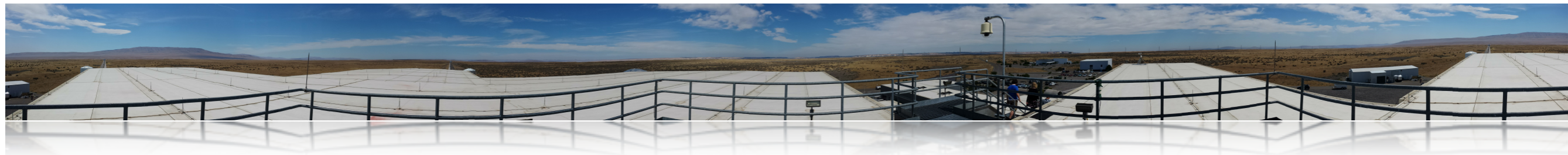


# Second Generation Gravitational-Wave Observatories



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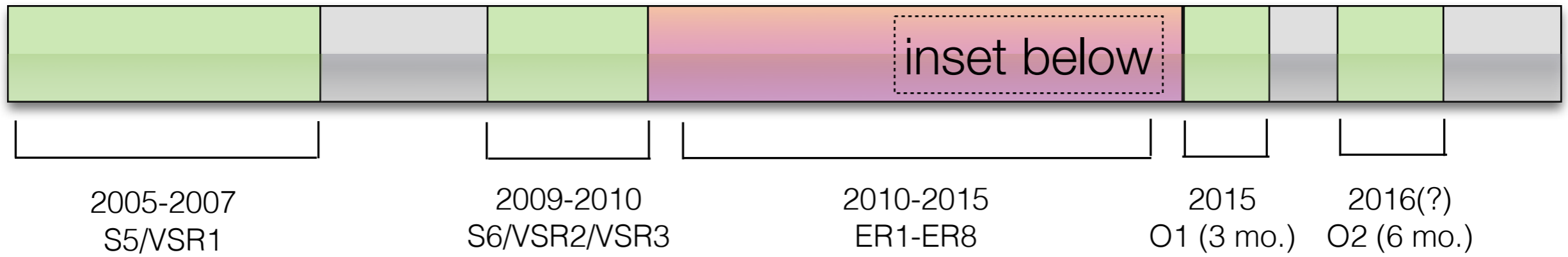
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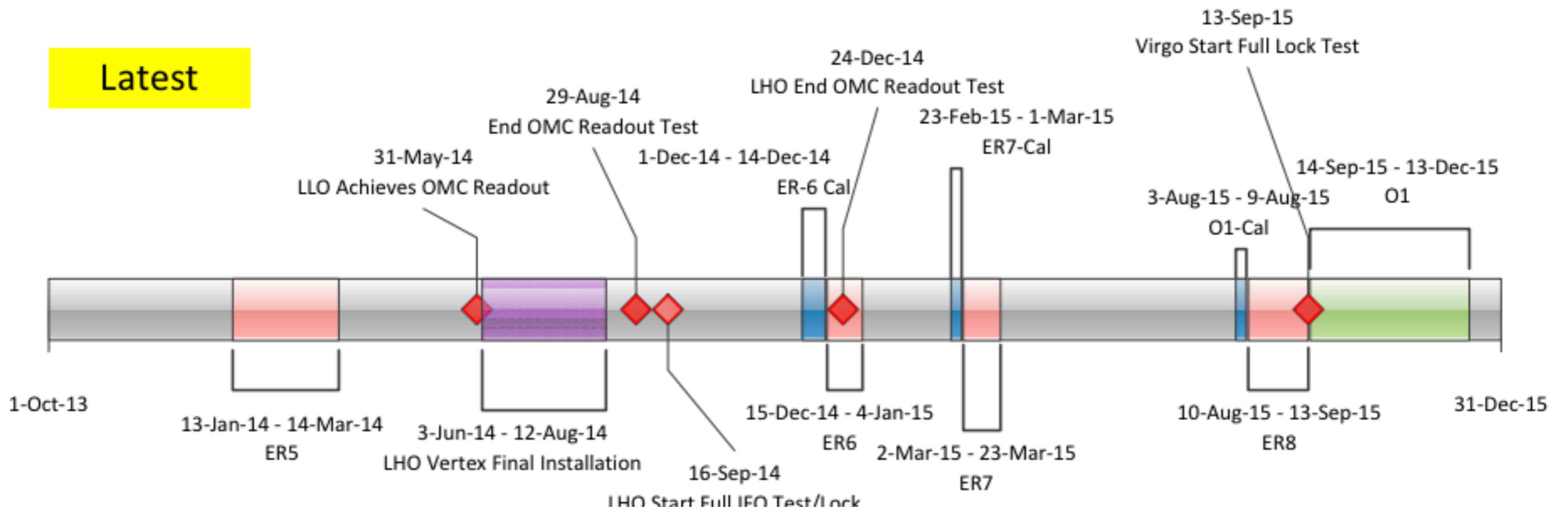
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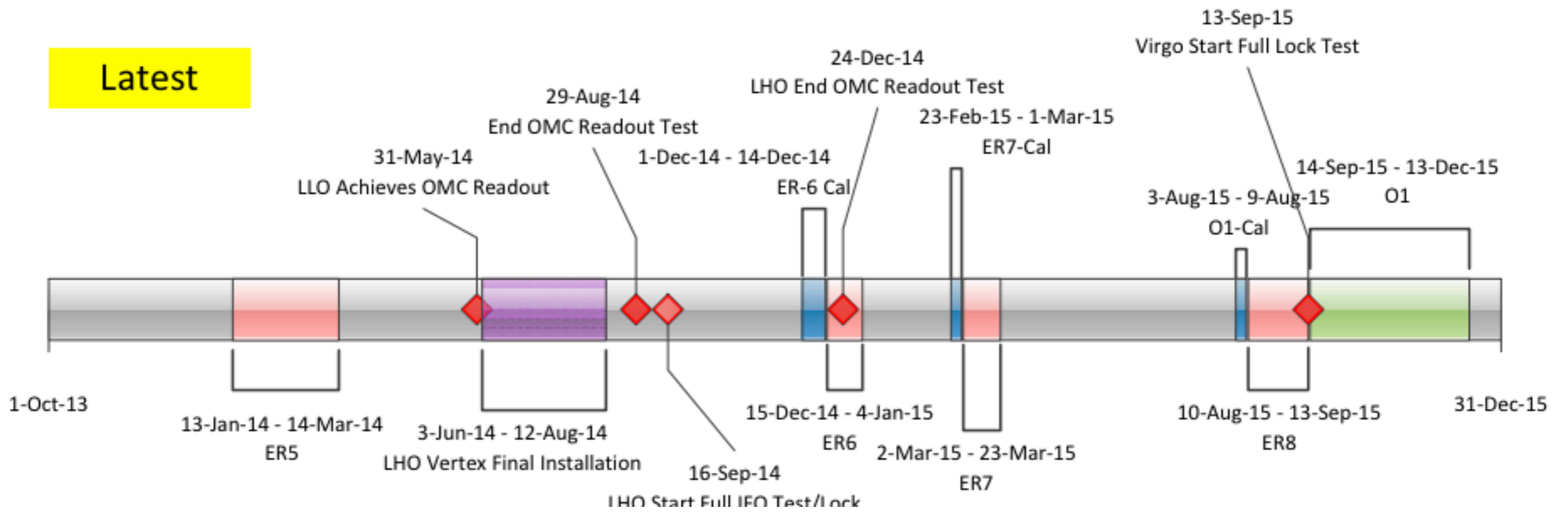
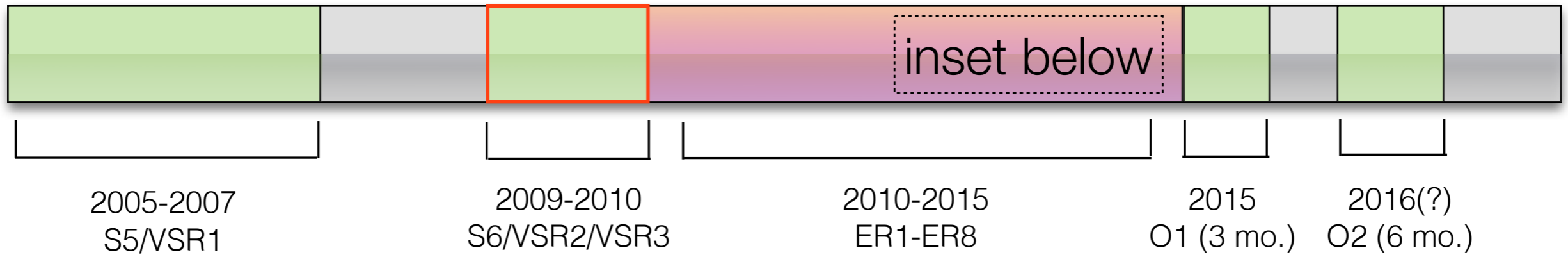
- Collaboration of nearly 1000 scientists, engineers, and researchers with ~100 institutions on four continents developing and operating a combined four laser interferometer gravitational-wave detectors
- Original construction began in late 90s, increasing sensitivity through early 2000s — first generation (“initial”) design sensitivity ( $\Delta L/L \sim 10^{-23}$  @ 200 Hz) reached in 2005
- Initial LIGO detectors decommissioned in 2010, Virgo soon thereafter, upgrades aiming to incrementally approach a x10 increase in sensitive range as well as broader frequency sensitivity over the next three years
- About 8 combined years (~3 years of coincidence) worth of observational data
- Perform searches for gravitational waves from compact binaries, deformations of neutron stars, stochastic background, supernovas, GRBs, etc...



**Latest**



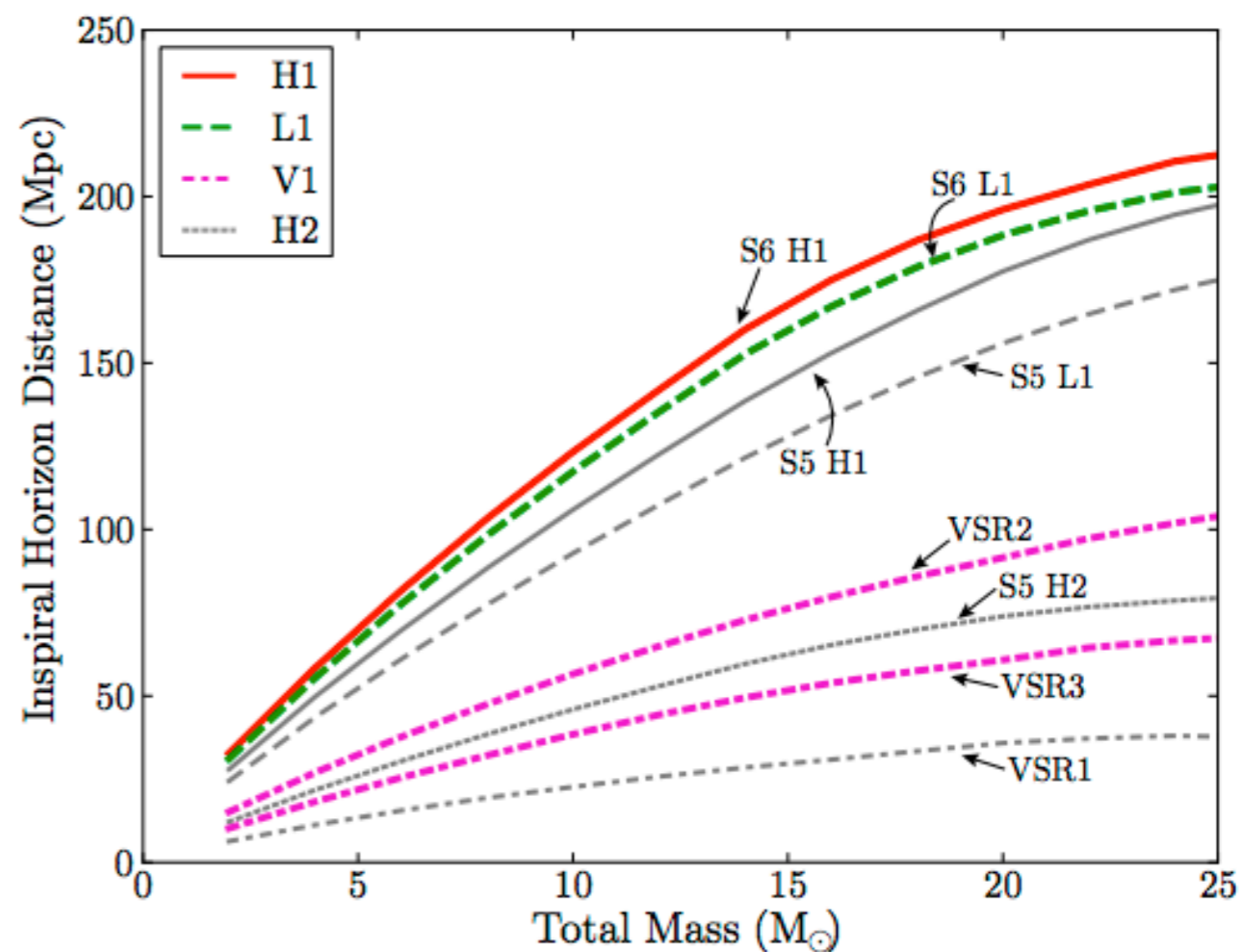
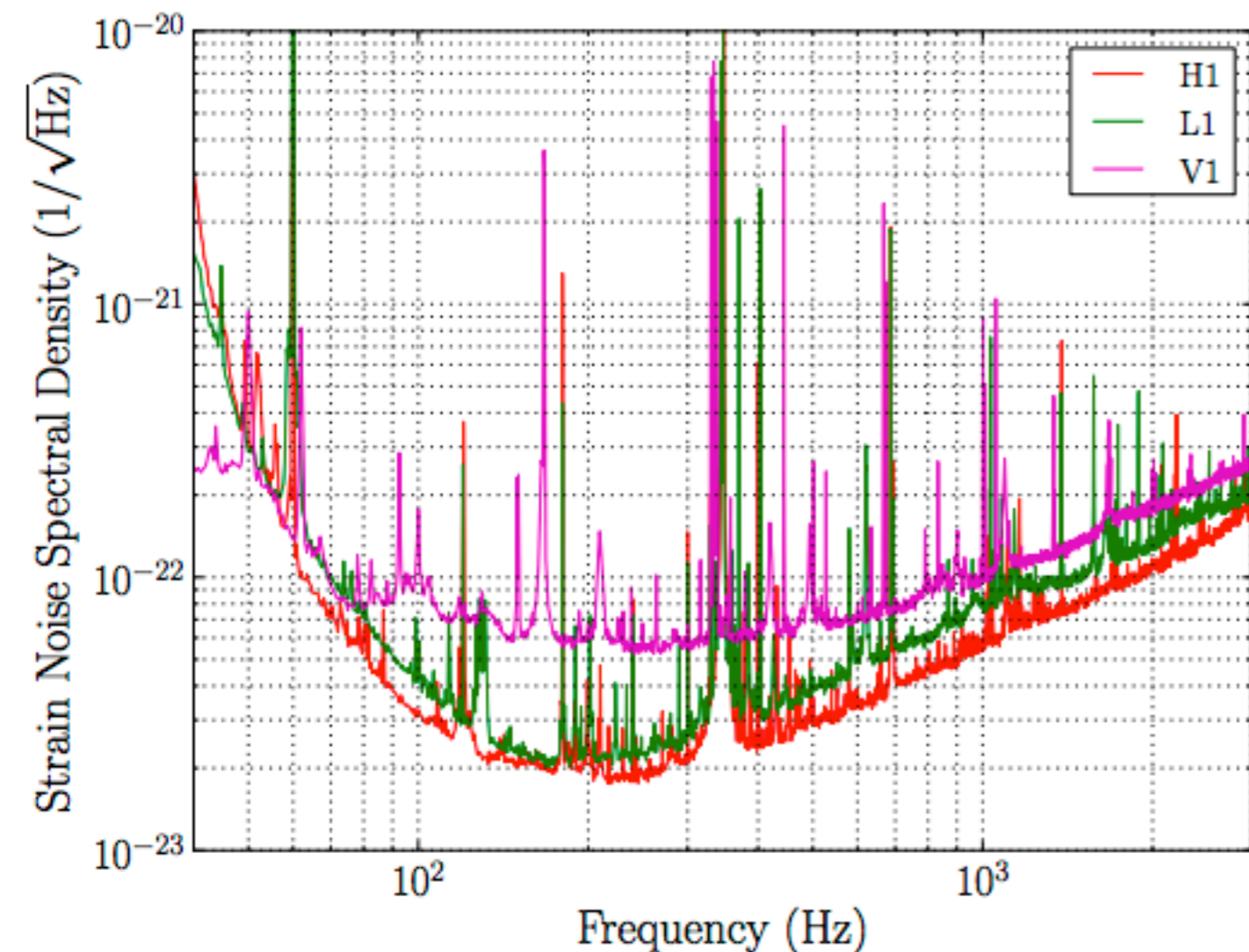
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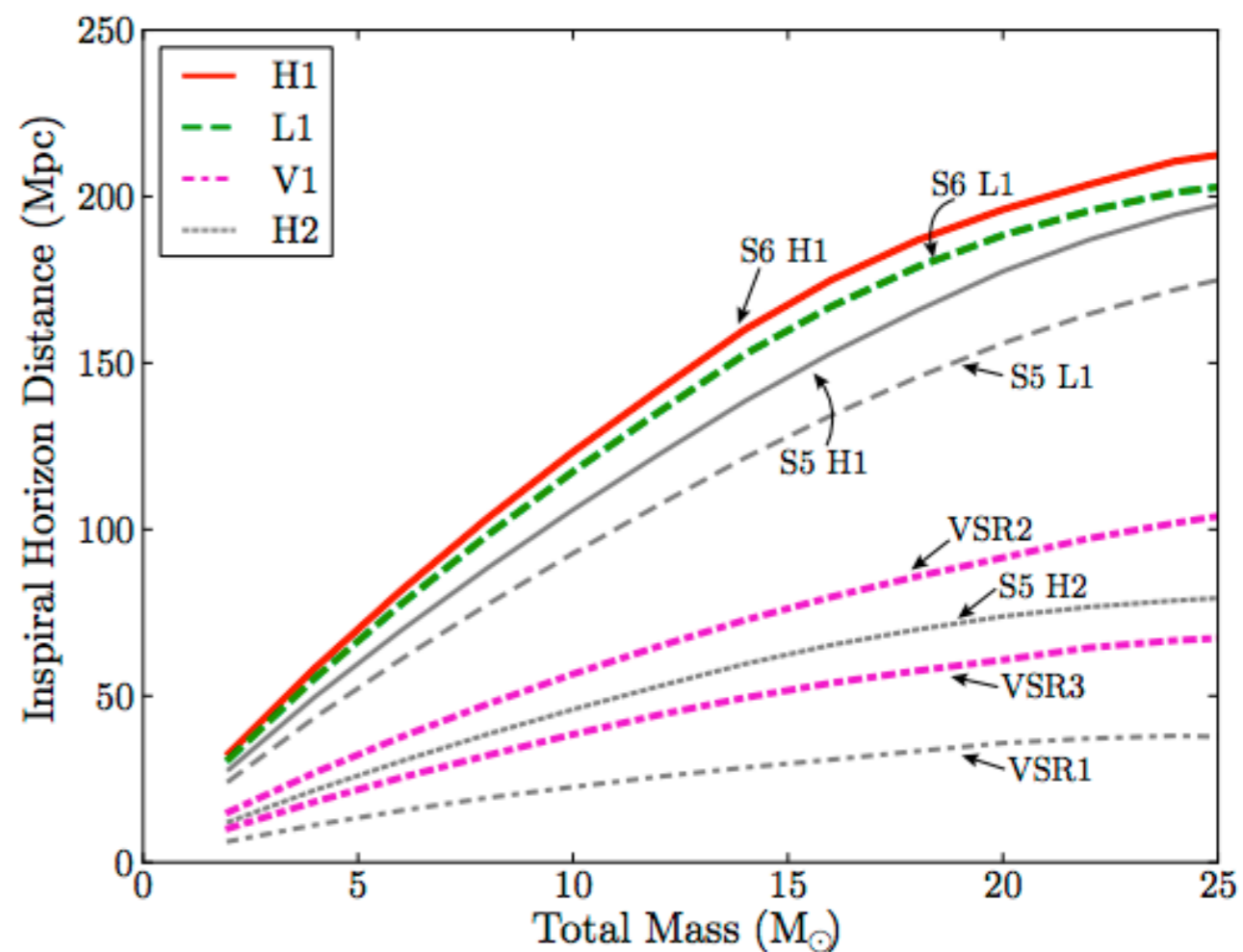
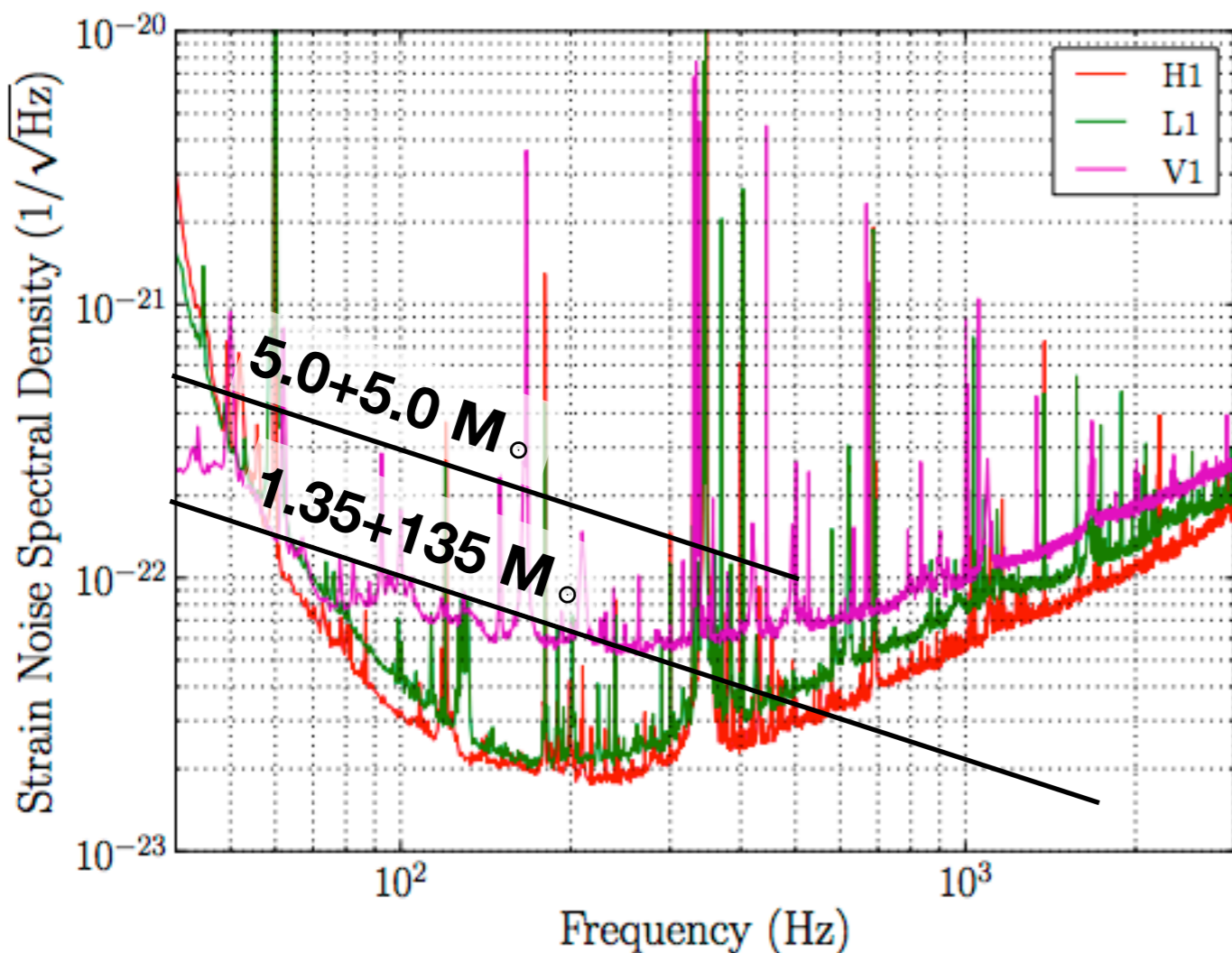


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generic short-duration transient (BH merger, supernova, etc...)	$1.3 \text{ yr}^{-1}$	—

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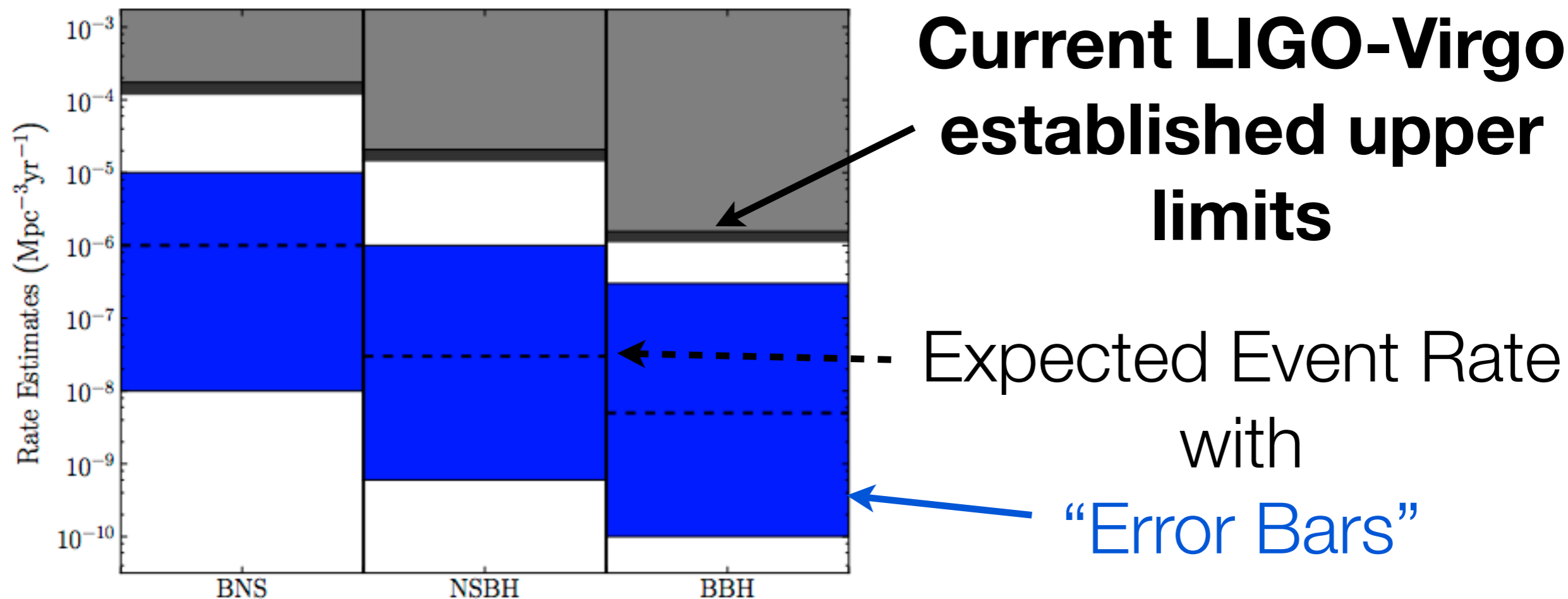
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# Compact Binary Upper Limits

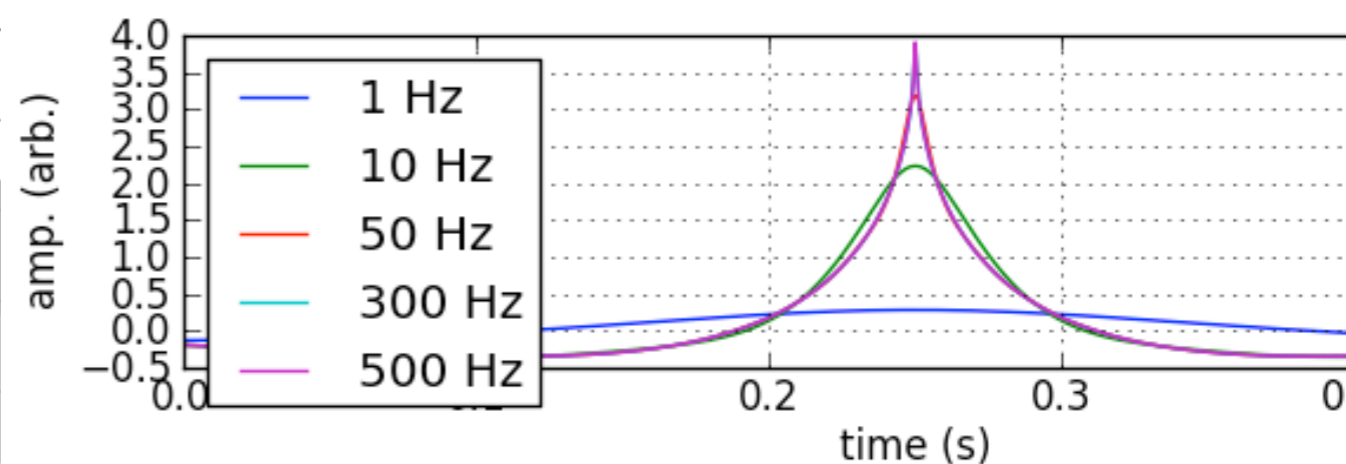
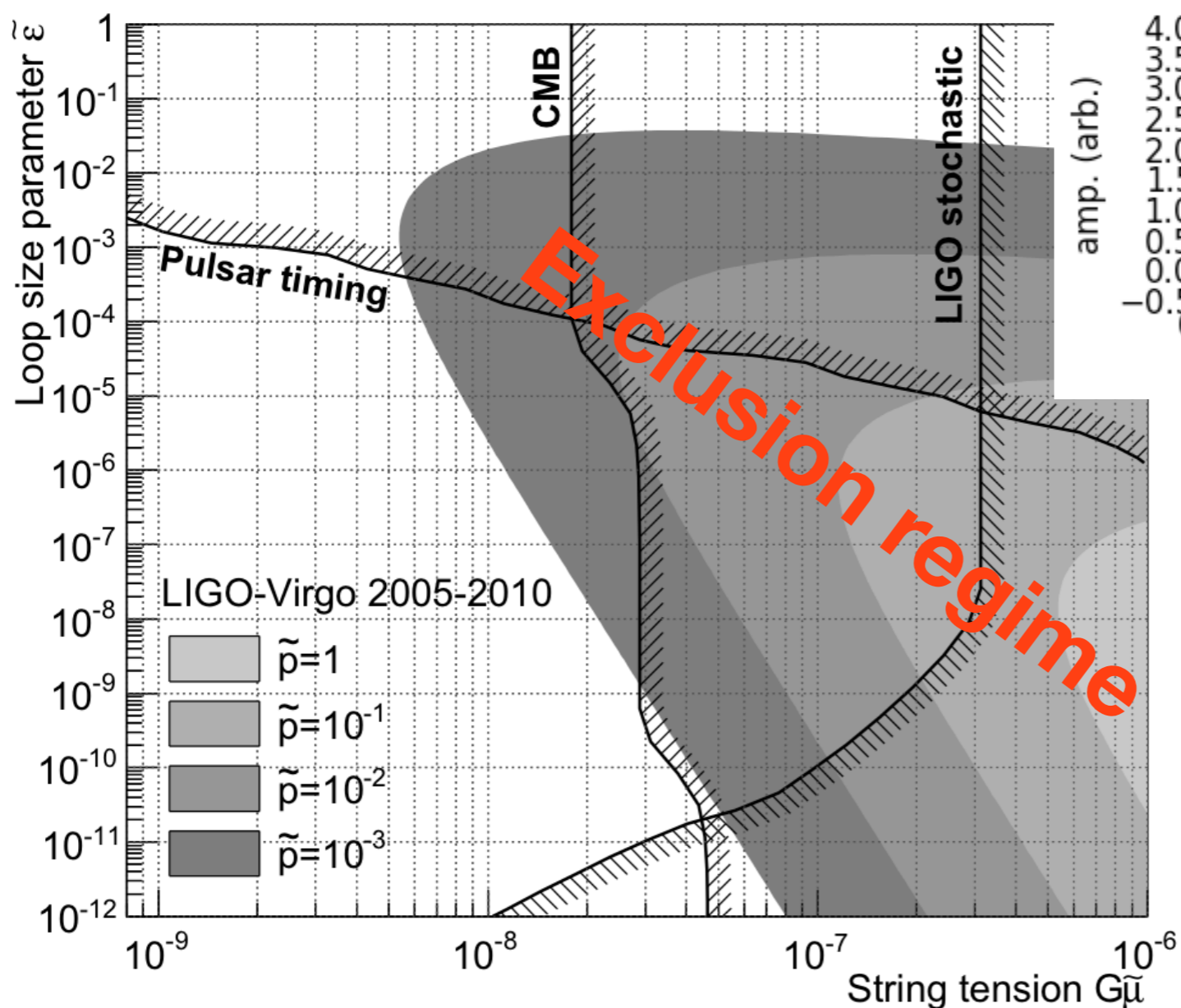
- Still a few orders of magnitude away from expected astrophysical rates





# Cosmic Strings

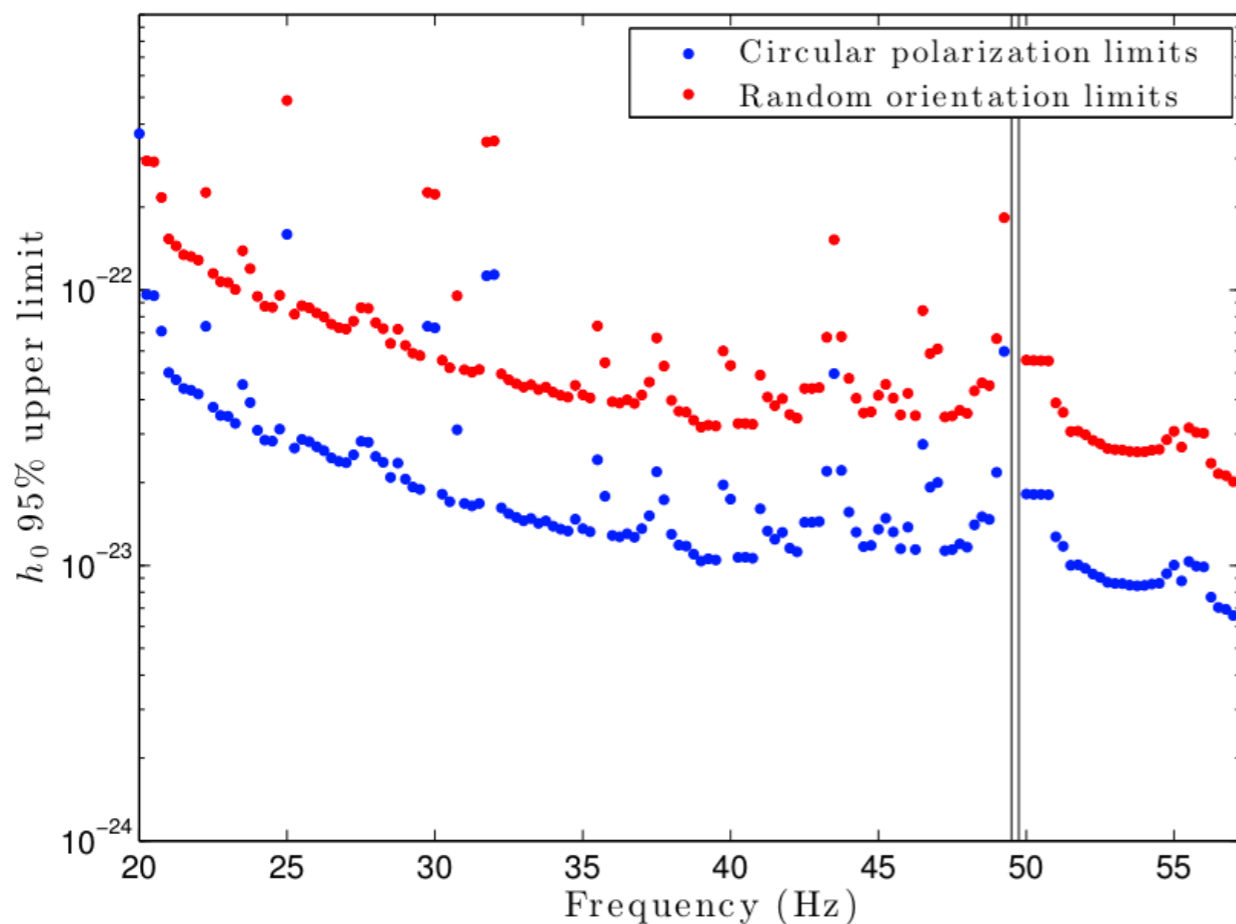
- Formed via phase transitions in the early universe giving rise to topological defects; string theory also provides creation mechanisms (superstrings)



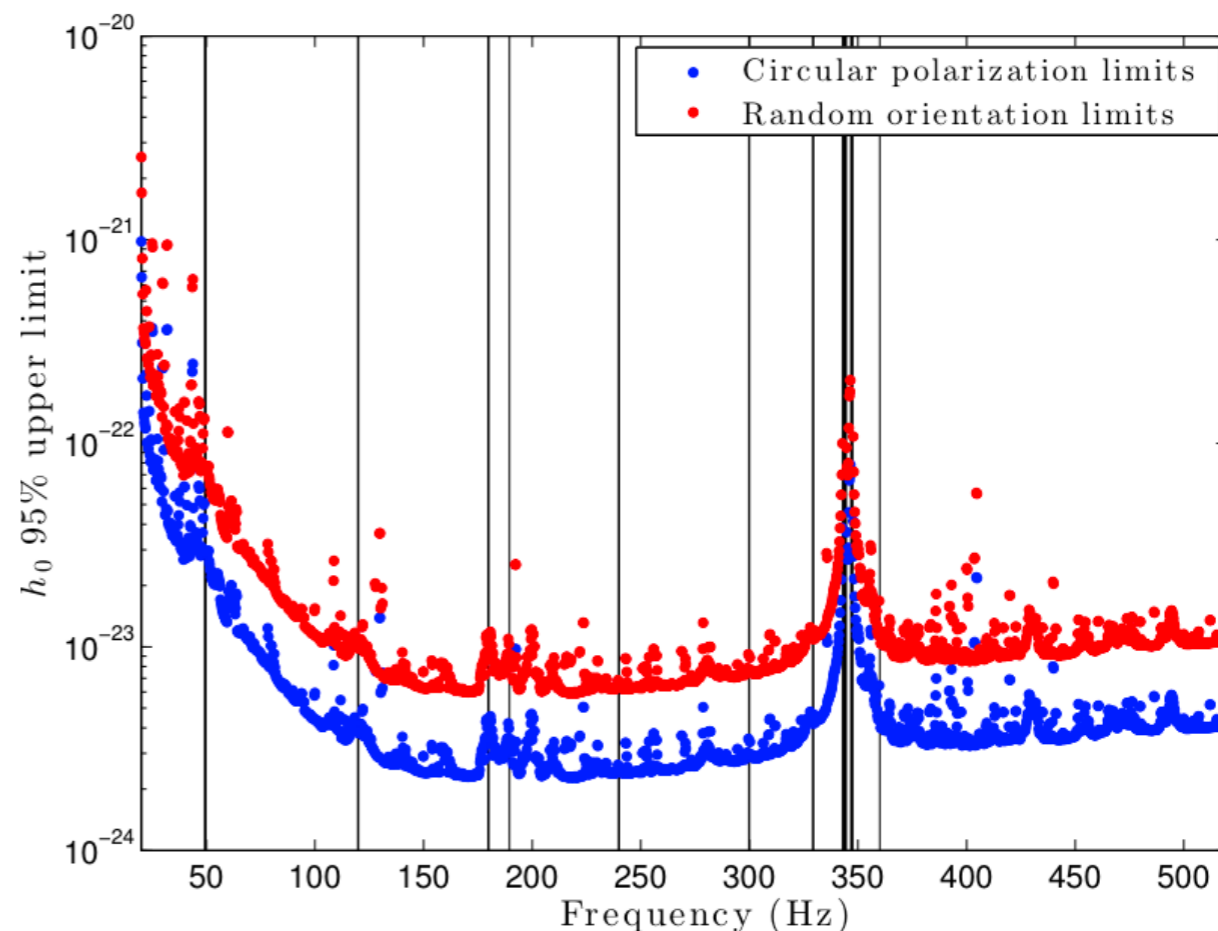
- Vastly improved upper limits (factor of 3 over CMB limits) on “tension” ( $G\mu$ ) vs. “loop size” ( $\epsilon$ ) vs. “reconnection probability” ( $p$ ) via matched-filtering search including S5/VSR1 and S6/VSR2/VSR3 data

# Search for Continuous GW from Binaries

- First of its kind undirected all-sky search for continuous (sine-wave) signals from neutron stars in binaries — also searched for signal from well constrained low mass X-ray binary source Scorpius X-1



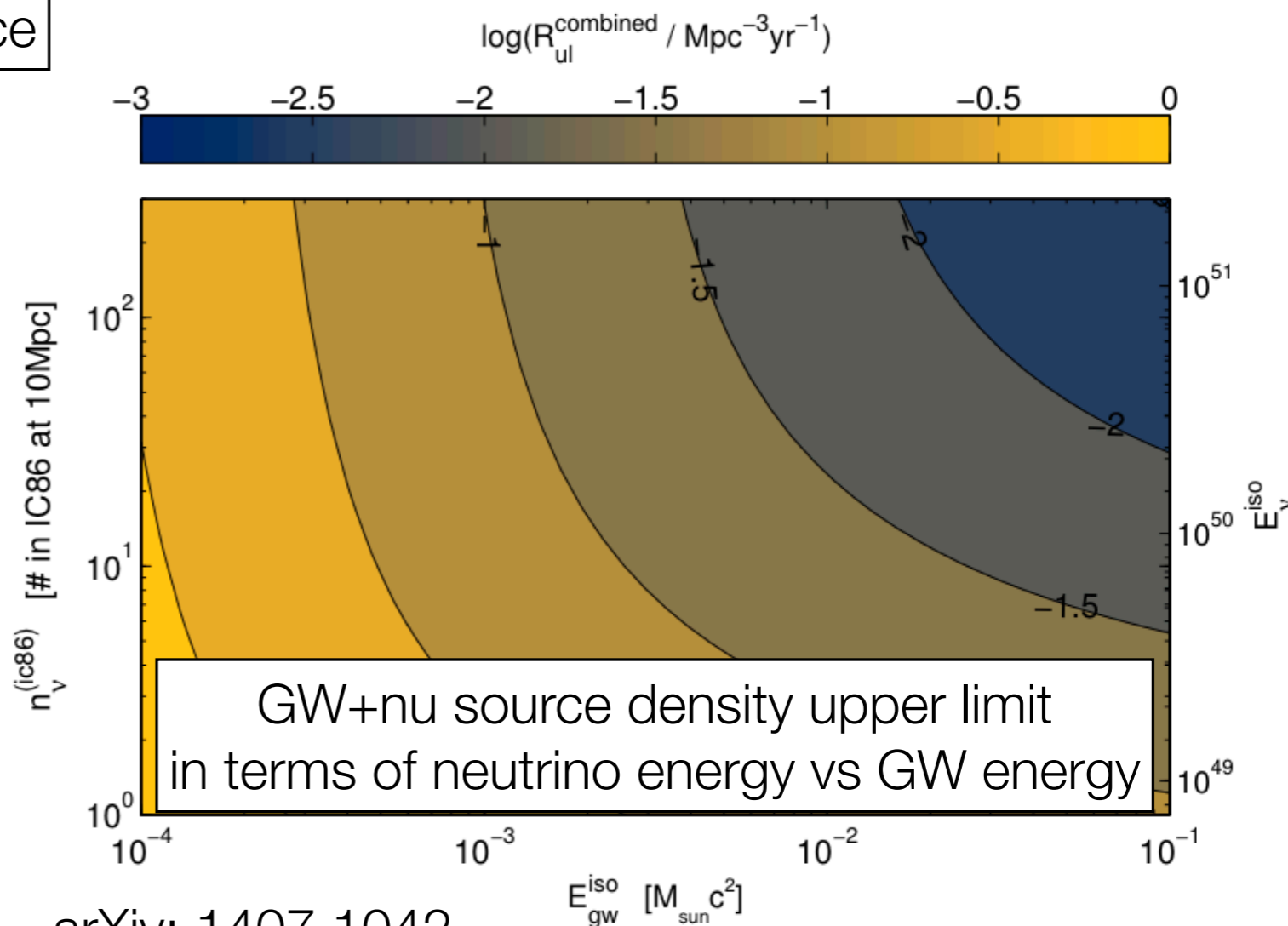
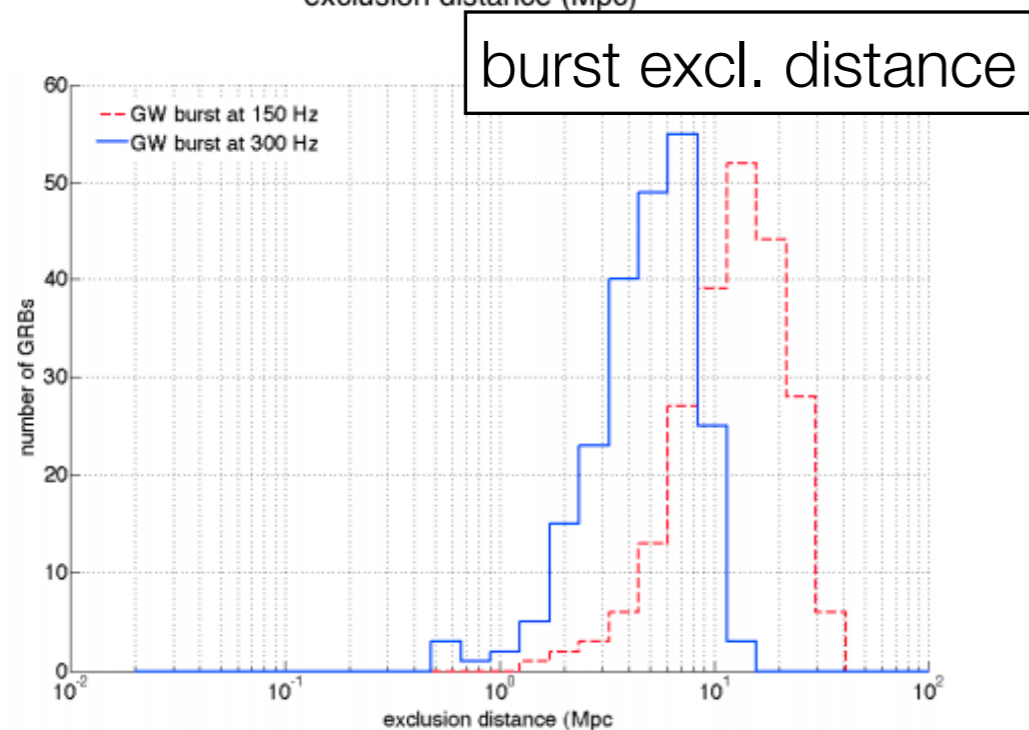
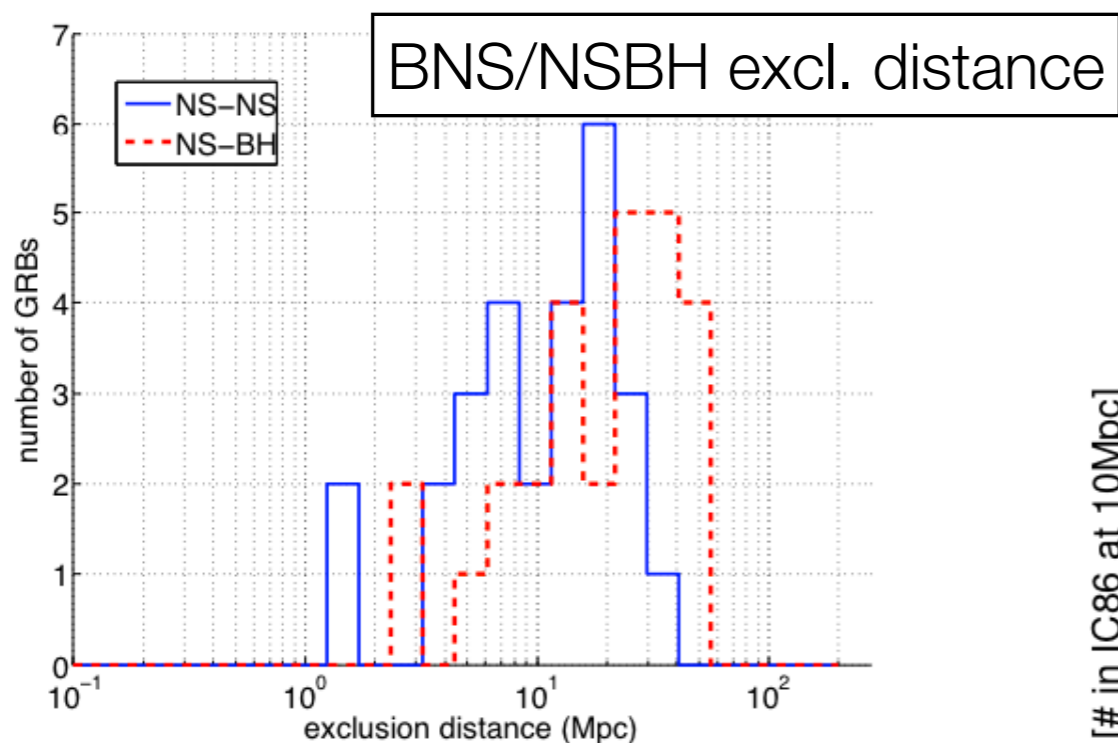
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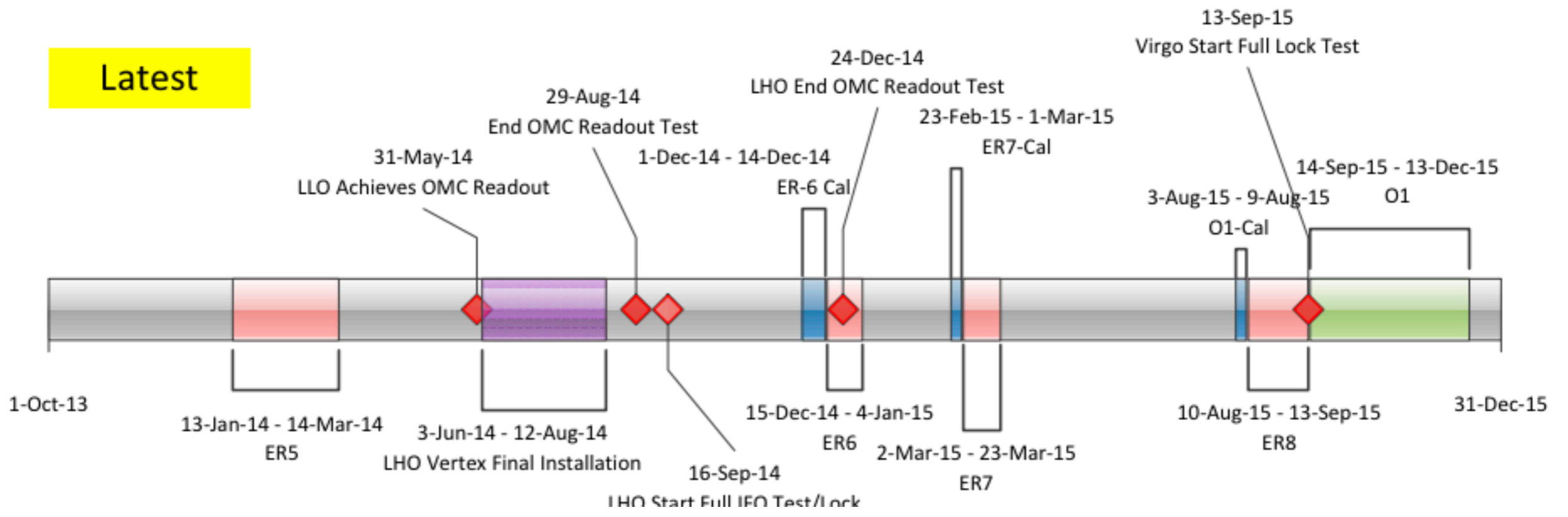
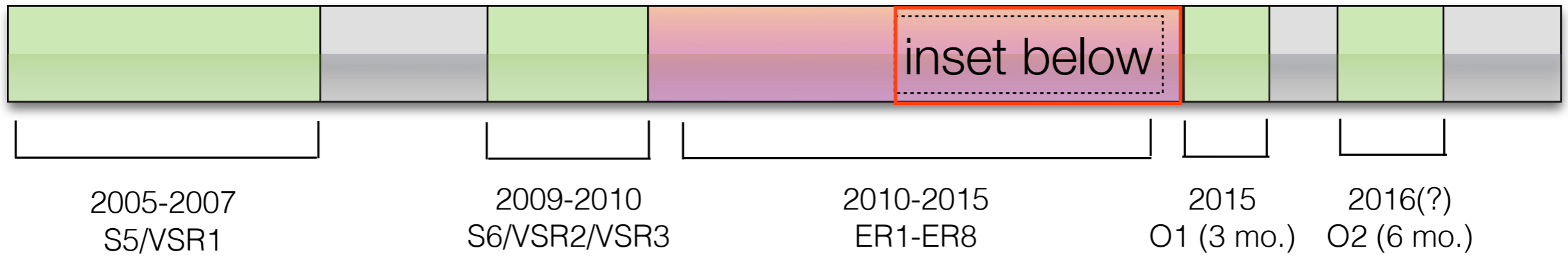


# Multi-Messenger Astronomy: GRB / HEN



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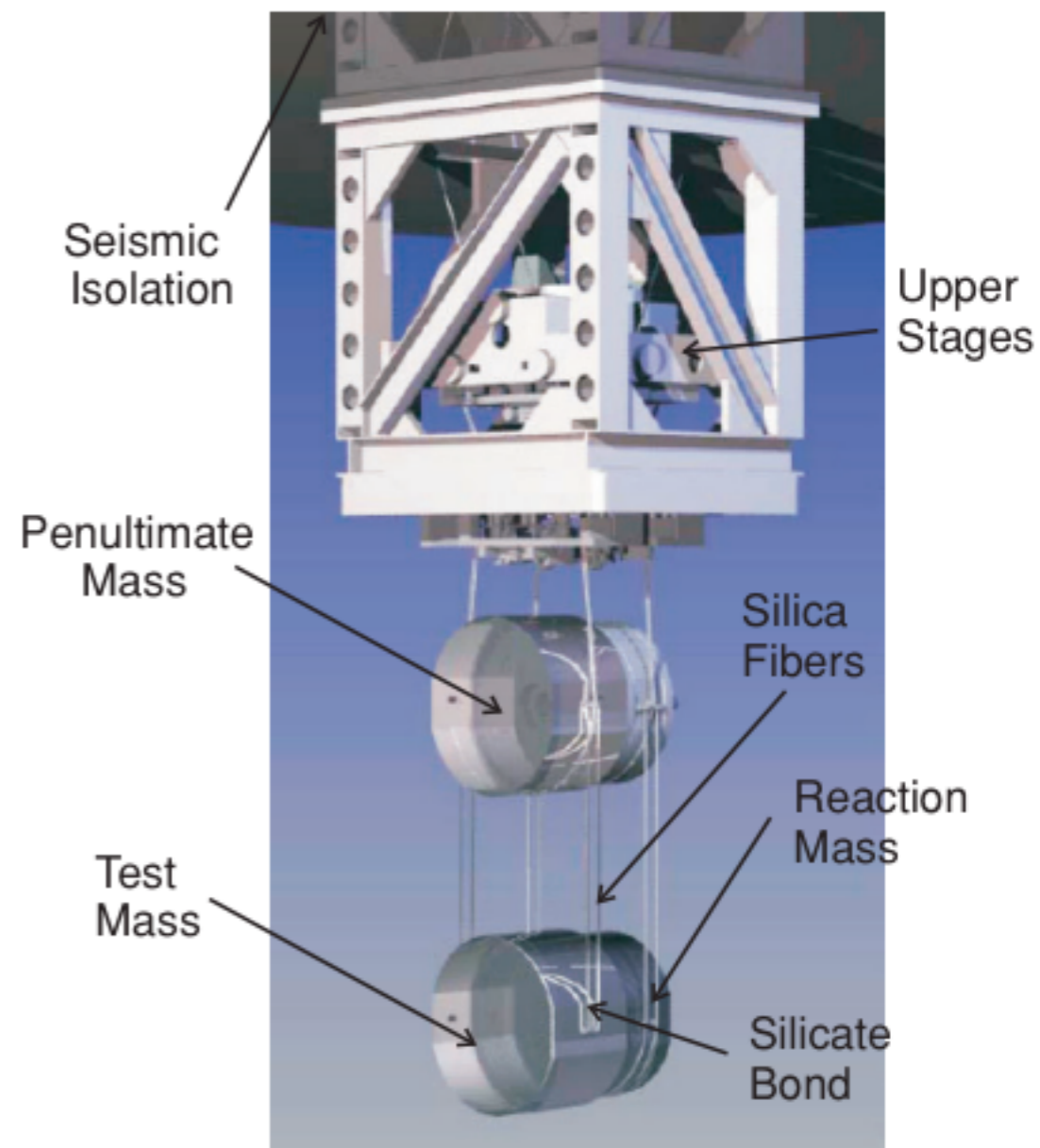
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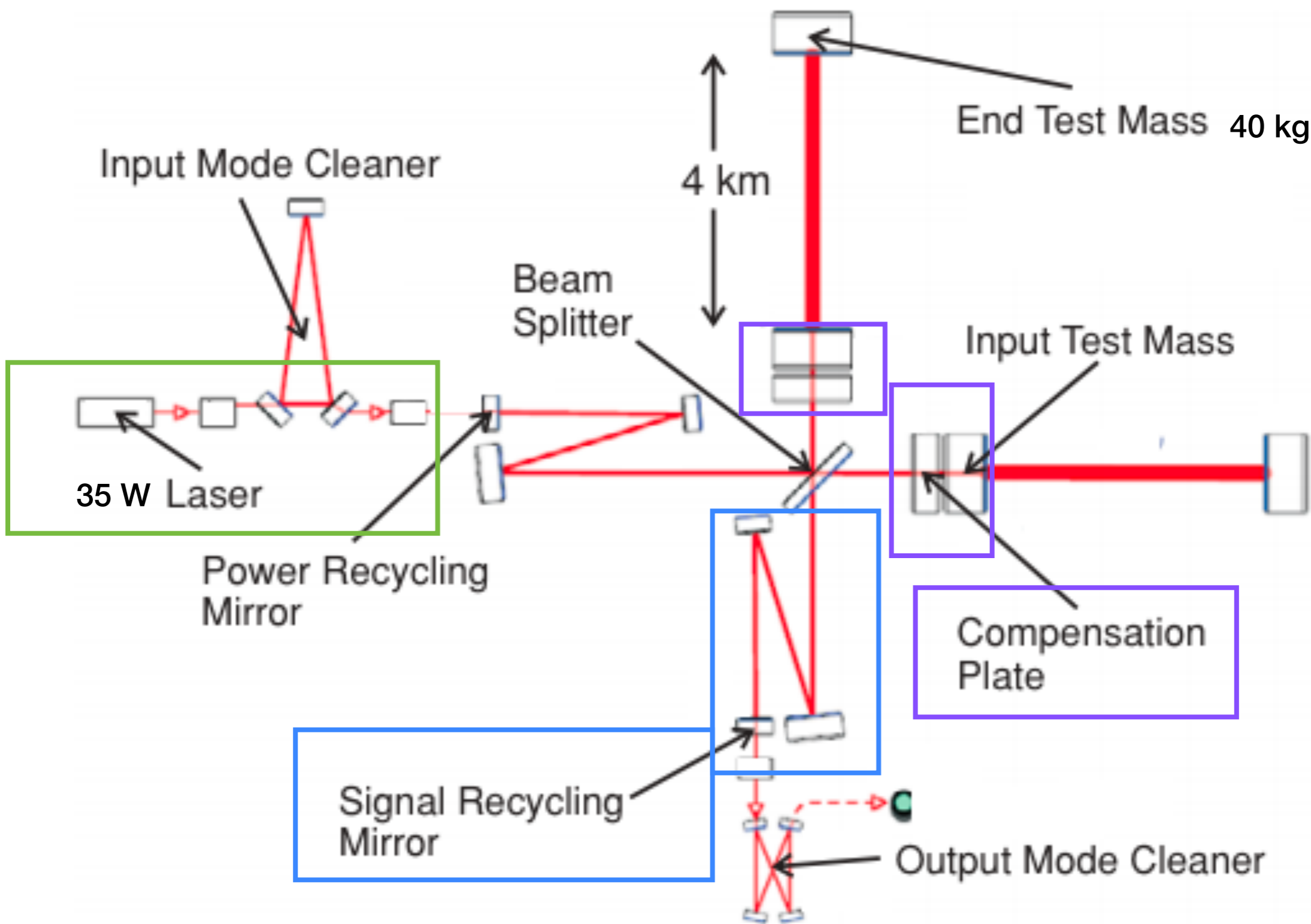
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# The Path to Advanced GW Interferometry

- Improvements planned since 2010 runs:
  - Seismic isolation: passive → three and four stage passive isolation (benefits below ~50 Hz and lower accessible bandwidth down to 10 Hz) active hydraulic isolation stage
  - Signal recycling mirror → increased power circulating in the arms (reduce shot noise above ~200 Hz)
  - Increasing input laser power (~10 → 180 W) to reduce shot noise at high frequencies (Current is 35 W as demonstrated in S6 and now permanently on)
  - Thermal compensation of optical astigmatism at high laser power

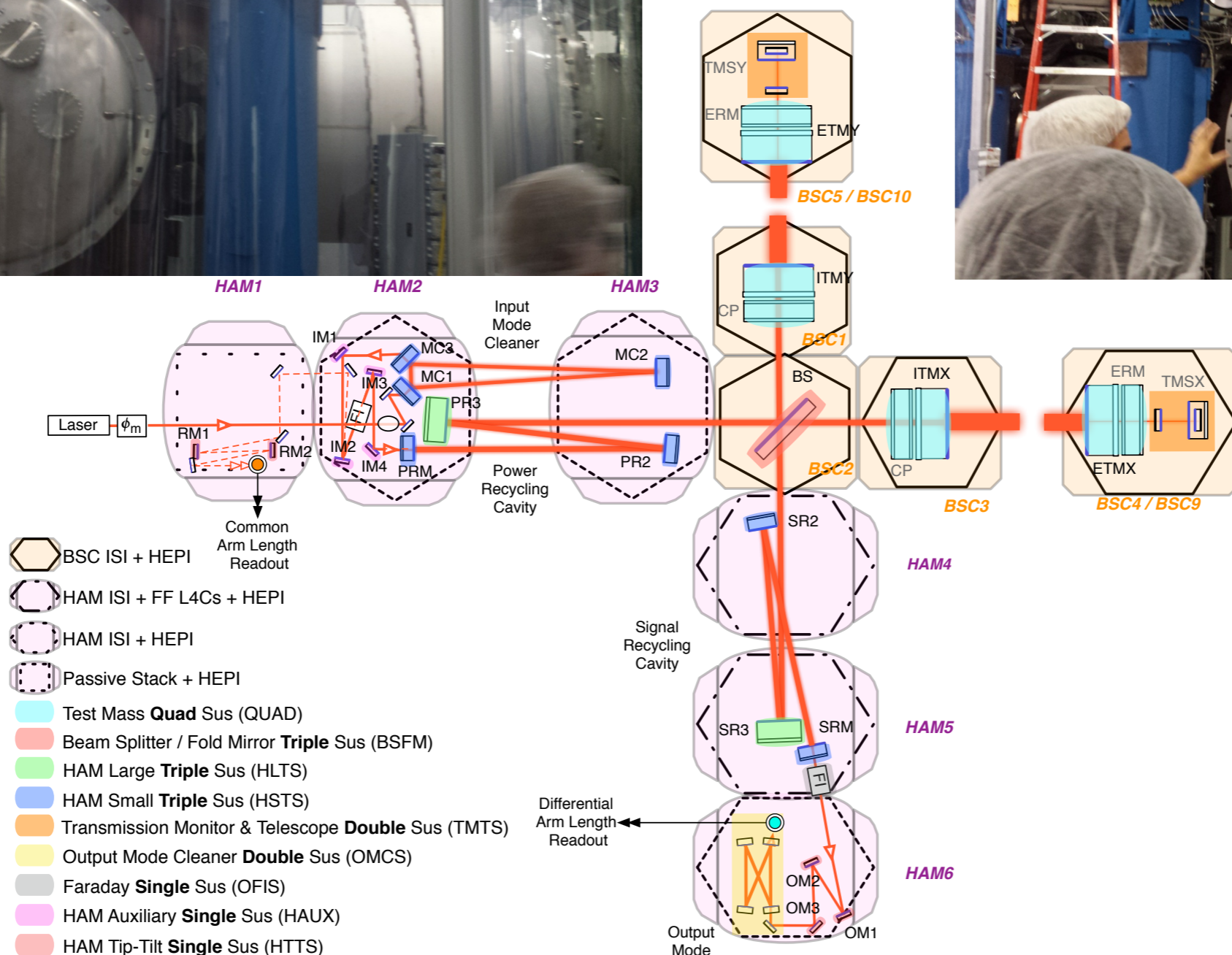
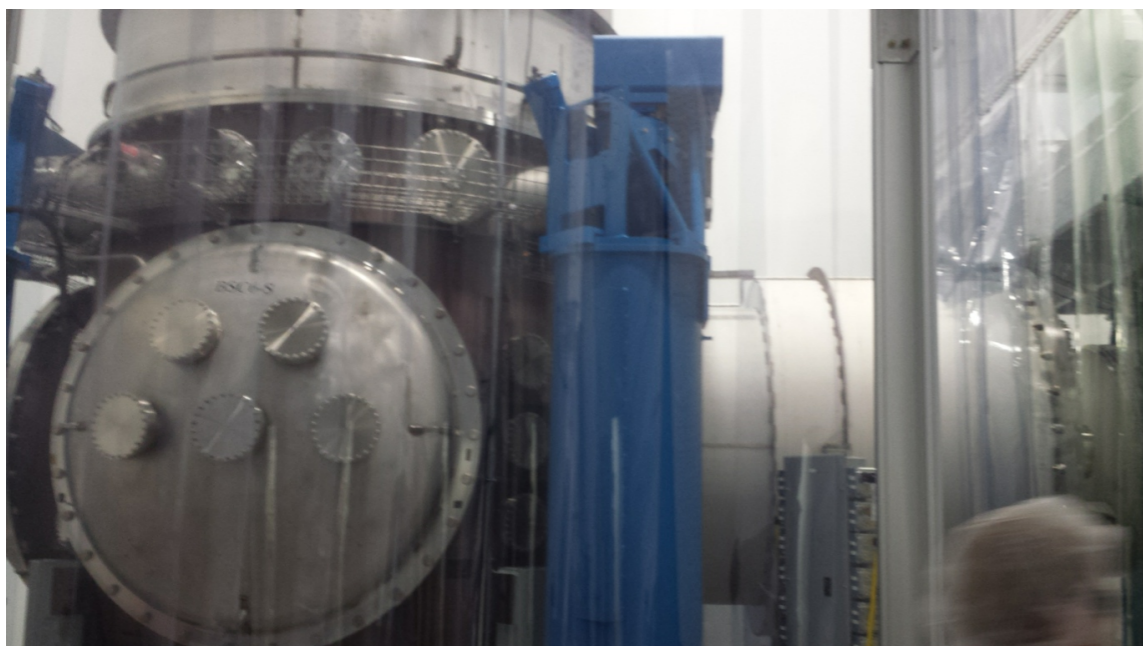


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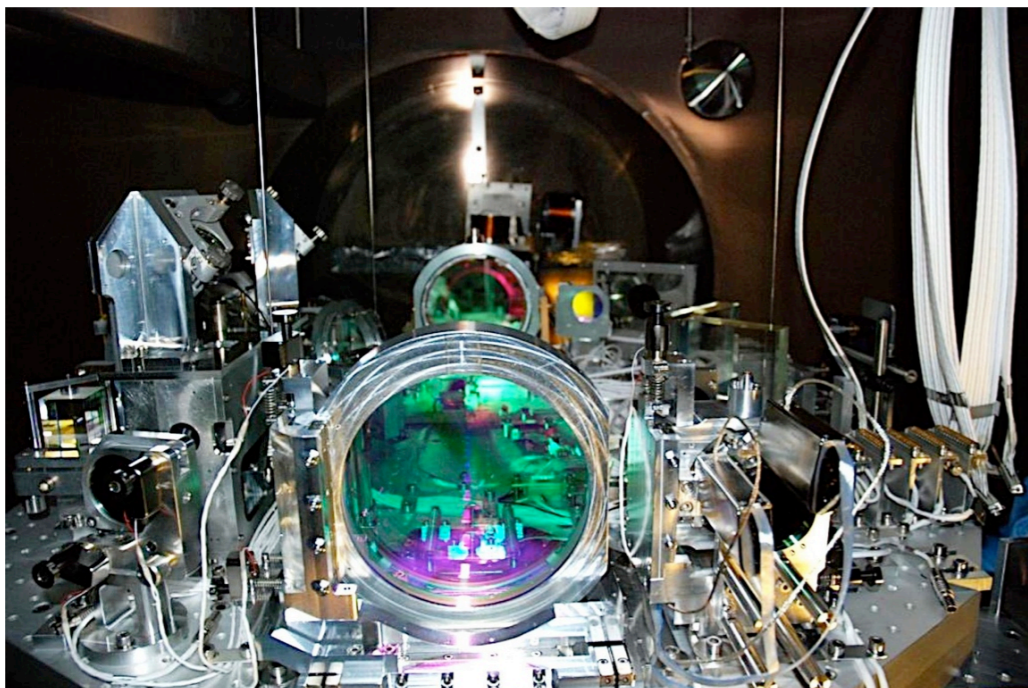
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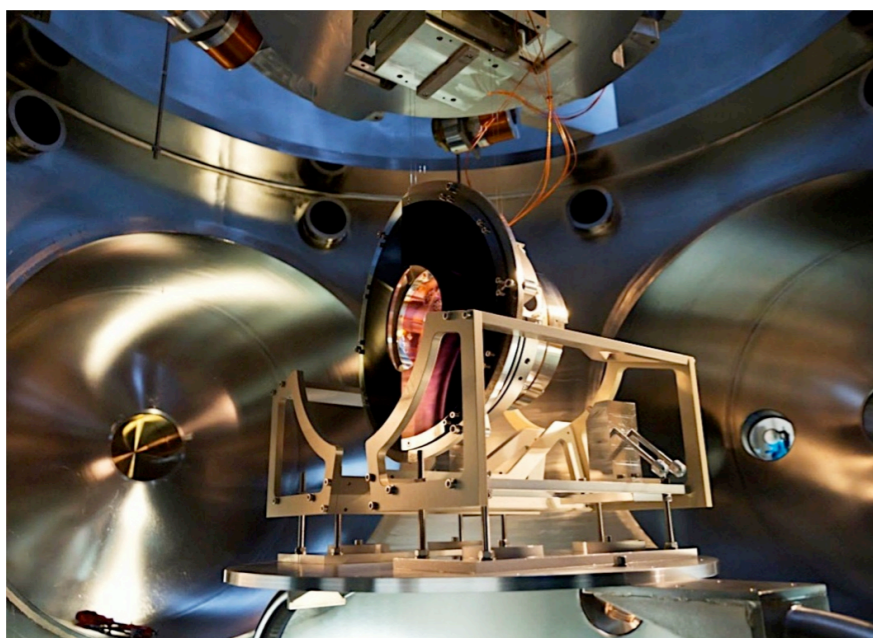
- Other planned improvements:
  - One more order of magnitude in laser power (35 → 180 W)
    - Push down the sensitivity curves towards the shallow 2018 design curve
  - “Tune” the signal recycling mirror: allow for better sensitivity at specific frequencies (e.g. a factor of a few for some periodic signals)
  - Light “squeezing”: Overtake fundamental quantum noise limit at high frequencies



# Advanced Virgo

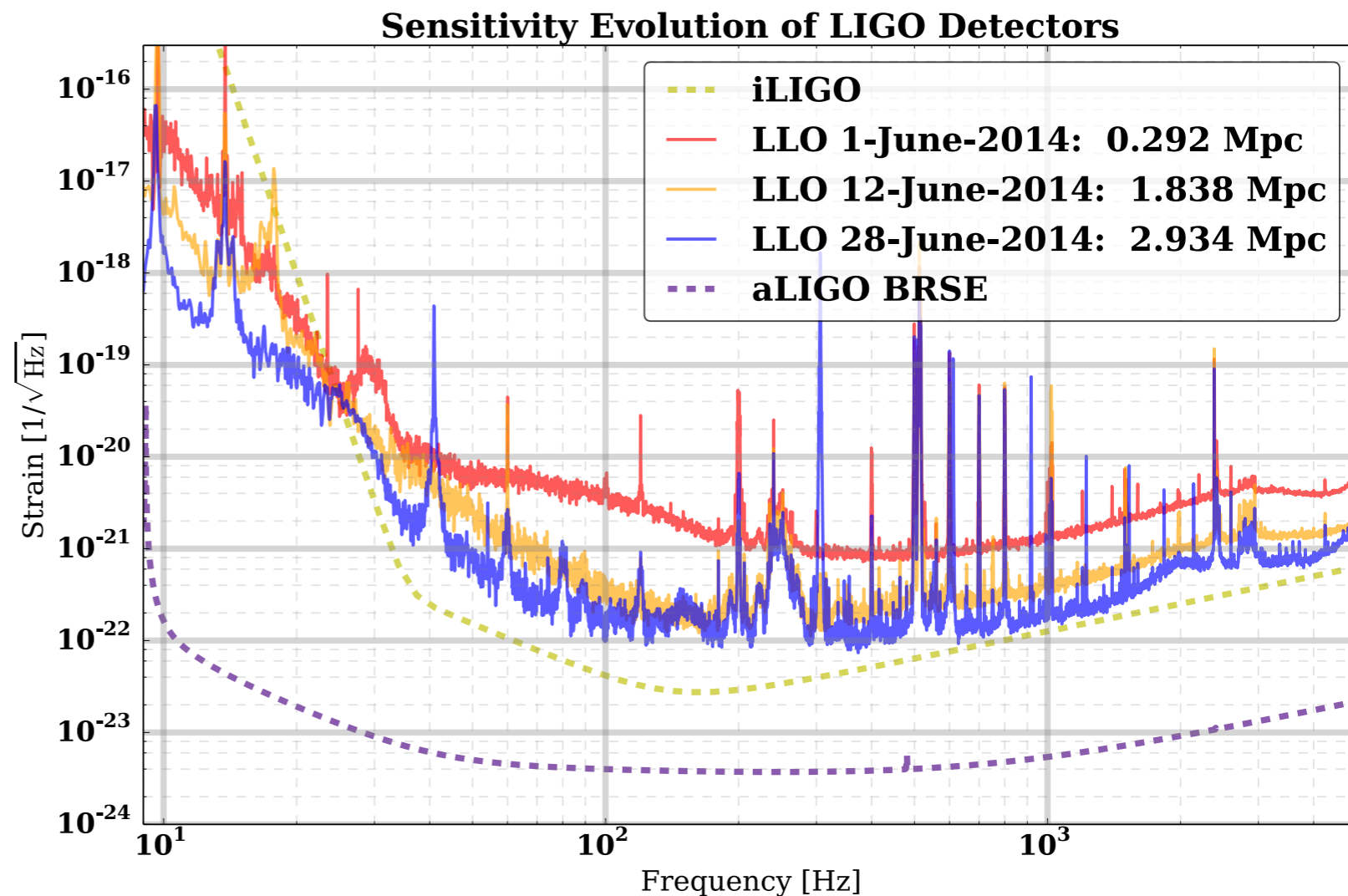


- First major milestone completed on time: locked the input mode cleaner (first stages of input optics before the beam splitter)
- Intense installation work happening on site, installing suspension, additional vacuum chambers, preparing optical payloads, etc....:
  - Early 2015: all optics installed near beamsplitter, start of inner interferometer commissioning
  - Summer 2015: End mirrors installed, test one arm of the instrument
  - Fall 2015: Full interferometer locking and commissioning
  - 2016: First science data and joint run with LIGO interferometers



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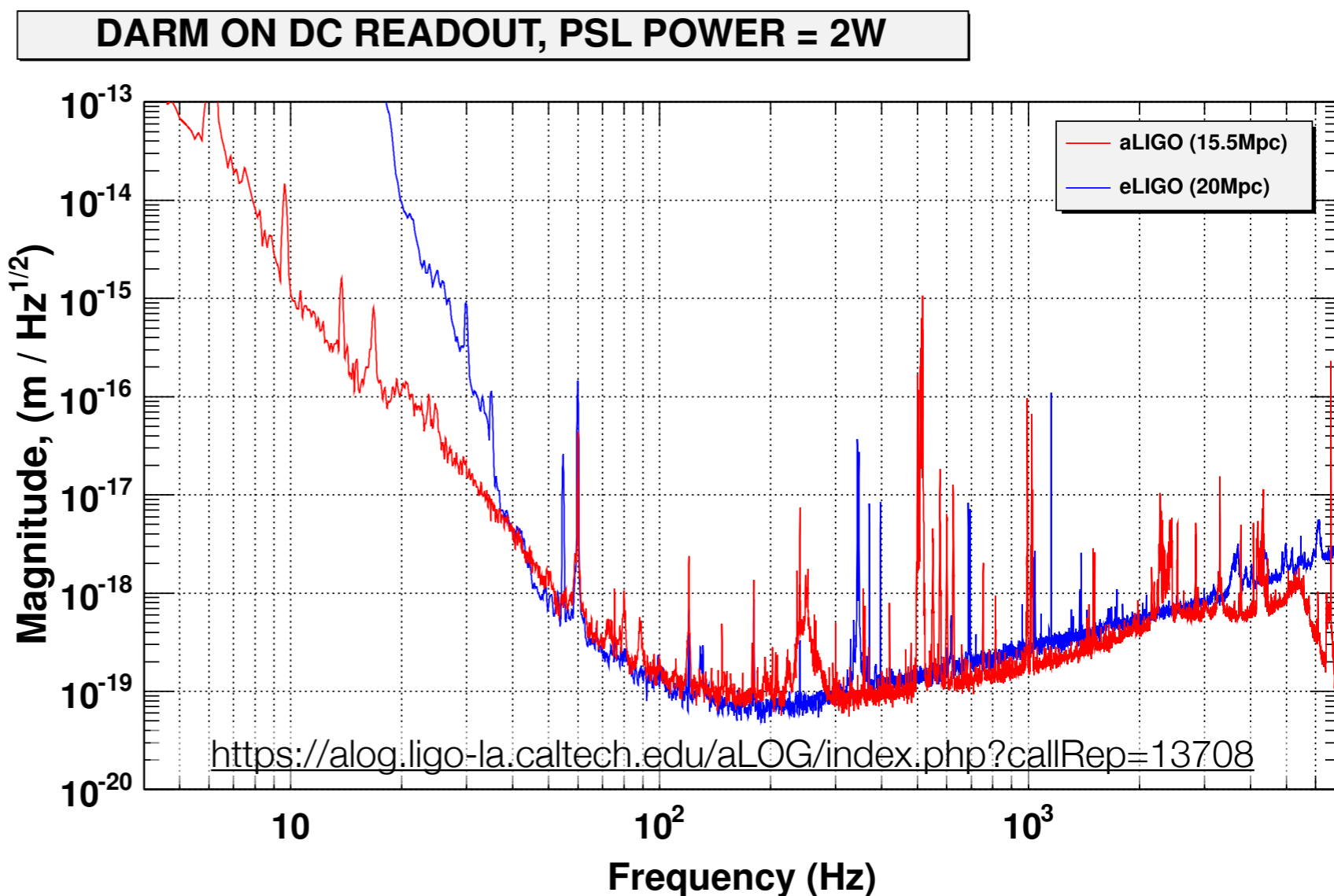


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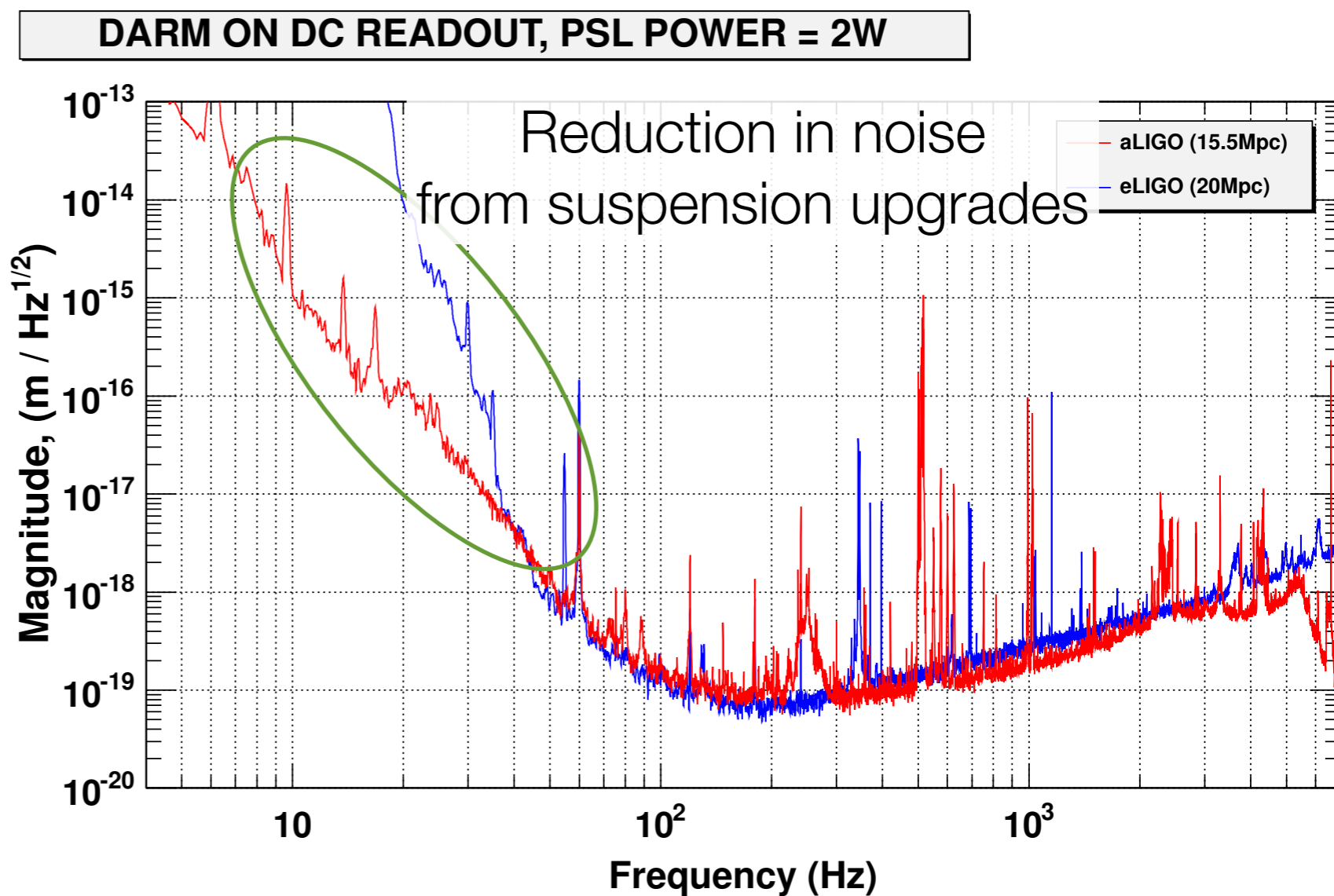


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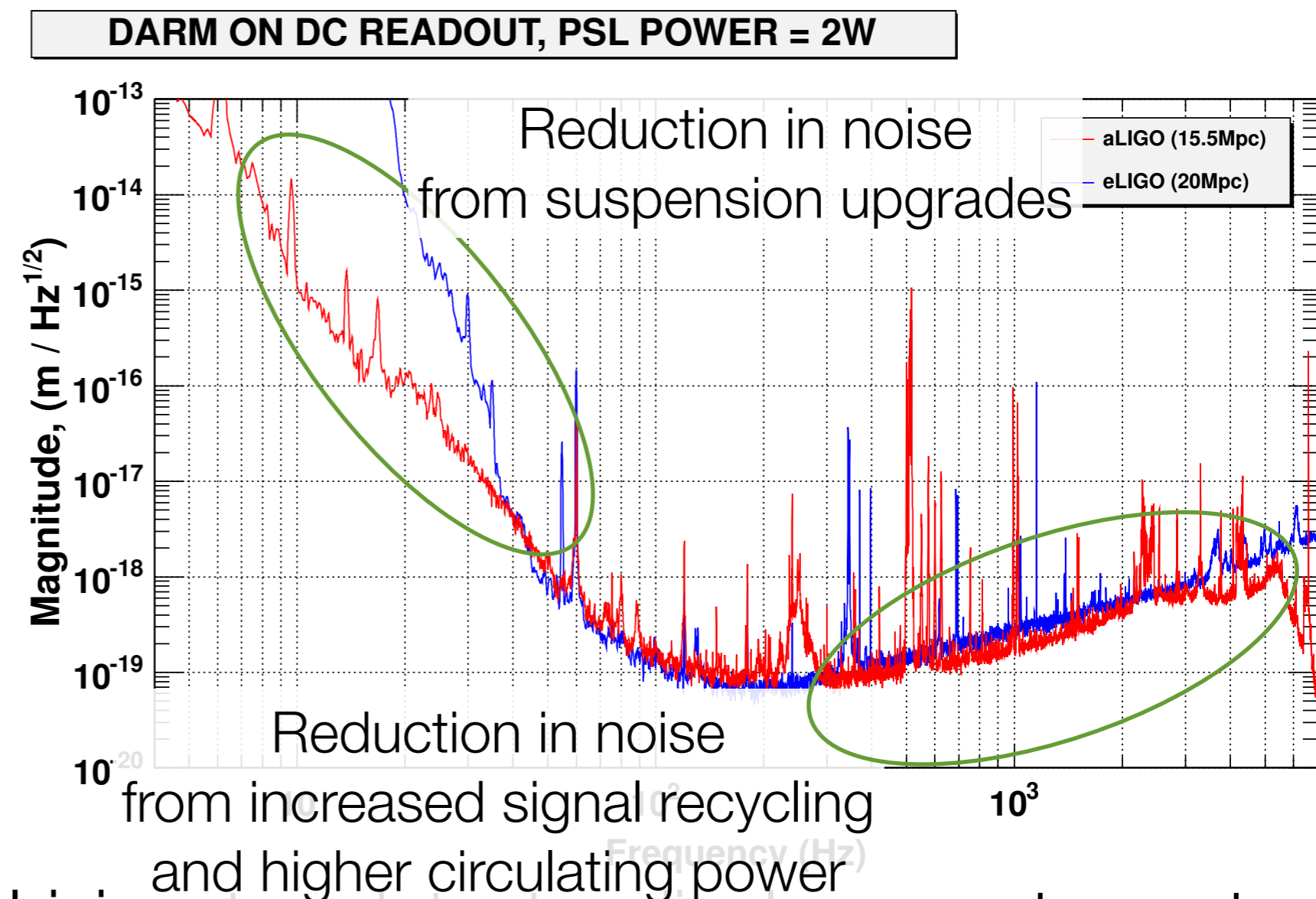
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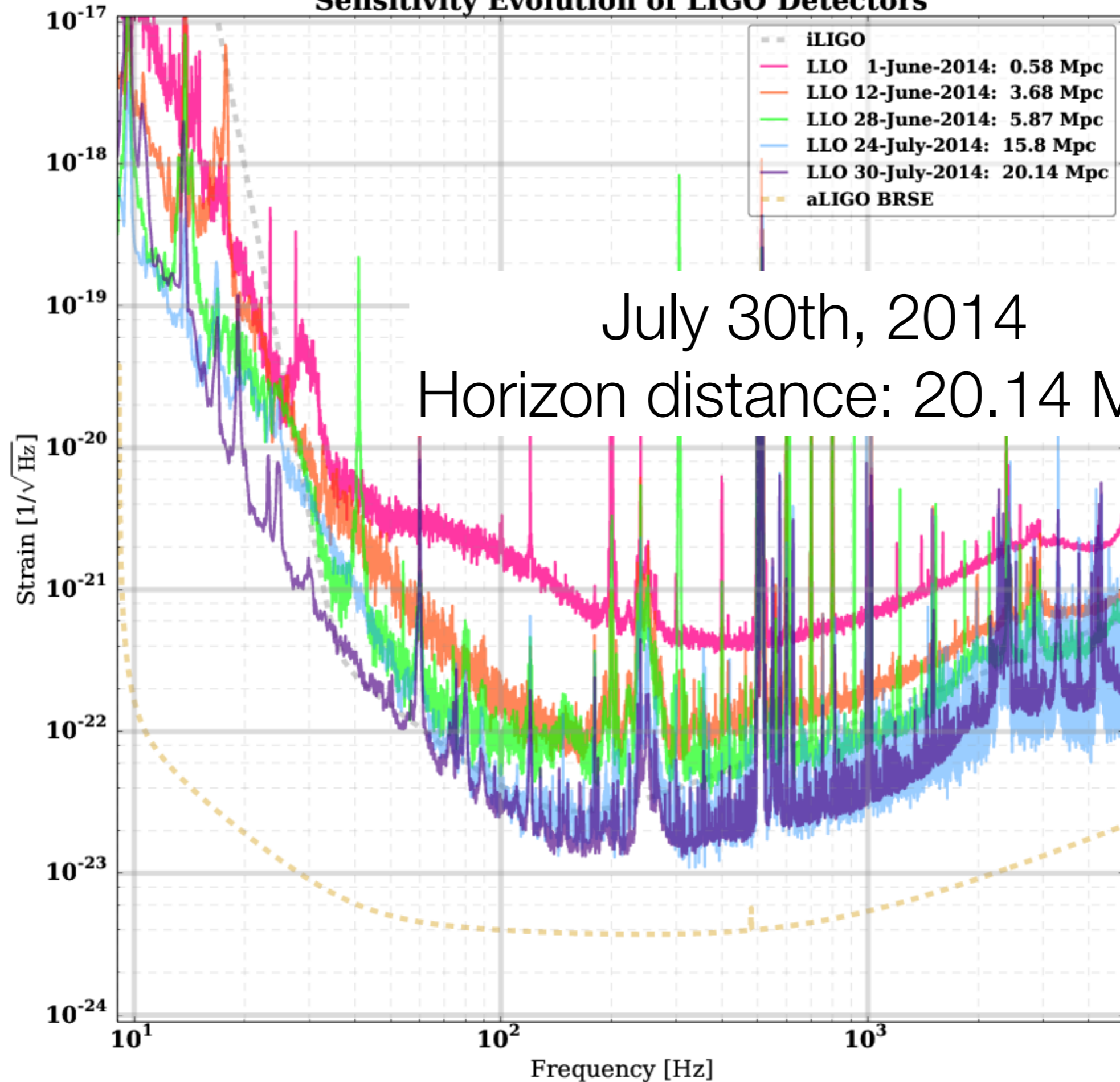
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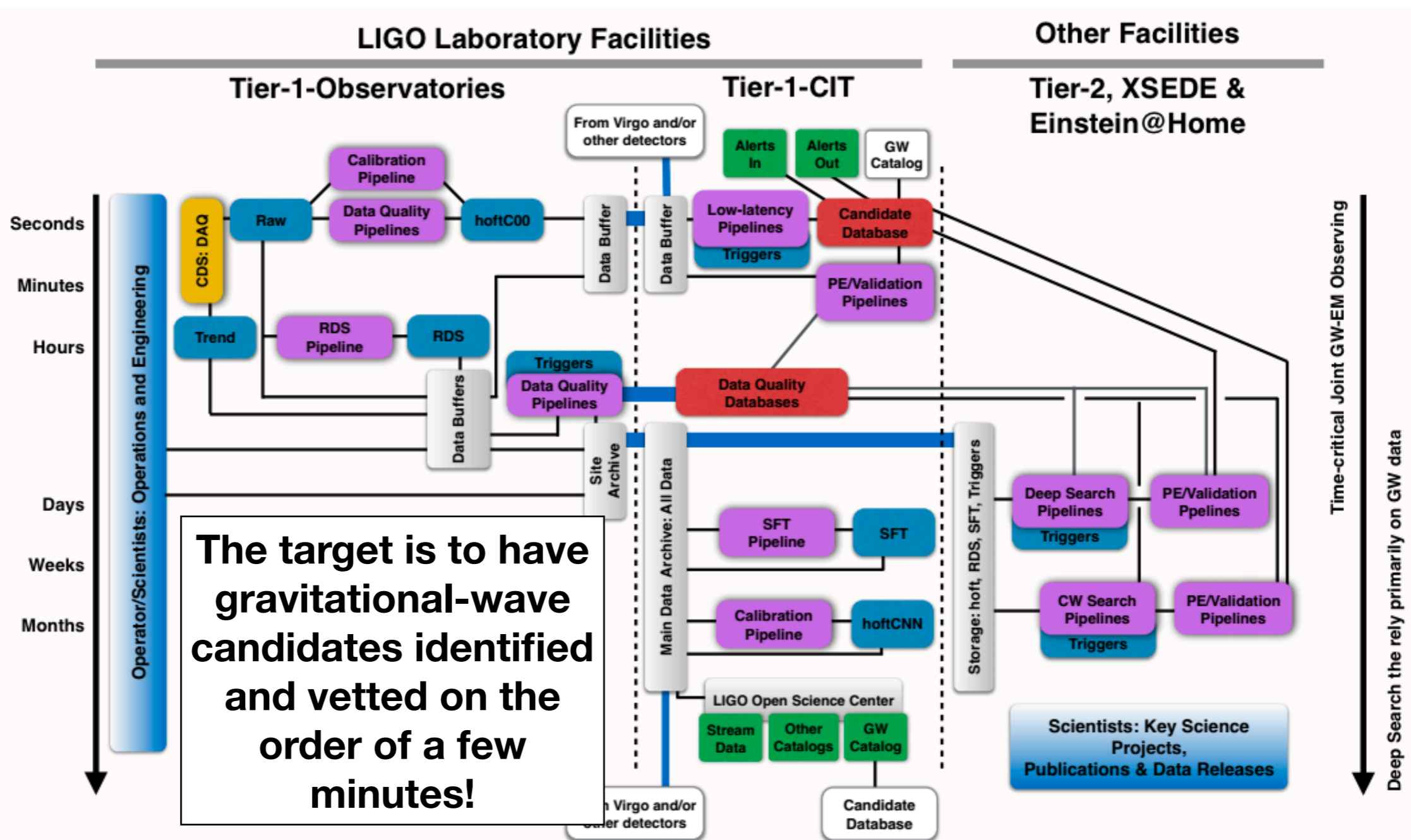
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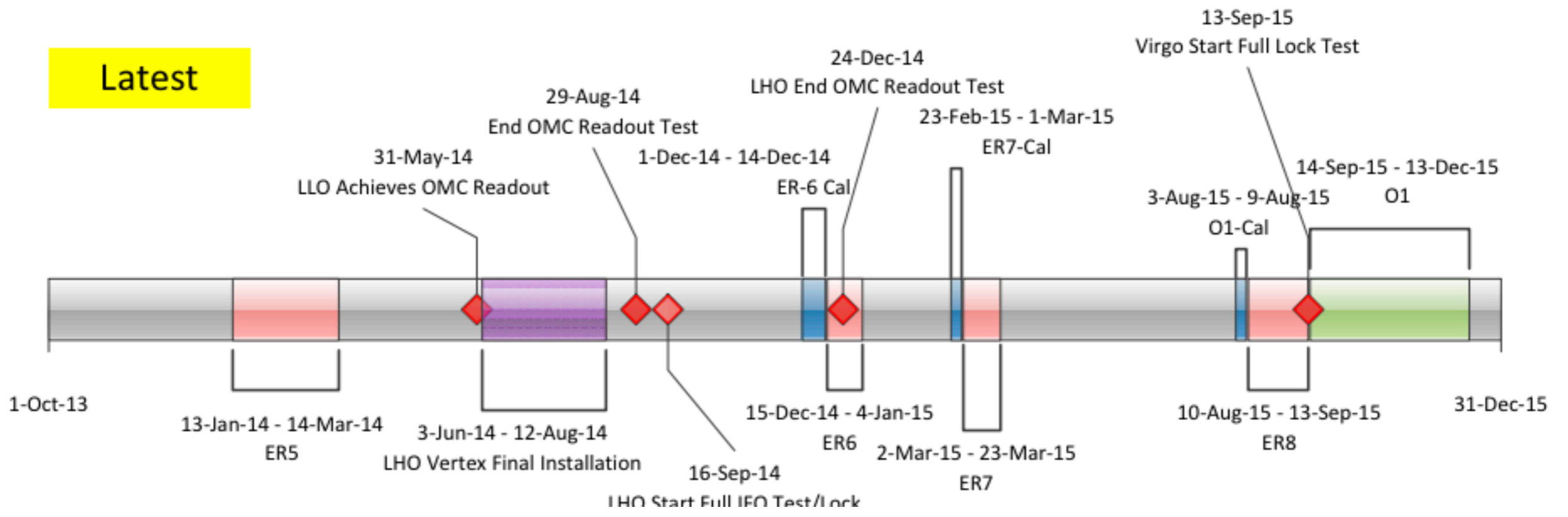
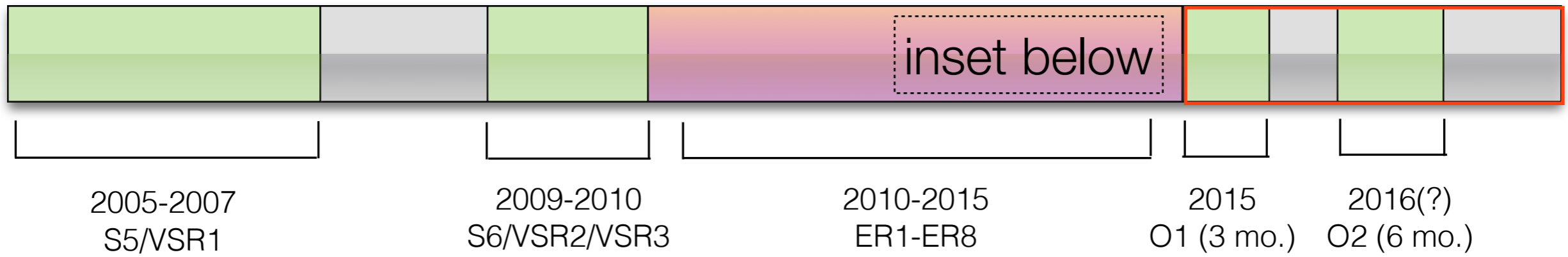
- End-to-end practice from data acquisition to candidate follow up and external communication including **low latency trigger analysis and dissemination**

IFO data acquisition

“online” data analysis and follow up

“deep” GW searches and parameter estimation





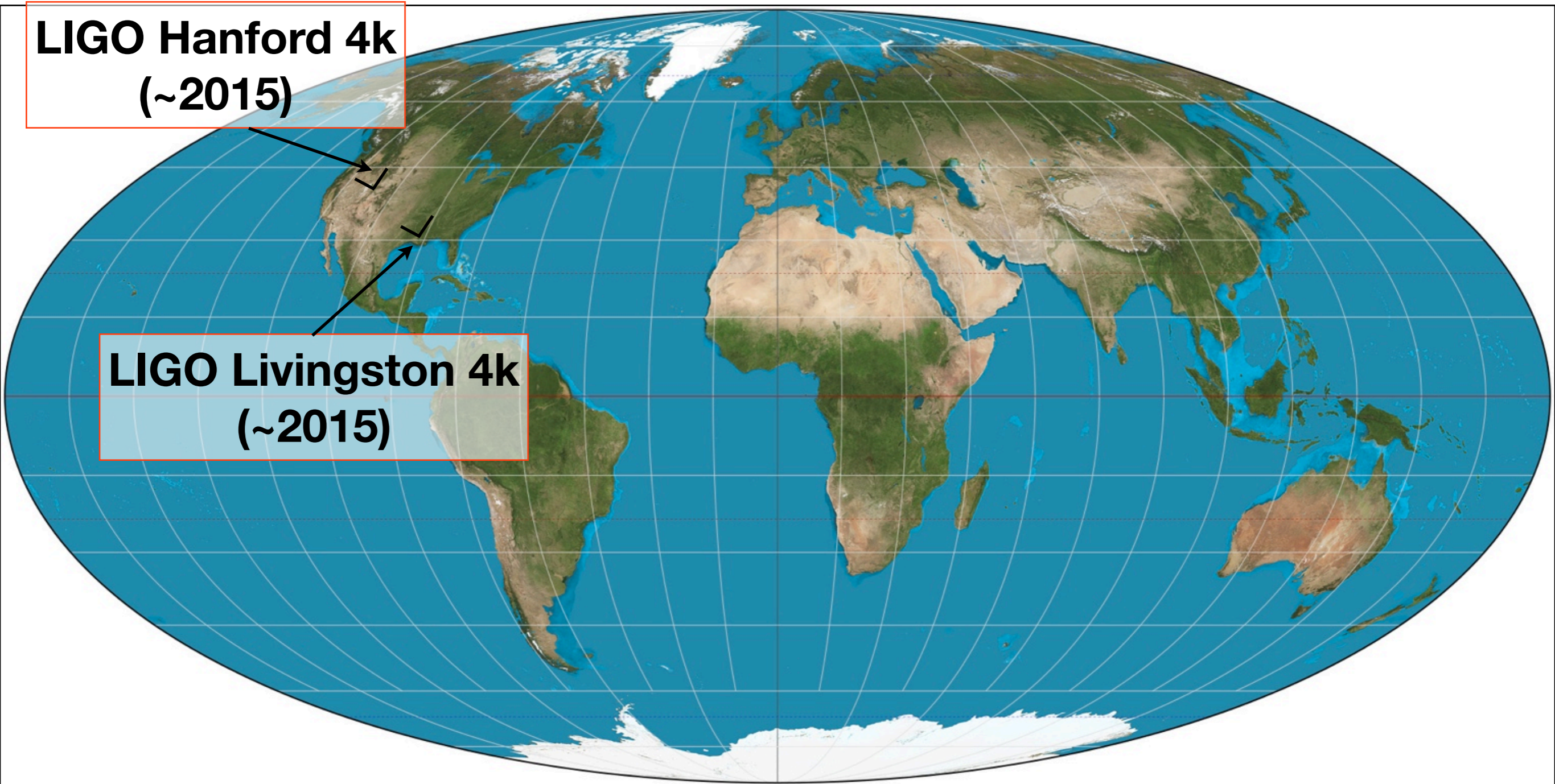
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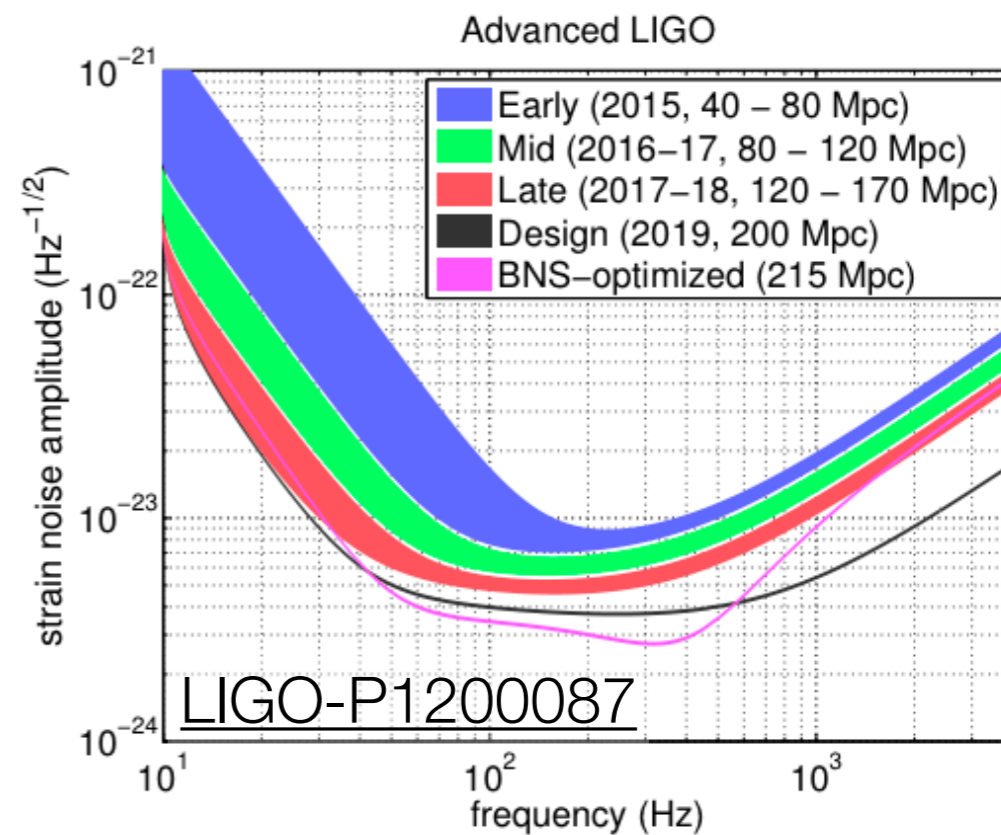
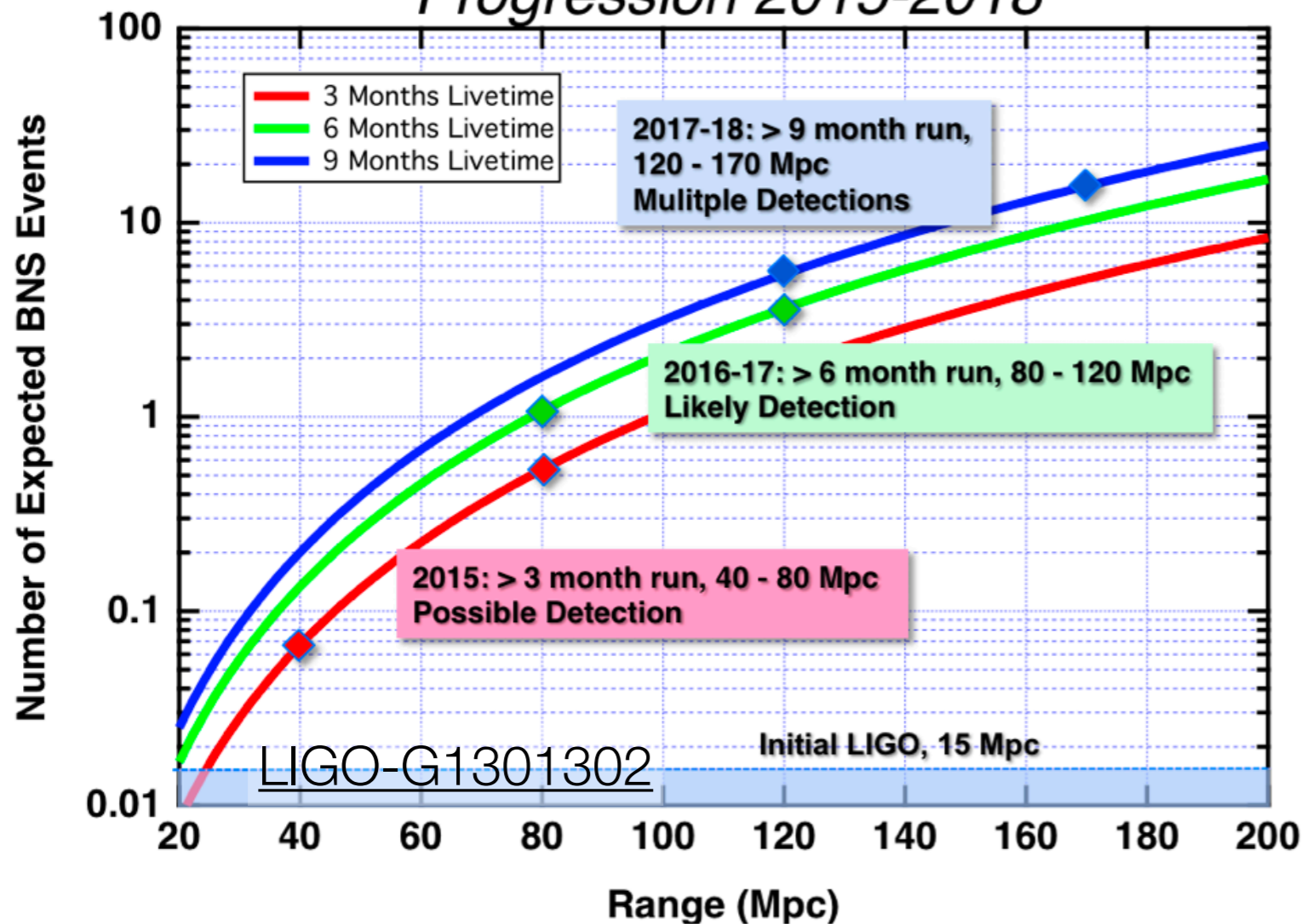
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# The Next Three Years

Projecting Advanced LIGO Sensitivity Progression 2015-2018



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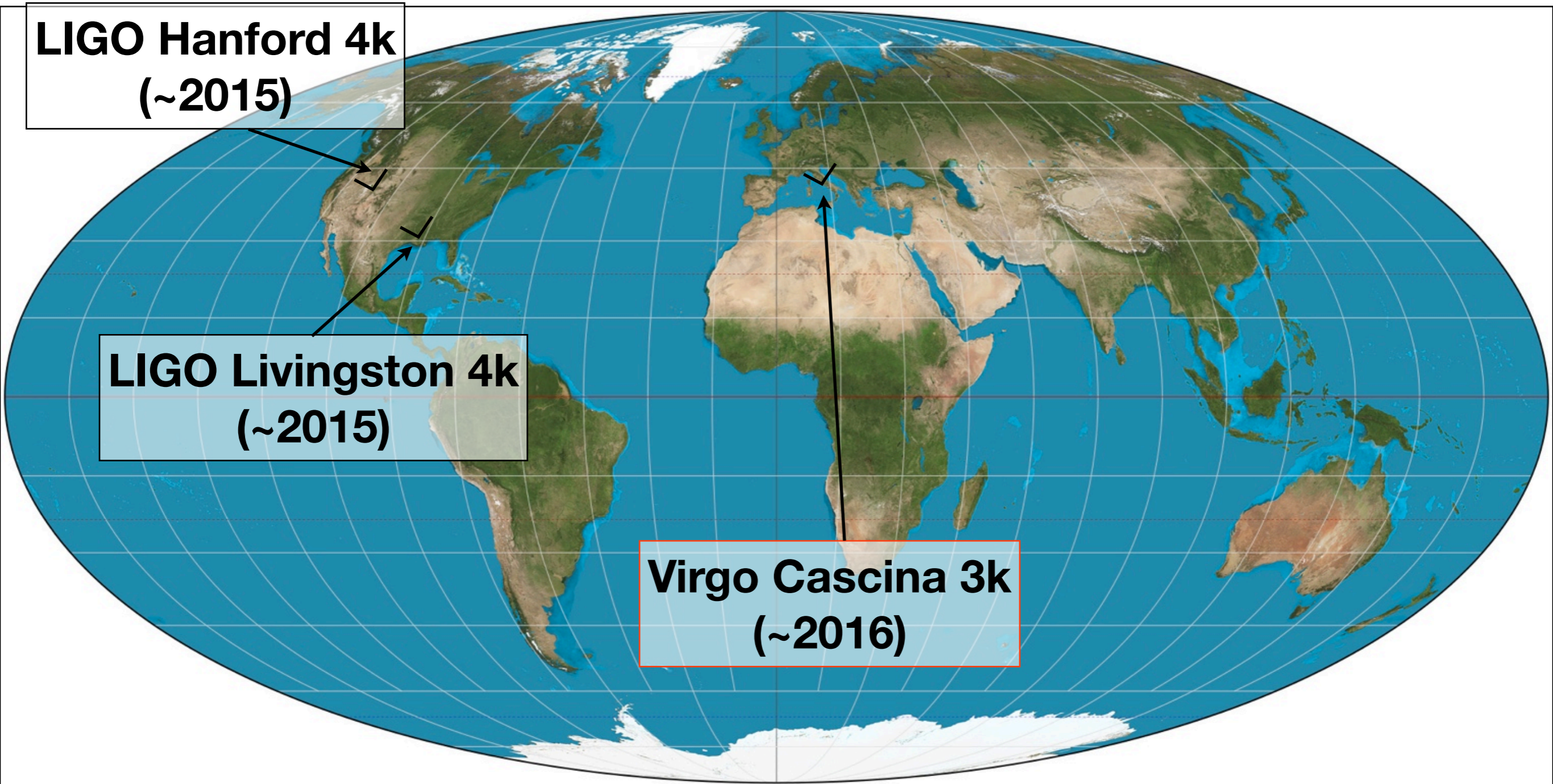


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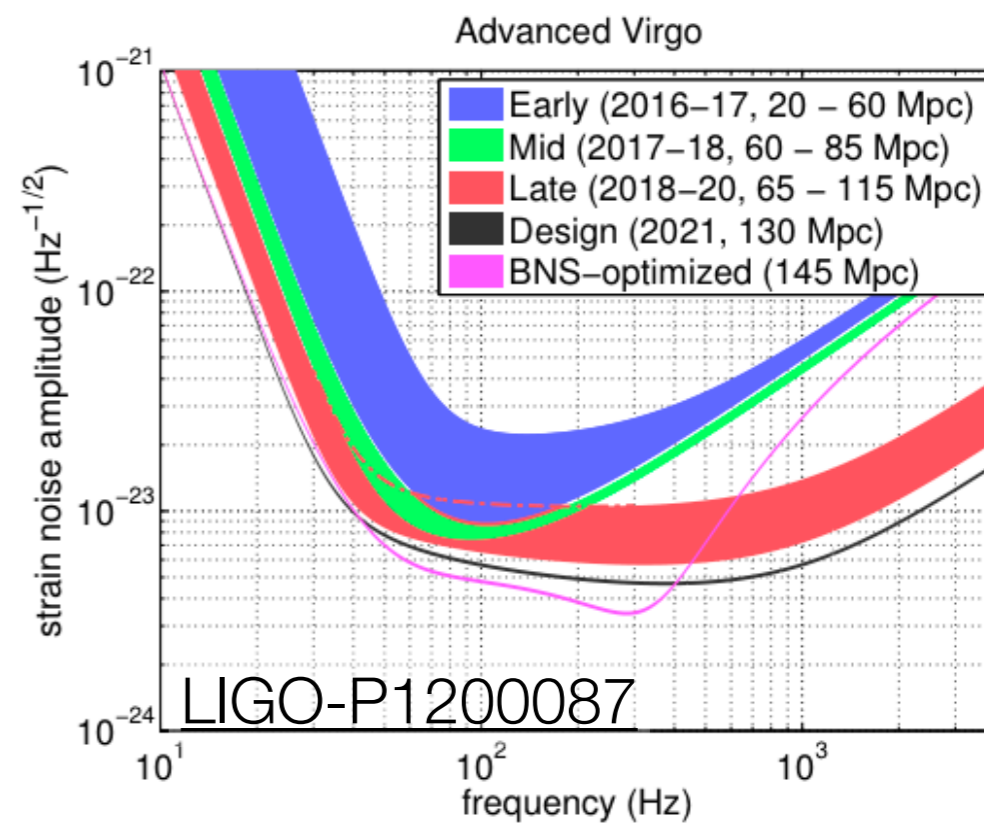
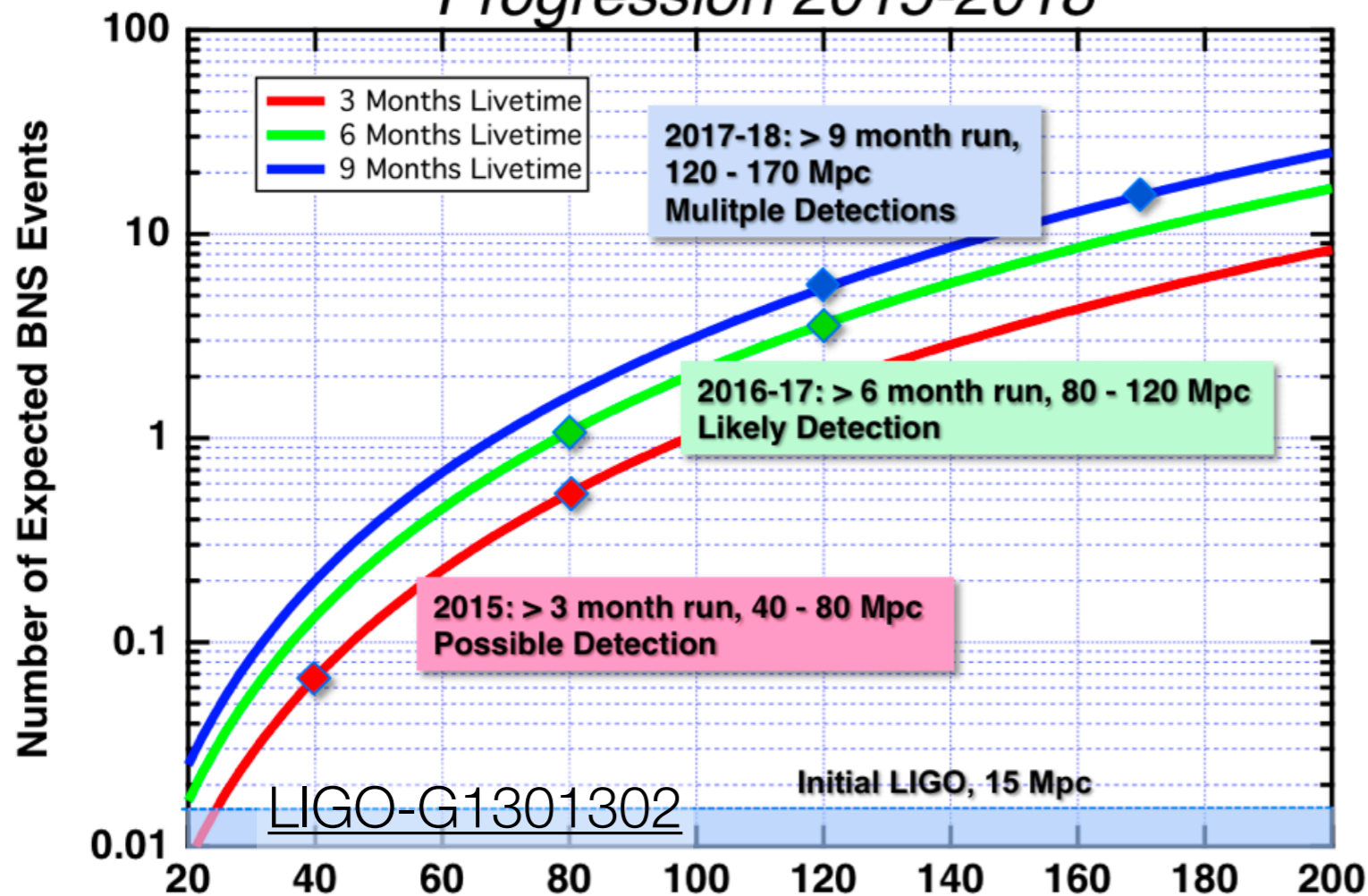
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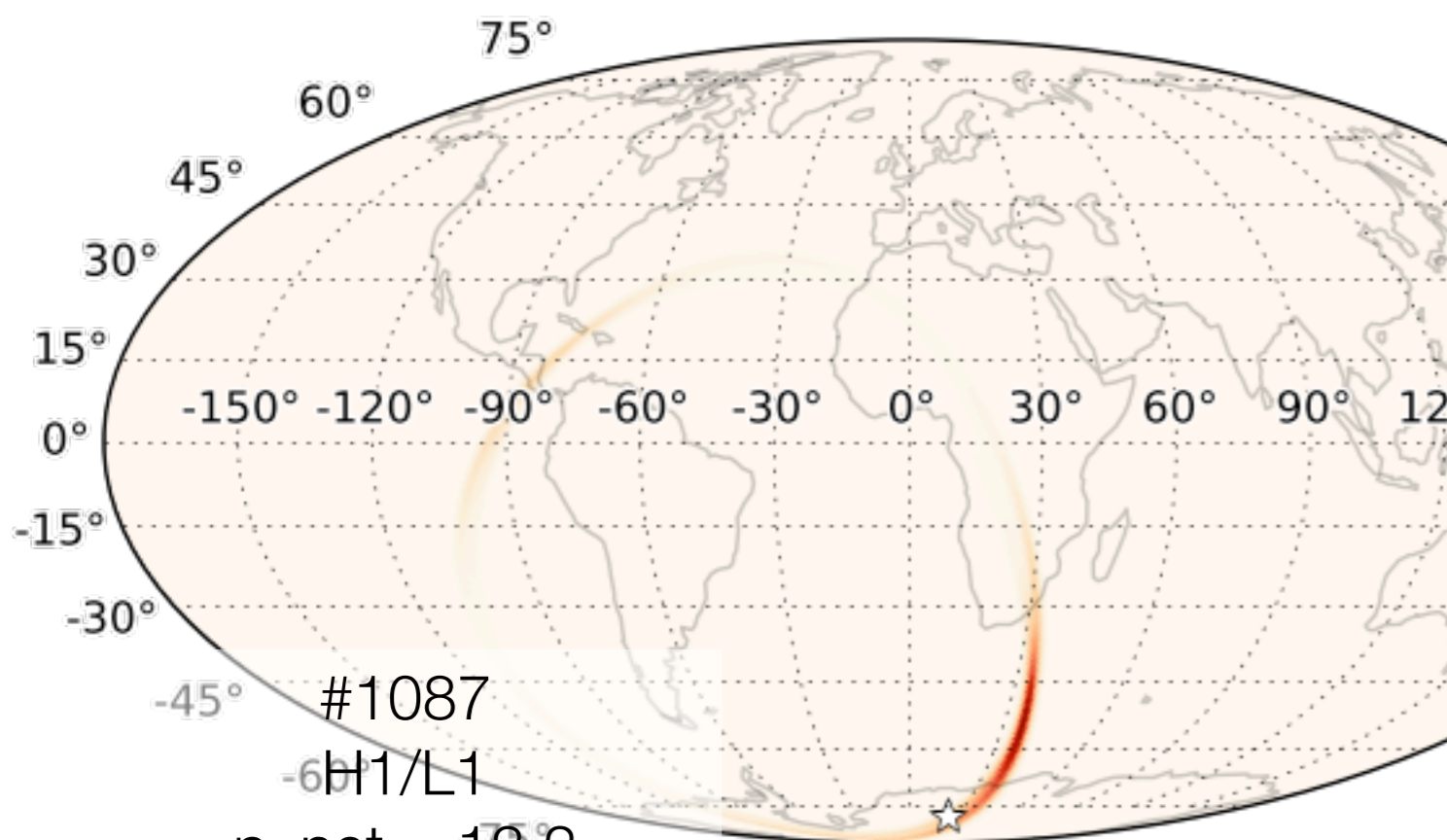


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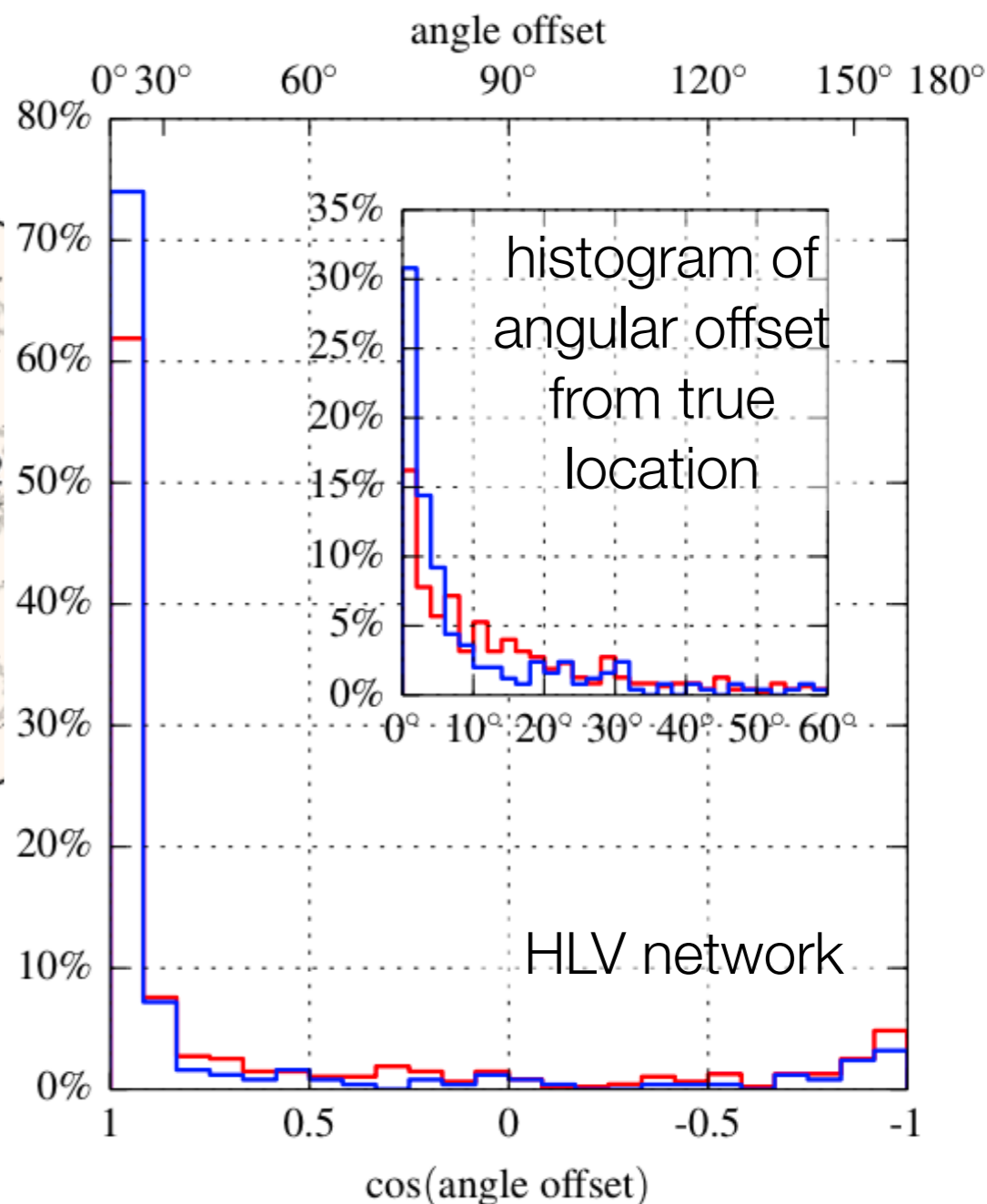


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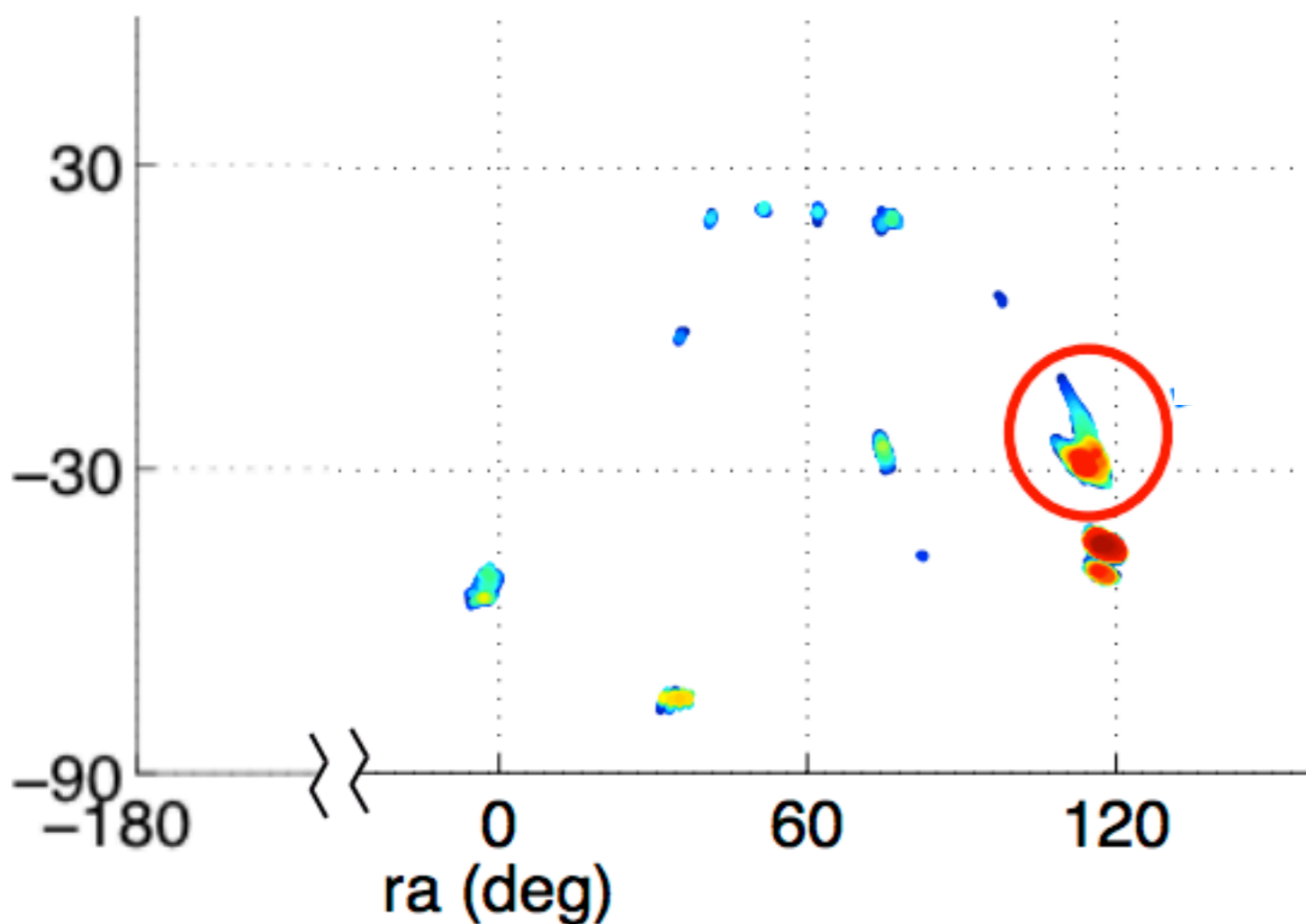
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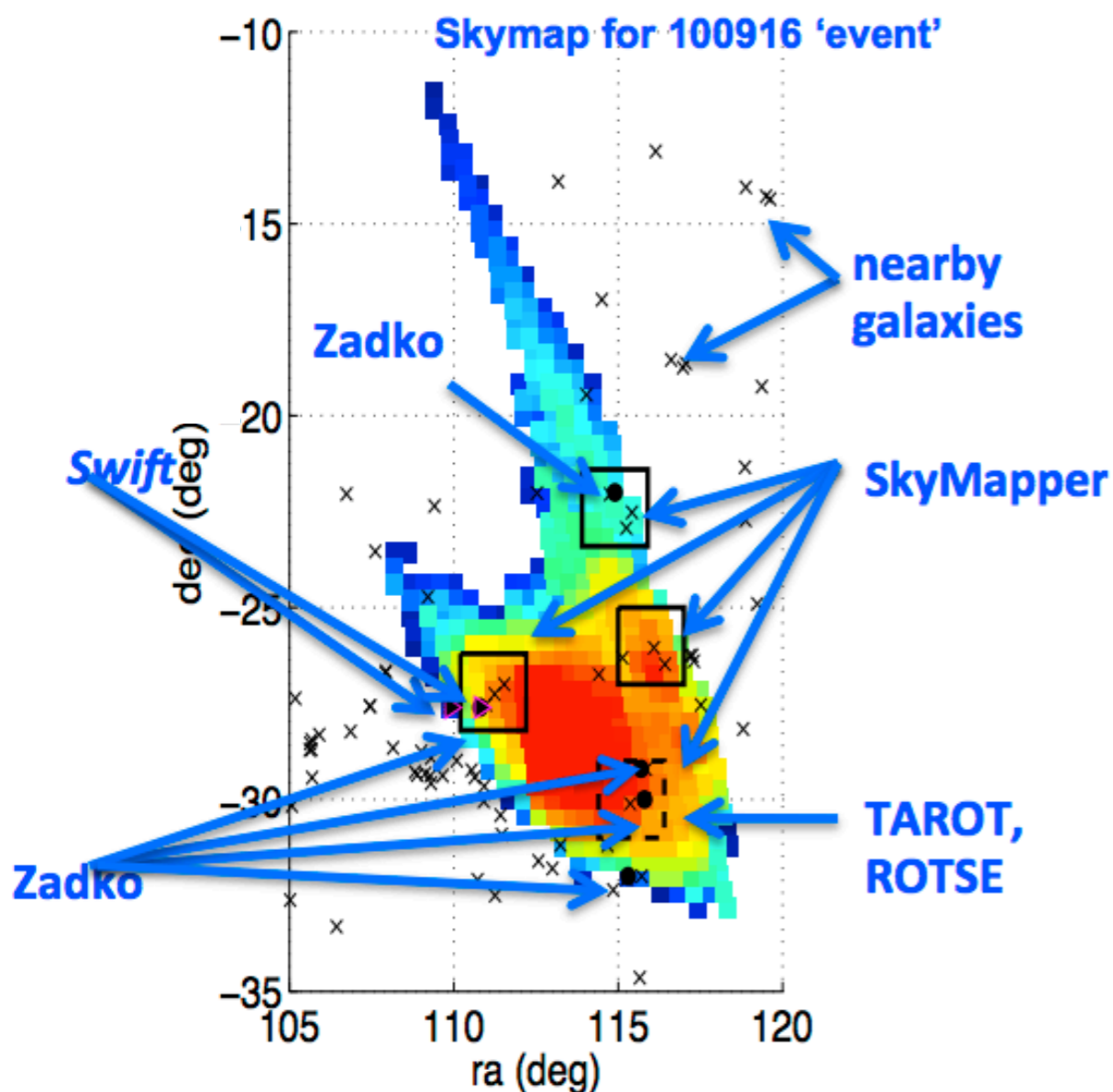


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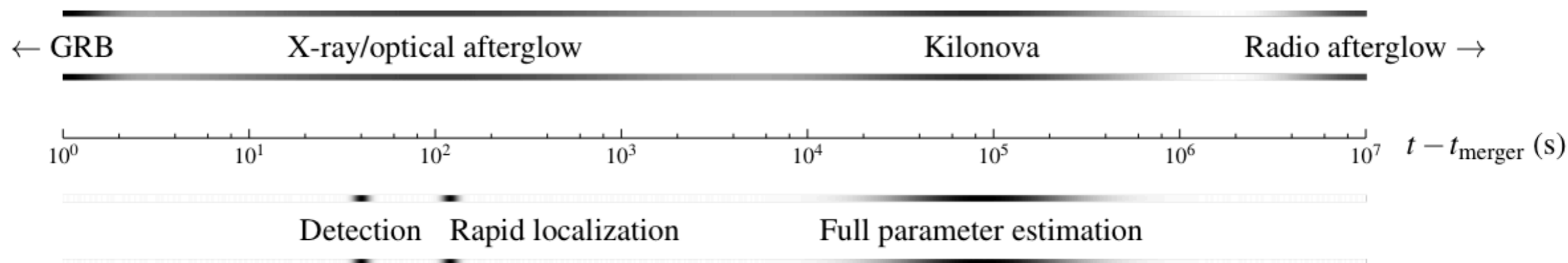


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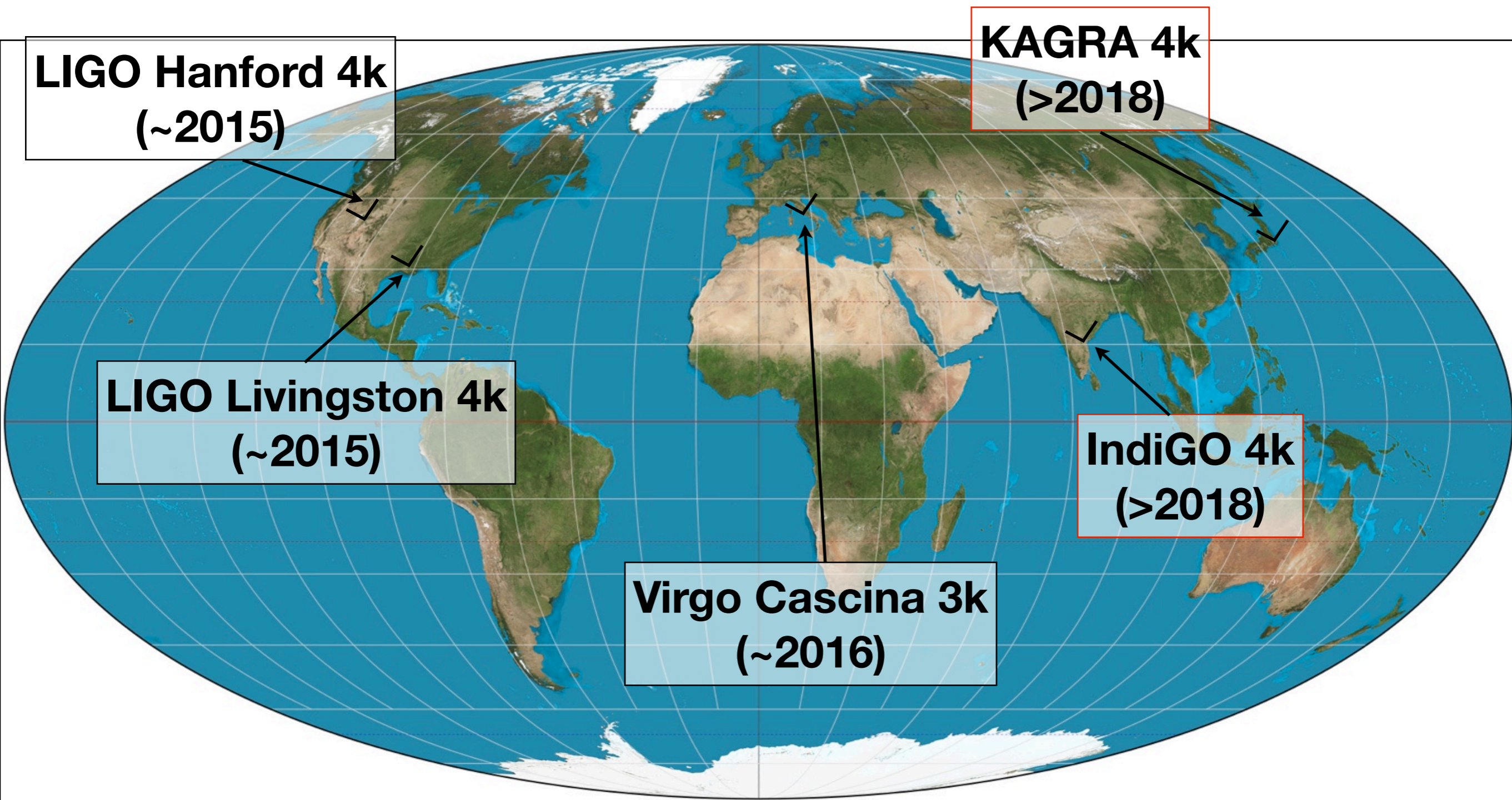
- Early follow up will require rapid and extensive parameter estimation (from GW astronomers; see talk from Vivien Raymond next!) and wide-field and/or high cadence observing facilities:



**Figure 2.** Rough timeline of compact binary merger electromagnetic emissions in relation to the timescale of the Advanced LIGO/Virgo analysis described in this paper. The time axis measures seconds after the merger.

- MoUs signed with ~40 partner telescopes/electromagnetic facilities
- Planned: GCNs, VOEvents, two-way information transfer with partners, system will be practiced and in place for the next observational run

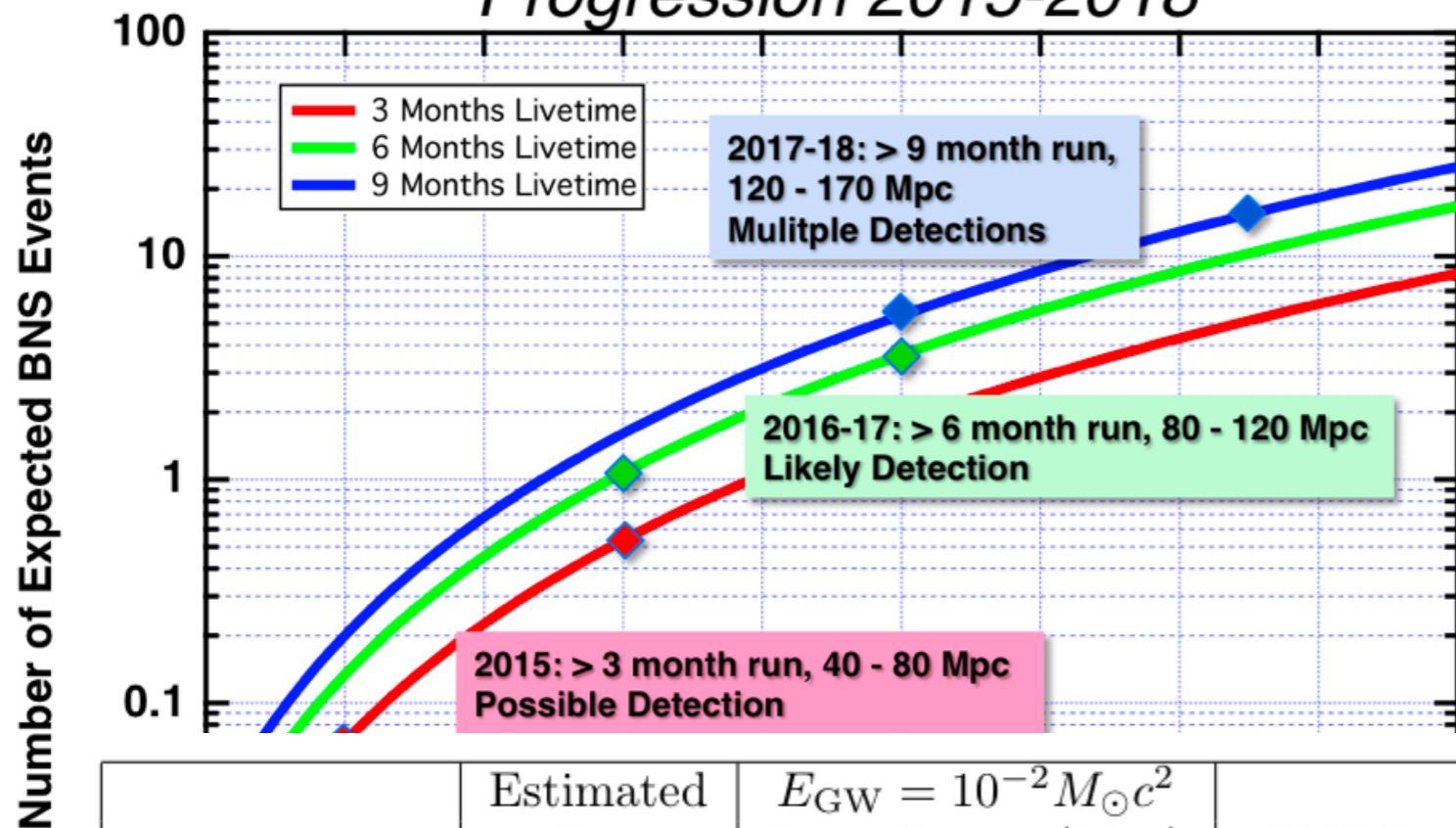
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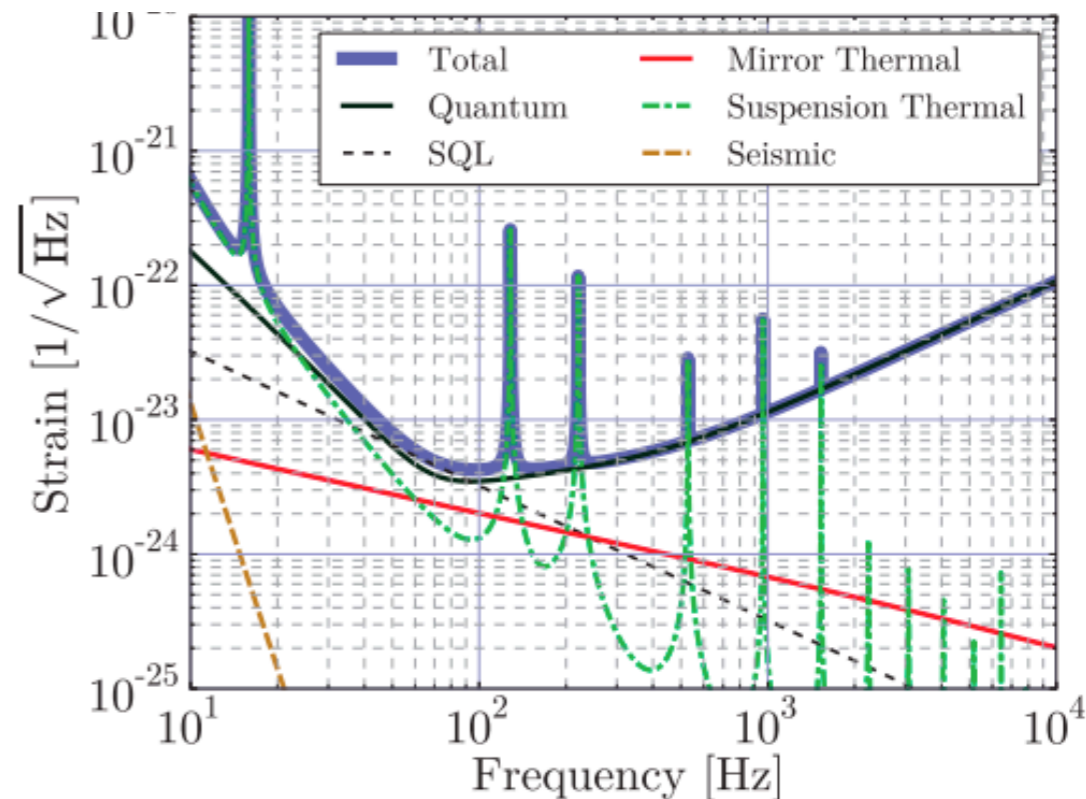


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2019+	(per year)	105	40 - 80	200	65 - 130	0.2 - 200	3 - 8	8 - 28
2022+ (India)	(per year)	105	80	200	130	0.4 - 400	17	48



## Concluding Remarks

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- LIGO-Virgo instrument progress is accelerating!
  - One instrument functioning beyond previous sensitivity limits
  - Next observing run planned for next year!
- Multi-messenger astronomy with gravitational waves will be a challenging but rewarding prospect: Gravitational-wave astronomy looks to partner observations with electromagnetic and particle observatories; joint observations to explore questions in current astrophysics as well as open new avenues
- **Given current understanding/uncertainty of standard candle sources (like binary neutron stars) a detection(s) is  $\leq 3$  years away**

Just In Case

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# 2018 Preview

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stellar mass BH binaries (5 + 5 M <sub>⊙</sub> )	$6.4 \times 10^{-6} \text{ Mpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$	$6.4 \times 10^{-9} \text{ Mpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$	$5 \times 10^{-9} \text{ Mpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$
mixed binaries (1.35 + 5 M <sub>⊙</sub> )	$3.1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ Mpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$	$3.1 \times 10^{-8} \text{ Mpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$	$3 \times 10^{-8} \text{ Mpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$
“high stellar mass” BH binaries (50 + 50 M <sub>⊙</sub> )	$7 \times 10^{-8} \text{ Mpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$	$7 \times 10^{-11} \text{ Mpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$	—
intermediate mass BH binaries (center of 88 + 88 M <sub>⊙</sub> )	$1.2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ Mpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$	$1.2 \times 10^{-10} \text{ Mpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$	$3 \times 10^{-10} \text{ Mpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$
ringdowns (BH merger, q=1:4, M <sub>T</sub> =125 M <sub>⊙</sub> )	$1.1 \times 10^{-7} \text{ Mpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$	$1.1 \times 10^{-10} \text{ Mpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$	$3 \times 10^{-10} \text{ Mpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$
generic short-duration transient (BH merger, supernova, etc...)	$1.3 \text{ yr}^{-1}$	$1.3 \text{ yr}^{-1}$	—

**Does Not Include Improvements to Detector Bandwidth**



