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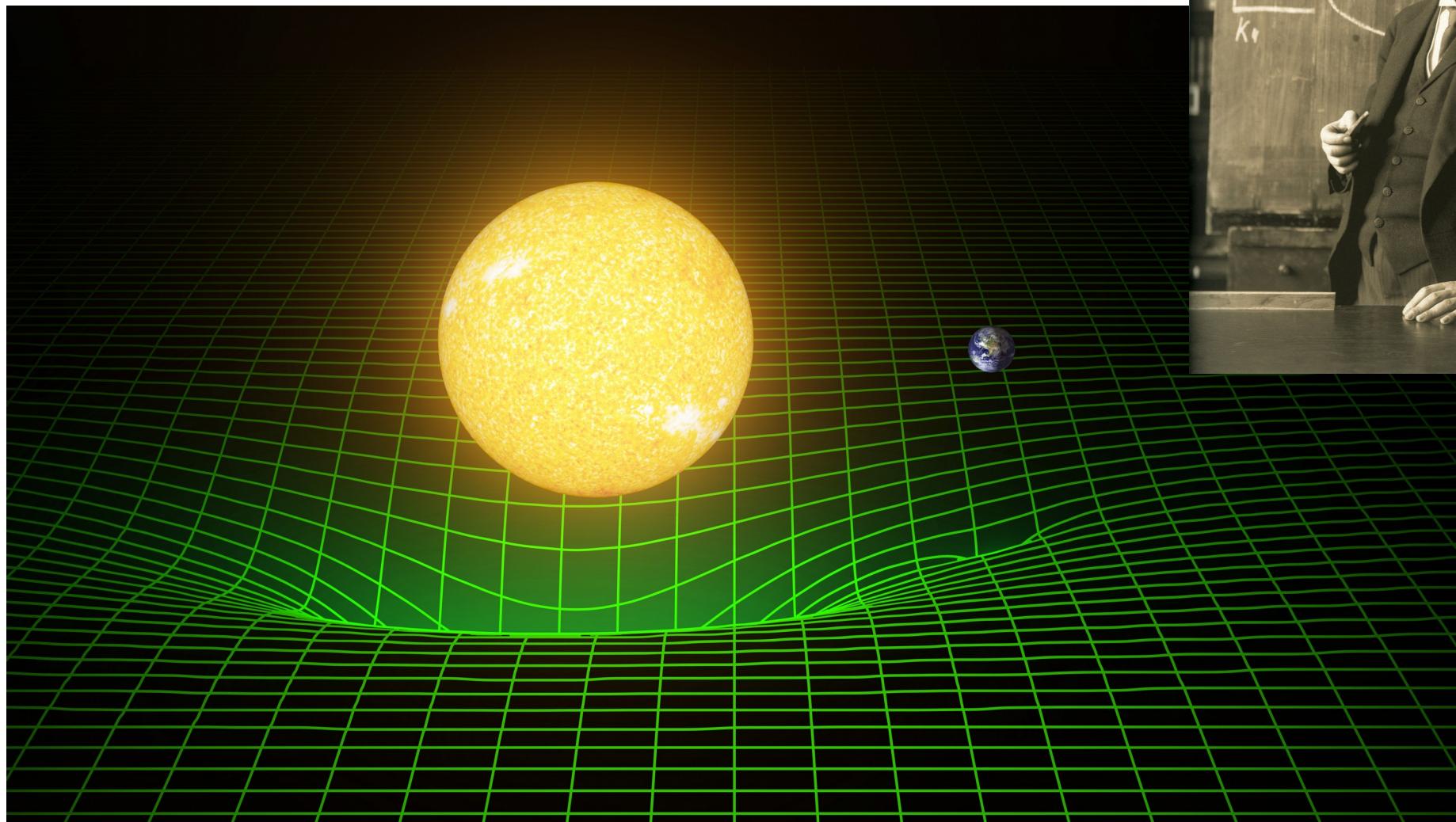
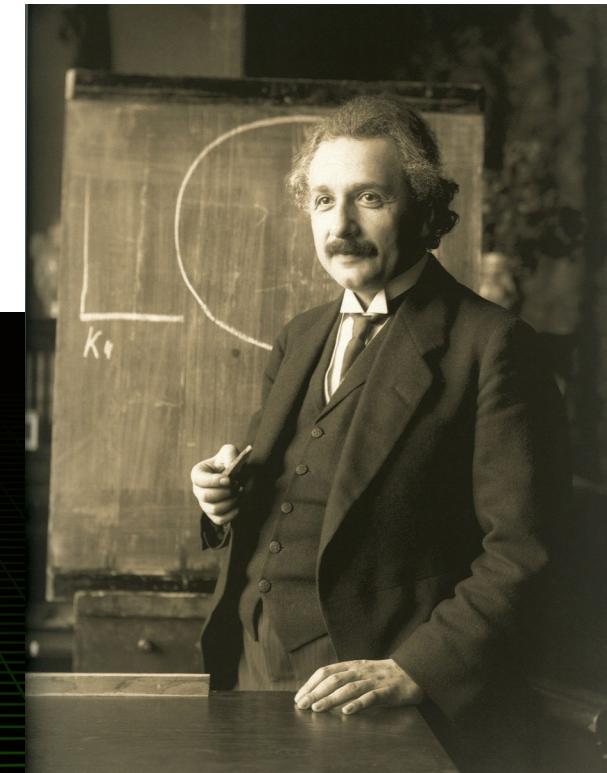
Introduction to gravitational waves

- General relativity
- Gravitational waves
- First detections of gravitational waves
- Characterization of black hole binary systems

Illustration

General Relativity

- 1915: The theory of general relativity is published by Albert Einstein
- Current description of gravitation
- Superior to Newtonian gravity
- Gravity = geometric description of space and time



General Relativity

Metric: space-time structure, used to define distances

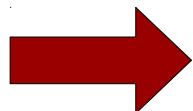
Space-time is described by the metric tensor $g_{\mu\nu}$

Distances are measured by integrating the distance element:

$$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu$$

Example: Minkowski flat metric (empty space, $c=1$)

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{time} & \begin{matrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{matrix} & \text{Euclidean metric} \end{pmatrix} \quad ds^2 = -dx^0 dx^0 + dx^1 dx^1 + dx^2 dx^2 + dx^3 dx^3$$



In presence of gravity, the metric is curved

→ distance = geodesics

General Relativity

Einstein's equation:

$$G_{\mu\nu} = R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} R (+ \Lambda g_{\mu\nu}) = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}$$

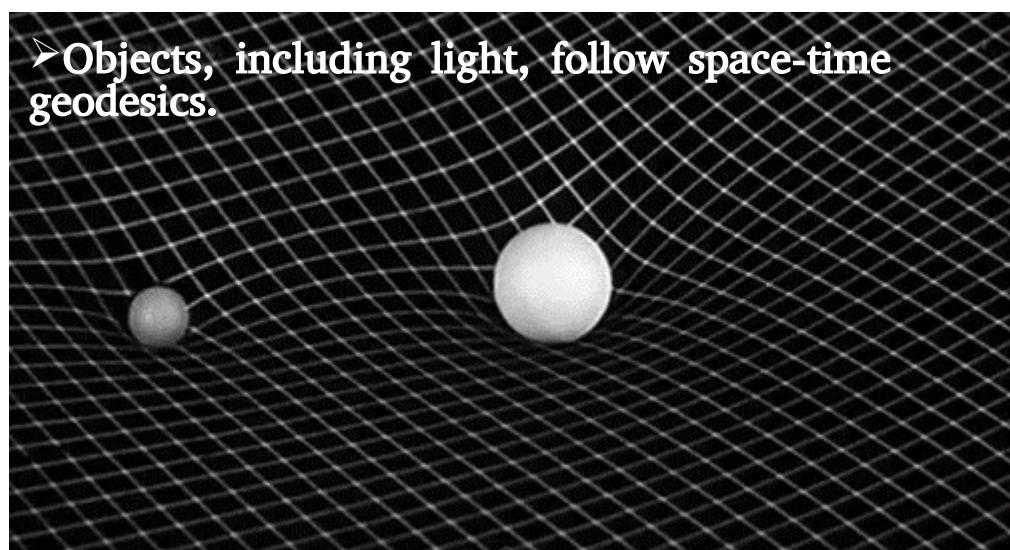
Space-time curvature \longleftrightarrow Mass/energy

$R_{\mu\nu} = R^\alpha_{\mu\alpha\nu}$ Ricci tensor = contraction of Riemann tensor

$R = R^\alpha_\alpha$ Scalar curvature: Ricci tensor contraction

$T_{\mu\nu}$ Energy-momentum tensor: density and flux of energy and momentum

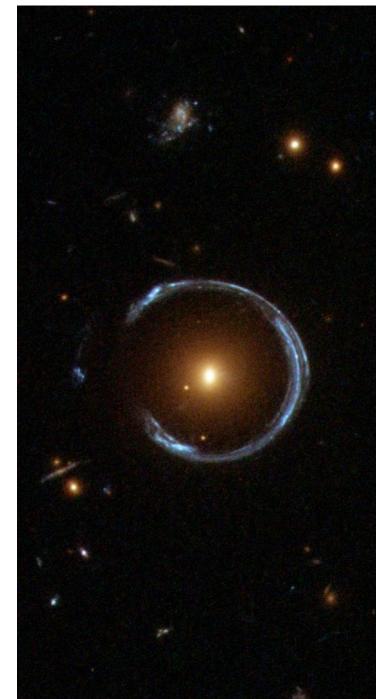
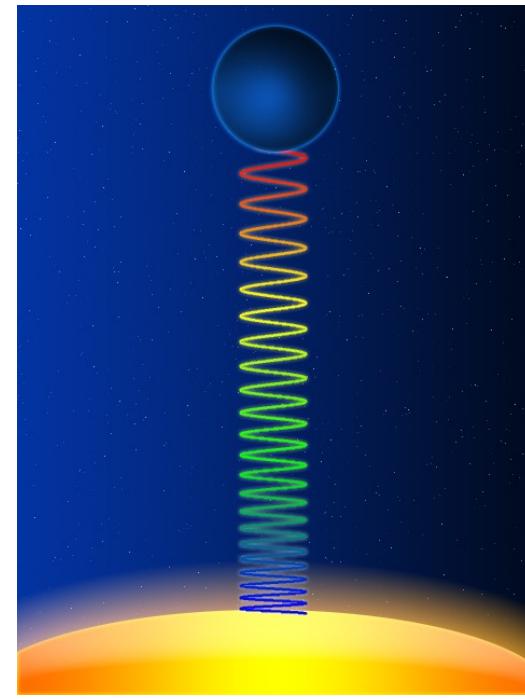
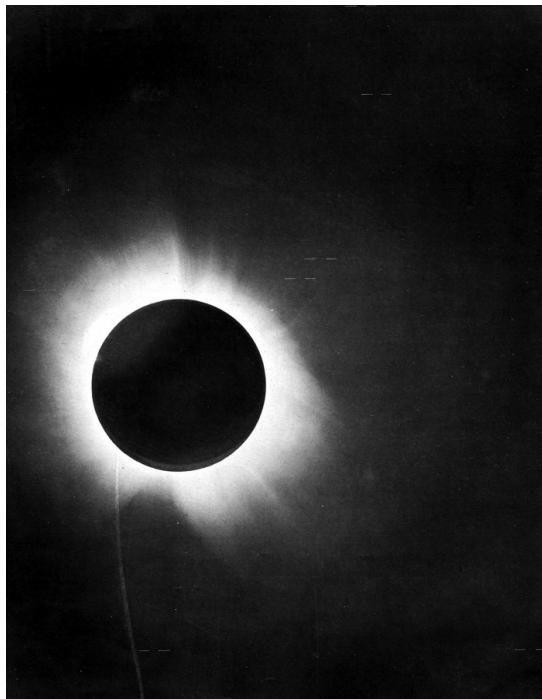
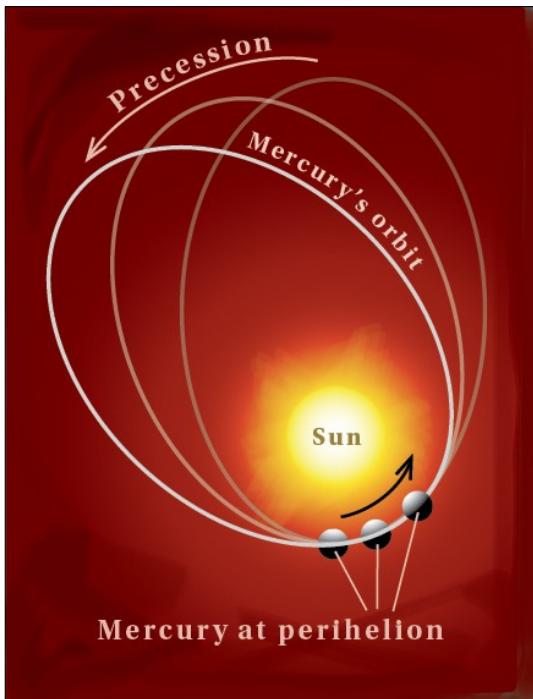
- The entire theory is encoded in a single expression!
- Symmetrical tensors \rightarrow 10 equations
- Highly non-linear equations



General Relativity

Predictions of the theory

- Anomalous shift (43'') of the Mercury perihelion
- Light deflection by gravity (observed in 1919)
- Gravitational redshift (observed in 1959)
- Gravitational lensing (observed in 1979)
- Black holes (observed indirectly)
- Gravitational waves (observed in 2015!)



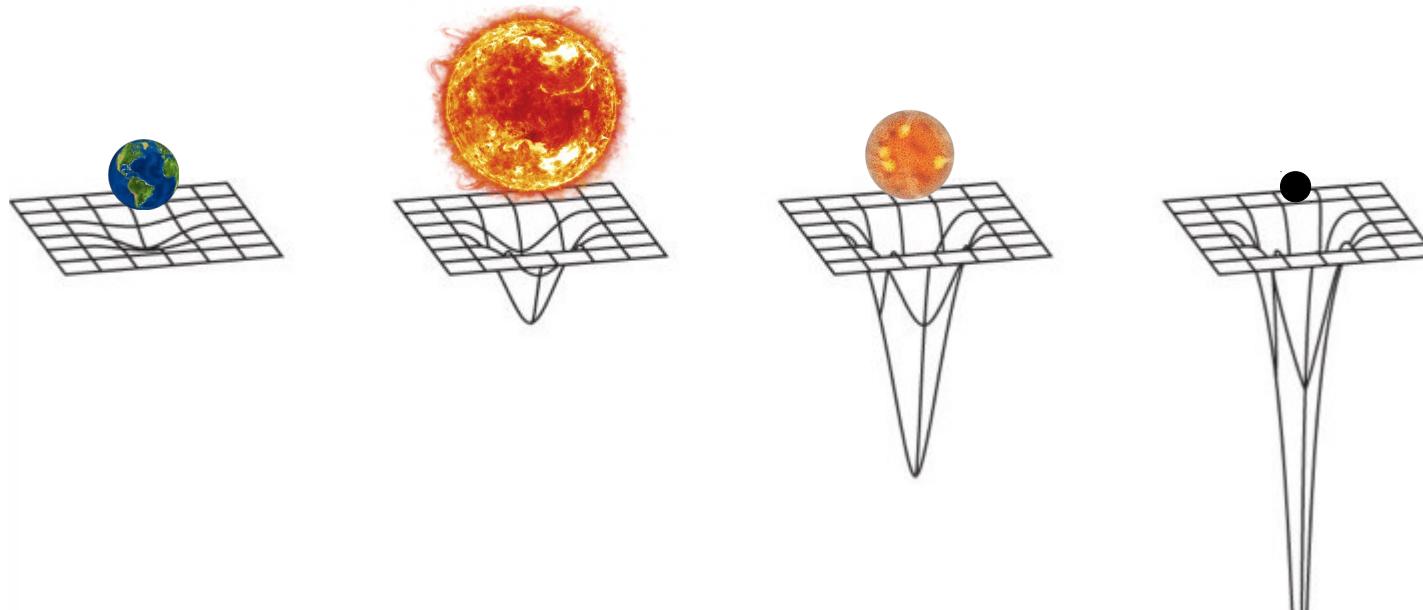
Black holes

Region of space-time deformed by a compact mass from which nothing can escape (not even light). Introduced by Schwarzschild in 1916

Escape velocity (Newton): $v_e = \sqrt{2 \frac{Gm}{r}}$ $\xrightarrow{v_e=c}$ $R_s = 2 \frac{Gm}{c^2}$ Schwarzschild radius

Black hole: $R < R_s = 2 \frac{Gm}{c^2}$

Earth	Sun	Neutron star	Black hole	Compacity
$R_s = 9 \text{ mm}$	$R_s = 3 \text{ km}$	$R_s \sim 5 \text{ km}$	$R_s \sim 10 \text{ km}$	
$R = 6000 \text{ km}$	$R = 700 000 \text{ km}$	$R \sim 10 \text{ km}$	$R < R_s$	



Black holes

Theoretical developments in the 60s:

- Rotating black hole solution (Kerr, 1963)
- Electrically charged black hole (Newman, 1965)
- No-hair theorem: mass+spin+charge (1967)
- Singularities as generic solutions (Hawking/Penrose, 1969)

- **Stellar black hole** = result from the collapse of a massive star ($m = 3\text{-}100 M_{\text{sun}}$)
- **Supermassive black hole** = low-density object at the center of a galaxy ($m \sim 10^9 M_{\text{sun}}$)
- **Primordial black hole** = extremely dense object formed just after the big-bang.



Observational evidence:

- star motion near the Milky Way center
- accretion of matter on black holes = bright X-ray sources (X-ray binaries, quasars, AGN)

→ *indirect observations*

688 Sitzung der physikalisch-mathematischen Klasse vom 22. Juni 1916

Näherungsweise Integration der Feldgleichungen der Gravitation.

Von A. EINSTEIN.



Bei der Behandlung der meisten speziellen (nicht prinzipiellen) Probleme auf dem Gebiete der Gravitationstheorie kann man sich damit begnügen, die $g_{\mu\nu}$ in erster Näherung zu berechnen. Dabei bedient man sich mit Vorteil der imaginären Zeitvariable $x_4 = it$ aus denselben Gründen wie in der speziellen Relativitätstheorie. Unter »erster Näherung« ist dabei verstanden, daß die durch die Gleichung

$$g_{\mu\nu} = -\delta_{\mu\nu} + \gamma_{\mu\nu} \quad (1)$$

definierten Größen $\gamma_{\mu\nu}$, welche linearen orthogonalen Transformationen gegenüber Tensorcharakter besitzen, gegen 1 als kleine Größen behandelt werden können, deren Quadrate und Produkte gegen die ersten Potenzen vernachlässigt werden dürfen. Dabei ist $\delta_{\mu\nu} = 1$ bzw. $\delta_{\mu\nu} = 0$, je nachdem $\mu = \nu$ oder $\mu \neq \nu$.

Wir werden zeigen, daß diese $\gamma_{\mu\nu}$ in analoger Weise berechnet werden können wie die retardierten Potentiale der Elektrodynamik.

↔ small perturbation of
Minkowski's metric

$$G_{\mu\nu} = R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} R = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

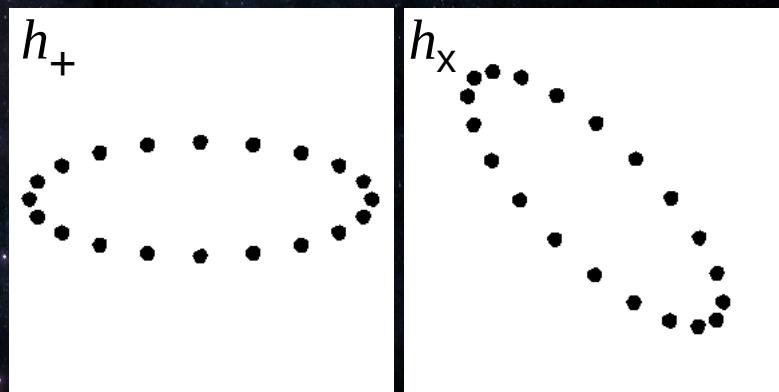
Add a small perturbation to a flat metric:

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu} \quad |h_{\mu\nu}| \ll 1$$

Einstein equations can be linearized and solved:

- h obeys a plane-wave equation (transverse-traceless gauge)
- the wave propagates at the speed of light
- 2 degrees of freedom: h_+ and h_x

→ Gravitational waves



Gravitational-wave emission

~~Monopole~~

$$m = \int \rho d^3 \vec{r}$$

~~Dipole~~

$$P_i = \int \rho x_i d^3 \vec{r}$$

Quadrupole (traceless)

$$Q_{ij} = \int \rho (x_i x_j) d^3 \vec{r}$$

Einstein quadrupole formula (radiated power)

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = -\frac{G}{5c^5} \left\langle \frac{d^3 Q^{ij}}{dt^3} \frac{d^3 Q_{ij}}{dt^3} \right\rangle$$

Estimate using the source parameters

$$Q \sim \varepsilon M R^2$$

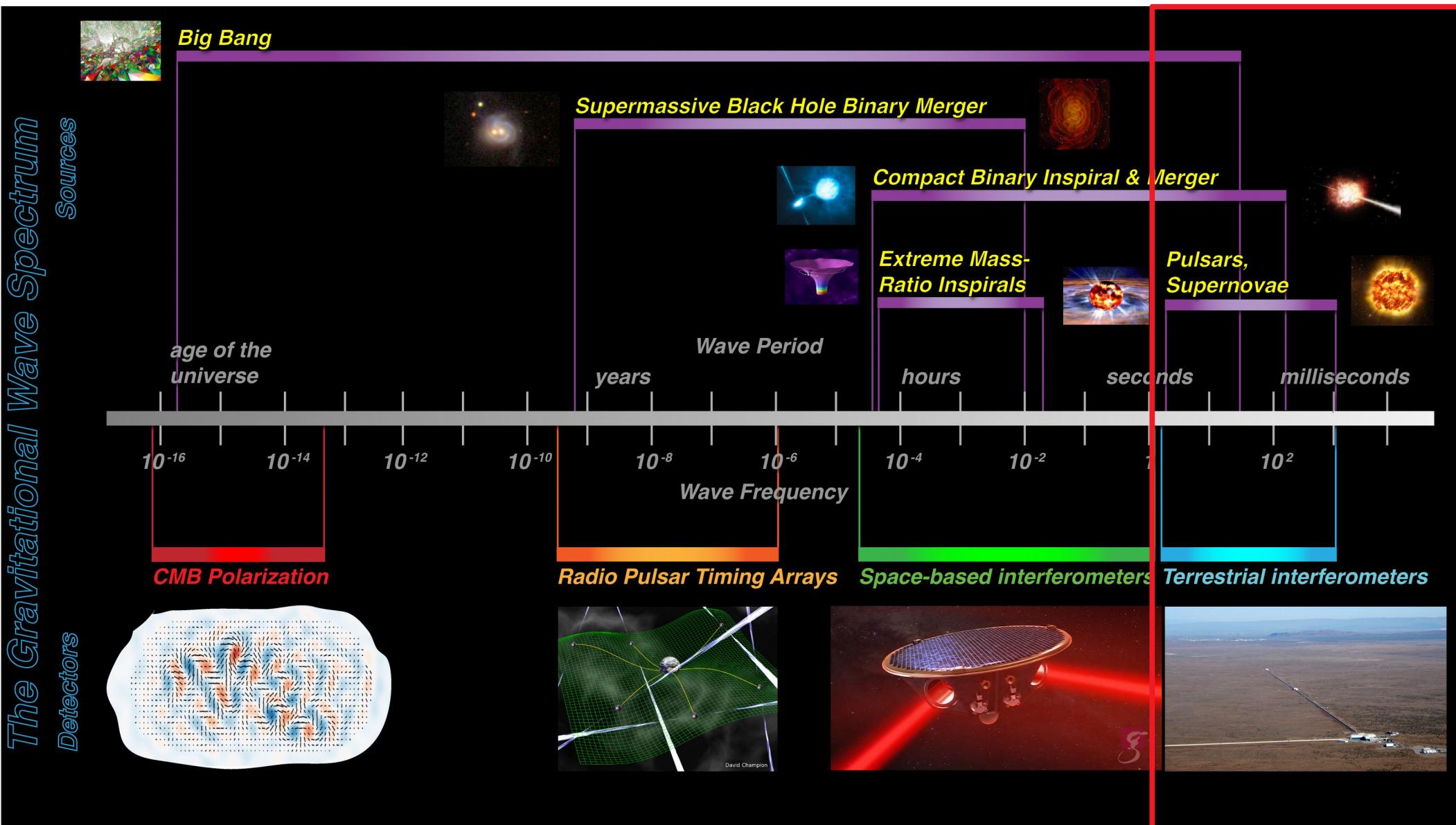
$$\frac{d^3 Q}{dt^3} \sim \varepsilon M R^2 \omega^3$$

$$\frac{dE}{dt} \sim -\frac{G}{c^5} \varepsilon^2 M^2 R^4 \omega^6 \sim -\frac{c^5}{G} \varepsilon^2 \left(\frac{R_s}{R} \right)^2 \left(\frac{v}{c} \right)^6$$

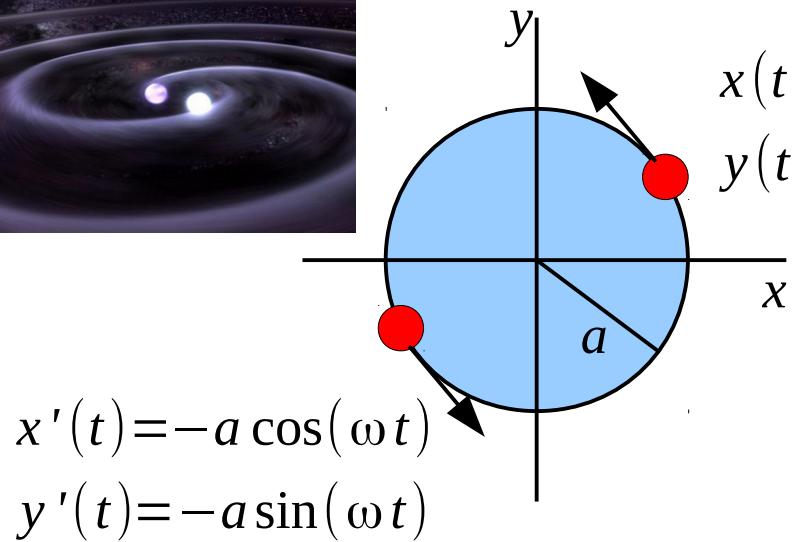
$\simeq 10^{52} W$

- Important source characteristics:
- asymmetric
- compact
- relativistic

Gravitational-wave sources



Gravitational-wave emission



Quadrupolar moment:

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} ma^2(1+\cos(2\omega t)) & ma^2 \sin(2\omega t) \\ ma^2 \sin(2\omega t) & ma^2(1-\cos(2\omega t)) \end{pmatrix}$$

z projection in transverse-traceless gauge:

$$\ddot{Q} = \begin{pmatrix} -4ma^2\omega^2 \cos(2\omega t) & -4ma^2\omega^2 \sin(2\omega t) \\ -4ma^2\omega^2 \sin(2\omega t) & 4ma^2 \cos(2\omega t) \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow h_{ij}^{TT} = 2 \frac{G}{rc^4} \ddot{Q}_{ij}$$

$$\rightarrow h_+ = -2 \frac{G}{rc^4} 4\omega^2 ma^2 \cos(2\omega t)$$

1 parsec = 3.26 light-years
100 Mpc = 3.26 x 10⁸ light-years

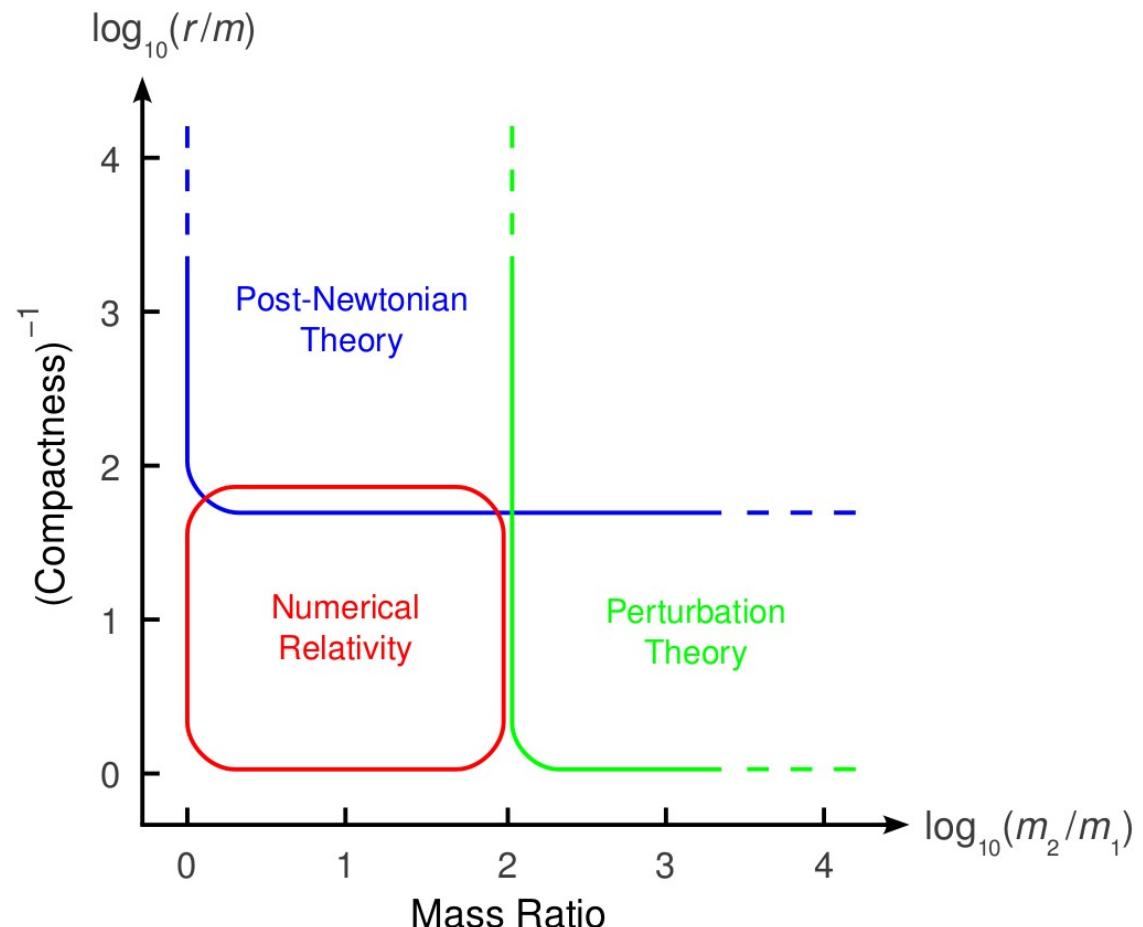
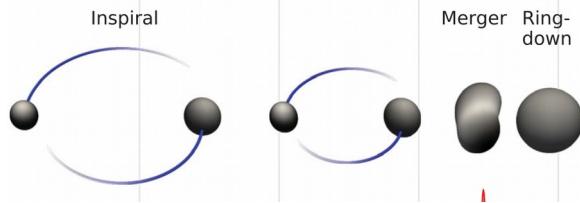
Source at 100 Mpc, rotating at 50 Hz, $m=2 M_{\text{sun}}$ orbiting at 1000 km:

$$h \sim 4 \times 10^{-21}$$

Theoretical waveforms

Theoretical input:

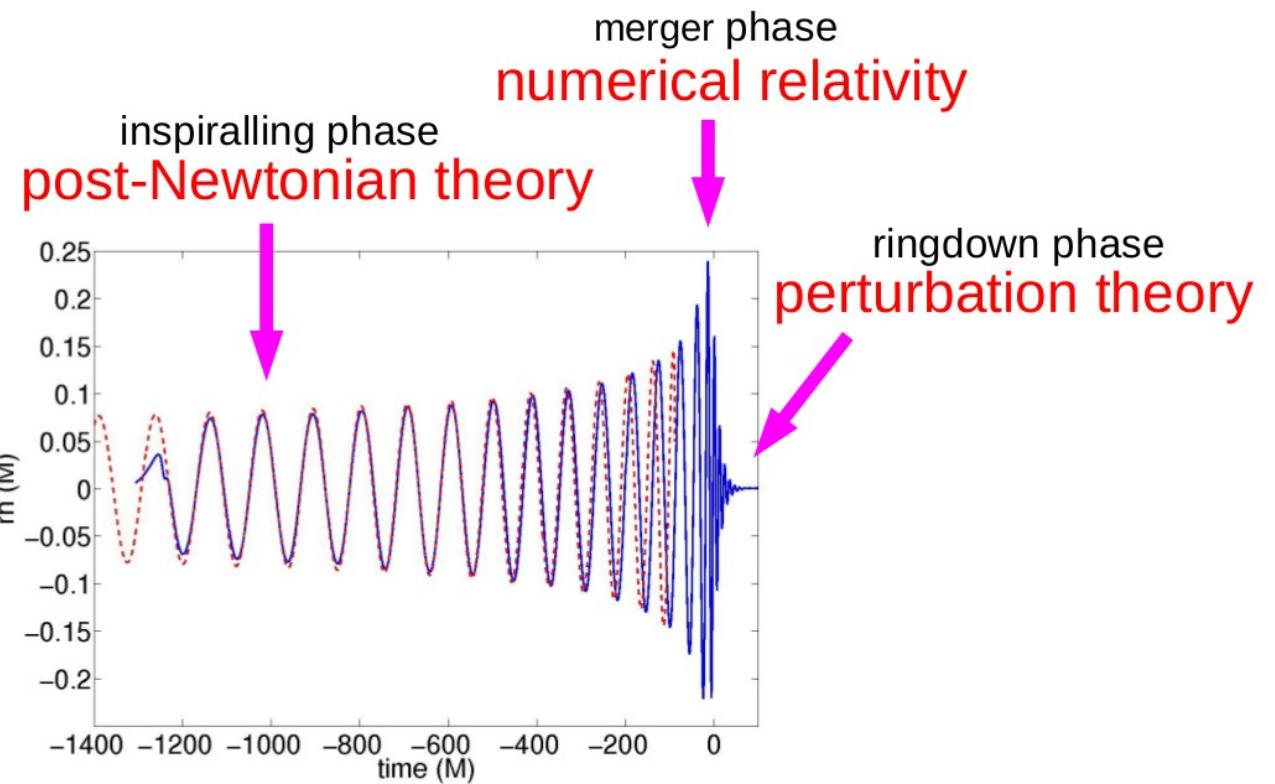
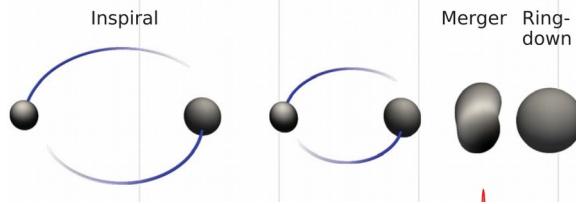
- 90s: CBC PN waveforms (Blanchet, Iyer, Damour, Deruelle, Will, Wiseman, ...)
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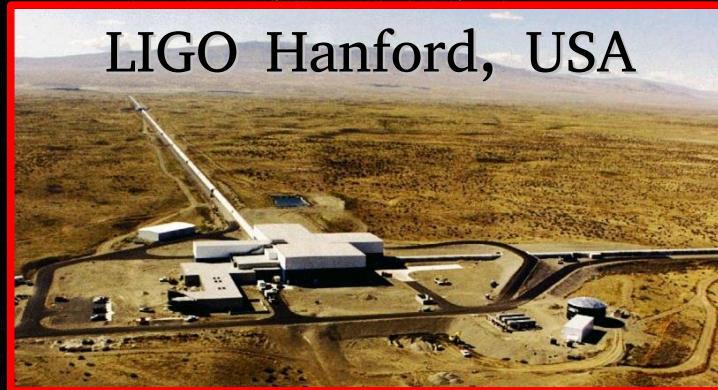


Inspiral phase: the phase is driven by the “chirp” mass

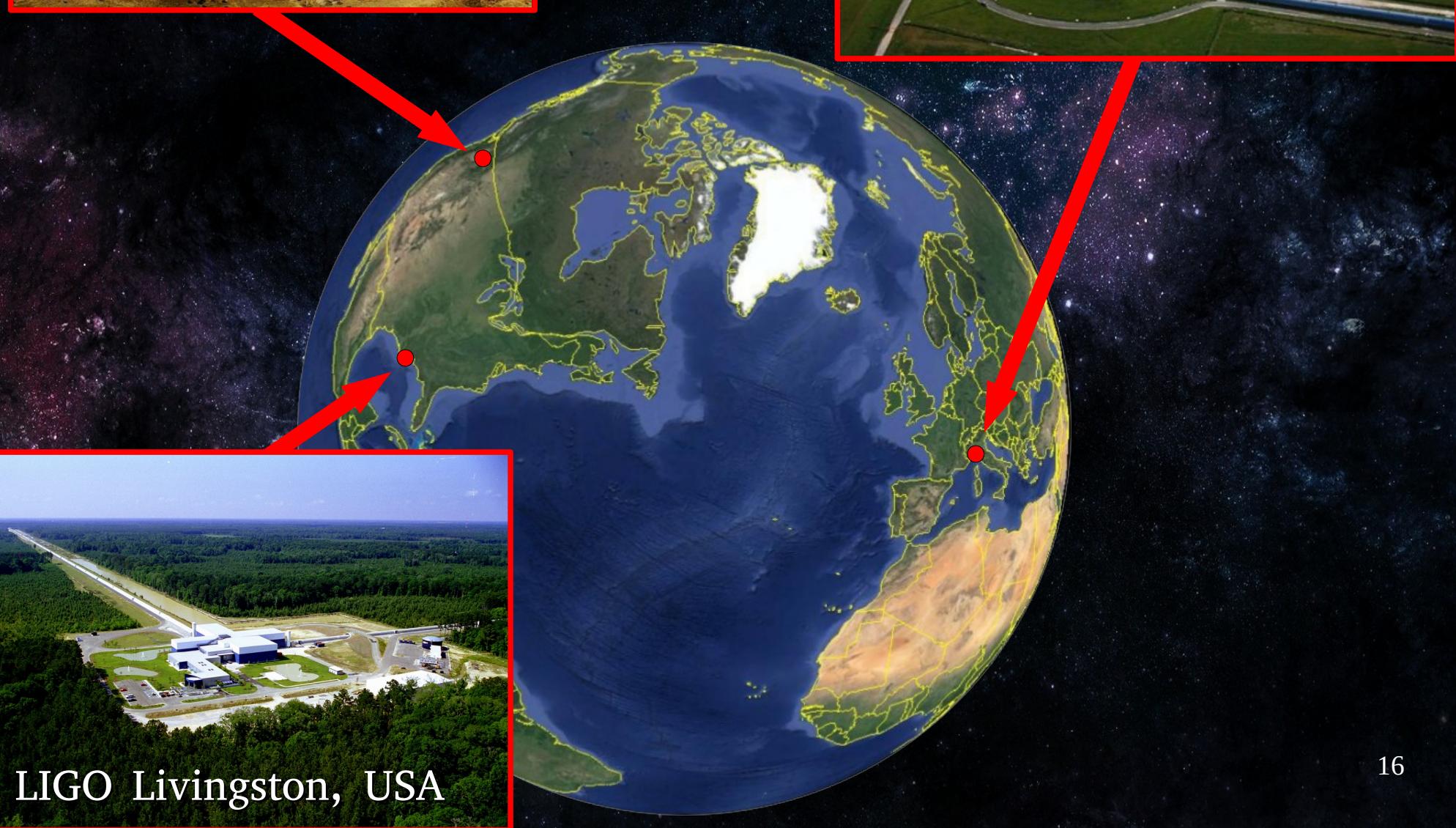
$$M_{\text{chirp}} = \frac{(m_1 m_2)^{3/5}}{(m_1 + m_2)^{1/5}} = \frac{c^3}{G} \left[\frac{5}{96} \pi^{-8/3} f^{-11/3} \dot{f} \right]^{3/5}$$

- Input for GW searches
- Input for parameter estimation analyses

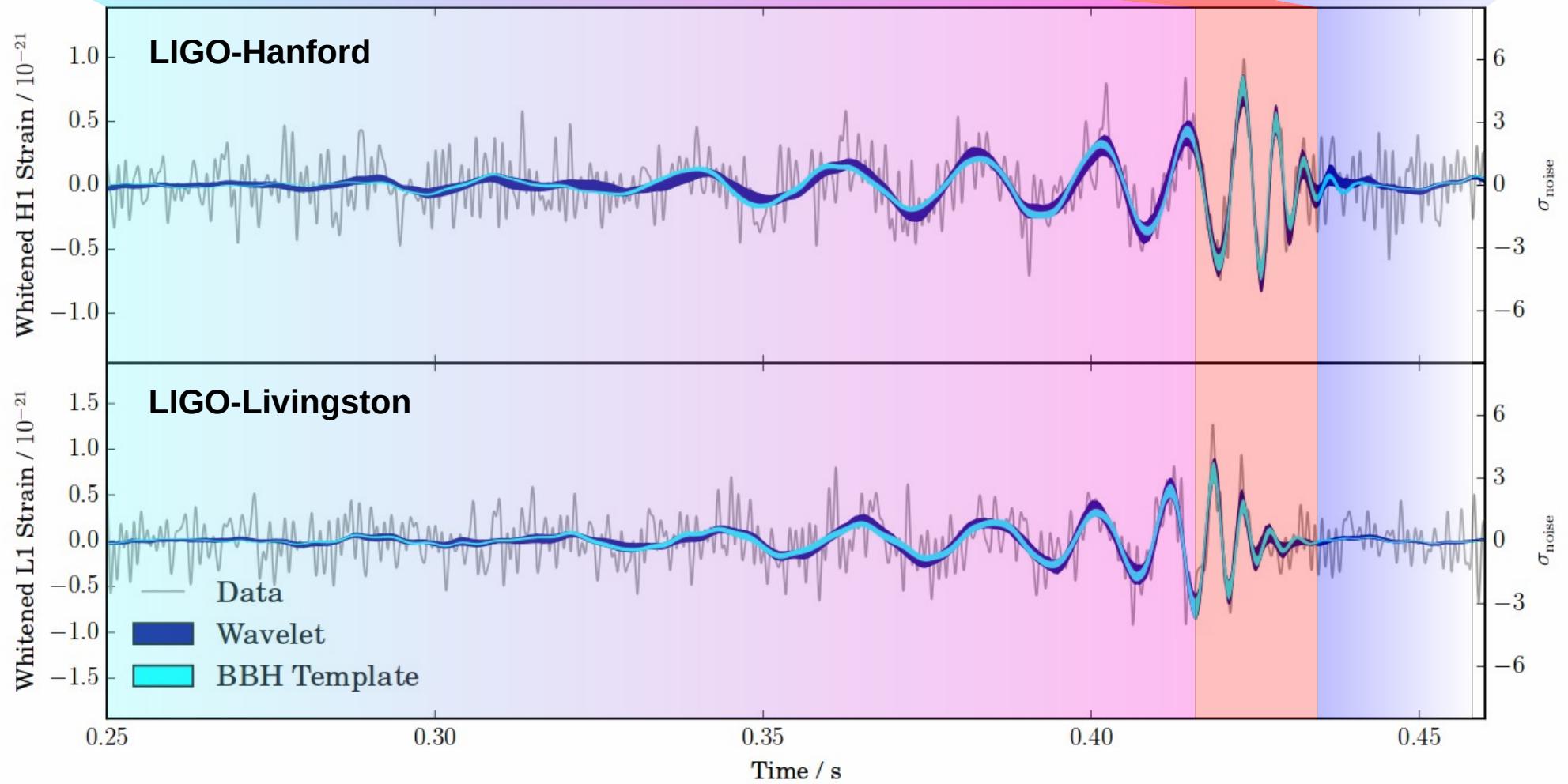
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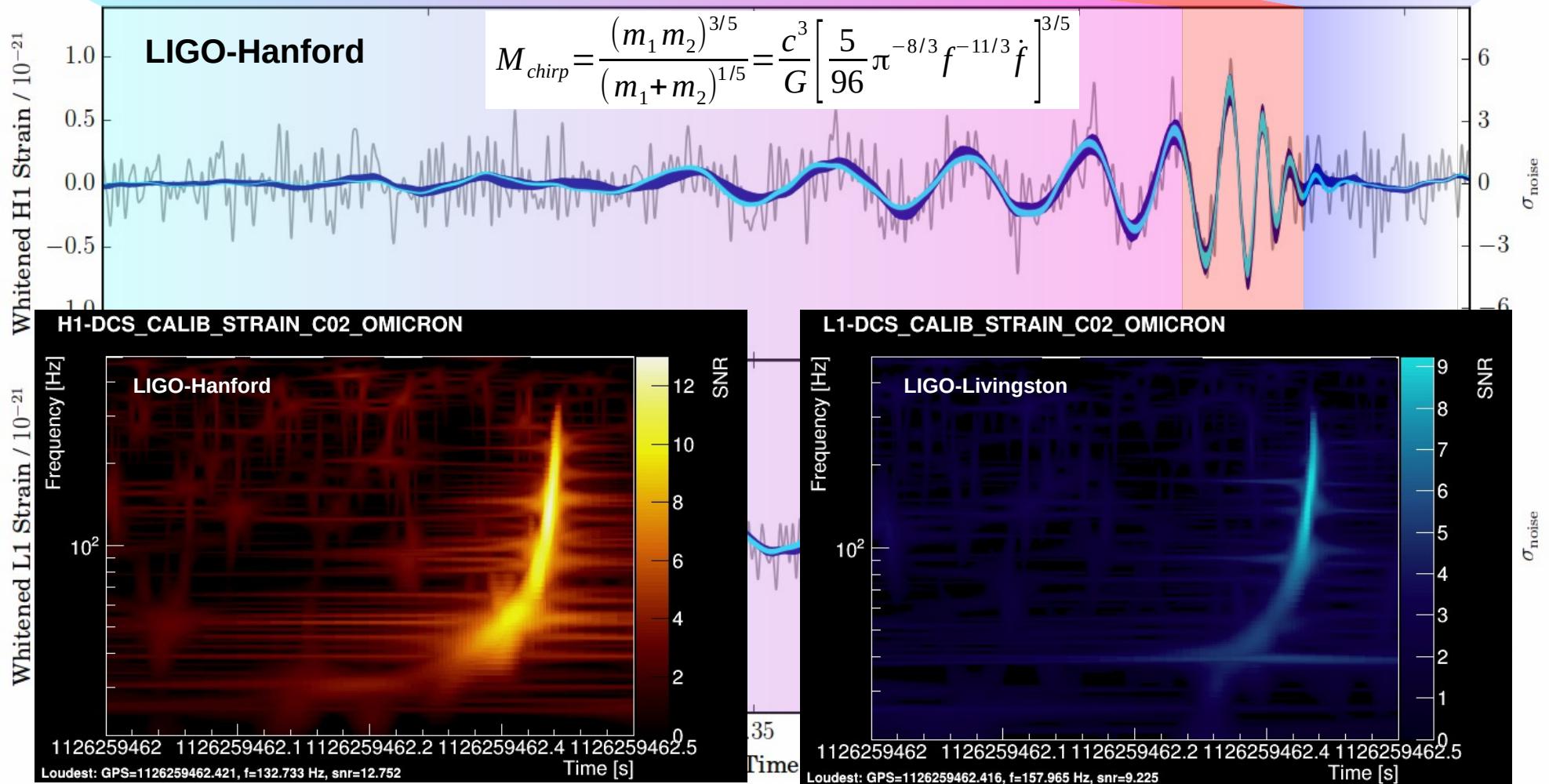
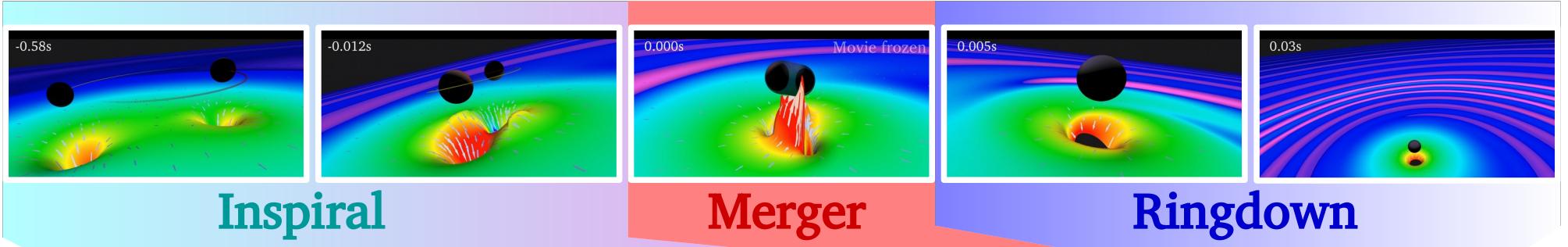
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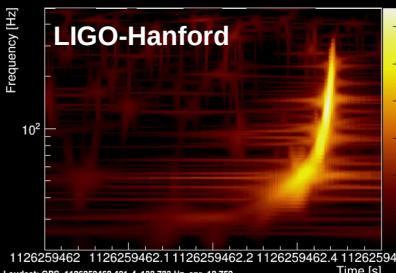


Compact Binary Coalescence = CBC

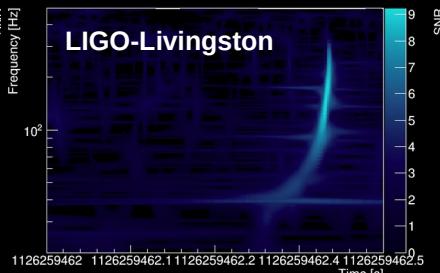


Compact Binary Coalescence = CBC

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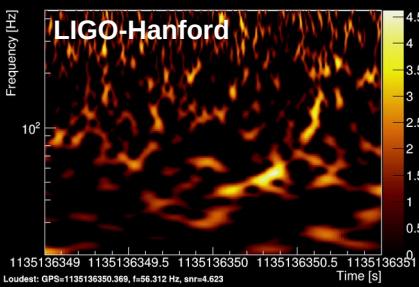


L1-DCS_CALIB_STRAIN_C02_OMICRON

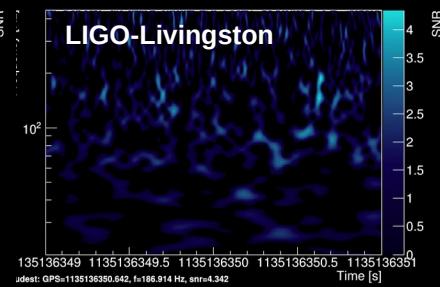


GW150914

H1-DCS_CALIB_STRAIN_C02_OMICRON: Q=21.676



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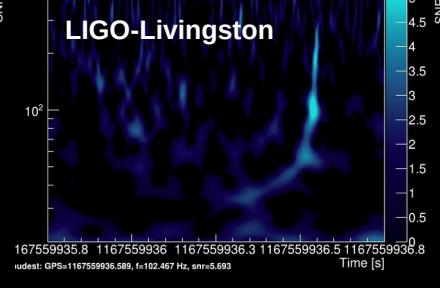


GW151226

H1-DCH_CLEAN_STRAIN_C02_OMICRON: Q=11.387

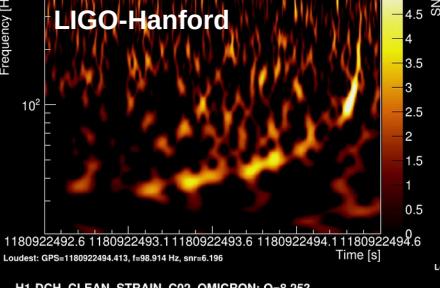


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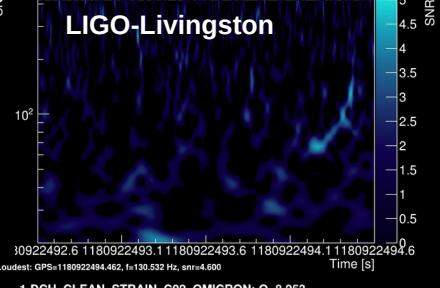


GW170104

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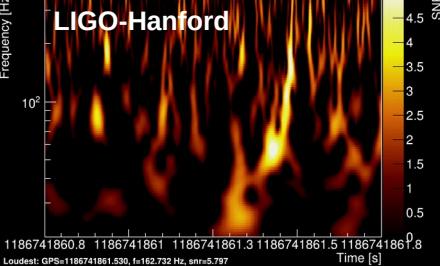


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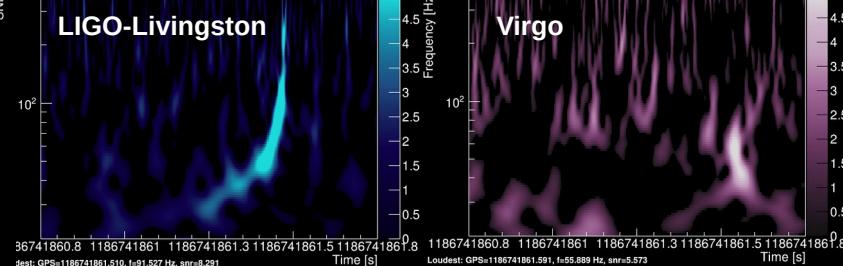


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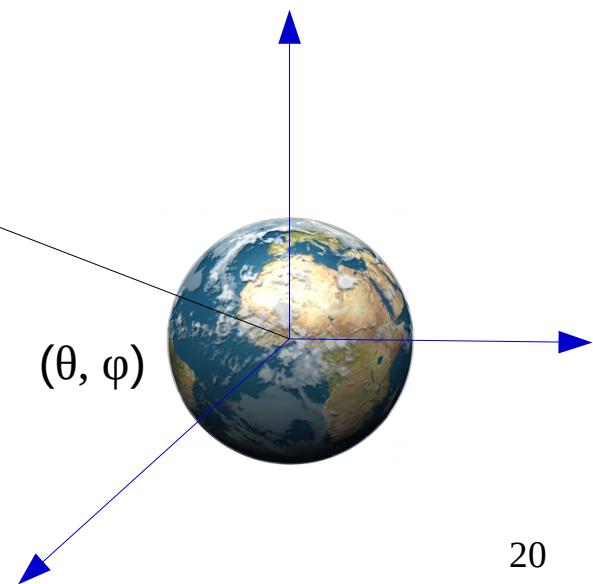
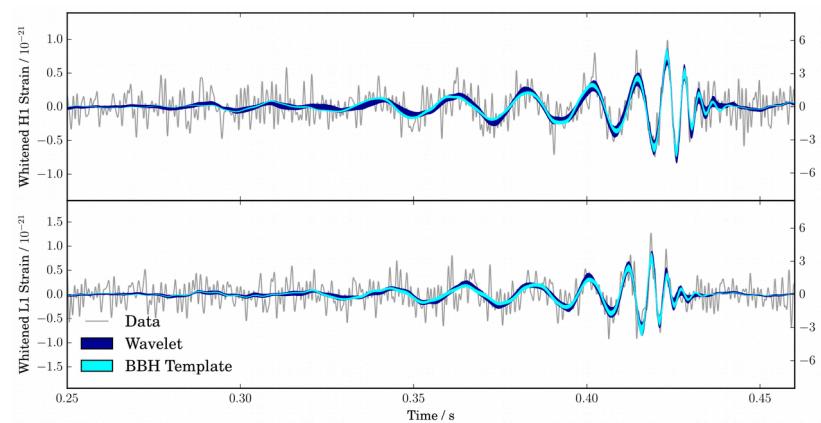
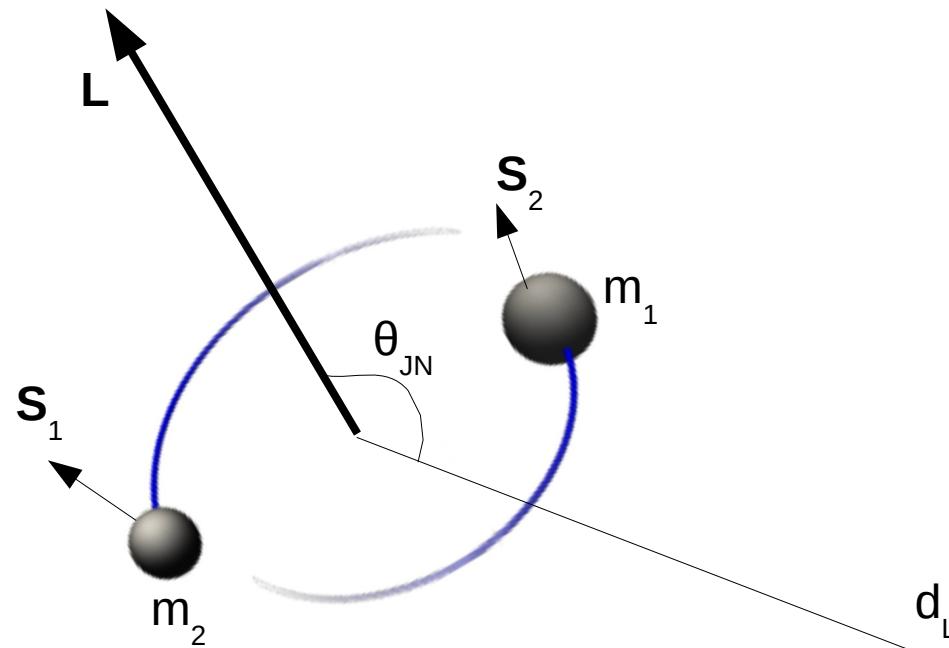


GW170814

Parameter estimation

8 intrinsic parameters: masses and spins

9 extrinsic parameters: distance, position (x2), orientation (x2), orbital ellipticity (x2), coalescence time and phase)



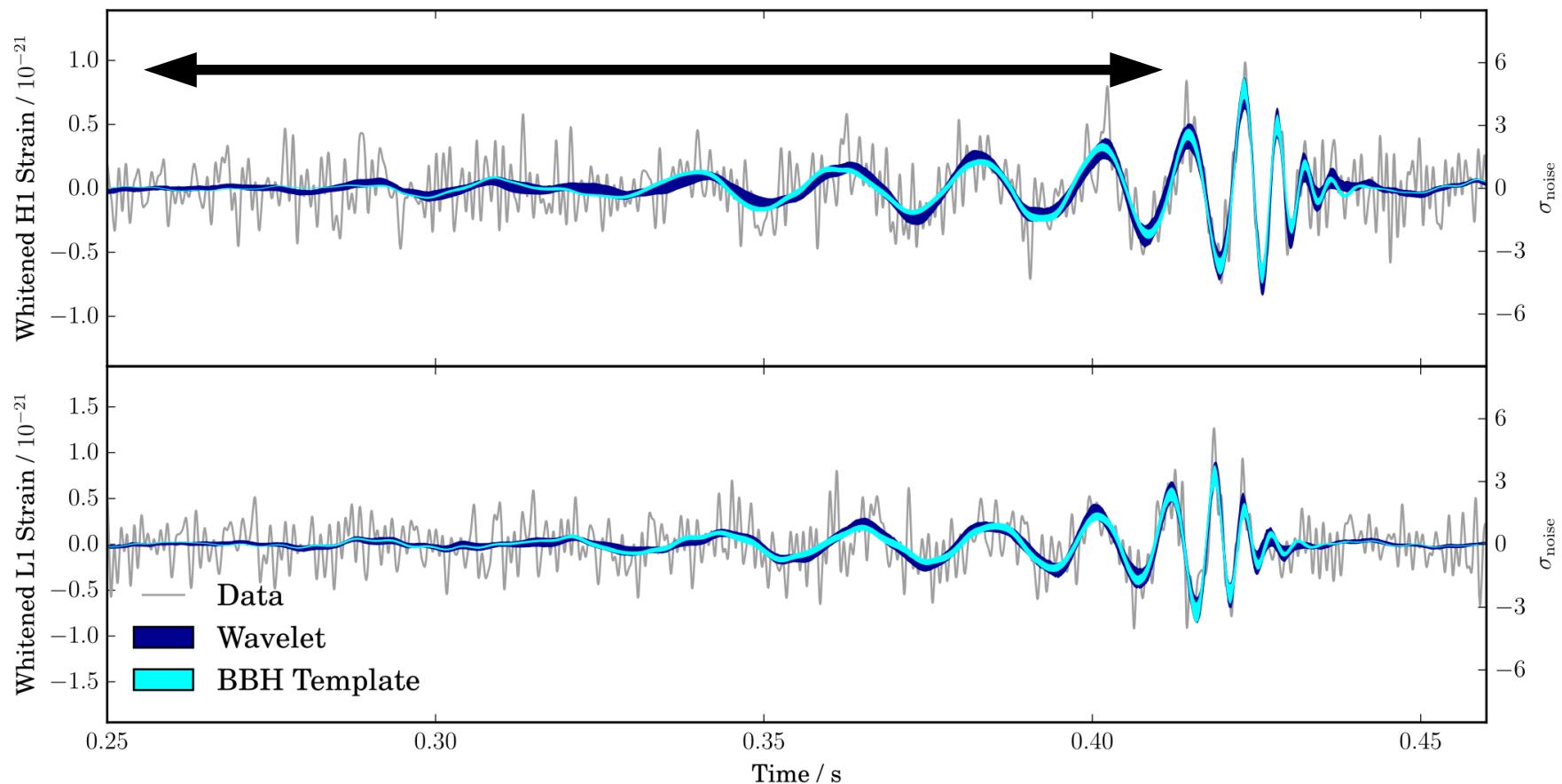
Parameter estimation

Inspiral phase: PN perturbative expansion (v/c)

Leading order → phase evolution driven by the chirp mass
(tight constraints)

Next order → m_2/m_1 and spins // L

Next orders → full spins

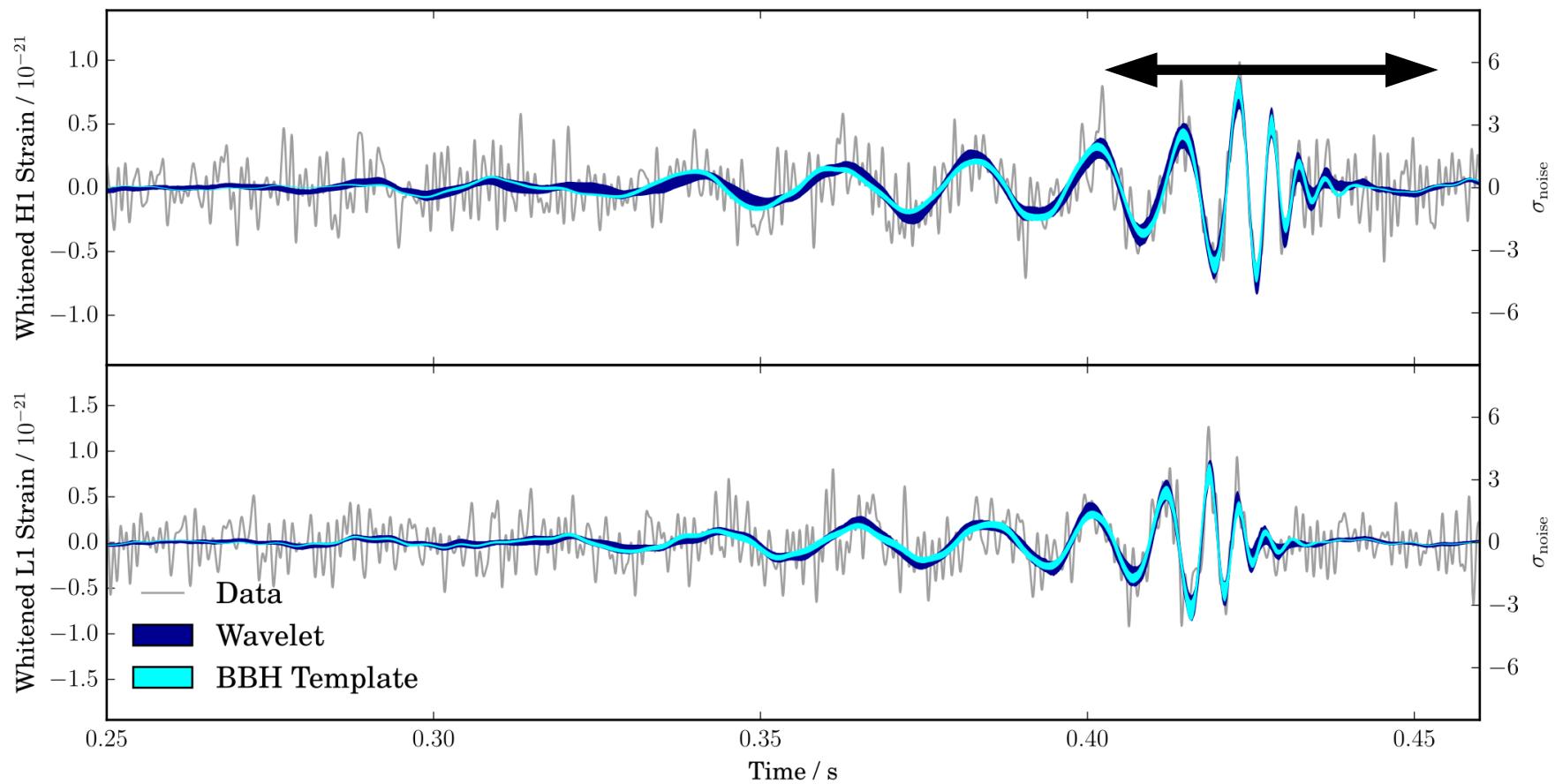


Parameter estimation

Late inspiral – merger – ringdown: numerical relativity waveforms

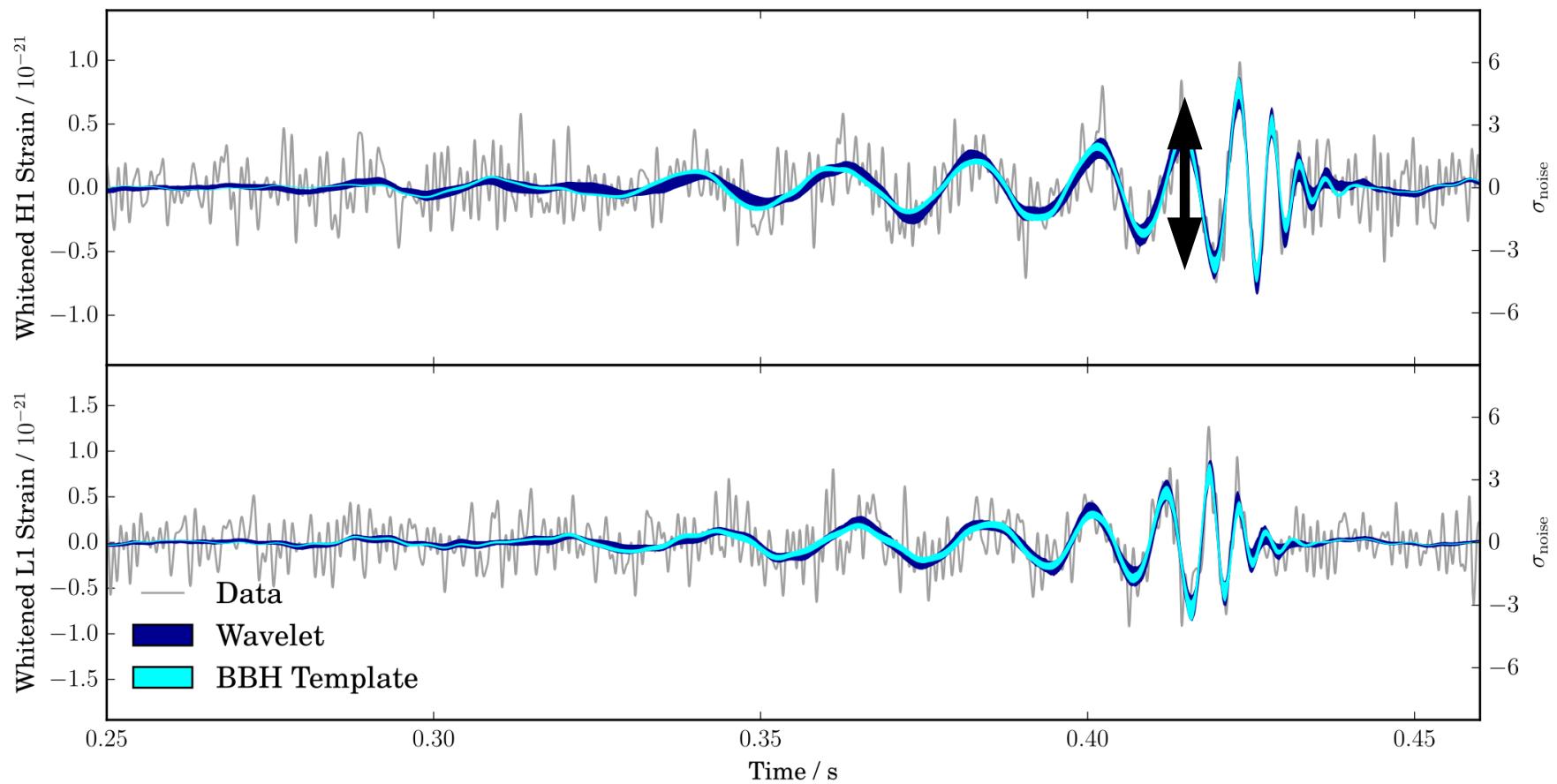
Late inspiral → total mass (+chirp mass + m_1/m_2) → individual masses

Ringdown → final BH mass and spin



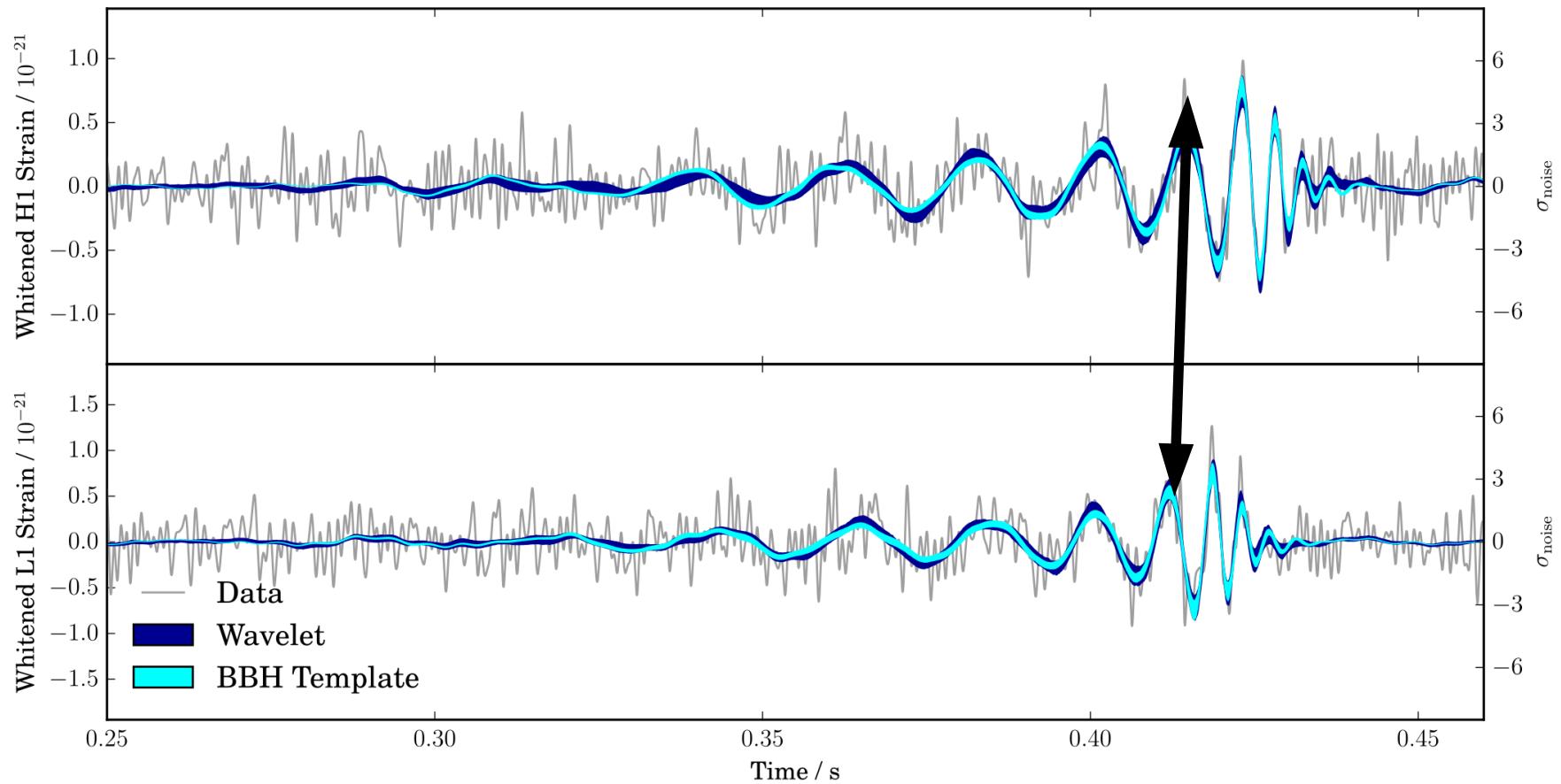
Parameter estimation

Amplitude: inversely proportional to the distance

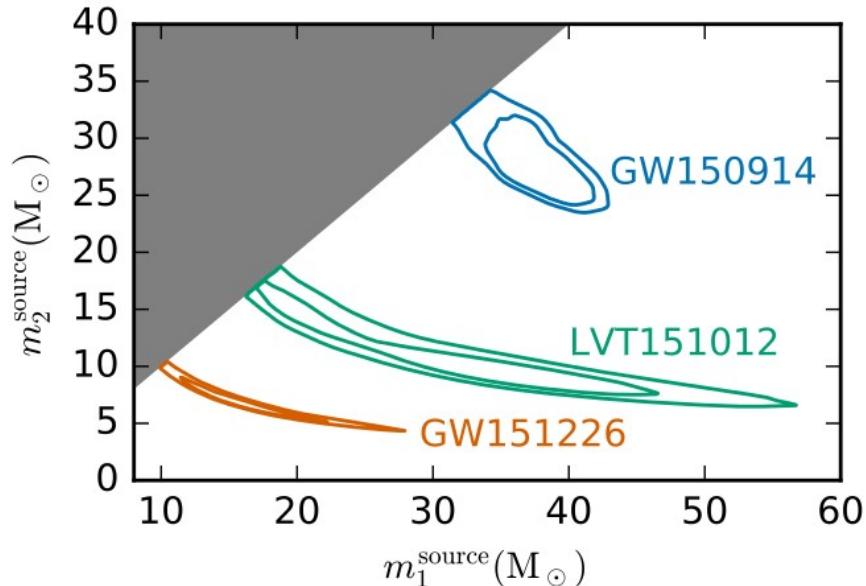


Parameter estimation

Amplitude and phase difference between sites → sky location
+ Amplitude and phase consistency



Parameter estimation



Mostly sensitive to the chirp mass
→ m_1, m_2 degeneracy

$$M_c = \frac{(m_1 m_2)^{3/5}}{(m_1 + m_2)^{1/5}}$$

GW150914

$$m_1 = 36.2^{+5.2}_{-3.2} M_{\text{sun}}$$

$$m_2 = 29.1^{+3.7}_{-4.4} M_{\text{sun}}$$

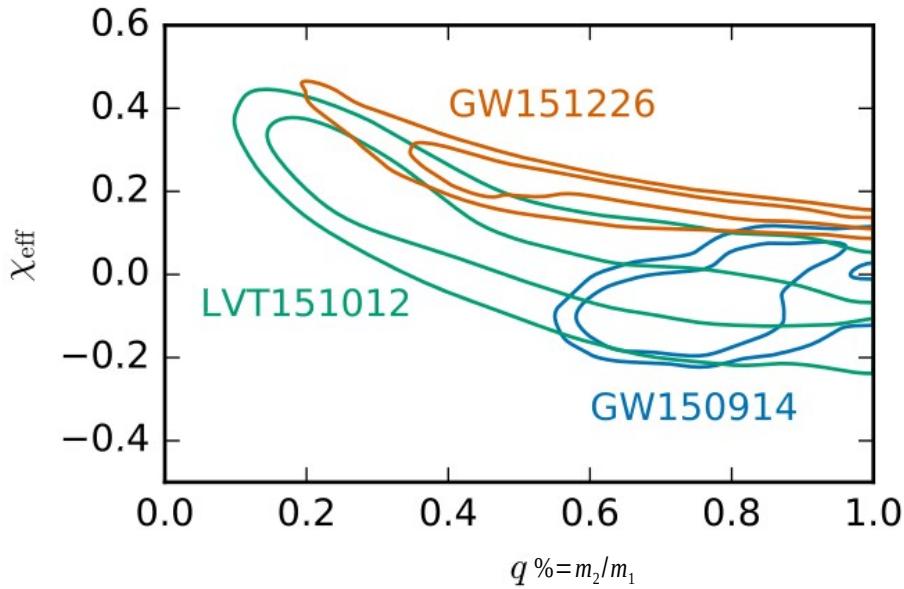
GW151226

$$m_1 = 14.2^{+8.3}_{-3.7} M_{\text{sun}}$$

$$m_2 = 7.5^{+2.3}_{-2.3} M_{\text{sun}}$$

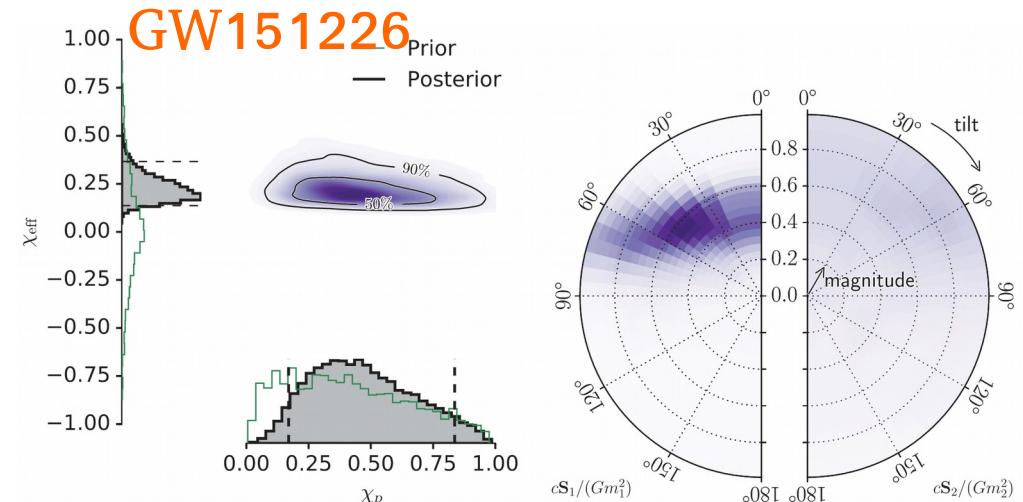
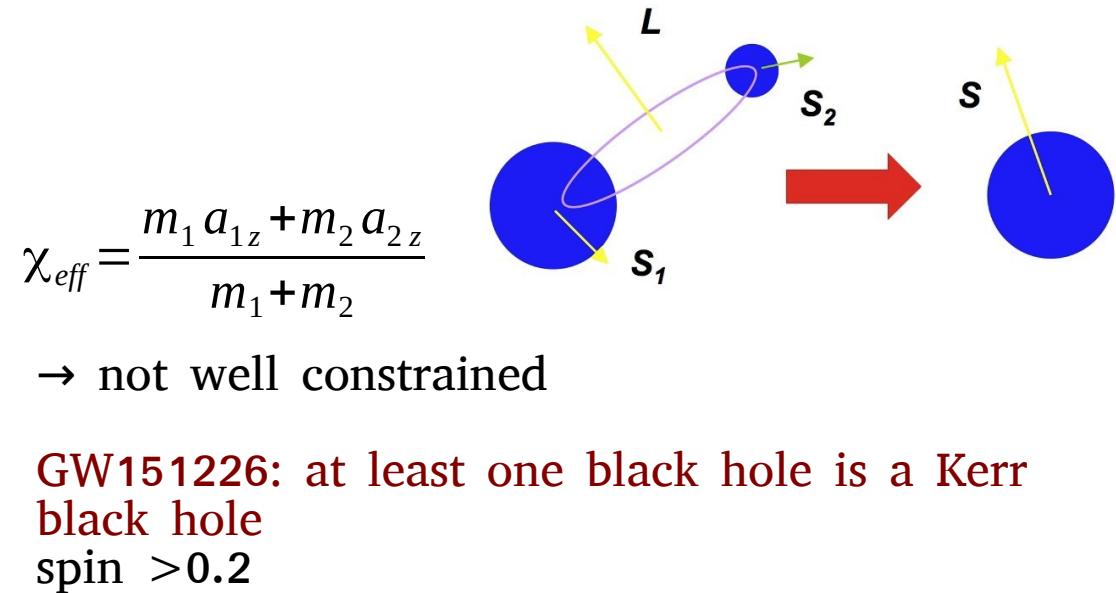
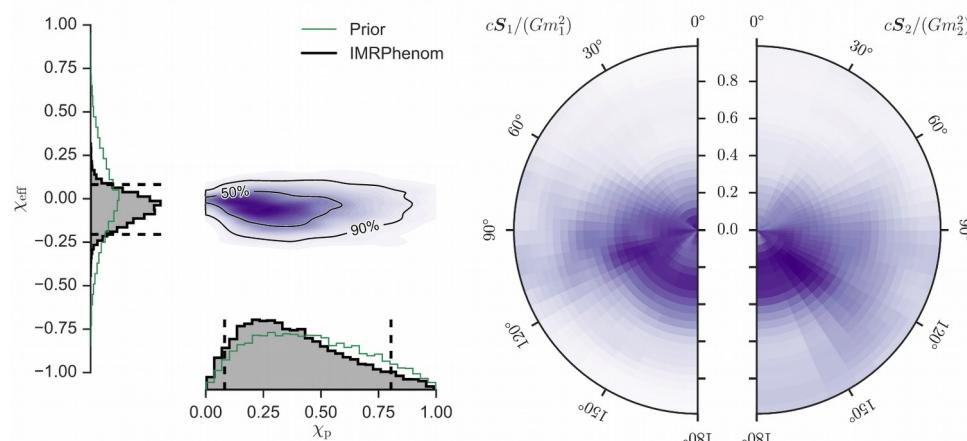
- All the components are black holes
- Very high masses for GW150914

Parameter estimation



Uninformative about precession

GW150914

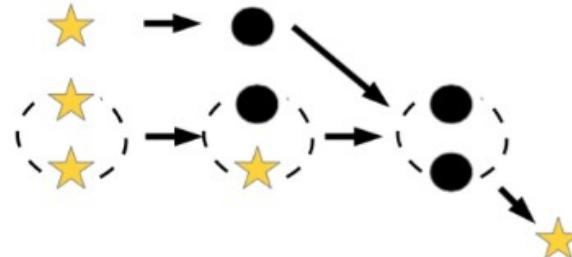


BBH formation

Isolated binary in galactic fields

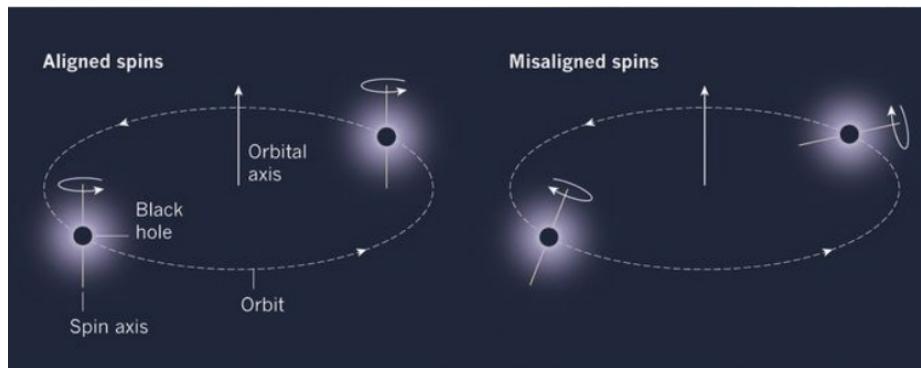


Dynamical interactions in clusters



How can we discriminate these 2 scenarios?

→ spins!



Isolated binary:

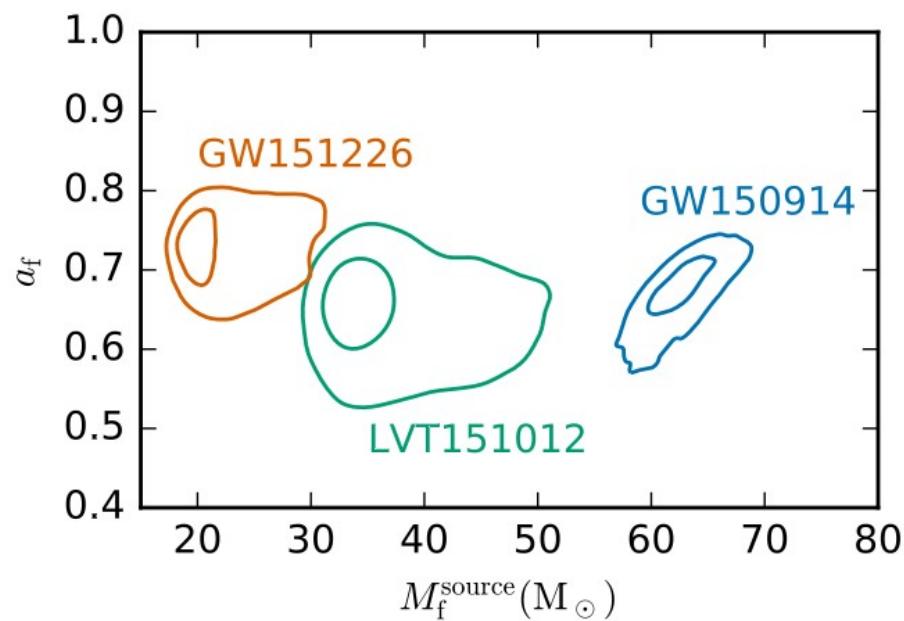
Spins preferentially aligned with the binary orbital angular momentum

Cluster binary:

Isotropic spin orientations

Parameter estimation

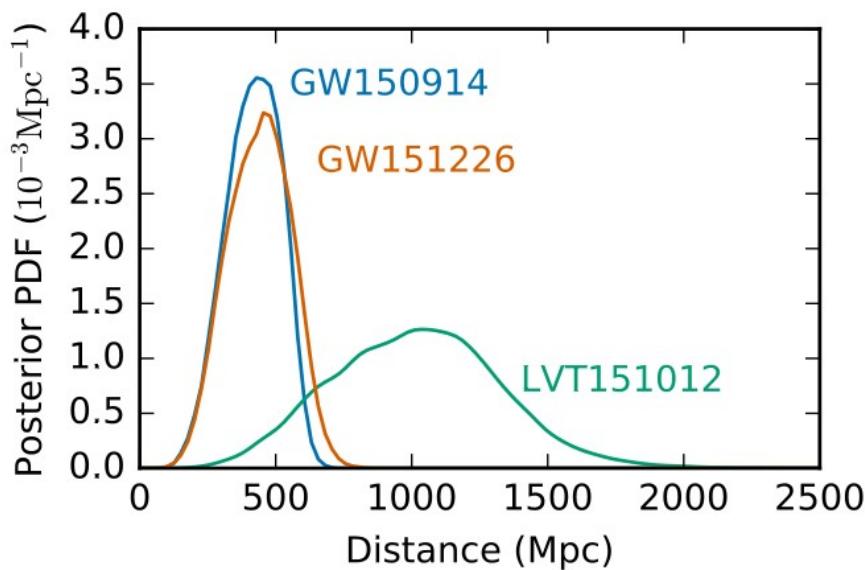
Final mass & spin



GW150914
 $M_f = 62.3^{+3.7}_{-3.1} M_{sun}$
 $a_f = 0.68^{+0.05}_{-0.06}$

GW151226
 $M_f = 20.8^{+6.1}_{-1.7} M_{sun}$
 $a_f = 0.74^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$

Parameter estimation

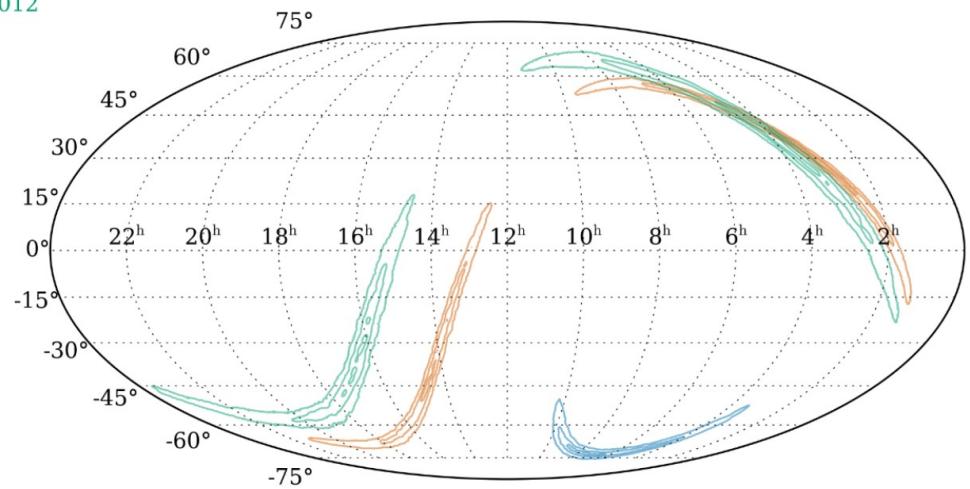


GW150914
 $D_L = 420^{+150}_{-180} \text{ Mpc}$ $z = 0.09^{+0.03}_{-0.04}$

GW151226
 $D_L = 440^{+180}_{-190} \text{ Mpc}$ $z = 0.09^{+0.03}_{-0.04}$

(Lambda-CDM cosmology)

GW150914
GW151226
LVT151012



90% credible region for sky location:

→ GW150914 = 230 deg^2

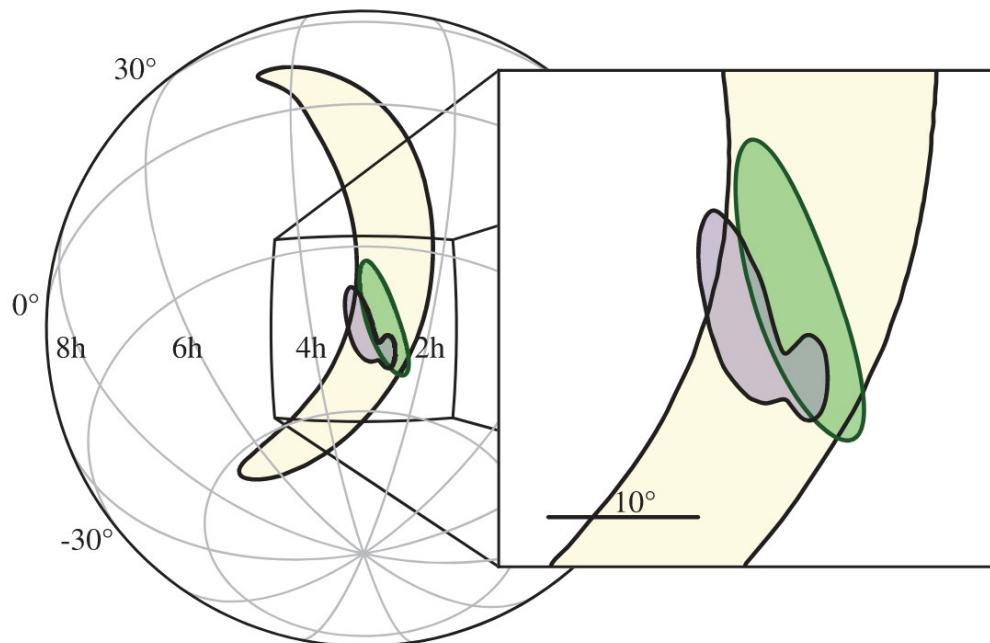
→ GW151226 = 850 deg^2

Limited accuracy with 2 detectors

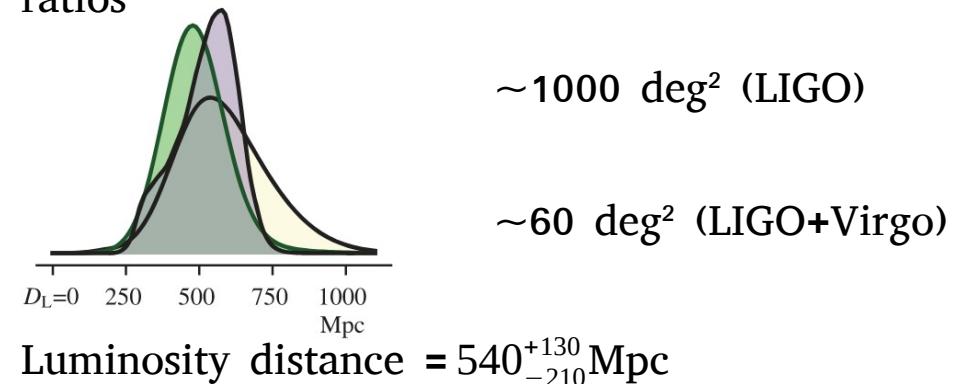
Parameter estimation



GW170814



3 detectors → triangulation using time differences, phase differences and amplitude ratios



Parameter estimation

	Total mass (M _{sun})	q=m2/m1 (M _{sun} /M _{sun})	radiated energy (M _{sun})	effective inspiral spin	redshift	SNR
GW150914	65.3 ^{+4.1} _{-3.4}	$\frac{29.1^{+3.7}}{36.2^{+5.2}}_{-4.4}^{+5.2}$ $\frac{36.2^{+5.2}}{36.2^{+5.2}}_{-3.8}$	3.0 ^{+0.5} _{-0.4}	-0.06 ^{+0.14} _{-0.14}	0.09 ^{+0.03} _{-0.04}	23.7
GW170814	55.9 ^{+3.4} _{-2.7}	$\frac{25.3^{+2.8}}{30.5^{+5.7}}_{-4.2}^{+5.7}$ $\frac{30.5^{+5.7}}{30.5^{+5.7}}_{-3.0}$	2.7 ^{+0.4} _{-0.3}	0.06 ^{+0.12} _{-0.12}	0.11 ^{+0.03} _{-0.04}	15.0
GW170104	50.7 ^{+5.9} _{-5.0}	$\frac{19.4^{+5.3}}{31.2^{+8.4}}_{-5.9}^{+5.3}$ $\frac{31.2^{+8.4}}{31.2^{+8.4}}_{-6.0}$	2.0 ^{+0.6} _{-0.7}	-0.12 ^{+0.21} _{-0.30}	0.176 ^{+0.078} _{-0.074}	13.3
GW151226	21.8 ^{+5.9} _{-1.7}	$\frac{7.5^{+2.3}}{14.2^{+8.3}}_{-2.3}^{+2.3}$ $\frac{14.2^{+8.3}}{14.2^{+8.3}}_{-3.7}$	1.0 ^{+0.1} _{-0.2}	0.21 ^{+0.20} _{-0.10}	0.09 ^{+0.03} _{-0.04}	13.0
GW170608	19 ⁺⁵ ₋₁	$\frac{7^{+2}}{12^{+7}}_{-2}^{+2}$	0.85 ^{+0.07} _{-0.17}	0.07 ^{+0.23} _{-0.09}	0.07 ^{+0.03} _{-0.03}	13.0

Testing General Relativity

Modified dispersion relation (ex: LIV theories): $E^2 = p^2 c^2 + A^\alpha c^\alpha$

massive graviton: $\alpha=0$

multiparticle theories: $\alpha=2.5$

doubly special relativity: $\alpha=3$

extra-dimensions: $\alpha=4$

$$\rightarrow \text{modified propagation velocity: } \frac{v_g}{c} = 1 + (\alpha - 1) \frac{AE^{\alpha-2}}{2}$$

Parameter estimation

	Total mass (M _{sun})	q=m2/m1 (M _{sun} /M _{sun})	radiated energy (M _{sun})	effective inspiral spin	redshift	SNR
GW150914	65.3 ^{+4.1} _{-3.4}	$\frac{29.1^{+3.7}}{36.2^{+5.2}}_{-4.4}^{+5.2}$ $\frac{29.1^{+3.7}}{36.2^{+5.2}}_{-4.4}^{+5.2}$	3.0 ^{+0.5} _{-0.4}	-0.06 ^{+0.14} _{-0.14}	0.09 ^{+0.03} _{-0.04}	23.7
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Testing General Relativity

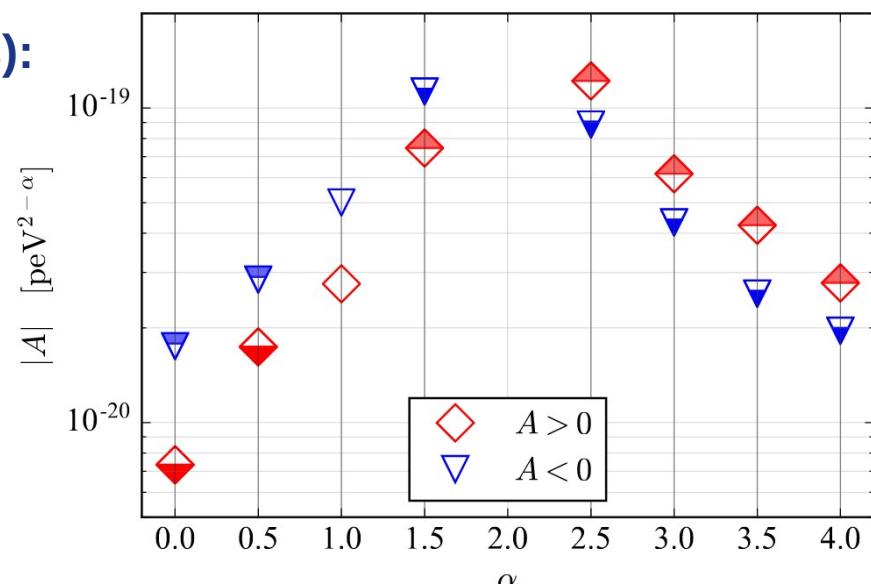
Modified dispersion relation (ex: LIV theories):

→ extra term in the evolution of the gravitational-wave phase

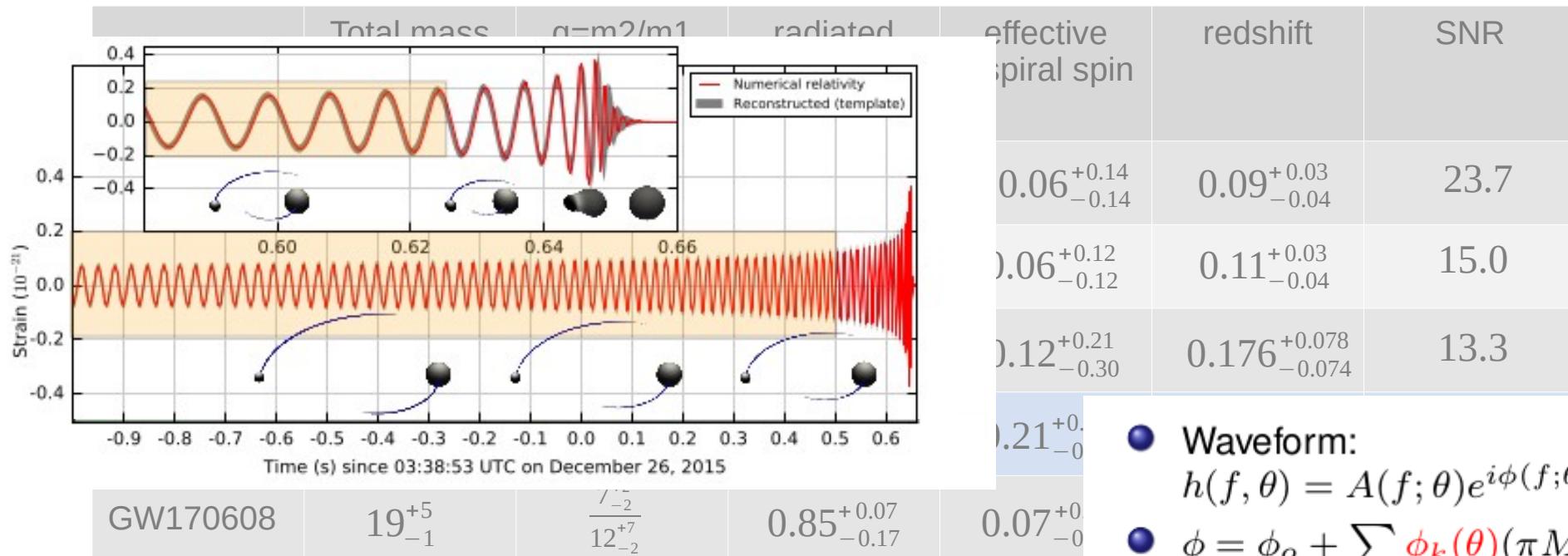
→ **Upper limits on A**

$\alpha=0$ $A>0$: limit on the graviton mass:

$$m_g < 7.7 \times 10^{-23} \text{ eV}/c^2$$



Parameter estimation

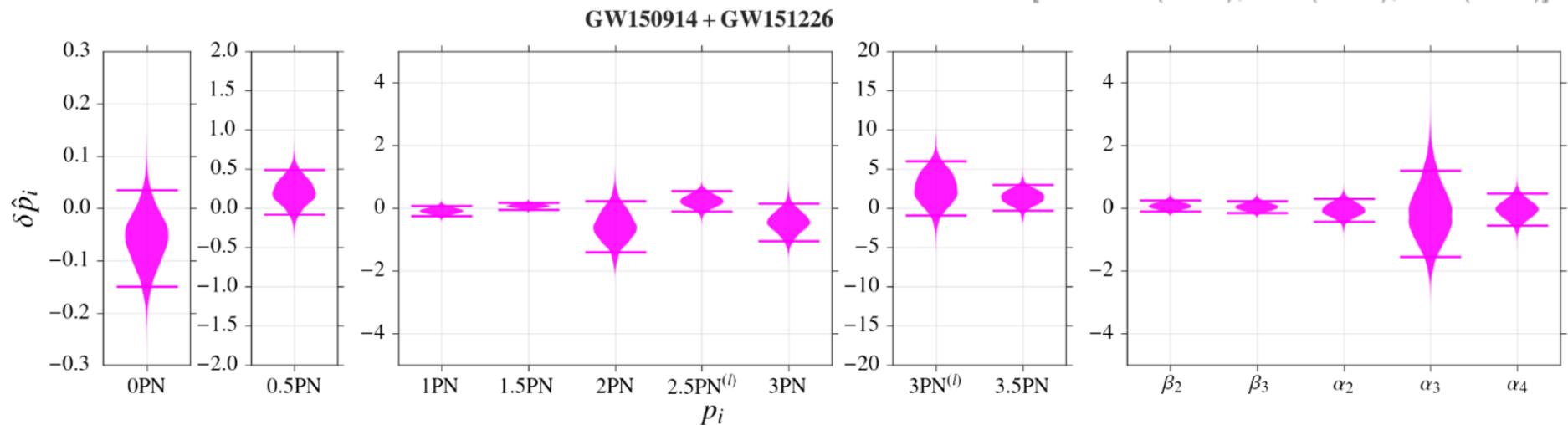


Testing General Relativity

Post-Newtonian coefficients:

- **Waveform:** $h(f, \theta) = A(f; \theta)e^{i\phi(f; \theta)}$,
- $\phi = \phi_o + \sum \phi_k(\theta)(\pi M f)^{(k-5)}$
 $\theta = \{m_1, m_2, \mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2\}$
- $\phi_k = \phi_k^{GR}(1 + \delta\phi_k)$

[LVC PRL(2016), PRX(2016), PRL(2017)]



Conclusions

- 2015: first detection of gravitational waves produced by a binary system of black holes
- 2015-2017: additional detections (5 up to now) → initiate population studies
- New class of stellar black holes ($m > 15 M_{\text{sun}}$)
- Parameter estimation

