



# Gravitational Waves and Supernovae

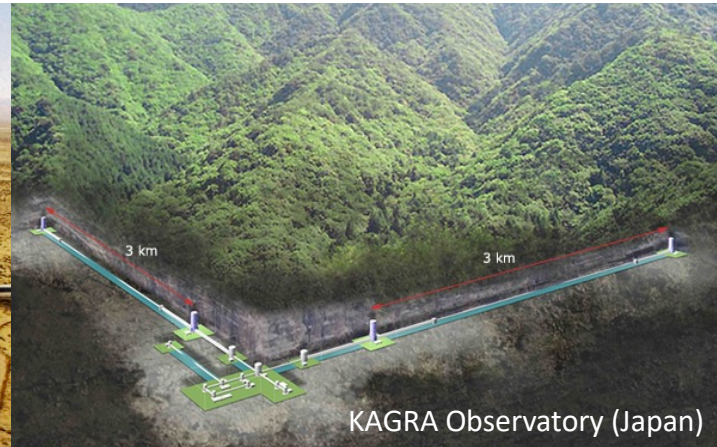
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# Outline

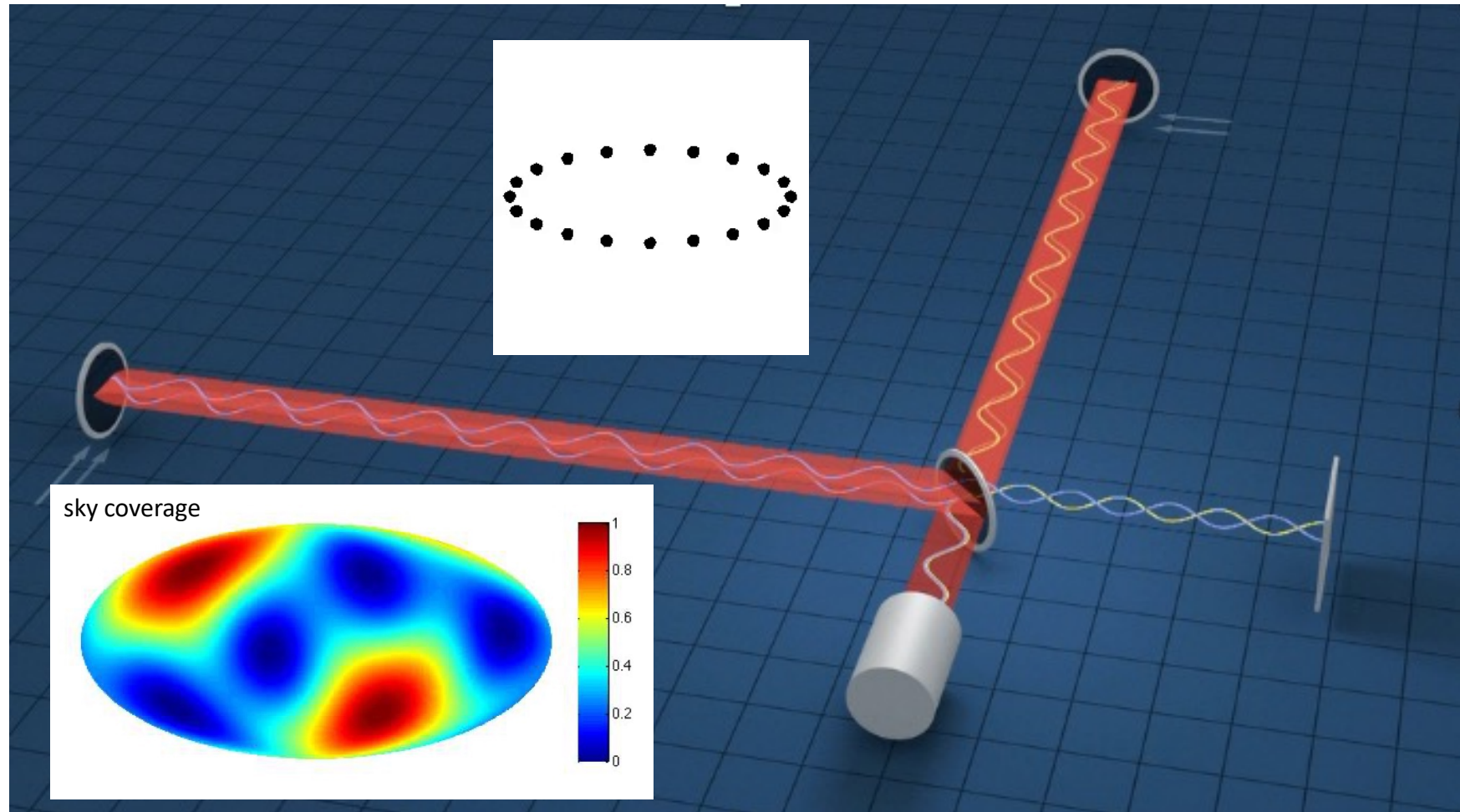
- Gravitational-wave detectors
- CCSNe as GW sources
- Observing schedule
- Science from CCSN GWs

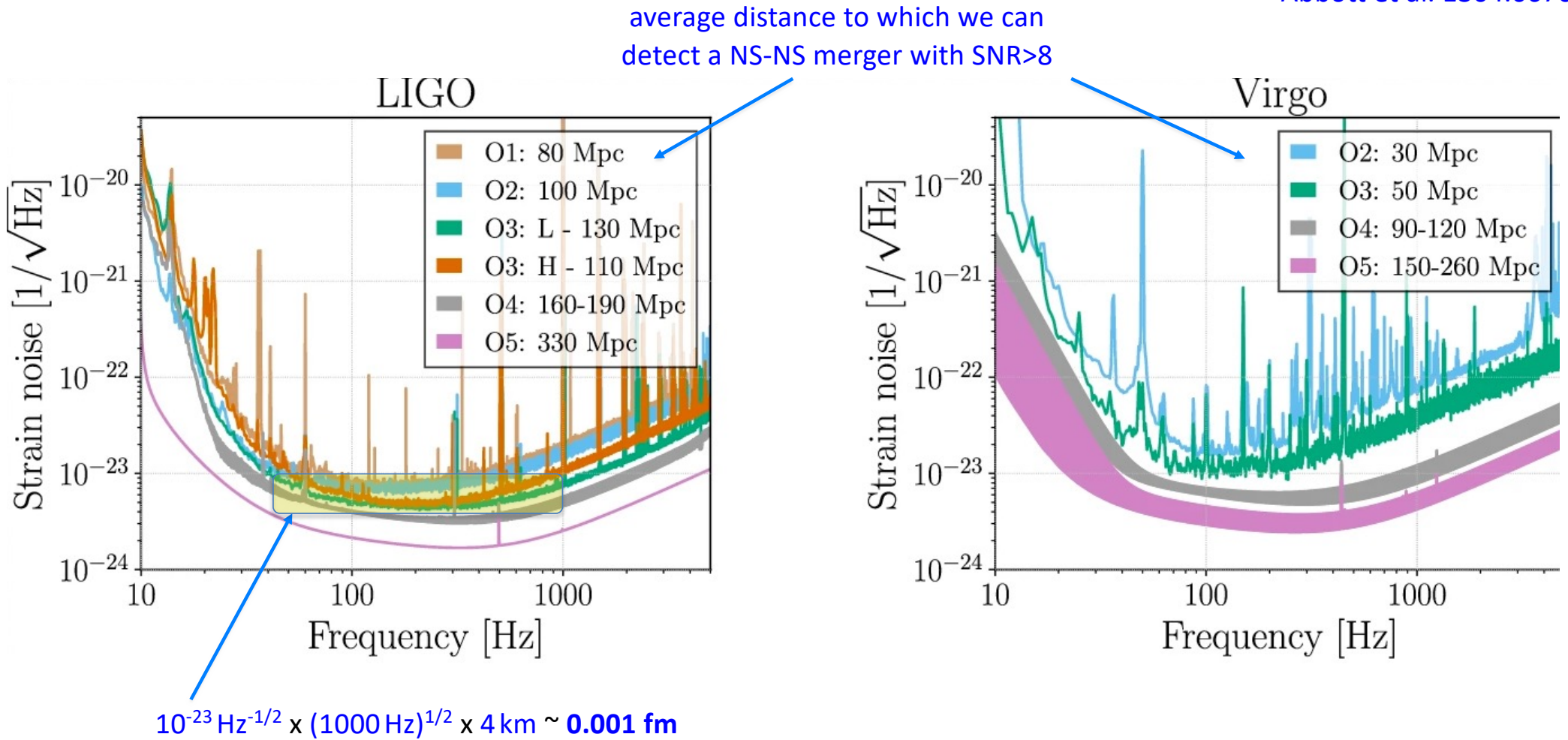
# The Global GW Observatory Network (2022)



+ LIGO-India (c2025+)

# GW Detectors: Interferometers





# GW Sources

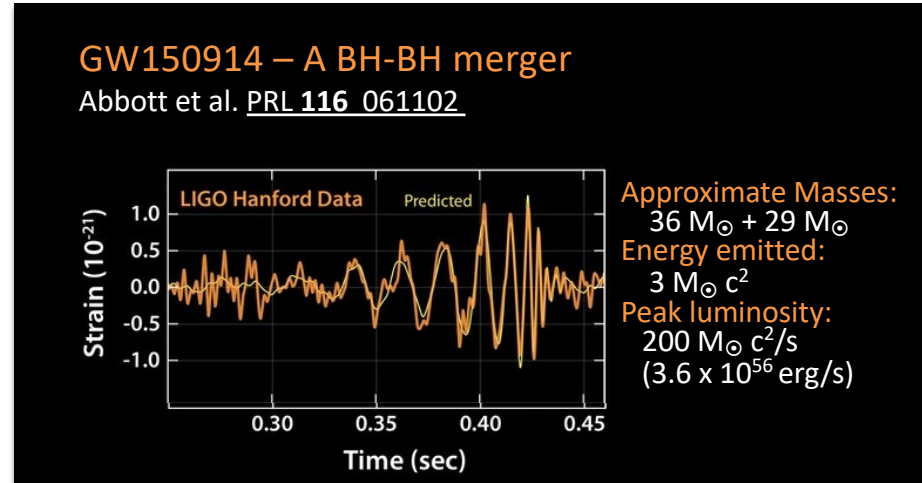
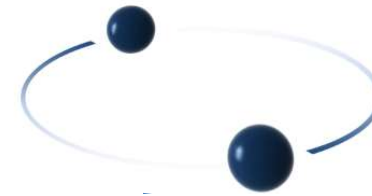
- Leading emission is due to time-varying quadrupole moment:

$$h \sim \frac{\epsilon M \Omega^2 R^2}{d}$$

mass (points to  $M$ )    frequency (points to  $\Omega$ )    size (points to  $R$ )  
 non-sphericity (points to  $\epsilon$ )    distance (points to  $d$ )

- favour dense, fast-moving sources (“small and dark”)
  - detectors only sensitive above seismic noise floor of  $\sim 10\text{Hz}$

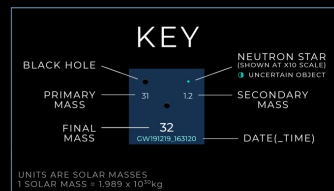
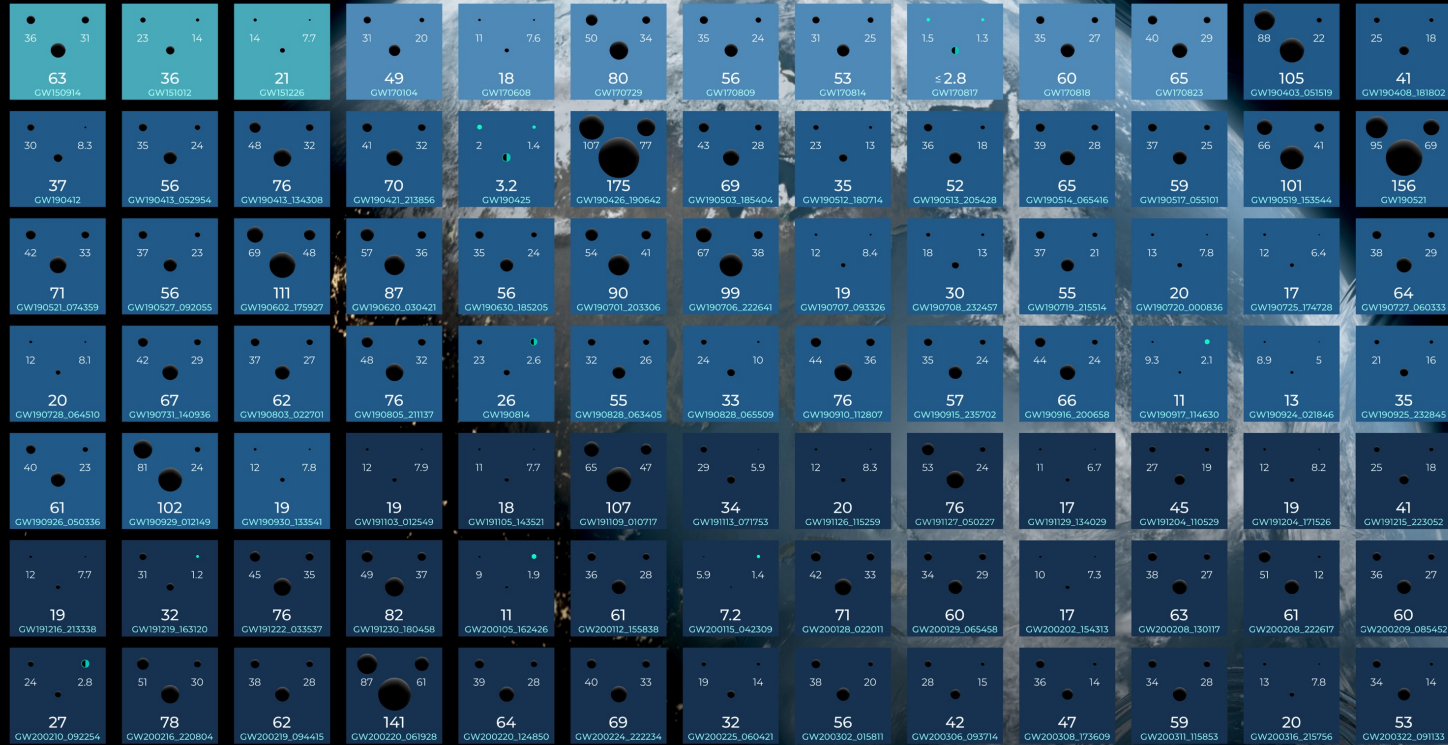
- Ideal source: BH & NS binaries



OBSERVING RUN  
01  
2015 - 2016

02  
2016 - 2017

03a+b  
2019 - 2020



Note that the mass estimates shown here do not include uncertainties, which is why the final mass is sometimes larger than the sum of the primary and secondary masses. This is likely the final mass as measured by the detector, but the secondary mass is uncertain.

The events listed here pass one of two thresholds for detection. They either have a probability of being astrophysical of at least 50%, or they pass a false alarm rate threshold of less than 1 per 3 years.

# GRAVITATIONAL WAVE MERGER DETECTIONS

SINCE 2015

UK Centre of Excellence for Gravitational Wave Discovery



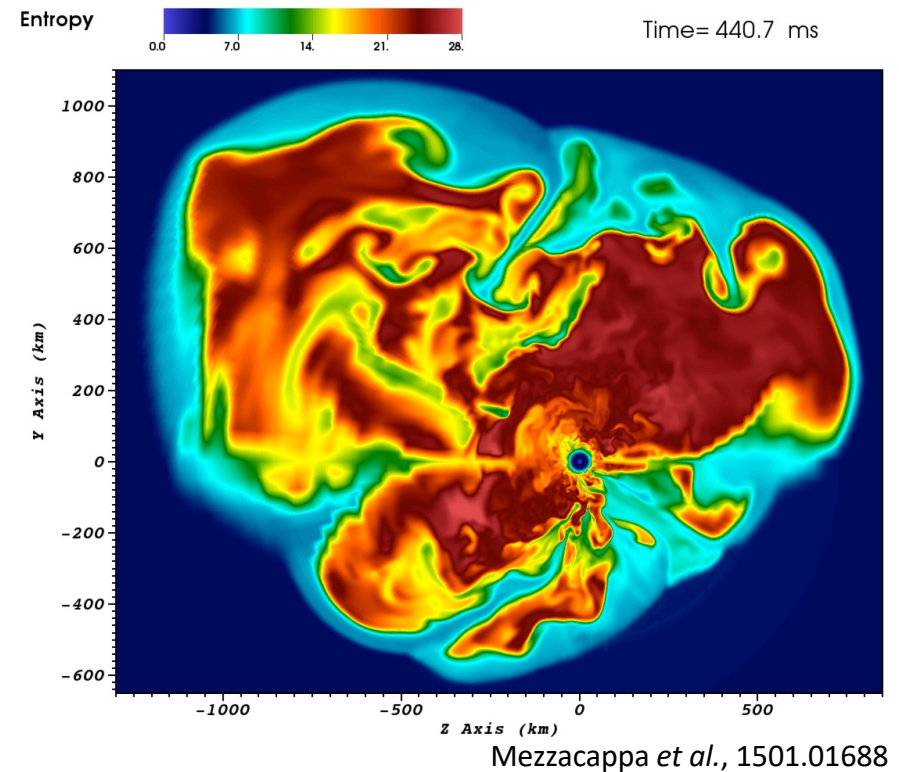
# CCSNe as GW Sources

- Recall the quadrupole moment formula:

$$h \sim \frac{\epsilon M \Omega^2 R^2}{d}$$

mass (pointing to  $M$ )  
 frequency (pointing to  $\Omega$ )  
 size (pointing to  $R$ )  
 non-sphericity (pointing to  $\epsilon$ )  
 distance (pointing to  $d$ )

- BH/NS binaries:  $\epsilon \sim 1$
- CCSNe:  $\epsilon \ll 1$





# CCSNe as GW Sources

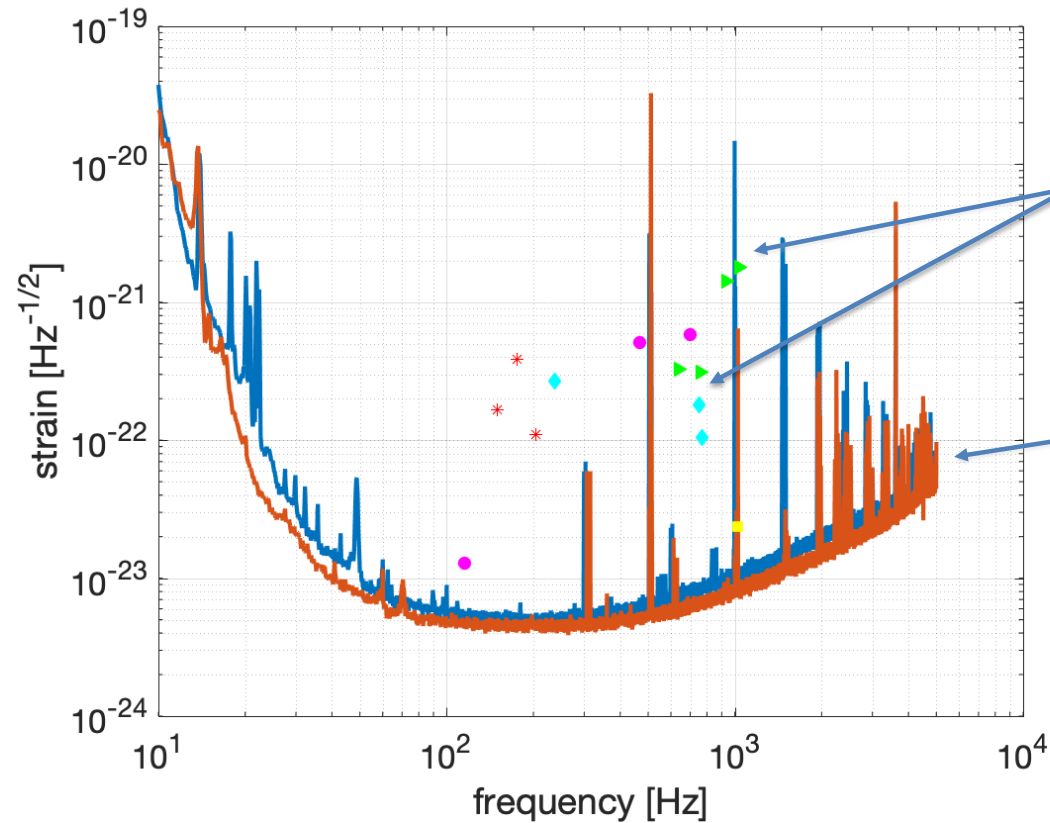
Muller *et al.* 3D simulations, neutrino-driven explosion, 15 / 20  $M_{\odot}$  ZAMS progenitor stars.

Ott *et al.* 3D simulation, neutrino-driven explosion, 27  $M_{\odot}$  ZAMS progenitor star.

Yakunin *et al.* 2D simulations, neutrino-driven explosion 12 / 15 / 20 / 25  $M_{\odot}$  ZAMS progenitors.

Scheidegger *et al.* 3D simulations, magneto-hydrodynamically-driven explosion, 15  $M_{\odot}$  ZAMS progenitors. Low to rapid rotation.

Dimmelmeier *et al.* 2D simulations, magneto-hydrodynamically-driven explosion, 15  $M_{\odot}$  ZAMS progenitor star. Moderate to rapid rotation.



GW signal amplitude at 10 kpc

[Abbott et al. Phys. Rev. D 101, 084002 \(2020\)](#)

LIGO H and L noise spectra (2019)

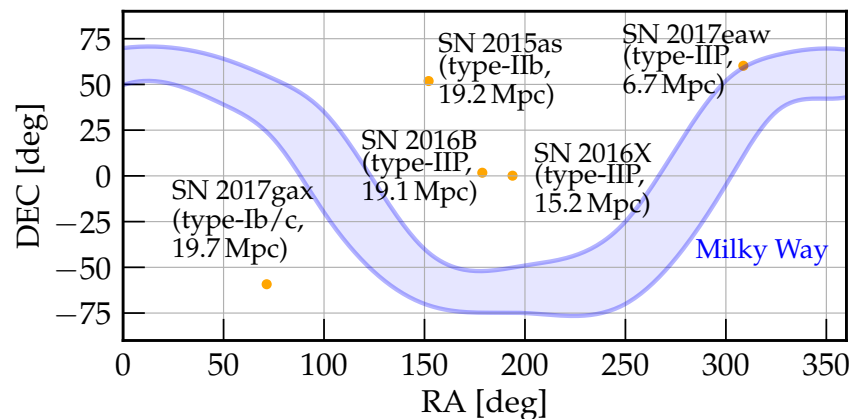
*SNR ~ height above noise background*

- E. Muller et al., *Astron. Astrophys.* 537, A63 (2012)
- C. D. Ott et al., *Astrophys. J.* 768, 115 (2013)
- K. N. Yakunin et al., *Phys. Rev. D.* 92 084040 (2015).
- S. Scheidegger et al., *Astron. Astrophys.* 514, A51 (2010).
- H. Dimmelmeier et al., *Phys. Rev. D.* 78, 064056 (2008).

# LIGO-Virgo Searches for CCSNe GWs

- No SNEWS alerts ... (yet)
- LIGO & Virgo collaborations have searched for GW signals consistent with the time and sky position of nearby CCSNe observed optically (2015-2017).

Abbott et al. [Phys. Rev. D 101, 084002 \(2020\)](#)

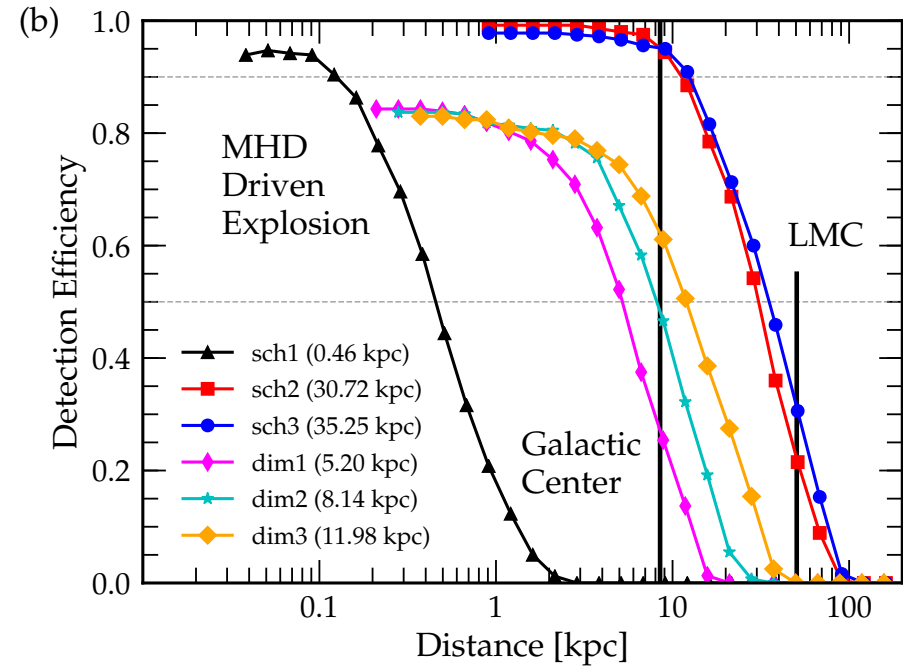
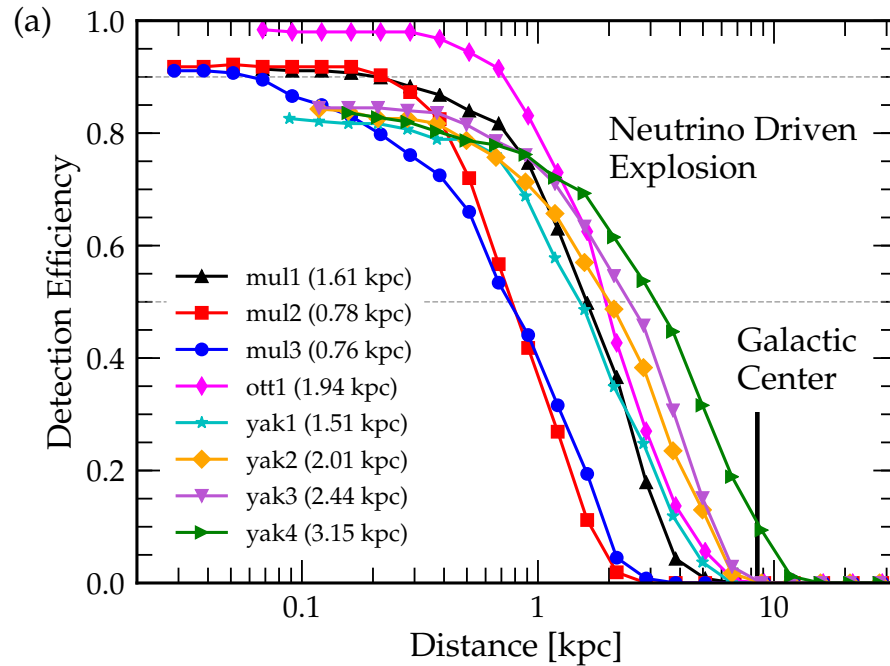


Supernova	Type	Host Galaxy	Distance [Mpc]	$t_1$ [UTC]	$t_2$ [UTC]	$\Delta t$ [days]	OSW Method	Run	Active Detectors	Coincident Coverage
SN 2015as	I Ib	UGC 5460	19.2	2015 Nov 14.77	2015 Nov 16.23	1.47	Early	O1	H1,L1	34.2%
SN 2016B	I IP	PGC 037392	19.1	2015 Dec 23.51	2015 Dec 27.55	4.03	Early	O1	H1,L1	34.3%
SN 2016X	I IP	UGC 08041	15.2	2016 Jan 17.72	2016 Jan 20.56	2.86	Early	O1	H1,L1	14.4%
SN 2017eaw	I IP	NGC 6946	6.72	2017 Apr 26.56	2017 Apr 27.96	1.39	EPM	O2	H1,L1	48.8%
SN 2017gax	I b/c	NGC 1672	19.7	2017 Aug 14.28	2017 Aug 16.15	1.66	Early	O2	H1,L1,V1	61.5% (H1L1) 60.8% (H1L1V1)

# Sensitivity

- No GW detections ... (yet)

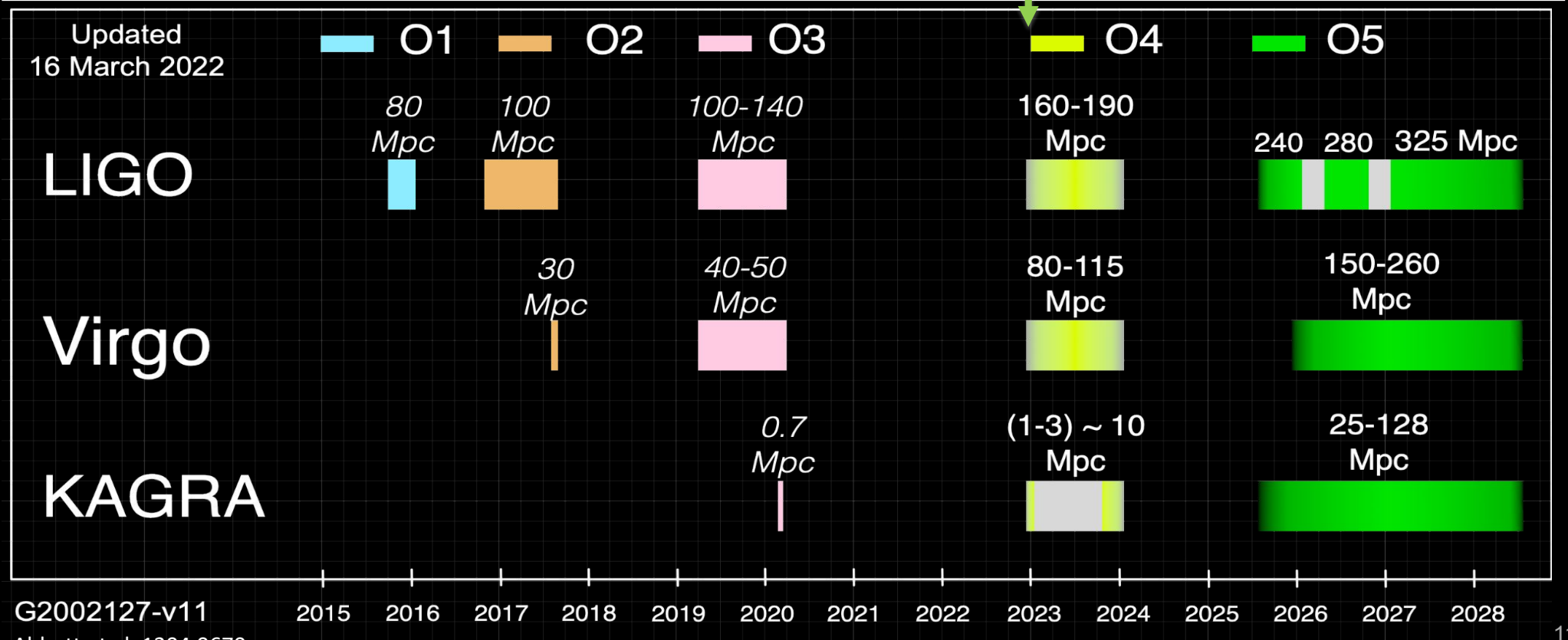
Abbott et al. [Phys. Rev. D 101, 084002 \(2020\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/2008.04753)



# Future observing runs



mid-December 2022



# O3 (2019-20) Public Alerts

Highest-probability  
classifications:

BBH: 37

NS-BH: 5

BNS: 6

Mass gap: 4  $[3-5] M_{\odot}$

Other: 4

Total rate:  $\sim 1$ /week

false rate:  $\sim 1$ /month

Main focus is binaries  
but also have searches  
for “generic” GW bursts  
(including CCSNe).

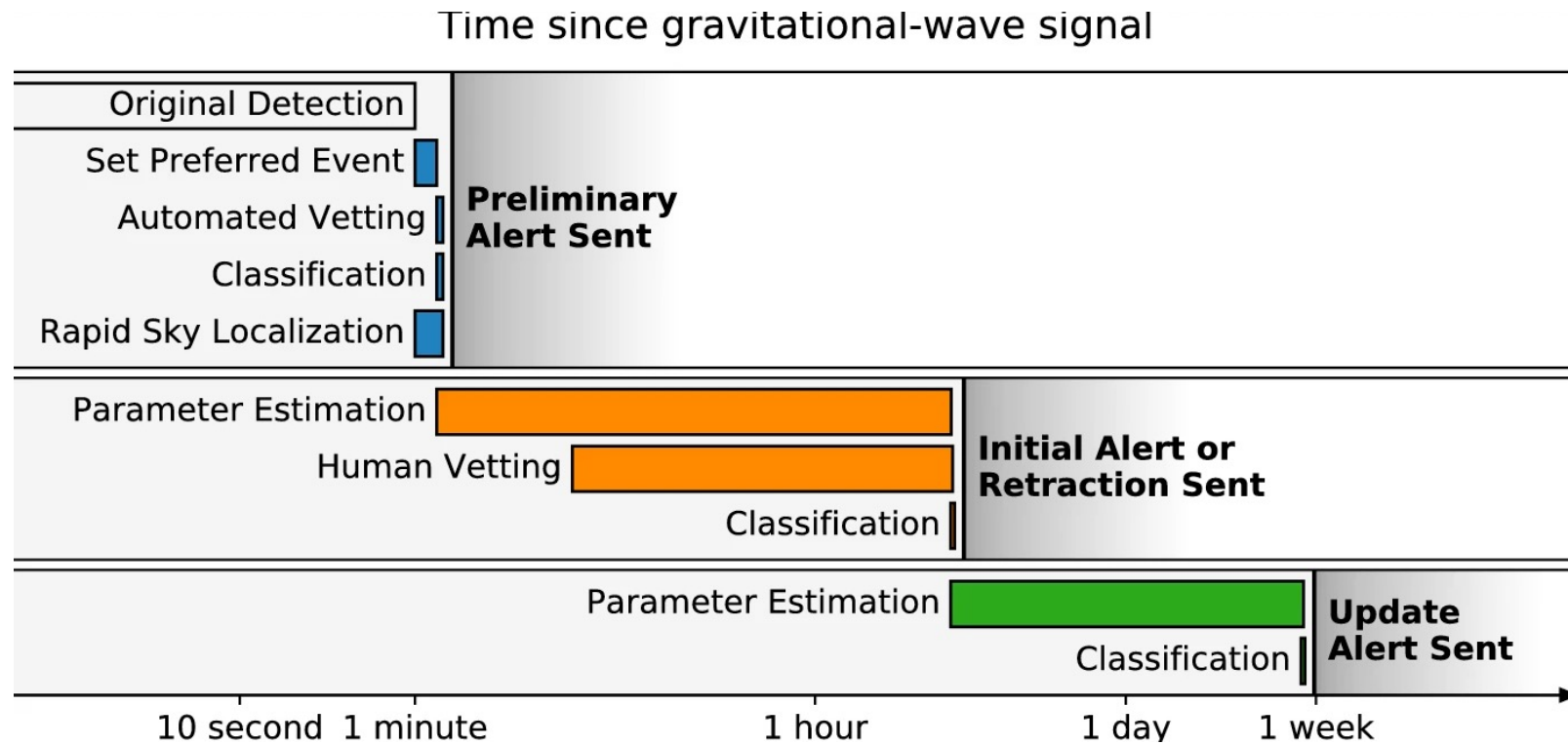
Also listen for SNEWS,  
GCNs (GRBs).

LIGO/Virgo O3 Public Alerts  
Detection candidates: 56

SORT: EVENT ID (A-Z) <https://gracedb.ligo.org/superevents/public/O3/>

Event ID	Possible Source (Probability)	UTC	GCN	Location	FAR	Comments
S200316bj	MassGap (>99%)	March 16, 2020 21:57:56 UTC	GCN Circulars Notices   VOE		1 per 446.44 years	
S200311bg	BBH (>99%)	March 11, 2020 11:58:53 UTC	GCN Circulars Notices   VOE		1 per 3.5448e+17 years	
S200308e	NSBH (83%), Terrestrial (17%)	March 8, 2020 01:19:27 UTC	GCN Circulars Notices   VOE		1 per 8.757 years	RETRACTED
S200303ba	BBH (86%), Terrestrial (14%)	March 3, 2020 12:15:48 UTC	GCN Circulars Notices   VOE		1 per 2.4086 years	RETRACTED
S200302c	BBH (89%), Terrestrial (11%)	March 2, 2020 01:58:11 UTC	GCN Circulars Notices   VOE		1 per 3.3894 years	
S200225q	BBH (96%), Terrestrial (4%)	Feb. 25, 2020 06:04:21 UTC	GCN Circulars Notices		1 per 3.4497 years	

# Alert Latency



# What can SNEWS do for us?

## Pointing accuracy:

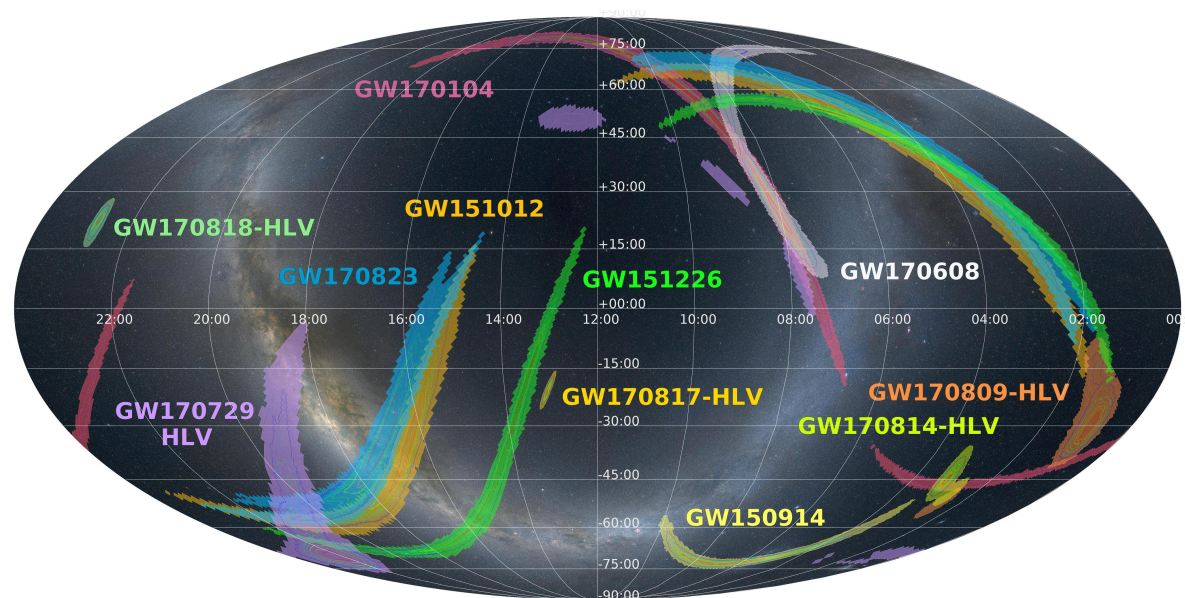
- More precise is better: faster to scan, lower false rate. But we don't need much compared to EM telescopes.

## Timing:

- $O(1)$  s accuracy increases confidence / sensitive distance
  - rule of thumb: x2

## Latency:

- Expect GW alerts on 10 s – 100 s scales.



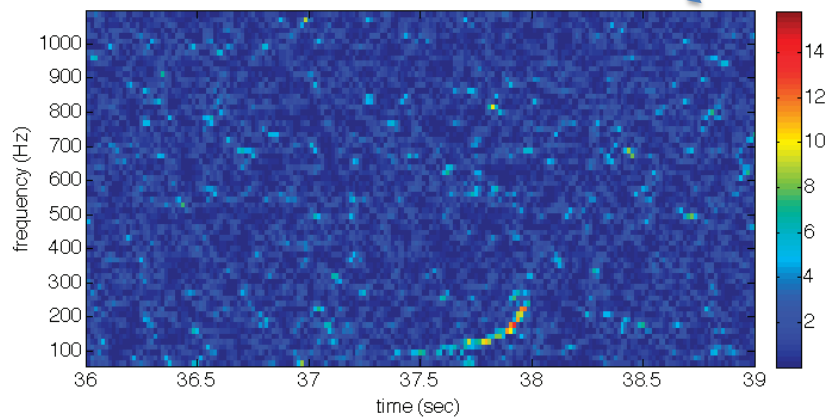
LIGO-Virgo 90% sky localization regions for sample binary merger events: 16 sq deg – 1666 sq deg.

[Abbott et al. 1304.0670](#)

# What can GWs tell us about CCSNe?

- GW burst **detection** algorithms search for excess power that is correlated between detectors.
  - No need for precise signal models.

e.g., [S. Klimenko et al., Phys. Rev. D 93, 042004 \(2016\)](#).  
[P. Sutton et al., NJP 12 053034 \(2010\)](#)



- Interpretation requires signal models.
- Recent examples:

[M. L. Chan et al., Phys. Rev. D 102, 043022 \(2020\)](#)

[A. Iess et al., arXiv:2001.00279](#)

[P. Astone et al., Phys. Rev. D 98, 122002 \(2018\)](#).

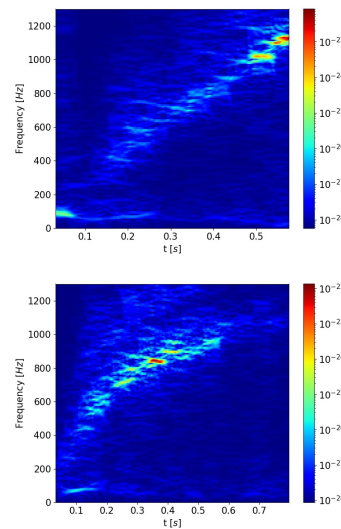
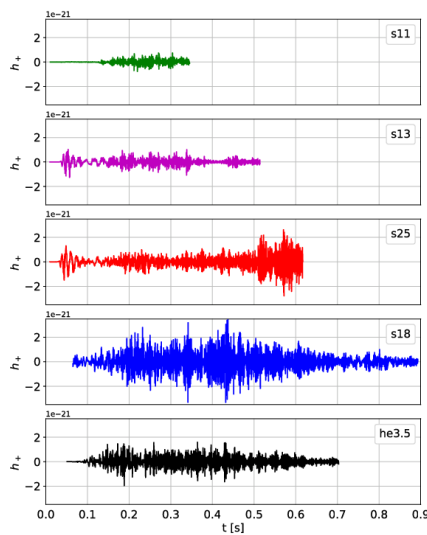
[M. Lopez et al., Phys. Rev. D 103, 063011 \(2021\)](#).



# Example: Model Identification with Machine Learning

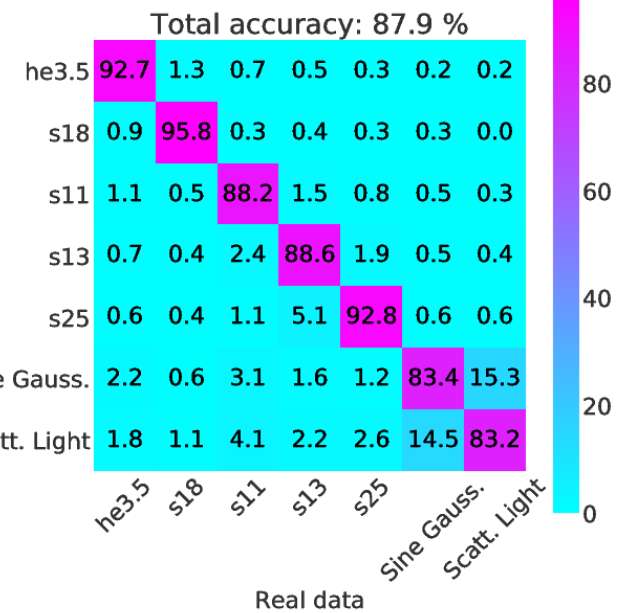
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- Train 1D and 2D convolutional neural networks (CNNs) with examples of CCSN GW signals, plus simulated detector noise artefacts.
- Able to distinguish models with ~90% accuracy at ~1 kpc.



noise artefacts

Predicted data



# Concluding Remarks

- GWs could provide a valuable multi-messenger probe of CCSNe:
  - GW observatory network provides approx. all-sky coverage at some fractional duty cycle (~70-80% during observing runs)
  - GW-CCSN detection is challenging, but we should be sensitive to the entire Milky Way for most cases.
  - GW sensitivity would be improved by dedicated SNEWS-GW searches.
  - Beginning to develop methods to distinguish CCSN explosion mechanism from the GW signal.
- Full exploitation of these rare events requires coordination between the GW/EM/ $\nu$  communities
  - esp. strategies & partnerships for follow-up of candidate events
  - coordinated GW/EM/ $\nu$  emission models (for detection & interpretation).