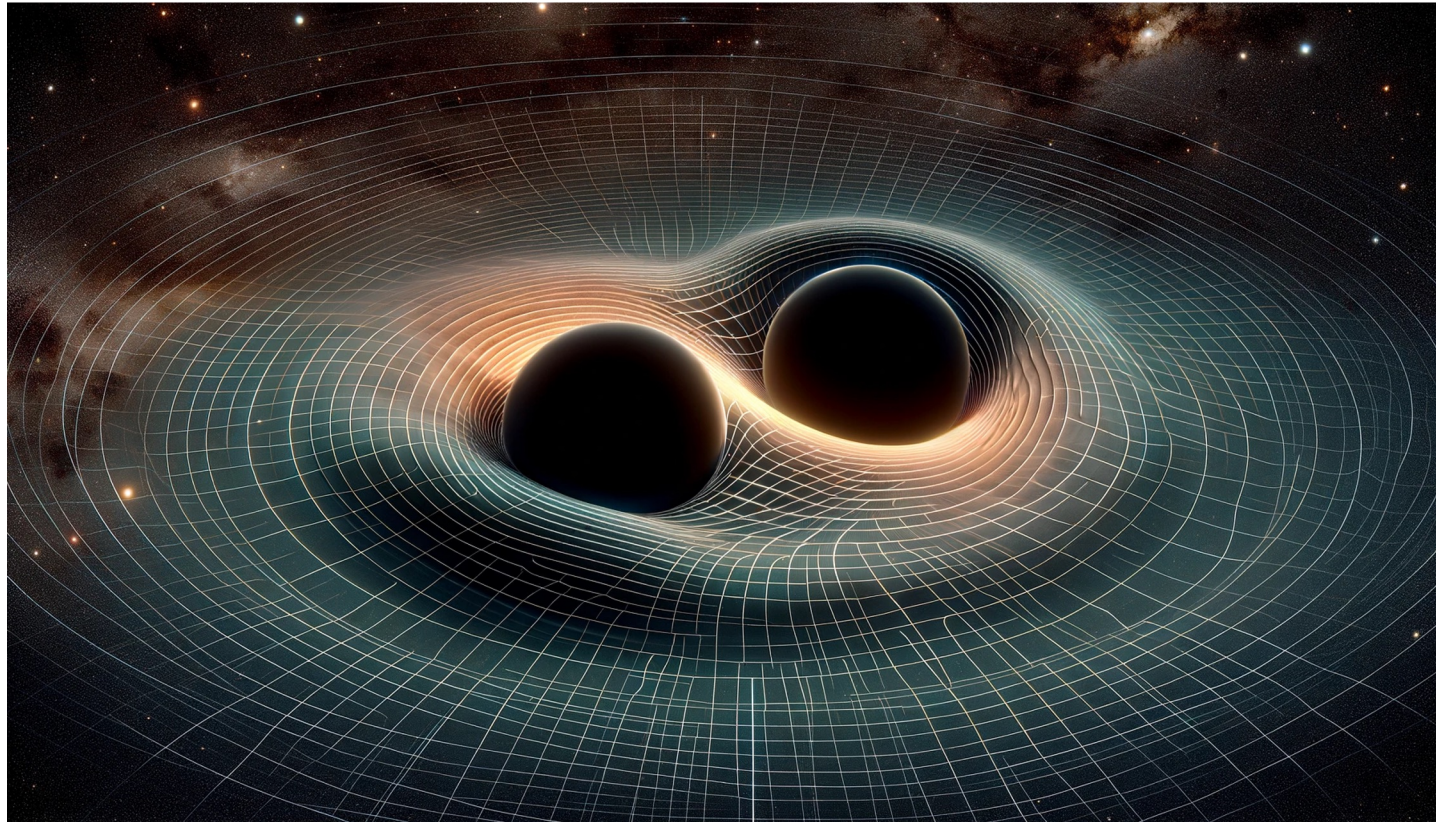


Austrian Roadmap Round Table Meeting

Gravitational waves

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What are gravitational waves?

Gravitational waves are ripples (or perturbations) in the space-time geometry that are predicted by Einstein theory of general relativity:

Flat Minkowski metric

Energy-impulse tensor, source of space-time deformations

$$T_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{c^4}{8\pi G} G_{\mu\nu}$$

$$G_{\mu\nu} \equiv R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{g_{\mu\nu}R}{2}$$

Deformation (Einstein) tensor, effect of the space-time deformation

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + \mathbf{h}_{\mu\nu}, \text{ if } |h_{\mu\nu}| \ll 1 \rightarrow \left(\nabla^2 - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \right) h_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

Small perturbation

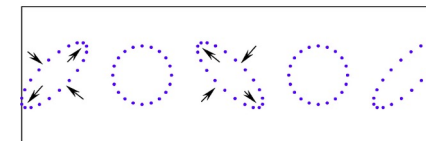
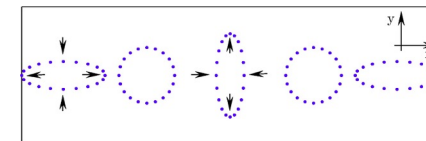
Wave equation

$$h_{\mu\nu}(z, t) = e^{i(\omega t - kz)} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & h_+ & h_x & 0 \\ 0 & h_x & -h_+ & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

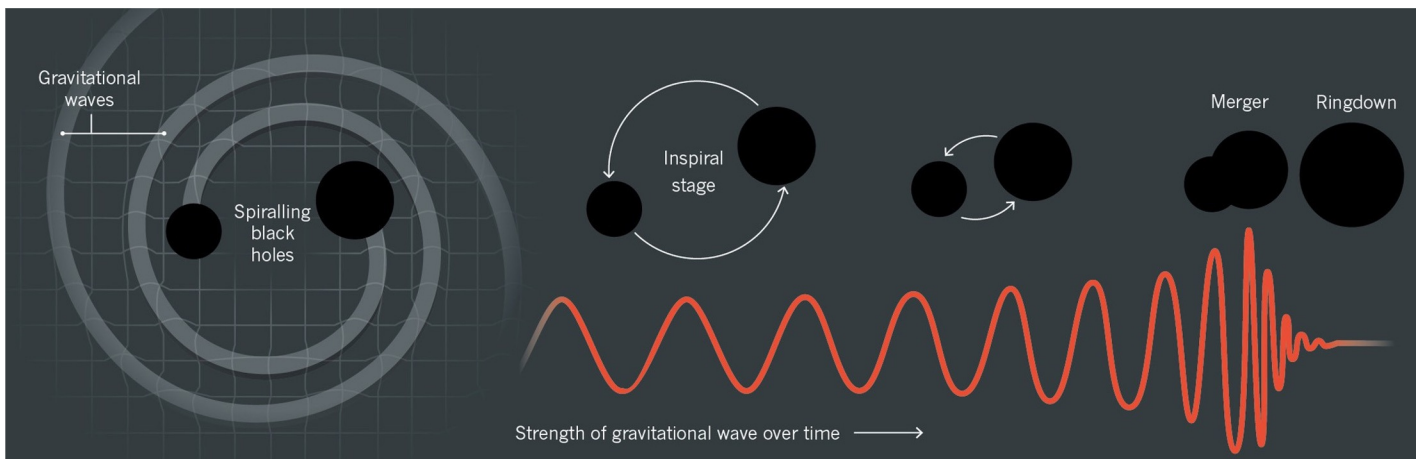
Distance between 2 points

$$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu$$

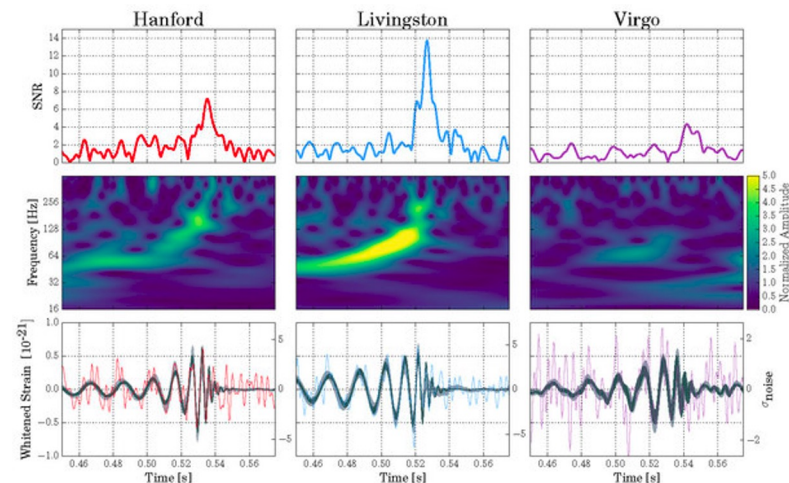
Gravitational wave propagating in the z-direction with 2 polarizations: x and +



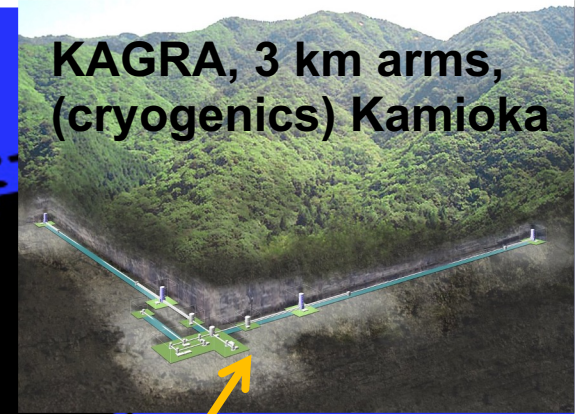
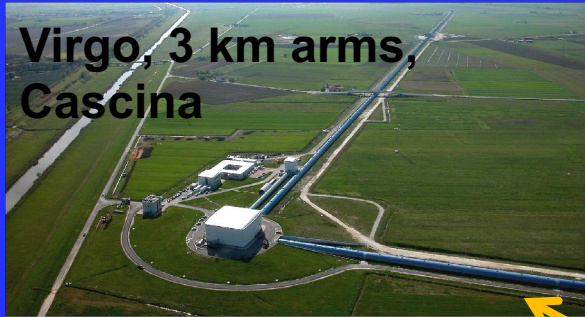
Gravitational waves emerge from specific motions of massive objects in space (for example compact binaries)



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Current network of 2-G GW detectors



LIGO

GEO 600

LIGO

VIRGO

LIGO INDIA

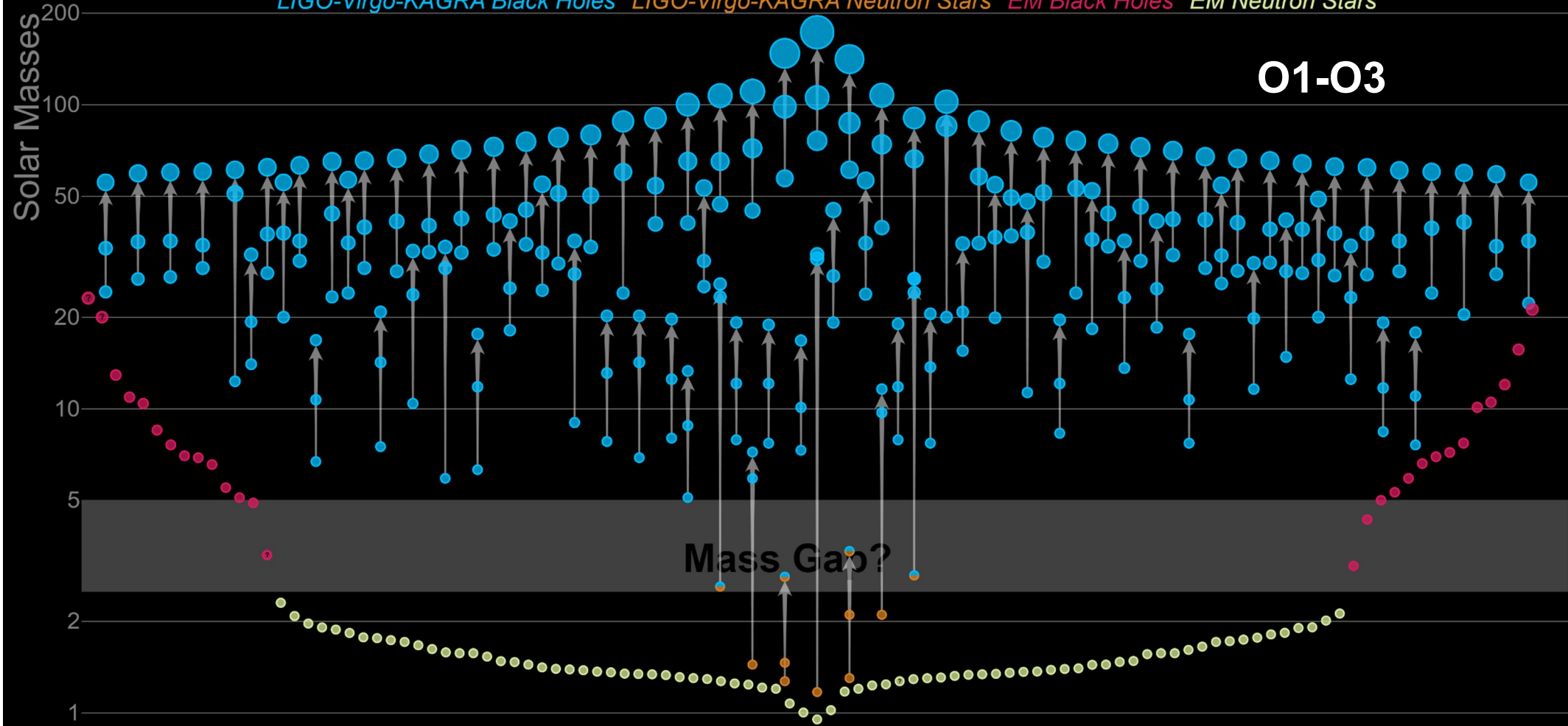
KAGRA

~2030



Masses in the Stellar Graveyard

LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA Black Holes LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA Neutron Stars EM Black Holes EM Neutron Stars



LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA | Aaron Geller | Northwestern

*Check the [GWTC 3 population study](#) and the recent [GW230529 181500](#)

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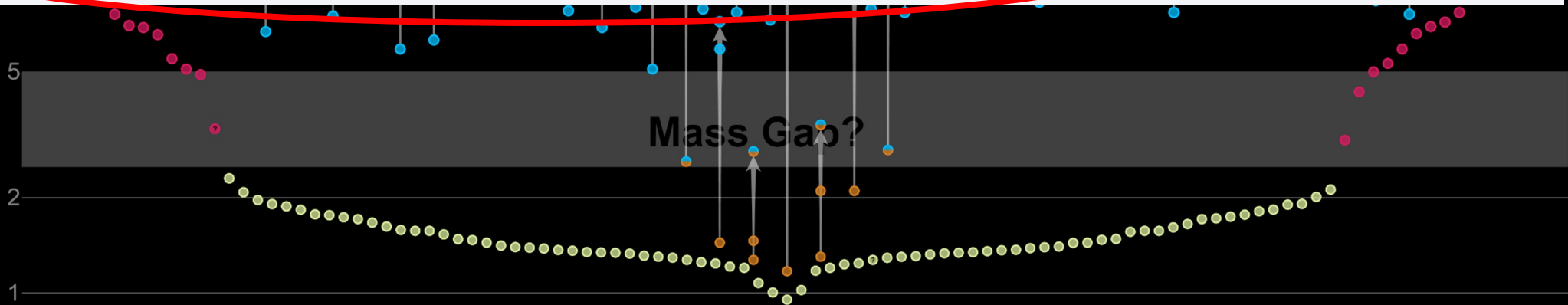
Solar Masses

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LIGO/Virgo/KAGRA Public Alerts

- More details about public alerts are provided in the [LIGO/Virgo/KAGRA Alerts User Guide](#).
- Retractions are marked in red. Retraction means that the candidate was manually vetted and is no longer considered a candidate of interest.
- Less-significant events are marked in grey, and are not manually vetted. Consult the [LVK Alerts User Guide](#) for more information on significance in O4.
- Less-significant events are not shown by default. Press "**Show All Public Events**" to show significant and less-significant events.

O4 Significant Detection Candidates: 105 (119 Total - 14 Retracted)

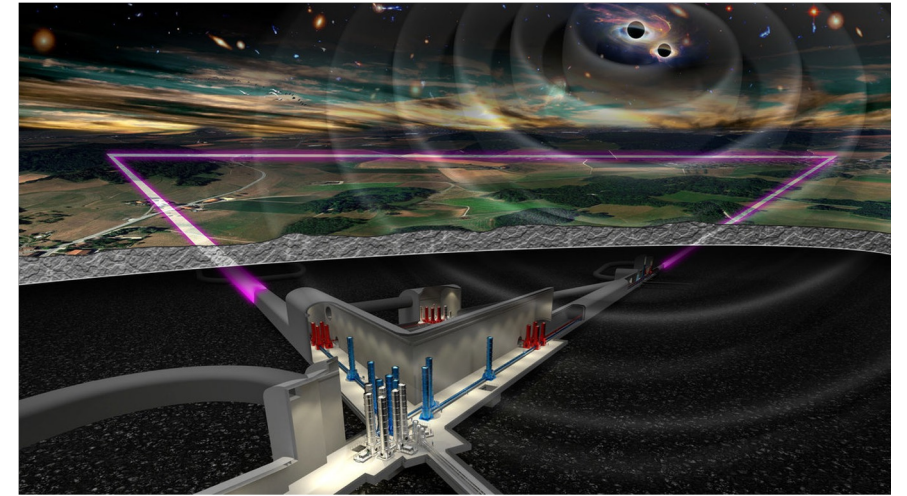


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3-G GW detector in EU, the Einstein Telescope

Third-generation gravitational wave observatory consisting of

- .3 nested GW detectors arranged in a triangular shape
- .10 KM long arms per detector (vs. 3/4 of Virgo/LIGO)
- .Each detector will have 2 interferometers working at
 - .low frequency (~2-40 Hz) → low laser power, cryogenic mirrors
 - .High frequency(40-several kHz) → high laser power, room temperature

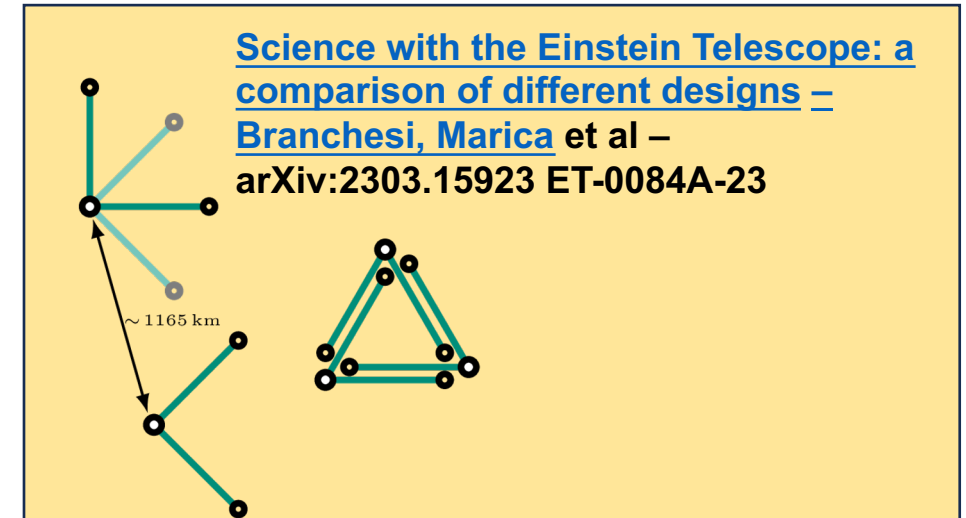


To reduce gravity gradient **noise** and seismic noise (hence improving sensitivity at low frequencies)
ET will be built underground (current design is 200m)

Two (+1) candidate sites to host the telescope, with [ongoing site characterization work](#)

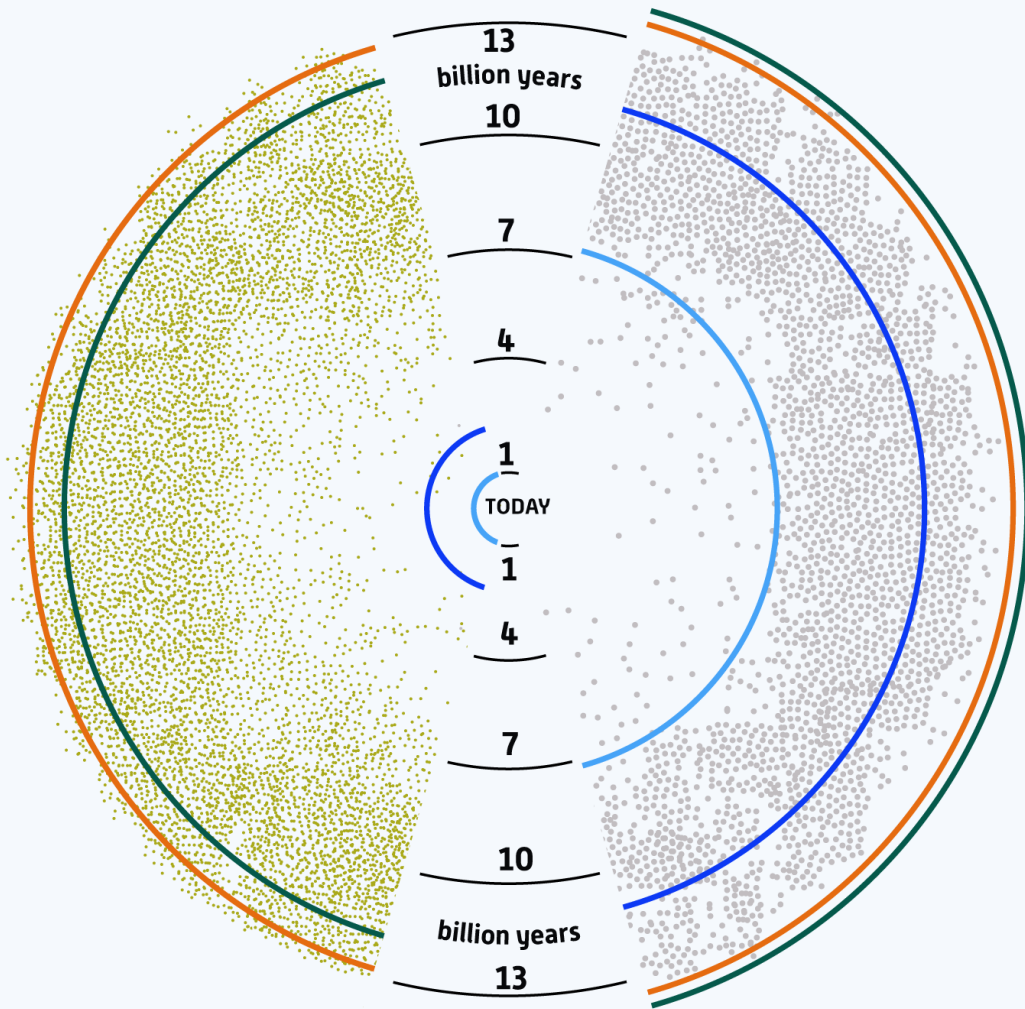
- .Sardegna, Sos Enattos mine
- .Euregio Meuse-Rhine
- .Saxony (under discussion)

Why 3 detectors? Because it will be sensitive to both polarisations rather than their linear combination. However, a second option with two L-shaped antennas at ~1000 km distance and with a 45 deg angle wrt each other has better sensitivity overall



Why a 3-G GW of detectors?

REWORKED IMAGE FROM [FONTE ASTRO-PH 2109.09882]





- Eistein Telescope**

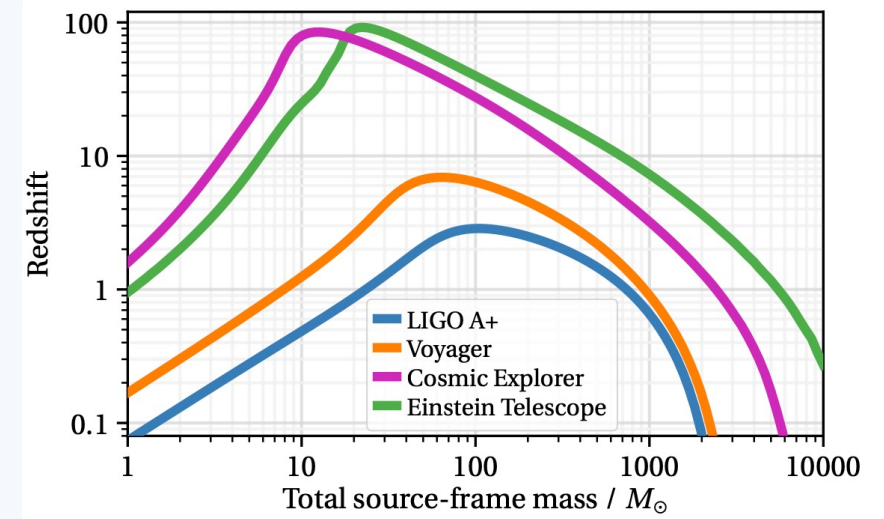
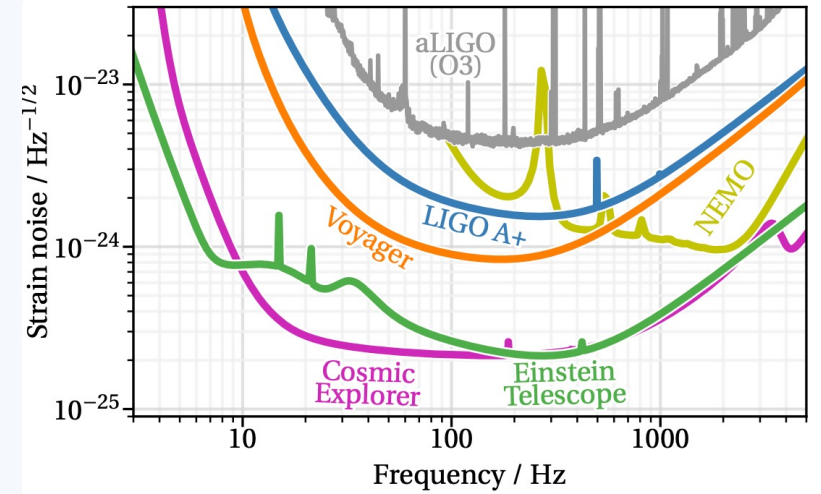
- Cosmic Explorer**

- Advanced LIGO A+
e Advanced Virgo +**

- Advanced LIGO and
Advanced Virgo**

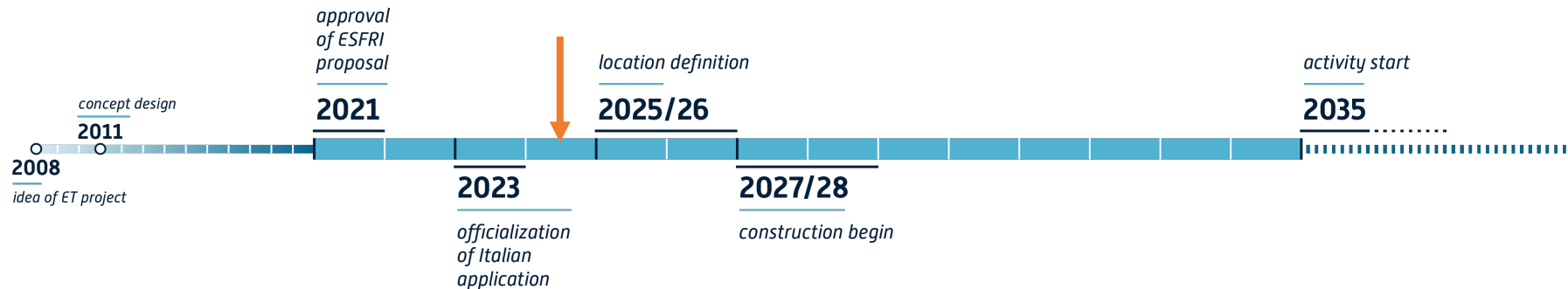
 Binary black hole coalescence
30 solar mass

 Binary neutron star coalescence
1.4 solar mass



Activities at HEPHY have recently started

- HEPHY participate in ET, in collaboration with the group of Prof. M. Mapelli from Heidelberg University
 - Contributions to the Observational Science Board (various divisions).
 - Participation in the ET bluebook (on ArXiv in September).
 - Topics: intermediate-mass black holes, (fast) alert generation, population studies, etc.
- A local ET research unit in Vienna is planned and will be formed in the future
 - synergies possible with various Austrian institutes (ISTA, Leoben, Linz, Uni Wien, Uni Innsbruck).
 - synergies with other HEPHY groups (electronics, machine learning).
- HEPHY will also join Virgo in the coming months and participate in the analysis of data
- ISAPP 2025 Summer School on “[Gravitational waves, from theory to detection](#)” will take place in Vienna in July 2025.



TOTAL INVESTMENT > 1.912.0 million euros

Backup material

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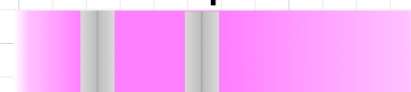
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LIGO



Virgo

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See text



KAGRA

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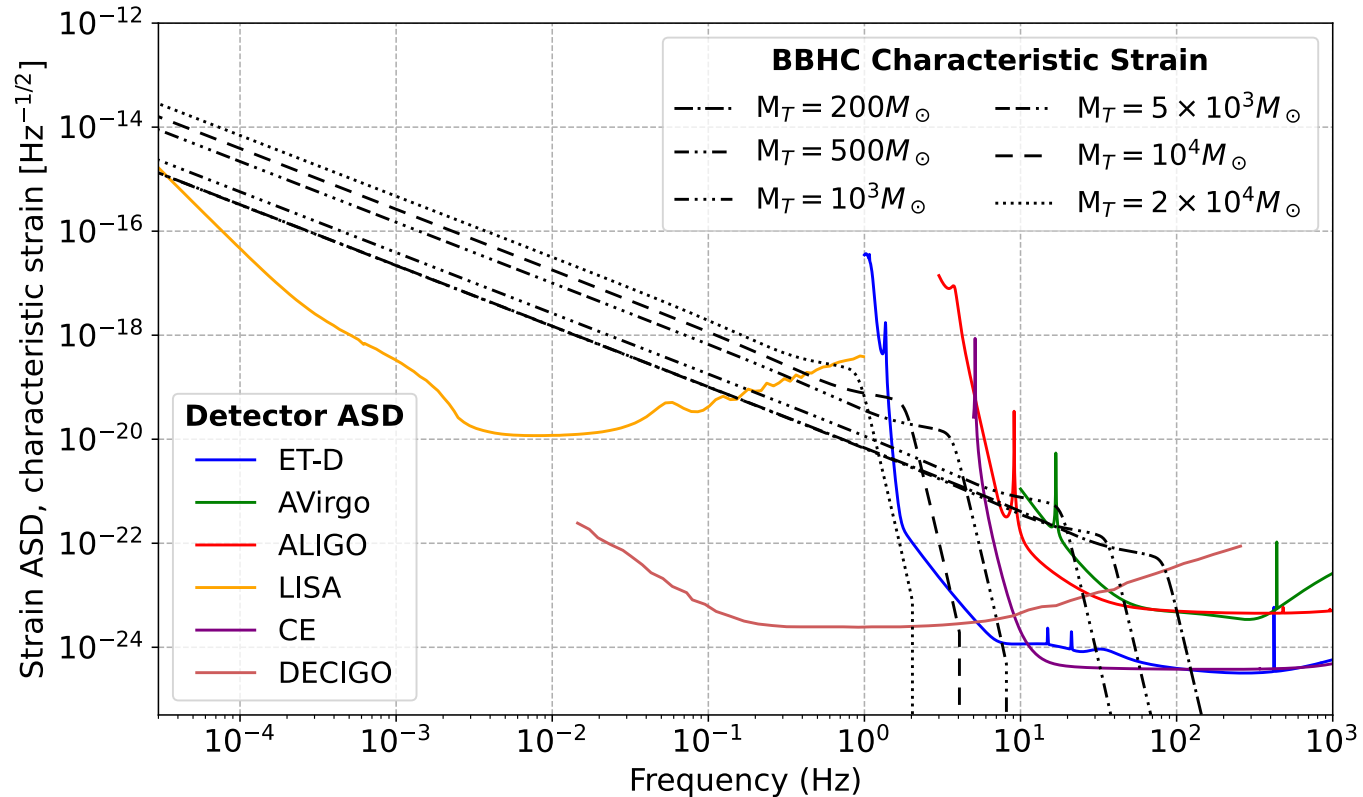
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IMBH GW signals and detector sensitivities: mass and distance insights

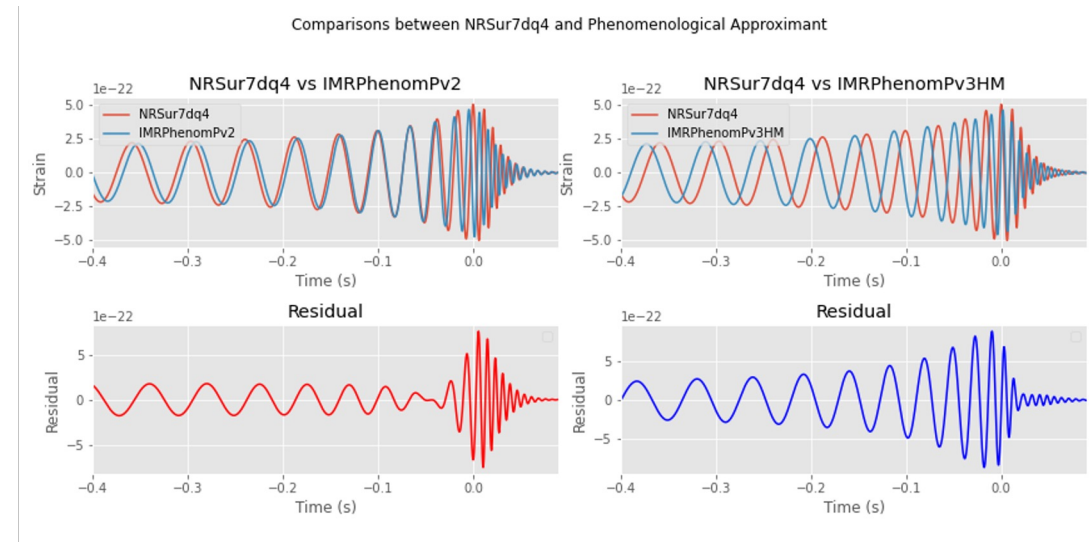
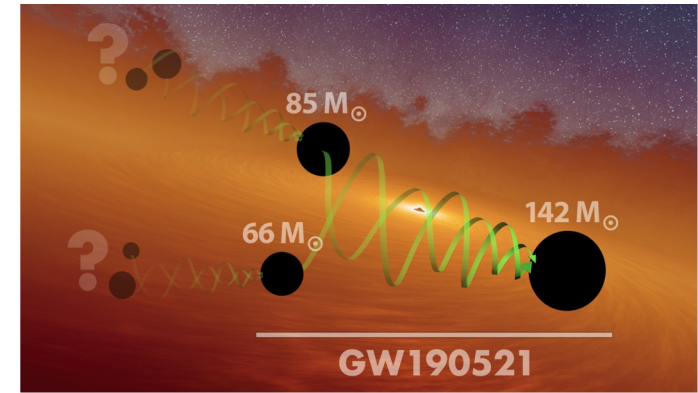
Preliminary study, uses **IMRPhenomD** as waveform approximant.

Unofficial sensitivity curves obtained from <https://dcc.ligo.org/LIGO-T1500293/public>



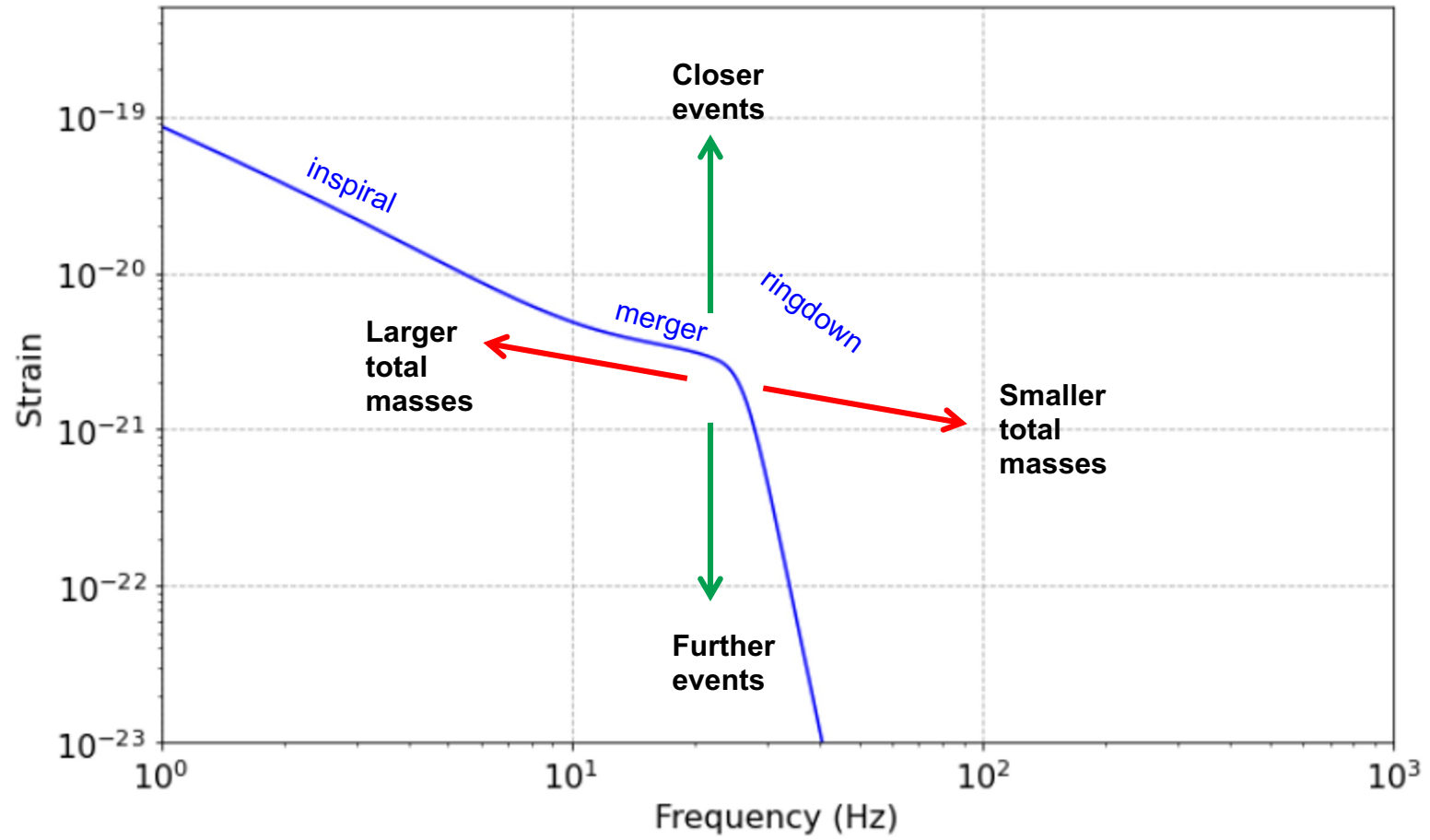
The inspiral phase of IMBHs' coalescence will be for years within the sensitive region of LISA who can in turn provide details to ET: multiband GW studies!

Preliminary results presented at the [ET Symposium in Maastricht, May 6-10](#)



Different approximants produce very different waveforms, with differences as large as the original GW amplitude. Higher order modes becomes not negligible.

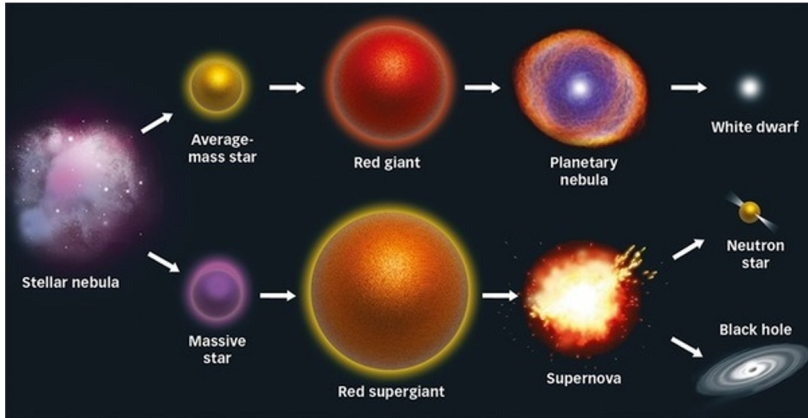
Effects of mass and distance on GW strain signals from compact binary coalescence



Stellar, supermassive and intermediate-mass black holes

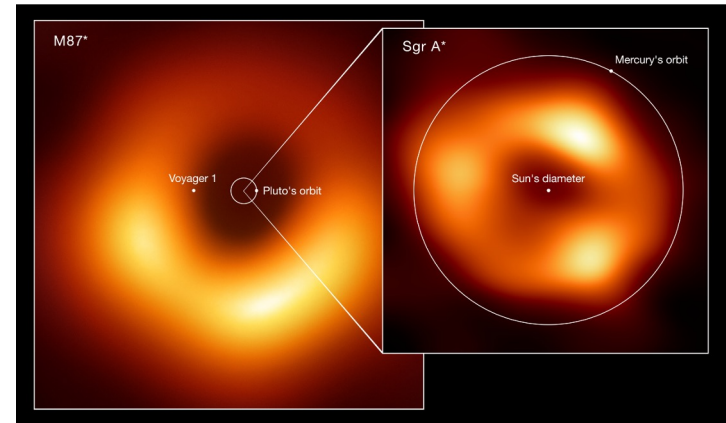
Stellar black holes (SBHs)

- .Masses ranging from 5^* to few $\times 10 M_{\odot}$
- .Forms in the final stage of evolution of stars from stellar collapse
- .Can exist isolated or in binary systems



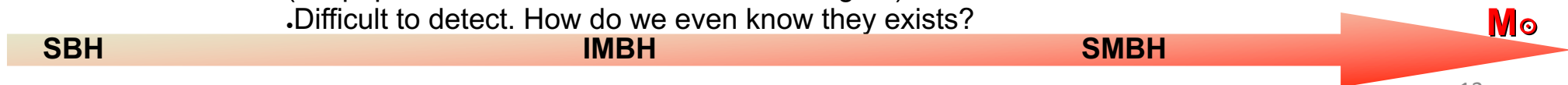
Supermassive black holes (SMBHs)

- .Very large masses of $10^6 - 10^9 M_{\odot}$
- .Typically located in the center of galaxies
- .Grow through accretion disk of gas and dust around them
- .Core of AGNs



Intermediate-mass black holes (IMBHs)

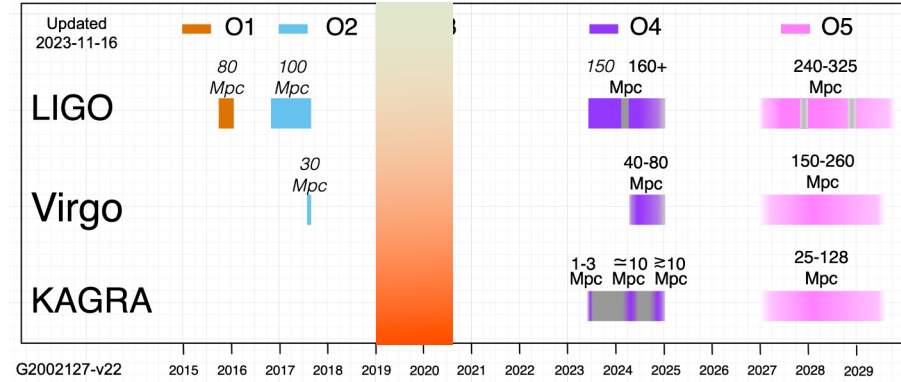
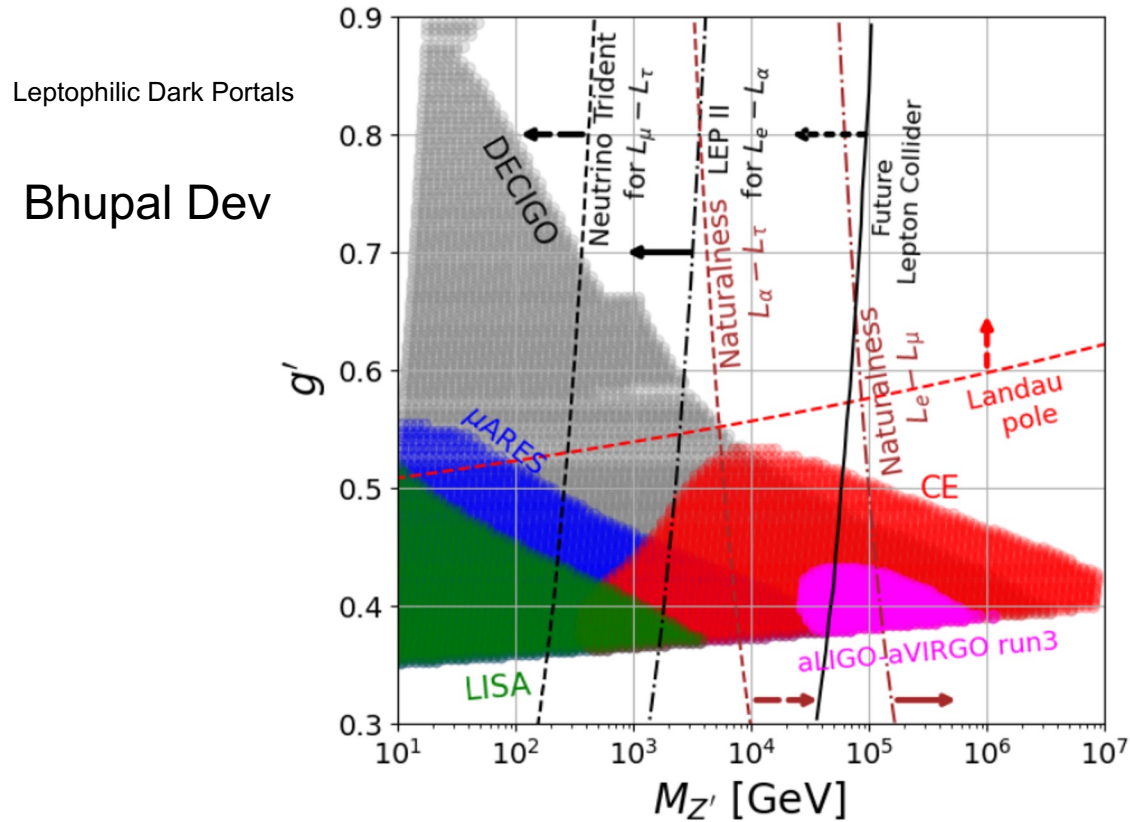
- .Masses of the order of $10^2 - 10^5 M_{\odot}$
- .Various models for their origin – no general consensus (ex. population III stars vs. hierarchical mergers)
- .Difficult to detect. How do we even know they exist?



Gravitational waves probing fundamental physics, leptophilic Z'

First-order phase transition if scalar sector is conformally invariant:

$$V_{\text{tree}} = \lambda_H (H^\dagger H)^2 + \lambda (\Phi^\dagger \Phi)^2 - \lambda' (\Phi^\dagger \Phi) (H^\dagger H).$$



This data used We are here

Enhanced sensitivity with already available new set of data

[Dasgupta, BD, Han, Padhan, Wang, Xie, 2308.12804 (JHEP '23)]

- Heavy boson fields might be responsible for phase transitions, strong enough to generate gravitational waves → stochastic, not observed so far → set upper limits
- New, complementary, way with respect to typical HEP measurements with even more accessible parameter space.
- More analysis methodologies and results can be expected in the very near future.