

# Gravitational Wave Data: The Last Mile

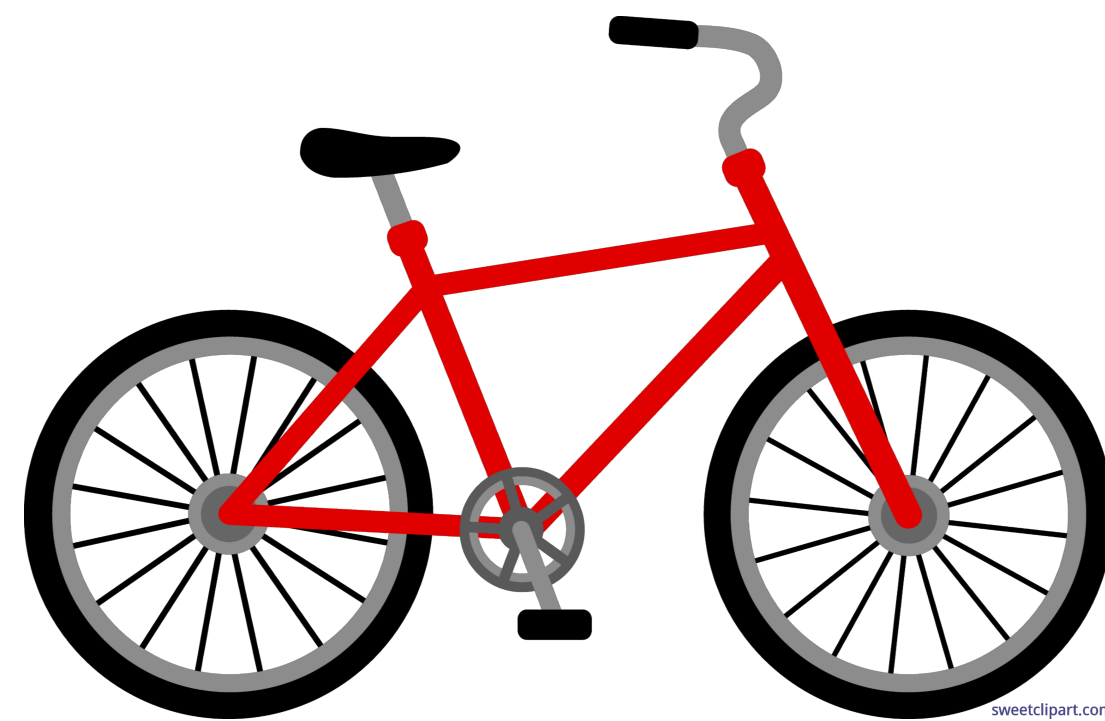
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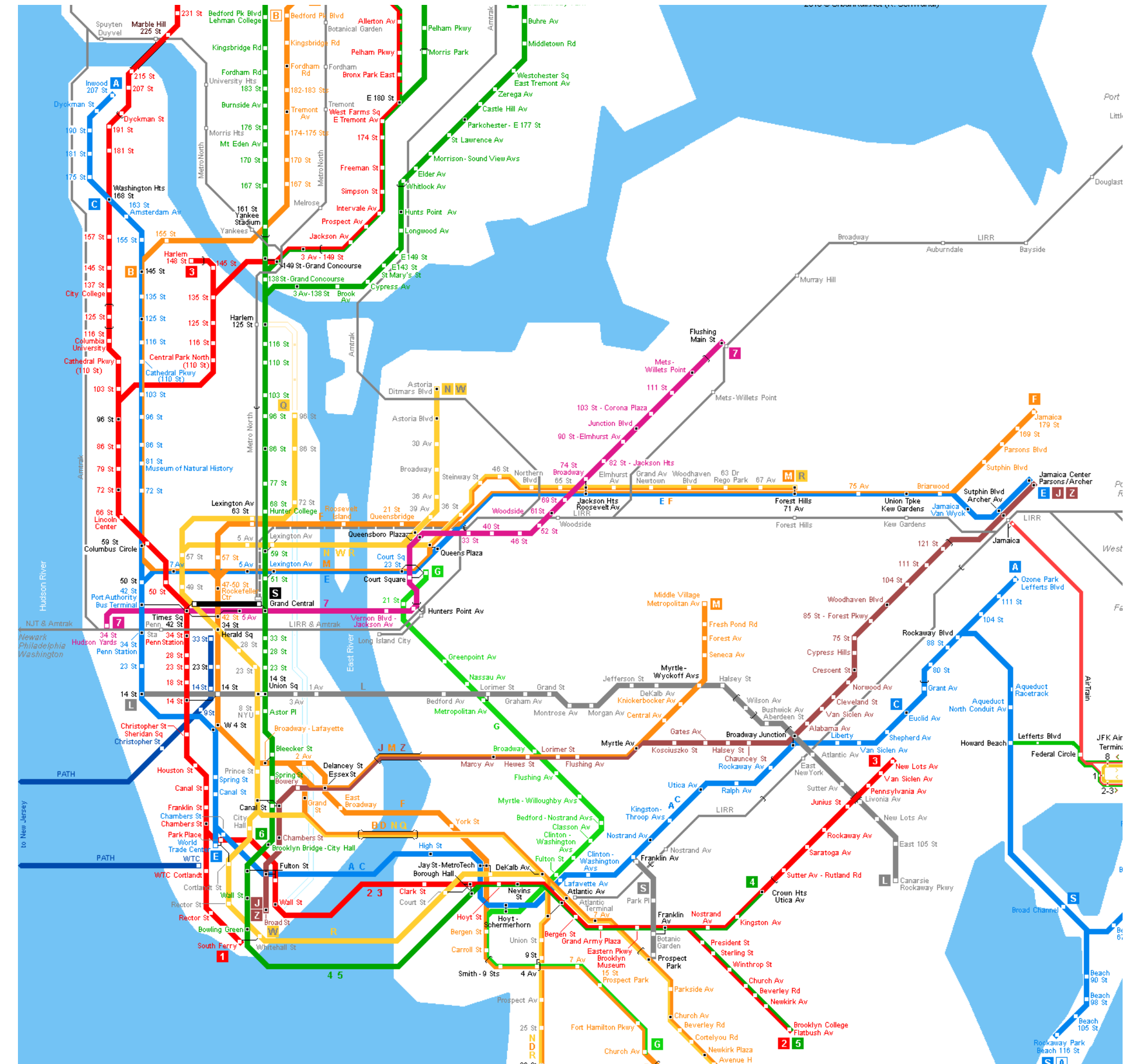
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# The Last Mile Problem

## Transportation

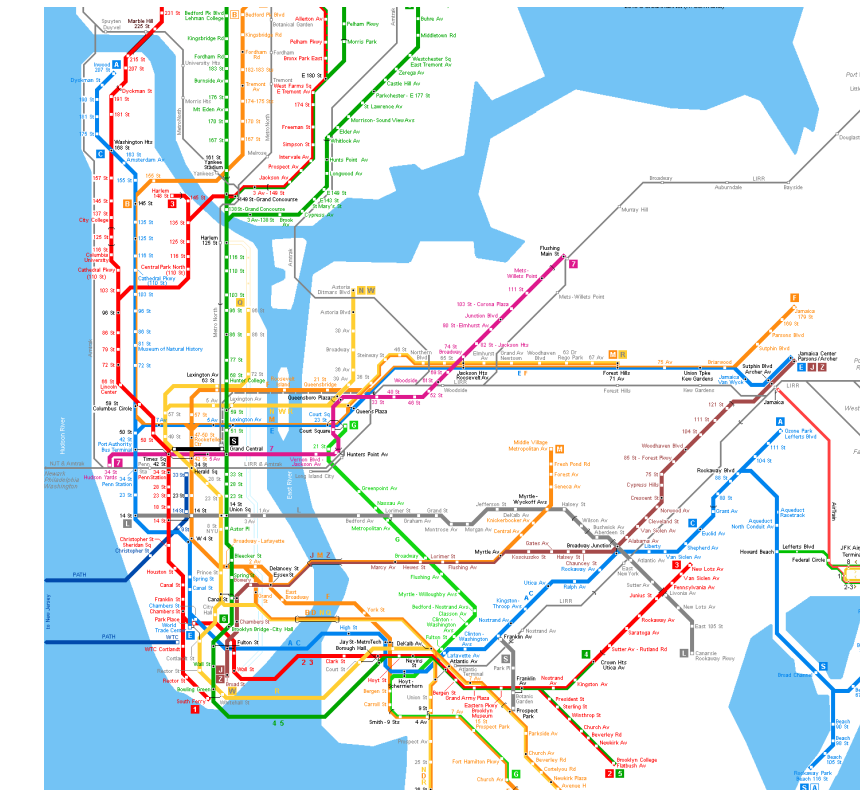
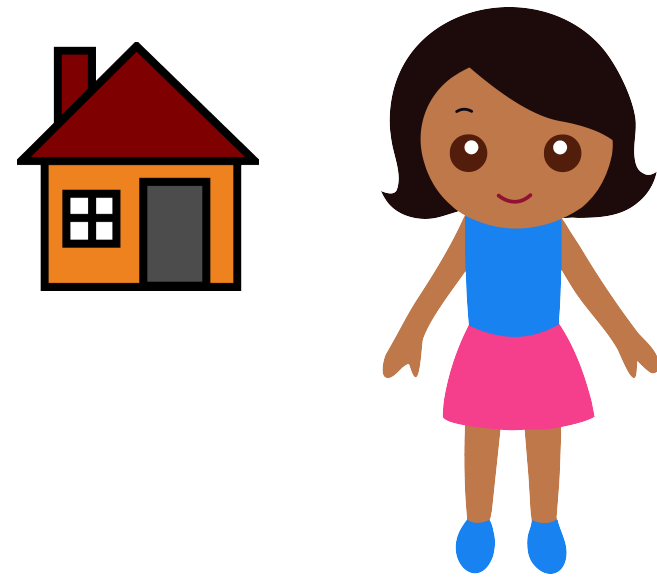


Last Mile



# The Last Mile Problem

Public Data



Expert Networks

“Last Mile”

High School Student  
Undergraduates  
Grad Students  
Experts in other field  
Amateurs  
Artists

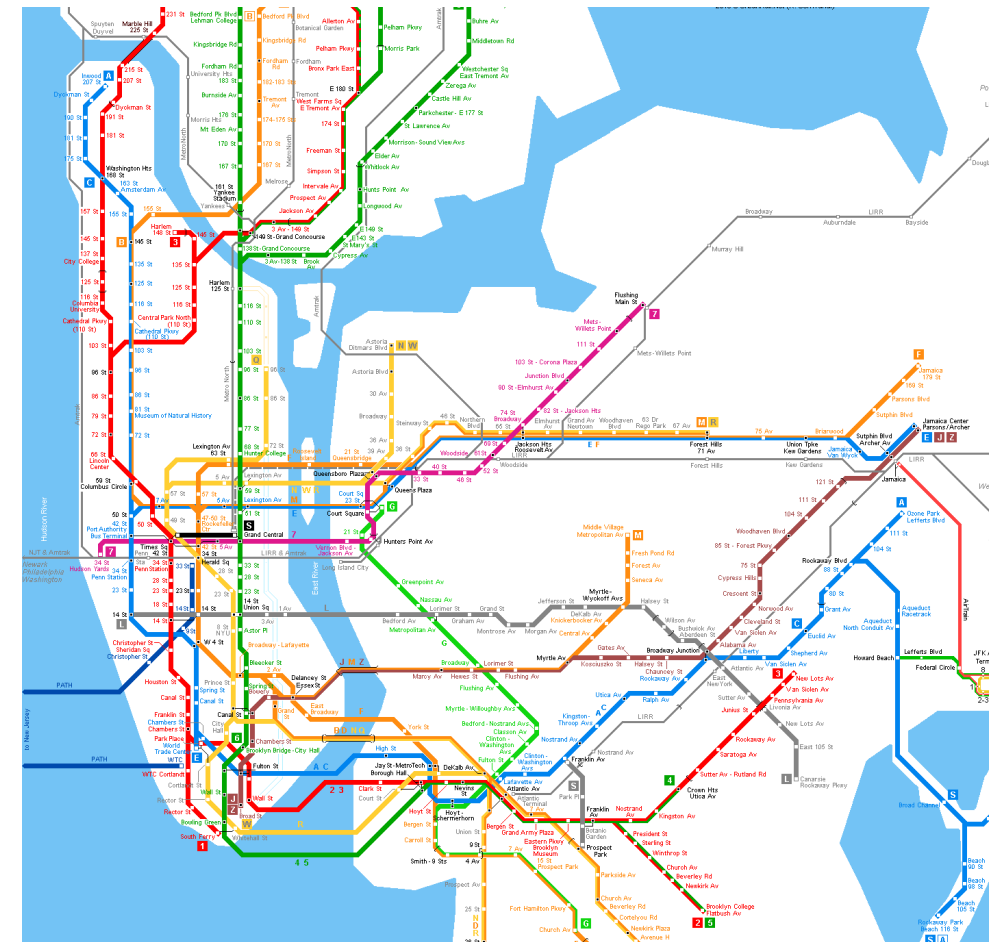
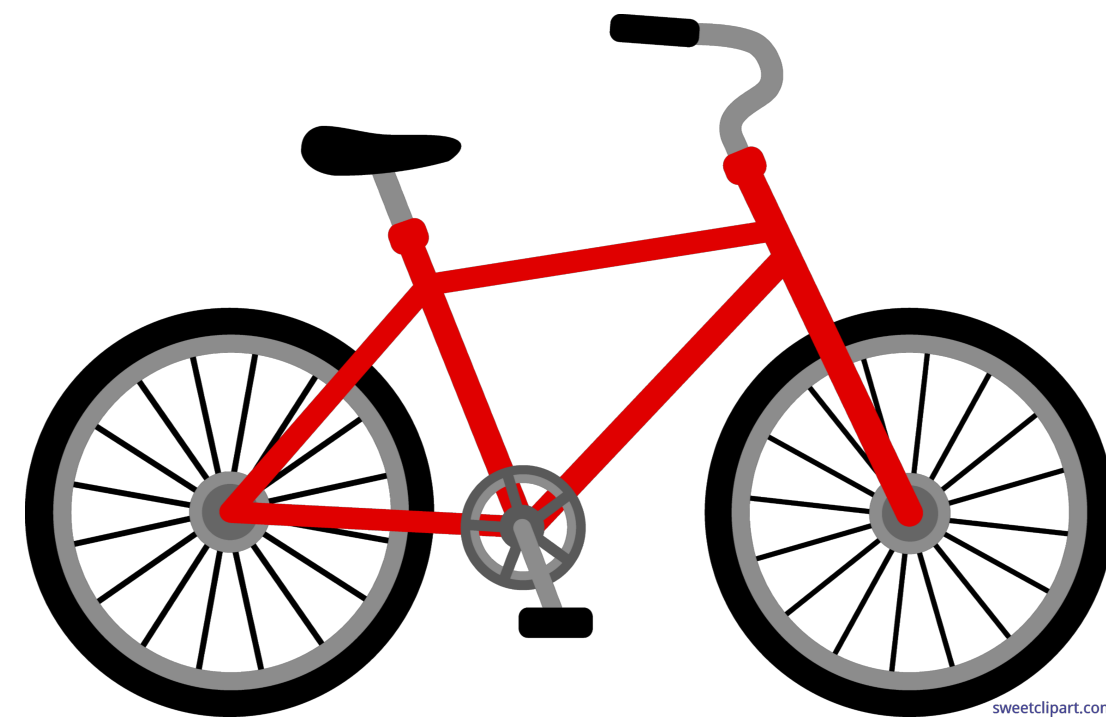
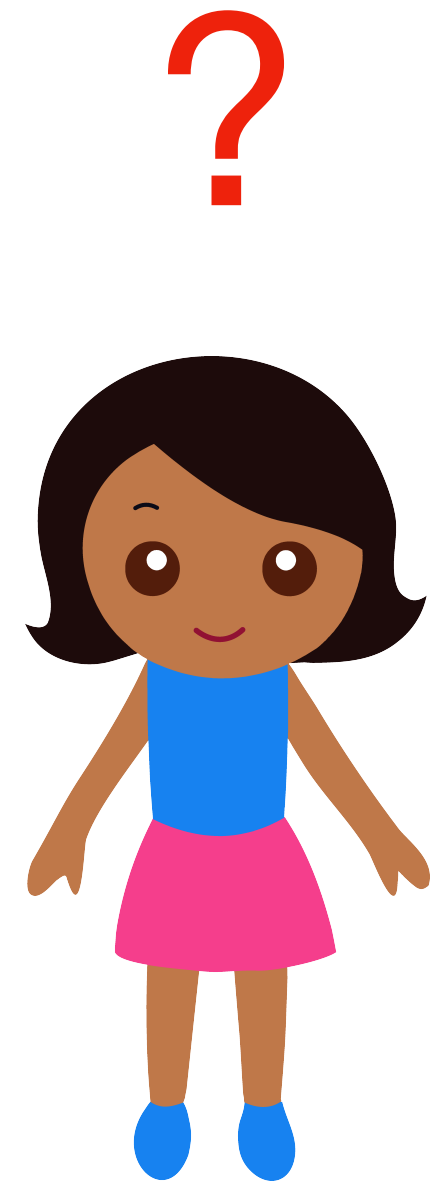


Gaps in:  
Access  
Knowledge  
Resources

Data  
Software  
Journal Articles  
Conferences  
Colleagues

# The Last Mile Problem

## High Stakes



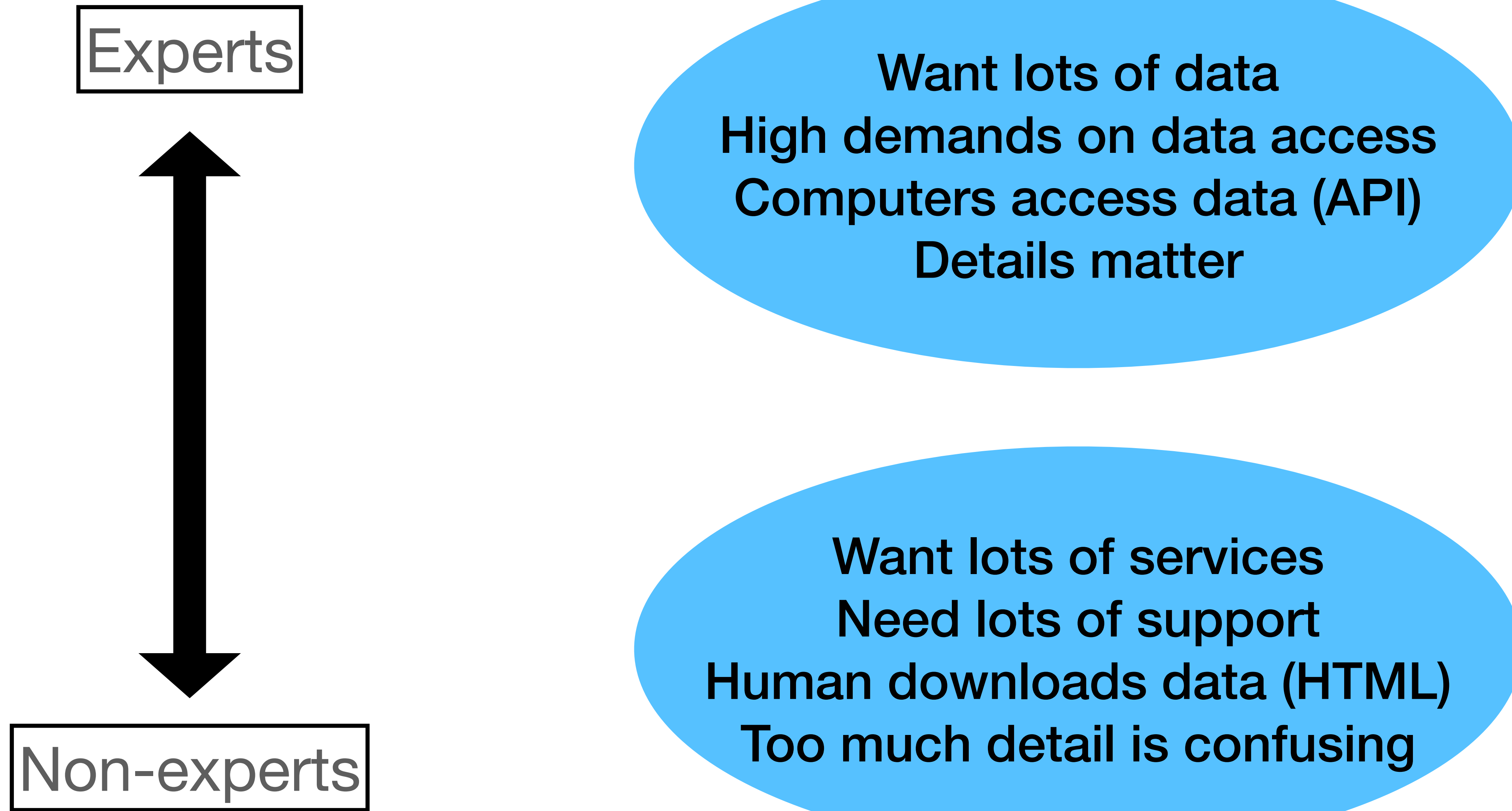
Diversity, Equity,  
and Inclusion

Efficiency and  
Productivity

Synergy

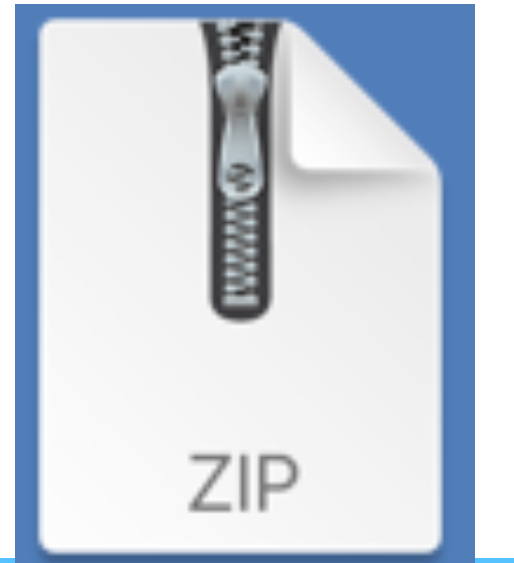
Climate Change

# Diversity of Experience



# Sure, our data are public ... but:

- Are the data easy to find and download?
- Do I recognize the file format? Can I figure out how to open it?
- Can I load the data in a spreadsheet or text file?
- Are there “secret steps” to processing the data?
- Can I find the software? Can I get it installed on my computer?
- Once the software is installed, can I figure out how to use it?
- Do I know where to ask for help when I get stuck?



[data.wtf.gz](https://data.wtf.gz)

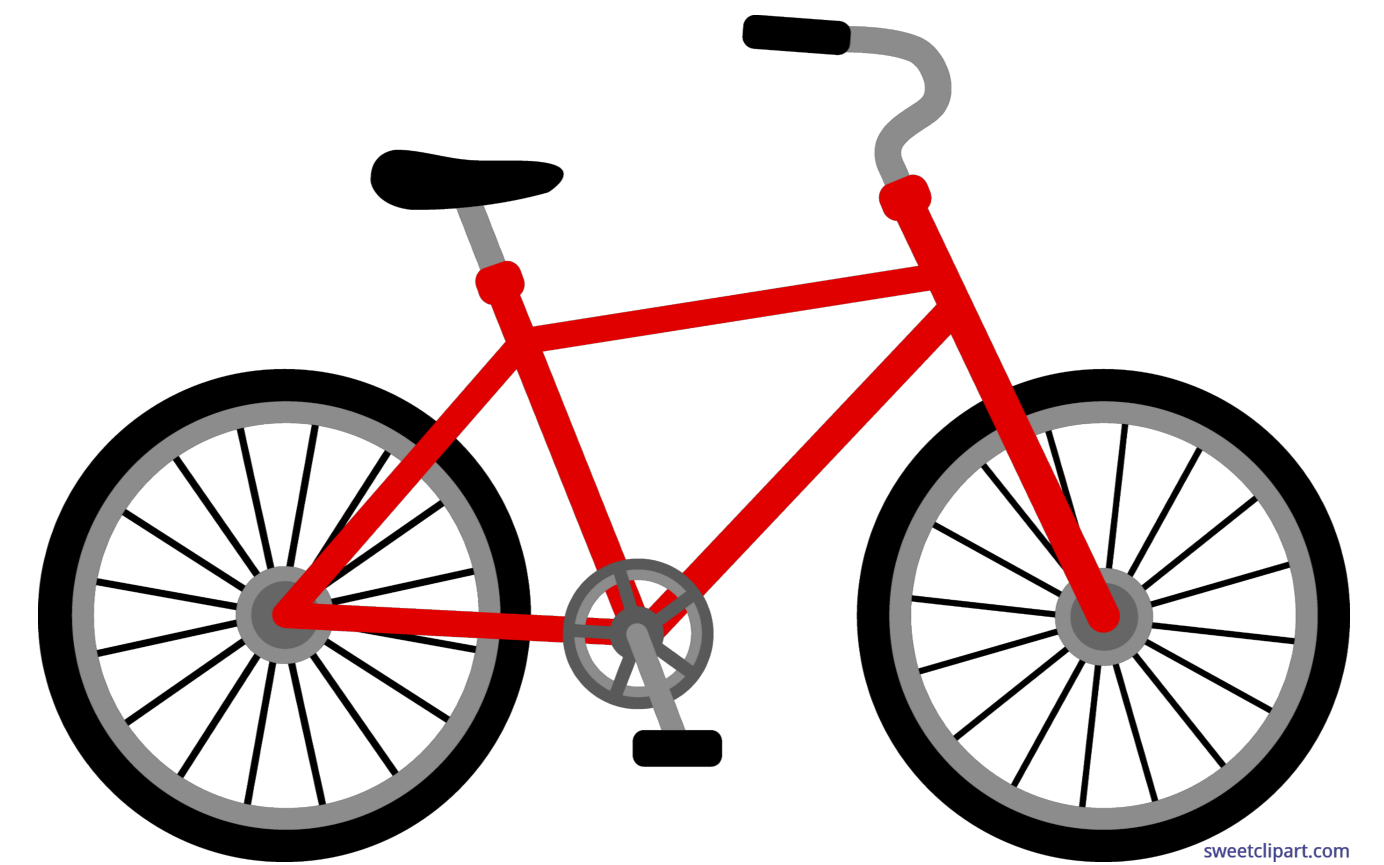


# Access Gaps for LIGO Data (circa 2014)

- All data stored in “special” file format (GWF)
  - Won't work with outside tools
  - Won't work on Windows ( 90% of computers !! )
- All data access requires programming (e.g. in python)
- Specialized libraries lacked examples / documentation
- Some signal processing required
- Data contain detector artifacts

# Solutions for LIGO data

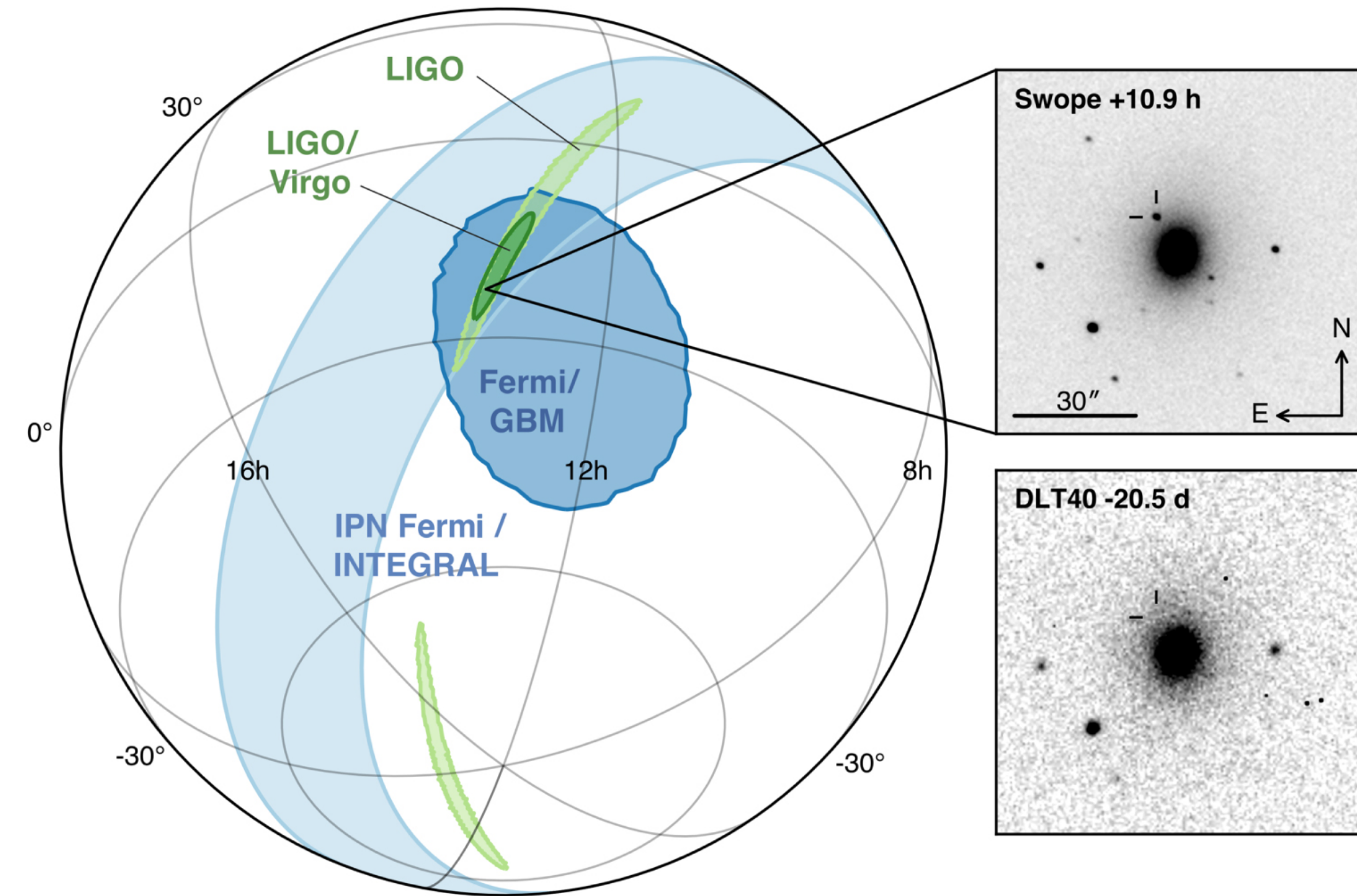
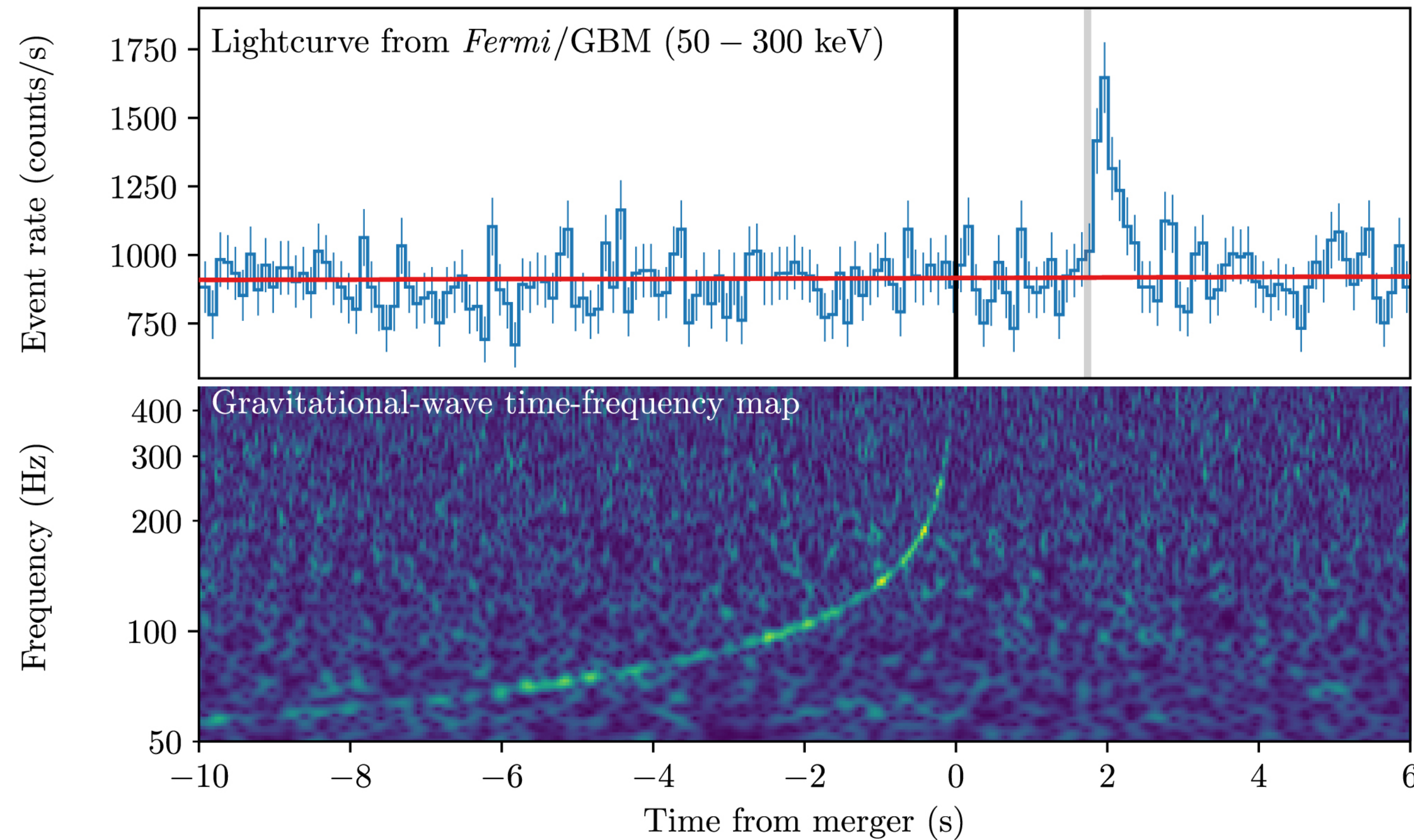
- Data in multiple formats (GWF and HDF5 and “streaming”)
- Software examples to show people *exactly* how to get started
  - Focus on basic tasks: loading, pre-processing, and plotting
- Use online tools, so no software installation is needed
  - (Google co-lab , mybinder , streamlit)
- Link to resources: software libraries, related data, papers, tools, web services
- Workshops and online courses
- Help Desk and Discussion Forum
- Integrated platform: [gwosc.org](https://gwosc.org)



Everything at  
<https://gwosc.org>



# Synergy and Multi-messenger Astrophysics



LIGO / Virgo / KAGRA share data  
and perform low-latency analysis

Results public within minutes

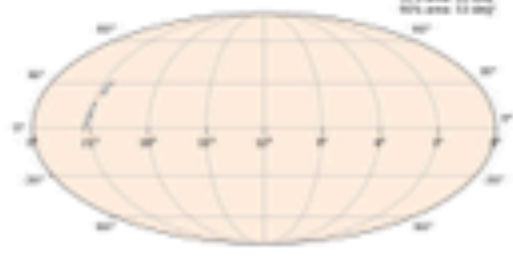
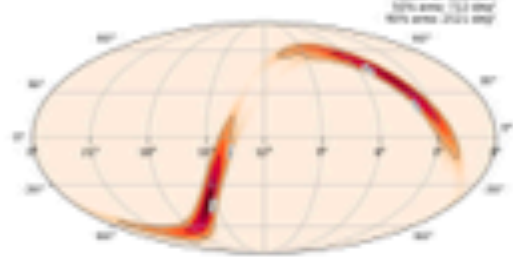
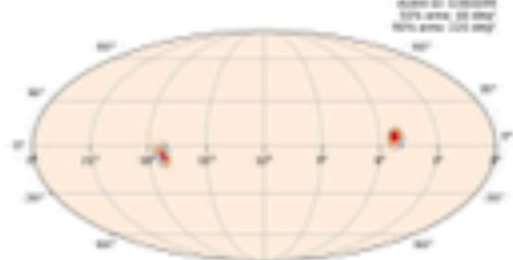
Telescopes perform follow-up observations <sup>9</sup>

GW170817

“Most Observed Transient”

1st Observation of a BNS Merger

Please log in to view full database contents.

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| S200128d  | BBH (97%), Terrestrial (3%) | Jan. 28, 2020<br>02:20:11 UTC | <a href="#">GCN Circulars</a><br><a href="#">Notices   VOE</a> |    |
| S200116ah | NSBH (>99%)                 | Jan. 16, 2020<br>11:56:42 UTC | <a href="#">GCN Circulars</a><br><a href="#">Notices   VOE</a> |  |
| S200115j  | MassGap (>99%)              | Jan. 15, 2020<br>04:23:09 UTC | <a href="#">GCN Circulars</a><br><a href="#">Notices   VOE</a> |  |

# Supporting the Community

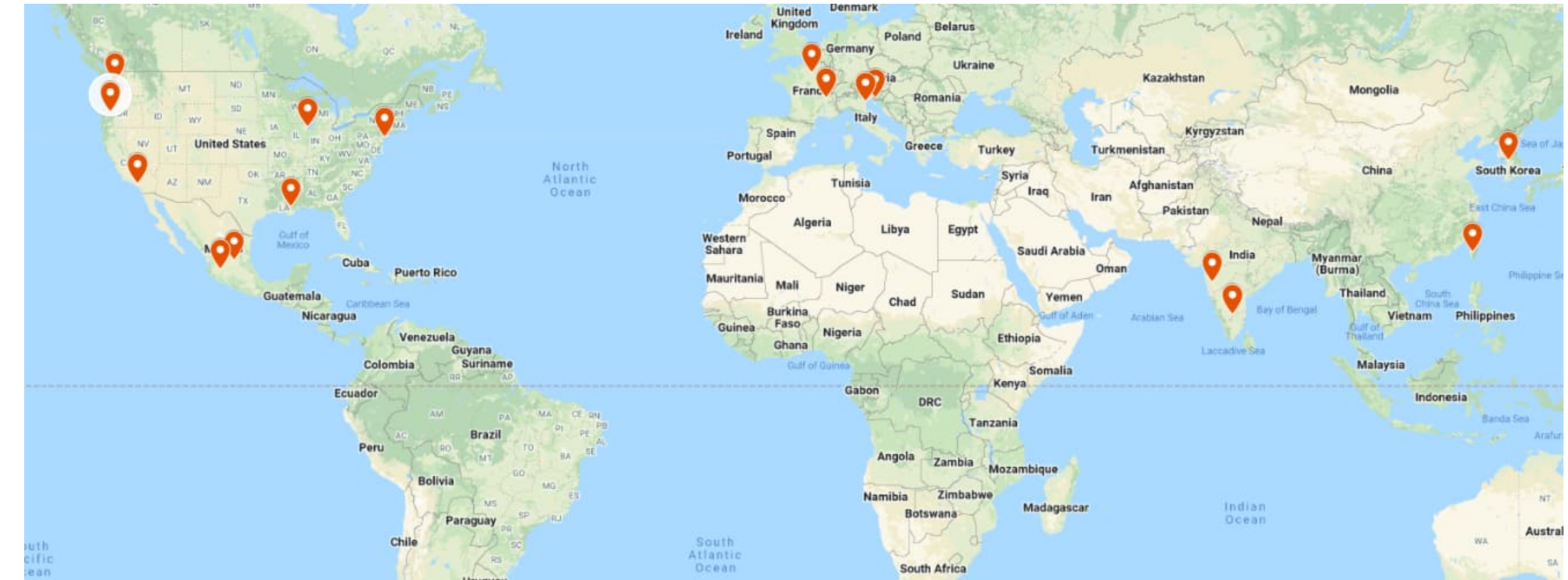
Discussion forum: <https://ask.igwn.org>

E-mail help desk: [gwosc@igwn.org](mailto:gwosc@igwn.org)

Online Course: <https://gw-odw.thinkific.com>

Web apps: <https://gwosc.org/path>

Tutorials & Workshops: <https://gwosc.org/tutorials>



A screenshot of the GWOSC community gallery page. The page features a navigation bar with links for Cloud, Gallery, Components, Community, Docs, and Blog, along with 'Sign in' and 'Sign up' buttons. A left sidebar lists categories such as Streamlit templates, Science &amp; technology, NLP &amp; language, Computer vision &amp; images, Finance &amp; business, Data visualization, Geography &amp; society, Education, and Other. The main content area displays three featured projects: 'Bayesian Deep Learning for Galaxy Zoo DECaLS', 'CloneRetriever', and 'Gravitational Wave Quickview', each with a thumbnail image and a brief description.

# Open Data Workshops

2022 Open Data Workshop  
1000+ Participants  
15 Locations + Virtual

- Annual Event
- Junior scientists prepare material, lecture, and mentor
  - Visibility and experience
- Includes “hands on” software examples + challenge problems
- This year: Hybrid and Scalable
- Live Event —> Online course

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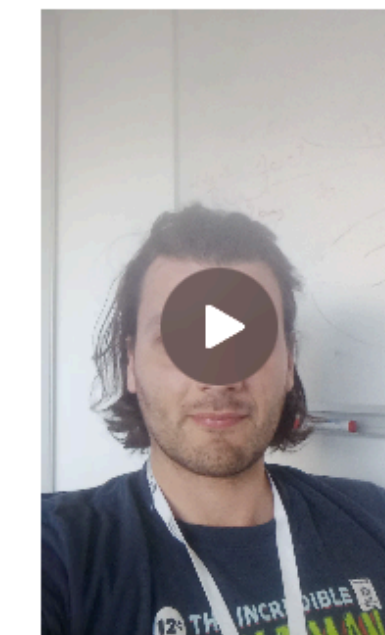
Astroparticles and Cosmology Laboratory, France



## Simone Mastrogiovanni

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ARTEMIS, Nice Observatory, France





Pasadena, CA



Trieste, Italy



San Luis Potosí, Mexico



European Virtual Hub



Guadalajara, Mexico



LIGO Livingston

# Software Examples In Your Browser

**Jupyter Notebooks**

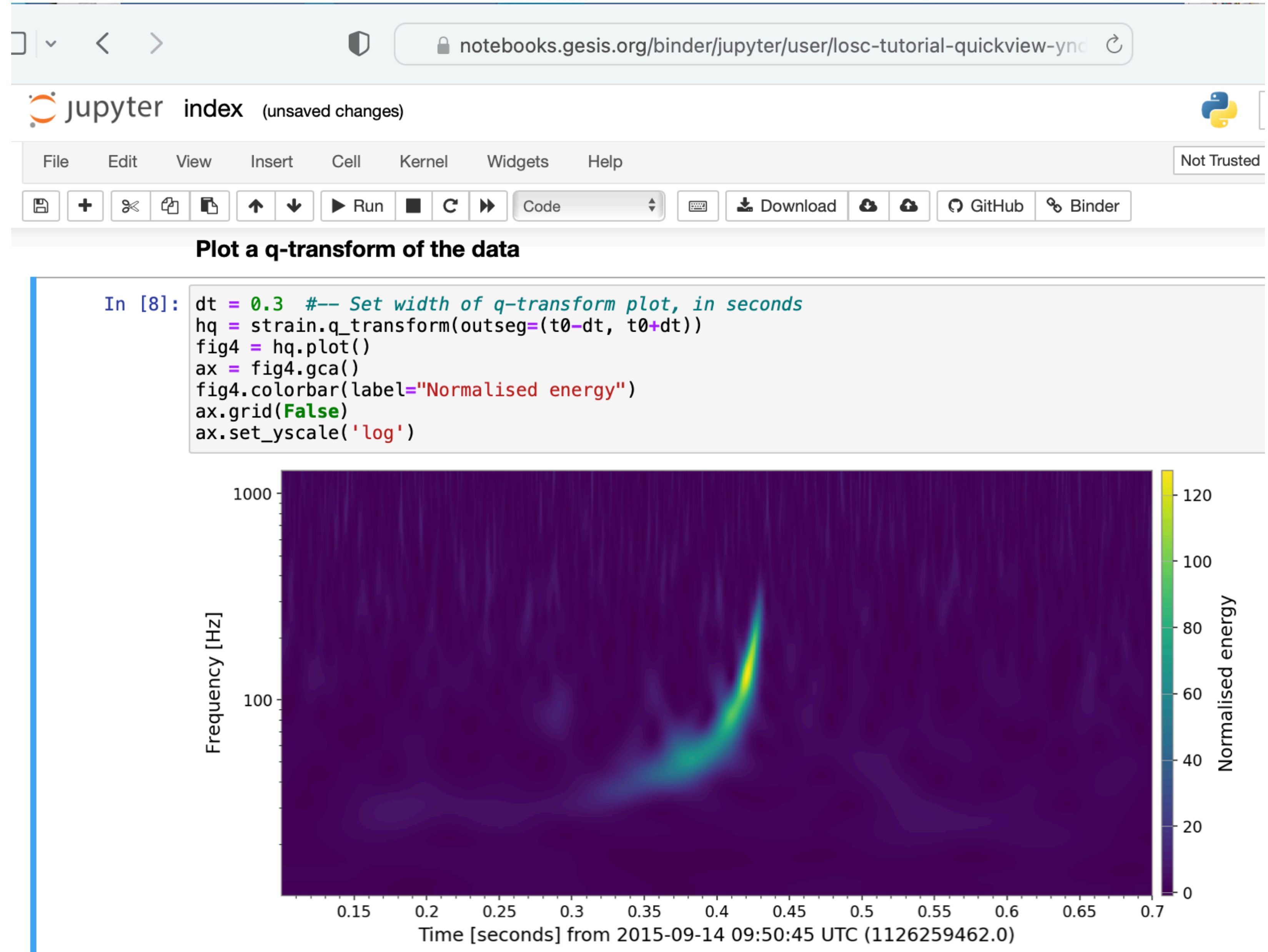
**google co-lab**  
**mybinder**

**Specialized libraries:**

**GWpy, pyCBC, bilby**

***No installation***

**[gwosc.org/tutorials](http://gwosc.org/tutorials)**



# Data Access for Analysis Results

## The long tail of public data

- LIGO/Virgo/KAGRA now releases public analysis results in zenodo
- CERN funded data archive
- Trigger lists, PE samples, skymaps, etc.
- LVK community makes these easy to find
- Authors manage own data

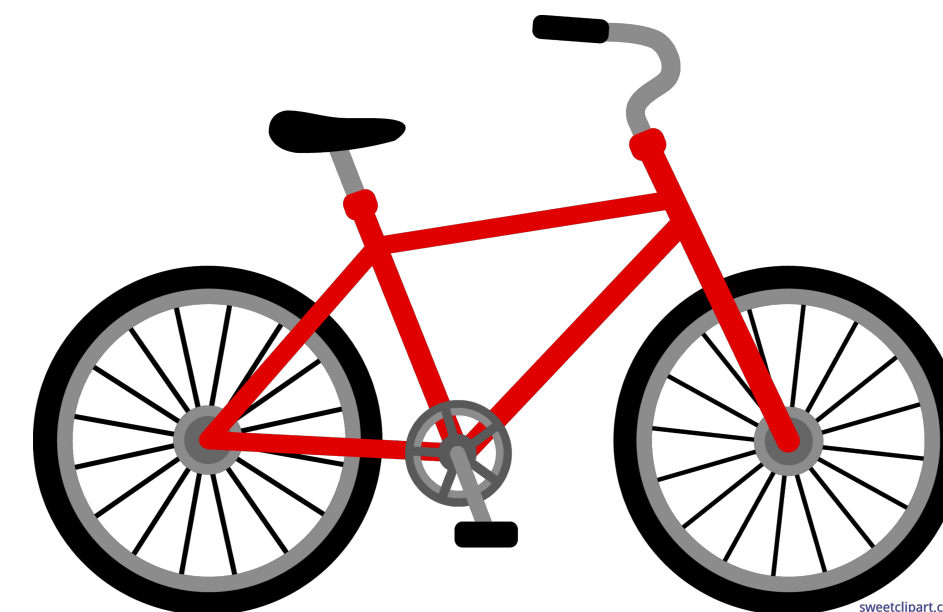
The screenshot shows the Zenodo website interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the Zenodo logo, a search bar, and navigation links for 'Upload' and 'Communities'. Below the header, the main content area displays the title 'LIGO Scientific Collaboration, Virgo Collaboration and KAGRA Collaboration Data Releases'. A 'Recent uploads' section is visible, featuring a search bar and a list of uploads. The first upload is 'GWOSC Event Portal Snapshots', dated May 14, 2022 (v9), with 'Dataset' and 'Open Access' tags. The second upload is 'GWTC-2.1: Deep Extended Catalog of Compact Binary Coalescences Observed by LIGO and Virgo During the First Half of the Third Observing Run - Data Quality Products for GW Searches', dated April 22, 2022 (v1), also with 'Dataset' and 'Open Access' tags. On the right side, there is a green 'New' button and a sidebar with community information, including 'Curated by: LVK-publications', 'Curation policy: Not specified', 'Created: July 20, 2021', and 'Harvesting API: OAI-PMH Interface'.

<https://zenodo.org/communities/ligo-virgo-kagra/>

# Summary

- **Solving the “last mile” problem for public data is high stakes!**
  - Important for diversity, equity, and inclusion
  - Improves efficiency, creates synergy across fields
  - Find gaps in resources and create solutions
- **Essential to consider needs of both experts and non-experts**
  - Need lots of data for experts, lots of services & support for non-experts

<https://gwosc.org>





***Thank you!***

### Select Data Time and Detector

How do you want to find data?

By event name

Select Event

GW151012

Detector

H1

Full sample rate data

### Set Plot Parameters

Time Range (seconds)

0.44

# Gravitational Wave Quickview

- Use the menu at left to select data and set plot parameters
- Your plots will appear below

## GW151012

GPS: 1128678900.4

Mass 1: 23.2 M<sub>⊙</sub>

Mass 2: 13.6 M<sub>⊙</sub>

Network SNR: 10

Event page: <https://gw-osc.org/eventapi/html/event/GW151012>

Loading data...done!

# Event Catalogs and Queries

## GWOSC Event Portal

- Provide easy access to lists of Gravitational Wave Transients
- Web interface: No programming required
- Query by name or physical parameters
- Browse catalogs
- Includes physical parameters, instrument data, analysis results, and documentation
- Scriptable against a REST API

<https://gwosc.org/eventapi>

# Web Apps or GUIs

Remove the need to program!

- Plot data with no programming
- “Pre-process” data (whiten, filter, etc.)
- Export common file types (e.g. CSV)
- Introduction to signal processing

- **Common Request:**

*“I’d like to download processed data to in a CSV or text file”*

<https://gwosc.org/path>

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying a Streamlit application titled "Gravitational Wave Quickview". The browser's address bar shows the URL "share.streamlit.io/jkanner/streamlit-dataview/app.py". The application interface is split into two main sections. On the left, there is a sidebar menu titled "Select Data Time and Detector" with a close button (X). This sidebar contains several controls: a dropdown menu for "How do you want to find data?" set to "By event name", a dropdown for "Select Event" with "GW151012" selected, a dropdown for "Detector" with "H1" selected, and a checkbox for "Full sample rate data" which is currently unchecked. Below these is a section titled "Set Plot Parameters" with a "Time Range (seconds)" input field showing "0.44". On the right side of the application, the title "Gravitational Wave Quickview" is displayed. Below the title are two bullet points: "Use the menu at left to select data and set plot parameters" and "Your plots will appear below". The main content area displays the event name "GW151012" and several parameters: "GPS: 1128678900.4", "Mass 1: 23.2 M<sub>⊙</sub>", "Mass 2: 13.6 M<sub>⊙</sub>", and "Network SNR: 10". A link for the "Event page" is provided: "https://gw-osc.org/eventapi/html/event/GW151012". At the bottom of the main content area, it says "Loading data...done!". In the bottom right corner of the application, there is a "Manage app" button.

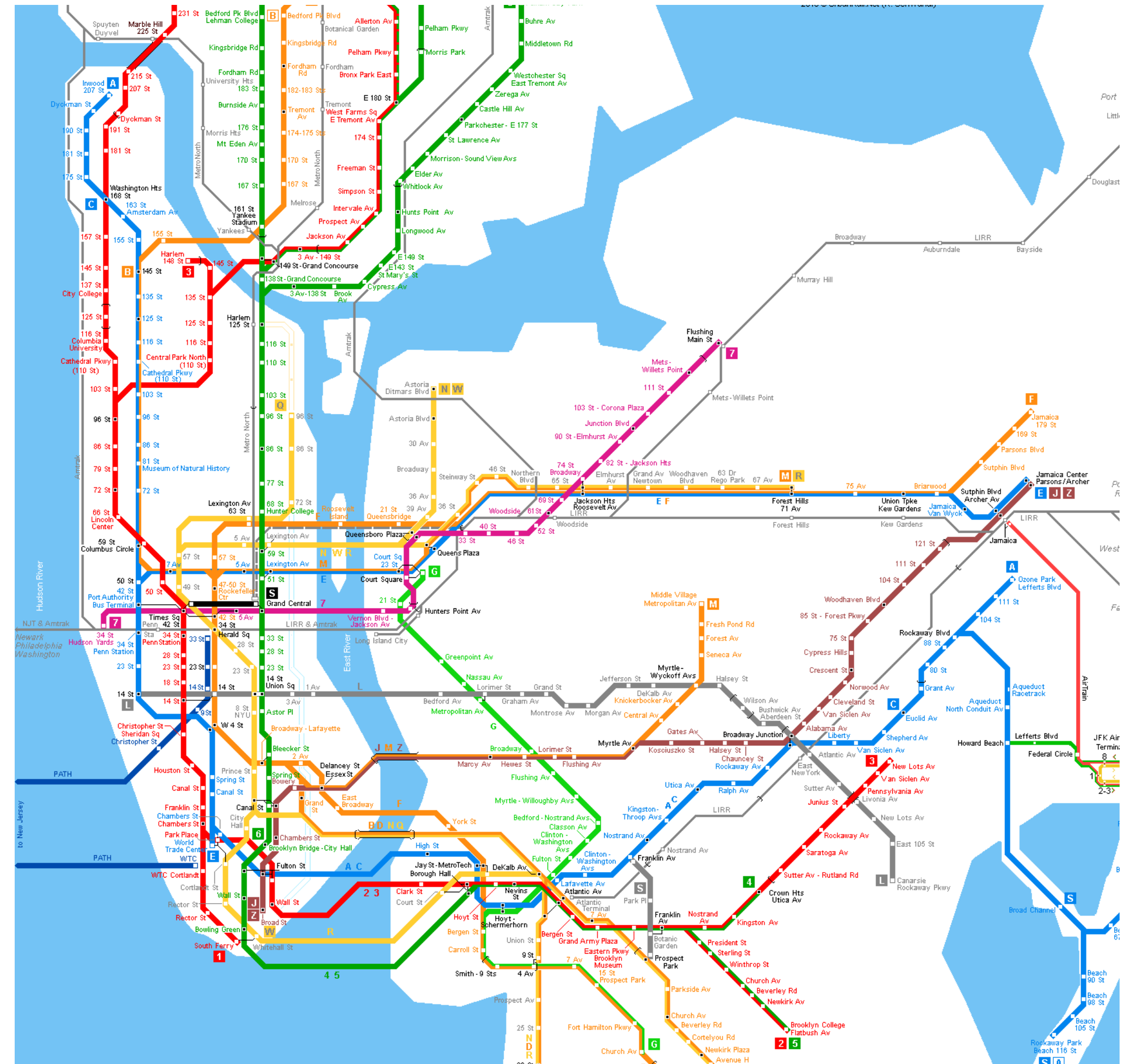
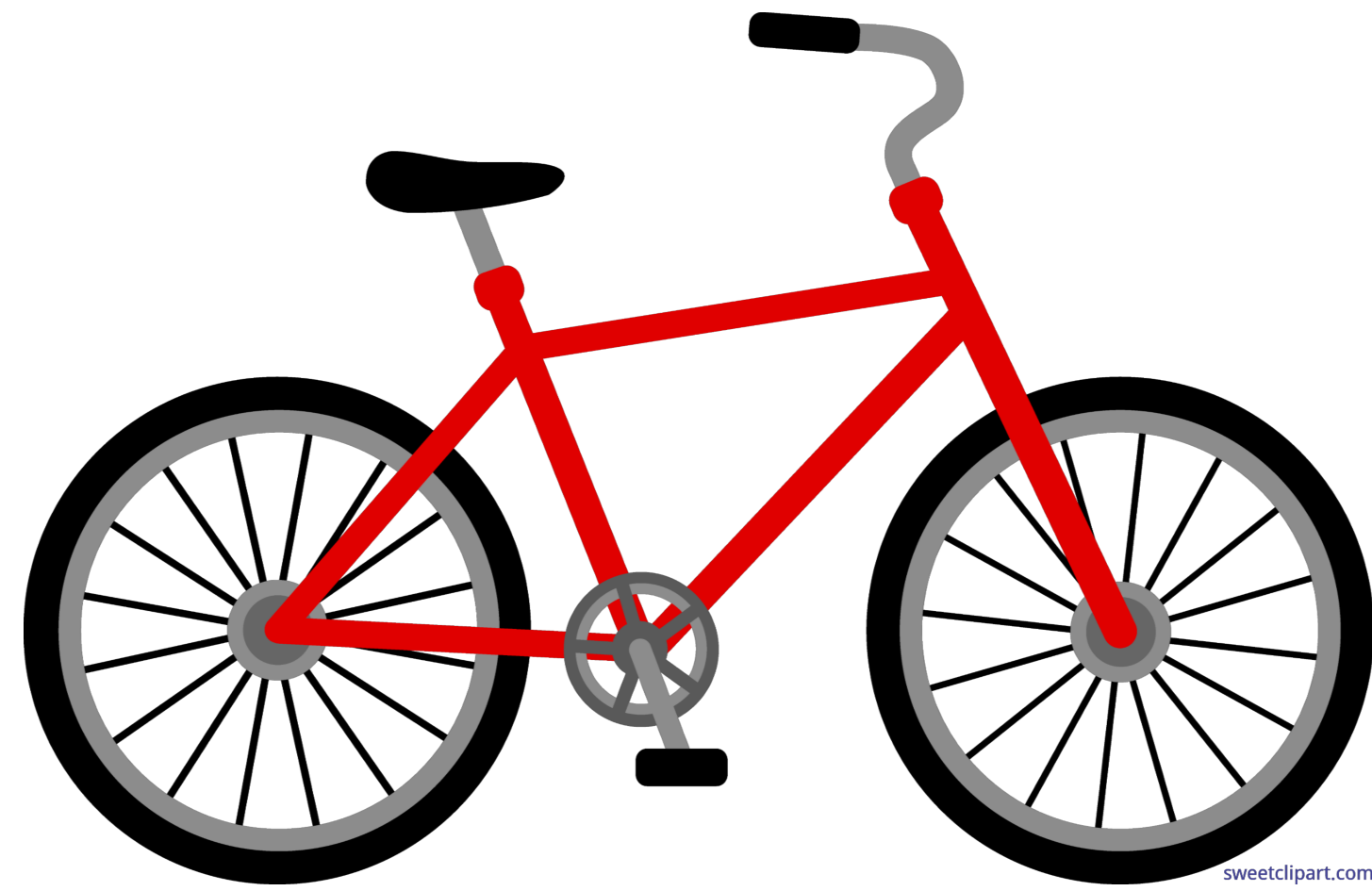
# Data Access on GWOSC (Instrument Data)

- **Web Access:** Query for data by time or event (HTML or REST API)
  - Easy access for everyone, one file at a time
- **CernVM File System:** Needed for high performance
  - Works well for access by computing clusters
- **Network Data Server (NDS2)**
  - Provides access to data “snippets” - don’t need to download whole file
  - Fast and convenient data access

<https://gwosc.org/data>

# The Last Mile SOLUTION

## Transportation





Lyon, France



Seoul, Korea



Padova, Italy



ICTS, Bangalore, India

# GW200311\_115853

## Event Portal

### Documentation

Release: [GWTC-3-confident](#)

Event UID: GW200311\_115853-v1

Names: GW200311\_115853

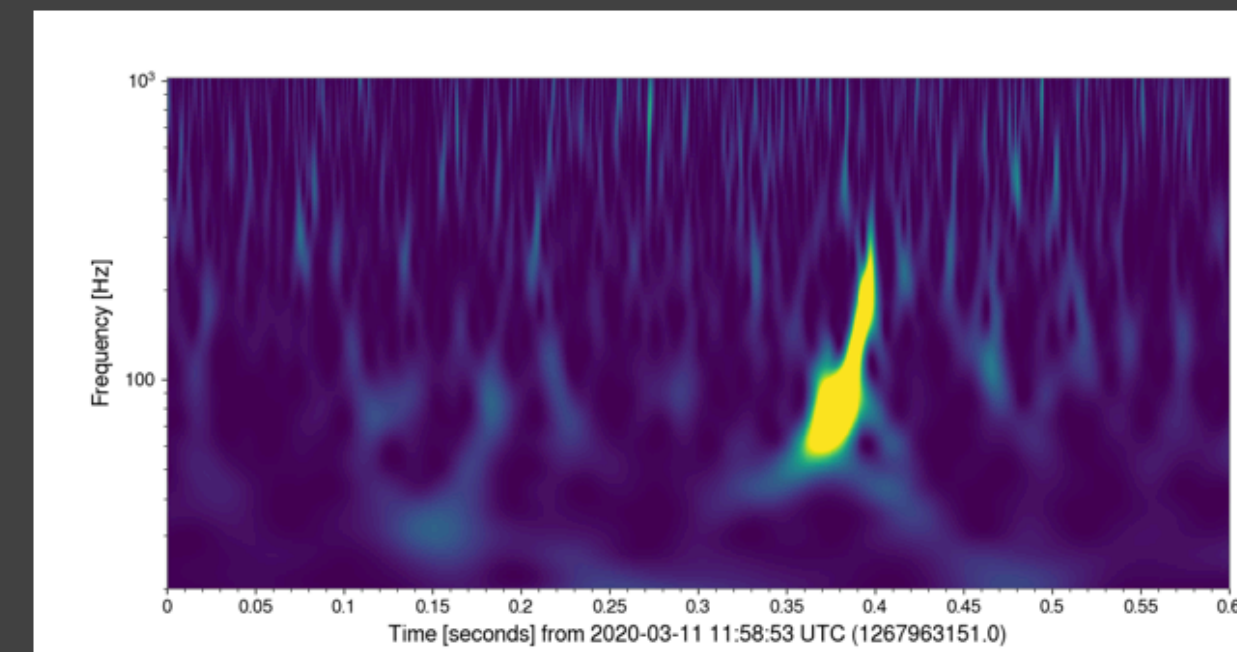
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UTC Time: 2020-03-11 11:58

GraceDB: [S200311bg](#)

GCN: [Notices](#) • [Circulars](#)

### H1 strain



32sec • 16KHz: [GWF](#) [HDF](#) [TXT](#)

32sec • 4KHz: [GWF](#) [HDF](#) [TXT](#)

4096sec • 16KHz: [GWF](#) [HDF](#) [TXT](#)

4096sec • 4KHz: [GWF](#) [HDF](#) [TXT](#)

SORT: GPS ↓

| Name                            | Version | Release                          | GPS ↓        | Mass 1 (M <sub>⊙</sub> )              | Mass 2 (M <sub>⊙</sub> )              |
|---------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">GW200322_091133</a> | v1      | <a href="#">GWTC-3-confident</a> | 1268903511.3 | 34 <sup>+48</sup> <sub>-18</sub>      | 14.0 <sup>+16.8</sup> <sub>-8.7</sub> |
| <a href="#">GW200316_215756</a> | v1      | <a href="#">GWTC-3-confident</a> | 1268431094.1 | 13.1 <sup>+10.2</sup> <sub>-2.9</sub> | 7.8 <sup>+1.9</sup> <sub>-2.9</sub>   |
| <a href="#">GW200311_115853</a> | v1      | <a href="#">GWTC-3-confident</a> | 1267963151.3 | 34.2 <sup>+6.4</sup> <sub>-3.8</sub>  | 27.7 <sup>+4.1</sup> <sub>-5.9</sub>  |

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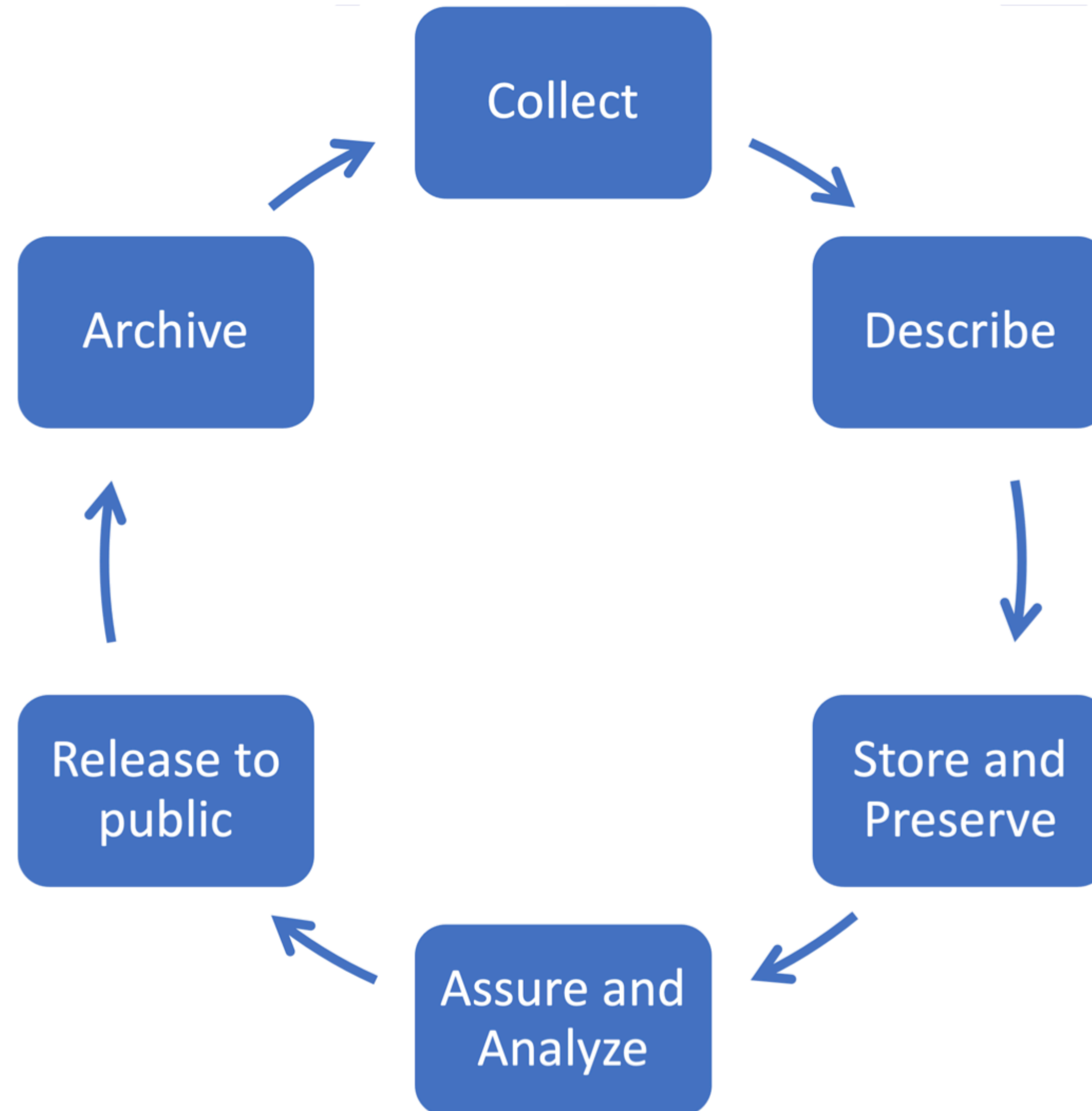
# Getting Help

## Need to hear from people using data

- GWOSC Help Desk, via e-mail: [gwosc@igwn.org](mailto:gwosc@igwn.org)
- New: LIGO/Virgo/KAGRA discussion forum: <https://ask.igwn.org>
  - Vera Rubin Telescope has an active discussion forum, with thousands of posts
- Discussion Board / Help Desk monitored both by GWOSC staff and volunteers in LIGO/Virgo/KAGRA collaboration

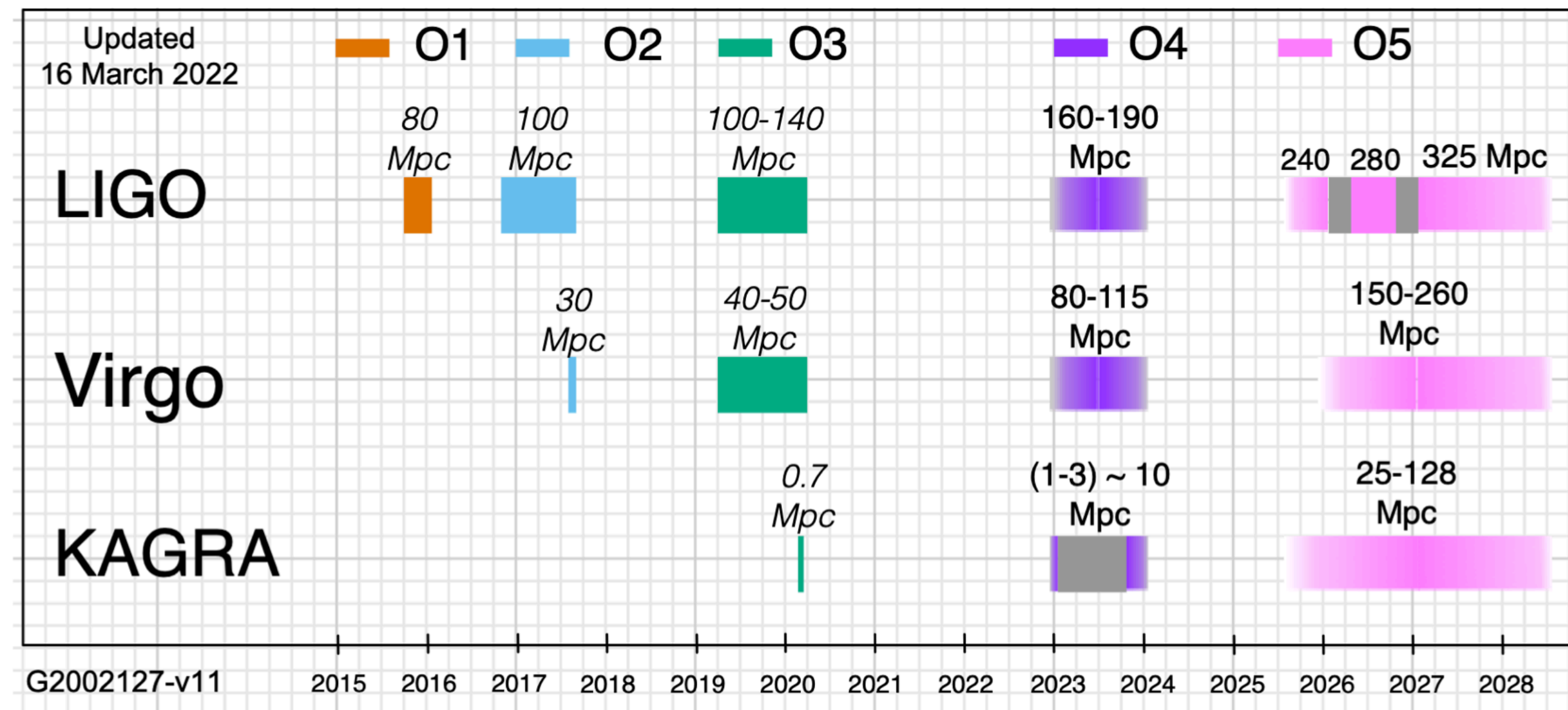
Provide direct support AND Learn about gaps

# LIGO Data Life Cycle



# Data Collection

- Data collected in a series of observing runs
- “Raw” frames contain 250,000 channels per IFO,
  - ~petabyte per year
- Calibrated STRAIN in own frames
  - ~terabytes per year
  - 99% of astrophysics in 1% of data



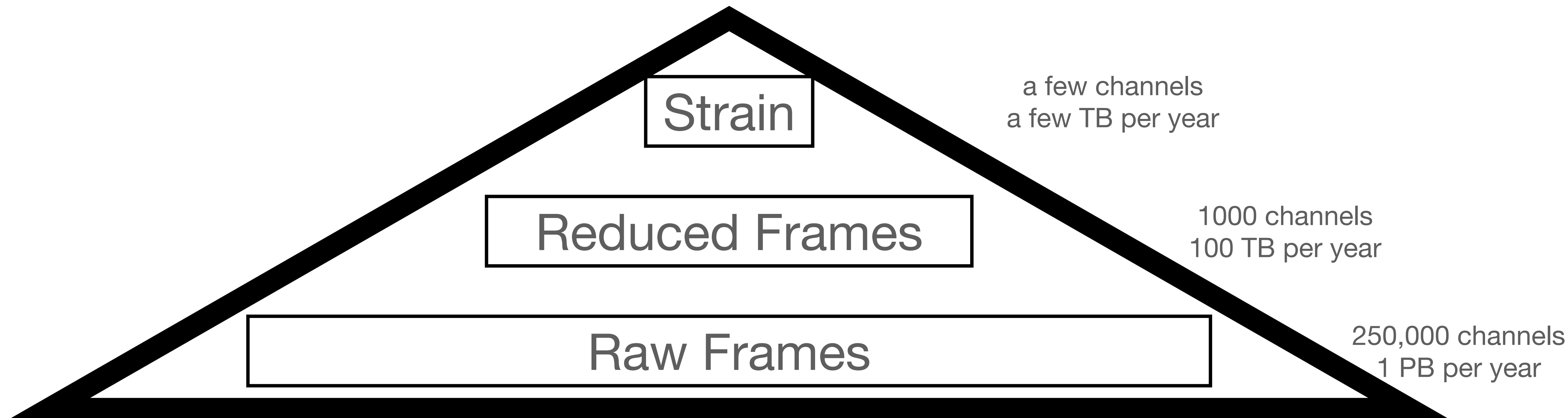
# Describe

- All data stored in GWF files, with self-describing meta-data for each channel
  - Defined in *International Gravitational Wave Detectors (IGWD)* data format, established 1997 (<https://dcc.ligo.org/LIGO-T970130/public>)
- Acronyms for decoding: <https://dcc.ligo.org/LIGO-M080375-v1/public>

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>>> from gwpy.timeseries import TimeSeries
>>> data = TimeSeries.fetch('H1:DCS-CALIB_STRAIN_CLEAN_C01_AR', start=1240559616, end=1240559626, host='losc-nds.ligo.org')
>>> print(data)
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            6.73696363e-20, 3.88823380e-20, 4.08627208e-20])
unit: strain,
t0: 1240559616.0 s,
dt: 6.103515625e-05 s,
name: H1:DCS-CALIB_STRAIN_CLEAN_C01_AR,
channel: H1:DCS-CALIB_STRAIN_CLEAN_C01_AR)
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# Store and preserve

- Raw frames during observing runs preserved for life of lab
- Raw frames between observing runs “reduced” after set time period
- All data stored at multiple locations



# FAIR Public Data Release

<https://gwosc.org>

## Gravitational Wave Open Science Center

- **FINDABLE:** Data are easily discoverable through the GWOSC web server, with human readable and machine readable options
- **ACCESSIBLE:** Strain data can be accessed via http, CVM-FS, or NDS2
- **INTEROPERABLE:** Available in both GWF and HDF5 formats. Identical formats for LIGO, Virgo, & KAGRA
- **REUSABLE:** Open source software, documentation, tutorials, and workshops

# Impacts of Open Data

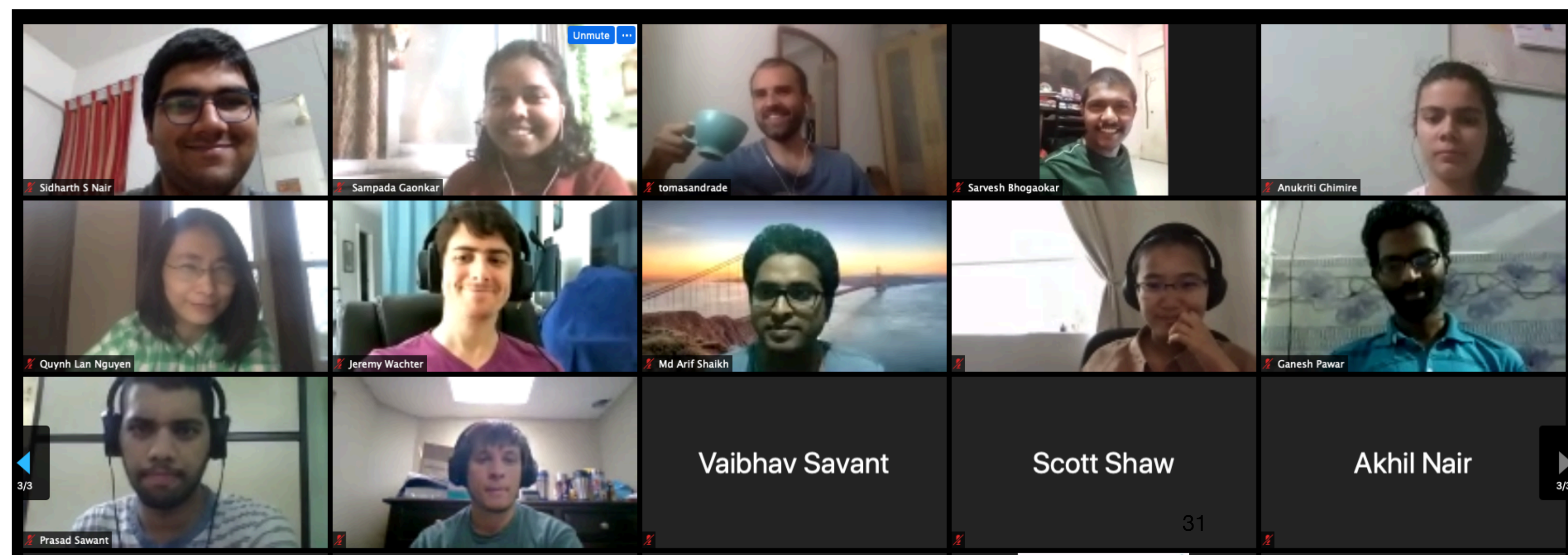
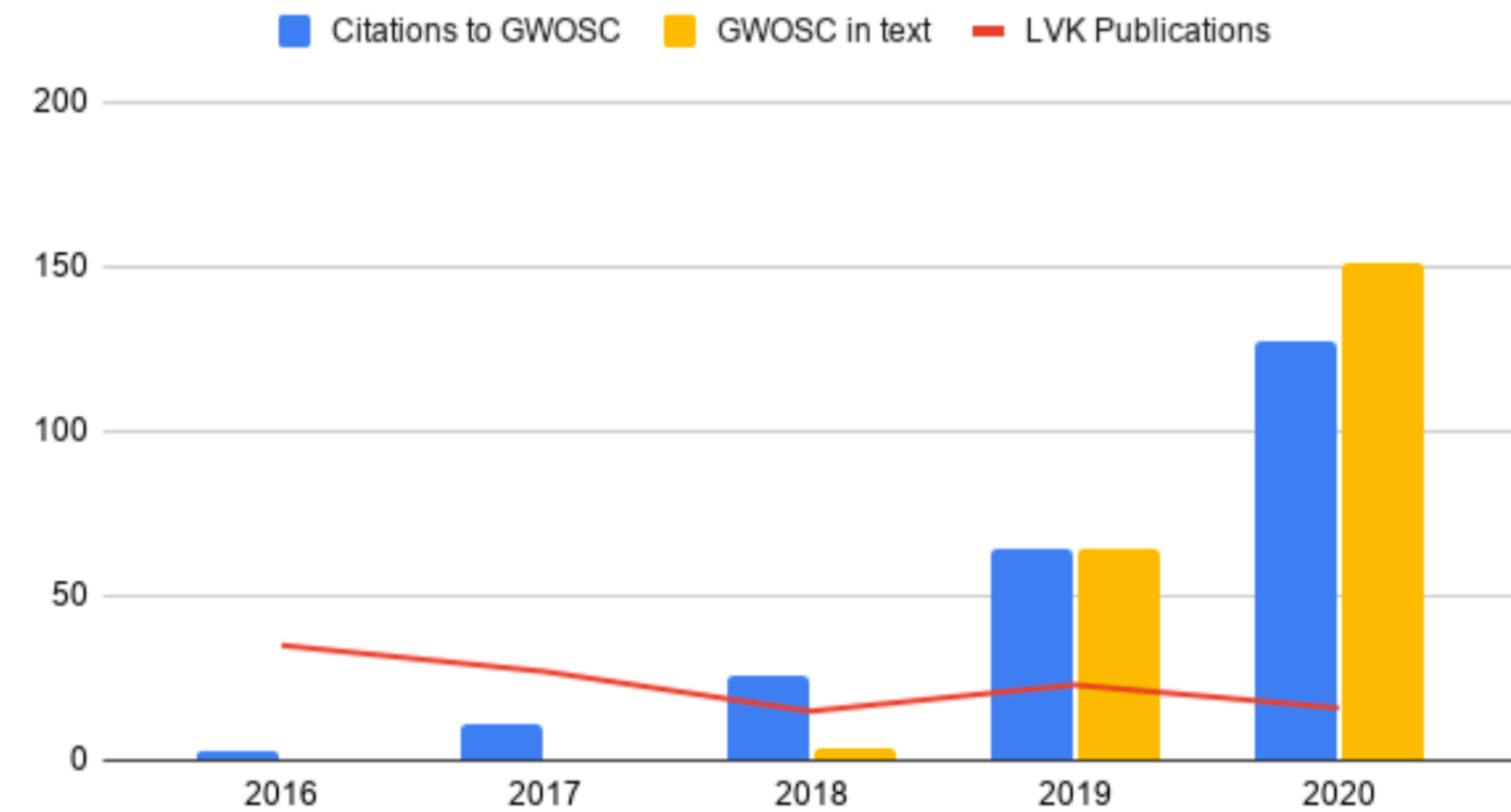
Around 6,000 visitors (12,000 sessions)  
to GWOSC each month

Over a million strain file downloads over 6 months

250 Papers in 2 years (2020 + 2021)

Open Data Workshops with hundreds of participants

Number of papers using LIGO/Virgo data



# GWOSC Event Portal

- Includes catalogs of LVK discoveries, with PE results and strain data
- Reflects only published results
- Includes “GWTC” - a cumulative catalog of all LVK detections
- Snapshots archived in zenodo to preserve history

<https://gwosc.org/eventapi>

## GW200129\_065458

### Documentation

Release: [GWTC-3-confident](#)

Event UID: GW200129\_065458-v1

Names: GW200129\_065458

GPS: 1264316116.4

UTC Time: 2020-01-29 06:54

GraceDB: [S200129m](#)

GCN: [Notices](#) • [Circulars](#)

Timeline: [Query for segments](#)

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.7935/b024-1886>

Data sourced from frame channels.

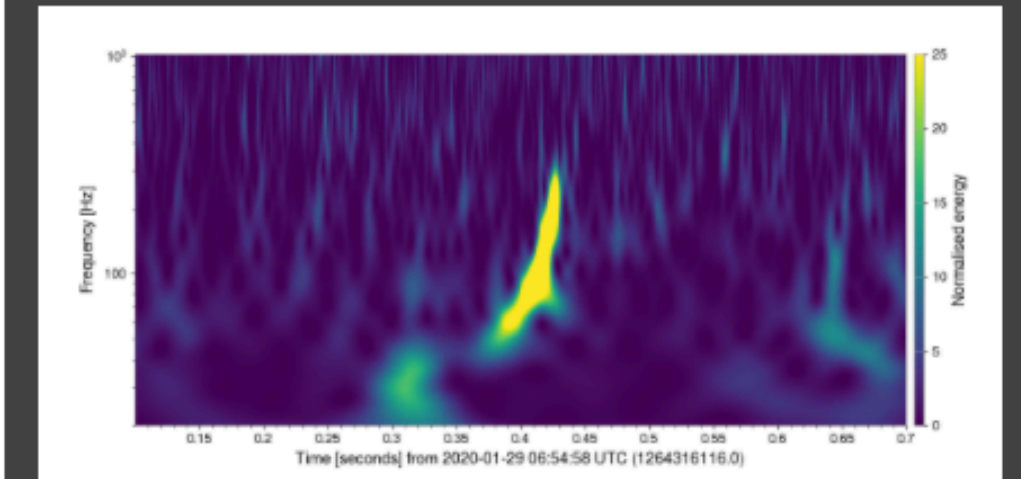
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Data sourced from frame types:

FrameTypes: [ H1\_HOFT\_CLEAN\_SUB60HZ\_C01, L1\_HOFT\_CLEAN\_SUB60HZ\_C01, V1Online ]

To open GWF files, use channels names as shown for GWTC-1:  
<https://doi.org/10.7935/82H3-HH23>

### H1 strain



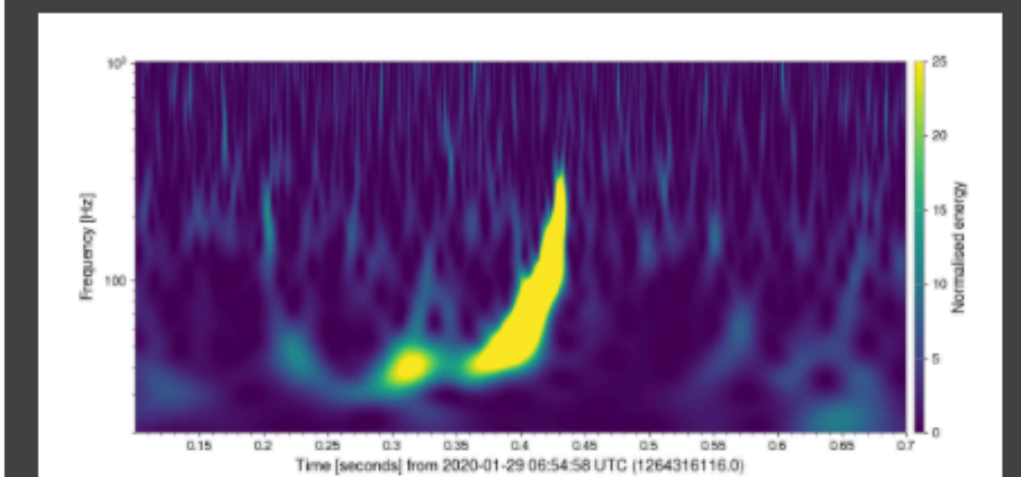
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### L1 strain

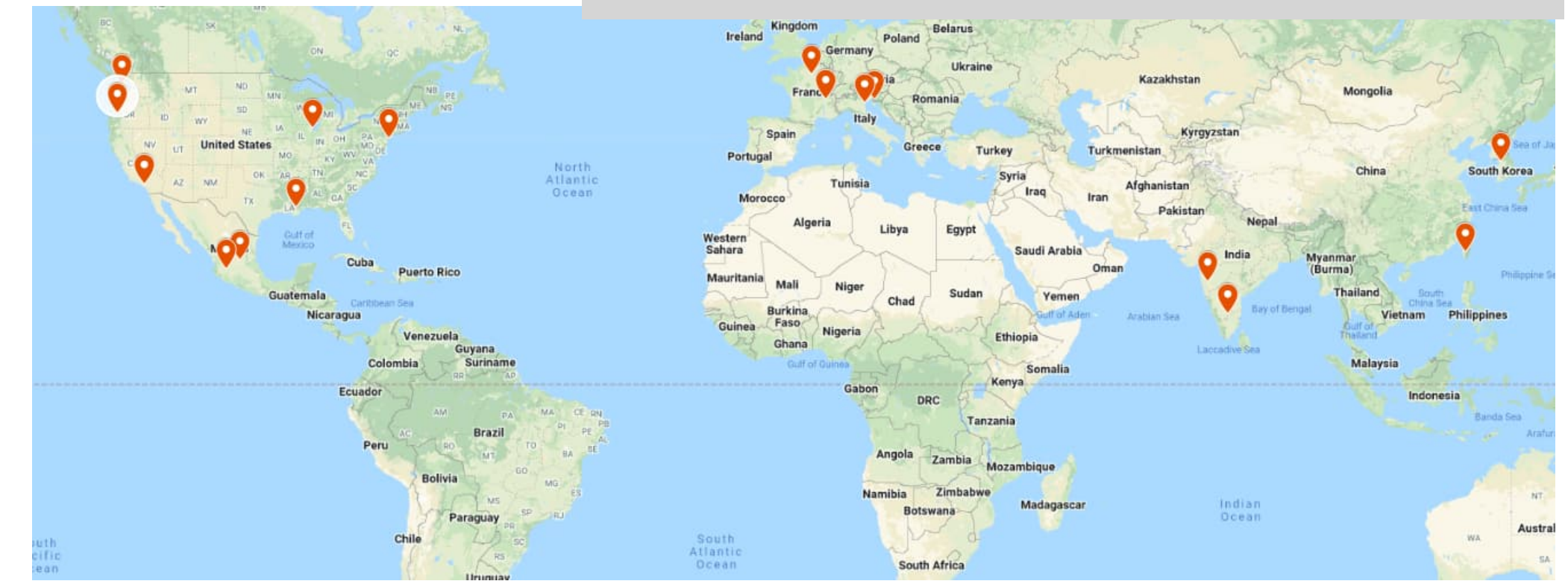




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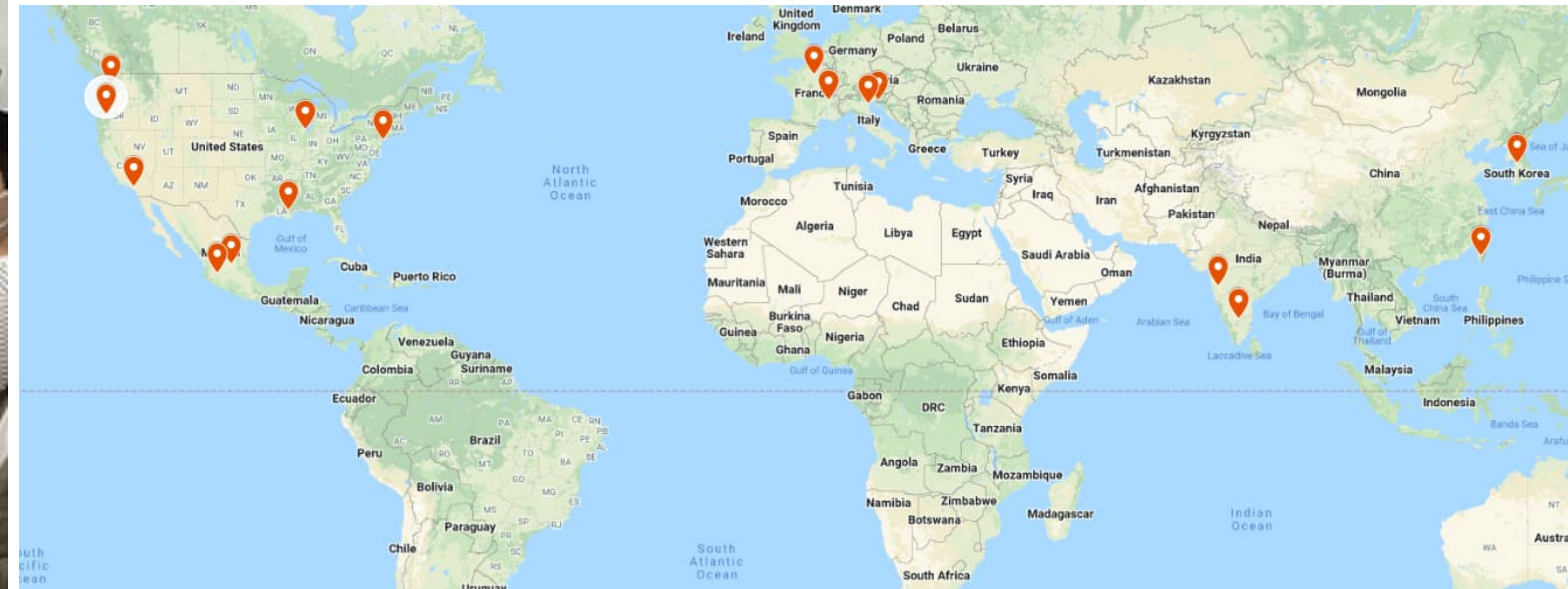
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model learns from volunteers and  
by Mike Walmsley  
View source code →  
Go to app →

**GW Quickview App**  
Featured on Streamlit Home Page  
Attracted 9,000 views per month  
by Eitan Halper-Stromberg and team  
Go to app →

**Gravitational Wave Quickview**  
This app downloads and displays a few seconds of data from the Gravitational Wave Open Science  
by Jonah Kanner  
View source code →  
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New York



Paris



Evanston, IL