CE Observational Science

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LSC wide call
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The Dawn report on CE Observational Science

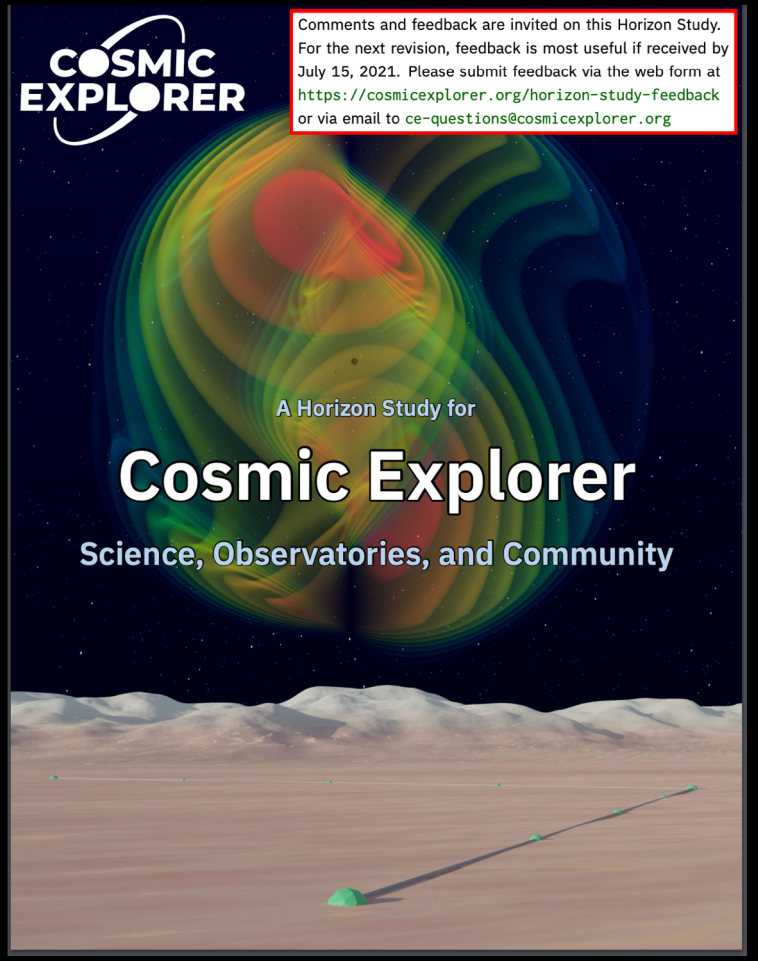
- Several scienstists who don’t belong to the LVK were invited to provide their perspective on scientific potential of CE and 3G detectors, and related challenges
  - E. Berti, GW astrophysics (populations, tests of GR, …)
  - H. Peiris, Cosmology
  - P. Chandra, Radio
  - E. Troja, Gamma/X-ray observations
  - A. Steiner, Nuclear physics
  - W. Fong, OIR
  - K. Fang, Neutrinos (excited about prospects of SNe detection)
  - J. Greene, C. Miller, S. Smartt, A. Villar, panel discussion

Overall message

- The community *expects* GW observational science to be a central part of the astrophysics landscape in the 2030s
- This sentiment was also echoed in the Astro decadal
- Strong consensus that 3 or more sites are needed to maximize the science impact
- Given the large number of events, and cost of telescope time, more info should be given in GCNs to help prioritize
- Need to think carefully about construction/update schedules: the community doesn't have an appetite for a long upgrade gap.

3G science

- The scientific potential of CE has been discussed in the recently completed Cosmic Explorer Horizon Study (CEHS)
- The final draft can be read at https://cosmicexplorer.org/
- A corresponding document exists for ET and papers exist for the high-frequency NEMO (OzGrav) concept



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Cosmic Explorer Horizon Study

- The CE HS identifies key science outcomes that can be reached with 3G detectors
  - Black holes and neutron stars throughough cosmic time
  - Dynamics of dense matter & extreme environments
  - Extreme gravity & Fundamental Physics

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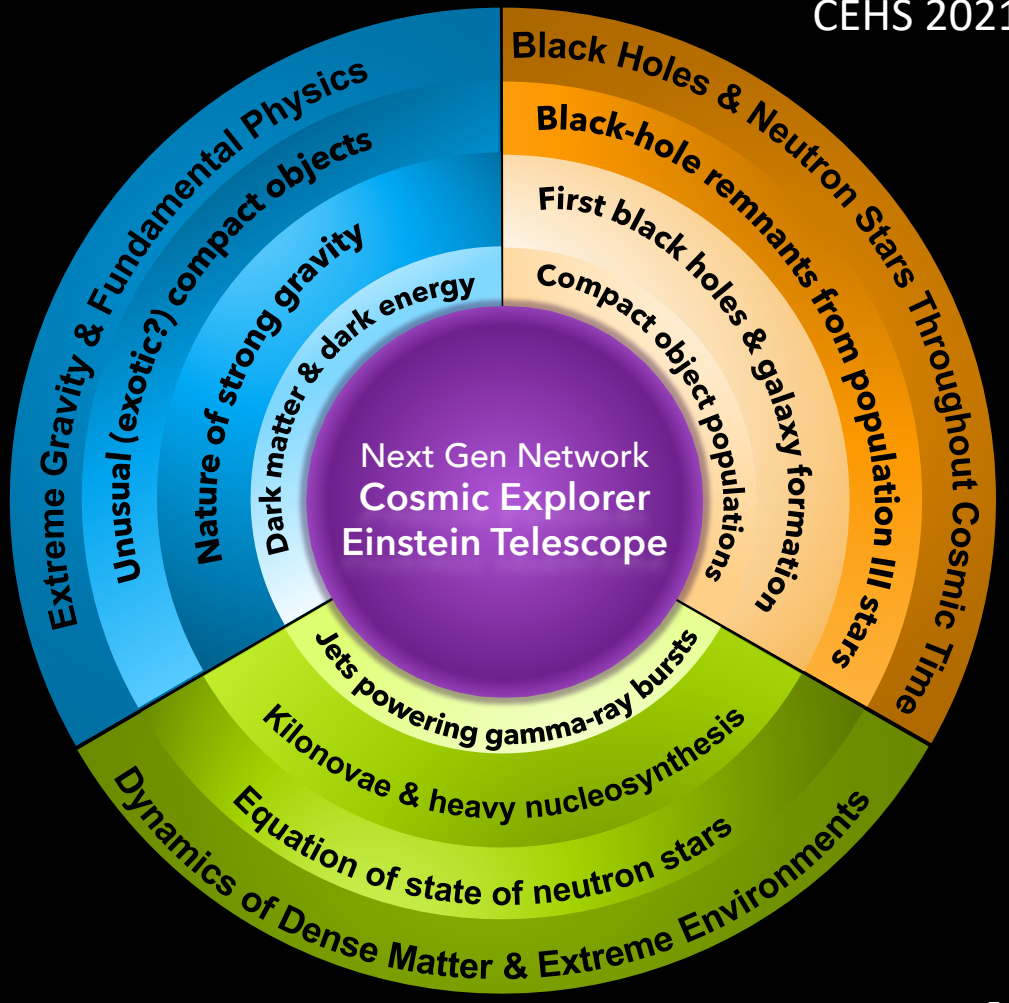
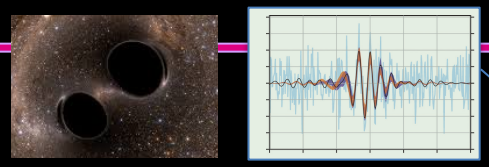
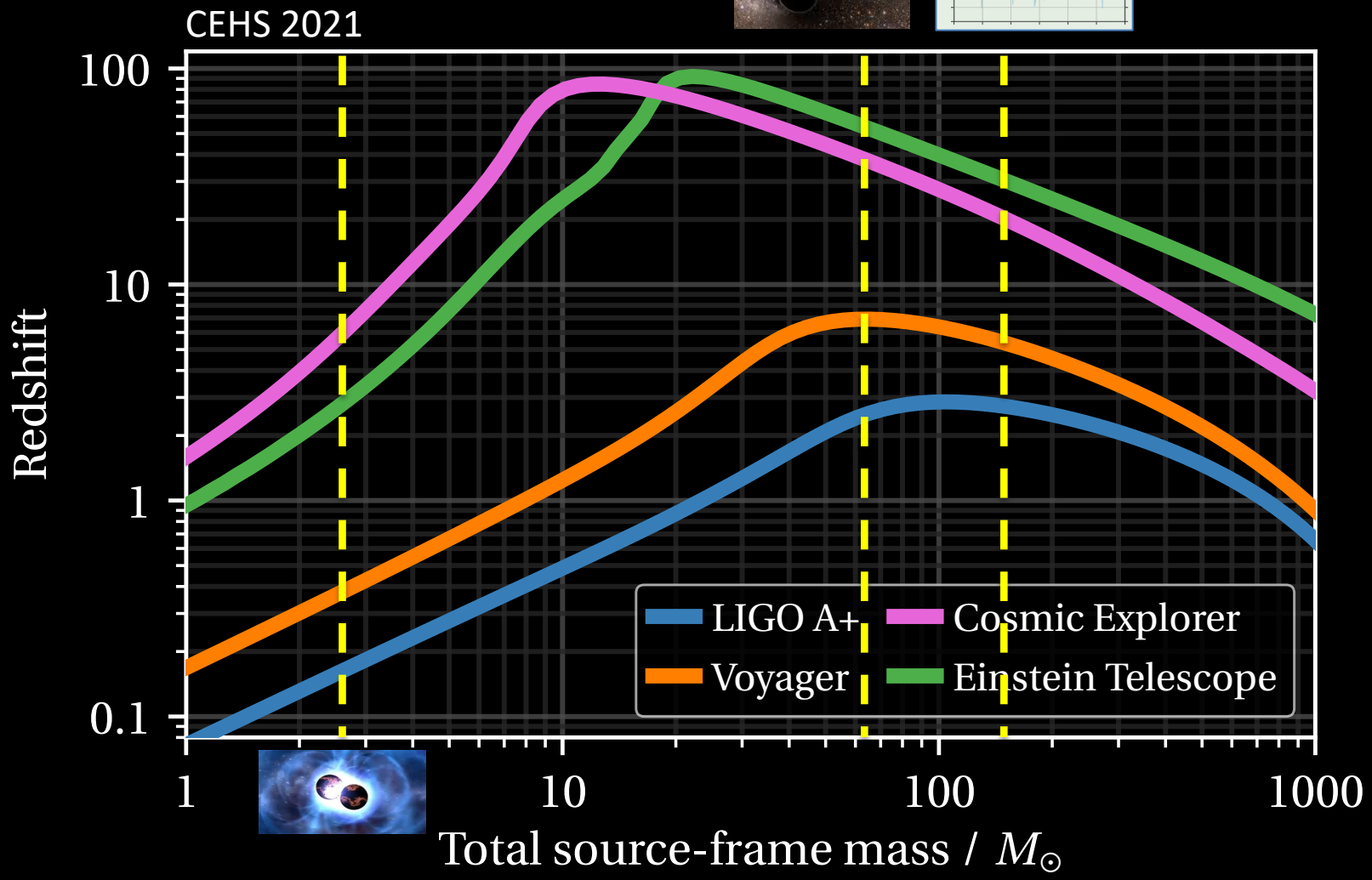
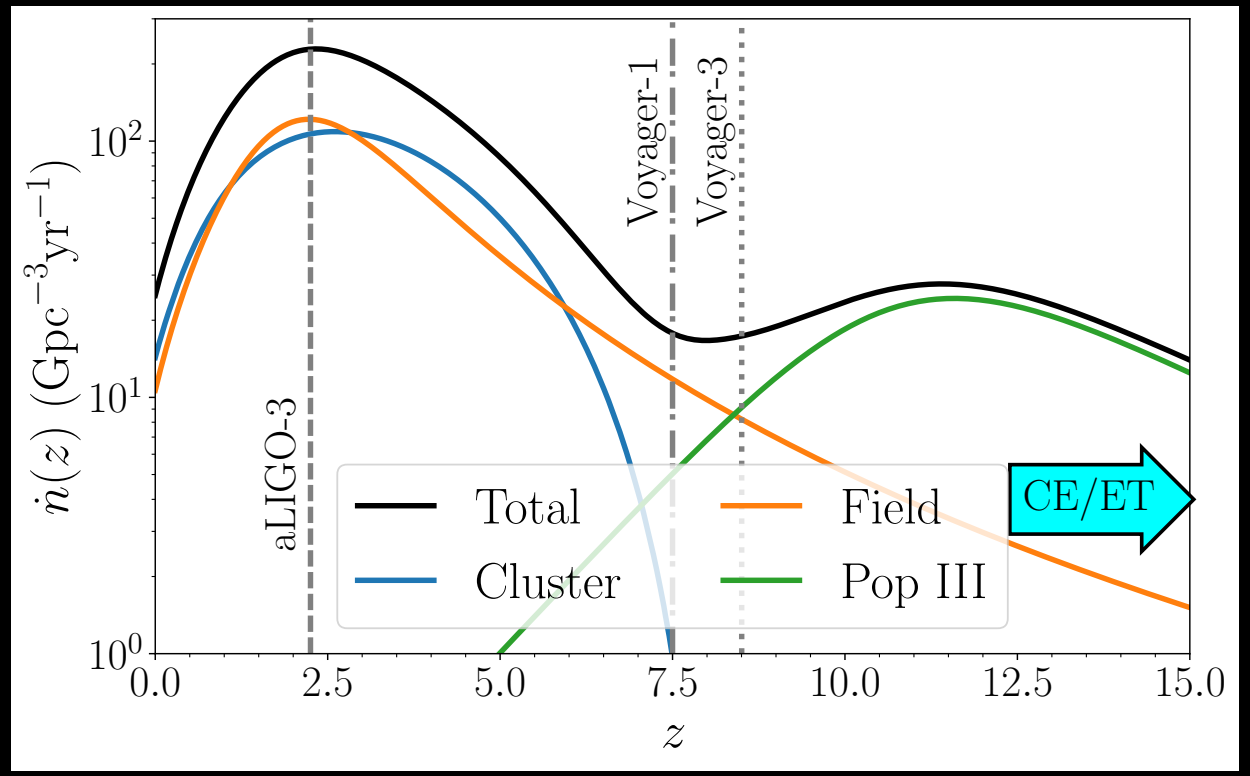


Listening to the Universe





Populations of binaries

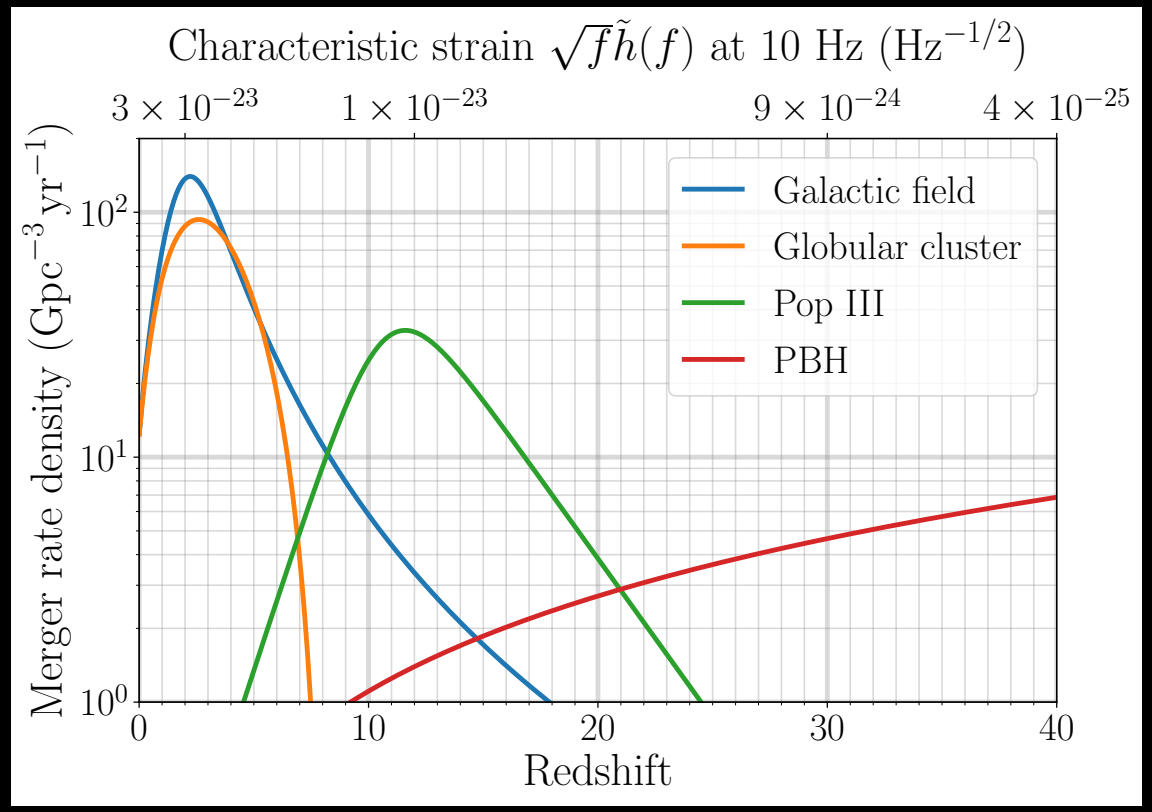


Ng+ ApJL 913 L5

- Can detect black holes from populations which are currently unaccessible
- "CE and ET will be probing the population before the peak of star formation. This gives lots of insight into metallicity, generations of stars (pop III), formation channels, etc. It teaches us about stellar formation and evolution in a unique and powerful way."
- It is important to have a network, to measure distance well, and hence source-frame mass

Detecting PBHs mergers

- Primordial black holes mergers might be recognizable because of
  - Mass and spins spectrum
  - Eccentricity at merger
  - Extemely high redshift
- Of these, the high redshift might be the most uncontroversial smoking gun



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Neutron star physics

- Matter in neutron stars experiences the most extreme conditions in the visible universe
- Can explore regions of the QCD phase diagram which are not accessible at Earth
  - Determine internal structure of neutron star
  - Equation of state
- “It is clear that gravitational waves can provide insights into nuclear physics which are probably inaccessible otherwise"

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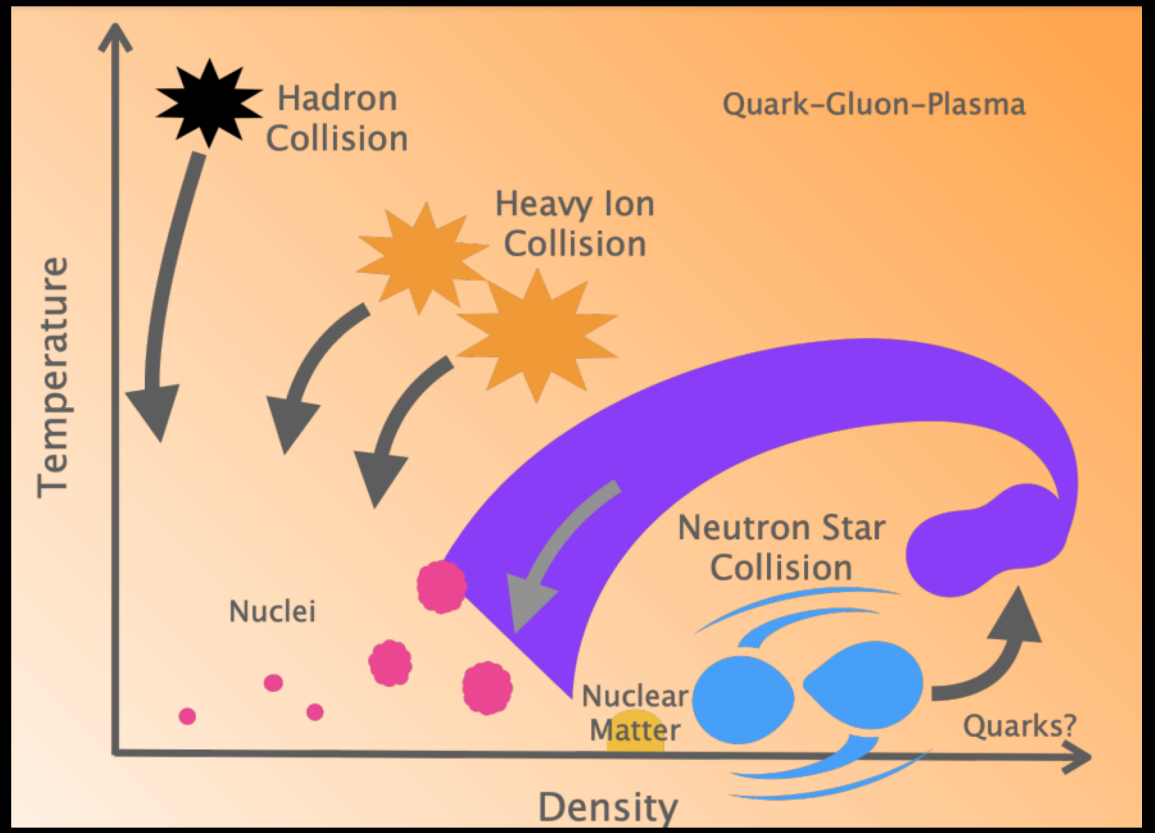
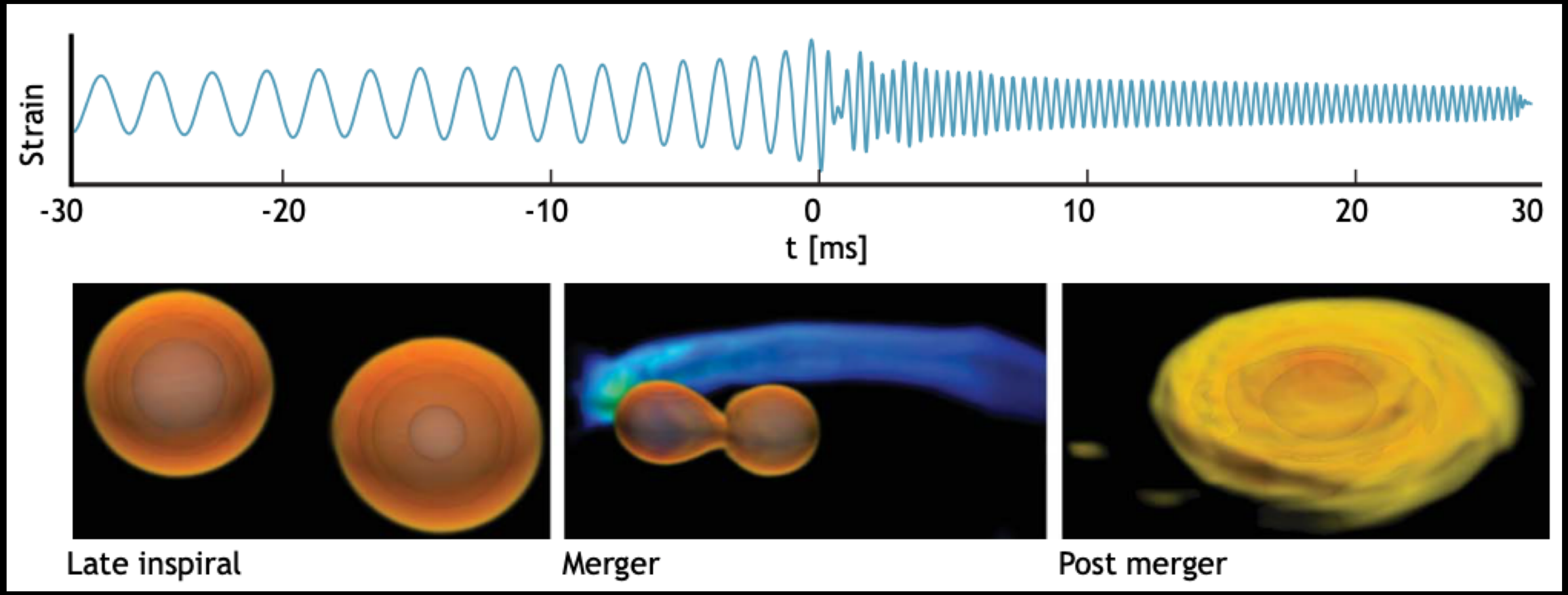


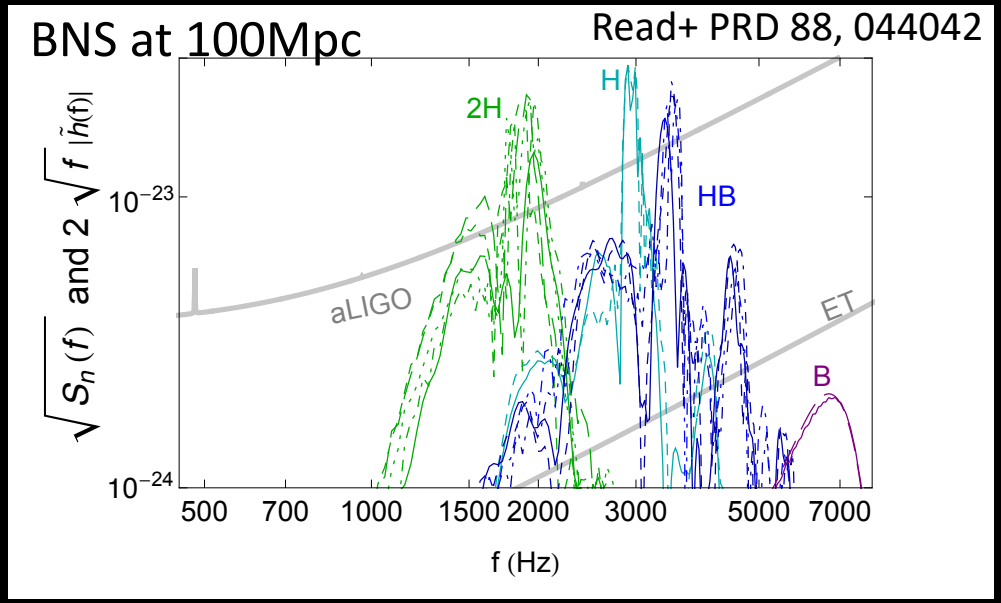
Binary neutron stars

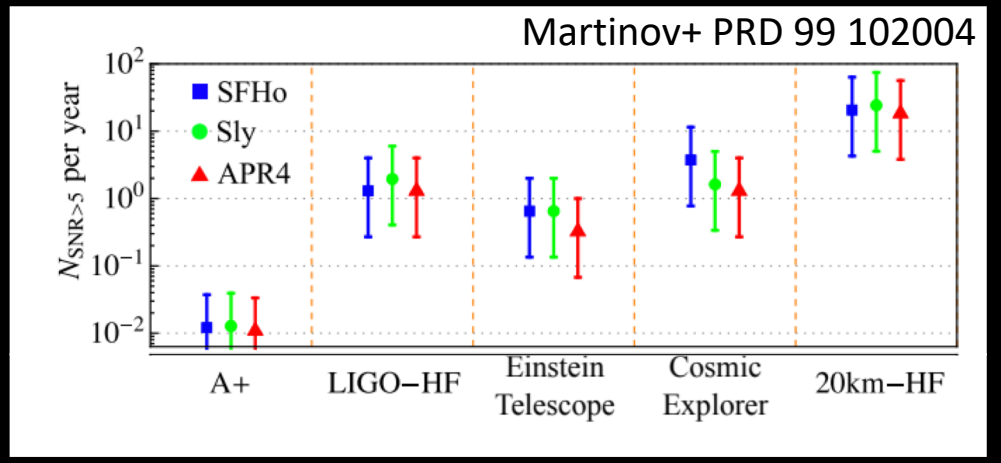
Credit: T. Dietrich



Binary neutron stars - Equation of state

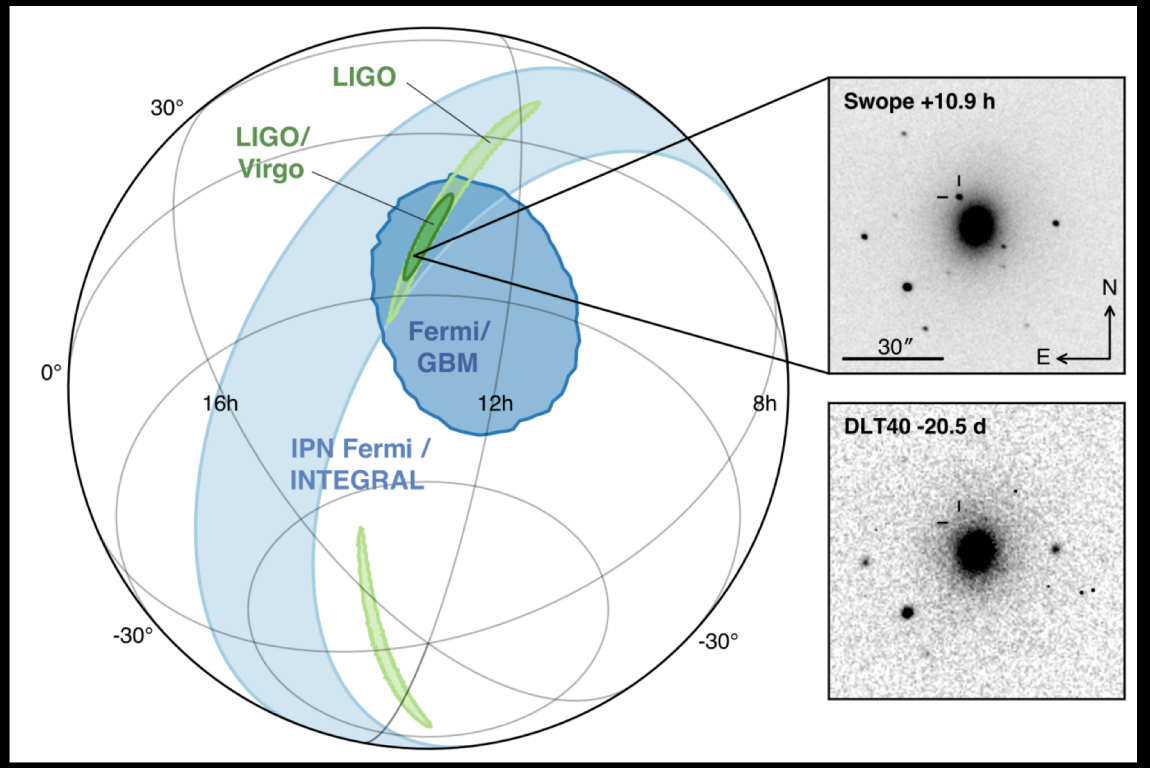
- Advanced detectors will start measuring the equation of state of neutron stars
  - Most likely from the inspiral phase
  - With a bit of luck, hints of postmerger physics
- 3G detectors will easily measure the EOS from both inspiral and post-inspiral





Multimessenger astrophysics - now

- Multiple DAWN panelist have stressed the fundamental significance of GW170817
  - Detection at all frequencies, from gamma rays to radio waves
  - Proved BNS are progenitors of (at least some) short gamma ray bursts
  - Proved BNS produce kilonovae emission, and heavy metals
  - Allowed for a measurement of the local Hubble parameter



LVC and friends, ApJL, 848:L12, 2017

Multimessenger astrophysics - 3G

- With a network of 3G detectors we will be able to access hundreds of well-characterized BNSs per year
  - For many of them, the source can be localized even *before* the merger happens
  - Variety of system parameters, their effect on the EM emission and its energetics
  - Cosmology
- "CE provides an exciting opportunity to detect NSNS mergers to z~5 and beyond, allowing us to explore the optical/IR counterpart science drivers as a function of cosmic time."

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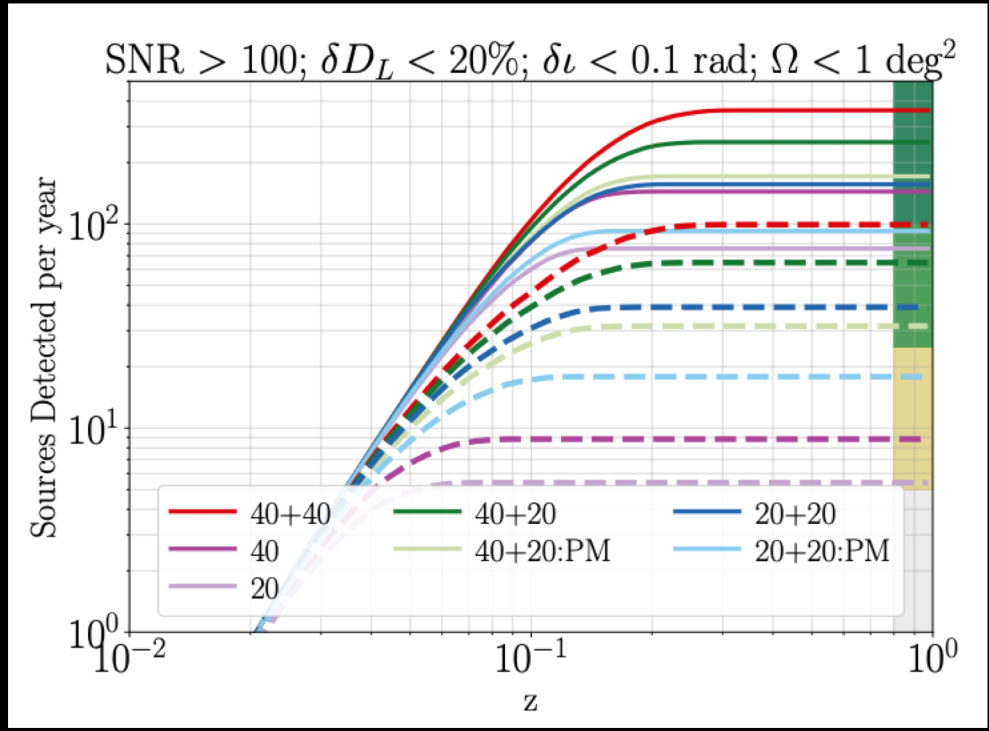

Some of the challenges

- The DAWN meeting highlighted many challenges that our community needs to address to maximize the scientific promise of 3G detectors
  - High SNRs require very accurate waveforms (PE, TGR)
  - Even more so when matter is involved (BNS, NSBH, SNe modeling)
  - Population analyses will need to deal with large number of sources; overlaps
  - Algorithms cost scaling with N_events and SNR
  - Need to produce fast, reliable and small sky localization, including aux information (masses or probability of being bright)
  - Reliable detection of unmodeled sources, CWs, stochastic background

Why you should get involved

- Virtually all of these challenges will *already* be encountered by the LSC in the coming science runs, just less acute
  - R&D will pay off even before 3G detectors are online
- For early career scientists especially, you have the chance to help shaping and sharpening the science case of detectors that will be online when *your* students graduate
- Get involved! Can join the CE consortium, talk to me if you have questions
- But first, please endorse the DAWN report, strong support from the community is a must to get CE online!

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