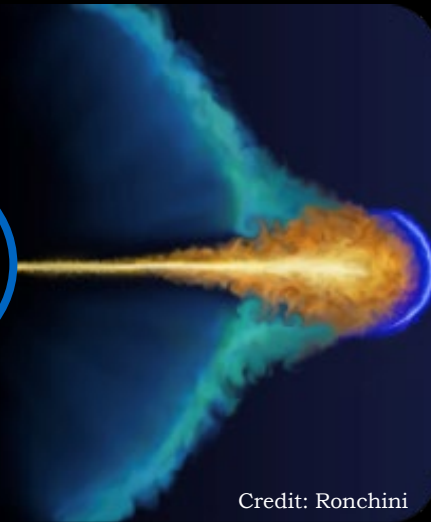
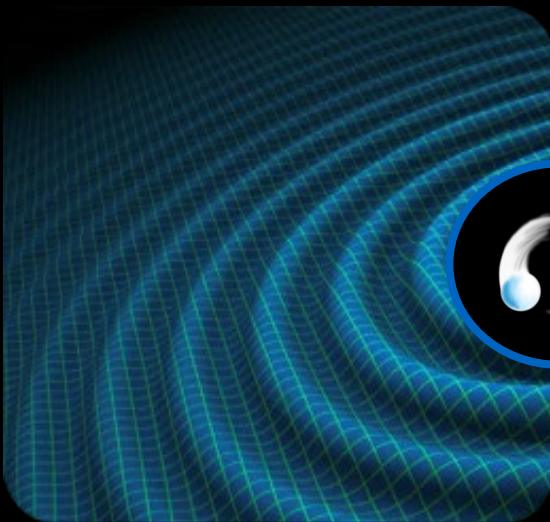
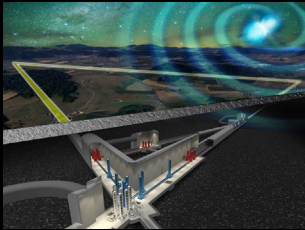


# Status of the GW field and perspectives with current and future GW detectors

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Credit: Ronchini



# Ground-based gravitational-wave detectors



KAGRA, Japan



Credit: LIGO–Virgo



LIGO, Livingston, LA



LIGO, Hanford, WA



Virgo, Cascina, Italy



# Where we are...



- O1, O2, O3 completed
- O4 ongoing
  - O4a only LIGO May 2023 - January 2024
  - O4b LIGO and Virgo April 2024 - February 2025

O1

O2

O3

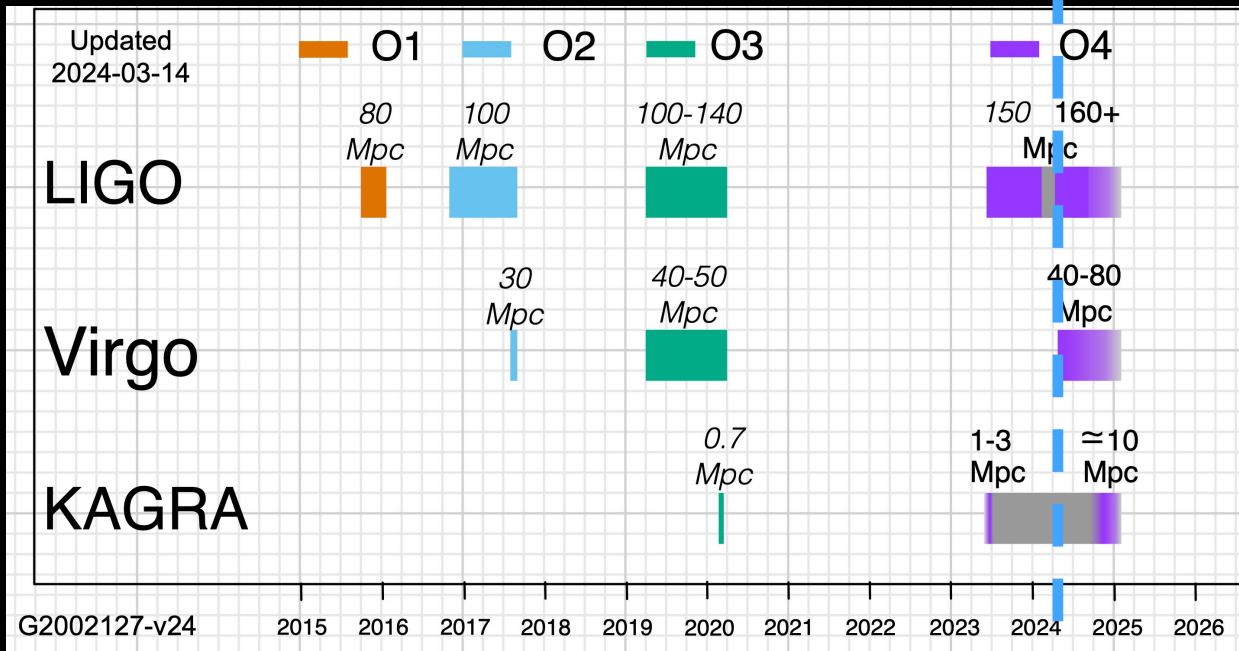
O4

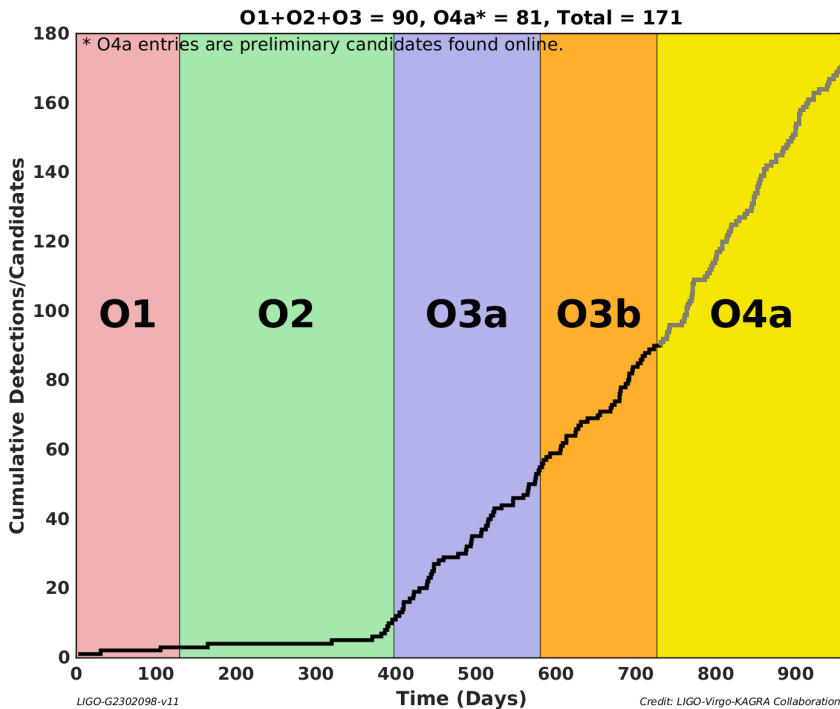
Sep '15 - Jan '16

Nov '16 - Aug '17

Apr '19 - Mar '20

May 23 - Feb '25





## Low-latency public alerts

### O4a 81 Significant Detection Candidates

(FAR one per 6 months for compact binary merger targets)

[dcc.ligo.org/LIGO-G2302098](http://dcc.ligo.org/LIGO-G2302098)



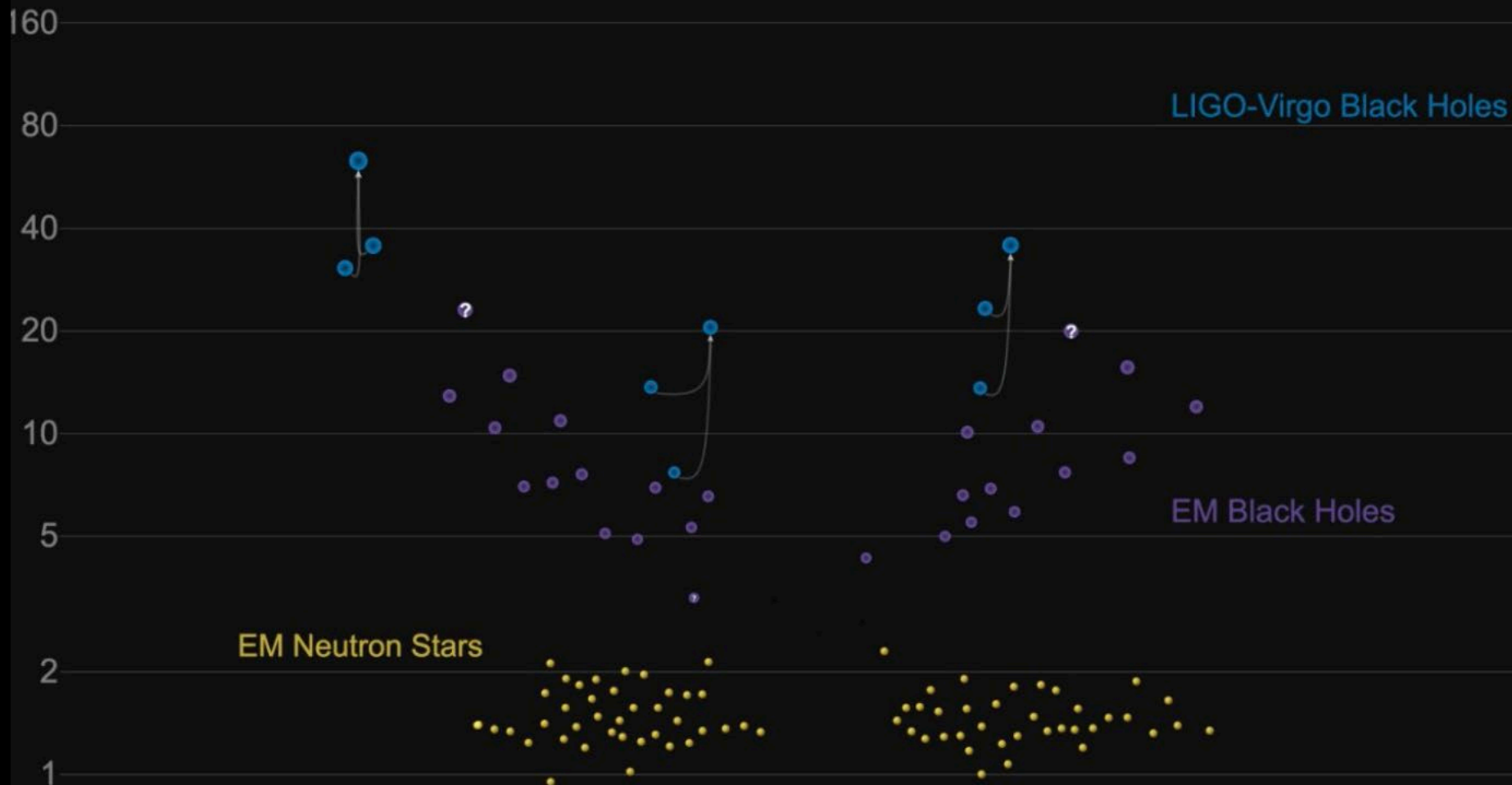
GraceDB

- the majority high probability to be BBH
- ~1 - 2 candidate consistent with containing a NS
- ~2 - 3 candidates consistent with an object in the lower mass gap
- no candidates expected to have significant remnant mass outside of the final compact object



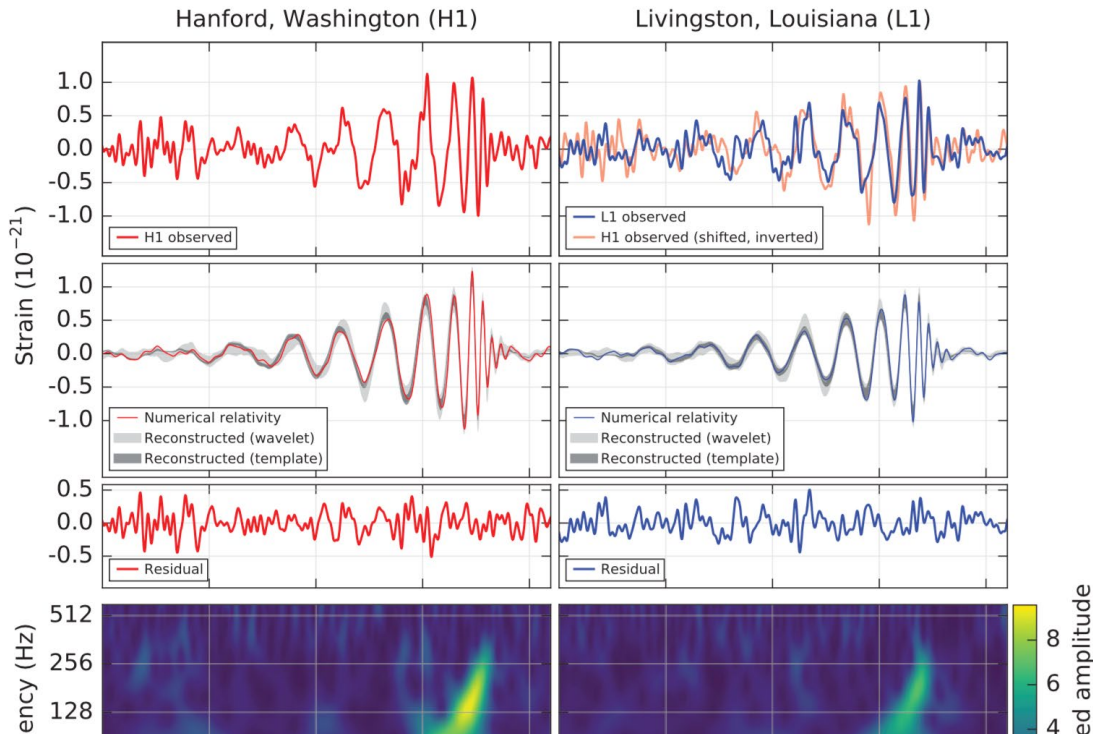
# Masses in the Stellar Graveyard

*in Solar Masses*

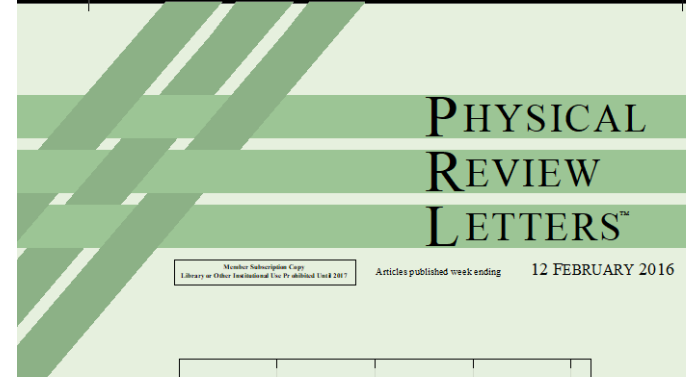


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# Observations of gravitational waves from a binary black-hole merger

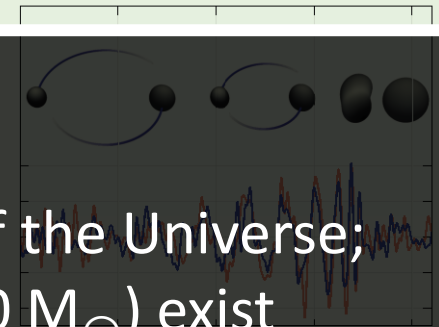


GW150914



## GW OBSERVATIONS

- Binary stellar-mass black holes (BBHs) exist;
- BBHs can inspiral and merge within the age of the Universe;
- Heavy stellar-mass black holes (with mass  $>20 M_{\odot}$ ) exist



(LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration)  
(Received 21 January 2016; published 11 February 2016)

(LVC 2018 ApJL, 818)

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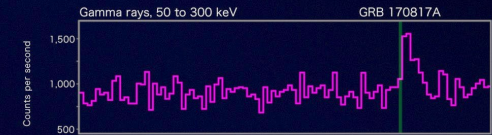
*in Solar Masses*



# GW 170817

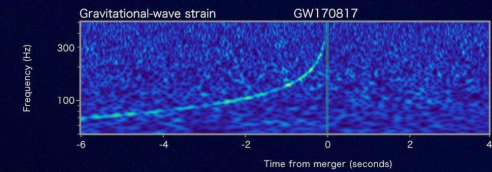
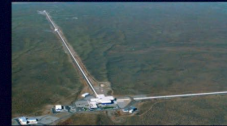
## Fermi

Reported 16 seconds  
after detection



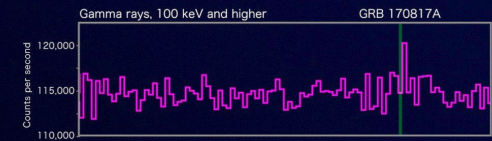
## LIGO-Virgo

Reported 27 minutes after detection



## INTEGRAL

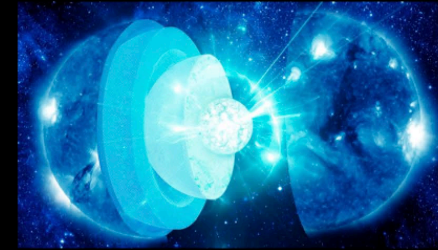
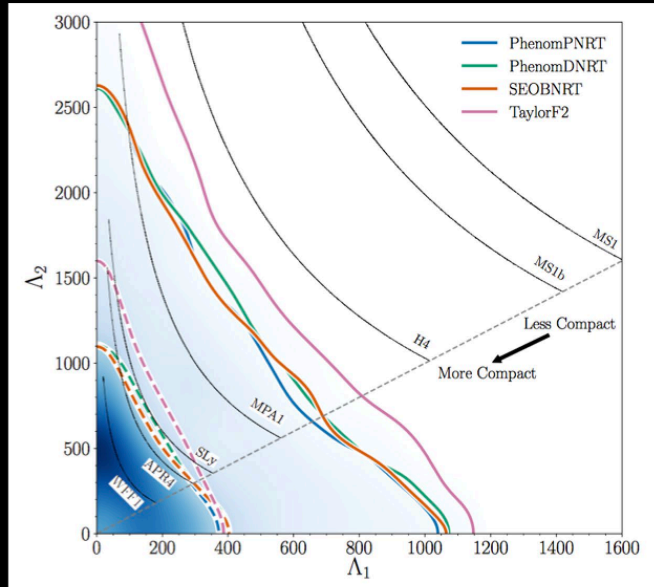
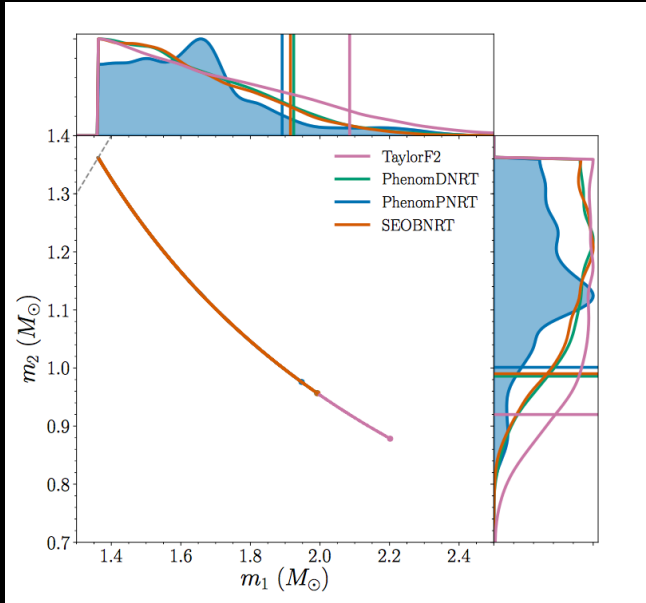
Reported 66 minutes  
after detection





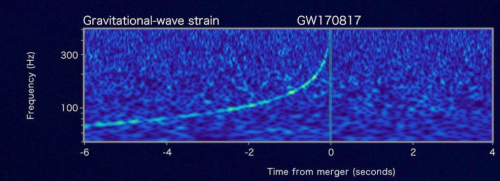
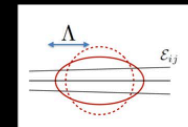
# GW 170817

**Masses are consistent with the masses of all known neutron stars!**



**TIDAL DEFORMABILITY**

$$\Lambda = (2/3)k_2[(c^2/G)(R/m)]^5$$

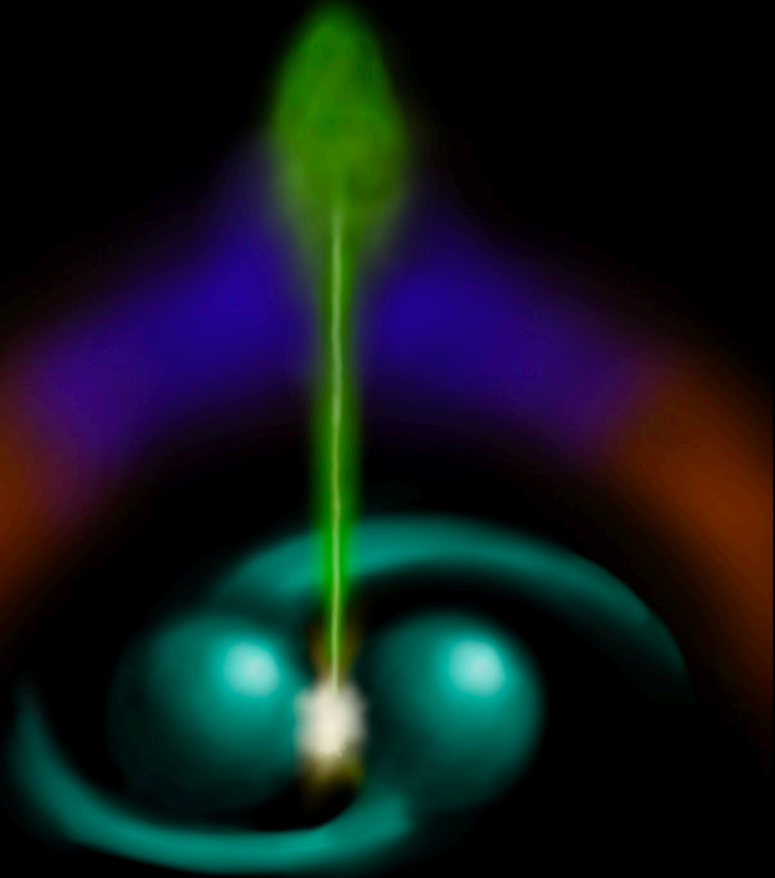


Credits: Ronchini

# GW 170817

*Binary neutron star mergers are progenitor of short GRB*

First short GRB observed off-axis



**Fermi**

Reported 16 seconds  
after detection



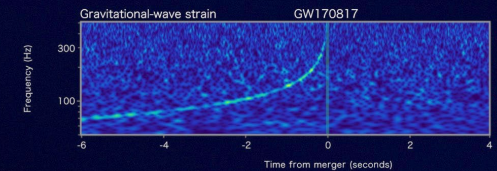
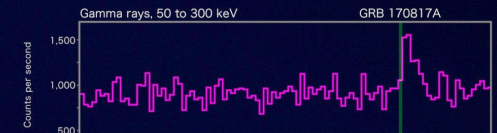
**LIGO-Virgo**

Reported 27 minutes  
after detection



**INTEGRAL**

Reported 66 minutes  
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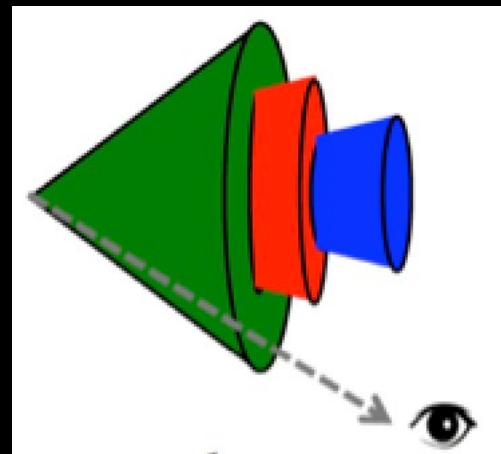


# Multi-wavelength afterglow observations



$\Gamma(\theta)$

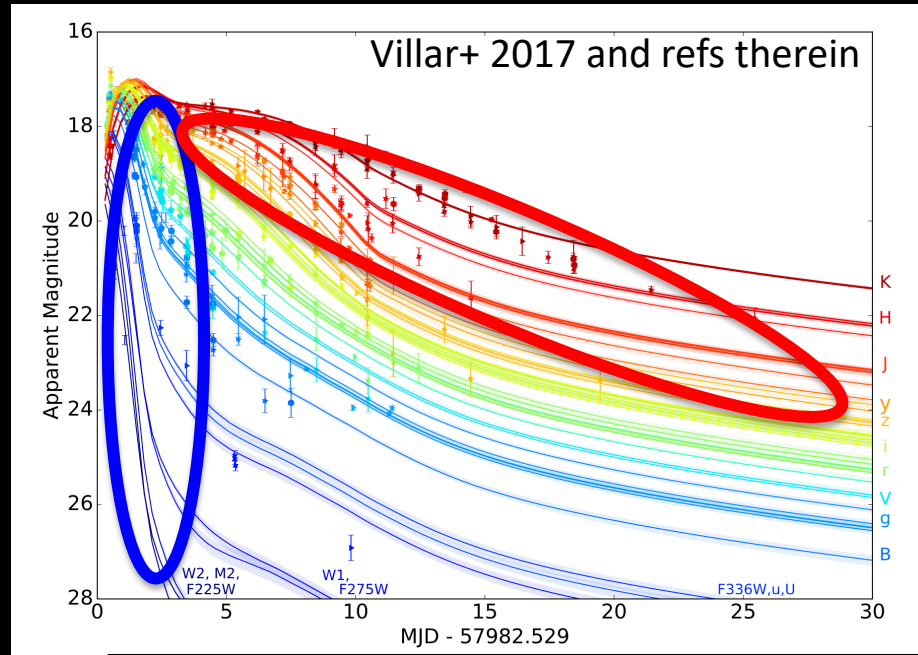
Forward shock from  
a structured jet



*Structured off-axis jet*



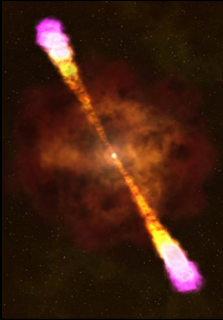
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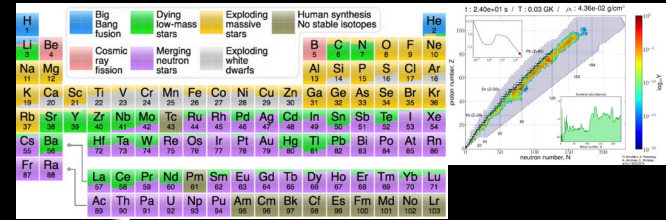
*BNS mergers are  
formation of h*

# Radioactively powered transients

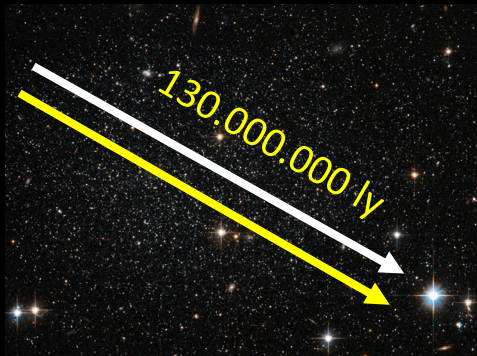
## Relativistic astrophysics



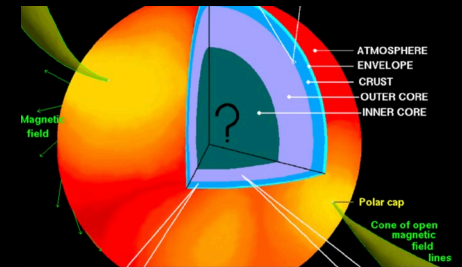
## Nucleosynthesis and enrichment of the Universe



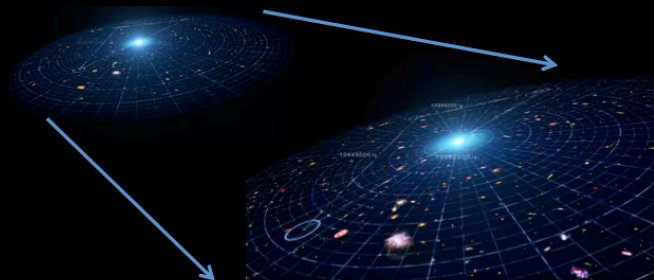
## Fundamental Physics



## Nuclear matter physics



## Cosmology

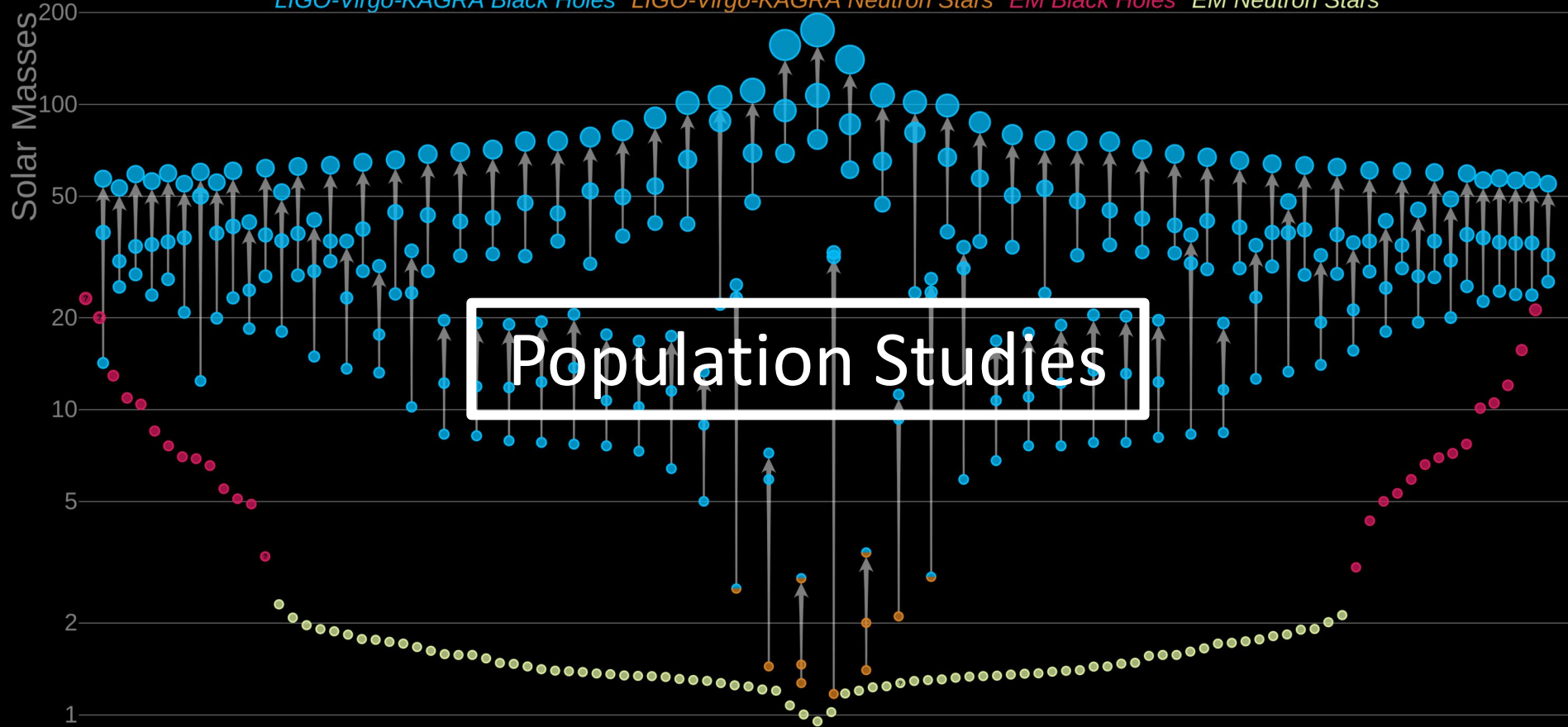


O1+O2+O3



# Masses in the Stellar Graveyard

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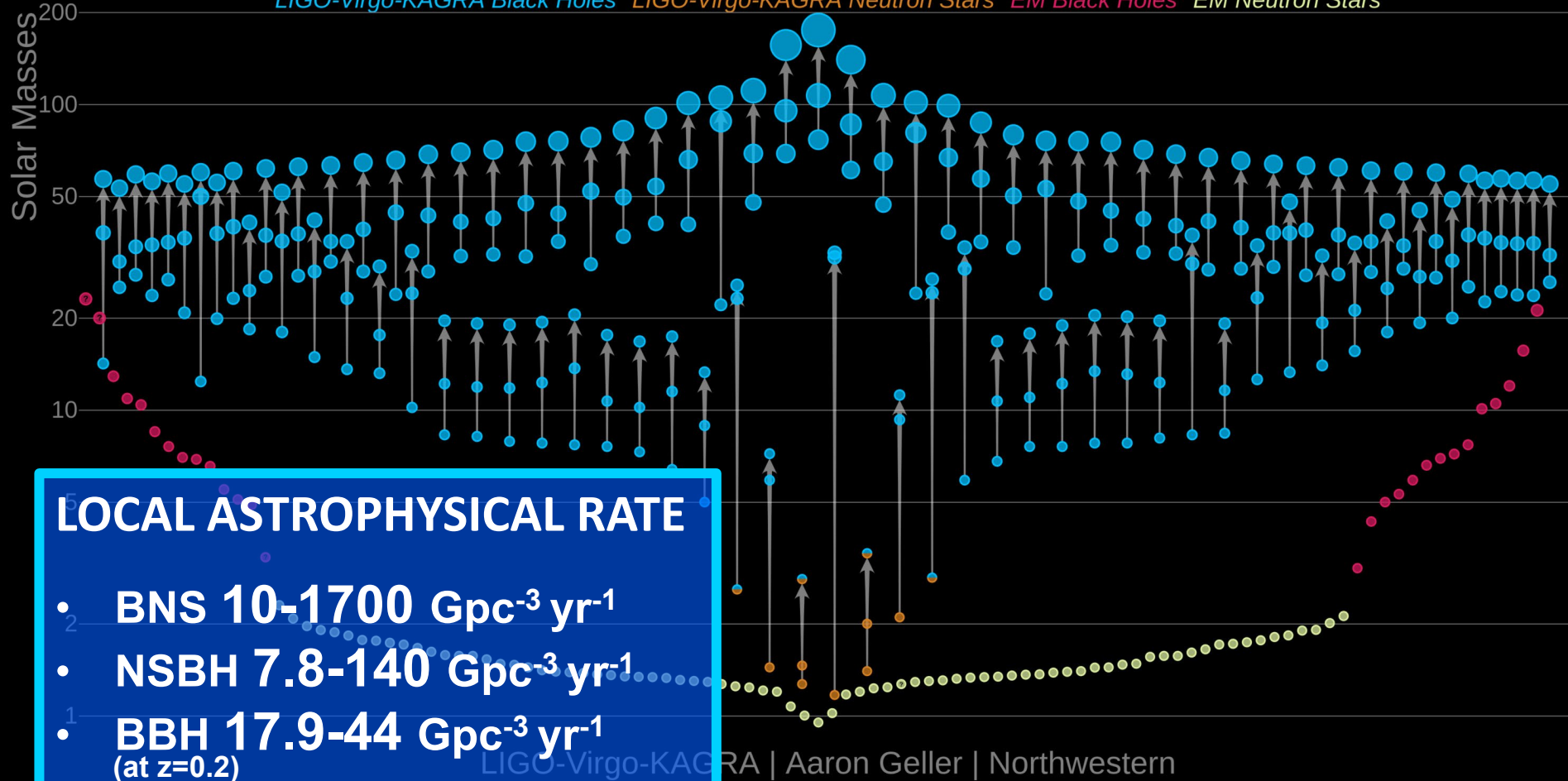
LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA | Aaron Geller | Northwestern

90 GW EVENTS!



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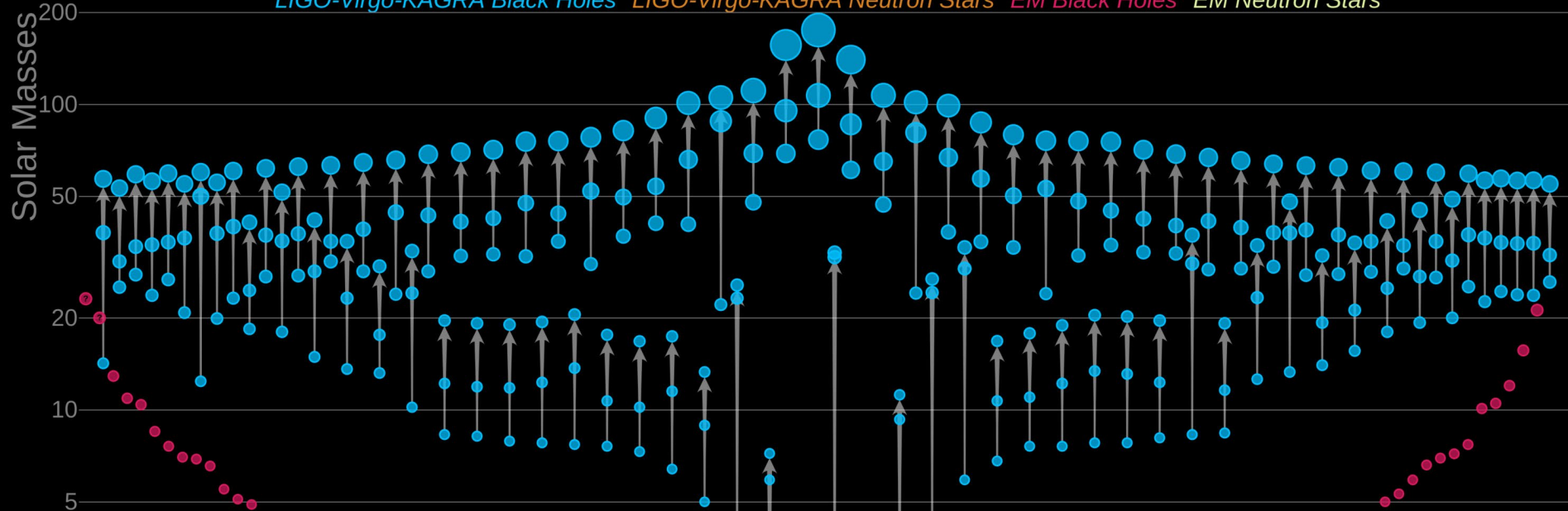


# Some of the interesting results in O3



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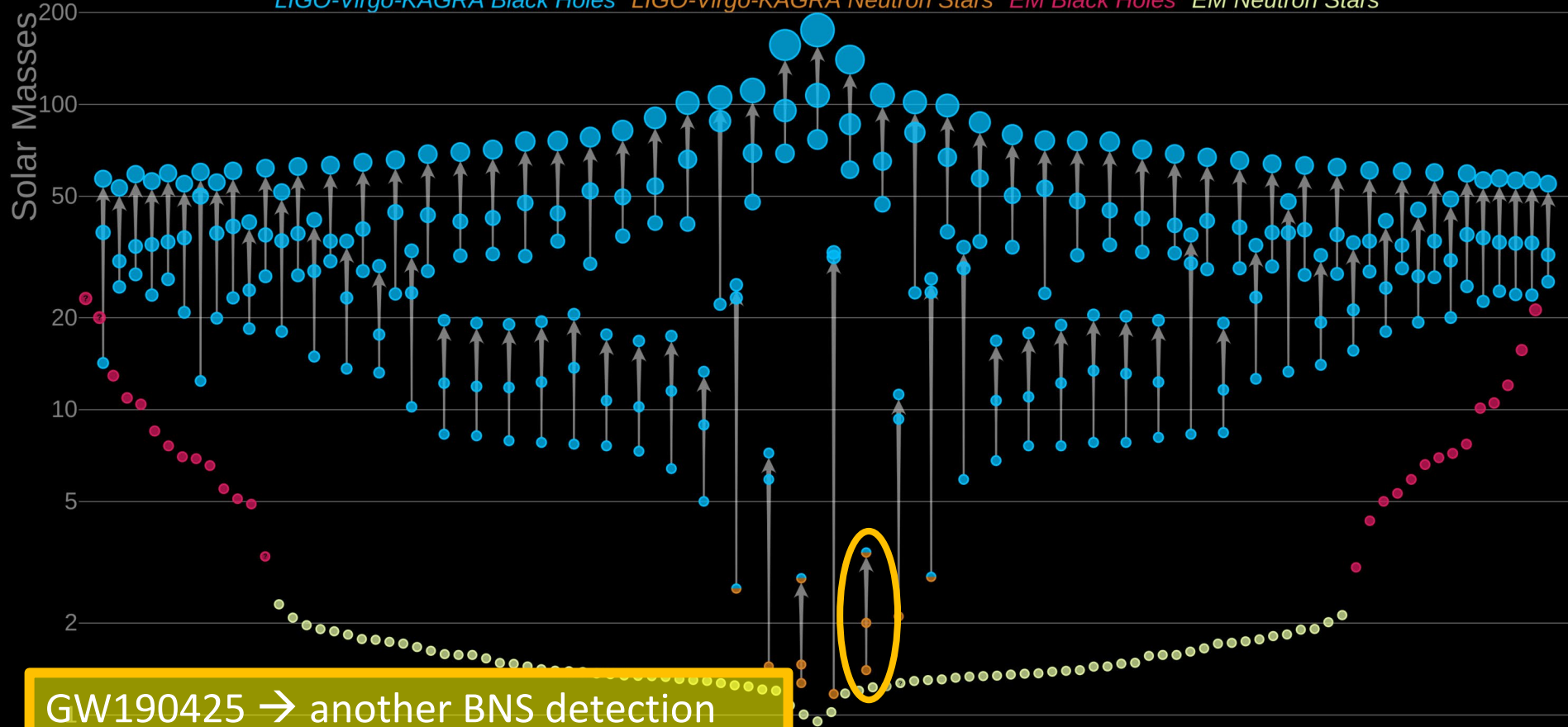
- BH mass and spin distribution → some indications of dynamical formation scenario
- GW190521 the first observational evidence of formation of IMBH

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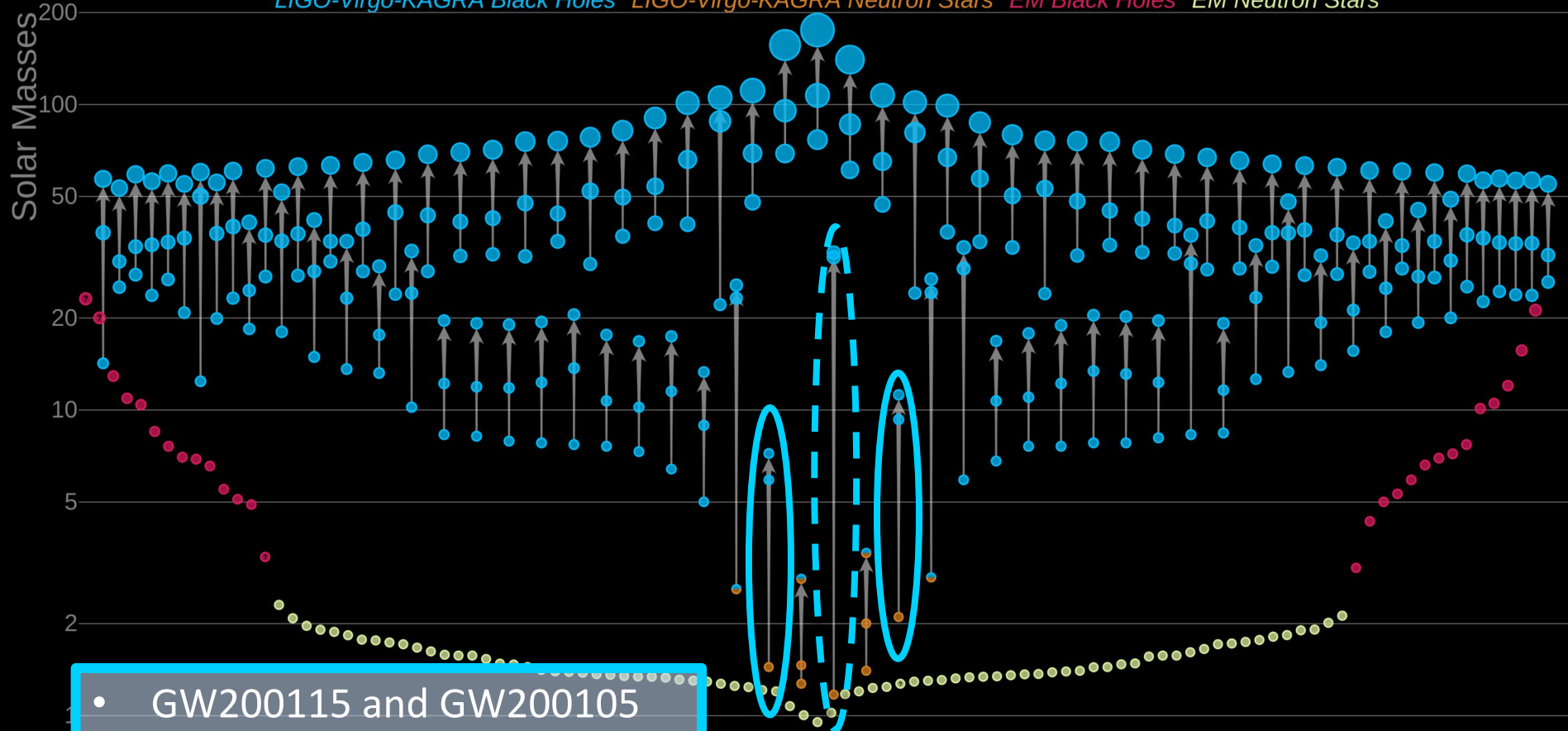
GW190425 → another BNS detection  
Total mass larger than any known BNS  
( $5\sigma$  from mean of Galactic BNS)

# Some of the interesting results in O3



## Masses in the Stellar Graveyard

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- GW200115 and GW200105  
→ first observations of NSBH
- GW191219 candidate NSBH

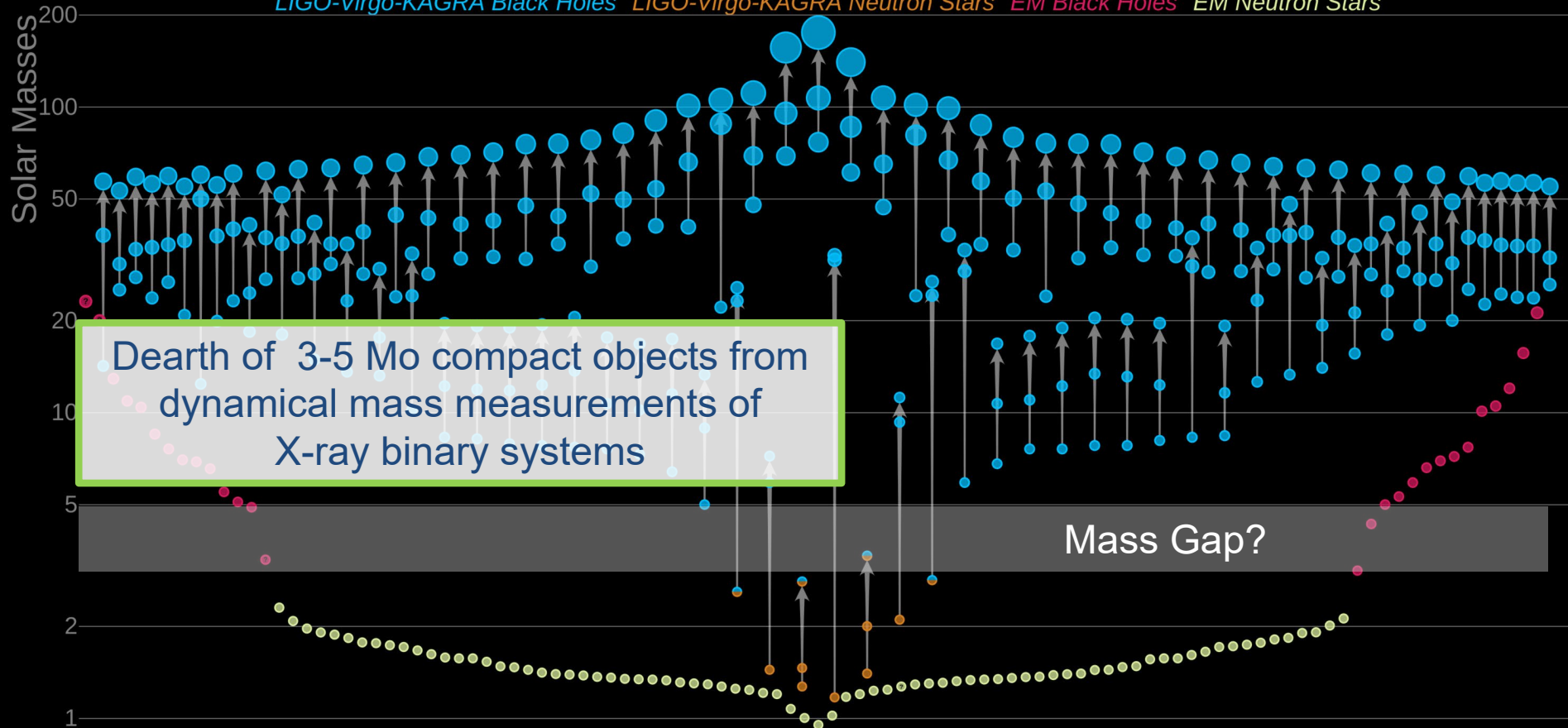


# First result from O4



## Masses in the Stellar Graveyard

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# FILLING THE MASS



# GAP

*with observations of compact binaries from gravitational waves*

GW190425  
(primary)



GW190814  
(secondary)

GW200115  
(primary)

Mass of compact object ( $M_{\odot}$ )    1                    2                    3                    4                    5                    6

Includes components of compact binary mergers detected with a False Alarm Rate (FAR) of less than 0.25 per year

# FILLING THE MASS $\longleftrightarrow$ GAP

*with observations of compact binaries from gravitational waves*



Mass of compact object ( $M_{\odot}$ )

1

2

3

4

5

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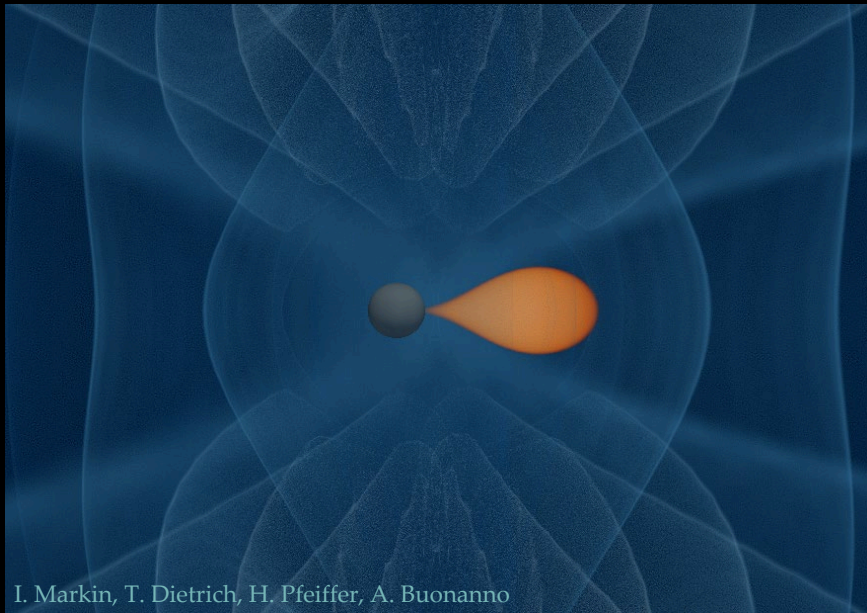
Includes components of compact binary mergers detected with a False Alarm Rate (FAR) of less than 0.25 per year

Figure credit: Shanika Galaudage / Observatoire de la Côte d'Azur

**GW230529 provides best evidence of compact objects existing in the lower mass gap**

# GW230529

- Likely a neutron star merging with a mass-gap compact object
- the primary component of the source has a mass less than  $5 M_{\odot}$  at 99% credibility



Primary mass $m_1/M_{\odot}$	$3.6^{+0.8}_{-1.2}$
Secondary mass $m_2/M_{\odot}$	$1.4^{+0.6}_{-0.2}$
Mass ratio $q = m_2/m_1$	$0.39^{+0.41}_{-0.12}$
Total mass $M/M_{\odot}$	$5.1^{+0.6}_{-0.6}$
Chirp mass $\mathcal{M}/M_{\odot}$	$1.94^{+0.04}_{-0.04}$
Detector-frame chirp mass $(1+z)\mathcal{M}/M_{\odot}$	$2.026^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$
Primary spin magnitude $\chi_1$	$0.44^{+0.40}_{-0.37}$
Effective inspiral-spin parameter $\chi_{\text{eff}}$	$-0.10^{+0.12}_{-0.17}$
Effective precessing-spin parameter $\chi_p$	$0.40^{+0.39}_{-0.30}$
Luminosity distance $D_L/\text{Mpc}$	$201^{+102}_{-96}$
Source redshift $z$	$0.04^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$

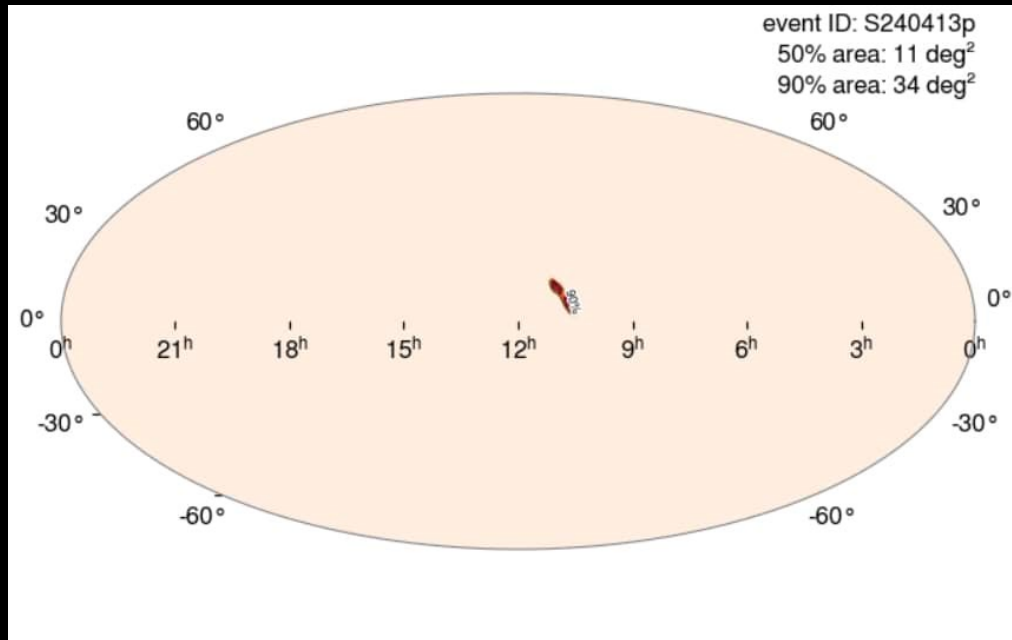
- updated local NSBH merger rate:  $30-200 \text{ Gpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$
- most probable detected NSBH to have undergone tidal disruption (increased symmetry in its component masses)
- no EM counterpart: poor sky-localization



# O4b started on April 10



- Virgo join O4 with a BNS sensitivity of 60 Mpc
- First «triple detection (HLV)» on Friday 13
- BBH (or possibly, NSBH) with an **EXCELLENT sky localization**



*NO multi-messenger event  
after GW17017*

**DON'T PANIC!**

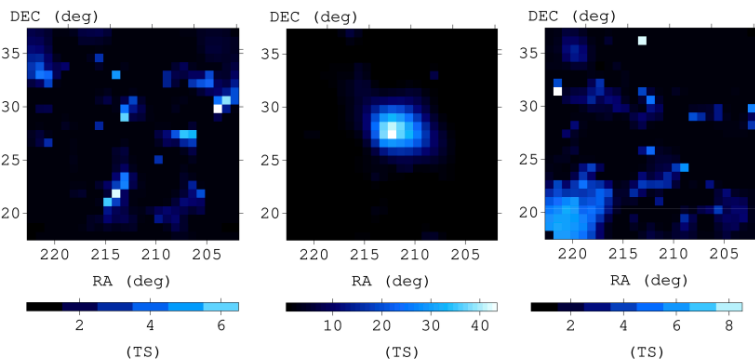
**BNS mergers are there!**

- *Expected a few to a few tens of MM detections per year with the current GW detectors up to  $z = 0.2$*

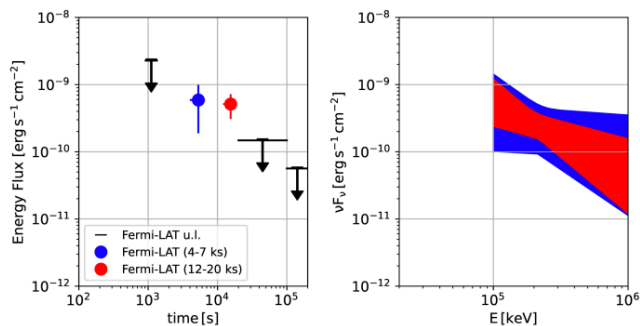
- Two long GRBs with kilonova emission, GRB 211211A and GRB 230307A within the current GW detector reach!

# GRB 211211A: GeV counterpart by Fermi-LAT

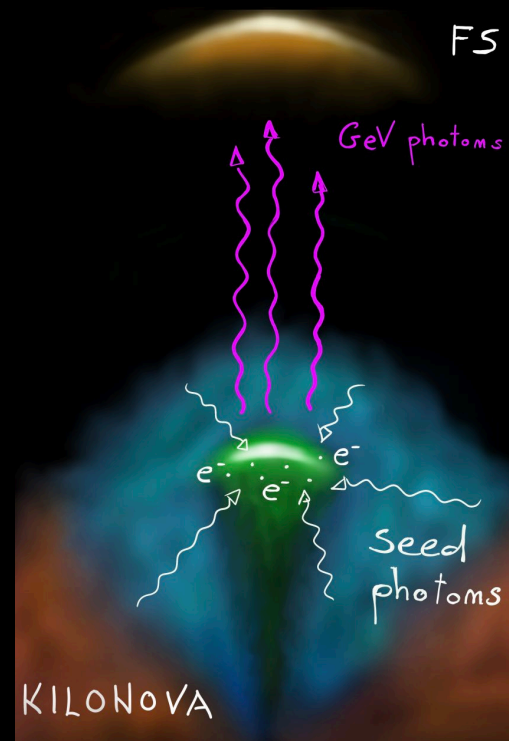
in EXCESS with respect to standard afterglow



(a)  $t_0 - 1 \text{ d to } t_0$  (b)  $t_0 \text{ to } t_0 + 20 \text{ ks}$  (c)  $t_0 + 1 \text{ d to } t_0 + 2 \text{ d}$



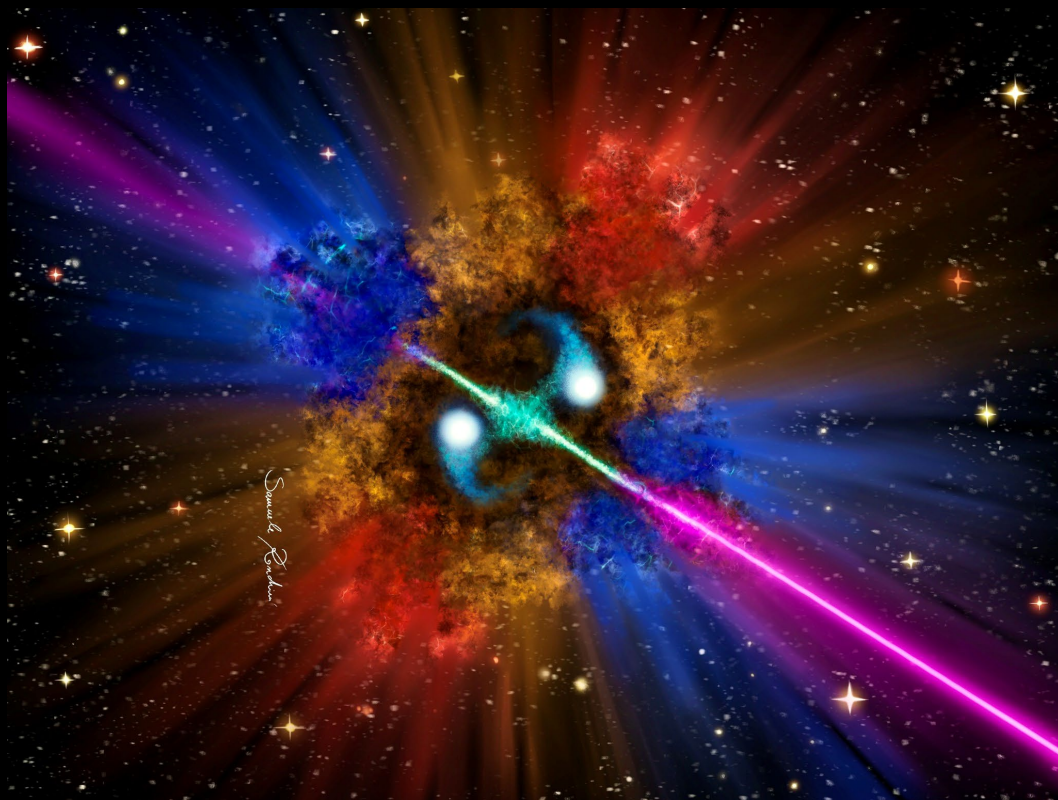
(d)  $t_0 \text{ to } t_0 + 2 \text{ d}$



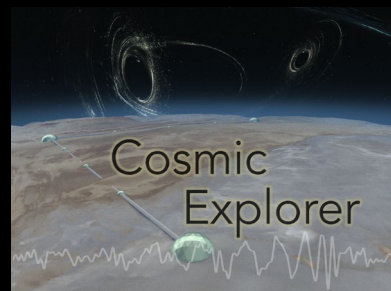
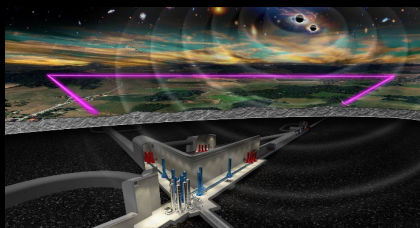
Mei et al. 2022, Nature

Seeds photons emitted from the kilonova ejecta scattered via inverse Compton by electrons in a low-power jet launched at late times





In the era of next GW detector  
MM detections will be routine!



# Next generation GW astronomy and multi-wavelength follow-up

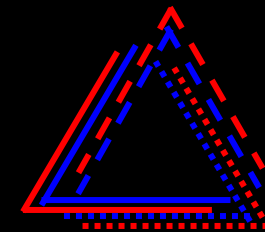
See GWIC roadmap; Bailes et al. 2021, Nature Reviews Physics;  
Maggiore et al 2020, JCAP; Evans et al. 2021 arXiv:2109.09882;  
Branchesi et al. 2023, JCAP

# ET: the European 3G GW observatory concept



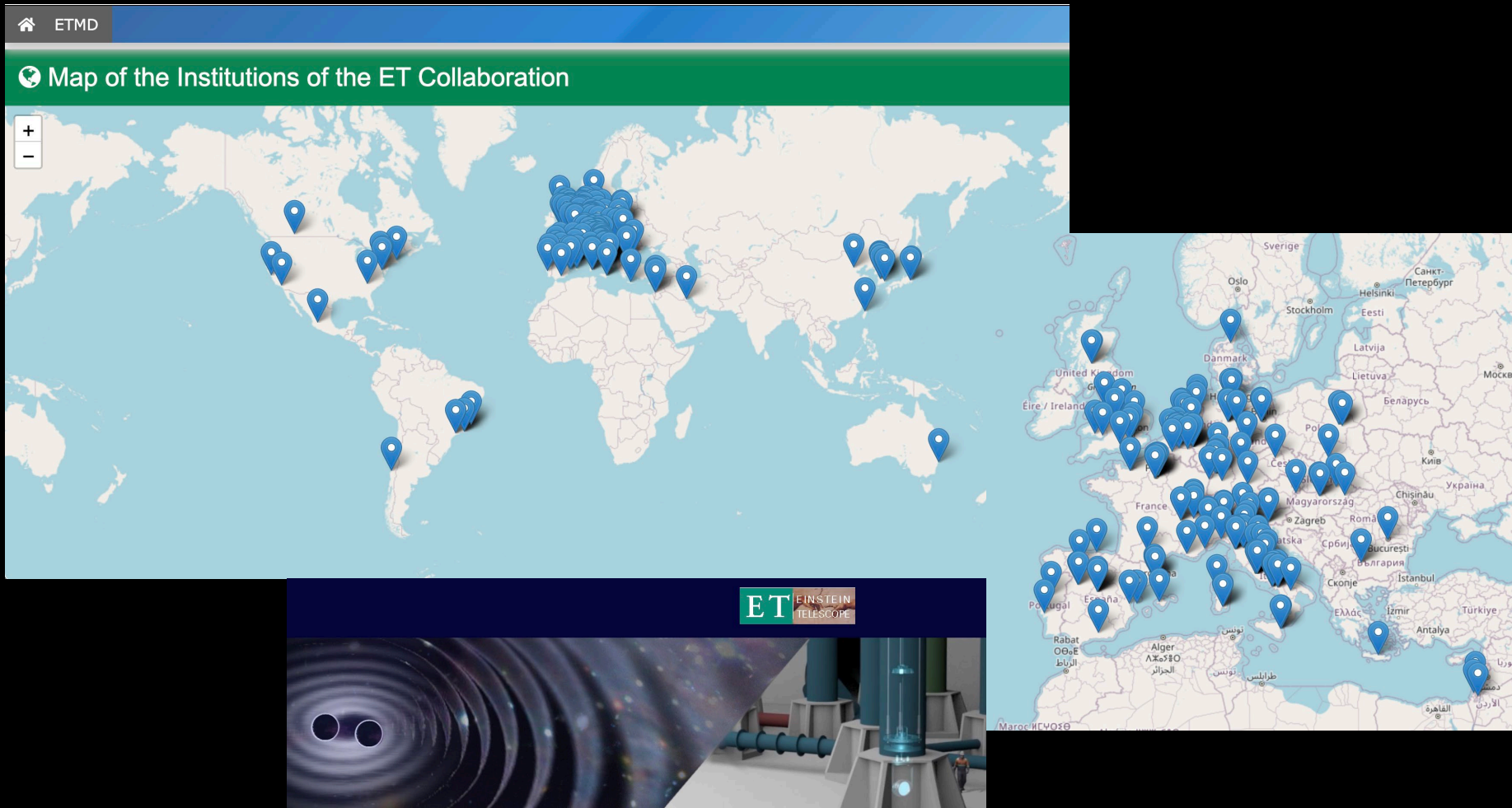
Triangular shape  
Arms: 10 km  
Underground  
Cryogenic  
Increase laser power  
Xylophone

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INCLUDED IN ESFRI ROADMAP in 2021

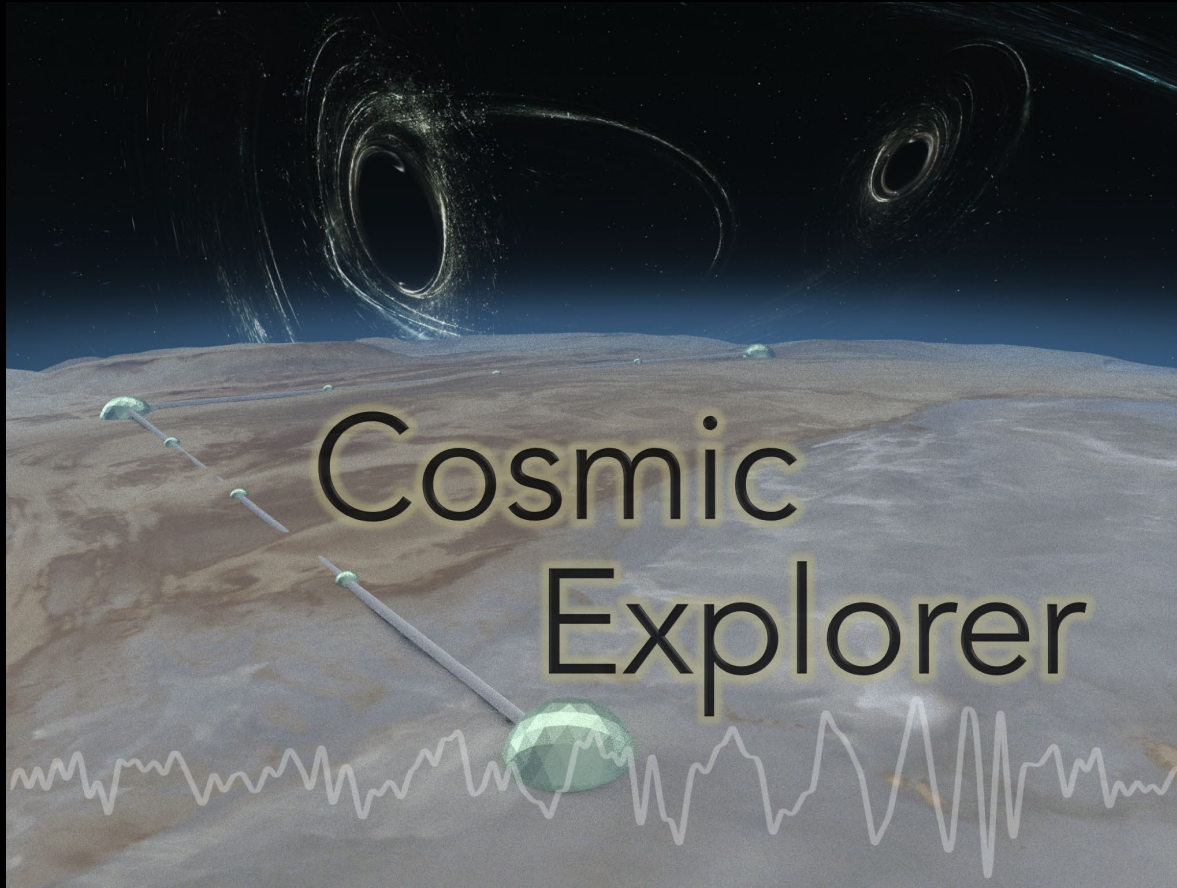
# ET collaboration



Currently **1631 members** representing **237** Institutions in **28** different countries



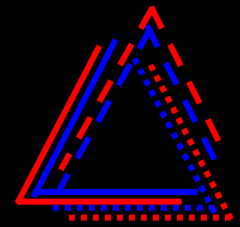
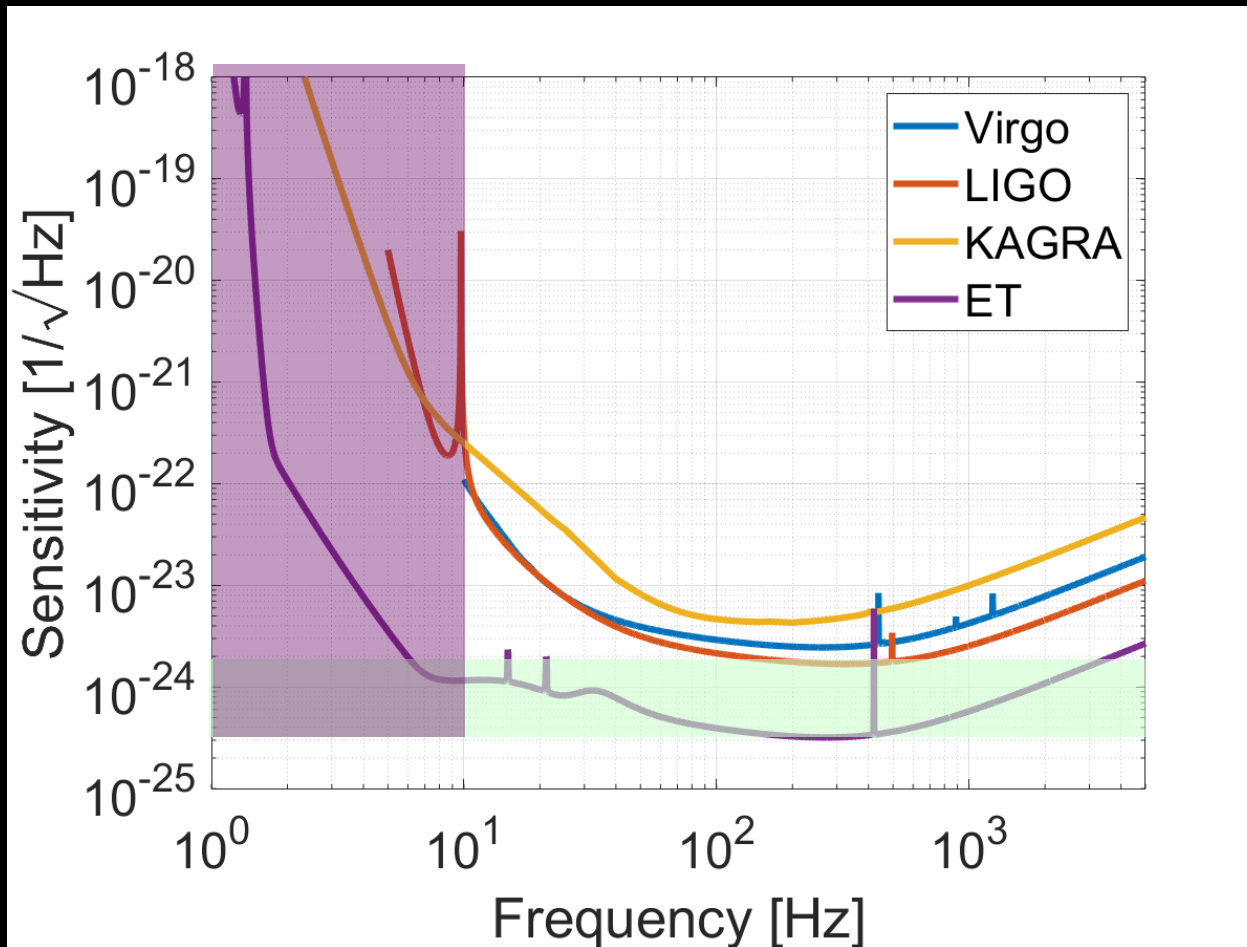
# Next generation GW effort worldwide

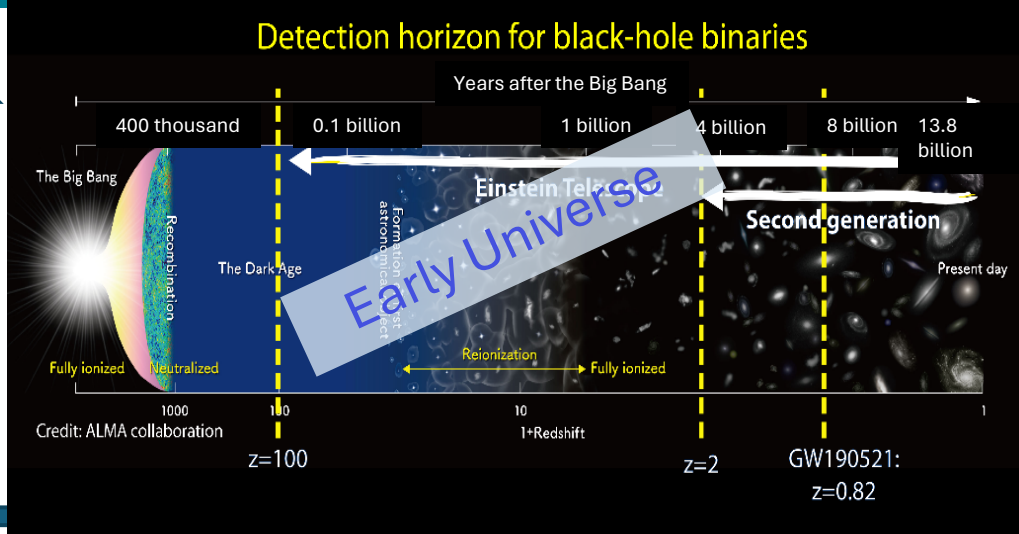
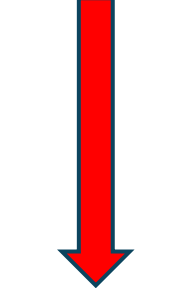
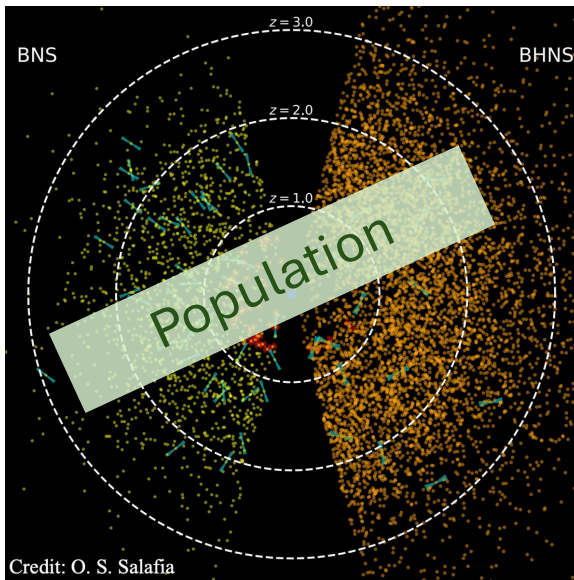


Cosmic Explorer: L shaped detectors, two sites  
(40km, 20 km [option])



# EXPECTED SENSITIVITY





- Combination of
- distances and masses explored
  - number of detections
  - detections with very high SNR

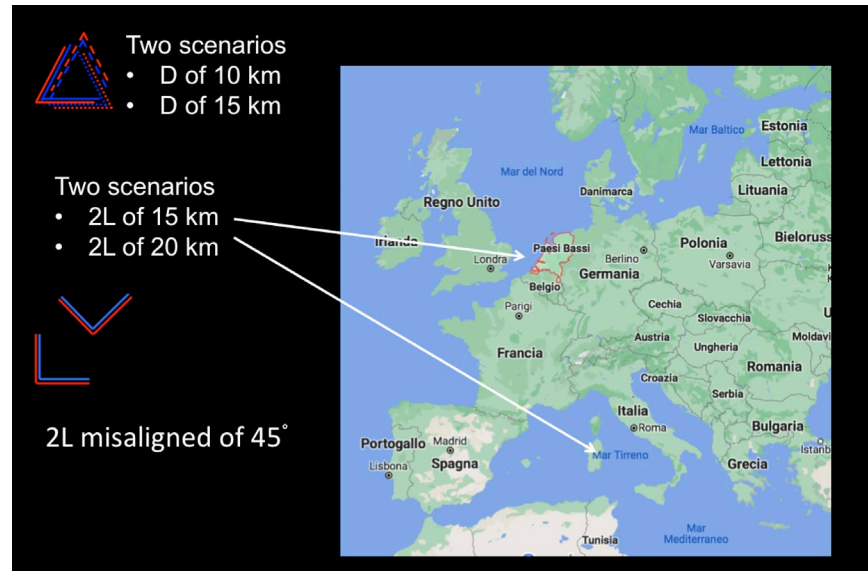
*wealth of data expected to revolutionize astrophysics, nuclear physics, cosmology and fundamental physics*

## Science with the Einstein Telescope: a comparison of different designs

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## ET design: 2L vs Triangle science case

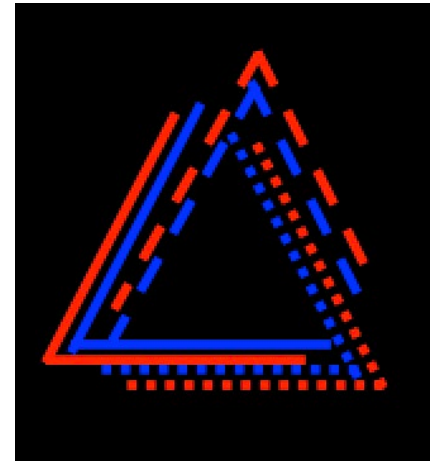


- New updated Science Case Paper for ET
- Detailed comparison among different configurations and designs through simple metrics and specific science cases

## *ET design: 2L vs Triangle science case*



- the 15 km 2L misaligned is superior on almost all the metrics with respect to triangle 10 km
- for compact binary coalescences, the 15 km 2L misaligned enable an **improvement factors of order 2-3** on the **number of events** which pass given cuts on SNR and on the **accuracy of parameter** reconstruction



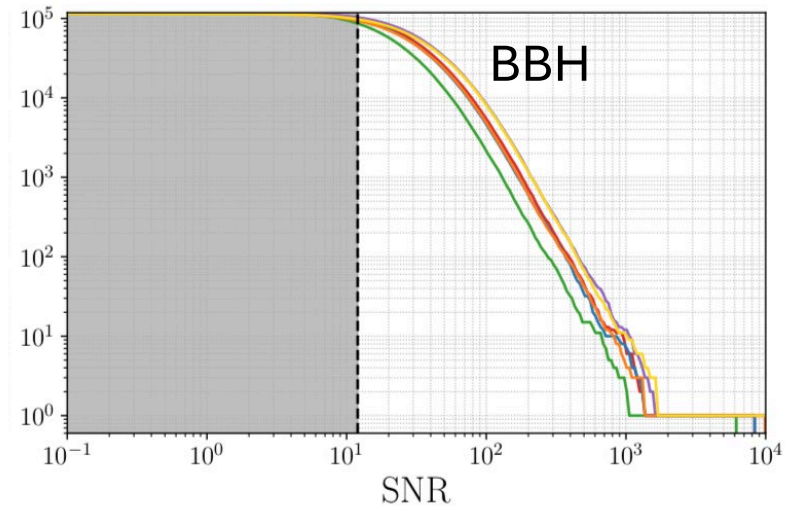
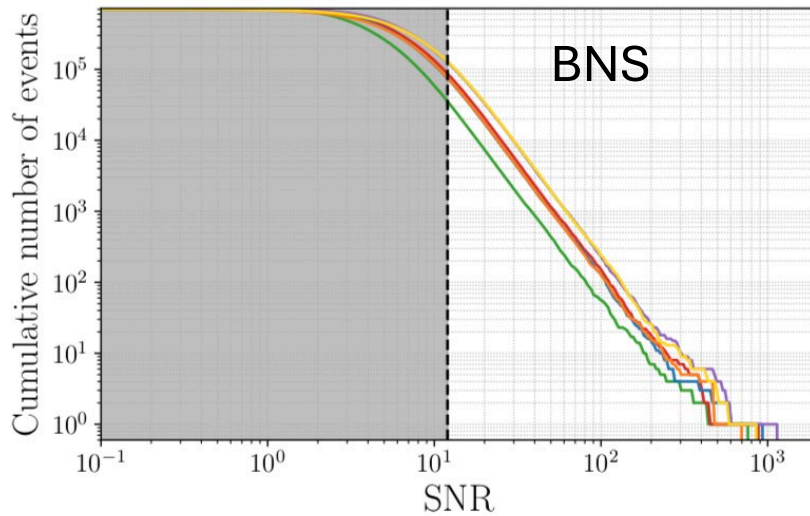
### **ET Blue-book (work in progress):**

- the blue book will enlarge the scientific cases and include covering several assumptions and models to provide a global overview of the science
- Ready in Autumn

Multi-messenger in the ET era:  
a few numbers



# A few ET numbers

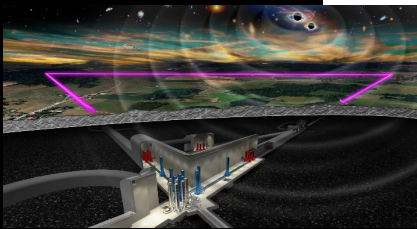
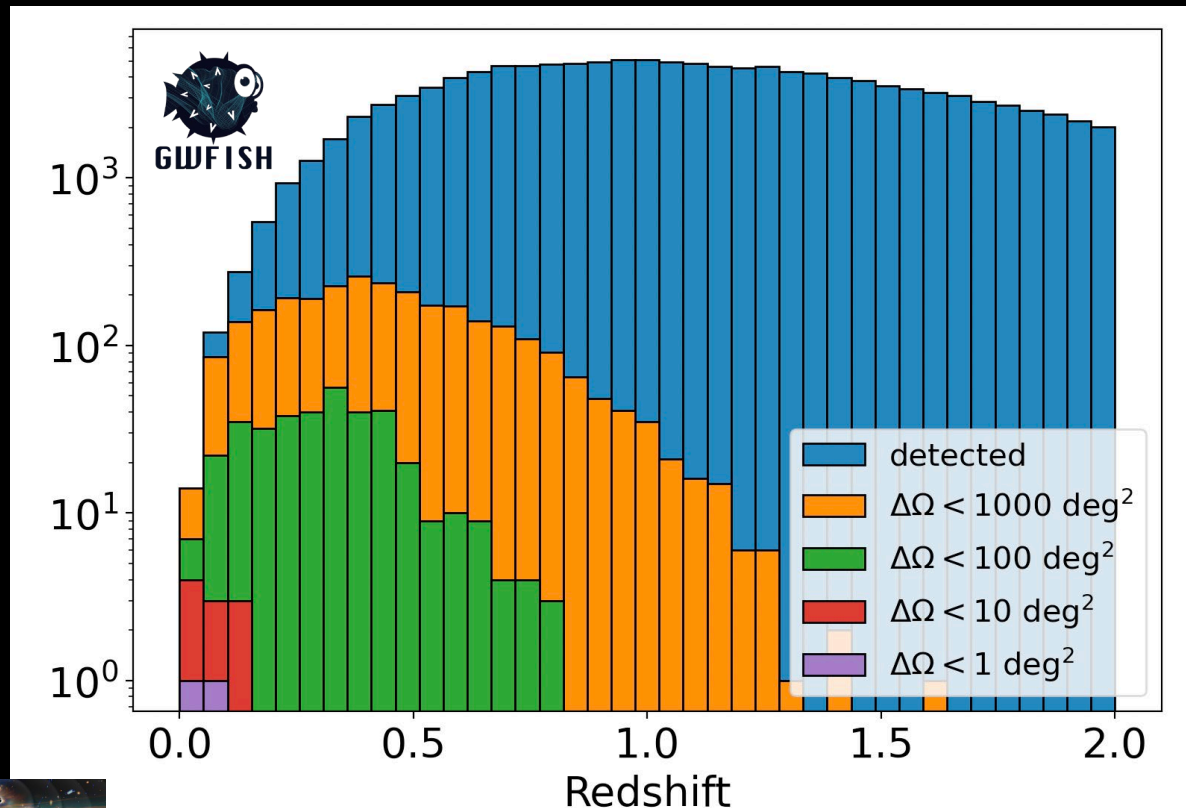


**10<sup>5</sup> BNS alerts per year**  
**10<sup>5</sup> BBH alerts per year**



A few tens of alerts per hour  
Overlapping signals

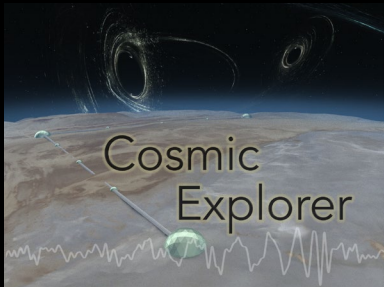
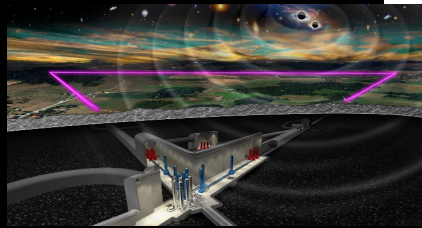
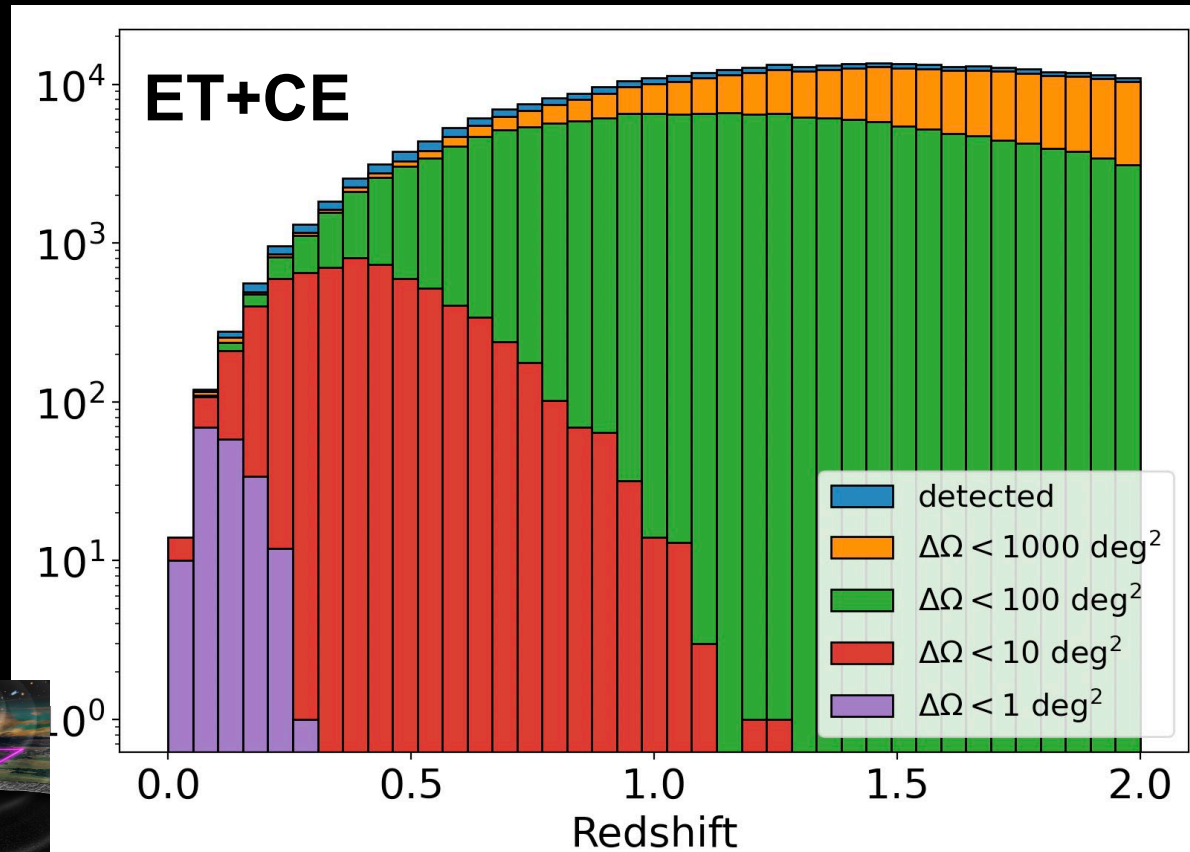
# ET sky-localization capabilities



ET low frequency sensitivity make it possible  
To localize BNS!

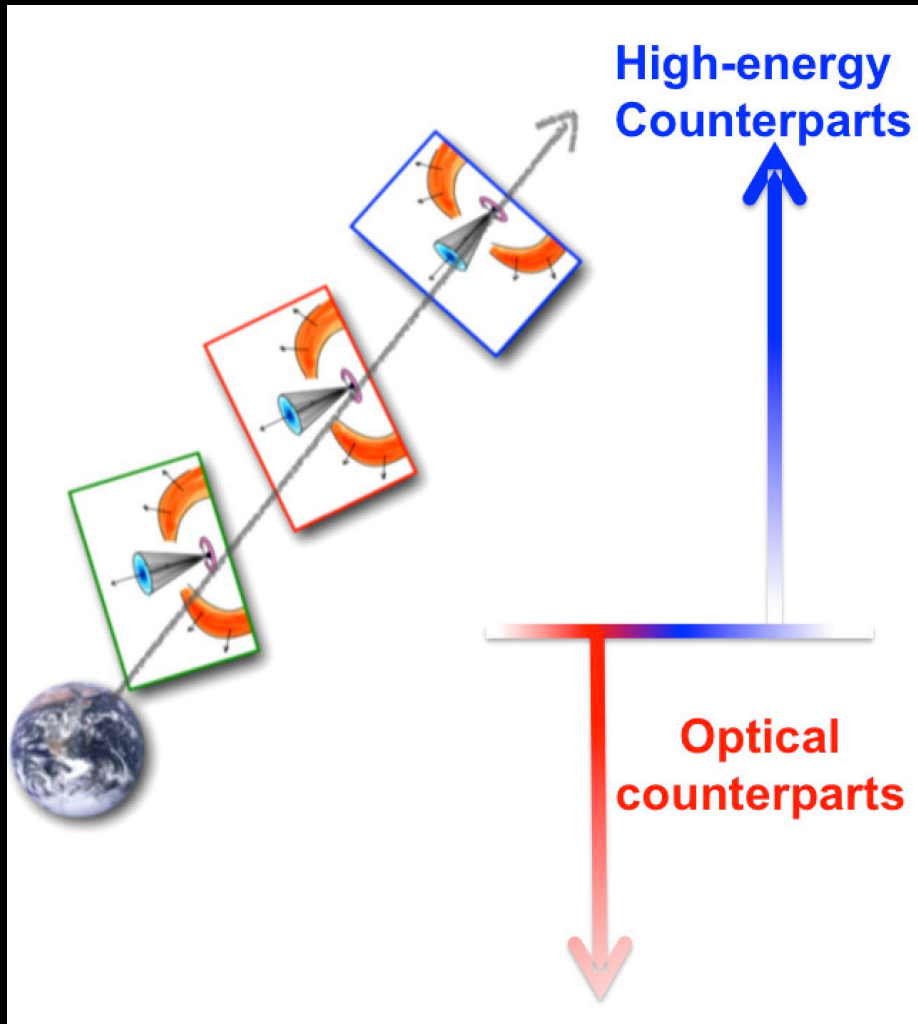
- $O(100)$  detections per year with sky-localization (90% c.r.)  $< 100 \text{ sq. deg}$
- Early warning alerts!

# Network sky-localization capabilities



- $O(1000)$  detections per year with sky-localization (90% c.r.)  $< 10 \text{ sq. deg}$

Dupletsa et al. 2023, Ronchini et al. 2022



*Hundred of MM events per year!*

RELATIVISTIC JET PHYSICS,  
GRB EMISSION MECHANISMS,  
COSMOLOGY and MODIFIED GRAVITY



Credit: Ronchini

KILONOVA PHYSICS,  
NUCLEOSYNTHESIS, NUCLEAR  
PHYSICS and H0 ESTIMATE



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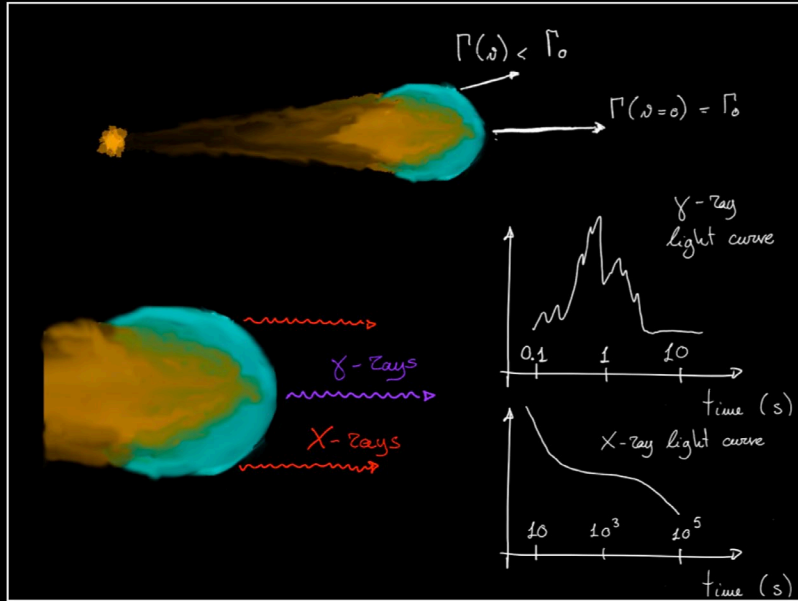
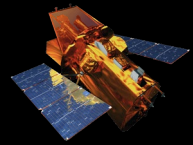
# HIGH-ENERGY

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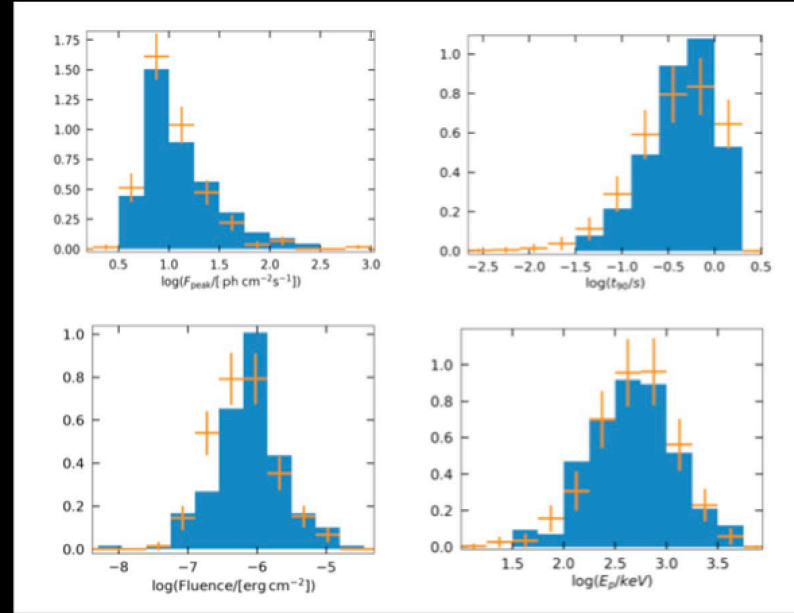
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# Prompt and afterglow emission from a structured jet



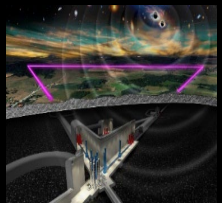
## BNS population calibrated using Fermi and Swift short GRBs



Almost all detected short GRB will have a GW counterpart around 70% ET and 95% ET+CE

Depending on the satellites, we will have **tens to hundreds** of detections per year

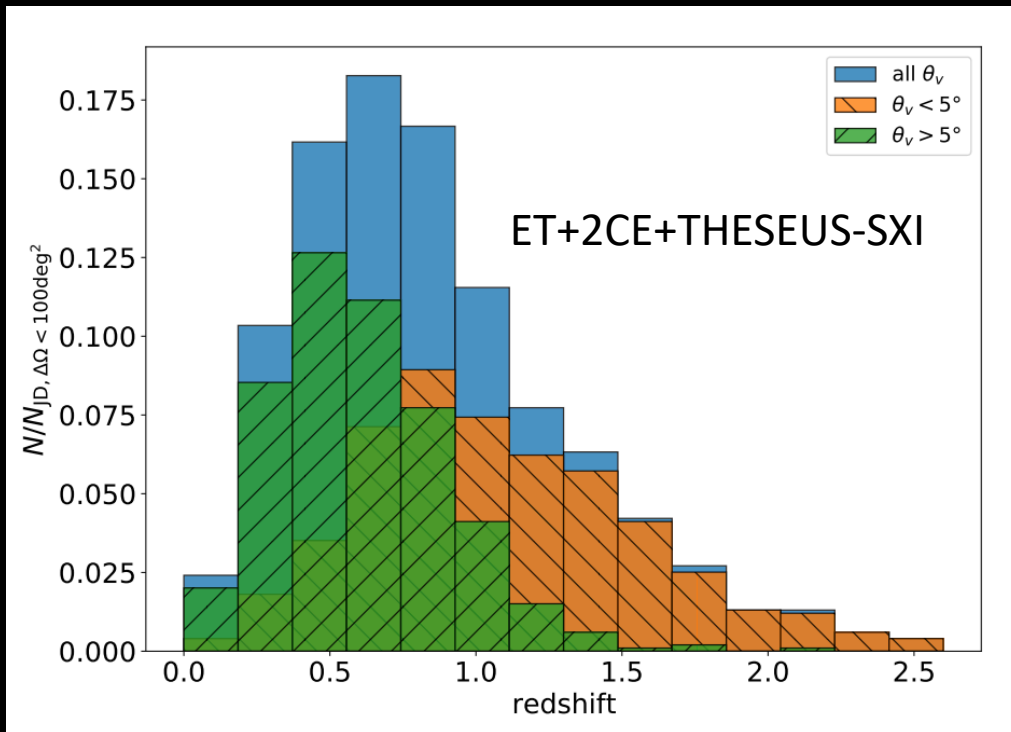
Crucial instruments able to localize at arcmin-arcsec level to drive the ground-based follow-up!



# Joint detection GW+X-ray afterglow per year

## WFX-ray monitors

Redshift distribution of joint X-ray+GW detections observed in pointing mode



Joint GW+Xray detections

## WFX-ray telescopes

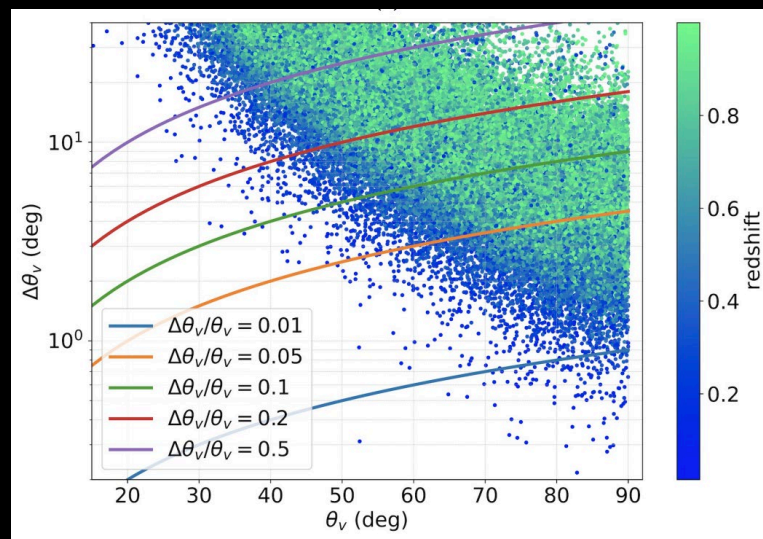
- significant increase of joint detections: **tens-hundreds per year**
- enable to study jet structure
- trigger ground-based follow-up and more sensitive instrument such as ATHENA

# Prioritization of triggers required

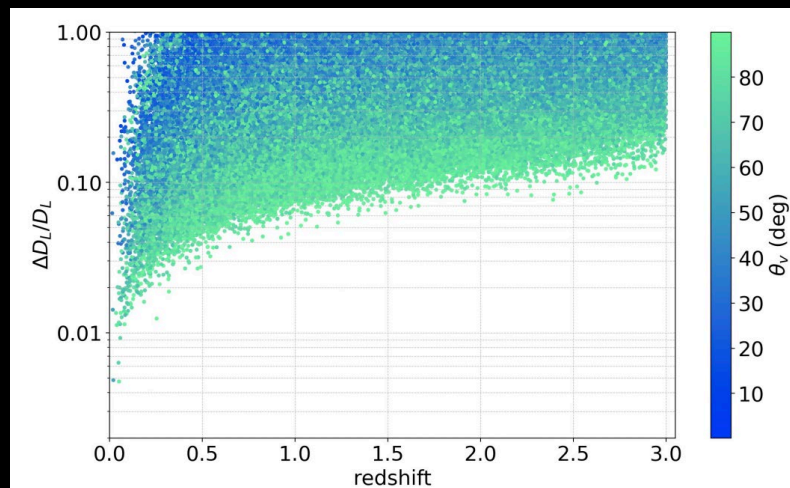
## Sky-localization

	ET	ET+CE	ET+2CE
$N_{\text{det}}$	143970	458801	592565
$N_{\text{det}}(\Delta\Omega < 1 \text{ deg}^2)$	2	184	5009
$N_{\text{det}}(\Delta\Omega < 10 \text{ deg}^2)$	10	6797	154167
$N_{\text{det}}(\Delta\Omega < 100 \text{ deg}^2)$	370	192468	493819
$N_{\text{det}}(\Delta\Omega < 1000 \text{ deg}^2)$	2791	428484	585317

## Viewing angle



## Distance

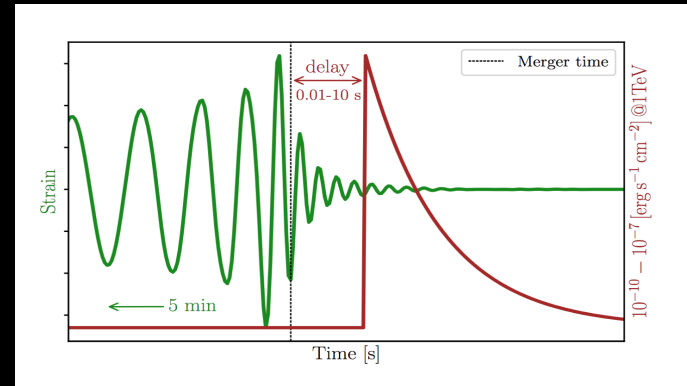


Too large numbers of triggers well localized to be followed-up

# Pre-merger detections

ET alone

Branchesi, Maggiore et al. 2023, JCAP



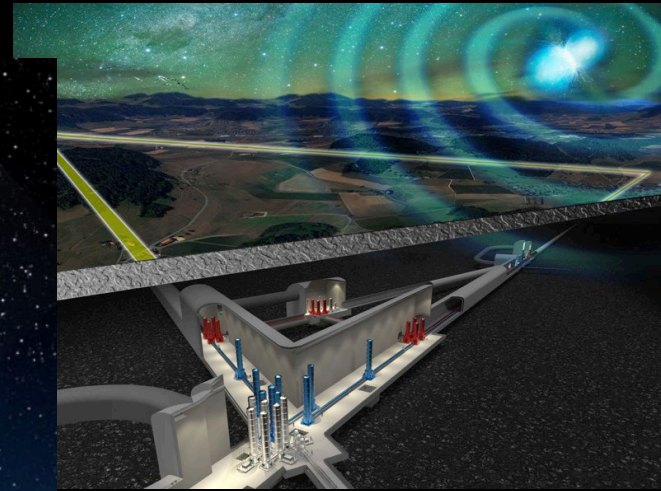
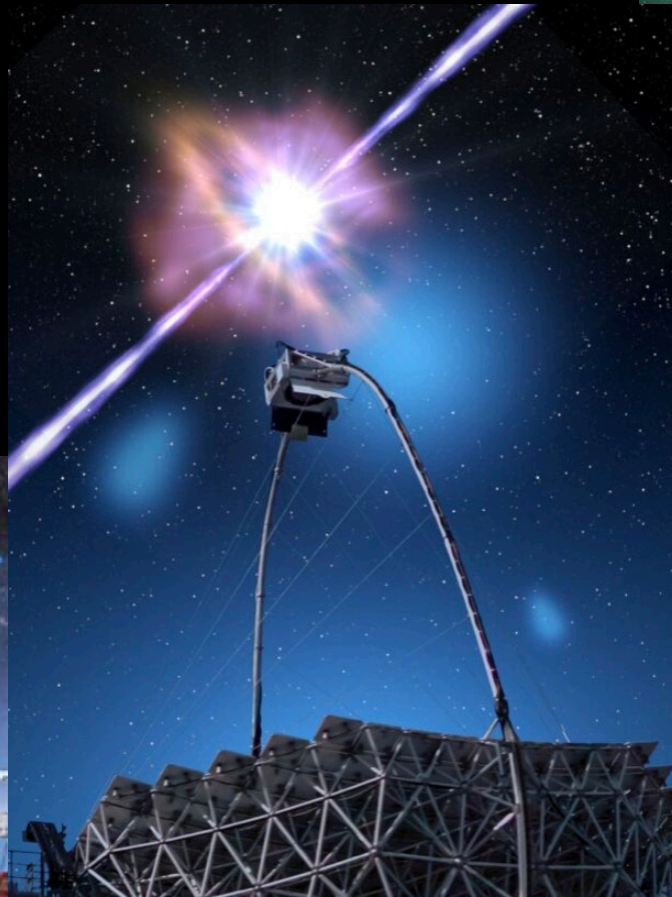
Configuration	$\Delta\Omega_{90\%}$	All orientation BNSs			BNSs with $\Theta_v < 15^\circ$		
	[deg <sup>2</sup> ]	30 min	10 min	1 min	30 min	10 min	1 min
$\Delta 10\text{km}$	10	0	1	5	0	0	0
	100	10	39	113	2	8	20
	1000	85	293	819	10	34	132
	All detected	905	4343	23597	81	393	2312
2L 15 km misaligned	10	0	1	8	0	0	0
	100	20	54	169	2	7	26
	1000	194	565	1399	23	73	199
	All detected	2172	9598	39499	198	863	3432



Five minutes before the merger, a **factor 10 higher number of well-localized events** when ET operates in a network of next generation GW detectors

See Banerjee et al. 2023, A&A

# CTA and GW DETECTOR synergies

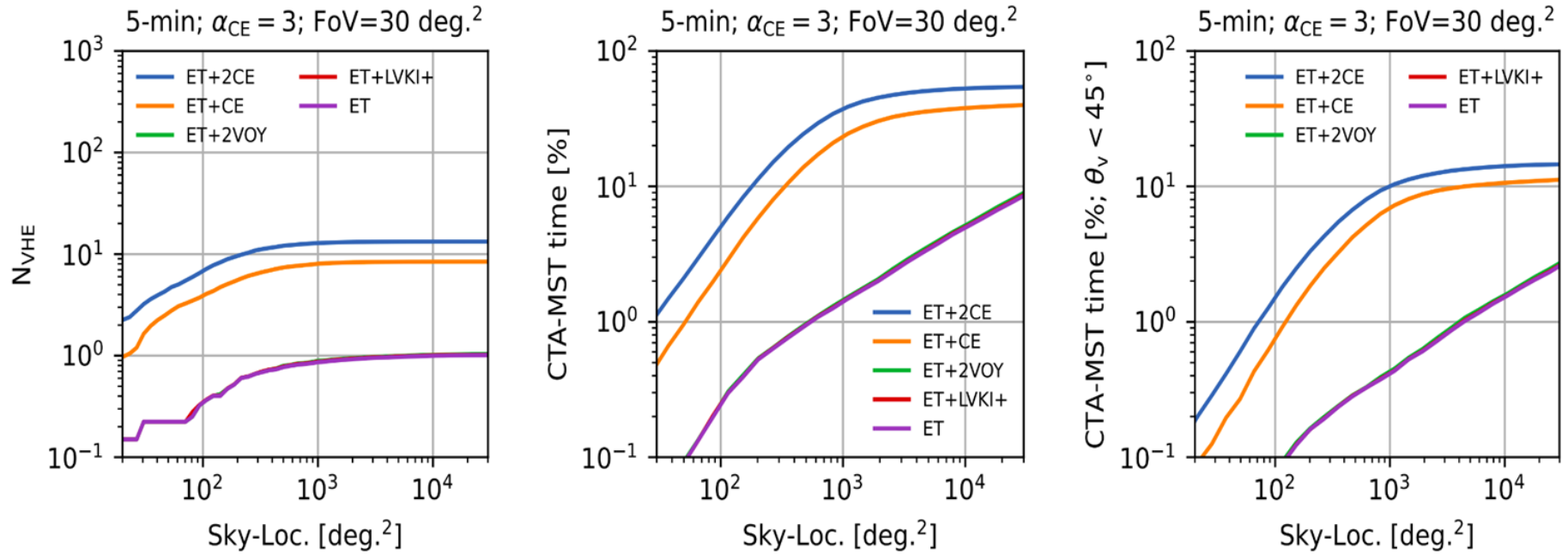


GRB 190114C (MAGIC)  
GRB 180720B (HESS)  
Afterglow VHE emission!

LHAASO experiment detected the gamma ray burst GRB 221009A up to energies  $> 10$  TeV



# Observation strategy: MST



ET+CE: ten VHE counterparts can potentially be detected using 10% of the CTA time

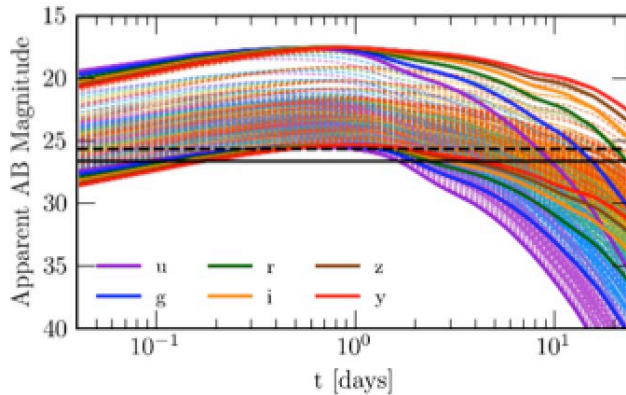
# THERMAL EMISSION - KILONOVAE

KILONOVA PHYSICS,  
NUCLEOSYNTHESIS, NUCLEAR  
PHYSICS and COSMOLOGY

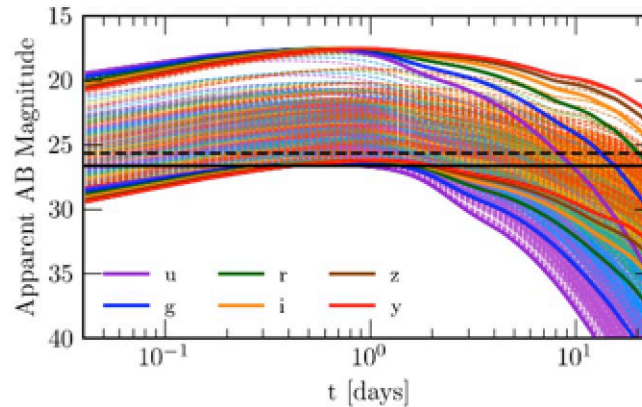
PHYSICS and COSMOLOGY

# GW/KILONOVAE

BNSs detected with a sky-localization  $< 40 \text{ deg}^2$



(a)  $\Delta$  10 km HFLF cryo

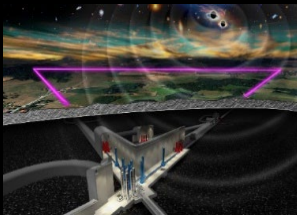


(c) 2L 15 km HFLF cryo

Two filter (g and i) observations repeated the first and second night after the merger and an exposure time for each pointing of 600 s

Branchesi, Maggiore et al. 2023, JCAP

- **Several tens per year** of joint detections of VRO and ET
- **Several hundreds** when ET operates in network of detectors (also current generation ones)



Loffredo, Hazra, Dupletsa et al. in prep  
Bisero et al in prep  
Colombo et al. In prep

# Some of the next generation multi-messenger observatories

A REVOLUTION IN OUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE EARLY UNIVERSE,  
BH and NS TRANSIENT PHENOMENA ALONG THE COSMIC HISTORY...

The image is a collage of various astronomical observatory logos and images. The observatories shown include:

- Nancy Roman
- Euclid
- Athena
- Theseus
- LISA
- James Webb Space Telescope
- EP
- SVOM
- GCAM
- Hermes
- WST (with a green border)
- ULTRASAT
- VERA C. RUBIN OBSERVATORY
- ELT (with a blue border)
- SKA (with a blue border)
- ET (with a blue border)
- CE (with a blue border)
- cta (with a blue border)
- ICECUBE GEN2
- KM3NeT (with a blue border)
- Hyper-Kamiokande
- Advanced GW detectors+ (with a green border)