

# Gravitational Wave Probes of Fundamental Physics

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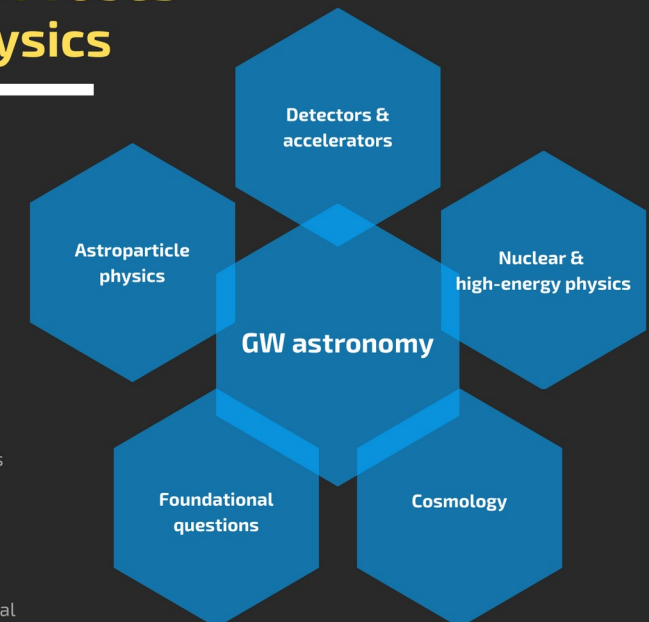
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## Gravitational Wave Probes of Fundamental Physics

A cross-cutting initiative for a common platform to:

- Foster synergies among astroparticle, atomic, nuclear, high-energy, and gravitational physics, cosmology, and GW and multi-messenger astronomy
- Strengthen the connection between the theoretical and experimental/observational communities
- Share expertise, tools, cutting edge technologies to attack multidisciplinary problems
- Train a new generation of researchers with diverse expertise and background
- Share and disseminate knowledge in fundamental physics



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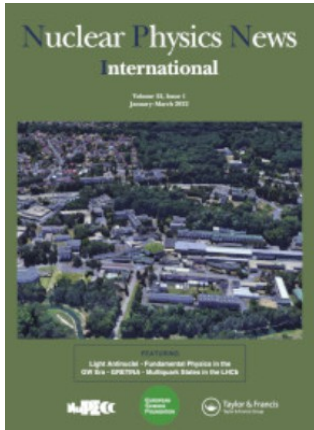
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# Outline

1. Science of the GW-FP initiative
2. Current and future activities
3. Overview on the science of the Einstein Telescope (ET)

# GW science: much more than Astro



feature article

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## Fundamental Physics in the Gravitational-Wave Era

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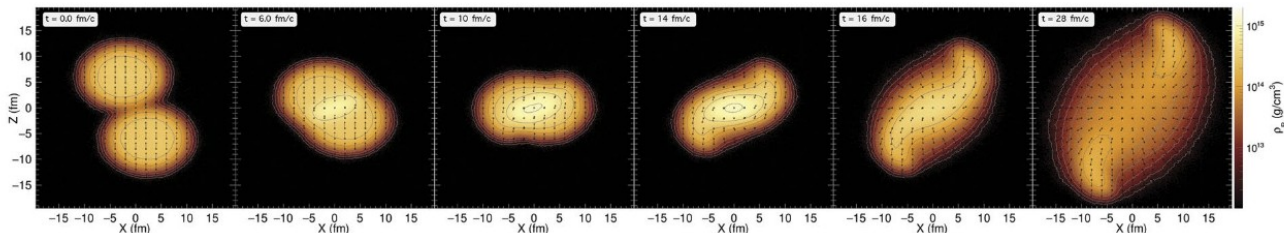
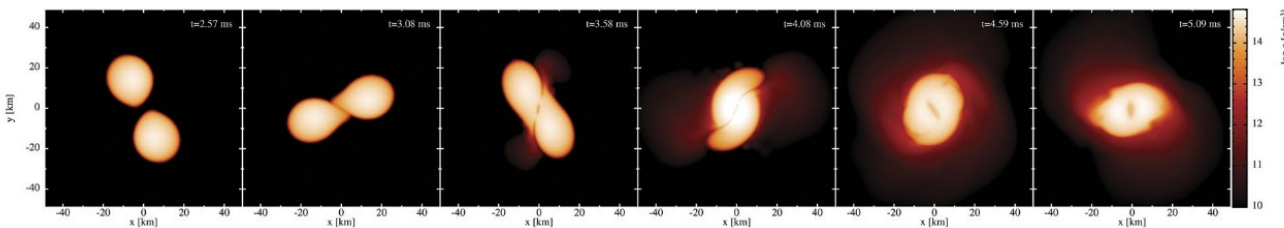
- ▶ GW revolution opened new avenues for fundamental physics:
  - ▶ Matter under extreme conditions
  - ▶ Multimessenger astronomy: role of nuclear and atomic physics
  - ▶ GWs & Cosmology
  - ▶ Fundamental problems in high-energy and gravitational physics
- ▶ Multidisciplinary, cross-cutting effort at the interface between different communities → synergies, complementarities, community building

# Matter under extreme conditions

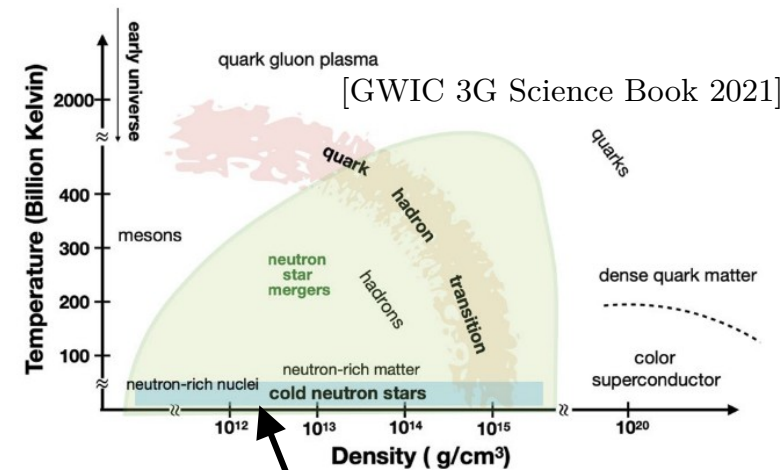
GWs from binary neutron-star mergers provide a way to investigate strongly interacting matter at ultra-high density, temperature, and isospin

- ▶ Equation of state (EoS) & phase structure in the core (hyperons? quarks?)
- ▶ Temperature and densities comparable to heavy-ion collisions
- ▶ Single ET detection will constrain EoS at unprecedented levels

Neutron-star merger [Rosswog-Diener CQG 2021]



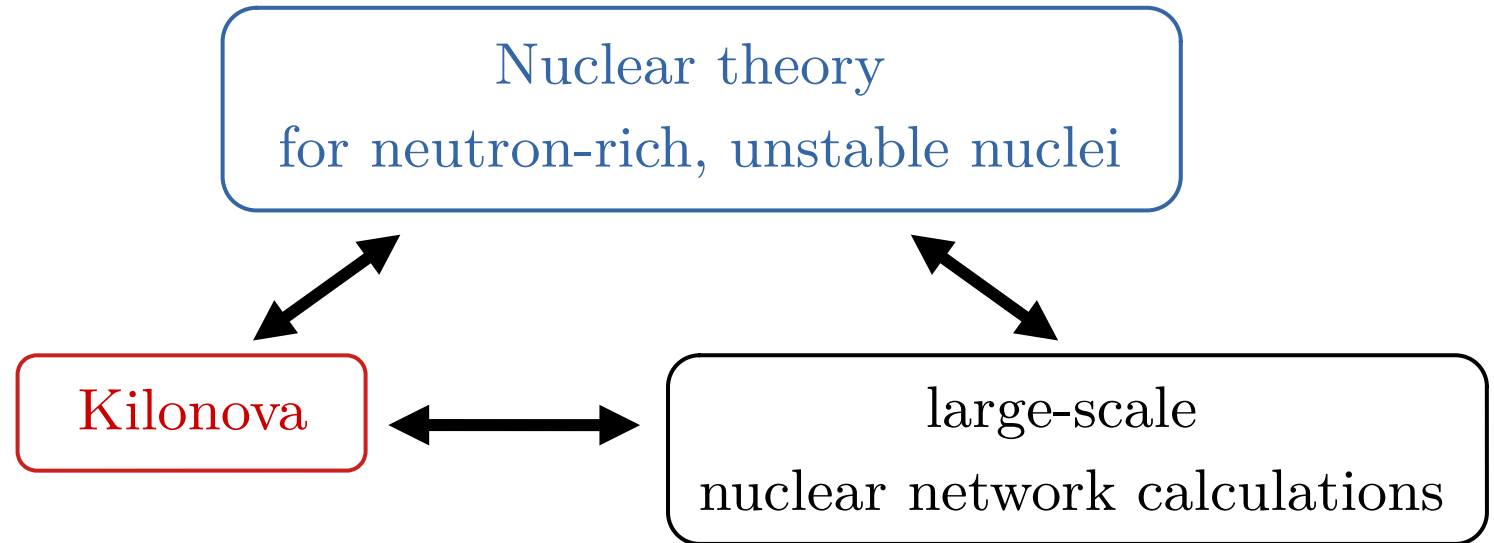
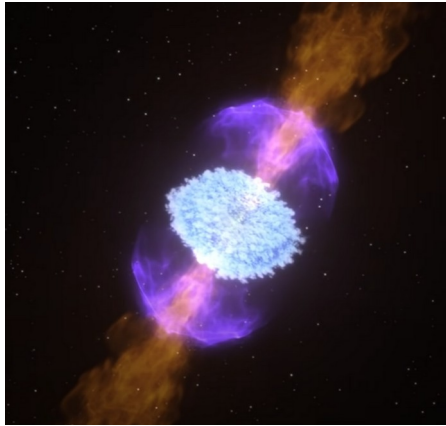
Heavy-ion collision [HADES, Nature Physics 2019]



Synergies to explore  
quark-hadron phase transition

# Nuclear/Atomic physics & Multimessenger

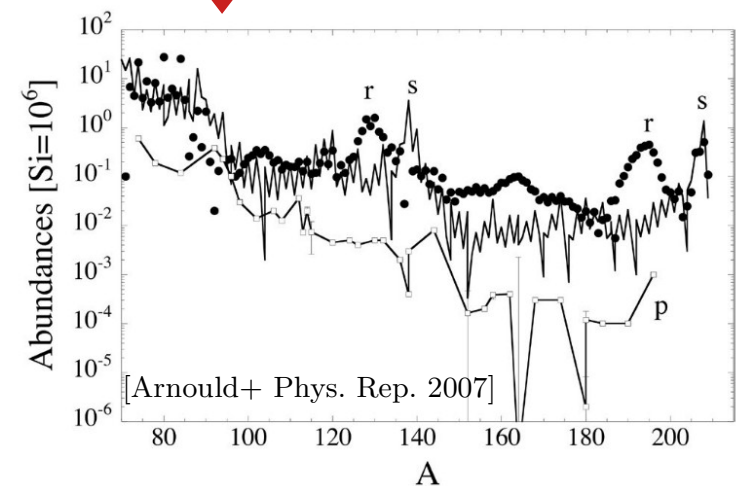
EM counterpart of GW170817 is the strongest evidence to date of heavy-element nucleosynthesis through the r-process



5K+ nuclei; 50K+ reactions

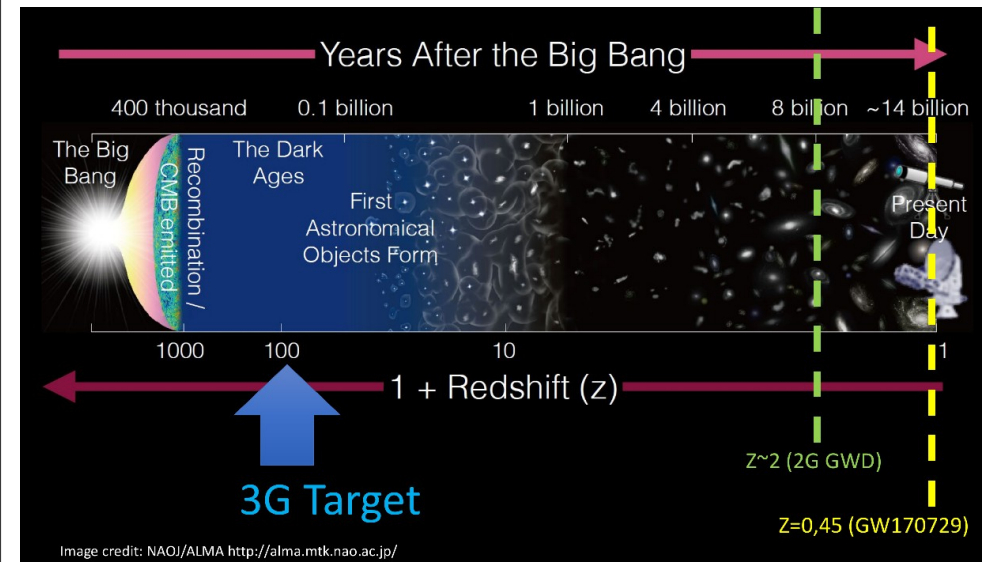
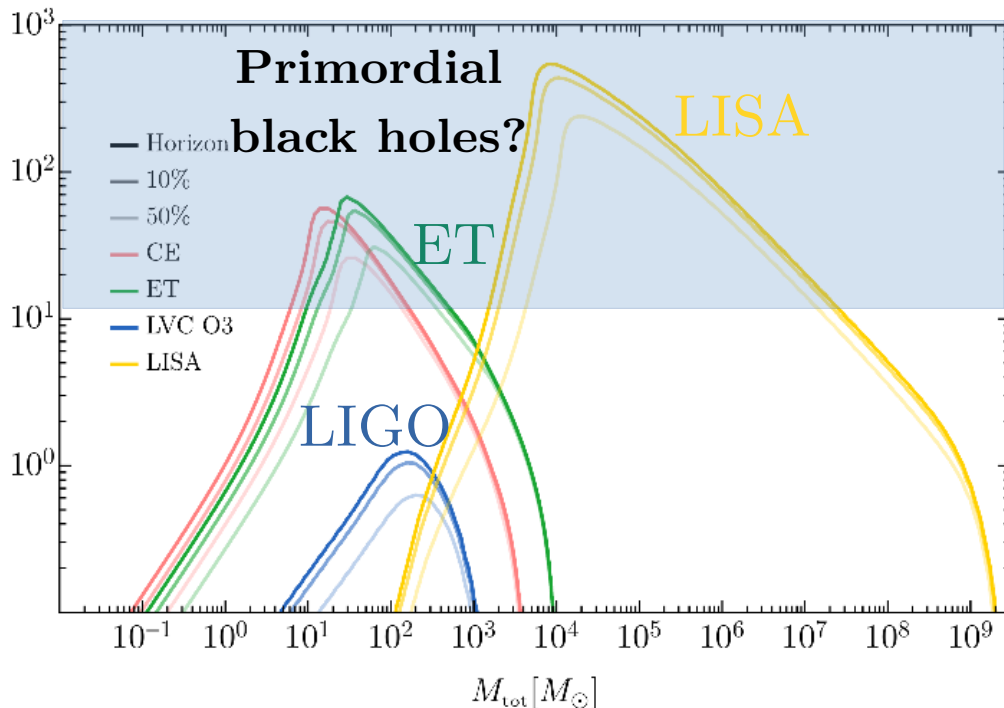
Appearance and detectability of kilonovae strongly depends on atomic physics

Future X-ray missions (XRISM, Athena, NICER, GRAVITY) → high-res spectra



# GWs & Cosmology

- ▶ GW standard sirens at large redshift can measure **Hubble constant** and shed light on **dark energy** and **modified gravity**
- ▶ Stochastic GW background → **inflation** and **phase transitions**
- ▶ 3G/LISA: unique discovery machines for **primordial black holes** (may be 100% of the dark matter)

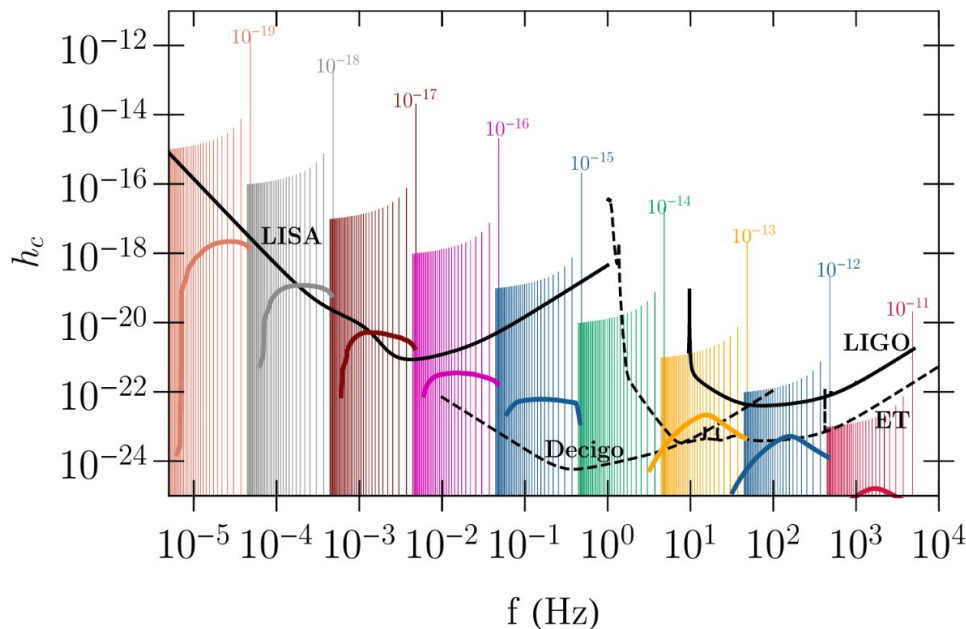




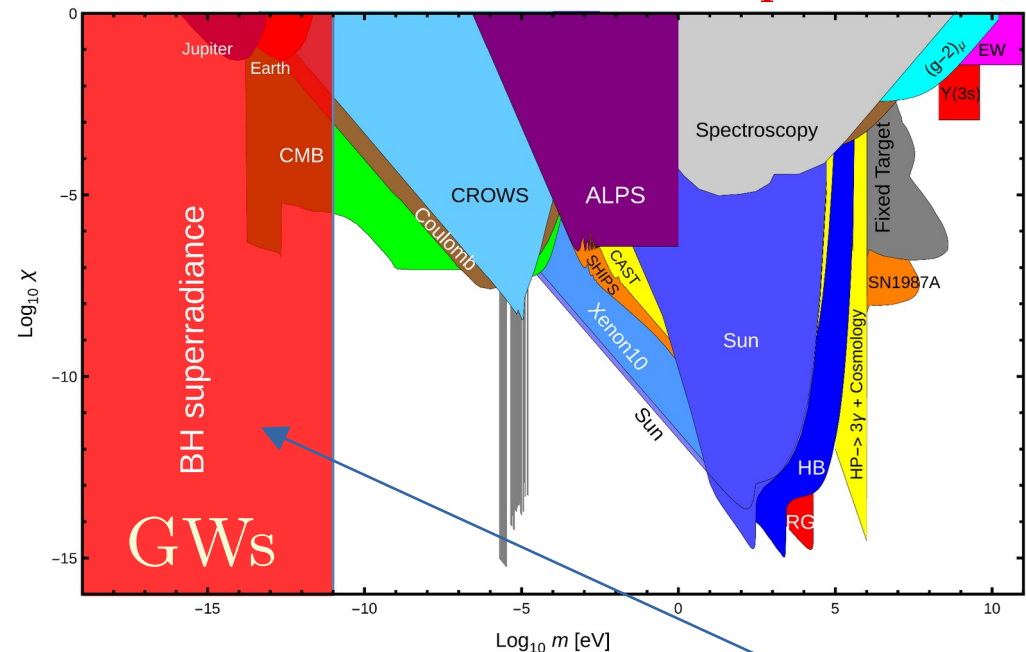
# Fundamental Physics and GWs

- ▶ GWs searches for dark matter & new fundamental fields
- ▶ Classical and quantum extensions of General Relativity
- ▶ Hep techniques to compute waveforms (eg. EFT, scattering amplitudes)

## GWs from ultralight dark matter (axion ALPs, dark photons, ...)



## Constraints on dark photons



Detectable also in the DM “nightmare” scenario! (i.e. ~no coupling to SM)

# GW probes of dark matter

Bertone+ 2020





# Community building



200+ (online) participants

Brought together experts from  
GW, hep, & Cosmo communities

**FEBRUARY 8-12, 2021**  
ONLINE WORKSHOP ON ZOOM  
<https://agenda.infn.it/e/PBH-GW>

**PRIMORDIAL BLACK HOLES  
CONFRONT  
GRAVITATIONAL-WAVE DATA**

**INVITED SPEAKERS:**  
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# Connection with EuCAPT

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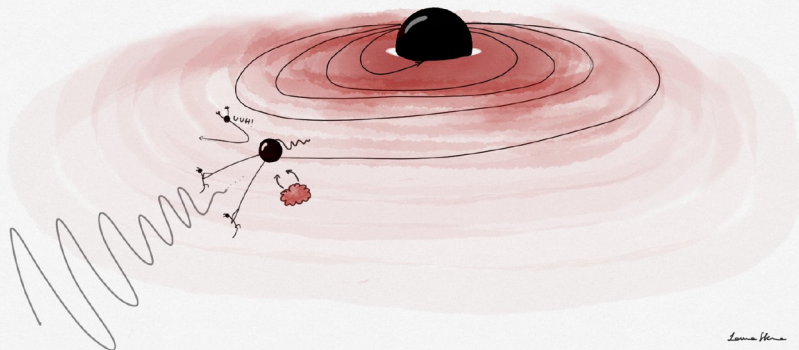
Expected ~100 (in-person) participants



**JUNE 15-17 2022**  
SAPIENZA UNIVERSITY OF ROME

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## GRAVITATIONAL WAVE PROBES OF BLACK HOLE ENVIRONMENTS






OVERVIEW ON CURRENT AND FUTURE STATUS OF GW OBSERVATIONS  
GW SEARCHES FOR DARK MATTER  
ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS IN GW ASTRONOMY AND TESTS OF GRAVITY  
ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS & PRIMORDIAL BLACK HOLES  
MODELLING ACCRETION ONTO BLACK HOLES  
INNOVATIVE DATA ANALYSIS AND SEARCH PIPELINES

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# GWS*Sci*: a COST Action proposal



	Astrophysics	GR dynamics & Modeling	Cosmology	Fundamental Physics
Black Holes and their binaries	MBH growth; AGN spectroscopy; BBH formation channels; BH masses/spins, supernovae; ...	Inspiral: pN, EOB, EFT, amplitudes; phenom. Models; nonlinear dynamics in and beyond GR; ...	Nature of DM and DE; structure formation; primordial BHs; standard sirens; ...	BH hair & new fields; tests of GR; near-horizon quantum effects; nature of DM; ...
Neutron Stars and their binaries	Multimessenger astrophysics; EOS; NS structure; gamma ray bursts; kilonovas; ...	NS microphysics & imprint on GW; dynamical tides; postmerger oscillations; MHD ...	Multimessenger astrophysics and cosmological parameters; nature of DM; ...	EOS; QCD phase transitions; quark deconfinement; tests of GR & LV; new fields; ...
IMRIs & EMRIs	Dense stellar environments; EM counterparts; IMRI formation; MBH low redshift evolution, ...	BH perturbations & self force; Resonant and Environmental effects; Numerical Relativity ...	Standard sirens & cosmological parameters; nature of DM; primordial BHs; ...	BH hair & new fields, tests of GR; near-horizon quantum effects; nature of DM; ...
GW Backgrounds, Foregrounds, and Bursts	High redshift sources; GW confusion; hyperbolic encounter rates and parameters; ...	GWs from Cosmic Strings; Stochastic GWs; GWs from hyperbolic encounters; ...	Inflation; early universe phase transitions; cosmic strings; primordial BHs; ...	Early universe phase transitions; boson clouds; tests of GR & LV; ...

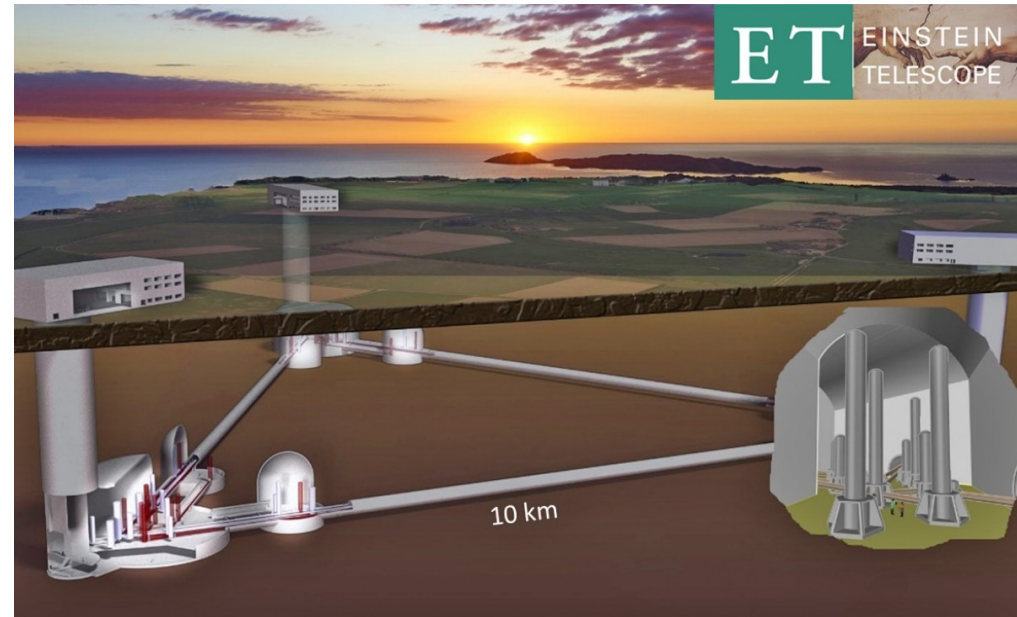
**GR:** General Relativity, **AGN:** Active Galactic Nucleus, **BH:** black hole, **BBH:** BH binary, **MBH:** Massive BH, **NS:** Neutron Star, **DM/DE:** Dark Matter/Energy, **EM:** Electromagnetic, **EOB:** Effective one-body, **EFT:** Effective Field Theory, **LV:** Lorentz Violations, **EOS:** Equation of State, **pN:** post-Newtonian, **QCD:** Quantum chromodynamics

- ▶ Budget: ~0.5M EUR (workshops, dissemination, scientific visits, esp. ECRs)
- ▶ Submitted in Oct 2021 – Results expected in May 2022

# Einstein Telescope (ET)

**ET pioneered the idea of a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation GW observatory:**

- New infrastructure capable to host future upgrades for **decades** without limiting the observation capabilities (~50yr time scale)
- Sensitivity **at least 10 times better** than (nominal) adv. detectors on a large fraction of the (detection) frequency band
- Dramatic improvement in sensitivity at **low frequency (few Hz – 10Hz) range** → intermediate-mass black holes
- **High reliability** and improved observation capability
- **Standalone localization** & polarization disentanglement



**Both precision physics and discovery machine!**



Proposal submitted by:

- Italy
- Belgium
- Netherlands
- Poland
- Spain

Project and collaboration activities now also include agencies and institutions belonging to:

- Austria
- France
- Germany
- Hungary
- Switzerland
- UK

Large preparatory funds available in some country (IT, NL, ...), an EU INFRA-DEV proposal just approved with a grant of 3.45M€ and an EU INFRA-TECH proposal has been just submitted

ET CA originally signed by 41 institutions

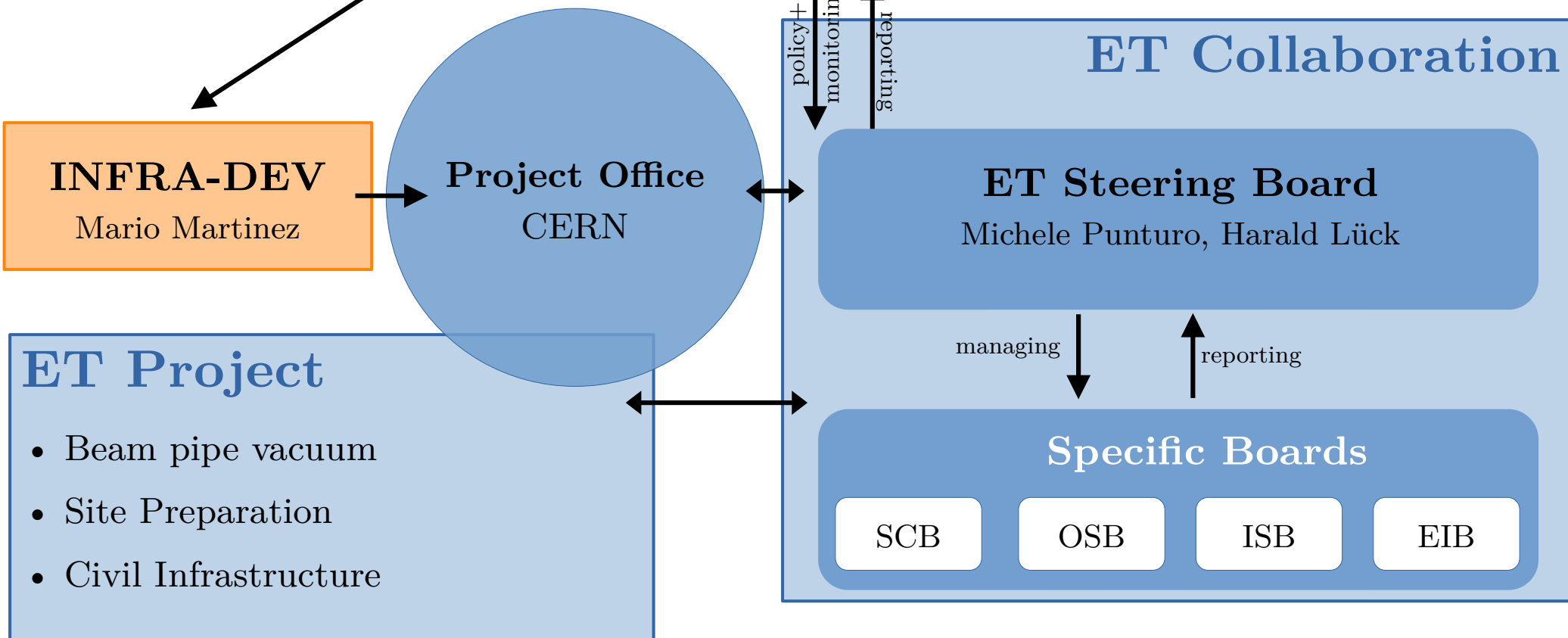
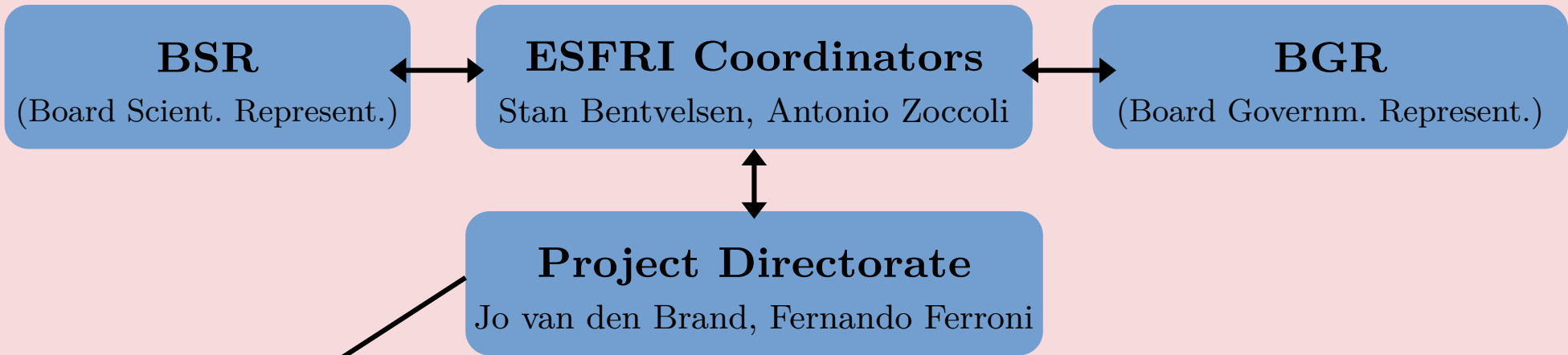
Consortium currently coordinated by INFN and Nikhef



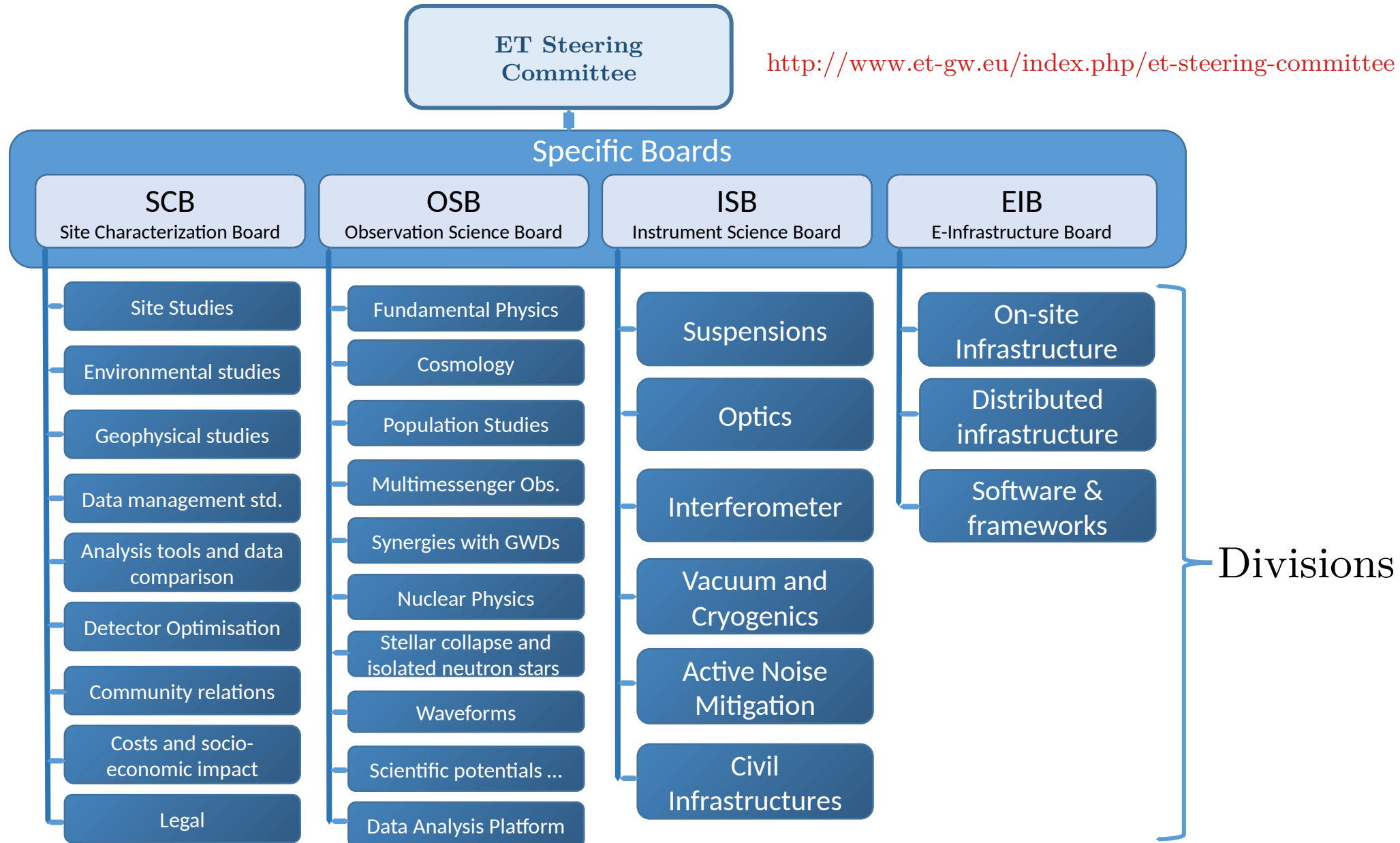
- ▶ NL: intended investment of 42M€ for geology, R&D, organization (+ 870M€ reserved in case of Dutch construction)
- ▶ Similar investments under discussion in IT (outcome expected by June 2022)



# Legal Entity: ET Observatory



# ET Collaboration: current organization



# XII ET Symposium



XII Einstein Telescope  
Symposium



Budapest June 7-8, 2022  
Formal birth of the ET collaboration

<https://indico.ego-gw.it/event/411/>

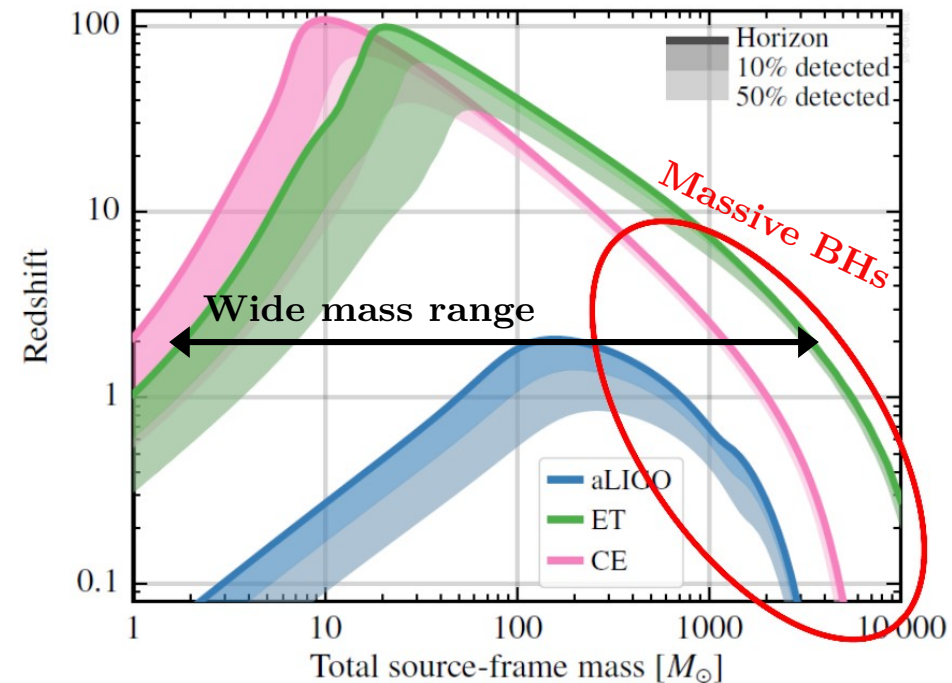
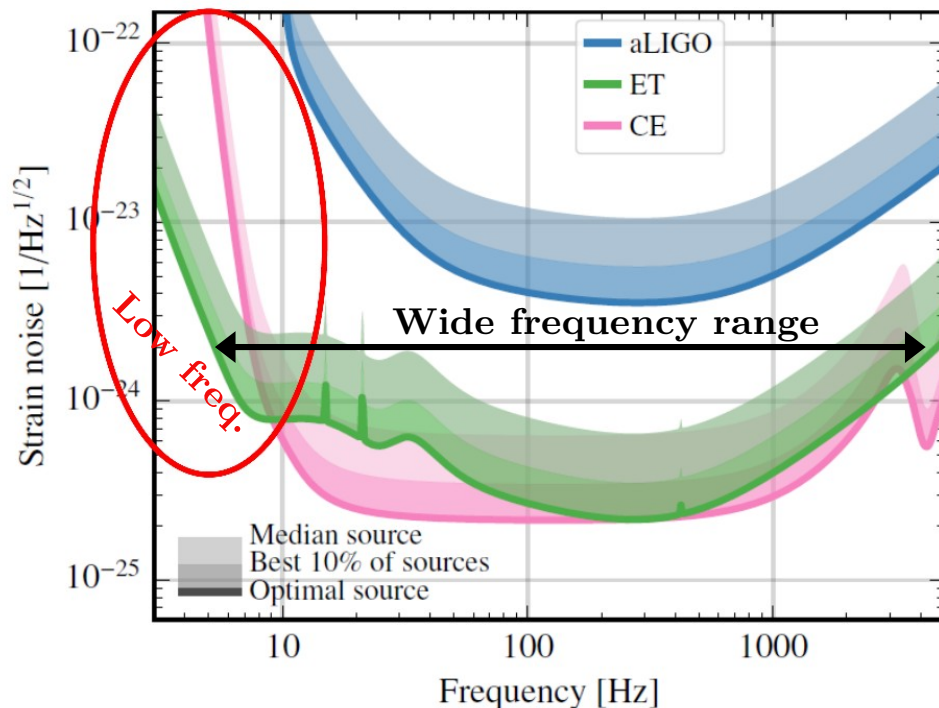
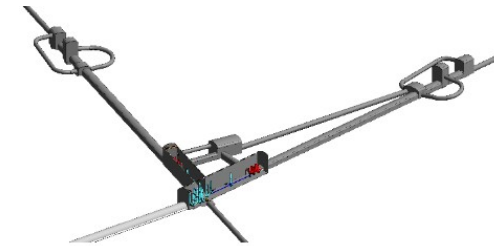
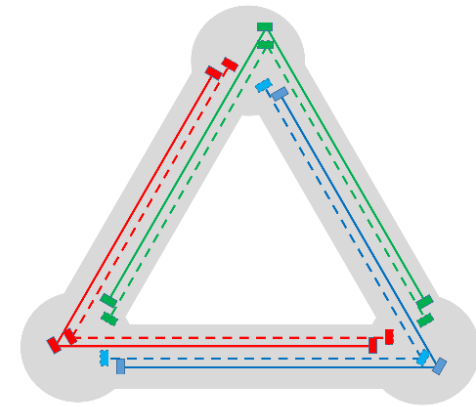
# ET key elements

## Requirements

- Wide frequency range
- Low-frequency sensitivity
- Localization capability
- (more) Uniform sky coverage
- Polarization disentanglement
- High reliability (high duty cycle)
- High SNR

## Design specifications

- Xylophone (multi-interferometer) design
- Underground
- Cryogenic
- Triangular shape
- Longer arms ( $>10\text{km}$ )



## Astrophysics:

- **Black hole properties**
  - Origin (stellar vs primordial)
  - Evolution, demography
- **Neutron star properties**
  - Interior structure (QCD at ultra-high densities, exotic states of matter)
  - Demography
- **Multi-band and -messenger astronomy**
  - Joint GW/EM observations (GRBs, kilonova)
  - Multiband GW detection (LISA)
  - Neutrinos
- **Detection of new astrophysical sources**
  - Core-collapse supernovae
  - Isolated neutron stars
  - Stochastic background of astrophysical origin

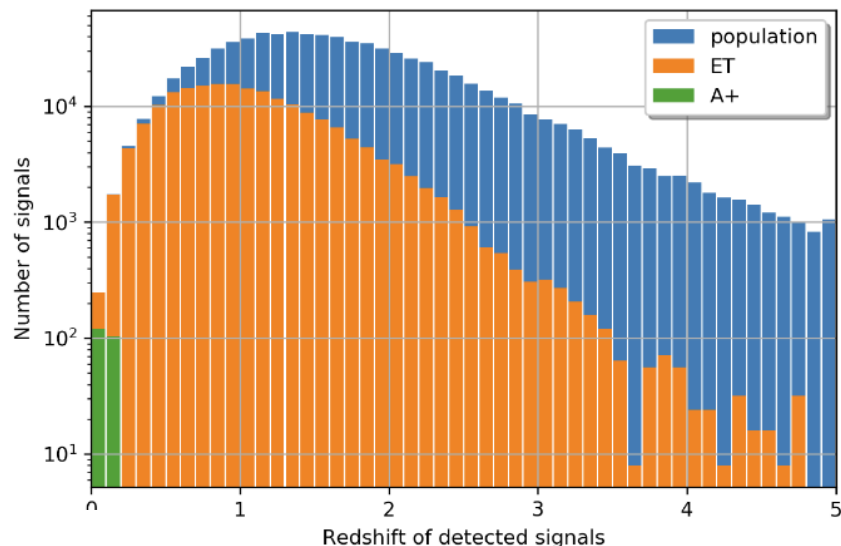
## Fund. physics & cosmology:

- **The nature of compact objects**
  - Near-horizon physics
  - Tests of no-hair theorem
  - Exotic compact objects
- **Tests of General Relativity**
  - Post-Newtonian expansion
  - Strong-field regime
- **Dark matter**
  - Primordial black holes
  - Axion clouds, environment
- **Dark energy & modified gravity**
  - Dark energy equation of state
  - Modified GW propagation
- **Stochastic background of cosmological origin**
  - Inflation, phase transition, cosmic strings

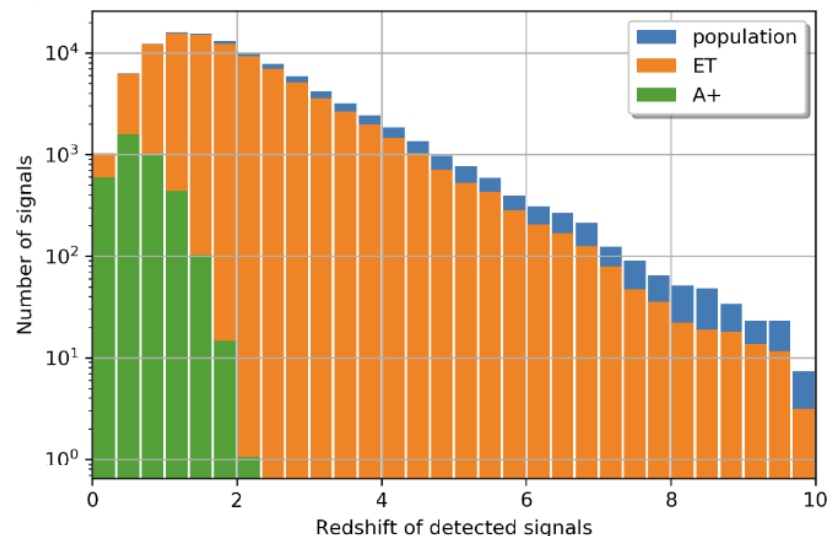


# BH & NS demography: $10^5$ events/yr (1 event every 5min)

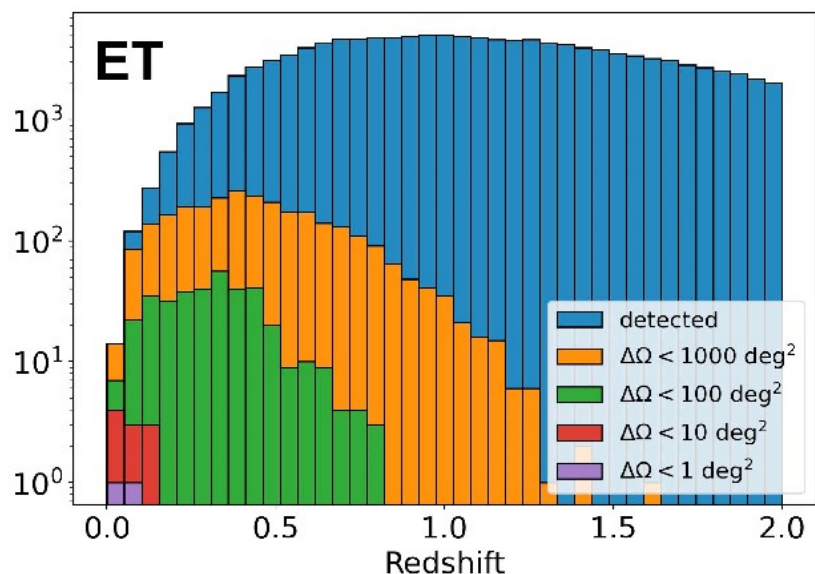
BNS mergers



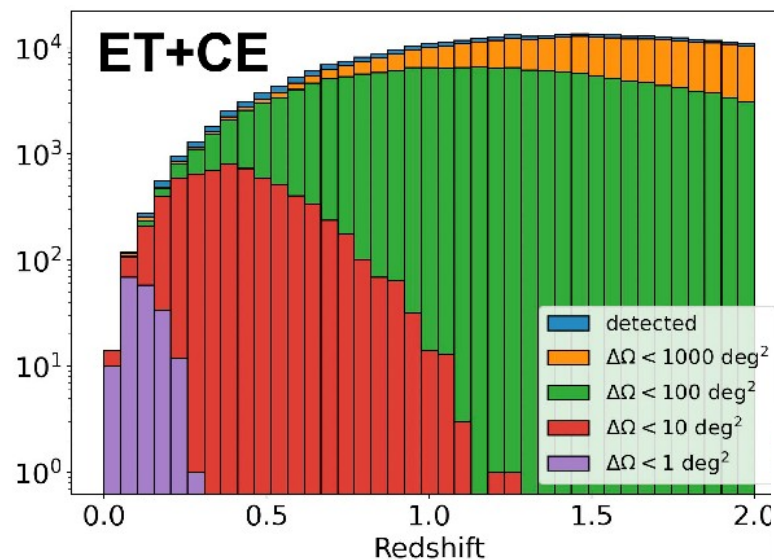
BBH mergers



Low-freq. sensitivity  $\rightarrow$  localization & early alerts



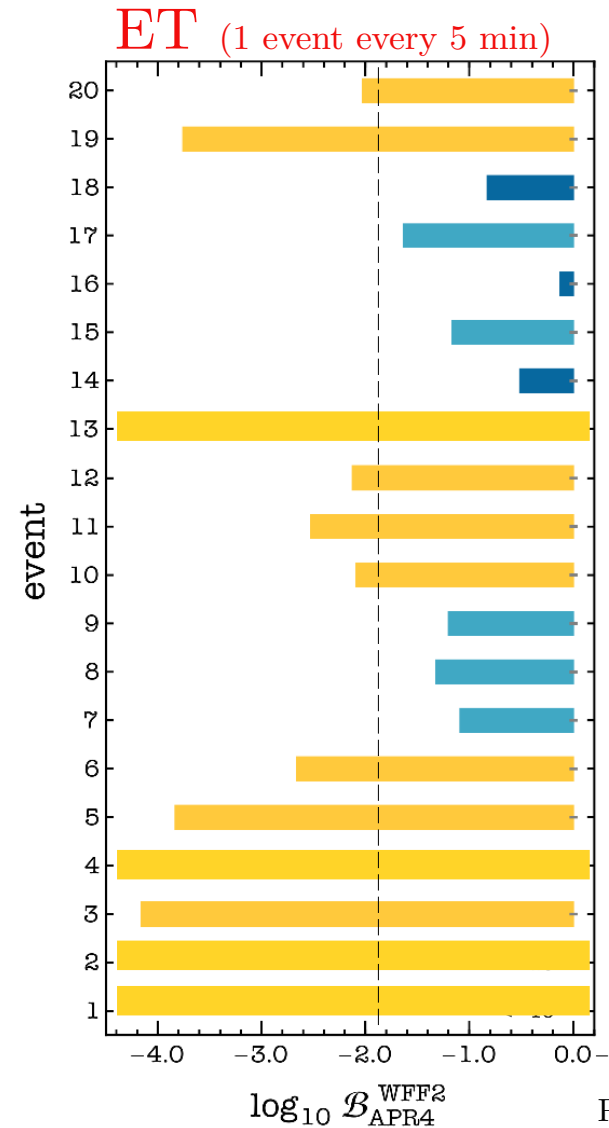
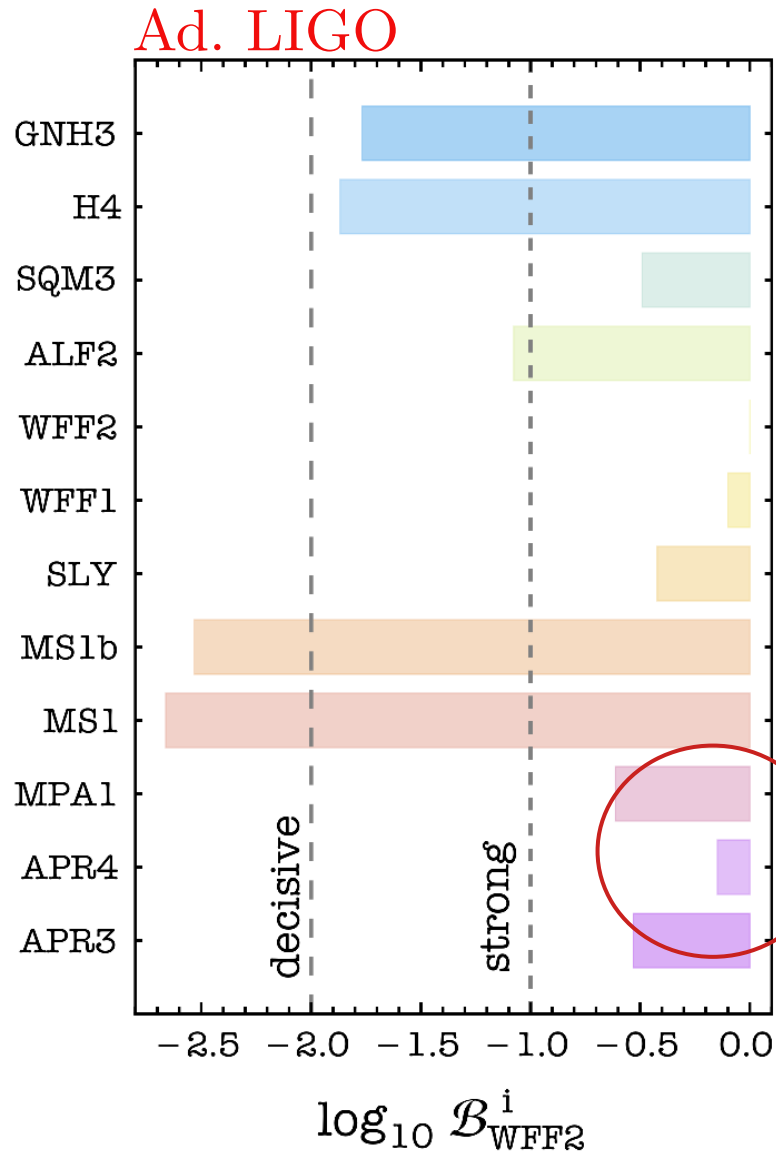
O(100) events/yr with  
sky-localization  $< 100 \text{ deg}^2$



O(1000) events/yr with  
sky-localization  $< 10 \text{ deg}^2$

credits: M.Branchesi

# EoS constraints with ET



Pacilio+ PRL 2022

GW170817 with LIGO/Virgo  
 → limited constraining power

GW170817-like in ET  
 → rule out most EoS

# Outlook of the Initiative

## ➤ Work in progress:

- Contribution to ET science (OSB Divisions & [Blue Book](#))
- Contribution to LISA science (FP & Cosmo WGs)
- Workshop organizations

## ➤ Goals for the future:

- Fund raising
  - Short-term Scientific Missions
  - Training next-gen of leaders in GW physics
  - Software Repositories
- Organization of working groups and recurrent meetings



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*Thanks for the attention!*



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# Backup slides

*“Nothing is More Necessary than  
the Unnecessary” [cit.]*

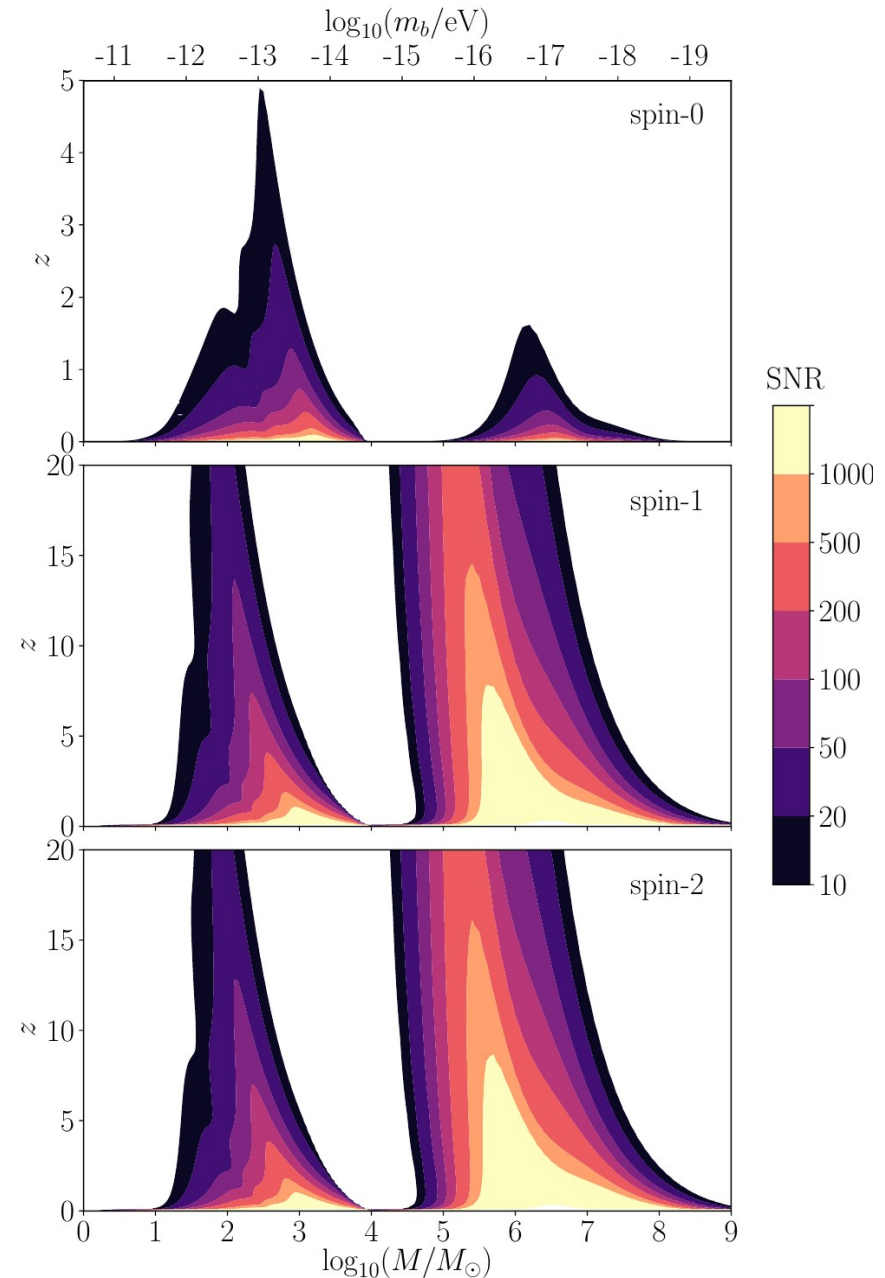






# ET-LISA horizon for ultralight DM

ET/LISA will be sensitive to ultralight dark matter around *any* black hole in the Universe!



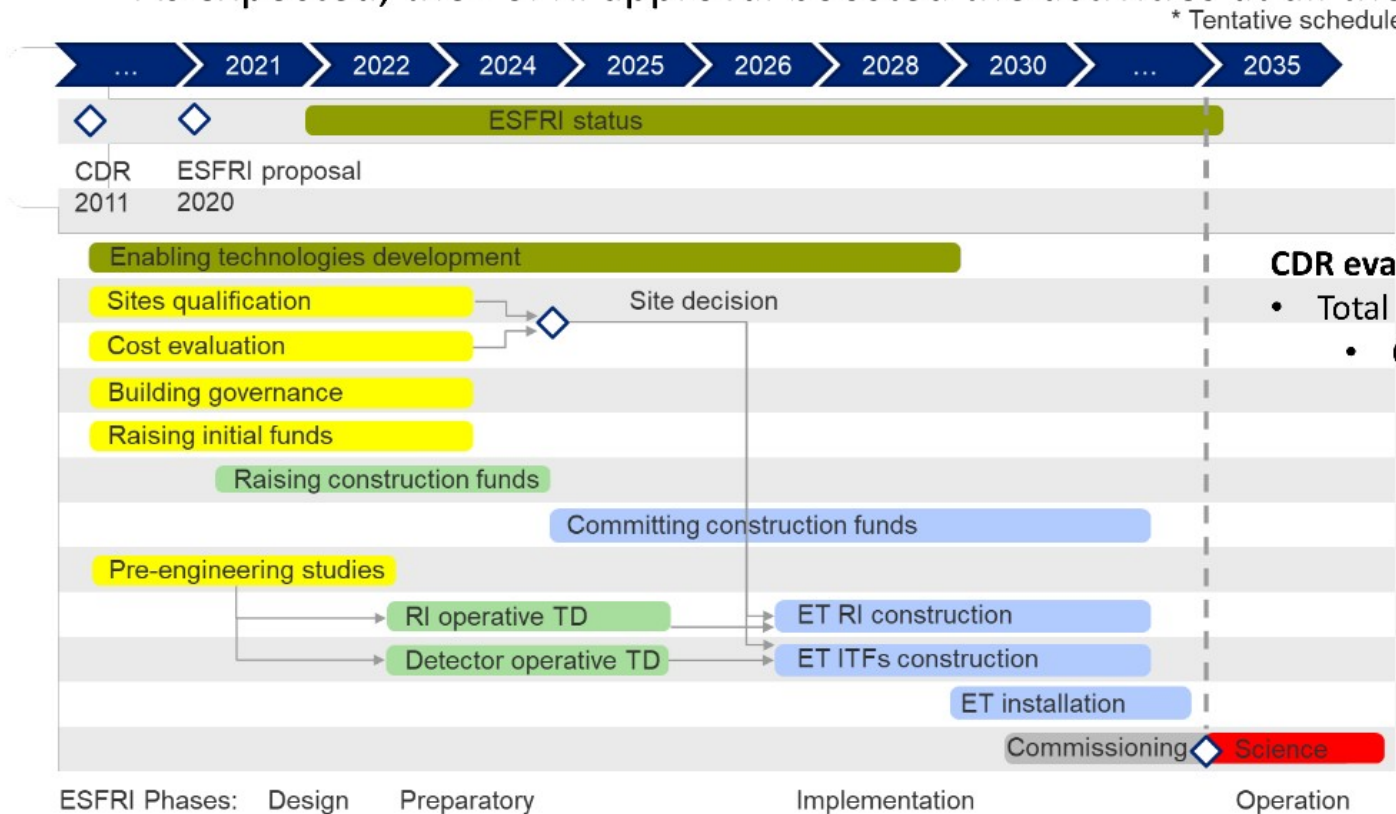
# ET timeline



- ET timeline presented to ESFRI

- As expected, the ESFRI approval boosted the activities at all the levels:

- Scientists
- Agencies
- Governments



**CDR evaluations:**

- Total budget ~ 2G€
- Observatory budget ~ 1.7G€
- Infrastructure Budget:
  - Civil infrastructure: ~930M€
  - Vacuum system: ~570M€

# ET site(s)

- Currently there are two European candidate sites to host ET:
  - The Sardinia site, close to the Sos Enattos mine
  - The EU Regio Rhine-Meuse (Limburg) site, close to the NL-B-D border
- A third option in Saxony (Germany) is under discussion

