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## LISA: listening to the Universe from space

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**GW** landscape





## Laser Interferometer Space Antenna (LISA)

- LISA: GW observatory in space. Launch data 2032-2034
- LISAPathfinder Technology mission to demonstrate technical readiness of LISA - one of the most successful ESA mission.





## What is special about LISA data

 GW signals are long lived (monts-years) and strong
LISA data will contain thousands of GW signals simultaneously present in the data (overlapping in time and in frequency). We need to separate and characterize each signal.





#### France leadership/coordination in LISA consortium



### LISA time line

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June 2017: Selection of LISA as L3 with anticipated launch at 2034

May 2018: Phase A kick-off

2018 – 2020 Mission Phase A

spring 2020: Formulation review (end of Phase A)

>2020: Mission Phase B1

2023: Mission Adoption

>2024: Mission Implementation (Phase B2/C/D)

<2034: Launch

Director of science @ESA has explicitly said that he wants LISA (together with ATHENA) in 2032

>Launch: 6.5 years operation (with potential extension)

# Pre-merger e/m signal

X-ray emission during the late stages of the inspiral (days to hours before final merger) comes from:

- Circumbinary disc:
  - X-ray emission in soft x-rays (<1keV)
- Mini-discs around black holes
  - Hard x-ray emission (>10keV) from accretion of minidiscs individually onto each black hole
- Interaction of circumbinary and mini discs:
  - Accretion of circumbinary disc onto mini-discs via optically thick streams
  - Thermal radiation dominated by the inner edge of thecircumbinary disc, producing soft x-rays (~2keV)
- X-ray emission shows clear modulation on timescales as short as a few hours

