



# Pushing the GW frontier across astronomy, physics, and cosmology

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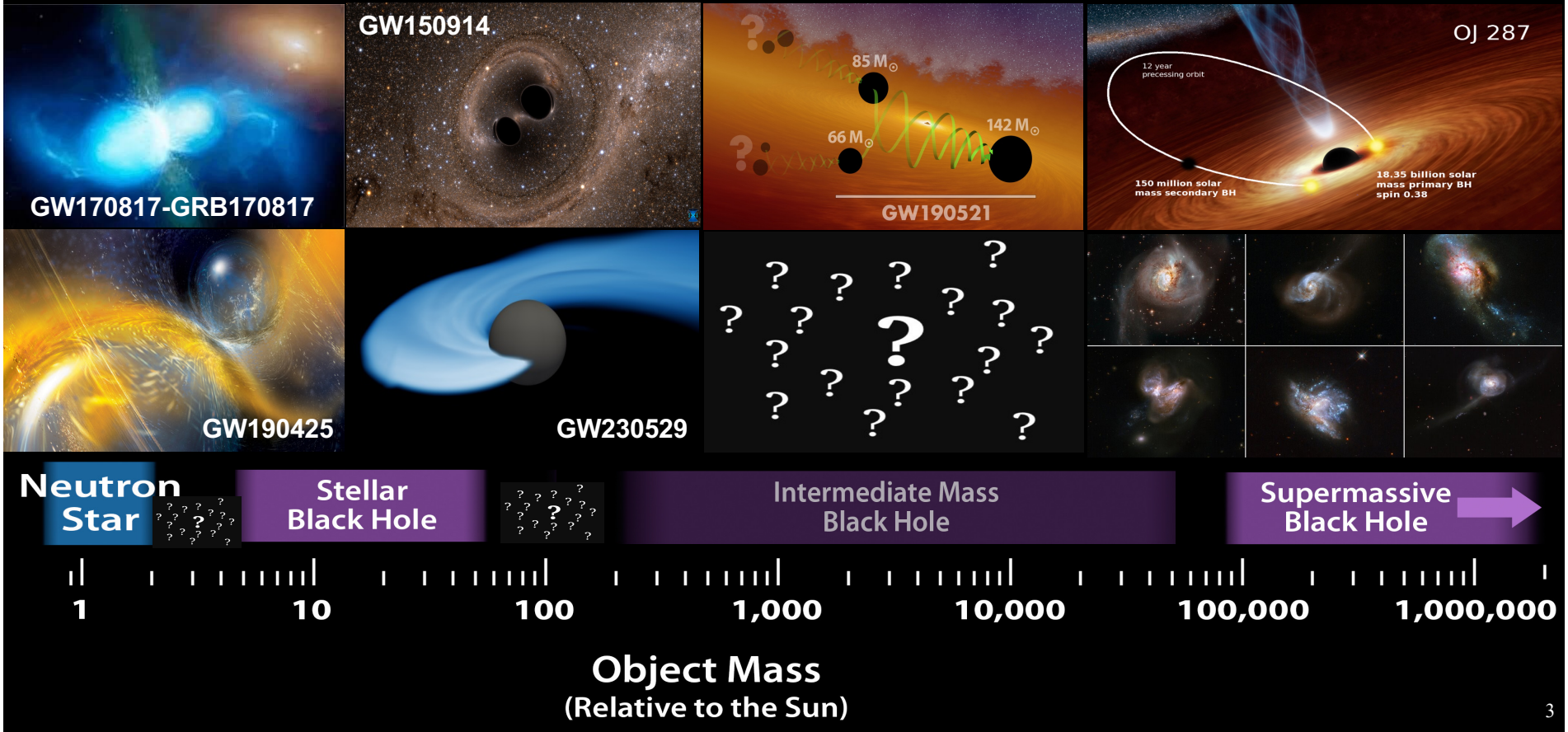
2024 April APS meeting  
S10: Next Generation Gravitational Wave Detector Concept

# Current network of ground-based GW detectors



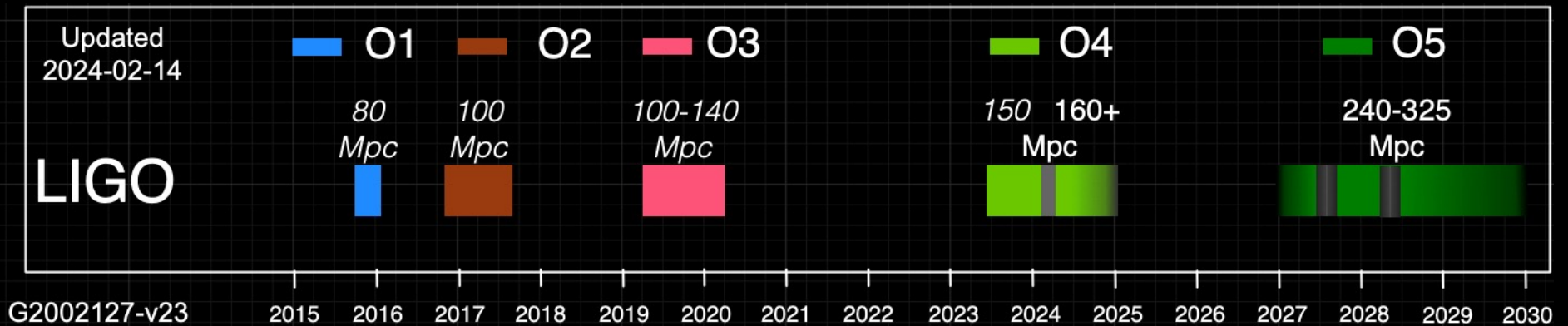


# The mass spectrum of compact objects



# LIGO: Observing scenario and post-O5 era

LVK 2018, LRR, 21, 3



## Post-O5 Study → LIGO A# (LIGO-T2200287)

It envisions the following improvements on A+:

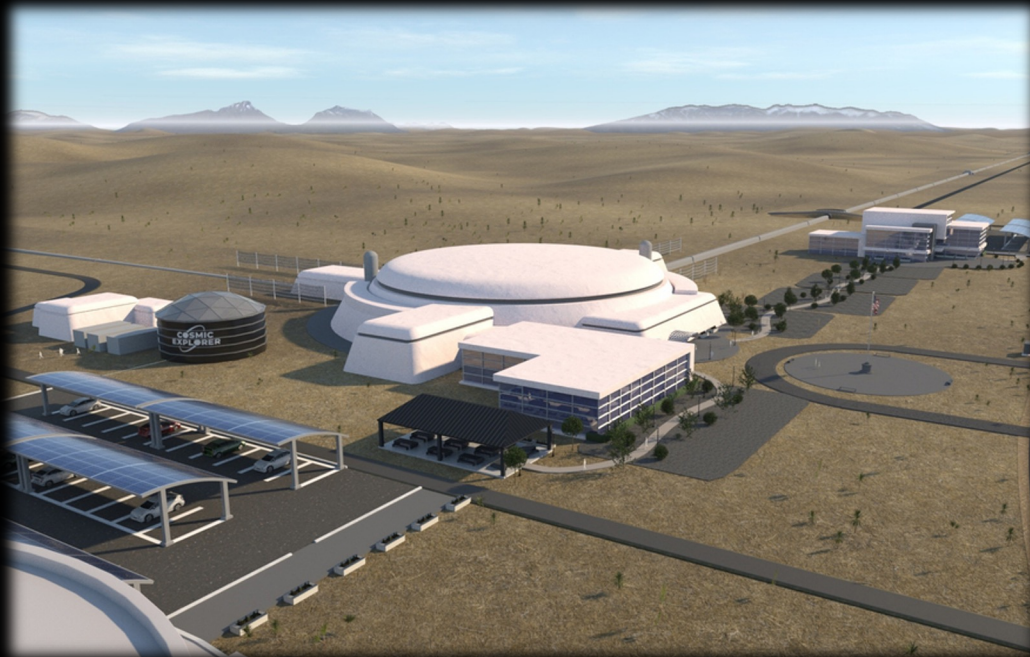
- 100 kg test masses;
- Higher stress (2x) test mass suspension fibers;
- Arm cavity power increased to 1.5 MW;
- Squeezing efficiency increased to 10 dB at high frequencies.
- Factor of ~2 reduction in coating thermal noise beyond A+

## LIGO India (<https://www.ligo-india.in/>):

- Envisioned to start as an A+ detector (this is the current plan)
- Would be capable of A# hardware



# Cosmic Explorer (CE): A next generation GW detector



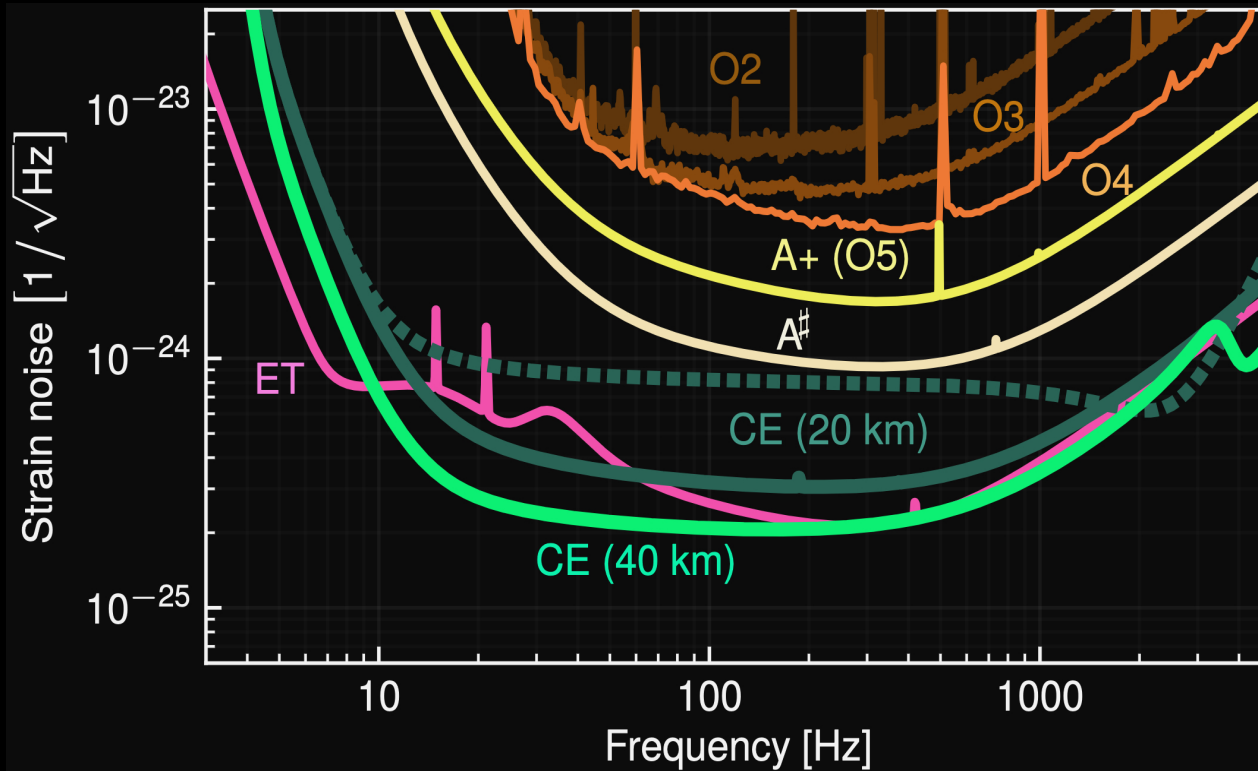
<https://cosmicexplorer.org/>



- **Strongly endorsed** by the NSF MPSAC ngGW sub-comm (Kalogera's talk).
- Envisioned to be built with **LIGO technology**, scaled up to **40 km**. This minimizes technical risks and builds on the great success of LIGO!
- **CE reference design**: two L-shaped sites, 20+40 km.

Other CE/3G talks this week:  
Biscoveanu's talk (C10)  
Ballmer's talk (D10)  
Kalogera's talk (this session)  
Schutz's talk (M10)

# Cosmic Explorer: 10x better than LIGO A+



CE White paper submitted to the NSF MPSAC ngGW panel:  
Evans, Corsi et al. eprint  
arXiv:2306.13745

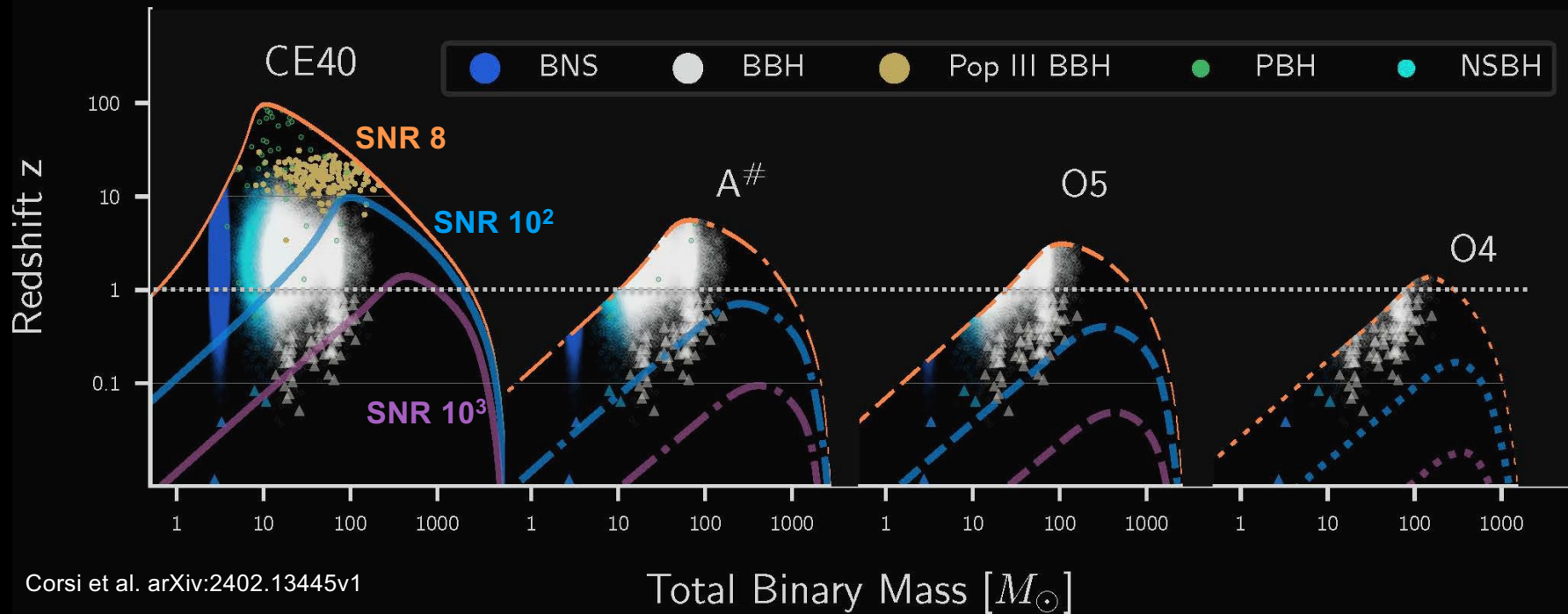


Networks recommended by the NSF MPSAC ngGW panel (unranked):

- CE40, ET, LIGO-India
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- CE40, CE20, LIGO-India
- CE40, CE20

Figure credit: K. Kuns; Corsi et al. arXiv:2402.13445v1

# GW discoveries that CE40 would enable



Corsi et al. arXiv:2402.13445v1

Total Binary Mass [ $M_{\odot}$ ]

- Push the cosmic horizon to the boundary of BNS, BBH, NSBH populations
- Enable observations of new populations (Population III BHs; primordial BHs)
- SNR > 100 signals enable precision measurements of NS radii and tests of GR



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Throughout Cosmic Time



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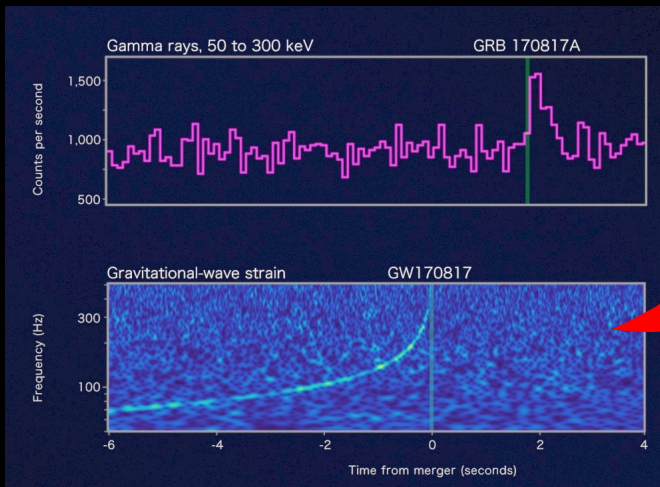
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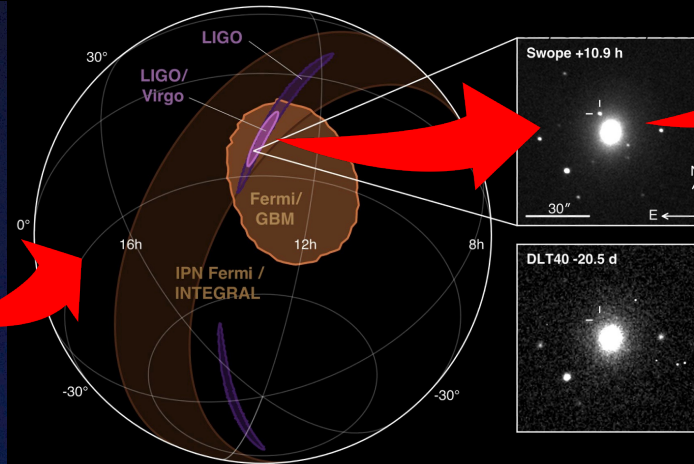


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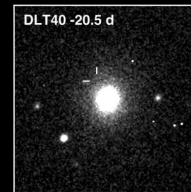
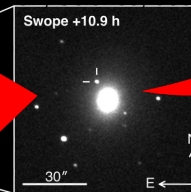
# Beyond GW discovery: Enabling MMA



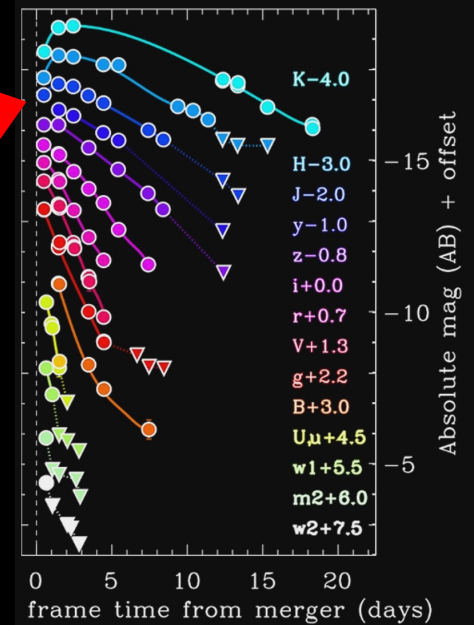
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Abbott et al. 2017, ApJL, 848 L12



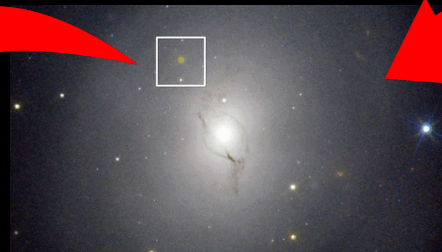
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VLA Observation September 1, 2017

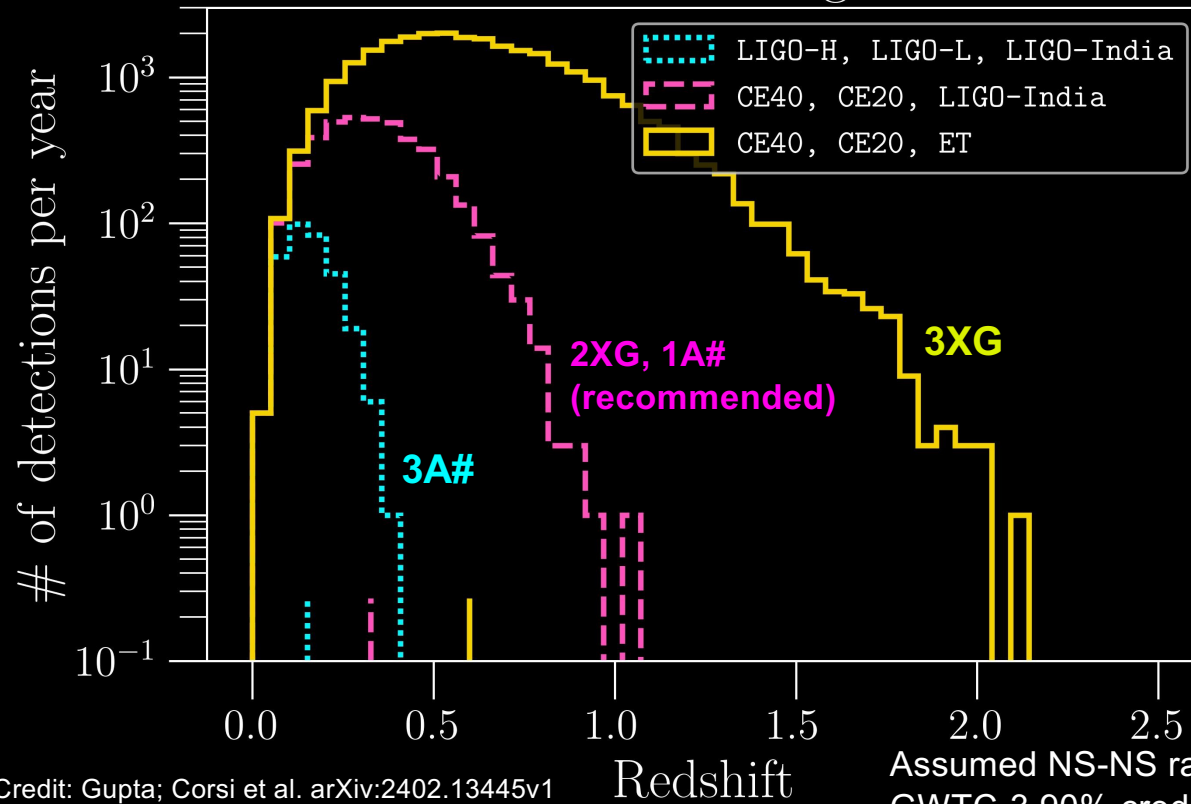


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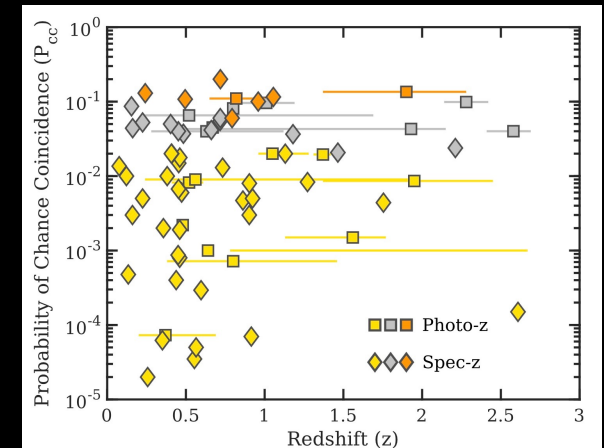


# The critical role of GW detector networks for MMA

$$\Delta\Omega \leq 10 \text{ deg}^2$$



Short GRB redshifts:  
gold, silver, bronze samples



Fong et al. 2022 ApJ 940 56

Credit: Gupta; Corsi et al. arXiv:2402.13445v1

Assumed NS-NS rate is  $320 \text{ Gpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$

GWTC-3 90% credible interval is  $10\text{-}1700 \text{ Gpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$

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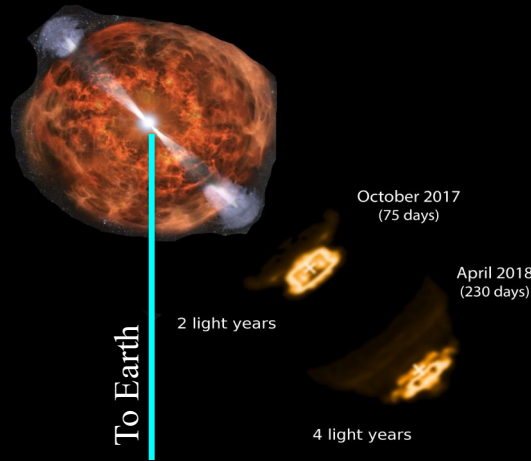
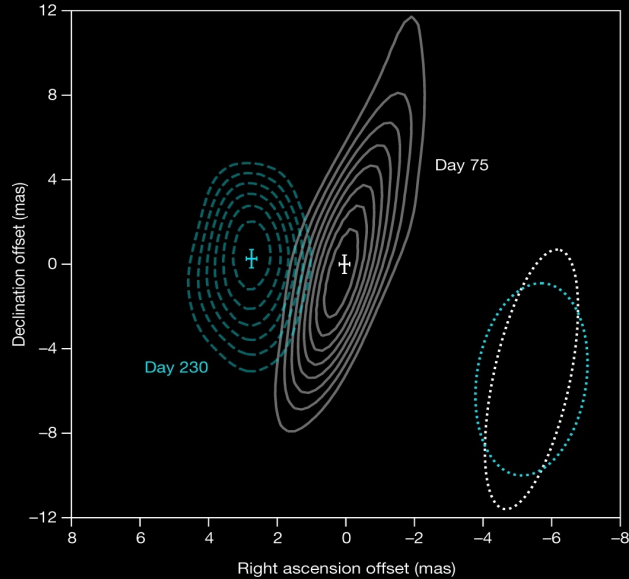
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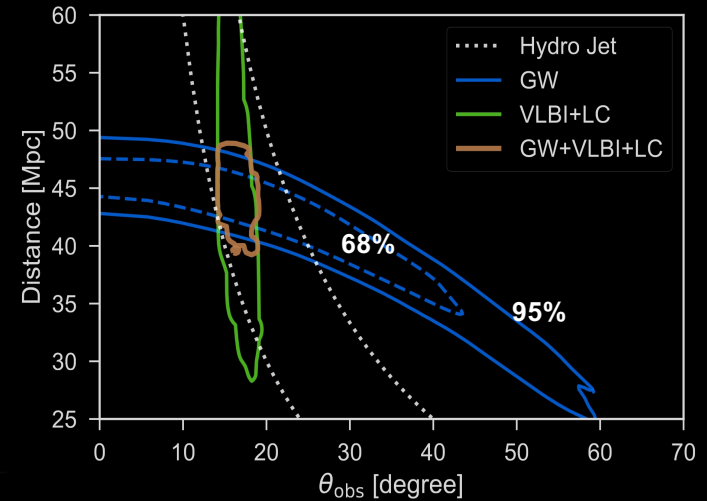
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# $H_0$ Cosmology: The case of GW170817

~15 more localized GW170817-like events could bring resolution to the current tension in  $H_0$  measurement between Planck CMB and Cepheid-supernova measurements (as compared to 50–100 GW events alone).



Credit: Berry, Gottlieb, Mooley, Hallinan, NRAO/AUI/NSF

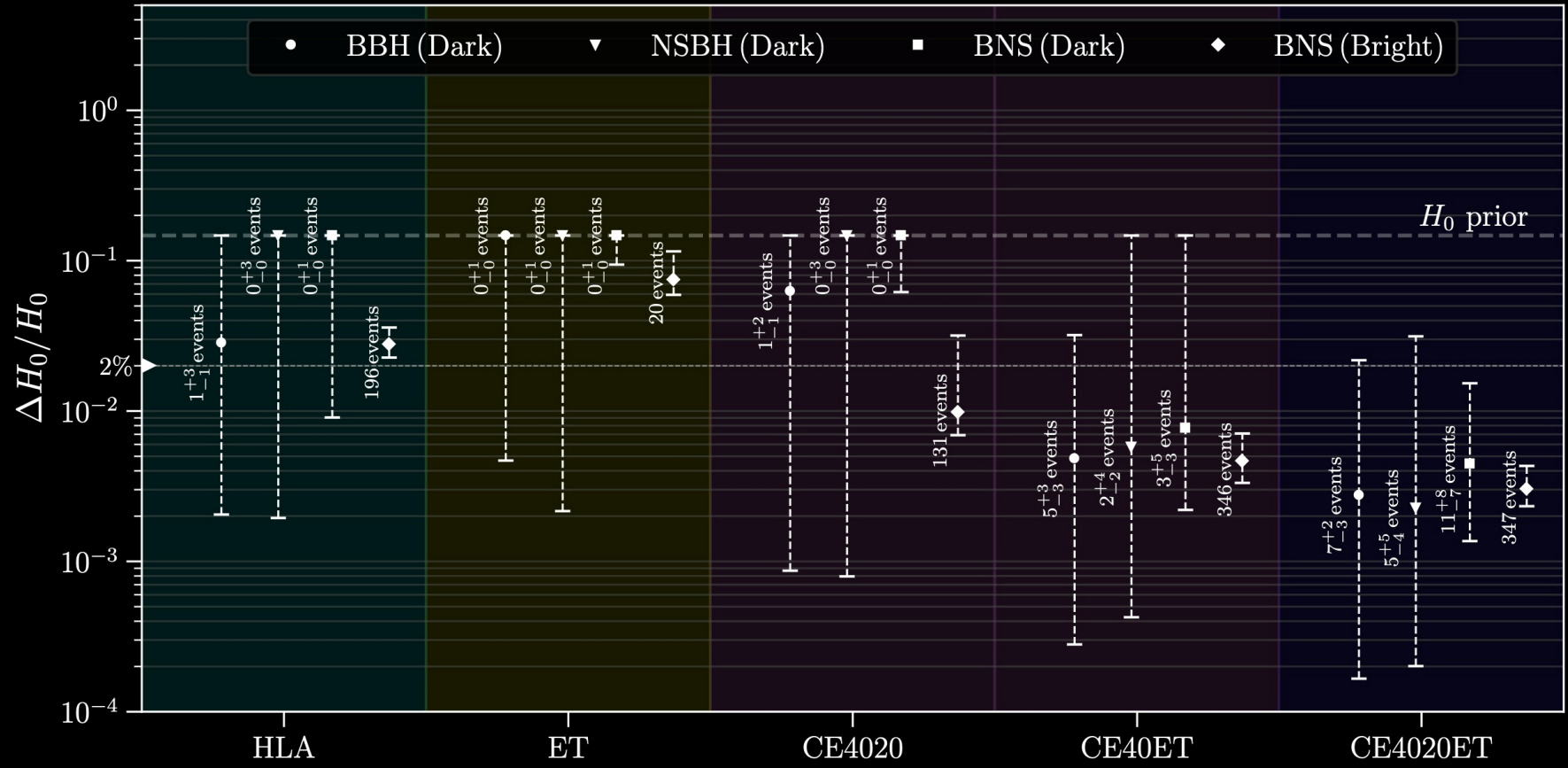


Hotokezaka et al. 2019, Nature Astron., 3, 940

Mooley, ..., Corsi et al. 2018, Nature, 561, 355  
Also Ghirlanda et al. 2019, Science, 363, 968



# Gravitational – wave Standard Sirens



Chen, Ezquiaga, Gupta, arXiv:2402.03120

Networks

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Dark Energy, Matter and Novel  
Sources



Two ngGW detectors needed to ensure confidence in detection of poorly modeled and/or new sources, measure polarization for tests of GR...

# Novel sources of GWs



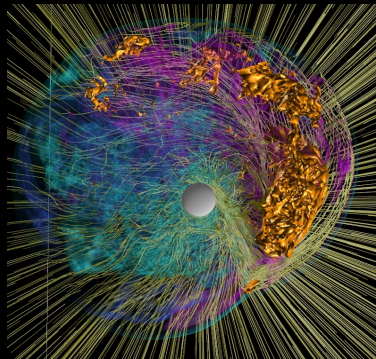
Credit: K. Hokusai

Continuous GWs and bursts (unmodelled signals) are the MMA of the future:

- A# should detect  $\sim 1$ , CE should detect  $\sim 30$  millisecond pulsars at ellipticity  $\sim 10^{-9}$
- Two ngGW observatories critical to ensure confidence in detection of poorly modeled sources



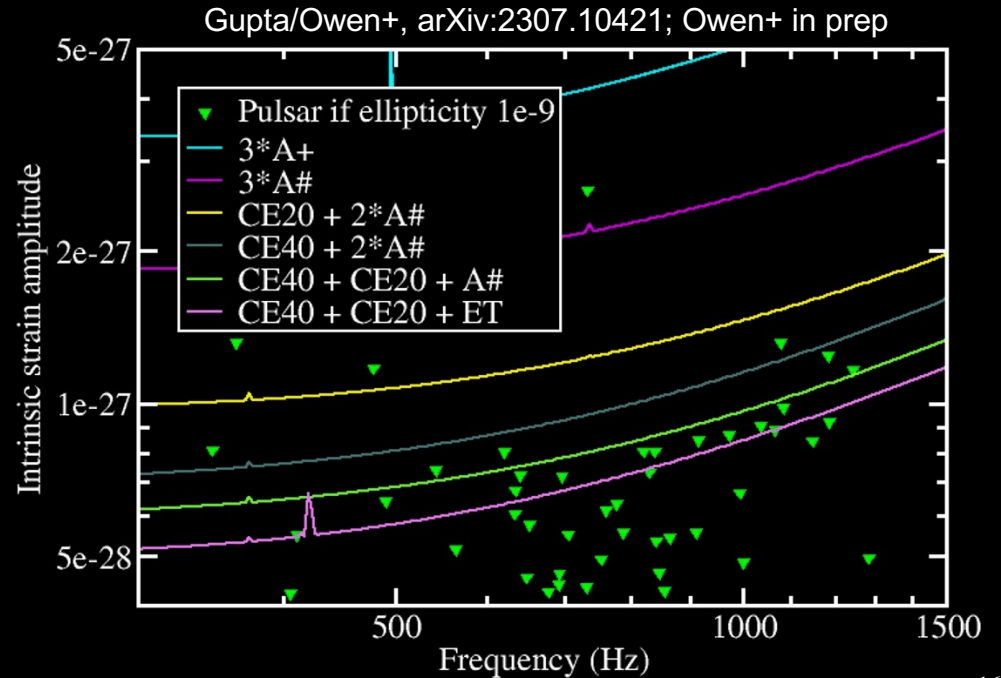
Merfeld's GW searches for SGRs/FRBs.



Blondin/Mezzacappa, Nature 445, 58 (2007)



Khanam's talk on bar-mode post-merger GWs (D03)





## Conclusion and outlook

- CE40+20 km with a single 4 km LIGO at A# sensitivity can allow the United States to independently achieve the full range of ngGW science goals.
- CE's scientific output greatly enhanced by operating as part of an international network of GW observatories (coordination with ET on-going).
- With foundations laid by decades of National Science Foundation investment and the work of a large community of scientists, CE is poised to propel another revolution in our understanding of the universe!

### **Second Cosmic Explorer Symposium (online), Apr. 23-25, 2024:**

- This event will bring together the community to discuss important aspects of the Cosmic Explorer observatory design, covering both observational and instrument science, with a focus on topics of high impact for the facility design.
- Participation is free, but please register here: <https://indico.mit.edu/e/CES2024>



### **NeXt-Generation Collaborative Design (XGCD) meetings:**

- A forum for regular discussions between the teams that work on common design aspects of Einstein Telescope and Cosmic Explorer.
- Open to the ET collaboration and CE consortium members ([join](#) the CE Consortium).
- Meetings on optical design and straylight mitigation so far, material available at: <https://indico.gssi.it/e/xgcd>





The Cosmic Explorer team recognizes the inherent connections between the lands, waters, sky, and people.

We are committed to cultivating connections to place and partnerships with Indigenous communities who have cared for these places in the past, present, and future.

We acknowledge that we are responsible for the manner in which we do science and for the impacts it has on the land and its peoples.



