



Space based/moon based and PTA gravitational wave observatories

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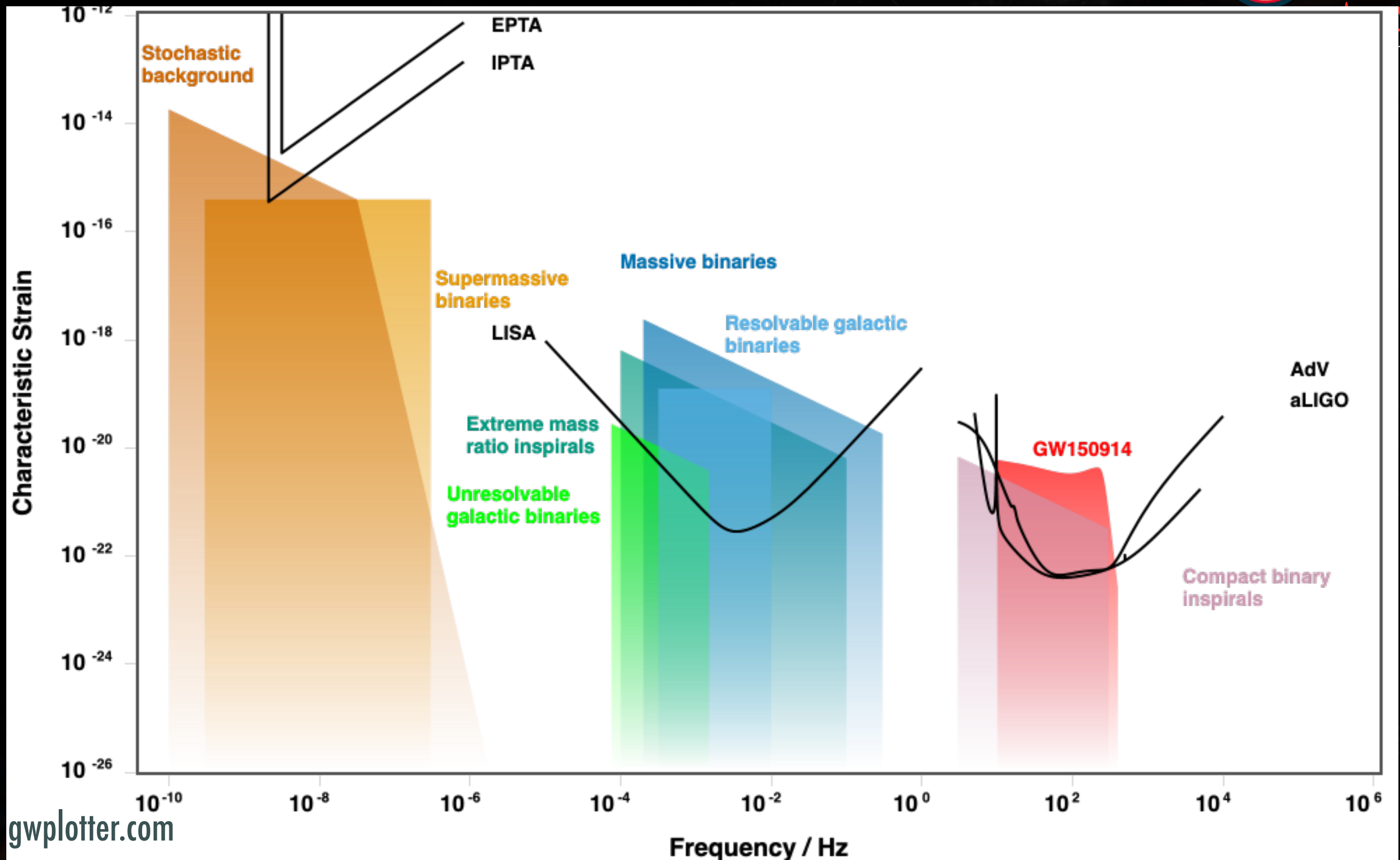
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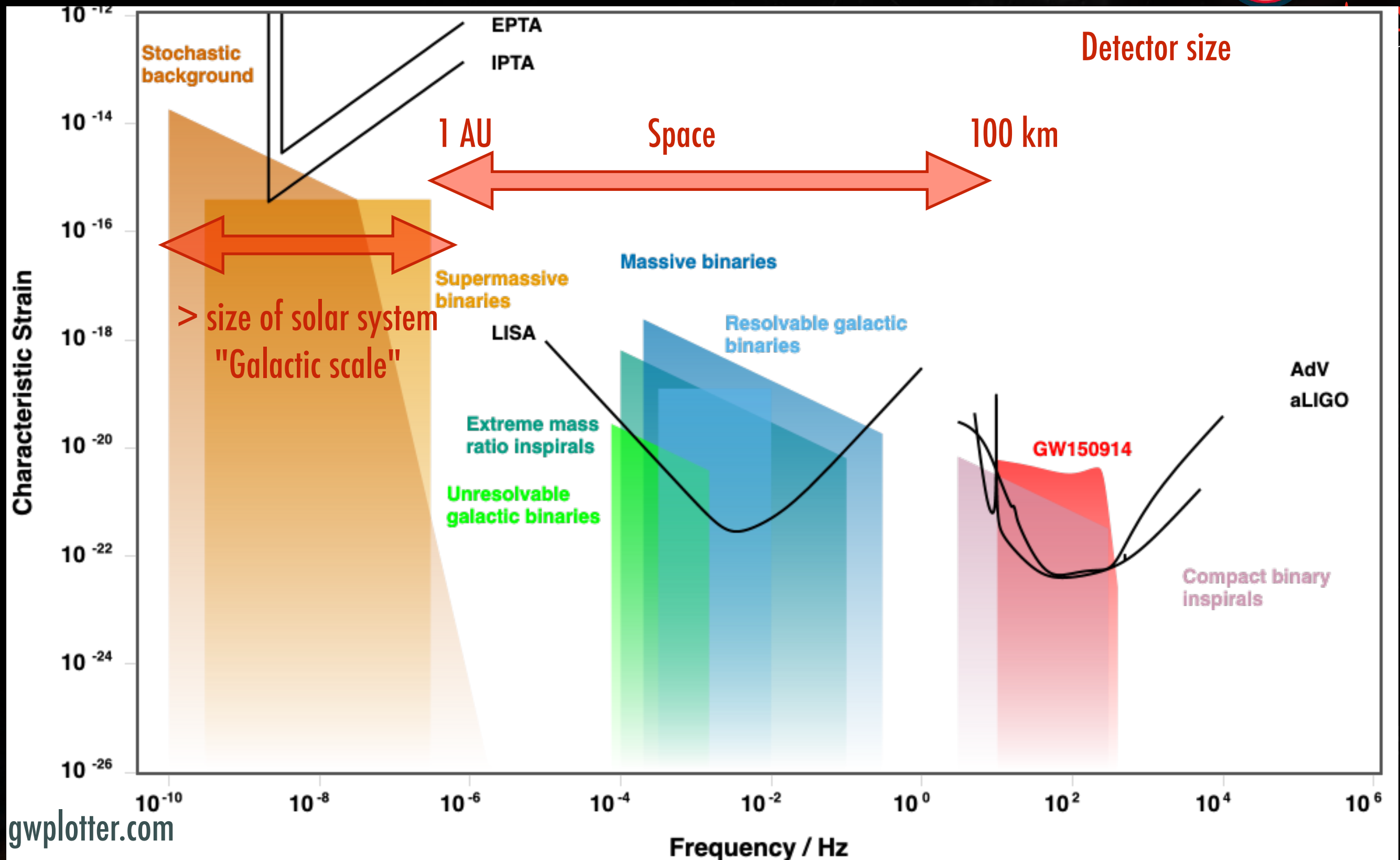


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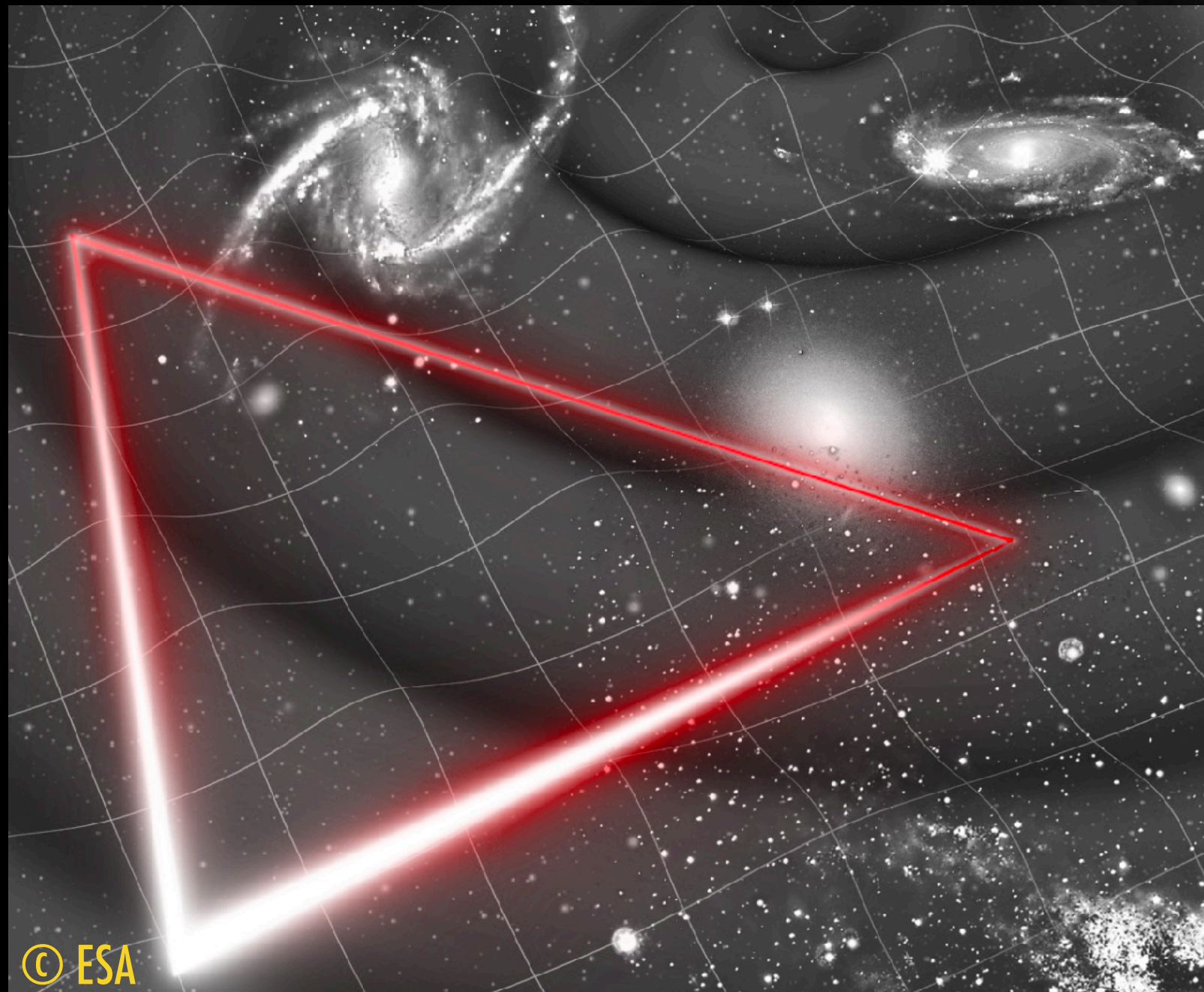
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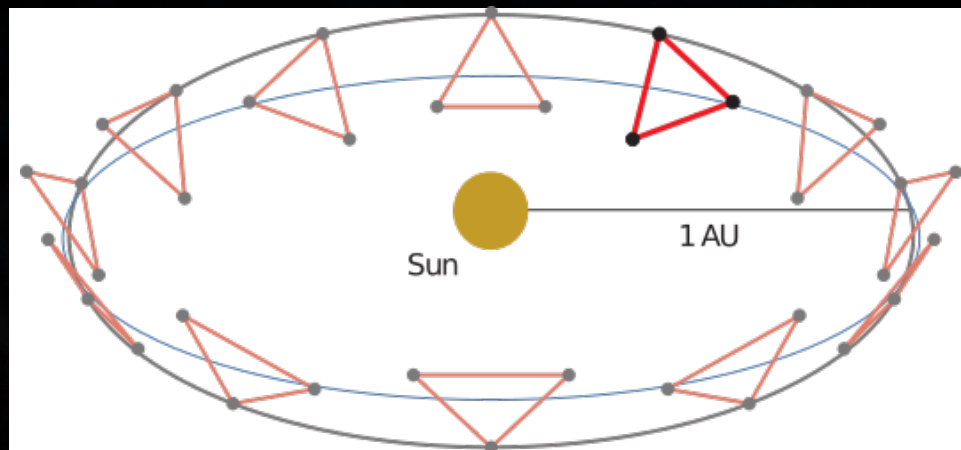
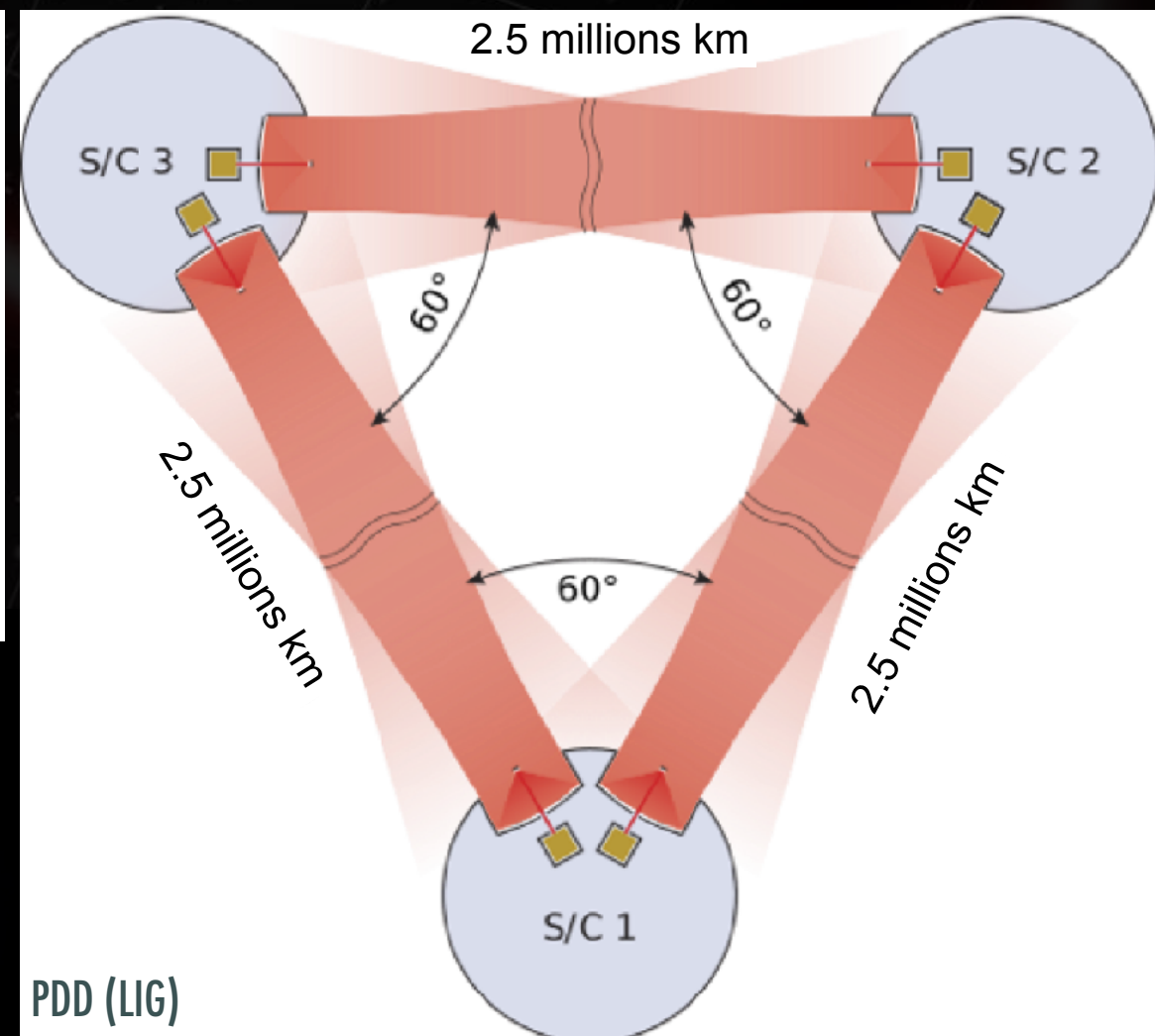
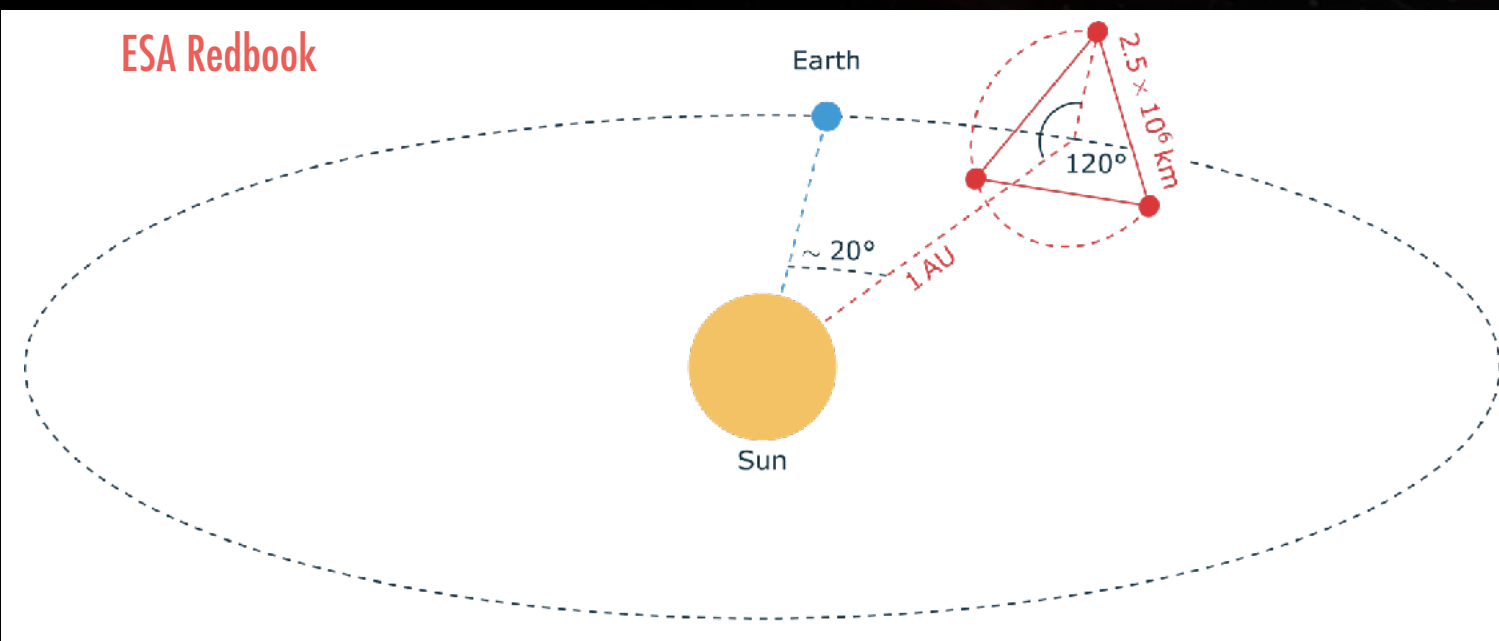
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LISA

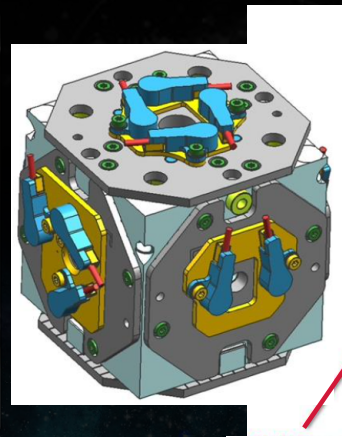
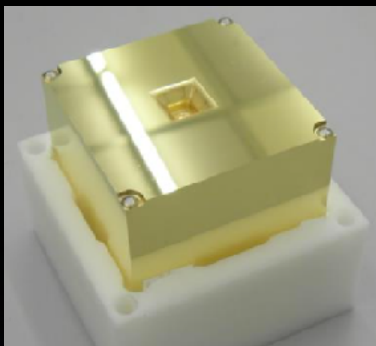
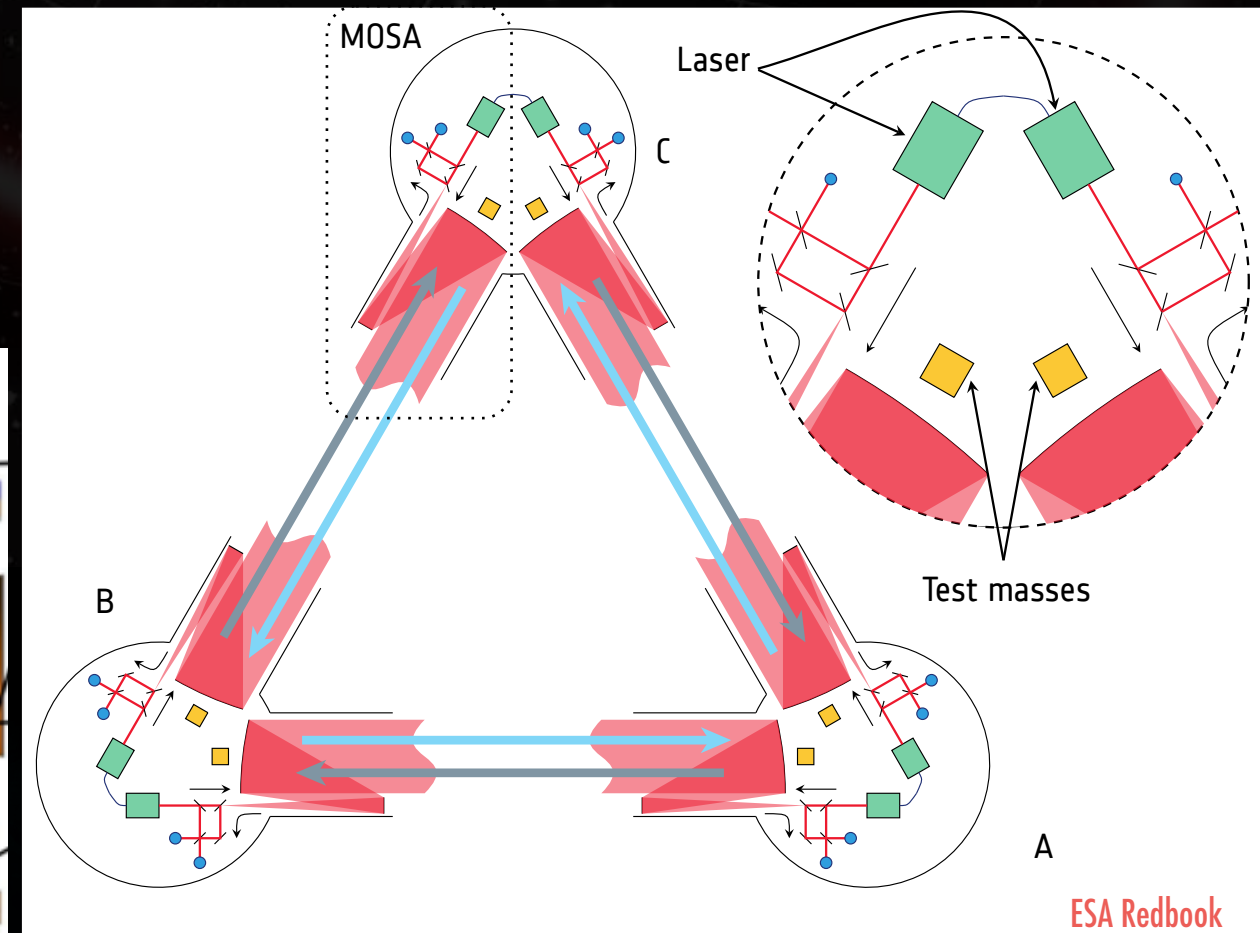
Mission design

- ▶ Laser Interferometer Space Antenna
- ▶ 3 spacecrafts on heliocentric orbits separated by **2.5 millions km**
- ▶ Goal: detect strains of **10^{-21}** by monitoring arm length changes at the few **picometre** level

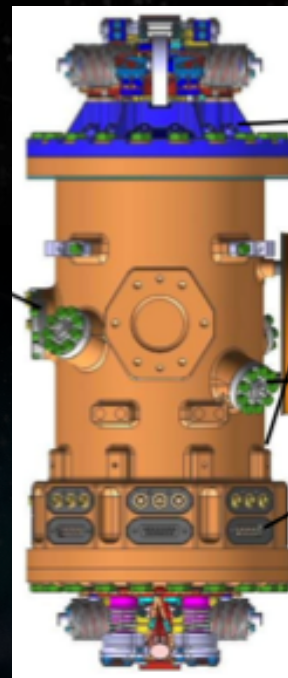


Mission design

- ▶ Measurement points must be **shielded from fluctuating non-gravitational influences**:
 - the spacecraft protects test-masses (TMs) from external forces and always adjusts itself on it using micro-thrusters
 - Readout:
 - interferometric (sensitive axis)
 - capacitive sensing

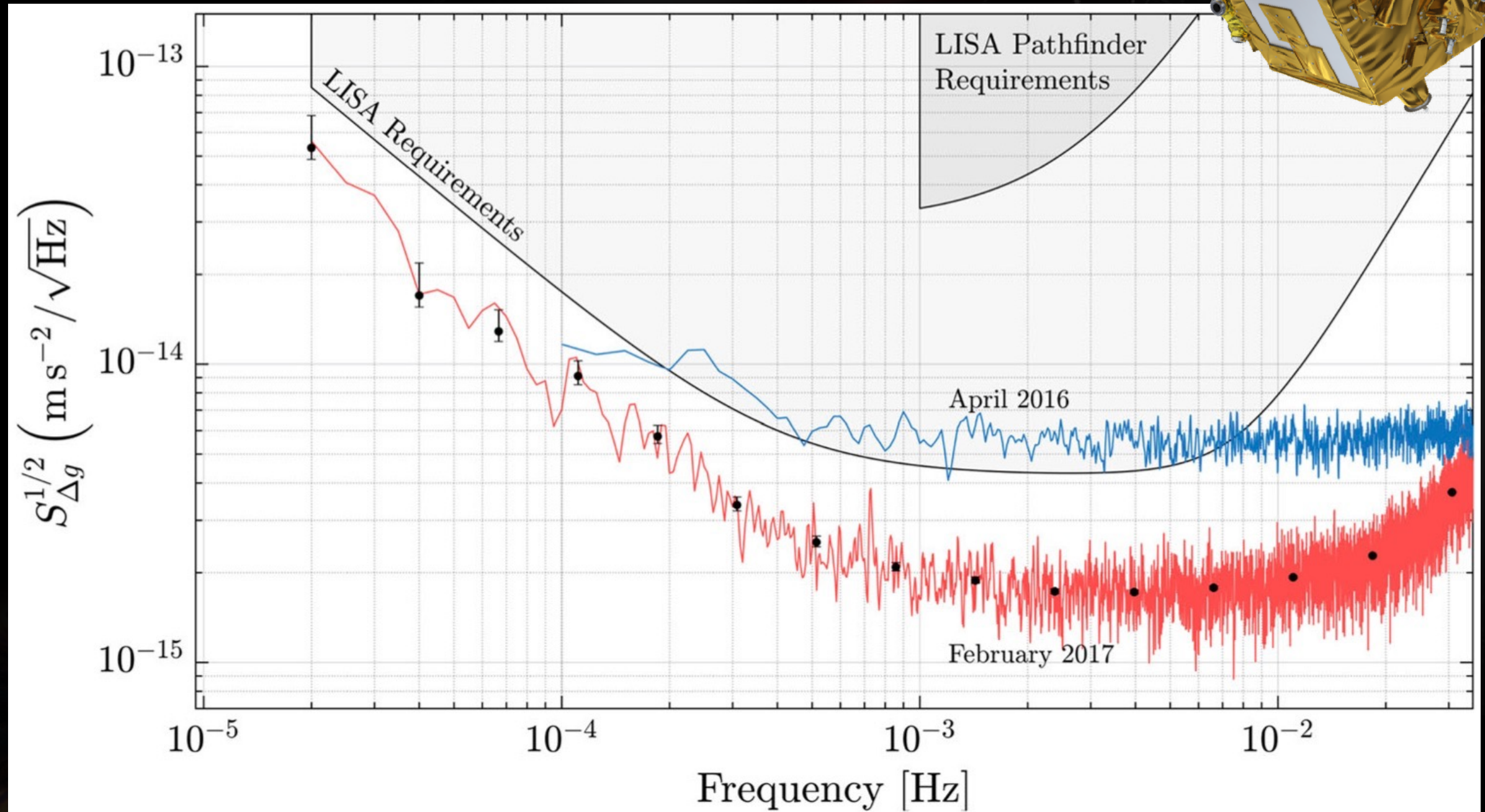


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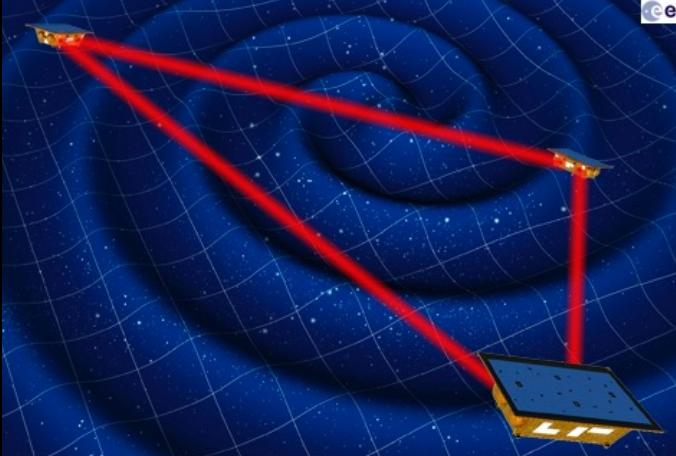
LISAPathfinder final main results

- ▶ Successful demonstration of the ability to shield from fluctuating non-gravitational influences



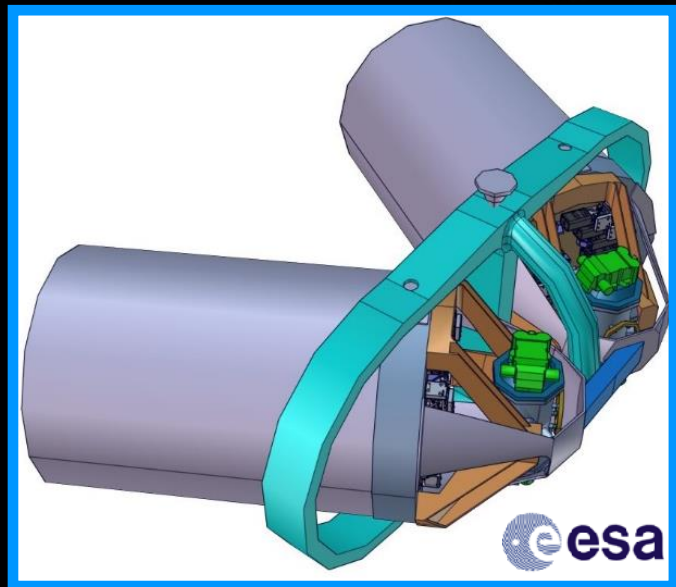
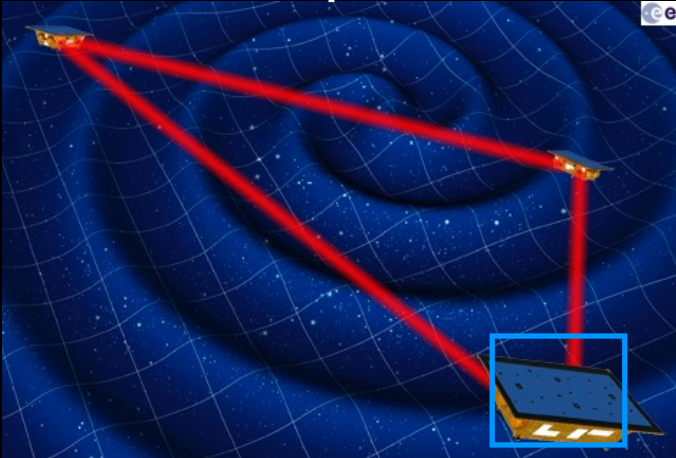
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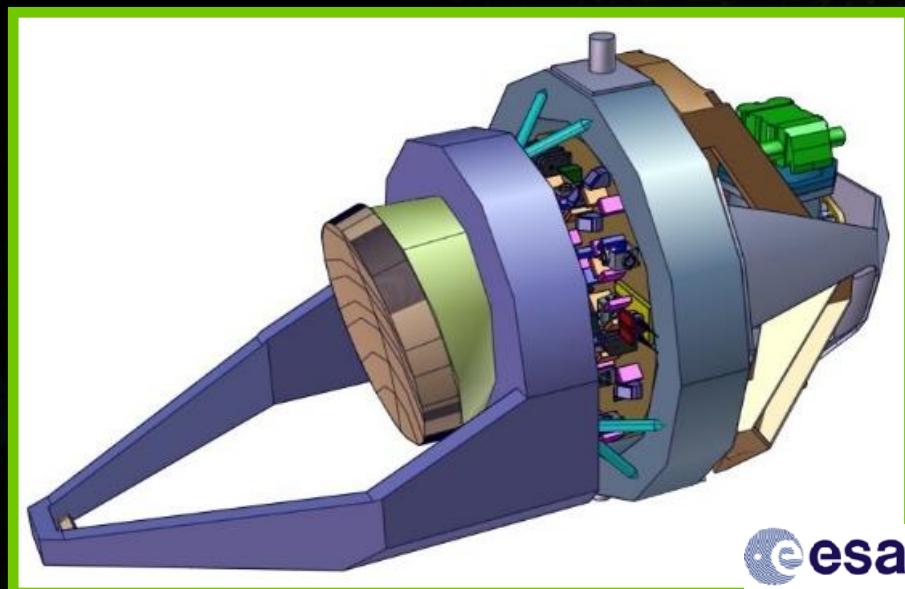
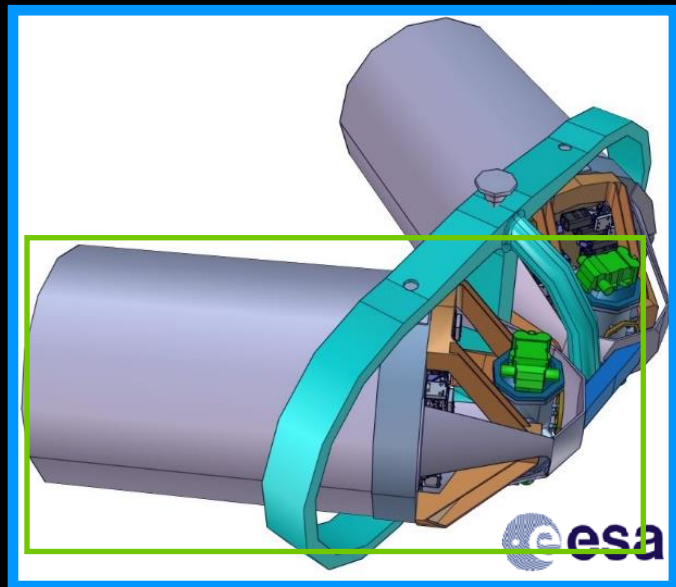
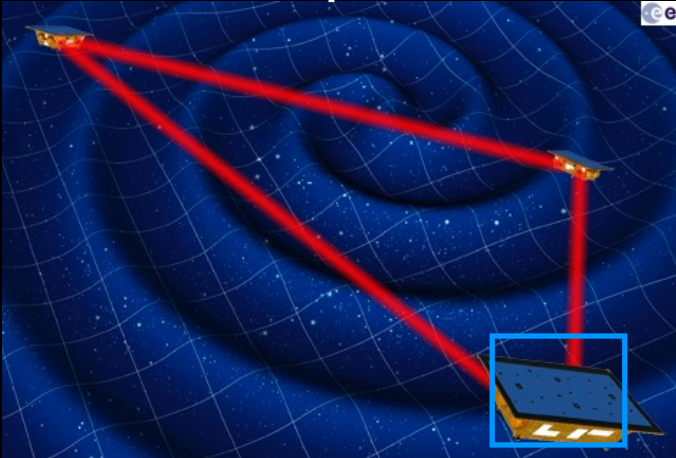
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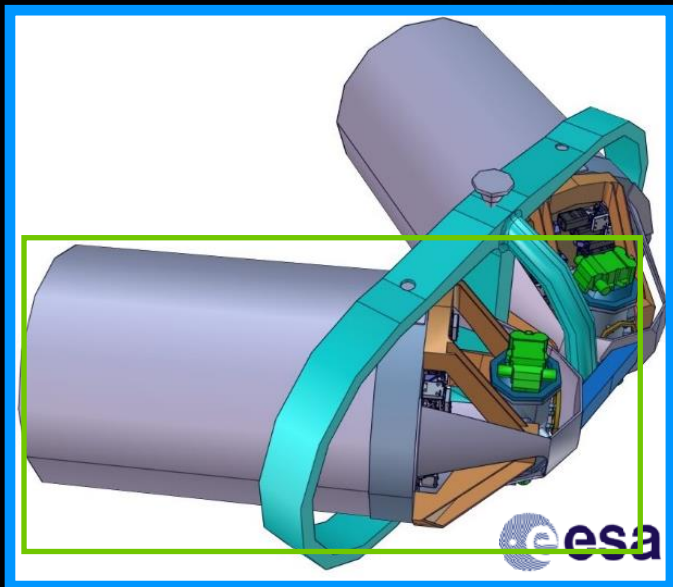
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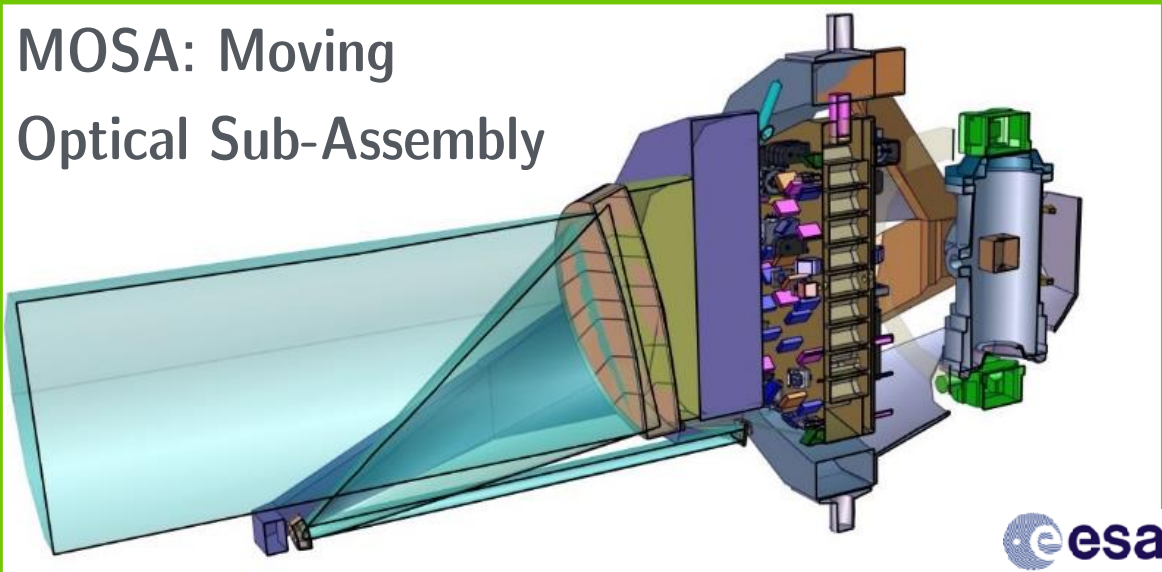


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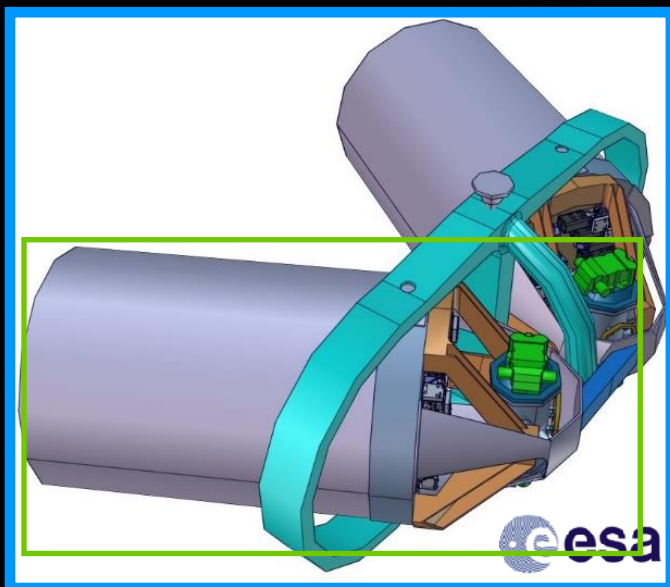


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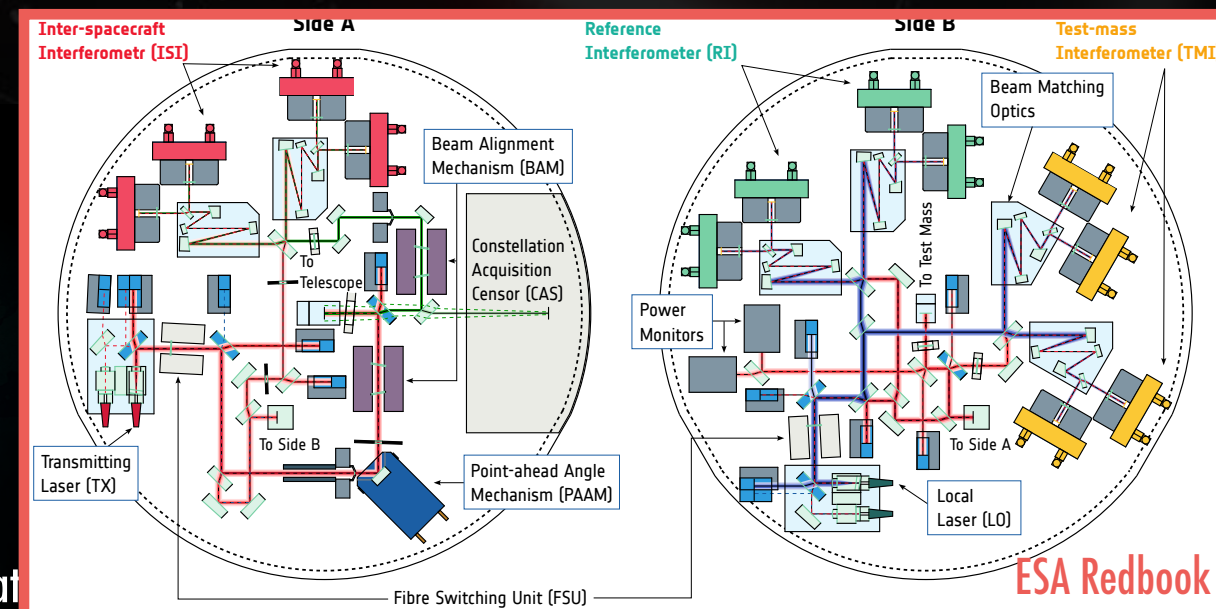
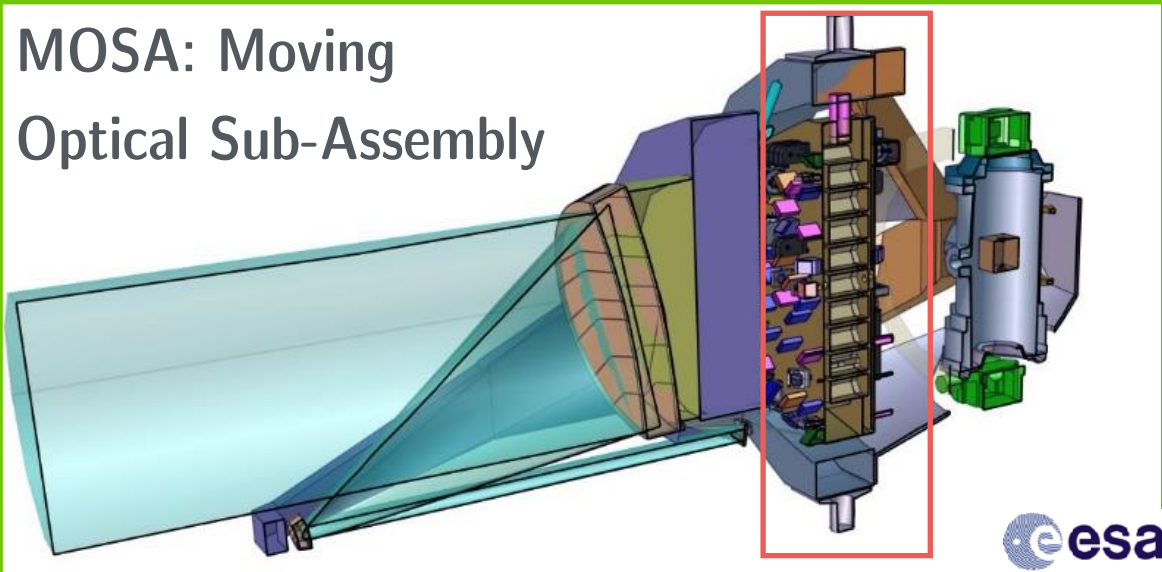


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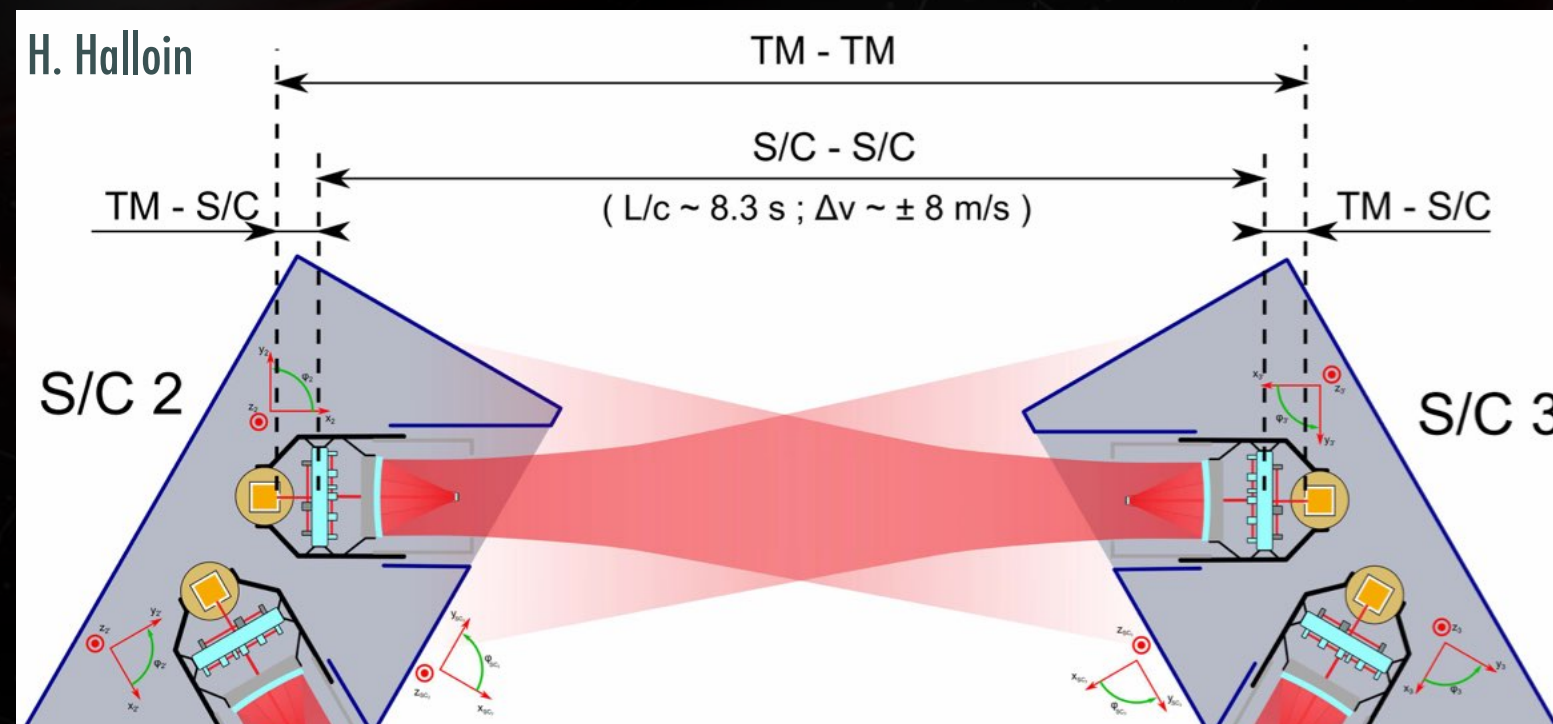
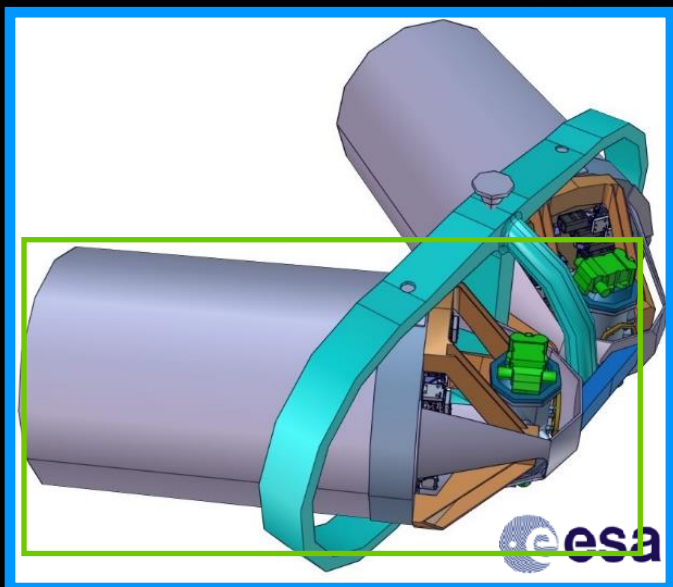
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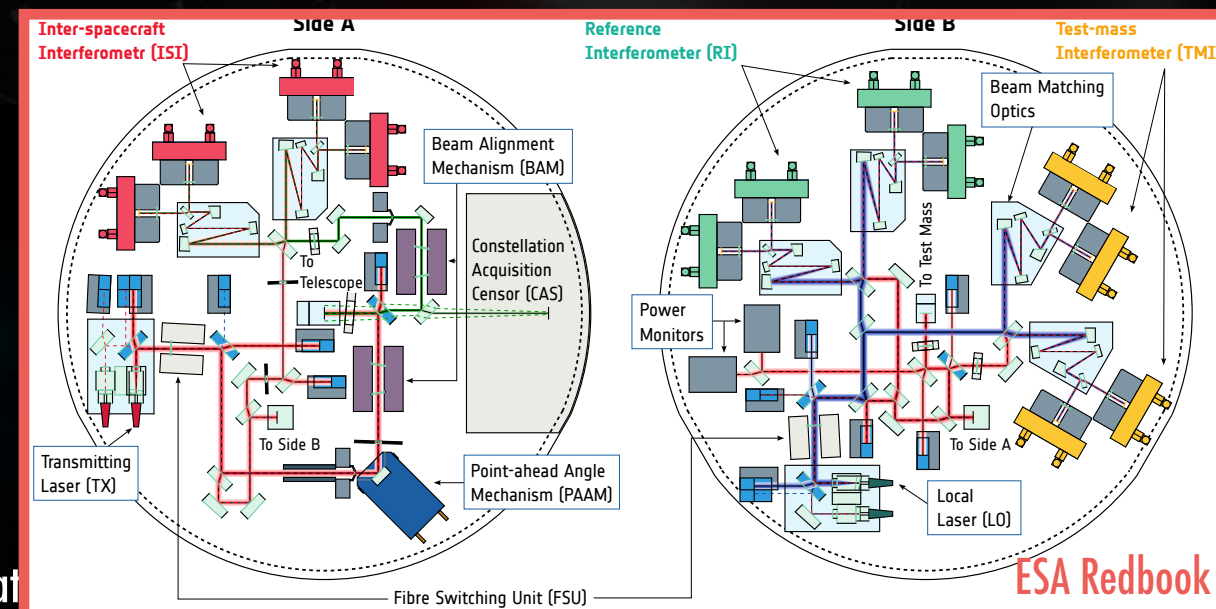
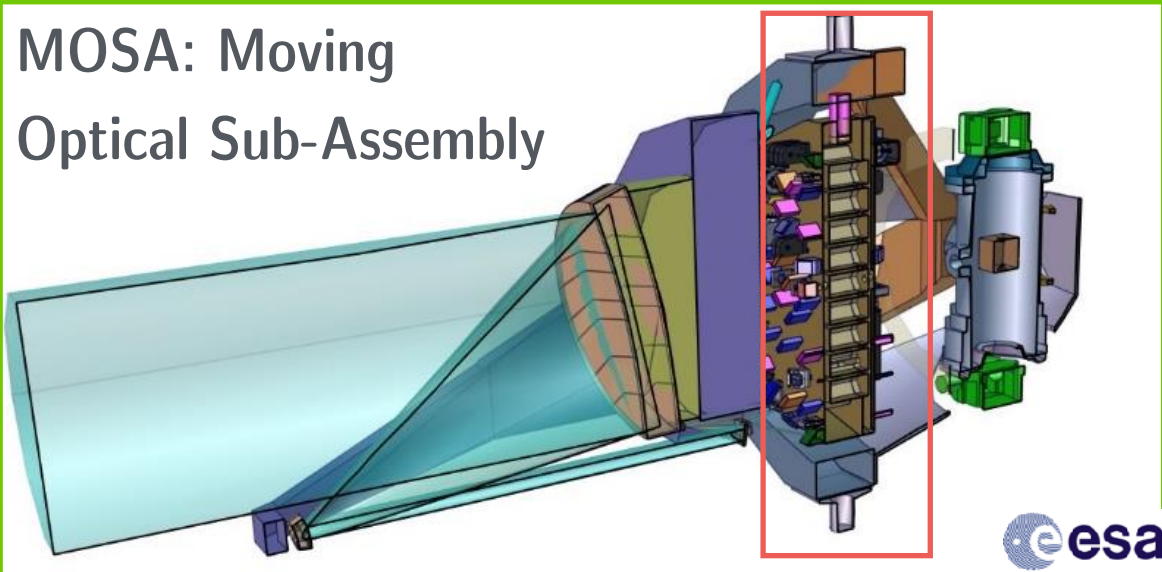
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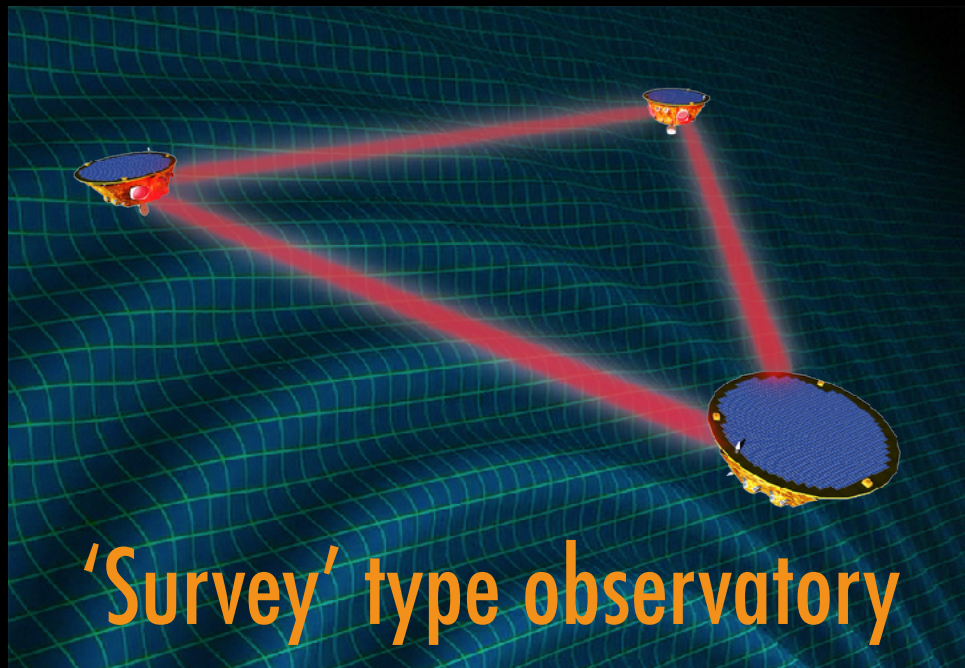


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'Survey' type observatory

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Data

Mission Operation Center
(ESA)

Science Operation Center
(ESA)

DDPC:
Distributed
Data Processing
Center (ESA
Member States)

NASA
Ground
Segment

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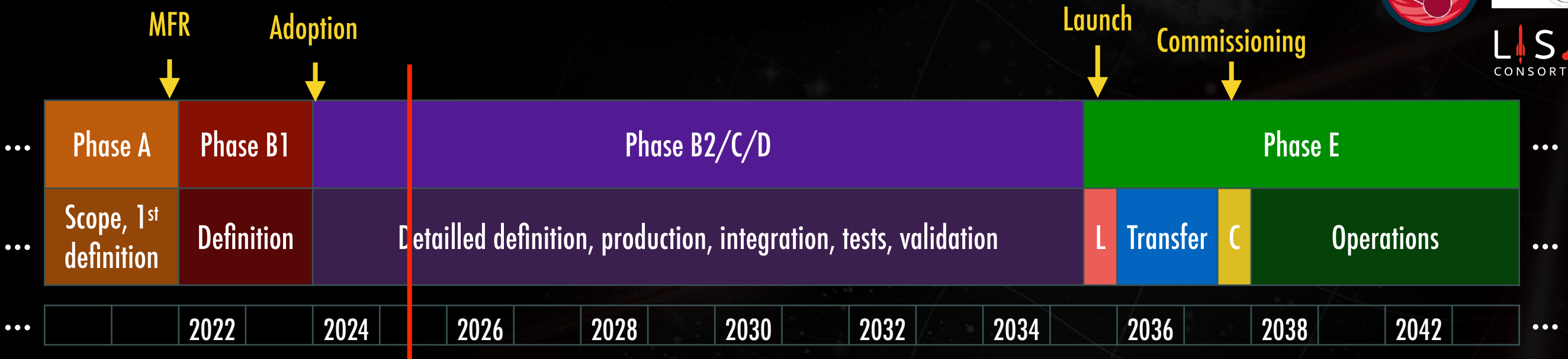
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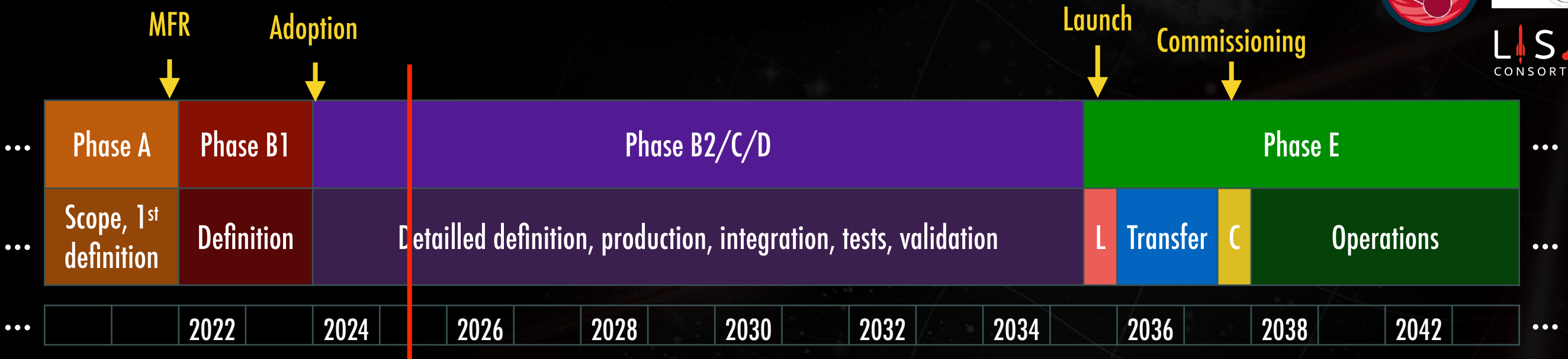
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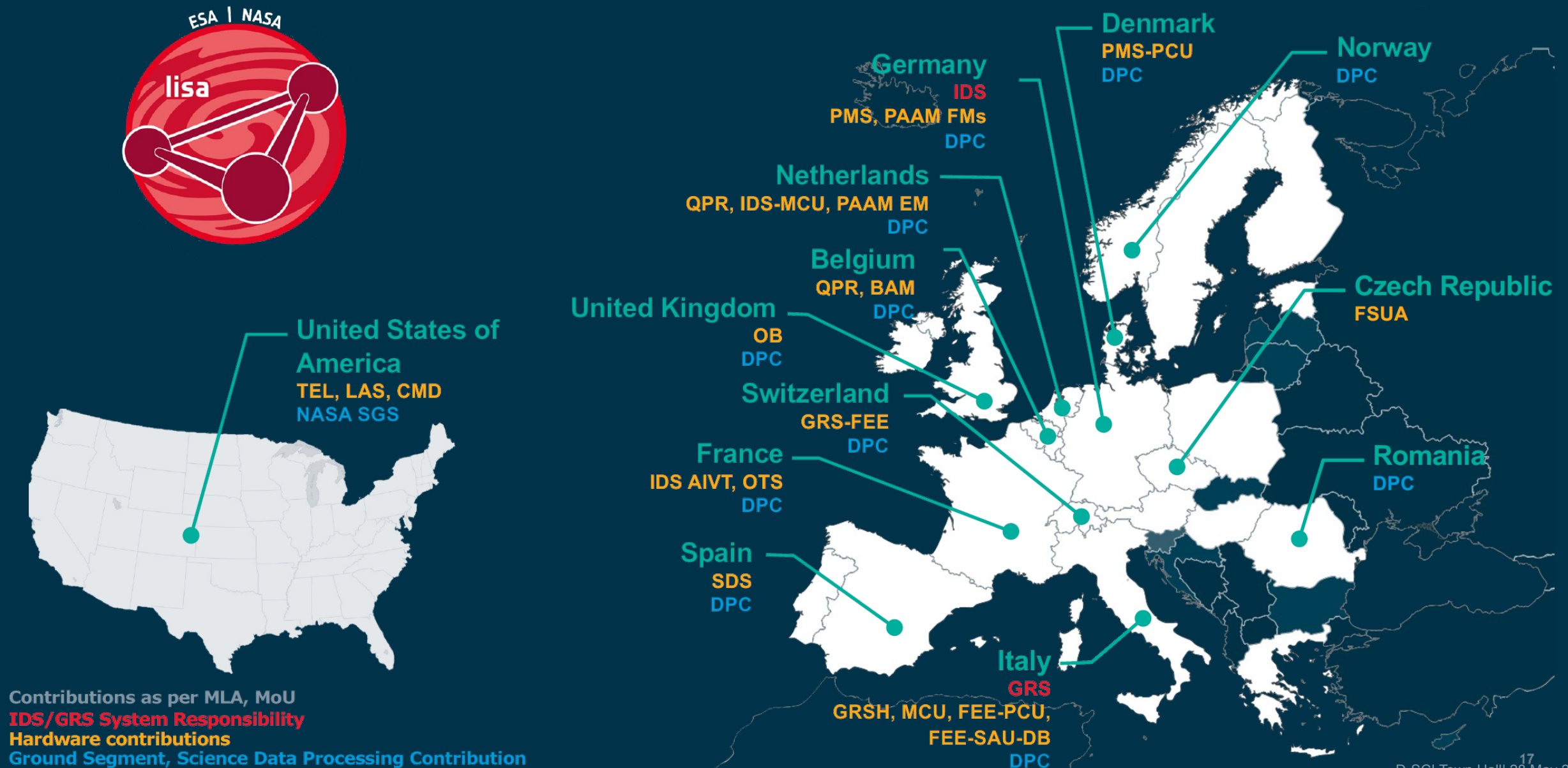
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LISA collaboration

- Contributions to the instrument and ground segment (data analysis)



LISA - An international mission led by ESA

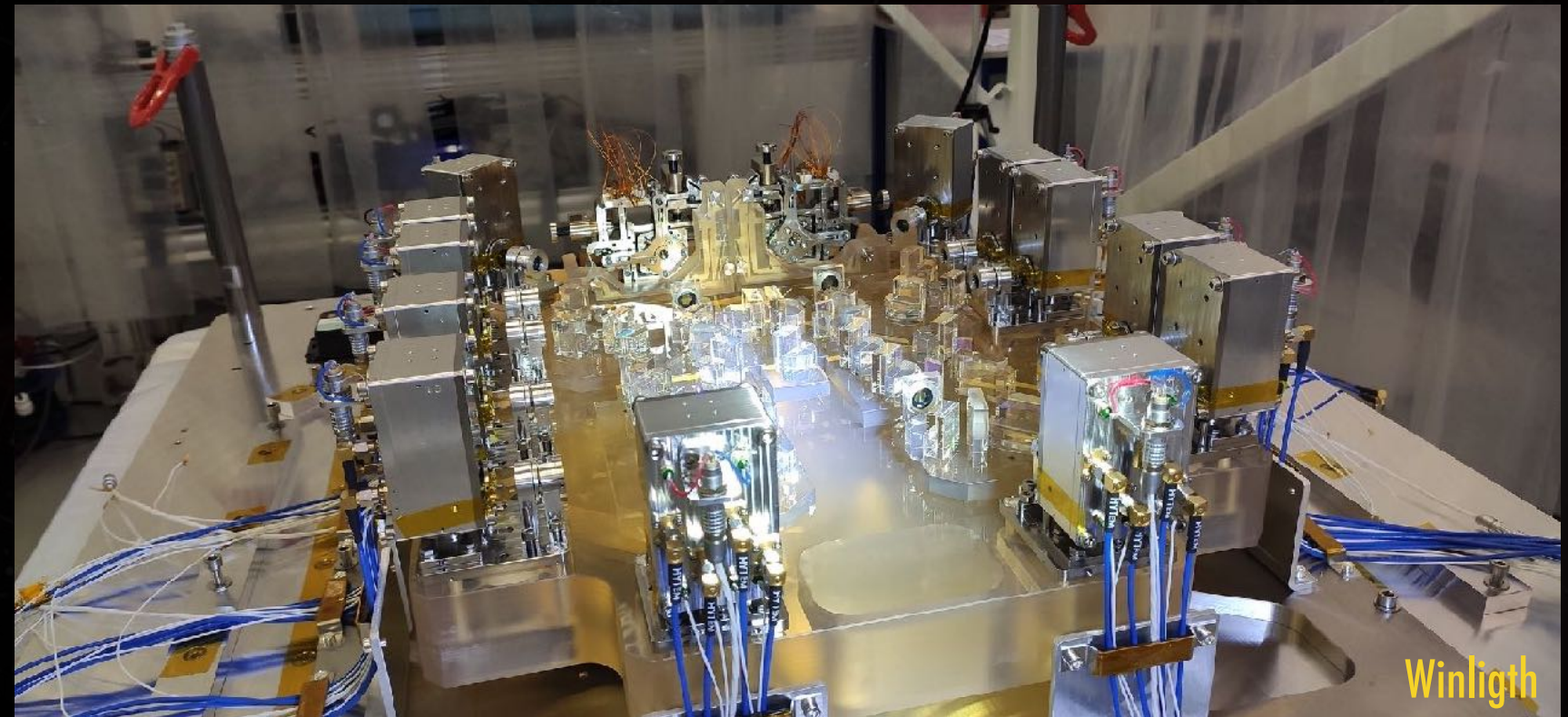


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Building already started ...

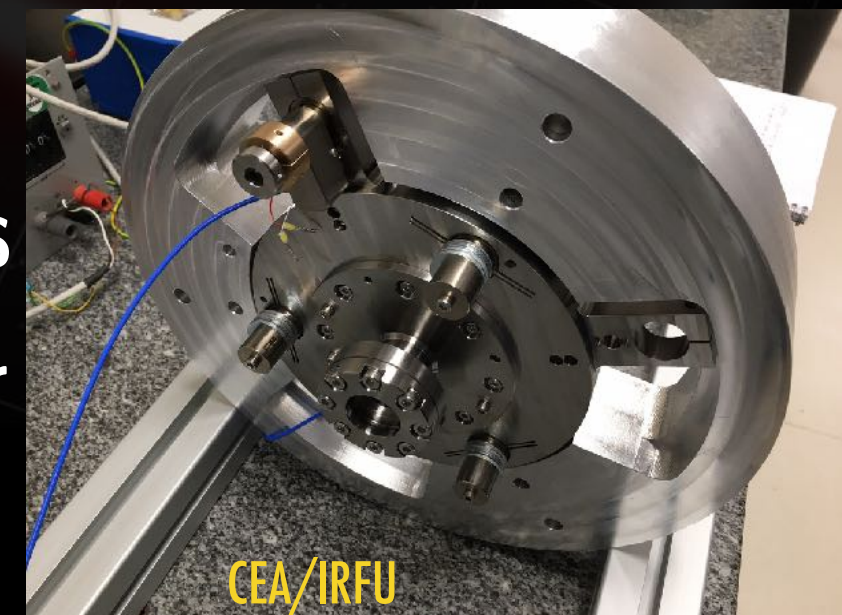
ZIFO
(demonstration
bench for high
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interferometry)



Telescope

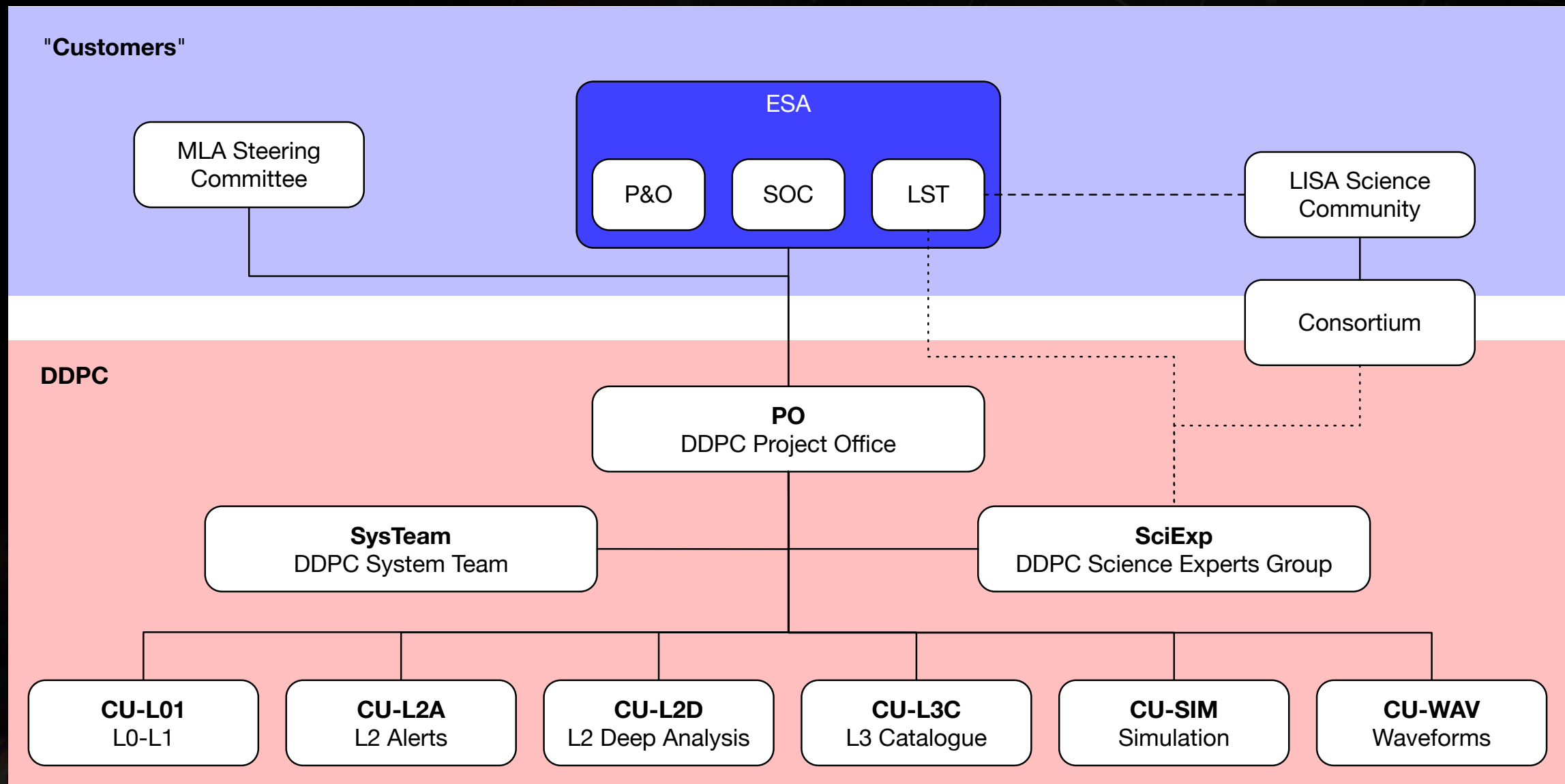


Test-Mass
Simulator



Timeline and status

- ▶ DDPC in place and active
- ▶ Release of the first common dataset in December 2025
- ▶ ~ 200 members



GW sources in the mHz band

► **Binaries:** large range of masses and mass ratios:

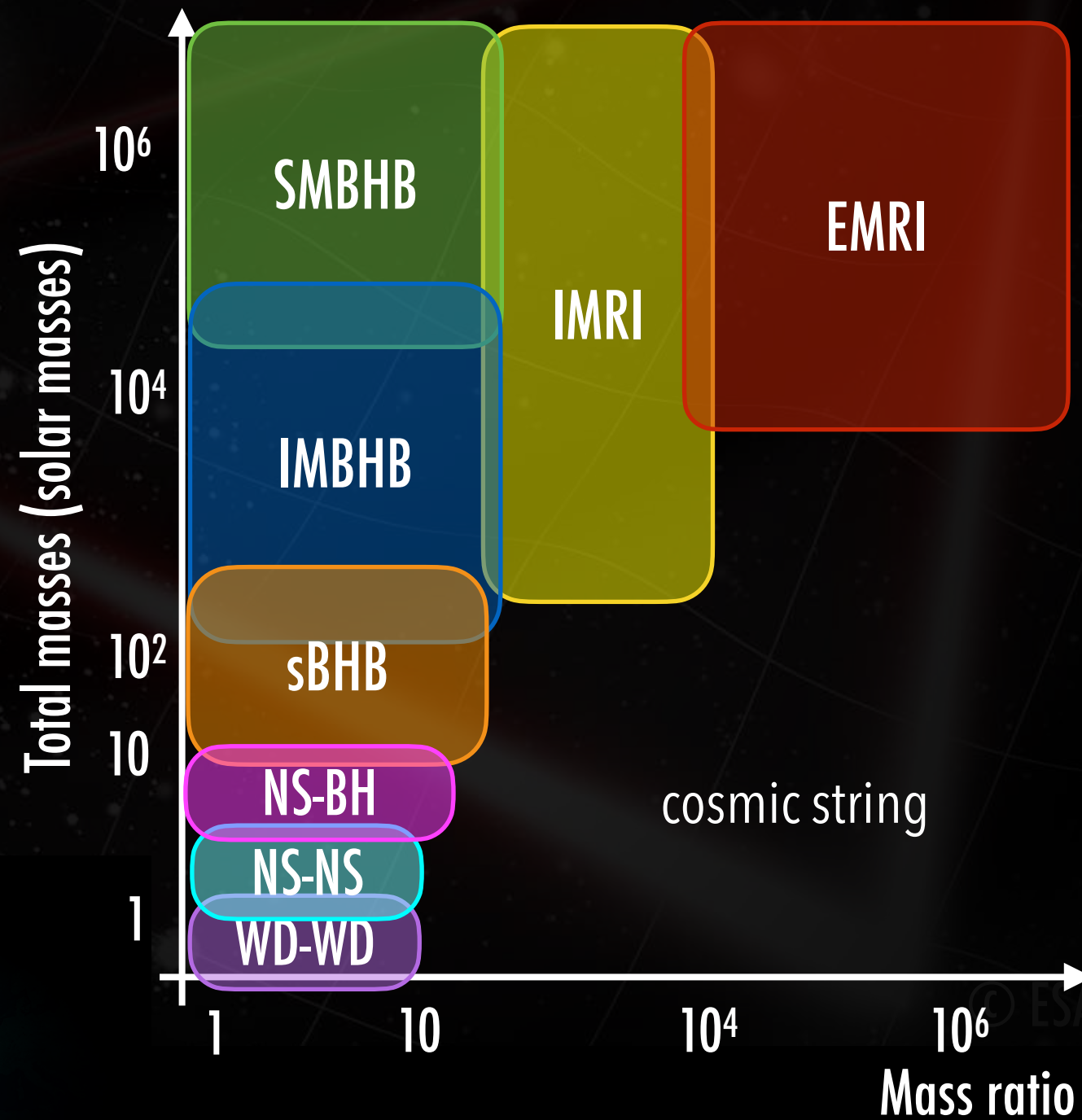
- SuperMassive BH Binaries (SMBHB)
- Extreme Mass Ratio Inspiral (EMRI)
- Stellar mass BH Binaries (sBHB)
- Double White Dwarfs (WD-WD)
- Double Neutron Stars (NS-NS)
- Intermediate Mass Ratio Inspiral (IMRI)
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► **Stochastic backgrounds:**

- First order phase transitions, networks, ...

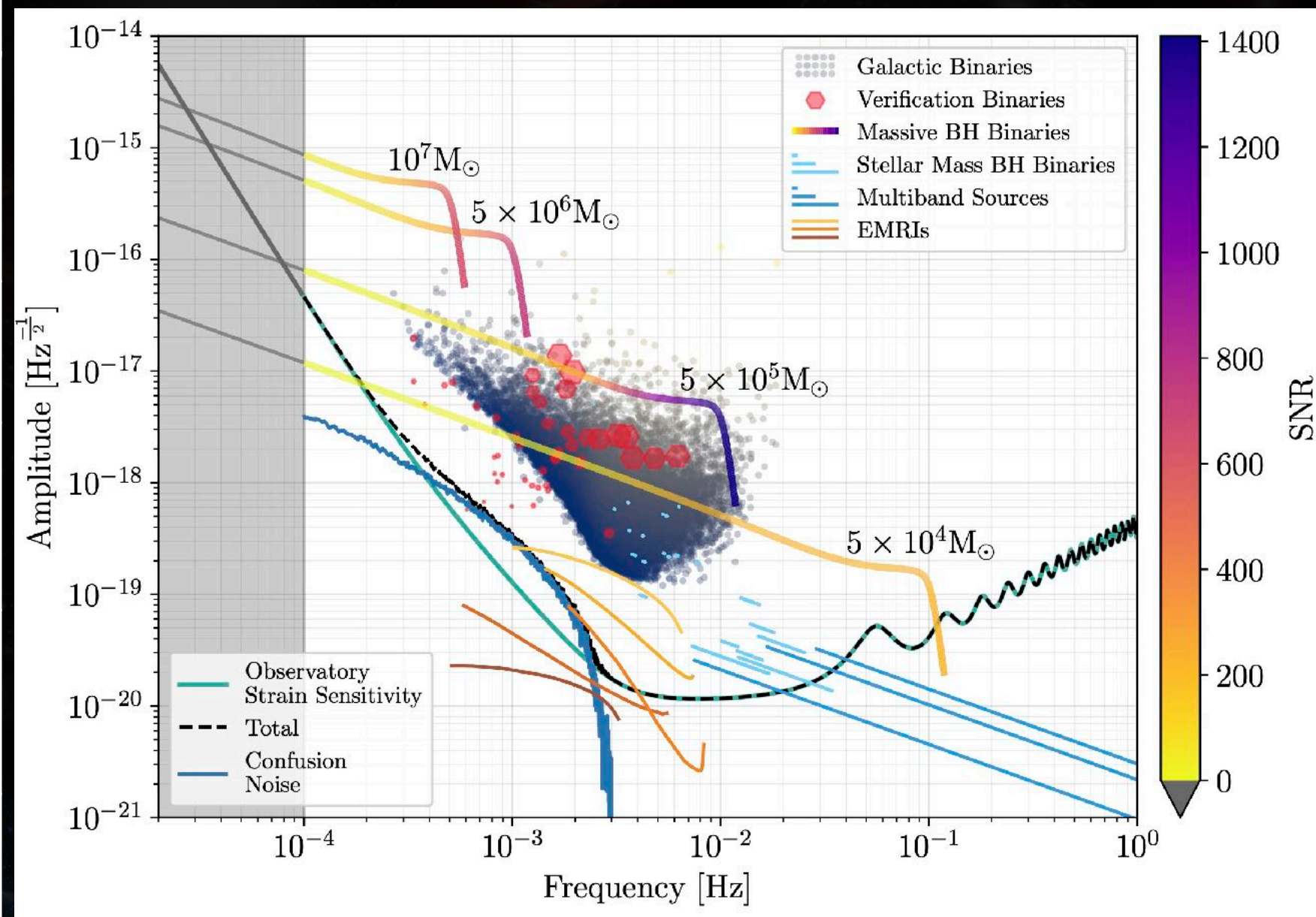
► Bursts: cosmic strings, ...

► Unknown?



Binaries observed by LISA

Sources	SNR	Duration	Event rate
Galactic binaries	10 – 500	permanent	10000 – 30000 detectables + background
Verification binaries	7 - 100	permanent	20 (today)
Stellar mass black hole binaries	7 - 30	1 à 10 years	1 to 20
Extreme Mass Ratio Inspirals	7 - 60	1 year	1 to 2000 / year
Massive Black Hole binaries	10 - 3000	Hours - months	10 to 100 / year



Science Objectives



- ▶ **S01:** Study the formation and evolution of **compact binary stars** in the Milky Way Galaxy.

Astrophysics

- ▶ **S02:** Trace the origin, growth and merger history of **massive black holes** across cosmic ages.

- ▶ **S03:** Probe the properties and immediate **environments of black holes** in the local Universe using **EMRIs** and **IMRIs**.

Fundamental physics

- ▶ **S04:** Understand the **astrophysics of stellar origin black holes**.

- ▶ **S05:** Explore the **fundamental nature of gravity and black holes**.

- ▶ **S06:** Probe the rate of **expansion** of the Universe.

- ▶ **S07:** Understand **stochastic GW backgrounds** and their implications for the **early Universe** and TeV-scale particle physics.

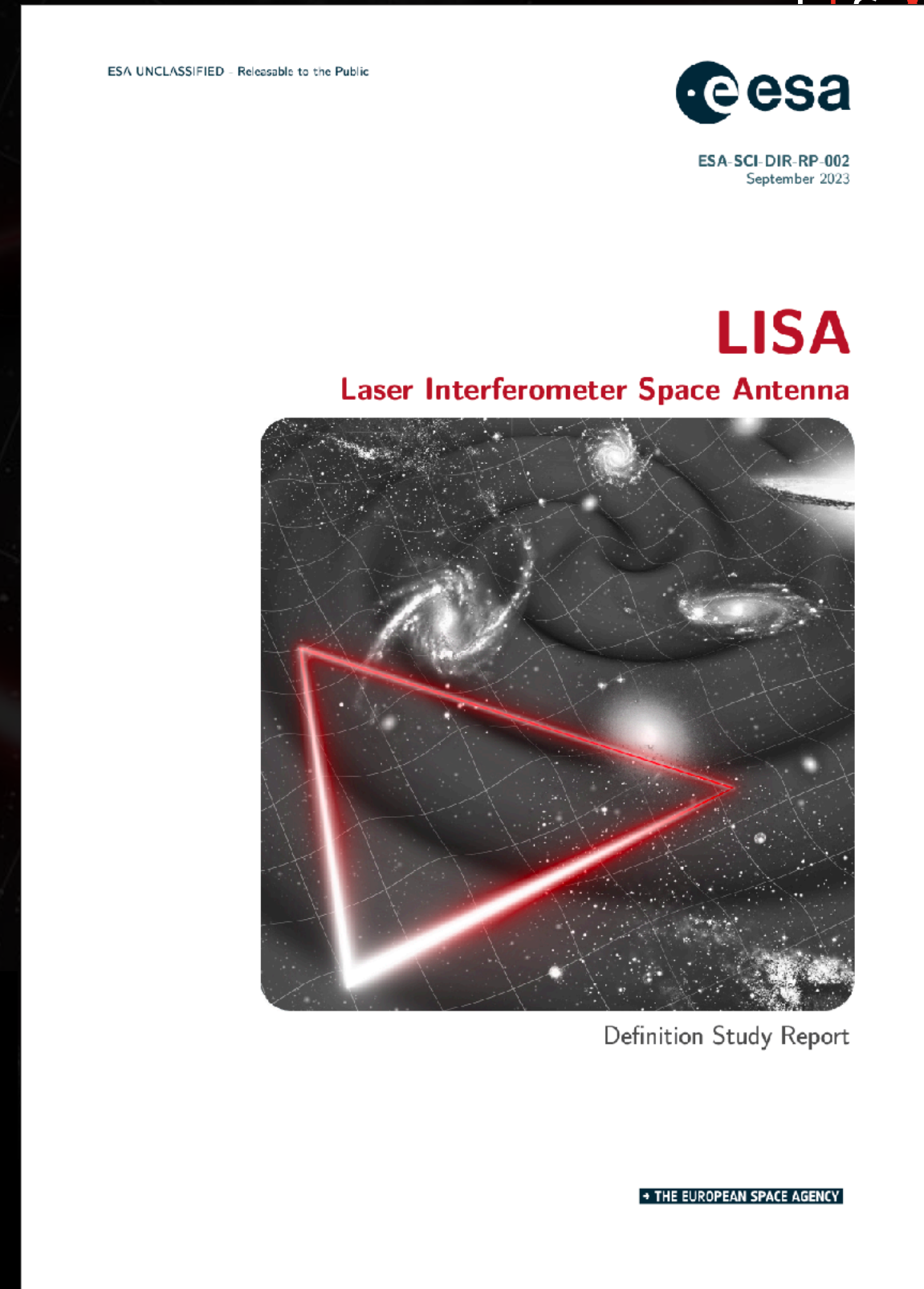
Cosmology

- ▶ **S08:** Search for GW **bursts** and **unforeseen** sources.

LISA RedBook



- ▶ **LISA Definition Study Report** (Redbook):
 - written by the LISA Science Study Team with the support of the LISA Consortium
 - submitted and validated at adoption
- ▶ Content:
 - **Science of LISA**
 - Instrument
 - Data processing
 - Organisation
- ▶ Available at :
 - [arXiv:2402.07571](https://arxiv.org/abs/2402.07571)
 - www.cosmos.esa.int/web/lisa/lisa-redbook



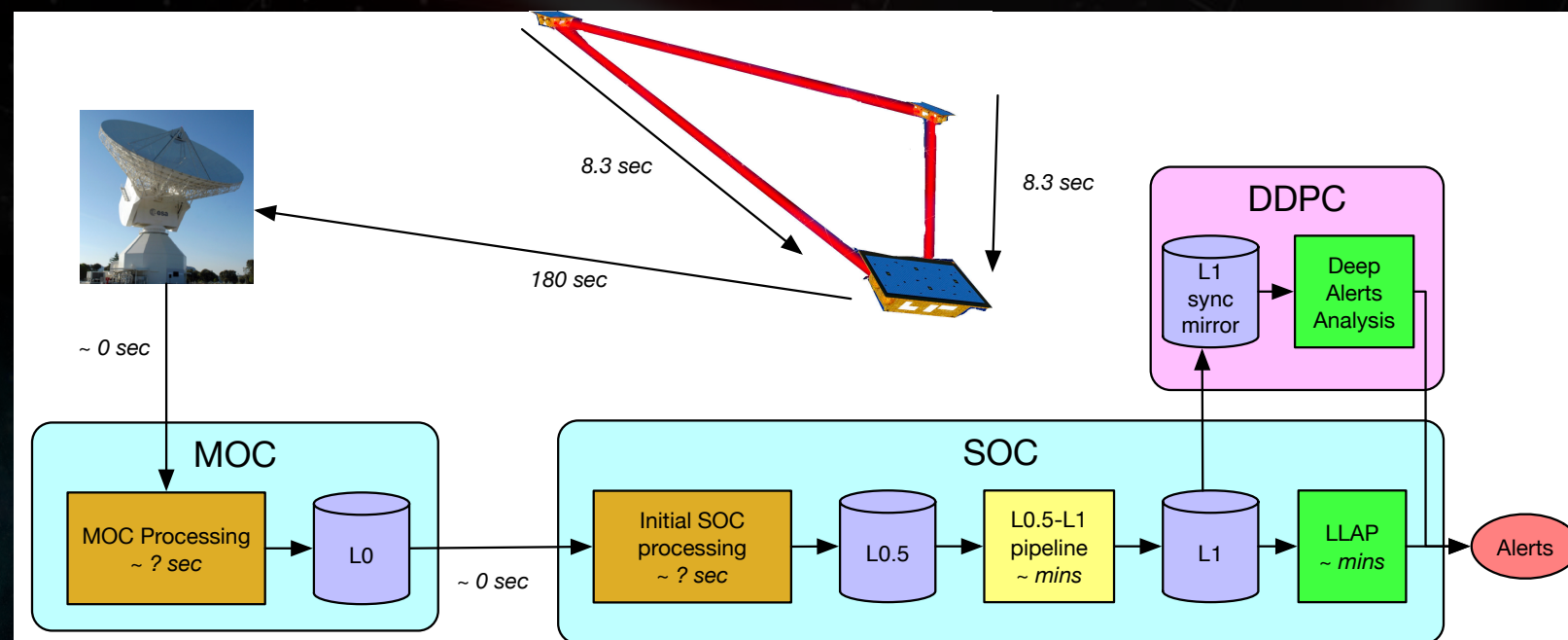
Multimessenger with LISA

► Main sources for multimessenger:

- Continuous: galactic interacting binaries
- Transient:
 - Massive Black Hole Binaries
 - Bursts (cosmic string, tidal disruption?, ...)
 - Unknown

► Low Latency Alerts Pipeline: automatic near-real time analysis during the 8h/day of communication, to release an alert in <1 h:

- New events
- Update parameters (sky position) of detected events





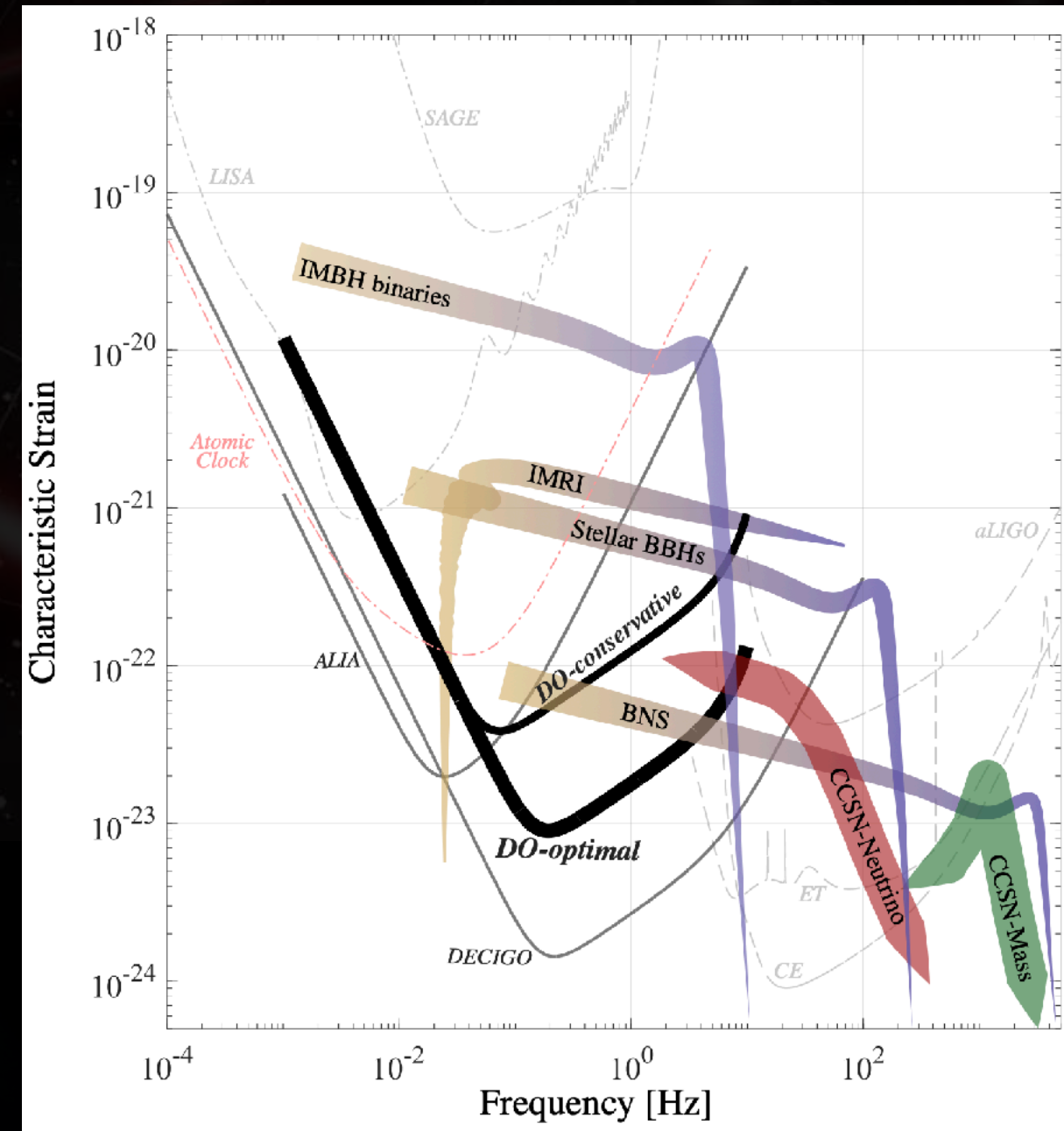
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Other space based ideas

DeciHertz observatory

- ▶ Proposal submitted at Voyage2050 (ESA call for science themes for L4, L5 & L6, 2040-2060):
- ▶ 0.01-10 Hz → decihertz band:
 - IMBH, IMRI, stellar BBHs
 - BNS early-warning
- ▶ On-going study in the LISA Consortium:
 - Science
 - Technical feasibility
 - ...

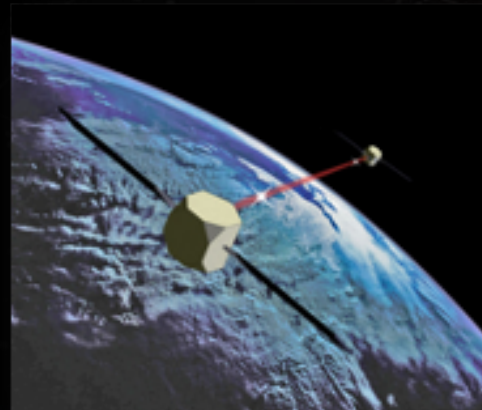
Sedda et al. 2020, gr-qc:1908.11375v3



AEDGE

► Atomic Experiment for Dark Matter and Gravity Exploration

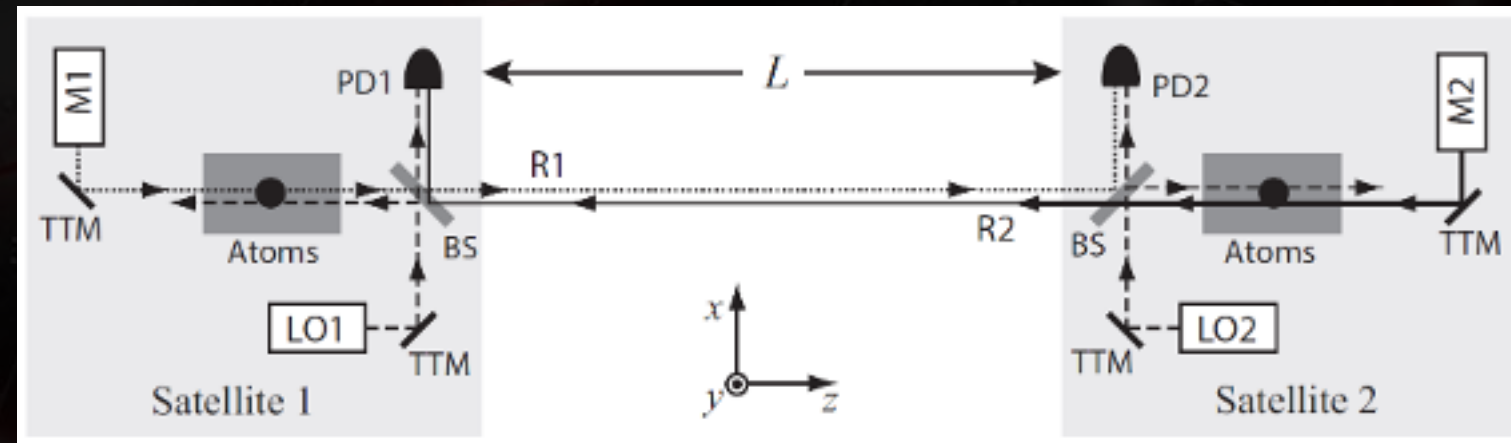
- Pair of satellites in medium Earth orbit
- Separation 4400 km



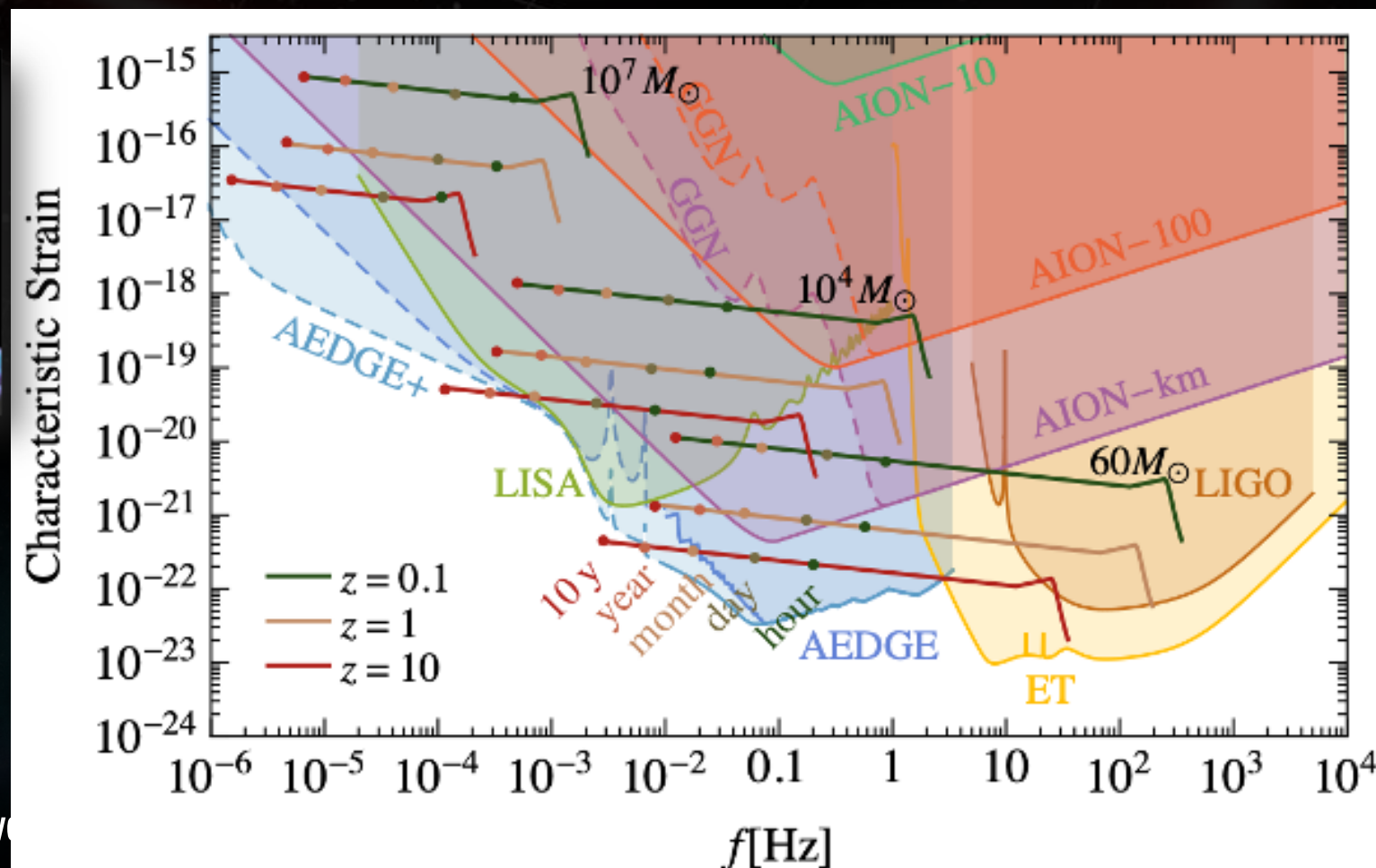
► Development on ground:

- AION-100 : 100m
- AION-km : 1km

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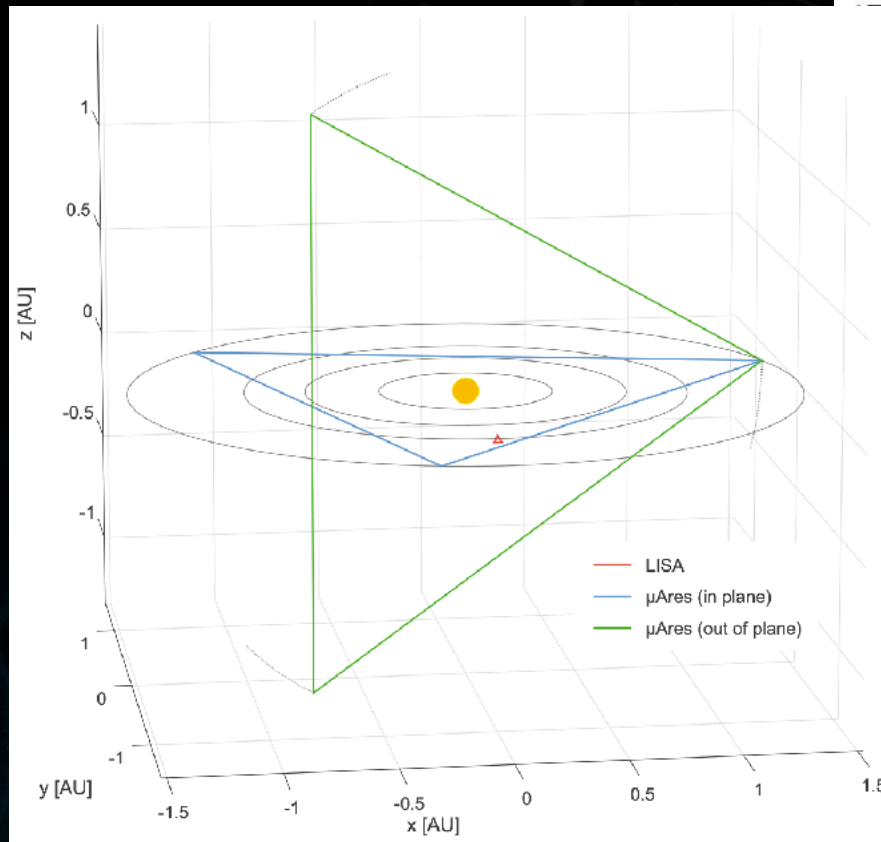
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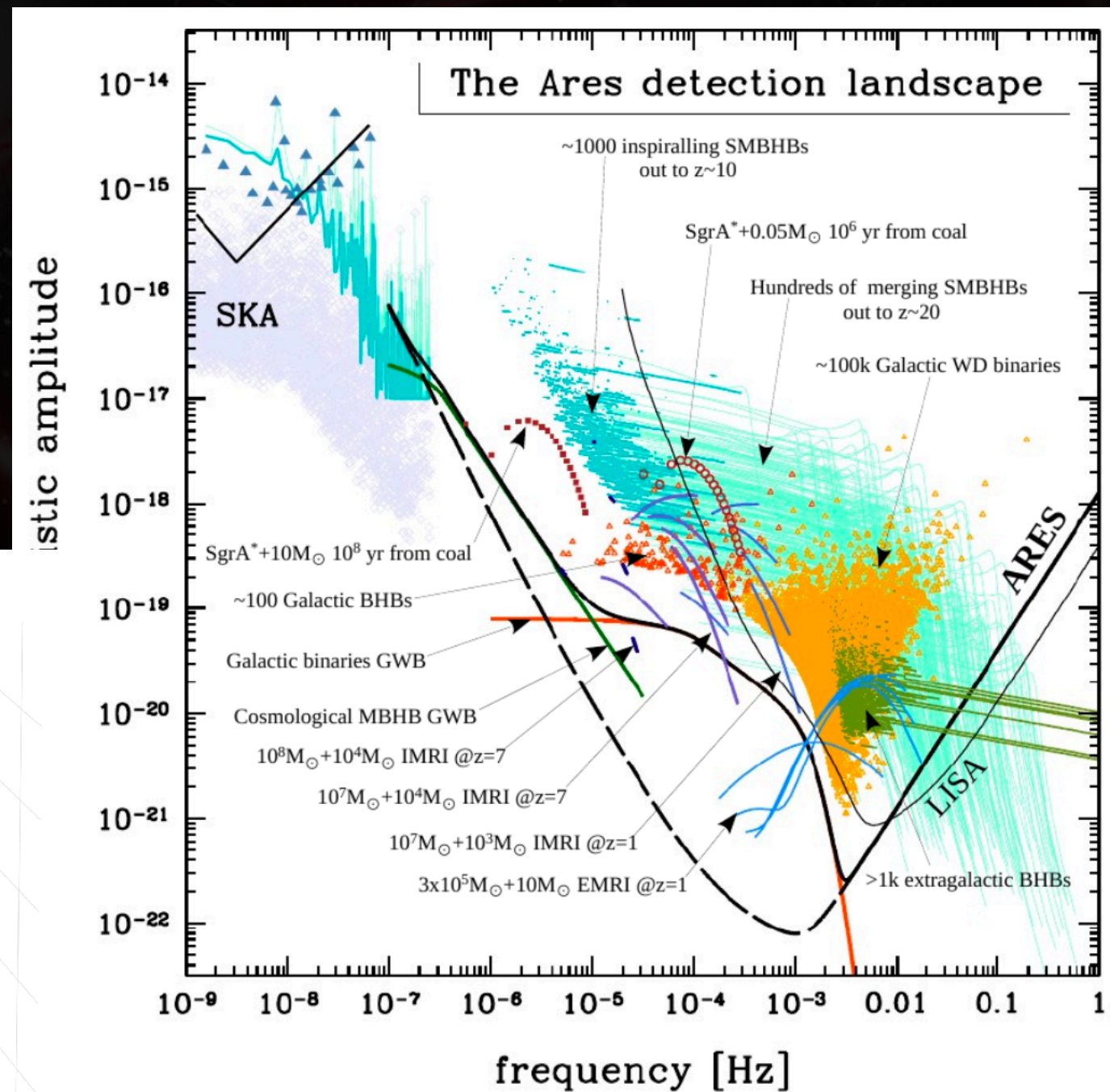
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► Arm of 1 AU



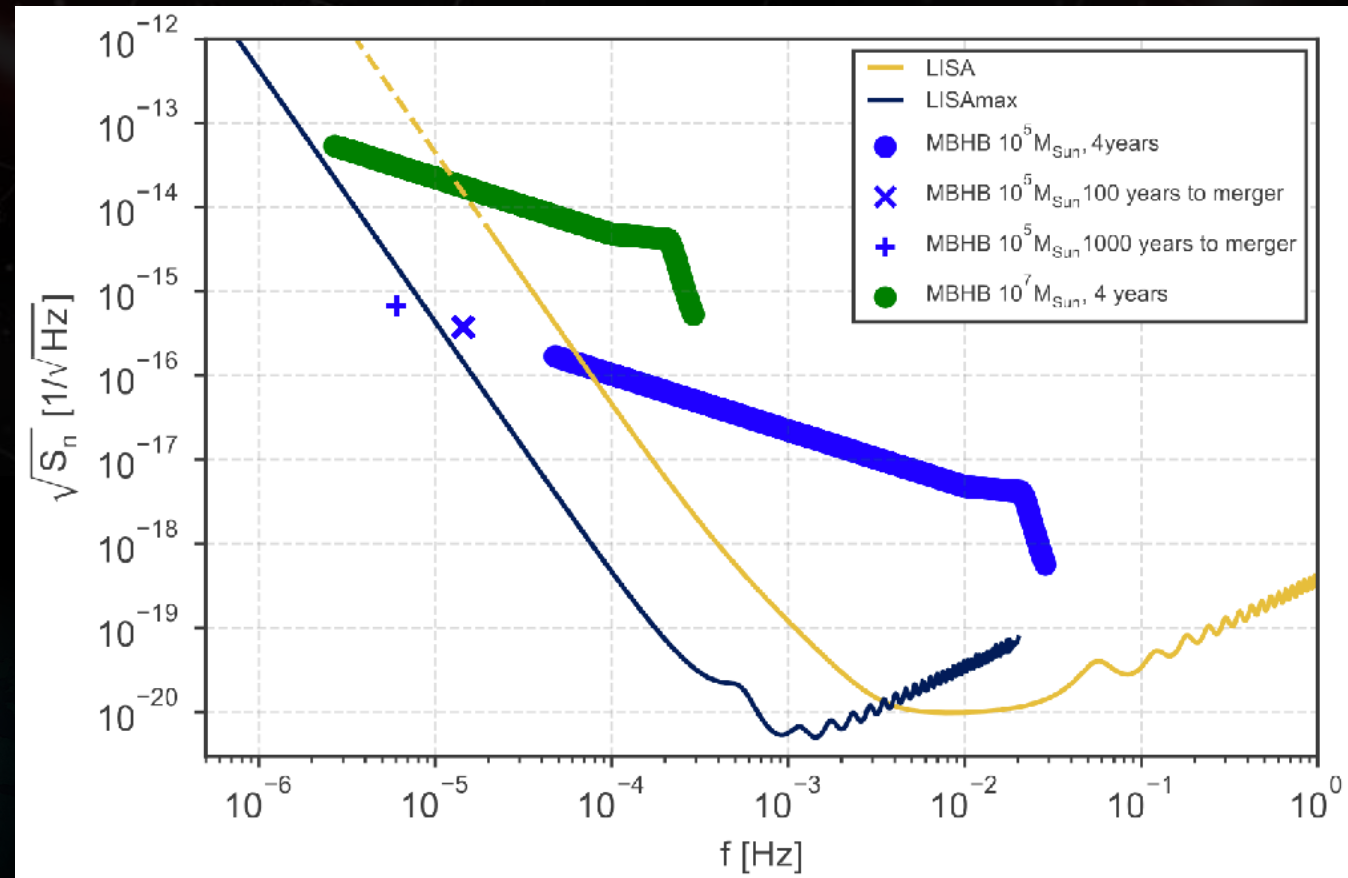
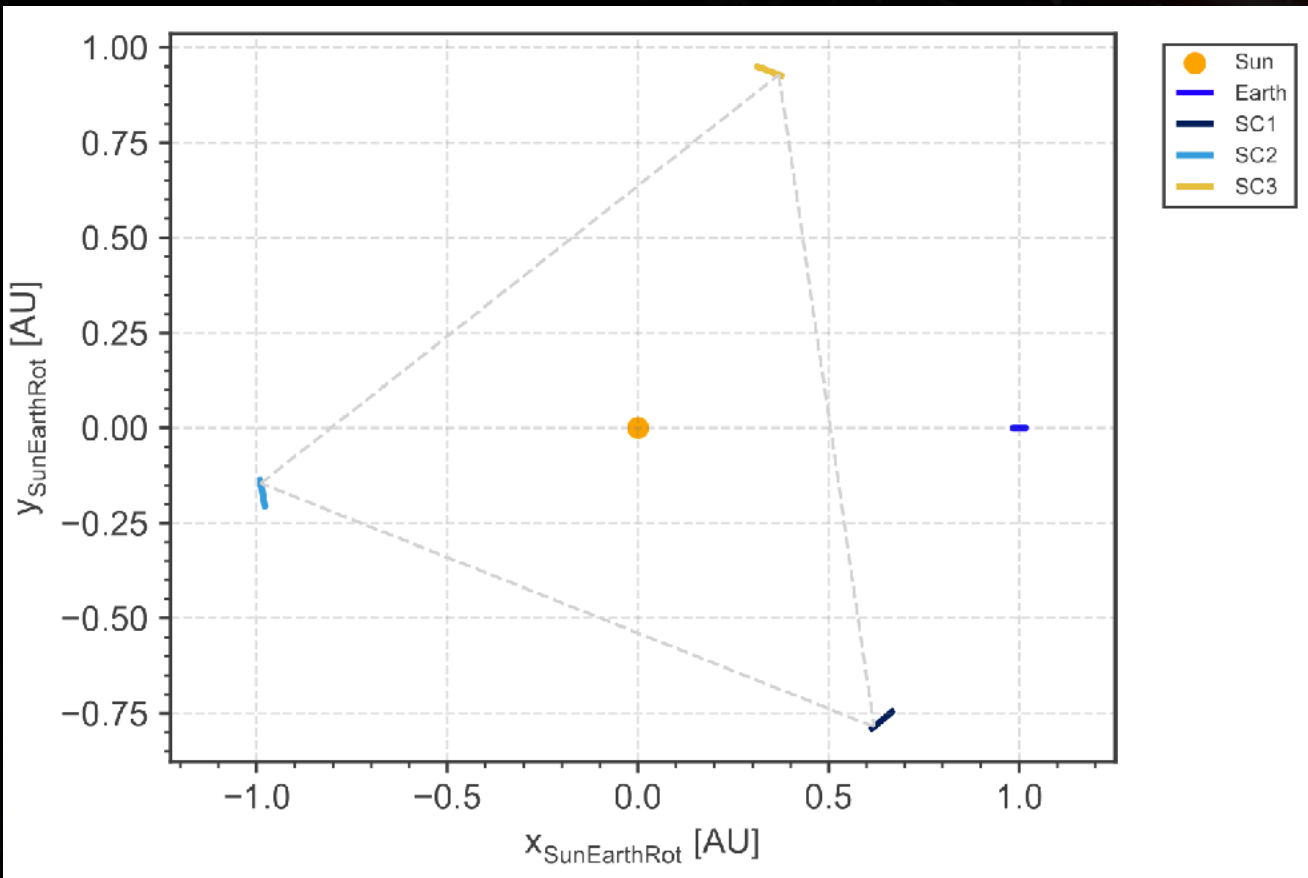
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LISAMax



- ▶ LISA of 1 AU in the earth orbital plane
- ▶ Study for the orbits of the 3 spacecraft:
Martens, Khan & Bayle 2023, gr-qc:2304.08287v2
- ▶ Ongoing study of the scientific performances and feasibility (again in the context of Voyage2050)

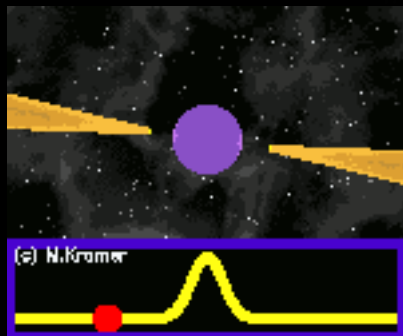




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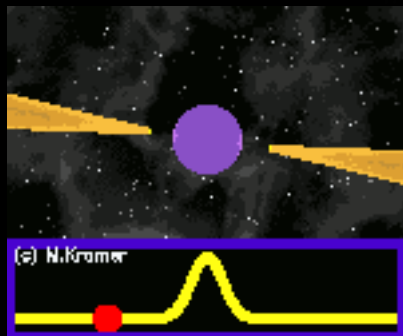
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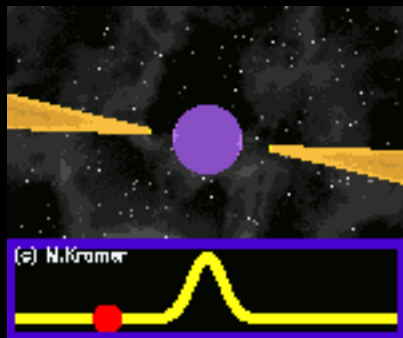
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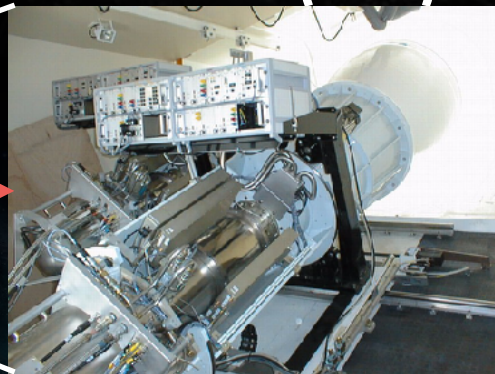
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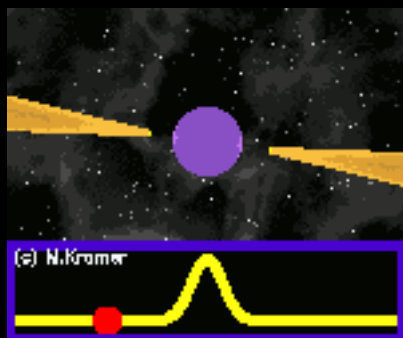


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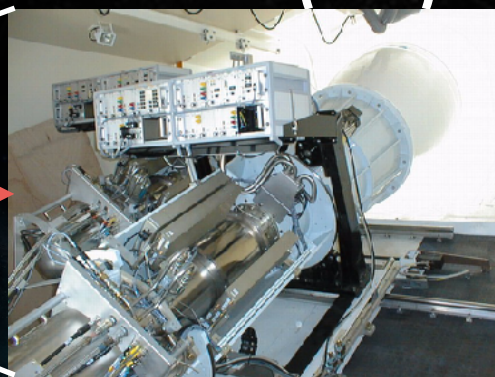
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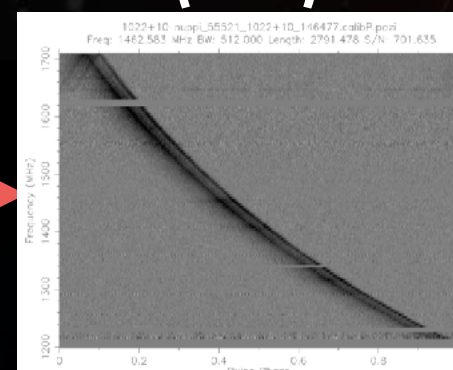
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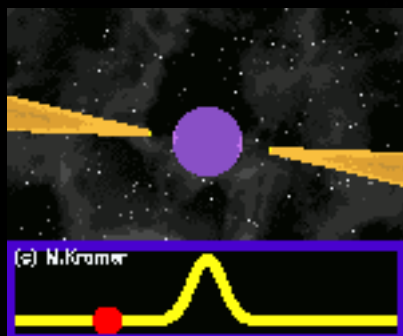


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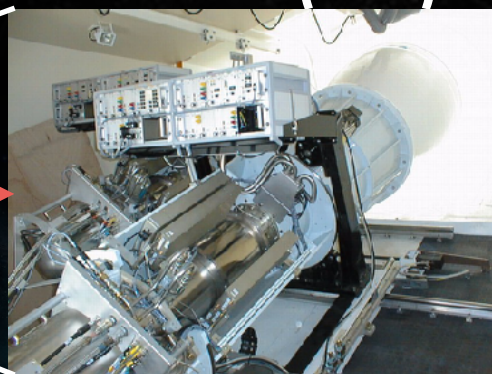
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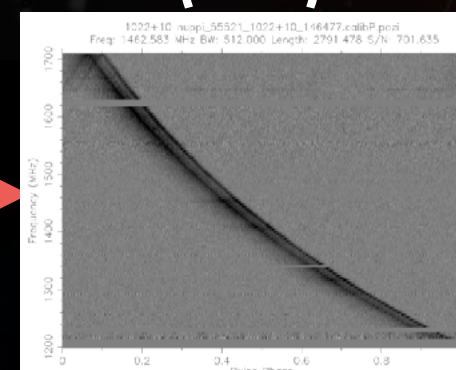
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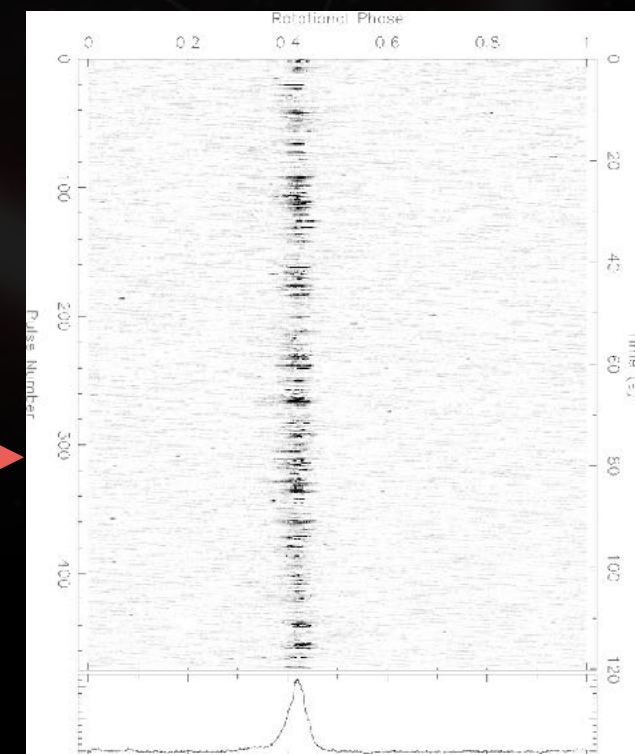
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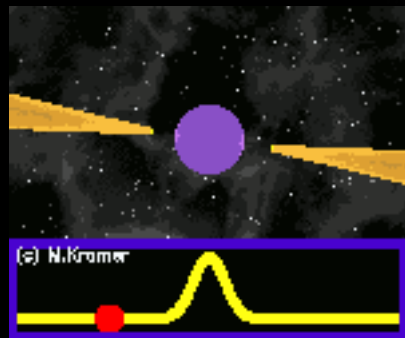


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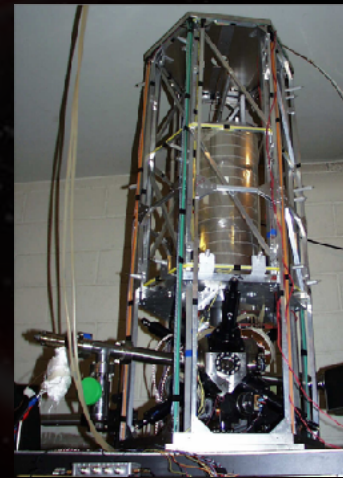


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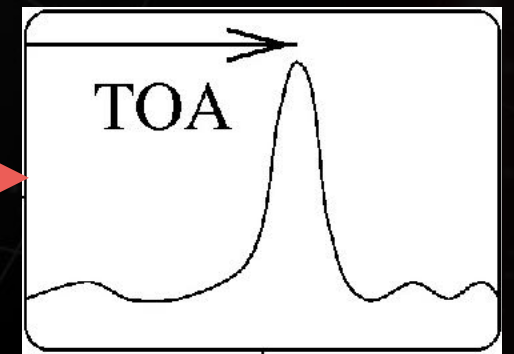
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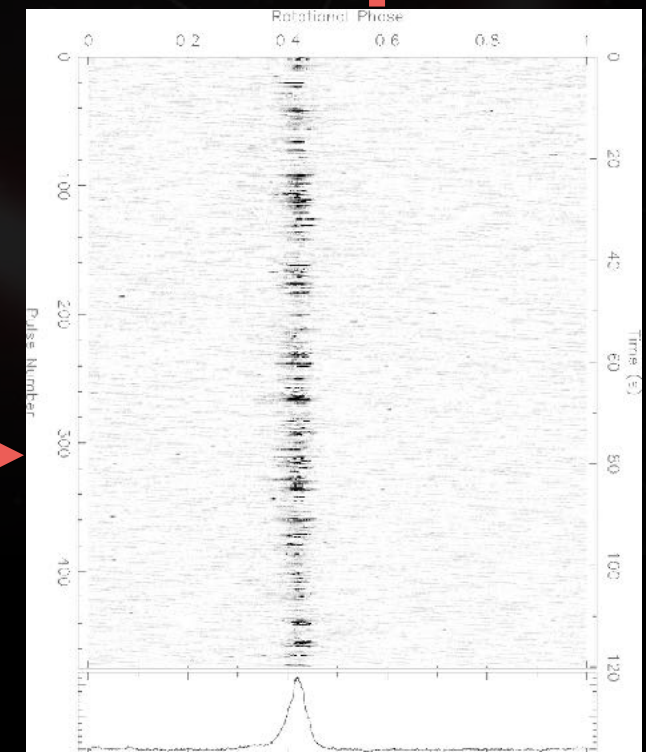
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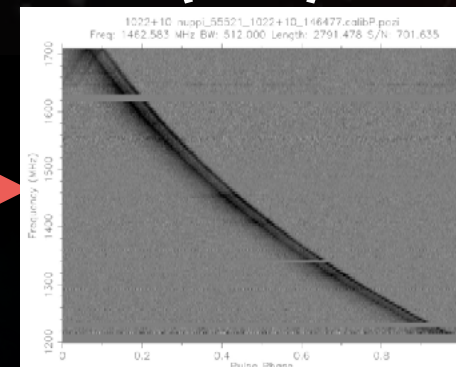
Integrated pulse



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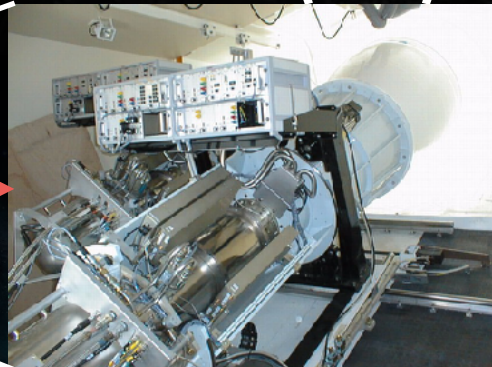
Coherent dedispersion (GPU)



Radiotelescope



Receiver (GHz)



Pulsar timing



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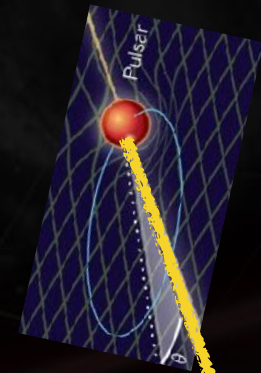
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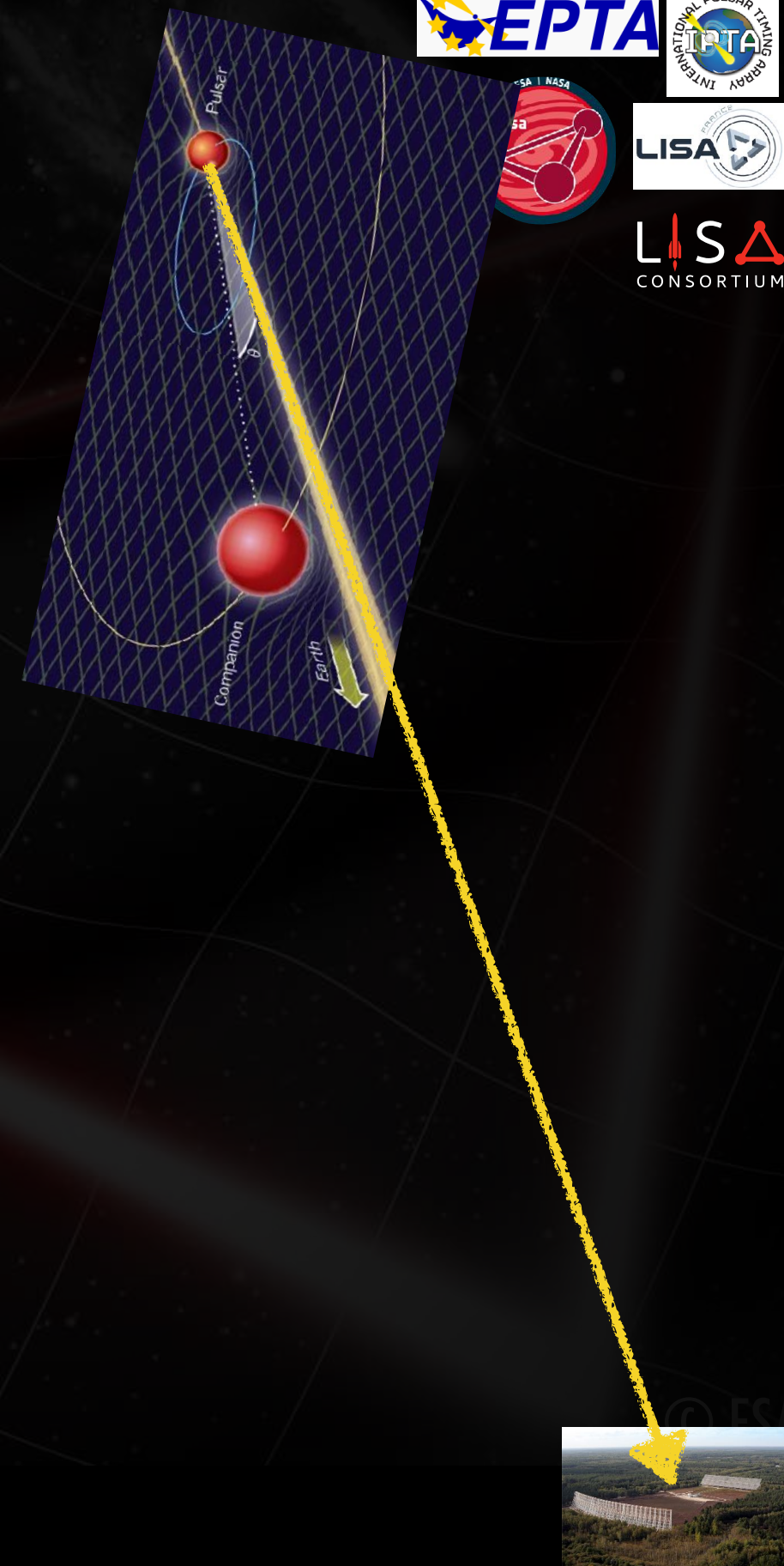
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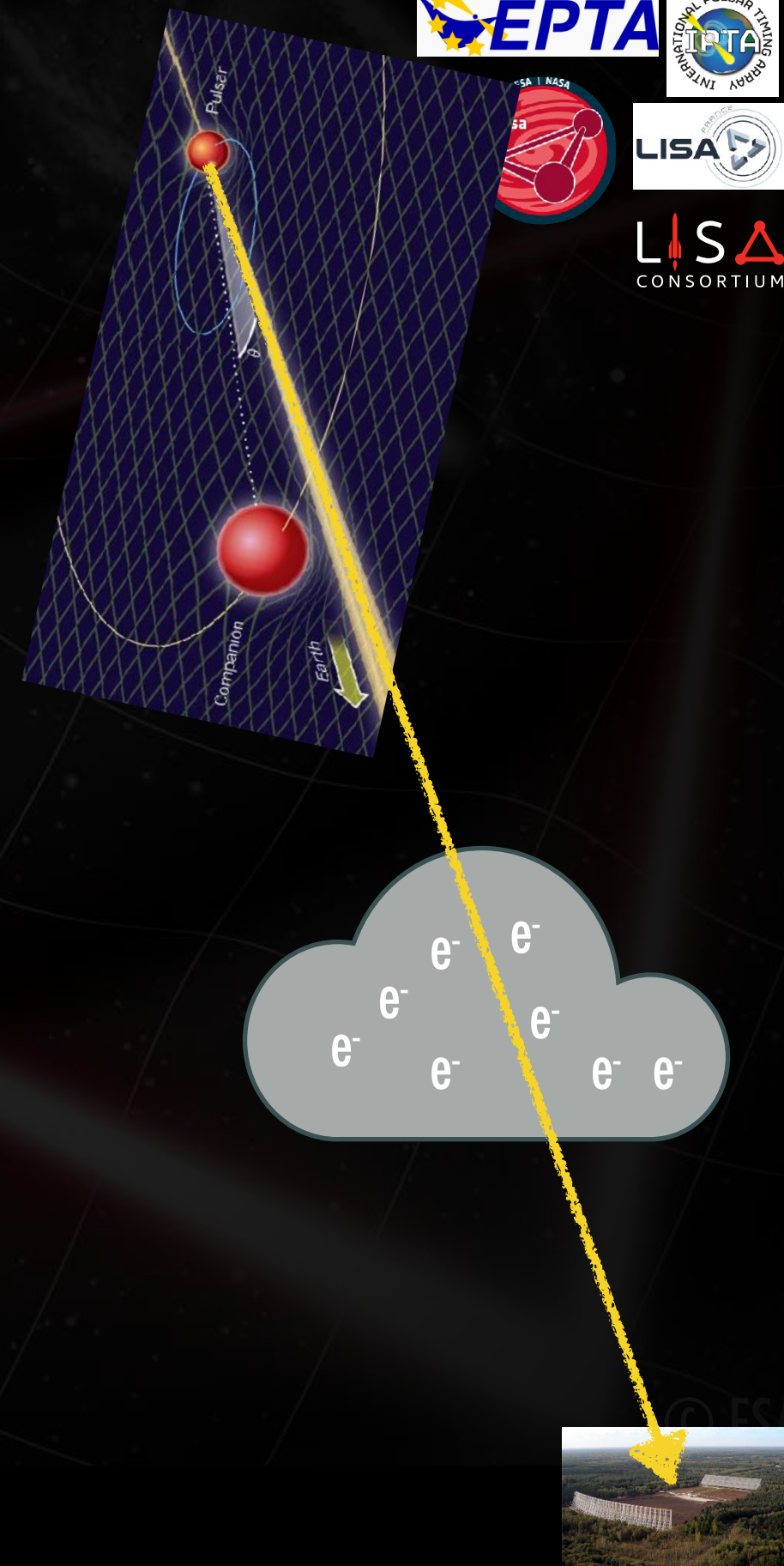
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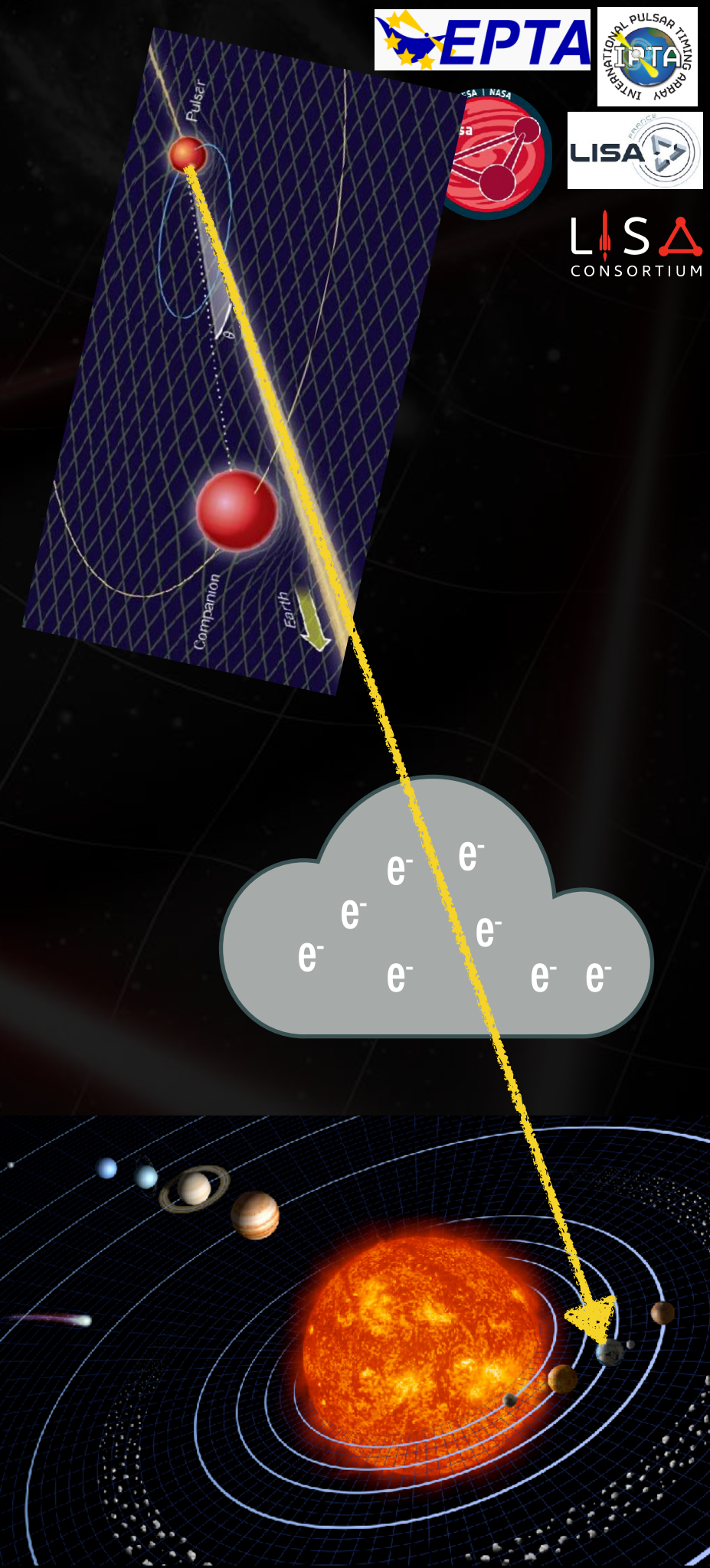
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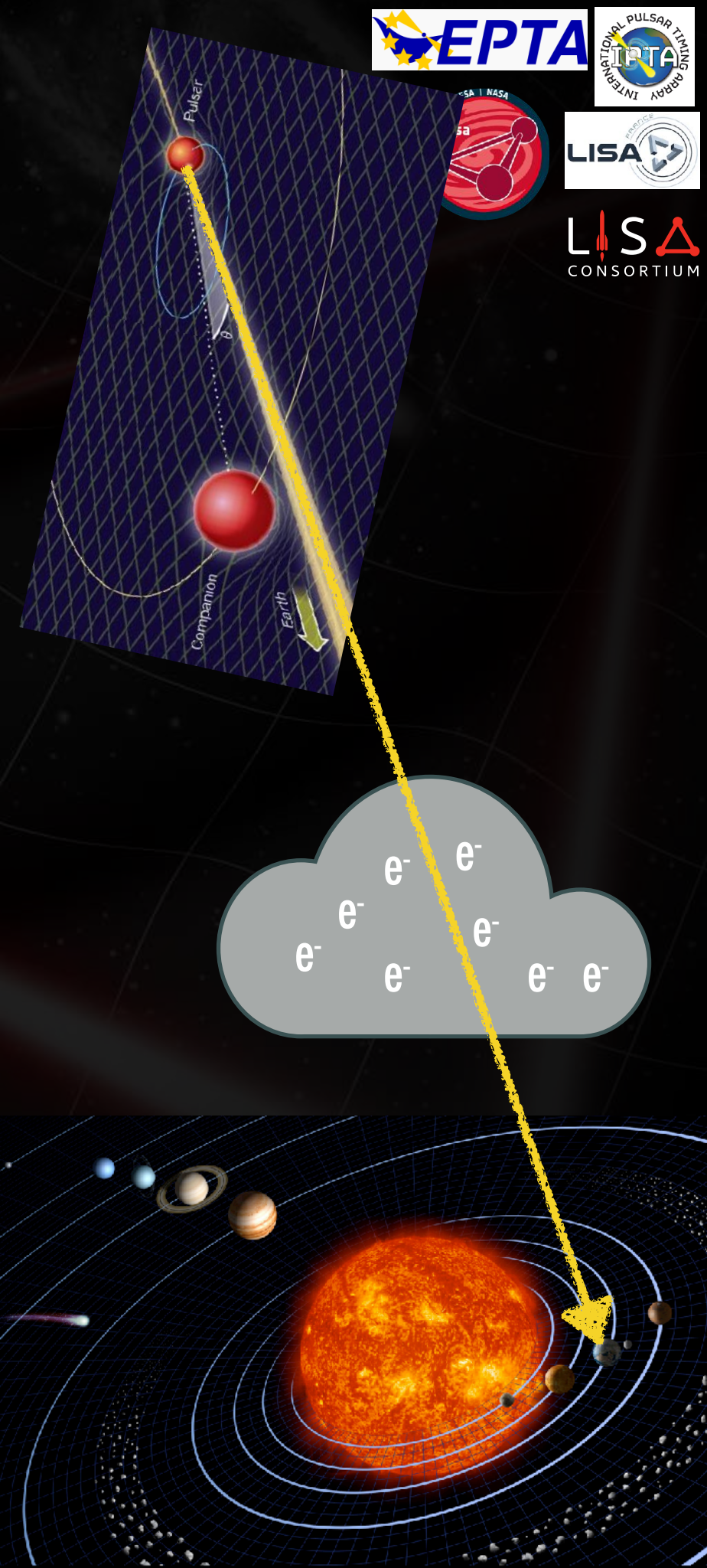
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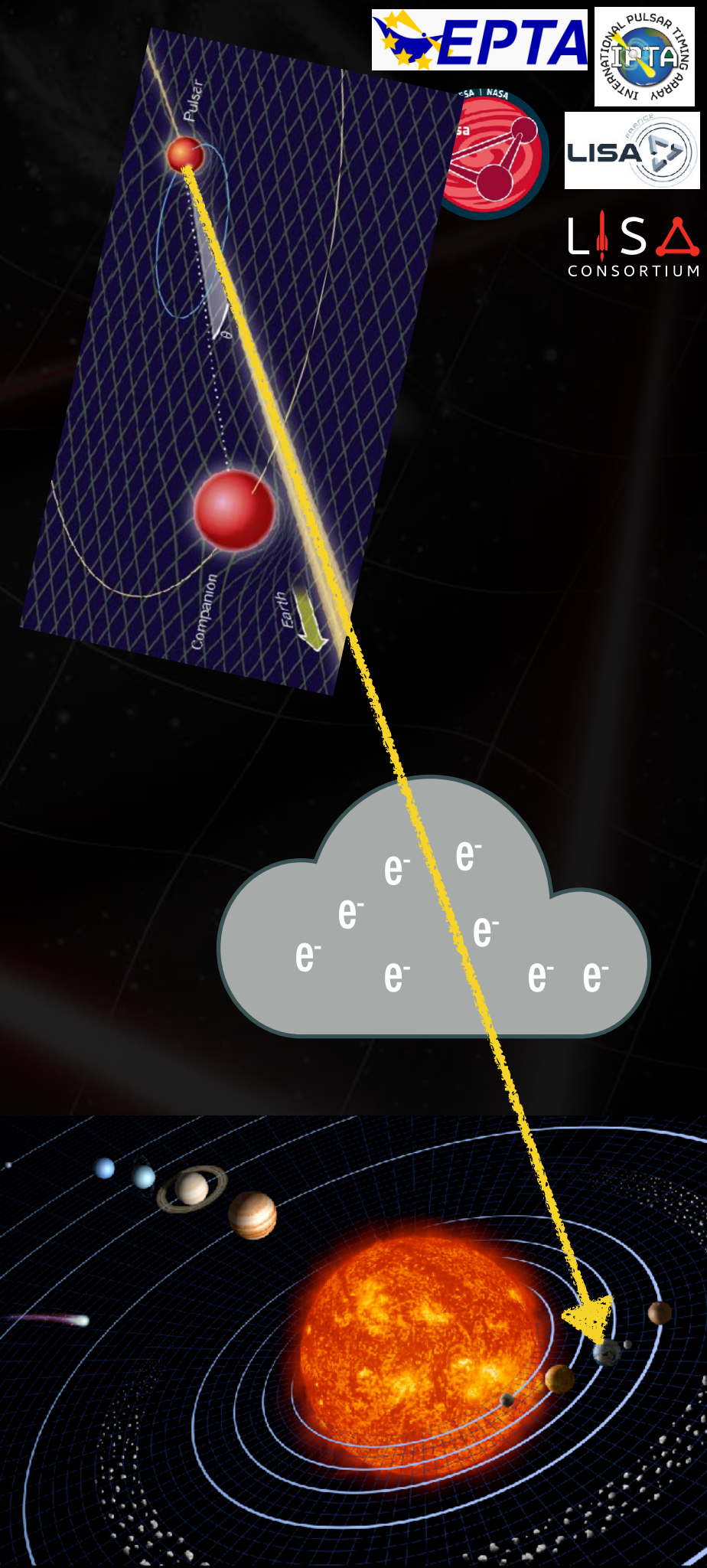
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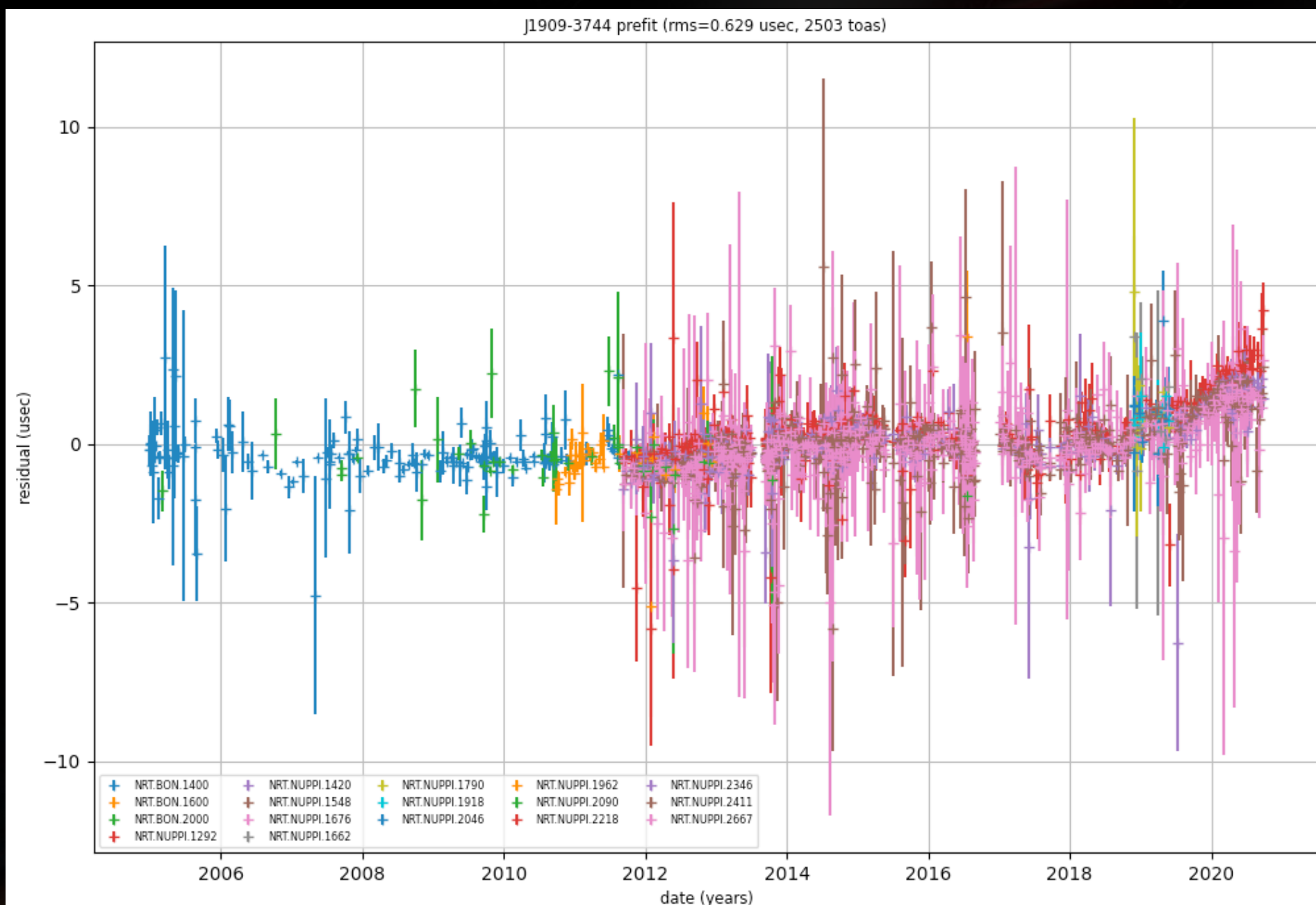
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► Modelling of each pulsars



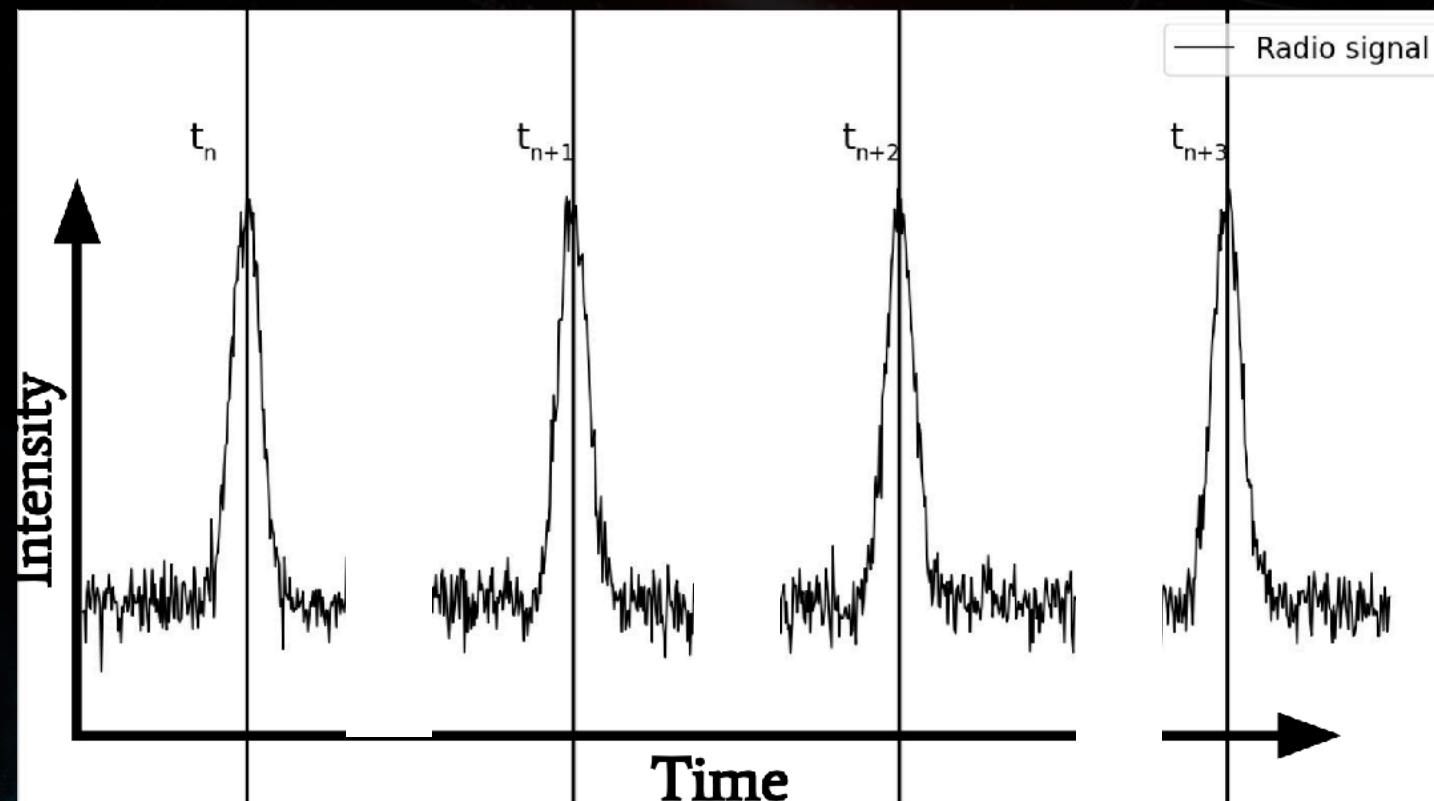
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- Examples:
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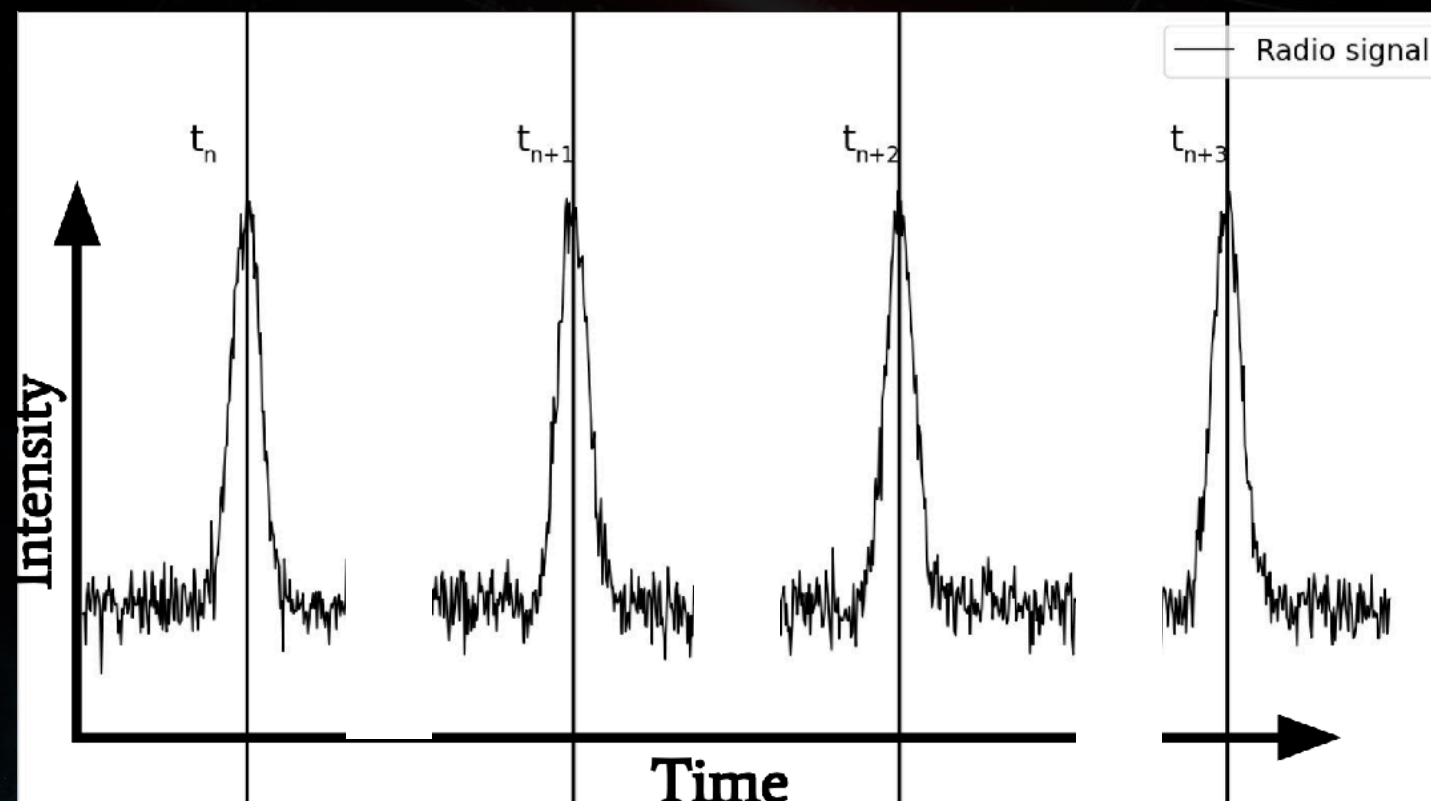
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Pulsar timing and GWs



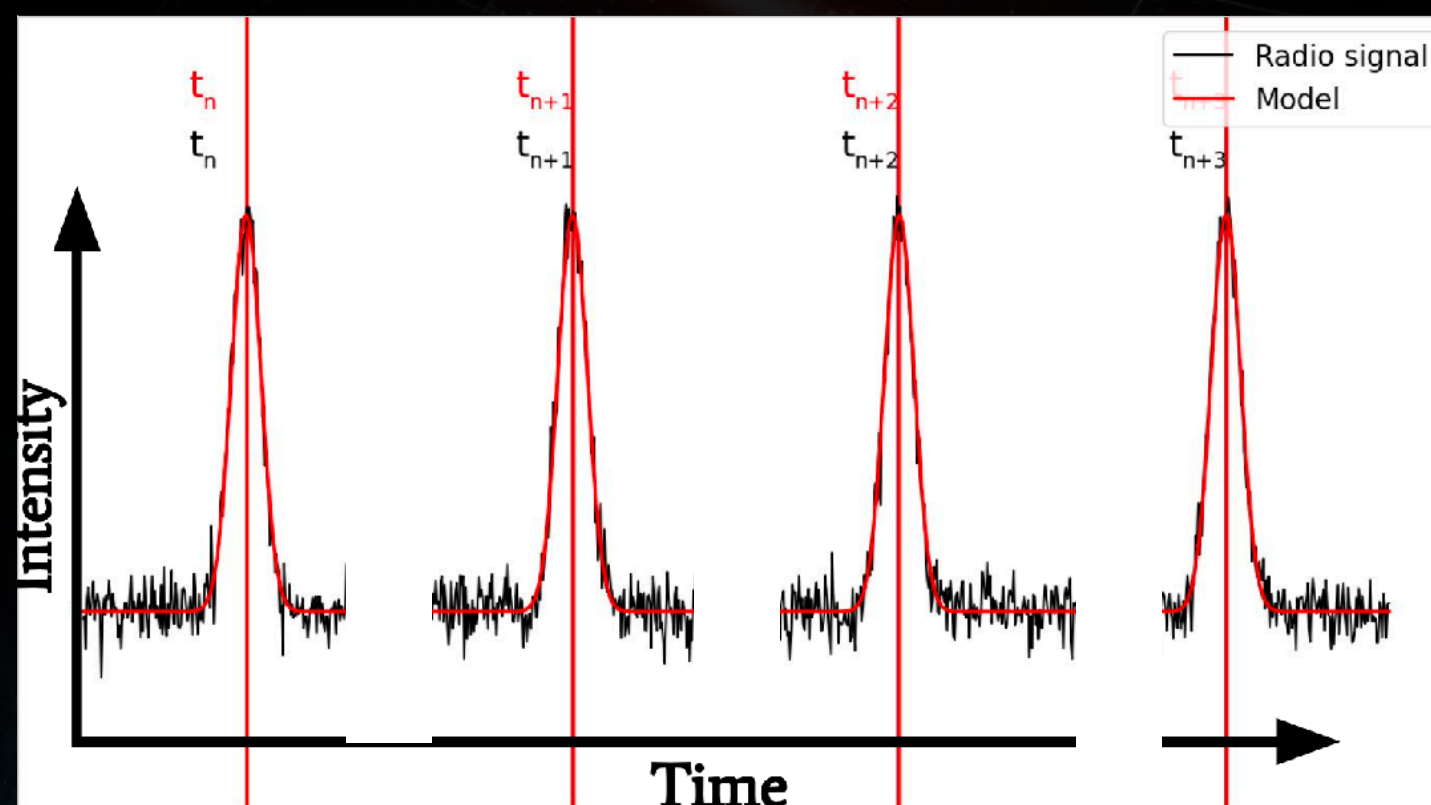
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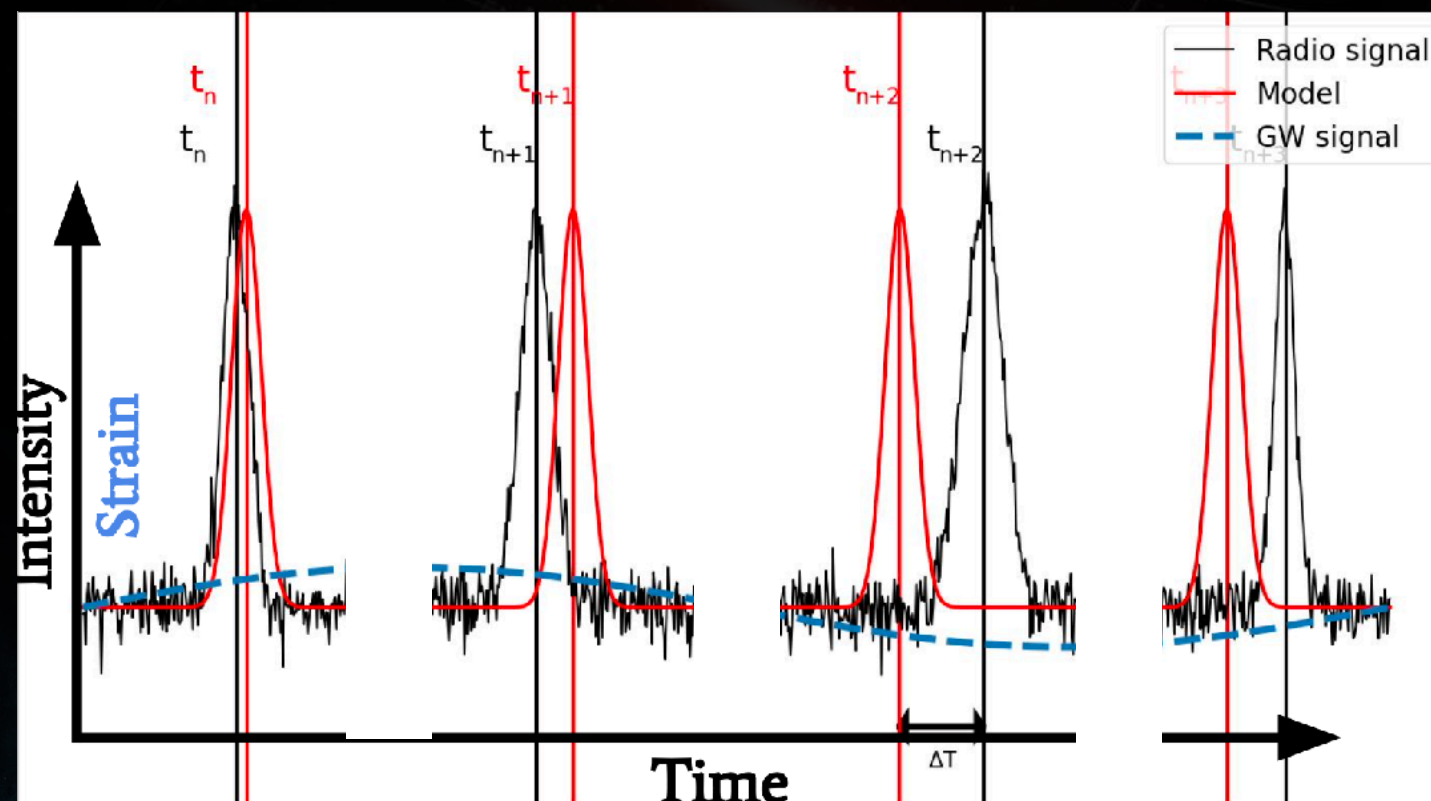
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- ▶ We have a model for the TOA
- ▶ If GWs => deviation from the model
=> GWs observed in the **residuals = data - model**



Pulsar timing and GWs

- GWs => **correlated fluctuations** in TOAs of multiple pulsars

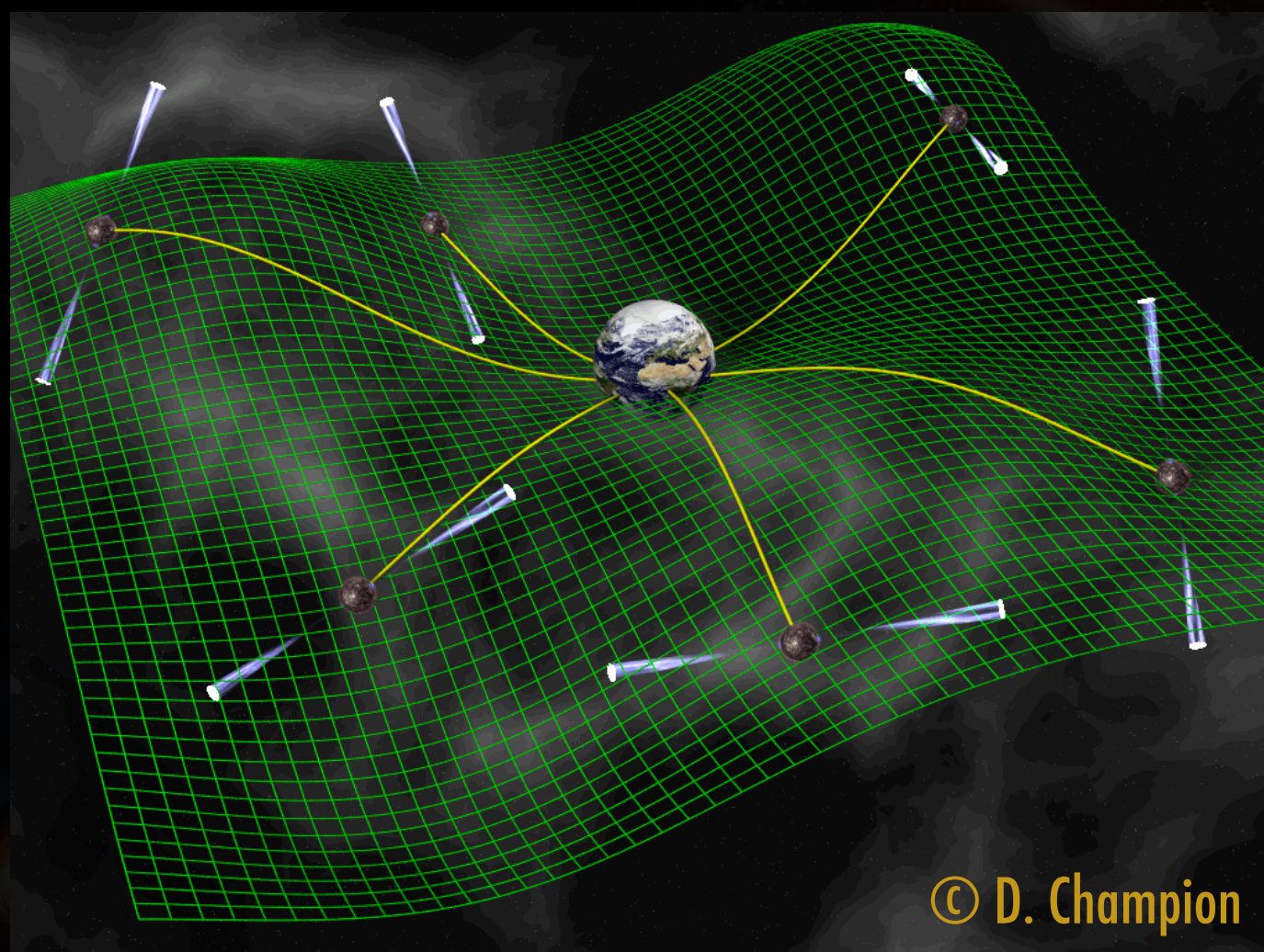
Observed & emitted pulsar spin frequency

$$\delta t_{GW}(t_a) = \int_{t_e}^{t_a} \frac{\nu(t') - \nu_0}{\nu_0} dt' = \int_{t_e}^{t_a} \frac{\delta \nu(t')}{\nu_0} dt'$$

Emission & reception times of pulses

$$\frac{\delta \nu(t')}{\nu_0} = \frac{\hat{n}_\alpha^i \hat{n}_\alpha^j}{2(1 + \hat{n}_\alpha \cdot \hat{k})} \Delta h_{ij}$$

Pulsar & GW source sky location



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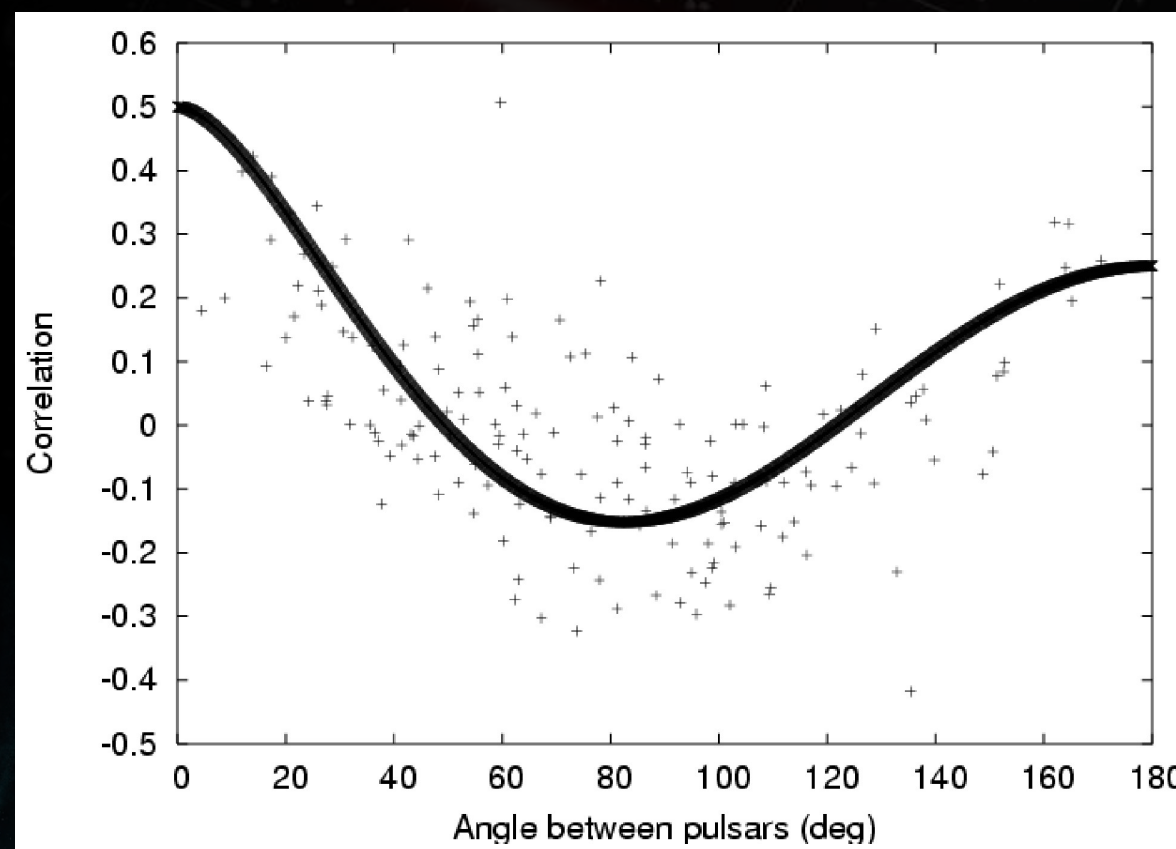
$$\Delta h_{ij} = h_{ij}(t_e) - h_{ij}(t_a)$$

GW characteristic strain

Pulsar timing and GWs

- For an **isotropic GW background**, characteristic spatial correlation: Hellings-Down curve: specific relation between correlation of 2 pulsar and their angular separation => signature of GW Background

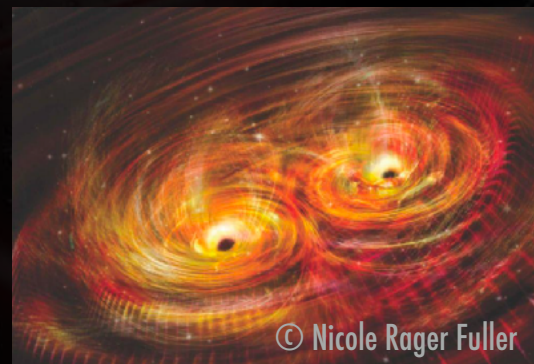
$$\Gamma_{\text{GWB}}(\zeta_{IJ}) = \frac{3}{2}x_{IJ} \ln x_{IJ} - \frac{x_{IJ}}{4} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\delta x_{IJ} \quad \text{with} \quad x_{IJ} = [1 - \cos(\zeta_{IJ})]/2$$



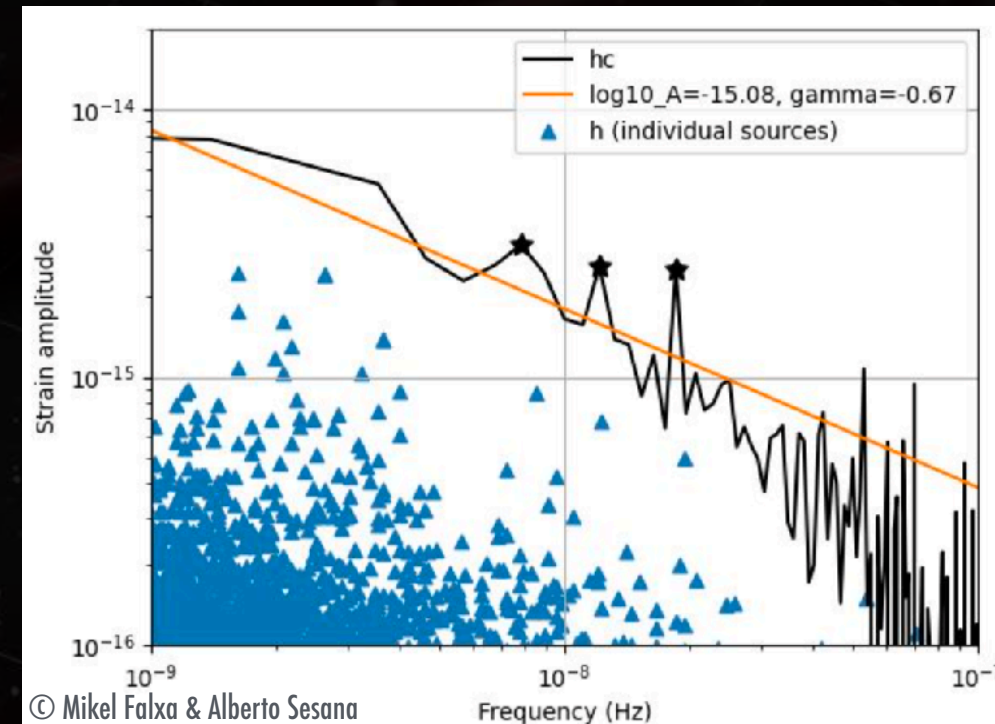
GW sources in the nHz band

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- Ex: chirp mass = $10^9 M_{\text{Sun}}$, 1000 years before merger
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- Close: distance $z < 2$,
- Quasi-monochromatic
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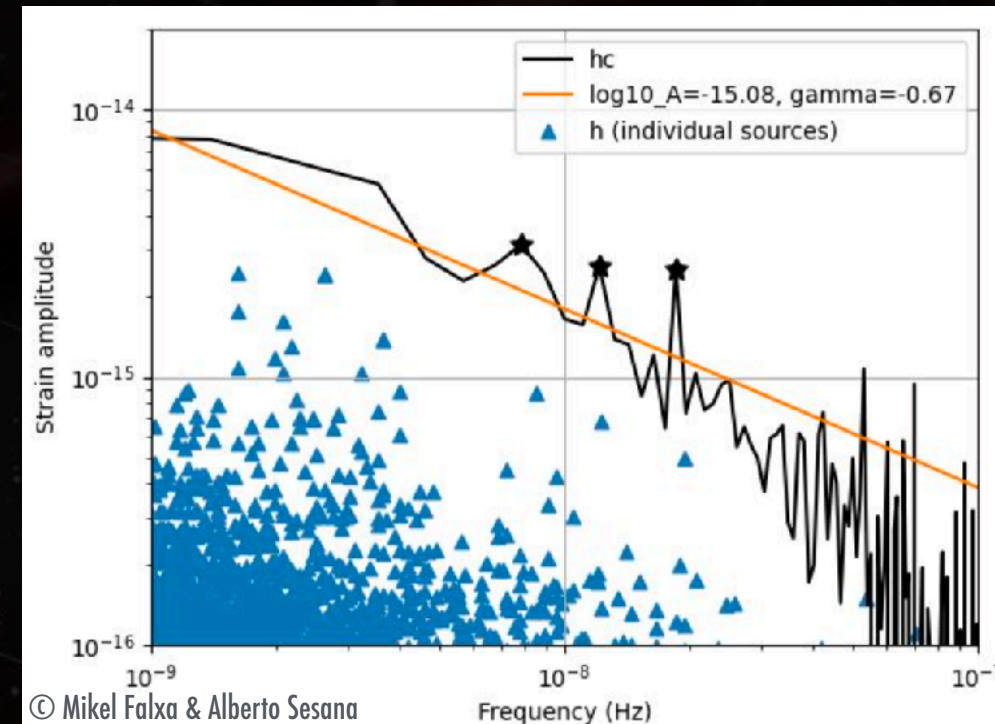
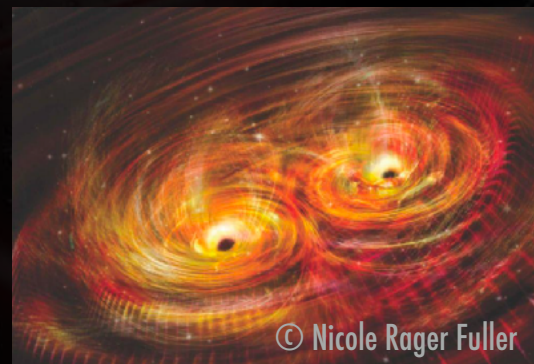
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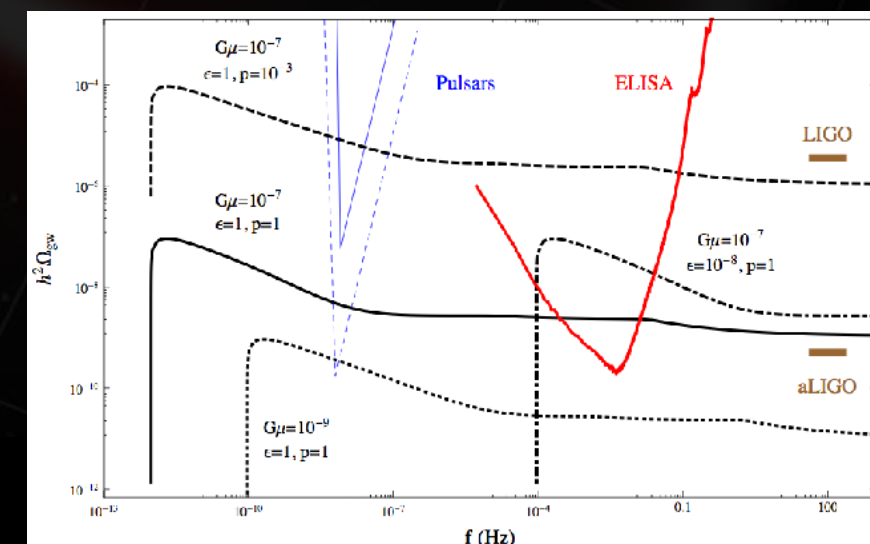
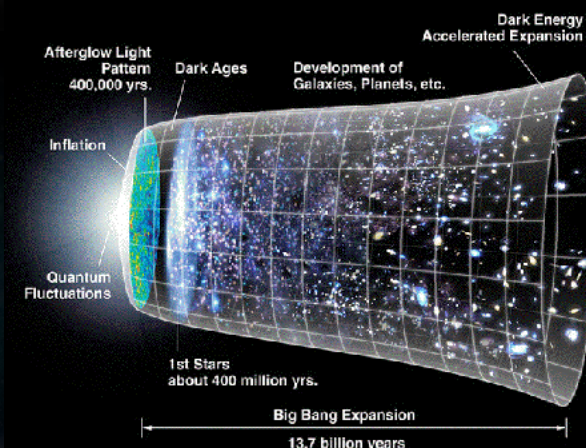
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► Stochastic background from cosmological origin:

- First order phase transition
- Cosmic strings
- Primordial GWs
- ...



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► European collaboration:

- Nancay RT (FR),
- Effelsberg RT (G),
- Jodrell Bank Obs. (UK),
- Westerbork Synthesis RT (NL),
- Sardinia RT (I).



IPTA

▶ Two others "historical" collaborations

- Parkes PTA (Australia)
 - Parkes radiotelescope
- NANOGrav (USA):
 - Arecibo
 - Green Bank
 - CHIME



▶ Recent collaborations:

- InPTA: GMRT, ORT (Inde)
- CPTA: FAST, ... (Chine)
- APT (African Pulsar Timing): MeerKAT

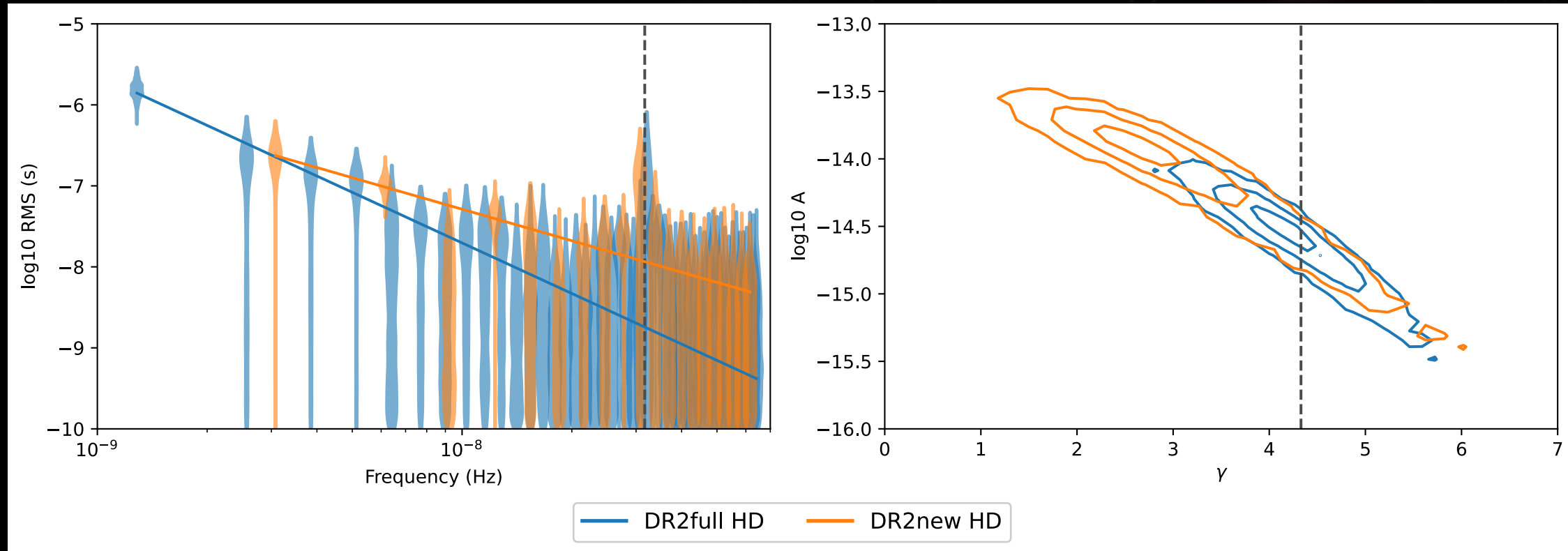


▶ Worldwide collaboration: International PTA

EPTA results: evidence for GWs

Free spectrum

Posterior for GWB parameters

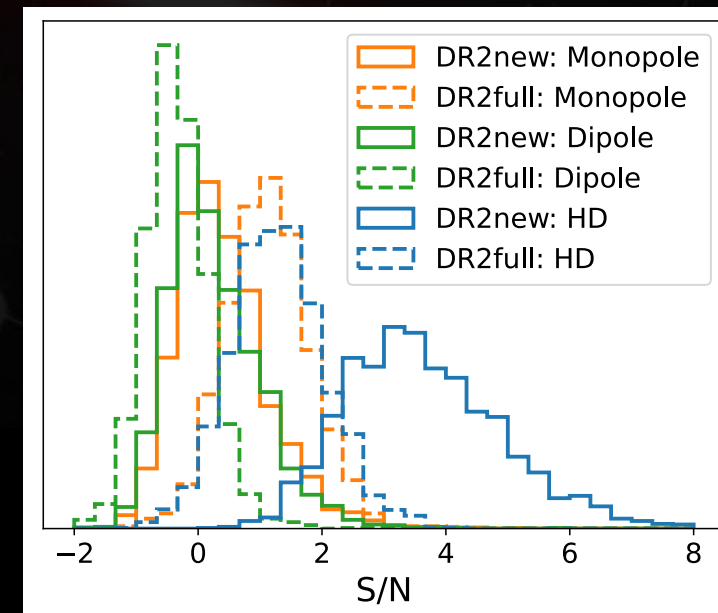


GWB parameters (DR2new):

- logarithmic amplitude: $\log_{10} A = -13.94^{+0.23}_{-0.48}$
- spectral index: $\gamma = 2.71^{+1.18}_{-0.73}$

No dipole and no monopole

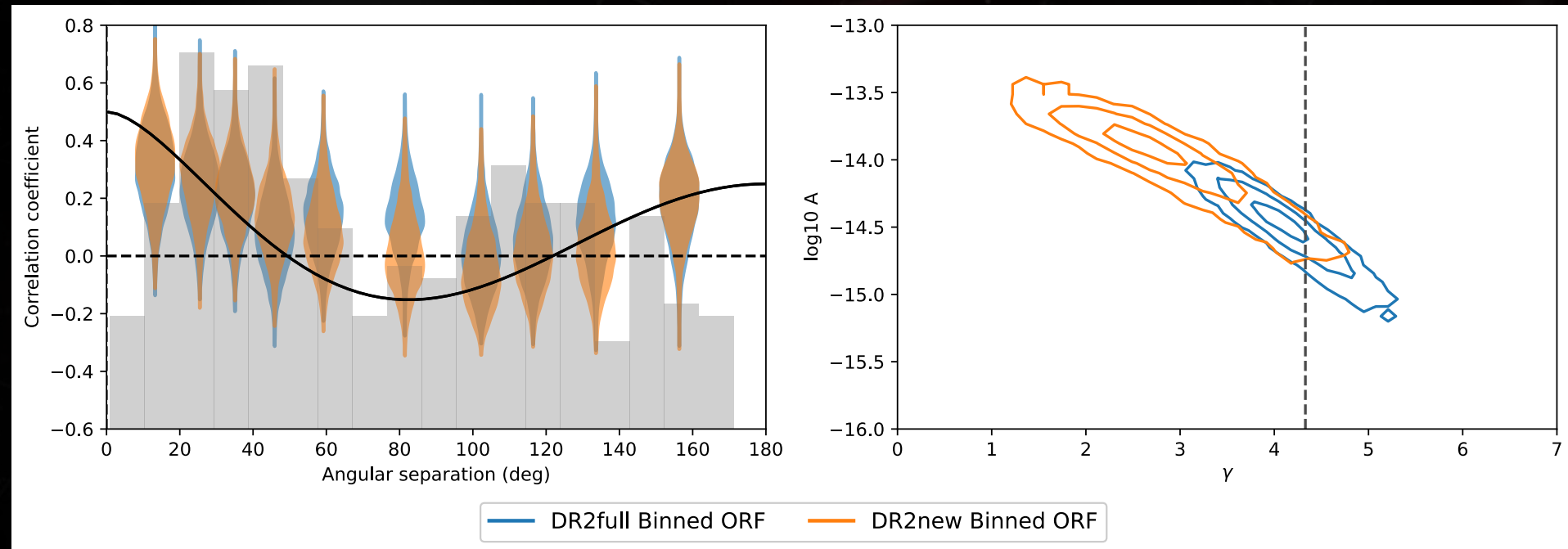
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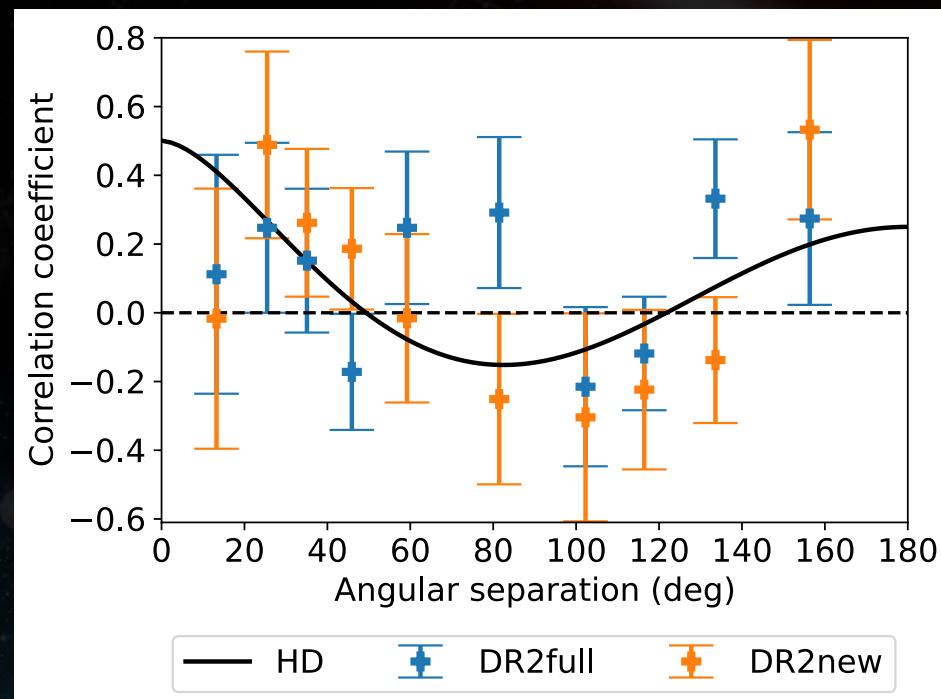
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► Spatial correlation: overlap reduction function

- Binned



- Optimal statistic

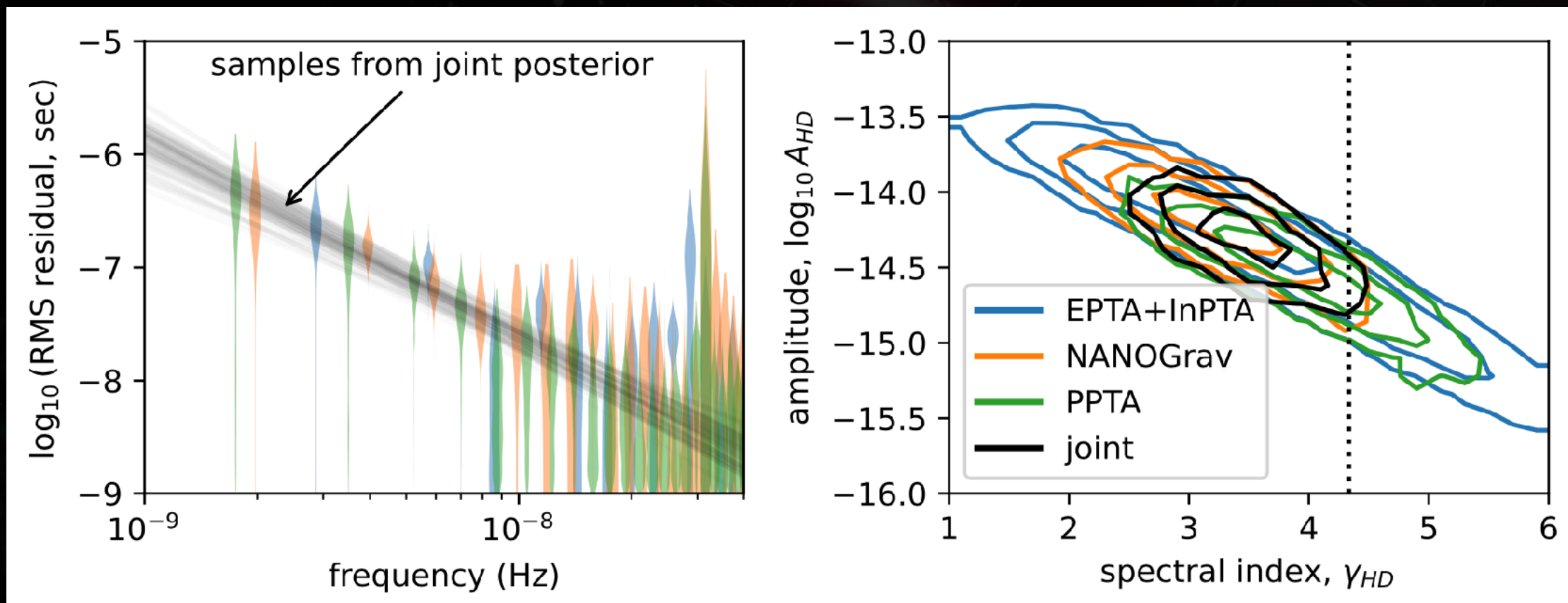


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IPTA results

- ▶ **Similar results** from other PTA collaborations
- ▶ The origin of the signal is still to be understood.
- ▶ IPTA is working on a **joined analysis** :
 - All TOAs together
 - We should be able to confirm the detection and have a better characterisation soon ...
 - But complex analysis

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2309.00693>



PTA near future



► IPTA:

- 121 combined pulsars will be available very soon
- Data analysis complex and heavy
- Goal: confirm and characterise the detection



► SKA:

- > 100 pulsars with very high timing precision
- First science data of SKA in 2028
- Large improvement in sensitivity:
 - If SMBHBs, understand the population (seed, evolution, merger history, ...) – synergy with LISA
 - If cosmological origins, measure the spectrum in details to understand "physics"
 - If individual sources, measure the waveform
=> test GR? understand environment of SMBHB, ...



Multimessenger with PTA



- ▶ Observations of **individual SMBHB**:
 - Close and heavy => very good candidate for identifying an electromagnetic counterpart
 - Targeting search using catalogs of potential binaries as for example:
 - Catalina Real-time Transient survey
 - Zwicky Transient Facility

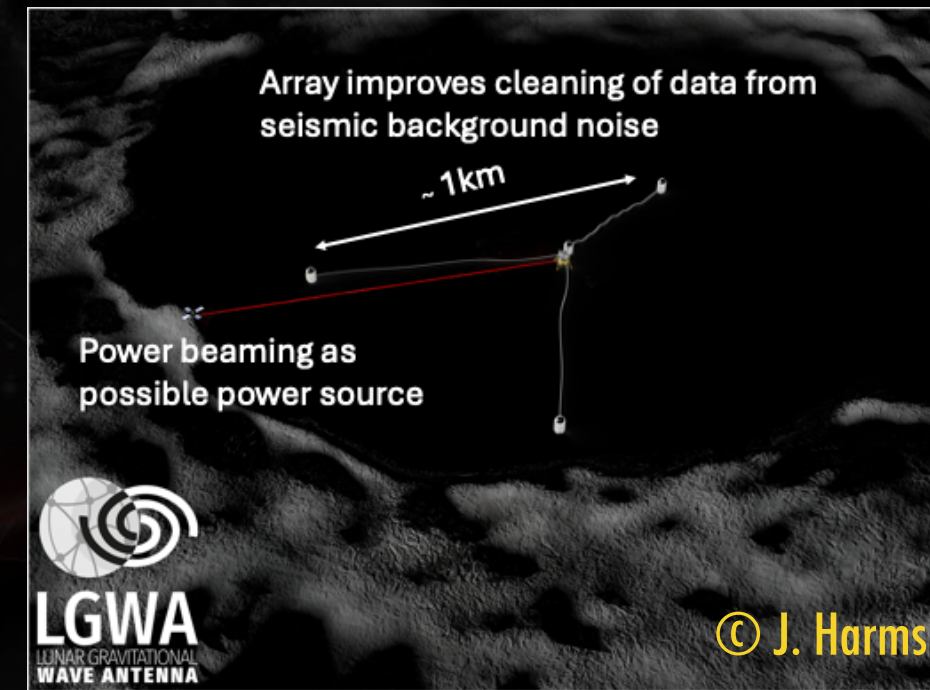


Moon based GW observatories

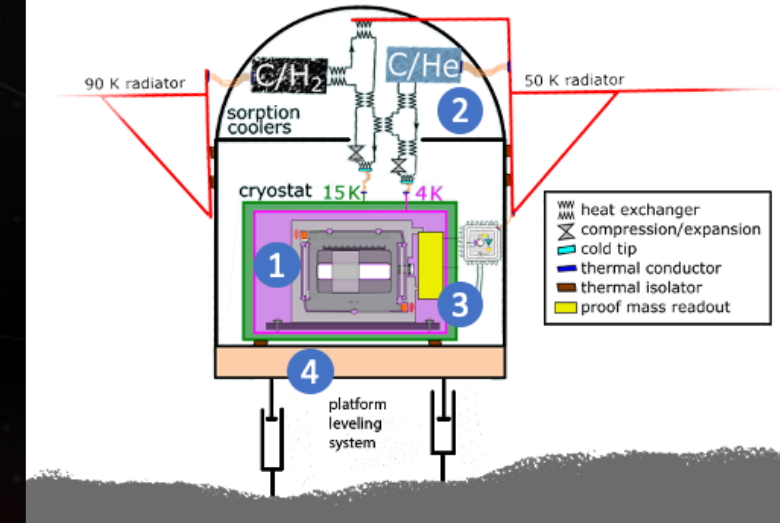
LGWA

► Lunar Gravitational Wave Antenna

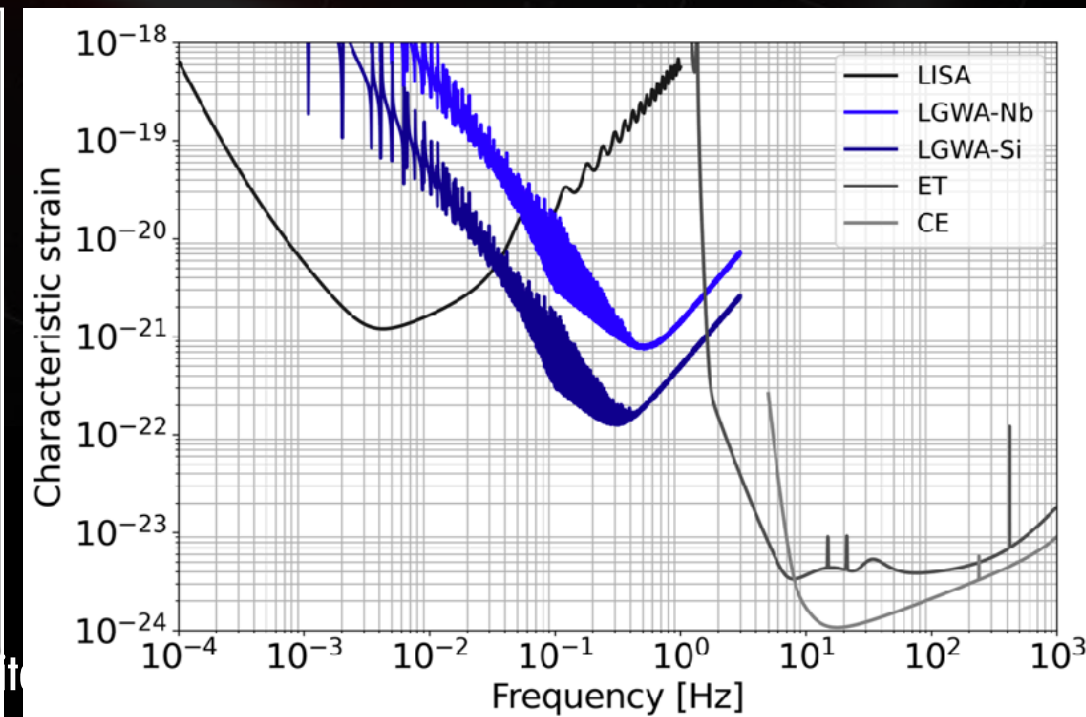
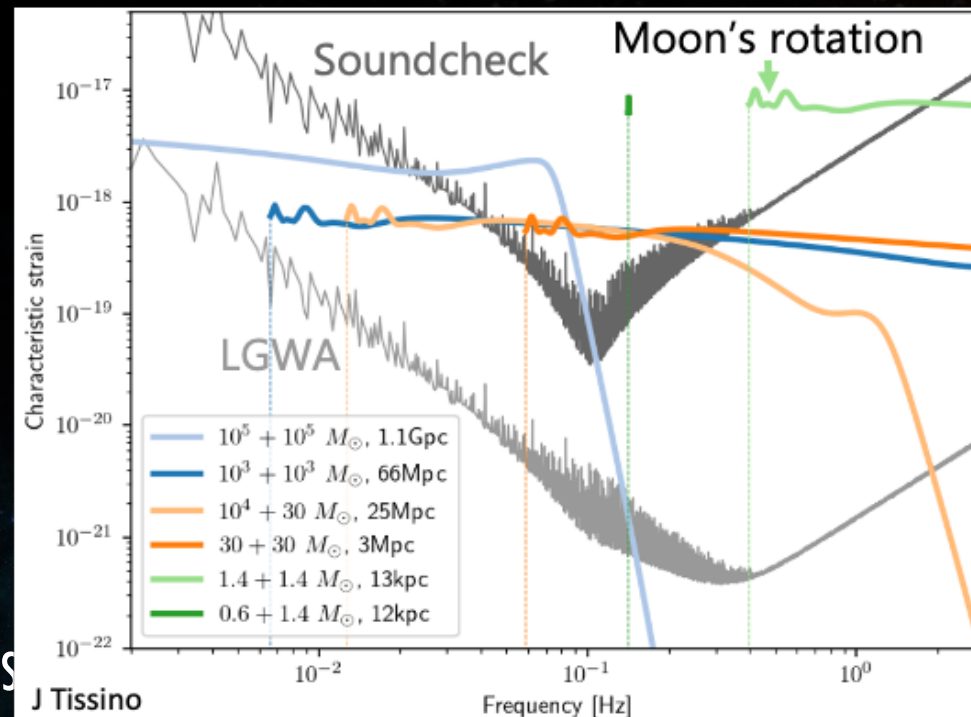
- Array of seismometers on the Moon using the Moon as a resonant bar ("Weber" bar)
- Science case: GW and multi-messenger observations
 - Studying astrophysical explosions
 - Exploring black-hole populations and their role for structure formation in our Universe
 - Hubble constant measurement
 - Enabling the next level of high-precision waveform measurements



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LGWA Workshop <https://indico.ict.inaf.it/event/2782/>



LILA



▶ Laser Interferometer Lunar Antenna

- 3 landers placed in triangular shape (few km)
- Payload: mirrors, lasers, seismic isolation

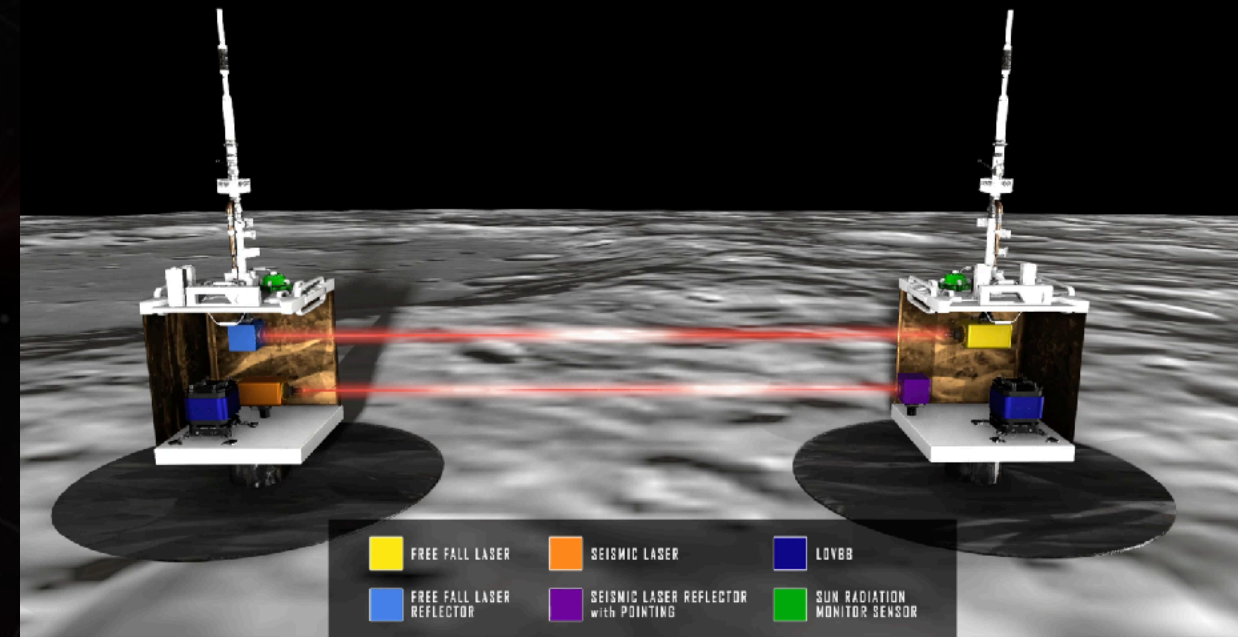
▶ 2 different ways to detect GW:

- Space-time induced between free falling masses
- Vibration of the Moon induced by passing GW

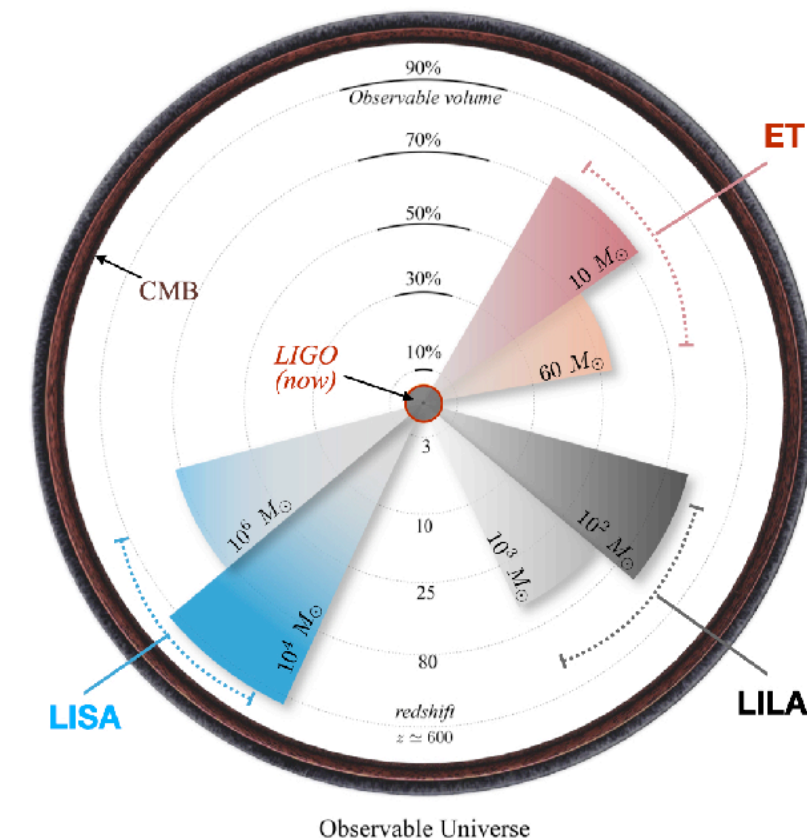
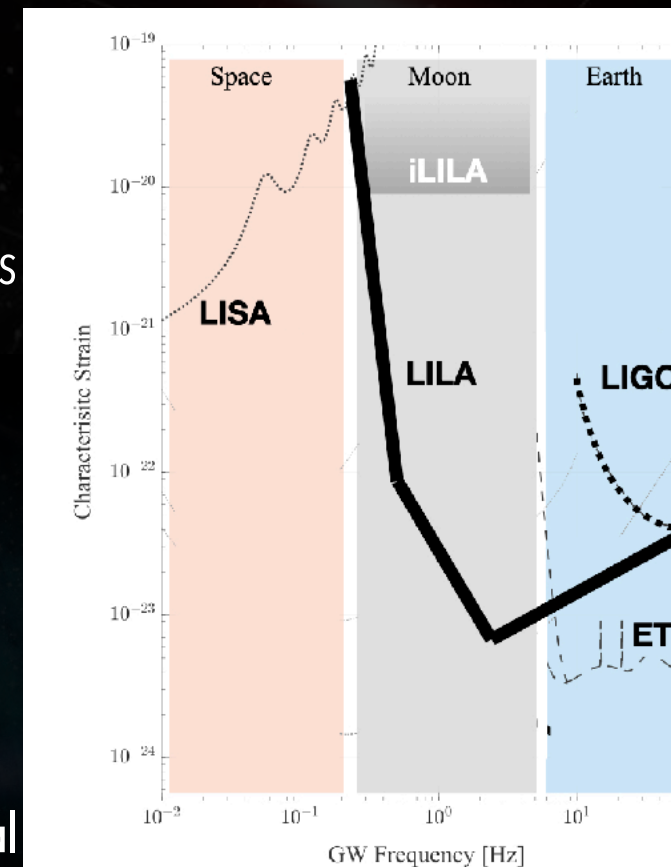
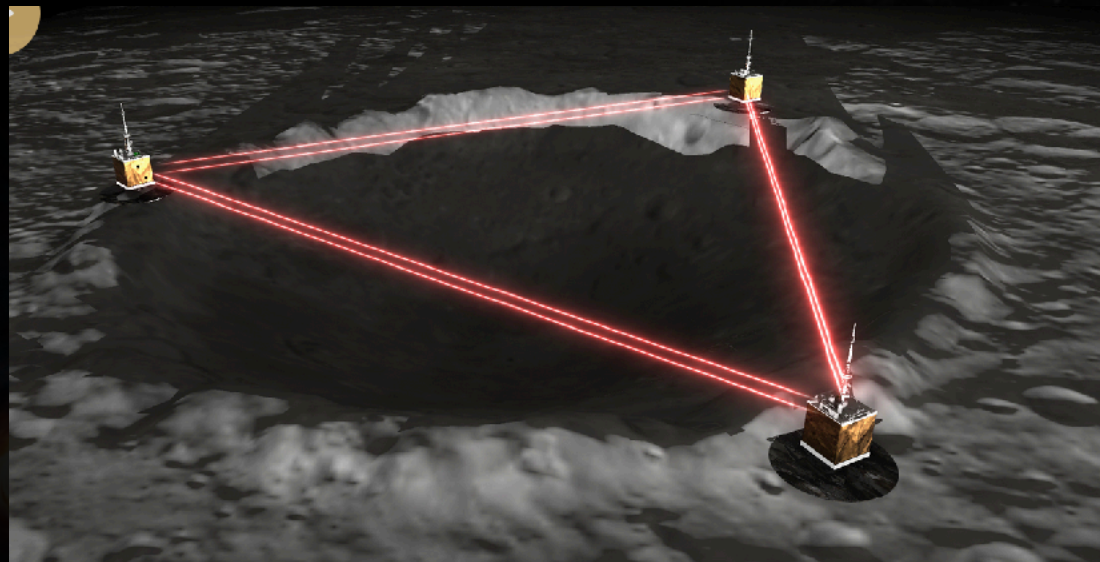
▶ Sub-Hertz frequencies

▶ GW sources:

- Weeks-ahead early-warning system for observing binary neutron star mergers,
- Type Ia supernovae progenitors,
- Survey of intermediate-mass BHs to Dark Ages



LILA meeting <https://www.vanderbilt.edu/lunarlabs/lila/>



Conclusion



- ▶ GW observations in the **millihertz** and **decihertz** bands:
space based or Moon based instruments:
 - **LISA:**
 - Adopted mission in development/implementation phases for a launch in 2035,
 - Large science case for astrophysics, fundamental physics and cosmology
 - Many others ideas either in space or on the Moon: early study phase
- ▶ GW observations in the **nanohertz** band: galactic scale detector:
Pulsar Timing Array:
 - Strong evidence for GW detection obtained by EPTA, NanoGRAV and PPTA
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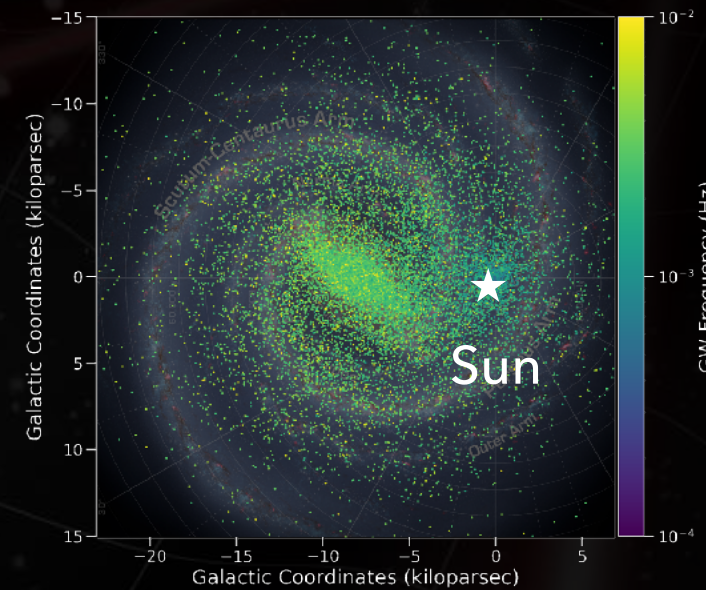
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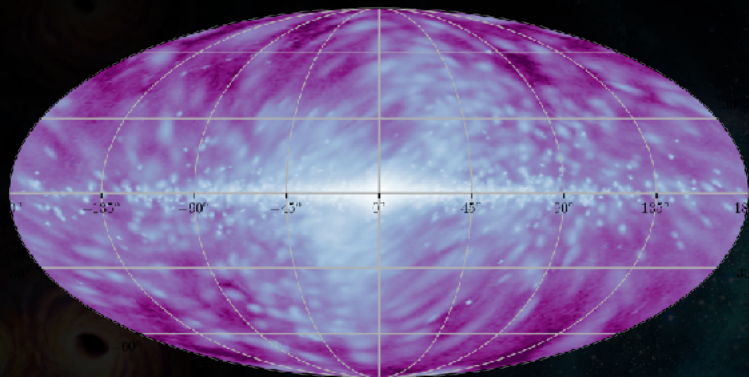
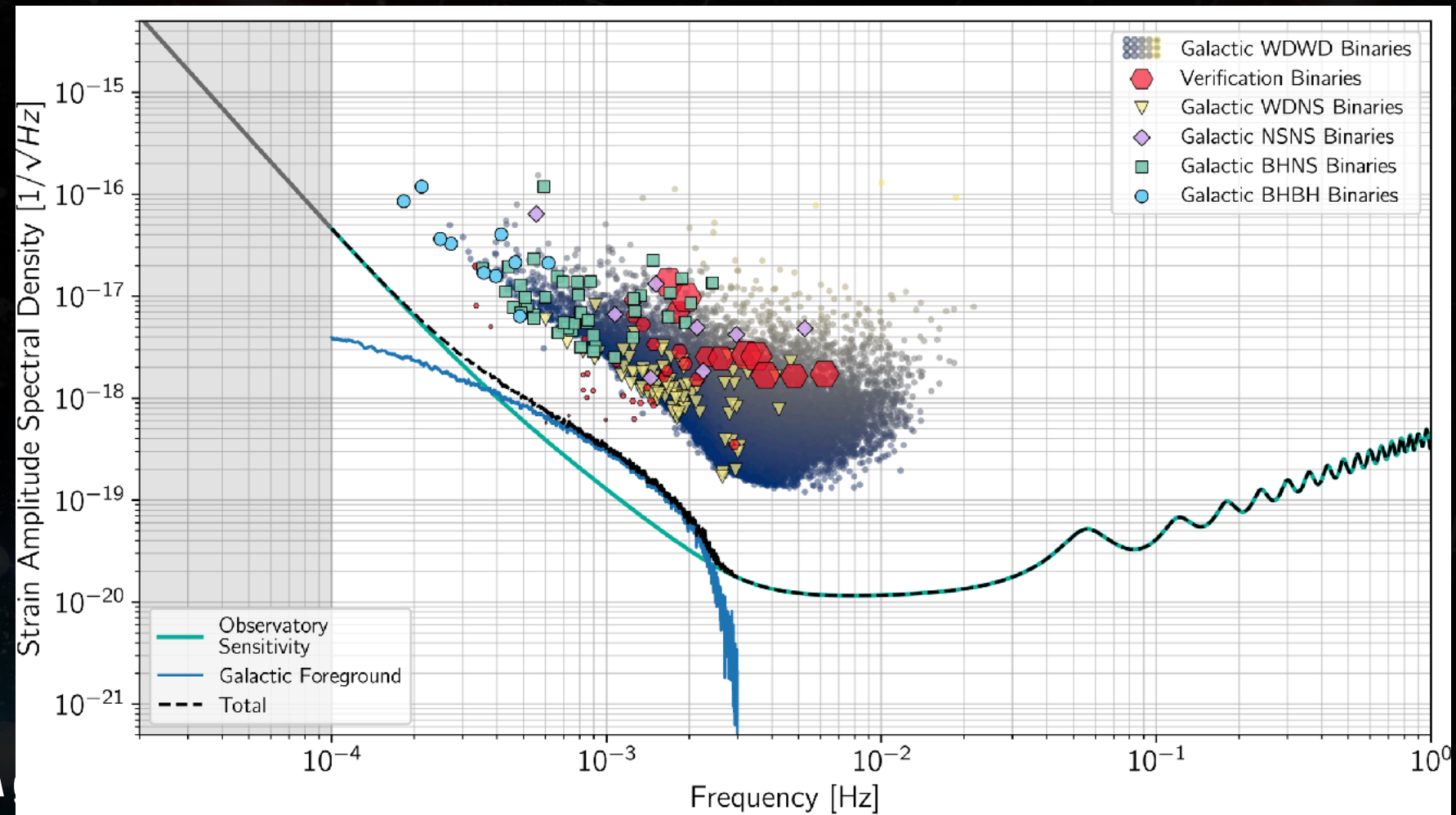
LISA Science

- S01: Study the formation and evolution of **compact binary stars** in the Milky Way Galaxy:
 - Formation and evolution pathways of dark compact in the Milky Way and in neighbouring galaxies;
 - The Milky Way mass distribution;
 - The interplay between gravitational waves and tidal dissipation.



Precision:

- Distance: $\sim 30\% - 1\%$
- Chirp mass: $\sim 10\% - 0.0001\%$
- Sky position: $\sim \text{few deg}^2$



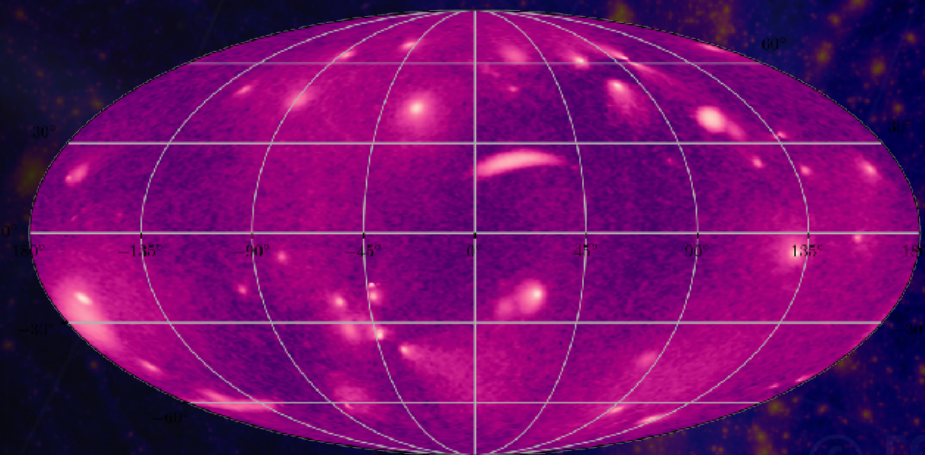
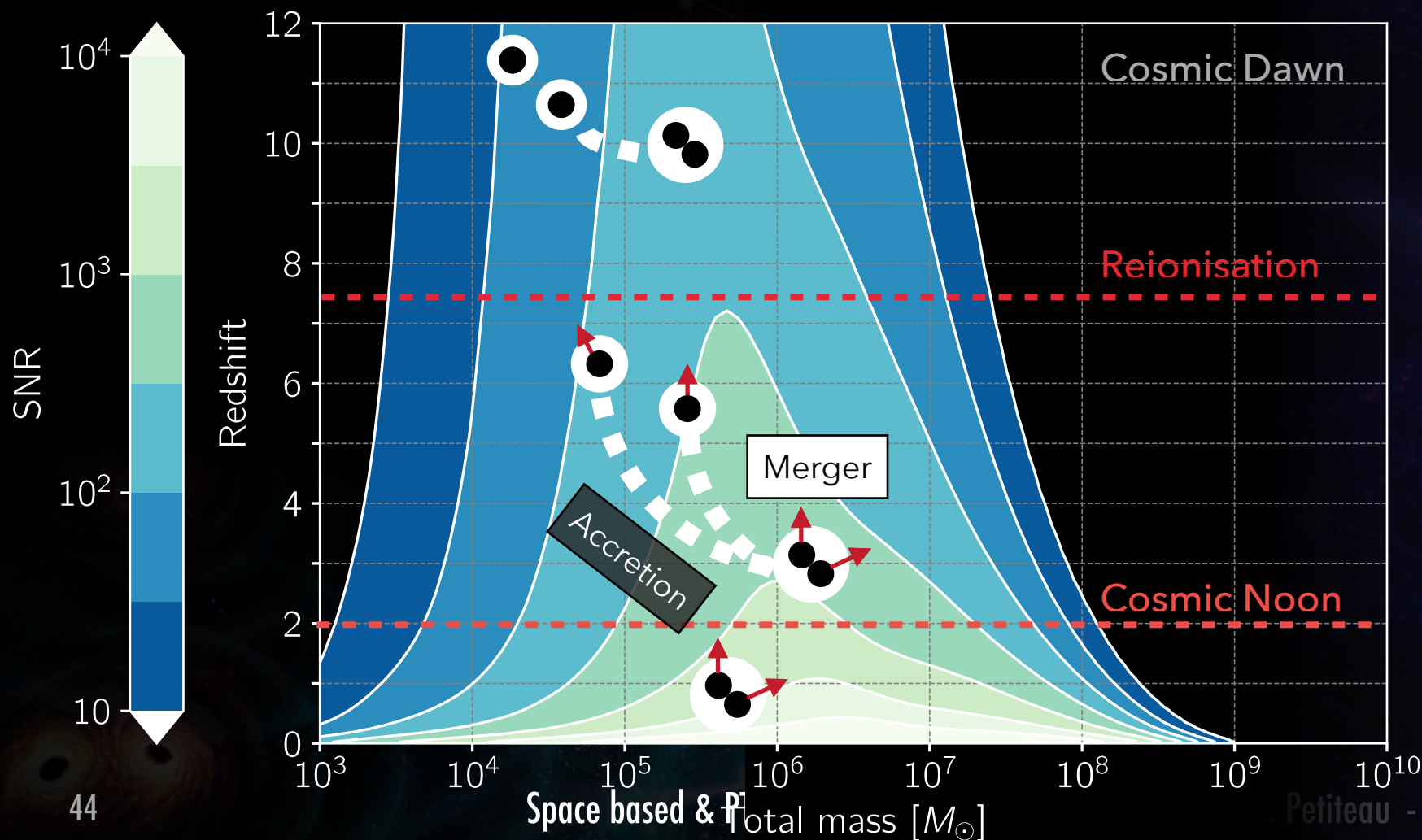
Space based & PTA

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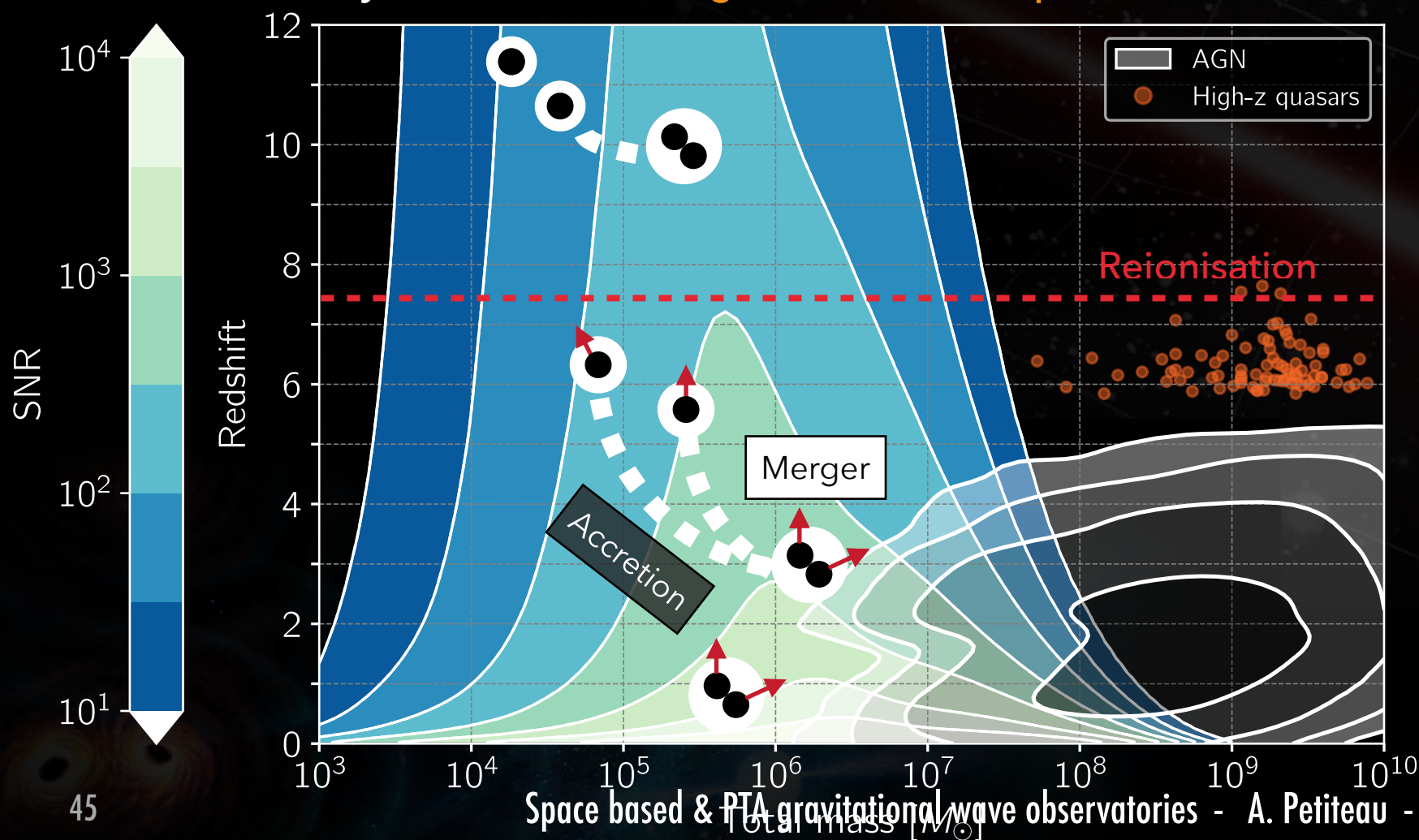


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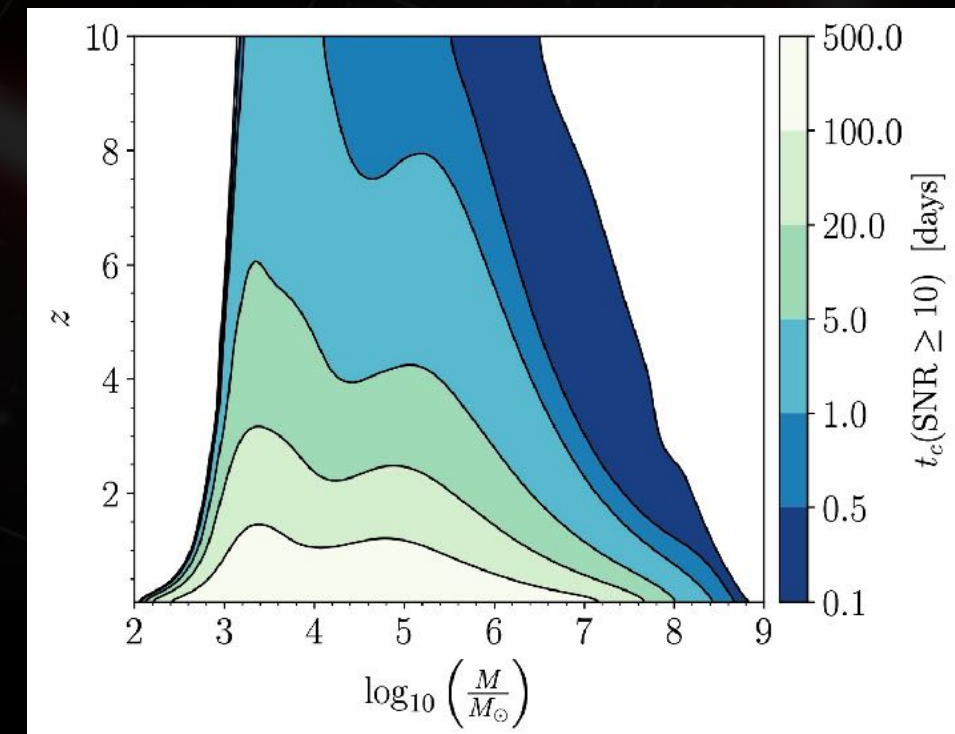
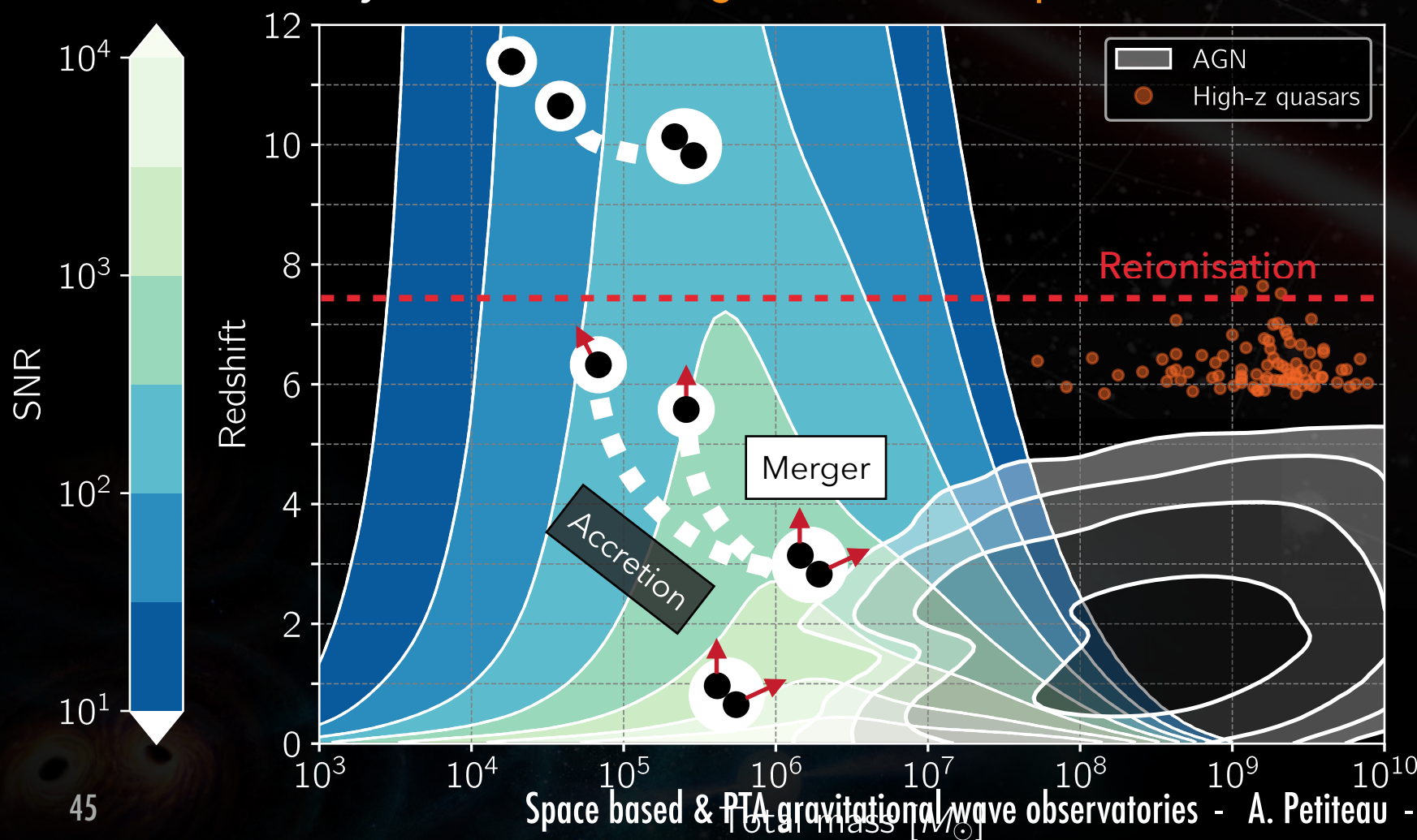


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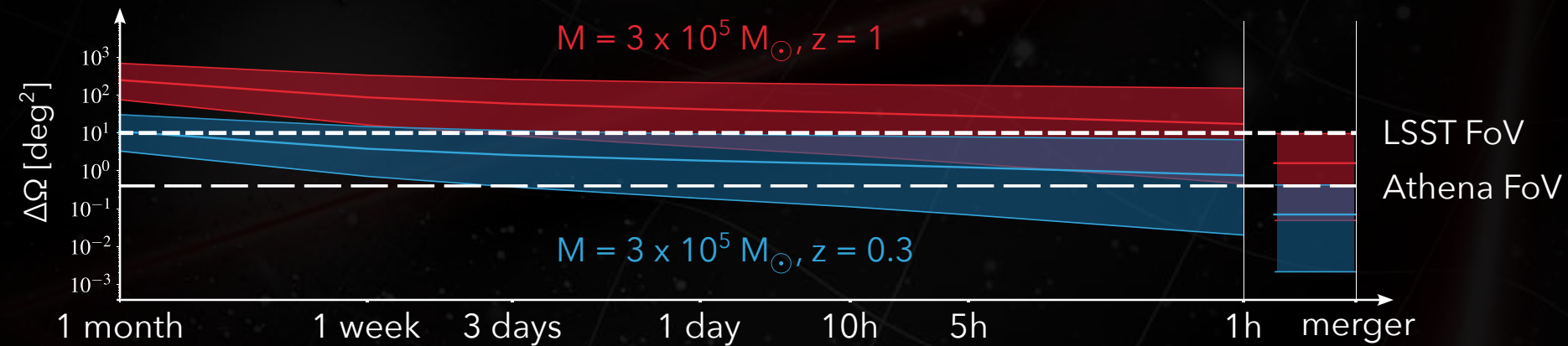


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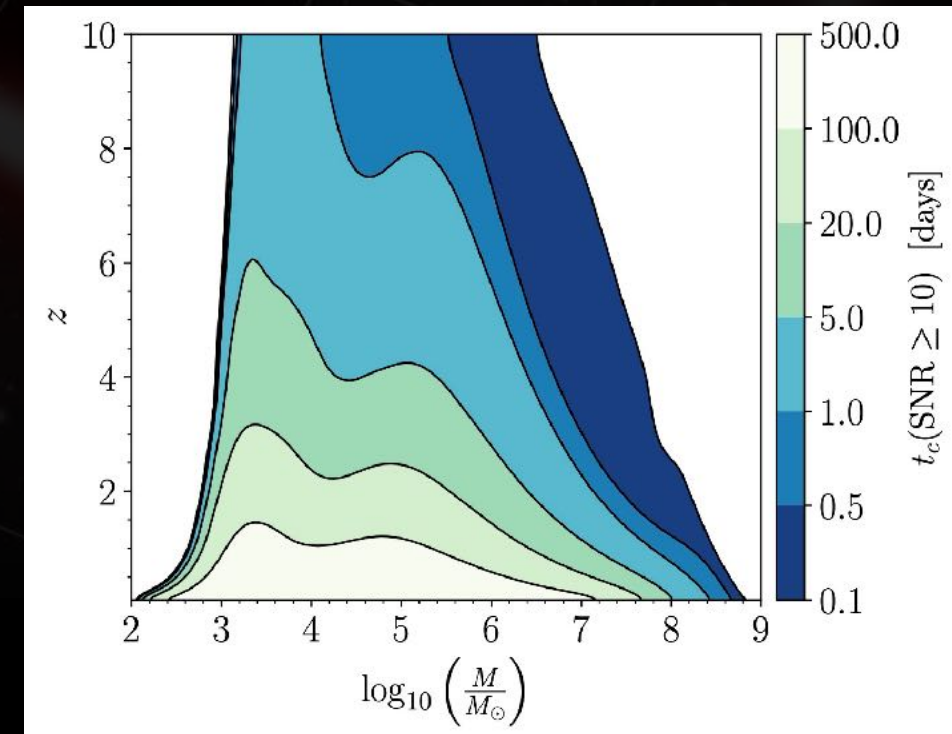
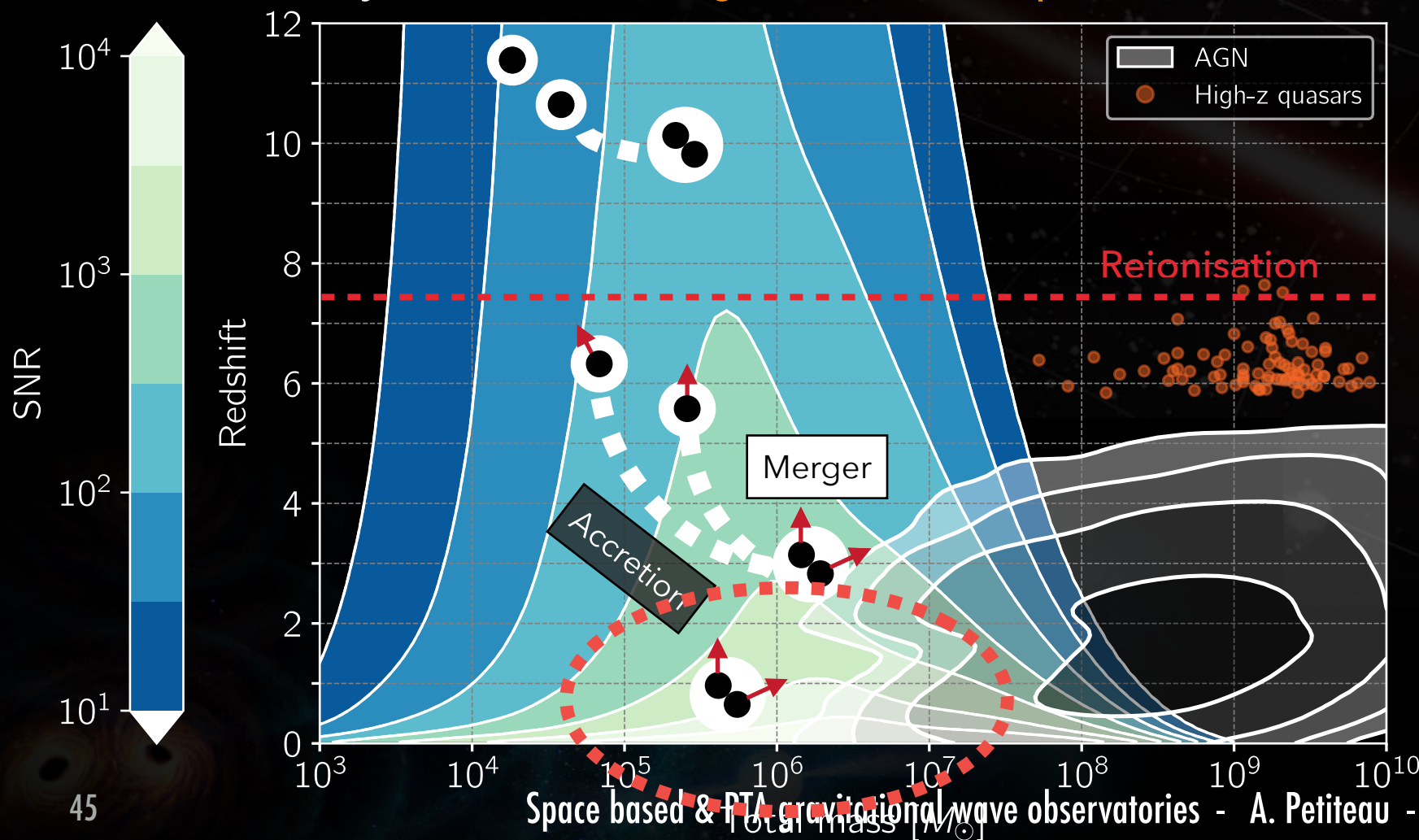
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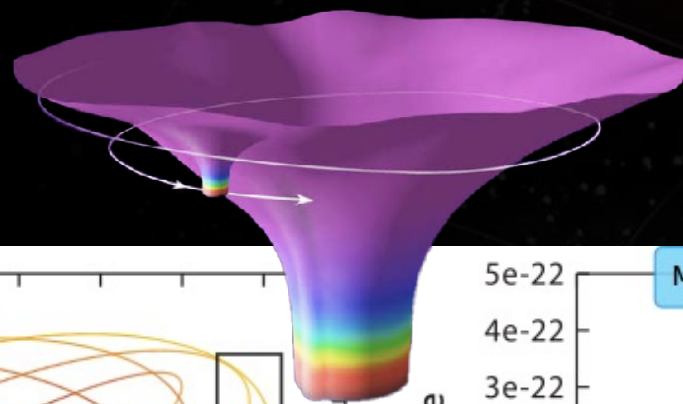
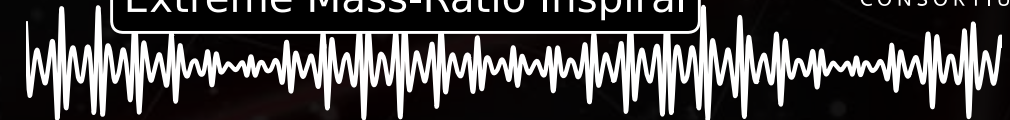


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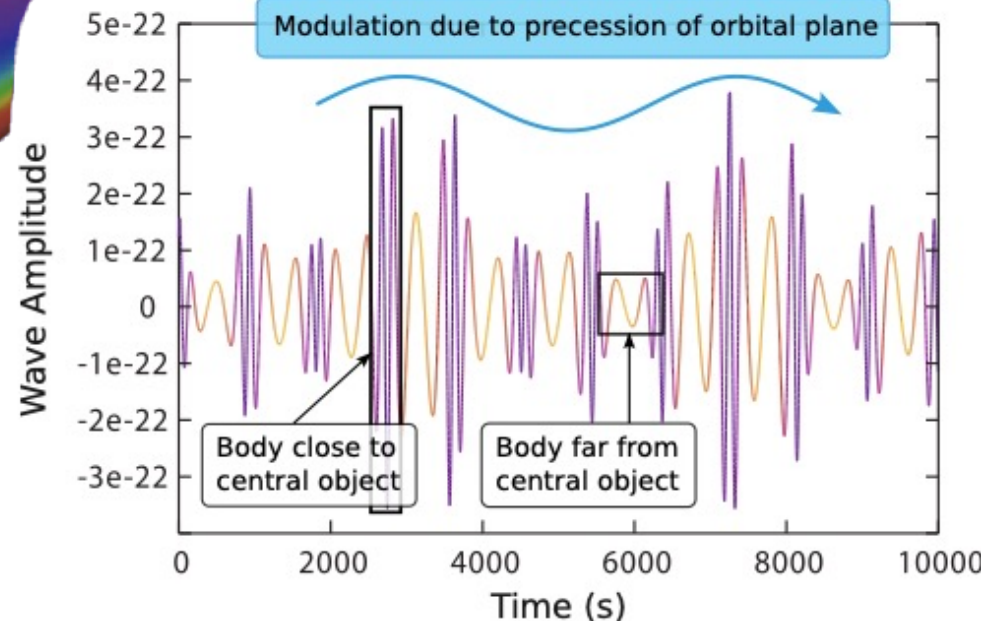
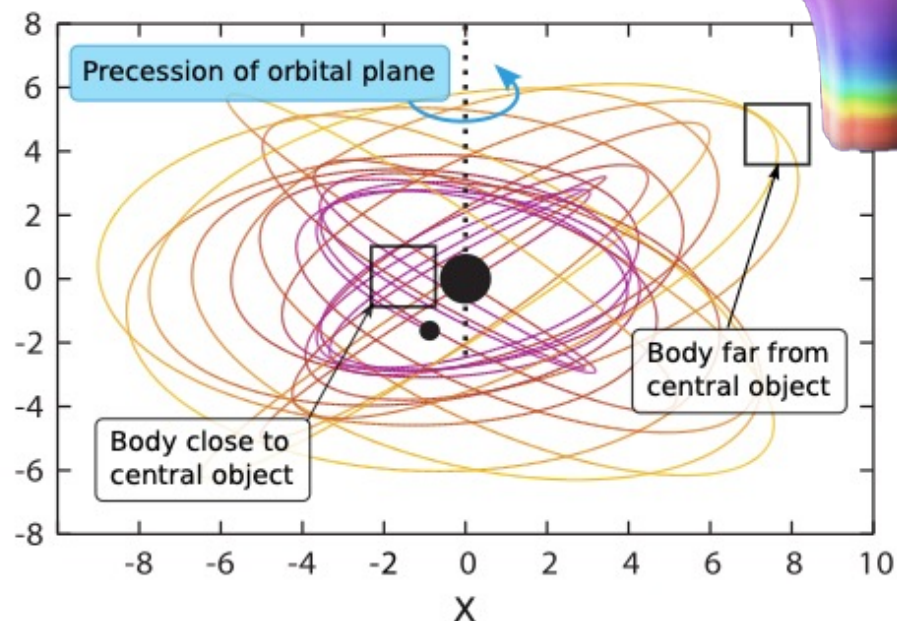
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Extreme Mass-Ratio Inspiral



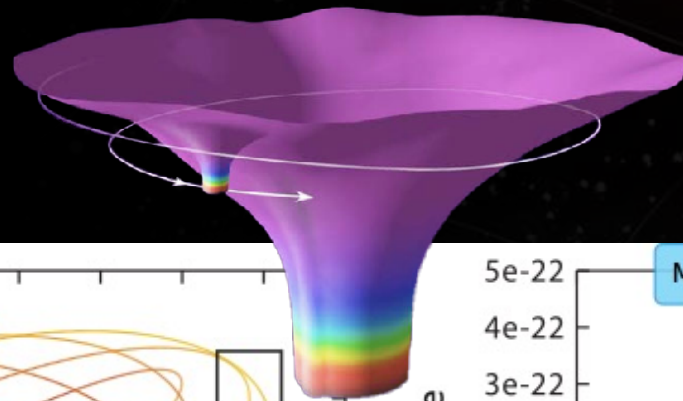
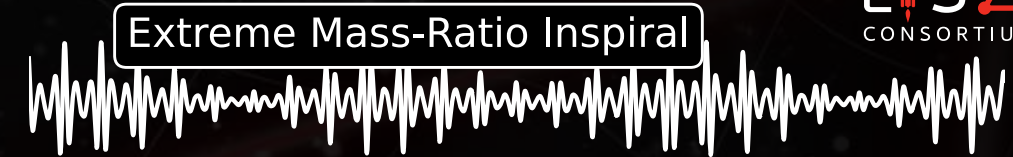
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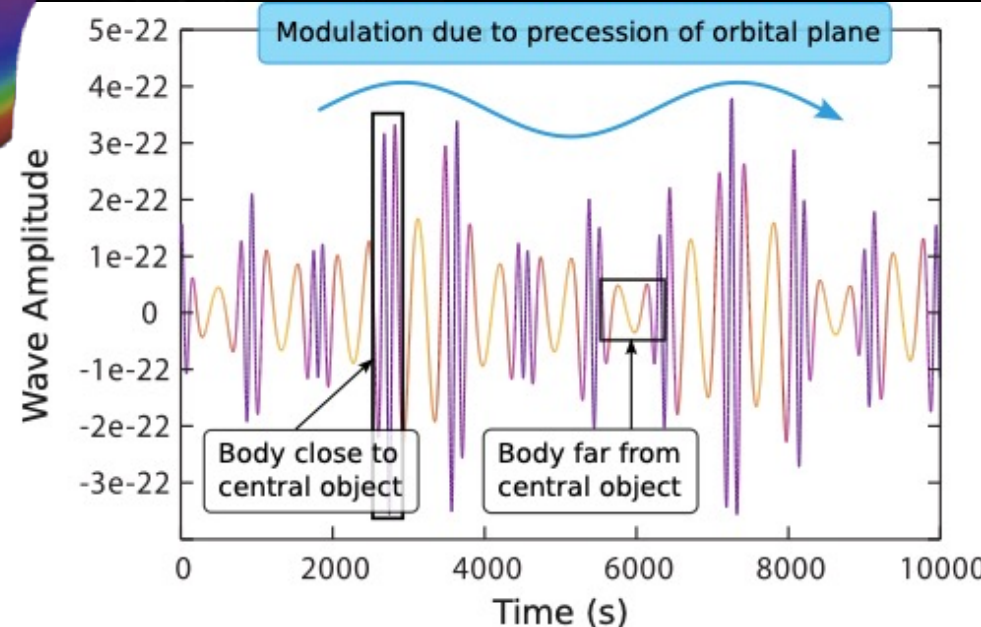
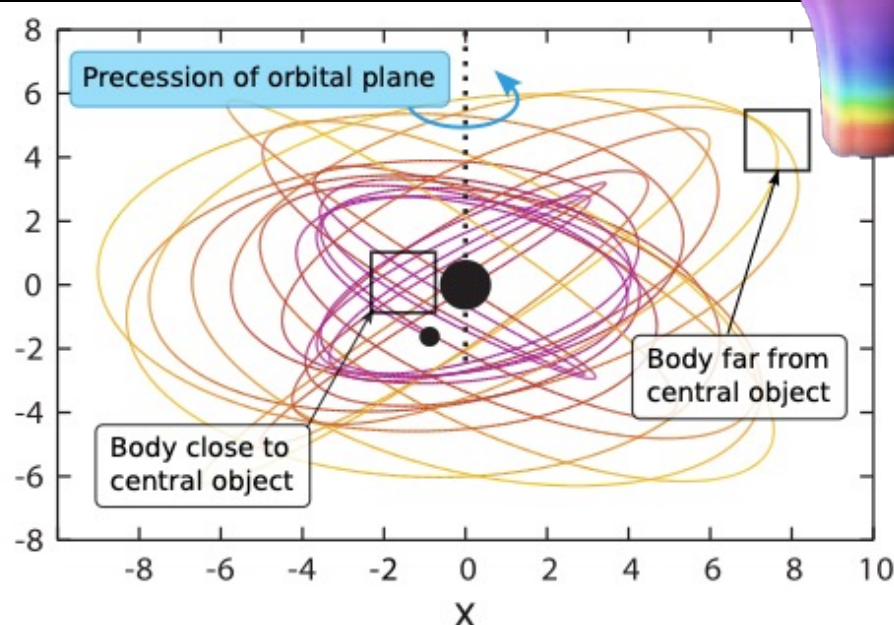
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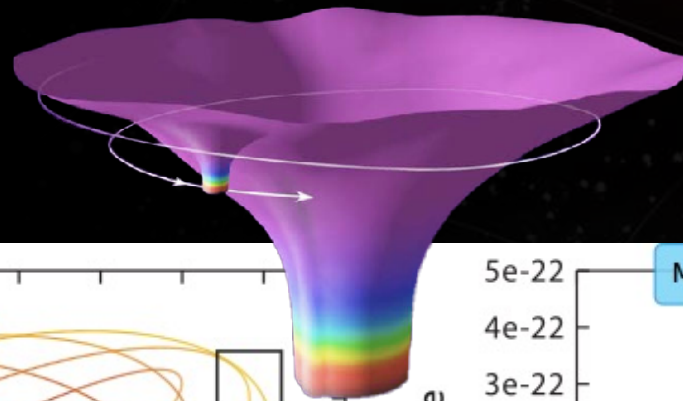
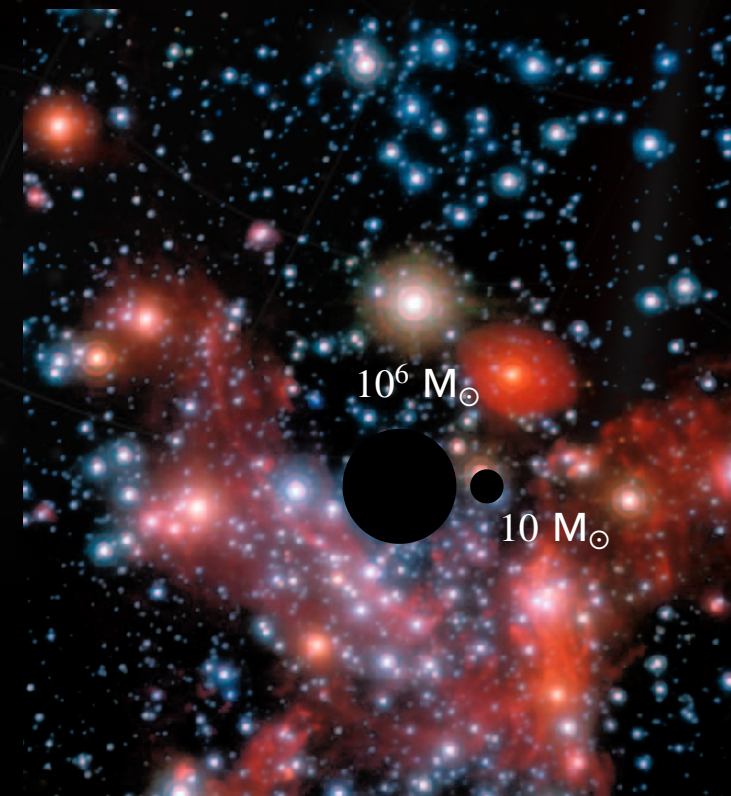
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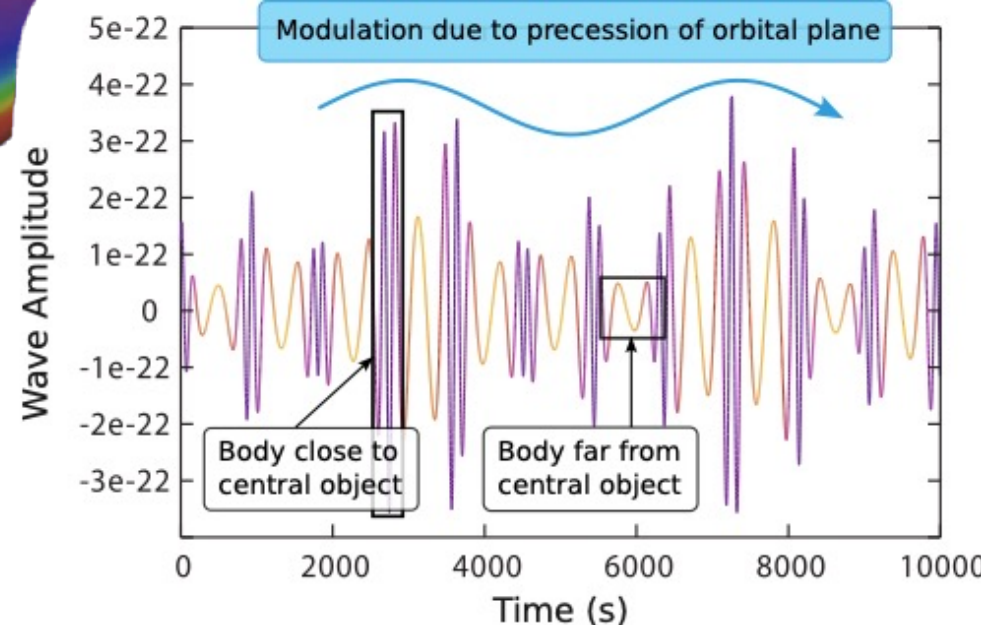
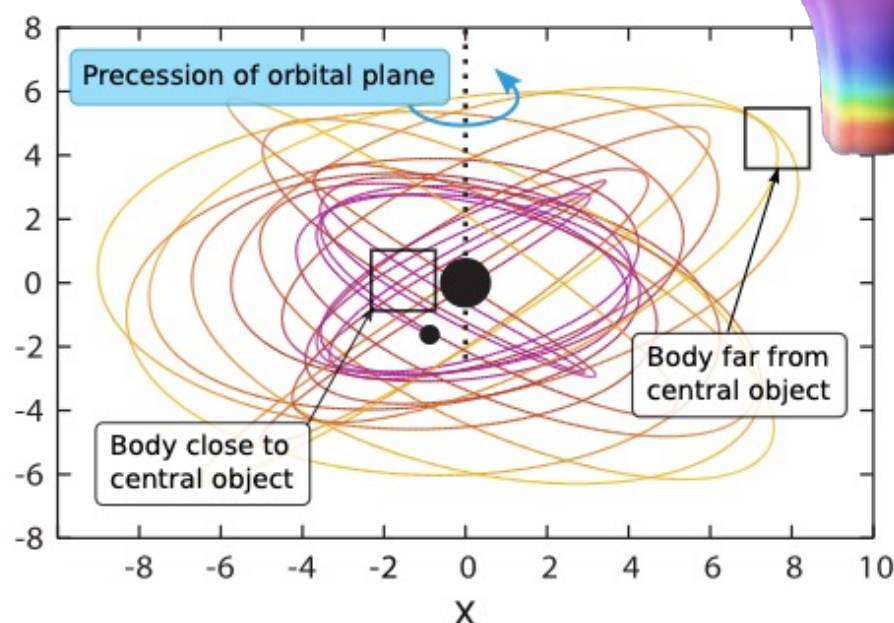
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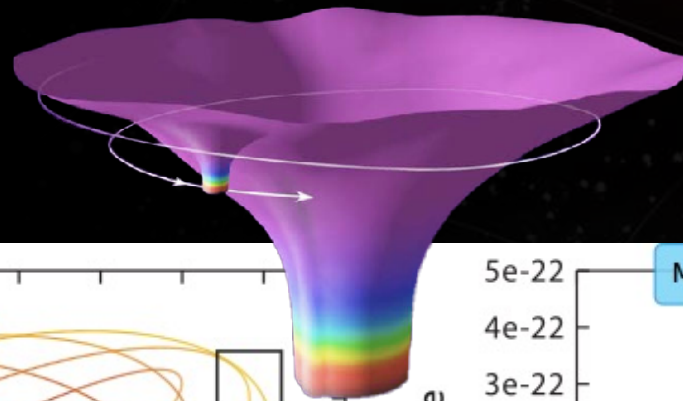
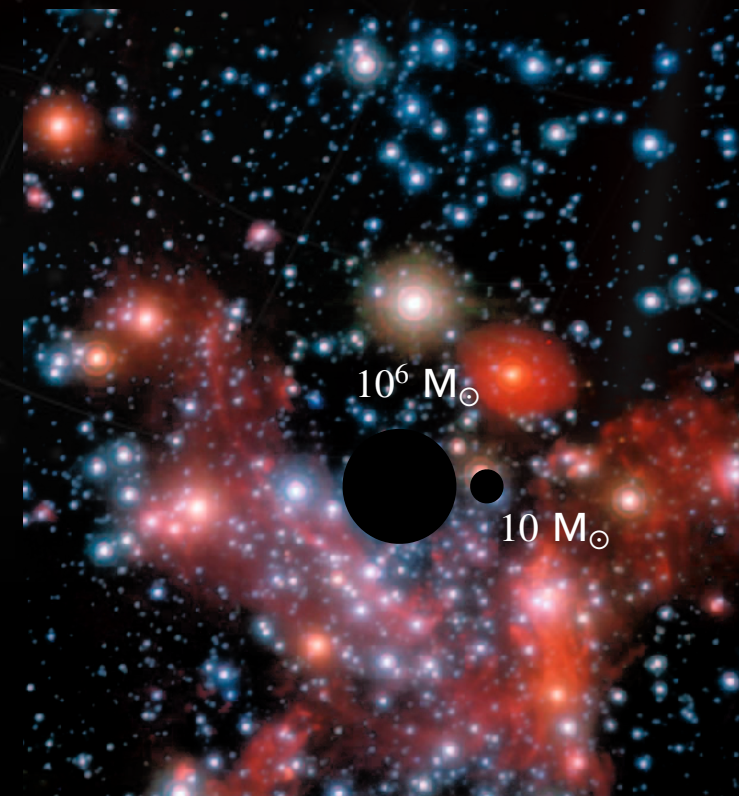
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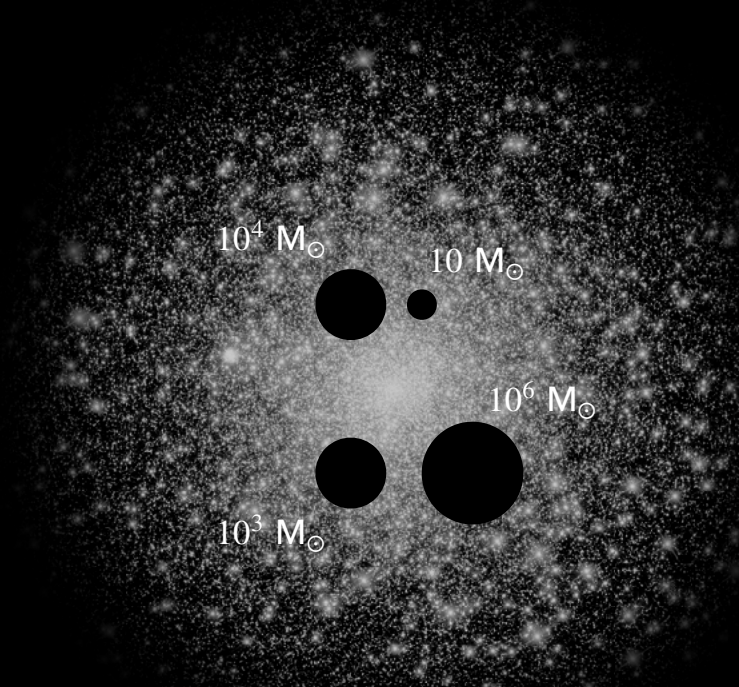
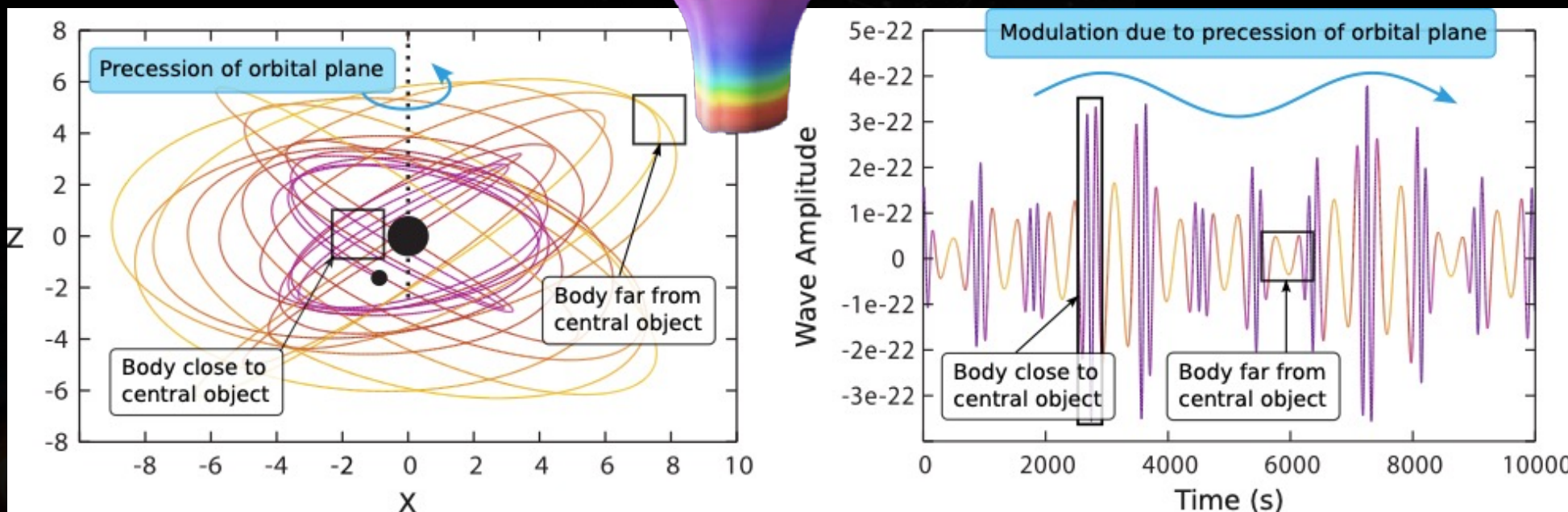
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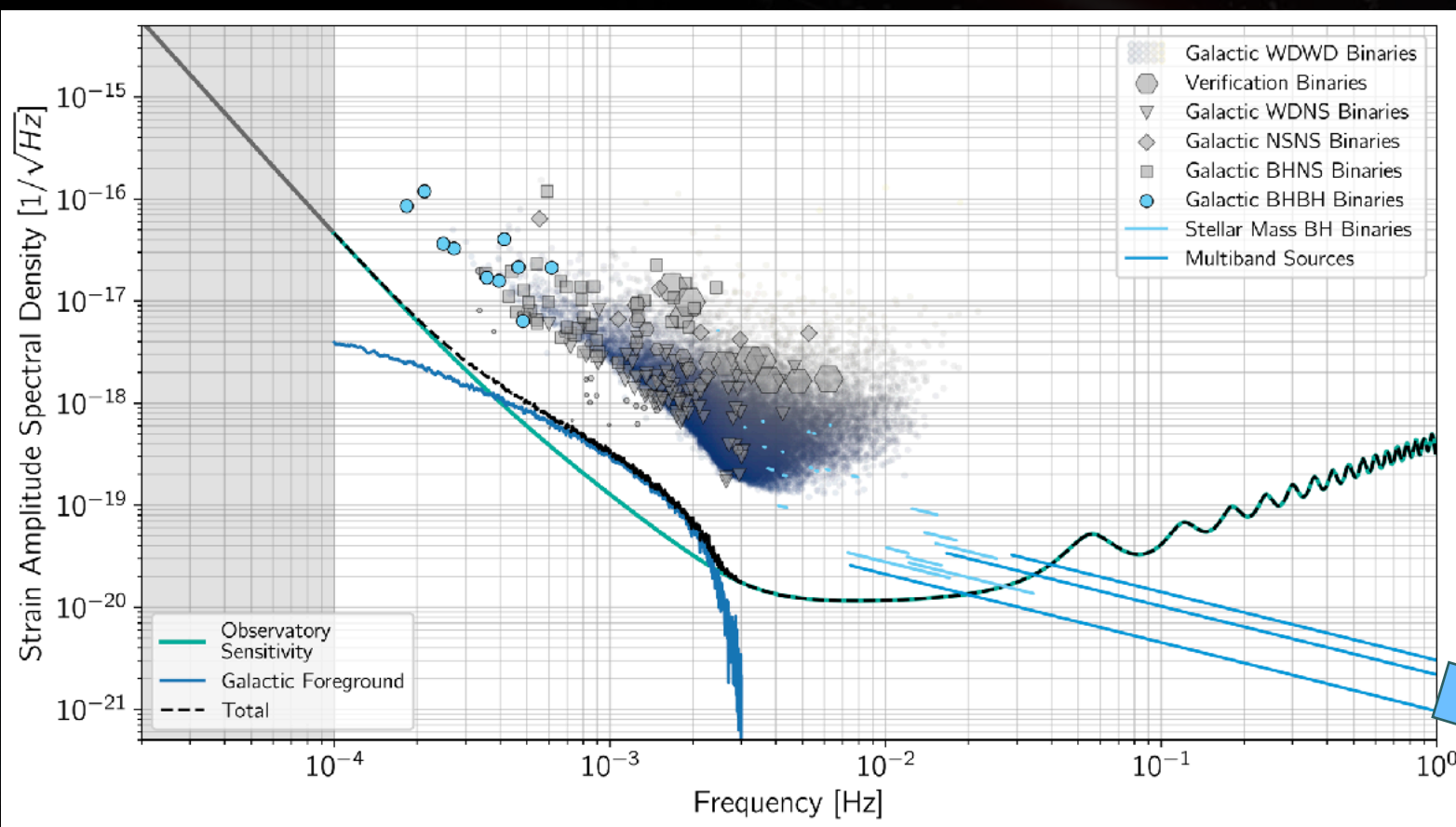
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- S04: Understand the astrophysics of **stellar origin black holes** :
 - Study the **statistical properties** of sBHs far from merger;
 - Detecting high mass sBHBs and probing their environment;
 - Enabling **multiband and multimessenger** observations at the time of coalescence.



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- Eccentricity at 0.01%

Towards the band of
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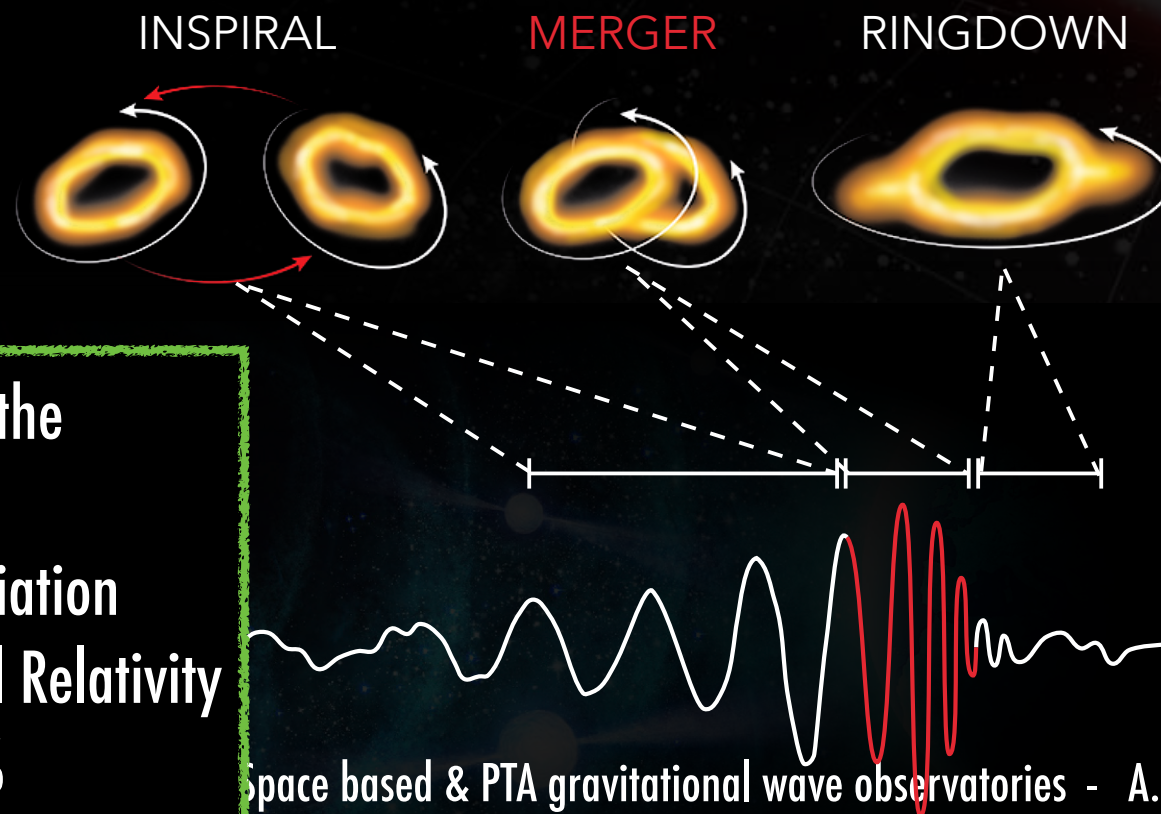
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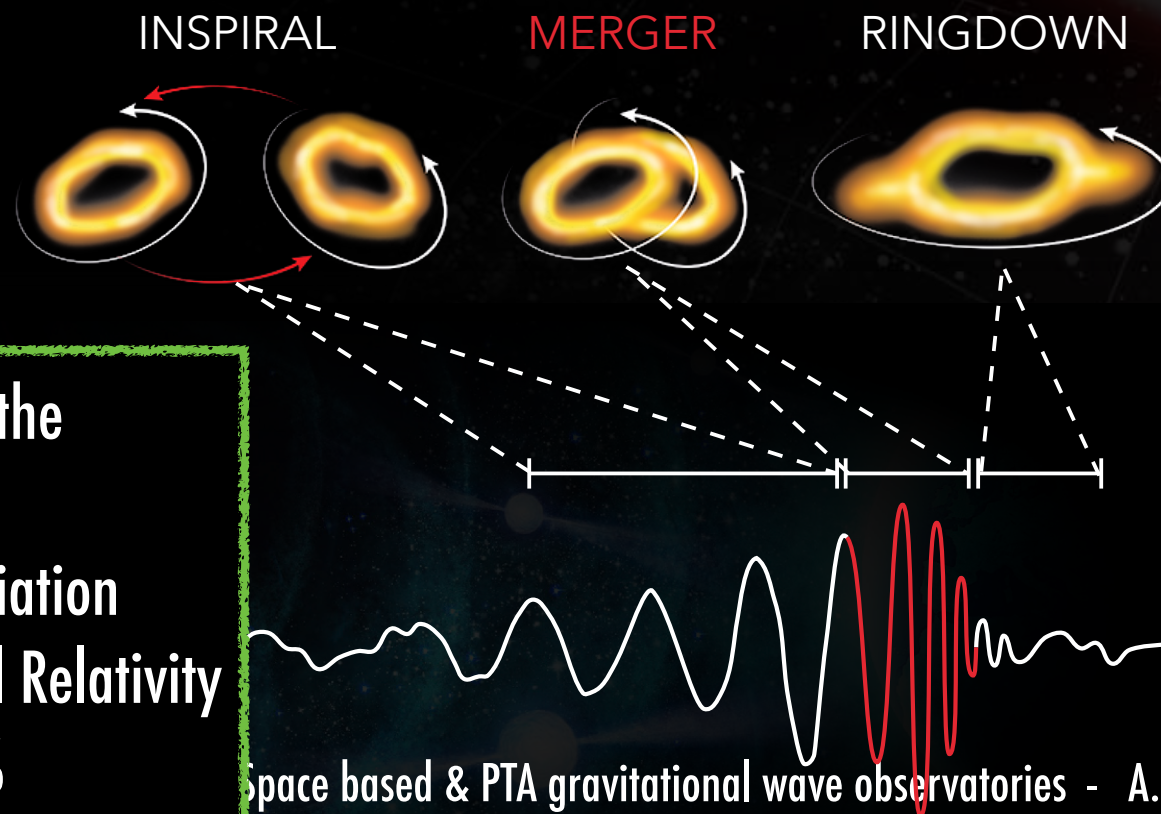
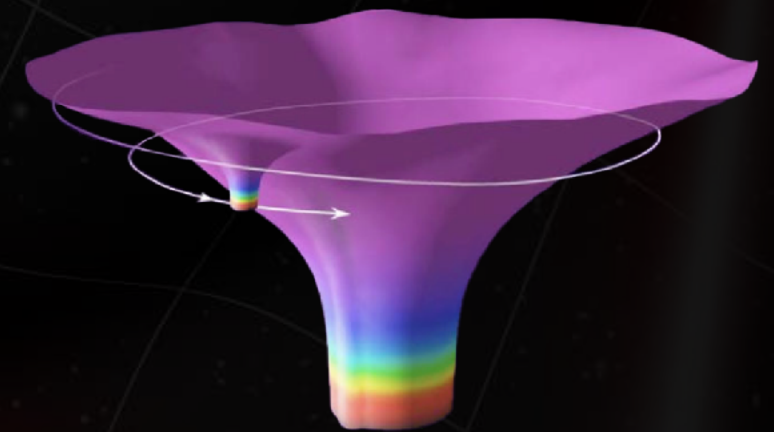
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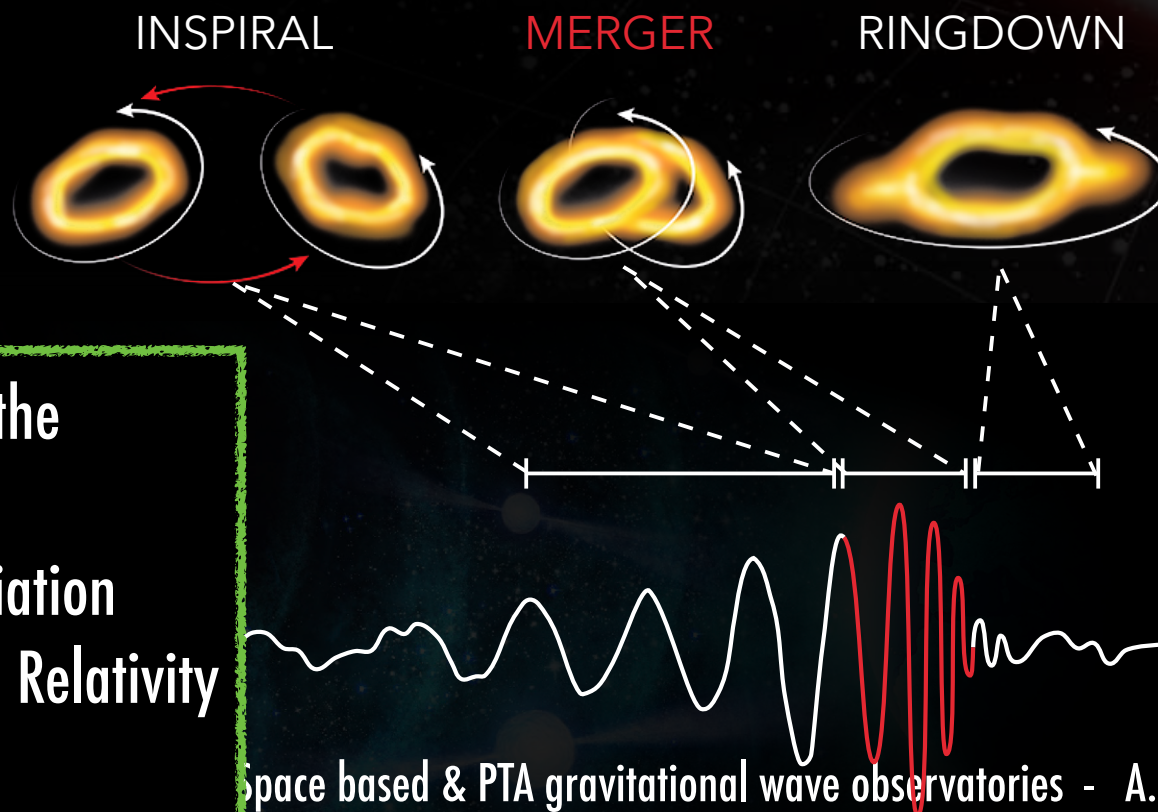
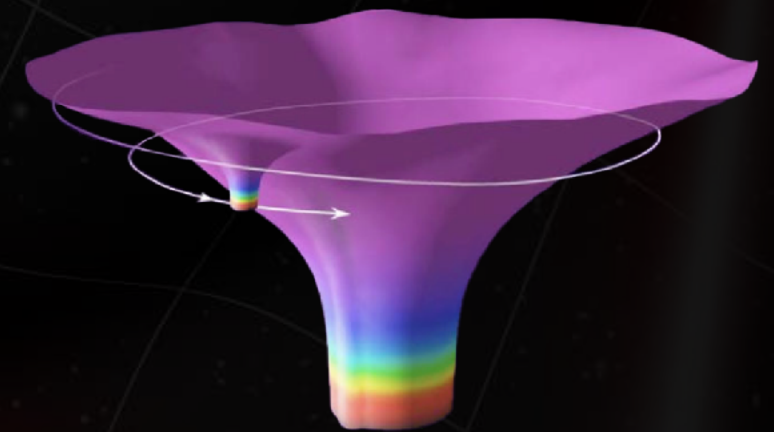
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- Test the propagation properties of GW.



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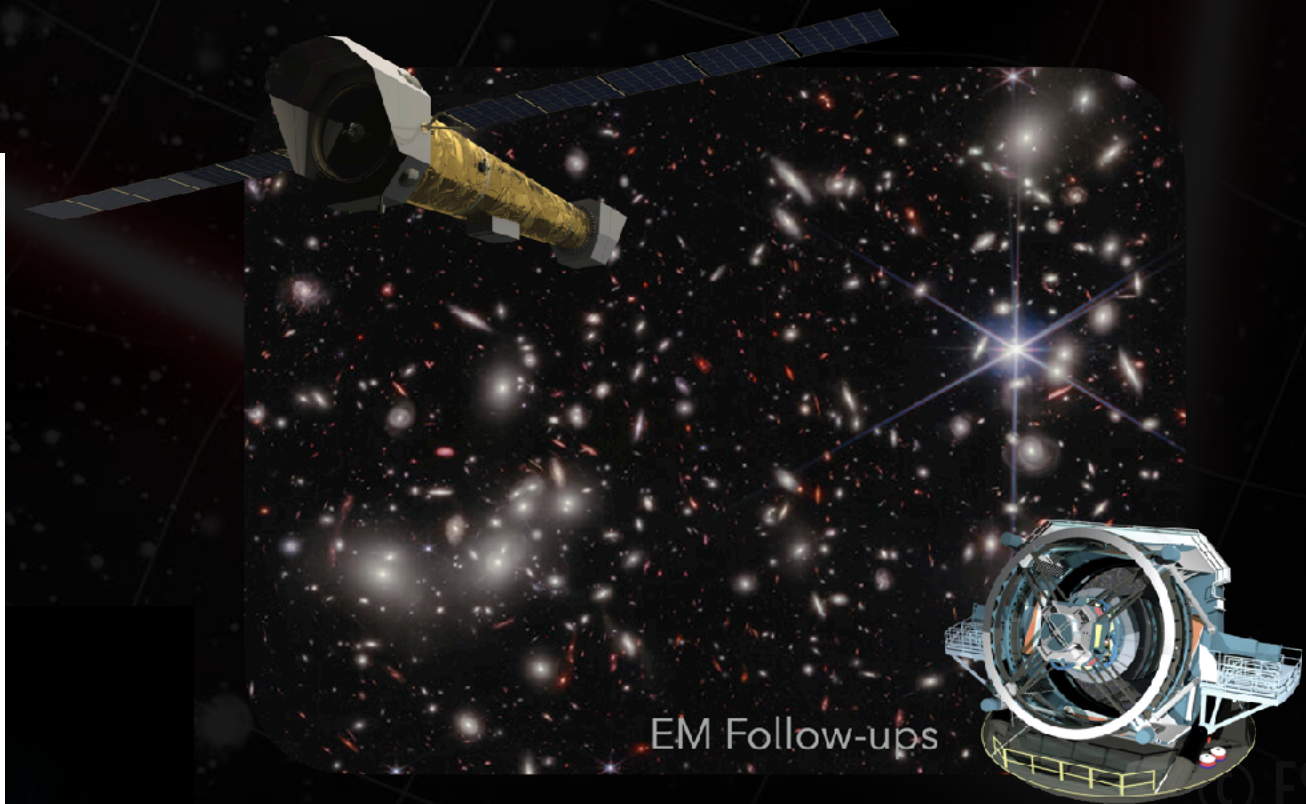
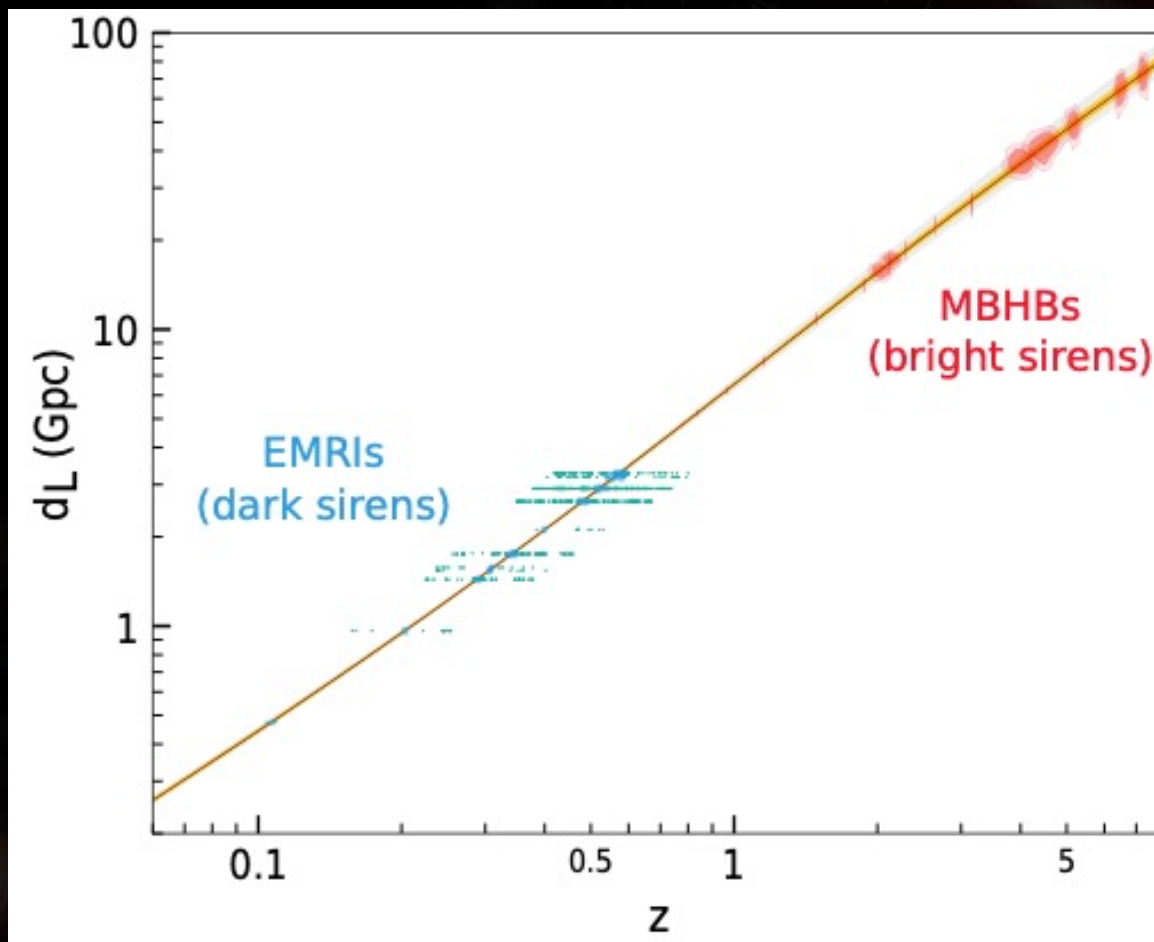
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- S06: Probe the rate of **expansion** of the Universe :
 - Cosmology from **bright sirens**: massive black hole binaries;
 - Cosmology from **dark sirens**: extreme mass ratio inspirals and stellar-origin black hole binaries;
 - Cosmology at all redshift: combining local and high-redshift LISA standard sirens measurements.



Constraint on the geometry of the Universe:

- No calibration needed
- H_0 to a few % with observations up to $z \sim 3$

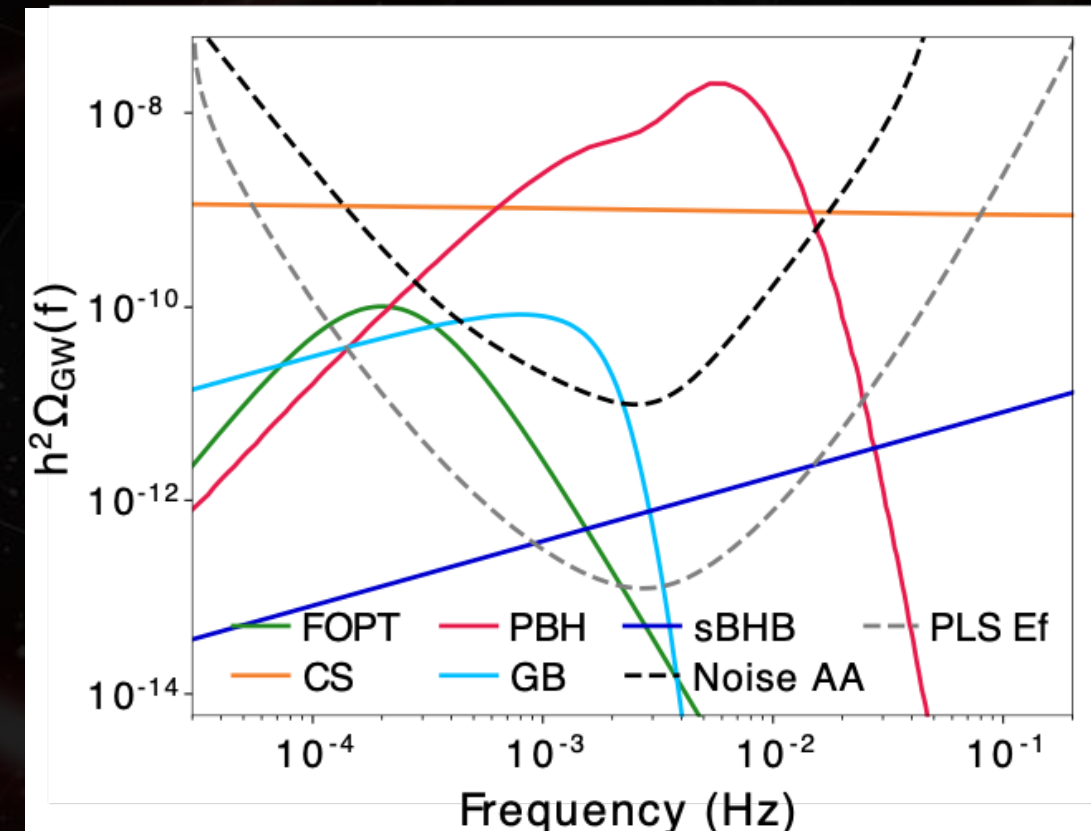
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- S07: Understand **stochastic GW backgrounds** and their implications for the **early Universe** and **TeV-scale particle physics**:

- Characterise the astrophysical SGWB;
- Measure, or set upper limits on, the spectral shape of the cosmological SGWB;
- Characterise the large-scale anisotropy of the SGWB.

- S08: Search for GW **bursts** and **unforeseen** sources :

- Search for cusps and kinks of cosmic strings;
- Search for unmodelled sources.



Cosmic String Cusp

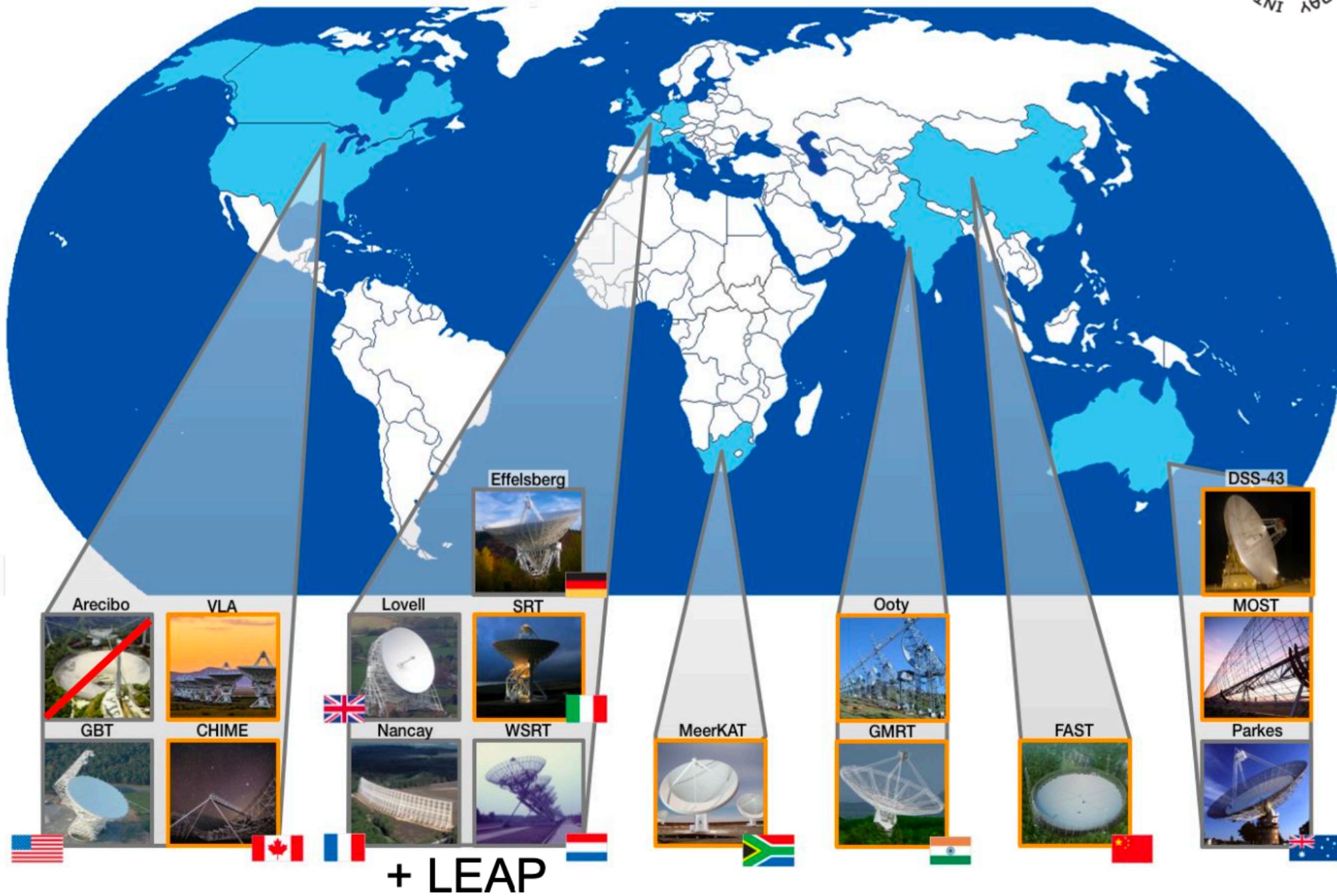


PTA collaborations

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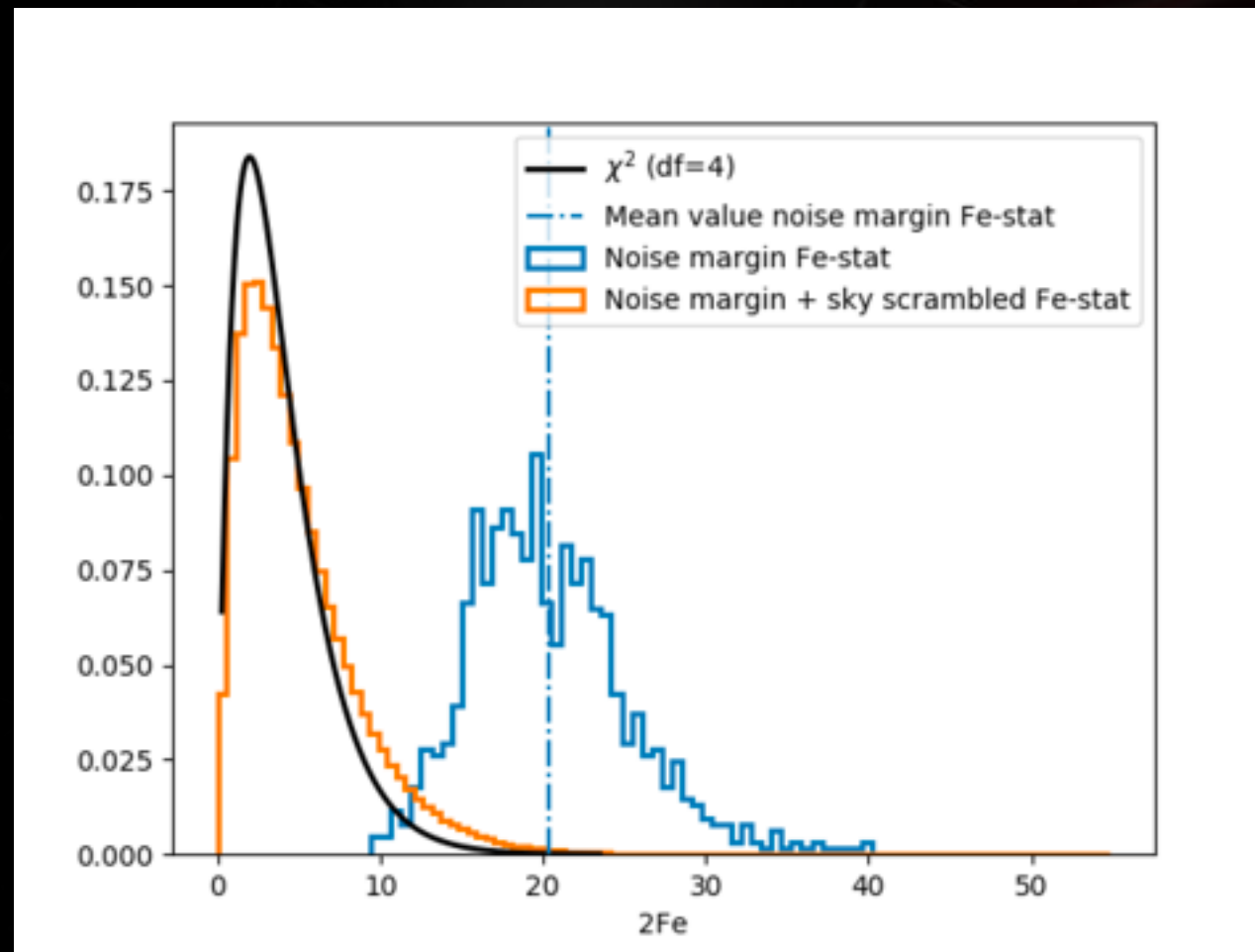
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EPTA results: GWB

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2306.16214>

- Scrambling the sky position of pulsar, destroy the signal



- Many other tests see <https://arxiv.org/abs/2306.16214>

EPTA results: individual sources

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2306.16226>

- ▶ Continuous GW search = Super Massive Black Hole Binary
- ▶ GW described by $8 + 2 \times N_{PSR}$ parameters:
 - Amplitude, frequency, chirp mass, sky position, inclination, polarisation, initial phase, phase at pulsar, pulsar distance
- ▶ Frequentist analysis:
 - Maximum F-statistic (equivalent to likelihood) at 4.6 nHz

