

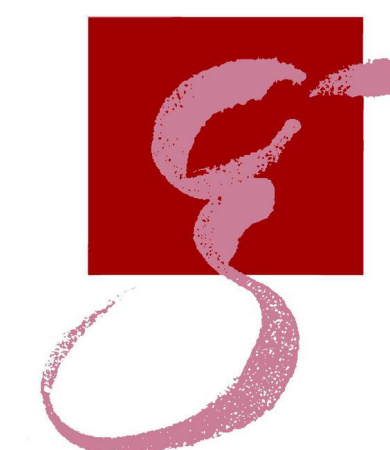
# The Gravitational-Wave Universe

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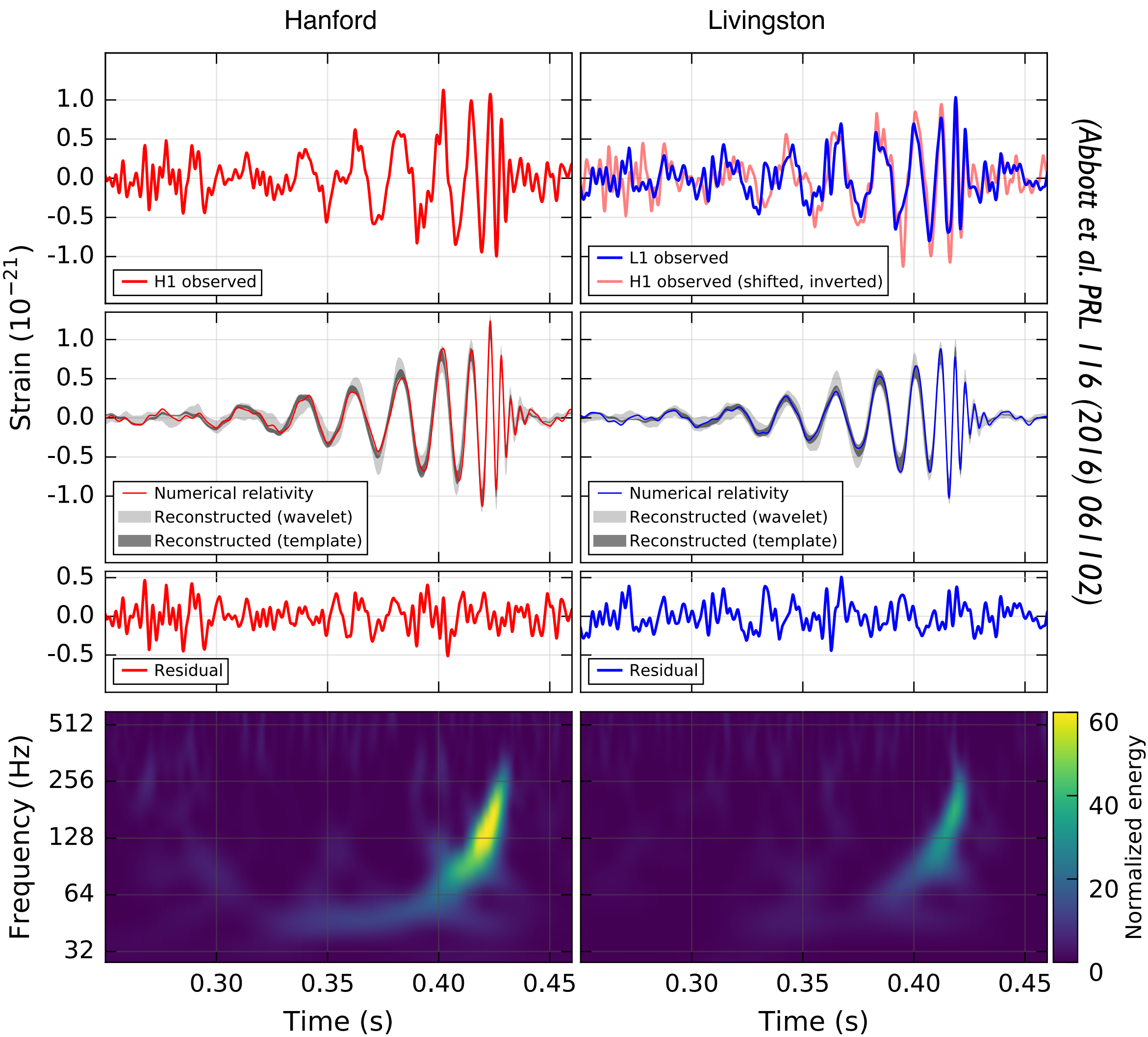


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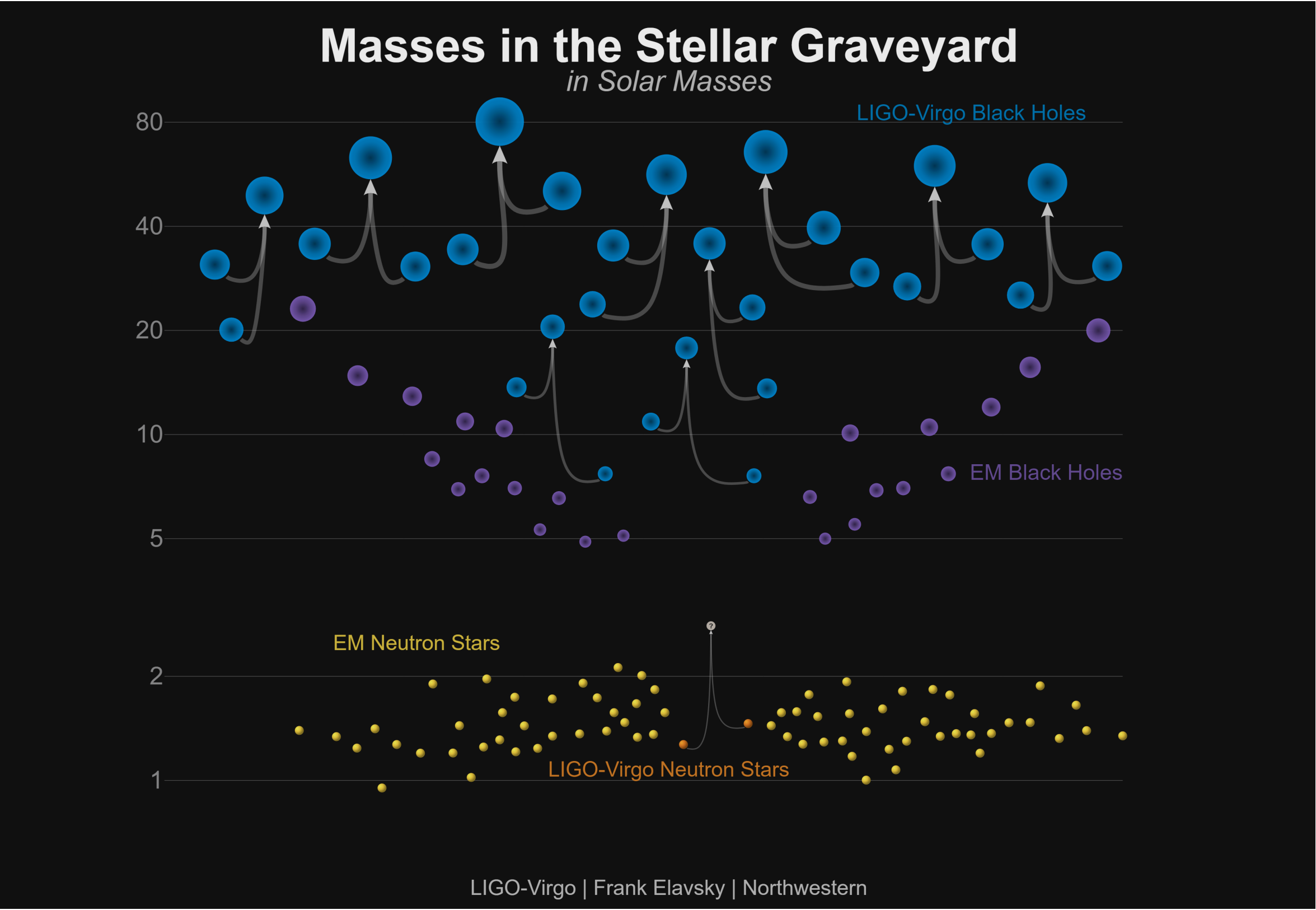
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# Gravitational Waves Ushered in New Era of Astrophysics

- Discovery of GW from a binary black-hole merger by LIGO

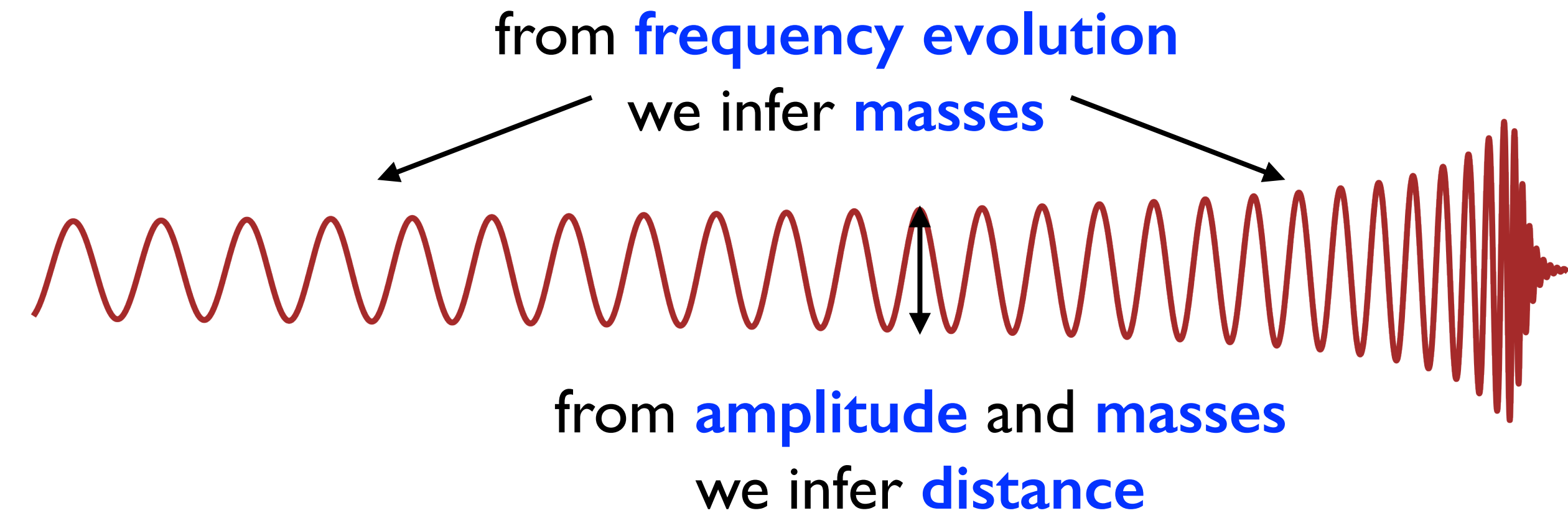
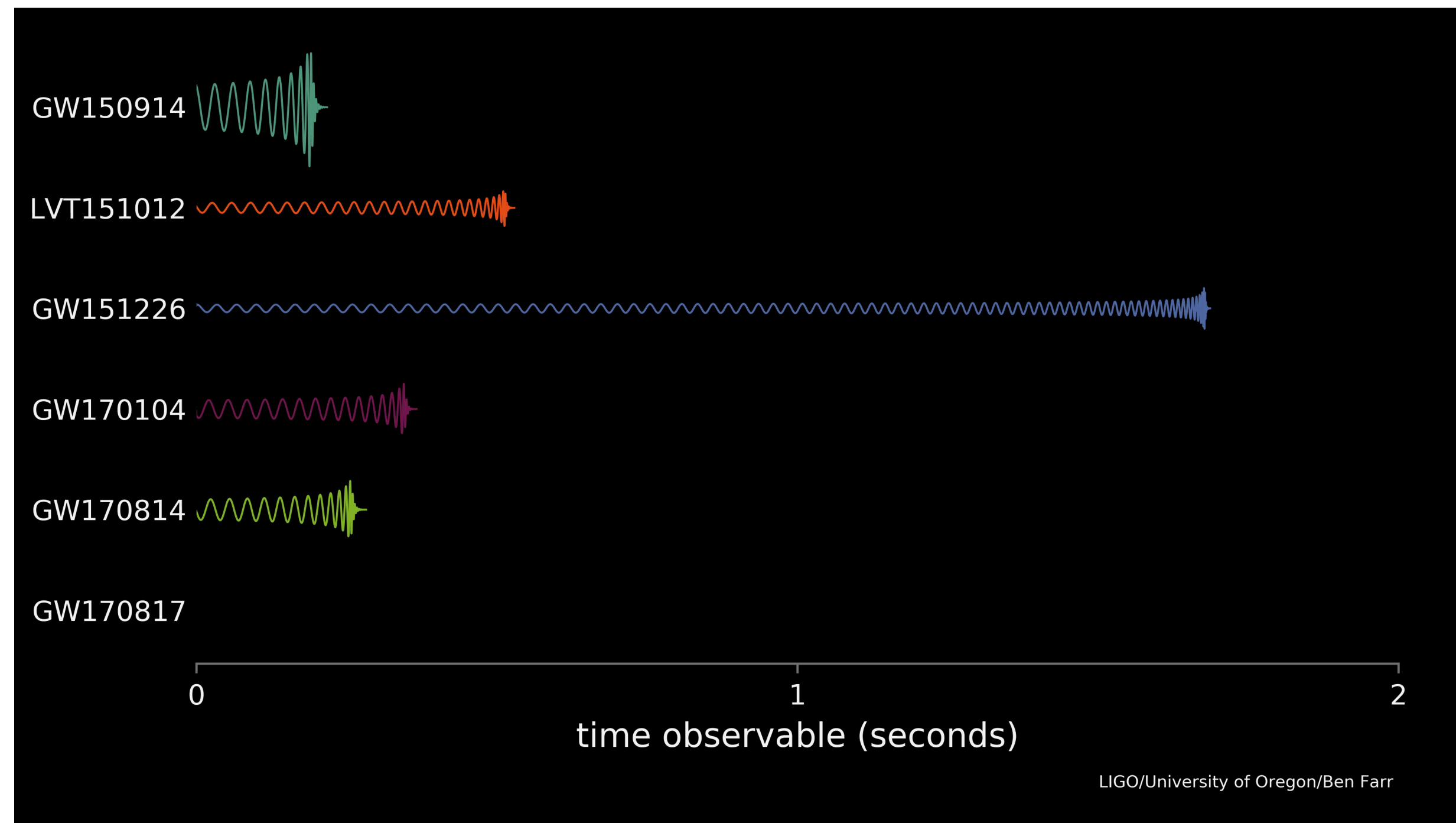


- Since GW150914 was observed, many more black hole binaries (BHBs) discovered by LIGO/Virgo.

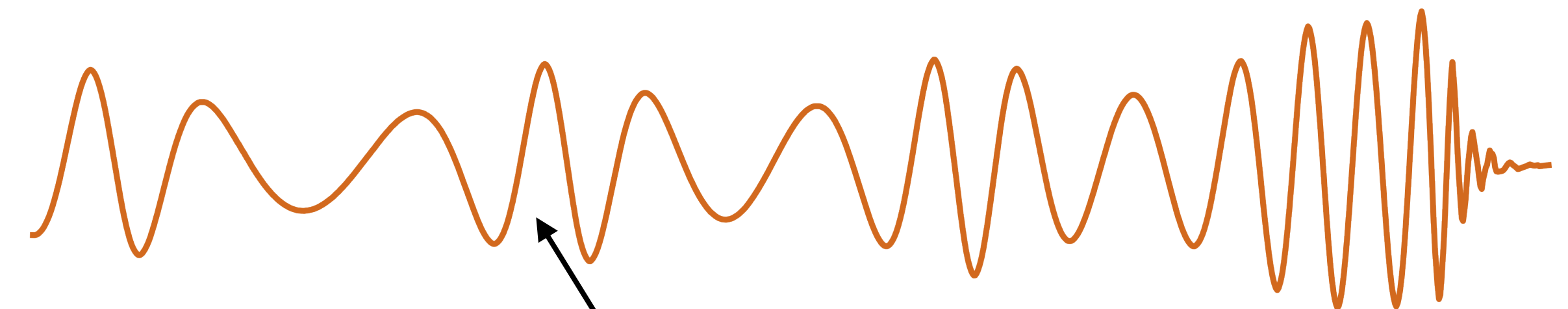




# Which BH's masses can detectors probe? How do we infer source's properties?



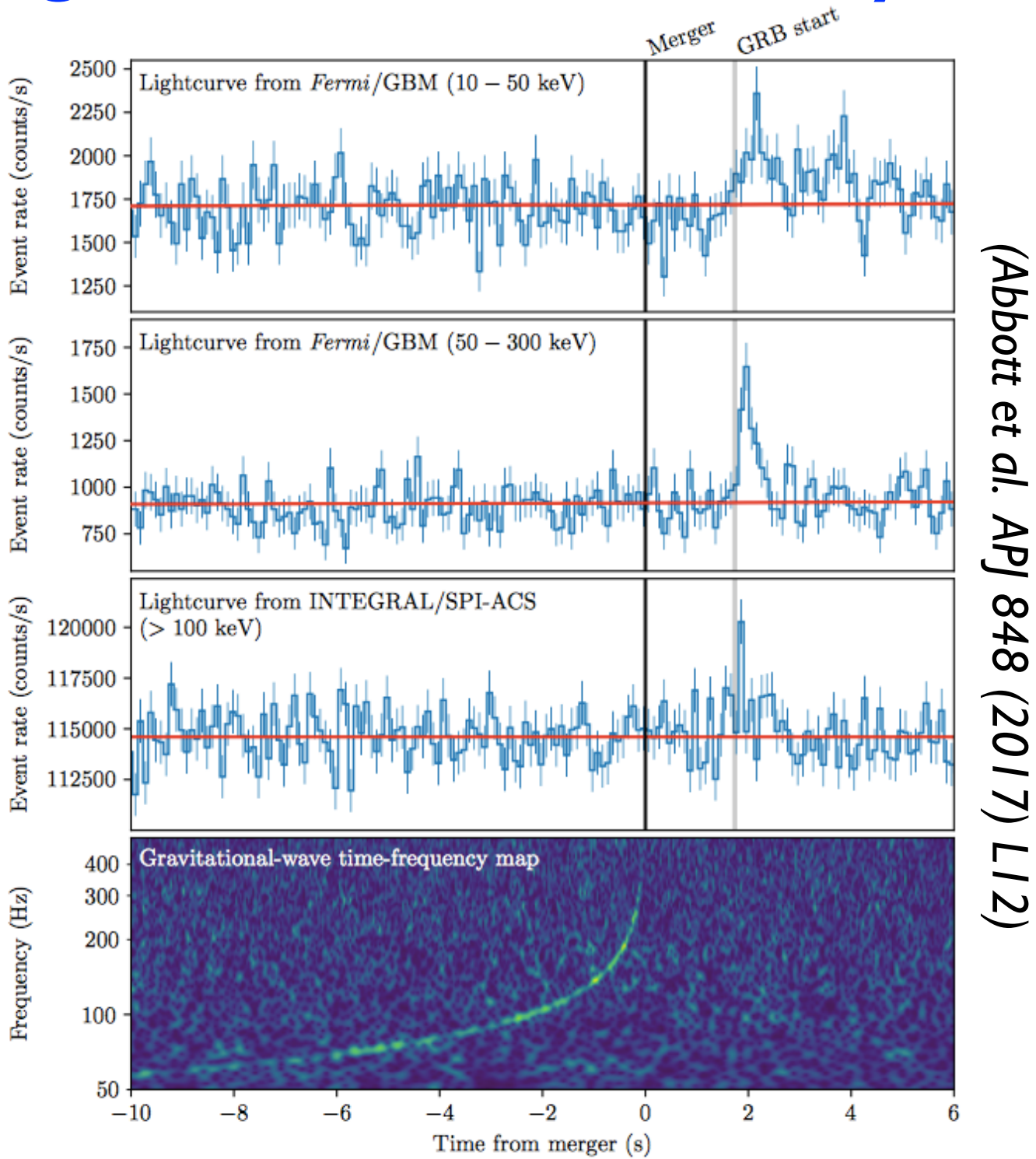
from **time of arrival, amplitude and phase** at detectors we infer **sky location**



- Compact-object binaries **merge**  
at  $f_{\text{merger}} \sim 4400/(M/M_{\odot})\text{Hz}$
- At fixed binary's mass, the **lower** the **GW frequency**, the **earlier** the **inspiral stage**  
 $f = \omega/\pi \quad \omega^2 r^2 = GM/r$

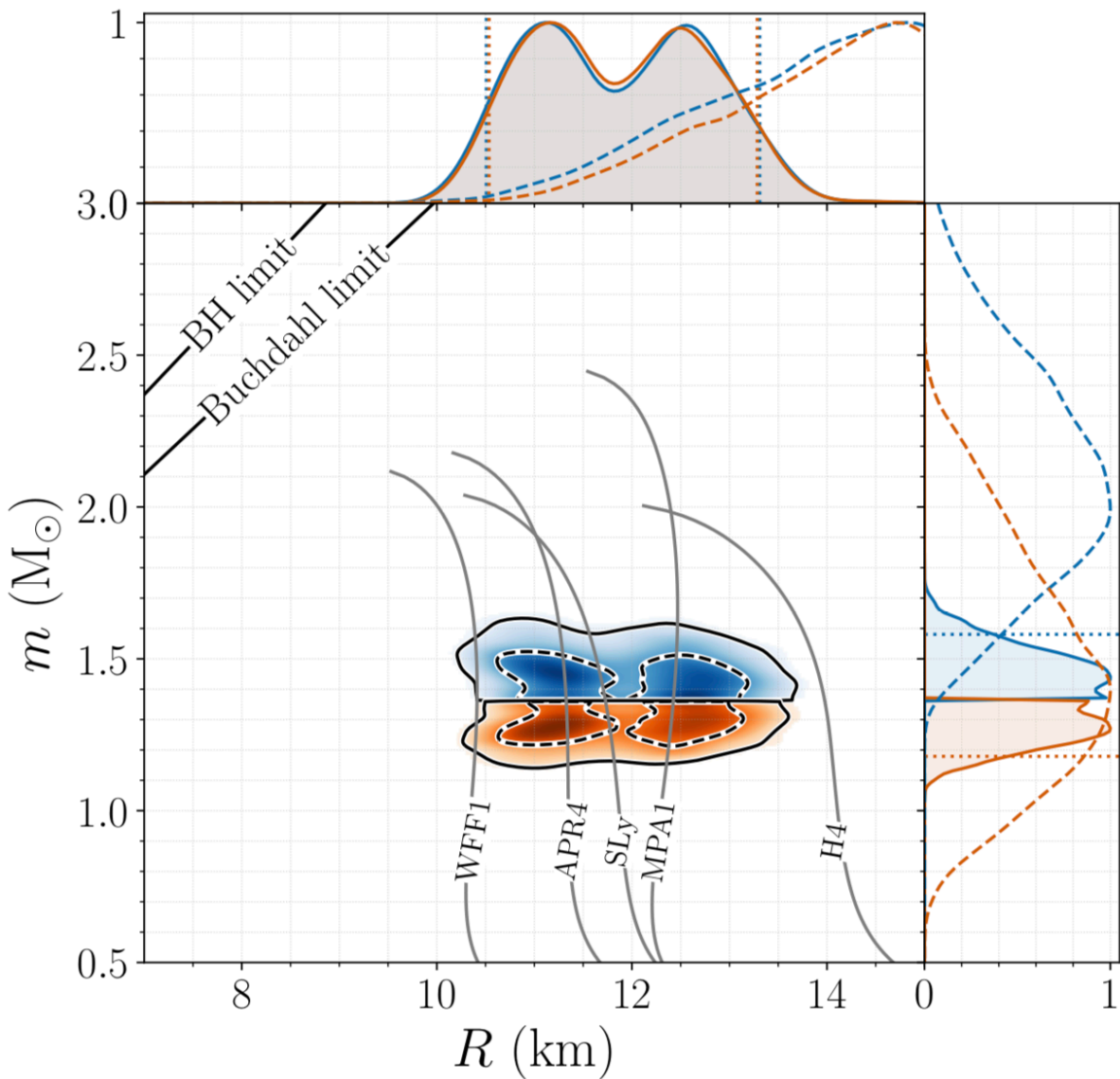
# Gravitational Waves Ushered in Multi-Messenger Astronomy

- **GW170817** has shed light on the **origin** of short **Gamma Ray Bursts**.



(Abbott et al. *APJ* 848 (2017) L12)

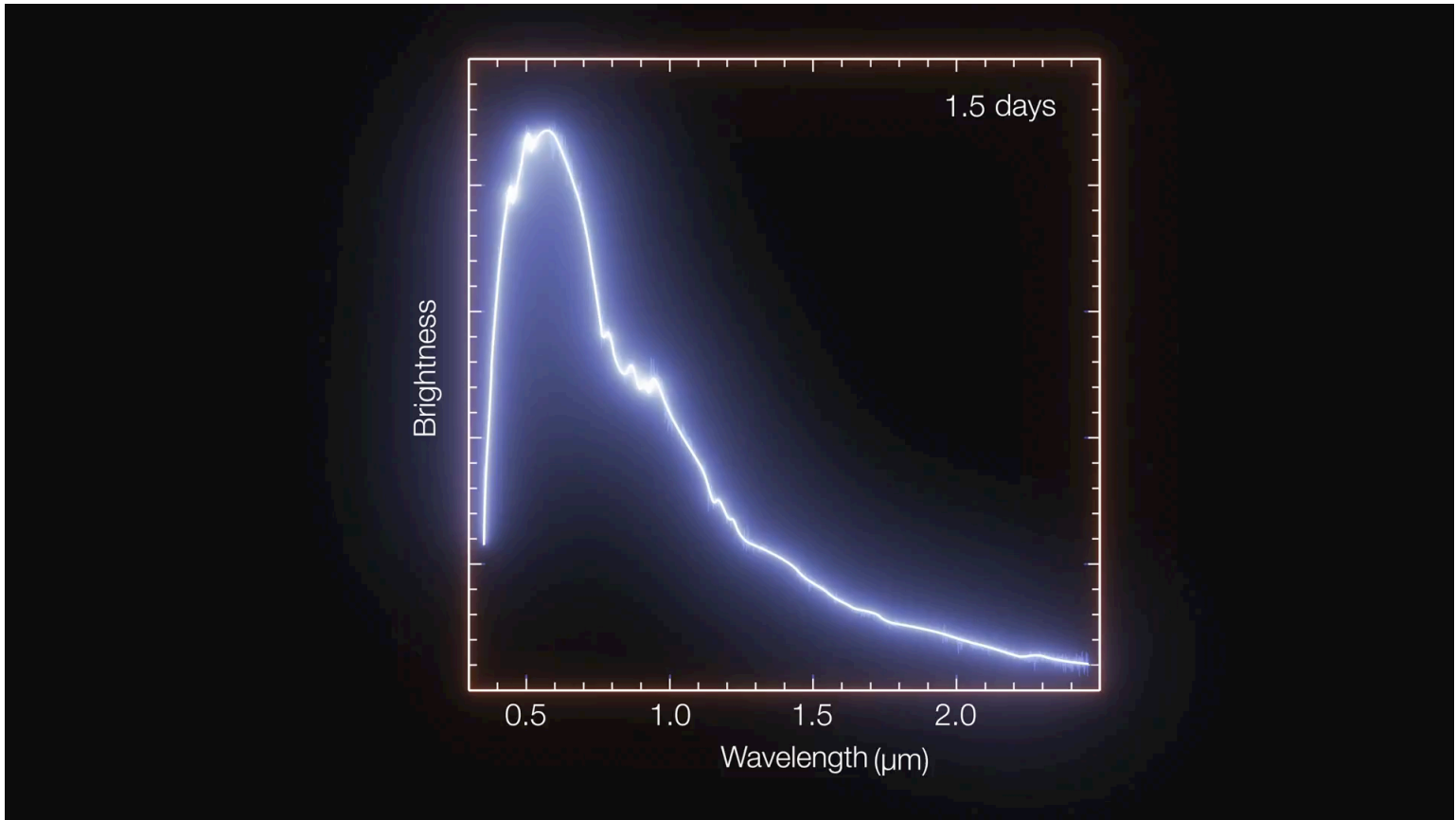
- Setting constraints on **radius/equation of state** of neutron stars.



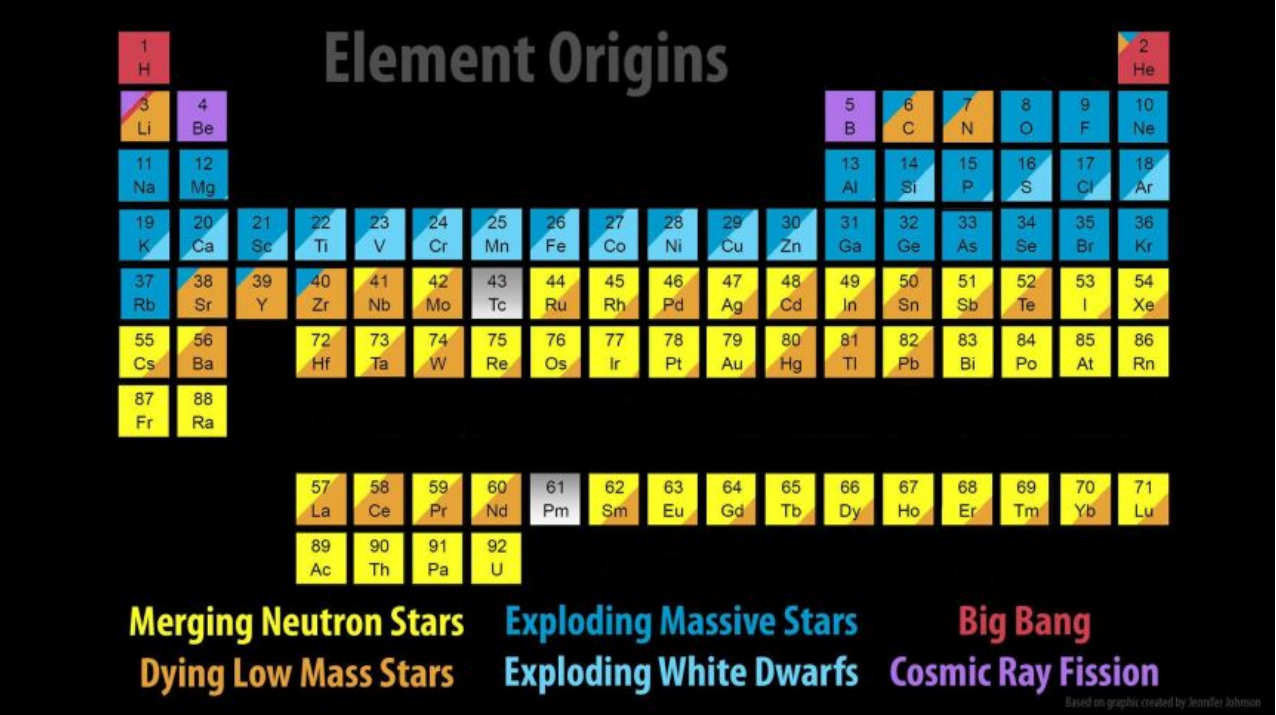
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- GW170817 produced **EM emission** from Gamma to Radio.

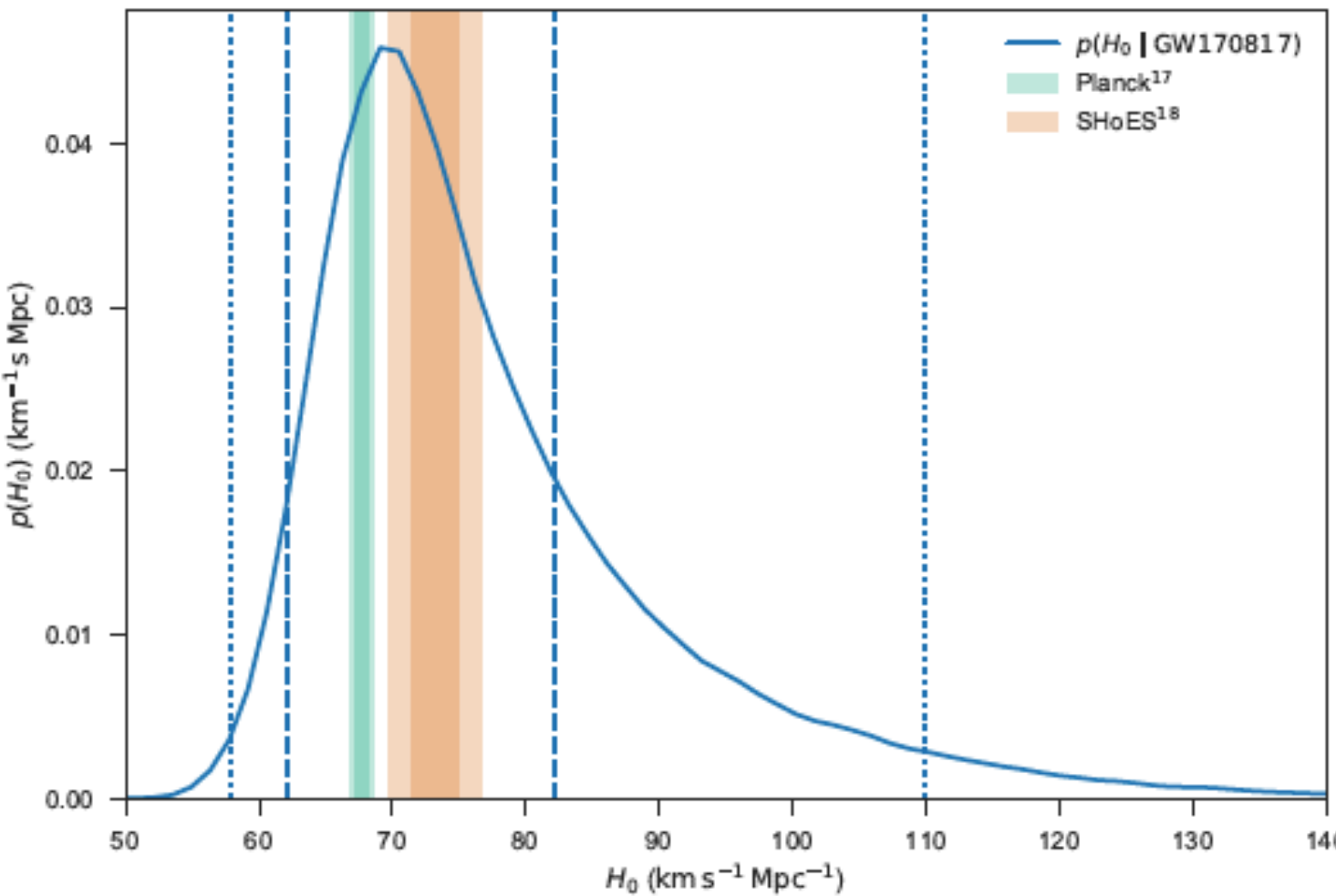
(ESO: spectra of kilonova in NGC4993)



- GW170817 and the **origin** of **heavy elements**.



- Independent **measurement** of **Hubble parameter**.



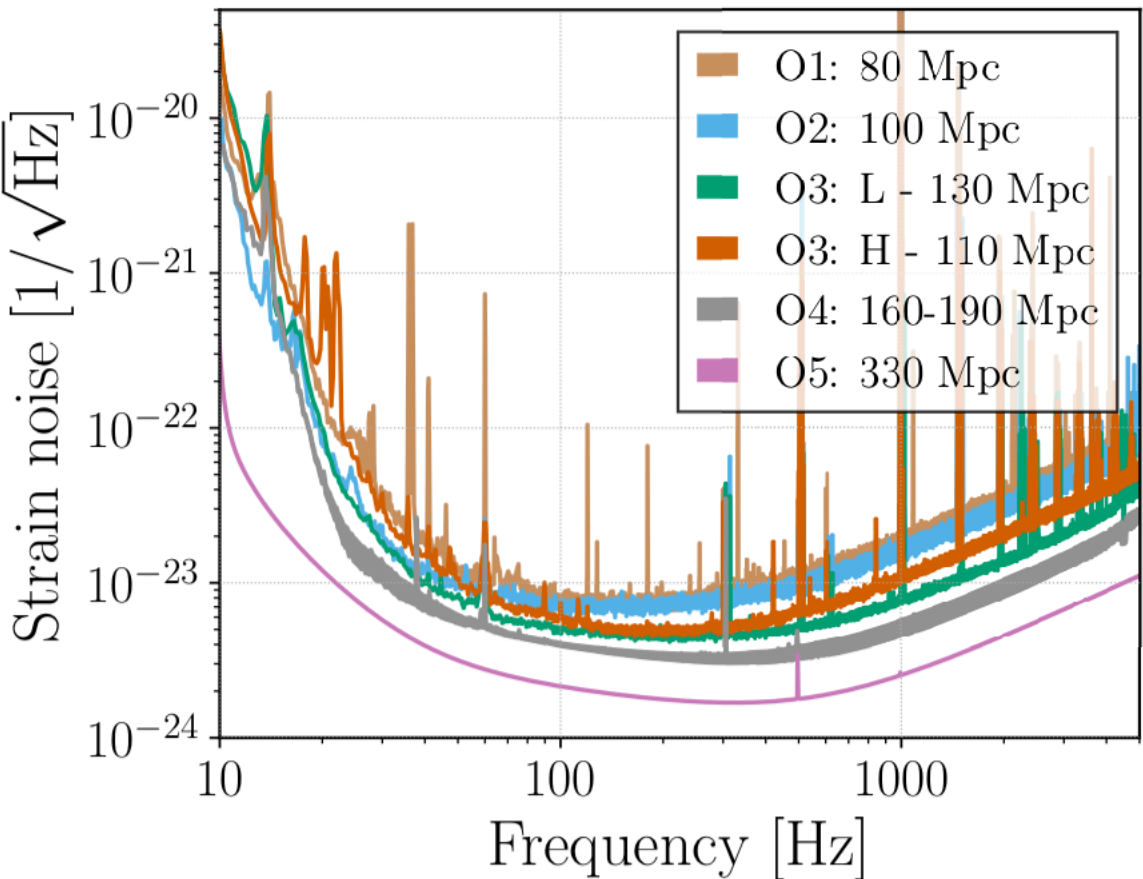
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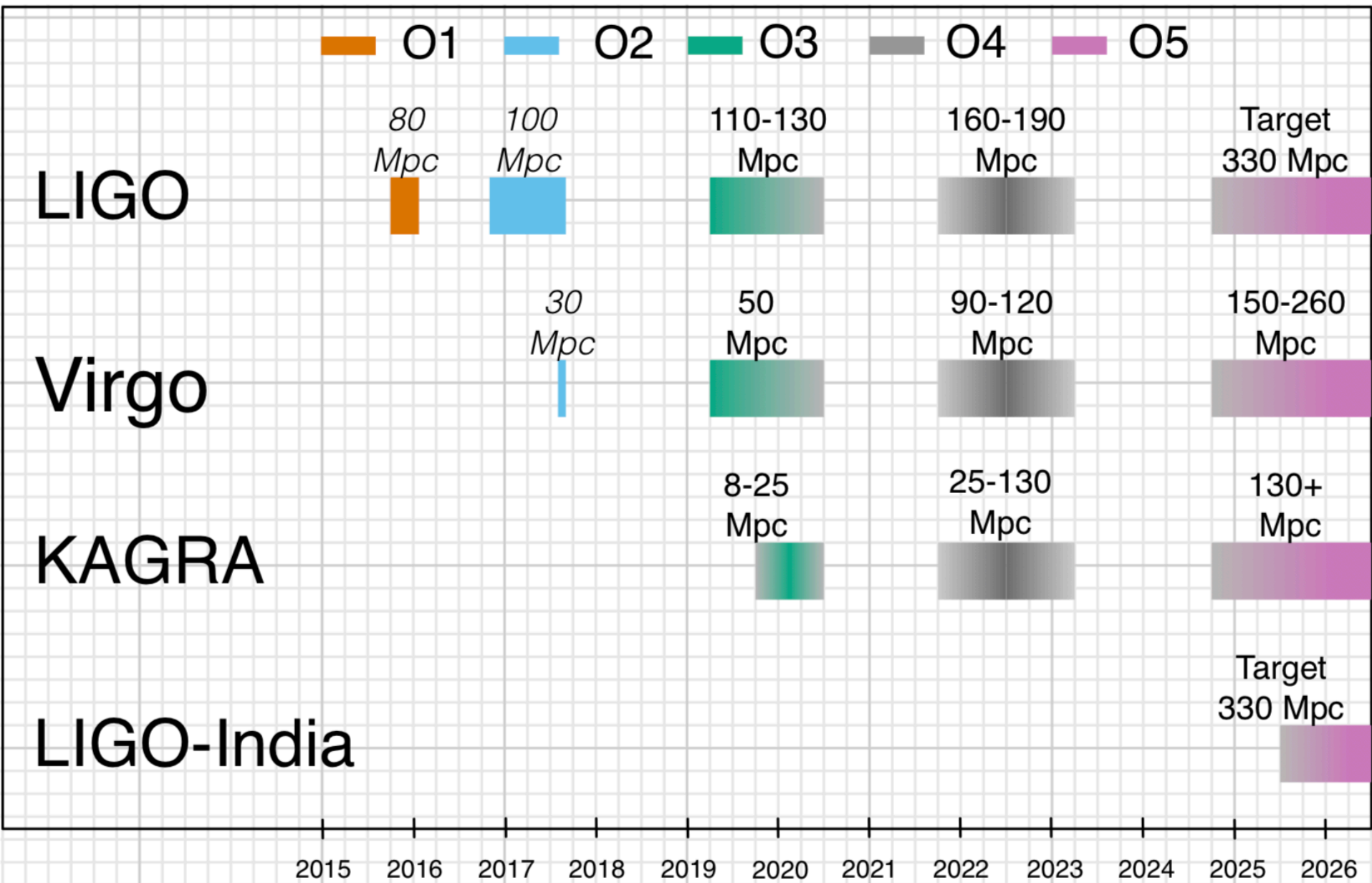
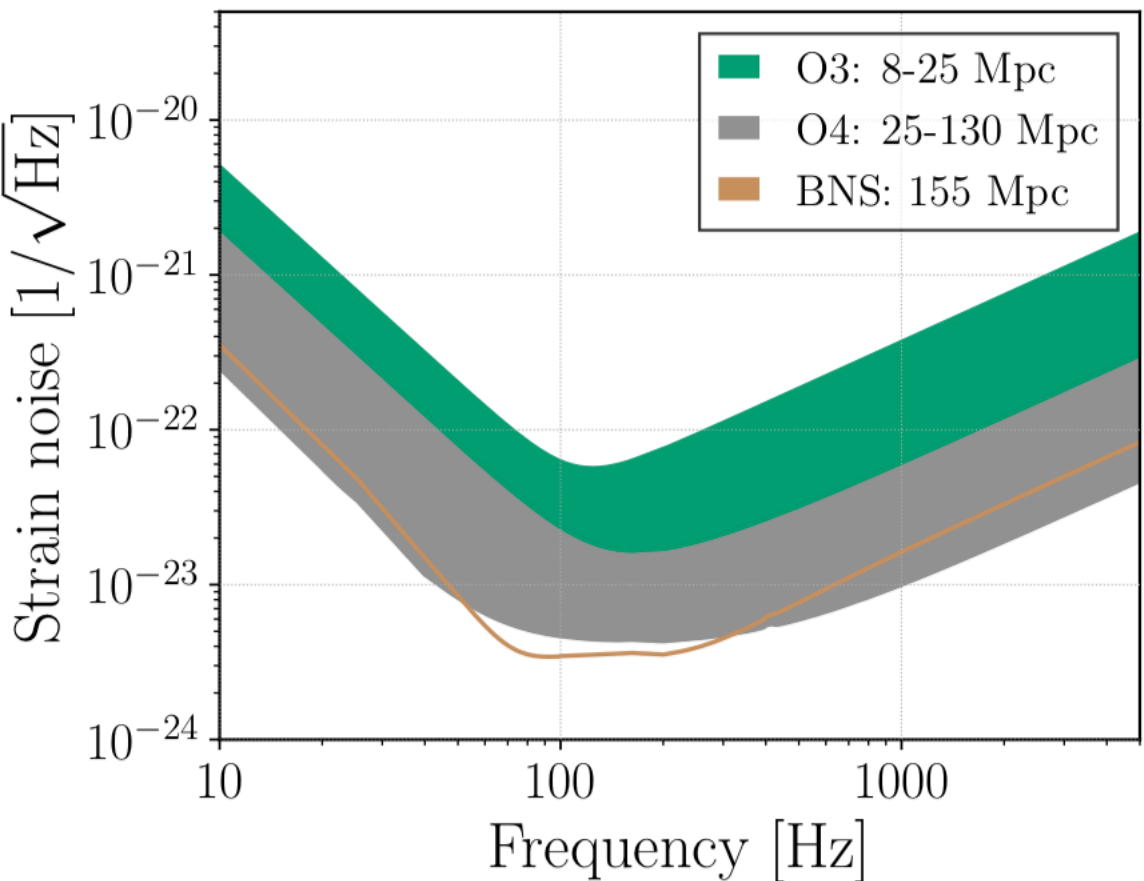
# Gravitational-Wave Landscape until ~2030

(Aasi et al. Living Rev. Rel. 21, 2019)

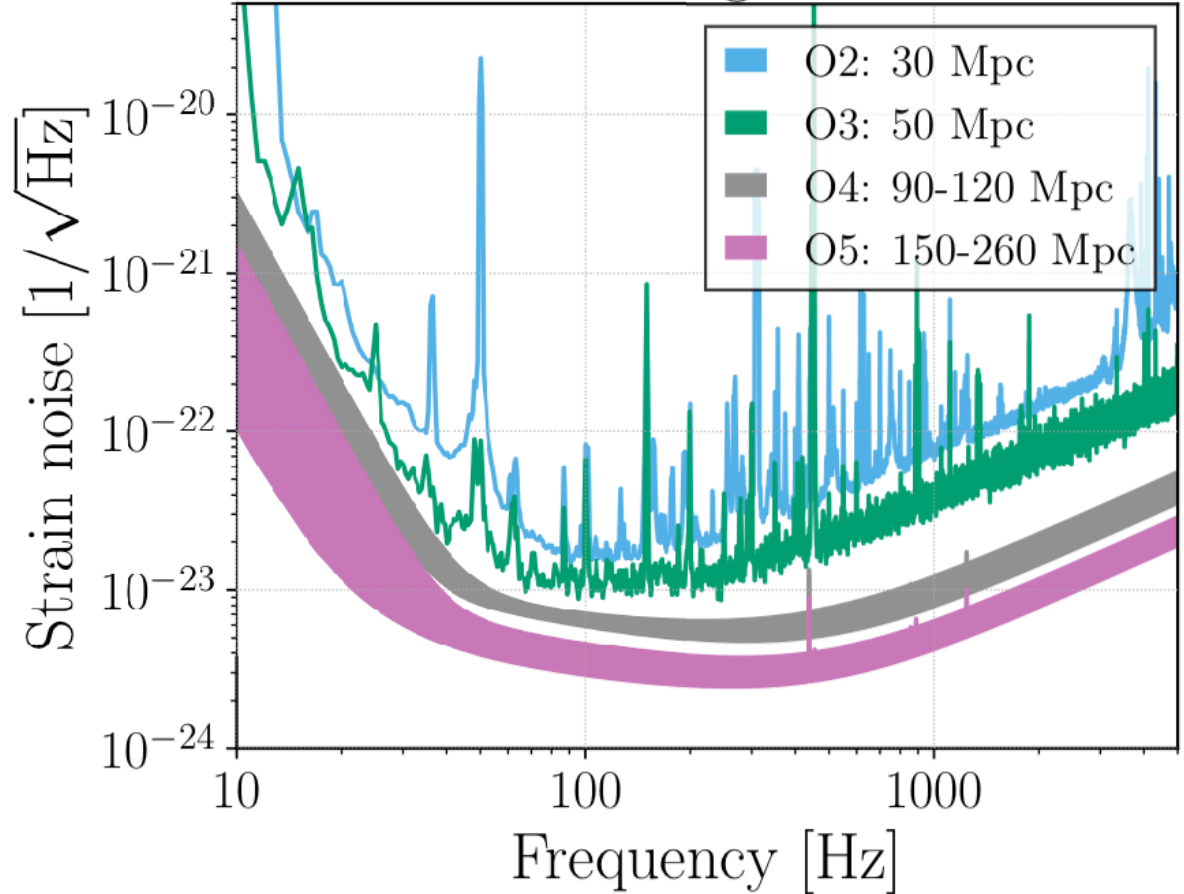
LIGO



KAGRA



Virgo



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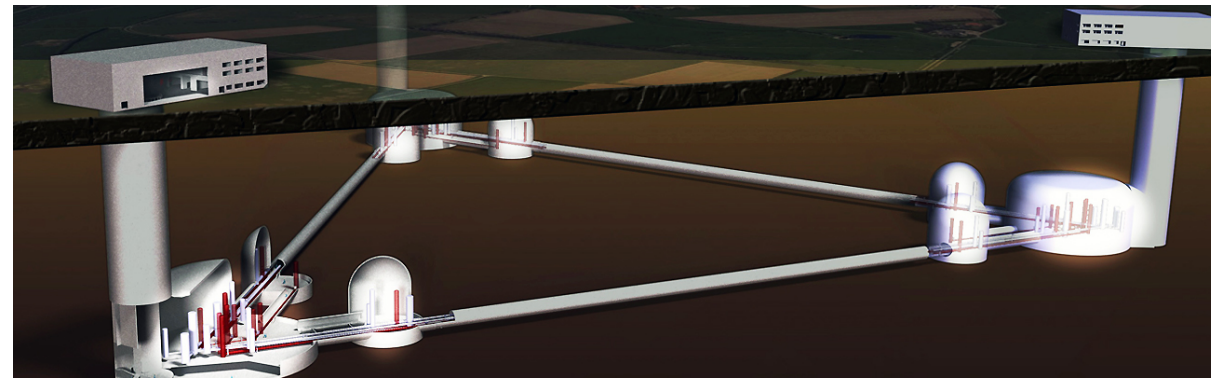
- From **several tens to hundreds** of binary detections per year
- Inference of **astrophysical properties** of BHBs, NSBHs and BNSs **in local Universe**

Observation Run	Network	Expected BNS Detections	Expected NSBH Detections	Expected BBH Detections
O3	HLV	$2^{+8}_{-2}$	$0^{+19}_{-0}$	$15^{+19}_{-10}$
O4	HLVK	$8^{+42}_{-7}$	$2^{+94}_{-2}$	$68^{+81}_{-38}$
		Area (deg <sup>2</sup> ) 90% c.r.	Area (deg <sup>2</sup> ) 90% c.r.	Area (deg <sup>2</sup> ) 90% c.r.
O3	HLV	250 – 310	310 – 390	250 – 340
O4	HLVK	29 – 48	48 – 69	33 – 47
		Comoving Volume (10 <sup>3</sup> Mpc <sup>3</sup> ) 90% c.r.	Comoving Volume (10 <sup>3</sup> Mpc <sup>3</sup> ) 90% c.r.	Comoving Volume (10 <sup>3</sup> Mpc <sup>3</sup> ) 90% c.r.
O3	HLV	90 – 130	590 – 1000	11000 – 19000
O4	HLVK	43 – 71	400 – 560	6400 – 10000

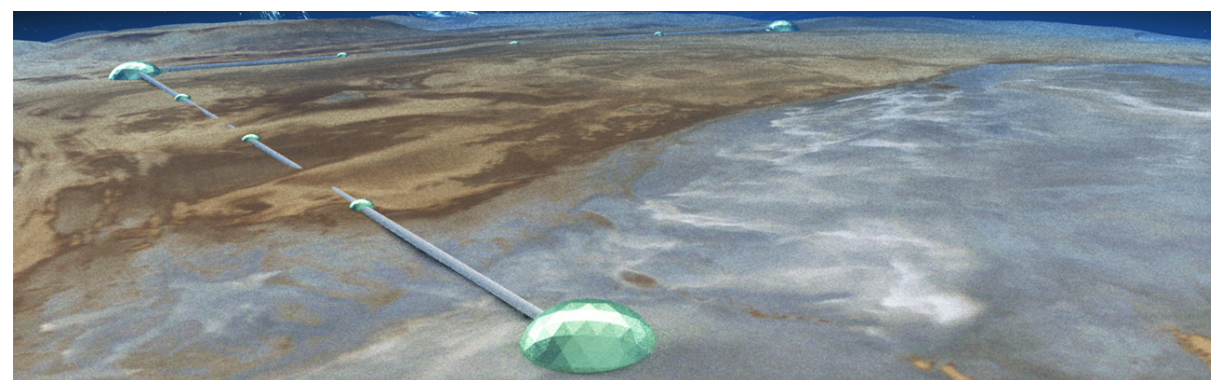


# Gravitational-Wave Landscape after ~2030 on the ground

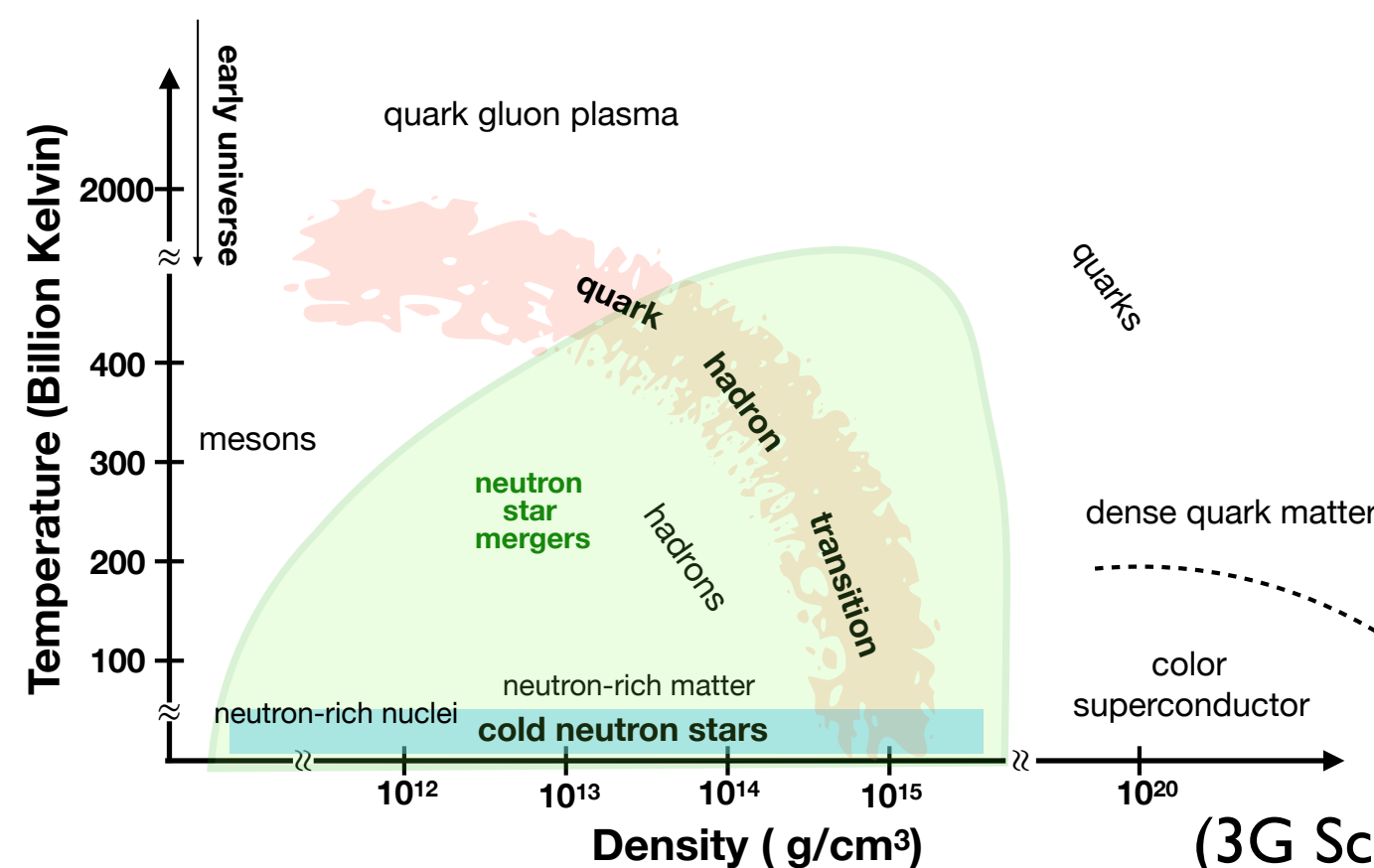
Einstein Telescope



Cosmic Explorer

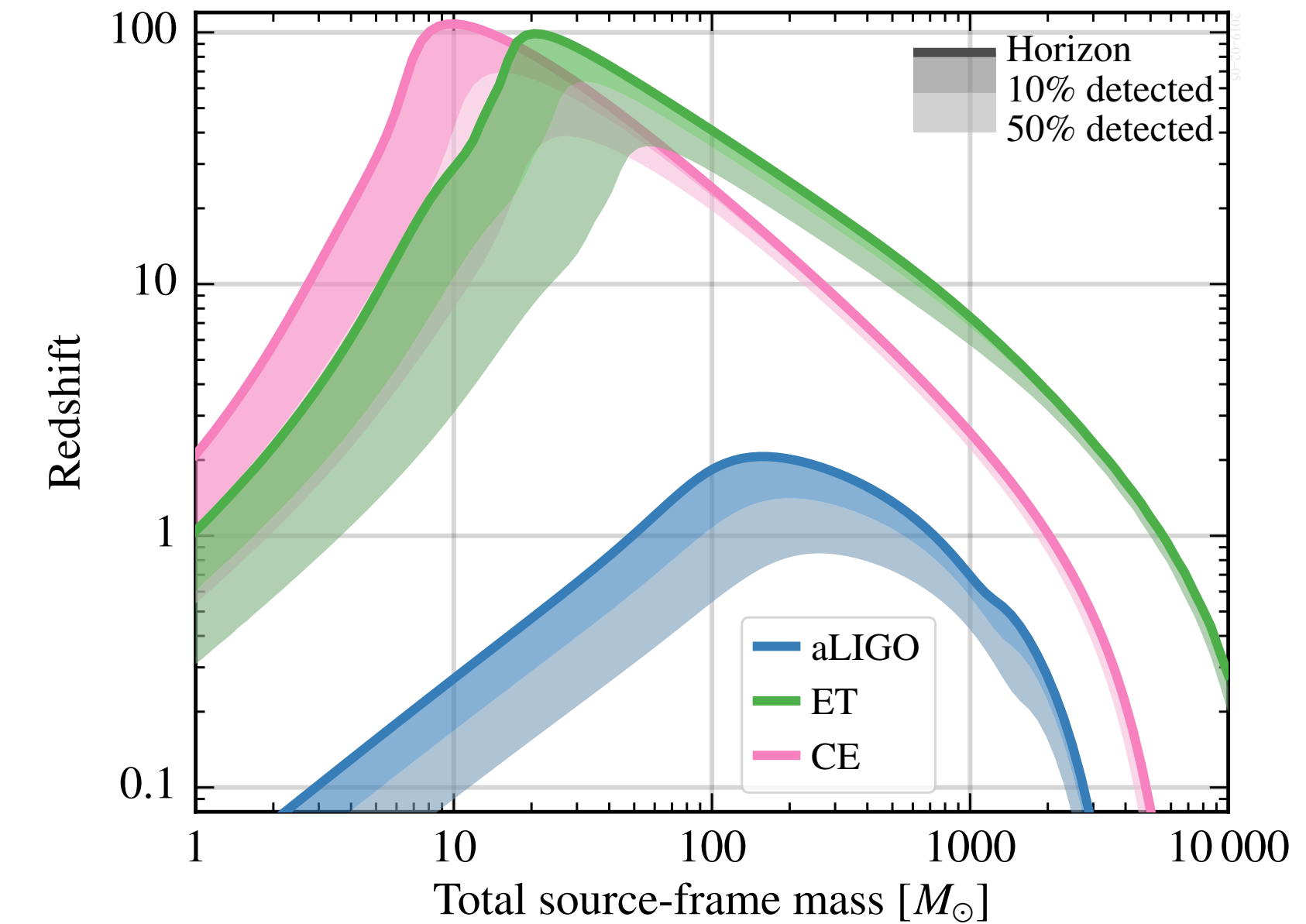
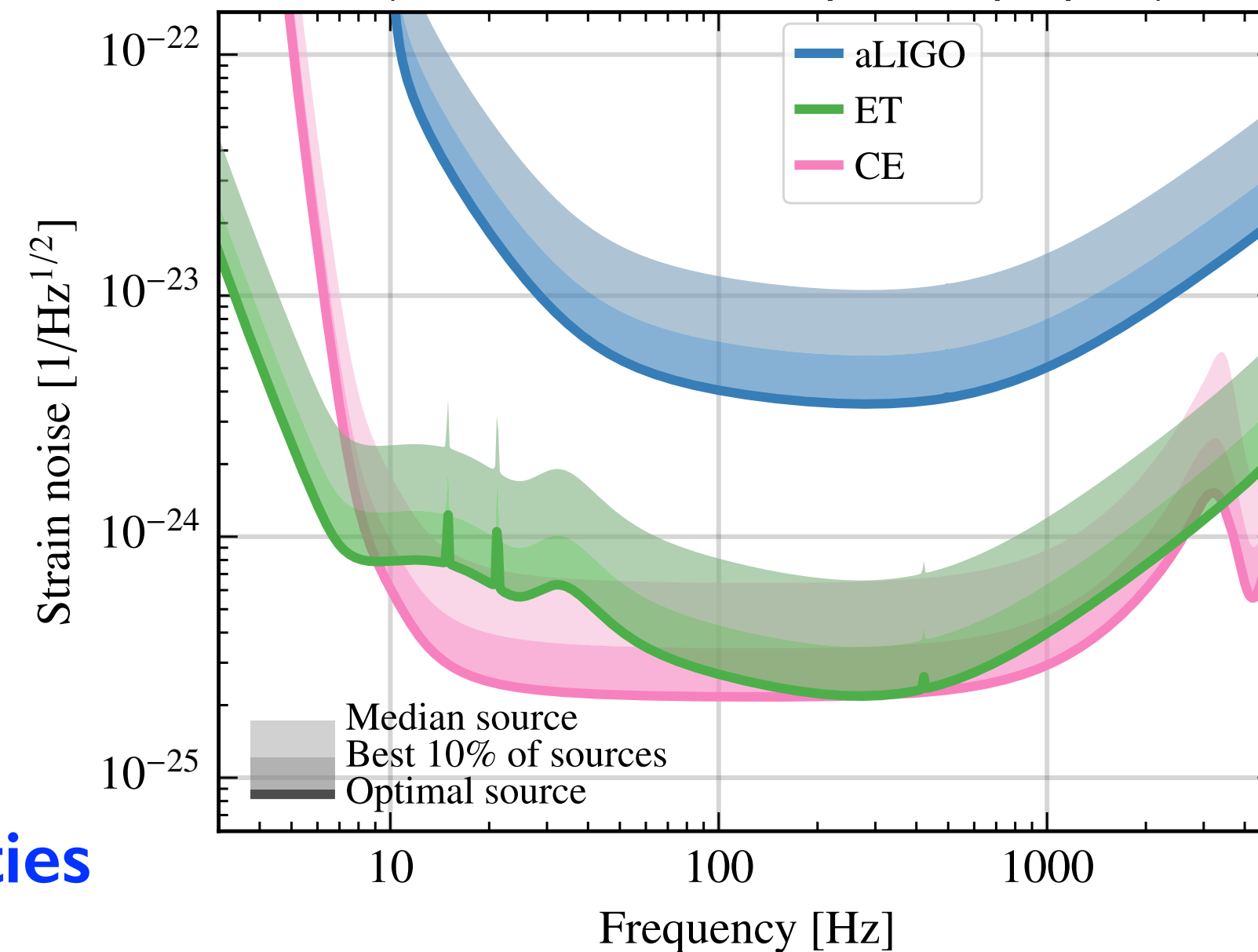


- **Understanding fundamental properties** of matter in **unexplored regimes** of **density** and **temperatures** with ET/CE and EM facilities.

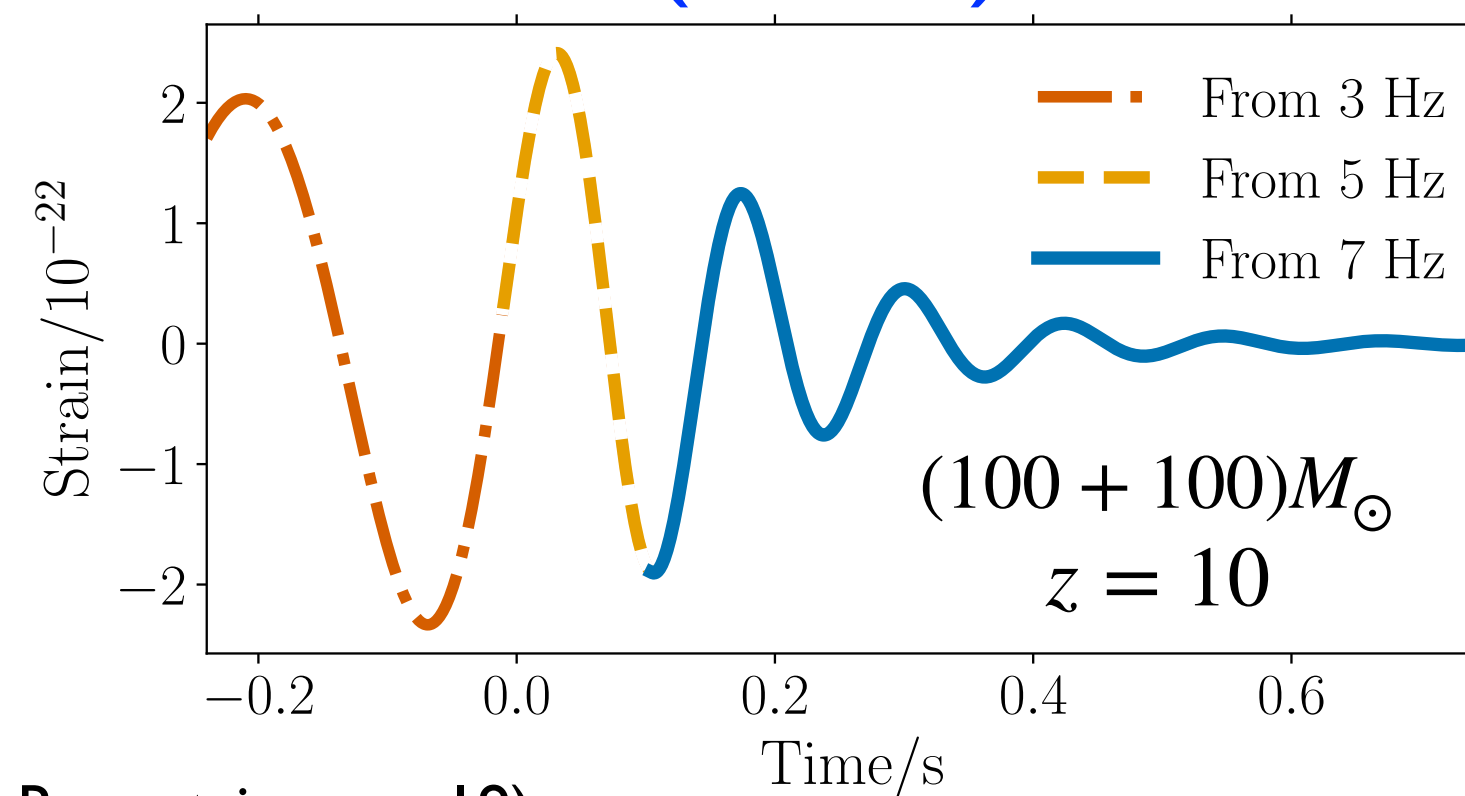


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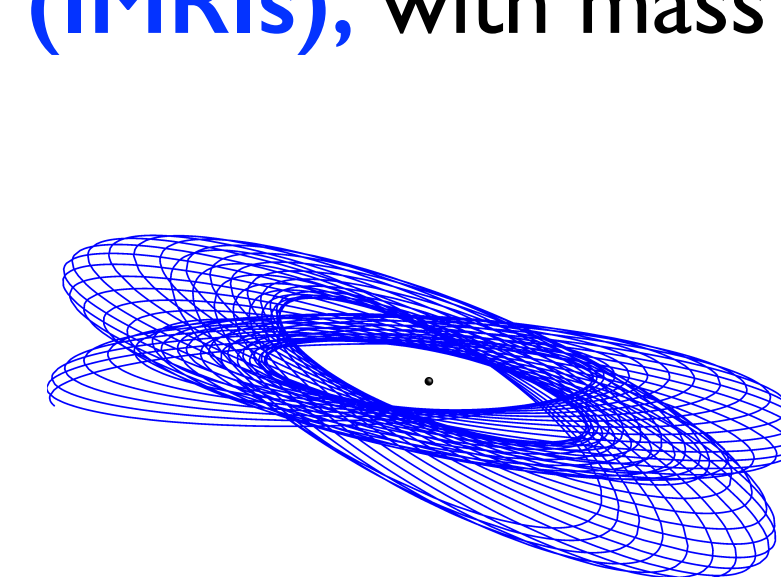
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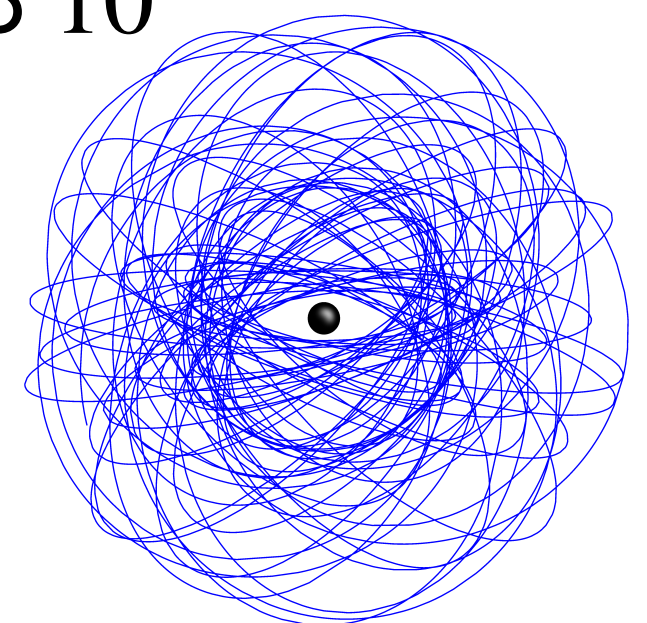
- **Merger and ringdown of Intermediate Black Holes (IMBHs)**



- **Intermediate Mass-Ratio Inspirals (IMRIs)**, with mass ratio  $10^3$



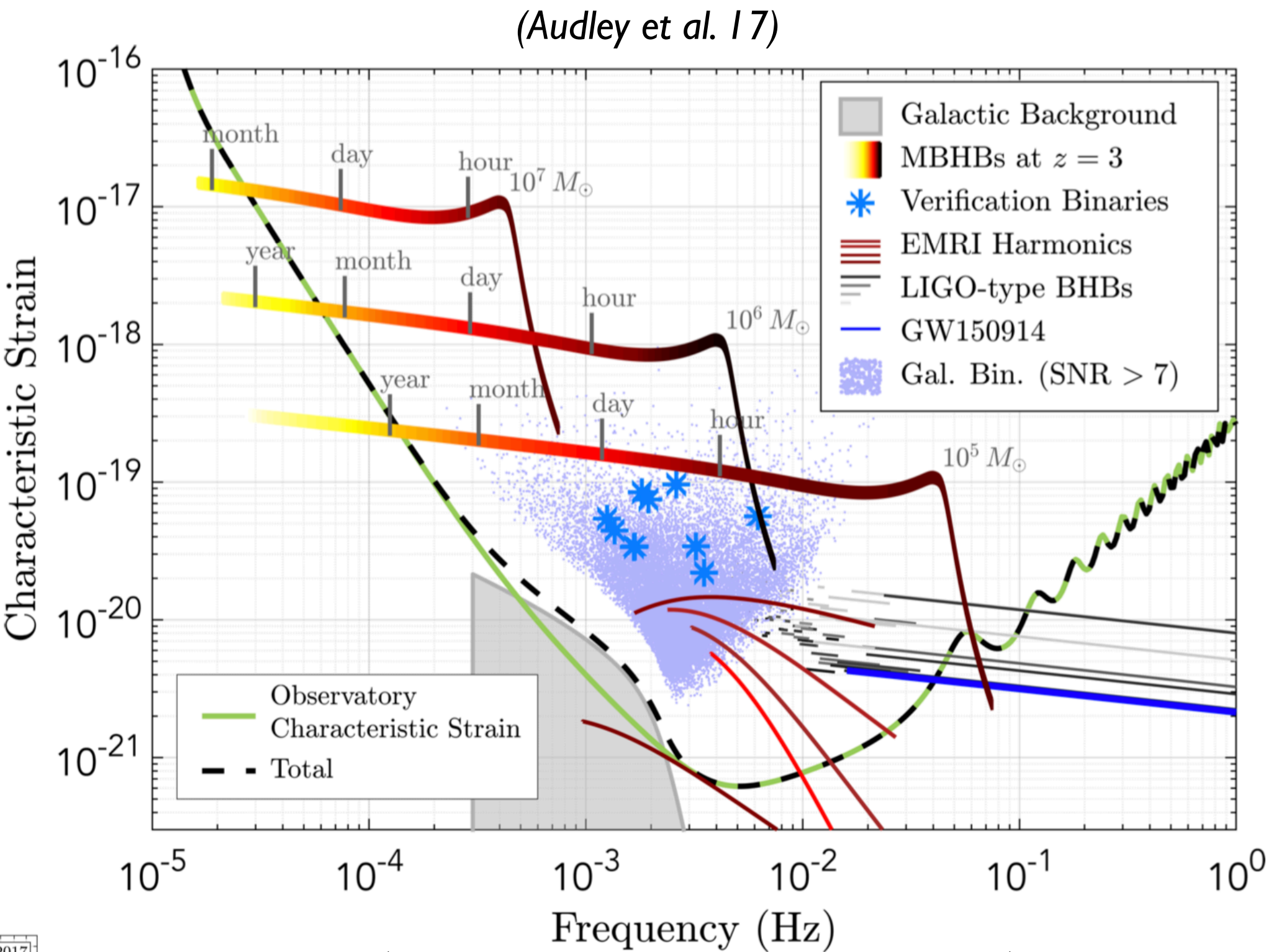
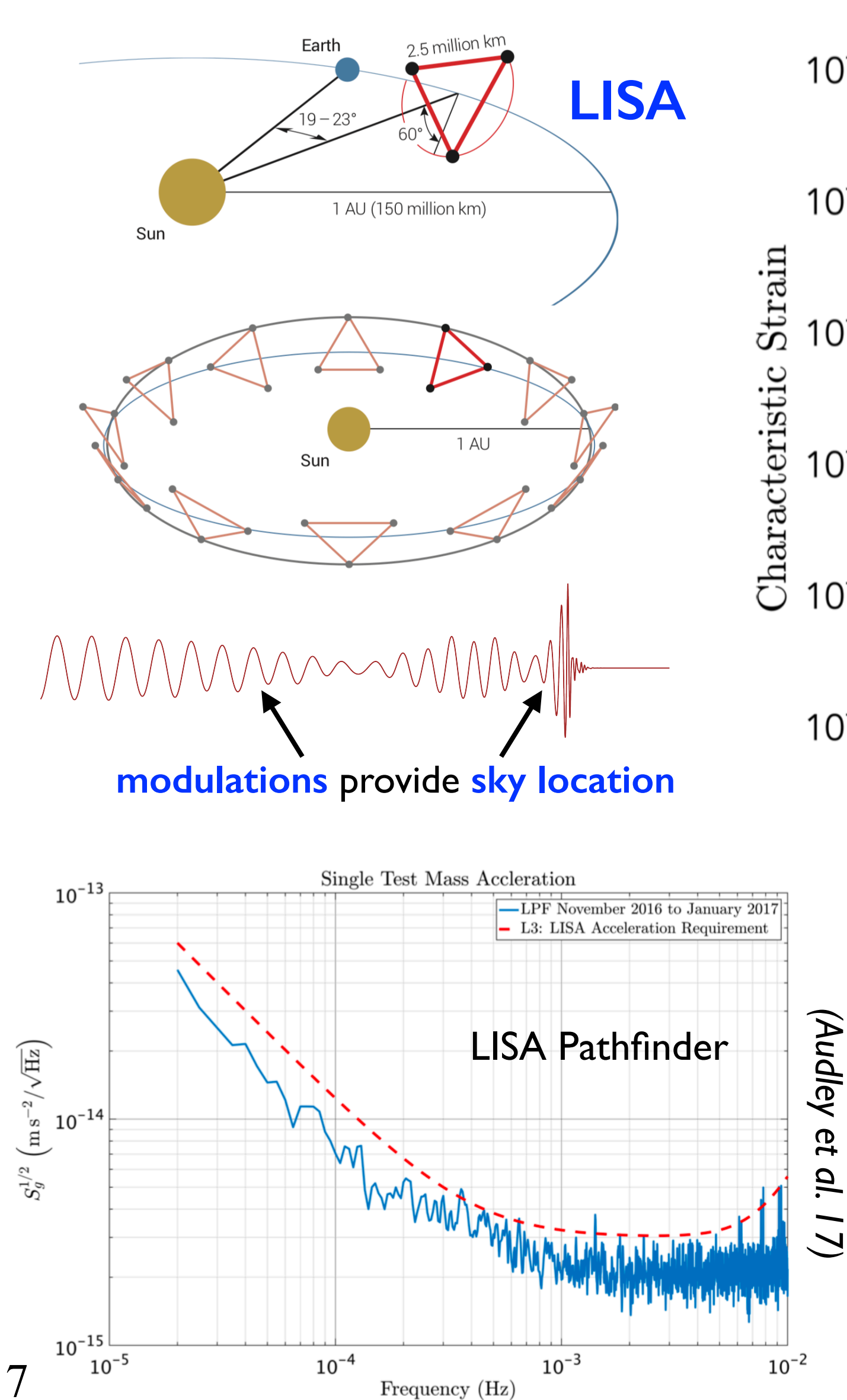
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at GW frequency ~10 Hz



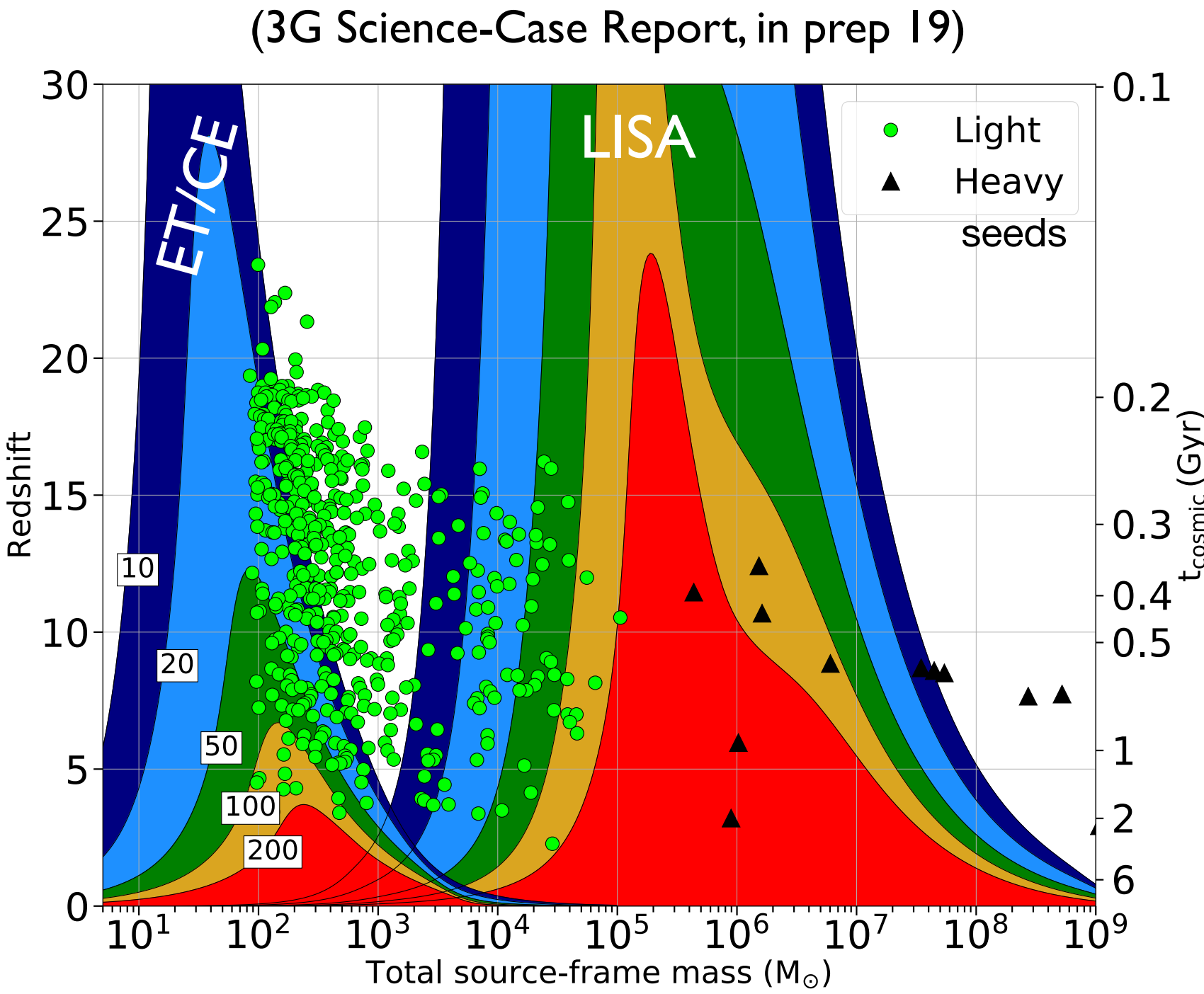
# Gravitational-Wave Landscape after ~2030 in space



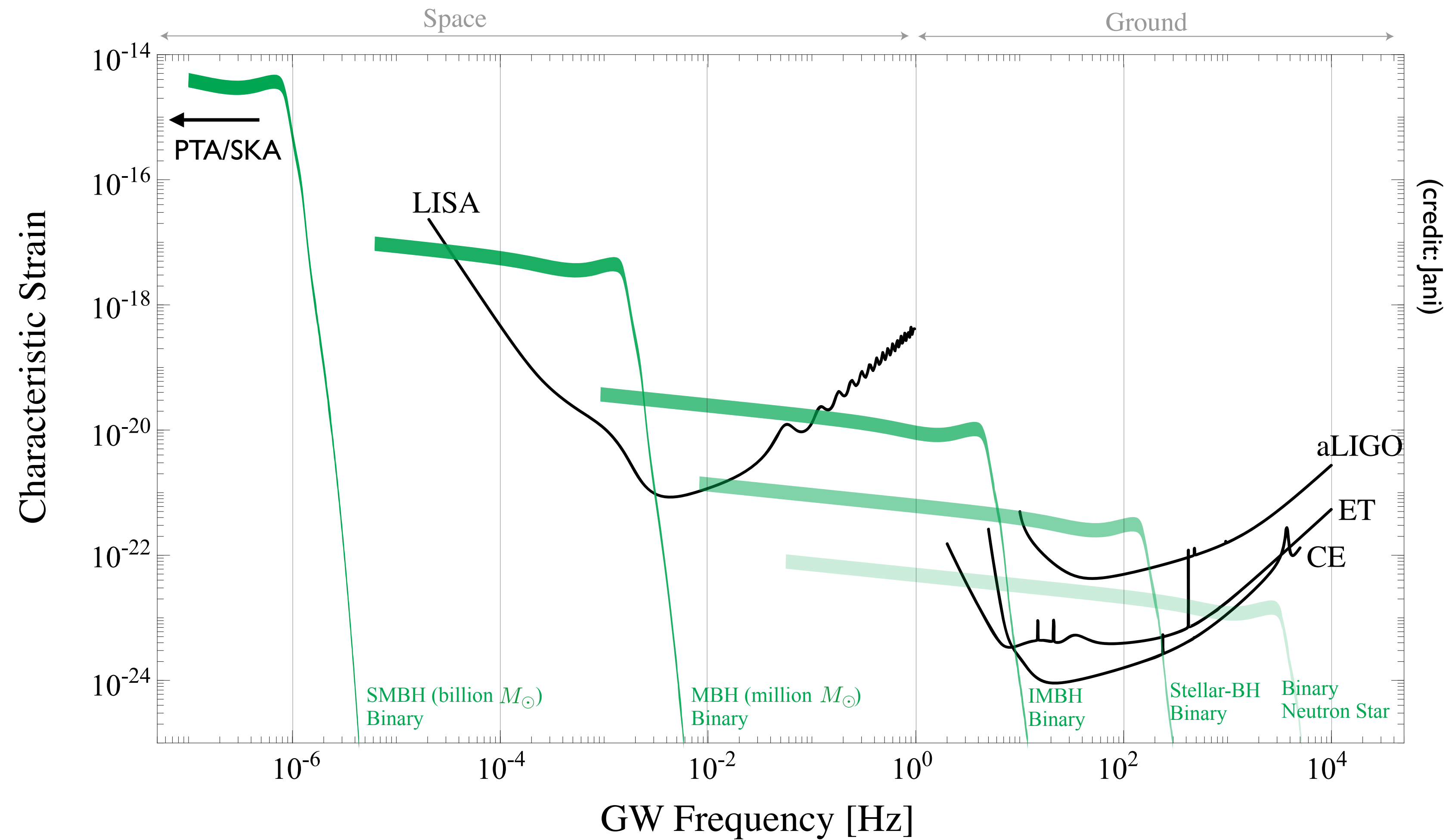
opening **three decades** of GW spectrum

- **New GW sources:**
  - extreme mass-ratio inspirals (**EMRIs**)
  - massive BHs (**MBHBs**)
  - WD binaries

ESA leading mission with NASA junior partner



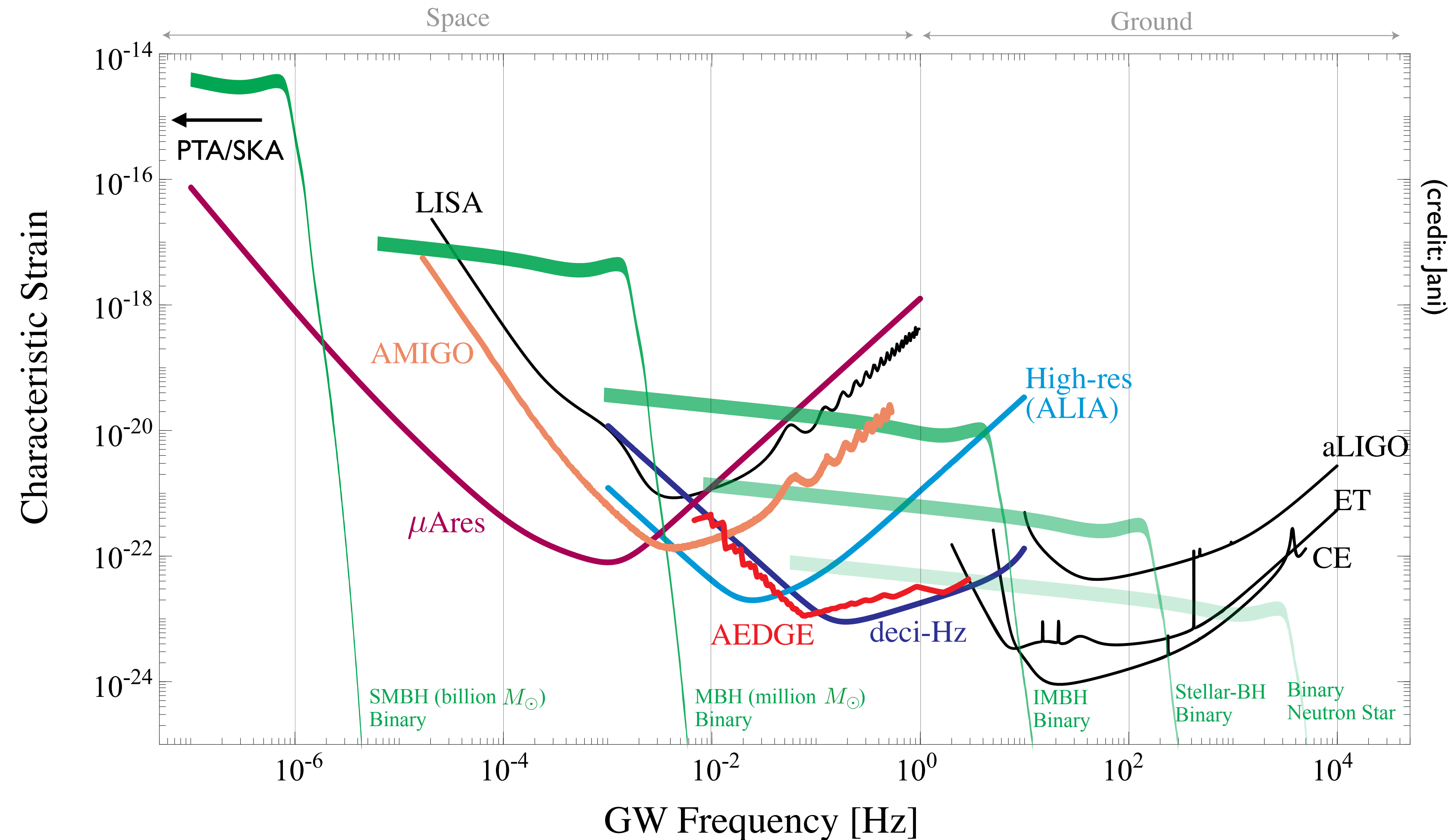
# The GW Landscape before Voyage 2050





# The GW Landscape with Voyage 2050

- Opening **new GW frequency bands** will likely enable **discoveries of new sources**, as proven by EM astronomy, and also pursue **unprecedented science**



**The Missing Link in GW Astronomy:**  
Discoveries waiting in the decihertz  
range (*Berry*)

**AEDGE: Atomic Experiment for  
Dark Matter and Gravity Exploration  
in Space** (*Buchmüller*)

**High Angular-Resolution GW  
Astronomy** (*Dvorkin*)

**Probing the Nature of BHs:  
Deep in the mHz GW Sky**  
(*Cardoso, Witzany*)

**Unveiling the Gravitational Universe  
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# Theme I. Physics and Astrophysics of Black Holes

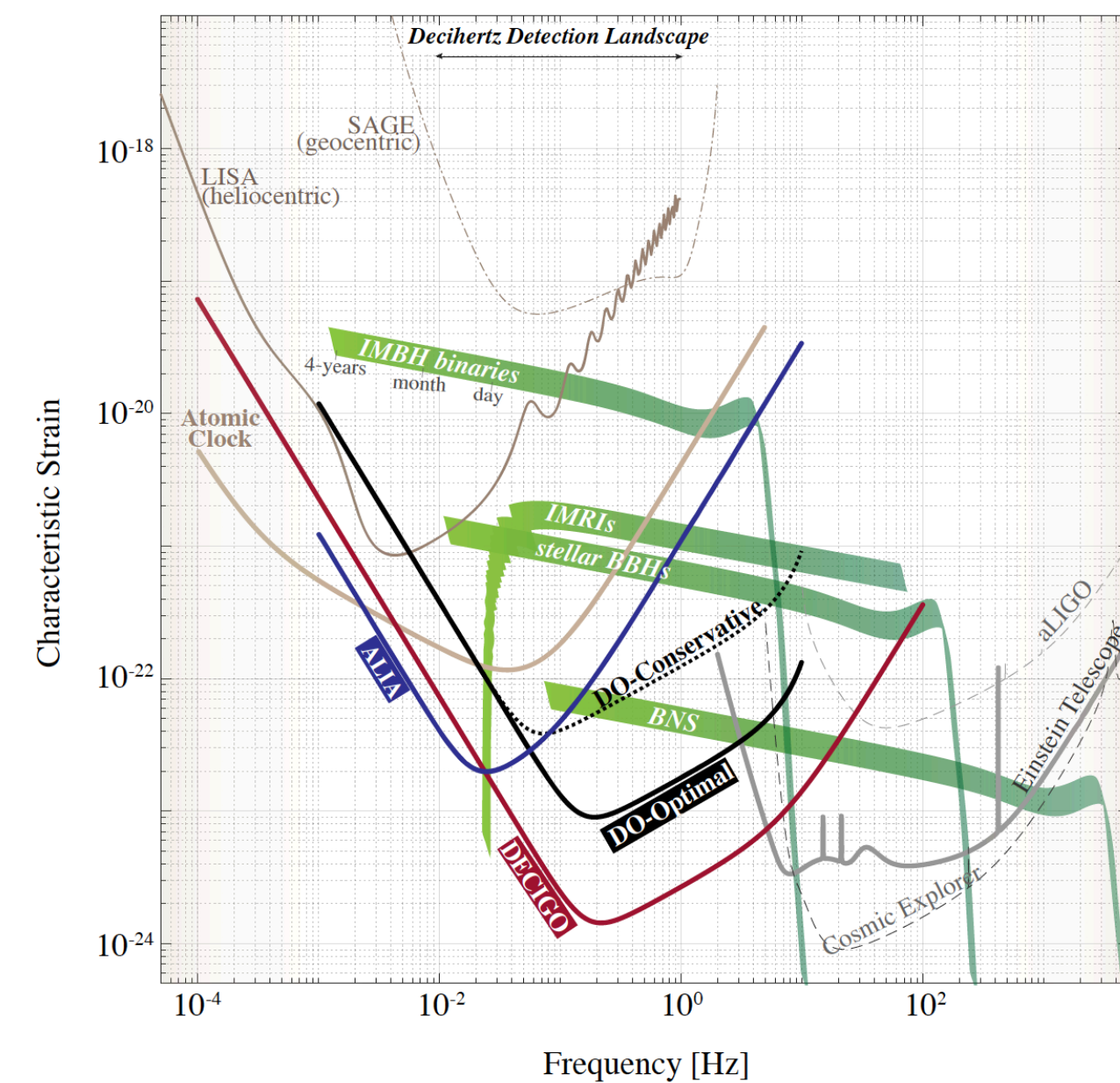
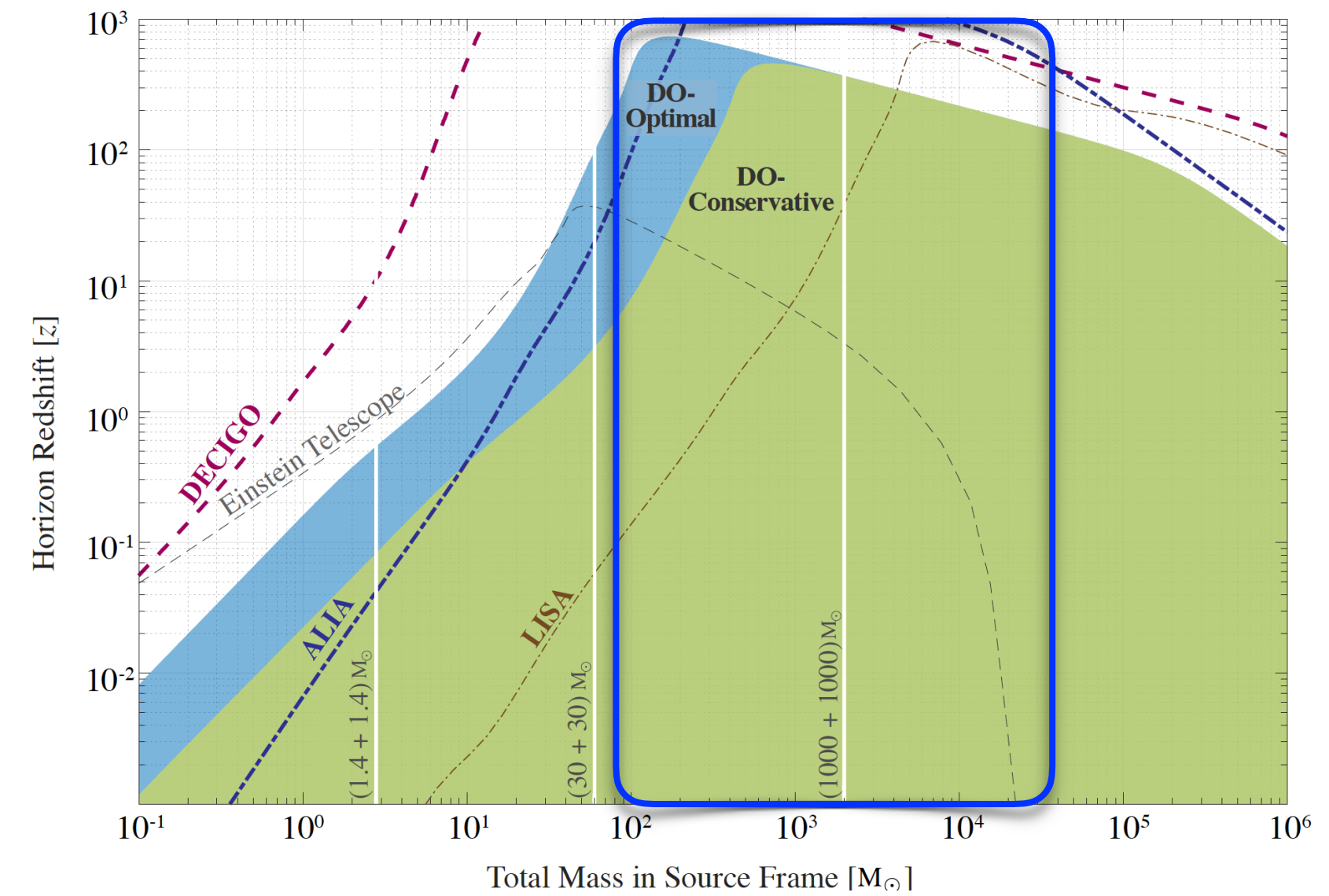
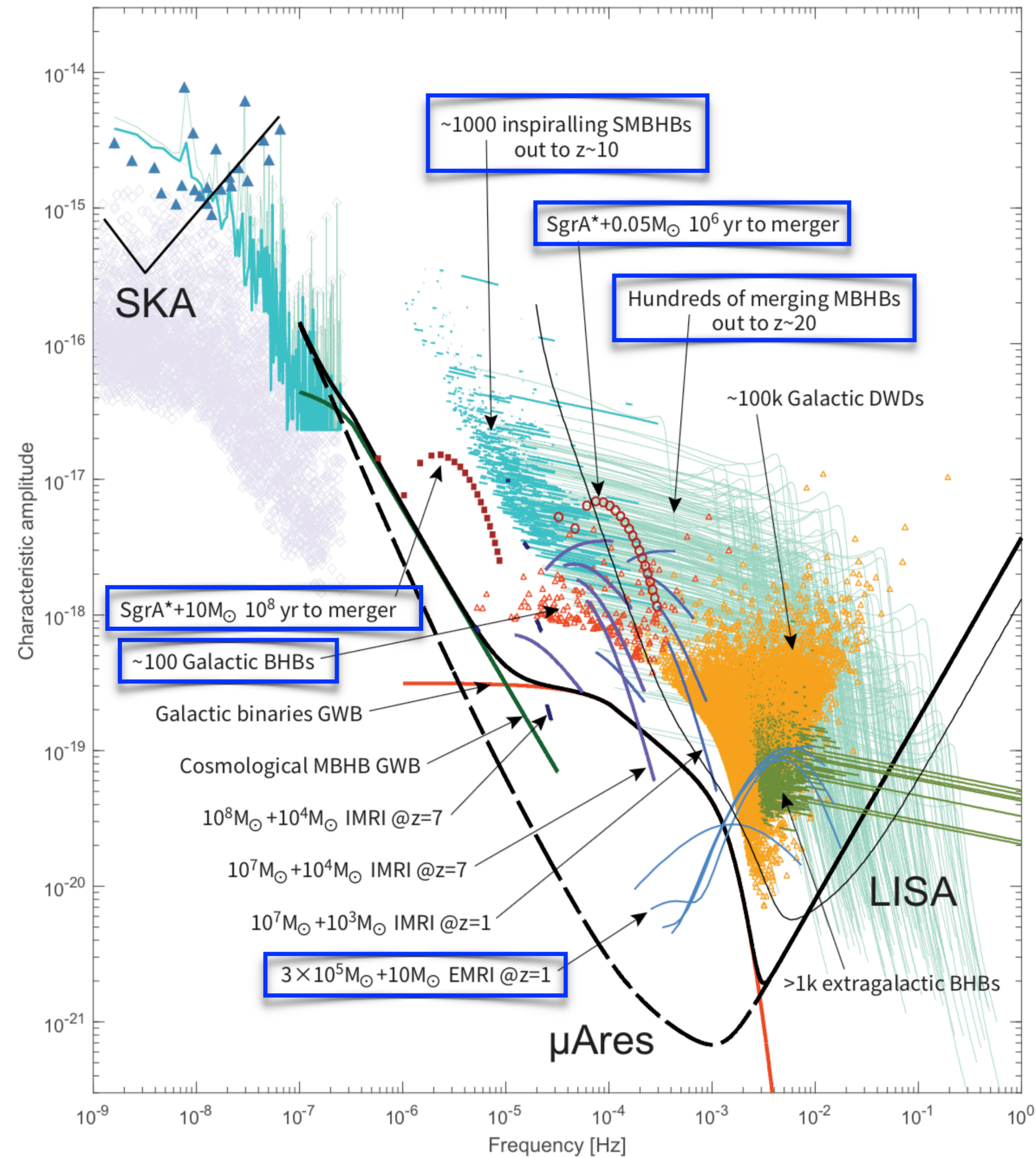
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- How **high-redshift quasars emerged**? How **mass assembly of first MBHs occurred**: accretion (EM observations) or merger (GW observations)?
- Nail down the **physics of MBHB dynamics** (or pairing), e.g., stellar hardening, gaseous drag, triplets
- Probe **formation and dynamics of IMBHs** in star clusters, galactic nuclei and nuclear-star clusters
- **Multi-band astronomy** (with ground-based detectors) with **stellar mass BHs** from cosmic down to the early Universe, measuring how **BH's properties change with redshift**
- Understanding **relativistic dynamics in dense nuclei** with **EMRIs**, and mapping MBH **spacetime with exquisite precision**
- Investigate **dynamics** of stars and **compact-objects** around **Sgr A\*** in Milky Way
- Unveil **nature of compact objects**, nature of **gravity**, **BH spectroscopy** with **unprecedented precision**



# Theme I. Physics and Astrophysics of Black Holes (contd.)

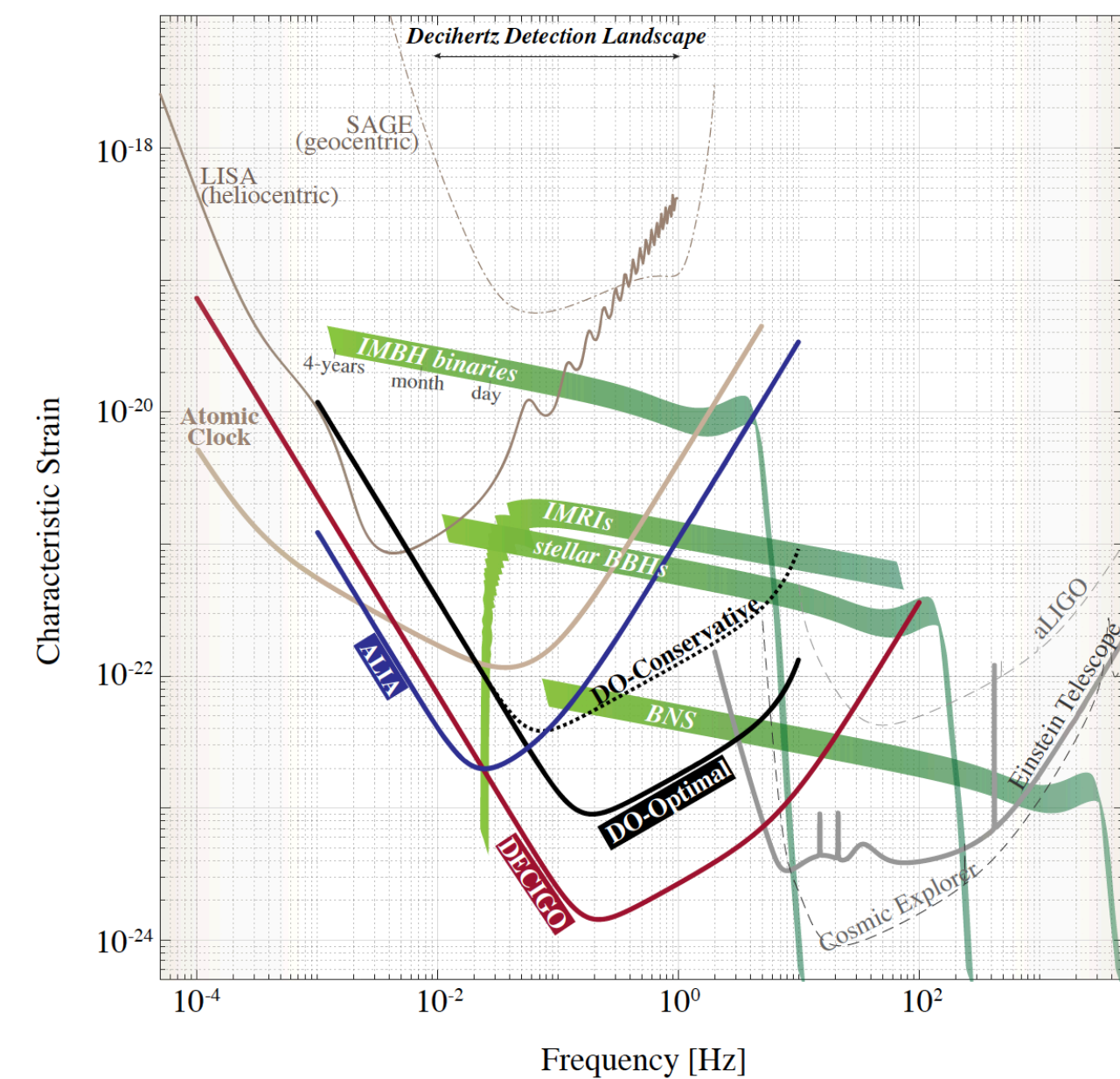
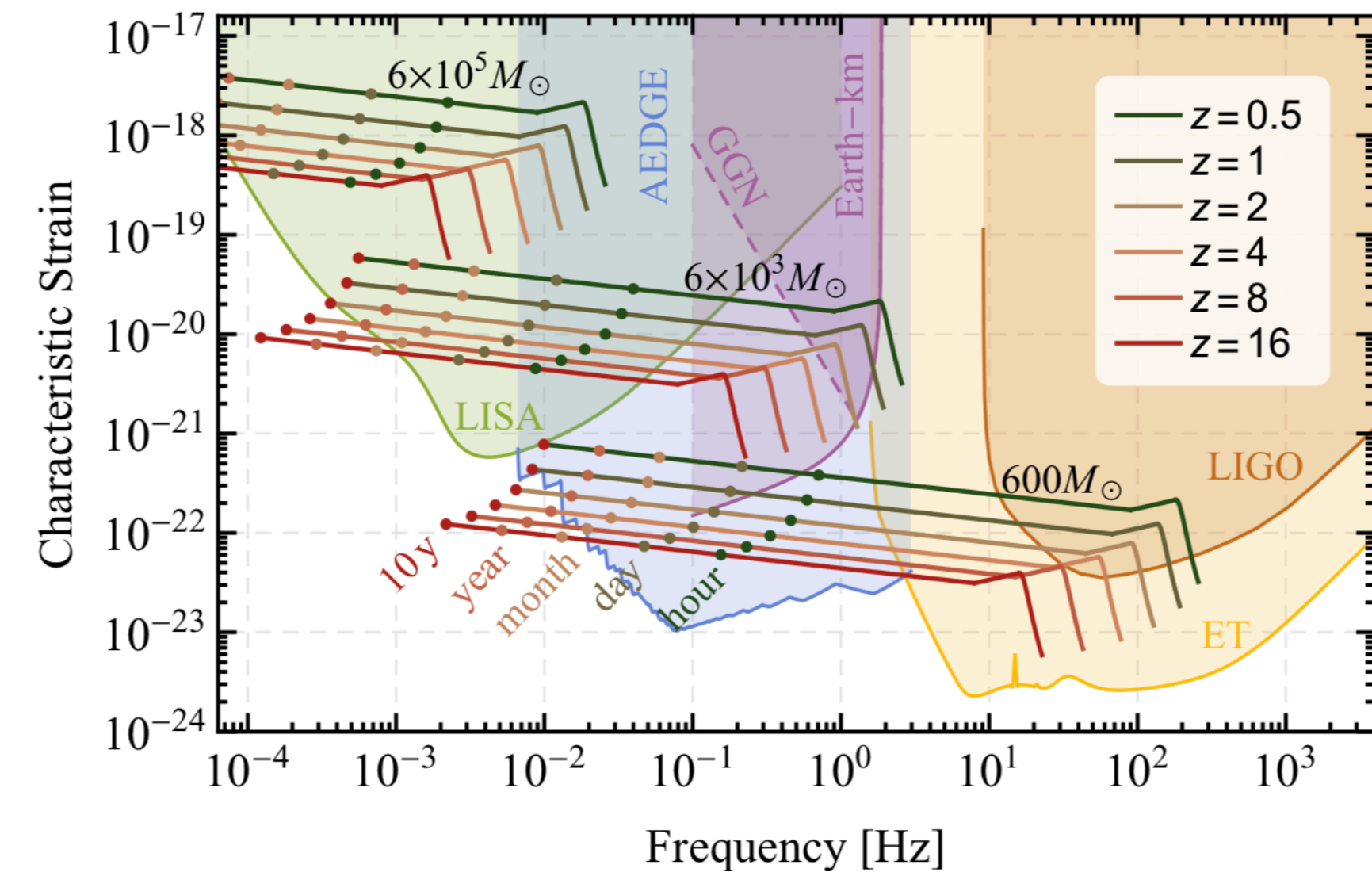
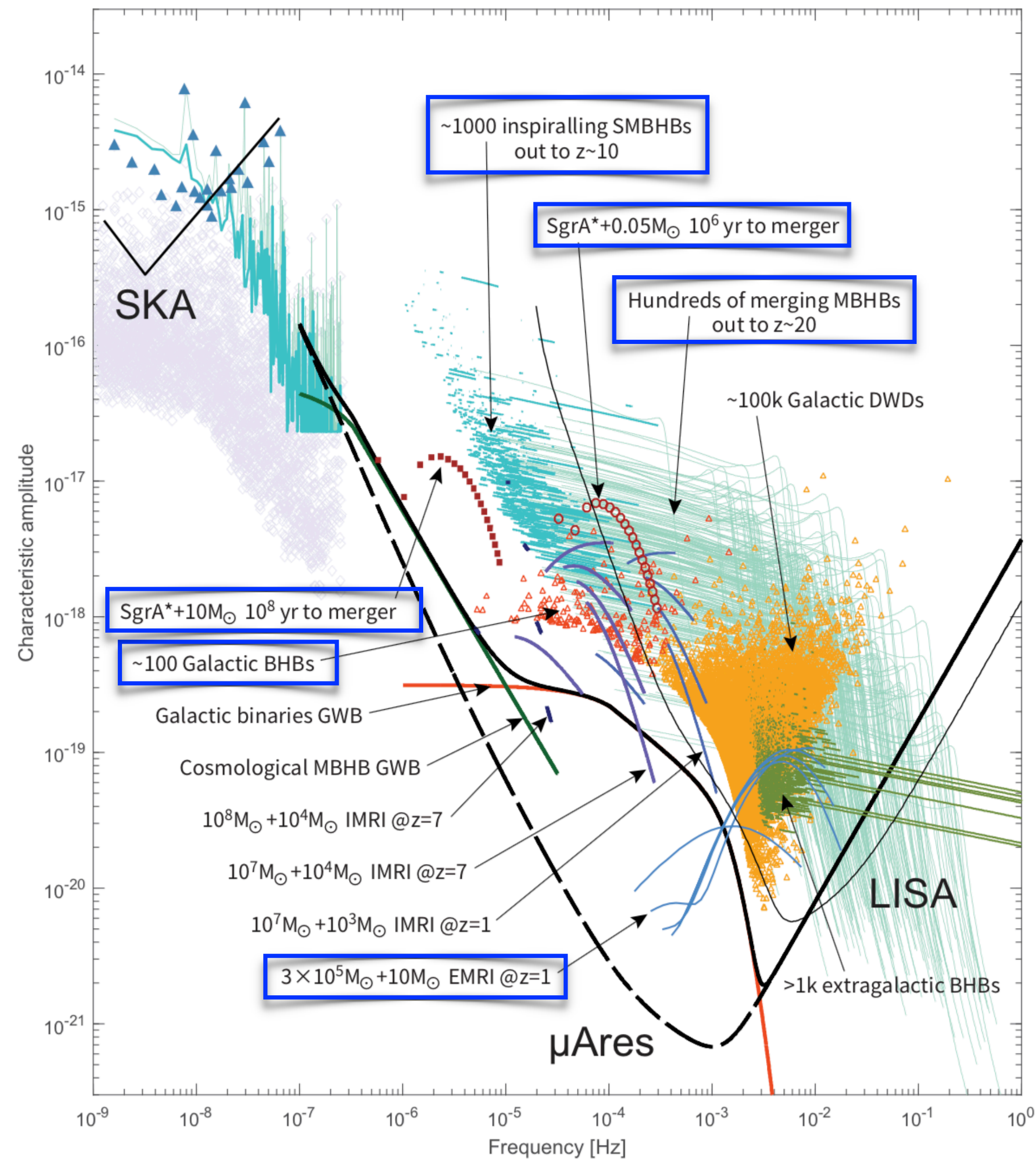
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## Theme 2. Multi-Messenger Astronomy (GW, EM, Neutrinos, Cosmic Rays)

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- Observe in **multiband** (with ground-based detectors) **BNS** and **NSBH binaries**: alert EM telescopes **months to years in advance** to identify and study the host galaxy

- Observe **double WD systems close to** their **point of initial contact**, allowing the observation of **GW signal** followed by a **type Ia supernova**

- Identify **EM signatures of inspiraling** (and **accreting**) **MBHBs** for all mission timescale, and identify **the key to search** for them in **AGN** spectra and lightcurves

- Build large sample of MBHB **standard sirens out to  $z \sim 5$** .

- With **arcmin angular resolution**, identify host galaxy and achieve **exquisite cosmography** with **BBHs and BNSs**

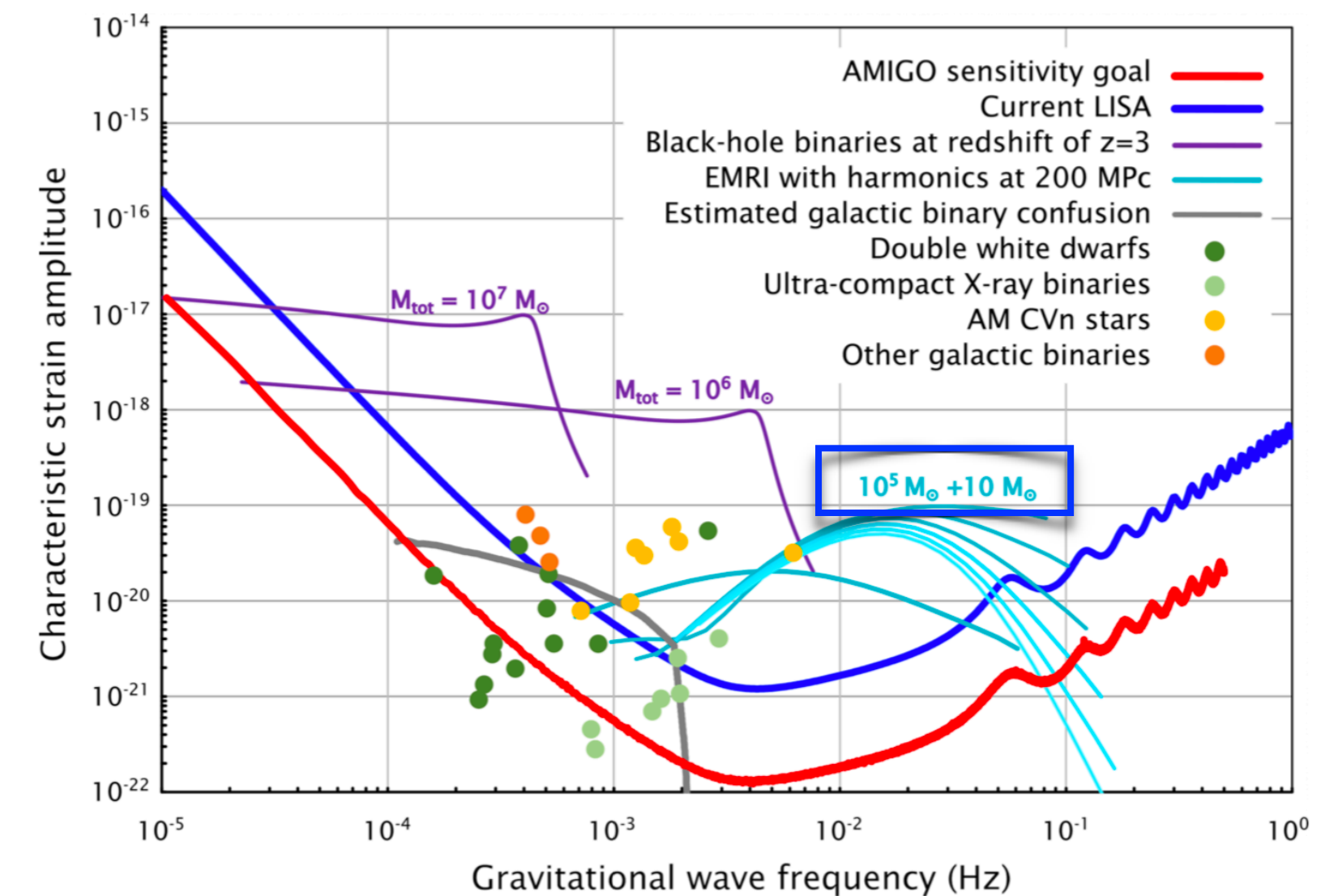
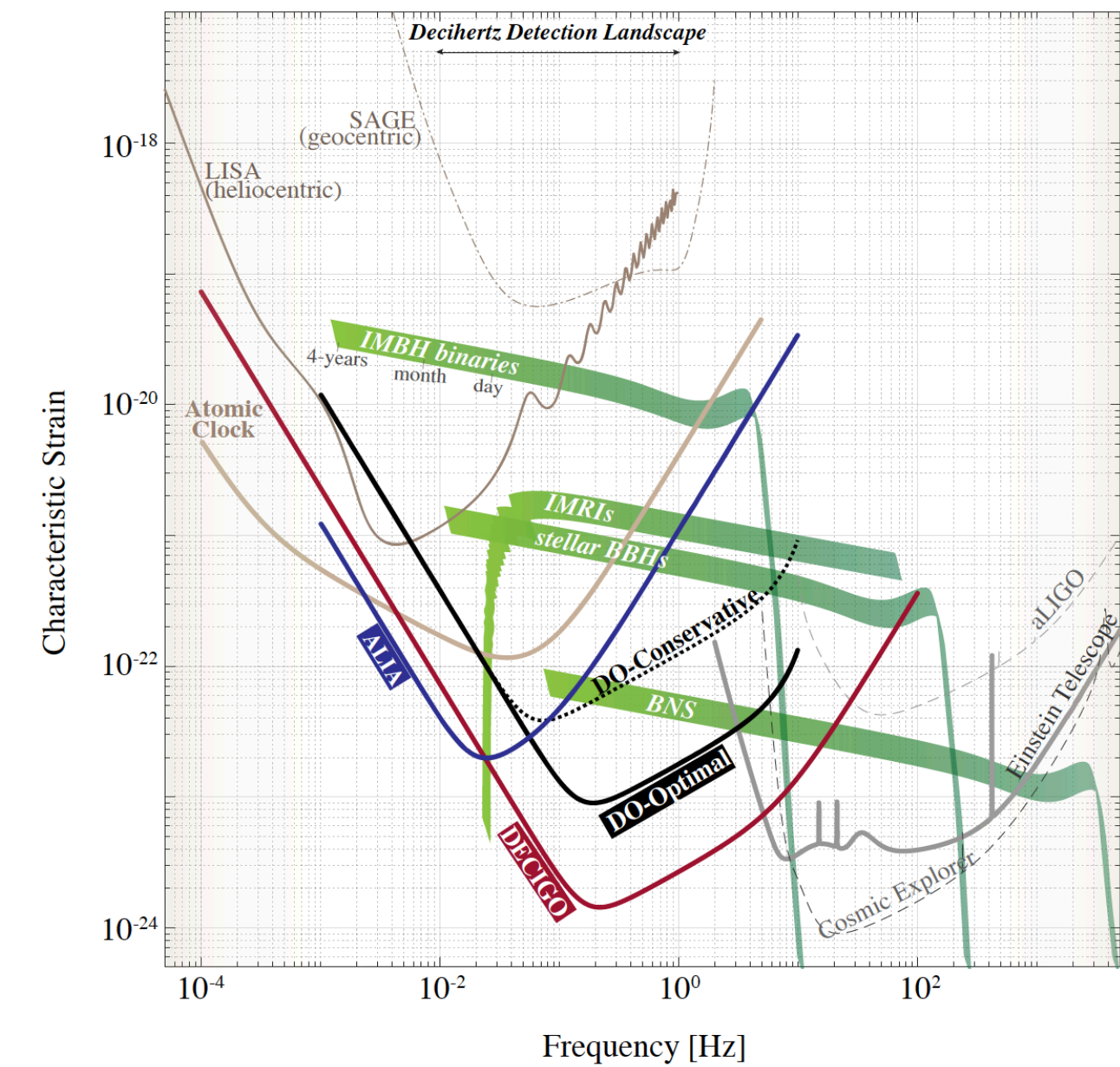
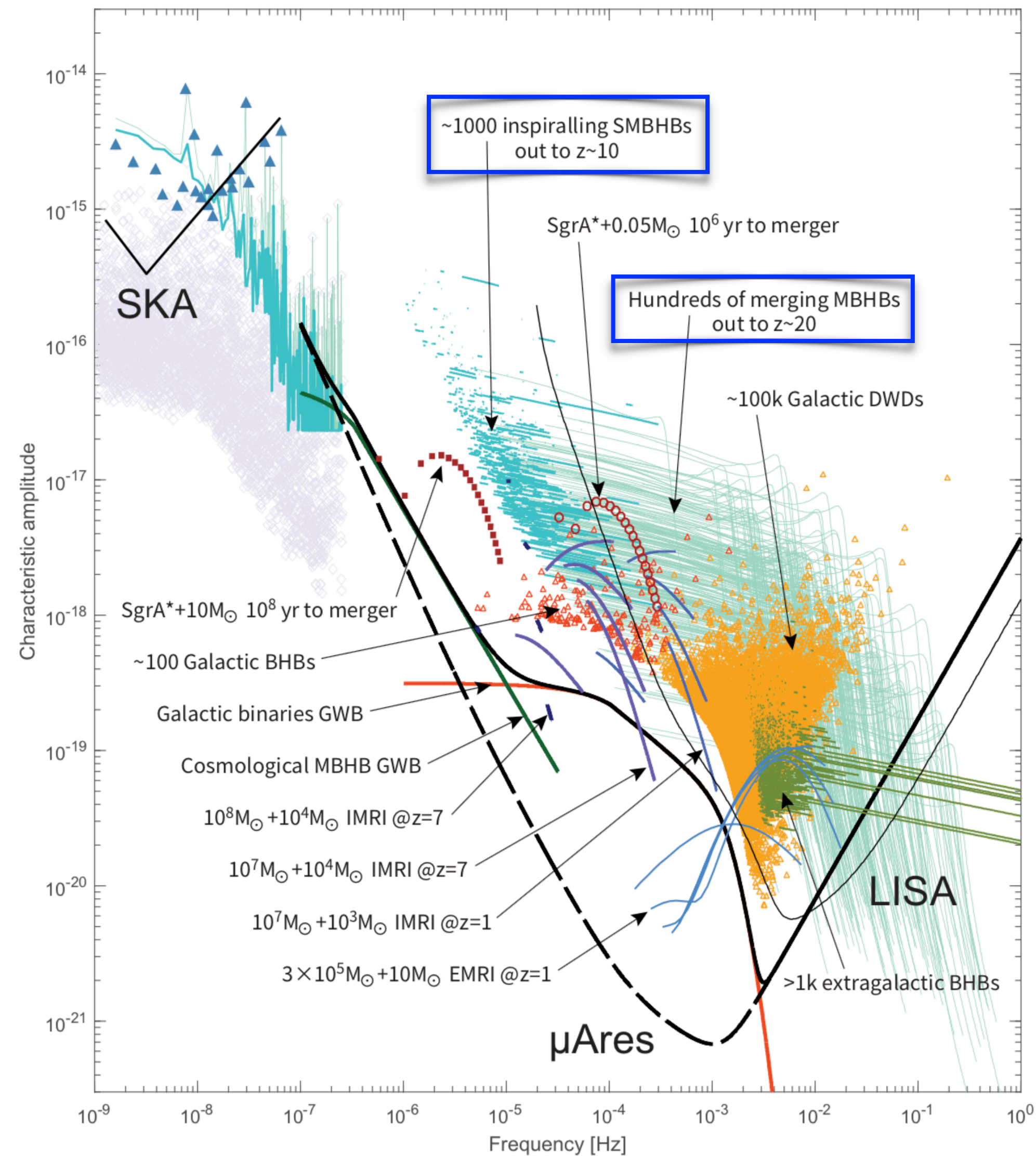
- Study **anisotropies** of **astrophysical stochastic GW backgrounds**, and then **correlate with EM backgrounds**

- **Correlate GW signals** with **cosmic rays** and **cosmic neutrinos** and shed light on **their origin**



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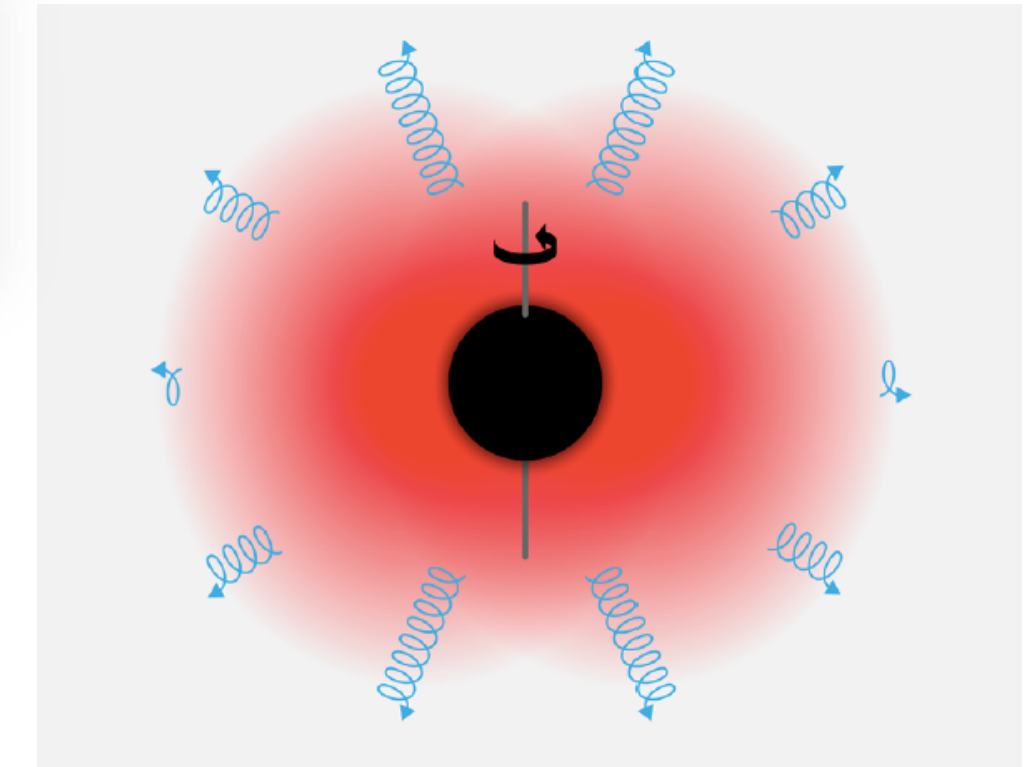
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# Theme 3. Physics Beyond Standard Model/General Relativity and Beyond

- Discover **ultralight particles, axions** forming **clouds around MBHBs** if their Compton wavelength is comparable to BH's size



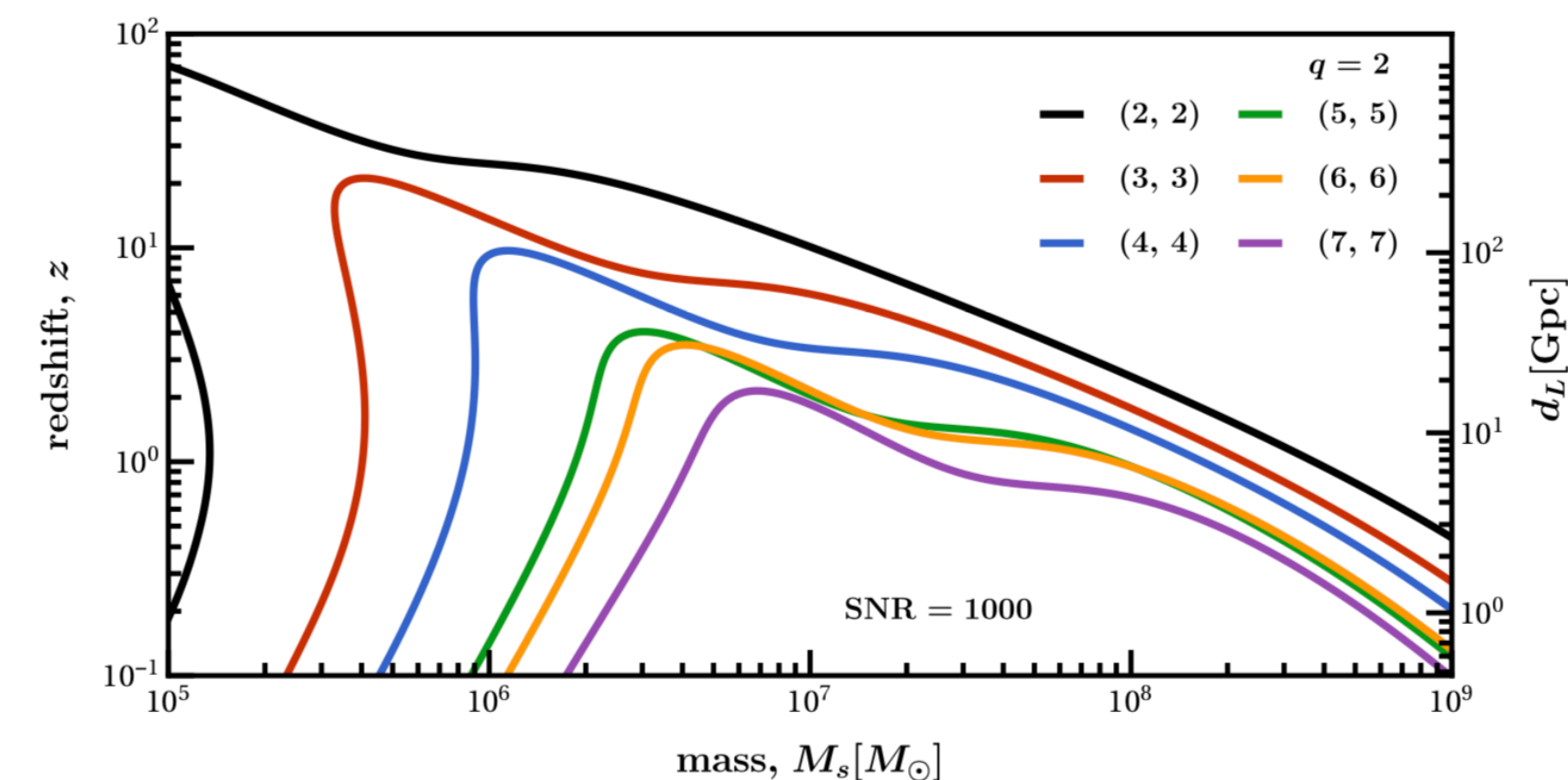
- Probe **dark-matter substructures** and the Universe expansion via **strong GW lensing**
- Observe **imprints of dark-matter** environment **on GW waveforms** from inspiraling MBHBs

- Probe **strong equivalence principle** with stellar-mass BHs, NSs and MBHs when **specific fields/couplings** are present in **gravity theories**

- Probe the Universe and gravity through **cosmological propagation of GWs** (speed, dispersion, diffraction)

- Gravitational spectroscopy** with BBH collisions

- Discover **particles/fields dominating** physical processes in **very early Universe**



# Theme 4. Gravitational Waves and the Early Universe

- Open a **new window** into the Universe

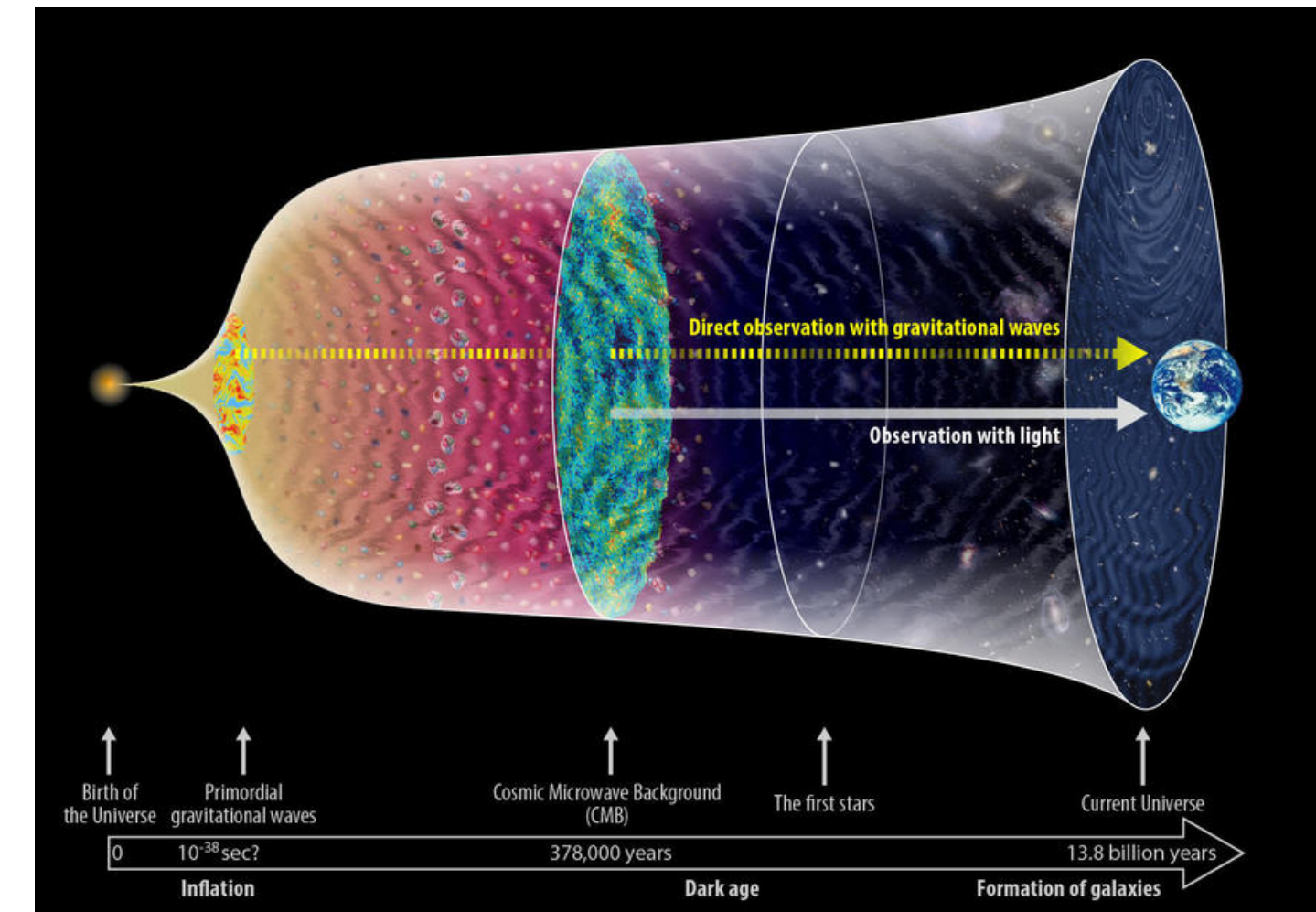
- Probe **energies beyond accelerators** on the Earth

- Disclose **dark Universe beyond** the time **CMB** was produced

- Observe **stochastic GW background** from **inflation** (depending on **spectral tilt**), first-order **phase transitions** with **physics beyond standard model**, preheating, and **cosmic strings**.

- Discover **epochs**, from end of inflation to **BBN**, in which Universe was **dominated neither by vacuum energy nor by radiation or matter**

- Need to detect and remove **all BNSs, NSBHs and BBHs in our Universe** to achieve sensitivity to observe slow-roll inflation background

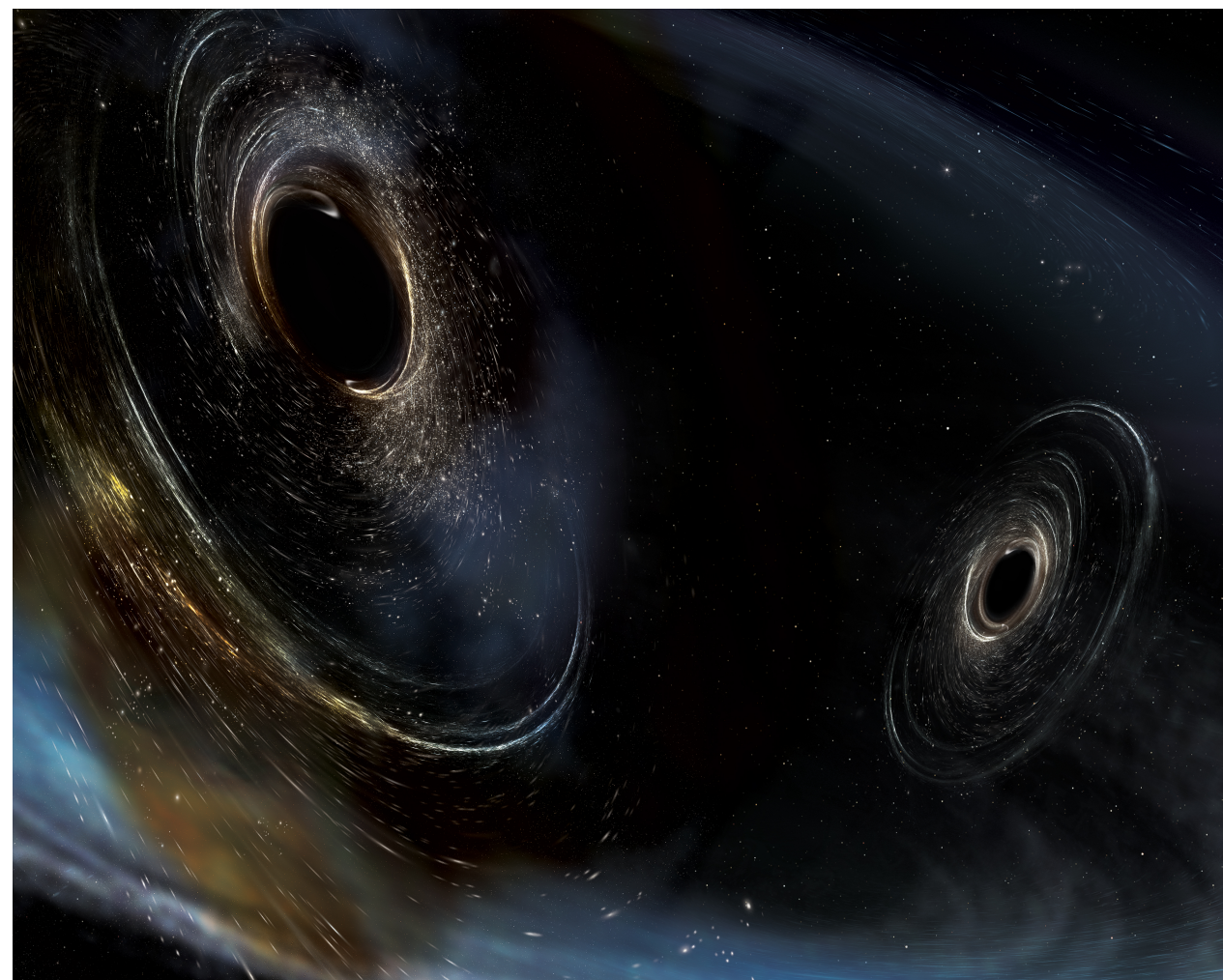




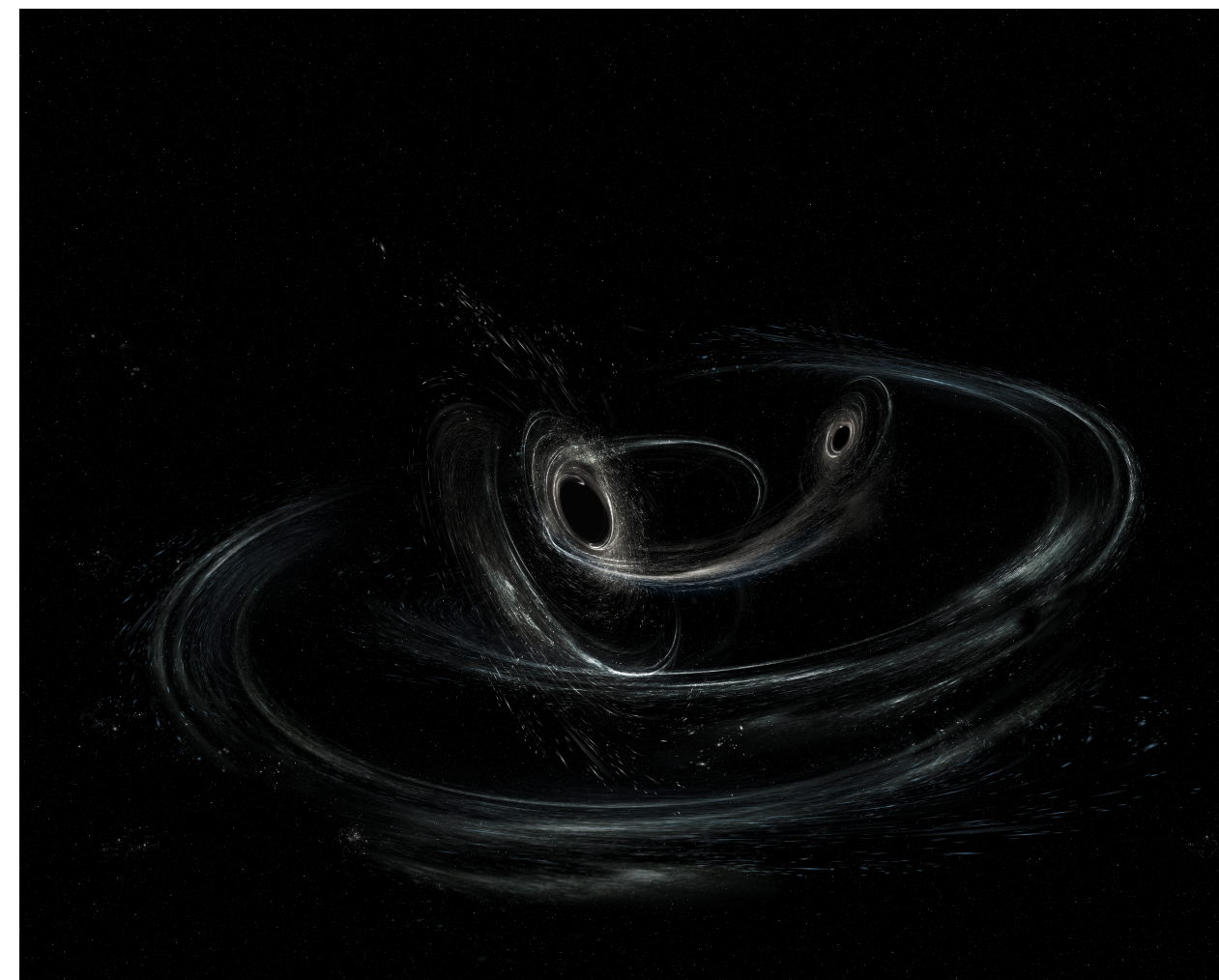
# Final Remarks on the GW Universe and Voyage 2050

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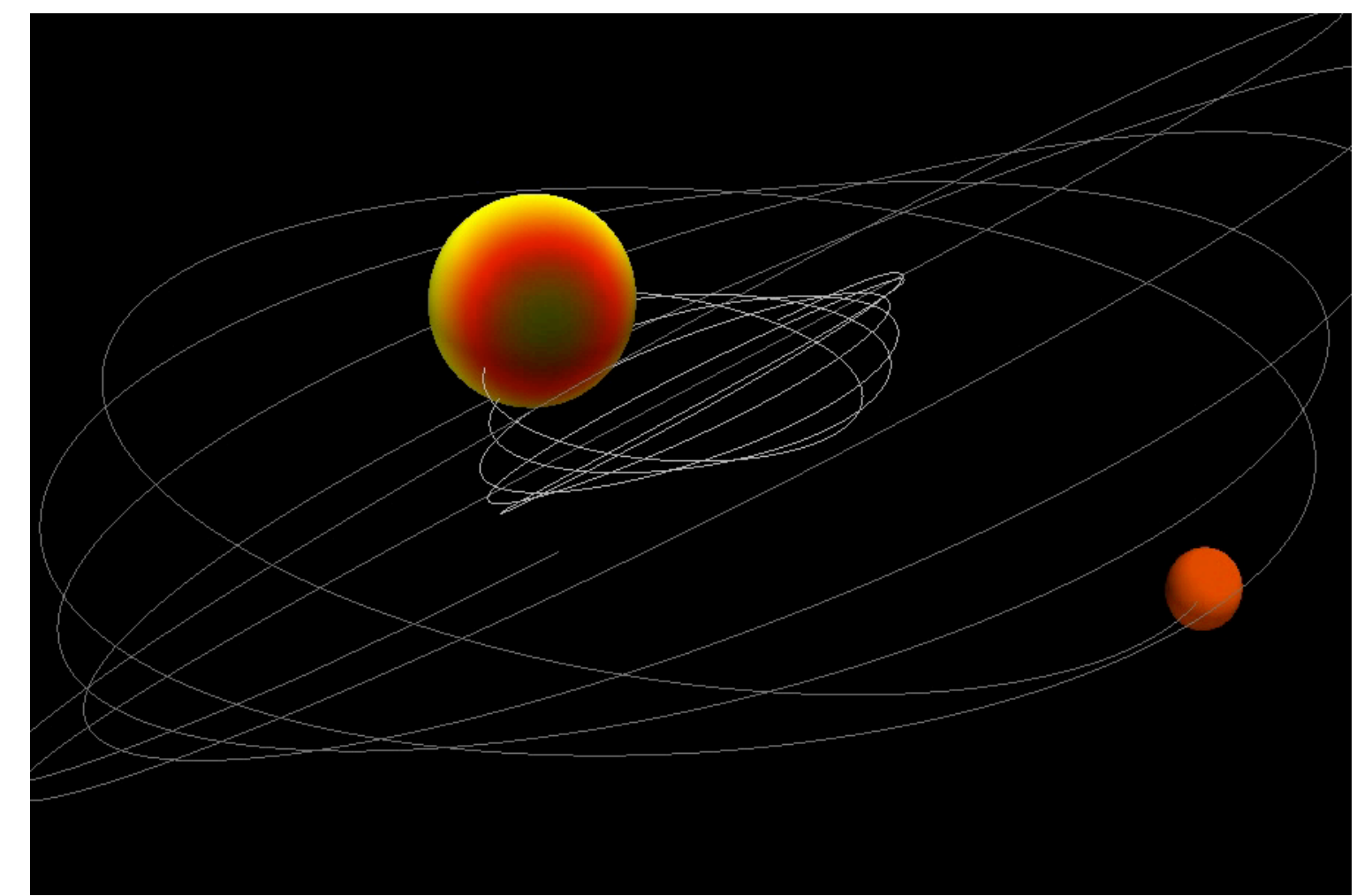
- The **GW tool** is as essential as the **EM tool**. Main question: which **outstanding science** do we want to address **after LISA**?
- The **GW Universe** spans sources **from** the **very early Universe to** the **Milky Way**, and a variety of **astrophysical, cosmological** and **fundamental physics phenomena**. It is also **the key player** in **multi-messenger astronomy**
- The **opening of new** frequency **bands** has always led to **remarkable, radical discoveries**, as witnessed in EM astronomy



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