



TRANSIENT SEARCH IN GW ASTRONOMY

CASE STUDY OF GW150914

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TIME SERIES ANALYSIS FOR SYNOPTIC SURVEYS AND GRAVITATIONAL WAVE ASTRONOMY

On behalf LSC-VIRGO Collaboration

based on LIGO-G1601052

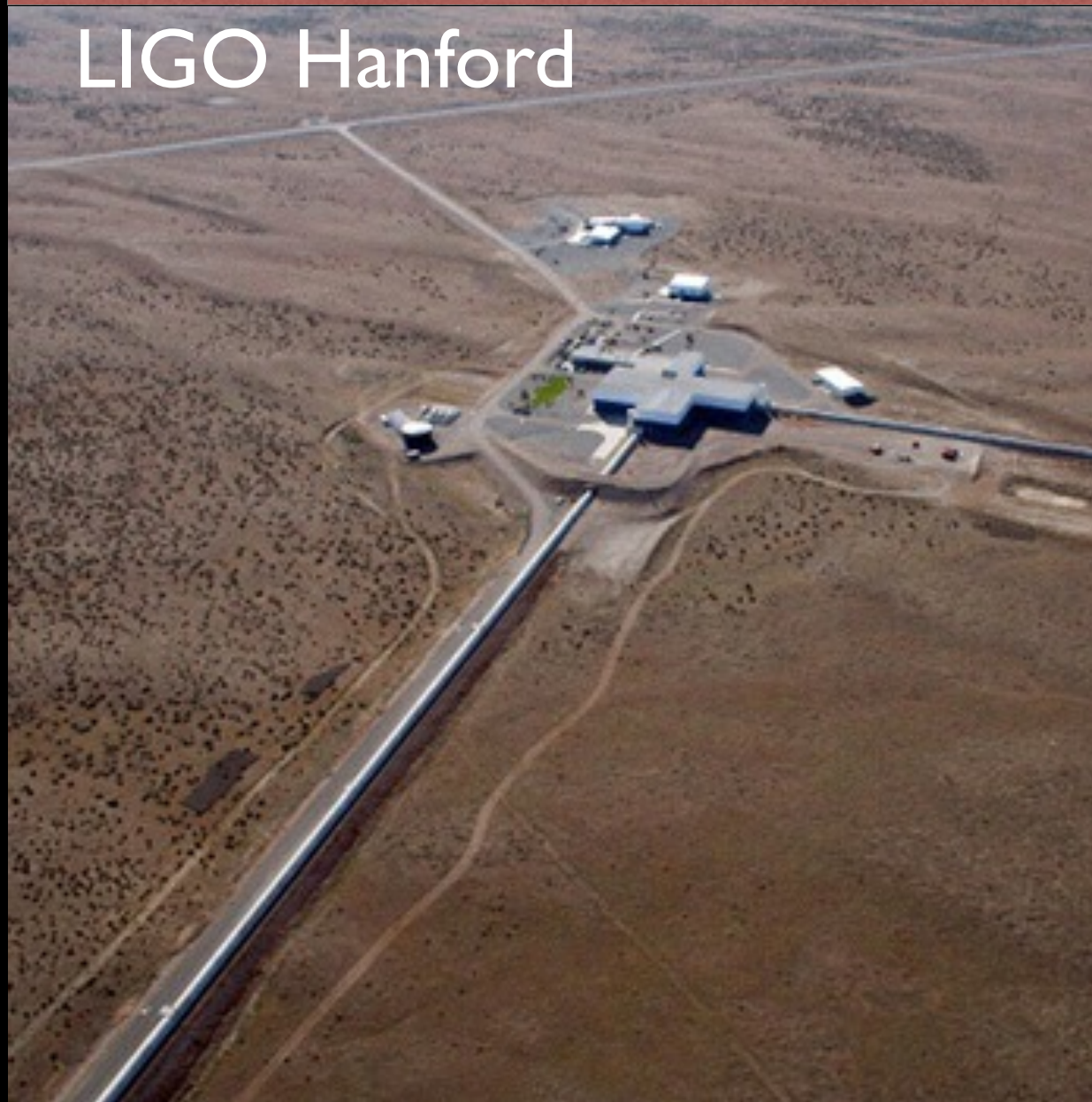
NEW ERA OF GRAVITATIONAL
WAVE ASTRONOMY HAS BEGUN

Laser Interferometric Gravitational Wave Observatory (LIGO)

$$h = h_+ F_+ + h_\times F_\times$$



LIGO Hanford

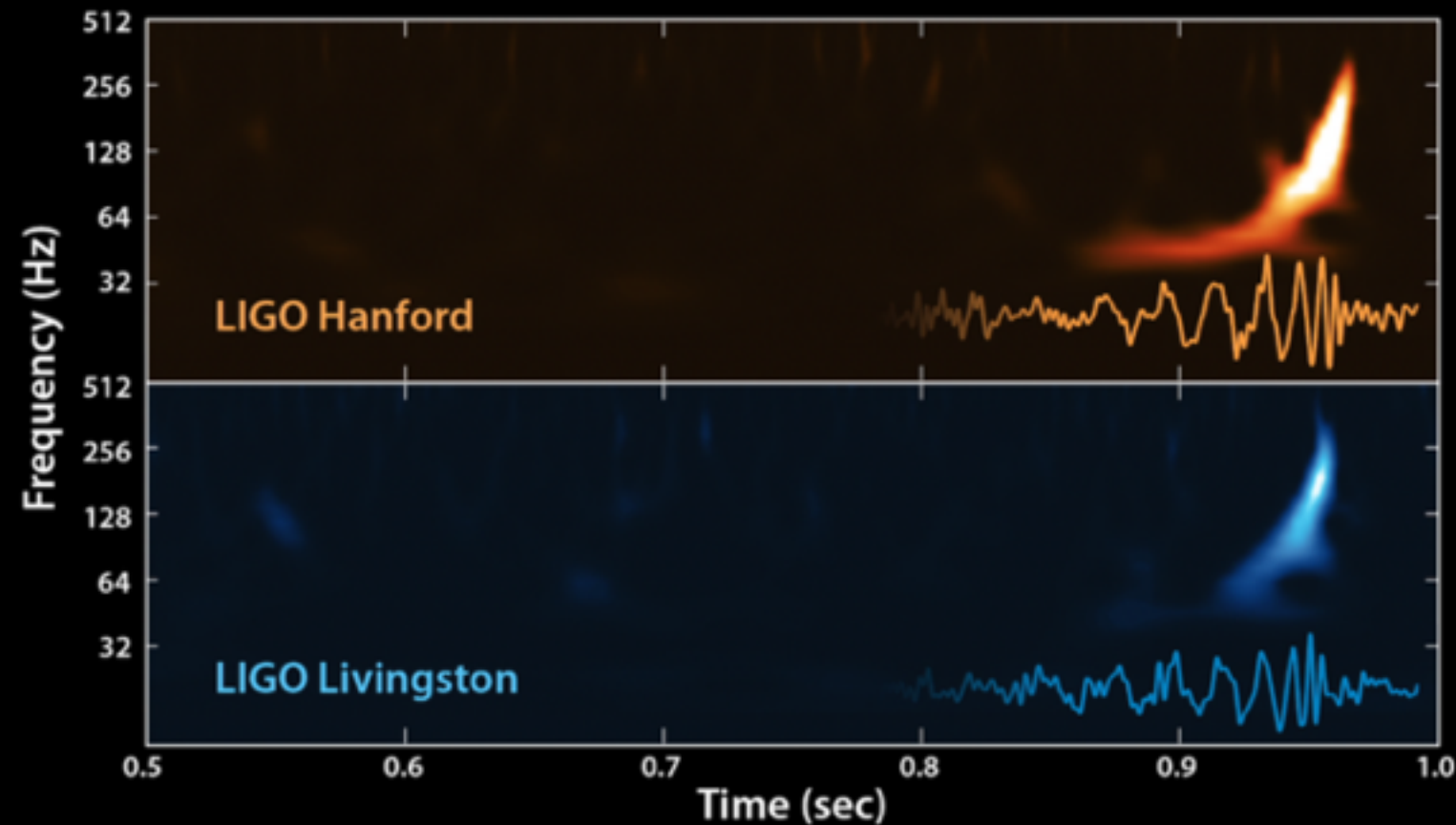
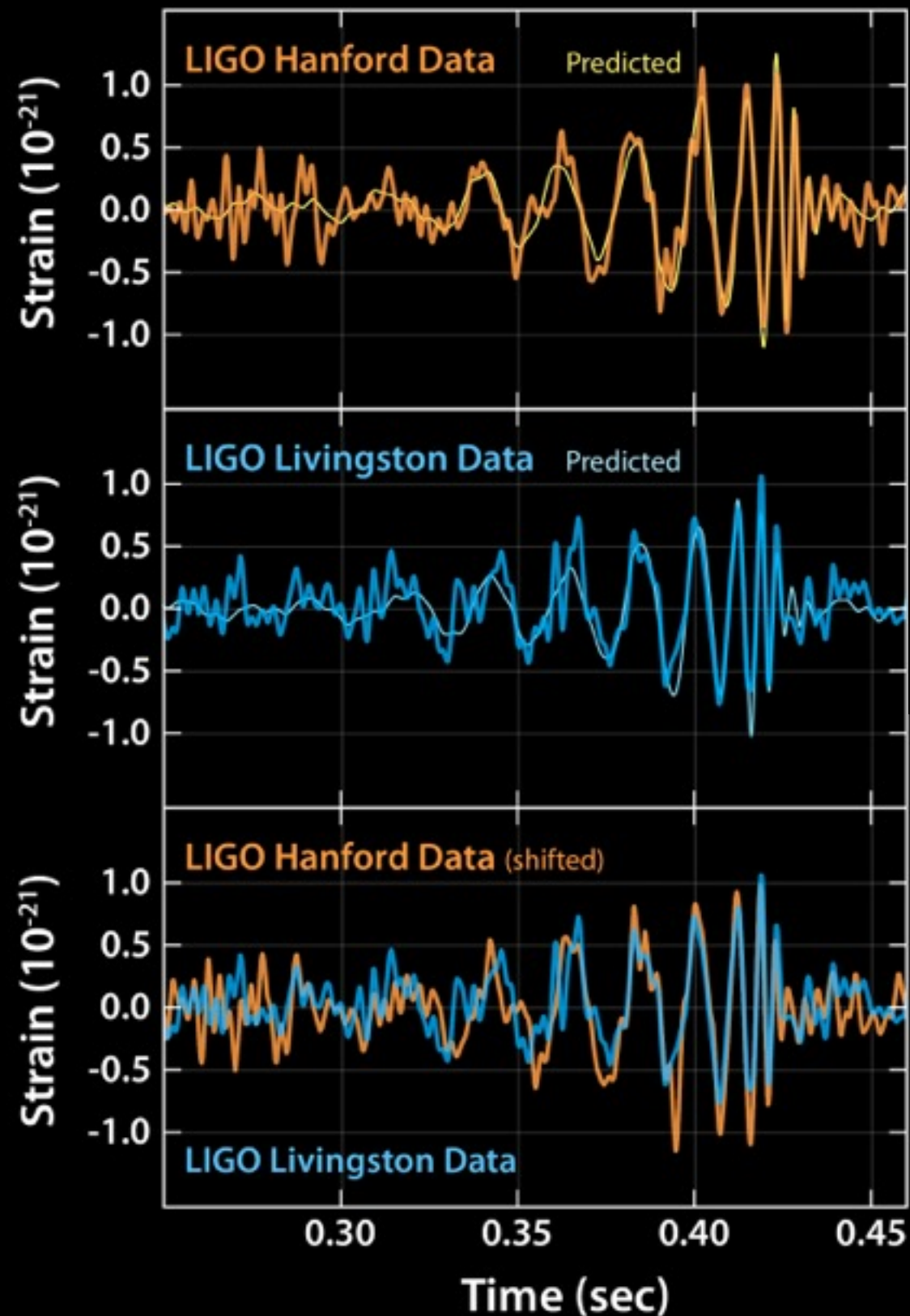


LIGO Louisiana



Credit: Larson

GW150914: FIRST GW TRANSIENT EVENT

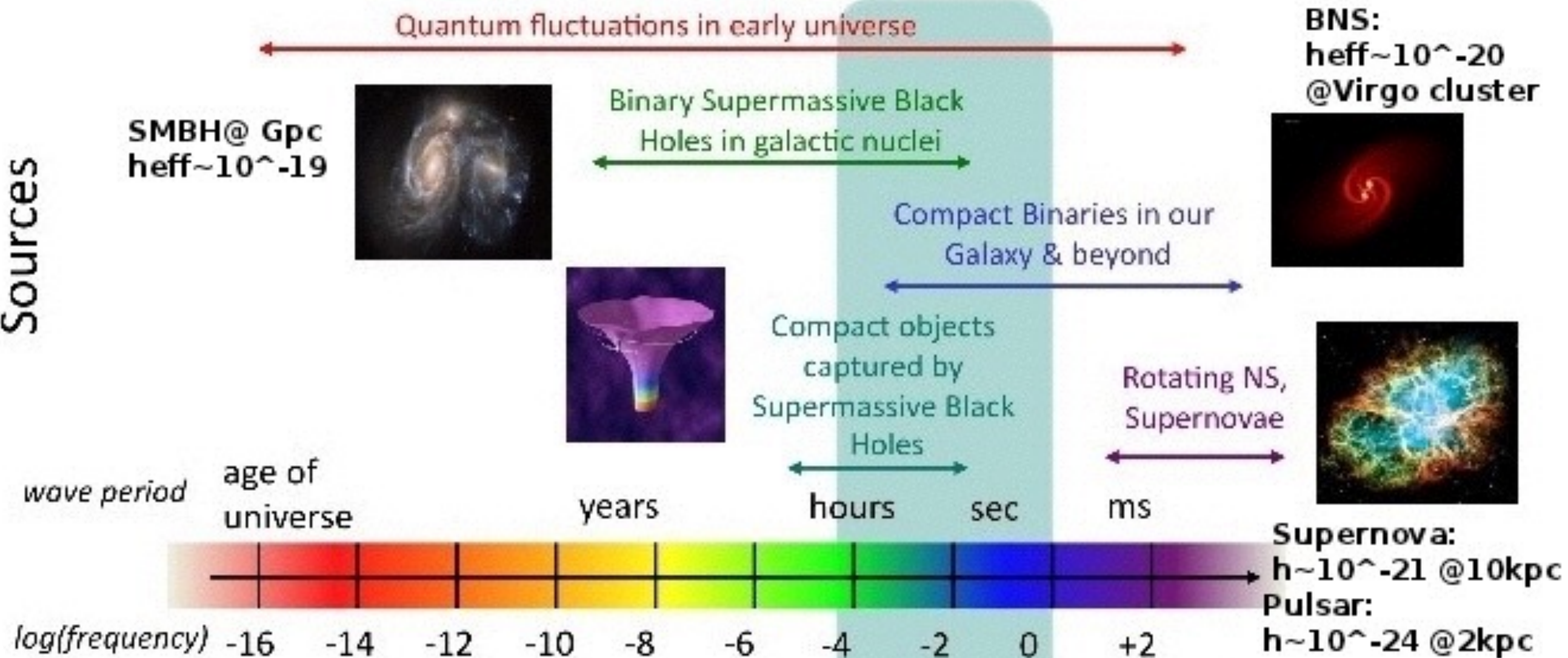


The signal swept in frequency
(35-300 Hz)
as time progresses

The signal duration is 200 msec from
30 Hz.

The Gravitational Wave Spectrum

Sources



Detectors

GW TRANSIENTS

SHORT DURATION (FEW MILLISEC TO FEW TENS OF SECS)

FREQUENCY MODULATED SIGNALS

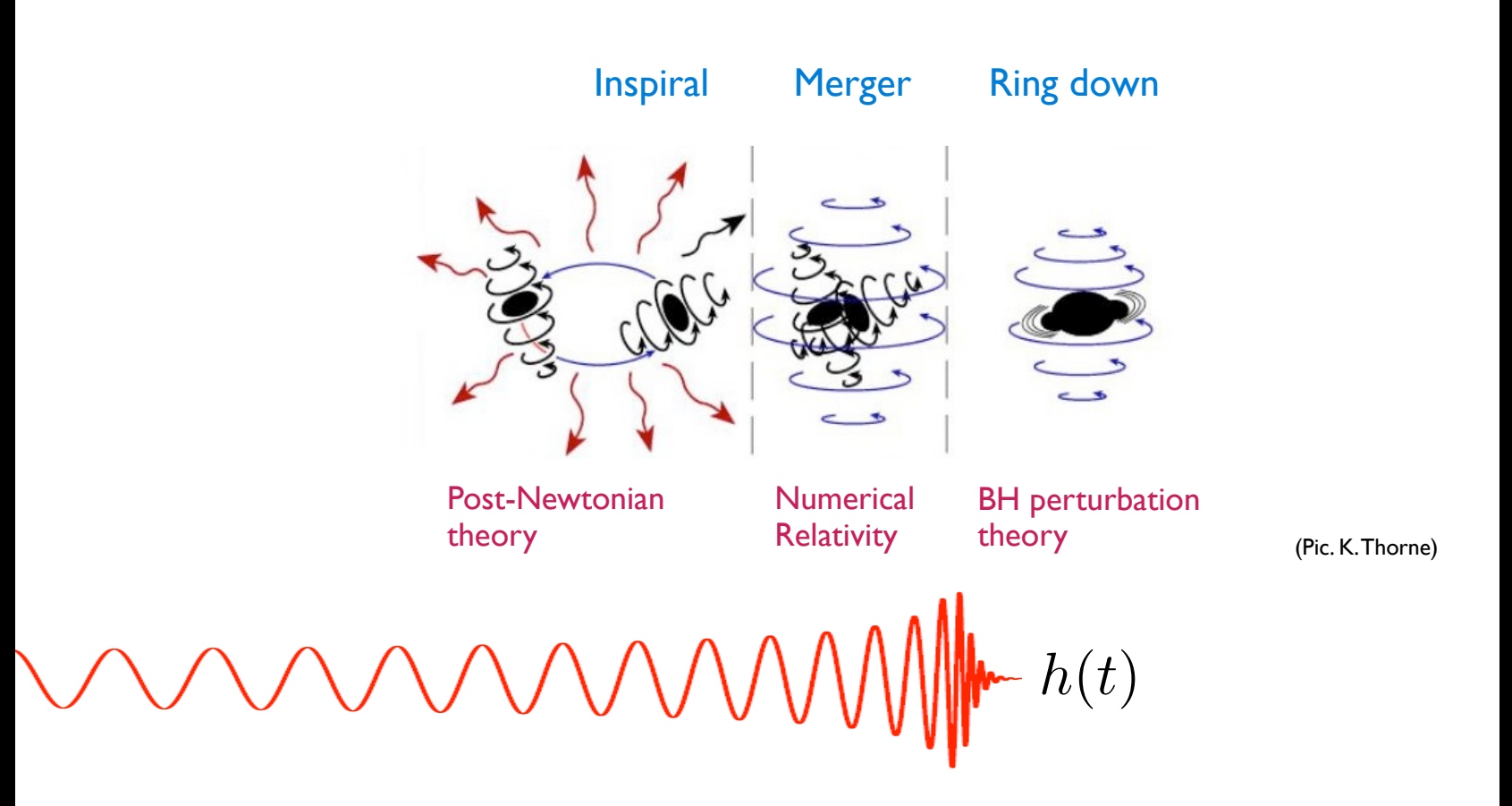
FREQUENCY BAND — 20 HZ - 2-3KHZ

GW TRANSIENTS

COMPACT BINARY COALESCENCE
(CBC)

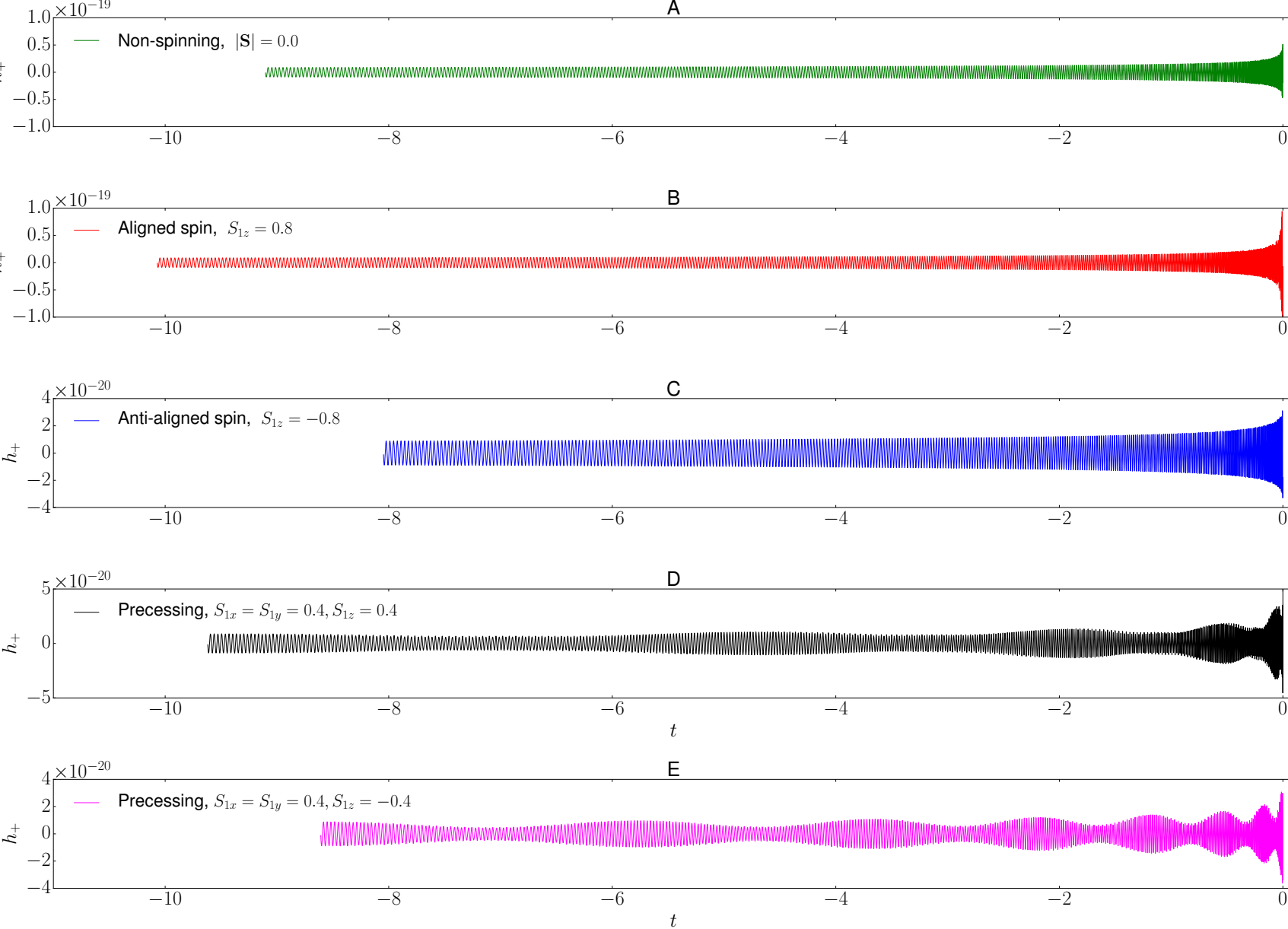
DOUBLE NEUTRON STARS (DNS)
NEUTRON STAR-BLACK HOLES (NSBH)
BLACK HOLE-BLACK HOLE (BBH)

DURING END STAGES OF BINARY EVOLUTION GW SIGNAL
ENTERS THE DETECTOR BAND
($20\text{Hz} < f < 1\text{Hz}$)

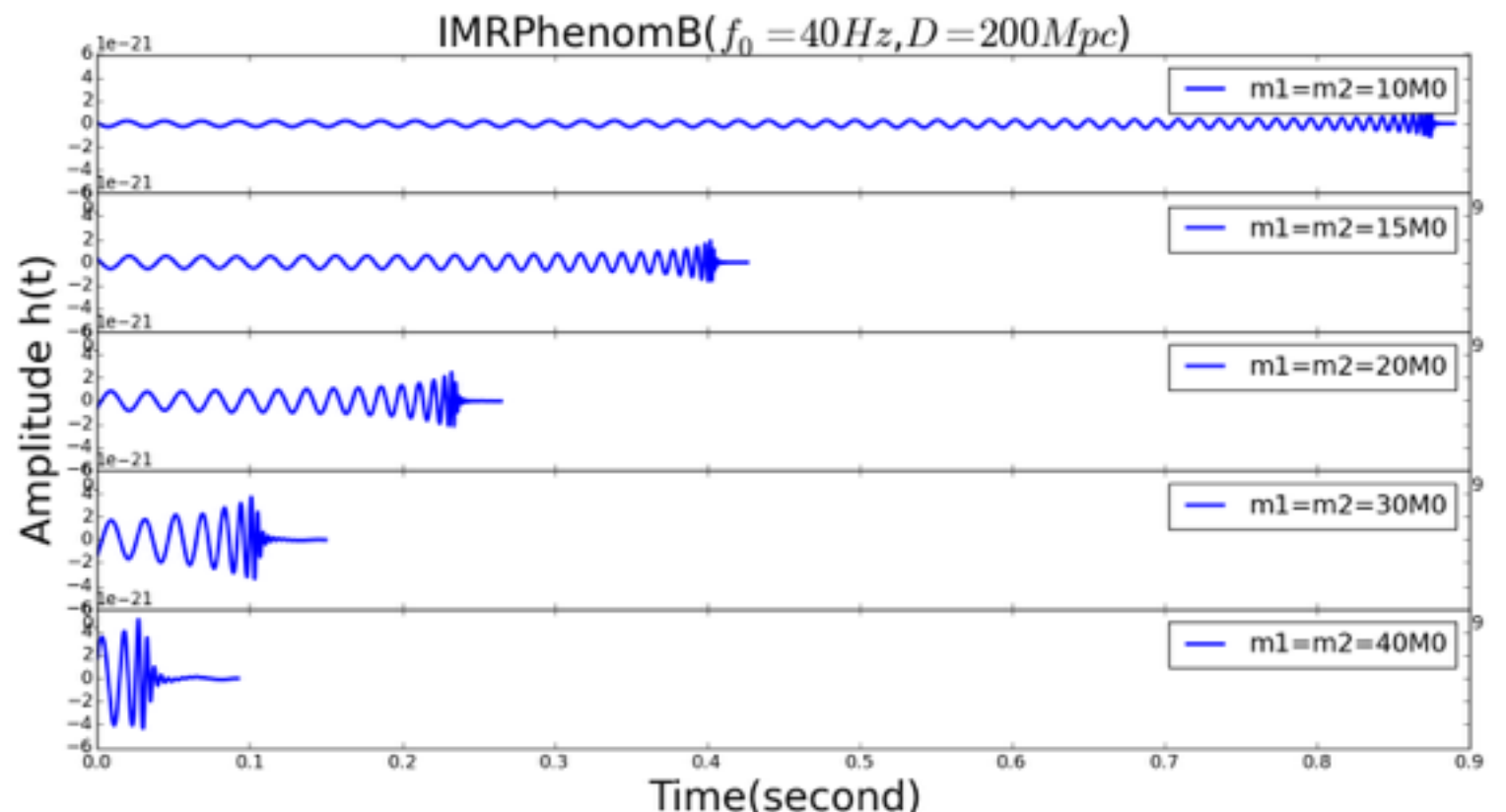


Different types of GW transients from CBCs

Lower masses
spend more time
in the detector



Aligned spin system
spends more time
compared to
anti-aligned spins



GW TRANSIENTS

UNMODELLED
COMPLEX PHYSICS

SUPERNOVA CORE
COLLAPSE EVENT

BURSTS IN ECCENTRIC
BINARY ORBITS

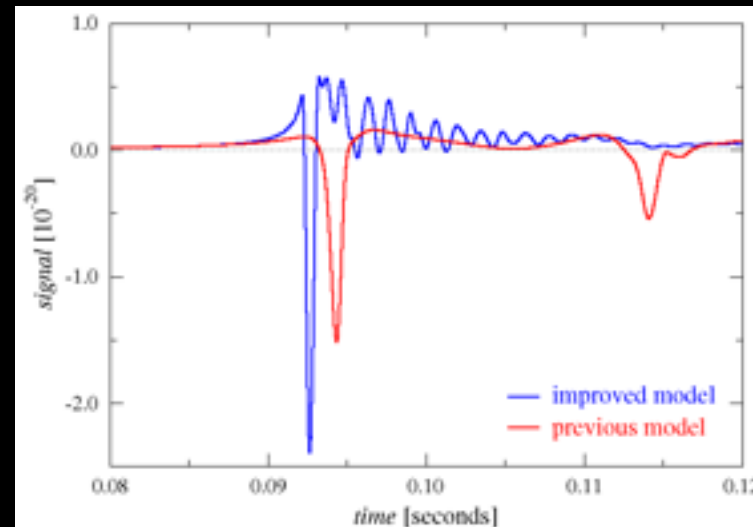
LOUTREL ETAL PRD 2014

ACCRETING SYSTEMS

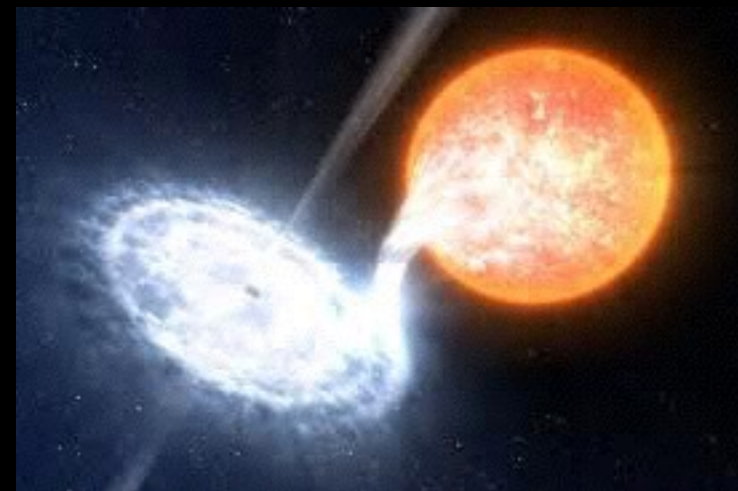
PIRO-THRANE ARXIV-2012

UNKNOWN SOURCES...

Crab



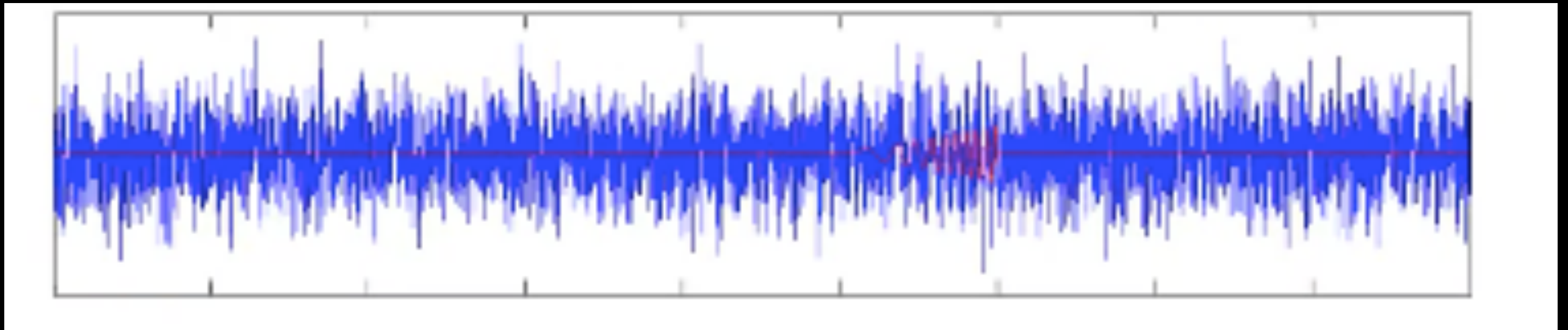
Dimmelmeier Catalogue



DETECTION OF GW TRANSIENT

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NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK



MODEL BASED SEARCH: MATCHED FILTERING

UN-MODELLED SEARCH: LARGELY BASED ON
THE BROAD SIGNAL FEATURES IN TIME-
FREQUENCY DOMAIN

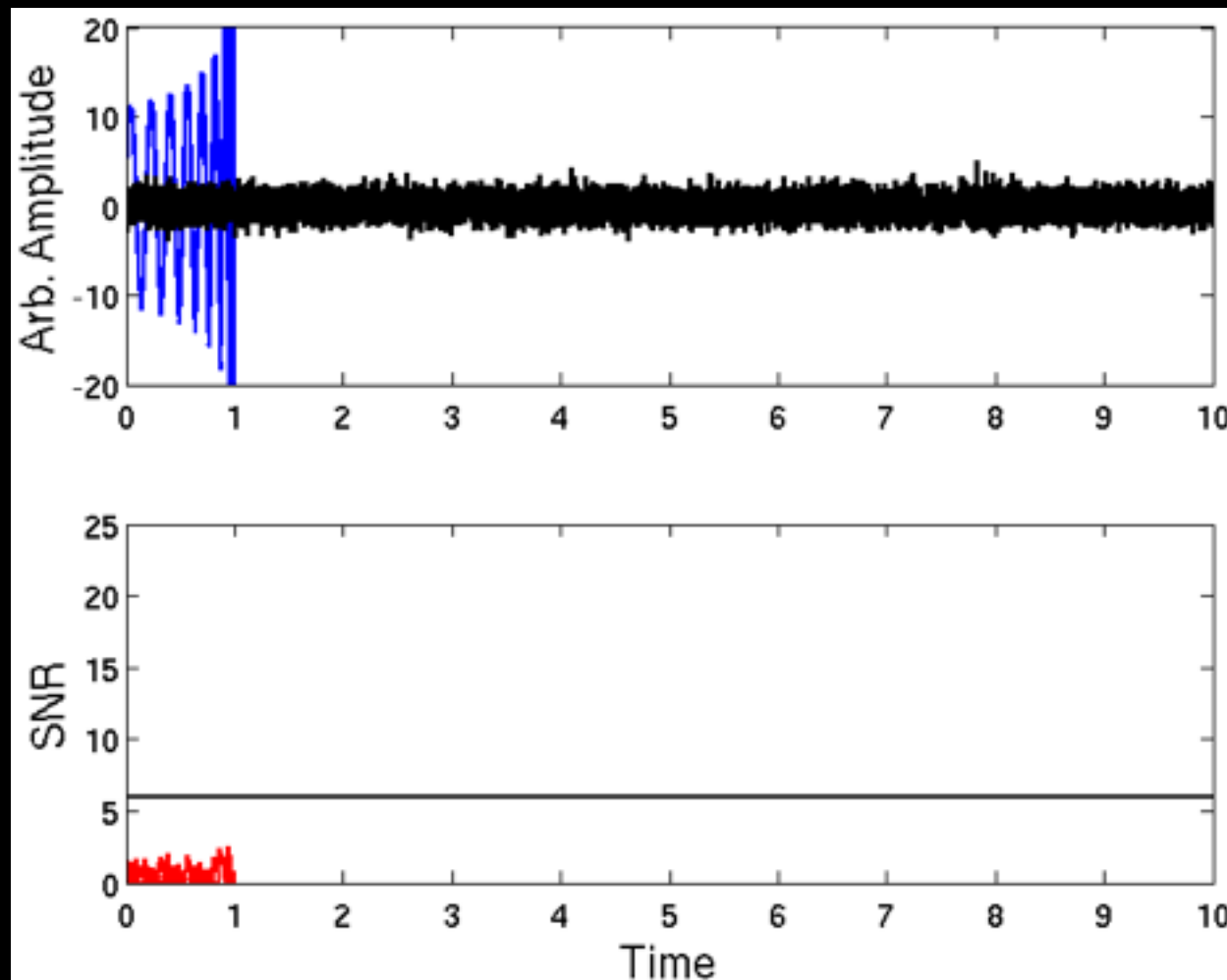
MATCHED FILTERING TECHNIQUE

Fetching weak signal in the
noisy data ($x(t)=h(t)+n(t)$)
Shape matching technique

Coherent addition of Signal
Incoherent addition of Noise

Filtered Output

$$\langle x | \hat{h} \rangle$$



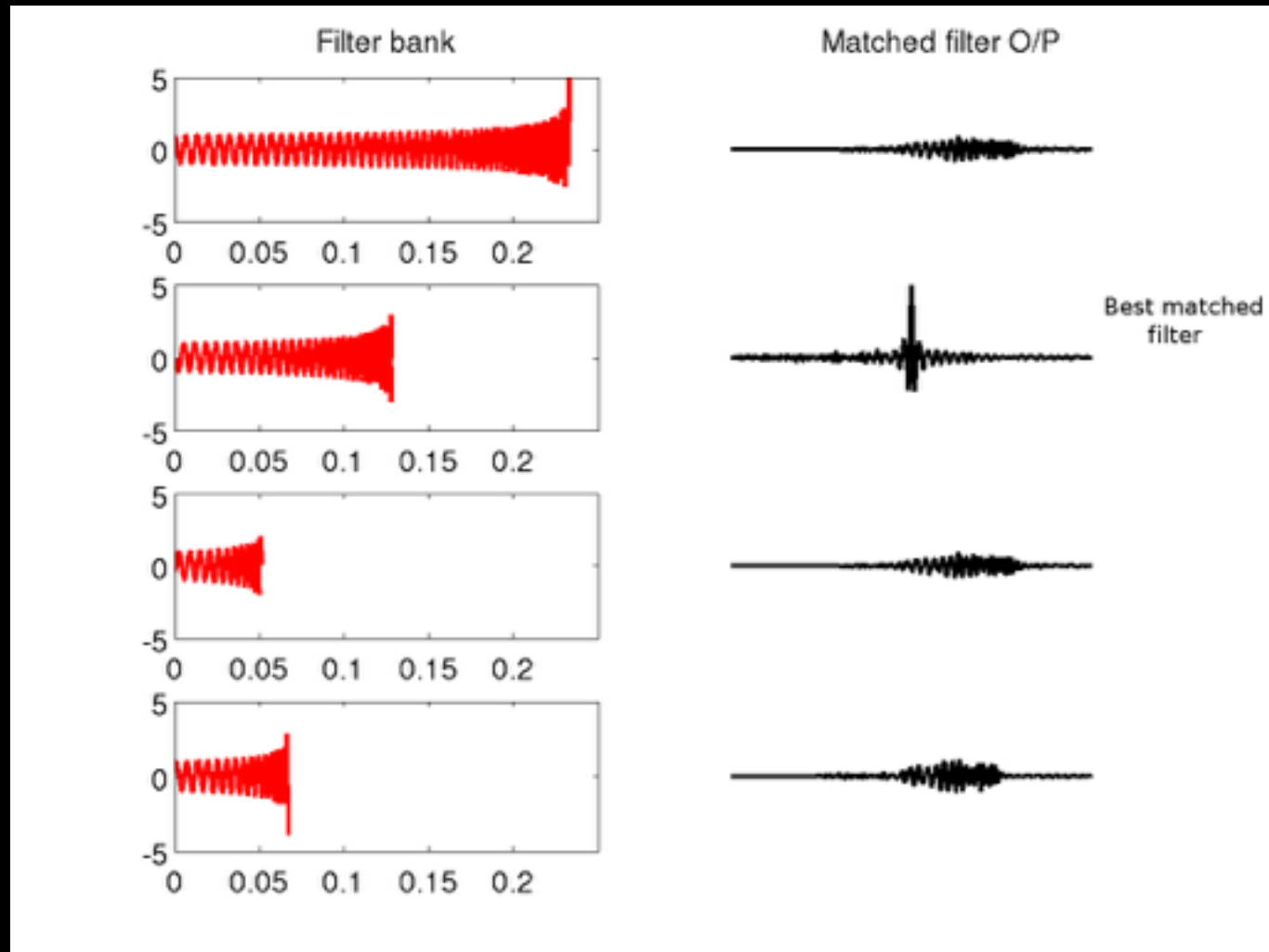
Optimal
Signal-To-Noise Ratio

$$(\langle x | \hat{h} \rangle_{av})^2 = \langle h | h \rangle \equiv \rho^2$$

$$\langle a | b \rangle = 4\Re \int_{f_s}^{f_{LSO}} \frac{\tilde{a}^*(f)\tilde{b}(f)}{Sn(f)} df$$

FEATURES OF THE MATCHED FILTERING

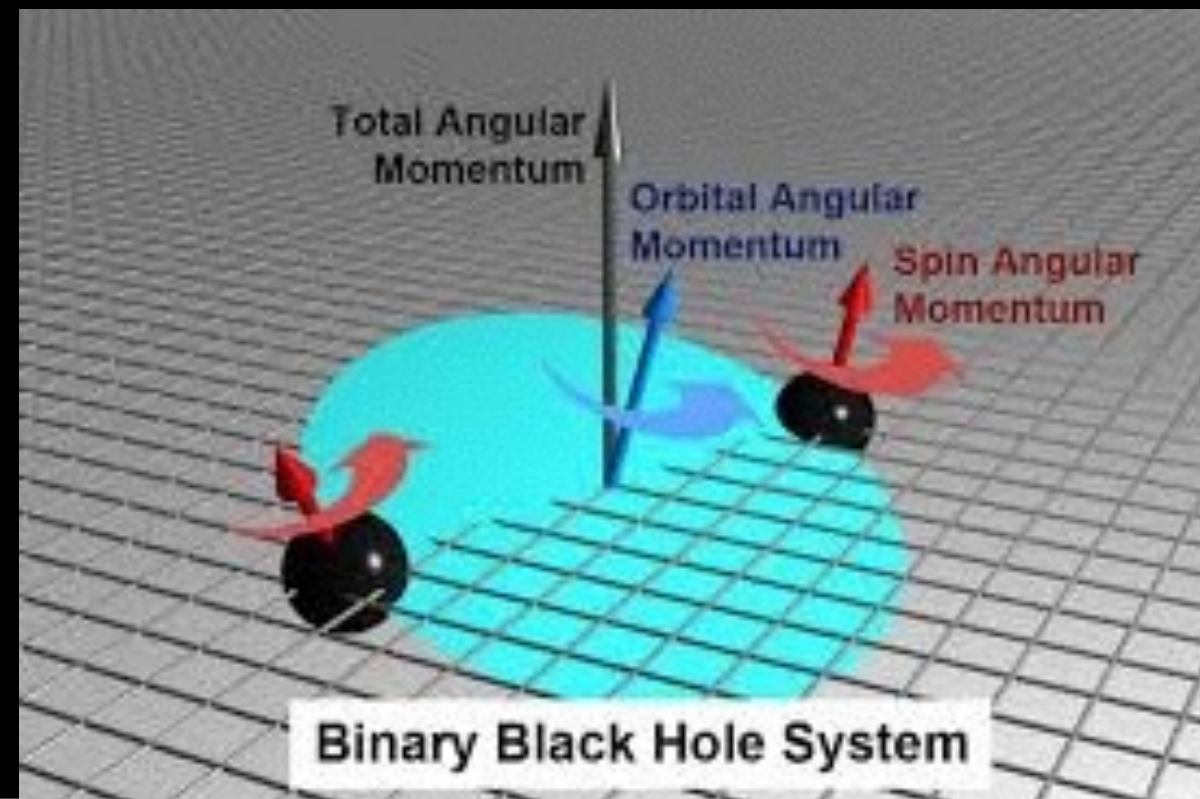
- Accurate waveform model is crucial.
- Sensitive to small phase mismatch = large number of templates
- Identification of signal parameters which govern the phase (signal shape) = Intrinsic parameters
- Physical parameters may not always be the best choice.



TEMPLATE PARAMETERS FOR CBC

DNS: SHORTEST KNOWN PULSAR
PERIOD IS 22MS GIVES LOW SPIN
[BURGAY ET.AL., NATURE 2003]

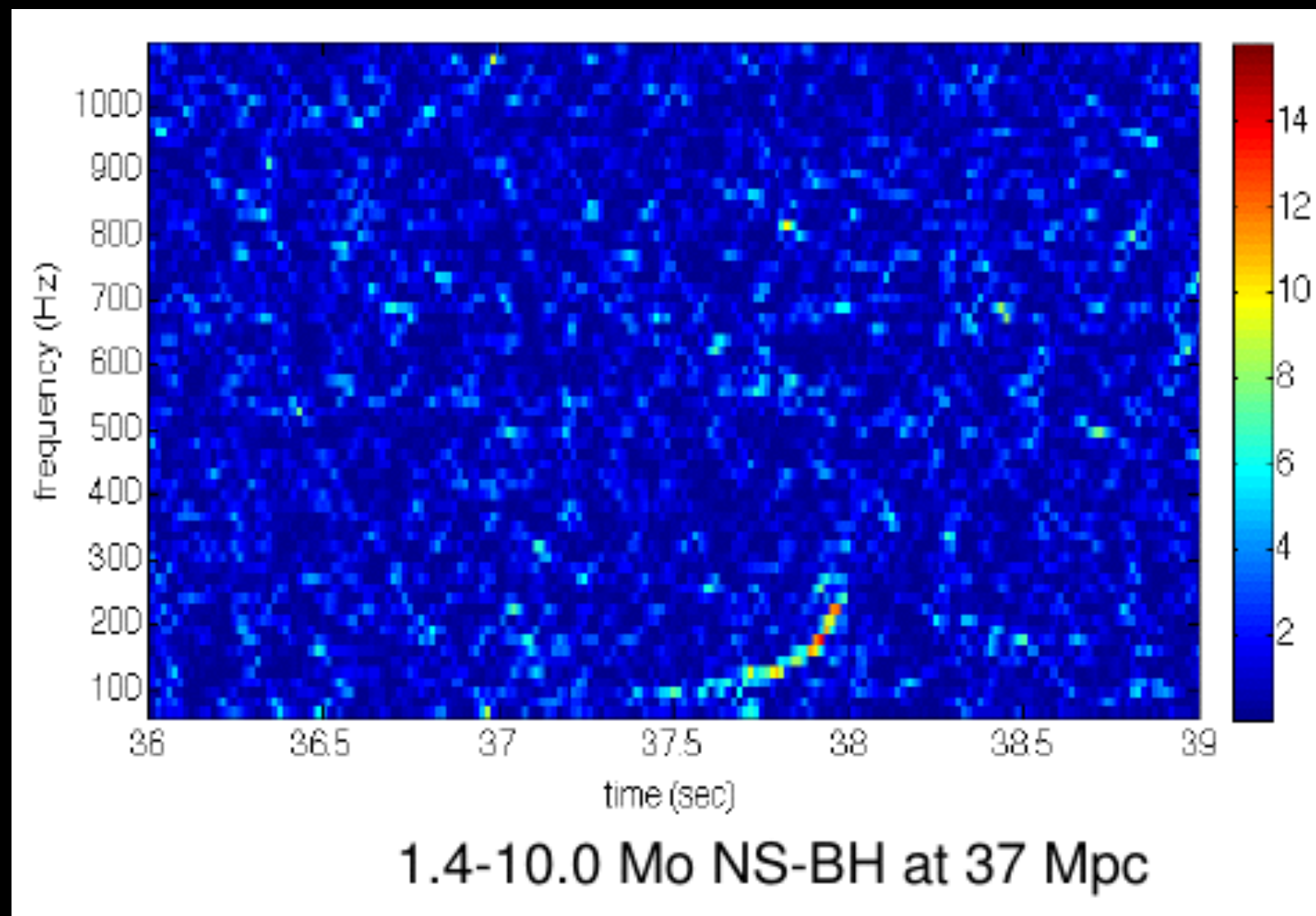
- DNS: Masses (#2) (NS has negligible spin)
- NSBH: Masses and 1 spin vector (#5)
- BBH: Masses and 2 Spin vectors (# 8)



QUESTIONS:
OPTIMUM TEMPLATE PLACEMENT IN THE MULTI-DIMENSIONAL
SPACE — TILING PROBLEM
WHAT IS THE BEST PARAMETER FOR PRECESSING SYSTEMS
FOR DETECTION?

GENERIC TRANSIENT SEARCH

- Sensitive to short duration transients
- Do not rely on precise signal model or GR
- Minimum assumptions on the signal
- Excess power in the time-frequency map
- Multi-detector statistic



cWB:chirp in Gaussian noise

GENERIC TRANSIENT SEARCH

COHERENT WAVE BURST (CWB) —
WAVELET BASED TIME-FREQUENCY CLUSTERING
MULTI-DETECTOR COHERENT SEARCH

[S. KLIMENKO ET AL., CQG 25:114029, 2008](#)

OMICRON-LALINFERENCE-BURSTS (OLIB) —
MULTI-RESOLUTION TIME-FREQUENCY MAP OF EACH
DETECTOR
COINCIDENCE EVENTS IN EACH DETECTOR
FOLLOWED BY BAYESIAN INFERENCE SCHEME

[R. LYNCH ET AL., ARXIV:1511.05955](#)

BAYESWAVE —
SIGNAL MODEL: LINEAR COMBINATION OF MORLET WAVELETS
PRESENCE/ABSENCE OF SIGNAL WITHIN BAYESIAN
FRAMEWORK

[CORNISH-LITTENBERG, CQG, 32\(13\):135012, 2015](#)

SALIENT FEATURES OF GW TRANSIENT SEARCHES

- Device the search method, detection statistic based on type of transient, efficient as well reduces the false alarm
- Draw the candidate event list after/before applying noise veto for noisy transients
- Enforce that events are consistent with the inter-site separation between the detectors and SNR is computed.
- Rank the candidate events
- Assess the noise background using the time-slide method

TIME-SLIDE METHOD TO ASSESS THE NOISE BACKGROUND

- The strain data exhibits non-Stationary and non-Gaussian noise features.
- Estimation of chance coincidence of noisy events = Background estimation
- Maximum light travel between 2 LIGOs is 10 ms. Obtain candidates by combining information from unphysical delays (greater than 15 ms)
- Effective for uncorrelated instrumental noises



<http://arxiv.org/abs/1602.03844>

“GW150914 appeared in modelled as well as
Generic transient search pipeline”

ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

GraceDB — Gravitational Wave Candidate Event Database

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Basic Info

UID	Labels	Group	Pipeline	Search	Instruments	<div>GPS Time ▾</div> <div>Event Time</div>	FAR (Hz)	Links	<div>UTC ▾</div> <div>Submitted</div>
G184098	H1OK L1OK	Burst	CWB	AllSky	H1,L1	1126259462.3910	1.178e-08	Data	2015-09-14 09:53:51 UTC

Analysis-Specific Attributes

start_time	1126259461	central_freq	123.8285	false_alarm_rate	
start_time_ns	750000000	bandwidth	51.8386	ligo_axis_ra	130.9219
duration	2.477e-02	amplitude	1.410e+01	ligo_axis_dec	4.4808
peak_time	None	snr	23.4521	ligo_angle	None
peak_time_ns	None	confidence		ligo_angle_sig	None

GraceDB sends an Event alert at 9:53:51 UTC

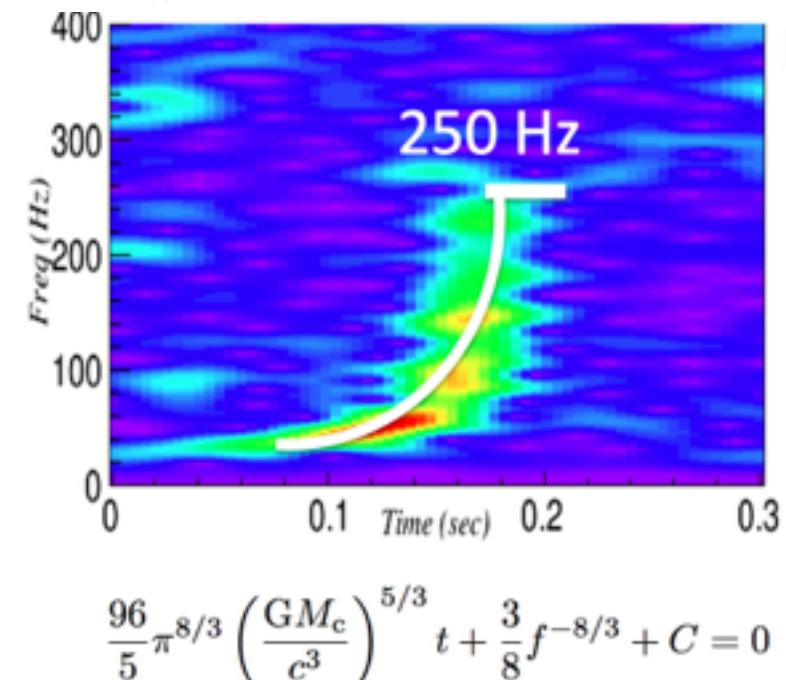
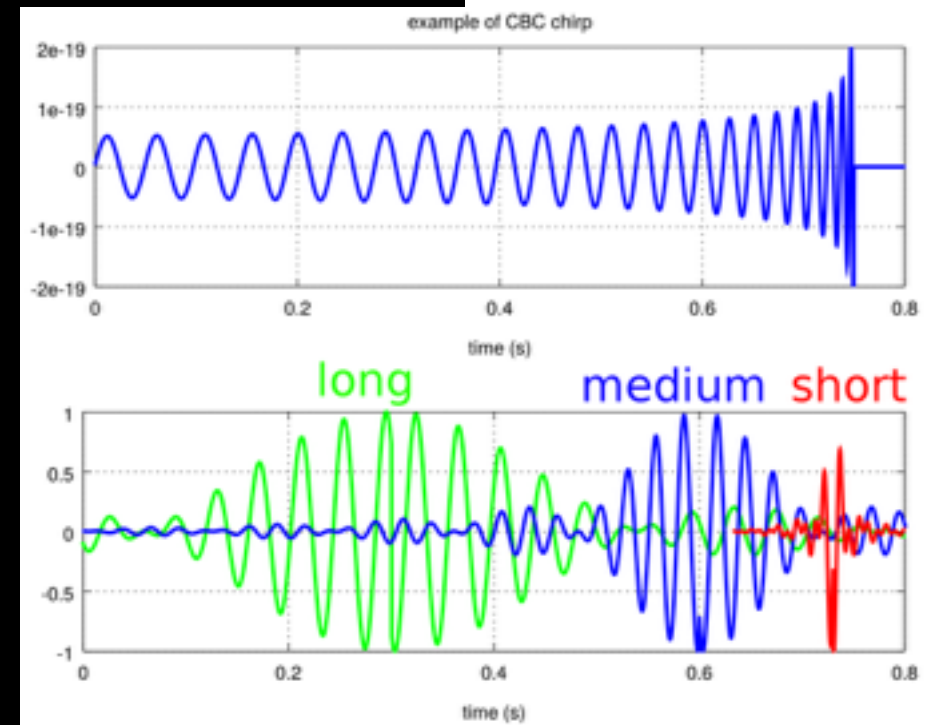
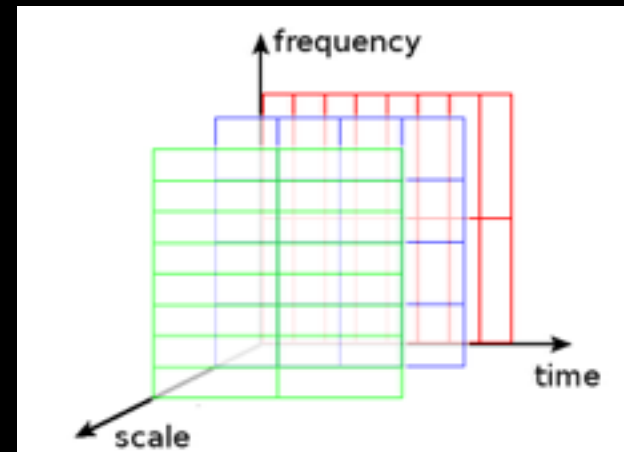
Search pipeline used was — Generic transient Burst

COHERENT WAVEBURST

- Coherent WaveBurst (cWB) - For GW up to duration of few seconds.
- Project the data on the WDM wavelets.
- Combine the TF output from 2 detectors to obtain energy (incorporating possible delays).
- Clustering scheme combines the TF pixels from different scales. Gives the signal energy.
- LIGO-H and LIGO-L are parallel => High correlation E_c (Used in the constraint likelihood approach)
- Detection Statistic:

For GW150914

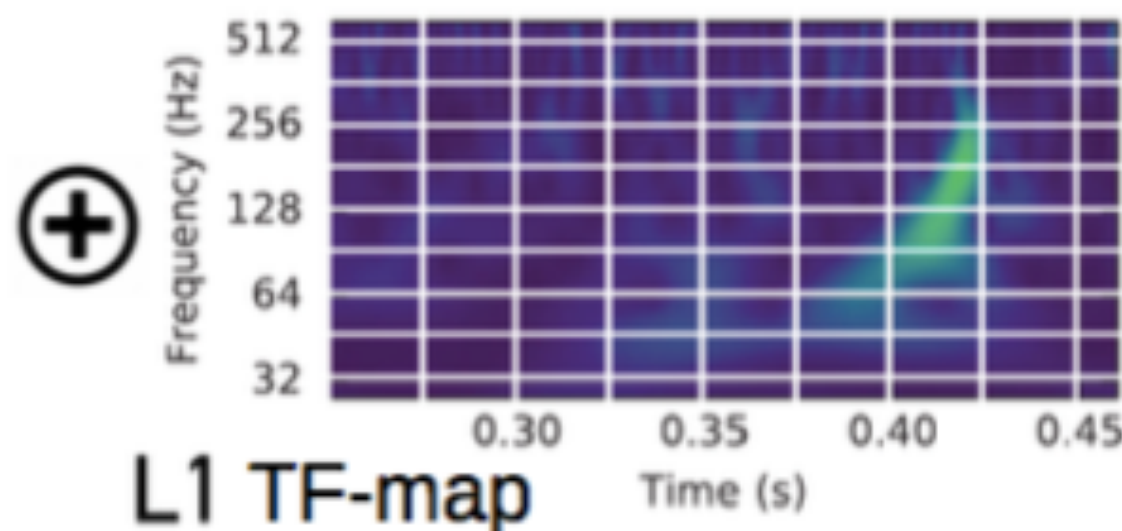
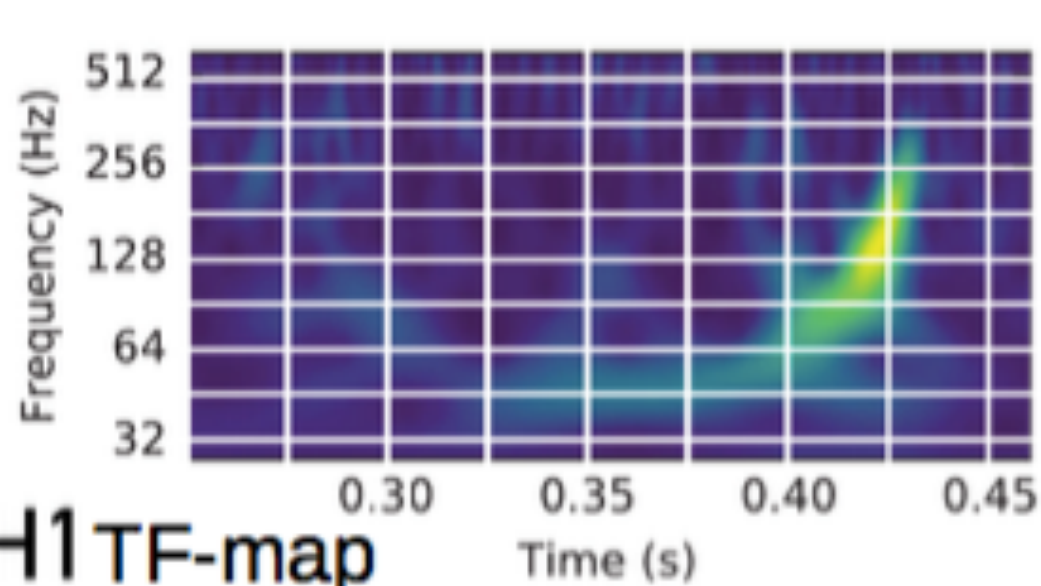
$$\eta = \sqrt{\frac{2E_c^2}{E_c + E_n}} = 20$$



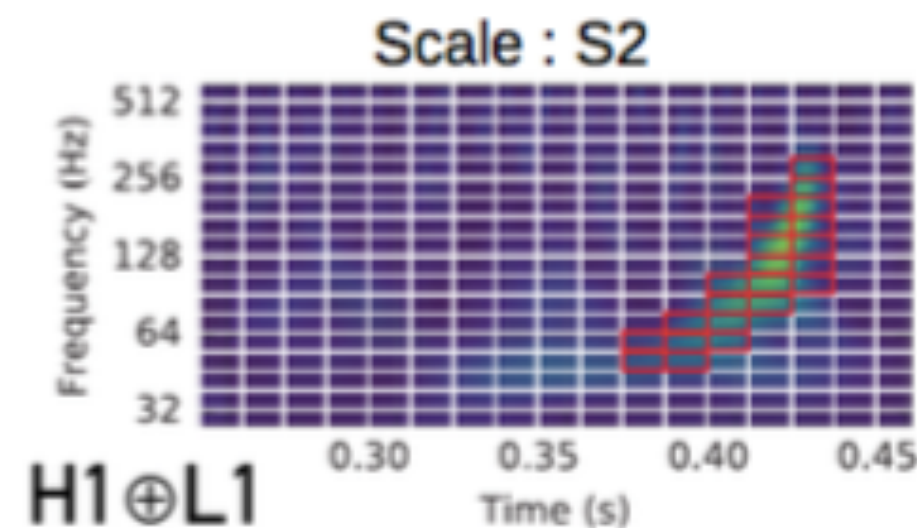
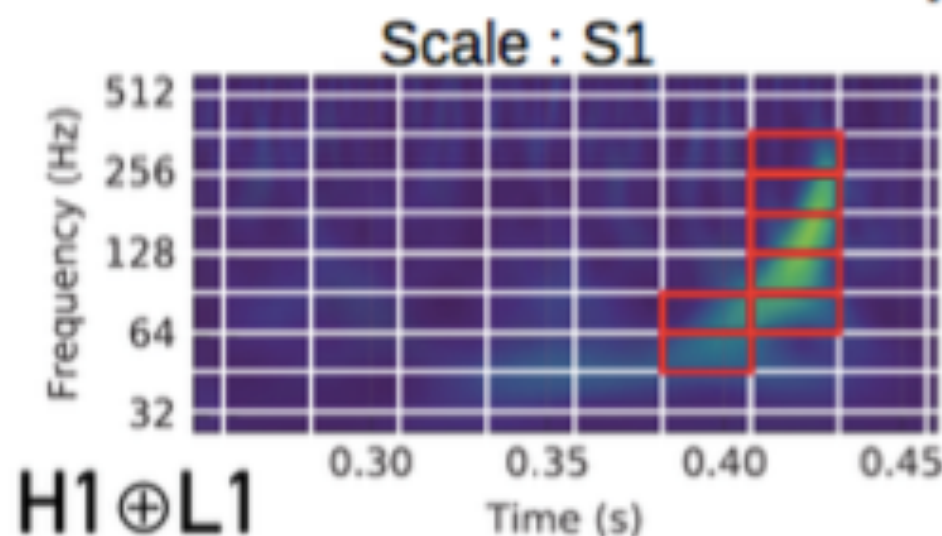
$M_c \sim 27.2 \text{ Msun}$

Klimenko

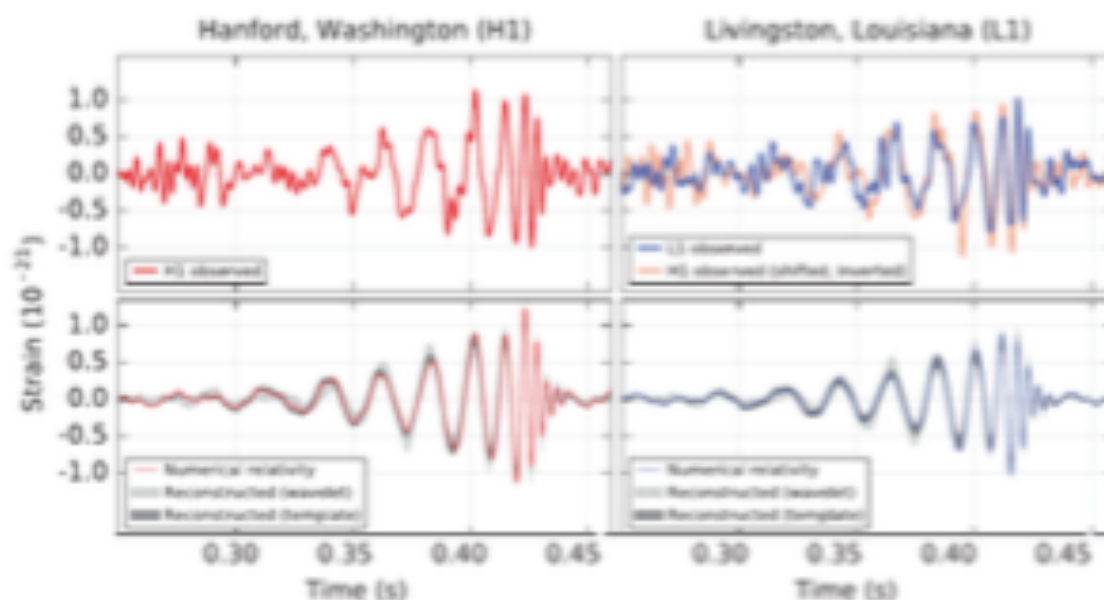
GW150914 : First GW detection was made by **low-latency cWB searches** within **three minutes** of the data acquisition on September 14, 2015.



Collecting excess power pixels



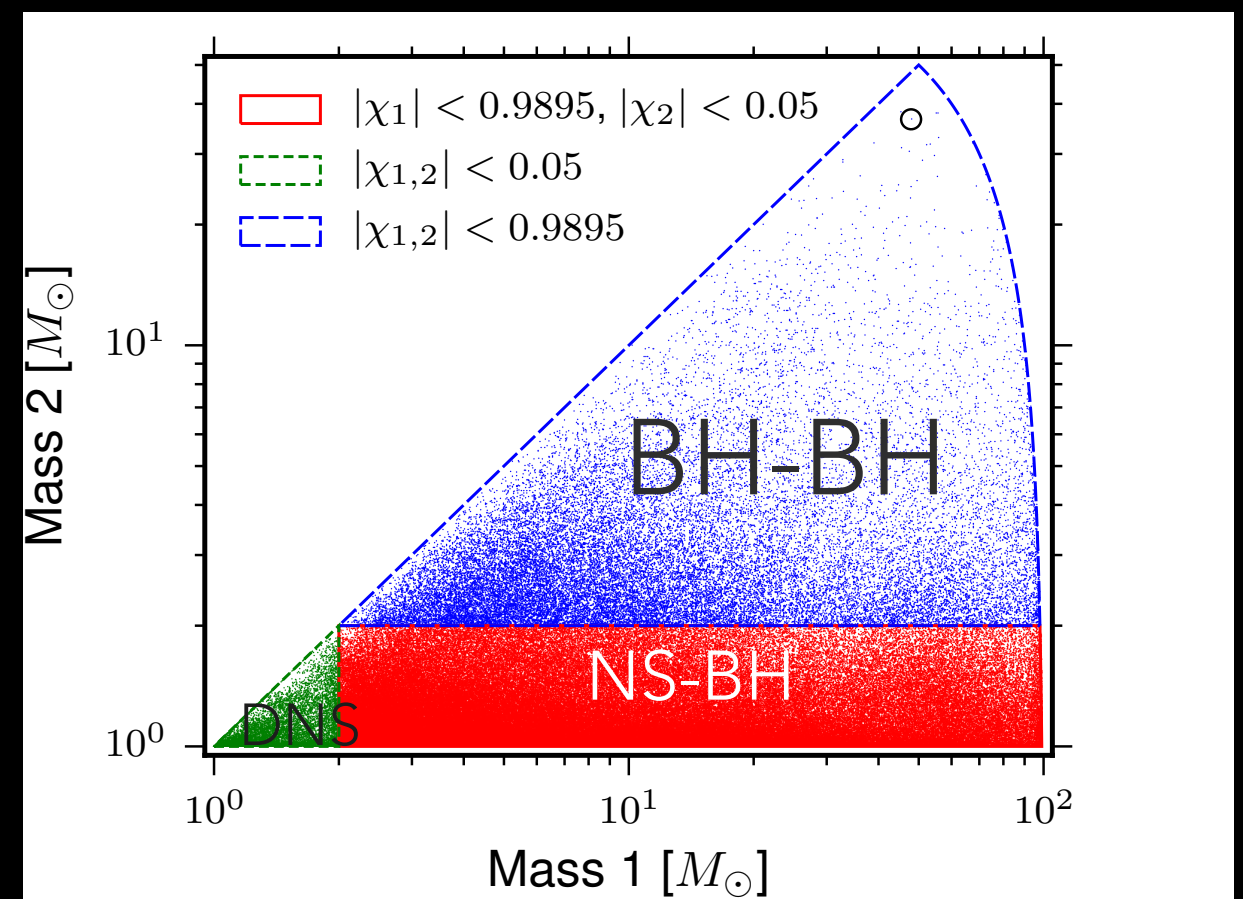
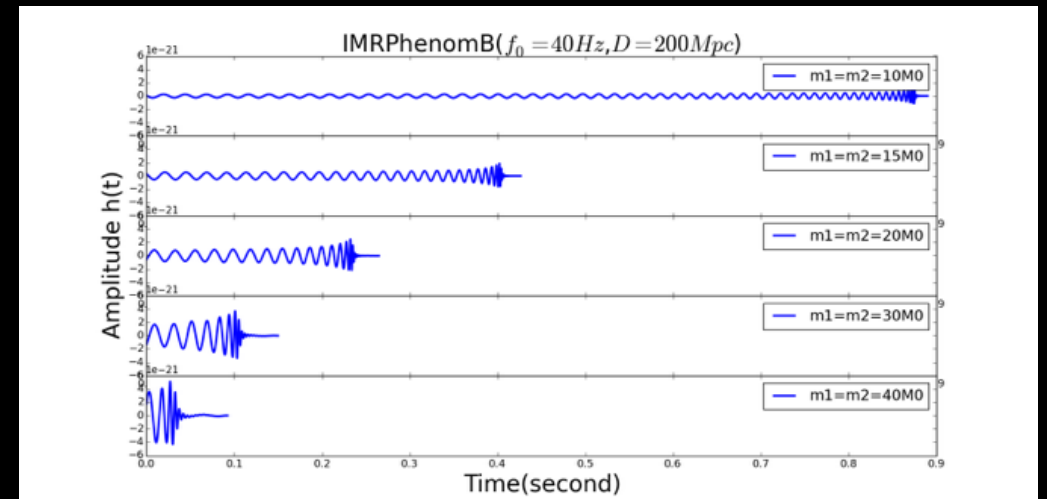
Reconstructed waveform



Multidetector SNR
 $\rho = 20$
 $C_c > 0.7$

CBC SEARCHES: DNS, NS-BH AND BH-BH

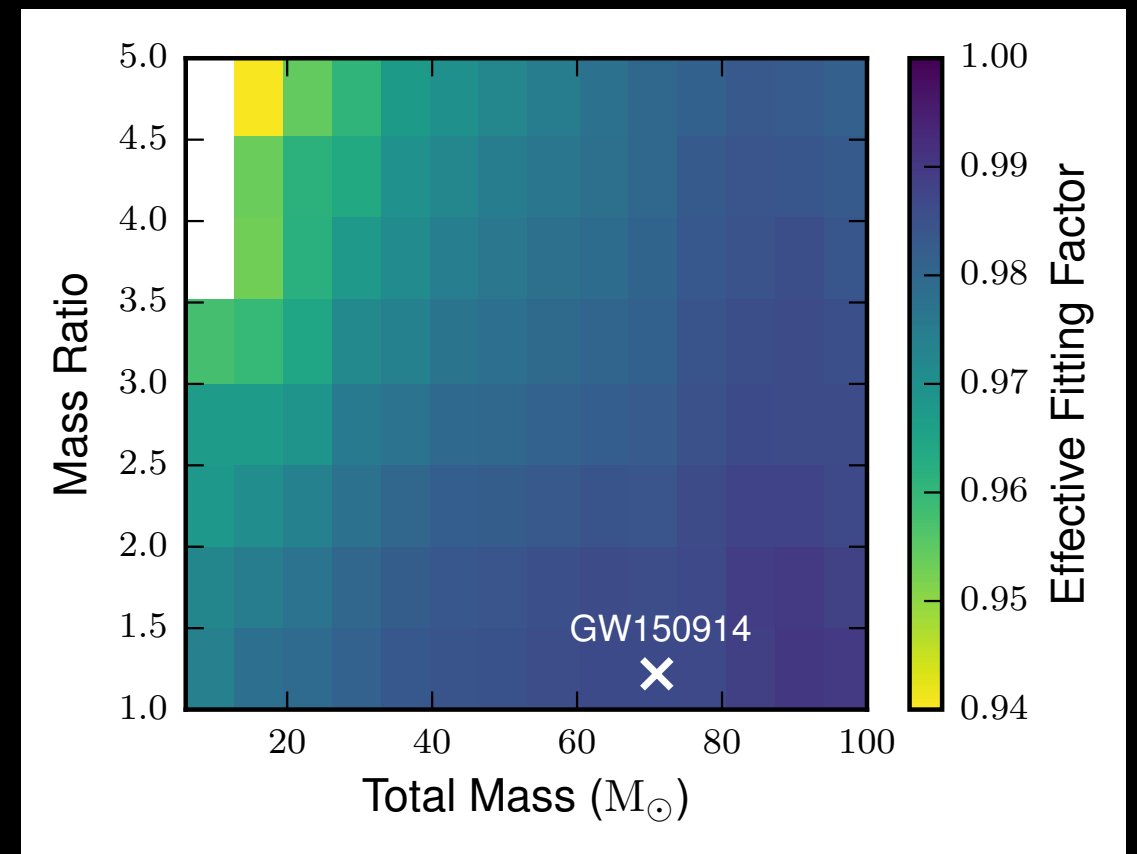
- Search with individual masses 1 - 99 Msun and dimensionless spins up to 0.99.
$$\chi_i = \frac{cS_i}{Gm_i^2}$$
- Effective one body Templates:
Combines Post-Newtonian approach with BH perturbation theory and Numerical relativity.
- No precession in the templates
- Total number of templates used 250000.



CBC SEARCH

arxiv.org/abs/1602.03839

- Matched filter SNR $\rho^2(t) \equiv | \langle s | \hat{h} \rangle |^2$
- Maximised over the time of arrival.
- Model dependent veto is applied which compares if the signal power is consistent with the template.
- The best mass and effective spin template is obtained.
- Follow-up Bayesian inference based parameter estimation gives more accurate parameters.



GW150914

$$\rho_{L1} = 13, \rho_{H1} = 20 \rightarrow \rho = 24$$

Effective spin ~ 0.2

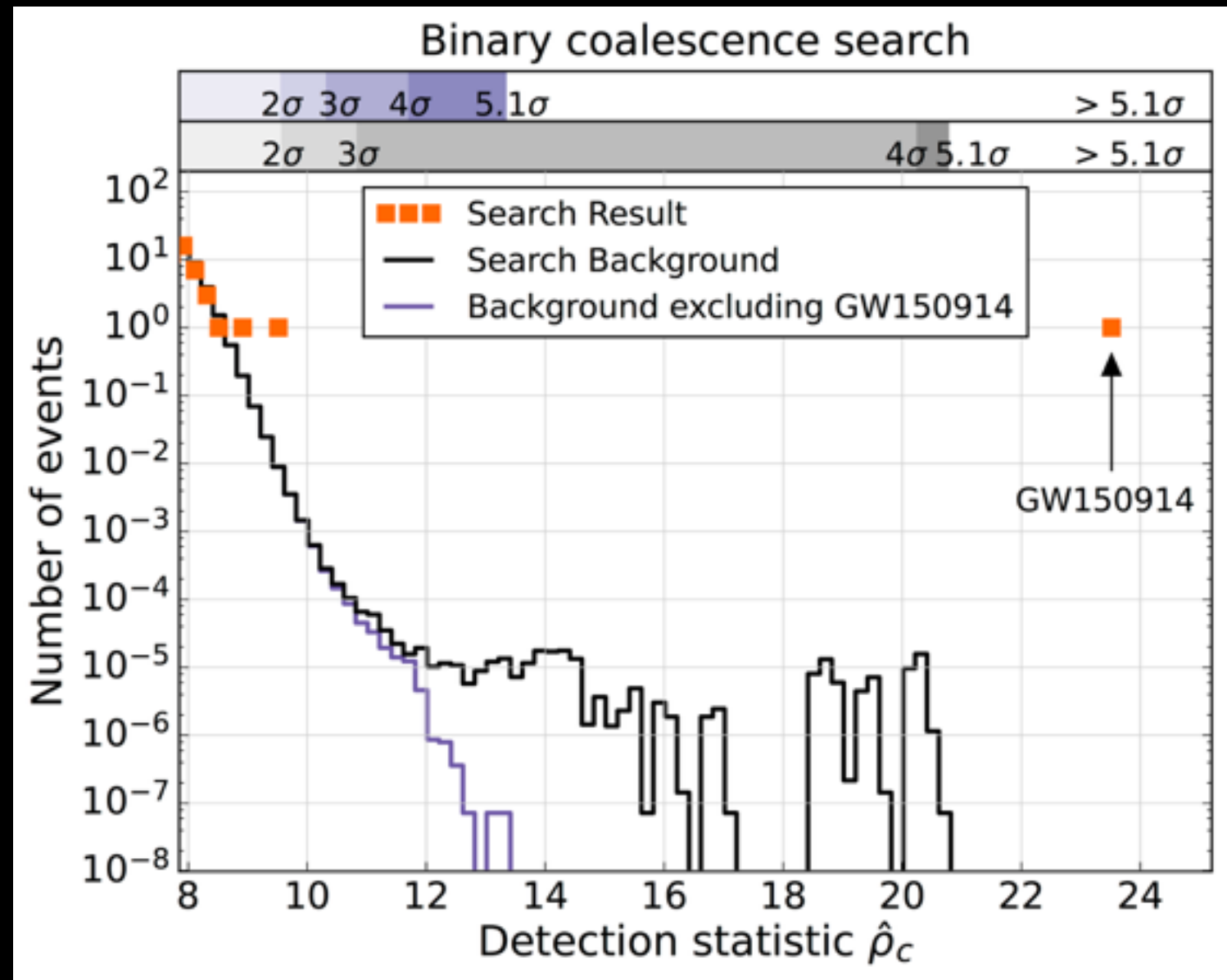
Template masses
47.9 and 36.3 M_{sun} .

Time delay from
search ~ 7.1 msec.

LVC, PRL 116, 061102 (2016)

BACKGROUND STATISTICS

CBC SEARCH WITH
TEMPLATES



16 days of coincidence data (Sept 12-Oct 20),
608000 yrs of observation time

Significance of GW150914:

Number of classes (DNS, NS-BH, BBH) 3 \Rightarrow FAR of 1 in 203000 yrs

Confidence level 5.1 sigma level

Once significant confidence level is achieved for
the astrophysical nature

Extensive parameter estimation study was
carried out for GW150914 to understand the source

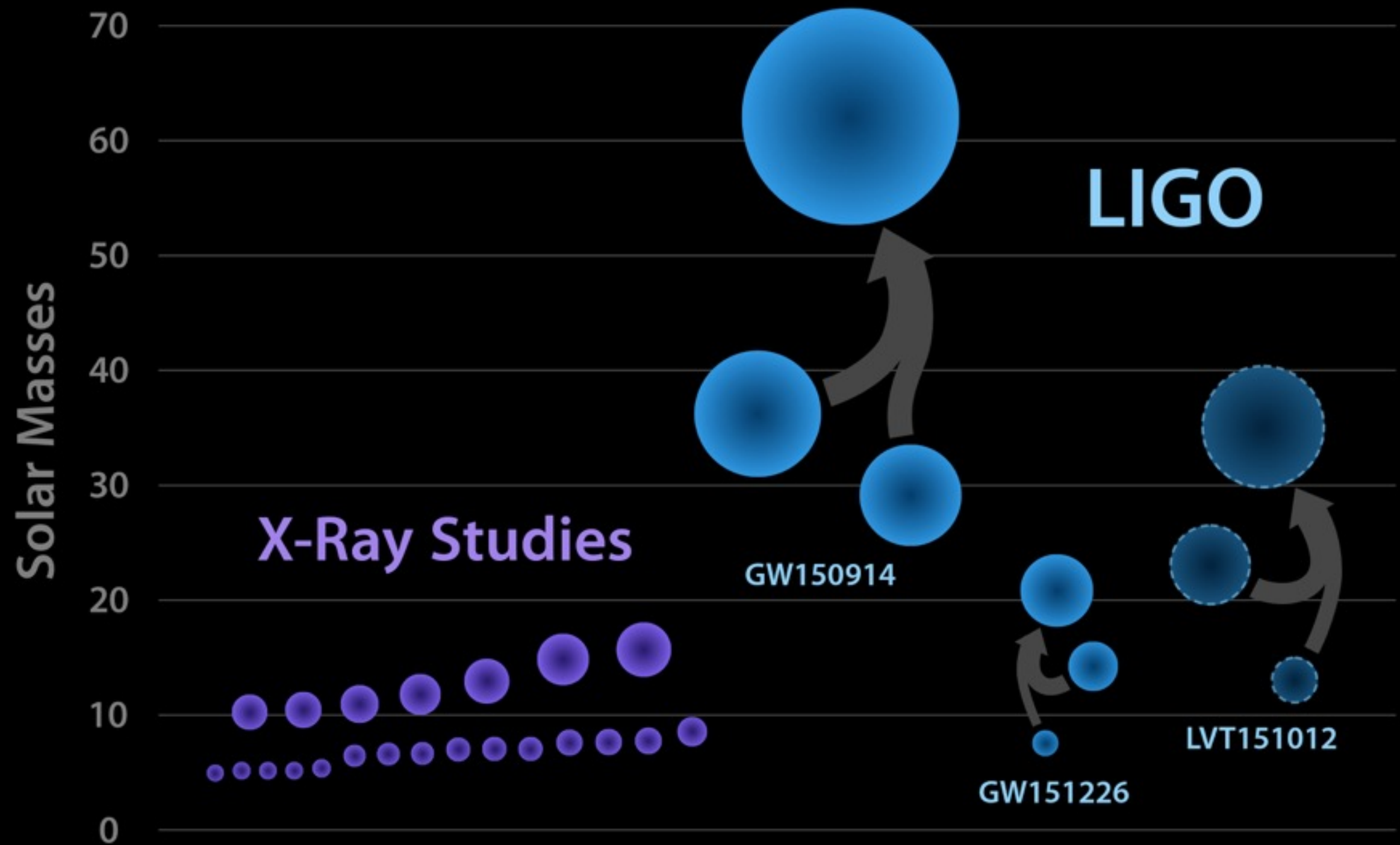
Rajesh Nayak's talk on Parameter Estimation

Sukanta Bose's talk on Source localisation

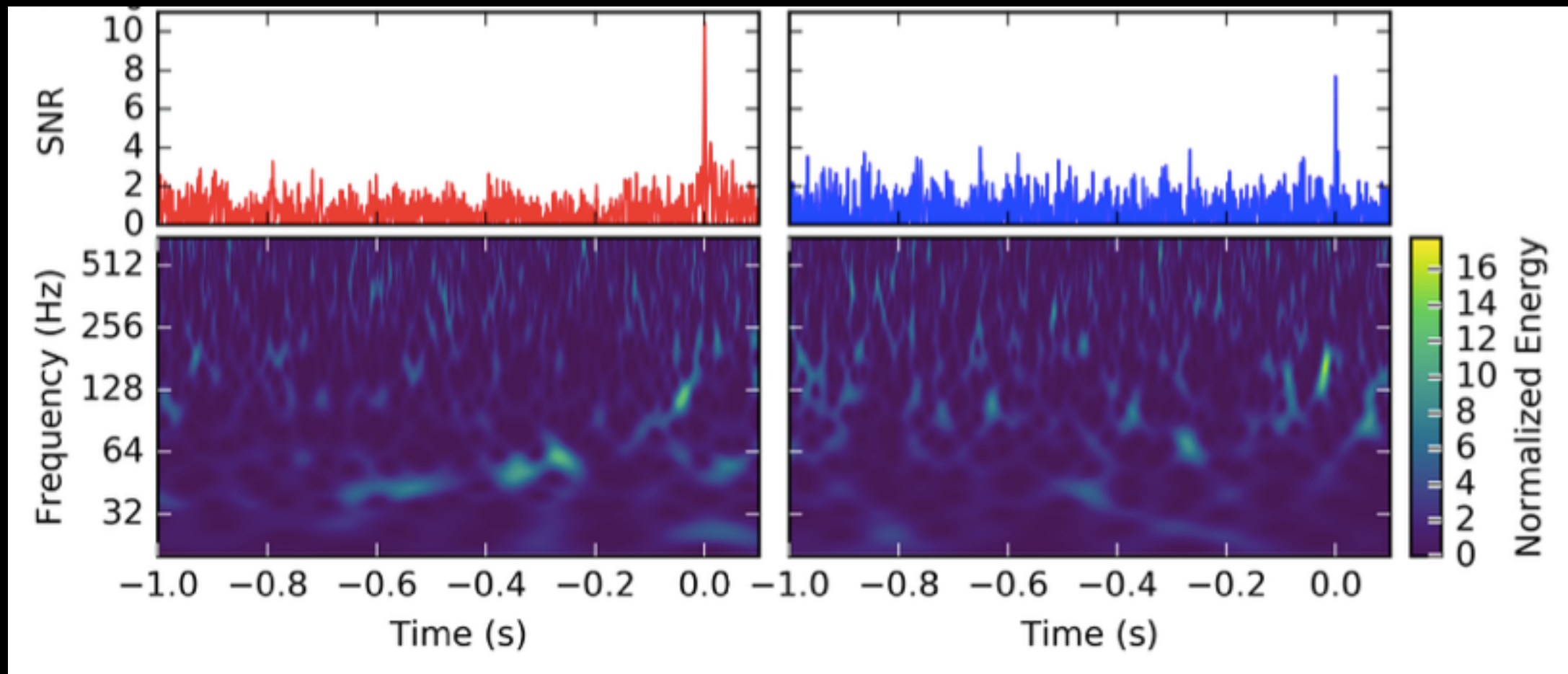
Anand Sengupta's talk on hybrid geometric and stochastic bank

Varun Bhalerao's talk on EM follow up

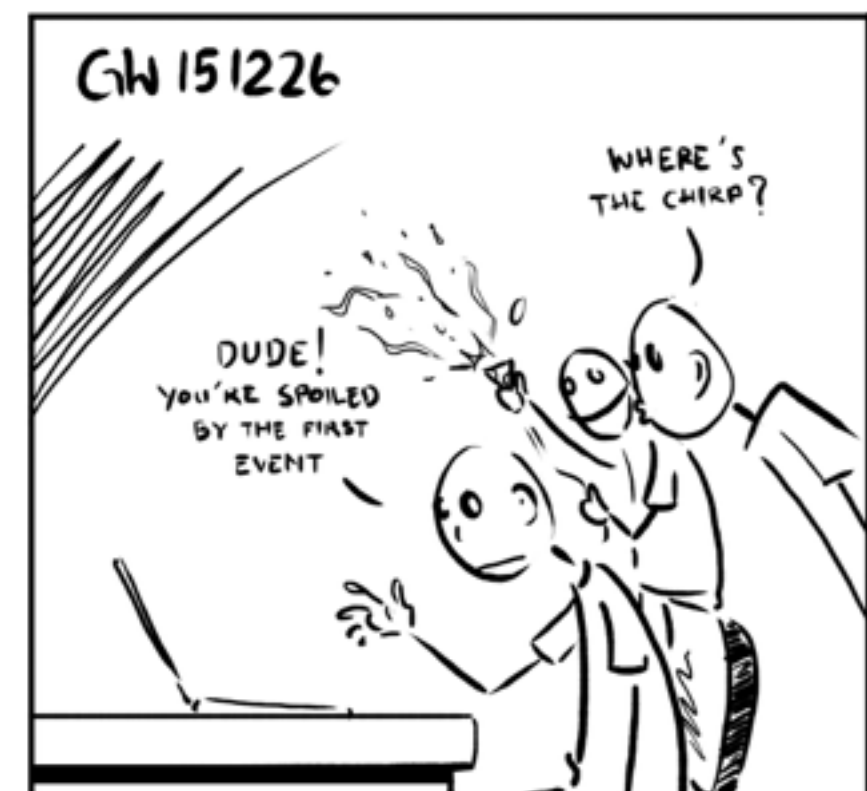
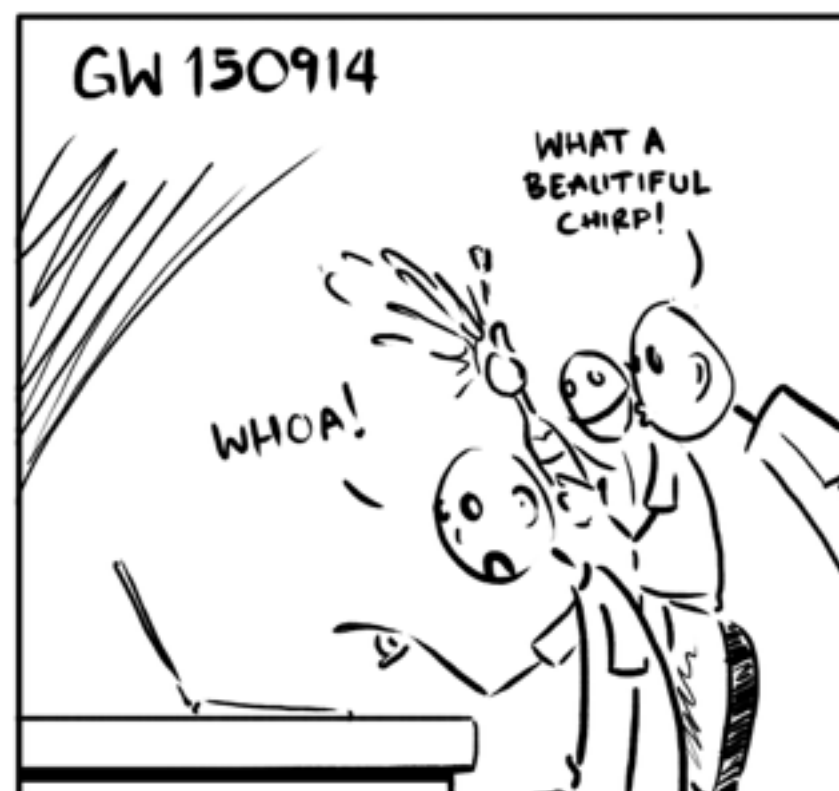
Black Holes of Known Mass



GW151226: Transient of 1 sec duration

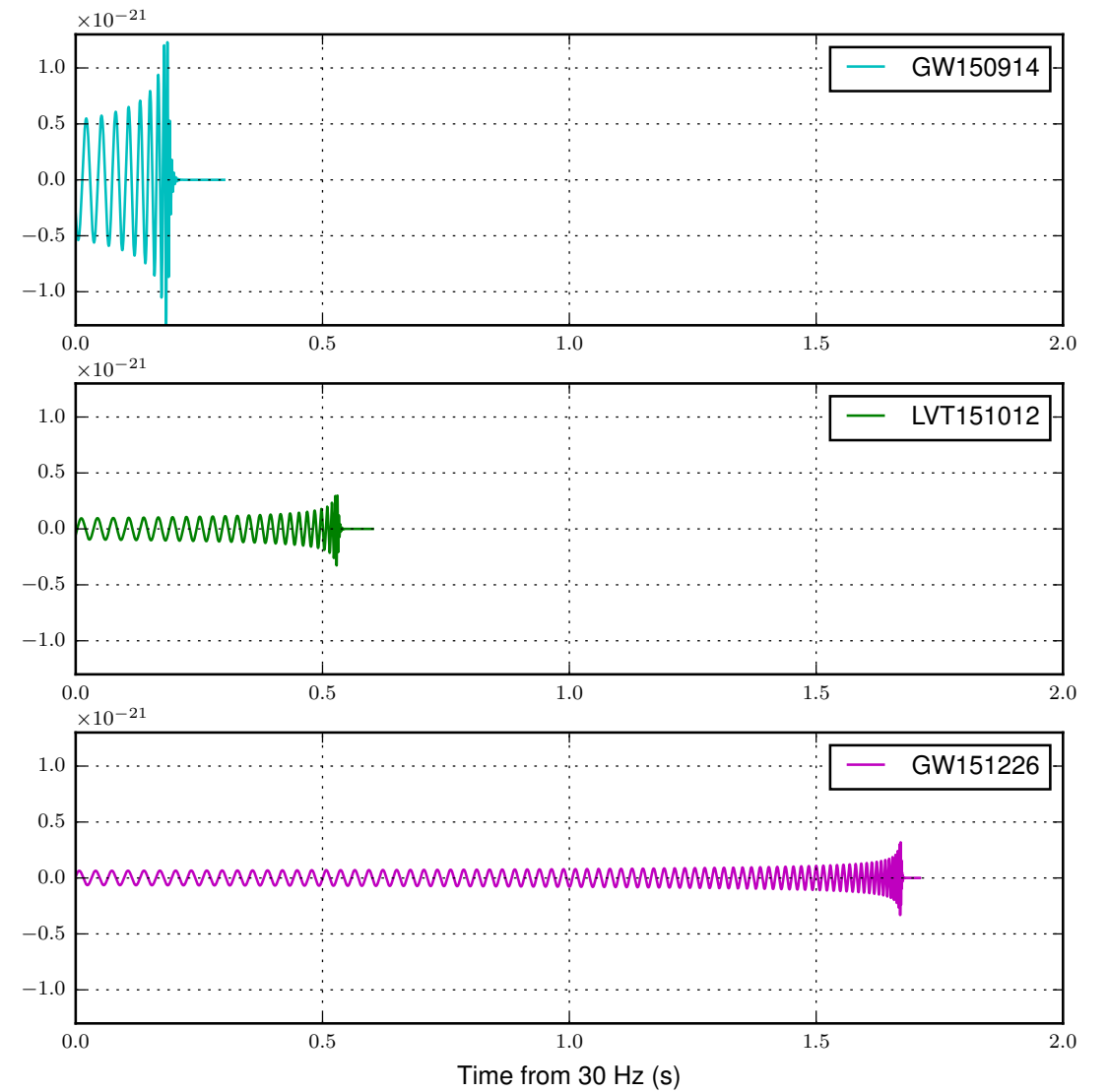
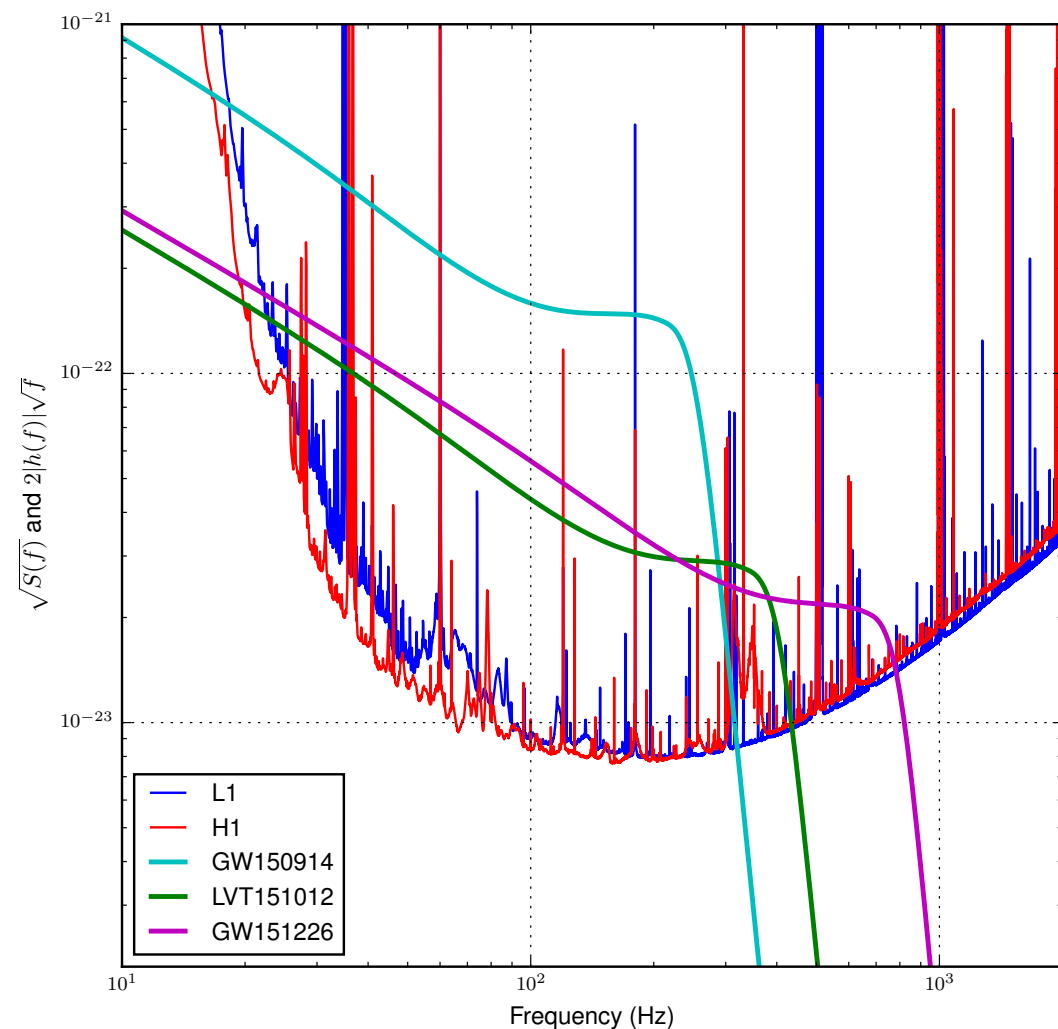


Triumph of
Matched Filtering

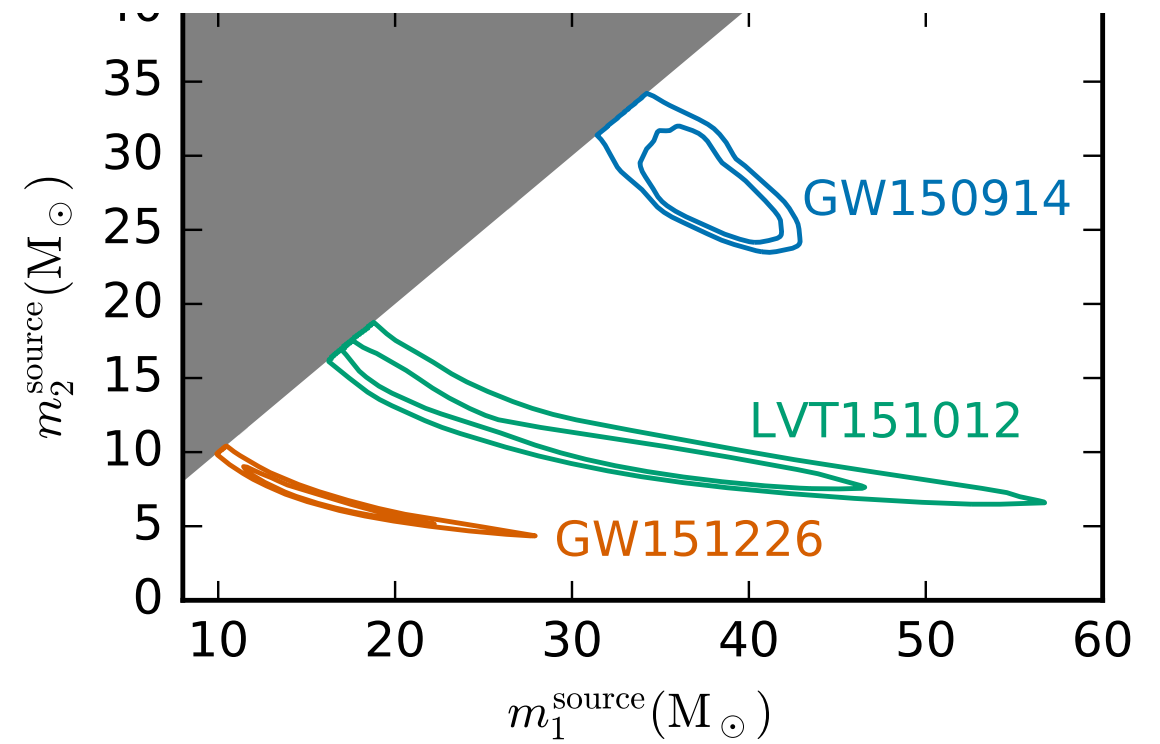


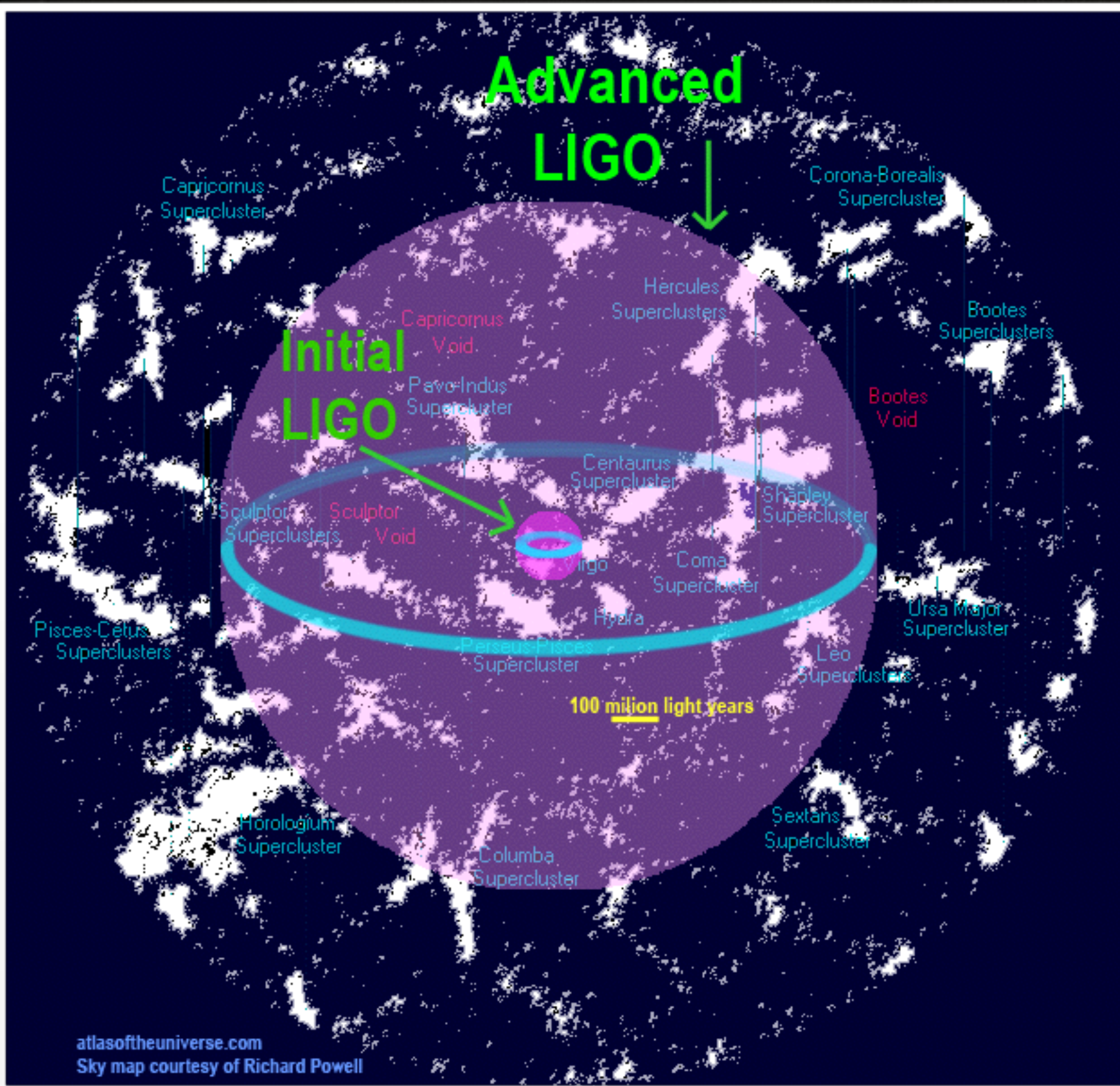
GW events in First observation run of LIGO September 12, 2015 - January 12, 2016

Open data @ <https://losc.ligo.org/>



Credit:
LVC,
PRD 2016





LIGO's distance reach in O1

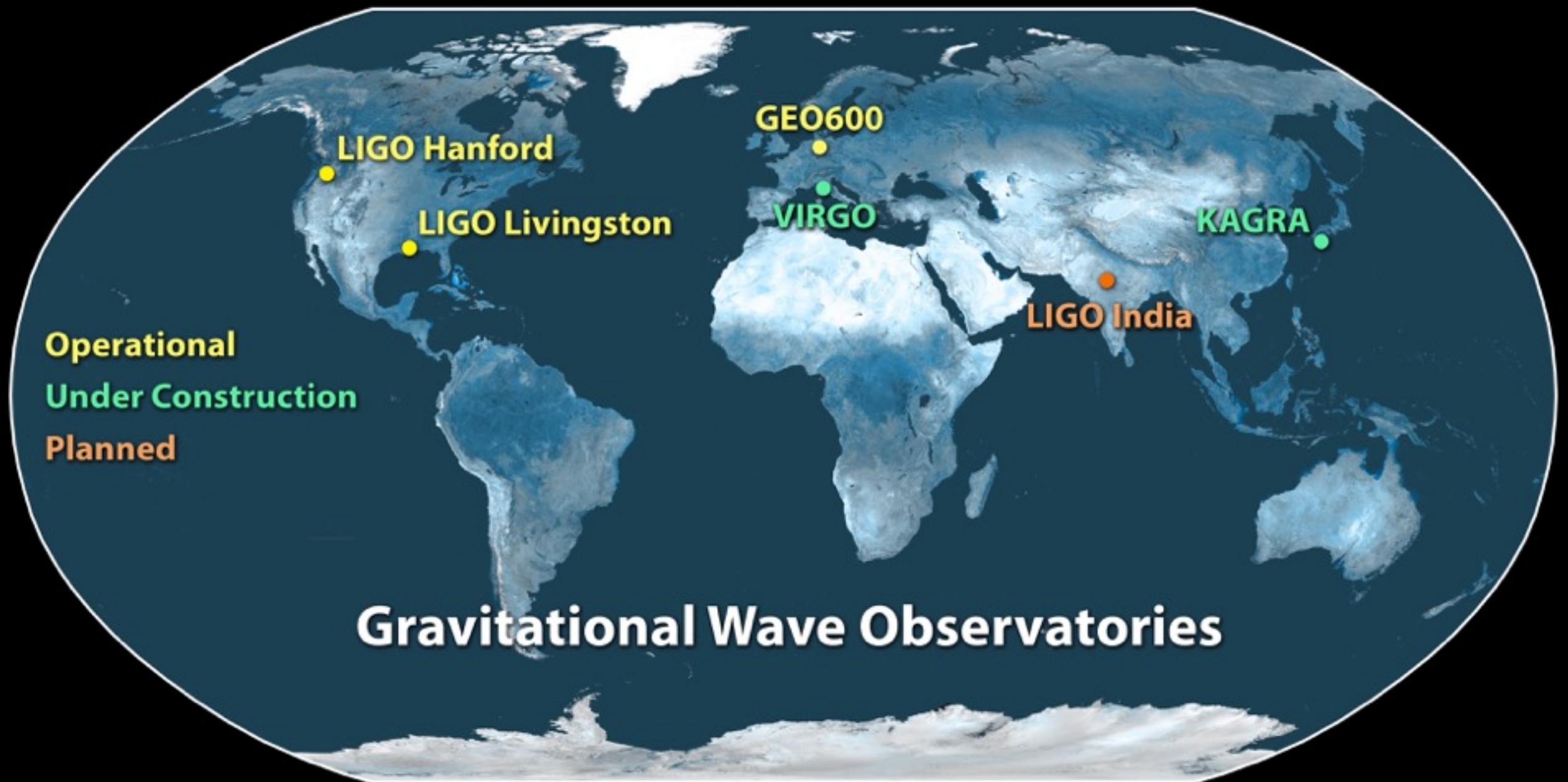
Initial LIGO:
probed little further
Virgo cluster (15 Mpc)
for DNS

Advanced LIGO
= 10 times deeper in
sky
= 1000 more volume

O1 Rates: LVC, *Astrophys. J.* 832 L2, 2016

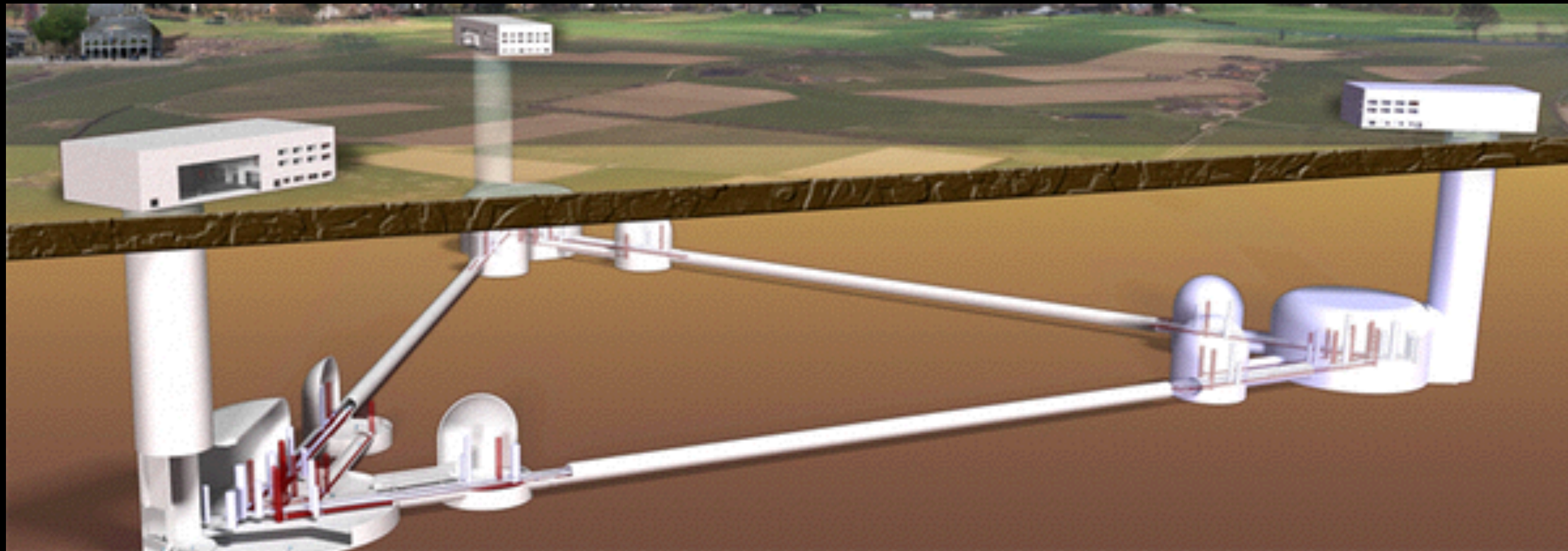
Distance reach: DNS upto 70Mpc , NSBH upto 110 Mpc

Rate $< 12600 \text{ Gpc}^{-3}/\text{yr}$ (DNS) , $< 3600 \text{ Gpc}^{-3}/\text{yr}$ (NSBH), 2-600 $\text{Gpc}^{-3}/\text{yr}$ (BBH)



Global network of ground based interferometers
2024+

FUTURE: EINSTEIN TELESCOPE



Underground, cryogenic, triangular interferometer,
10 km arm length

GW150914: SNR 20 times (~500)

Signal duration 25 seconds

WHAT DID WE LEARN?

- Discovery of stellar mass BH $> 25 M_{\text{sun}}$ opens up new questions
- More events will shine light on formation channels, BBH populations, BH spin distributions, BH mass distribution etc
- Expected to observe DNS and NSBH systems == direct implication on the EM follow-up and Short GRB progenitors, Neutron star physics
- GW transient search is well-developed. Still work is needed for precessing and eccentric binaries as well as all sky CBC search.

CHALLENGES IN THE TRANSIENT SEARCH: COMPACT BINARIES

- Template bank for precessing binaries is a challenge.
- Stochastic banks: [Harry etal PRD 2016](#)

Parameter space	Minimal match	Spin	Templates	Eff. FF
NSBH	0.97	Aligned	146,315	0.948
	0.90	Precessing	1,583,079	0.976
BBH	0.97	Aligned	23,948	0.984
	0.90	Precessing	237,909	0.988

PRECESSING BANK
INCREASES THE
TEMPLATES
BY FACTOR OF 10
> MILLION TEMPLATES

- Face on bank [Indik etal arXiv:1612.05173](#)

NSBH bank, precessing but face on system: Template bank of size 6 million. Shown definite improvement in sensitivity of detection but need to run online! (if we want to send EM alerts)

CHALLENGES IN THE TRANSIENT SEARCH: COMPACT BINARIES

Increase in the number of templates

- increases the computational cost
- increases the false alarm as there is high probability for noise to mimic as template shape

HIGH MASS RATIO AND HIGH SPIN PRECESSION
IS NOT ADDRESSED

SEARCHES FOR ECCENTRIC BINARIES WHICH EMIT
GW TRANSIENTS

ONE APPROACH: TIME FREQUENCY BASED CLUSTERING SCHEME
WHICH FOLDS SIGNAL MORPHOLOGY



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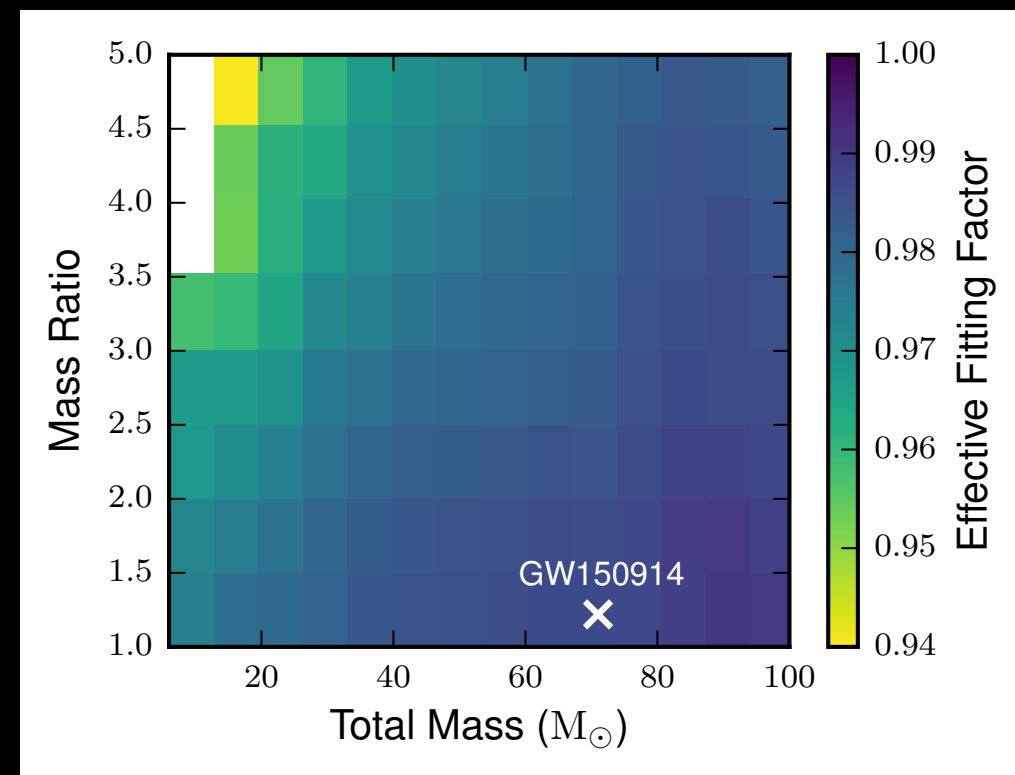
Advanced LIGO — 1411.4547

Table 1. Main parameters of the Advanced LIGO interferometers. PRC: power recycling cavity; SRC: signal recycling cavity.

Parameter	Value
Arm cavity length	3994.5 m
Arm cavity finesse	450
Laser type and wavelength	Nd:YAG, $\lambda = 1064$ nm
Input power, at PRM	up to 125 W
Beam polarization	linear, horizontal
Test mass material	Fused silica
Test mass size & mass	34cm diam. x 20cm, 40 kg
Beam radius ($1/e^2$), ITM / ETM	5.3 cm / 6.2 cm
Radius of curvature, ITM / ETM	1934 m / 2245 m
Input mode cleaner length & finesse	32.9 m (round trip), 500
Recycling cavity lengths, PRC / SRC	57.6 m / 56.0 m

GOODNESS OF THE BANK

- Fitting factor : Fraction of SNR recovered by the bank
- Simulation:
Injected signals precessing binaries — Recovered with the bank
- The effective FF is lowest at low total mass and high mass ratio.



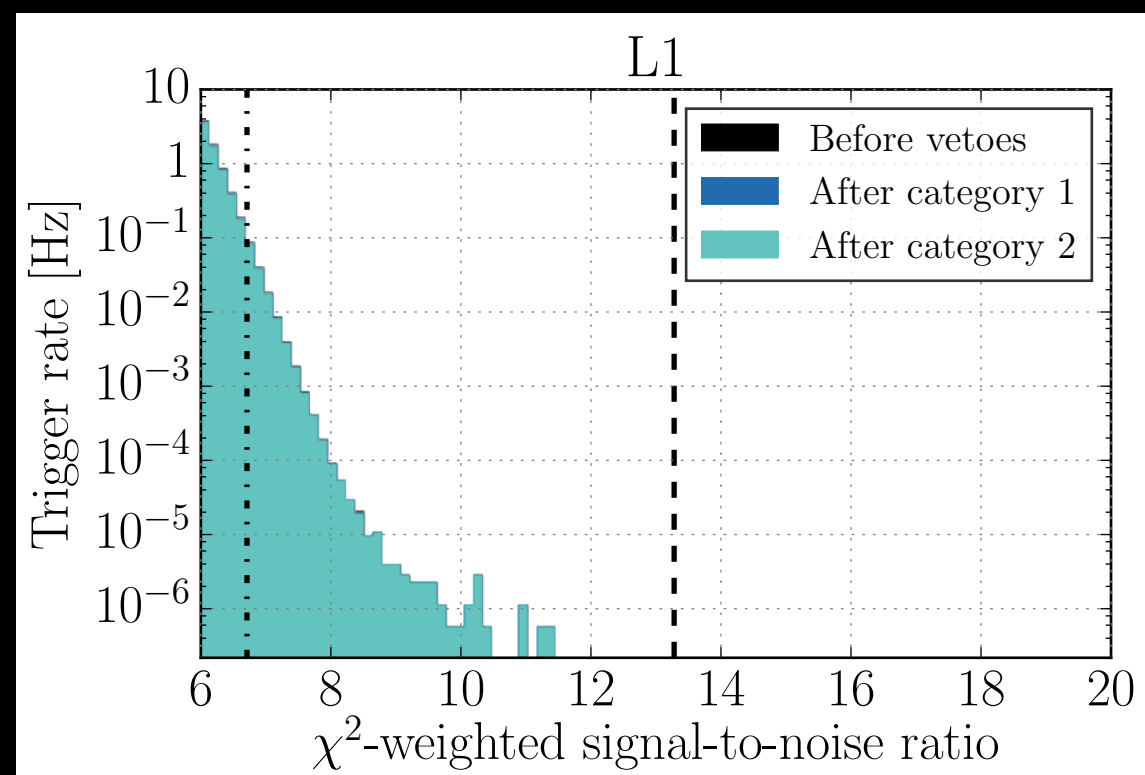
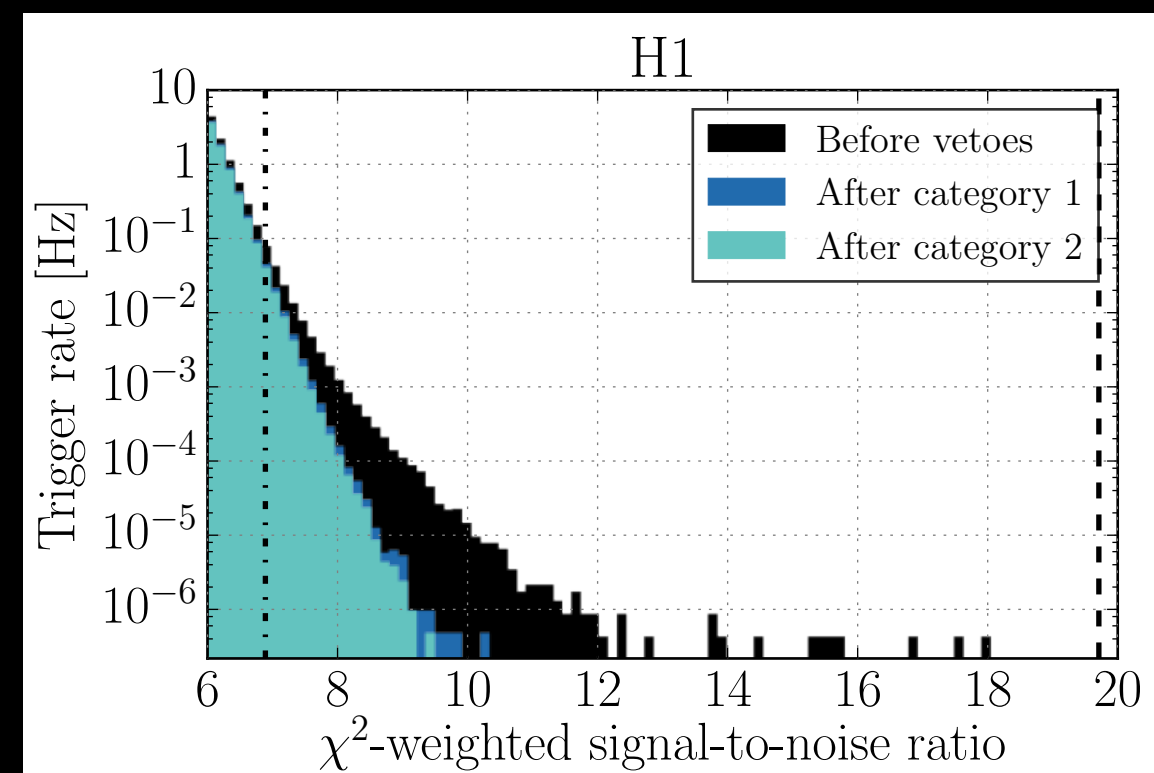
THE TEMPLATE BANK
IS GOOD FOR MASS
RATIO OF 1 AND HIGH
TOTAL MASS

<http://arxiv.org/abs/1602.03839>

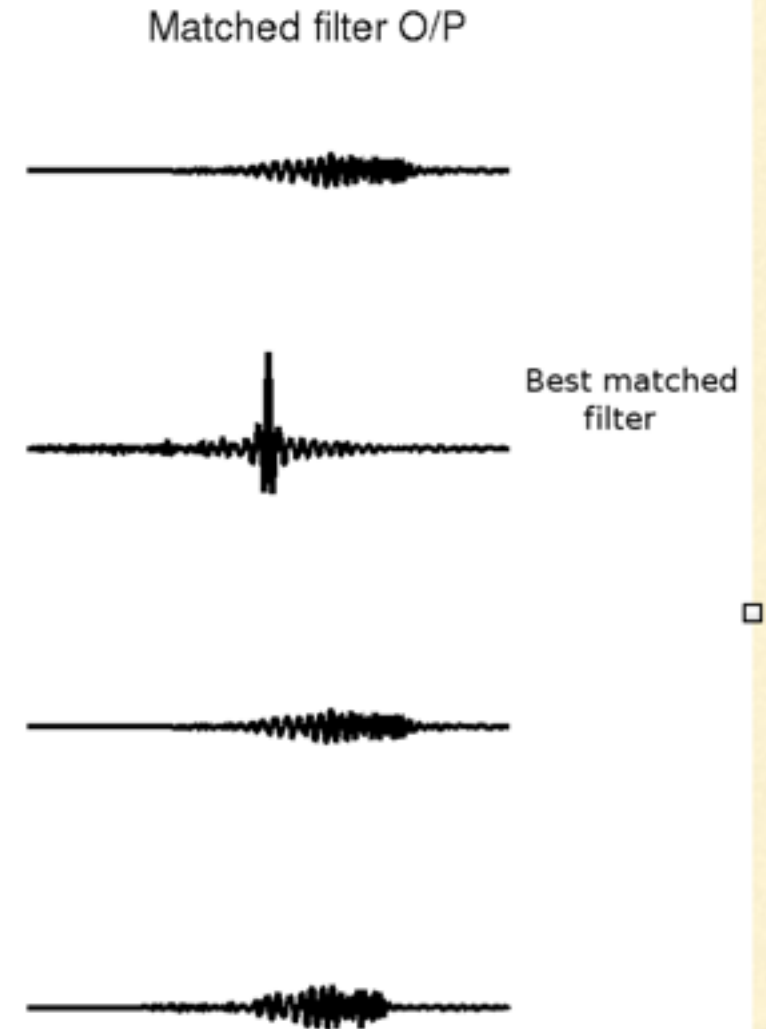
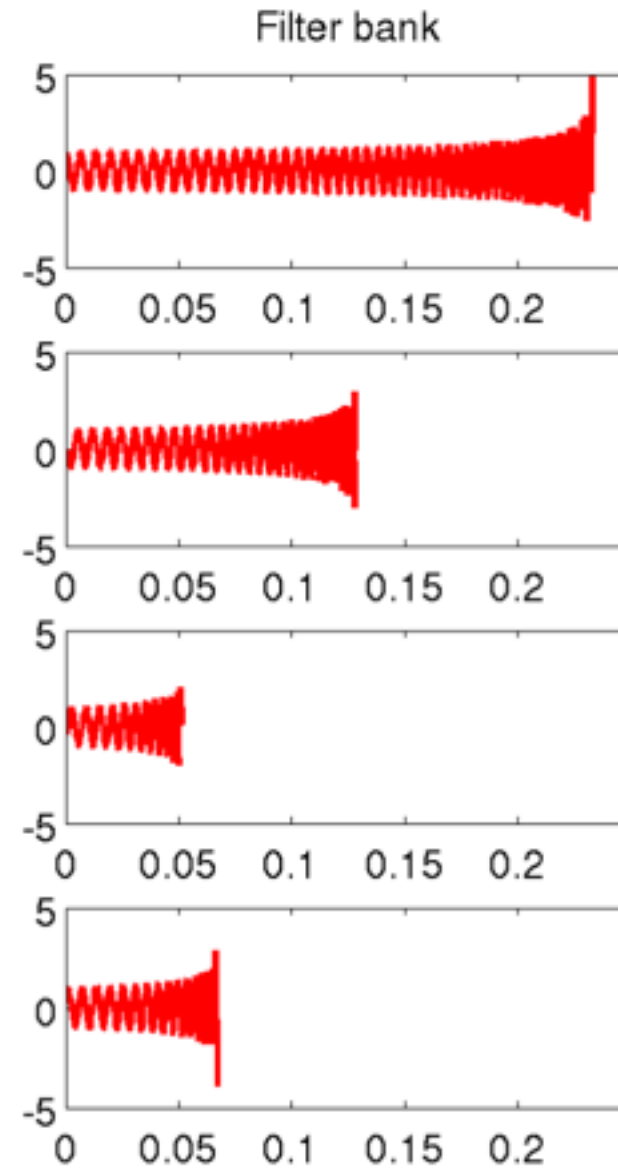
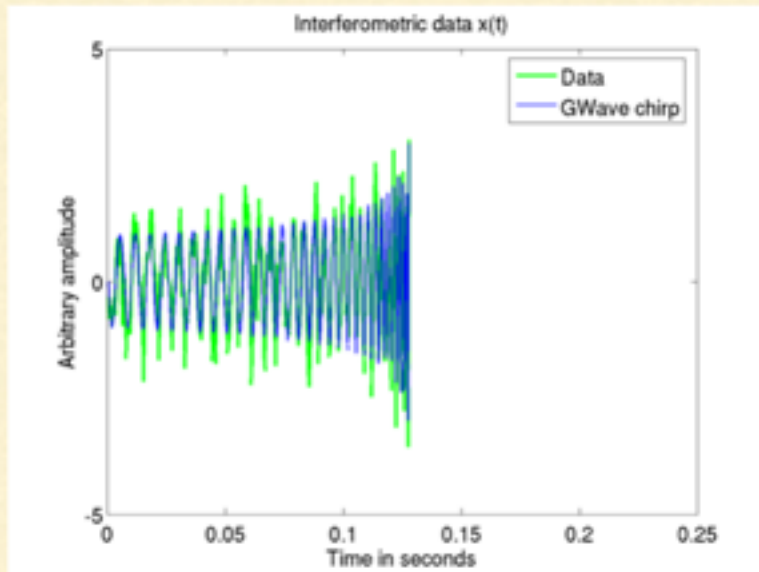
Vetos:
CAT1 - known instrumental
problems
CAT2 - known physical
coupling with the noise

GW150914 EVENT
WAS FAR LOUDER THAN
ANY BACKGROUND
TRIGGER

<http://arxiv.org/abs/1602.03844>



Compact Binary Coalescence Search in LIGO data



Matched Filtering
Technique

Coherent addition of
Signal
Incoherent addition of
Noise

Accurate knowledge of
waveform
phase is crucial



A century long history towards the Gravitational Wave detection

1916: Einstein General Theory of Relativity Predicts GWaves

1961: J. Weber proposed Resonant bar detector to detect GWaves

1970s: Development of precision measurement laser technology, Feasibility studies for km arm length interferometer and possible noise sources

Early 1980s: Prototype interferometers in Glasgow, Garching and MIT

1992 : National Scientific Foundation approves LIGO

1993: Hulse and Taylor receives Nobel prize for the discovery of PSR 1913+16

1994 : LIGO Site construction begins at Livingston and Hanford

1997 : LIGO Scientific Collaboration (LSC) was established.

2001: First coincidence run between 3LIGOs, GEO600, LSU bar detector

2002-2007: Joint Science Run data with GEO600, TAMA300, Virgo

No GWaves detected with initial interferometers

2008: Advanced detector construction started

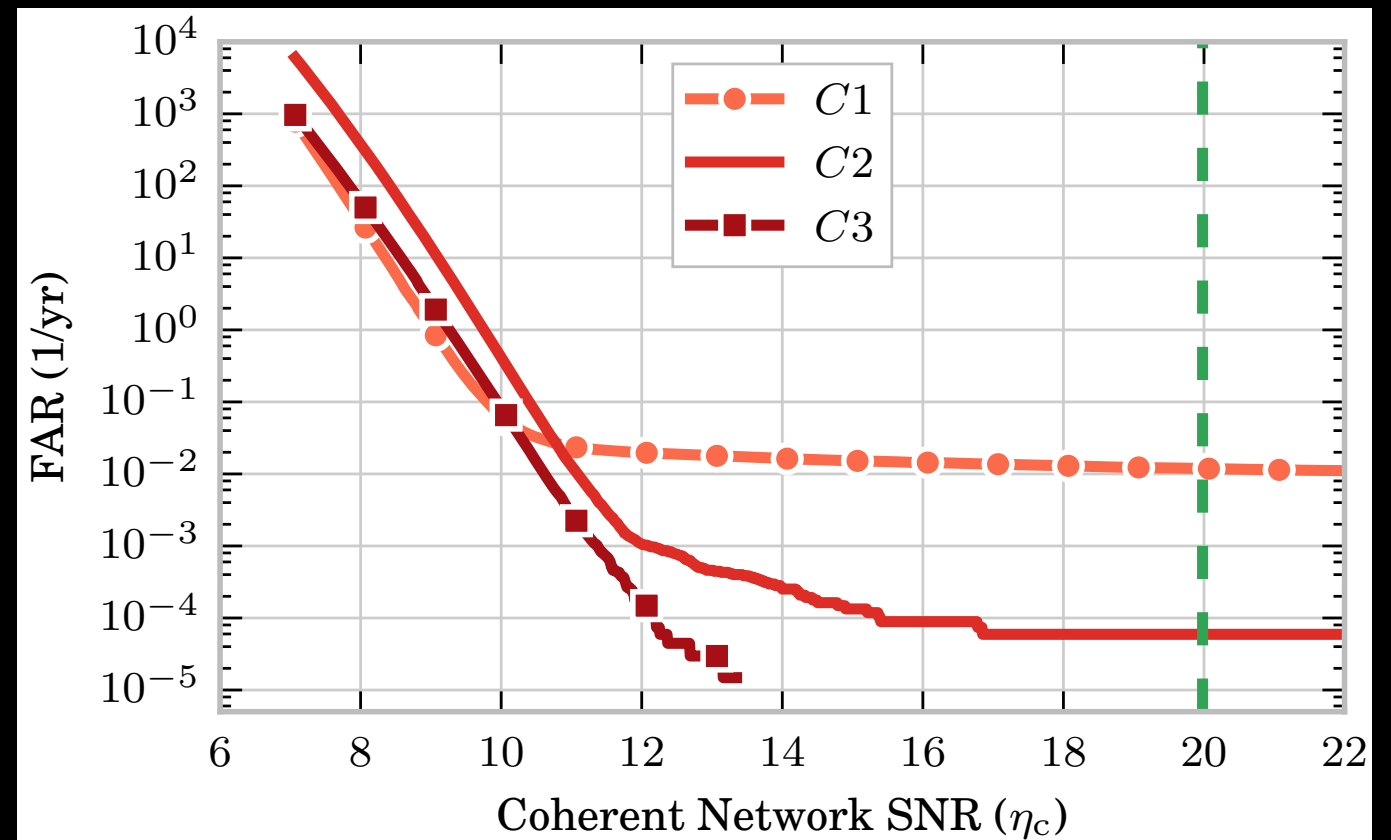
2011-2014: Installation and Testing of LIGO

Sept 2015- January 2016: First Observation Run

CLASSIFICATION OF EVENTS:

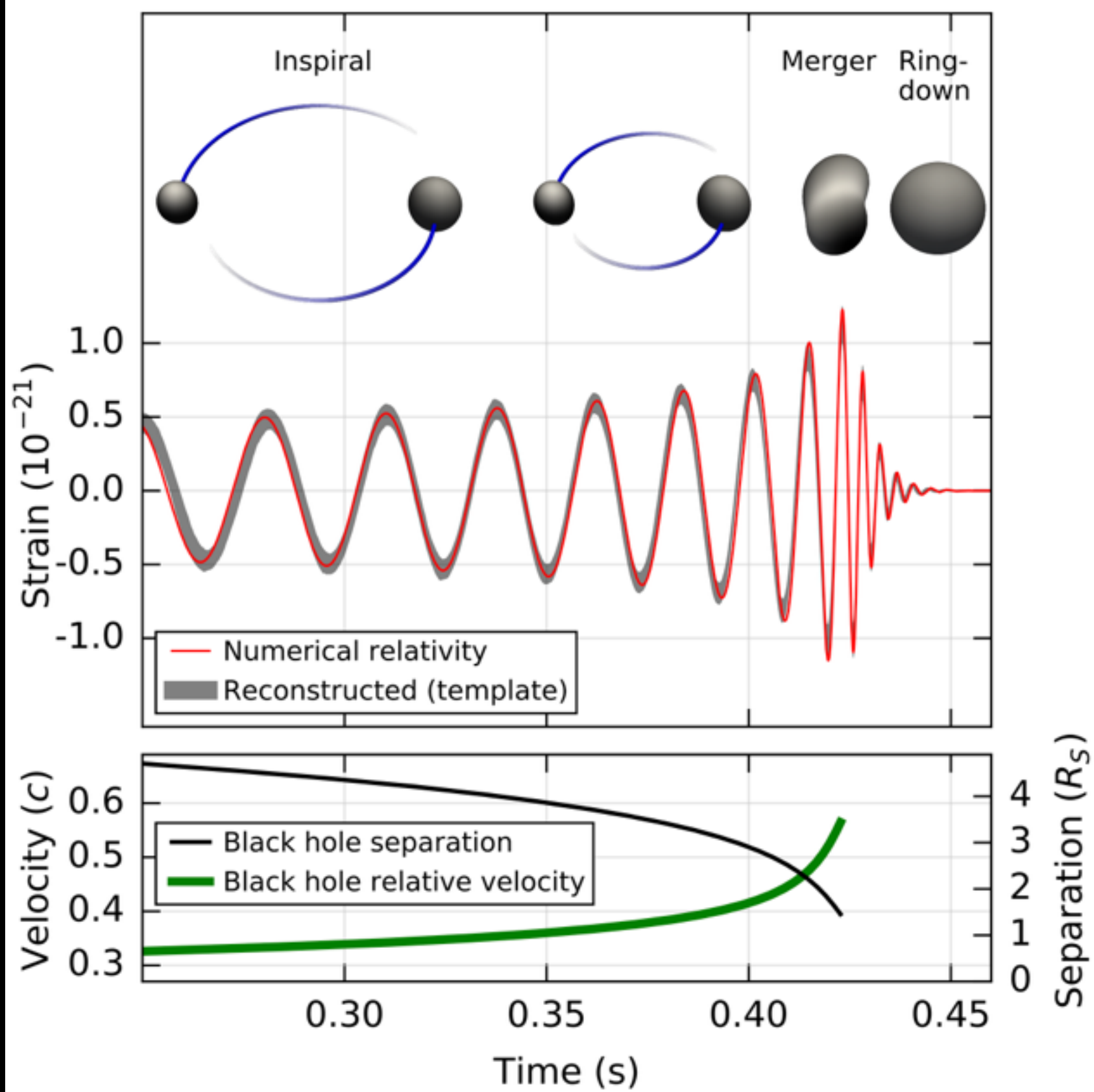
Noise features and characteristics, the background events are classified

- C1 — Known population of noise transients e.g. power line or mechanical resonances
- C3 — Events with increase in frequency as the time increases
- C2 — Not C1 nor C3.

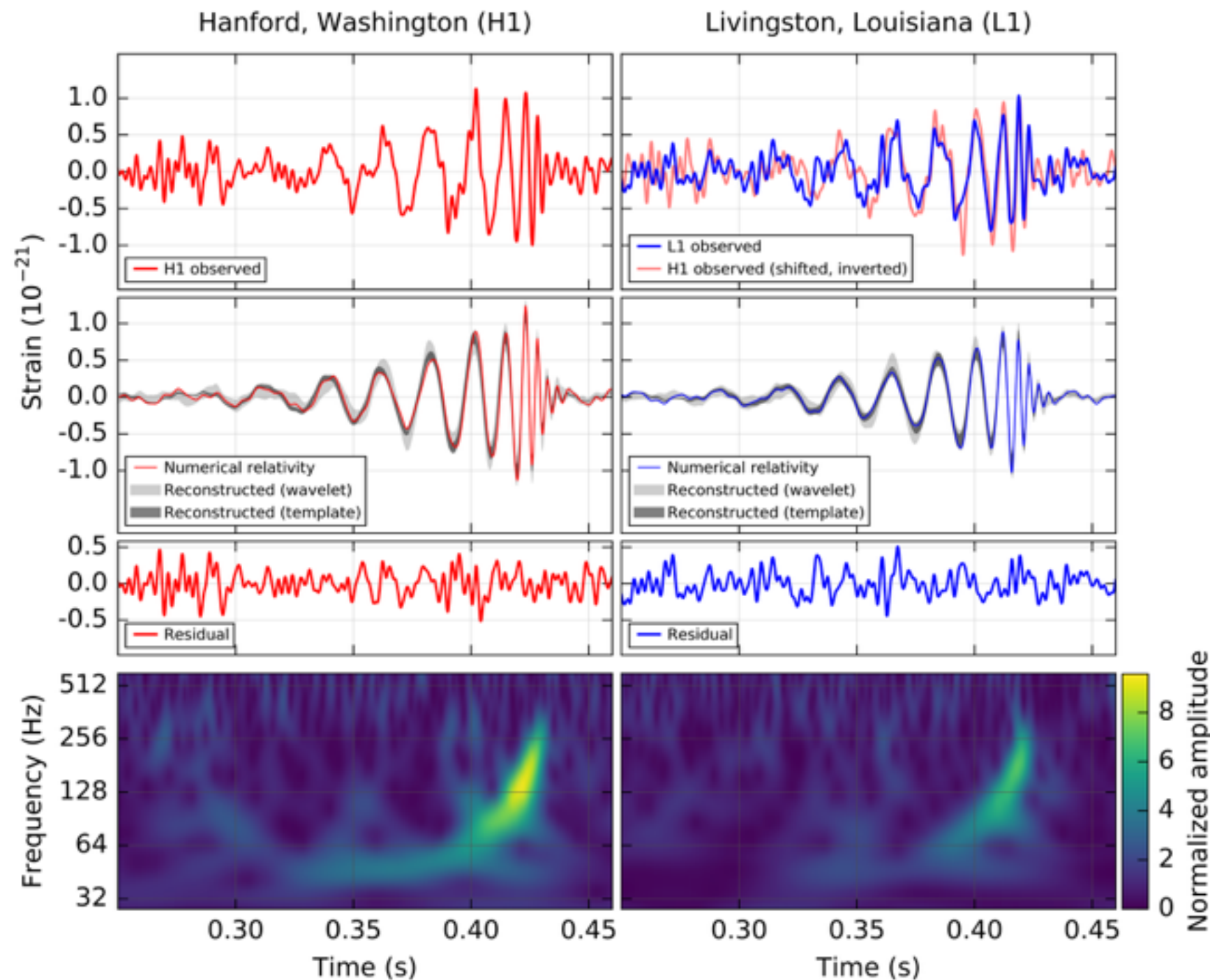


The SNR level of
GW150914 corresponds to
green line

<http://arxiv.org/abs/1602.03843>



Is it a NS-BH or BBH?



TF path

$M_c \sim 27 M_{\text{sun}}$

$$M_c = (m_1 m_2)^{3/5} / M^{1/5}$$

If the binary is

NS-BH

BH mass >

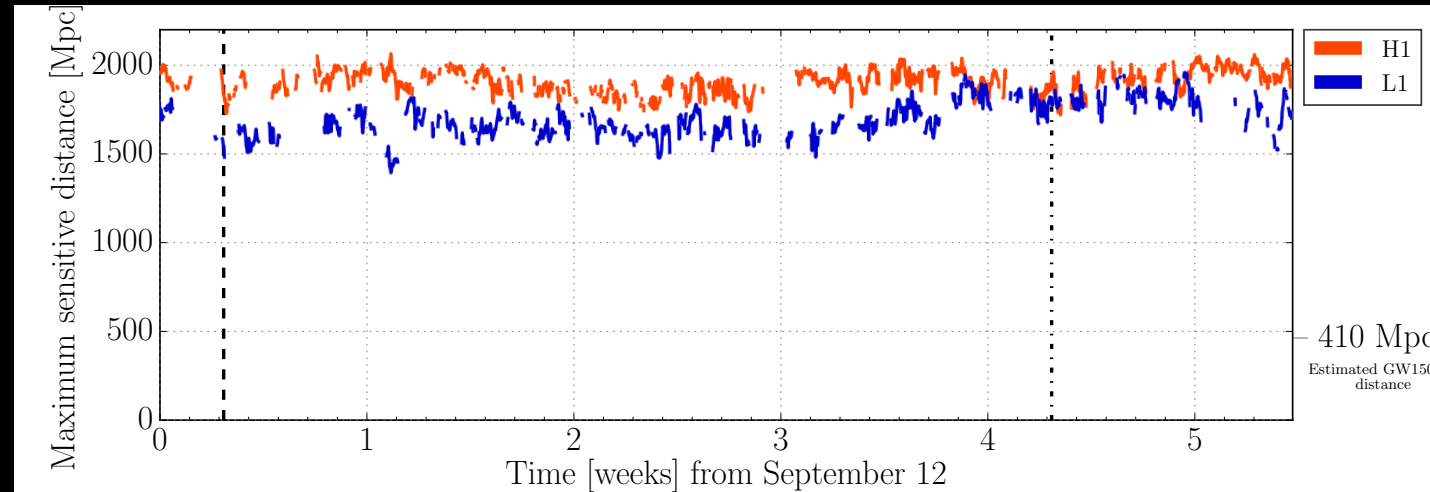
900 M_{sun}

Signal

freq < 300 Hz

DETECTOR VALIDATION AROUND GW150914

- Both the detectors were in steady operation around the event
- Extensive investigations of instrumental, environmental disturbance shows no evidence for instrumental artifact
- No indication of frequency evolution of external disturbance as observed in the event
- No evidence of instrumental disturbance which has temporal correlation between the two sites.



Sept 12 — Oct 20, 2015

GW 150914: FACTSHEET

date	14 Sept 2015	distance, redshift	410 Mpc, 0.09
time	09:50:45 UTC	peak frequency	150 Hz
observatory	LIGO WA, LA	QNM frequency	250 Hz
source type	black hole binary	peak strain	10^{-21}
SNR	24	peak luminosity	$3.6 \times 10^{56} \text{ erg s}^{-1}$
false alarm prob.	$< 2 \times 10^{-7}$	peak speed	0.6 c
false alarm rate	1 in 200,000 yr	radiated energy	$3 M_{\odot}$, 5% of mass
chirptime at 35 Hz	200 ms	<i>Detector Frame Masses M_{\odot}</i>	
cycles from 35 Hz	8	total mass	70
remnant size, area	210 km,	chirpmass	30
inferred rate	$2\text{-}400 \text{ Gpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$	primary BH	39
<i>BH spins</i>		secondary BH	31
primary	< 0.7	remnant BH	67
secondary	< 0.9	<i>Source Frame Masses M_{\odot}</i>	
remnant	0.7	total mass	65
graviton mass	$< 1.2 \times 10^{-22} \text{ eV}$	chirpmass	28
resolved to	600 sq. deg.	primary BH	36
orientation	face-on/off	secondary BH	29
sky location	southern hemisphere	remnant BH	62
CPU hours used	~ 50 million	mass ratio	0.8

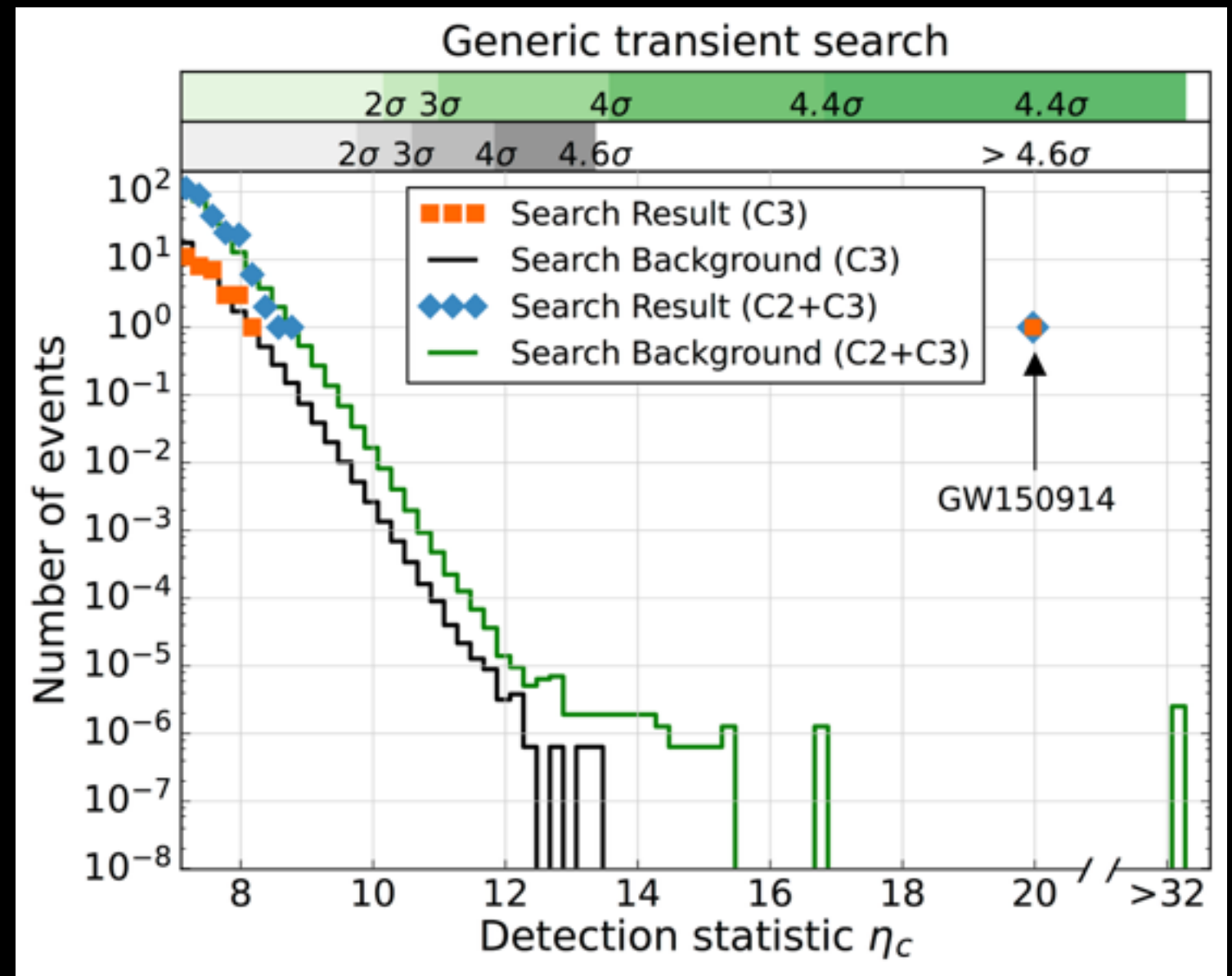
<http://arxiv.org/abs/1602.03843>

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BACKGROUND STATISTICS

GENERIC TRANSIENT

SEARCH



16 days of coincidence data in Sept 12-Oct 20,
 1.6×10^6 time instances = 67,400 yrs of observation time

Significance of GW150914:

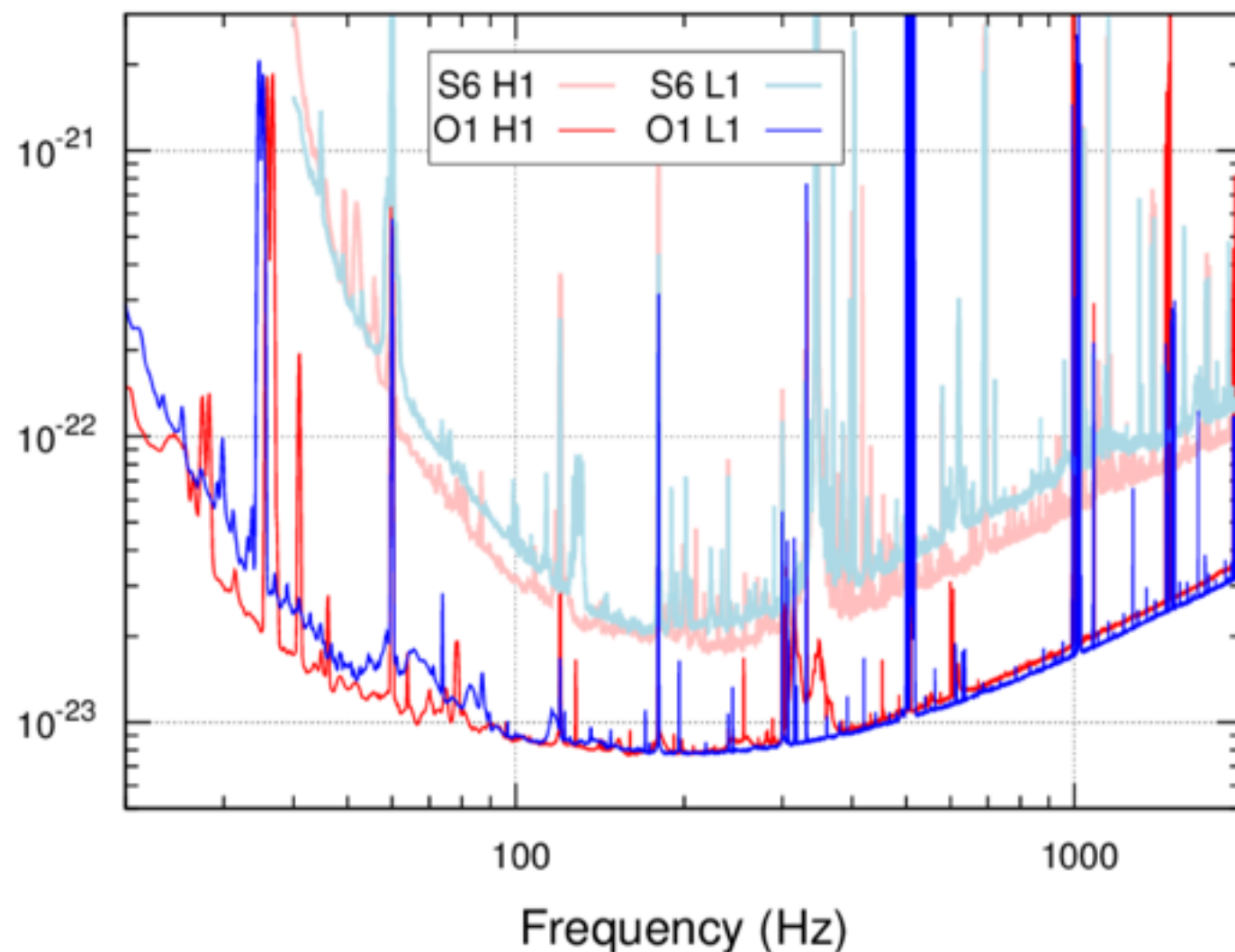
Number of classes 3 \Rightarrow FAR of 1 in 22,500 yrs.

Significance level 4.6 sigma

Salient Features of advanced LIGO upgrades:

- 1/ Increased laser power — reduces high frequency noise
- 2/ Heavier test masses — reduces random mirror motions
- 3/ Suspension with fused silica fibre — reduction in thermal noise
- 4/ 4 stage suspension — reduces seismic noise

<http://tinyurl.com/ALIGO-upgrades-pdf>



Observation Run (O1)
— Sept'15-Jan'16

Sensitivity is 3-5 times
of iLIGO (~100 Mpc)

100-300 Hz is the most
sensitive band

Volume of 27-125
times larger