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The Advanced LIGO detectors at the beginning of the new gravitational wave era

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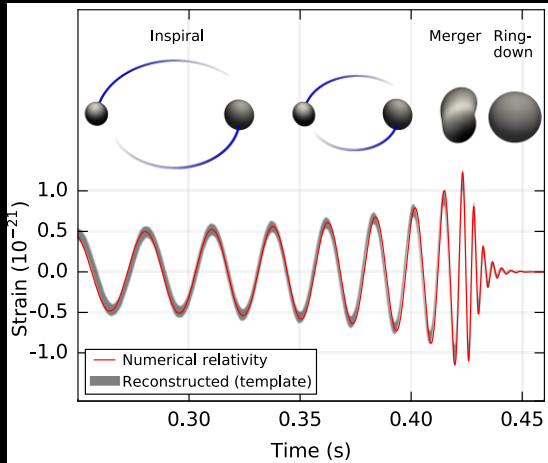
In this talk

- The Advanced LIGO detectors
- Plans towards the next observing run
- Growing the gravitational wave network
- What's next – going beyond Advanced LIGO

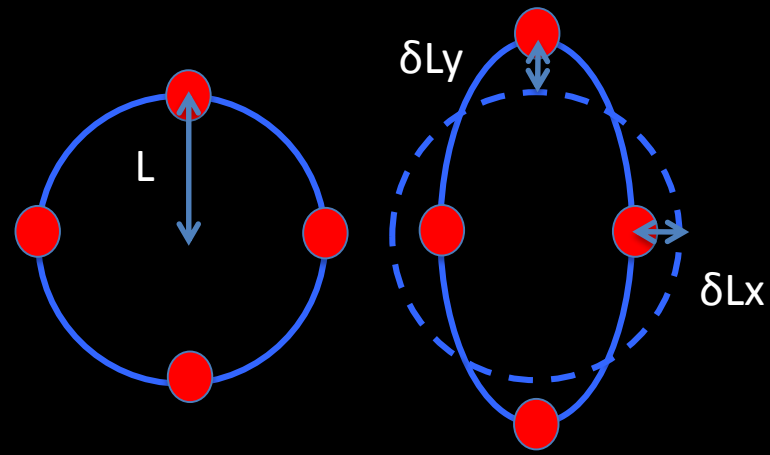
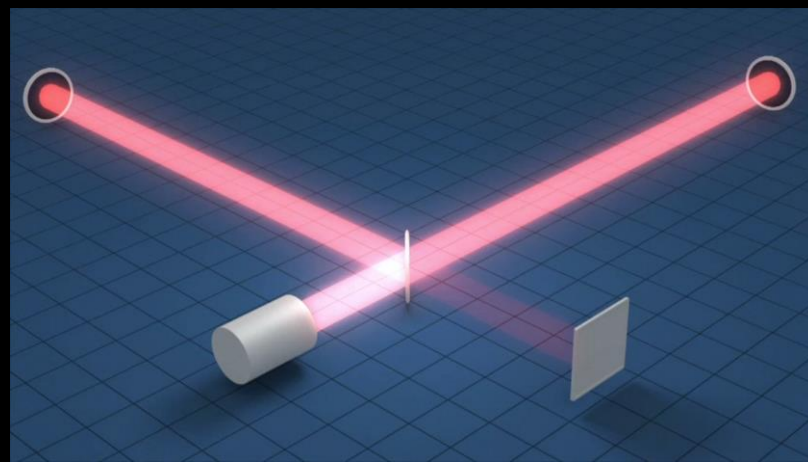
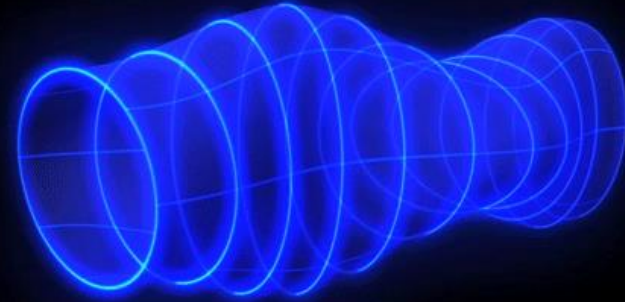
Gravitational waves cause strain distortion of space-time, Michelson interferometer can measure it

GW
Amplitude

$$h \sim 10^{-21}$$



Credit: ESA



$$DL = h \times L = 10^{-21} \times 4000 = 4 \times 10^{-18} m$$

$$\frac{DL}{L} = \frac{dL_x - dL_y}{L} = h$$

Advanced LIGO: 2 twins 4 km laser interferometers



LIGO Hanford Observatory (Washington State)
H1 detector

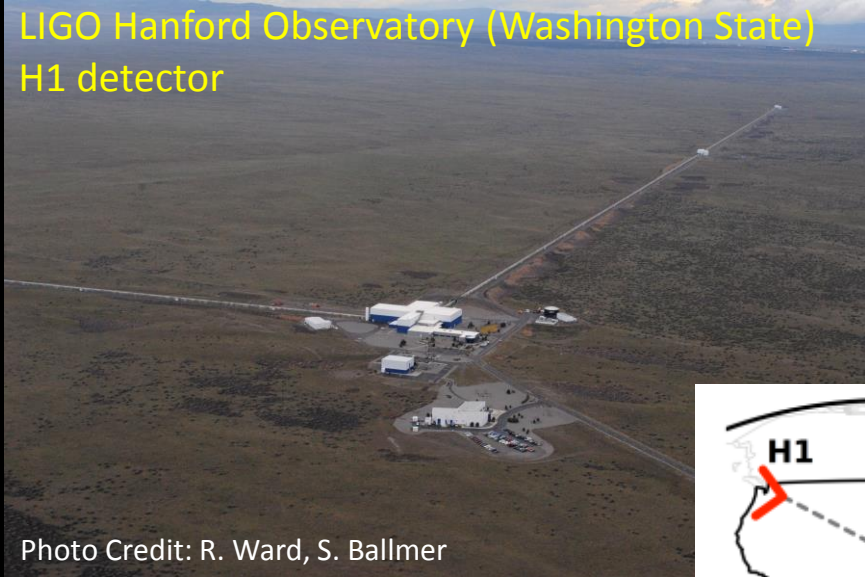
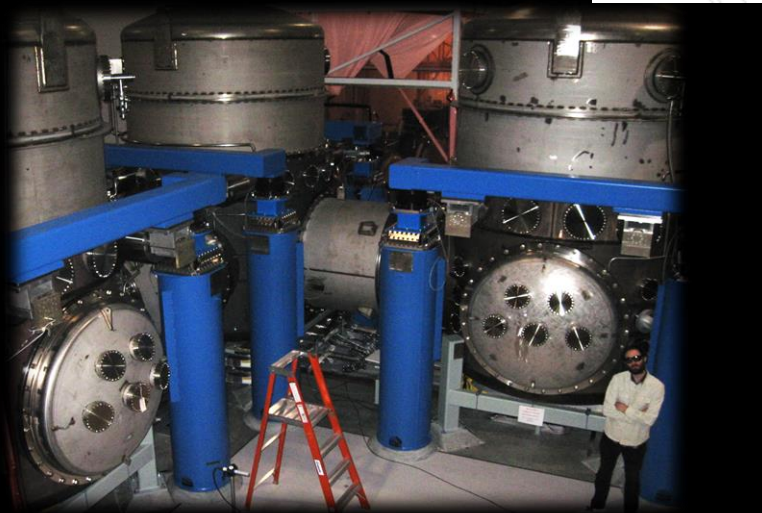
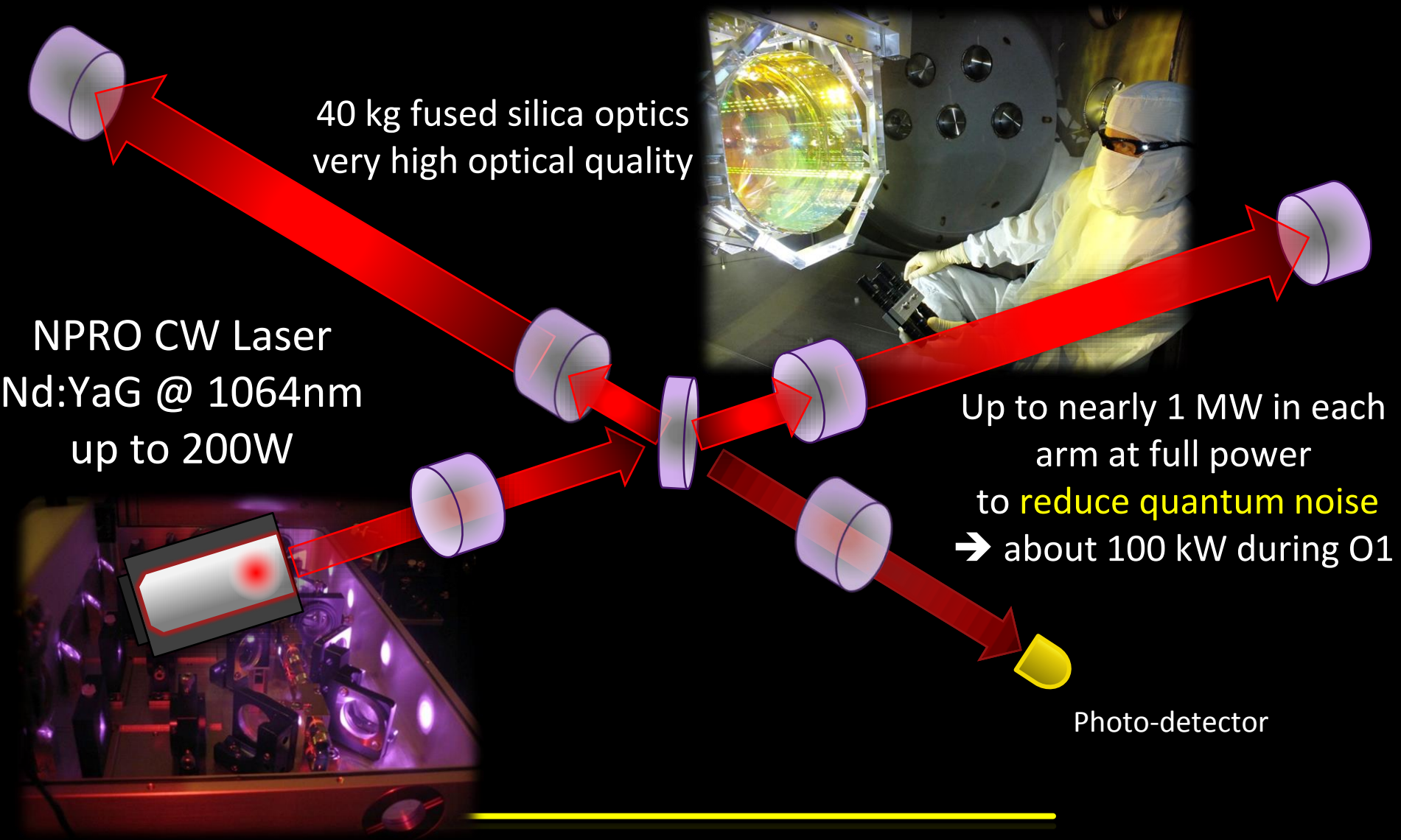


Photo Credit: R. Ward, S. Ballmer

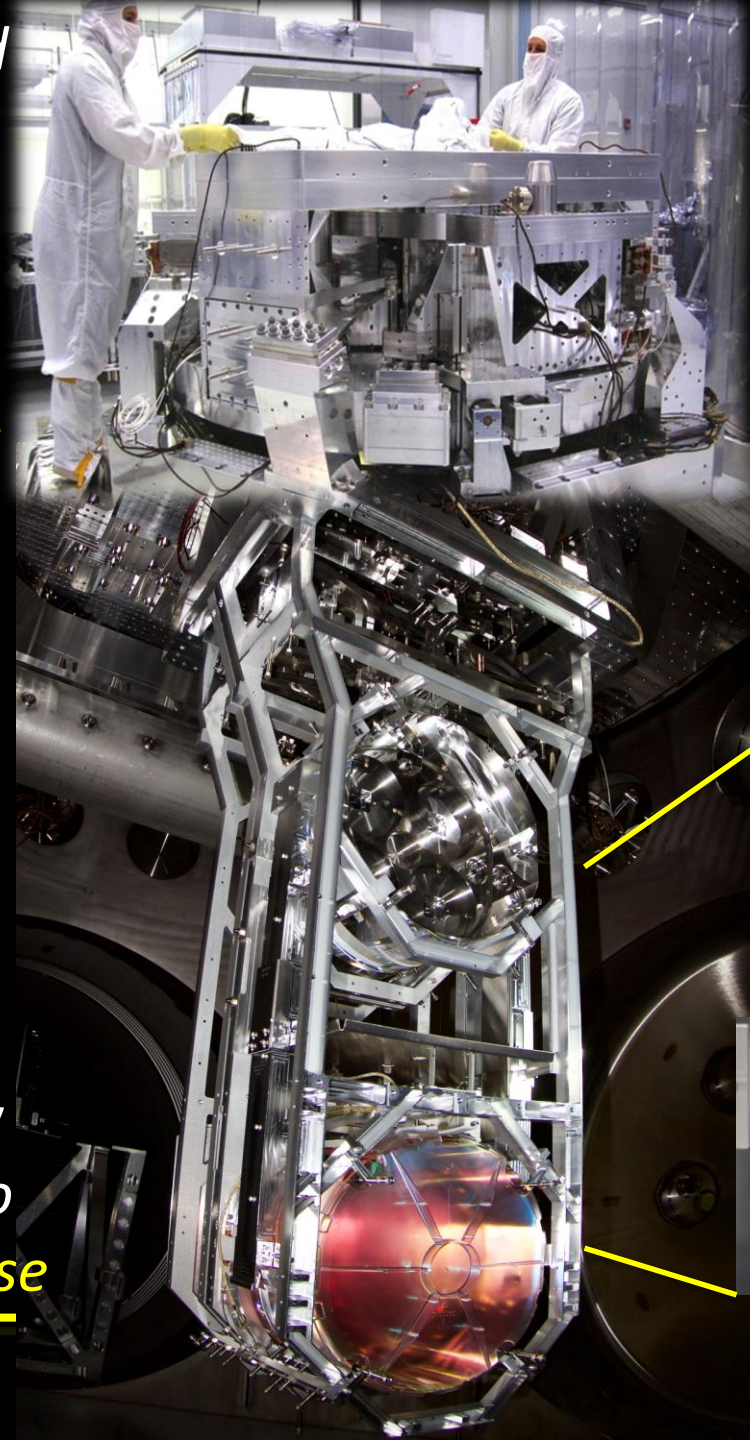


LIGO Livingston Observatory (Louisiana)
L1 detector

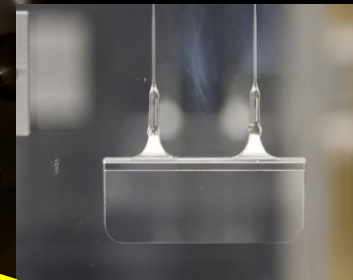
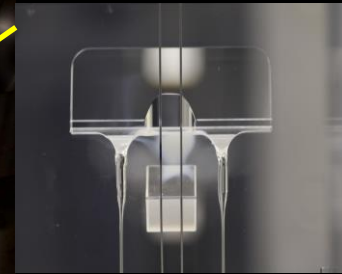
The Advanced LIGO detectors



Test mass suspended by a quadruple pendulum, attached to two stages of active isolation to reduce seismic noise

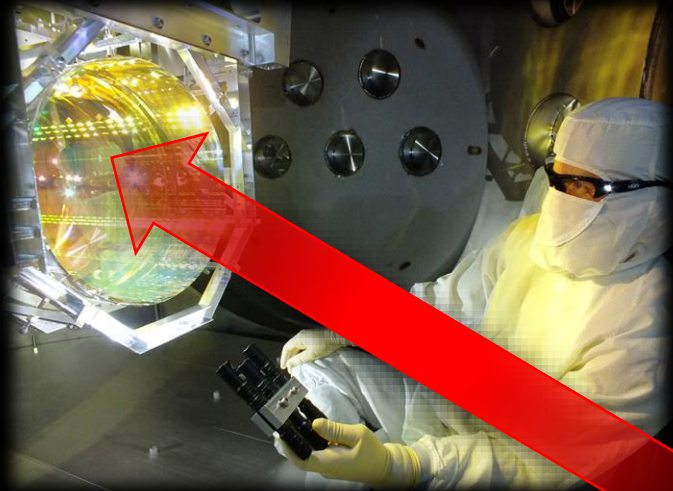


Final stage of test mass suspension all fused silica, very high quality factor, designed to reduce thermal noise

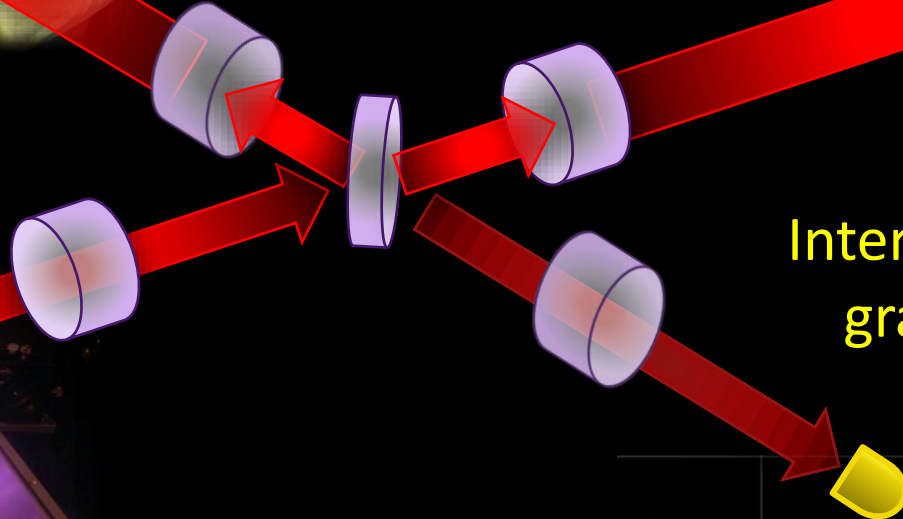
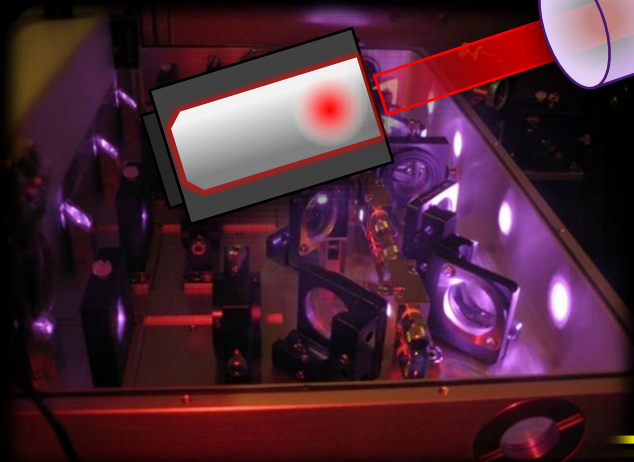
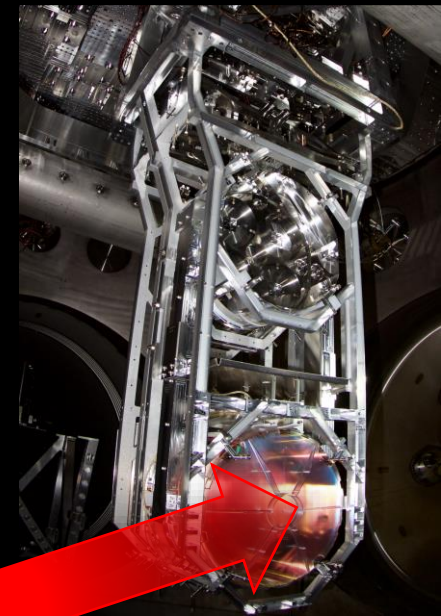


Test masses have dielectric coating material with low mechanical loss to reduce thermal noise

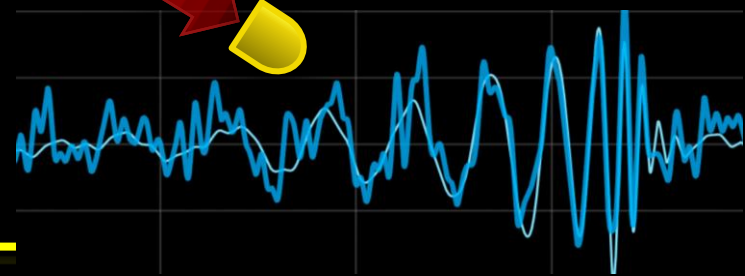
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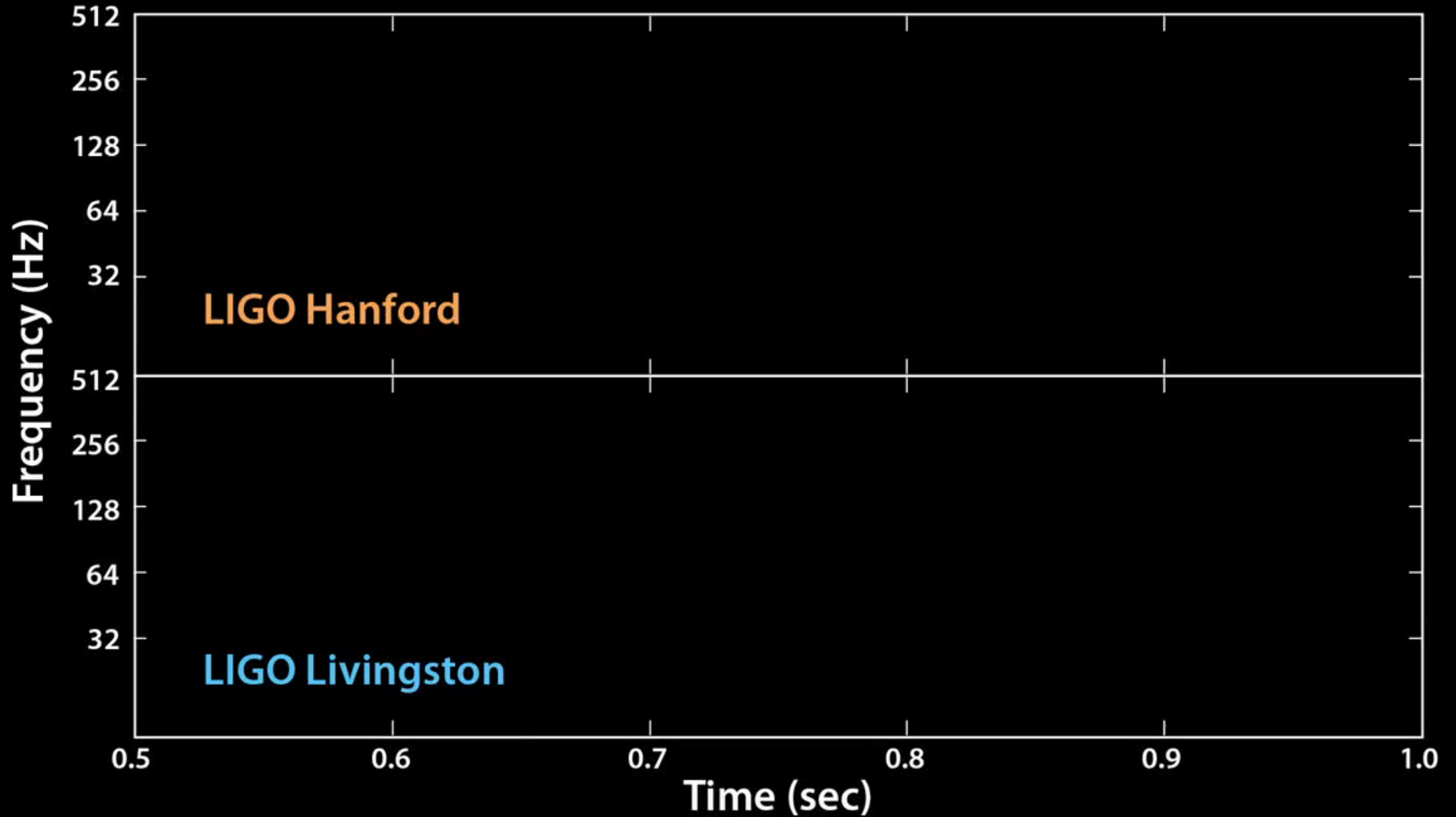
More than 300 control loops needed to keep the interferometer optimally running



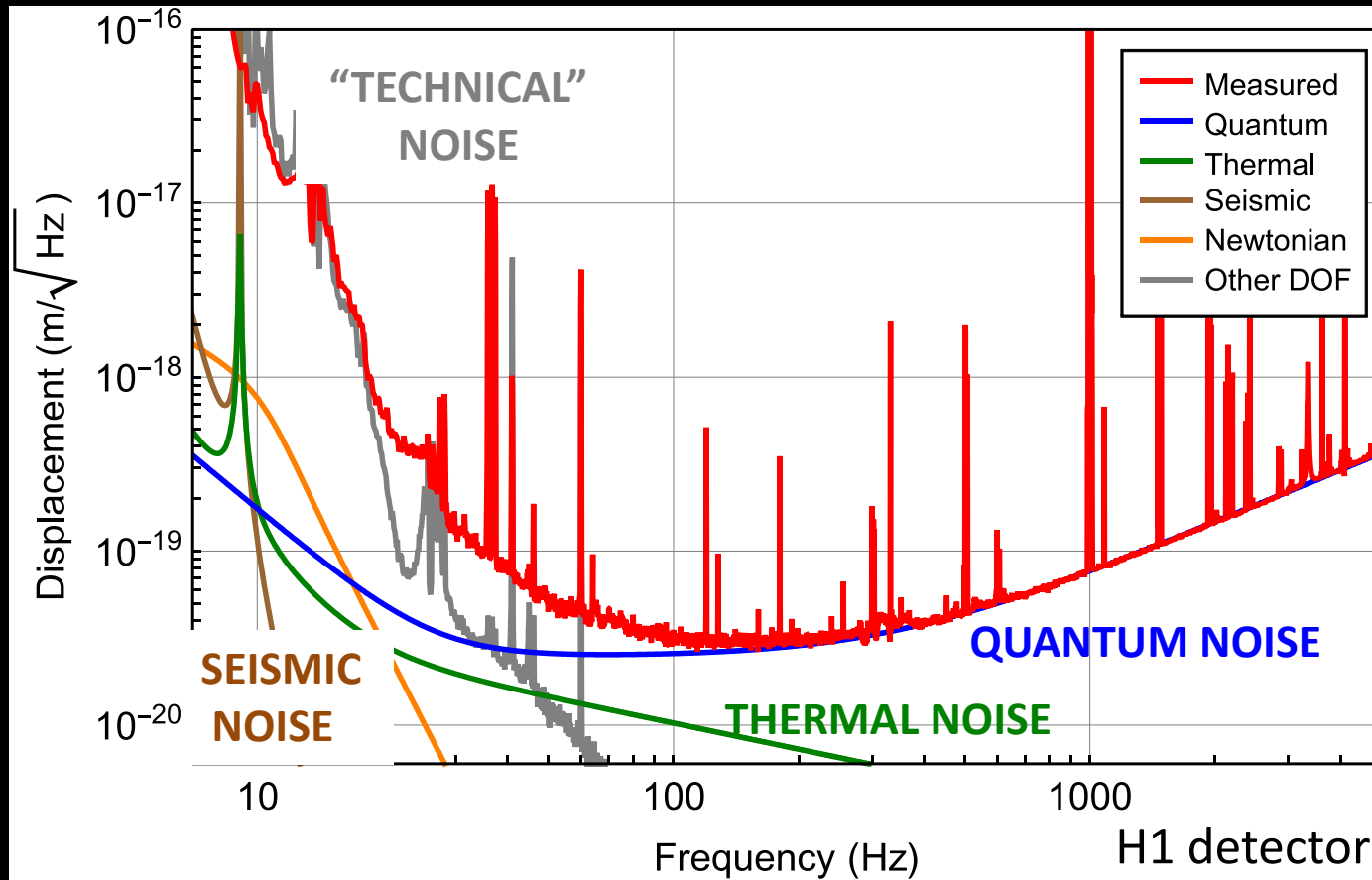
Interferometer noise + gravitational wave signal



GW 150914

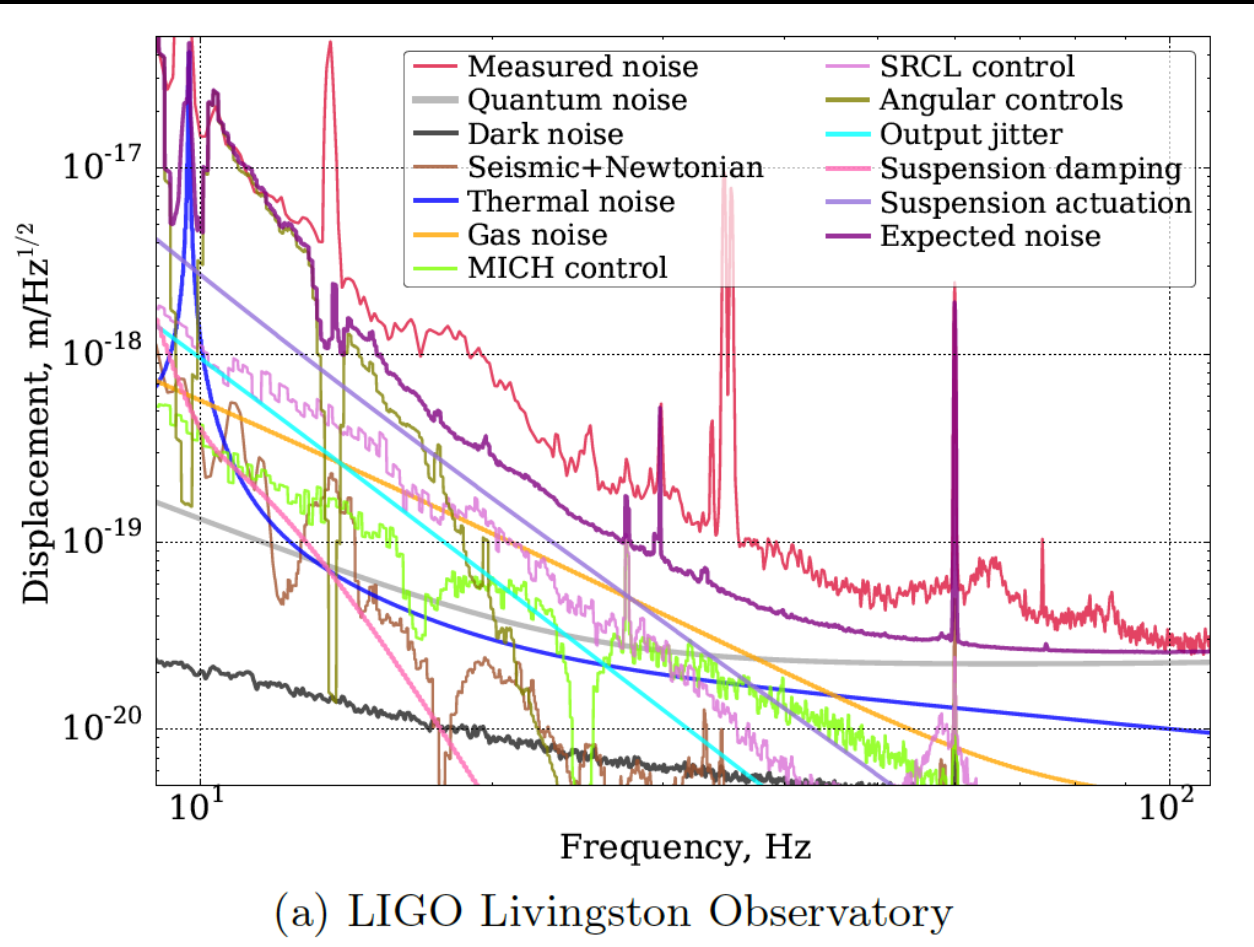


Interferometer Displacement Noise



GW150914: The Advanced LIGO Detectors in the Era of First Discoveries (Phys. Rev. Lett. 116, 131103)

Many noise sources in the 10-100 Hz band

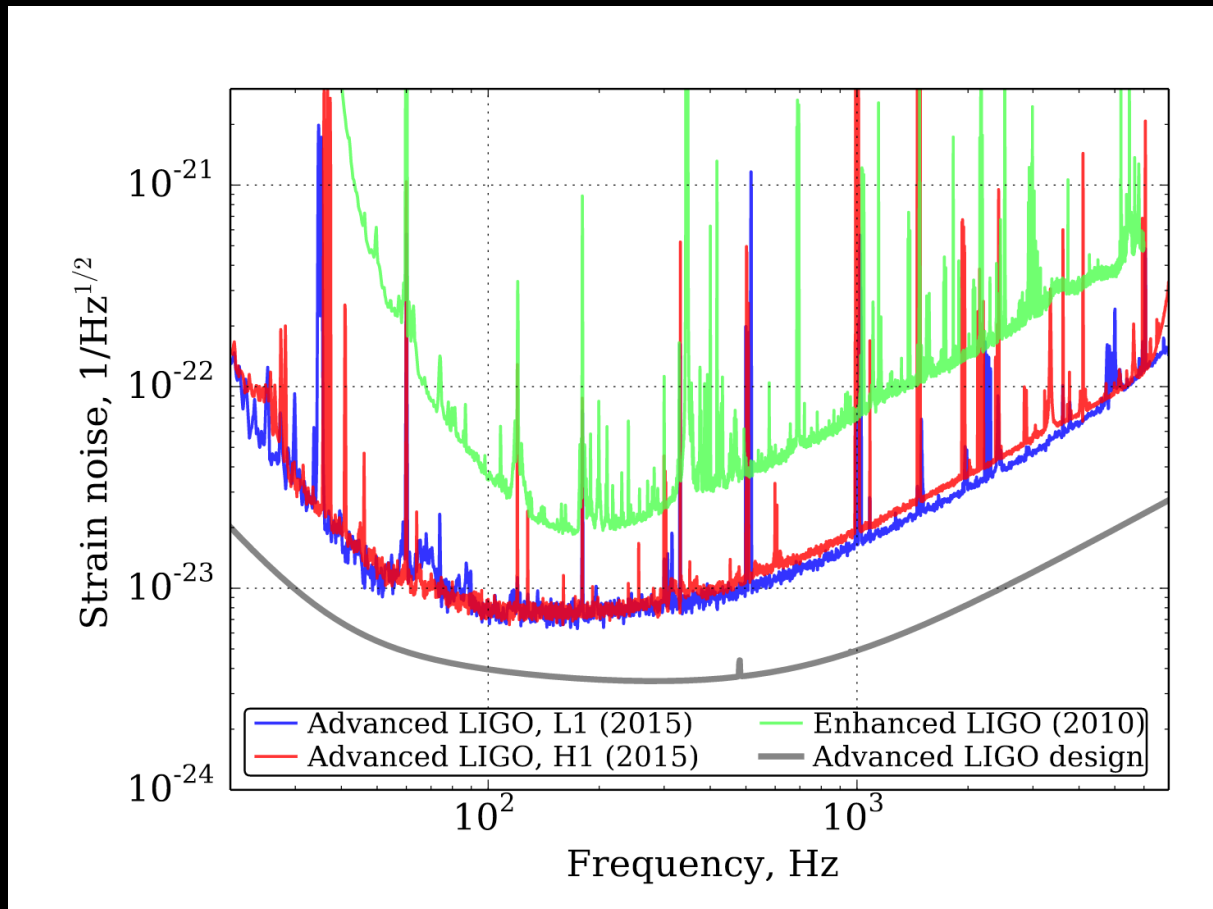


Sensitivity of the Advanced LIGO detectors at the beginning of gravitational wave astronomy D. V. Martynov et al. Phys. Rev. D 93, 112004

Strain noise during O1:

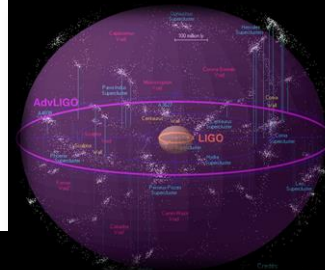
better than ever, not at design sensitivity yet

“Strain Noise”
=
Detector noise
expressed as
equivalent
GW strain



Initial LIGO
(2010)

Advanced
LIGO Design



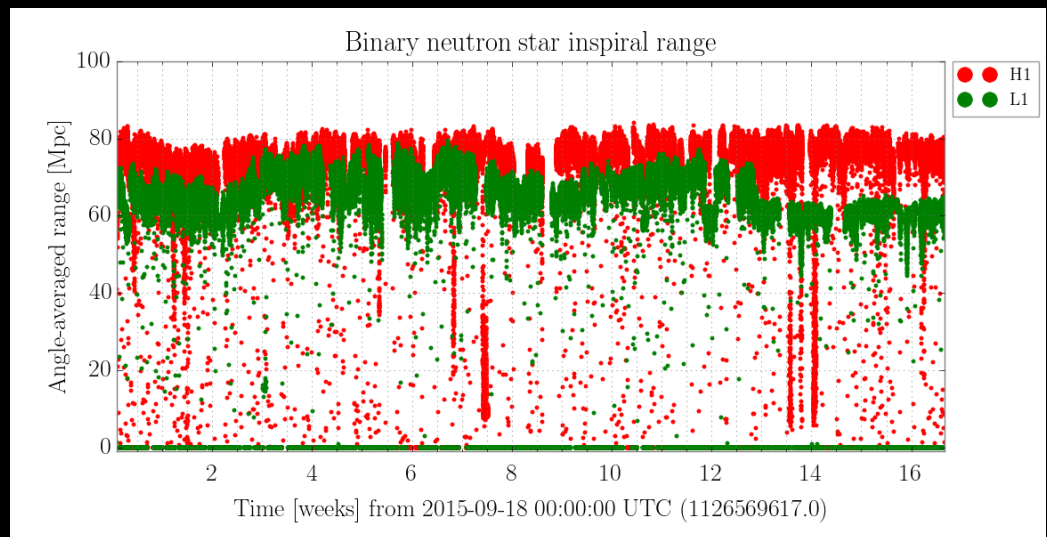
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Observing Run O1

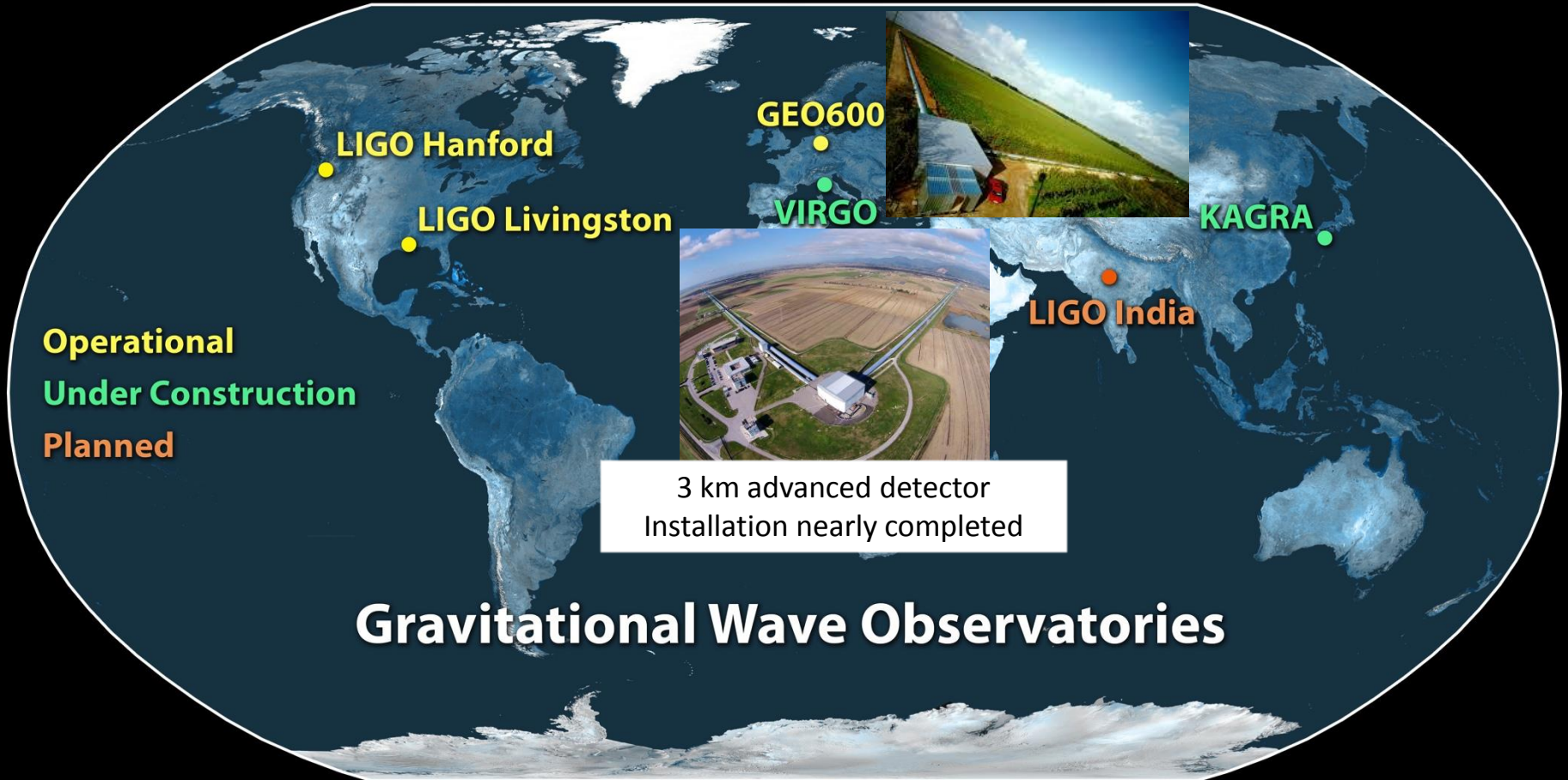
(from mid-September 2015 to mid-January 2016)

- ✓ During O1: H1 and L1 operational for ~ 4 calendar months
- ✓ Duty cycle: H1 = 62%, L1 = 55% \rightarrow **H1&L1 = 43%**
- ✓ 51.5 days of coincident time, **48.6 days** after data quality process

The product of observable volume and measurement time exceeded that of all previous runs within the **first 16 days** of coincident observation



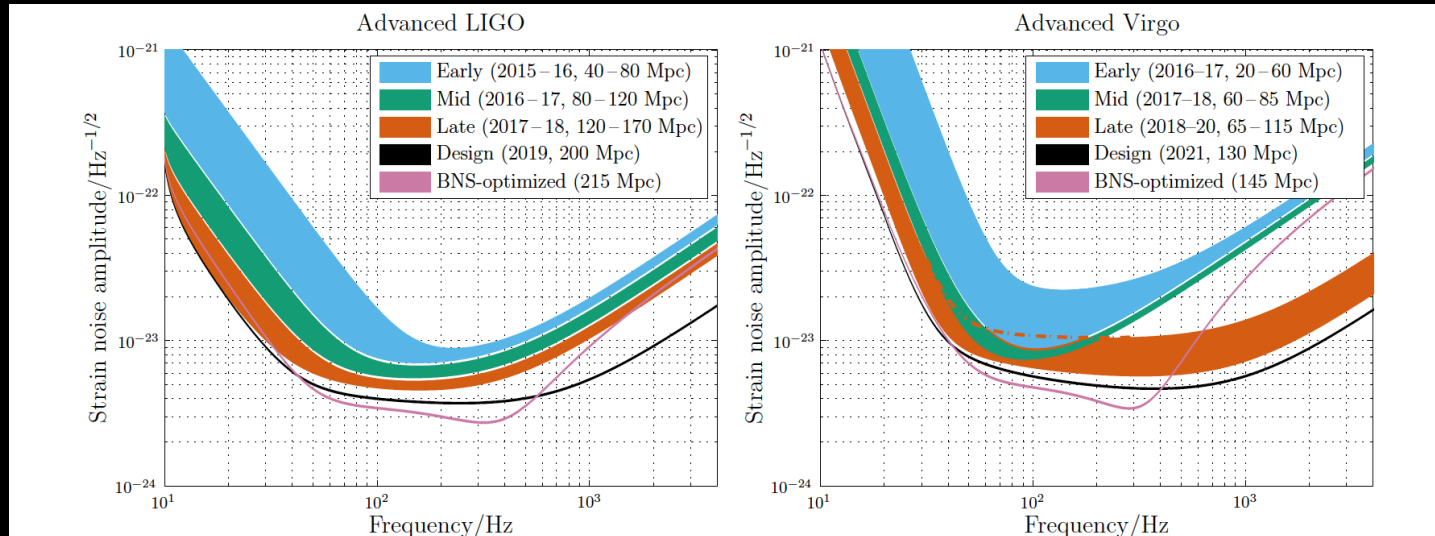
VIRGO expected to join the network soon



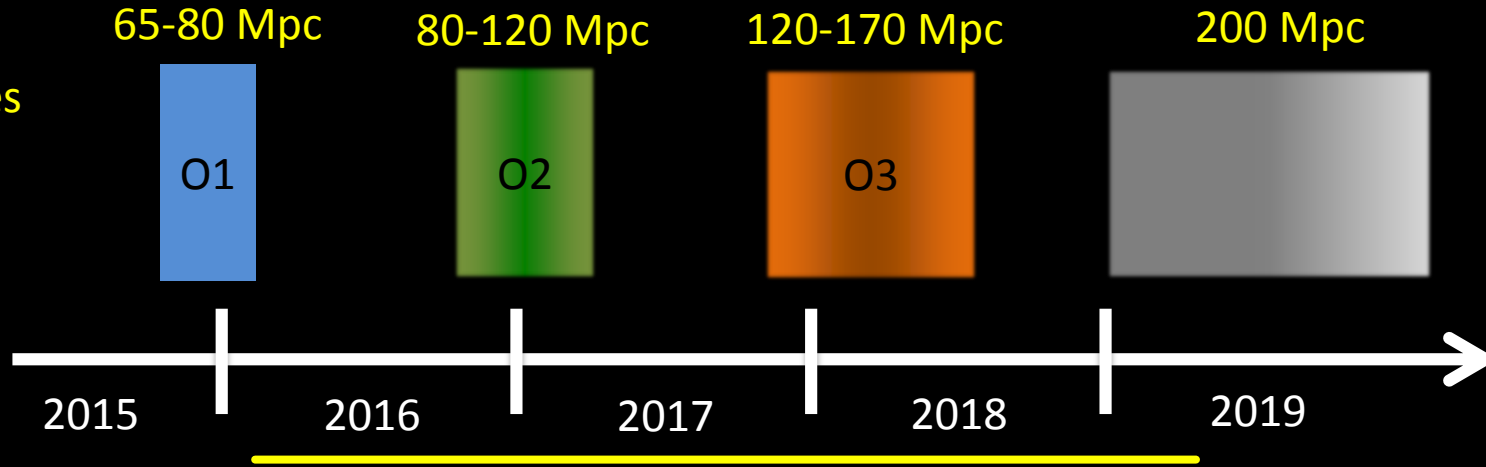
Gravitational Wave Observatories

LIGO-Virgo Observing Plan Overview

Live Observing document <http://arxiv.org/abs/1304.0670>



Binary
Neutron
Star ranges

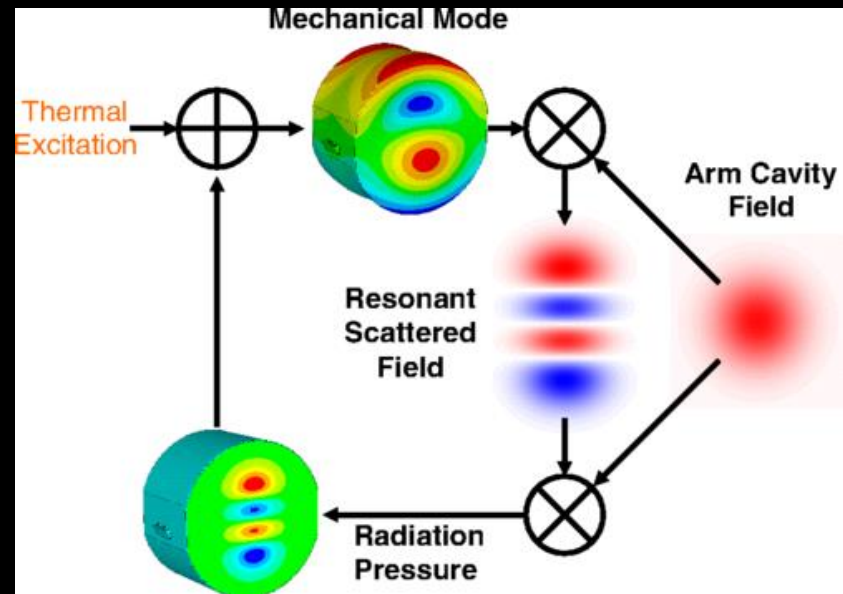


Since the end of the first Observing Run O1

- Work to improve the sensitivity:
 - Noise “hunting”: understand and reduce the noise at low frequency
 - Increase the circulating power to reduce quantum noise (several challenges associated with that)
- Data quality improvements
- Interferometer robustness

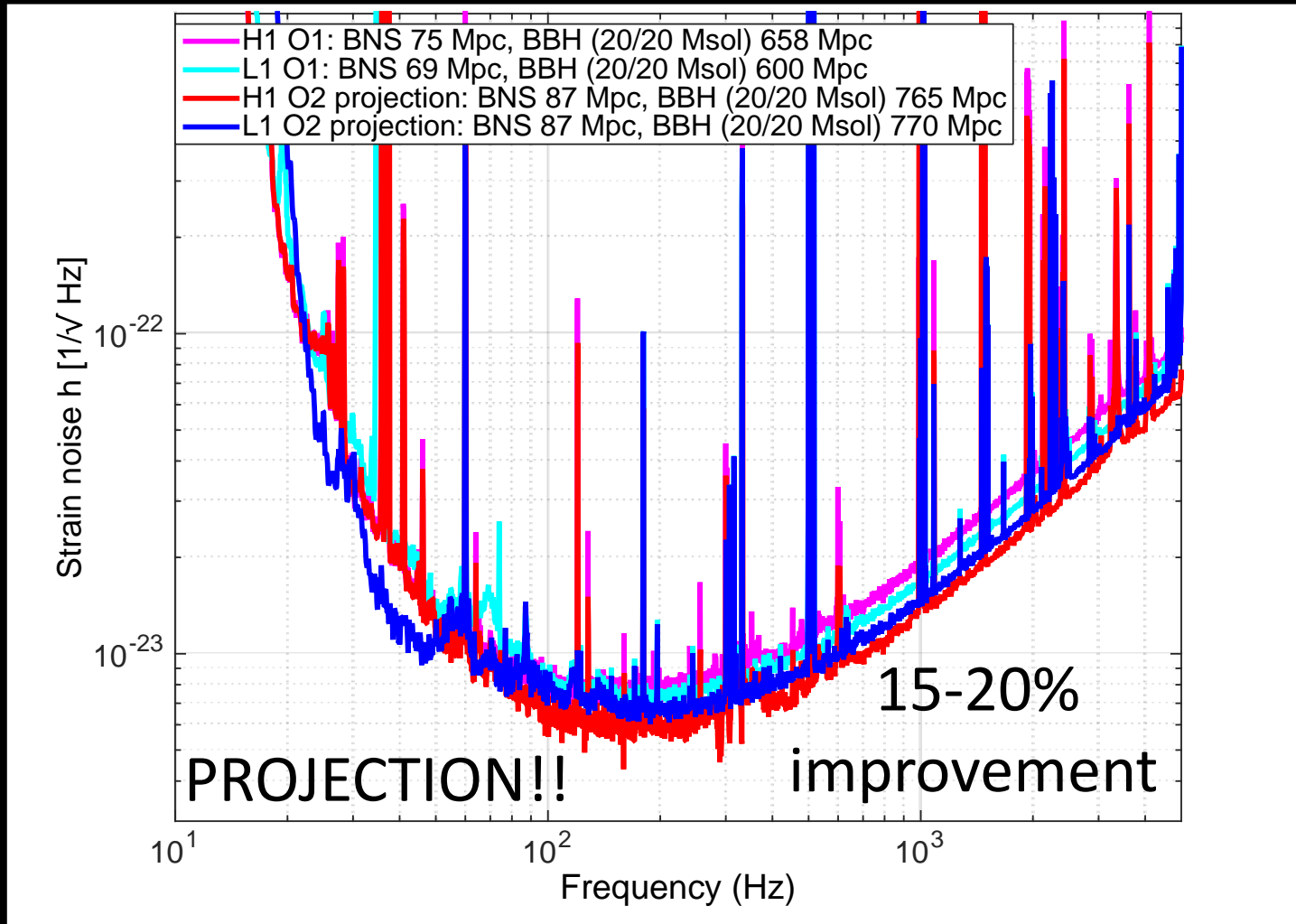
(Some of) the challenges with high circulating laser power

- Thermal lens in the interferometer mirrors induced by high circulating power require active thermal compensation
- Mirror alignment control
- “Parametric” instabilities: acoustic modes of the mirrors get excited and pump light in high order optical modes, that become resonant in the arms



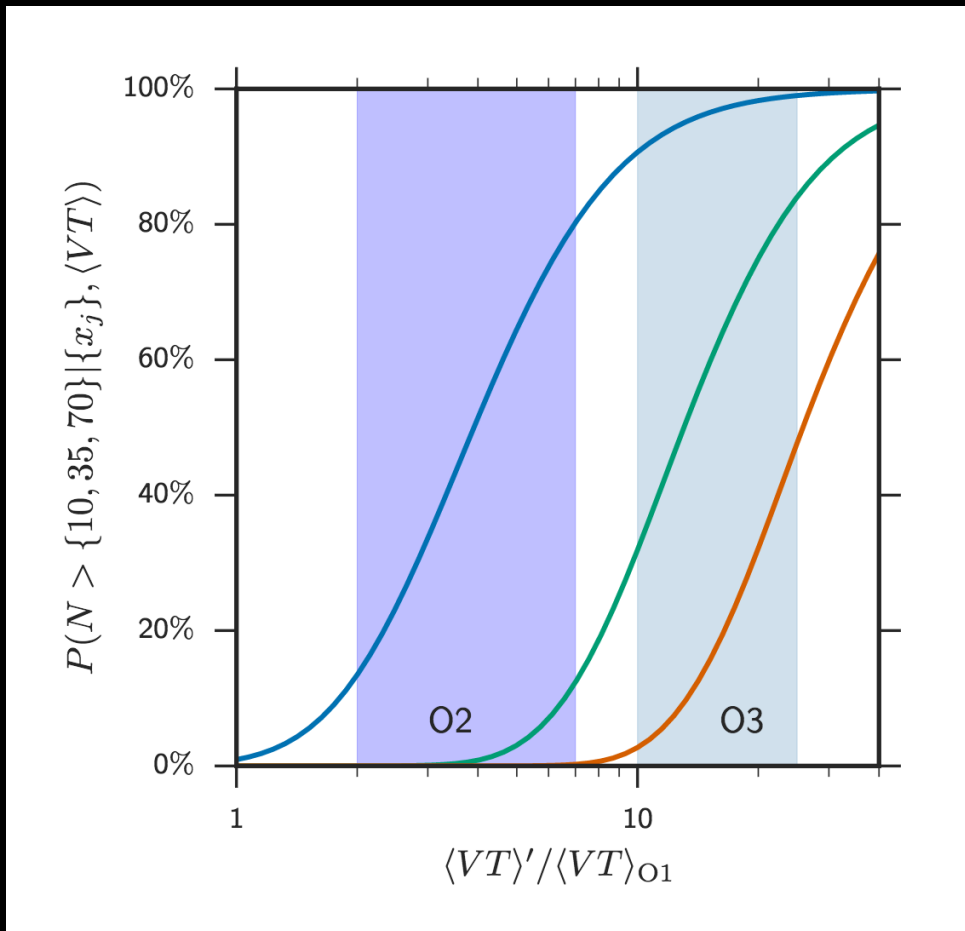
Observation of Parametric Instability in Advanced LIGO
Matthew Evans et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. 114, 161102 (2015)

Projected sensitivity for O2 (this Fall)



Binary Black Holes Rates

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1606.04856>



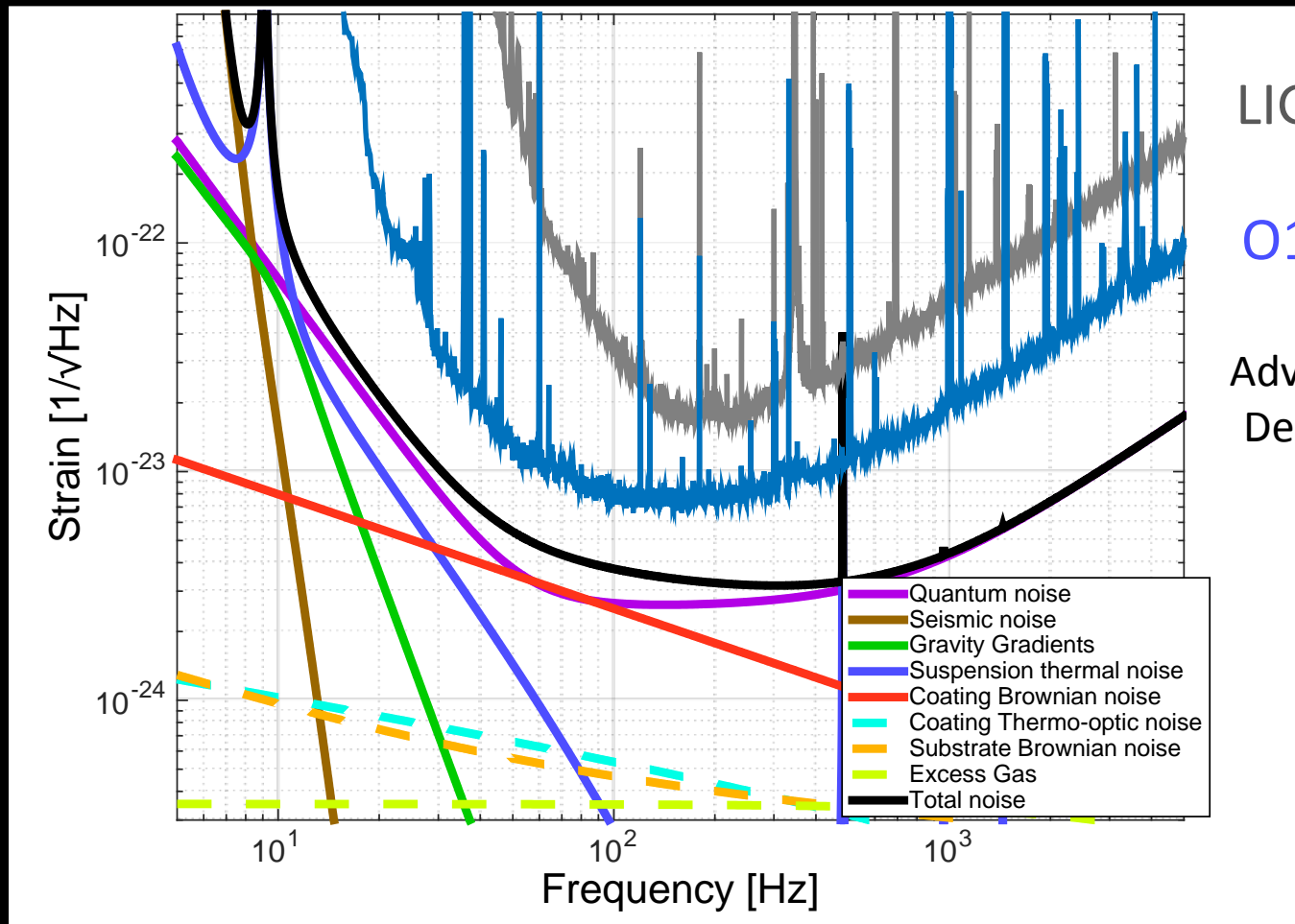
- O2: projected time volume at least 2/2.5 larger wrt O1
- Expect to see (at least) a few significant events by the end of O2
- Ten(s) of events by the end of O3

surveyed time-volume (shown as multiple of VT analyzed for O1)

The upcoming world-wide network of advanced detectors



Can we do better than advanced detectors?

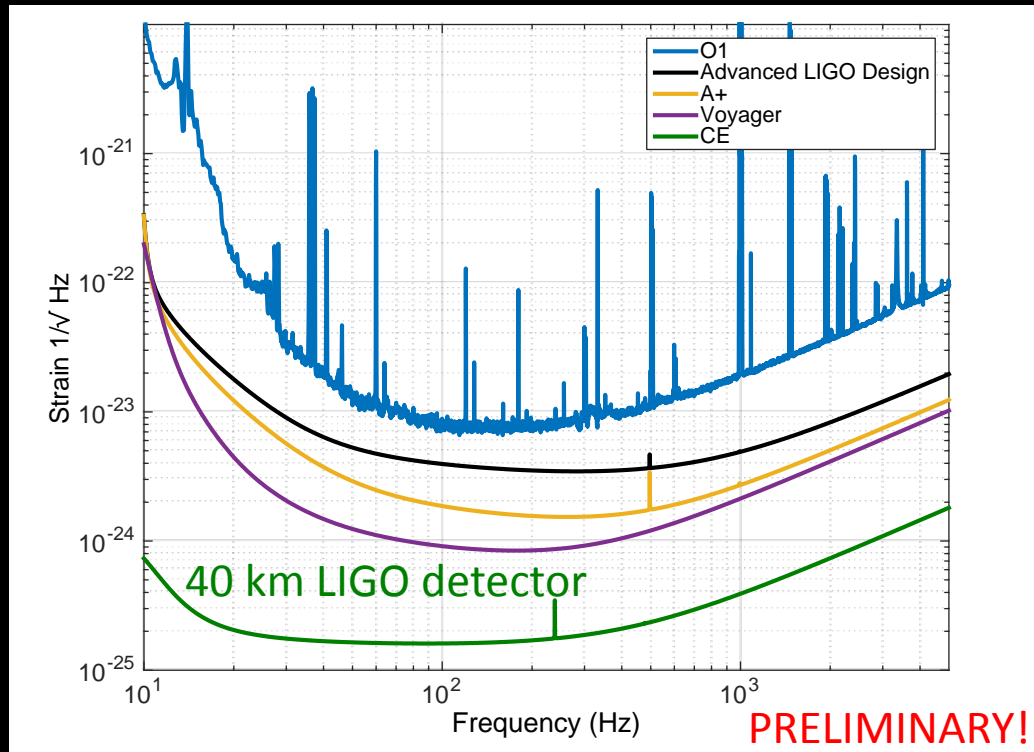


LIGO 2010

O1 (2015)

Advanced LIGO
Design (2019)

Beyond advanced detectors

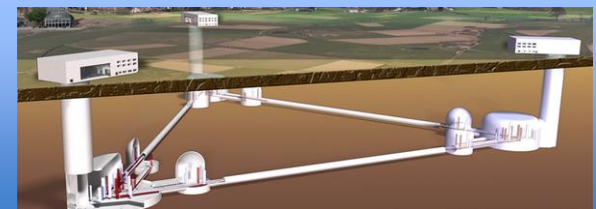


- ✓ Two complementary strategies: better technologies and longer interferometer arms
- ✓ Up to a factor of 2-4 better sensitivity than design in current facility
- ✓ Ultimately need new facility with longer baseline for factor of 10+ improvements

European design study: Einstein telescope

Triangular shape, underground

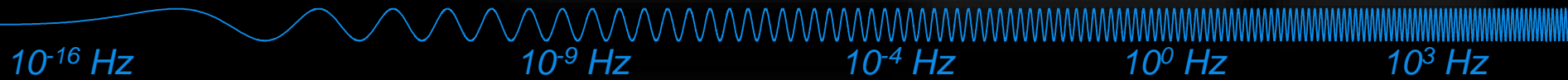
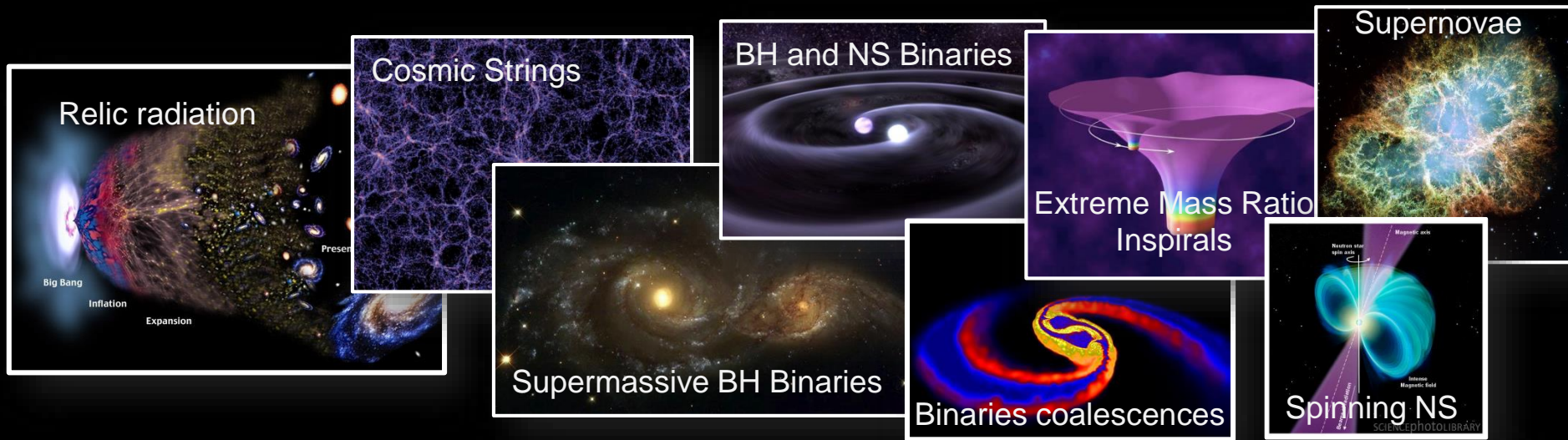
(see: <http://www.et-gw.eu/>)



Conclusions

- Advanced LIGO works, and there are gravitational wave signals out there to detect!
- Progression of sensitivity improvements interleaved with observing runs in the near future
- Network of advanced detectors coming on-line in the upcoming years (Virgo, Kagra, LIGO-India)
- World-wide gravitational wave community working to further extend the reach of ground based detectors, for many events and very high SNR

It is just the beginning: the Gravitational Wave Spectrum



Pulsar timing

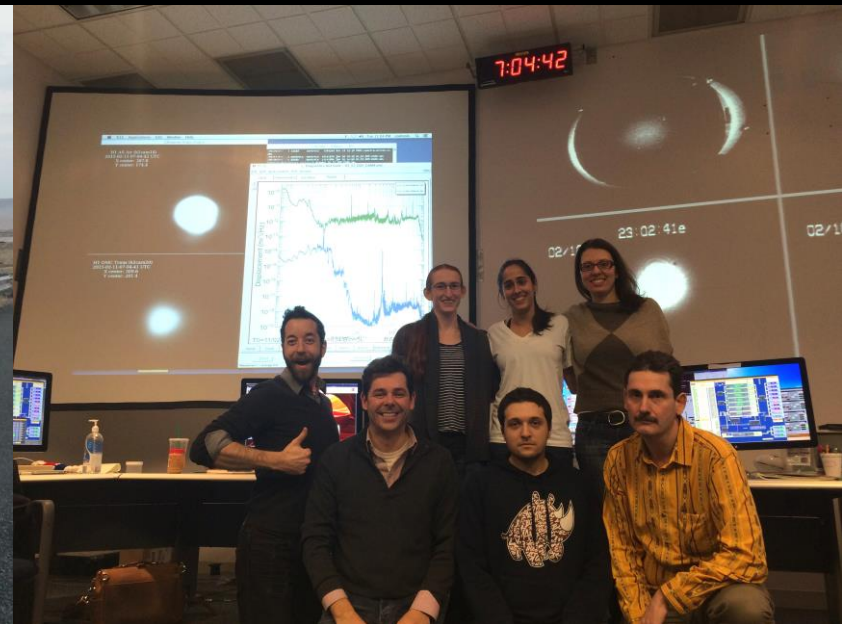
Space detectors

Ground interferometers

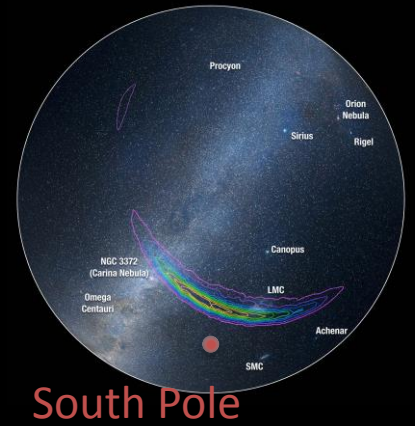
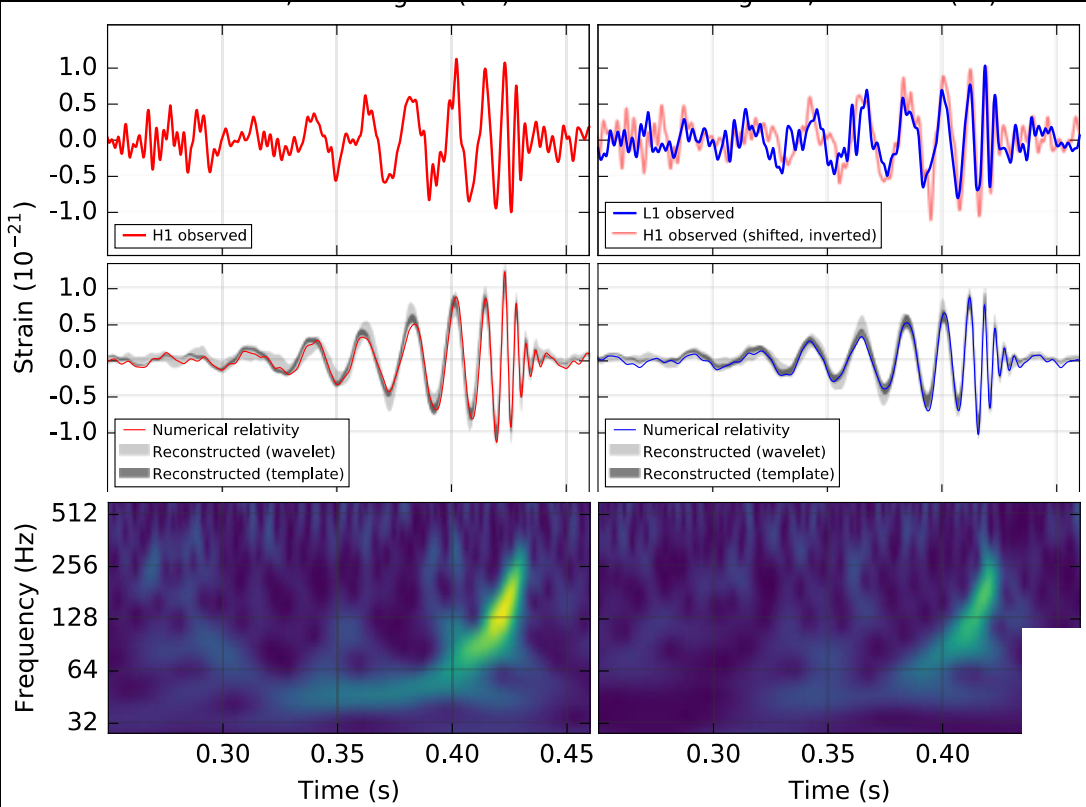




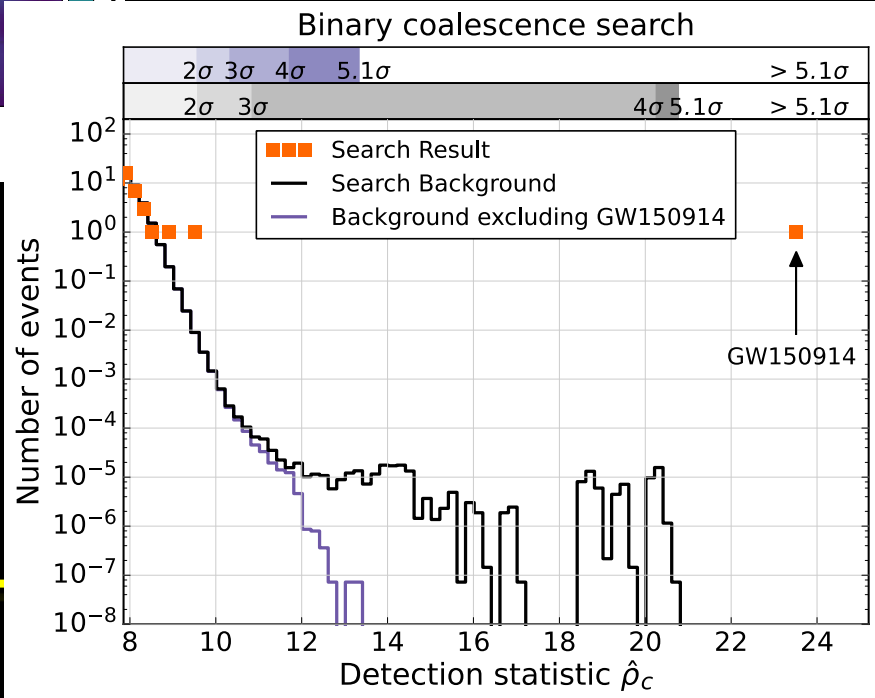
THANKS!



GW150914, a discovery in one slide...



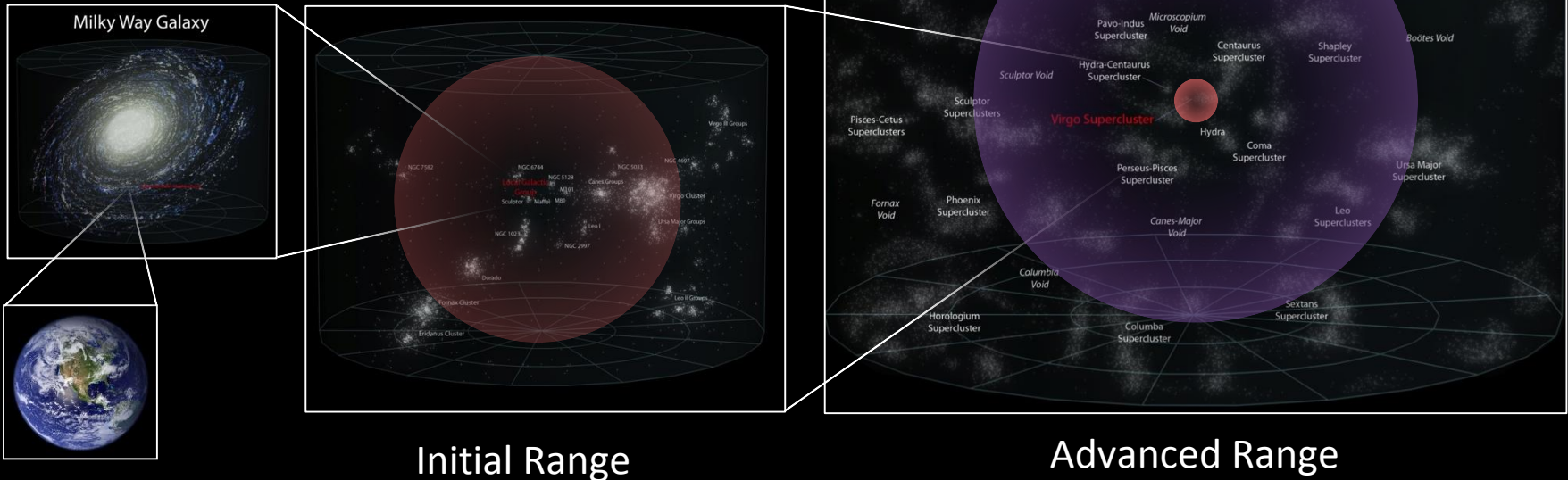
Primary black hole mass	$36^{+5}_{-4} M_{\odot}$
Secondary black hole mass	$29^{+4}_{-4} M_{\odot}$
Final black hole mass	$62^{+4}_{-4} M_{\odot}$
Final black hole spin	$0.67^{+0.05}_{-0.07}$
Luminosity distance	$410^{+160}_{-180} \text{ Mpc}$
Source redshift, z	$0.09^{+0.03}_{-0.04}$



Advanced LIGO Sensitive Volume

- Rate roughly 50 BBH mergers each year in a volume of 1 Gpc^3
- About 10 million galaxies per Gpc^3
- Advanced LIGO range now ~ 0.1 to 1 Gpc , depending on system mass

We can expect 5 or more BBH events in the next observing run



A+: a factor of 2 sensitivity improvement over Advanced LIGO

- Mature technologies available to reduce quantum noise and improve aLIGO sensitivity by ~35%
beyond design → **$x1.35^3=2.5$ in rate**
 - Squeezed light for gravitational wave detectors:
Nature Physics 7, 962–965 (2011)
Nature Photonics 7, 613–619 (2013)
Phys. Rev. Lett. 116, 041102 (2016)
- Need to reduce thermal noise for maximal benefit:
 - Reducing coating thermal noise as well can lead to a reduction in the noise by a factor of 2
 - Remember: detection rate scales with cube..
→ **$x2^3 = 8$ in rate!**



frequency dependent squeezing experiment @ MIT