

# Gravitational waves

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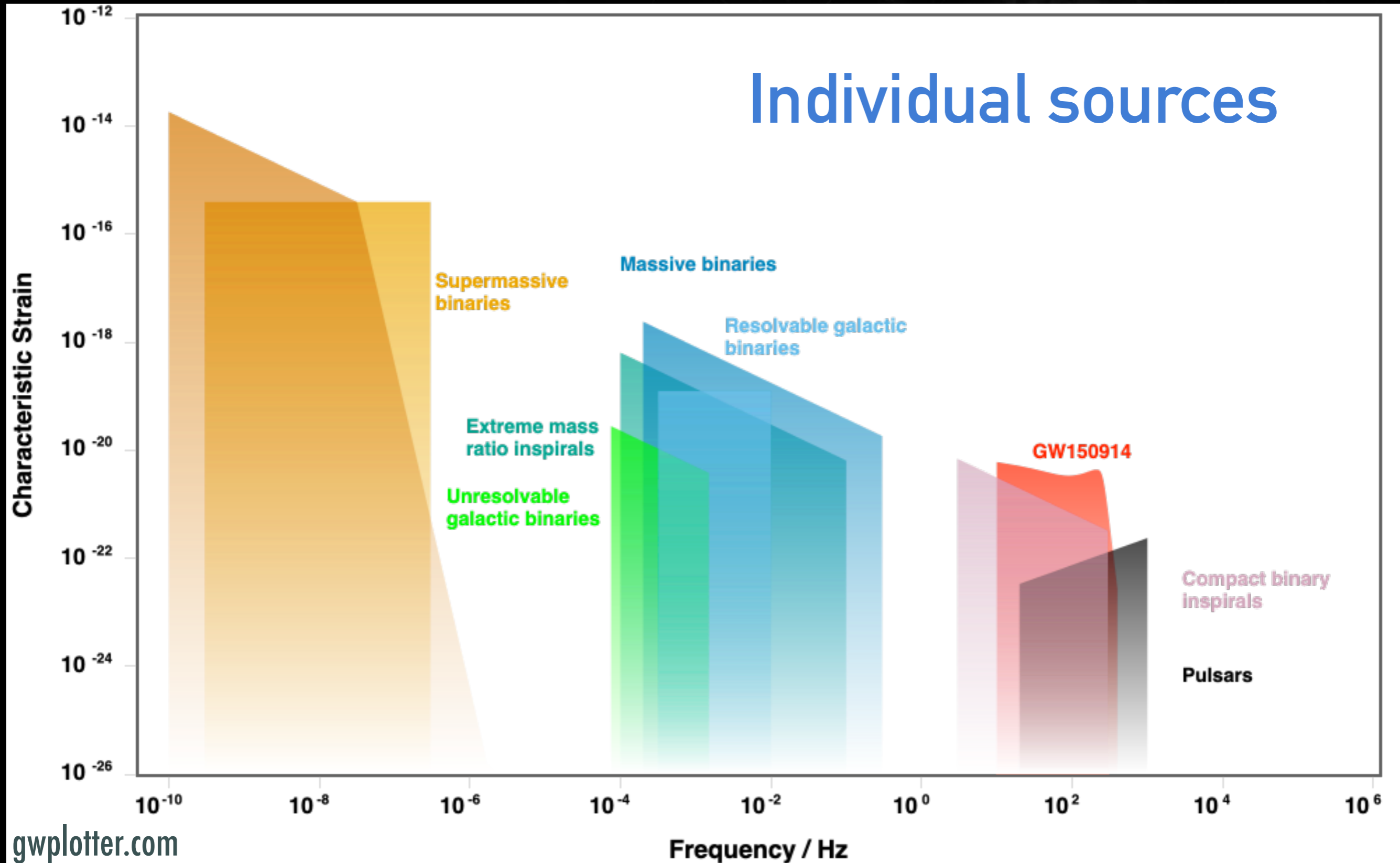
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# Outline

- ▶ Current observations:
  - LIGO, Virgo, KAGRA
  - Pulsar Timing Array
- ▶ Future observatories:
  - Pulsar Timing Array: IPTA, SKA
  - LISA
  - Einstein Telescope, Cosmic Explorer
- ▶ Others projects:
  - Space-based GW projects
  - Moon based GW projects
  - Atom Interferometry
  - High frequency

# GW spectrum

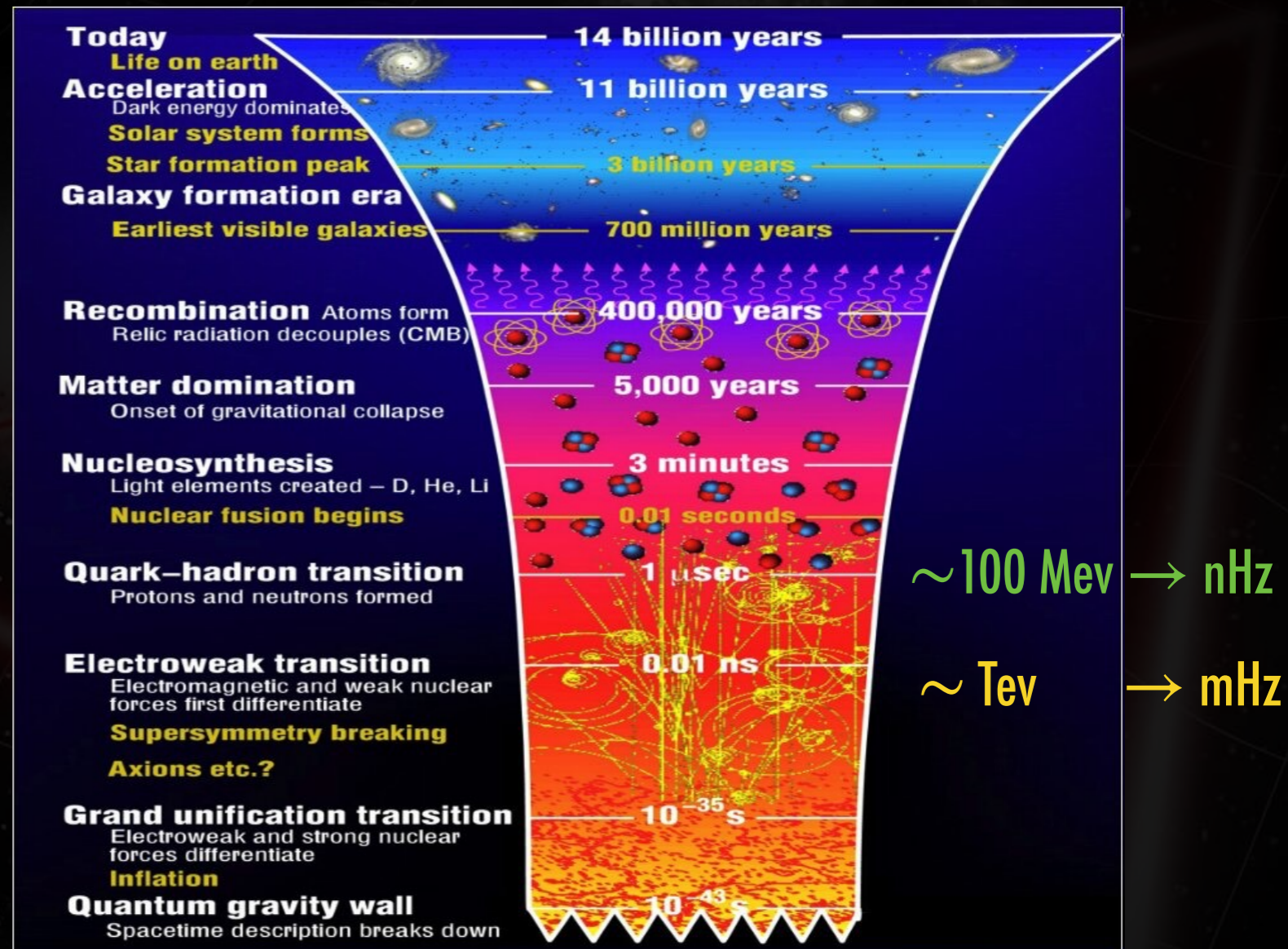
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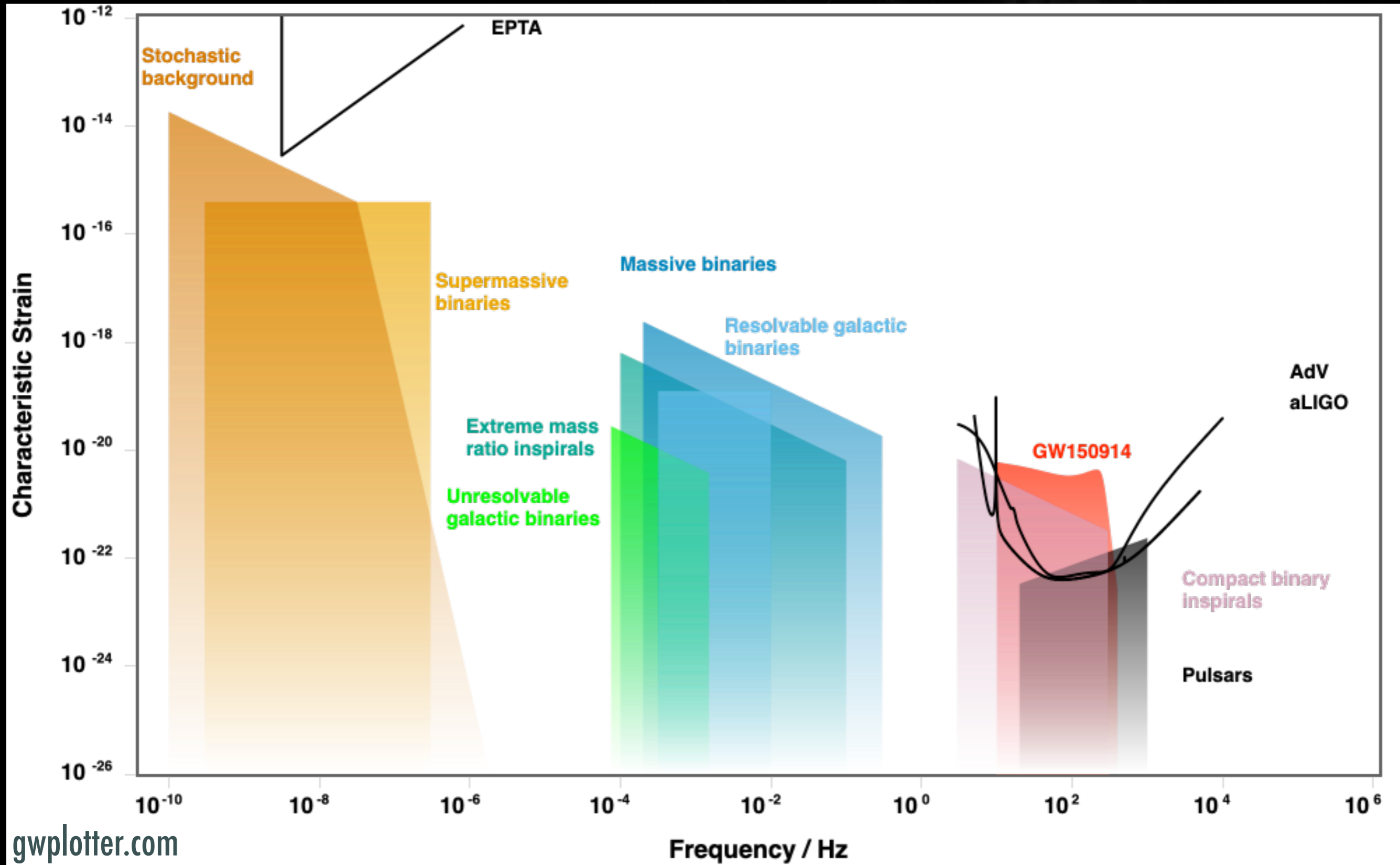
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## Stochastic background(s)

- Confusion of astrophysical sources
- 1<sup>st</sup> order transition from Early Universe:
  - "bubbles" collisions → GWs  
(wavelength depending on the size of the Universe at the time of the transition)
  - Main components in models :
    - Bubble collisions
    - Kinetic energy of the turbulent motions and magnetic fields sustained by the MHD turbulence.
  - Caprini et al. 2010, Robert Pol et al. 2022, ...
- Cosmic strings
- ...

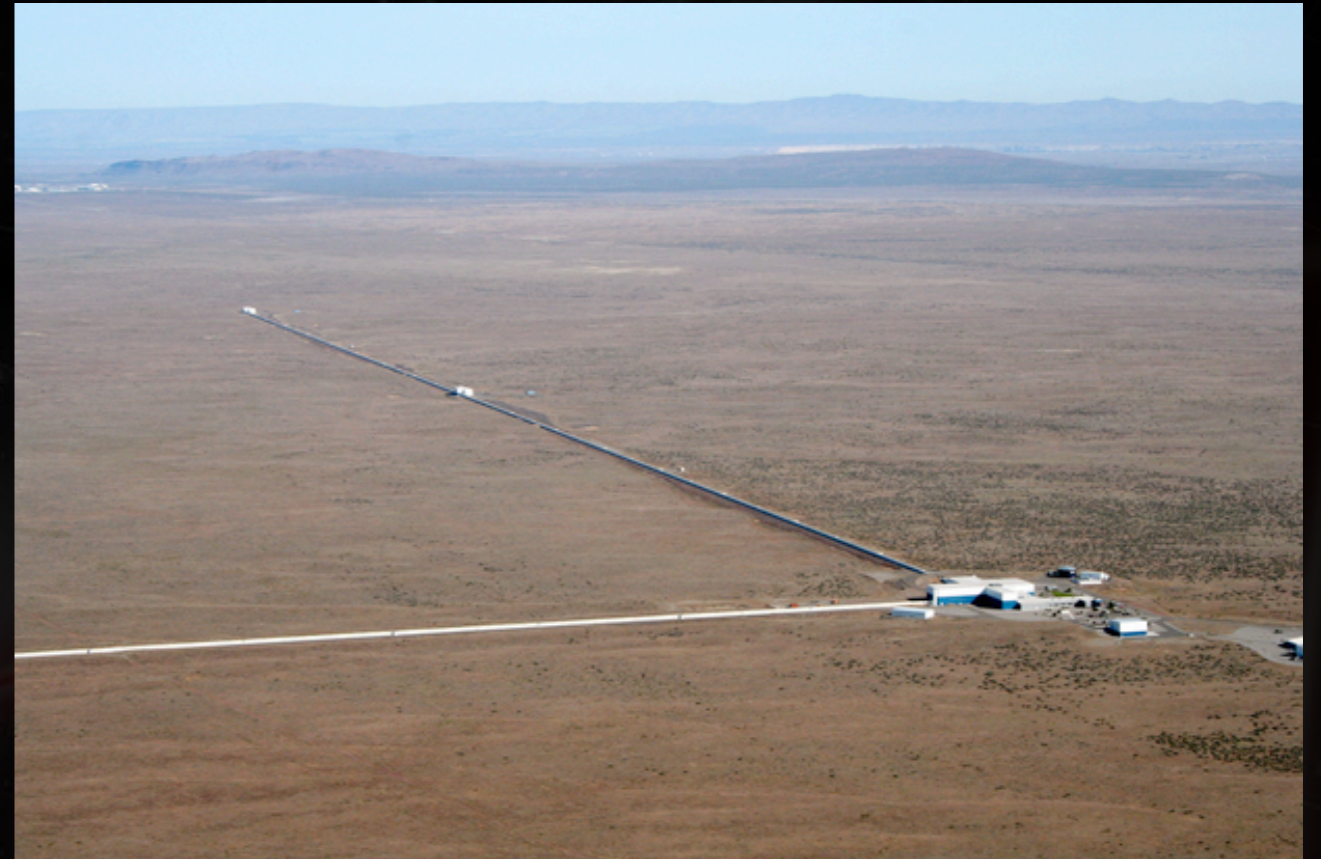


# GW spectrum: current





Credit: Virgo collaboration



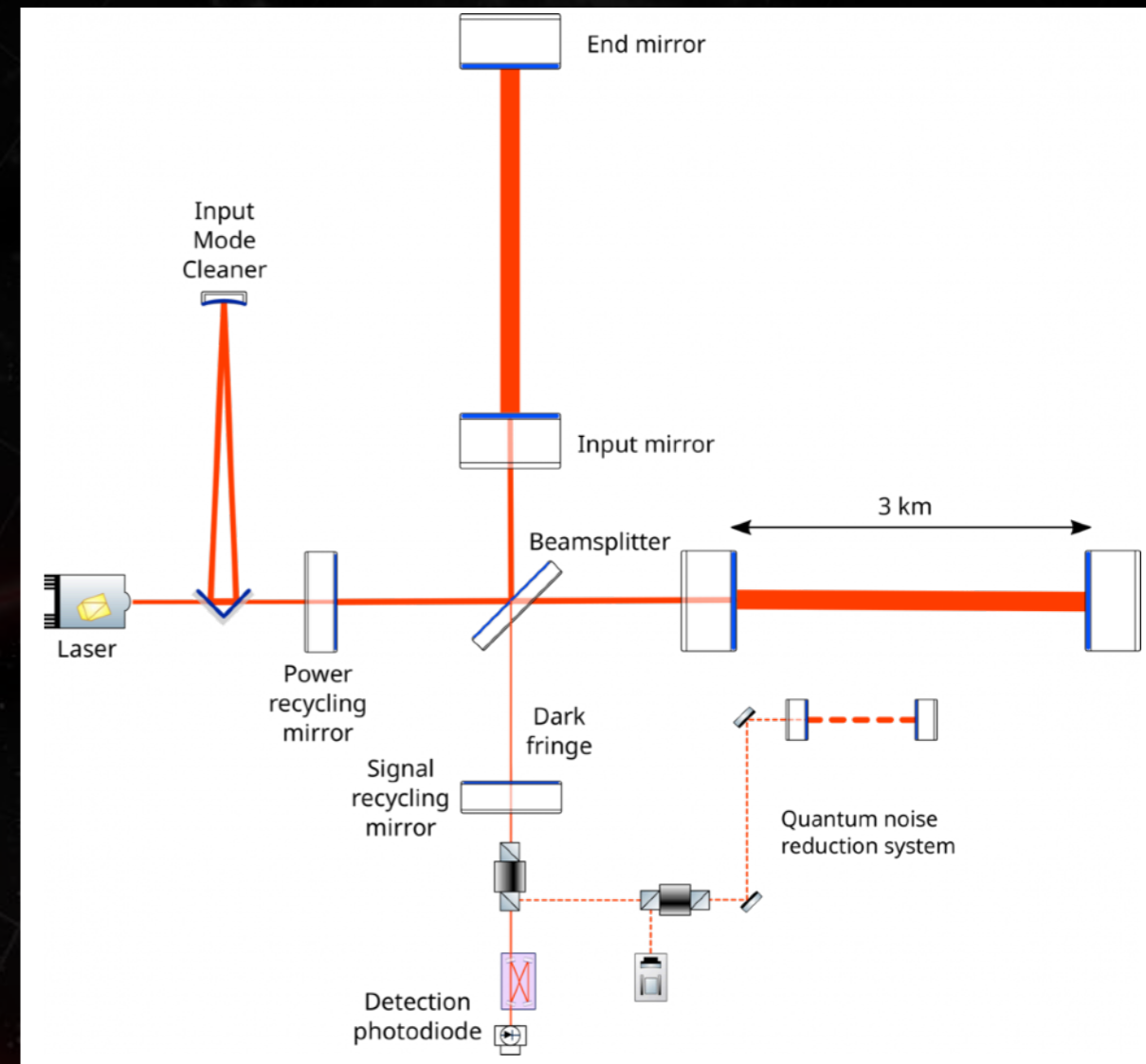
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# Ground based Observatories

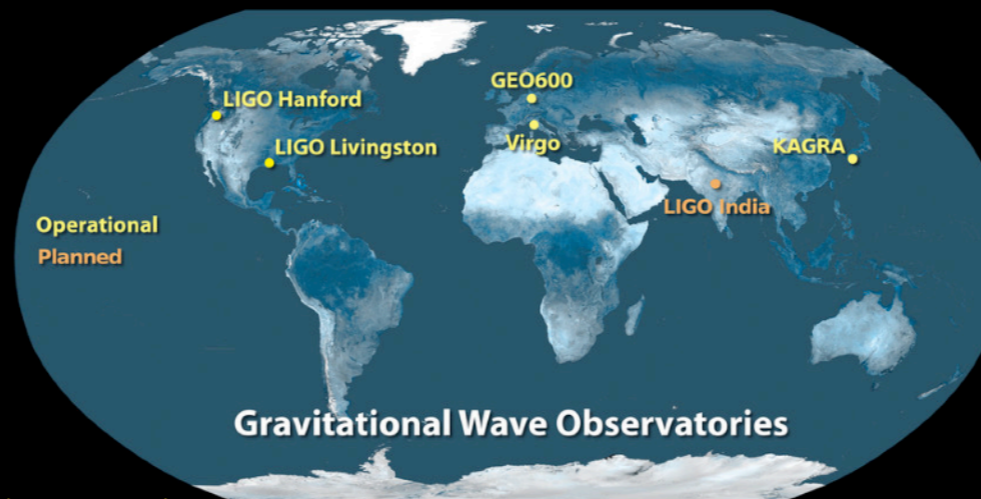
## LIGO, Virgo, KAGRA

# On ground interferometers

- ▶ Improved Michelson interferometers:
  - Fabry-Perot cavities to increase the optical path
  - Recycling of the power
  - Signal recycling
  - Quantum noise reduction
- ▶ Other key technologies:
  - Vacuum ( $\sim 10\,000\text{ m}^3$  at  $10^{-9}\text{ mbar}$ )
  - Isolation
  - Mirrors (surface accurate within 5 atoms)
- ▶ Where?
  - 2 LIGOs in US
  - Virgo in Italy
  - Kagra in Japan



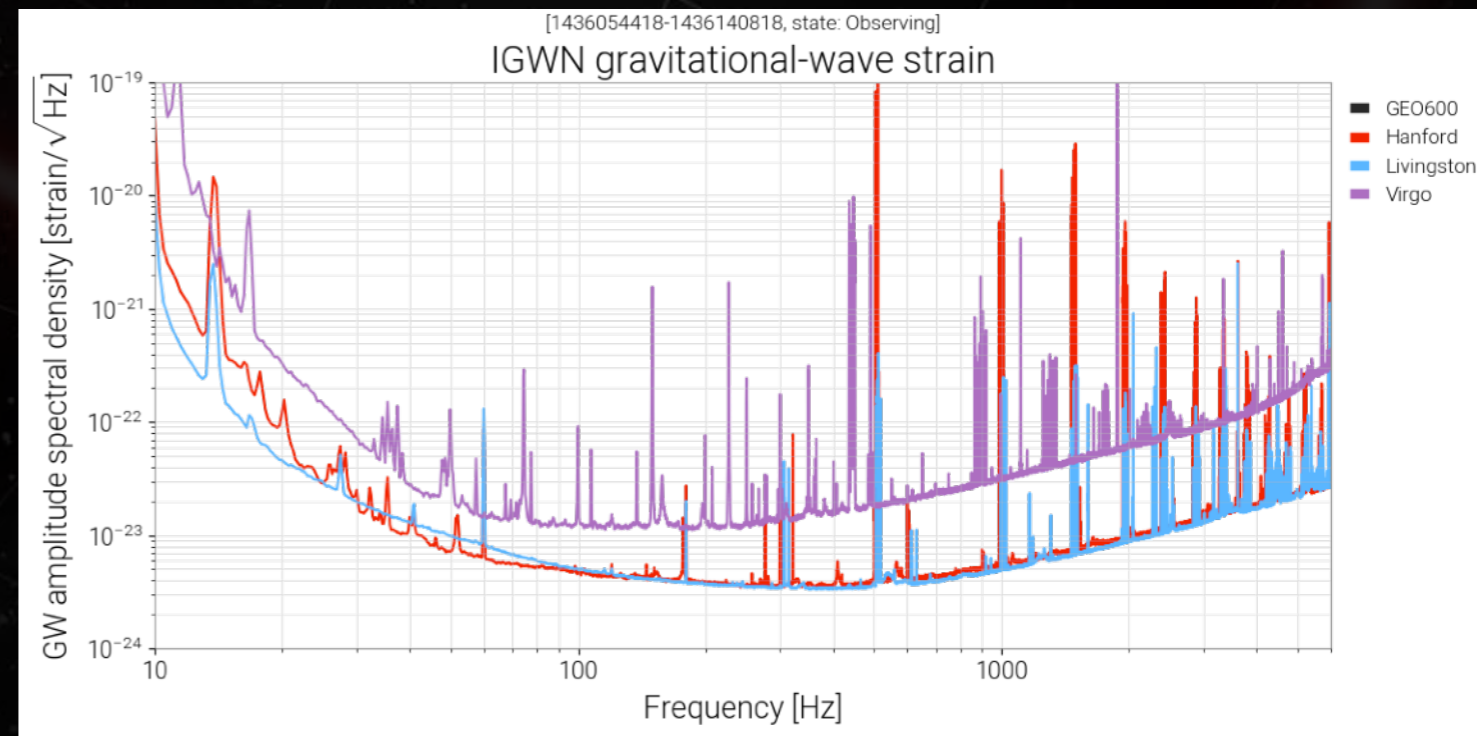
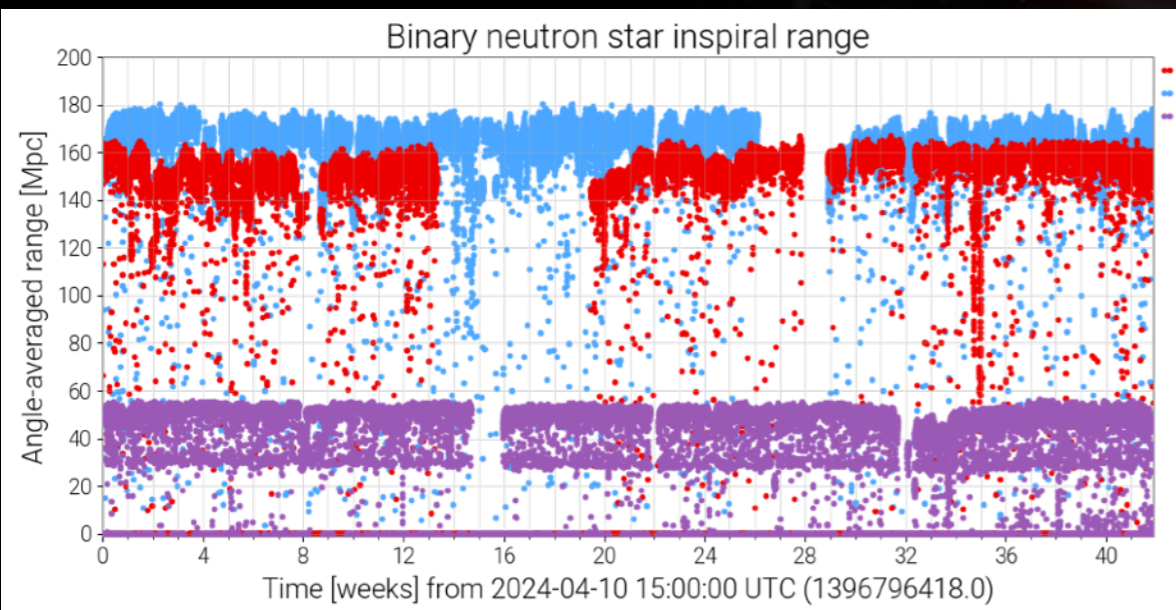
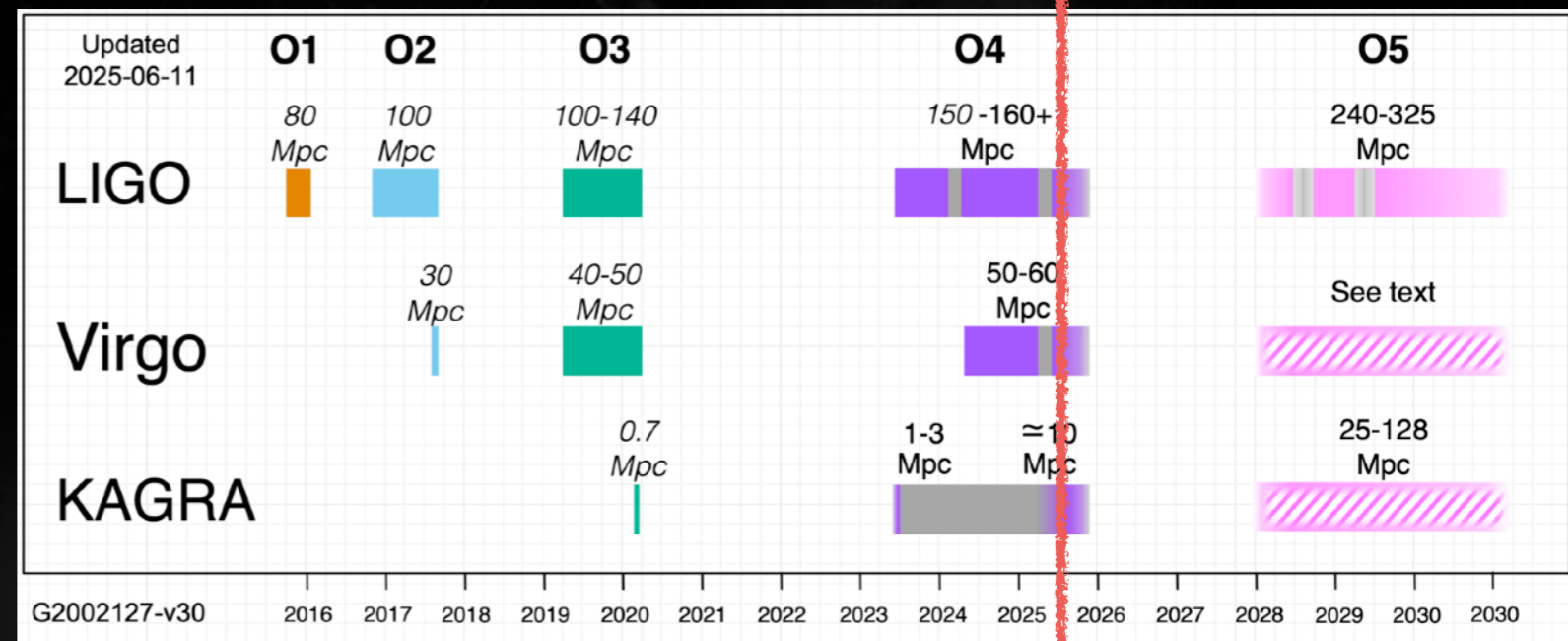
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# Sensitivities

- ▶ LIGO and Virgo restarted in June
- ▶ Sensitivity (horizon for an NS binary):
  - Livingston: 140-160 Mpc
  - Handford: 150 Mpc
  - Virgo: 50 Mpc



# Results

Credit: LVK collaboration

## ► Detection:

- O1+O2: 11 events
- O3a: 55 events
- O3b: 98 events
- O4a: 81 (92 Total - 11 Retracted)
- O4b : 105 (114 Total - 9 Retracted)
- O4c: 19 (14 Total - 5 Retracted)

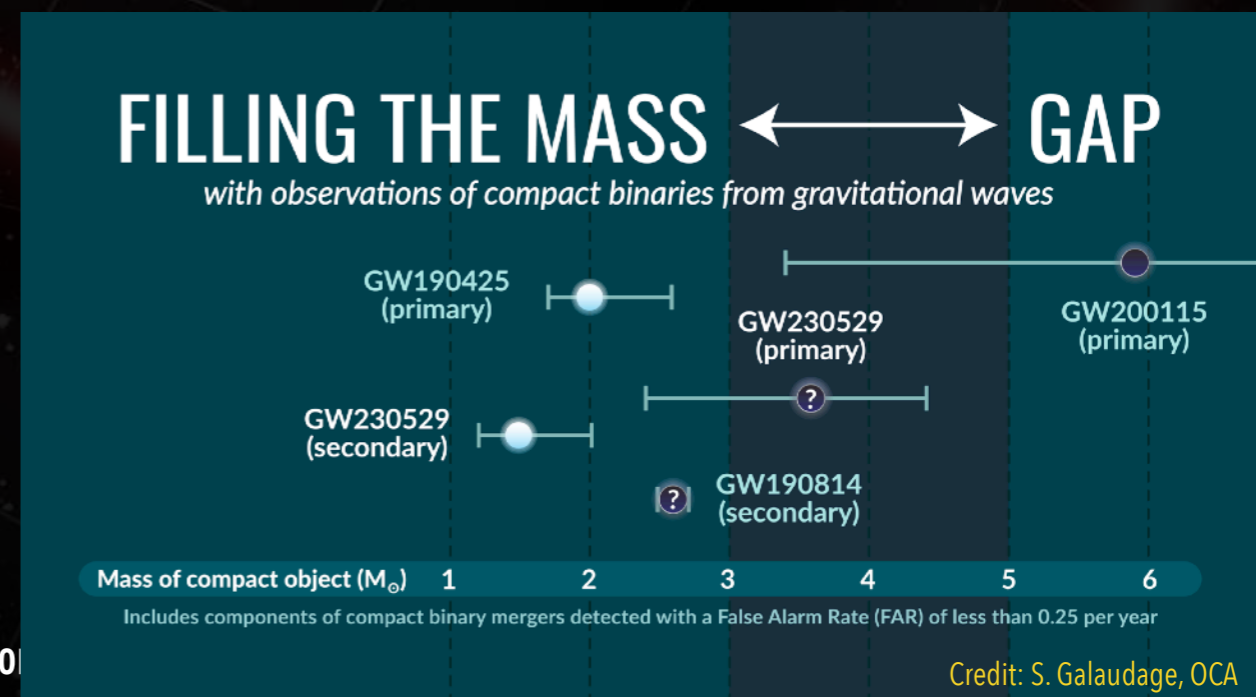
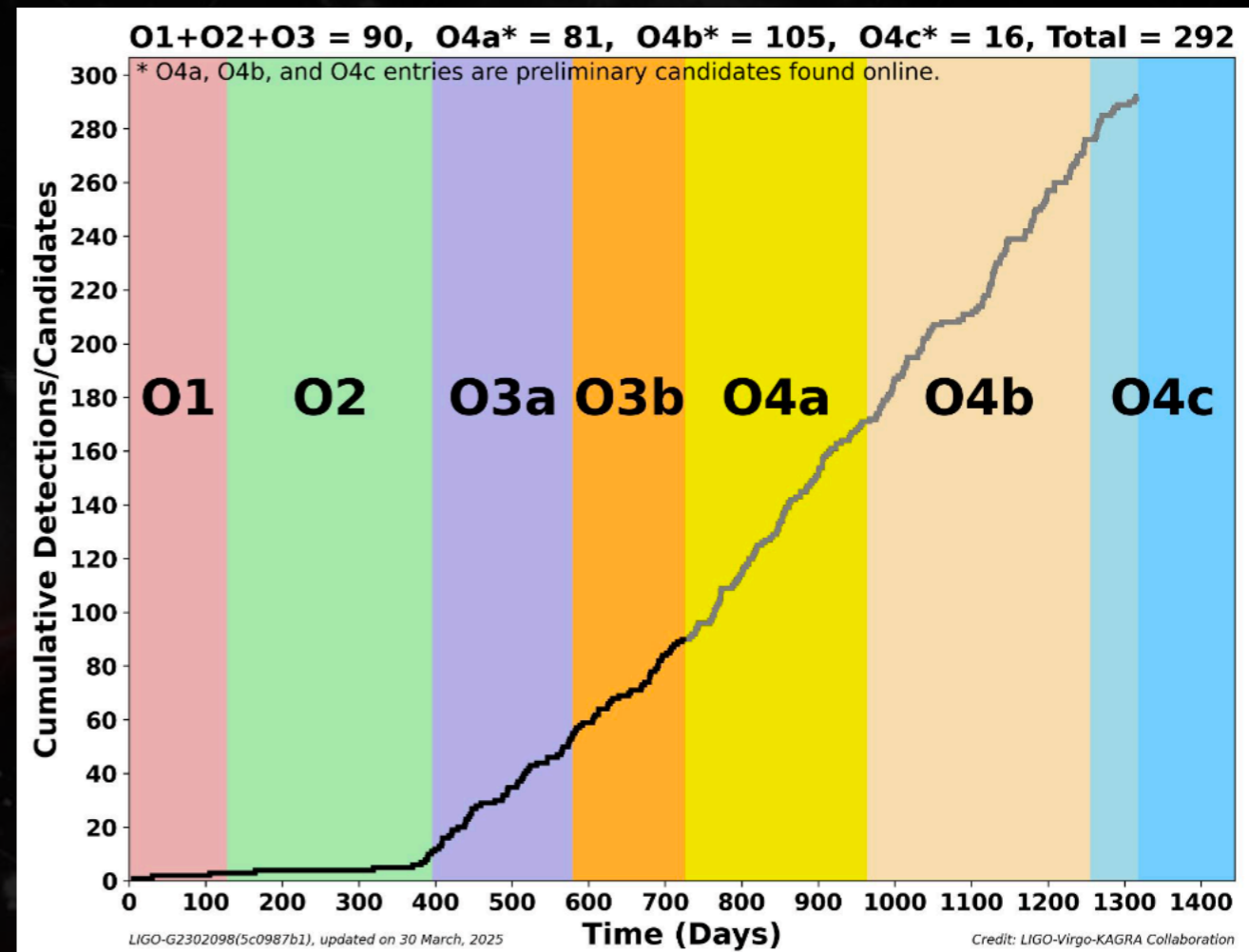
## ► Type of sources:

- Mainly stellar mass BH binaries
- Few neutron star (NS) binaries and NS-BH

## ► Outstanding detections:

- First BBH: GW150914
- First NS-NS (multimessenger): GW170817
- Highest mass ( $> 100 M_{\odot}$ ): GW190426
- First NS-BH: GW200105

## ► Last public result: GW230529 with a component in the mass gap?





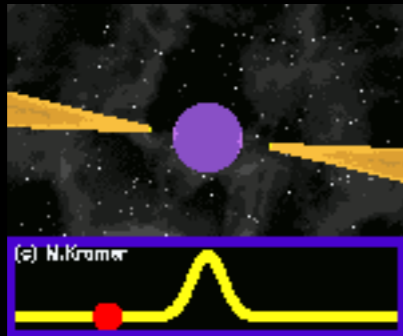
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# Pulsar Timing Array

## EPTA, NANOGrav, PPTA, CPTA

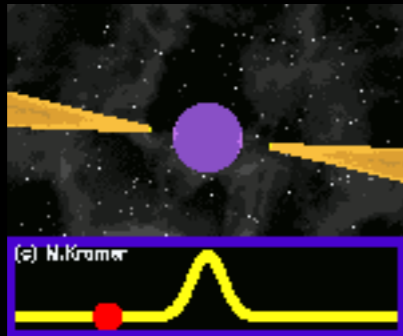
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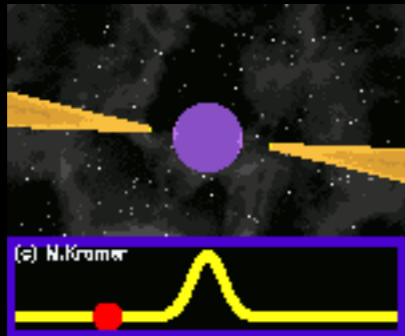
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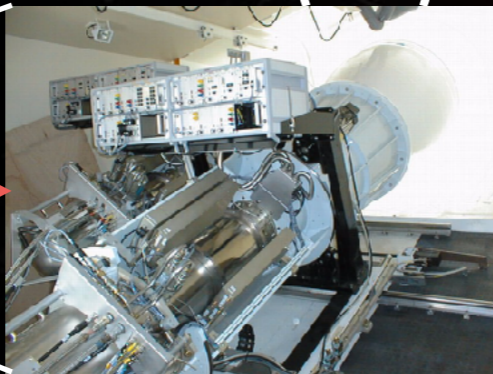
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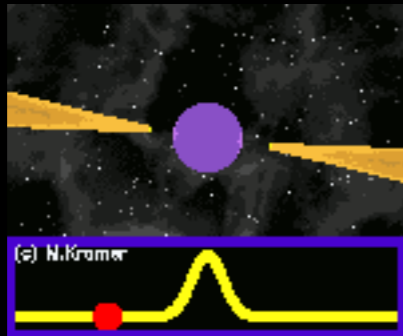


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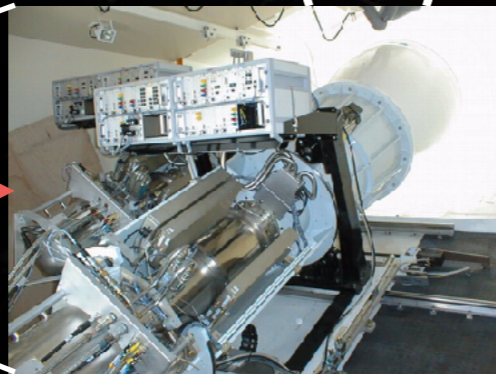
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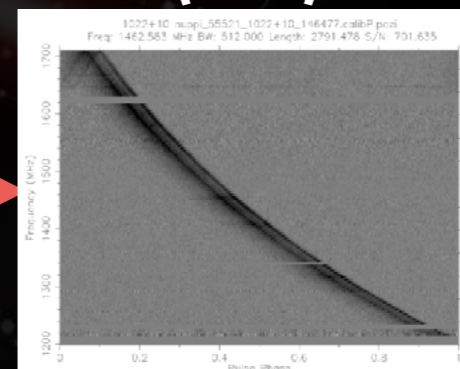
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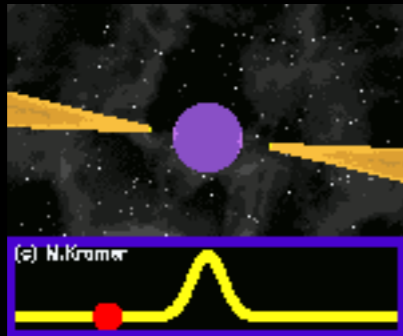


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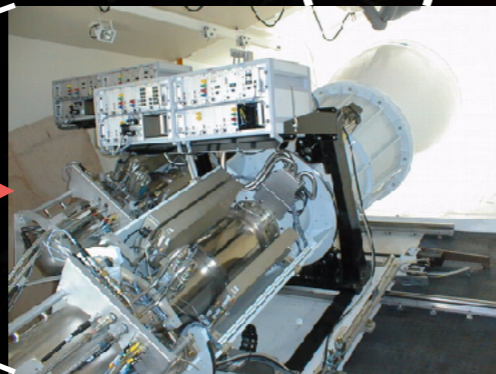
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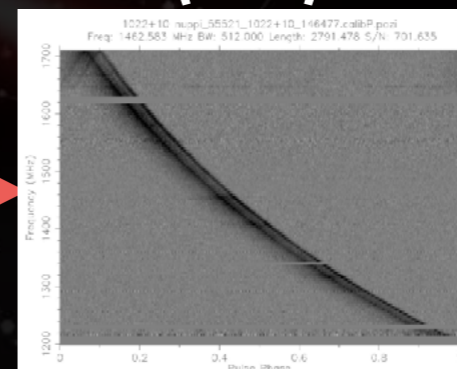
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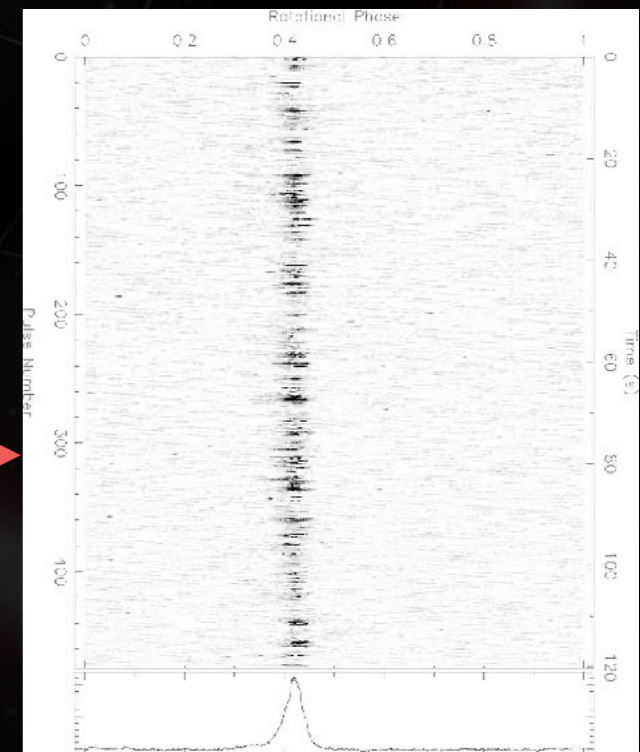
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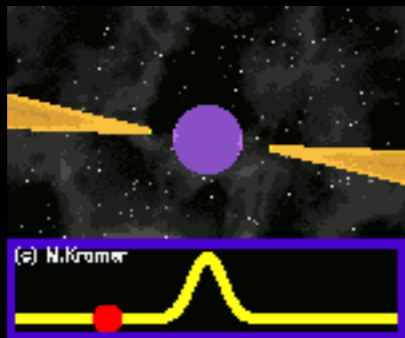


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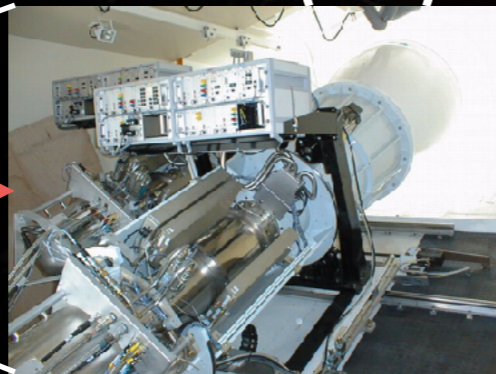
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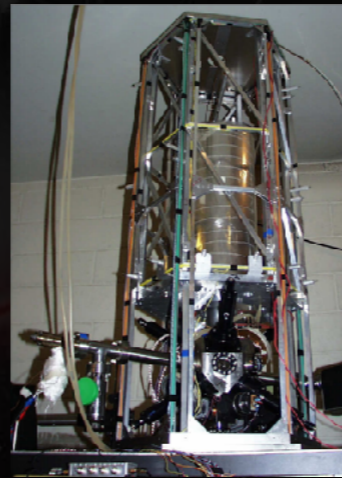
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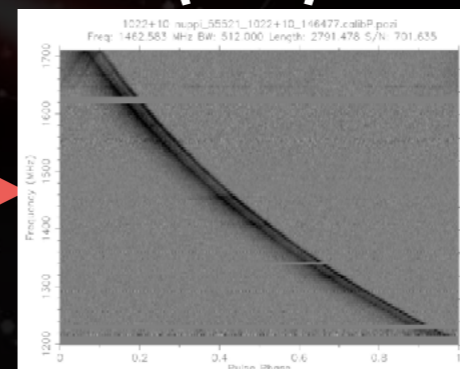
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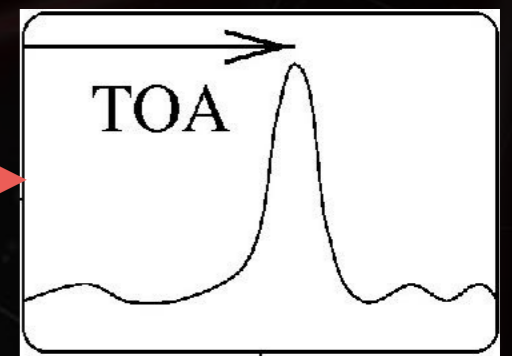
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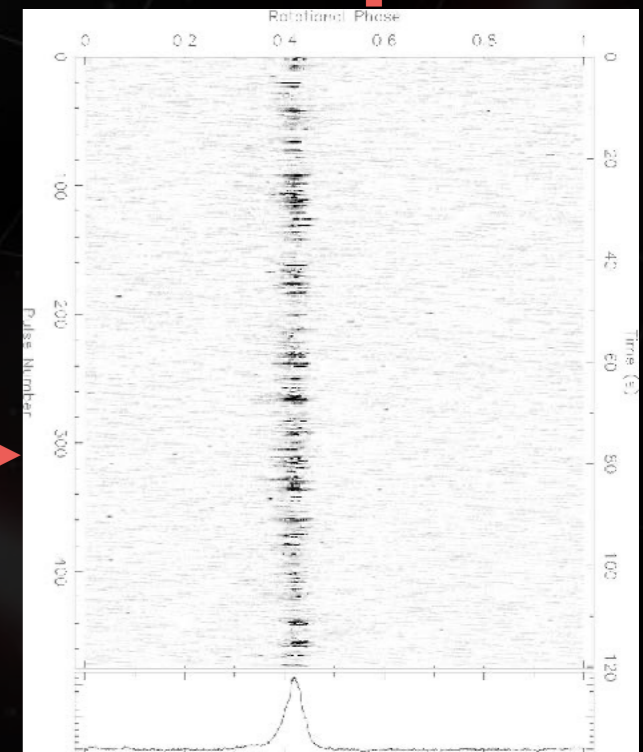
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Integrated pulse



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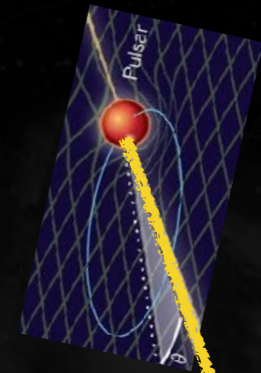
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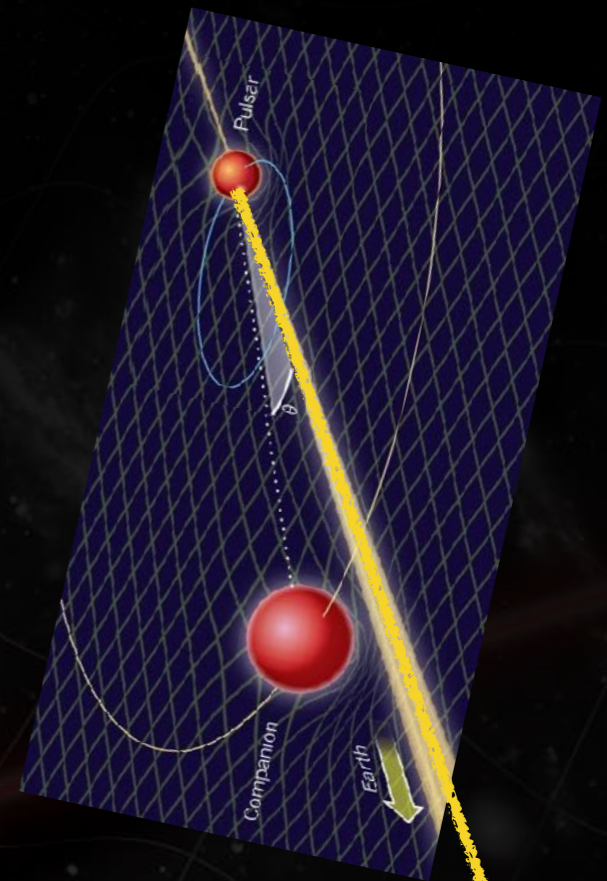
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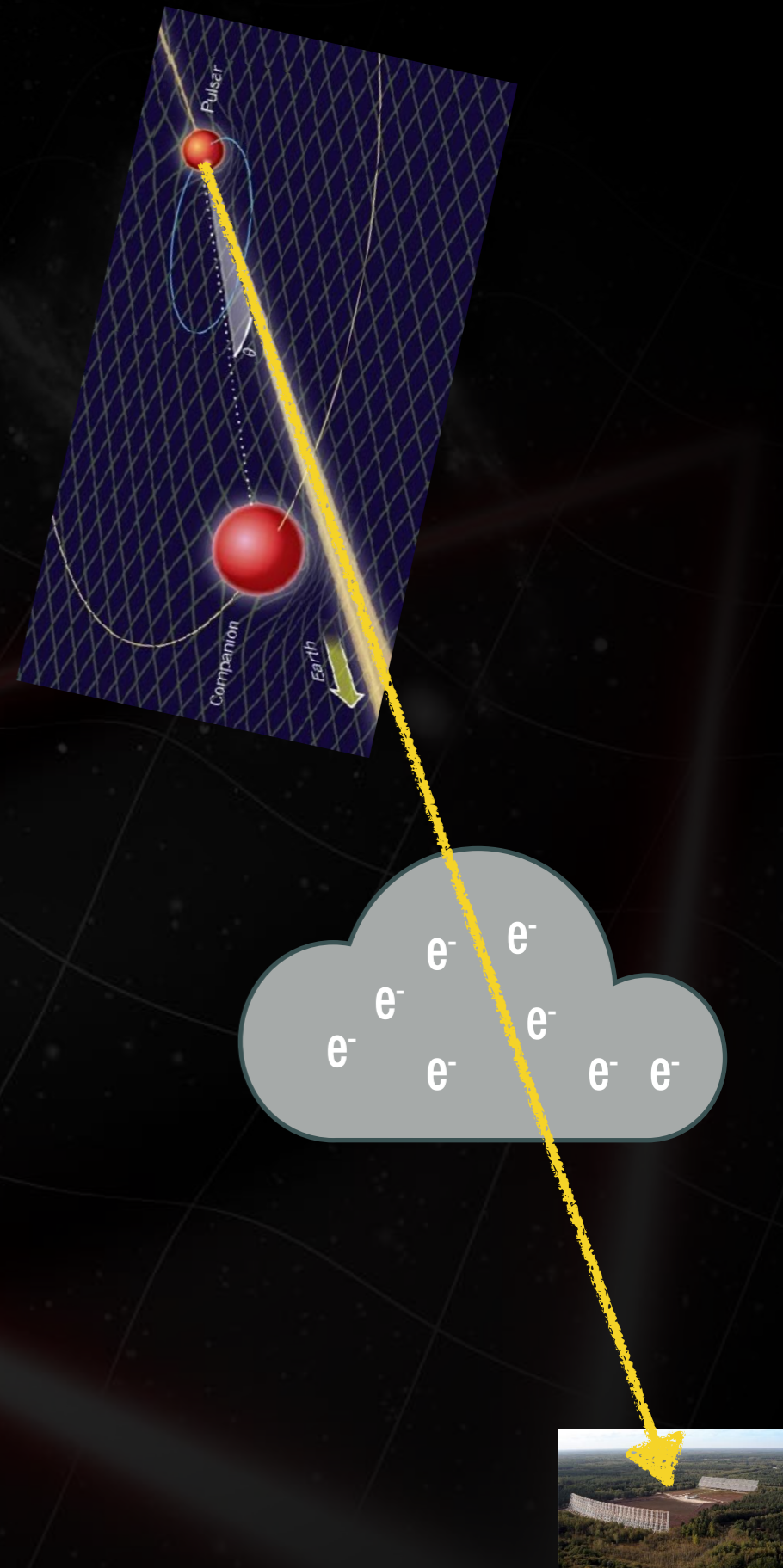
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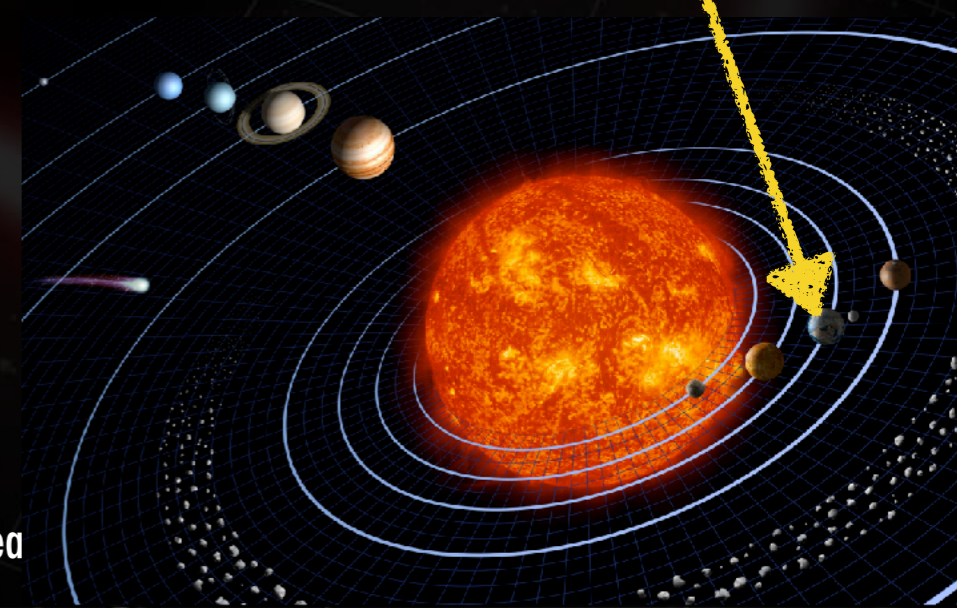
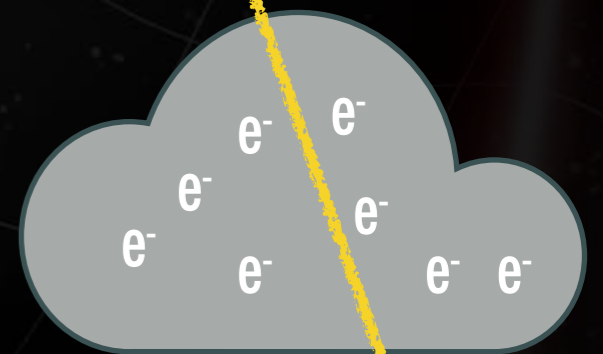
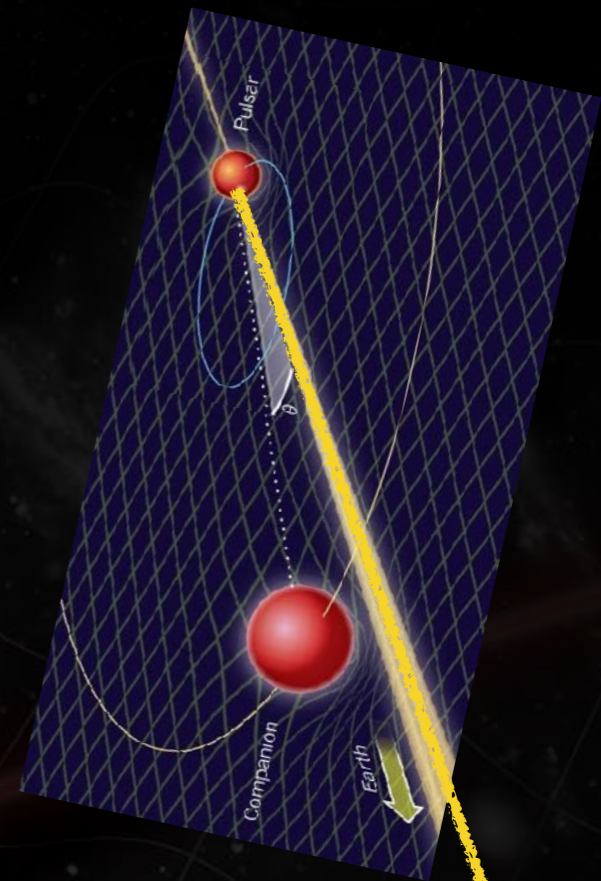
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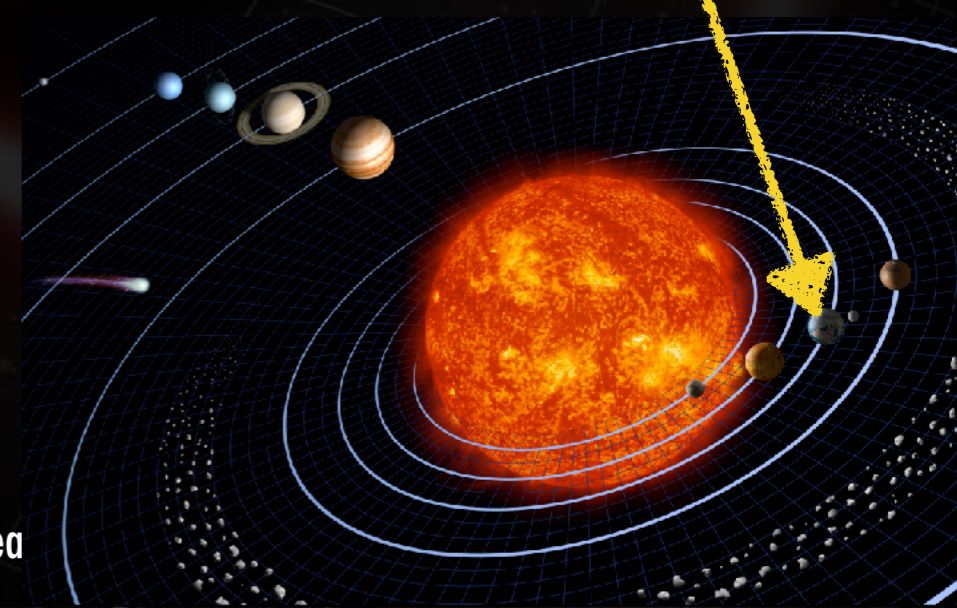
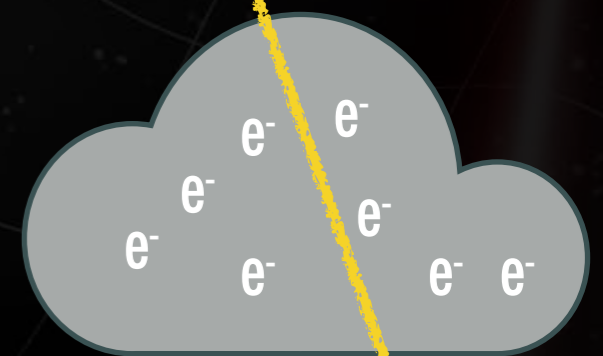
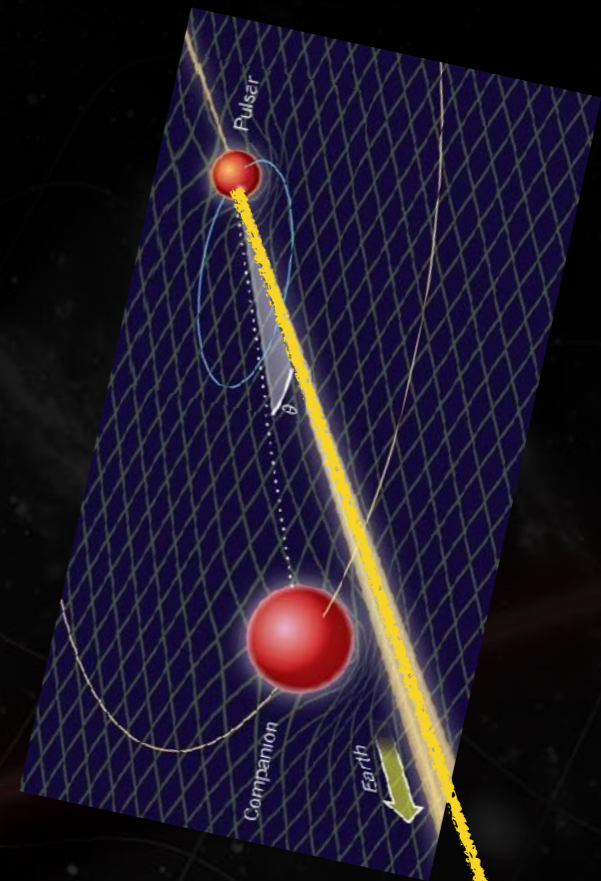
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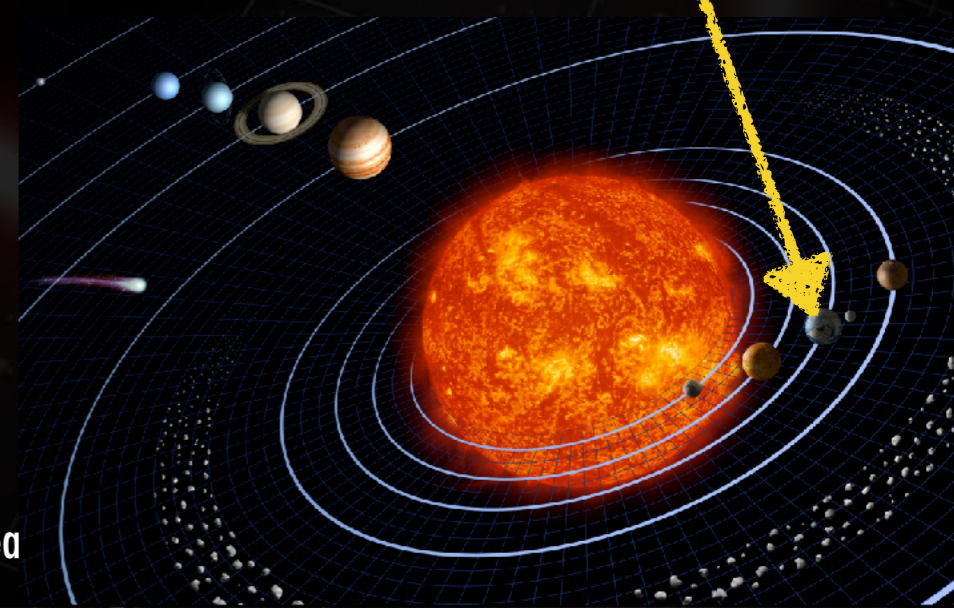
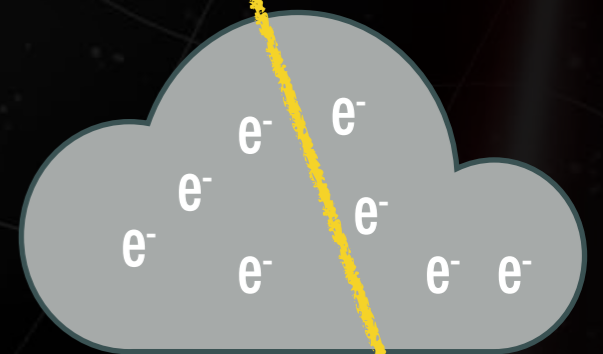
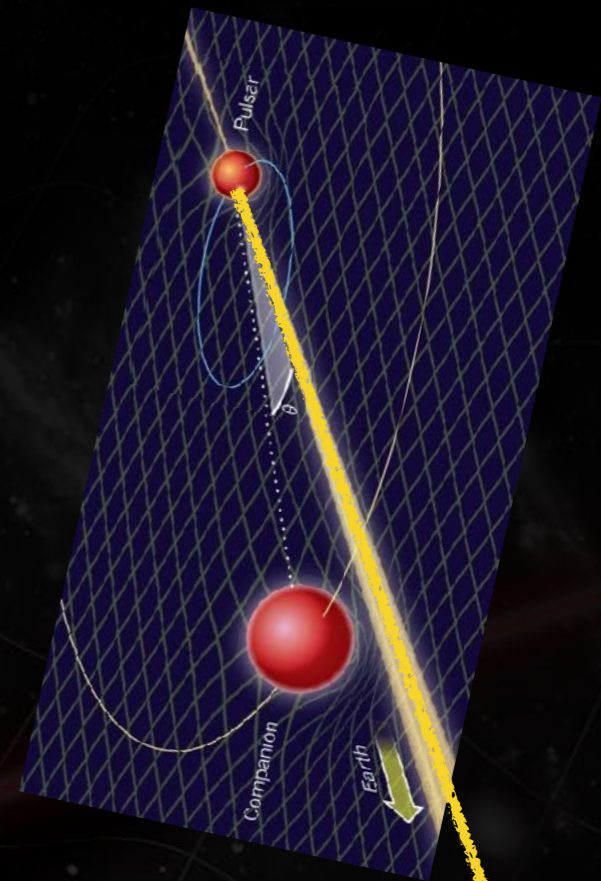
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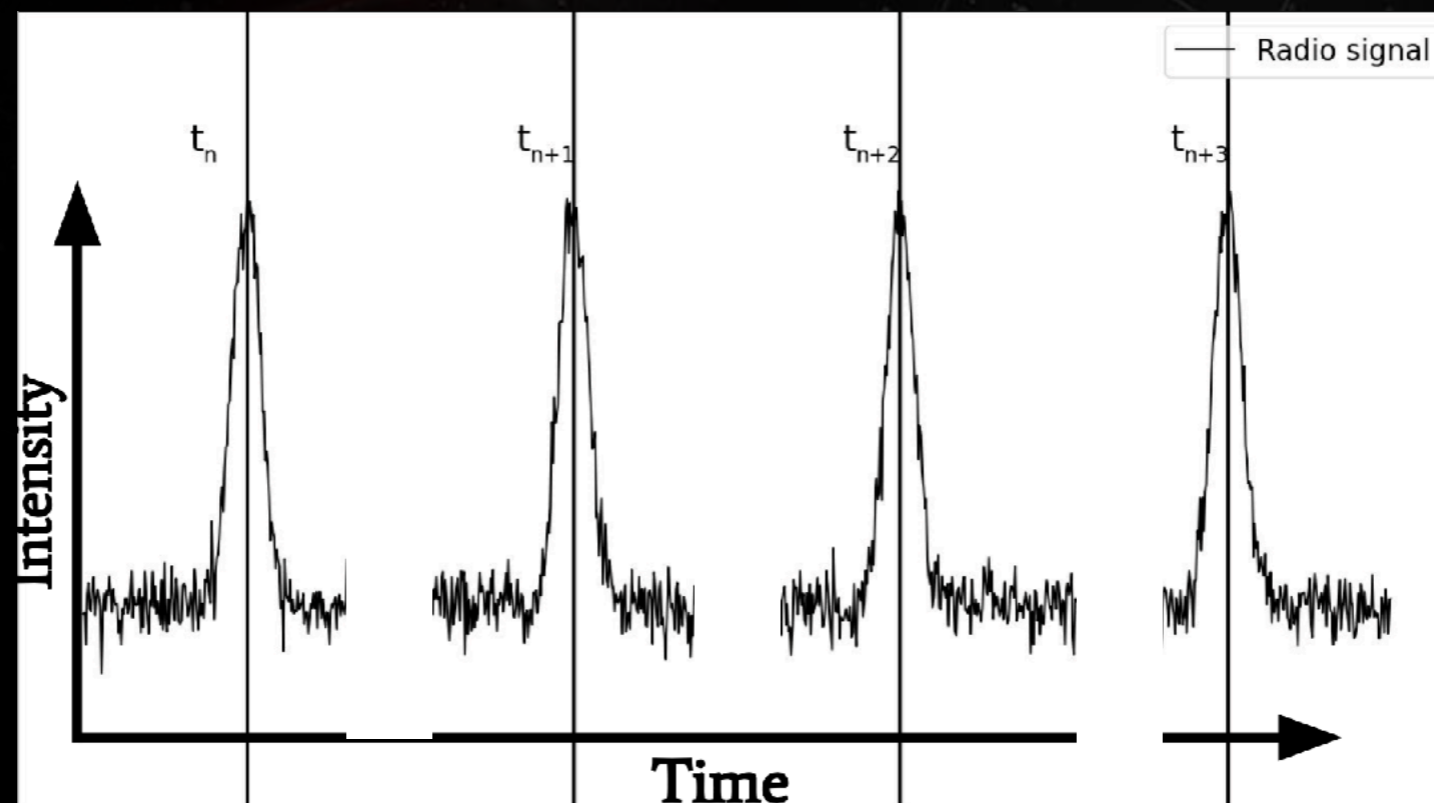
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► Modelling of each pulsars

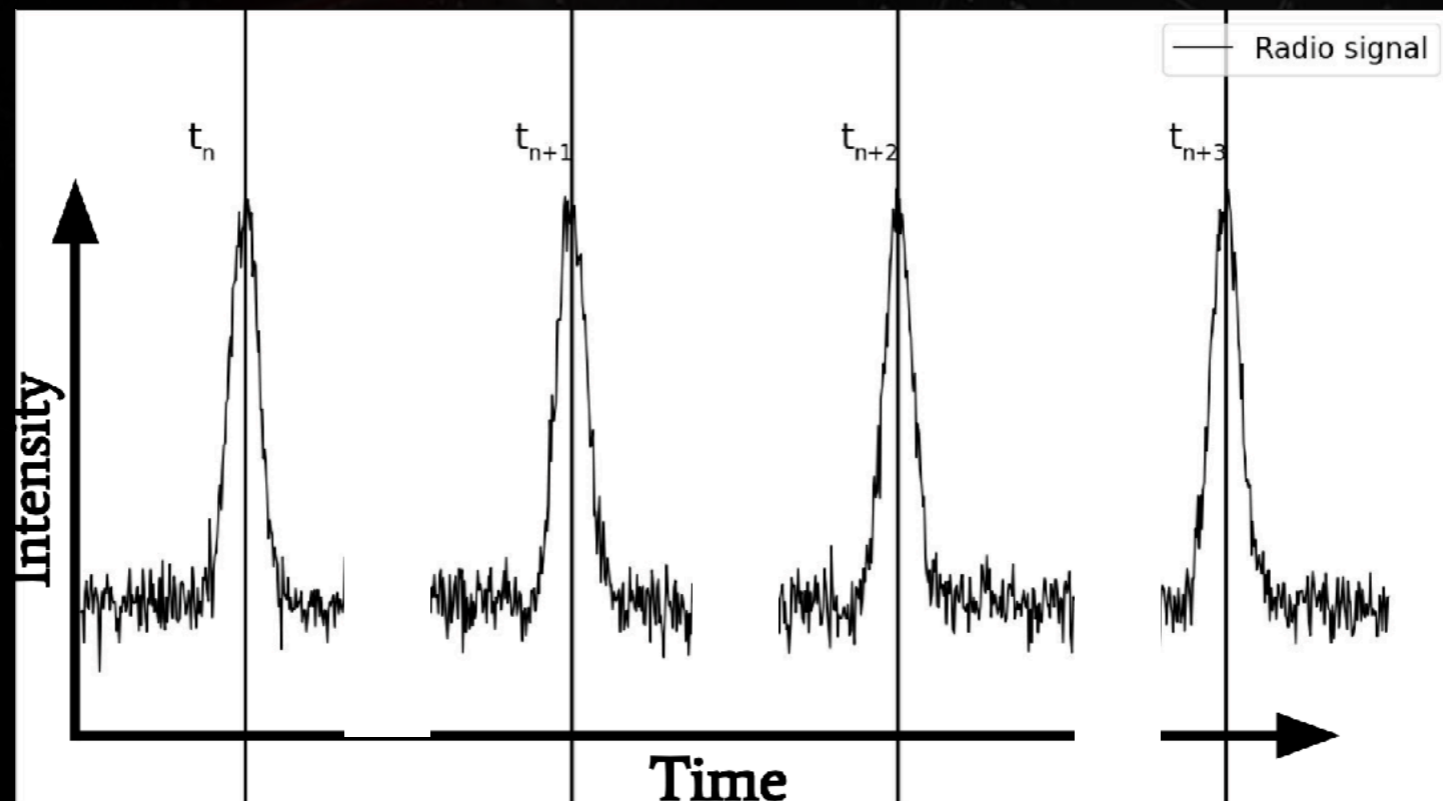


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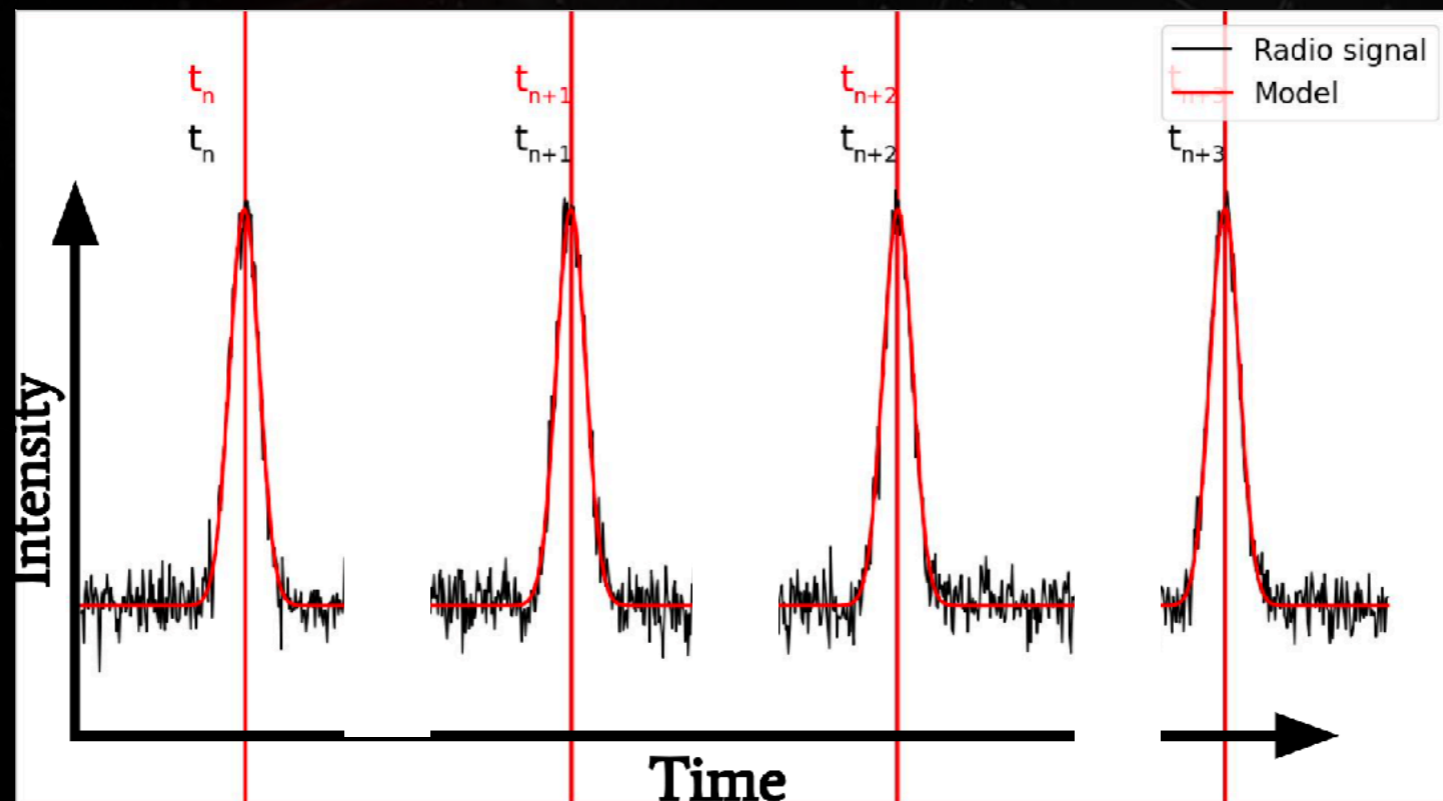
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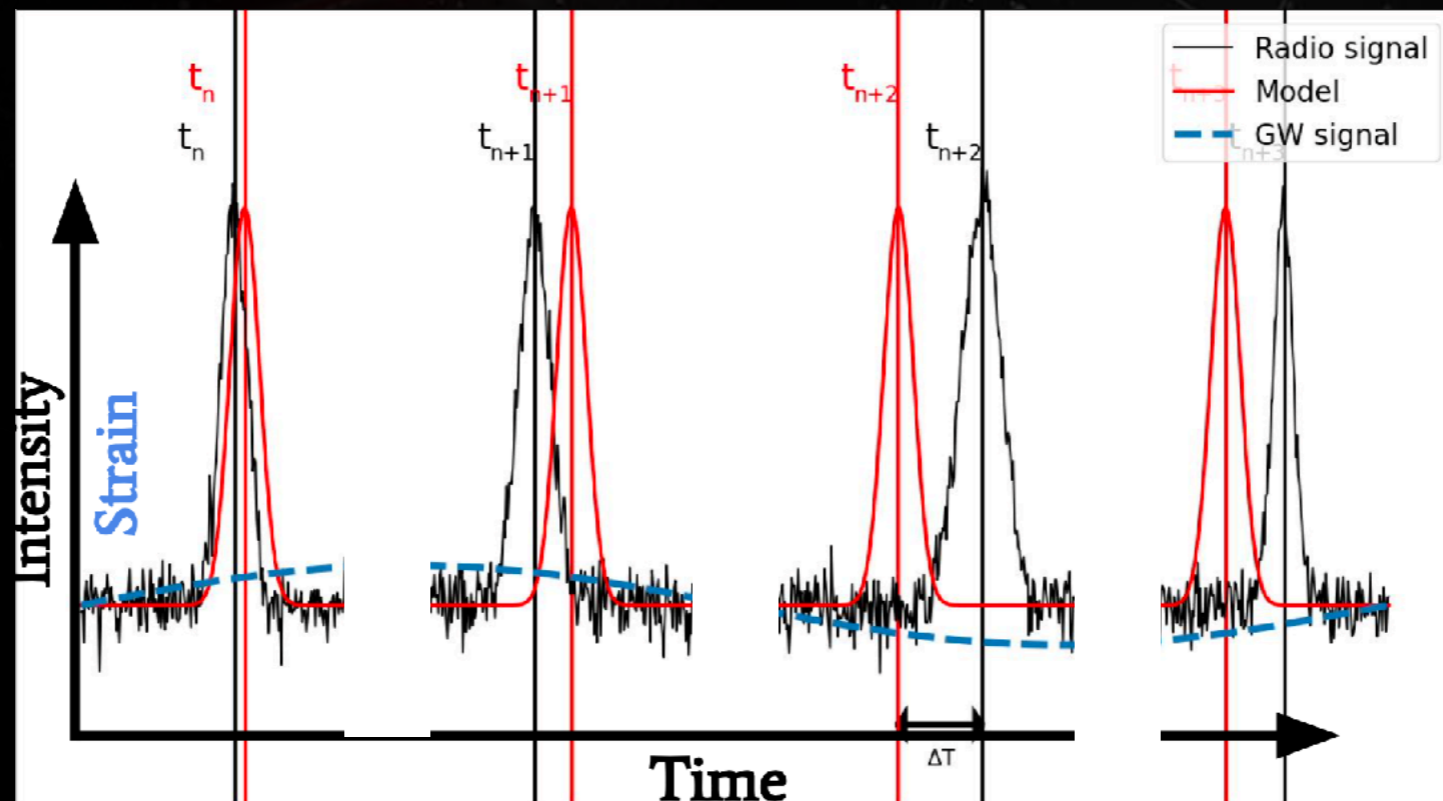
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  - ▶ If GWs  $\Rightarrow$  deviation from the model
- $\Rightarrow$  GWs observed in the **residuals = data - model**



# Pulsar timing and GWs

- GWs => **correlated fluctuations** in TOAs of multiple pulsars

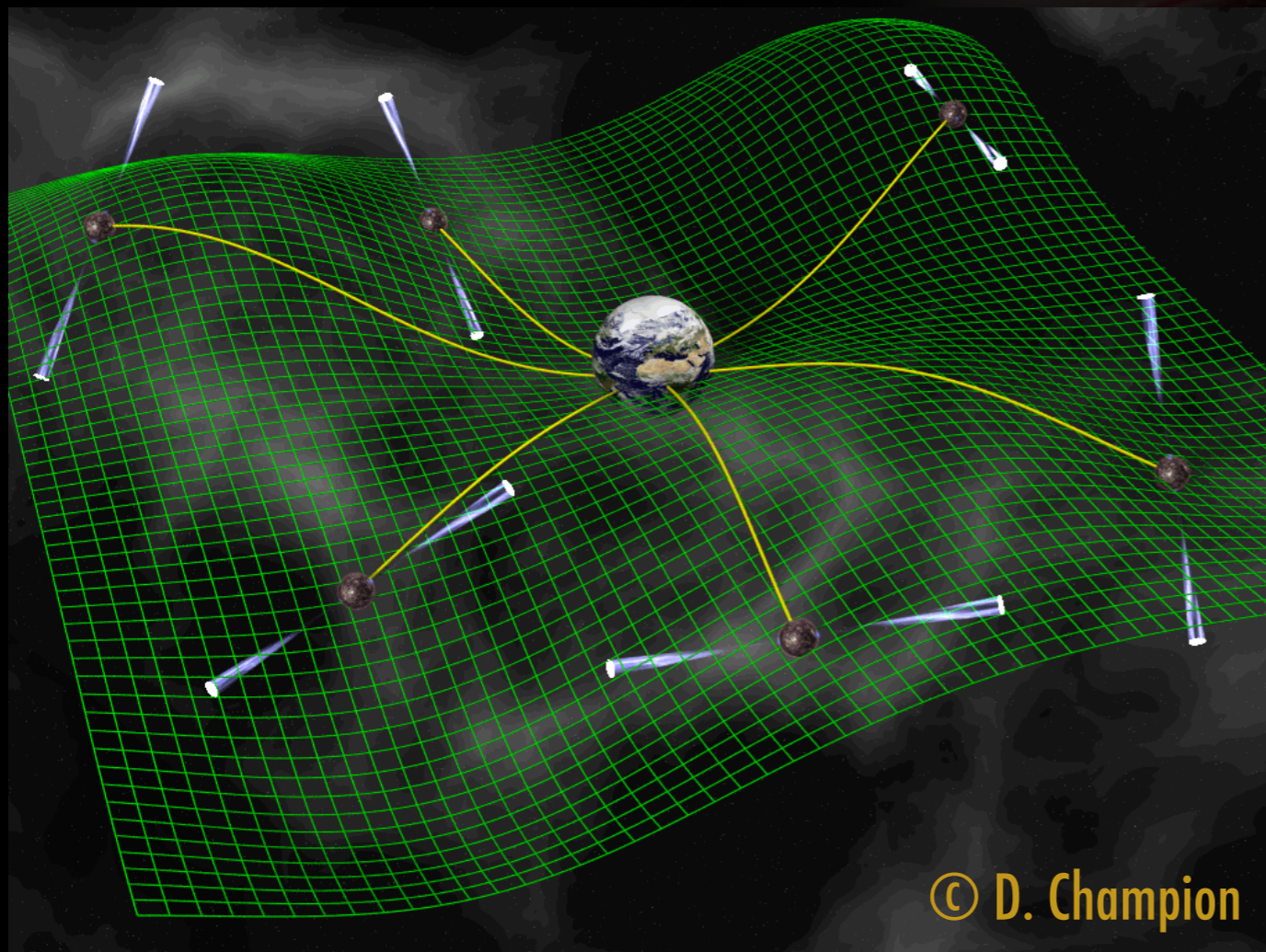
Observed & emitted pulsar spin frequency

$$\delta t_{GW}(t_a) = \int_{t_e}^{t_a} \frac{\nu(t') - \nu_0}{\nu_0} dt' = \int_{t_e}^{t_a} \frac{\delta \nu(t')}{\nu_0} dt'$$

Emission & reception times of pulses

$$\frac{\delta \nu(t')}{\nu_0} = \frac{\hat{n}_\alpha^i \hat{n}_\alpha^j}{2 \left( 1 + \hat{n}_\alpha \cdot \hat{k} \right)} \Delta h_{ij}$$

Pulsar & GW source sky location



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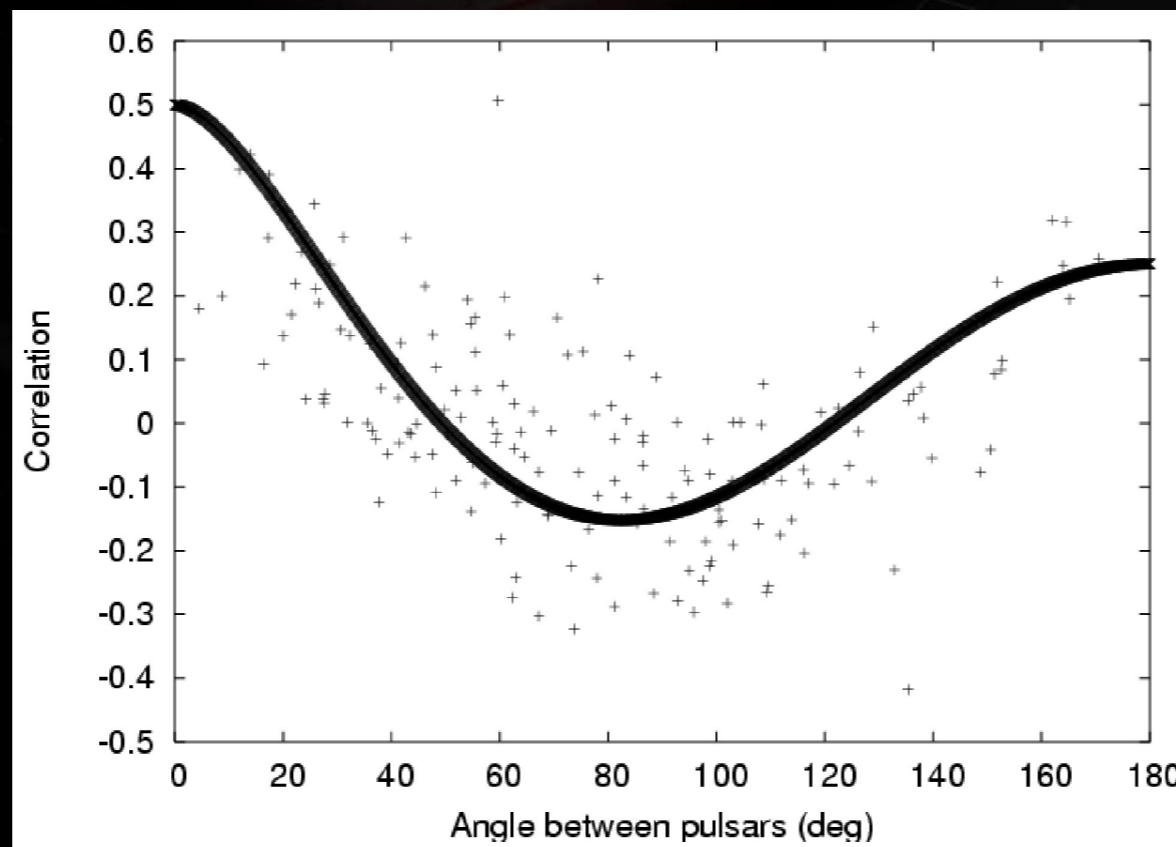
$$\Delta h_{ij} = h_{ij}(t_e) - h_{ij}(t_a)$$

GW characteristic strain

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- ▶ For an **isotropic GW background**, characteristic spatial correlation: Hellings-Down curve: specific relation between correlation of 2 pulsar and their angular separation => signature of GW Background

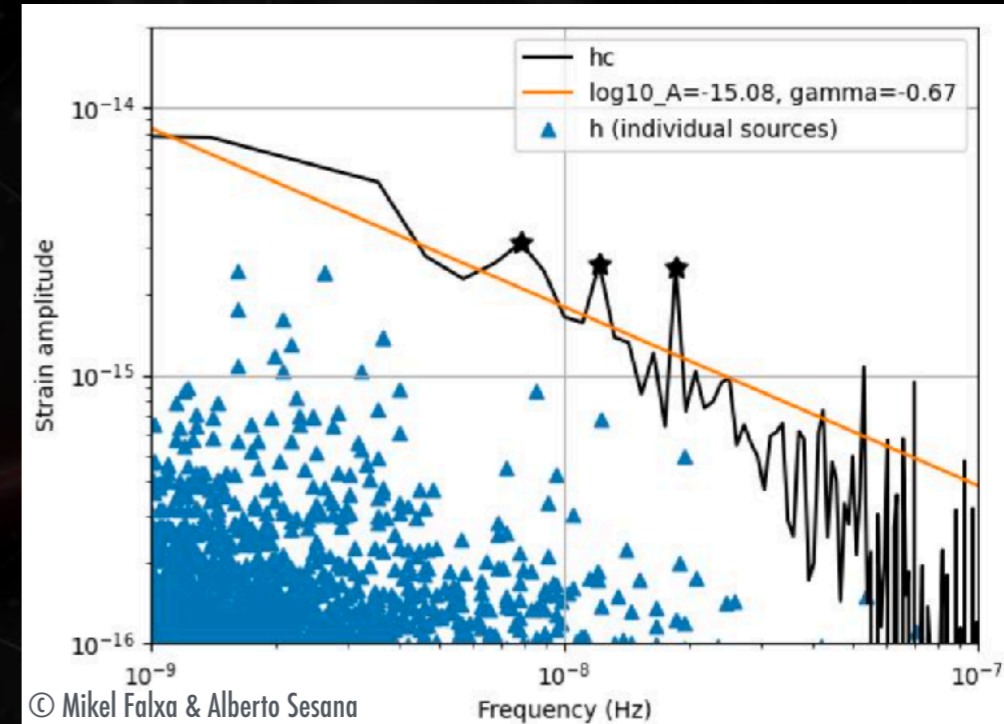
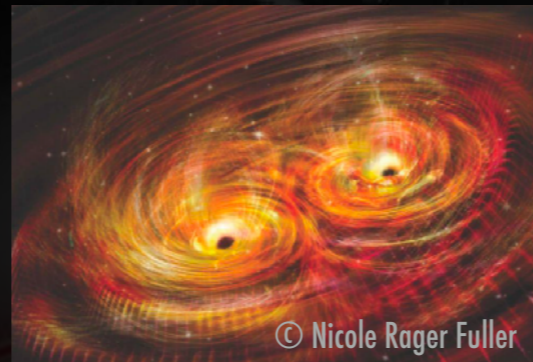
$$\Gamma_{\text{GWB}}(\zeta_{IJ}) = \frac{3}{2}x_{IJ} \ln x_{IJ} - \frac{x_{IJ}}{4} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\delta x_{IJ} \quad \text{with} \quad x_{IJ} = [1 - \cos(\zeta_{IJ})]/2$$



# GW sources in the nHz band

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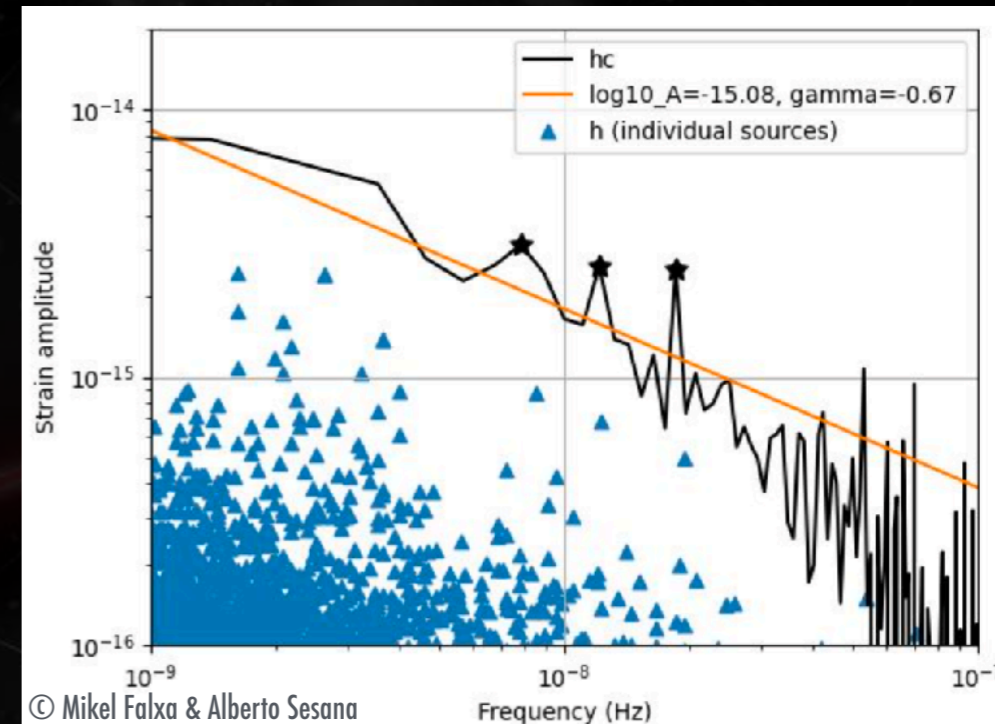


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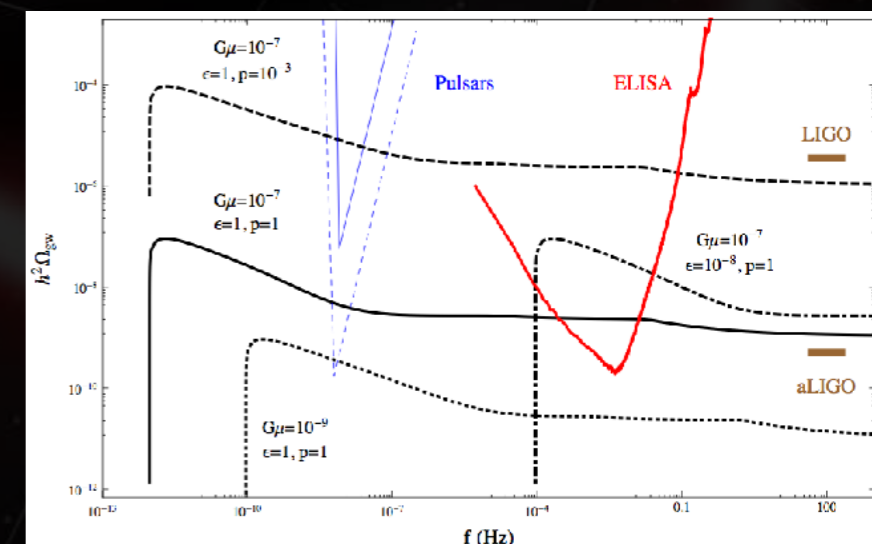
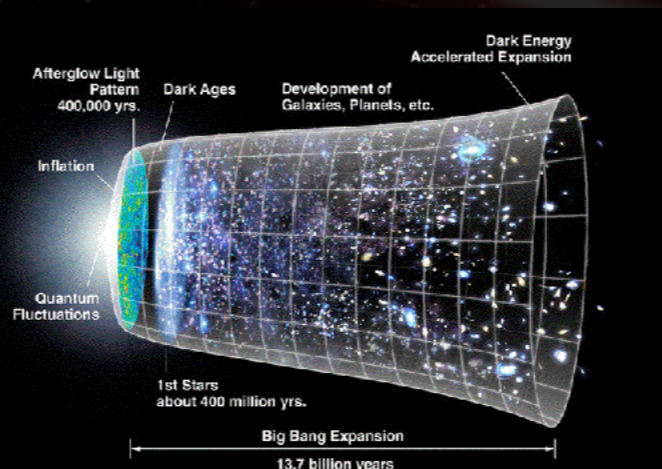
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## ► Stochastic background from cosmological origin:

- First order phase transition (QCD)
- Cosmic strings
- Primordial GWs
- ...



# PTA collaborations

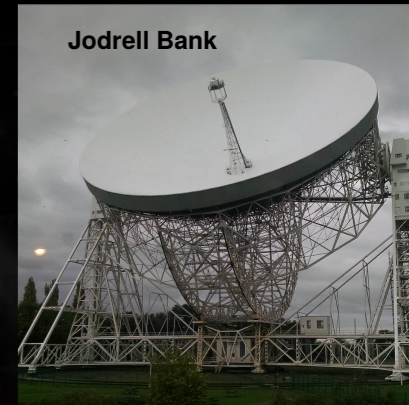
## ▶ 3 "historical" collaborations:

- **EPTA** (Europe):
  - Nancay RT (FR),
  - Effelsberg RT (G),
  - Jodrell Bank Obs. (UK),
  - Westerbork Synthesis RT(NL),
  - Sardinia RT (I).
- **PPTA** (Australia)
  - Parkes radiotelescope
- **NANOGrav** (USA):
  - Arecibo
  - Green Bank
  - CHIME

## ▶ Recent collaborations:

- InPTA: GMRT, ORT (Inde)
- CPTA: FAST, ... (Chine)
- APT (African Pulsar Timing): MeerKAT

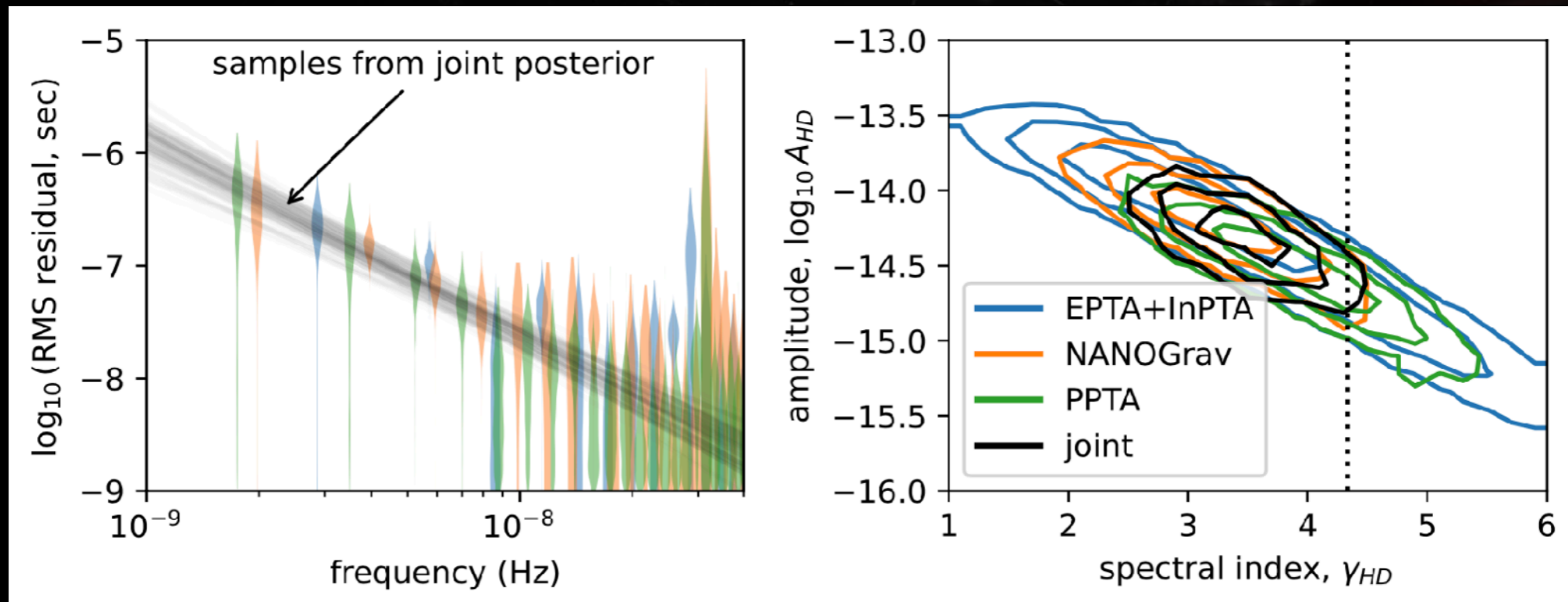
## ▶ Worldwide collaboration: **International PTA**



# Results: strong evidence for GW signal

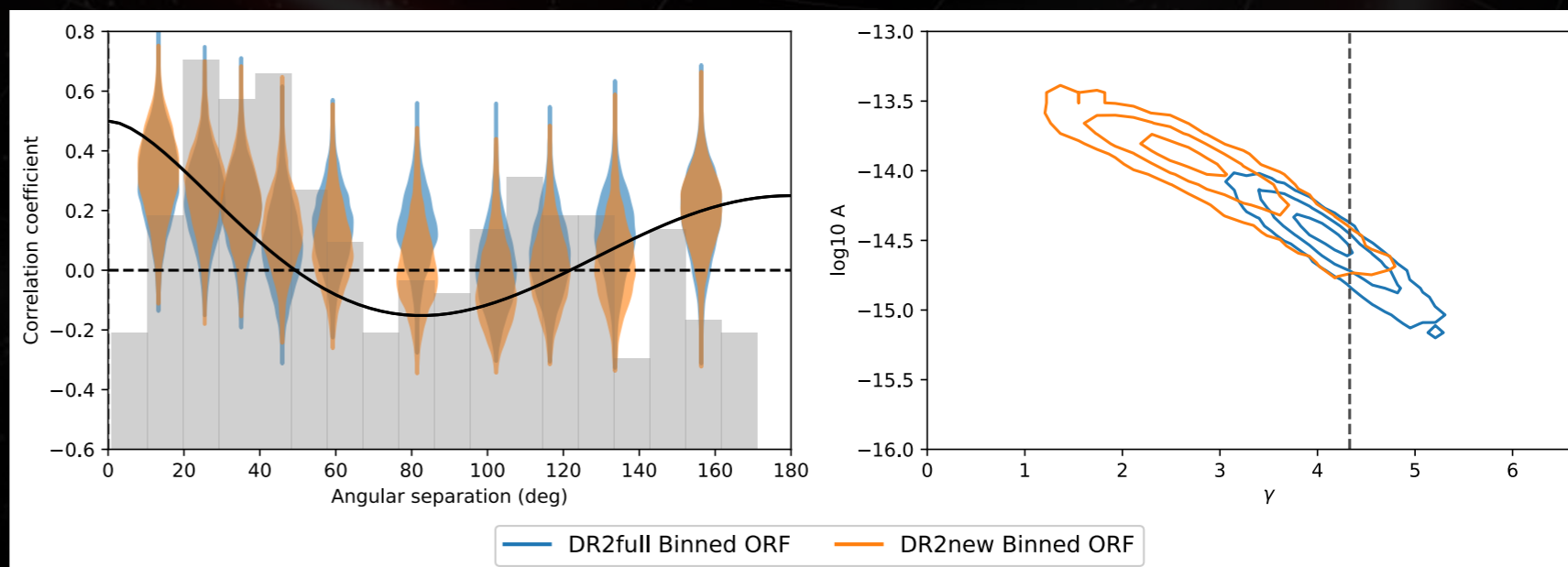
- ▶ **Results** from the 3 "historical" PTA collaborations
- ▶ The origin of the signal is still to be understood.

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2309.00693>

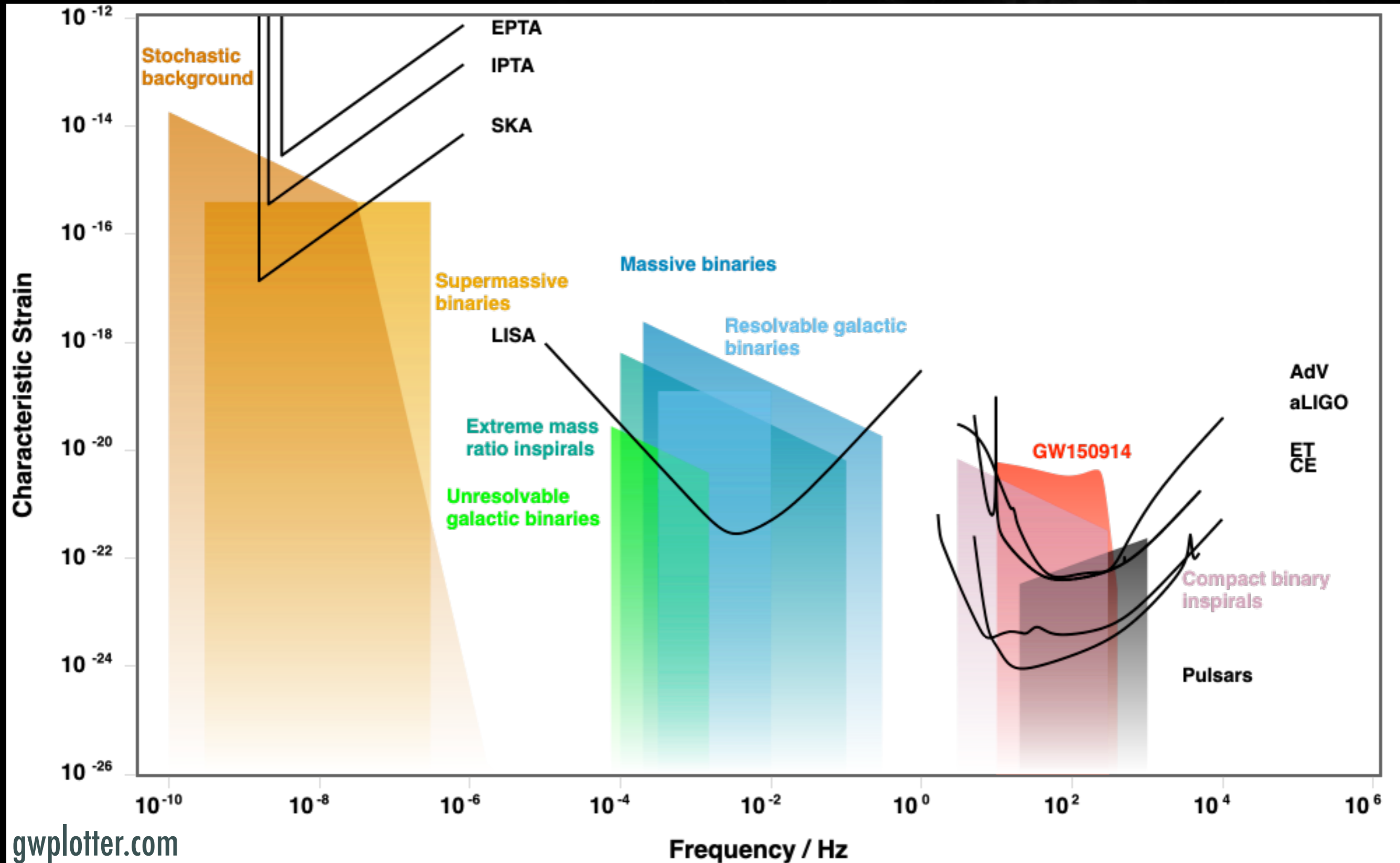


- ▶ EPTA spatial correlation

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2306.16214>



# GW spectrum: current + future





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## IPTA, SKA

# IPTA

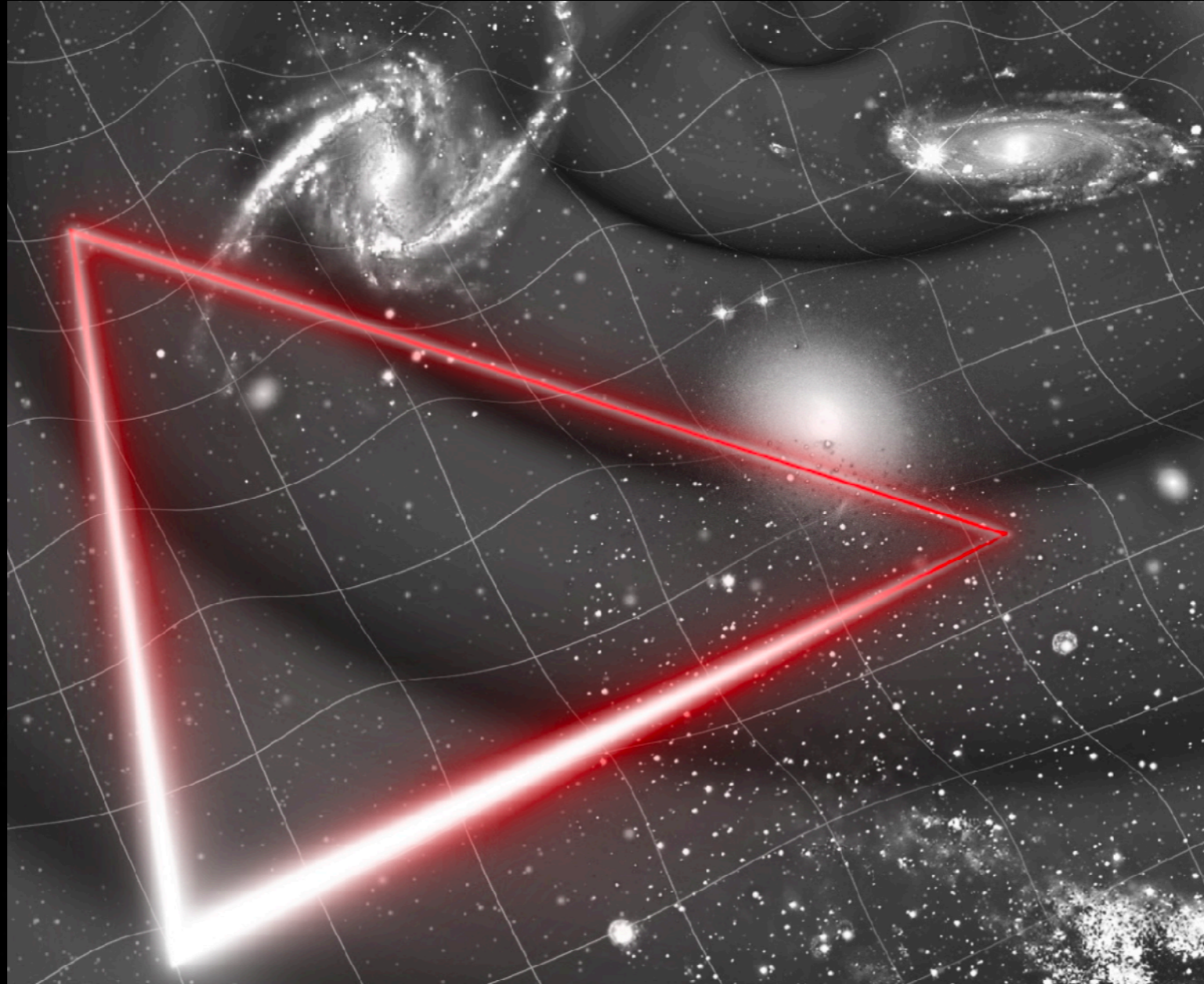
- ▶ 121 combined pulsars with a time span of  $\sim 25$  years
- ▶ Data from
  - EPTA (DR2) EPTA LOW-F (LOFAR + NenuFar)
  - NANOGrav 15-Year
  - PPTA DR3;
  - InPTA DR1
  - MPTA DR2 (MeerKAT)
  - CHIME DR1
  - CPTA DR1?
- ▶ Status:
  - Combination almost done
  - Data analysis complex and heavy  $\rightarrow$  results expected in 2026
- ▶ We should be able to confirm and characterise the detection



# PTA with SKA

- ▶ > 100 pulsars with very high timing precision
- ▶ First science data of SKA in 2028
- ▶ First SKA PTA results expected mid-2030s
- ▶ Large improvement in sensitivity:
  - If SMBHBs, understand the population (seed, evolution, merger history, ...) – synergy with LISA
  - If cosmological origins, measure the spectrum in details to understand "physics"
  - If individual sources, measure the waveform  
=> test GR? understand environment of SMBHB, ...





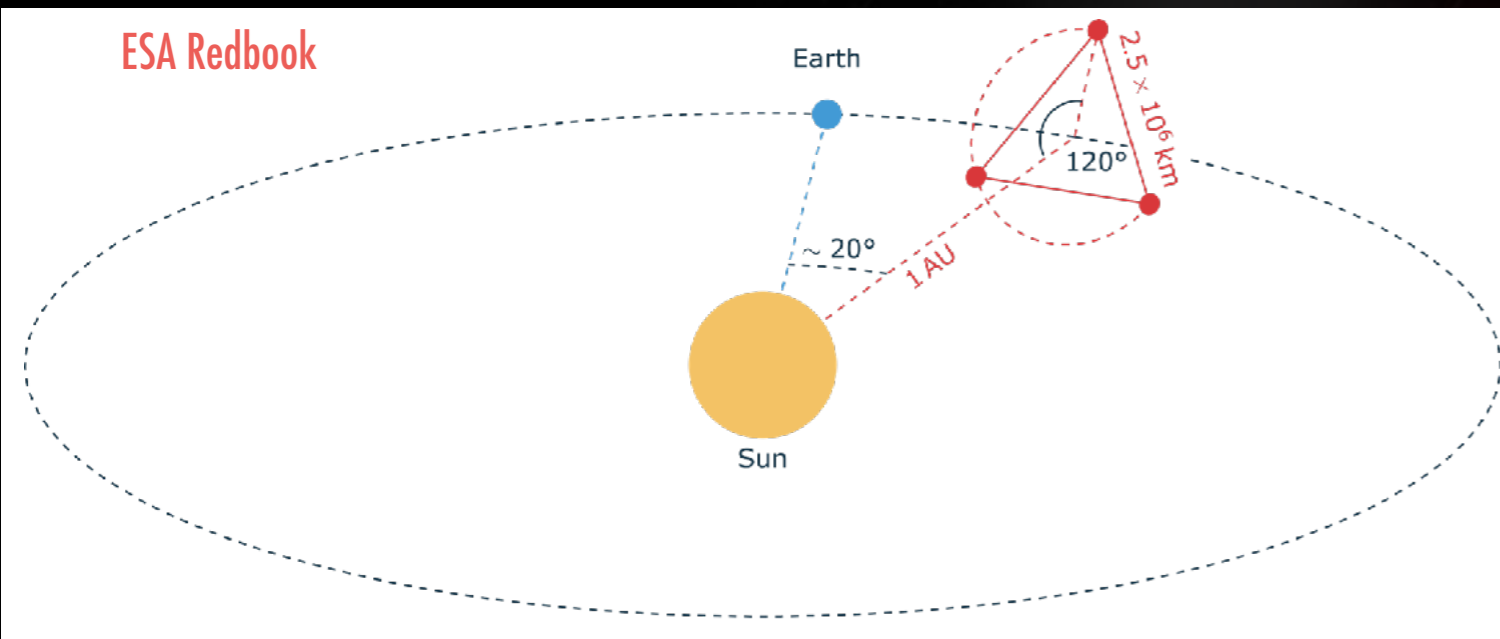
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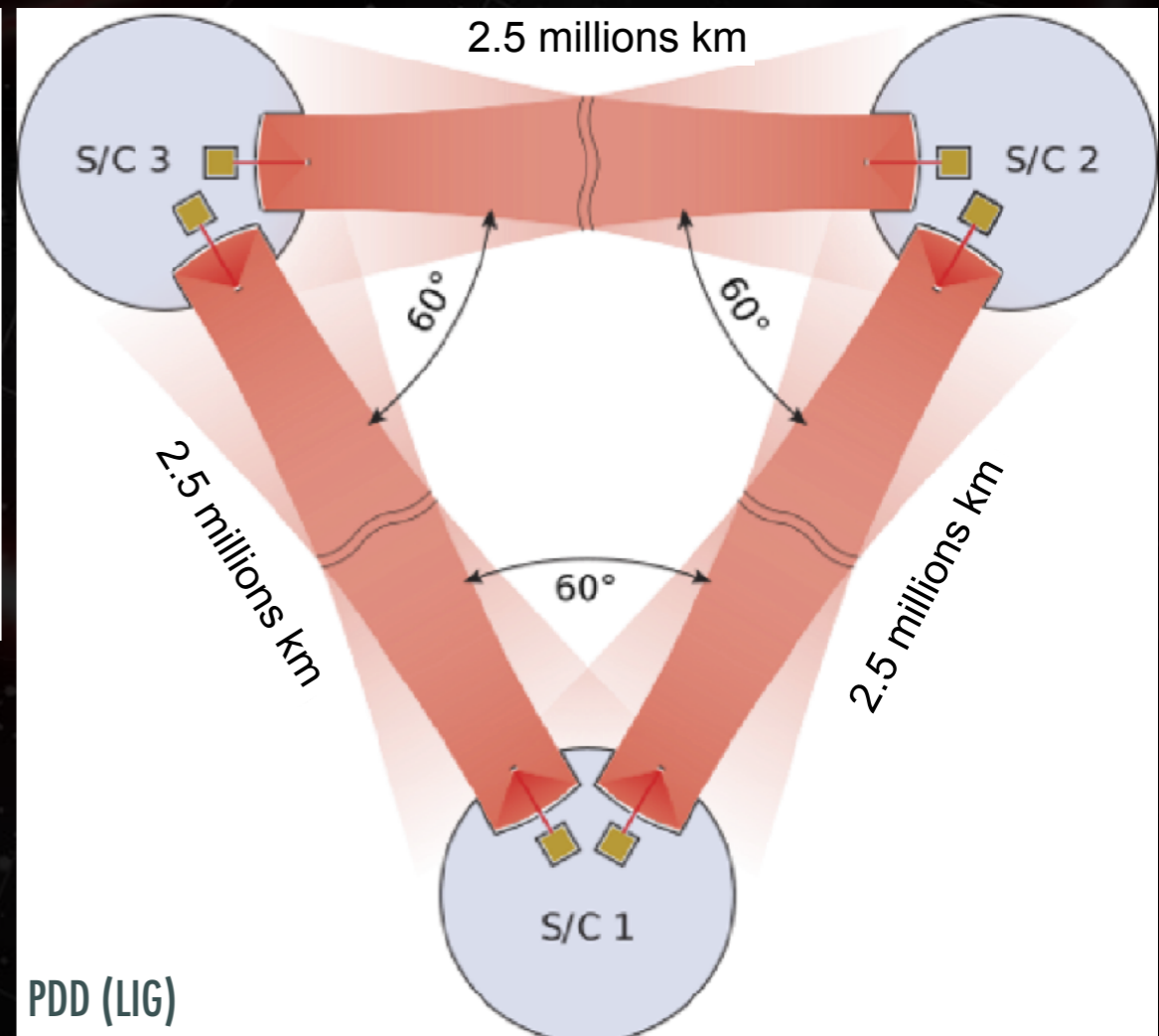
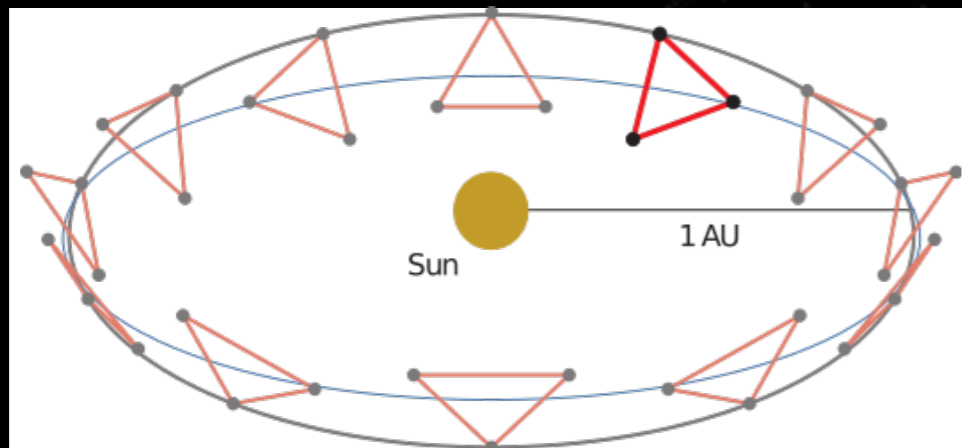
# Mission design

- ▶ Laser Interferometer Space Antenna
- ▶ 3 spacecrafts on heliocentric orbits separated by **2.5 millions km**
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ESA Redbook



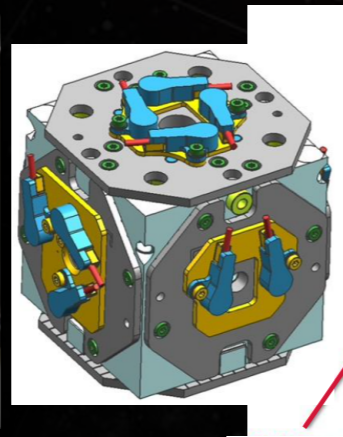
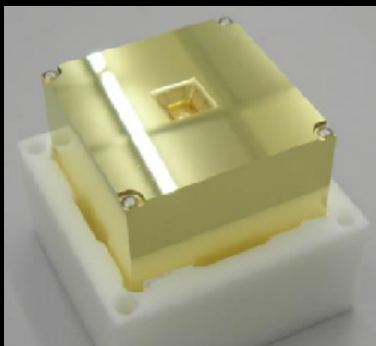
L3 proposal  
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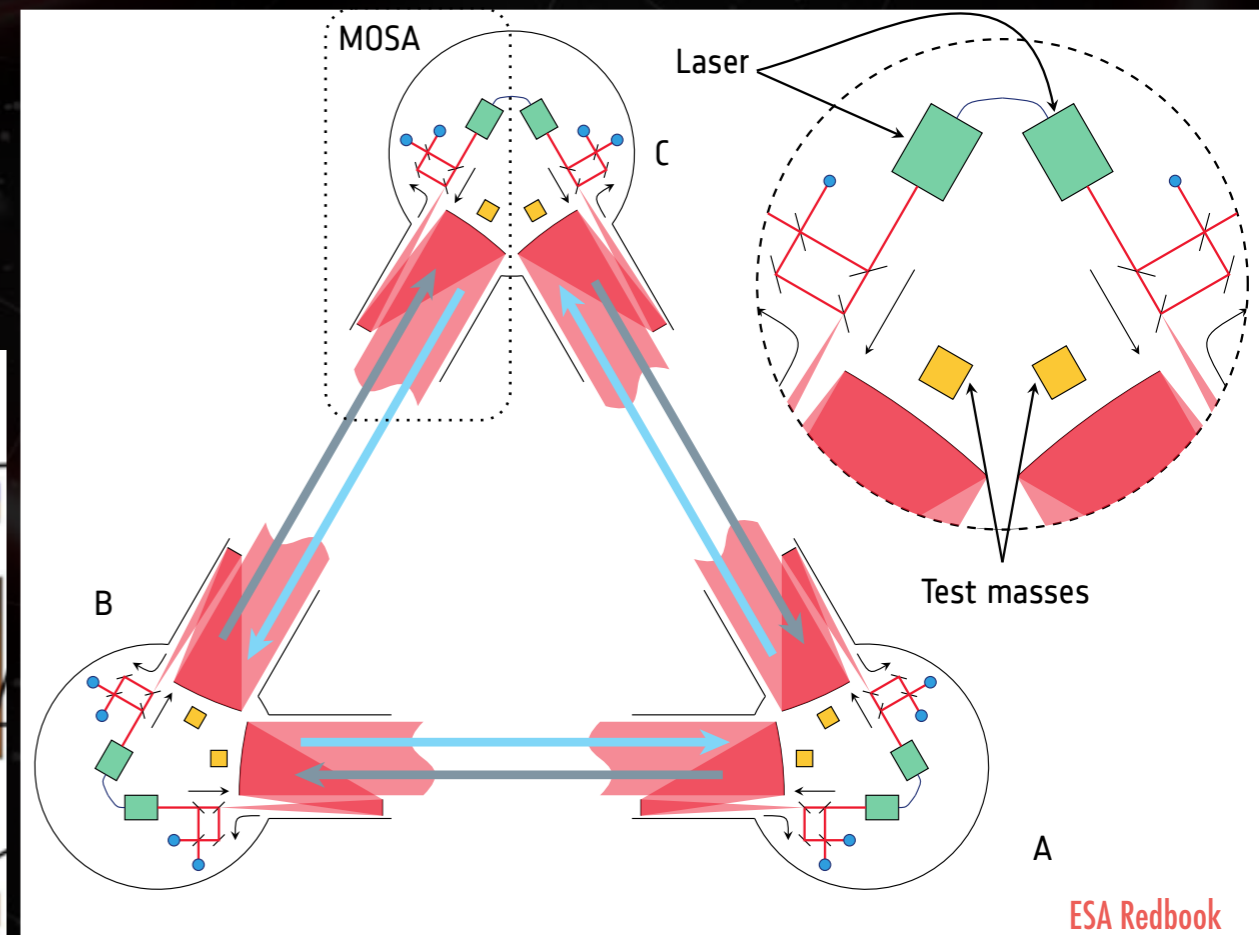
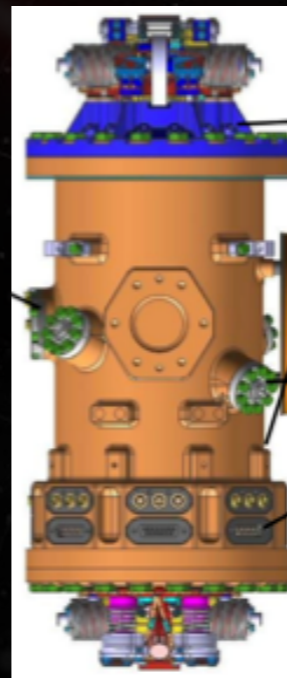
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# Mission design

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  - Readout:
    - interferometric (sensitive axis)
    - capacitive sensing

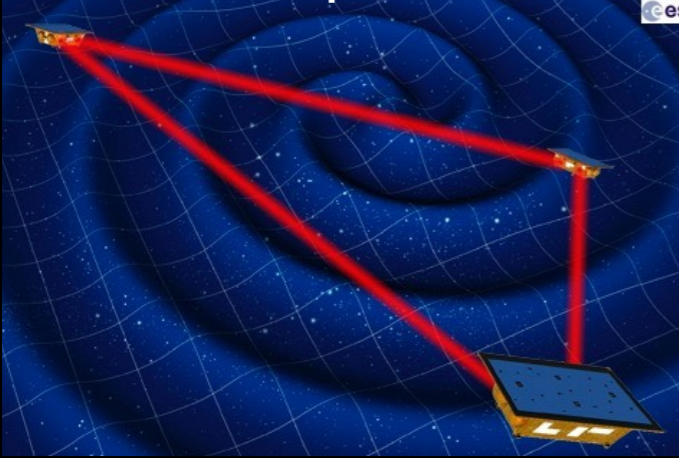


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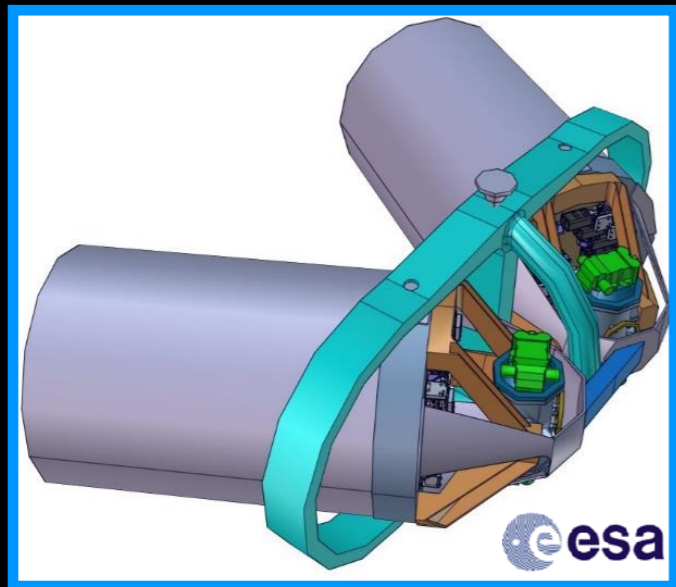
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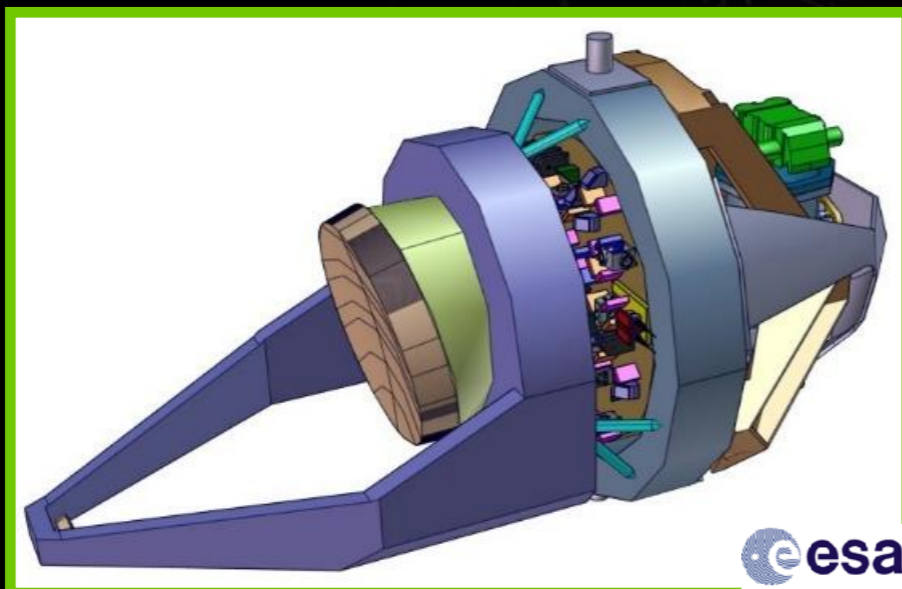
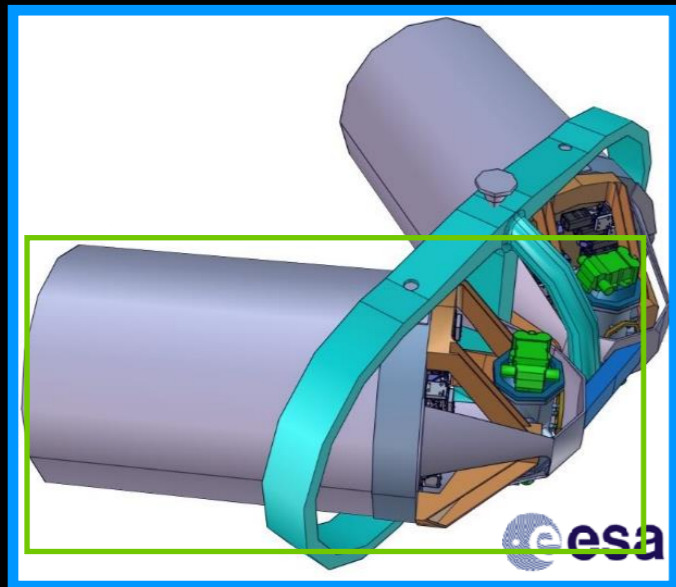
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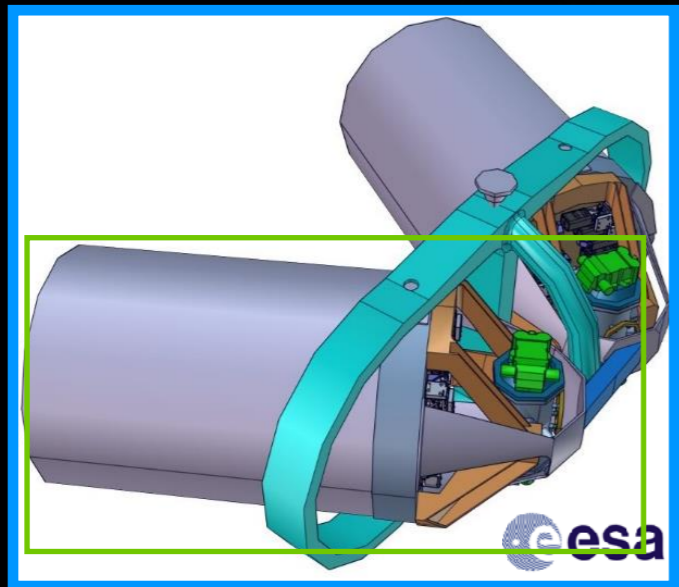
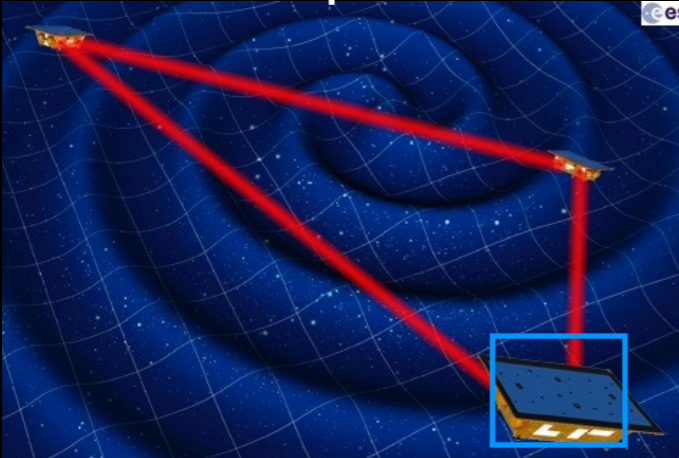
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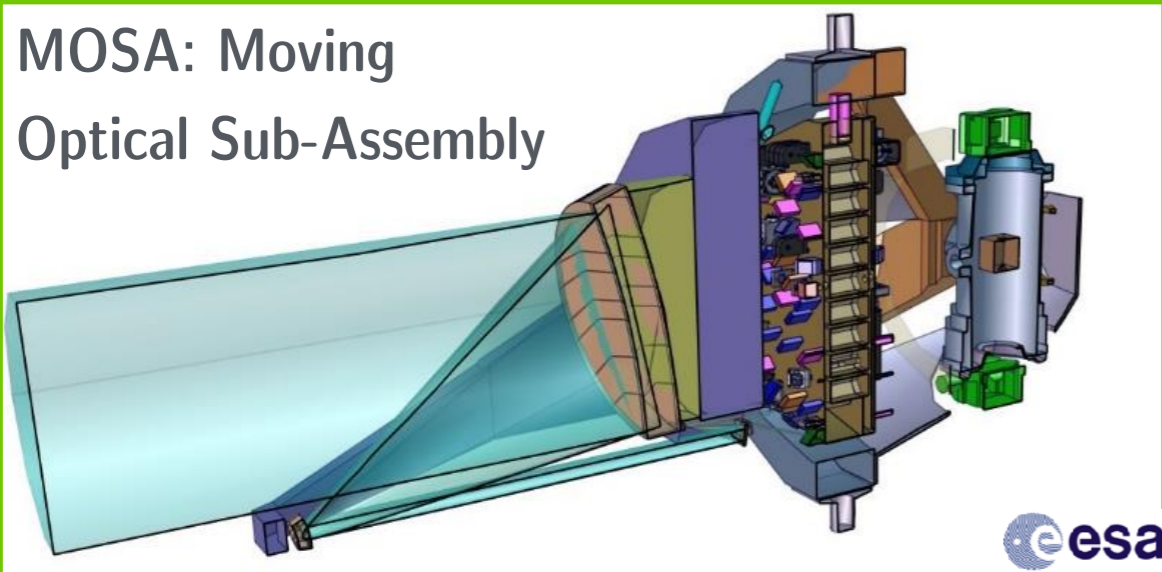


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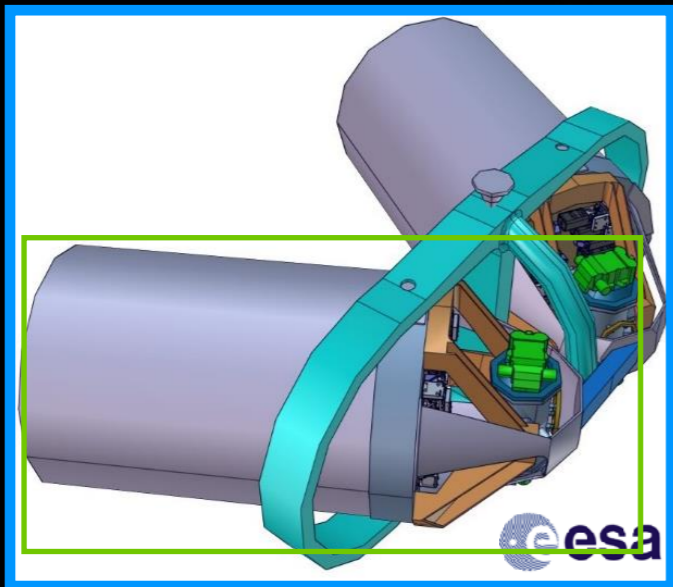


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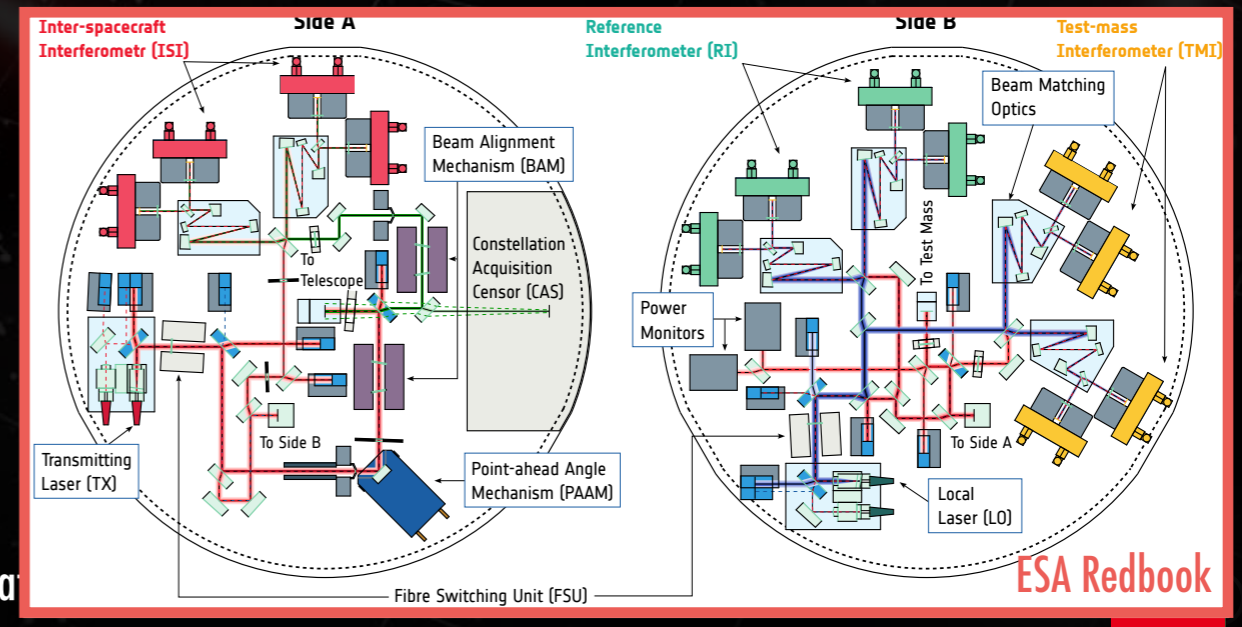
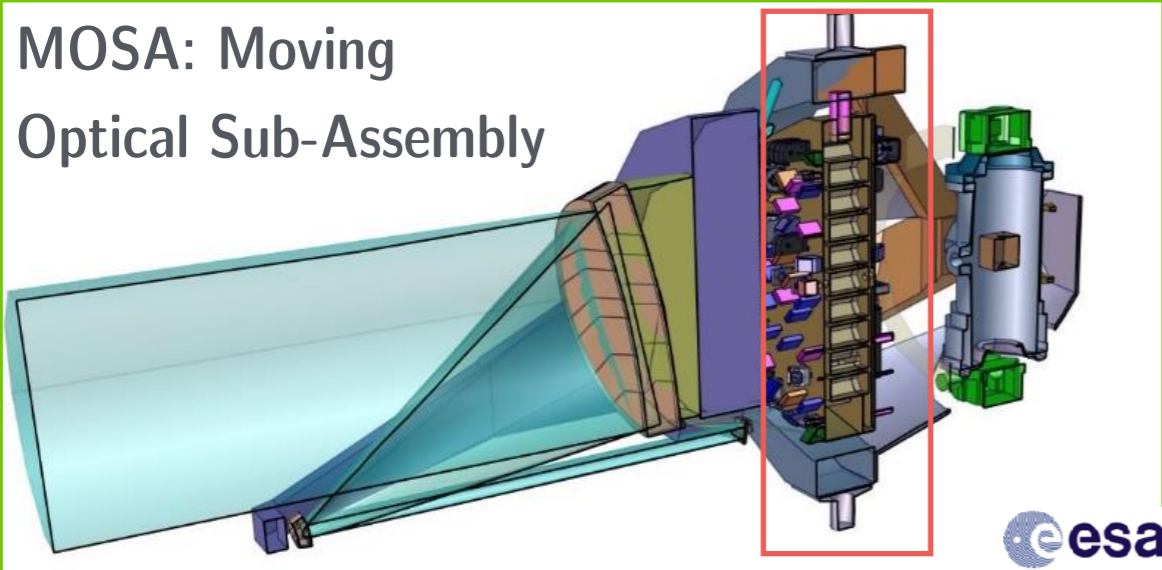


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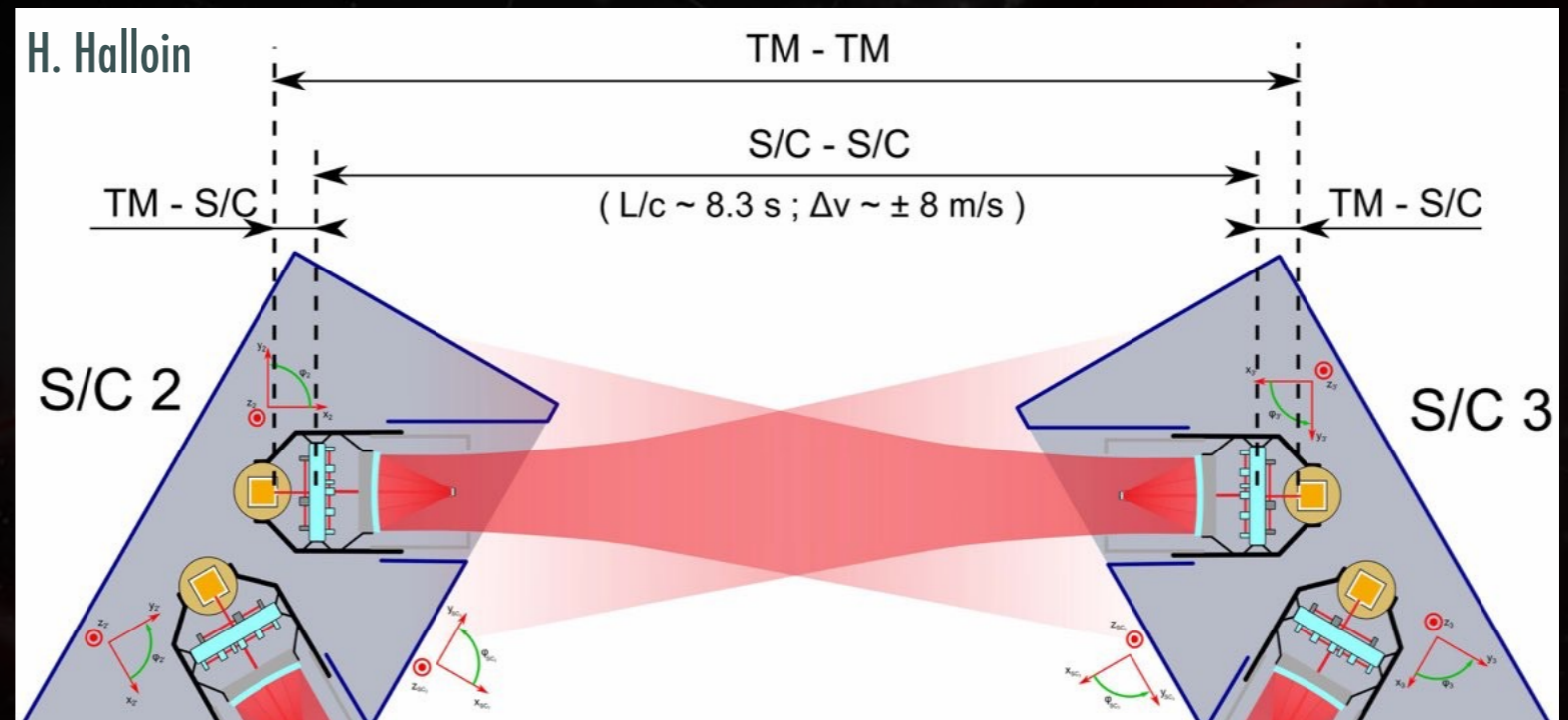
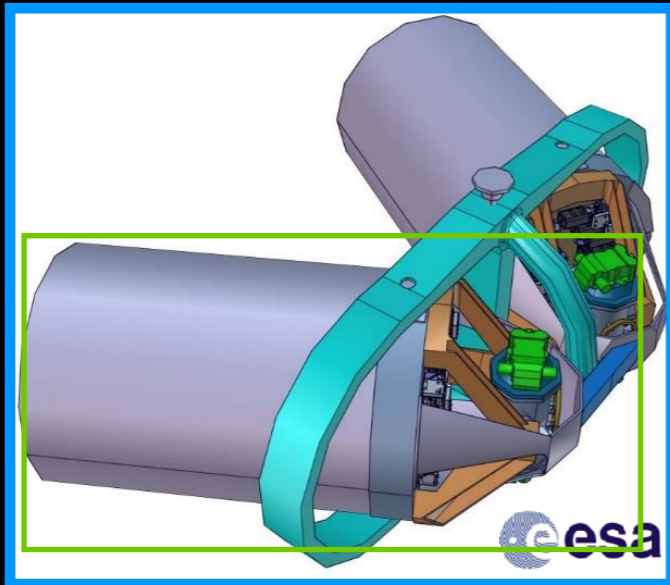
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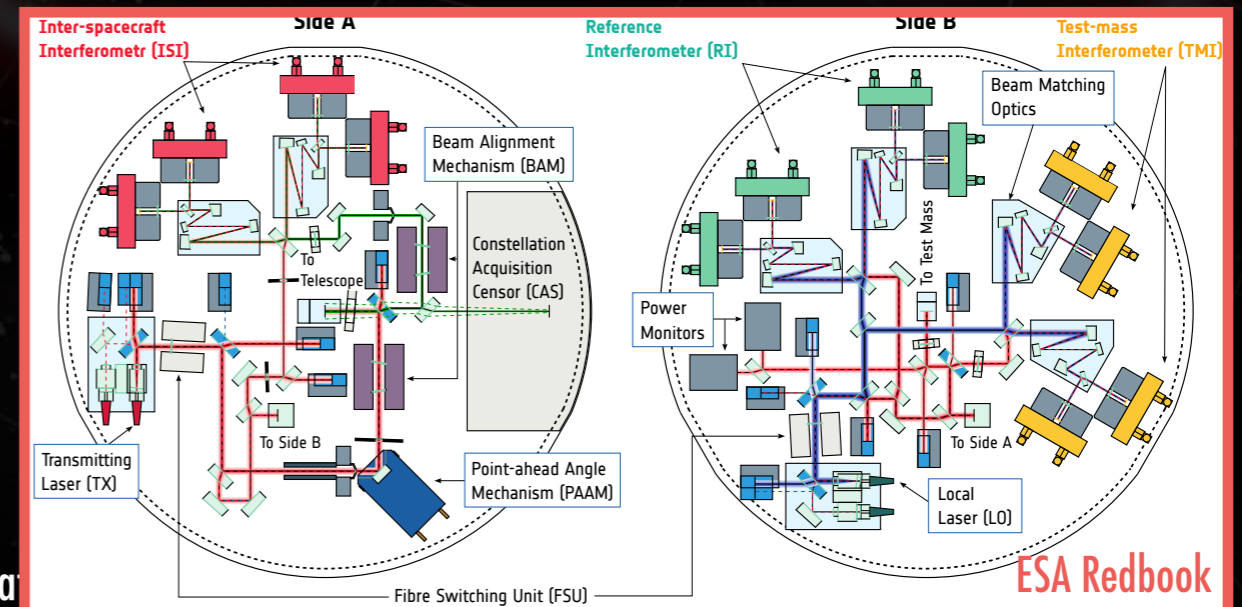
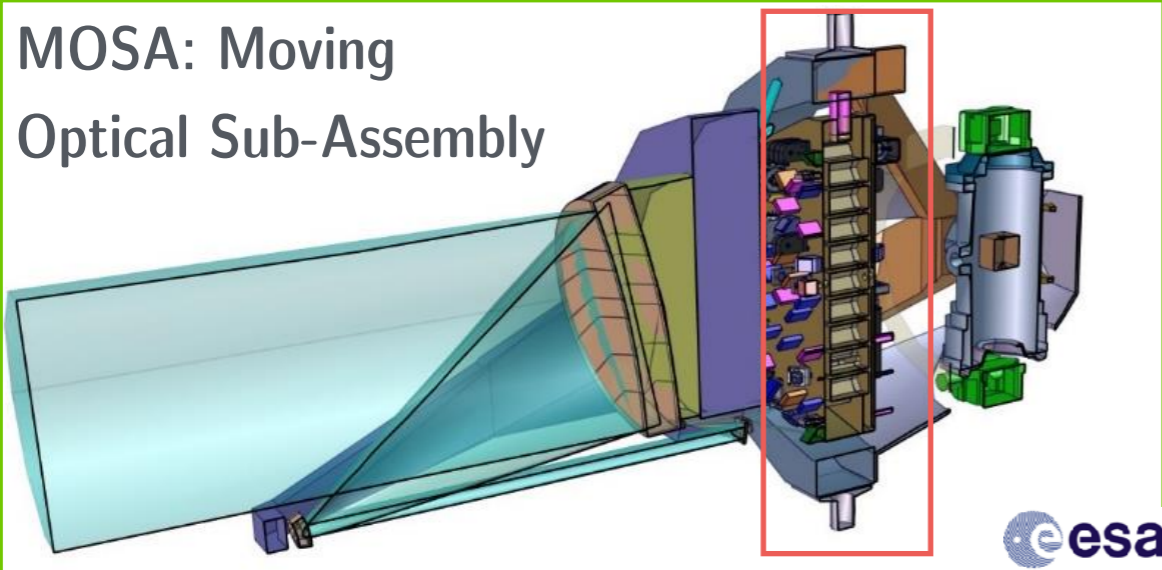
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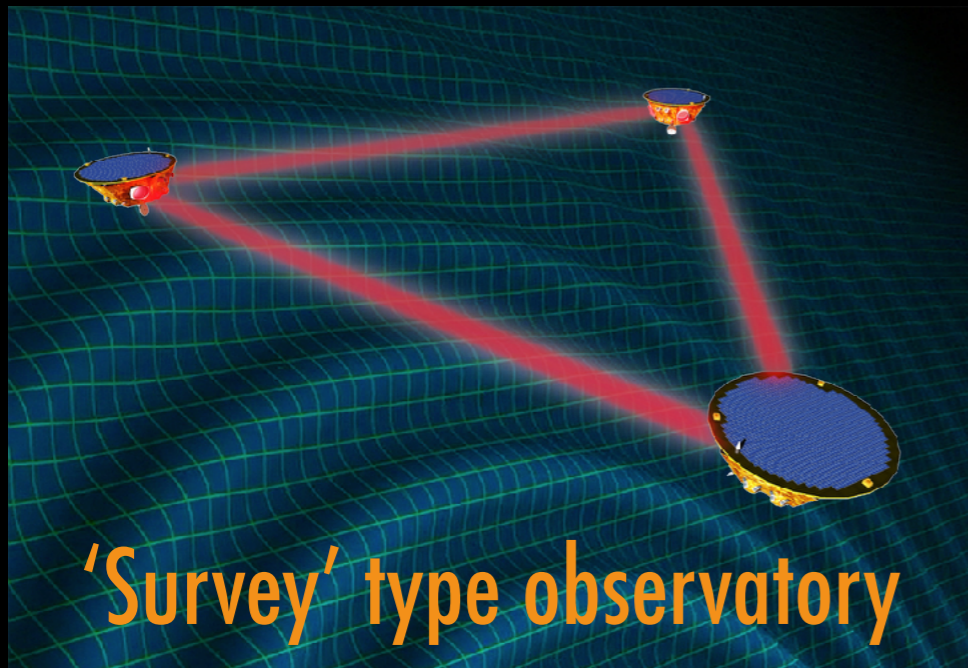
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Mission Operation Center  
(ESA)

Science Operation Center  
(ESA)

DDPC:  
Distributed  
Data Processing  
Center (ESA  
Member States)

NASA  
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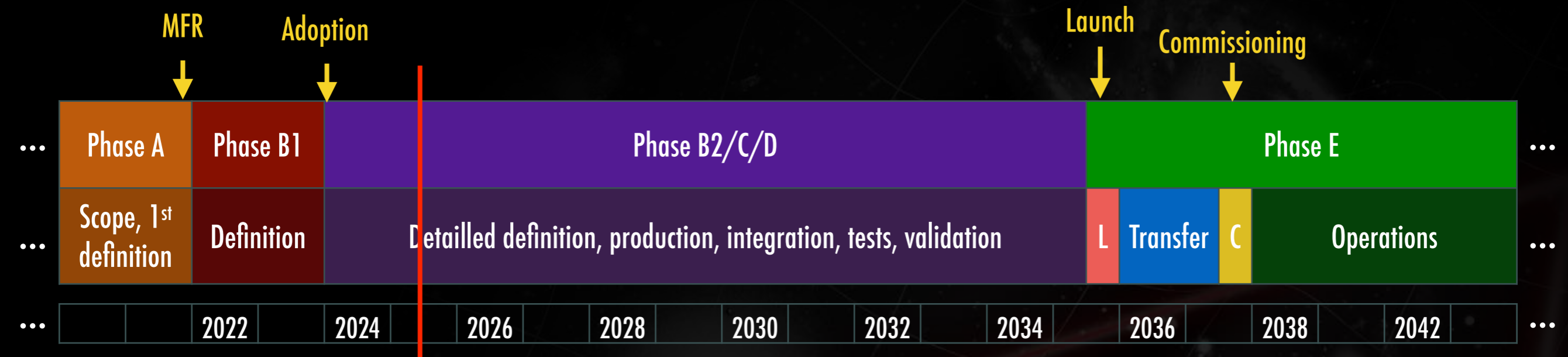
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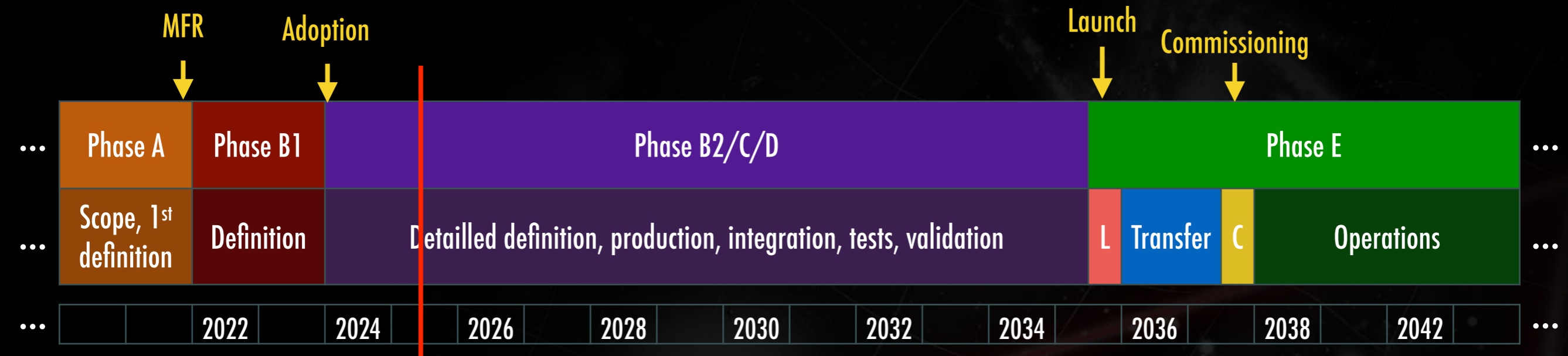
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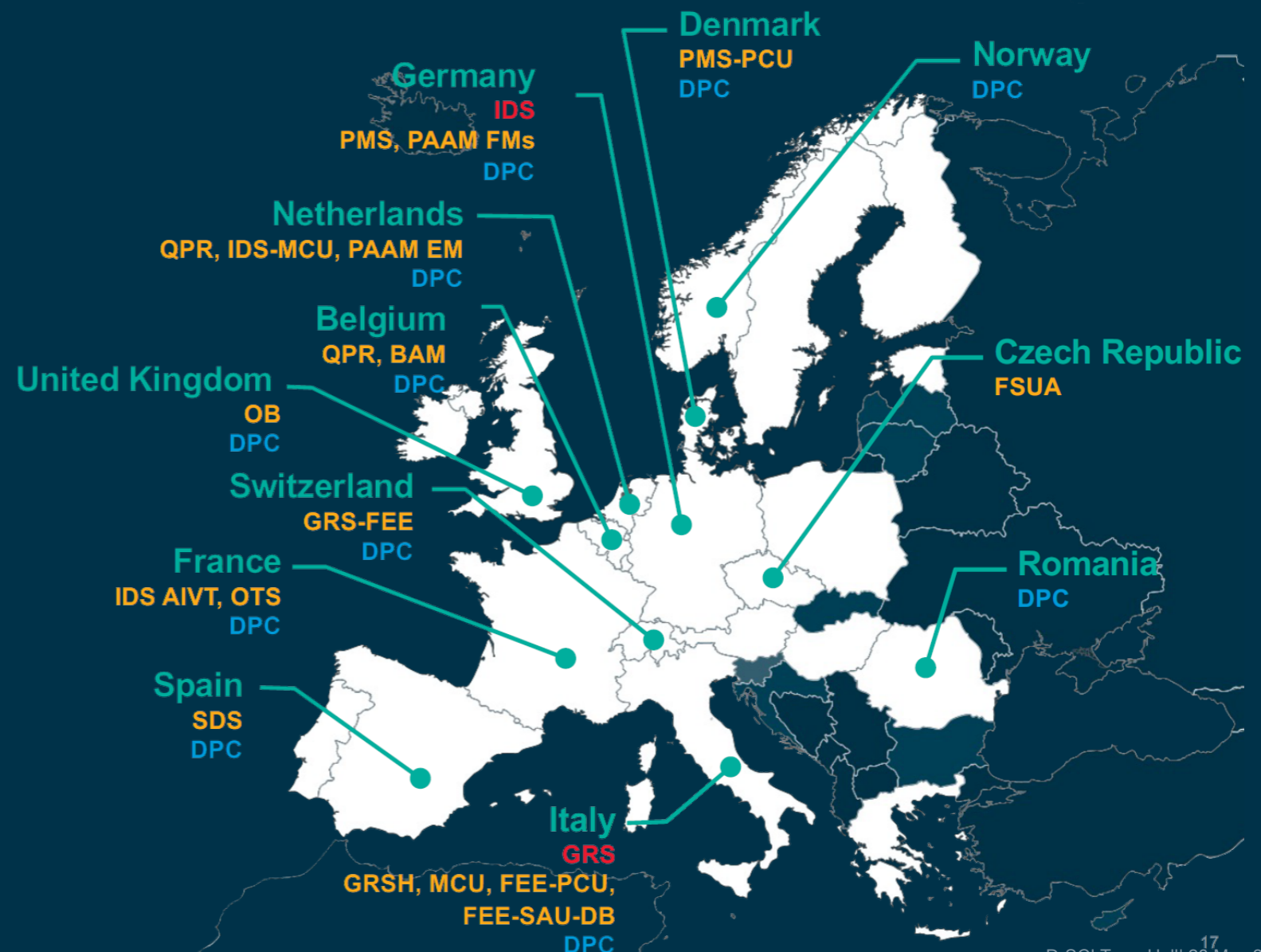
# LISA collaboration

- Contributions to the instrument and ground segment (data analysis)

## LISA - An international mission led by ESA



Contributions as per MLA, MoU  
**IDS/GRS System Responsibility**  
**Hardware contributions**  
 Ground Segment, Science Data Processing Contribution



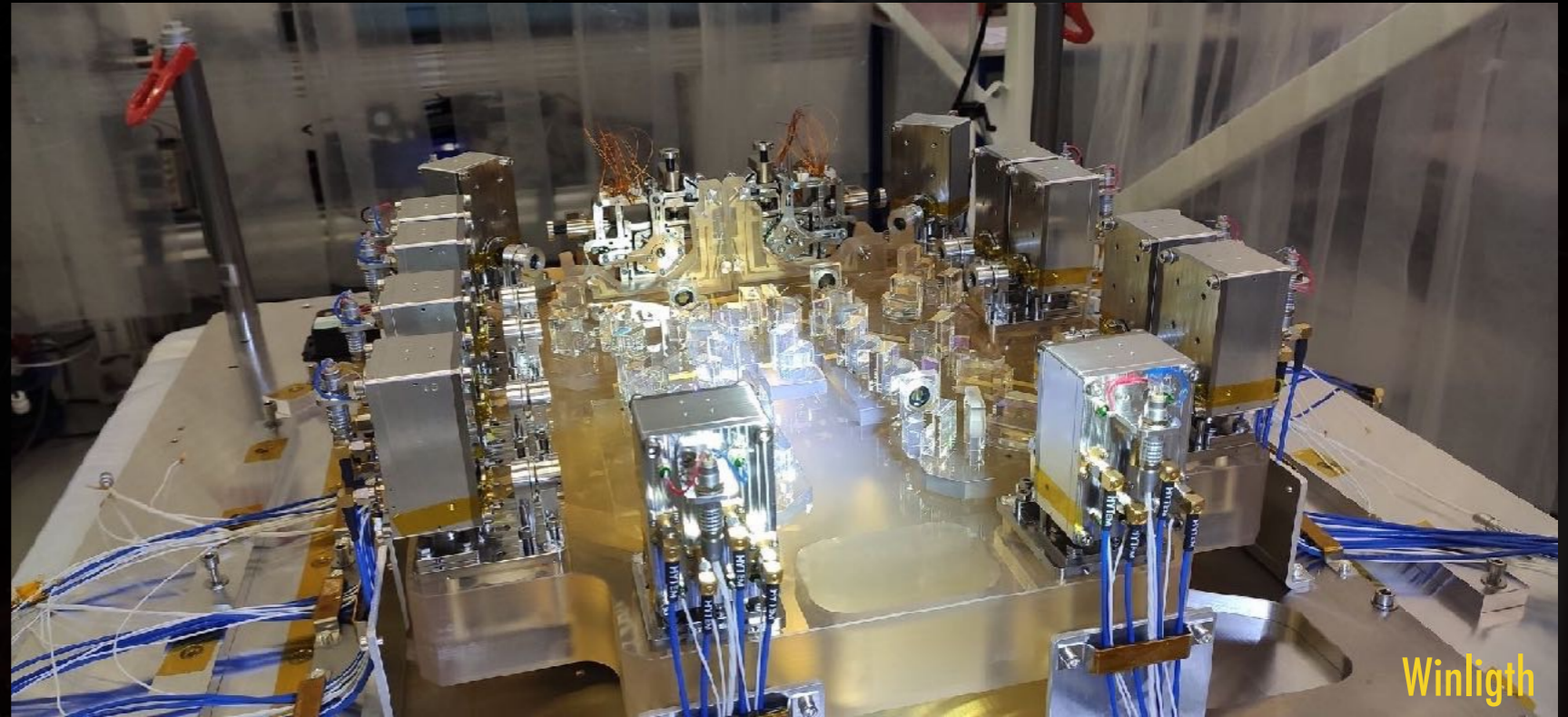
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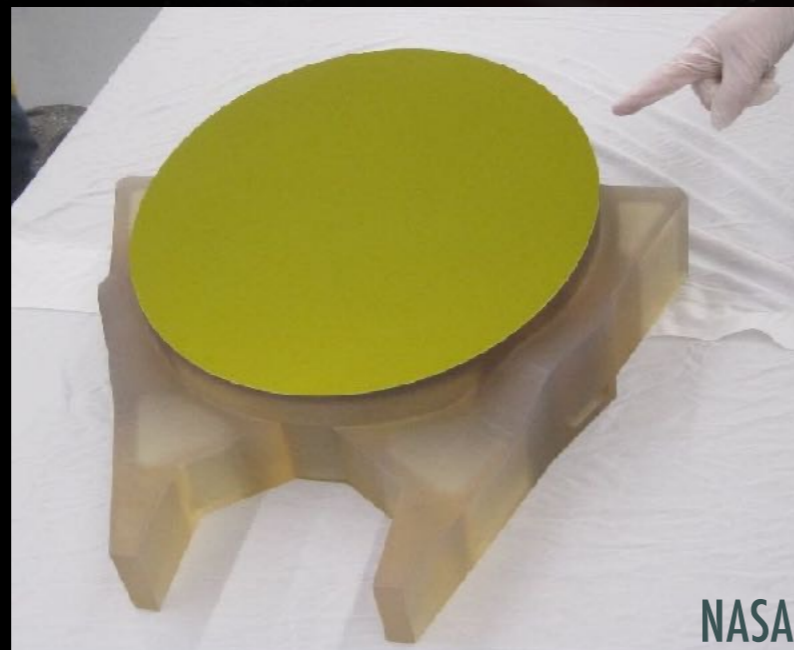
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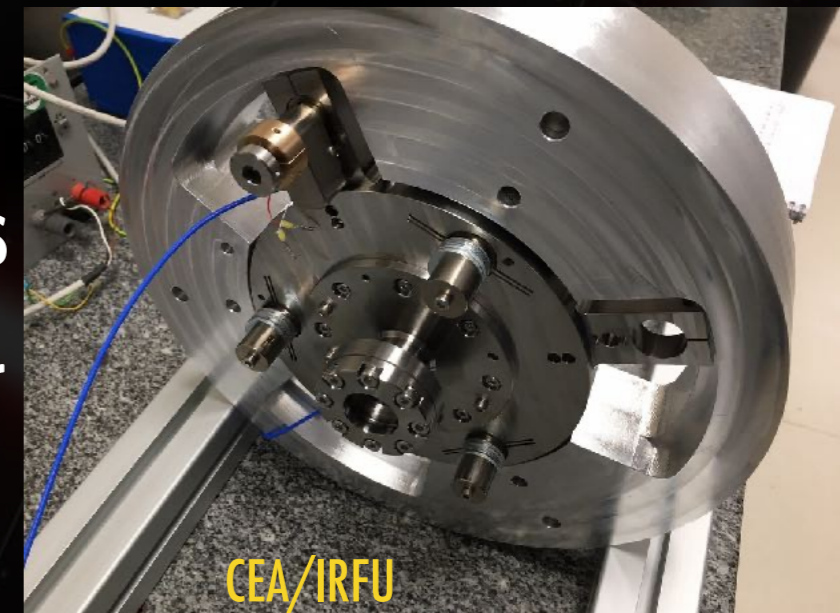
ZIFO  
(demonstration  
bench for high  
stability  
interferometry)



Telescope



Test-Mass  
Simulator



# GW sources in the mHz band

► **Binaries:** large range of masses and mass ratios:

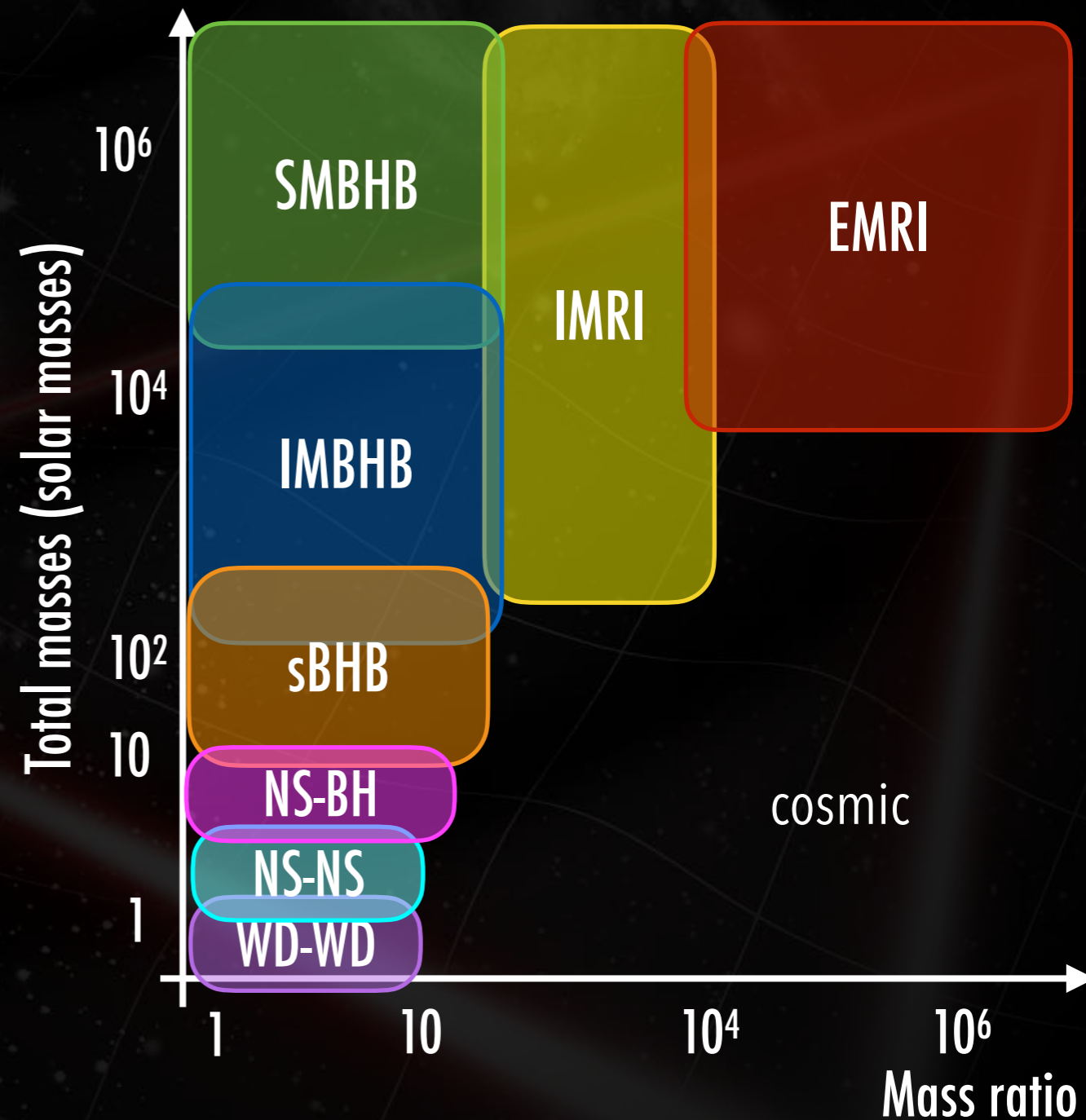
- SuperMassive BH Binaries (SMBHB)
- Extreme Mass Ratio Inspiral (EMRI)
- Stellar mass BH Binaries (sBHB)
- Double White Dwarfs (WD-WD)
- Double Neutron Stars (NS-NS)
- Intermediate Mass Ratio Inspiral (IMRI)
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► **Stochastic backgrounds:**

- First order phase transitions (EW), string networks, ...

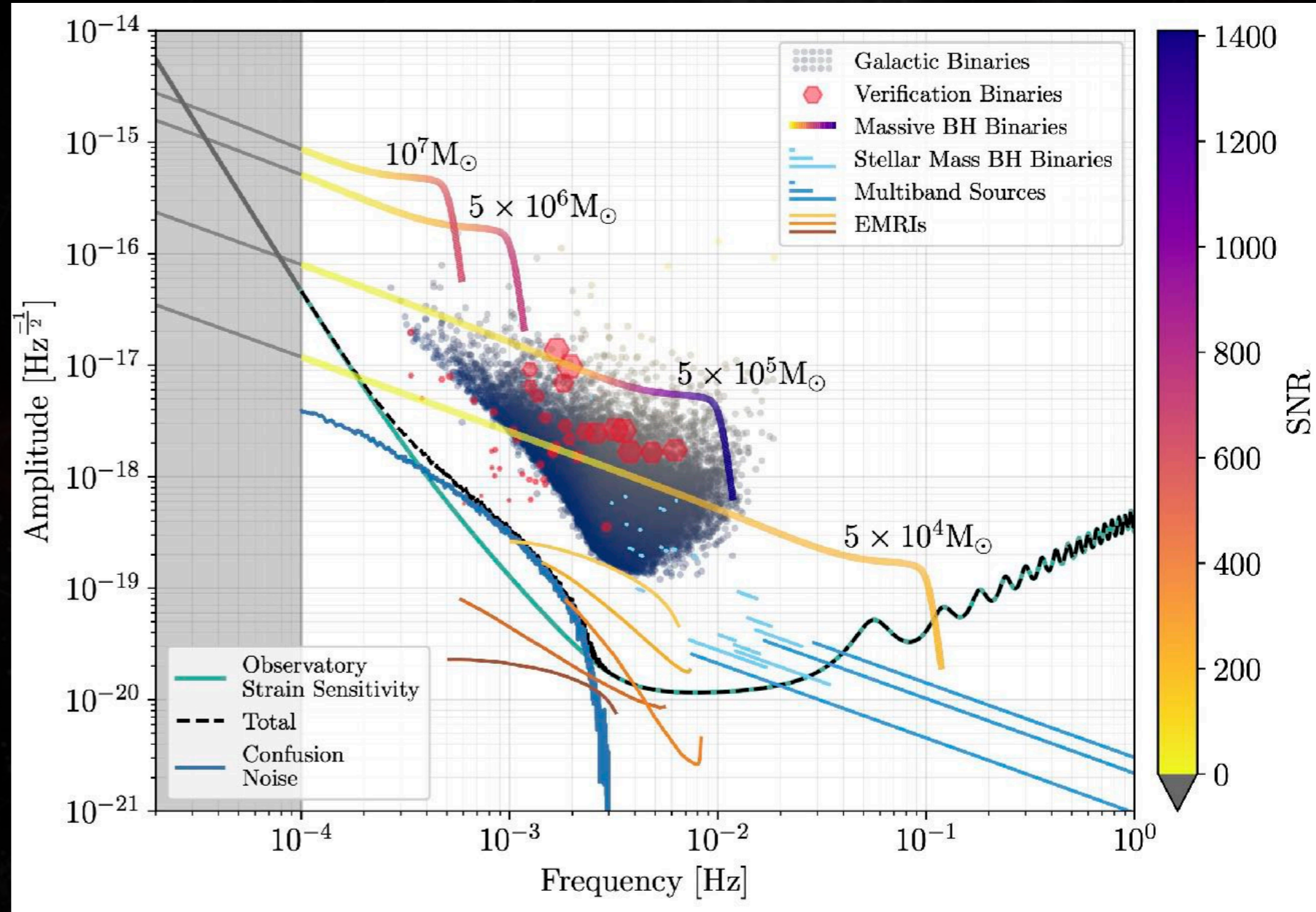
► Bursts: cosmic strings, ...

► Unknown?



# Binaries observed by LISA

Sources	SNR	Duration	Event rate
Galactic binaries	10 – 500	permanent	10000 – 30000 detectables + background
Verification binaries	7 - 100	permanent	20 (today)
Stellar mass black hole binaries	7 - 30	1 à 10 years	1 to 20
Extreme Mass Ratio Inspirals	7 - 60	1 year	1 to 2000 / year
Massive Black Hole binaries	10 - 3000	Hours - months	10 to 100 / year



# Science Objectives

- ▶ **S01:** Study the formation and evolution of **compact binary stars** in the Milky Way Galaxy.

**Astrophysics**

- ▶ **S02:** Trace the origin, growth and merger history of **massive black holes** across cosmic ages.

- ▶ **S03:** Probe the properties and immediate **environments of black holes** in the local Universe using **EMRIs** and **IMRIs**.

**Fundamental  
physics**

- ▶ **S04:** Understand the **astrophysics of stellar origin black holes**.

- ▶ **S05:** Explore the **fundamental nature of gravity and black holes**.

- ▶ **S06:** Probe the rate of **expansion** of the Universe.

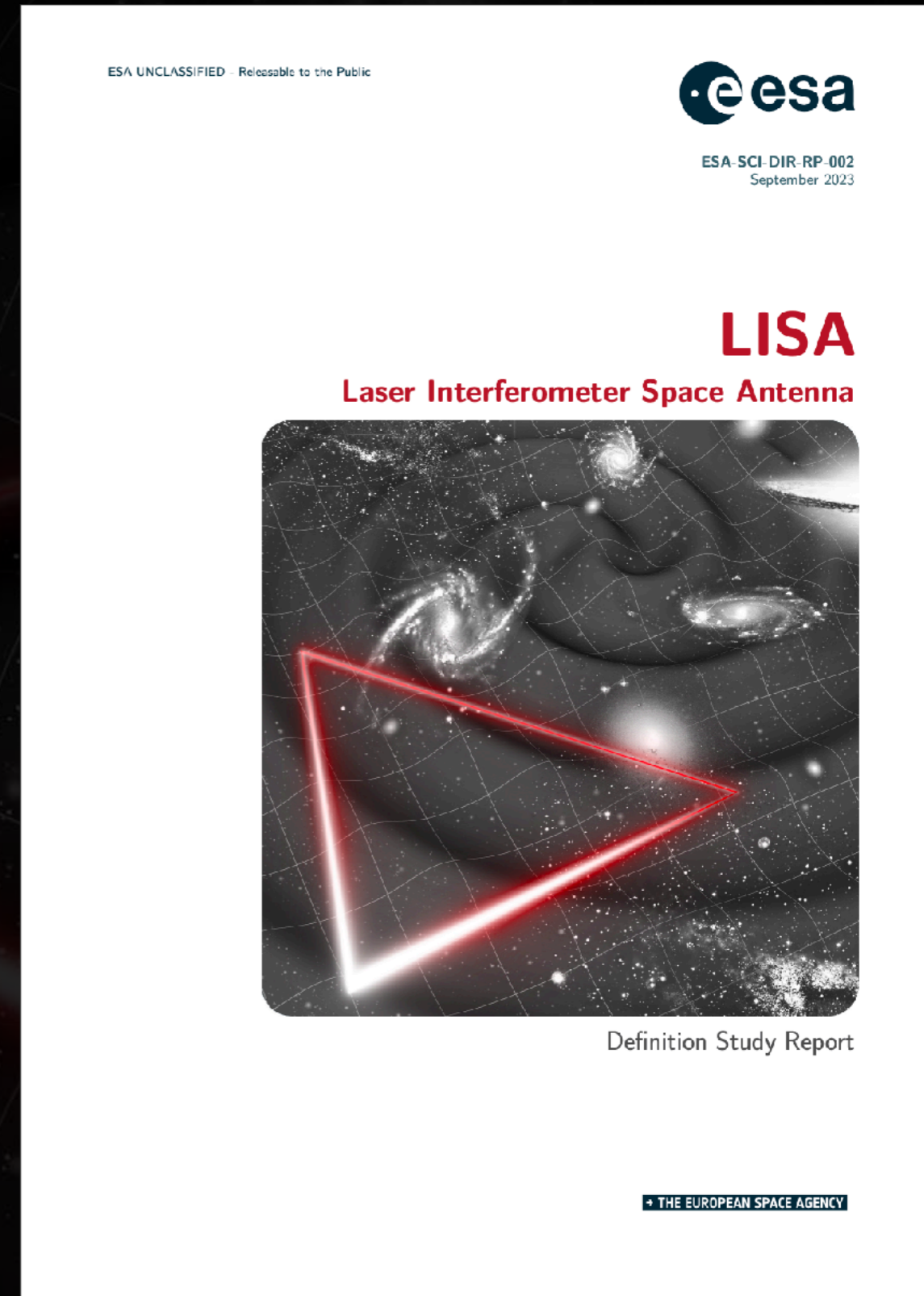
- ▶ **S07:** Understand **stochastic GW backgrounds** and their implications for the **early Universe** and TeV-scale particle physics.

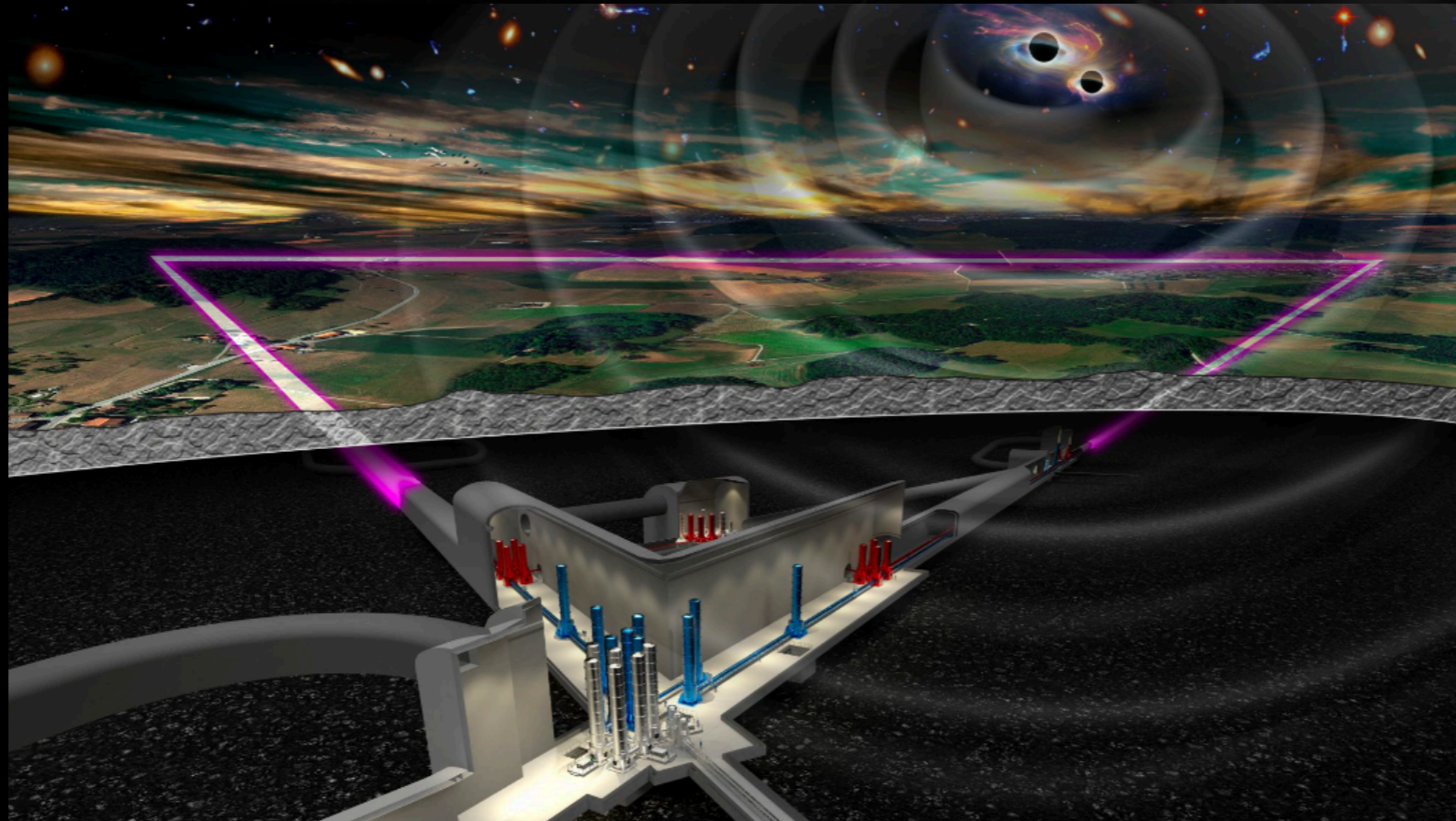
- ▶ **S08:** Search for GW **bursts** and **unforeseen** sources.

**Cosmology**

# LISA RedBook

- ▶ **LISA Definition Study Report** (Redbook):
  - written by the LISA Science Study Team with the support of the LISA Consortium
  - submitted and validated at adoption
- ▶ Content:
  - **Science of LISA**
  - Instrument
  - Data processing
  - Organisation
- ▶ Available at :
  - [arXiv:2402.07571](https://arxiv.org/abs/2402.07571)
  - [www.cosmos.esa.int/web/lisa/lisa-redbook](http://www.cosmos.esa.int/web/lisa/lisa-redbook)



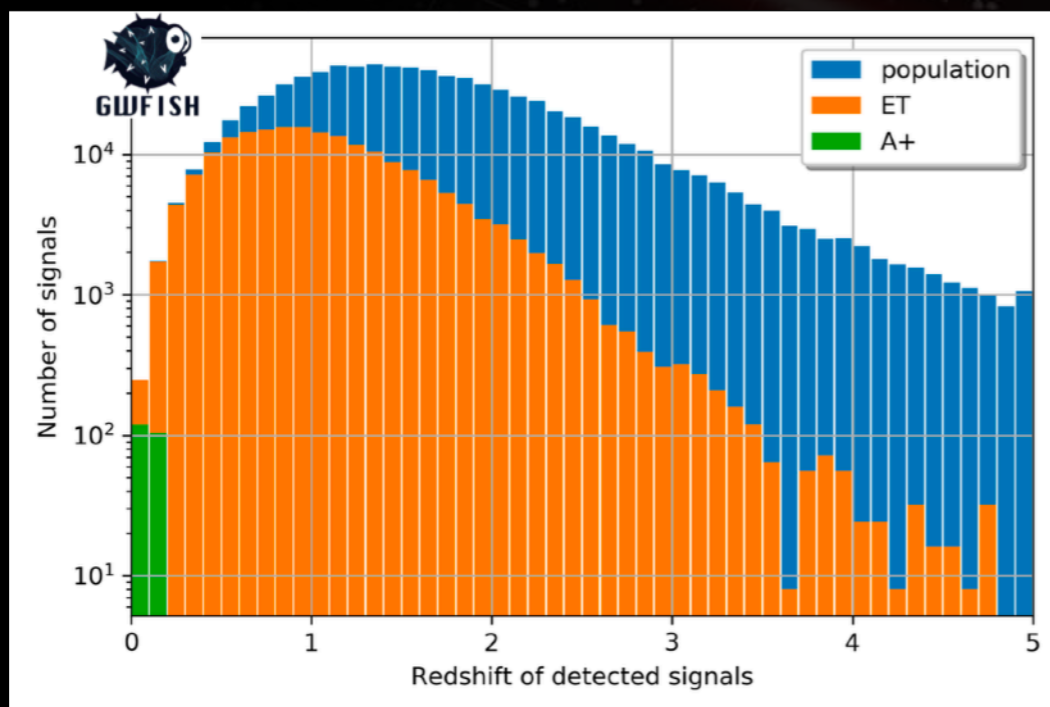
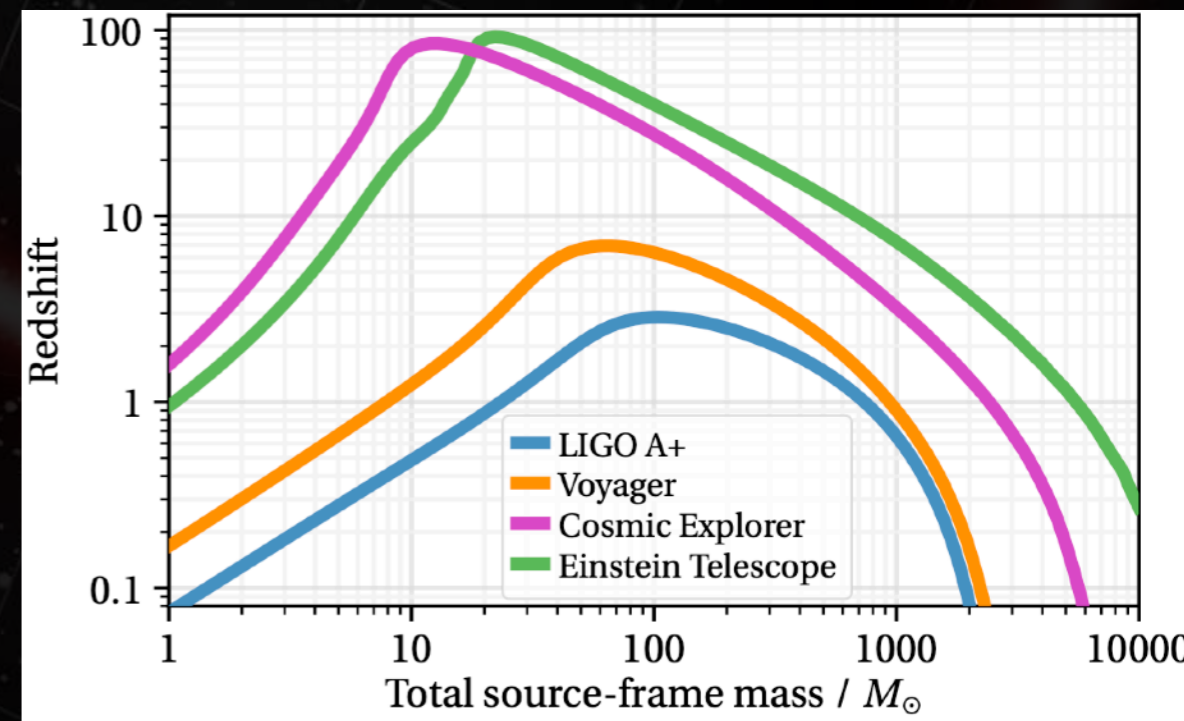
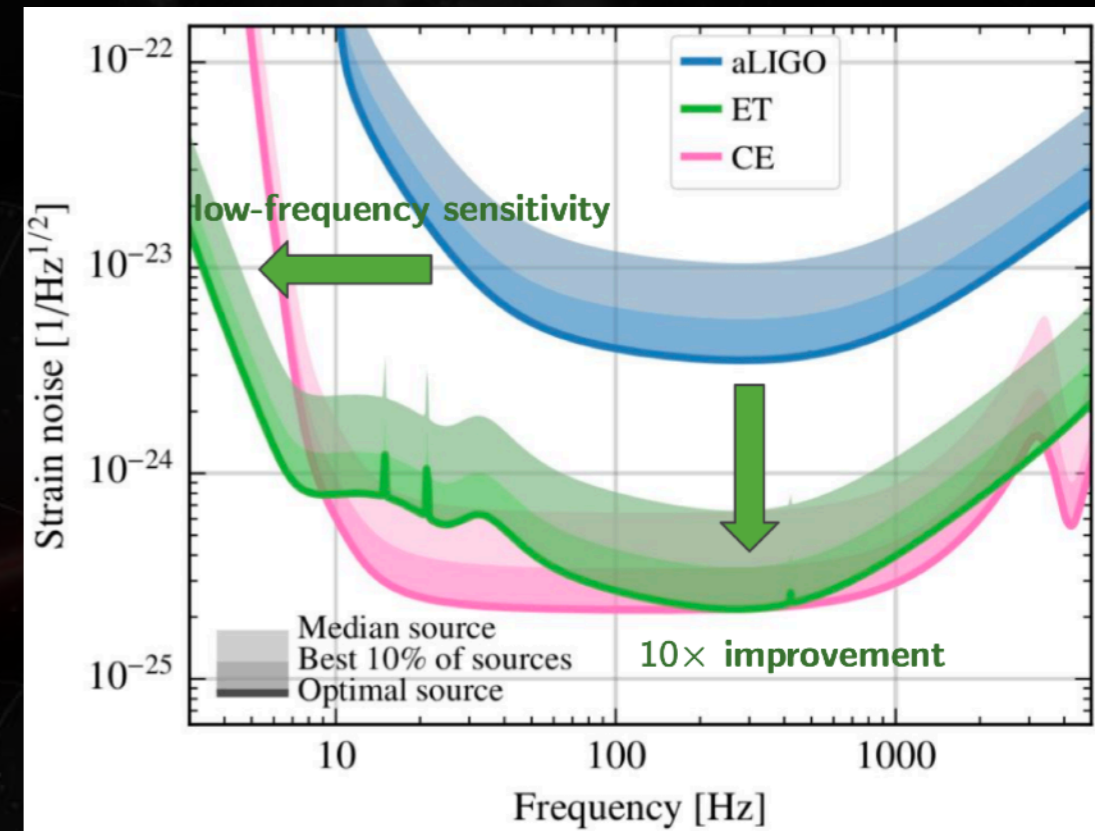


Crédit: Einstein Telescope

# 3<sup>rd</sup> generation ground based observatories

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- ▶ Improve sensitivity in the band of ground based obs.
- ▶ Science:
  - Binary BH coalescences up to cosmological distances
  - Extend the region of Black Holes masses
  - Coalescence of Binary NS (early warning)
  - Accurate tests of General Relativity
  - New astrophysical sources (core collapse supernovae, isolated rotating NS, etc.)
  - Stochastic backgrounds from cosmological origin

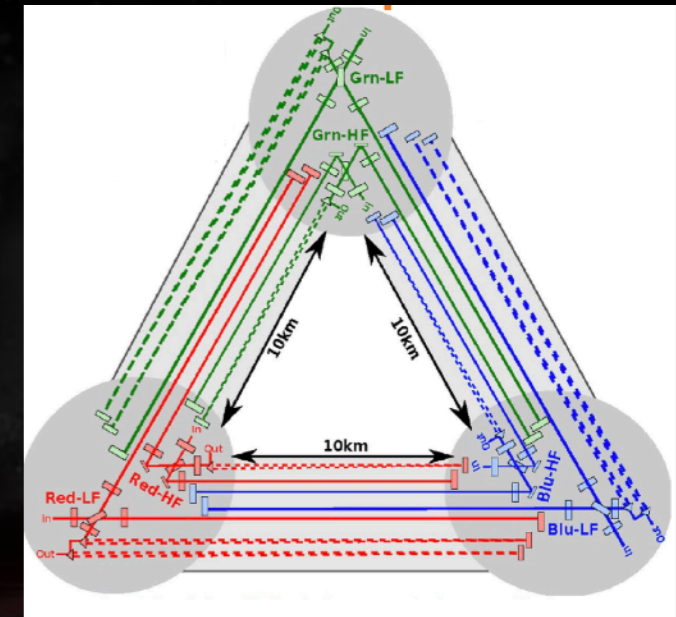
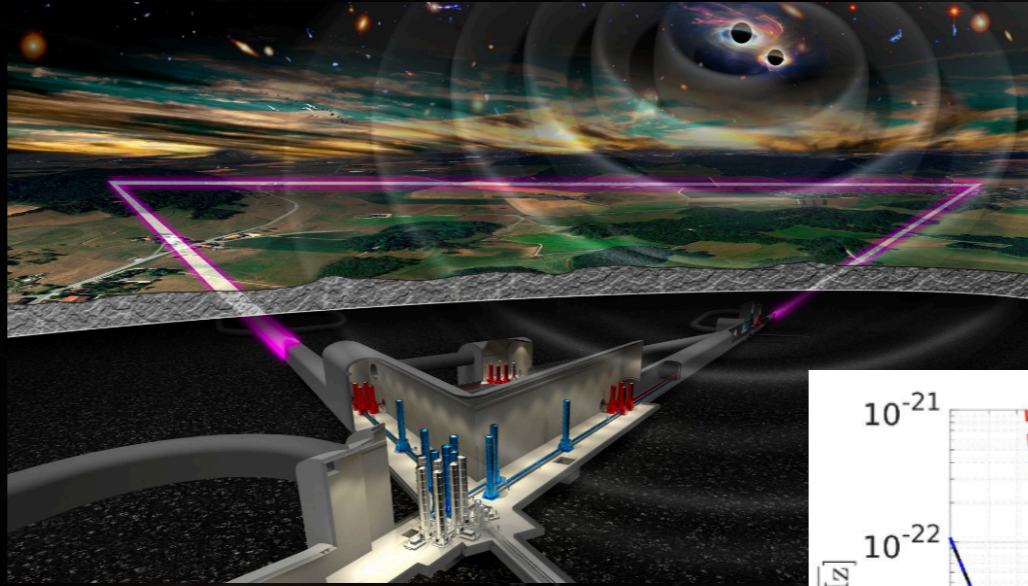


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Star  
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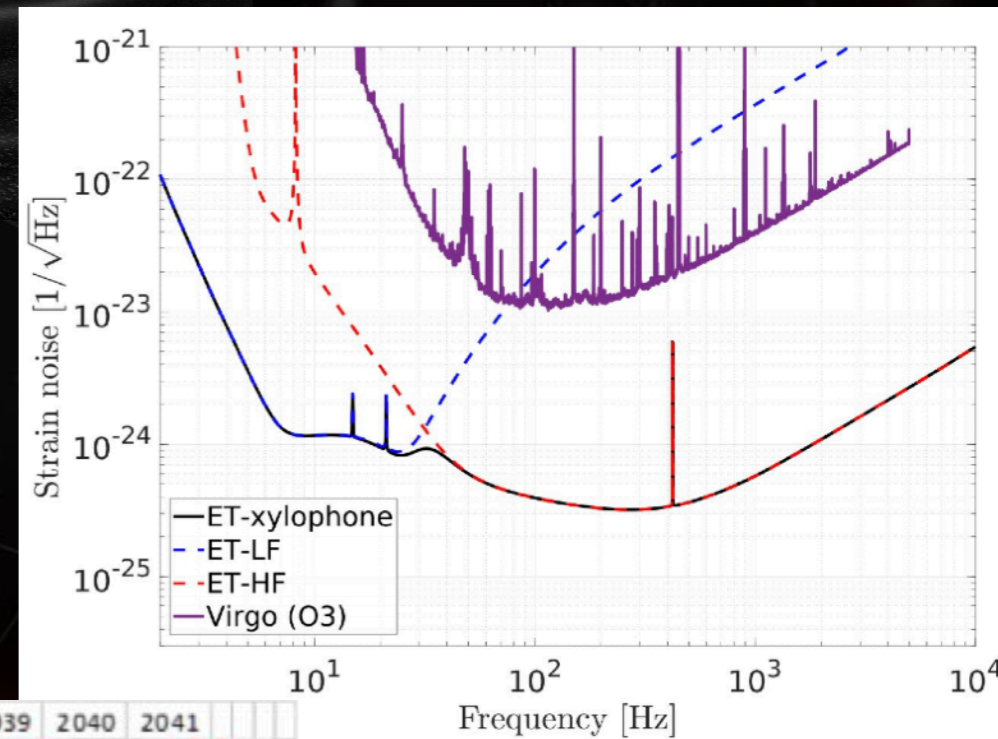
## ► Design:

- Longer arms ( $\approx 10$  km)
- Underground
- "Xylophone" (HF-LF)
- Cryogenic
- Quantum technology
- High laser power in arms
- ...

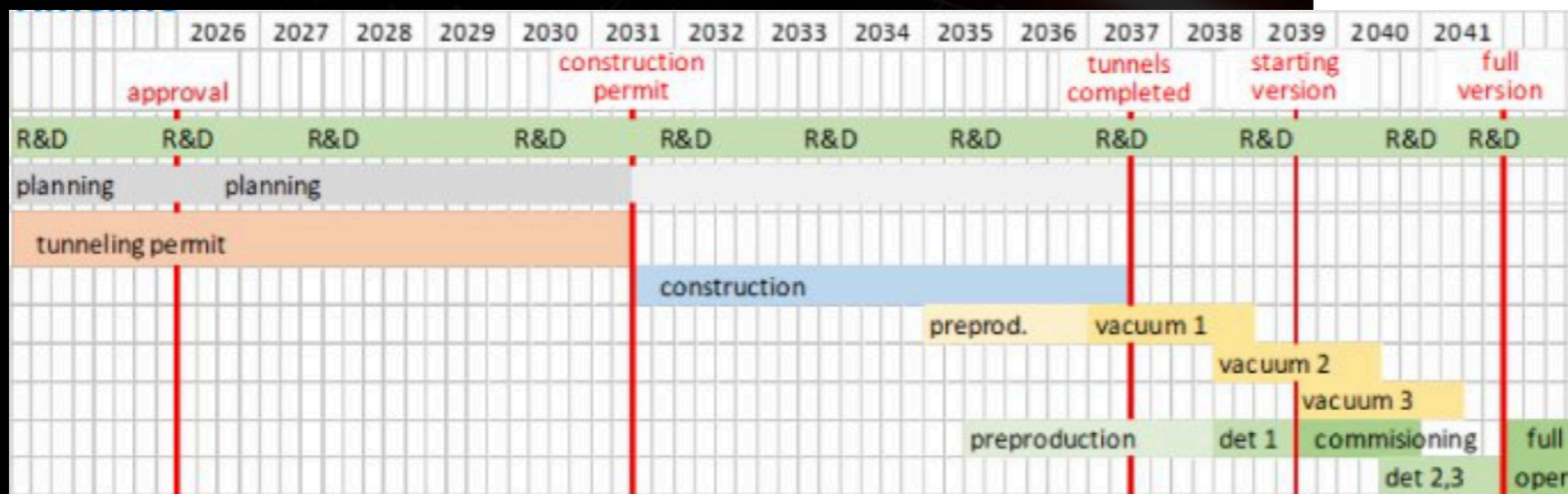


## ► Still 2 big questions:

- Which shape? Triangle or 2 L?
- Where? EMR, Sardinia, (+Lausitz)



## ► Timeline:

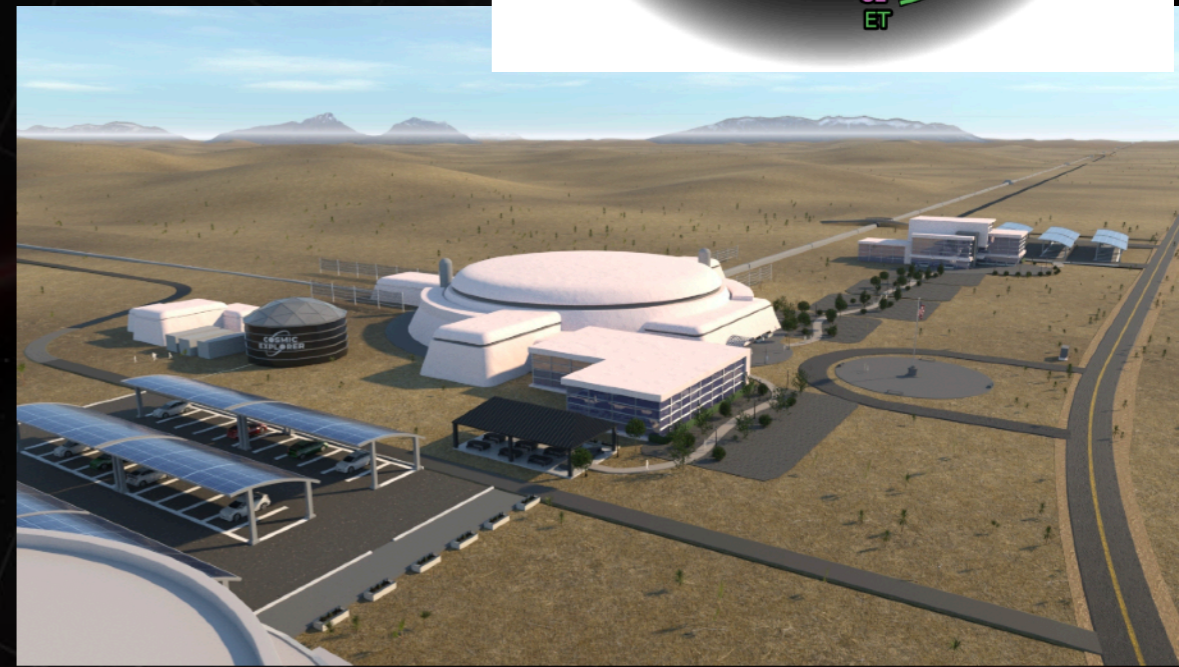
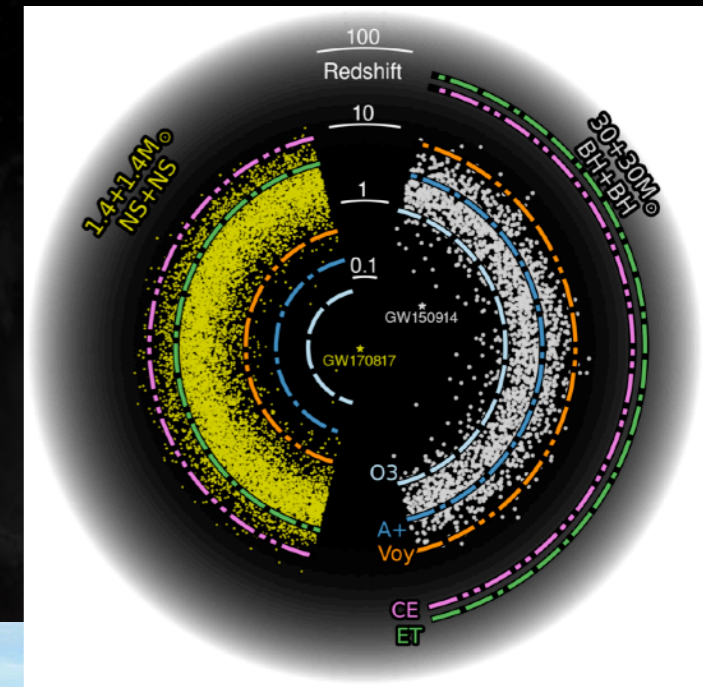


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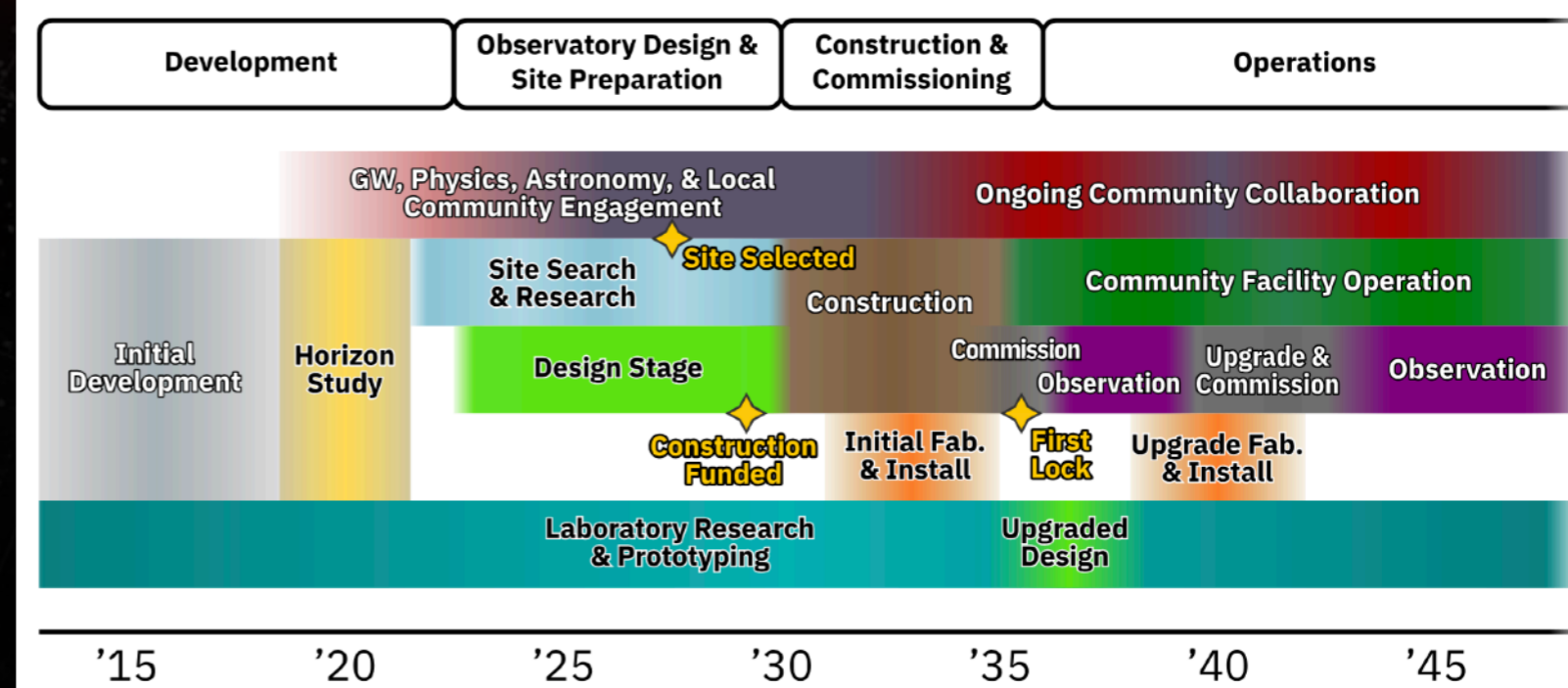
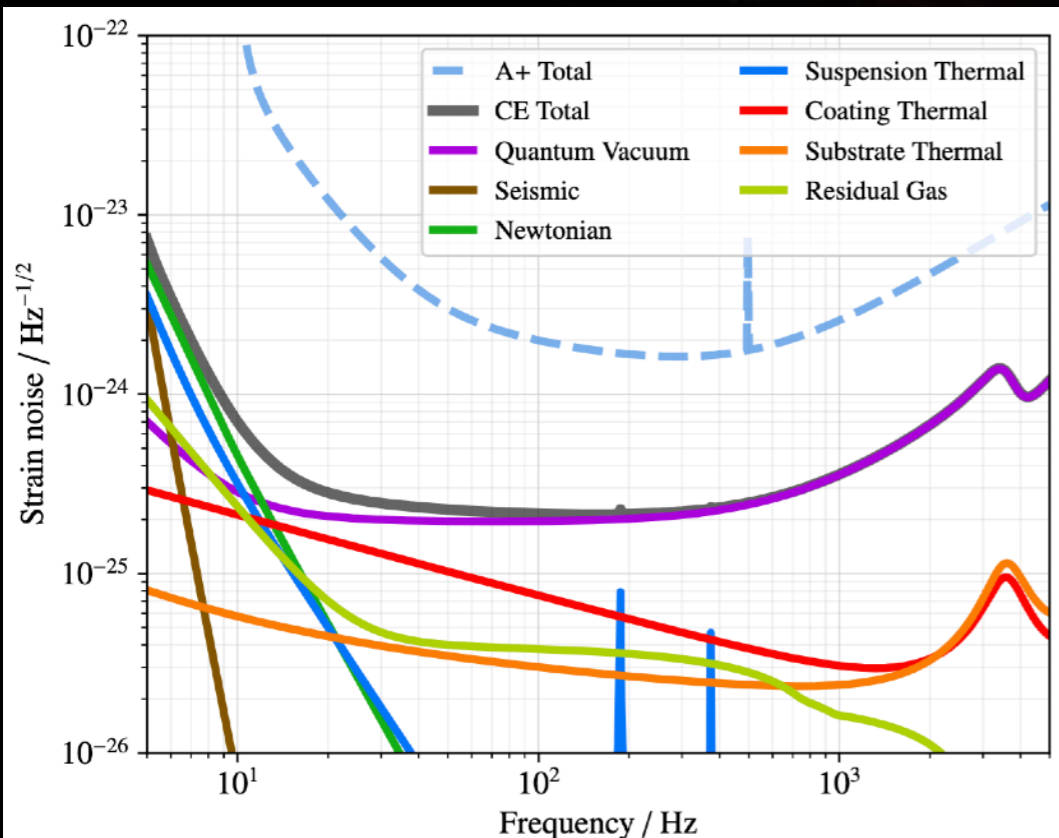
# Cosmic Explorer

## ► Design:

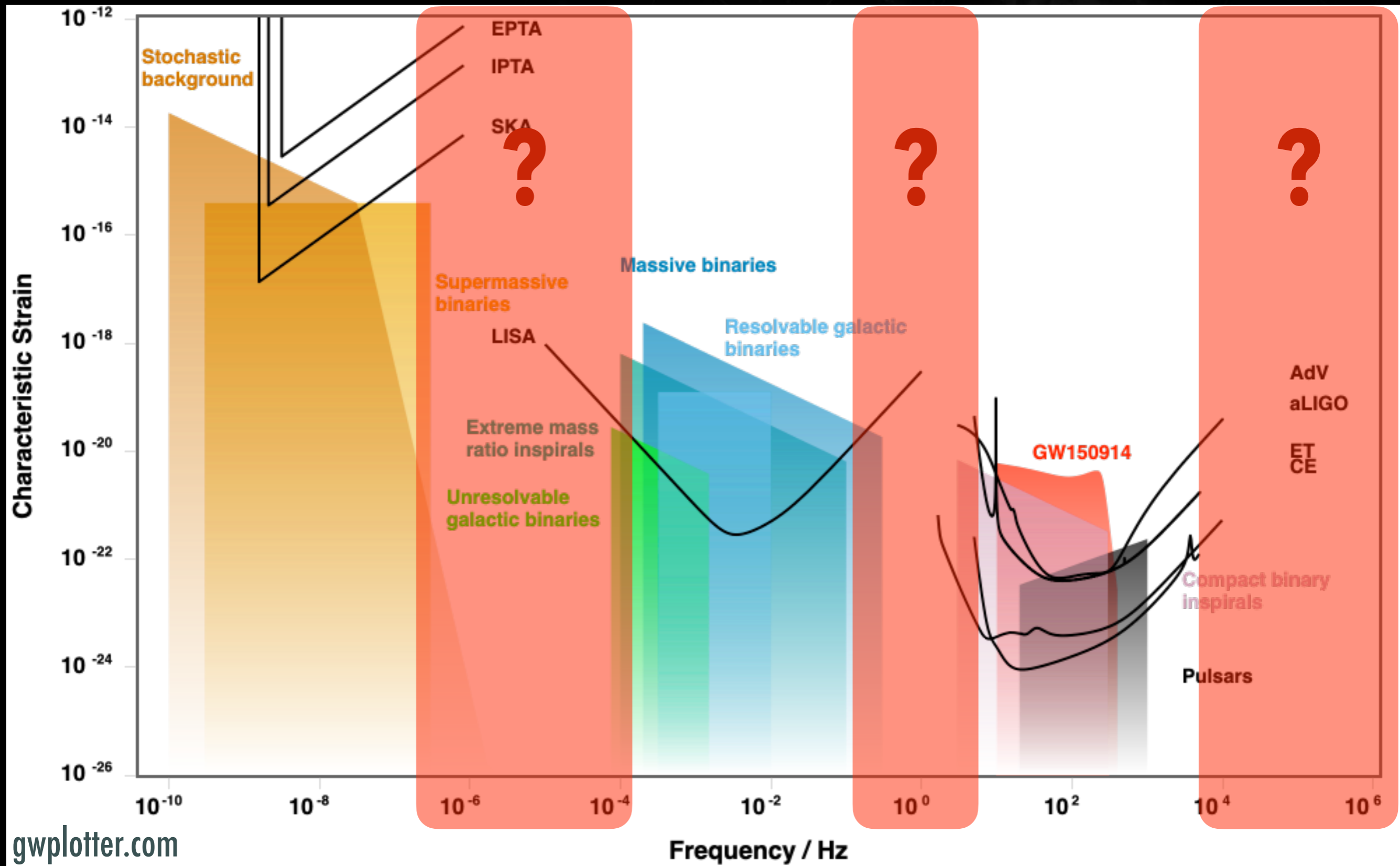
- 2 L-shape Interferometers:
  - 40km
  - 20 km
- Same technology as Advanced LIGO



Horizon Study, Cosmic Explorer, 2021



# GW spectrum: current + future + ?





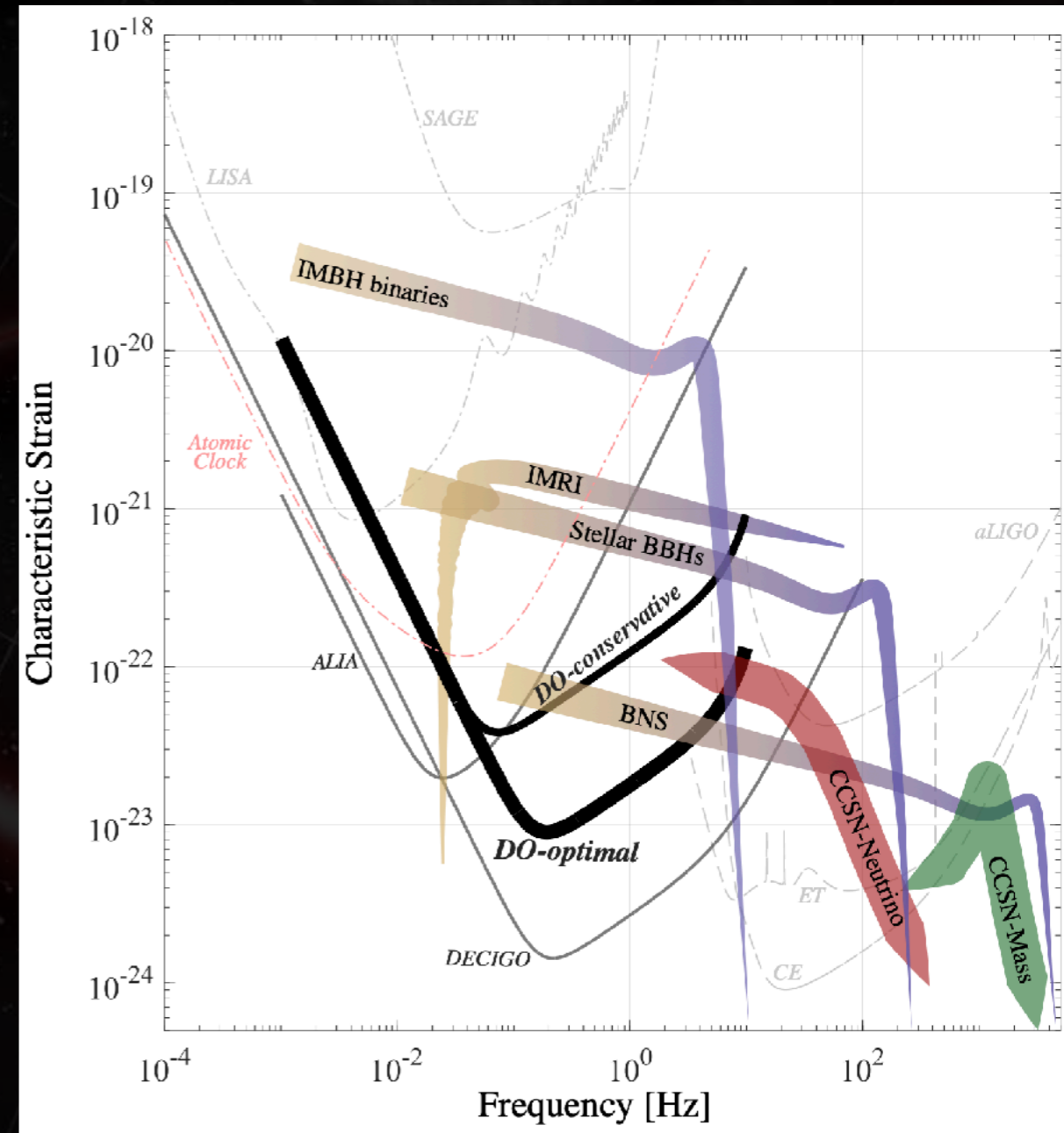
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# Others space based GW projects

# DeciHertz observatory

- ▶ Proposal submitted at Voyage2050 (ESA call for science themes for L4, L5 & L6, 2040-2060):
- ▶ 0.01-10 Hz → decihertz band:
  - IMBH, IMRI, stellar BBHs
  - BNS early-warning
- ▶ On-going study in the LISA Consortium - Voyage 2050:
  - Science
  - Technical feasibility
  - ...

Sedda et al. 2020, gr-qc:1908.11375v3



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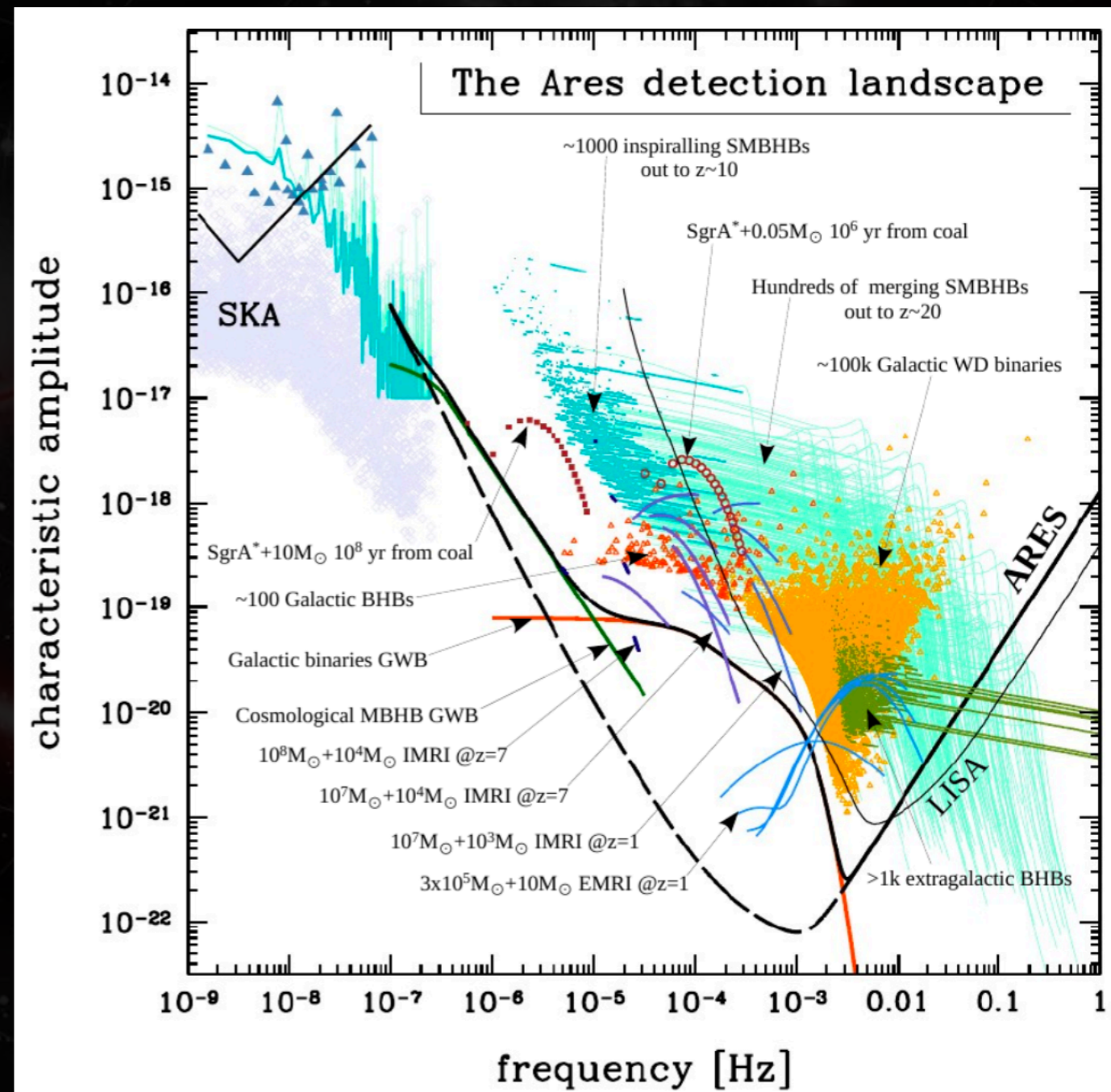
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- ▶ Arm of 1 AU

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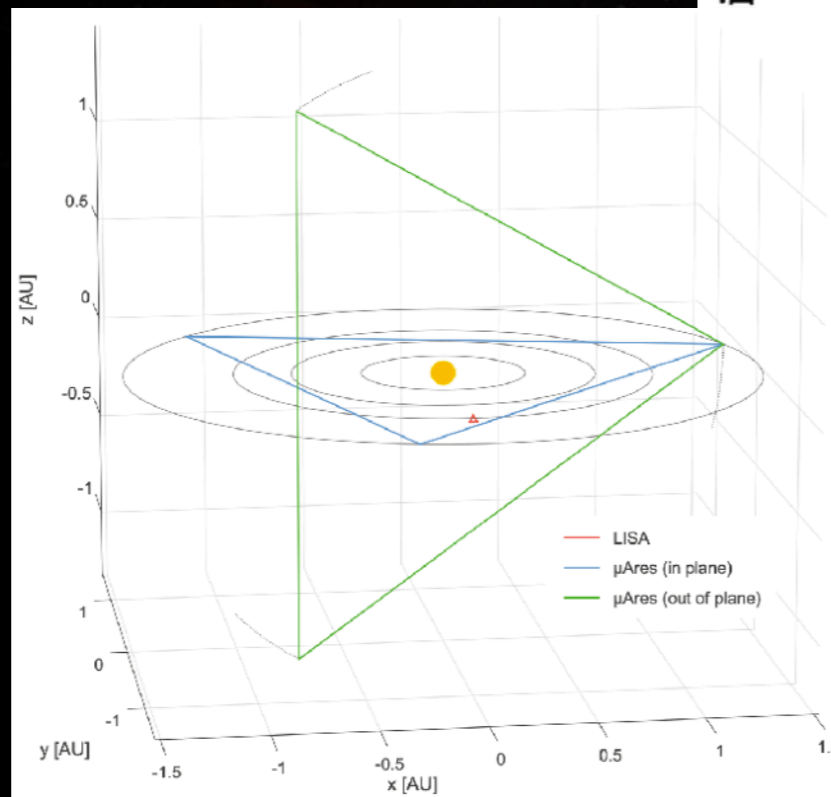
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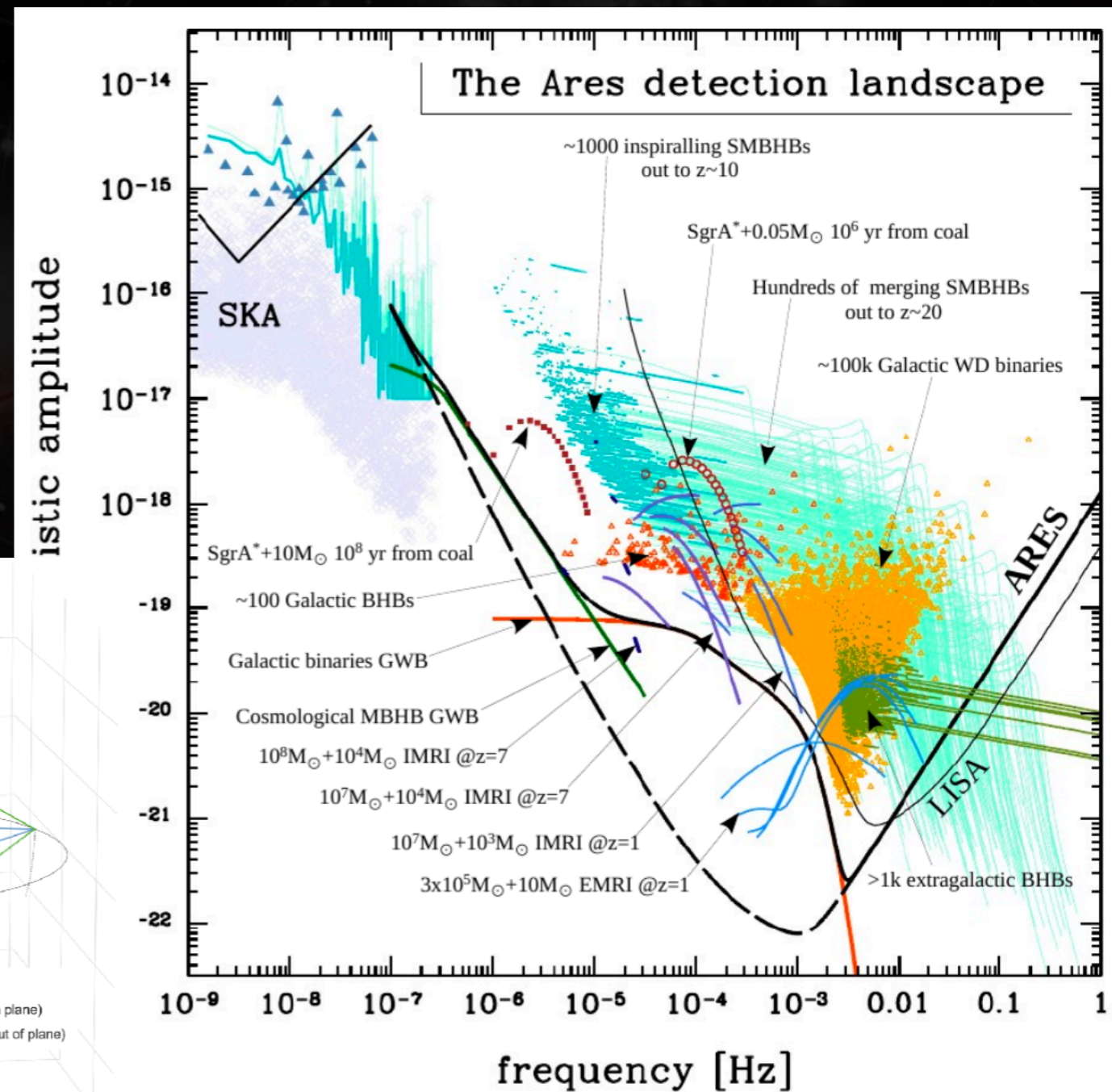
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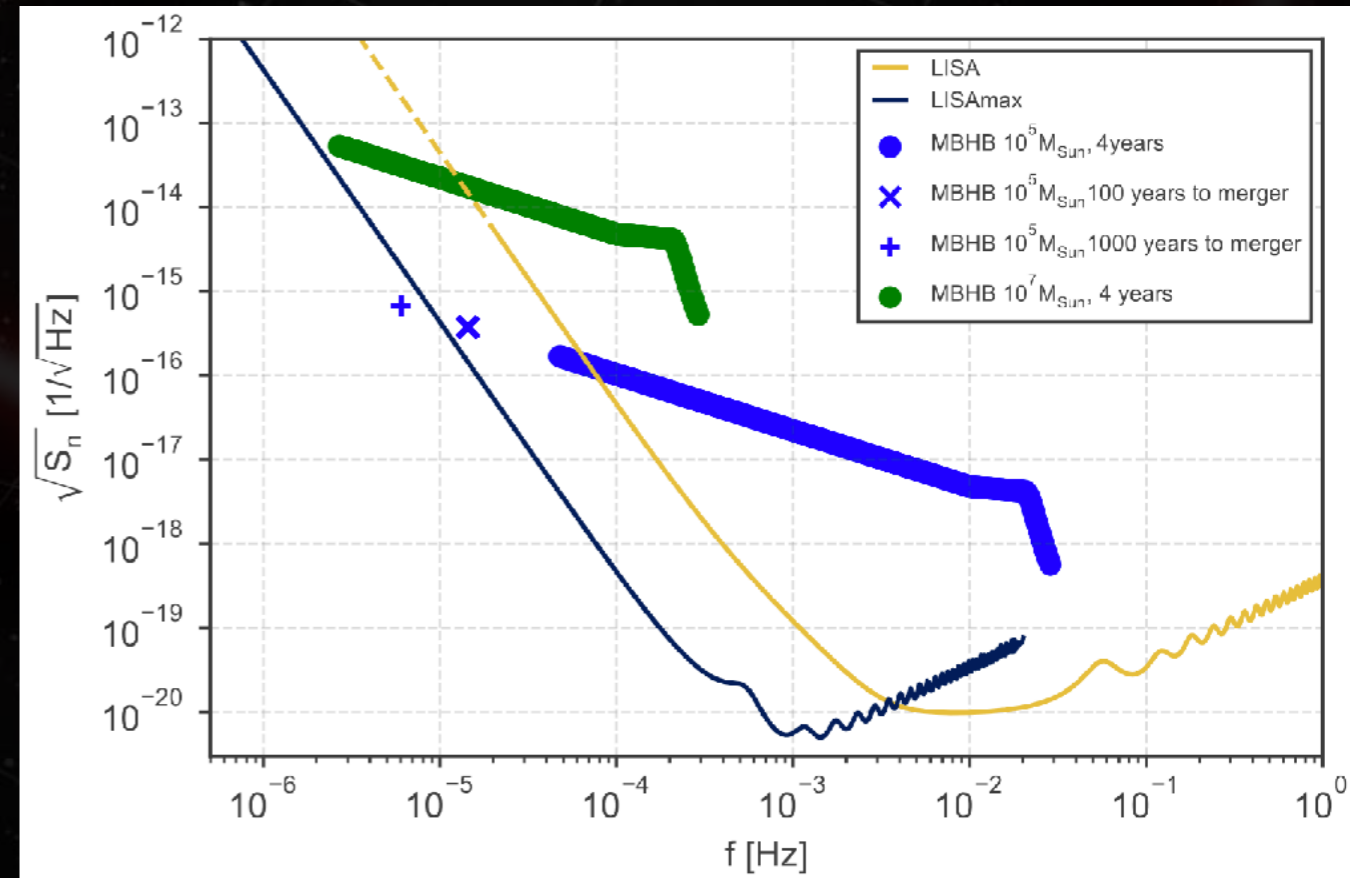
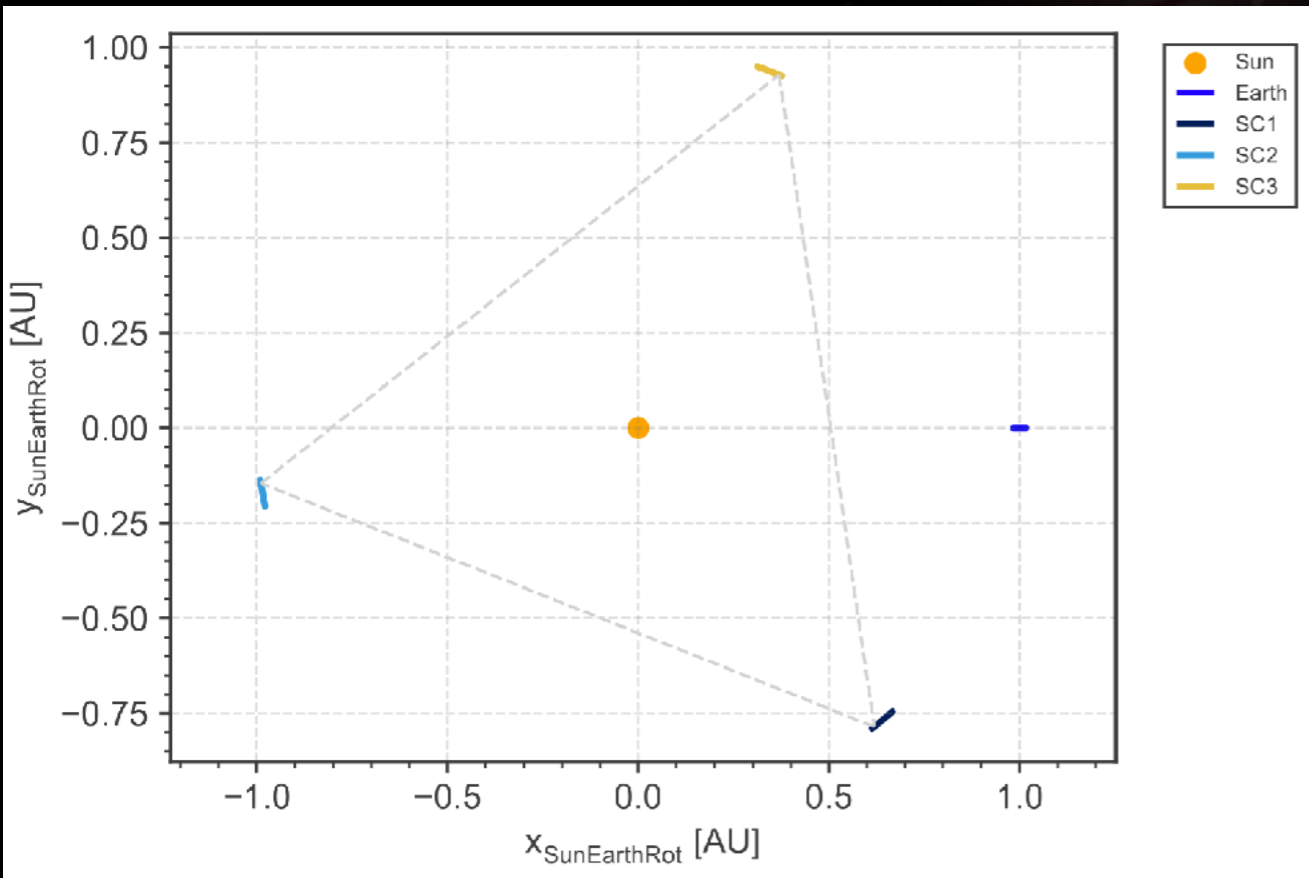


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# LISAMax

- ▶ LISA of 1 AU in the earth orbital plane
- ▶ Study for the orbits of the 3 spacecraft:  
[Martens, Khan & Bayle 2023, gr-qc:2304.08287v2](#)
- ▶ Ongoing study of the scientific performances and feasibility (again in the context of Voyage2050)



# Resonant absorption of GW in (artificial) binaries

## ▸ Principle:

- Binary systems act as high-quality resonators
- Efficient transfer of energy and momentum between the orbit and GW
- Leading to potentially detectable orbital perturbations.

## ▸ Design:

- Few passive spacecrafts in eccentric orbits around Earth
- Precise spacecraft orbits measurements with Laser Ranging

## ▸ Science:

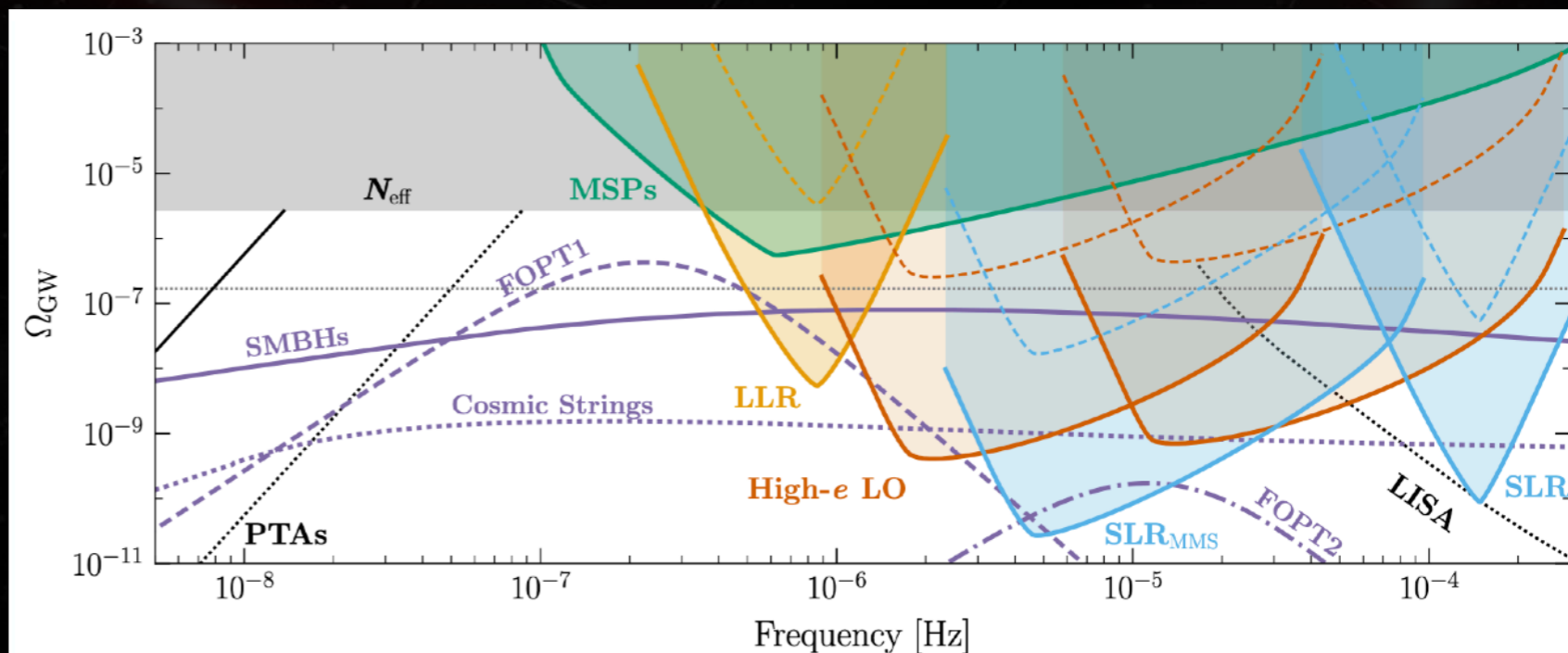
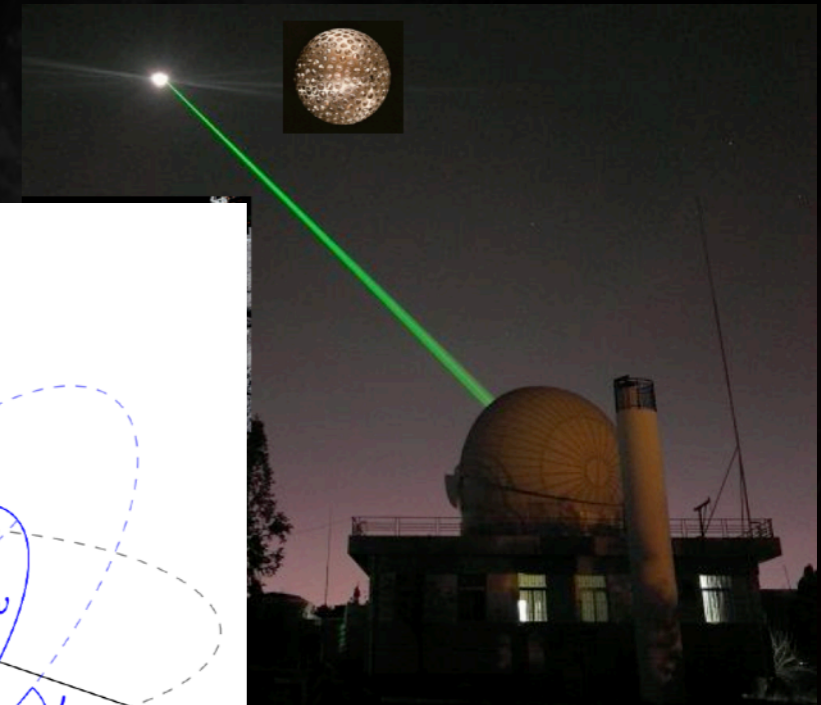
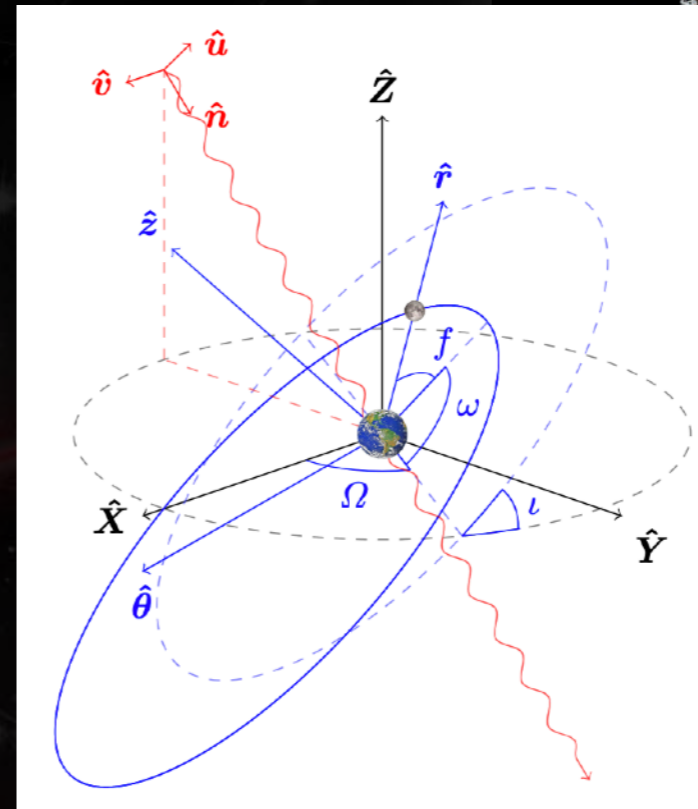
- Gravitational waves in the  $\mu\text{Hz}$  regime
- Ultra-light Dark Matter

## ▸ Status:

- Project submitted to the on-going call for mission F3 at ESA

## ▸ References:

- <https://arxiv.org/abs/2504.16988>
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# Moon based GW projects

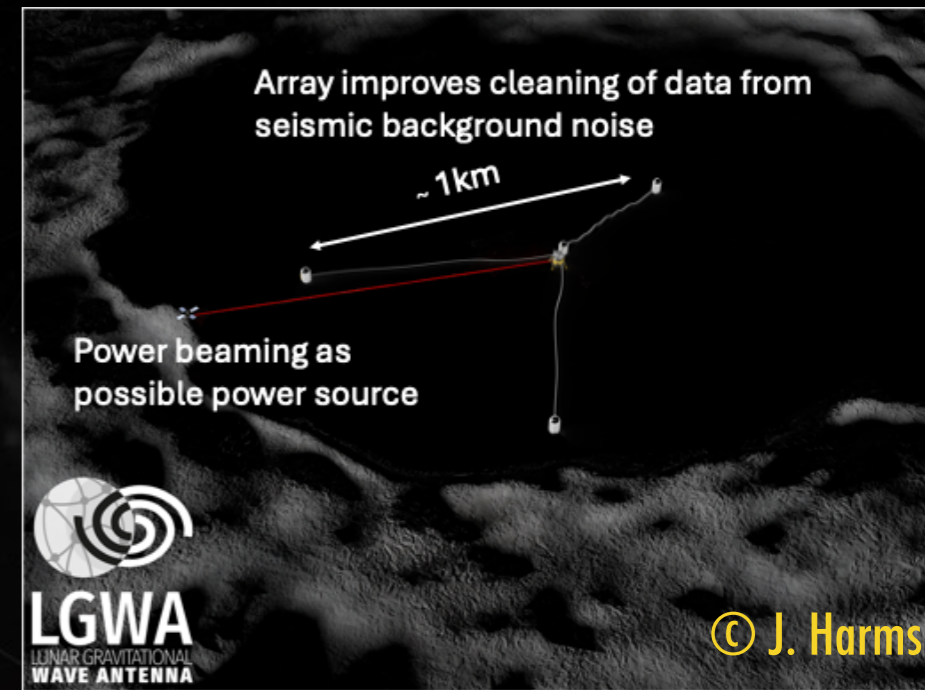
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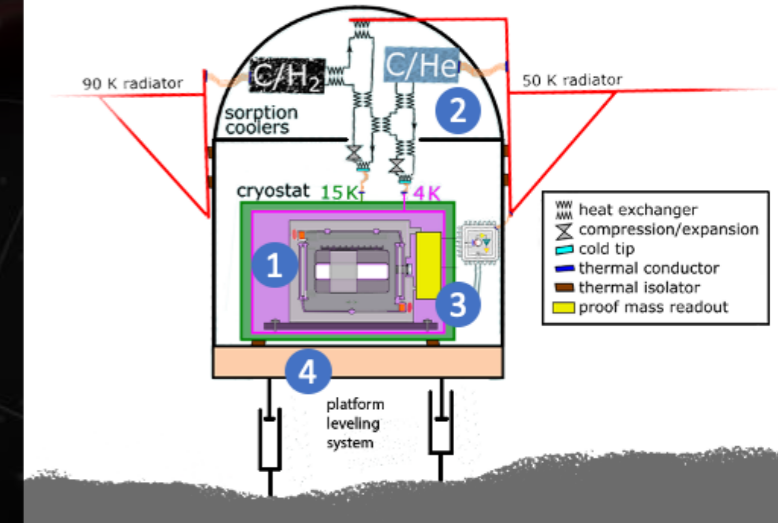
- Array of seismometers on the Moon using the Moon as a resonant bar ("Weber" bar)

## ► Science case: GW and multi-messenger observations

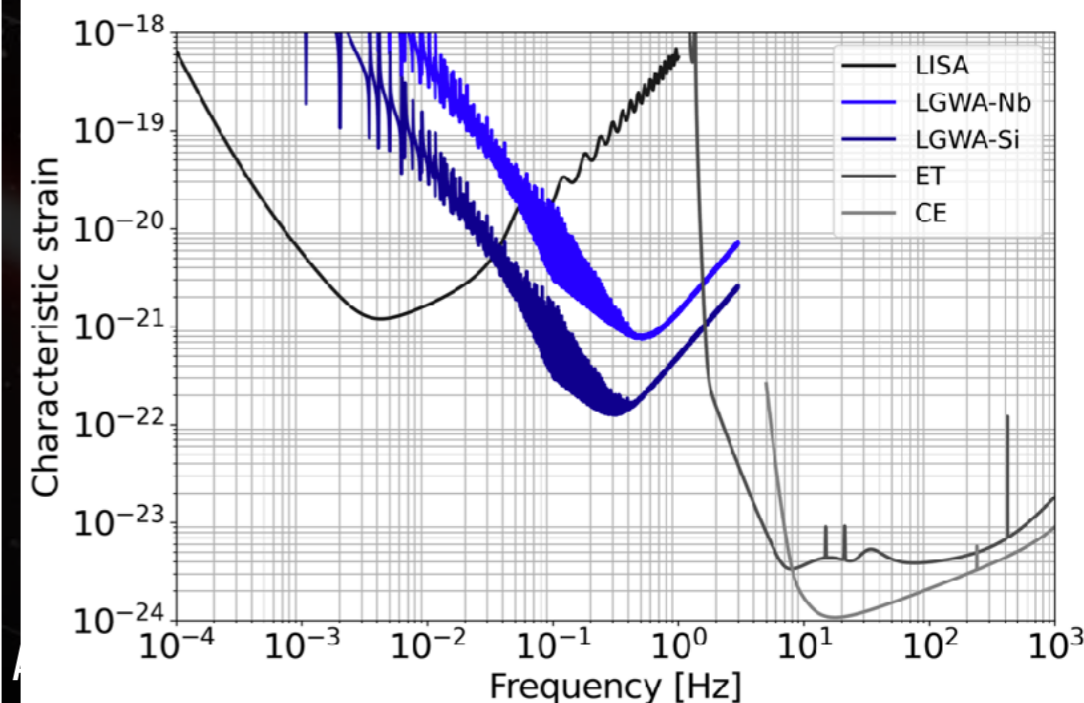
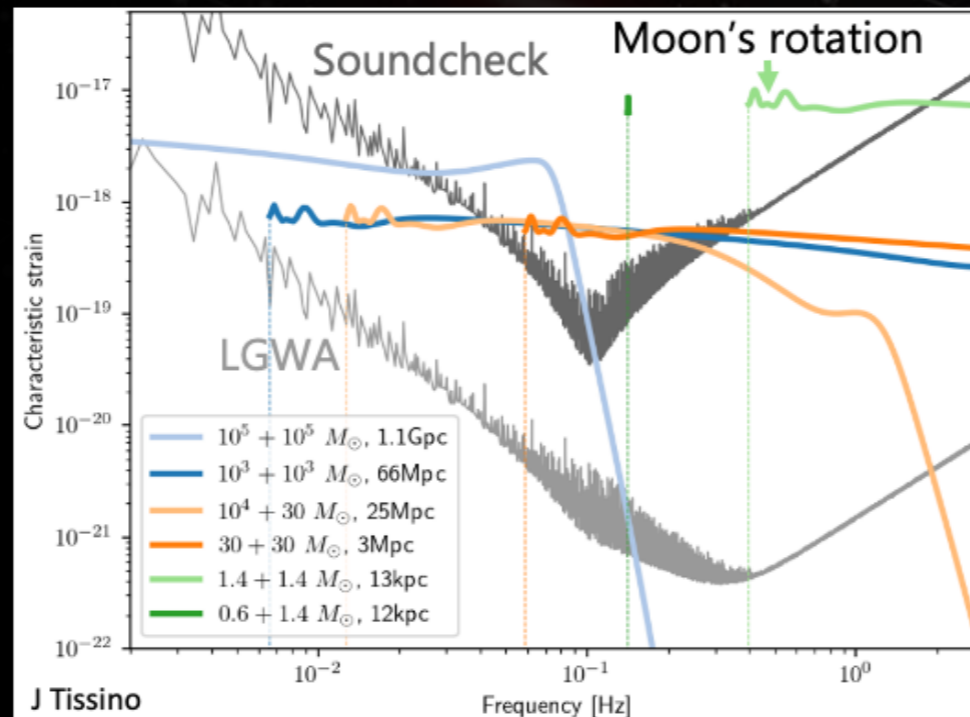
- Studying astrophysical explosions
- Exploring black-hole populations and their role for structure formation in our Universe
- Hubble constant measurement
- Enabling the next level of high-precision waveform measurements



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LGWA Workshop <https://indico.ict.inaf.it/event/2782/>

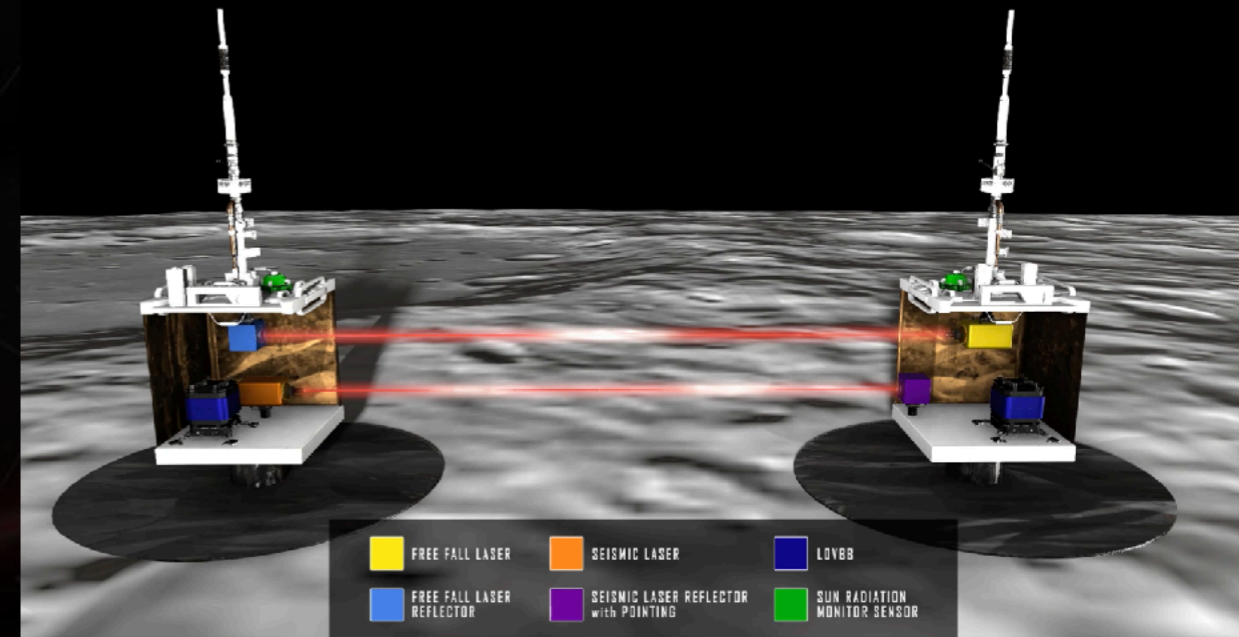


# LILA

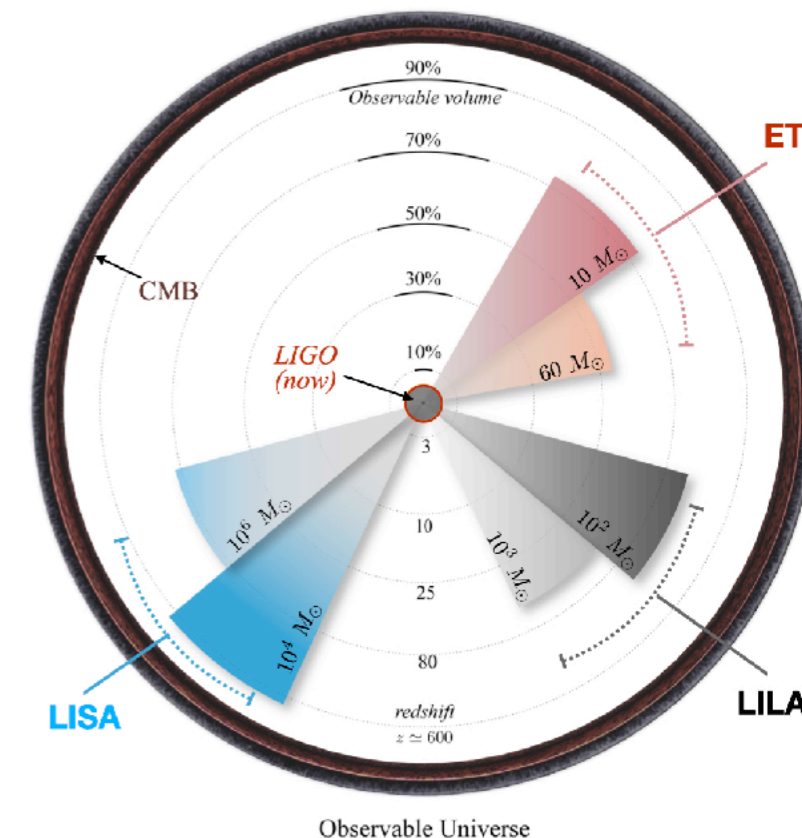
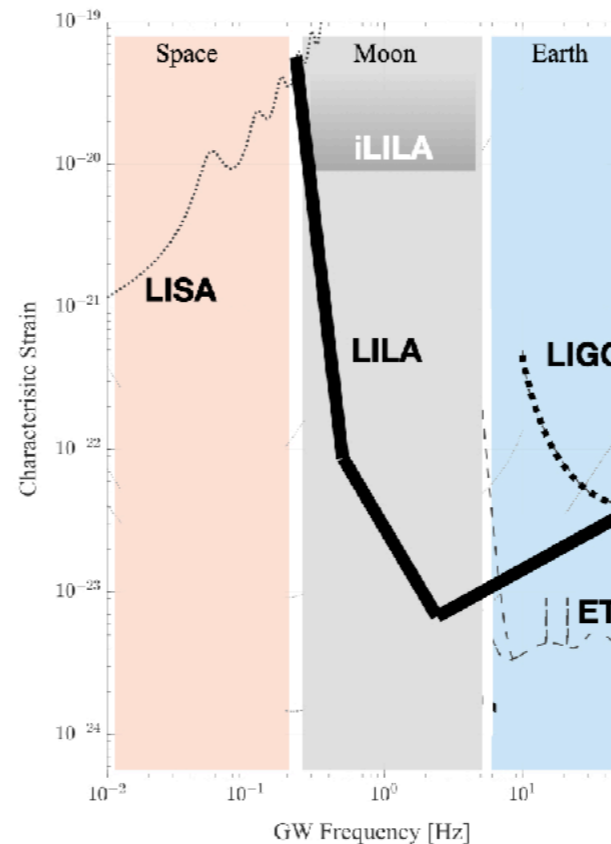
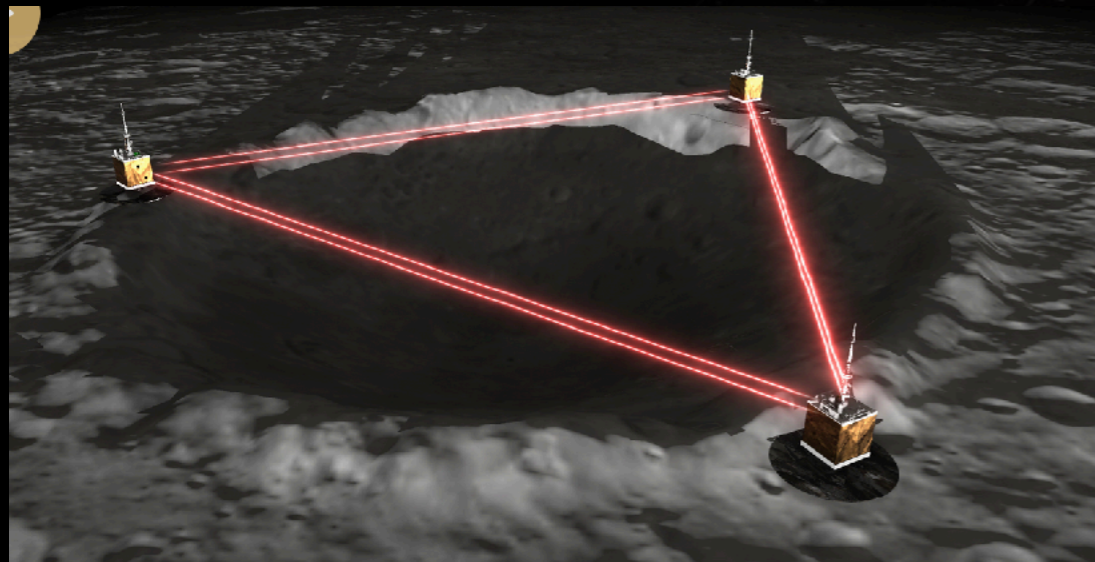
## ▶ Laser Interferometer Lunar Antenna

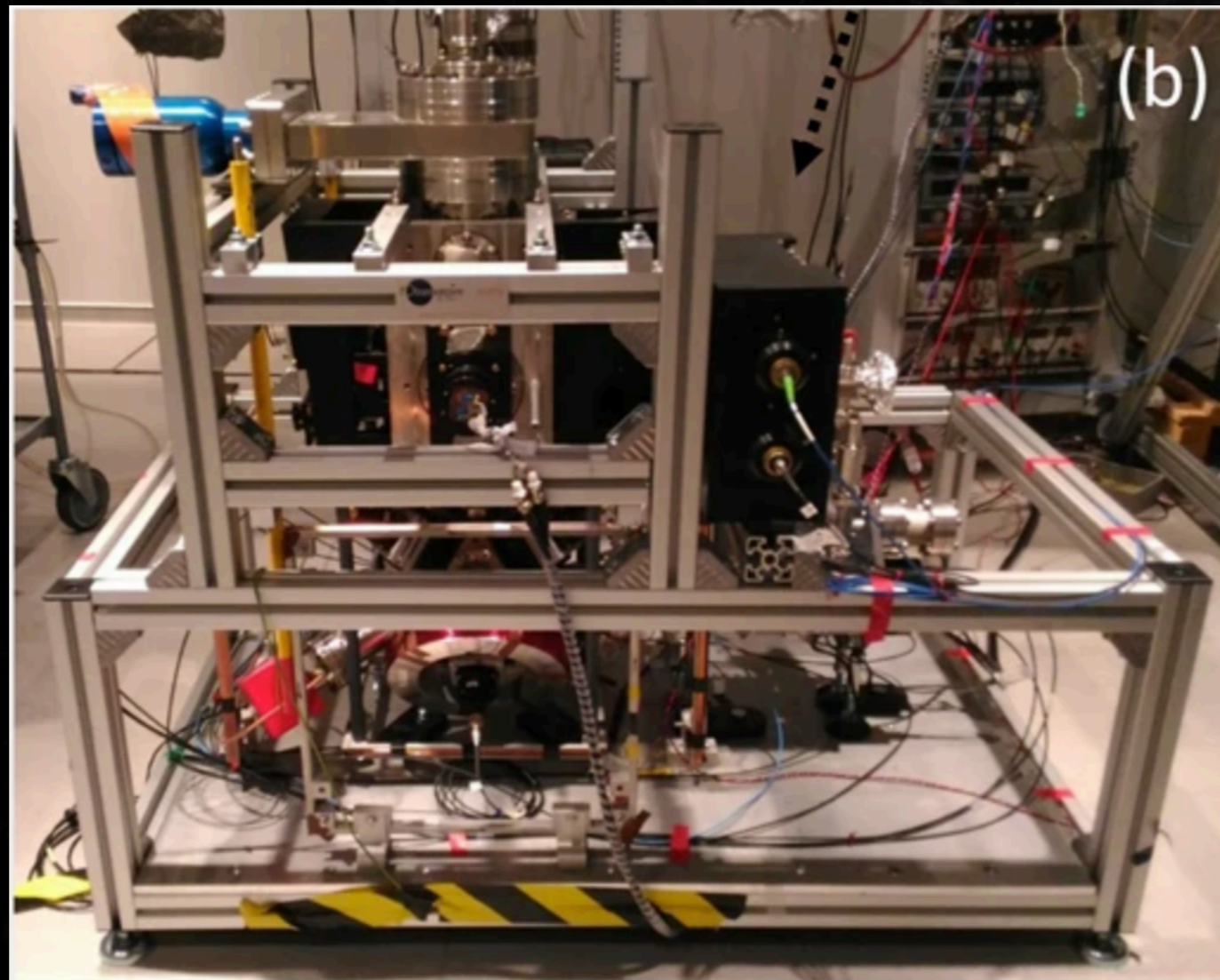
- 3 landers placed in triangular shape (few km)
- Payload: mirrors, lasers, seismic isolation
- ▶ 2 different ways to detect GW:
  - Space-time induced between free falling masses
  - Vibration of the Moon induced by passing GW
- ▶ Sub-Hertz frequencies
- ▶ GW sources:

- Weeks-ahead early-warning system for observing binary neutron star mergers,
- Type Ia supernovae progenitors,
- Survey of intermediate-mass BHs to Dark Ages



LILA meeting <https://www.vanderbilt.edu/lunarlabs/lila/>





Credit: MIGA, Nature 14064 (2018)

# Atom interferometry

# MIGA

## ► Principle:

- Use cold atoms to measure the gravity gradient
- 3 atom interferometers on 150m horizontal arms, each one measuring the local acceleration  
→ difference = local gravity gradient
- Reference laser beam in vacuum common to all interferometers

## ► Prototype with limited sensitivity

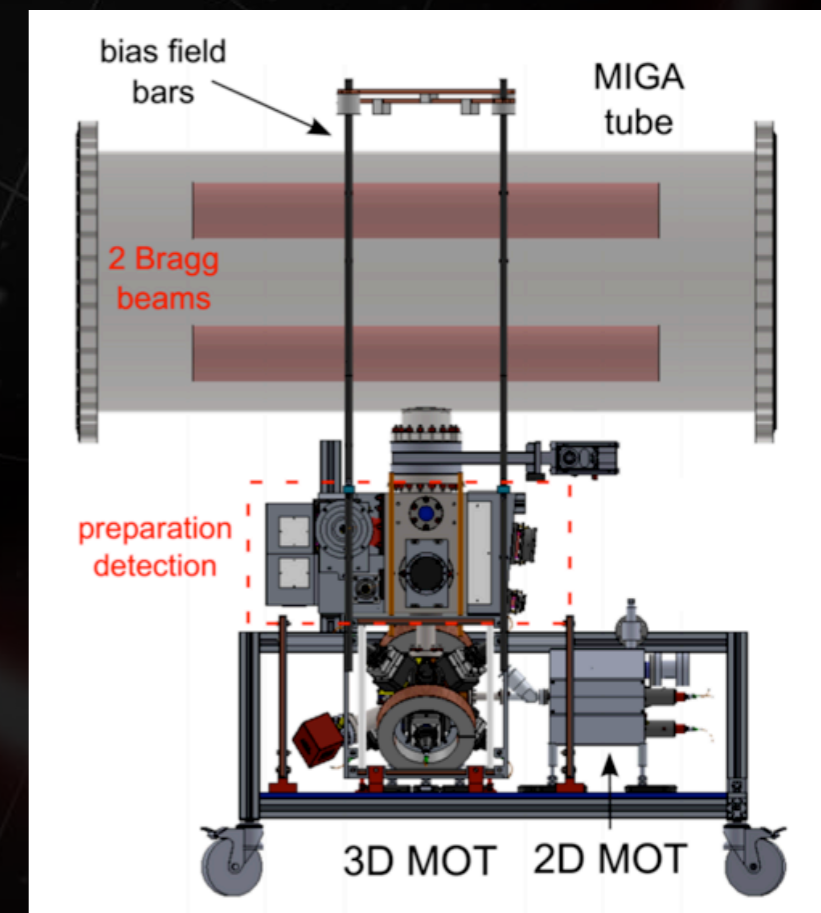
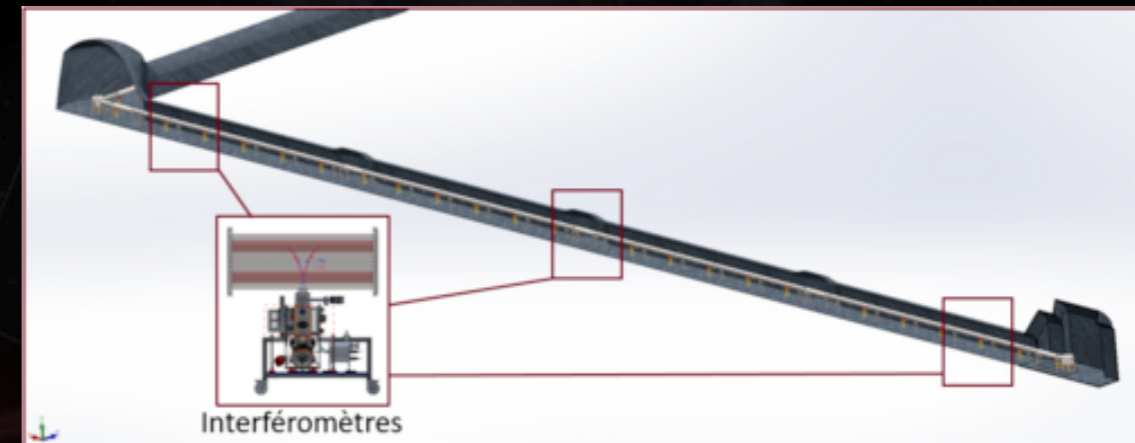
## ► Science:

- Earth gravity field
- Prototype for future GW observatories in the band 0.1 - 10 Hz

## ► Status:

- On-going building in Laboratoire Souterrain Bas Bruit in Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur

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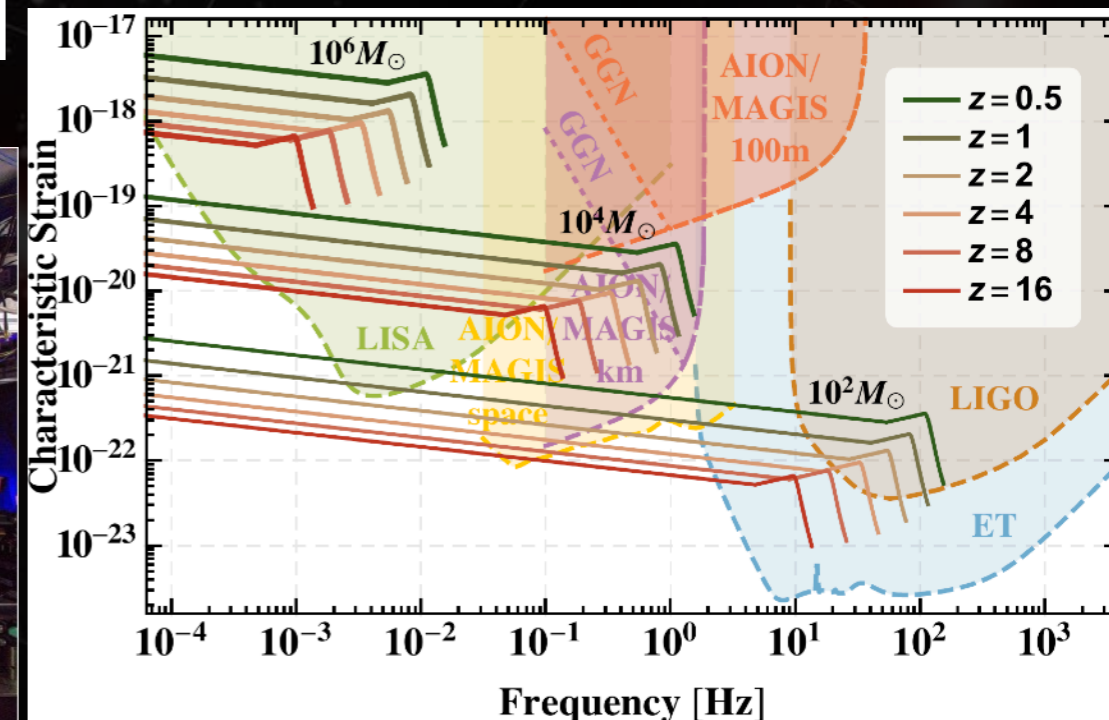
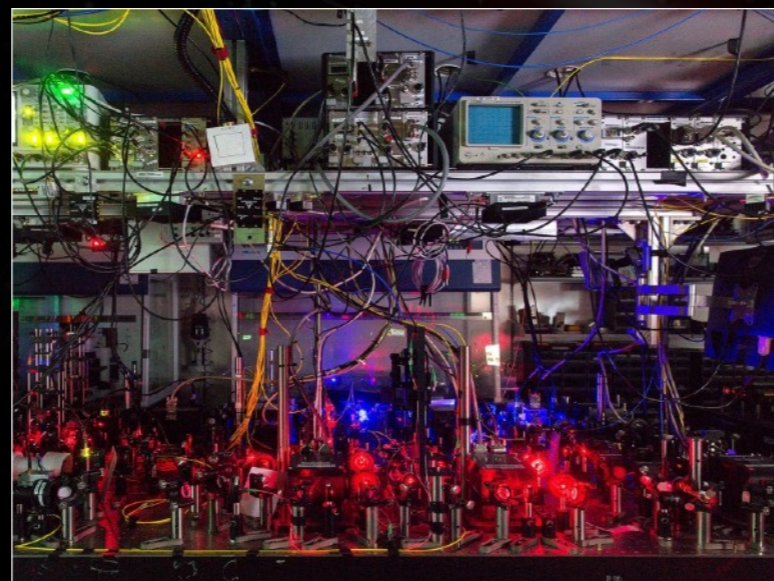
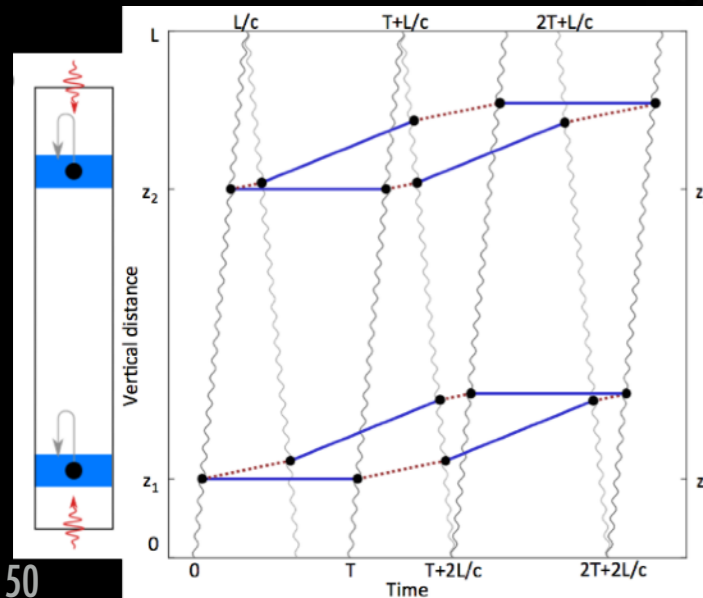
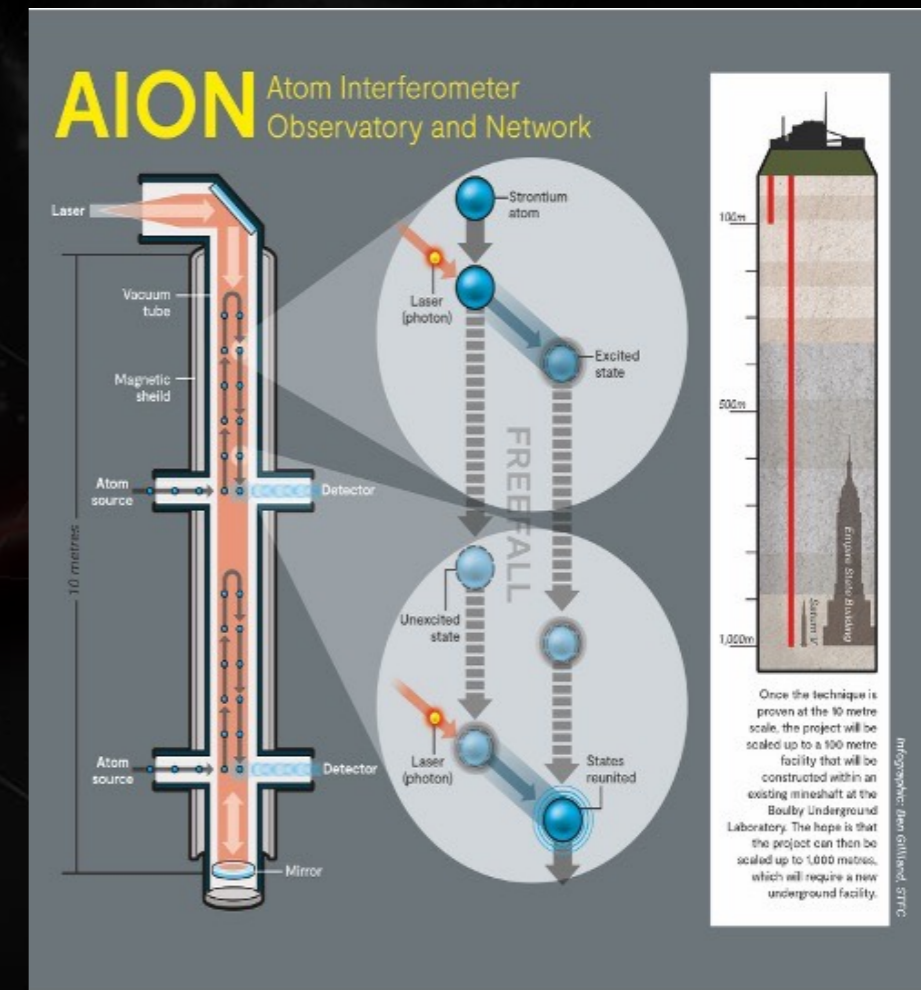


# AION

Crédit: O. Buchmueller

- ▶ "Interference between wave-packets of laser-cooled atoms to search for gravitational waves and dark matter"
- ▶ Vertical atom interferometer with several versions increasing in length developed in UK
- ▶ 10m prototype currently under construction at the University of Oxford

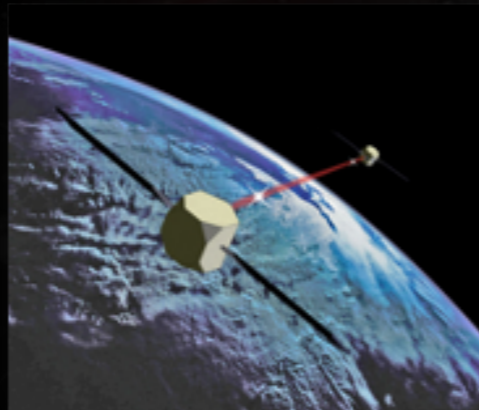
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AION-10 (goal)	10	1.4	$10^{-4}$	1000
AION-100 (initial)	100	1.4	$10^{-4}$	1000
AION-100 (goal)	100	1.4	$10^{-5}$	40000
AION-km	2000	5	$0.3 \times 10^{-5}$	40000



# AEDGE

## ► Atomic Experiment for Dark Matter and Gravity Exploration

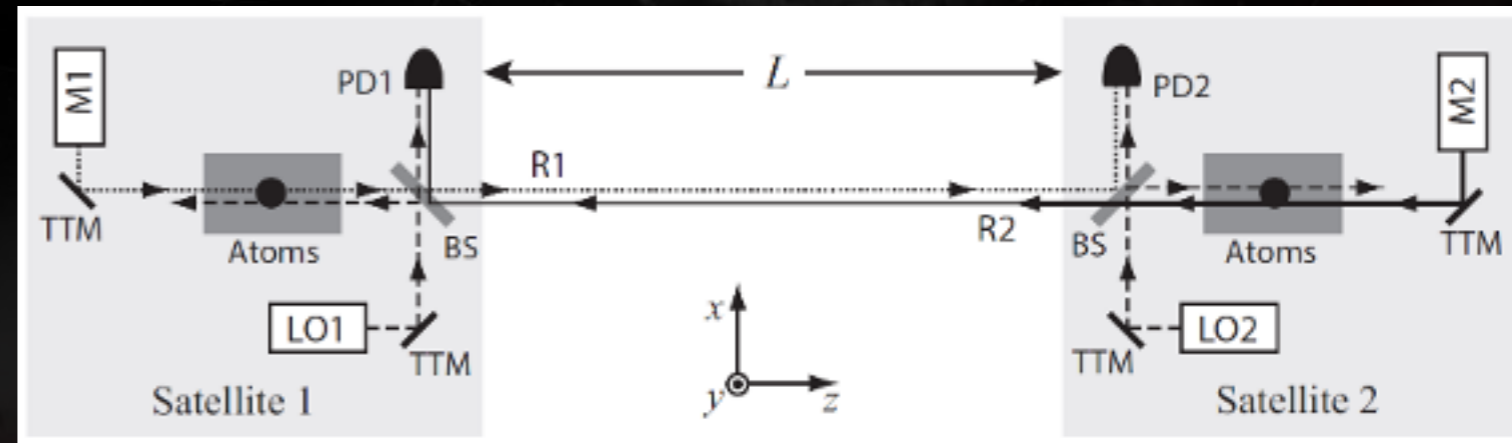
- Pair of satellites in medium Earth orbit
- Separation 4400 km



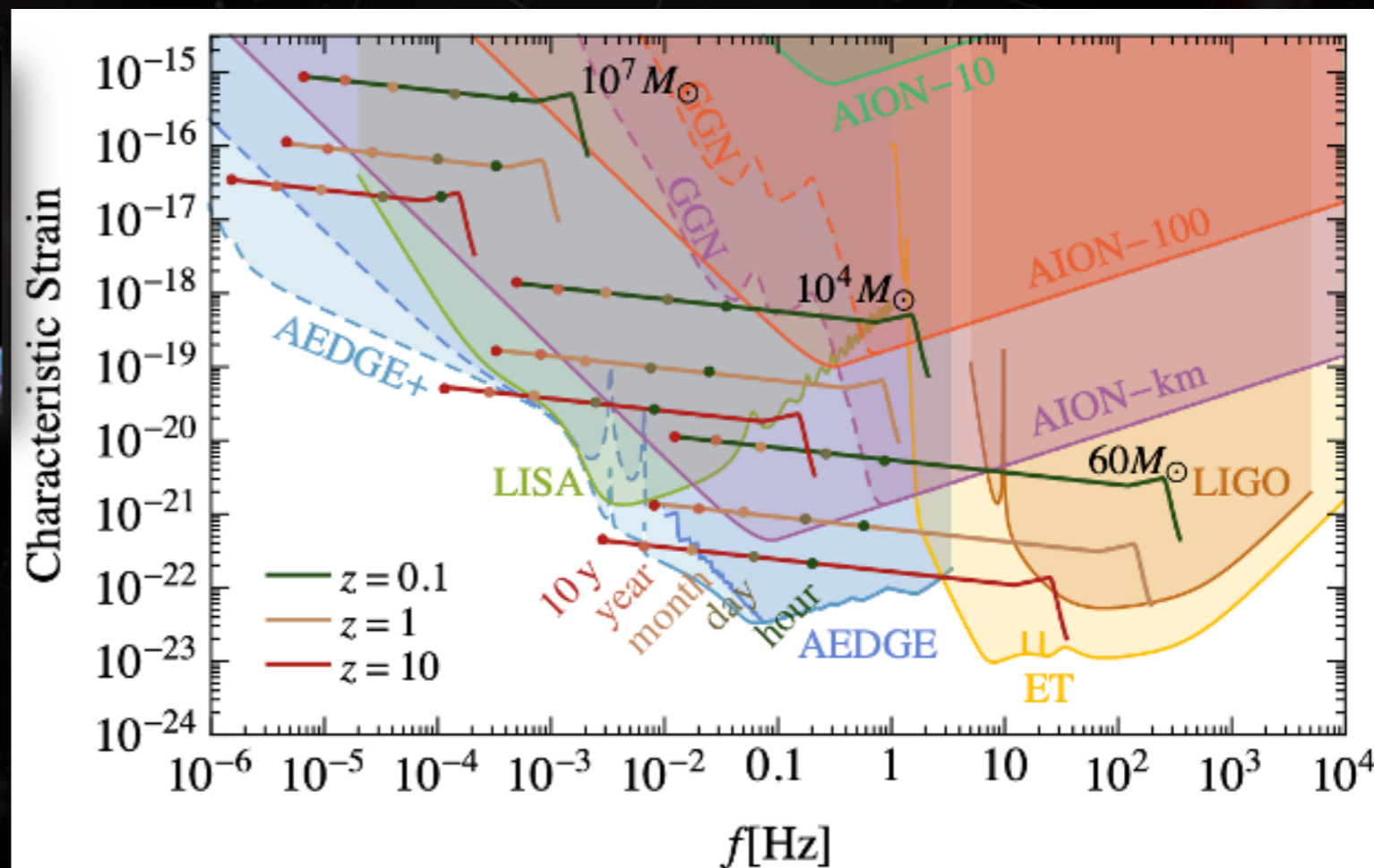
## ► Development on ground:

- AION-100 : 100m
- AION-km : 1km

Abou El-Neaj et al. 2029, gr-qc:1908.00802



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Credit: DESY

# Ultra-high frequency projects

# GW at ultra-high frequency

► GW at frequency  $> \text{kHz}$  ; instruments used to search for axions

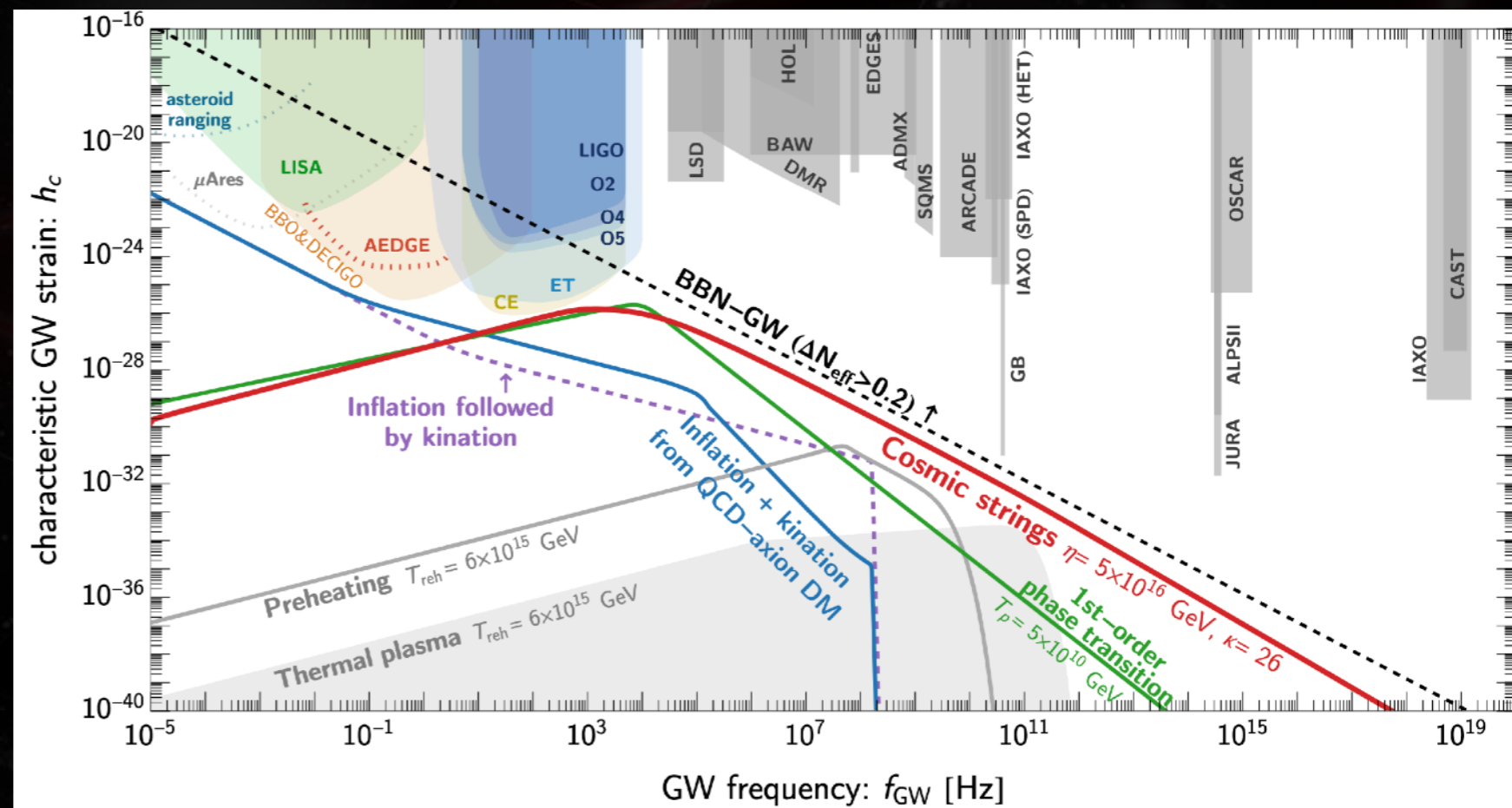
► Ideas for detectors:

- High-energy pulsed laser
- Transverse static magnetic field
- Resonant bars or magnets
- ...

► Hypothetical GW sources :

- cosmic string,
- First order phase transition at  $10^{10} \text{ GeV}$ ,
- Primordial BHs
- ...

Credit: Servant et al. 2023



► Workshop on the topic in 2023: <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1257532/overview>

# Conclusion

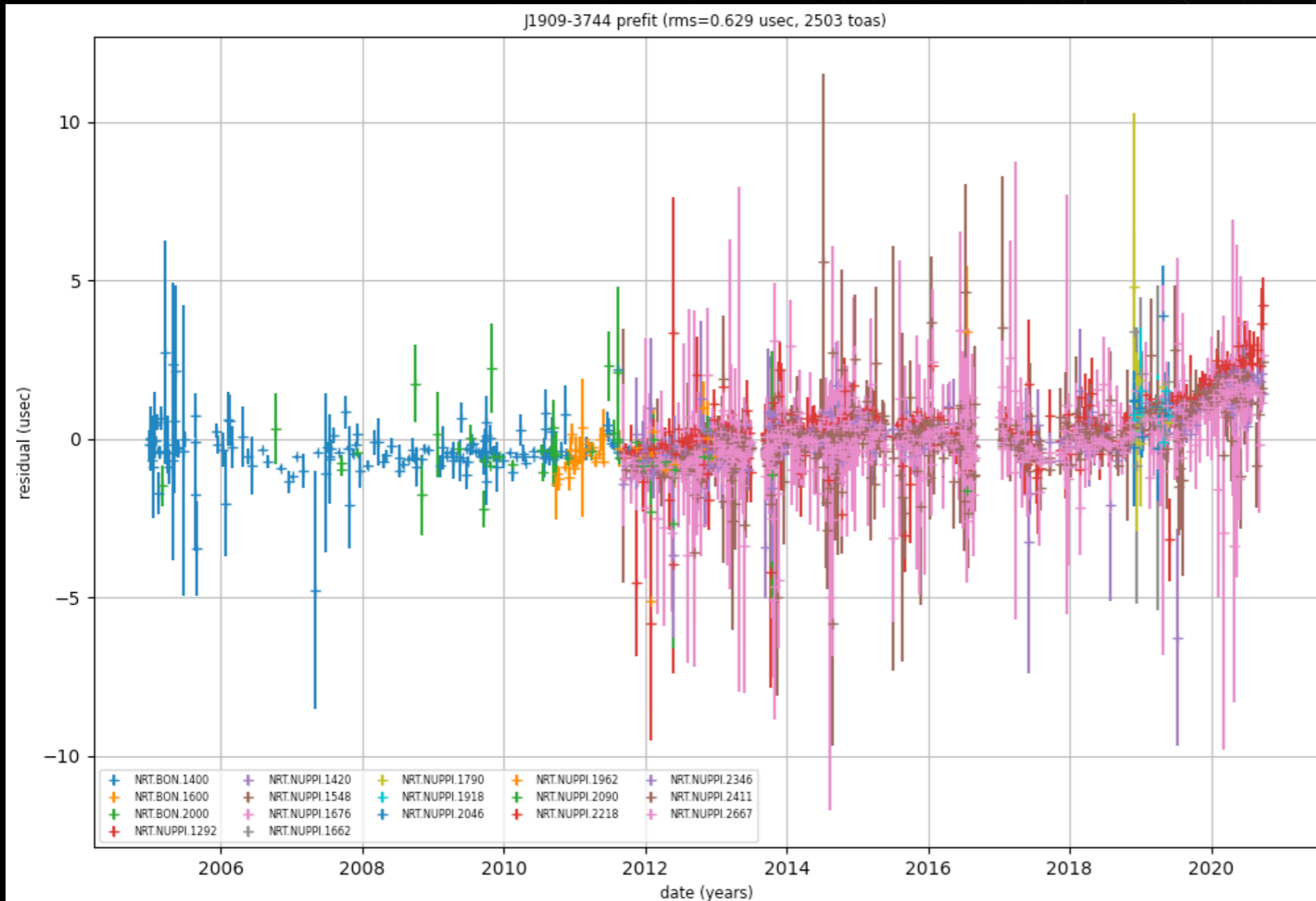
- ▶ Since the first direct detection of gravitational waves in 2015, there are a lot of new results:
  - At high frequency (10-1000 Hz), **LVK detected ~300 binaries** with many outstanding events
  - At very low frequency, **strong evidence for GW signal from 3 PTA collaborations**
- ▶ Many more results in the next decades from decided projects:
  - ~2026 : IPTA
  - ~2032 : SKA PTA
  - ~ 2037 : LISA
  - ~ 2040 : Einstein Telescope & Cosmic Explorer
- ▶ Many more ideas:
  - Advanced interferometer in space,
  - Atoms interferometry,
  - Resonant artificial binaries,
  - Ultrahigh frequency
- ▶ Observation of Universe with GW is a new field growing very quickly with a very bright future and many connexion with others fields !

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# Pulsar timing

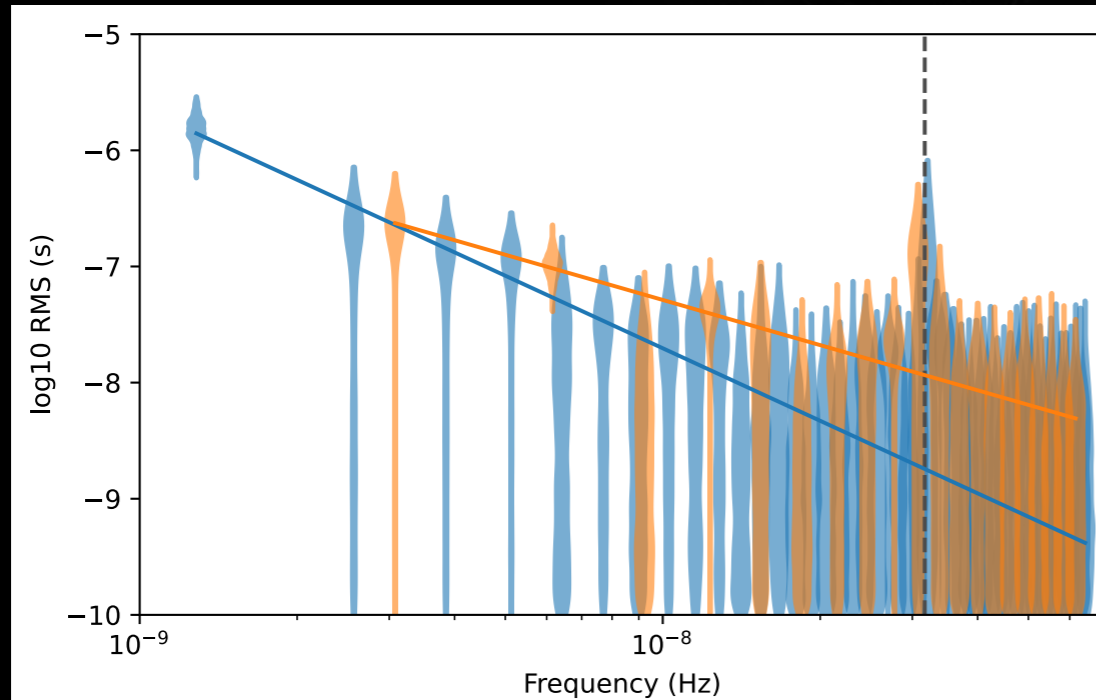
- Examples:
  - J1909-3744:



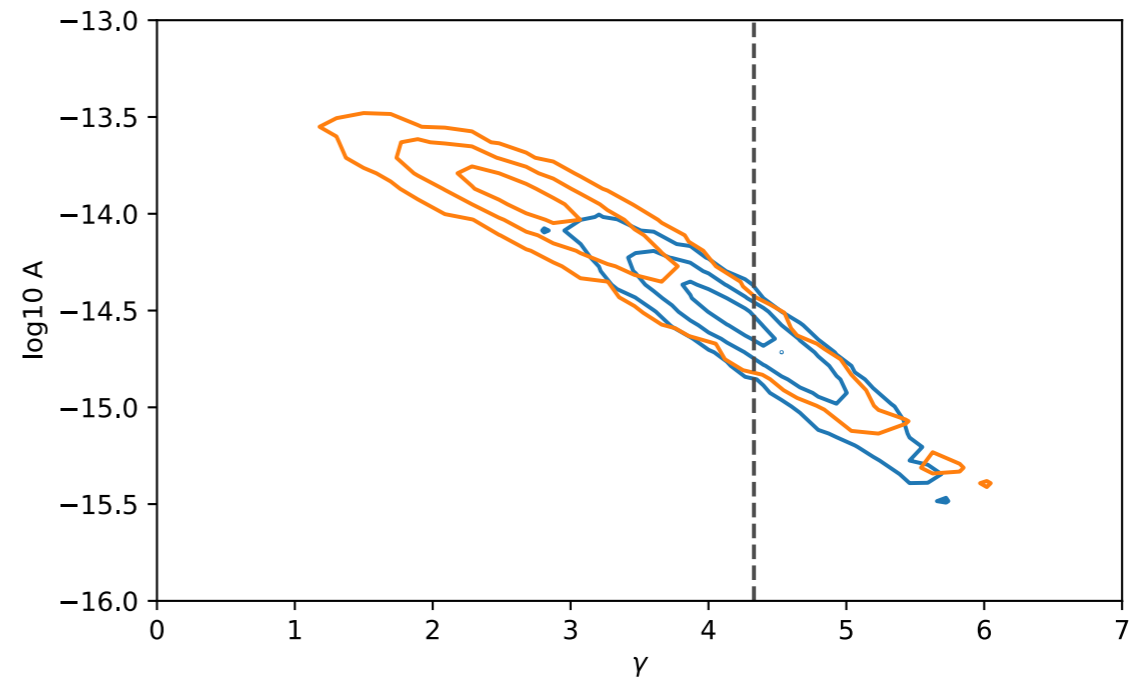
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PB	yes	1.53345 +/- 1.53345
A1	yes	1.89799 +/- 1.89799
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XDOT	yes	-1.17023e-15 +/- -1.17023e-15
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EPS2	yes	-1.37334e-07 +/- -1.37334e-07
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# EPTA results: evidence for GWs

## Free spectrum



## Posterior for GWB parameters

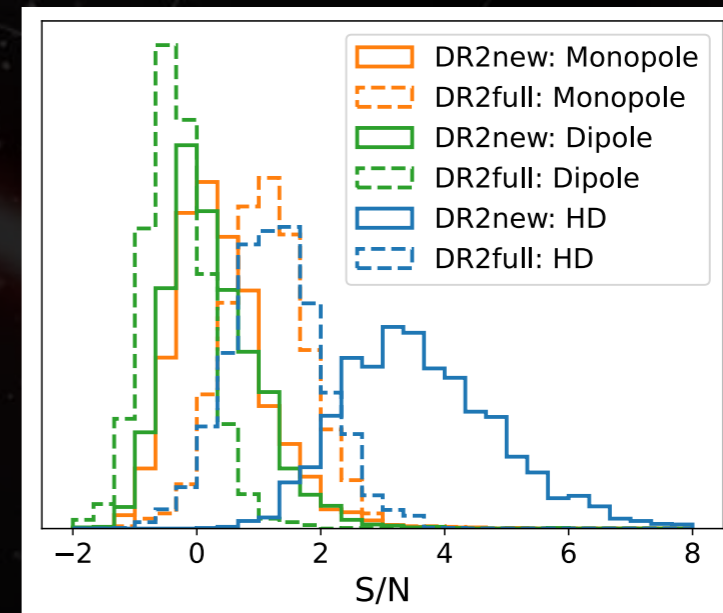


## GWB parameters (DR2new):

- logarithmic amplitude:  $\log_{10} A = -13.94^{+0.23}_{-0.48}$
- spectral index:  $\gamma = 2.71^{+1.18}_{-0.73}$

## No dipole and no monopole

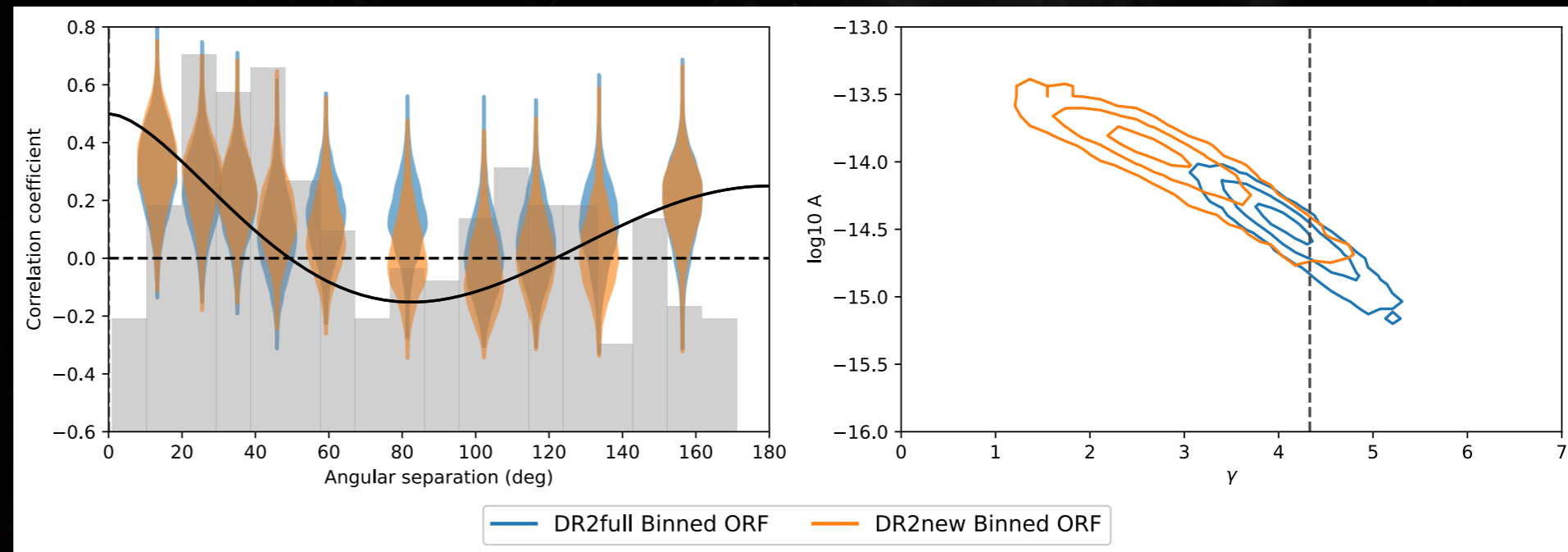
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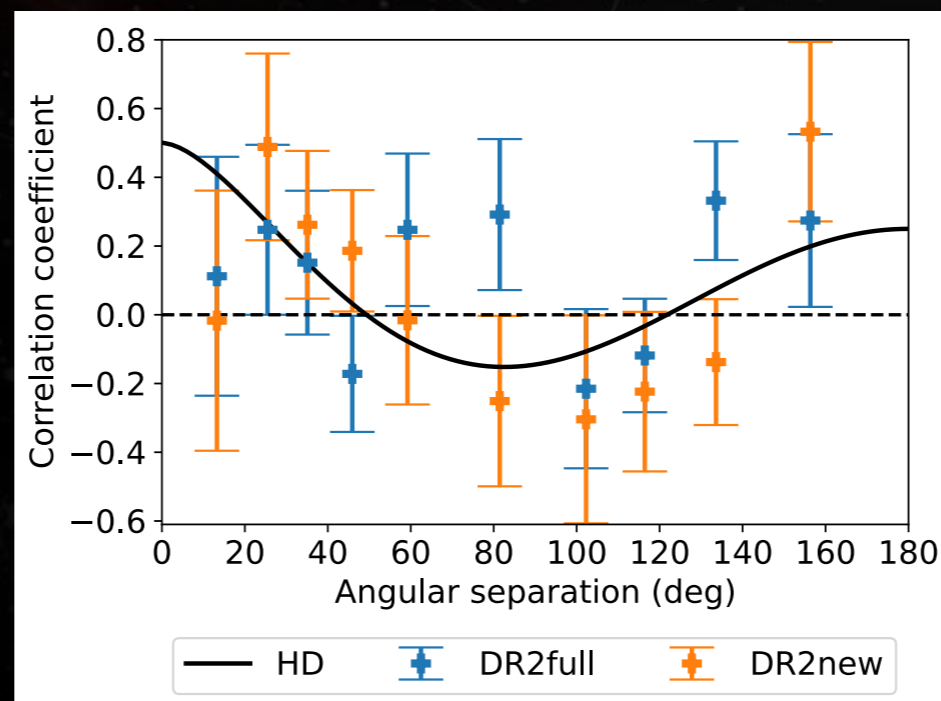
# EPTA results: evidence for GWs

- Spatial correlation: overlap reduction function

- Binned



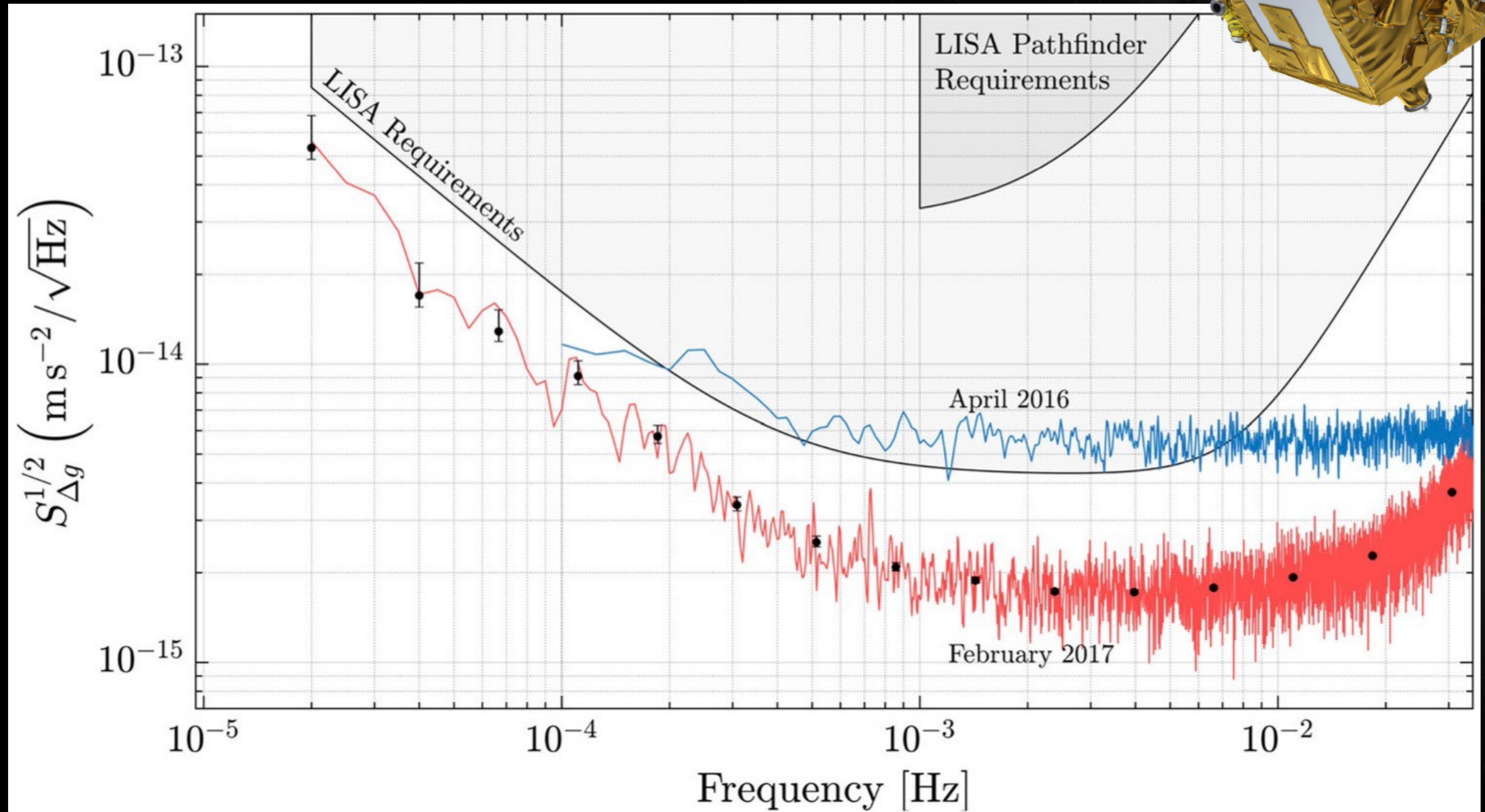
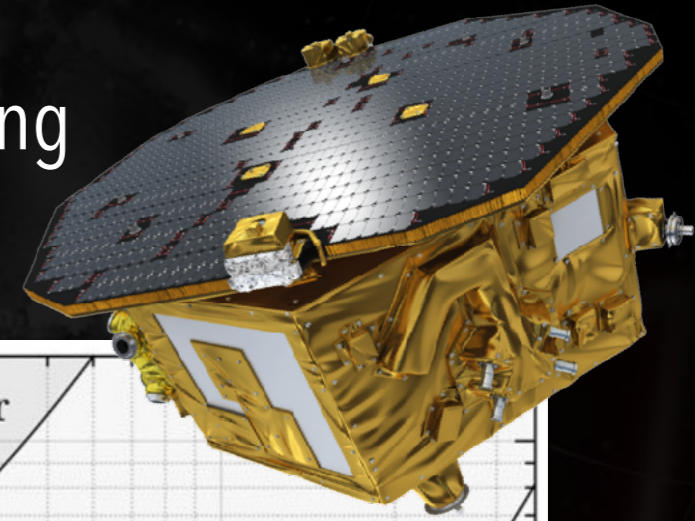
- Optimal statistic



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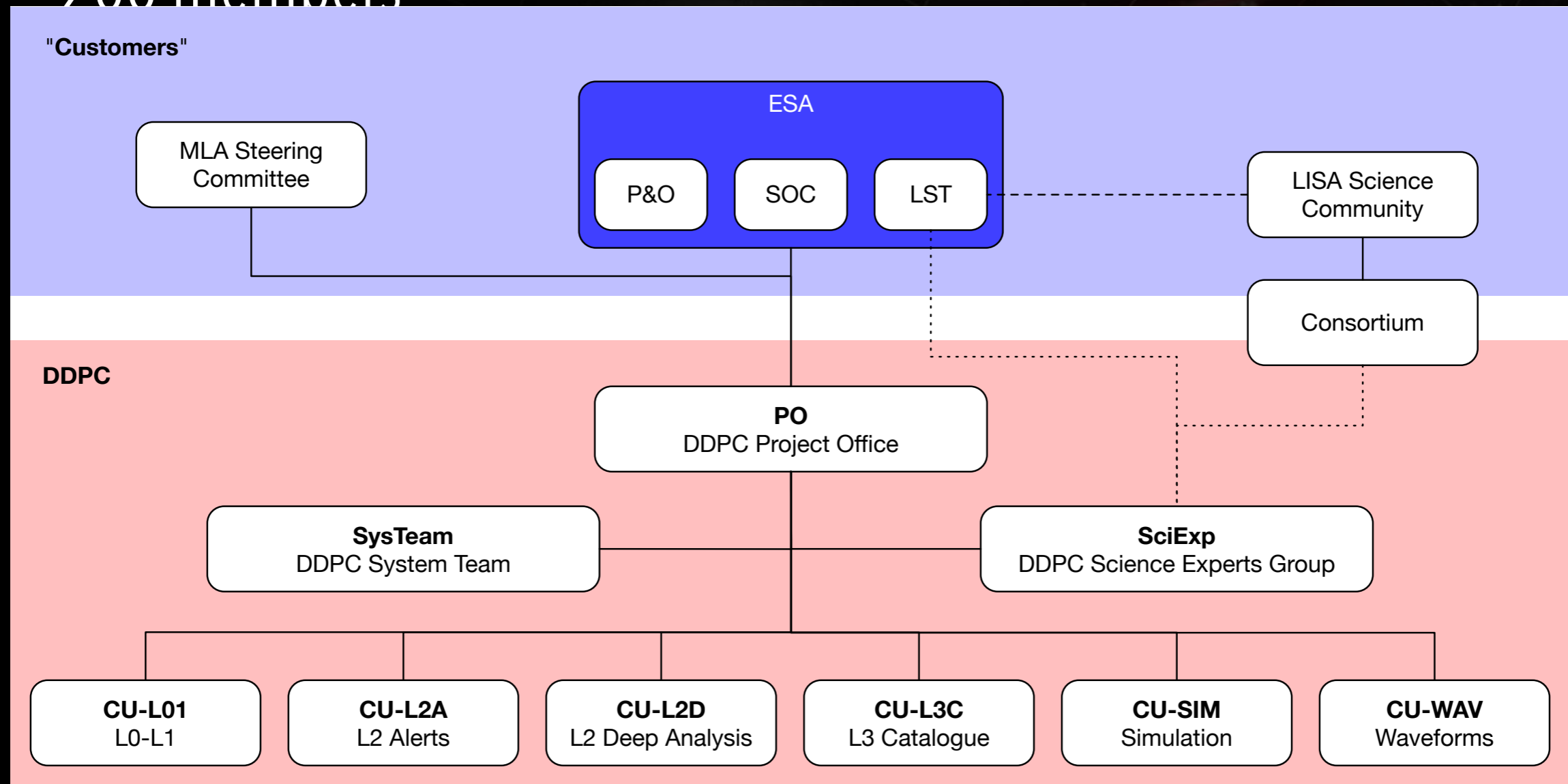
# LISAPathfinder final main results

- ▶ Successful demonstration of the ability to shield from fluctuating non-gravitational influences



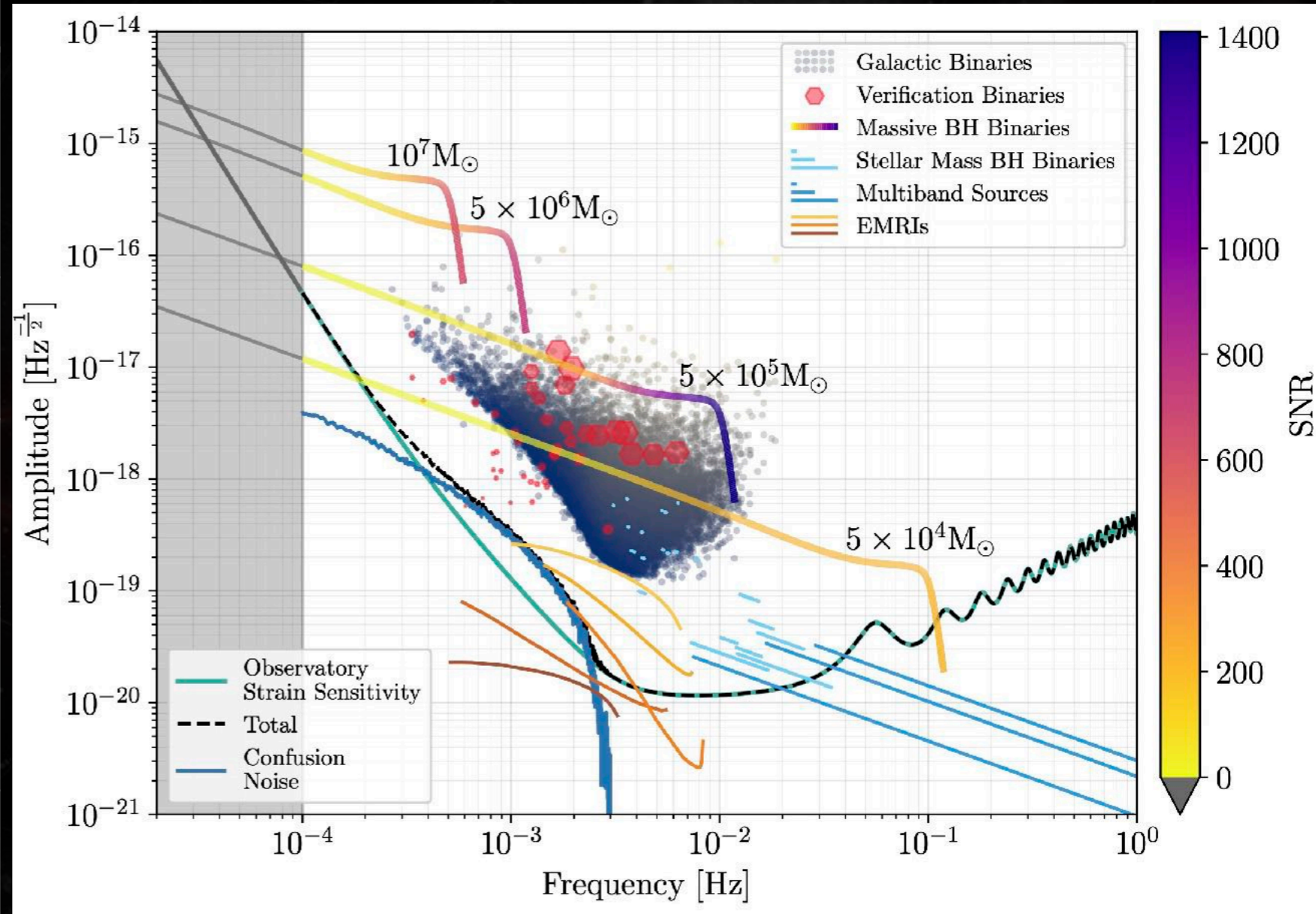
# Timeline and status

- ▶ DDPC in place and active
- ▶ Release of the first common dataset in December 2025
- ▶ ~ 200 members



# Binaries observed by LISA

Sources	SNR	Duration	Event rate
Galactic binaries	10 – 500	permanent	10000 – 30000 detectables + background
Verification binaries	7 - 100	permanent	20 (today)
Stellar mass black hole binaries	7 - 30	1 à 10 years	1 to 20
Extreme Mass Ratio Inspirals	7 - 60	1 year	1 to 2000 / year
Massive Black Hole binaries	10 - 3000	Hours - months	10 to 100 / year



# Multimessenger with LISA

- ▶ Main sources for multimessenger:
  - Continuous: galactic interacting binaries
  - Transient:
    - Massive Black Hole Binaries
    - Bursts (cosmic string, tidal disruption?, ...)
    - Unknown
- ▶ Low Latency Alerts Pipeline: automatic near-real time analysis during the 8h/day of communication, to release an alert in  $<1$  h:
  - New events
  - Update parameters (sky position) of detected events

