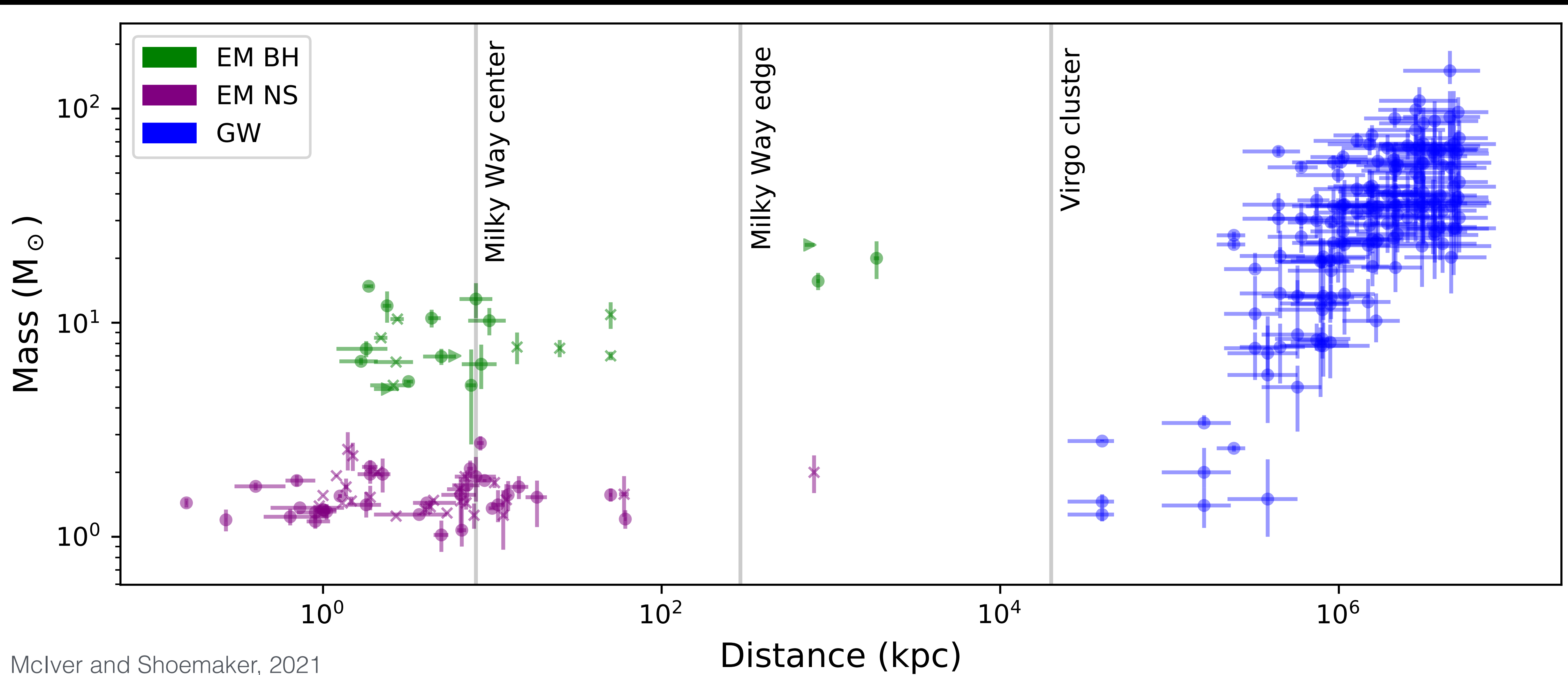
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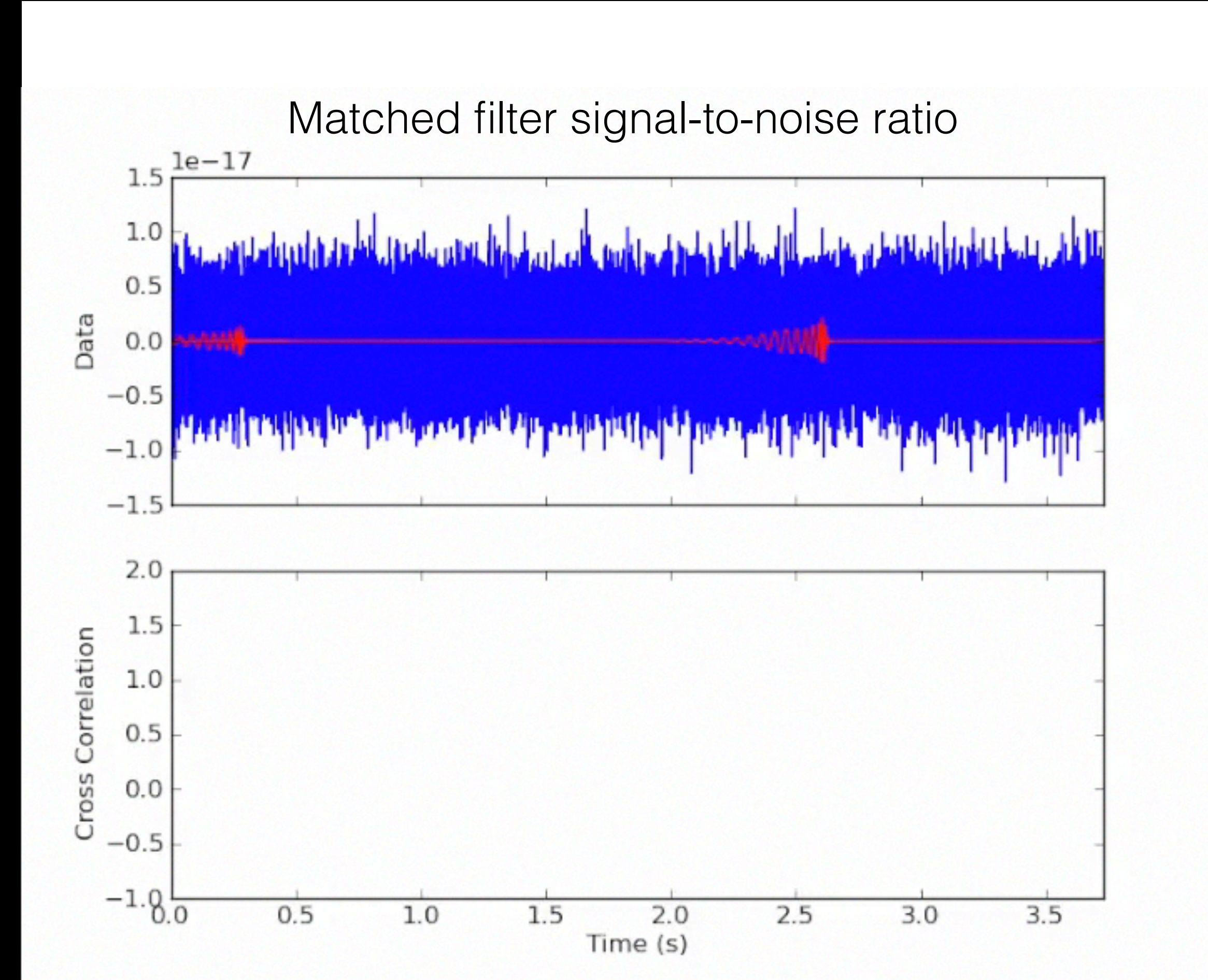
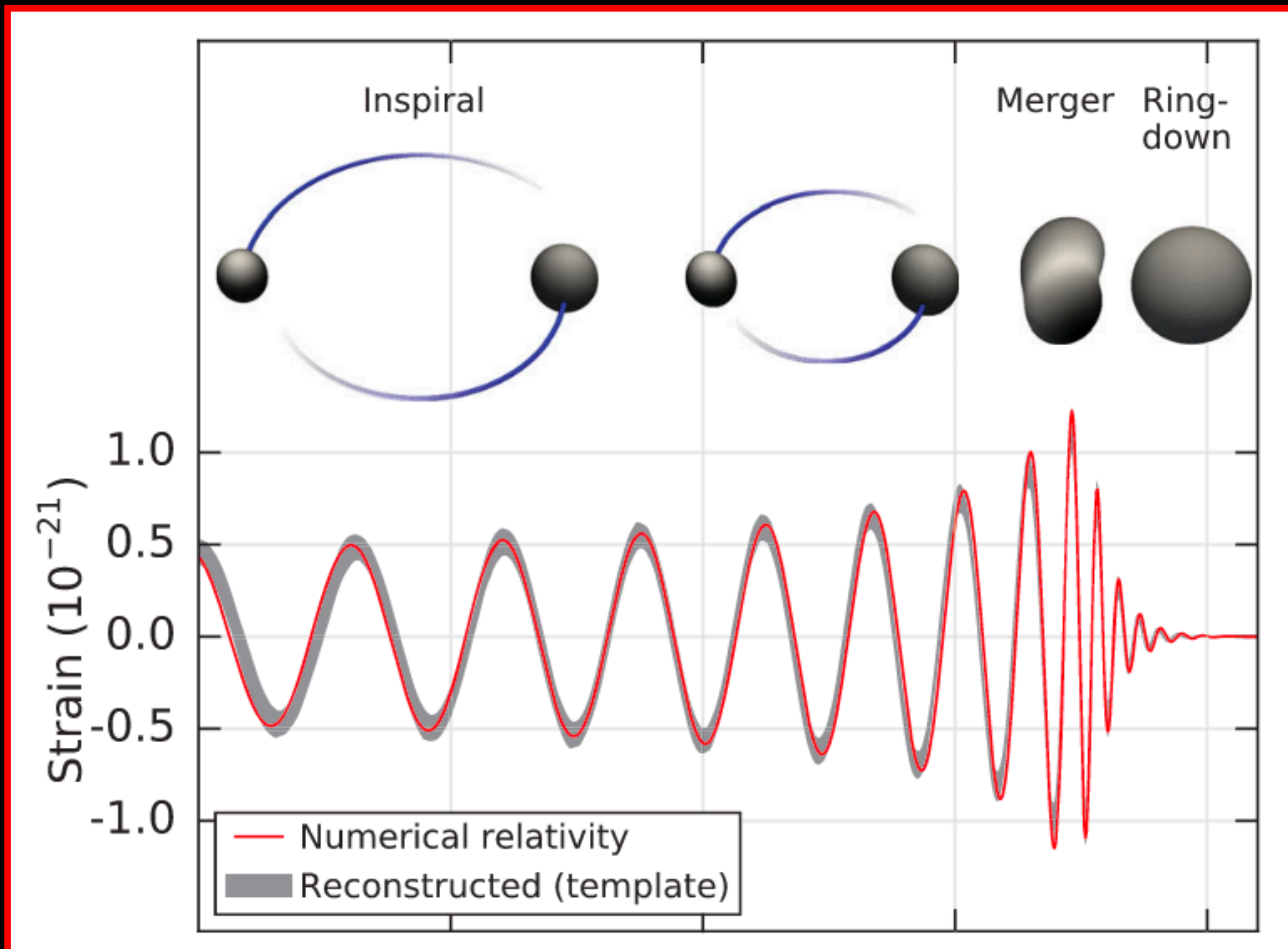
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LIGO DCC G2301044



# Known compact object masses vs. estimated distance



# Searching for signals with matched filtering

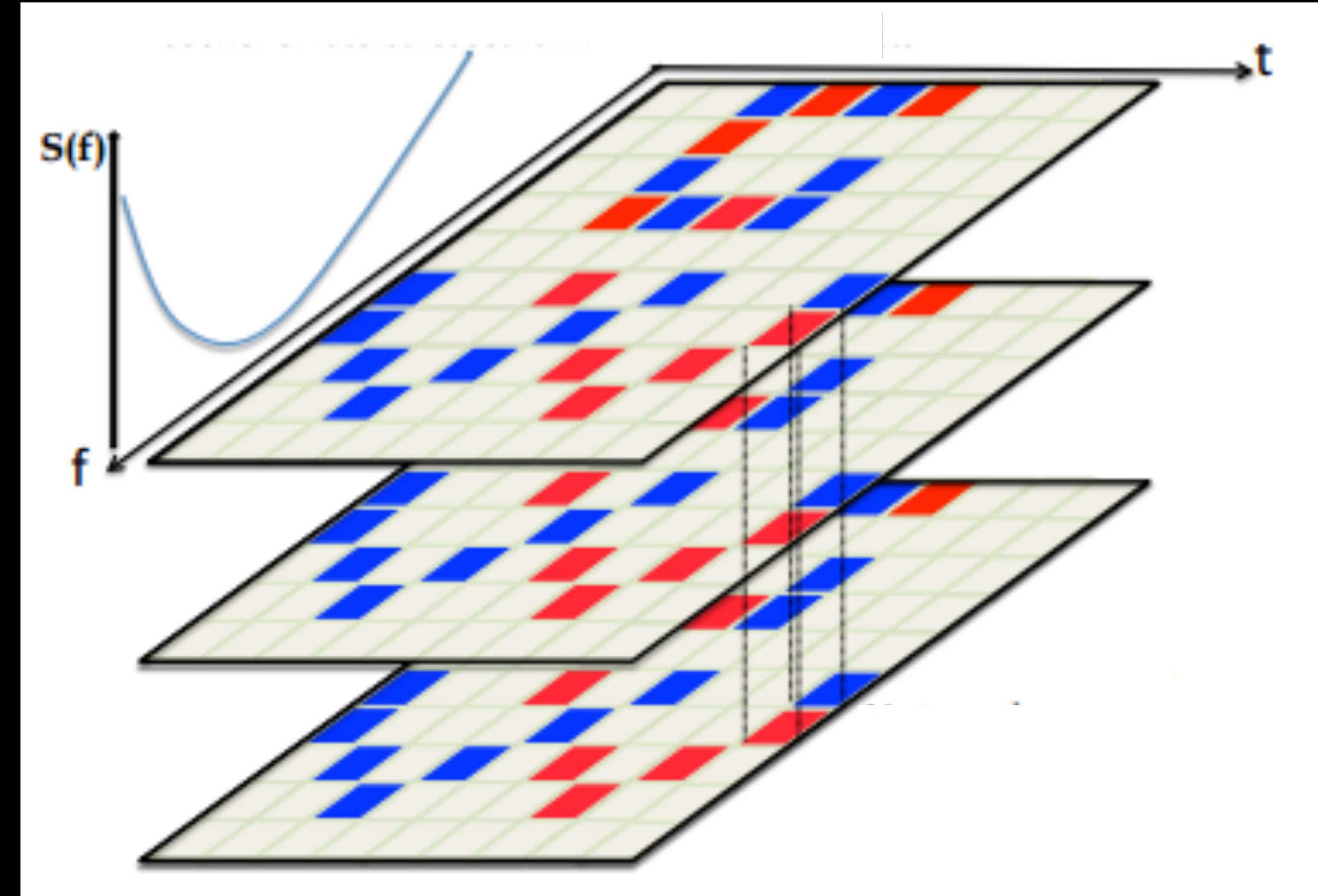
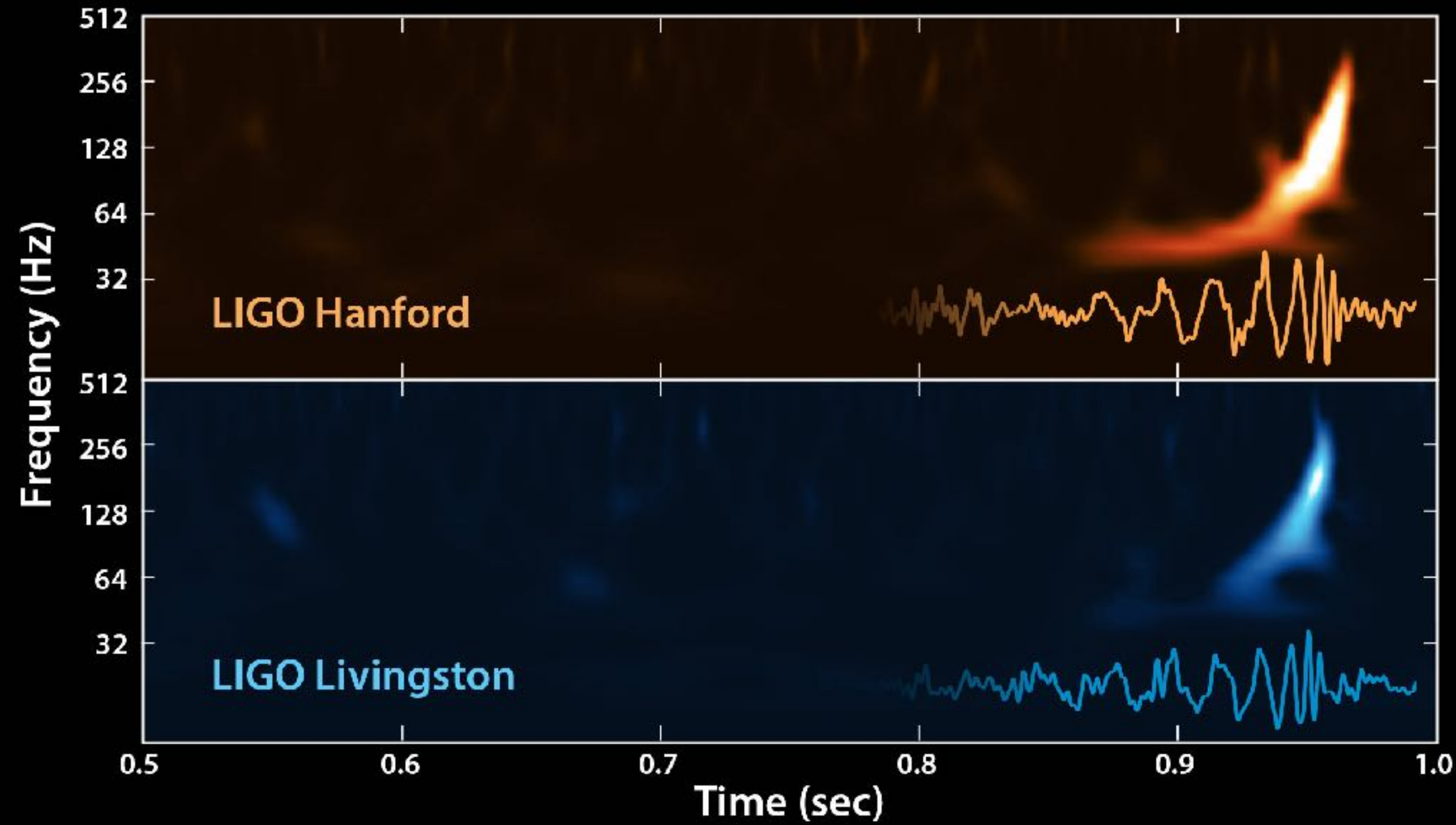


B. P. Abbott et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. (2016)

S. Caudill

# Unmodeled transient GW searches

Example: coherent WaveBurst (cWB)



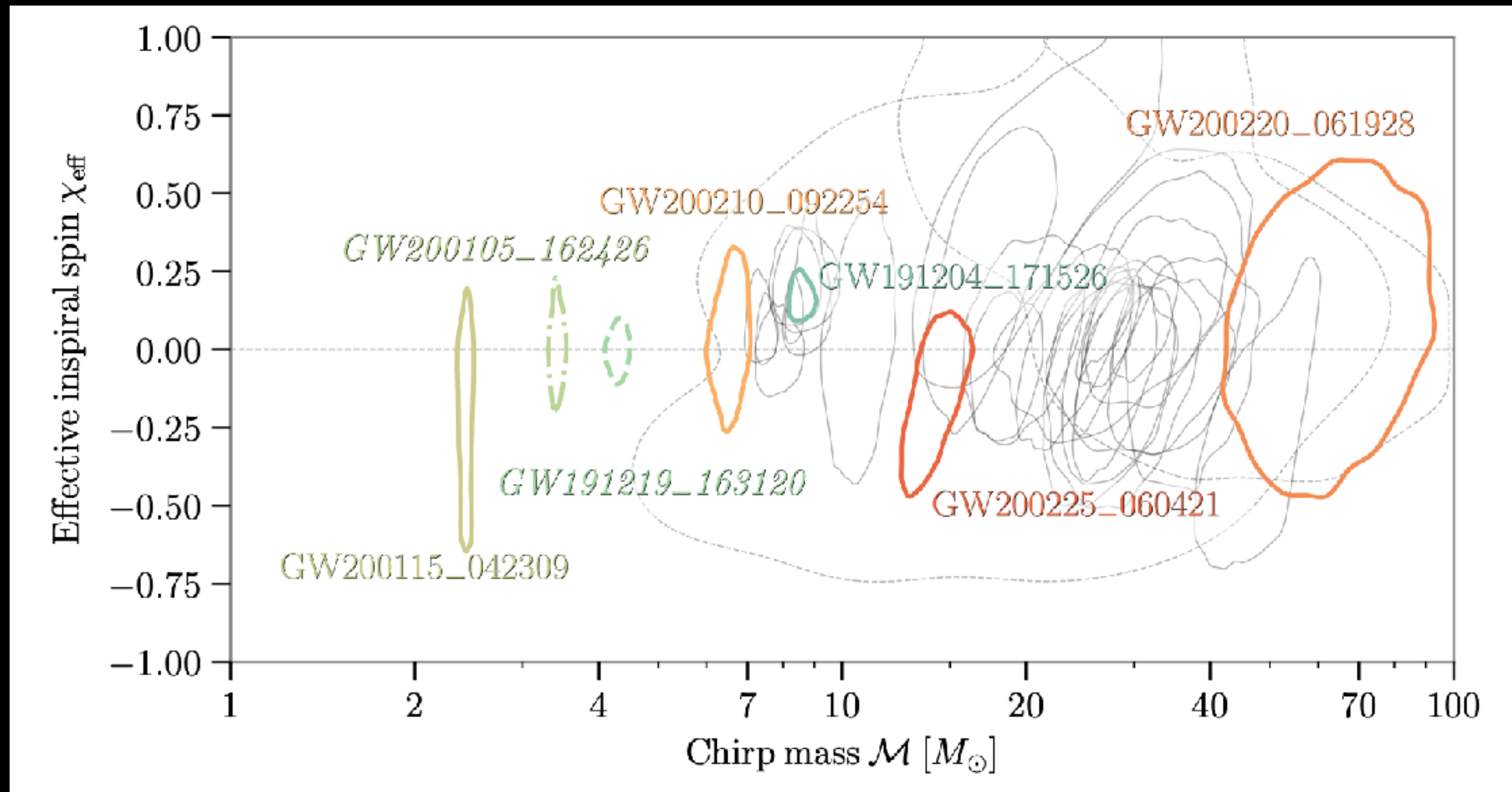
# Inference of source properties

$$d = h + n.$$

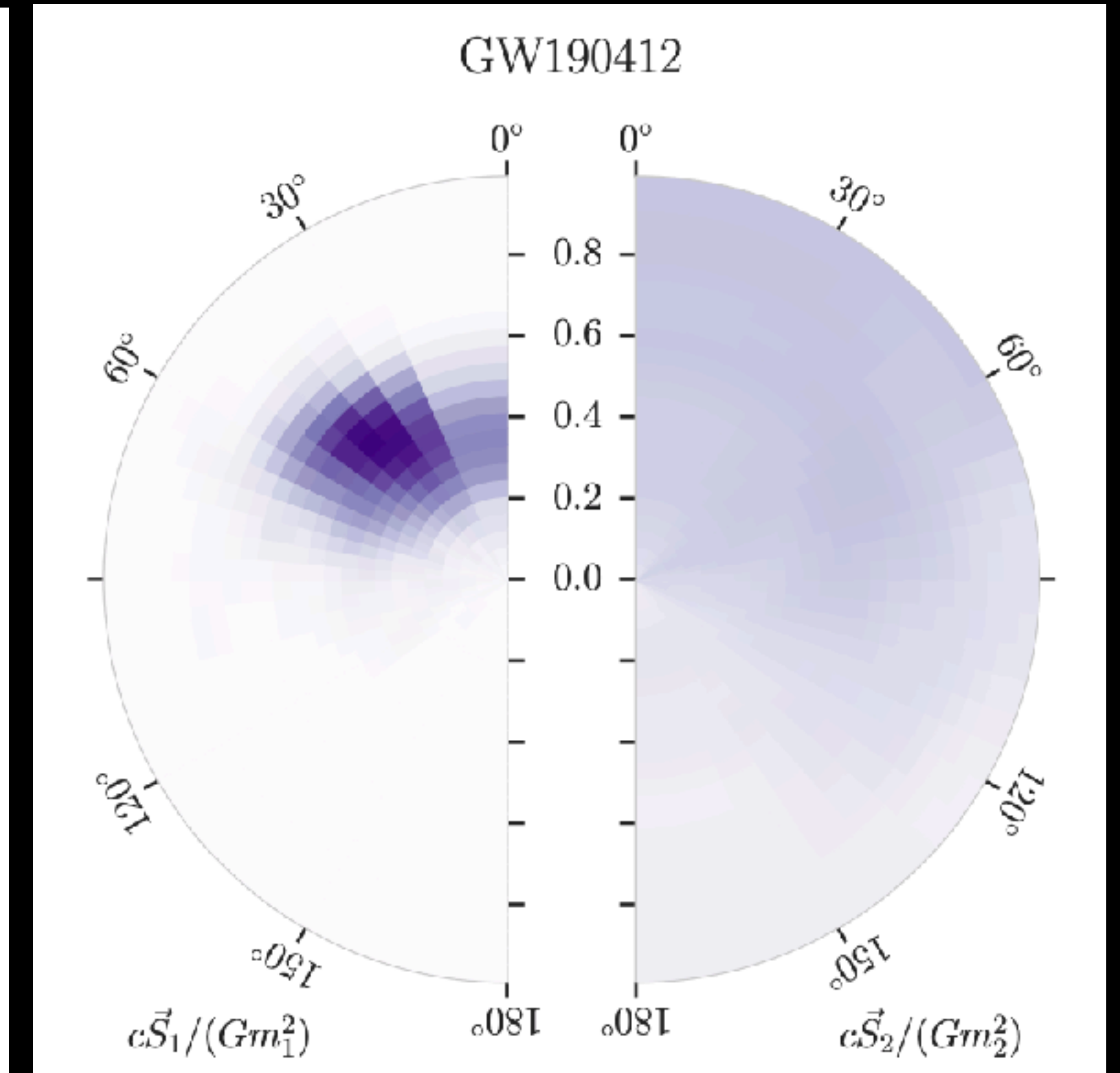
← Data model  $d$  = signal (through lens of detector network)  $h$  + detector noise  $n$

$$p(d|H_N, S_n(f)) = \exp \sum_i \left[ -\frac{2|\tilde{d}_i|^2}{TS_n(f_i)} - \frac{1}{2} \log(\pi TS_n(f_i)/2) \right]$$

← Likelihood: we expect the residual of  $d-h$  to be consistent with Gaussian noise



LIGO/Virgo GWTC-3 (2021)



LIGO/Virgo GWTC-2 (2020)

# Generic vs CBC inference models

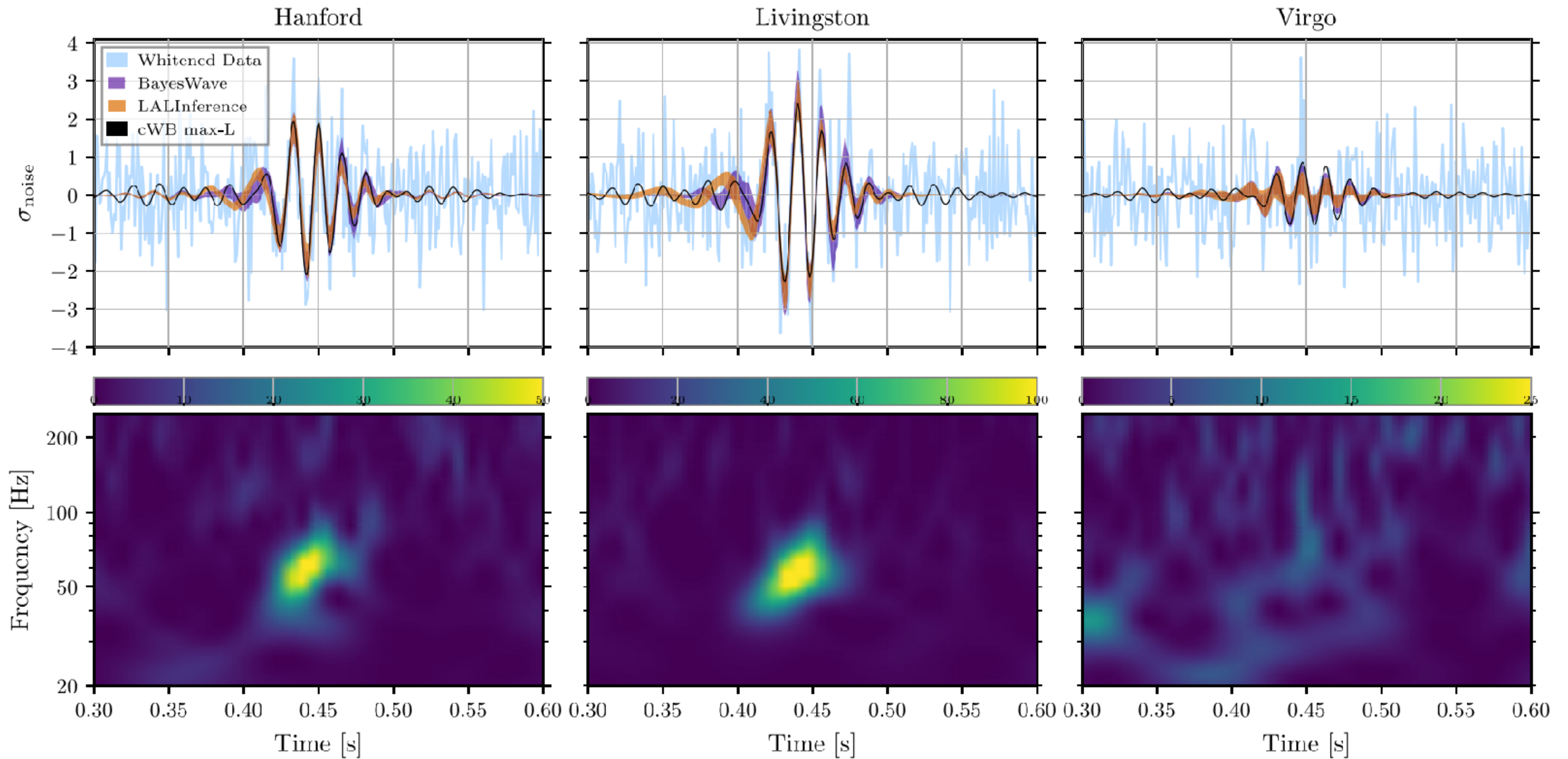


Fig 1 from GW190521 discovery paper; LIGO-Virgo PRL 125, 101102 (2020).  
*LALInference reconstruction used NRSur7dq4 waveform (Varma+ 2019)*

# Most recent LVK result: tests of GR with GWTC-3

15 of 35 new LVK candidates considered for tests of GR:

See also a summary of this paper by Abhirup Ghosh for the LVK: arXiv 2204.00662

**RT** = residuals test

**IMR** = inspiral–merger–ringdown consistency test

**PAR** = parametrized tests of GW generation

**SIM** = spin-induced moments

**MDR** = modified GW dispersion relation

**POL** = polarization content

**RD** = ringdown

**ECH** = echoes searches

Test	Parameter	Improvement w.r.t. GWTC-2
RT	$p$ -value	Not applicable
IMR	$\left\{ \frac{\Delta M_f}{\bar{M}_f}, \frac{\Delta \chi_f}{\bar{\chi}_f} \right\}$	1.1–1.8
PAR	$\delta \hat{\phi}_k$	1.2–3.1
SIM	$\delta \kappa_s$	1.1–1.2
MDR	$ A_\alpha $	0.8–2.1
POL	$\log_{10} \mathcal{B}_T^X$	New Test
RD	$\delta \hat{f}_{221}$	1.1
	$\{\delta \hat{\tau}_{220}, \delta \hat{f}_{220}\}$	1.7–5.5
ECH	$\log_{10} \mathcal{B}_{S/N}$	New Test

LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA 2021 arXiv 2112.06861

*Other LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA analyses also account for alternate theories of gravity!*

Example: in Nov the LVK published a search for GWs from known pulsars, including non-GR polarization following the Brans-Dicke theory. LVK 2022, arXiv 2111.13106

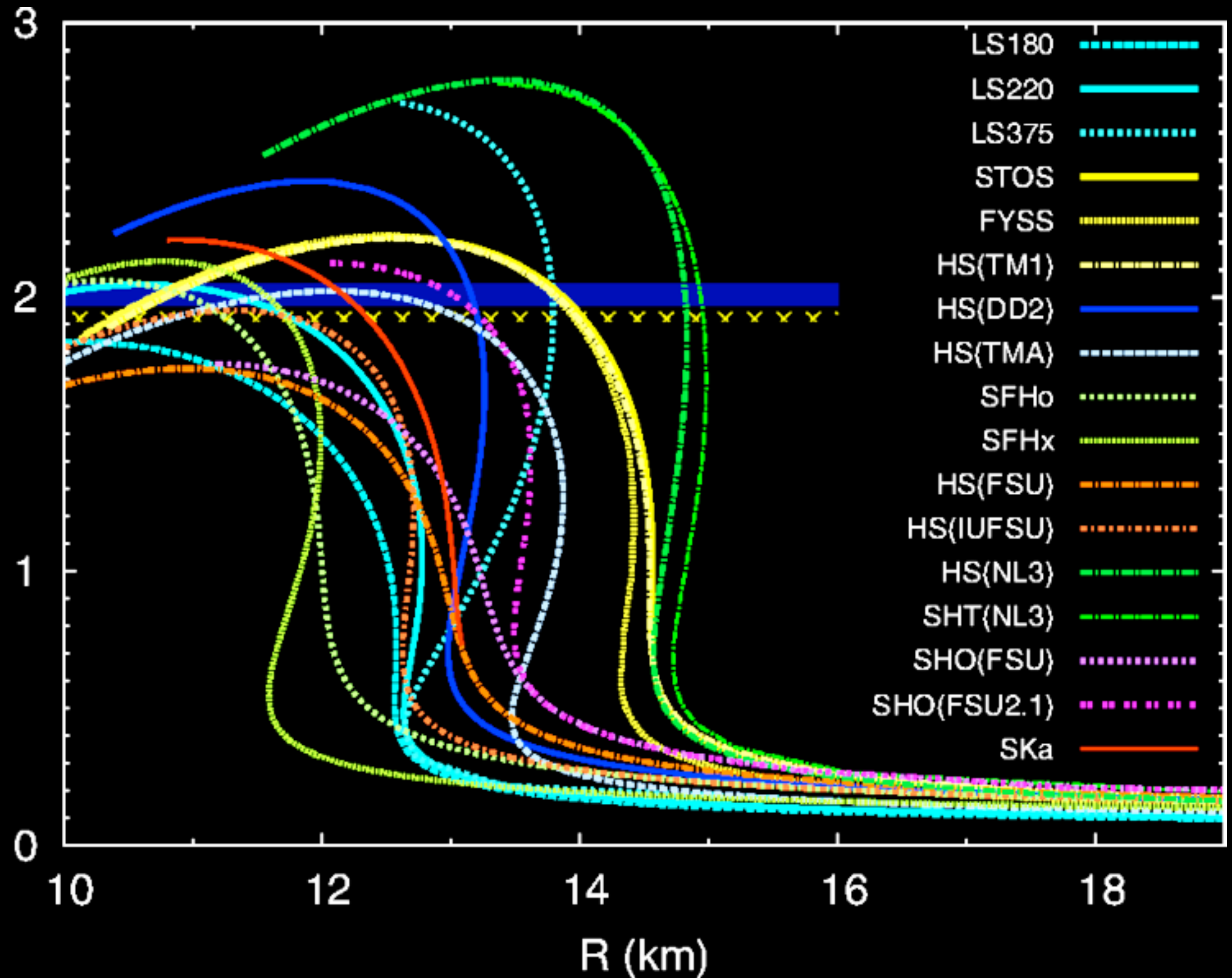
# Observing extreme matter with GWs: NSs

Models for the neutron star equation of state (with nucleons only)

Observed neutron-star max mass



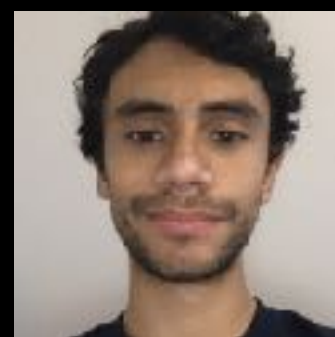
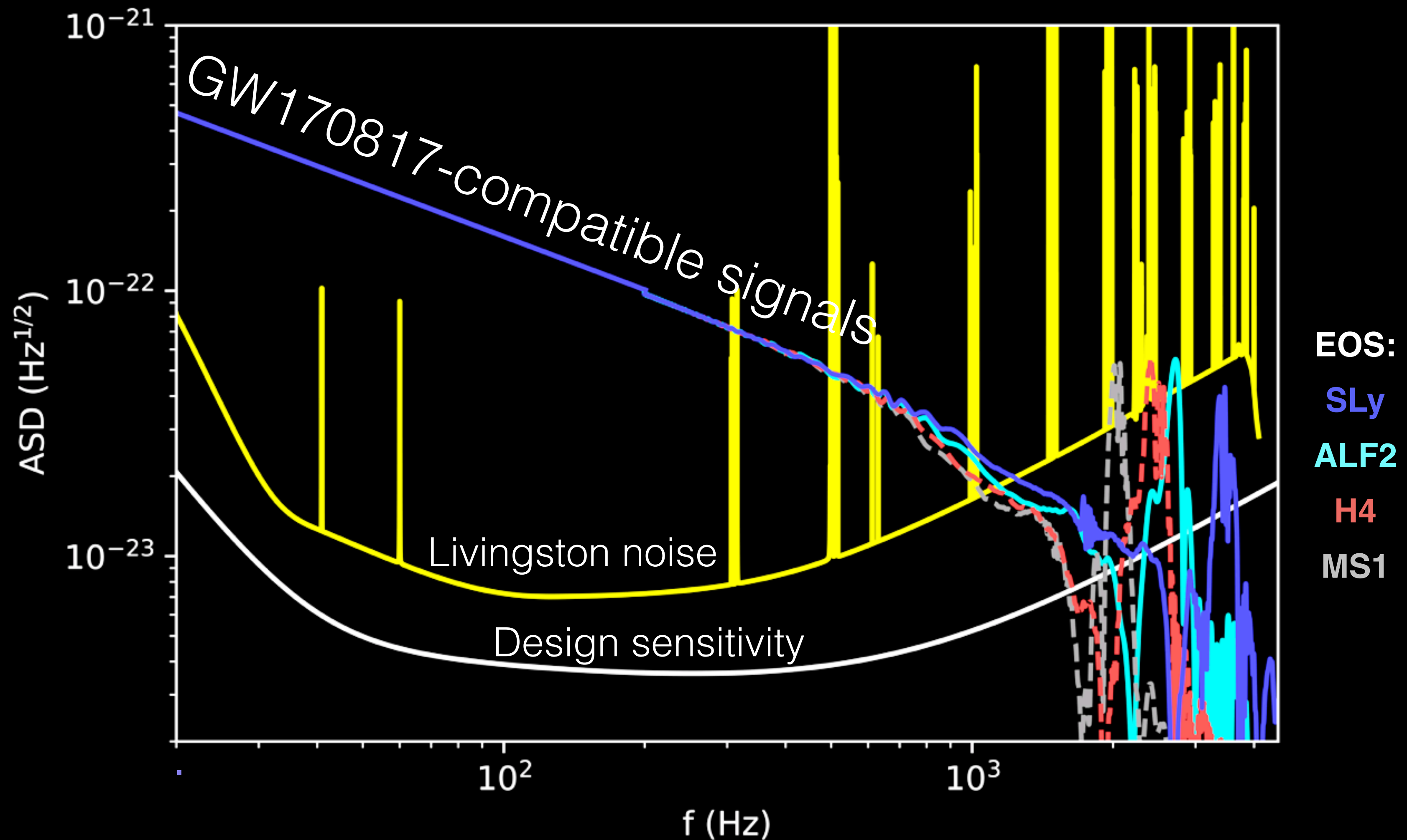
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# Observing GW170817

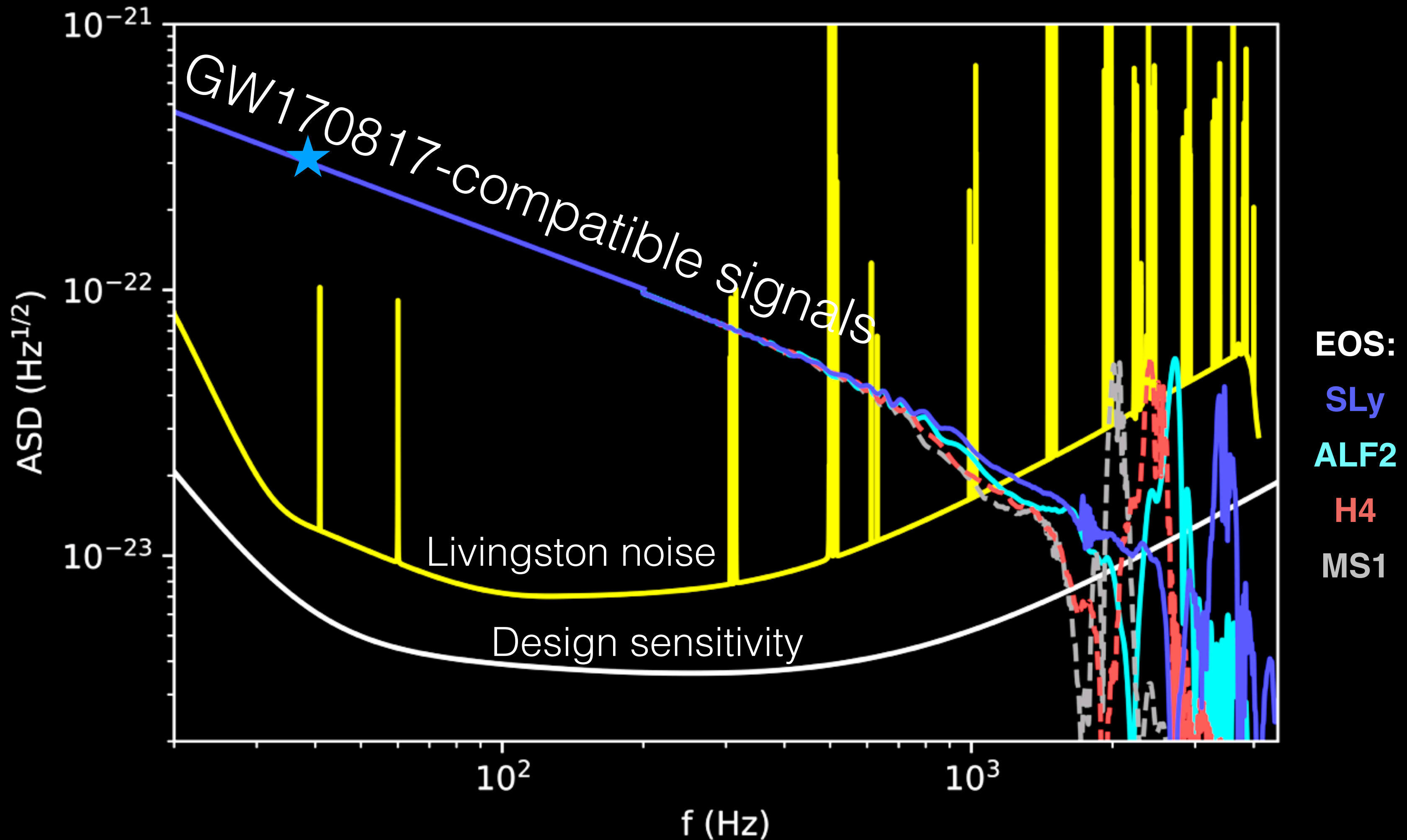
Slide by Jocelyn Read



E. Leon/LIGO/Virgo. Noise curves from [LIGO-P1800061-v11](#). Effective distance from GraceDB. Numerical simulation data (above  $\sim 500$  Hz) courtesy Tim Dietrich (AEI/FSU/BAM Collaboration). Simulations published in *Phys. Rev. D*95(12):124006 and *Phys. Rev. D*95(2):024029

# Observing GW170817

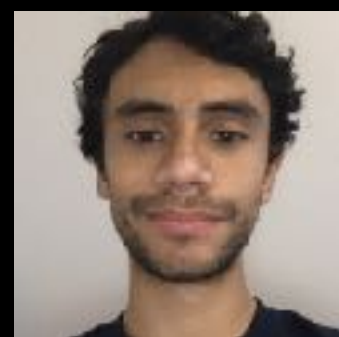
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orbital distance 320 km  
GW frequency 34 Hz  
*video slowed 80x*



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ALF2  
H4  
MS1

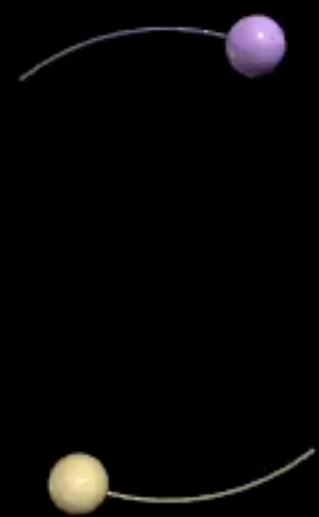


Movie by GWPAC  
Intern Megan Loh

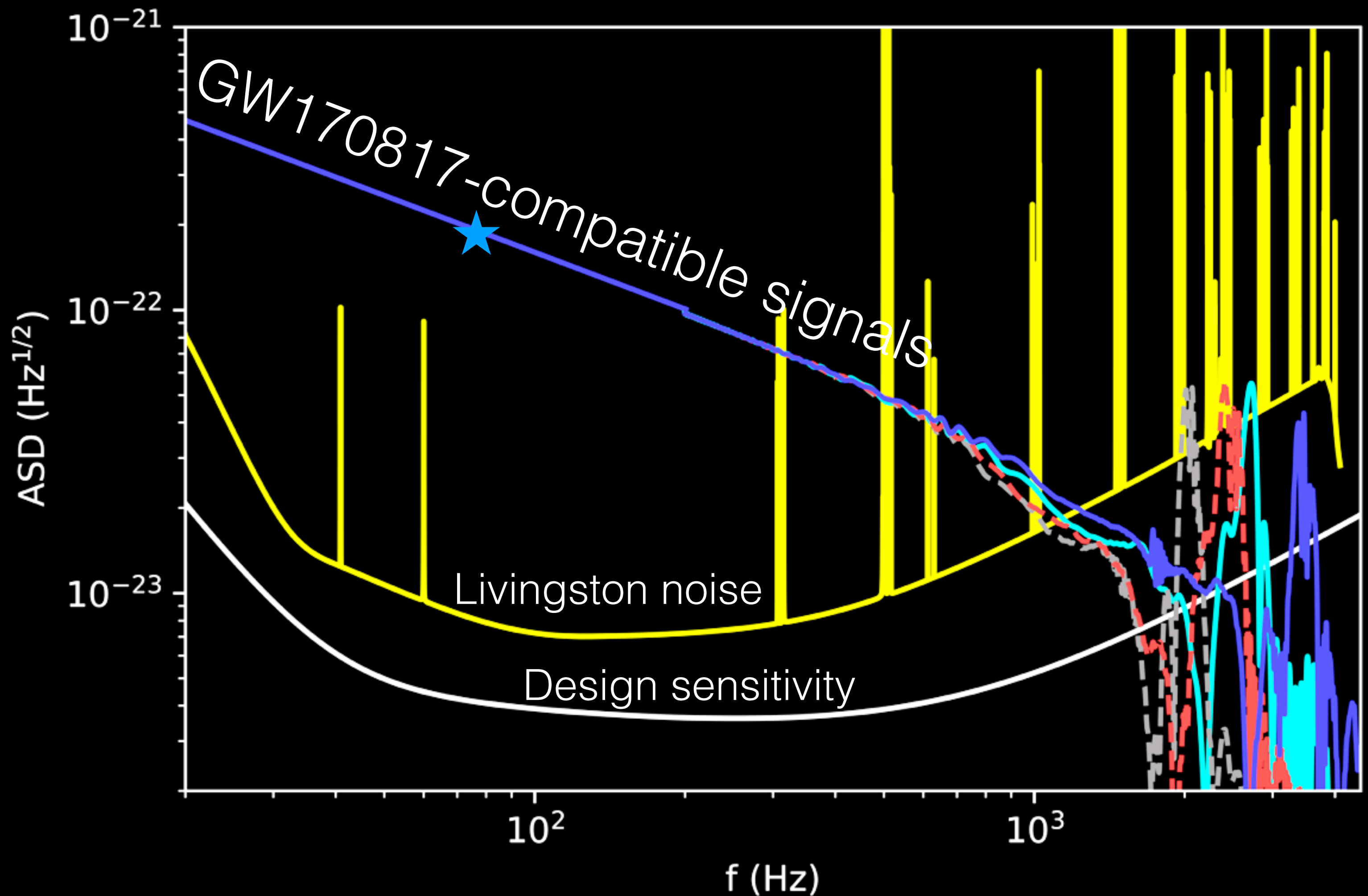


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# Observing GW170817



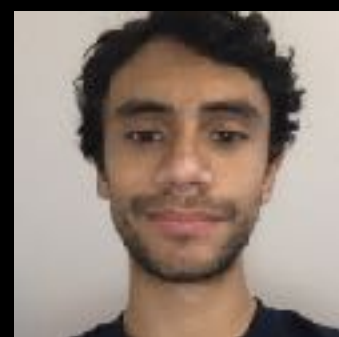
5 seconds before merger  
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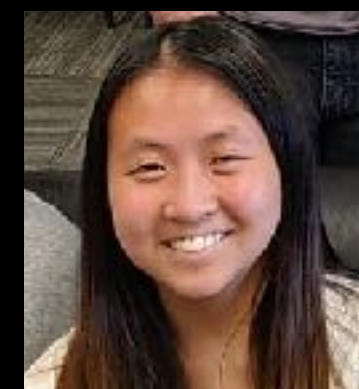
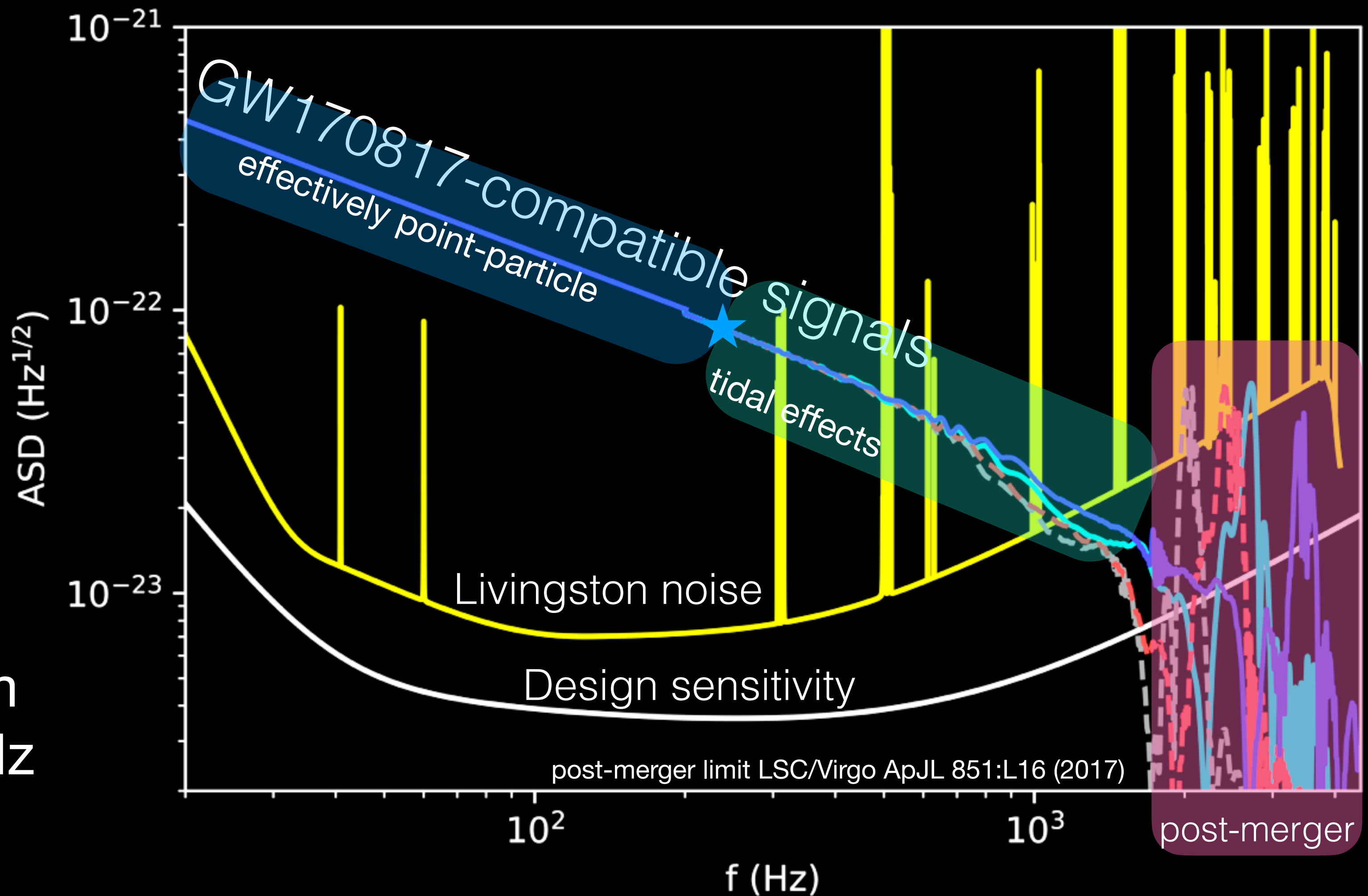


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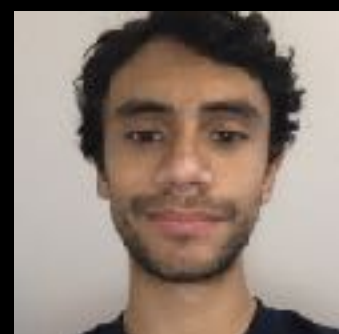
# Observing GW170817



Final 0.25 seconds  
 orbital distance 89 – 24 km  
 GW frequency 210 to >1kHz  
 video slowed 80x



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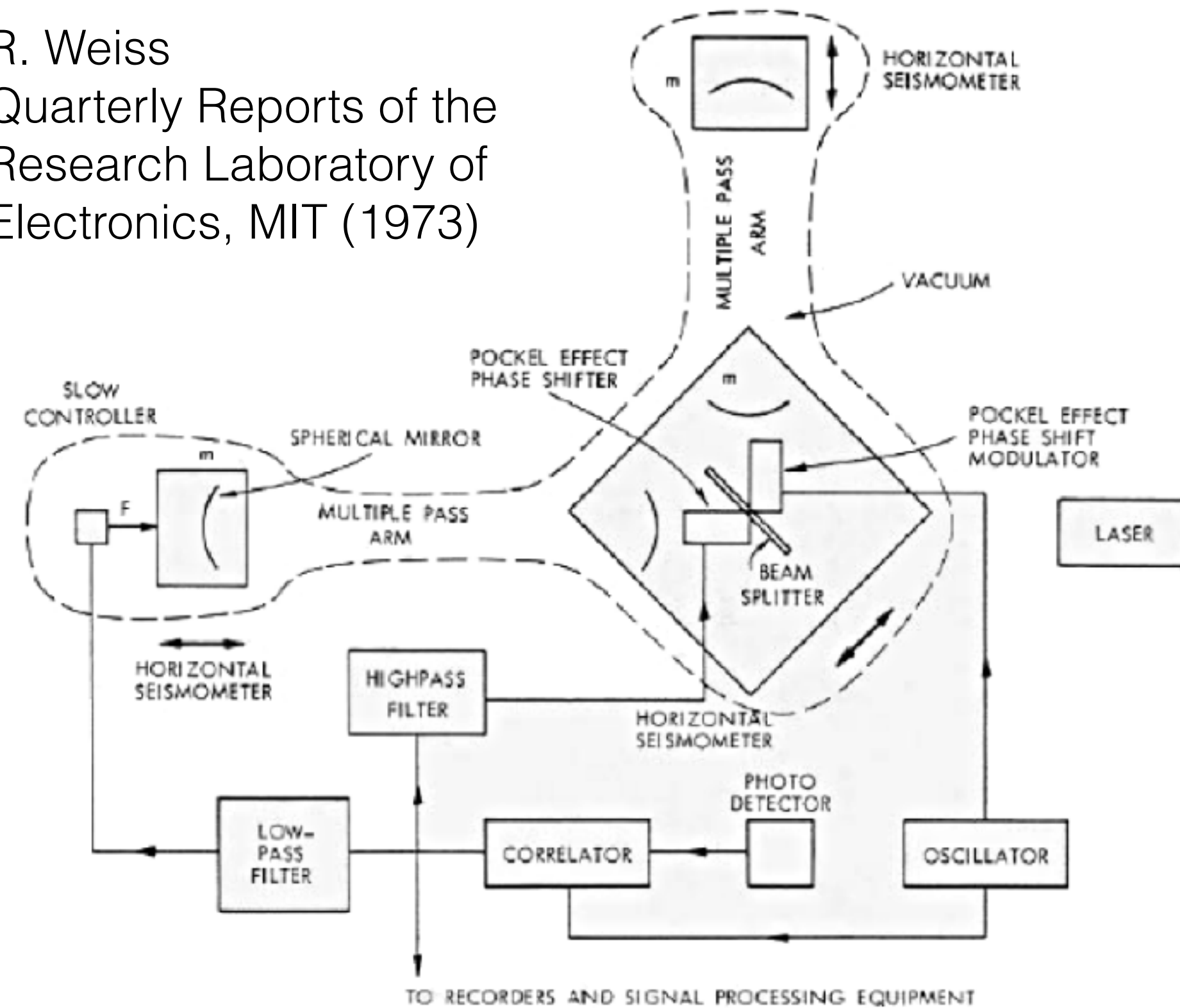


# A brief history of LIGO



**1973: Concept design**

R. Weiss  
Quarterly Reports of the  
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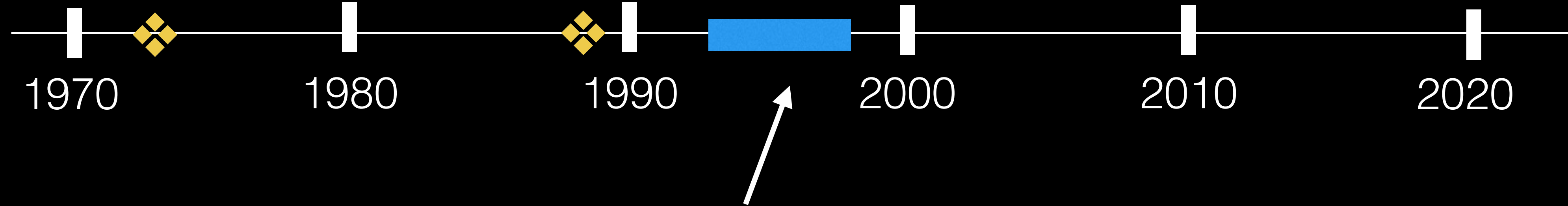


# A brief history of LIGO



**1989:** NSF proposal for LIGO construction

# A brief history of LIGO



**1994-1997:** Initial LIGO construction





# A brief history of LIGO



## 2002-2007: Initial LIGO operation

Upper limits

First upper limits from LIGO on gravitational wave bursts

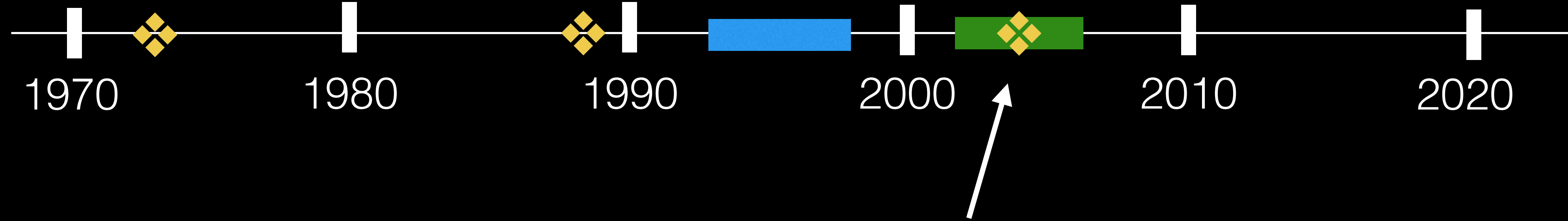
B. Abbott *et al.* (LIGO Scientific Collaboration)  
Phys. Rev. D **69**, 102001 – Published 7 May 2004

Search for gravitational waves from primordial black hole binary coalescences in the galactic halo

B. Abbott *et al.* (LIGO Scientific Collaboration)  
Phys. Rev. D **72**, 082002 – Published 25 October 2005

S1-S5:  
0 detections

# A brief history of LIGO



**2004:** NSB approves the Advanced LIGO project

# A brief history of LIGO



## 2008-2010: Enhanced LIGO operation

Better  
upper  
limits!

Search for gravitational waves from binary black hole inspiral, merger, and ringdown in LIGO-Virgo data from 2009–2010

J. Aasi *et al.* (LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration)  
Phys. Rev. D **87**, 022002 – Published 23 January 2013

Search for gravitational wave ringdowns from perturbed intermediate mass black holes in LIGO-Virgo data from 2005–2010

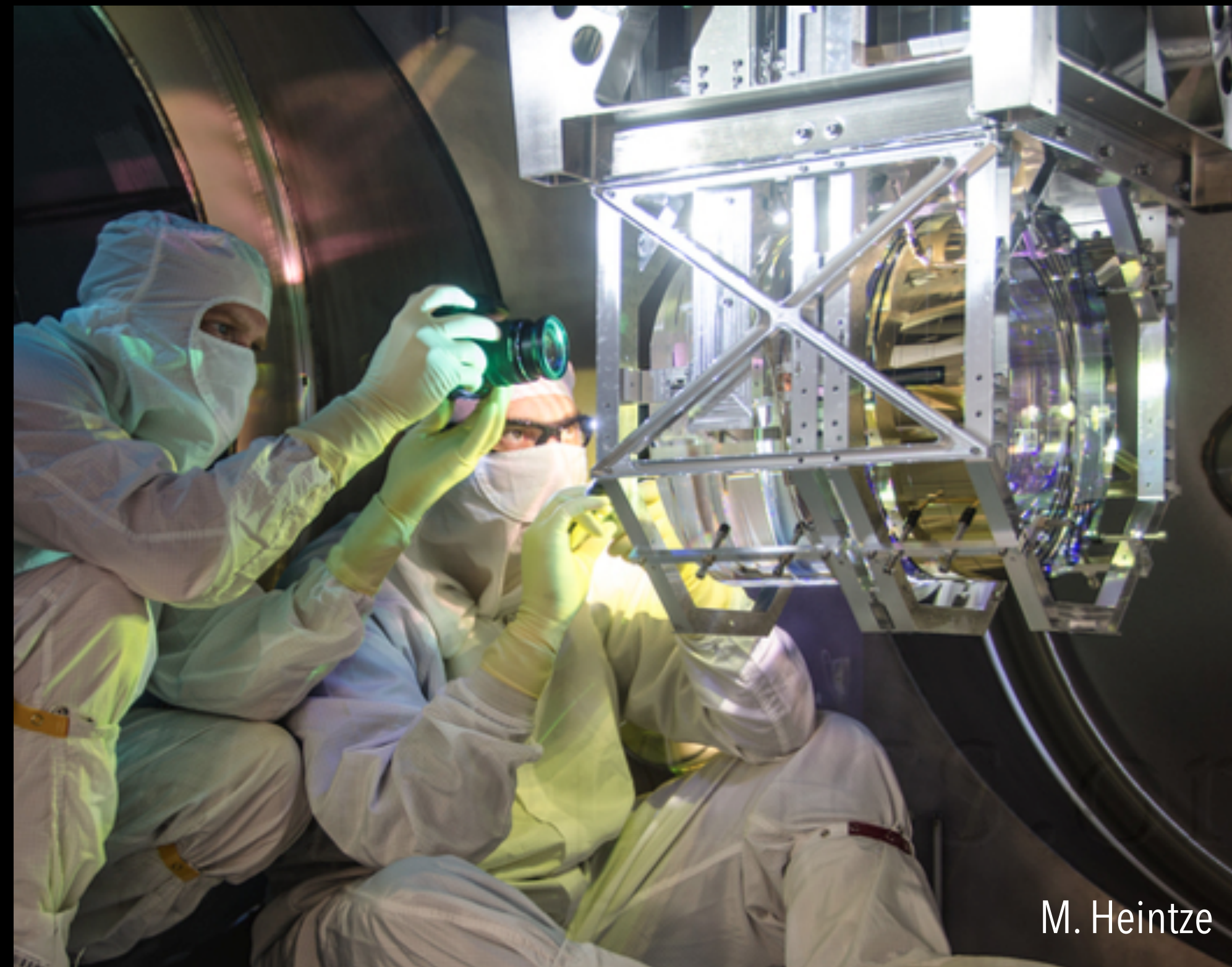
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Phys. Rev. D **89**, 102006 – Published 27 May 2014

S6:  
0 detections

# A brief history of LIGO



**2010-2015:** Advanced LIGO installation



M. Heintze

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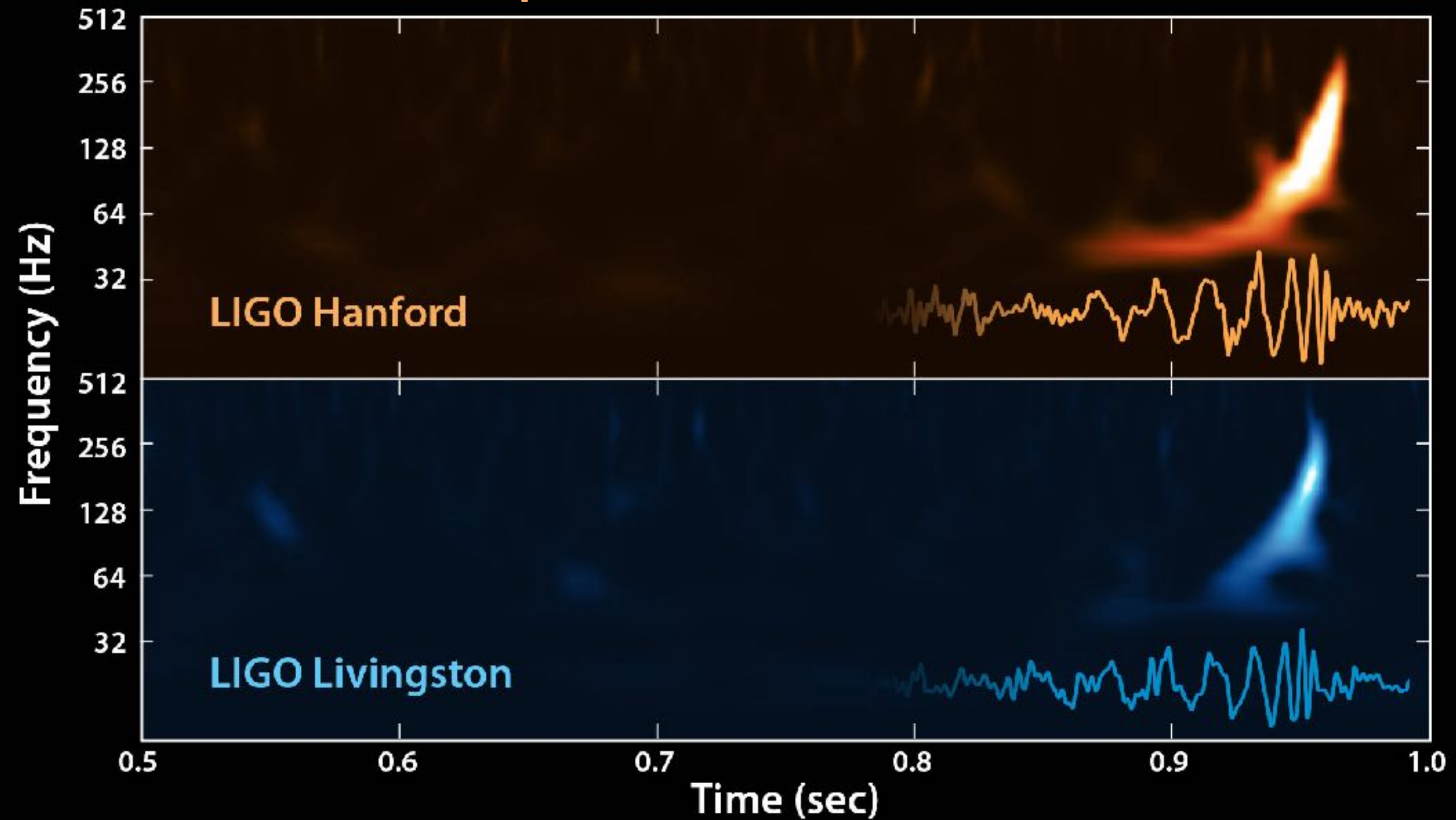


**Sept 12 2015 - Jan 19 2016:**  
Advanced LIGO's first observing run  
(O1)

# A brief history of LIGO



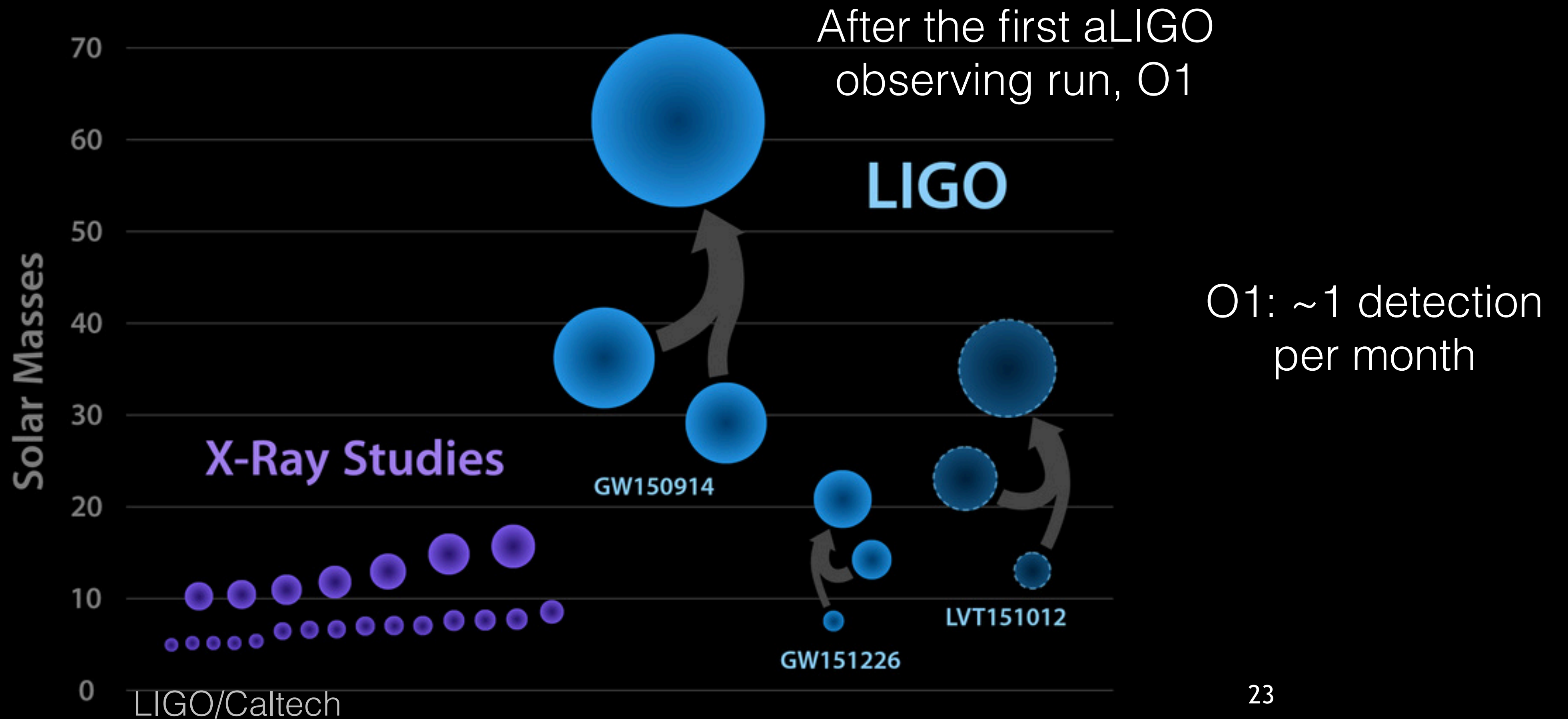
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# A brief history of LIGO



## Black Holes of Known Mass



# A brief history of LIGO



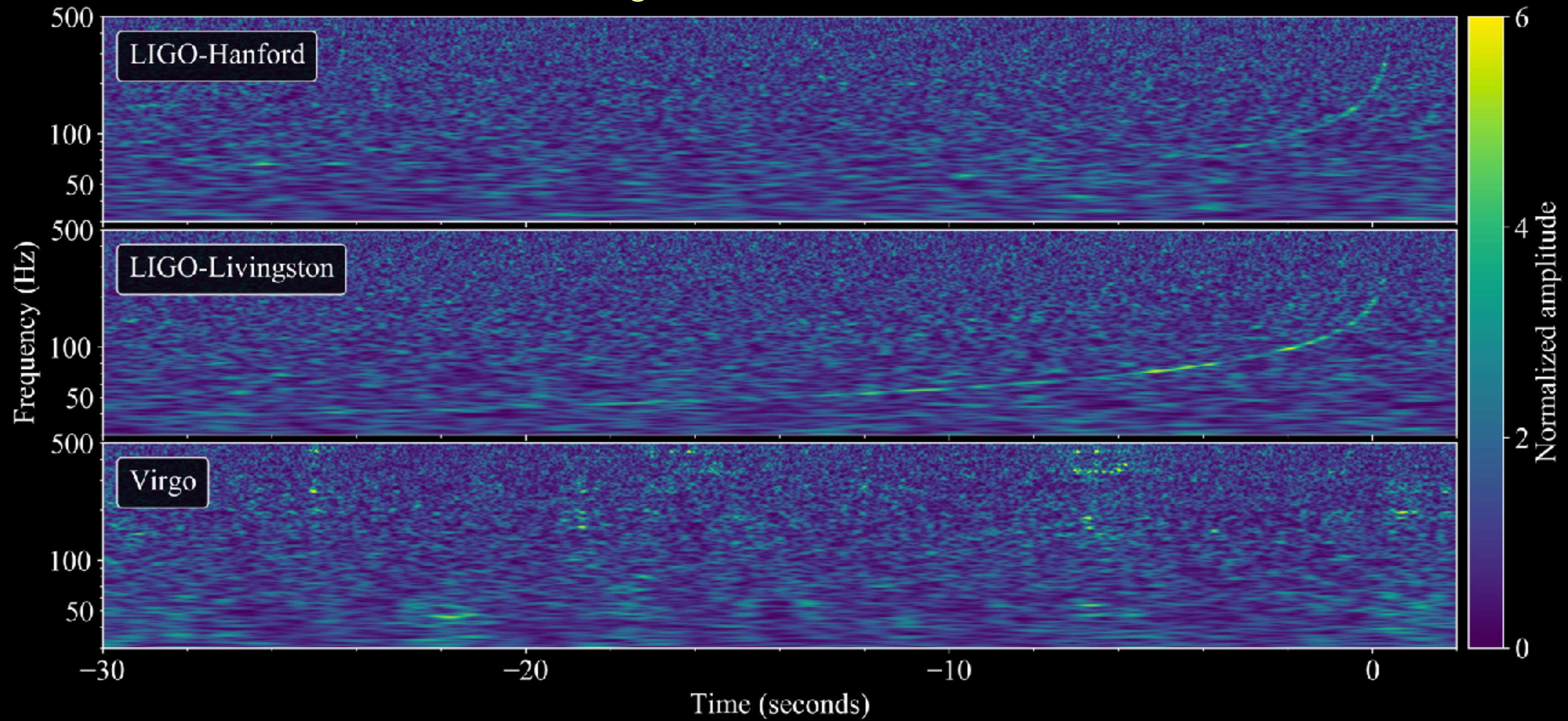
**Nov 30 2016 - Aug 26 2017:**  
Advanced LIGO's second observing run (O2)



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August 17, 2017

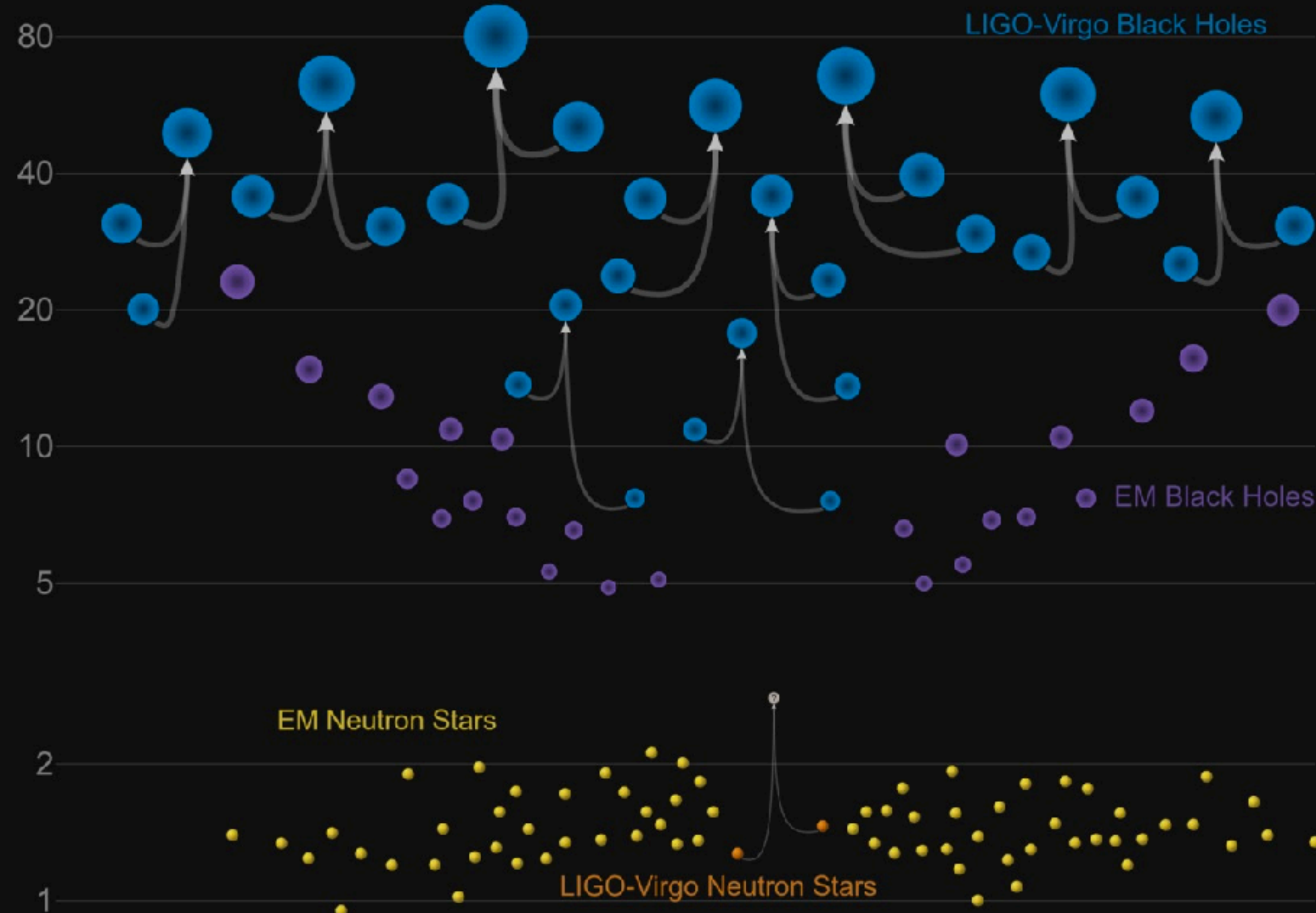


# A brief history of LIGO: results from O2



## Masses in the Stellar Graveyard

*in Solar Masses*



From LIGO-Virgo O1 and O2 runs

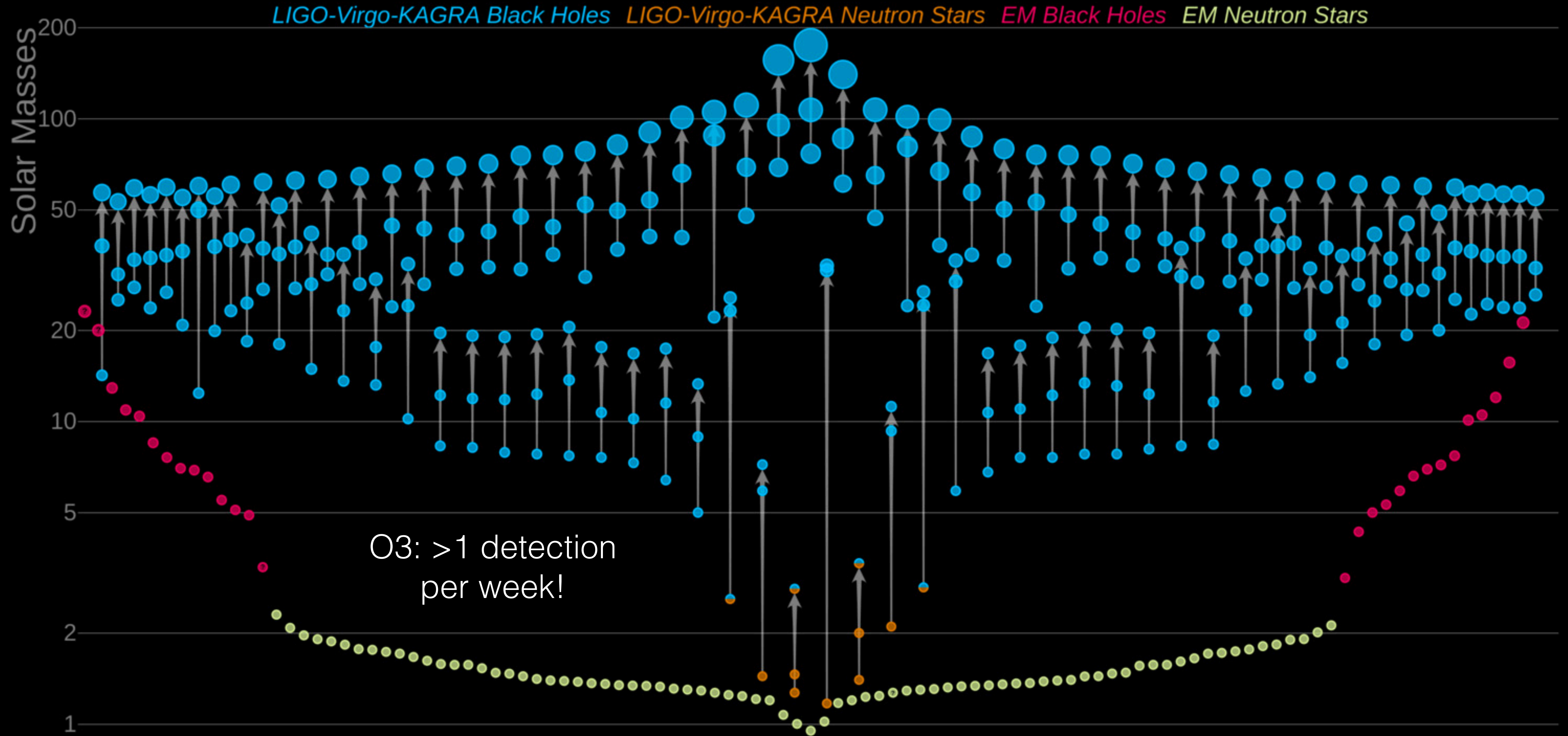
O2: ~1 detection every 2.5 weeks

# A brief history of LIGO



Latest observing run: O3  
April 2019 - March 2020

# Current results (O1, O2, and O3)

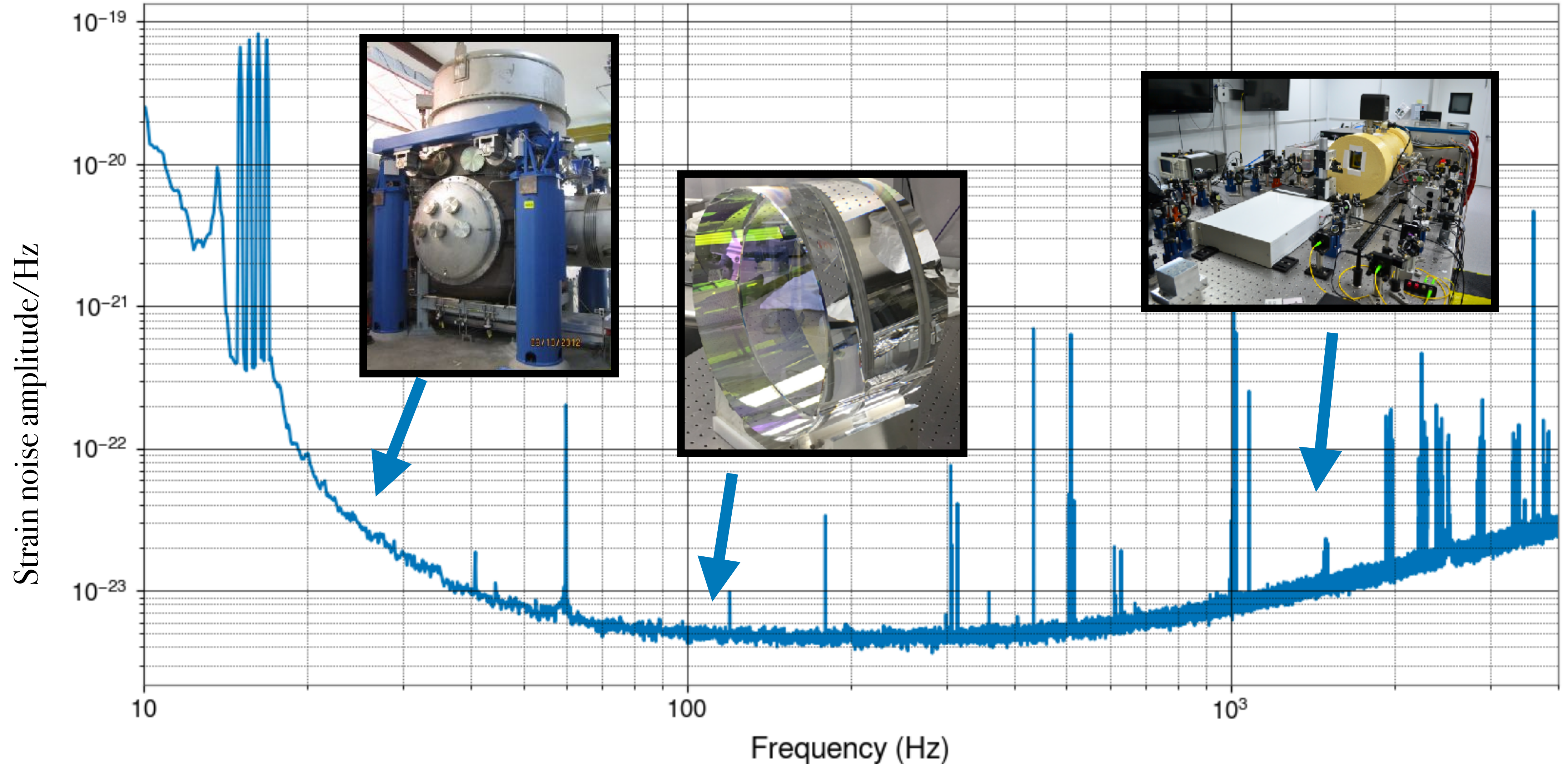




# Advanced LIGO noise

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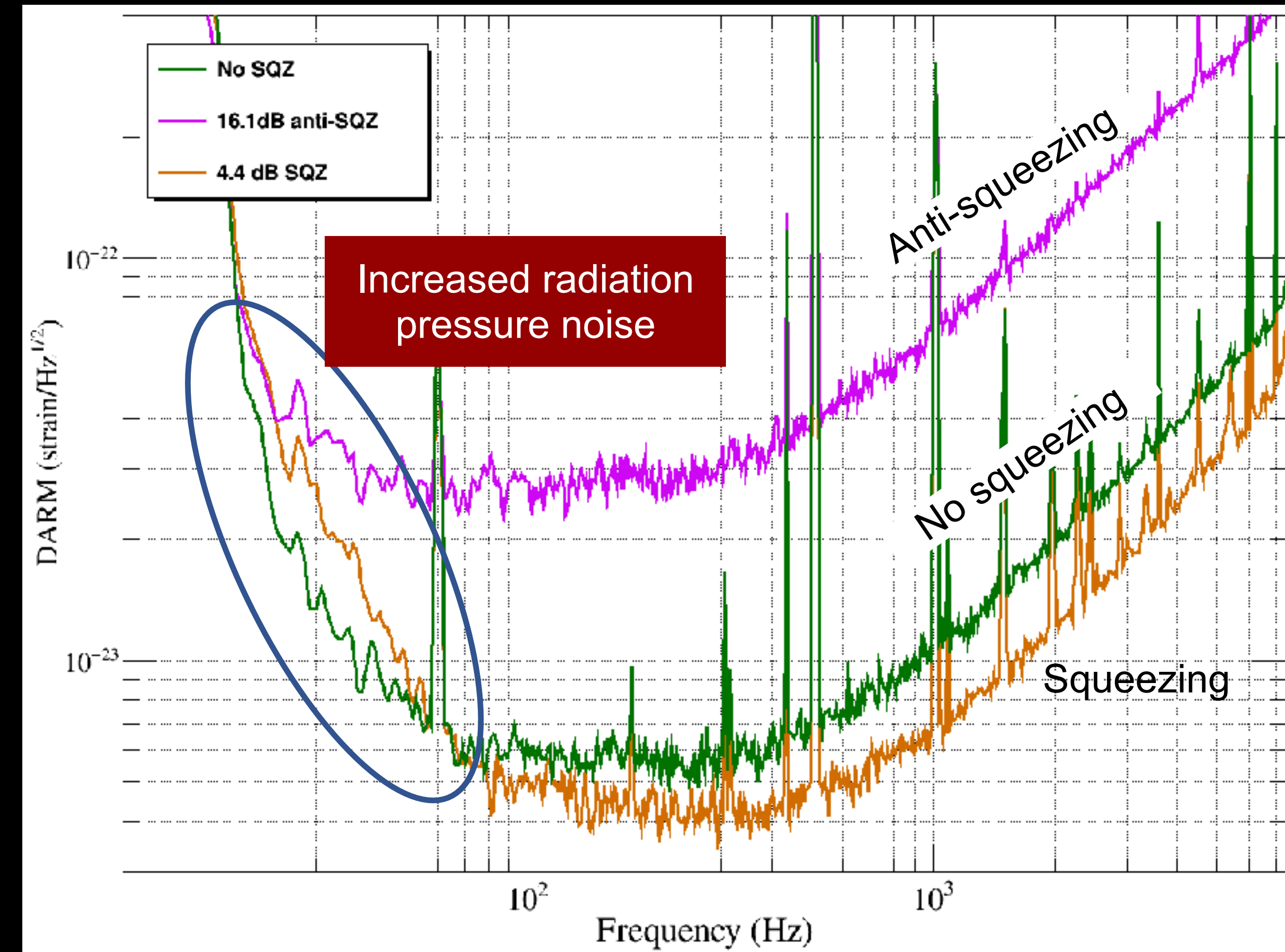
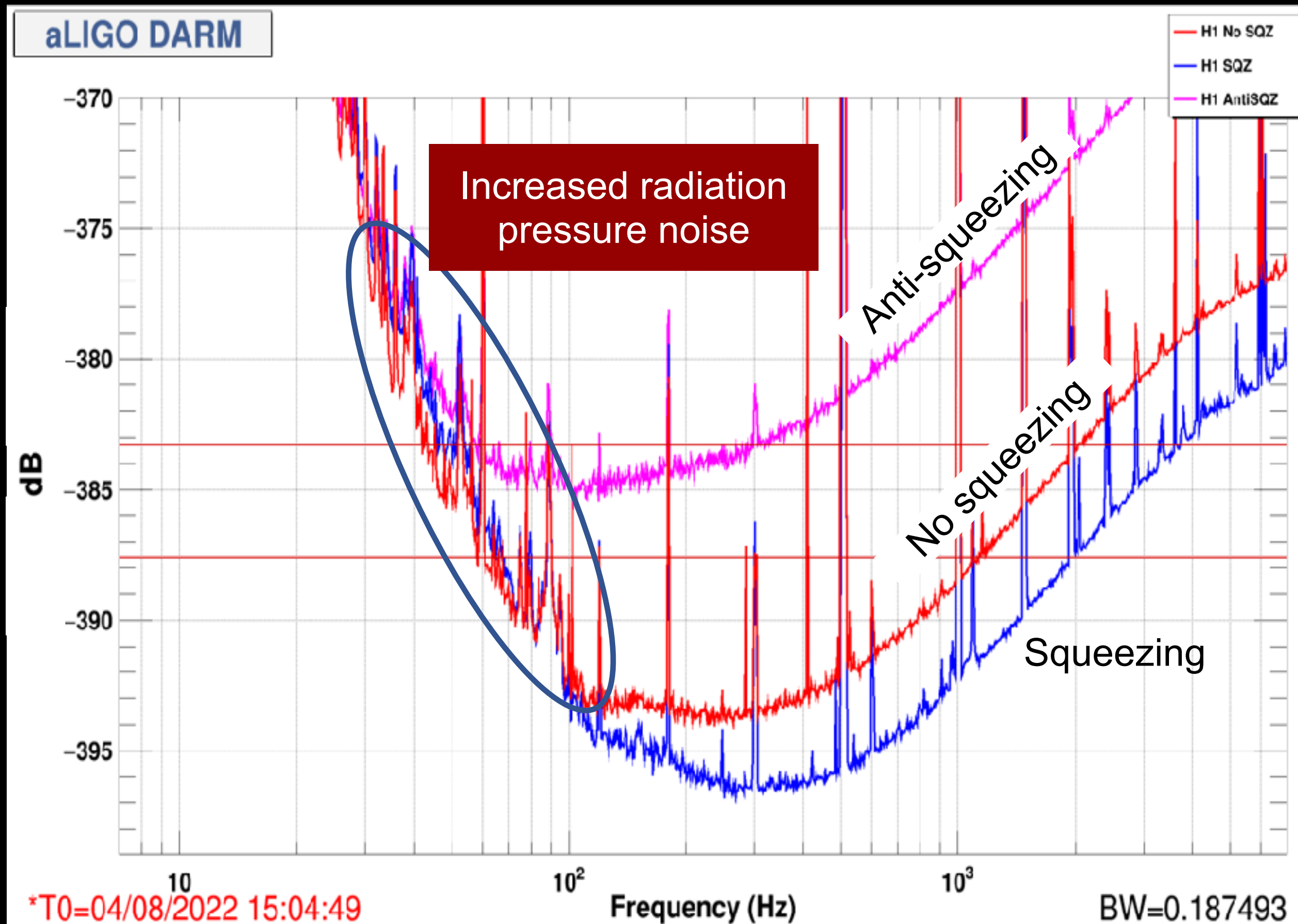
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# Frequency-Independent Squeezing in LIGO detectors

LHO 64389\_64346

LLO 60854

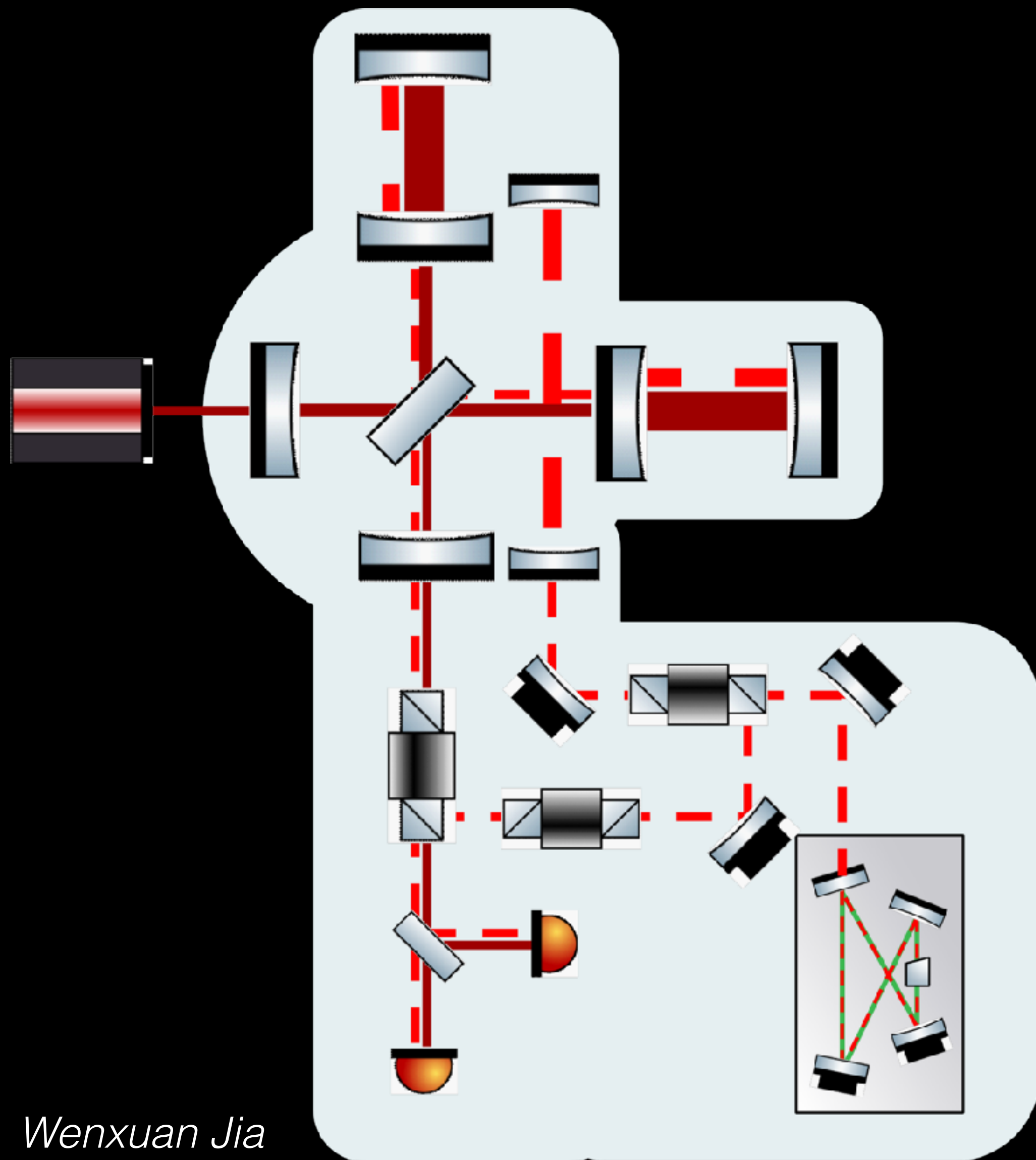


Both sites achieved 4.4 dB squeezing on shot noise:

- More squeezing than O3 (~3 dB)
- But sacrificed radiation pressure noise → **need for filter cavity**

*Slide by Wenxuan Jia*

# New for O4: a 300 m filter cavity

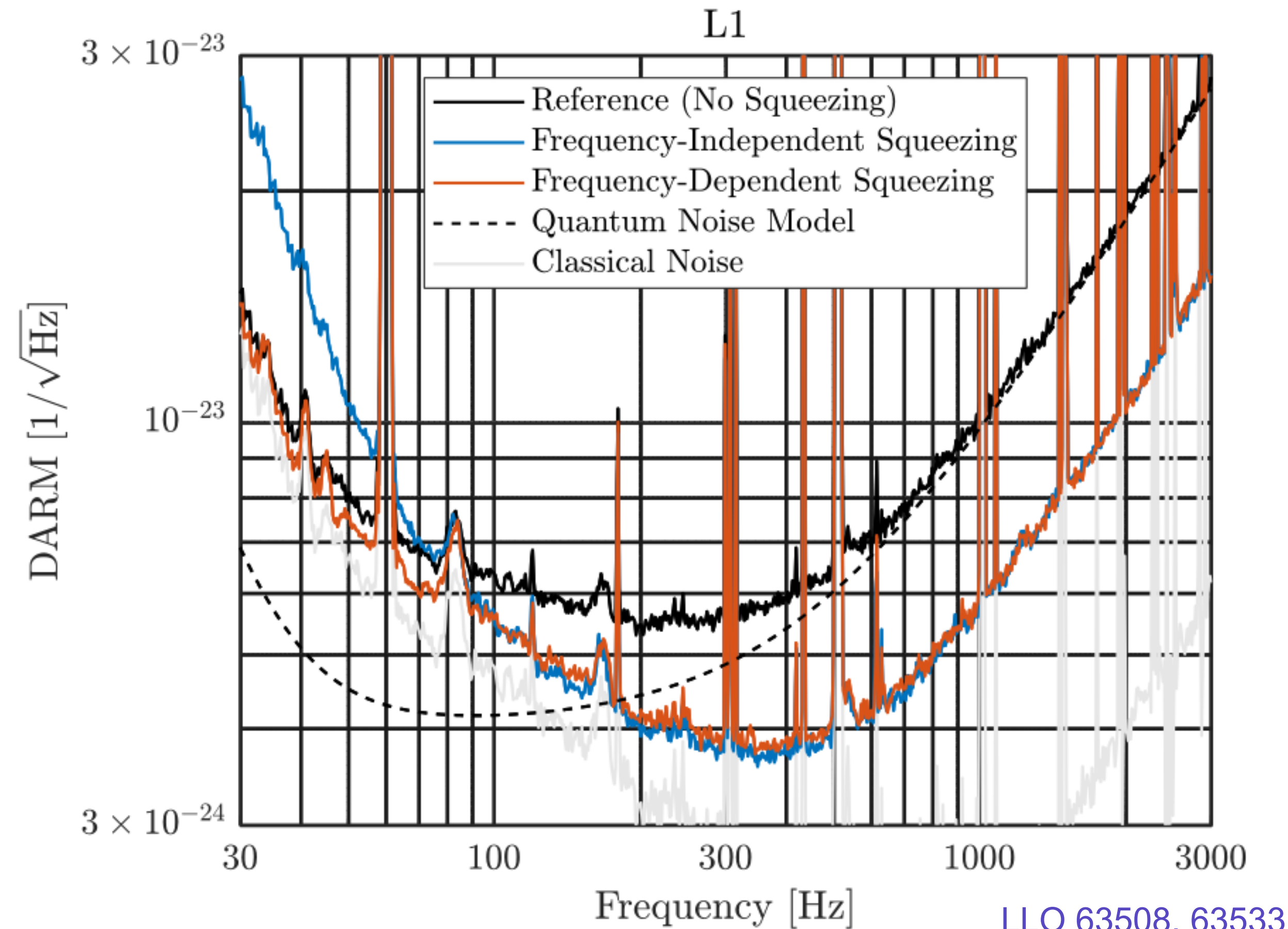
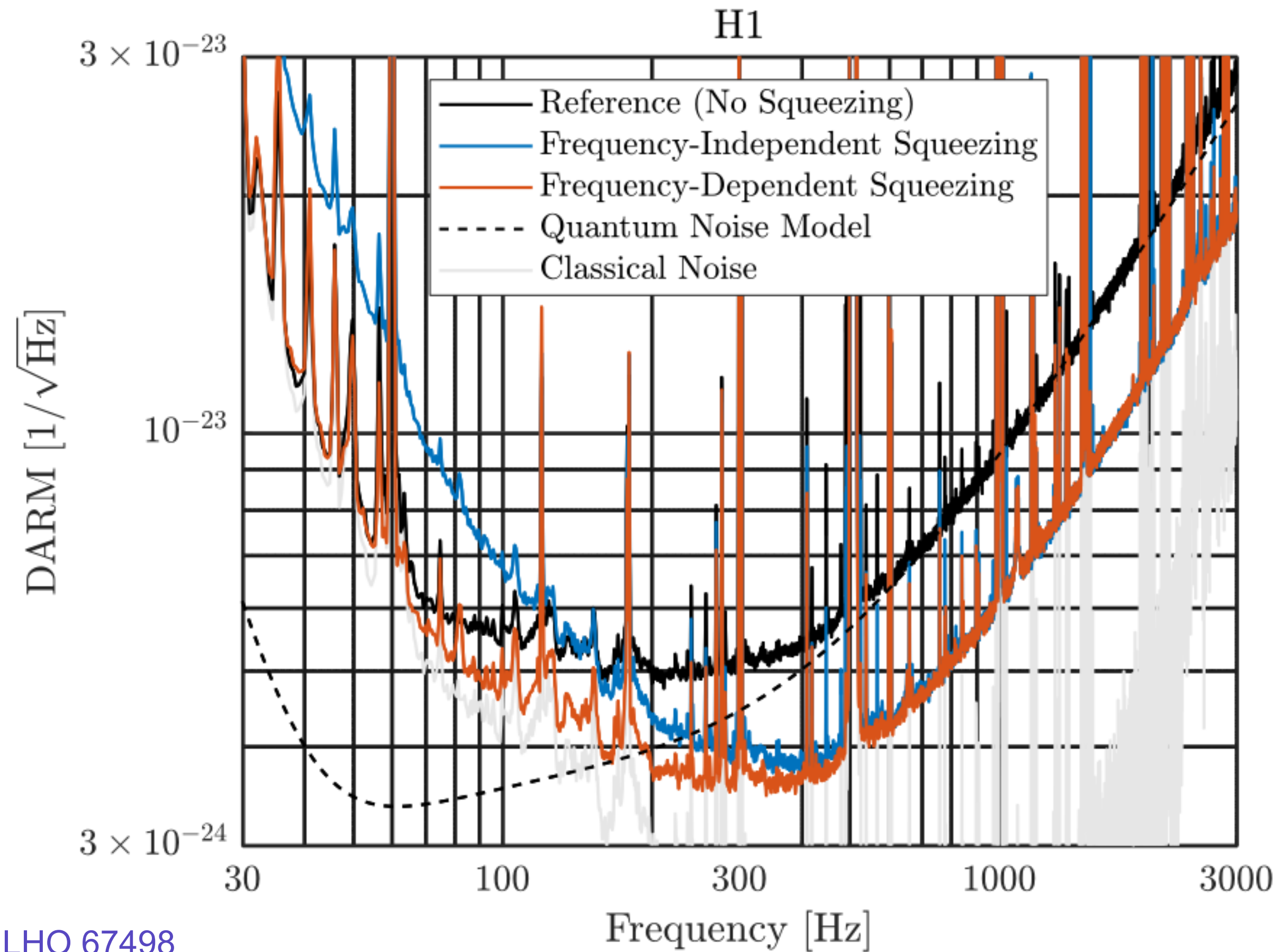




Corey Gray  
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# Frequency Dependent Squeezing in LIGO detectors



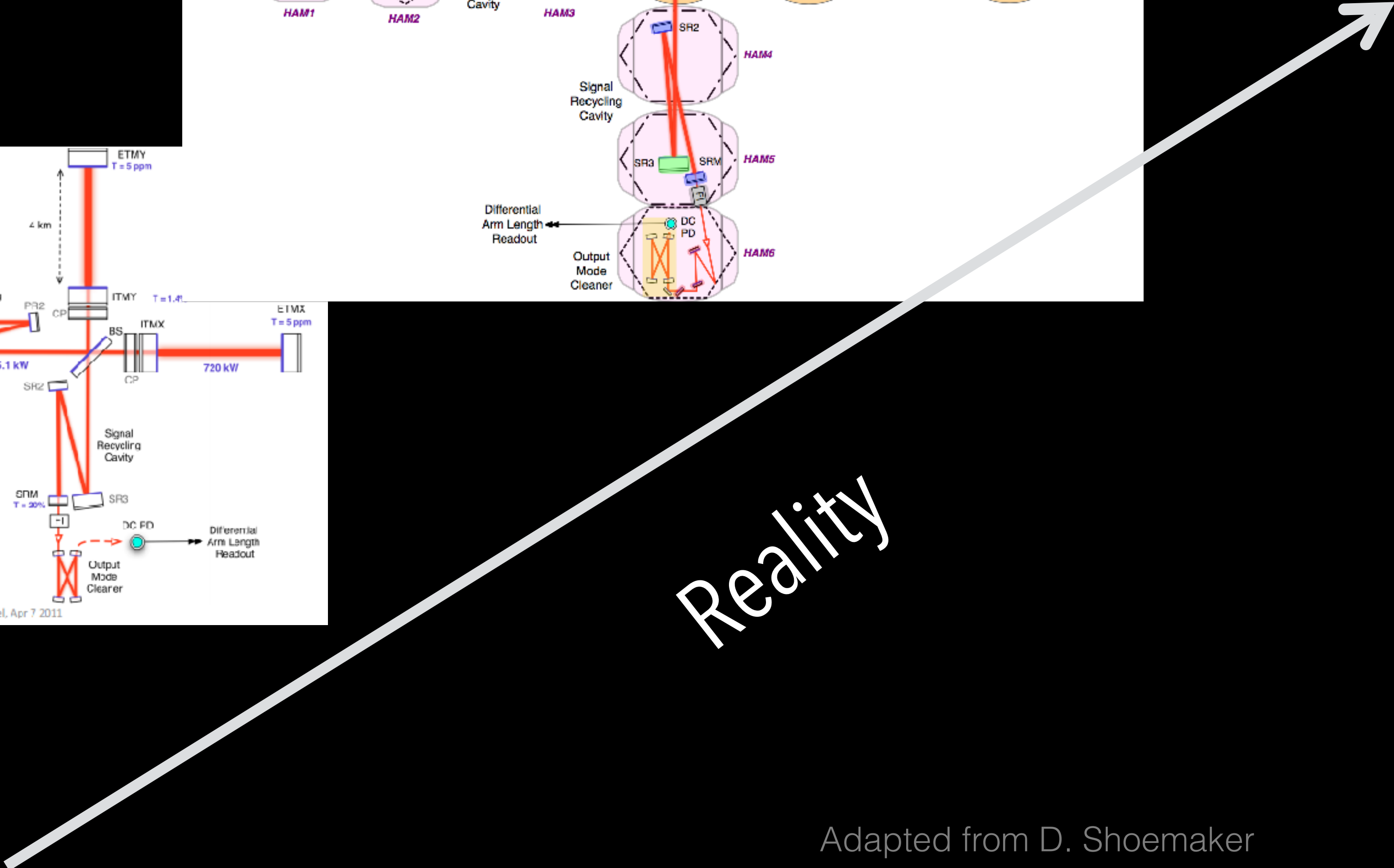
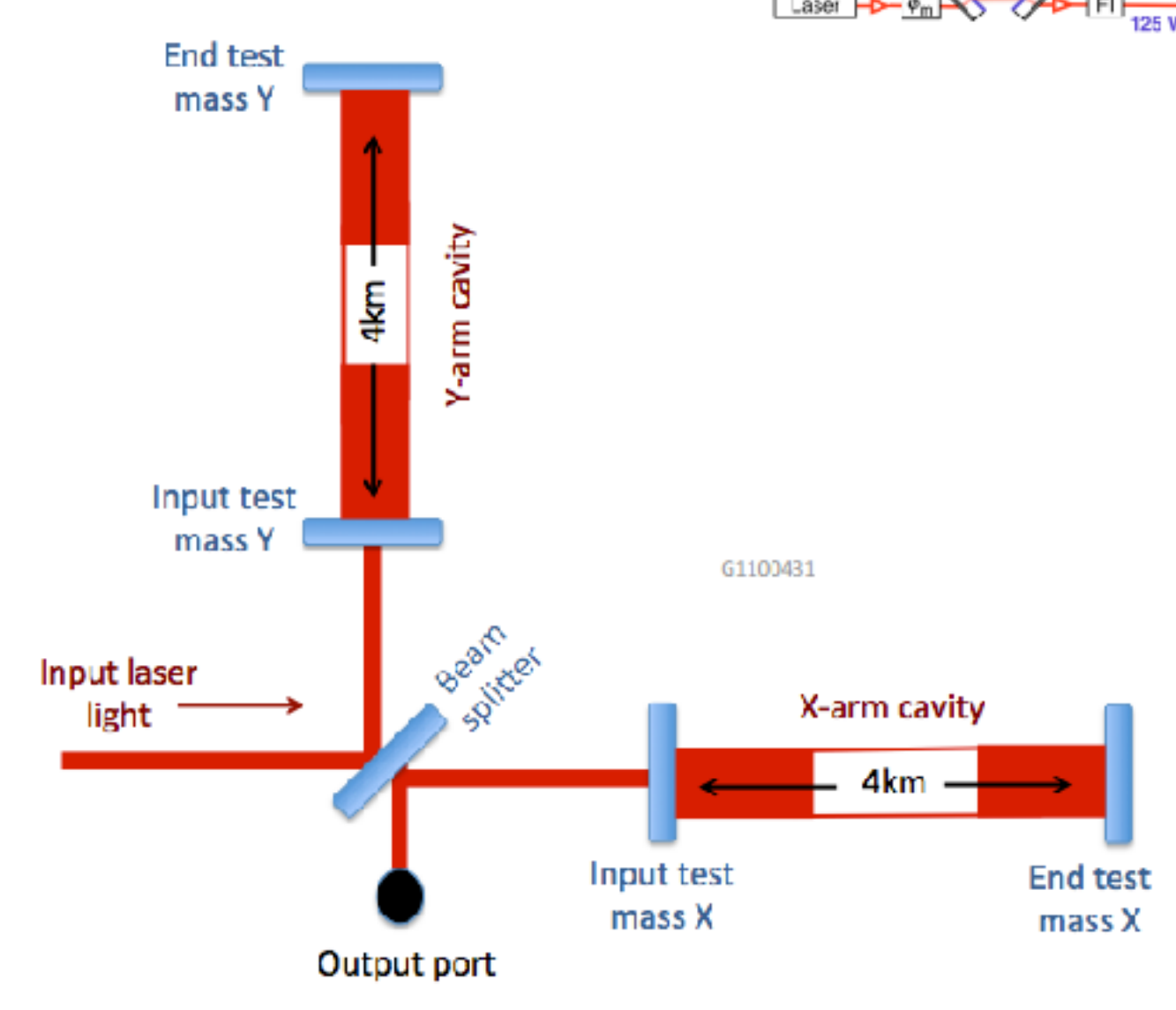
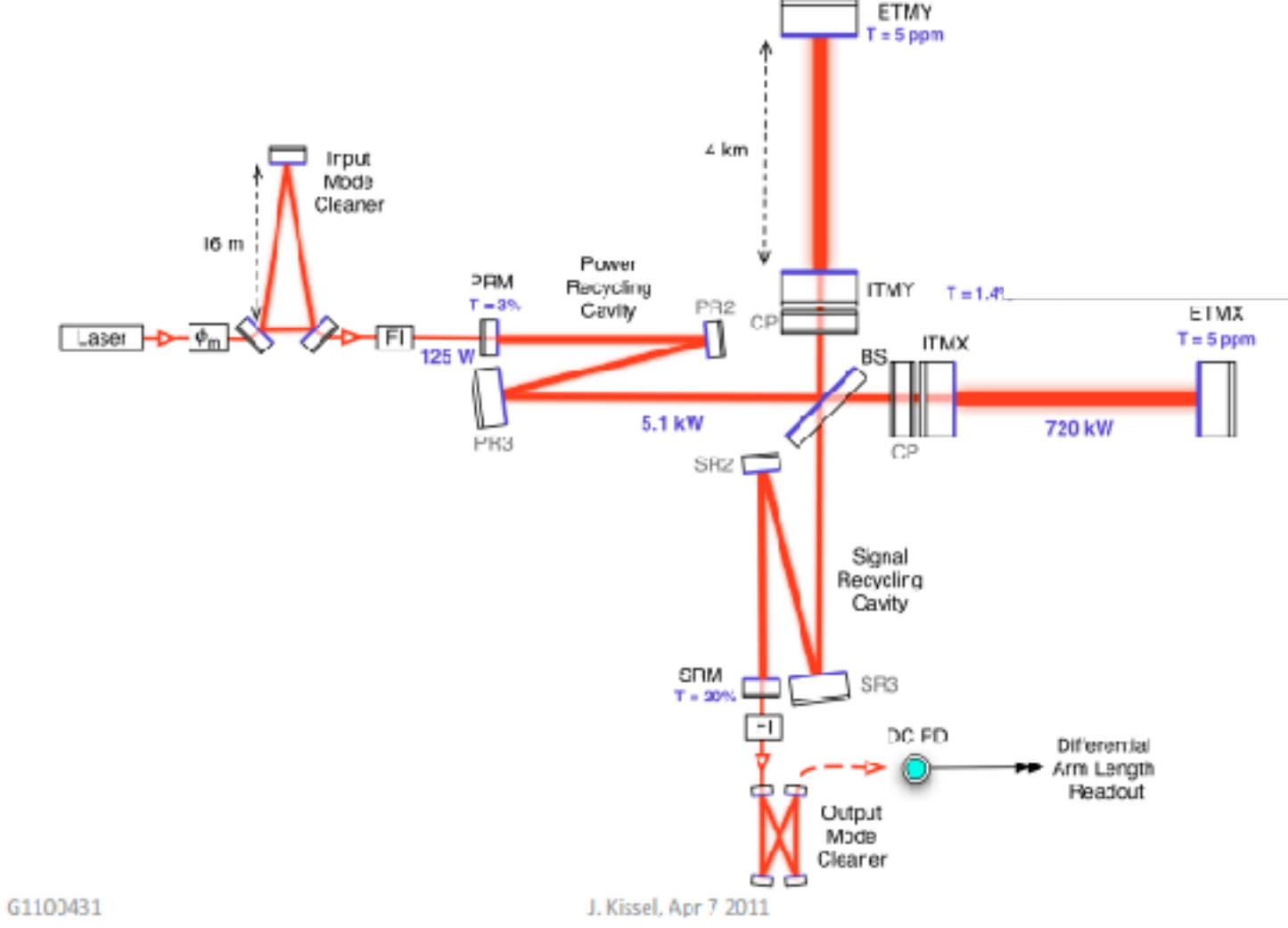
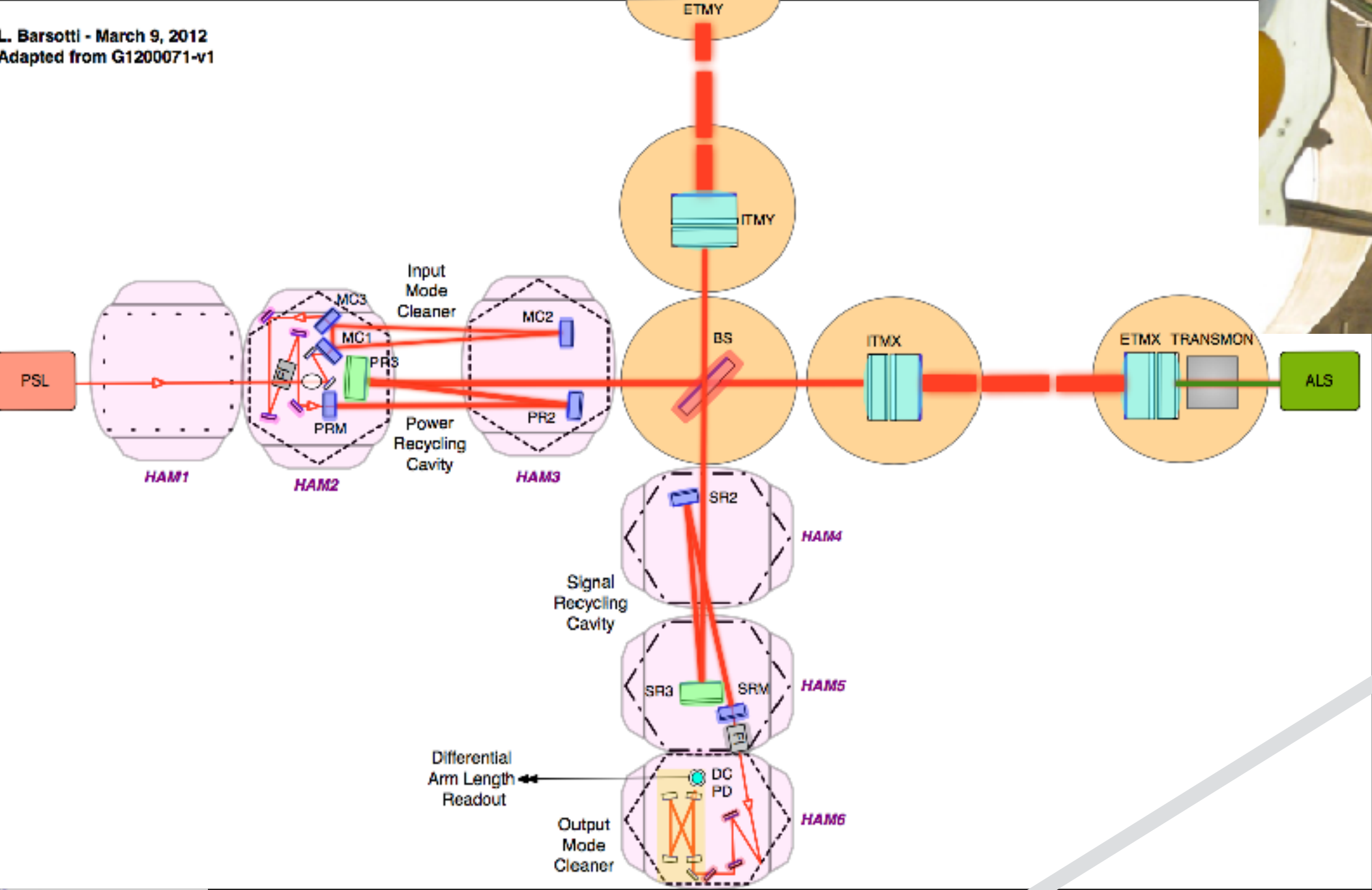
[LHO 67498](#)

[LLO 63508, 63533](#)

- 330-390 kW power
- 4 dB noise reduction visible on DARM at ~2 kHz
- 1 dB at ~80 Hz

- 250 kW arm power
- 5.1 dB noise reduction visible on DARM at ~2 kHz
- 1 dB at ~80 Hz

# Interferometric GW detectors are extremely complex.



Adapted from D. Shoemaker

# Challenge: what causes GW detector glitches?

Lightning

Birds

Refrigerators

RF contamination

Ocean waves

Earthquakes

Air conditioners

Telephones

Low humidity

Trains

Snow plows

Thunder

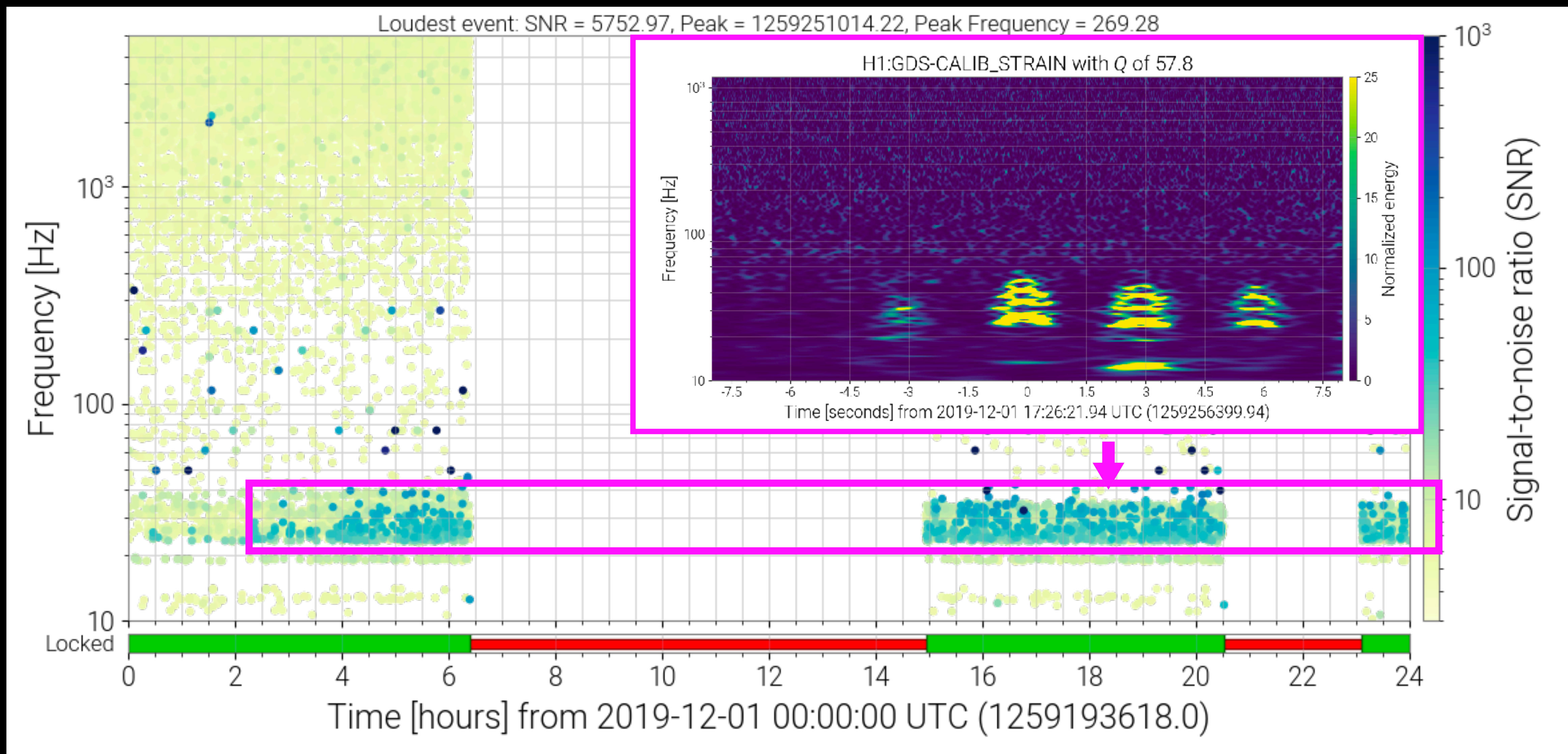
Forklifts

Helicopters

Airplanes

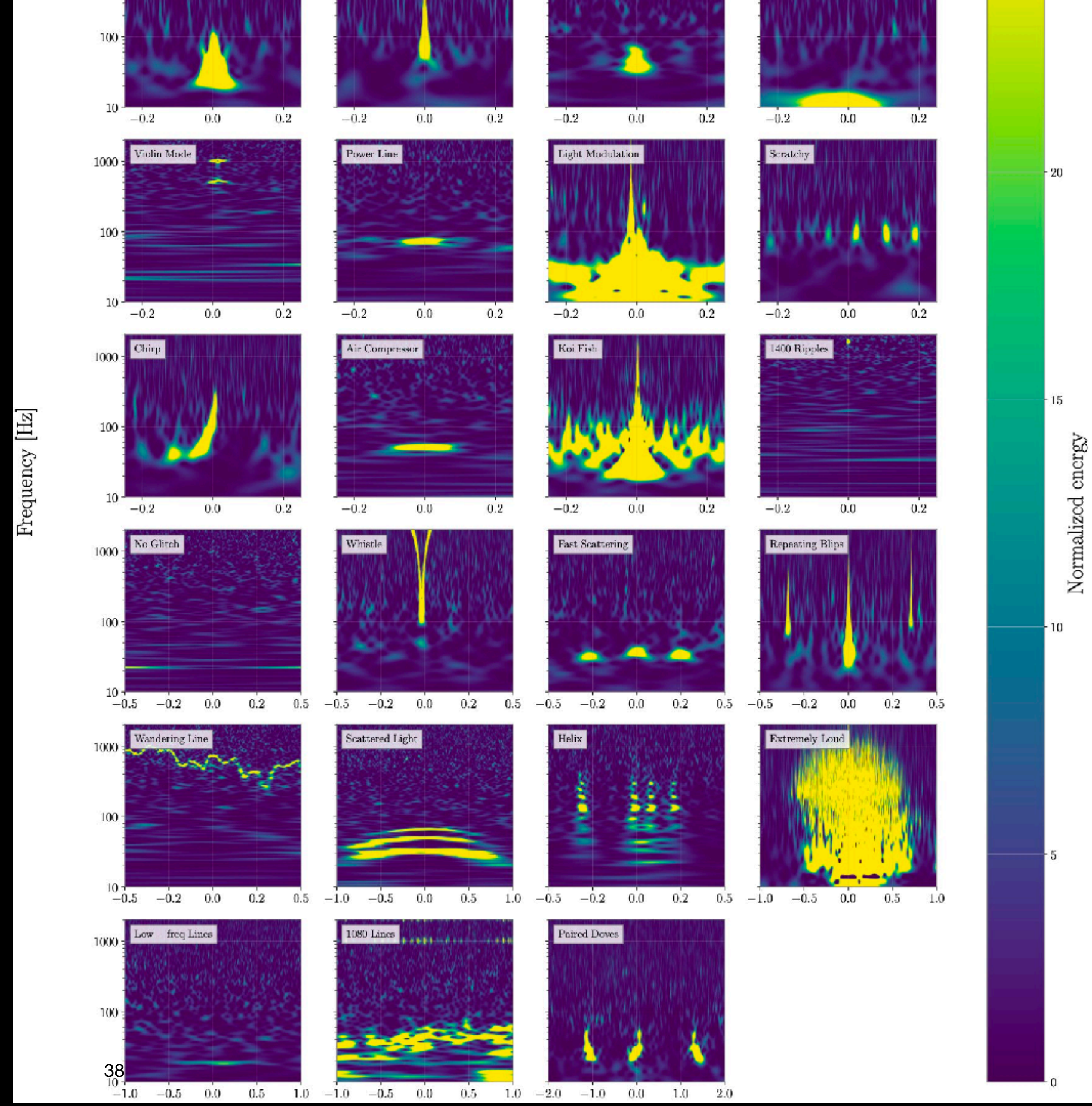
Bill's heartbeat

# Challenge: GW detector transient noise



# A menagerie of GW detector glitches

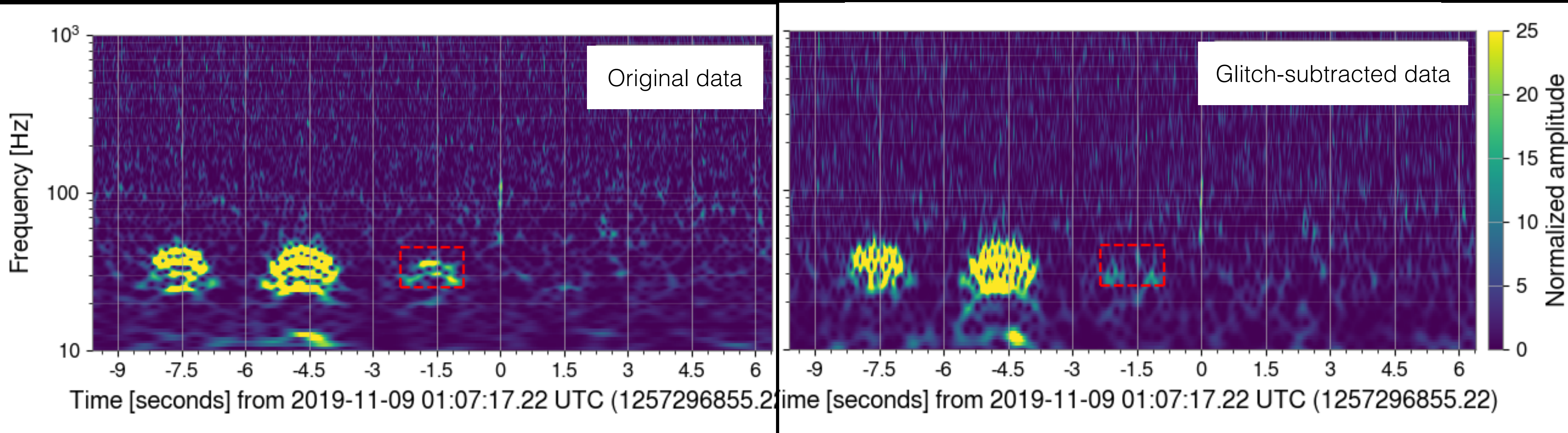
Time-frequency visualizations used for training Gravity Spy  
M.. Zevin et al., CQG (2017).



# Mitigation of nearby glitches

*Example: GW191109\_010717*

*LVK Tests of GR conducted in 2112.06861: Residuals test, Polarization, Ringdown, Echoes*



# The curious case of GW200129 - signs of precession?



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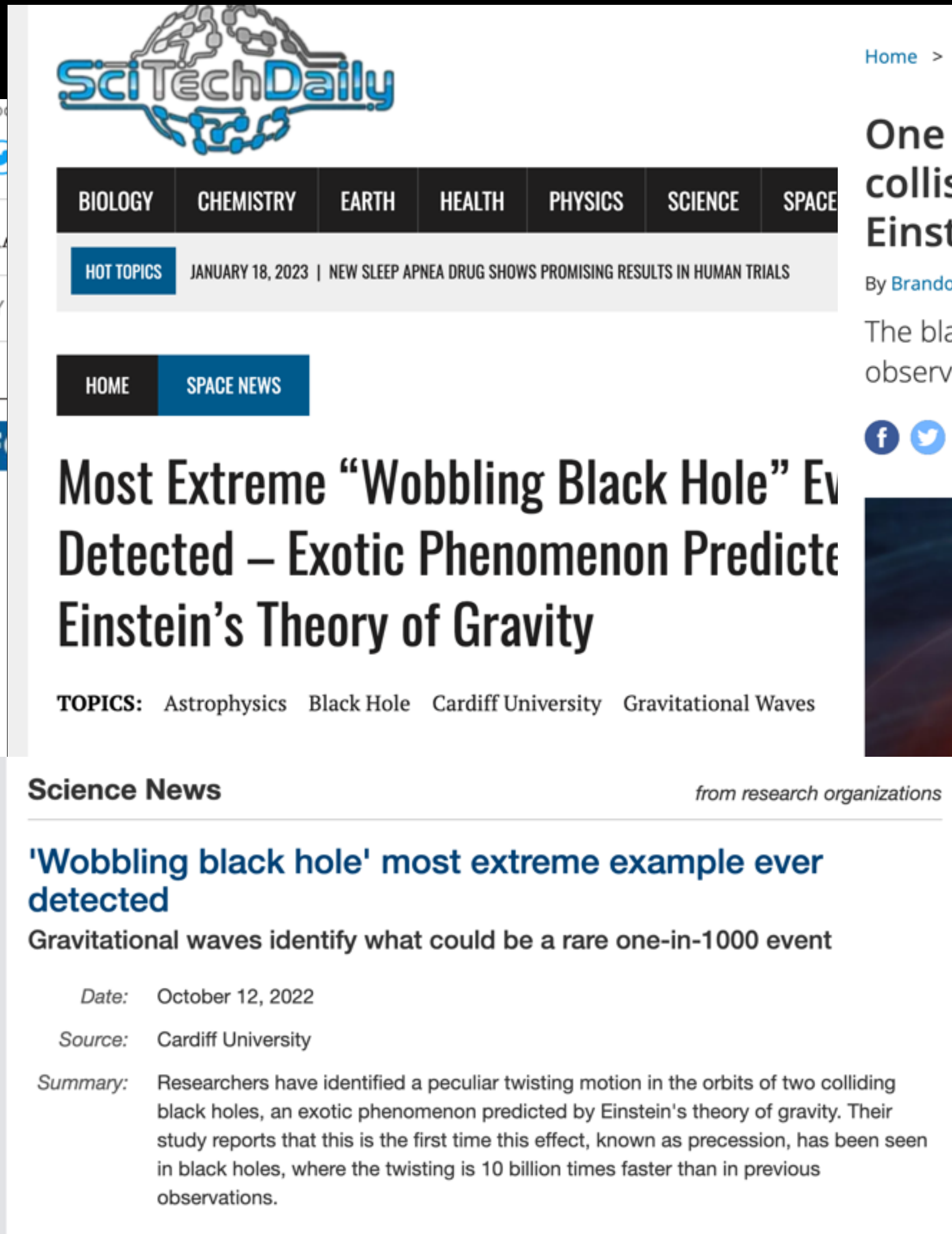
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## Colliding black holes produce most extreme 'wobble' ever seen in 'one-in-1,000' event

This is the first time that this effect - known as precession - has been seen with black holes, where the "wobble" is 10 billion times faster than in observations of other bodies.



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## Most Extreme "Wobbling Black Hole" Ever Detected – Exotic Phenomenon Predicted by Einstein's Theory of Gravity

TOPICS: Astrophysics | Black Hole | Cardiff University | Gravitational Waves

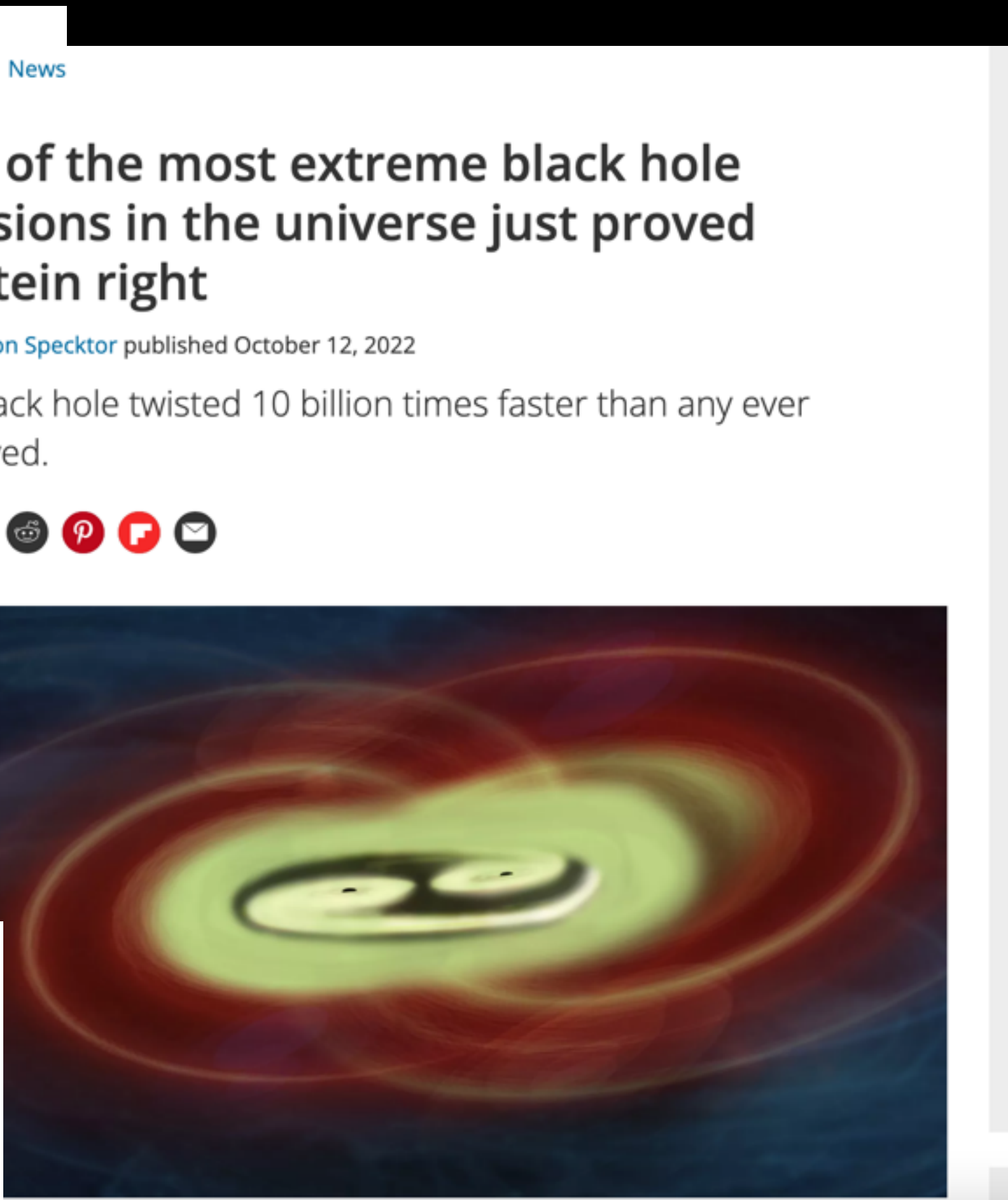
**Science News** *from research organizations*

### 'Wobbling black hole' most extreme example ever detected

Gravitational waves identify what could be a rare one-in-1000 event

*Date:* October 12, 2022  
*Source:* Cardiff University

*Summary:* Researchers have identified a peculiar twisting motion in the orbits of two colliding black holes, an exotic phenomenon predicted by Einstein's theory of gravity. Their study reports that this is the first time this effect, known as precession, has been seen in black holes, where the twisting is 10 billion times faster than in previous observations.



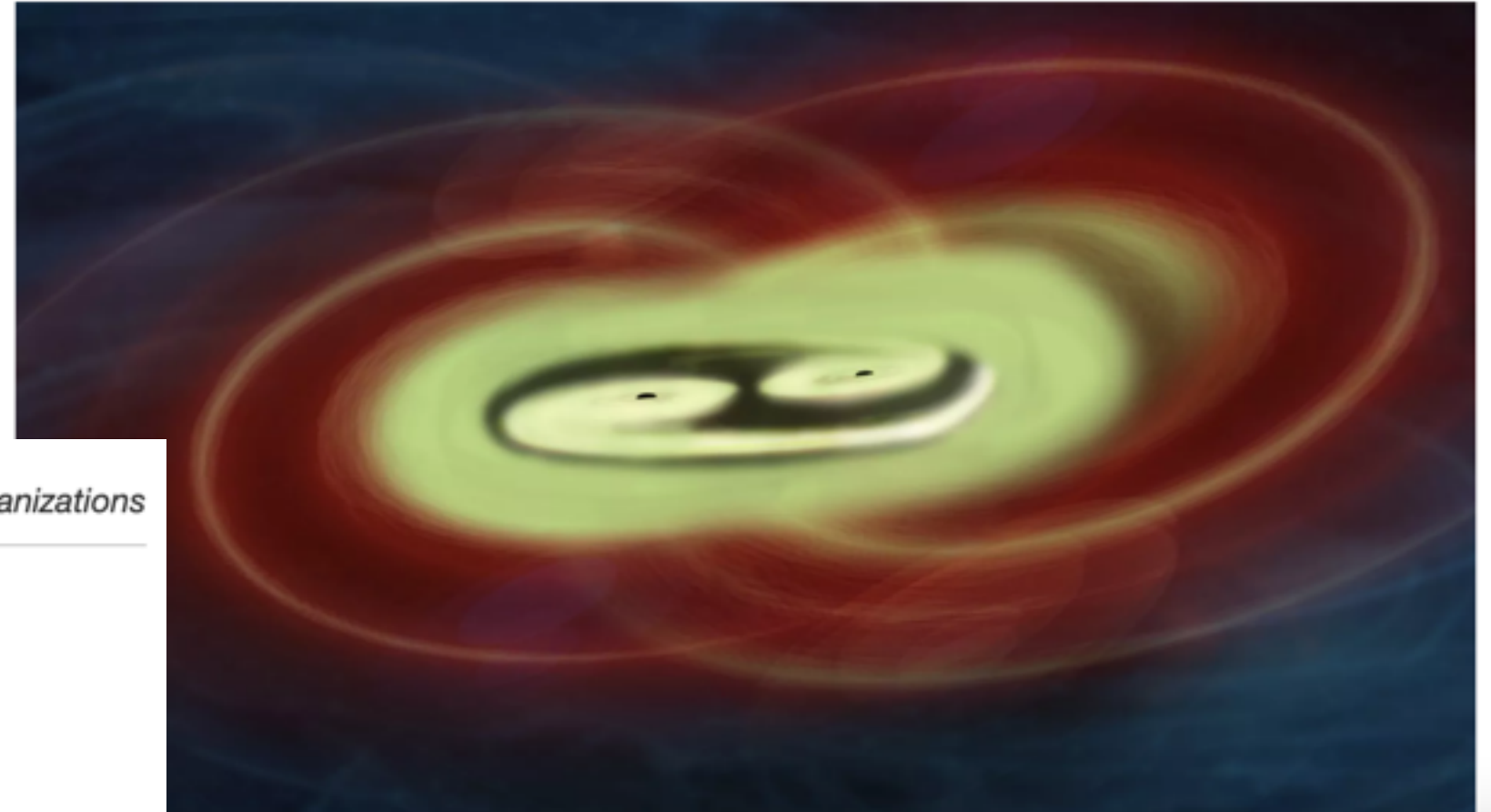
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## One of the most extreme black hole collisions in the universe just proved Einstein right

By Brandon Specktor published October 12, 2022

The black hole twisted 10 billion times faster than any ever observed.

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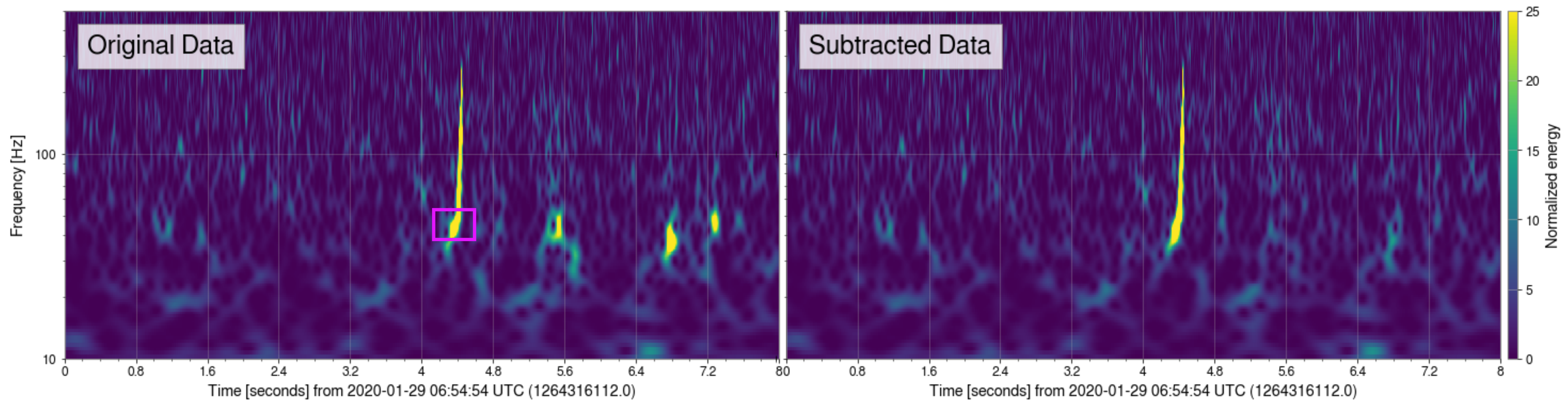


Hannam et al, Nature, 2022



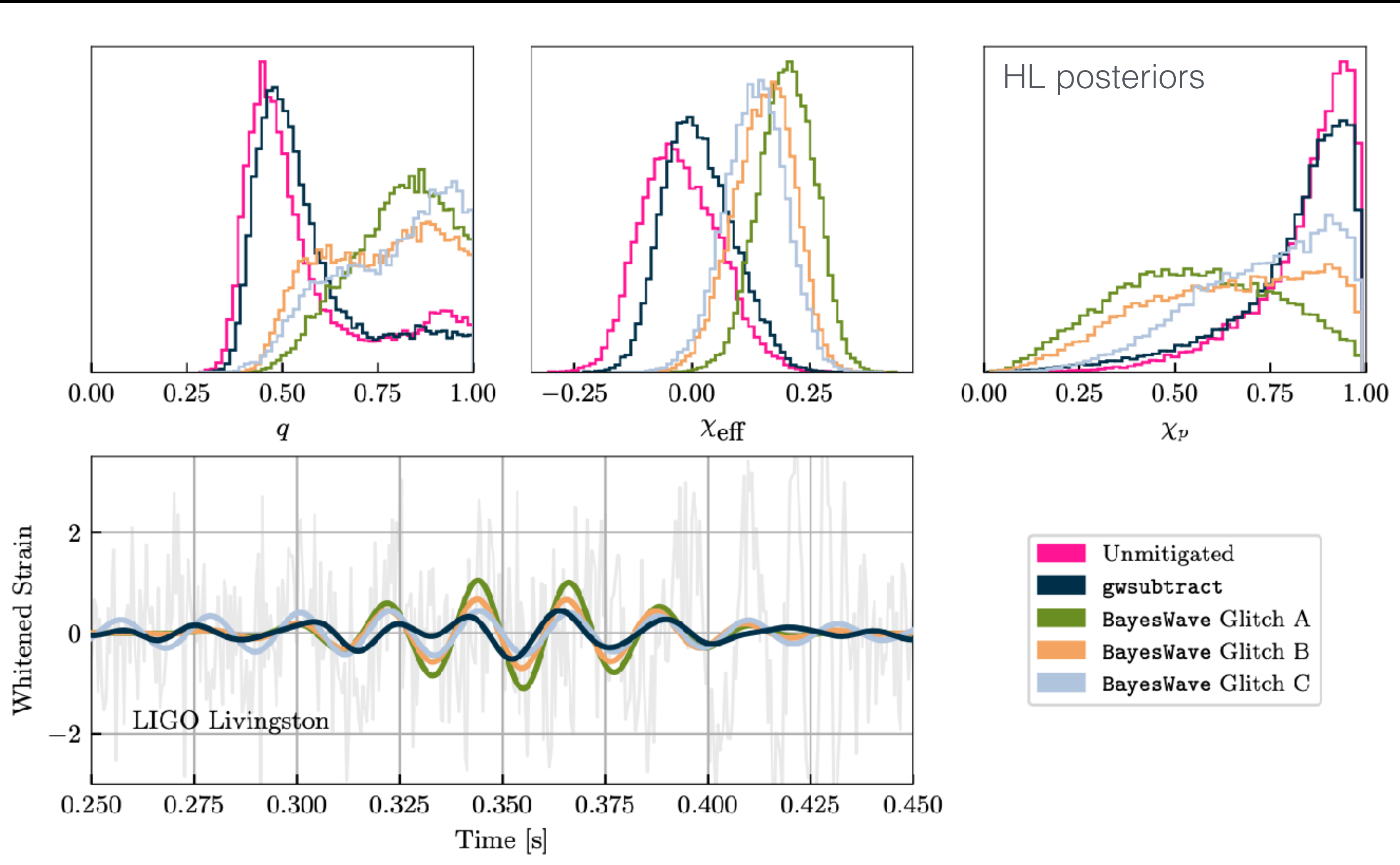
# The curious case of GW20129

GW20129 was found in low latency by GstLAL in both LIGO Hanford and LIGO Livingston



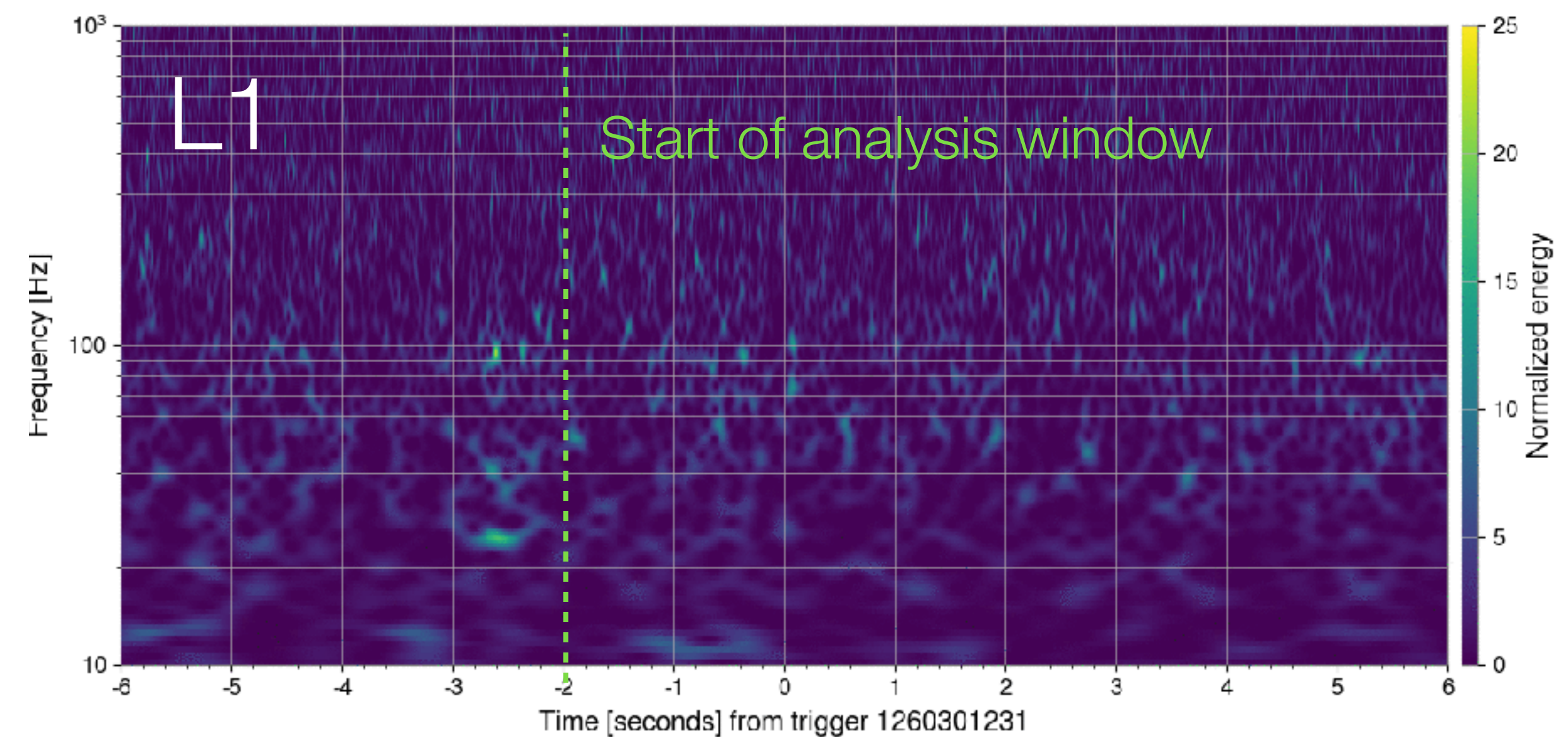
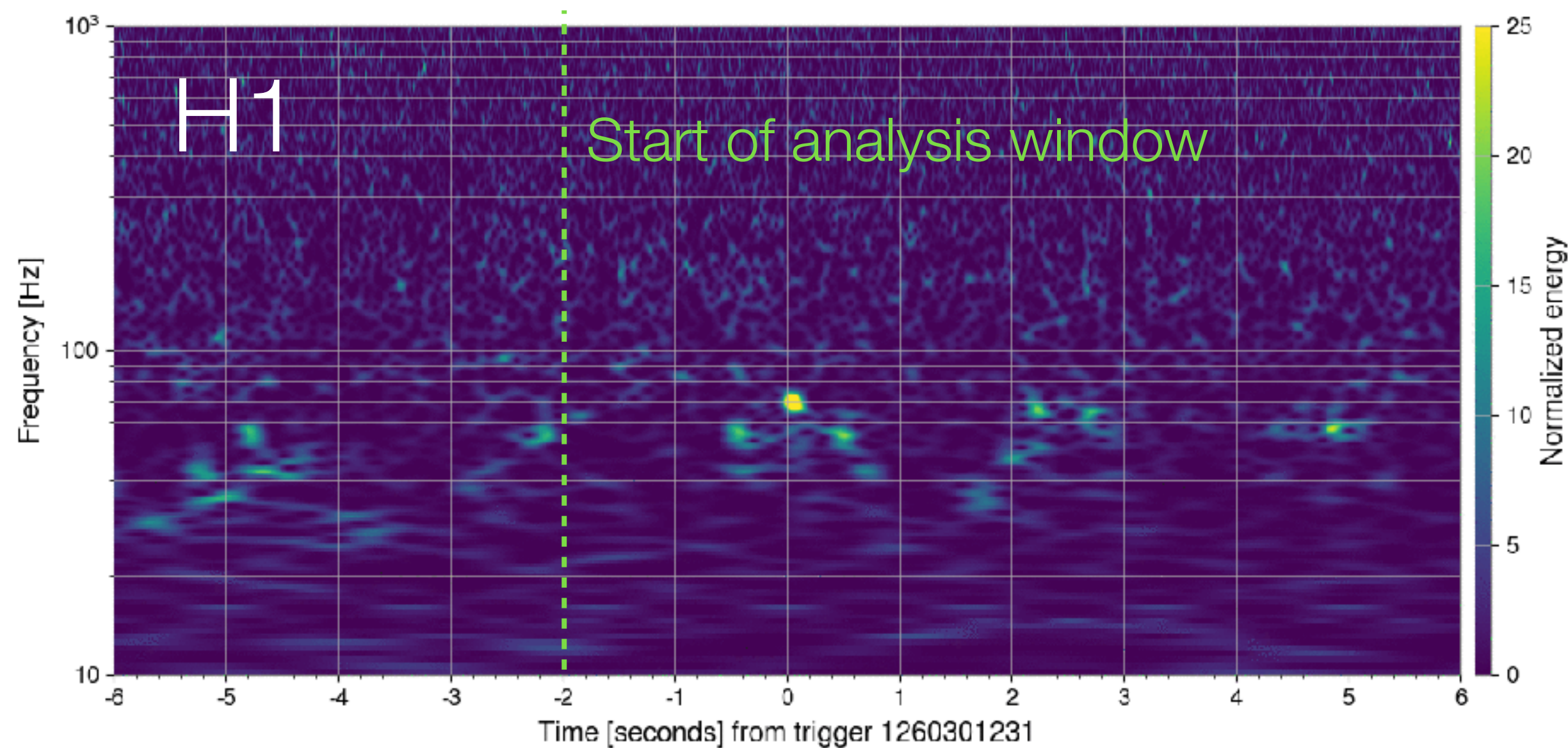
Plots by Derek Davis; Davis et al 2022.

# The curious case of GW200129



# Example of more subtle noise features: S191213bb

*S191213g* was found in low latency by matched filter search *GstLAL* in both *LIGO* Hanford and *LIGO* Livingston with *FAR* of  $1.1 \text{ yr}^{-1}$ .



# Insider tips for inferring subtle features from LIGO-Virgo data

- Detector glitches and non-stationarity are very common - visualize the data before analysis!
- The LVK releases de-glitched frames for individual events with **limited valid time range** (usually just surrounding the LVK parameter estimation analysis).
- When calculating p\_values (how likely is it that noise produced this data?) not all times are equal; detector noise follows patterns on the scale of days, hours, and minutes in response to environmental stimulus.
- Detectors share common noise coupling mechanisms: it is not uncommon for detectors to manifest glitches with similar time-frequency morphologies.
- Exercise caution.

# The next generation of GW detectors



## A+/AdV+

- 3-4 km detectors
- **300 K**
- 1064 nm laser
- 40 kg mirrors

2025

2030

## Einstein Telescope

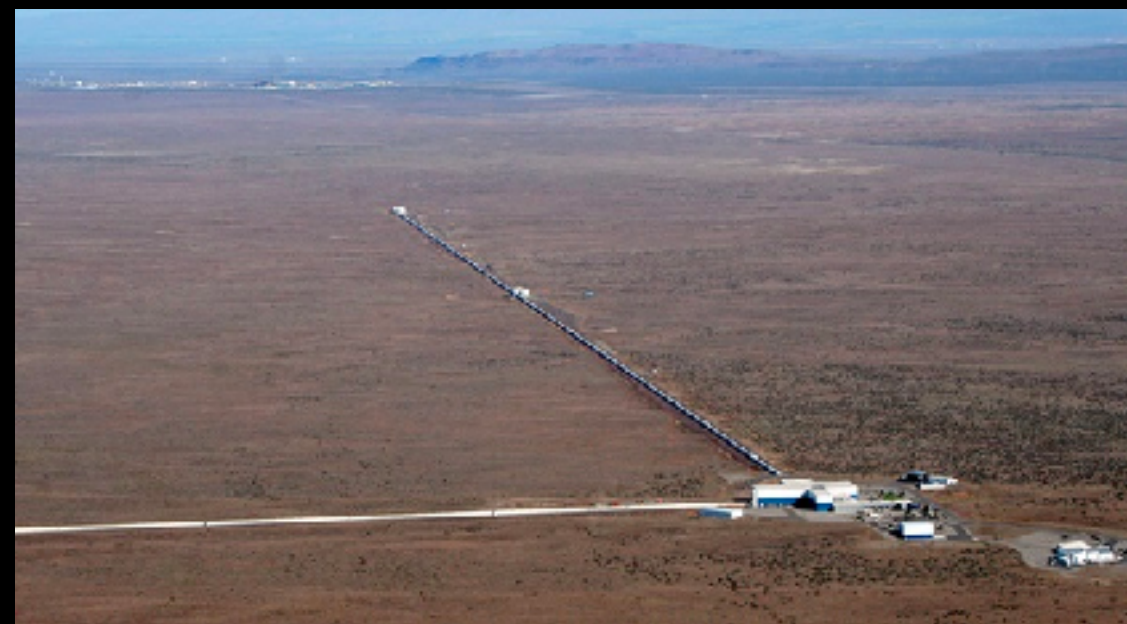
- 10 km detectors
- **300 K and < 23 K**
- 2 microns
- 200 kg mirrors

2035

## Cosmic Explorer 2

- 20-40 km detectors
- **123 K**
- 1-2 microns (?)
- 320 kg mirrors

2040

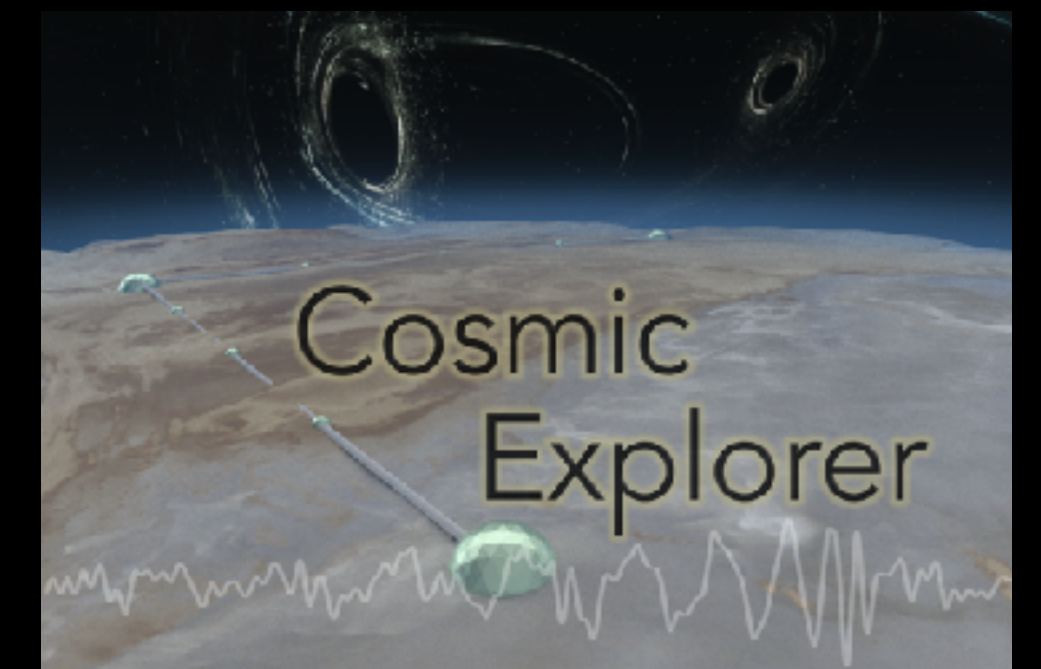


## Voyager

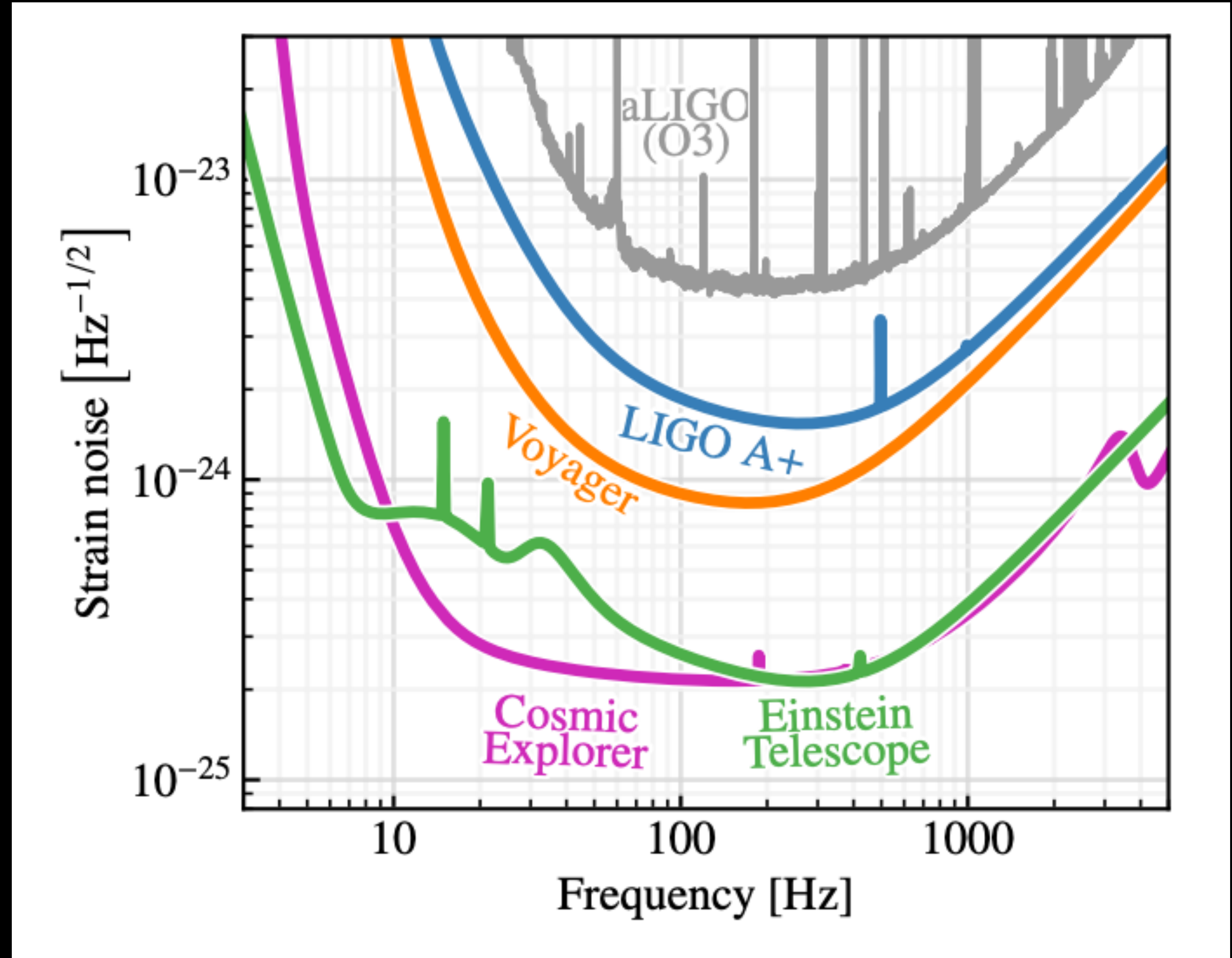
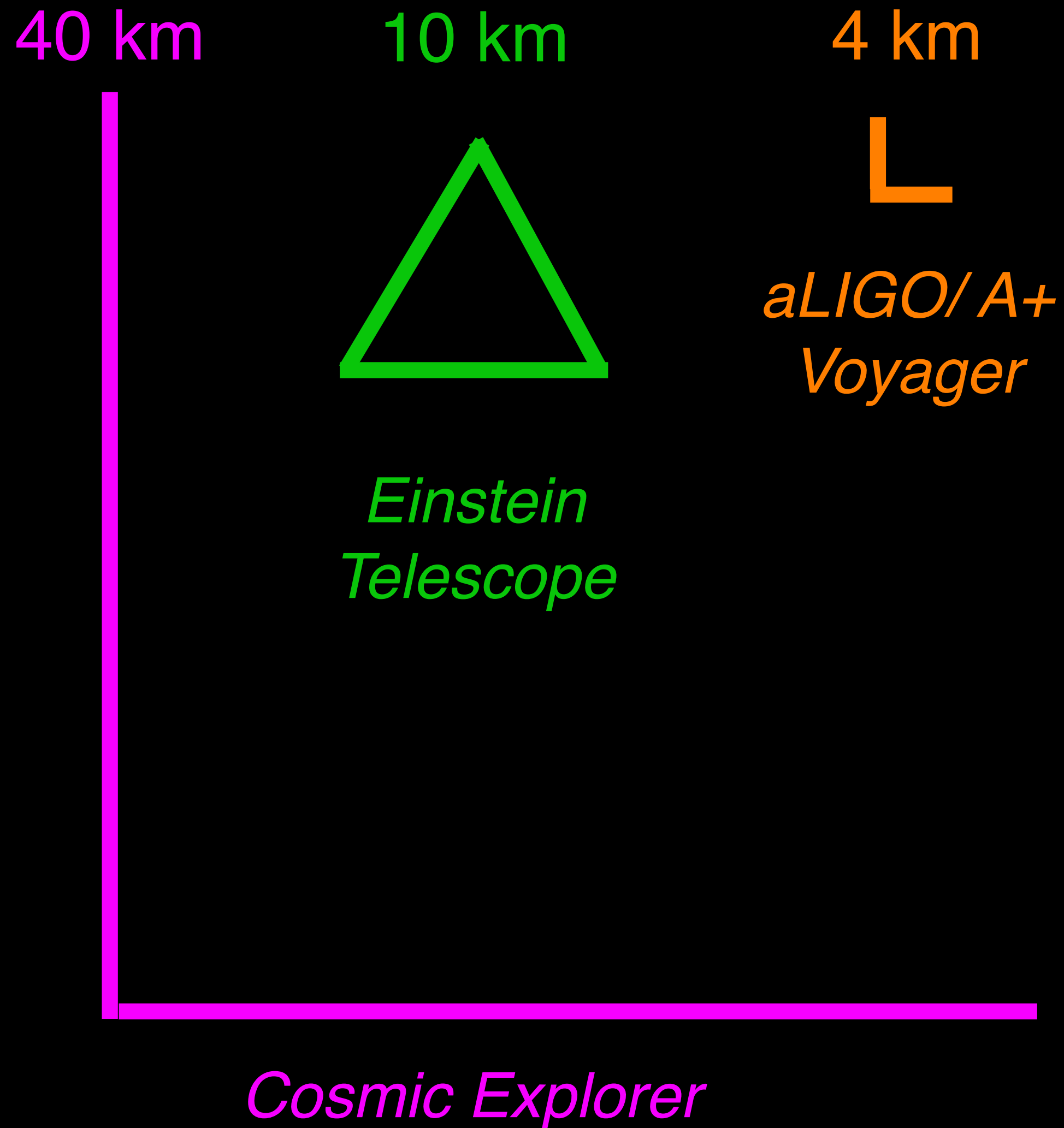
- 4 km detectors
- **123 K**
- 1.5-2 microns
- 160 kg mirrors

## Cosmic Explorer 1

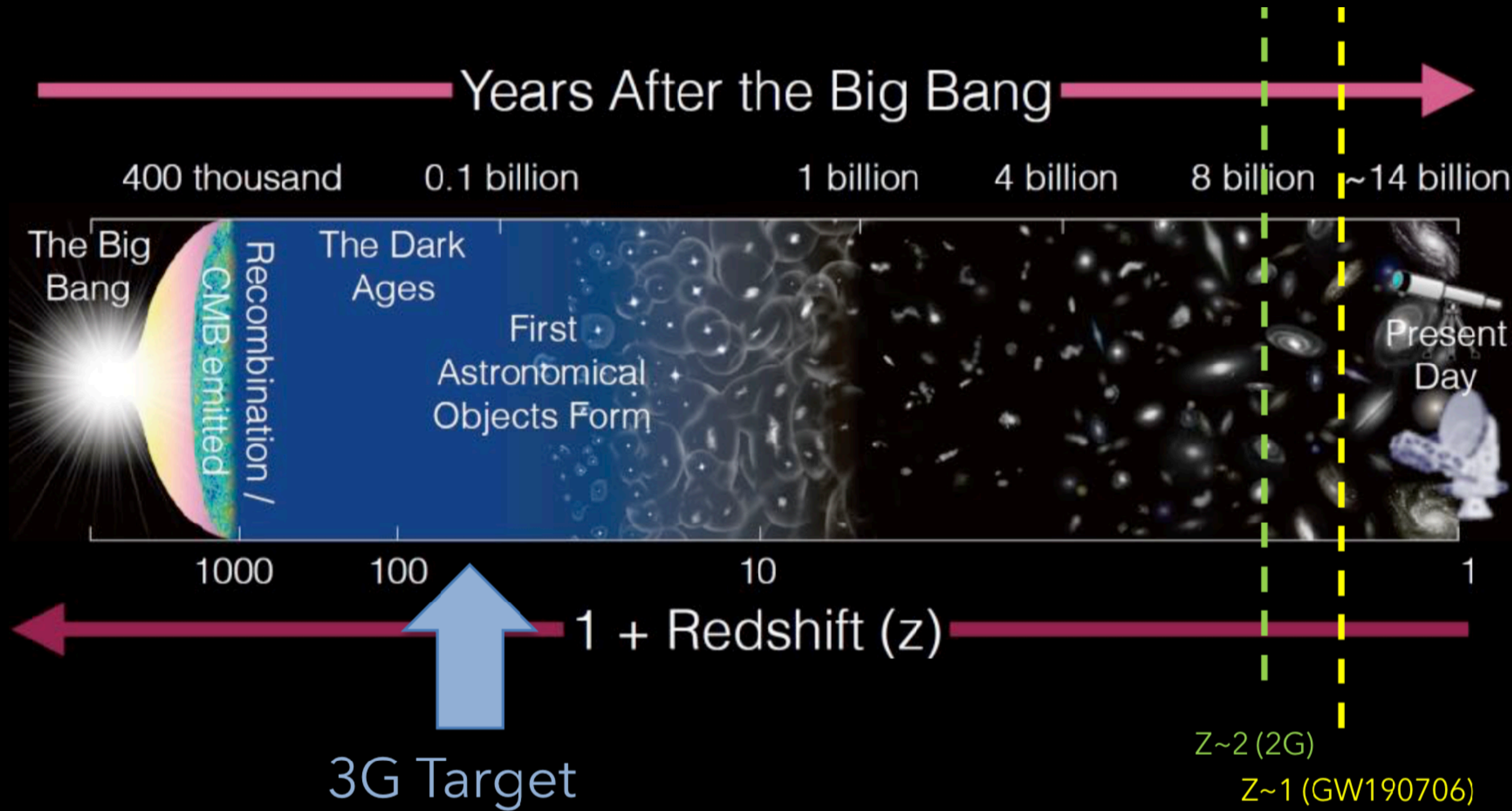
- 20-40 km detectors
- **300 K**
- 1-2 microns (?)
- 320 kg mirrors



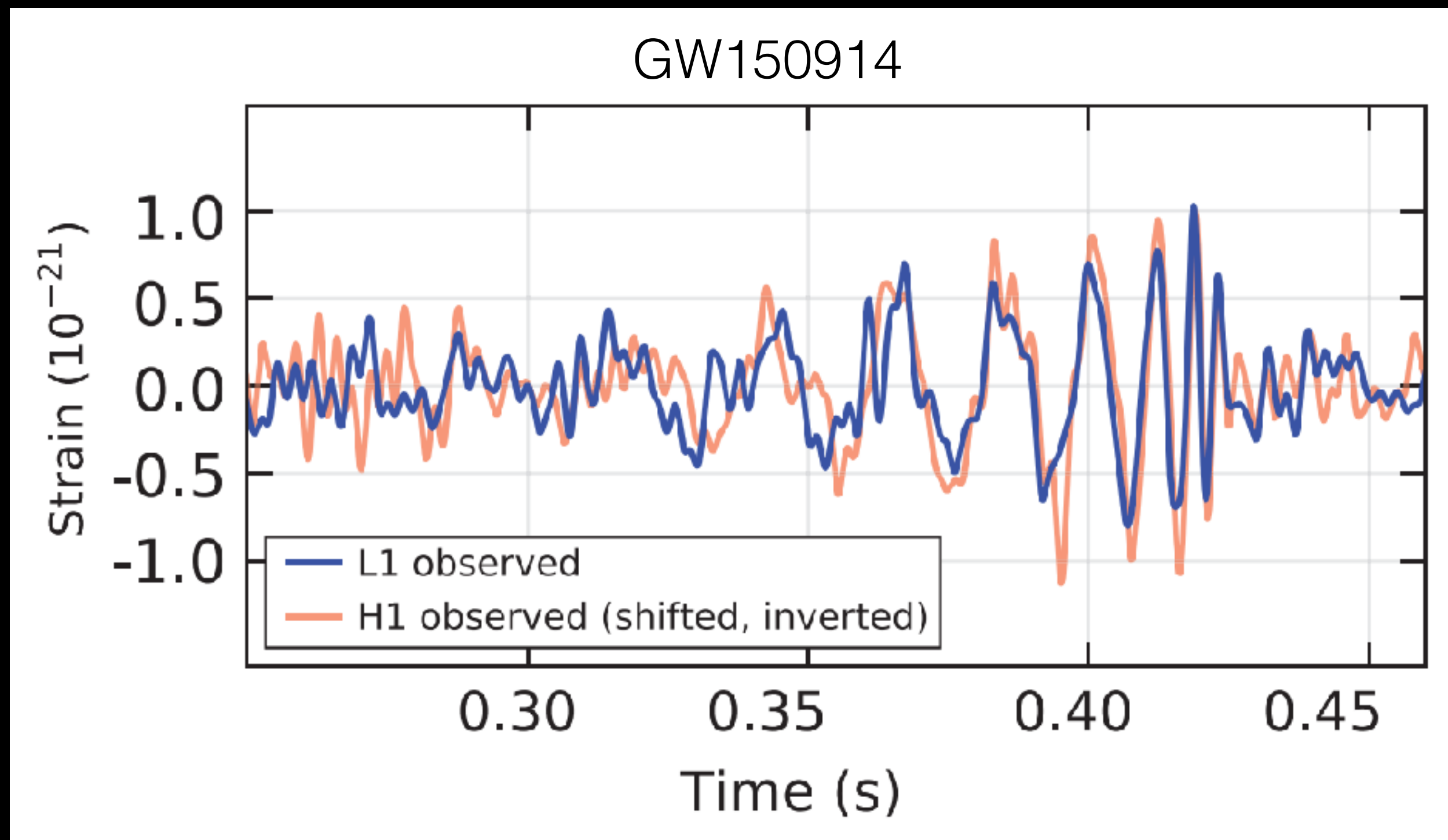
# The next generation GW detectors



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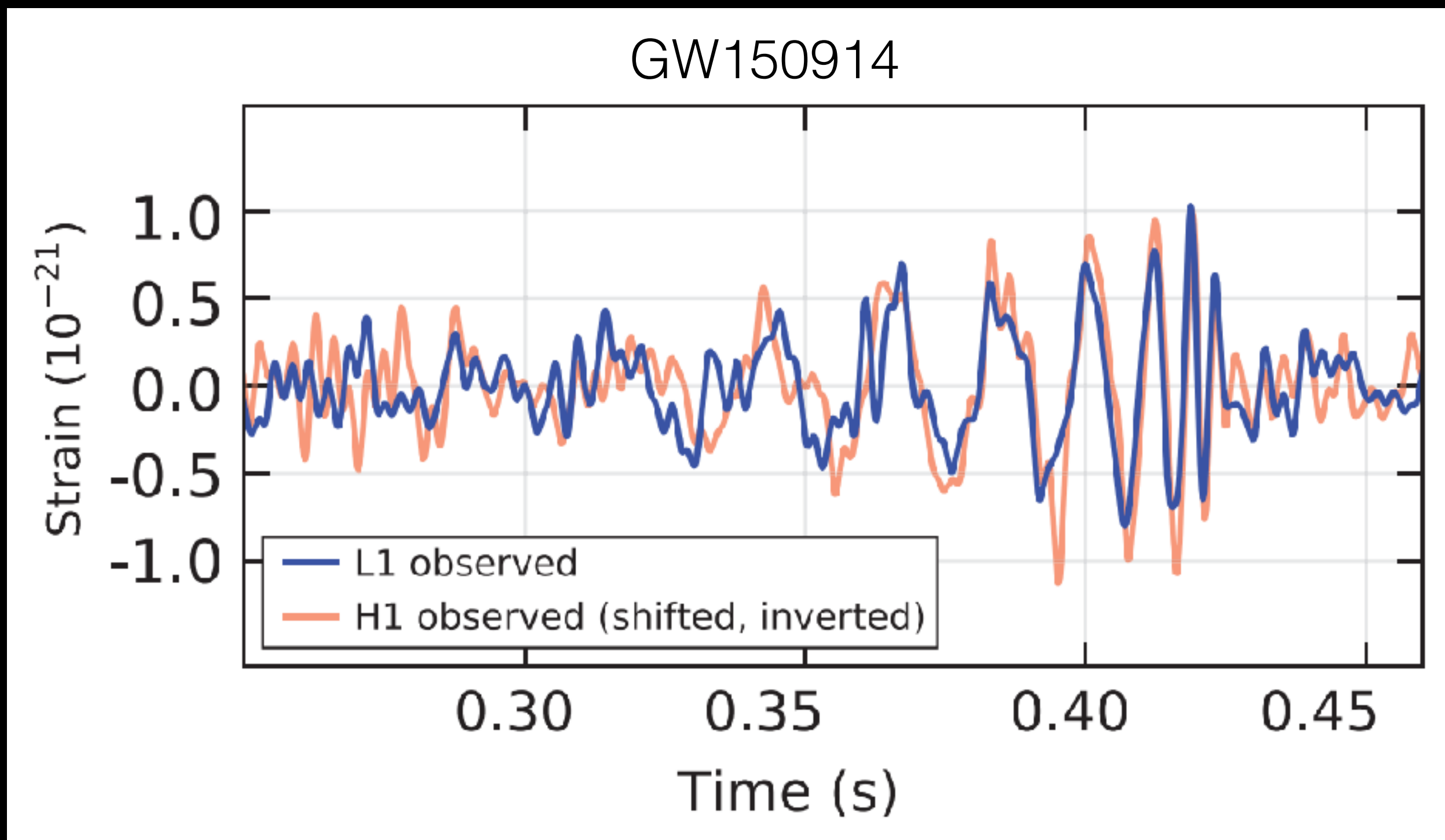
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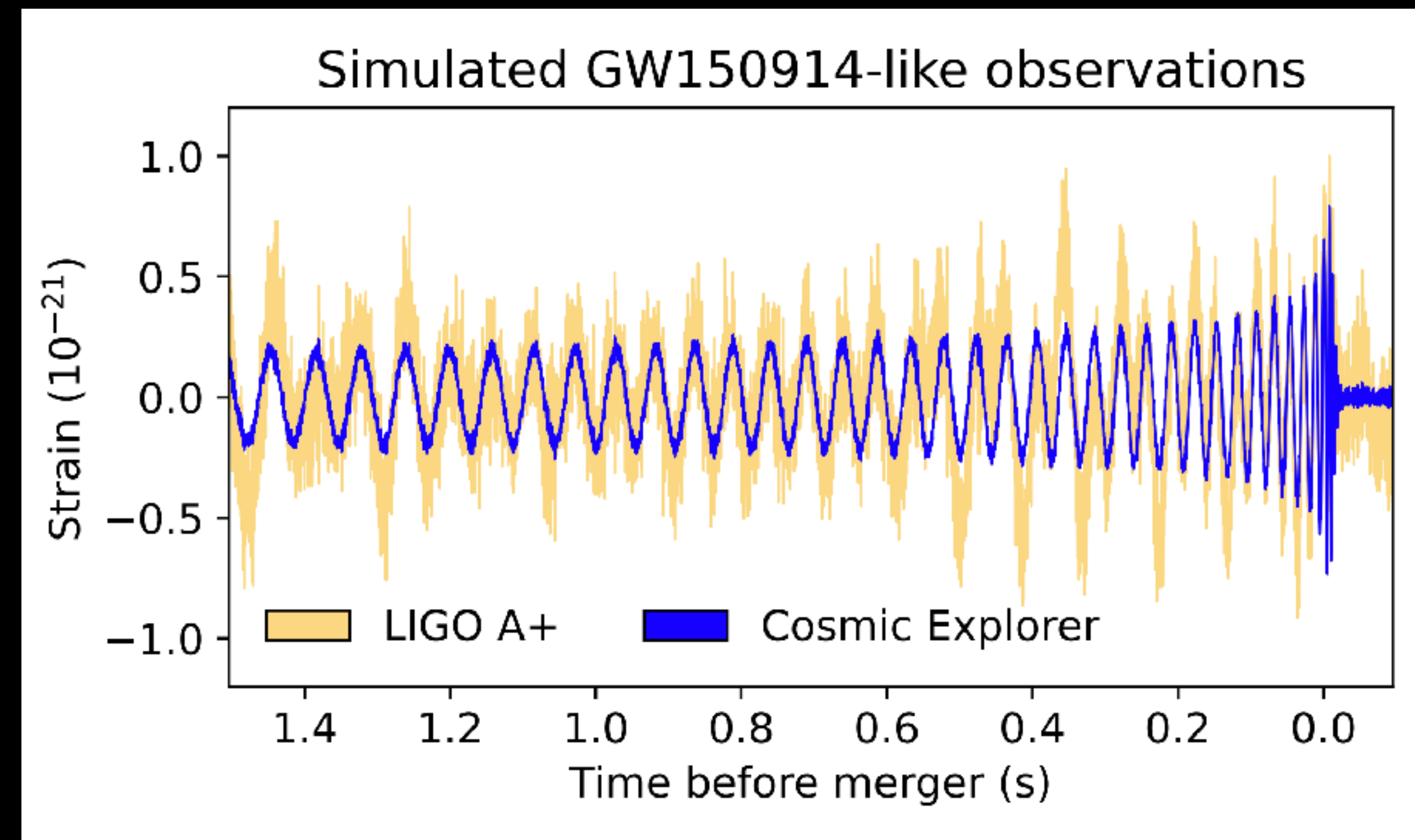
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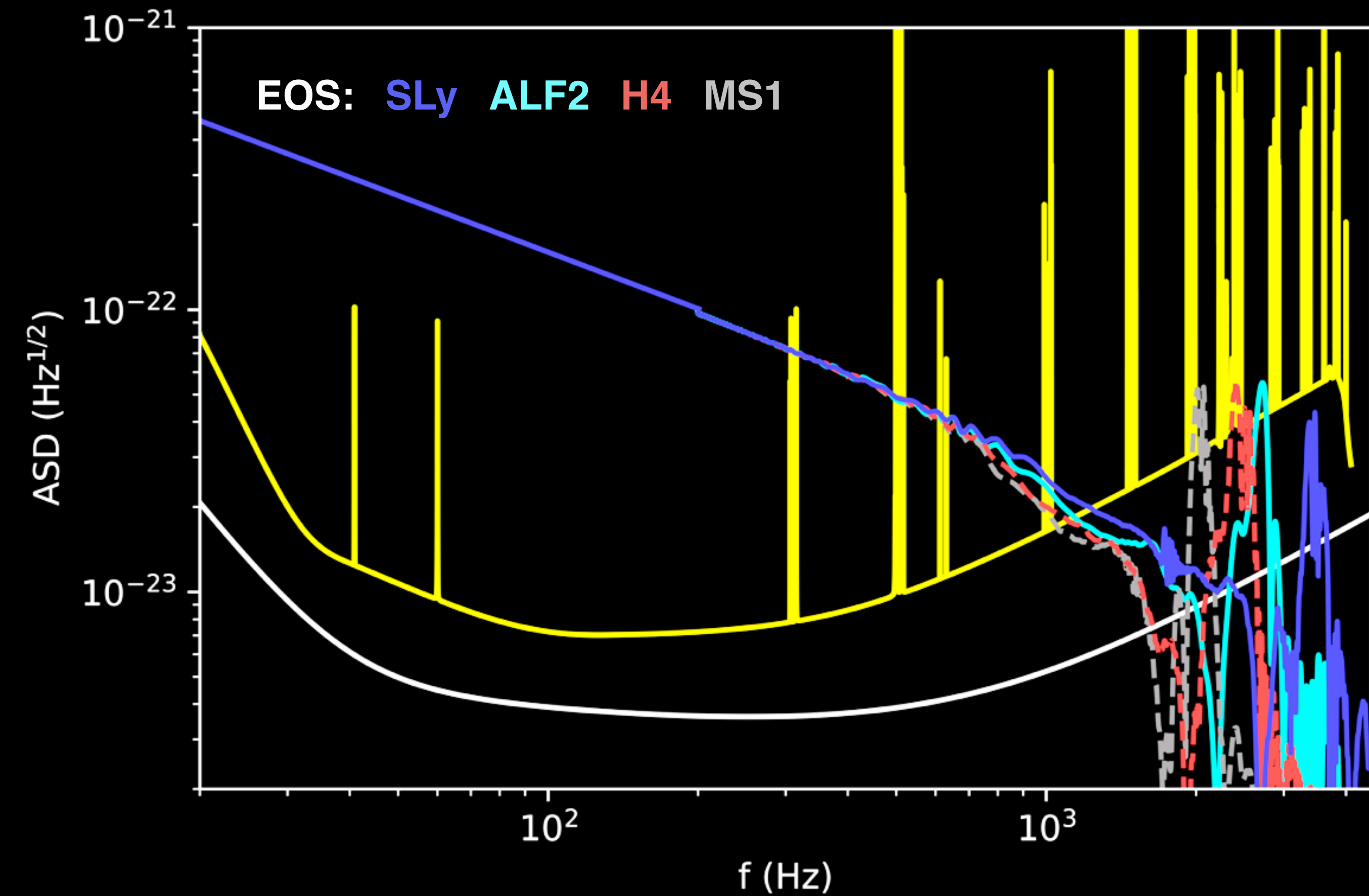


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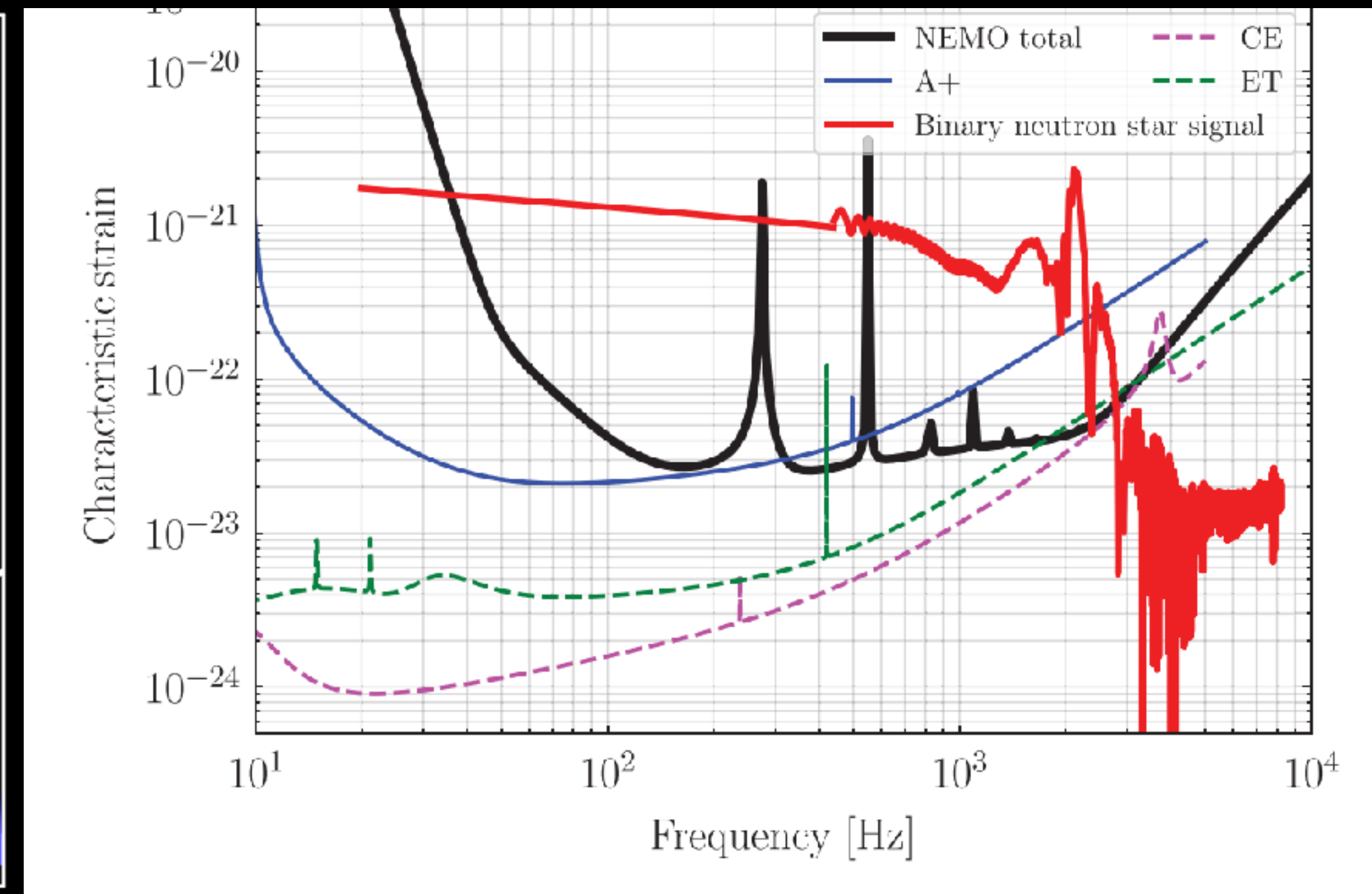
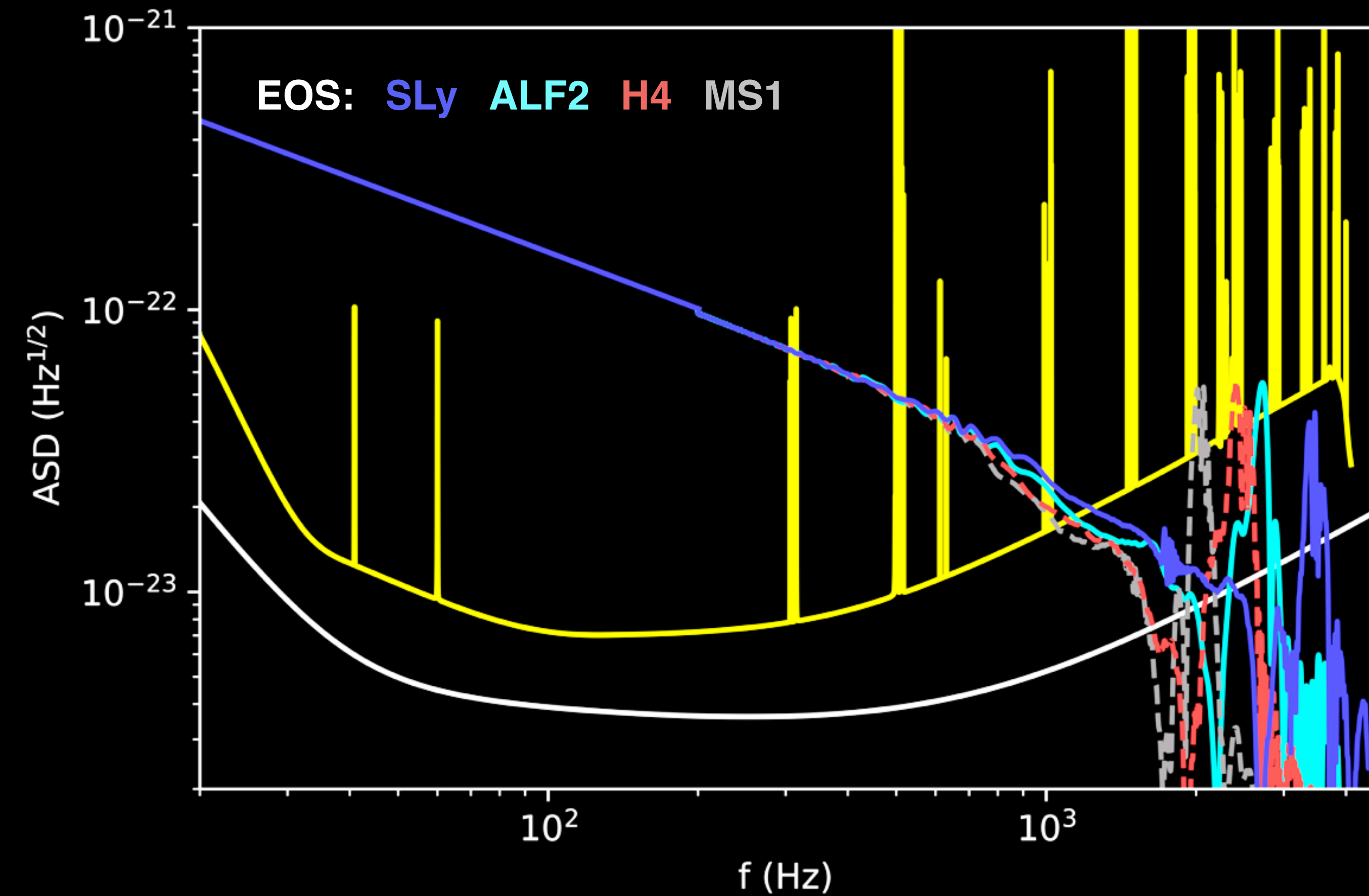


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# Broadband observations with next generation detectors



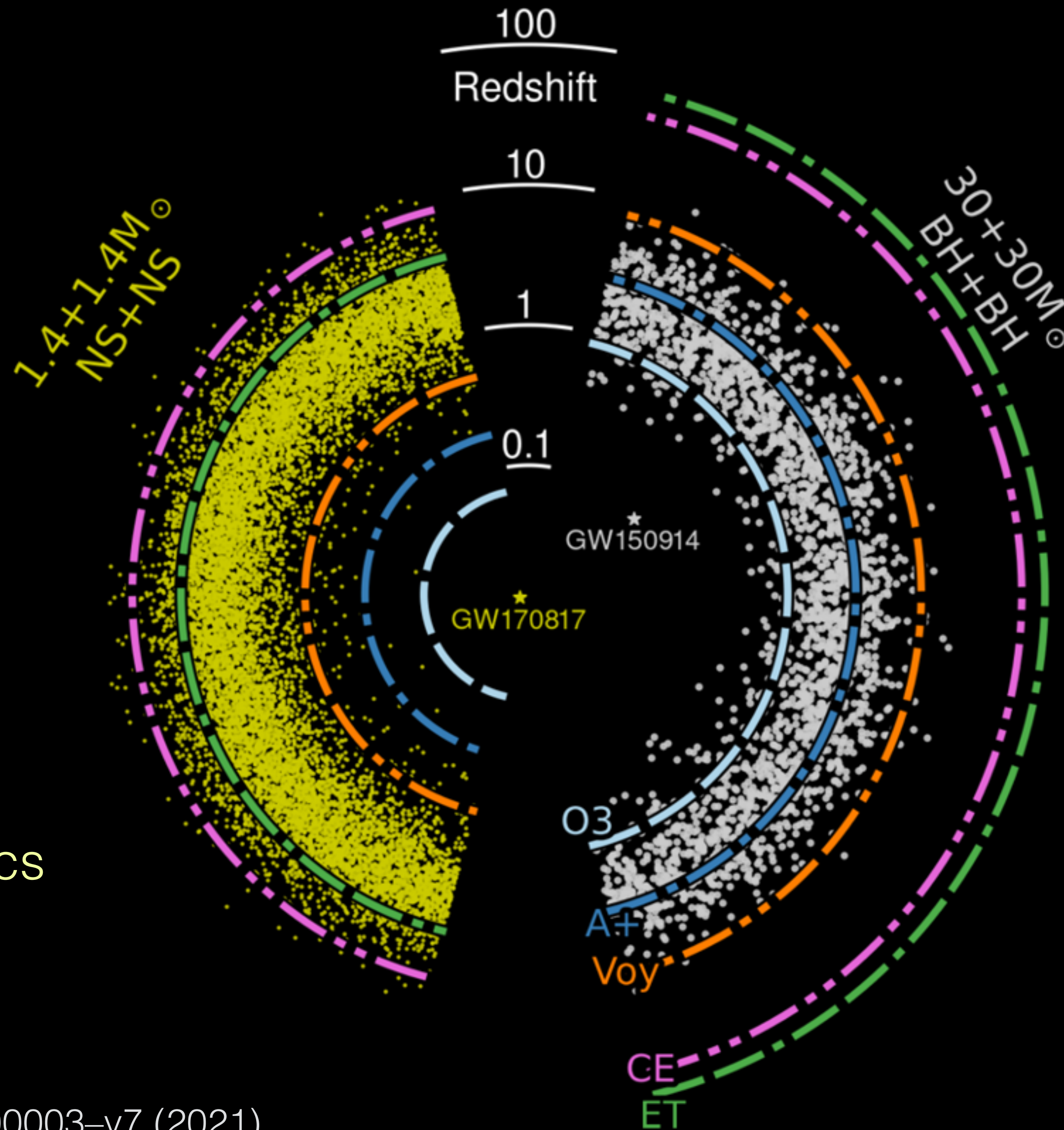
# Broadband observations with next generation detectors



**~300,000 BNS  
mergers!**

1 merger every  
100 seconds!

~5 will have SNR  
>300, unlocking  
post merger physics  
(NS EoS)

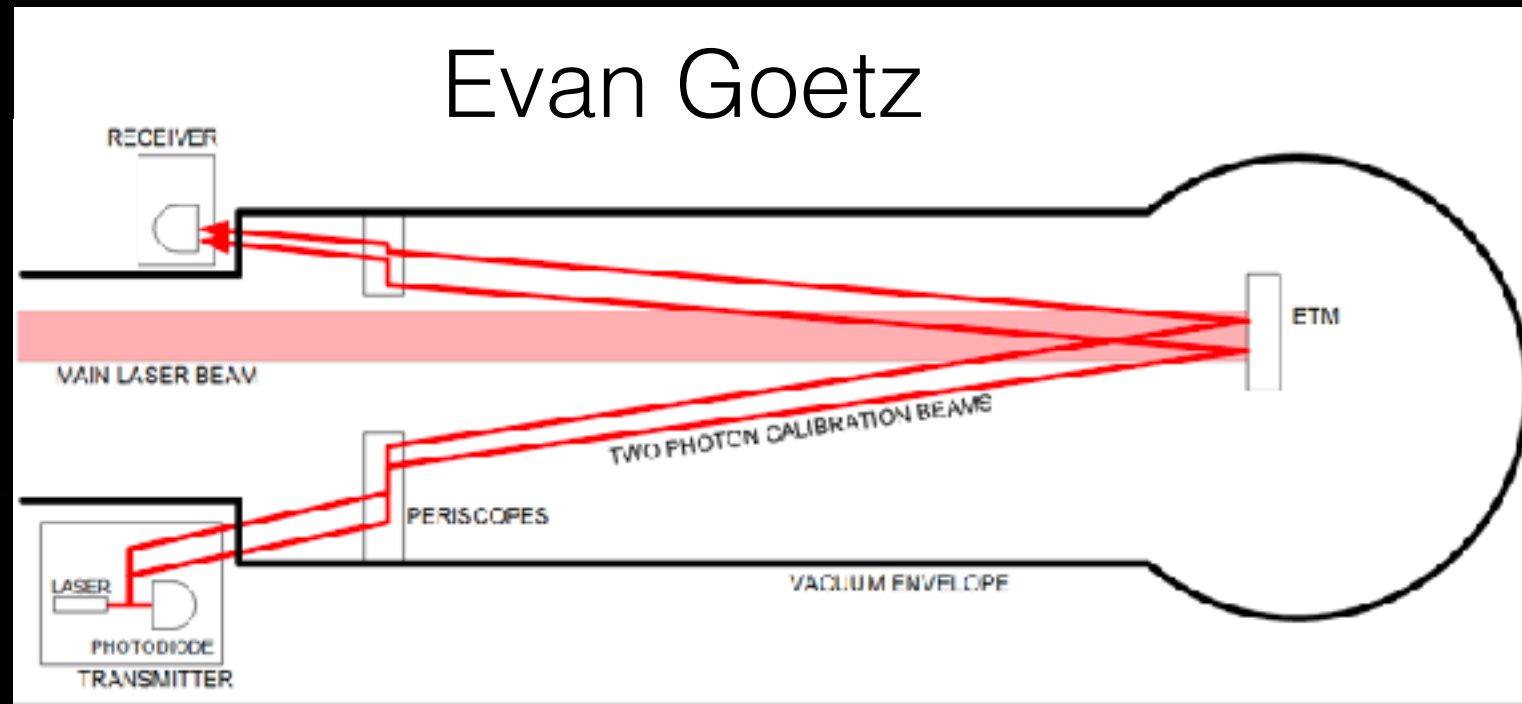
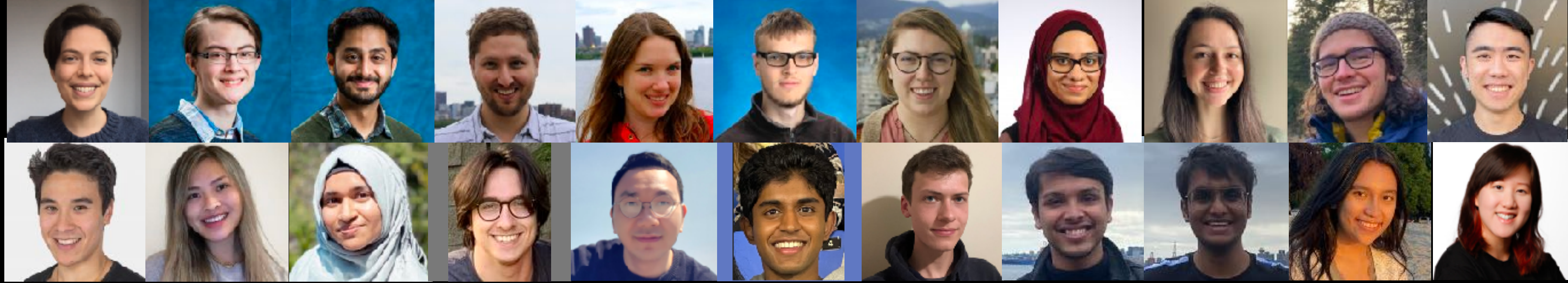


**~100,000 BBH  
mergers!**

1 merger every 5  
minutes!

~8 will be  
nearby ( $z < 0.1$ )  
with median SNR  
of 600, up to  
SNR of ~2500!

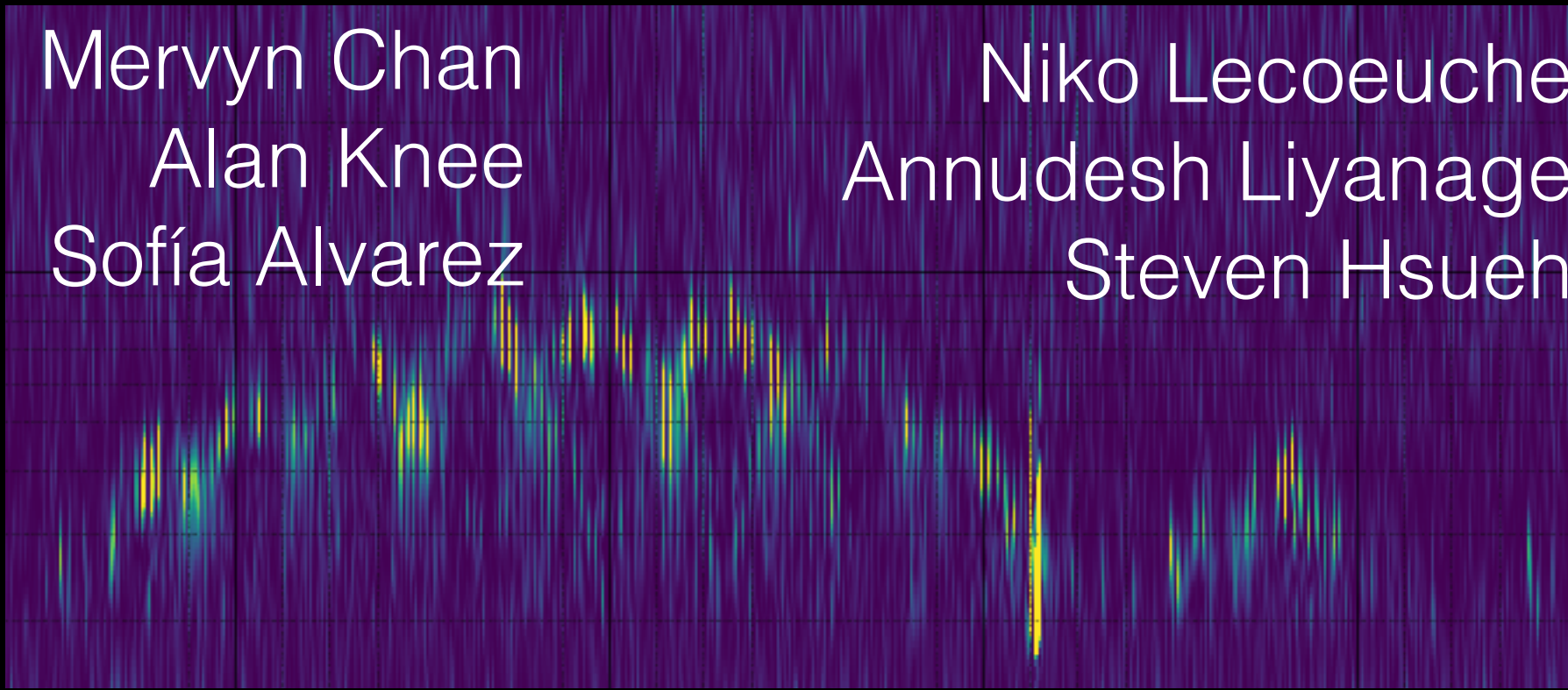
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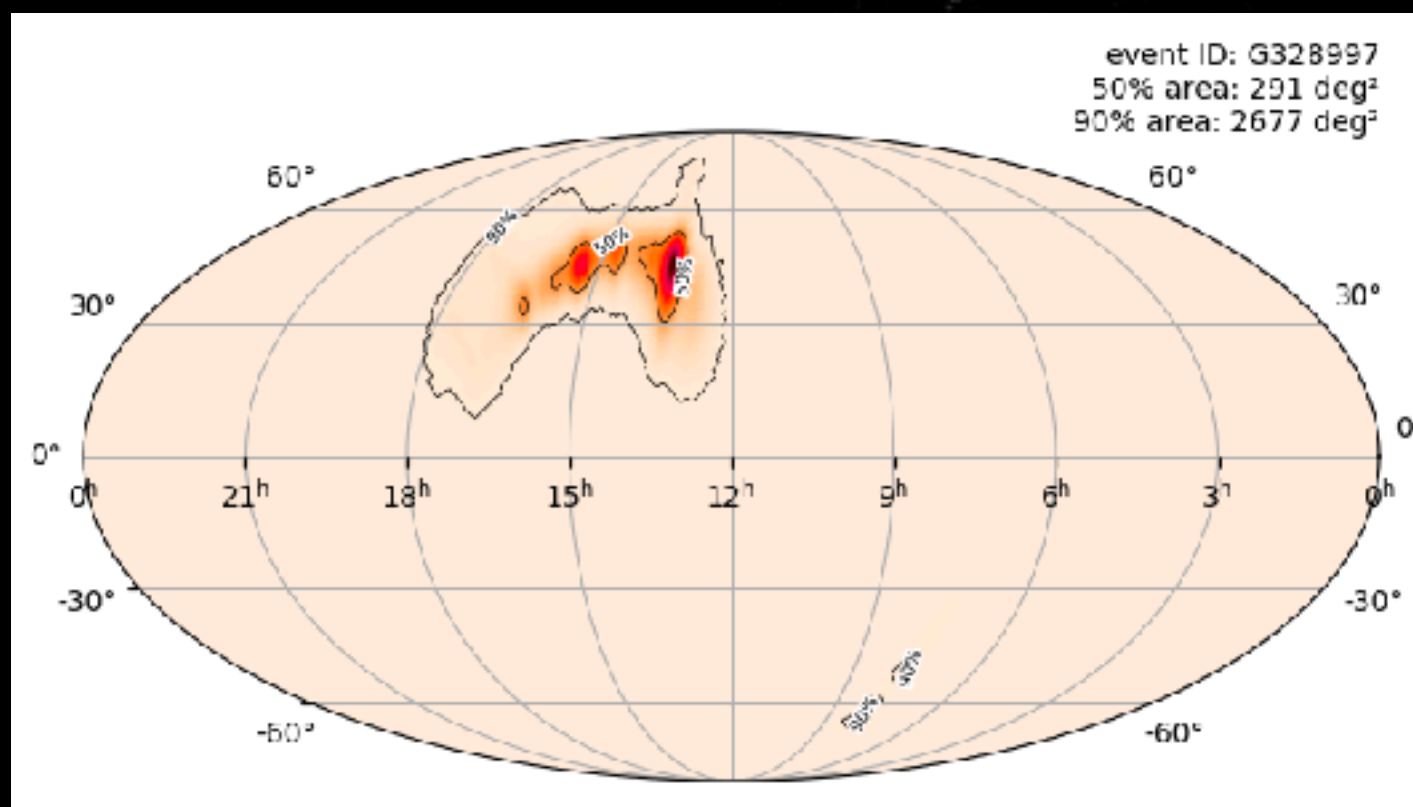


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