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Lecture 2
Gravitational Waves: Astrophysics

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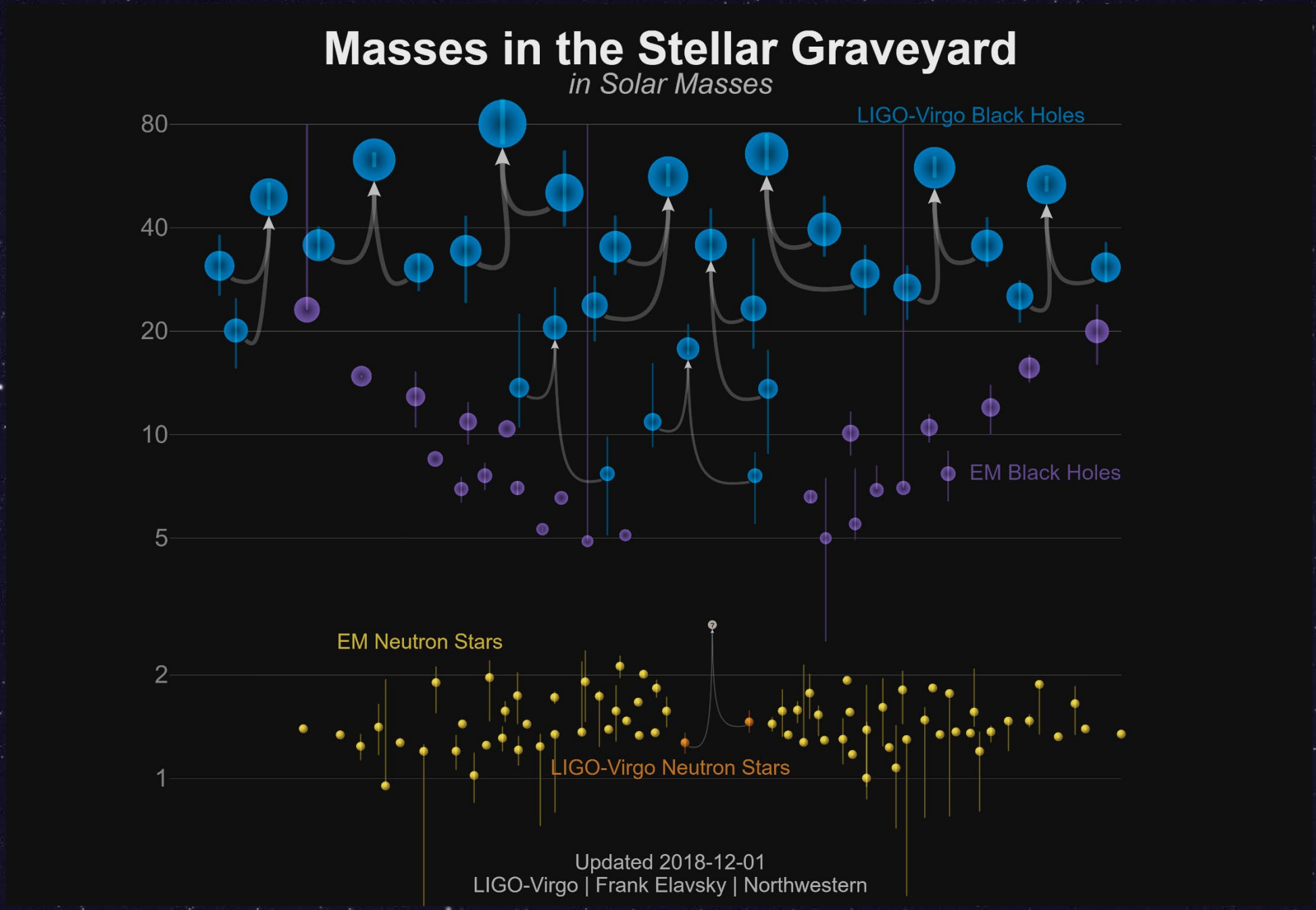
TOPICS

1) **What are gravitational waves?**
   Theoretical background

2) **How do we know we are seeing gravitational waves?**
   Detecting new signals

3) **What can we use gravitational waves for?**
   Astrophysics with gravitational waves
   Fundamental physics with gravitational waves



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Detection statistics

- **Task:** Separate data x into signals and noise
- **Approach:** Compute some statistic f(x) and compare to a threshold T.
- Neyman-Pearson criterion: maximise p_Detection at fixed p_False alarm
- **Solution:** compute a likelihood ratio

$$f(x) = \frac{p(x|H_{signal})}{p(x|H_{noise})} > T$$

Neyman, Pearson 1933

Bayesian interpretation

$$\frac{p(H_{signal}|x)}{p(H_{noise}|x)} = \frac{p(x|H_{signal})}{p(x|H_{noise})}\frac{p(H_{signal})}{p(H_{noise})}$$

$$p(x|H_{signal}) = \int p\,(x|\sigma, H_{signal})p(\sigma)d\sigma$$

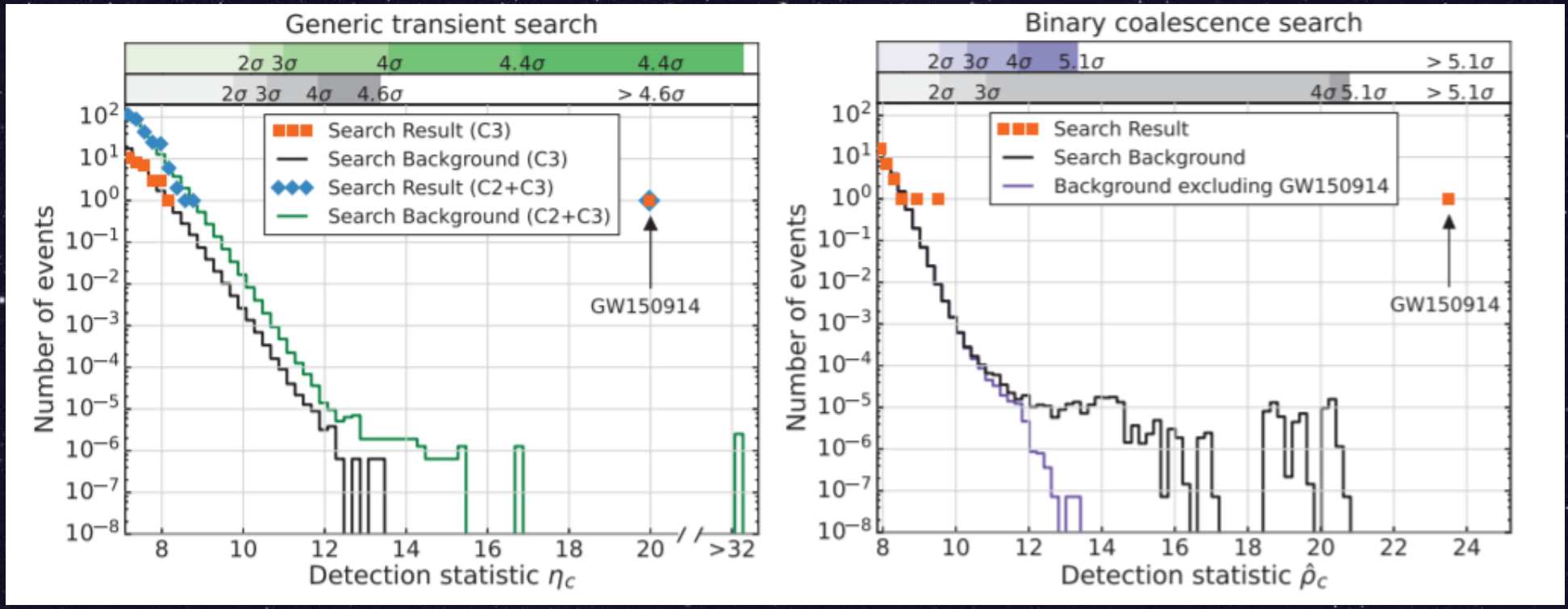
Monte-Carlo simulation parameter distribution corresponds to prior parameter distribution

Searle 2008

Limitations in real life

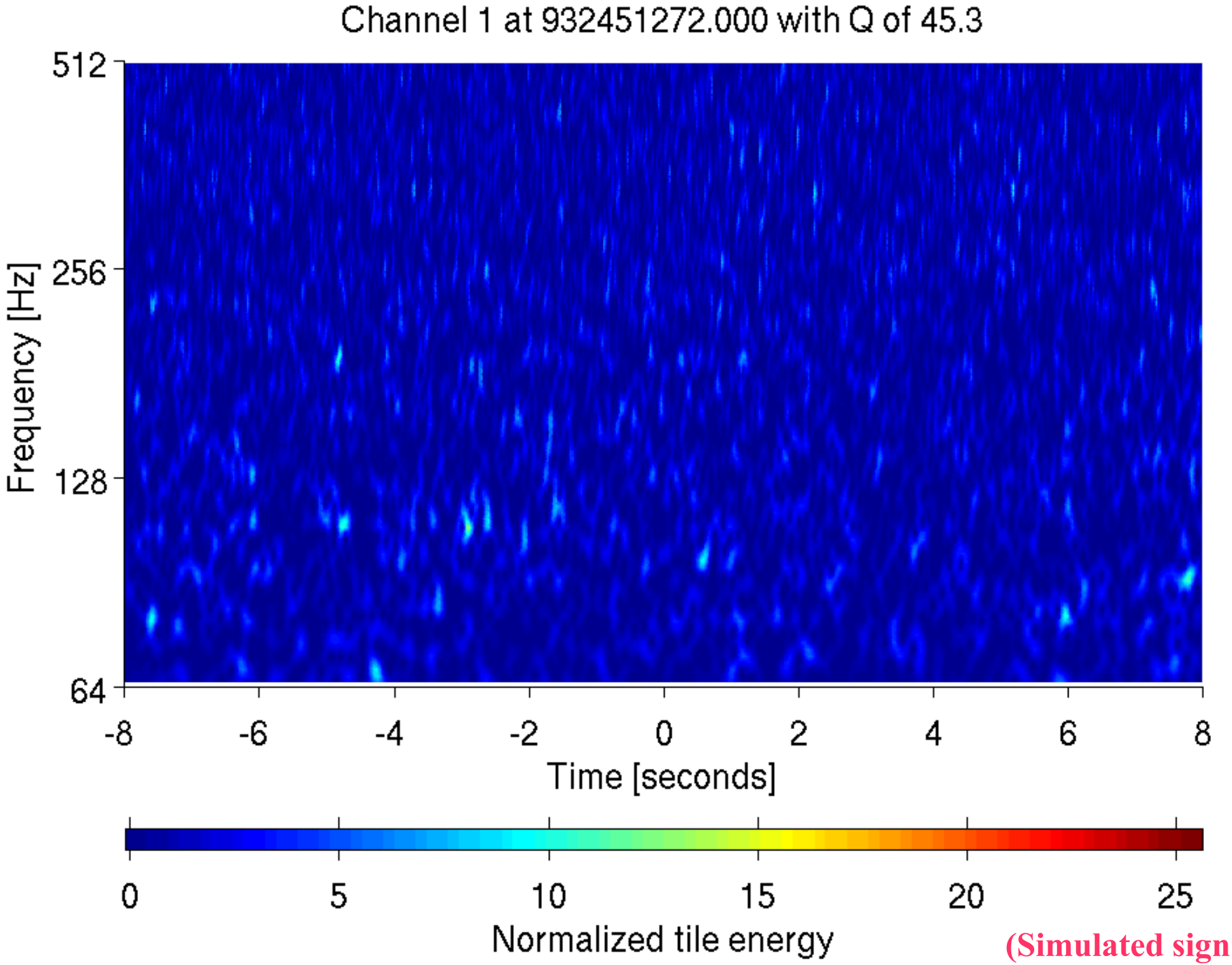
- Need a parameterised noise model
- GW detectors: cannot turn off signal
- Need a parameterised signal model
- GW detectors: cannot turn on signal
- For large parameter spaces, marginalisation may be expensive
- Result will depend on prior distributions

Fig 4 of LVC, PRL116 (2016) 061102



Unmodeled, coherent power search

Modeled, template-based matched filter search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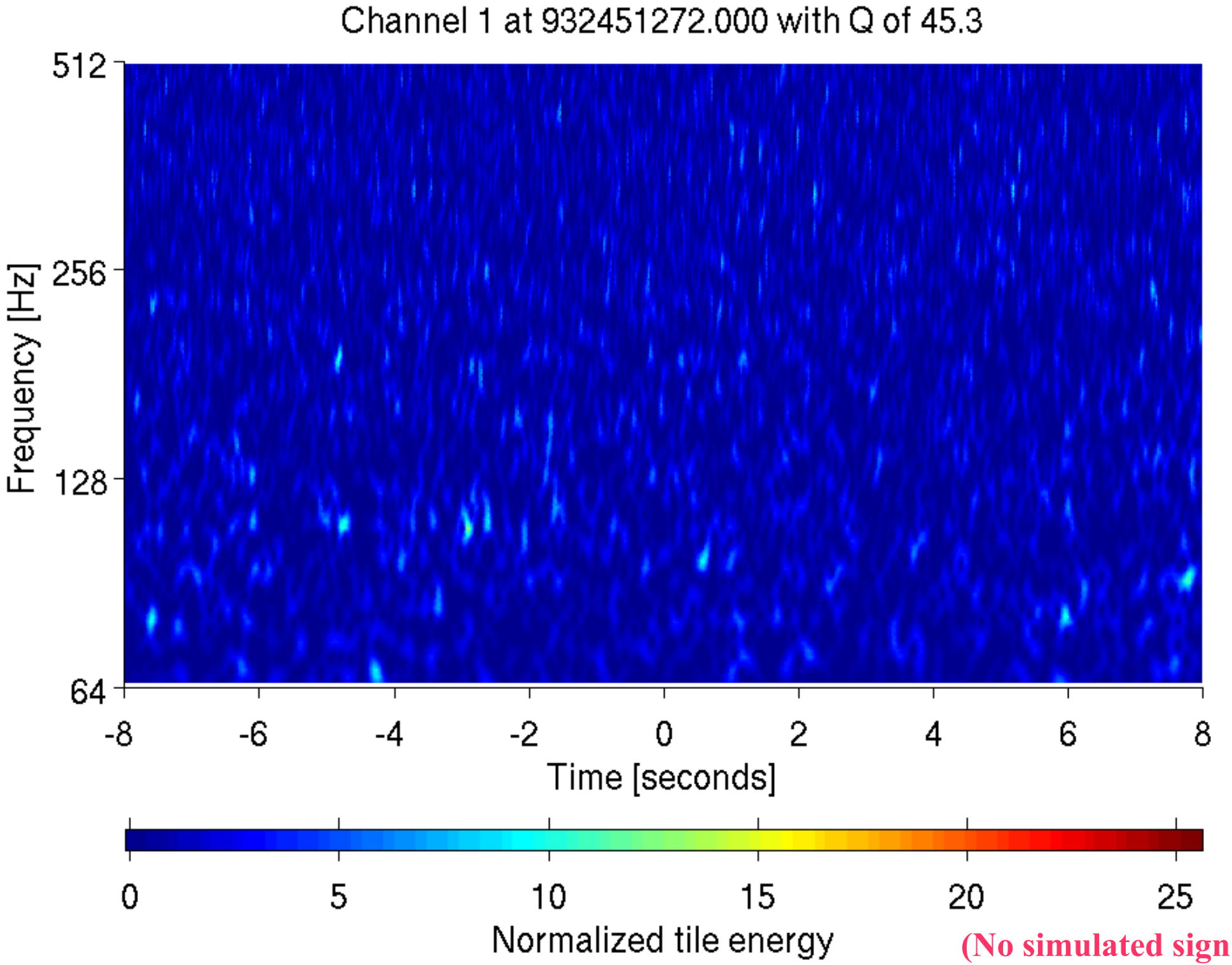
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Gravitational Waveforms

. Numerical relativity

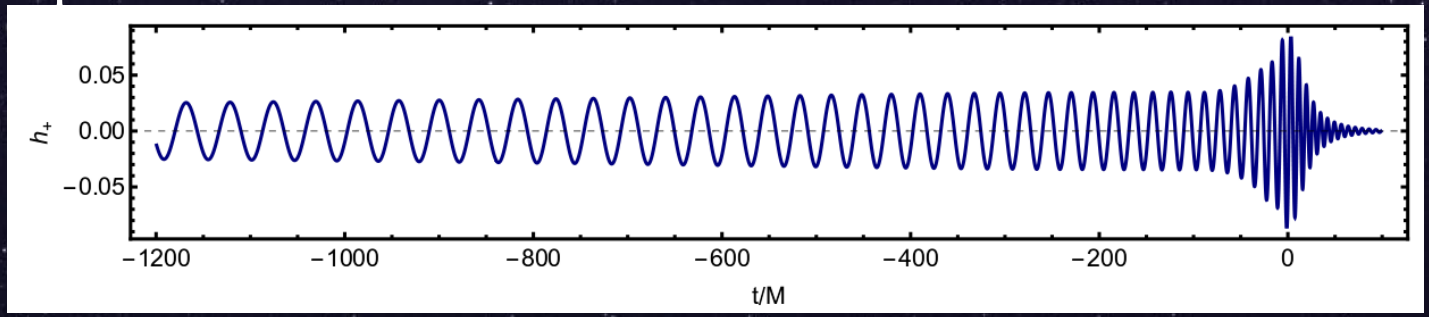
either finite differencing or spectral methods

. Effective One Body (EOBNR)

maps two body problem to one body problem via effective Hamiltonian and calibrated to numerical simulations

. IMRPhenom

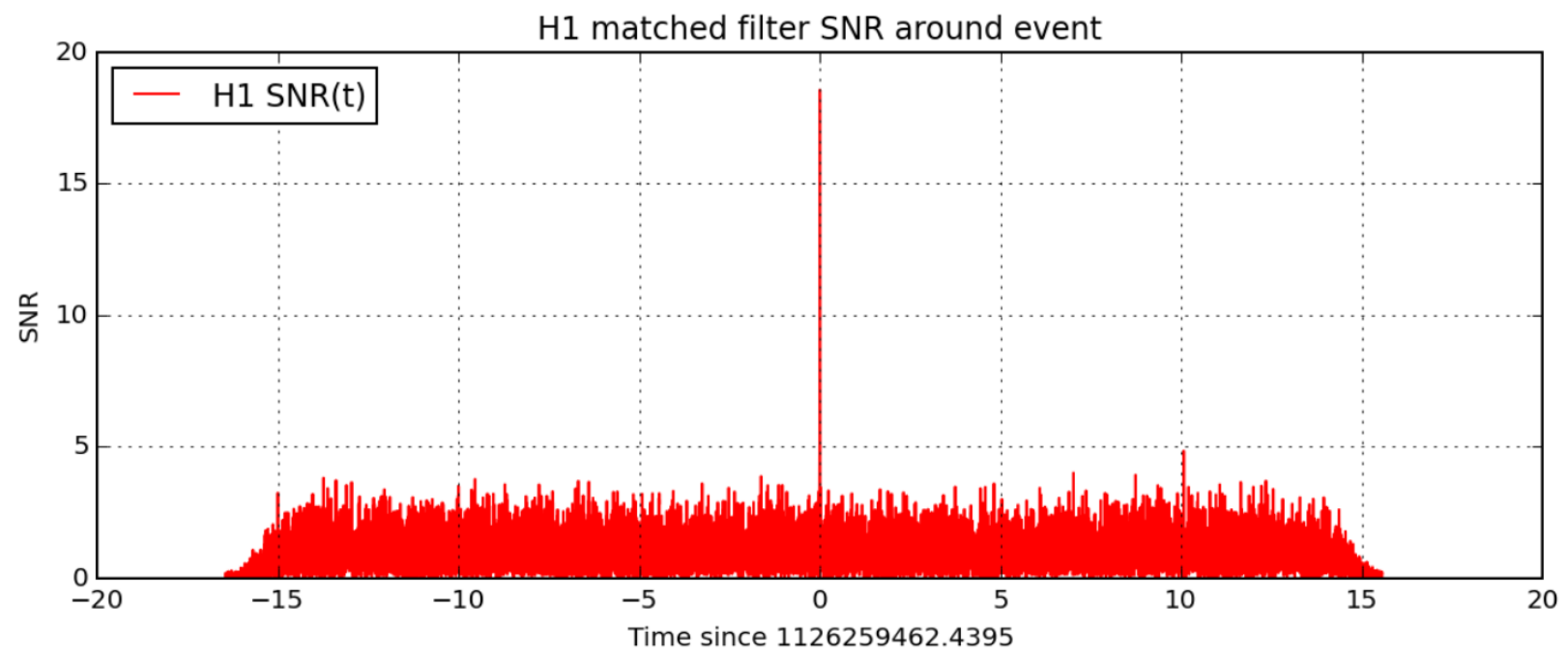
combines post-Newtonian inspiral with phenomenological fit model of numerical simulations of late inspiral and merger, and quasi-analytical ringdown phase



Source: Khan et al. PRD 93 (2016) 044007

Post-Newtonian expansion (2-2 phase)

PN order	Includes (amongst other things)
0PN	Kepler Newtonian Gravity
0.5PN	Zero in GR
1PN	Pericenter advance (cf zero) PPN parameters γ, β, ξ
1.5PN	Spin-orbit couplings Gravitational tails (backscatter)
2PN	Spin-spin couplings (Newtonian) quadrupole-monopole (GR BH) (Newtonian) magnetic dipole-dipole (cf zero)
3PN	Tails of tails
5PN	(Newtonian) Adiabatic tidal deformations



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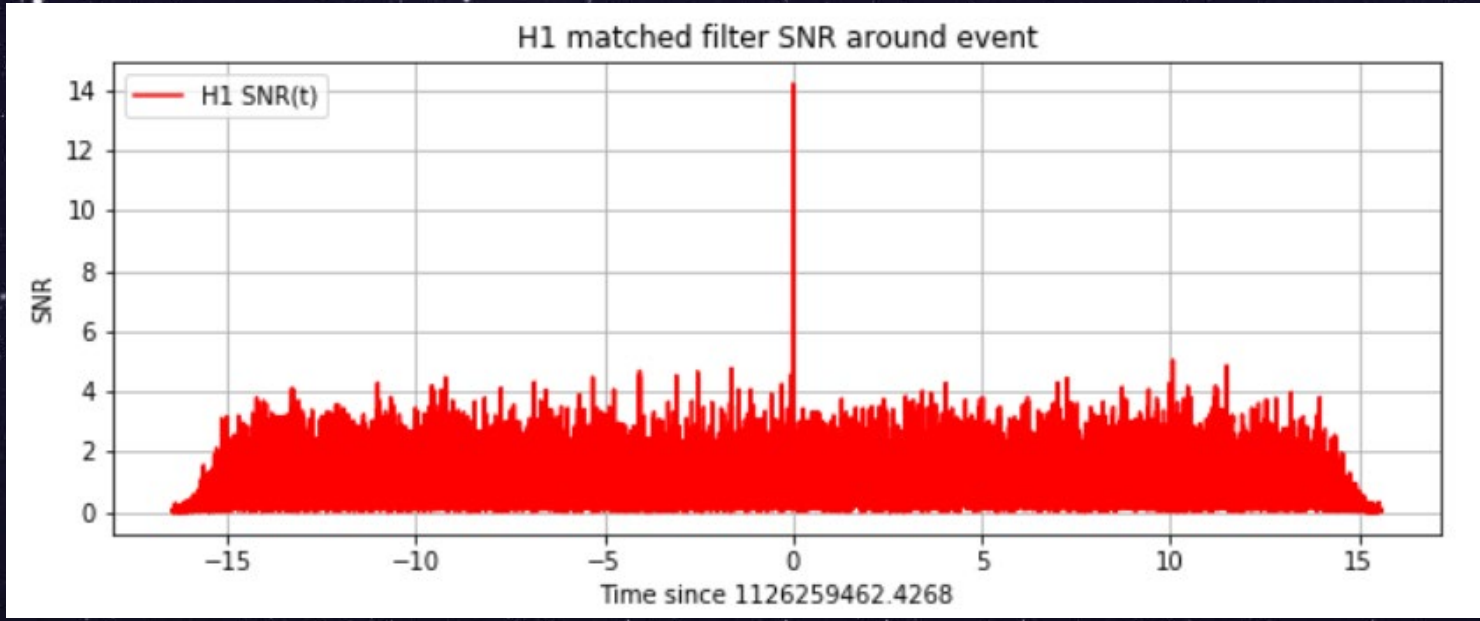

OPN figure courtesy Madhu Jha

Post-Newtonian phase bounds

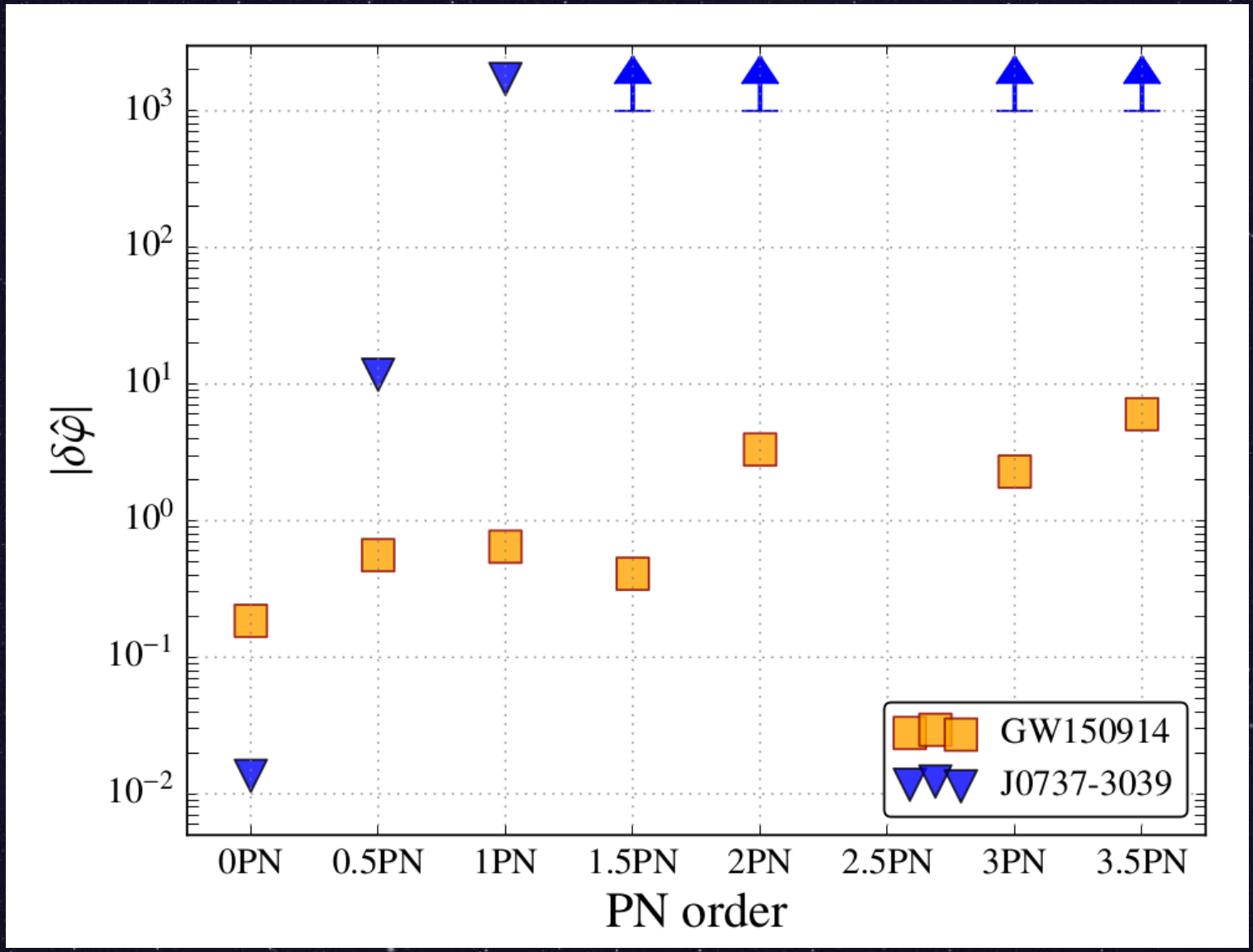

Fig. 6 of LVC PRL 16 (2016) 221101

Theoretical rates: predictions becoming constraints

TABLE II: Compact binary coalescence rates per Milky Way Equivalent Galaxy per Myr.

Source	$R_{\rm low}$	$R_{\rm re}$	$R_{\rm high}$	$R_{\rm max}$
NS-NS (MWEG^{-1} Myr^{-1})	1 [1][a]	100 [1][b]	1000 [1][c]	4000 [16][d]
NS-BH (MWEG^{-1} Myr^{-1})	0.05 [18][e]	3 [18][f]	100 [18][g]	
BH-BH (MWEG^{-1} Myr^{-1})	0.01 [14][h]	0.4 [14][i]	30 [14][j]	
IMRI into IMBH (GC^{-1} Gyr^{-1})			3 [19][k]	20 [19][l]
IMBH-IMBH (GC^{-1} Gyr^{-1})			0.007 [20][m]	0.07 [20][n]

[a] Lower end of 95% confidence interval for the pulsar luminosity distribution yielding the lowest rate (Model 14) in Table 1 of [1]
[b] Peak rate for the reference pulsar luminosity distribution (Model 6) in Table 1 of [1]
[c] Upper end of 95% confidence interval for the pulsar luminosity distribution yielding the highest rate (Model 15) in Table 1 of [1]
[d] Mean rates plus 2σ for Type Ib/Ic supernova [16], values from [17]
[e] The left edge of the probability distribution peak for NS-BH in Figure 6 of [18]
[f] The center of the probability distribution peak for NS-BH in Figure 6 of [18]
[g] The right edge of the probability distribution peak for NS-BH in Figure 6 of [18]
[h] The left edge of the probability distribution peak for BH-BH in Figure 15 of [14]
[i] The center of the probability distribution peak for BH-BH in Figure 15 of [14]
[j] The right edge of the probability distribution peak for BH-BH in Figure 15 of [14]
[k] Estimate from binary hardening via three-body interactions assuming the inspiraling object is a neutron star (Section 2.1 of [19])
[l] Upper limit of $300 M_\odot/m$ per 10^{10} years per cluster (Section 3.3 of [19]), assuming the inspiraling object $m = 1.4\ M_\odot$ is a neutron star
[m] Assumes that 10% of all globular clusters are sufficiently massive and have a sufficient binary fraction to form an IMBH-IMBH binary once in their lifetime, taken to be 13.8 Gyr [20]
[n] Assumes that all globular clusters are sufficiently massive and have a sufficient binary fraction to form an IMBH-IMBH binary once in their lifetime, taken to be 13.8 Gyr [20]

Abadie et al. Class.Quant.Grav 27 173001 (2010)

Data-fitted noise and signal models after O1

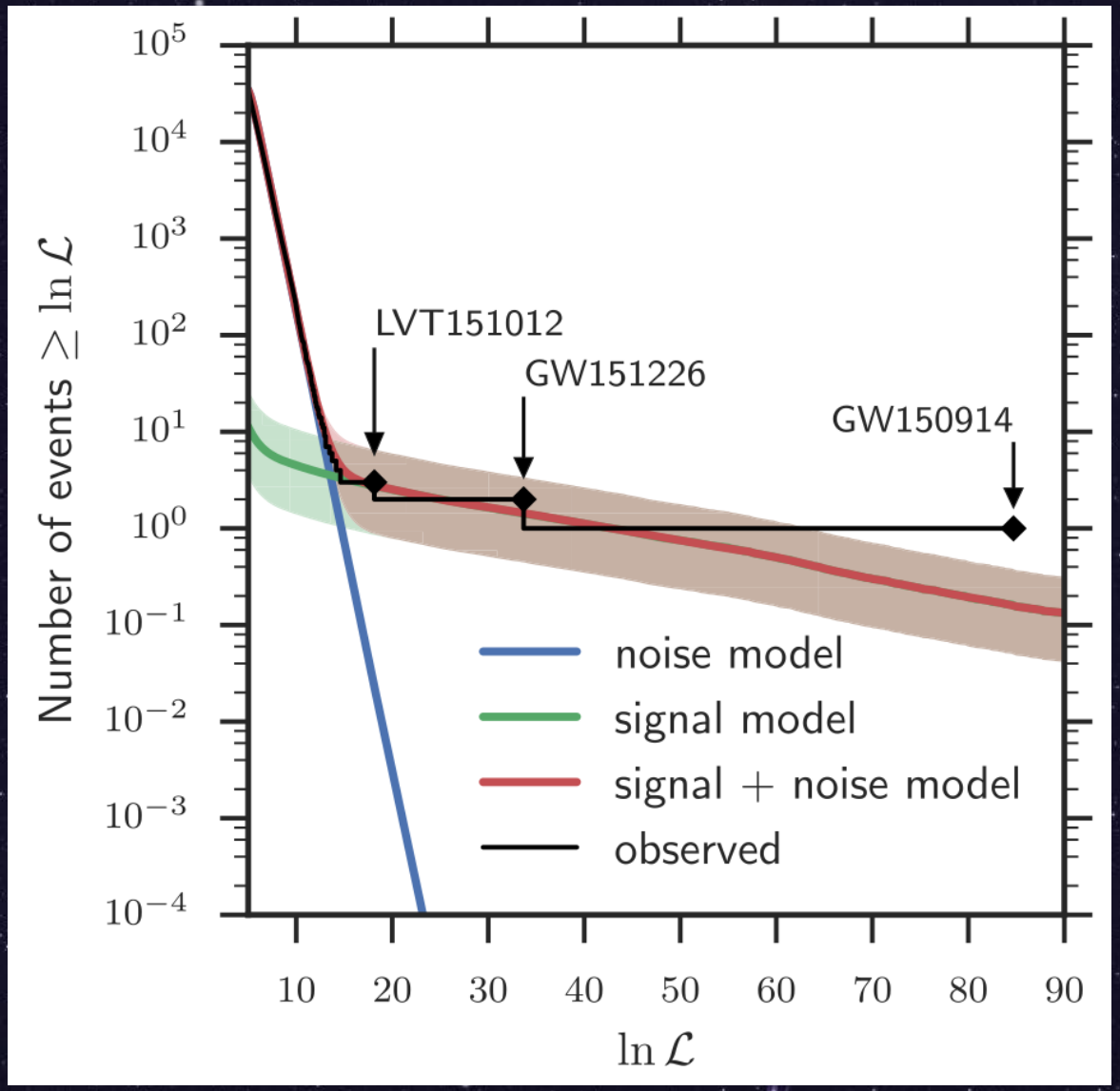

Fig 9 of LVC 1606.04856 PRX6 041015

New signals, 2-OGC catalogue

Date designation	GPS time	$p_{\rm astro}$	FAR^{-1} (y)	Det.	$\tilde{\Lambda}_{\rm BBH}$	ρ_H	ρ_L	ρ_V	$m_1^{\rm src}$	$m_2^{\rm src}$	$\chi_{\rm eff}$	D_L (Mpc)
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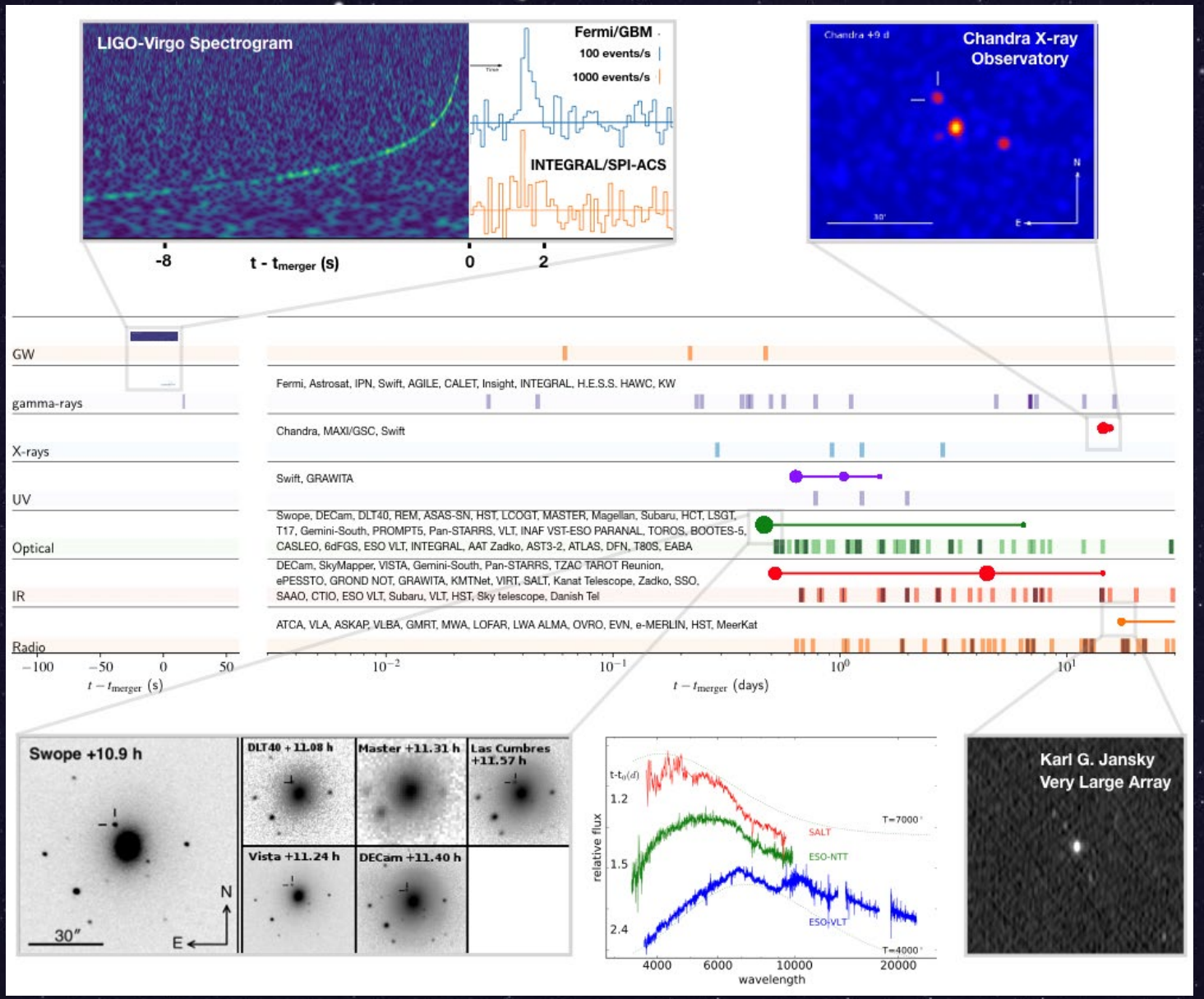
Table 3 of Nitz et al, arXiv 1910.05331

Binary Neutron Star GW170817



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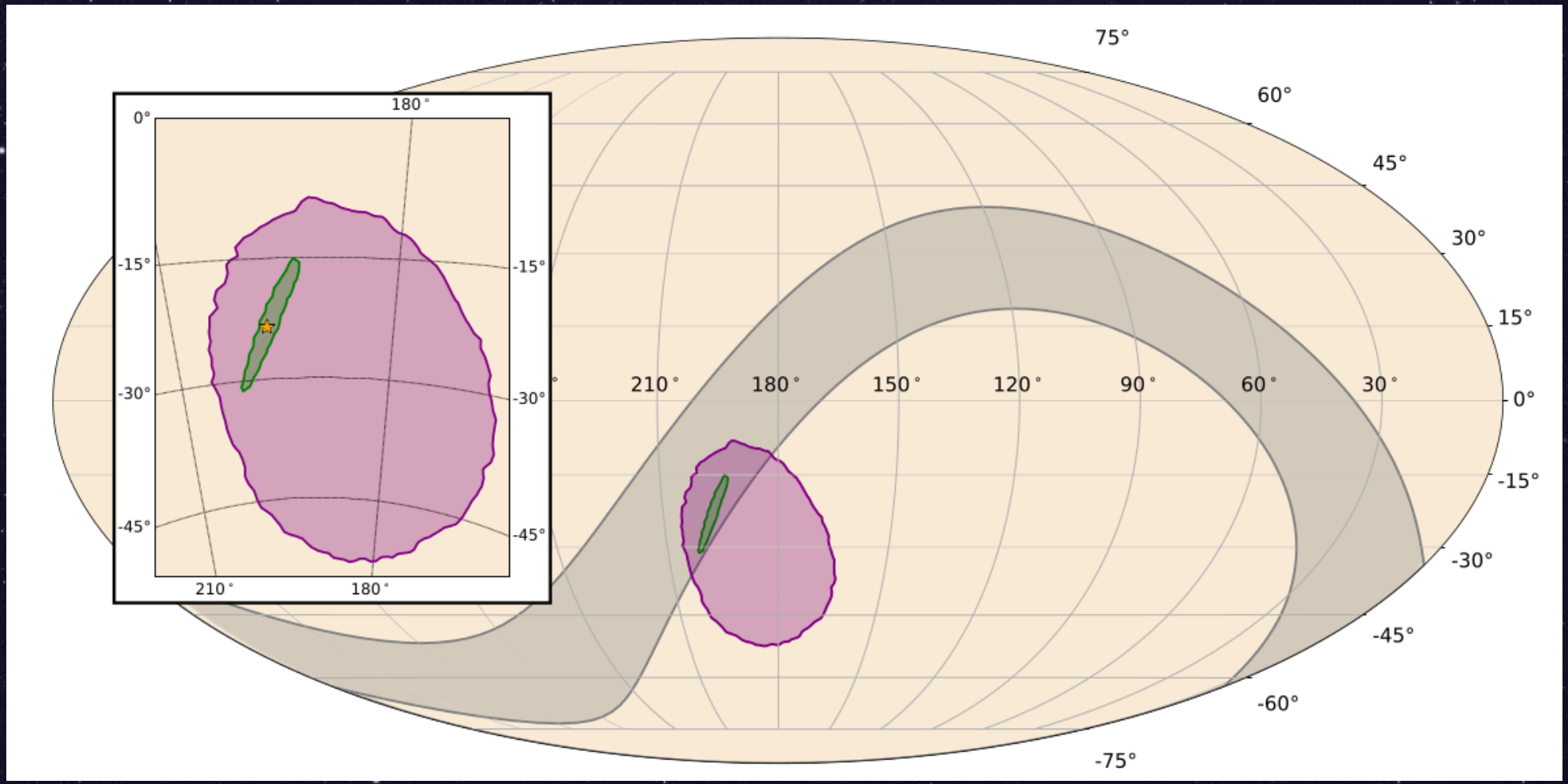
GW170817 sky location



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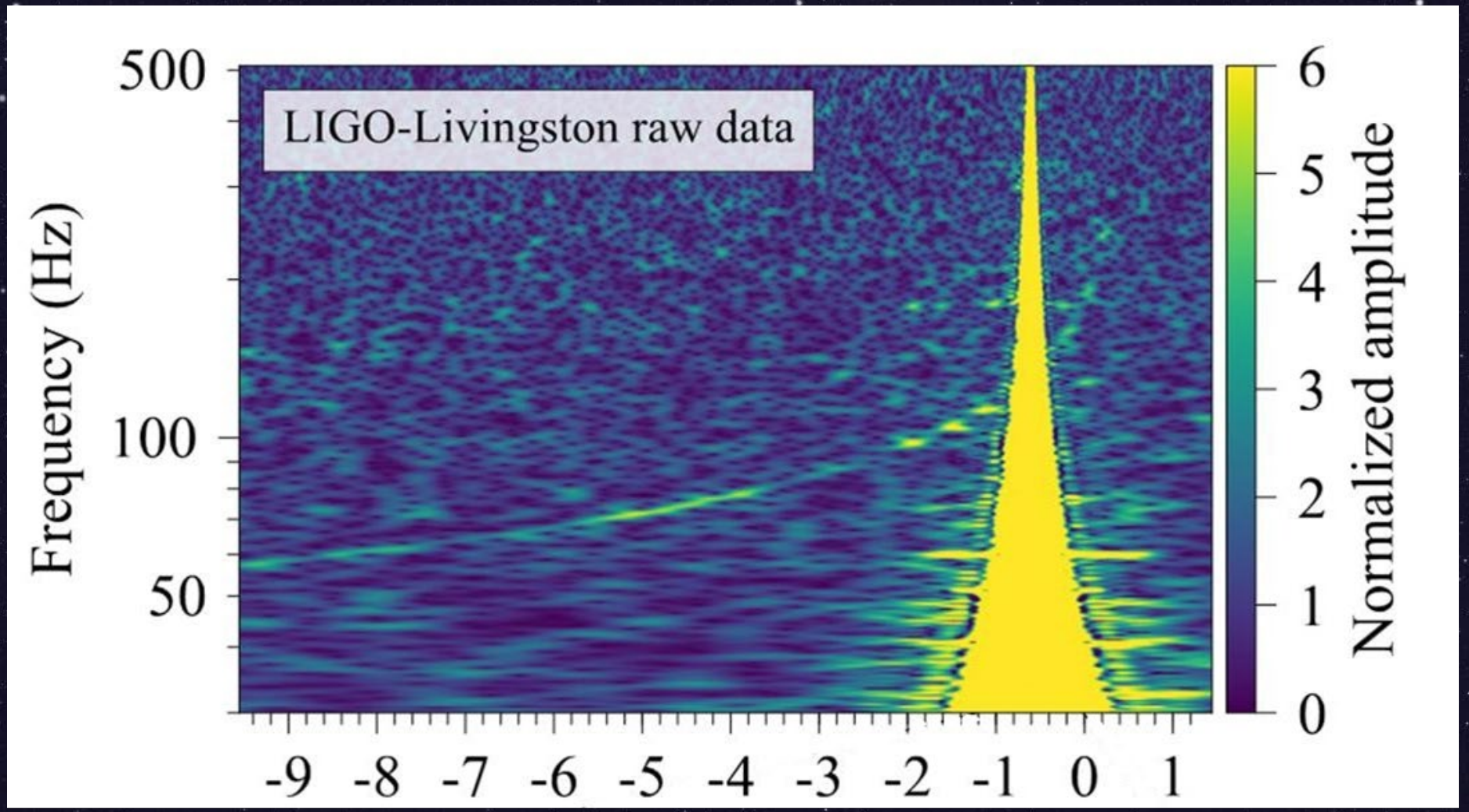

Top of Fig 2 from LVC PRL119 (2017) 161101

BNS, short GRB

- Luminosity distance 40^{+8}_{-14} Mpc, Fermi sGRB 1.7 sec later

- 2010 "realistic" rates projection 1000 per Gpc^3 per year, range 10 to 10,000
- Measured now to be 1540^{+3200}_{-1220} per Gpc^3 per year

- Hubble constant 70^{+12}_{-8} km per second per Mpc

LVC PRL 119 (2017) 161101

- Speed of gravity $-3 \times 10^{-15} \leq \frac{\delta v}{v_{EM}} \leq 7 \times 10^{-16}$

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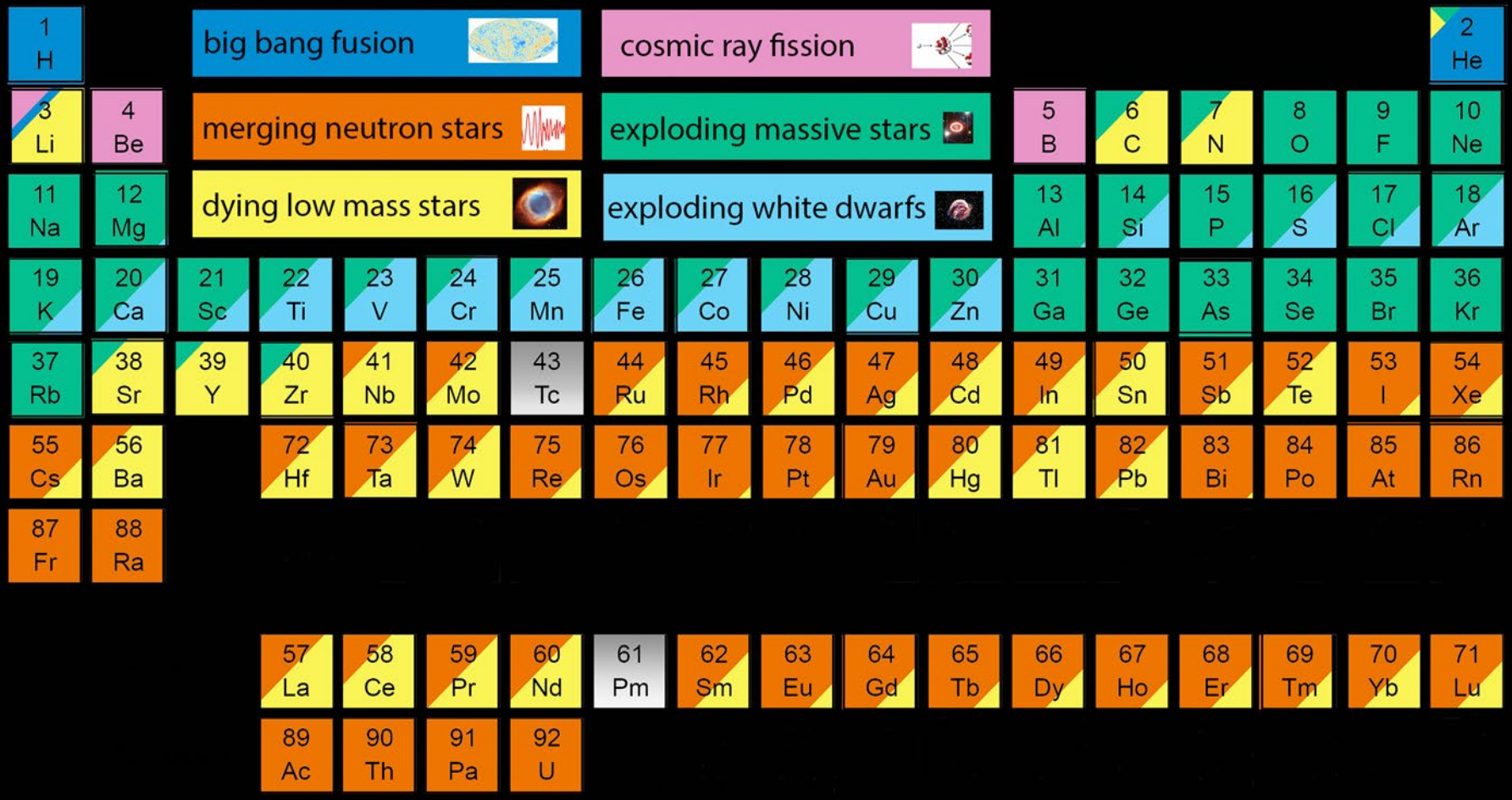
The Origin of the Solar System Elements



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Neutron star equation of state

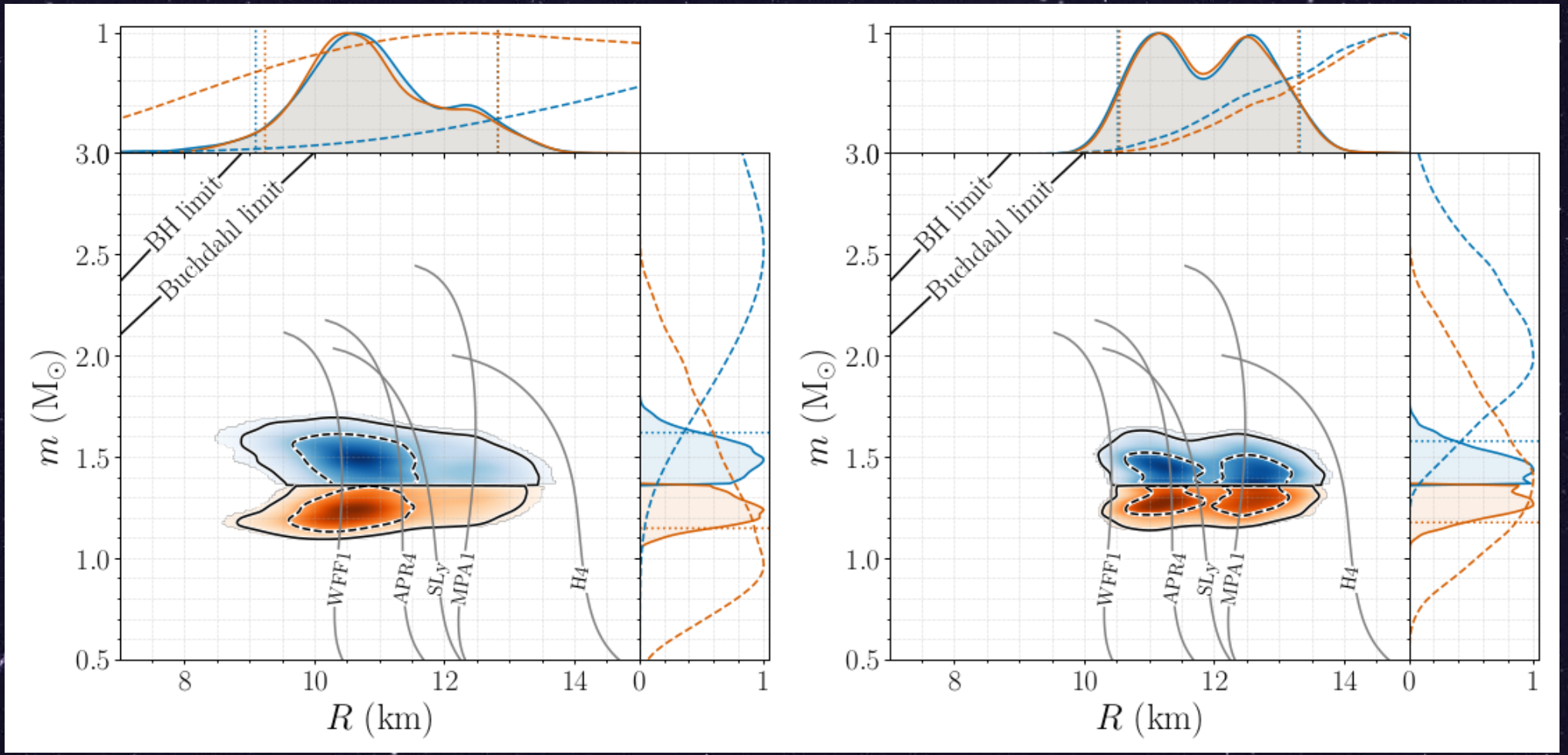
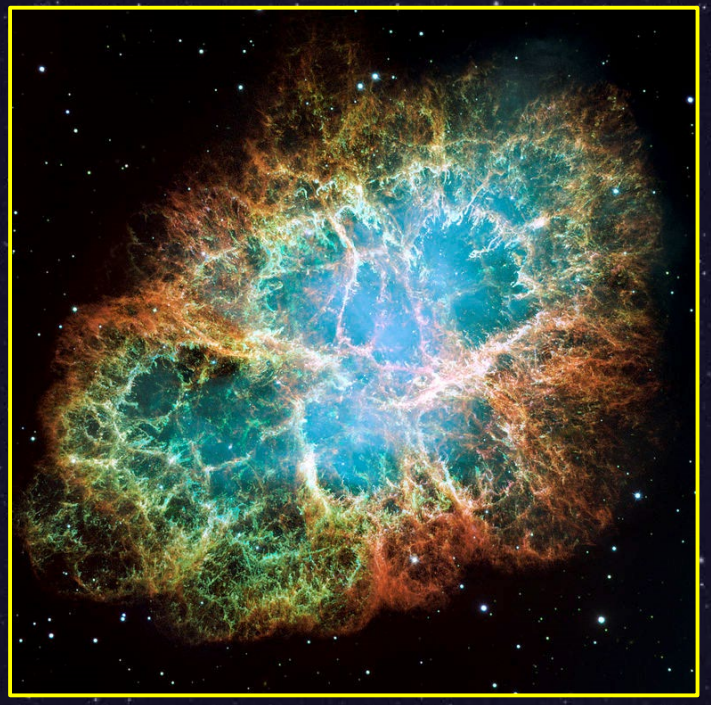


Fig 3 of "*GW170817: Measurements of neutron star radii and equation of state*" LVC arXiv: 1805.11581

Other potential GW sources

- Neutron star – Black hole systems *observed 2019! – awaiting details…*
- Deformed rotating neutron stars
- Galactic supernovae
- Intermediate-mass black holes
- Astrophysical background
- Cosmic strings
- First-order phase transitions
- Inflationary particle production
- Non-perturbative preheating
- Inflationary vacuum fluctuations



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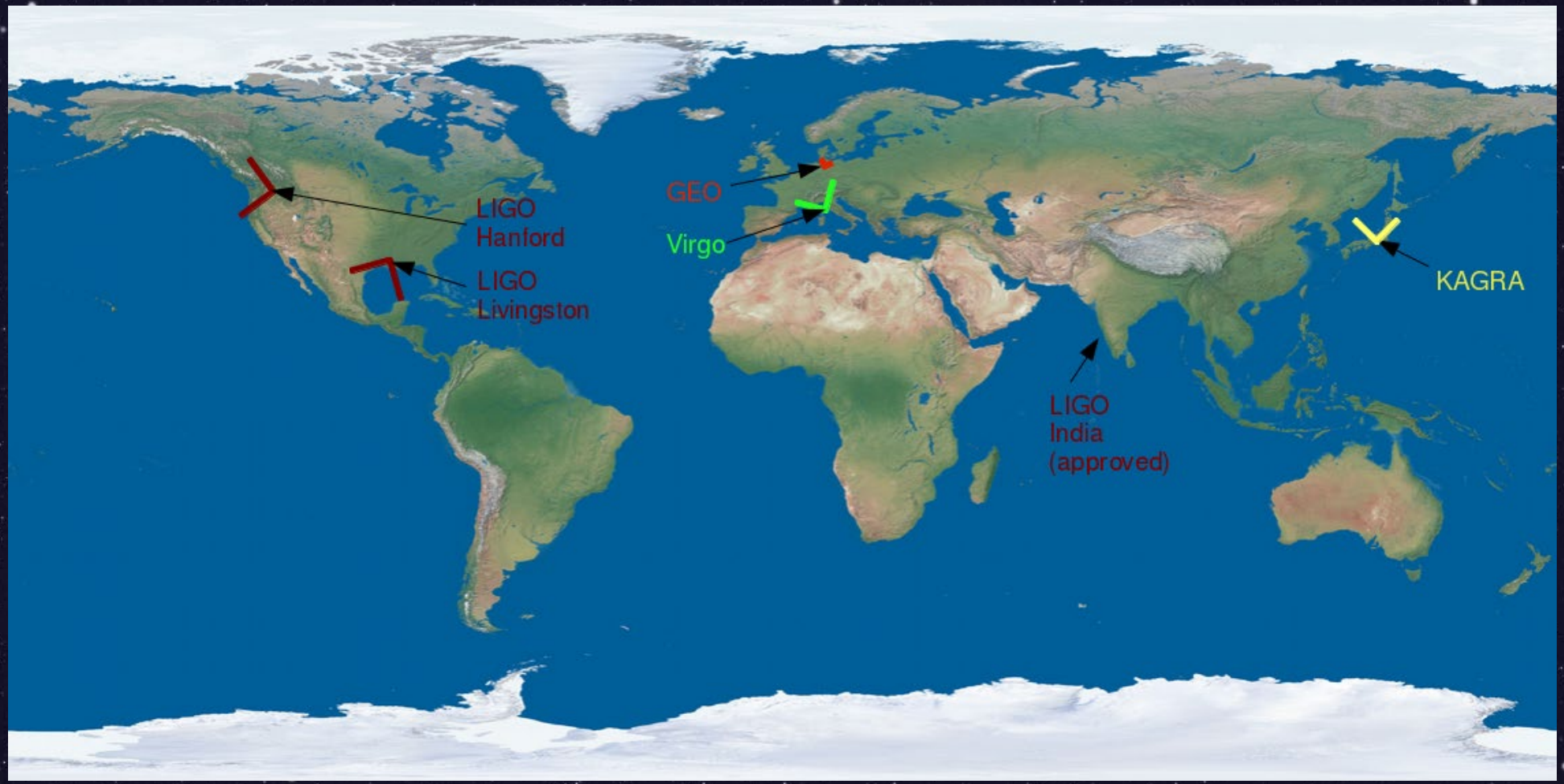
Worldwide network



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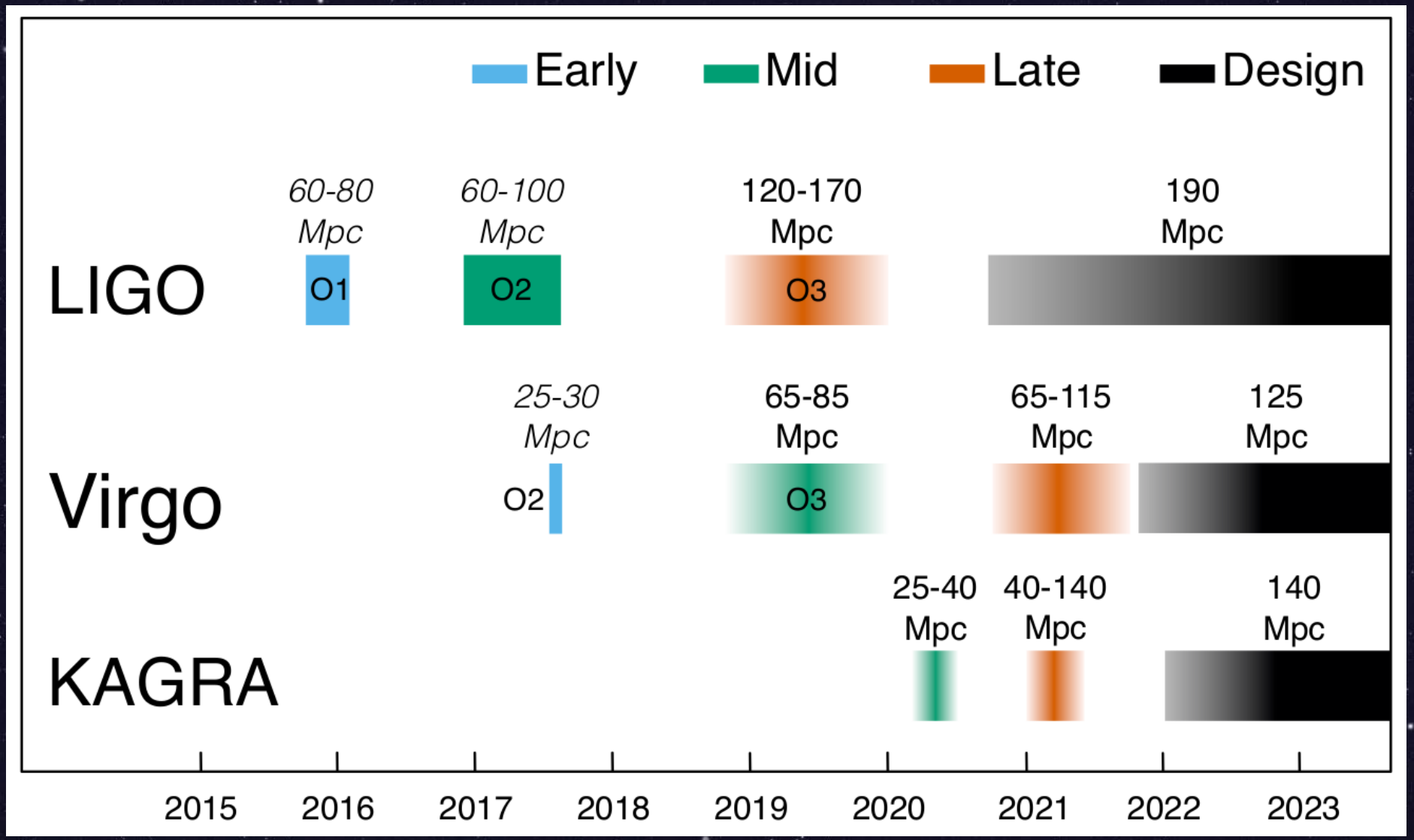
Observing scenarios



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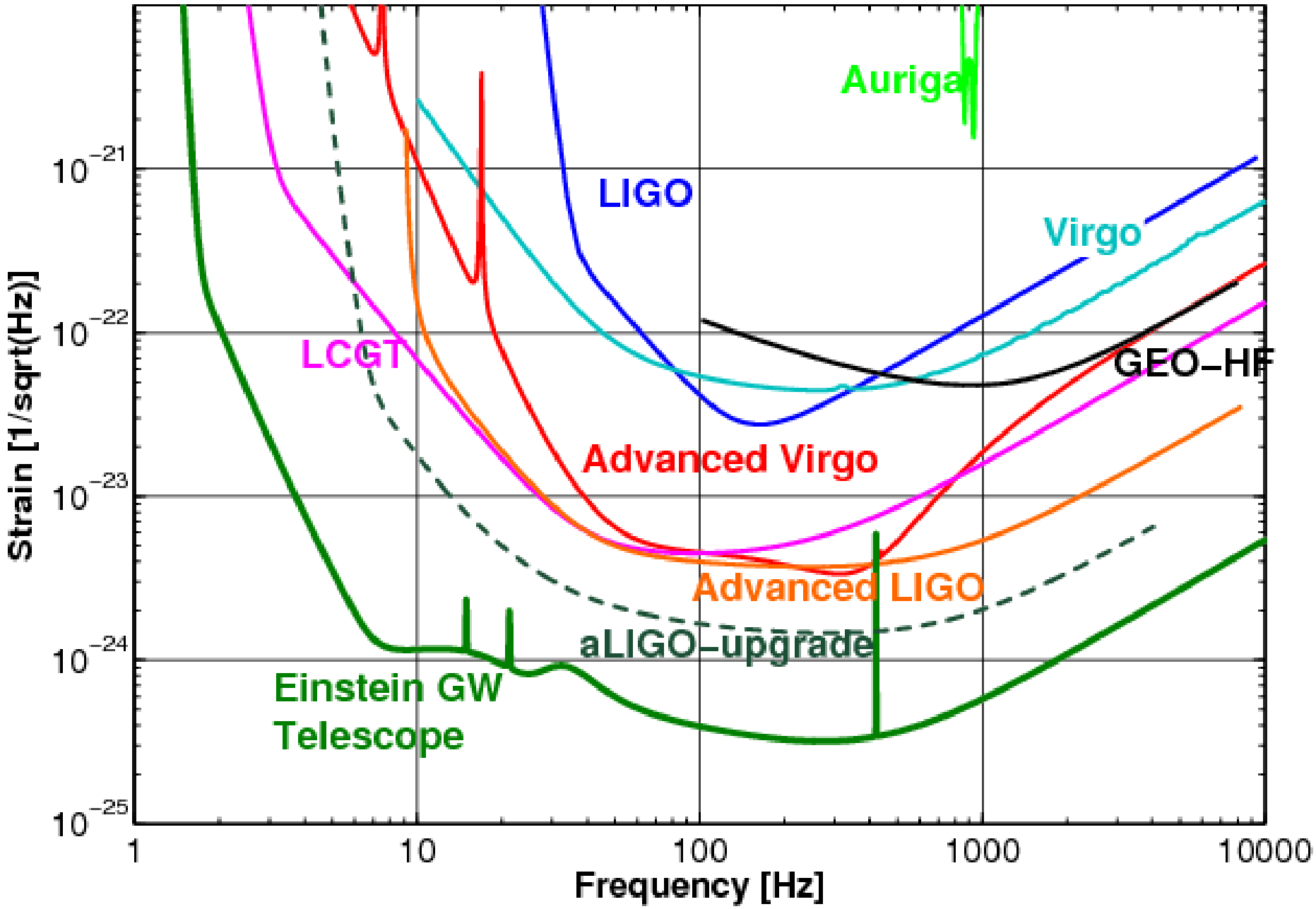

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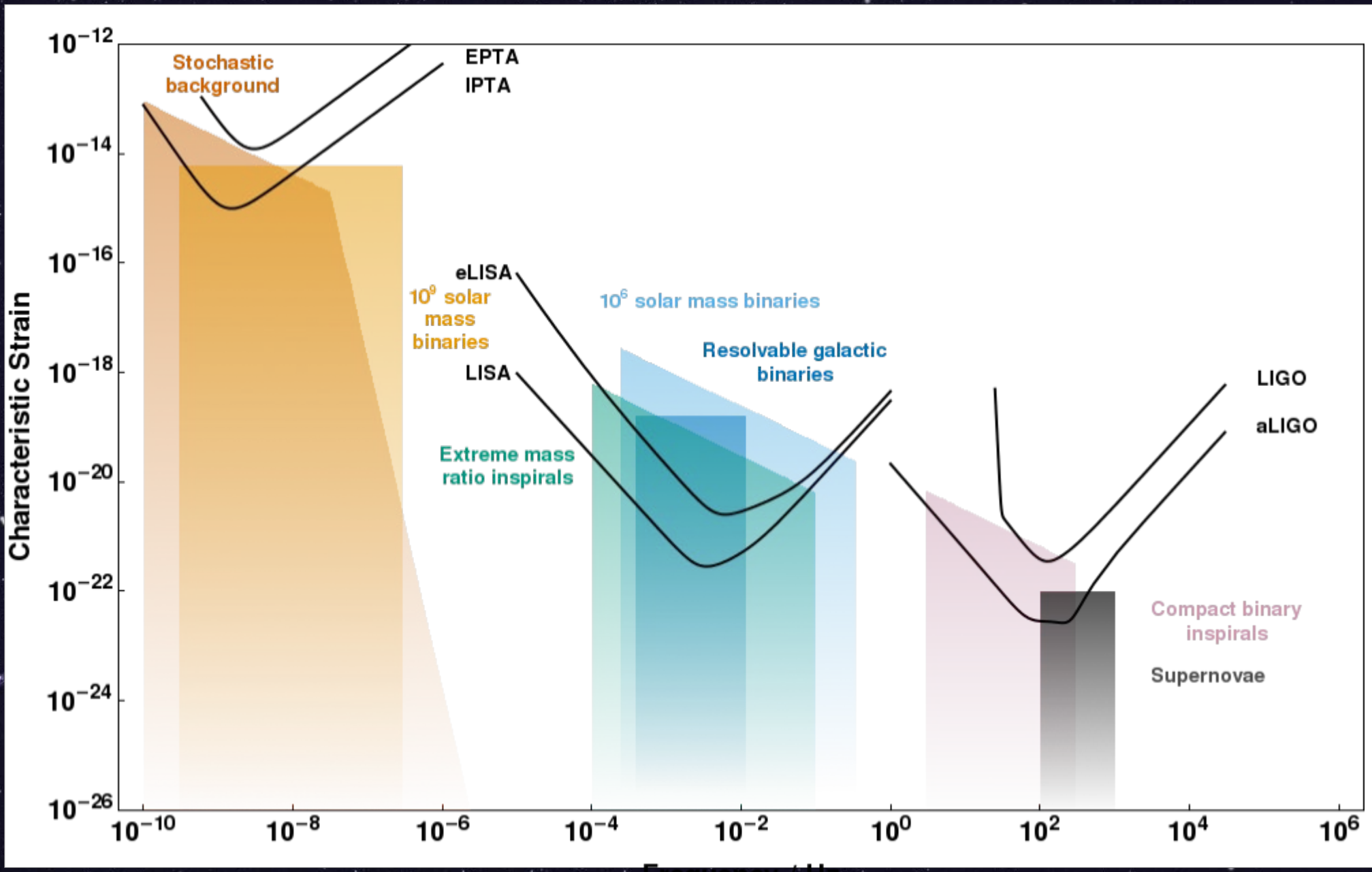
Full GW spectra



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Reference resources

Abbott et al. *"The basic physics of the binary black hole merger GW150914"* arXiv:1608.01940, Annalen Phys. (2016) 041015

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Science summaries: https://www.ligo.org/science/outreach.php

https://www.zooniverse.org/projects/zooniverse/gravity-spy

Data analysis software: https://wiki.ligo.org/DASWG/LALSuite

Data processing software: https://gwpy.github.io/

Papers: https://www.lsc-group.phys.uwm.edu/ppcomm/Papers.html

PyCBC (Template searches and significance): https://pycbc.org/

cWB (Umodeled search):
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Thank you

FERMI GBM OBSERVATIONS OF LIGO GRAVITATIONAL-WAVE EVENT GW150914

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Abstract

With an instantaneous view of 70% of the sky, the *Fermi* Gamma-ray Burst Monitor (GBM) is an excellent partner in the search for electromagnetic counterparts to gravitational-wave (GW) events. GBM observations at the time of the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory (LIGO) event GW150914 reveal the presence of a weak transient above 50 keV, 0.4 s after the GW event, with a false-alarm probability of 0.0022 (2.9σ). This weak transient lasting 1 s was not detected by any other instrument and does not appear to be connected with other previously known astrophysical, solar, terrestrial, or magnetospheric activity. Its localization is ill-constrained but consistent with the direction of GW150914. The duration and spectrum of the transient event are consistent with a weak short gamma-ray burst (GRB) arriving at a large angle to the direction in which *Fermi* was pointing where the GBM detector response is not optimal. If the GBM transient is associated with GW150914, then this electromagnetic signal from a stellar mass black hole binary merger is unexpected. We calculate a luminosity in hard X-ray emission between 1 keV and 10 MeV of $1.8^{+1.5}_{-1.0} \times 10^{49}$ erg s^{-1}. Future joint observations of GW events by LIGO/Virgo and *Fermi* GBM could reveal whether the weak transient reported here is a plausible counterpart to GW150914 or a chance coincidence, and will further probe the connection between compact binary mergers and short GRBs.

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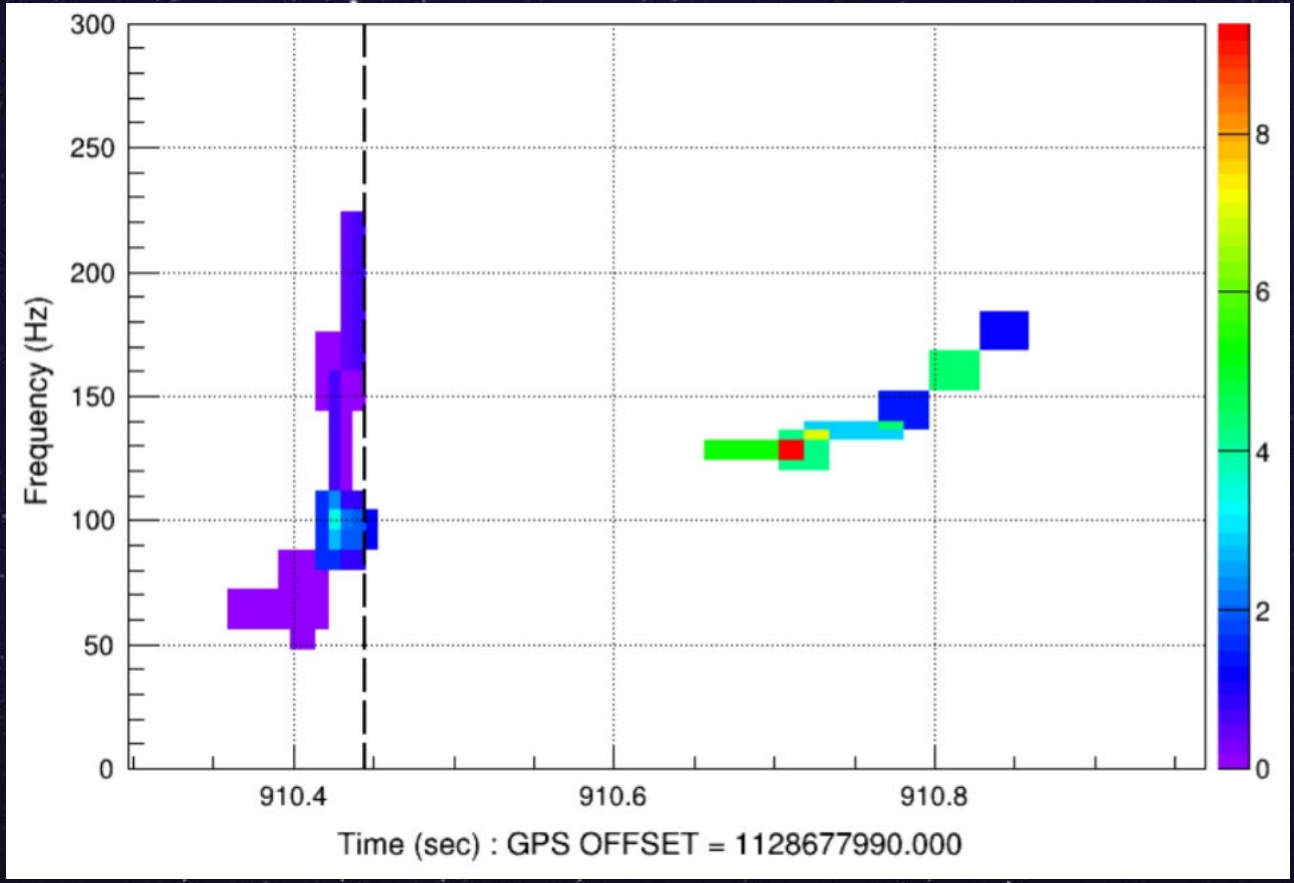

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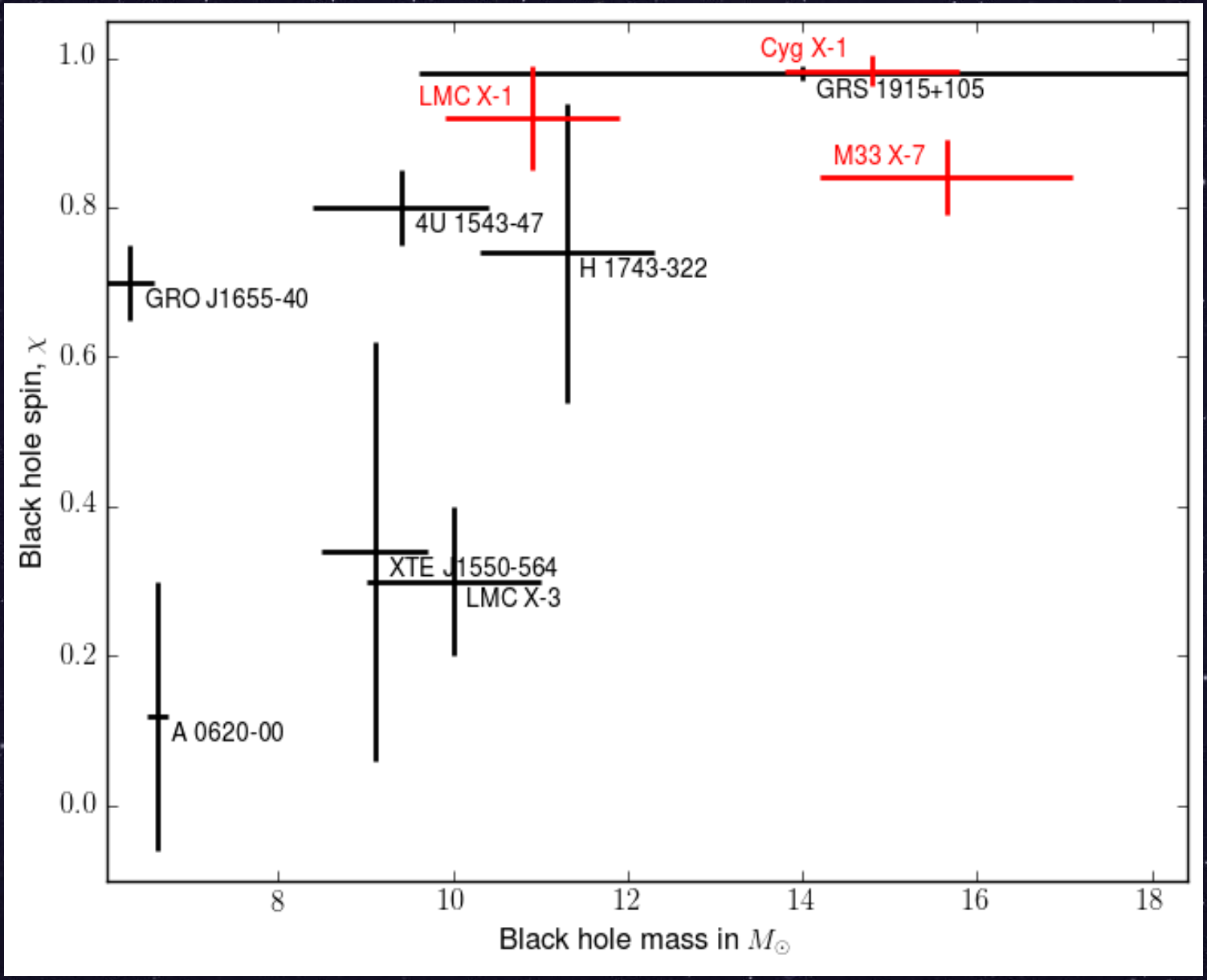
Event	Log Bayes factor	Max SNR
GW150914	-1.8056	2.86
LVT151012	1.2499	5.5741
GW151226	0.4186	4.07

TABLE II. Table of Bayes factor results. Negative values indicate that the Gaussian noise hypothesis is preferred. Positive values indicate that the echoes hypothesis is preferred after marginalization over parameters. Log Bayes values with magnitude < 1 are "not worth more than a bare mention" in the nomenclature of [43].

Table II of Nielsen et al, PRD99 (2019) 104012

X-ray binaries masses and spin



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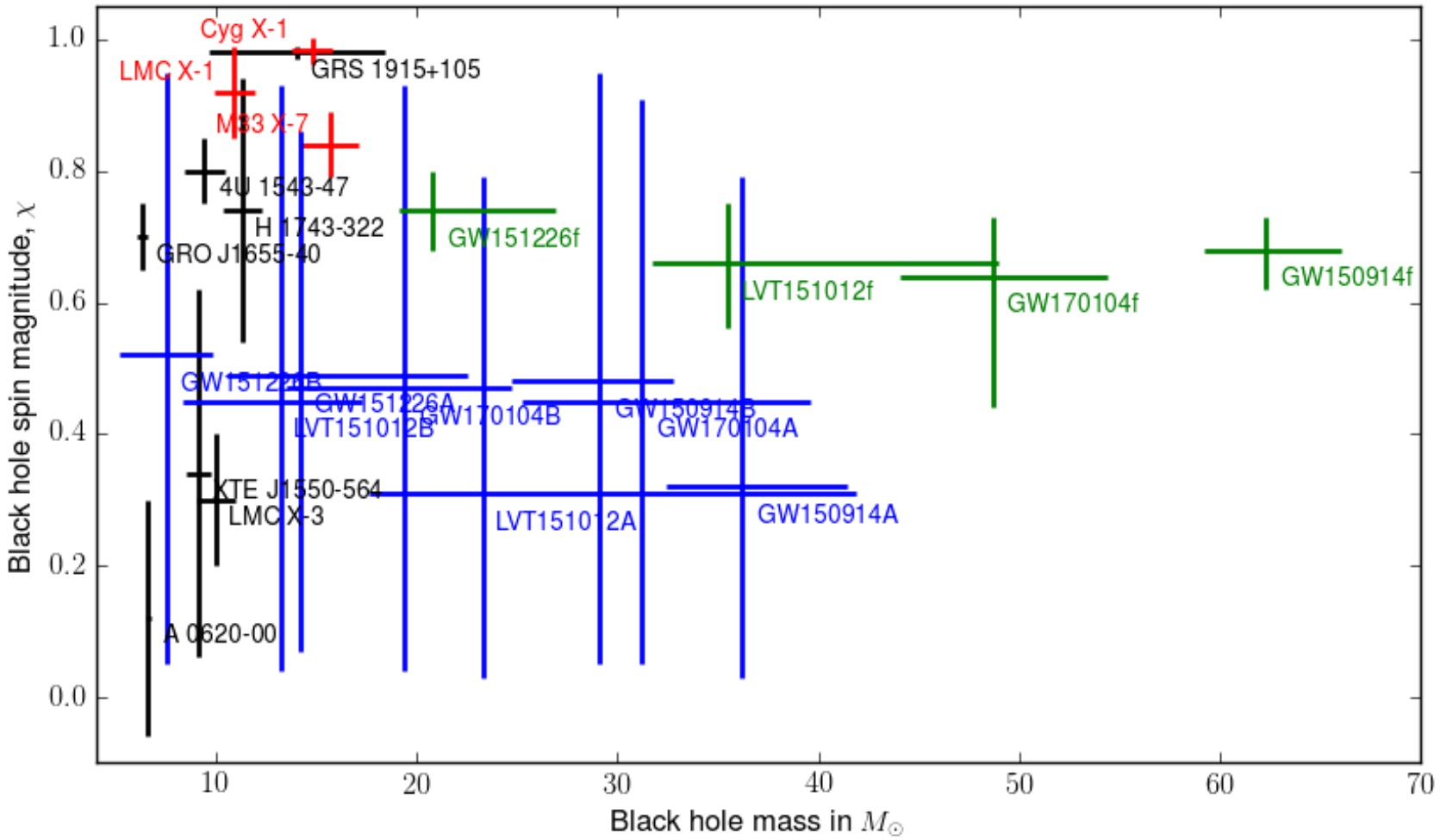
X-ray + GW masses and spins



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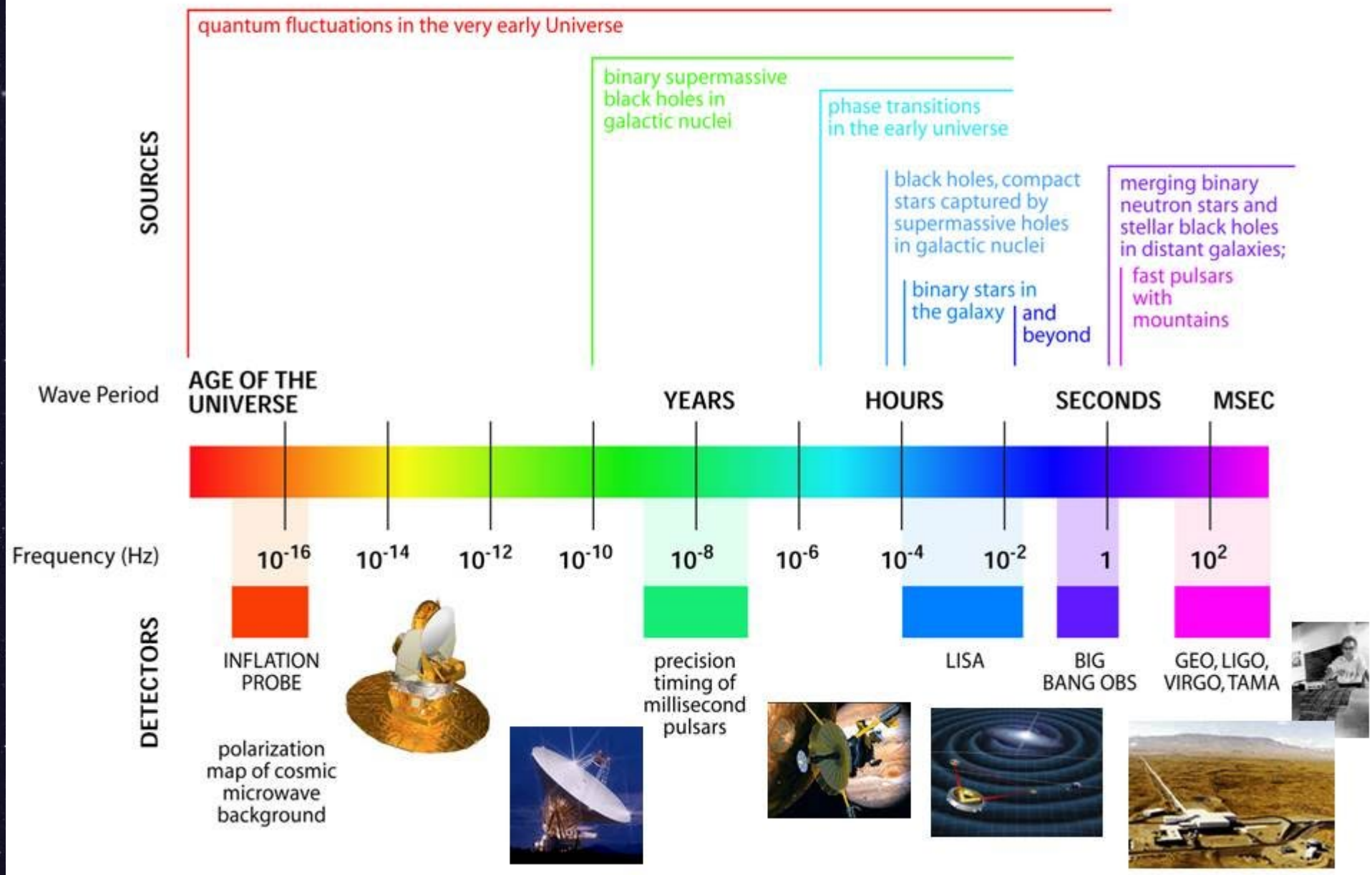

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