

# **“Probing the Universe for Gravitational Waves”**

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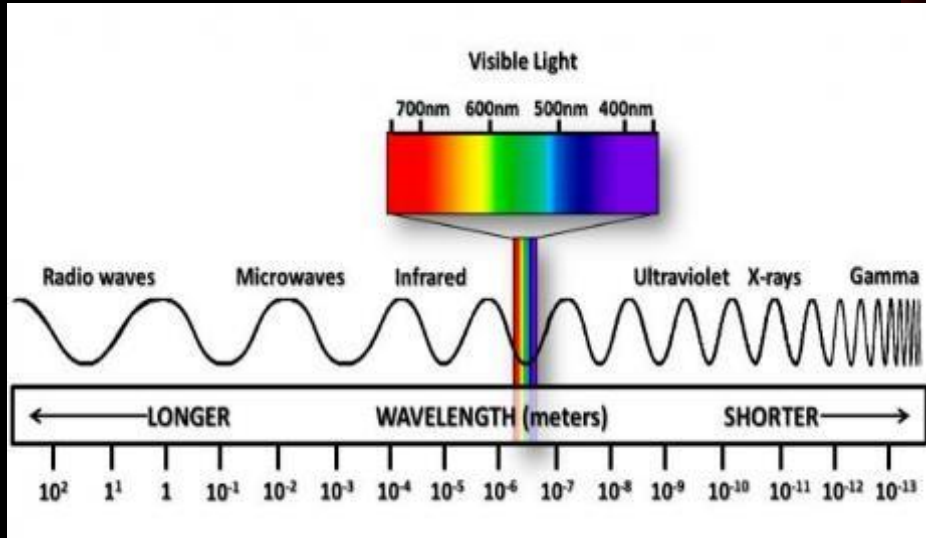


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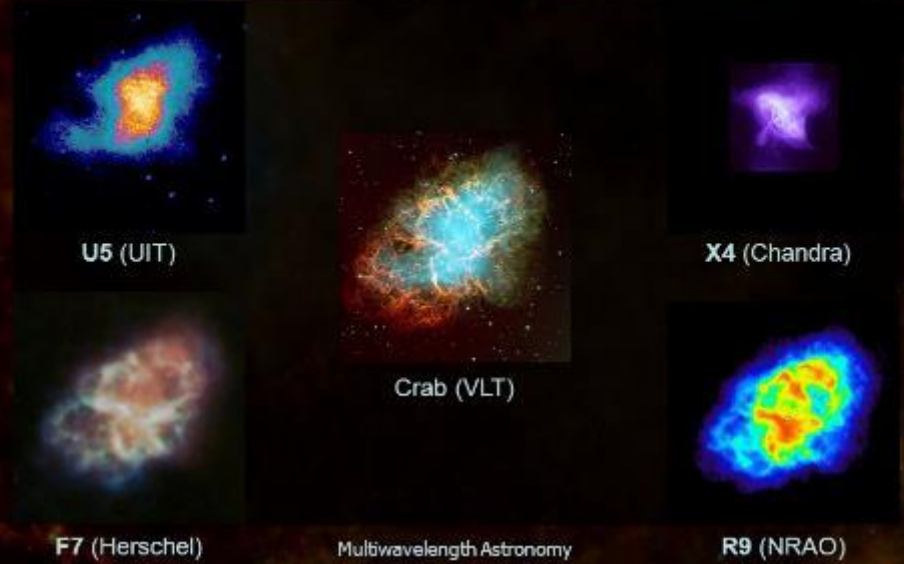
Artist's illustration: two merging neutron stars

# 20<sup>th</sup> Century : Multiwavelength Astronomy

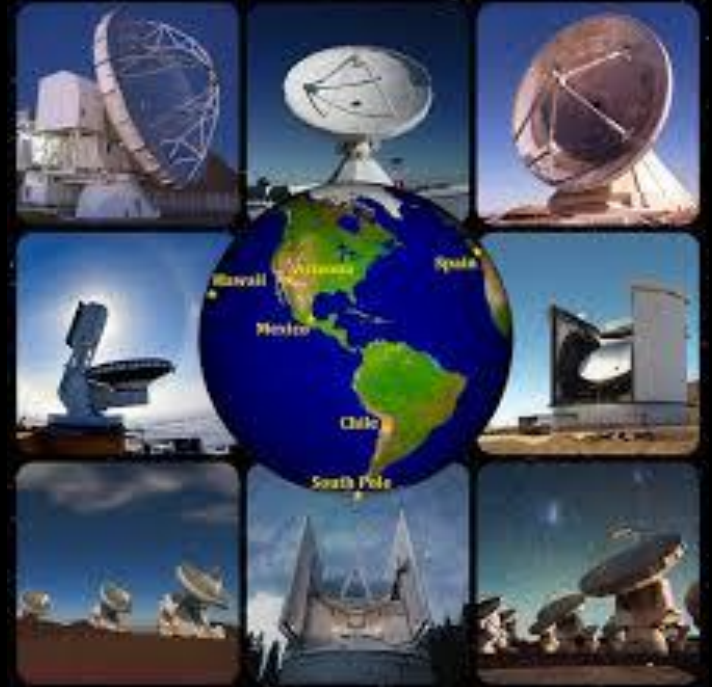
## Electromagnetic Spectrum



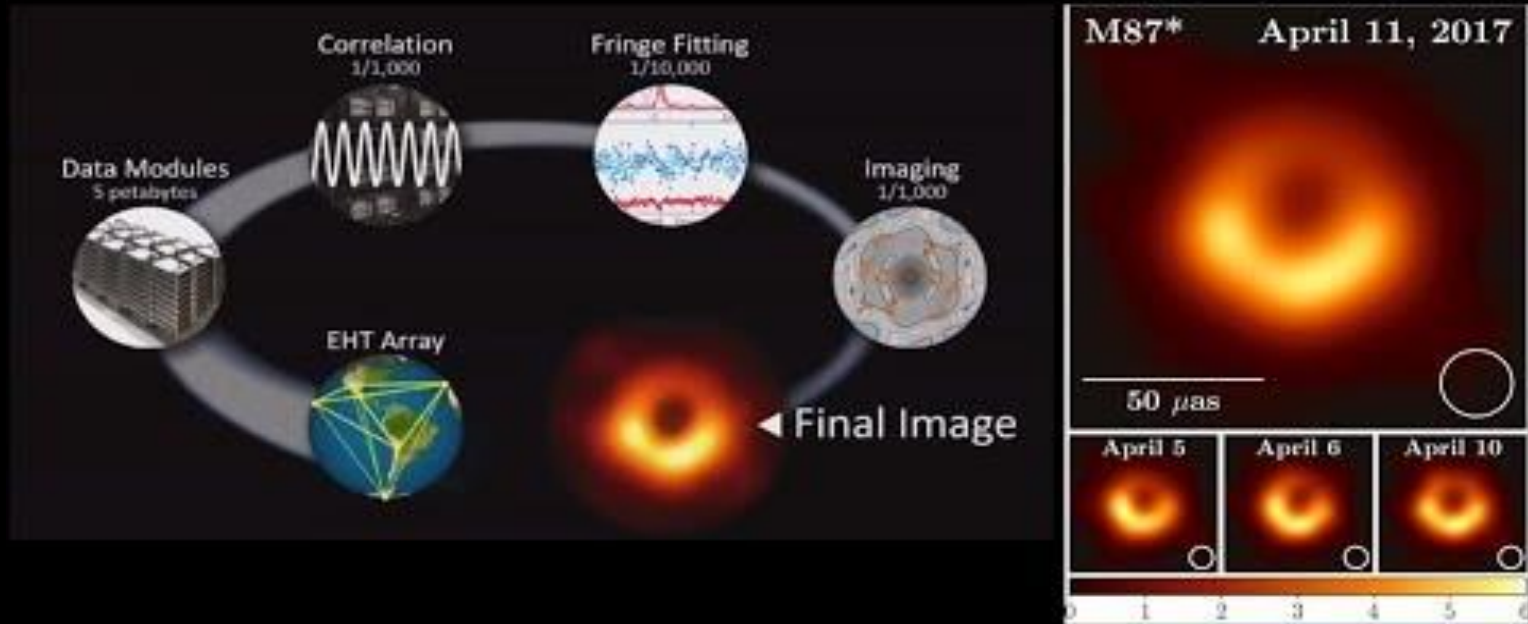
## Crab Nebula



# 21<sup>st</sup> Century: “Combined Instrument”



# Event Horizon Telescope Black Hole Image





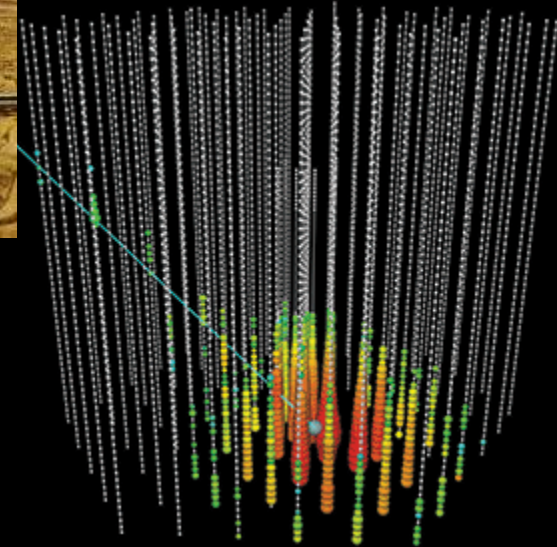
# Next Frontier: Multimessenger Astronomy

## Gravitational Waves

### Electromagnetic



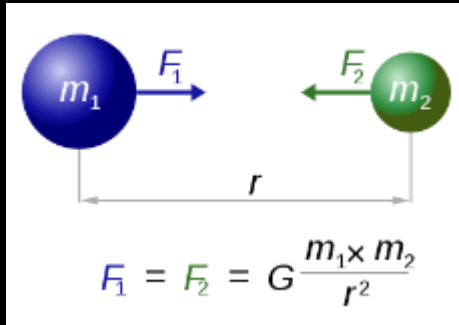
### Neutrinos



# General Relativity and Gravitational Waves



**Newton's Theory of Gravity (1687)**



**Universal Gravity:** force between massive objects is directly proportional to the product of their masses, and inversely proportional to the square of the distance between them.

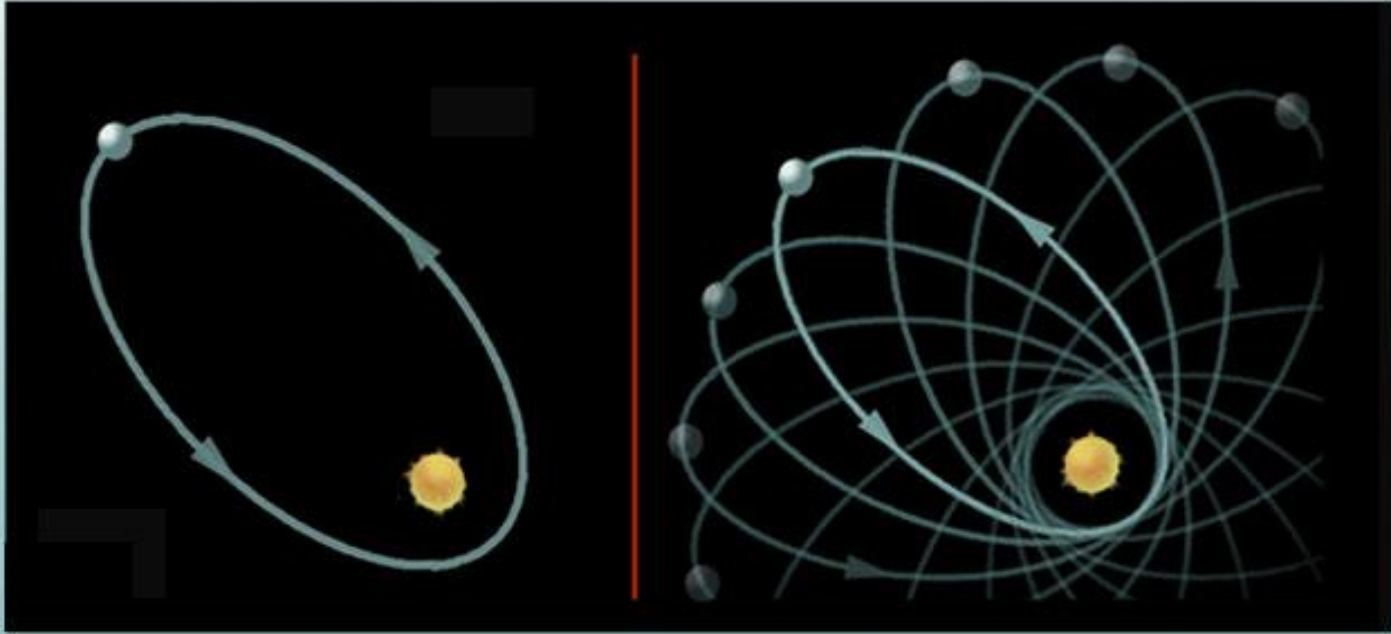


**Einstein's Theory of Gravity (1915)**

$$G_{ab} \equiv R_{ab} - \frac{1}{2}g_{ab}R = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T_{ab}$$

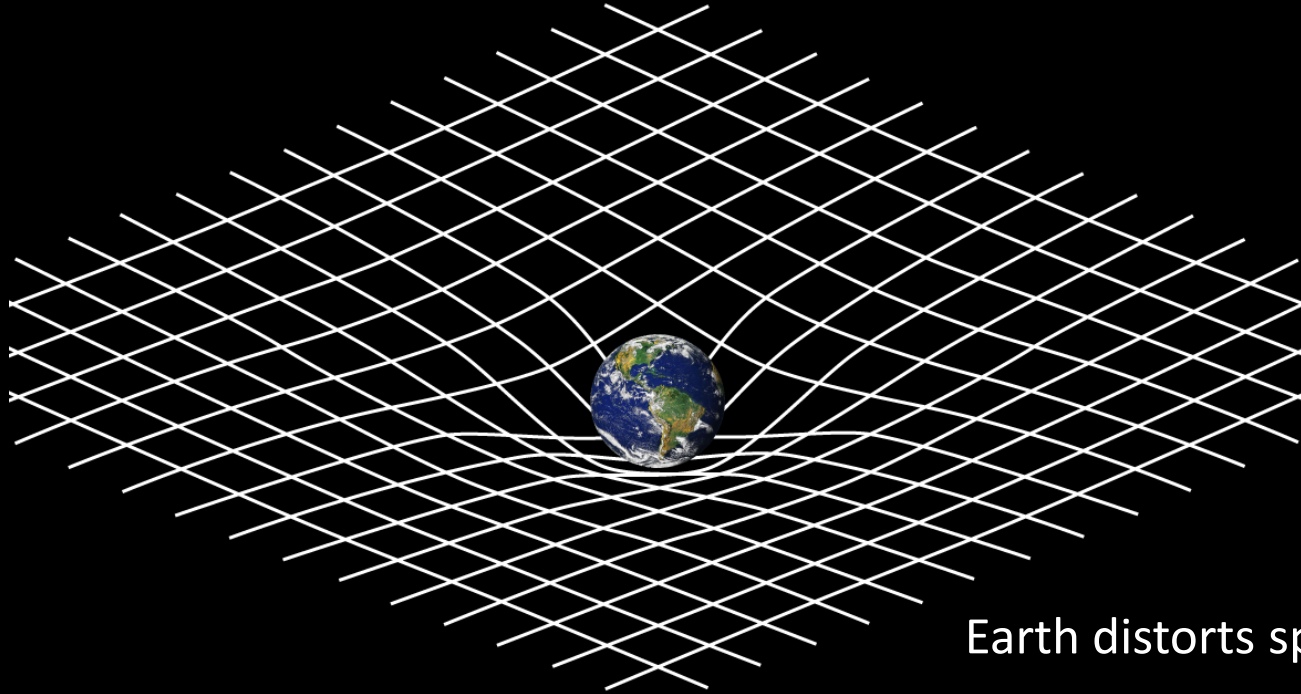
Space *and* Time are ***unified*** in a four dimensional ***spacetime***

## MERCURY'S ORBIT



Mercury's elliptical path around the Sun. Perihelion shifts forward with each pass. (Newton 532 arc-sec/century vs Observed 575 arc-sec/century)  
(1 arc-sec =  $1/3600$  degree).

# Einstein Explains WHY the apple falls!

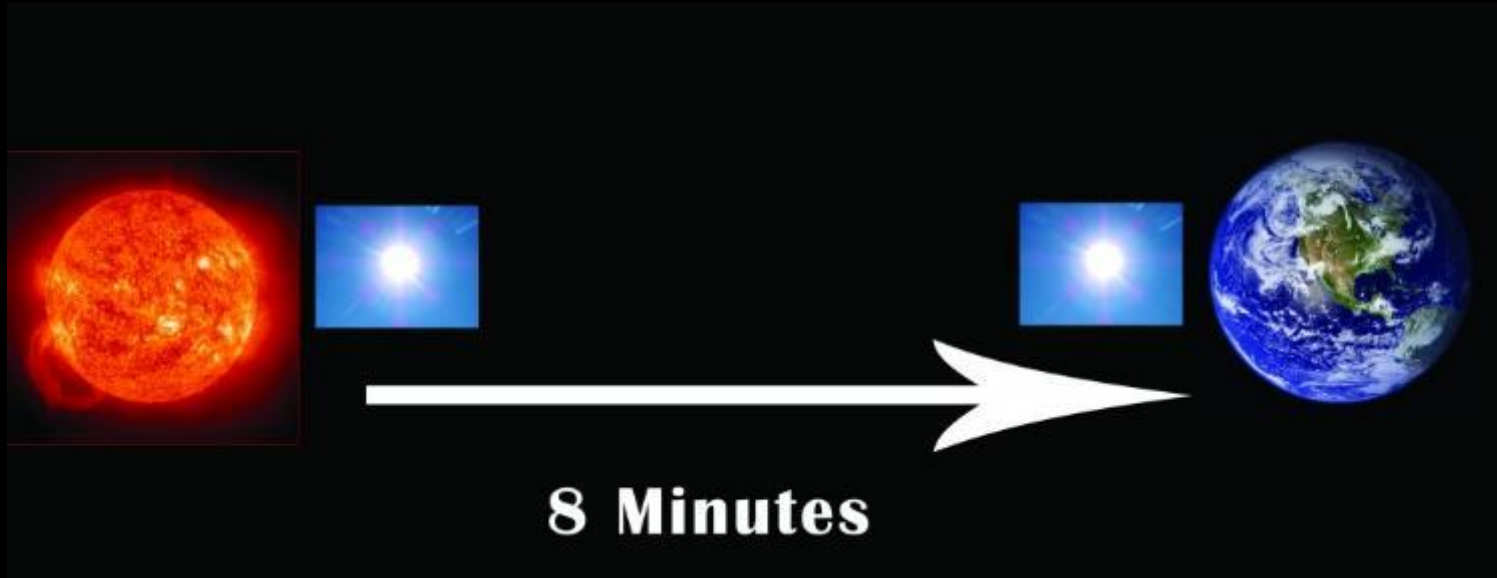


Earth distorts spacetime



# Einstein Solves a Conceptual Problem with Newton's Theory of Gravity

*"Instantaneous Action at a Distance"*

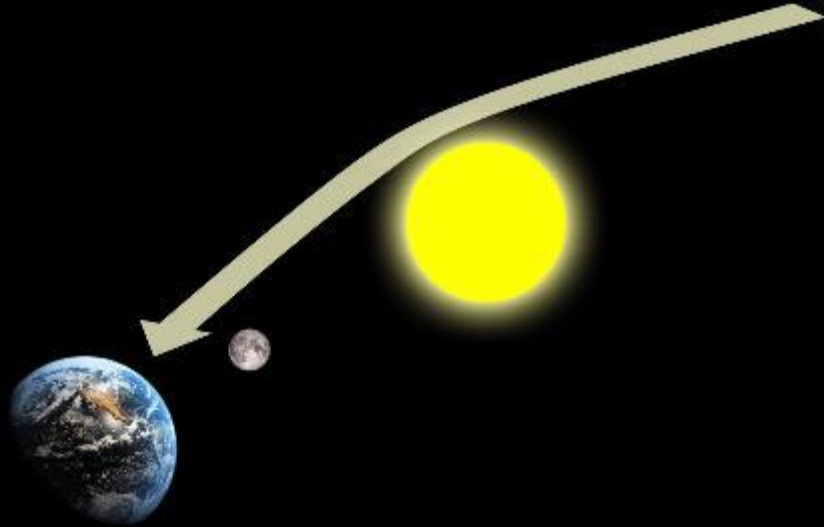


# Einstein Makes a 'New' Prediction



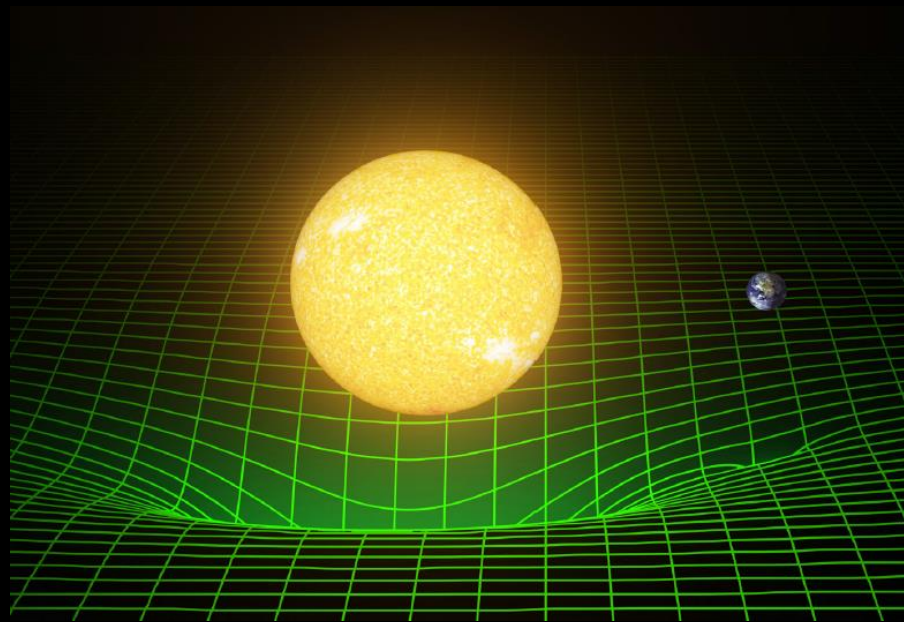
Einstein

Eddington

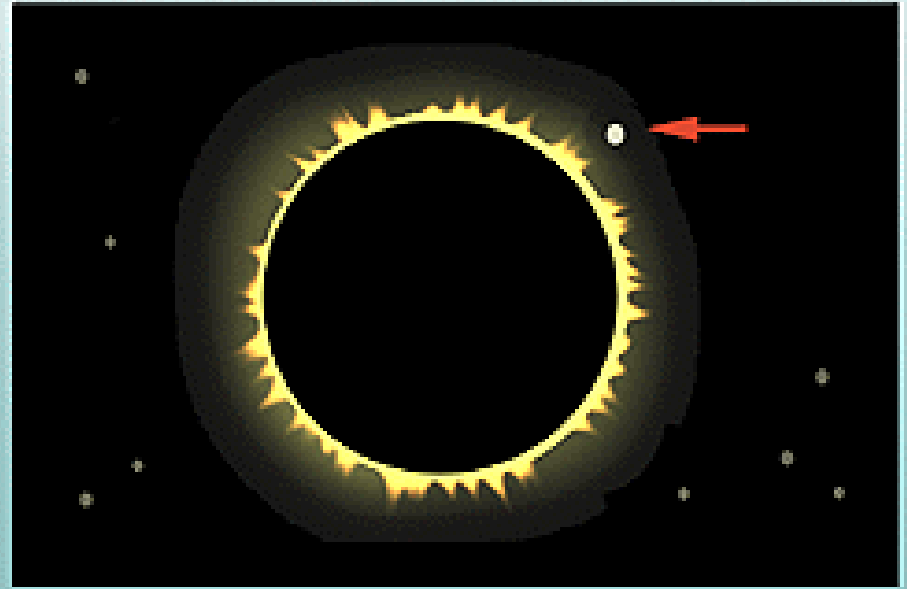


"Not only is the universe stranger than we  
imagine, it is stranger than we can imagine.

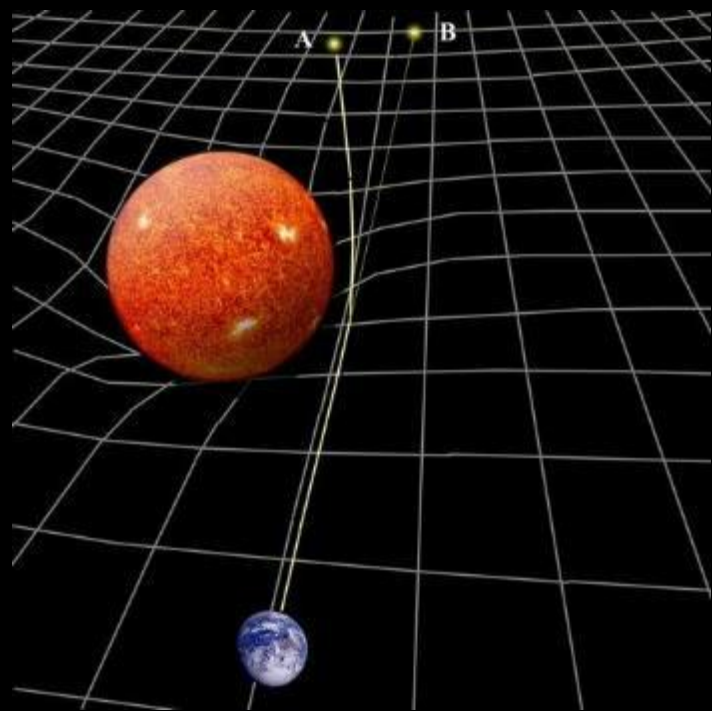
*Sir Arthur Eddington*



## BENDING LIGHT



First observed during the solar eclipse of 1919 by Sir Arthur Eddington, when the Sun was silhouetted against the Hyades star cluster



# The New York Times.

NOV. 1919. 36. 2278

NEW YORK, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1919. THIRTY-TWO PAGES.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

## LIGHTS ALL ASKEW IN THE HEAVENS

Men of Science More or Less  
Agog Over Results of Eclipse  
Observations.

### EINSTEIN THEORY TRIUMPHS

Stars Not Where They Seemed  
or Were Calculated to be,  
but Nobody Need Worry.

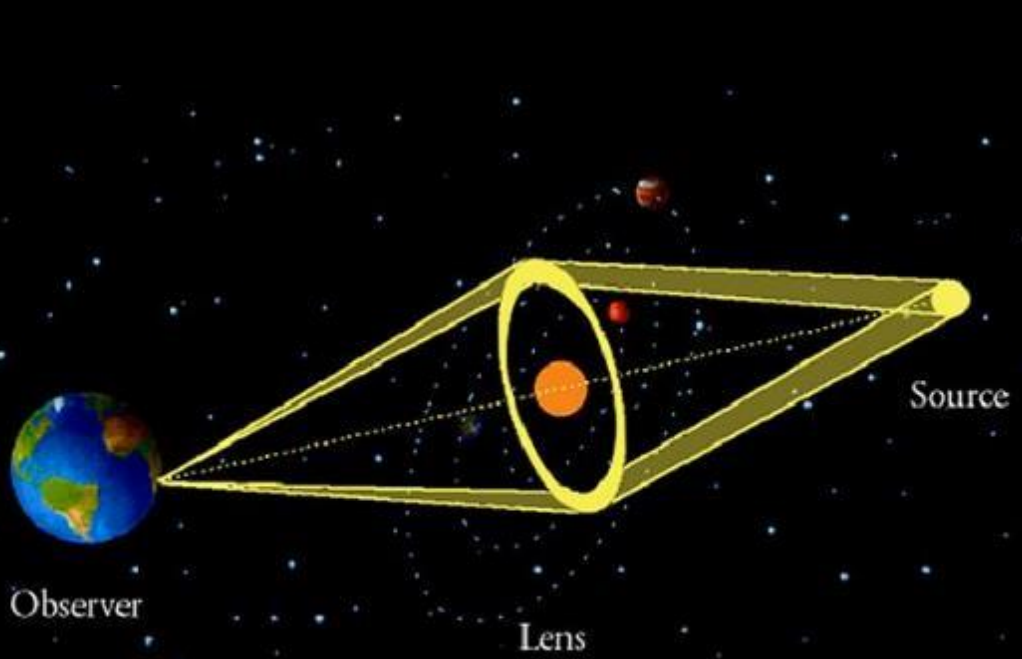
### A BOOK FOR 12 WISE MEN

No More in All the World Could  
Comprehend It, Said Einstein When  
His Daring Publishers Accepted It.

Thompson states that the difference between theories of Newton and those of Einstein are infinitesimal in a popular sense, and as they are purely mathematical and can only be expressed in strictly scientific terms it is useless to endeavor to detail them for the man in the street.

"What is easily understandable," he continued, "is that Einstein predicted the deflection of the starlight when it passed the sun, and the recent eclipse has provided a demonstration of the correctness of the prediction."

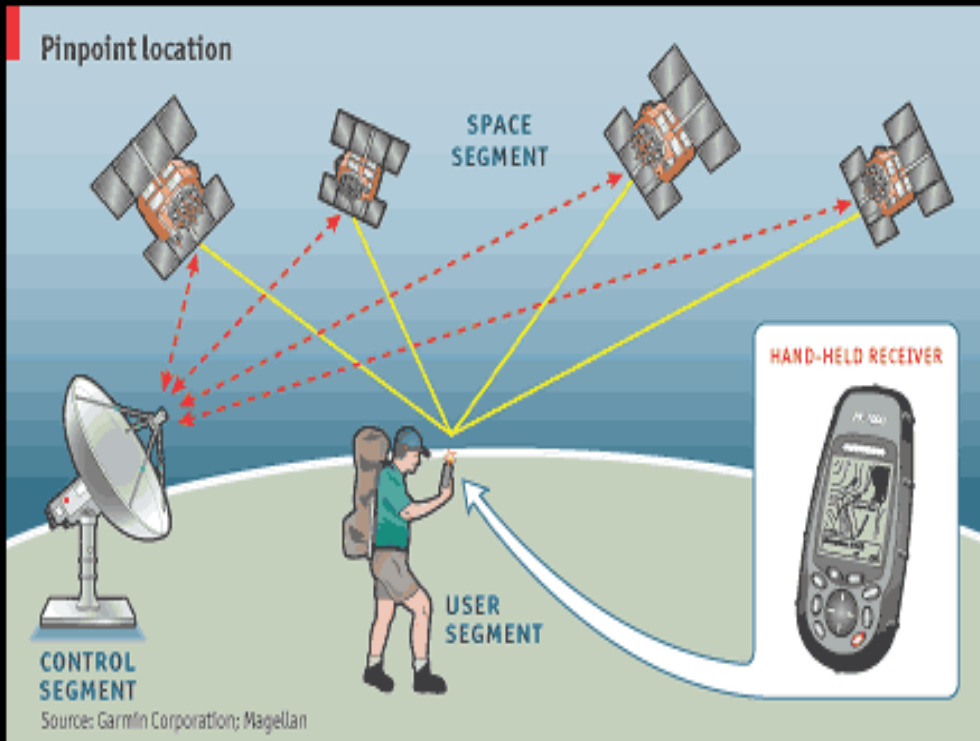
# *In Modern Astronomy: Gravitational Lensing*



Einstein Cross



# GPS: General Relativity in Everyday Life



## Special Relativity

(Satellites  $v = 14,000$  km/hour  
“moving clocks tick more slowly”  
Correction = - 7 microsec/day

## General Relativity

Gravity: Satellites =  $1/4$  x Earth  
Clocks faster = + 45 microsec/day

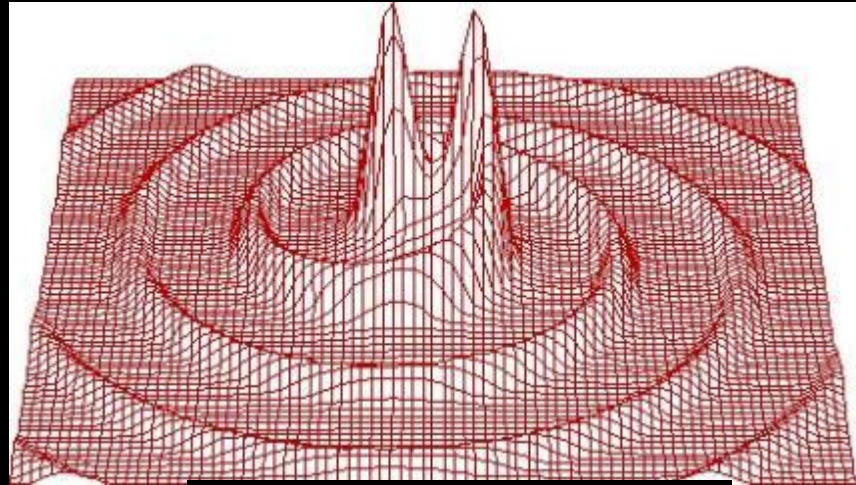
**GPS Correction = + 38 microsec/day**

(Accuracy required  $\sim 30$  nanoseconds  
to give 10 meter resolution

# ***Einstein's Theory Contains Gravitational Waves***

**A necessary consequence of Special Relativity with its finite speed for information transfer**

**Gravitational waves come from the acceleration of masses and propagate away from their sources as a space-time warpage at the speed of light**



**gravitational radiation  
binary inspiral  
of  
compact objects**

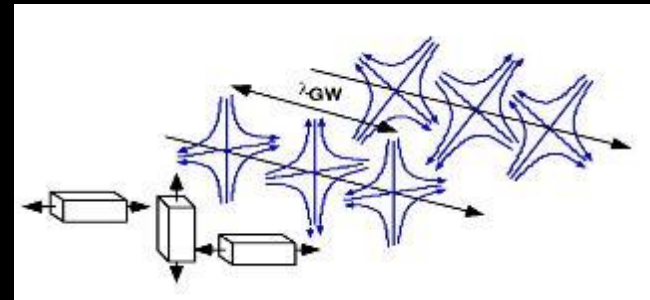
# Einstein's Theory of Gravitation

## Gravitational Waves

- Using Minkowski metric, the information about space-time curvature is contained in the metric as an added term,  $h_{\mu\nu}$ . In the weak field limit, the equation can be described with linear equations. If the choice of gauge is the *transverse traceless gauge* the formulation becomes a familiar wave equation

$$(\nabla^2 - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2})h_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

- The strain  $h_{\mu\nu}$  takes the form of a plane wave propagating at the speed of light ( $c$ ).



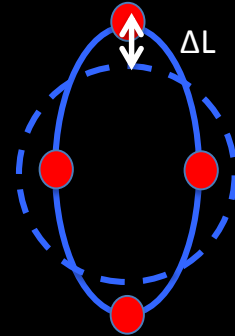
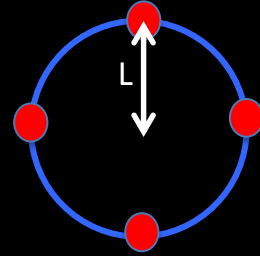
- Since gravity is spin 2, the waves have two components, but rotated by  $45^\circ$  instead of  $90^\circ$  from each other.

$$h_{\mu\nu} = h_+(t - z/c) + h_x(t - z/c)$$

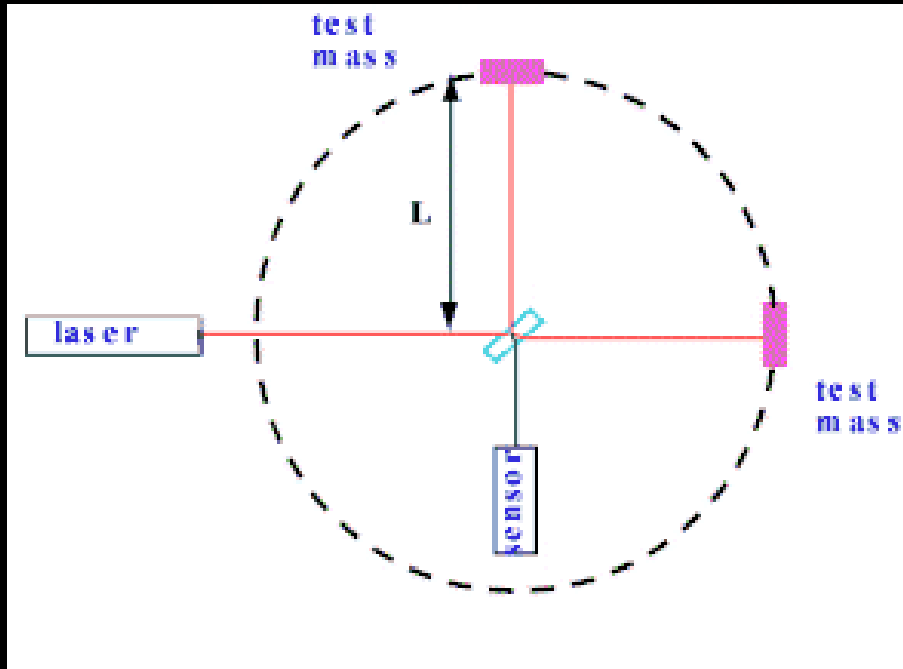
# Gravitational Waves

- Ripples of spacetime that stretch and compress spacetime itself
- The amplitude of the wave is  $h \approx 10^{-21}$
- Change the distance between masses that are free to move by  $\Delta L = h \times L$
- Spacetime is “stiff” so changes in distance are very small

$$\Delta L = h \times L = 10^{-21} \times 1 \text{ m} = 10^{-21} \text{ m}$$



# Suspended Mass Interferometry



$$h = \frac{DL}{L} \leq 10^{-21}$$

$$L = 4\text{km} \quad DL \leq 4 \times 10^{-18} \text{ meters}$$

$$DL \sim 10^{-12} \text{ wavelength of light}$$

$$DL \sim 10^{-12} \text{ vibrations at earth's surface}$$





# *'Direct' Detection of Gravitational Waves*

## *LIGO Interferometers*

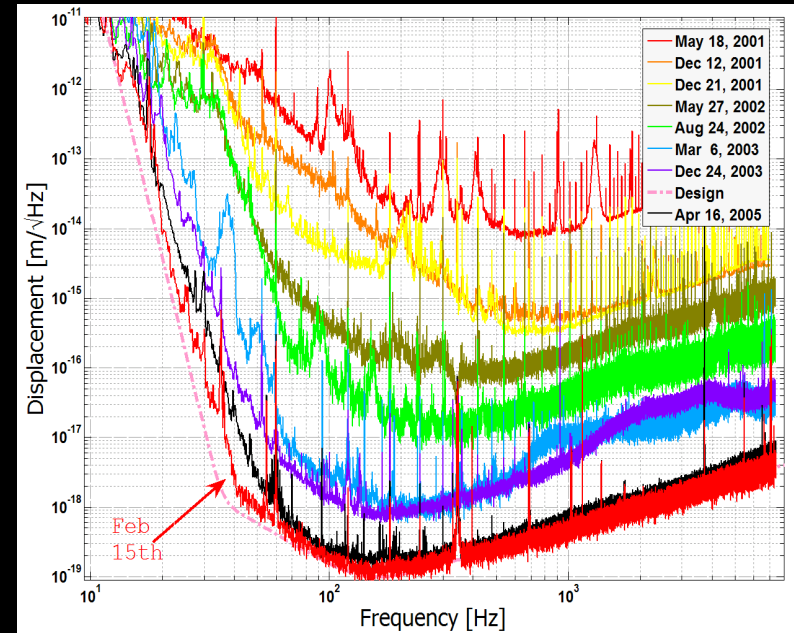
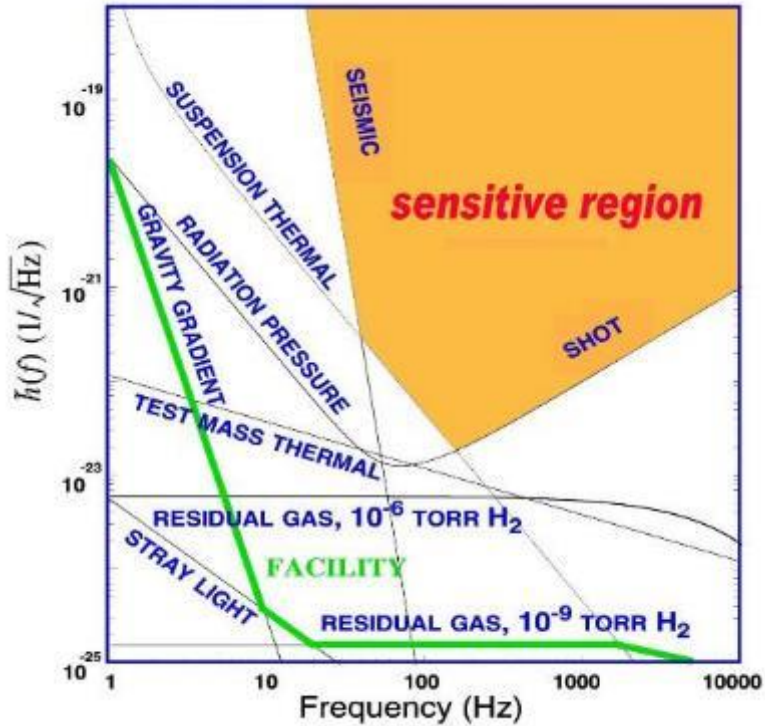


Hanford, WA

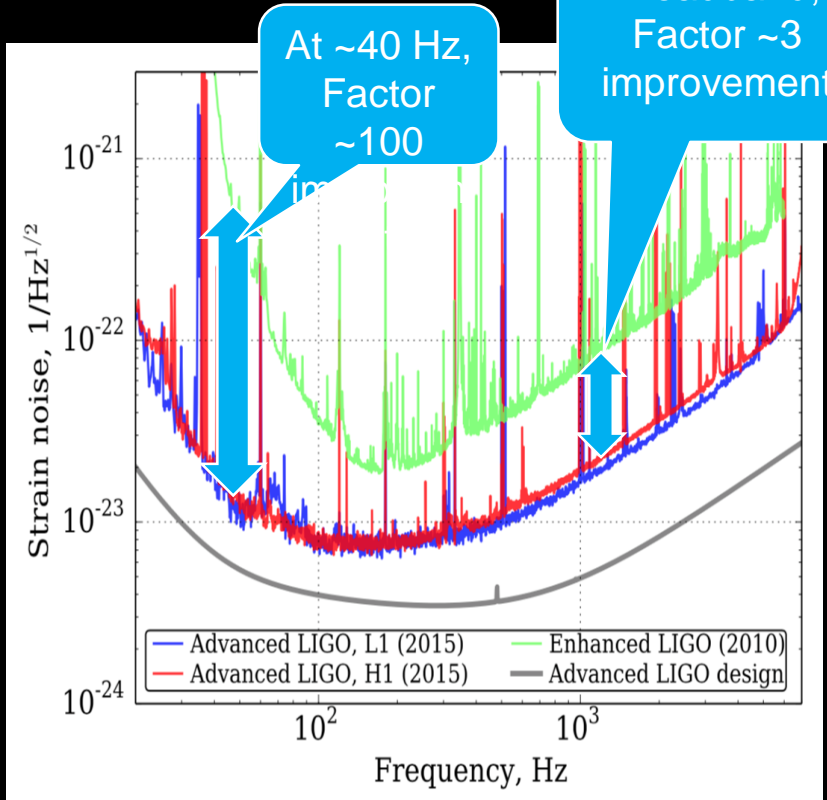
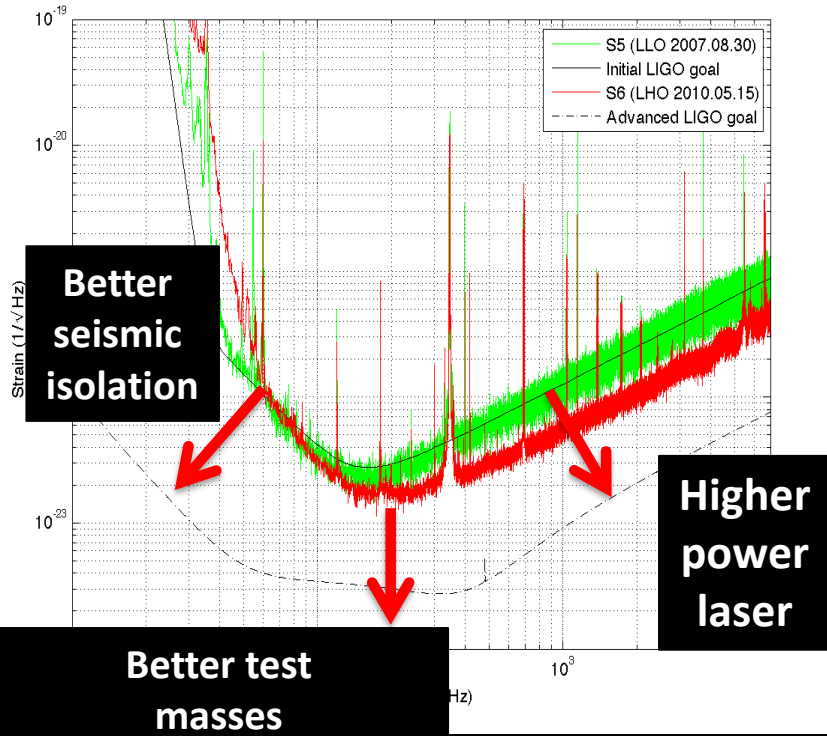


Livingston, LA

# What Limits LIGO Sensitivity?

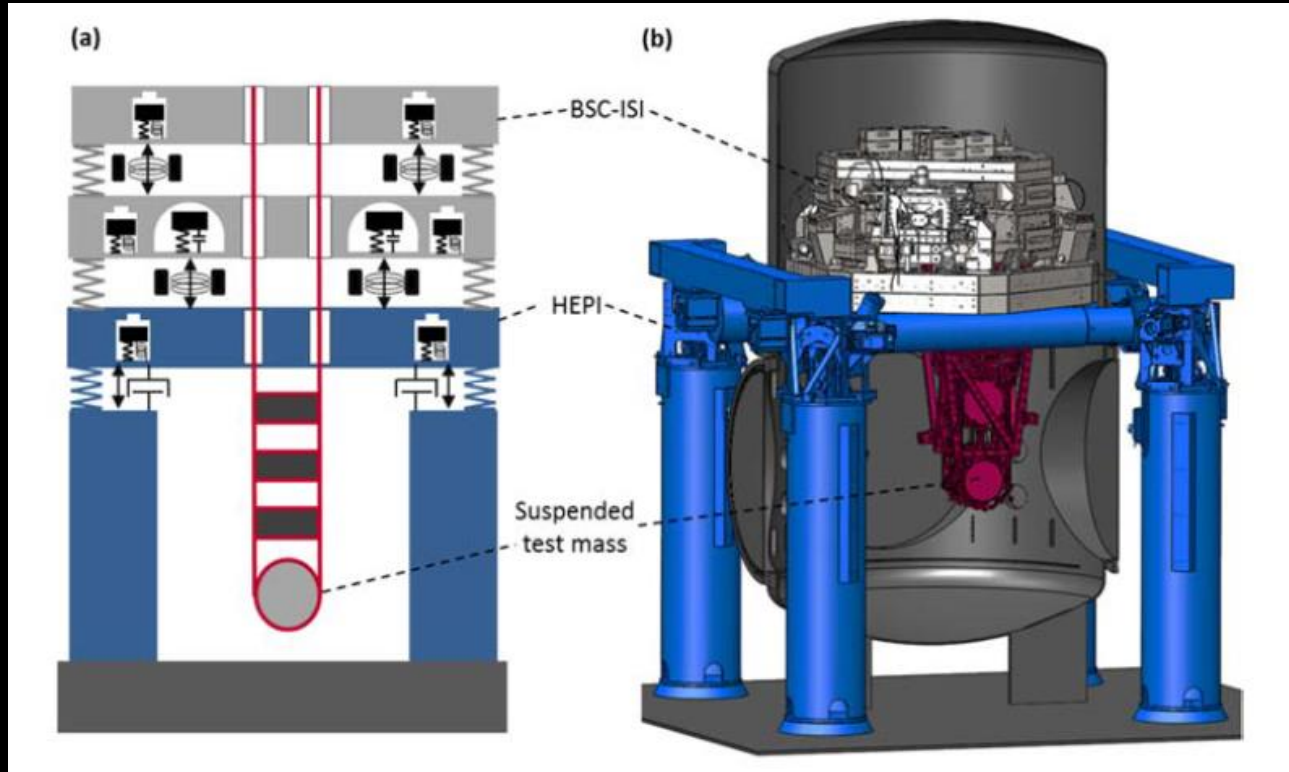


# Advanced LIGO GOALS



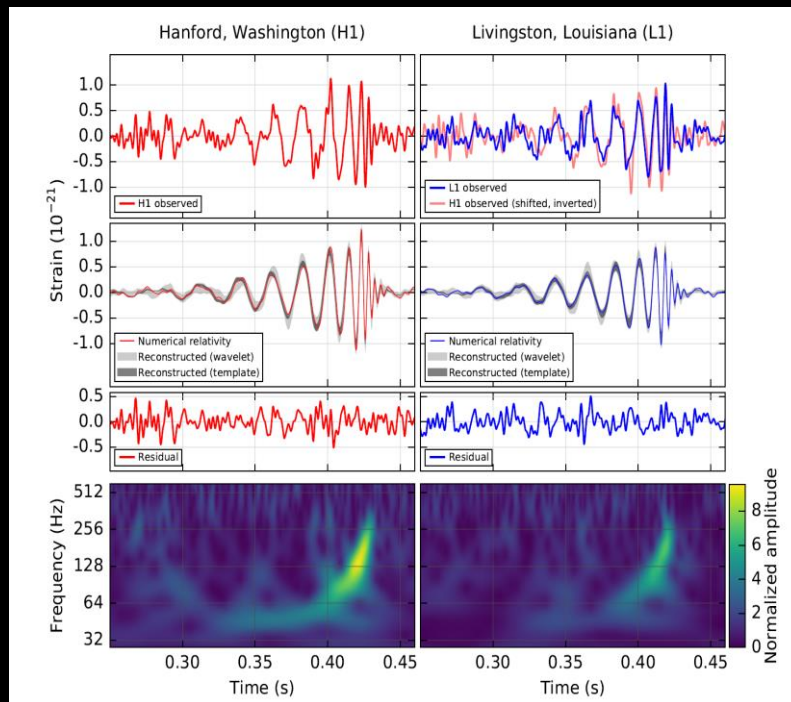
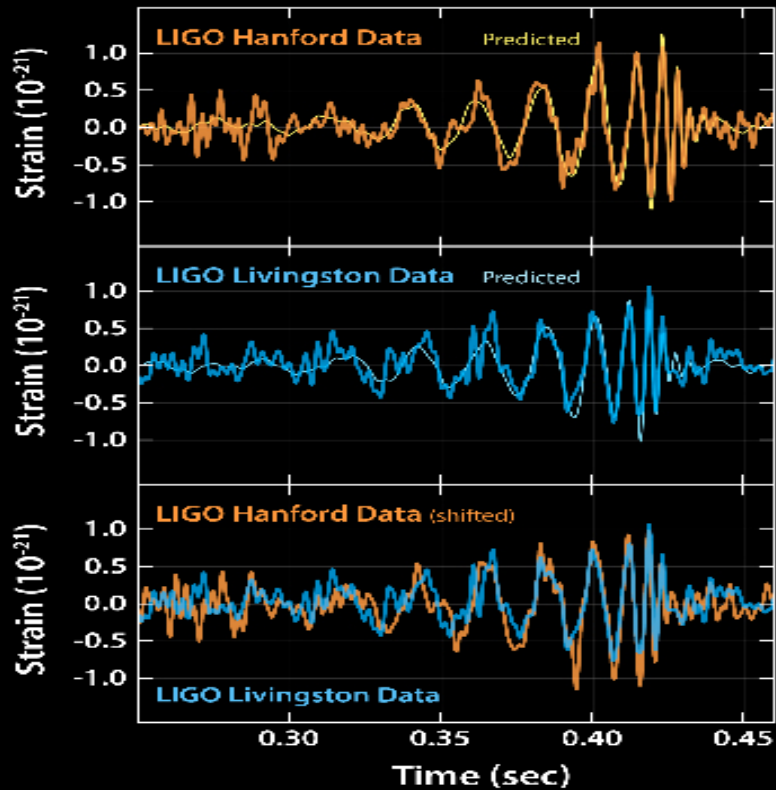
# Passive / Active Multi-Stage Isolation

## Advanced LIGO





# Black Hole Merger: GW150914



# Measuring the parameters

- Orbits decay due to emission of gravitational waves
  - **Leading order** determined by “chirp mass”

$$\mathcal{M} = \frac{(m_1 m_2)^{3/5}}{M^{1/5}} \simeq \frac{c^3}{G} \left[ \frac{5}{96} \pi^{-8/3} f^{-11/3} \dot{f} \right]^{3/5}$$

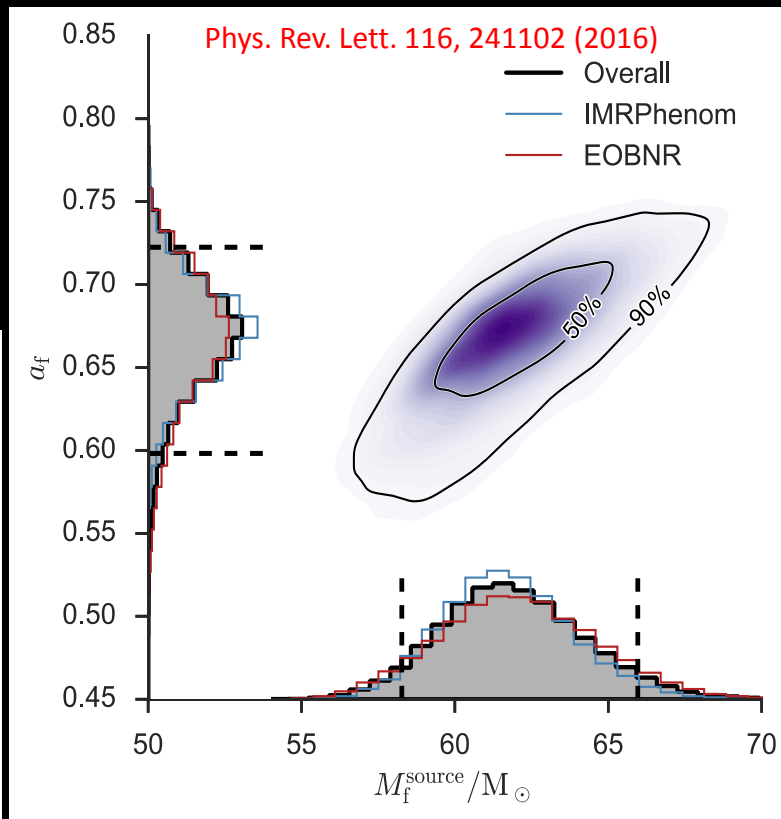
- Next orders allow for measurement of mass ratio and spins
  - We directly measure the red-shifted masses  $(1+z) m$
  - Amplitude inversely proportional to luminosity distance
- Orbital precession occurs when spins are misaligned with orbital angular momentum – no evidence for precession.
- Sky location, distance, binary orientation information extracted from time-delays and differences in observed amplitude and phase in the detectors

# Black Hole Merger Parameters for GW150914

- Use numerical simulations fits of black hole merger to determine parameters; determine total energy radiated in gravitational waves is  $3.0 \pm 0.5 M_{\odot} c^2$ . The system reached a peak  $\sim 3.6 \times 10^{56}$  ergs, and the spin of the final black hole  $< 0.7$  (not maximal spin)

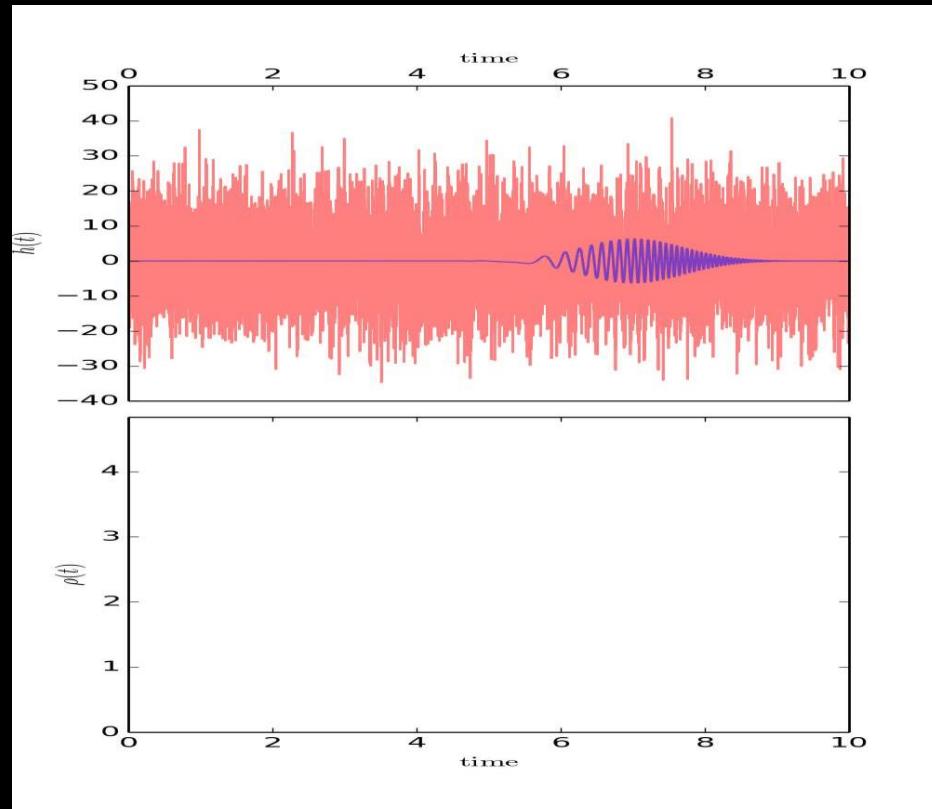
Primary black hole mass	$36^{+5}_{-4} M_{\odot}$
Secondary black hole mass	$29^{+4}_{-4} M_{\odot}$
Final black hole mass	$62^{+4}_{-4} M_{\odot}$
Final black hole spin	$0.67^{+0.05}_{-0.07}$
Luminosity distance	$410^{+160}_{-180} \text{ Mpc}$
Source redshift, $z$	$0.09^{+0.03}_{-0.04}$

Phys. Rev. Lett. 116, 061102 (2016)

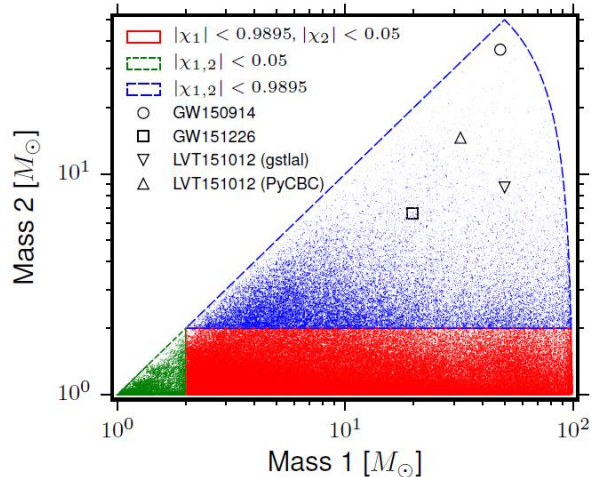


# Finding a weak signal in noise

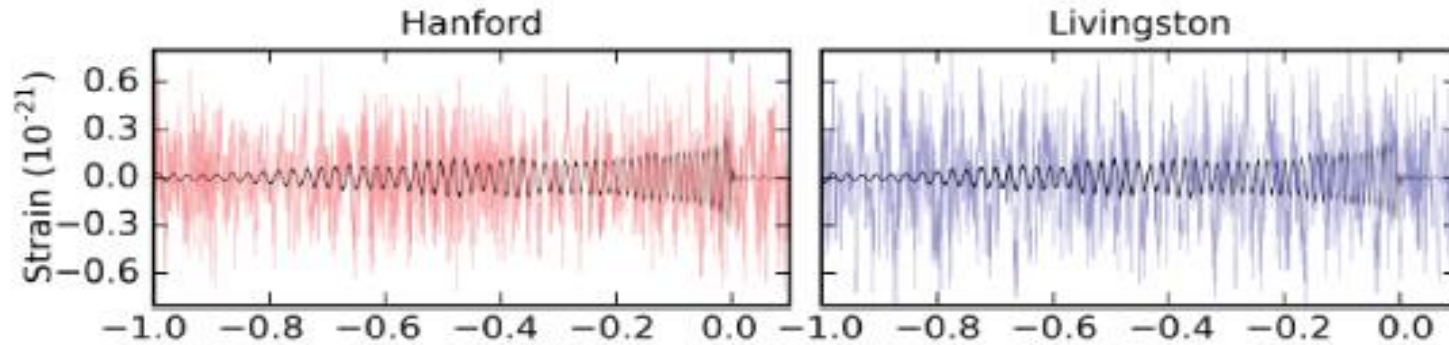
- “Matched filtering” lets us find a weak signal submerged in noise.
- For calculated signal waveforms, multiply the waveform by the data
- Find signal from cumulative signal/noise



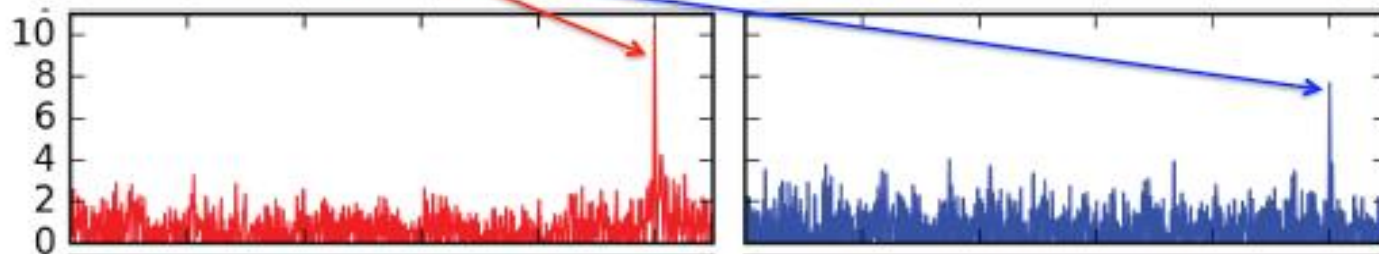
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# GW151226 – Matched Filter



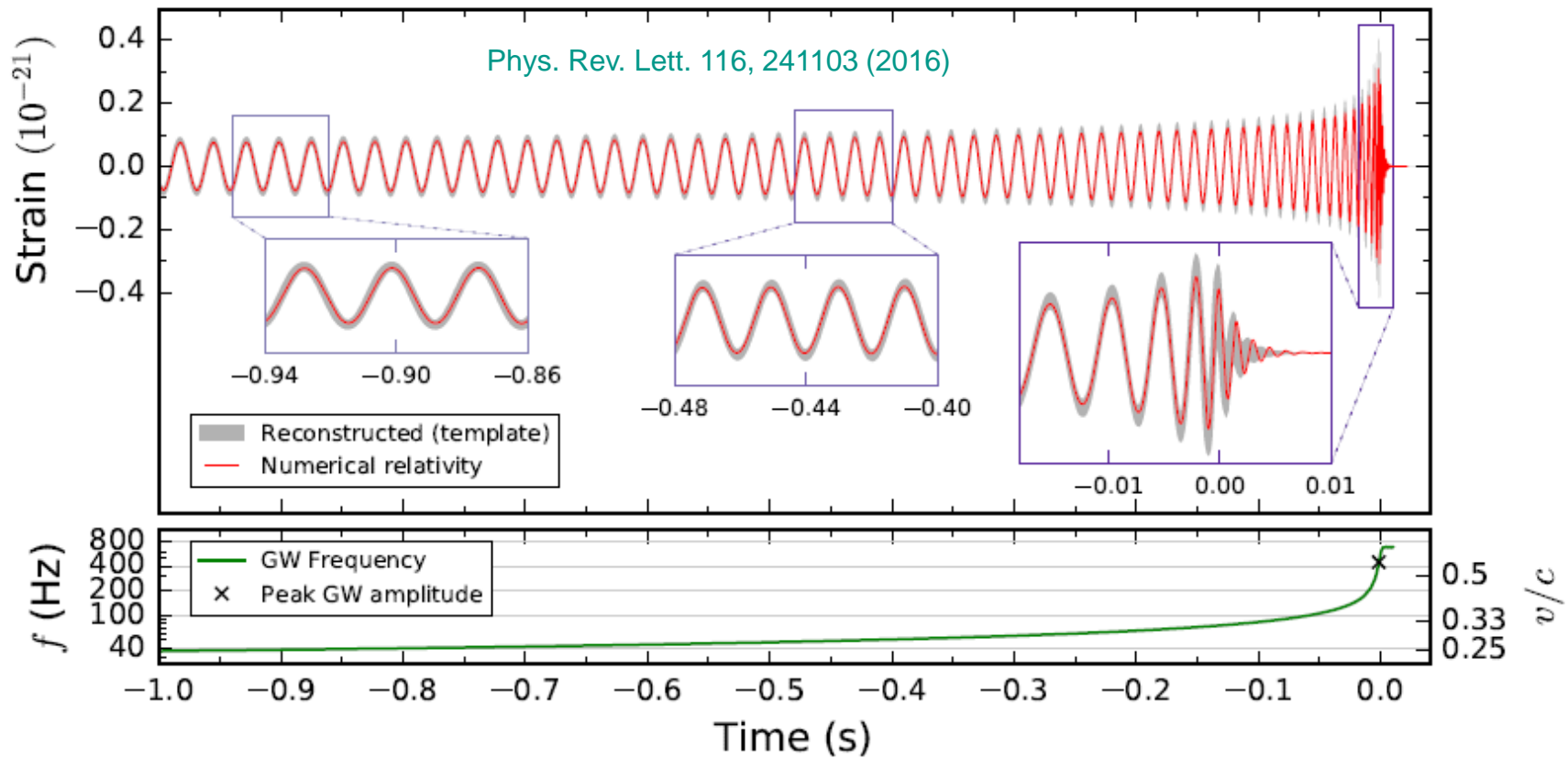
Signal-to-noise (SNR) when best template matches at coalescence time



[Phys. Rev. Lett. 116, 241103 \(2016\)](#)



# "Second Event" Inspiral and Merger GW151226



# Testing General Relativity – Dispersion Term?

- In GR, there is no dispersion!

Add dispersion term of form

$$E^2 = p^2c^2 + Ap^\alpha c^\alpha, \quad \alpha \geq 0$$

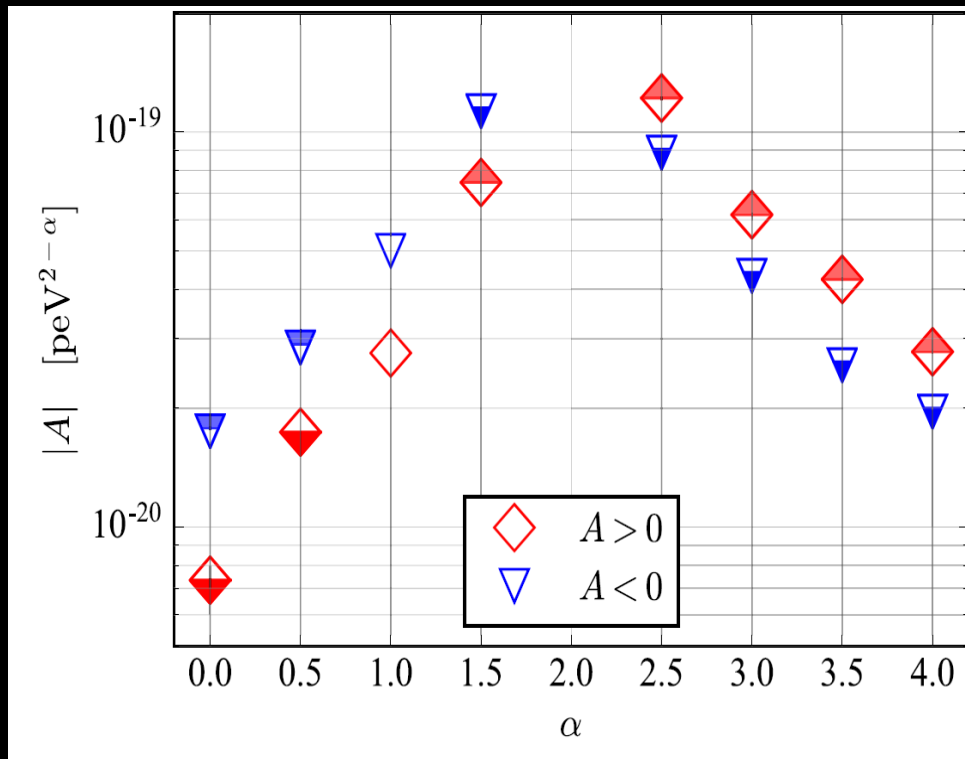
(E, p are energy, momentum of GW, A is amplitude of dispersion)

- Plot shows 90% upper bounds

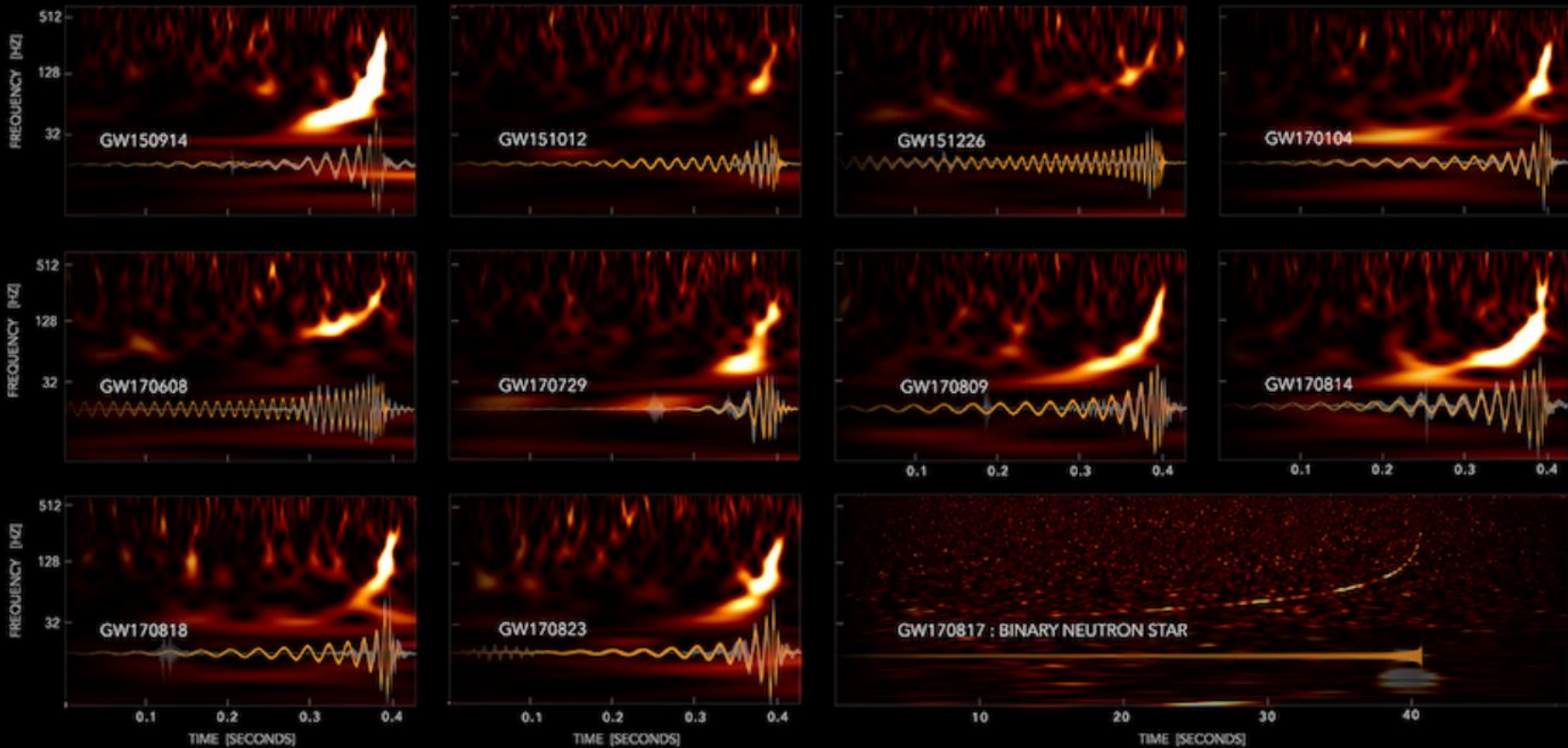
- Limit on graviton mass

$$M_g \leq 7.7 \times 10^{-23} \text{ eV}/c^2$$

- Null tests to quantify generic deviations from GR

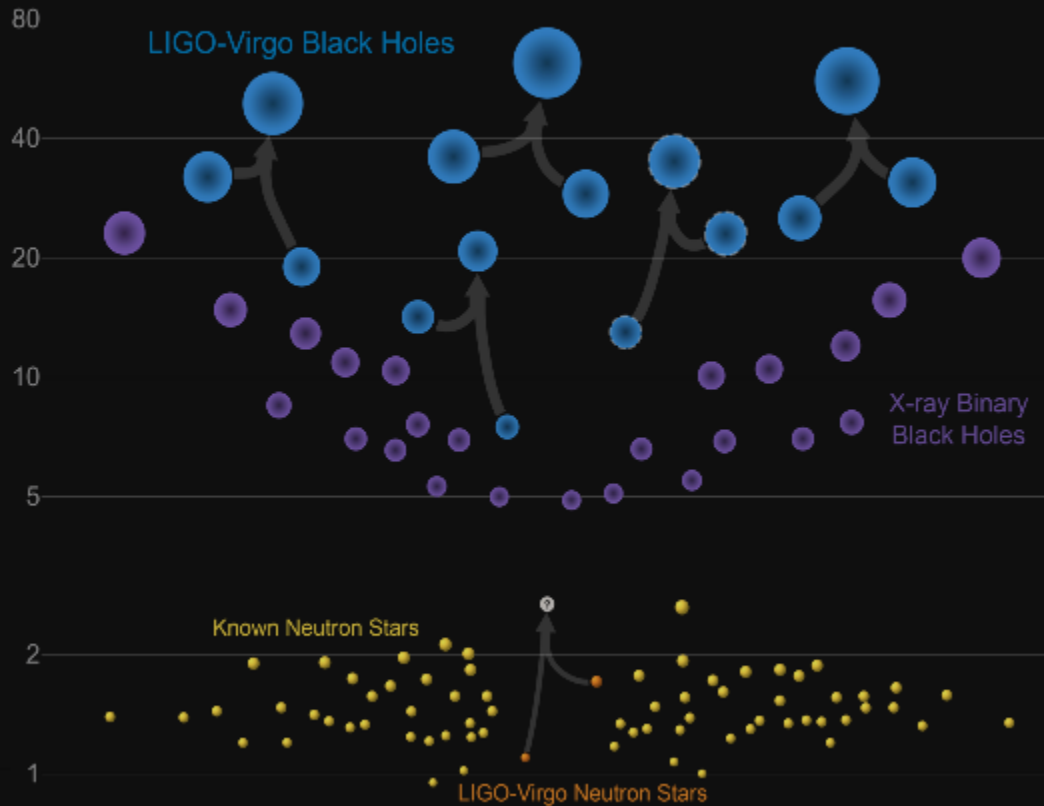


# Observed Binary Mergers to Date

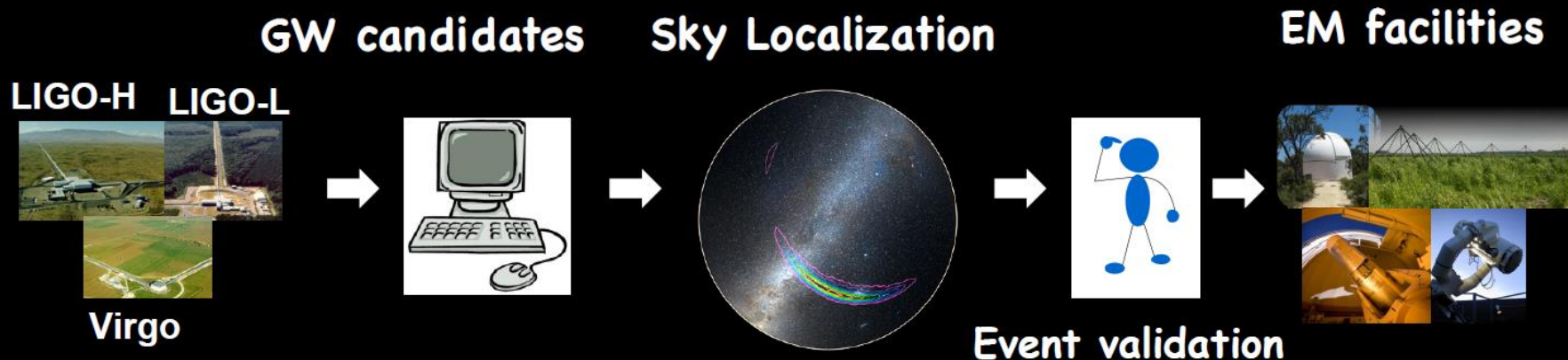


# New Astrophysics

- Stellar binary black holes exist
- They form into binary pairs
- They merge within the lifetime of the universe
- The masses ( $M > 20 M_{\odot}$ ) are much larger than what was known about stellar mass Black Holes.



# Searching for Electromagnetic Counterparts



Parameter estimation codes

Hours, days, weeks

GW candidate updates





# Sky Localization for only LIGO

## Sky localizations

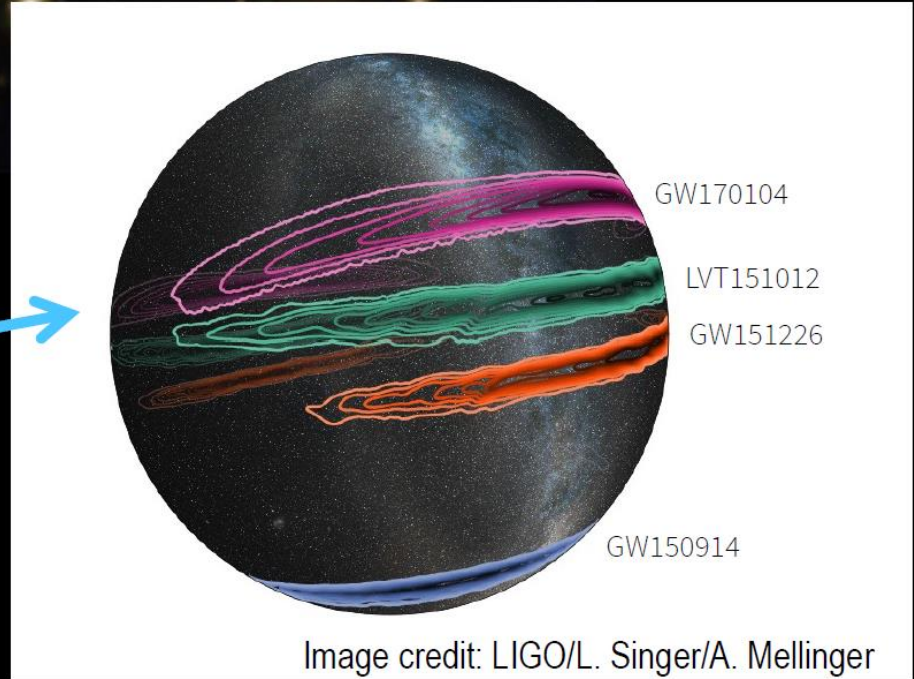
90% credible areas of about

1200 deg<sup>2</sup> GW170104

230 deg<sup>2</sup> GW150914

1600 deg<sup>2</sup> LVT15012

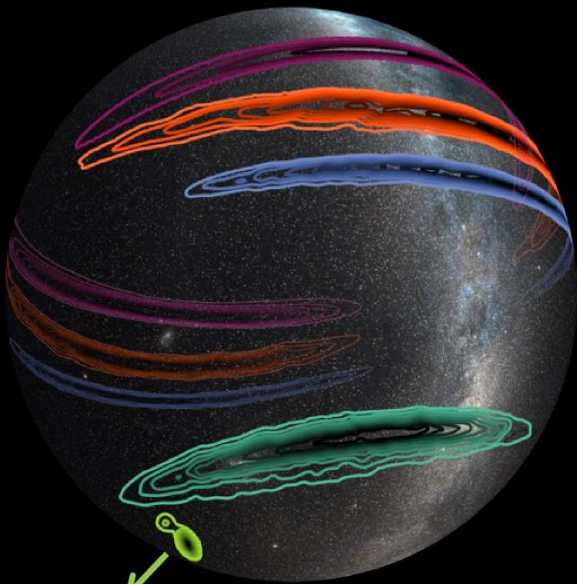
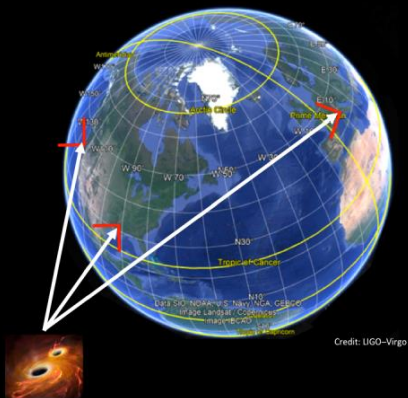
850 deg<sup>2</sup> GW151226



*In the volume of the Universe corresponding to  
GW150914, LVT15012, GW151226  
there are  $10^5$ - $10^6$  galaxies*

# Virgo Joins LIGO – August 14, 2017

2017 August 14



GW170814

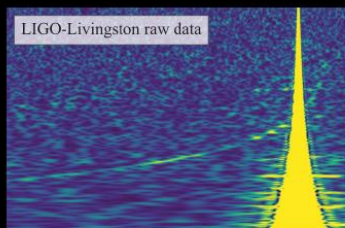
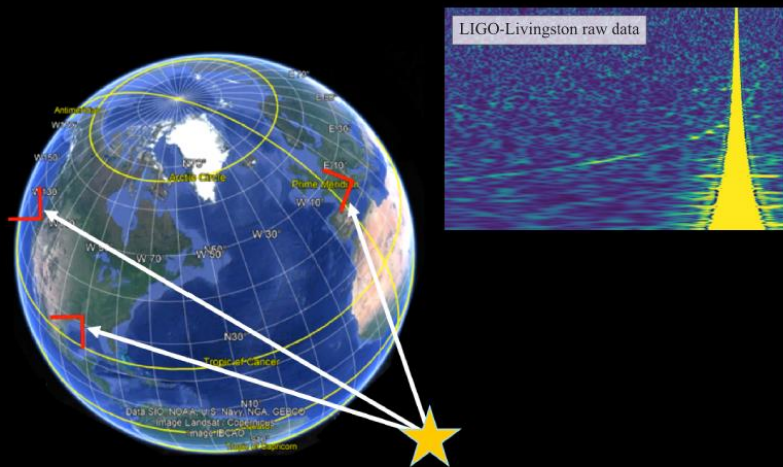
Credit: LIGO/Virgo/NASA/Leo Singer  
(Milky Way image: Axel Mellinger)

For all 10 reported  
Black Hole Binary Event  
NO Electromagnetic  
counterparts found !!

LH 1160 square degrees  
LHV 60 square degrees

# And, on August 17

17 August 2017, 12:41:04 UT

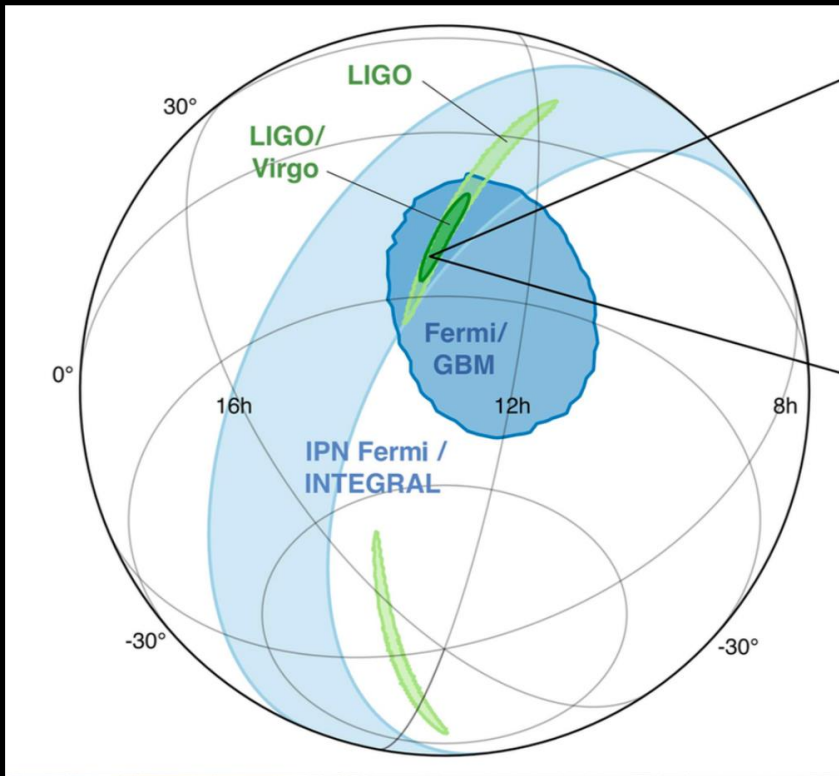
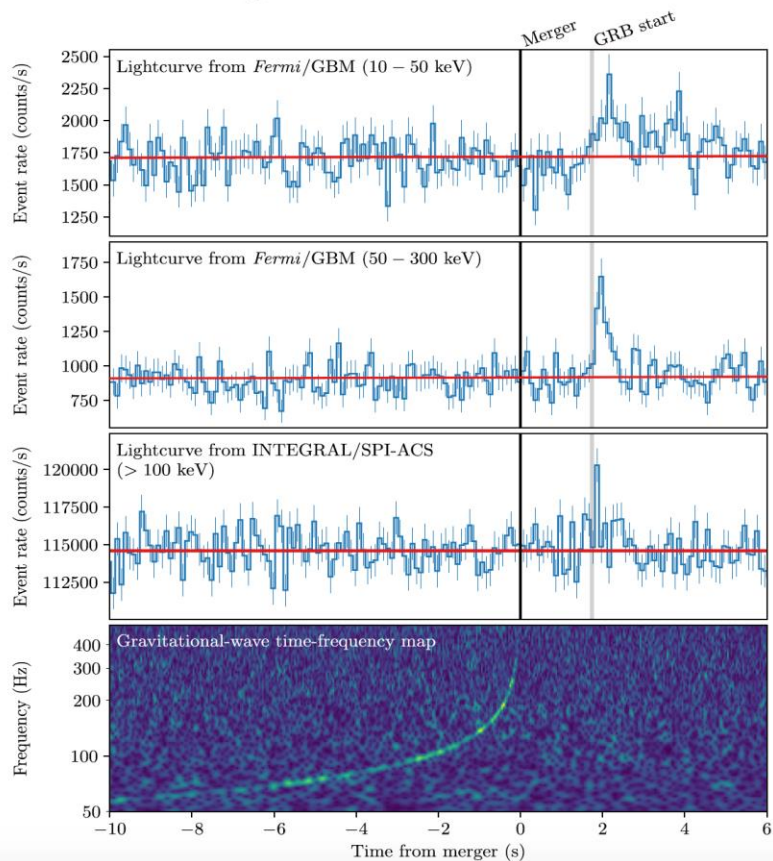


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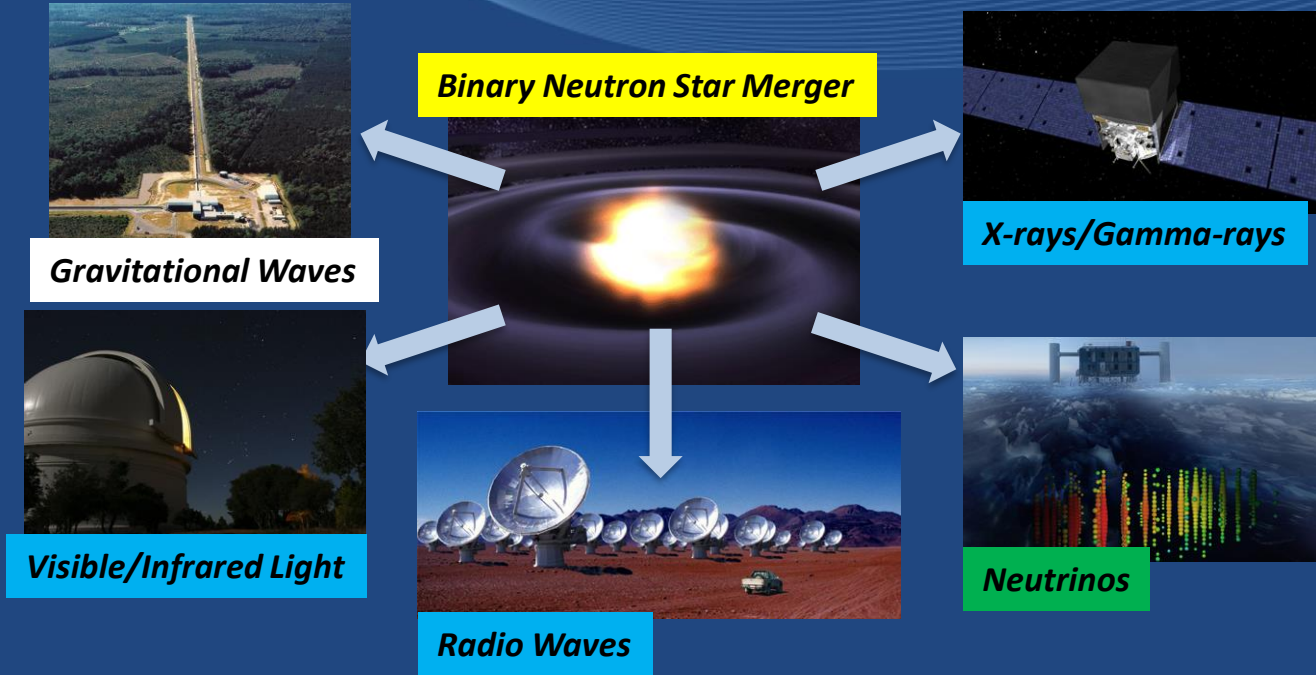
Sky localization 31 deg<sup>2</sup>  
Distance is 40 +/- 8 Mpc

# Fermi Satellite GRB detection 2 seconds later

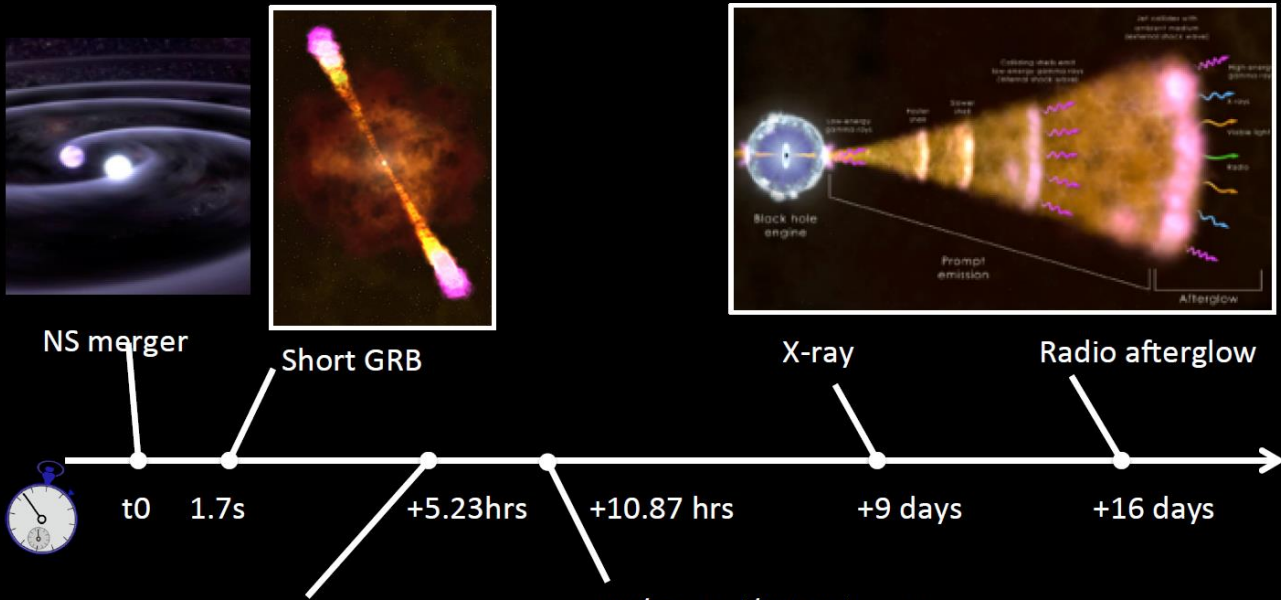




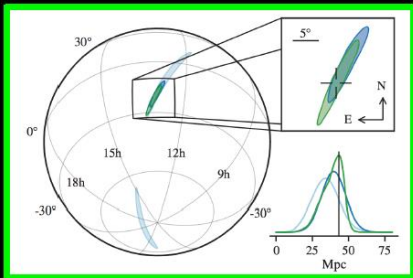
# Multi-messenger Astronomy with Gravitational Waves



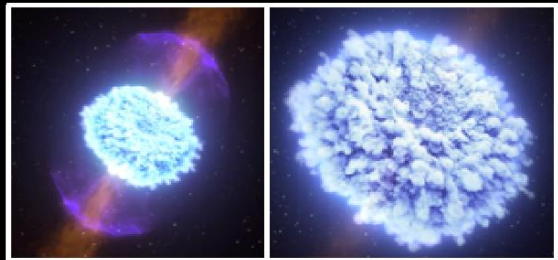




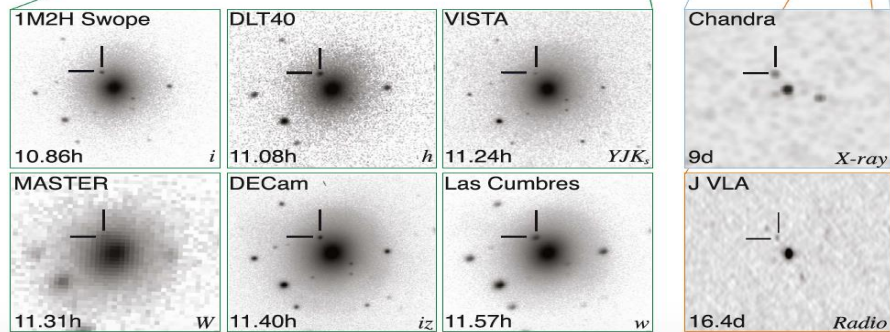
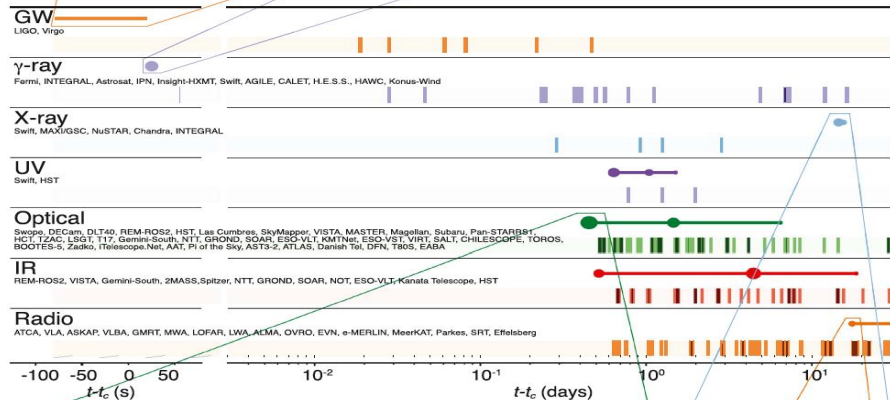
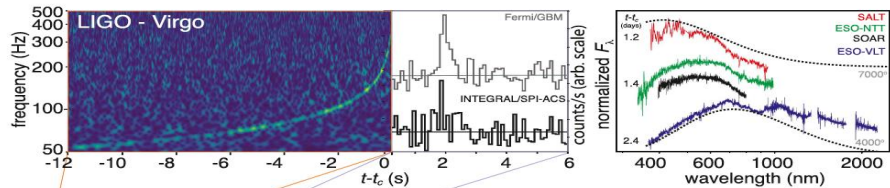
**LHV sky localization**



**UV/Optical/NIR Kilonova**

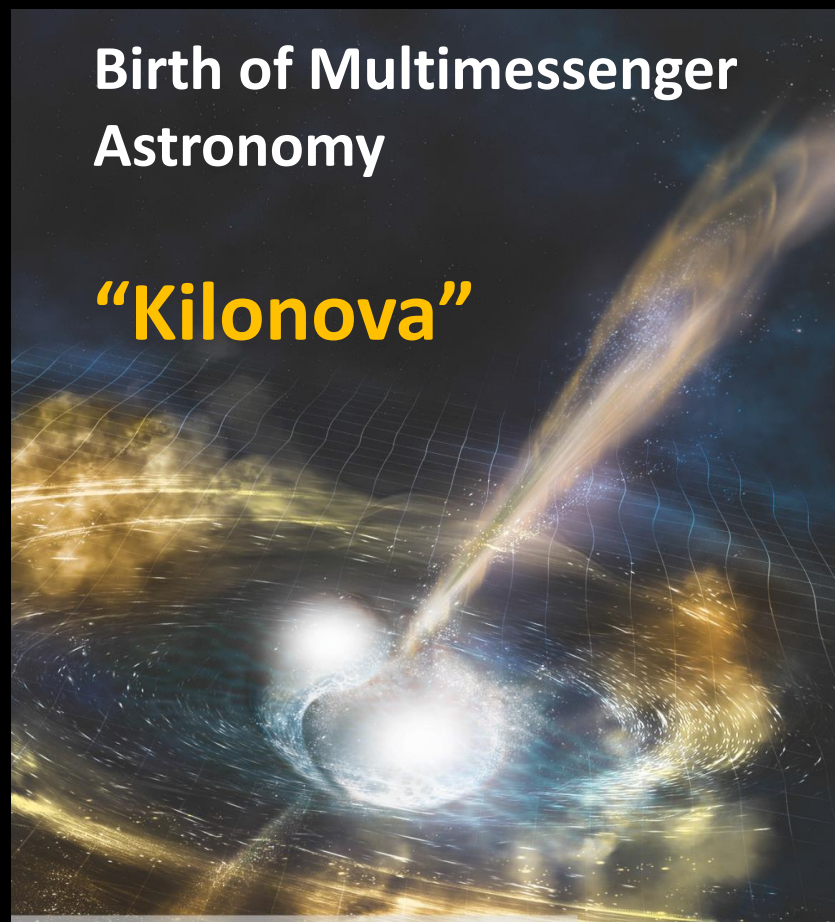


# Observations Across the Electromagnetic Spectrum

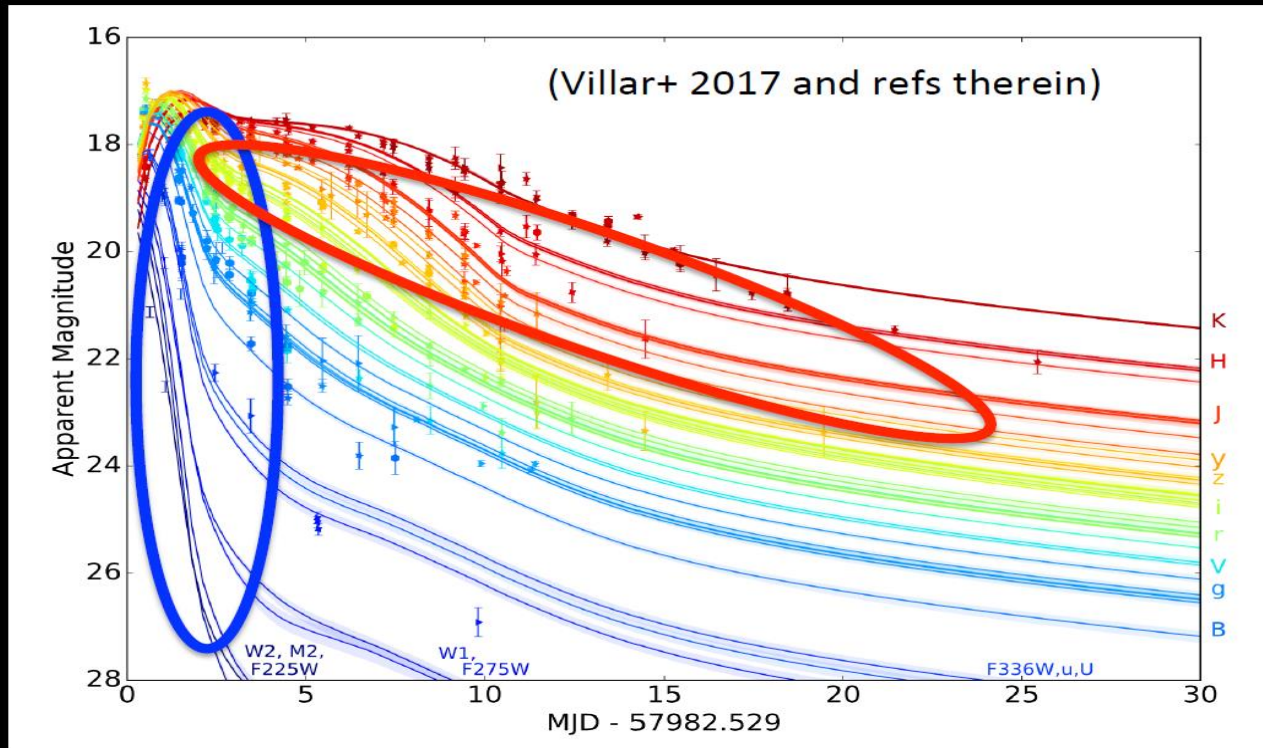


## Birth of Multimessenger Astronomy

## “Kilonova”



# Light Curves

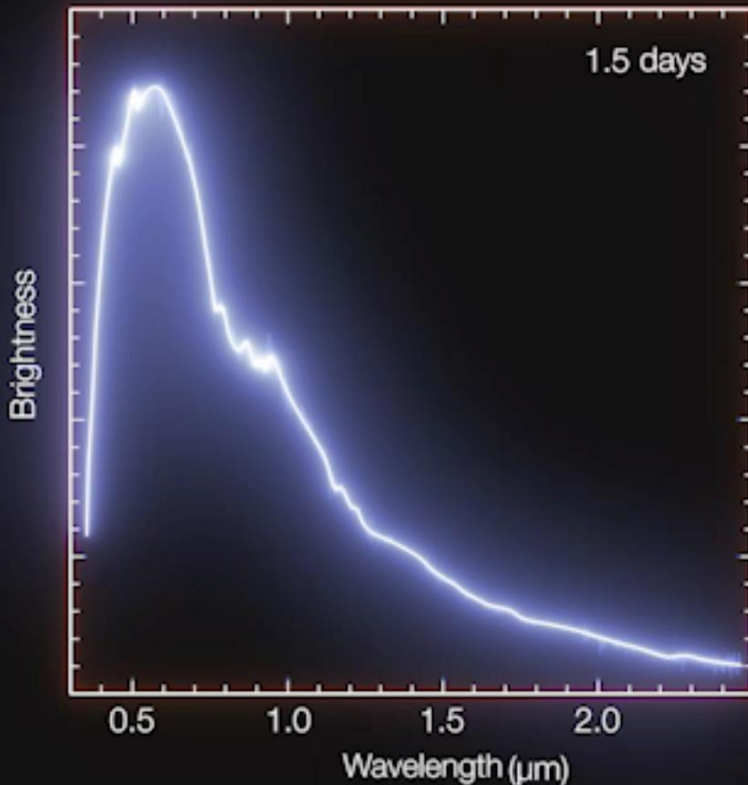


Extremely well characterized photometry of a Kilonova:  
*thermal emission by radioactive decay of heavy elements synthesized in multicomponent (2-3) ejecta!*



# Kilonova Emission

ESO-VLT/X-Shooter



EJECTED MASS  $\sim 0.03 - 0.05 M_{\odot}$

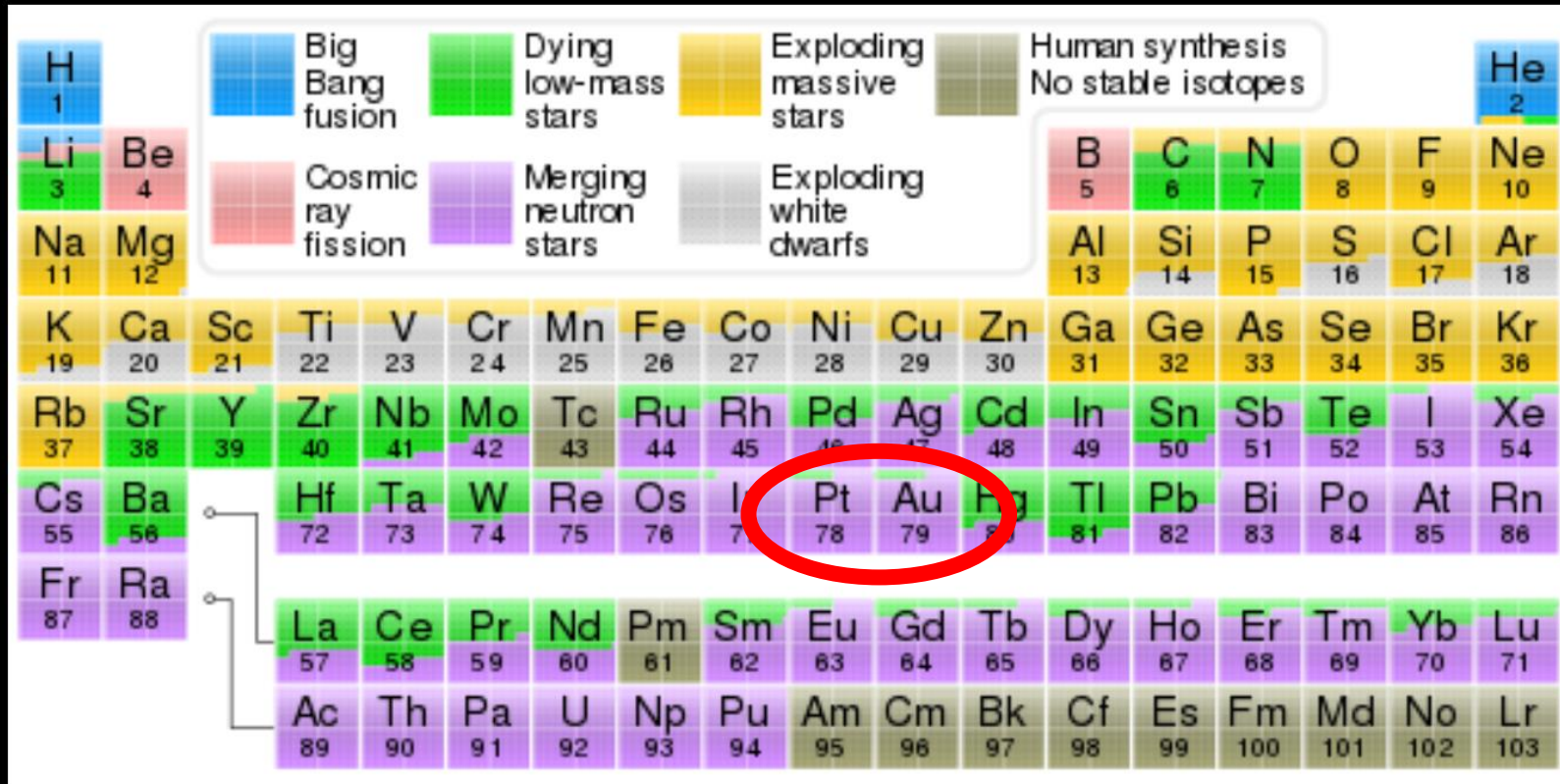
EXPANSION VELOCITY  $\sim 0.1 - 0.3 c$

## First spectral identification of the kilonova emission

- the data revealed signatures of the radioactive decay of **r-process nucleosynthesis** (Pian et al. 2017, Smartt et al. 2017)
- BNS merger **site for heavy element production in the Universe!**

(Cote et al. 2018, Rosswog et al. 2017)

# Origin of the Heavy Elements



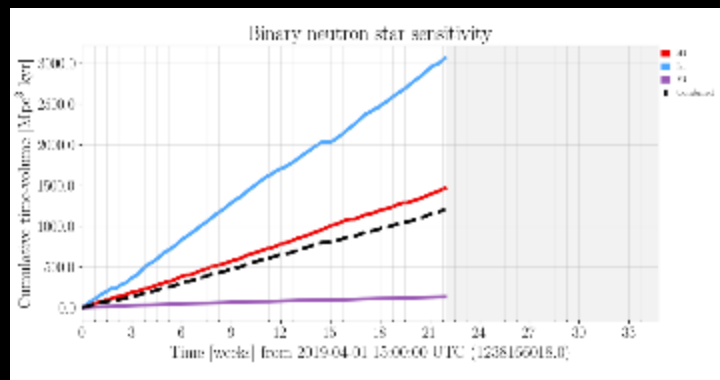
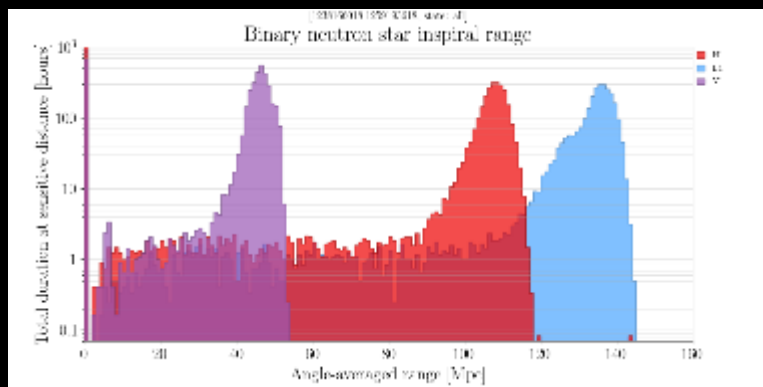
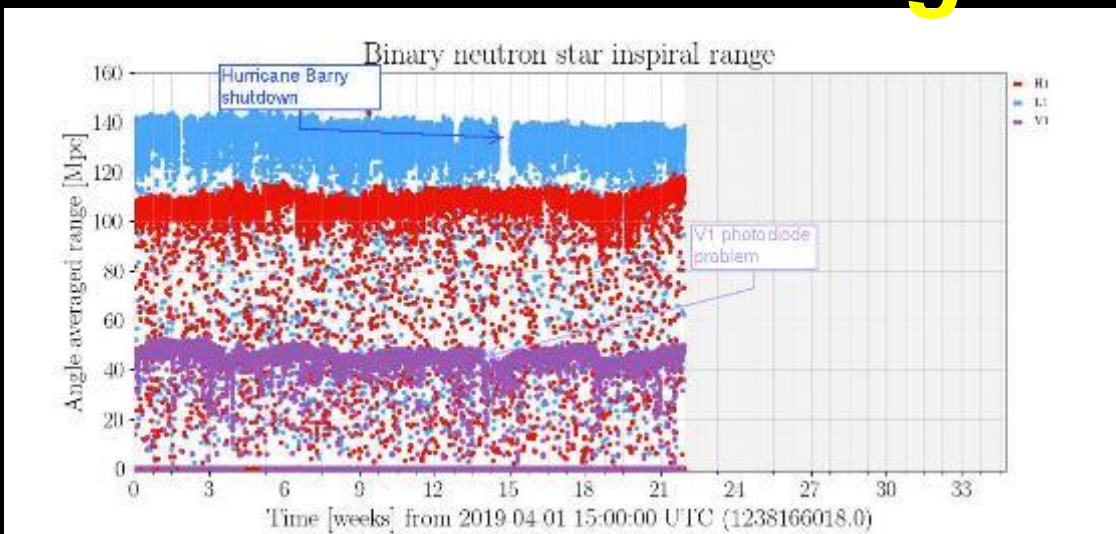
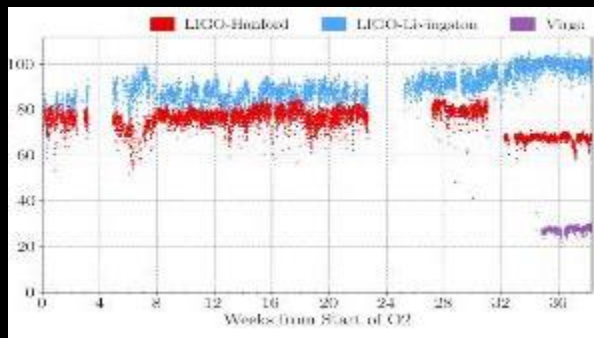


# NS Mergers are Incredible Gold Factories

LIGO observed Neutron Star  
Merger produced  
~ 100 Earth Masses of Gold

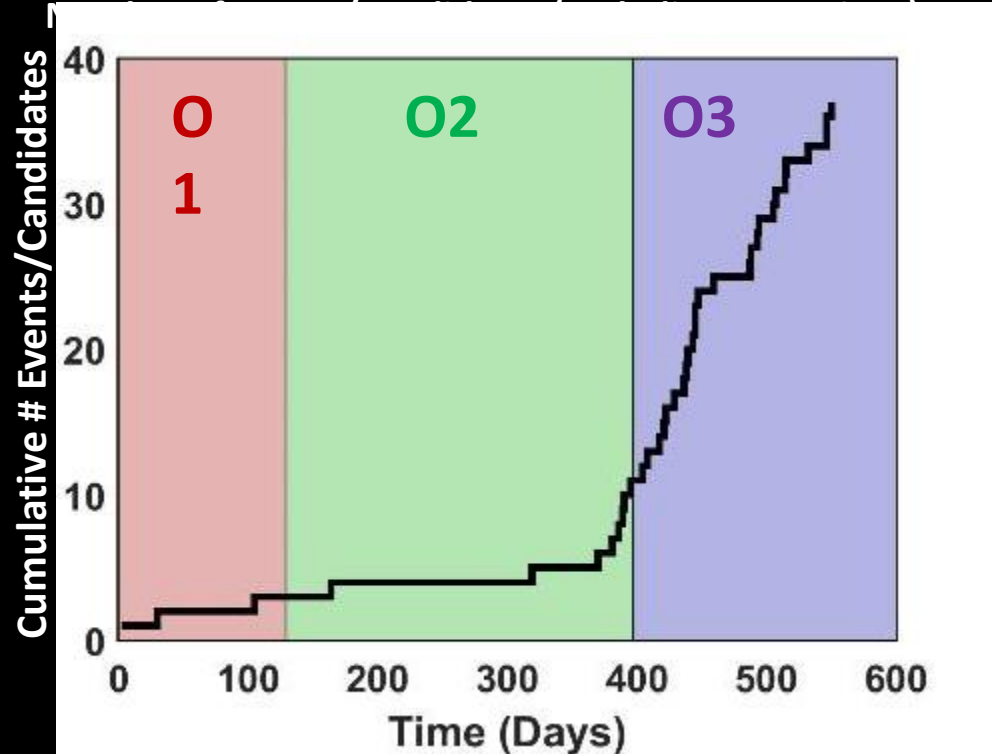


# Detector Performance: BNS range



# O3 Detection Candidates to September

- 5 months of observing
- 33 LVC public alerts
  - Of those, 7 retracted
- 1 FermiGBM-LVC public alert for subthreshold candidate

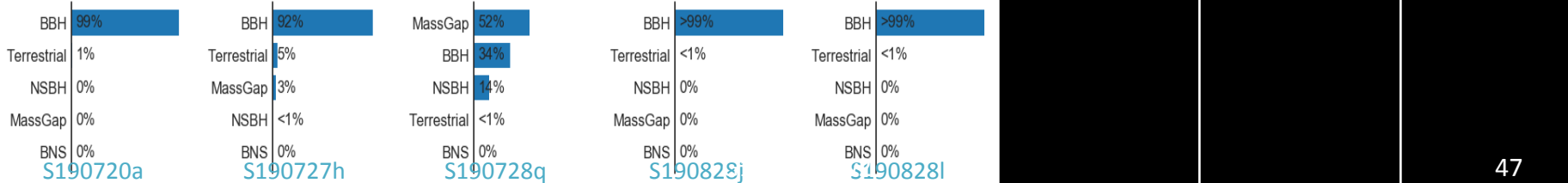
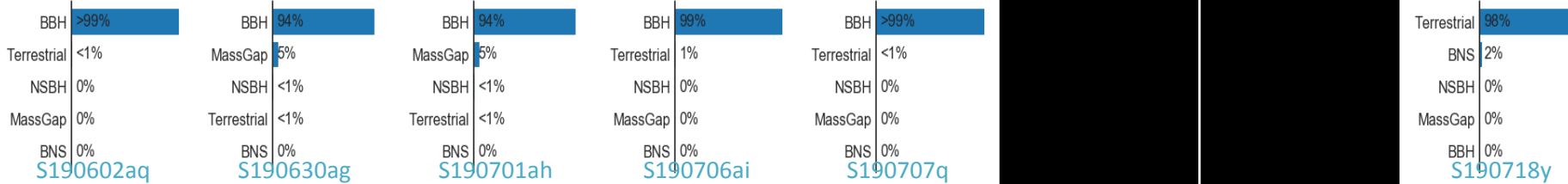
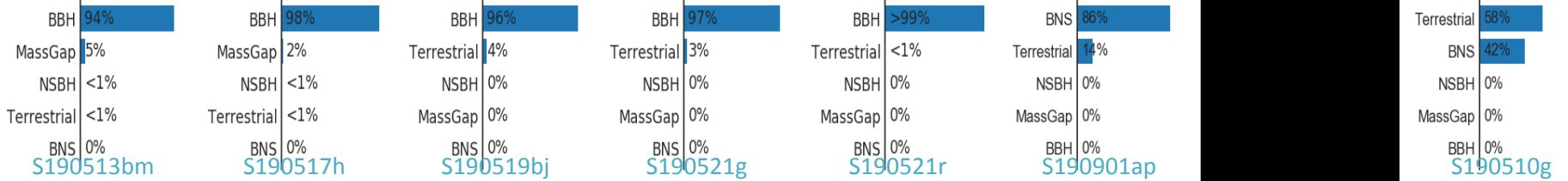
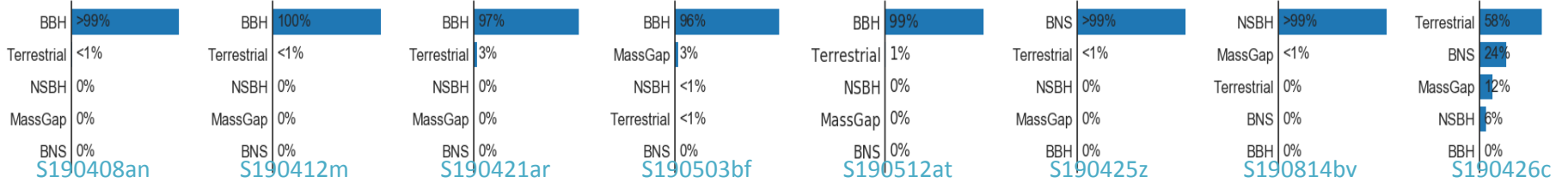


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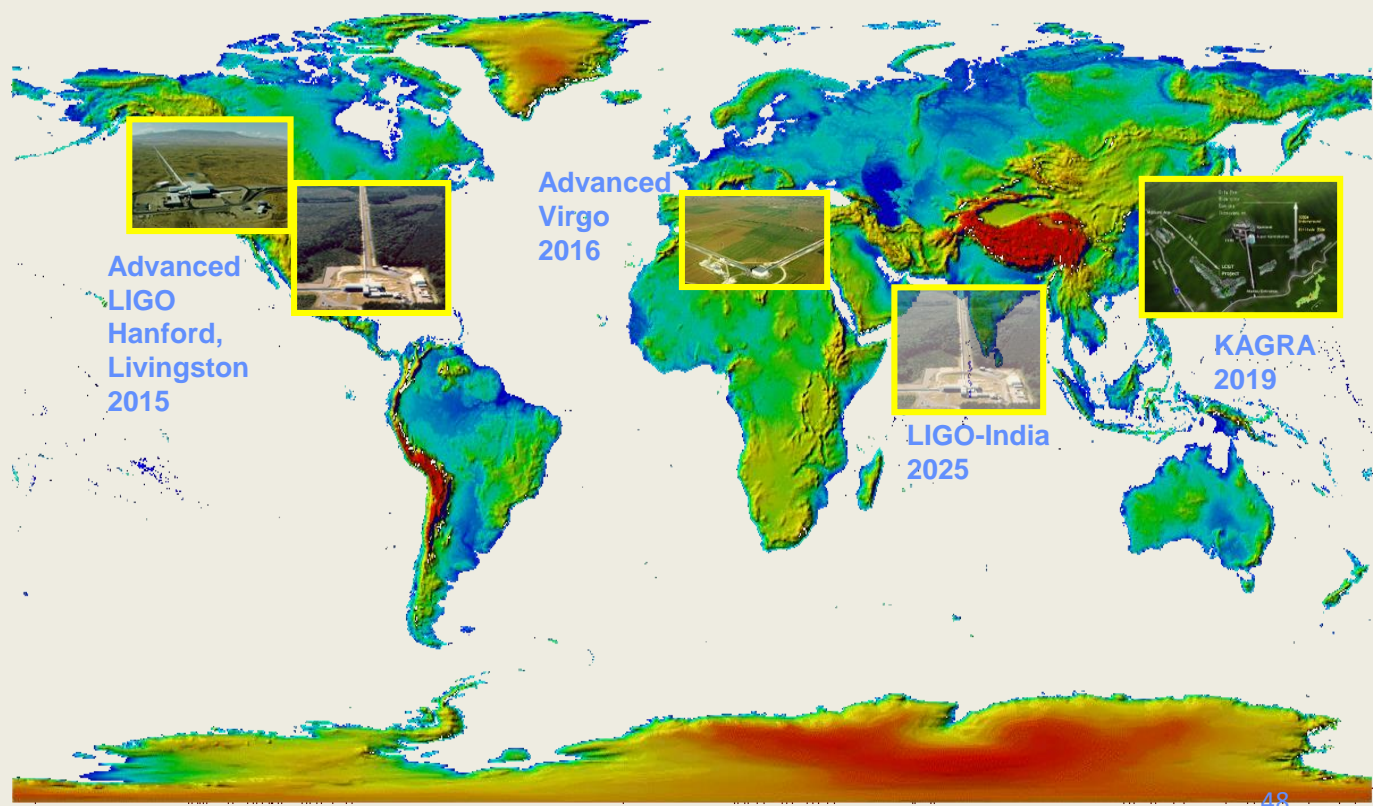
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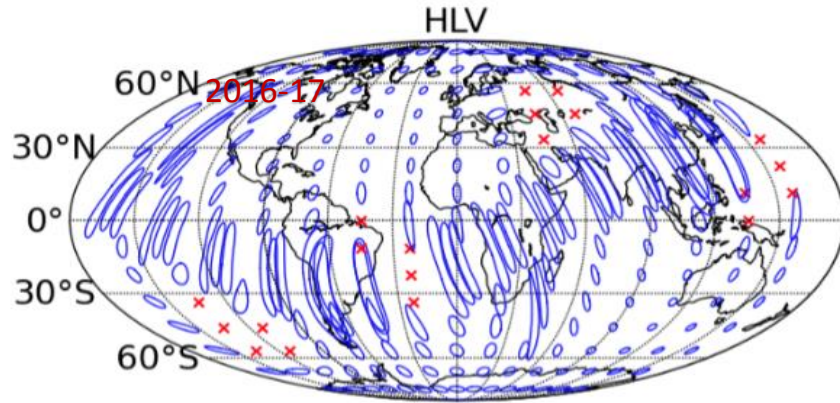


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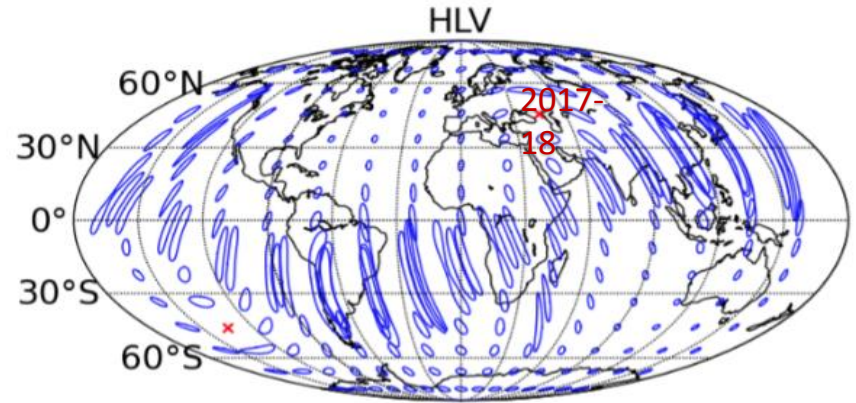


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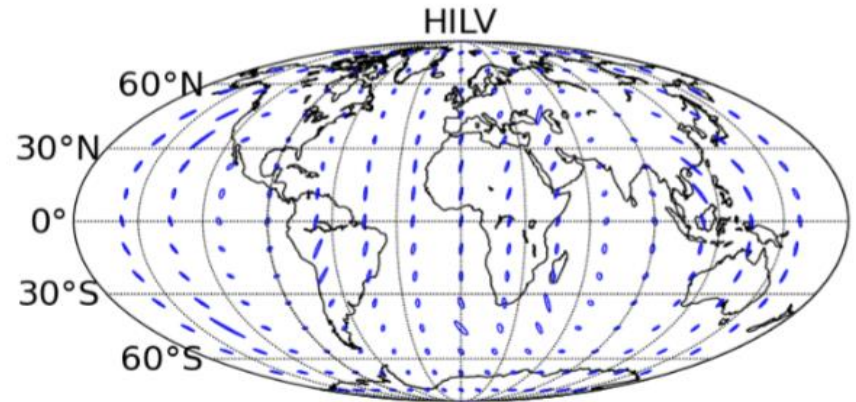
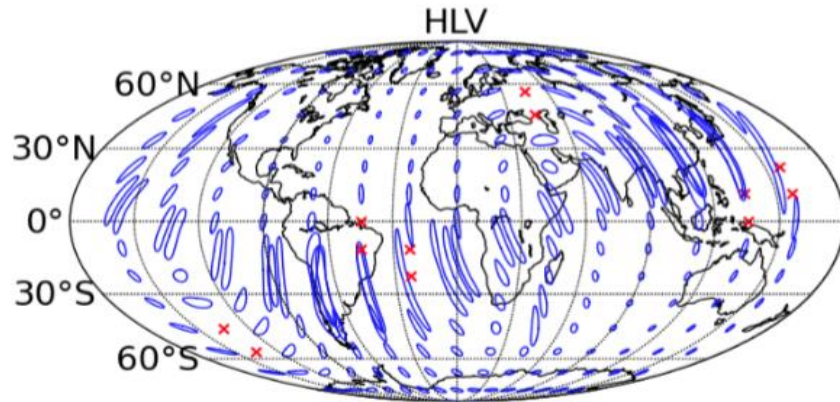


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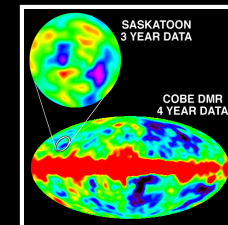
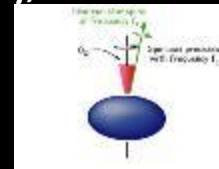
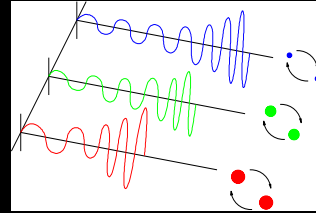




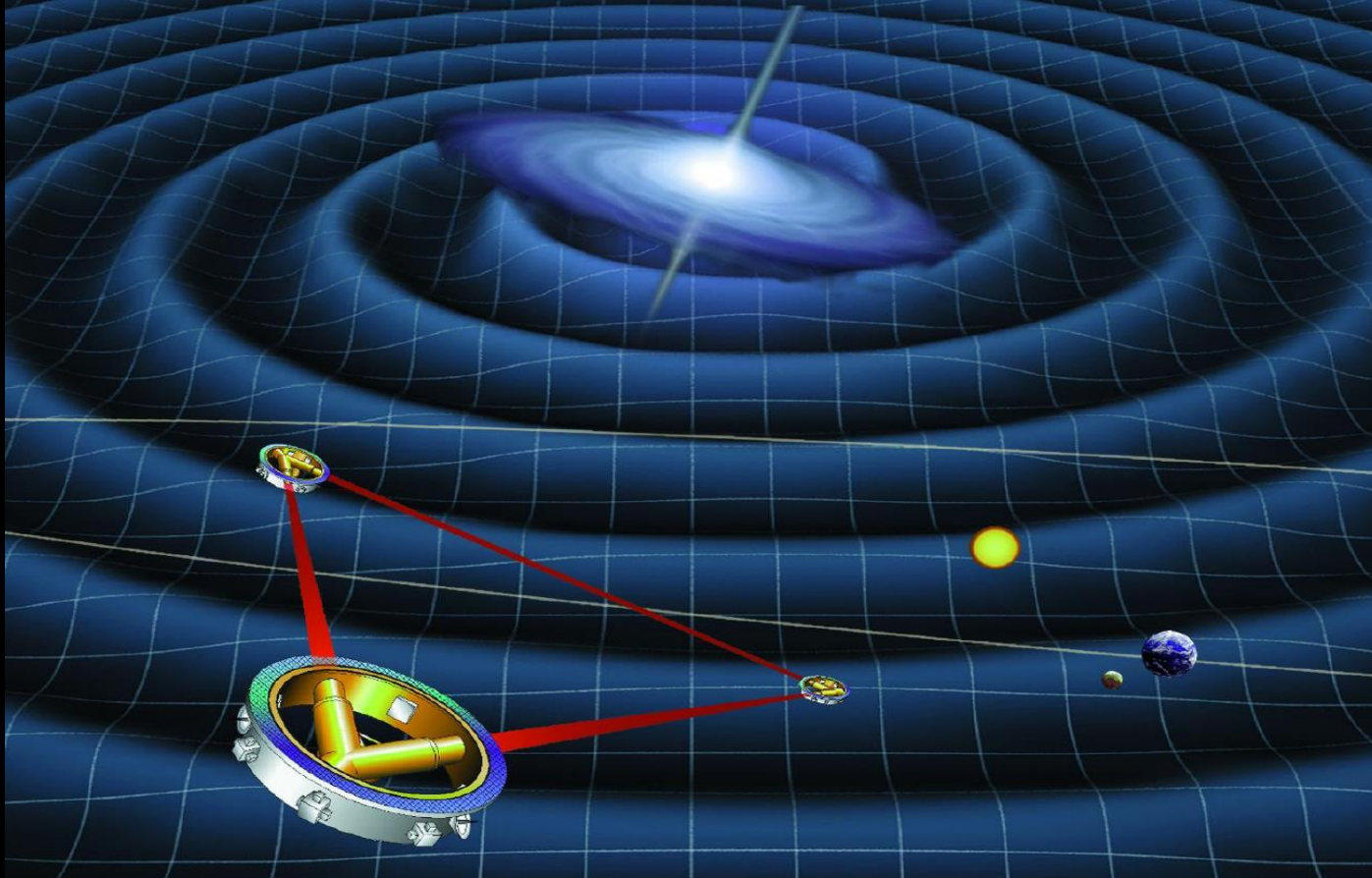
# Astrophysical Sources

## signatures

- Compact binary **inspiral**: **“chirps”**
  - NS-NS waveforms are well described
  - BH-BH need better waveforms
  - search technique: matched templates
- Supernovae / GRBs: **“bursts”**
  - burst signals in coincidence with signals in electromagnetic radiation
  - prompt alarm (~ one hour) with neutrino detectors
- Pulsars in our galaxy: **“periodic”**
  - search for observed neutron stars (frequency, doppler shift)
  - all sky search (computing challenge)
  - r-modes
- Cosmological Signal **“stochastic background”**



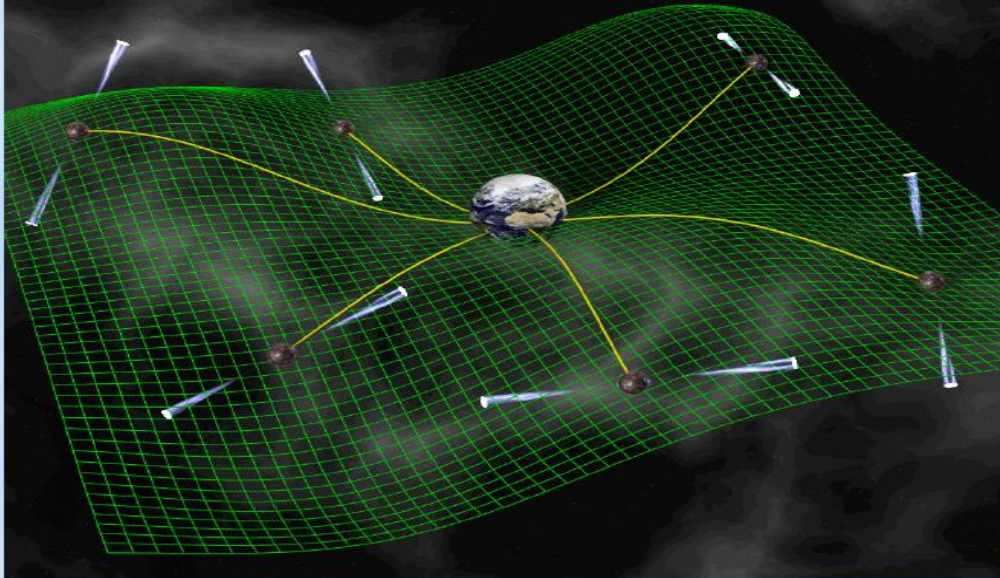
# *LISA: Laser Interferometer Space Array*



Three  
Interferometers

$2.5 \cdot 10^6$  km arms

# Pulsar Timing Arrays

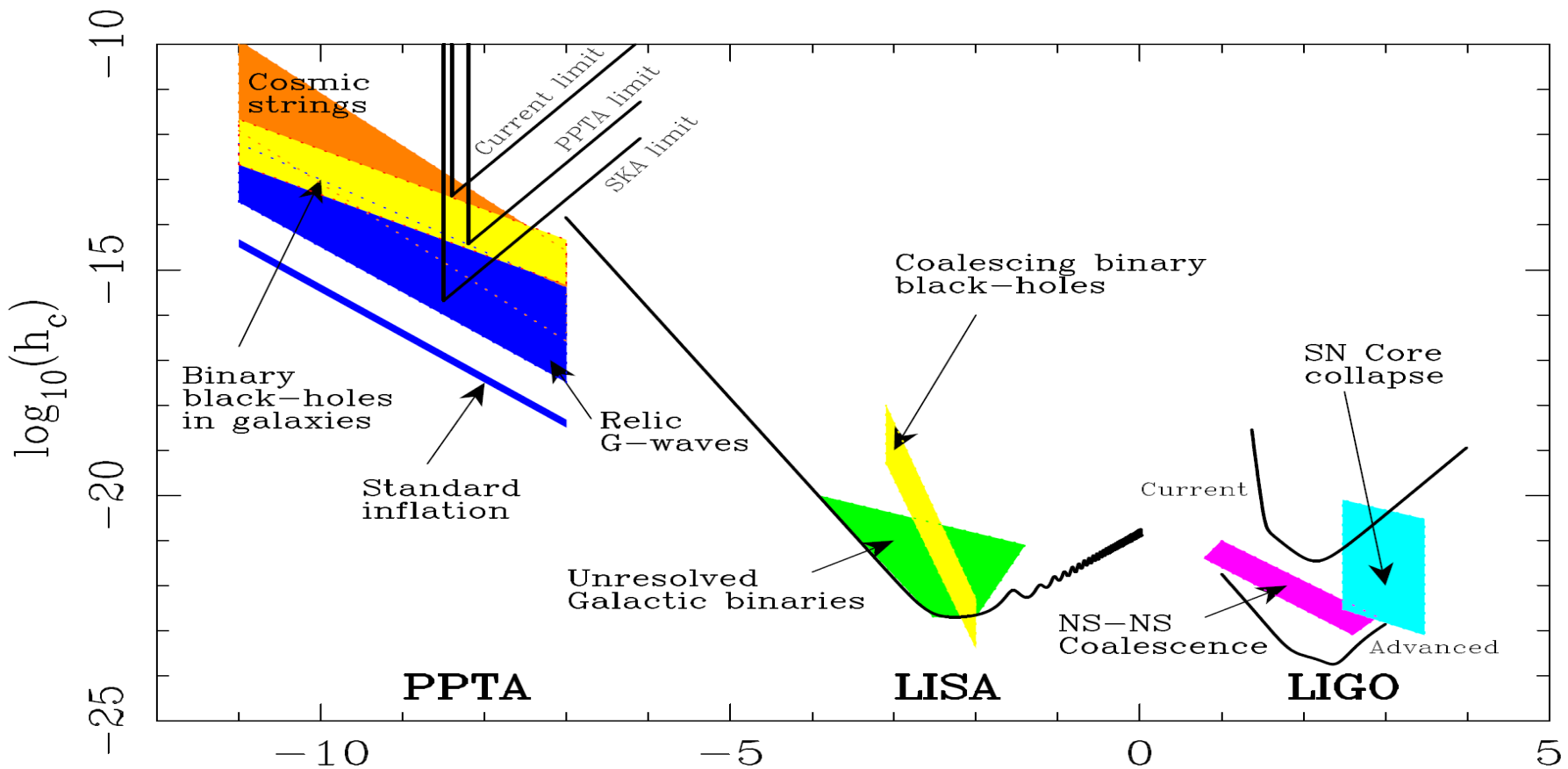


Distant pulsars send regular radio pulses – highly accurate clocks.  
A passing gravitational wave would change the arrival time of the pulse.

Numerous collaborations around the world. Interesting upper limits and likely <sup>66</sup> detections in the near future.

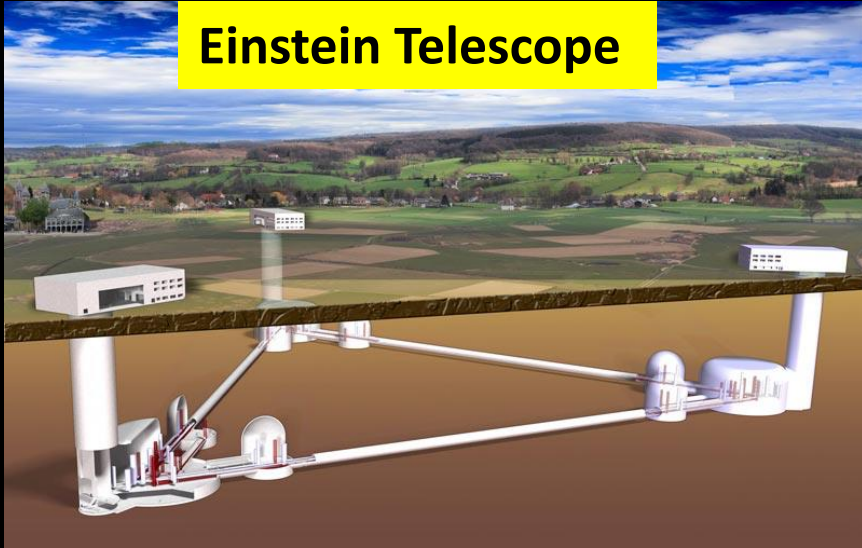
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# Gravitational Wave Frequency Coverage



# Proposed 3rd Generation Concepts (3G)

## Einstein Telescope



- Deep Underground;
- 10 km arms
- Triangle (polarization)
- Cryogenic
- Low frequency configuration
- high frequency configuration

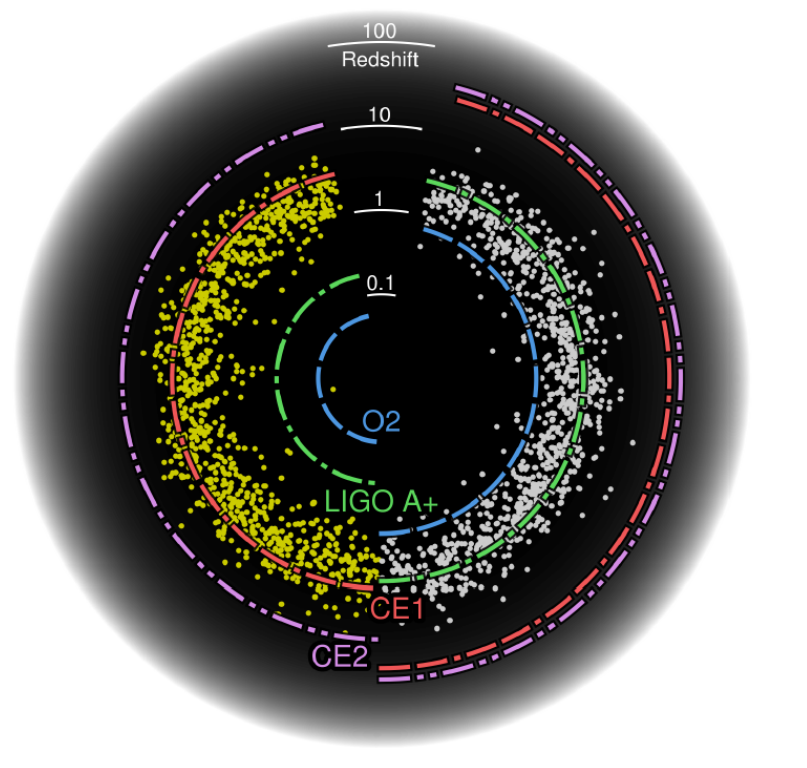
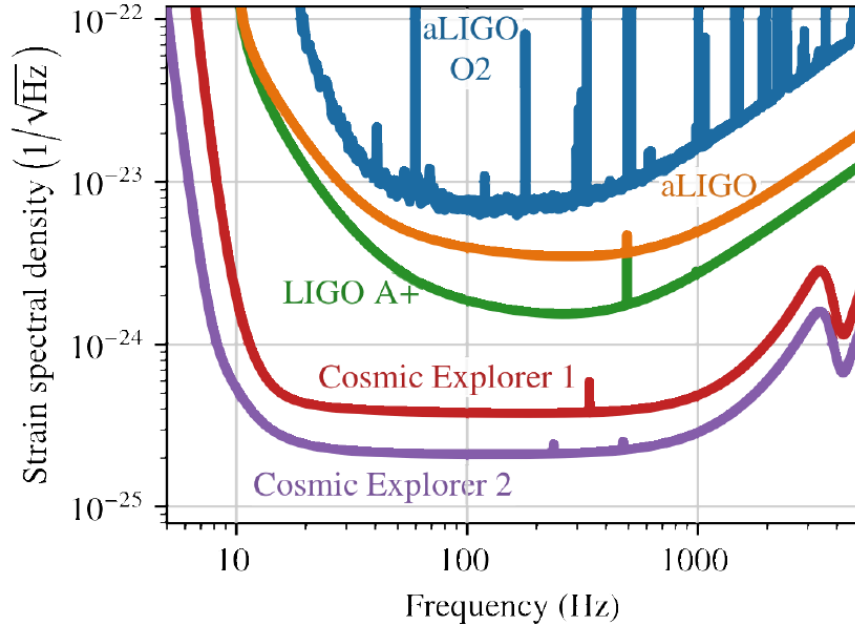
## Cosmic Explorer



- Earth's surface
- 40 km arms
- L - shaped
- Cryogenic
- Multiple Sites for pointing

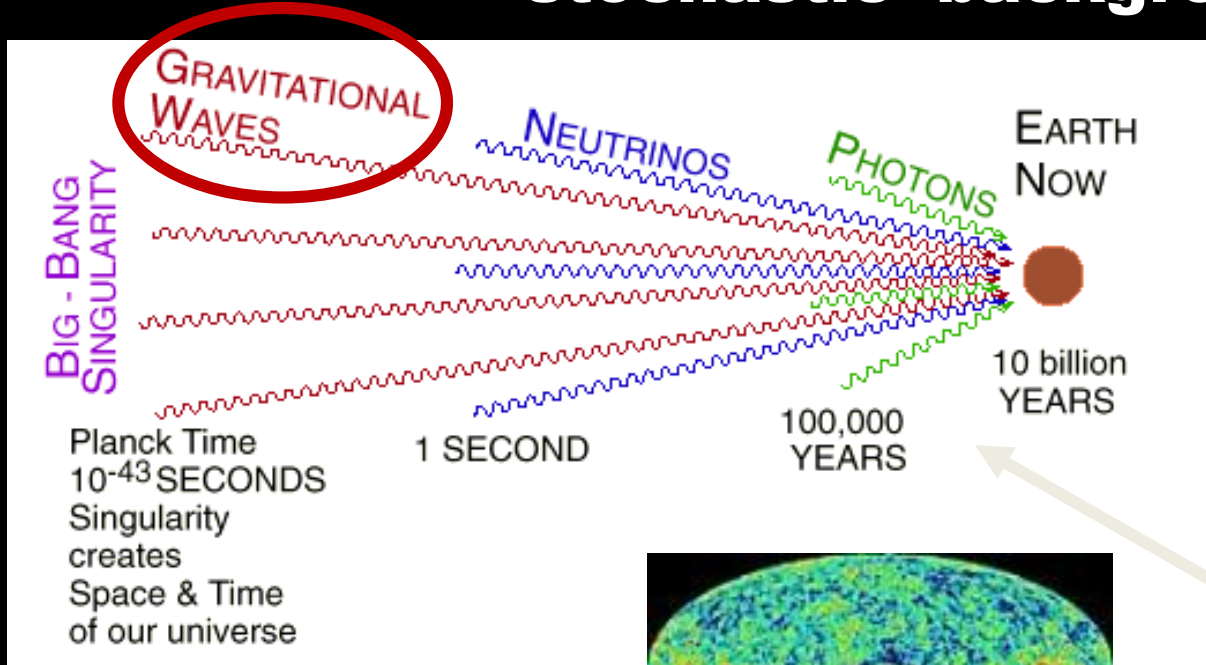


# Exploring Binary Systems with Increased Sensitivity

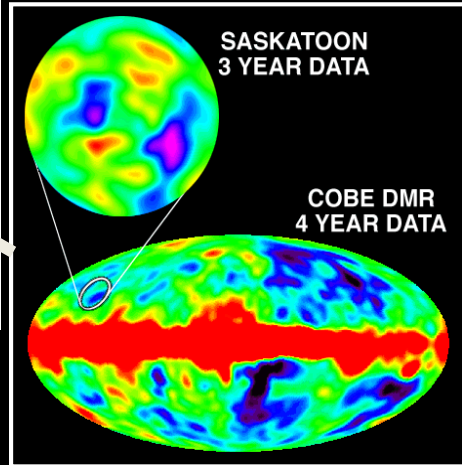
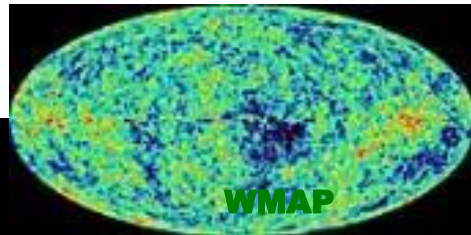


# Signals from the Early Universe

## stochastic background



## Cosmic Microwave background



# **“Probing the Universe with Gravitational Waves”**

*The Birth of Multimessenger Astronomy*

