



LISA

Mission, status and science

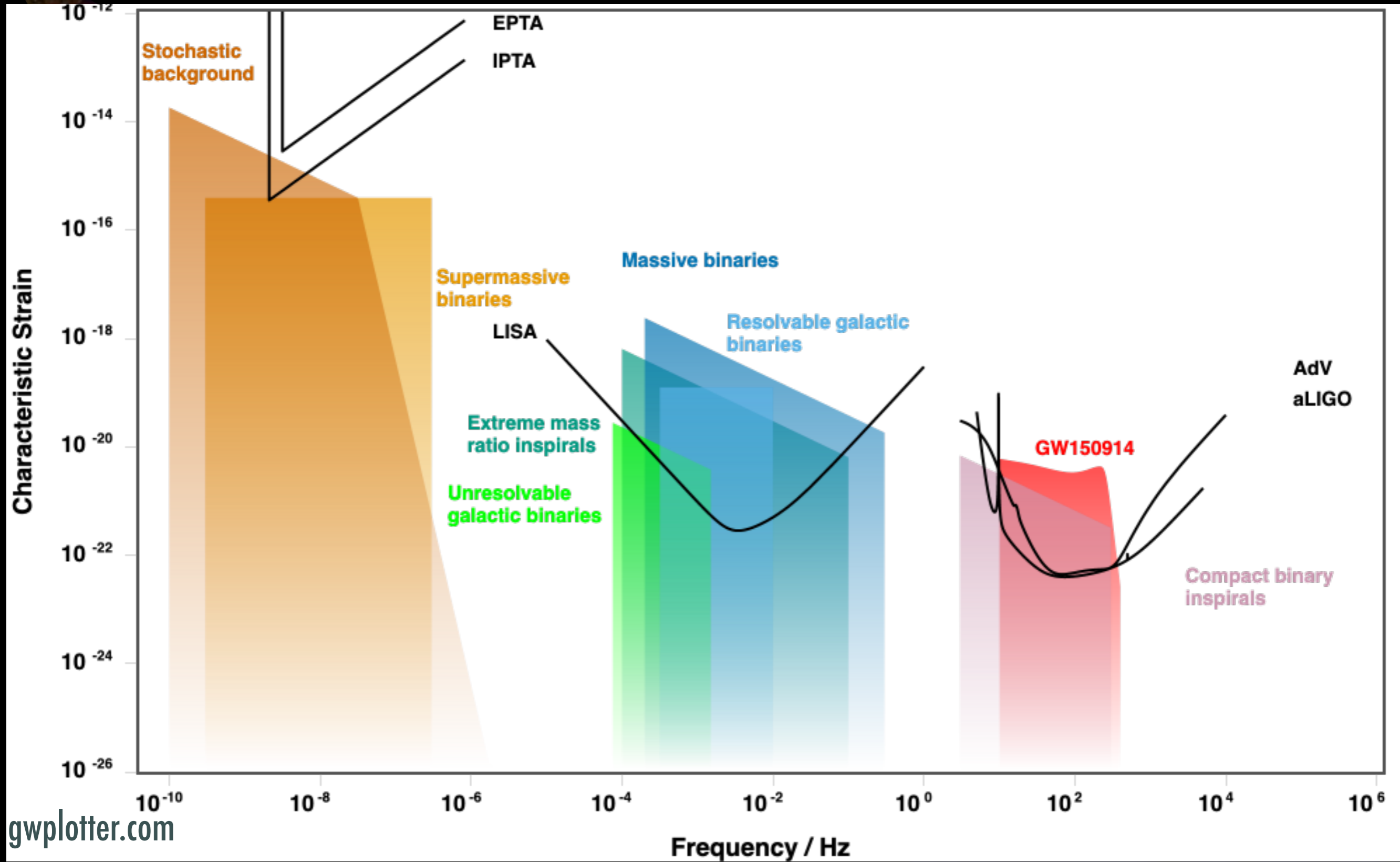
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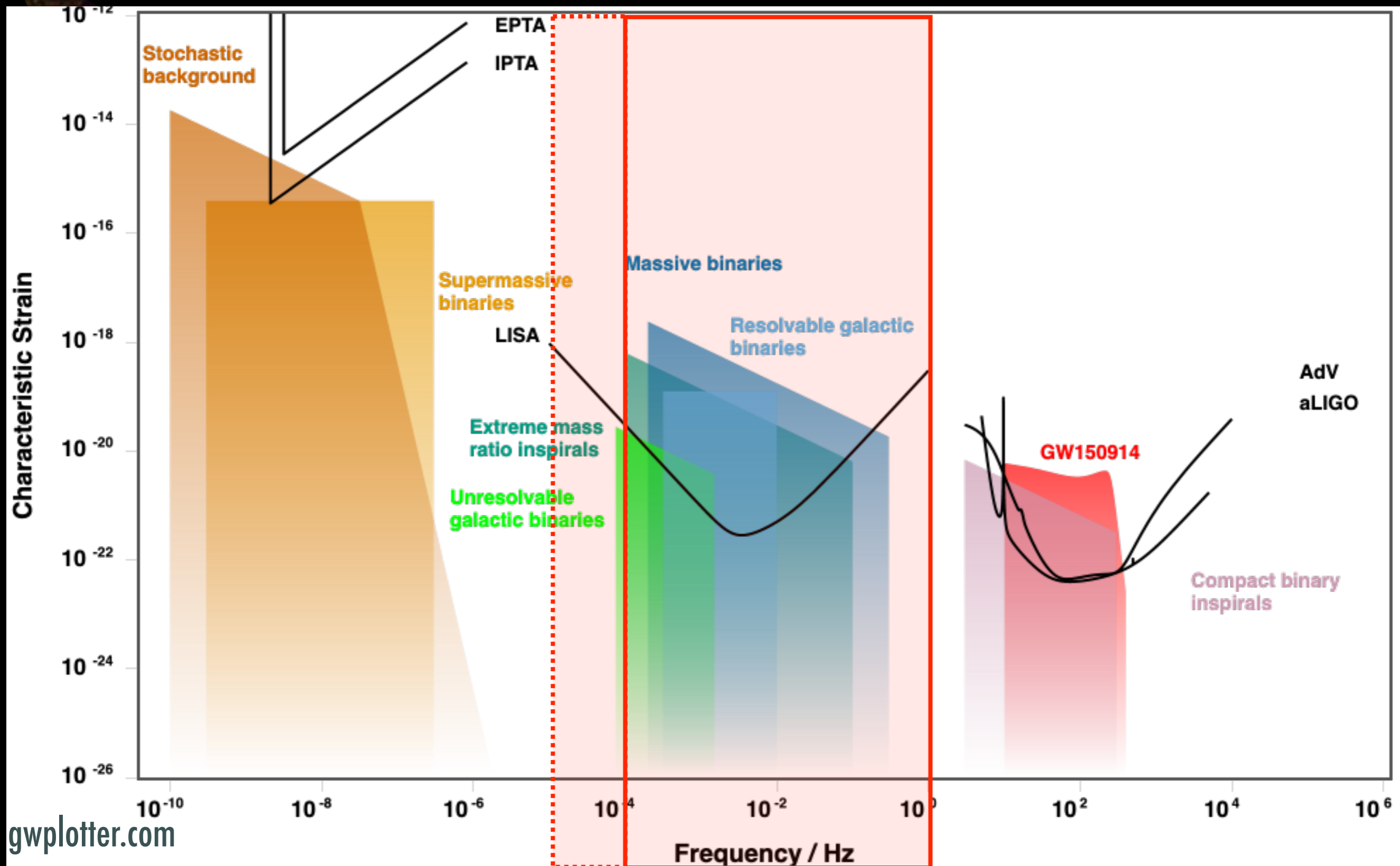
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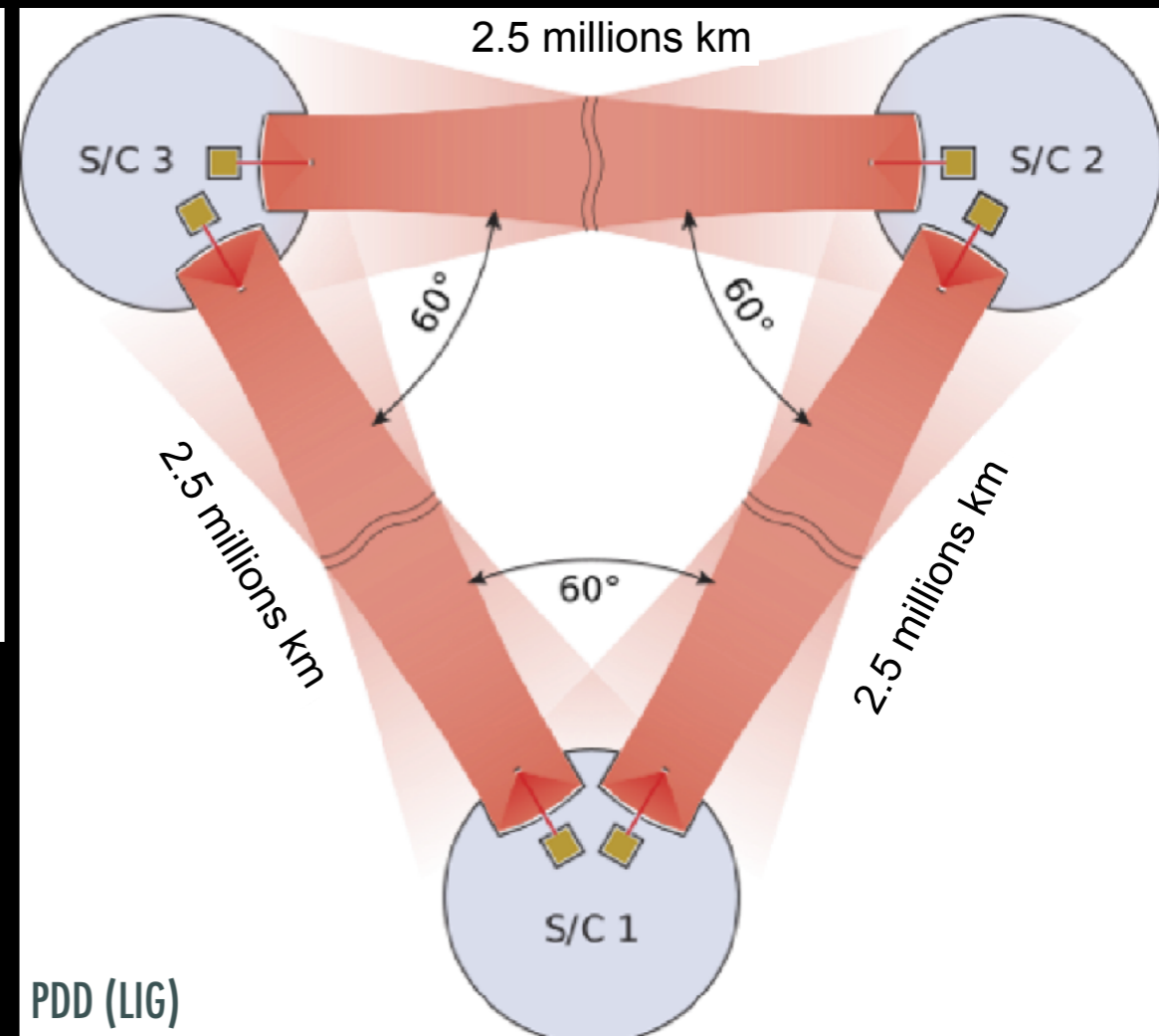
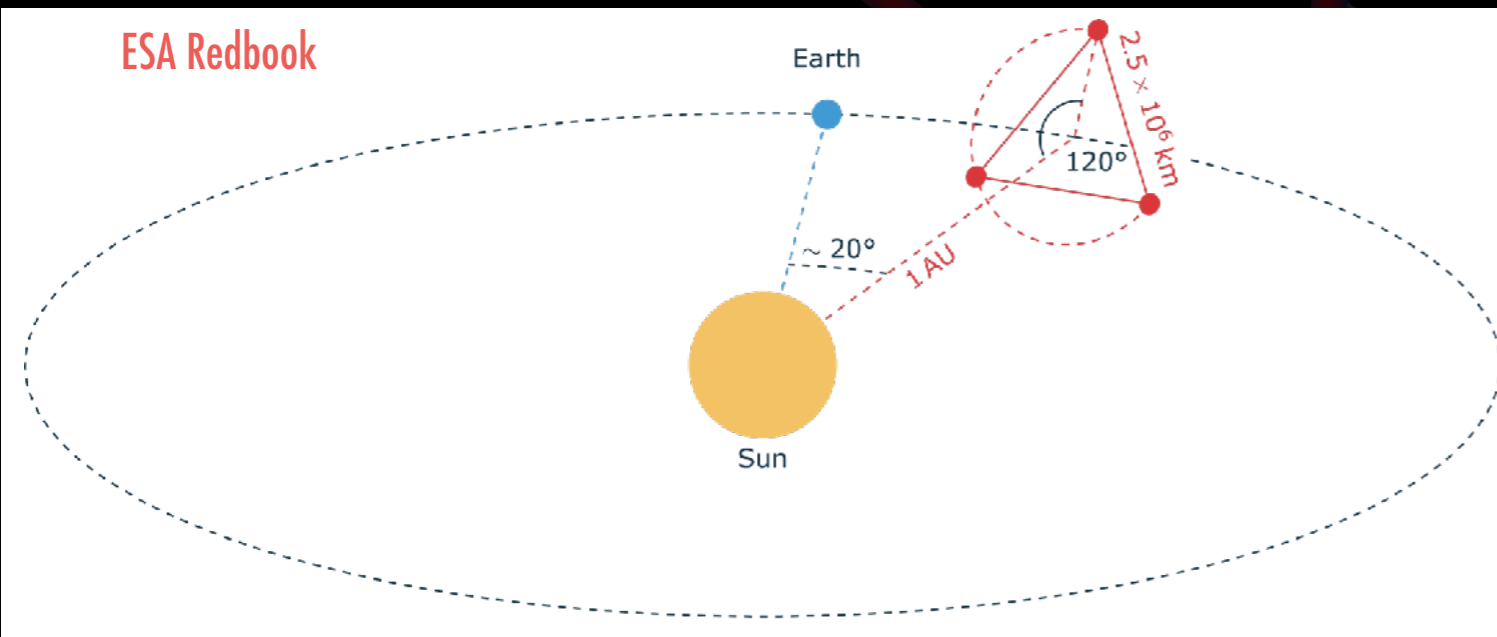


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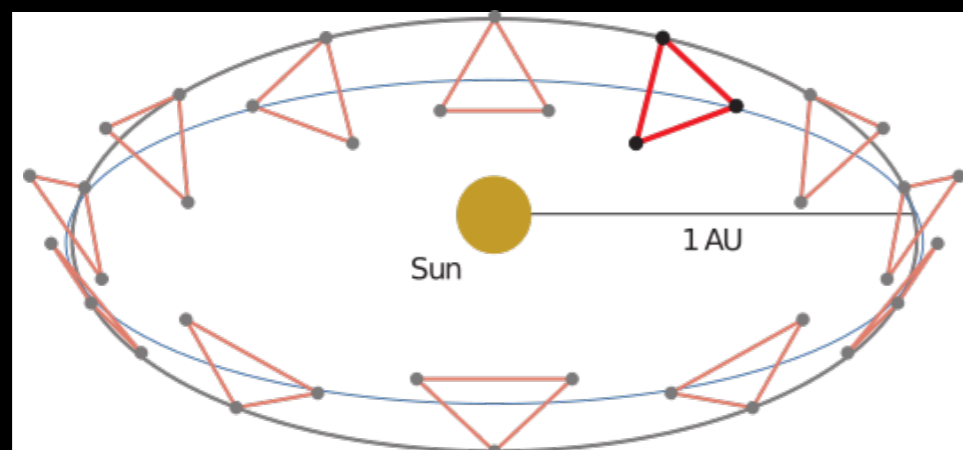
- ▶ Laser Interferometer Space Antenna
- ▶ 3 spacecrafts on heliocentric orbits separated by **2.5 millions km**
- ▶ Goal: detect strains of 10^{-21} by monitoring arm length changes at the few **picometre** level

ESA Redbook



PDD (LIG)

L3 proposal
(LISA Consortium)



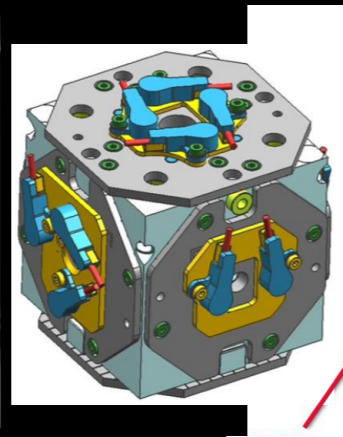
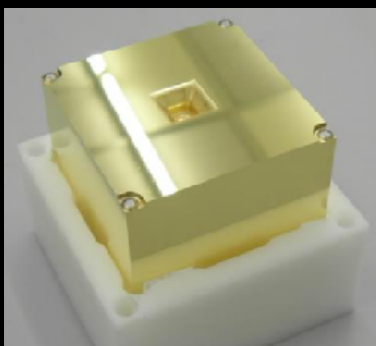
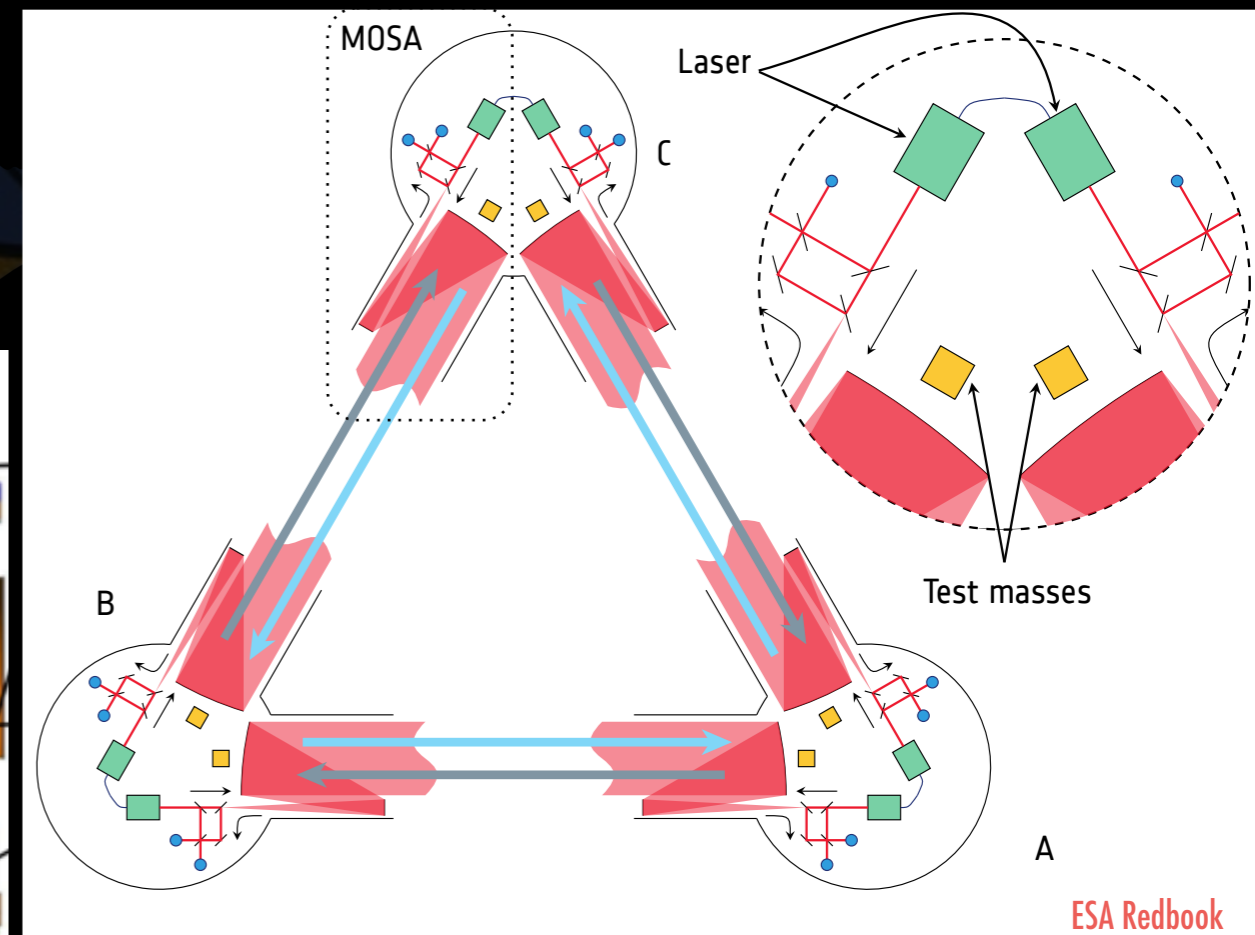
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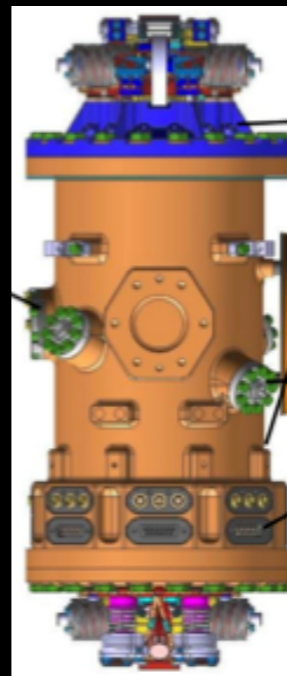
- the spacecraft protects test-masses (TMs) from external forces and always adjusts itself on it using micro-thrusters

- Readout:

- interferometric (sensitive axis)
- capacitive sensing



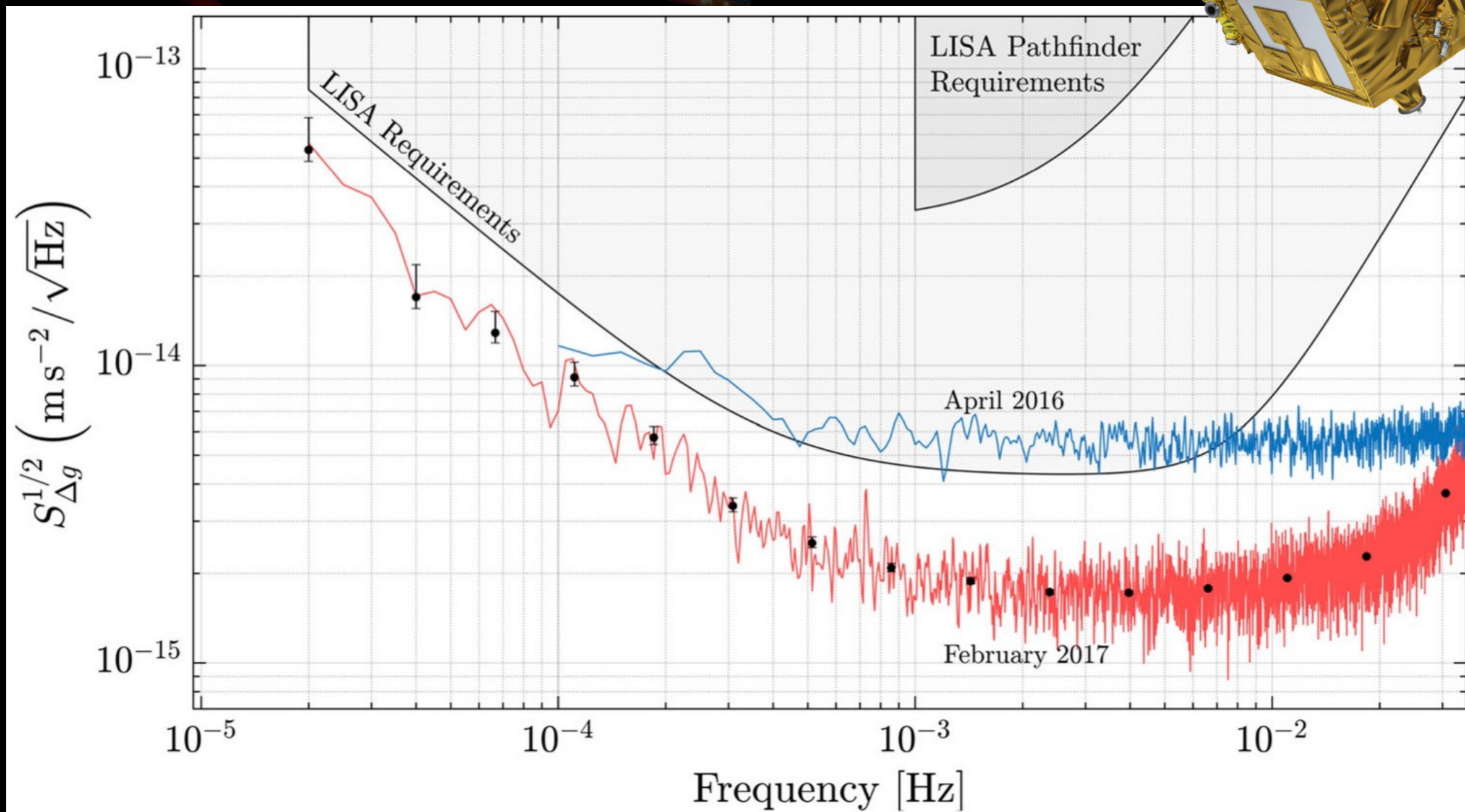
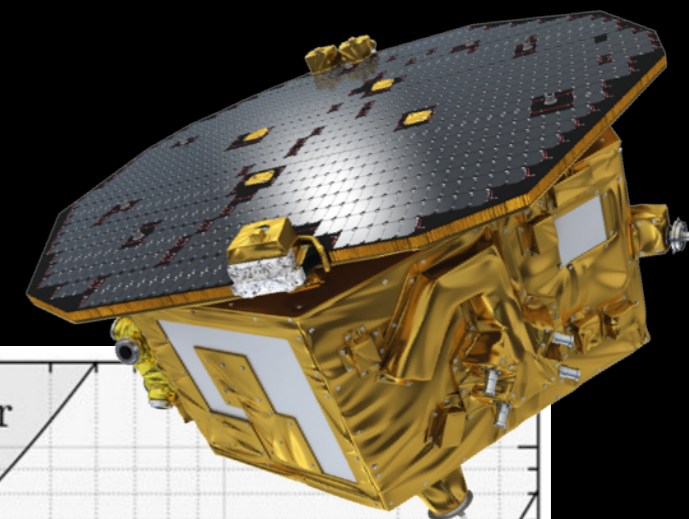
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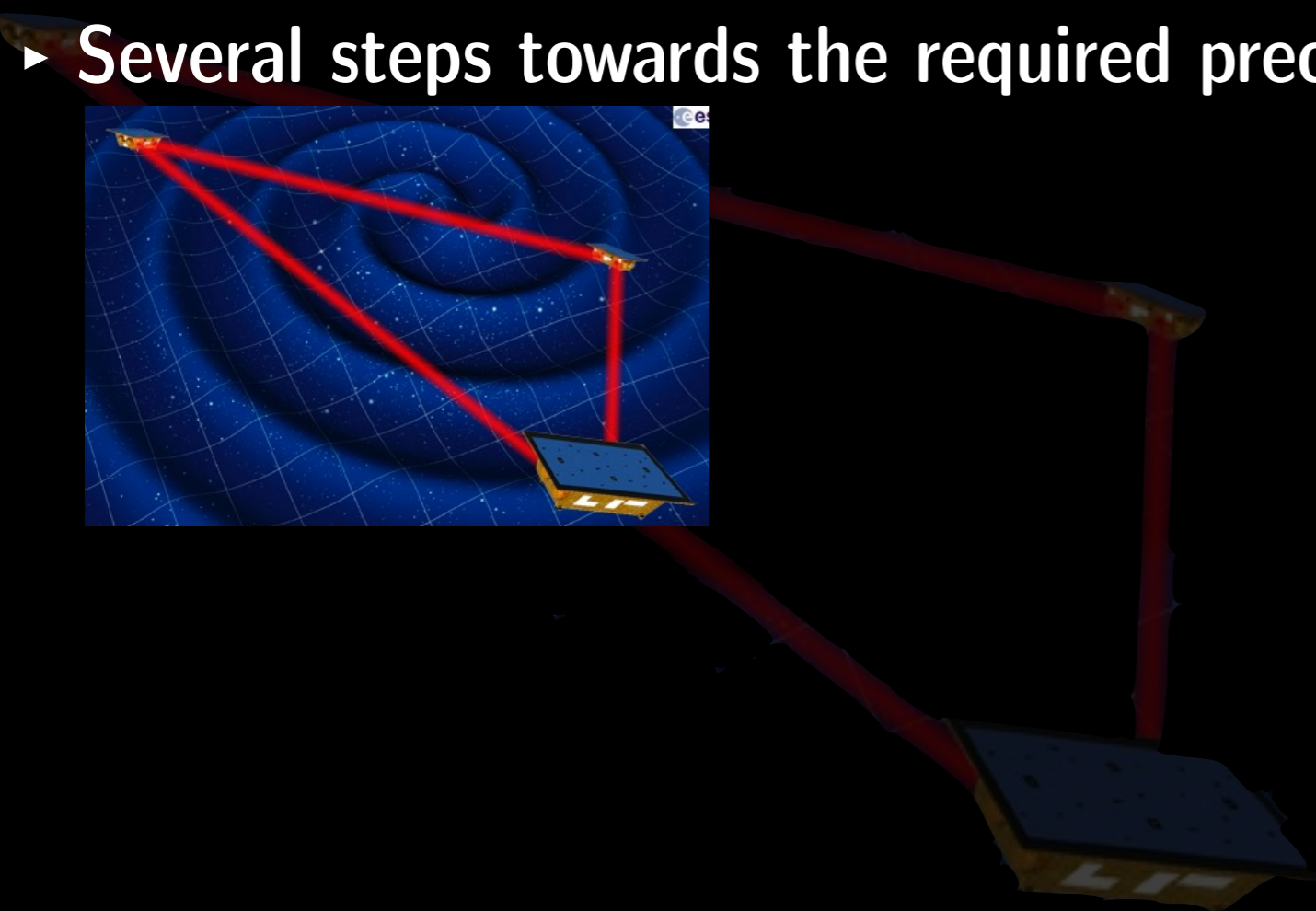
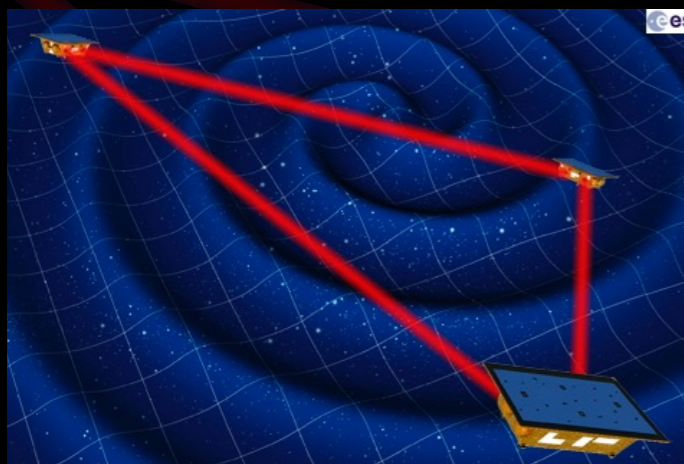
LISAPathfinder final main results

- ▶ Successful demonstration of the ability to shield from fluctuating non-gravitational influences



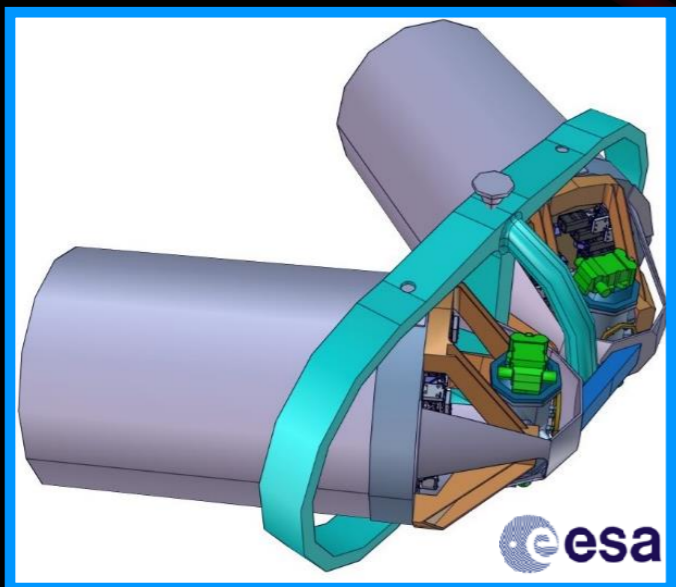
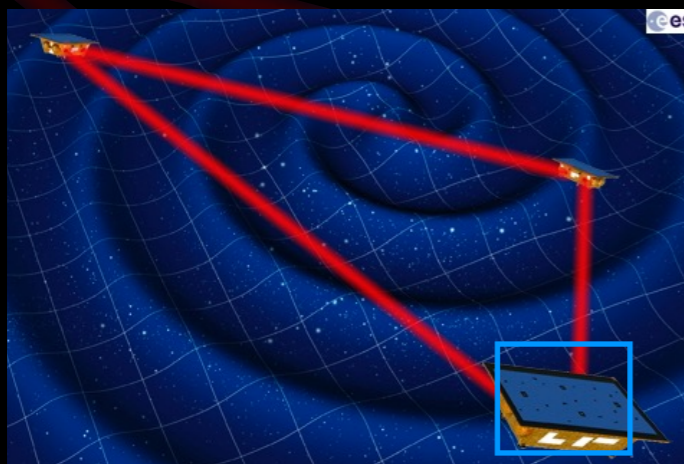
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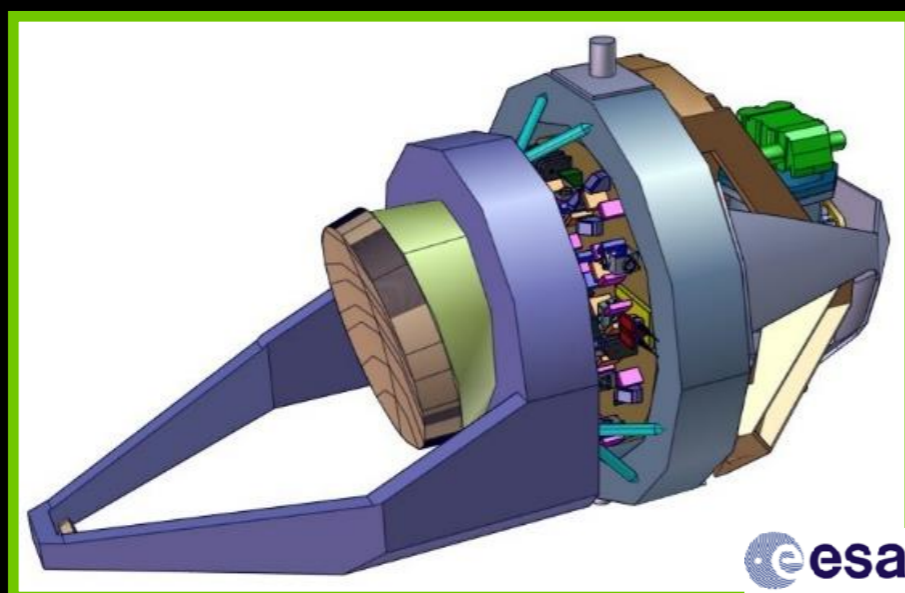
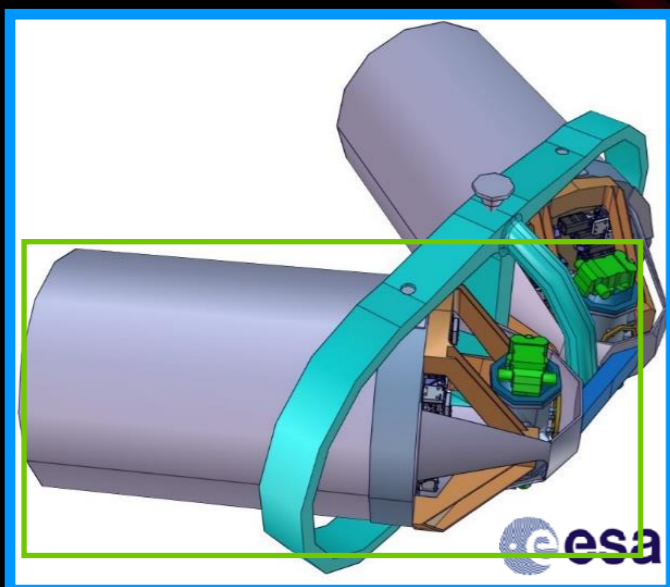
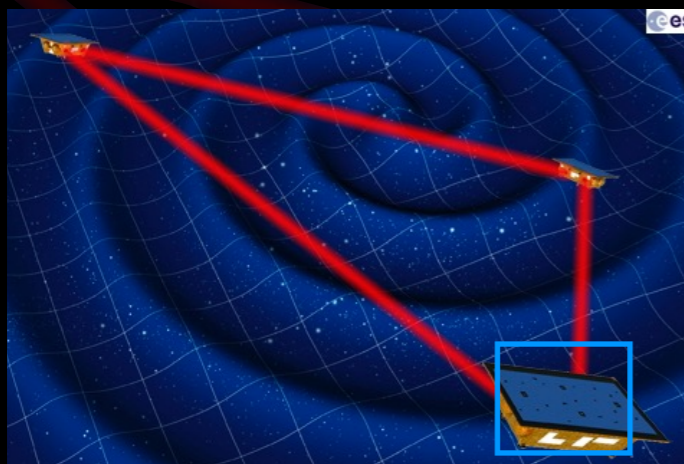
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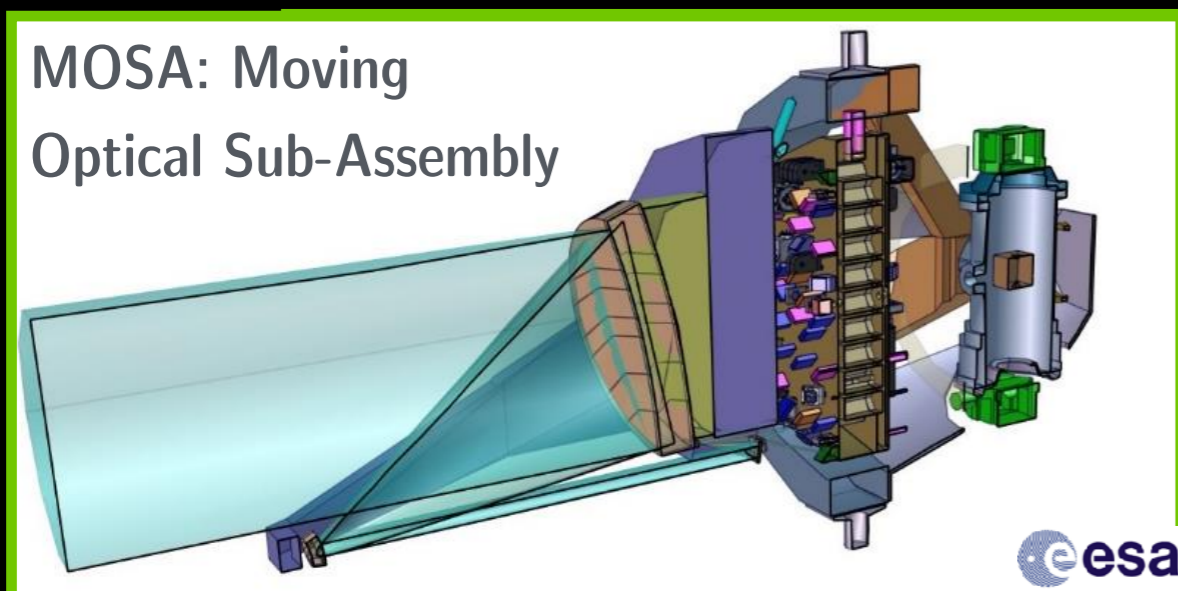
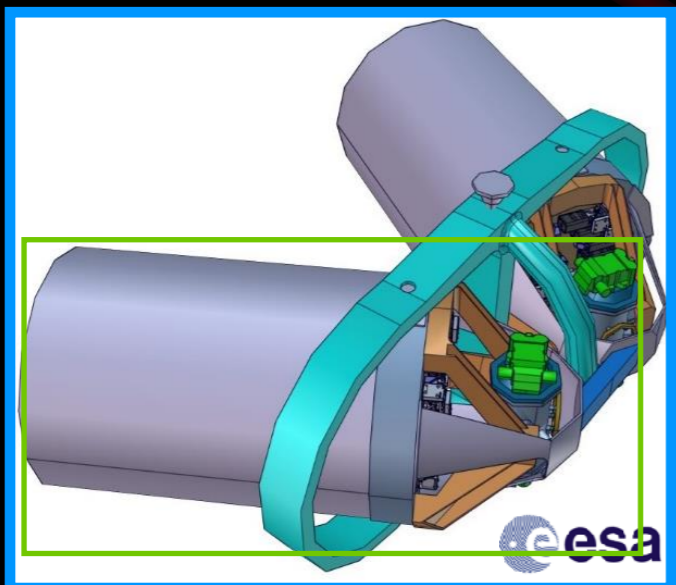
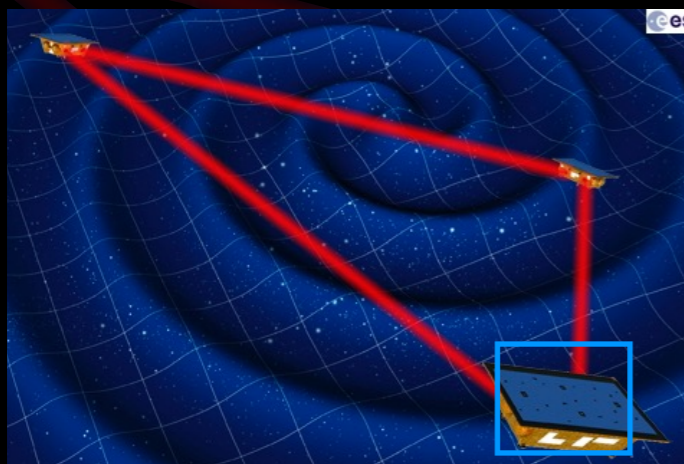
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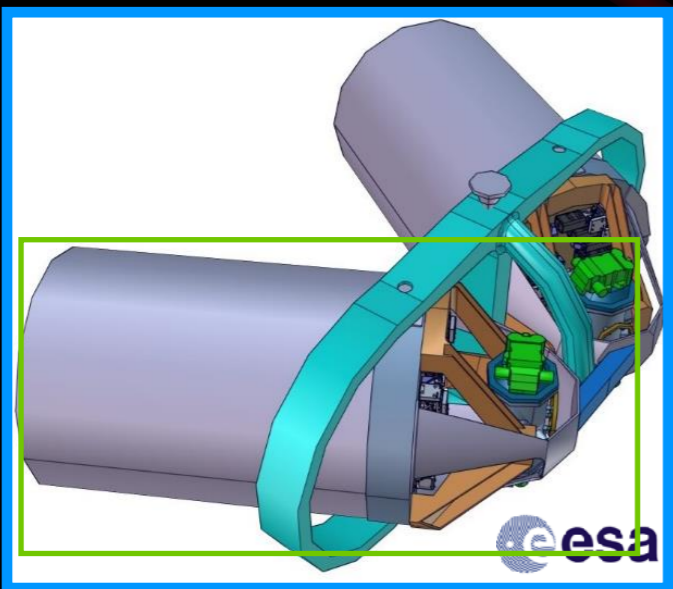
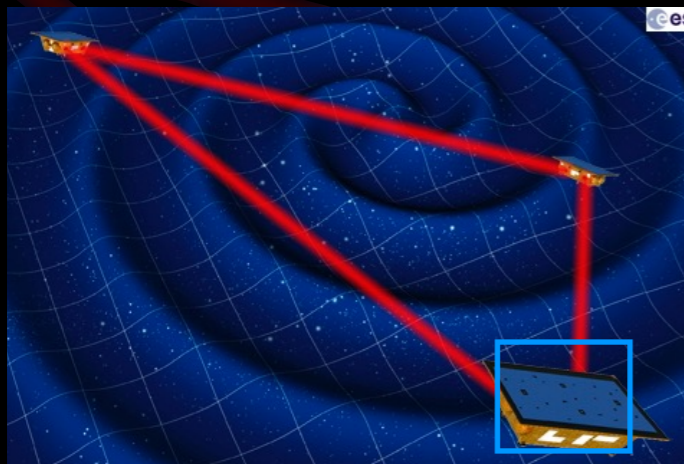
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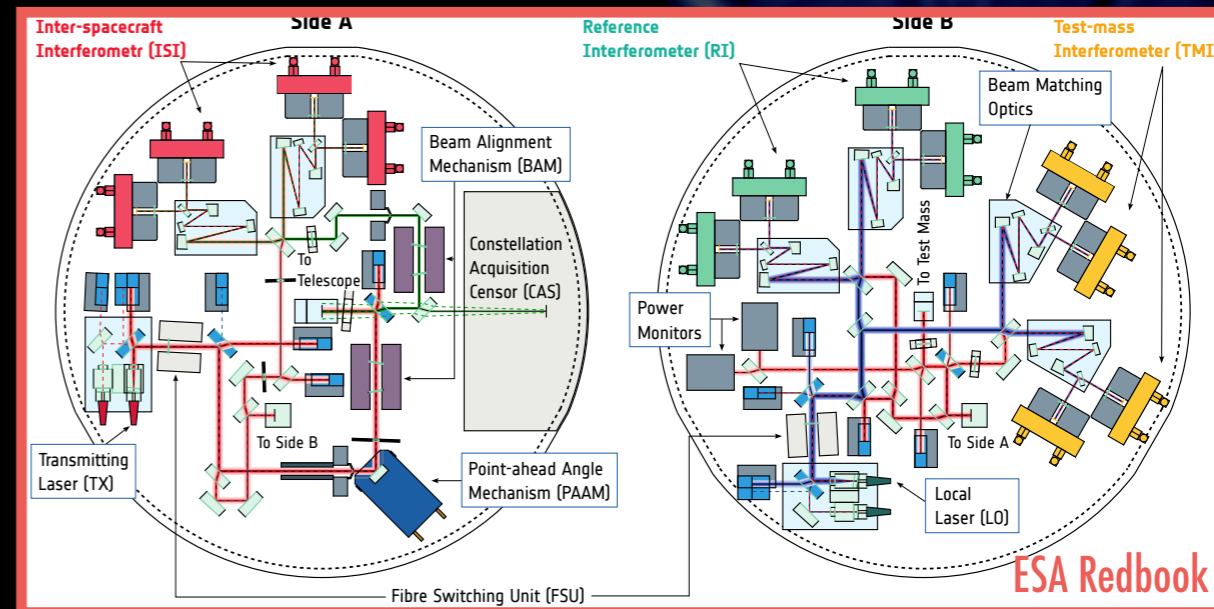
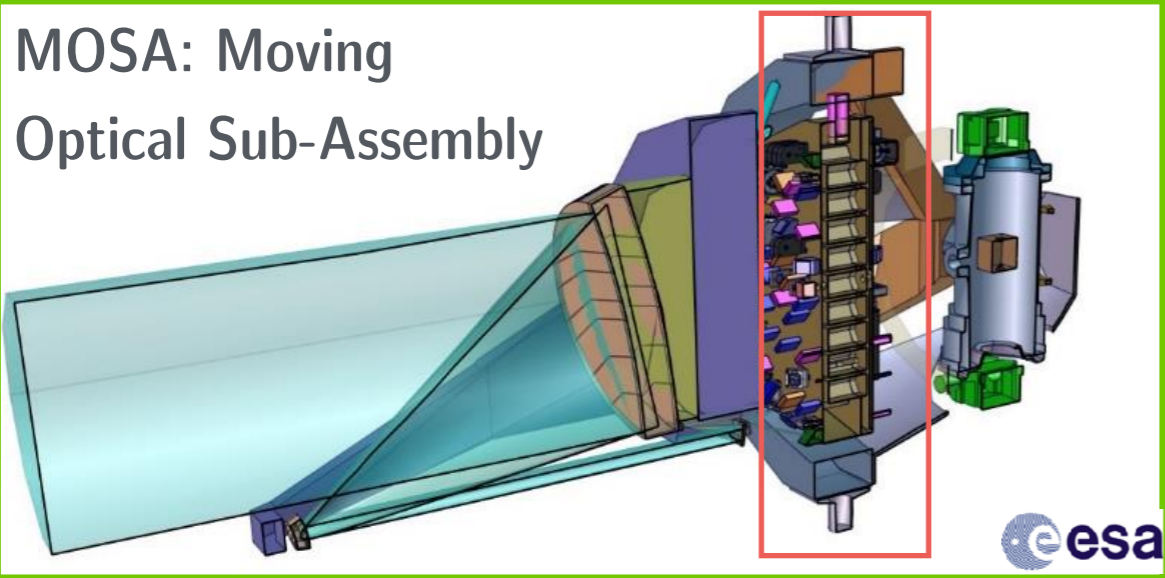


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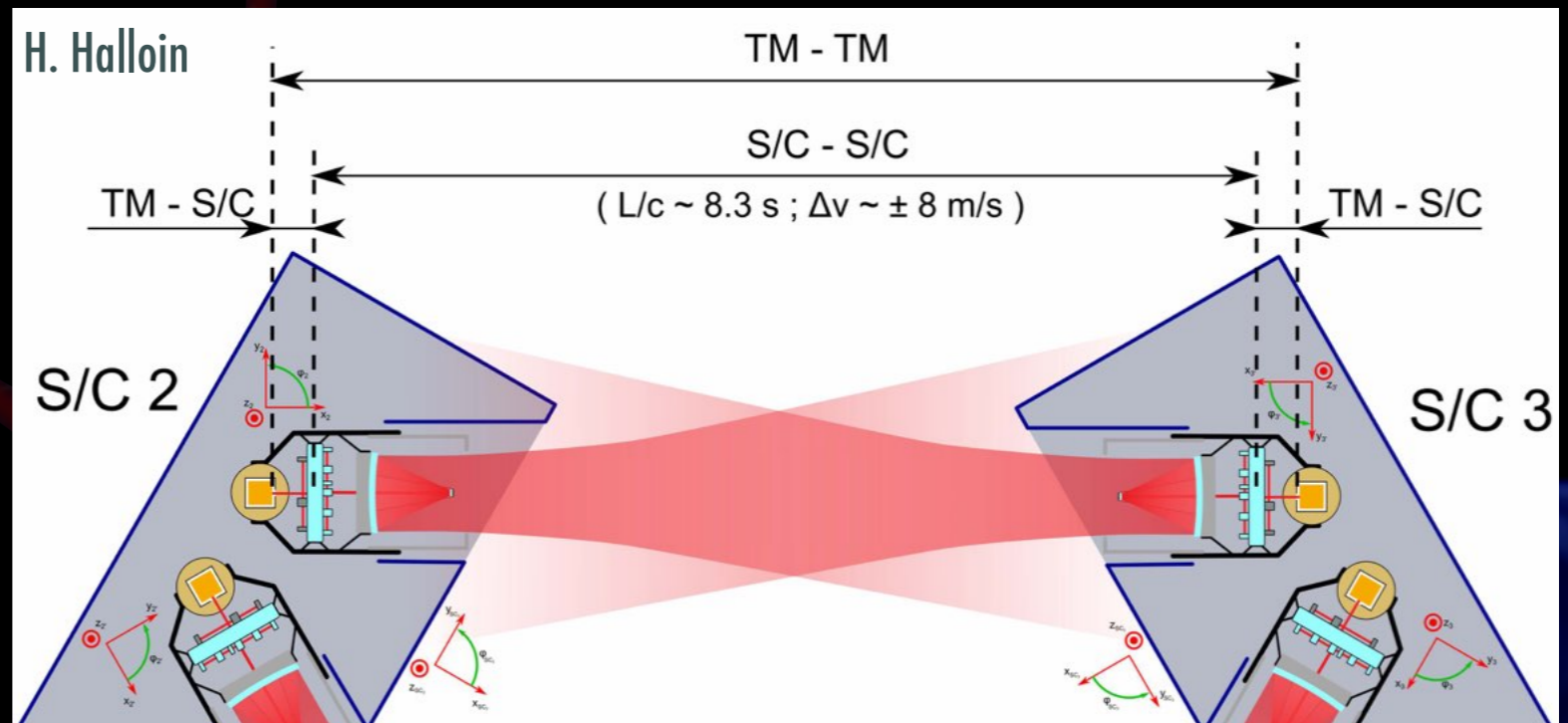
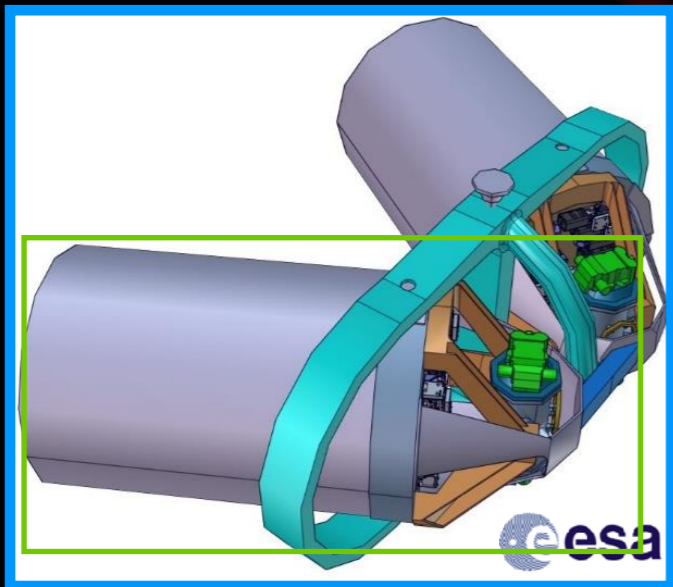
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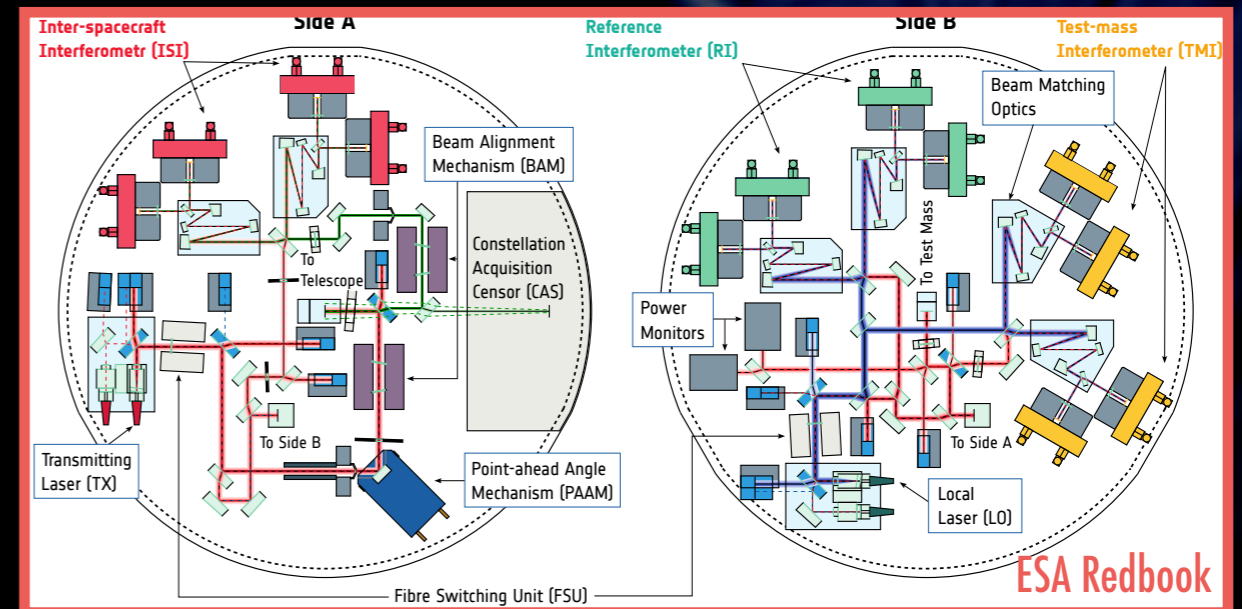
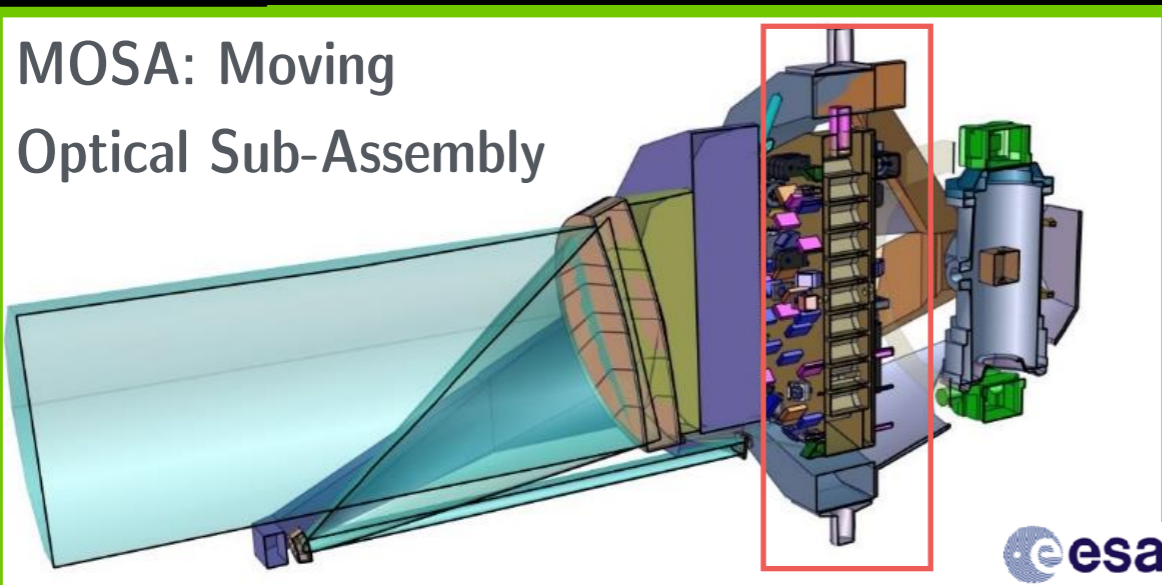
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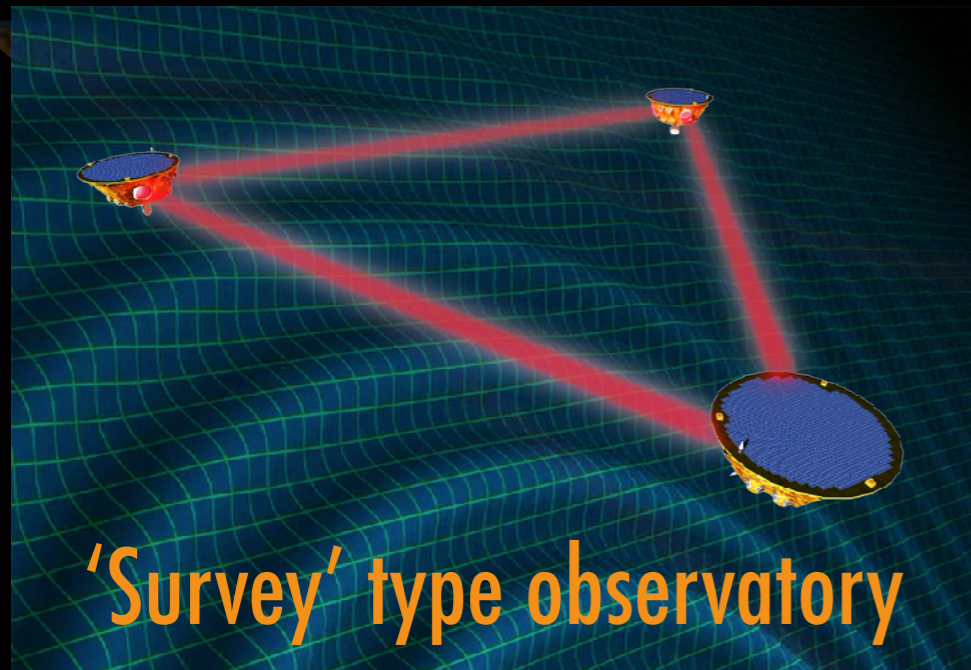


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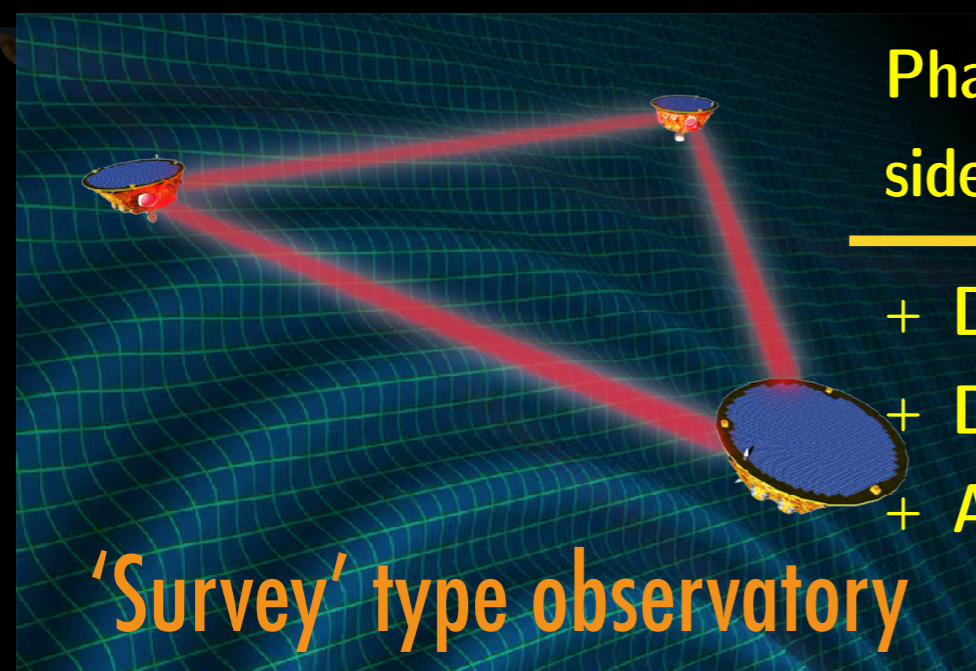
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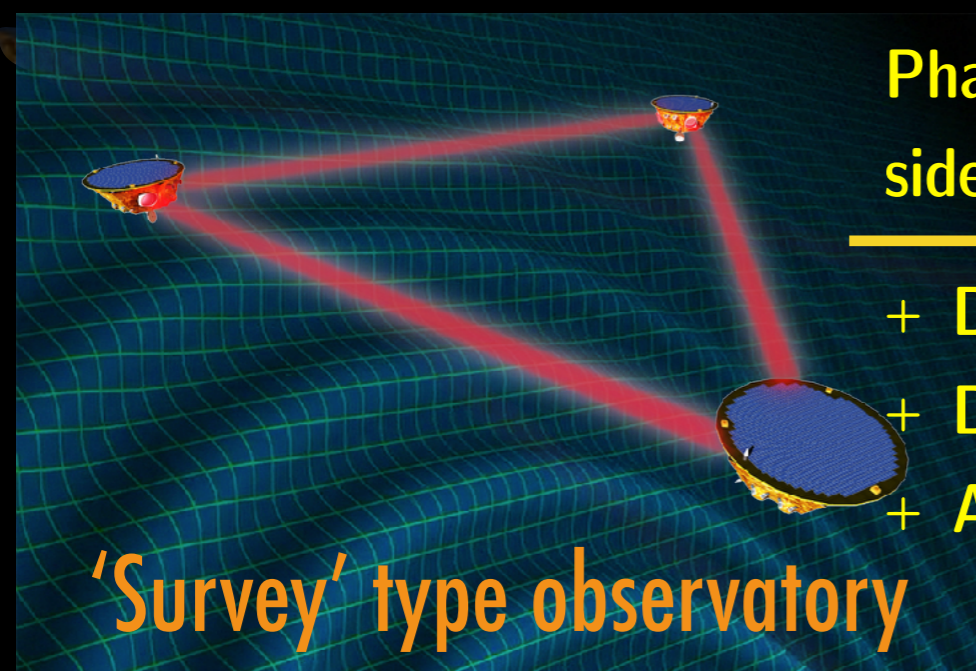
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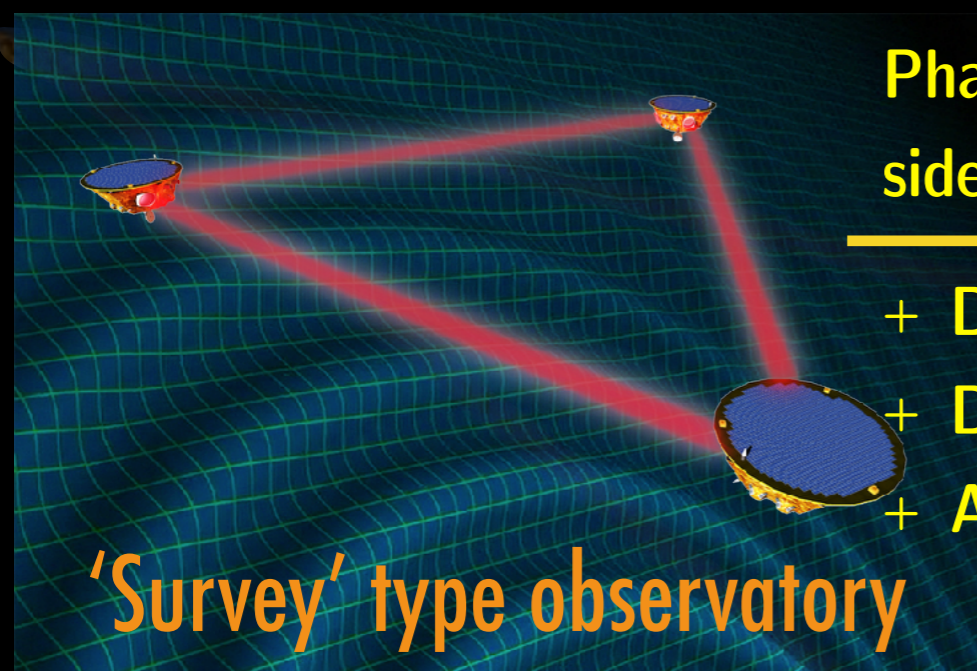


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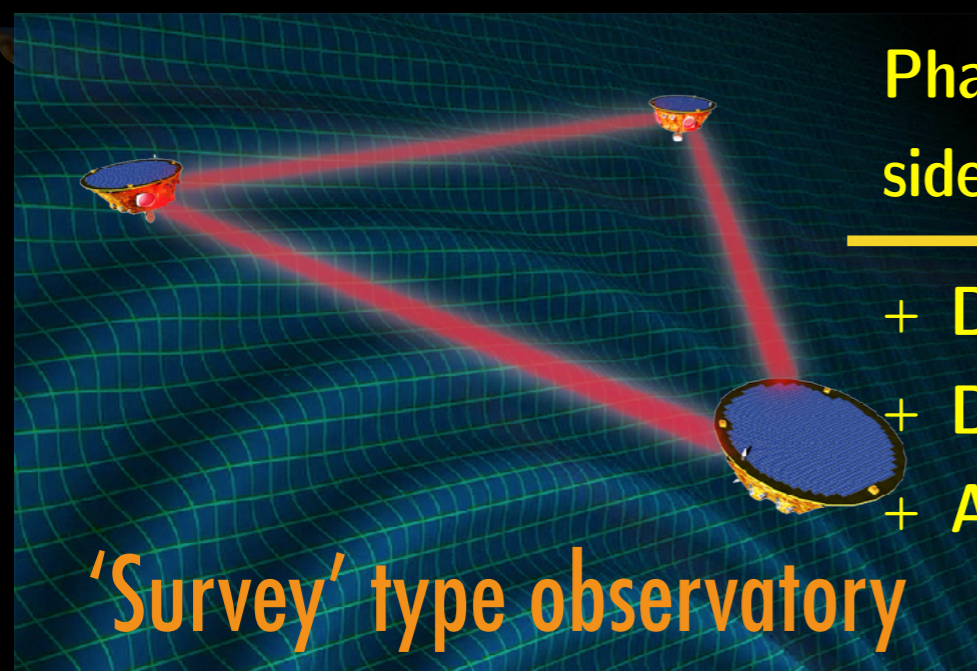
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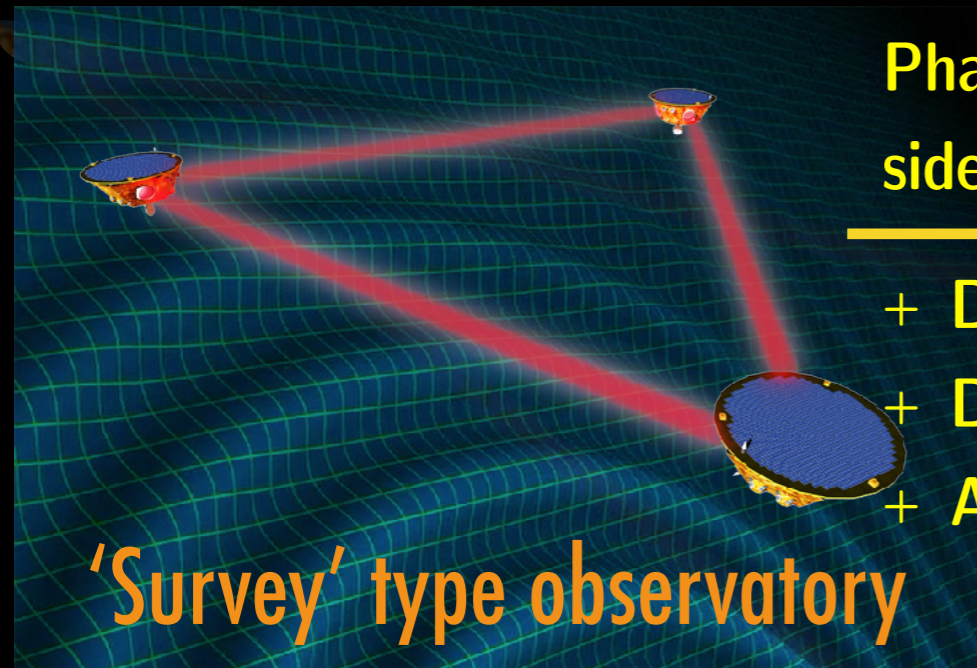
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**Mission Operation Center
(ESA)**

**Science Operation Center
(ESA)**

**DDPC:
Distributed
Data Processing
Center (ESA
Member States)**

**NASA
Ground
Segment**

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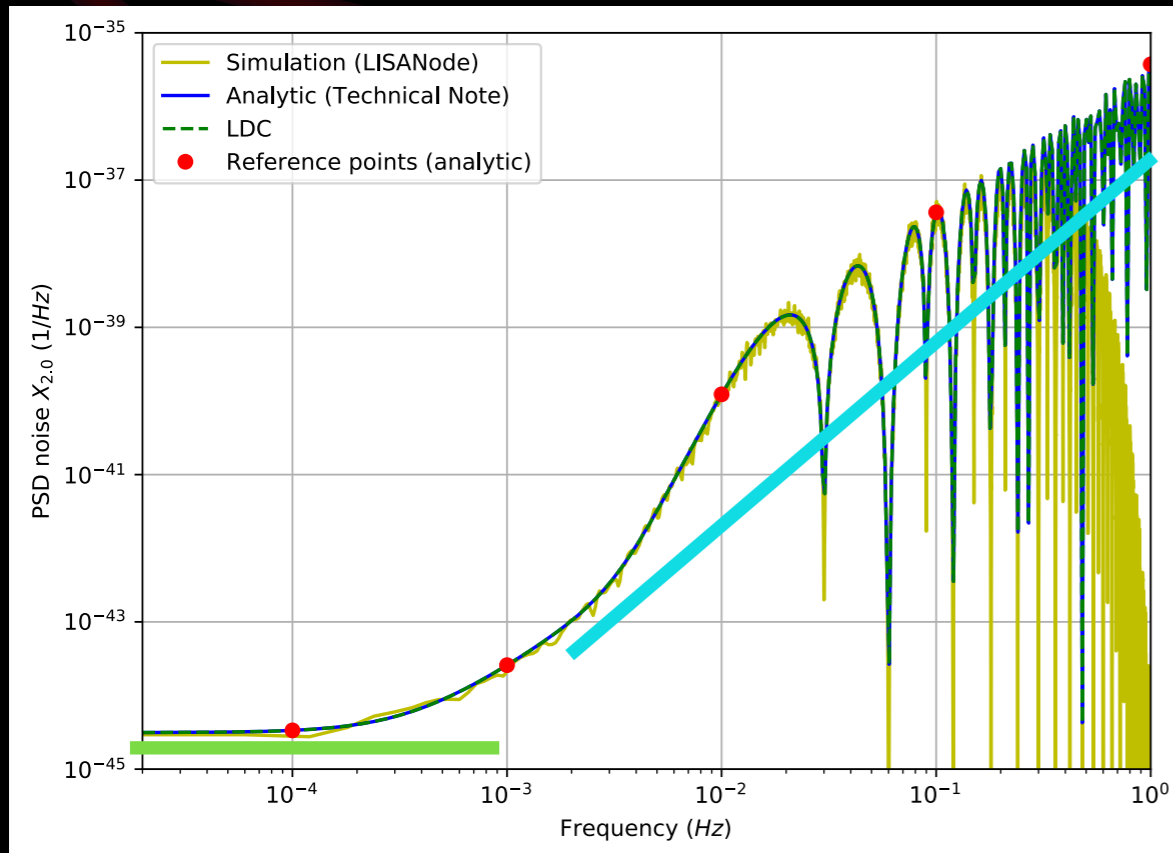
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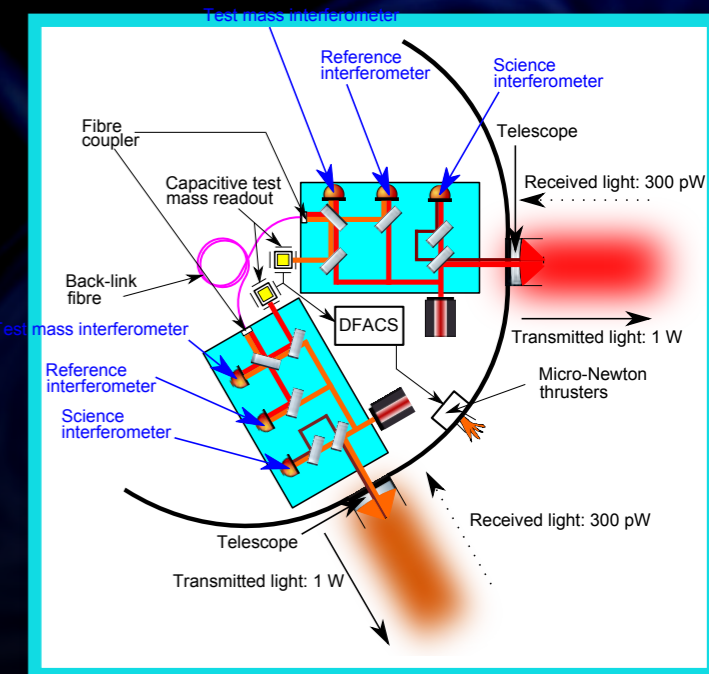
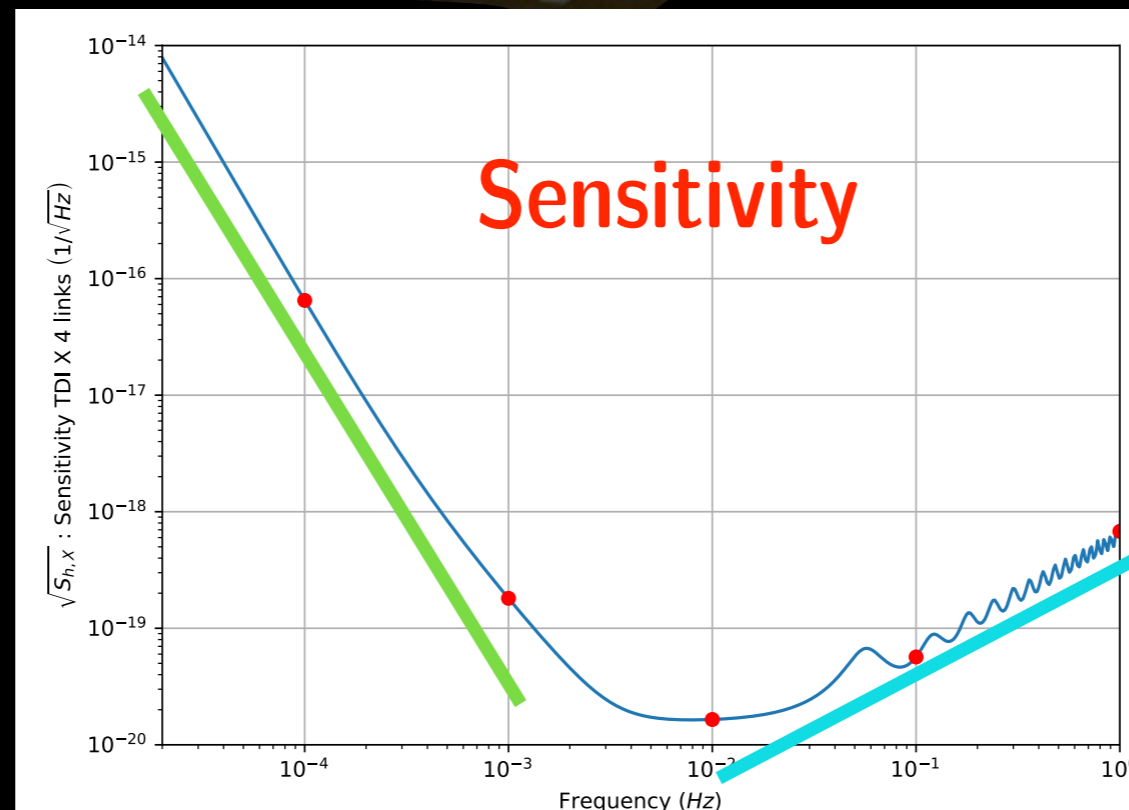
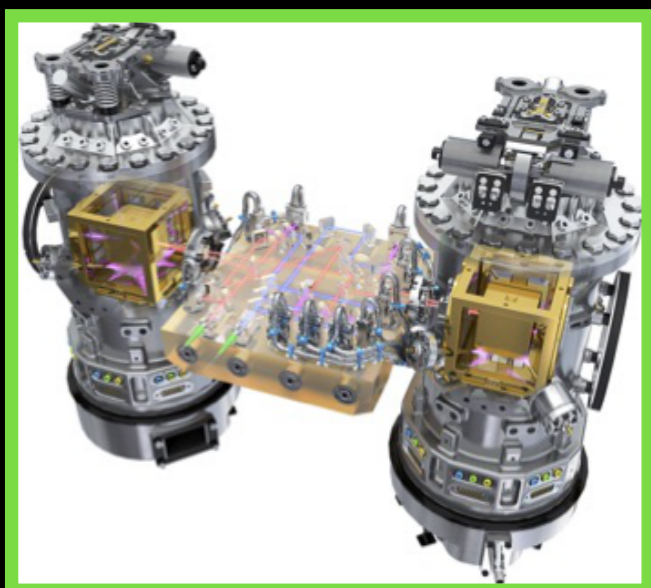
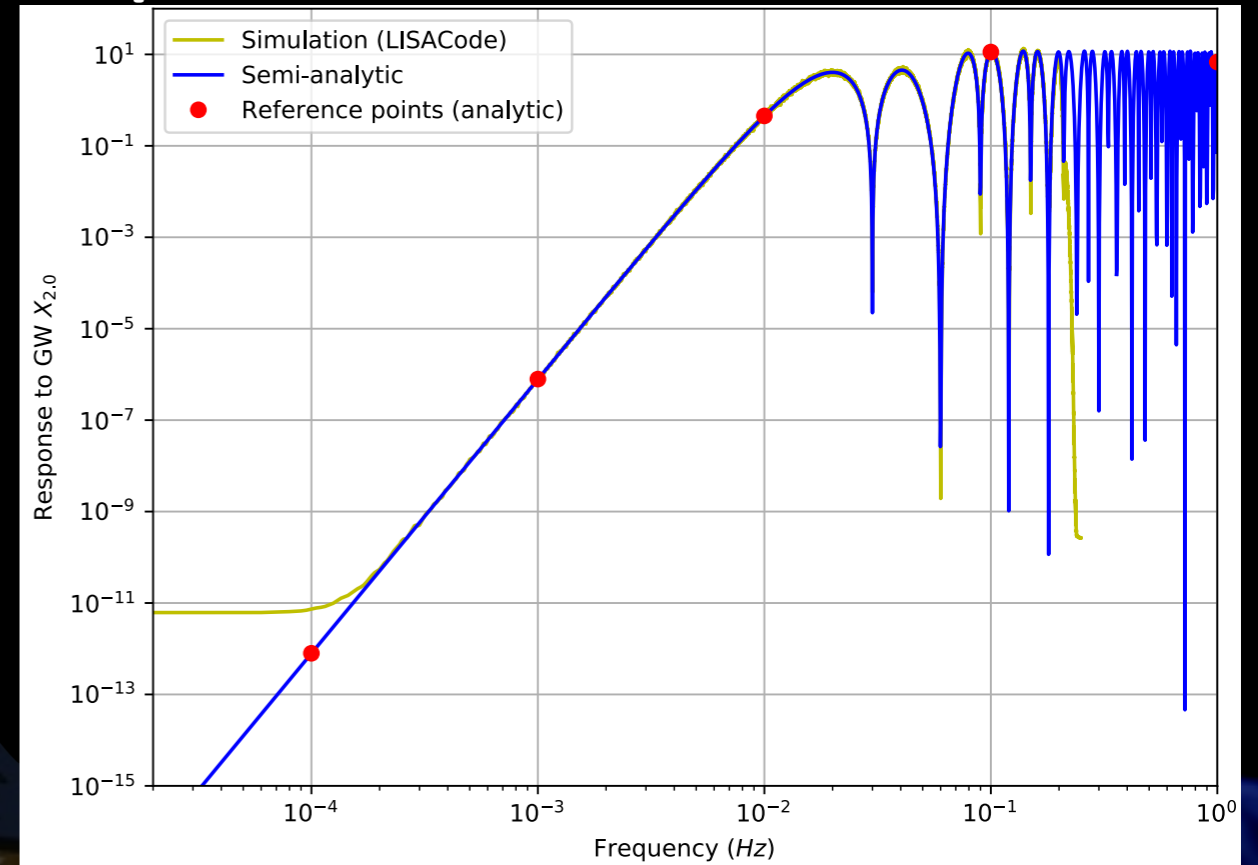
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LISA sensitivity

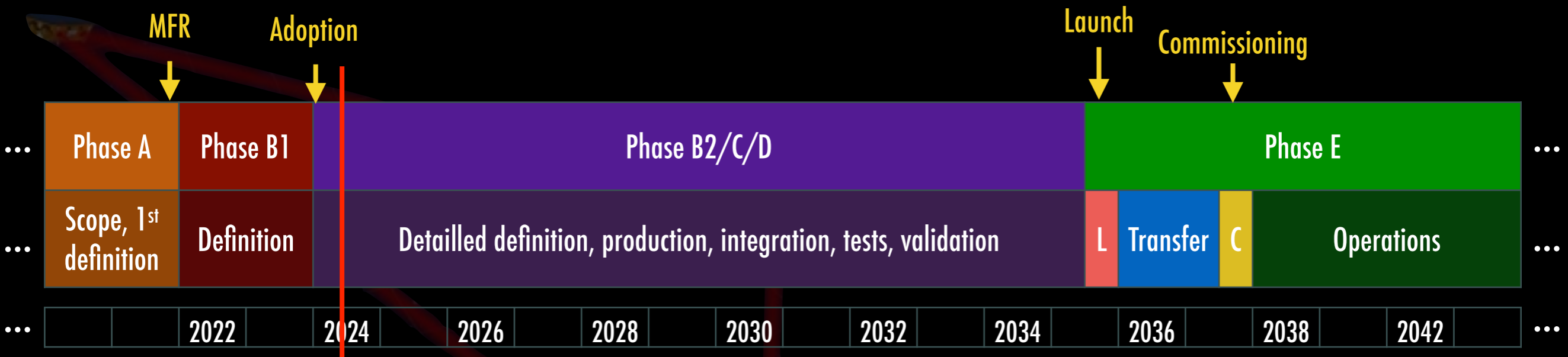
Noises



Response of the detector to GWs



Timeline and status

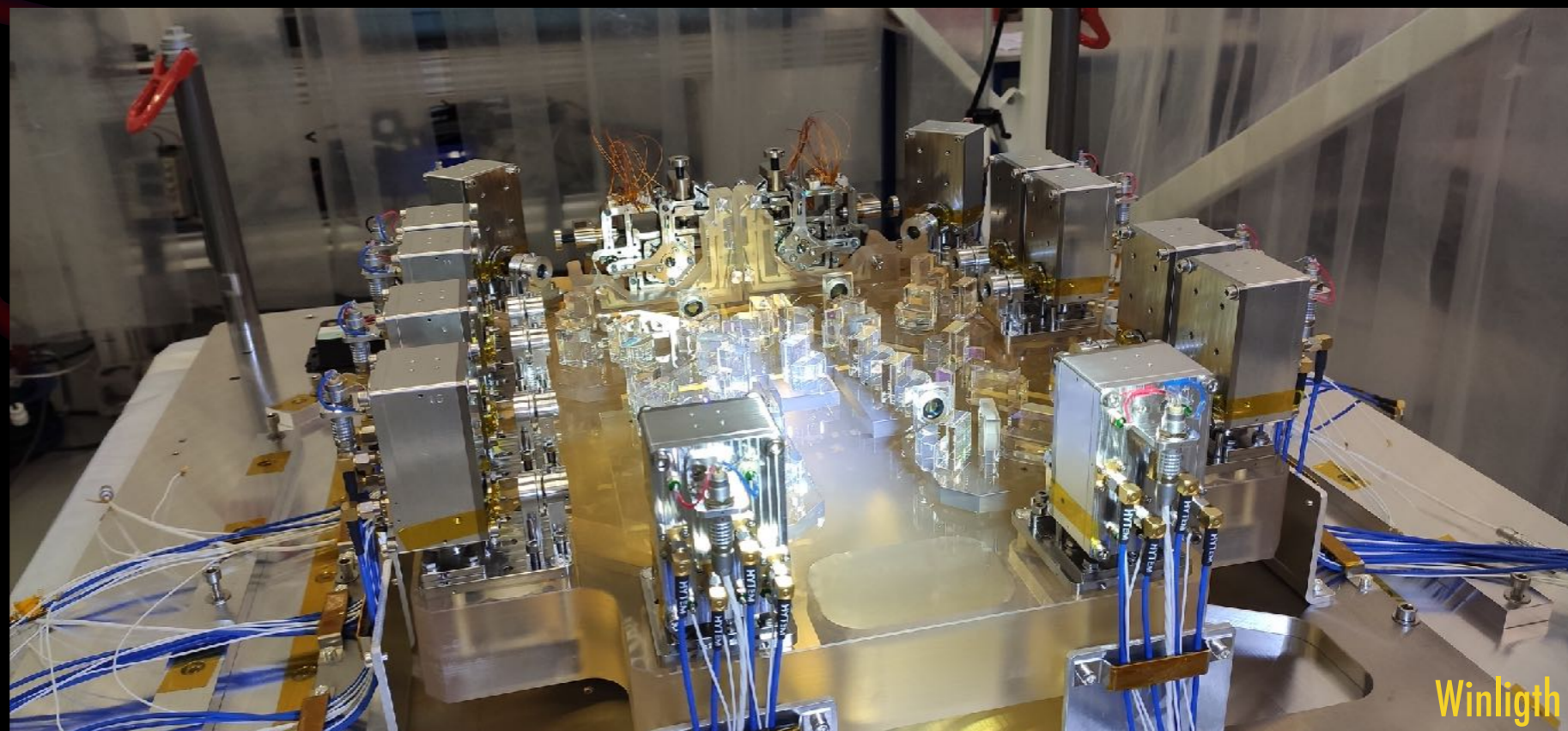


- ▶ 1993: first proposal ESA/NASA
- ▶ **20/06/2017: LISA mission approved** by ESA Science Program Committee (SPC) after the success of LISAPathfinder and GW detection by LIGO-Virgo.
- ▶ **End 2021: success** of the ESA **Mission Formulation Review**
- ▶ **25/01/2024: success** of the **Mission Adoption Review** and **adoption by the SPC: design is fully validated** and we have the **ressource to build the instrument**
- ▶ Long building phase of multiple MOSAs: 6 flight models + test models
- ▶ **Launch 2035**
- ▶ 1.5 years of transfer, **4.5 years nominal mission**, 6.5 years extension

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Building already started ...

ZIFO
(demonstration
bench for high
stability
interferometry)



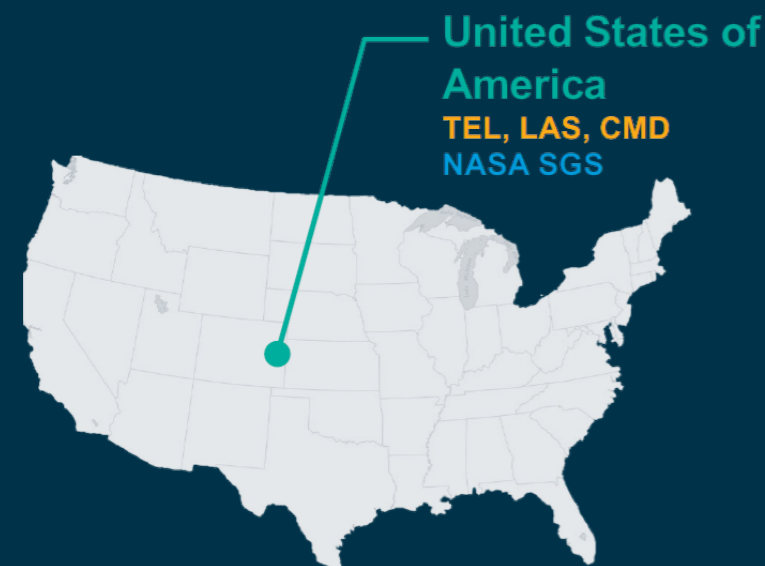
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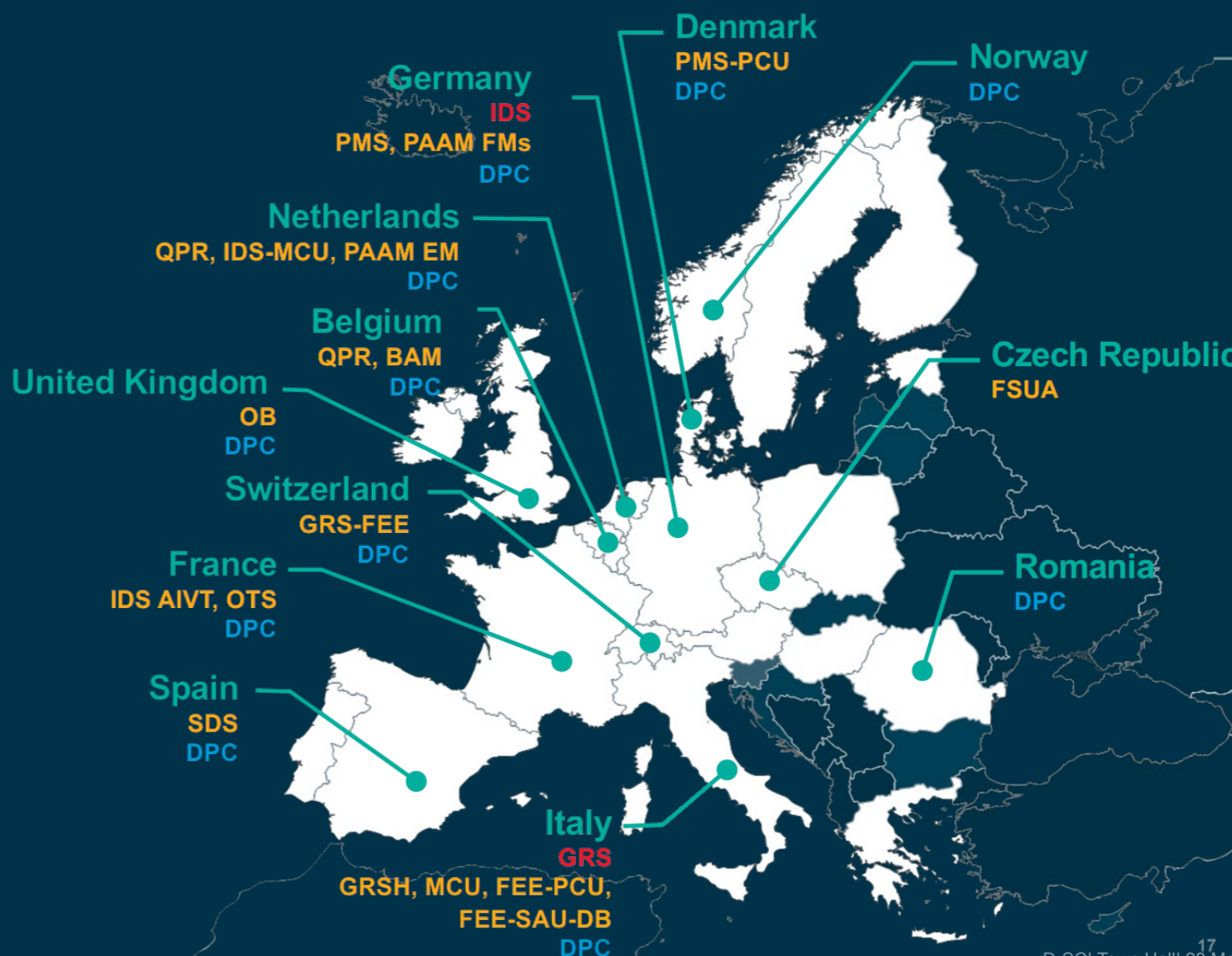
LISA collaboration



LISA - An international mission led by ESA



United States of America
TEL, LAS, CMD
NASA SGS



Contributions as per MLA, MoU
IDS/GRS System Responsibility
Hardware contributions
 Ground Segment, Science Data Processing Contribution

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LISA RedBook

▶ LISA Definition Study Report (Redbook):

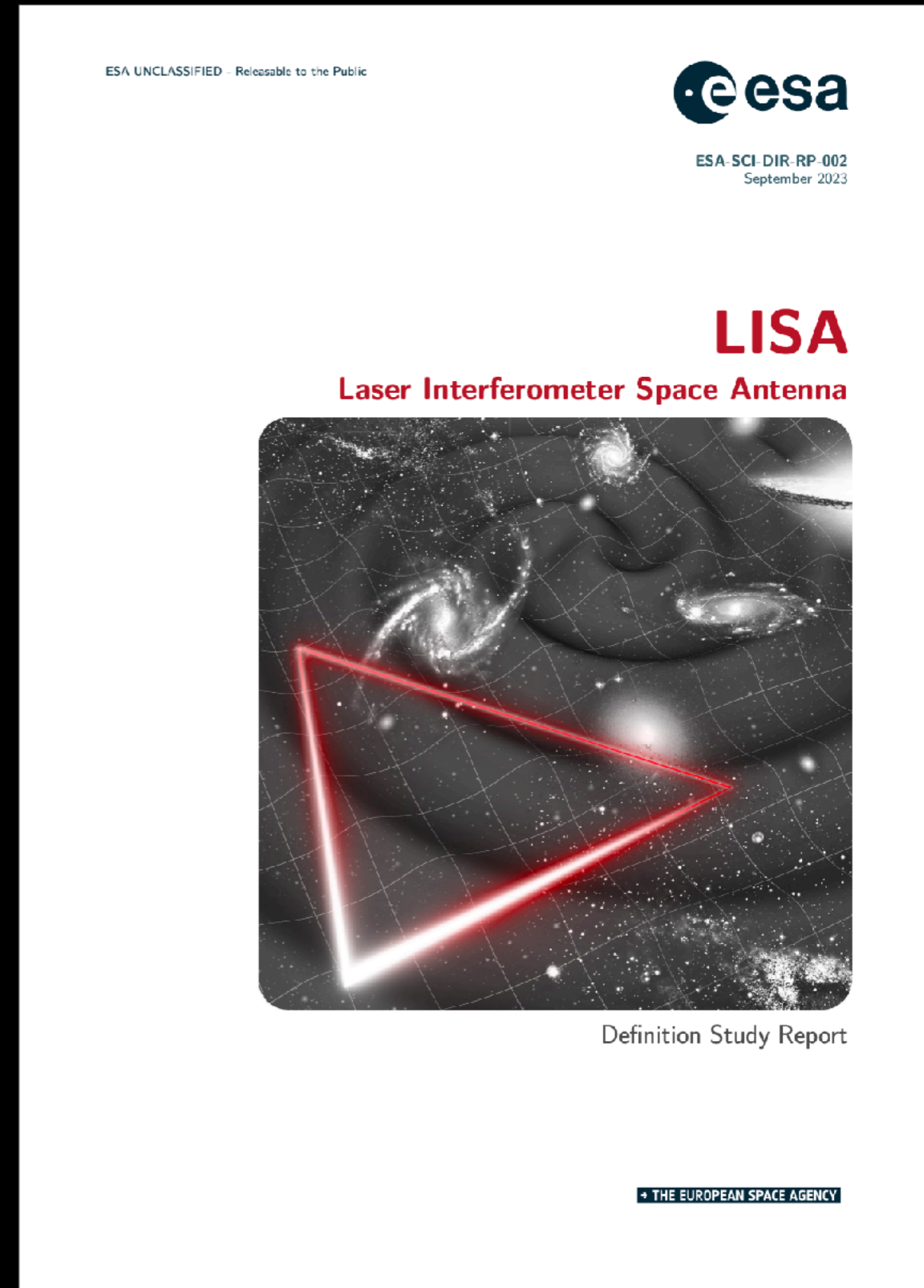
- written by the LISA Science Study Team with the support of the LISA Consortium
- submitted and validated at adoption

▶ Content:

- Science of LISA
- Instrument
- Data processing
- Organisation

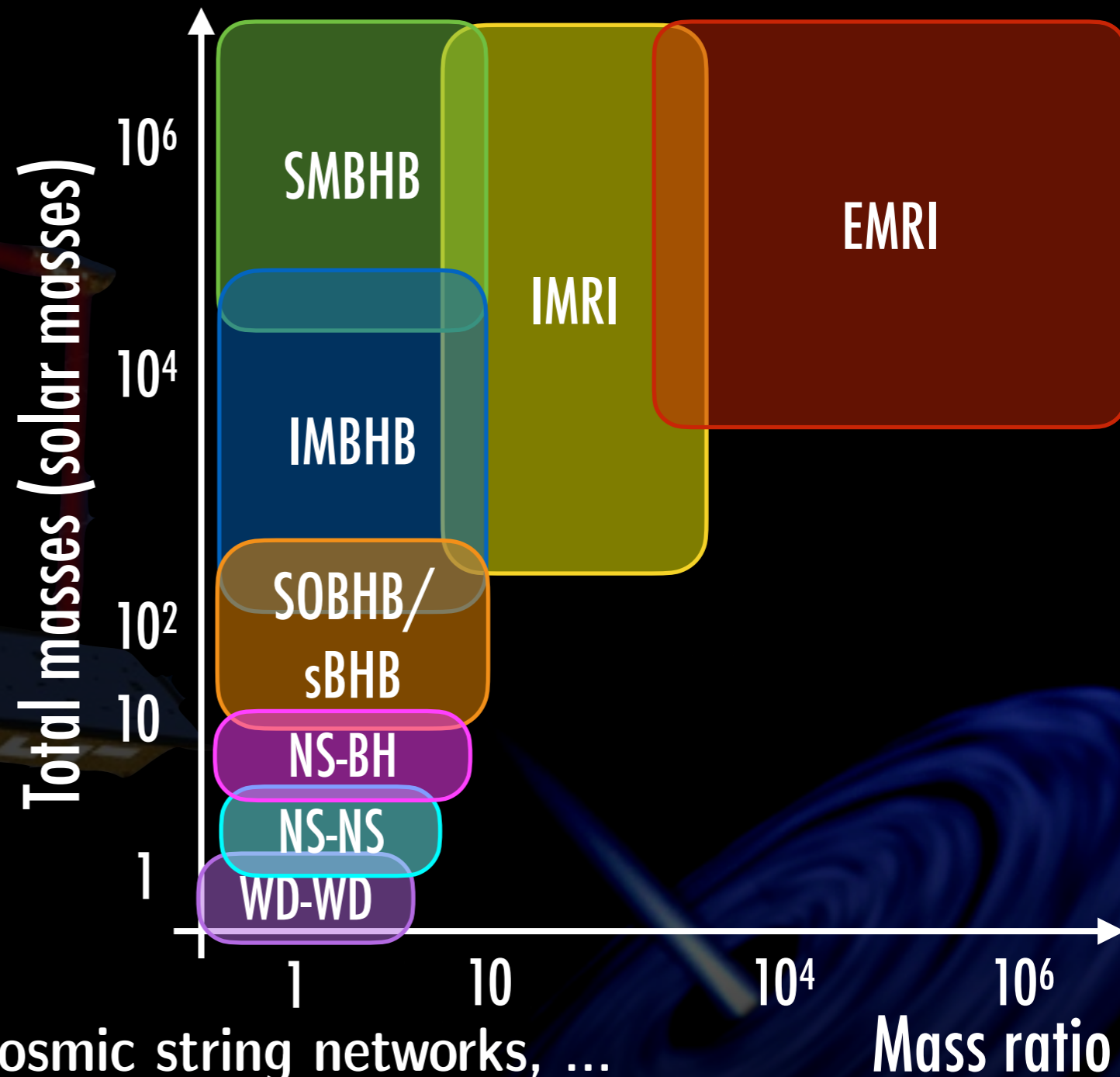
▶ Available at :

- [arXiv:2402.07571](https://arxiv.org/abs/2402.07571)
- www.cosmos.esa.int/web/lisa/lisa-redbook



GW sources in the mHz band

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 - Intermediate Mass BH Binaries



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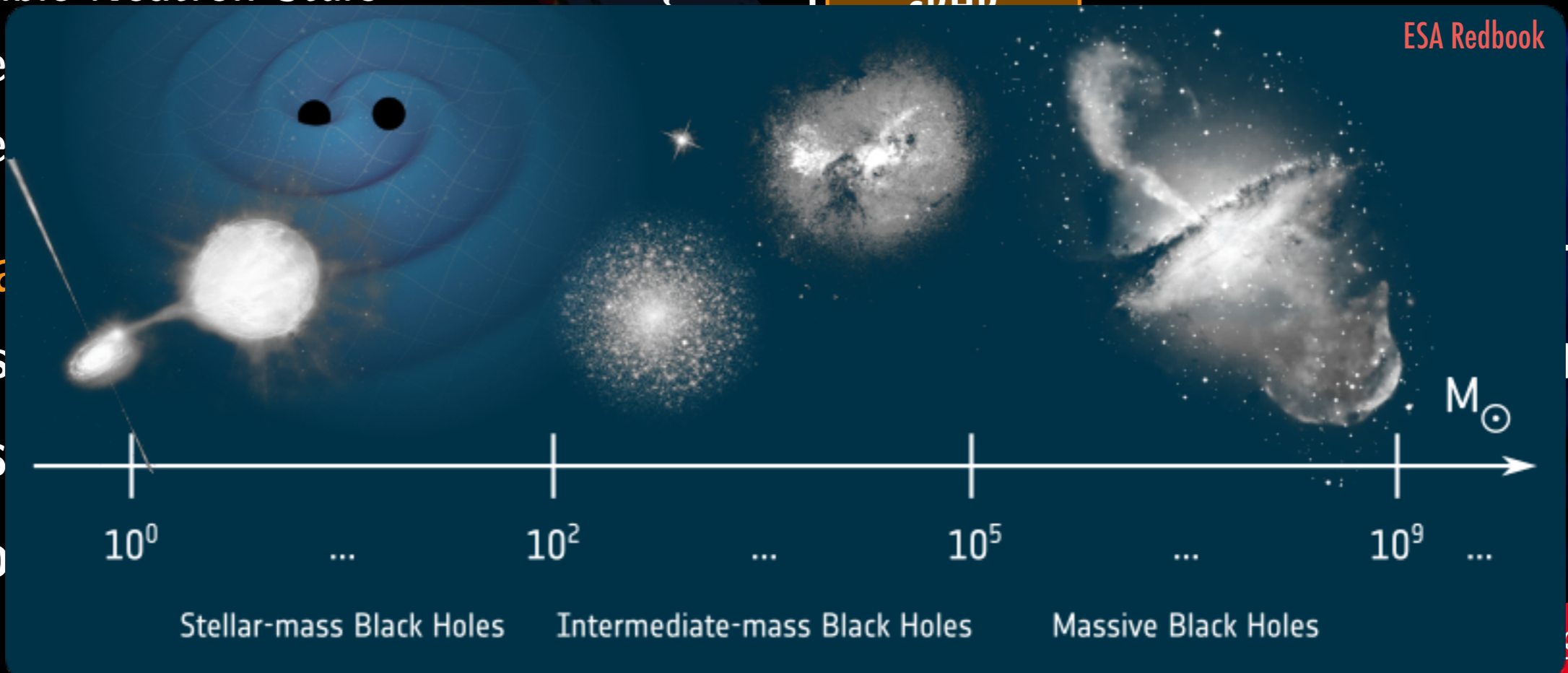
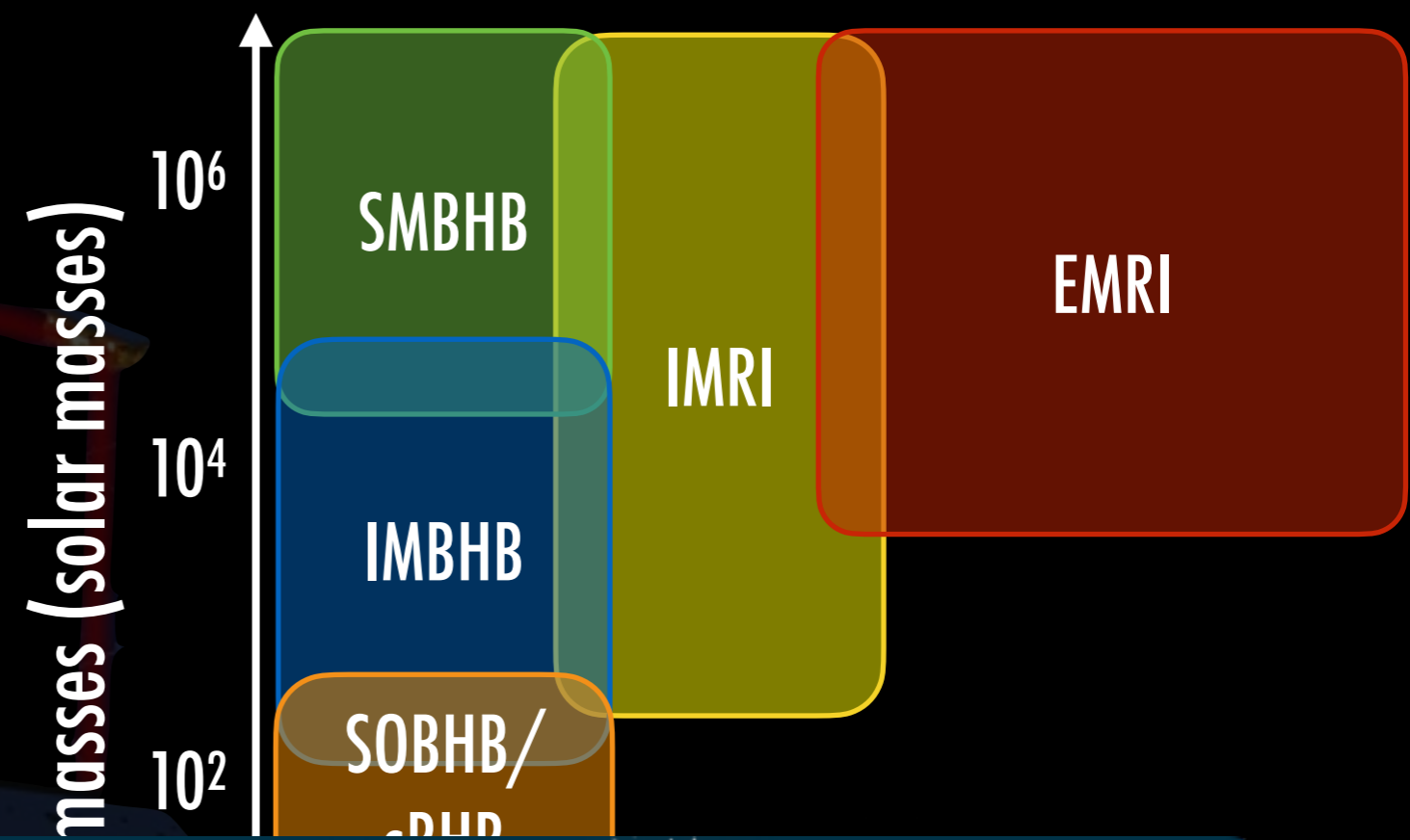
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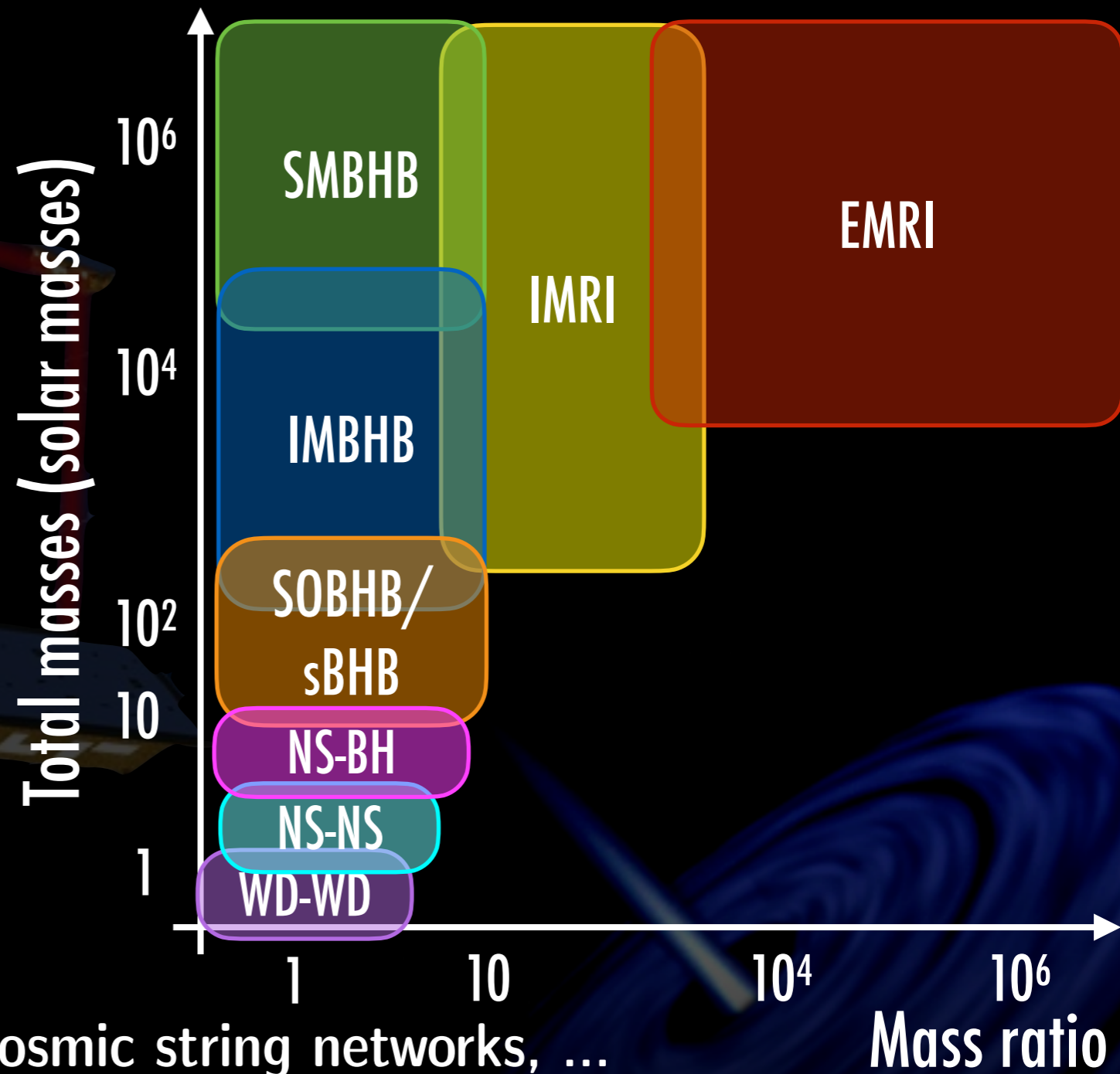
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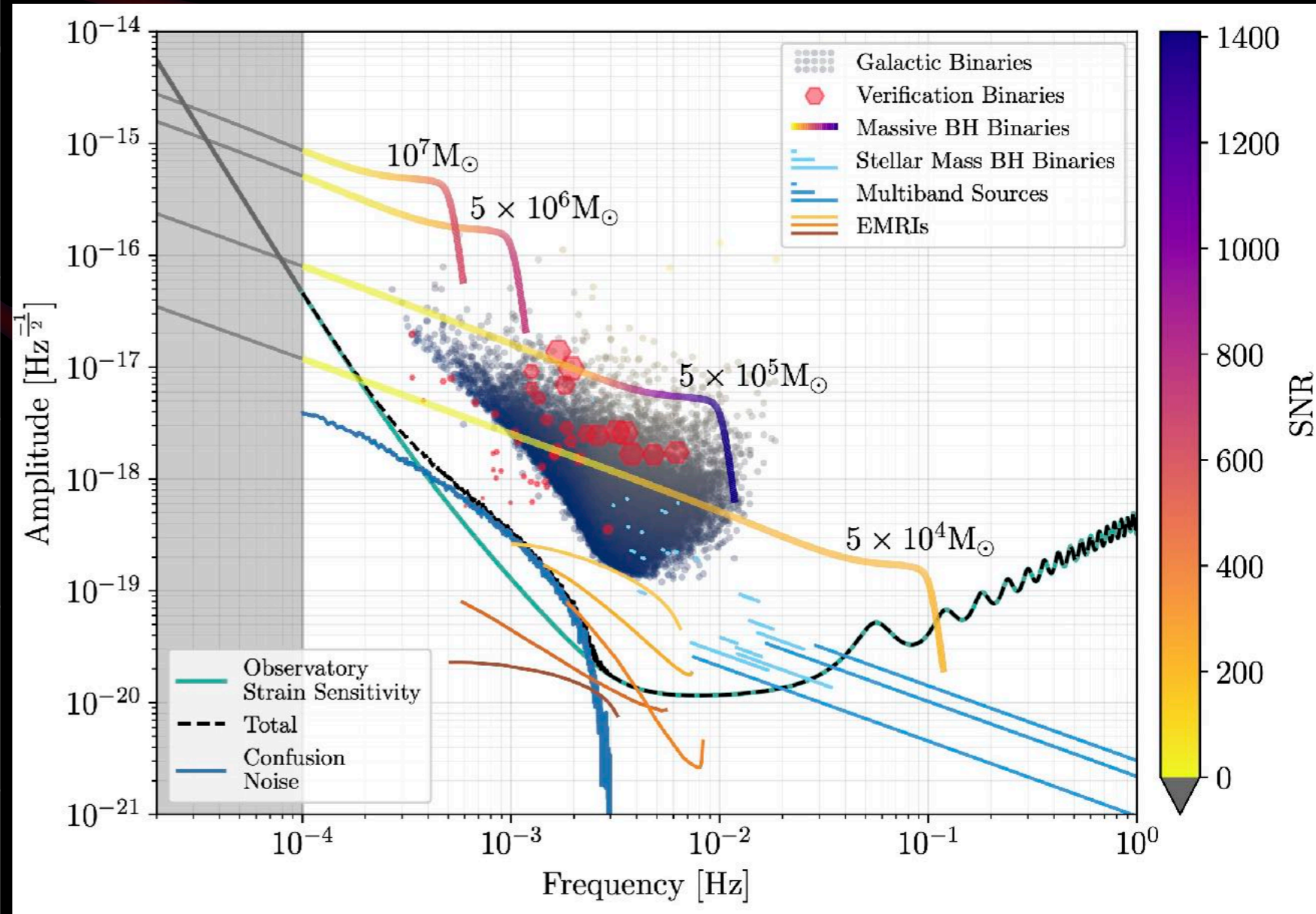


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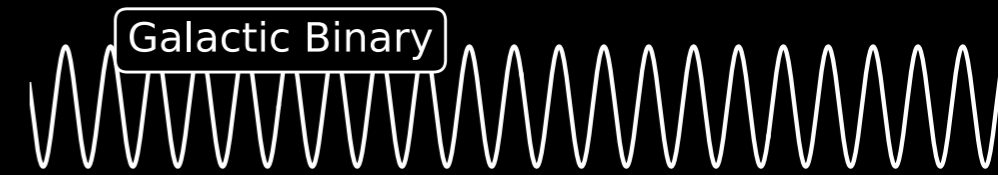
Binaries observed by LISA



Sources	SNR	Duration	Event rate
Galactic binaries	10 – 500	permanent	10000 – 30000 detectables + background
Verification binaries	7 - 100	permanent	20 (today)
Stellar mass black hole binaries	7 - 30	1 à 10 years	1 to 20
Extreme Mass Ratio Inspirals	7 - 60	1 year	1 to 2000 / year
Massive Black Hole binaries	10 - 3000	Hours - months	10 to 100 / year

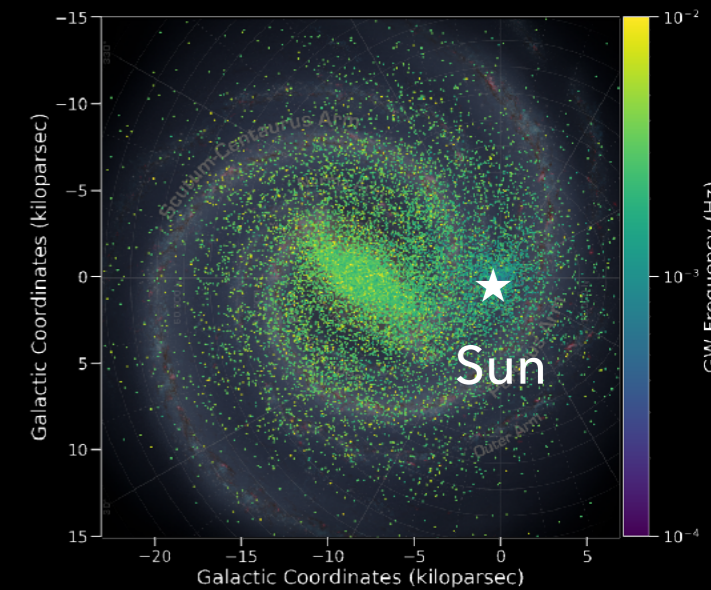


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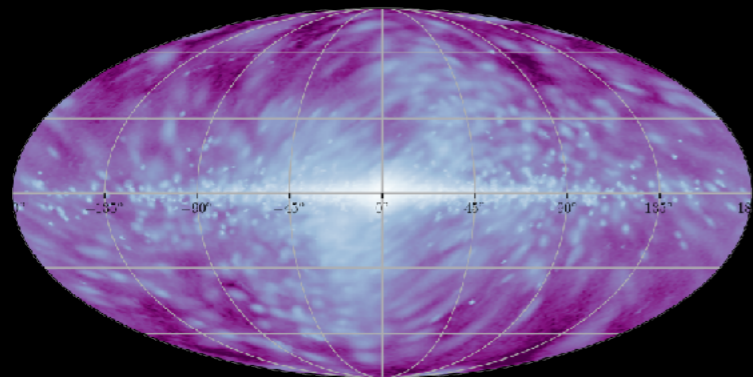
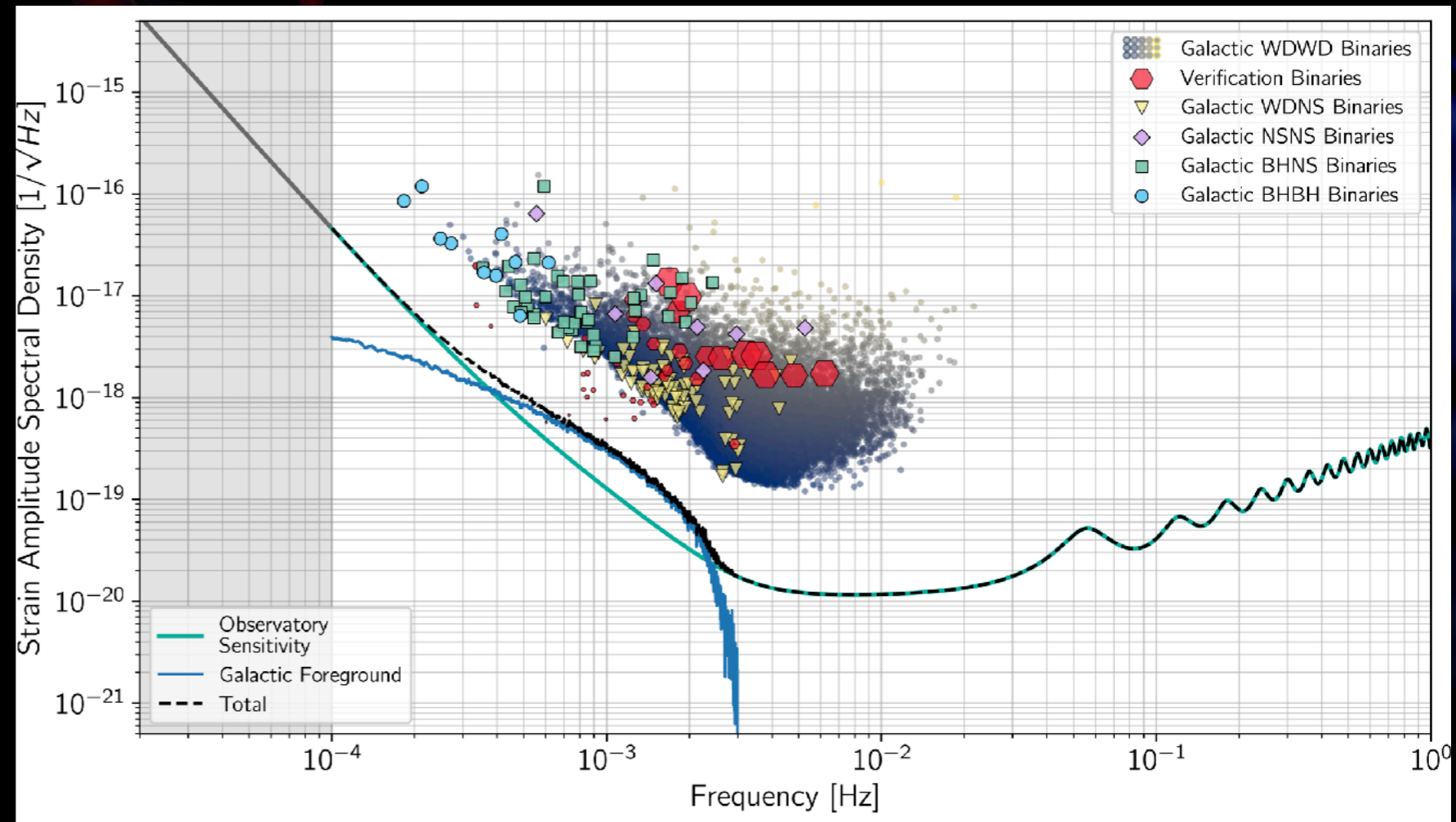
► SO1: Study the formation and evolution of compact binary stars in the Milky Way Galaxy:

- Formation and evolution pathways of dark compact binary stars in the Milky Way and in neighbouring galaxies;
- The Milky Way mass distribution;
- The interplay between gravitational waves and tidal dissipation.



Precision:

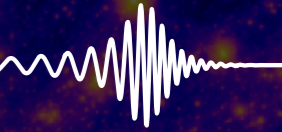
- Distance: $\sim 30\% - 1\%$
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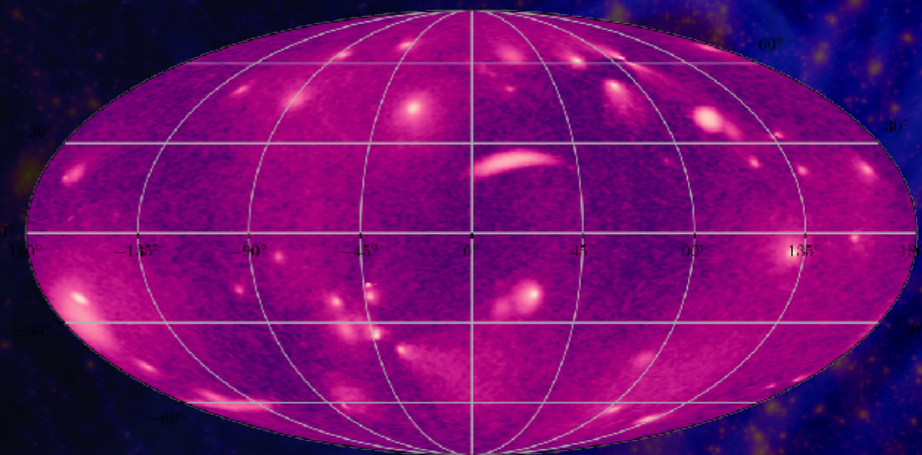
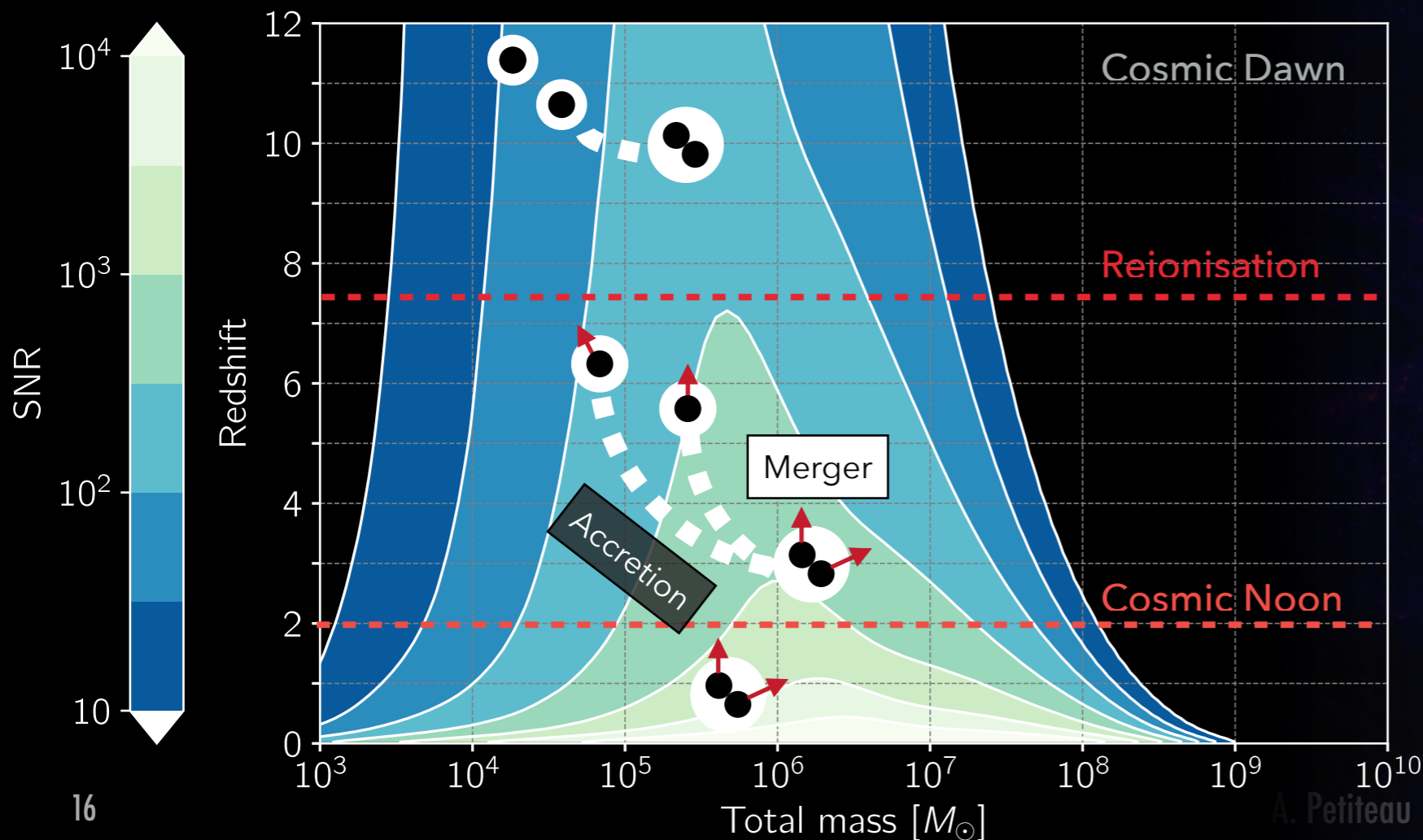
Massive BH Binary Merger



► S02: Trace the origin, growth and merger **history of massive black holes across cosmic ages:**

- Discover **seed** black holes at cosmic dawn;
- Study the **growth** mechanism and **merger** history of massive black holes from the epoch of the earliest quasars;

• ...

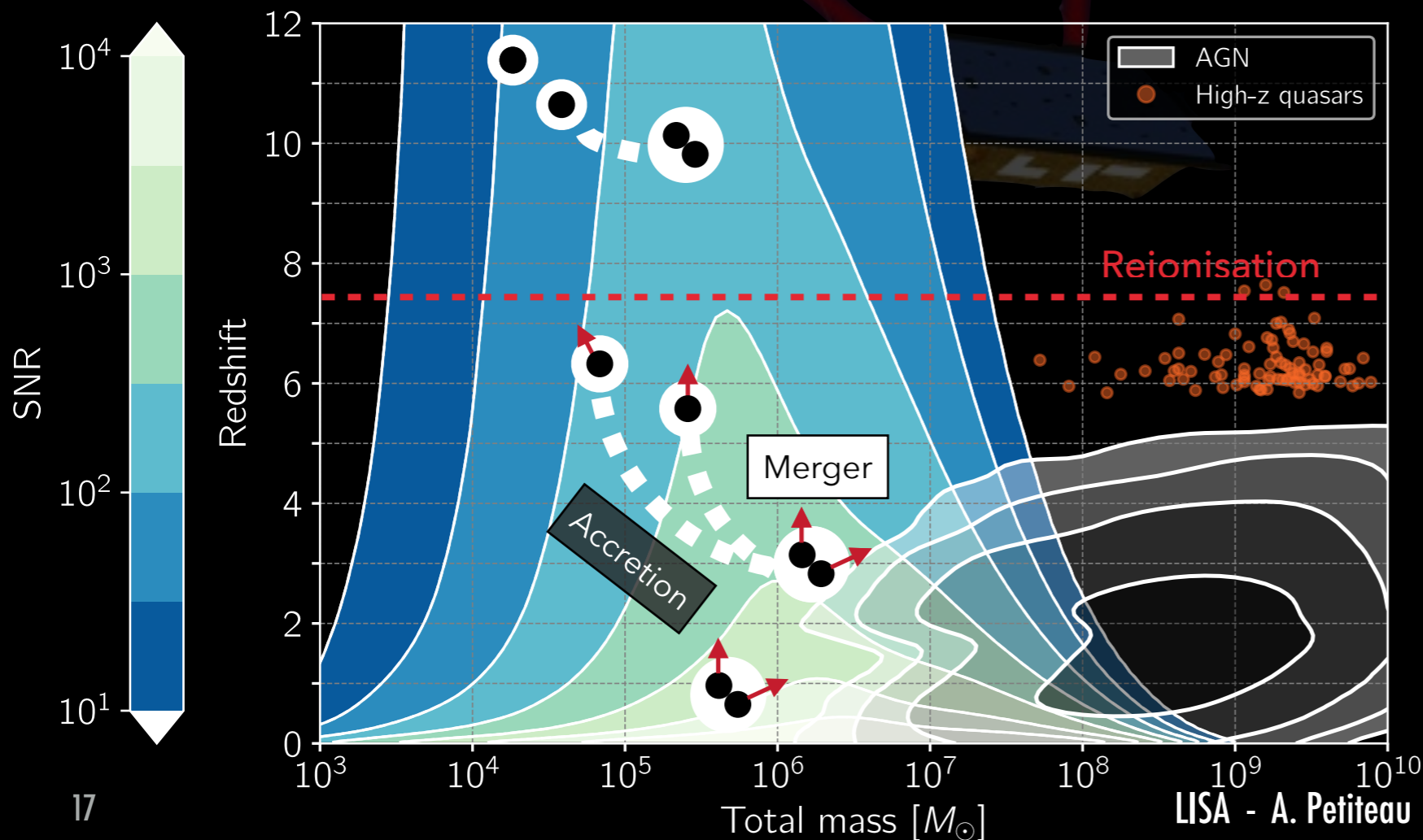


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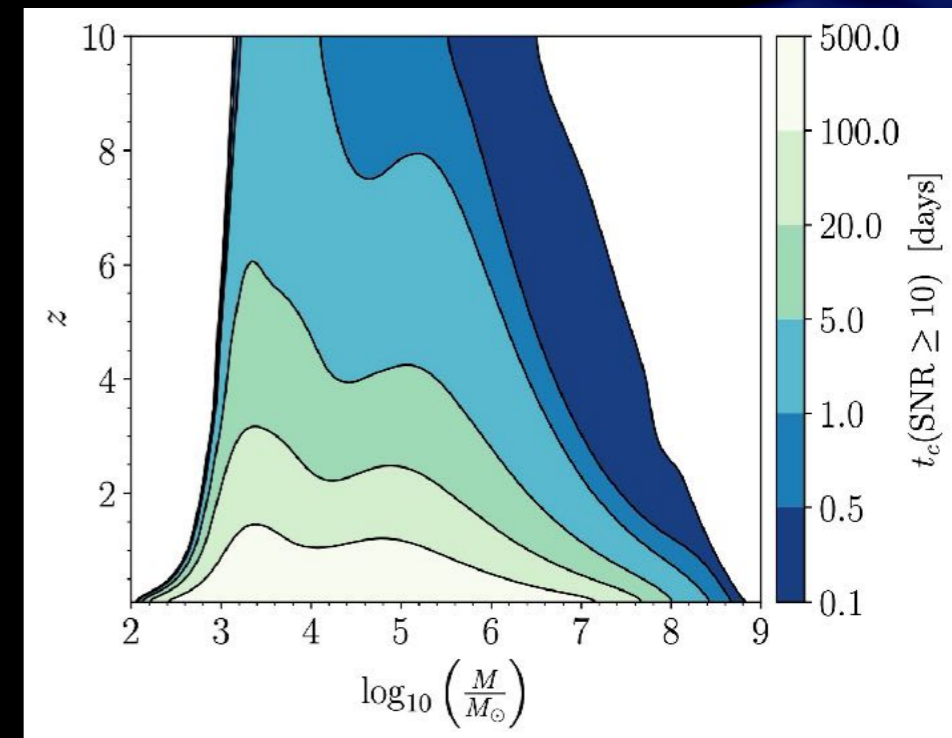
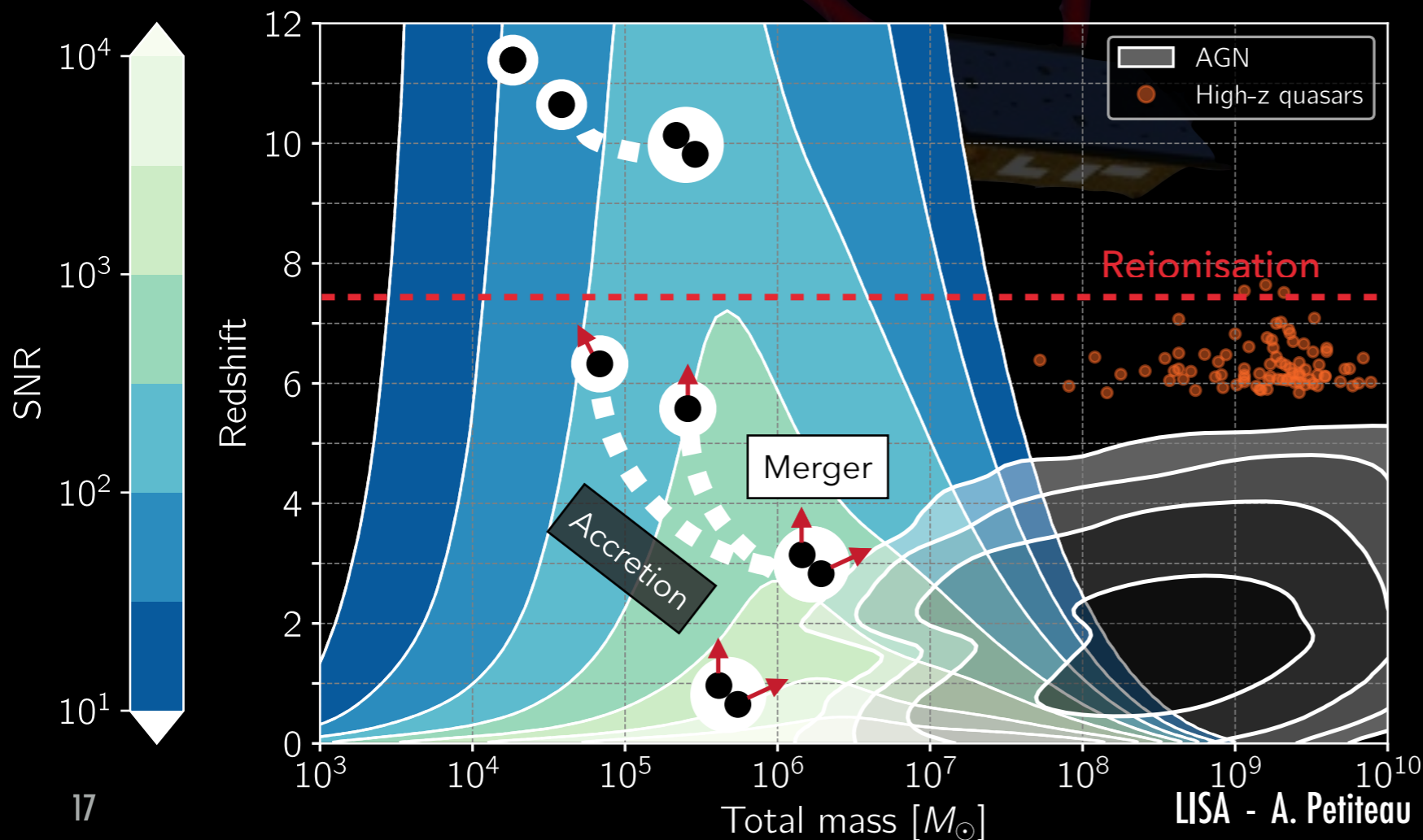


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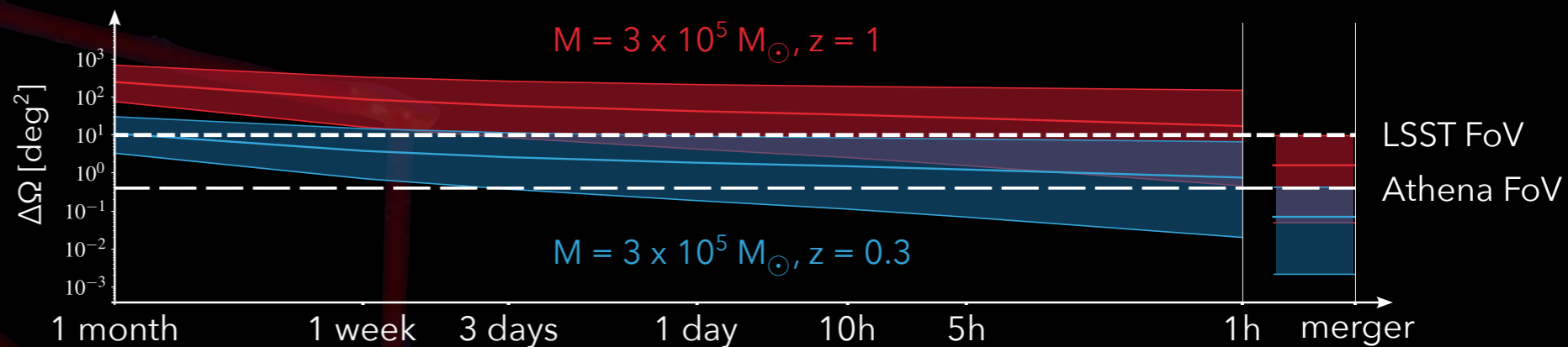


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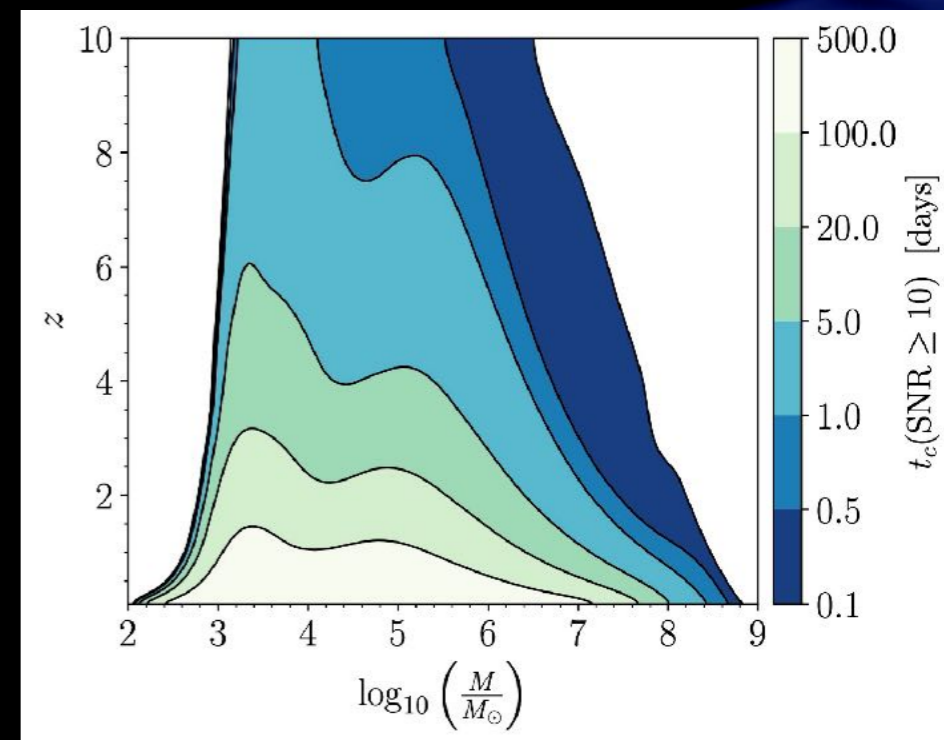
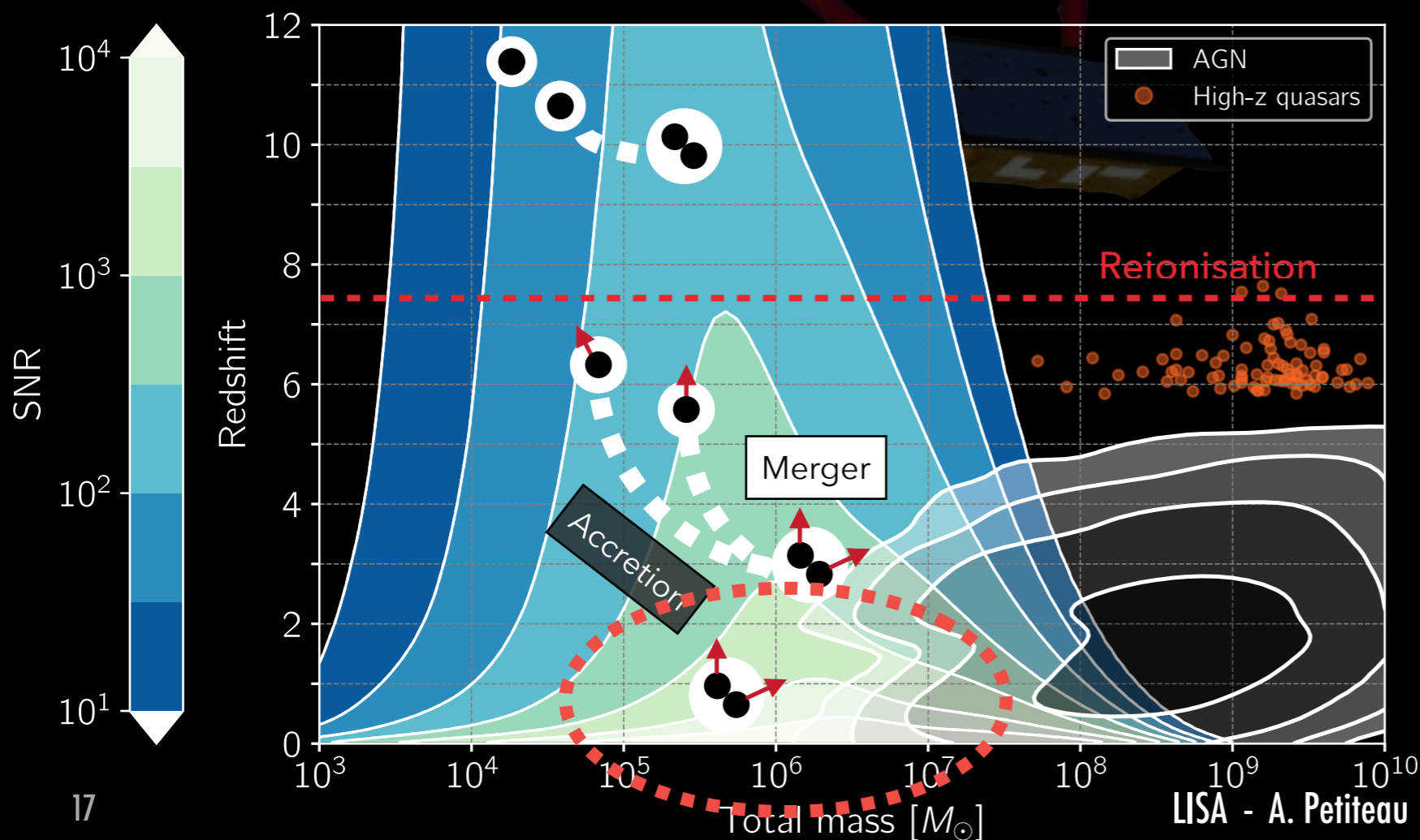
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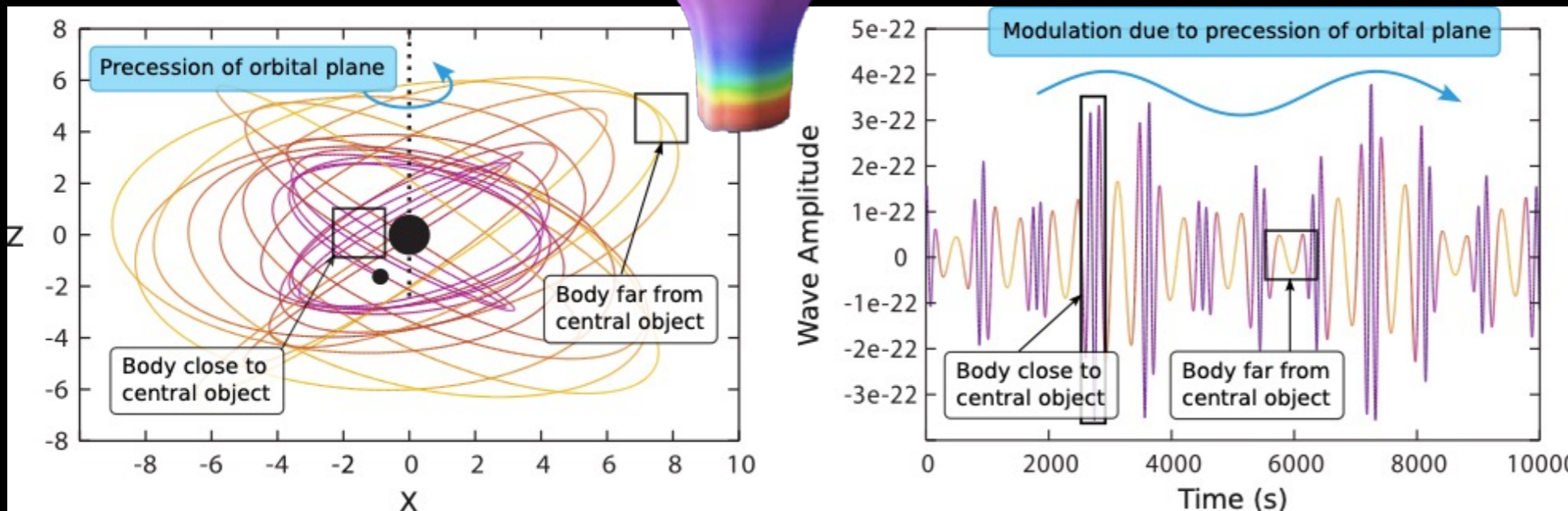


- S03: Probe the properties and immediate environments of black holes in the local Universe using **EMRIs** and **IMRIs**:



Precision:
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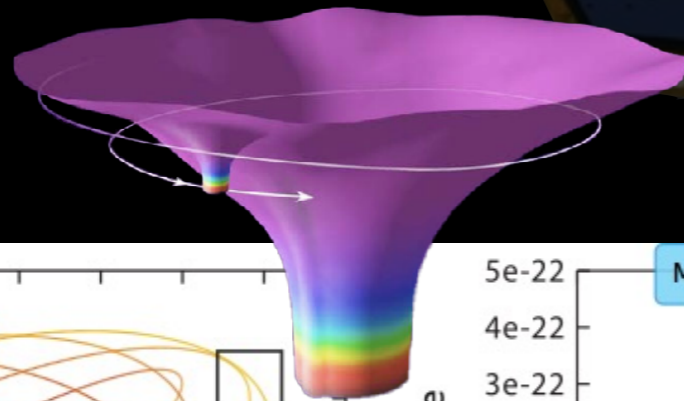
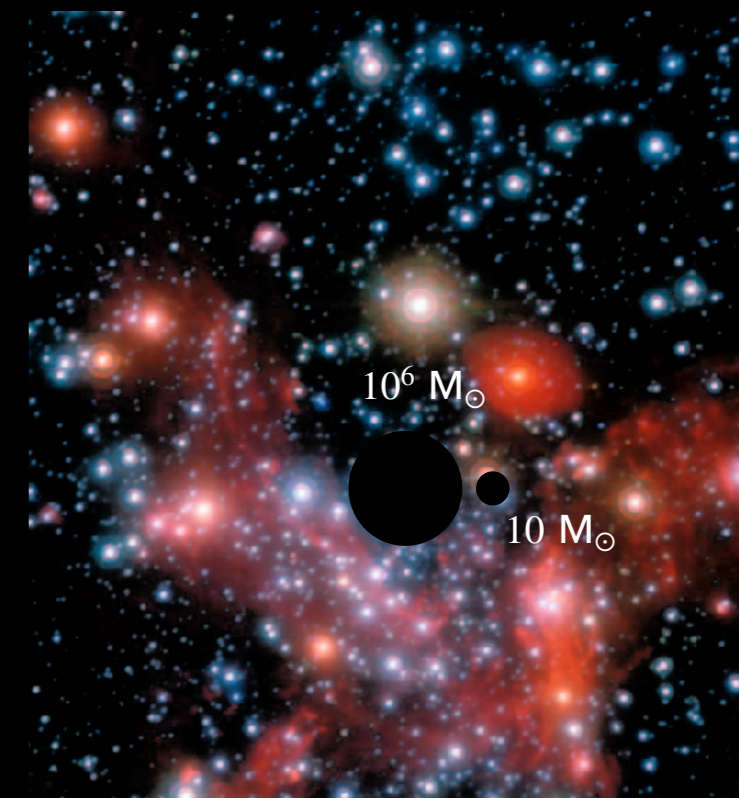
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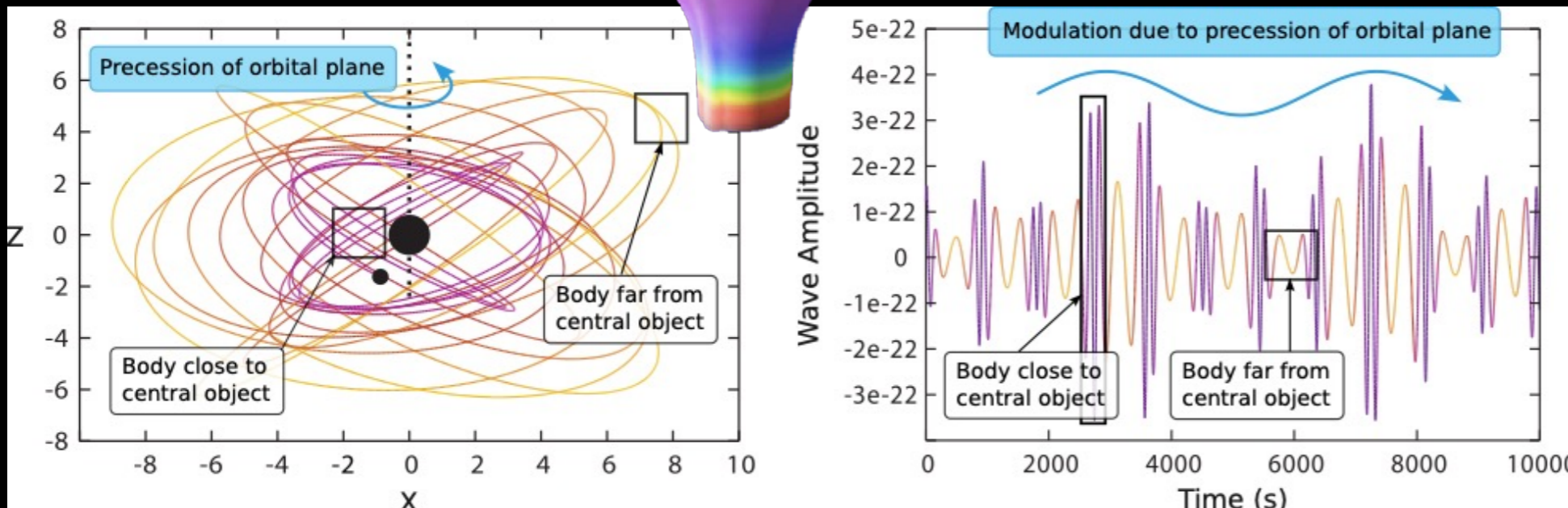
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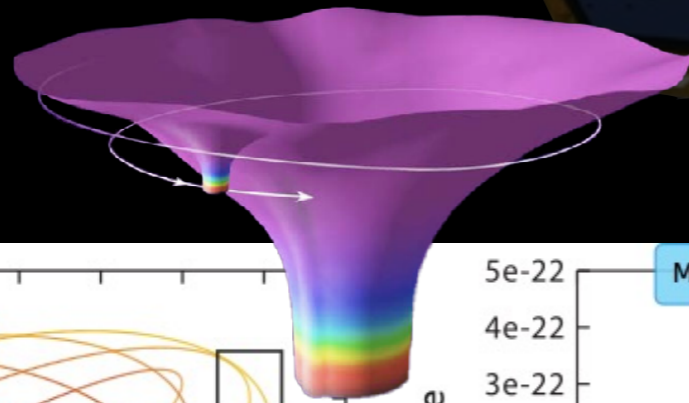
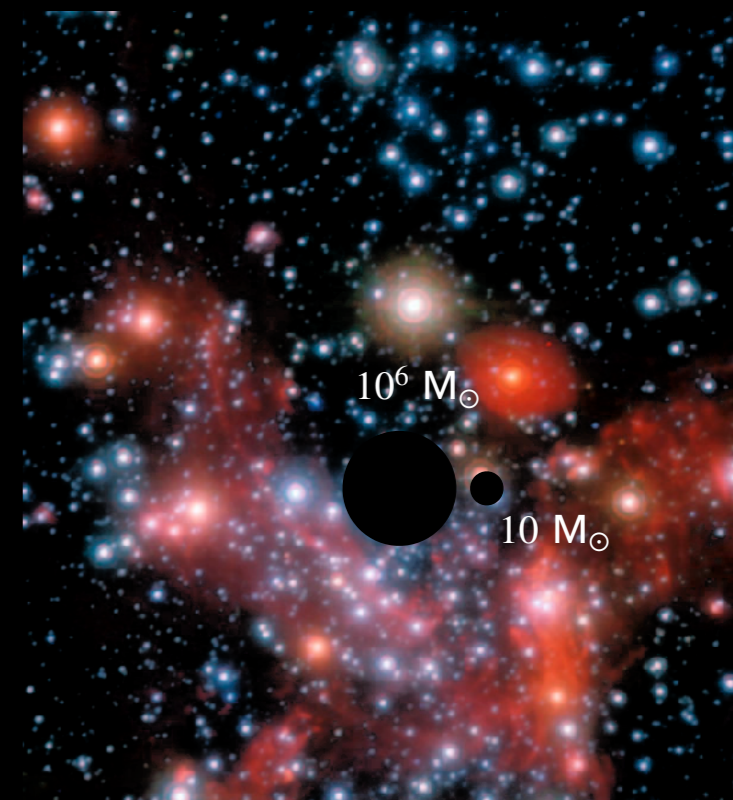


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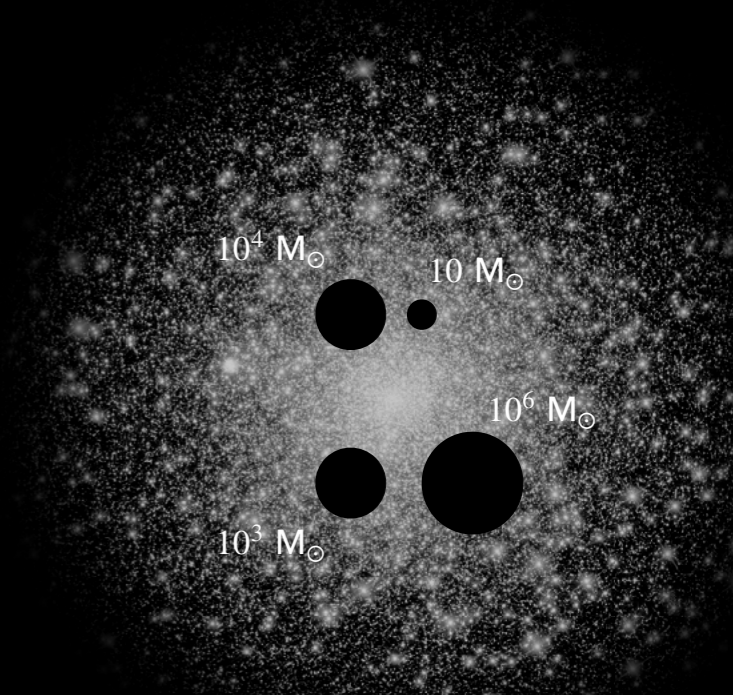
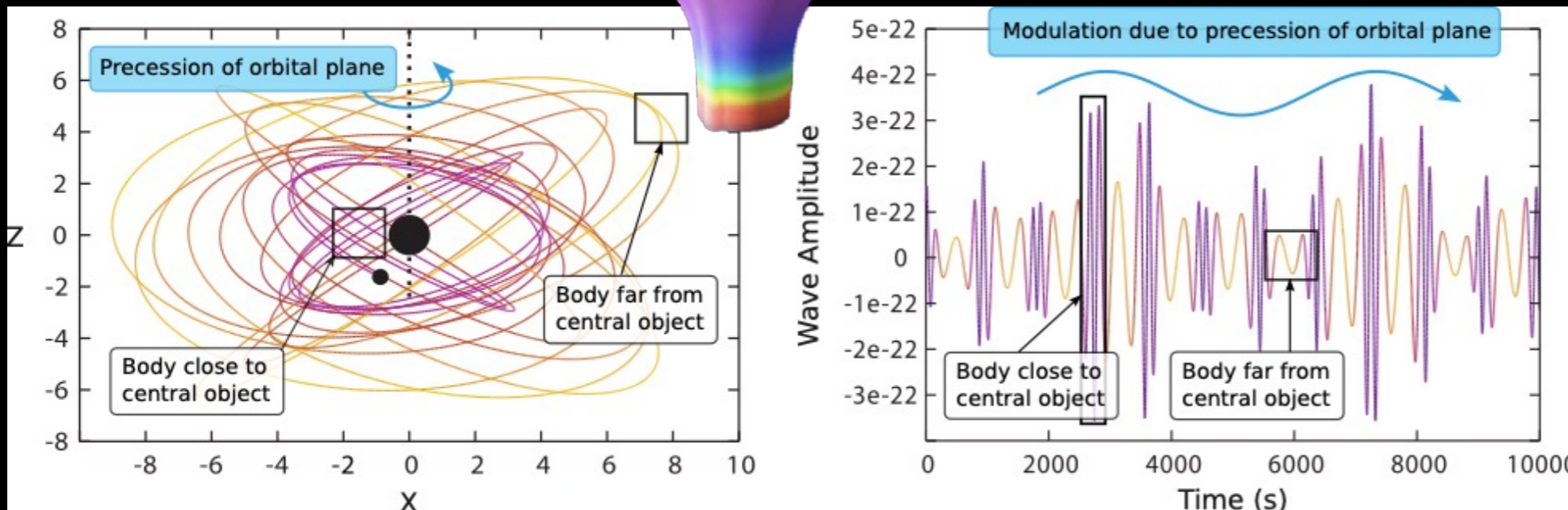


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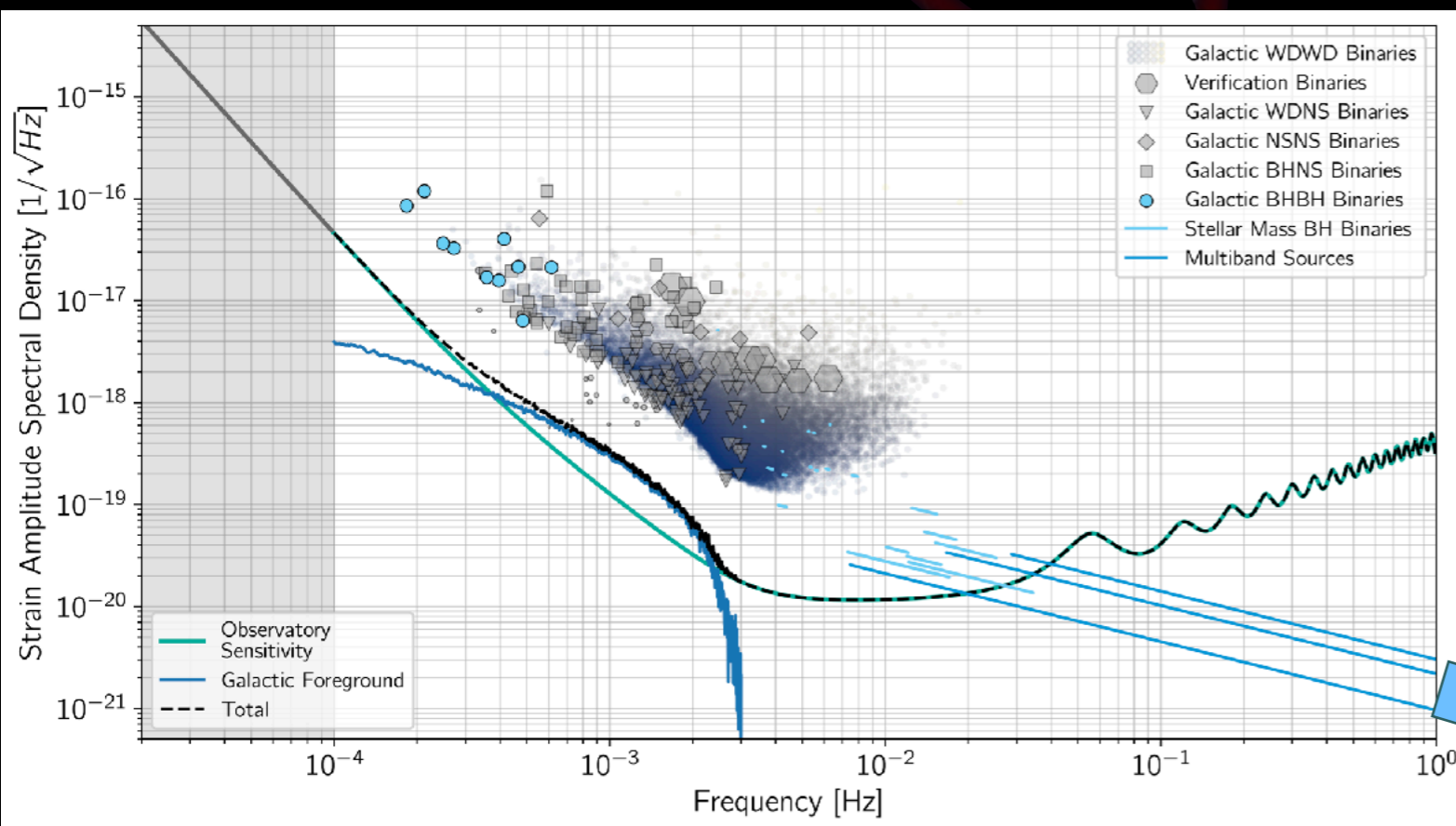


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- ▶ S04: Understand the astrophysics of **stellar origin black holes** :
 - Study the **statistical properties** of sBHs far from merger;
 - Detecting high mass sBHBs and probing their environment;
 - Enabling **multiband and multimessenger** observations at the time of coalescence.



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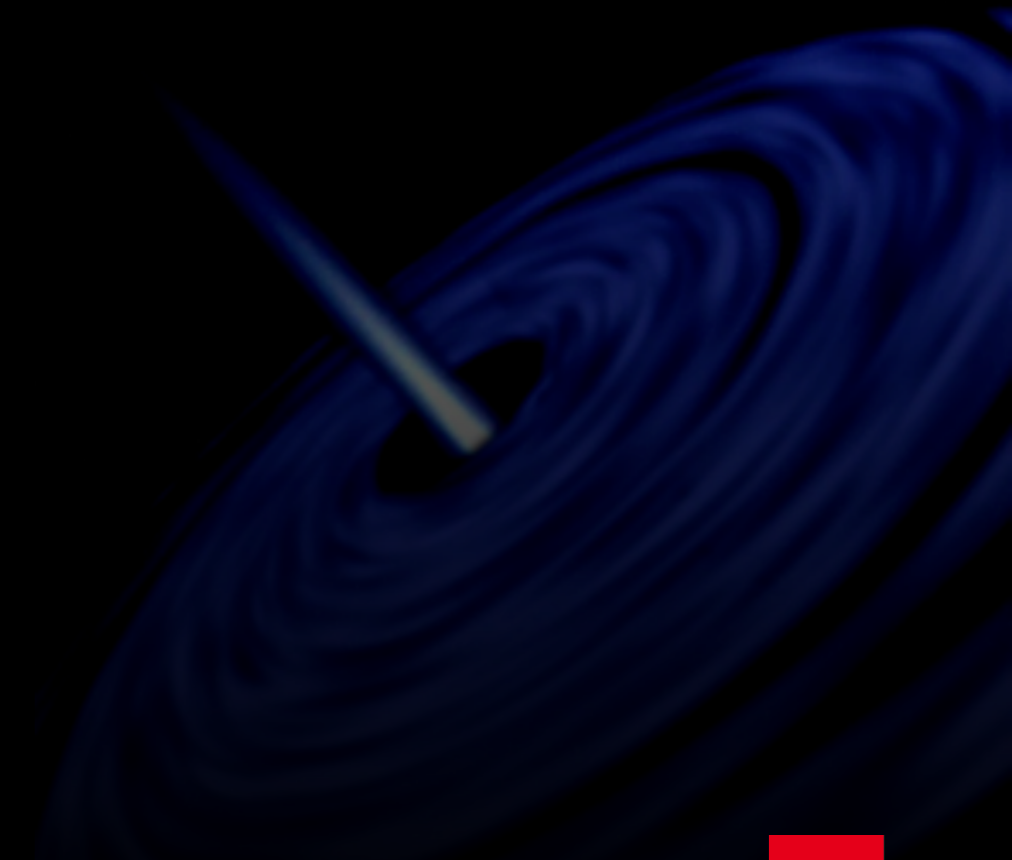
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Towards the band of ground based observatory

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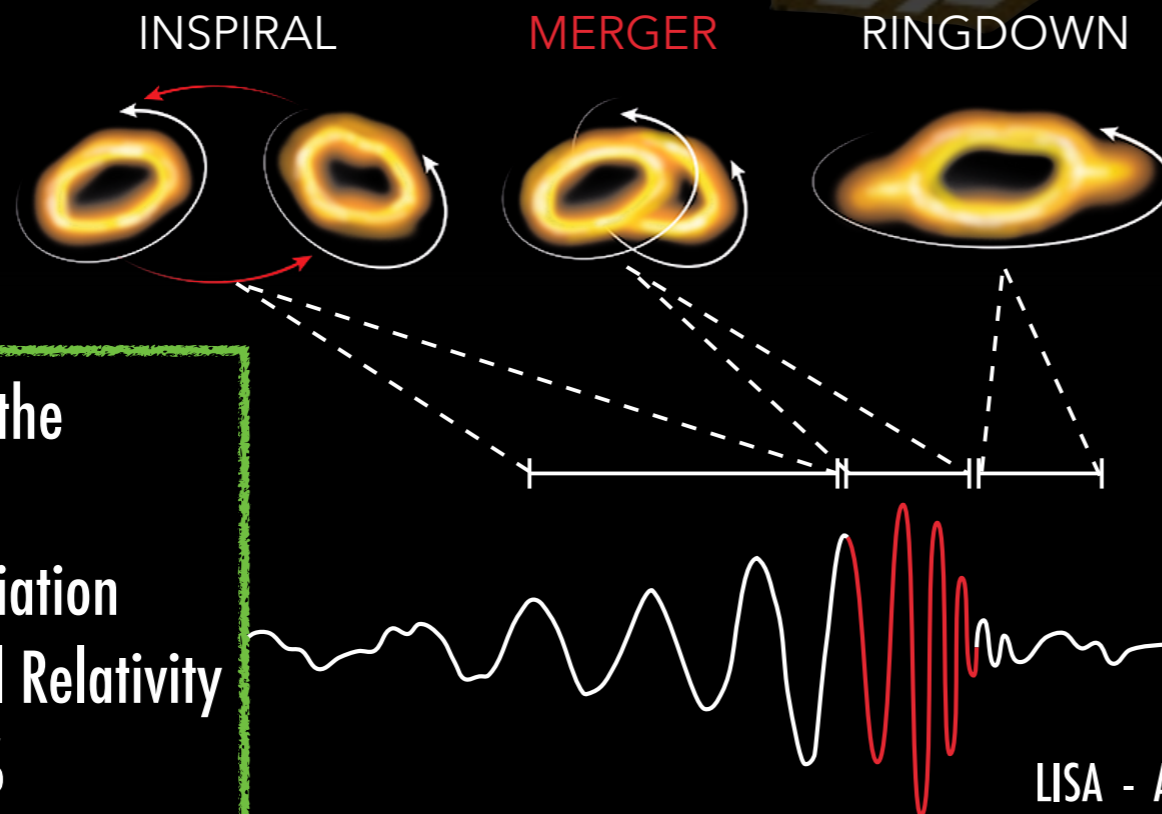
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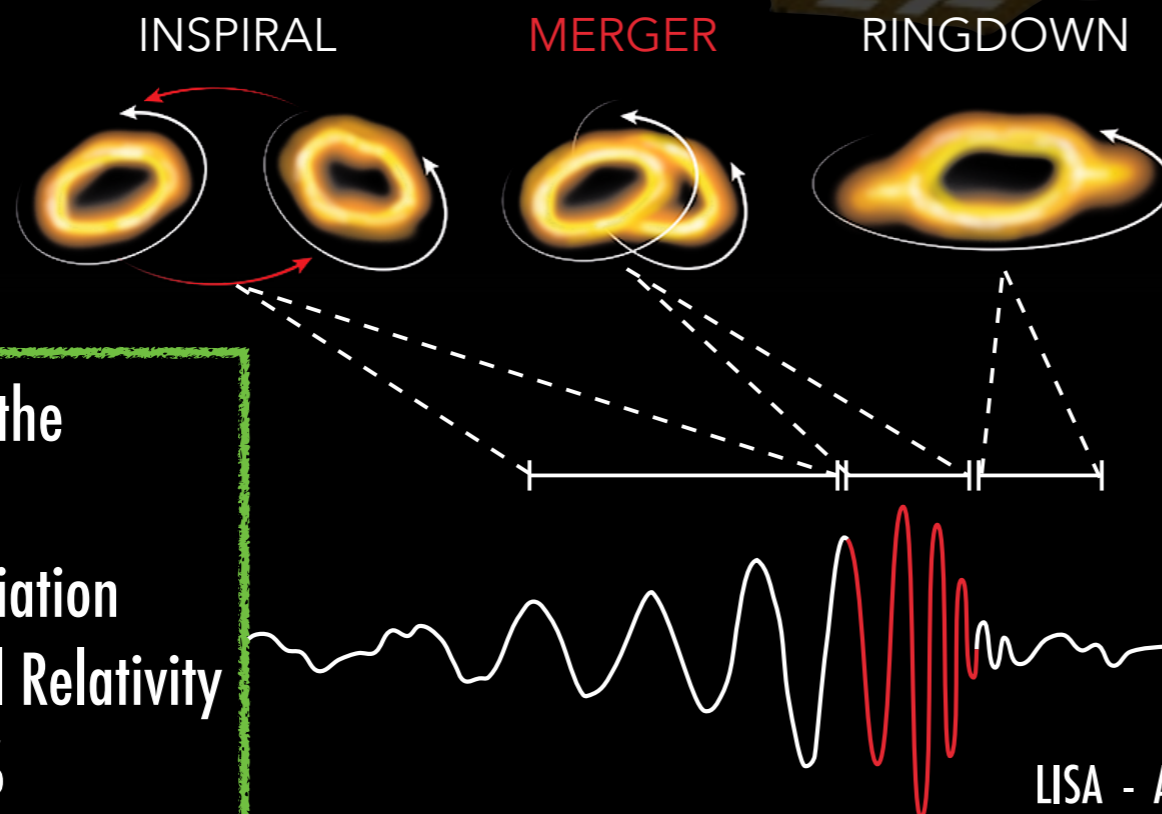
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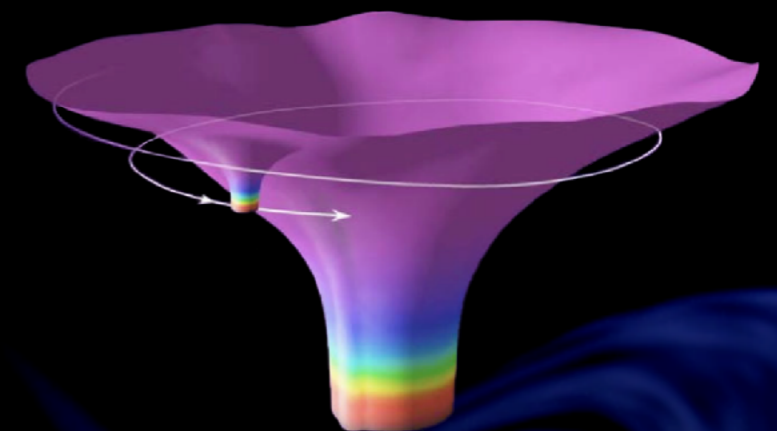
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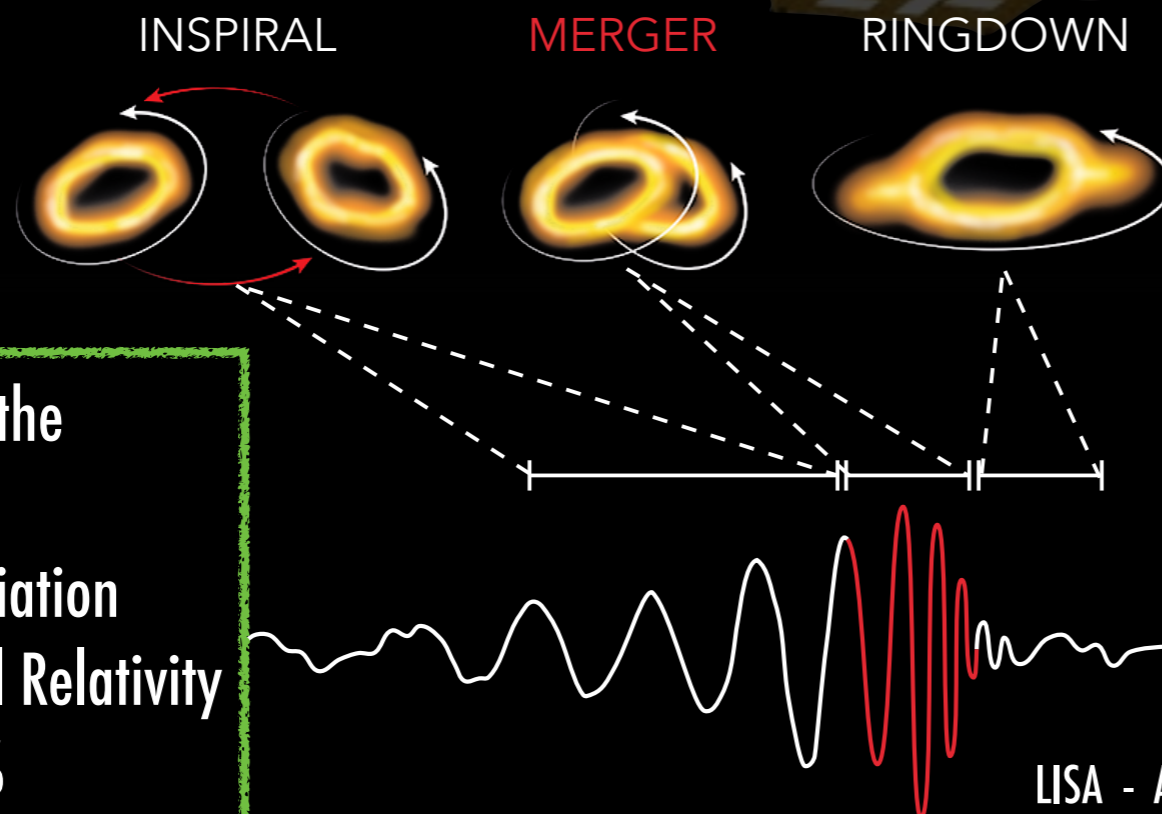
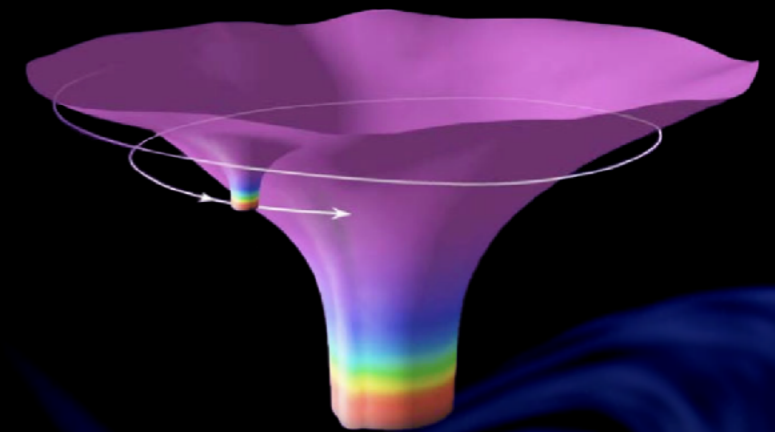
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- Test the propagation properties of GW.



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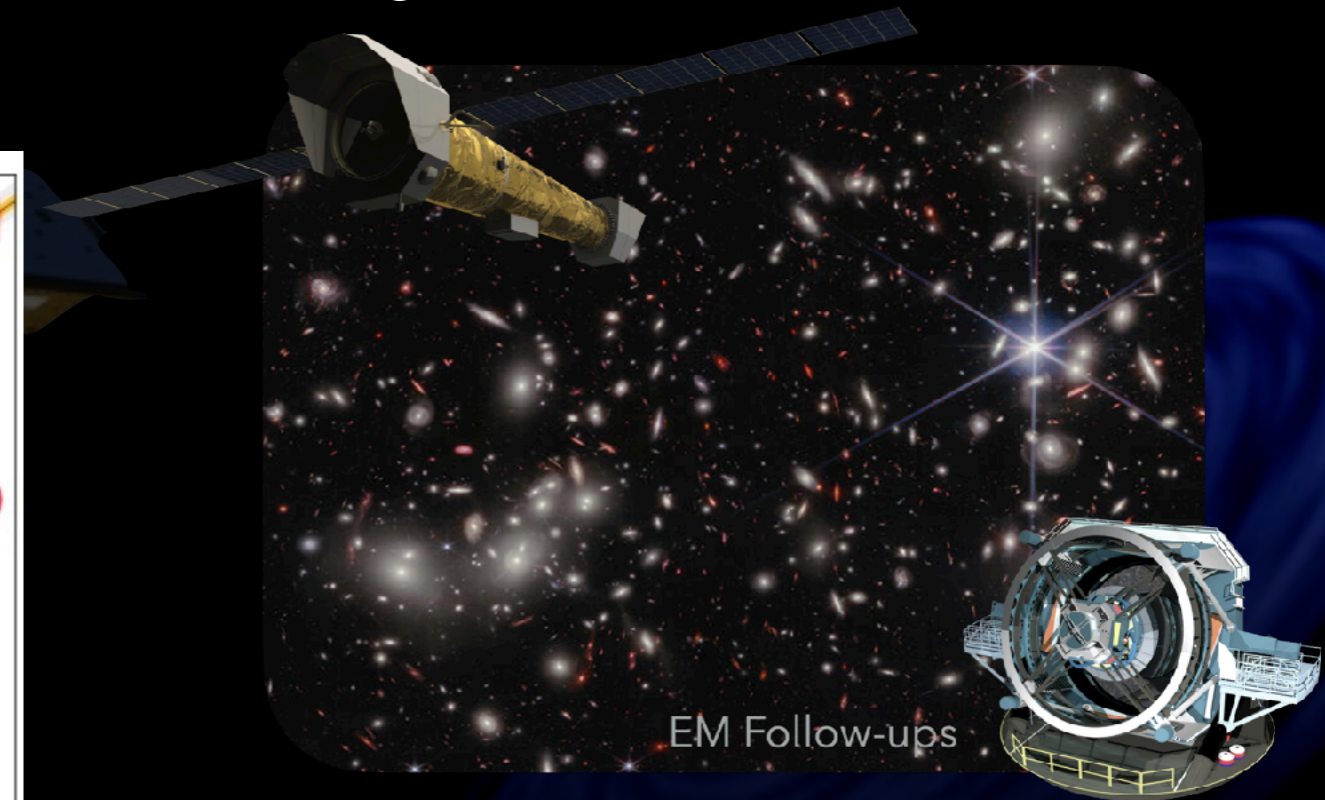
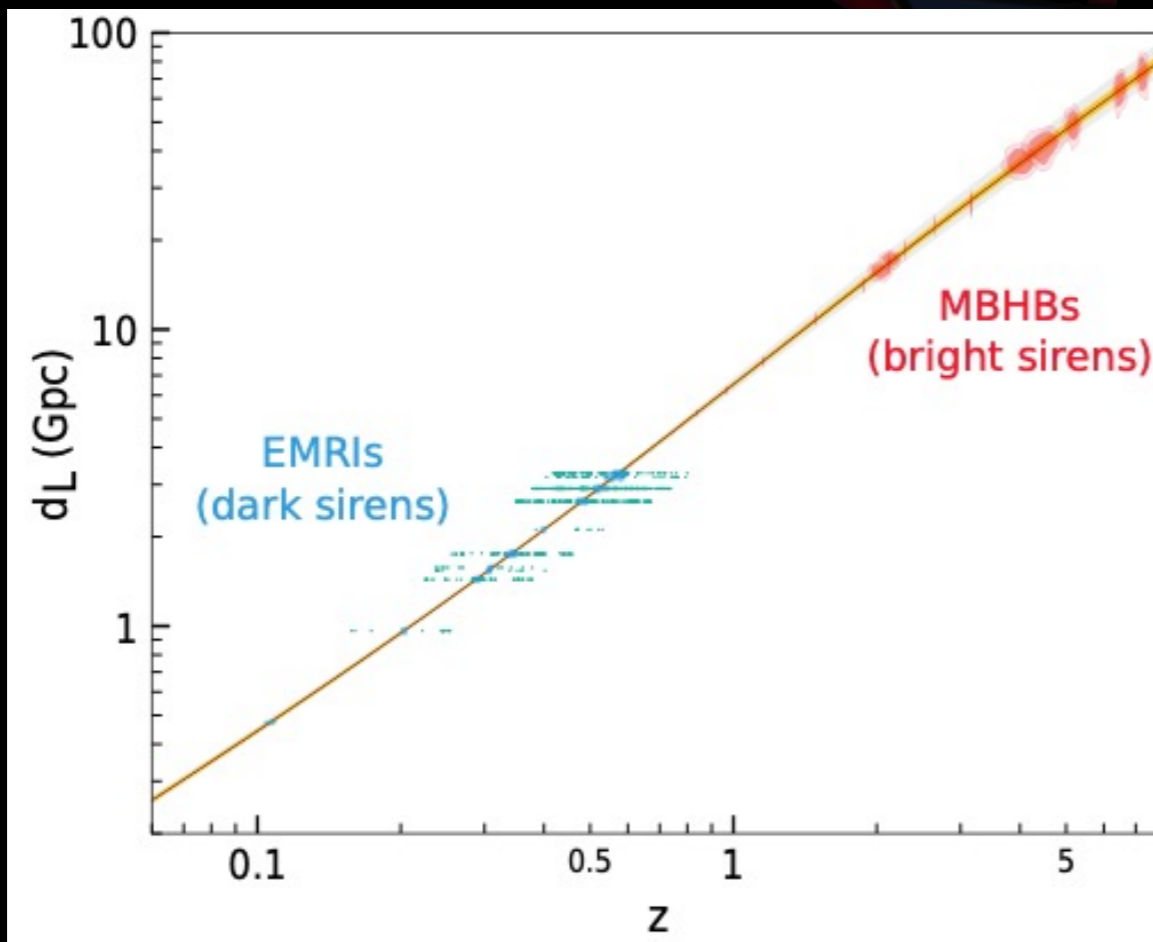
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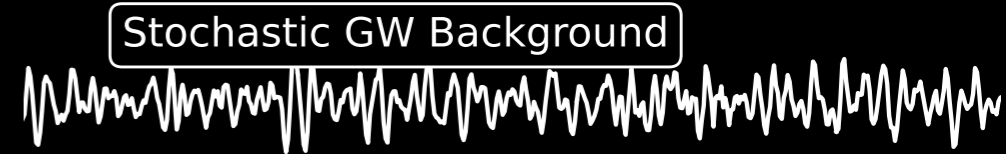
- ▶ S06: Probe the rate of **expansion** of the Universe :
 - Cosmology from **bright sirens**: massive black hole binaries;
 - Cosmology from **dark sirens**: extreme mass ratio inspirals and stellar-origin black hole binaries;
 - Cosmology at all redshift: combining local and high-redshift LISA standard sirens measurements.



Constraint on the geometry of the Universe:

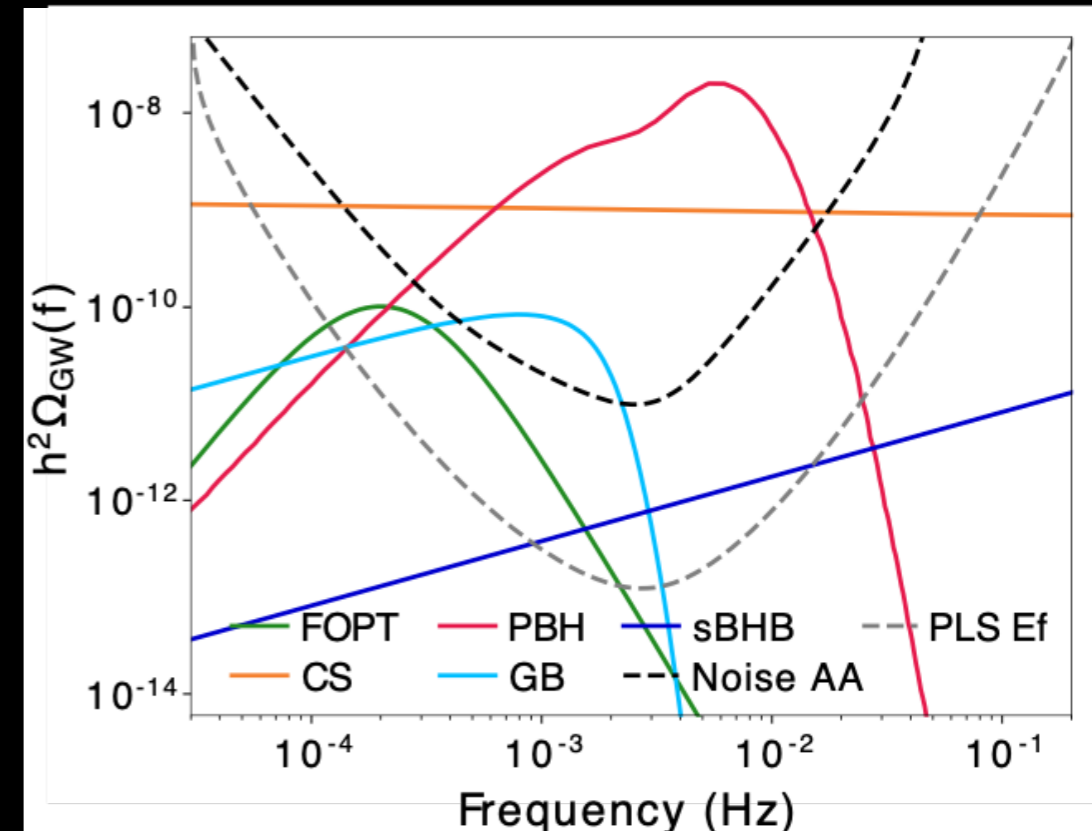
- No calibration needed
- H_0 to a few % with observations up to $z \sim 3$

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► SO7: Understand **stochastic GW backgrounds** and their implications for the **early Universe** and **TeV-scale particle physics**:

- Characterise the astrophysical SGWB;
- Measure, or set upper limits on, the spectral shape of the cosmological SGWB;
- Characterise the large-scale anisotropy of the SGWB.



► SO8: Search for GW **bursts** and **unforeseen sources** :

- Search for cusps and kinks of cosmic strings;
- Search for unmodelled sources.

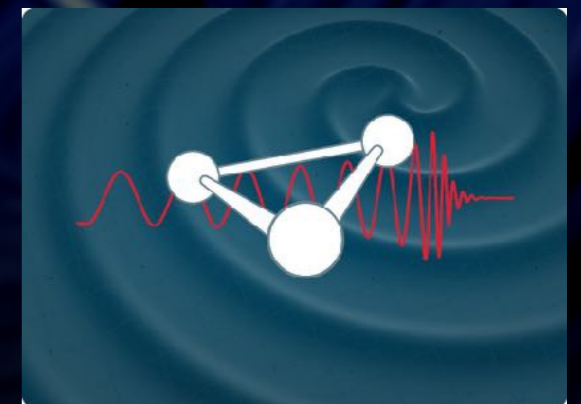


Science Objectives

- ▶ **SO1:** Study the formation and evolution of **compact binary stars** in the Milky Way Galaxy. **Astrophysics**
- ▶ **SO2:** Trace the origin, growth and merger history of **massive black holes** across cosmic ages.
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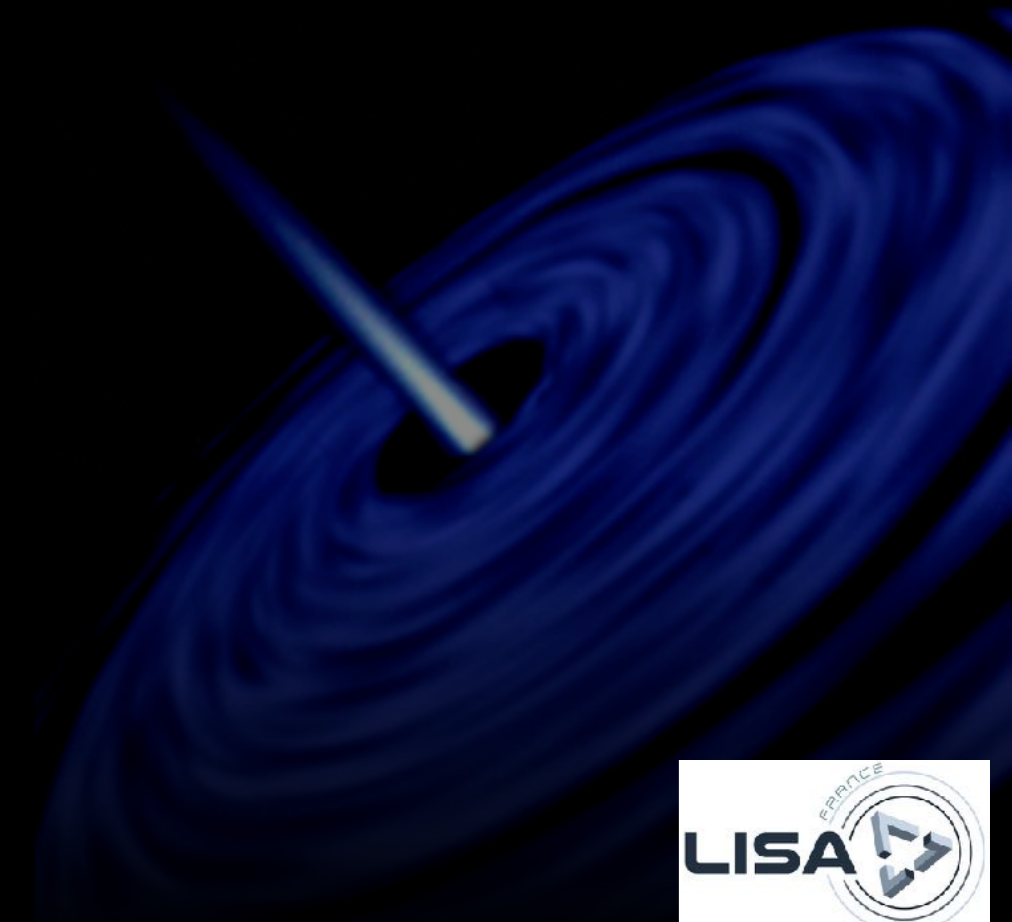
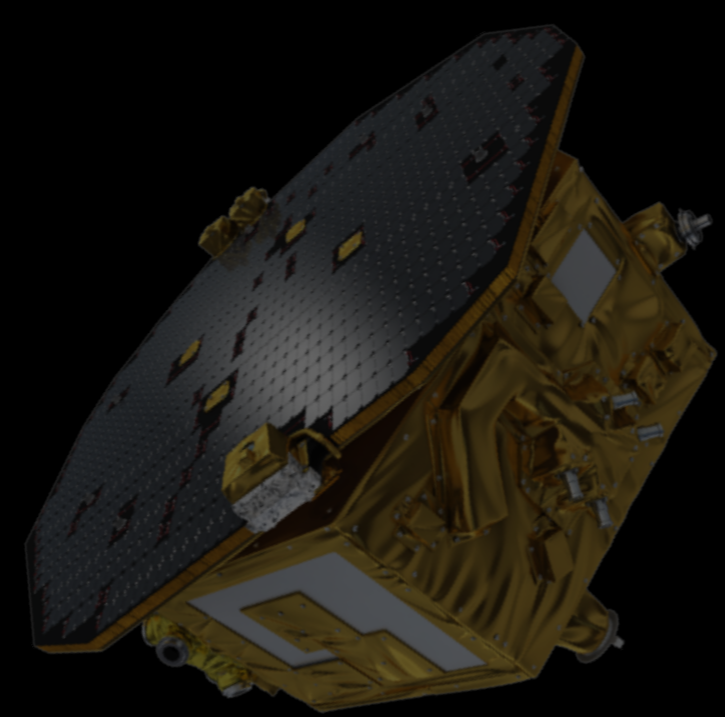
Conclusion

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- ▶ LISA has been **adopted** in January by ESA, i.e. it is fully supported by ESA, its member states and NASA.
- ▶ It is now starting its **development and building** phase for a **launch in 2035** for 4.5 to 10 years of operations.
- ▶ LISA in a large range of domains with a huge science case for **astrophysics, cosmology and fundamental physics.**
- ▶ LISA is a tool to **explore the Dark Universe !**



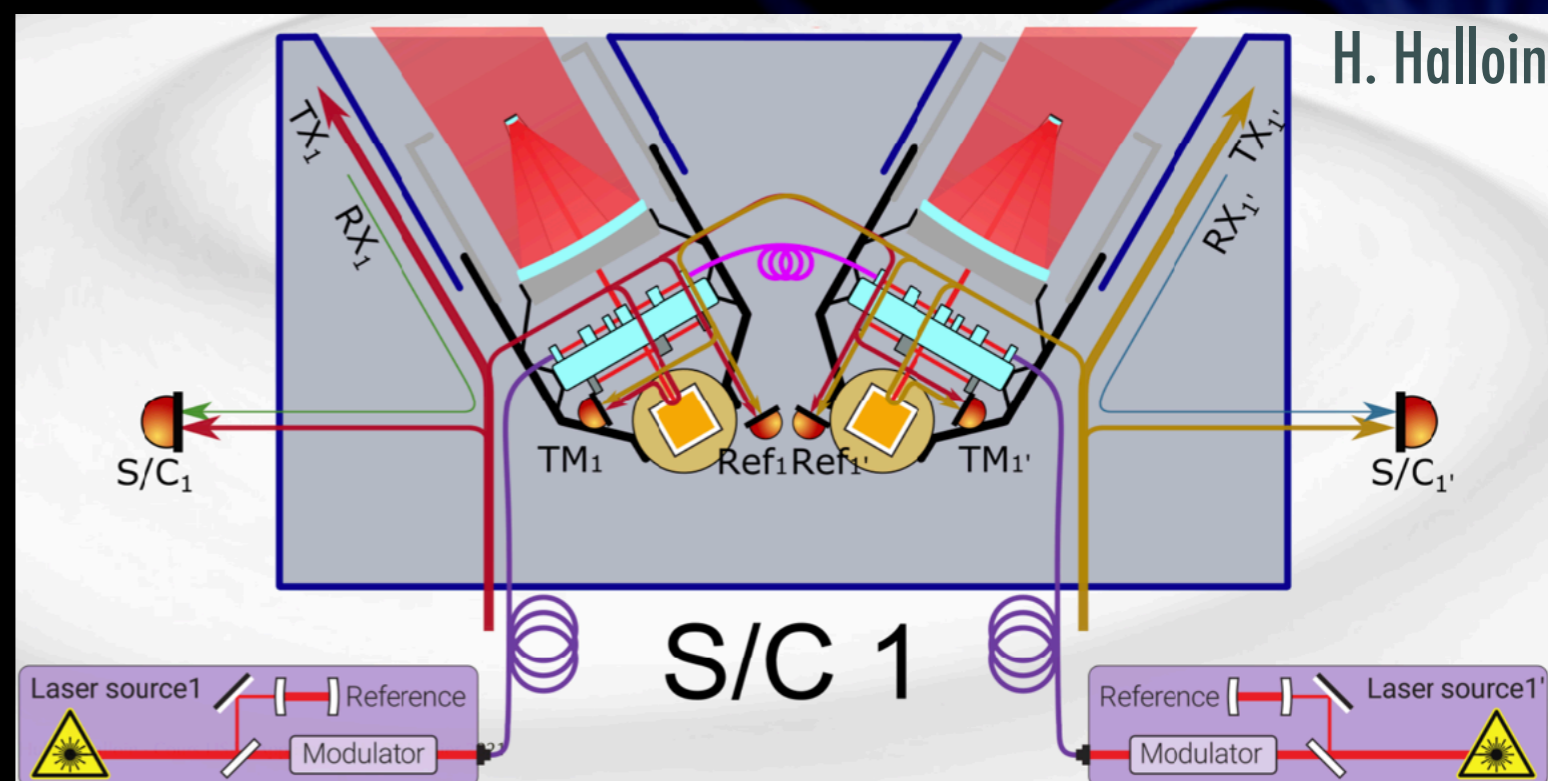
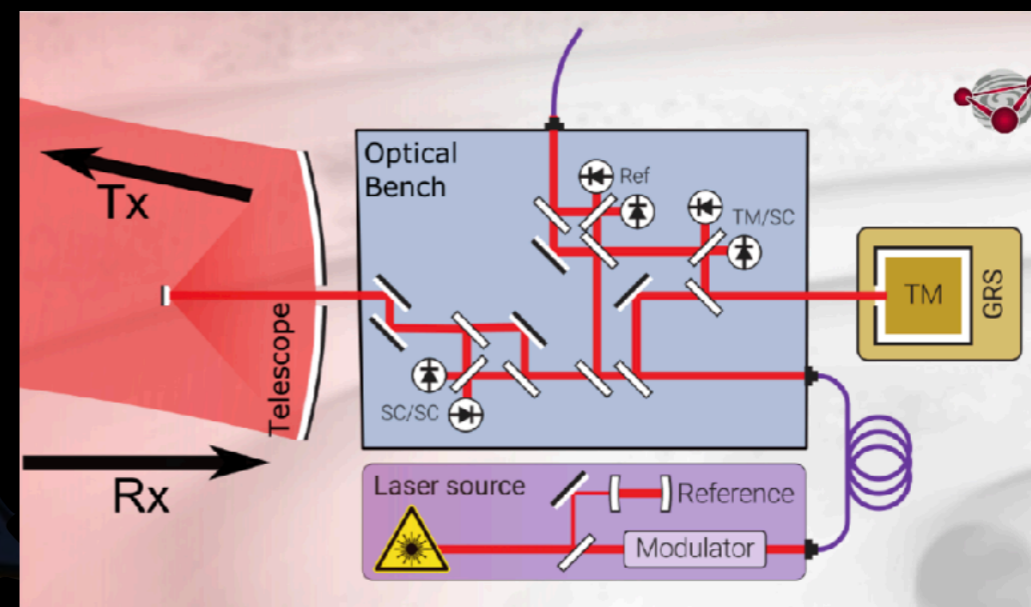


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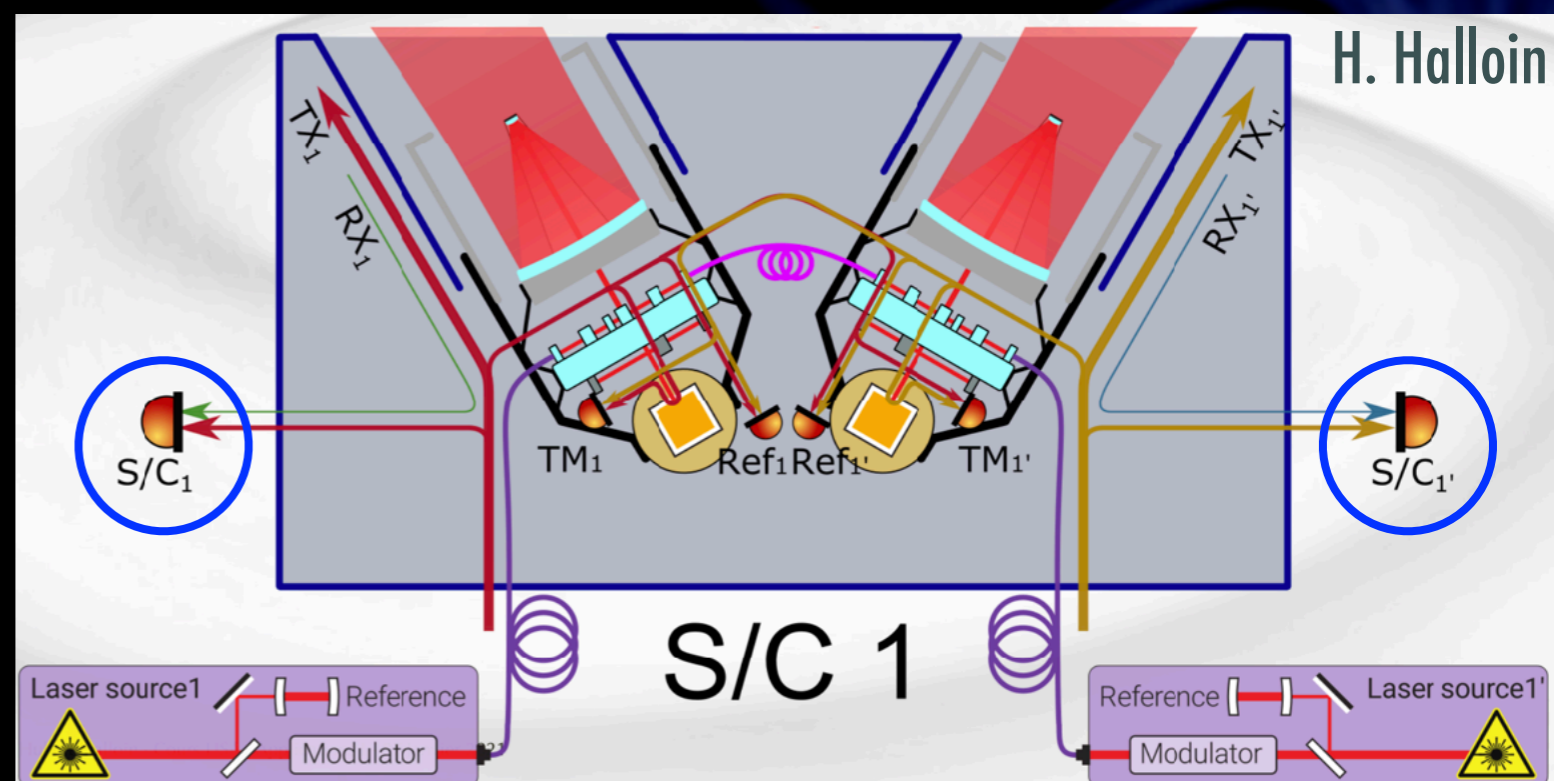
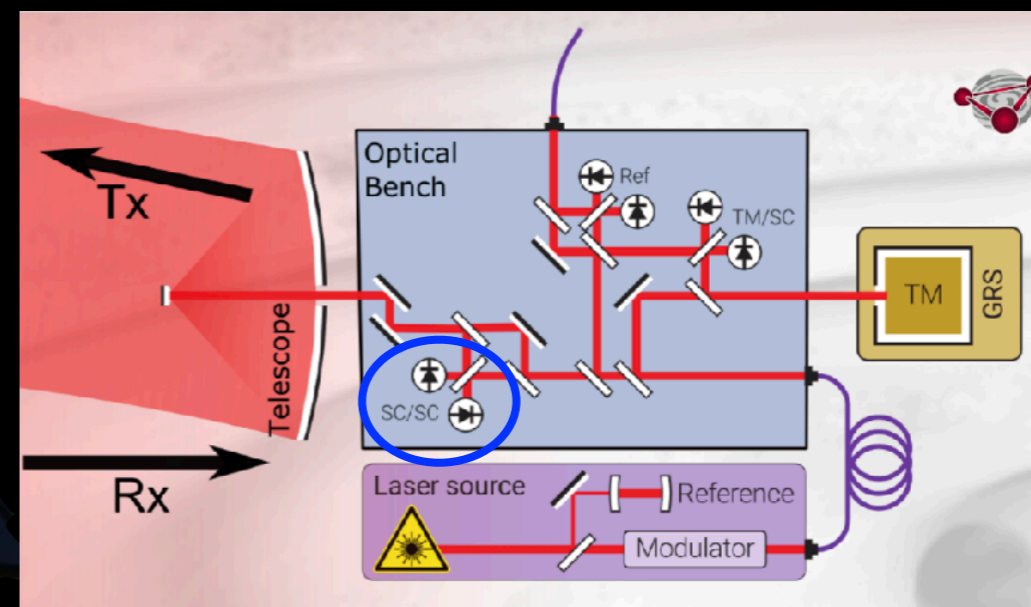
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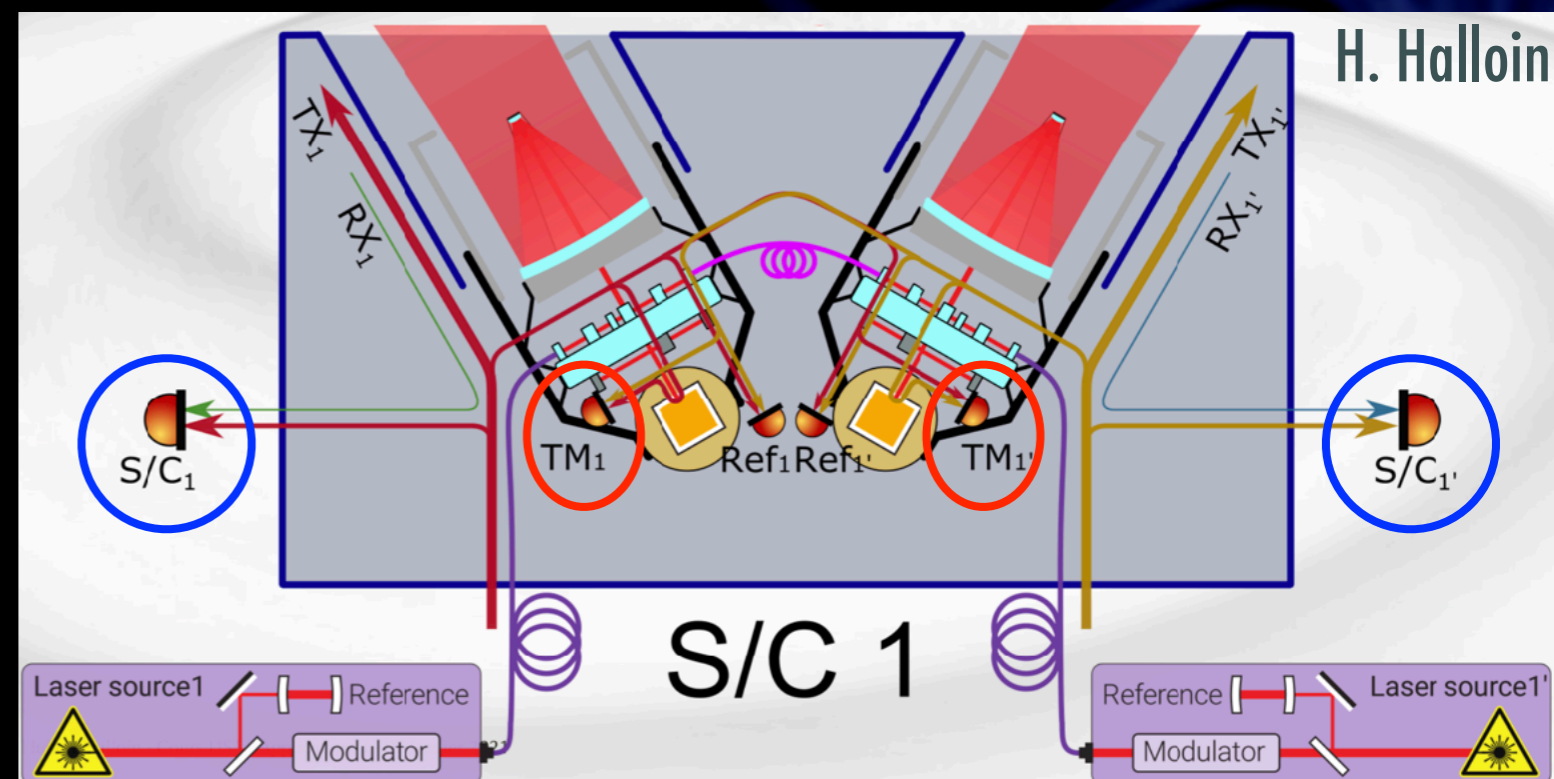
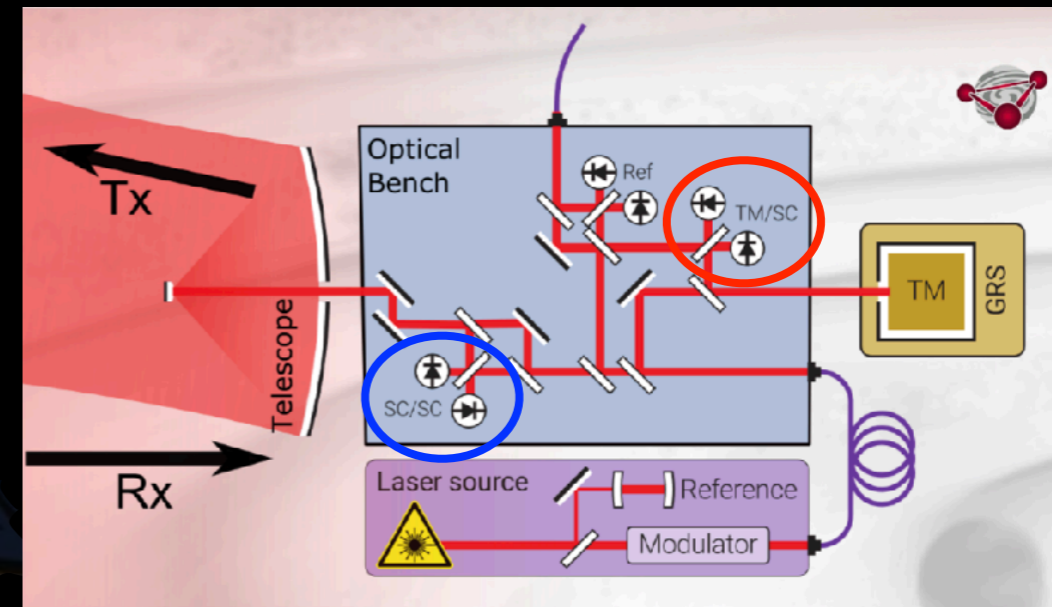
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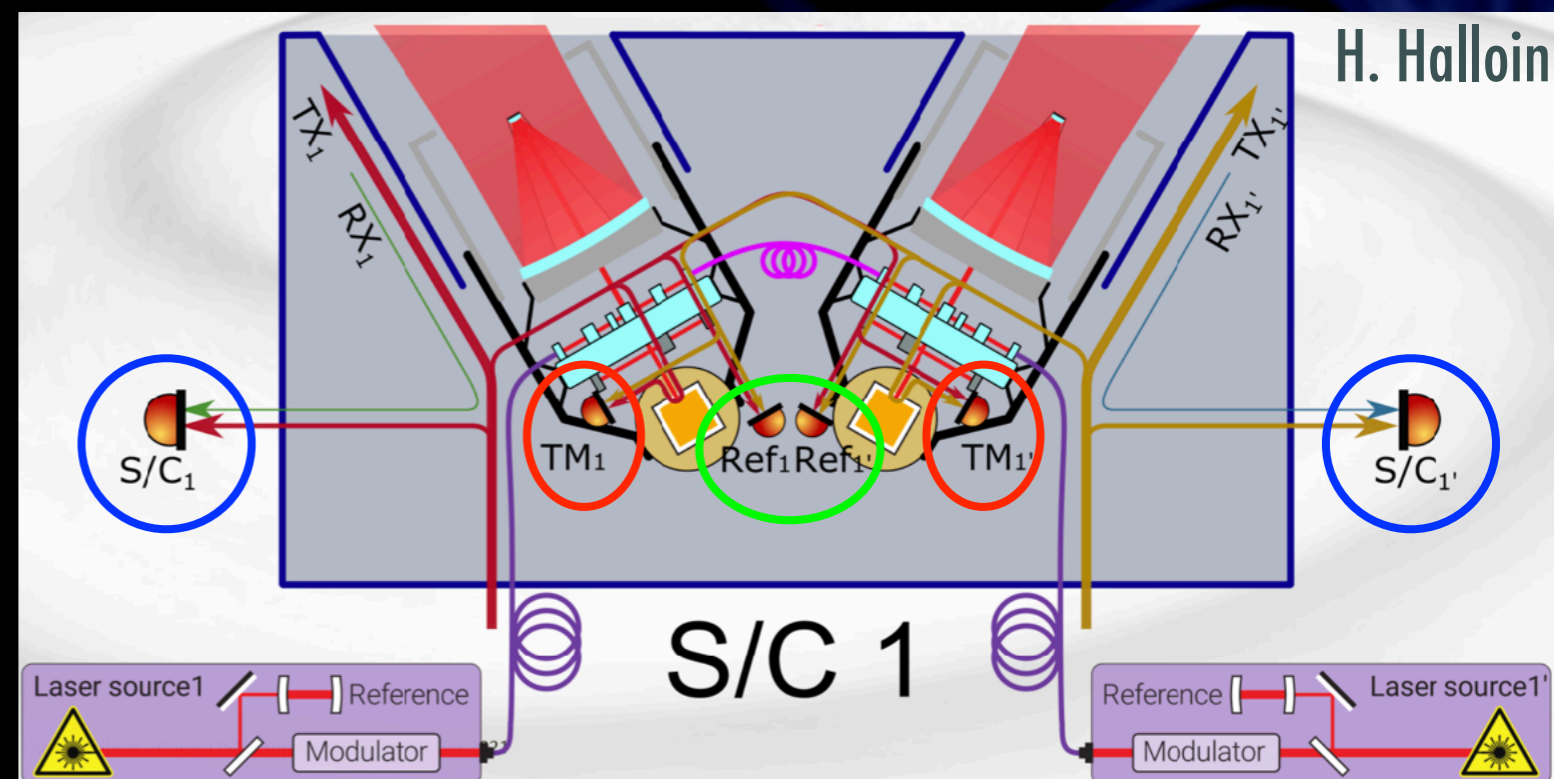
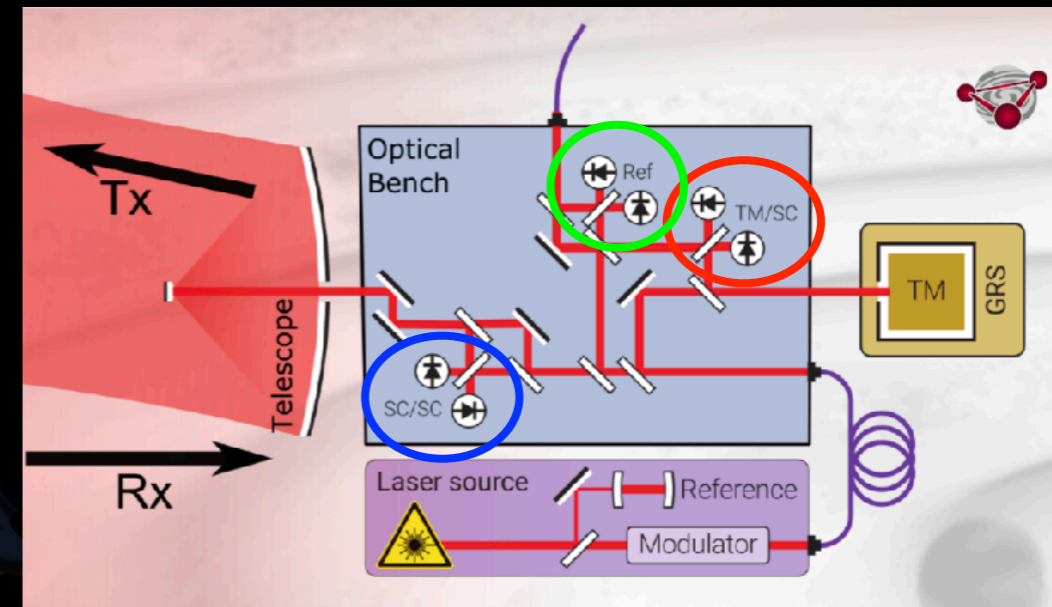
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Interferometric measurements

► Measurements via exchange of beams:

- **Heterodyne interferometry** with carrier for inter-spacecraft measurement \Rightarrow GWs
- **Sideband** for transferring amplified clock jitter \Rightarrow correction of additional clock jitter
- **Pseudo-Random Noise** \Rightarrow ranging (measure arm length)
- Laser locking

