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# New perspectives onto the Universe in the era of multi-messenger astronomy

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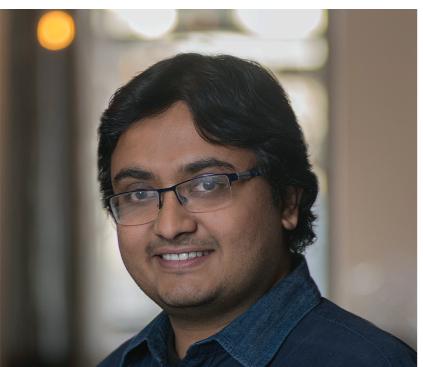
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# A new revolution in the past four years: gravitational waves (GW), black holes and neutron stars

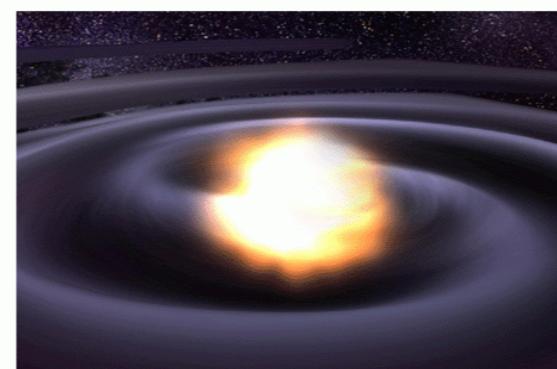
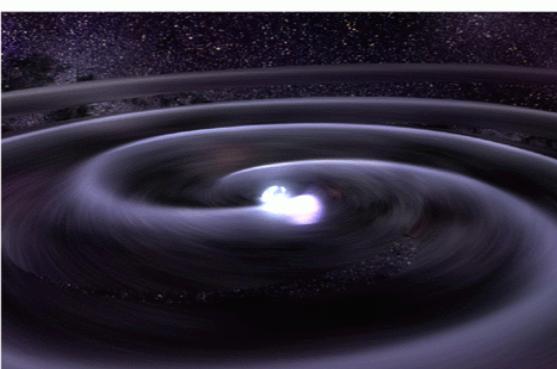
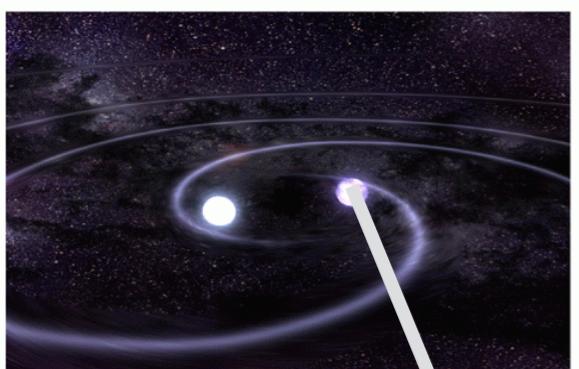
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2015-2017:  
Ten+  
Black Hole-Black Hole  
Mergers

[ $\sim 7.5 - 50 M_{\odot}$ ]

Black Holes (BHs)



2017:  
One Neutron Star -  
Neutron Star Merger  
“GW170817”

[ $\sim 1.1 - 1.6 M_{\odot}$ ]

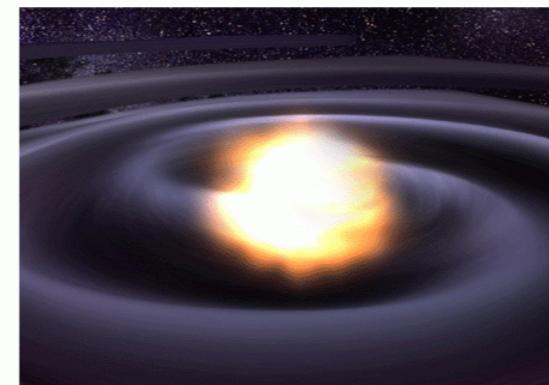
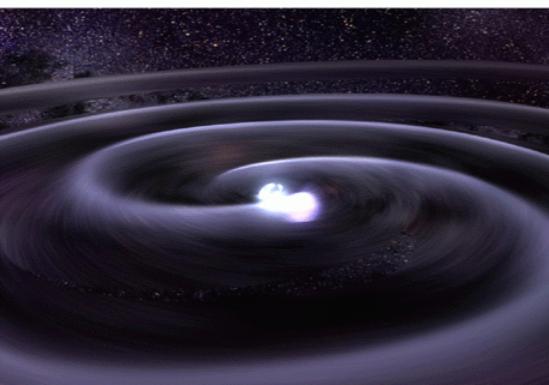
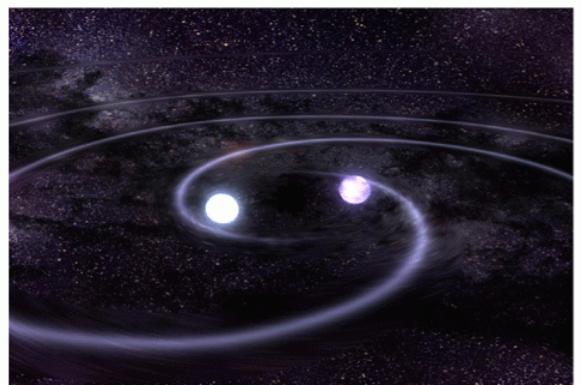
Neutron Stars (NSs)

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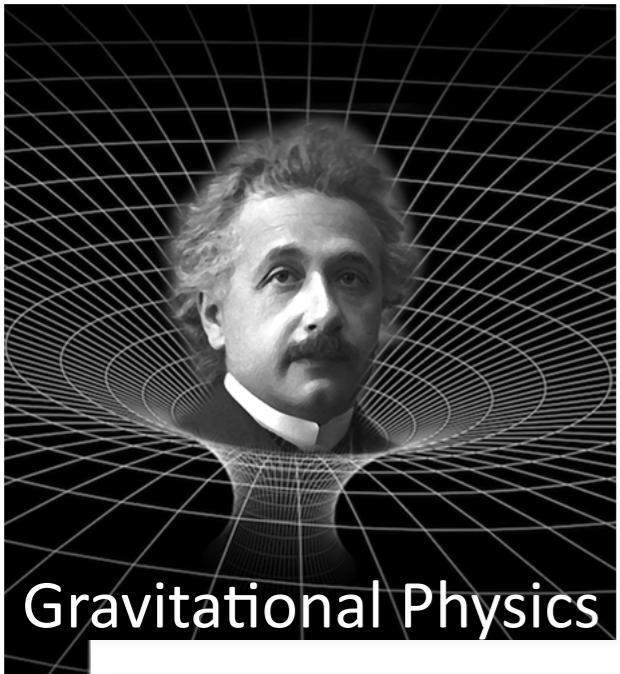
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[LVC arXiv:1811.12907; see also Venumadhav, Zackay, Dai, ...2019]



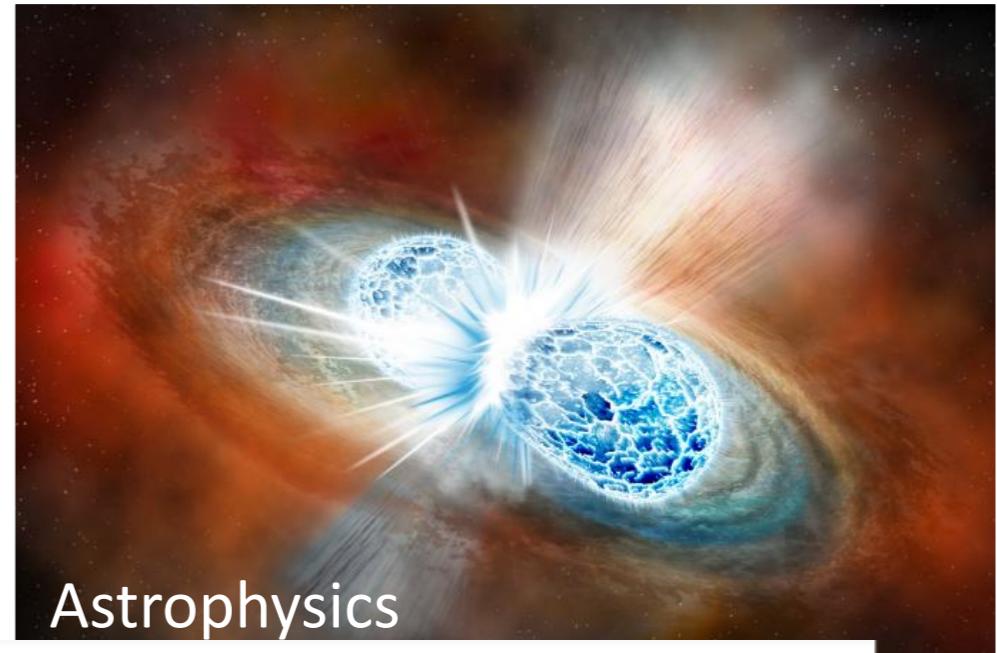
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Third science run began 1st April 2019: 21 binary black hole and  
6 neutron star binary merger candidates



Gravitational Physics

# Multiple Discoveries of GW170817 [the gift that keeps on giving]



Astrophysics

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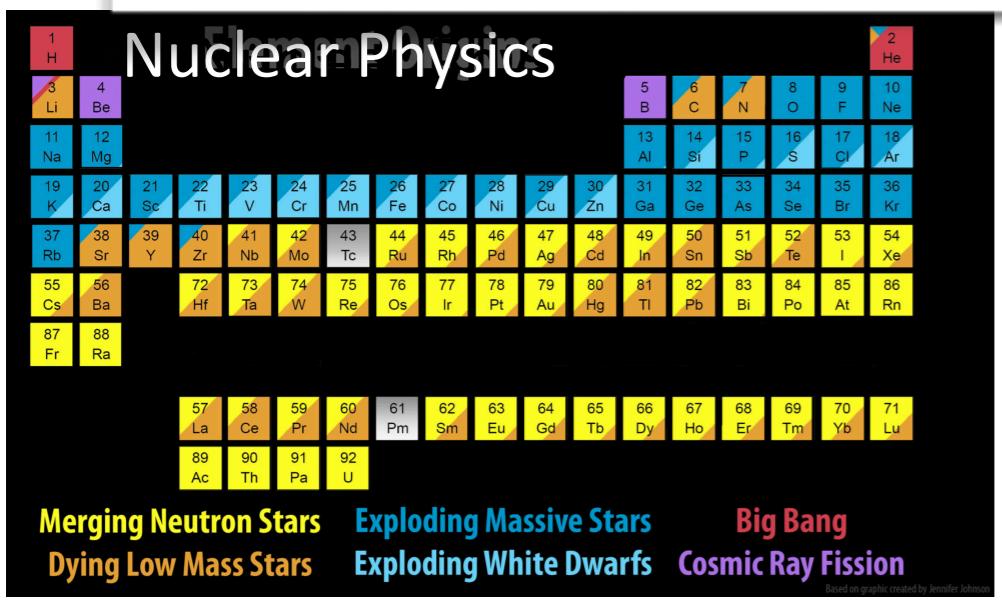
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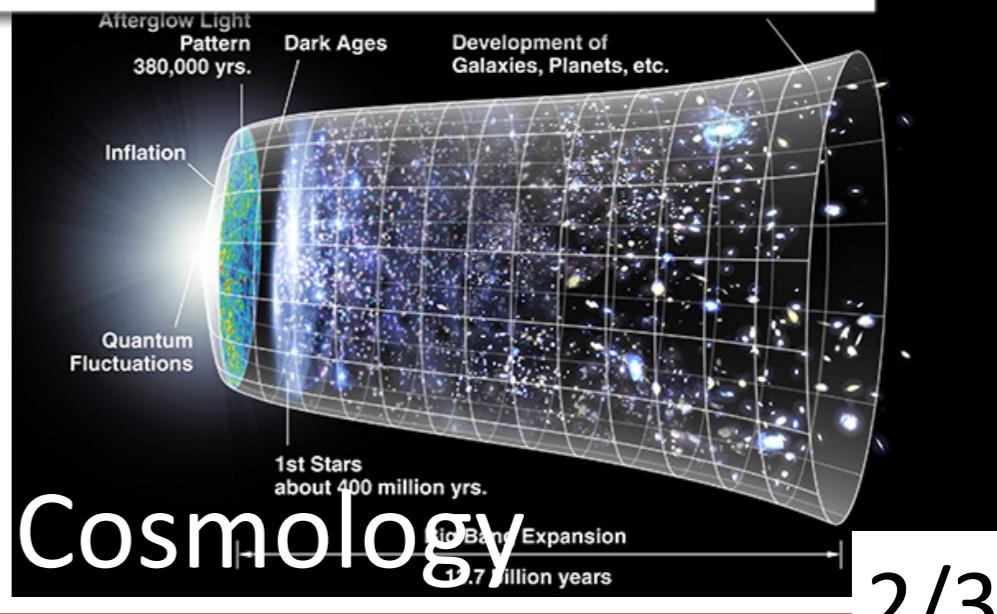
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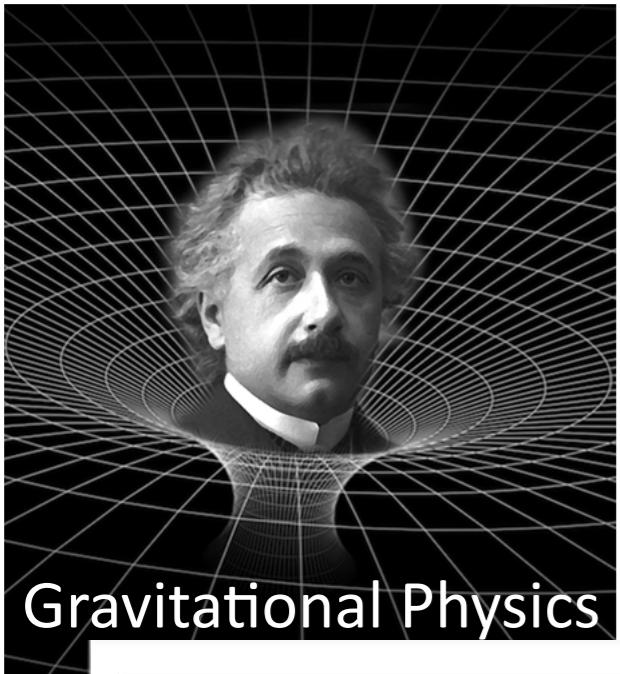
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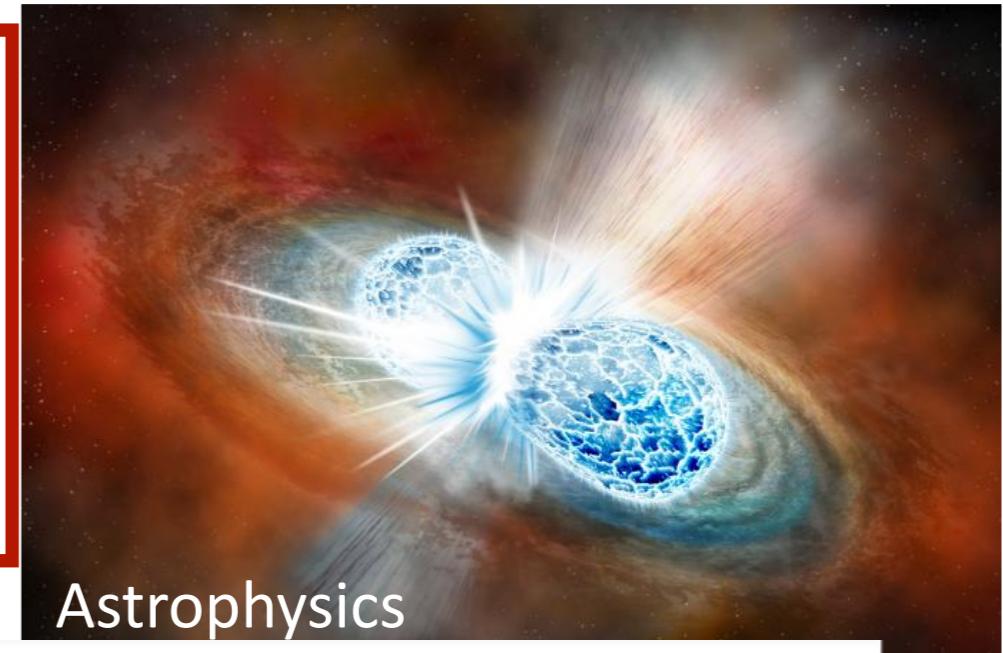
[see talks by  
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# From a discovery era to one of precision (astro)physics

Gravitational Physics



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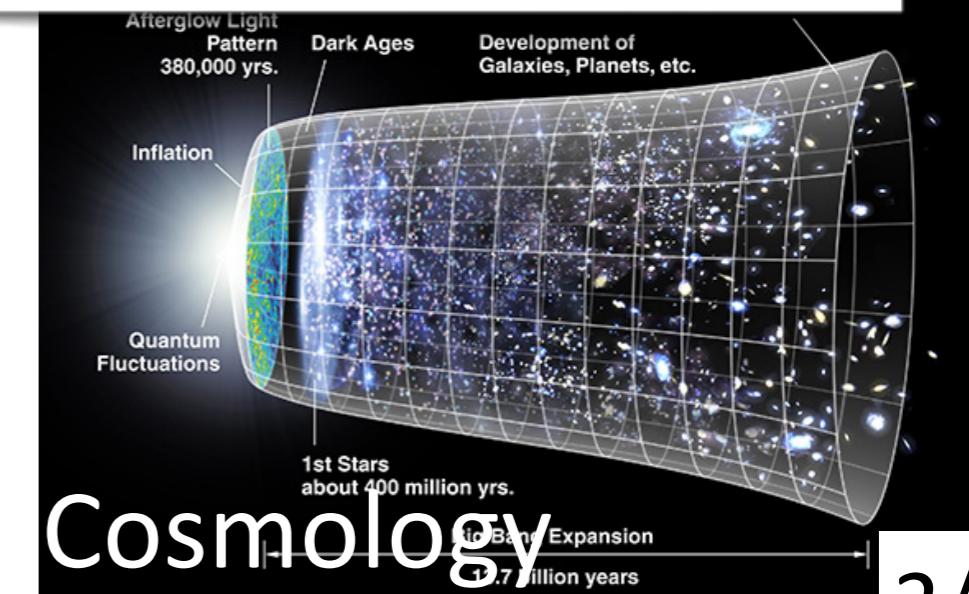
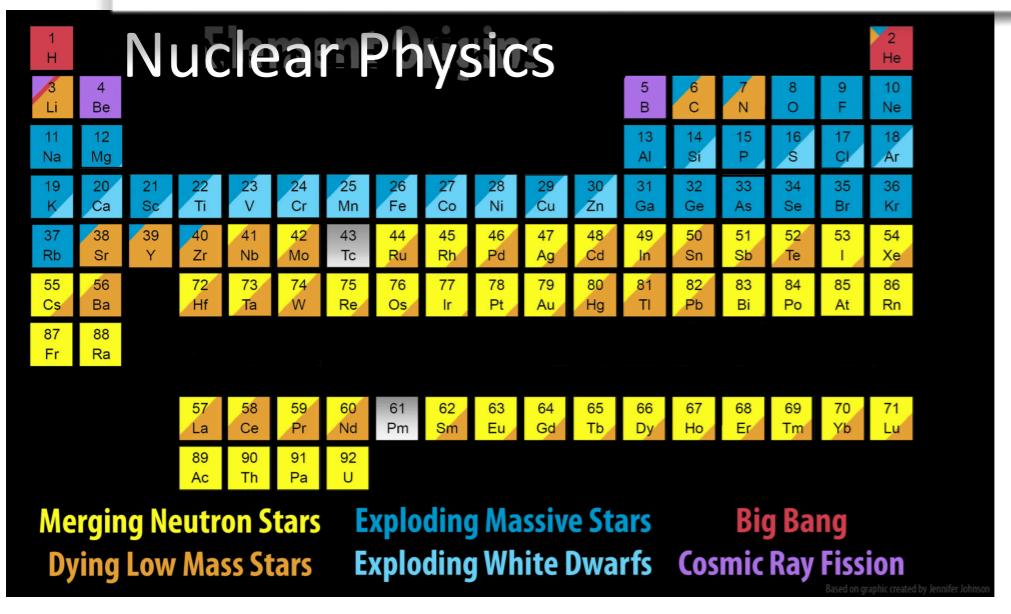
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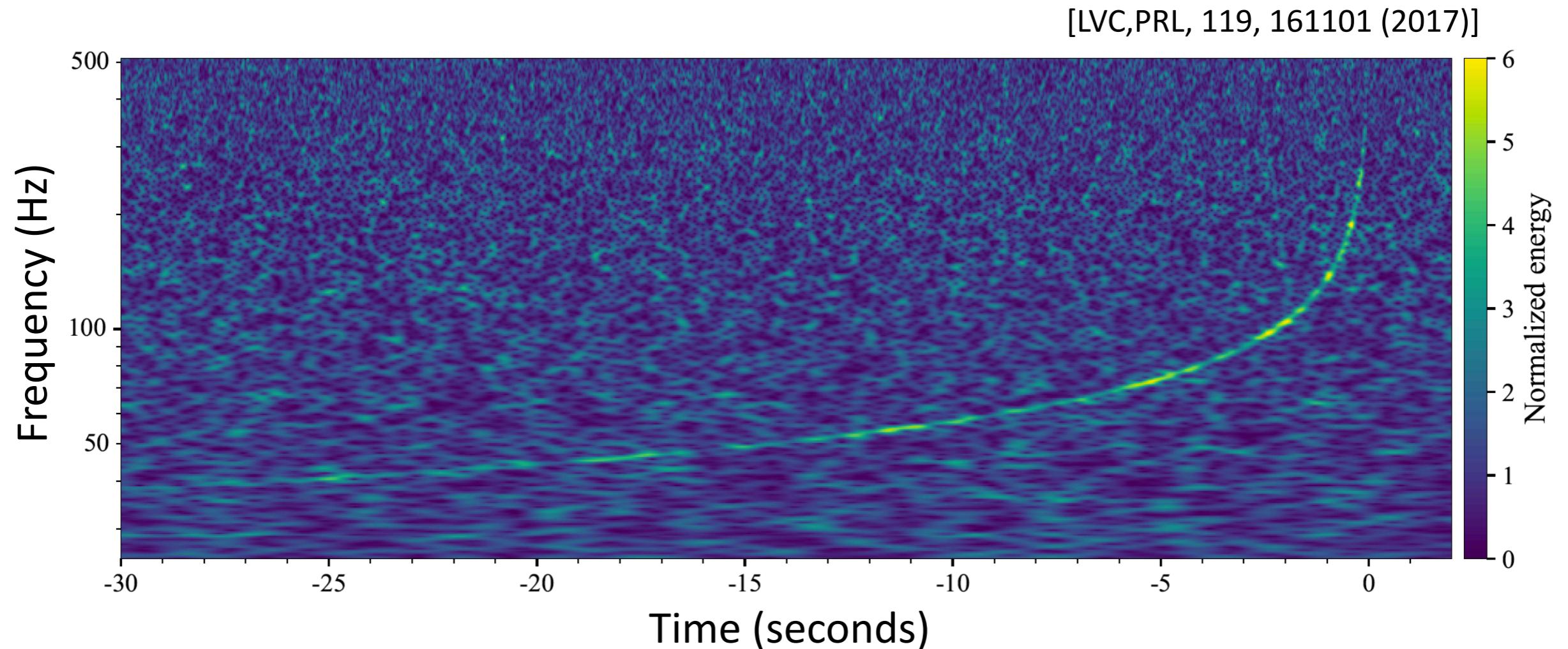
**Part I:**

**The Physics of**

**GW measurements**

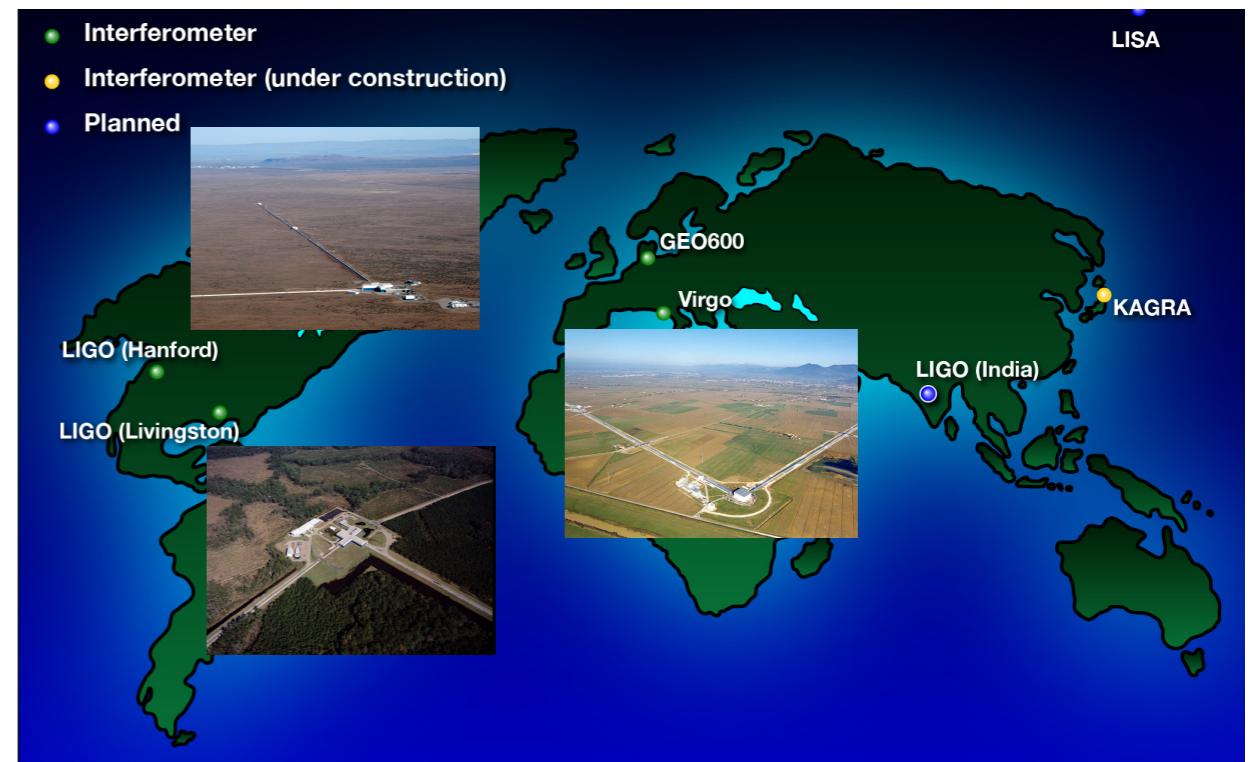
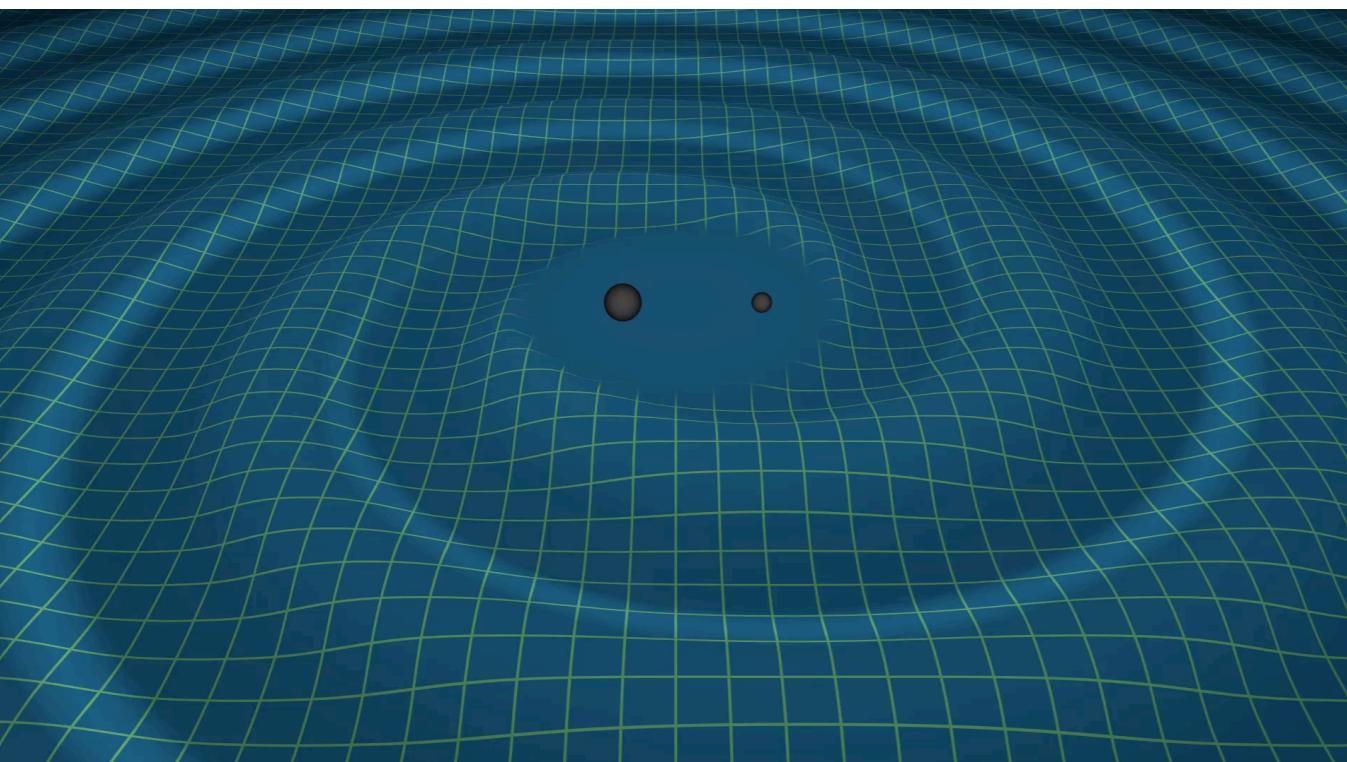
# First Measurement of GWs from a Binary Neutron Star Merger

August 17th 2017 at 12:41:04 UTC (14:41, one hour after lunch!)



Loudest (SNR  $\sim 32.2$ ) and longest ( $\sim 100$  s) signal so far:  
False alarm rate  $< 1$  in 80 000 years

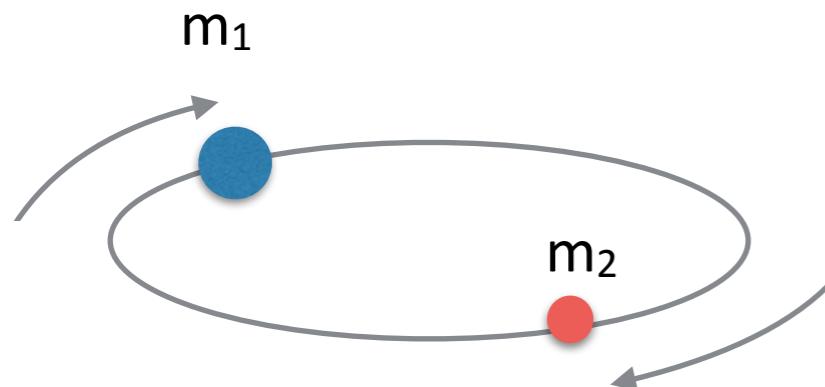
# GWs are perturbations in spacetime curvature measurable by a network of detectors



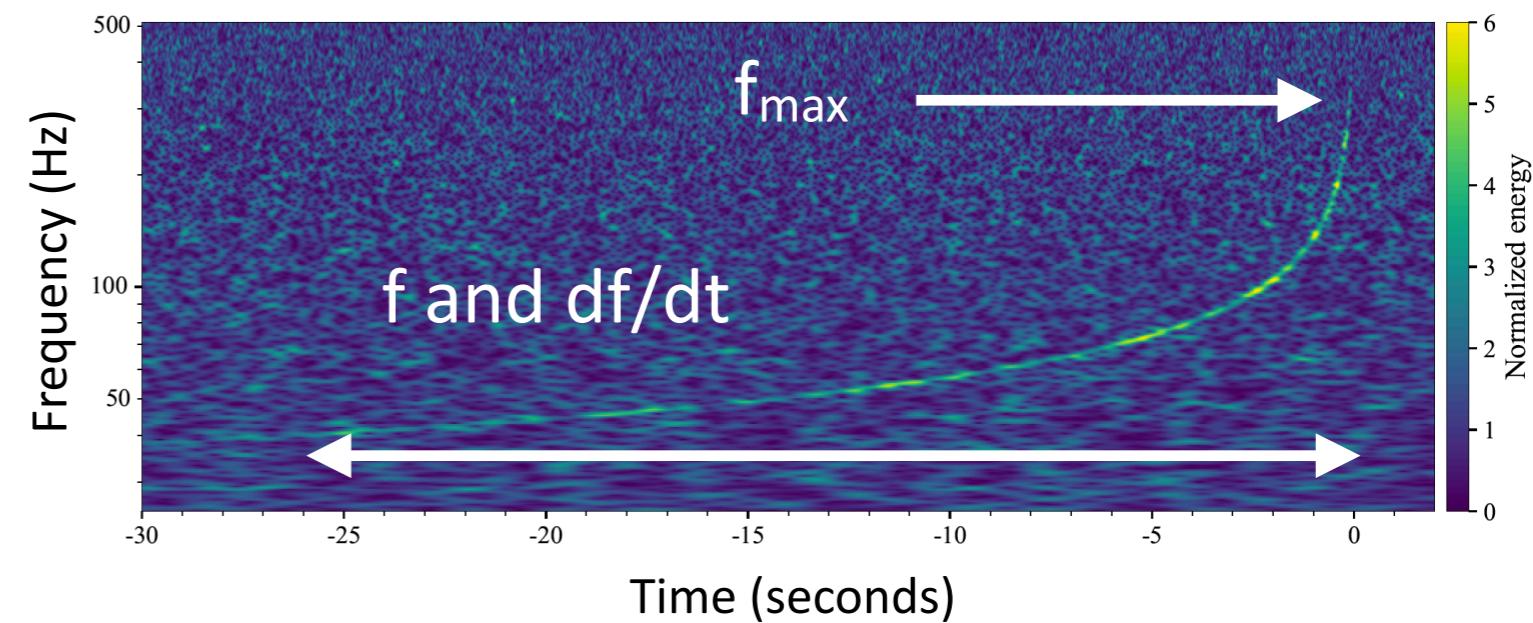
Measurable GW strain  $h(t) \sim 1/\text{distance}$   
two polarizations  $h_+$  and  $h_x$

24 - 2048 Hz

# Simplest “Newtonian” model explains frequency chirp



$$\left( \frac{dE}{dt} \right)_{\text{rad}} + \left( \frac{dE}{dt} \right)_{\text{orb}} = 0$$



[LVC, PRL 119, 161101 (2017)]

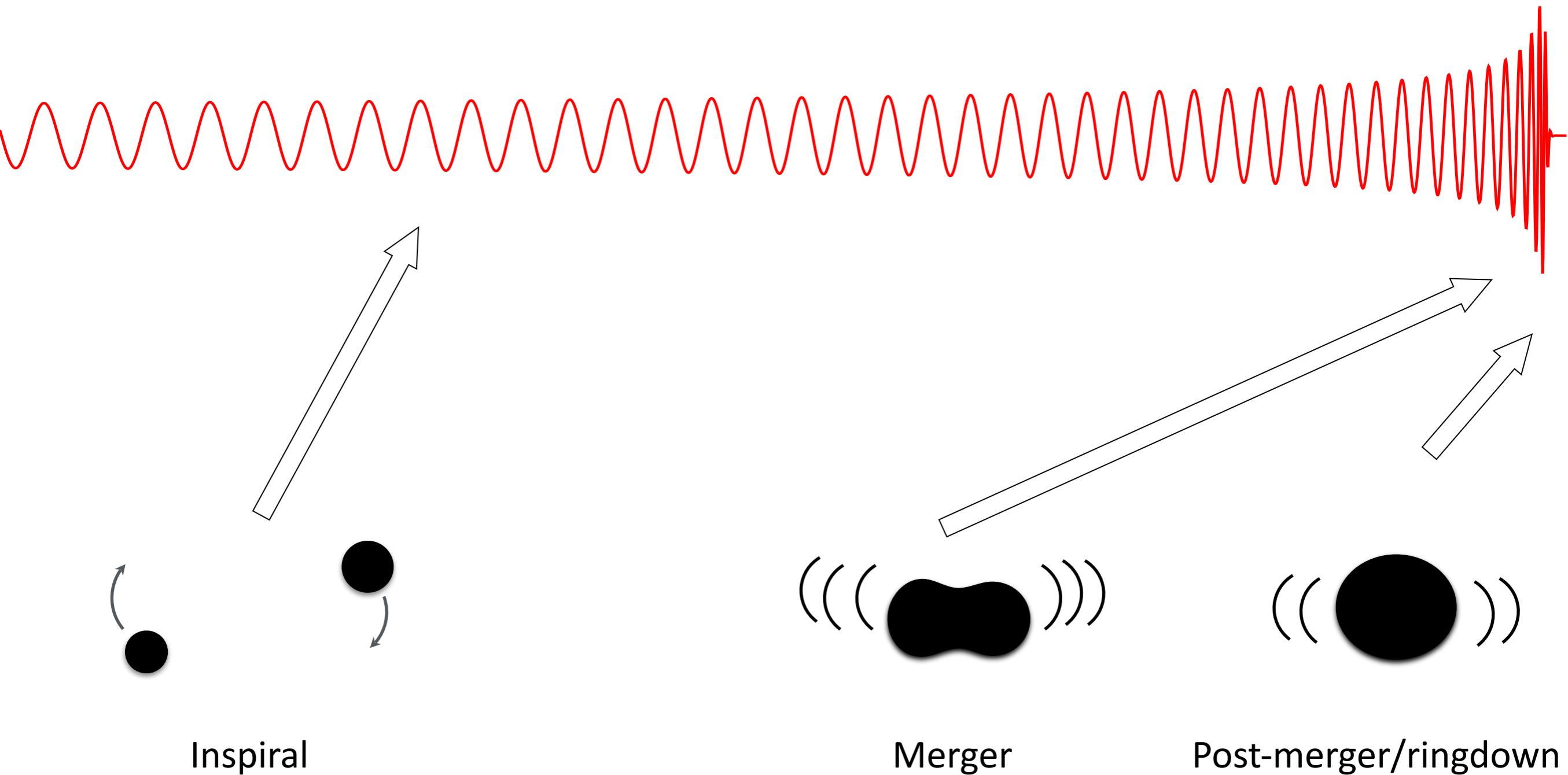
⇒ Frequency chirp:

$$\frac{df}{dt} = \frac{96 \pi}{5} \left( \frac{\pi G \mathcal{M}}{c^3} \right)^{5/3} f^{11/3}$$

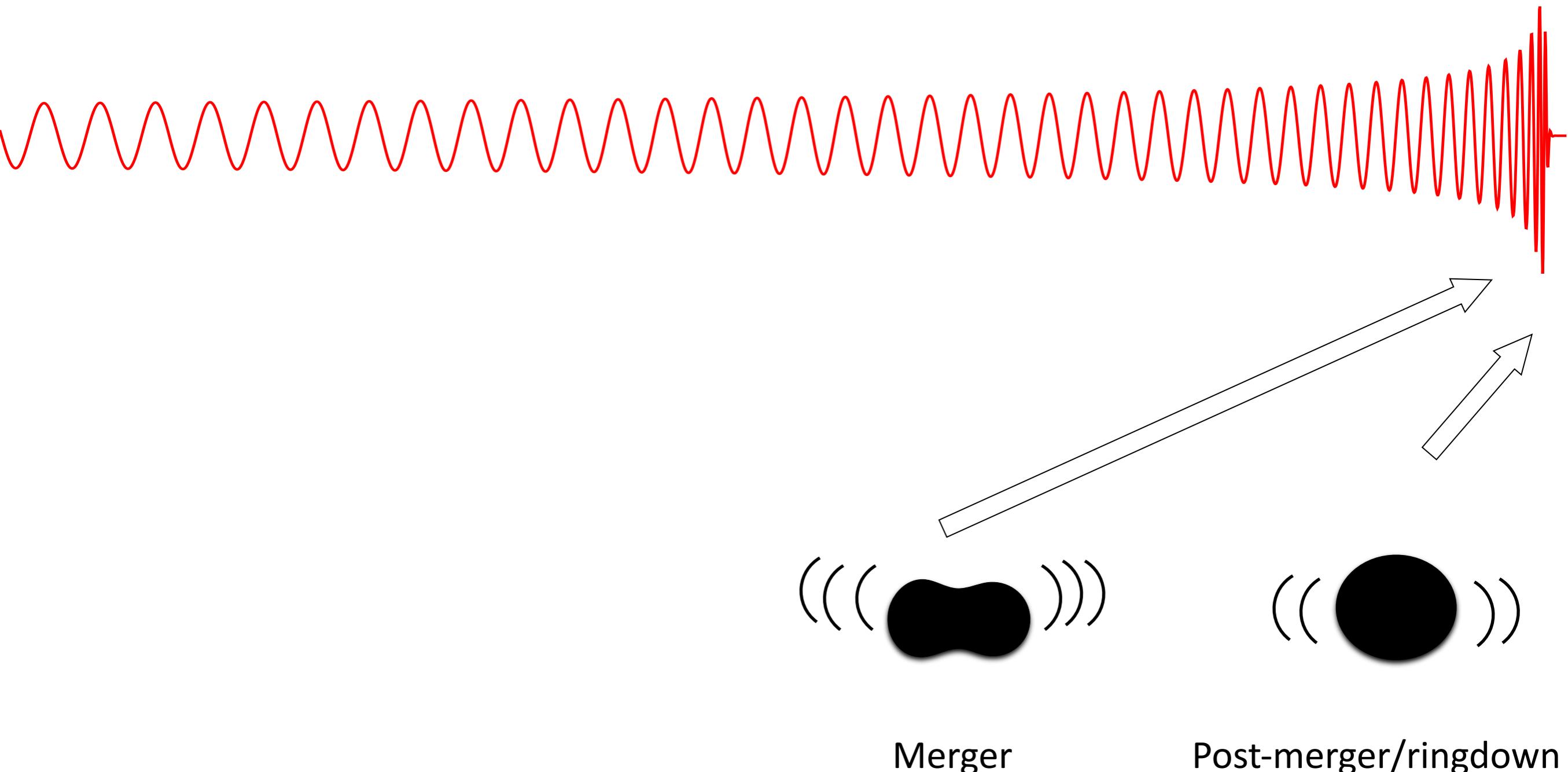
Chirp mass:

$$\mathcal{M} = \frac{(m_1 m_2)^{3/5}}{(m_1 + m_2)^{1/5}}$$

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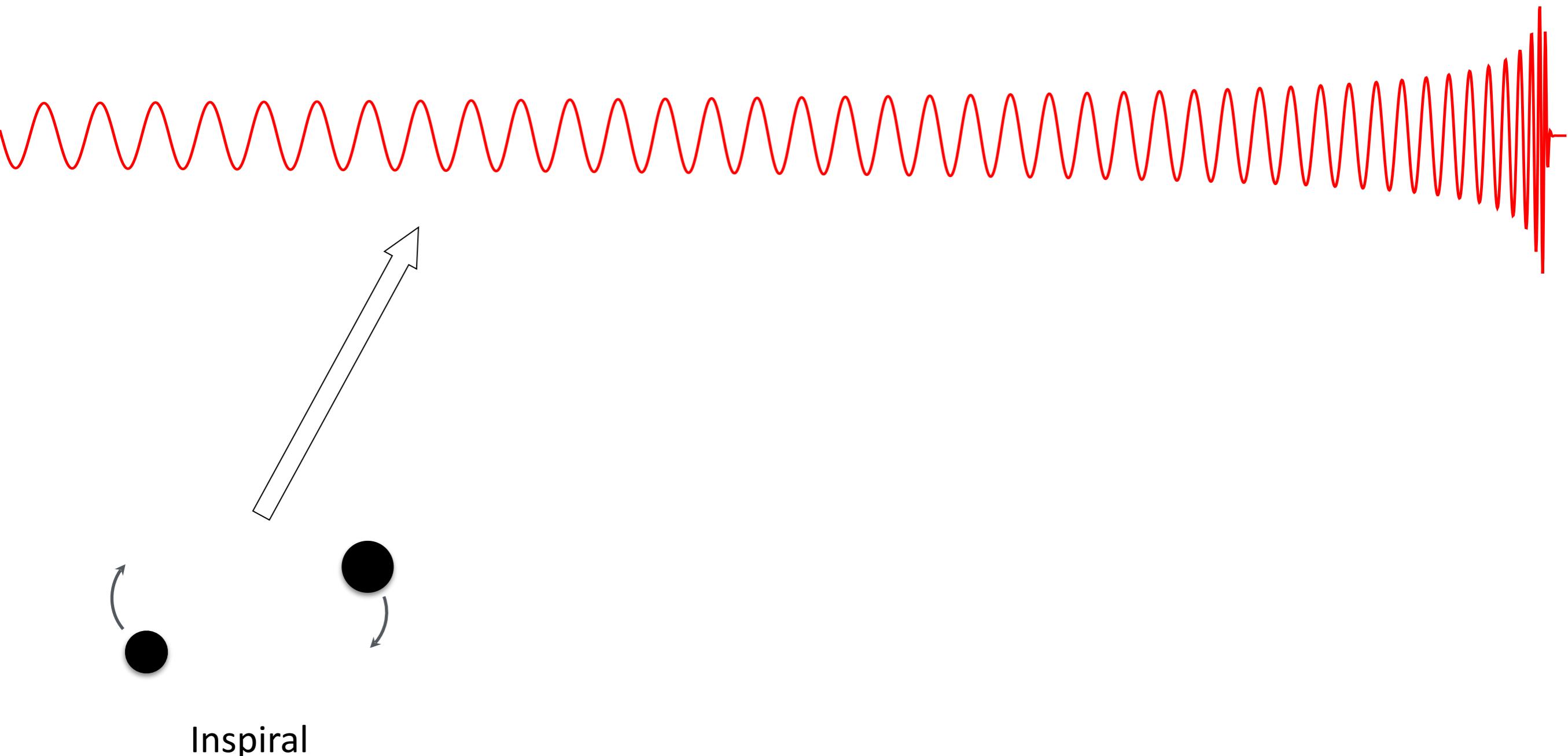


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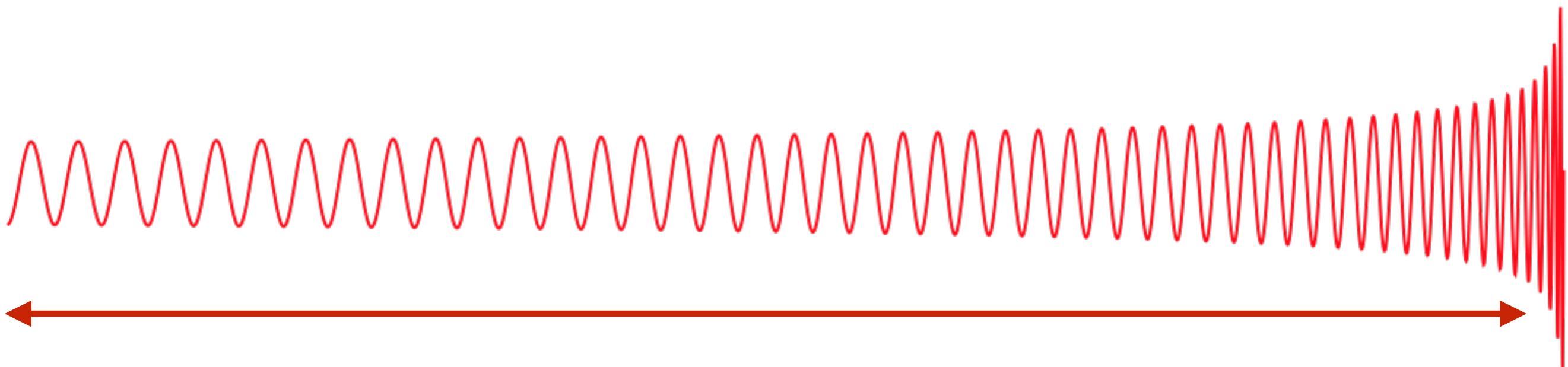
~ 10 cycles of merger for ~  $10 M_{\odot}$  BHs: seconds

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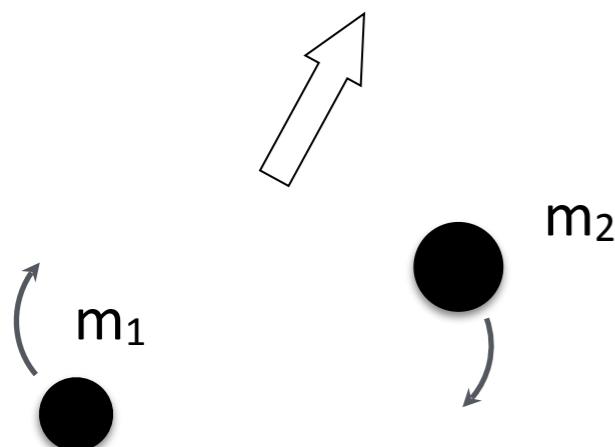


~ $10^3$  cycles of the inspiral for few  $M_\odot$  with LIGO/Virgo: minutes

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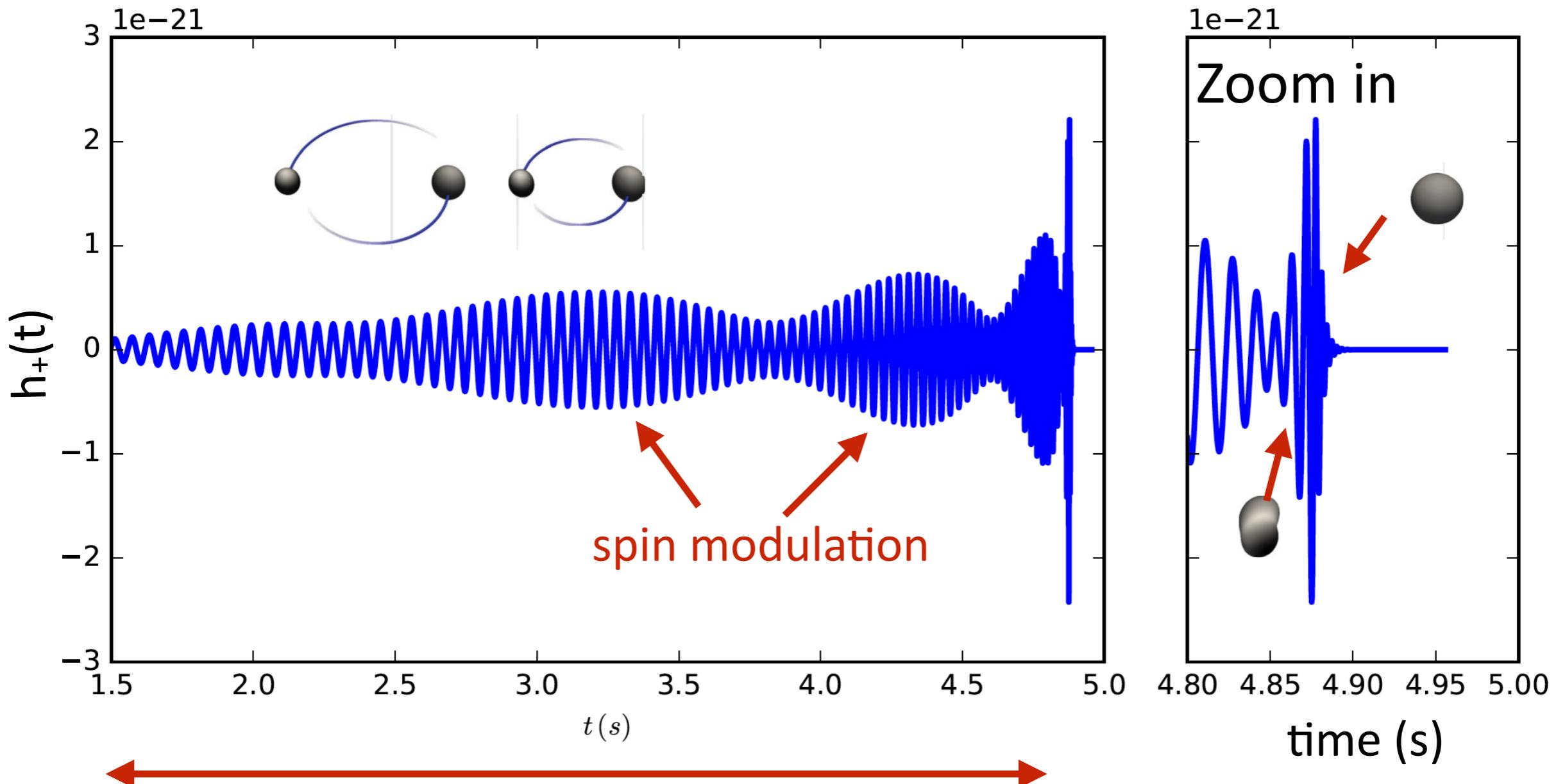
post-Newtonian (PN) Inspiral — driven by the chirp mass



$$1\text{PN} \sim \frac{v^2}{c^2} \sim \frac{Gm}{rc^2} \ll 1$$

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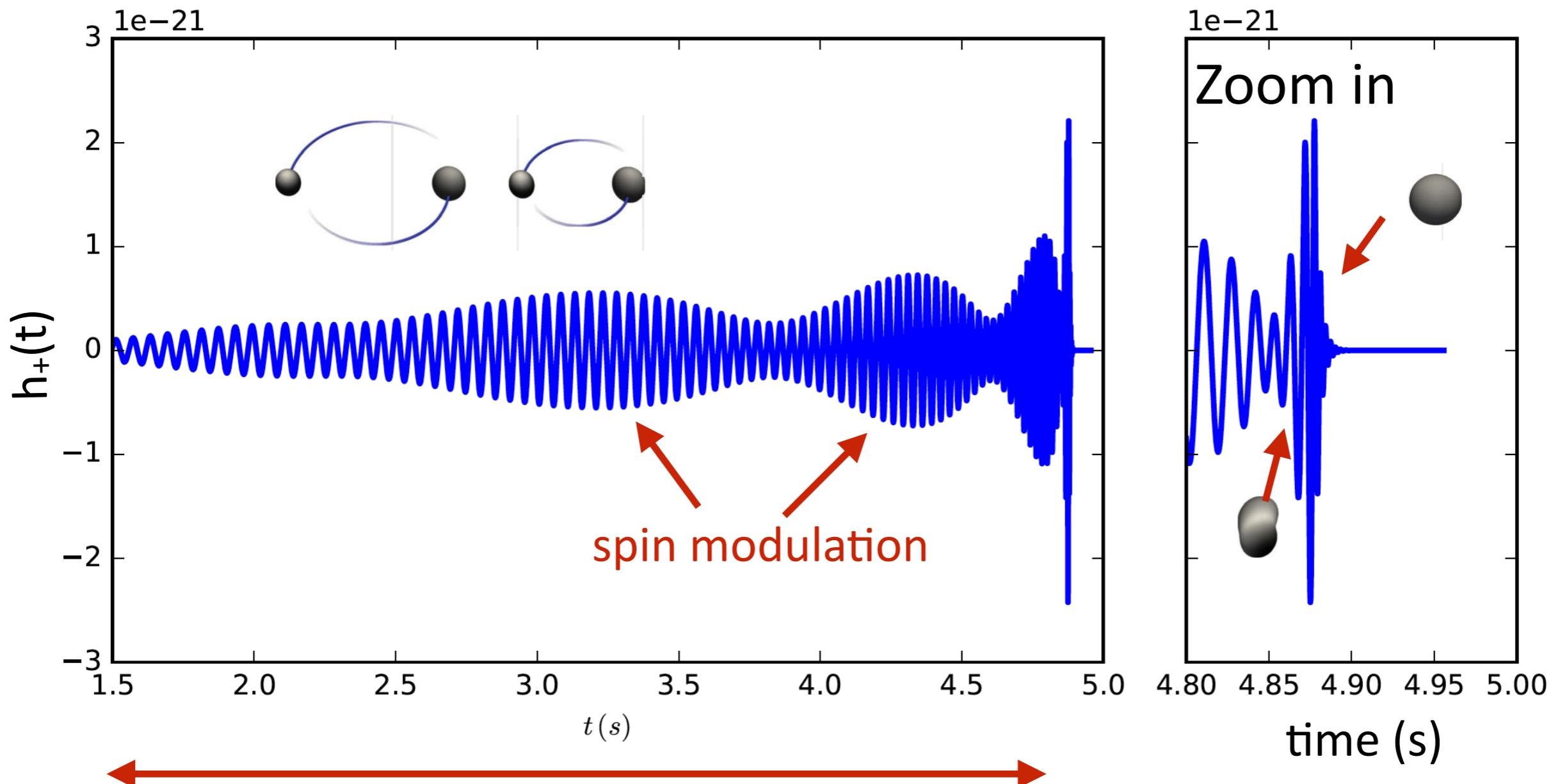
see talk by Agathos



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# Task 1: GW waveforms require more physics

see talk by Agathos



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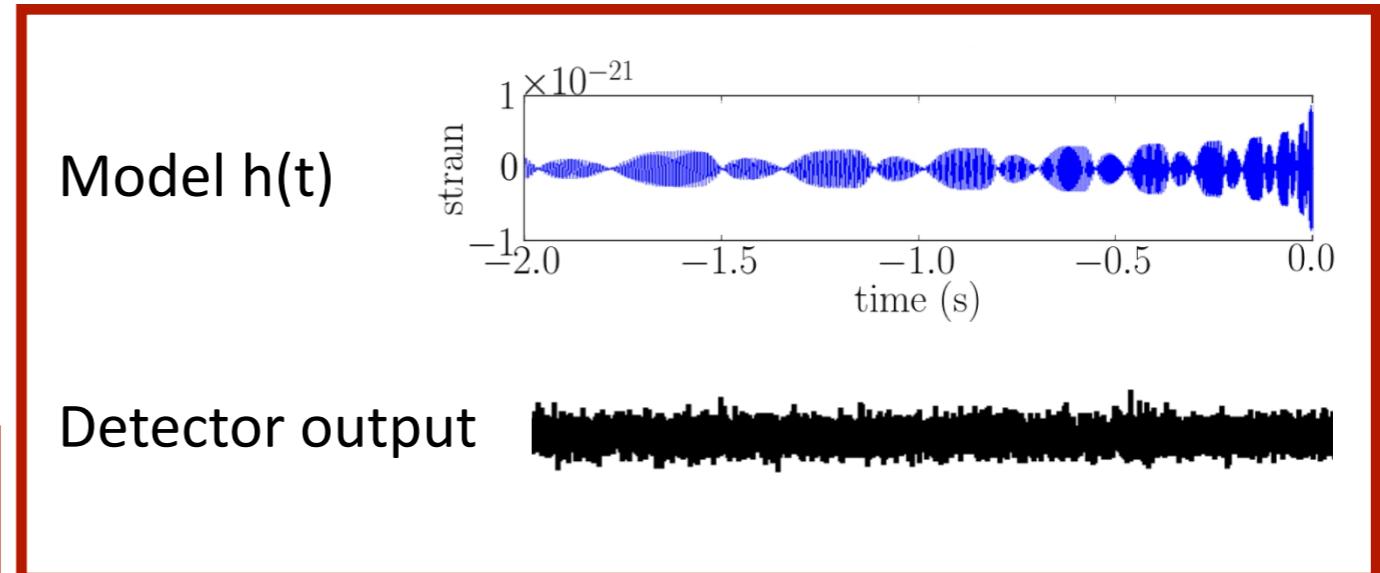
# Extract source information from GWs

$$h_+(t) = \frac{A[\mathcal{M} f(t)]}{D} (1 + \cos^2 \iota) \cos \Phi_{\text{GW}}(t)$$

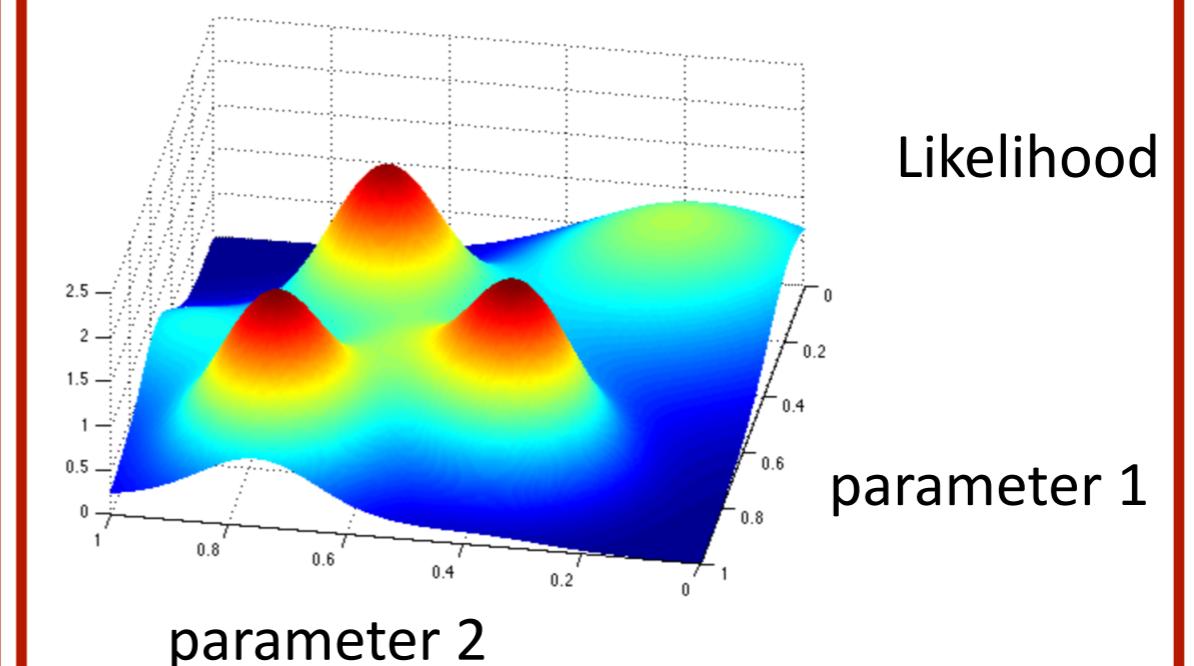
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inclination angle  
GW Phase

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using Bayesian Markov Chain Monte Carlo  
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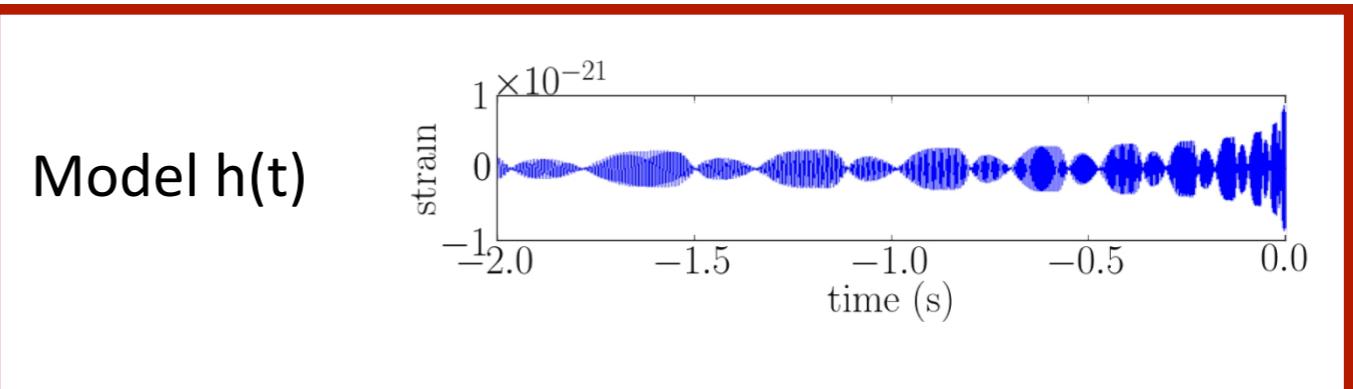
# Task 2: we require faster analysis

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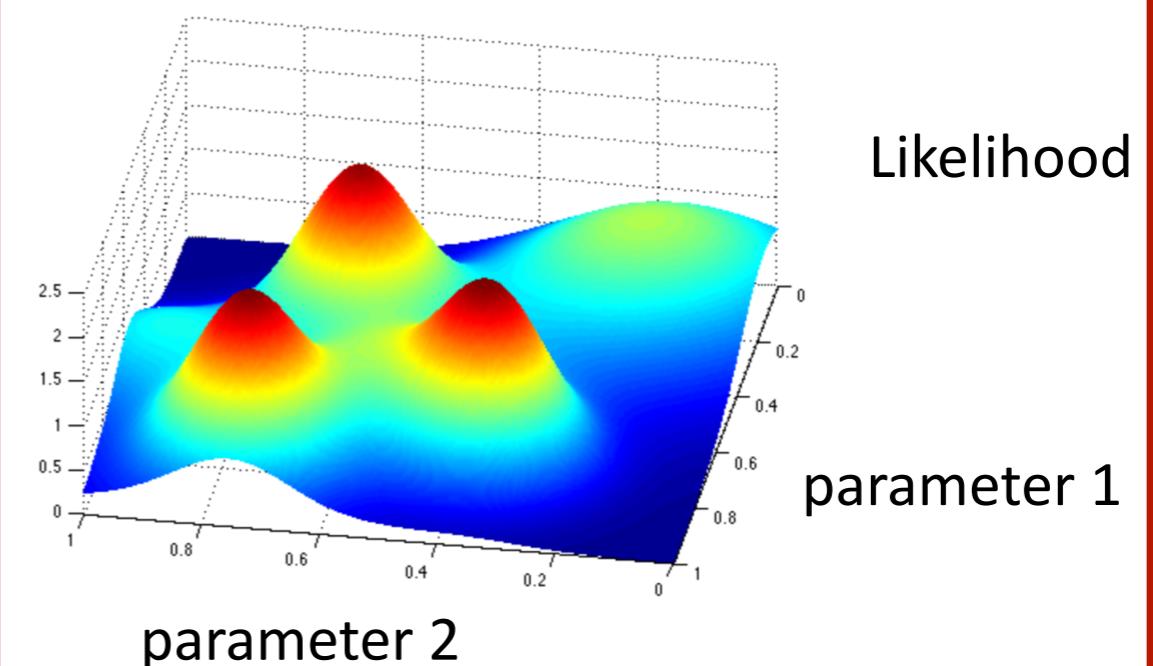
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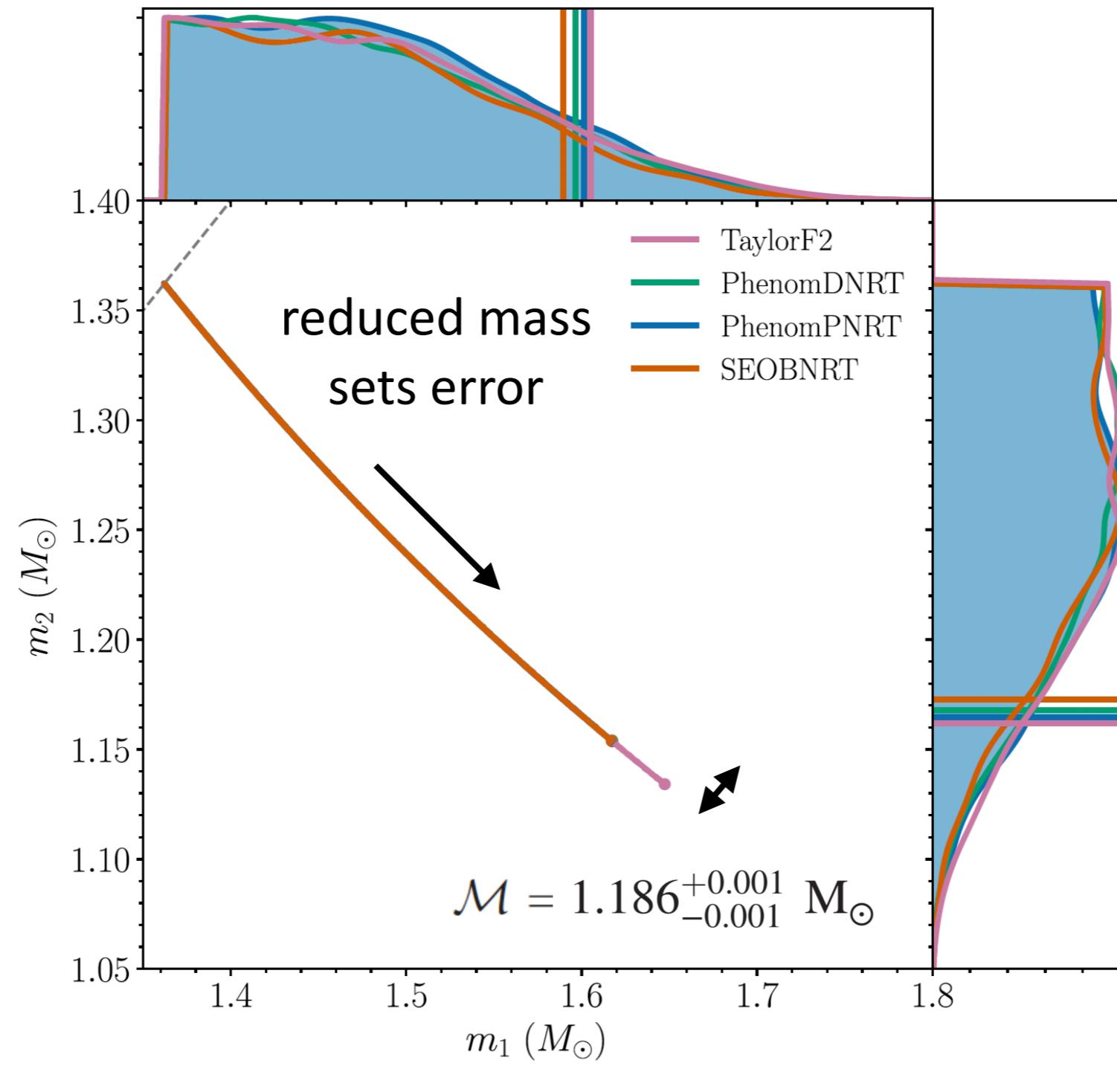


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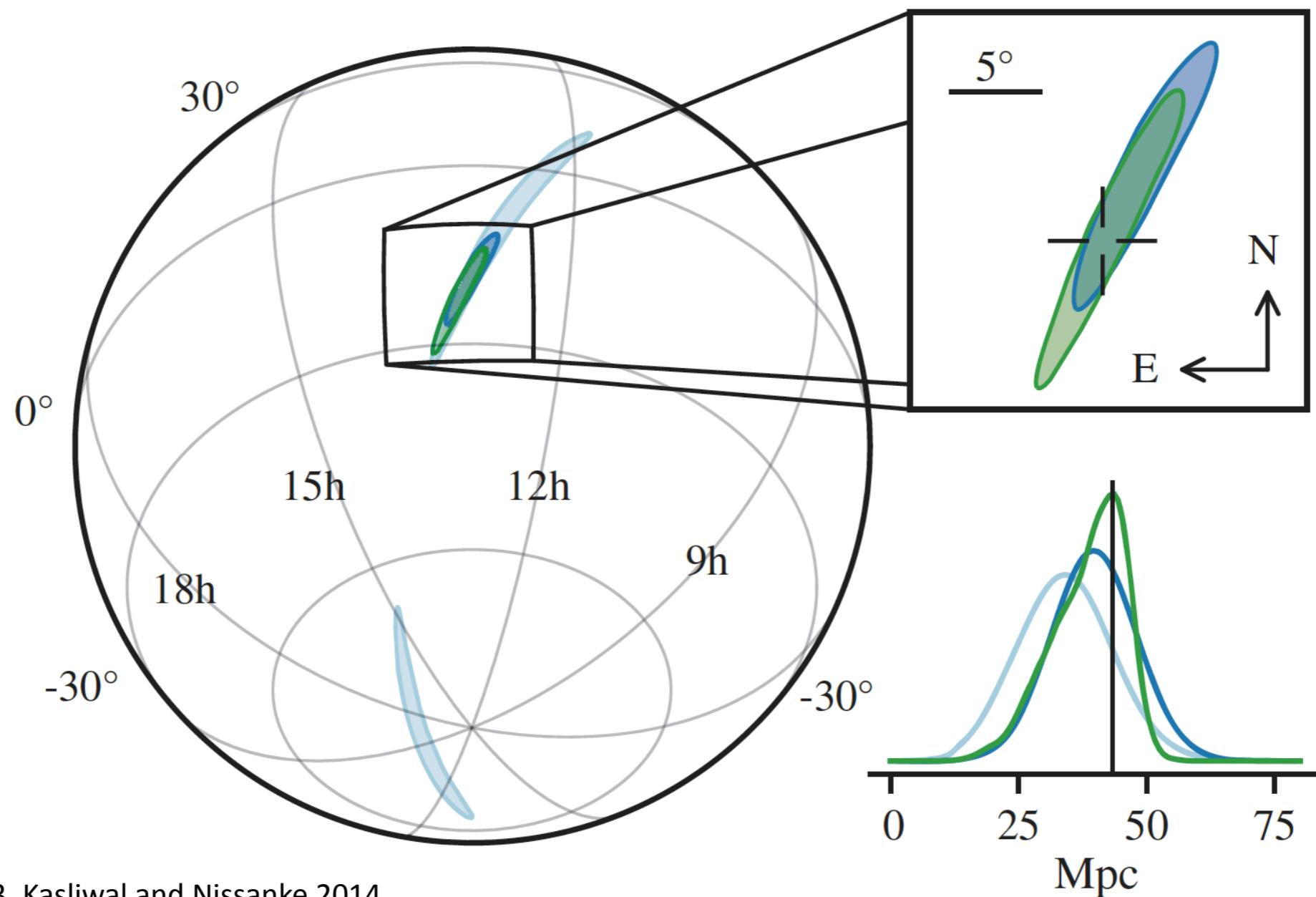
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# Retrieving GW170817 progenitor masses and spins



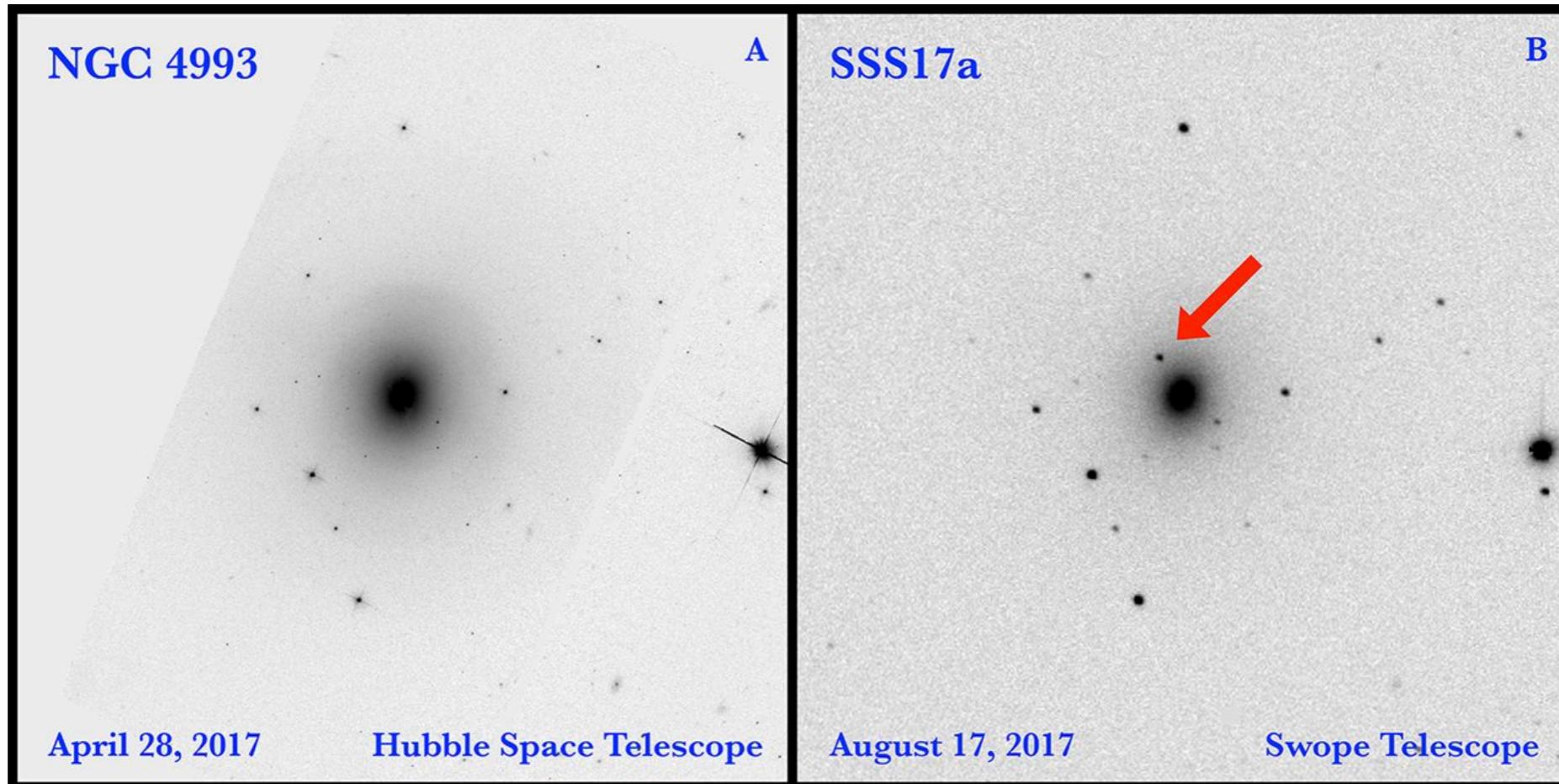
# Pinpointing GW170817's location with “GW volumes” and galaxy catalogs

[LVC, PRL, 119, 161101 (2017),  
LIGO, Virgo, EM partners +, ApJLetters 848 L12 (2017)]



[Nissanke et al. 2011, 13, Kasliwal and Nissanke 2014,  
Gehrels...SN + 2015, Singer....SN + 2016,  
Hotokezaka, Nissanke + 2016, ]

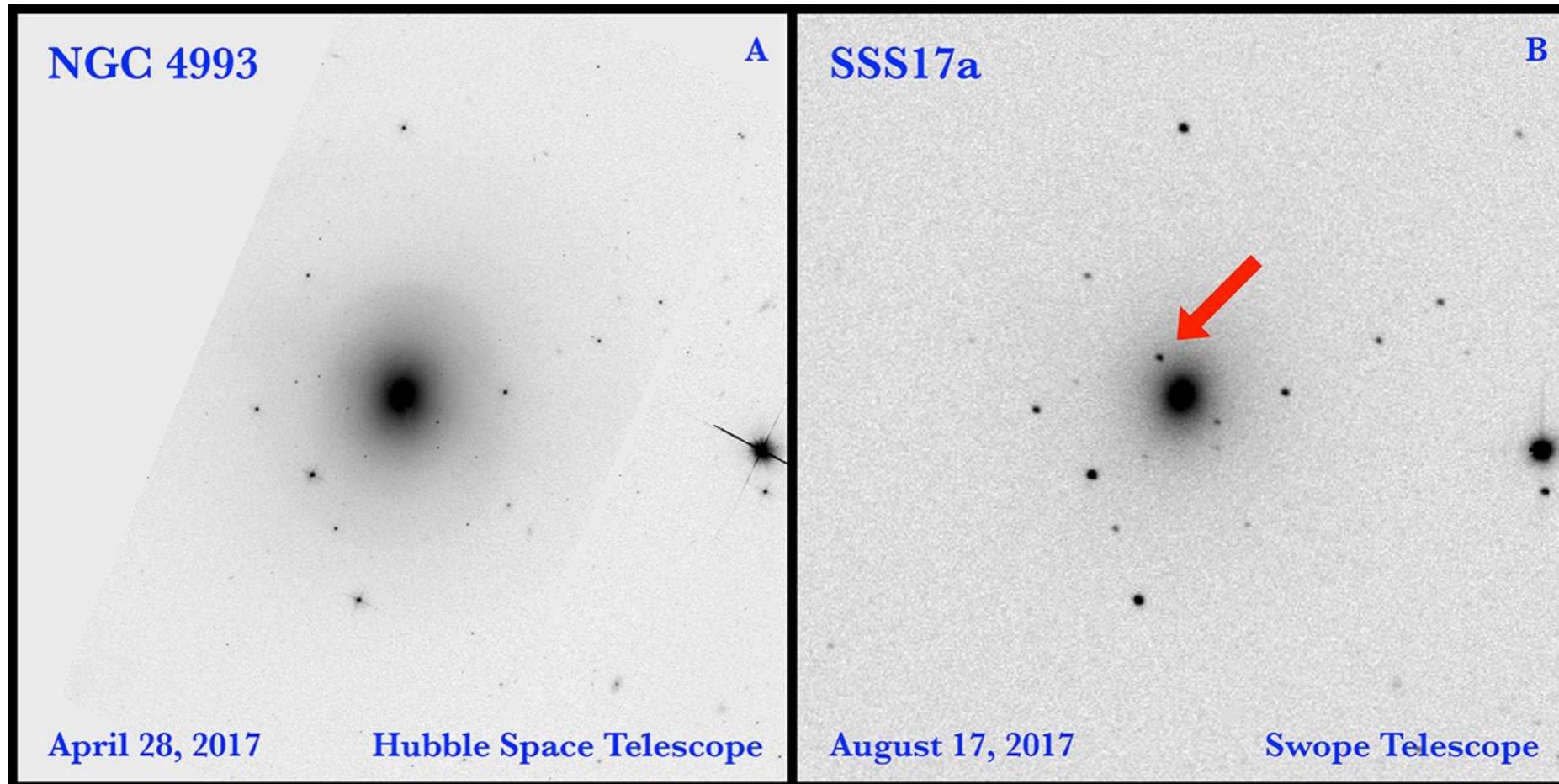
First optical transient at 11 hours was the real deal: the NS-NS merger



NGC 4993: 40 Mpc (elliptical galaxy)

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# Task 3: characterizing other astrophysical transients & variables



[Coulter et al. 2017, Science]

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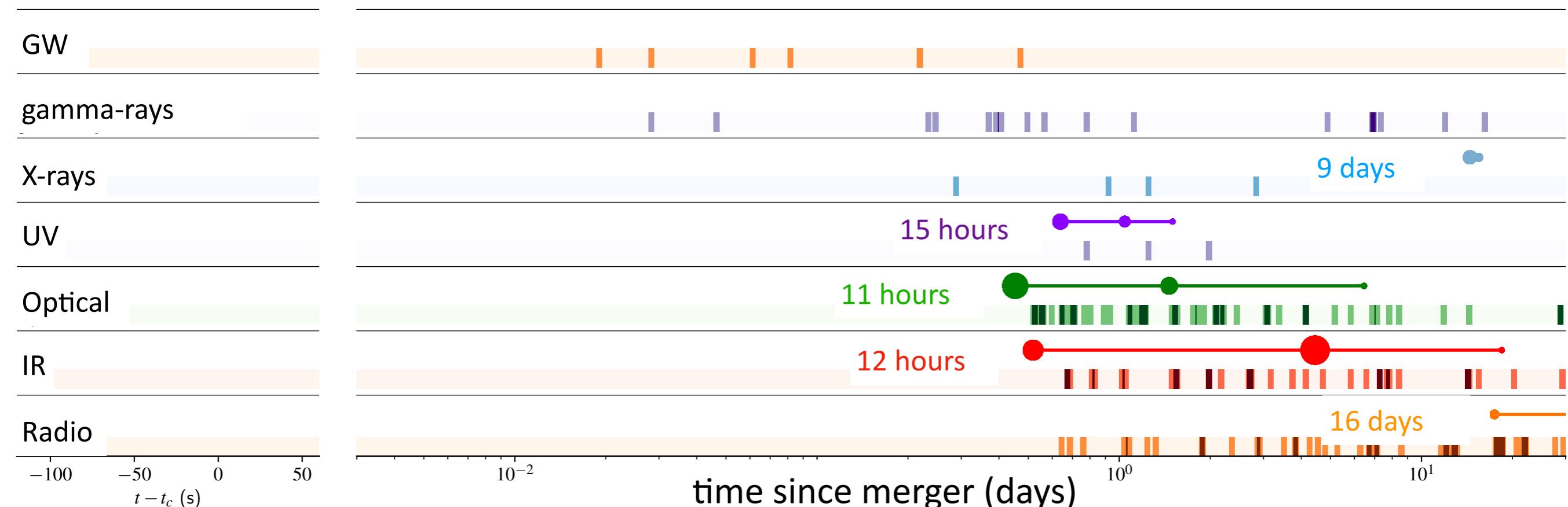
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# Part II:

# The Multi-messenger discovery of GW170817

# The first month(s) of multi-messenger observations of GW170817

adapted from LIGO, Virgo, EM partners + ApJ 848 L12 (2017)

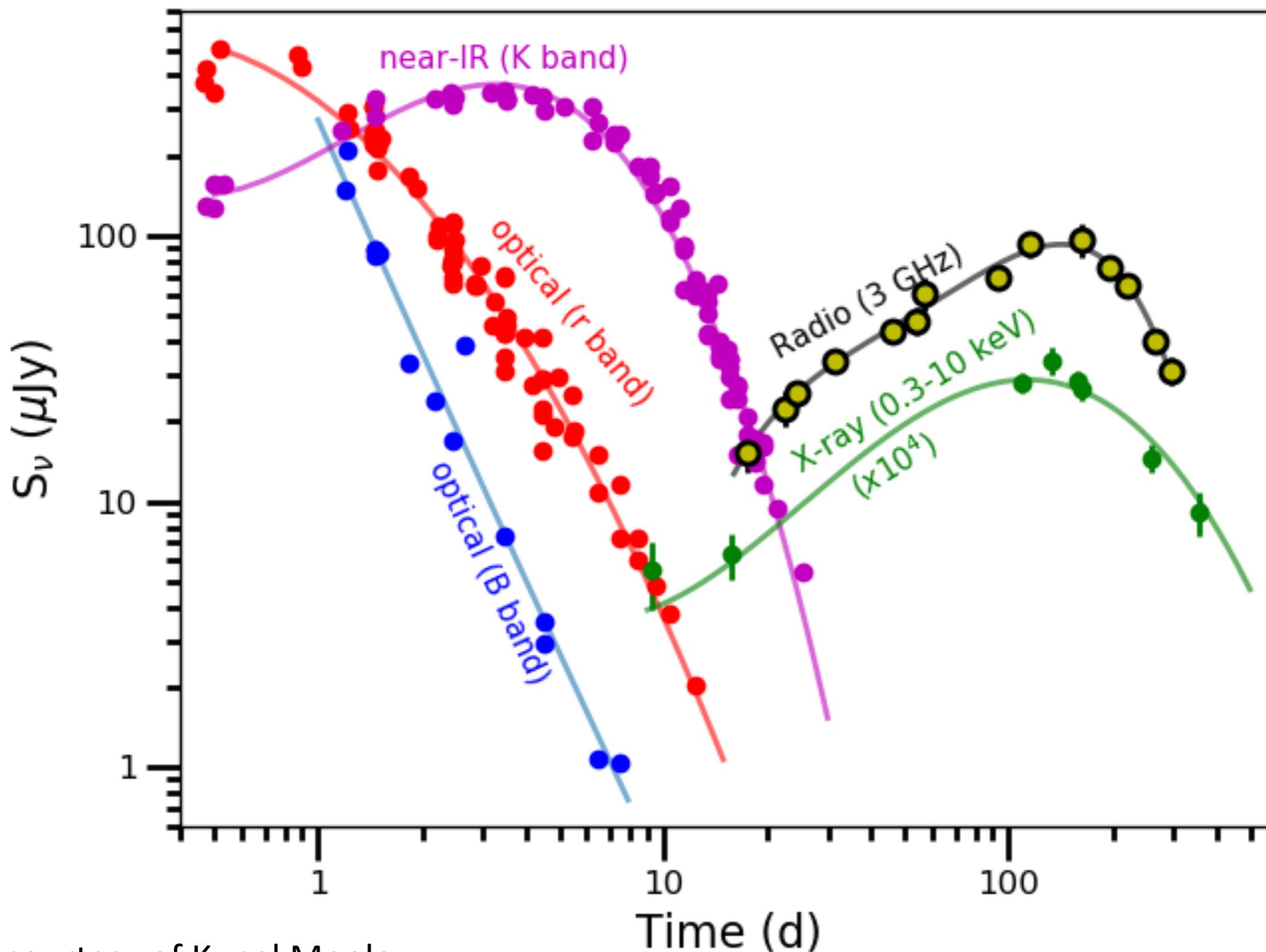


Global ground and space-based effort:

70+ teams, 100+ instruments, over 3500 co-authors

# Panchromatic View of GW170817

[still going on ... ! see Haleja+ 2018]



# A Tale of Two Matter Outflows $\Rightarrow$ EM counterparts

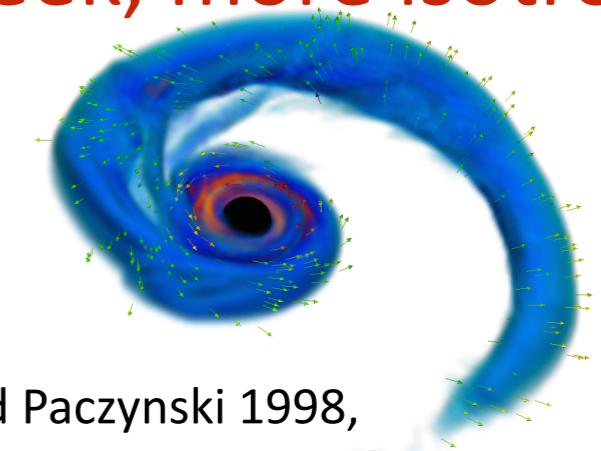
1. Tidal Tails + Disk Winds  
+ Core-bounce Heating

$\Rightarrow$  Kilonova: Ultraviolet Optical  
IR (days-week, more isotropic)

$$M_{ej} \approx 0.01-0.05 M_{\odot}$$

$$E \approx 10^{50} \text{ ergs}$$

$$v \approx 0.1-0.3c$$



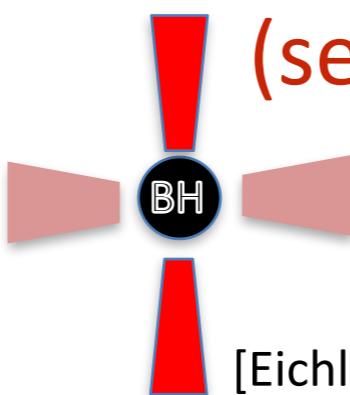
[Lattimer and Schramm 1974, Li and Paczynski 1998,  
Rosswog 1999, Kulkarni 2005, Metzger et al. 2010, ...]

[Foucart et al. 2014]

2. Ultra-relativistic Jet

$\Rightarrow$

Short Gamma Ray Burst + afterglow  
(seconds - months, collimated)



$$M_{ej} \approx 10^{-6} M_{\odot}$$

$$E \approx 10^{49} - 10^{50} \text{ ergs}$$

$$v \approx 0.99c - 0.99995c$$

[Eichler+ 1989, Paczynski 1989,...]

Outflows' kinetic energy is converted into internal energy.  
Expands, cools and heated by **shocks** or **radioactivity**.

(cf. Supernova:  $10^{51}$  ergs;  $L_{\text{sun}}: 4 \times 10^{26} \text{ W}$  or  $4 \times 10^{33} \text{ erg/s}$ )

# Extract source & environment from EM

$F_\lambda(t)$ : 15 parameters

- + Energetics and beaming
- + R-process nucleosynthesis
- + Mass ejecta and velocity
- + Environment
- + Redshift, Accurate Position (1'')
- + Stellar populations
- + Magnetic field strength
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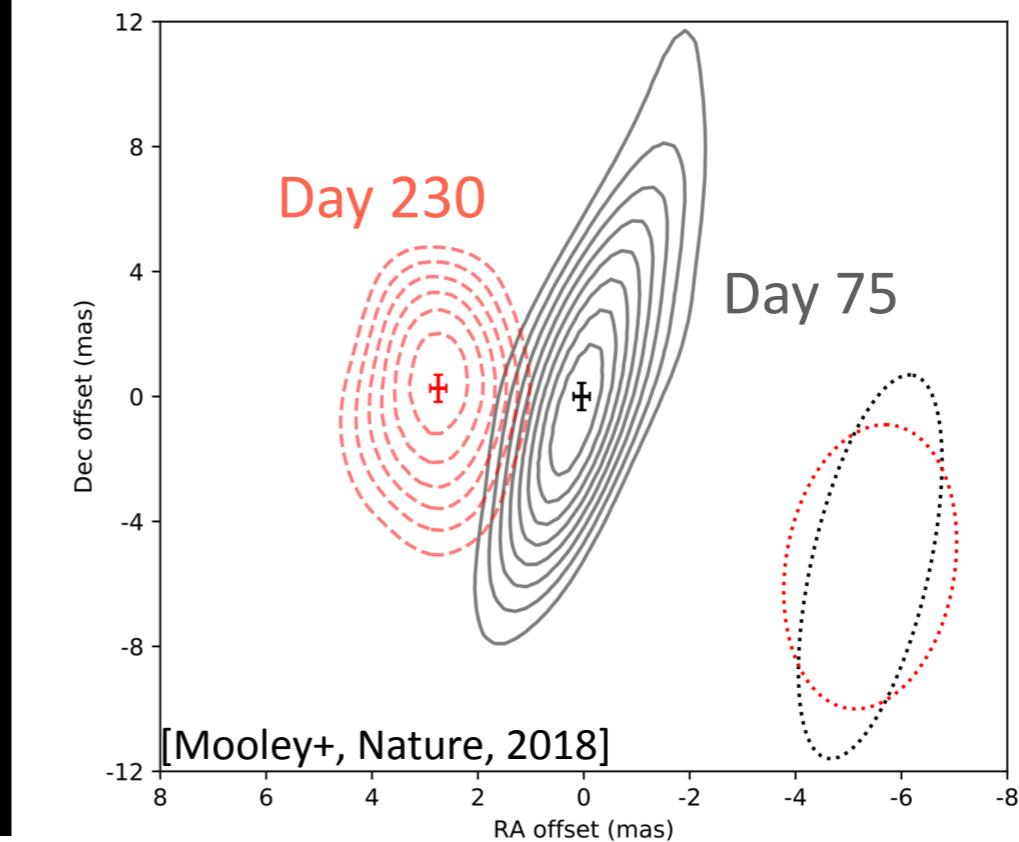
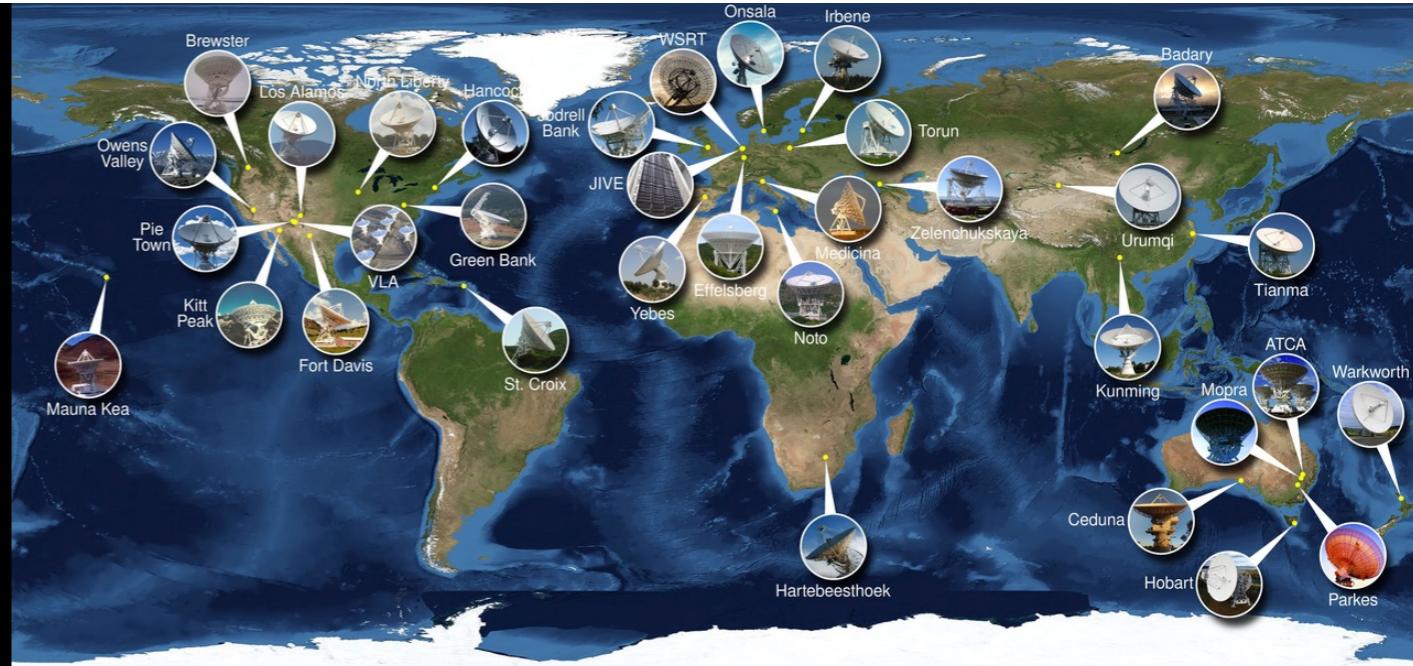
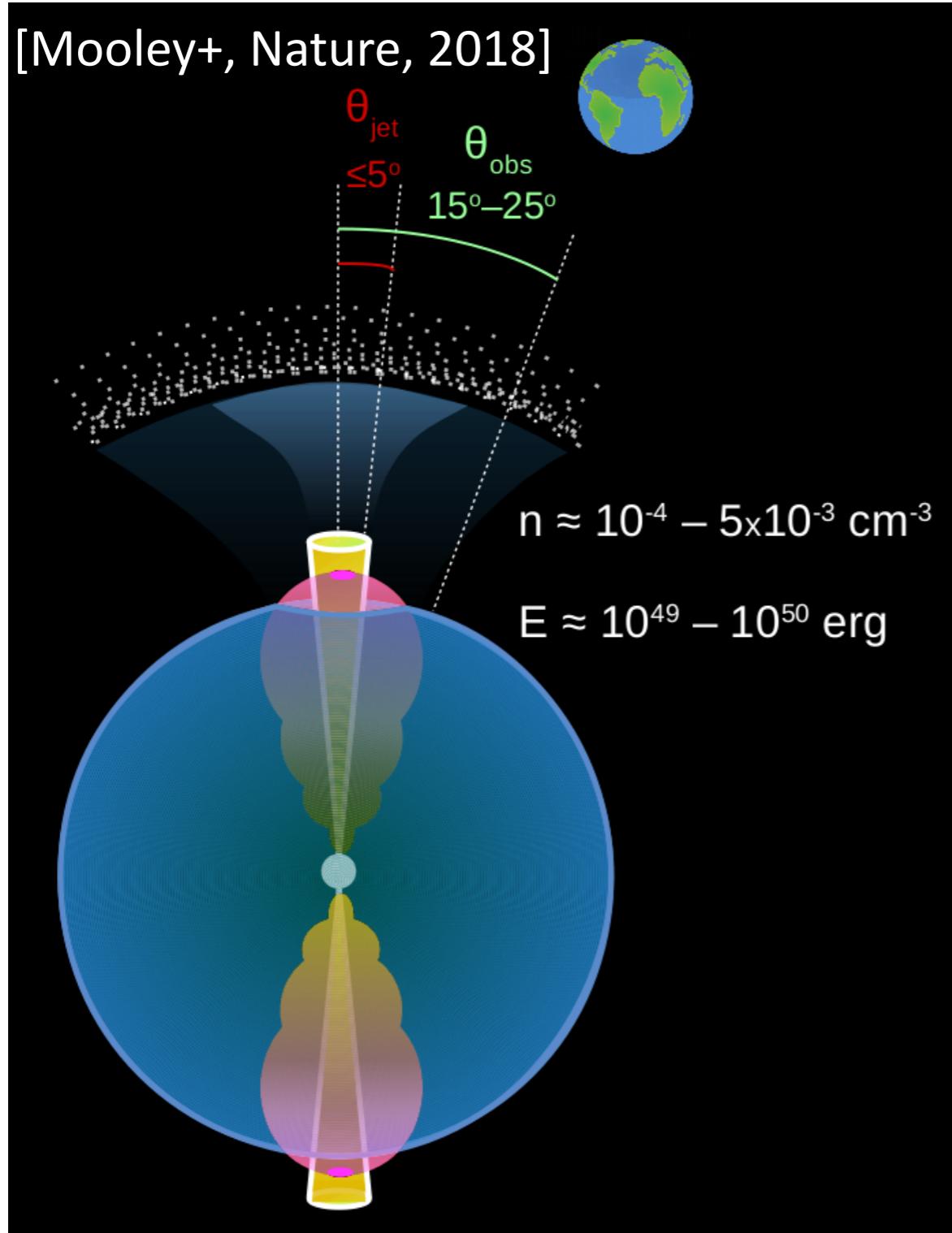
# Task 4: modelling of outflows' microphysics

see talk by Campanelli

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# EM SGRB VLBI $\Rightarrow$ superluminal jet with structure



[see also Lazzati 2017,18, Ghirlanda + 2019, Troja+ 2018]

Proper motion of 2.7 mas,  $\beta_{\text{app}} \sim 4.7$

# Part III:

## What have we learnt from GW170817 with GW+EM?

- i. Hubble parameter constraint
- ii. Equation of State

# New field: break degeneracies to measure properties of BHs and NSs

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Strong signal binary: Characterisation

Population: Demographics, ecology and census

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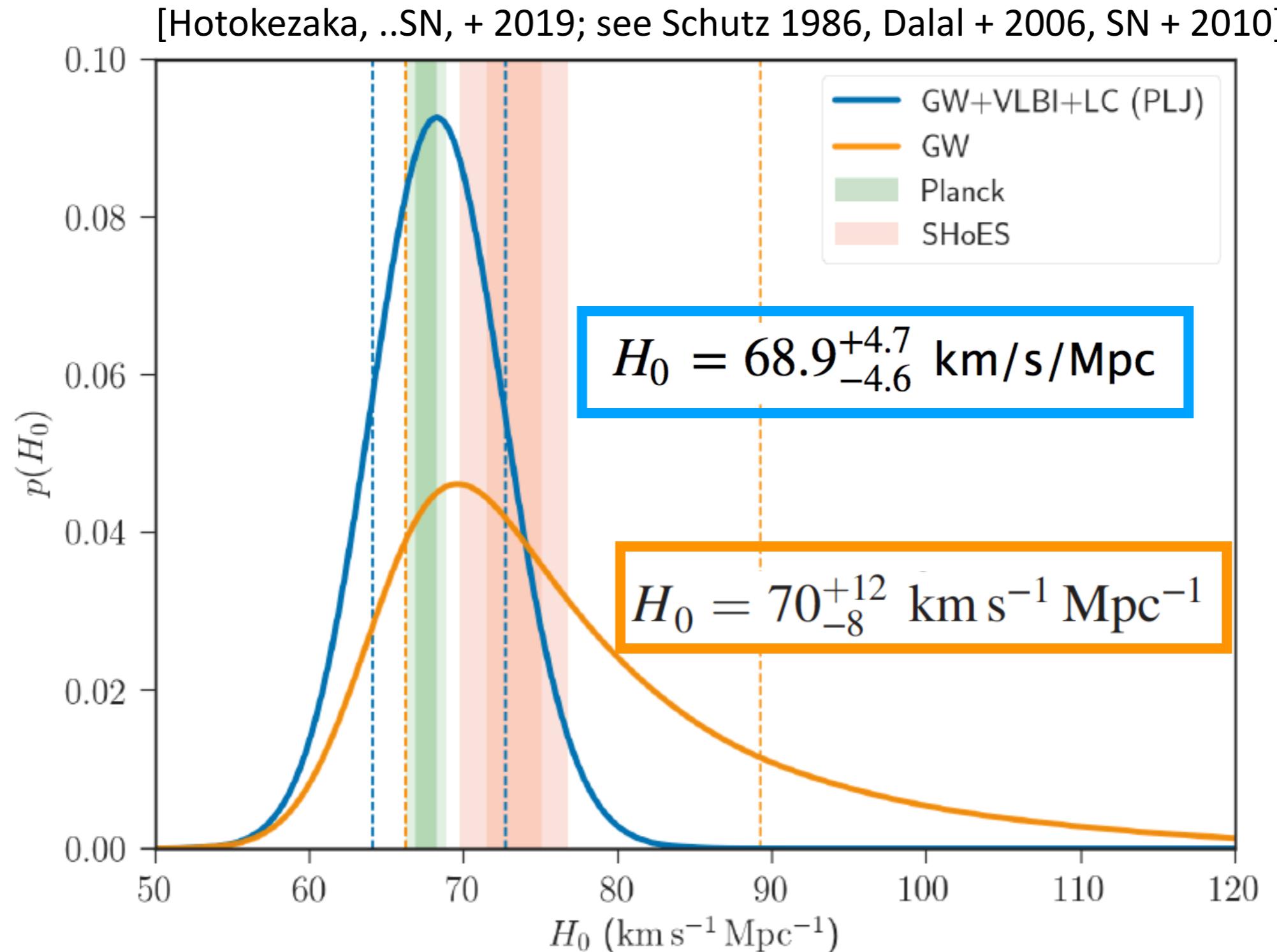
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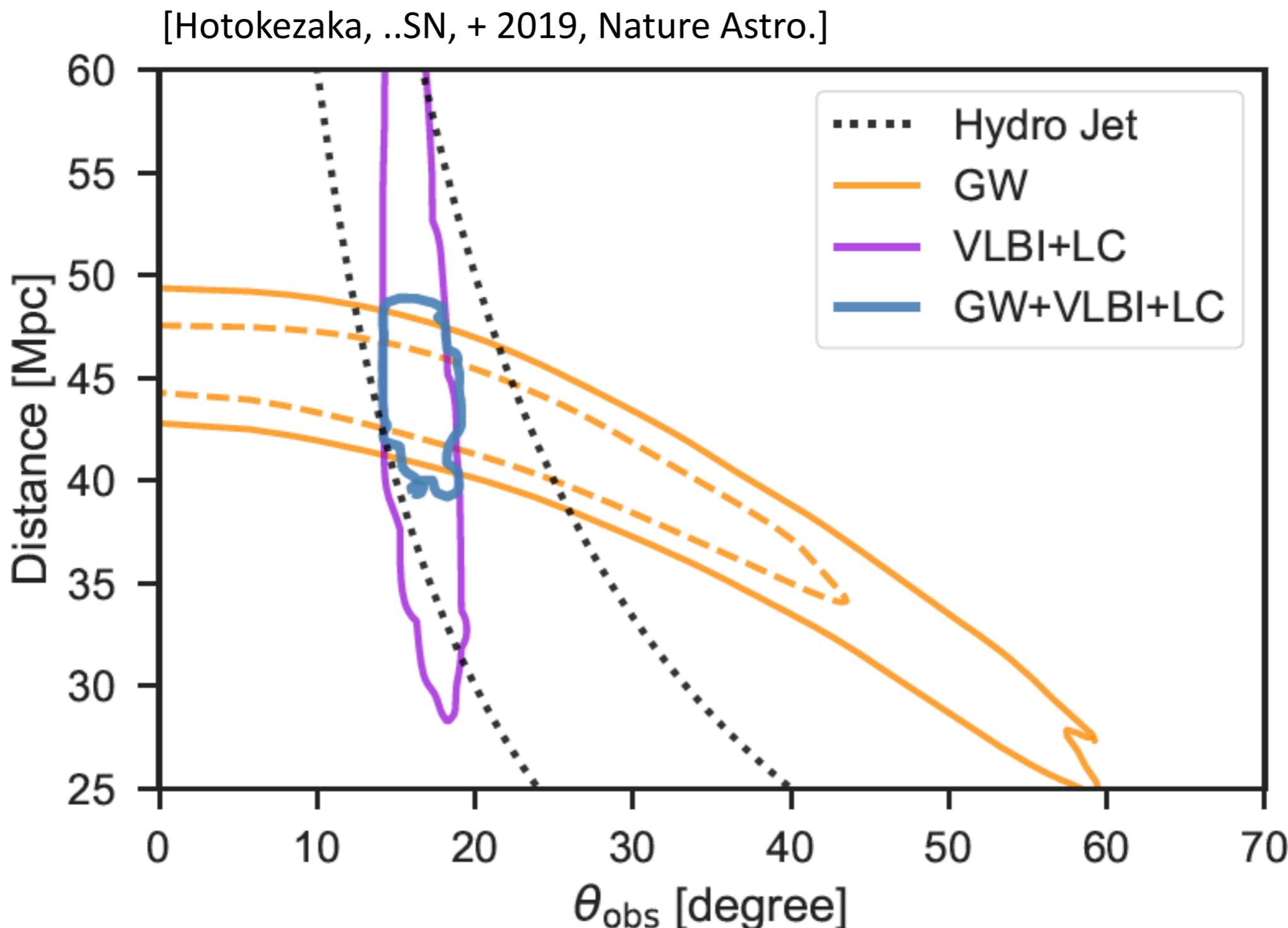
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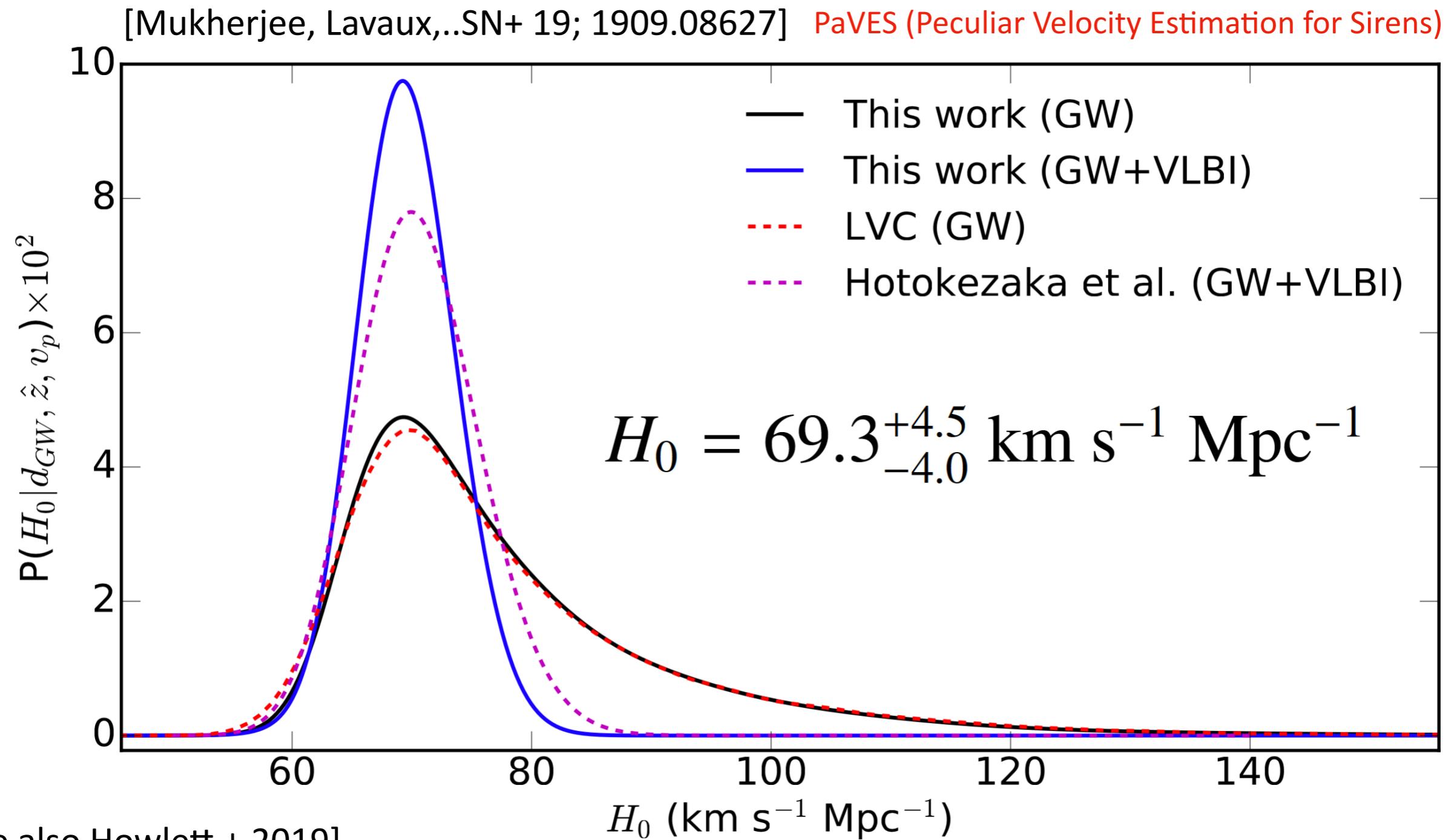
Peculiar velocity error of 150 km/s; Hubble flow velocity of 3017 +/- 166 km s⁻¹

# GW+ radio: Hubble measurement improves by a factor of 2



# 1) **GW + EM**: peculiar velocity corrections

see talk on BORG by Lavaux

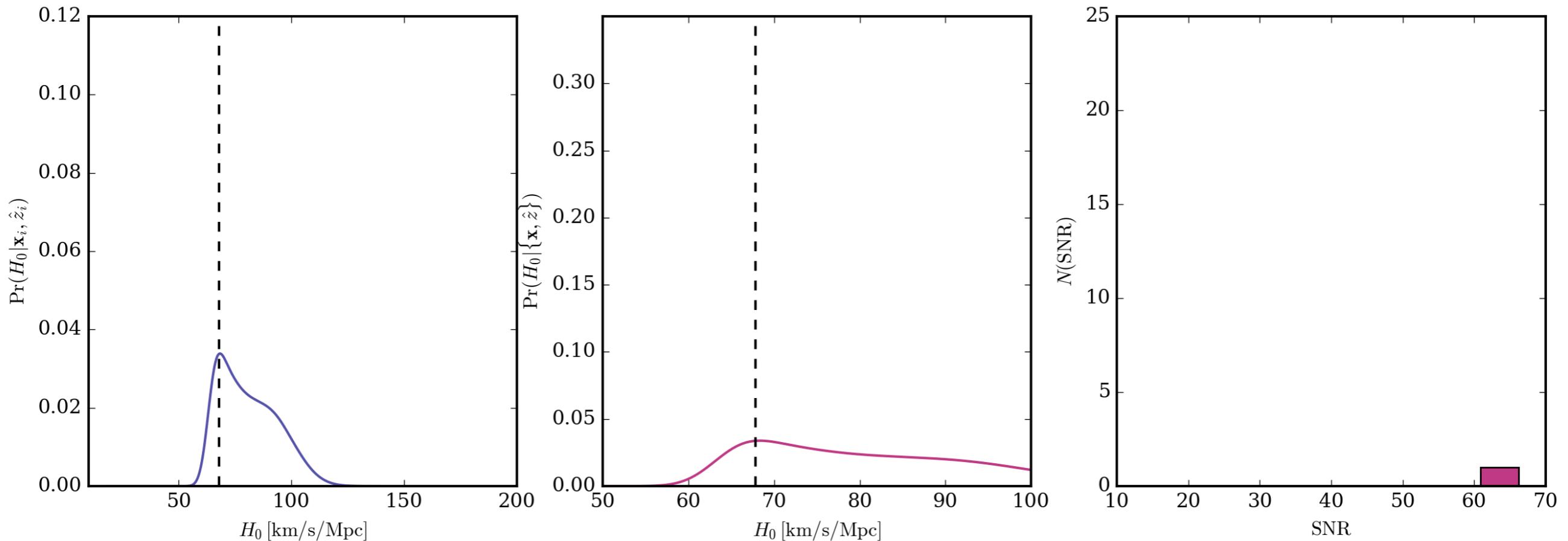


[see also Howlett + 2019]

our method: 16% higher mean value and about 13% less standard deviation

# 1) **GW+EM**: importance of populations to potentially resolve “Hubble trouble”

[Feeney, Peiris, Williamson, SN,..+, PRL, 2019; Mortlock, ... SN, 2018]

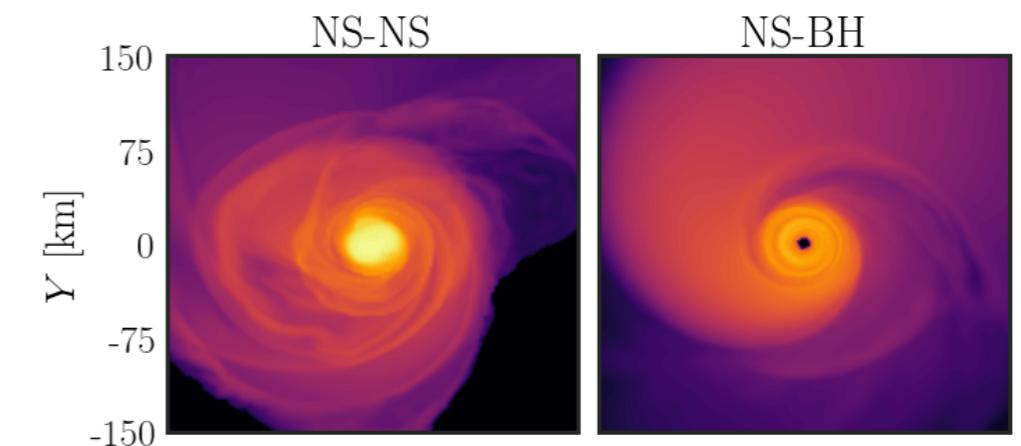
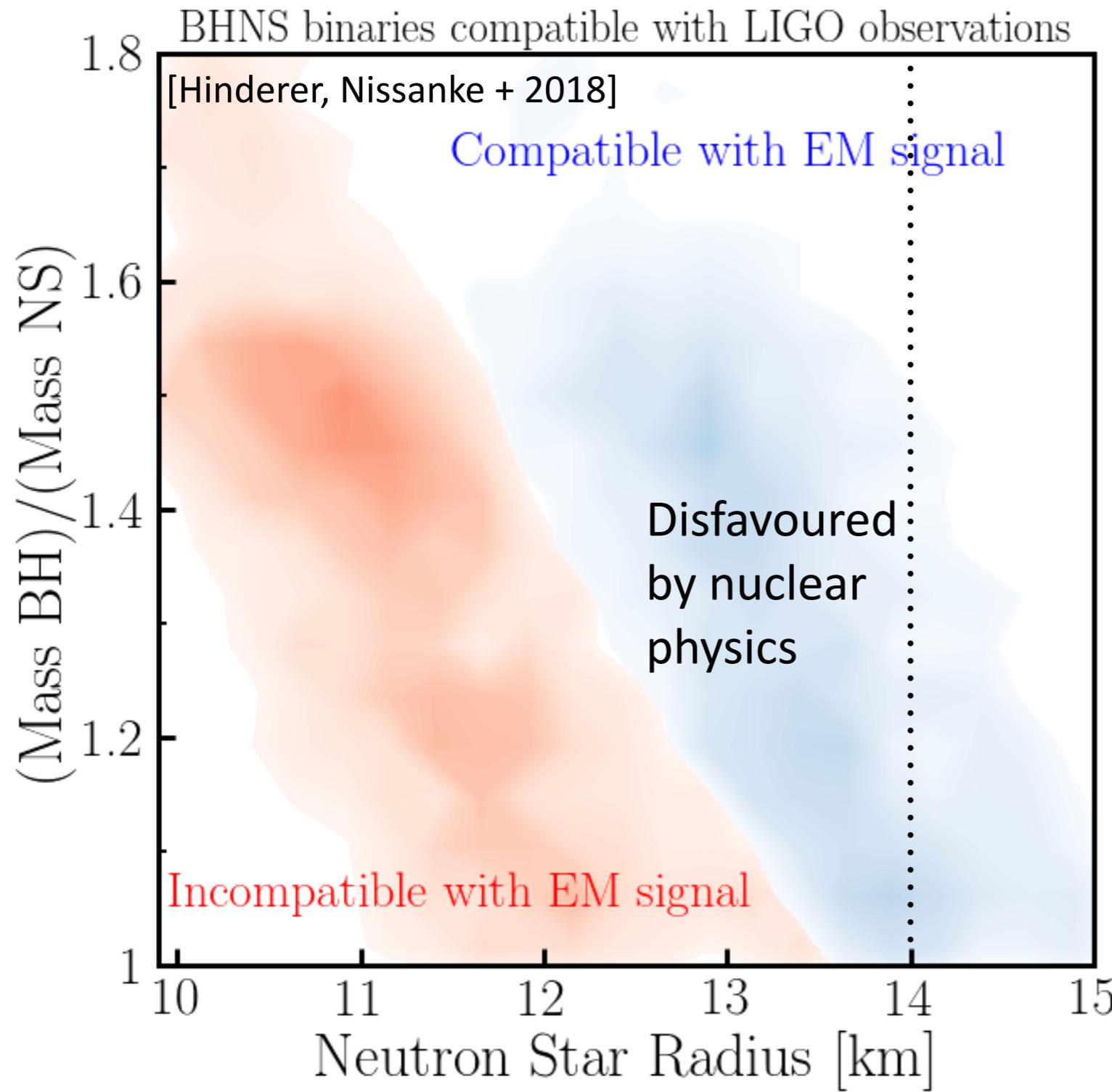


[see also Chen+ 2018, ...]

50 binaries ( $\sim$ 8-10 years) to reach a precision of 1.8 % ( $1/\sqrt{N}$ );  
high SNR binaries dominate joint PDF; **assumes EM**

## 2) GW+EM probes NS Equation of State

see talk by Agathos



Semi-analytical formula for remnant mass for wide range of **mass ratio, NS EoS, BH spin**

$$M_{\text{rem}} \left( \frac{m_{\text{BH}}}{m_{\text{NS}}}, \frac{G m_{\text{NS}}}{R_{\text{NS}} c^2}, \chi_{\text{BH}} \right)$$

[Foucart, Hinderer, Nissanke 2018;  
Foucart, .. SN+ 2019;  
Raaijmakers + in prep;  
used in LIGO-Virgo alerts]

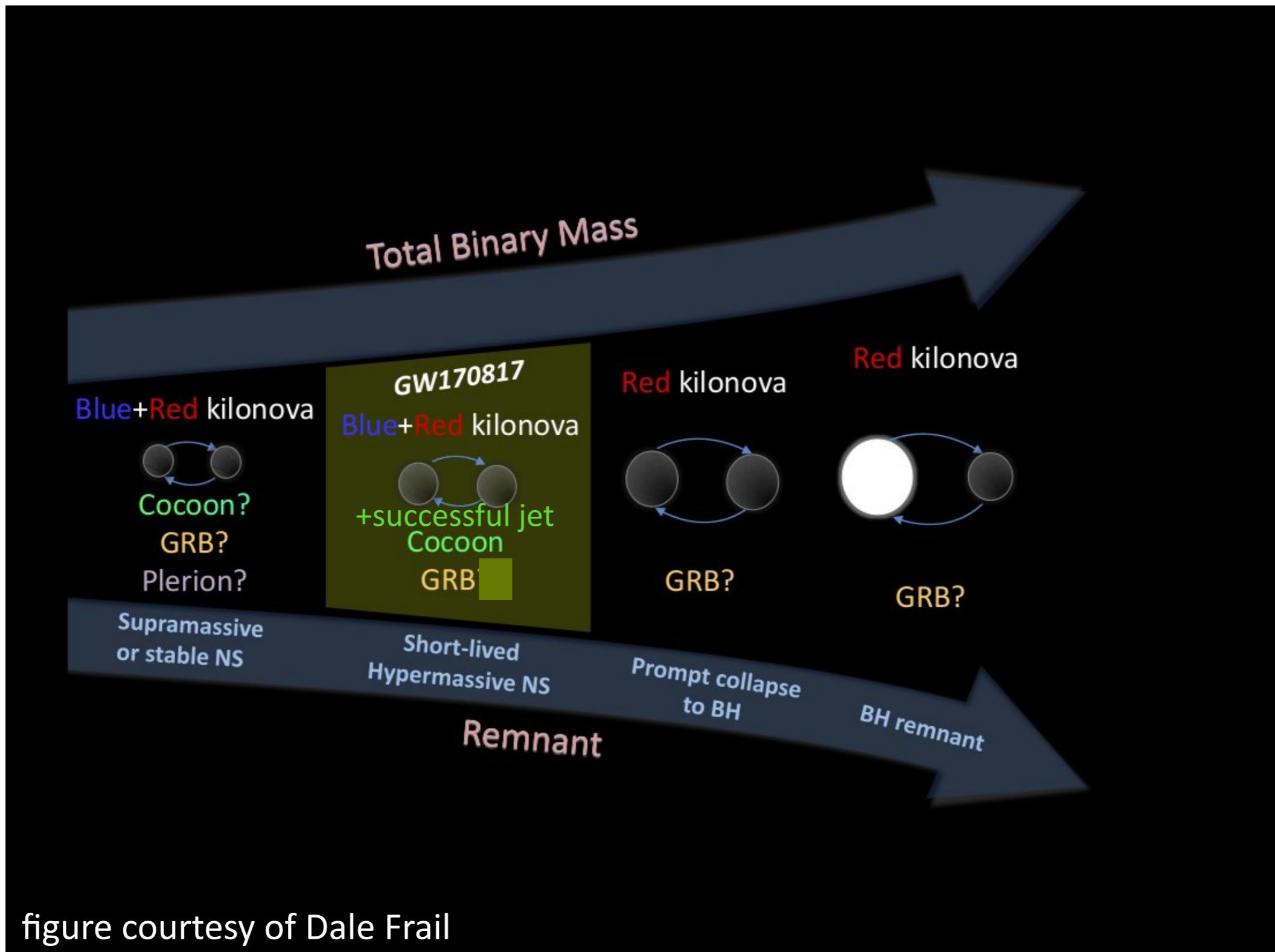
[Stiffer EoS cf.  $11.8 \pm 1.4$  km assuming NS-NS only (GW+EM); LVC]

# Part IV: Perspectives

GW170817: follow-up was easy — very close by and bright,  
small GW volume

BBH merger rate: 9.7-101 Gpc<sup>3</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup>  
NS-NS merger rate: 110-3840 Gpc<sup>3</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup>  
NS-BH merger rate: < 610 Gpc<sup>3</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup>

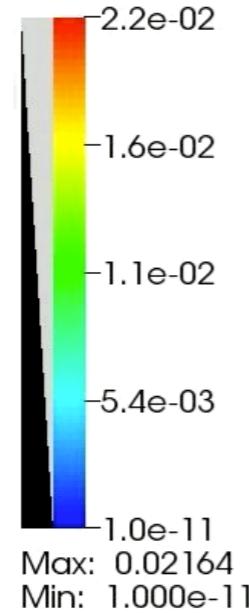
# 1. GW+EM: Expect a diversity of EM counterparts



## 2) GW+EM: New discovery space – NS-BH mergers!

Movie courtesy of Francois Foucart

Density



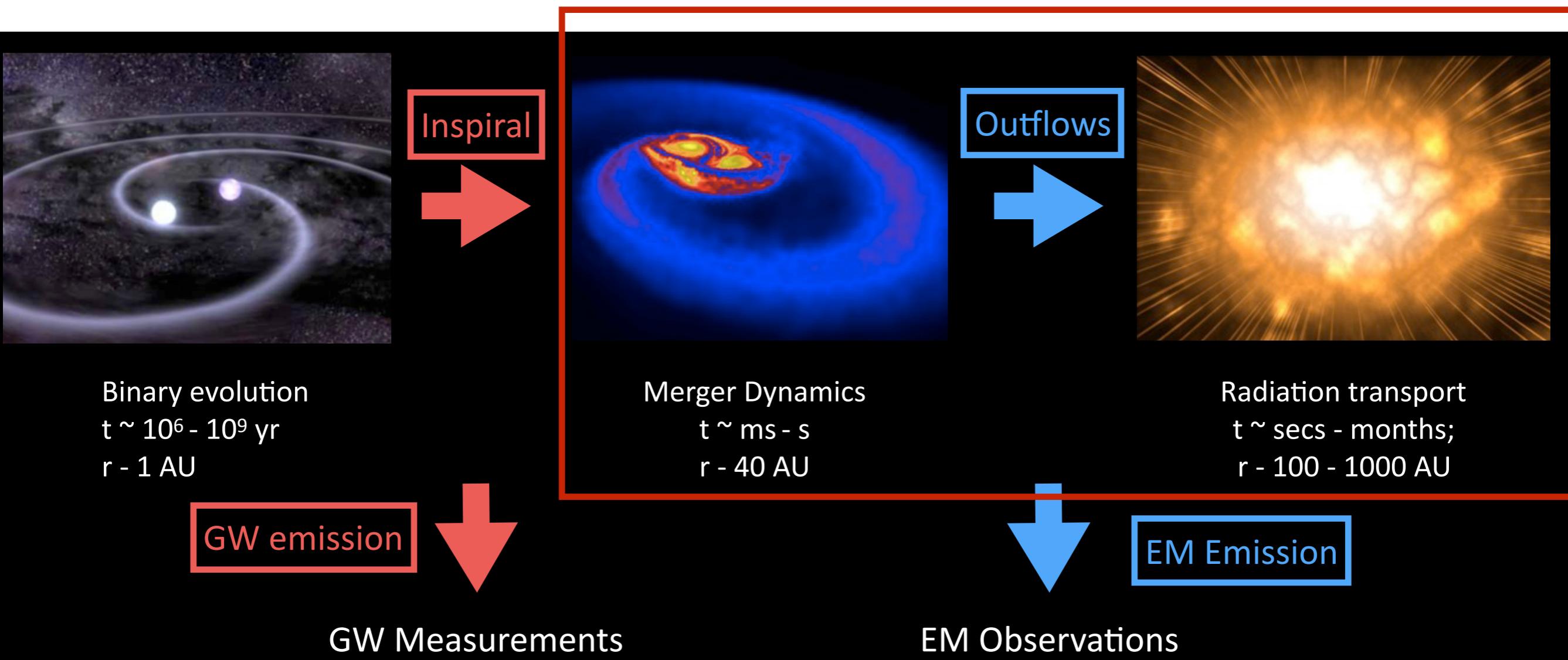
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Edge-On View



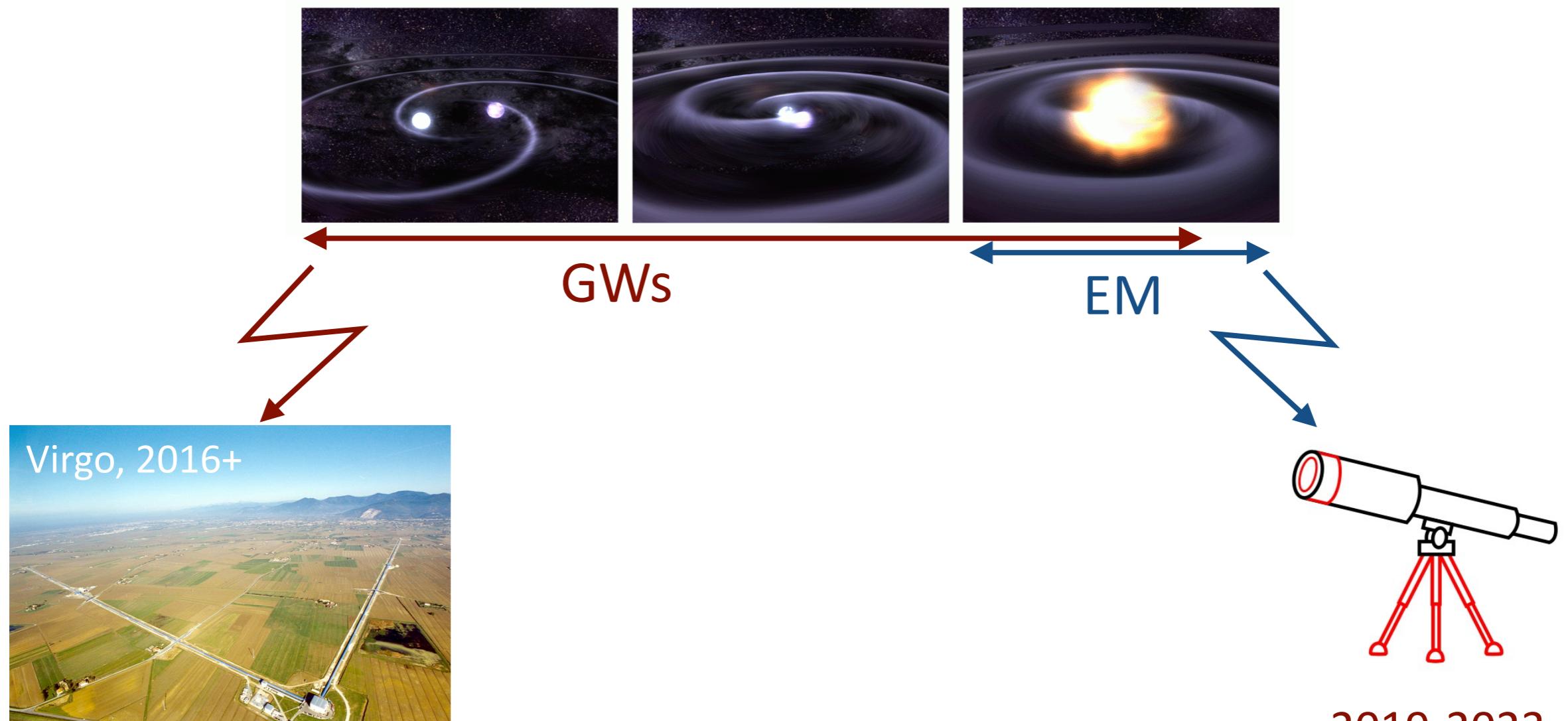
### 3. **GW+EM** challenge remains to build a coherent model: a key step to joint characterization

see talk by Campanelli



Outflows carry energy from small ( $10^6$  cm) to large distances ( $10^{14}-10^{16}$  cm) for radiation to escape.

## 4. GW+EM challenge: from individual objects to statistics



### 2019-2023 (LIGO+Virgo+...):

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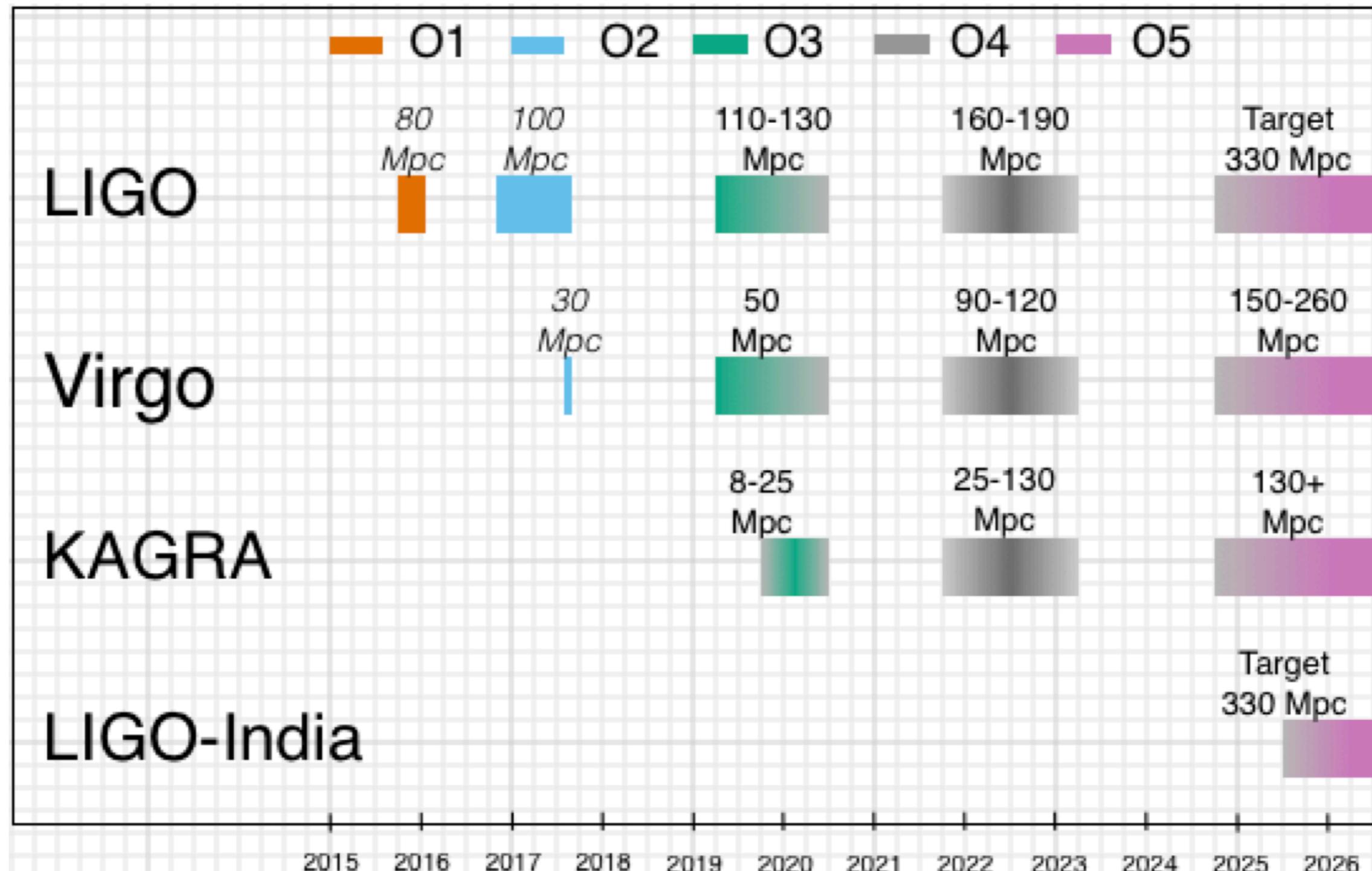
NS-BH: 0 to 96 per year<sup>-1</sup>

BH-BH: tens to hundred year<sup>-1</sup>

2019-2023:  
Wide-field optical  
and radio telescopes (ZTF,  
BlackGEM, LOFAR,  
Apertif, SKA, LSST, ELT ...)

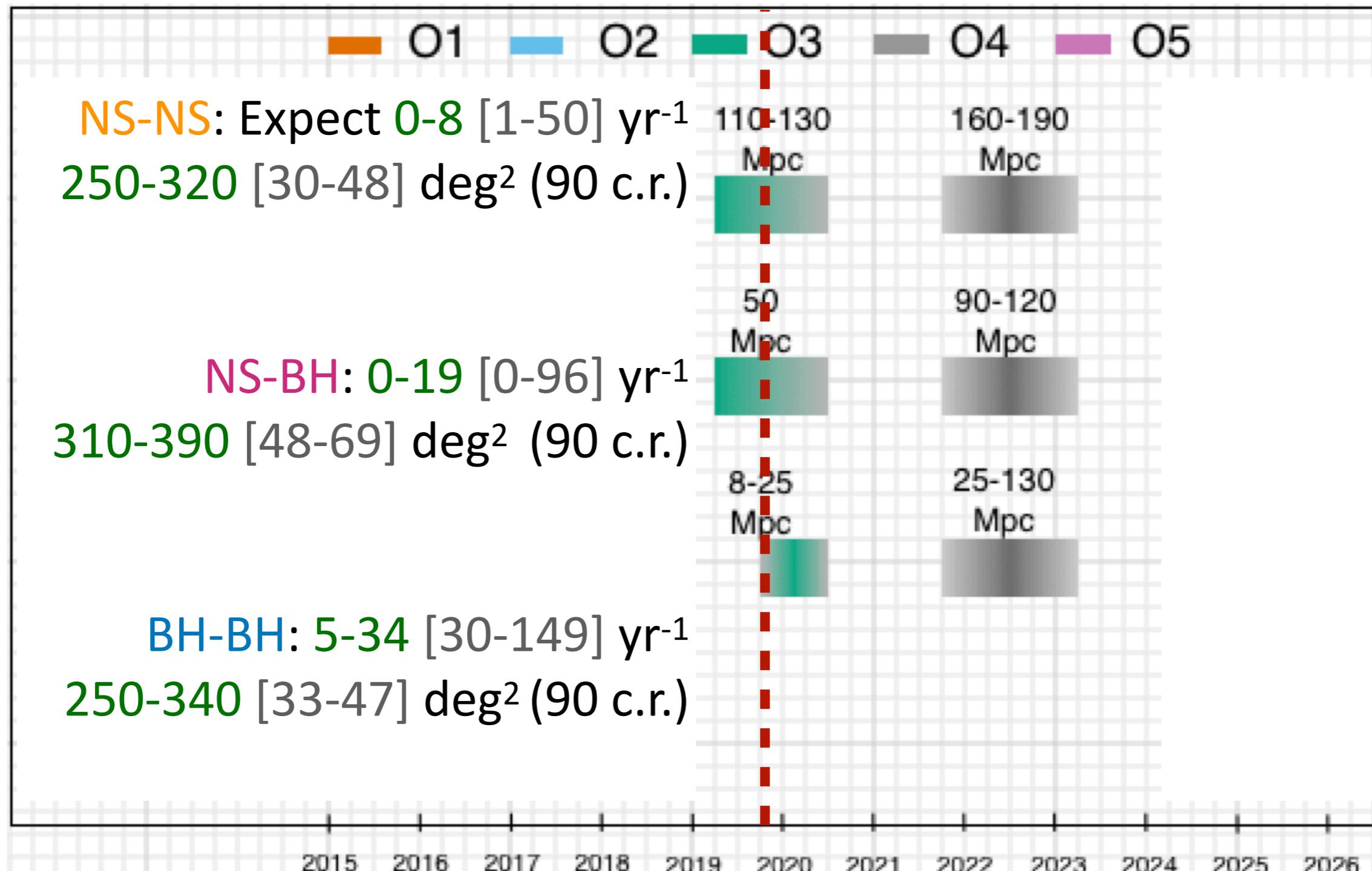
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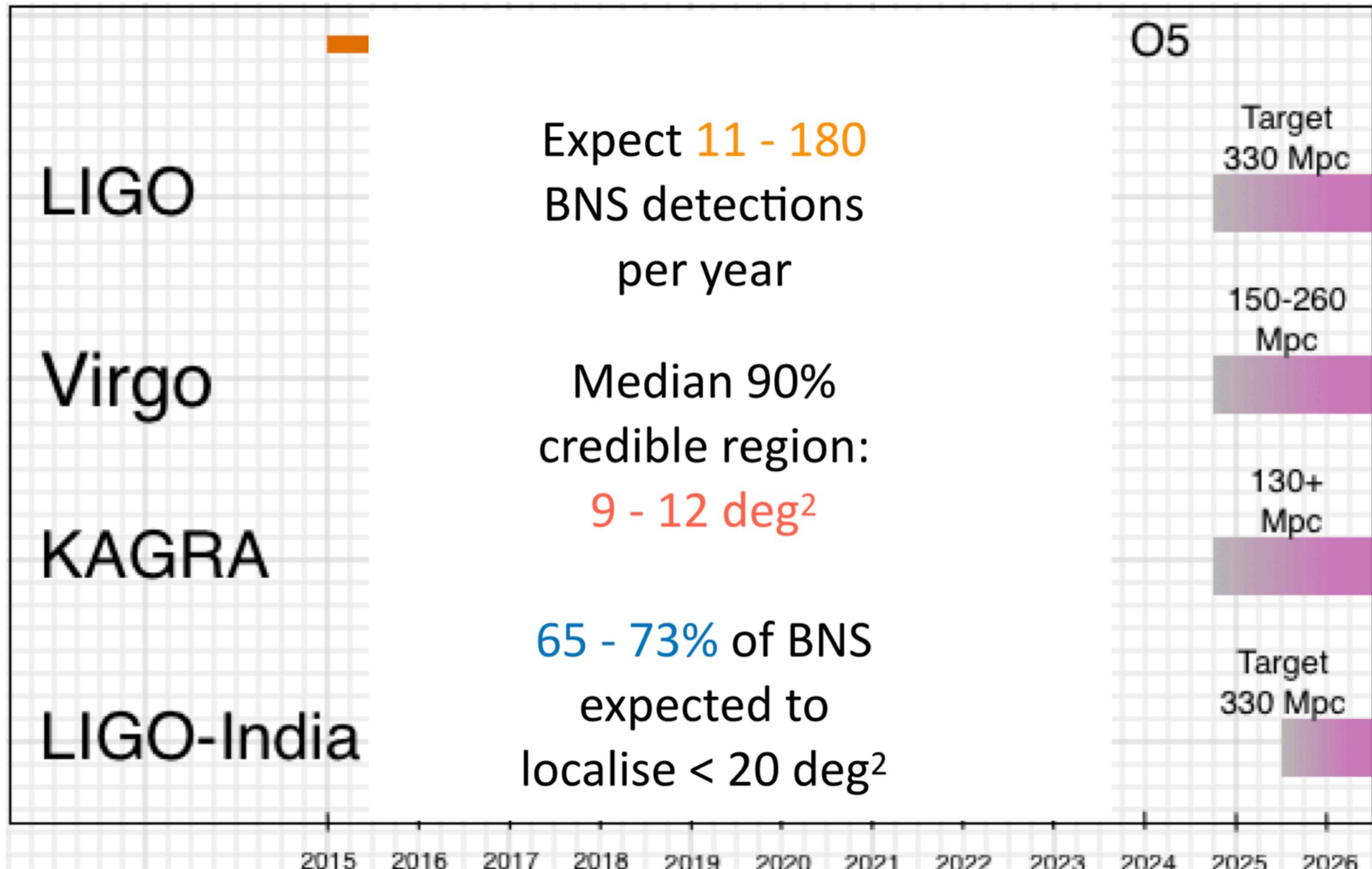
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## 4. Mid 2020s: small GW areas, depth and rate

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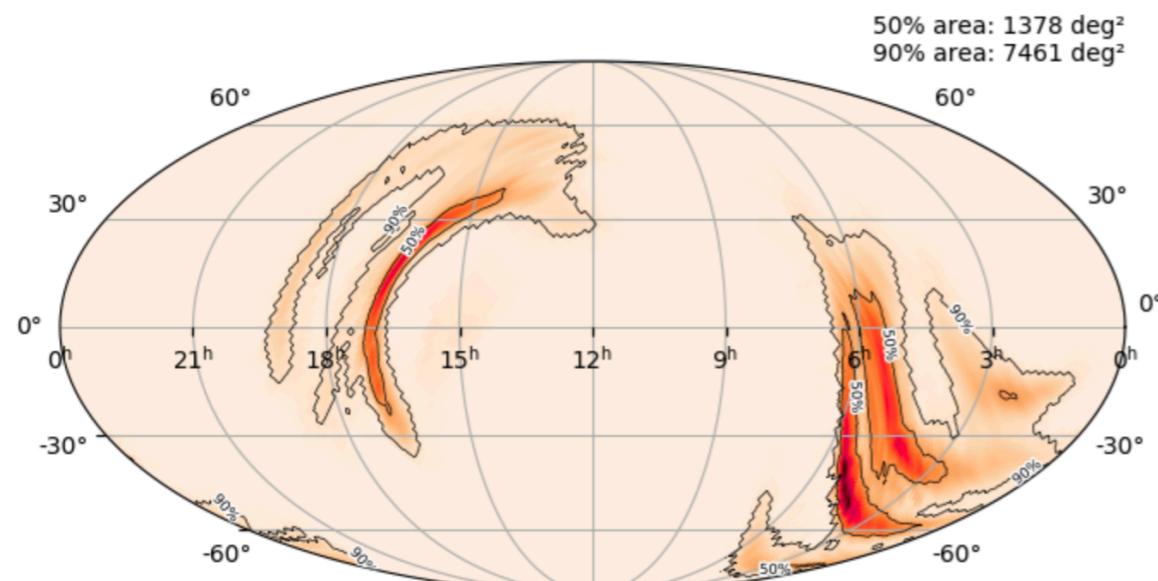
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10am CET

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(x4 GW170817)

Sky error: 1/4 of the sky!  
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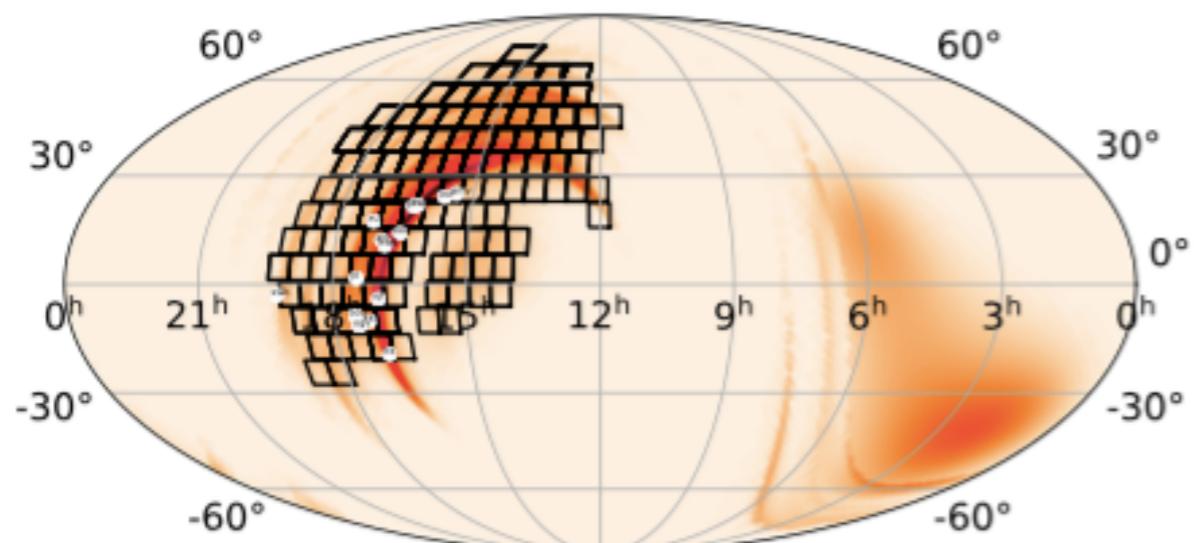
O(100) GCNs;  
ZTF scanned volume in 3 hours!  
**10<sup>5</sup> false positives**  
(supernova and M-dwarf)

$p(\text{NS-NS}) > 0.99$ ;  
 $p(\text{terrestrial}) < 0.01$ ;  
 $p(\text{remnant}) > 0.99$

[see [https://gcn.gsfc.nasa.gov/notices\\_I/S190426z.lvc](https://gcn.gsfc.nasa.gov/notices_I/S190426z.lvc)  
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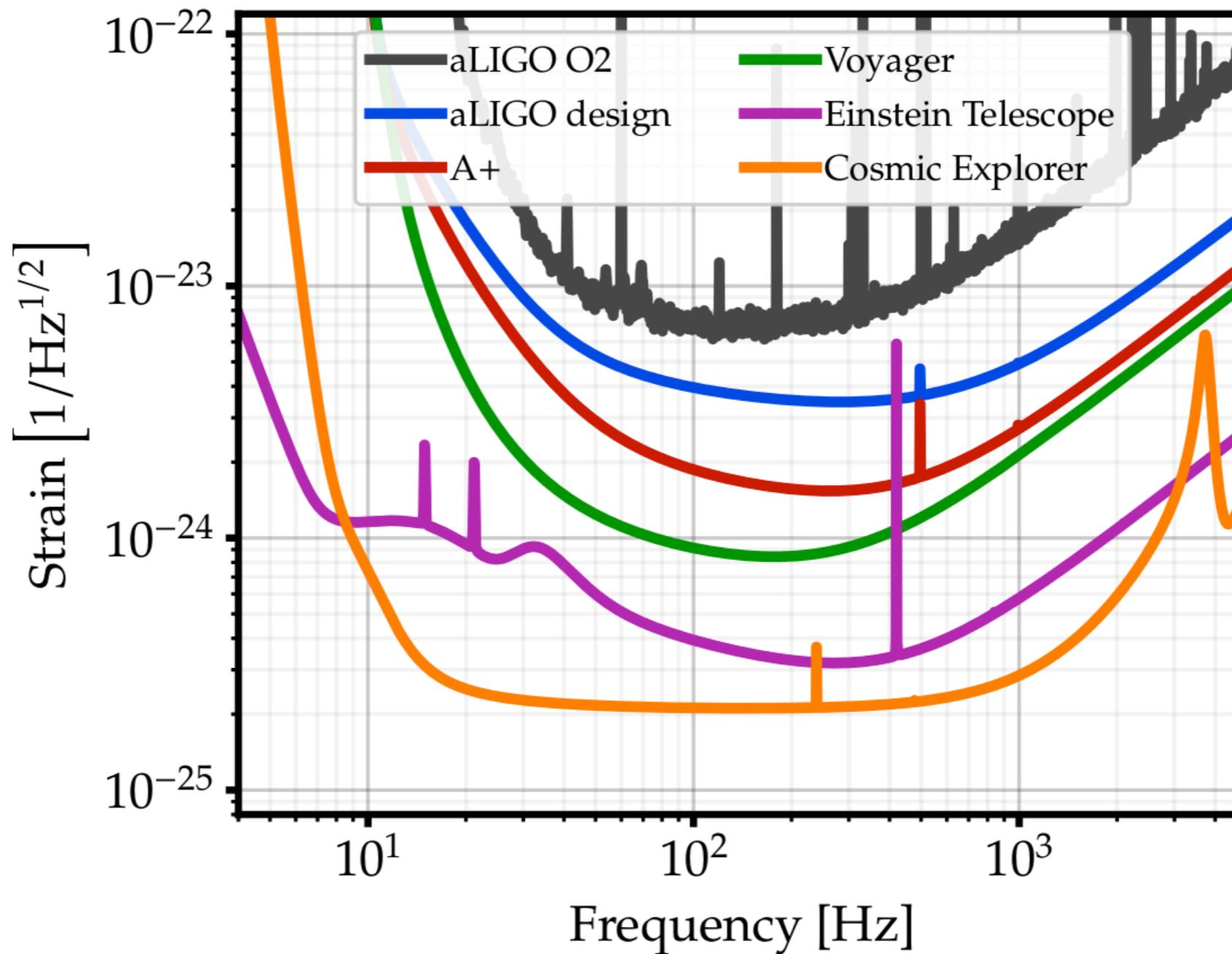
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GROWTH: Coughlin + 1907.12645

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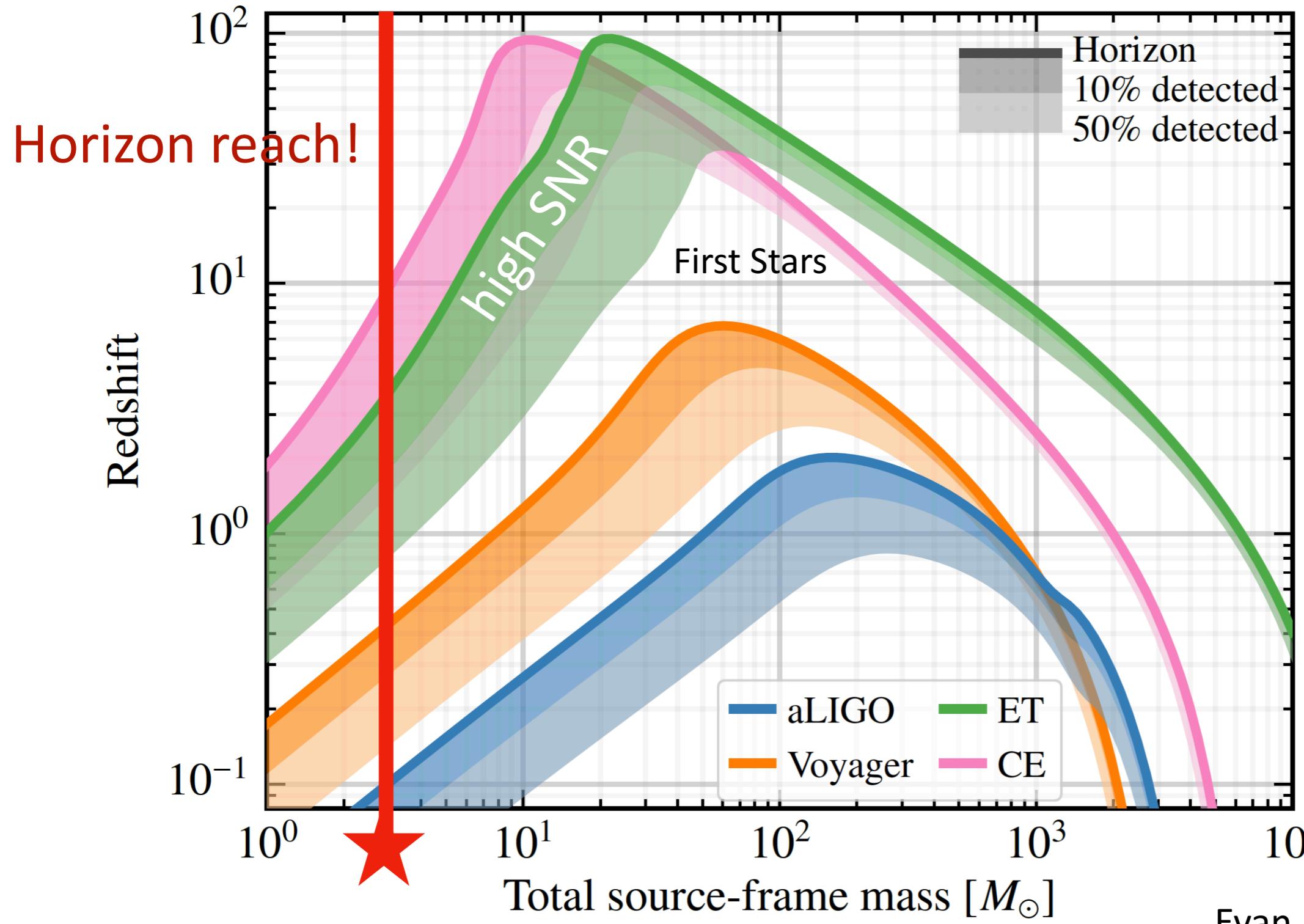
# Mid 2020s - 2030a: aLIGO+, Einstein Telescope



Factor of 2/10 in sensitivity; x 8/1000 in rates

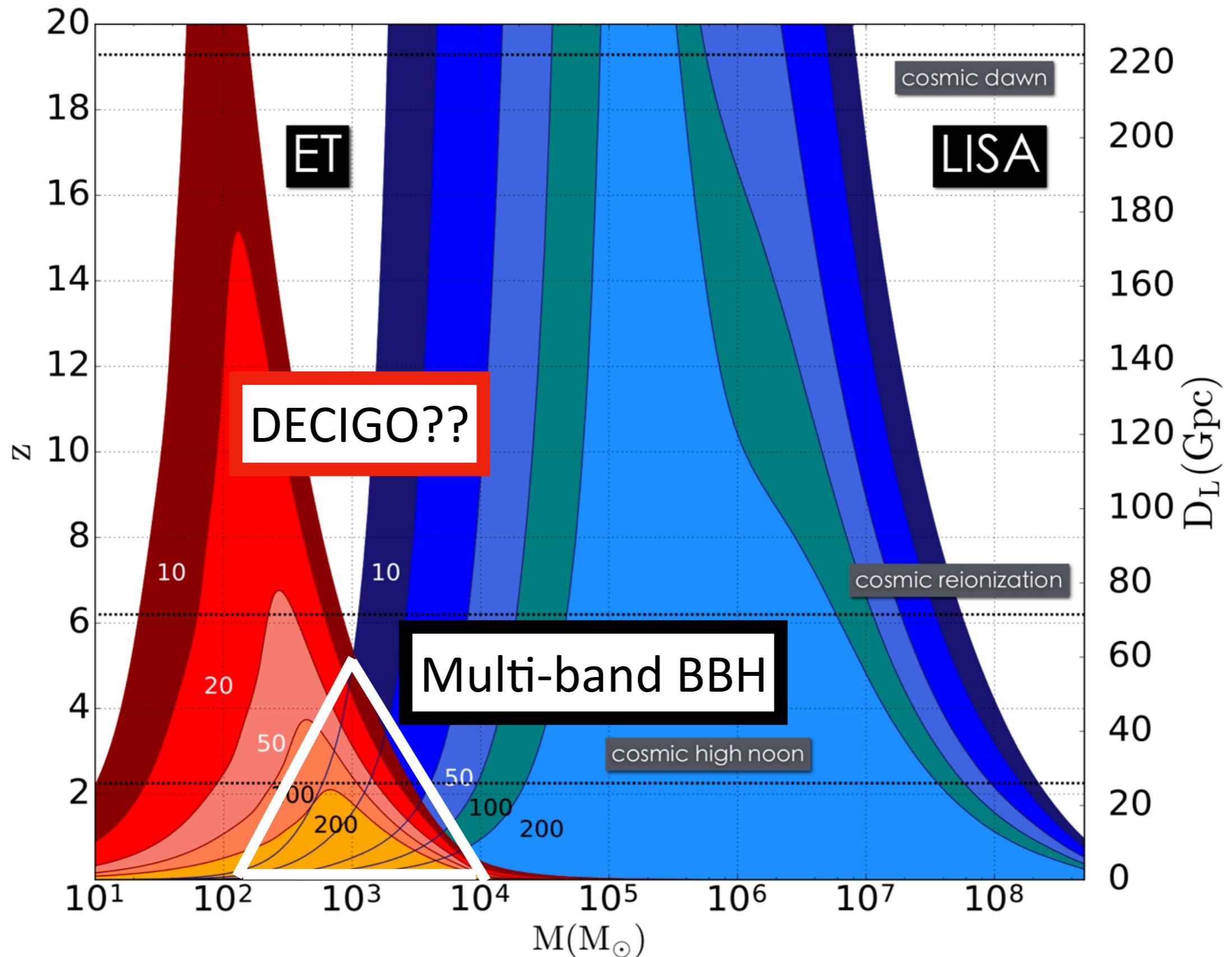
# 2030s: Einstein Telescope and Cosmic Explorer have cosmological reach

MMA co-chairs: Bailes, Kasliwal, Nissanke



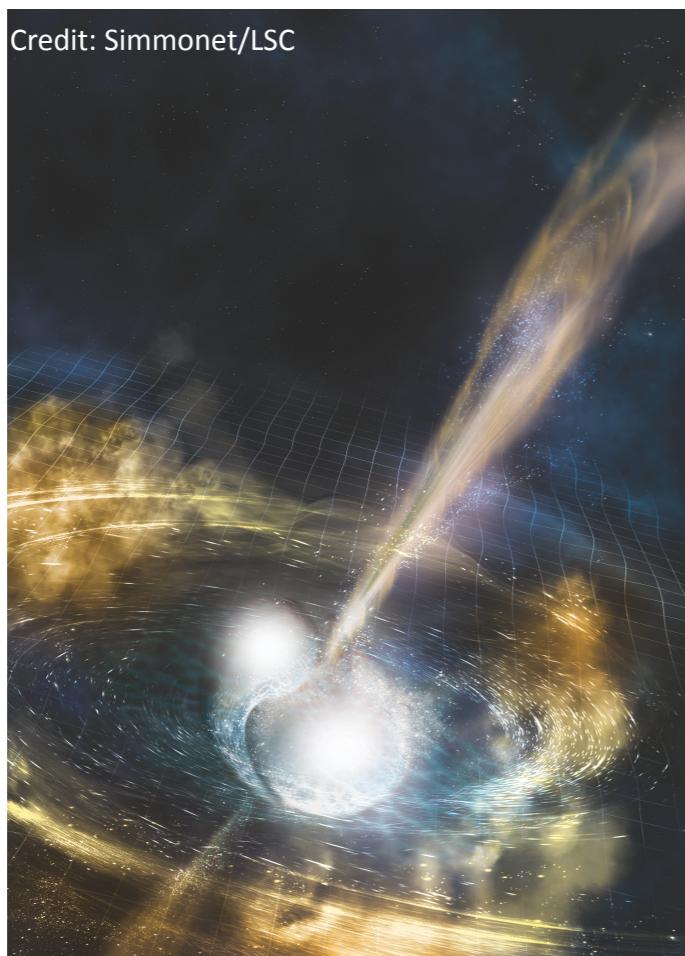
# GW170817: $z \sim 10^{-2}$

Evan Hall, MIT



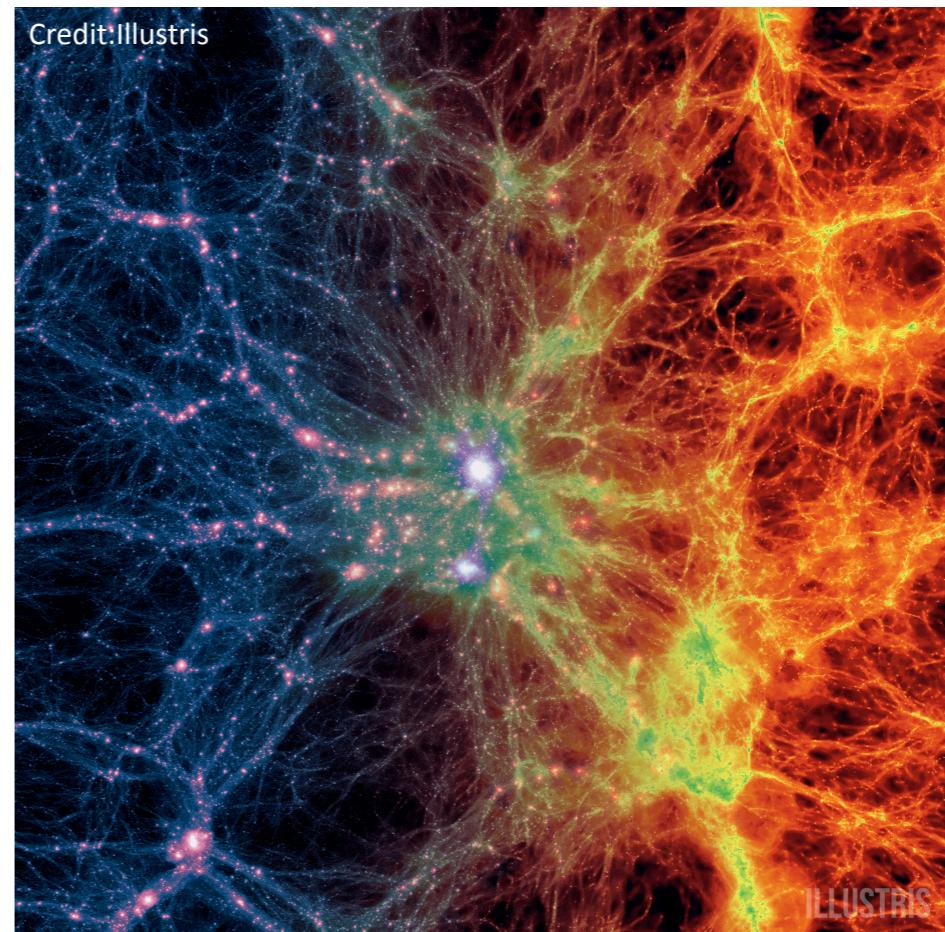
# Task 7: MMO in 2030s is not just EM follow up!

EM follow up of single sources

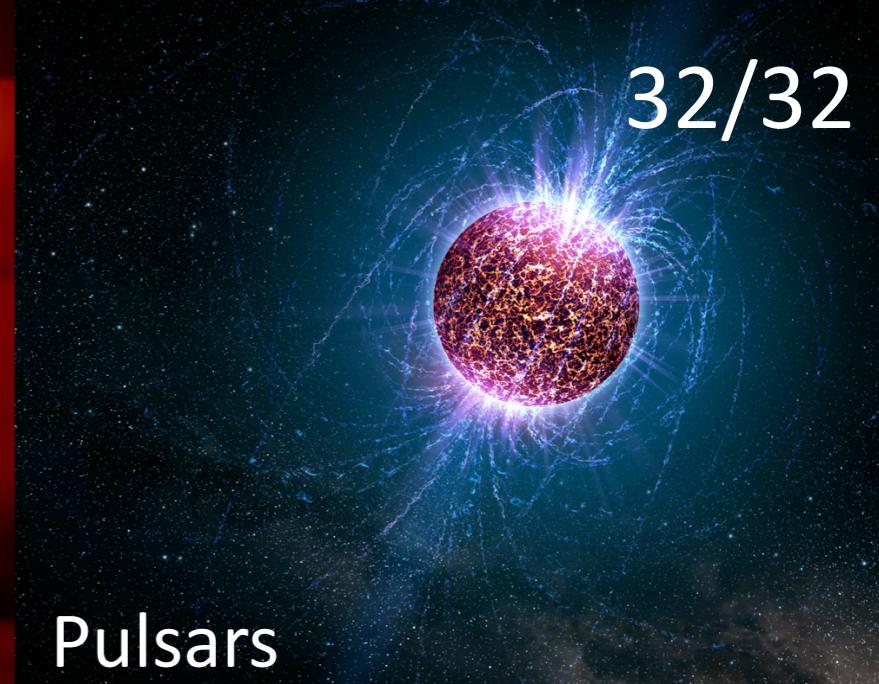
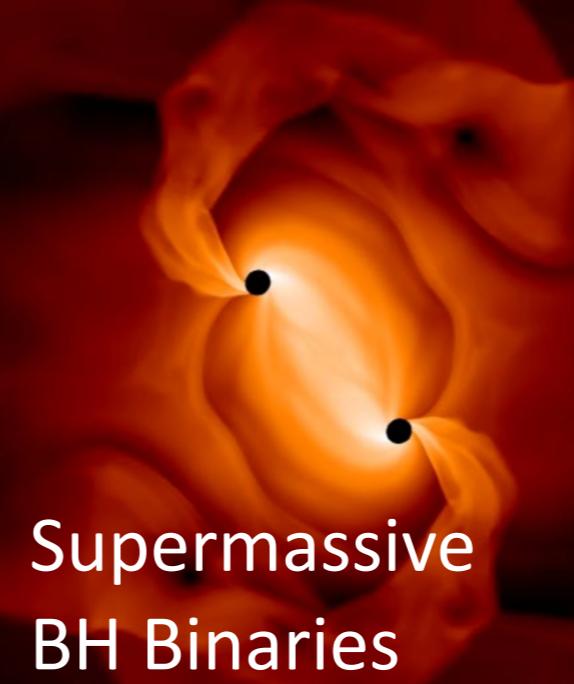
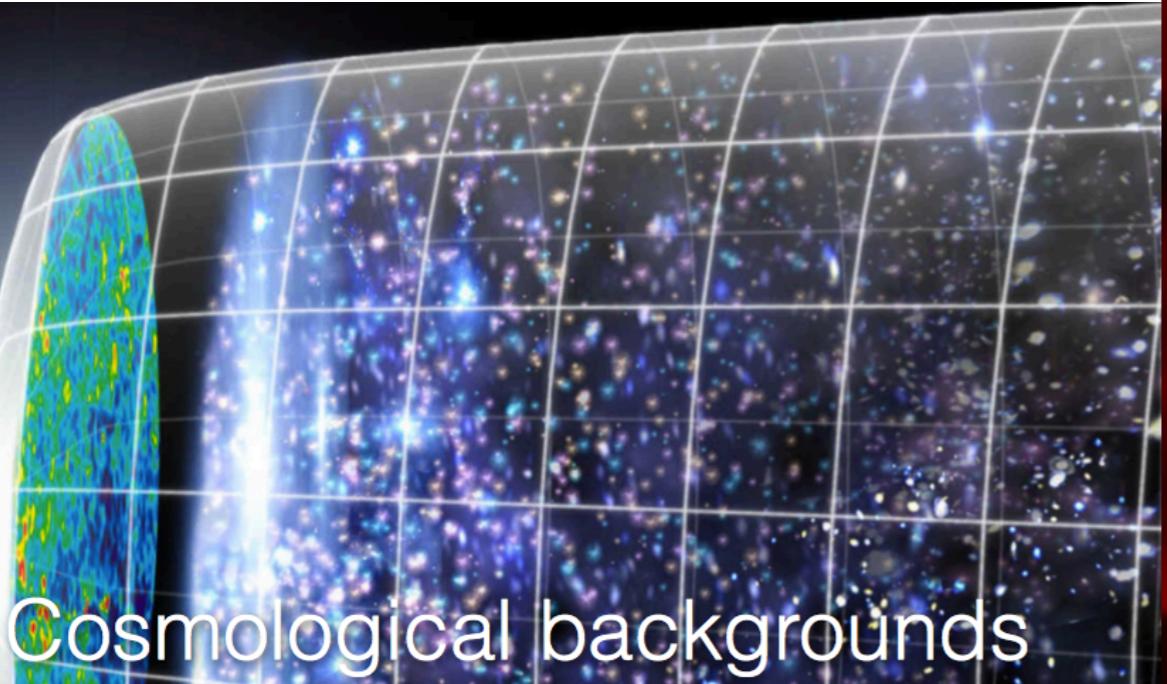


Cherry Pick Loud events  
- golden for GW+EM

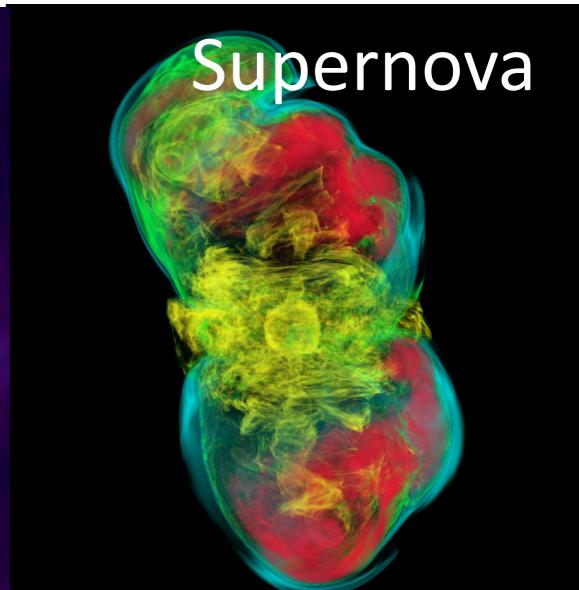
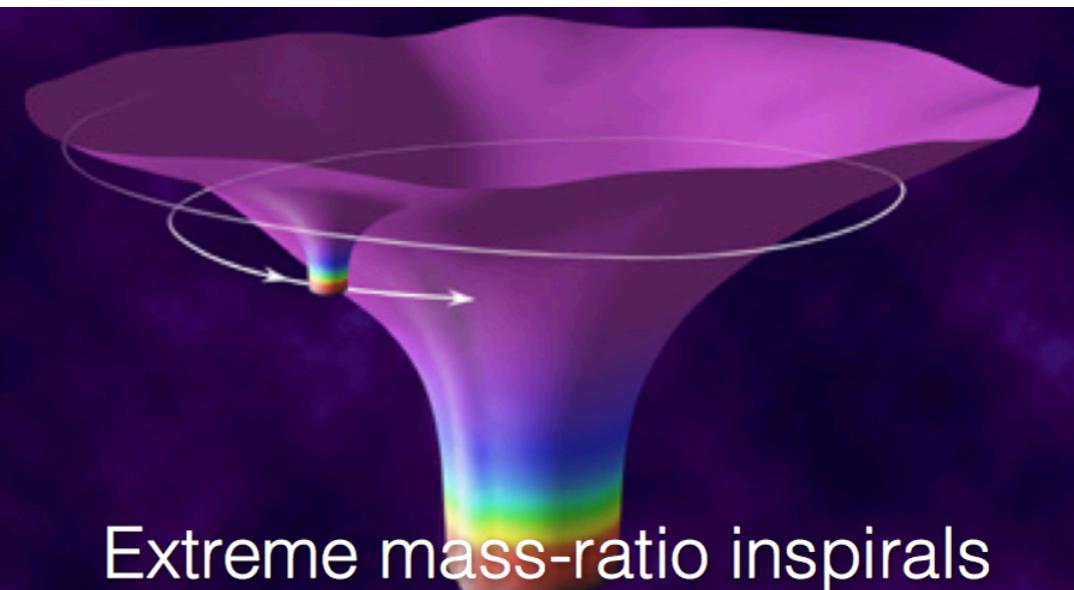
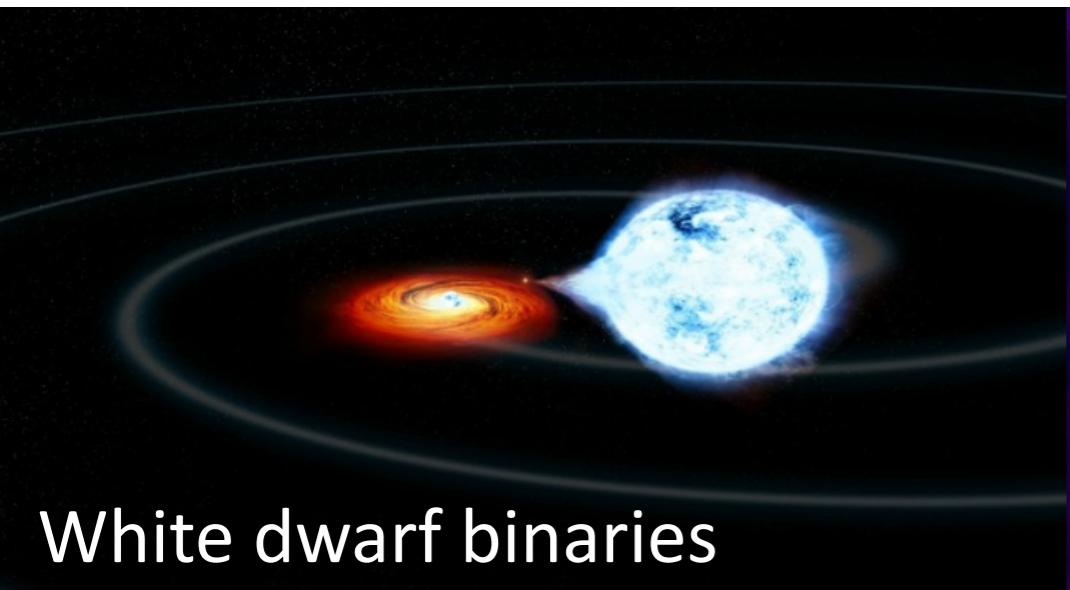
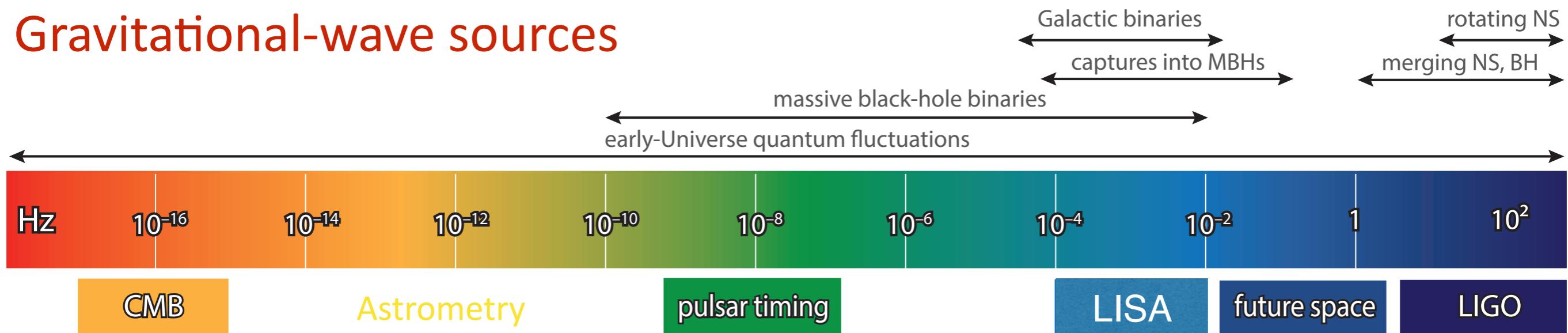
Cross correlating GW and EM source catalogs



Large Scale Structure;  
Extragalactic Astronomy



## Gravitational-wave sources



First-order phase transitions, superstring kink & cusps, inflationary signature, new sources!

# The future is both loud and bright!

Immediately : GW detector sensitivity & network increases =>  
First NS-BH merger! SNe! **Tens of BBH mergers yr<sup>-1</sup> and several of NS-NS yr<sup>-1</sup>**

**Key step for GW+EM:** joint analysis for masses, spins, sky position and redshifts for populations of compact object mergers are necessary for fundamental physics and astrophysics.

Understanding systematics and finding the EM counterpart are critical for H0 measurement: independent to the cosmological distance level.

Beyond LIGO, Virgo era: Witness the opening of the entire GW spectrum with CMB, PTAs, LISA, new generation ground-based detectors ...together with next generation of wide-field synoptic surveys LSST, SKA ... and E-ELTs.

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## New Opportunities: GW+EM for astrophysics

- How, when and where do BHs and NSs form? What is the intrinsic nature of compact objects?
- How do compact object mergers impact and drive the evolution of the Universe?
- How do the fundamental laws of physics interact with each other in strong-field gravity?

## Challenges: combining GW+EM

- Observations of GW & EM
- Modelling GW + EM simultaneously (microphysics)
- Interpretation (astrophysics and cosmology)