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What does Australia bring to the global gravitational-wave detector network?

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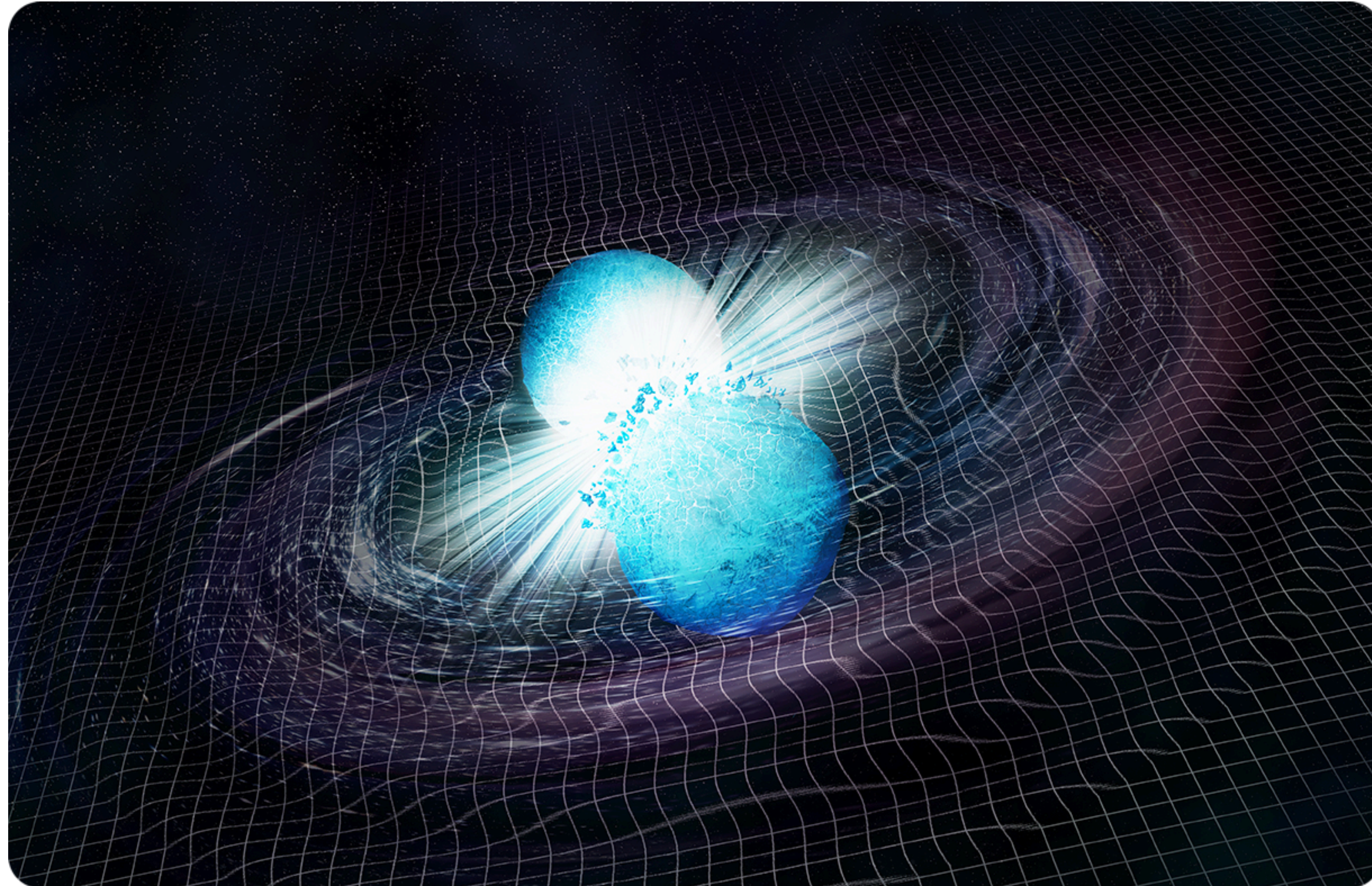
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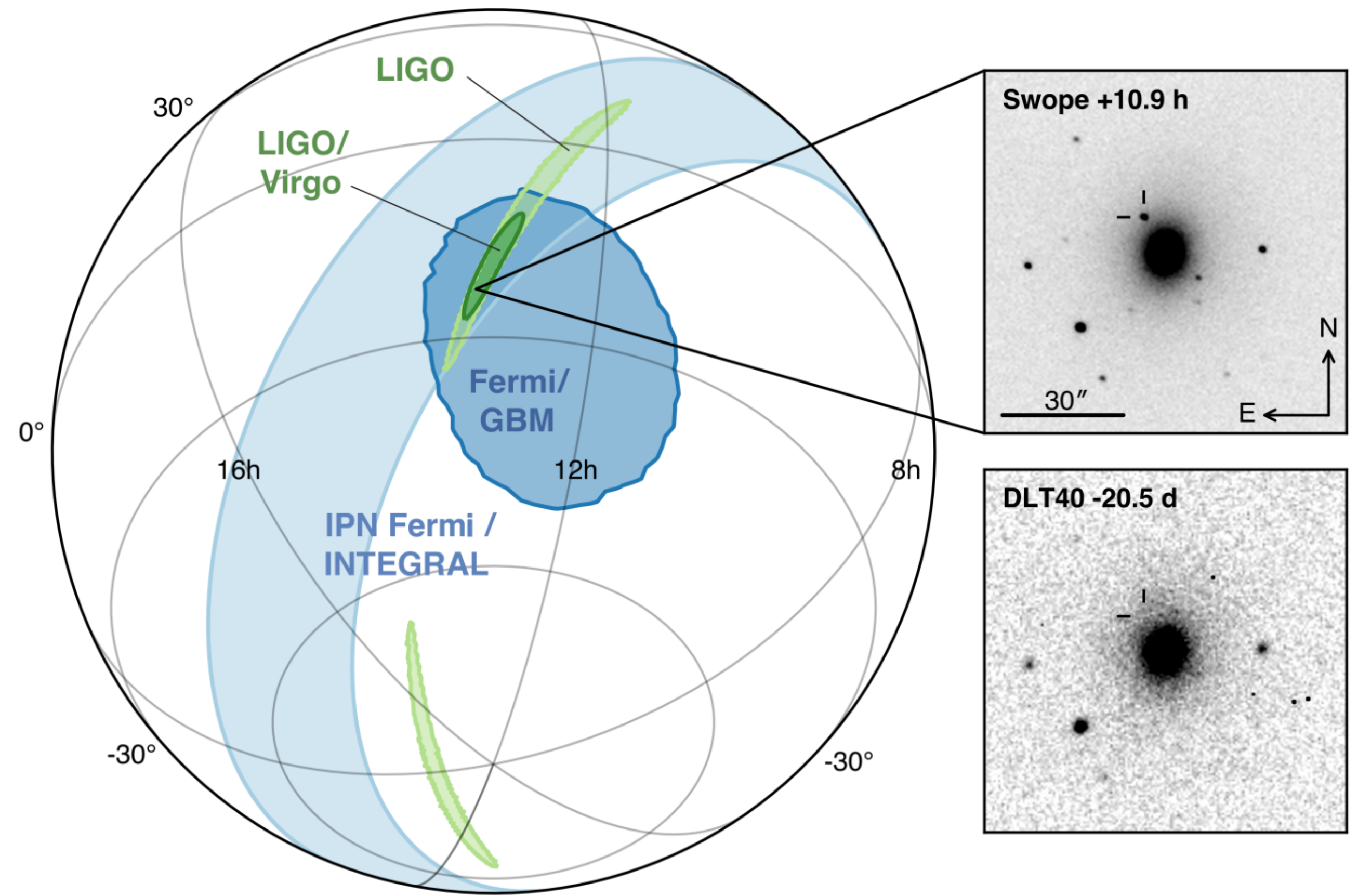
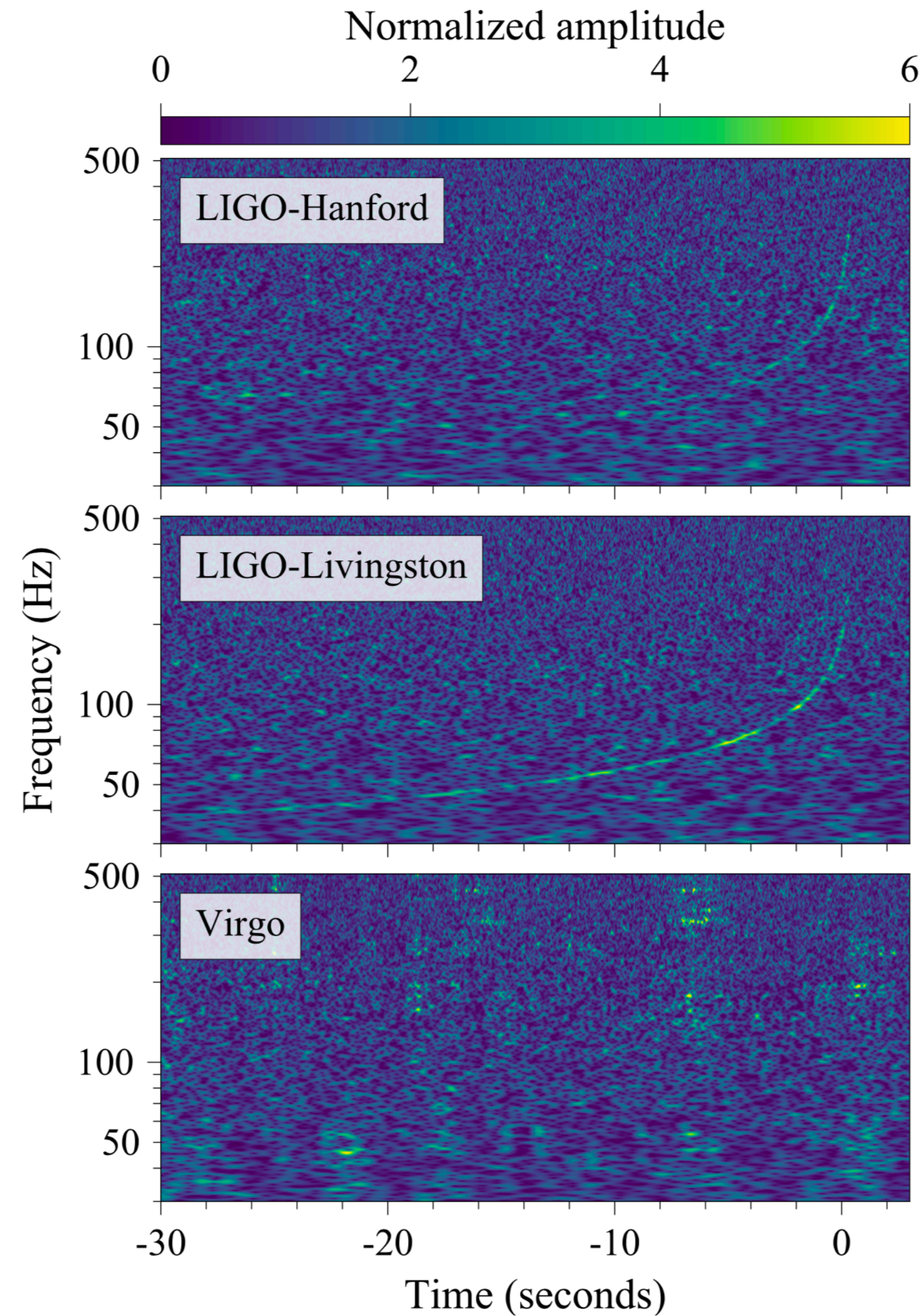
Outline

- *Binary neutron star mergers & multi-messenger astronomy*
- *Current and next generation ground-based detector networks*
- *What will an Australian detector bring us?*

BNS merger & multi-messenger



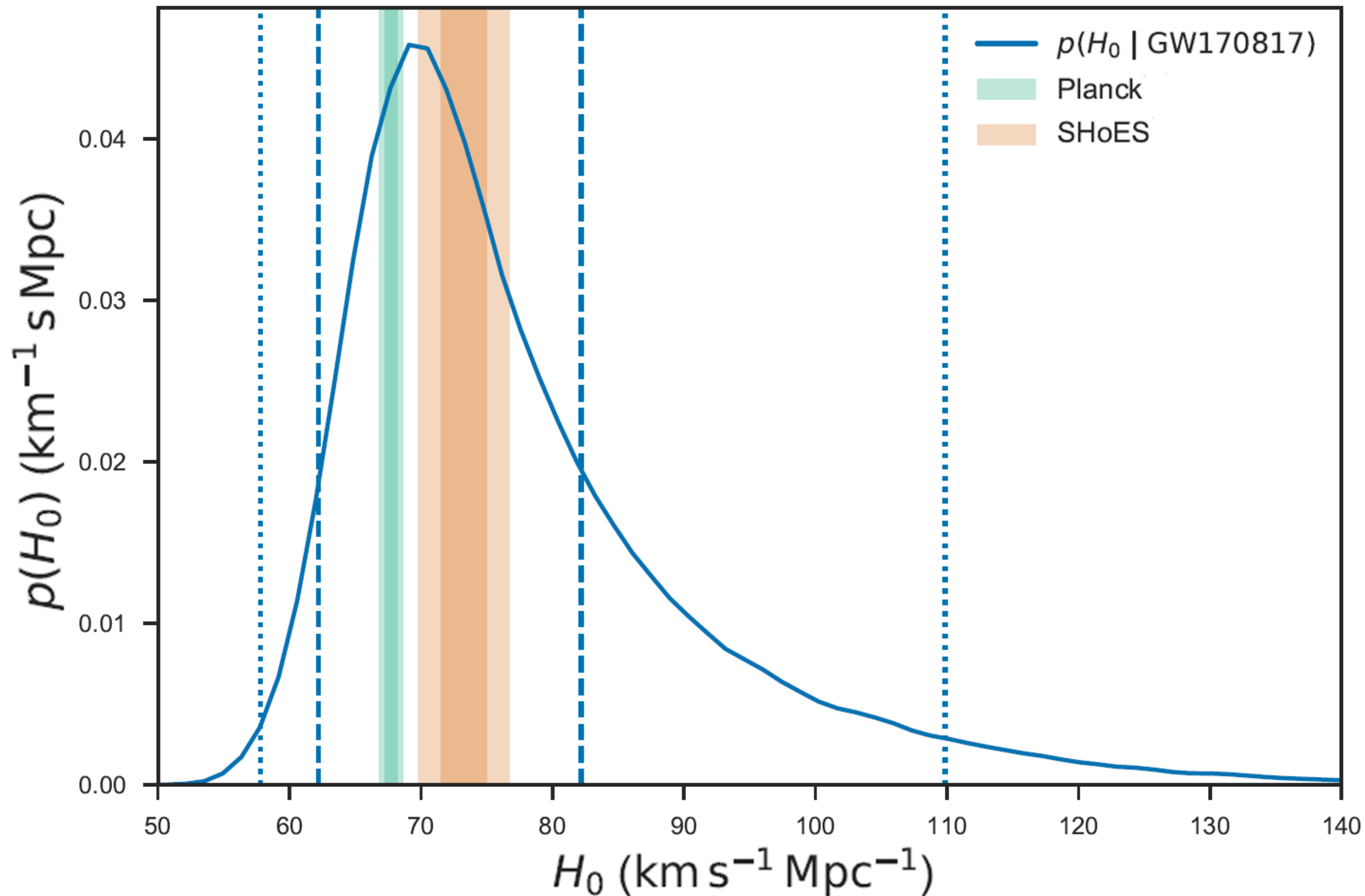
BNS merger & multi-messenger



Abbott et al., *Astrophys. J. Lett.* 848, L12 (2017)

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The standard sirens of the Hubble constant

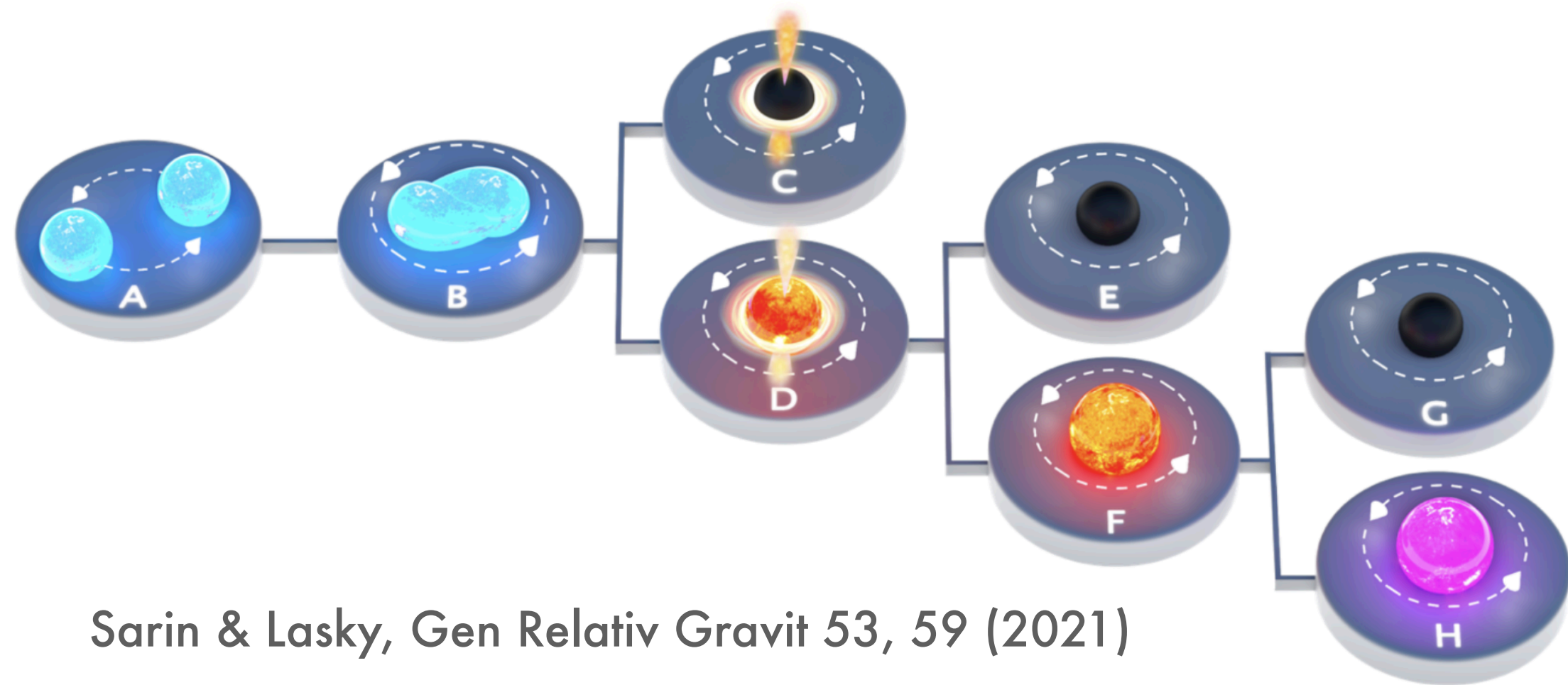


O(100) BNS standard sirens would provide a 1% determination of H_0 .

Chen et al., Nature 562, 545–547 (2018)

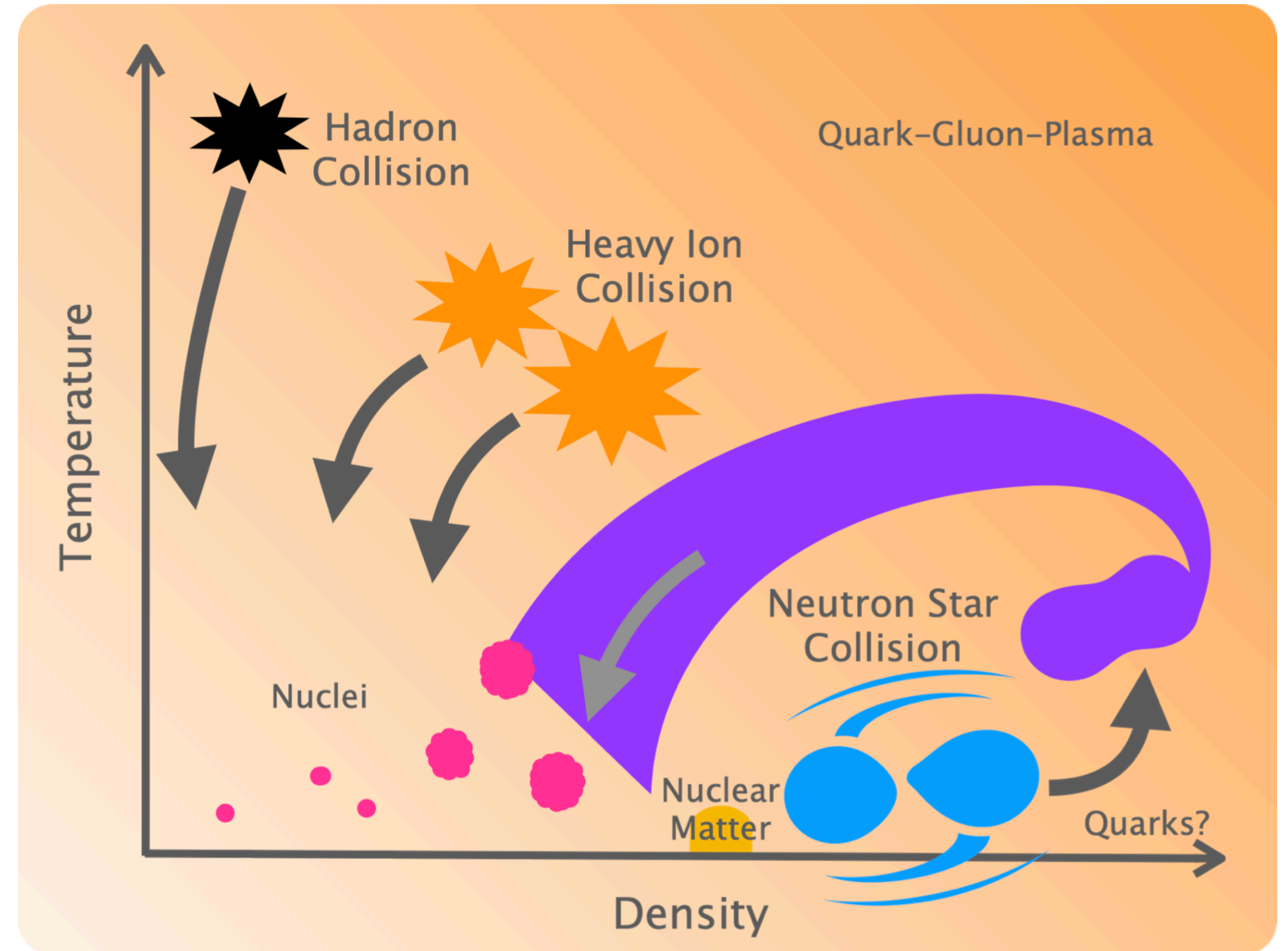
- *Luminosity distance measured from GW data*
- *Radial velocity of the galaxy measured from EM data*

BNS post-merger physics



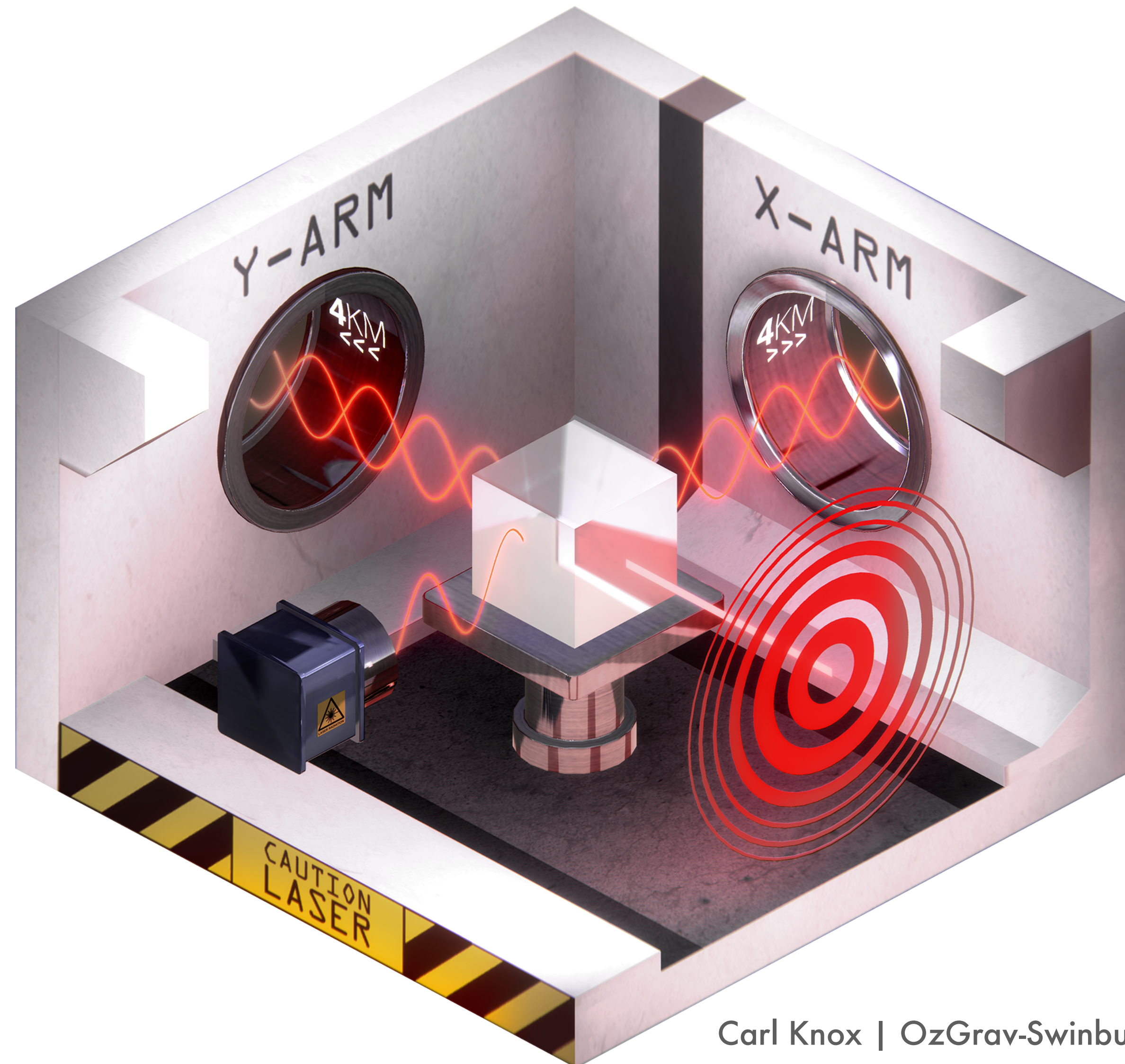
Sarin & Lasky, Gen Relativ Gravit 53, 59 (2021)

- *Final product of BNS merger*
- *Phase transition*
- *Nuclear equation of state*



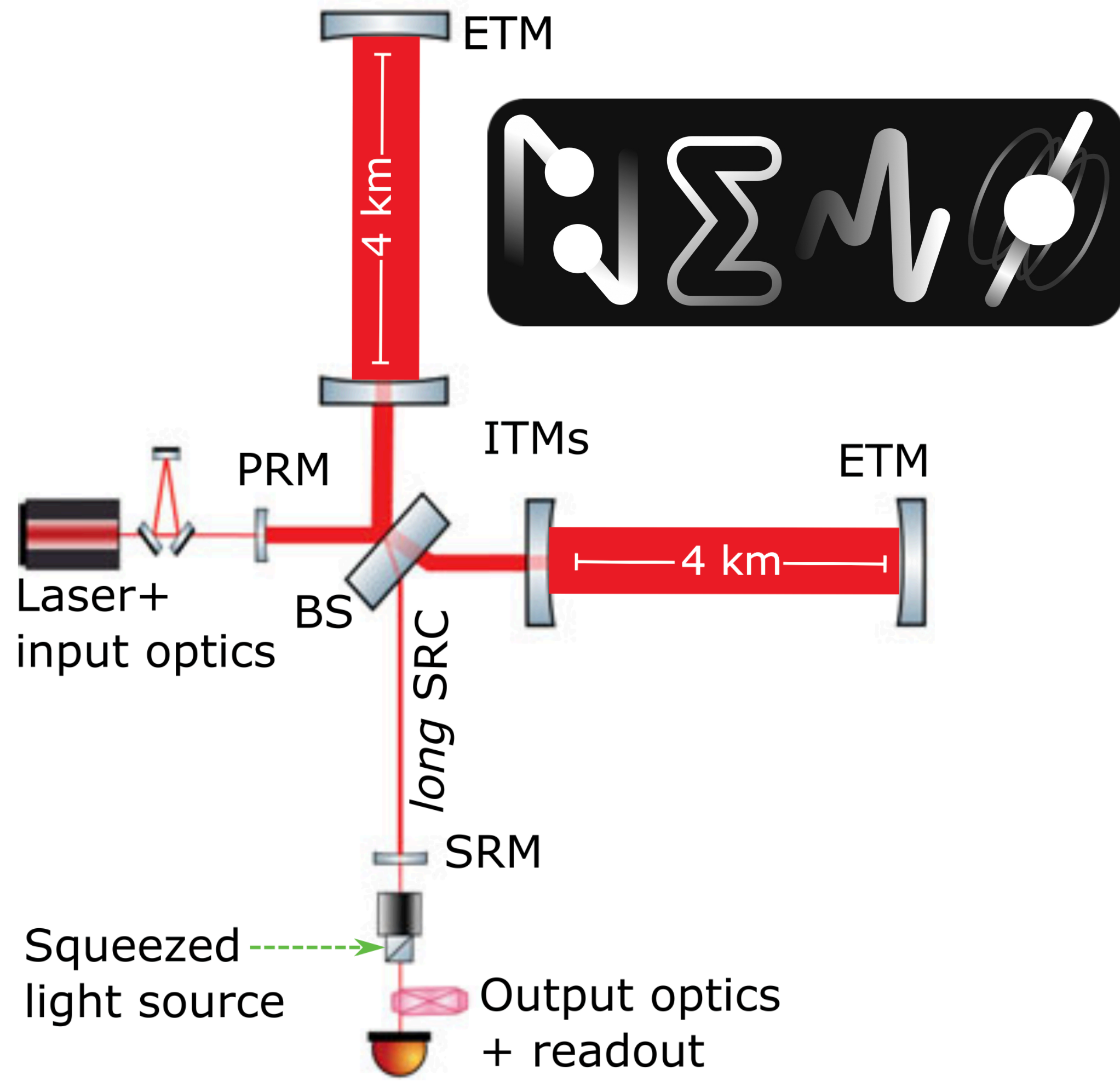
Evans et al., arXiv:2109.09882 (2021)

Future ground-based detectors and global network

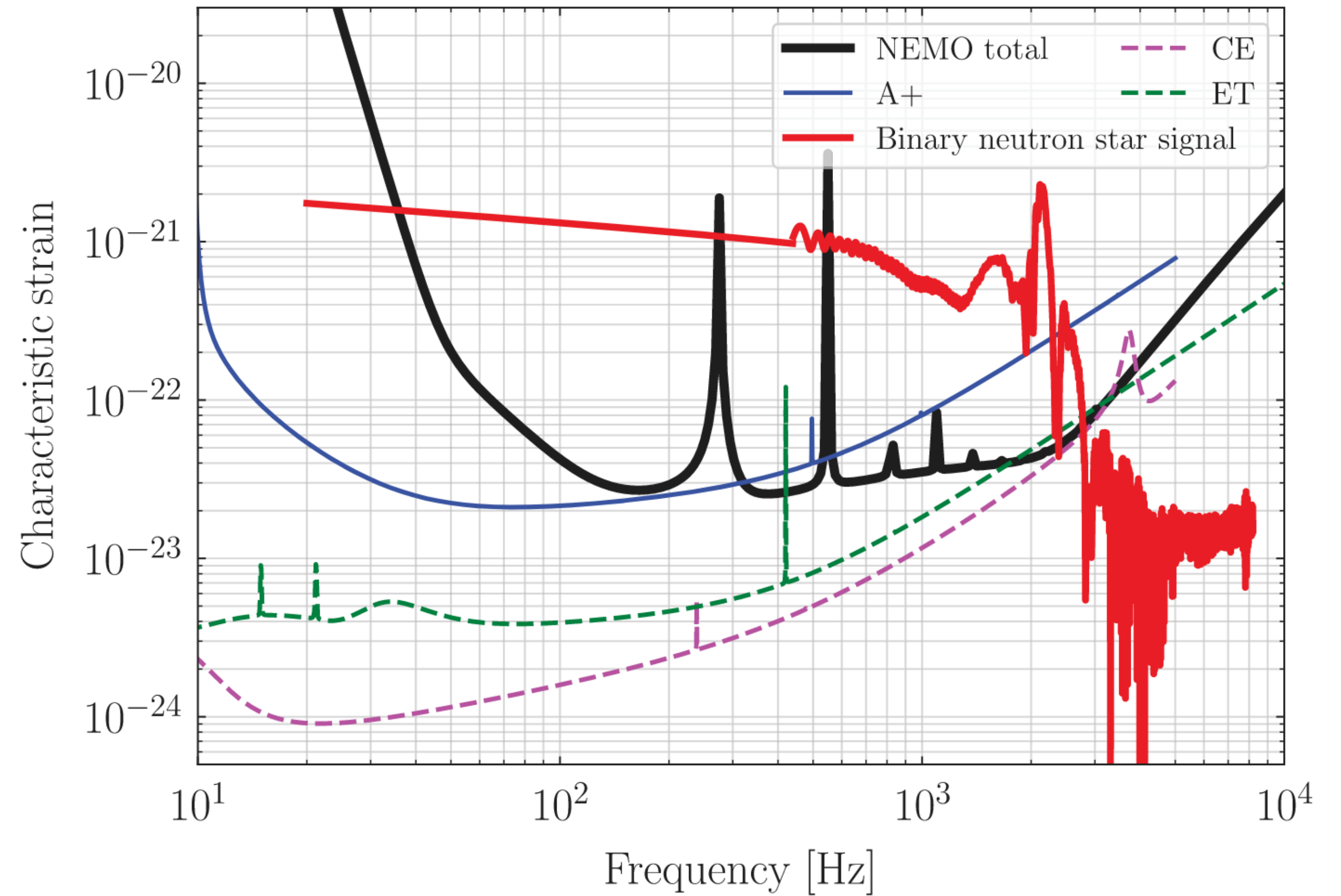


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Neutron Star Extreme Matter Observatory (NEMO)

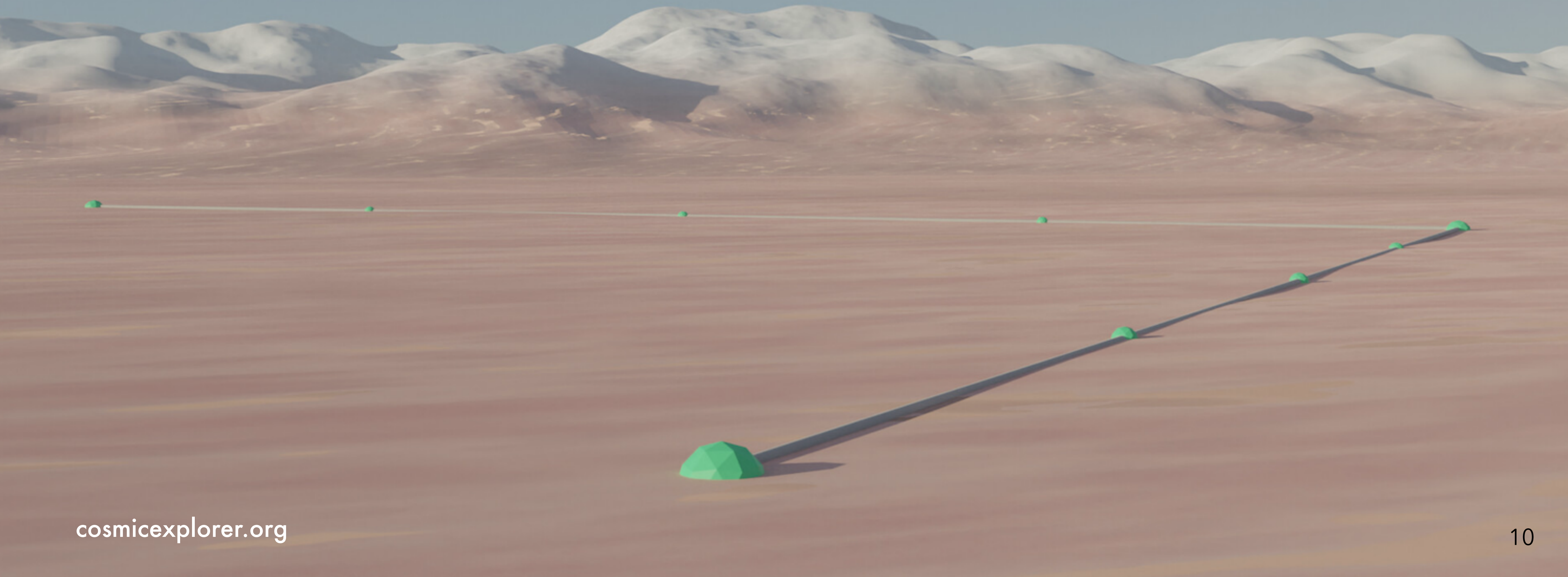


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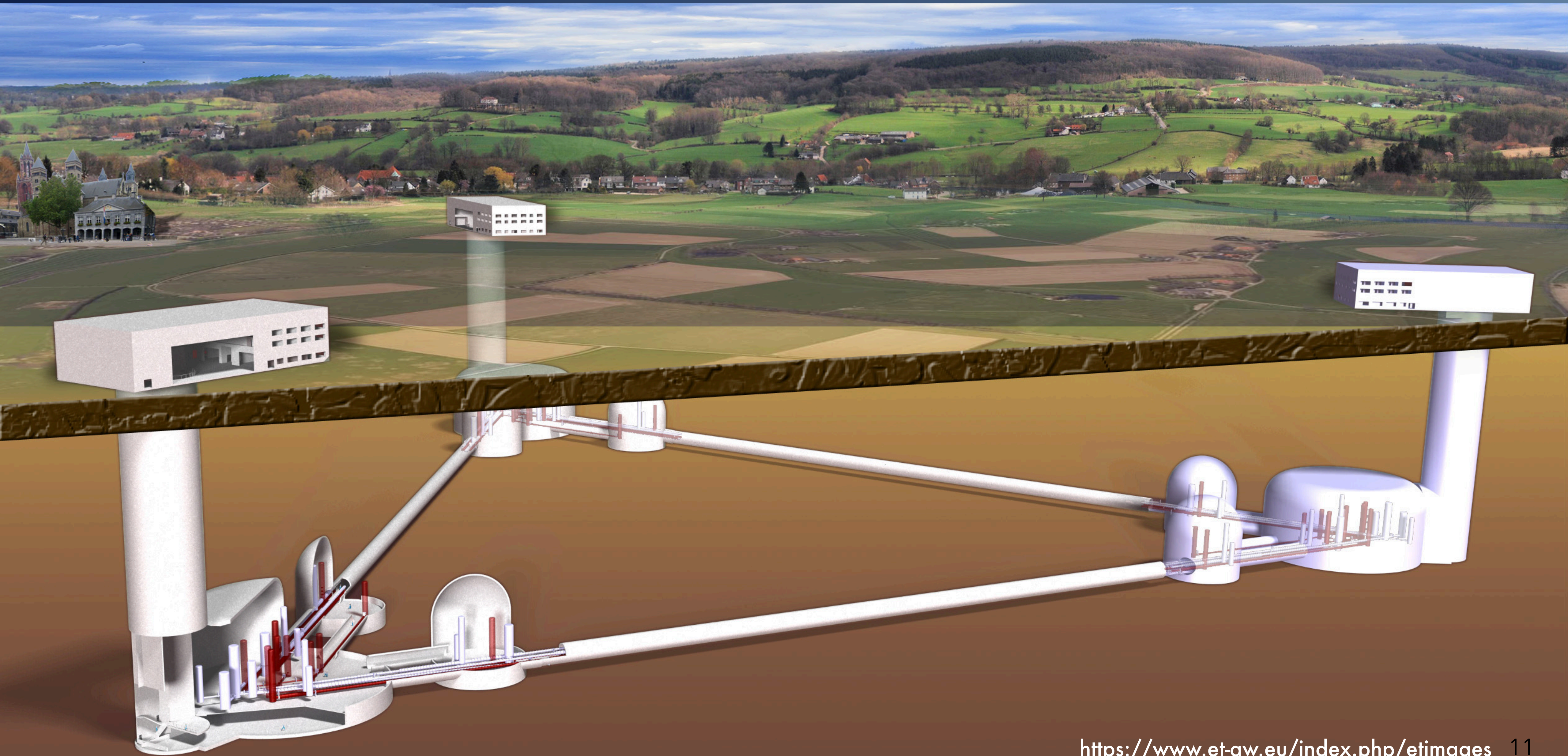


Cosmic Explorer (CE)

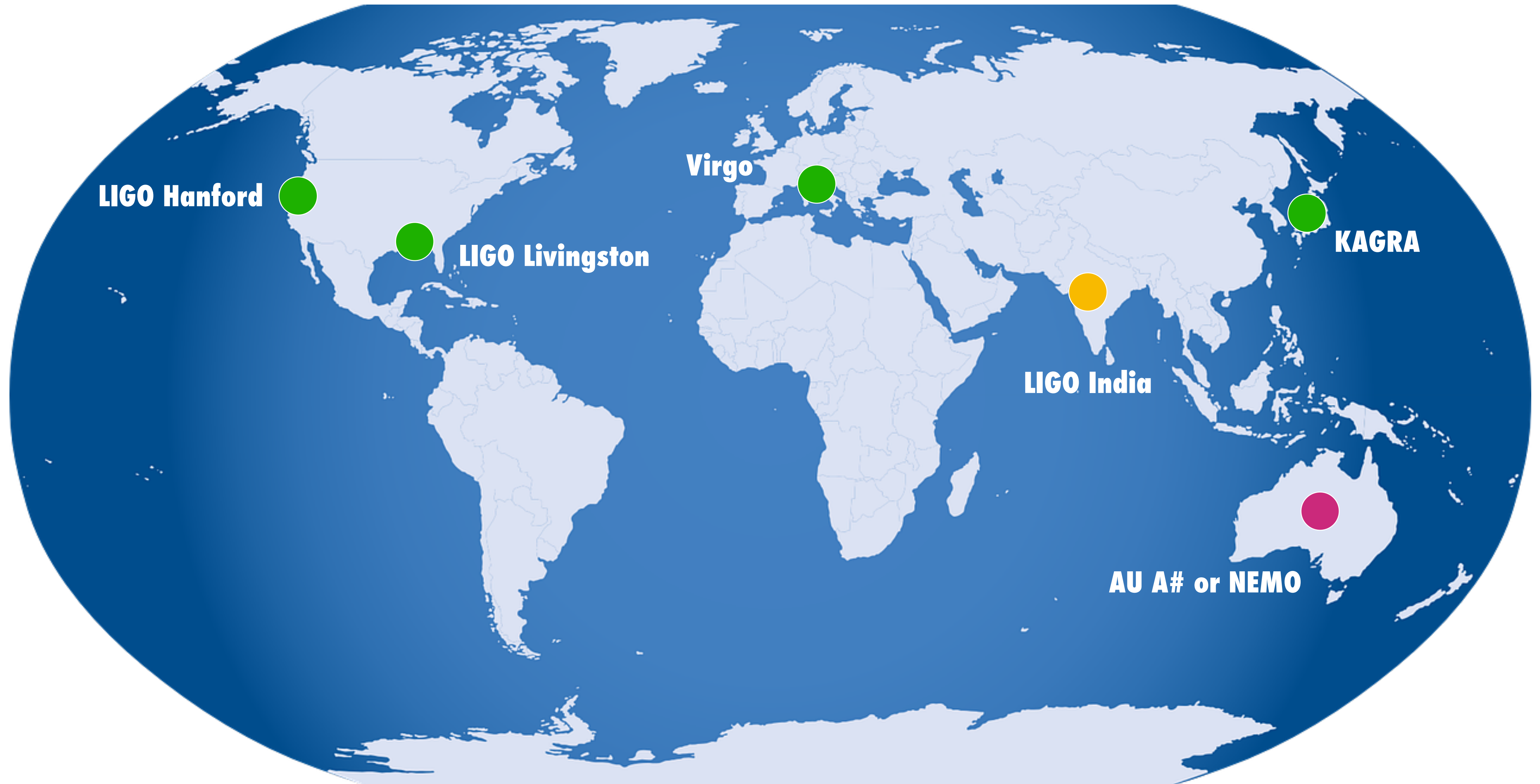
- *Get stellar remnants throughout cosmic time*
- *Look deep into the universe with unprecedented precision*



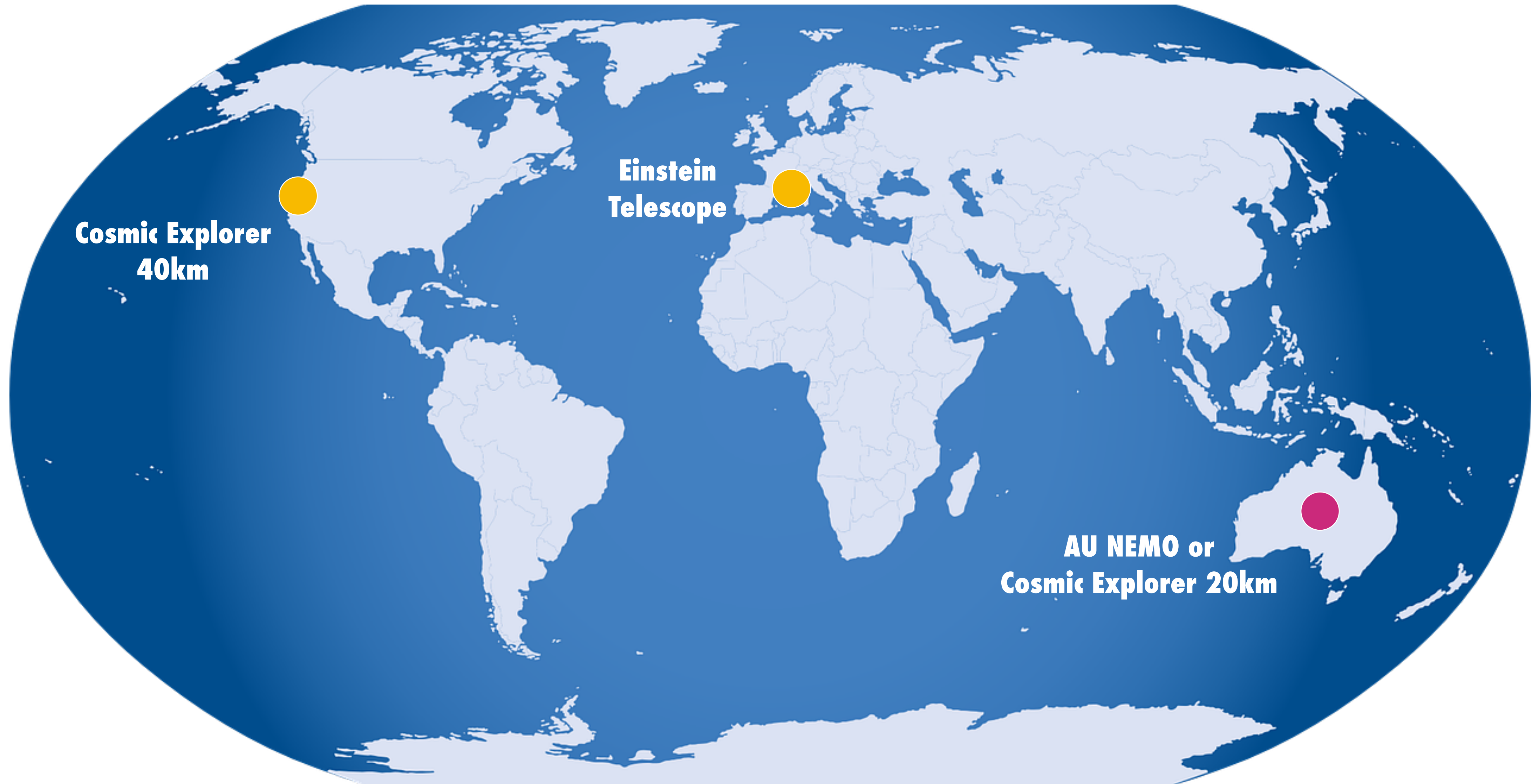
Einstein Telescope (ET)



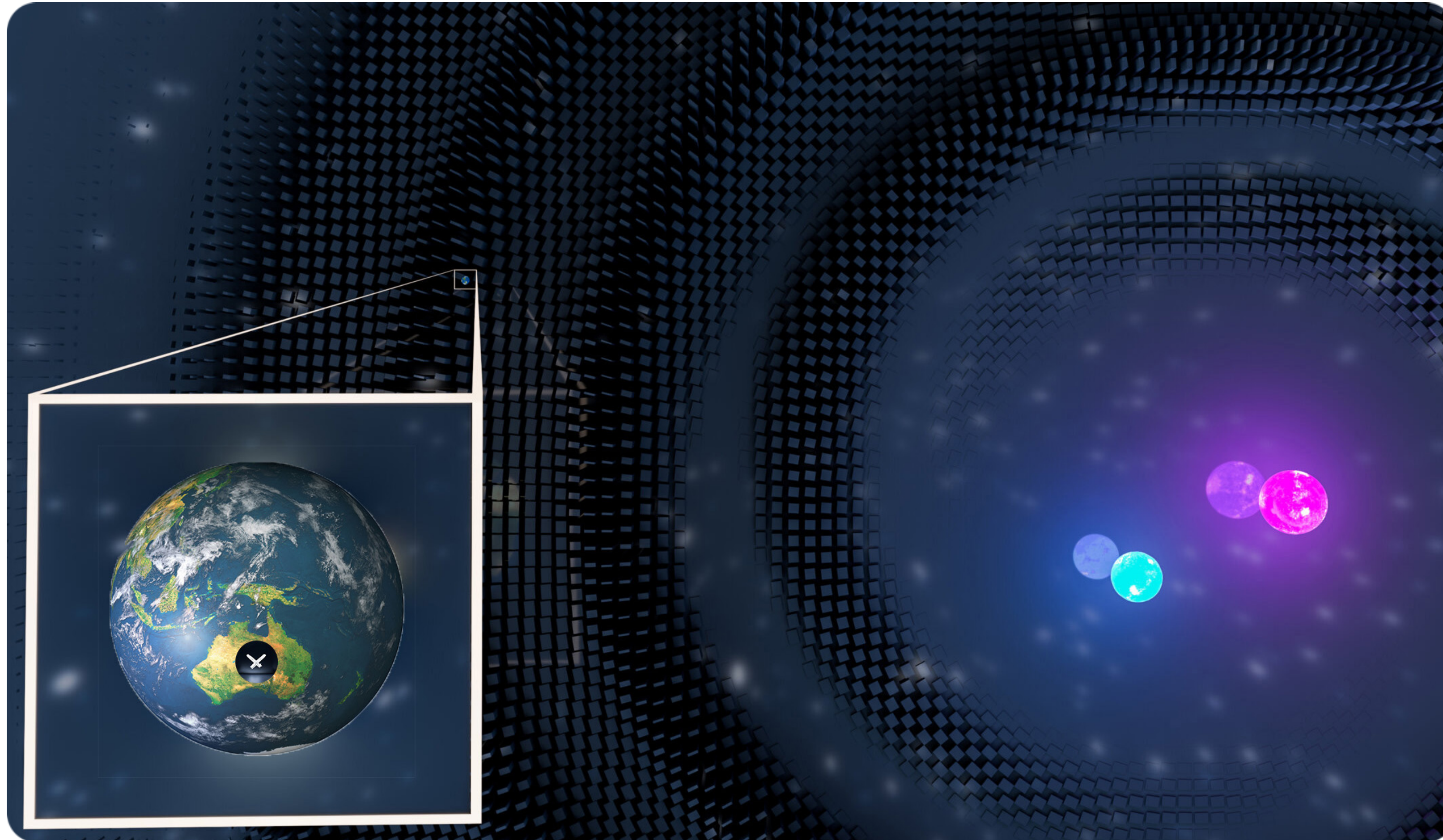
Current generation global network



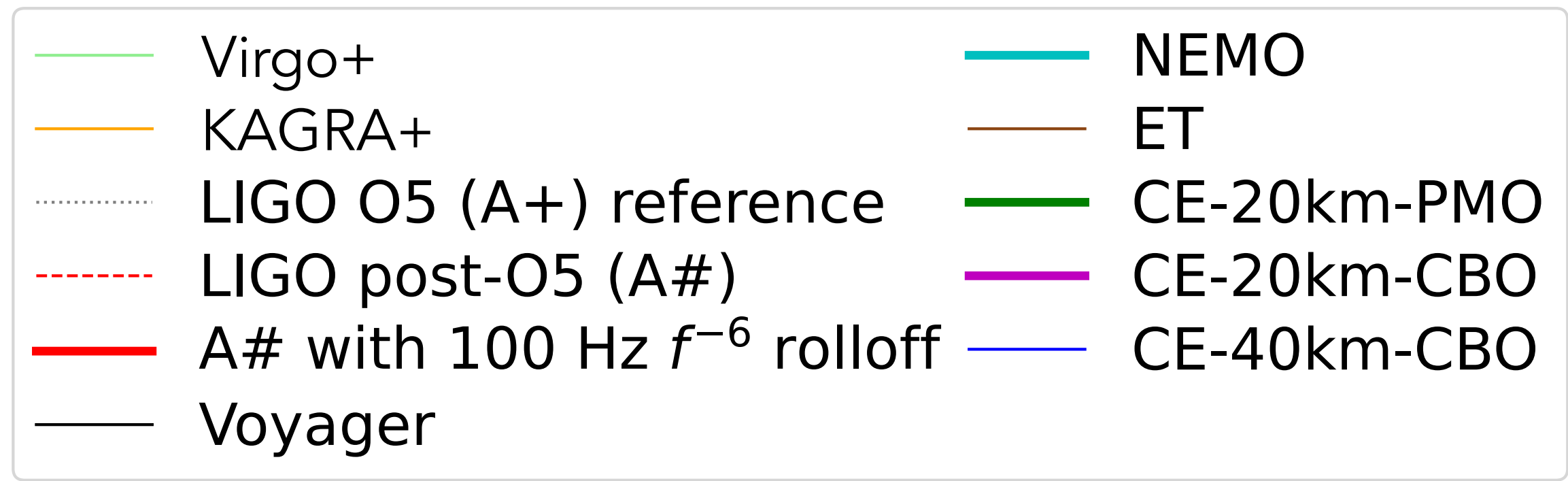
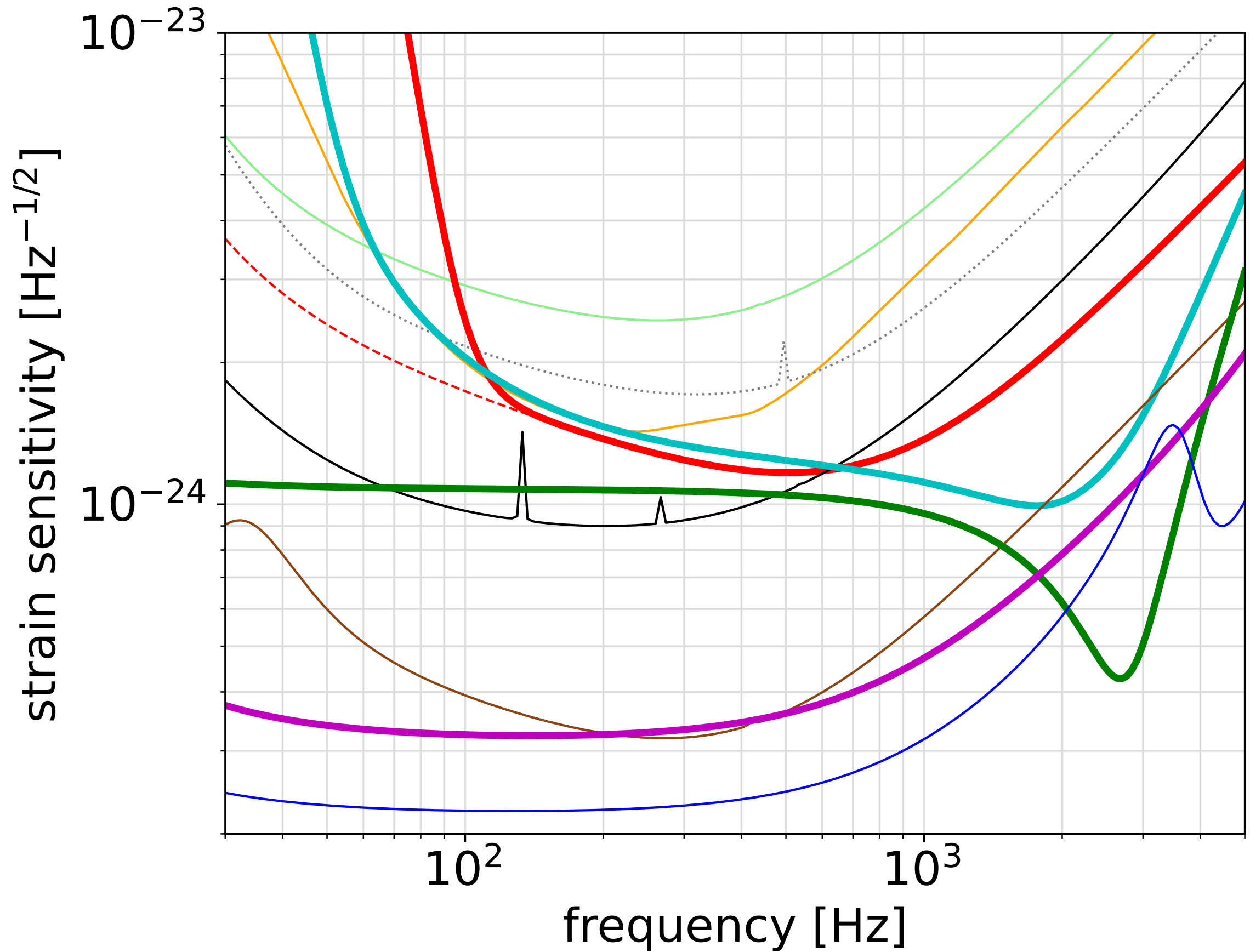
Next generation global network



What will an Australian detector bring us?



Network scenarios



Three scenarios:

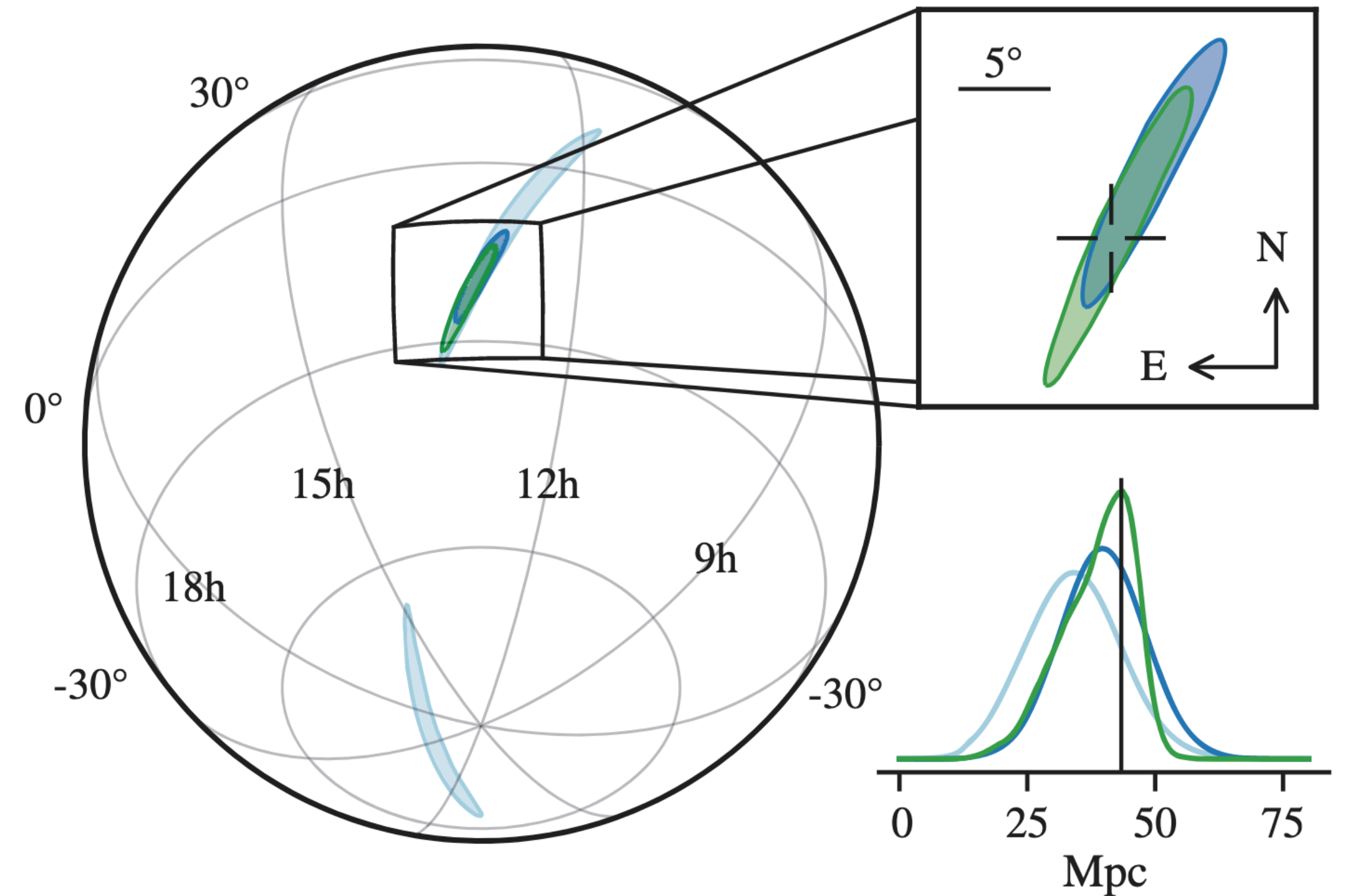
	Global env	AU detector
Late 2020s (2G)	LIGO post O5 (A#)	A# with low-freq rolloff
2030s (2.5G)	Voyager	A# with low-freq rolloff or NEMO
2040s (3G)	CE-40km & ET	NEMO or CE-20km-PMO or CE-20km-CBO

PMO — Post-Merger Optimized
CBO — Compact Binary Optimized

Number of BNS events per year with:

- Signal-to-noise ratio > 10
- Luminosity distance < 500 Mpc
- 90%-credible sky area < 10 deg²

Detectable, close enough (reachable by the telescopes), and well-localised



GW170817

- **Light blue:** low-latency HL, 190 deg²
- **Dark blue:** low-latency HLV, 31 deg²
- **Green:** high-latency HLV, **28** deg²

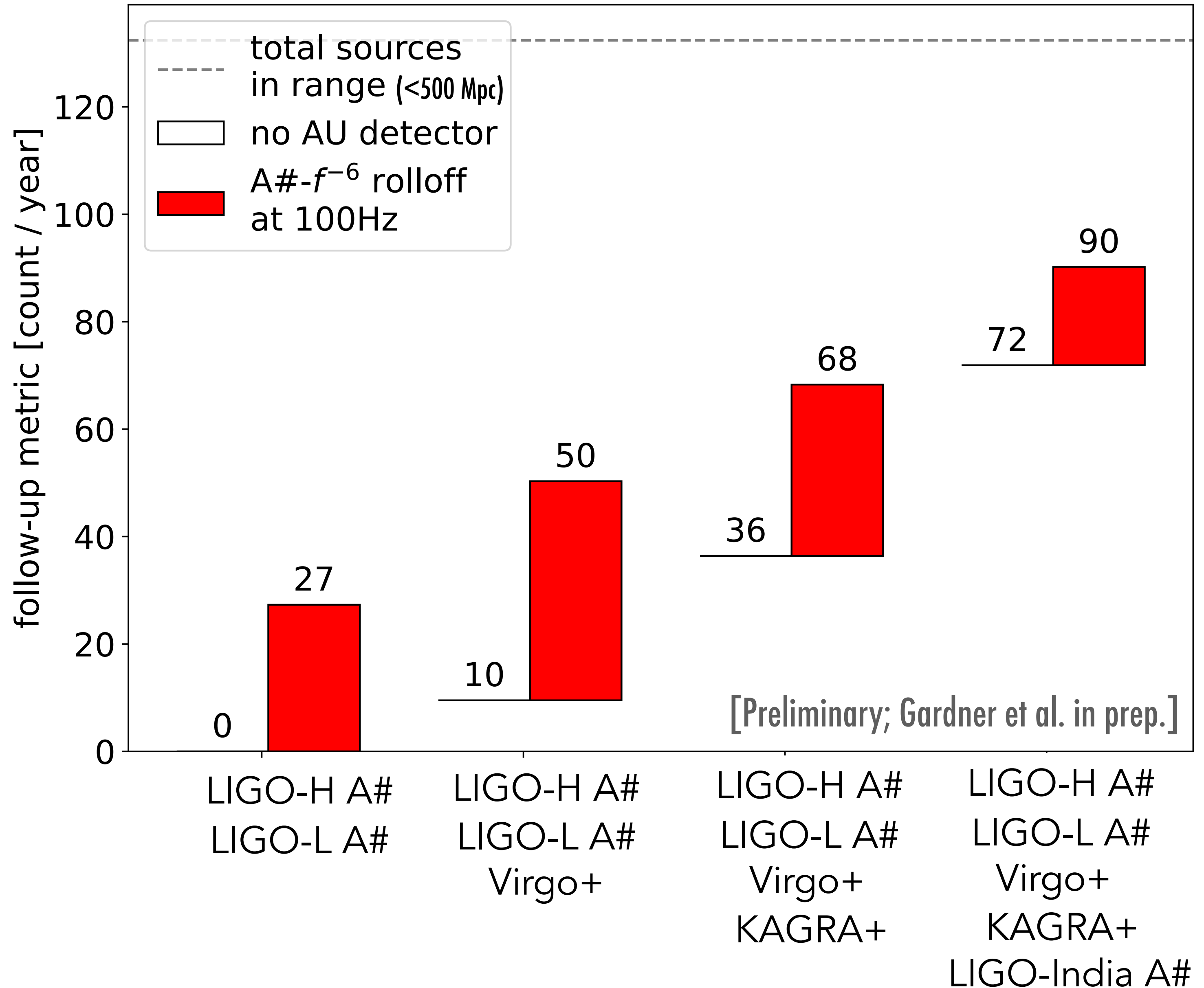
Scenario 1: Australian A# in 2G

- *Although an Australian 2G detector does not largely improve detection rate, it significantly contributes to sky localisation*

2G – late 2020s:

A# with low-freq rolloff

[Global env: LIGO post-O5 (A#)]



****Assuming GWTC-2 BNS merger rate**

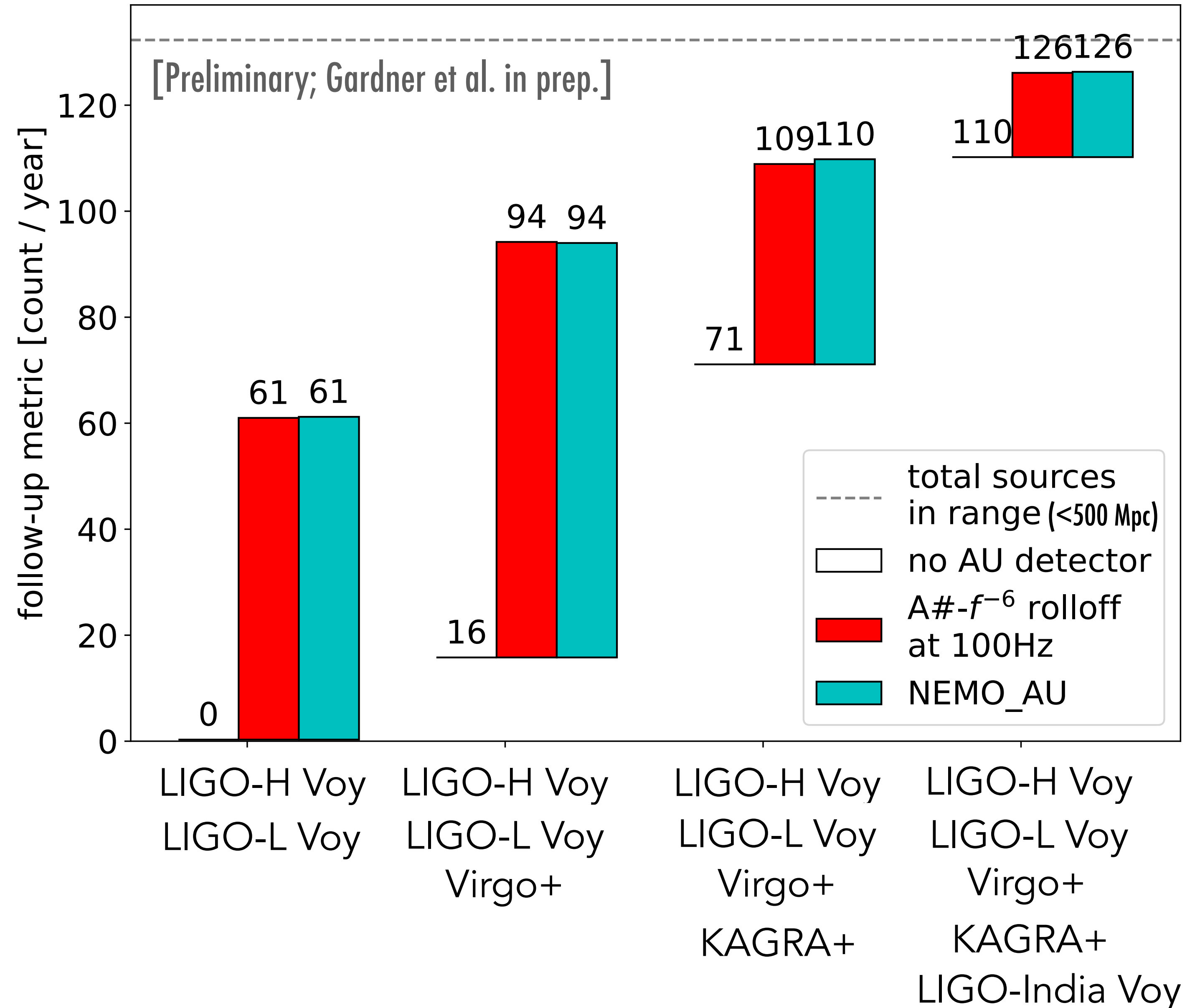
Scenario 2: Australian NEMO in 2.5G

- **A#** and **NEMO** are similarly relevant in 2.5G
- Largely improves the metric
- Benefits are more significant if less 2.5G detectors are available in the network
- Capped by the total number of events
- **NEMO** also enables post-merger study before 3G era

2.5G – 2030s:

A# with low-freq rolloff or **NEMO**
[Global env: Voyager]

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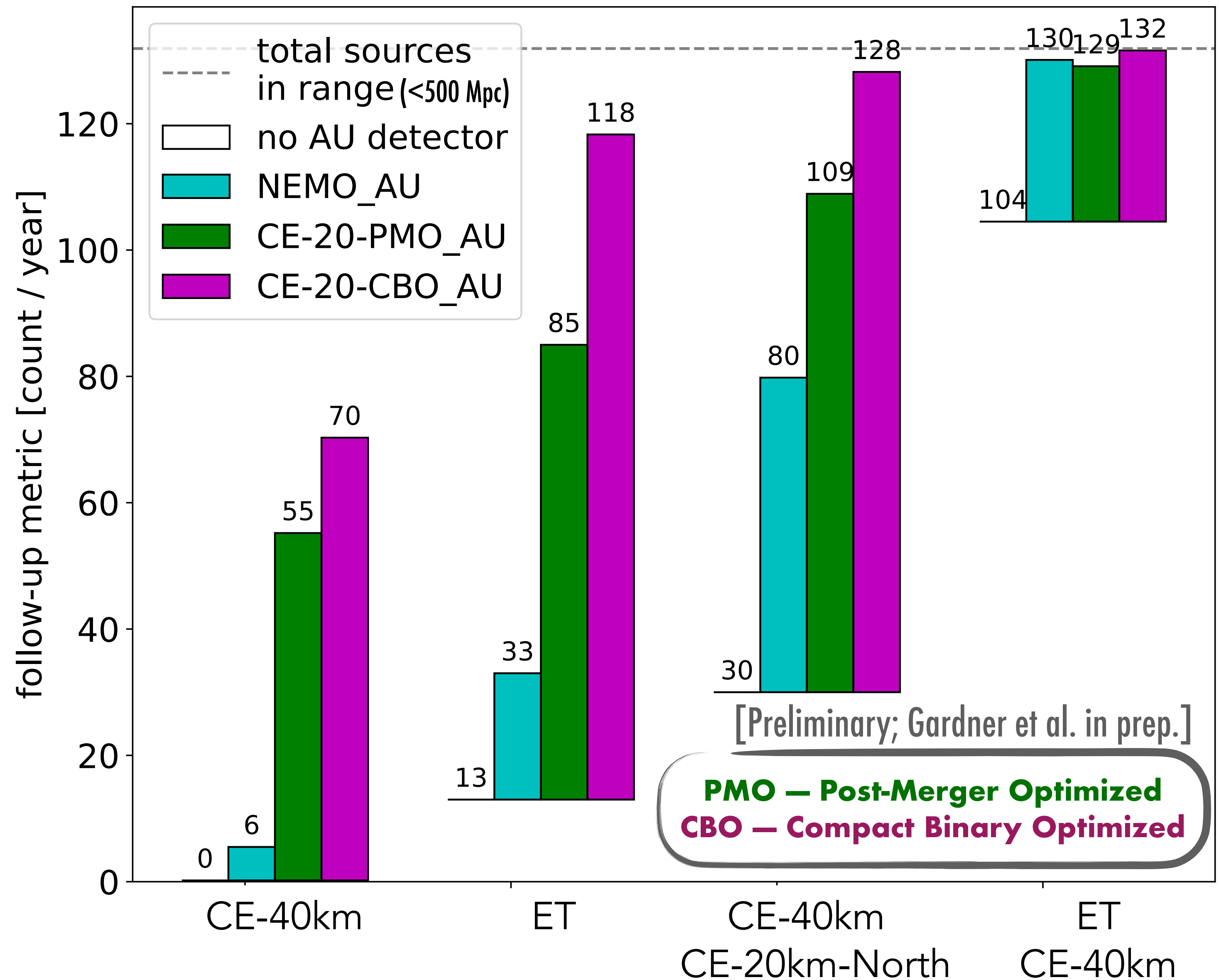


Scenario 3: Australian NEMO/CE-20km in 3G

- All three configurations (NEMO and 2 CE-20km options) make significant contributions
- Again, capped by the total number of events

3G – 2040s:
NEMO or CE-20km-PMO
or CE-20km-CBO
[Global env: CE and ET]

**Assuming GWTC-2 BNS merger rate



Summary

- *An Australian detector would significantly contribute to the sky localisations*
- *Large number of multi-messenger events*
- *Cosmology — leads to the determination of Hubble constant*
- *Dynamics of dense matter — jets, kilonovae, nuclear matter equation of state, etc.*
- *We are developing the science case, the required technology, the instrument design, and an international partnership for a future-generation detector on Australian soil.*

Thanks!
Questions?