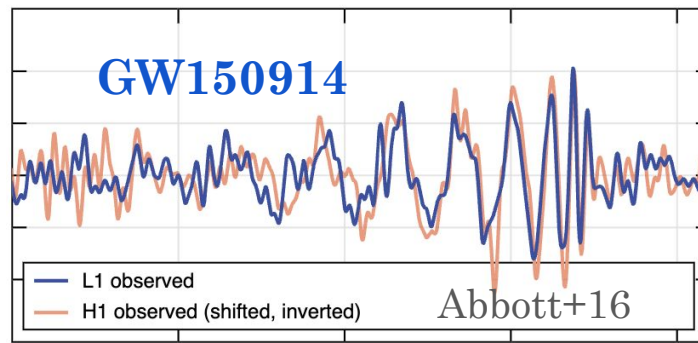




# The Quest to Detect Gravitational Wave (GW) Bursts

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Slides:

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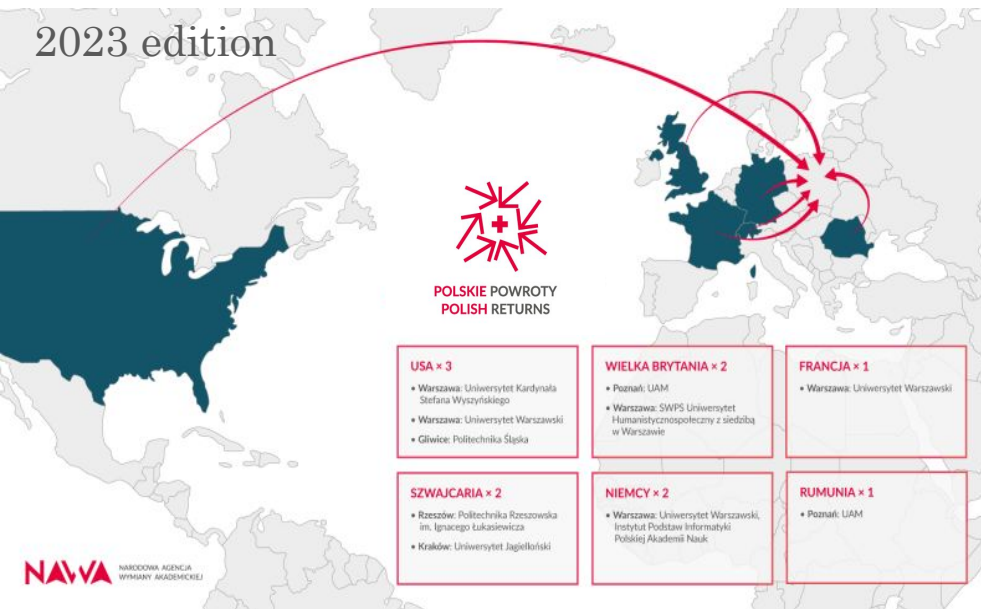


International Training Workshop on Frontiers  
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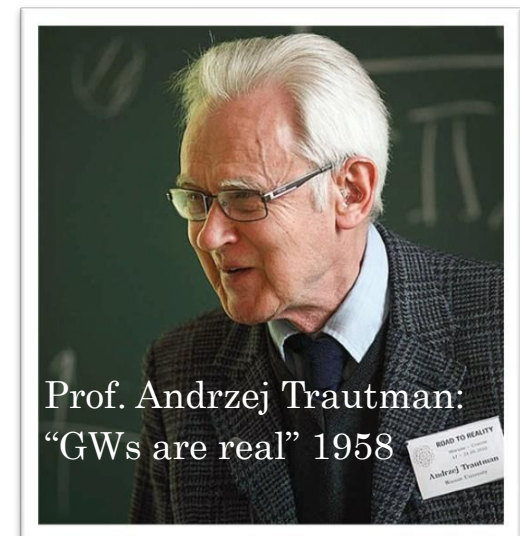
- B.A., M.Sc., University of Warsaw
- Ph.D., ~5 years: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Arizona)
- Postdoc, ~5 years: University of Florida
- Assistant Professor, present: University of Warsaw

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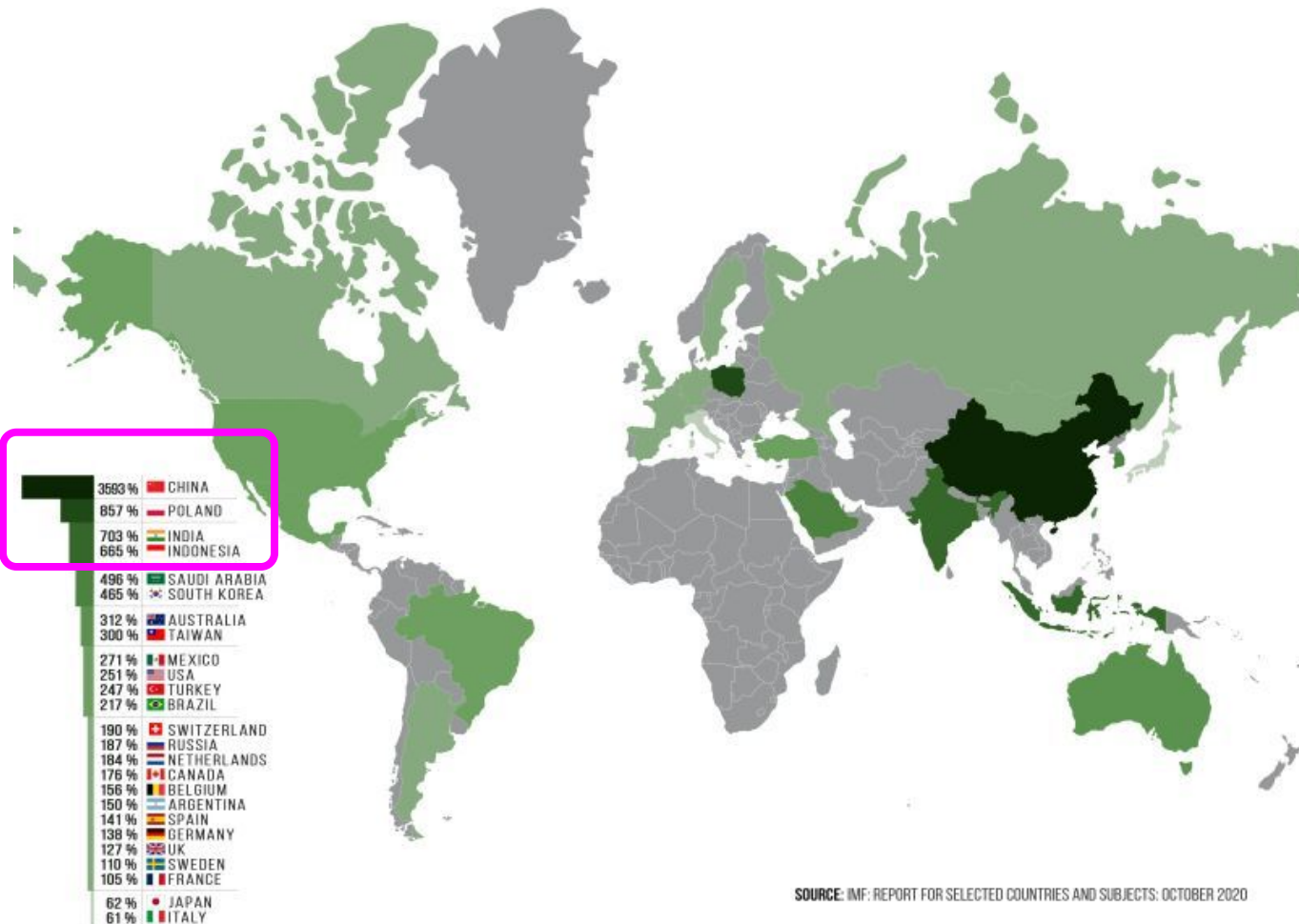
## Chair of Theory of Relativity and Gravitation

- Classical and Quantum Gravity
- Proof that GWs are real (prof. Andrzej Trautman, [the story](#))
- Loop Quantum Gravity (prof. Lewandowski, prof. Ashtekar at Princeton)
- Isolated and Dynamic Horizons (prof. Lewandowski, prof. Ashtekar at Princeton)
- Einstein–Infeld–Hoffmann equations (prof. Infeld with Einstein)



# Fun Facts

## BIGGEST 25 ECONOMIES GDP CHANGE 1990-2020 (TOTAL %)



Also,  
word “beer”:

piwo (Polish)



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# Outline

- Part I: Basics
  - Introduction to GW Astrophysics
  - GW Burst Searches
- Part II: Future (Next 10 Years and Beyond)
  - Observing Run 4 (O4)
  - Future discoveries
- Summary

# Part I: Basics

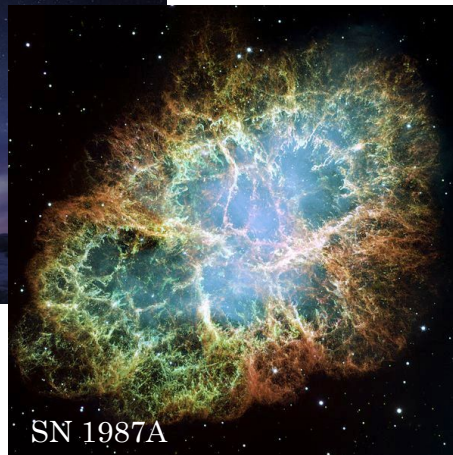
# Introduction to GW Astrophysics

# “Conventional” and “Gravitational-Wave” Astronomy

## “Conventional” or time-domain Astronomy:

observing Universe using electromagnetic waves (e.g. visible light), cosmic rays or neutrinos.

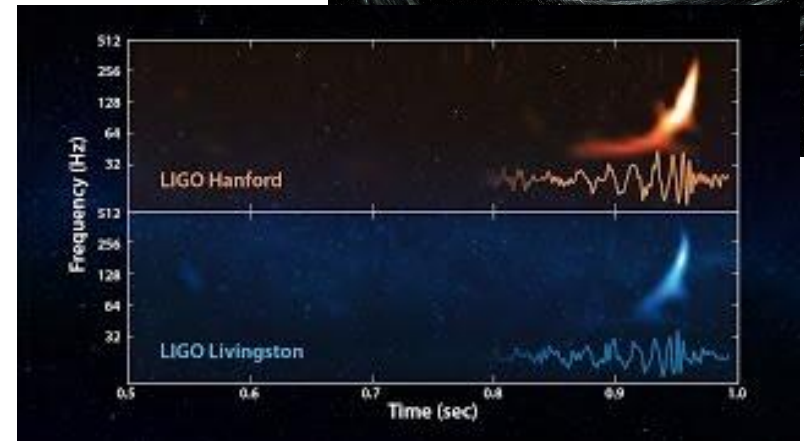
## Looking at the Universe



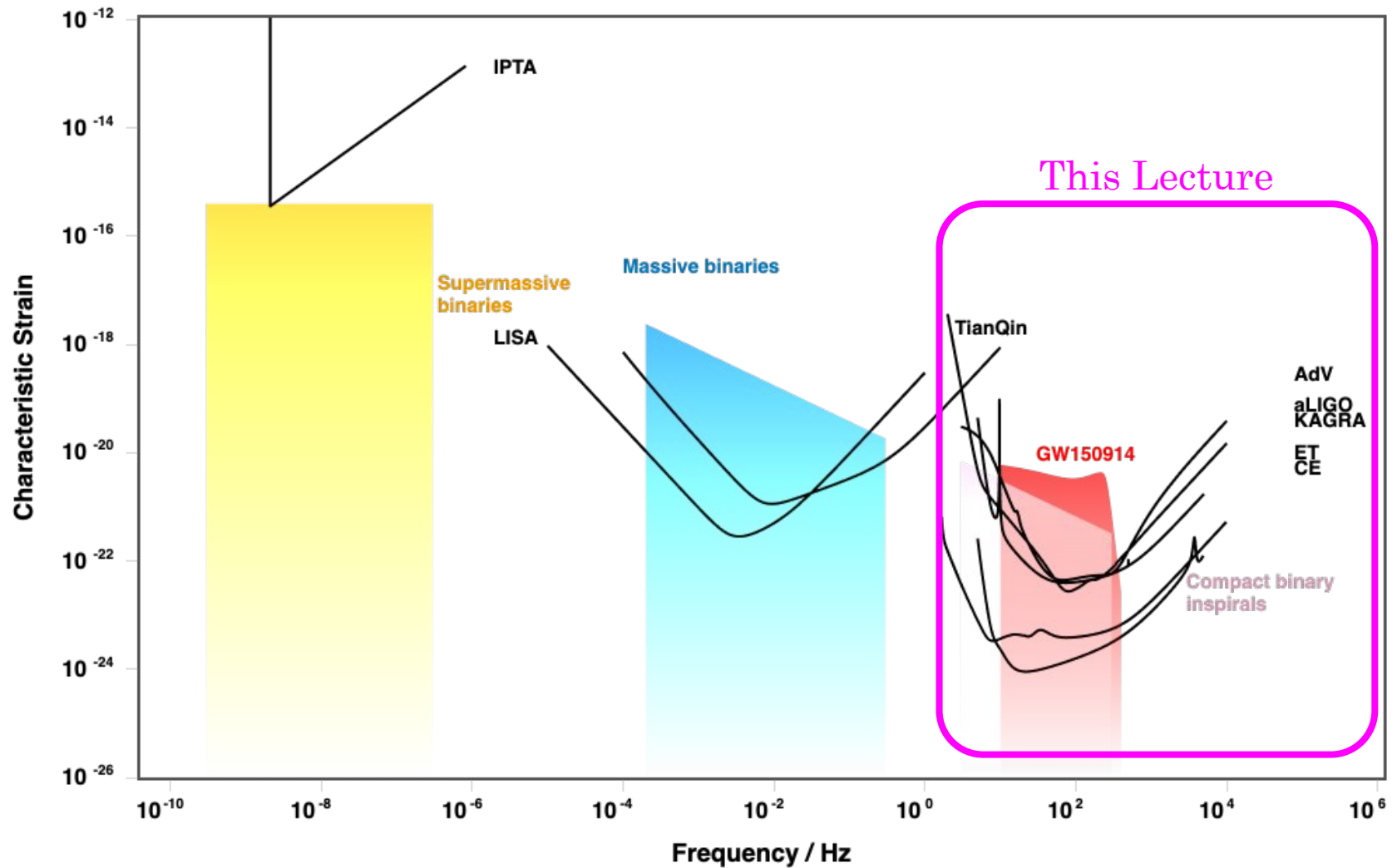
“Gravitational-Wave” Astronomy: observing Universe using gravitational-waves, the “ripples of spacetime”.

## Listening to the Universe

Aurore Simonnet/LIGO/Caltech/  
MIT/Sonoma State



# GW Spectrum



<http://gwplotter.com/>

# GW Sources and Searches

|           | Model-dependent searches<br>(also, templated-based)                                  | Model-independent searches<br>(also, GW burst)<br><i>This Lecture</i> |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Short GWs | Compact binaries<br>(black holes,<br>neutron stars)                                  | GW bursts (compact<br>binaries, supernovae)                           |
| Long GWs  | Pulsars,<br>continuous waves<br><br><i>See Lectures of<br/>Prof. Pep Covas Vidal</i> | Stochastic GWs<br>(e.g. sum of pulsars<br>in Milky Way)               |

# Einstein Equation and Experimental Gravitation

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}Rg_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4}T_{\mu\nu}$$

- *Space-time tells matter how to move; matter tells spacetime how to curve* J. Wheeler
- Einstein Equation:
  - Solving it analytically/numerically, or
  - **Let the Nature solve it for us**
- An abundance of gravitational-wave sources are to discover, but only handful are precisely modelled.

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## The Dynamic Universe (The Loud Universe)

Quadrupole formula for GW production:

$$\mathbf{h}_{ij}^{TT}(t, \mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{D} \ddot{Q}_{ij}(t - D/c, \mathbf{x})$$

We need aspherical mass-energy movement.

GW sources:

- Standard, e.g. stellar-mass binary black holes
- **Special, e. g. binaries with elliptical orbits, lensed events, core-collapse supernova**

More examples  
in Part II

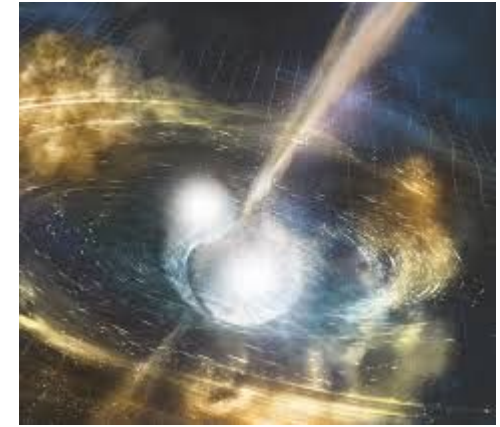
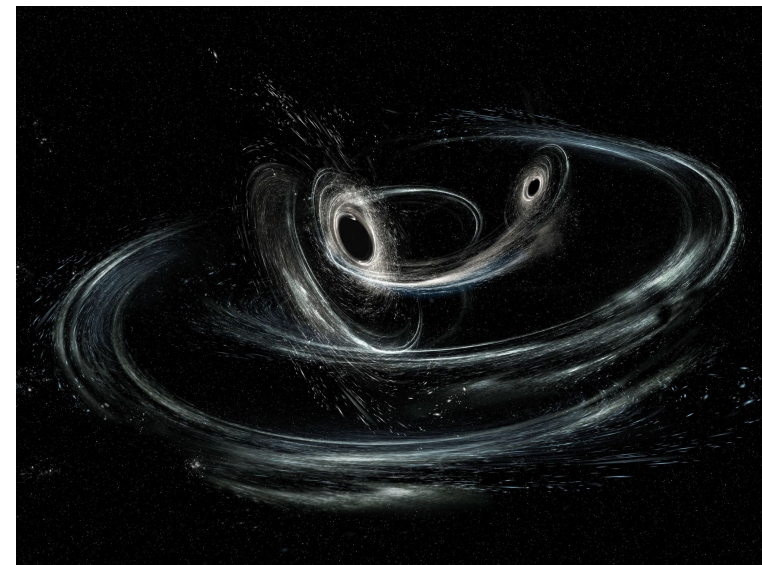


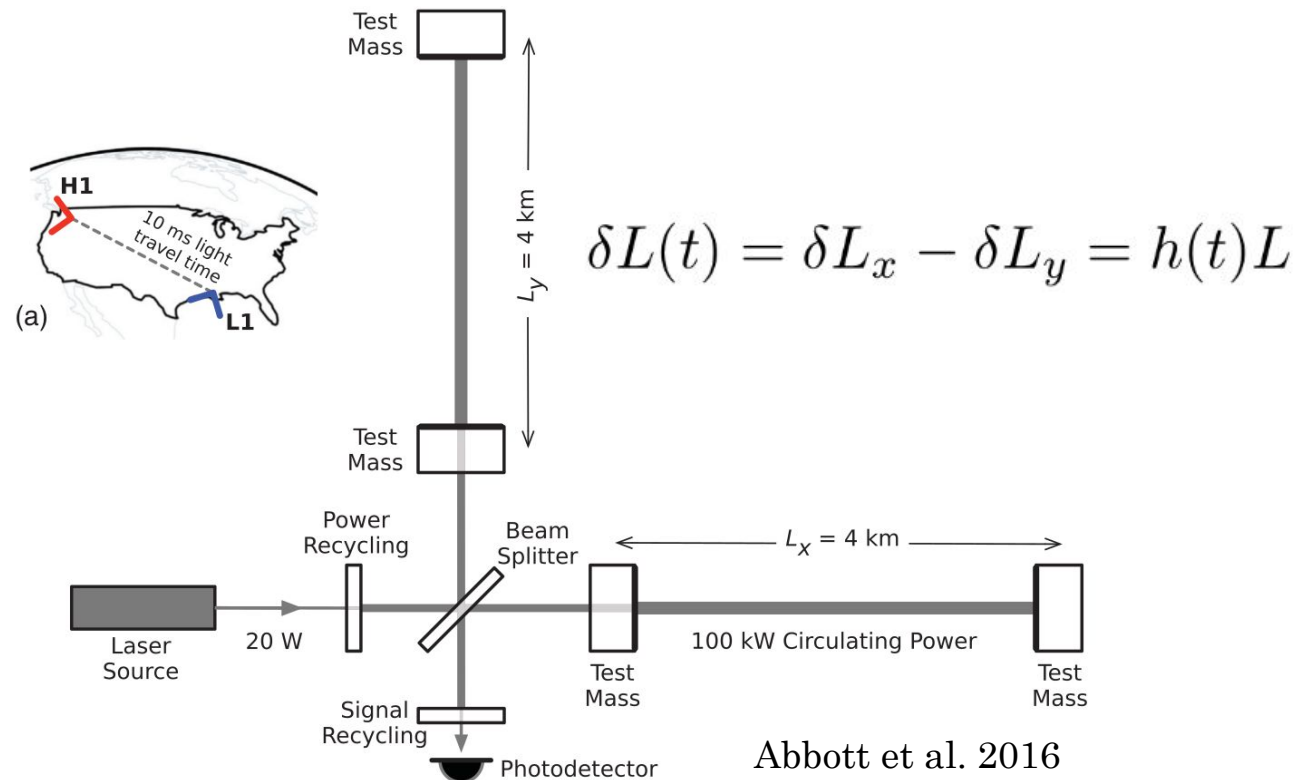
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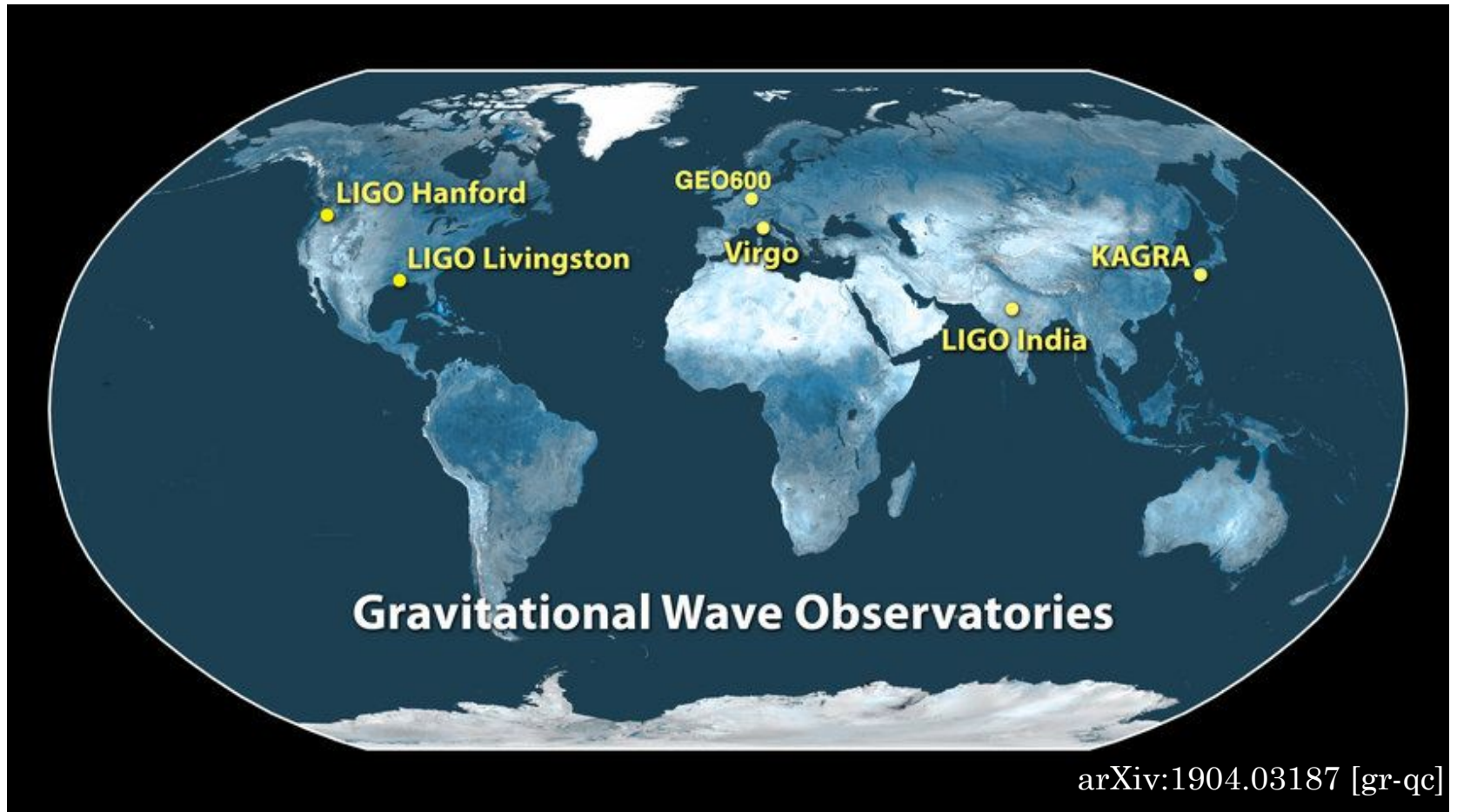
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# Gravitational-Wave detectors

- GW detectors: interferometers  
(the longer the more sensitive)
- Preferably far away from human activities.  
But noise is inevitable...

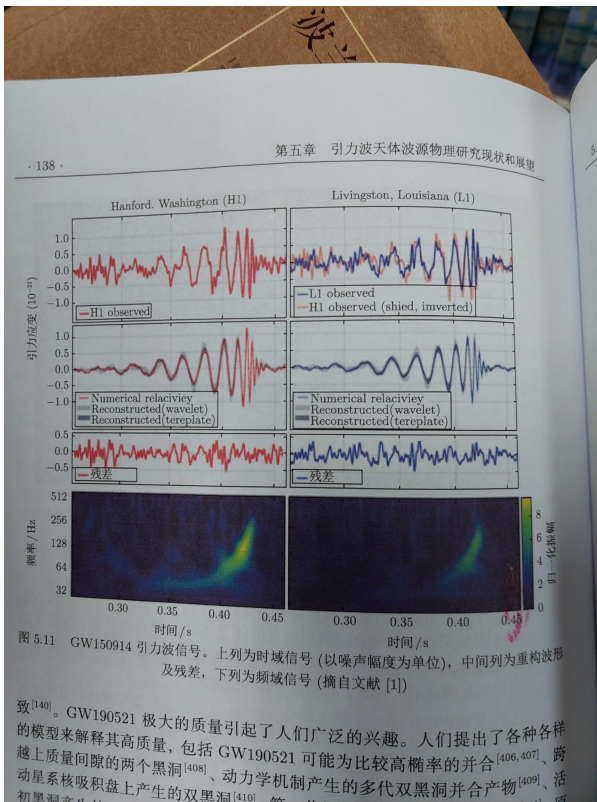


# Detectors network



- KAGRA - recently joined observations
- LIGO India - under construction
- Planned Australian detector (e.g. NEMO)

# GW Burst Searches



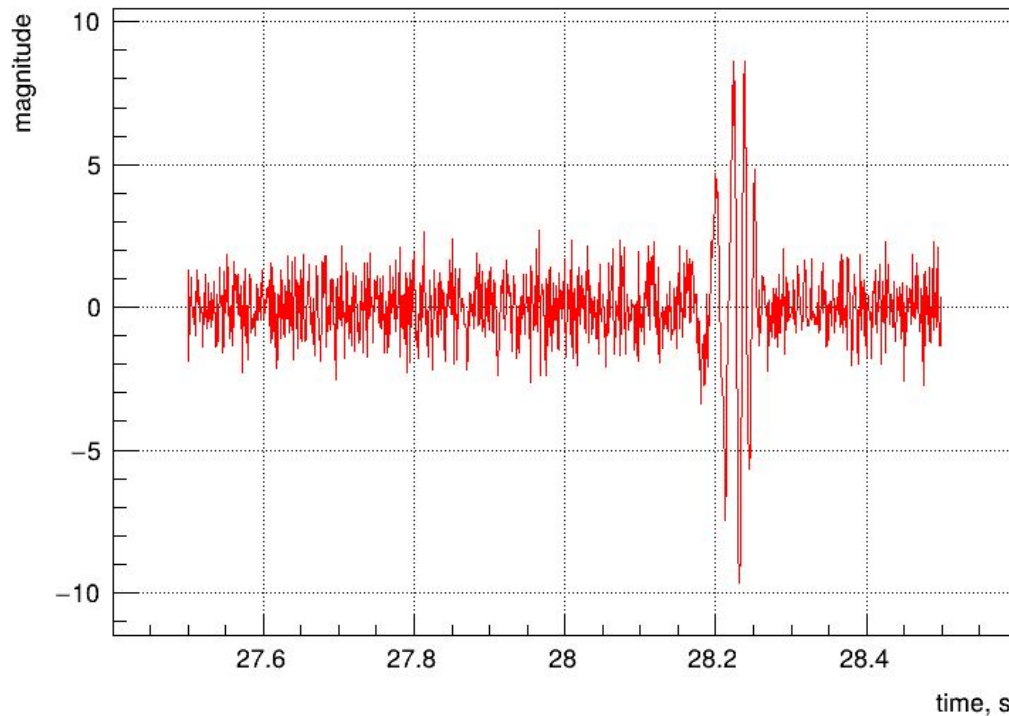
Psst!

Discovery of GWs was made  
by the GW burst searches

# GW Bursts

**Bursts** – short-duration transients. Examples:

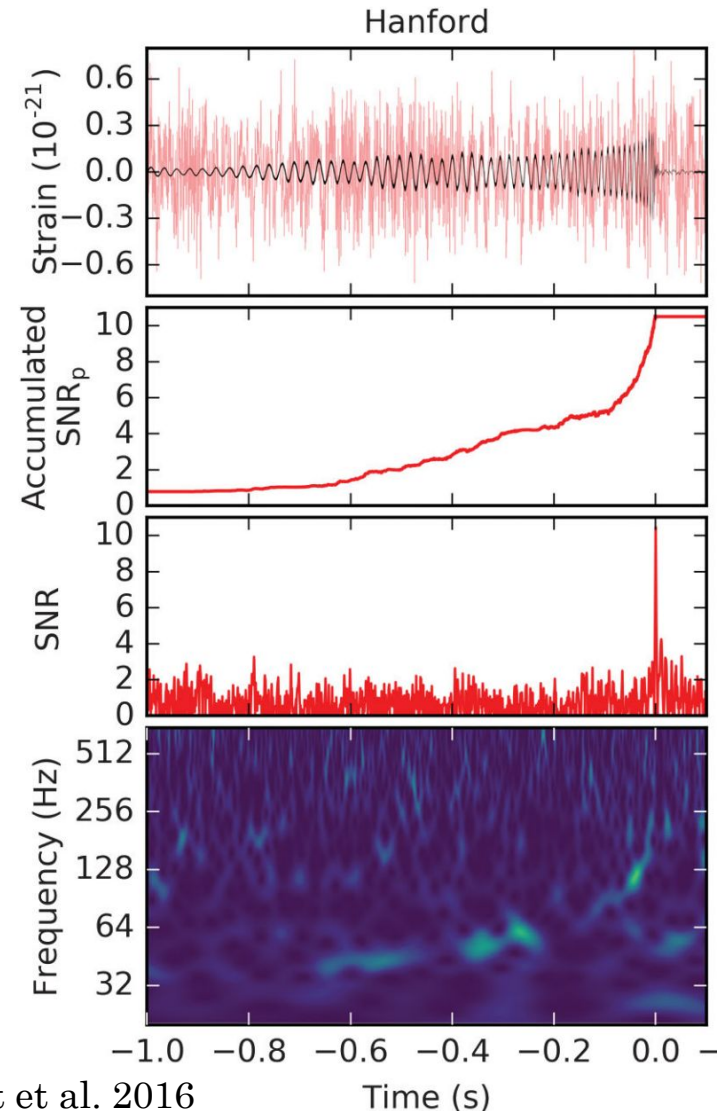
- Electromagnetic: gamma ray burst, fast radio burst, optical, X-ray, etc.
- Neutrino bursts
- Cosmic rays
- **GW Bursts** ← **how to search for them?**



Example of binary  
black hole in the data,  
signal-to-noise ratio of  
around 30  
(very strong)

# Model-dependent searches (template based, matched-filtering)

- Template waveforms from compact binaries are derived from General Relativity.
- **Template-based searches:**  
**cross-correlating data with the templates**
- Mathematically an optimal method given:
  - (1) data is Gaussian
  - (2) we know a waveform accurately
- Missing parameter space or having an inaccurate model may result in missing a detection.
- How about when you cannot create a template?
  - **Matched filtering is not useful to search for GW bursts**

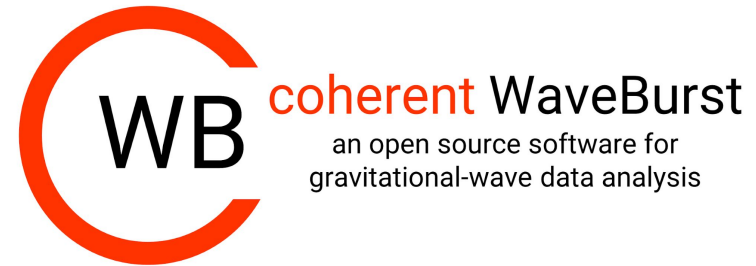


Abbott et al. 2016

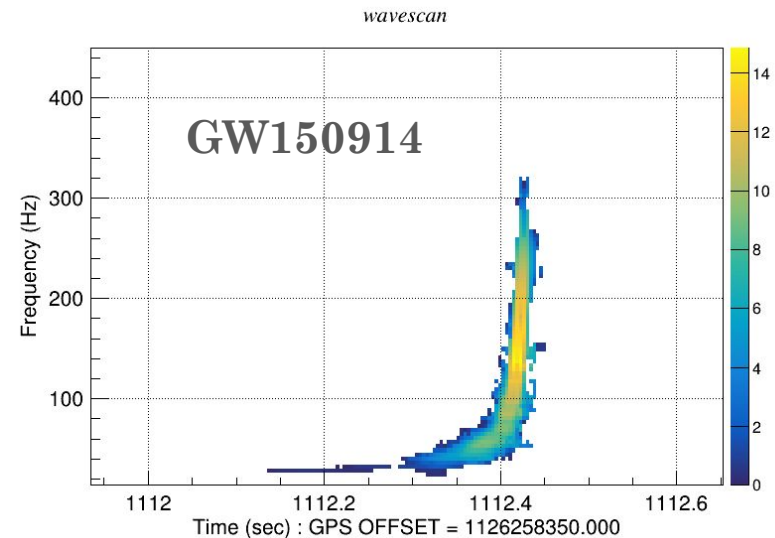
Time (s)

# Model-independent searches

- **Coherent WaveBurst** (cWB, Klimenko+16) is a software designed to detect a wide range of burst transients without prior knowledge of the signal morphology
- cWB uses minimal assumptions, for example growing frequency over time in case of binaries
- **Model-independent and template-based searches complement each other**
- cWB has detected:
  - **GW150914** - the very first GW (PRL 116, 061102)
  - **GW190521** - an intermediate mass binary black hole, 150 Msun (PRL 125, 101102)
  - **GW231123** - ~200 Msun BH ([2507.08219](https://arxiv.org/abs/2507.08219))
  - It regularly detects GWs together with template-based searches
- The cWB contributes results to several LVK papers during each observing run.



<https://gwburst.gitlab.io/>



# Data Transforms

- Fourier Transform:

$$\hat{X}(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) e^{-i2\pi ft} dt$$

- Short-Time Fourier Transform:

$$X(\tau, \omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) w(t - \tau) e^{-i\omega t} dt,$$

- Wavelet Transform:

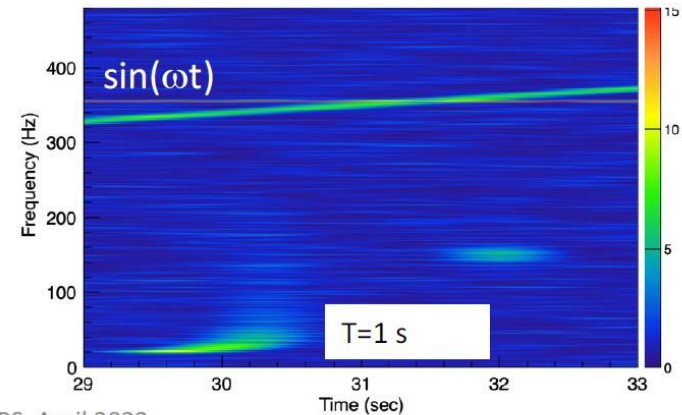
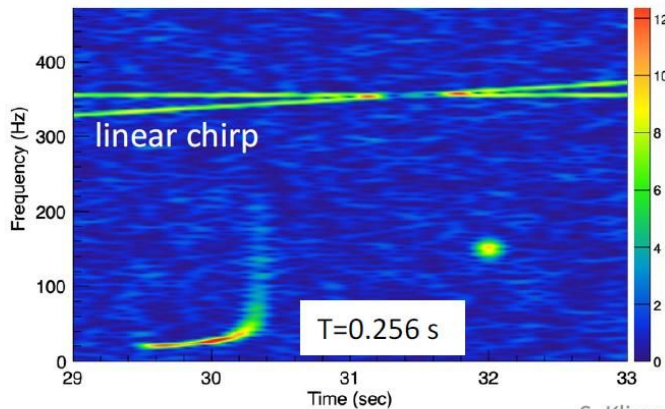
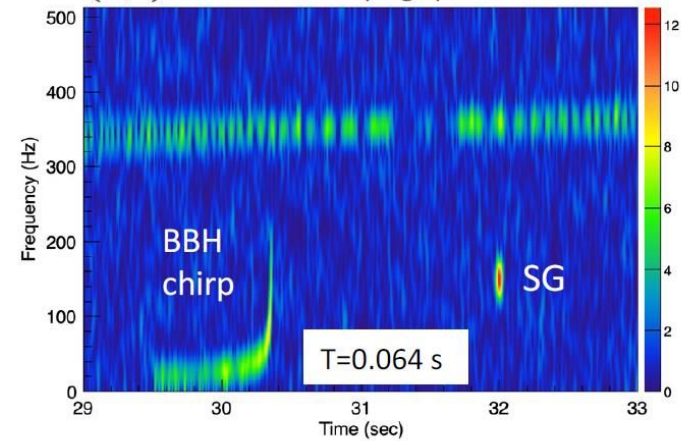
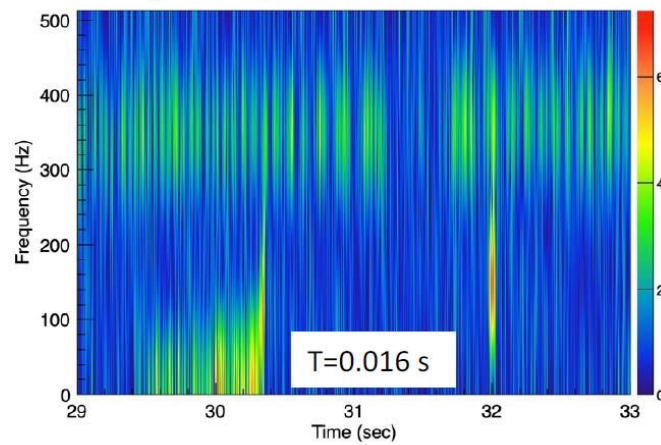
$$X(a, b) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \overline{\Psi\left(\frac{t-b}{a}\right)} x(t) dt$$

# Time-Frequency Transform

## Time-Frequency Distribution $P(\omega, t) = |\hat{x}(t)|^2$

Short Time Fourier Transform:  $\hat{x}(t, \omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\tau) w(\tau - t) e^{-i\omega\tau} d\tau$

Which window  $w(t)$  is optimal? – The answer depends of the type of the signal we try to resolve  
 More general question: what is the optimal distribution  $P(\omega, t)$  of the time-varying spectrum?



S. Klimenko, APS, April 2022

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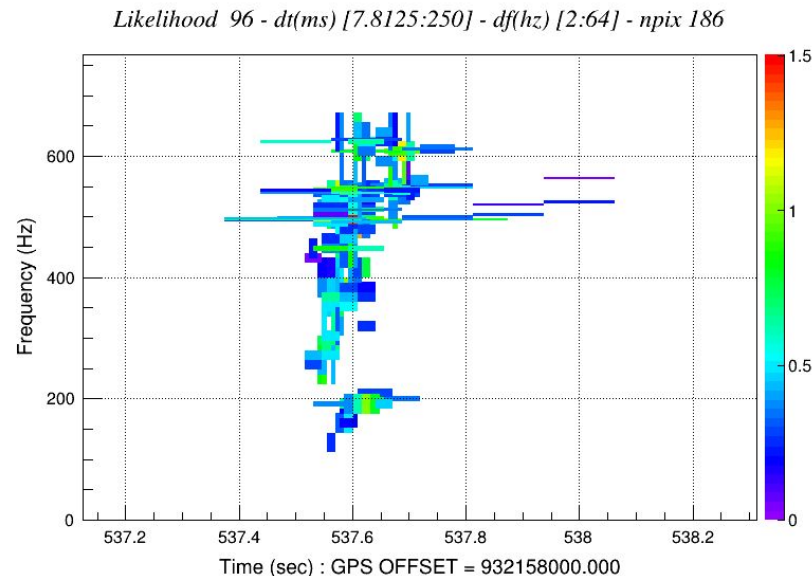
# Multiresolution wavelet decomposition

- It is not possible to measure both frequency and time with at arbitrary resolution:

$$\sigma_t^2 \sigma_\omega^2 \geq \frac{1}{4}$$

(Heisenberg rule for signal processing)

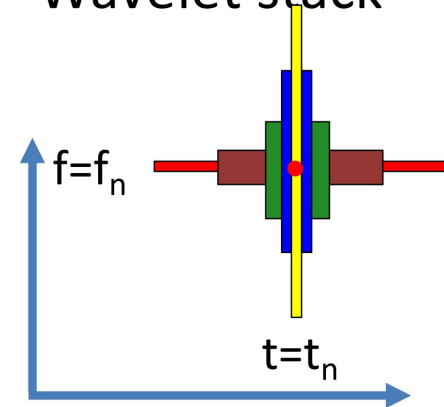
- Detectability of signals depends on setting up appropriately  $\Delta t$  and  $\Delta f$ .
- cWB uses 7 multiresolution decomposition layers



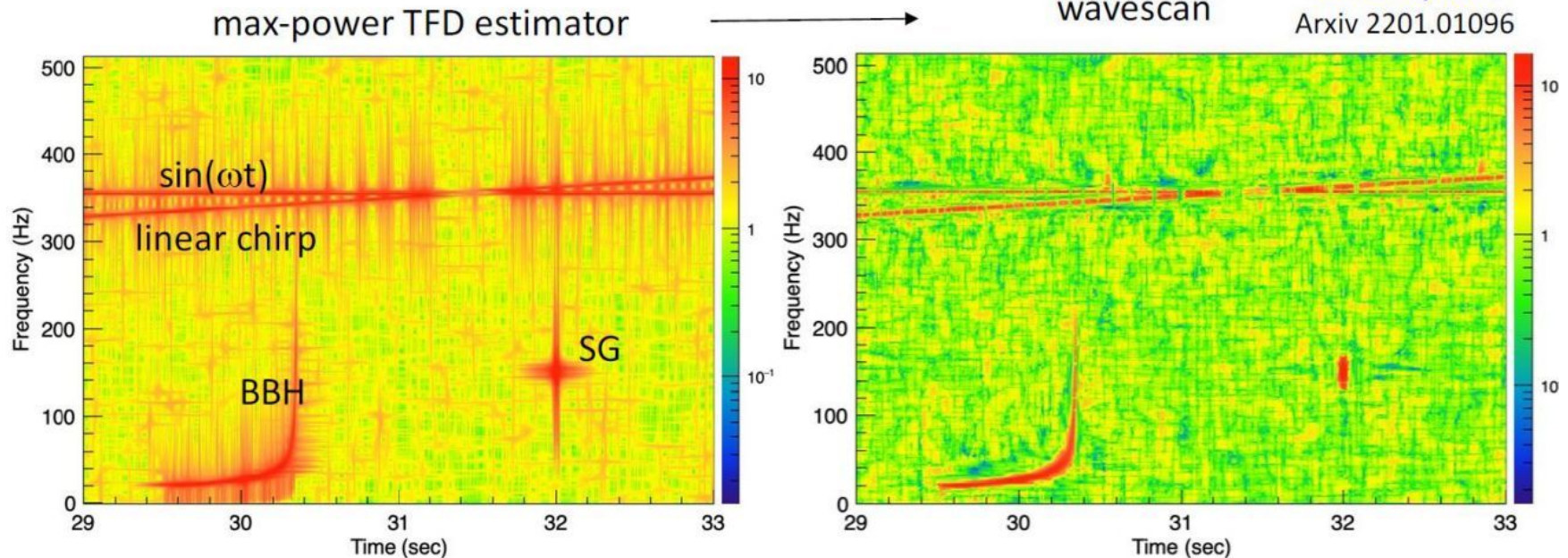
# Wavescan

- Wavescan (Klimenko+22, [2201.01096](https://arxiv.org/abs/2201.01096)): high-resolution time-frequency transform
- Heisenberg rule for signal processing:  $\sigma_t^2 \sigma_\omega^2 \geq \frac{1}{4}$ 
  - Multiresolution analysis and wavelet stack
- Wavescan transform combines the maps from different resolution into a single time-frequency map
  - Spectral and temporal leakage is minimized.

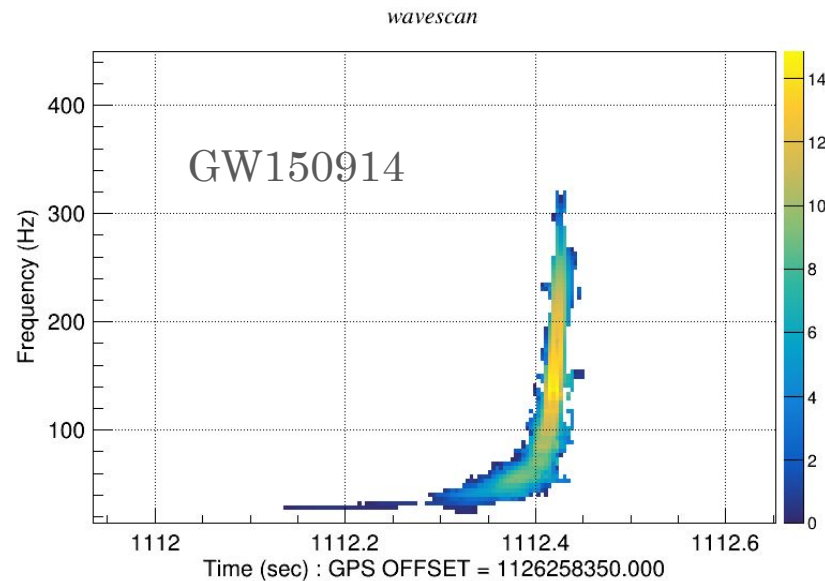
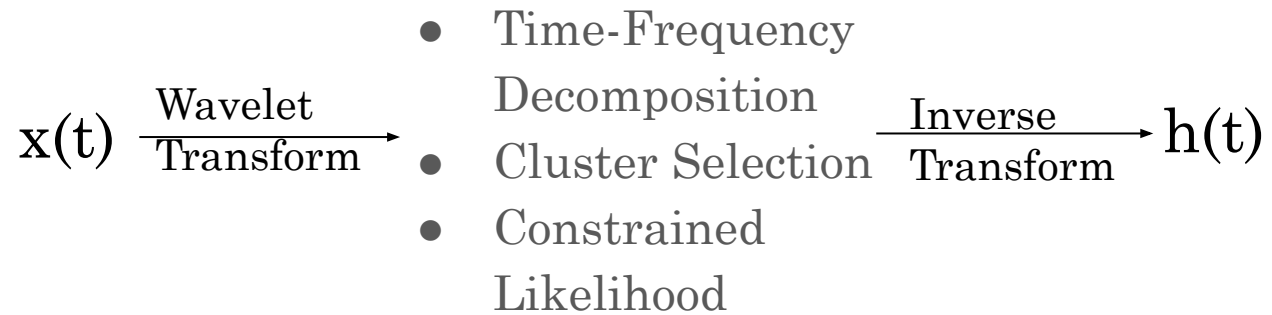
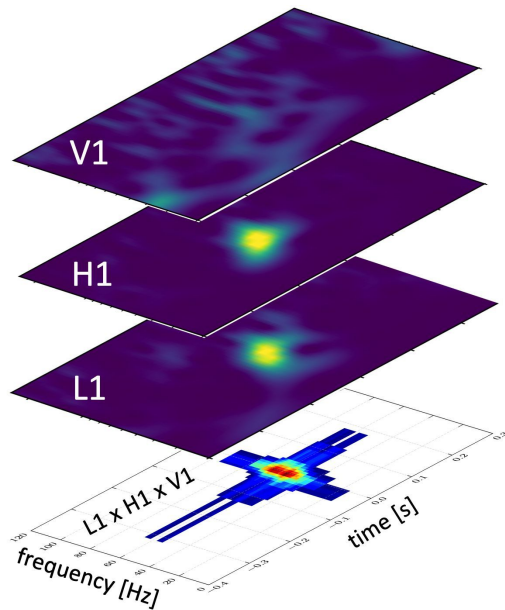
## Wavelet stack



Klimenko, 2021  
Arxiv 2201.01096



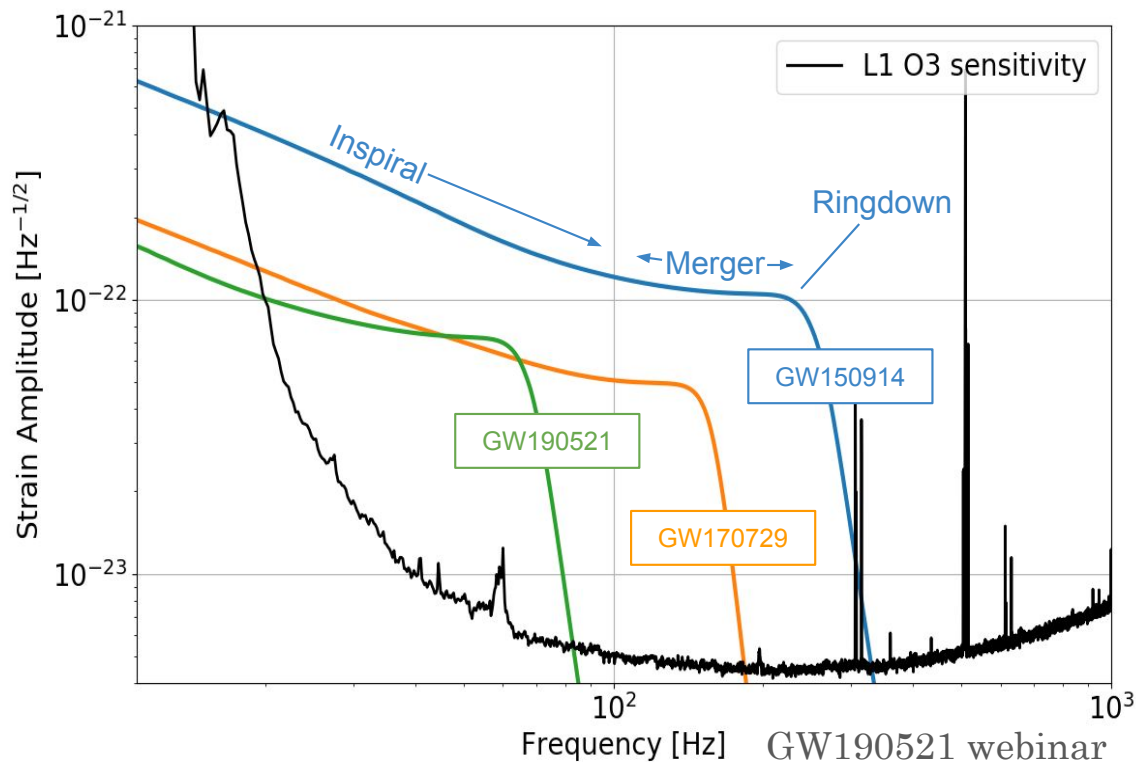
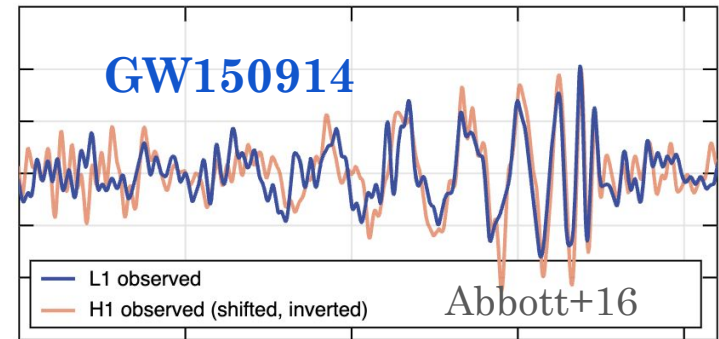
# coherent WaveBurst (cWB)



# Frequency evolution of binary black holes

- Phases of inspiral:  
Inspiral, Merger, Ringdown
- The heavier binary the smaller peak frequency:

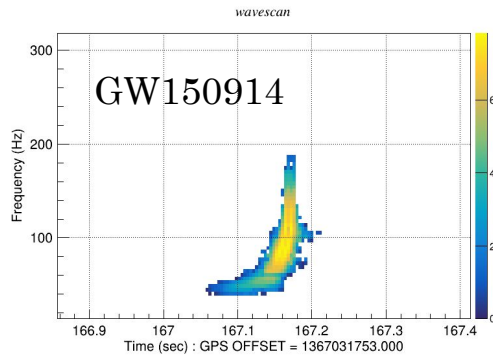
$$f_{peak} \propto 1/M_{tot}$$



# Model-independent searches classification

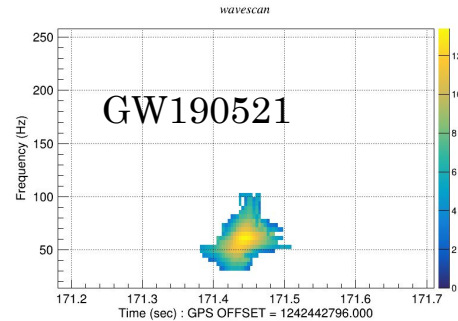
## Compact binary searches (minimally modeled)

Binary black holes  
Binary neutron stars  
Black hole - neutron star



e.g. Mishra+23 ([2201.01495](#))

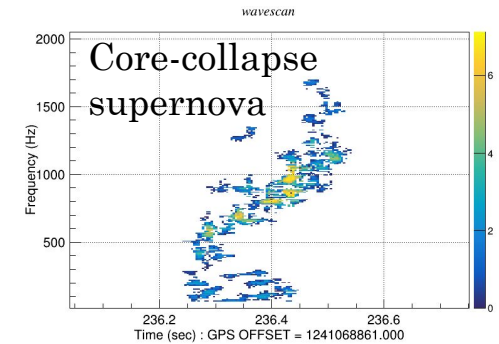
Binaries with eccentric orbits  
Intermediate-mass black holes  
Hyperbolic encounters  
Extreme mass-ratio



e.g. MS+21 ([2009.11336](#))

## Generic searches (unmodeled)

Core-collapse supernovae  
Pulsar glitches  
Cosmic strings  
Unknown



e.g. MS+24 ([2305.16146](#))

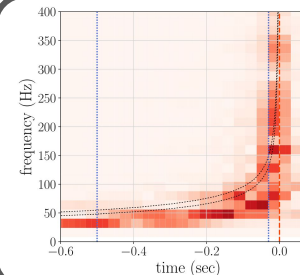
## Low-latency searches



Public alerts for  
multi-messenger observations:  
electromagnetic, cosmic rays,  
and neutrino

e.g. Chaudhary+24 ([2308.04545](#))

## Searches for new phenomena

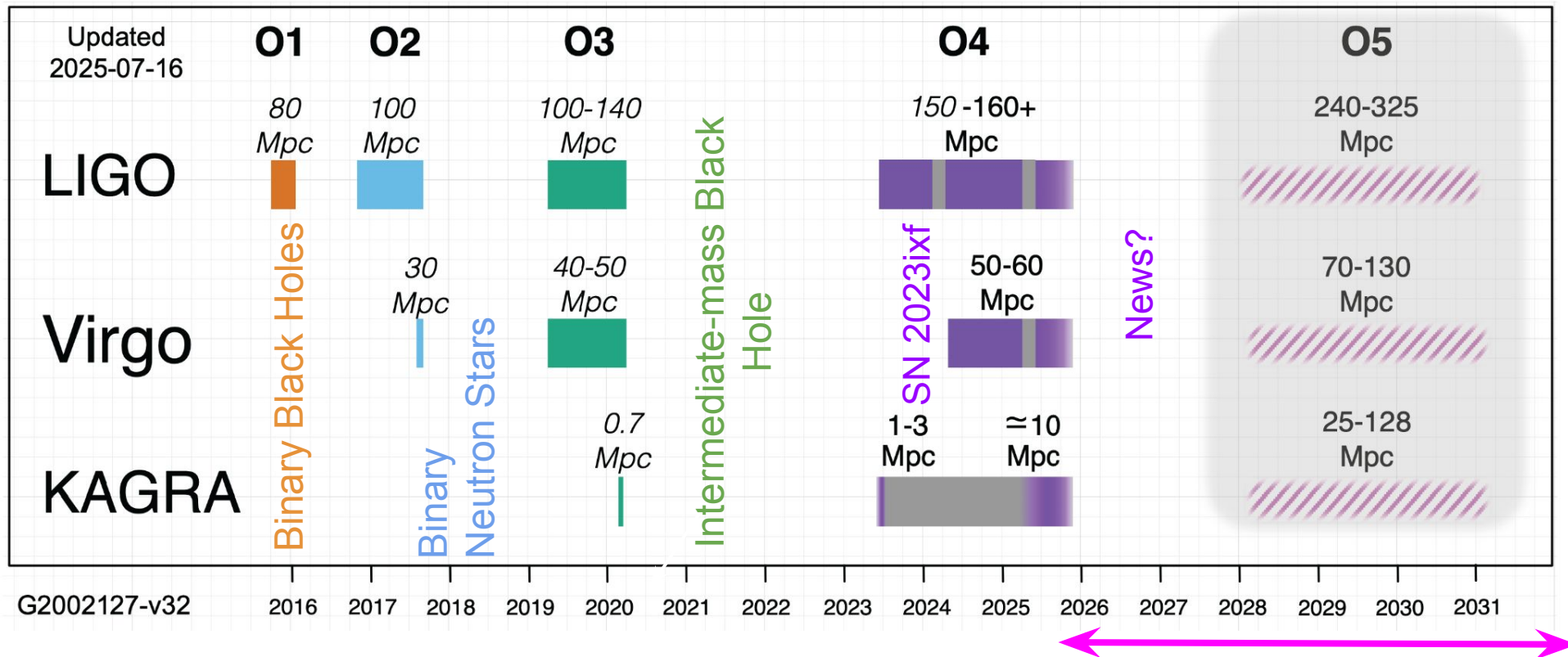


Higher harmonics  
GW cross-polarization  
Deviations from GR

e.g. Vedovato+22 ([2108.13384](#))

# Part II: Future (Next 10 Years and Beyond)

# Observing Timeline



- <https://observing.docs.ligo.org/plan/>
- O4: 24 months total, until 18 Nov 2025
- LIGO: up to 180 Mpc, currently 160 Mpc
- Virgo: around 55 Mpc
- KAGRA: reached 7.5 Mpc, observed briefly

- Also: GEO600, a few Mpc
- LIGO-India - under construction
- Australian detector

# Observing Run 4 (What we have discovered)

# Observing Run 4

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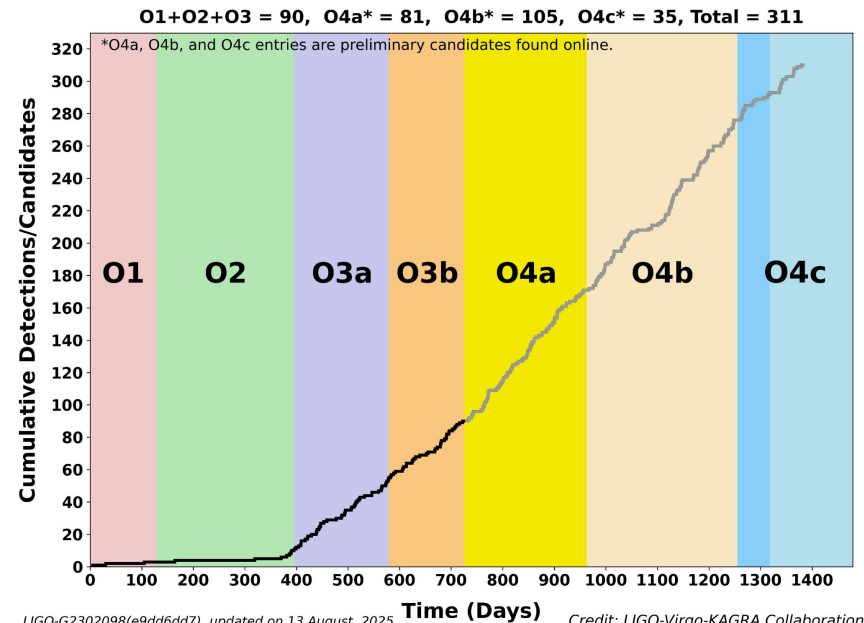
- Low-latency searches are crucial for astronomical observations, resources:
  - <https://gracedb.ligo.org>
  - <https://emfollow.docs.ligo.org/userguide/>
- Published results:
  - 21 papers and counting!
  - GWTC-4, O4a catalog ([2508.18082](#))
    - Introduction ([2508.18080](#))
    - Methods ([2508.18081](#))
    - Populations ([2508.18083](#))

GW candidates so far (**3 per week**):

O4a: 128 GWs

O4b: 105 GW candidates

O4c: 61 GW candidates



# Rapidly evolving field

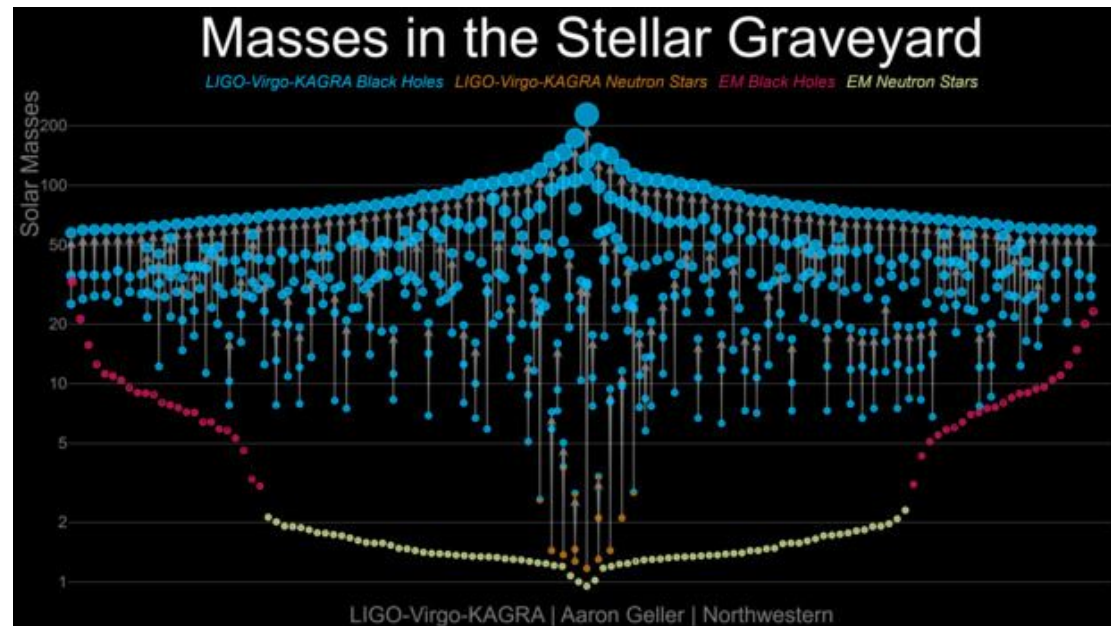
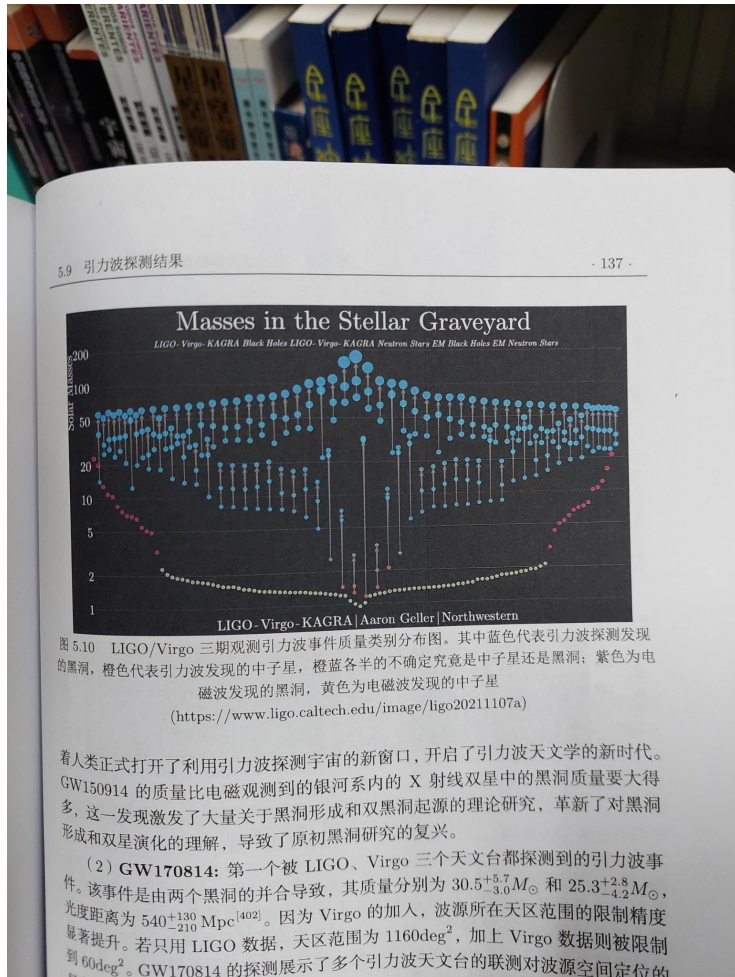
GW Catalog:

O1 + O2 + O3

Books are getting outdated quickly...

GW Catalog:

O1 + O2 + O3 + O4a



# Latest News

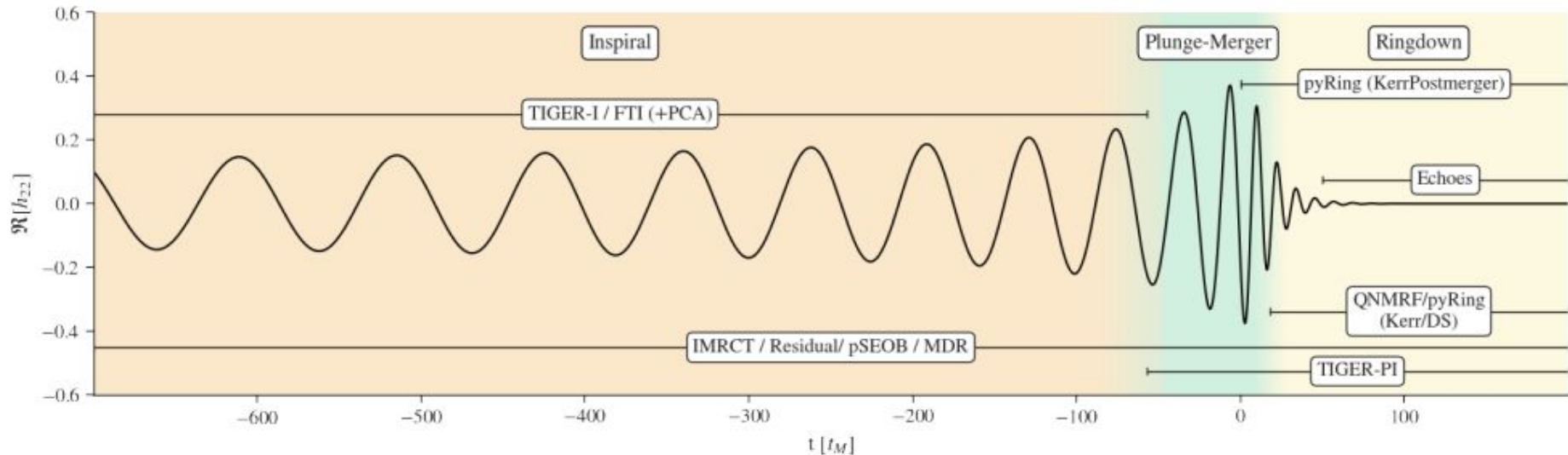
- The field is evolving quickly, where to get the latest news summaries?
- All LVK papers: <https://pnp.ligo.org/ppcomm/Papers.html>
- Recommendation: Science Summaries

| <div> <b>LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA Publications</b>    </div> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                         |                         |                                                           |                            |                          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| The LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo collaboration have been co-authoring observational result papers since 2010. Beginning in 2021, the KAGRA Collaboration too is co-authoring observational results from the full O3 run. See <a href="#">here</a> for additional information.                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                         |                         |                                                           |                            |                          |
| <a href="#">BibTeX file for these papers</a> <input type="button" value="Click to toggle doi information"/> Click on any keyword to filter on that keyword           Highlighting: <span>Event discoveries</span> <span>Multi-messenger</span>                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                         |                         |                                                           |                            |                          |
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| Oct 28, 2025<br><i>*Recent*</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>GW241011 and GW241110: Exploring Binary Formation and Fundamental Physics with Asymmetric, High-spin Black Hole Coalescences</b> (by LSC, Virgo and KAGRA)                                                                    | <a href="#">O4 CBC LVK</a>              | <a href="#">summary</a> | <a href="#">Astrophys. J. Lett. <b>993</b>, 21 (2025)</a> | <a href="#">2510.26931</a> | <a href="#">P2500402</a> |
| Oct 20, 2025<br><i>*Recent*</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Directional search for persistent gravitational waves: Results from the first part of LIGO, Virgo, and KAGRA's fourth Observing Run</b> (by LSC, Virgo and KAGRA)                                                             | <a href="#">O4 Stochastic LVK</a>       | <a href="#">summary</a> | Submitted to PRD                                          | <a href="#">2510.17487</a> | <a href="#">P2500380</a> |
| Sep 10, 2025<br><i>*Recent*</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>GW250114: Testing Hawking's area law and the Kerr nature of black holes</b> (by LSC, Virgo and KAGRA)                                                                                                                         | <a href="#">O4 CBC GW250114 LVK</a>     | <a href="#">summary</a> | <a href="#">Phys. Rev. Lett. <b>135</b>, 11405 (2025)</a> | <a href="#">2509.08054</a> | <a href="#">P2500421</a> |
| Sep 10, 2025<br><i>*Recent*</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Black Hole Spectroscopy and Tests of General Relativity with GW250114</b> (by LSC, Virgo and KAGRA)                                                                                                                           | <a href="#">O4 CBC GW250114 TGR LVK</a> | <a href="#">summary</a> | Submitted to PRL                                          | <a href="#">2509.08099</a> | <a href="#">P2500461</a> |
| Sep 9, 2025<br><i>*Recent*</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>GW230814: investigation of a loud gravitational-wave signal observed with a single detector</b> (by A. G. Abac et al. (LSC, Virgo and KAGRA))                                                                                 | <a href="#">O4 GW230814 LVK</a>         | <a href="#">summary</a> | Submitted to ApJL                                         | <a href="#">2509.07348</a> | <a href="#">P230814</a>  |
| Sep 9, 2025<br><i>*Recent*</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Directed searches for gravitational waves from ultralight vector boson clouds around merger remnant and galactic black holes during the first part of the fourth LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA observing run</b> (by LSC, Virgo and KAGRA) | <a href="#">O4 CW LVK</a>               | <a href="#">summary</a> | Submitted to PRD                                          | <a href="#">2509.07352</a> | <a href="#">P2500256</a> |
| Sep 4, 2025<br><i>*Recent*</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>GWTC-4.0: constraints on the cosmic expansion rate and modified gravitational-wave propagation</b> (by LSC, Virgo and KAGRA)                                                                                                  | <a href="#">O4 CBC LVK</a>              | <a href="#">summary</a> | Submitted to ApJL                                         | <a href="#">2509.04348</a> | <a href="#">P2400152</a> |
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# Observing Run 4: GW230814

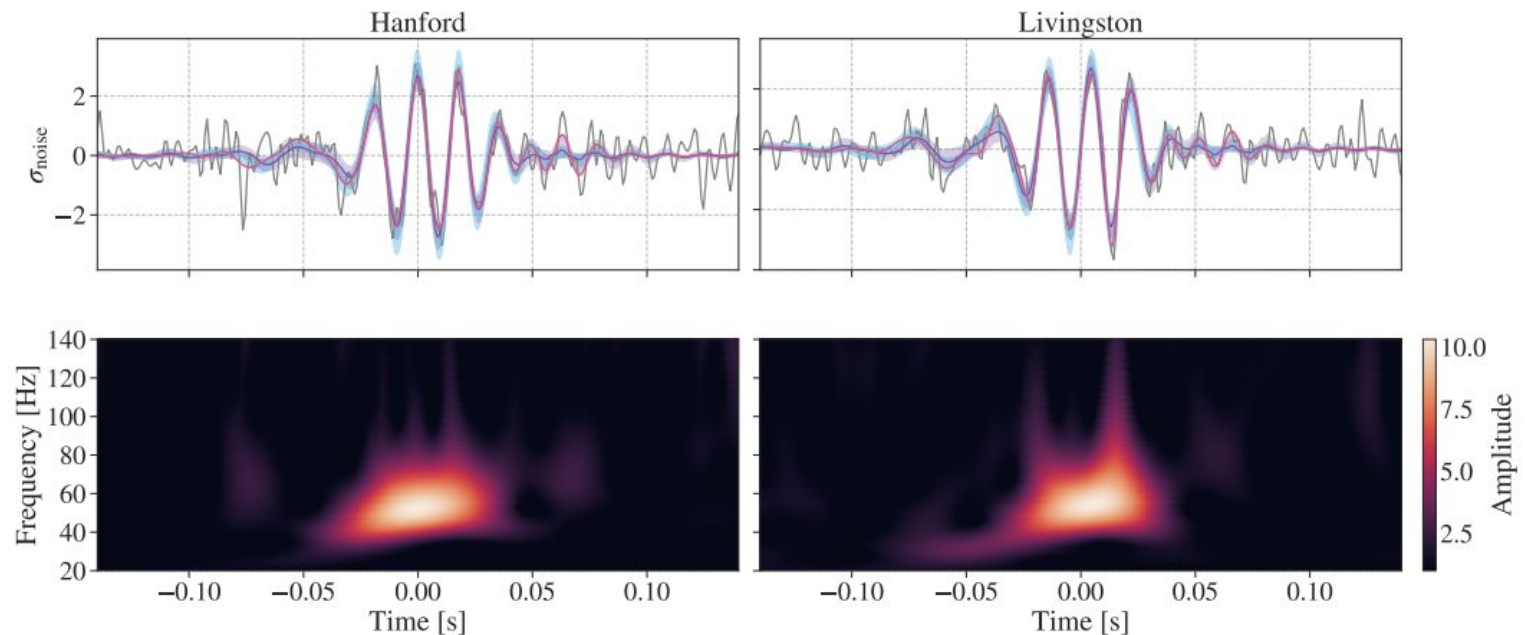
- GW230814: investigation of a loud gravitational-wave signal observed with a single detector
  - High signal-to-noise ratio of 42, single detector
  - New post-merger higher harmonic detected:  $(l,m,n) = (4,4,0)$

$$h_+ - ih_\times = \sum_{\ell \geq 2} \sum_{-\ell \leq m \leq \ell} \frac{h_{\ell m}(t, \lambda)}{D_L} {}_{-2}Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \phi)$$



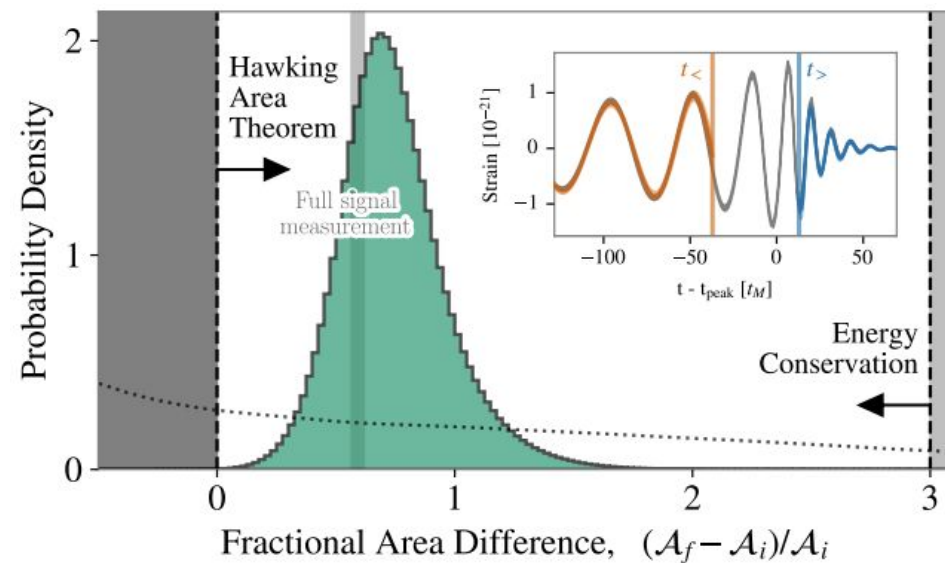
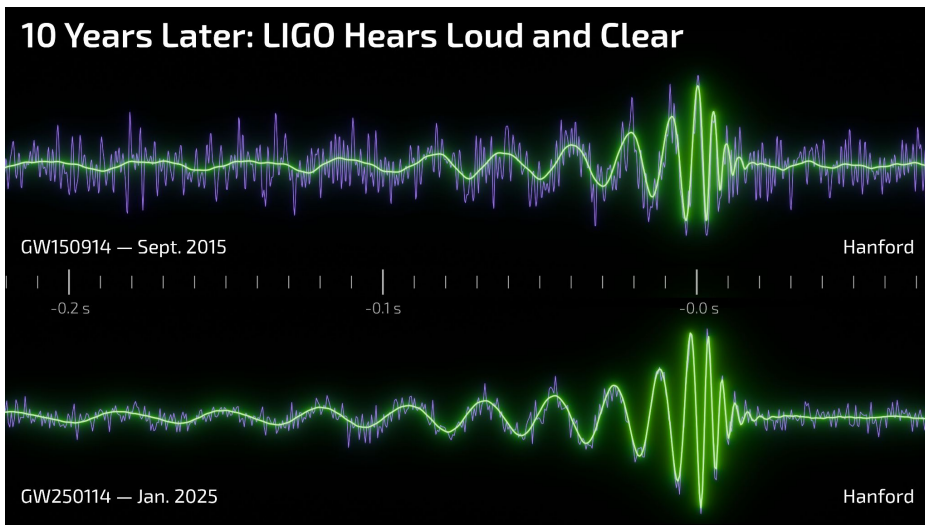
# Observing Run 4: GW231123

- GW231123: a Binary Black Hole Merger with Total Mass 190-265  $M_{\odot}$  ([2507.08219](#))
  - The heaviest confident black hole detection
  - New post-merger higher harmonic detected: (2,2,1)



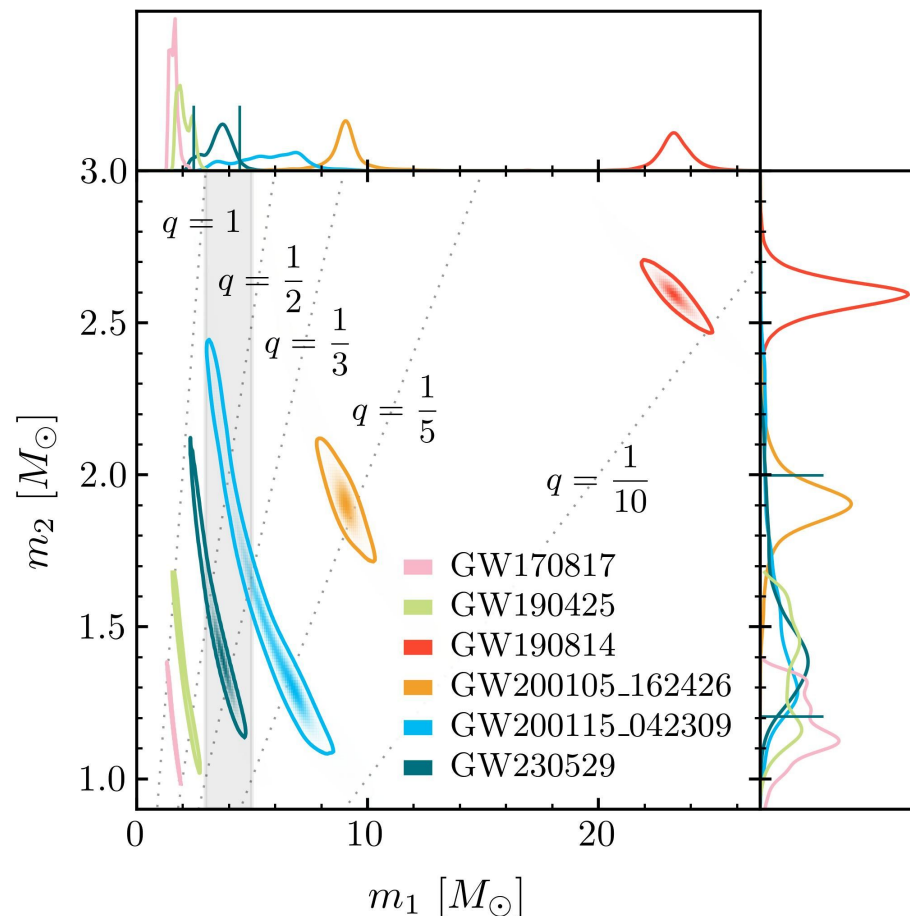
# Observing Run 4: GW250114

- GW250114: testing Hawking's area law and the Kerr nature of black holes
  - Highest so far signal-to-noise ratio of 80
  - Precise test on Hawking area theorem: an area of a black hole can only grow



# Observing Run 4: GW230529

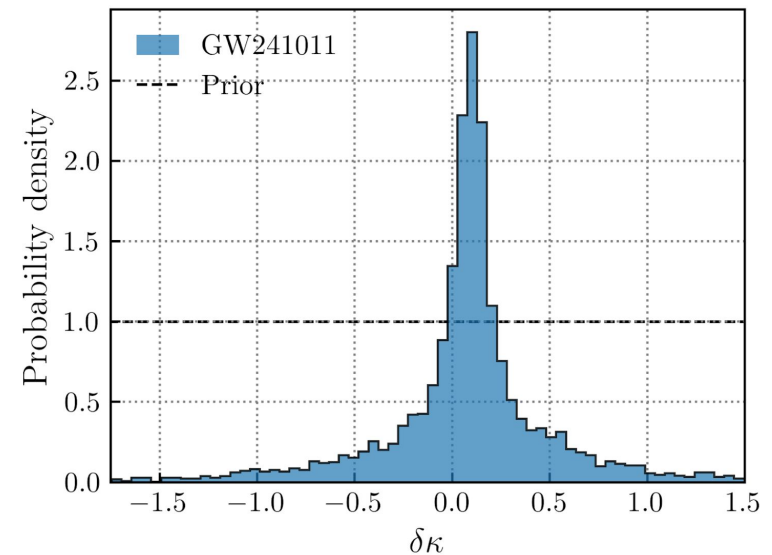
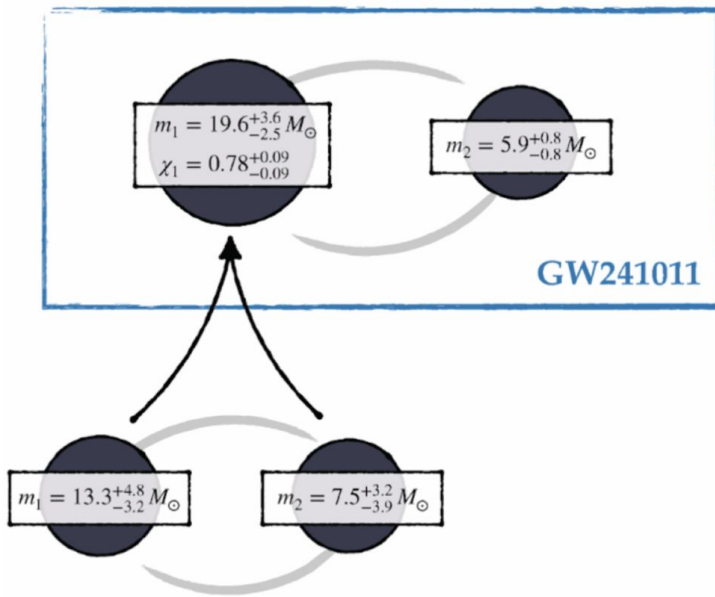
- GW230529: Observation of Gravitational Waves from the Coalescence of a 2.5-4.5  $M_{\odot}$  Compact Object and a Neutron Star
  - A light binary, in a lower mass gap
  - Neutron Star - Black Hole rate increases



# Observing Run 4: GW241011 and GW241110

- GW241011 and GW241110: Exploring Binary Formation and Fundamental Physics with Asymmetric, High-spin Black Hole Coalescences
  - Hierarchical mergers
  - Testing GR's spin-induced quadrupole moment: Einstein was right (again)

$$Q = -\kappa S^2 / (mc^2)$$



# Future

(What we will, hopefully,  
discover)

# What's next?

## The next 10 years and Beyond

**Special astrophysical sources** might play an important role in our endeavor of exploring the Universe.

- **New GW source populations:**
  - Compact binaries: **binaries with eccentric orbits**, hyperbolic encounters, head-on collisions, extreme mass ratio, sub-solar mass binaries, **lensed binaries**
  - GW bursts: **core-collapse supernovae**, neutron star or pulsar glitches, cosmic strings
- **Multi-messenger GW sources (electromagnetic waves, neutrinos, cosmic rays):** **BNS**, NSBH, BNS post-merger
- **GW sources with new phenomena (usually weaker effects):**
  - GR: **pre- and post-merger higher harmonics**, GW cross-polarization, black hole kicks, GW memory, effects of precession, high spins, black hole formation
  - Beyond GR: GW echo, beyond-quadrupolar GW polarizations,

# Core-Collapse Supernova (CCSN)

“Guest star”

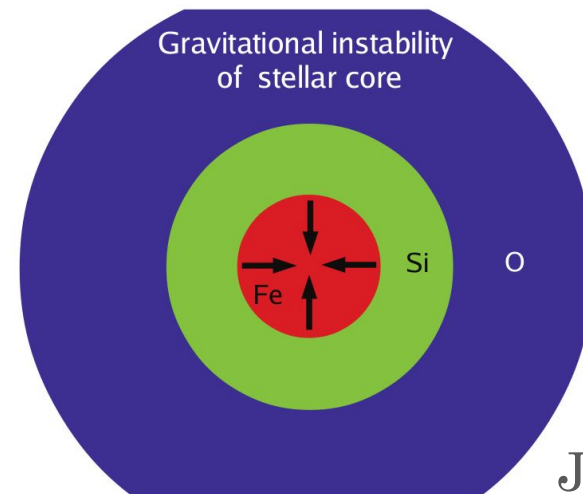
Zhao Bian's  
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*Nova on the sky!*

1-2 per century in Milky Way (?)

- Burning of a star:  $H \rightarrow He \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow Fe$
- After exceeding Chandrasekhar mass of  $1.4 M_{\odot}$  the iron core collapses.
- 99% of explosion energy escapes with neutrinos!

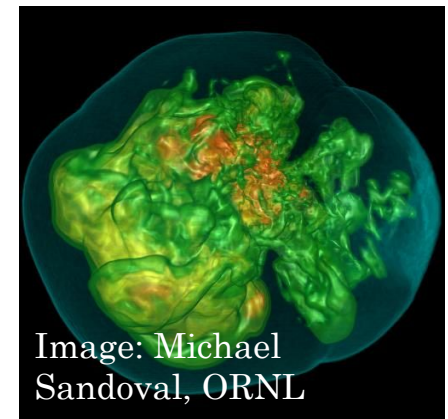
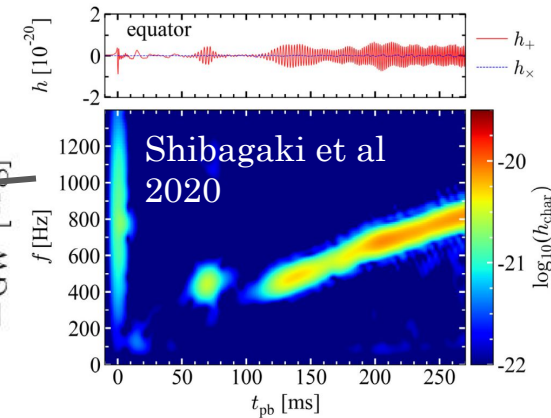
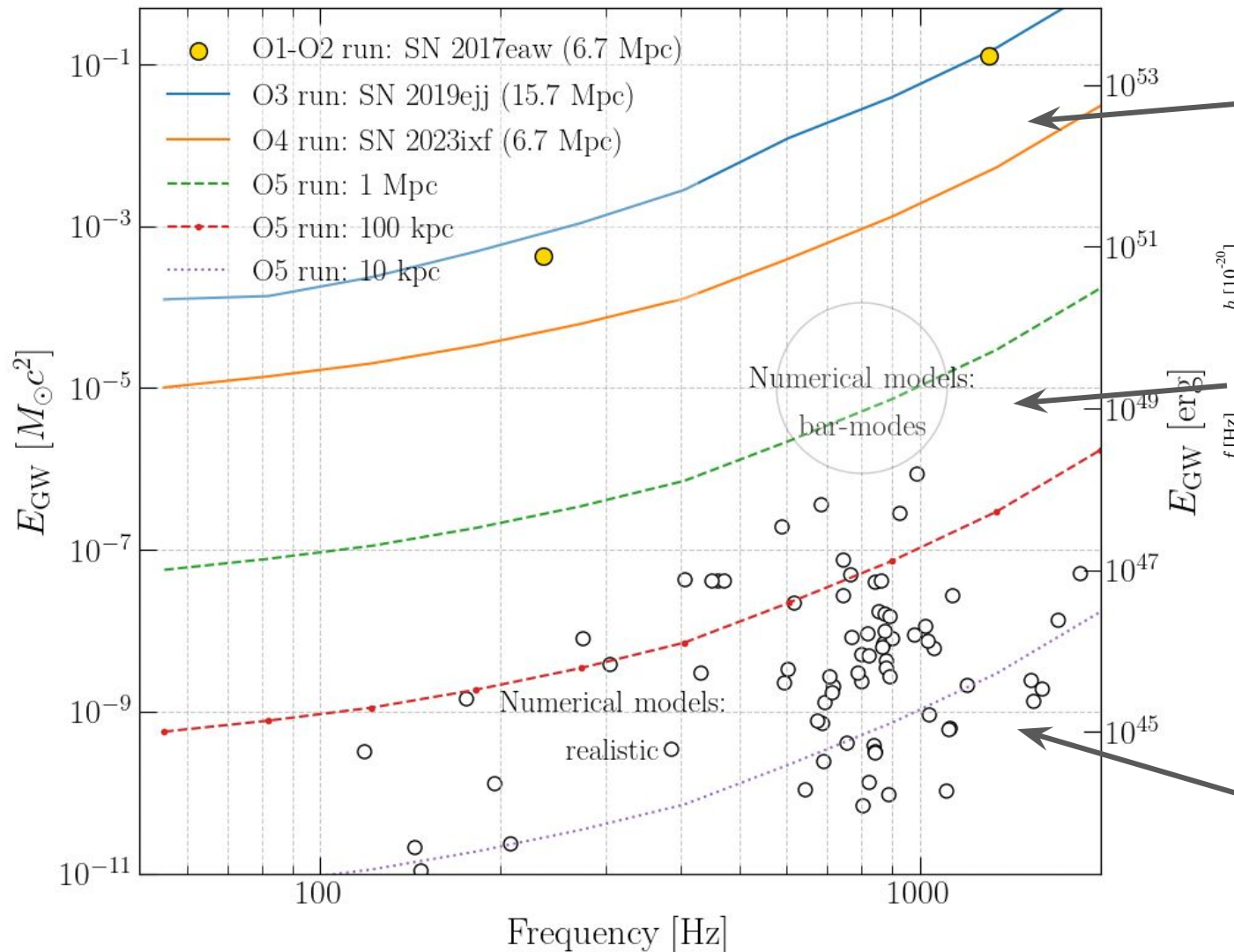
**Explosion mechanism(s)  
is still unknown**



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SN 1054 (Crab Nebula)

# When will we discover GWs? (realistically: Galactic CCSN)



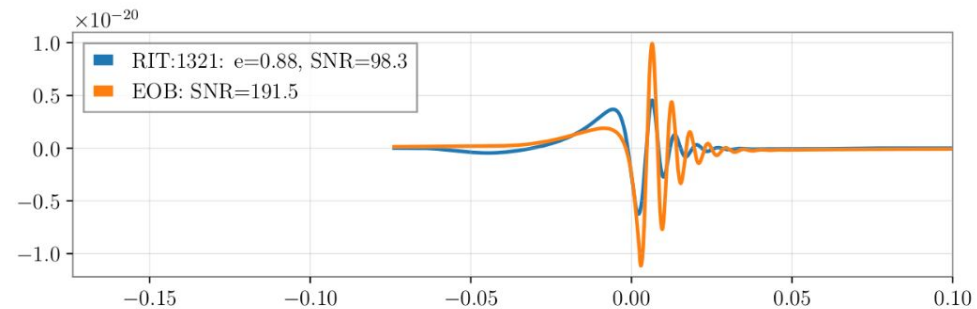
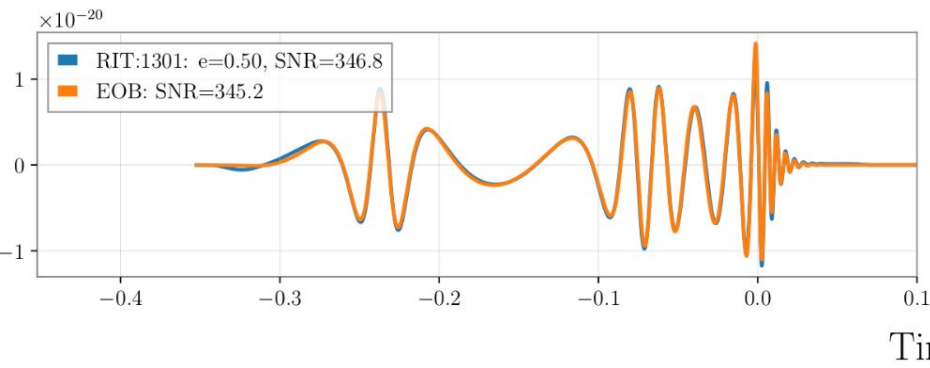
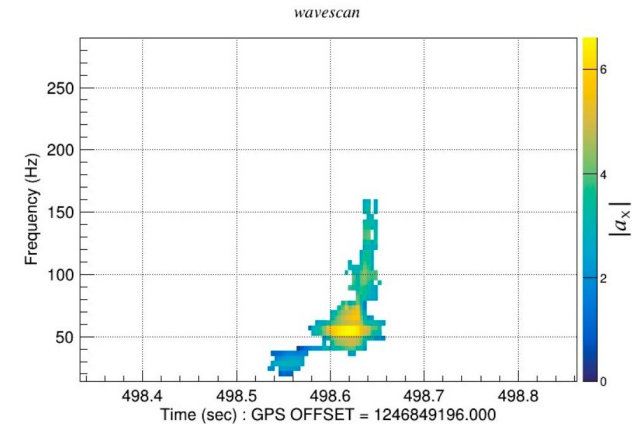
# SN2025gw: IGWN Symposium on CCSNe

- IGWN - International Gravitational-Wave Network
- Symposium webpage: <https://indico2.fuw.edu.pl/event/17/overview>
- CCSNe are the most challenging astronomical events to model
  - Theory, Gravitational Wave Detection and Parameter Estimation, Neutrino Detection, CCSN across the Electromagnetic Spectrum, CCSNe over the Next Ten Years
- Youtube: [playlist](#)
- Classical and Quantum Gravity focus issue proceedings and White Paper (in progress): <https://iopscience.iop.org/collections/cqg-250513-841>
- Large attendance of the Symposium: **Galactic CCSN - the next big thing?**



# Eccentric binaries

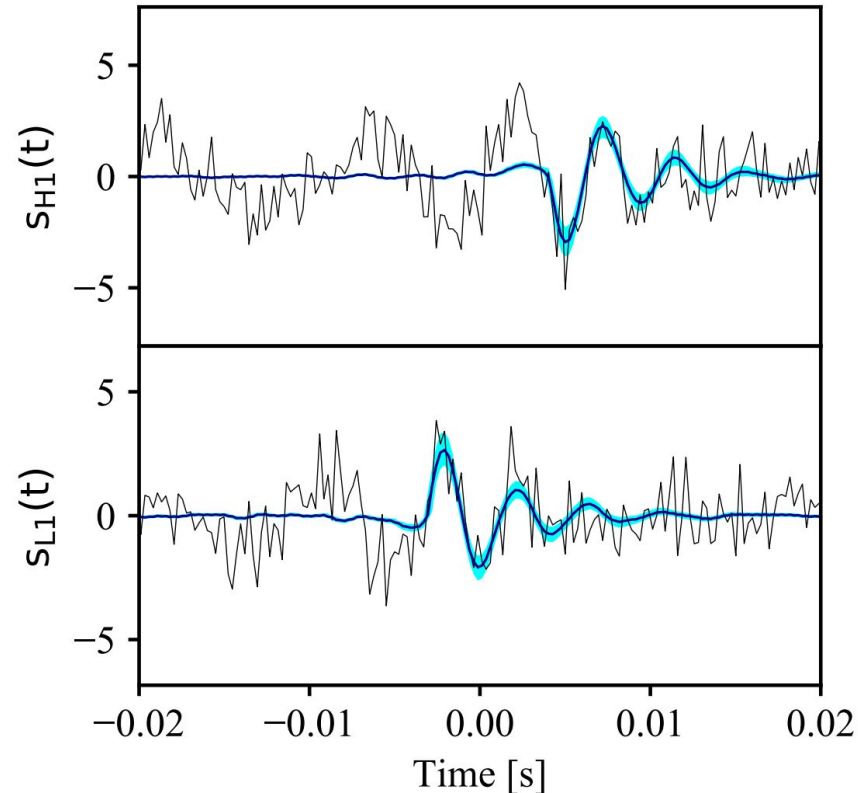
- **Eccentric binaries**: compact binaries elliptical orbits.
  - Dynamical formation
- Bhaumik et al (MS) 2024 ([2410.15192](#))
  - Comparison between waveform models
  - Sensitivity studies and recommendations
- Mishra et al (MS) 2024 ([2410.15191](#))
  - O3 data reanalysis
  - 3 new GWs: consistent with stellar BHs, one event has large mass-ratio (possible dynamic formation)



# Black Hole Spectroscopy

- Black holes are very simple objects!  
According to the no-hair theorem black hole geometry depends only on:
  - mass, spin, electric charge
- Black hole spectroscopy: measuring black hole oscillations
- **Quasi-normal modes (QNM)** - damped perturbations of BH resonances.
  - Intuitively: waves traveling around BH.
  - Precise measurements of the BH mass and spin and testing GR.
- **Systematically we will be discovering more higher harmonics**

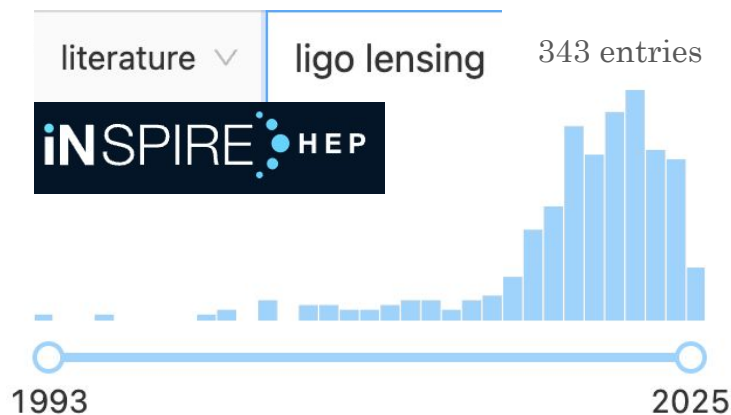
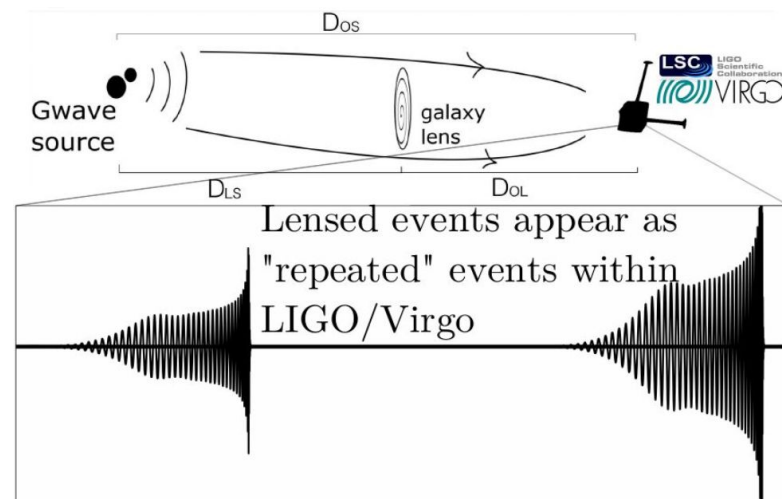
$$h_+ - ih_\times = \sum_{\ell \geq 2} \sum_{-\ell \leq m \leq \ell} \frac{h_{\ell m}(t, \lambda)}{D_L} {}_{-2}Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \phi)$$



Carullo et al 2019

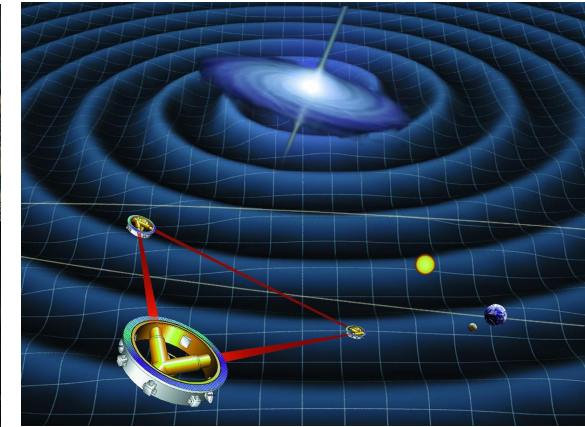
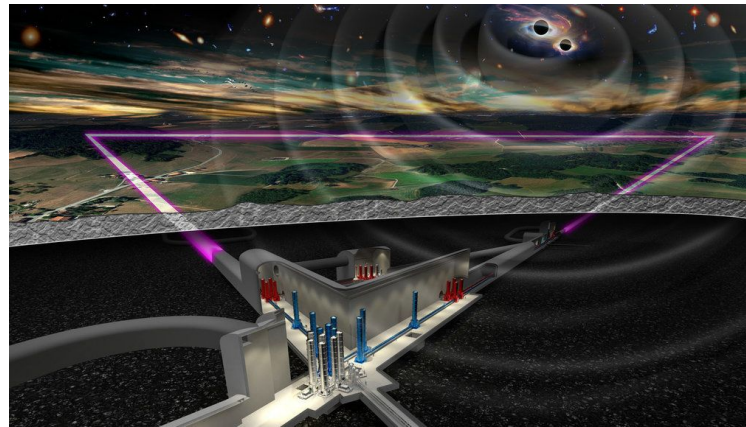
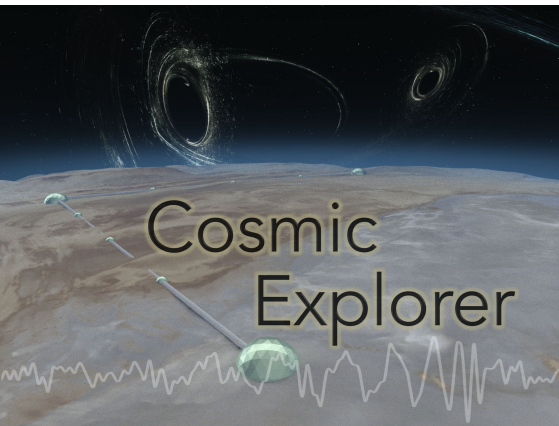
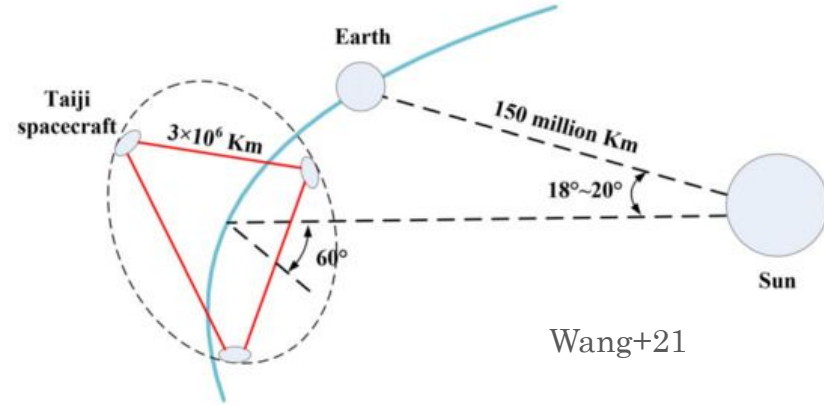
# GW lensing

- GW lensing: bending of GW propagation path near a massive object
- **Potential next GW discovery (even in the next couple of years)**
- Comparison with electromagnetic wave lensing:
  - Similar to light, GWs can be gravitationally lensed
  - But, very different methodology and science case
- New studies of astrophysics, cosmology and fundamental physics.
- GW lensing: magnification, multiple images, frequency-dependent deformation
- Growing interest in GW lensing



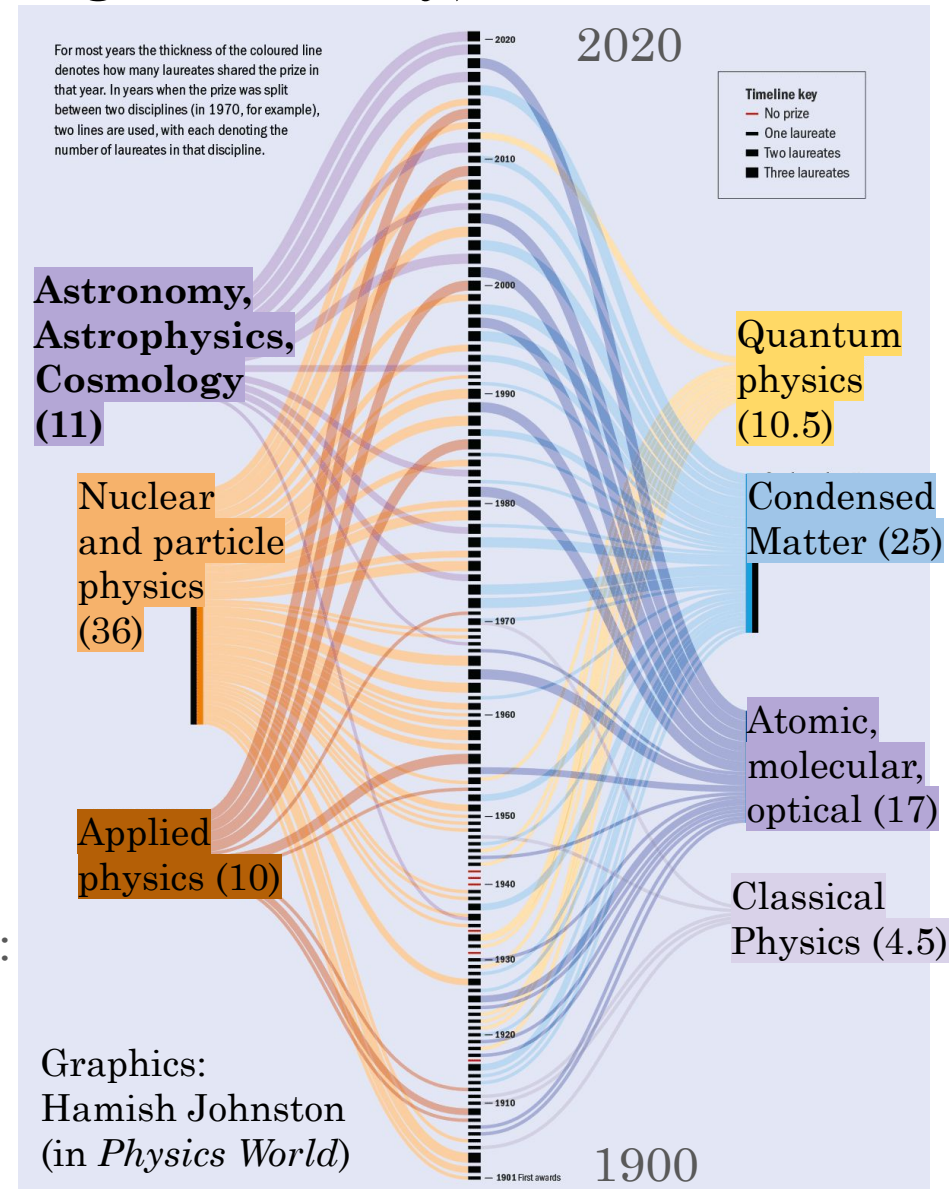
# The future of observations

- The third generation (3G) detectors will be 10x more sensitive: thousands of detections!
  - Cosmic Explorer (US)
  - Einstein Telescope (Europe)
- LISA and Taiji: space-based detector



# Extraordinary period of discovery in Astrophysics (It's worth looking at the sky)

- **The role of Astronomy, Astrophysics & Cosmology in discovery has grown greatly in the recent years.**
- Since 1900: around 15 Nobel Prizes
- Last decade: 7 Nobel Prizes
  - 4 are directly linked to General Relativity (2017: gravitational waves, 2019: theoretical cosmology, 2020: supermassive BH, 2020: BHs are consequence of GR)
  - 3 use astronomical data (2011: expansion of the Universe, 2015: neutrino oscillations, 2019: exoplanets)



# Summary

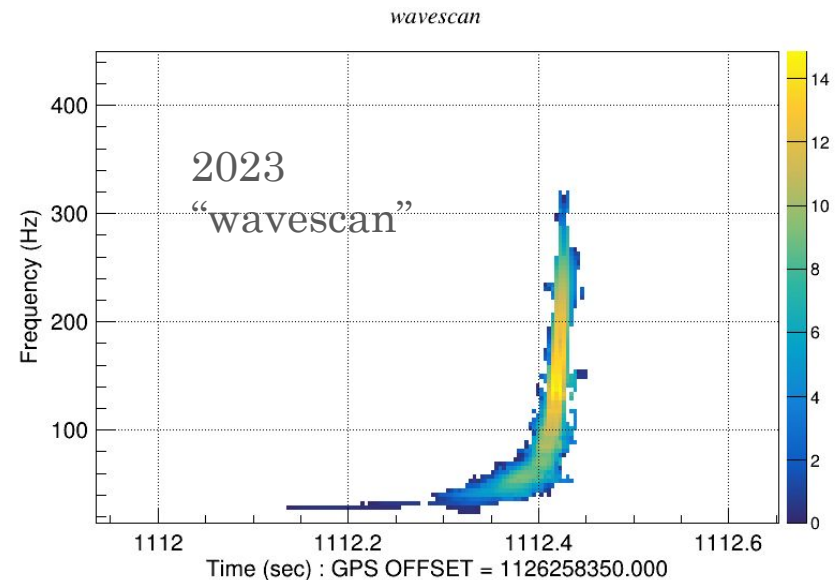
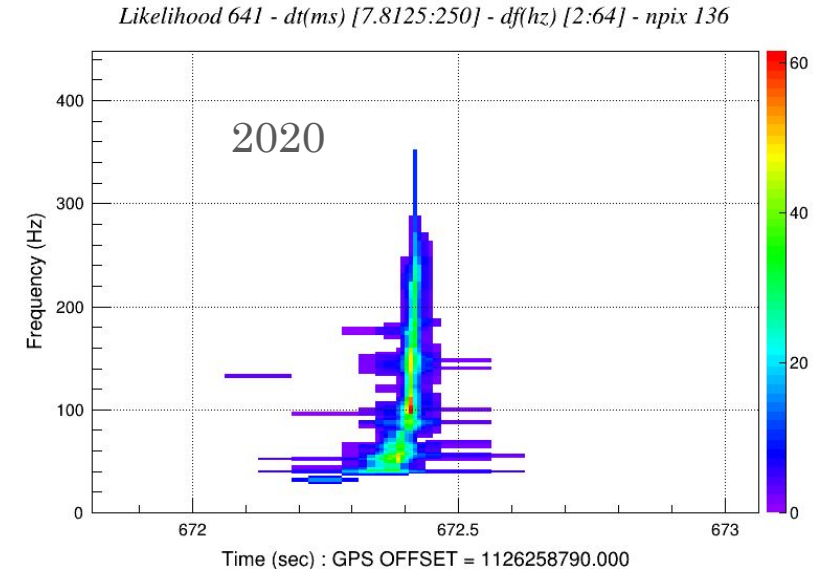
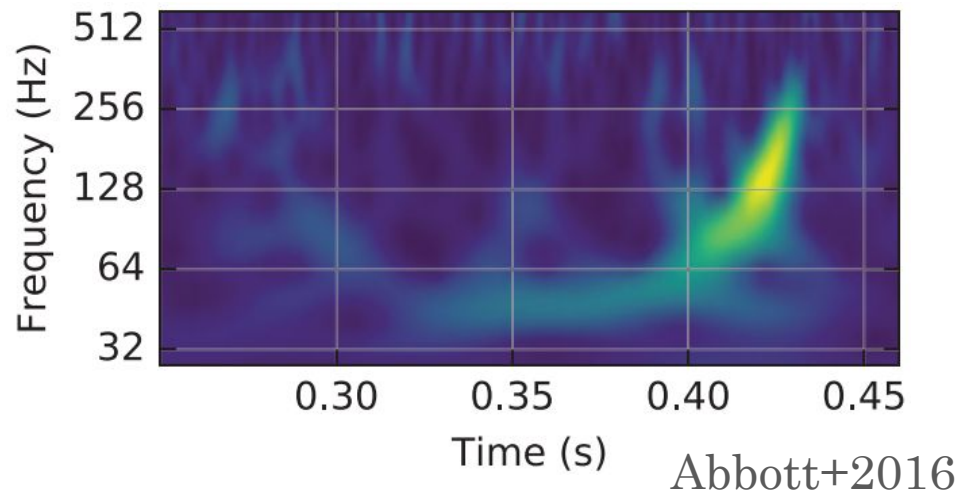
引力波: 黄金时代  
(gravitational waves: golden age)

- Part I: Basics
  - GW observations
  - Model-independent methods are suitable for discoveries
- Part II: Future
  - O4: ~400 GWs and GW candidates, several high profile results
  - Much is still waiting to be discovered
  - Future discoveries: core-collapse supernova,
  - Future is “loud”!
- Slides: [fuw.edu.pl/~mszczepanczyk/news.html](https://fuw.edu.pl/~mszczepanczyk/news.html)

# Extras

# Time-frequency maps (GW150914 example)

- Challenges:
  - Temporal leakage (time domain)
  - Spectral leakage (frequency domain)
  - Combining resolutions
- Latest developments on high-resolution time-frequency transform and minimizing leakage:  
Klimenko+22 “wavescan” ([2201.01096](#))



# Astronomy and Astrophysics for the 2020s

Astronomy and Astrophysics for the 2020s is a Decadal Survey by the American National Science Foundation.

## **New Messengers and New Physics:**

most energetic processes in the Universe, nature of dark matter, dark energy, and cosmological inflation.

Priority Area: “New Windows on the Dynamic Universe”

## **Worlds and Suns in Context:**

exoplanets and stars, their formation, evolution, characterize other solar systems, potentially habitable analogs to our own.

Priority Area: “Pathways to Habitable Worlds”

## **Cosmic Ecosystems:**

link observations and modeling of the stars, galaxies, and the gas and energetic processes that couple their formation, evolution.

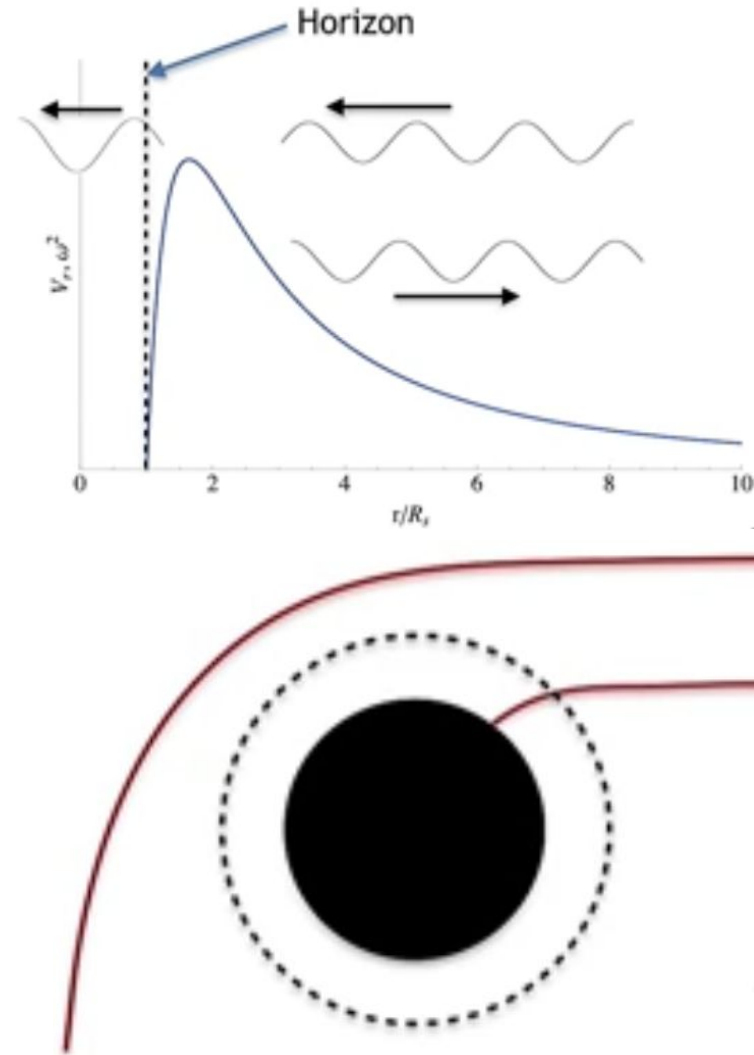
Priority Area: “Unveiling the Drivers of Galaxy Growth”

# Black Hole spectroscopy

- BH perturbation theory predicts the BH resonances, quasi-normal modes (QNM), intuition:
  - waves traveling around the BH (similarly to Earth's free modes of oscillation, Berti+09)
  - light rays scattered (like in quantum mechanics) around BH spacetime potential and slowly leaking out (Goebel+72)
- The same equations need to be solved as for hydrogen atom in quantum mechanics. Scalar wave equation in Schwarzschild:

$$\square_g \psi = 0$$

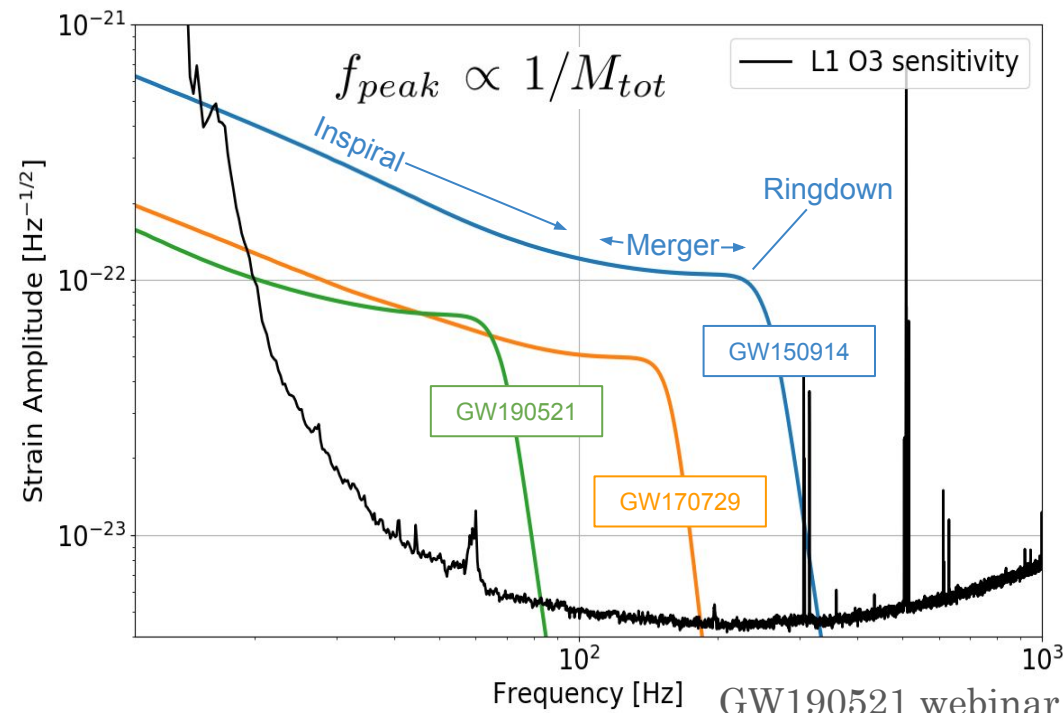
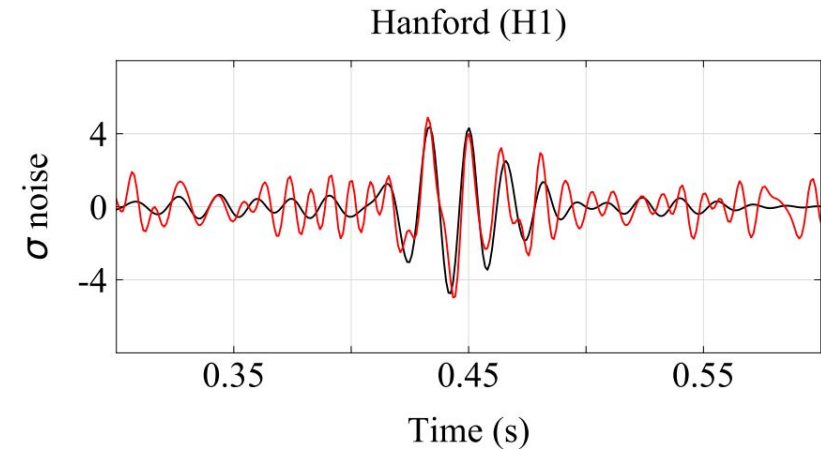
- **Future strong GW detections will allow measuring BH oscillations**



Figures: A. Zimmerman

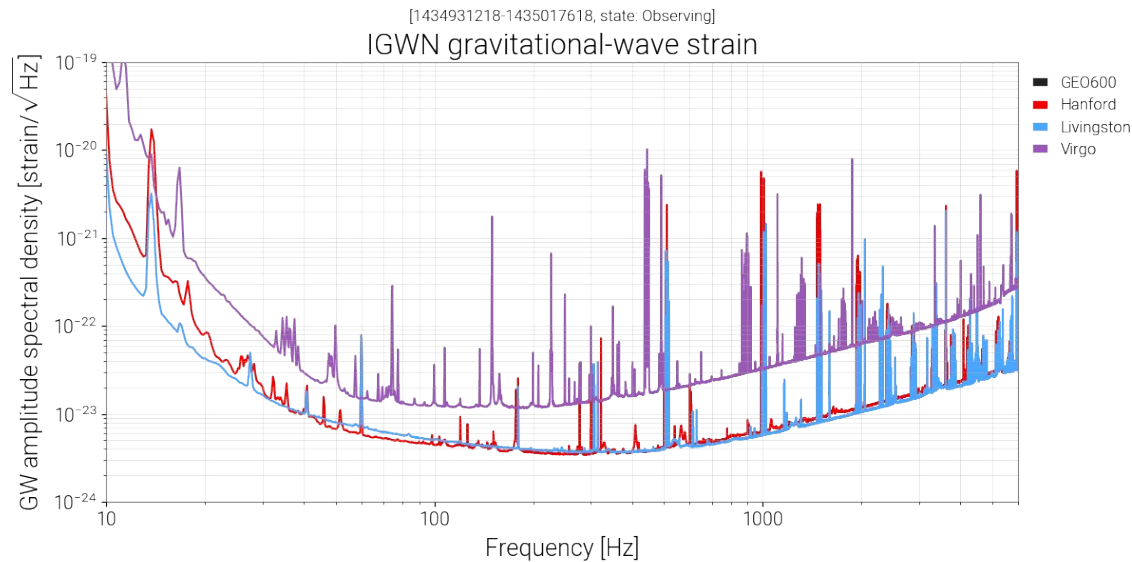
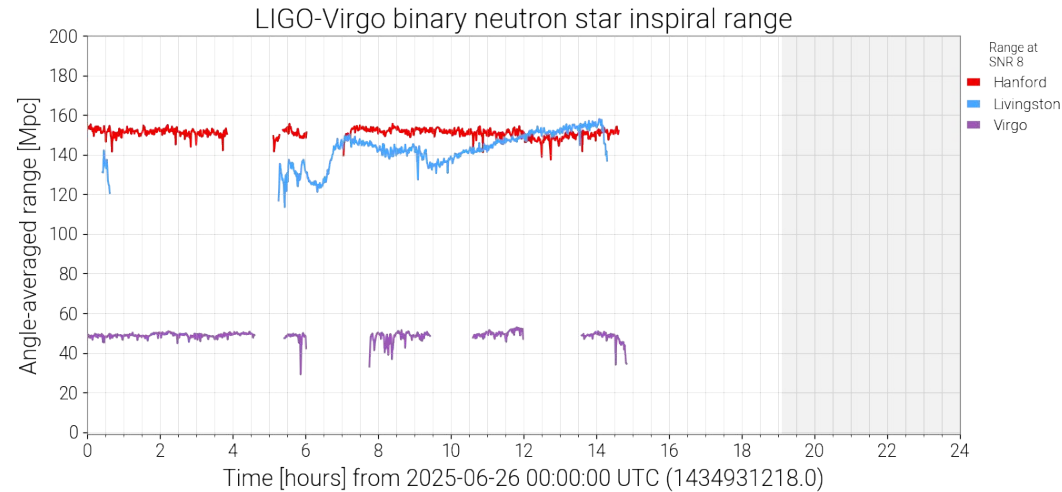
# GW190521

- Intermediate-mass black holes (IMBHs) - between stellar mass ( $100 M_{\odot}$ ) and supermassive ( $10^5 M_{\odot}$ ). The origin is not yet well understood.
  - Probing pair-instability mass gap (Stars with He mass in ( $64 M_{\odot}$ ,  $135 M_{\odot}$ ))
  - Formation channels
  - Most distant GW sources
- GW190521 - first conclusive evidence of an IMBH.
- No chirping structure
- Detection significance (see MS+21, [2009.11336](#)):
  - Online: 1 per 28 years
  - Offline: 1 per 4900 years (established by cWB)
  - Challenges: scatter noise, blips

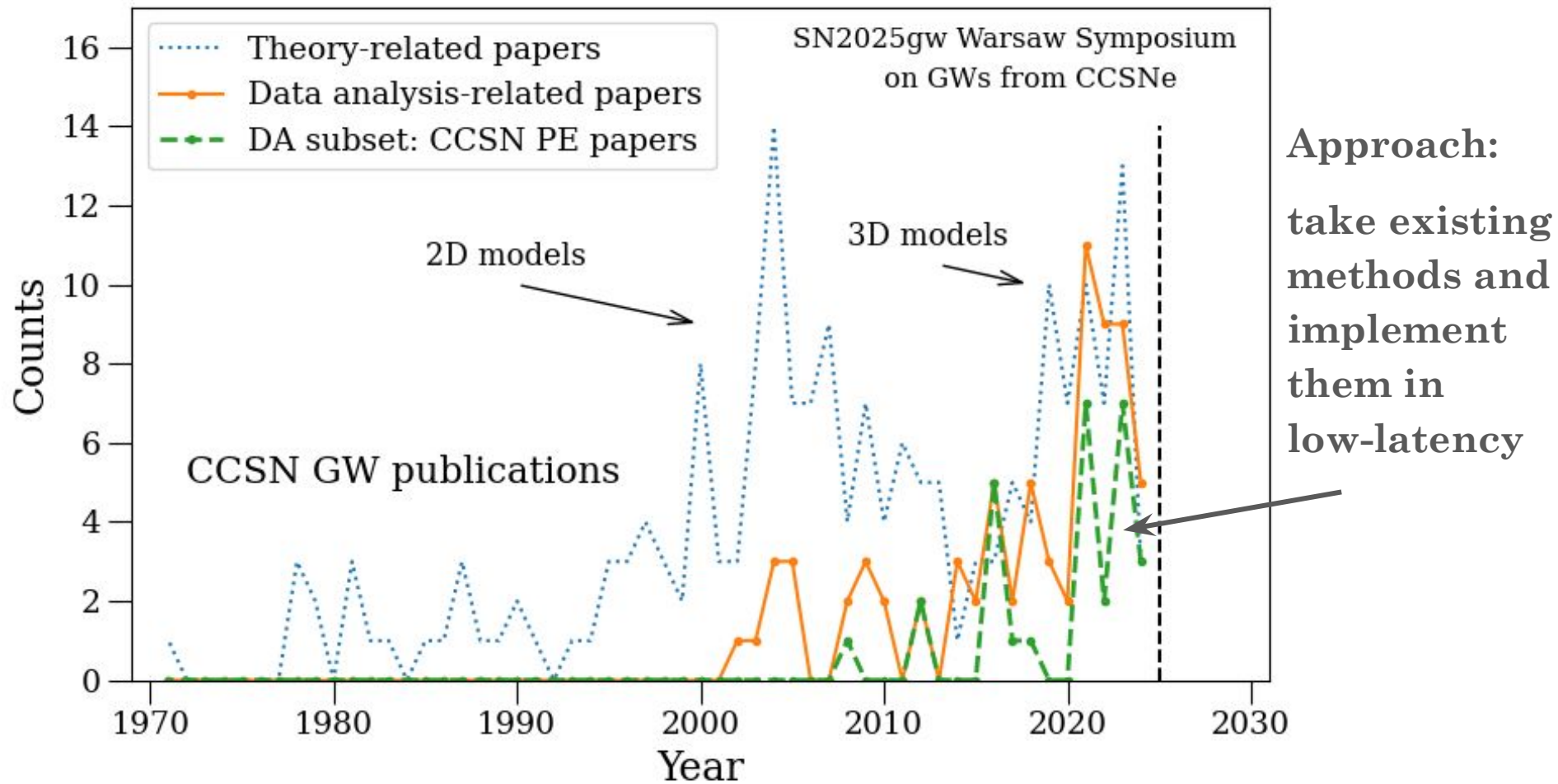


# Observing Run 4

- Live detector status:  
<https://online.lgw.org/>
- Daily detector status:  
[https://gwosc.org/detector\\_status/](https://gwosc.org/detector_status/)
- Public data release is 18 months after data collection



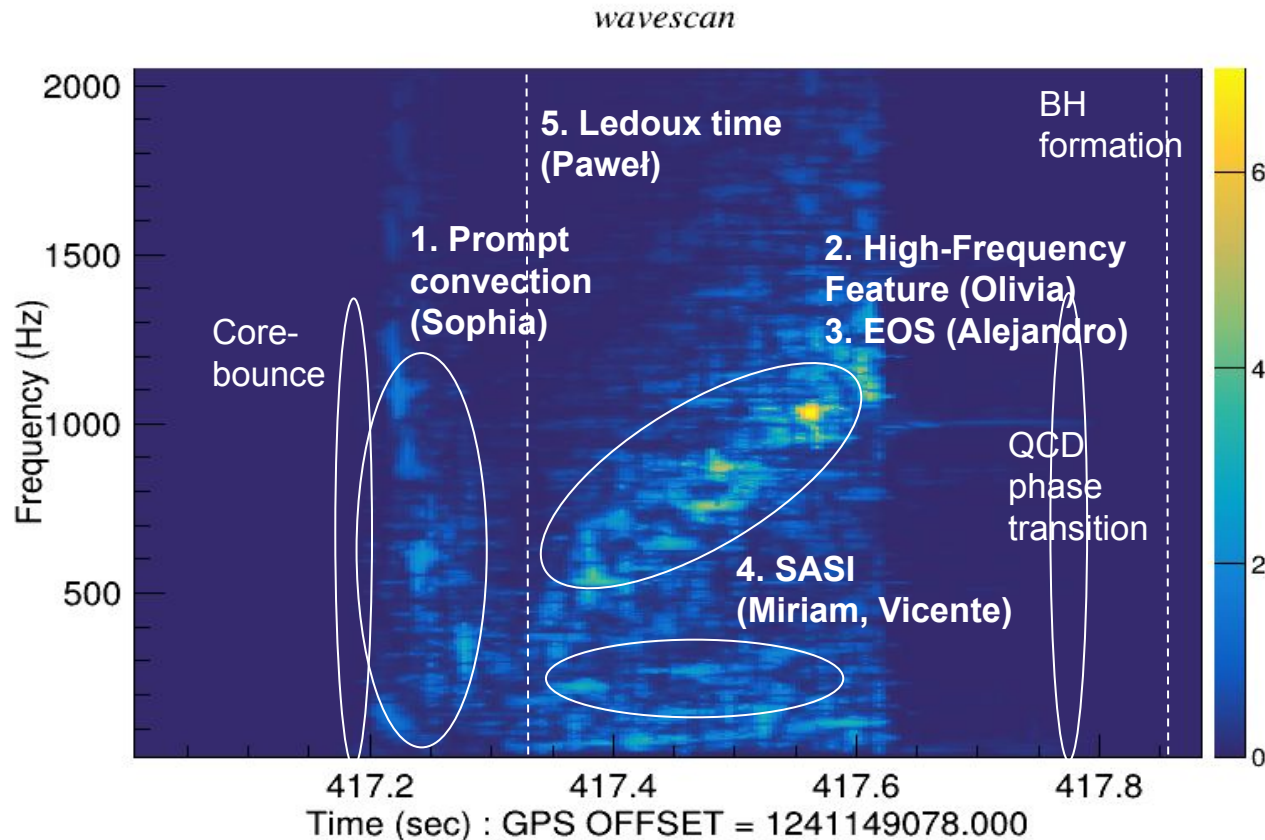
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CCSN GW Literature, by Ewald Mueller:

[https://wwwmpa.mpa-garching.mpg.de/rel\\_hydro/GWlit\\_catalog.shtml](https://wwwmpa.mpa-garching.mpg.de/rel_hydro/GWlit_catalog.shtml)

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- 6. Emission Regions (Brajesh)
- 7. GW energy (Sreeta)
- 8. Source Orientation (Pratul)
- 9. CCSN Sound (Jan)
- 10. GW Representation (Stanisław)

Sound of gravitational waves from CCSNe:

<https://www.fuw.edu.pl/~mszczepancyk/gwsound.html>

# SN2025gw: IGWN Symposium on CCSNe

Some lessons learned (work in progress on a White Paper):

- **A multimessenger (GW+nu+EM) detection program** for CCSNe is underway. Detailed discussion/decisions needed on the conditions for declaring a detection with a CCSN candidate (statistical significance, morphological constraints).
- **A multimessenger (GW+nu+EM) parameter estimation program** for CCSNe is underway. More areas can be expanded further like multi feature. There are indications that GW memory could be detected as well (thanks also to current hardware improvements).
- **The interaction between EM, nu and GW communities could be improved**, for example what will we do explicitly if we have a Galactic CCSNe?
- While there is a consensus on predicted GWs, it is still not known what waveform amplitudes we may expect.
- Many uncertainties (**progenitor structure...**) and hidden assumptions (**transport treatment...**) are baked into the multi-physics supernova problem.
- Important to consider how supernova modelling needs to **evolve technically and organisationally** to make further progress and aid gravitational wave and multi-messenger astronomy.