



LIGO-G1900871

Future Ground-Based GW Detectors

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Overview

- Gravitational-wave Astronomy now
- Future gravitational-wave science

- Near- and long-term upgrades
 - LIGO A+ AdVirgo+, Kagra+
 - Einstein Telescope, Cosmic Explorer

- Technical challenges
- Organization and timeline



Gravitational-wave

Astronomy

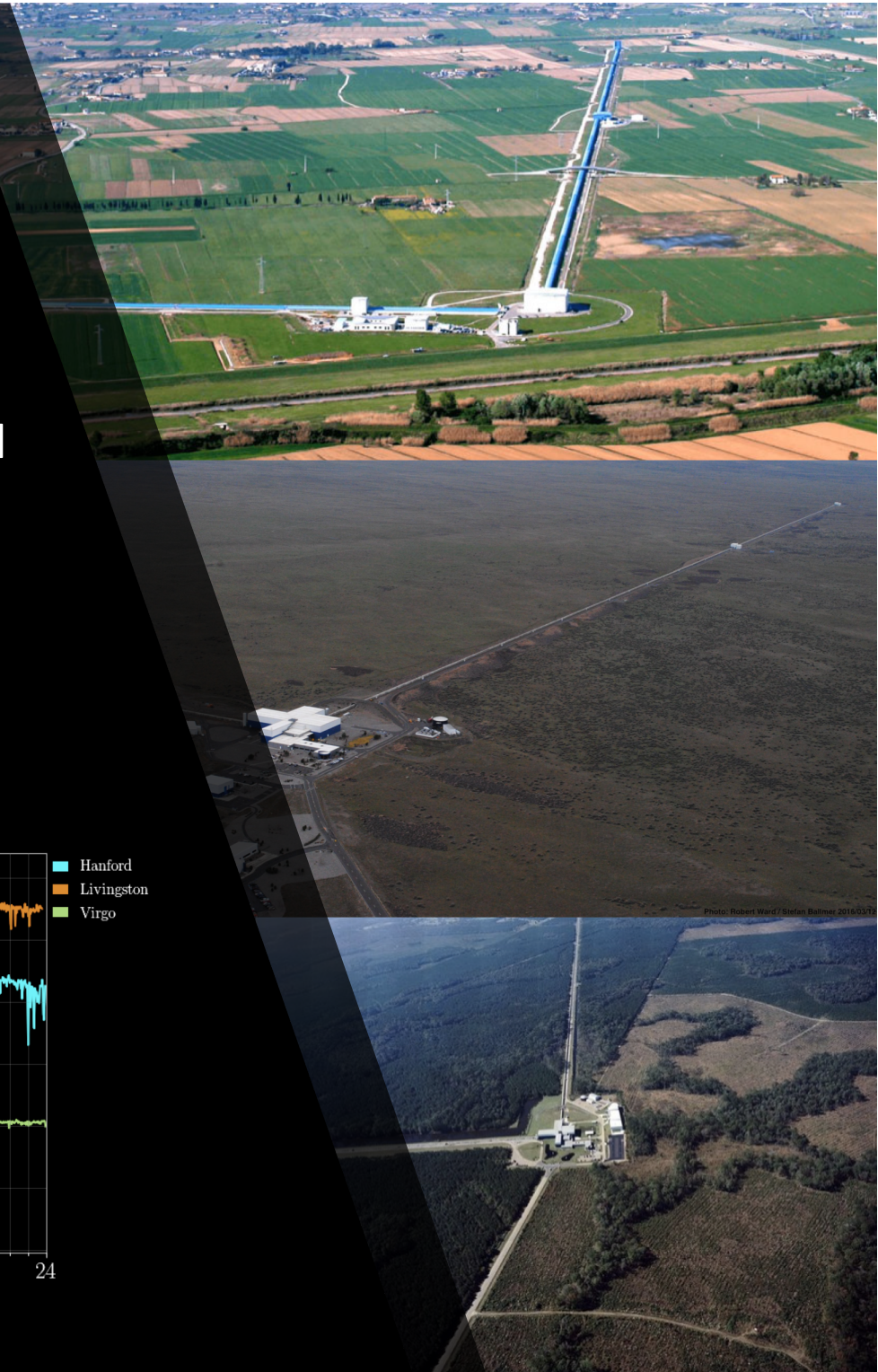
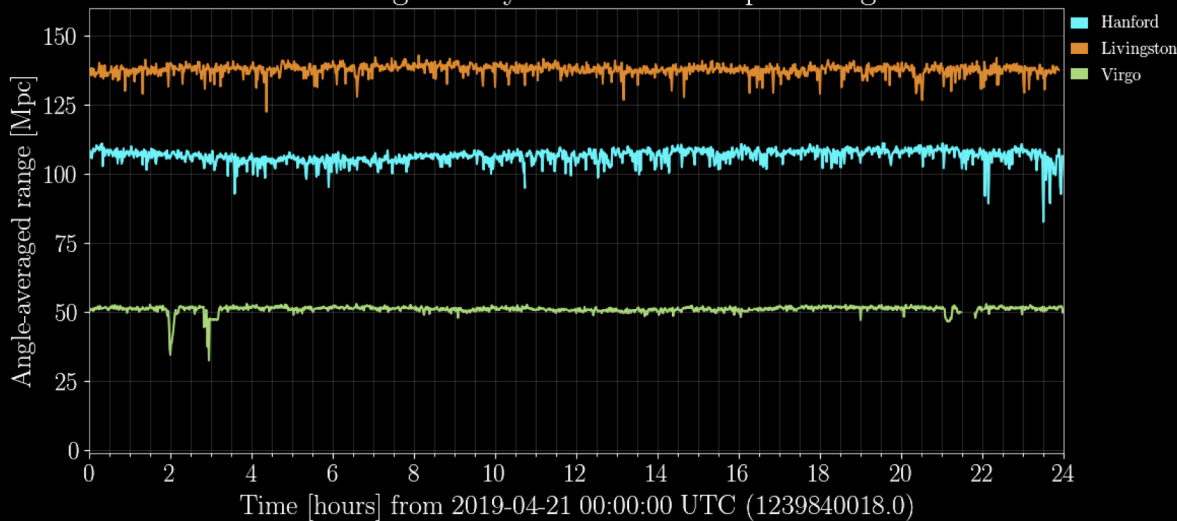
Now



GW astronomy in full swing

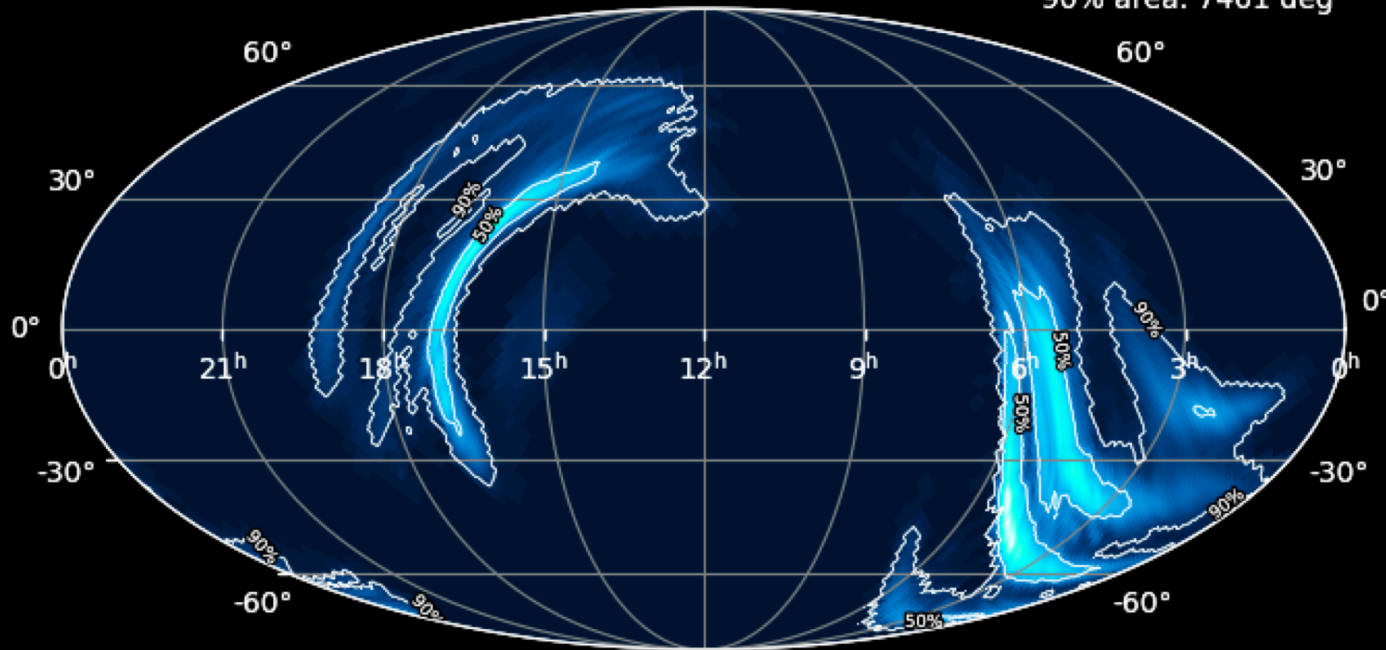
- Three km-scale detectors operational
 - LIGO Livingston ~140Mpc
 - LIGO Hanford ~105Mpc
 - Virgo ~ 55Mpc
- O3 run since April 1 2019
 - As of 4/24: 3 binary black hole merges

LIGO-Virgo binary neutron star inspiral range

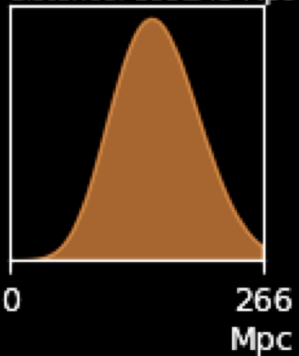


Just last week: BNS #2

50% area: 1378 deg²
90% area: 7461 deg²

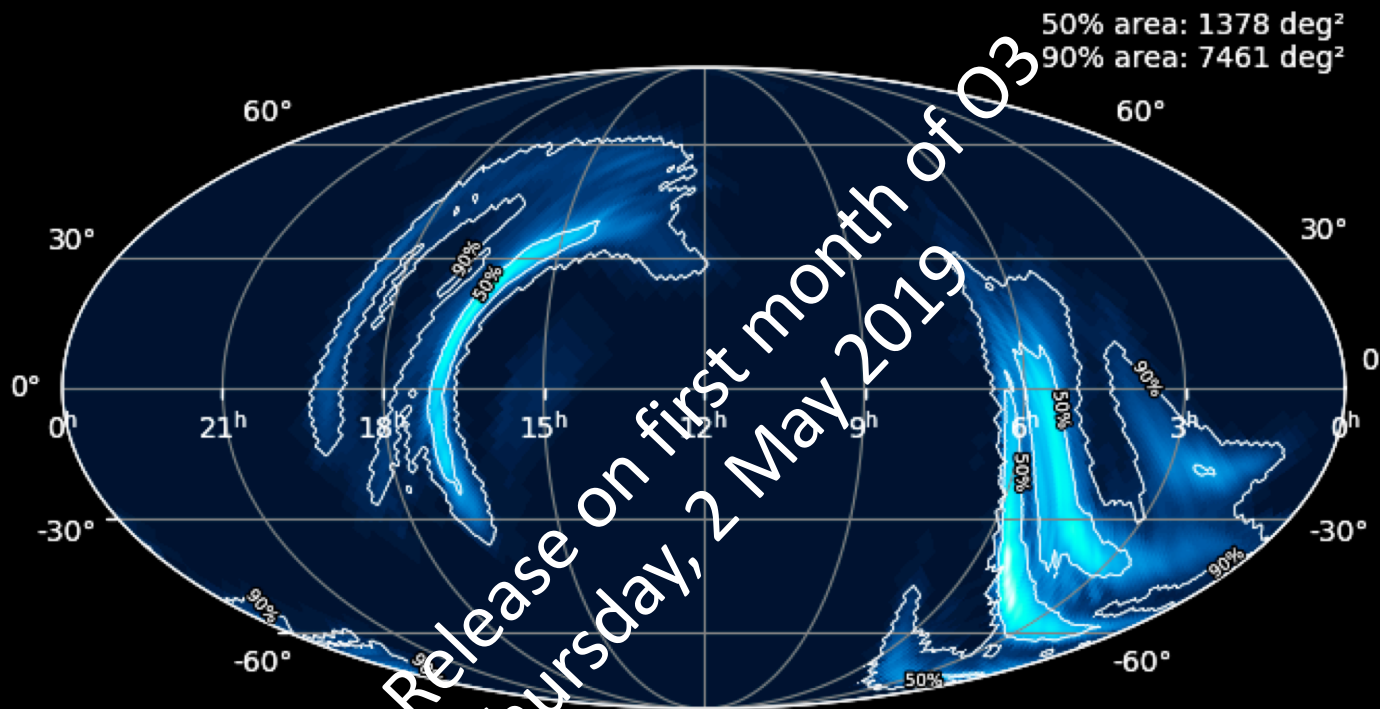


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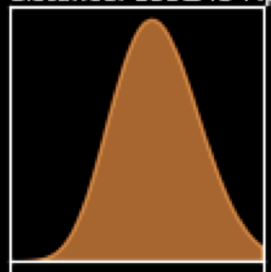


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KAGRA

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- Underground facility
 - Cryogenic Sapphire test masses
 - Locking full interferometer this summer
 - Goal to join at the end of the O3 run

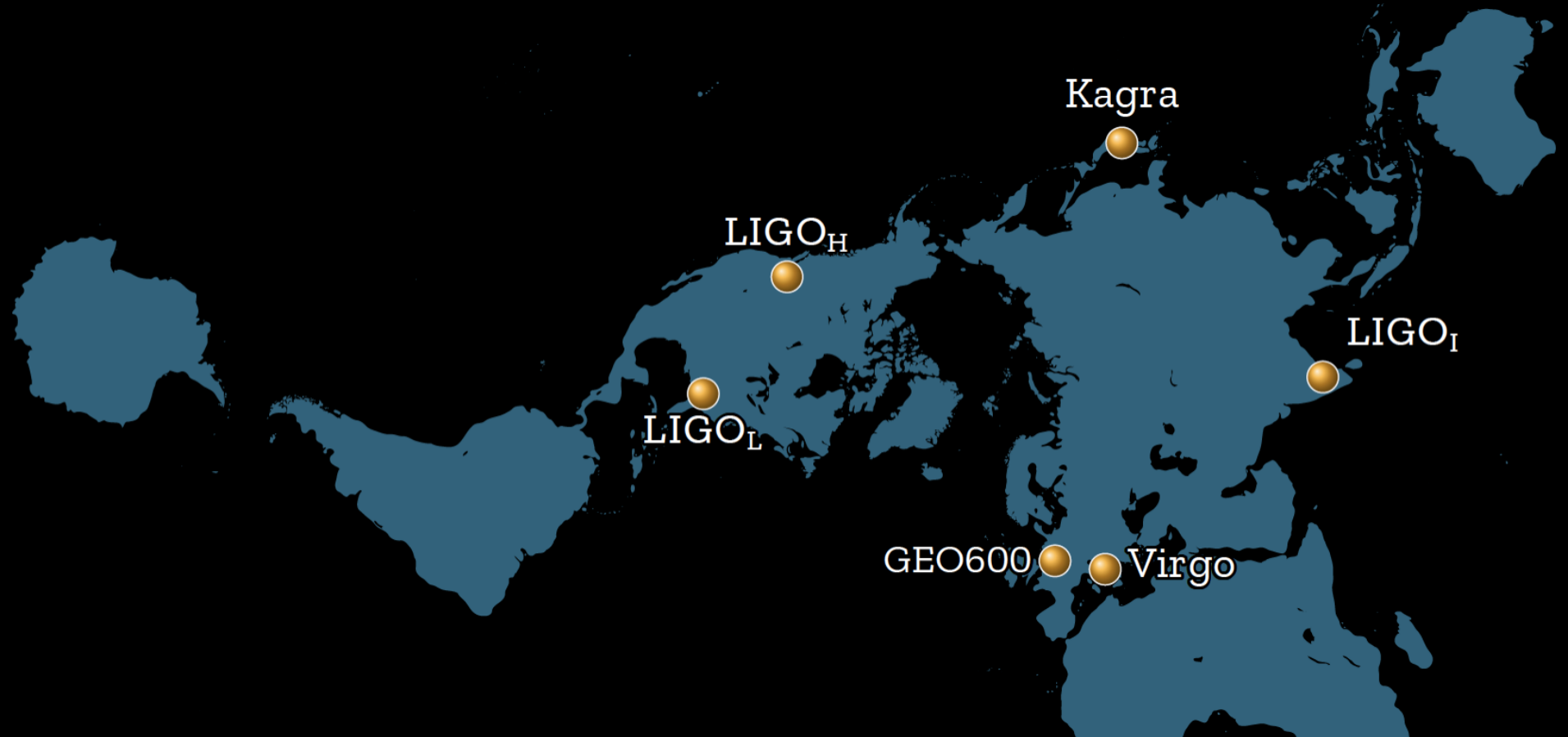




Today's detector network



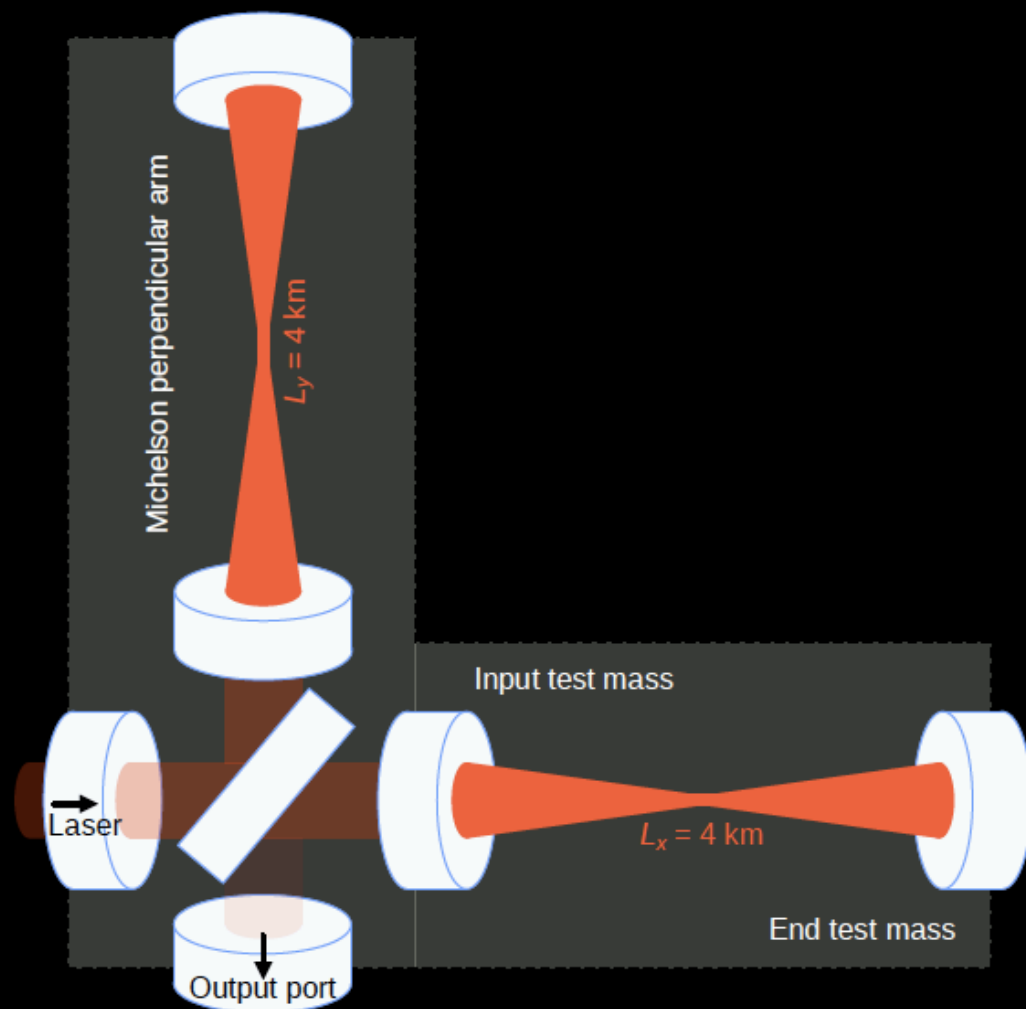
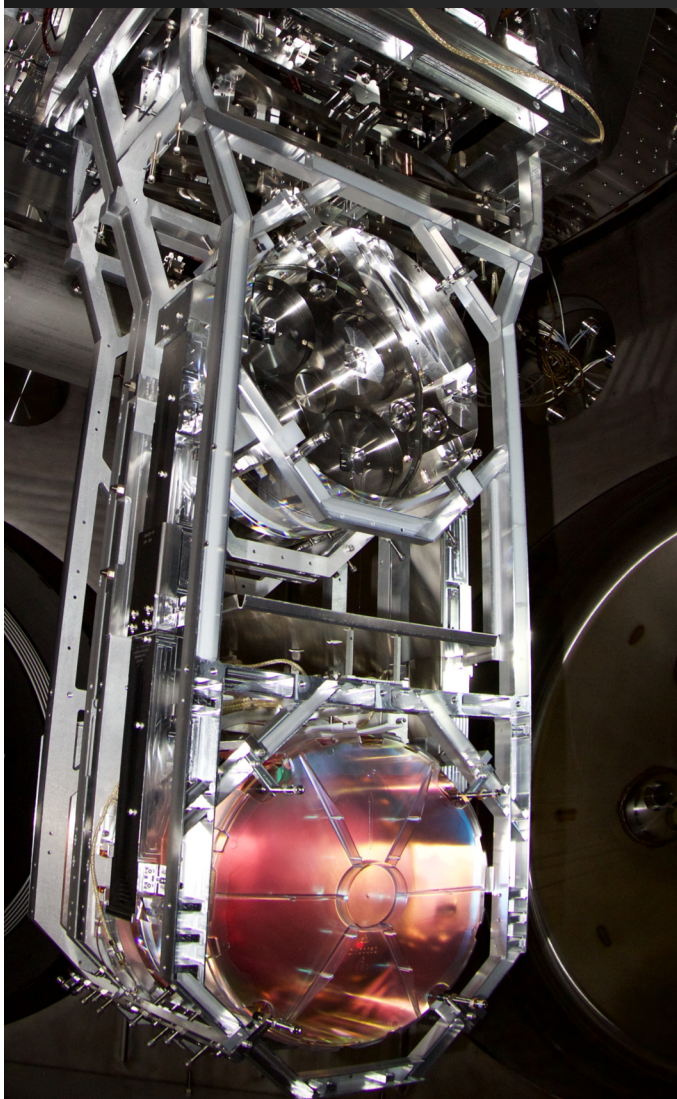
GEO600



A GW Interferometer in one slide

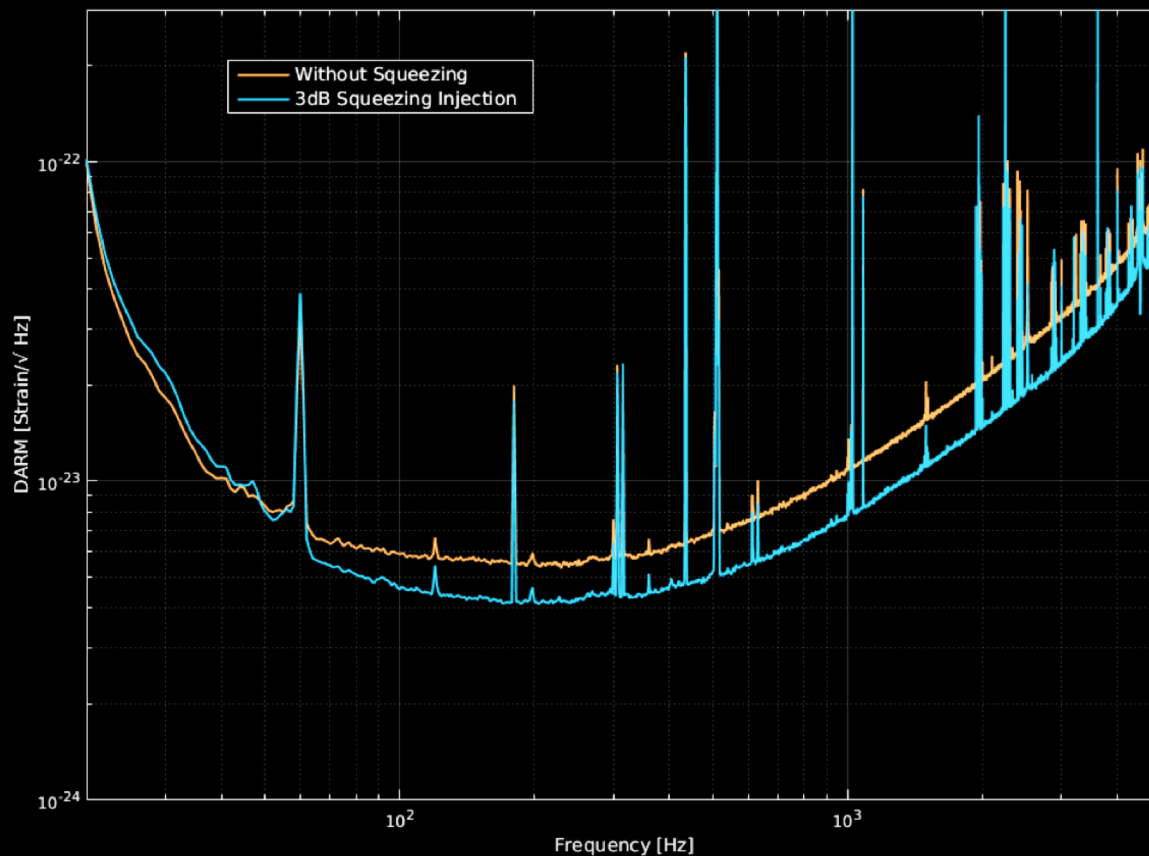
Quiet test mass

Interferometric readout



Vacuum Squeezing is now in use

LIGO Livingston detector in O3



Binary Neutron Stars range from ~ 125 Mpc to ~ 140 Mpc

What **current** detectors can reach

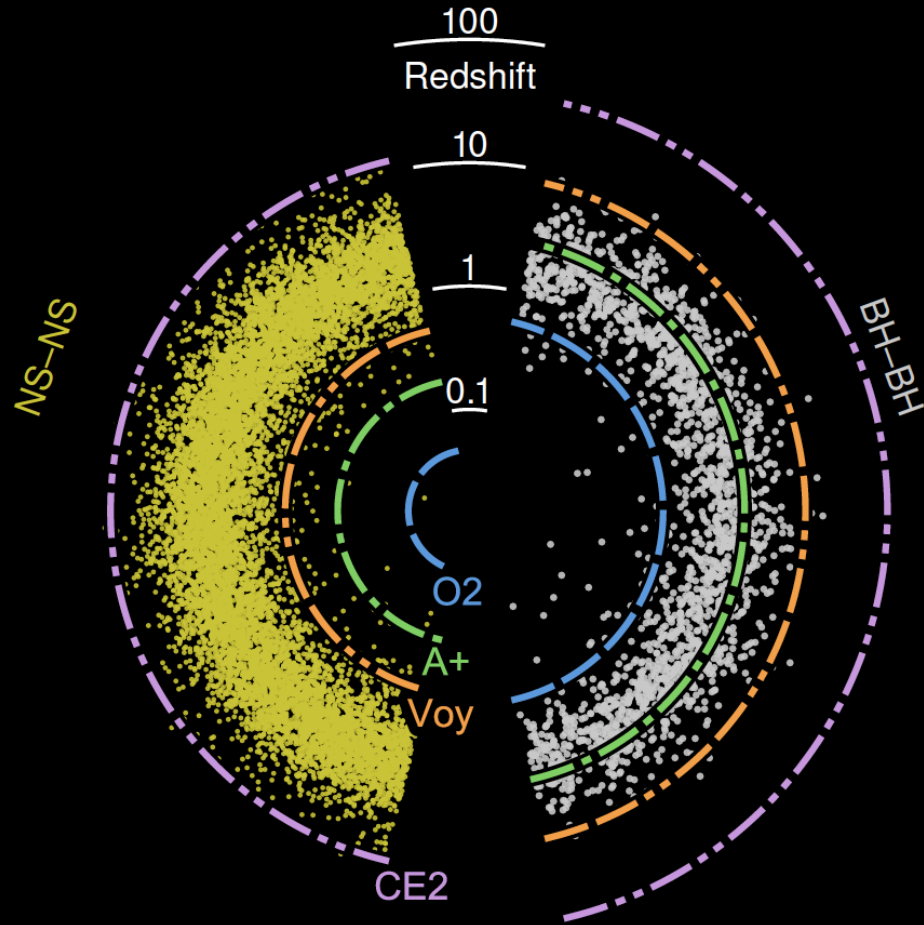
(at design sensitivity)

- **GW merger events in the local universe**
 - Black hole mergers: redshift $z \lesssim 2$
 - Neutron star mergers: redshift $z \lesssim 0.1$
- **Most of the universe is still out-of-reach**
 - At design at most $O(1000)$ /yr detections per year
 - BH mergers: $O(100\ 000)$ /yr in the universe
- **Detected events relatively “noisy”**
 - Typical Signal-to-noise ratio $O(10)$

What **future** detectors can reach

- **High-redshift sources**
 - Population III remnants merging at redshift $z \approx 10$
- **High-fidelity source**
 - Signal-to-noise ratio $O(1000)$ for test of relativity and neutron star physics
- **Large number of sources**
 - Rare and exotic events
 - Population studies (a black hole merger **every 5 minutes**)

Compact binaries
throughout
the Universe

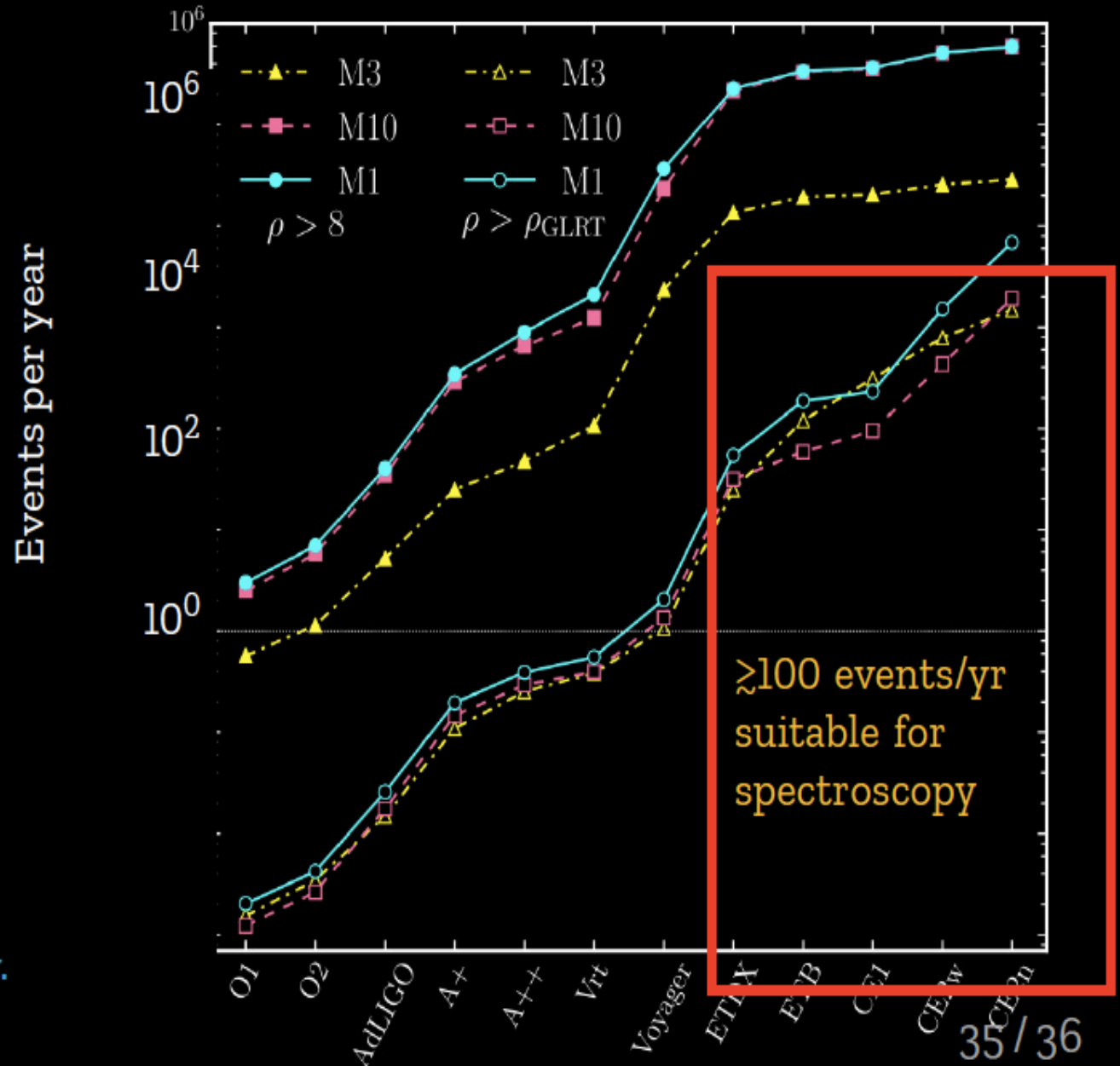


Hall/Vitale

<https://dcc.ligo.org/LIGO-G1900803/public>

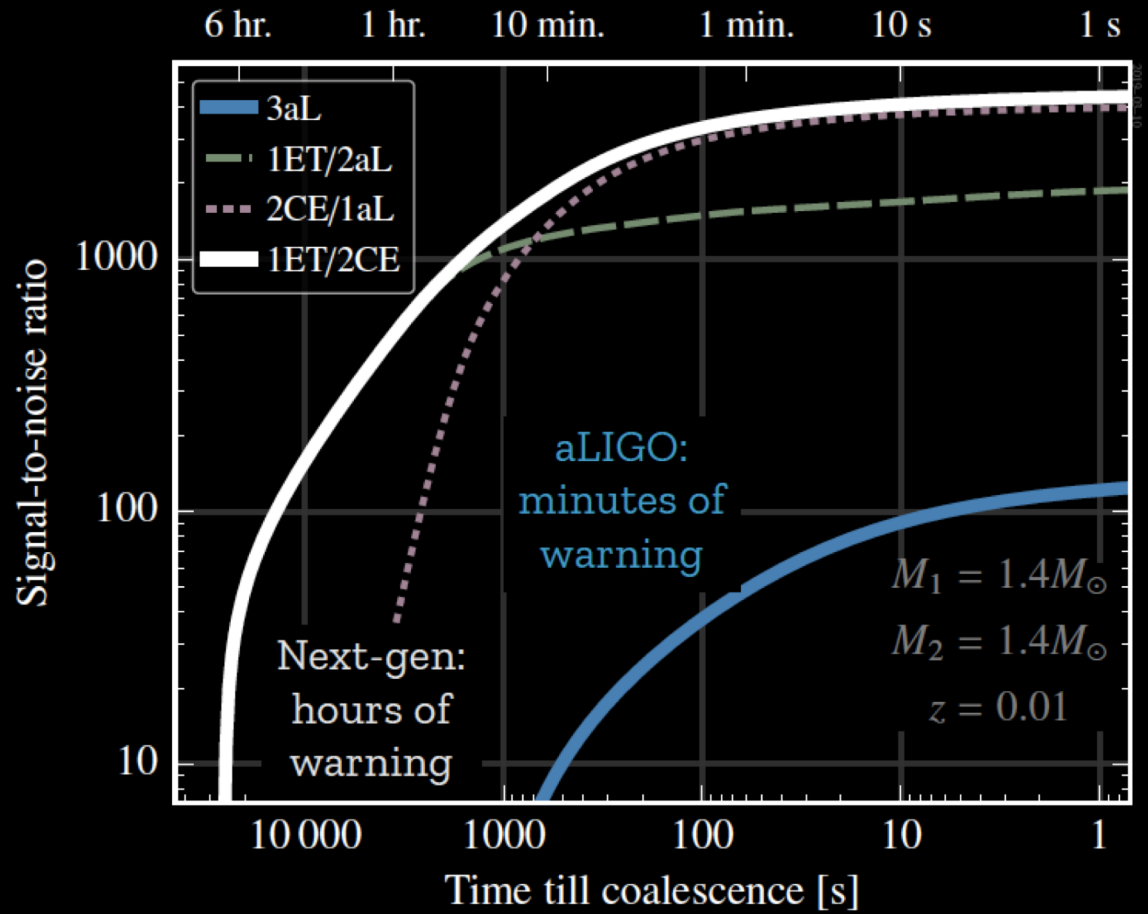
Tests of relativity

Look for deviations from Kerr geometry in the frequency spectrum of the ringdown signal



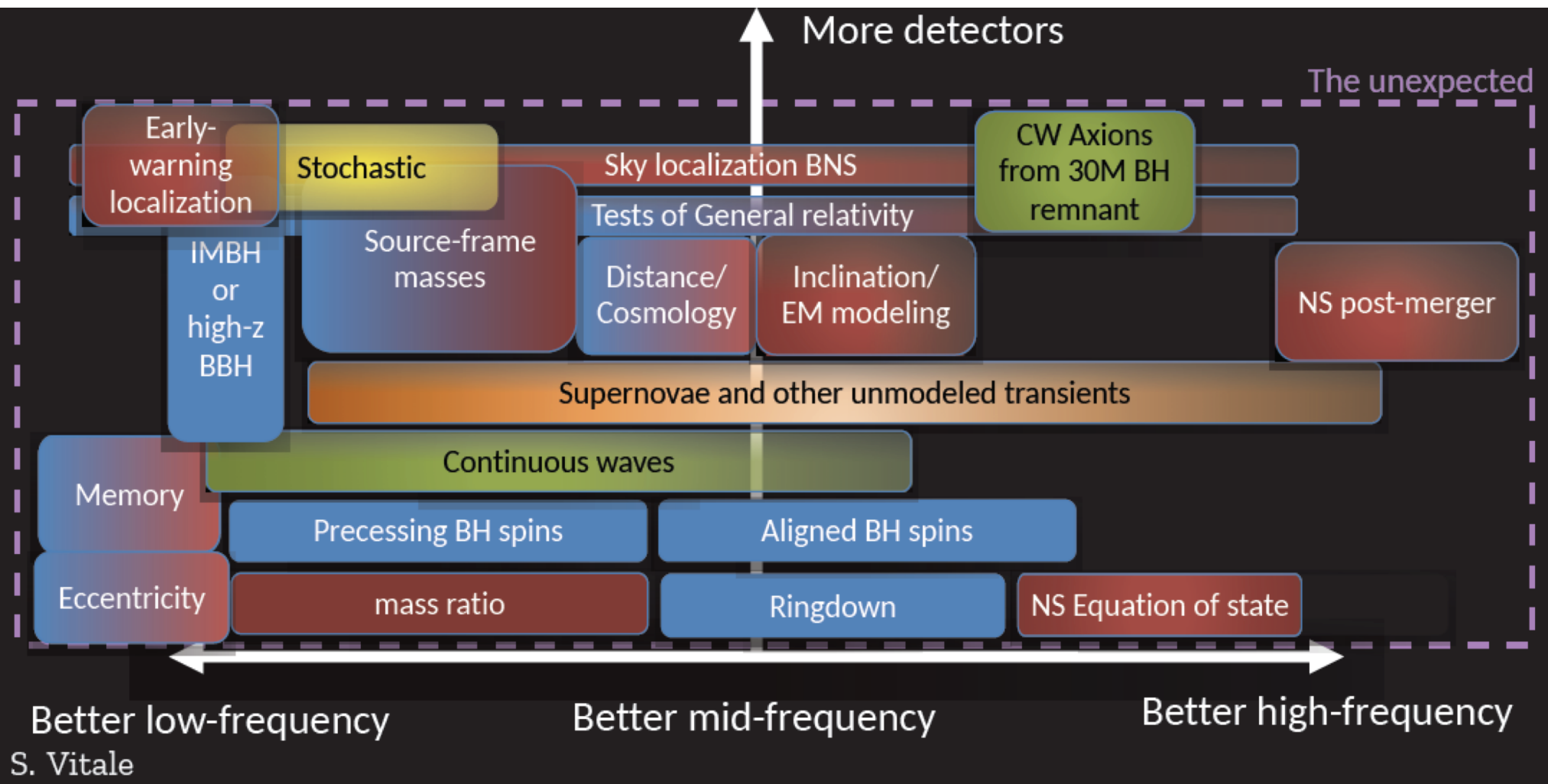
E Berti, A Sesana, et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **117**, 101102 (2016)

Early-warning capability





Future ground-based gravitational-wave detectors

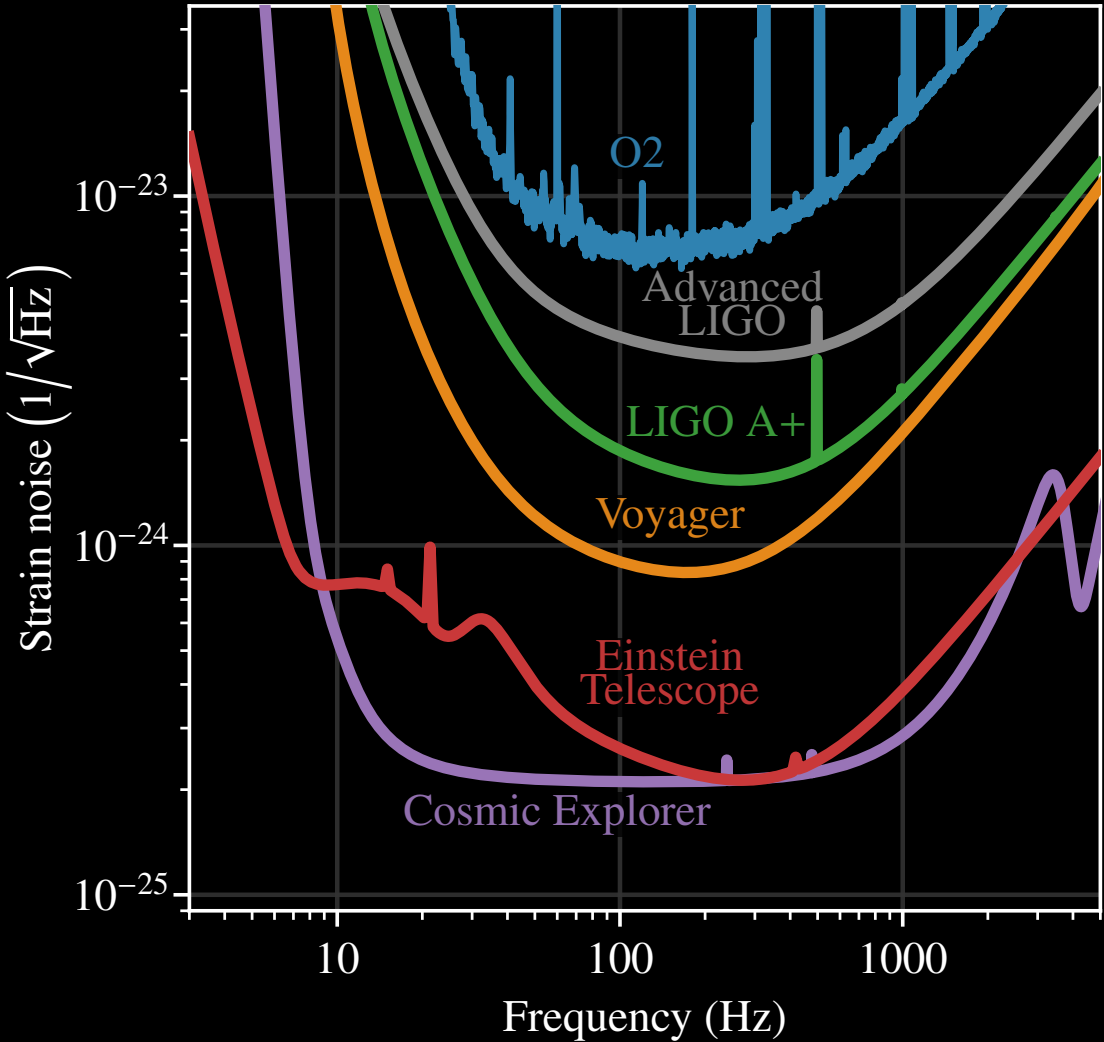


The Phase-Space of Detector Networks

<https://dcc.ligo.org/LIGO-G1900660/public>



2nd Generation
(2G)

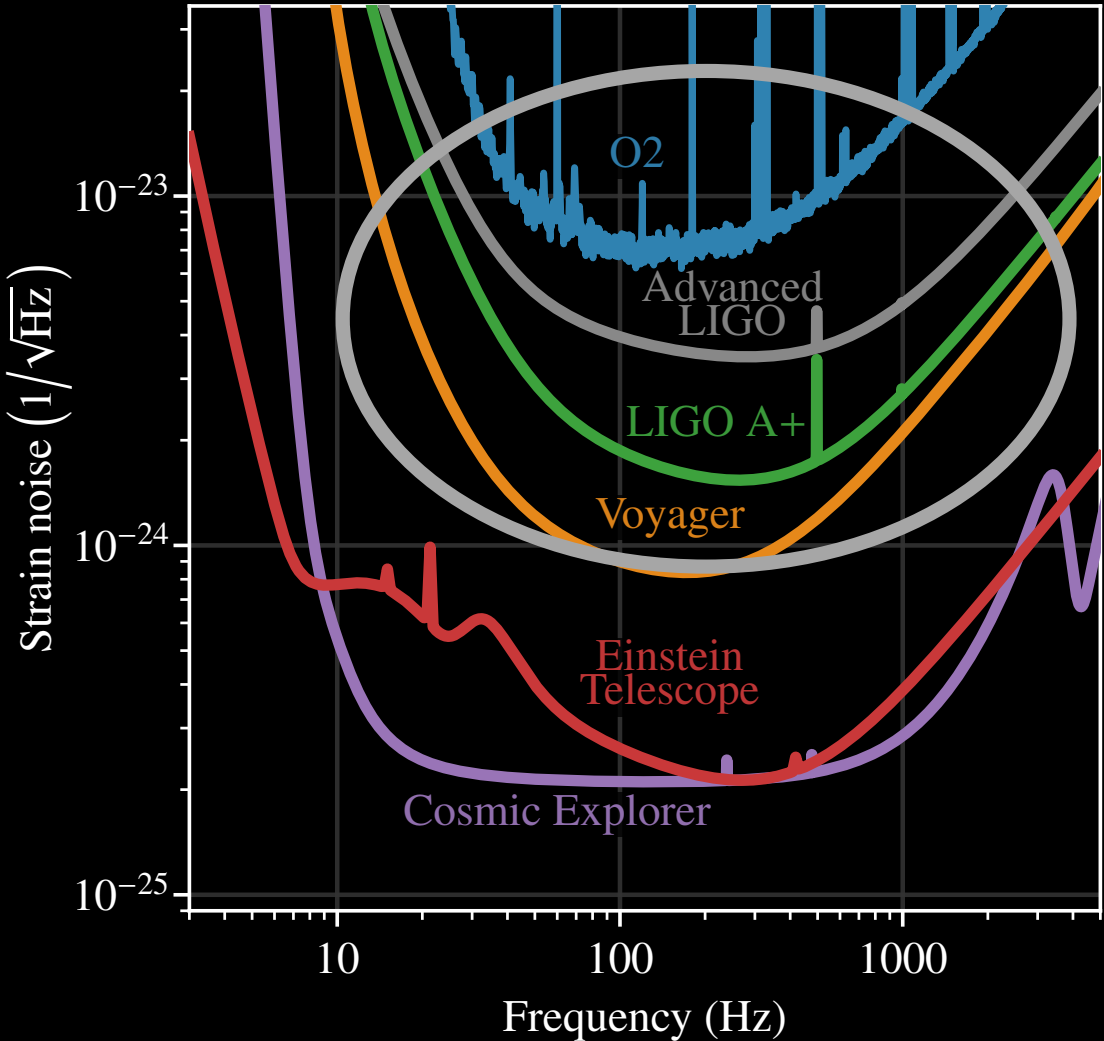


Sensitivity of
Future Detectors

Two-step process...

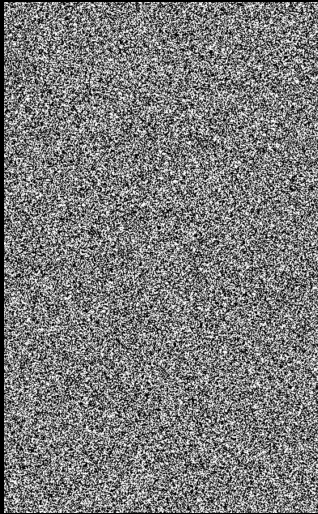
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Gen.
(3G)

2nd Generation
(2G)



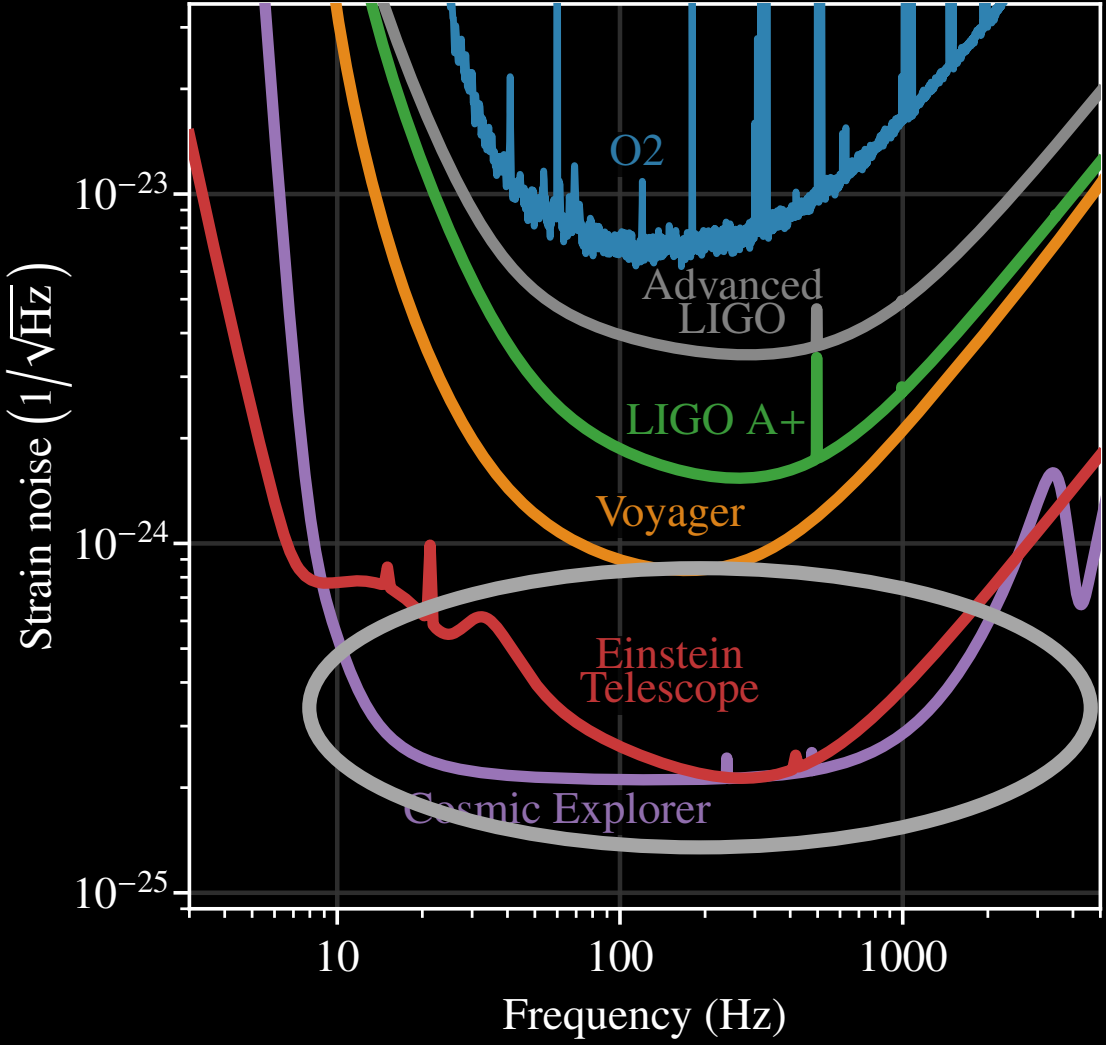
Sensitivity of
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1) Reduce noise
(technology)



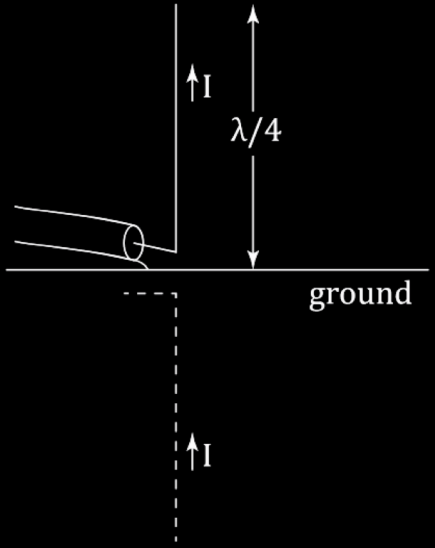
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Sensitivity of
Future Detectors

2) Match antenna size
to signal



Third
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Near-term upgrades: A+ & AdVirgo+

~5 year time scale

Modest upgrades to aLIGO and AdVirgo:

Better mirror coatings

Frequency-dependent squeezing

Heavier test masses*

Suspension modifications*

Newtonian noise subtraction*

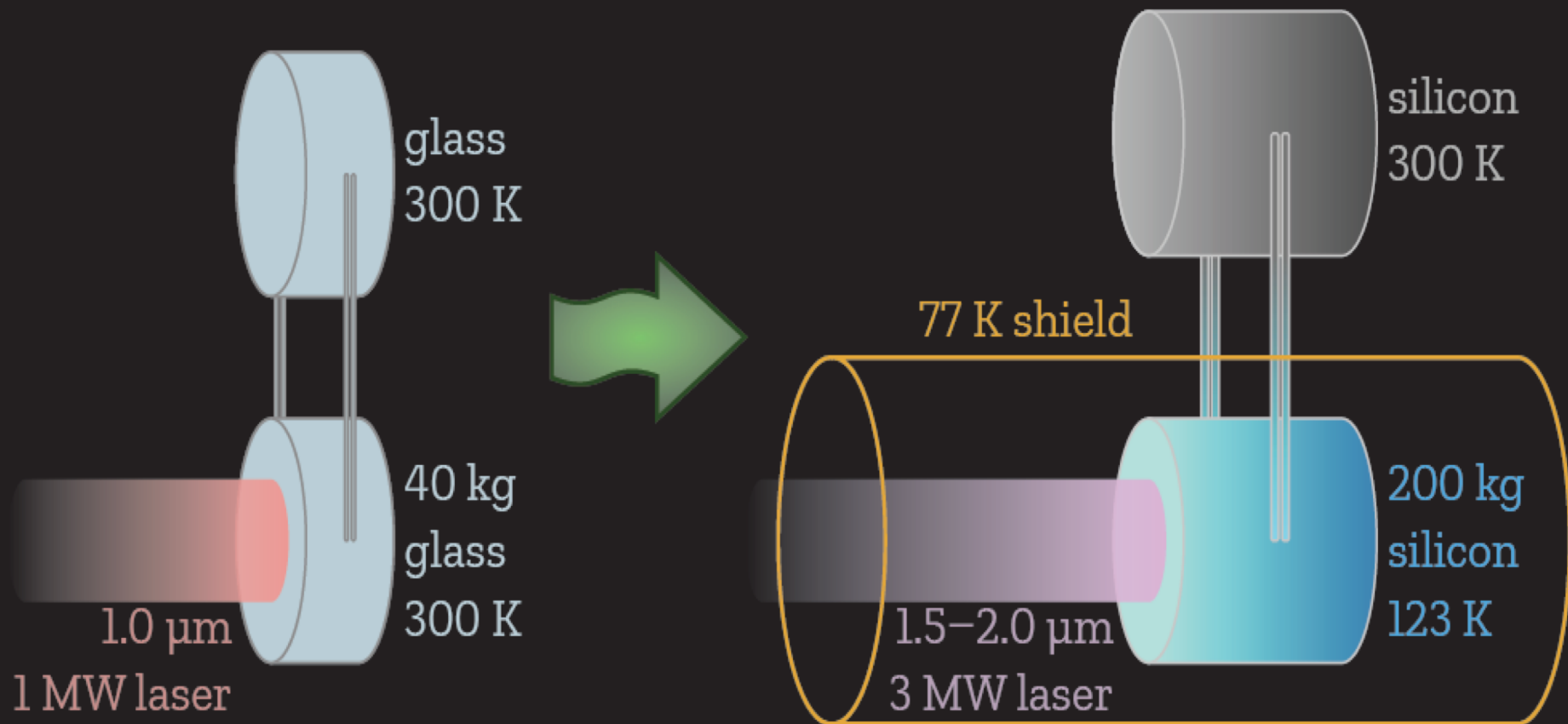
(*AdVirgo+ only)

~5× rate improvement for binary neutron stars

Also *Kagra+*: upgrades TBD

Heavier masses, new materials, higher power, ...?

Voyager: A Cryogenic Upgrade



OzGrav High-Frequency Detector

<https://www.ozgrav.org/>

Expand or build an **Australian facility dedicated to high frequency detection**

Neutron star equation of state, post-merger physics above ~ 1 kHz

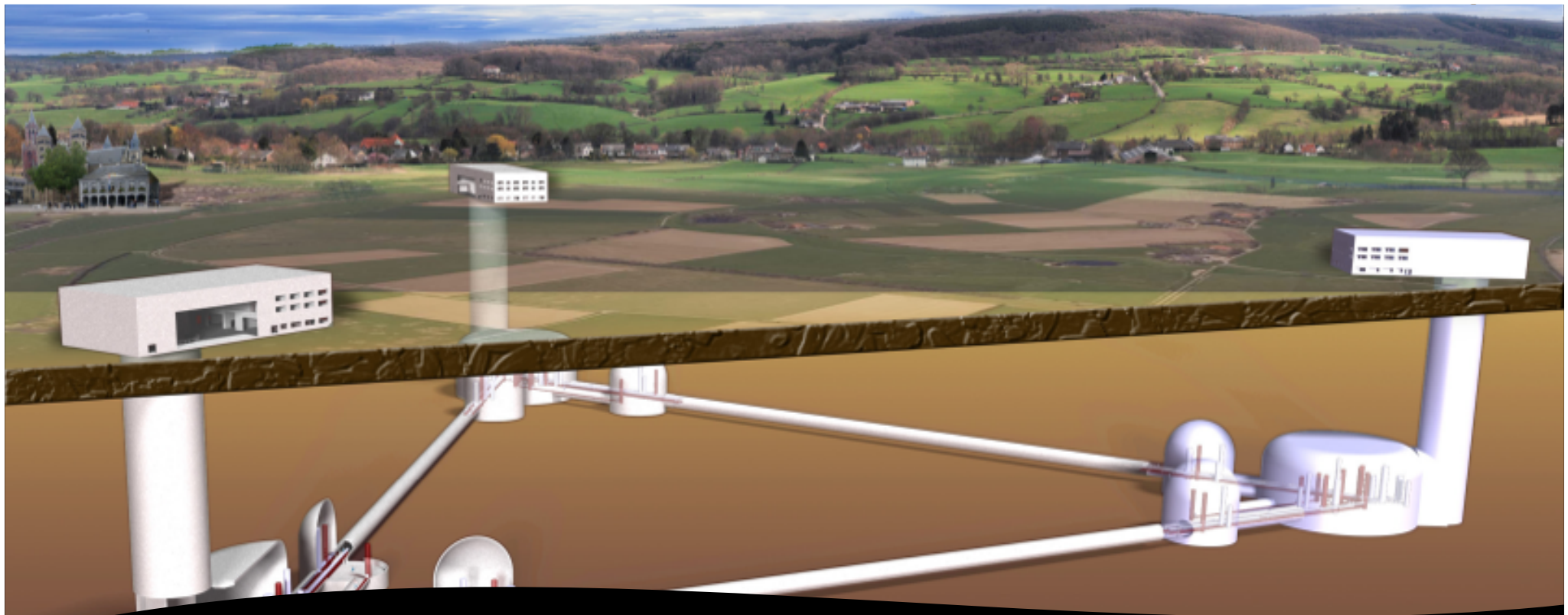
Don't worry about low-frequency noise

Removes many constraints on interferometer design and control scheme

Currently in **conceptual design**

Cryogenics

Several megawatts of power + squeezing



Einstein Telescope

Facility:

10-km triangle

Underground in Europe

Three room-temperature interferometers:

glass optics

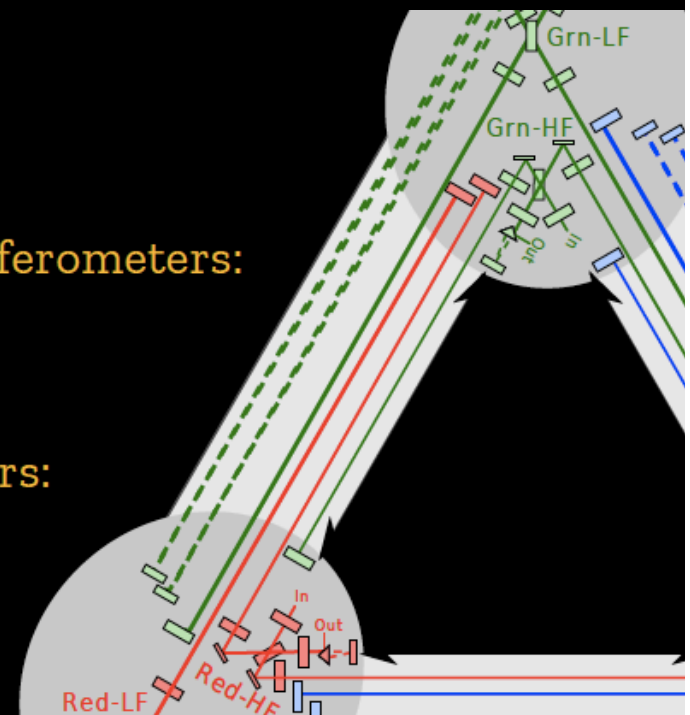
1 μm laser

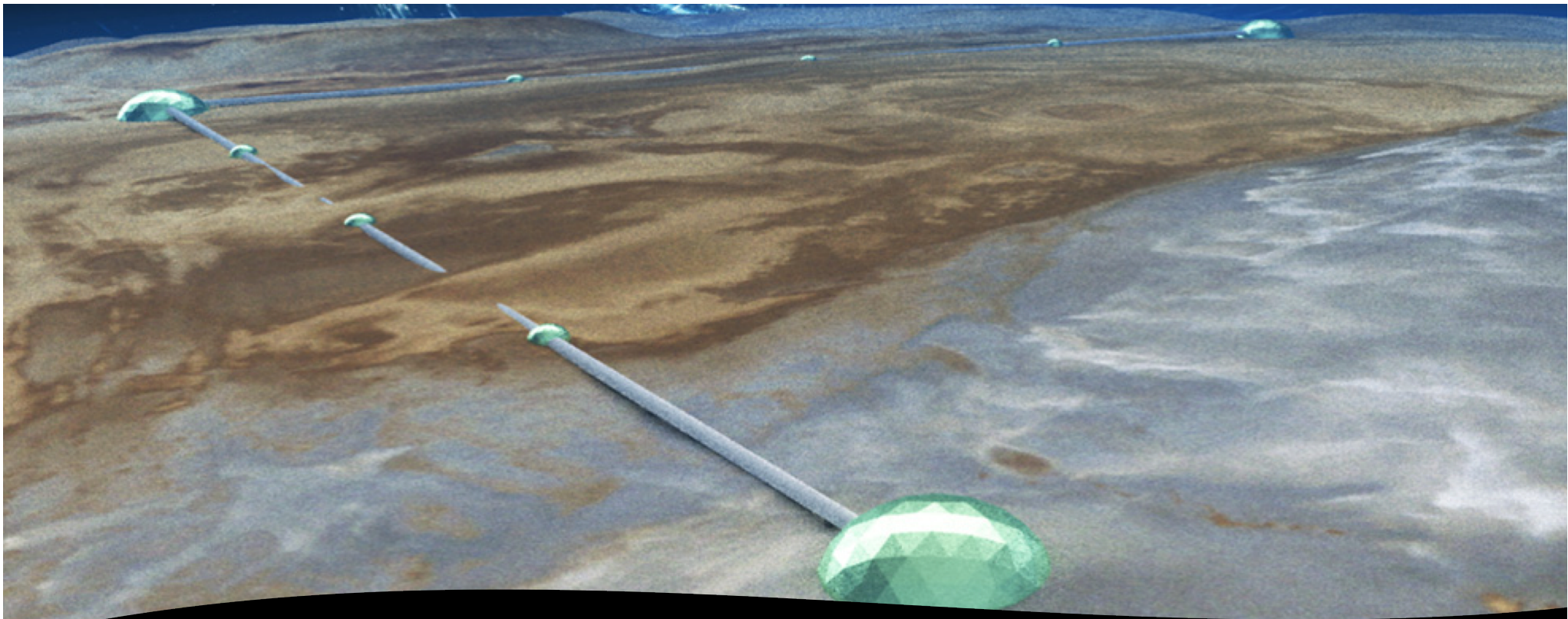
Three cryogenic interferometers:

silicon or sapphire optics

10–20 K cryo

1.5 or 2 μm laser





Cosmic Explorer

Facility:

40 km L shape

Surface or underground (TBD)


One interferometer:

Stage 1: room-temperature glass with $1\ \mu\text{m}$ lasers

Stage 2: cryogenic silicon with 1.5 or $2\ \mu\text{m}$ lasers

Network:

Envisioned as part of a global network; e.g., two Cosmic Explorers and one Einstein Telescope

A wide, flat, white salt flat under a clear blue sky. The horizon is a straight line in the distance, with faint mountains visible. The ground is covered in a thin layer of white salt, with some subtle textures and shadows.

Example location:
Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah, USA



Technical challenges

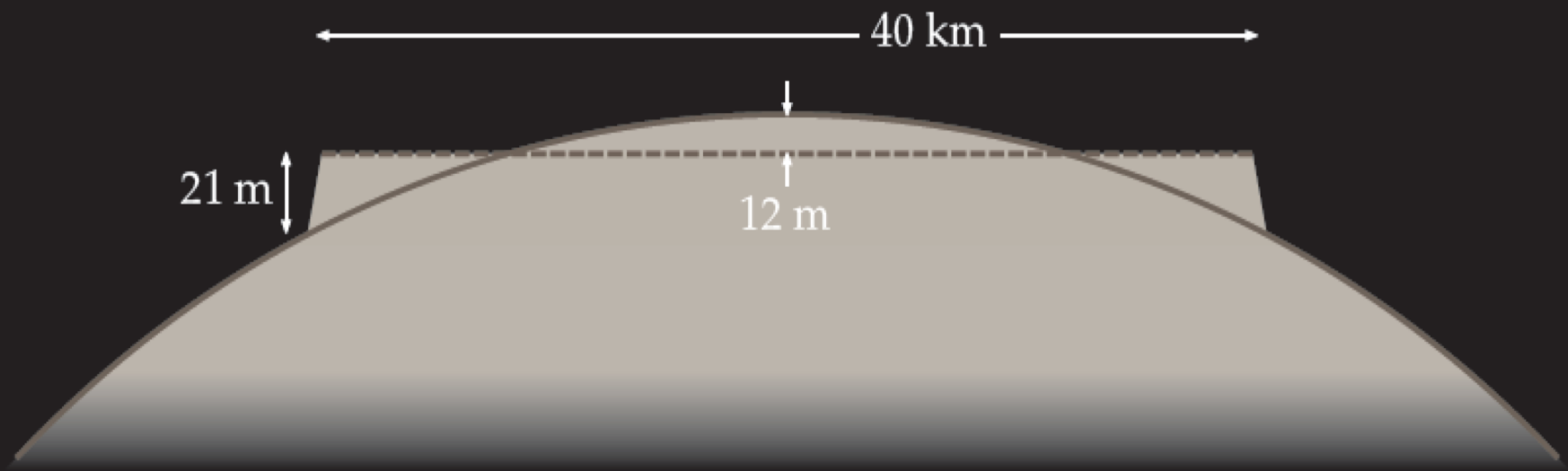
Facility challenges

Building a new facility requires $\mathcal{O}(\$1 \text{ billion})$ with current technology

Earthmoving, tunnelling

Vacuum construction, bakeout

Some possible cost savings with **novel vacuum systems** or **serendipitous sites**



Low frequencies

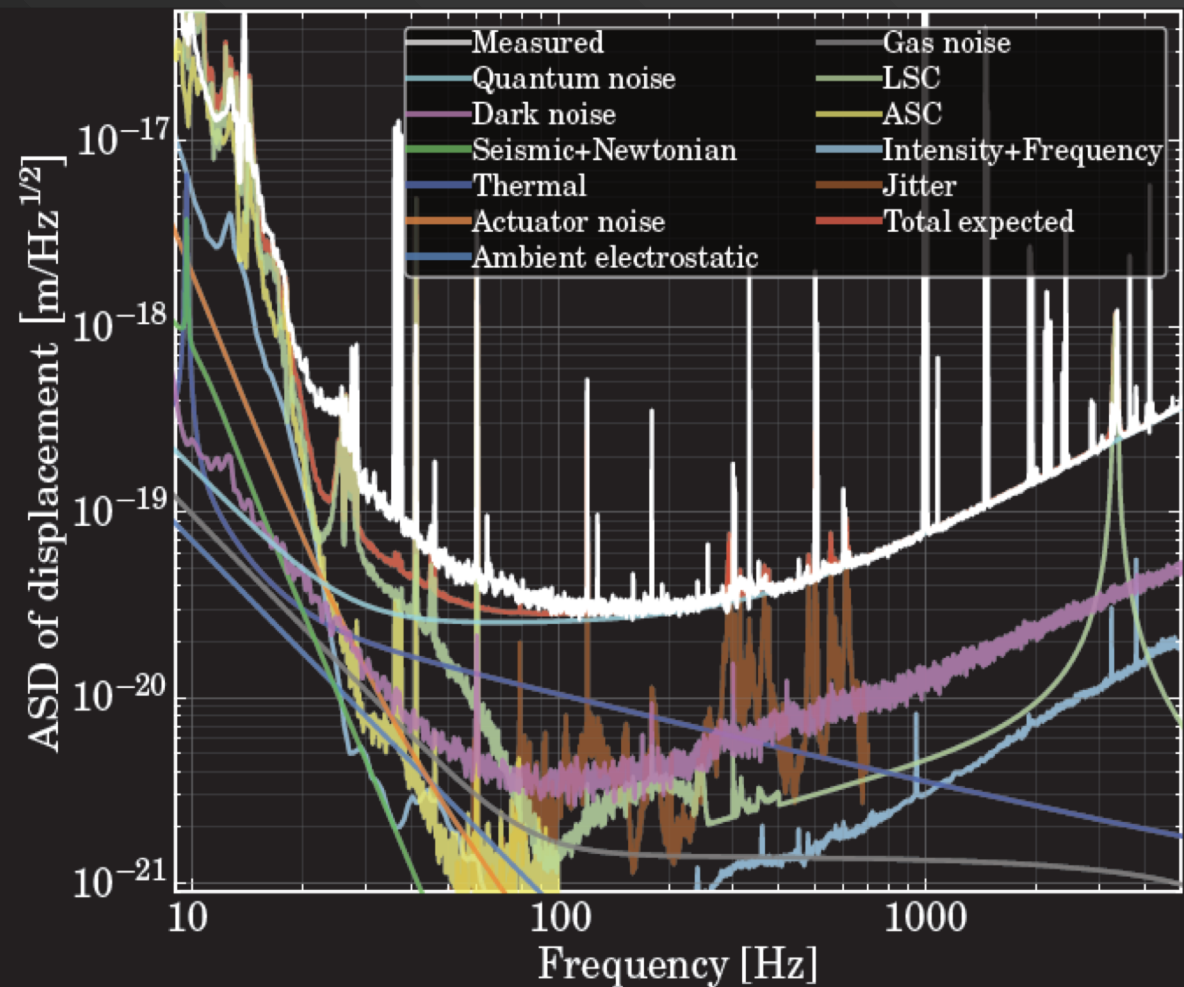
Low frequency is hard

Control noises
 Geophysical noises
 Scattered light
 Mystery noises

aLIGO goal: 10 Hz

CE goal: 5 Hz

ET goal: 3 Hz



High Power + Strong Squeezing

Highest power demonstrated: ~ 250 kW (aLIGO)

Next-gen power requirement: 3 MW

10× power increase

Best squeezing demonstrated: 6 dB (GEO600)

Next-gen squeezing requirement: 10 dB

3× optical loss reduction



New materials + Wavelength

Most GW detector experience is with room-temperature glass and $1\ \mu\text{m}$ lasers

Need to develop familiarity with **cryogenic suspended silicon/sapphire**

Need **high-power lasers, high-efficiency photodetectors**, etc. at new wavelengths

Need **large pieces of high-quality silicon**



Status

Organization

Timeline

Einstein Telescope

- European-led effort
- Design study 2008-2011
- Site studies in Limburg and Sardinia
- Maastricht Pathfinder Experiment (starting 7/2019)
 - Cryogenics
 - New wavelength
- Large-mass cryogenic prototyping at Virgo

Einstein Telescope timeline

2018–19	Formation of collaboration
2019–21	ESFRI roadmap
2021–22	Site selection
2023	Full technical design
2025	Excavation and construction begins
2032+	Instrument installation



Cosmic Explorer

US-led effort

Design study underway now (2018–2021)

NSF-sponsored workshop on large ultrahigh-vacuum systems (Jan 2019)

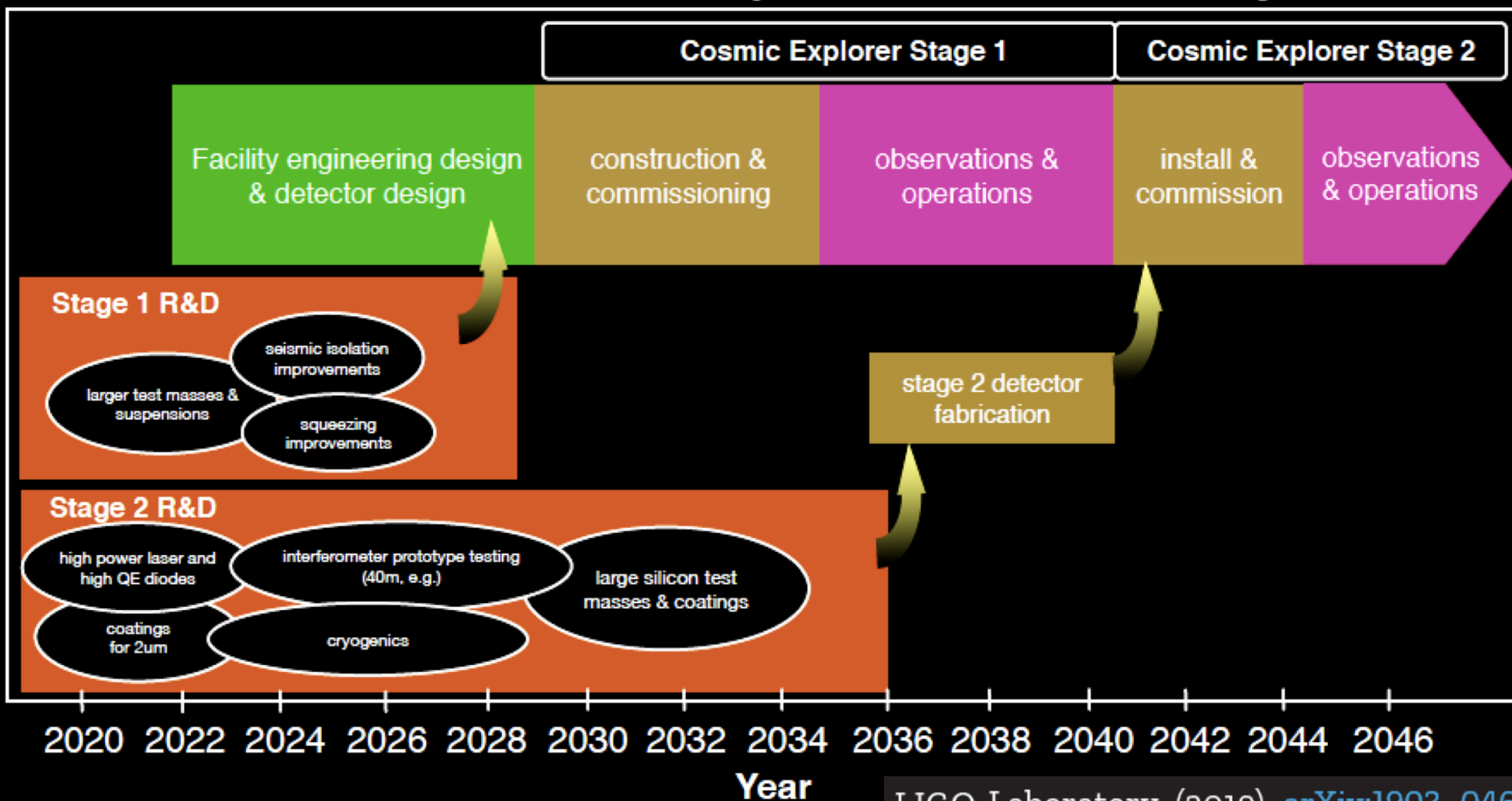
Proceedings: <https://dcc.ligo.org/LIGO-P1900072>

Astro2020 Decadal Survey whitepaper:

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1903.04615>

Cosmic Explorer Timeline

Timeline of a Cosmic Explorer 40km Observatory





Coordination via GWIC

The Gravitational-Wave International Committee:

<https://gwic.ligo.org/3Gsubcomm/>

Astro2020 Decadal Survey whitepapers:

Cosmology and early Universe

Extreme gravity and fundamental physics

Black hole binaries

Multimessenger observations of neutron star binaries

Multimessenger observations of supernovae and isolated neutron stars
(magnetars, pulsars, ...)

Next-gen science book:

~100-page exhibition of next-generation gravitational-wave science

Due out in next few months

Conclusion

Current detectors see local events

Terrestrial GW detectors that see the
entire universe are possible

Planning for new generation
detectors is underway

Thank you!

