

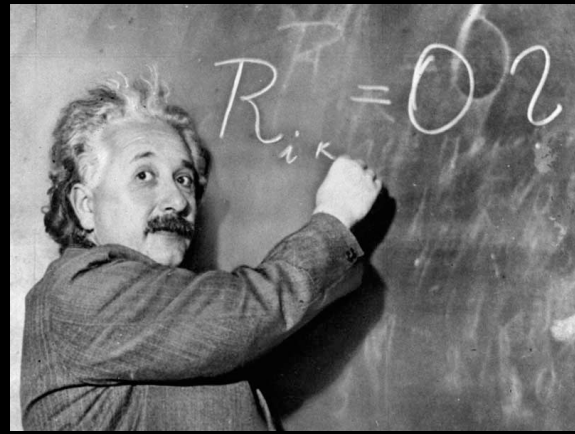
# COSMIC EXPLORER



# Cosmic Explorer

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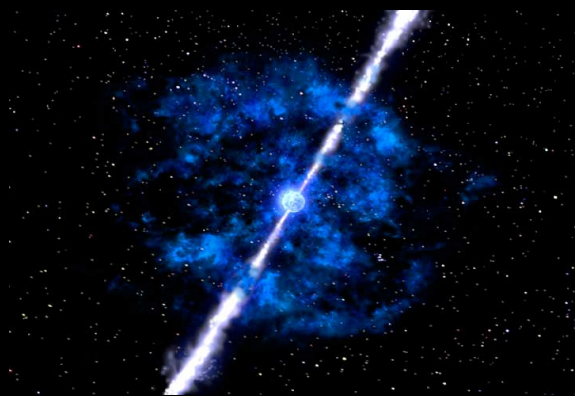
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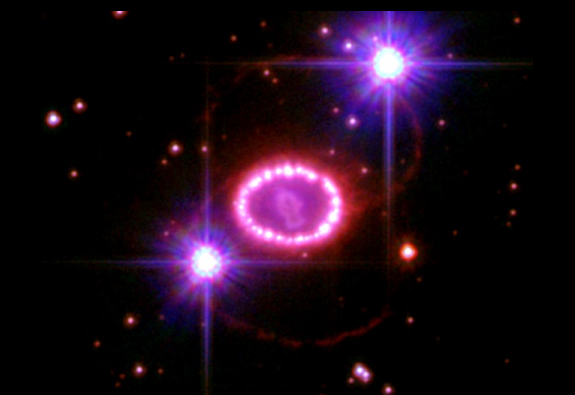
Do **gravitational waves** exist? ✓  
Is general relativity the **correct theory of gravity**? ✓



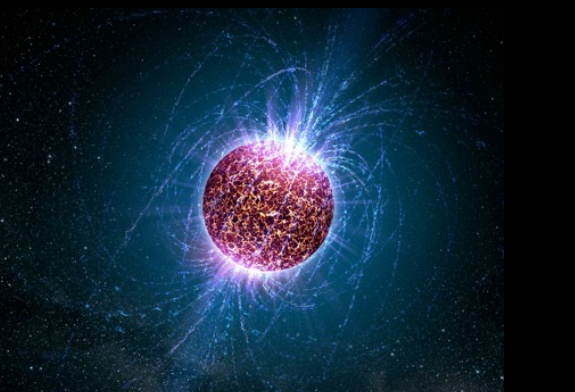
What happens when **two black holes collide**? ✓  
Do black holes really have **no hair**? ✓



What are the **progenitors of short gamma ray bursts**? ✓  
What is the **engine that powers them**?



How does core collapse **power a supernova**?  
How does **angular momentum transport** work in massive stars?



What is the **nuclear equation of state** at high densities?  
Are there **phase transitions** in neutron stars?

The strength of the gravitational waves radiated is given by their **strain**  $h(t) = \text{change in length} / \text{length}$

$$h \sim \frac{G}{c^4} \frac{E_{\text{NS}}}{r} \sim 10^{-21}$$

However, the energy radiated is enormous

$$L_{\text{GW}} \sim \left( \frac{c^5}{G} \right) \left( \frac{v}{c} \right)^6 \left( \frac{R_s}{r} \right)^2 \sim 10^{59} \text{ erg/s}$$

Solar luminosity  $L \sim 10^{33} \text{ erg/s}$

Gamma Ray Bursts  $L \sim 10^{49-52} \text{ erg/s}$

Proxima Centauri

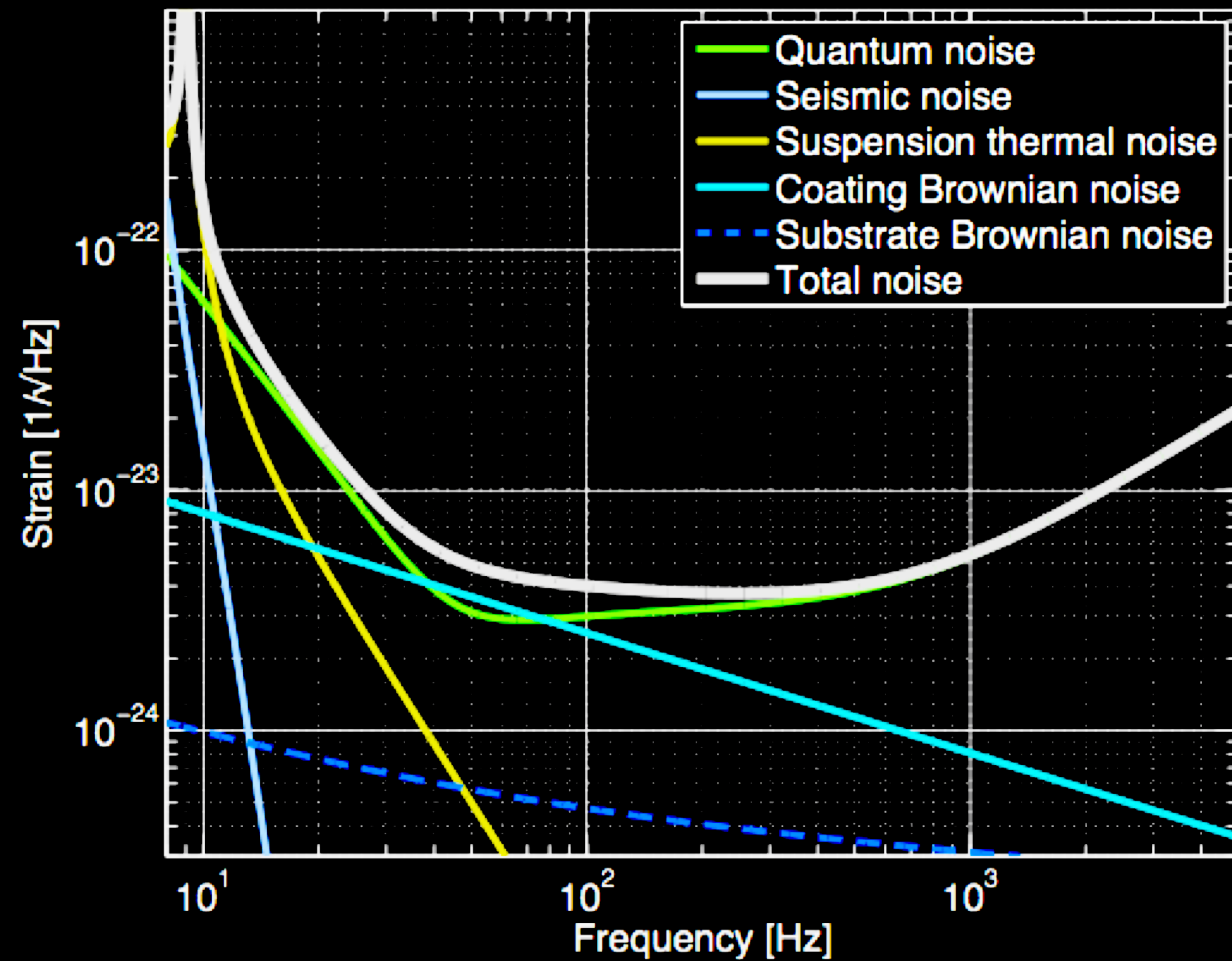
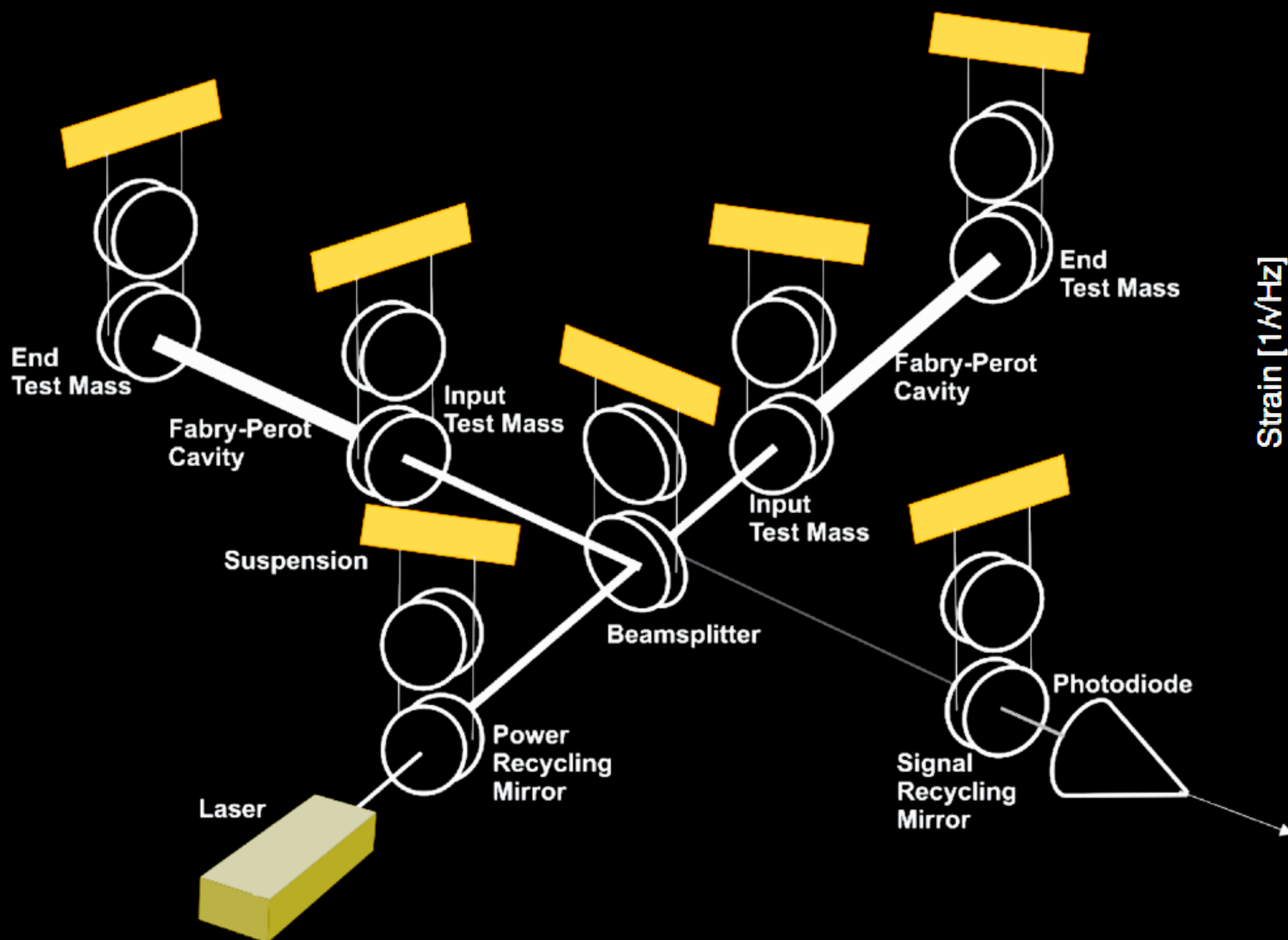


Imagine measuring this distance to a precision of **ten microns**

4.2 light years

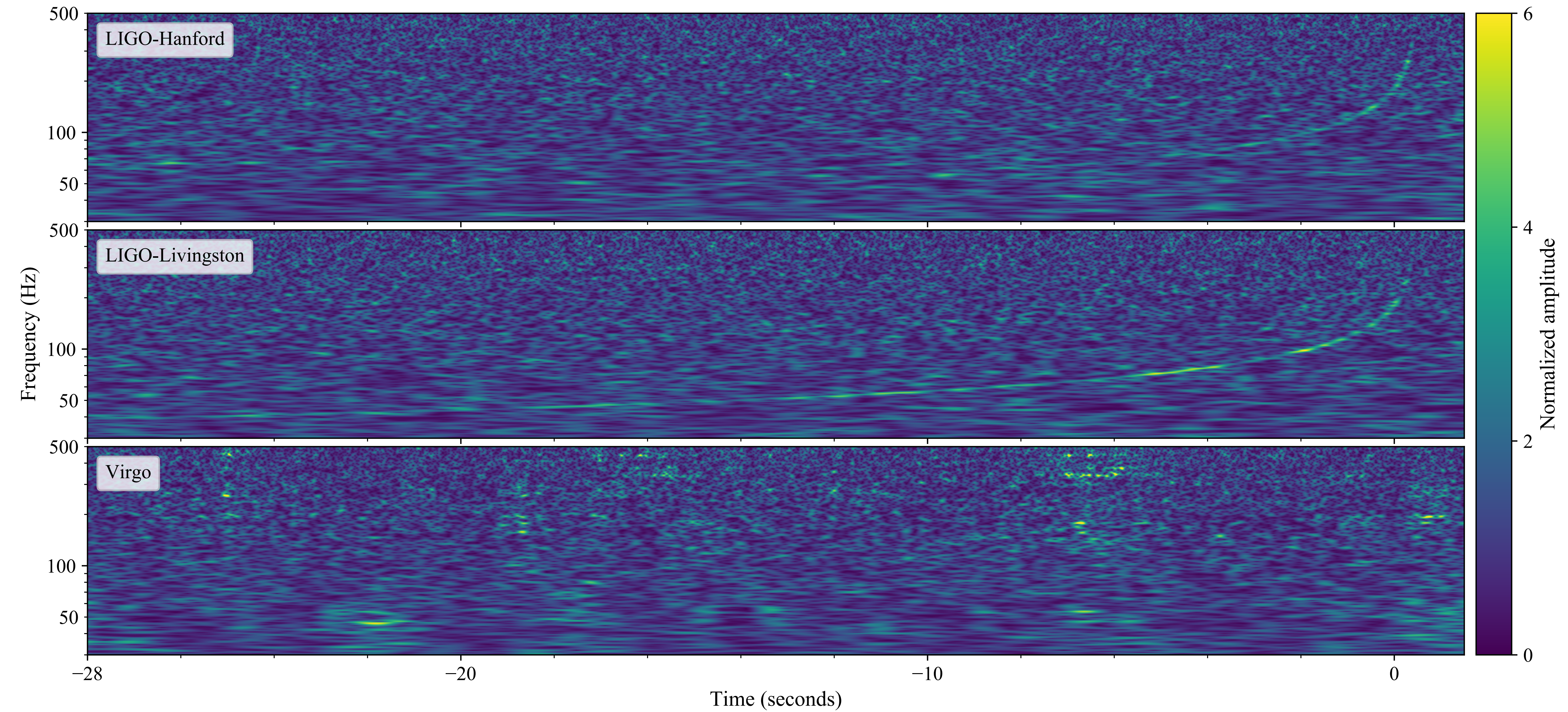


# Advanced LIGO











The information about the EOS is encoded in the gravitational-wave phase evolution

$$\Phi_{\text{GW}}(t) = 0\text{pN}(t; \mathcal{M}) [1 + 1\text{pN}(t; \eta) + \cdots + 3.5\text{pN}(t; \eta) + 5\text{pN}(t; \text{EOS})]$$

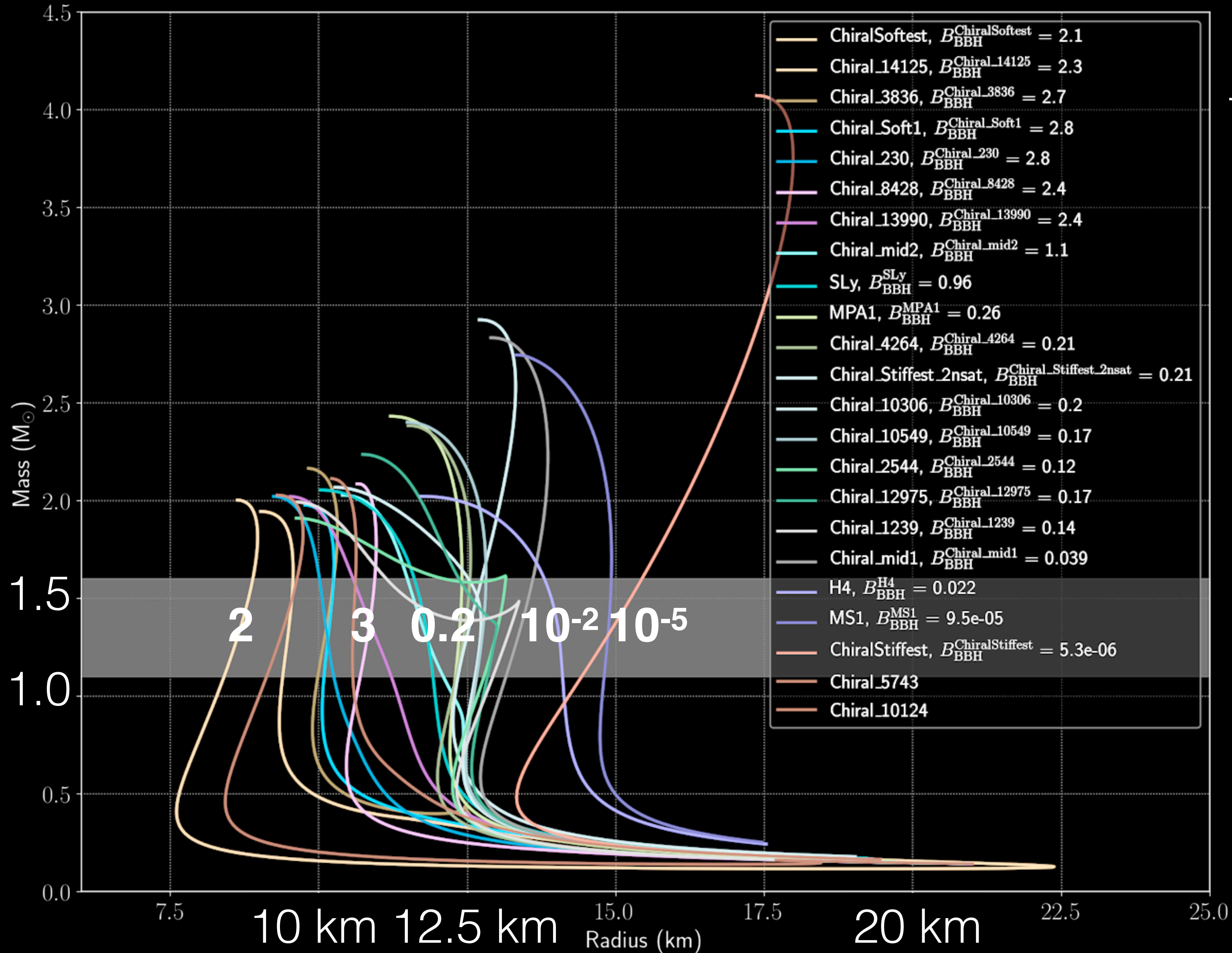
$$\mathcal{M} = \frac{(m_1 m_2)^{3/5}}{(m_1 + m_2)^{1/5}} \quad \eta = \frac{(m_1 m_2)}{(m_1 + m_2)^2}$$

Tidal effects enter the post-Newtonian gravitational-wave phase as

$$\lambda \equiv -\frac{Q_{ij}}{\mathcal{E}_{ij}} \quad \Lambda \equiv \frac{\lambda}{m^5} = \frac{2}{3} k_2 \left( \frac{Gm}{Rc^2} \right)^{-5}$$

$$\tilde{\Lambda} = \frac{16}{13} \frac{(12q + 1)\Lambda_1 + (12 + q)q^4\Lambda_2}{(1 + q)^5}$$

$$q = m_2/m_1 \leq 1$$

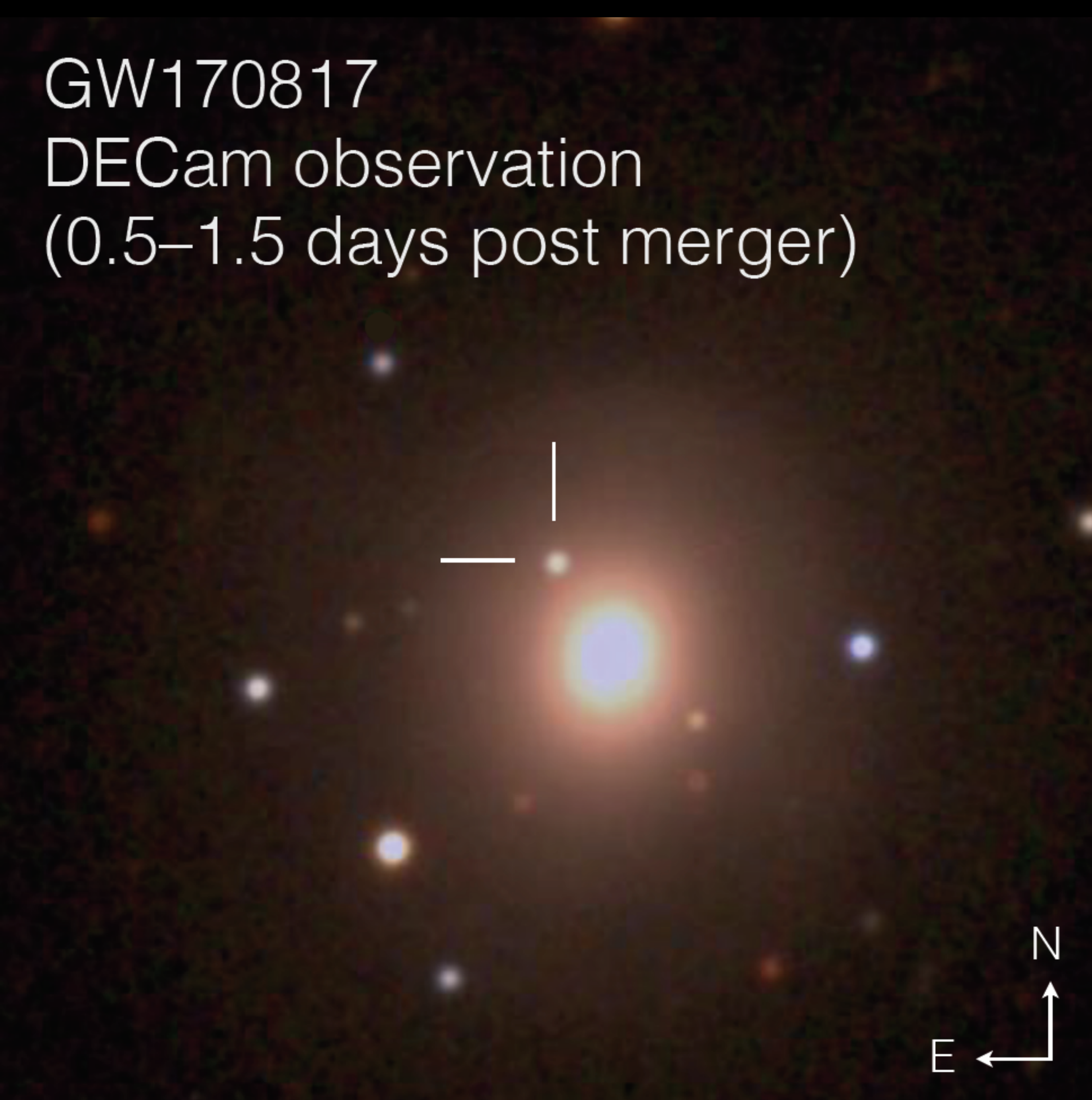


Calculate Bayes factor for specific EOS vs BBH

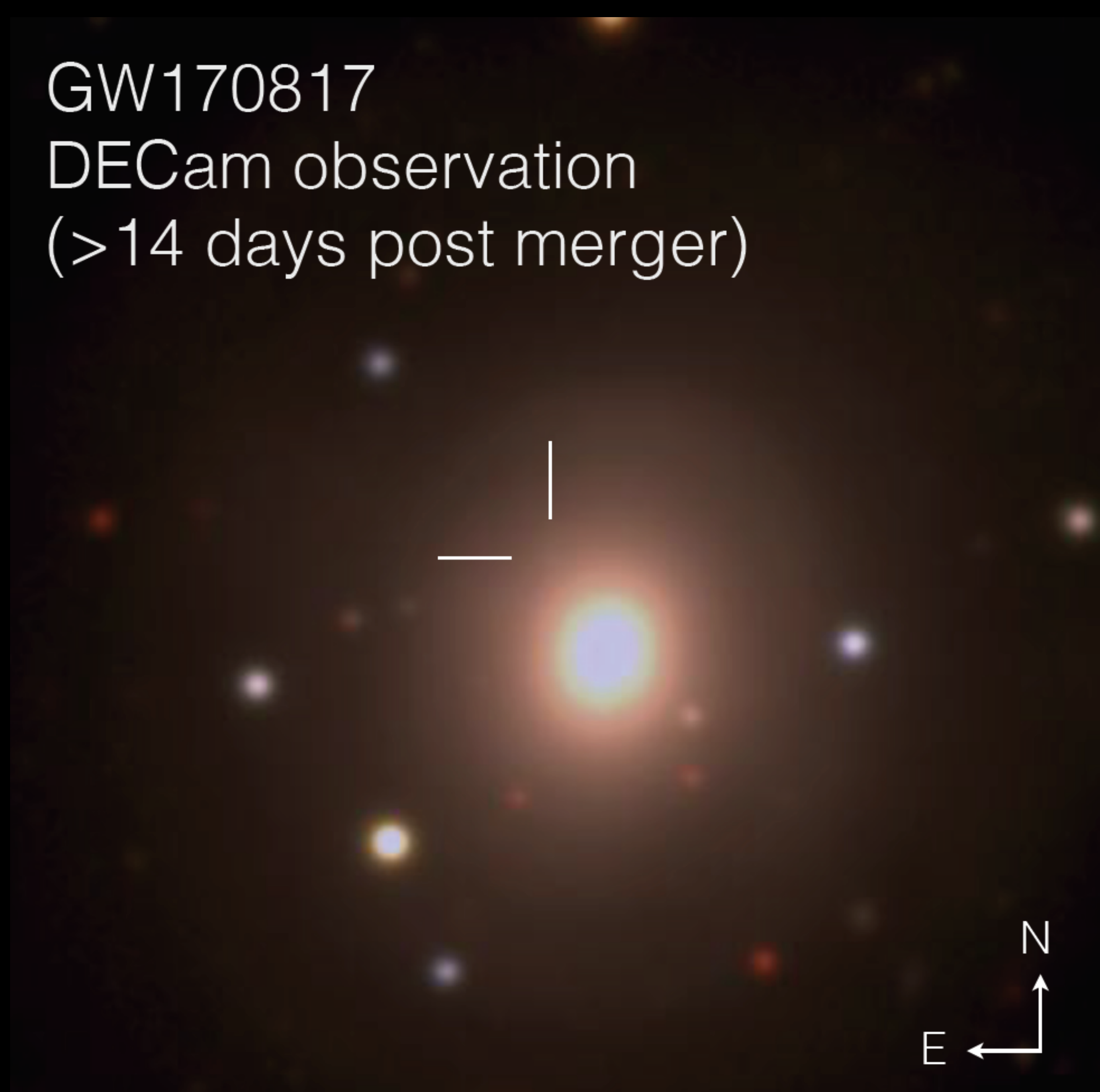
Only the stiffest EOS are ruled out at high confidence

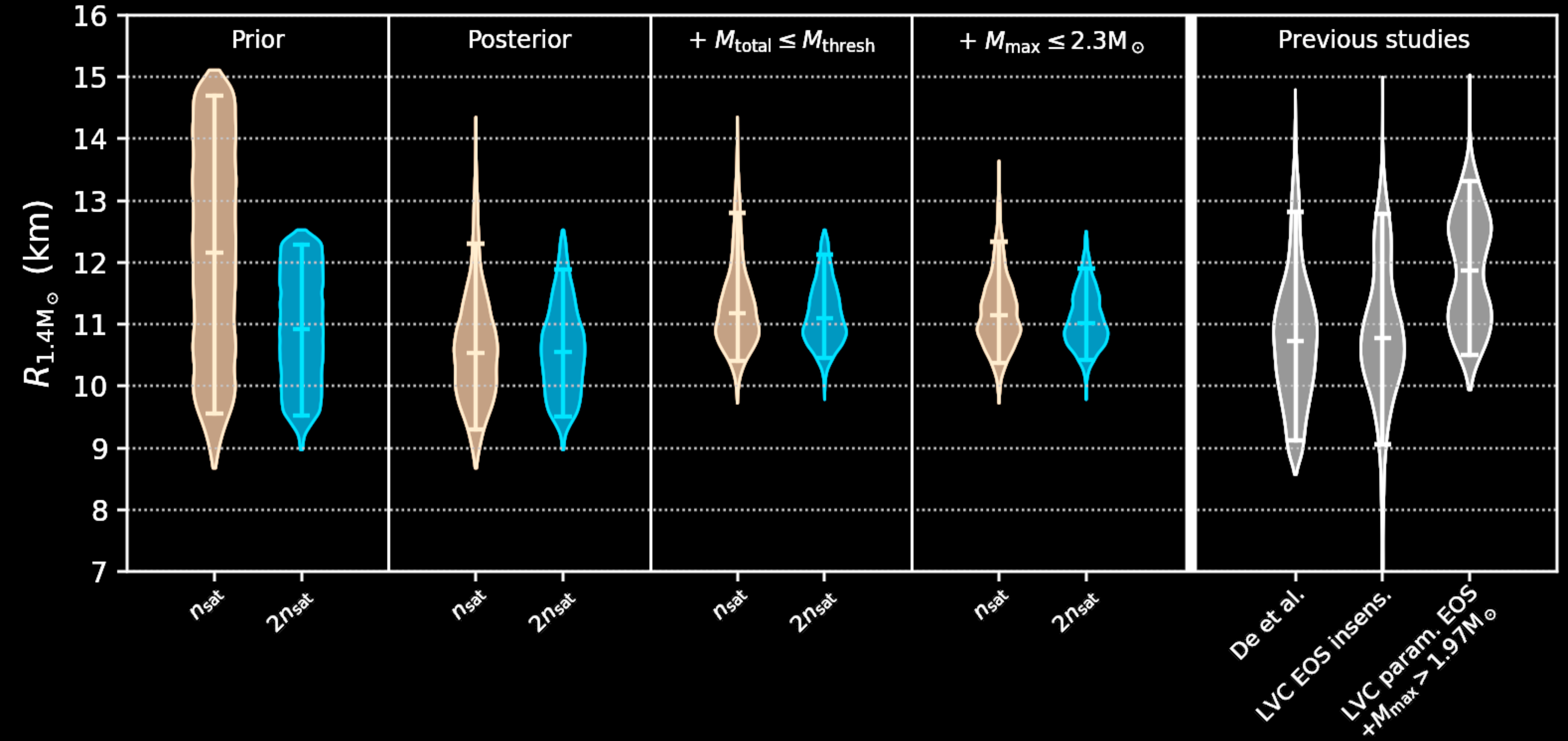
Soft EOSes and black holes are all consistent with GW170817

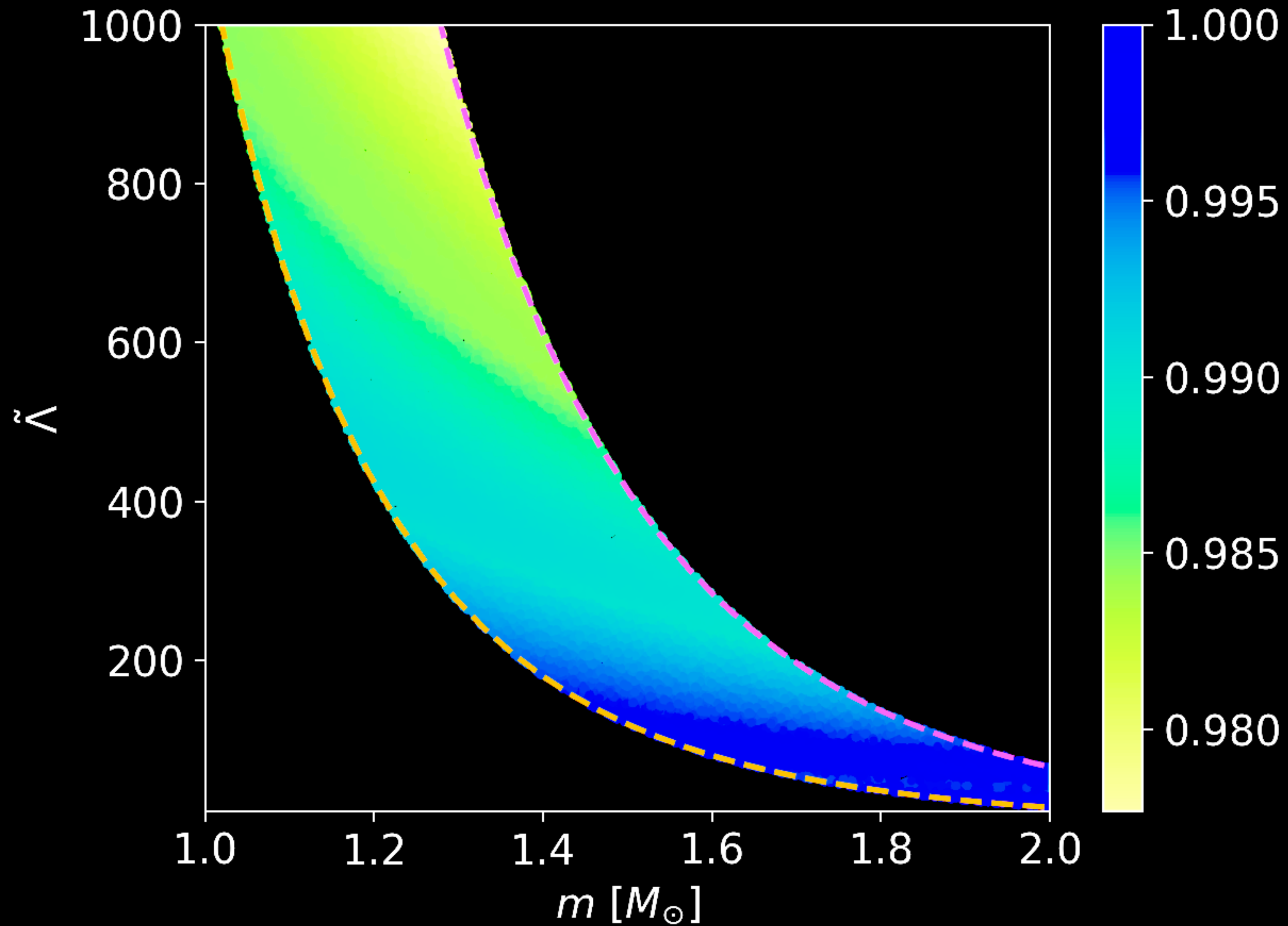
GW170817  
DECAM observation  
(0.5–1.5 days post merger)



GW170817  
DECAM observation  
(>14 days post merger)

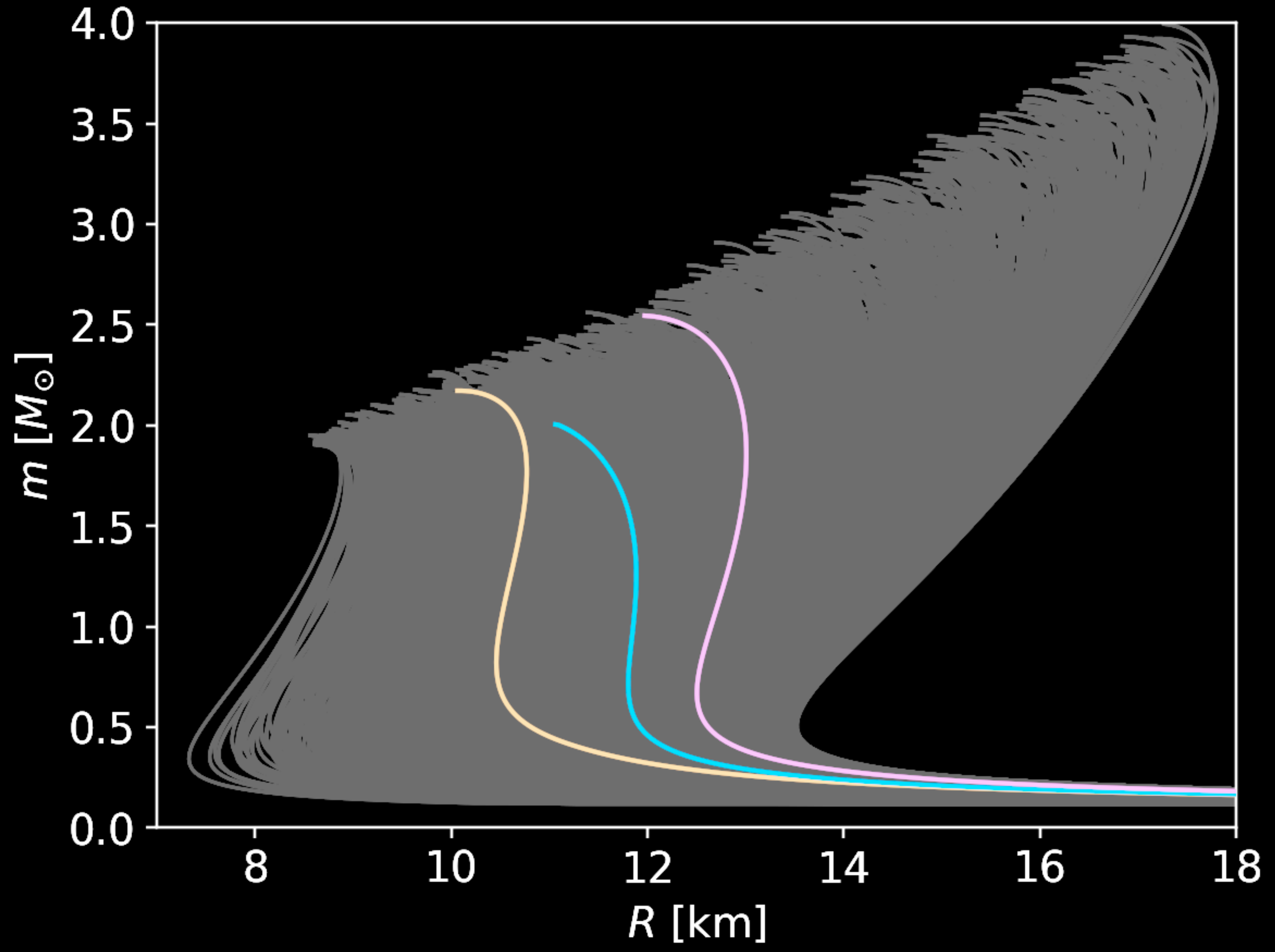


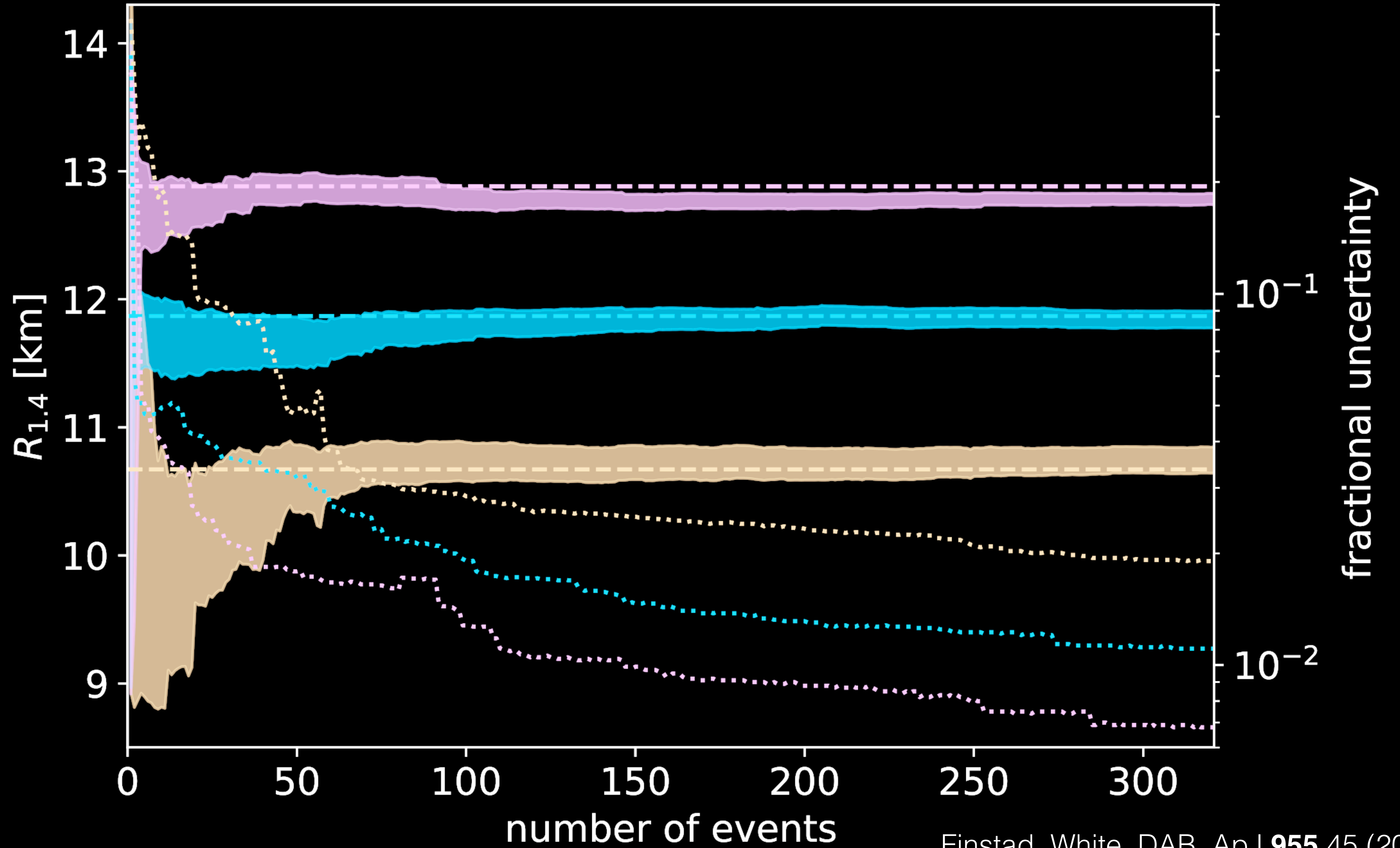




$$\mathcal{O} = \max_{t, \phi} \frac{\langle s|h \rangle}{\sqrt{\langle s|s \rangle \langle h|h \rangle}}$$

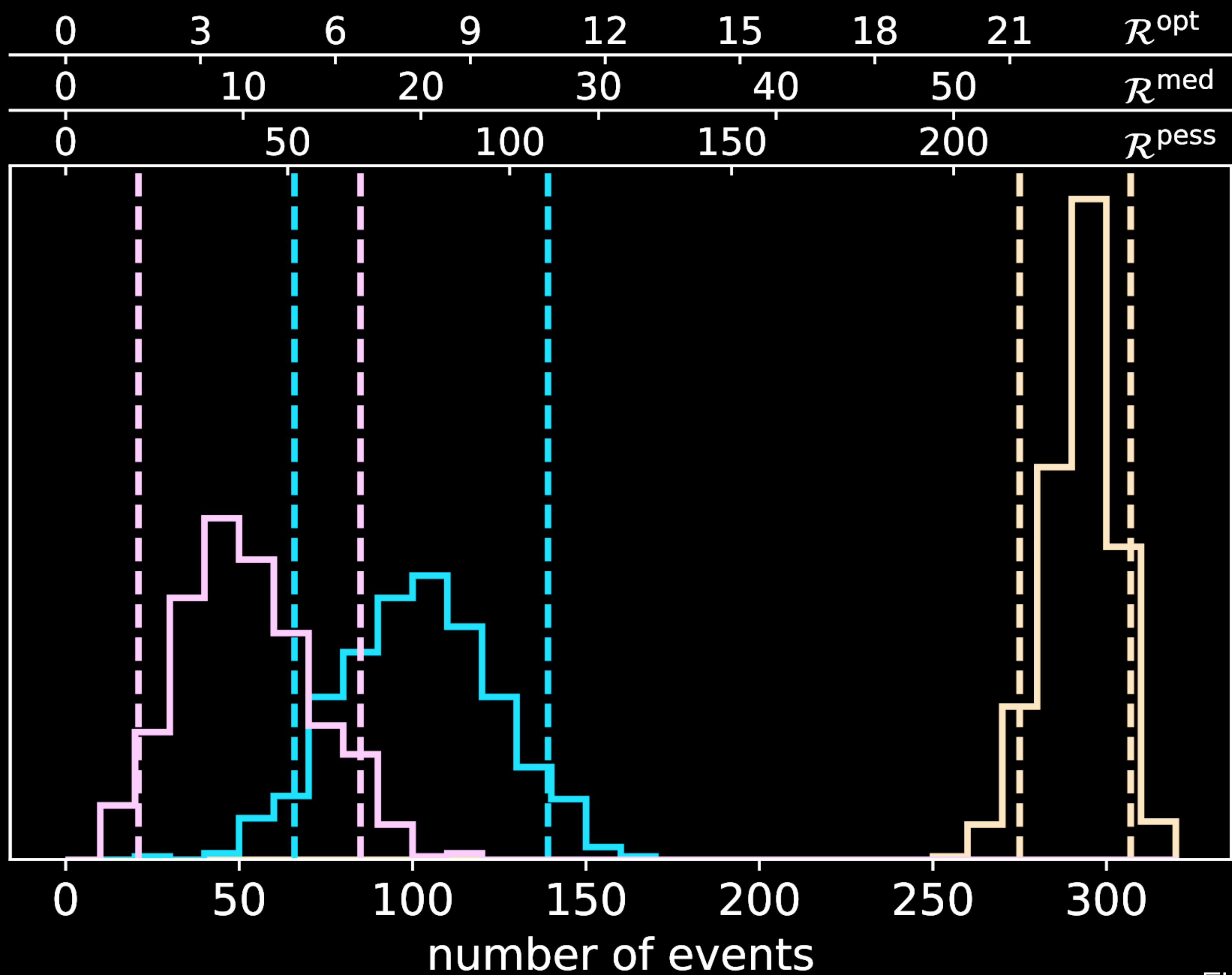
$$\langle a|b \rangle = 4\text{Re} \int_{f_{\text{low}}}^{f_{\text{high}}} \frac{\tilde{a}(f)\tilde{b}(f)}{S_n(f)} df$$



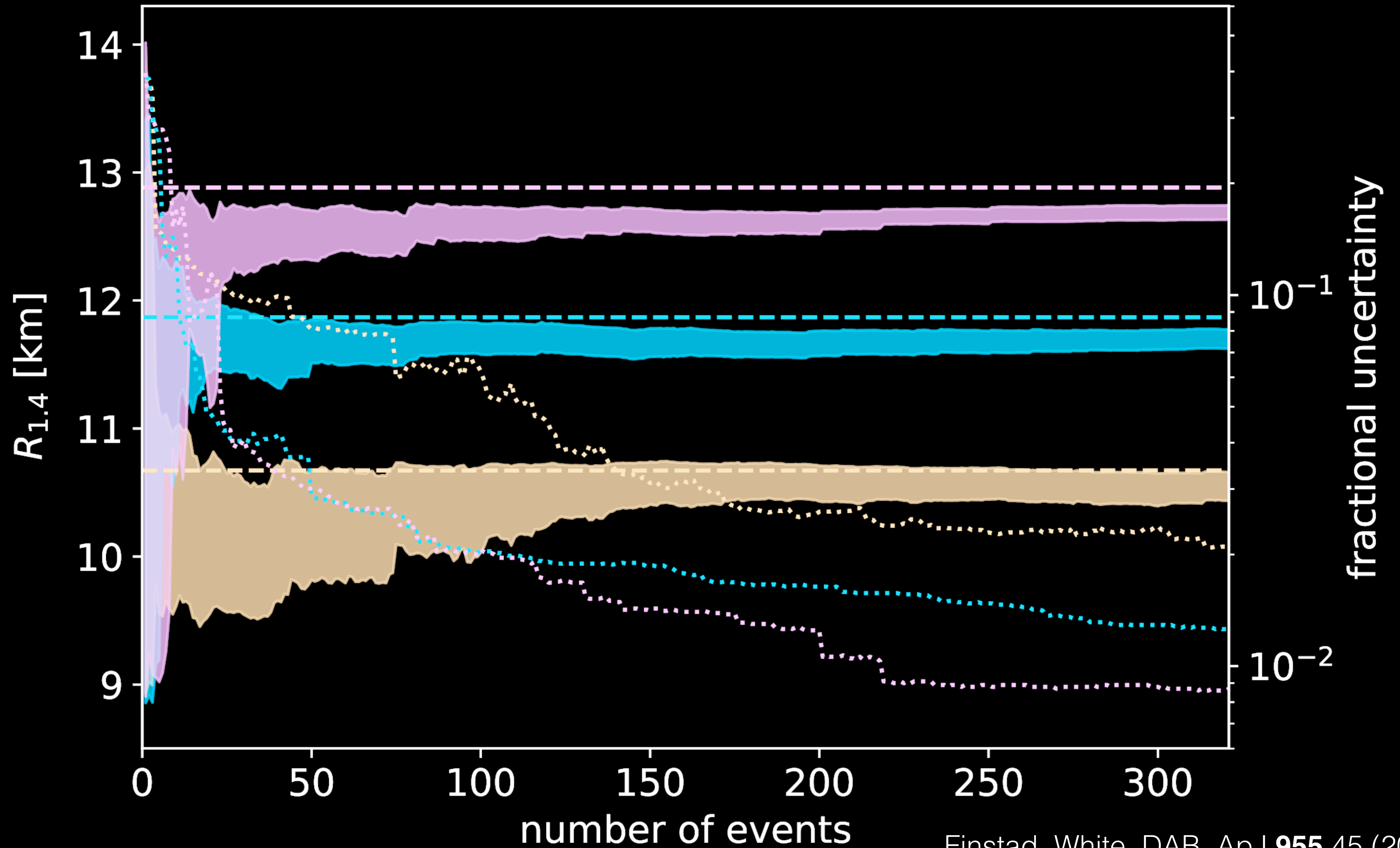




# years at O4 sensitivity



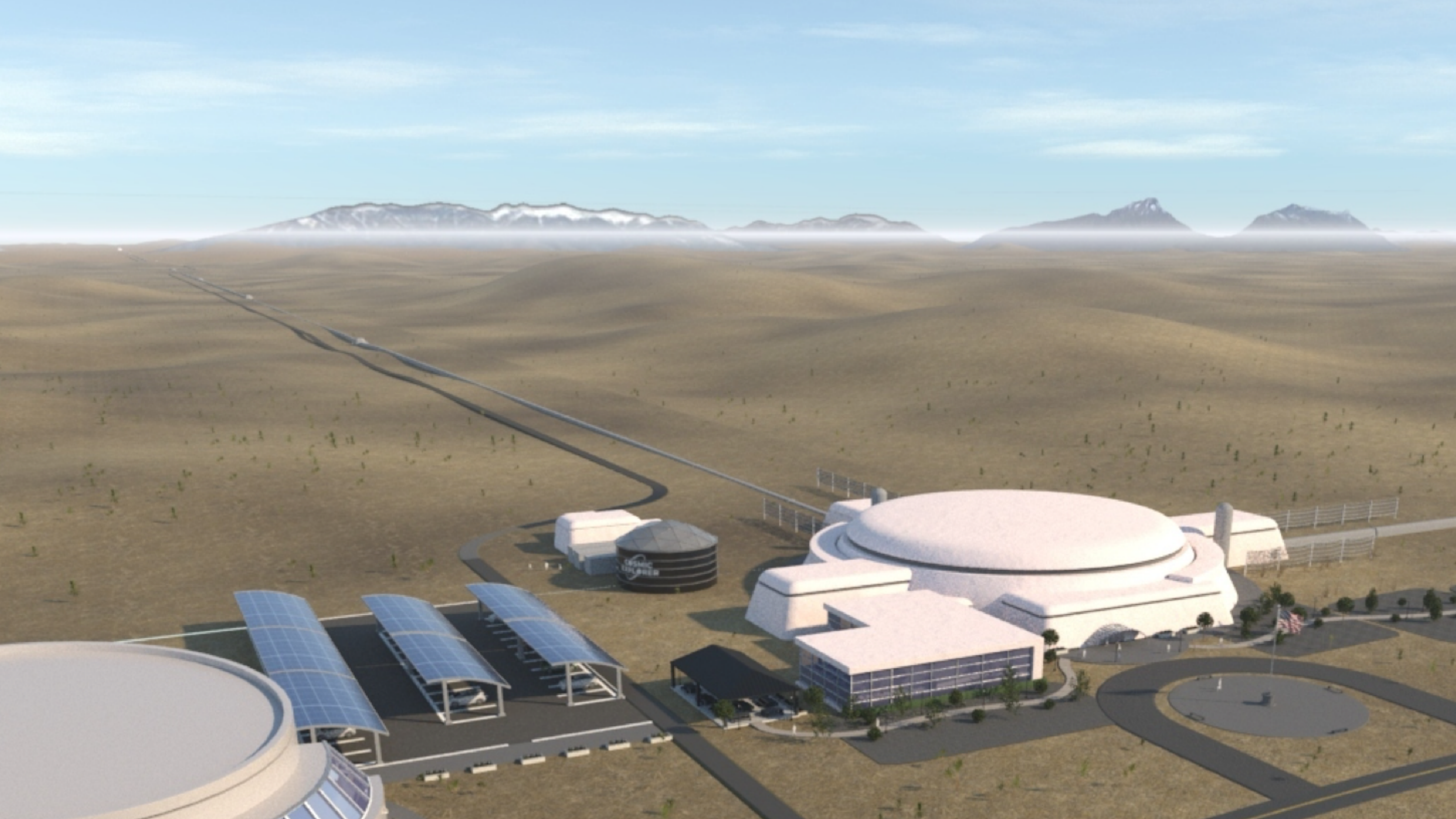
Distribution of number of events required to reach 2% precision in the neutron star radius

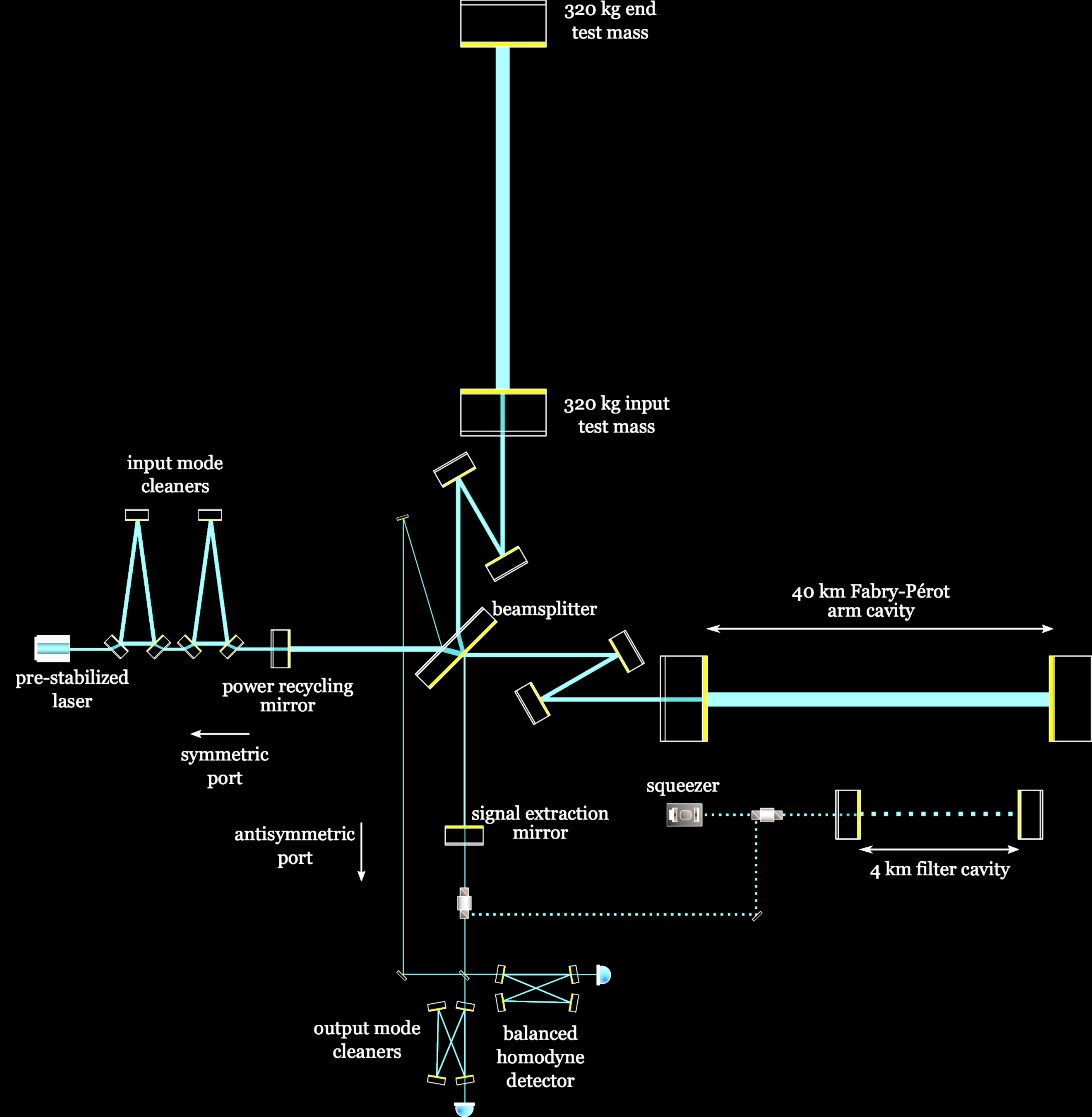


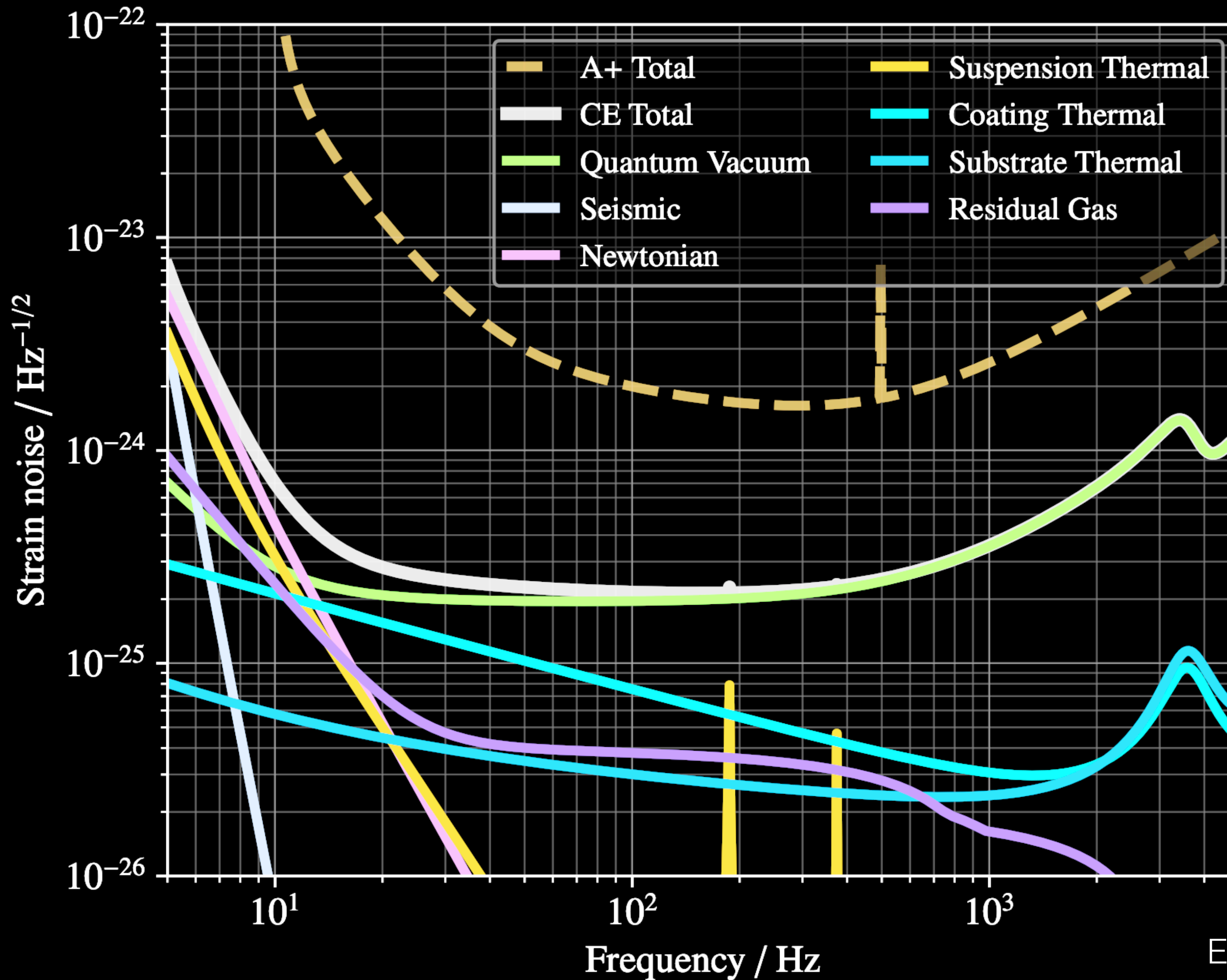
**What is the future of gravitational-wave astronomy beyond LIGO?**

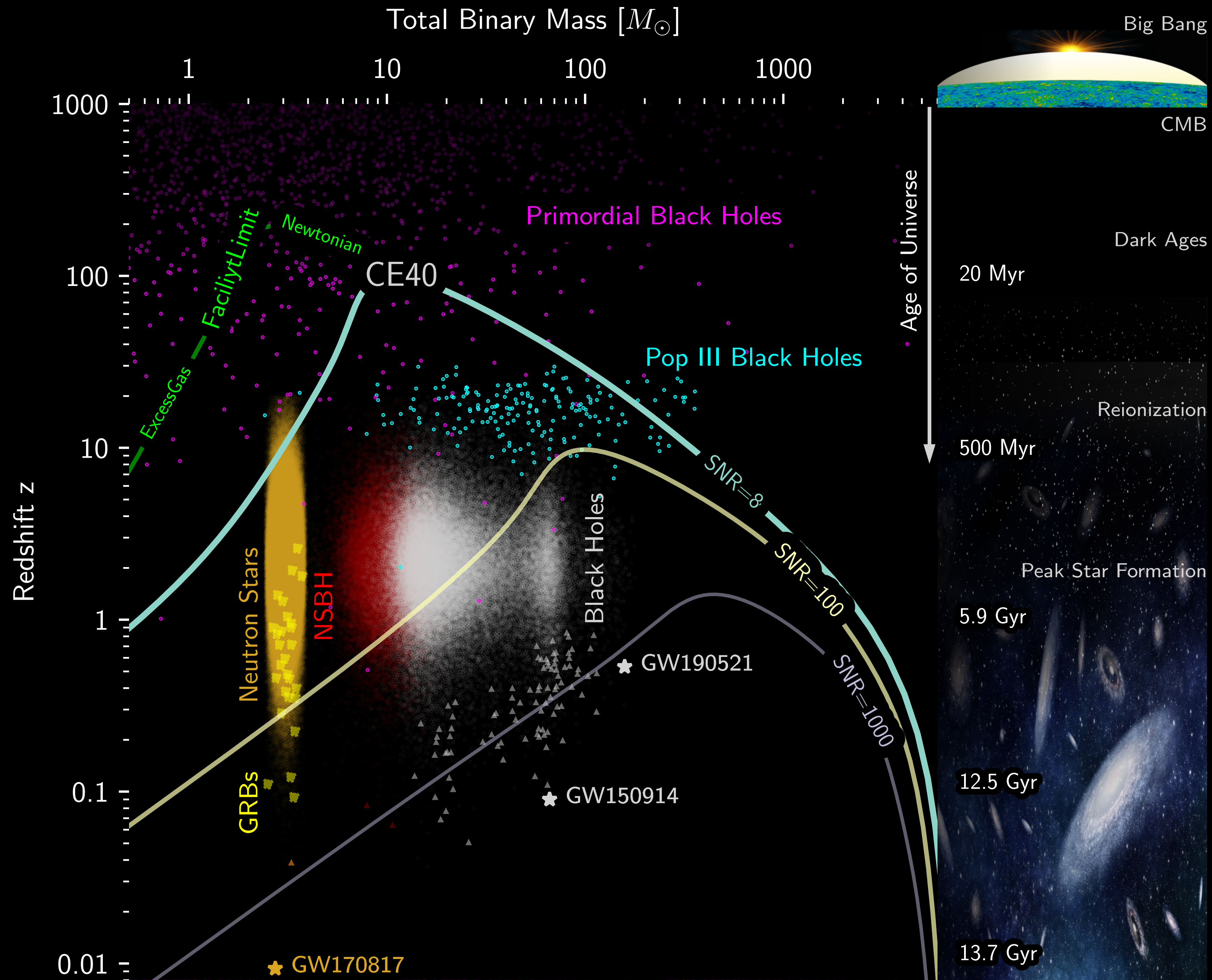
# What sets the detector sensitivity?

- Gravitational-wave detectors are essentially antennas
- The highest frequency of interest sets the ideal scale of the antenna
- For neutron star mergers, this is  $\sim$  few kHz
- Detector length should be  $\sim$  few x 10 km
- About ten times the size of Advanced LIGO
- Scaling up arm length gains sensitivity with only modest technology improvements



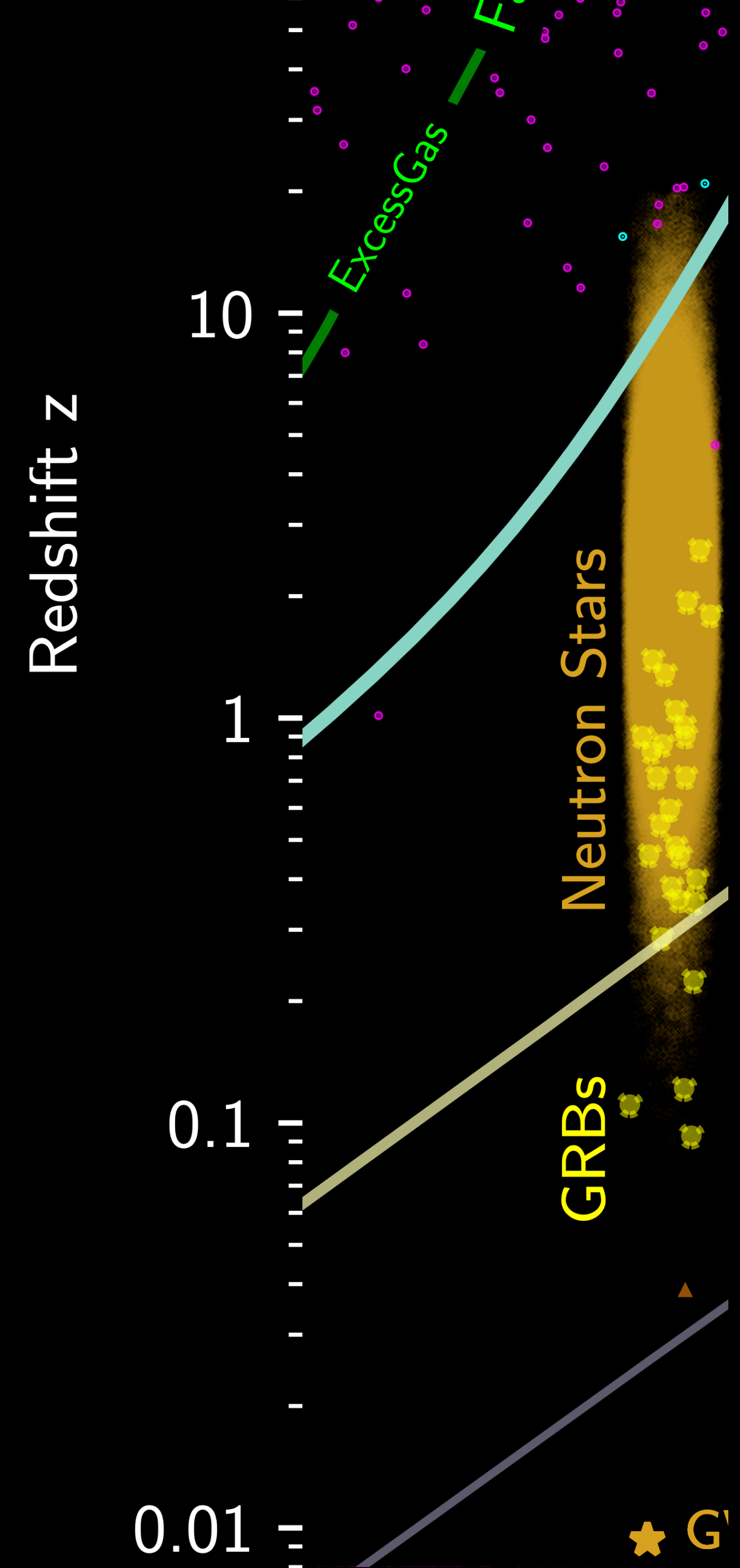






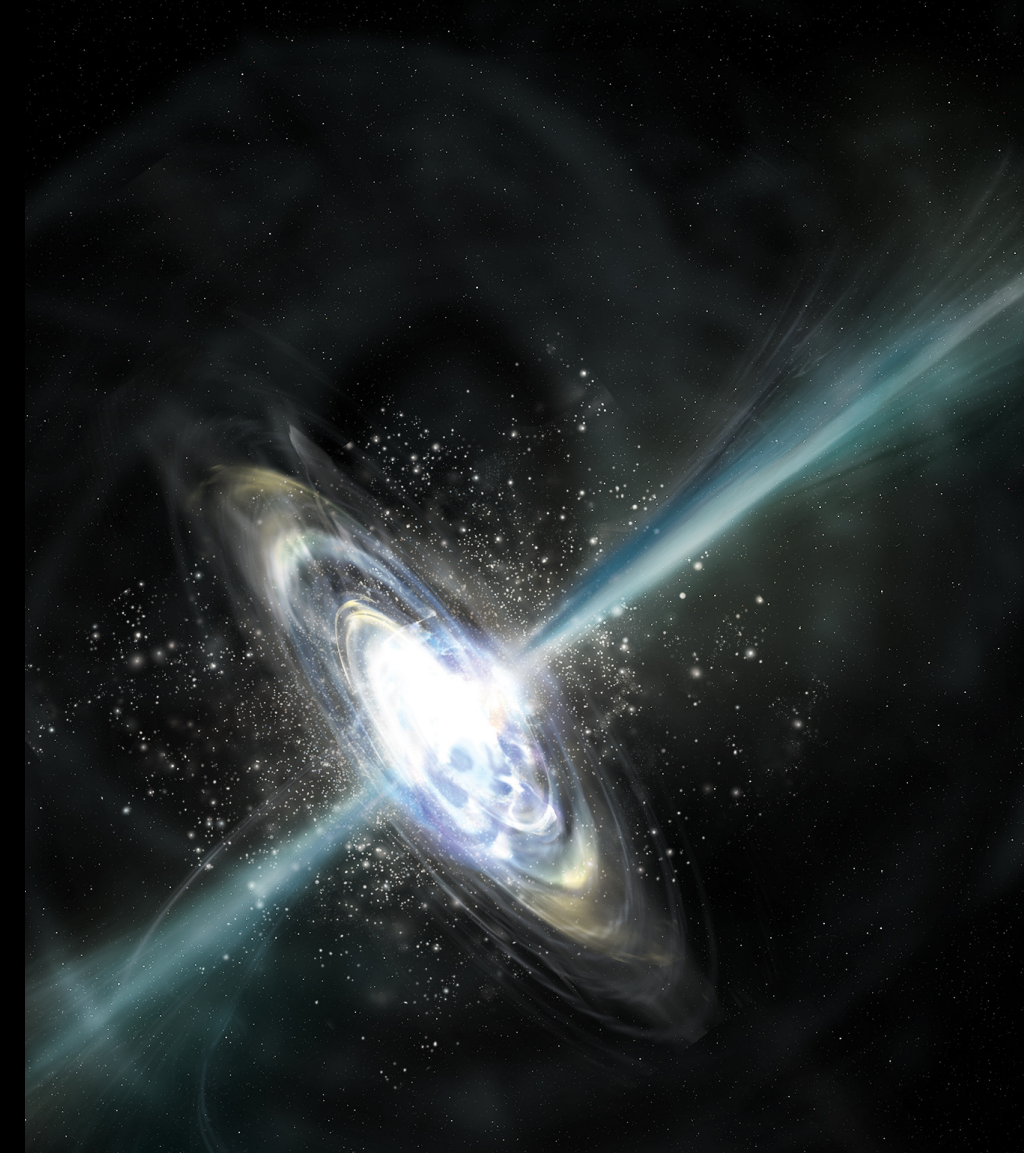
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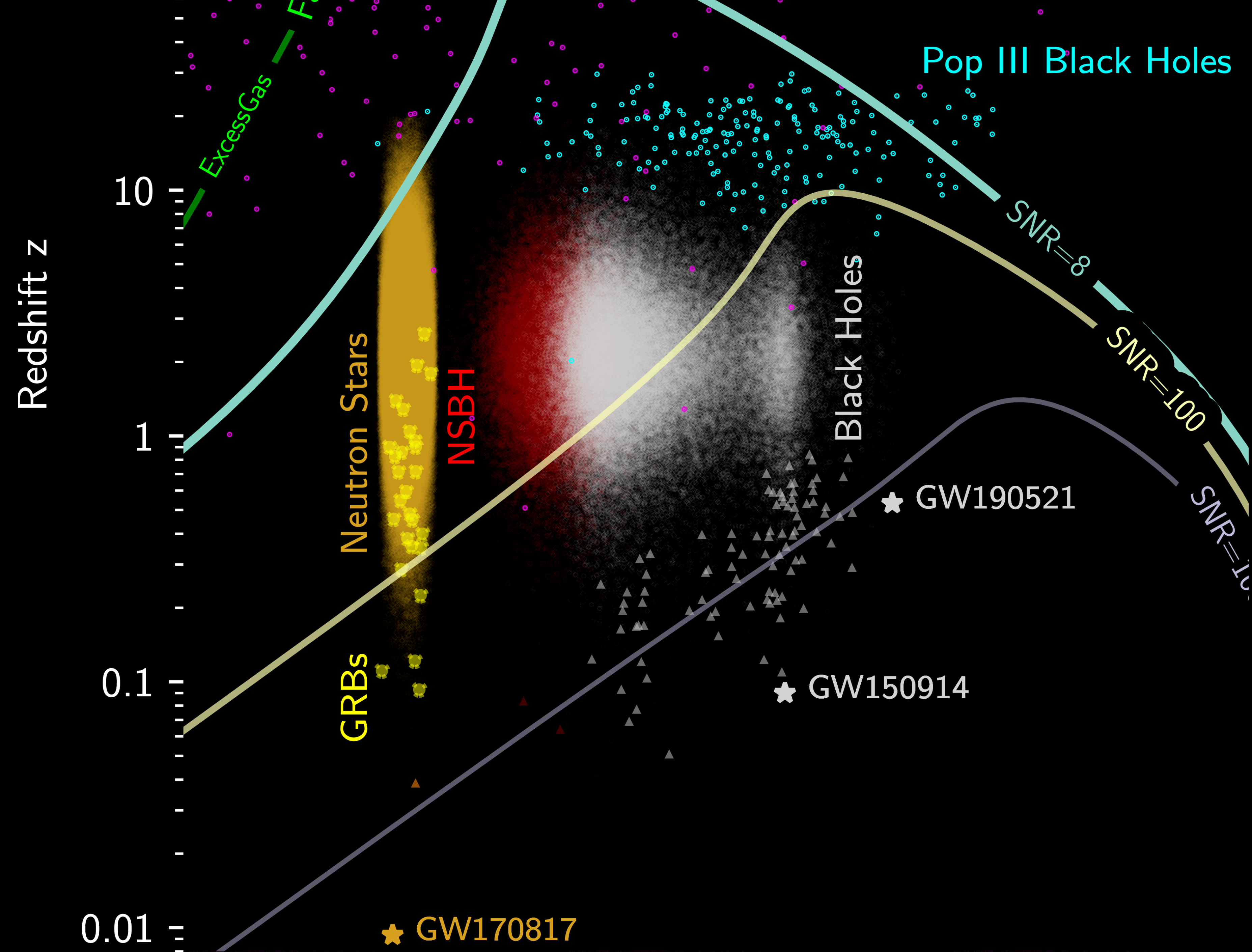




Detect the majority of neutron star mergers in the universe!

All-sky coverage for GRBs in the Cosmic Explorer era will maximize the science output

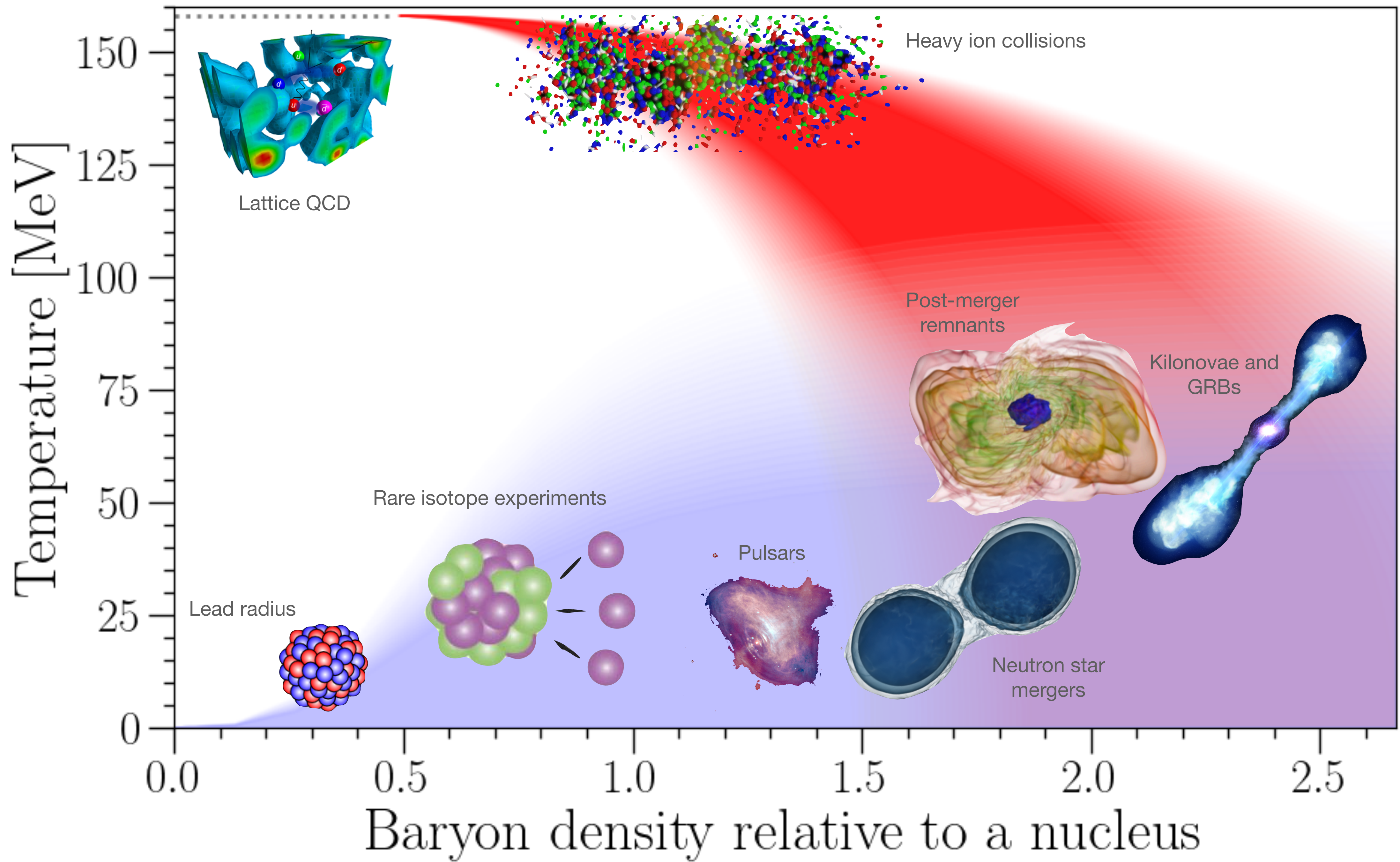


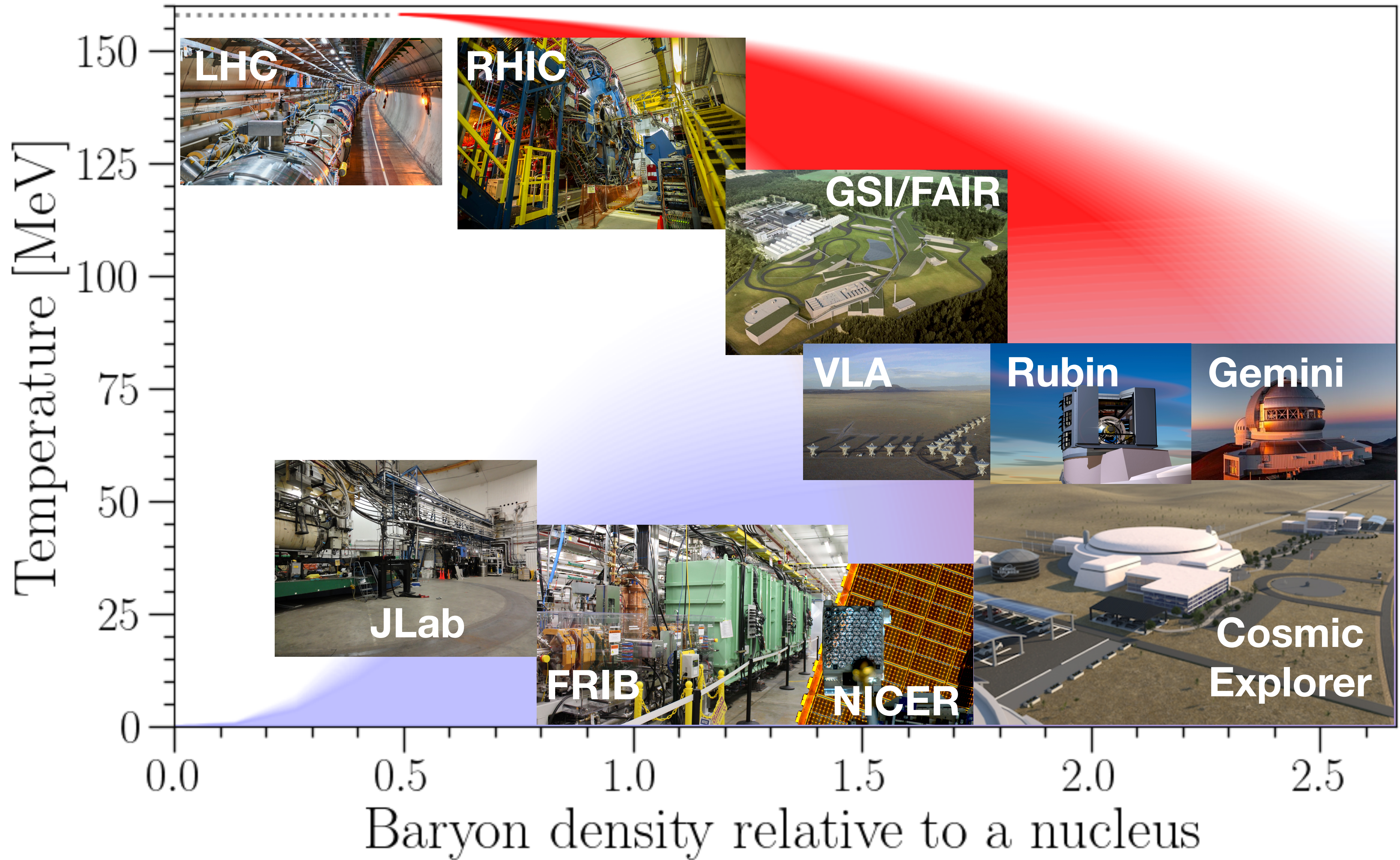


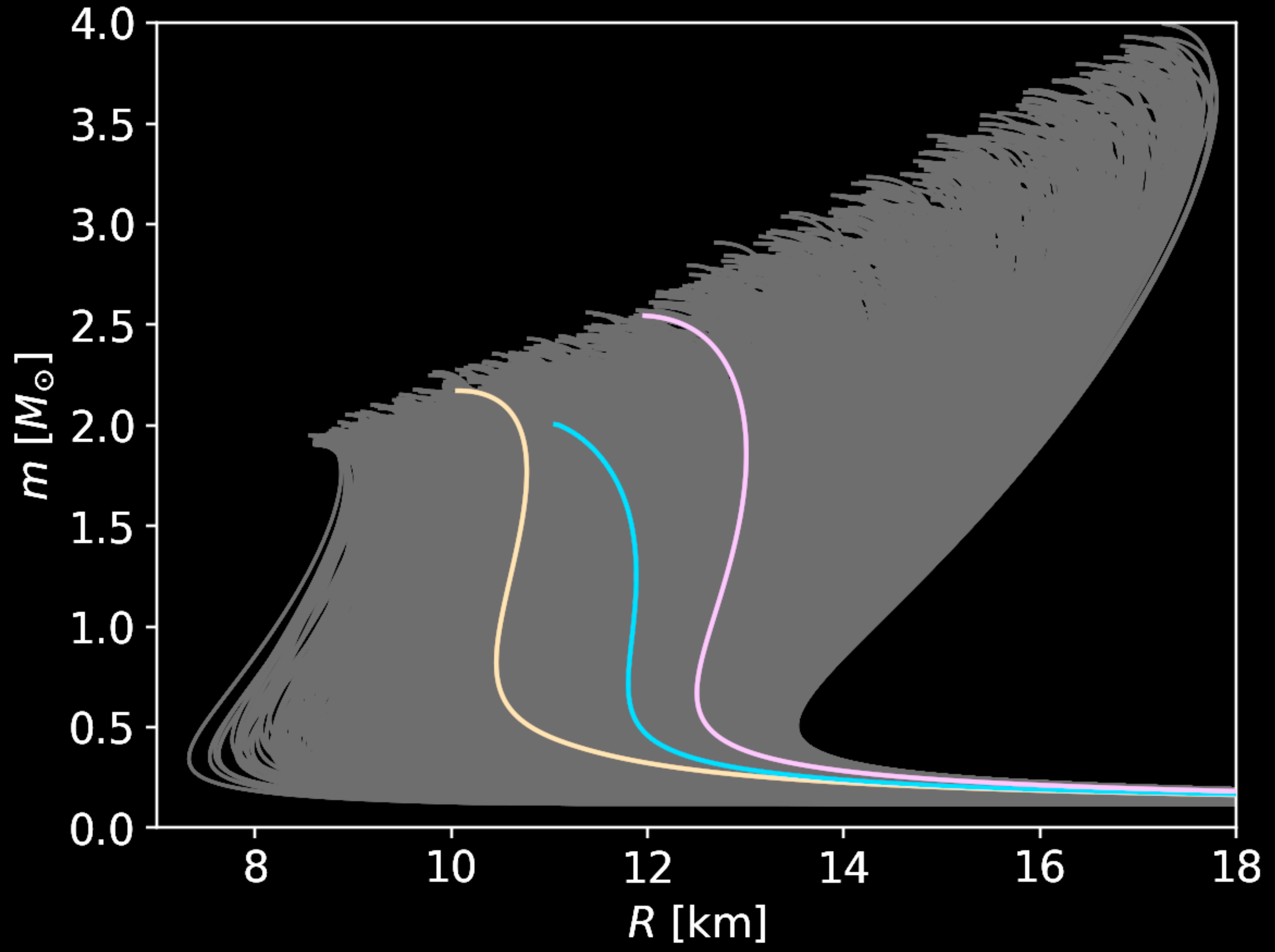
Precision measurement of the masses and spins of **large** numbers of compact objects

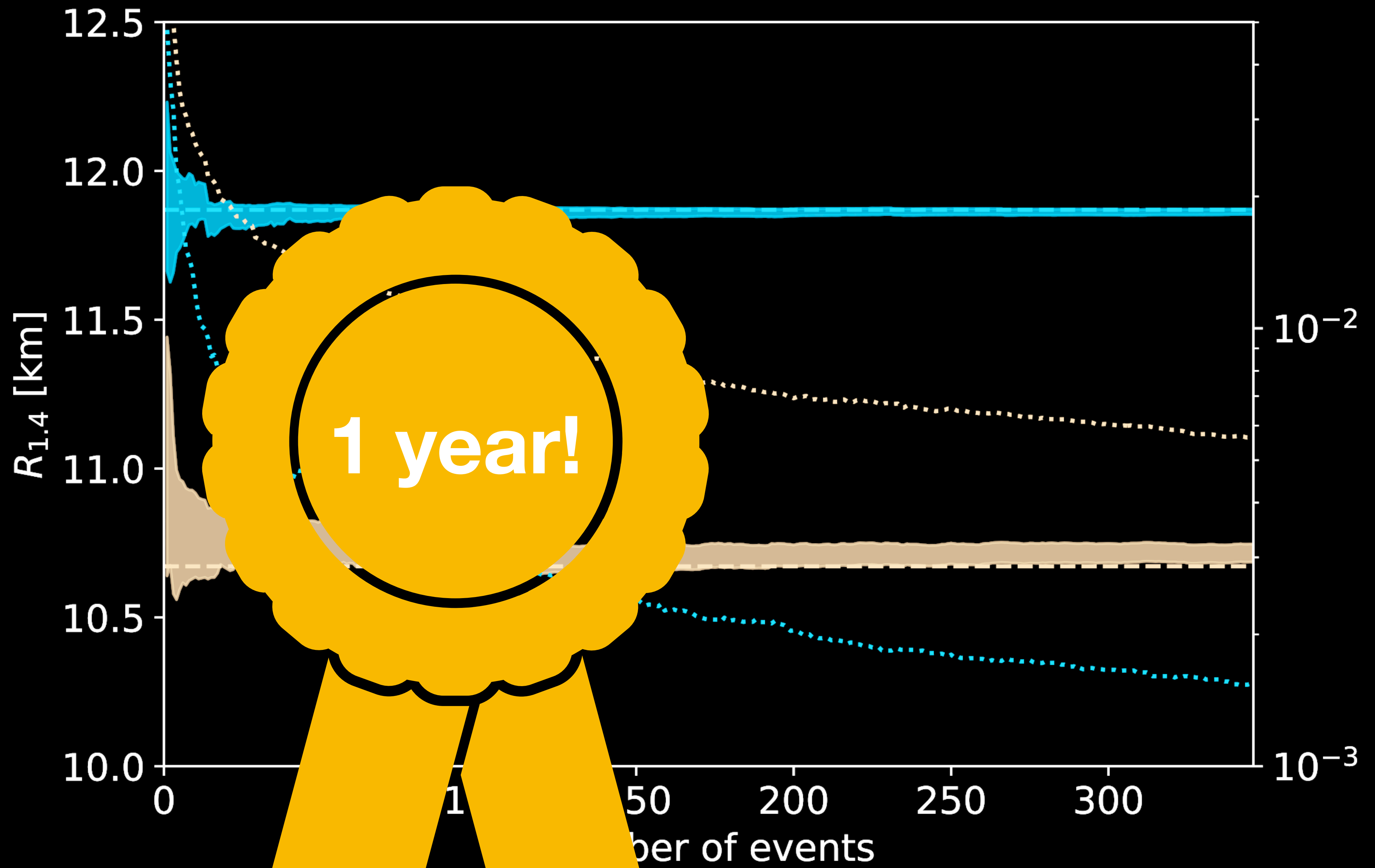
Explore the core collapse mechanism and angular momentum transport in massive stars

Connect remnant physics to EM observations of progenitors

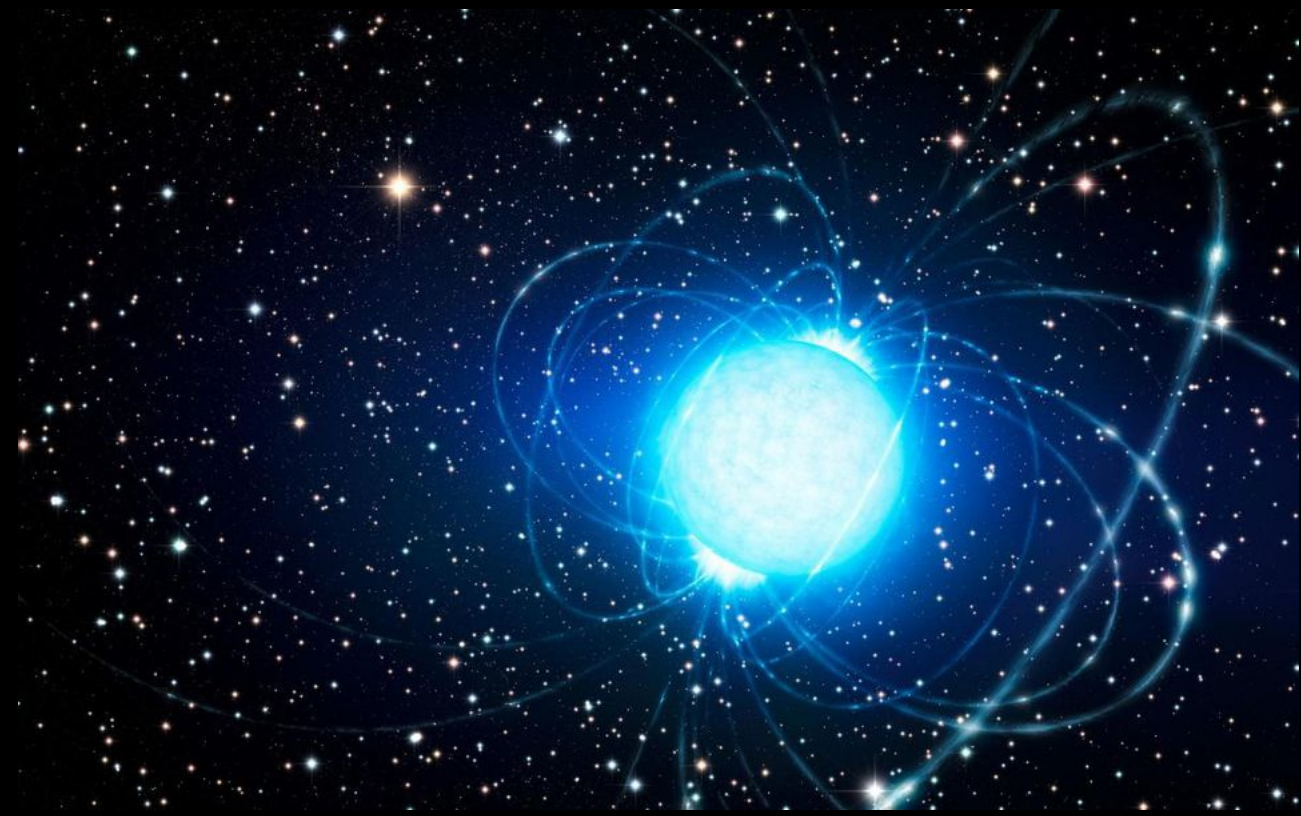




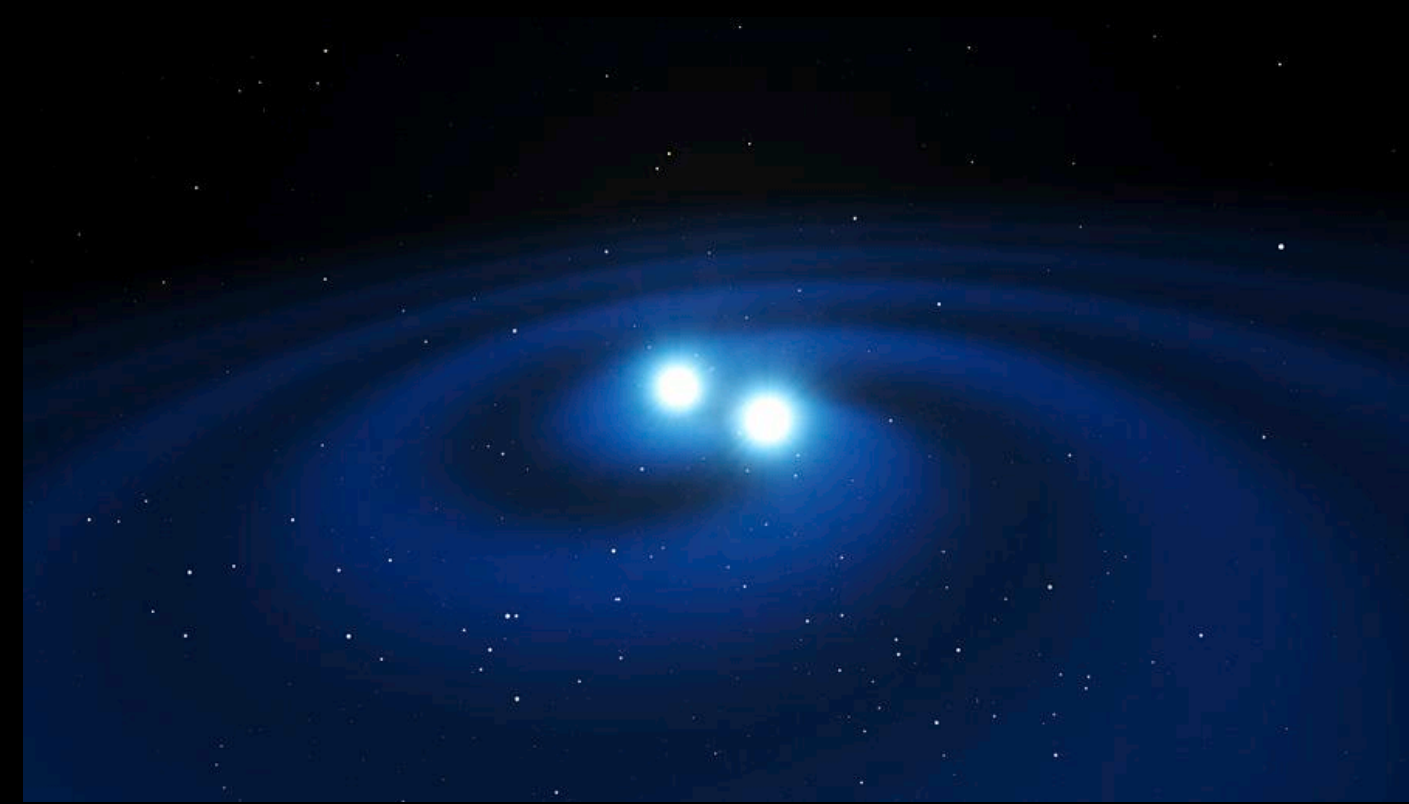




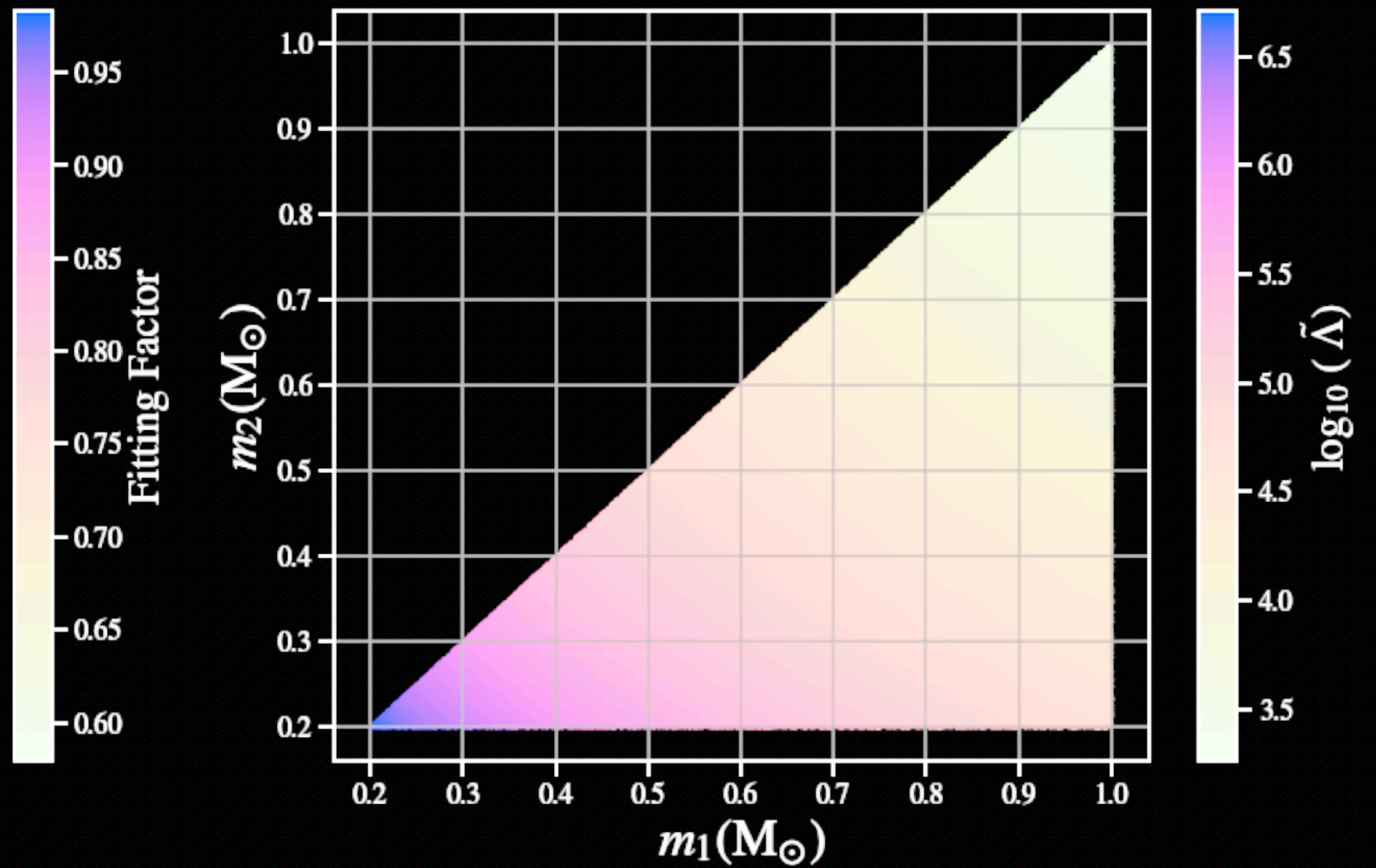
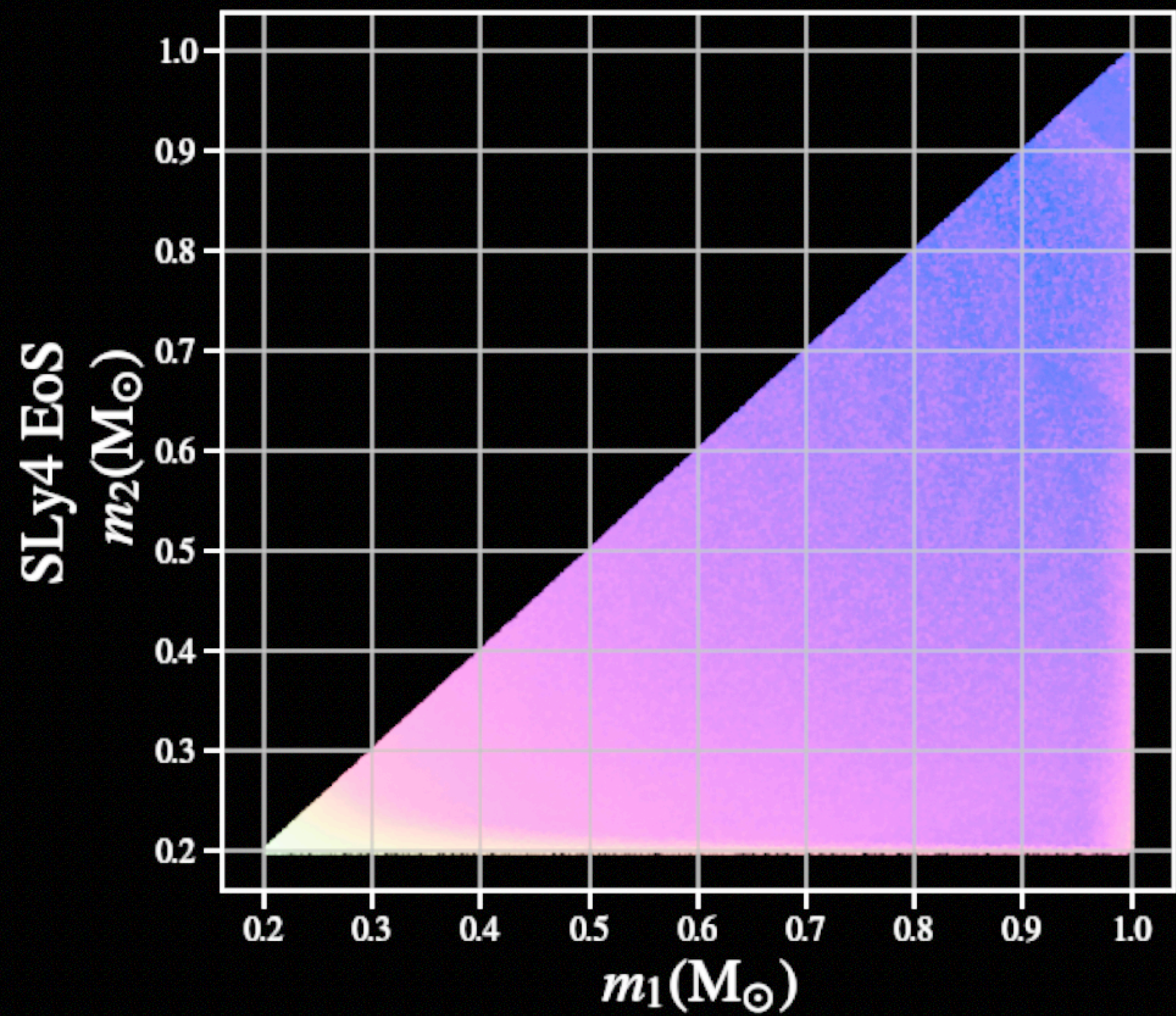
# Fundamental Physics and Exotic Sources



Is dark matter hiding in  
the cores of neutron  
stars?

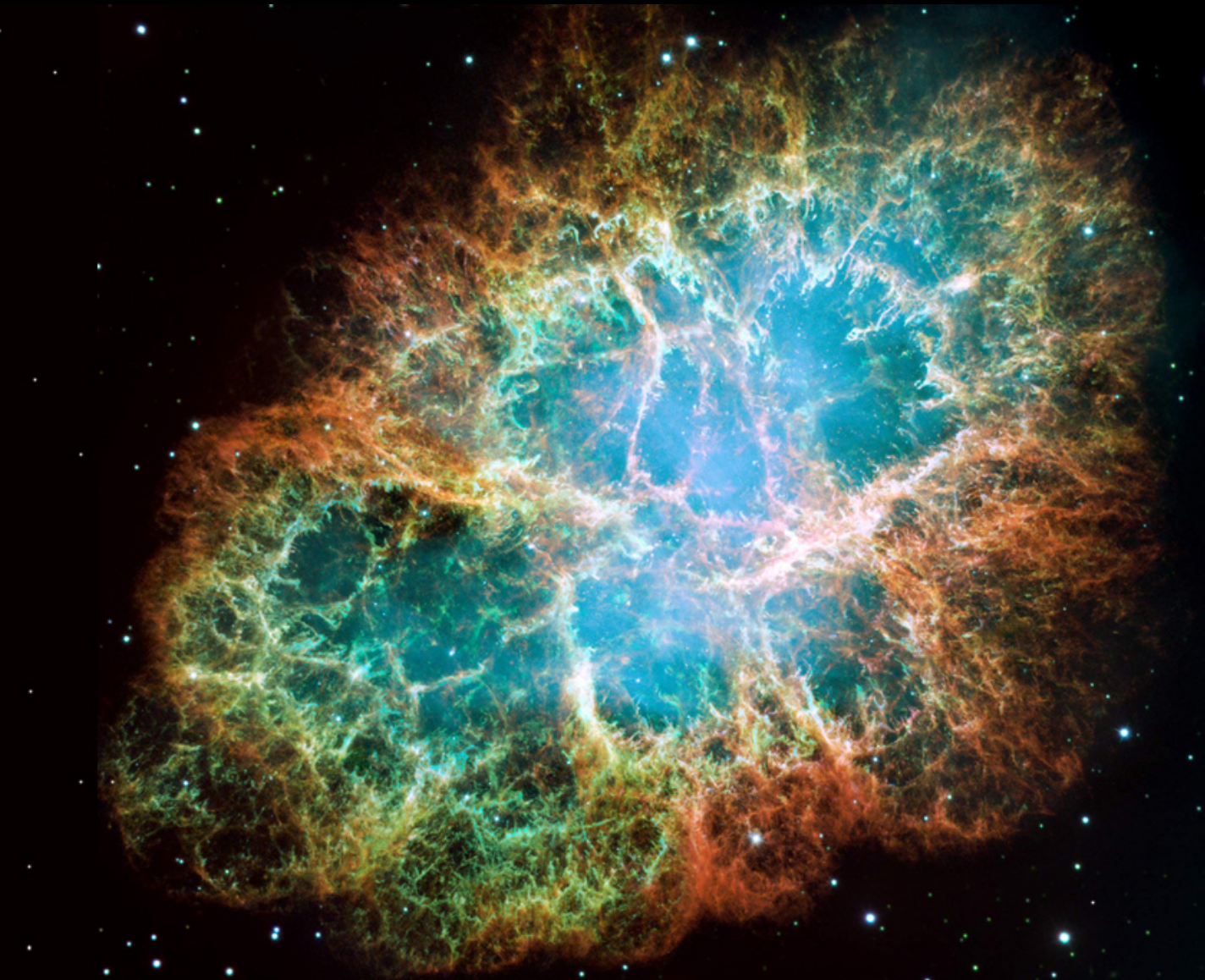


Do sub-solar mass  
neutron stars exist?

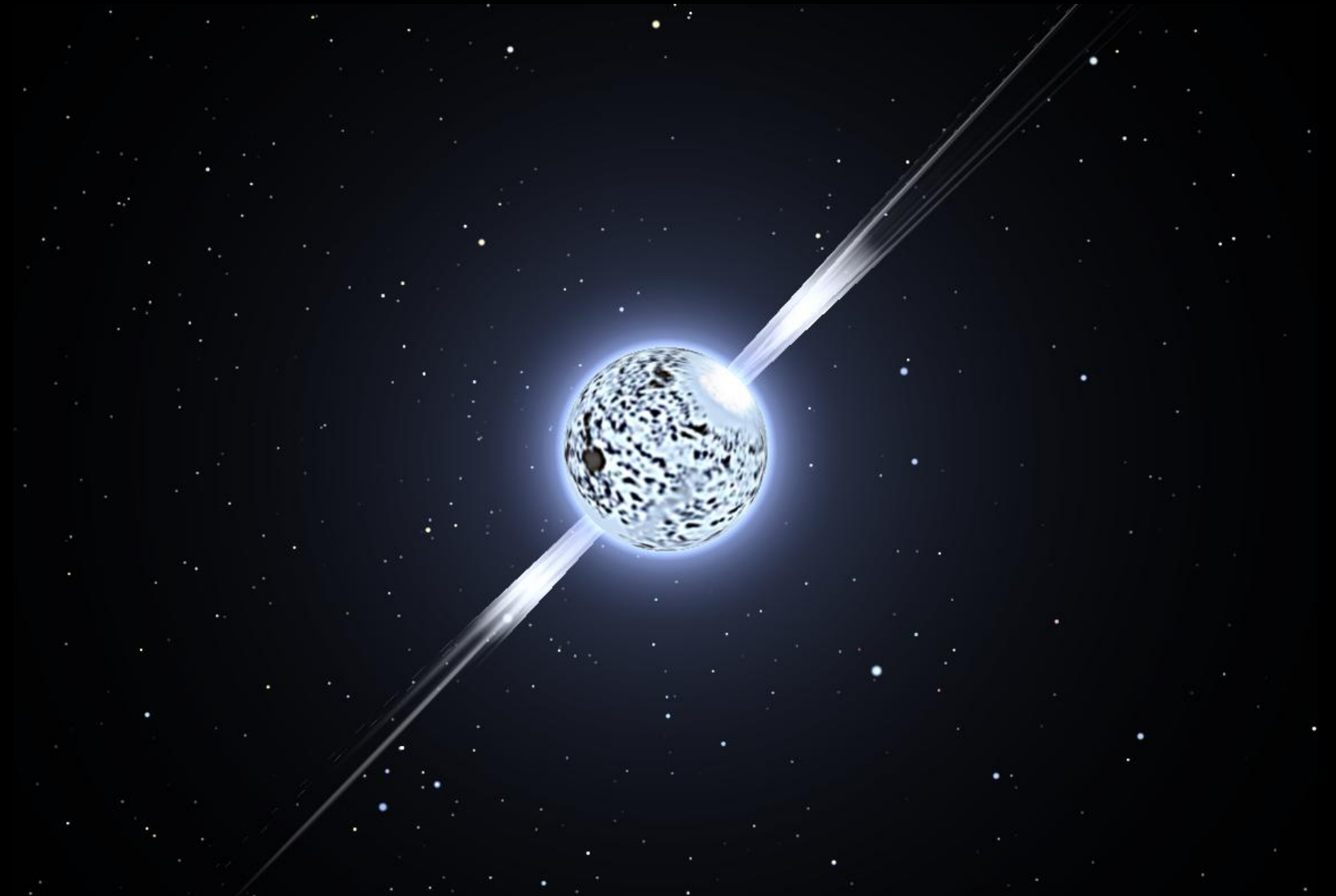




# Potential for New Discoveries

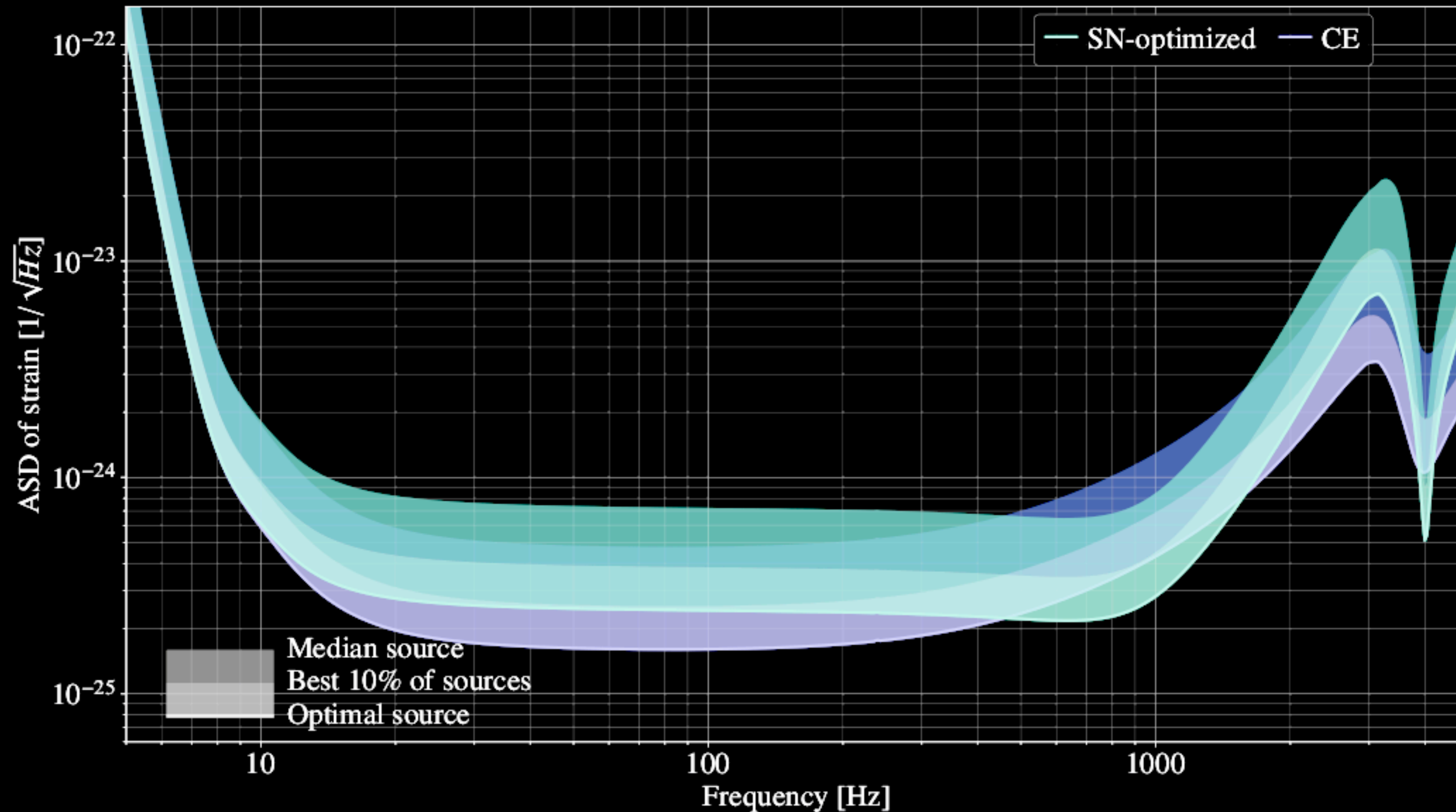


Core collapse supernovae



Gravitational Waves from Pulsars

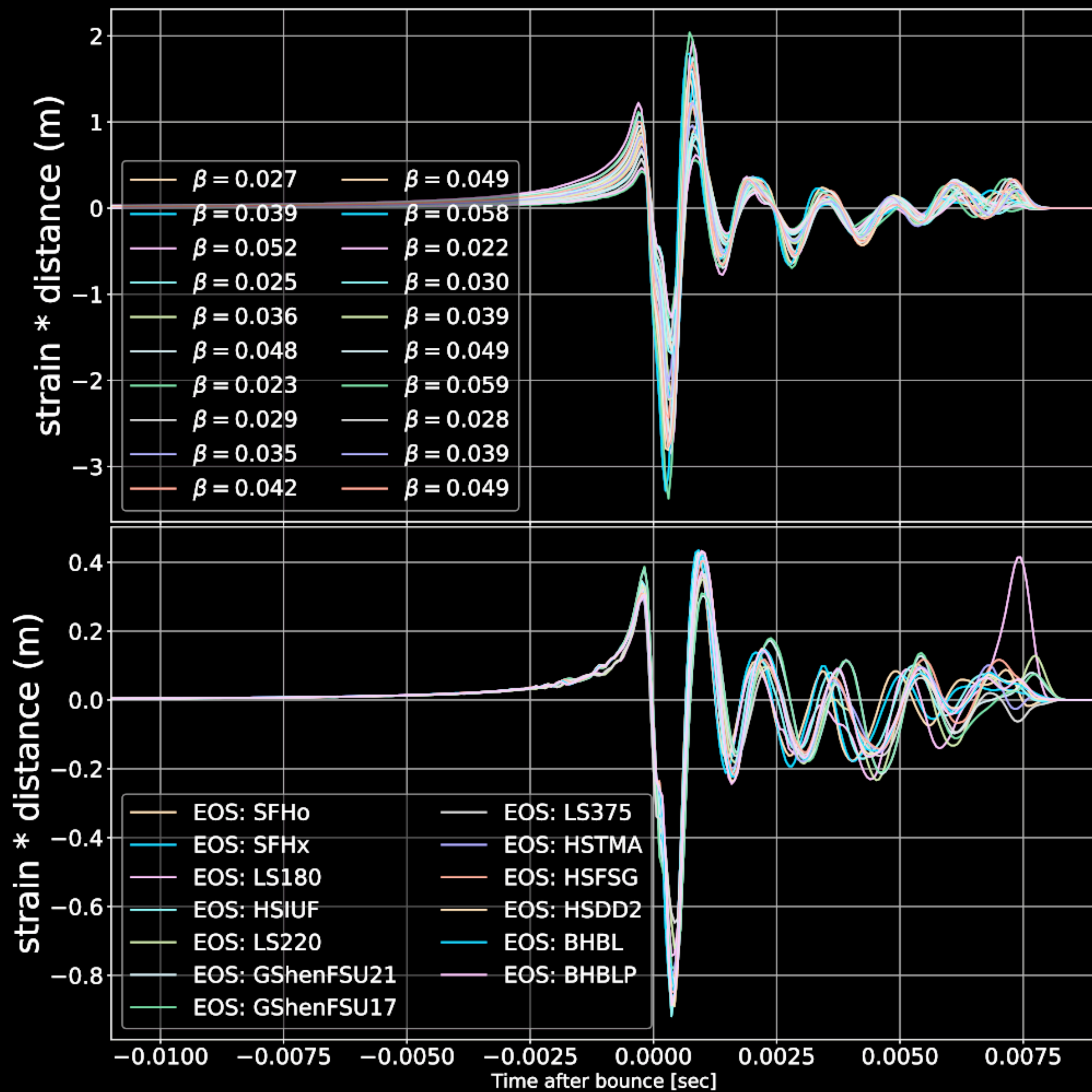
# Supernovae in Cosmic Explorer



70 kpc at SNR 8

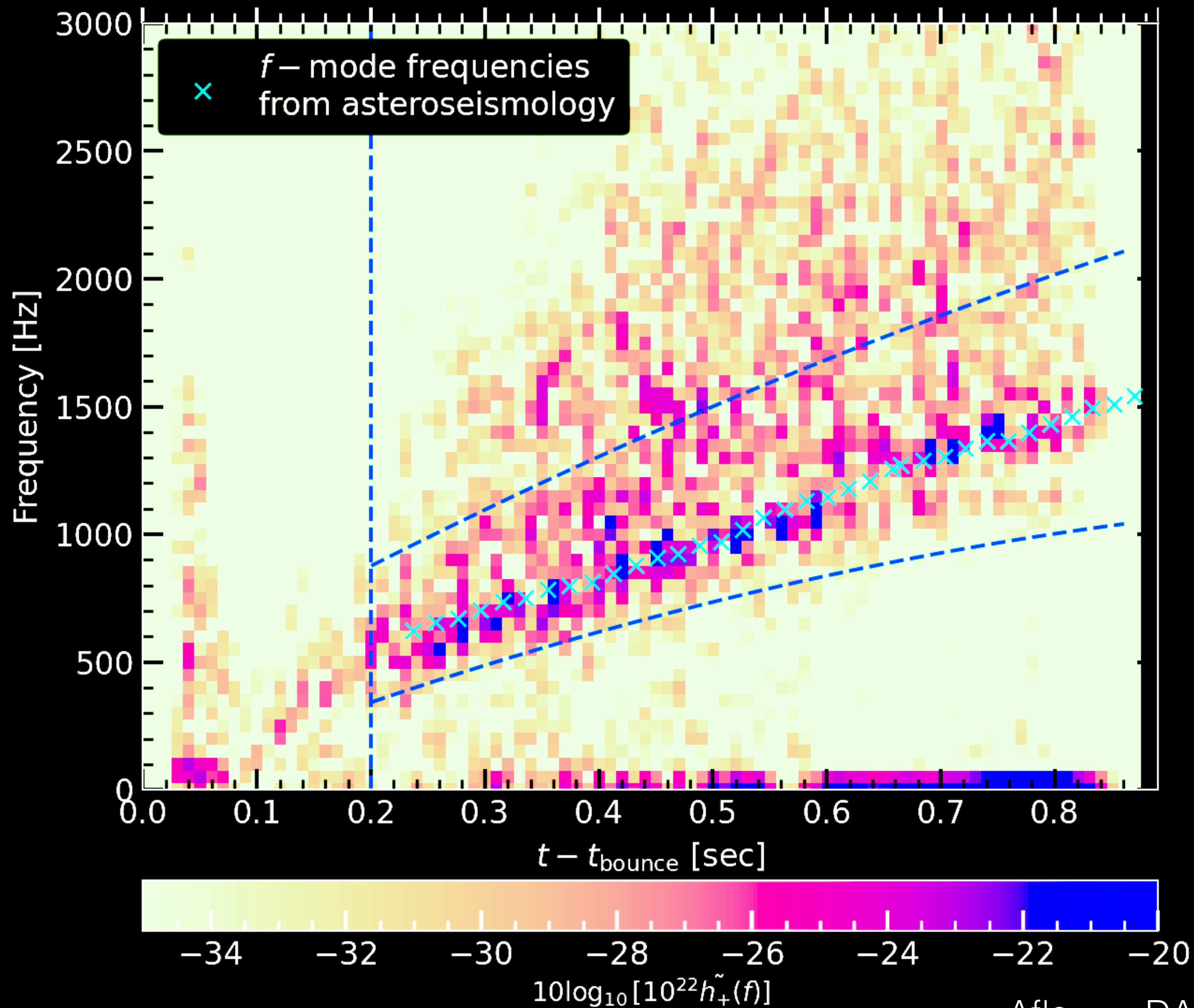
95 kpc at SNR 8

c.f. DUNE



For a galactic progenitor with  $\beta = 0.02$ ,  
90 % credible interval is  
0.02 (aLIGO), 0.002 (CE)

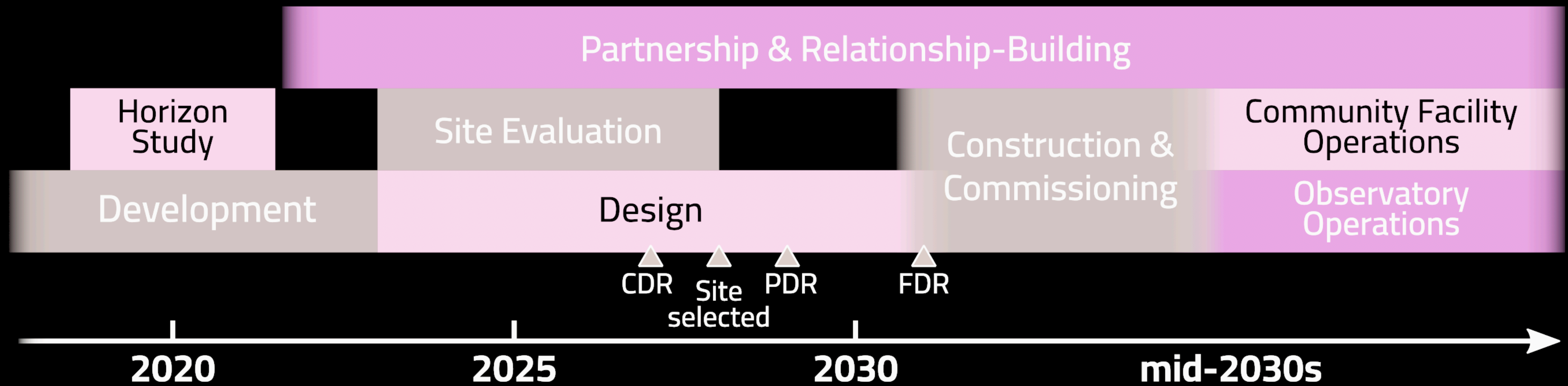
A galactic supernova observed by  
Cosmic Explorer could constrain  
 $f_{\text{peak}}$  to within 10 Hz



Around 400 ms after the bounce, most of the energy is in the  $f$ -mode of the protoneutron star

For supernova  $< 10$  kpc Cosmic Explorer can measure the energy in the  $f$ -mode of the protoneutron star to within 20%

**Where is Cosmic Explorer today?**



**\$2M**

**\$9M**

- Launching the Cosmic Explorer Conceptual Design
- Identifying and Evaluating Sites for Cosmic Explorer
- Cosmic Explorer Optical Design
- Enabling Megawatt Optical Power in Cosmic Explorer
- Local Gravity Disturbances and Scattered-Light Mitigation



# Cosmic Explorer Horizon Study

Summarizes the roadmap for US third-generation detectors

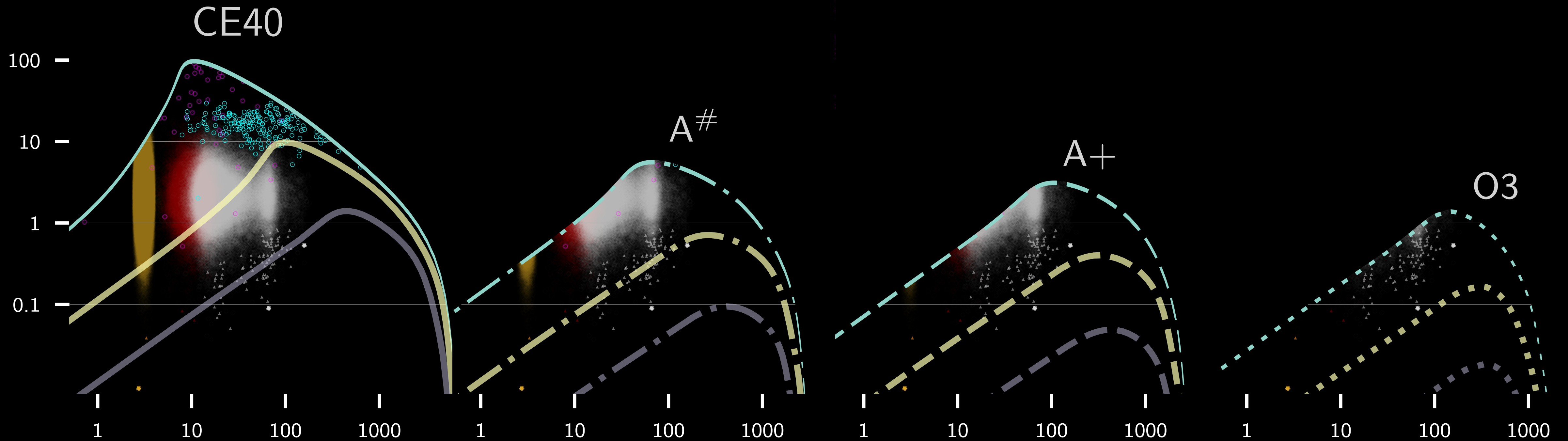
- <https://dcc.cosmicexplorer.org/CE-P2100003/public>
- For the next few years, we (including you!) will be
  - Deepening our understanding of the next-generation science case,
  - Developing instrument science to pave the way for new detectors
  - Creating theoretical frameworks and data analysis algorithms for CE science
- Join the consortium!
- <https://cosmicexplorer.org/consortium.html>

# Cosmic Explorer NSF White Paper

## Responds to the NSF MPS Advisory Committee request

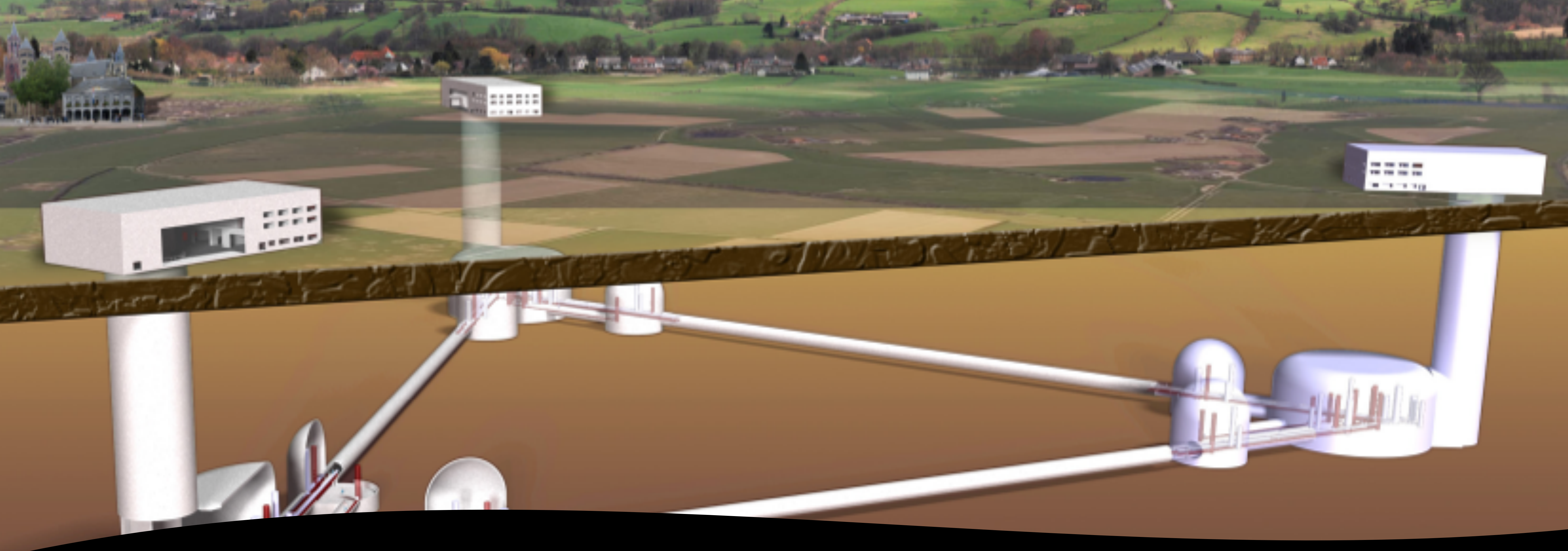
- arXiv:2306.13745
- Updates Horizon Study
- Incorporates new community input from consortium science letters
- <https://dcc.cosmicexplorer.org/cgi-bin/private/DocDB/DisplayMeeting?conferenceid=1053>
- Begins detailed comparison of possible detector configurations





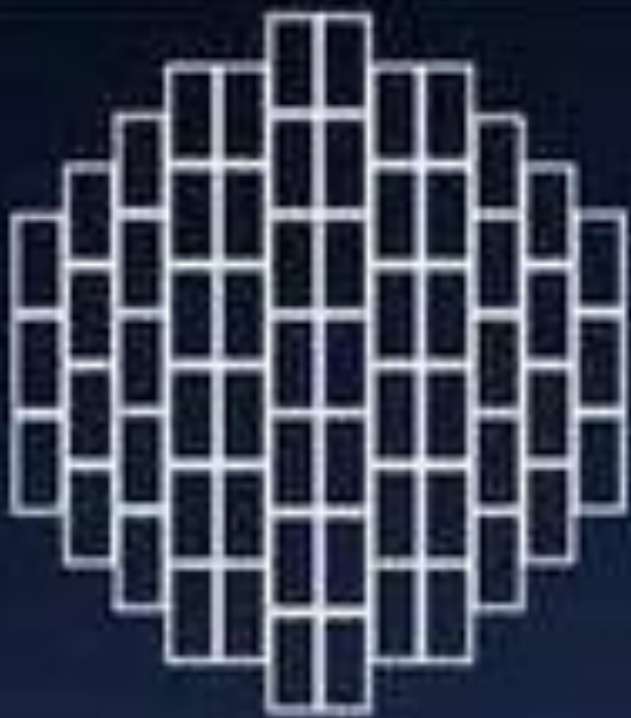
Design parameter	A+	A#	CE
Arm length	4 km	4 km	20 km, 40 km
Arm power	750 kW	1.5 MW	1.5 MW
Squeezing level	6 dB	10 dB	10 dB
Test mass mass	40 kg	100 kg	320 kg
Test mass coatings	A+	A+/2	A+
Suspension length	1.6 m	1.6 m	4 m
Newtonian mitigation	0 dB	6 dB	20 dB





# Einstein Telescope

DES,  
2.5 deg<sup>2</sup>



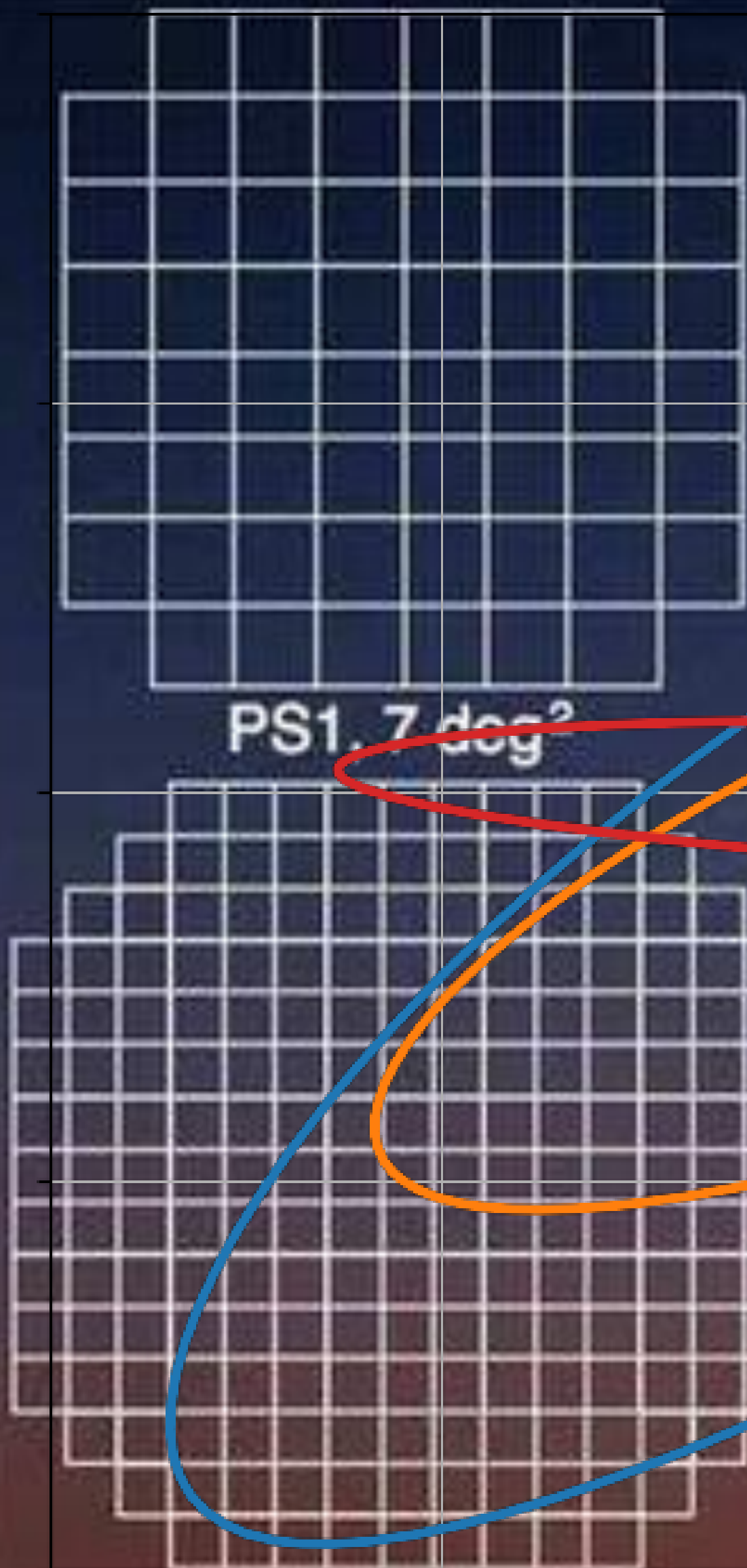
SDSS,  
3 deg<sup>2</sup>



PTF/IPTF, 7.3 deg<sup>2</sup>

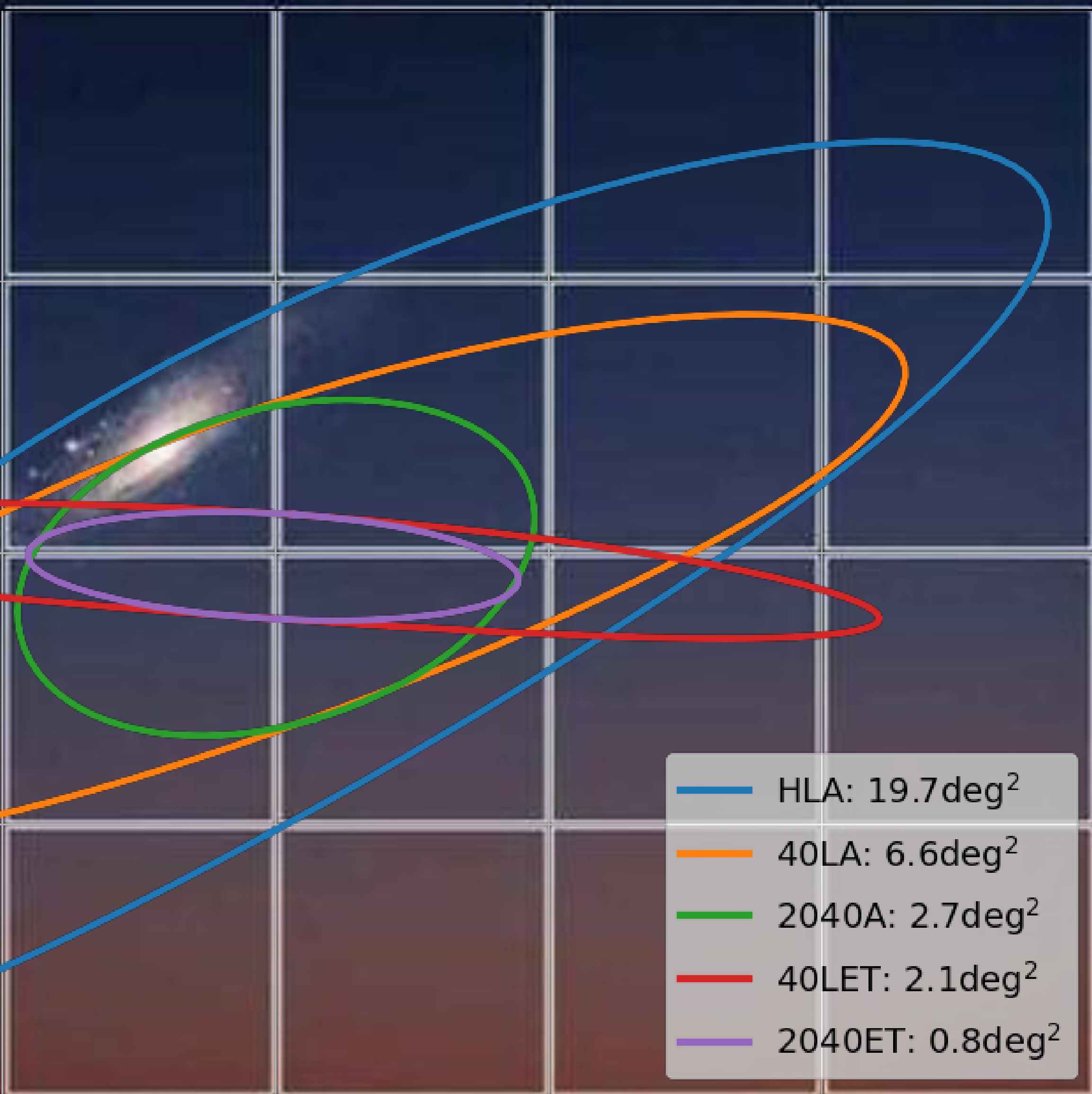


PS1, 7 deg<sup>2</sup>



LSST, 9.6 deg<sup>2</sup>

ZTF, 47 deg<sup>2</sup>



- HLA: 19.7deg<sup>2</sup>
- 40LA: 6.6deg<sup>2</sup>
- 2040A: 2.7deg<sup>2</sup>
- 40LET: 2.1deg<sup>2</sup>
- 2040ET: 0.8deg<sup>2</sup>

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