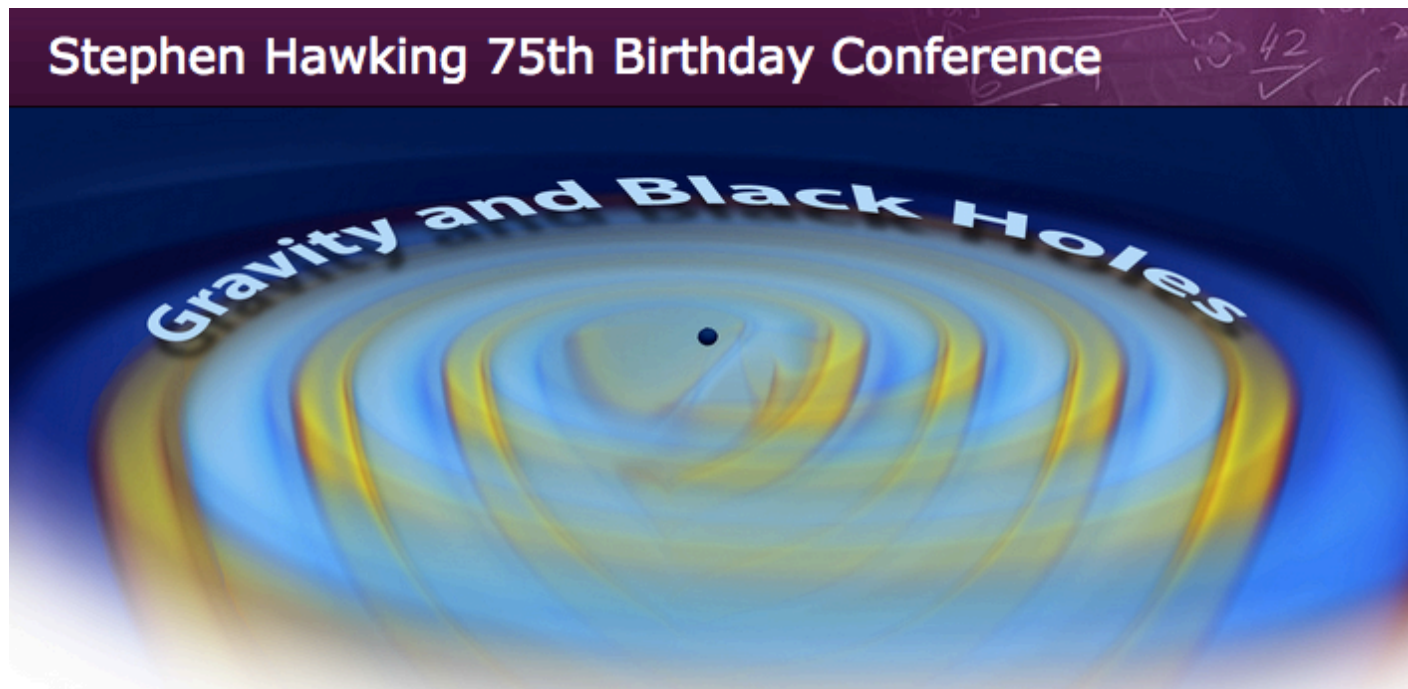


# How to hear black holes and other cosmic sounds



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For the LIGO Scientific Collaboration and  
the Virgo Collaboration

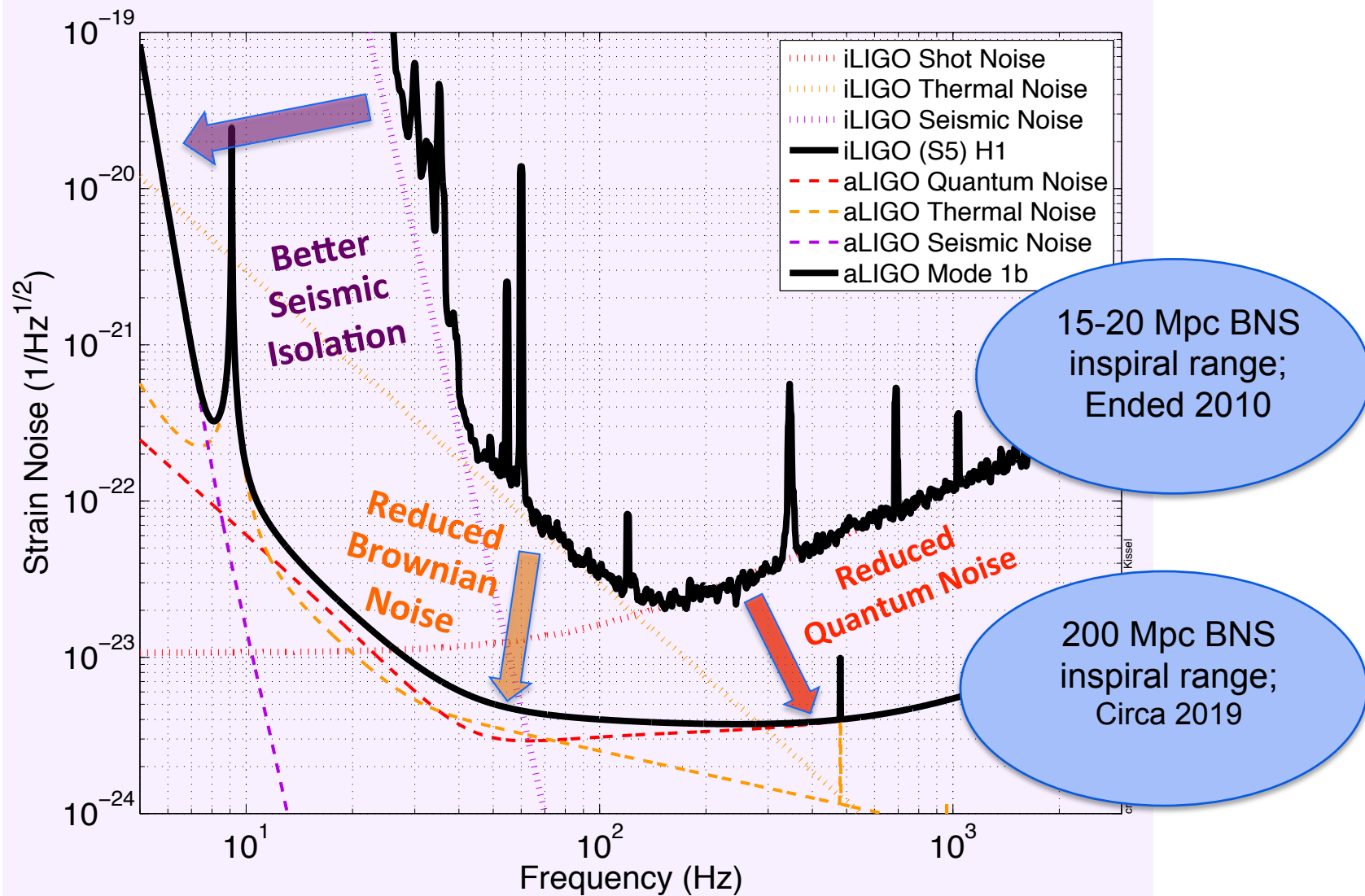




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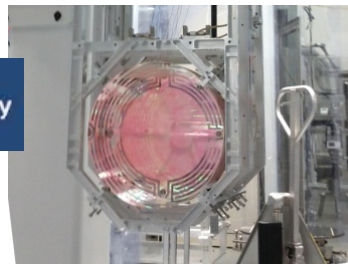
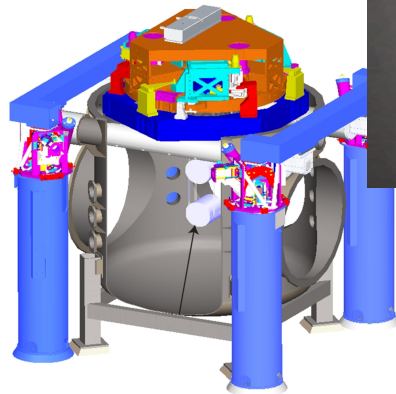
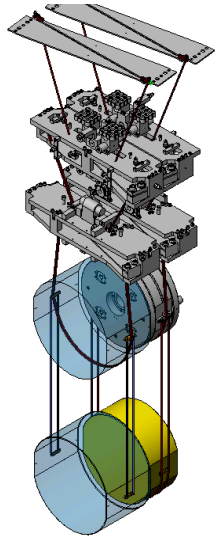
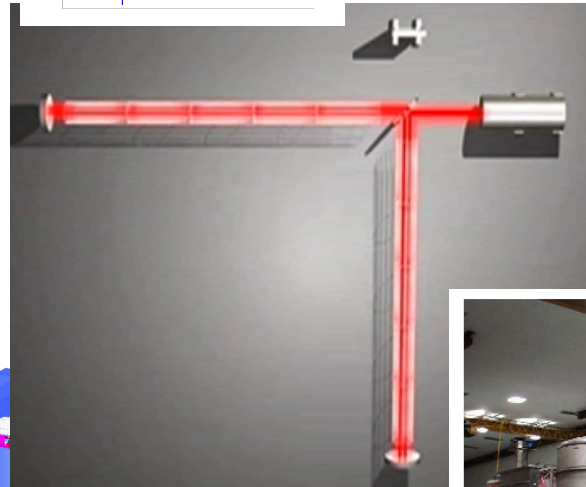
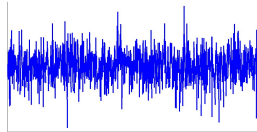


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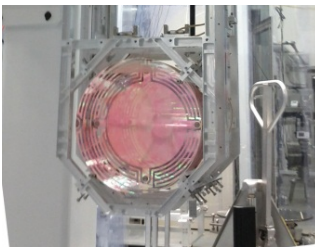
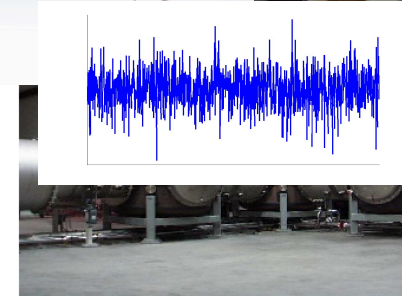
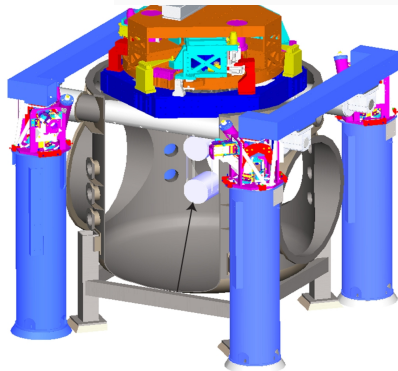
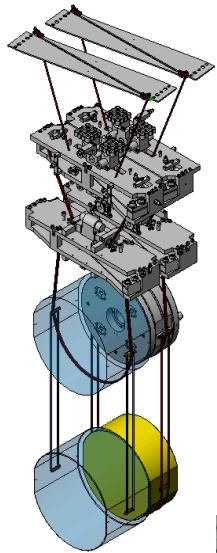
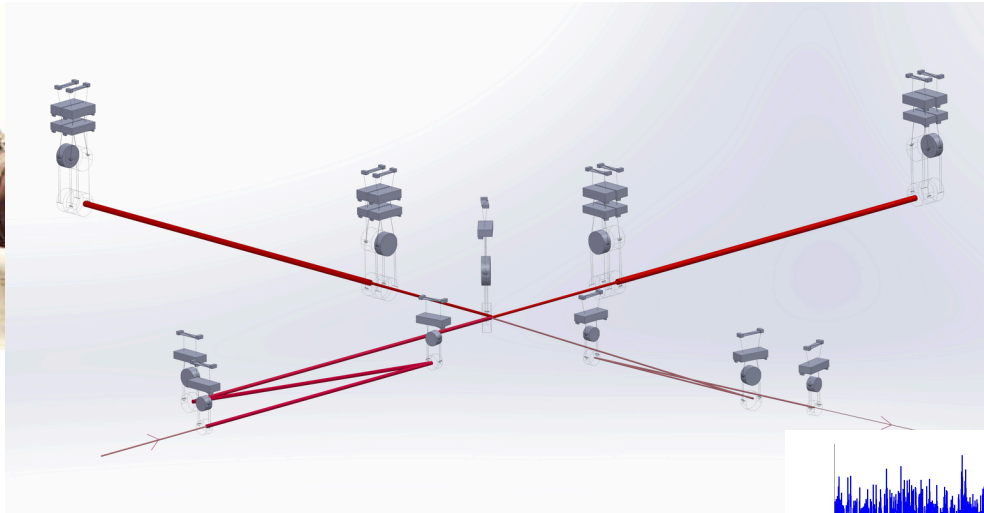


# 2008+: Advanced LIGO detectors



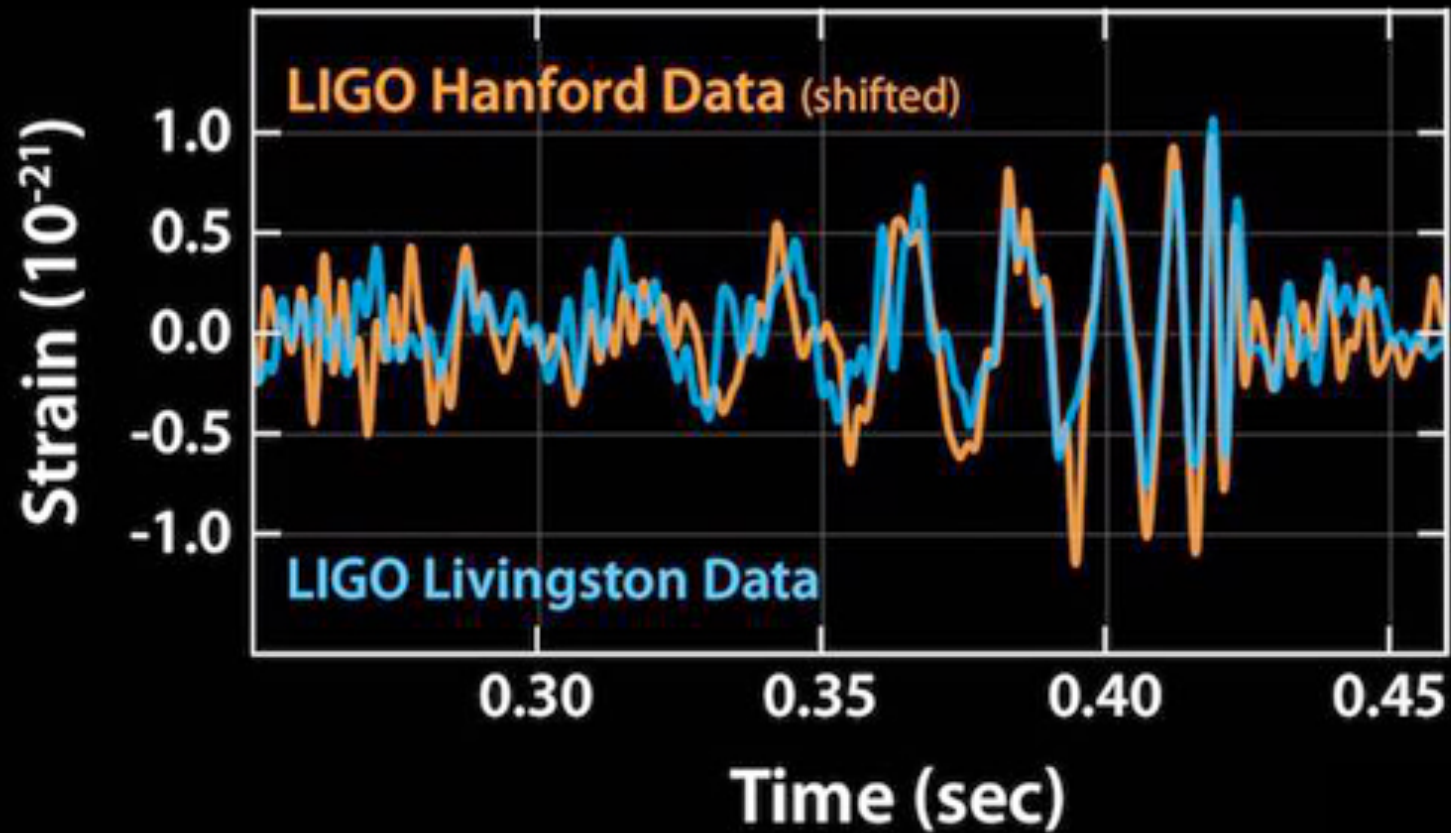


# Advanced LIGO detectors





# On Sept 14 2015...





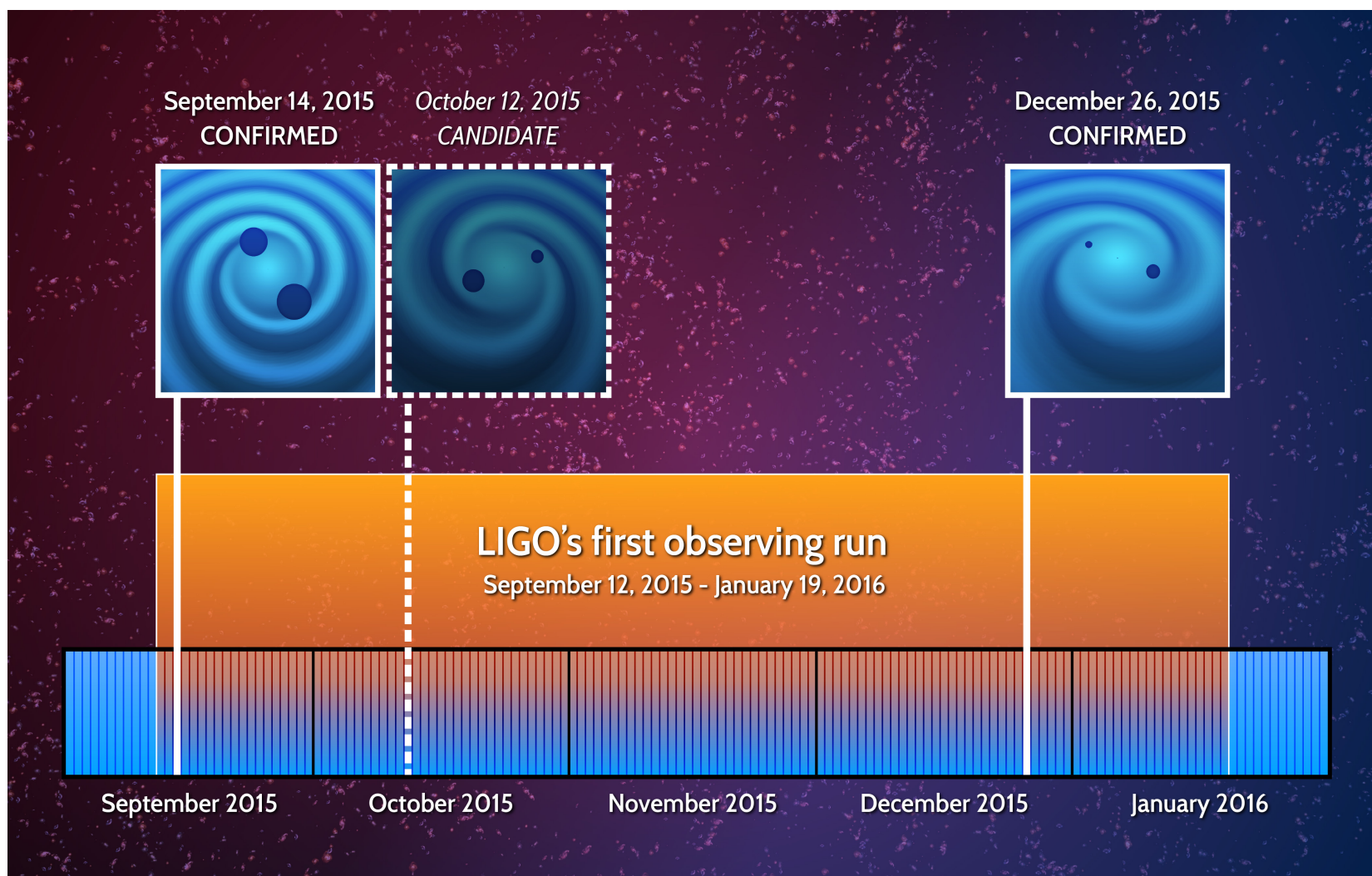
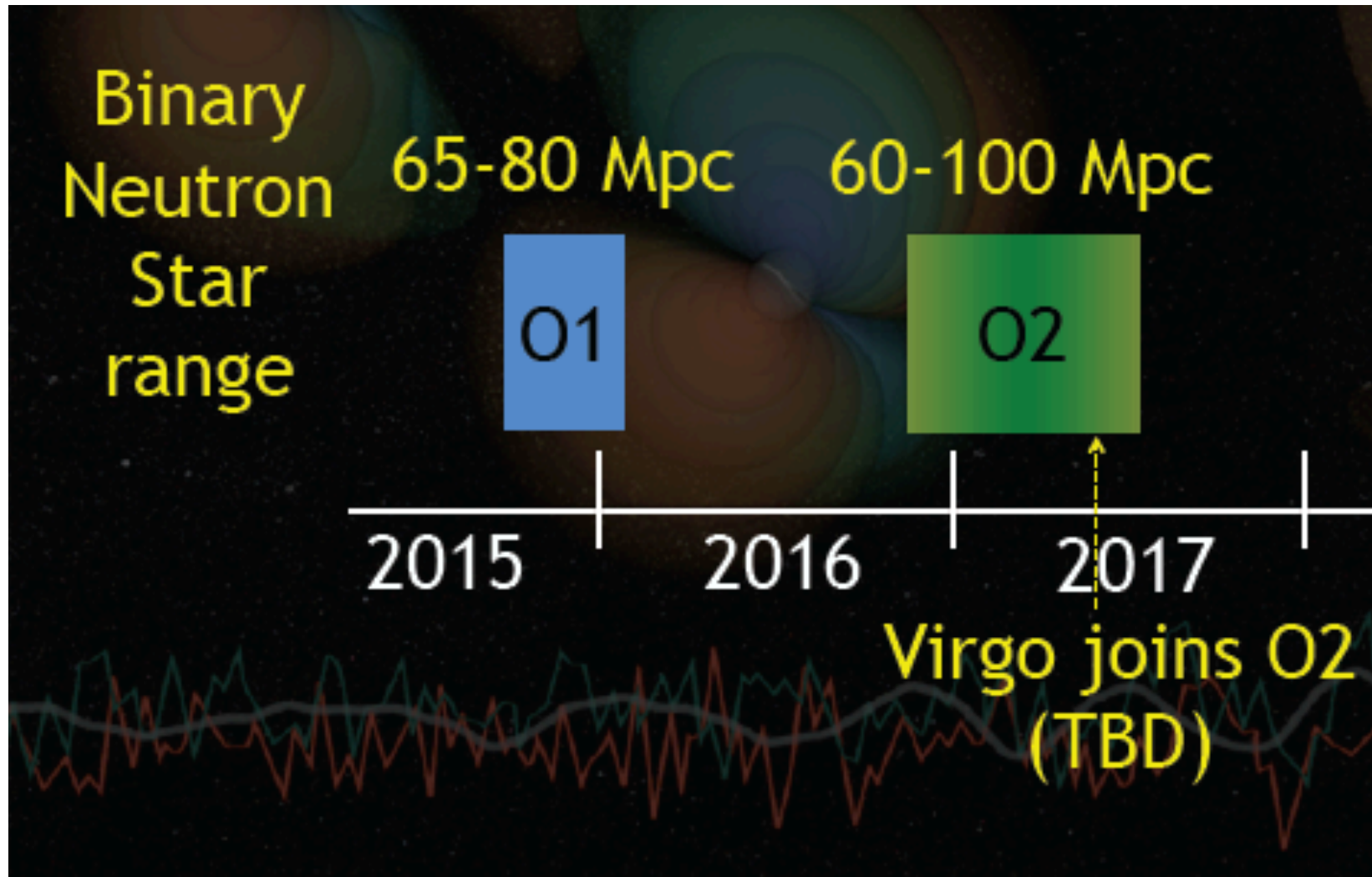



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# What happened since 2016?



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(LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration)

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(LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration)

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## GW170104: Observation of a 50-Solar-Mass Binary Black Hole Coalescence at Redshift 0.2

B. P. Abbott *et al.*<sup>\*</sup>

(LIGO Scientific and Virgo Collaboration)



## Binary Black Hole Mergers in the First Advanced LIGO Observing Run

All-sky search for short gravitational-wave bursts in the first Advanced LIGO run

Upper Limits on the Stochastic Gravitational-Wave Background from Advanced LIGO's First Observing Run

B. P. Abbott  
Phys. Rev. Lett.

**UPPER LIMITS ON THE RATES OF BINARY NEUTRON STAR AND NEUTRON STAR-BLACK HOLE MERGERS FROM ADVANCED LIGO'S FIRST OBSERVING RUN**

## First Search for Gravitational Waves from Known Pulsars with Advanced LIGO

B. P. Abbott<sup>1</sup>, R. Abbott<sup>1</sup>, T. D. Abbott<sup>2</sup>, M. R. Abernathy<sup>3</sup>, F. Acernese<sup>4,5</sup>, K. Ackley<sup>6</sup>, C. Adams<sup>7</sup>, T. Adams<sup>8</sup>, P. Addesso<sup>9</sup>, R. X. Adhikari<sup>1</sup> [Show full author list](#)

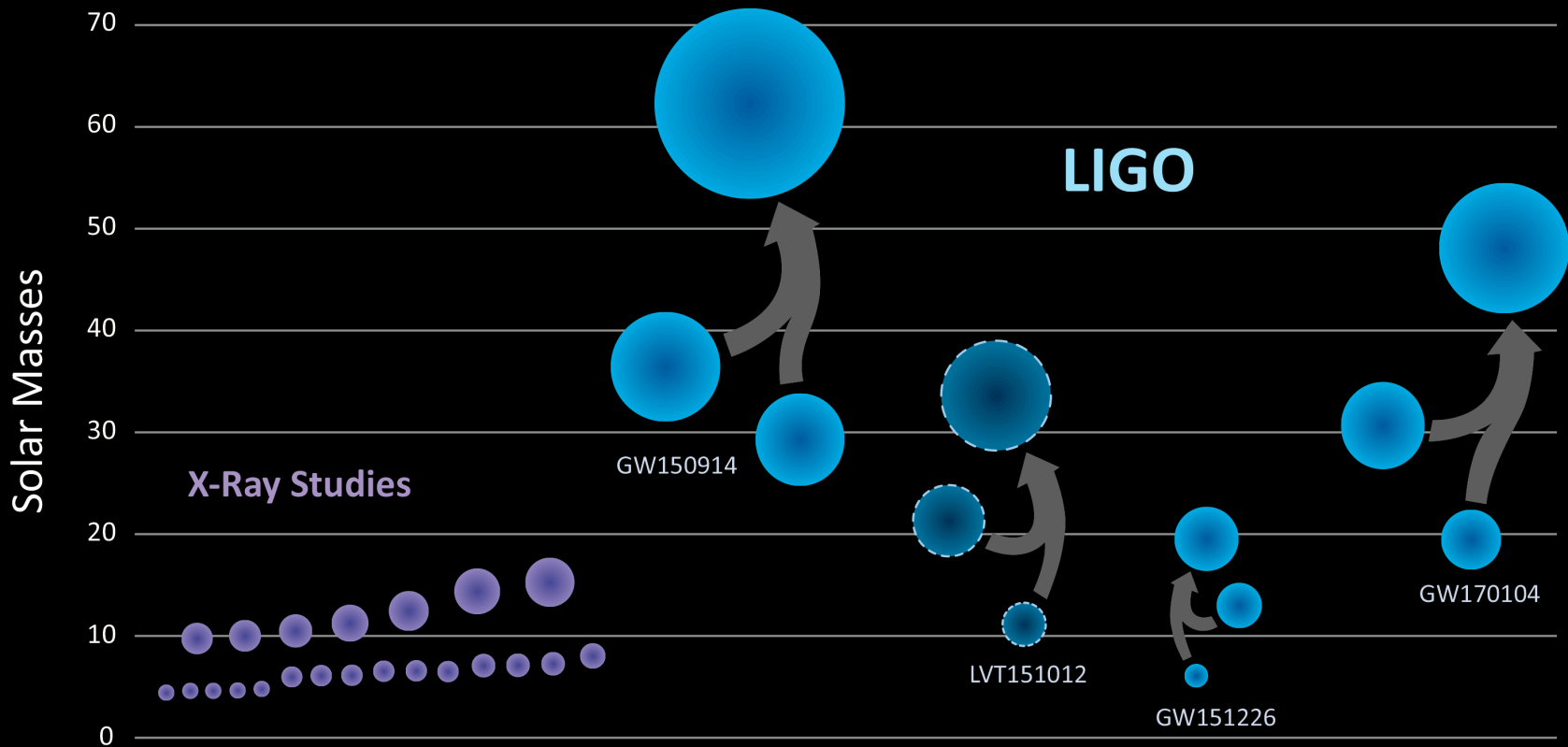
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# Filling in the black hole catalog

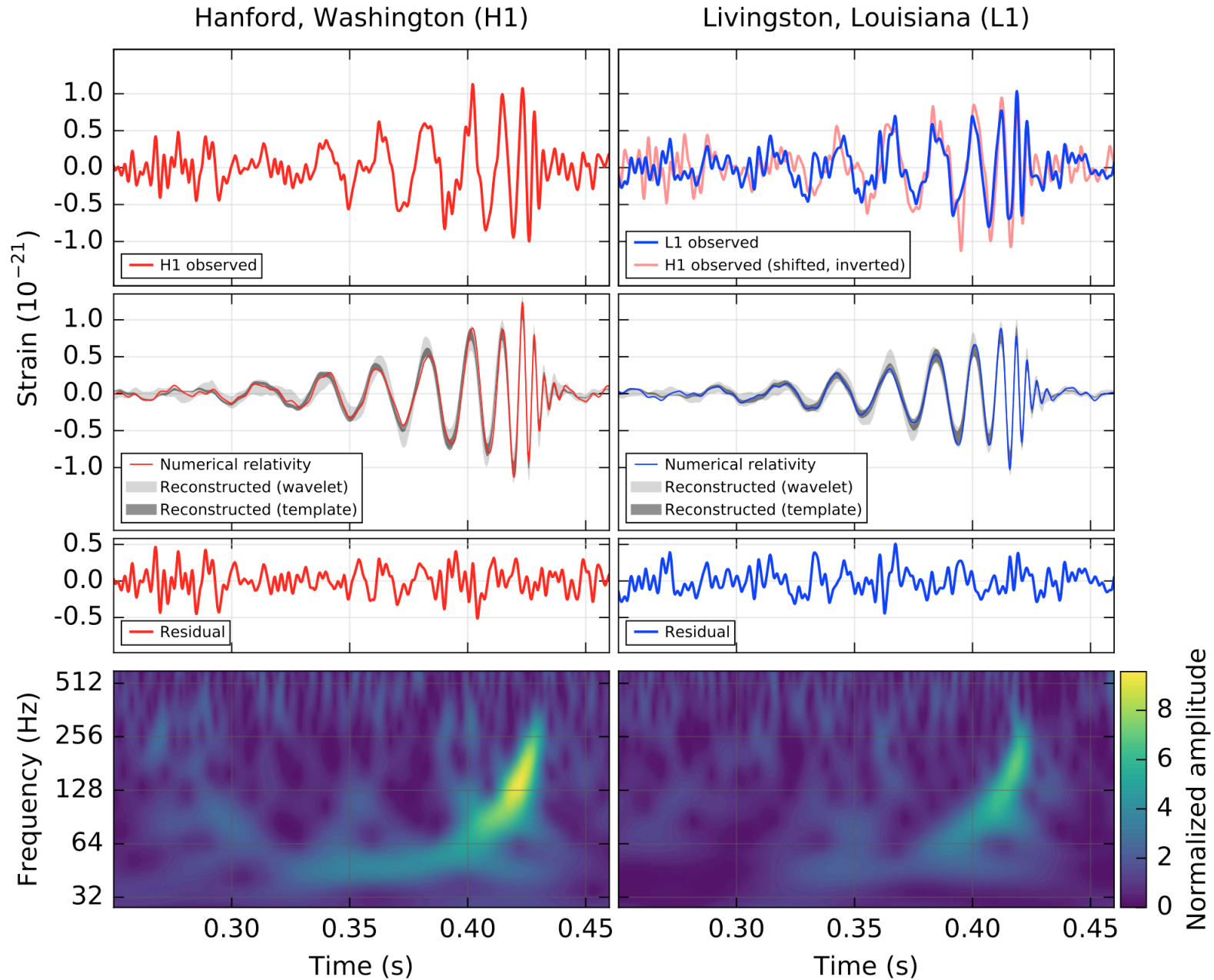


## Black Holes of Known Mass



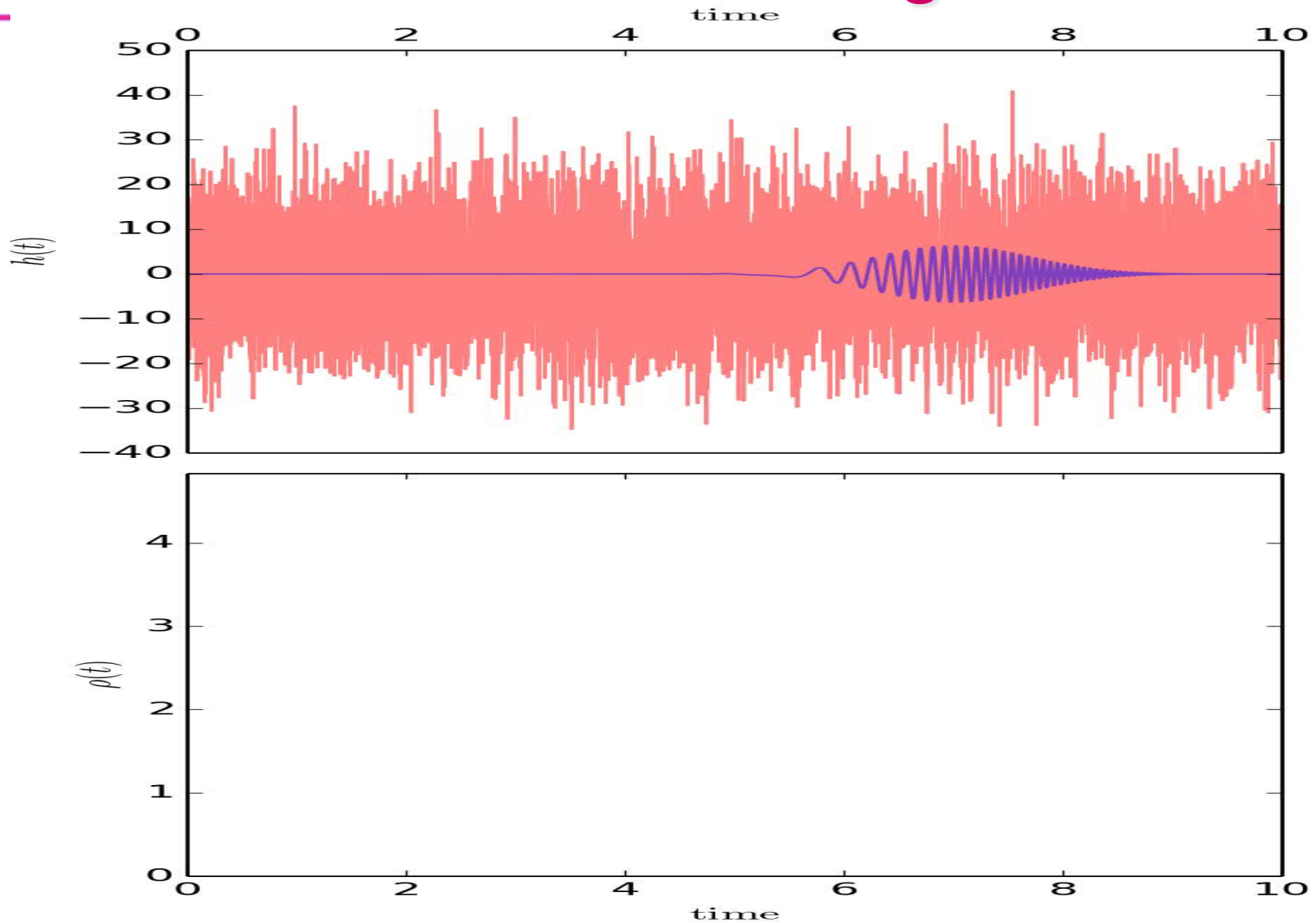
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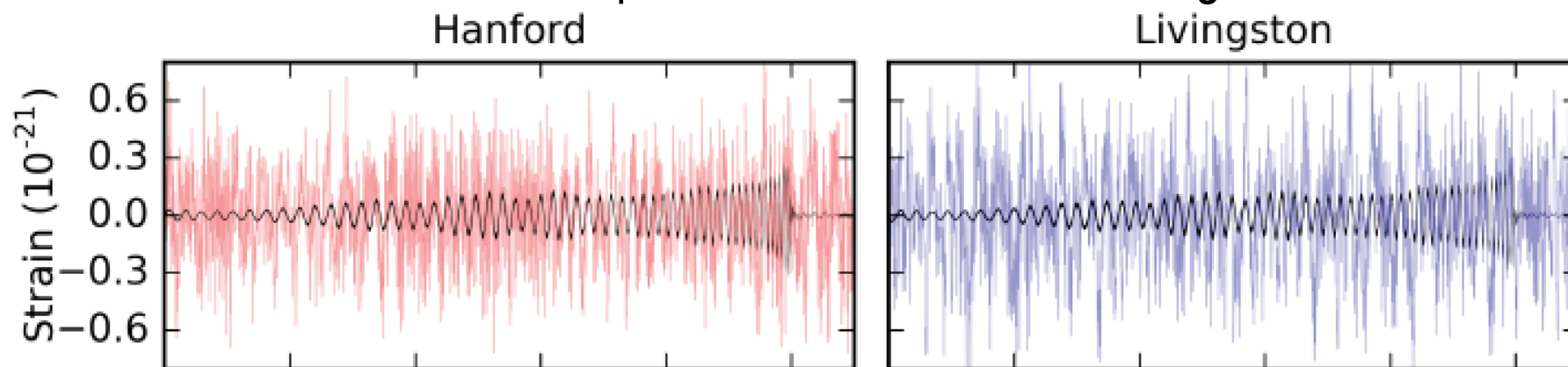
# Searching for a specific waveform: matched filtering



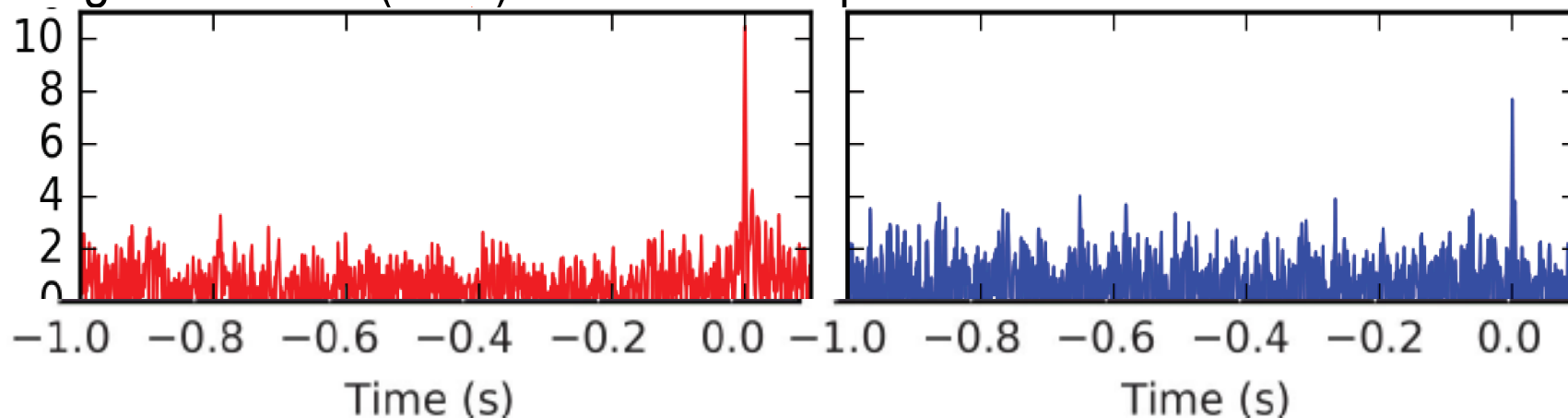
# GW151226



Filtered detector output and filtered best matching waveform

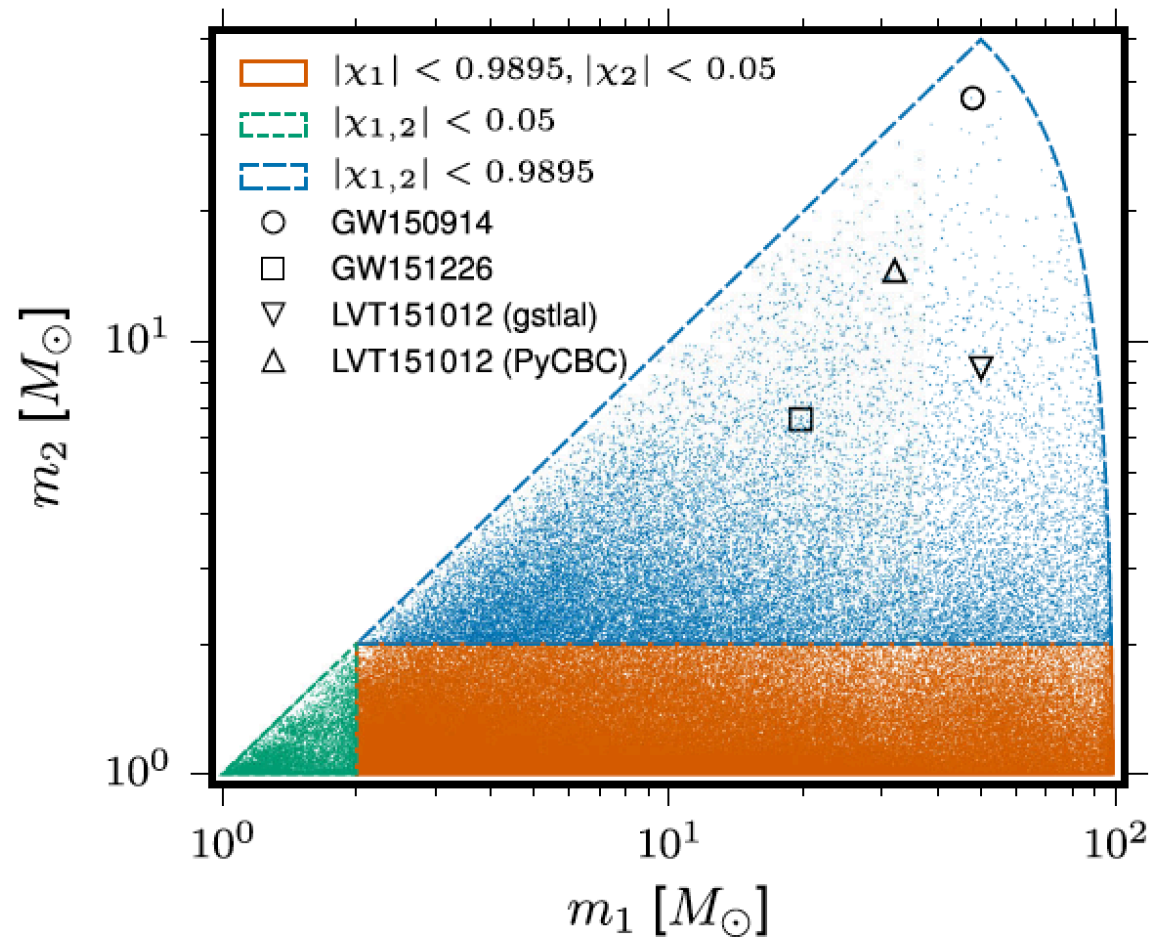


Signal-to-noise (SNR) when best template matches at coalescence time



Phys. Rev. Lett. **116**, 241103 (2016)

# Searching and finding waveforms

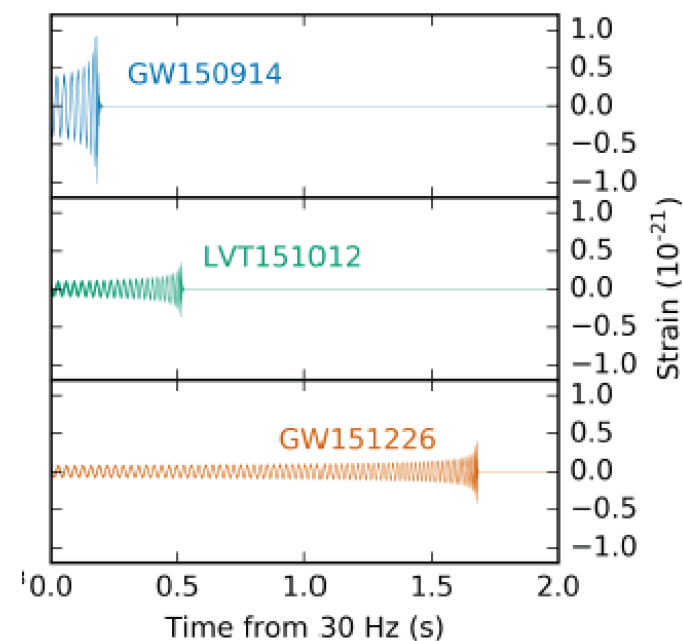
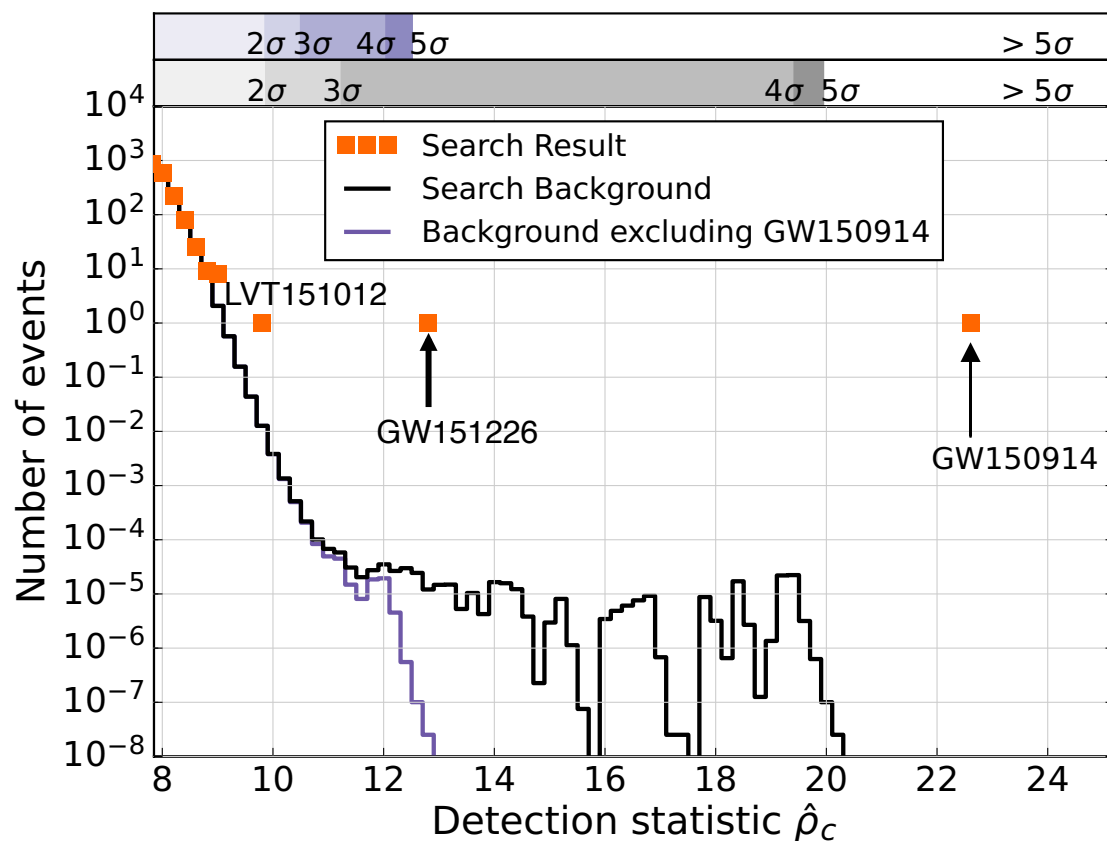


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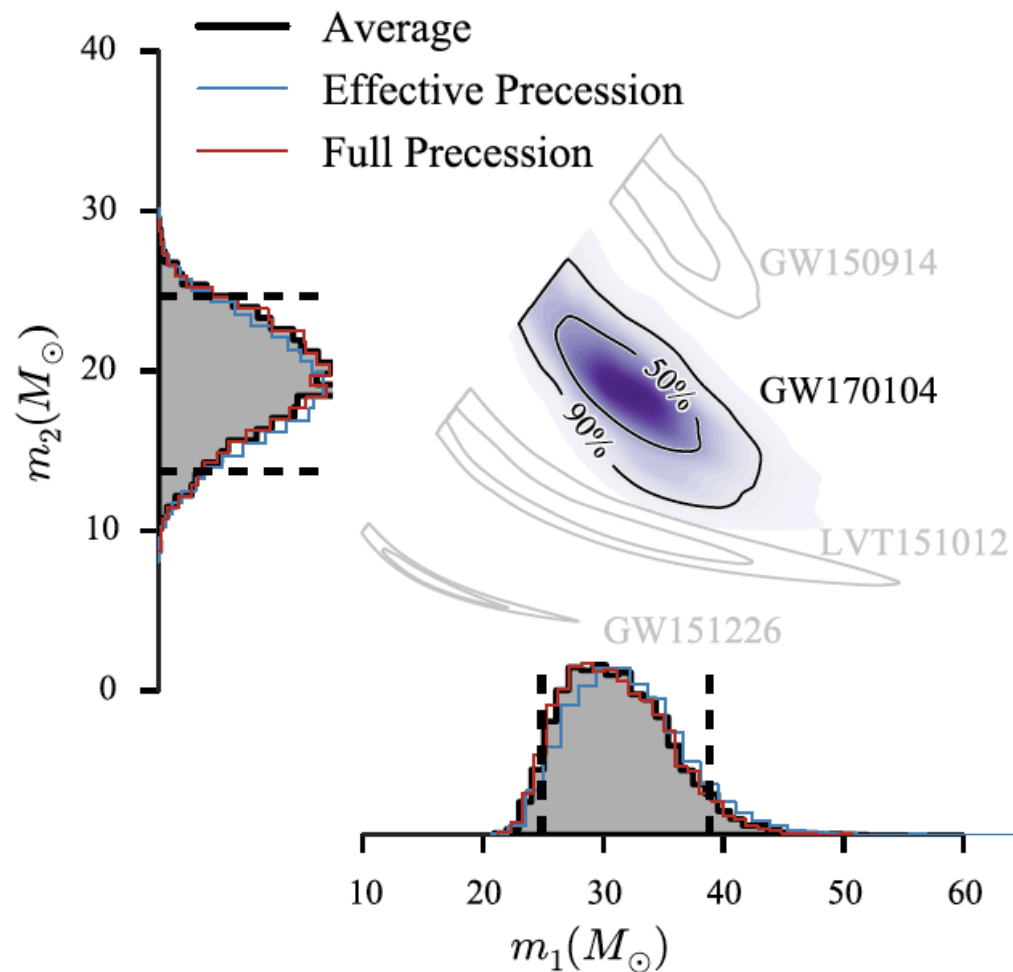
# O1 BBH search

Search for binary black holes systems with black holes larger than  $2 M_{\odot}$  and total mass less than  $100 M_{\odot}$ , in O1 (Sep 12, 2015-Jan 19, 2016,  $\sim 48$  days of coincident data)



[Phys. Rev. X 6, 041015 \(2016\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/1602.03837)

# Finding parameters: masses



Phys. Rev. Lett. 118, 221101



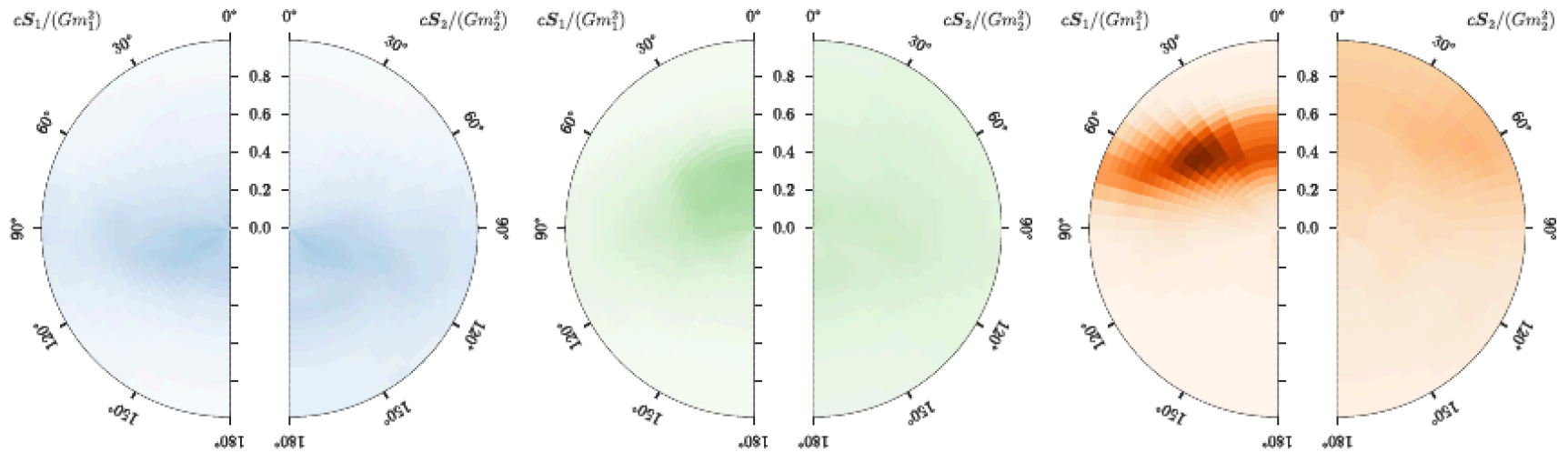
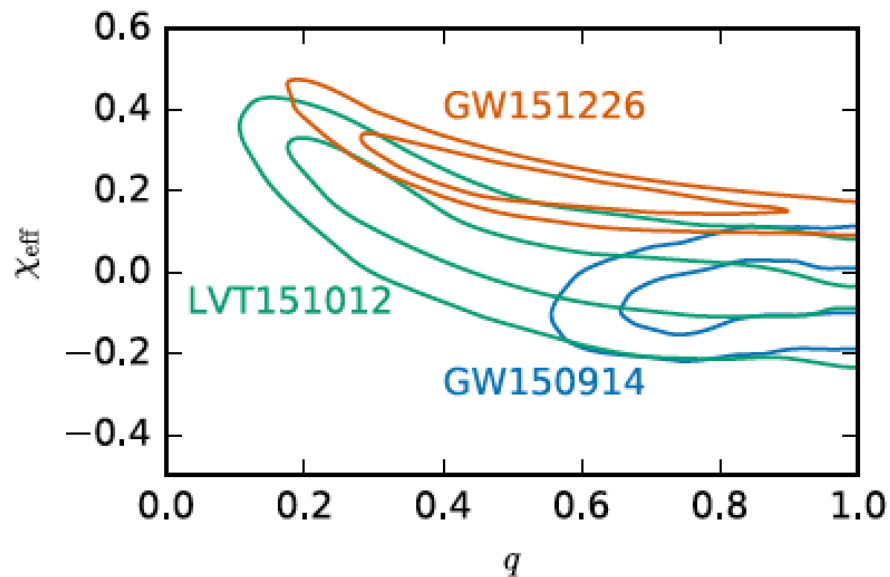


FIG. 5. Posterior probability distributions for the dimensionless component spins  $cS_1/(Gm_1^2)$  and  $cS_2/(Gm_2^2)$  relative to the normal to the orbital plane  $L$ , marginalized over the azimuthal angles. The bins are constructed linearly in spin magnitude and the cosine of the tilt angles, and therefore have equal prior probability. The left plot shows the distribution for GW150914, the middle plot is for LVT151012, and the right plot is for GW151226.



$$\chi_{\text{eff}} = \left( \frac{\mathbf{S}_1}{m_1} + \frac{\mathbf{S}_2}{m_2} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{\hat{\mathbf{L}}}{M} \right)$$



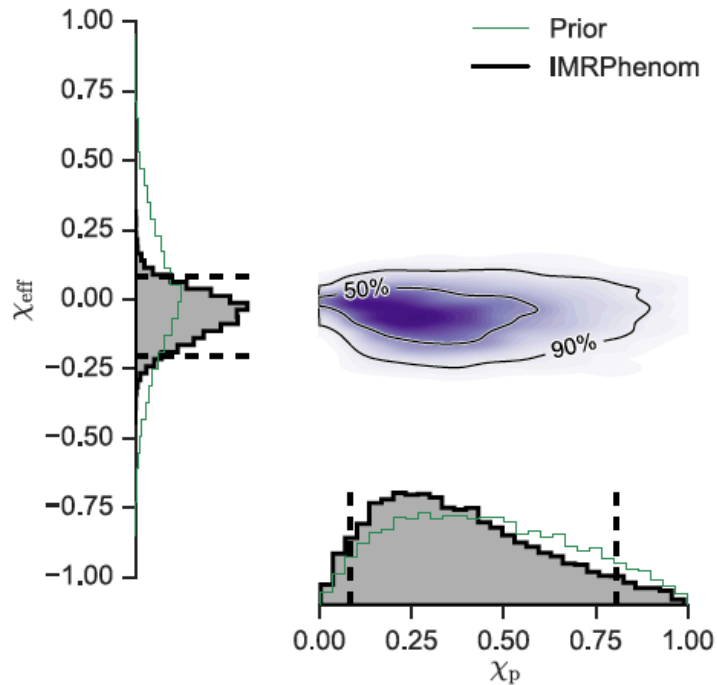
# Black hole spins



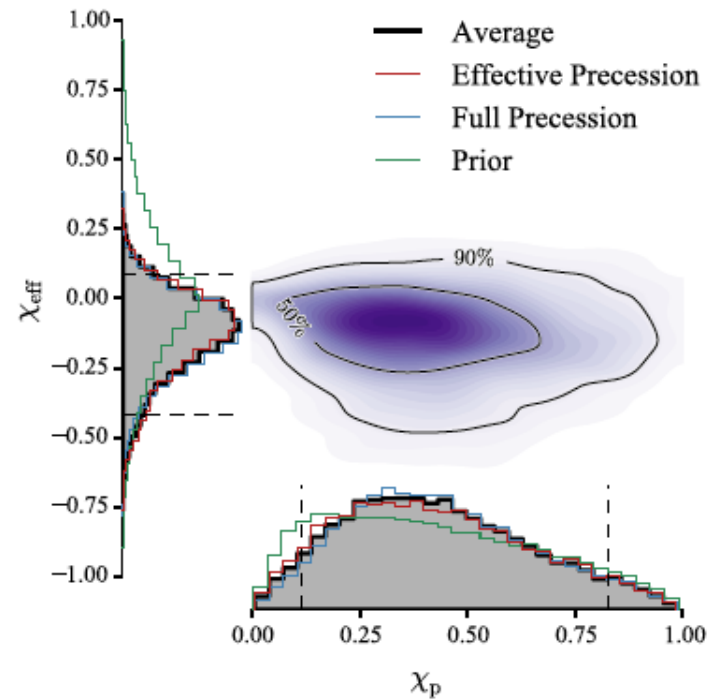
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GW150914  
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GW170104  
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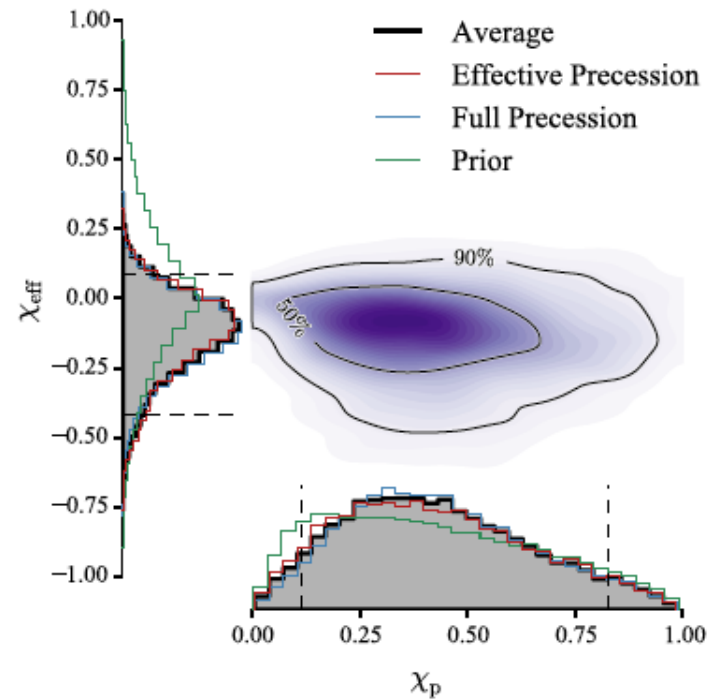
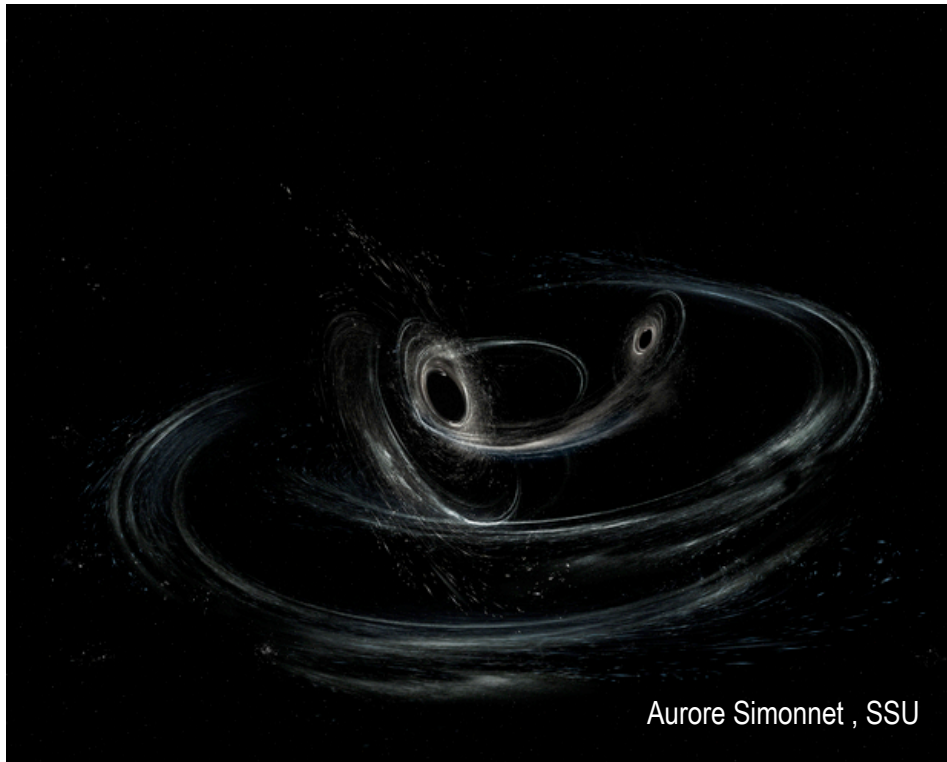
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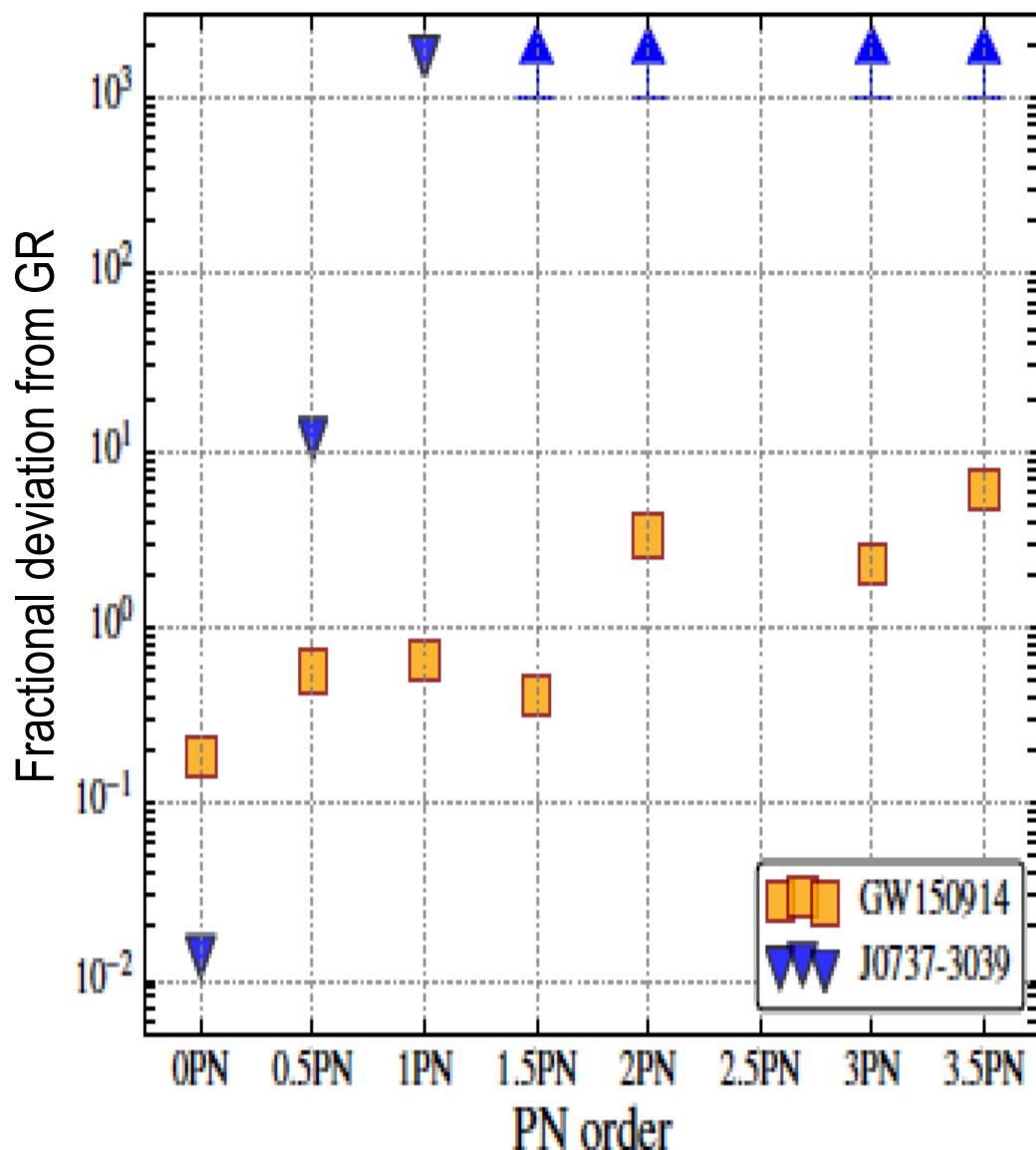
GW170104

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TABLE I. Source properties for GW170104: median values with 90% credible intervals. We quote source-frame masses; to convert to the detector frame, multiply by  $(1+z)$  [50, 51]. The redshift assumes a flat cosmology with Hubble parameter  $H_0 = 67.9 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$  and matter density parameter  $\Omega_m = 0.3065$  [52]. More source properties are given in Table II in the *Supplemental Material* [11].

Primary black hole mass $m_1$	$31.2^{+8.4}_{-6.0} M_\odot$
Secondary black hole mass $m_2$	$19.4^{+5.3}_{-5.9} M_\odot$
Chirp mass $\mathcal{M}$	$21.1^{+2.4}_{-2.7} M_\odot$
Total mass $M$	$50.7^{+5.9}_{-5.0} M_\odot$
Final black hole mass $M_f$	$48.7^{+5.7}_{-4.6} M_\odot$
Radiated energy $E_{\text{rad}}$	$2.0^{+0.6}_{-0.7} M_\odot c^2$
Peak luminosity $\ell_{\text{peak}}$	$3.1^{+0.7}_{-1.3} \times 10^{56} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$
Effective inspiral spin parameter $\chi_{\text{eff}}$	$-0.12^{+0.21}_{-0.30}$
Final black hole spin $a_f$	$0.64^{+0.09}_{-0.20}$
Luminosity distance $D_L$	$880^{+450}_{-390} \text{ Mpc}$
Source redshift $z$	$0.18^{+0.08}_{-0.07}$

# Testing General Relativity



[Phys. Rev. Lett. 116, 221101 \(2016\)](#)

Binary pulsars tests:

$$\dot{P} \sim -10^{-14} - 10^{-12}$$

$$v/c \sim 2 \times 10^{-3}$$

BBH coalescence:

$$\dot{P} \sim -0.1 - 1.0$$

$$v/c \sim 0.5$$

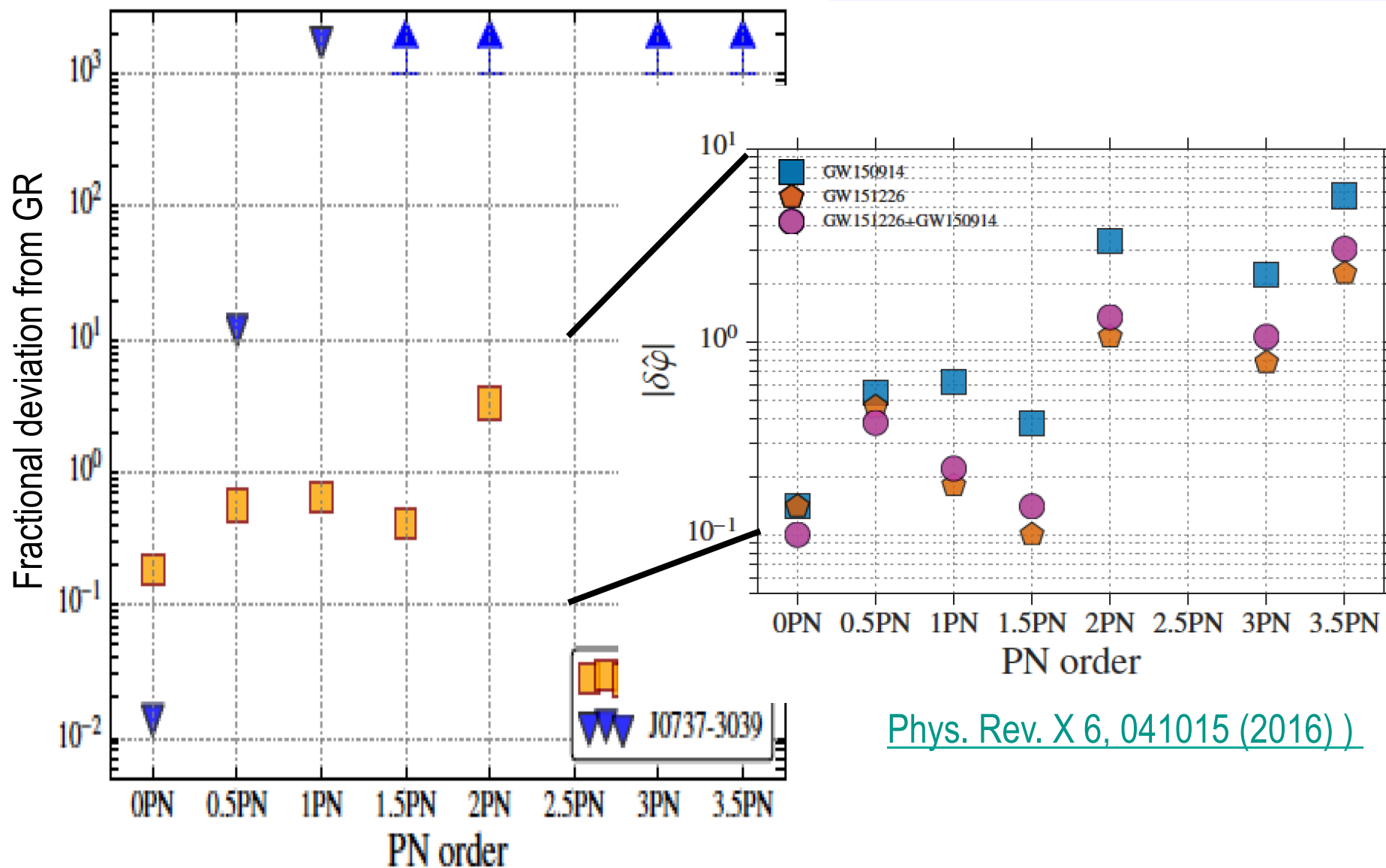
$$\tilde{h}(f) = \mathcal{A}(f)e^{i\varphi(f)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(f) = & \varphi_{\text{ref}} + 2\pi f t_{\text{ref}} + \varphi_{\text{Newt}}(Mf)^{-5/3} \\ & + \varphi_{0.5\text{PN}}(Mf)^{-4/3} + \varphi_{1\text{PN}}(Mf)^{-1} \\ & + \varphi_{1.5\text{PN}}(Mf)^{-2/3} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

(Arun et al. 06 , Mishra et al. 10,  
Yunes & Pretorius 09, Li et al. 12)

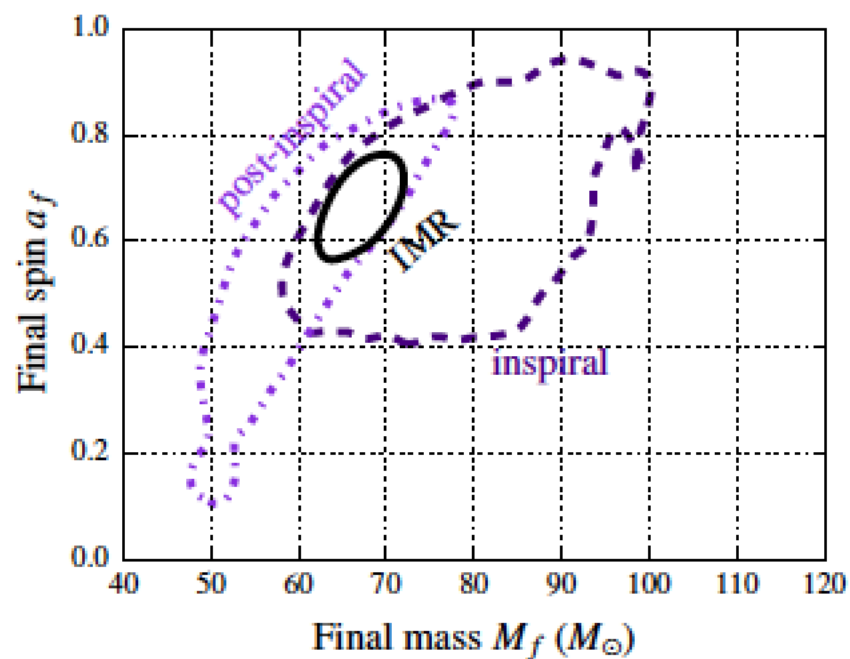
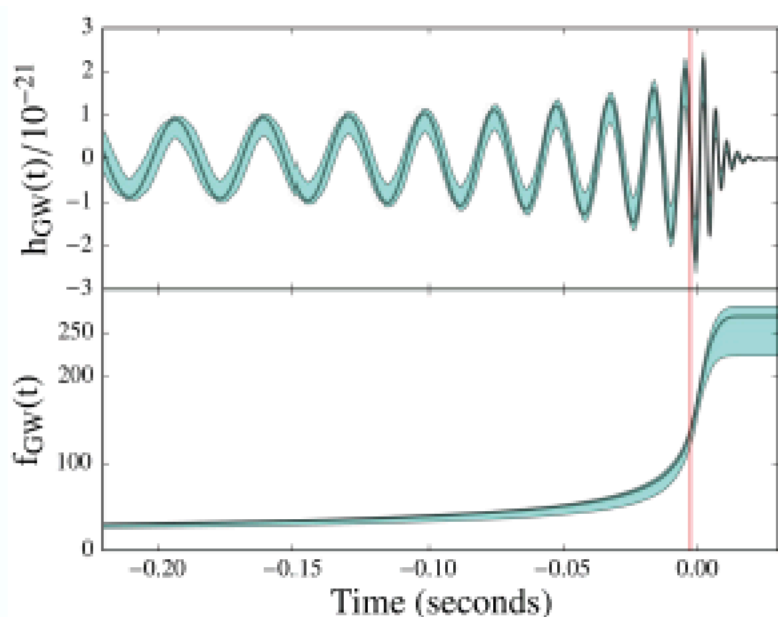


# Testing General Relativity



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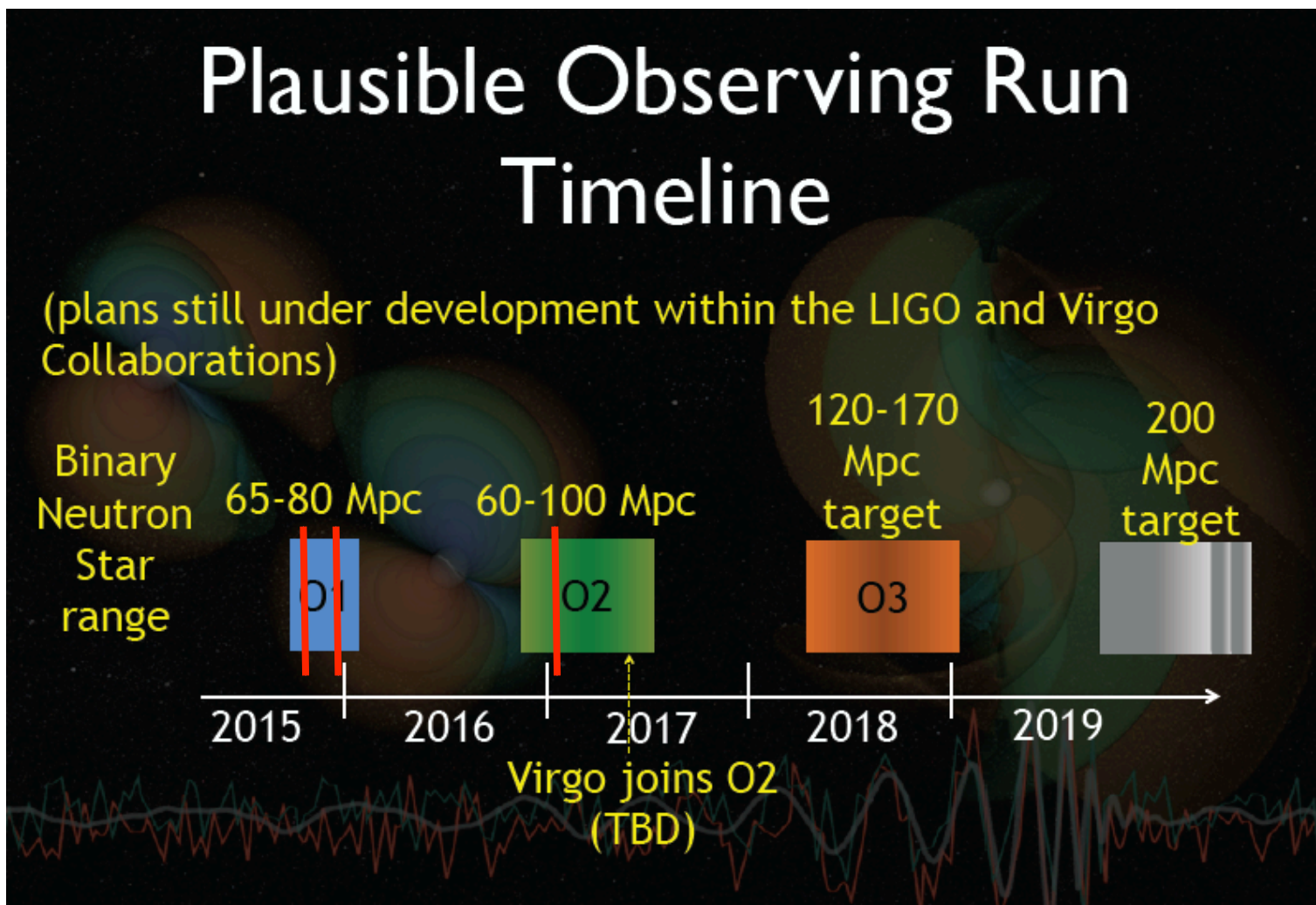
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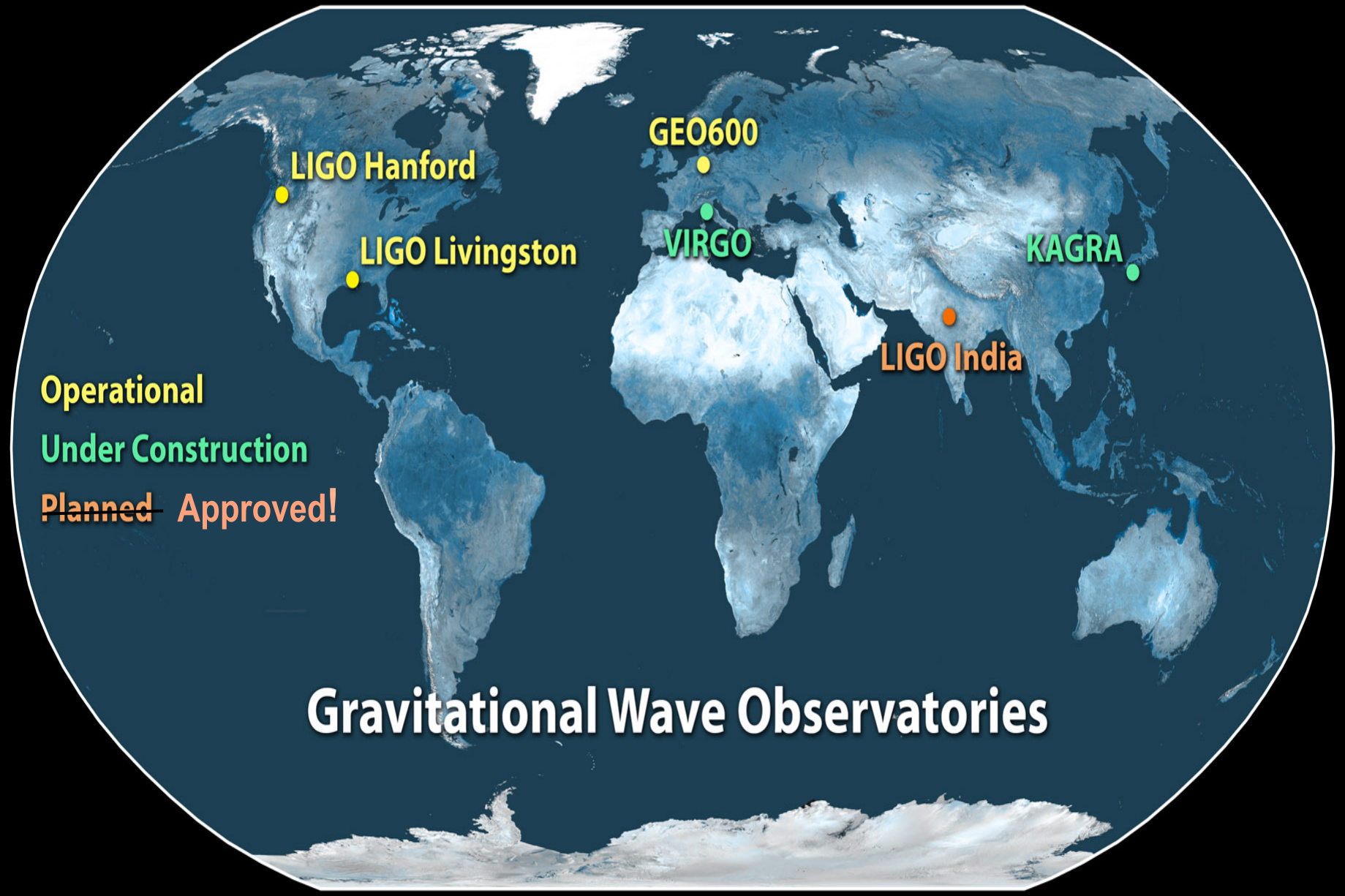


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Test done in frequency domain with approximations of GR waveforms

# What happened since 2016? What will happen in the next few years?



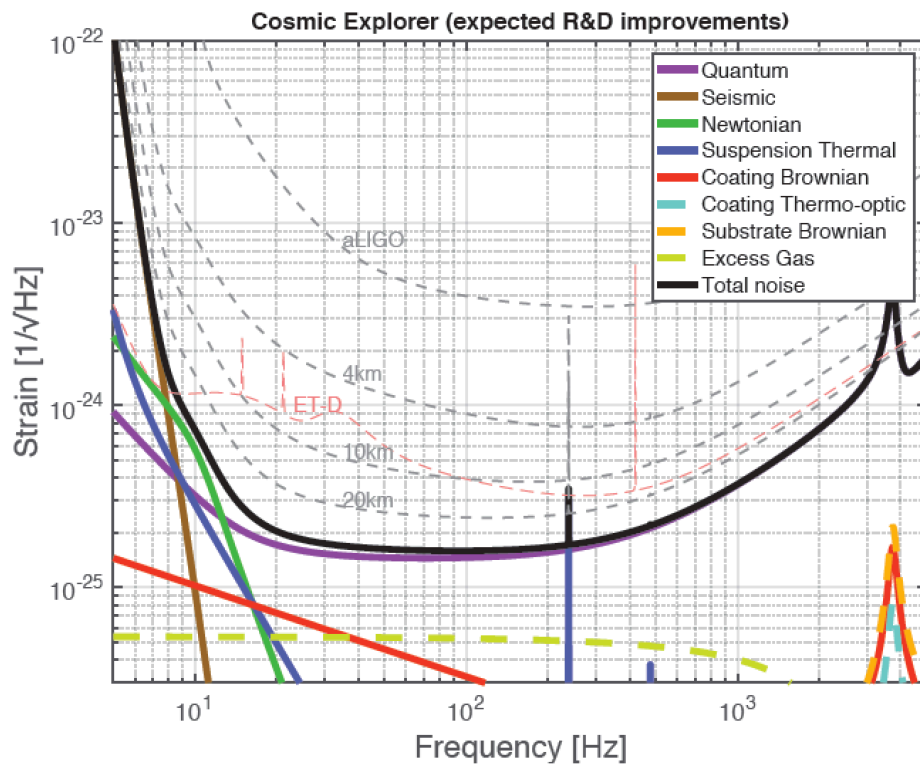


# Gravitational Wave Observatories

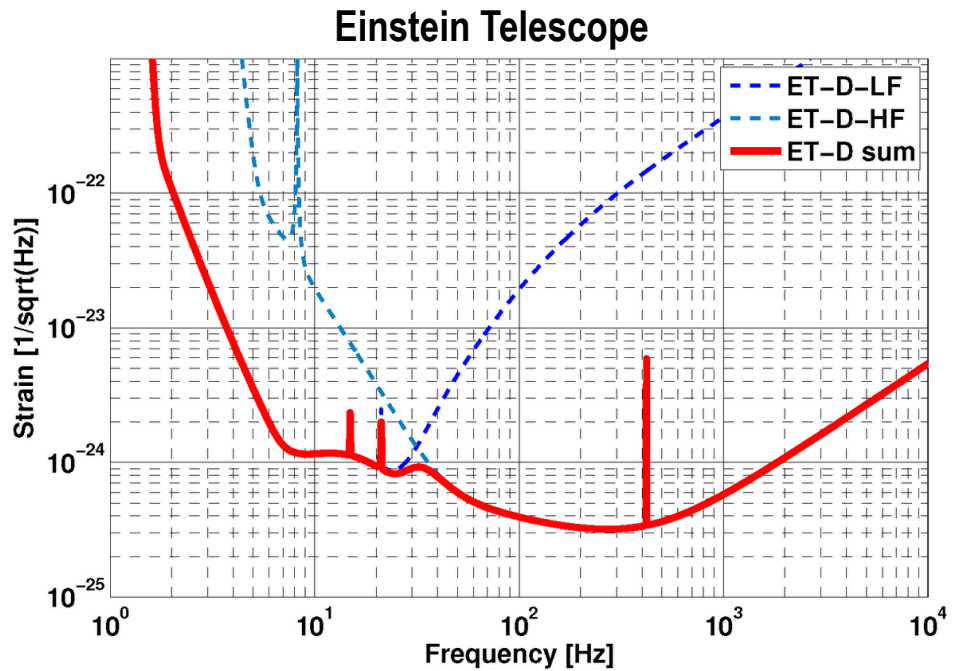
Image Credit: Caltech/MIT/LIGO Lab



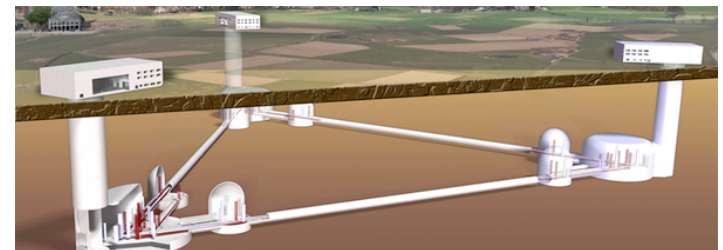
# The future: 3<sup>rd</sup> generation detectors



arXiv:1607.08697



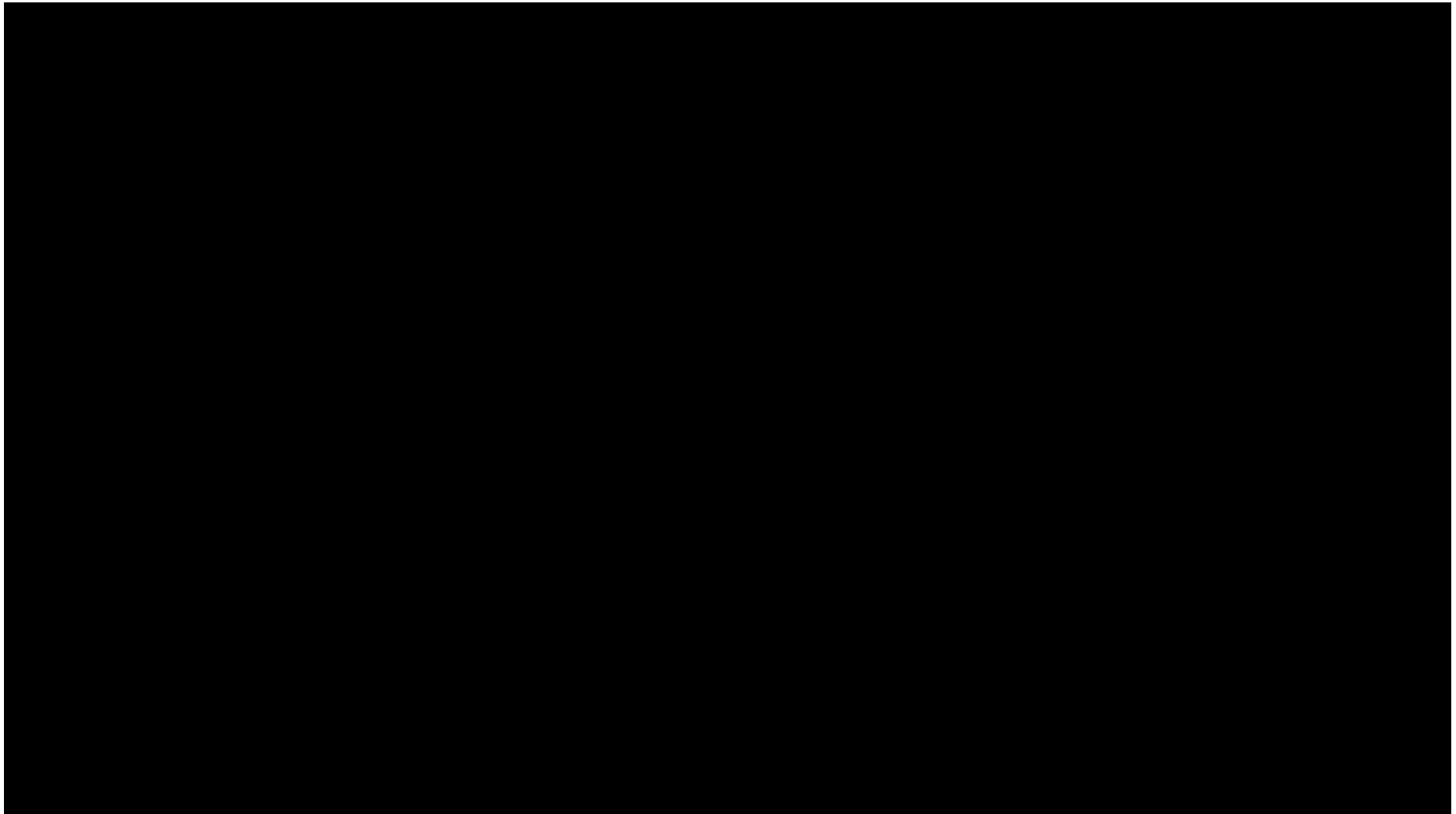
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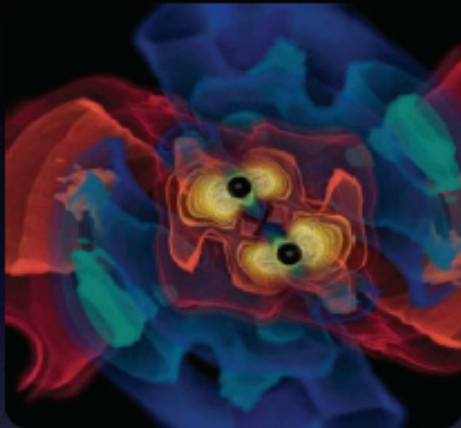
# Gravity's symphony: first two notes

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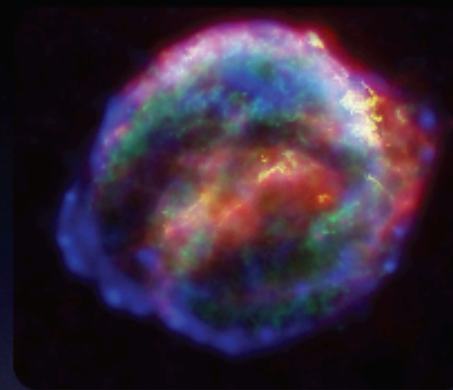
# Sources of gravitational waves: not just black holes!



## *Coalescing Binary Systems*

Neutron Stars,  
Black Holes

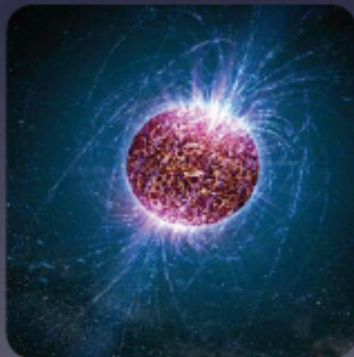
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## *'Bursts'*

asymmetric core  
collapse supernovae  
cosmic strings  
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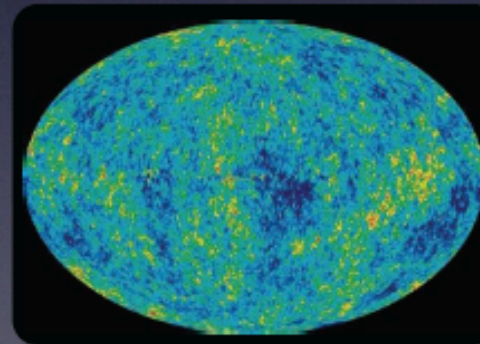
Credit: Chandra X-ray Observatory



## *Continuous Sources*

Spinning neutron stars  
crustal deformations,  
accretion

Casey Reed, Penn State



## *Astrophysical or Cosmic GW background*

stochastic,  
incoherent  
background

NASA/WMAP Science Team

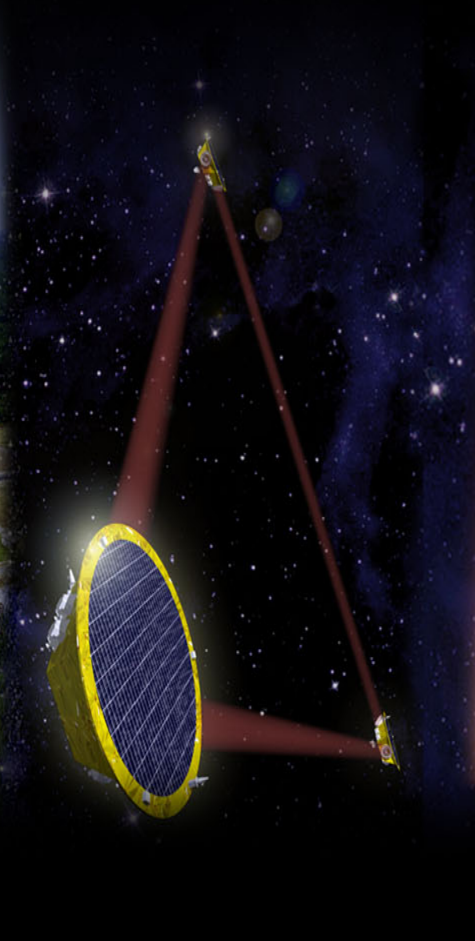


# Gravitational Wave Periods

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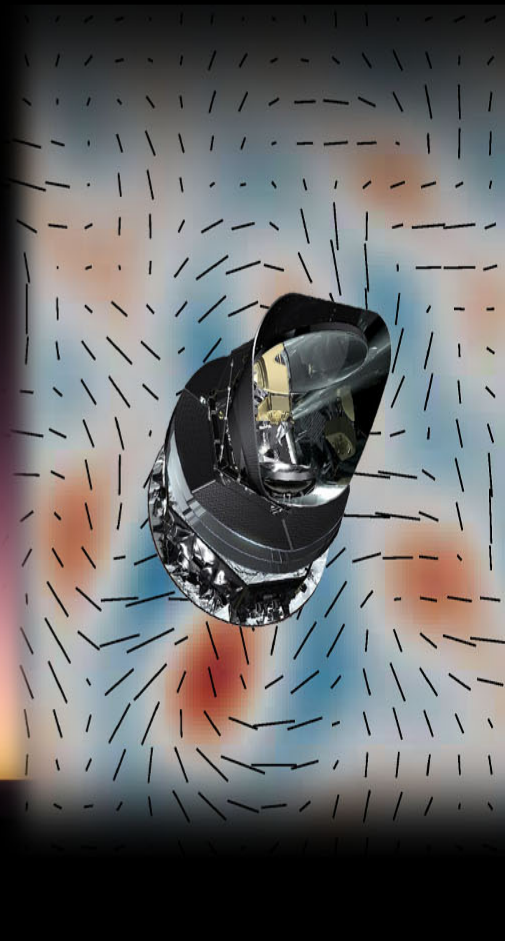
Minutes  
to Hours



Years  
to Decades



Billions  
of Years





# Gravitational-wave astronomy: this is just the beginning!

