

# MULTI-MESSENGER ASTRONOMY WITH ADVANCED LIGO AND VIRGO

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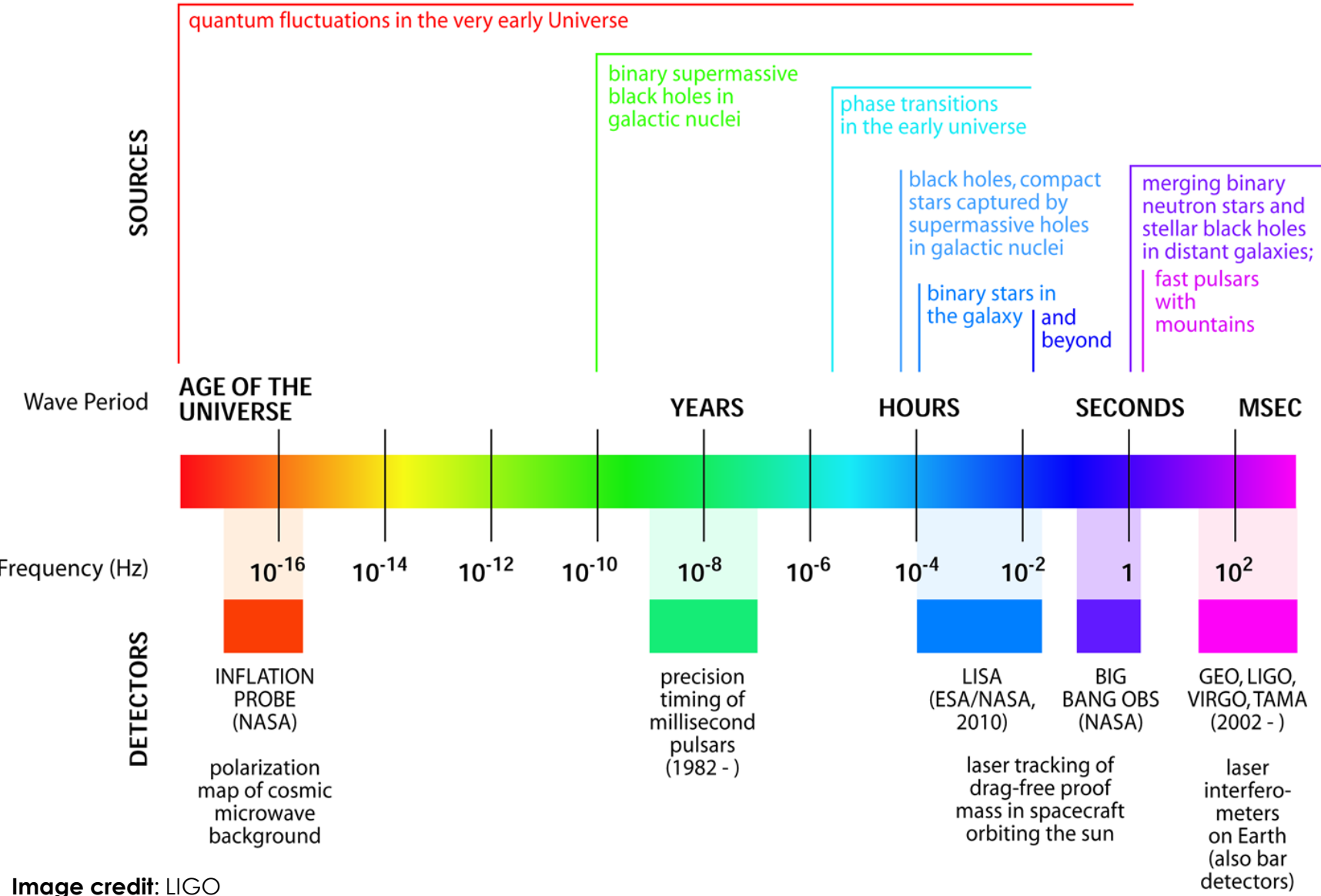
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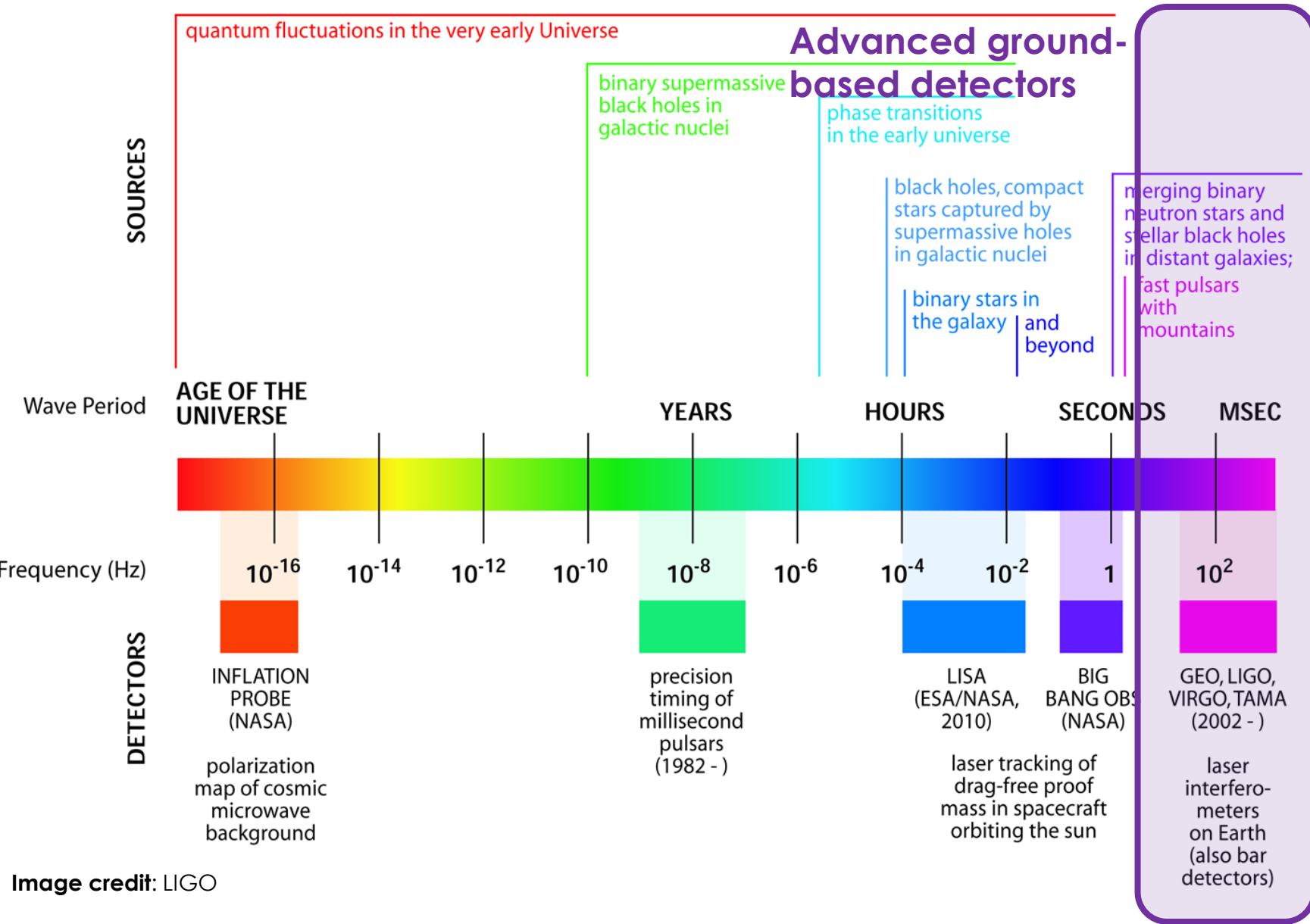
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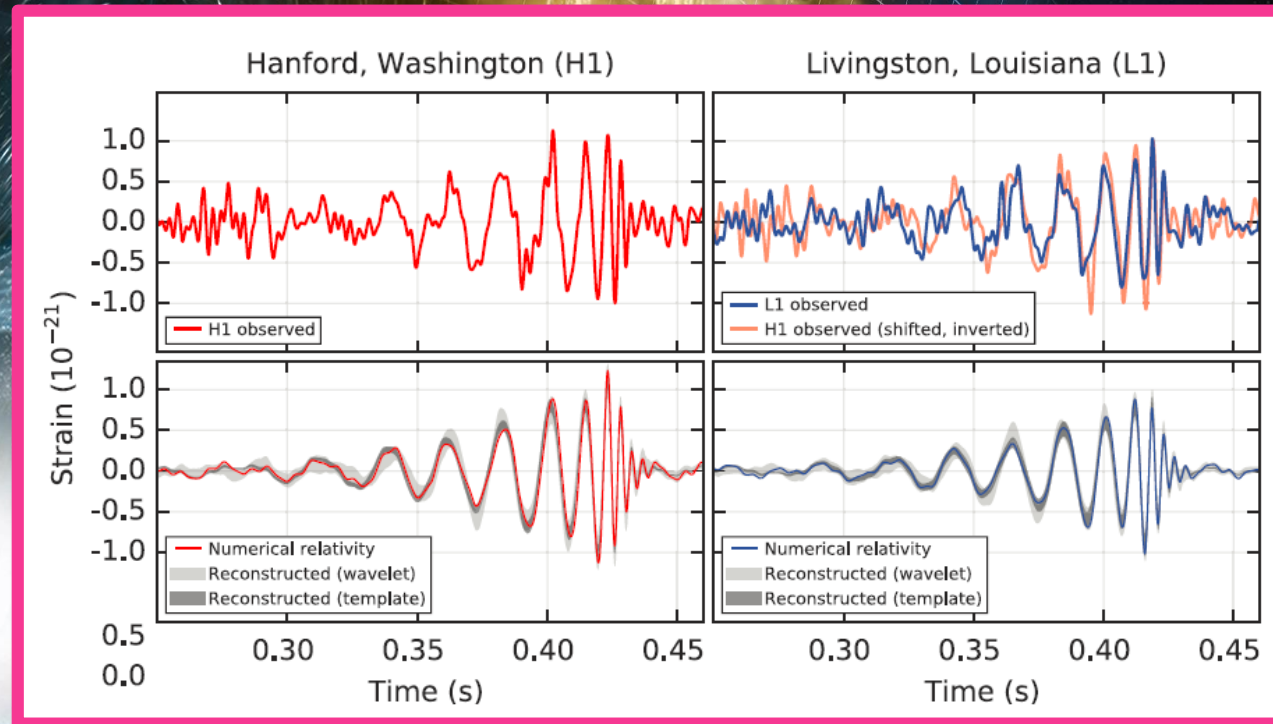
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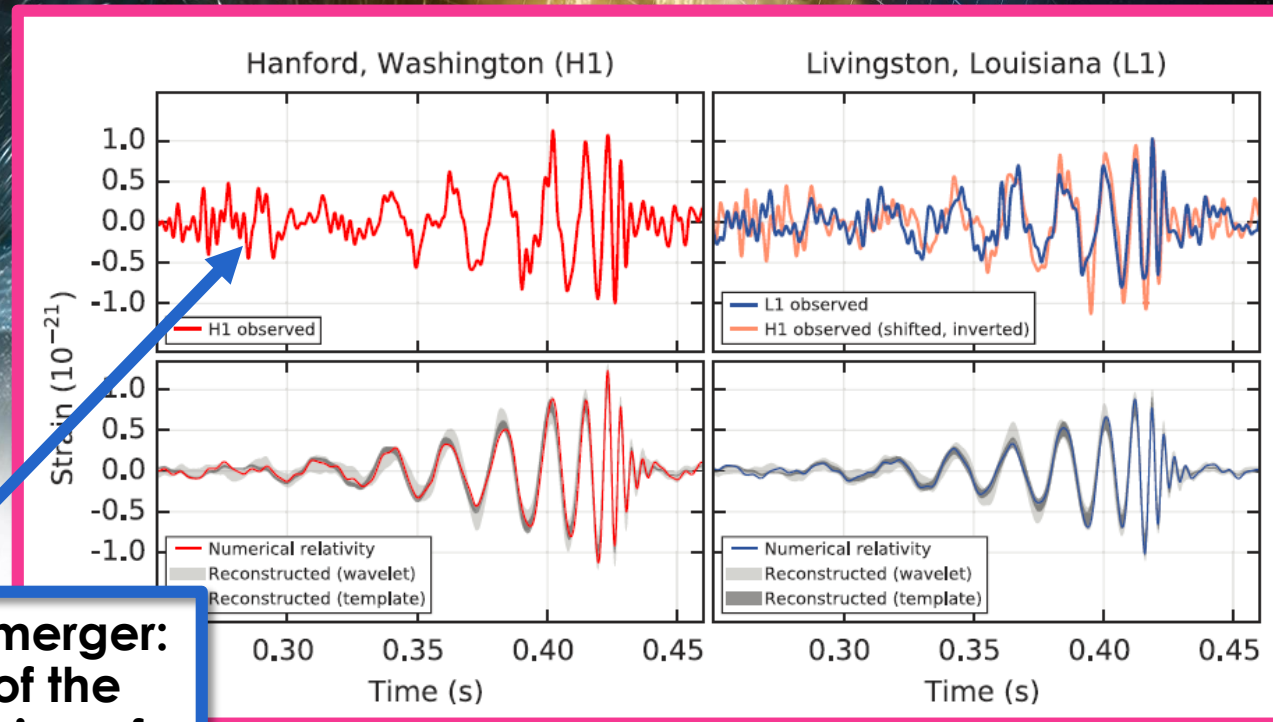


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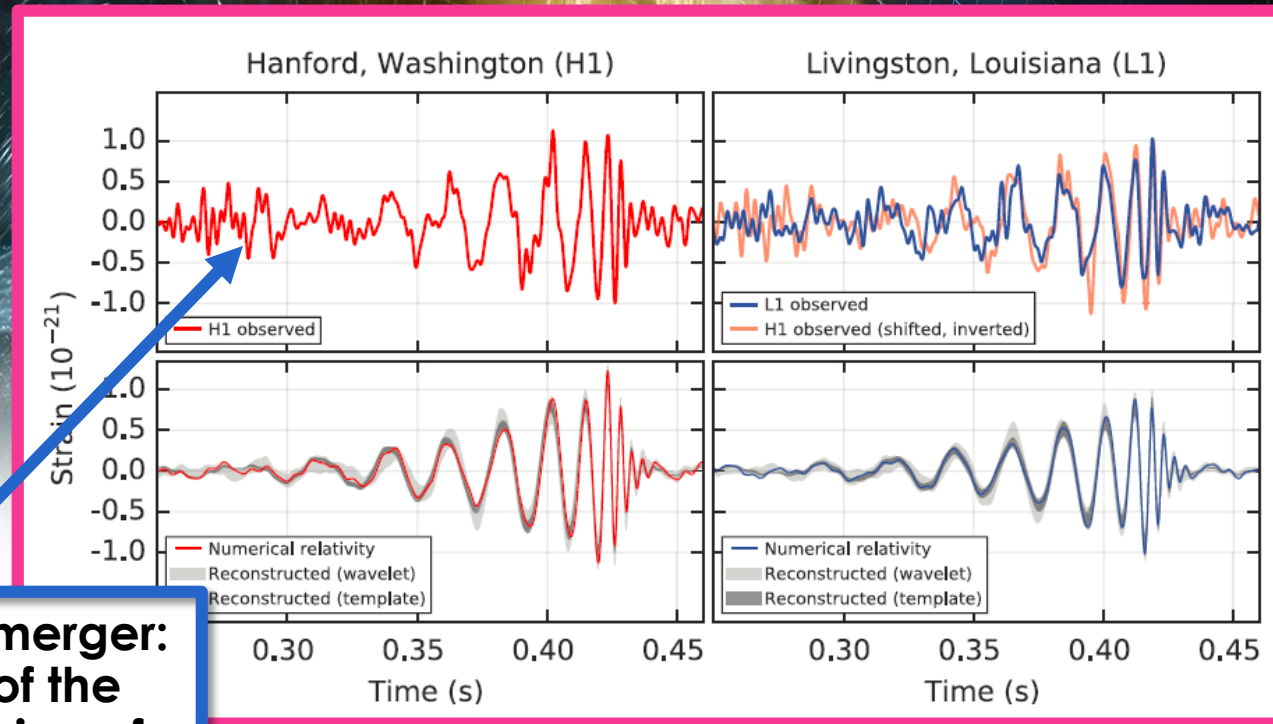
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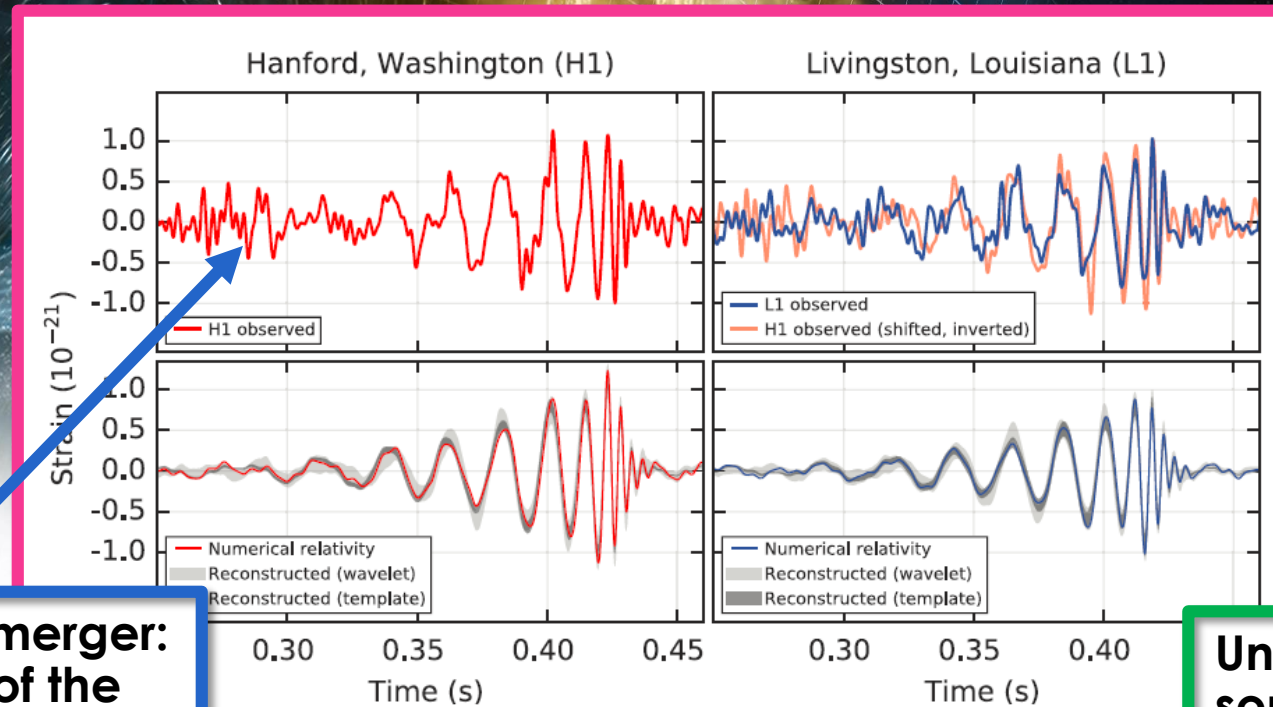
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Unique information about the  
source is encoded in the  
amplitude/phase evolution:  
masses, spins, and more...

Please see Katerina Chatziioannou's talk!

# COMPACT BINARY MERGERS

**If the merger includes a neutron star, possible EM counterparts include**

- Short gamma-ray burst
- Kilonova emissions: multi-wavelength afterglow emissions in X-ray, UV ray, optical, near infrared, and radio
- Radio blast wave emissions

# COMPACT BINARY MERGERS

## **Scientific motivation for joint observations**

- Confirm short gamma-ray burst/BNS/NSBH connection
- Learn about energetics of short gamma-ray bursts from the beaming angle of the burst
- Independently measure the Hubble constant

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- The explosion occurred about 160,000 years ago
- Light is just reaching the earth now (in 1987)

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- Unknown explosion mechanism
- Confirm observed mass gap in supernova remnants

# GW'S FROM CORE-COLLAPSE SUPERNOVAE

*The key to the resultant gravitational waves is the initial rotation rate ( $\Omega_0$ ) of the iron core!*

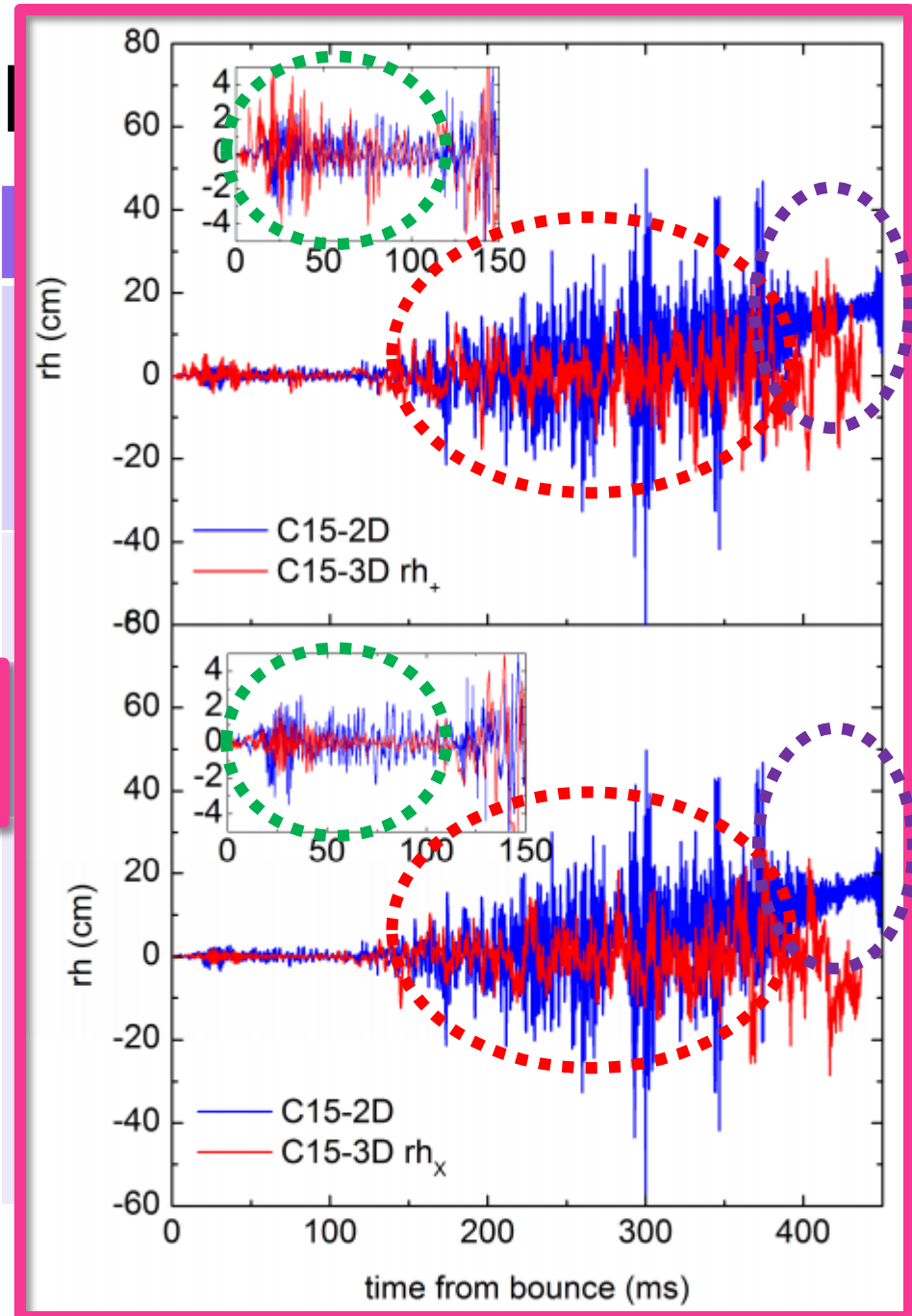
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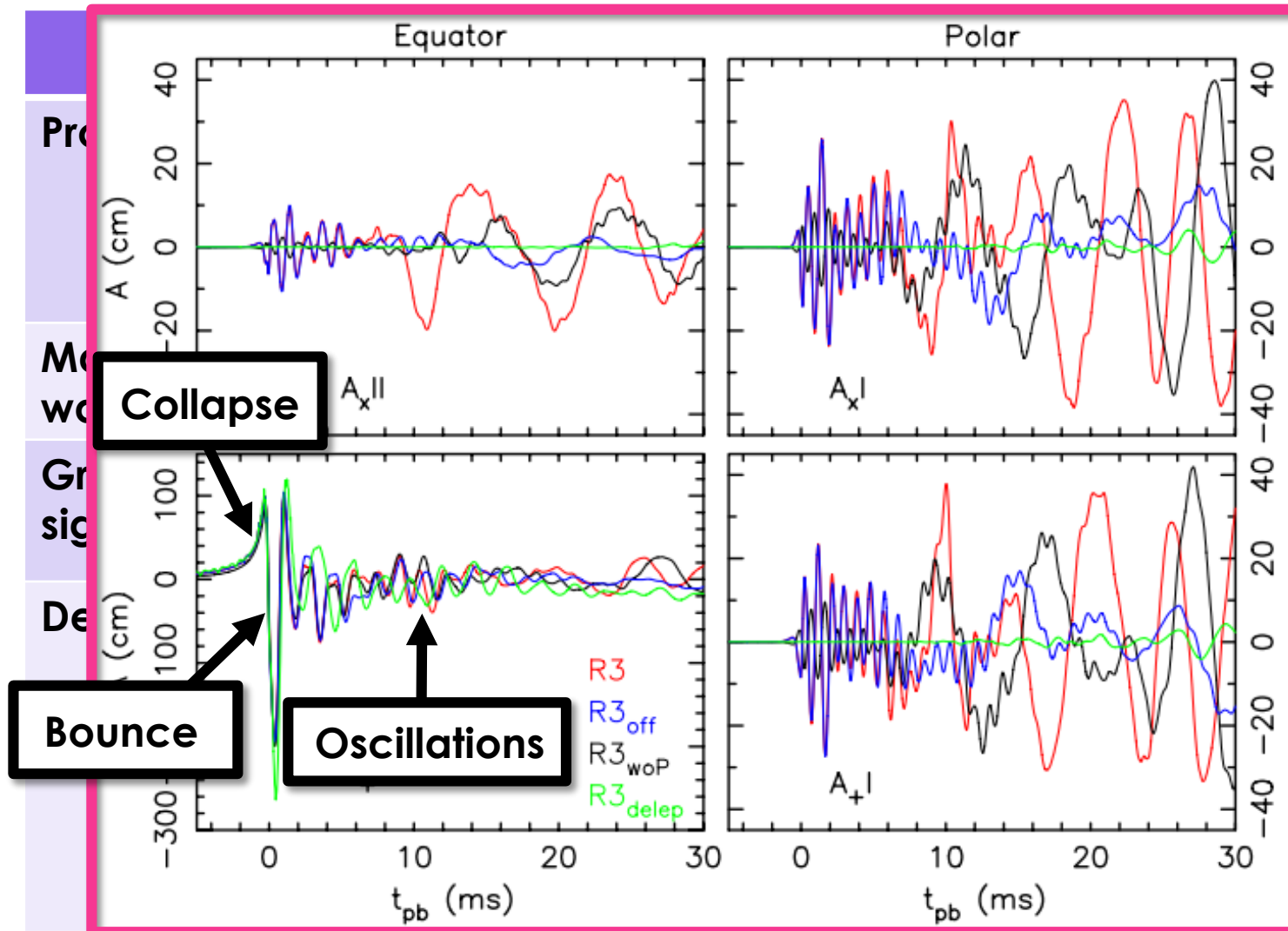
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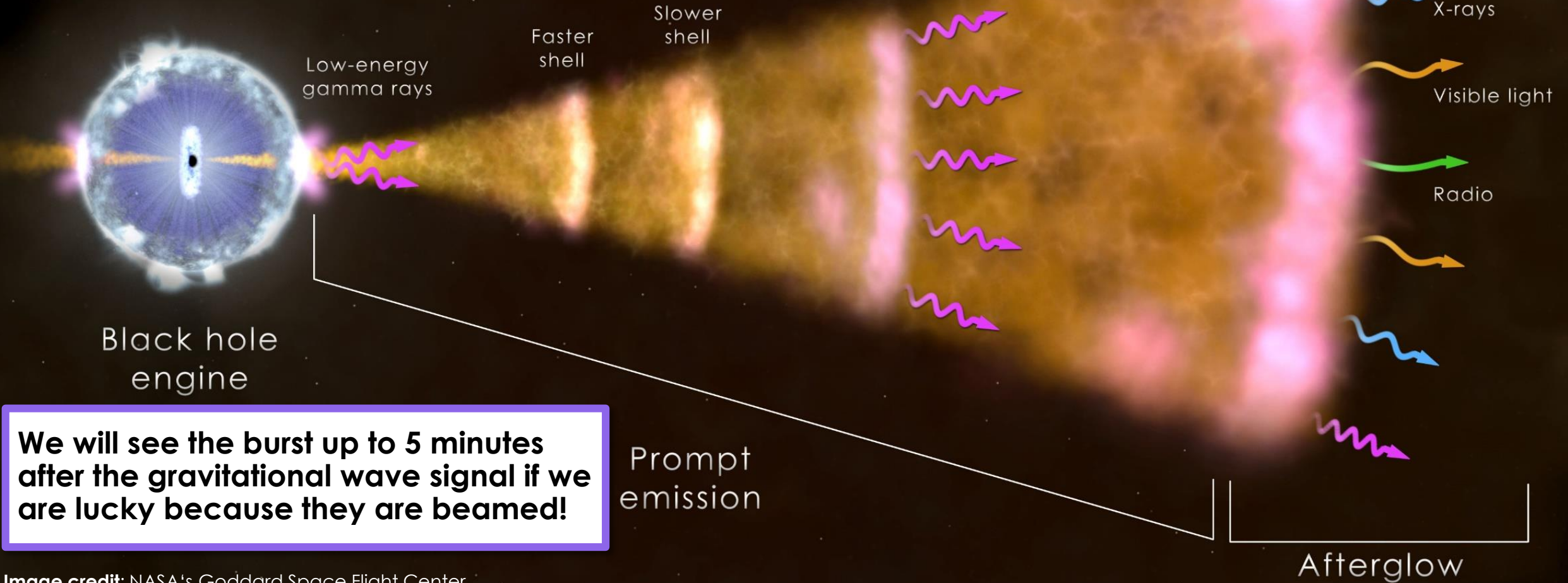
# SUPERNOVA 1987A

- We would see the gravitational wave signal first
- Then a massive burst of neutrinos within a few seconds
- Then a shock wave breaking out of the star, releasing a bright UV flash (a few hours later)
- The supernova becomes visible at optical wavelengths as it expands

# LONG GAMMA-RAY BURSTS FOR ROTATING PROGENITORS

Jet collides with ambient medium (external shock wave)

Colliding shells emit low-energy gamma rays (internal shock wave)



**We will see the burst up to 5 minutes after the gravitational wave signal if we are lucky because they are beamed!**

# MAGNETAR STARQUAKES



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## Possible electromagnetic counterparts:

- Soft gamma repeaters
- Anomalous X-ray pulsars
- Radio/X-ray pulsar glitches



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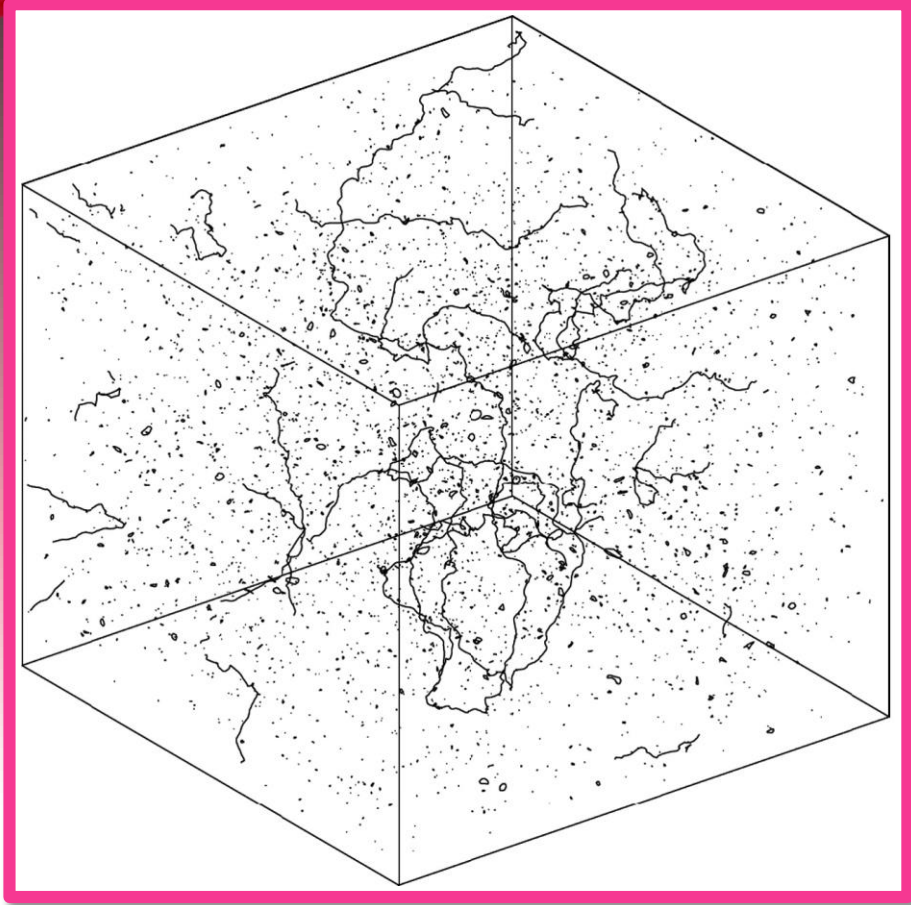
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- Unknown GW signal → Neutron star asteroseismology → Possible constraints on the equation of state





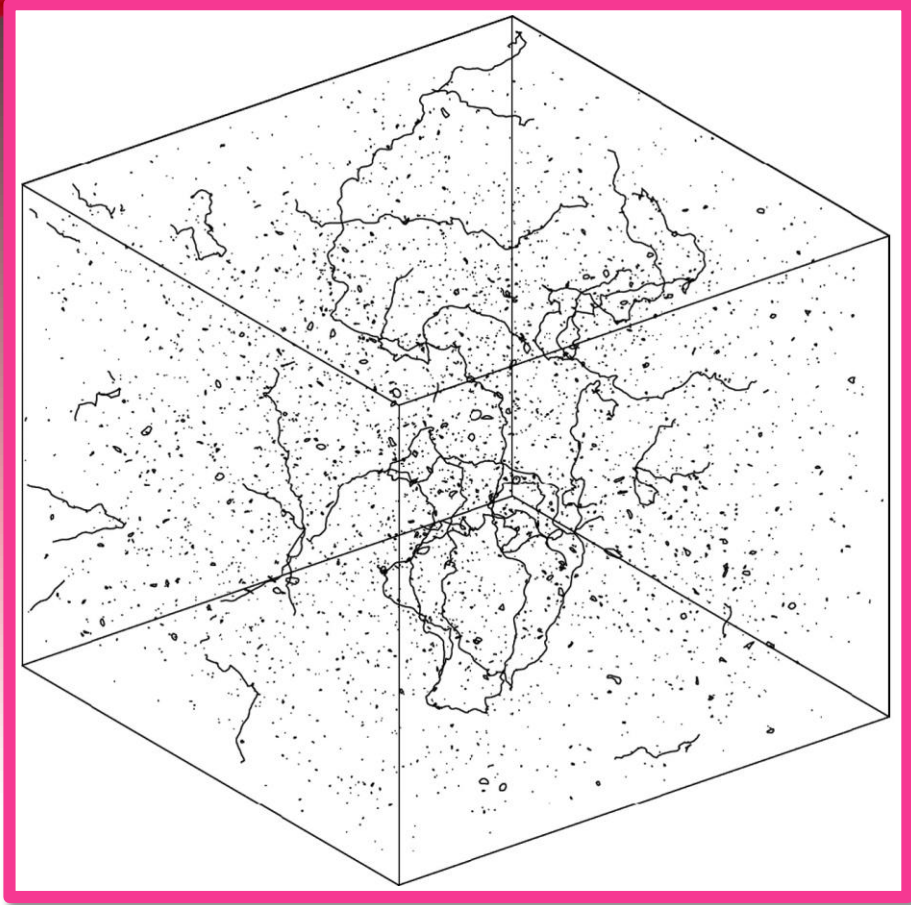
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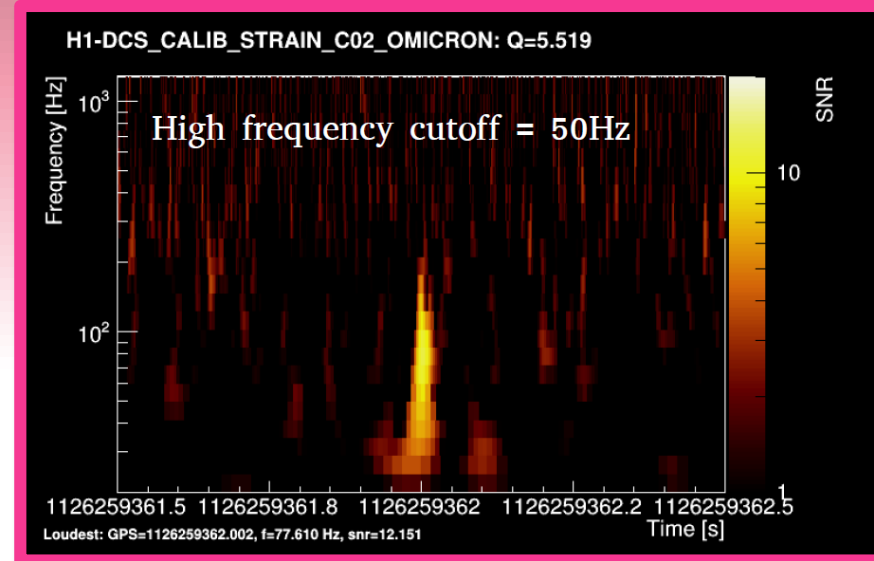
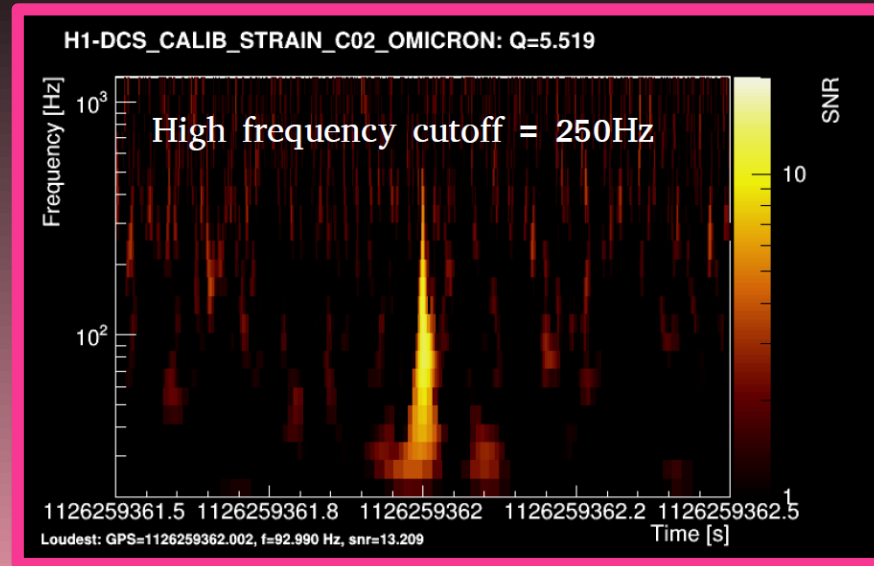
- Intersecting cosmic strings

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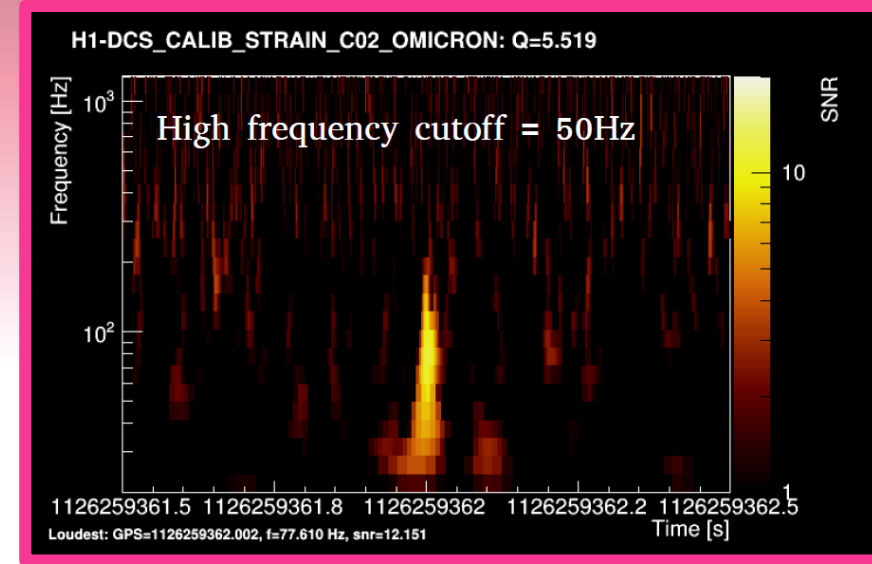
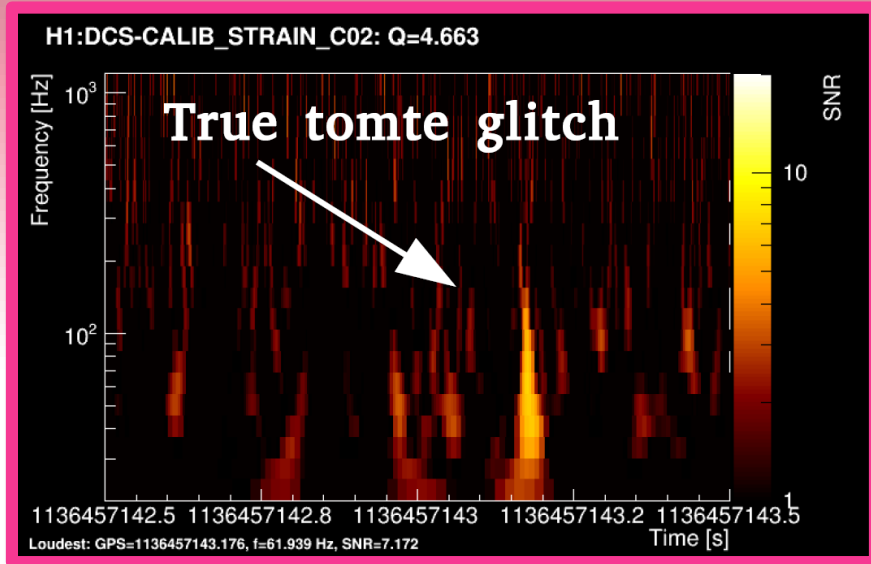
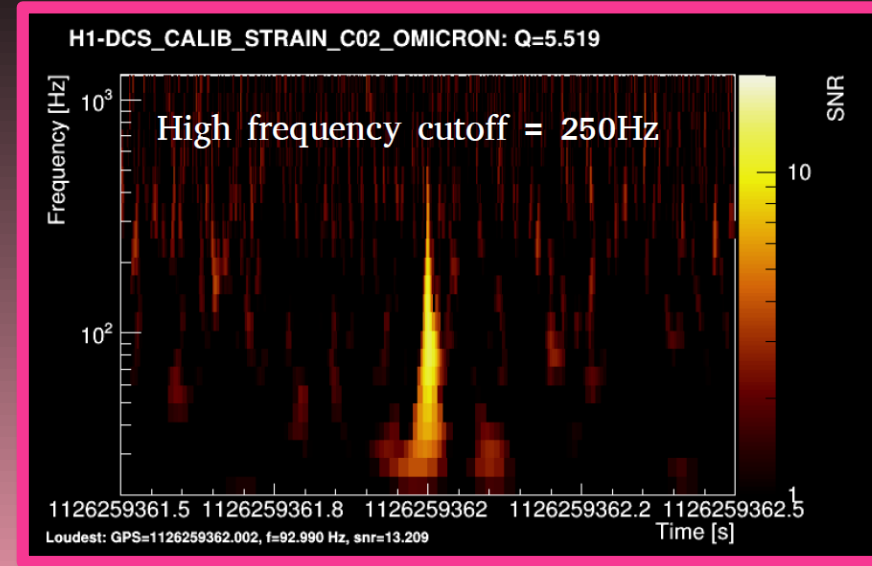
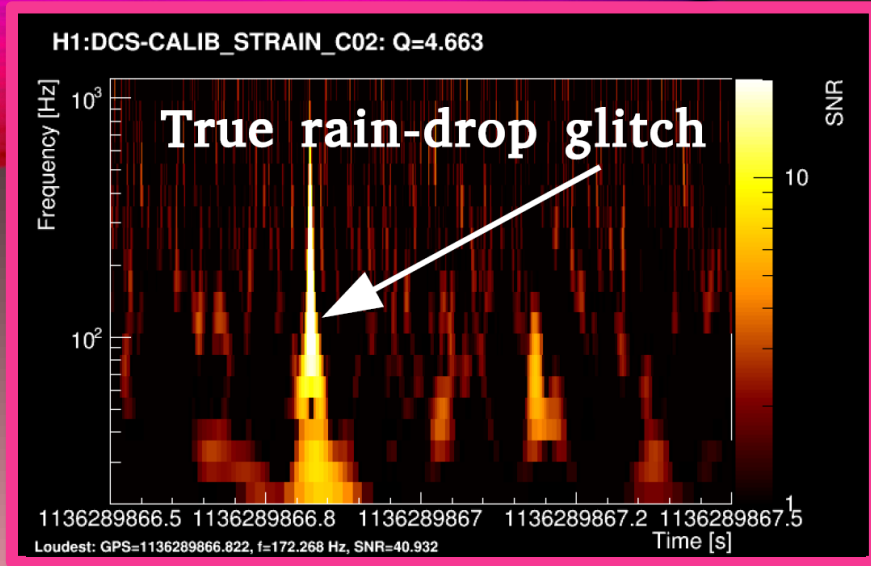


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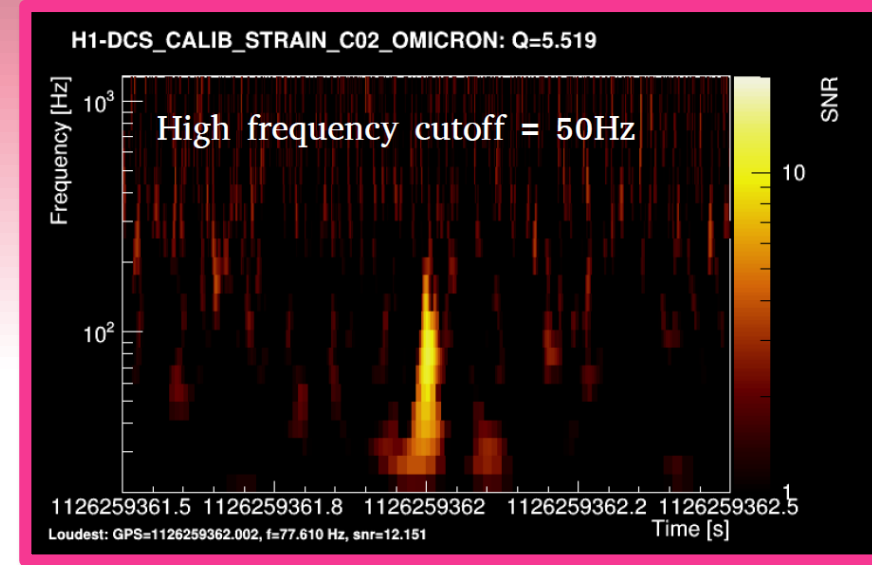
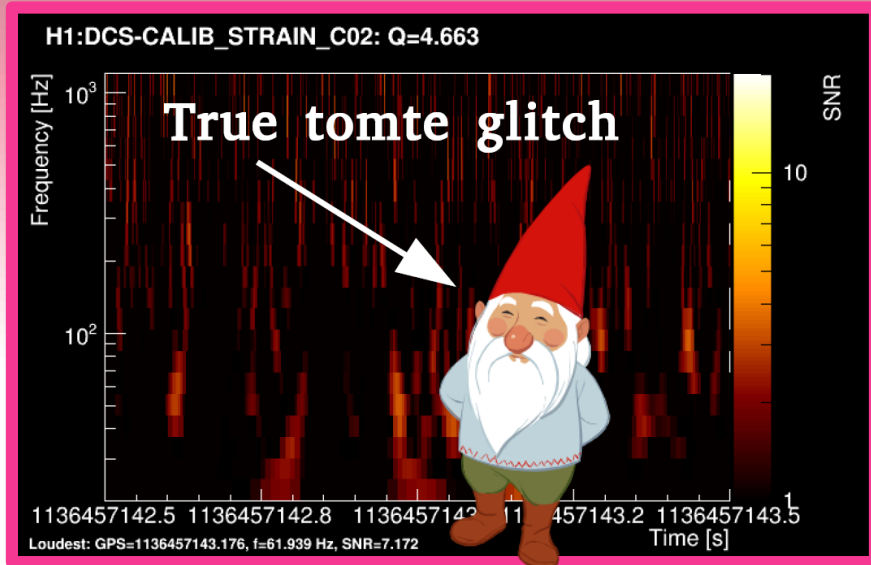
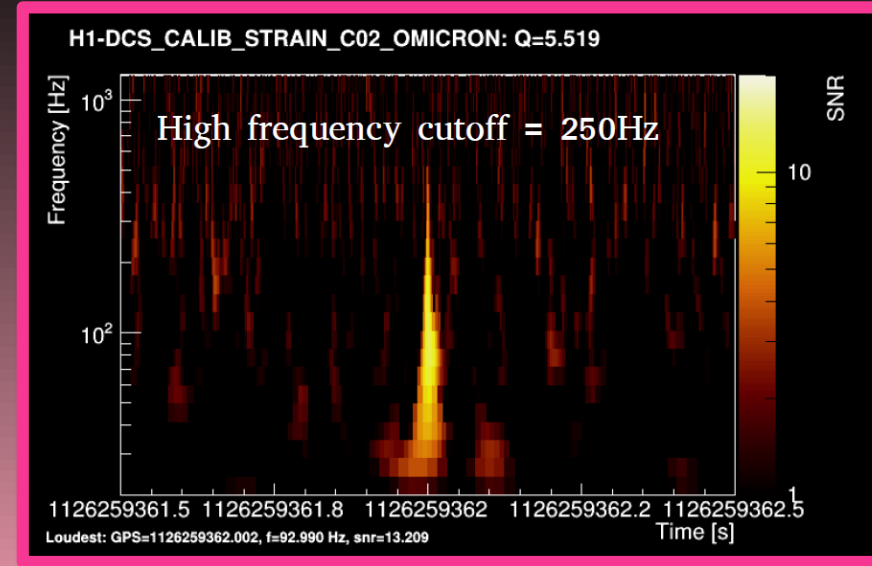
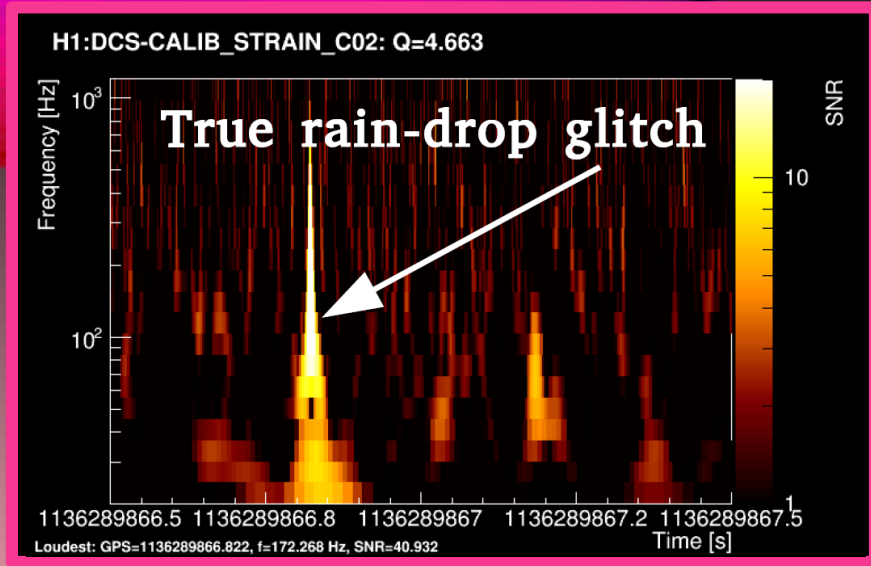
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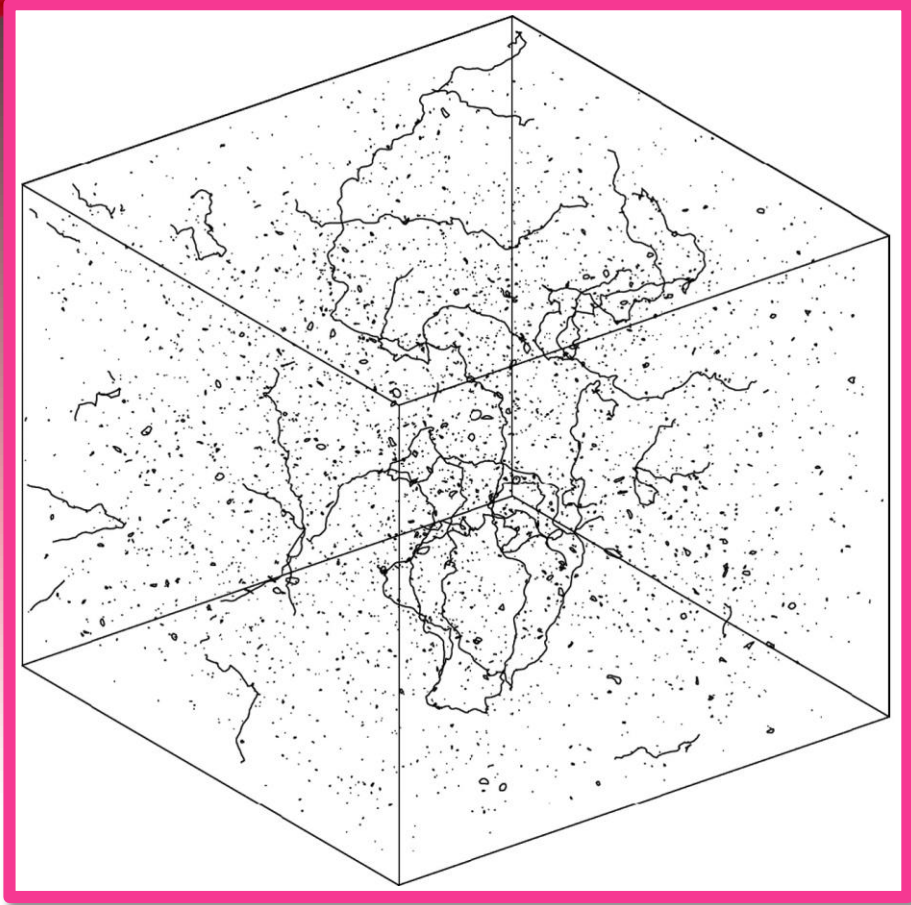


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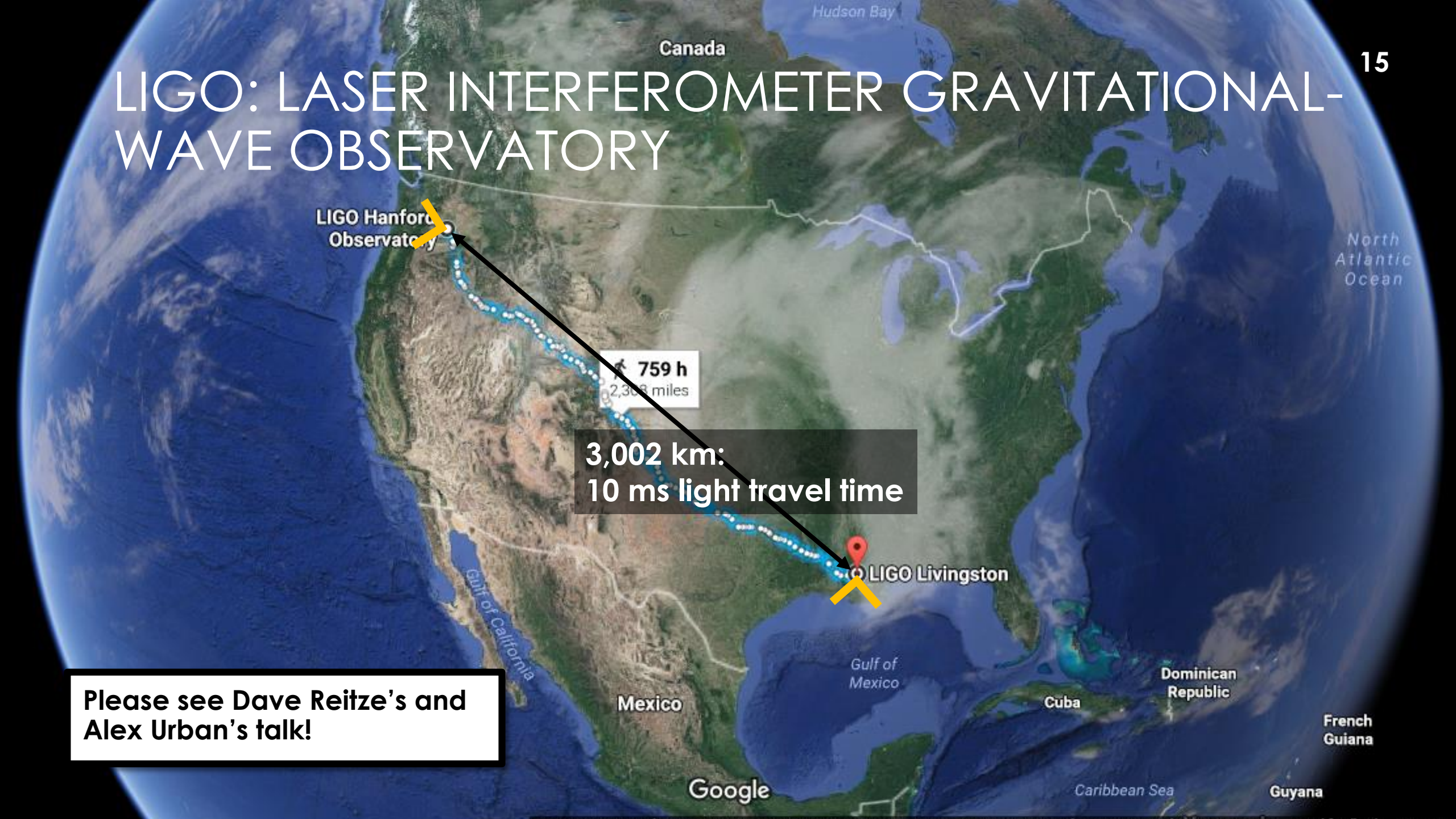
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3,002 km:  
10 ms light travel time

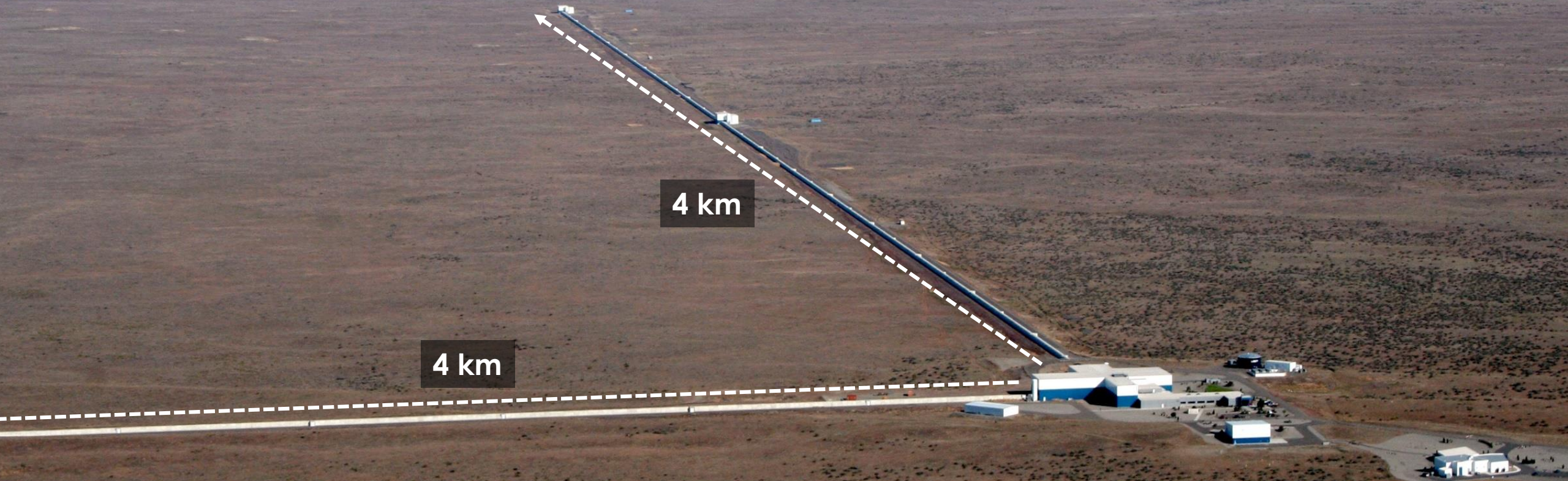
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Please see Dave Reitze's and Alex Urban's talk!





# LIGO HANFORD



# LIGO LIVINGSTON

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4 km

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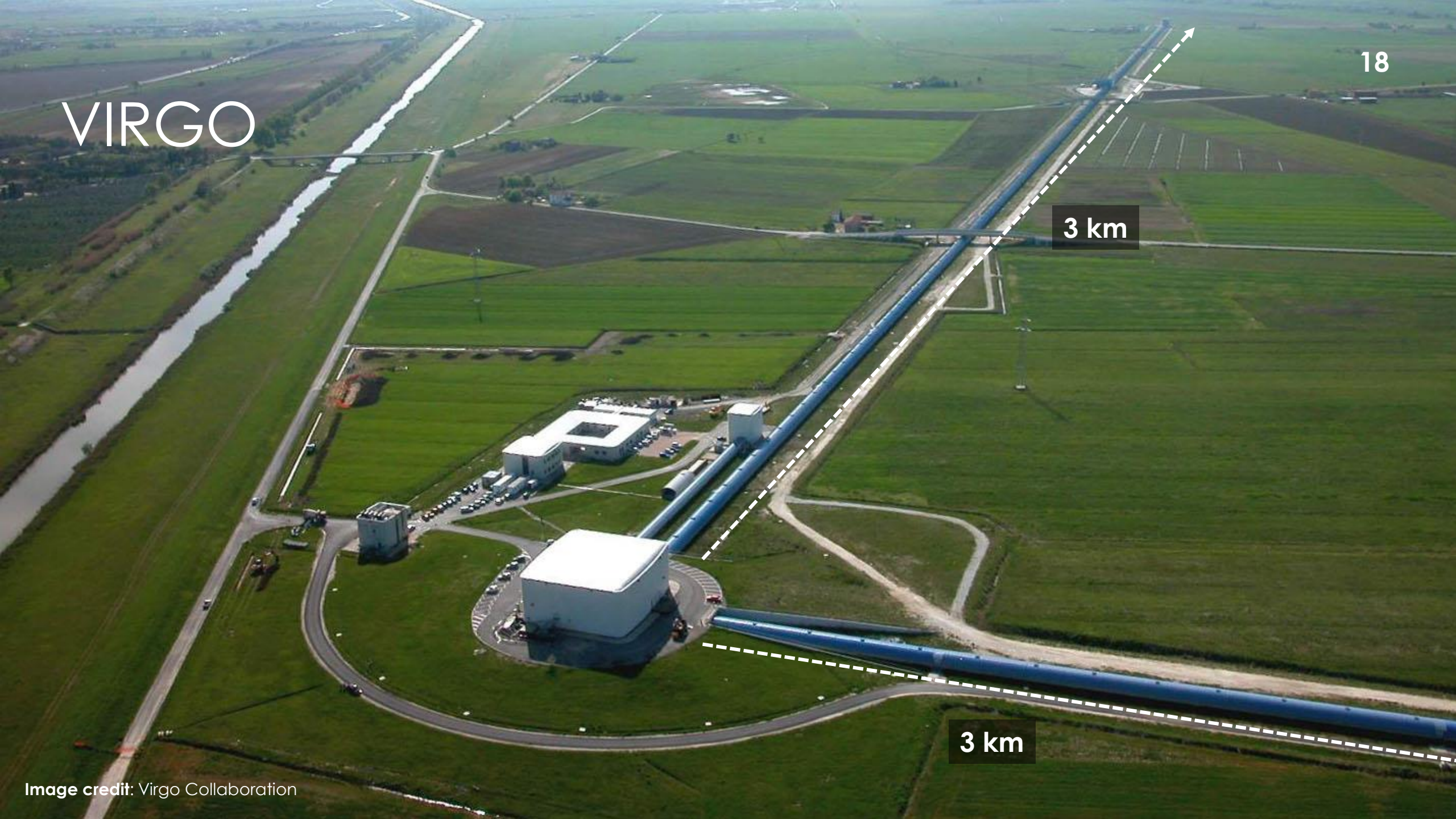


# VIRGO

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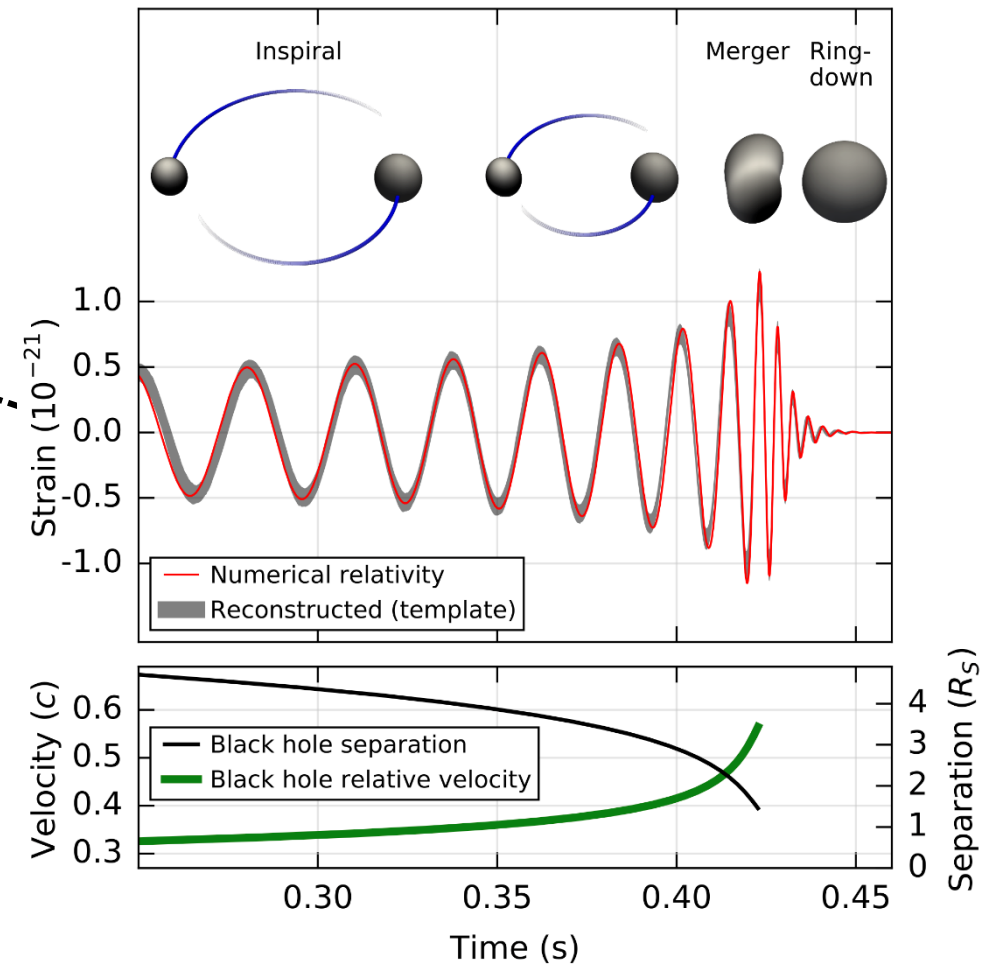
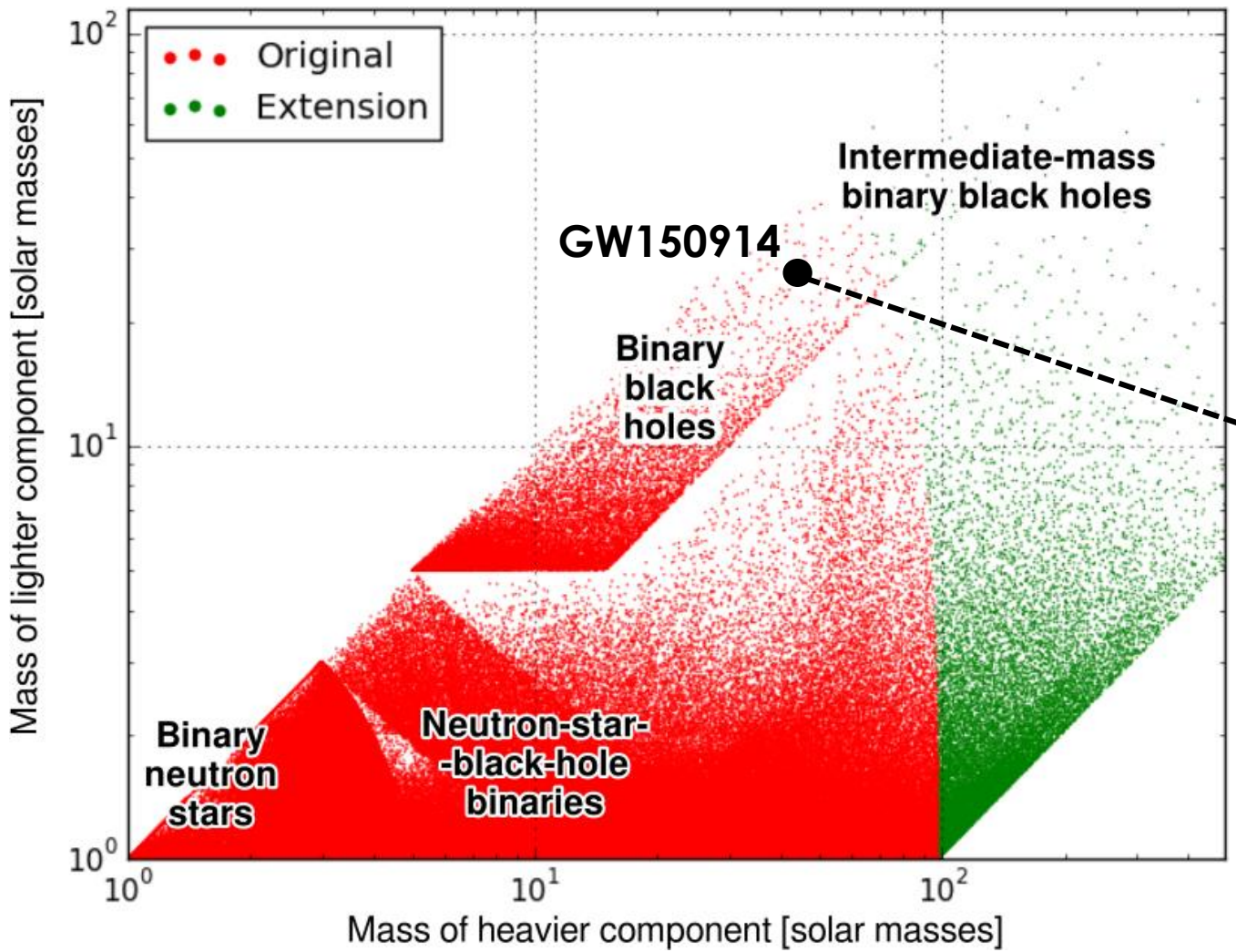


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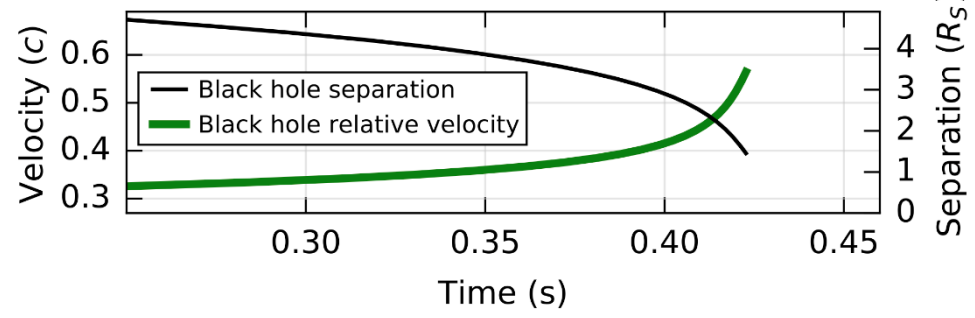
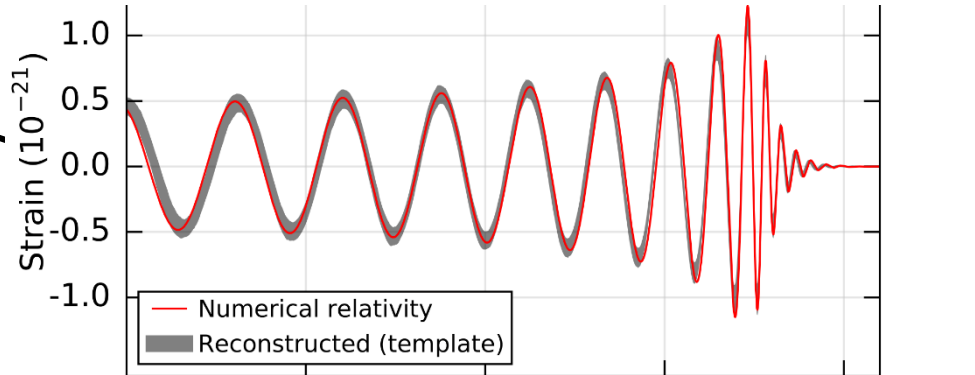
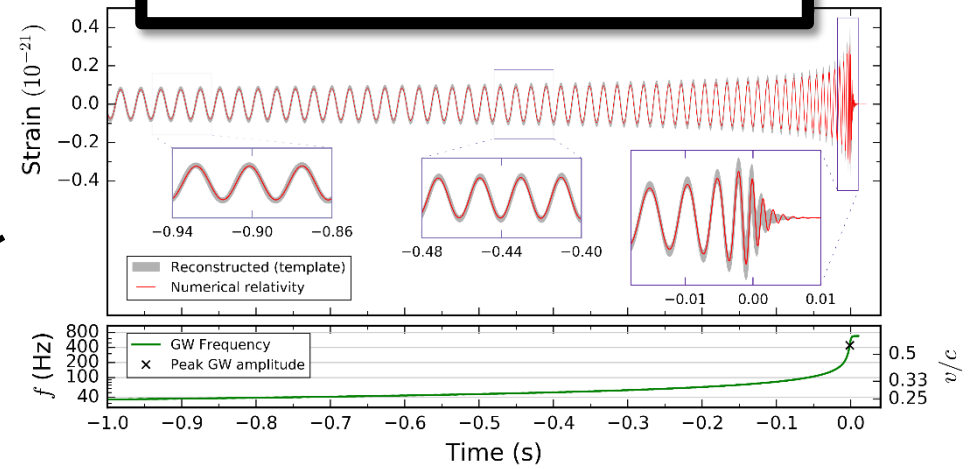
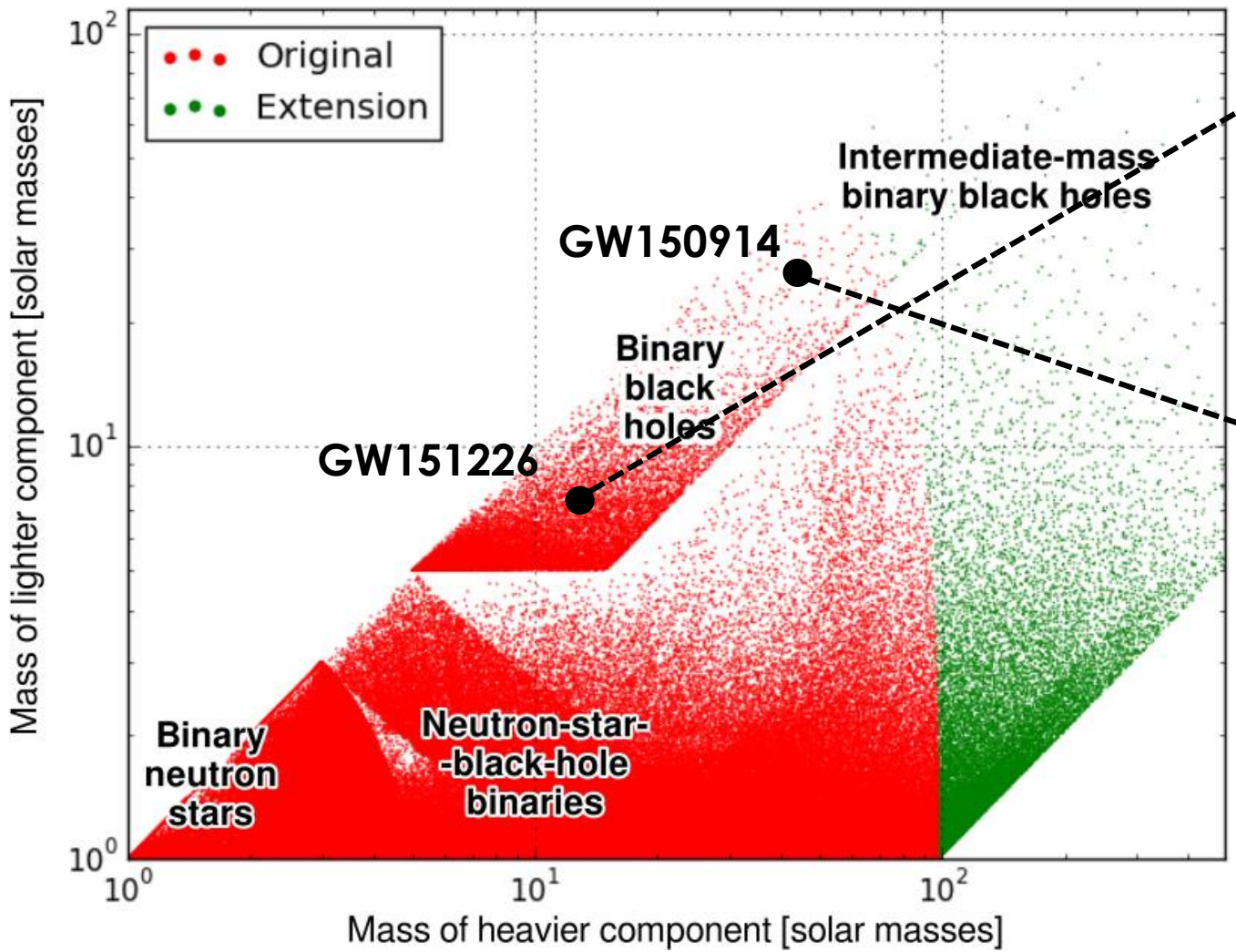
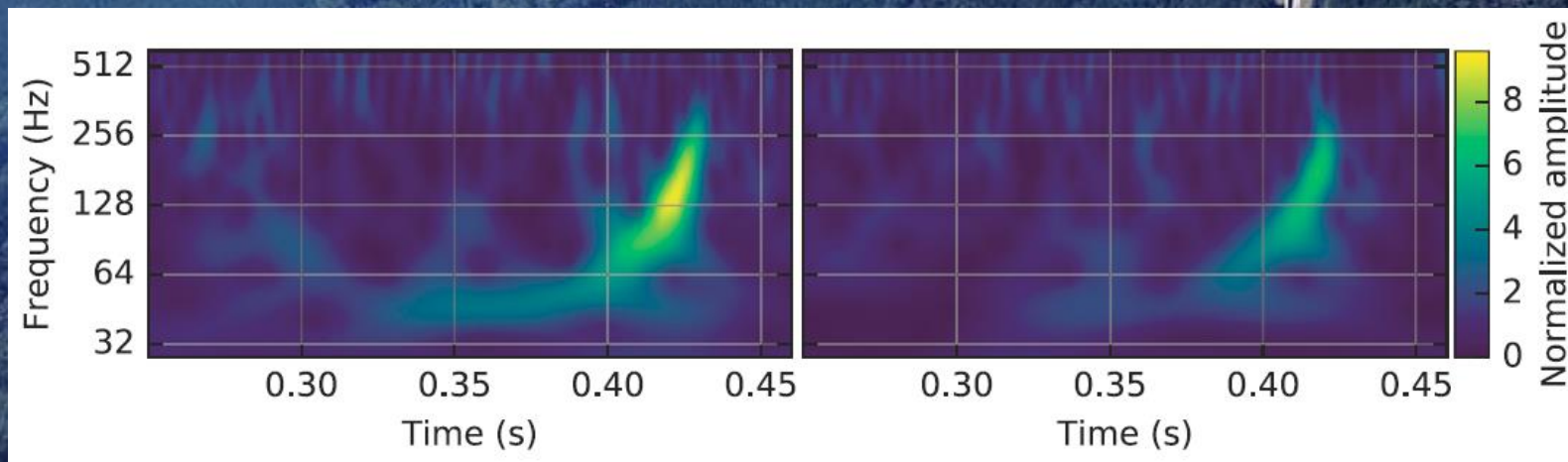


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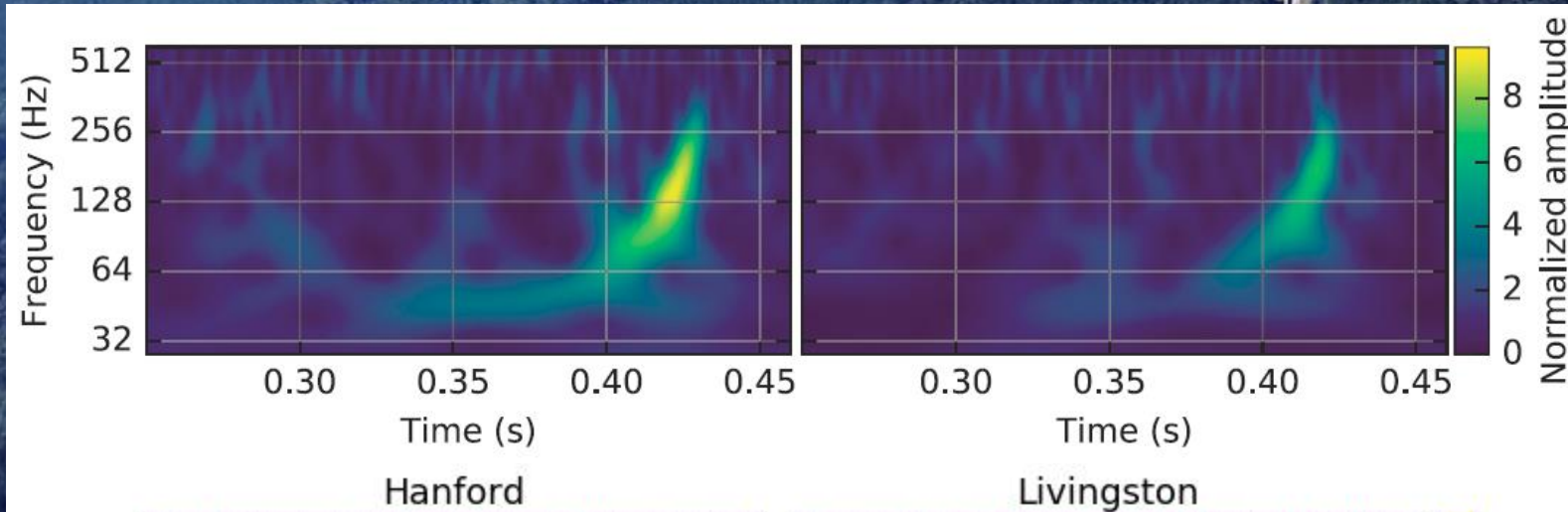
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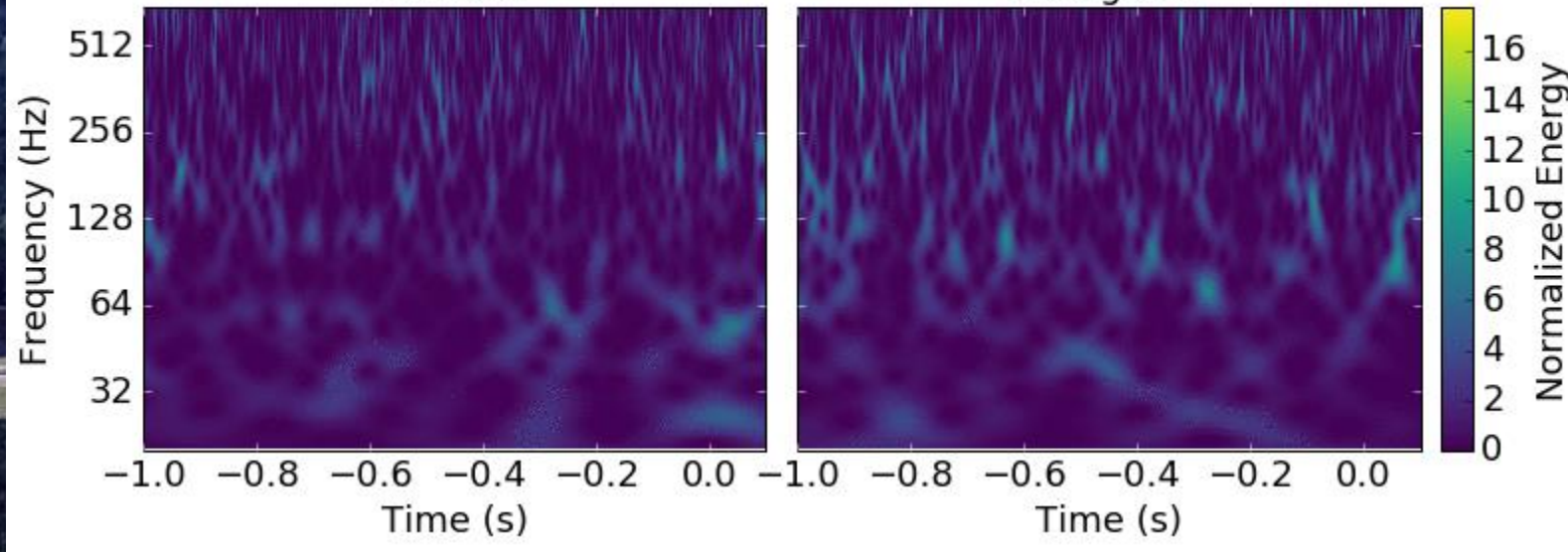


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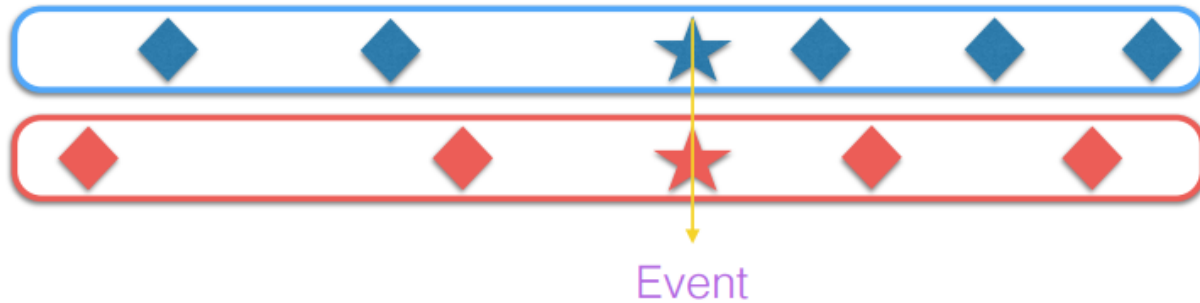


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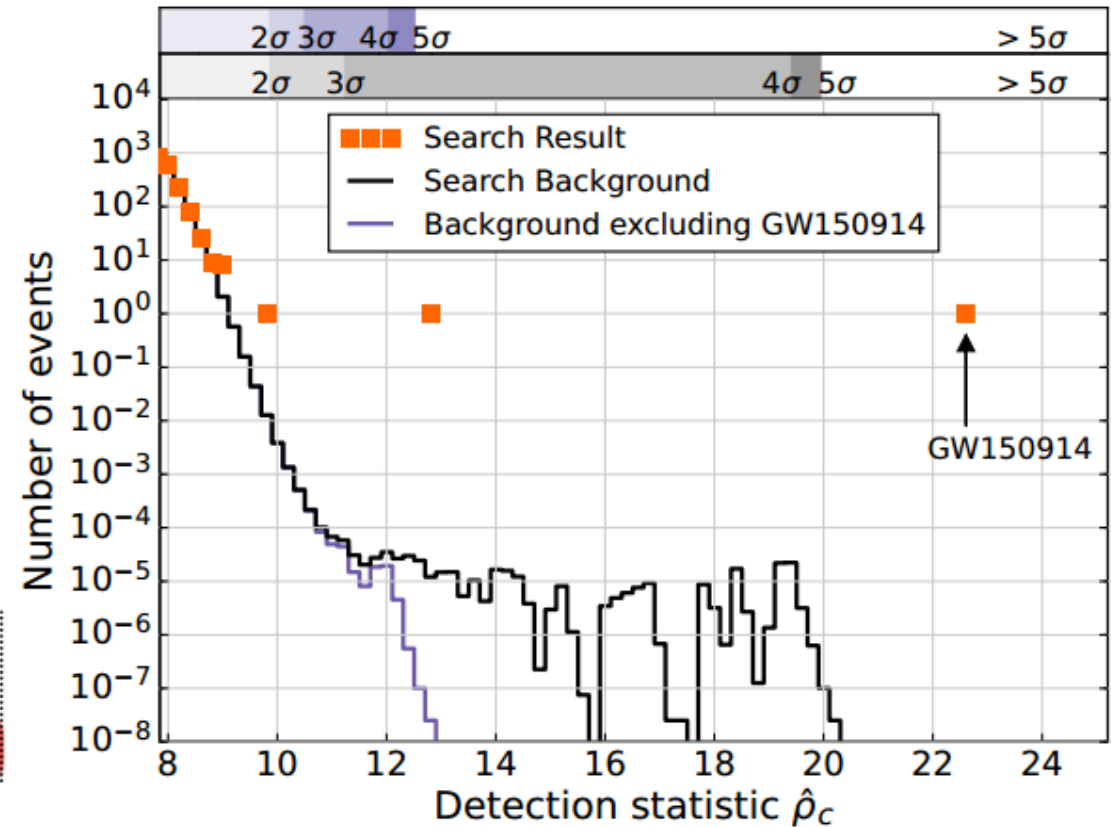
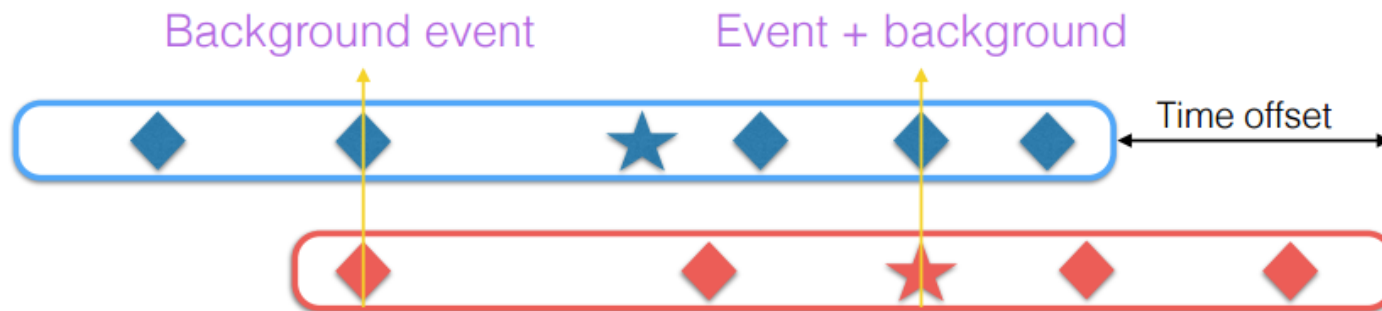


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Time slide





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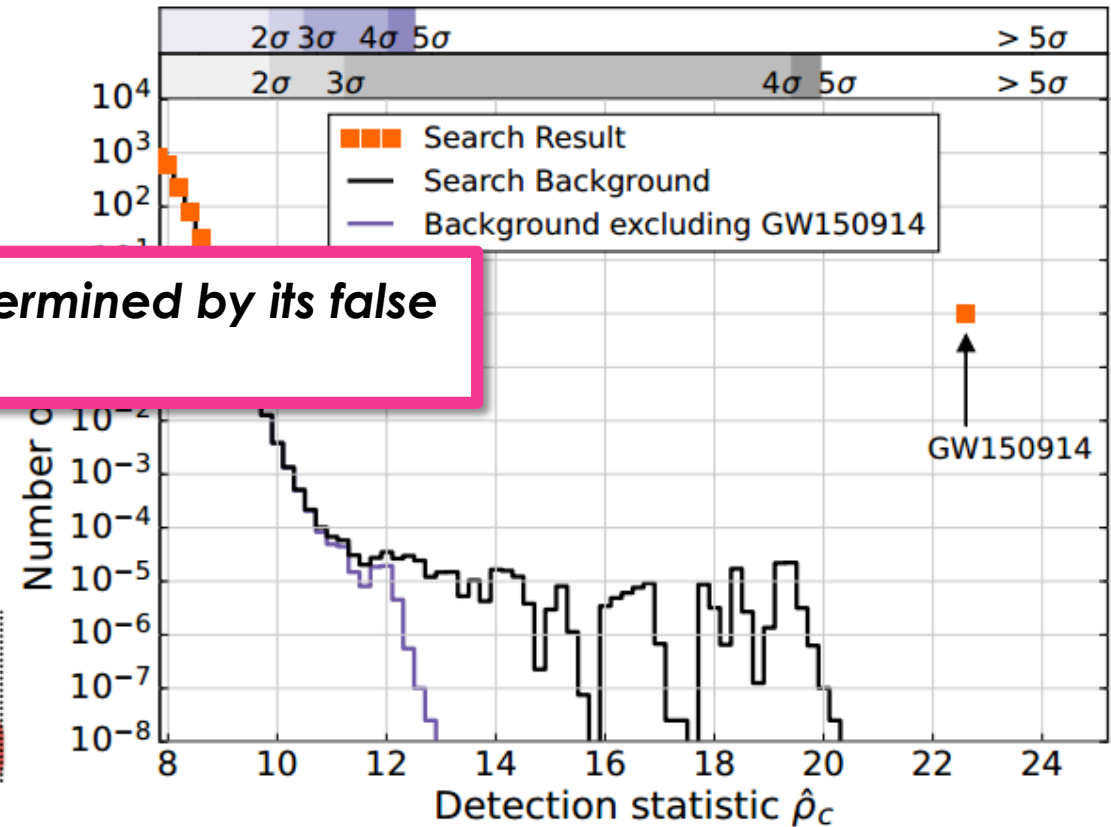
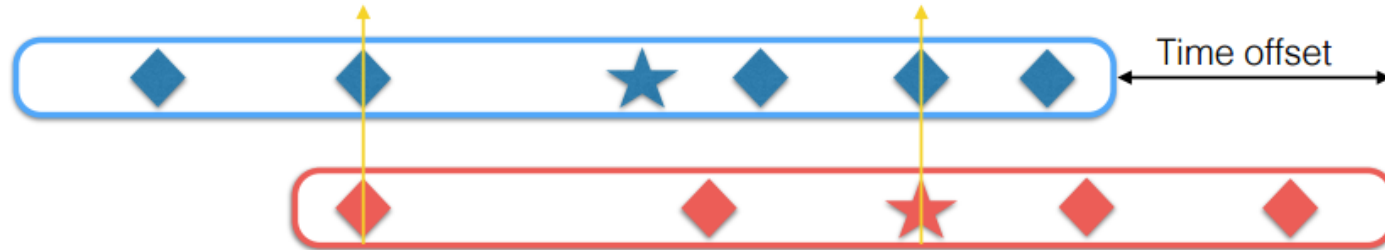
Significance of a trigger is determined by its false alarm rate (FAR)

Time slide

Background event

Event + background

Time offset

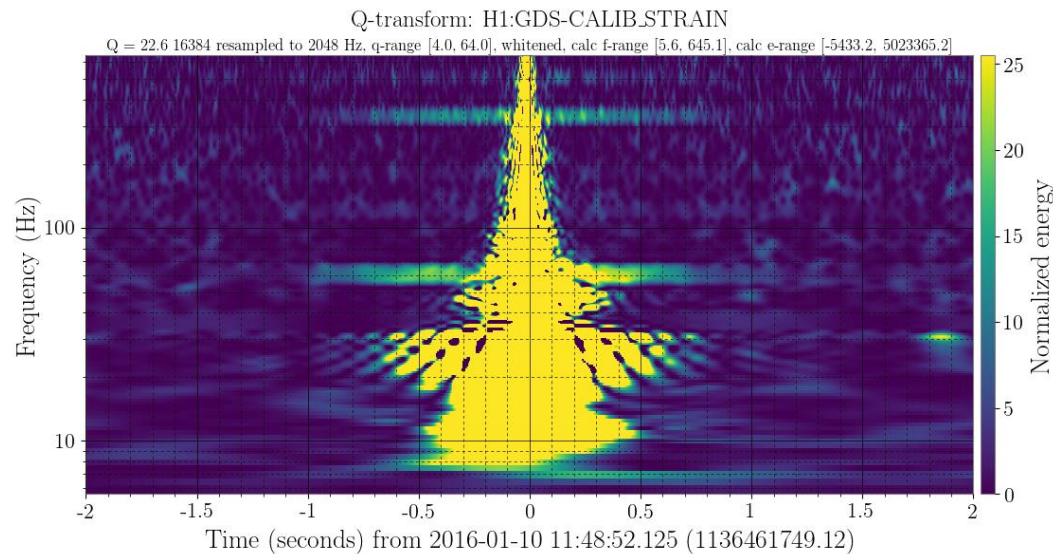


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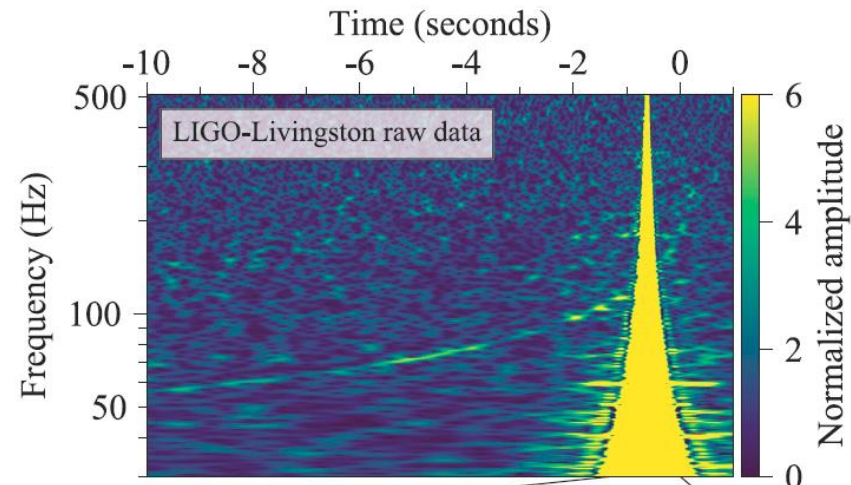
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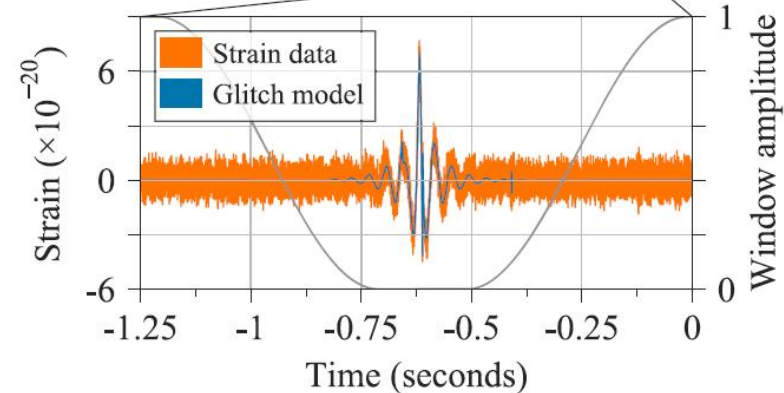
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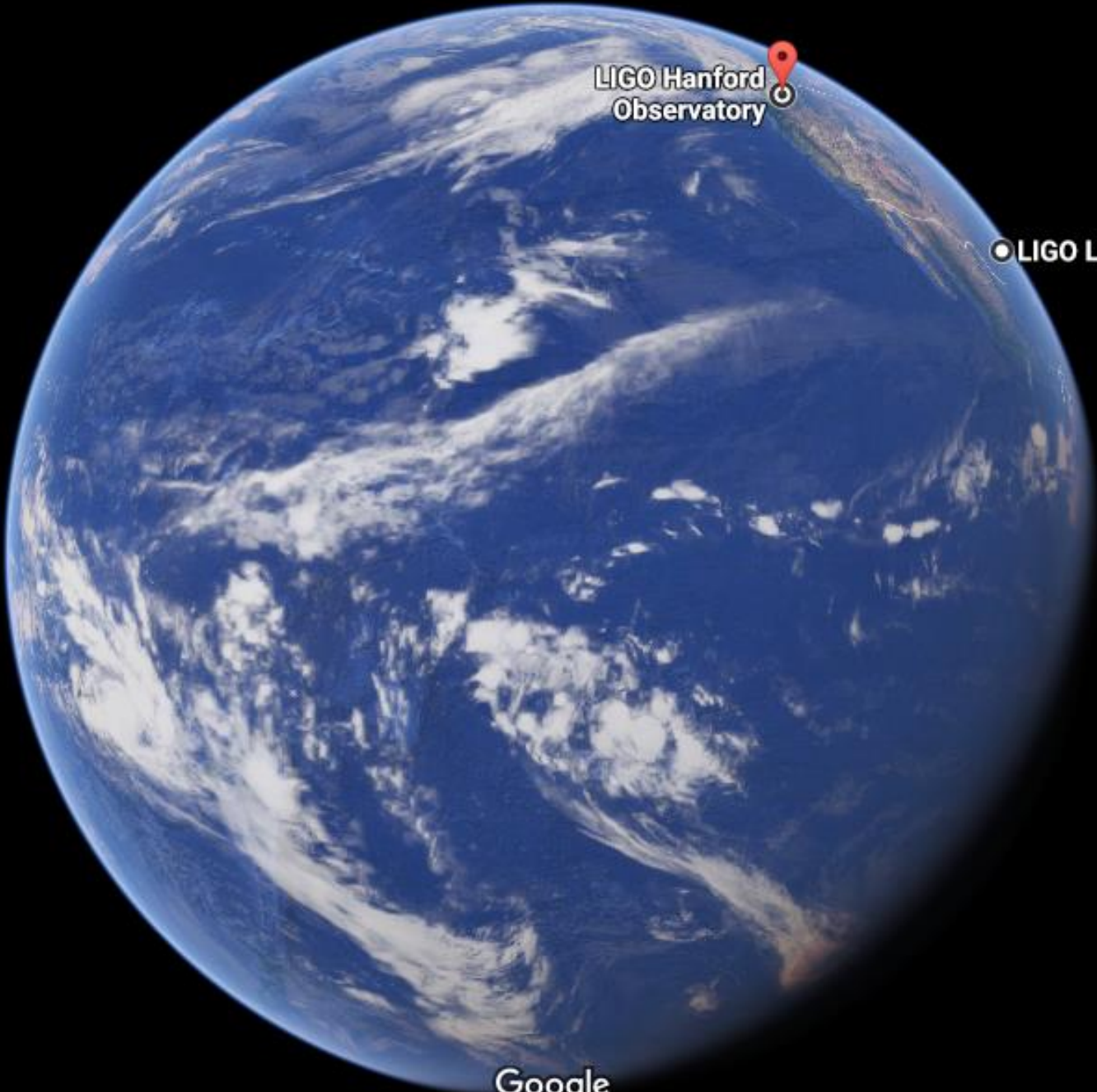


Q-transform of a glitch at Hanford caused by an overflow in the Y-end test mass control loop



Q-transform of data containing GW170817





LIGO Hanford  
Observatory

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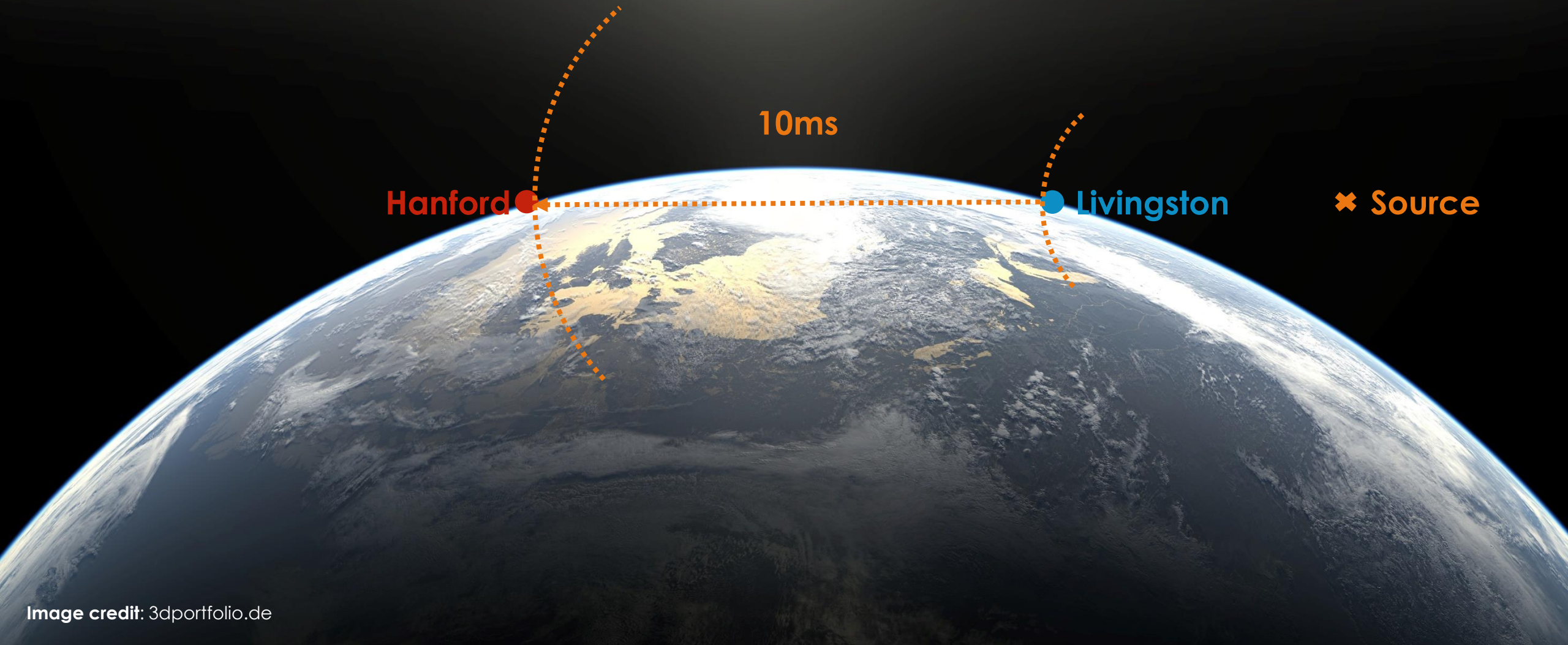
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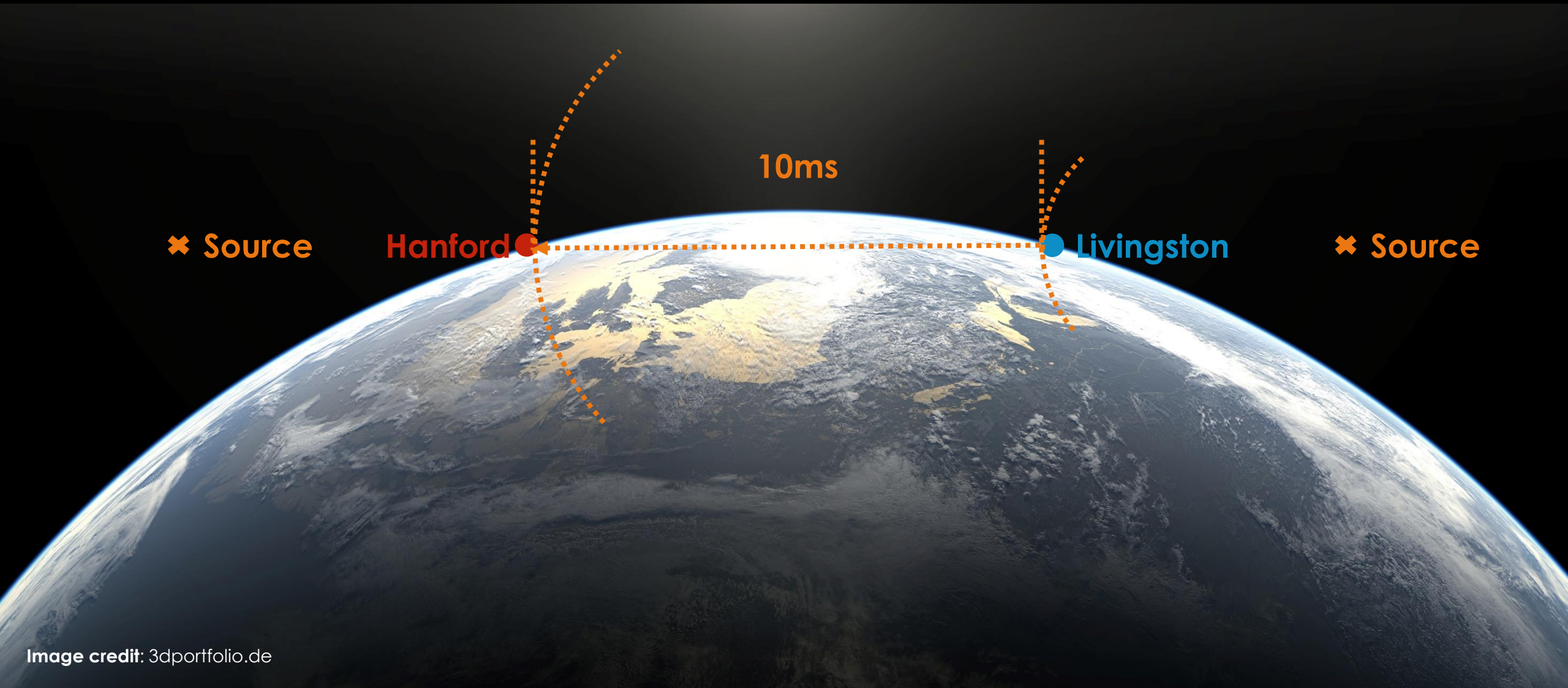
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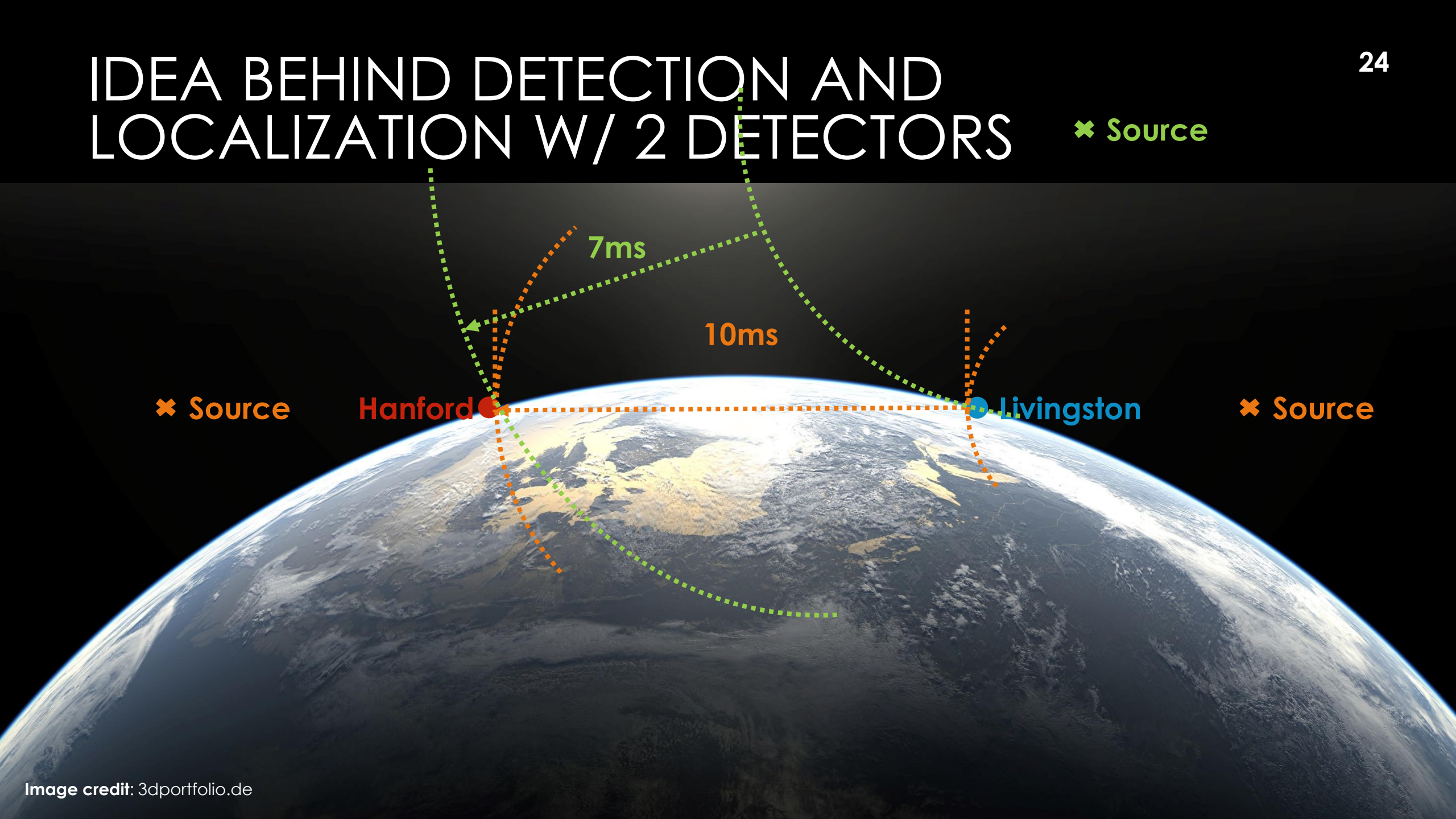
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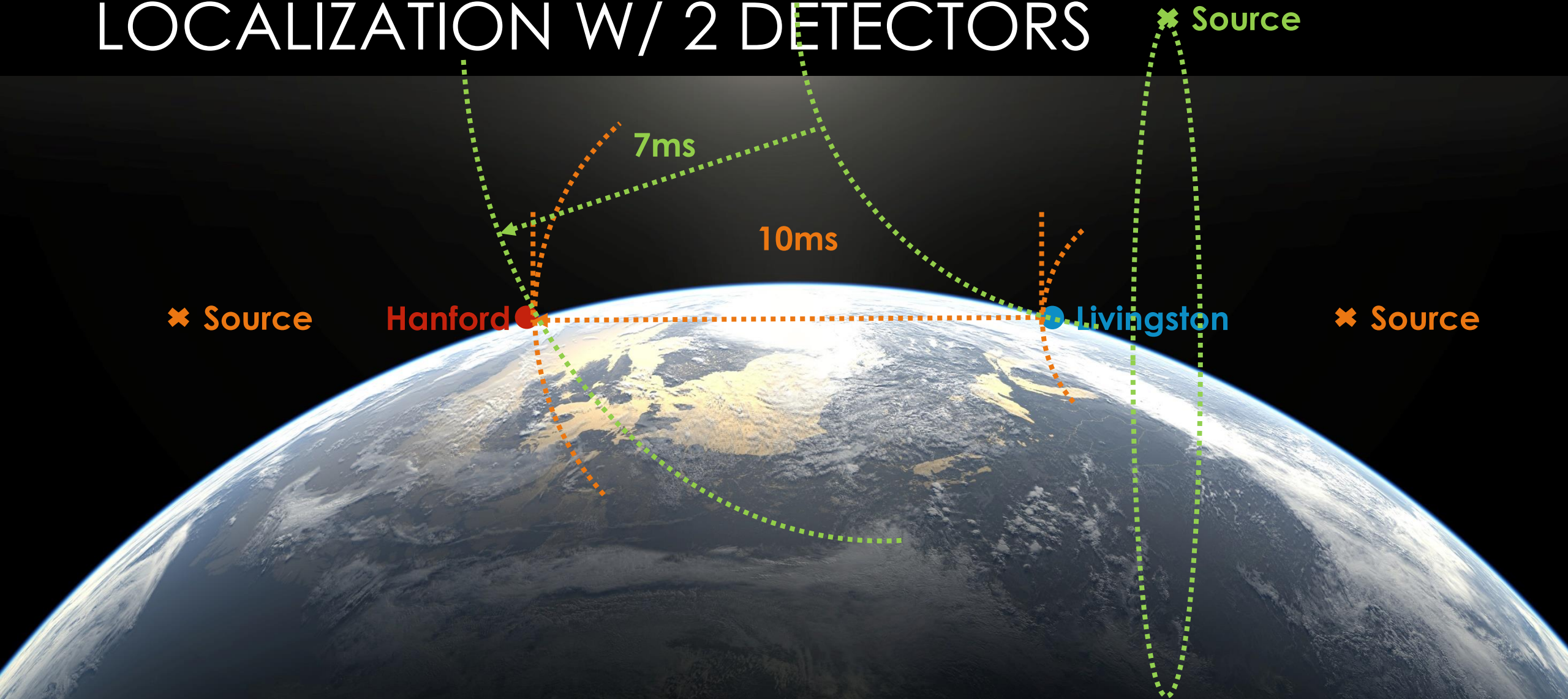
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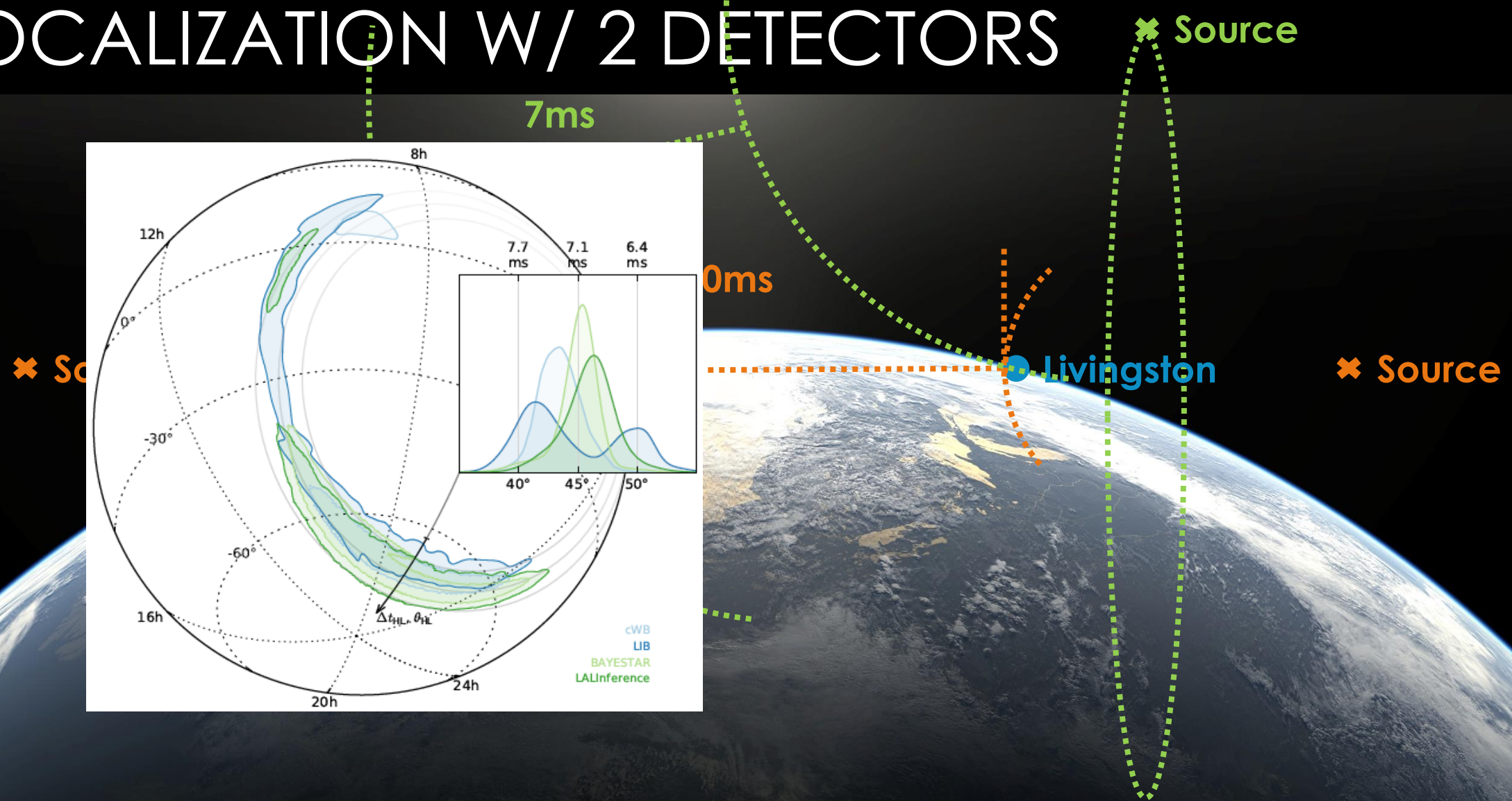


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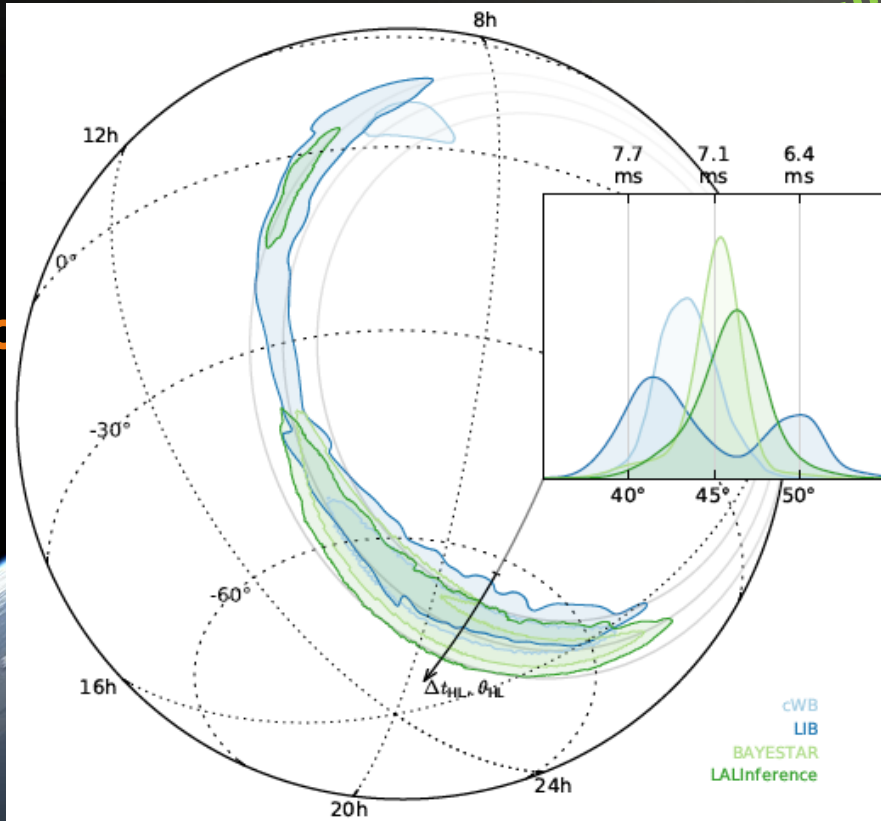
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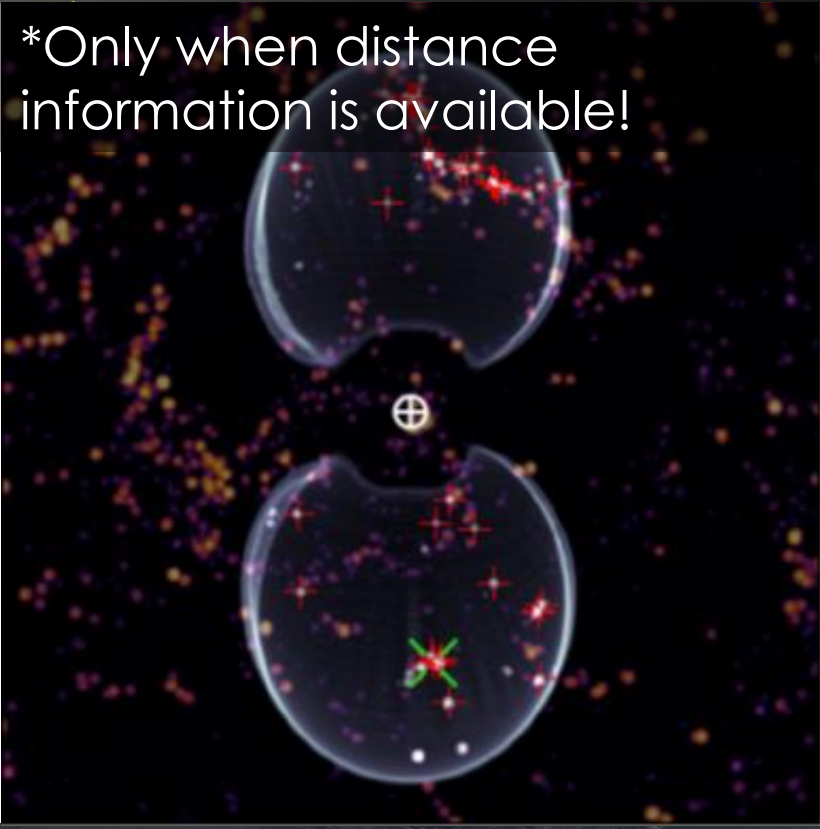
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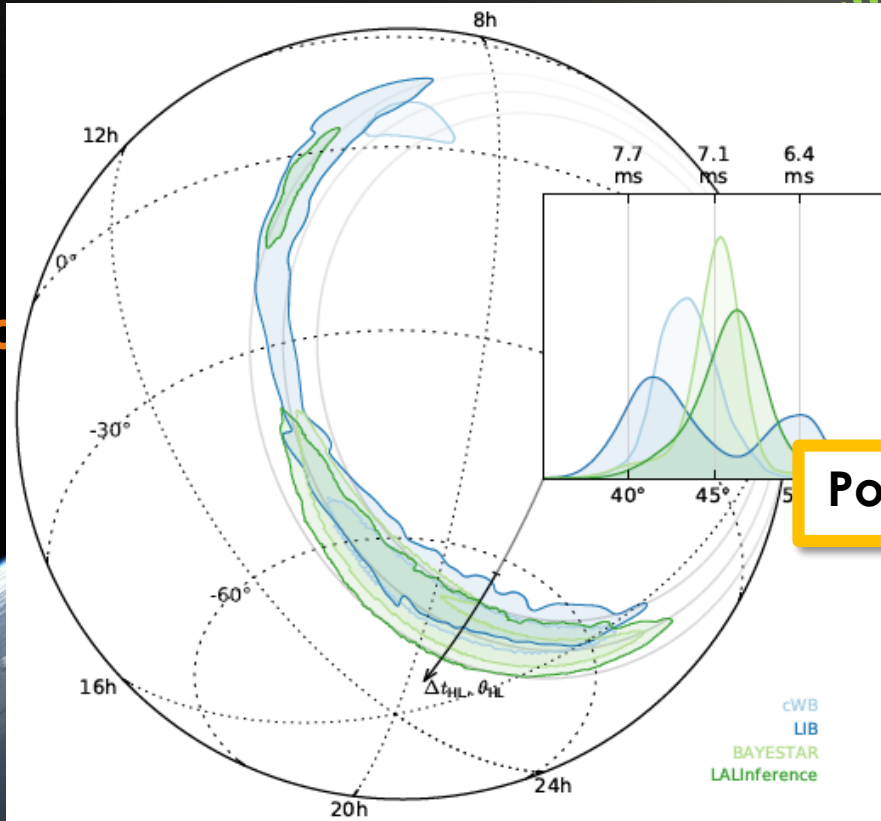


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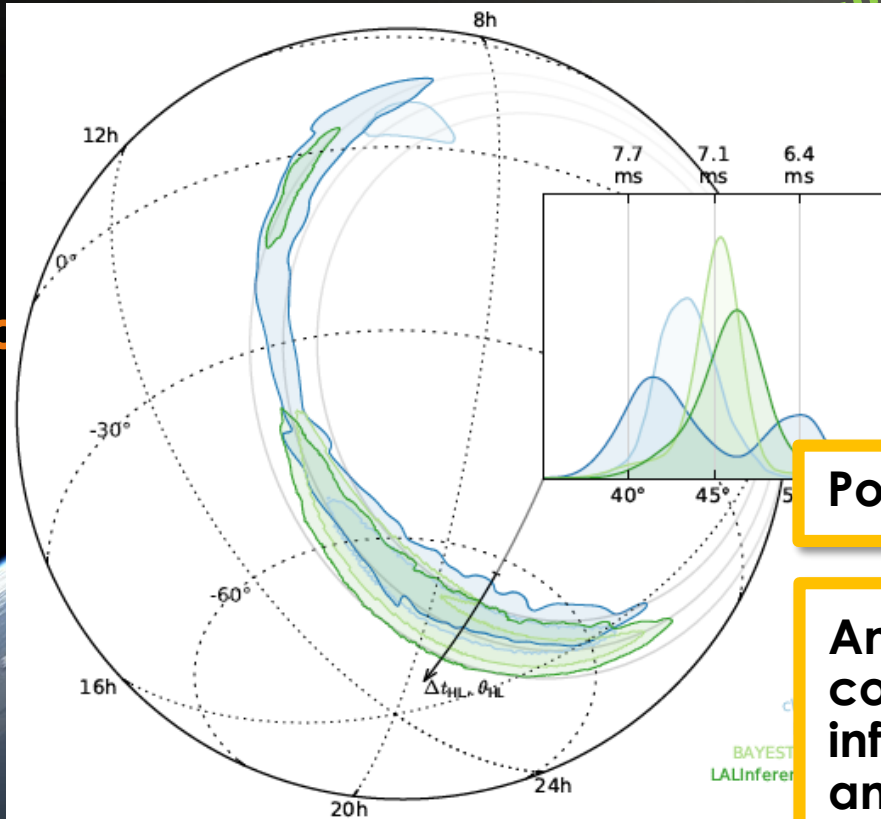
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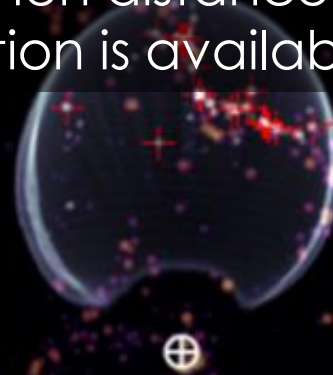
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**Answer: Localization comes from a combination of time-delay information (triangulation) and amplitude coupling through the antenna patterns**

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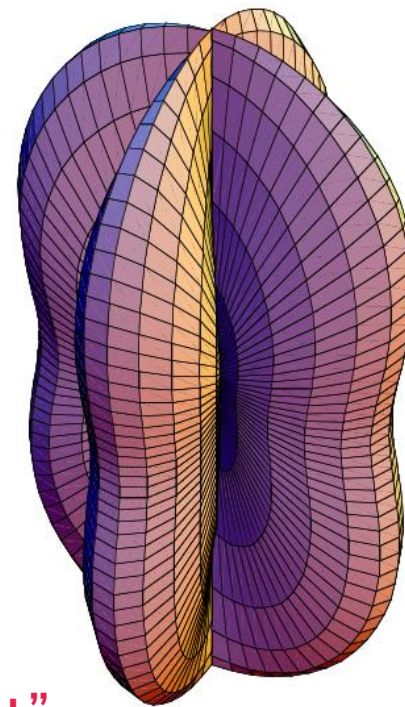
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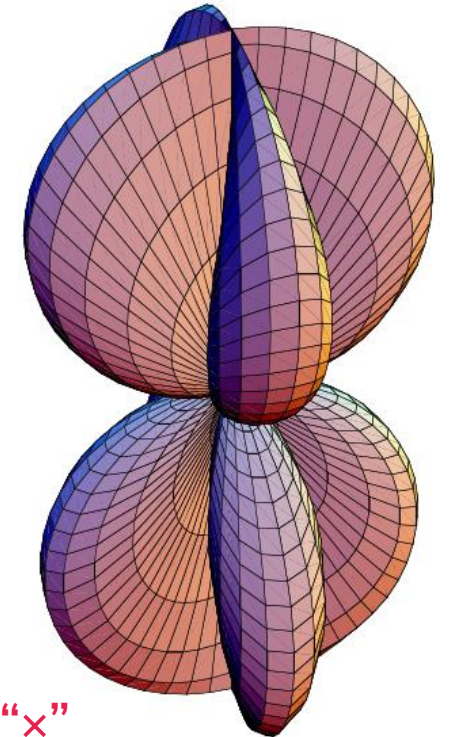
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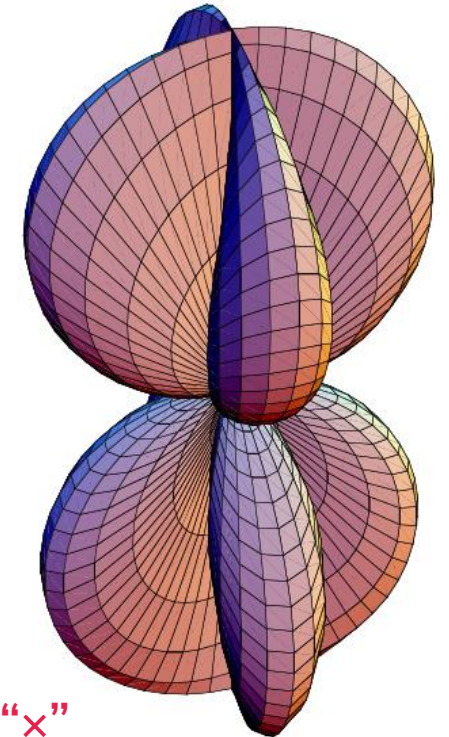
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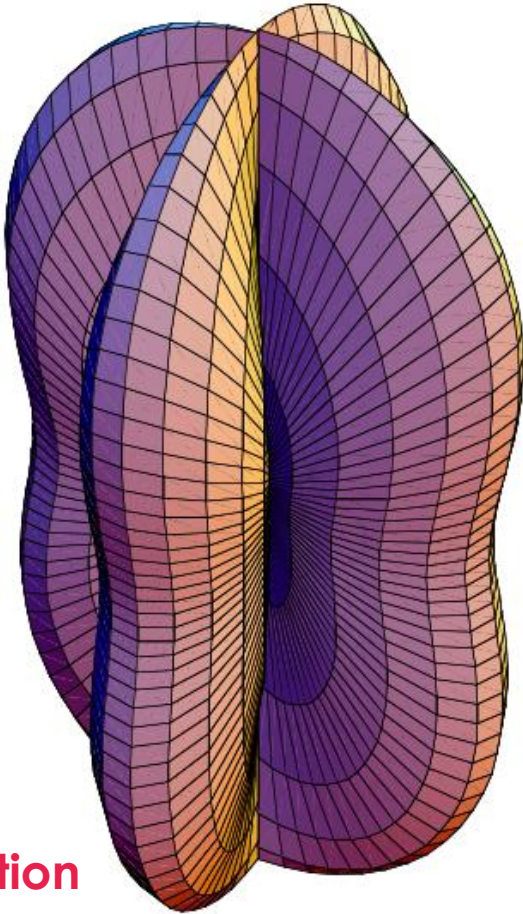
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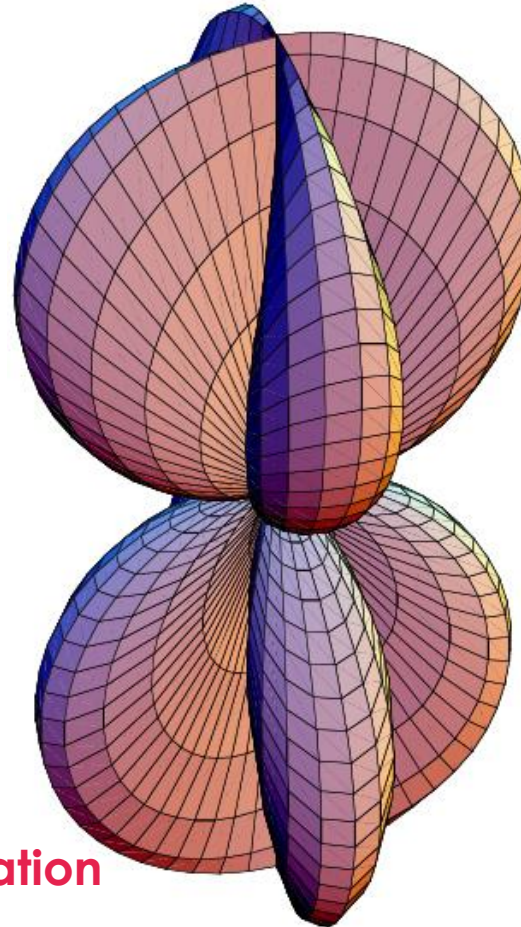
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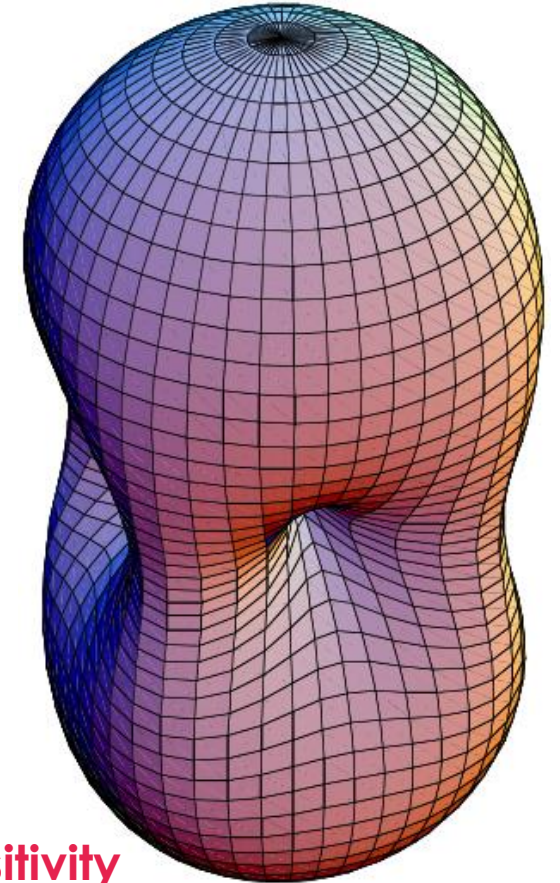
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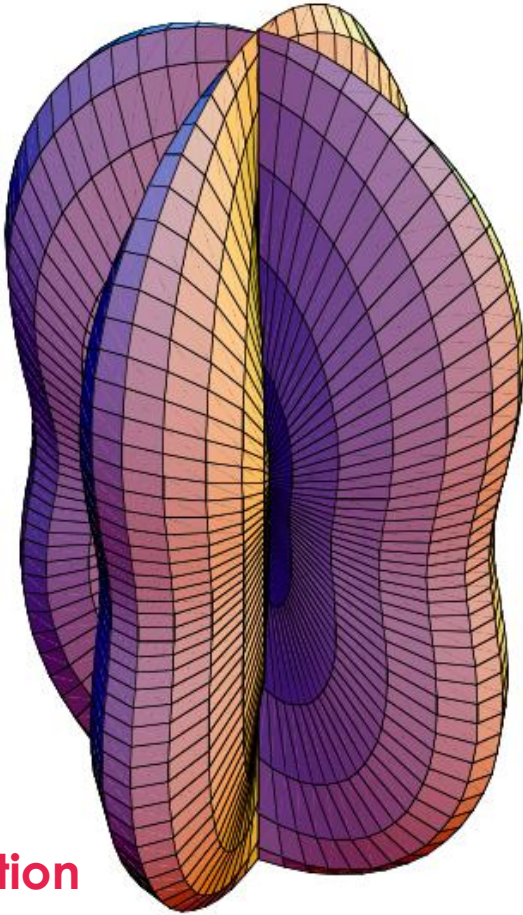
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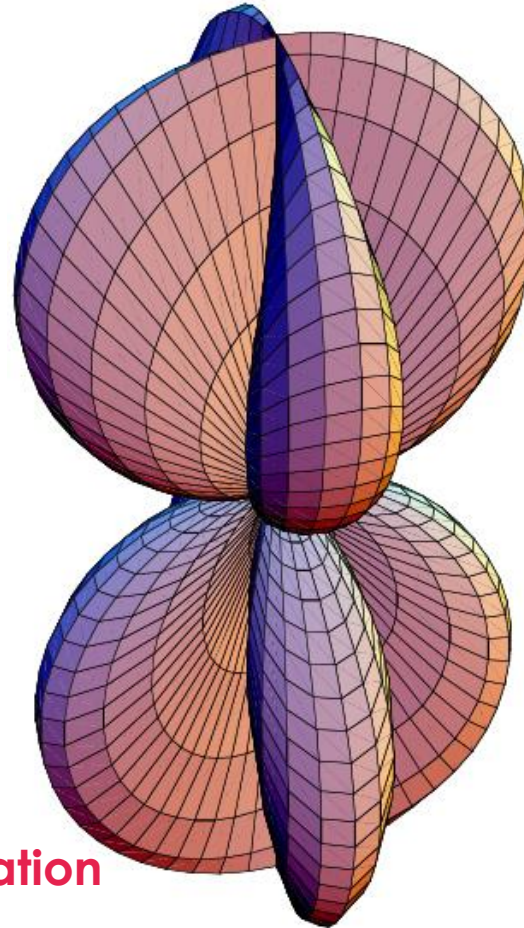
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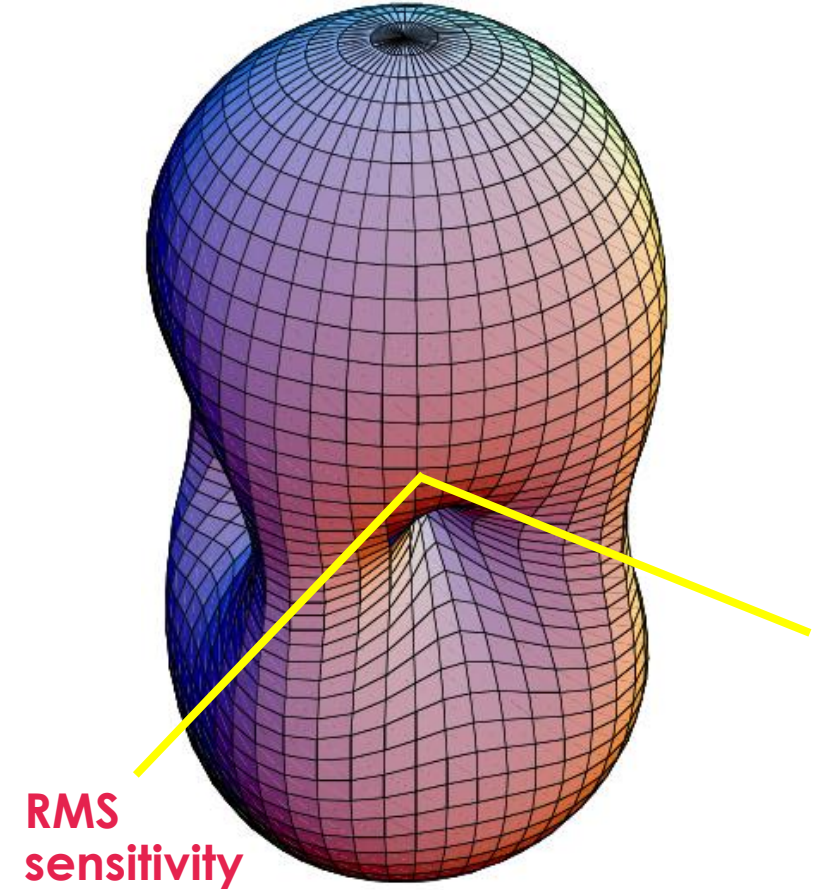
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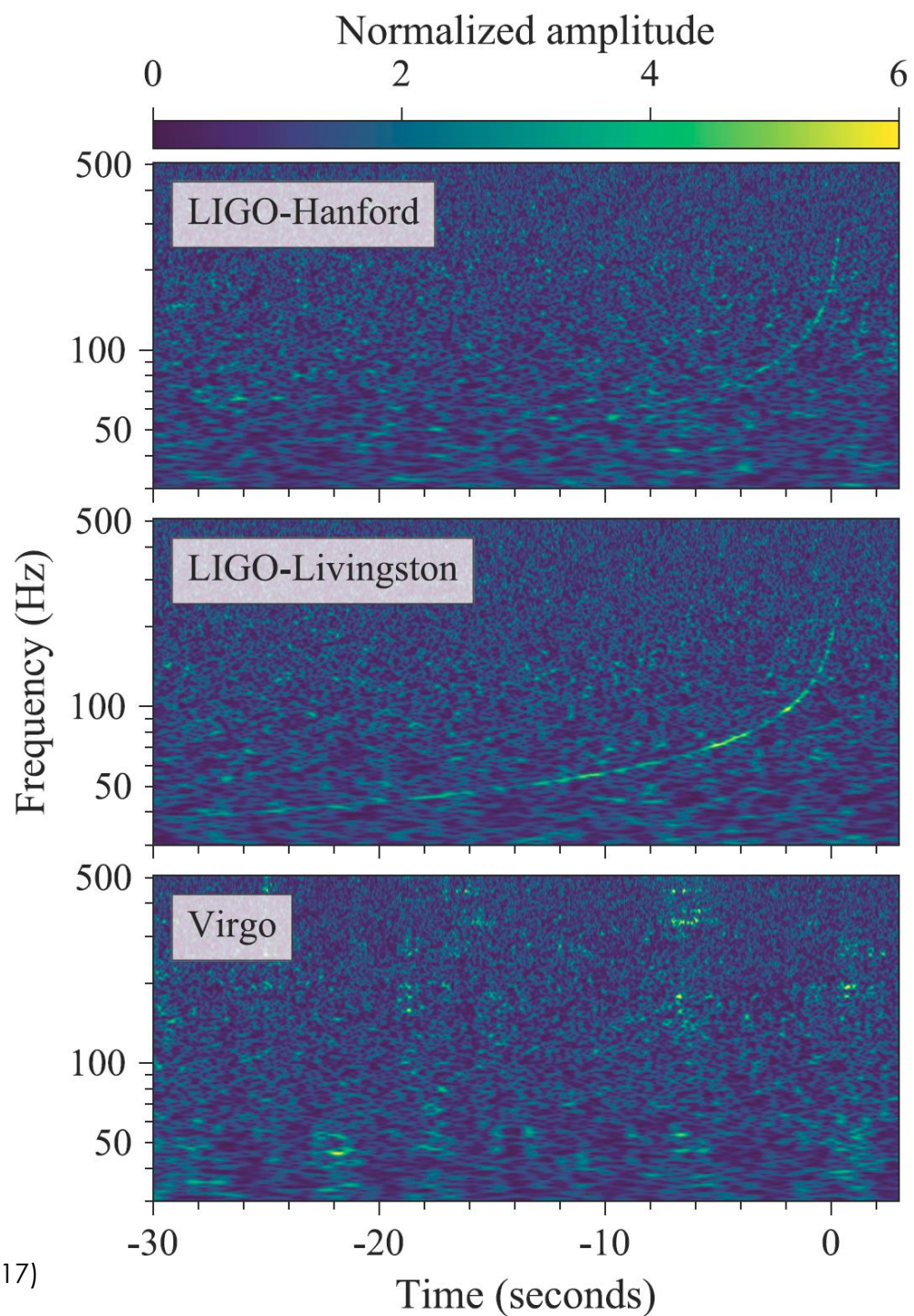
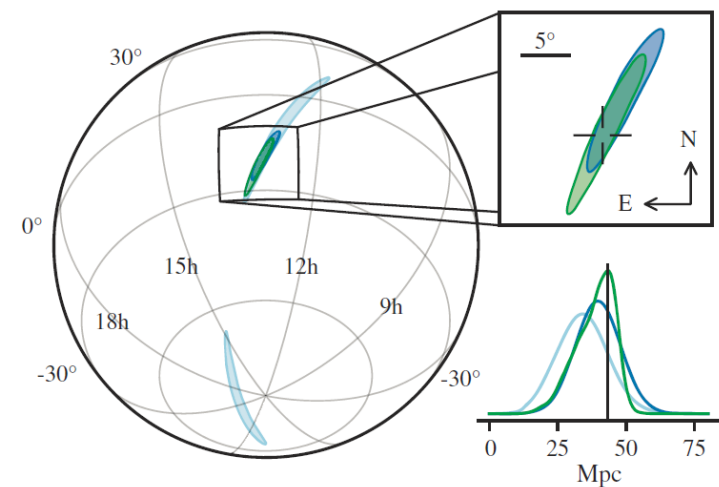
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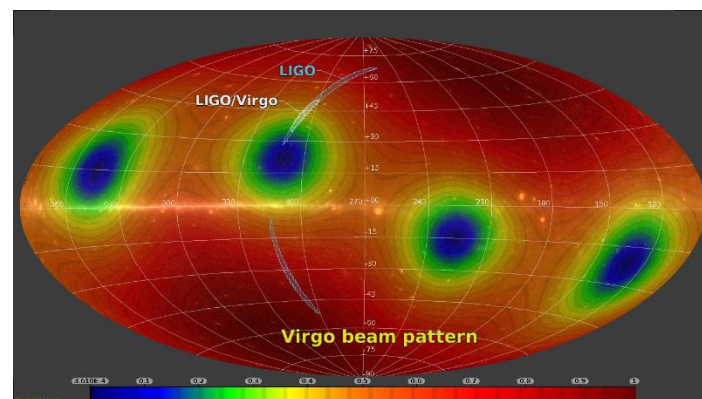
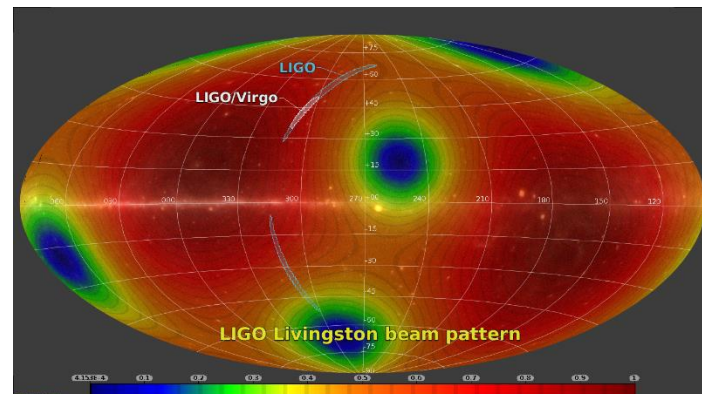
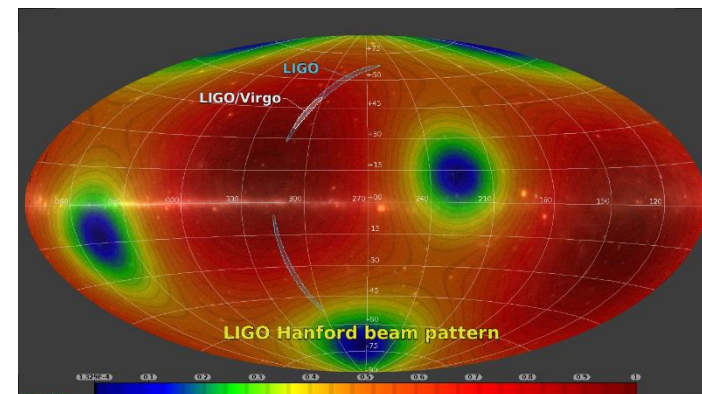
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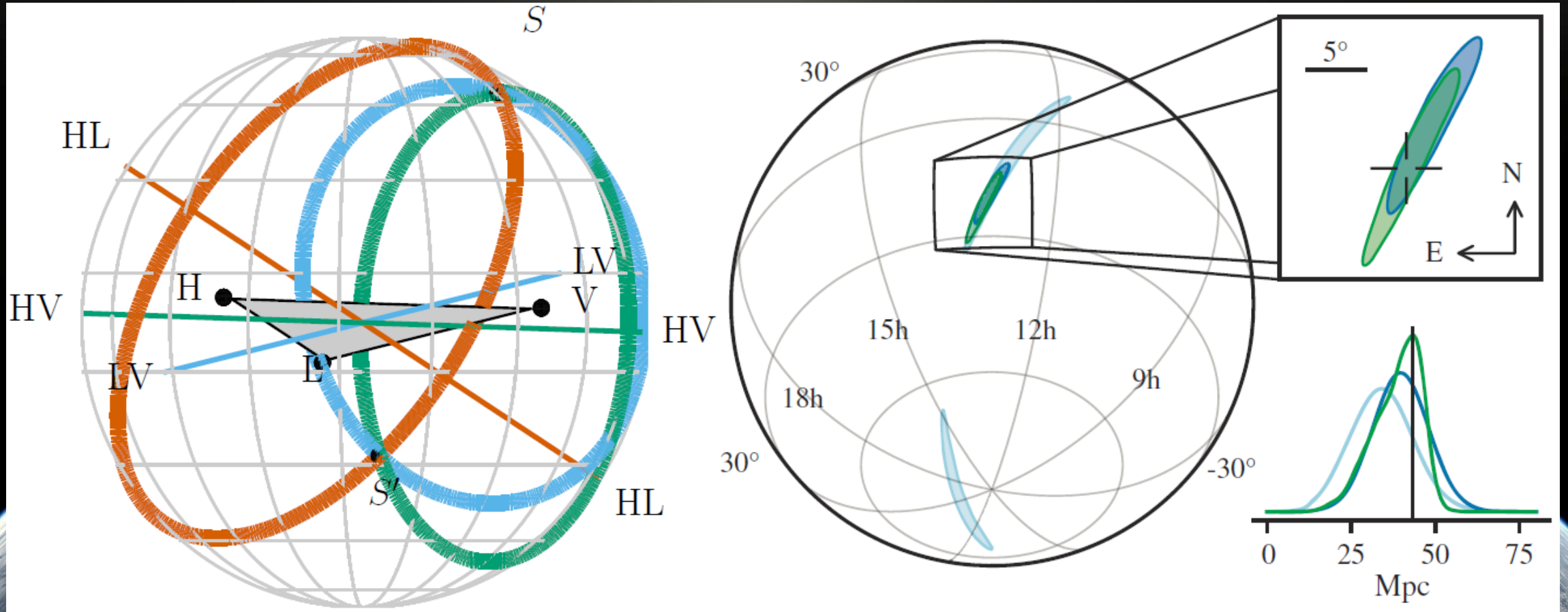


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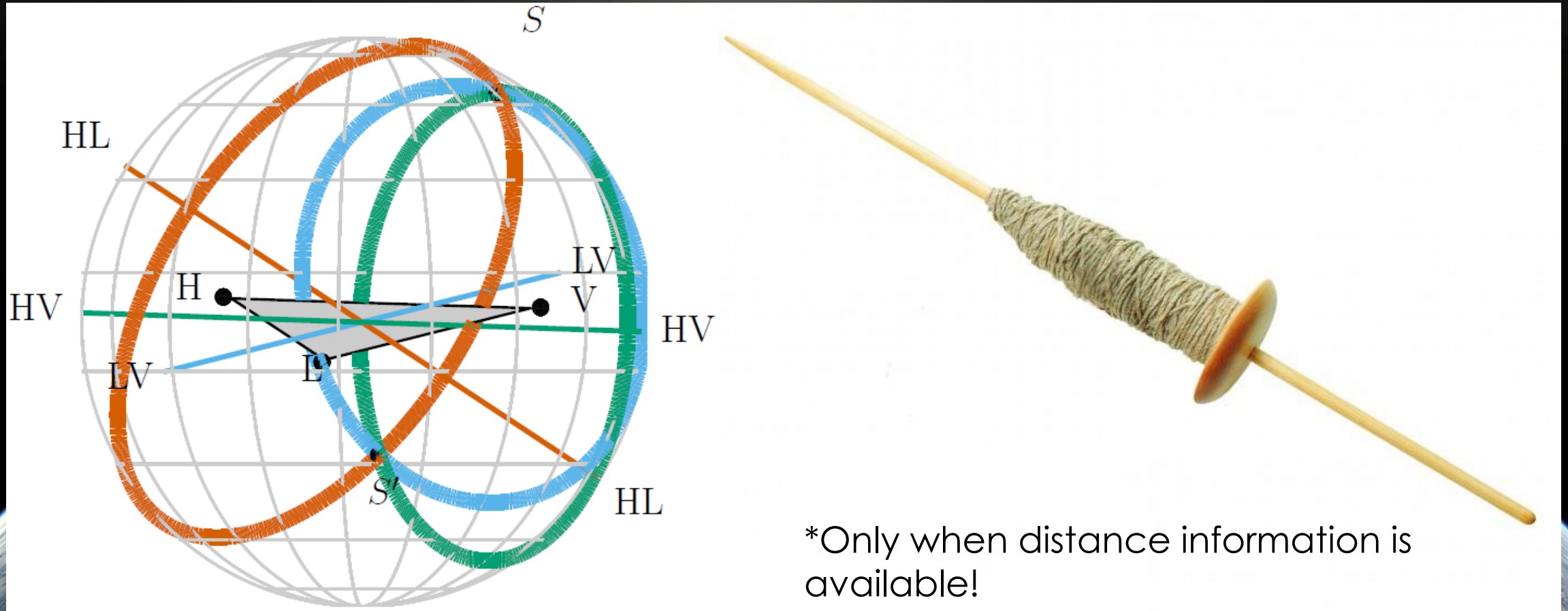


## Aitoff projection

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# OUTLINE

- Progenitors of gravitational wave transients
- Low-latency searches
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# OPEN PUBLIC ALERTS

From the LSC Town Hall meeting at MIT on 3/16/18:

*We (LIGO/Virgo) will release public alerts for all event candidates in which we have a reasonable confidence and feel we can stand behind.*

What is an open, public alert?

For more, see:

<https://gw-astronomy.org/wiki/pub/OpenLVEM/TownHallMeetings2018/what-is-an-opa.pdf>



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Two types of GCN alerts:

**“Notices”**: automated, machine-readable packets. Available as VOEvent XML, binary, and plain text. Listen anonymously or pre-register for connection and delivery tracking.

**“Circulars”**: human-readable, citable, non-refereed astronomical bulletins. Pre-register in order to receive and submit by email.

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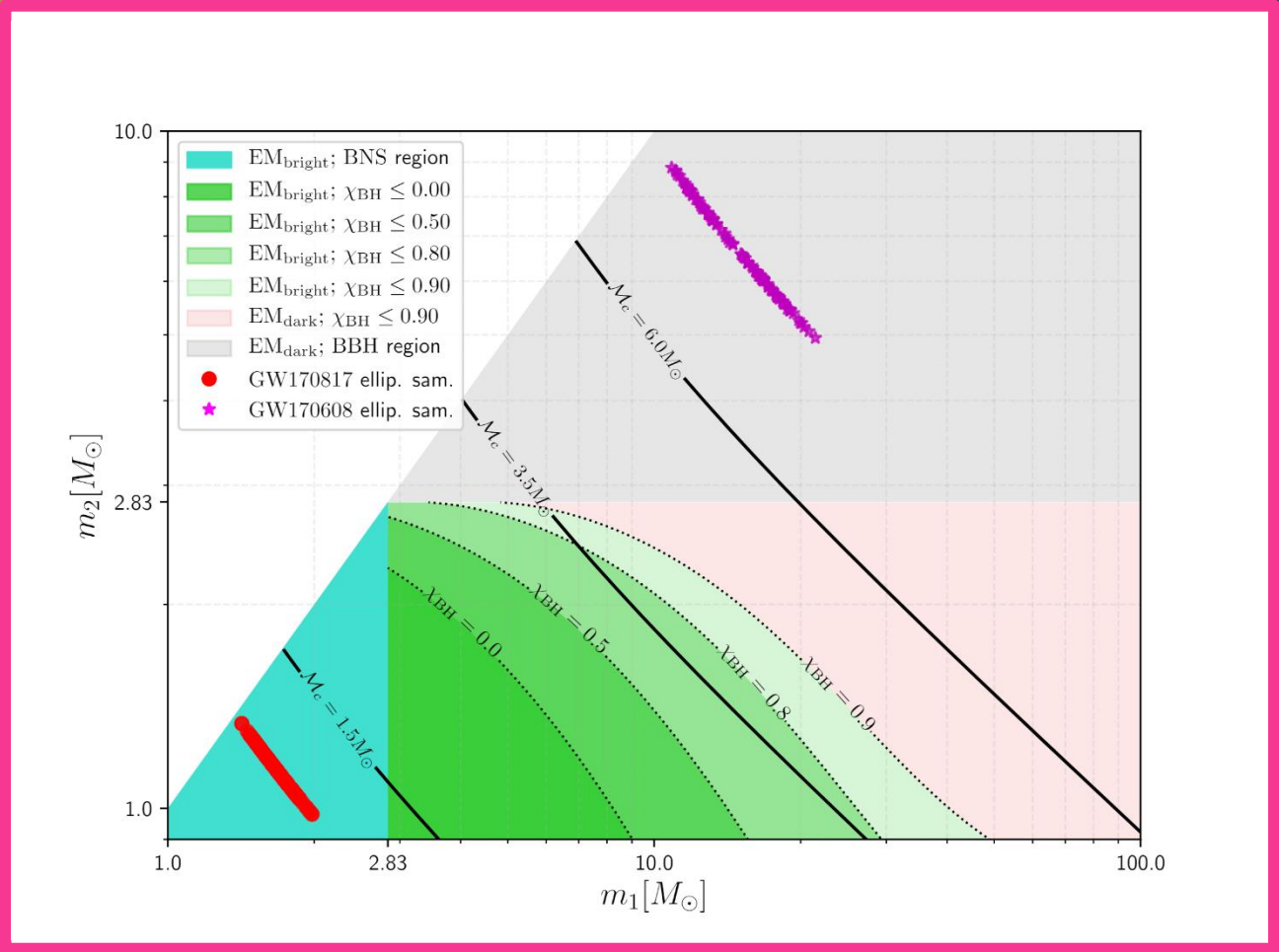
**FAR  $\leq 1/100$  years**: will be described simply as “highly significant”

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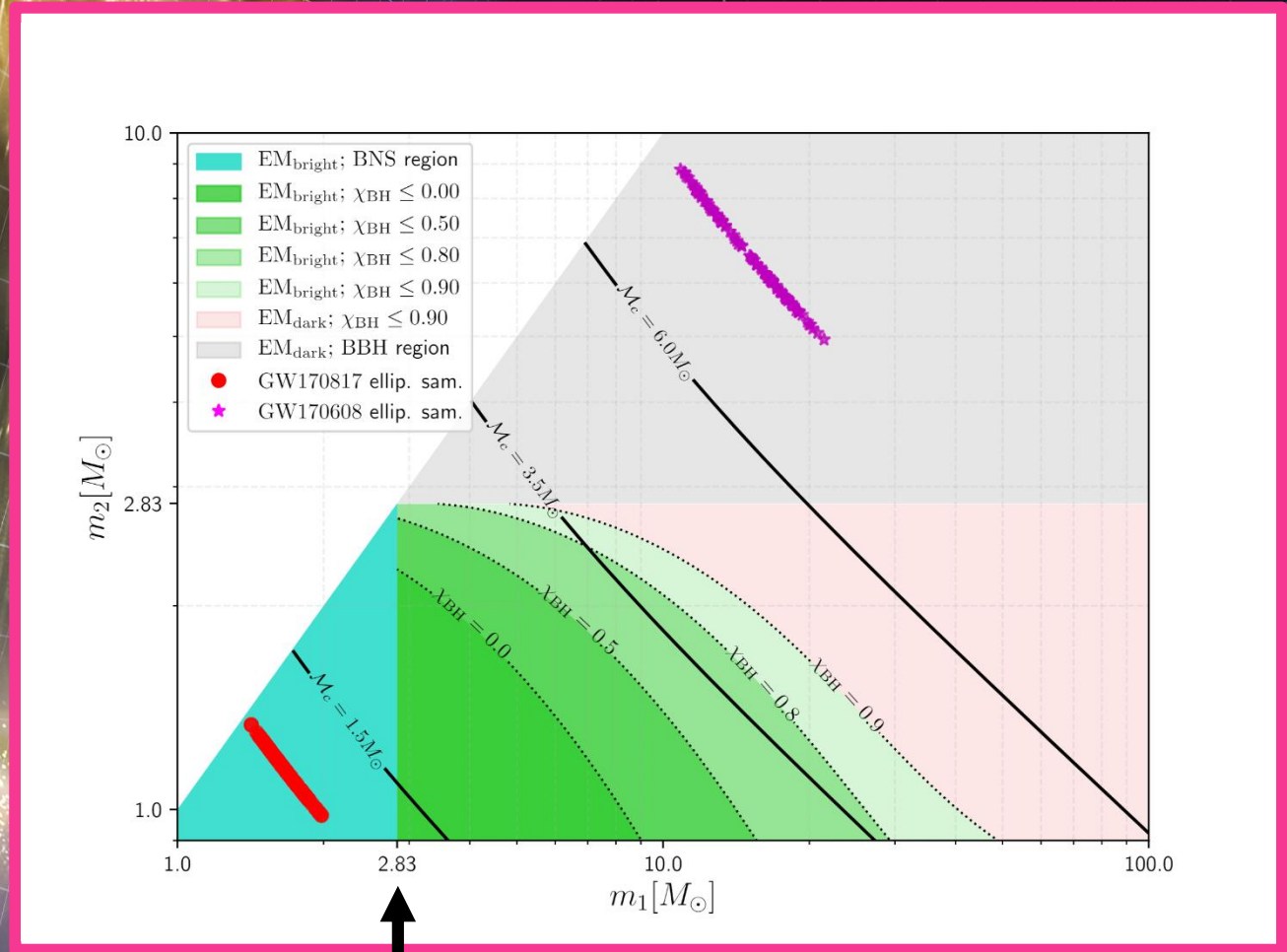
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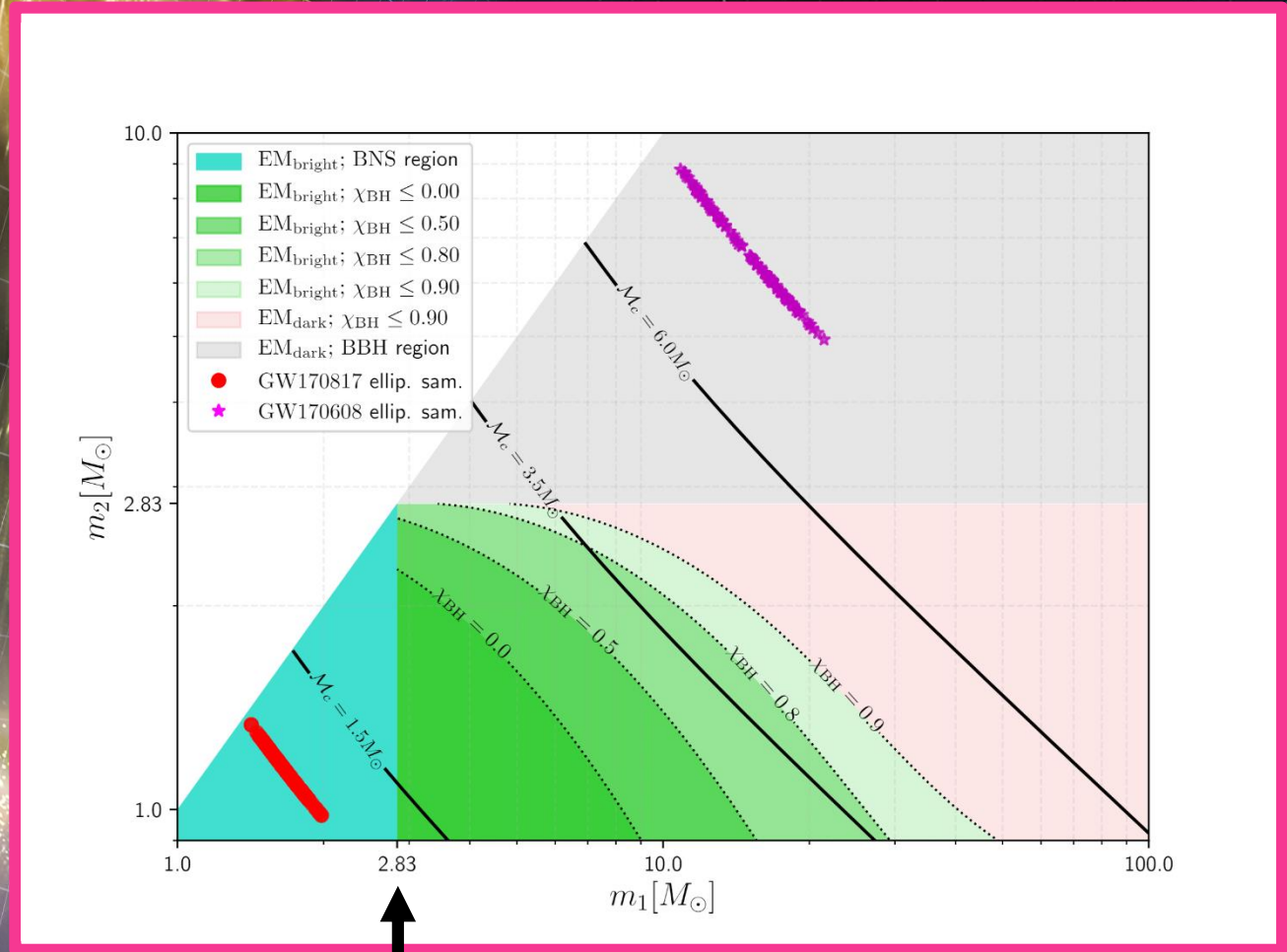
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# ALERT INFORMATION

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For modeled (CBC) triggers:

**We will not release quantitative estimates of masses and spins**

**We will not release the GW strain or the waveform regressed from the data**

# ALERT INFORMATION

For unmodeled (Burst) triggers:

**Significance**, time, 2D sky position

**FAR threshold for sending Burst trigger alerts will be more restrictive**, on the order of 1/10 years – 1/100 years (in comparison with 1/month – 1/year for CBC triggers)

# GCN NOTICES: BASIC INFO

	CBC	Burst
IVORN	ivo://nasa.gsfc.gcn/LVC#{G, M}nnnnnn-{1, 2, 3}-{Preliminary, Initial, Update}	
Who	LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration	
What	GraceDB: {G, M}nnnnnn	
Search group	CBC	Burst
Pipeline	{Gstlal, MBTA, PyCBC}	{CWB, LIB}
FAR	Estimated false alarm rate in Hz	
Network	Flag for each detector that participated	
Sky map	URL of HEALPix FITS localization file	
WhereWhen	Arrival time (UTC, ISO-8601)	

# GCN NOTICES: INFERENCE (CBC ONLY)

	CBC
What	GraceDB ID: {G, M}nnnnnn
...	...
Distance	a posteriori mean luminosity distance in Mpc
DistanceError	a posteriori standard deviation of luminosity distance in Mpc
ProbHasNS	Probability (0-1) that the 2 <sup>nd</sup> mass companion has a source frame mass $< 2.83 M_{\odot}$
ProbHasRemnant	Probability (0-1) that there is any remnant matter left outside the remnant
P_astro	Probability (0-1) that the signal is astrophysical in origin accounting for both observed merger rate distribution and background distribution

# GCN CIRCULARS: GCN 21509

“A **binary neutron star candidate** was identified in data from the LIGO Hanford detector at gps time **1187008882.4457 (Thu Aug 17 12:41:04 GMT 2017)**. The signal is clearly visible in time-frequency representations of the gravitational-wave strain in data from H1. The current significance estimate of **~1/10,000 years** is based on data from H1 alone. Information about this candidate is available in GraceDb [here](#)...”

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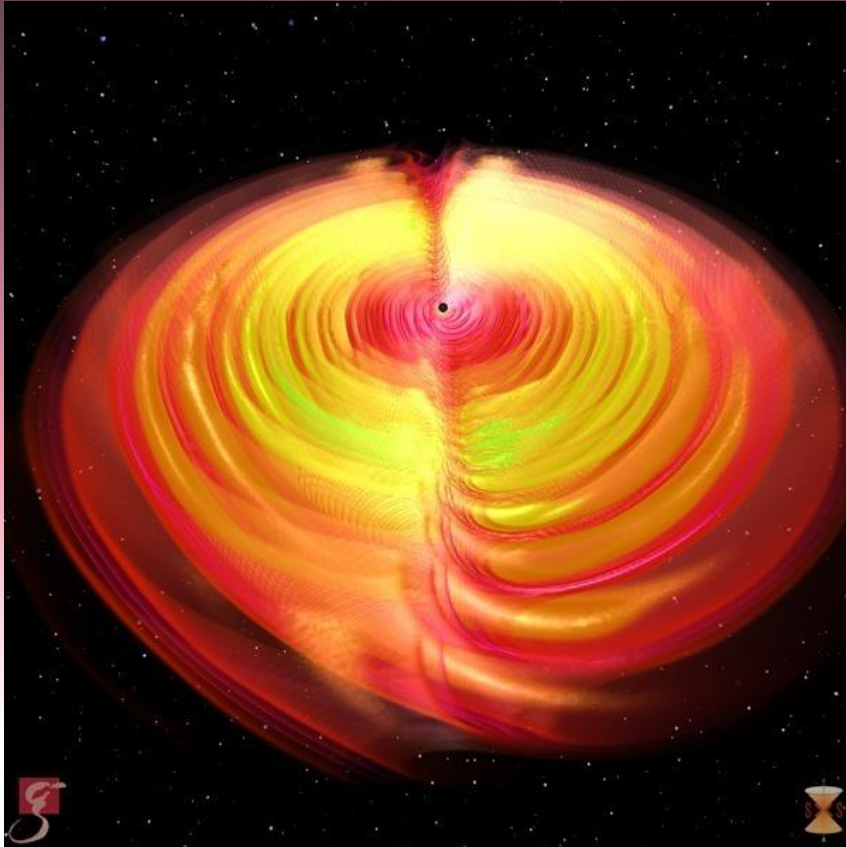
“...Investigation of L1 data identified a noise transient from a known class of instrumental glitches during the inspiral signal. The duration of this glitch is a small fraction of a second and does not appear to affect the signal at times away from the glitch. To make an improved preliminary estimate of the sky position, we re-analyzed the data, removing the L1 noise transient at GPS time 1187008881.389 by multiplying the strain data with a Tukey window, such that the total duration of the zeroed data is 0.2 s and the total duration of the Tukey window is 1.2 s...”



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“...An updated BAYESTAR sky map (Singer et al. 2016, ApJL 829, 15) that uses data from all three gravitational-wave observatories (H1, L1, and V1) is available for retrieval from the GraceDB page (<https://gracedb.ligo.org/events/view/G298048>): bayestar-HLV.fits.gz. The centroid (maximum a posteriori) sky location is **R.A.=12h57m, Dec.=-17d51m**. The 50% credible region spans about 9 deg<sup>2</sup> and the 90% region about 31 deg<sup>2</sup>. The luminosity distance is **40 +/- 8 Mpc** (all-sky a posteriori mean +/- standard deviation). This is the preferred sky map at this time...”

# CONCLUSION



Gravitational waves as emitted during a black hole merger

.....Thank you for listening!  
Questions?

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