



# Gravitational Waves: Future Opportunities

GW science highlights over the next decades

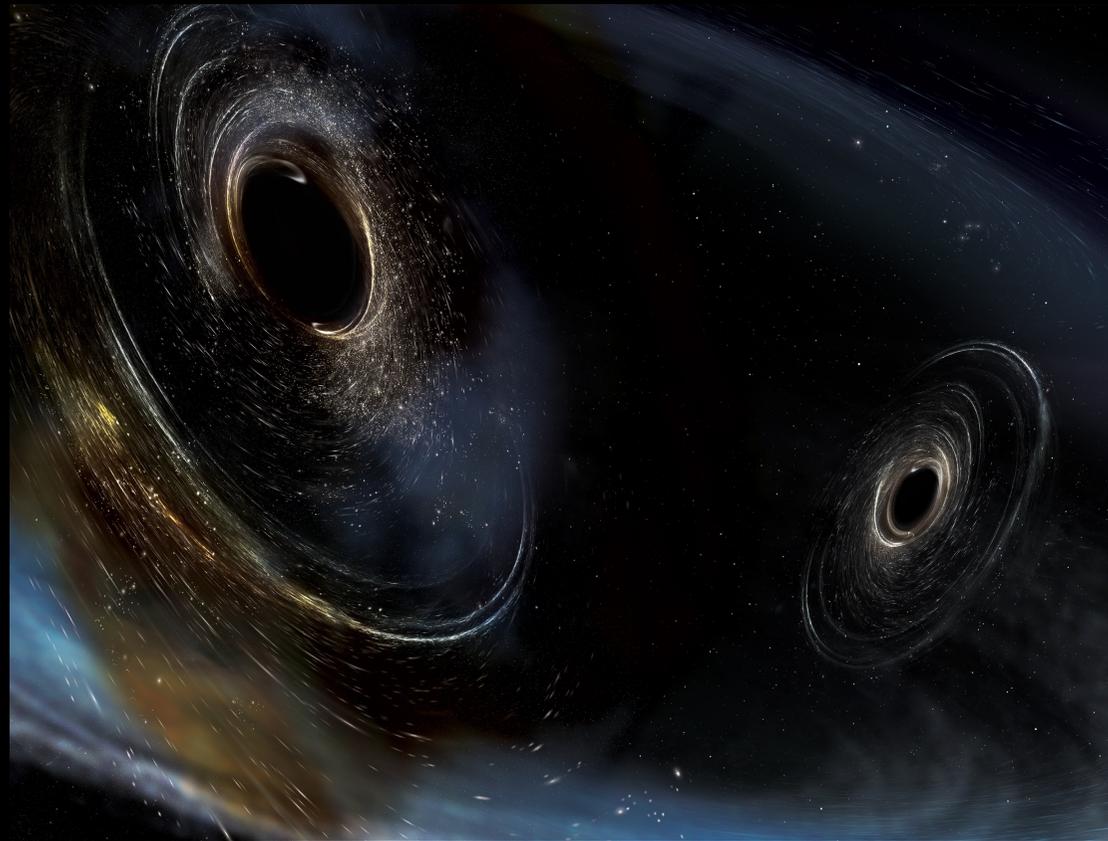
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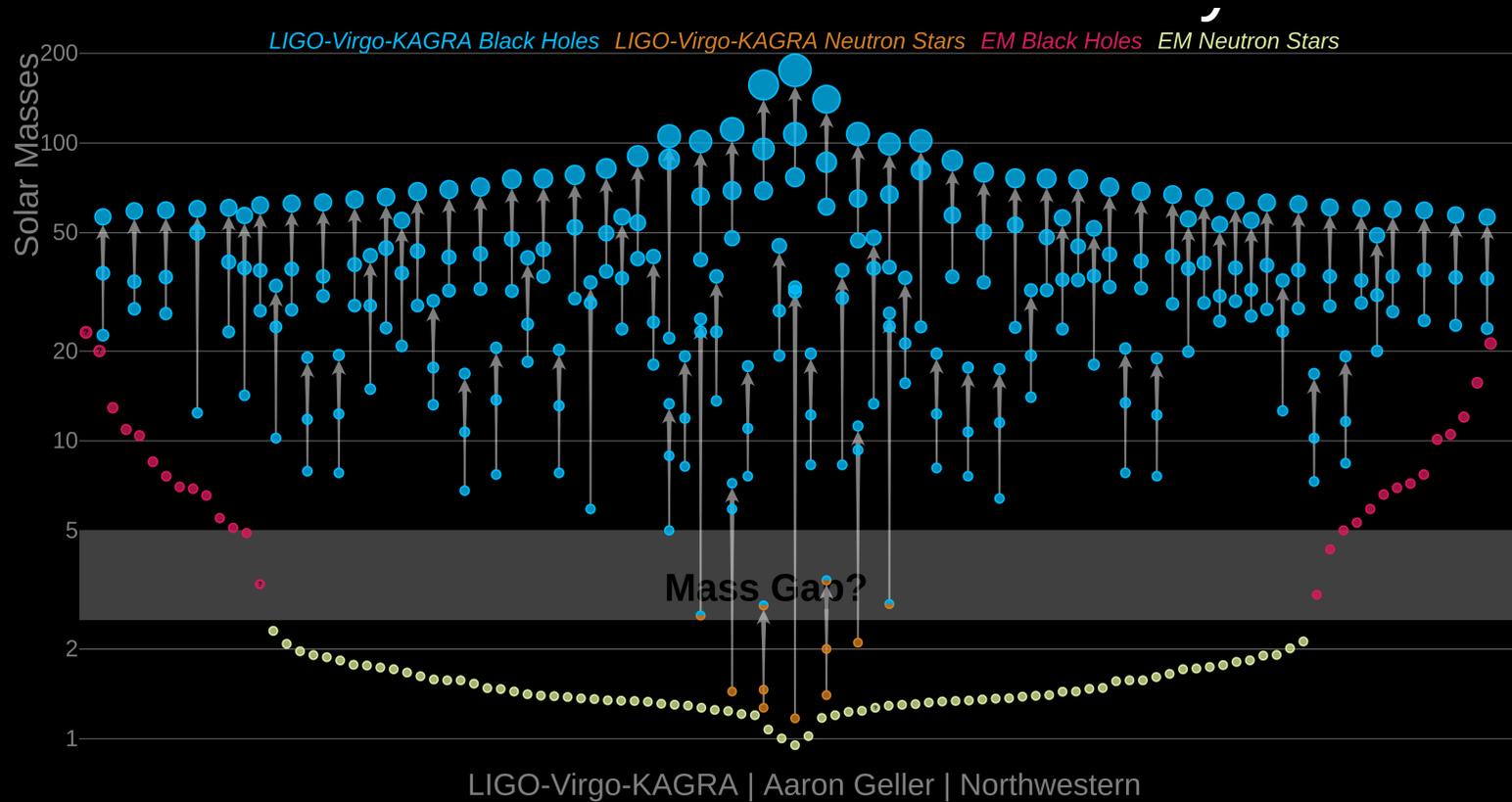
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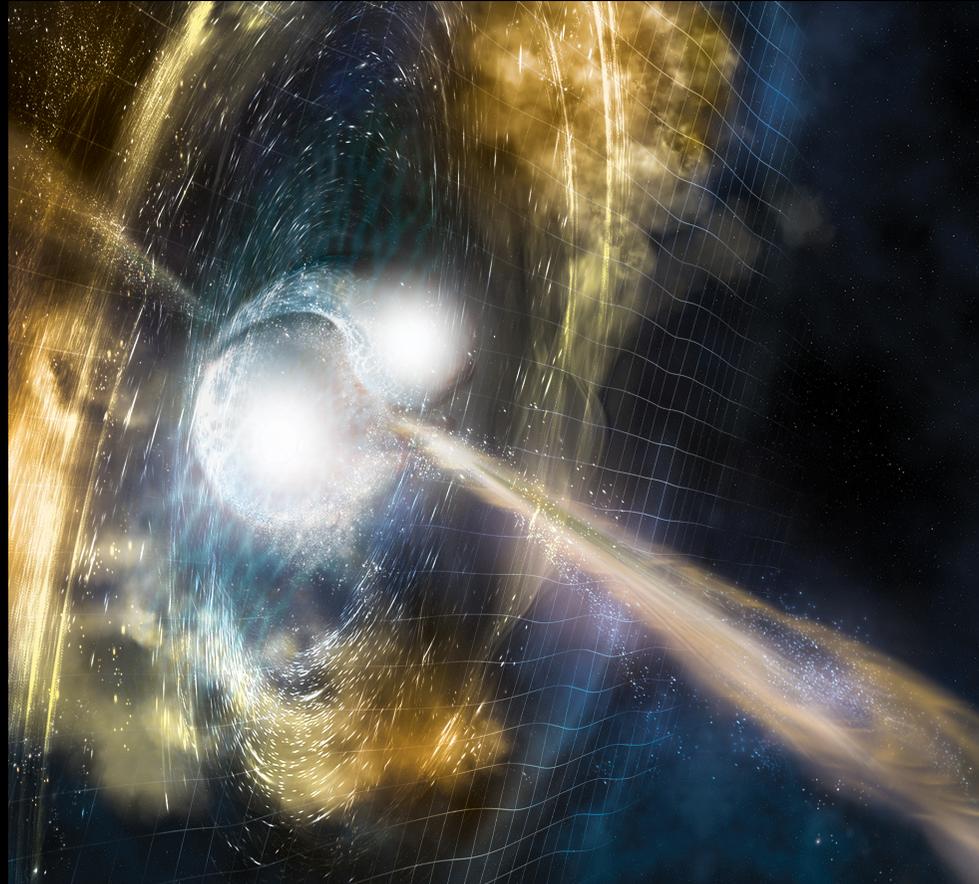
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## Element Origins

1 H																	2 He	
3 Li	4 Be											5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne	
11 Na	12 Mg											13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar	
19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr	
37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe	
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				57 La	58 Ce	59 Pr	60 Nd	61 Pm	62 Sm	63 Eu	64 Gd	65 Tb	66 Dy	67 Ho	68 Er	69 Tm	70 Yb	71 Lu
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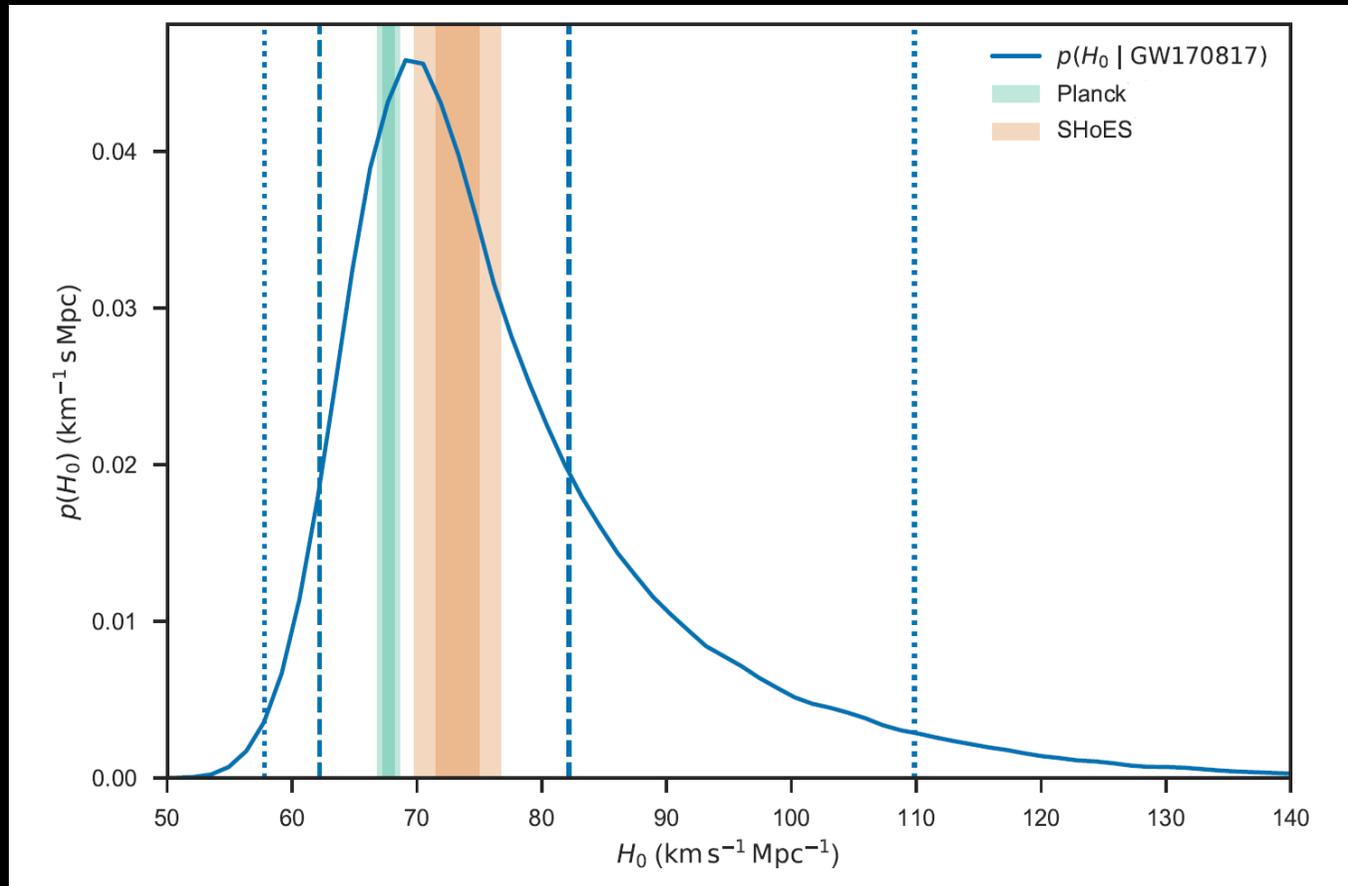
**Merging Neutron Stars**  
**Dying Low Mass Stars**

**Exploding Massive Stars**  
**Exploding White Dwarfs**

**Big Bang**  
**Cosmic Ray Fission**

Based on graphic created by Jennifer Johnson

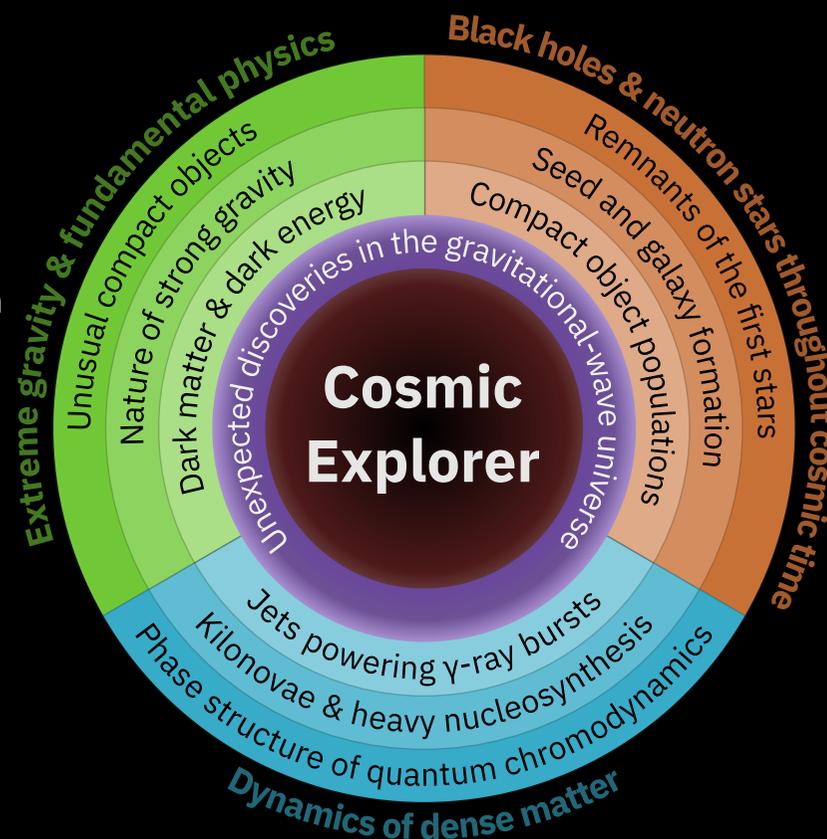
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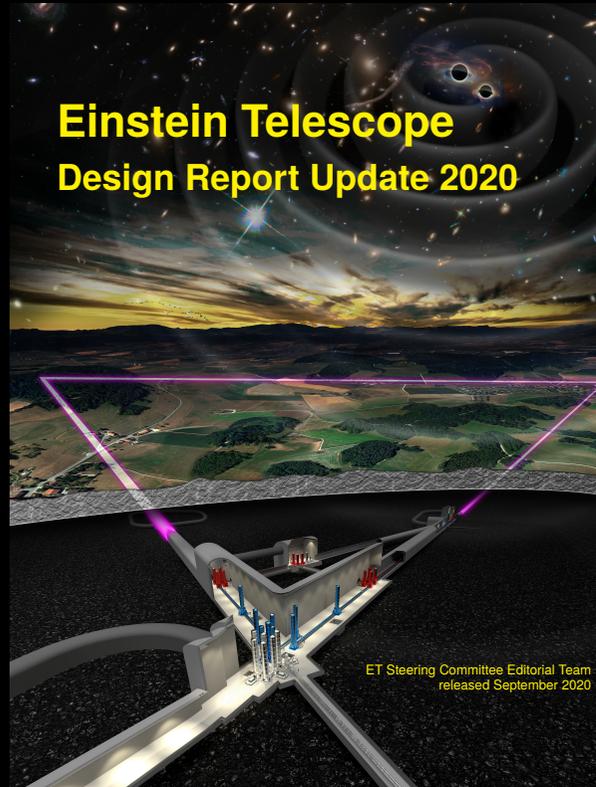
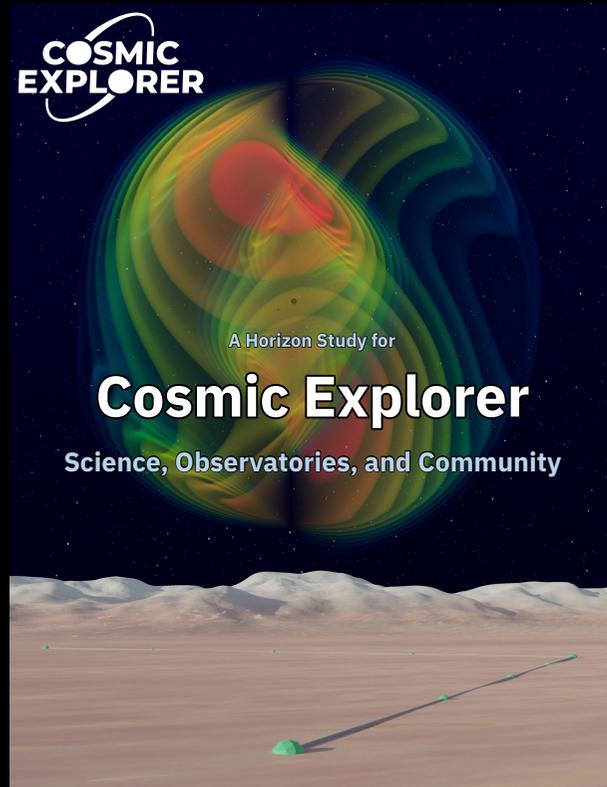
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- Primordial stochastic backgrounds
  - early universe phase transitions, cosmic strings, etc.



# Some Key References

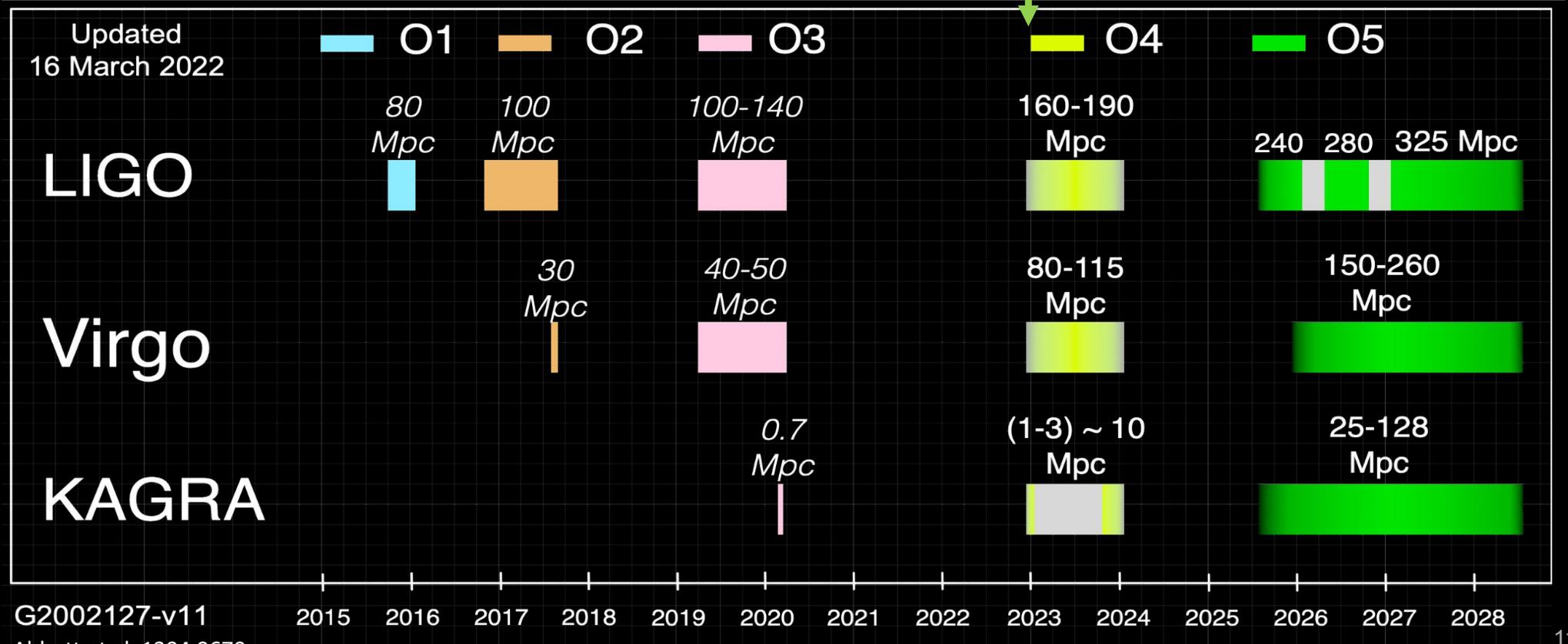


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V. Kalgera et al., 2111.06990  
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B. P. Abbott et al., 1304.0670

# Future observing runs



mid-December  
2022 -> March 2023

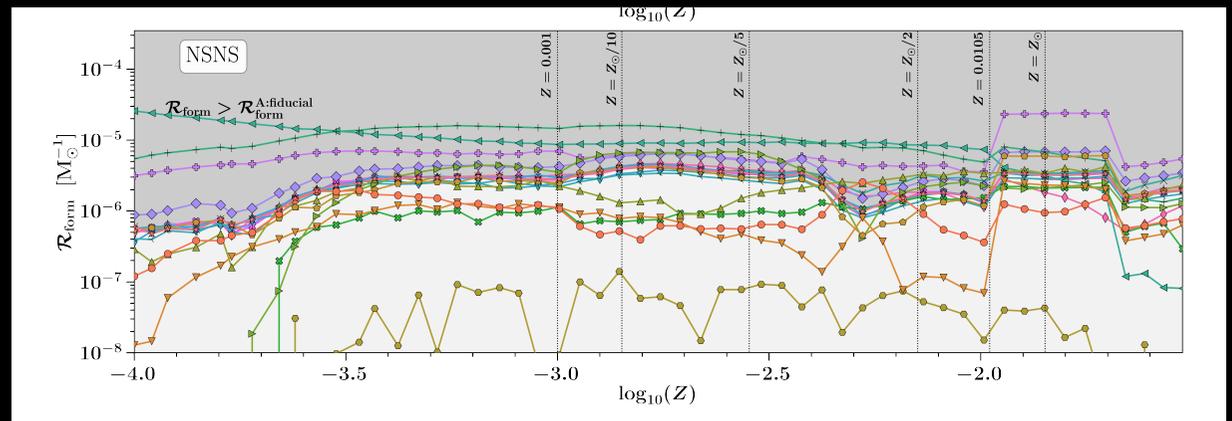


# Exploring Binary Evolution

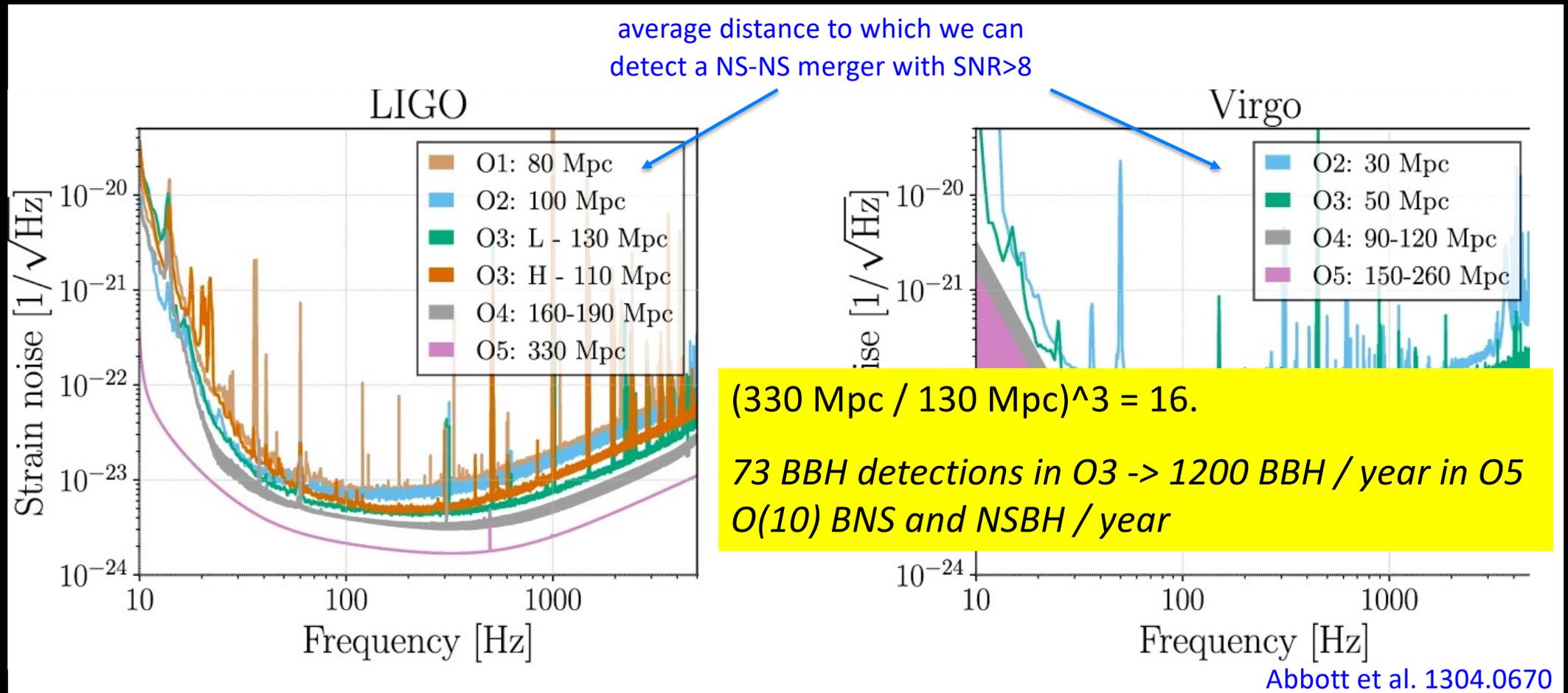
F. Broekgaarden et al. 2112.05763

$\mu$	Label	Variation
A	fiducial	–
B	$\beta = 0.25$	fixed mass transfer efficiency of $\beta = 0.25$
C	$\beta = 0.5$	fixed mass transfer efficiency of $\beta = 0.5$
D	$\beta = 0.75$	fixed mass transfer efficiency of $\beta = 0.75$
E	unstable/no case BB	case BB mass transfer is always unstable
F	E + K	case BB mass transfer is always unstable & HG donor stars initiating a CE may survive
G	$\alpha = 0.1$	CE efficiency parameter $\alpha = 0.1$
H	$\alpha = 0.5$	CE efficiency parameter $\alpha = 0.5$
I	$\alpha = 2$	CE efficiency parameter $\alpha = 2$
J	$\alpha = 10$	CE efficiency parameter $\alpha = 10$
K	optimistic CE	HG donor stars initiating a CE may survive
L	rapid SN	Fryer rapid SN remnant mass model
M	$m_{\text{NS}} = 2 M_{\odot}$	maximum NS mass is fixed to $2 M_{\odot}$
N	$m_{\text{NS}} = 3 M_{\odot}$	maximum NS mass is fixed to $3 M_{\odot}$
O	no PISN	no PISN and pulsational-PISN
P	$\sigma_{\text{rms}}^{\text{1D}} = 100 \text{ km s}^{-1}$	$\sigma_{\text{rms}}^{\text{1D}} = 100 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ for core-collapse SNe
Q	$\sigma_{\text{rms}}^{\text{1D}} = 30 \text{ km s}^{-1}$	$\sigma_{\text{rms}}^{\text{1D}} = 30 \text{ km s}^{-1}$ for core-collapse SNe
R	$v_{\text{k,BH}} = 0$	we assume BHs receive no natal kick
S	$f_{\text{WR}} = 0.1$	Wolf-Rayet wind factor $f_{\text{WR}} = 0.1$
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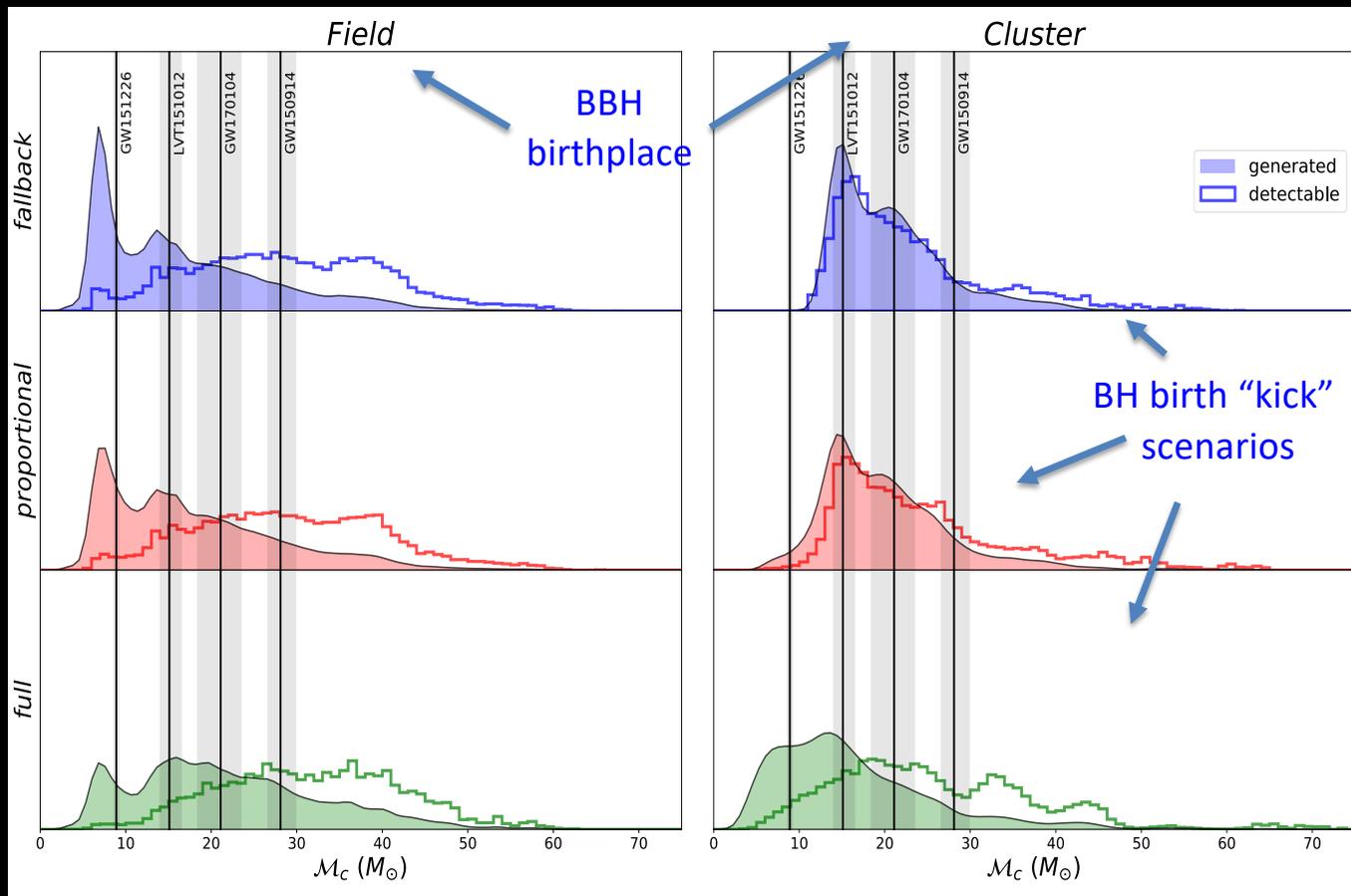
(20 binary stellar evolution models)  $\times$   
 (metallicity-dependent star formation  
 rate densities)  
 = 560 Universe realisations



# Outlook for LIGO/Virgo/KAGRA/LIGO-India

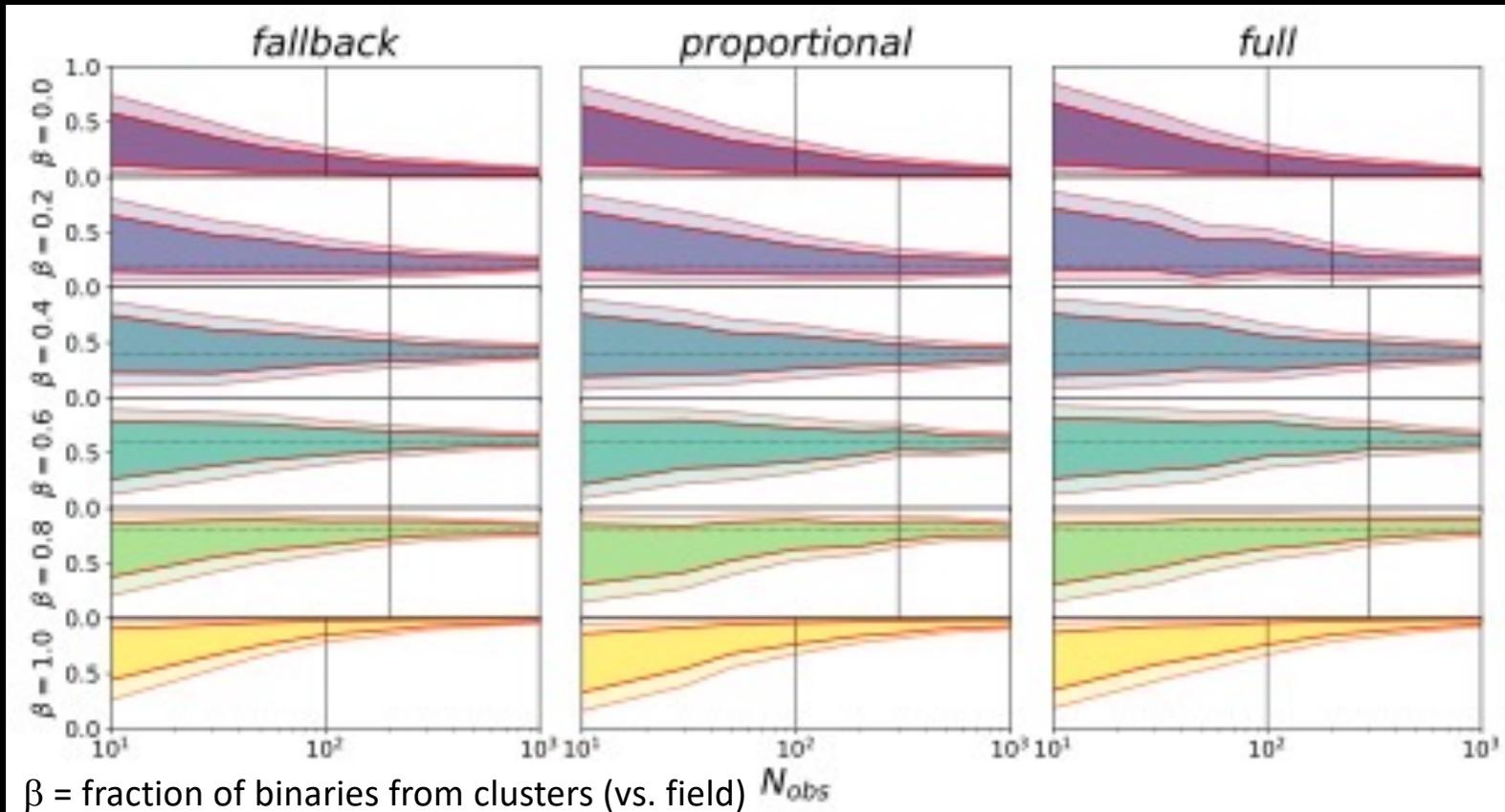


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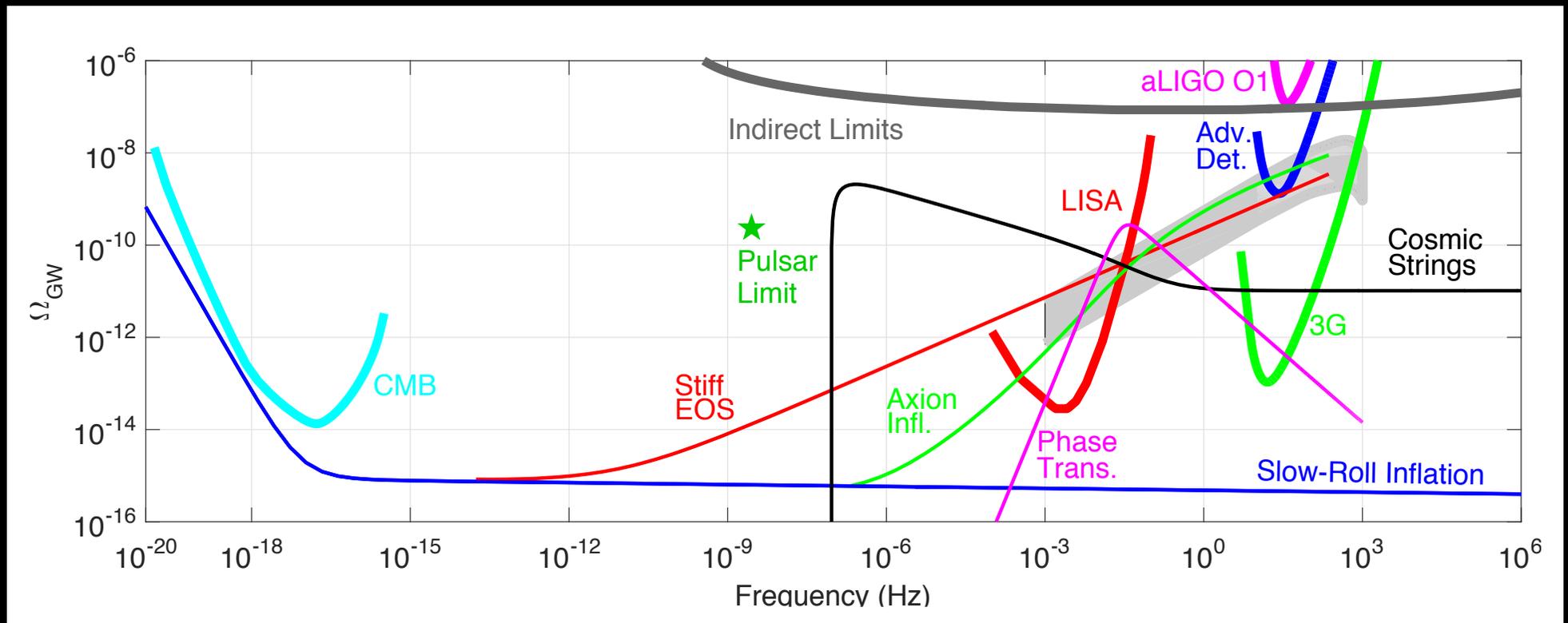
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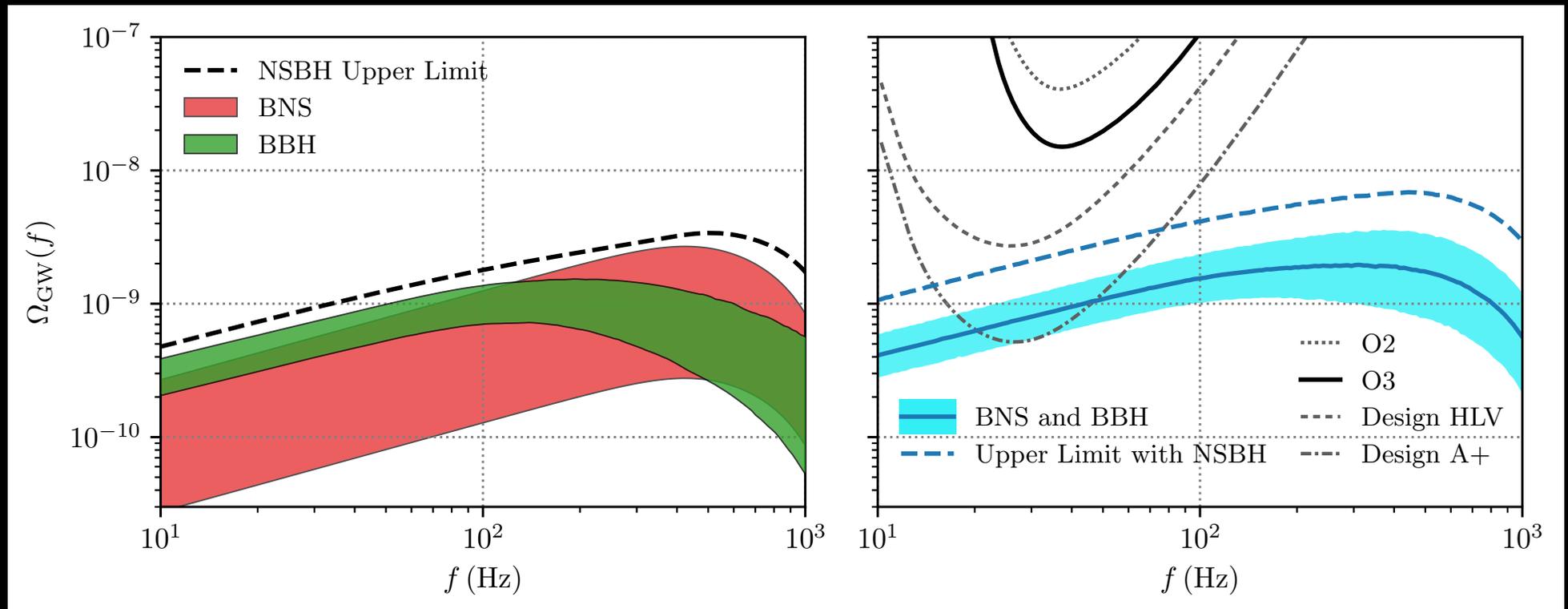
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# Stochastic Gravitational-Wave Backgrounds

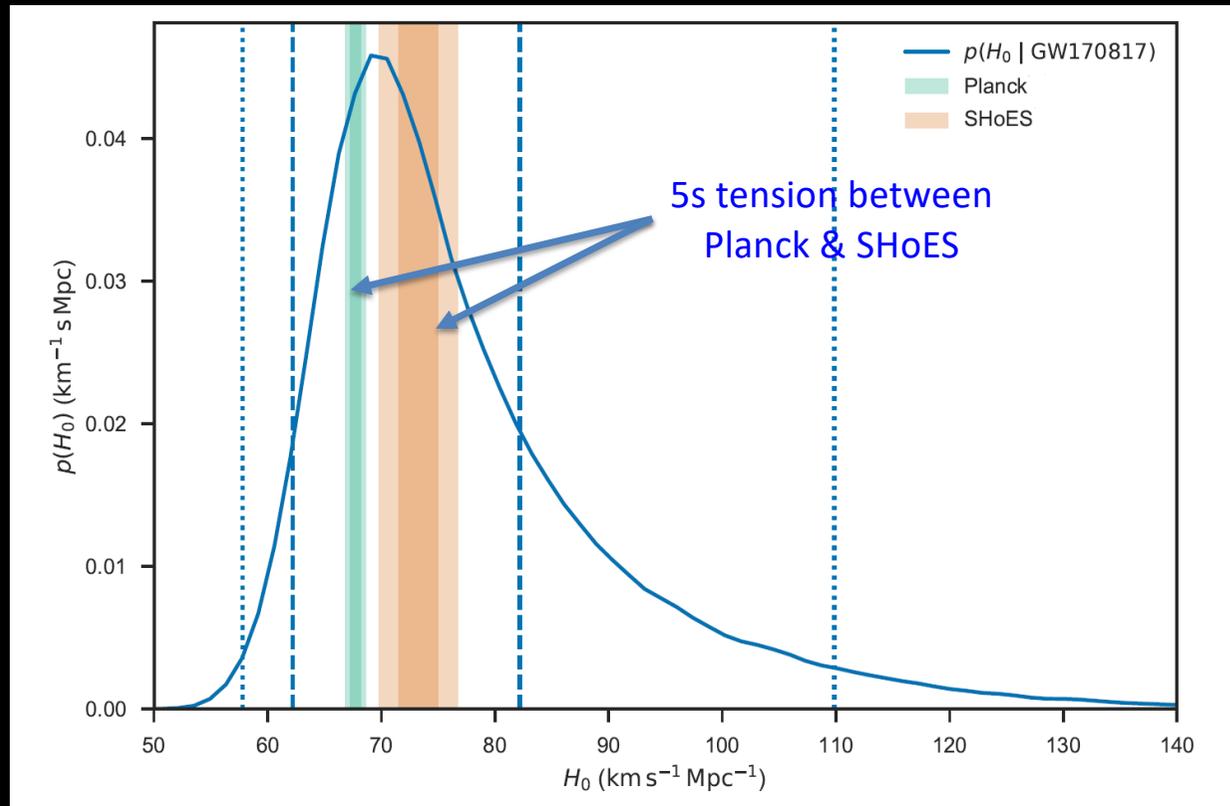


# A Detectable Astrophysical Background

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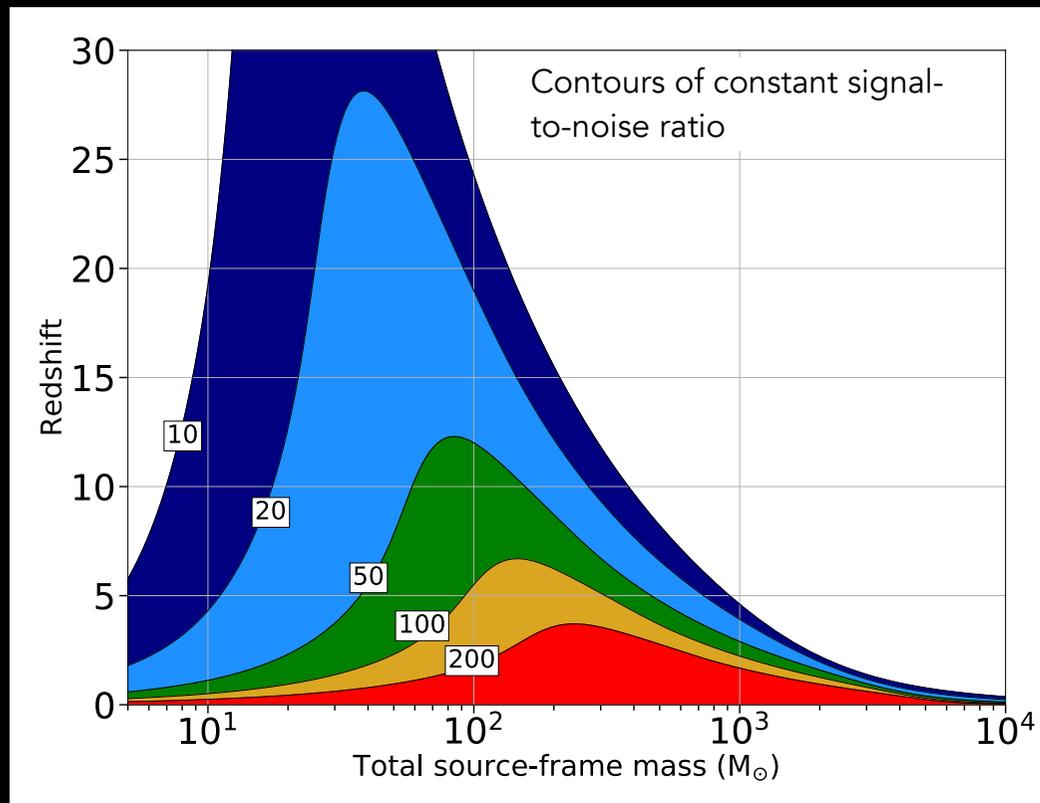


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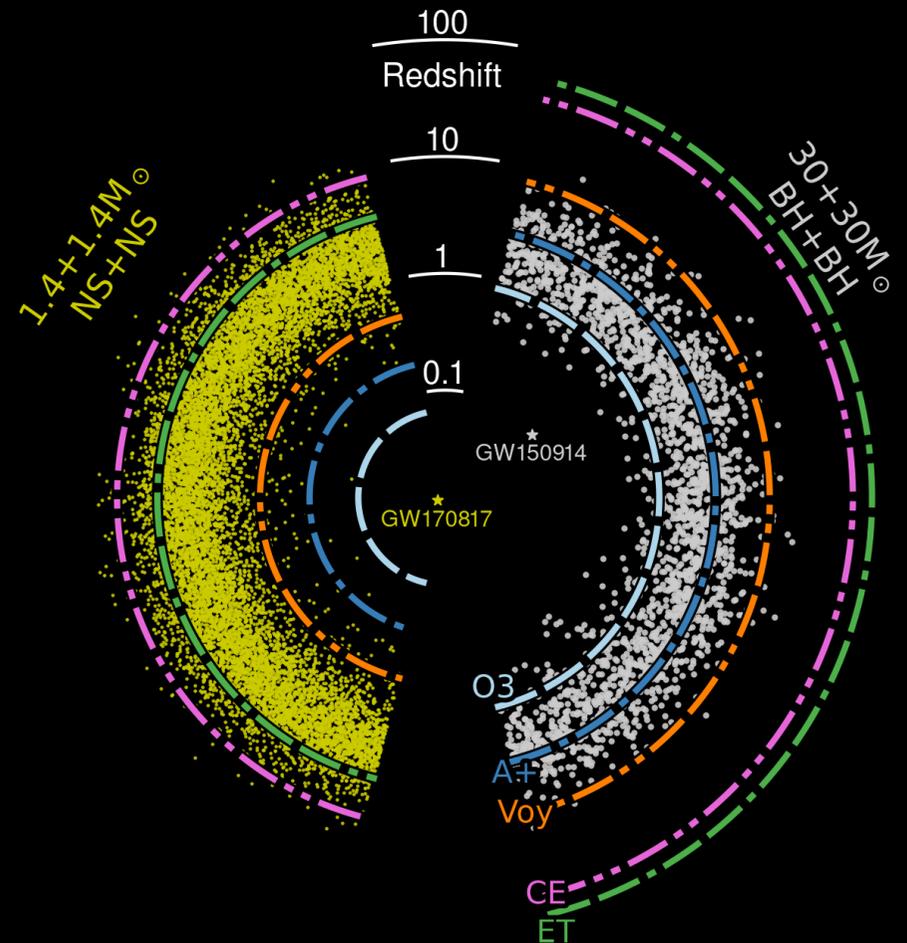


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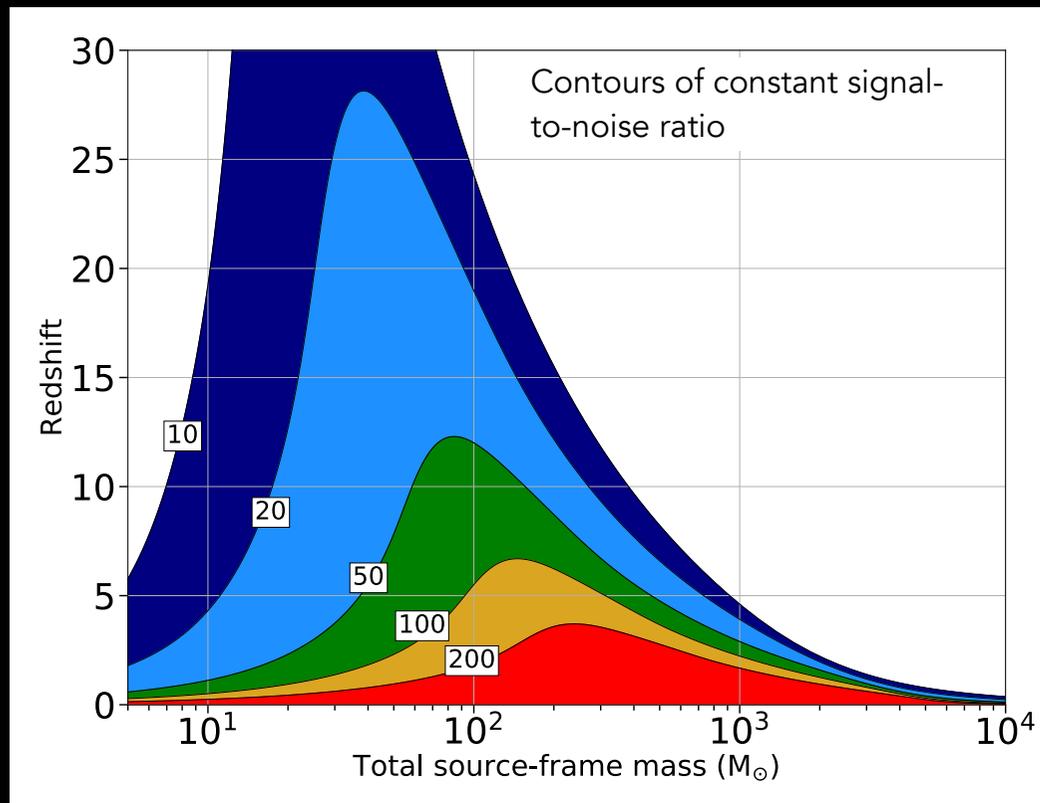


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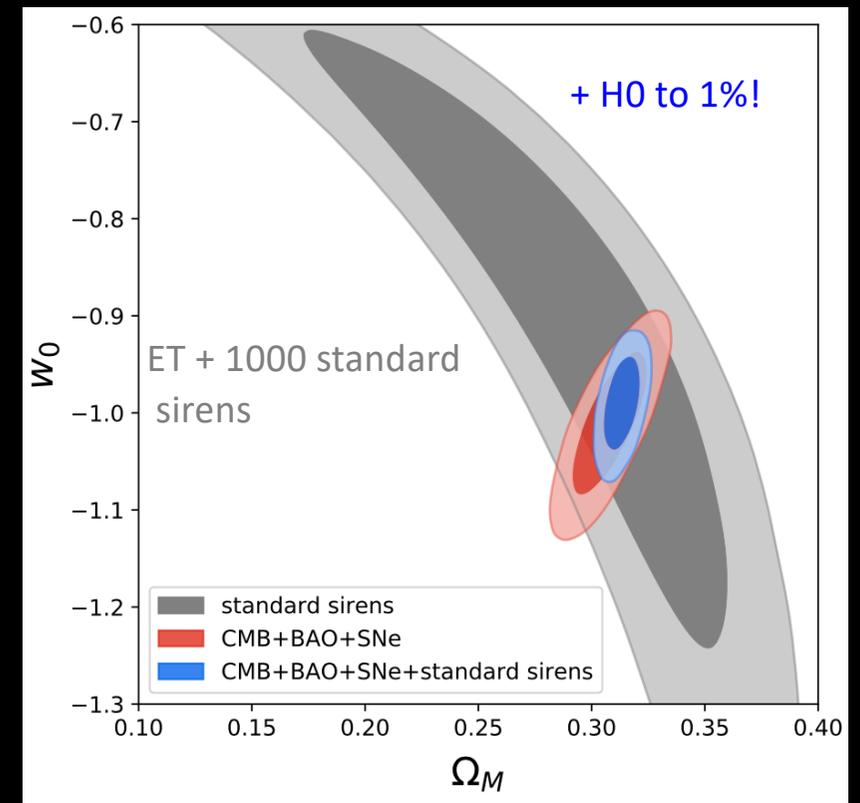


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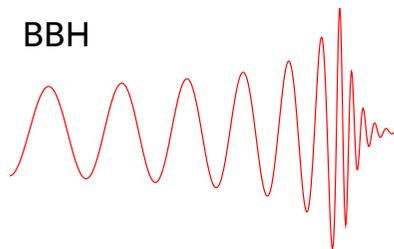
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E. Belgacem, et al., Phys. Rev. D98 (2018) 023510

# Determining the Neutron Star EOS

BBH



- inspiral phase: well described by post-Newtonian approximation + tides
- post-merger bar-deformed hyper-massive neutron star

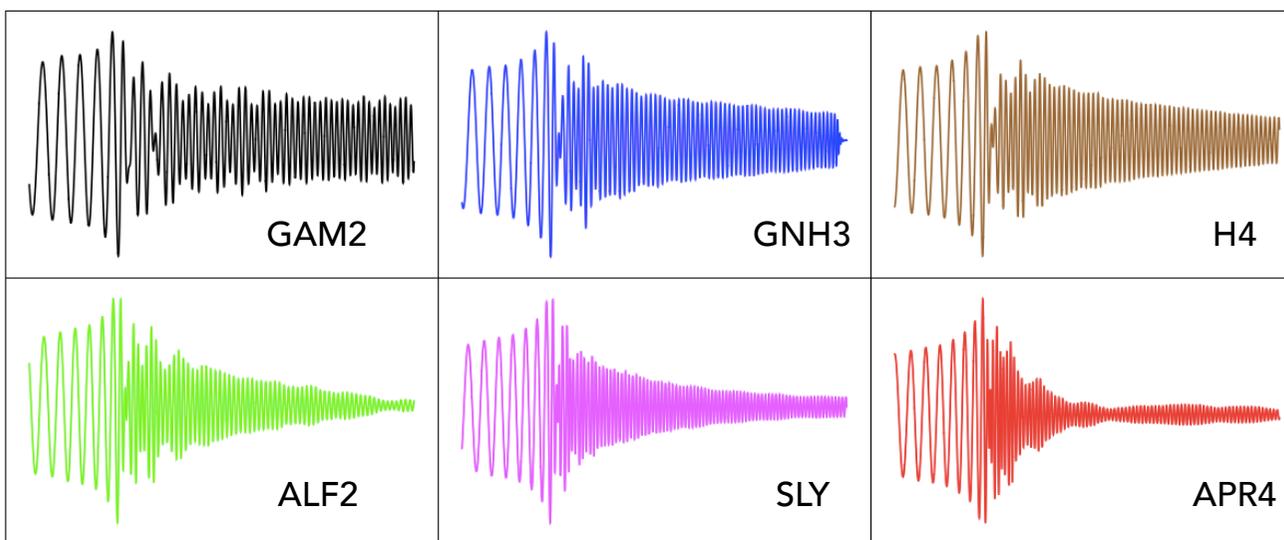
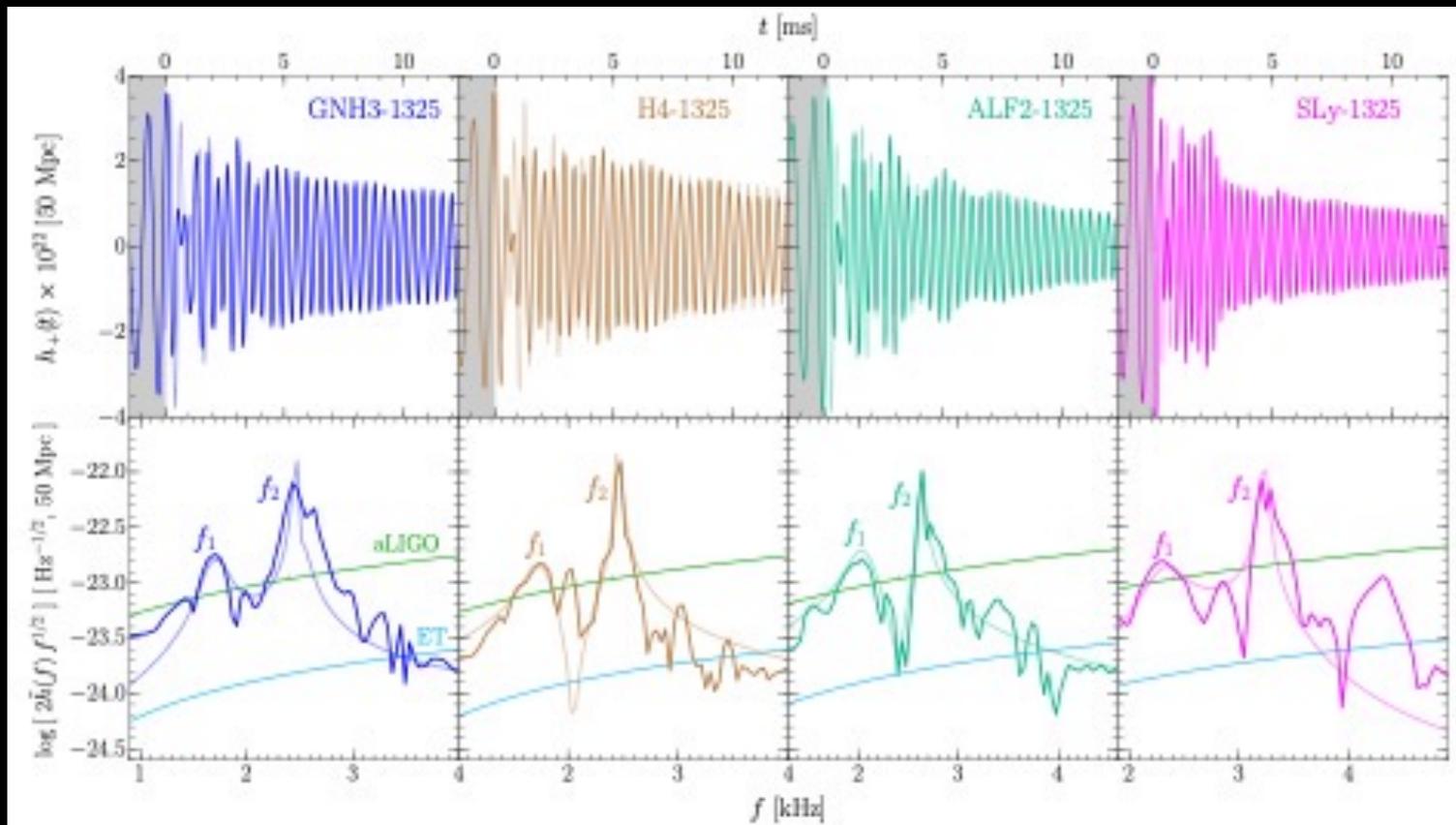


image: B. Sathyaprakash

# Determining the Neutron Star EOS



Post-merger  
SNR at 100 Mpc  
 $\sim 1$  (LIGO/Virgo)  
 $\sim 10$  (ET/CE)

S. Bose et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 120, 031102 (2018)

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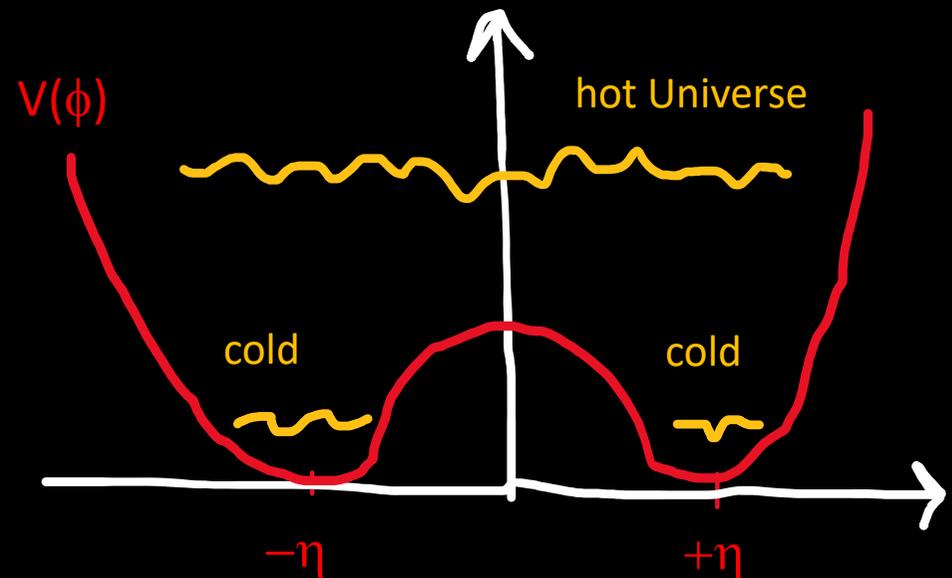
# PHYSICS BEYOND THE STANDARD MODEL: DOMAIN WALLS

# Searching for Domain Walls

- Assumption: there exists an undetected scalar field  $\phi$  with “Mexican hat” like potential .

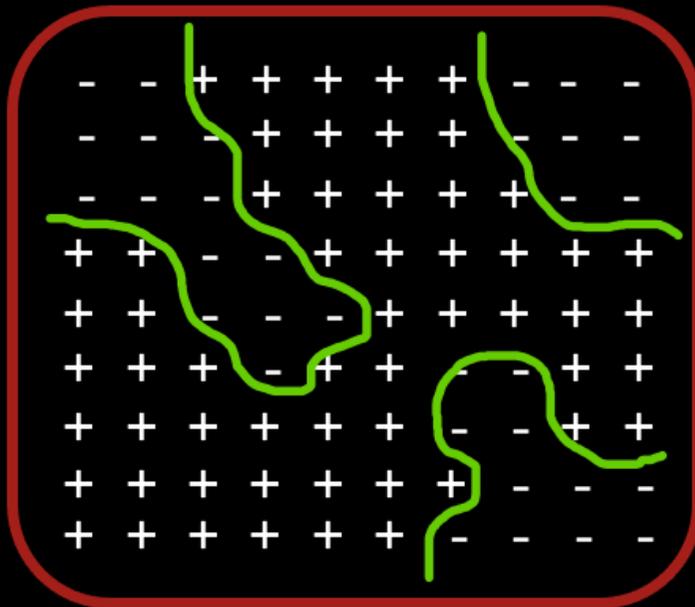
$$\text{e.g.: } V \sim a - b\phi^2 + c\phi^4$$

- As the early Universe cools, different regions settle into the  $+\eta$  and  $-\eta$  vacuum states.



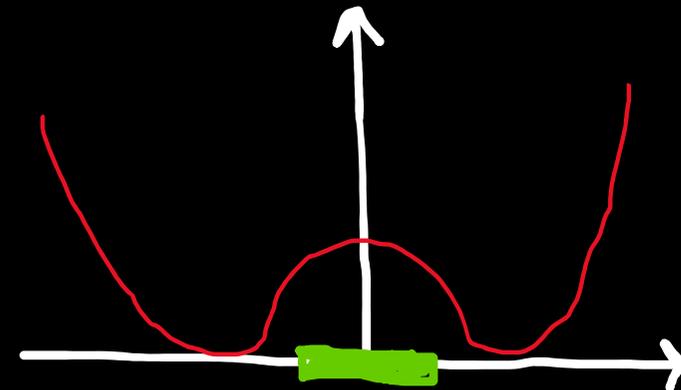
e.g. A. Vilenkin, Phys. Rep. 121, 263 (1985).

# Domain Walls



"domain walls"

- The boundaries between the  $+\eta$  and  $-\eta$  regions have non-zero energy density: "domain walls".



- Proposed solution for dark matter ...

# Physical effect

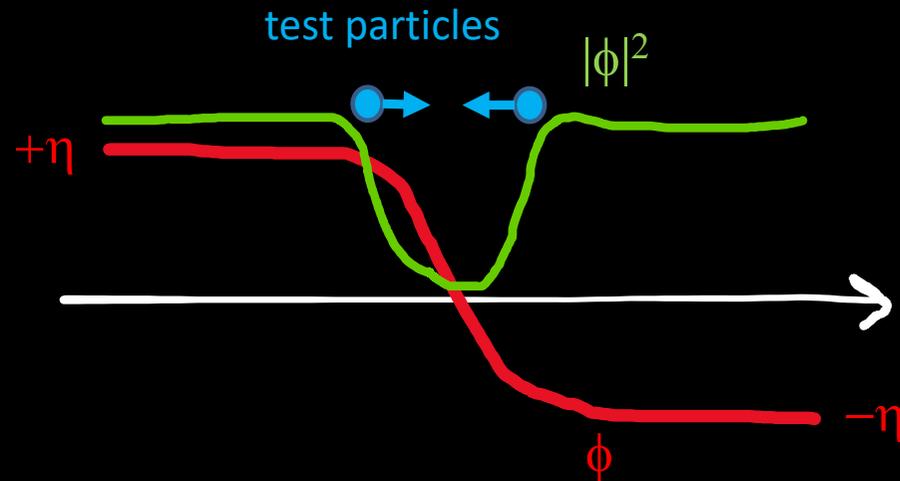
- Simplest case: scalar field affects masses of fermion particles as

$$m_f \rightarrow m_f \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{\phi}{\Lambda'_f} \right)^2 \right]$$

coupling constant

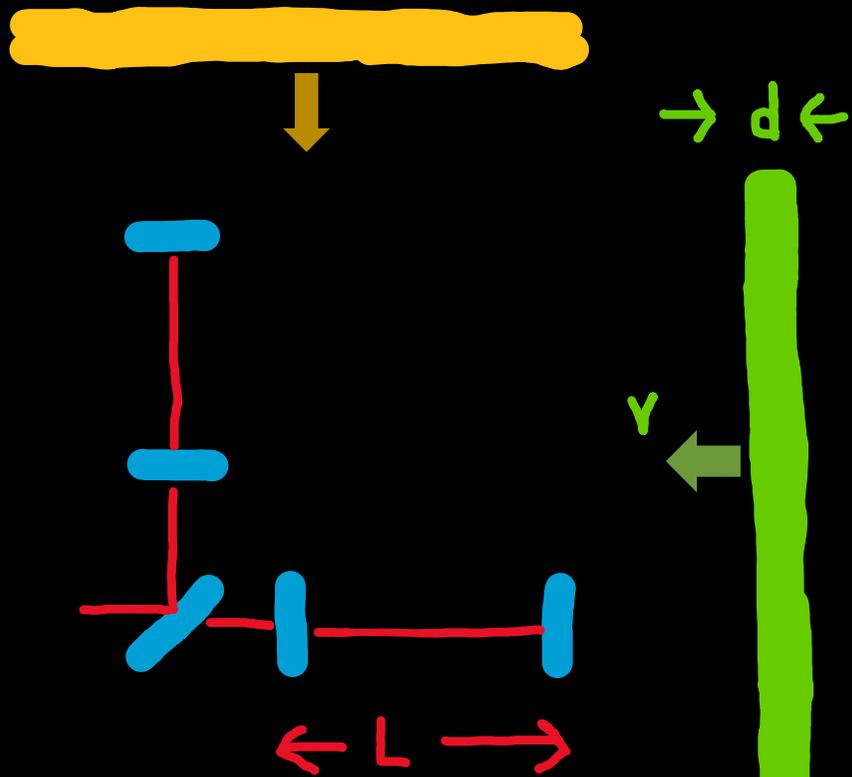
- Test particles will “fall into” the wall as

$$\delta \mathbf{a}_{\text{test}} = - \frac{\nabla M_{\text{test}}}{M_{\text{test}}}$$



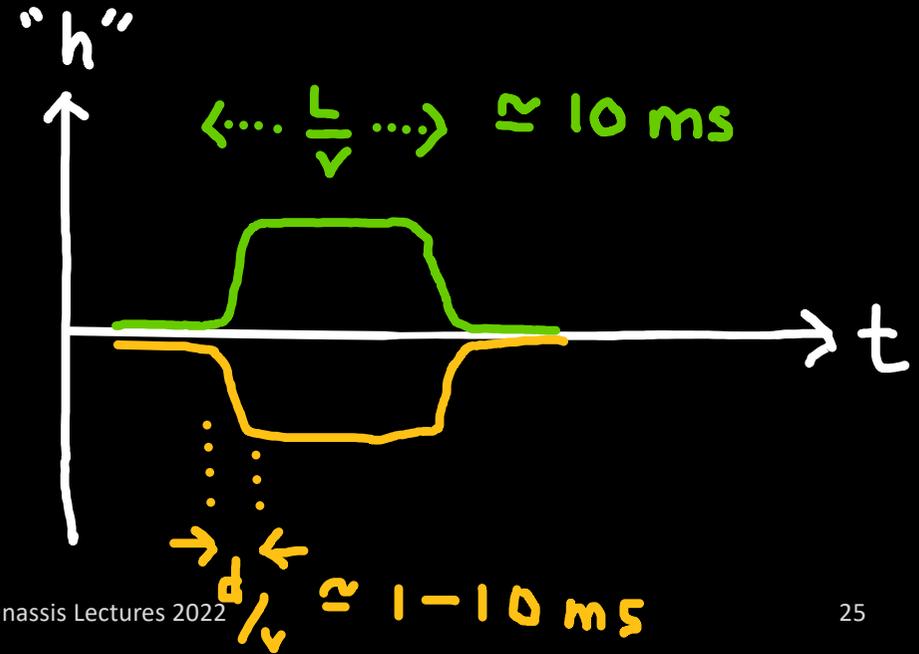
H. Grote & Y. Stadnik, Phys. Rev. Research 1, 033187 (2019)

$d \lesssim 1 \text{ km}$   
 $v \sim 300 \text{ km/s}$

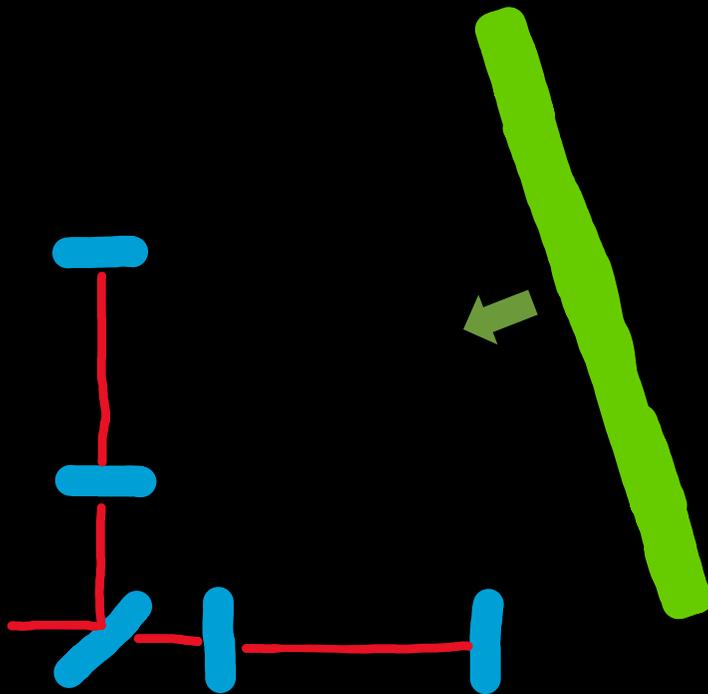


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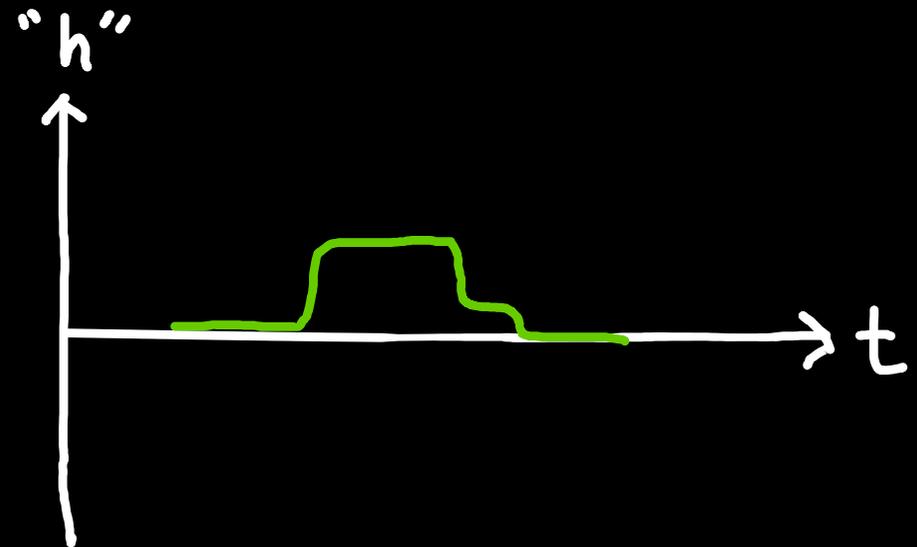
- Typical speed  $\sim 300 \text{ km/s}$  (dark matter halo).
- Signal strength and morphology both depend on incident direction.



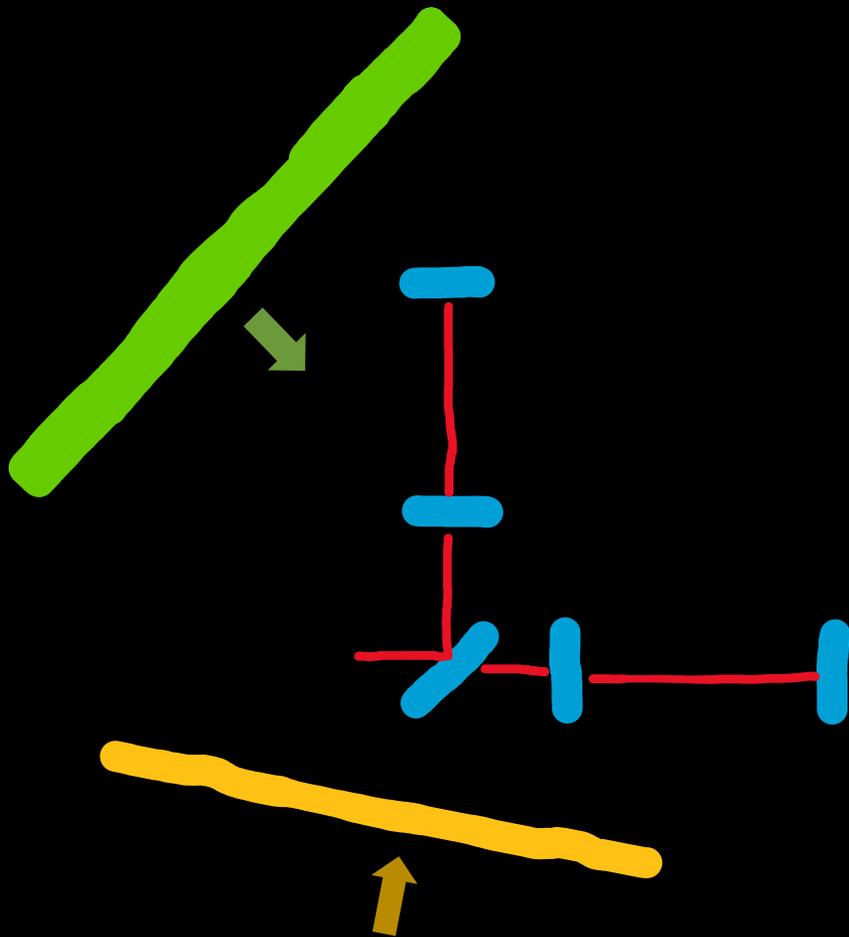
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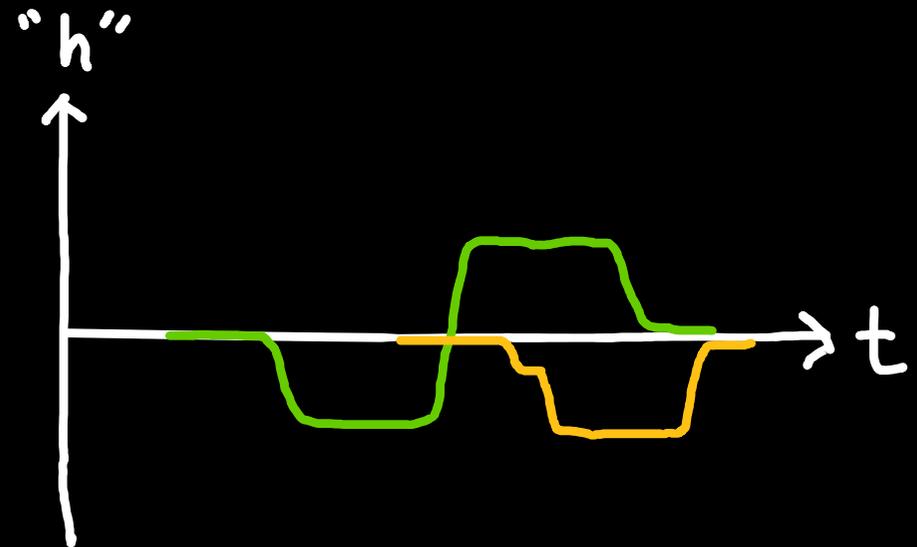
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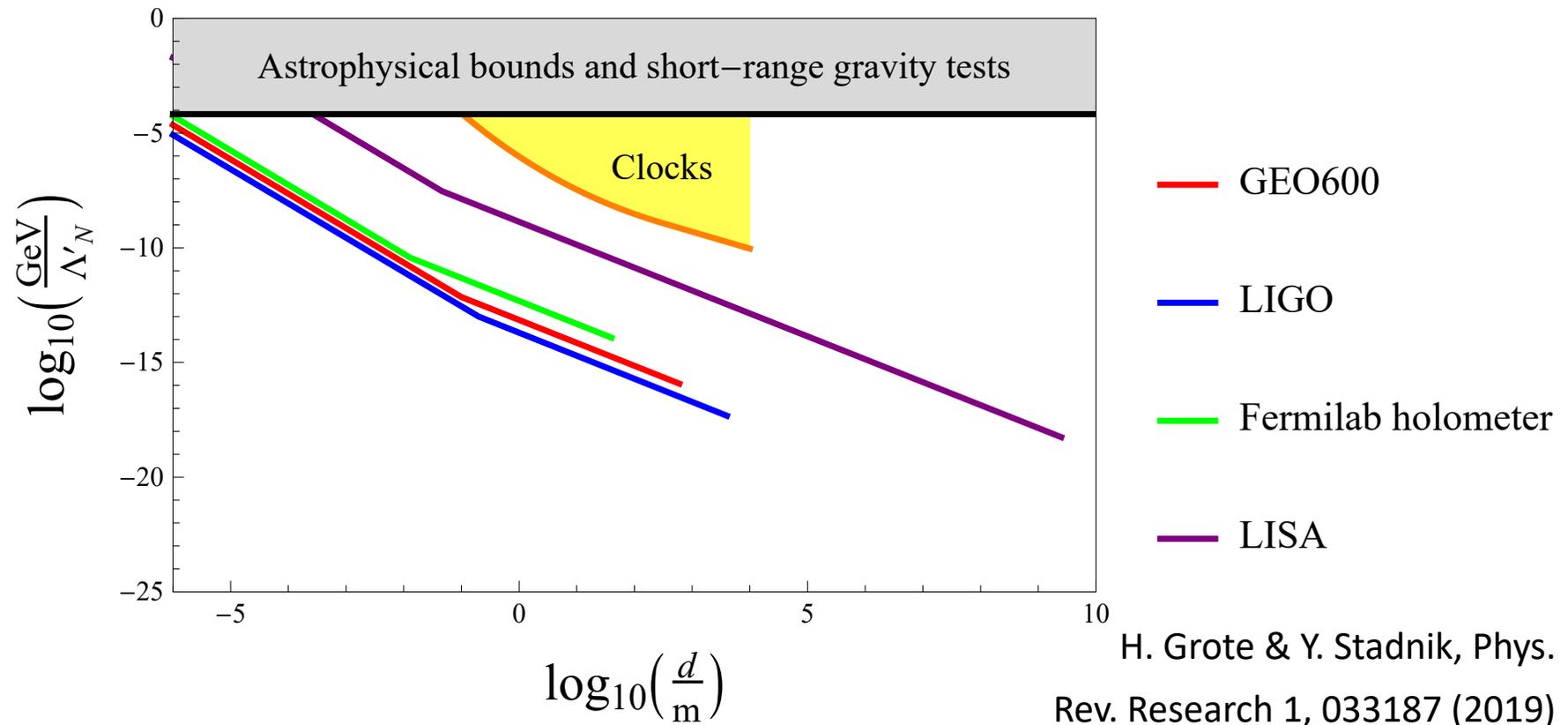
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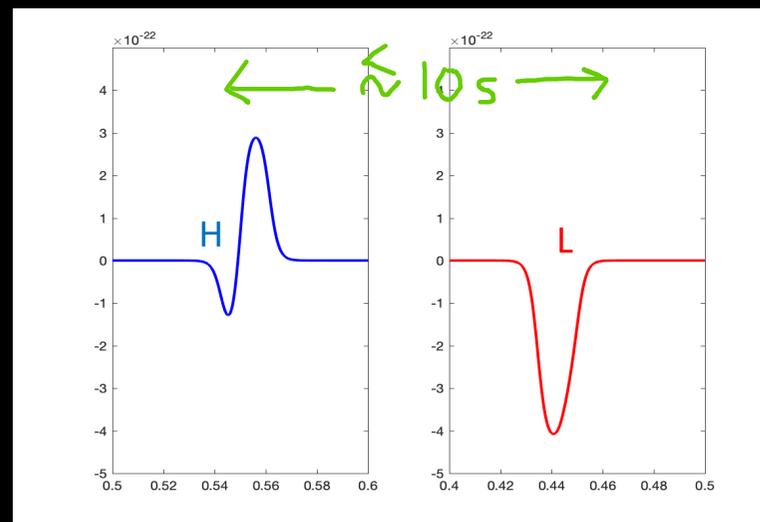


# Projected Bounds

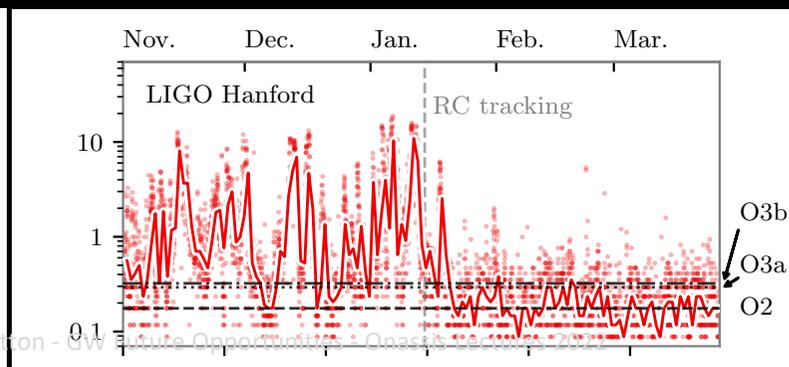
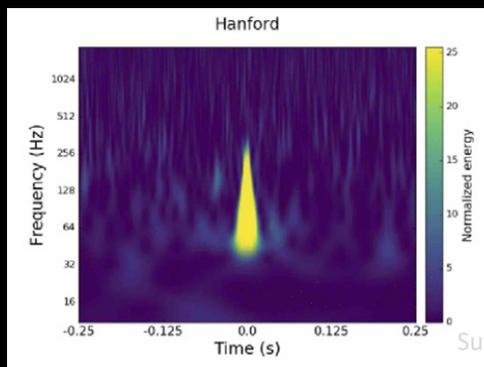


# Signal in a Network

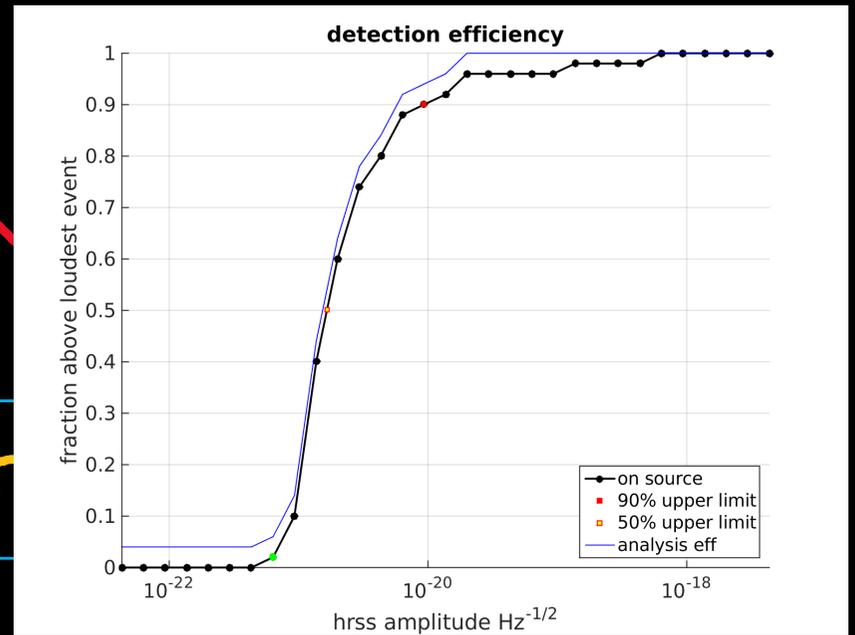
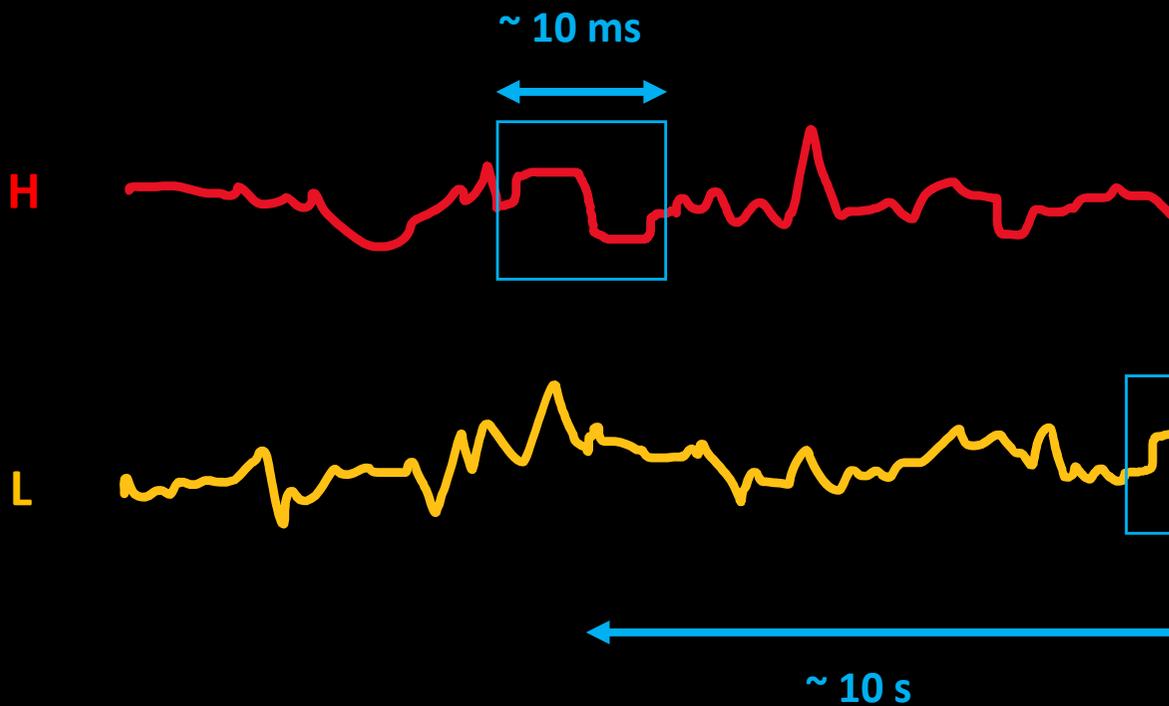
- Typical wall speed:  
 $v \sim 300 \text{ km/s} \sim 0.001 c$
- Coincidence window:  
 $T \sim 10 \text{ s (HL)}$   
 $T \sim 30 \text{ s (HLV)}$
- Expect *many* coincident glitches



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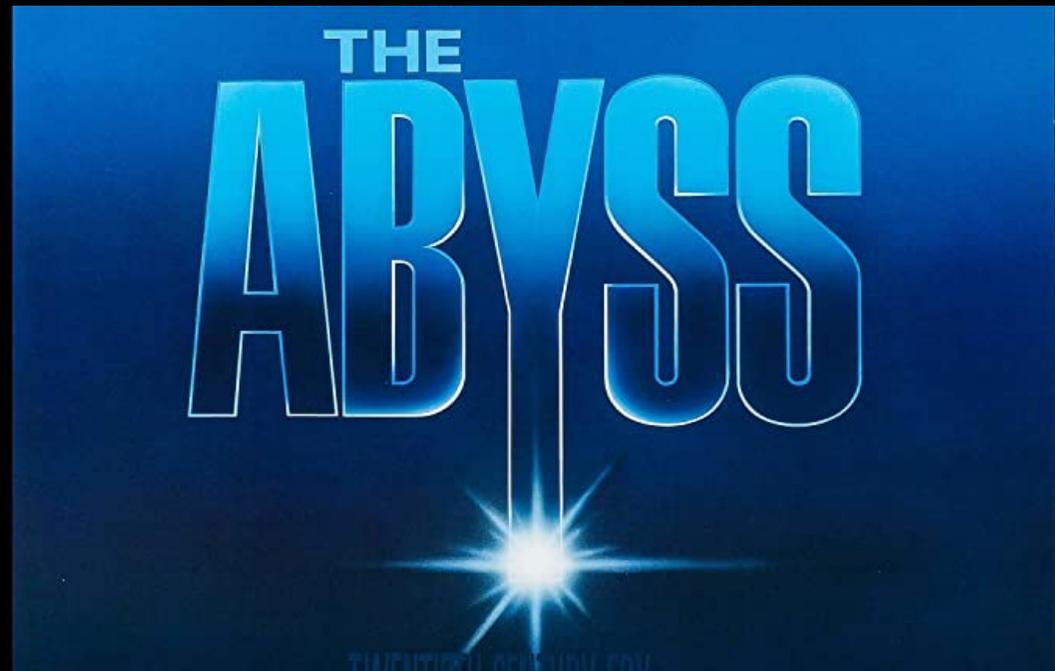


# Simplest approach: cross-correlation search



H. Qi, P. Sutton, & H. Grote, in preparation

# PHYSICS BEYOND THE STANDARD MODEL: BLACK-HOLE ECHOES



Images from Abedi+ 1612.00266

# THE ORIGIN OF ECHOES<sup>32</sup>

- “Ordinary” black holes may be replaced by Exotic Compact Objects (ECOs)
  - fuzzballs, gravastars, fireballs ...
  - [Cardoso & Pani, Living Rev Relativ \(2019\) 22:4](#)
- The ECO acts as a **cavity**, temporarily trapping waves between the near-horizon membrane barrier and the angular momentum barrier (“photon sphere”) that exists further out.
  - [Cardoso+ arXiv:1602.07309](#), [Cardoso+ arXiv:1608.08637](#)

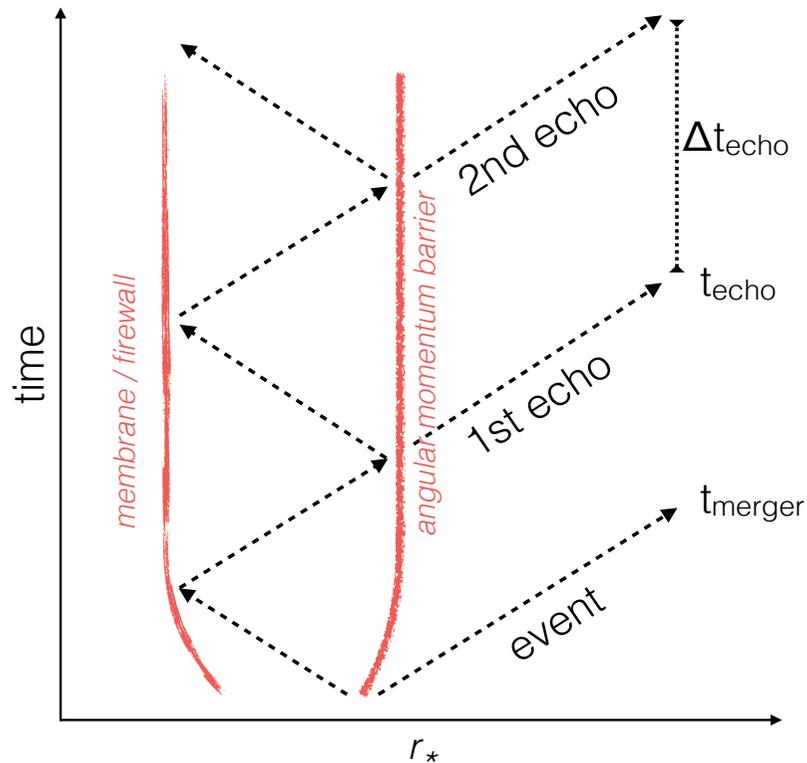
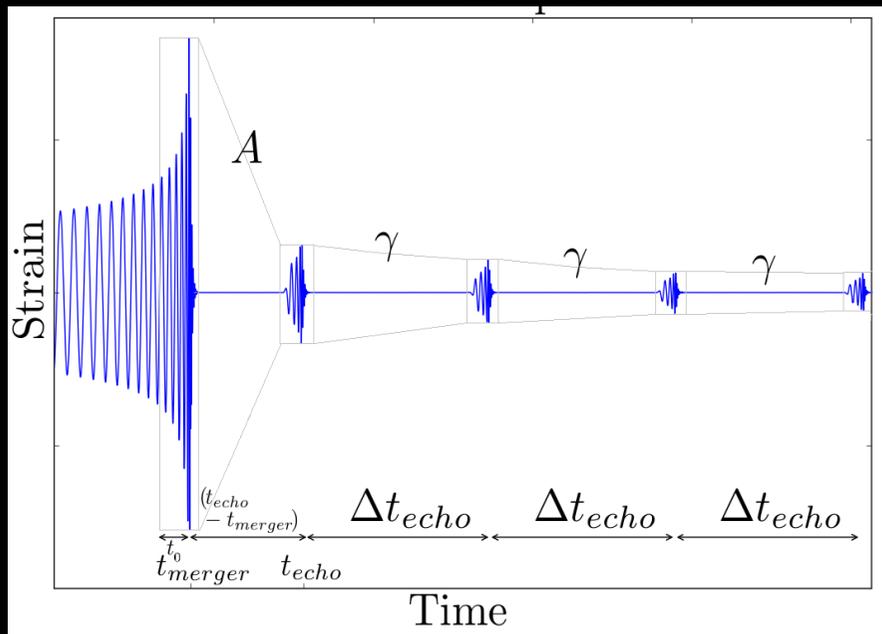


FIG. 1: Spacetime depiction of gravitational wave echoes from a membrane/firewall on the stretched horizon, following a black hole merger event.

# THE ECHO SIGNAL

Image from Westerweck+ 1712.09966



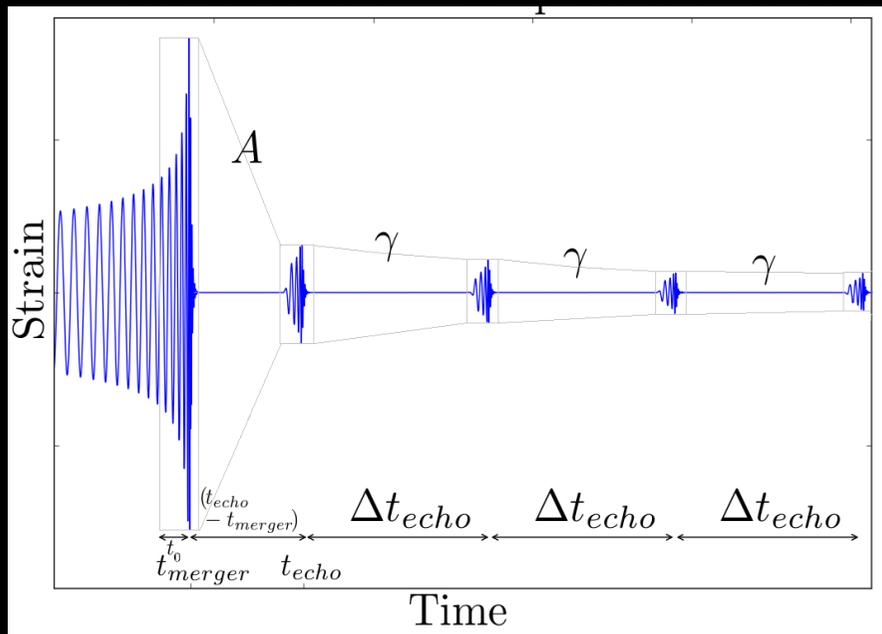
- Echoes of the late merger-ringdown
- Key parameters:
  - Amplitude  $A$  (unconstrained).
  - Decay parameter:  $0 < \gamma < 1$ . Expect  $\gamma \ll 1$   
[Wang+ 1803.02845](#), [Correia+ 1802.07735](#)
  - Echo repeat time  $\Delta t_{\text{echo}}$ :

$$\Delta t_{\text{echo}} \simeq \frac{4GM_{\text{BH}}}{c^3} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-a^2}} \right) \times \ln \left( \frac{M_{\text{BH}}}{M_{\text{planck}}} \right)$$

$$\simeq 0.126 \text{ sec} \left( \frac{M_{\text{BH}}}{67 M_{\odot}} \right) \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-a^2}} \right),$$

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## • Uncertainties:

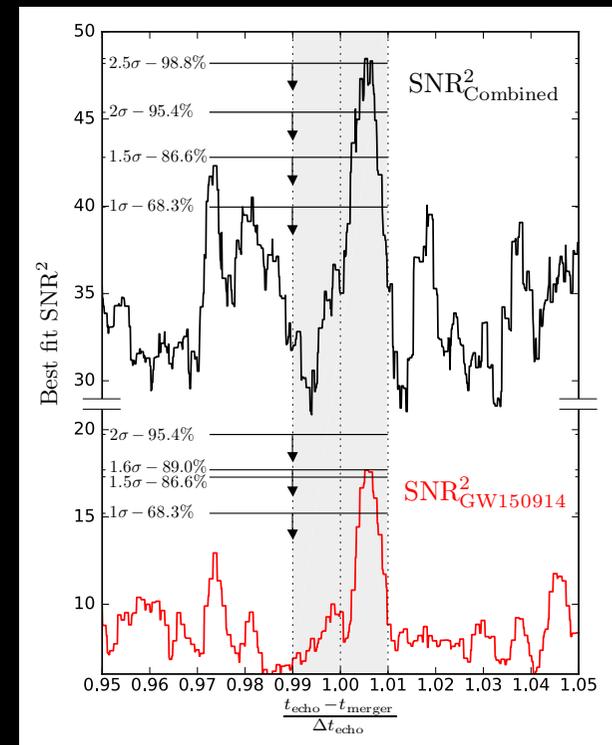
- Moving barrier from  $L_{\text{Planck}}$  outside horizon to  $\times 10$  changes  $\Delta t_{\text{echo}}$  by  $< 1\%$
- $t_{\text{echo}} - t_{\text{merger}} = \Delta t_{\text{echo}} \pm \sim 1\%$
- QNM content uncertain but temporal (repeating) structure well-constrained.

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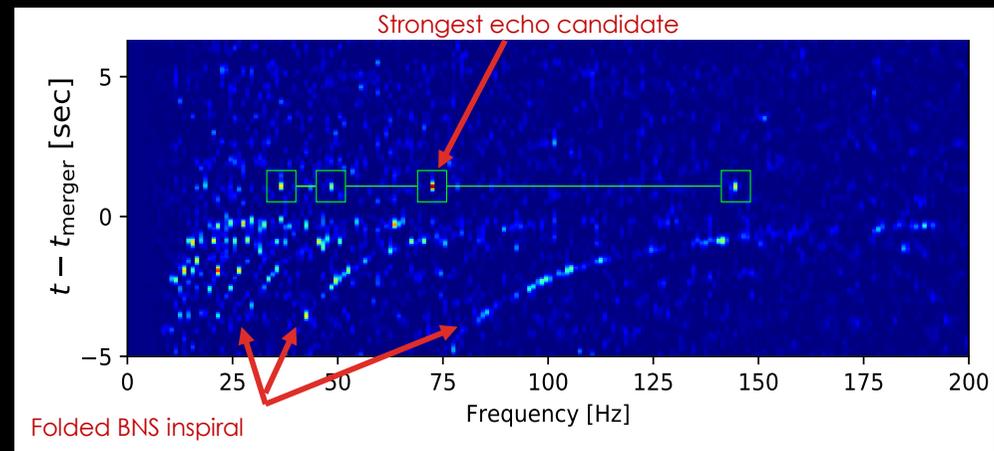
# TENTATIVE DETECTIONS OF ECHOES

- First evidence: **Abedi+ 1612.00266**
  - Analysed O1 BBHs with a matched-filter search
  - Combined analysis found signal with false-alarm probability  $p=0.011$
  - **Caveats:** see **Westerweck+ 1712.09966**
- **Conklin+ 1712.06517:** Model ~agnostic approach: using folded spectrograms multiplied across detectors.
  - Found echoes for 5 BBHs with  $p \sim 0.2\% - 4\%$ .
  - $\Delta t_{\text{echo}}$  values shorter than **Abedi+**.



# THE BNS EVENT GW170817

- **Abedi & Afshordi 1803.10454** adapted the model-agnostic approach of **Conklin+ 1712.06517** (folded spectrograms multiplied across detectors).
- **Results:**
  - $\Delta t_{\text{echo}} = 0.014\text{s}$  ( $f_{\text{peak}} = 72\text{Hz}$ )
  - $p = 1.6\text{e-}5$  ( $4.2\sigma$ )
  - **Contrast with Conklin+:**  
 $\Delta t_{\text{echo}} = 0.007\text{s}$ ,  $p \sim 1\%$



*Folded correlation spectrogram from 1803.10454*

# CONTRA-INDICATIONS

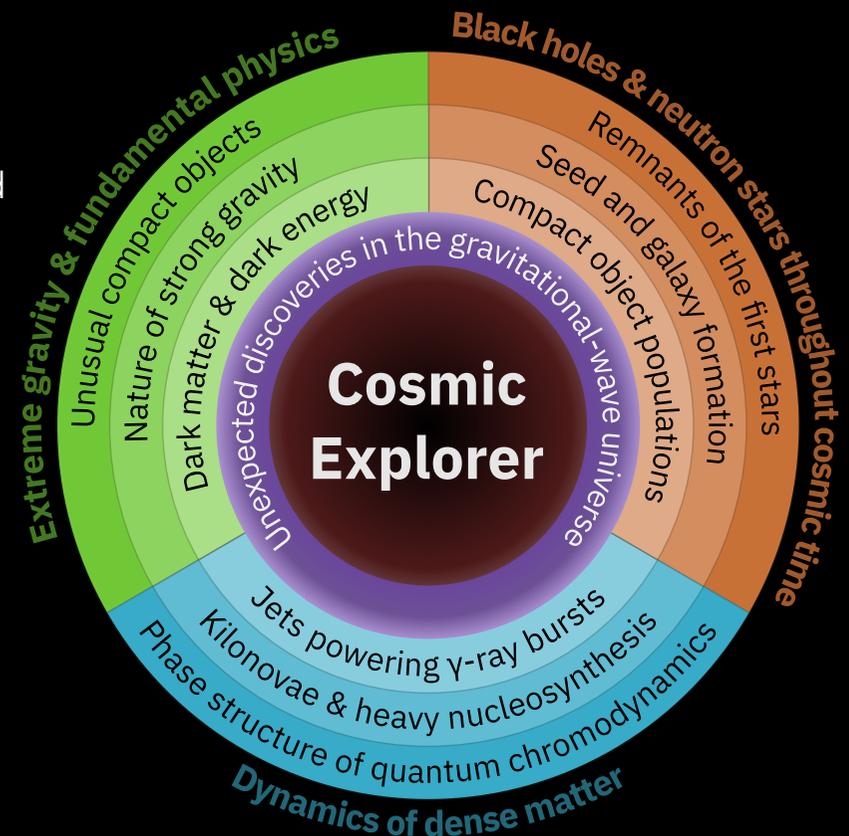
- **Uchikata+ 1906.00838**: More sophisticated matched-filter search using templates constructed from numerical solutions to the Teukolsky equations.
  - No significant events were found.
- **Tsang 1906.11168**: Apply BayesWave signal-reconstruction algorithm to O1 & O2 events.
  - No significant events were found.

## Uchikata+ p values

Event	Data version	
	C01	C02
GW150914	0.992	0.984
GW151012	0.646	0.882
GW151226	0.276	-
GW170104	0.717	0.677
GW170608	-	0.488
GW170729	-	0.575
GW170814	-	0.472
GW170818	-	0.976
GW170823	-	0.315
Total	0.976	0.921

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