

# Gravitational-wave transient detection and multi-messenger astrophysics

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- Introduction – overview and status of LIGO and Virgo
- Observational results
- A new astronomy with advanced GW detectors

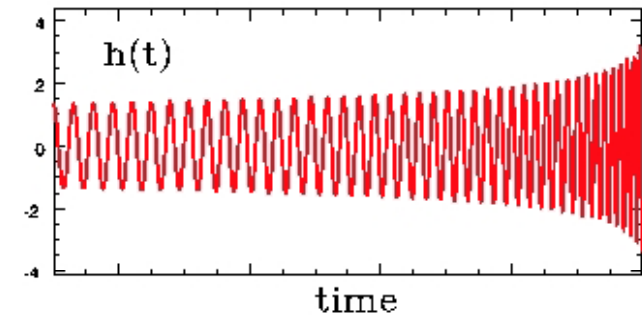
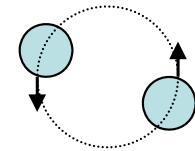
- GW emission requires time varying quadrupole moment of mass distribution,  $\ddot{Q}_{ij}$   
 → gravitational-wave strain,  $h = \delta L / L$ , is the analog of the radiation field  $E$  in E&M
- Strain estimate:

$$h \sim \left( \frac{GM}{c^2} \right) \left( \frac{v^2}{c^2} \right) \frac{1}{r}$$

For  $1M_{\odot} \Rightarrow R_s = 2GM_{\odot}/c^2 = 3 \text{ km}$

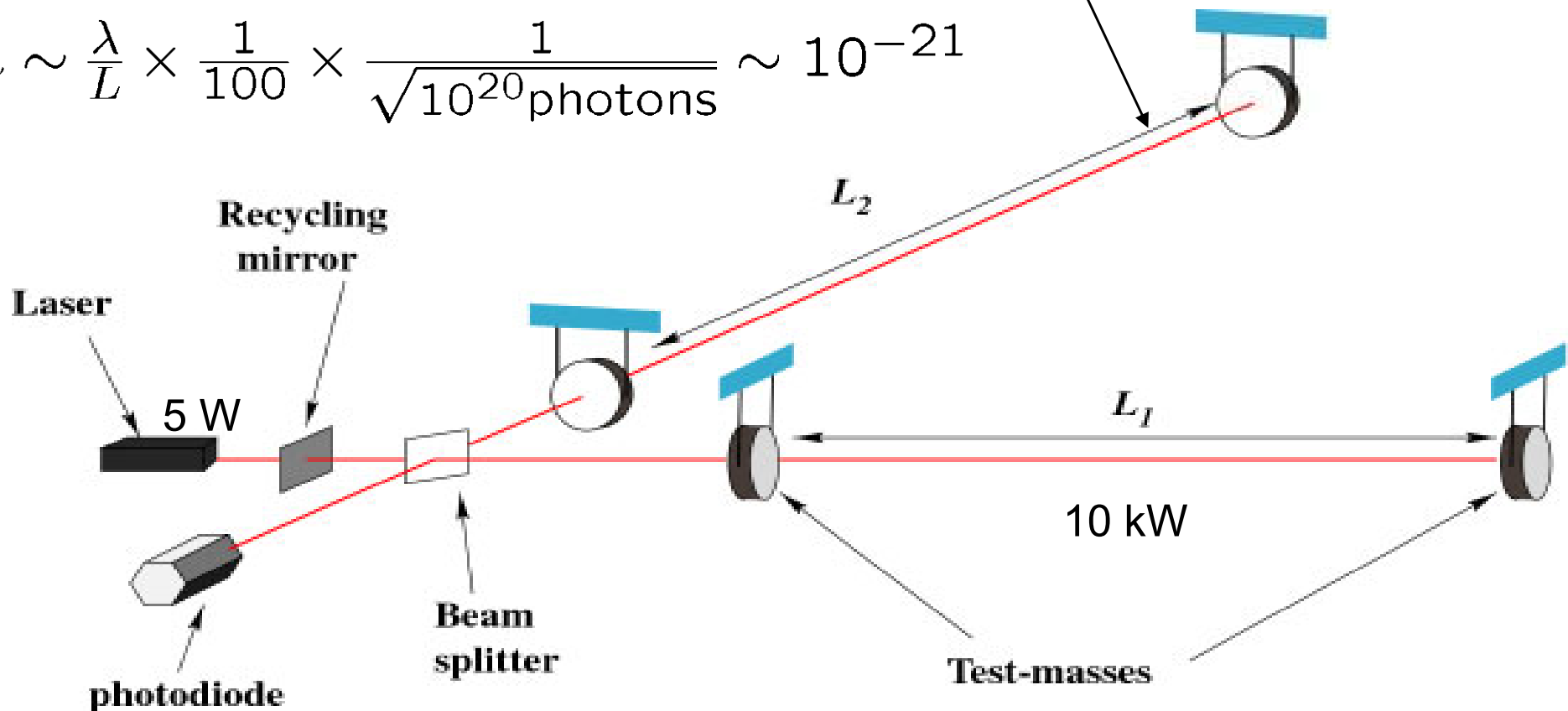
If  $v \approx c$ , then at  $r = 15 \text{ Mpc}$ :

$$h \sim 3 \times 10^{-21}$$



- Michelson interferometer with Fabry-Perot cavity arms.
- Long baseline: 4 km (  $h = \delta L / L$  ) - **For  $h \approx 10^{-21}$ ,  $L \approx 1$  km, then  $\delta L \approx 10^{-18}$  m**
- Fabry-Perot Cavity storage time  $\sim 1$  ms ( $\sim 100$  bounces)
- Power recycling (x30)
- Noise estimate:

$$h \sim \frac{\lambda}{L} \times \frac{1}{100} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{10^{20} \text{ photons}}} \sim 10^{-21}$$



# Global network of interferometers

**LIGO**  
4 km & 2 km



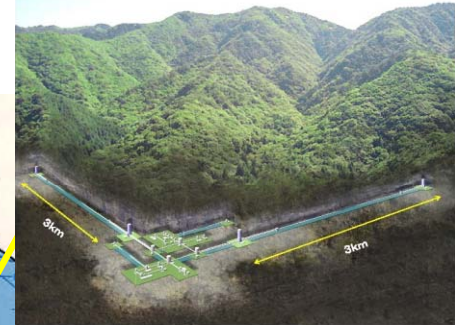
**GEO 600m**



**VIRGO 3 km**



**TAMA 300m**



**LSC:**  
LIGO+GEO

→ **LCGT !**

**AIGO- R&D**



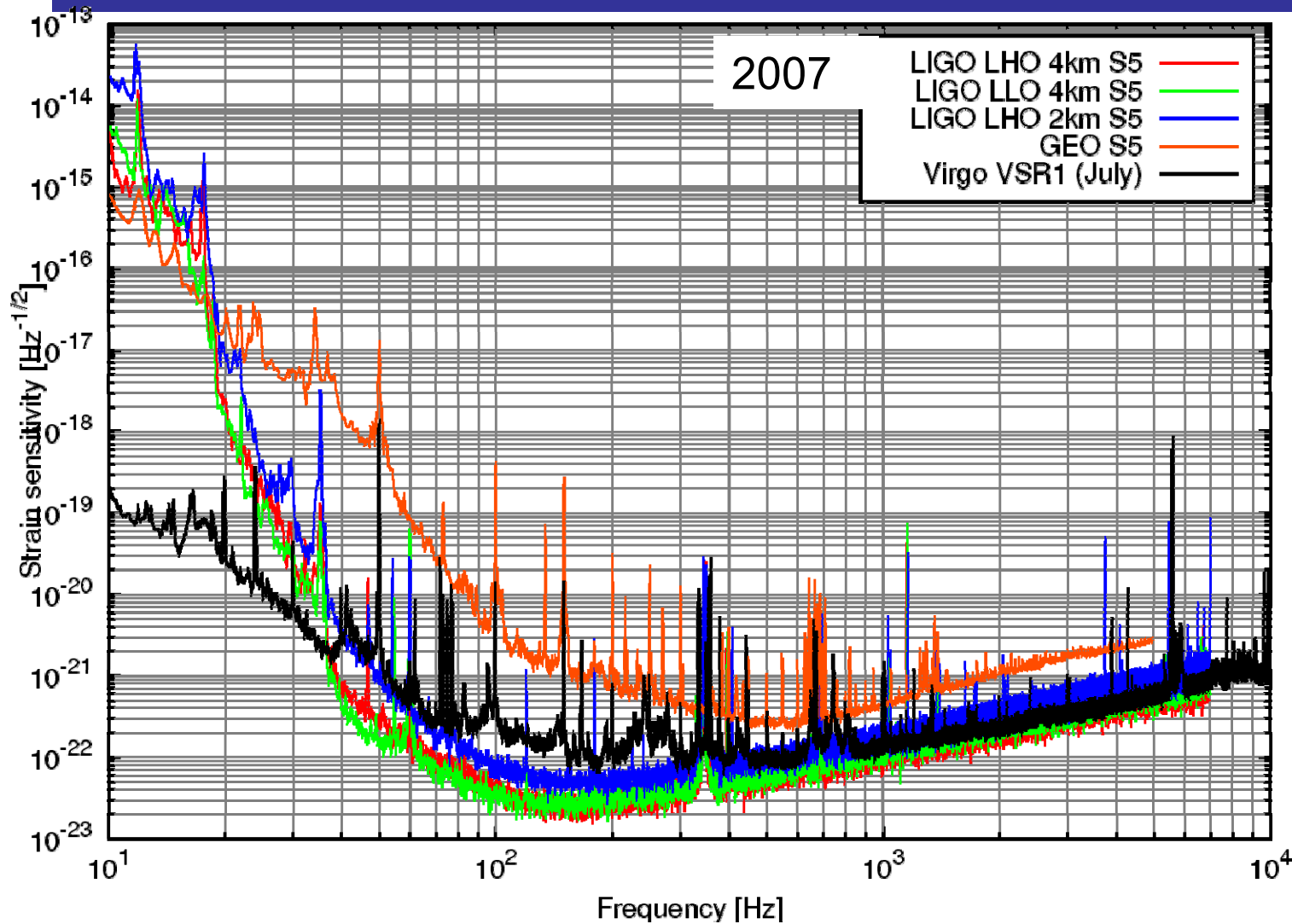
**LIGO**  
4 km



→ **“LIGO Australia” ?**

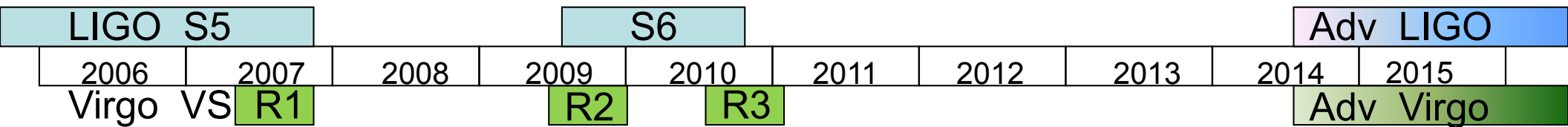


# S5/VSR1 sensitivity



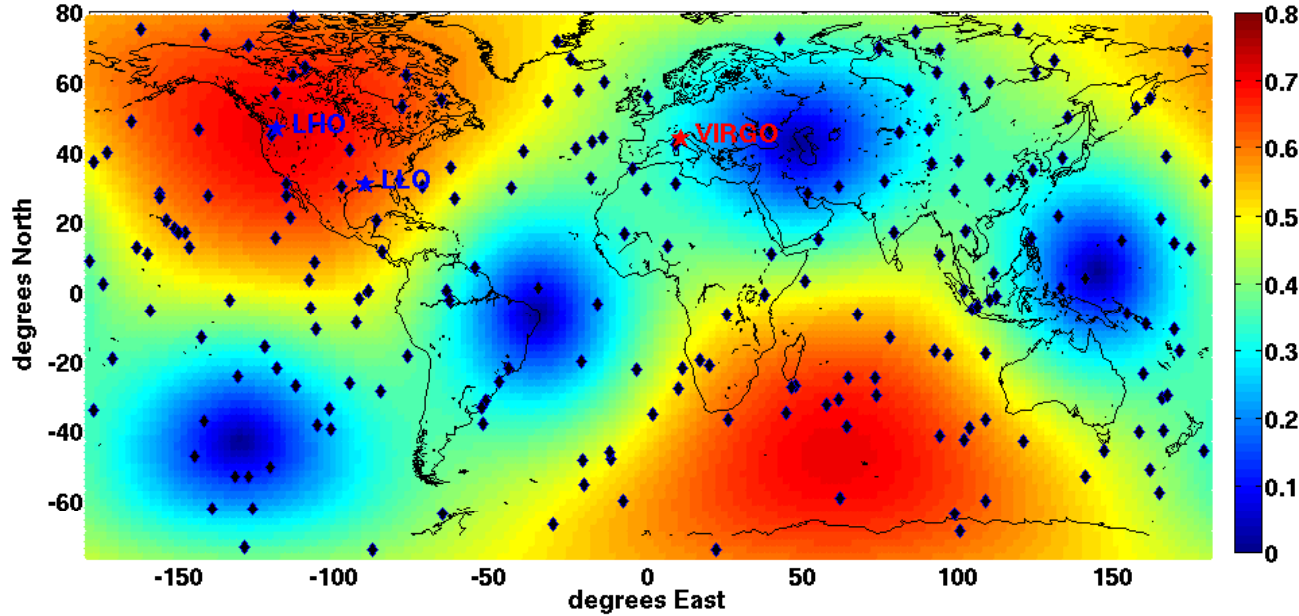
LIGO Run S5:  
2005-07  
Ran at design  
sensitivity for  
initial LIGO

Virgo Run VSR1:  
2007  
Data sharing with  
LIGO/GEO

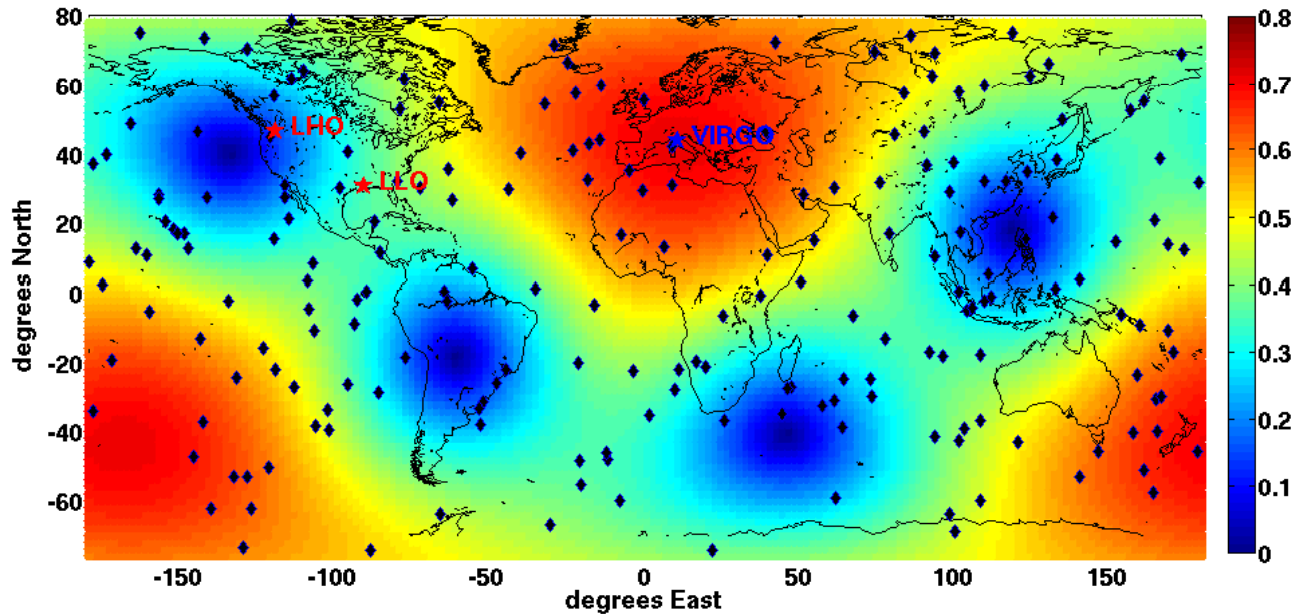




# The LIGO-Virgo network: sky coverage



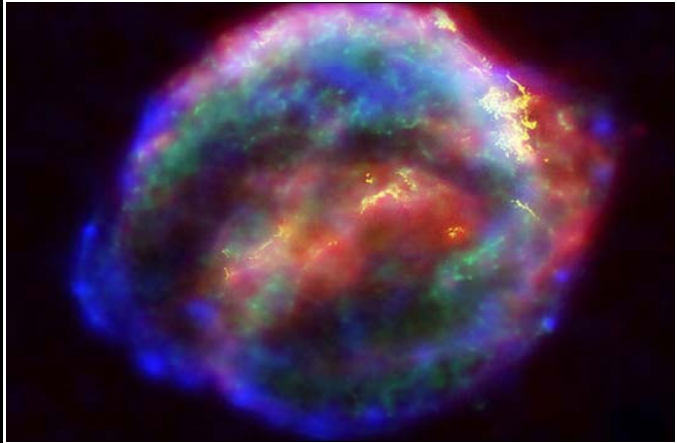
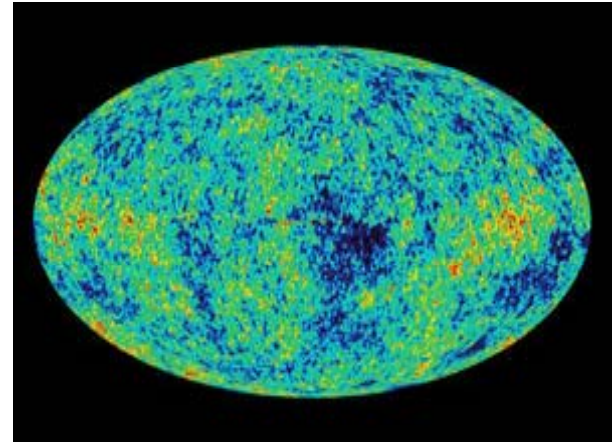
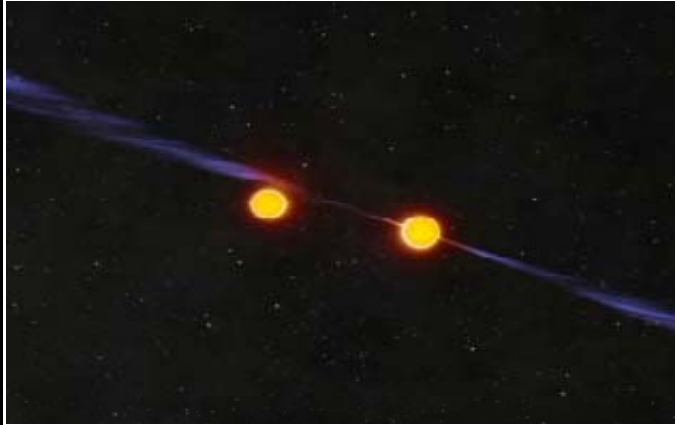
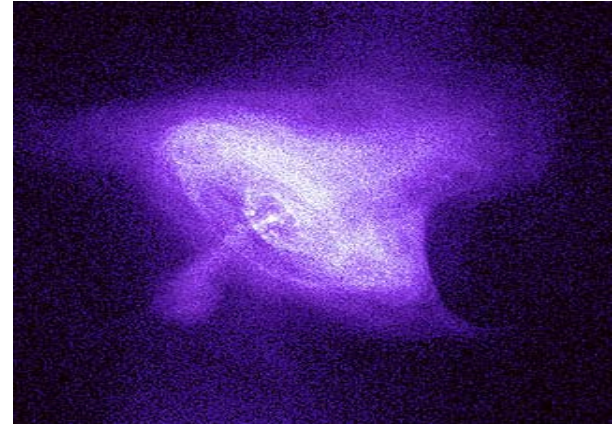
$$h(t) = F_x h_x(t) + F_+ h_+(t)$$



$$F_+ \oplus F_x$$

+ GRBs in S5/VSR1

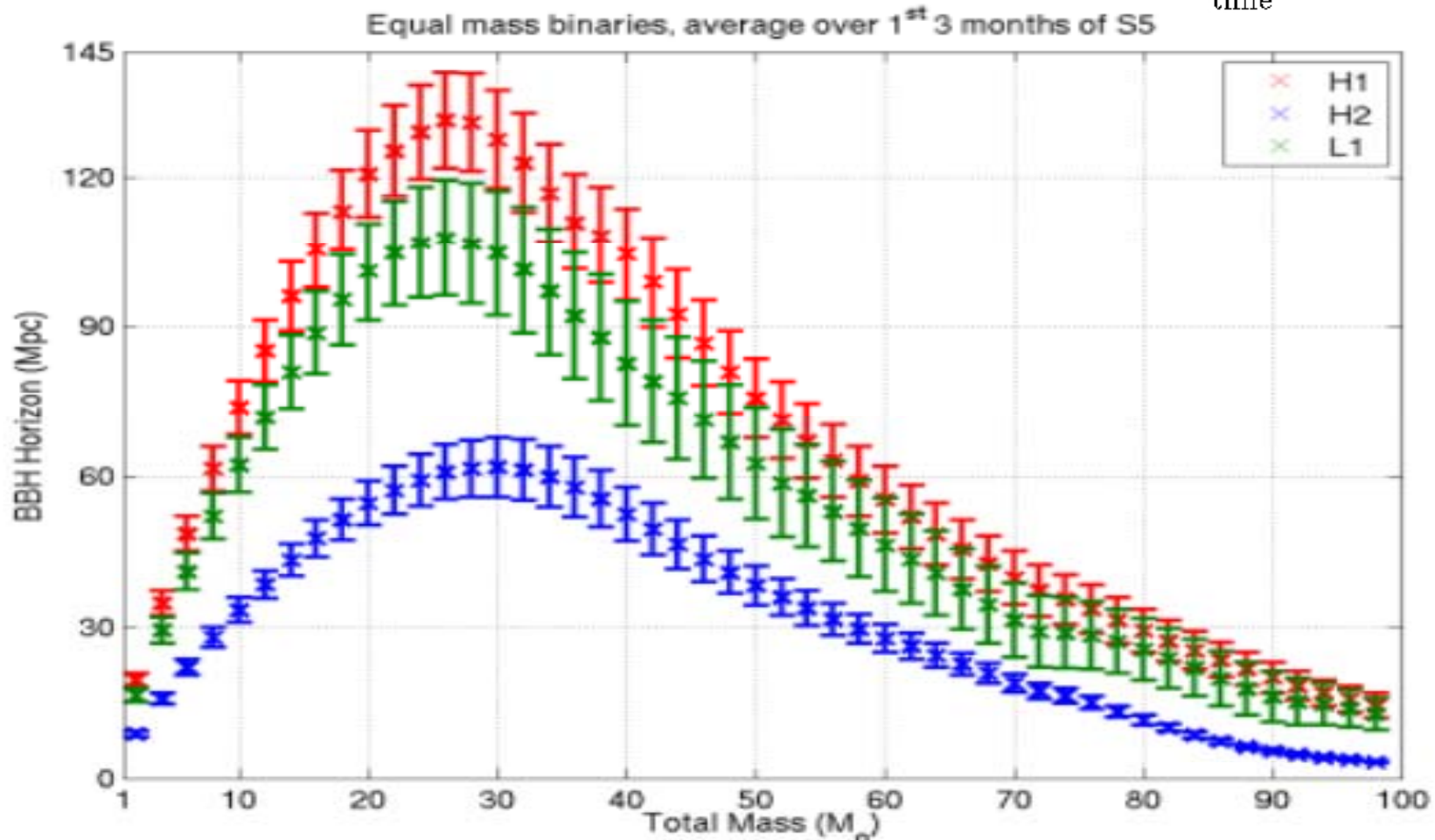
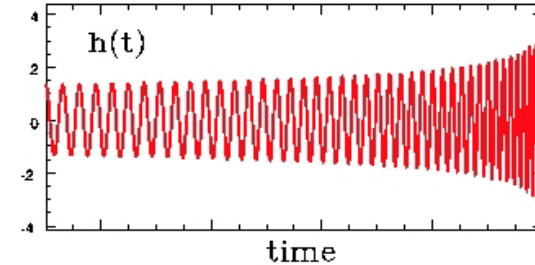
# GW signals classification

	Short duration	Long duration
un-modeled		
matched filter		

Credit: NASA/CXC/ASU/J. Hester et al.

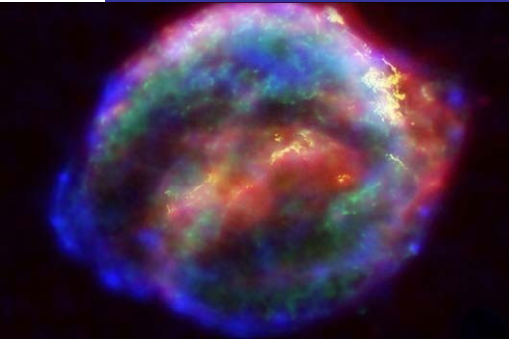


- NS-NS, NS-BH, BH-BH
- Efficient GW radiators:  $\sim 10^{-2} M_{\odot}^2$
- Matched filter analysis for low-mass inspirals

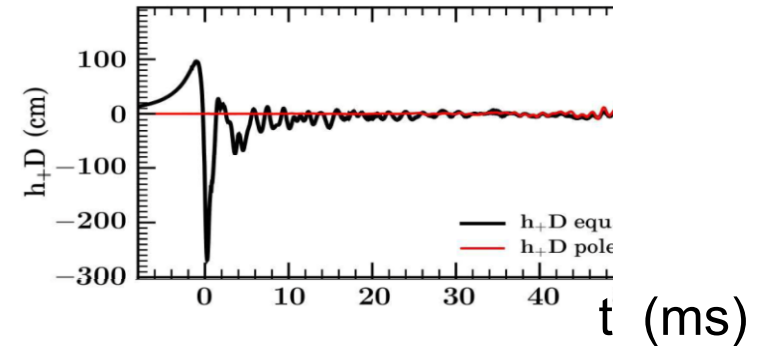


(horizon= distance to optimally oriented and located binary which gives SNR=8 in one detector)

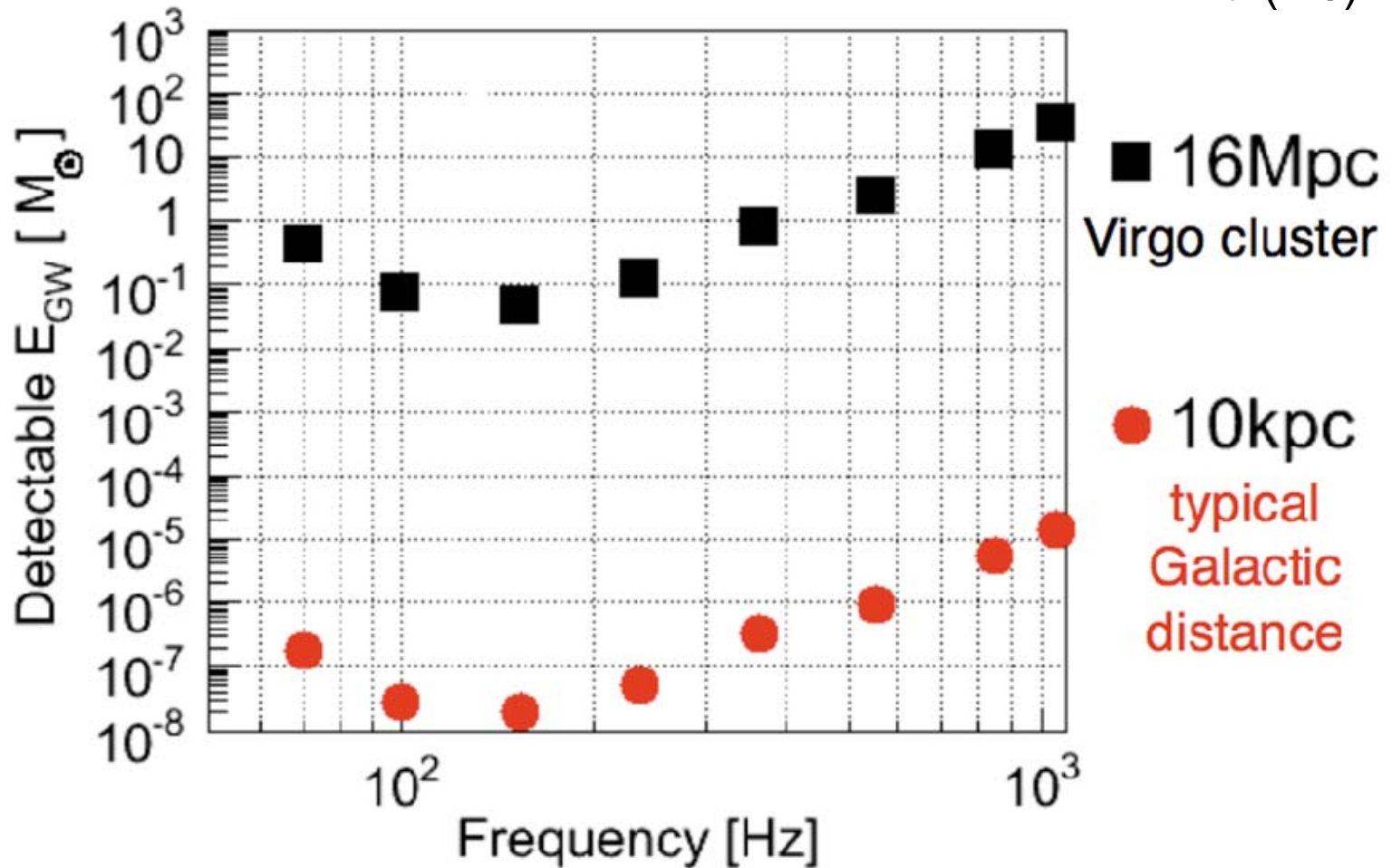




- short (< 1s) transients
- unmodeled waveforms
- CCSNe, GRBs, SGRs, ...



$$E_{\text{GW}} \approx \frac{\pi^2 c^3}{G} D^2 f_0^2 h_{\text{rss}}^2$$





- No GW detections yet
- However, beginning to make astrophysically interesting limits
  - [This talk: Astrophysically targeted transient searches \(GRBs, SGRs\)](#)
  - **Others:**
    - Crab pulsar spindown limit (ApJ 683 (2008) 45 )
    - cosmic GW background limit  $< \text{BBN}$  (Nature 460 (2009) 990 )
- Era of advanced GW detectors is approaching ( $>2014$ ) in which we expect GW detections will become frequent (more on this later)
- To take advantage of this opportunity, we have developed a suite of *multi-messenger* pathways to fully explore the science ([this talk](#))

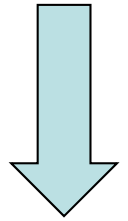


# Multi-messenger astronomy with GWs

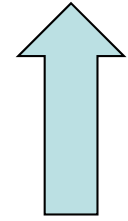


EM , neutrinos

External  
Triggers



Follow  
Ups



GW





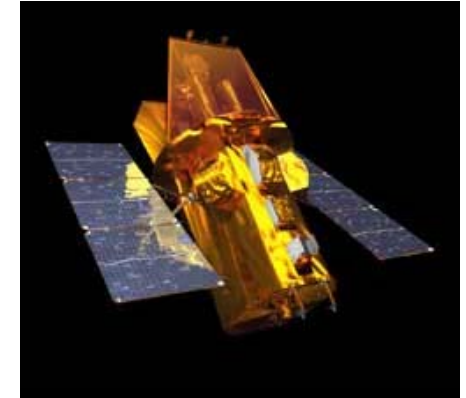
- Detection confidence
- Event time
- Sky position
- Improved search sensitivity
- Redshift
- Progenitor information

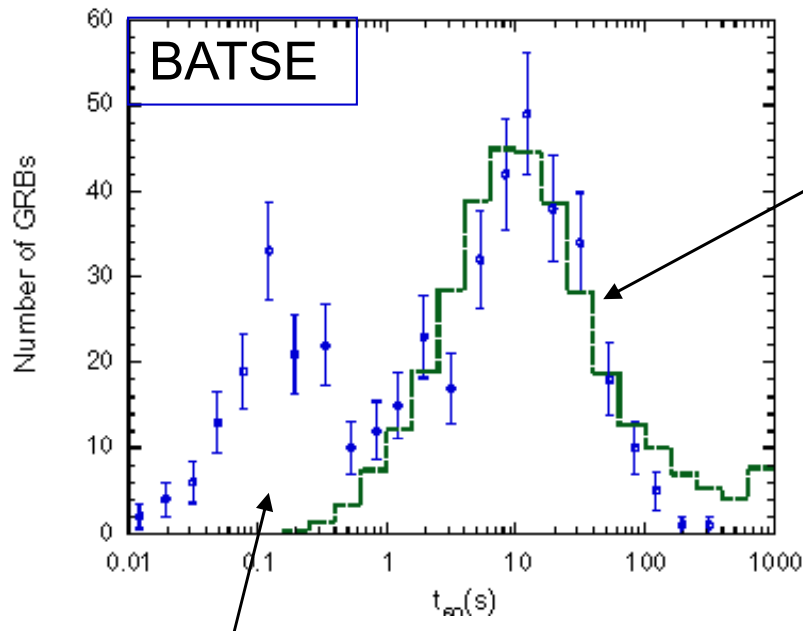




- Externally triggered searches – gamma, X-rays (Swift, Fermi, IPN)
  - GRBs
  - SGRs
- Externally triggered searches – neutrinos
  - High-energy neutrinos (Ice Cube, ANTARES, ...)
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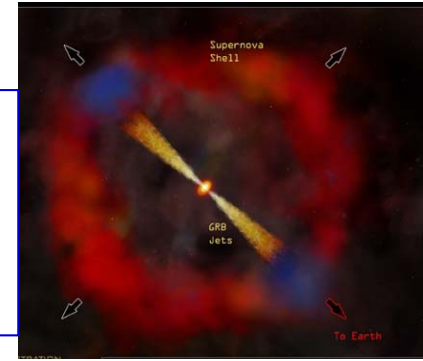
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## Long-duration GRBs

- Associated with core-collapse of massive stars (“hypernovae”)



## Short-duration GRBs

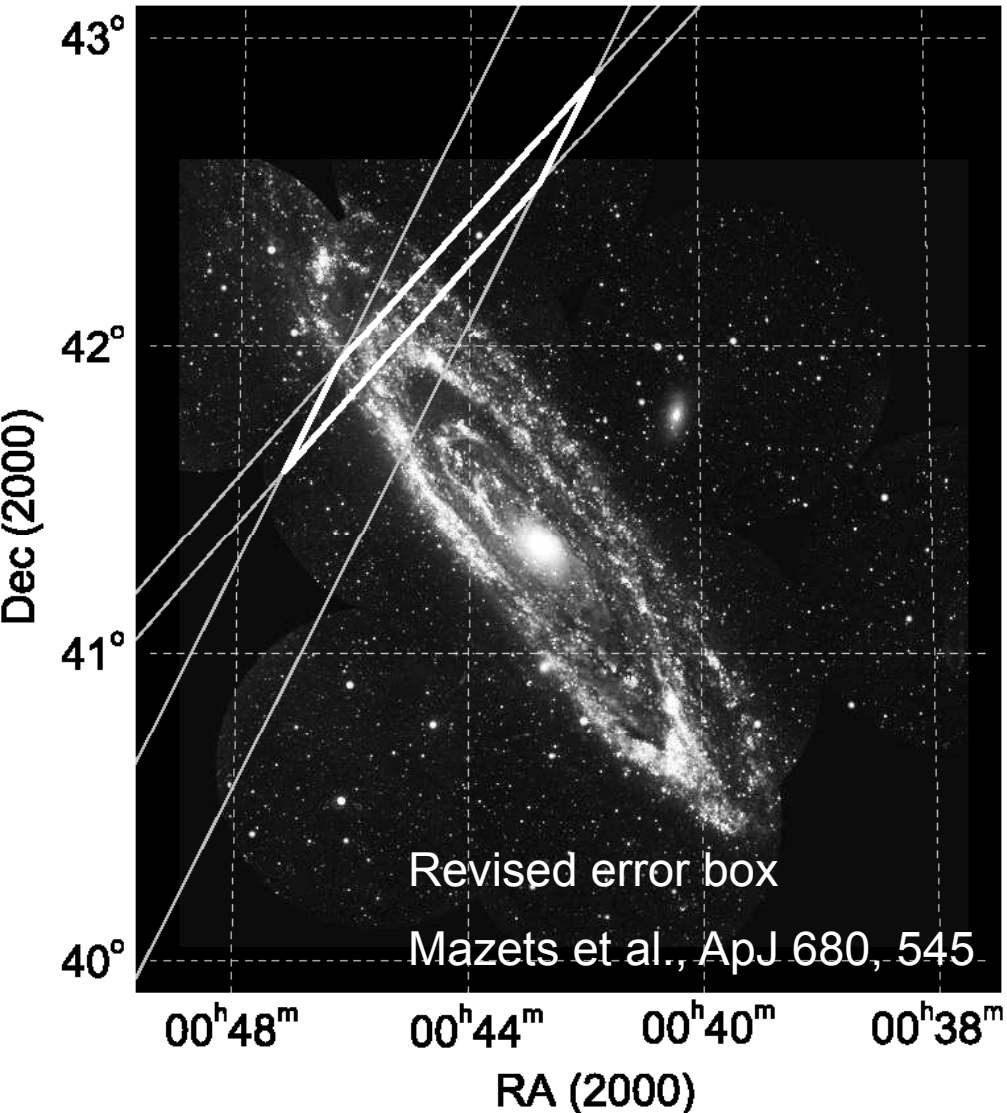
- Associated with binary mergers (NS-NS, NS-BH)

Both progenitor models would also give GW emission

- Mergers are efficient GW radiators

$$E_{\text{GW}} \sim 10^{-2} M c^2$$

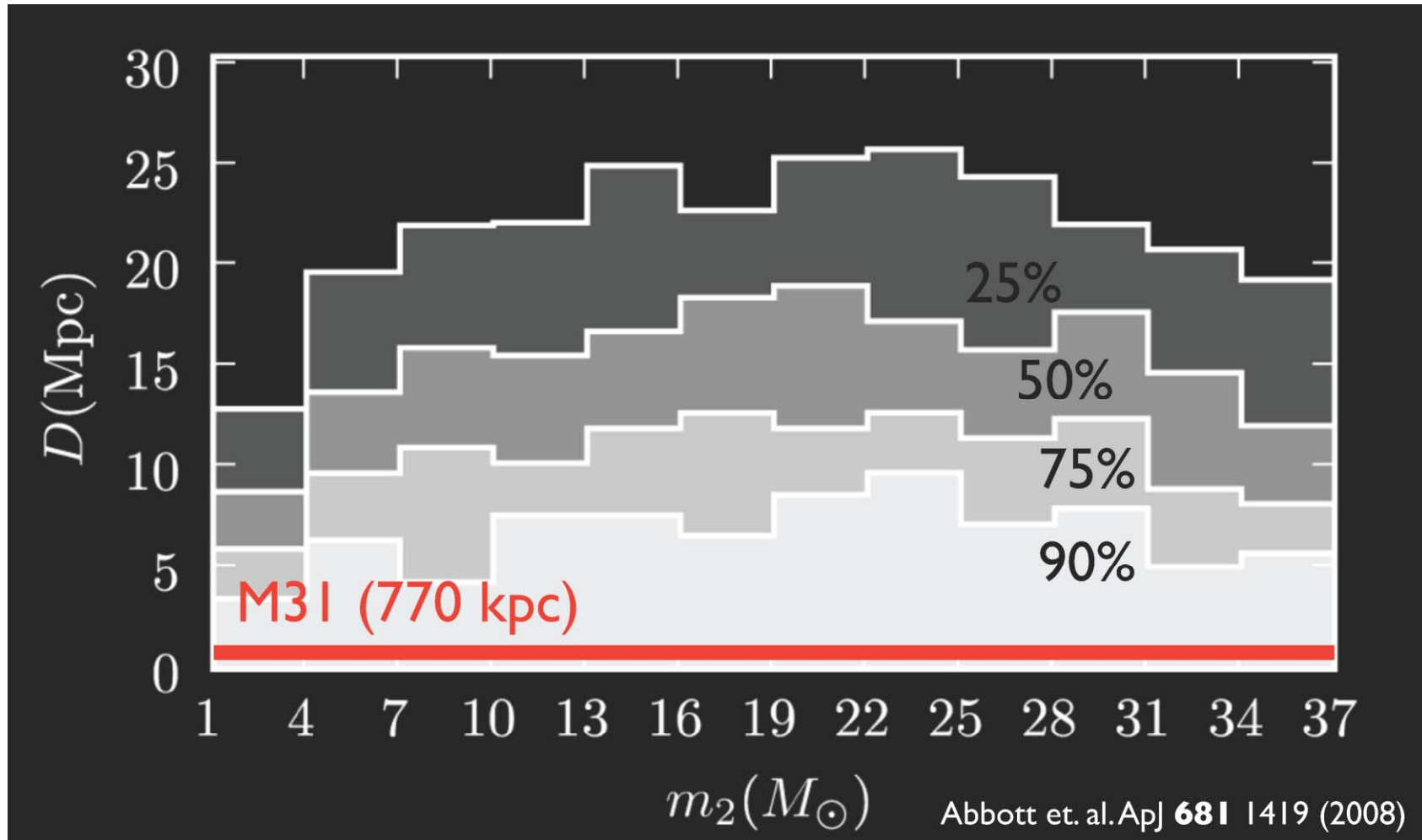
- Massive core collapse – unknown, but expected to be less efficient



- GRB 070201 – a short-duration gamma-ray burst with position consistent with M31 (Andromeda), 0.8 Mpc away.
- Such a nearby GRB would have easily been observed by LIGO if due to a binary merger
- This hypothesis ruled out at  $\sim 99\%$  CL
- Most likely: SGR in M31 ( $E_{\text{iso}} \sim 10^{45}$  erg)
- *Astrophys. J.* 681 (2008) 1419

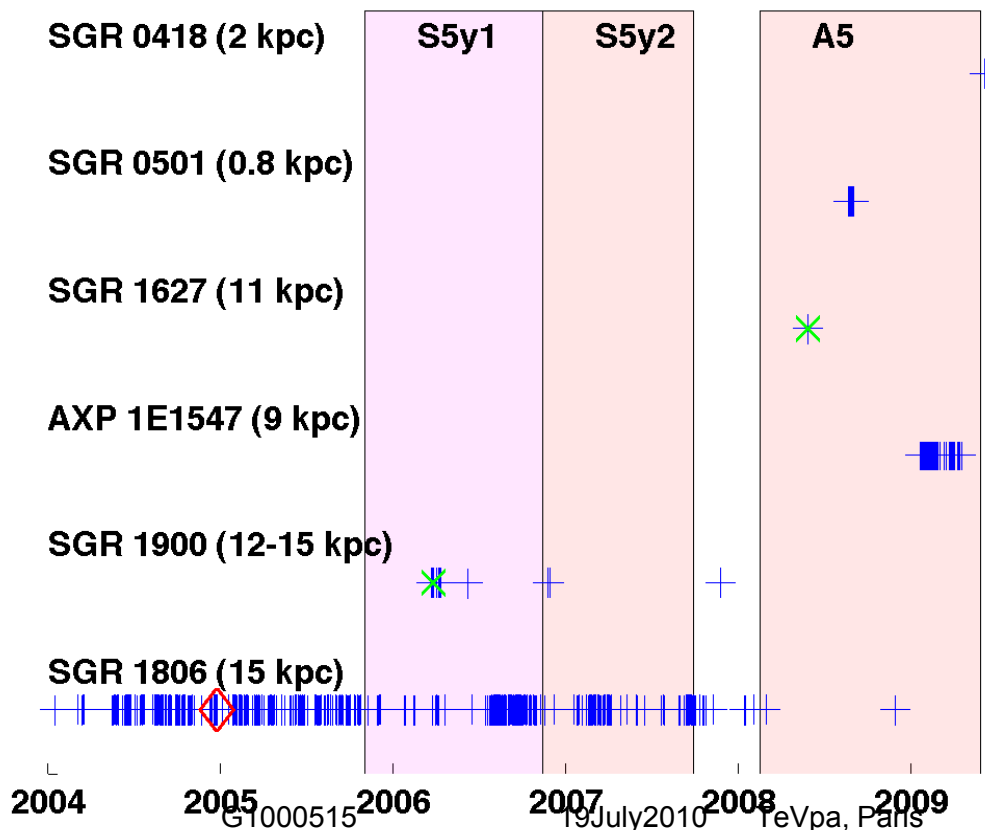
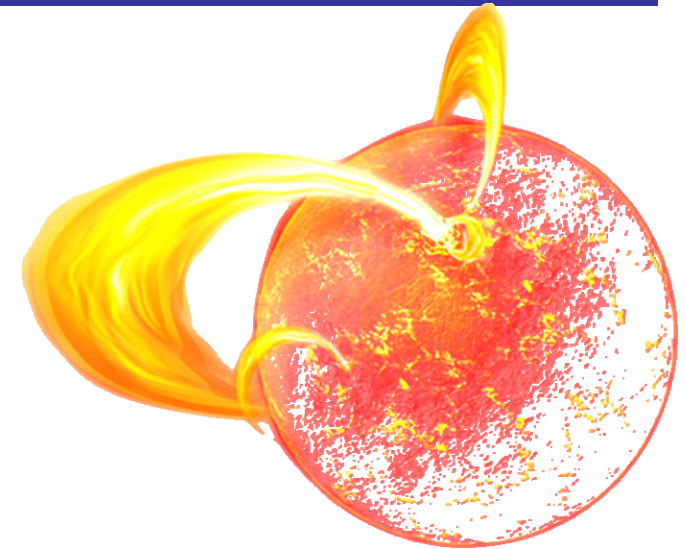


Binary coalescence exclusion:



Also searched for unmodeled bursts:  
 Unable to exclude SGR from M31

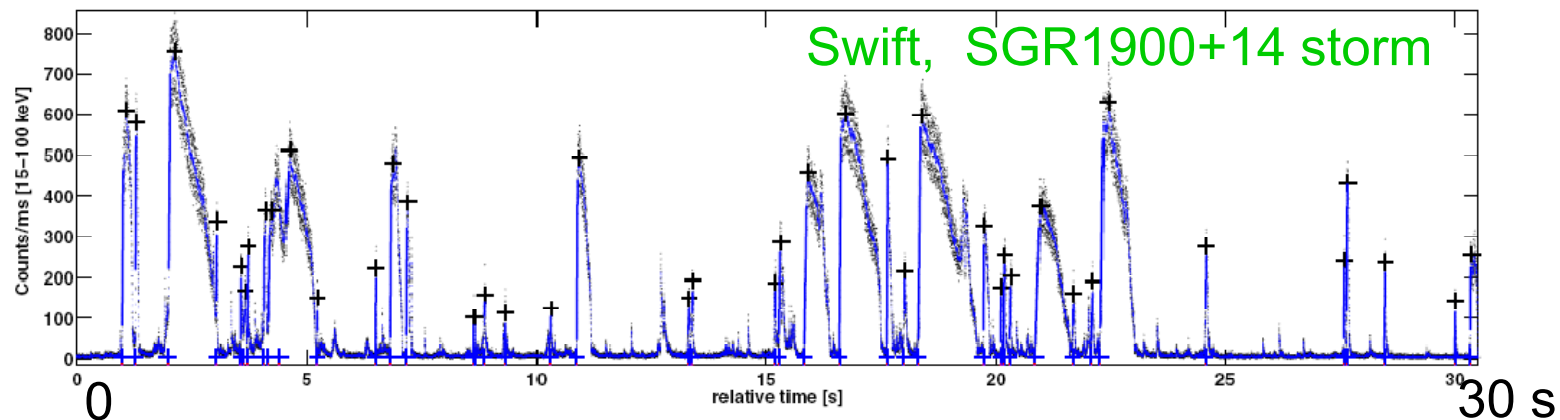
- Soft Gamma Repeaters are thought to be magnetars – highly magnetized neutron stars
- Can emit occasional EM flares ( $\sim 10^{42}$  erg), giant flares ( $\sim 10^{46}$  erg), or flare “storms”
- Flare mechanism (crust cracking) would excite vibrational modes  $\rightarrow$  GWs



General idea: Look for GW in coincidence with flares

- + flare
- ◇ giant flare
- \* storm

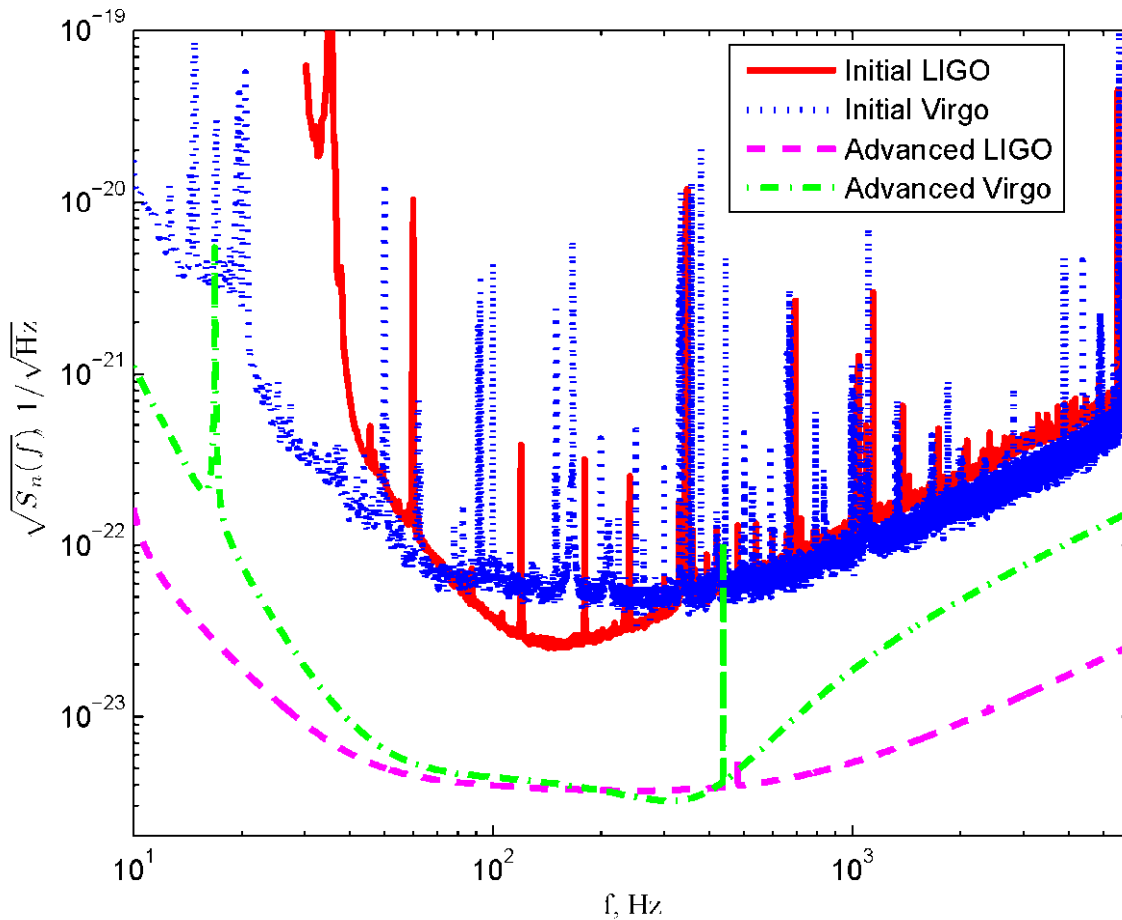
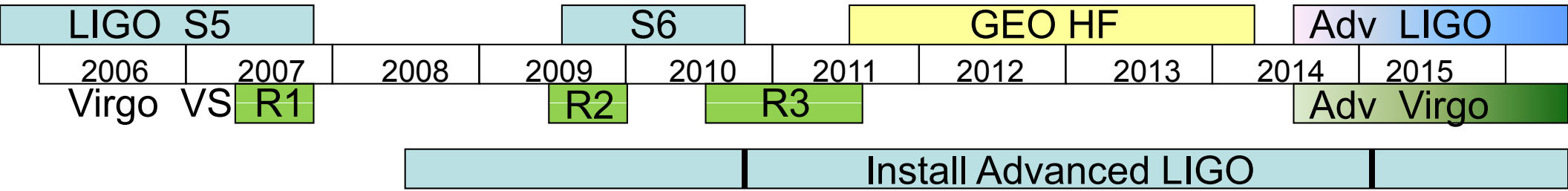
- Search for long-lived quasiperiodic GWs after giant flare SGR 1806-20
  - GW energy limits are comparable to total EM energy emission
  - PRD 76 (2007) 062003 (LSC)
- Search for GW bursts at times of 190 flares from 1806-20, 1900+14
  - Excess power search for neutron star  $f$ -modes ( $\sim 1.5\text{--}3$  kHz) and arbitrary lower-frequency bursts
  - GW energy limits as low as  $\text{few} \times 10^{45}$  erg; PRL 101 (2008) 21110
- Stack GW signal power from each flare in 2006 SGR 1900+14 “storm”:



- GW energy limit  $\text{few} \times 10^{45}$  erg; ApJ 701 (2009) L68.



# Advanced GW detectors



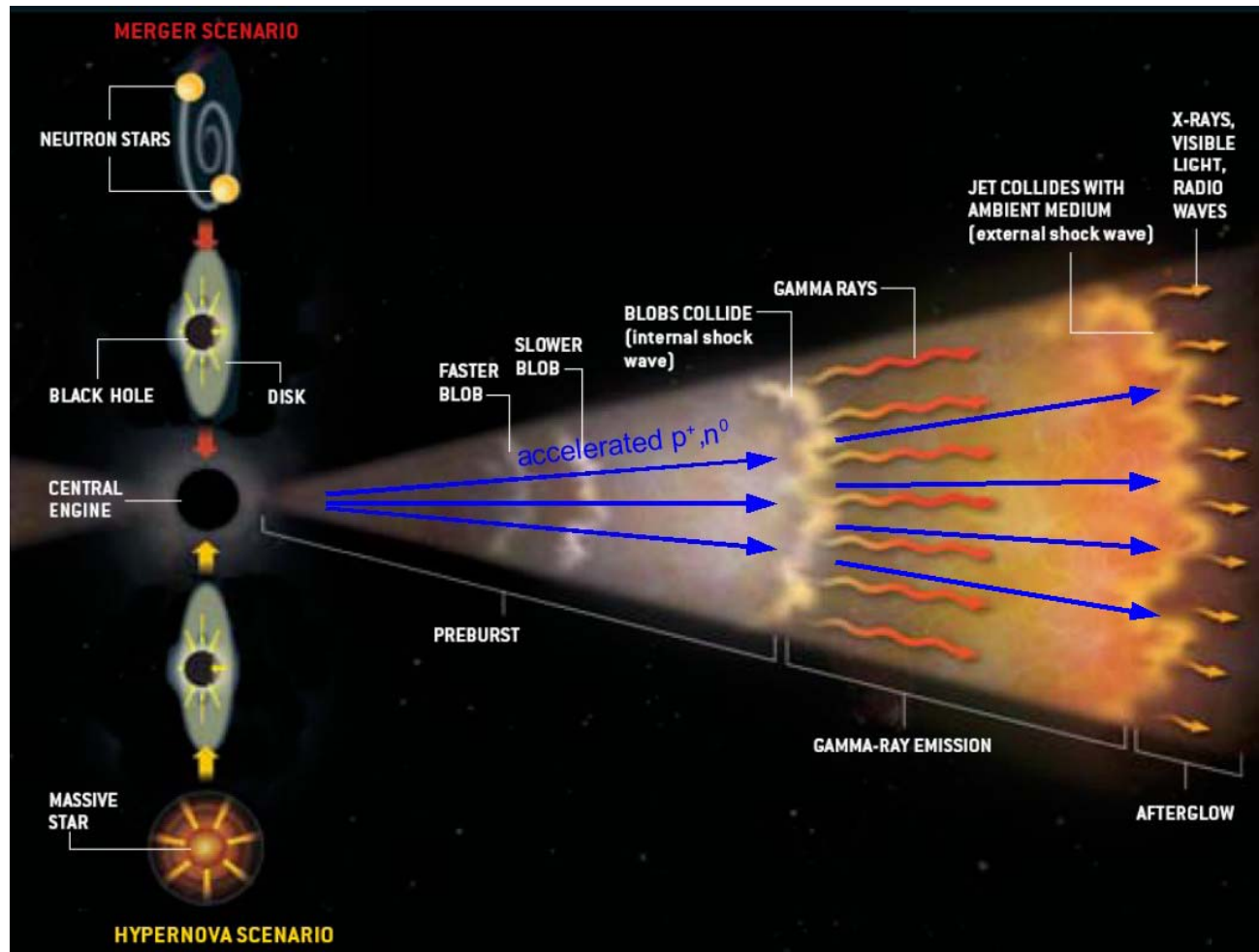
## Advanced LIGO and Virgo

- Major upgrades
  - Lasers, optics, suspensions
  - Limited by Quantum noise
- 10x better sensitivity
- 1000x bigger search volume

Some elements of advanced detectors implemented already in S6 and VSR3

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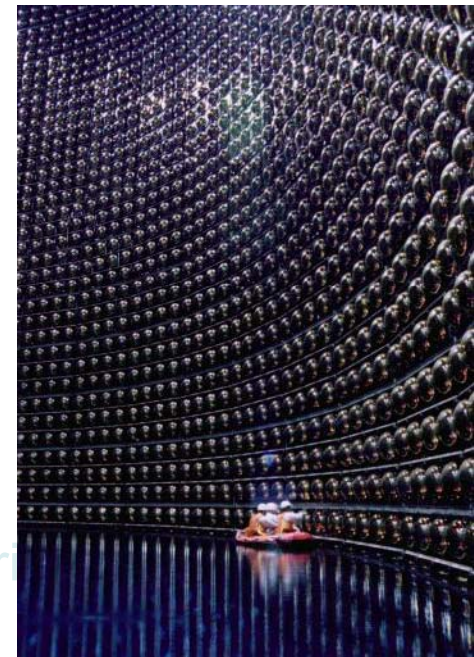


- High-energy neutrinos possible from GRBs: baryons accelerated in relativistic shocks
  - Long GRBs
  - Short GRBs
  - Failed GRBs
  - Low-L GRBs
- Joint data analysis planned: LIGO-Virgo + IceCube, ANTARES  
(e.g. Y. Aso, et al CQG 25 (2008) 114039 )

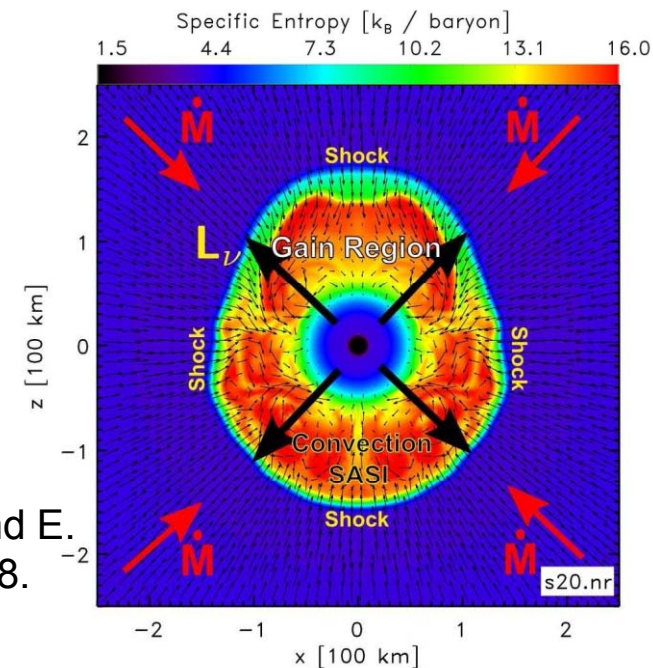
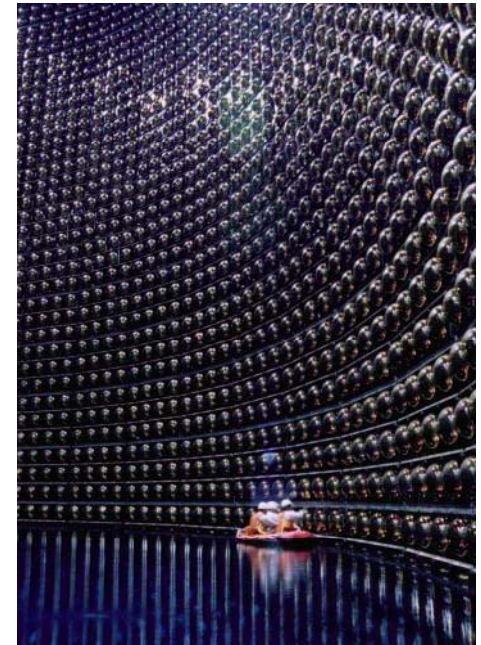
See Poster by B. Bouhou



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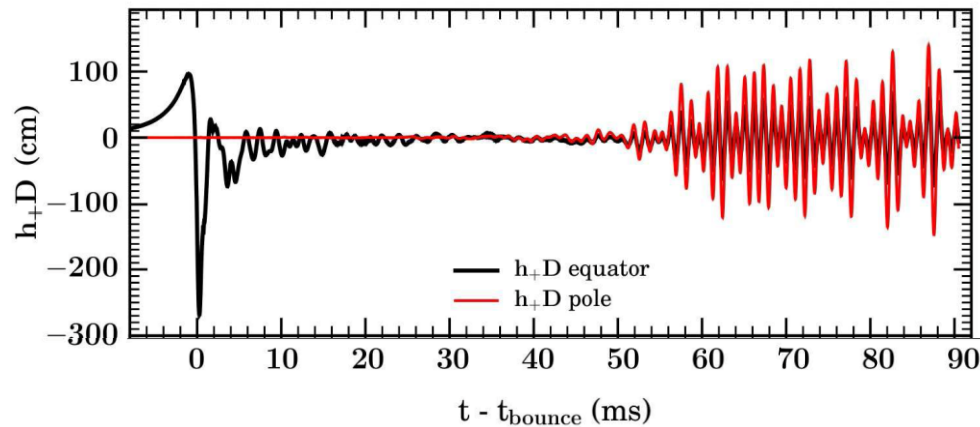


- Classic multi-messenger astronomical events:
  - Gravitational Waves (prompt)
  - Neutrinos (prompt, 10s of MeV, 3 flavors)
  - Electromagnetic (delayed)
- Optical (EM) signature:
  - may be obscured (eg SN 2008iz in M82 missed in optical)
  - unable to determine time of bounce to better than  $\sim$  day
- Neutrinos and GWs directly probe physics of core collapse
  - Signatures separated by  $<$  seconds
  - A tight coincidence window can be used to establish a correlation
  - Sensitivity range of current GW and neutrino detectors similar

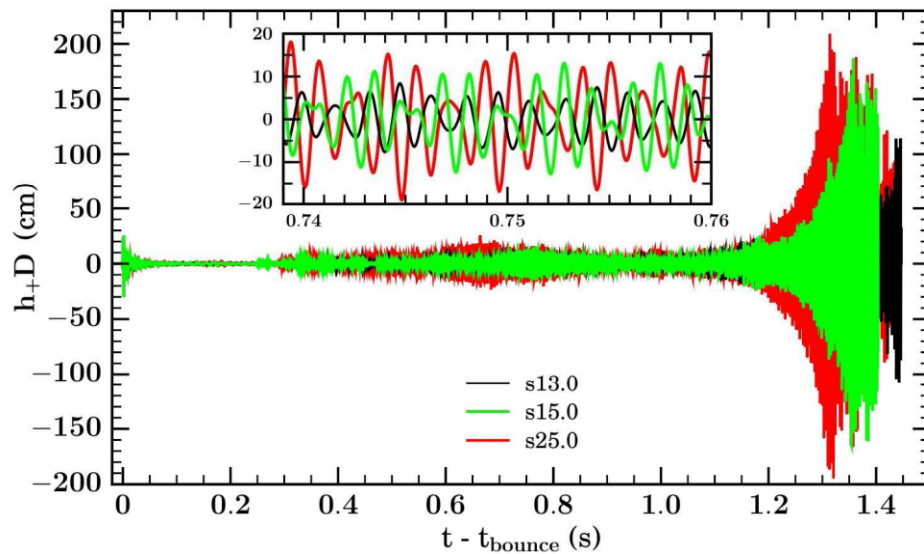


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- Classic core bounce GW burst



- Perhaps: acoustic pulsations of proto-neutron star

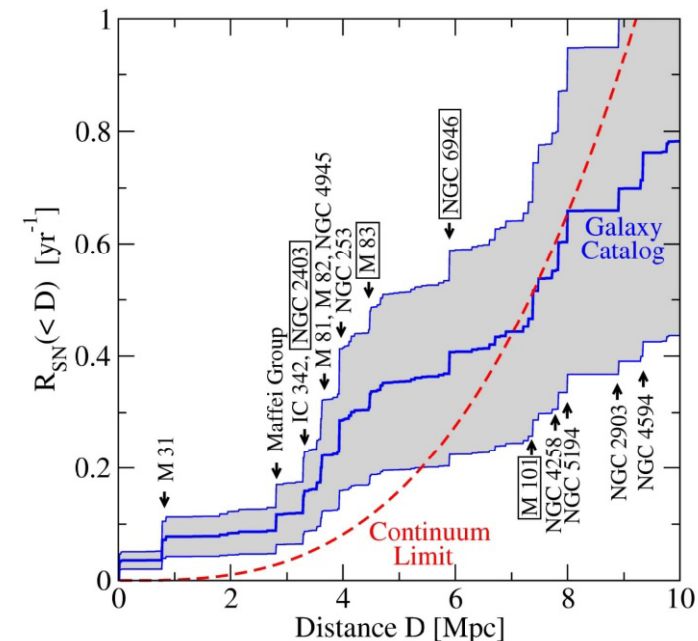
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- Neutrinos:
  - Super-K:  $\sim 10^4$  detected neutrinos for galactic SN
  - $\sim 1$  for M31
  - Next generation (larger) detectors proposed
- Currently pursuing agreements for joint GW-neutrino searches
- GW range very uncertain (need detections to understand the physics!)
- Comparable range for aLIGO/AdV and Super-K (local group) with weak signals for extragalactic SNe – coincidence helpful



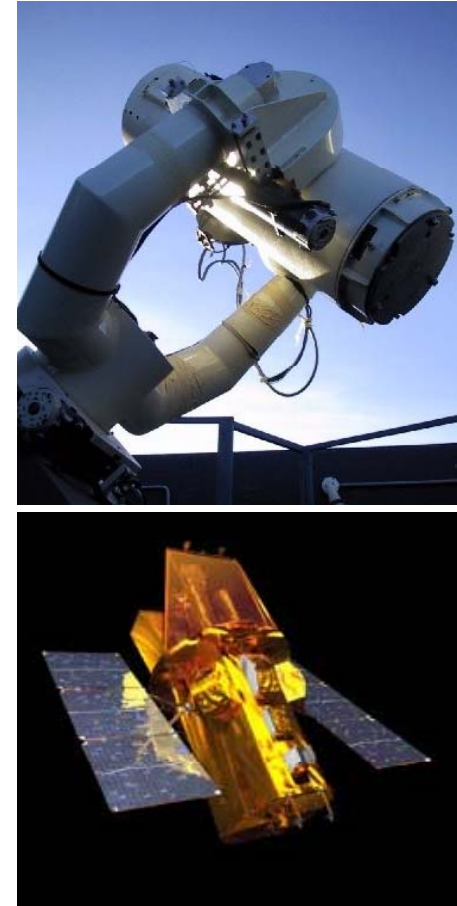
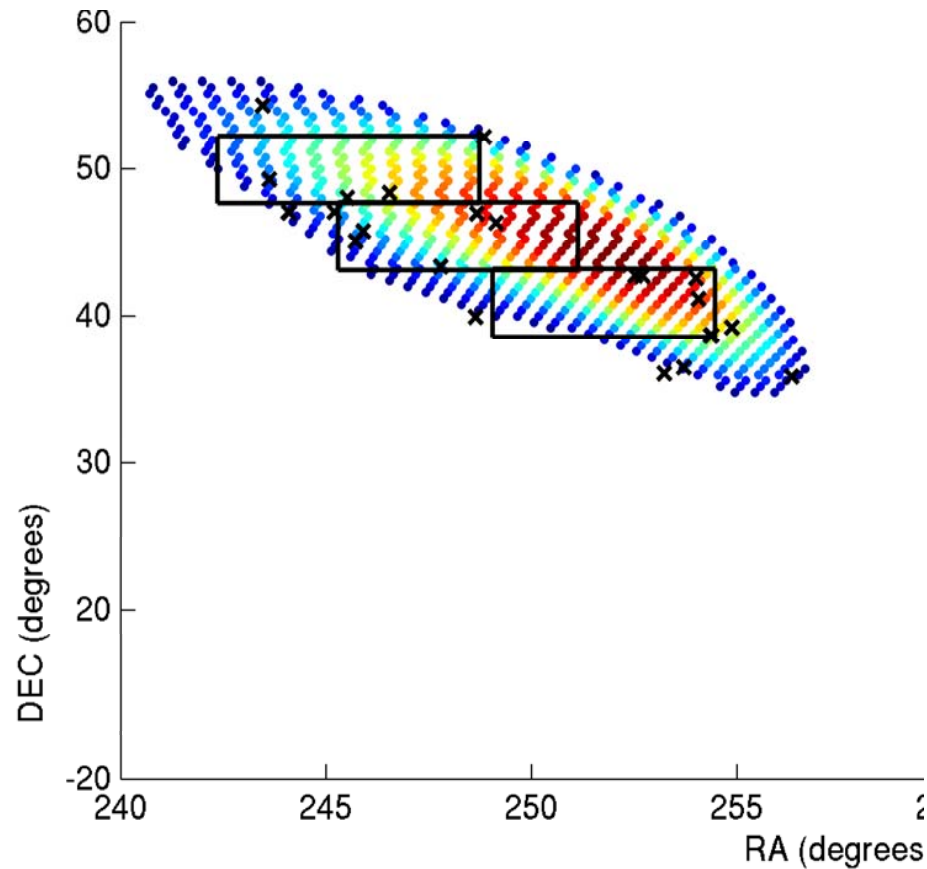
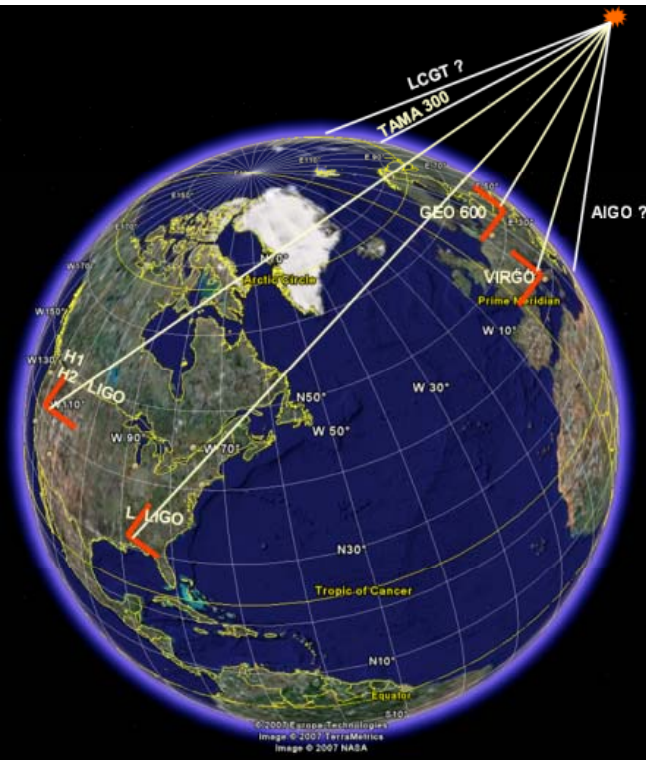
(I. Leonor et al CQG 27 (2009) 084019 )

- Rate: 5 Mpc sensitive range gives  $\sim 1$  CCSN / 2 y (Ando 2005)



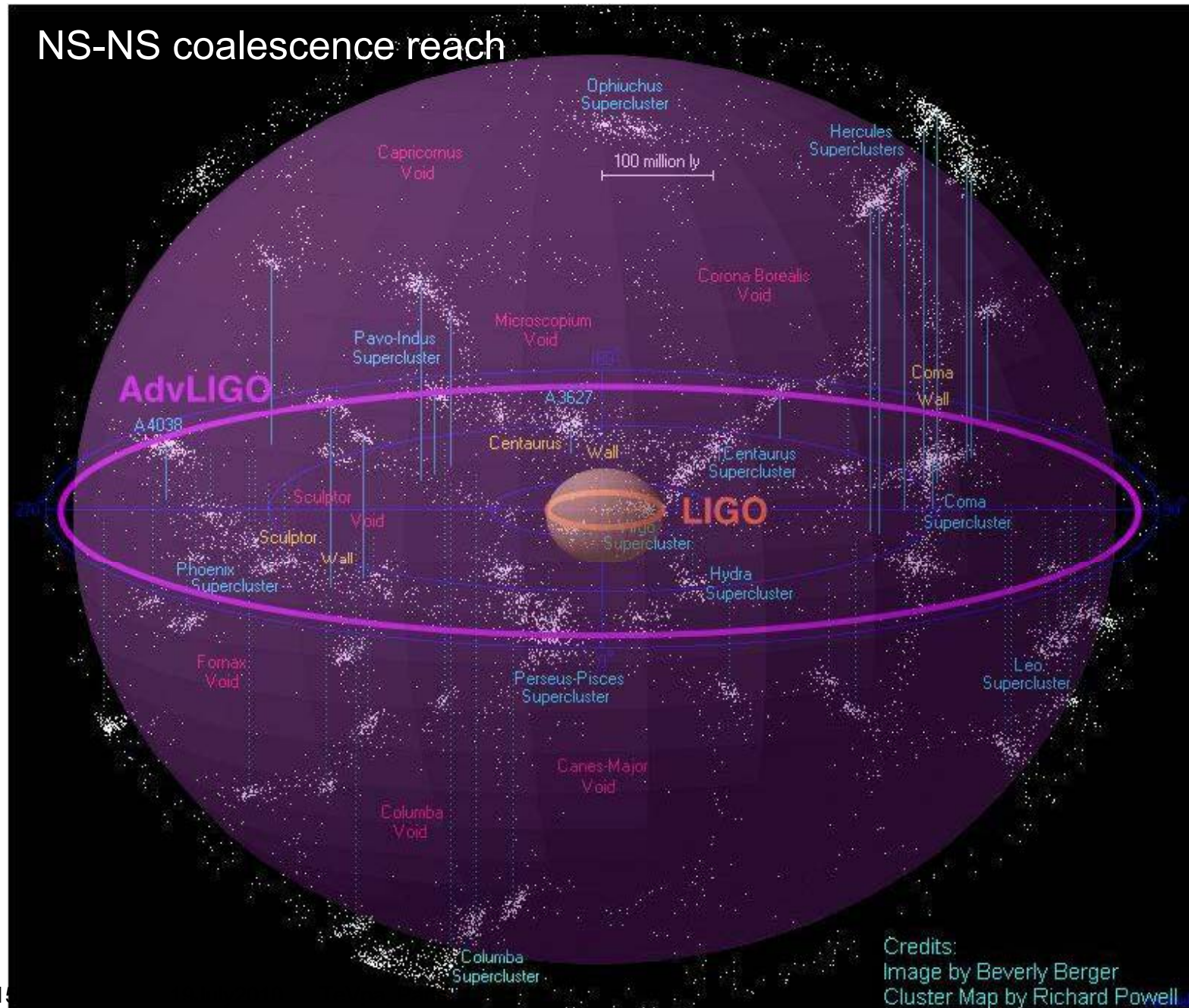
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- First attempts with LIGO-Virgo network Dec, 2009
- More expected Aug-Sept 2010

## NS-NS coalescence reach



BNS sources  $\sim D^n$   
 $n = 2.7 \rightarrow 3$

$D \sim 50$  Mpc, initial LIGO/Virgo  
 $\sim 500$  Mpc, Adv LIGO/Virgo

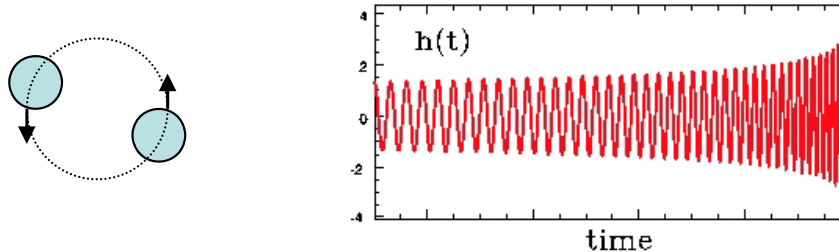
Advanced detectors reach includes millions of large galaxies and hundreds of super-clusters

TABLE V: Detection rates for compact binary coalescence sources.

IFO	Source <sup>a</sup>	$\dot{N}_{\text{low}}$ yr <sup>-1</sup>	$\dot{N}_{\text{re}}$ yr <sup>-1</sup>	$\dot{N}_{\text{high}}$ yr <sup>-1</sup>	$\dot{N}_{\text{max}}$ yr <sup>-1</sup>
Initial	NS-NS	$2 \times 10^{-4}$	0.02	0.2	0.6
	NS-BH	$7 \times 10^{-5}$	0.004	0.1	
	BH-BH	$2 \times 10^{-4}$	0.007	0.5	
	IMRI into IMBH			$< 0.001^b$	$0.01^c$
	IMBH-IMBH			$10^{-4d}$	$10^{-3e}$
Advanced	NS-NS	0.4	40	400	1000
	NS-BH	0.2	10	300	
	BH-BH	0.4	20	1000	
	IMRI into IMBH			$10^b$	$300^c$
	IMBH-IMBH			$0.1^d$	$1^e$

arXiv: 1003.2480 (LSC, Virgo)

- Advanced LIGO/Virgo is sensitive to coalescing NS and/or BH binaries to distances which are cosmologically relevant.

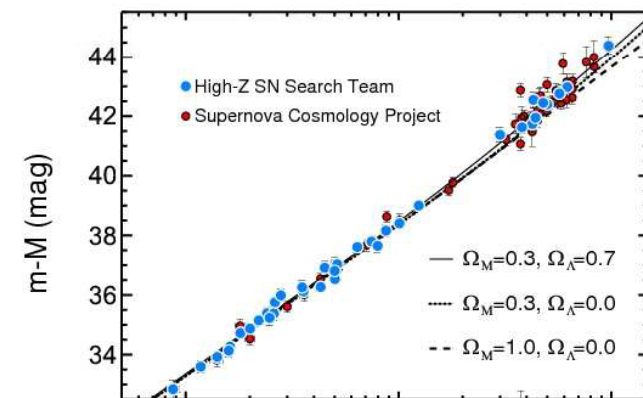


- The detected waveform is a function of many quantities, including:

$$(1 + z)\mathcal{M}, D_L, \iota, \theta, \phi, \psi$$

$$\mathcal{M} = m_1^{3/5} m_2^{3/5} / (m_1 + m_2)^{1/5}$$

- A sample of short GRBs with measured redshifts allow extraction of Distance ( $D_L$ ) *independent of EM distance ladder* (based only on GR)
  - e.g. Dalal et al, PRD 74 (2006) 063006: measure  $H_0$  to 2% in a year of Advanced LIGO data (too optimistic?)
- Sky position ( $\theta, \phi$ ) and beaming constraint ( $\iota$ ) improve measurement of  $D_L$ 
  - Nissanke et al, arXiv:0904:1017

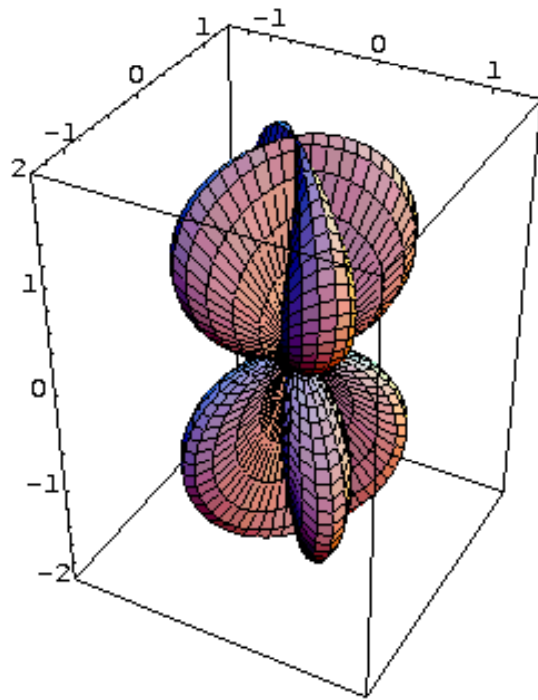


- LIGO and Virgo have accumulated substantial data sets at the design sensitivity of the initial detectors (runs S5 and VSR1)
  - No detections yet, but starting to make interesting statements:
    - GRBs, SGRs (and others)
- Current data taking and analysis: Runs S6/VSR2
- Advanced LIGO and Virgo are being constructed
  - x10 better sensitivity; x1000 larger volume for sources
  - Science turn on ~2015
- Expect detections to become “routine” → GW science & astronomy
  - GWs can provide unique information toward understanding the astrophysics underlying transient sources
- To fully exploit this science, a suite of multi-messenger techniques have been developed (EM external triggers), while others are now being developed and tried (neutrinos, EM follow-ups)

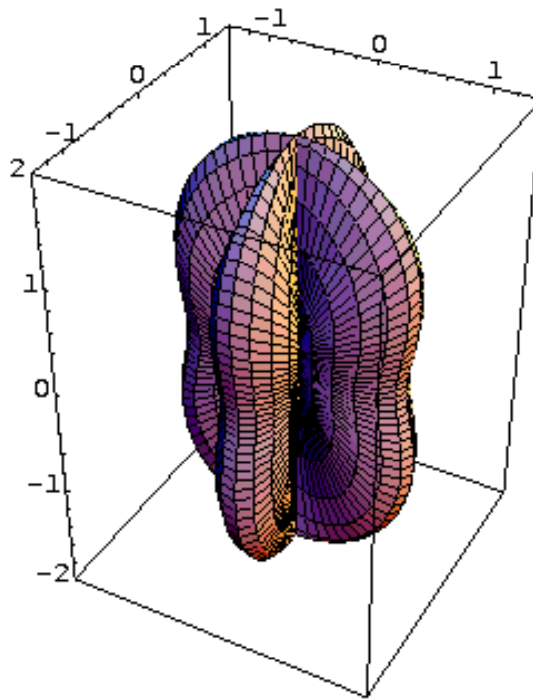


GWs are transverse, with x and + polarizations:  $h_x(t)$  ,  $h_+(t)$

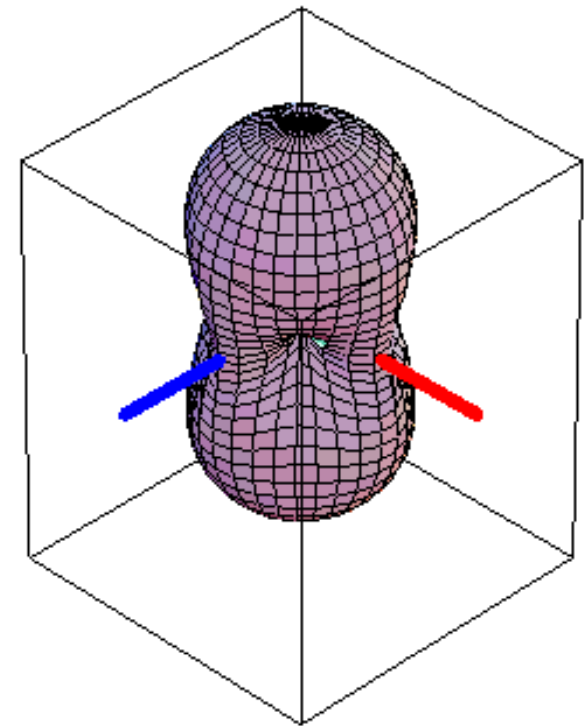
“x” polarization



“+” polarization



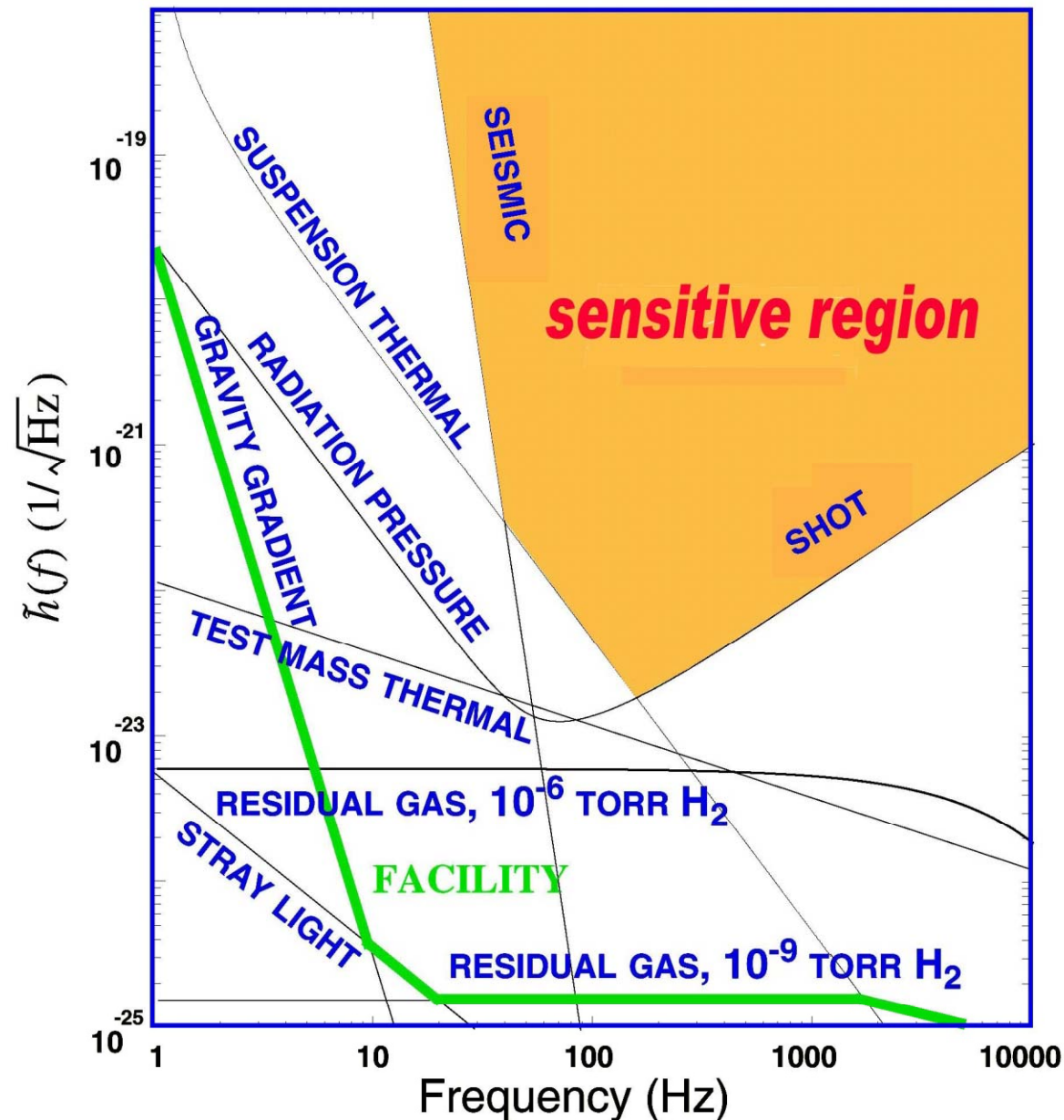
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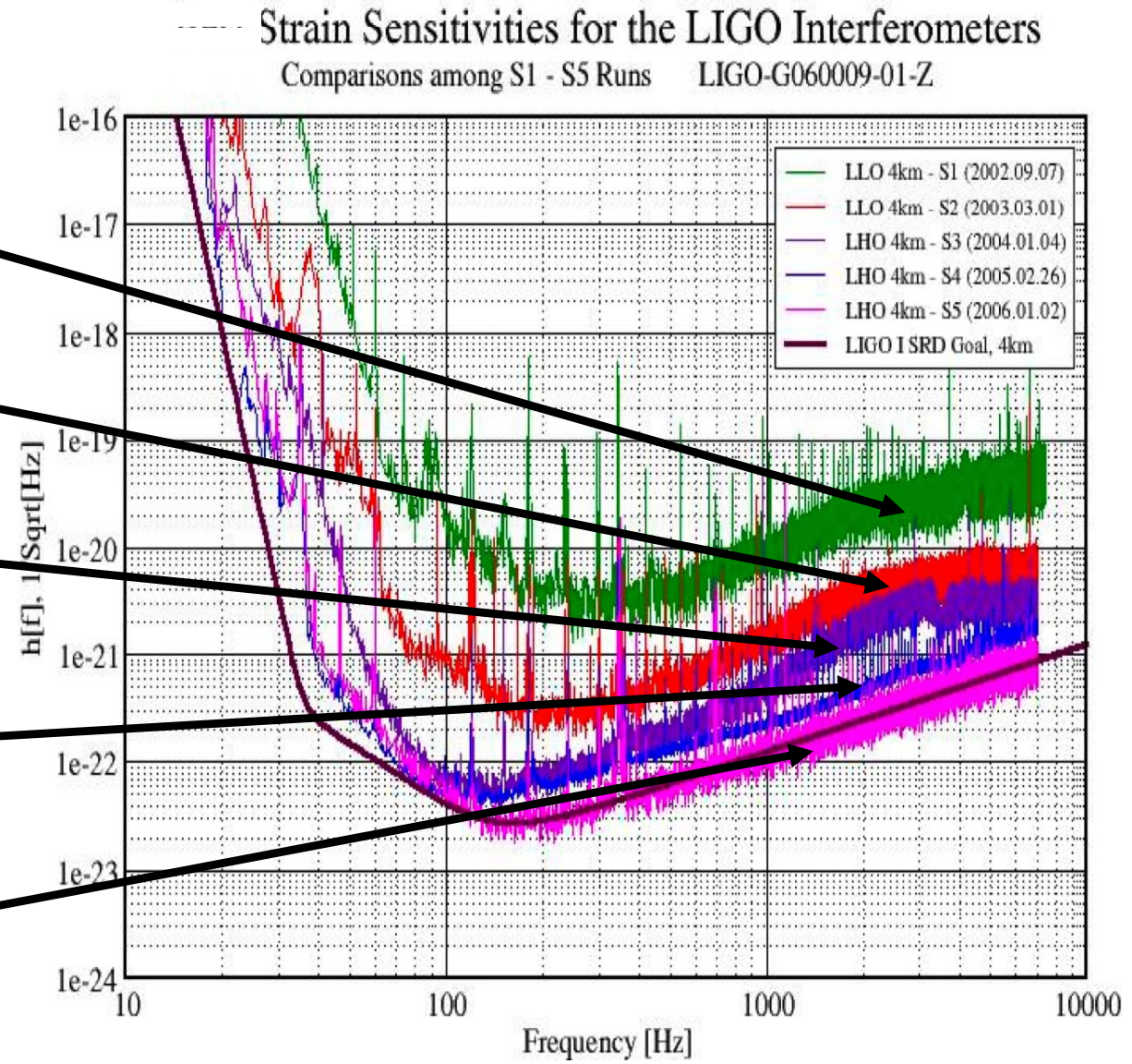
**Detector response**

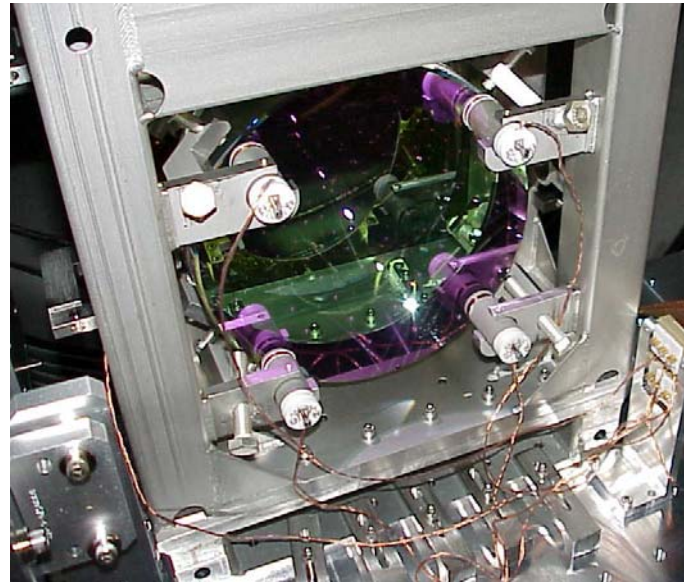
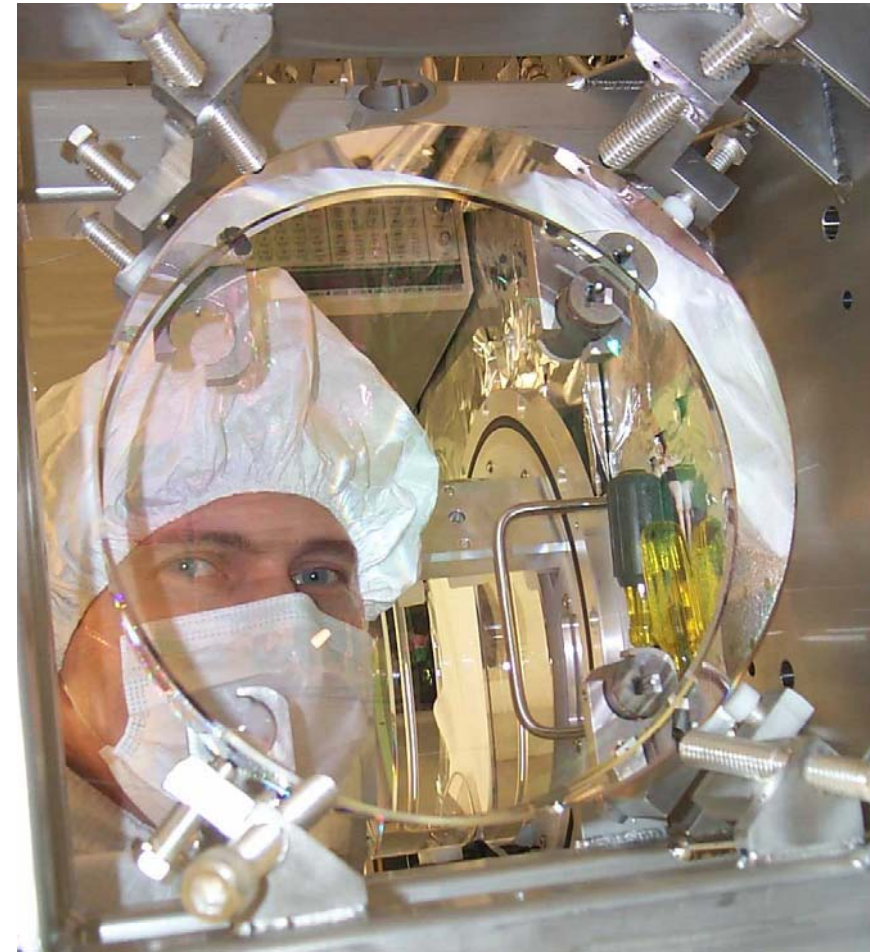
$$h(t) = F_x h_x(t) + F_+ h_+(t)$$

- Seismic noise & vibration limit at low frequencies
- Thermal noise of suspensions and test masses
- Quantum nature of light (Shot Noise) limits at high frequencies
- Limitations of facilities much lower

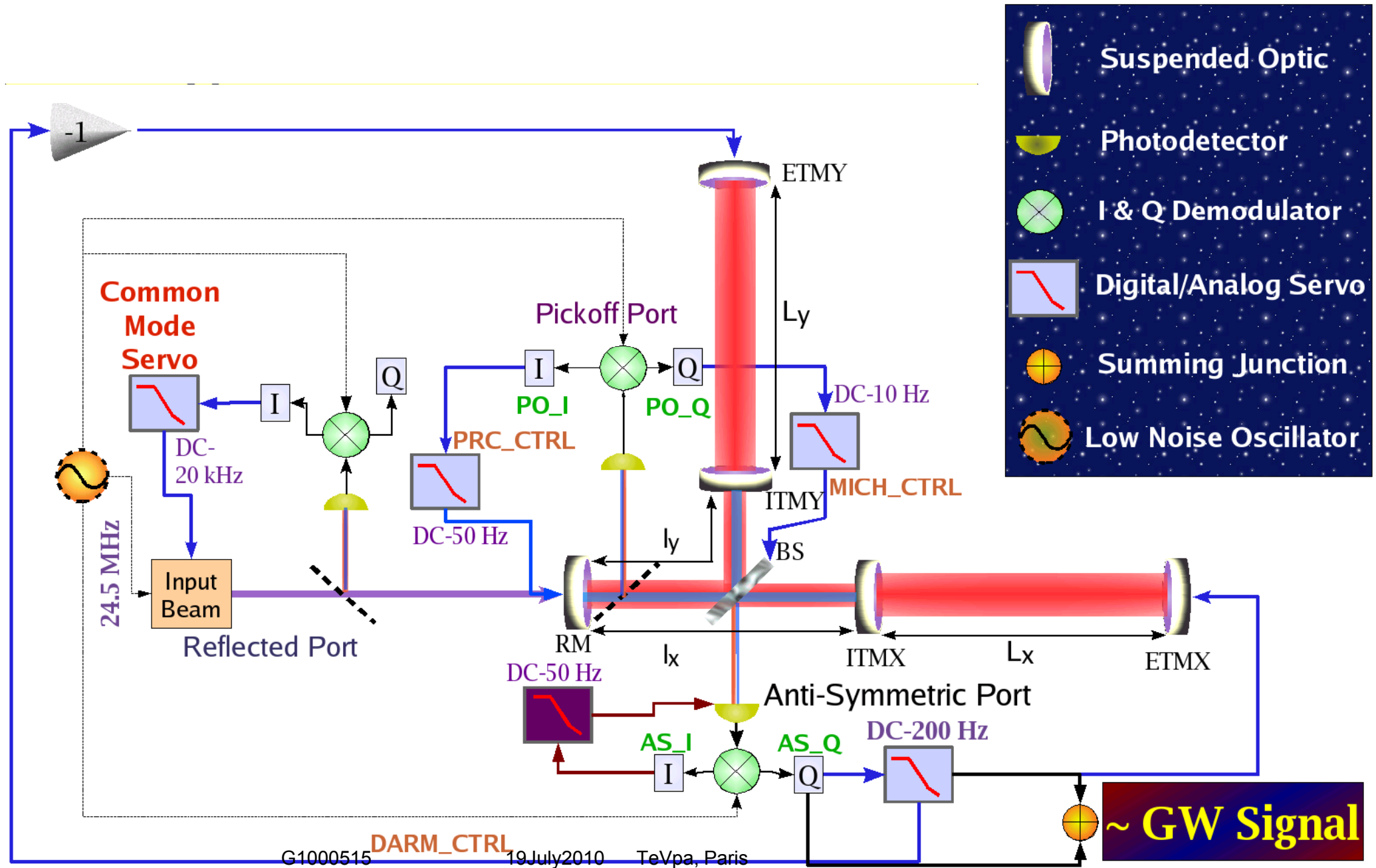


Run	# days
S1 Sept '02	17
S2 Feb 03-Apr 03	59
S3 Nov 03-Jan 04	70
S4 Feb- March 05	30
S5 Nov 05 – Sep 07	2 y (1y coincident)



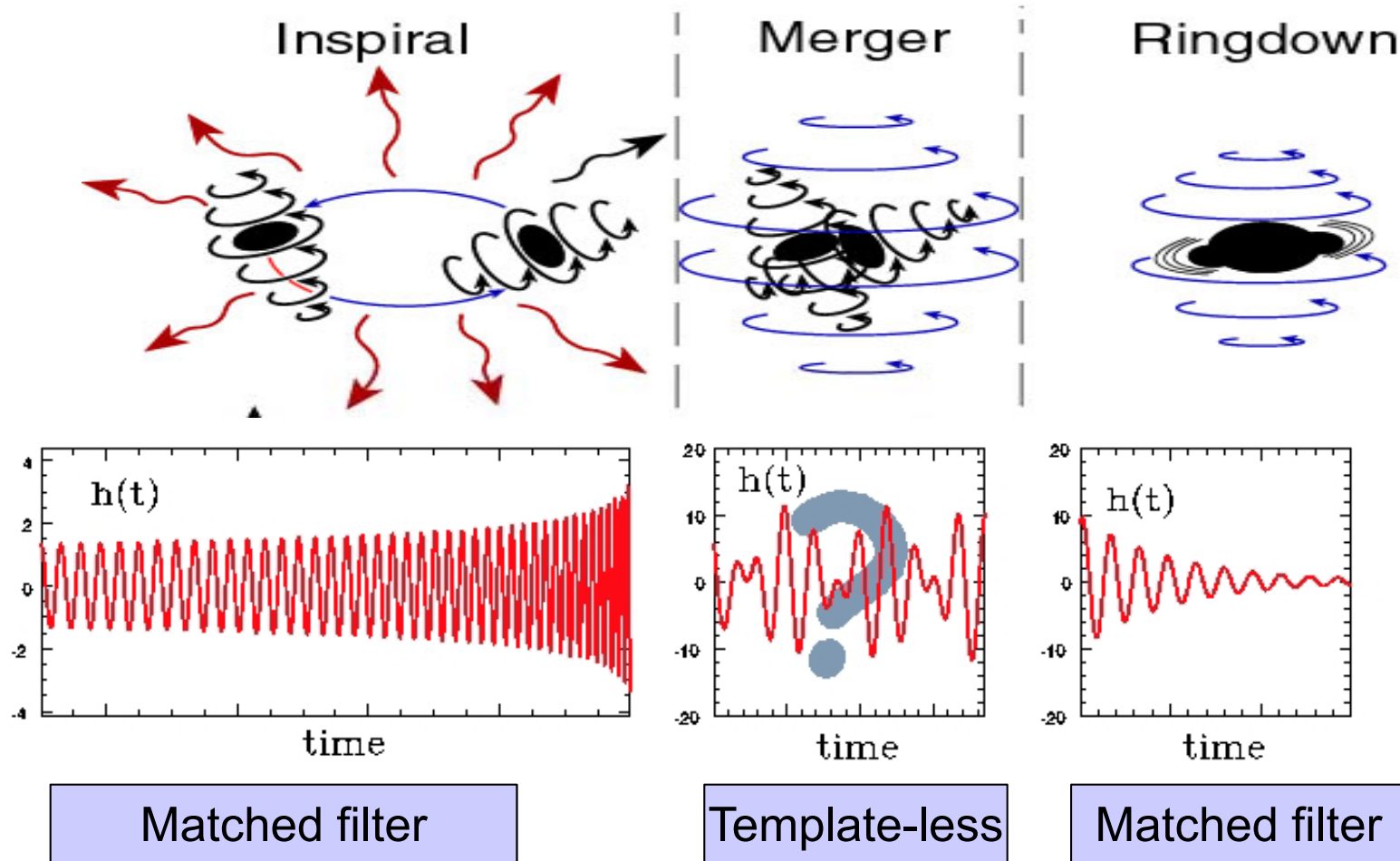


Fused Silica, 10 kg, 25 cm diameter  
and 10 cm thick  
Polished to  $\lambda/1000$  (1 nm)



# Coalescing Compact Binaries

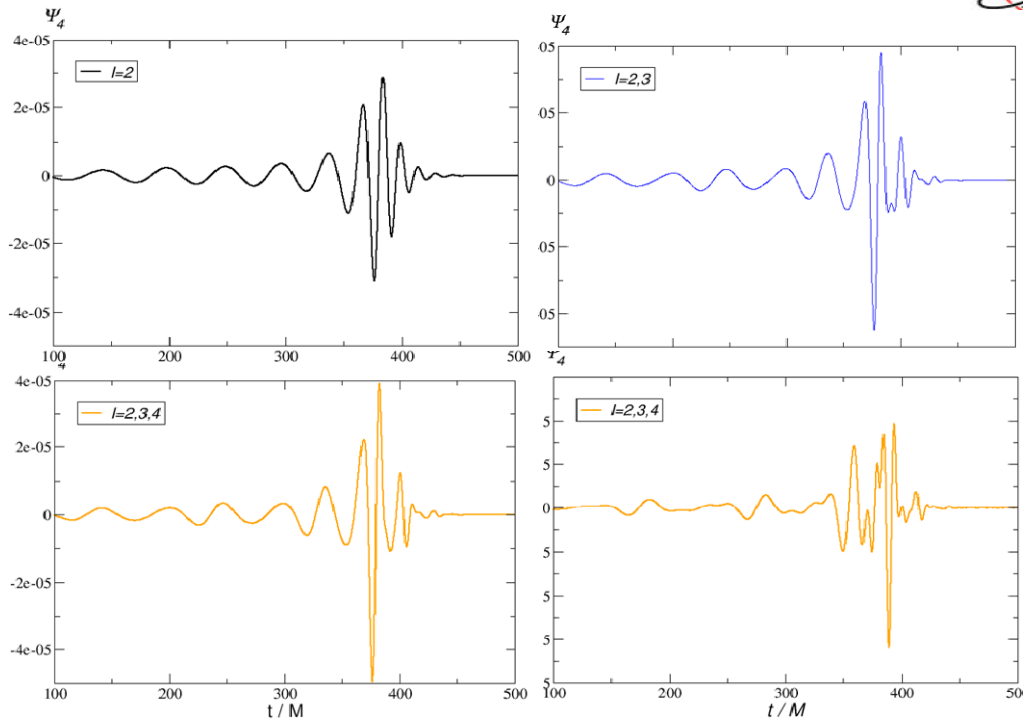
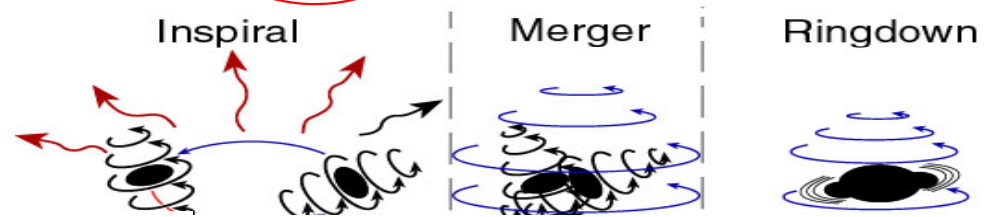
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# Numerical relativity

Development of a numerically stable formalism...  
 F. Pretorius, PRL 95 (2005)

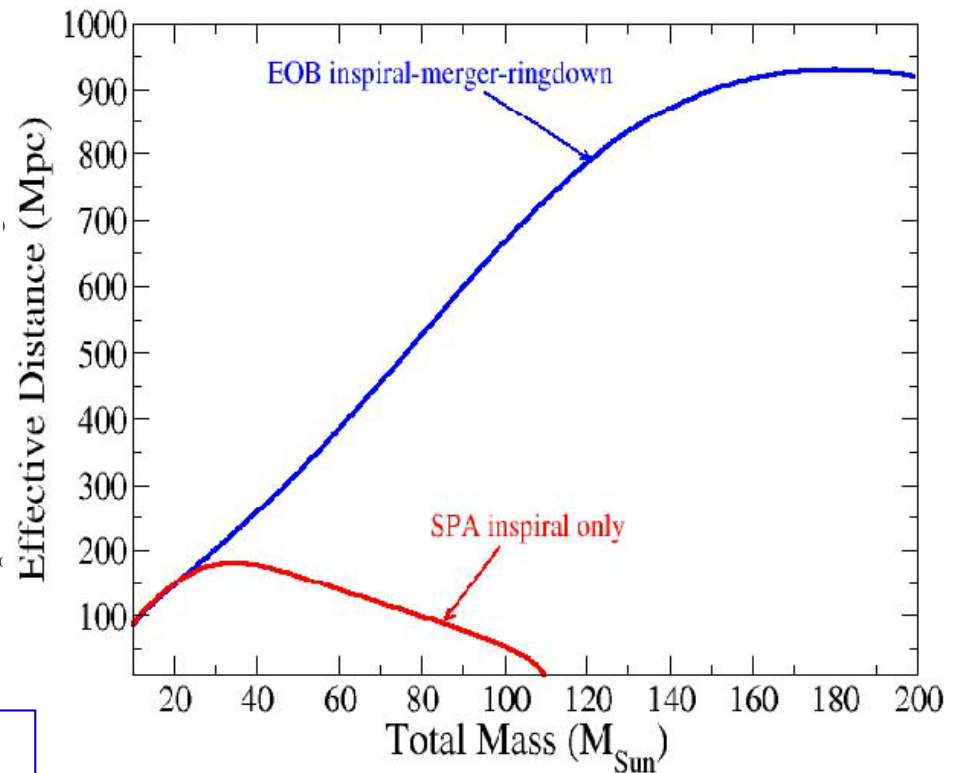
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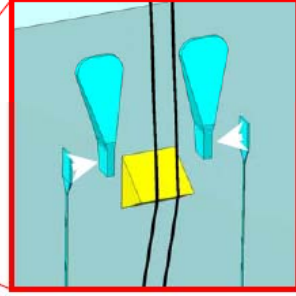
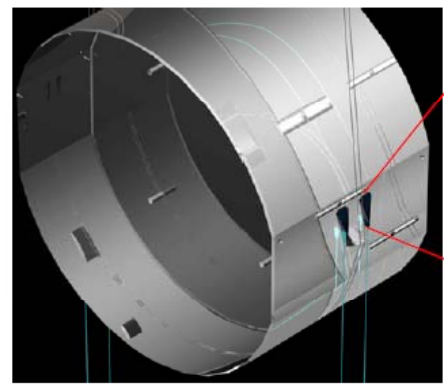
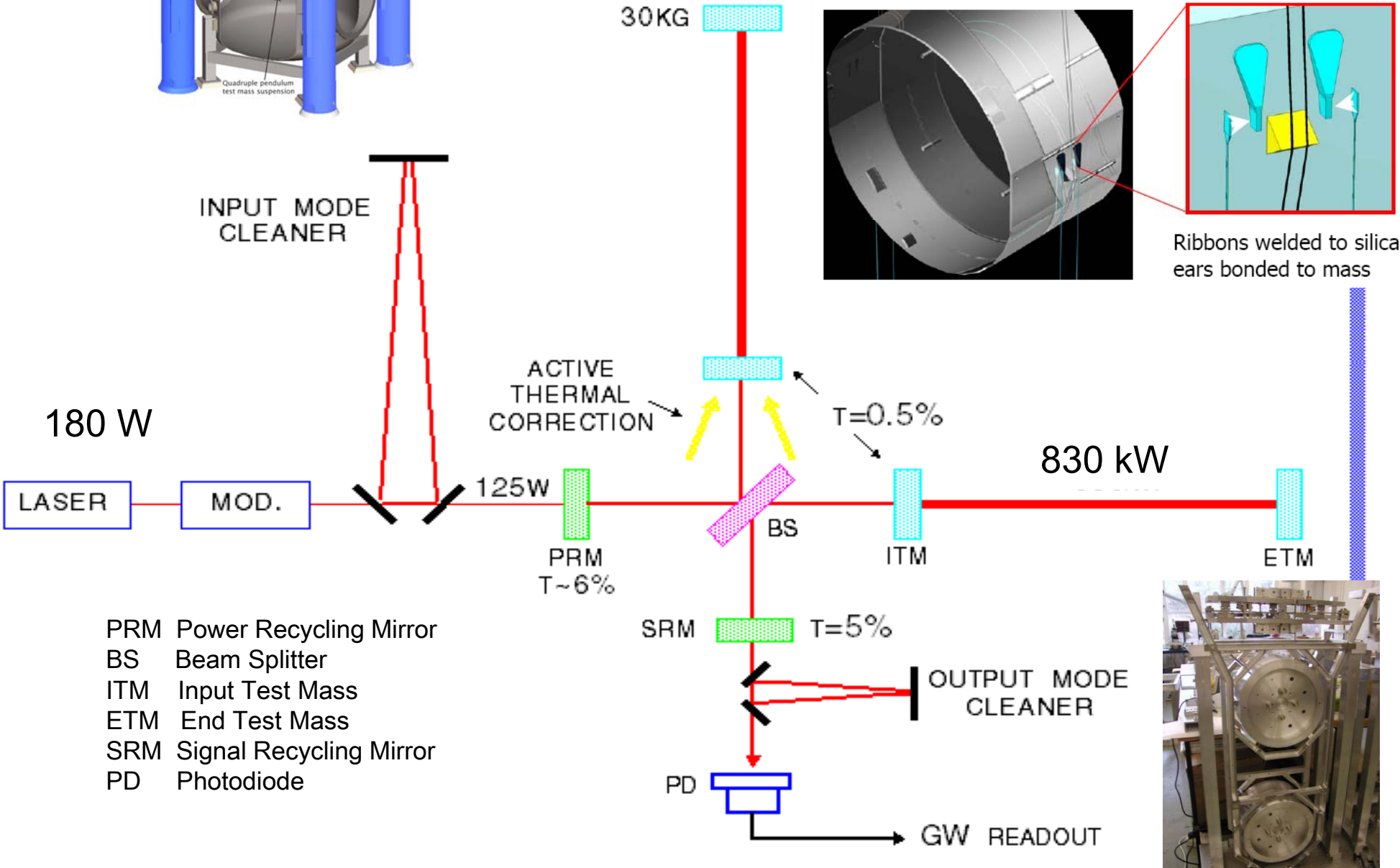
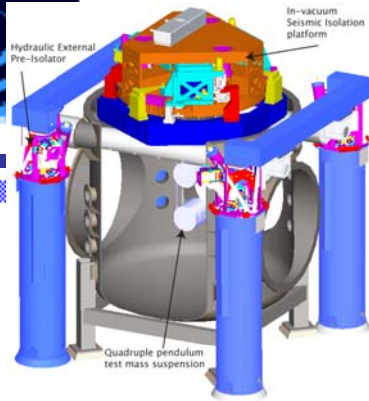


BH-BH, 10:1 mass ratio, arXiv:0811.3952

LSC+theory "NINJA": arXiv:0901.4399

Horizon Distance vs Total Mass





Ribbons welded to silica ears bonded to mass



- PRM Power Recycling Mirror
- BS Beam Splitter
- ITM Input Test Mass
- ETM End Test Mass
- SRM Signal Recycling Mirror
- PD Photodiode