

Title: Advanced LIGO status and prospects to probe the strong gravity regime

Date: Nov 12, 2014 09:25 AM

URL: <http://pirsa.org/14110088>

Abstract: <span>Gravitational waves will allow scientists to test Einstein's theory of General Relativity in the previously unexplored strong-field regime. Einstein's theory of general relativity, as the most accepted theory of gravity, has been greatly constrained in the quasi-linear, quasi-stationary regime, where gravity is weak and velocities are small. Gravitational waves may carry information about highly dynamical and strong-field gravity that is required to generate measurable waves. Coalescing compact binaries are the most promising sources of gravitational waves accessible to ground-based interferometers, such as Advanced LIGO. Made of neutron stars and/or black holes that orbit each other hundreds of times a second just before they collide, the resulting waves are imprinted with information about the individual objects and the dynamical coalescence process. After reviewing the basic properties of gravitational waves, I will present an overview of the detector design and provide an update on the current status of Advanced LIGO and its ability to probe the strong gravity regime.</span>

# Advanced LIGO Status and Prospects to Probe the Strong Gravity Regime

Laleh Sadeghian

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

For LIGO scientific collaboration and  
Virgo collaboration

[LIGO-G1401303](#)

EHT2014, Perimeter Institute  
Nov 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014



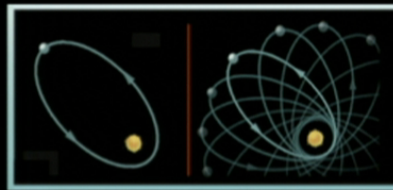
The Leonard E. Parker  
Center for Gravitation, Cosmology & Astrophysics  
at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee



## Weak field regime tests of GR



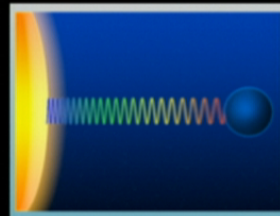
Bending Light



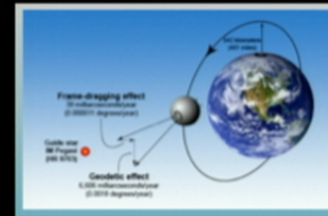
Mercury's Orbit



Gravitational Lensing



Gravitational redshift  
of light



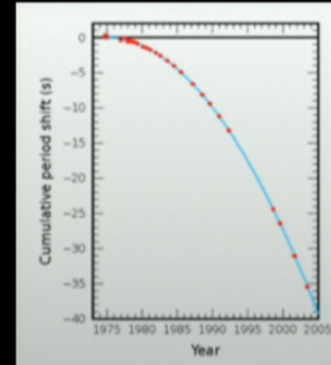
Frame Dragging and  
Geodetic



Almost all of the previous experimental tests of GR are in the quasi-stationary, quasi-linear weak field regime.

## Strong field regime tests of GR

- Binary pulsars probe GR in the dynamical and quasi-linear sector.



Data from J. M. Weisberg and J. H. Taylor



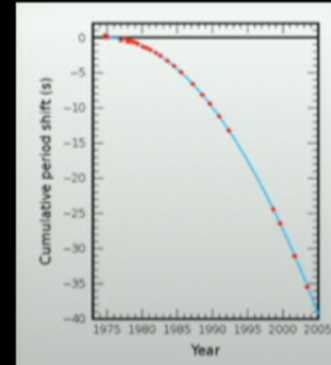
- Future EM observations of BH accretion disks probe GR in the non-linear and stationary sector.



- Gravitational waves will allow a full non-linear and dynamical strong field regime test of GR.

## Strong field regime tests of GR

- Binary pulsars probe GR in the dynamical and quasi-linear sector.



Data from J. M. Weisberg and J. H. Taylor



- Future EM observations of BH accretion disks probe GR in the non-linear and stationary sector.

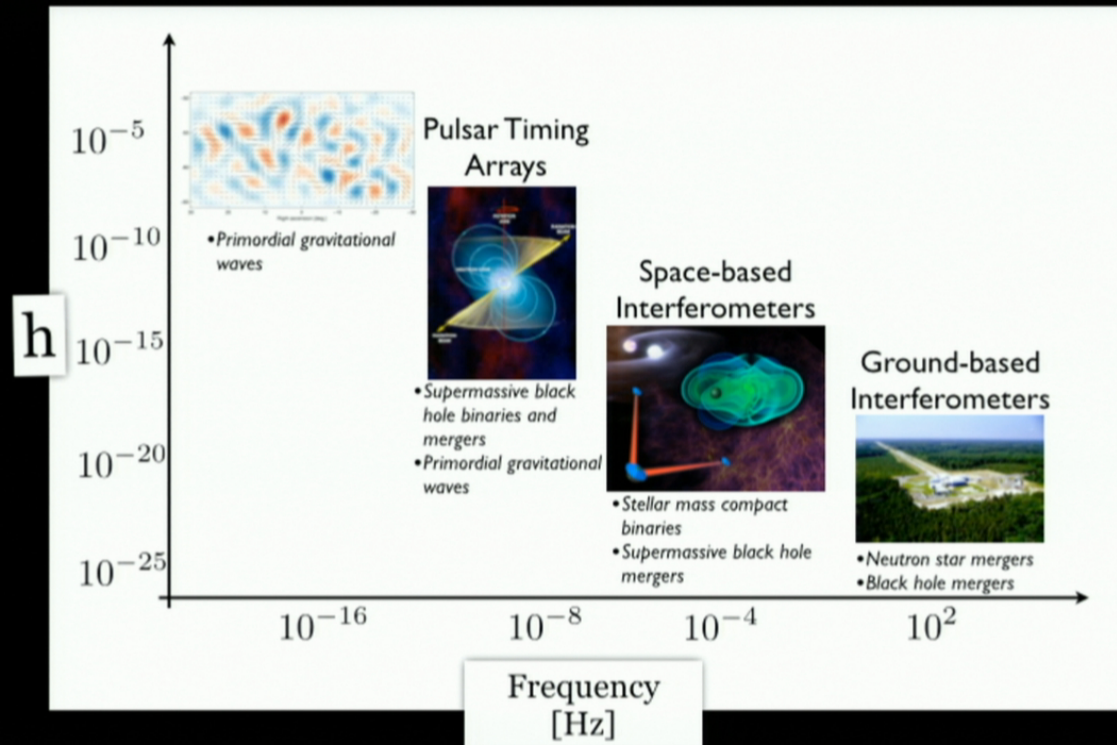


- Gravitational waves will allow a full non-linear and dynamical strong field regime test of GR.

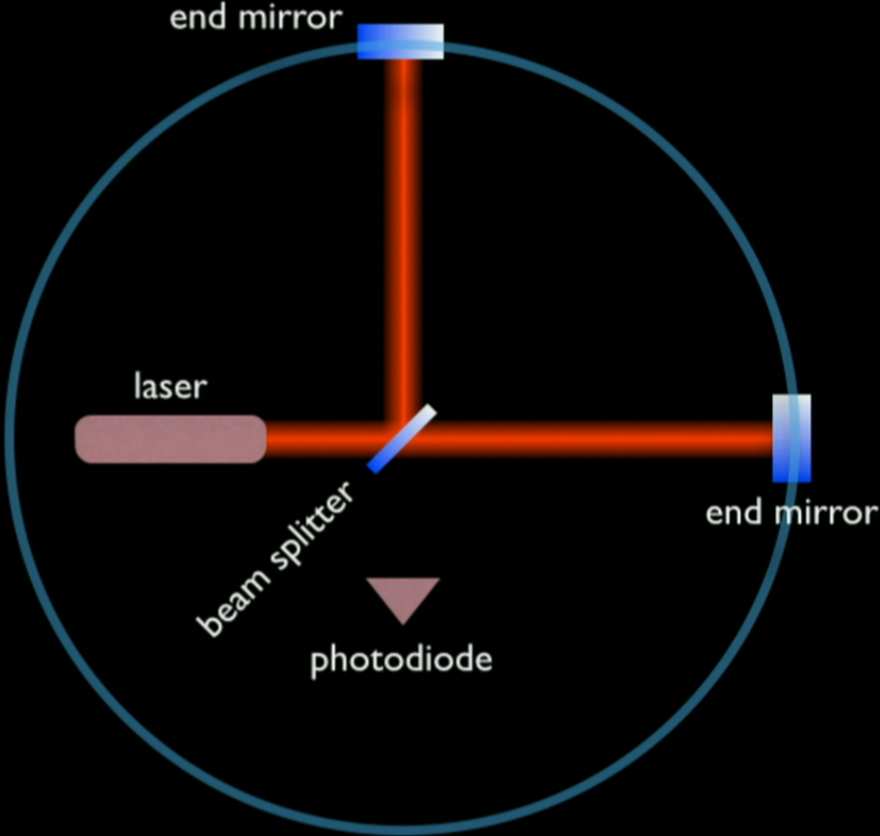
# Gravitational Waves

$$h_{ij} = \frac{2G}{c^4} \frac{1}{r} \frac{d^2 Q_{ij}}{dt^2}$$

metric perturbation  $\rightarrow$   $h_{ij}$   $\leftarrow$  quadrupole moment



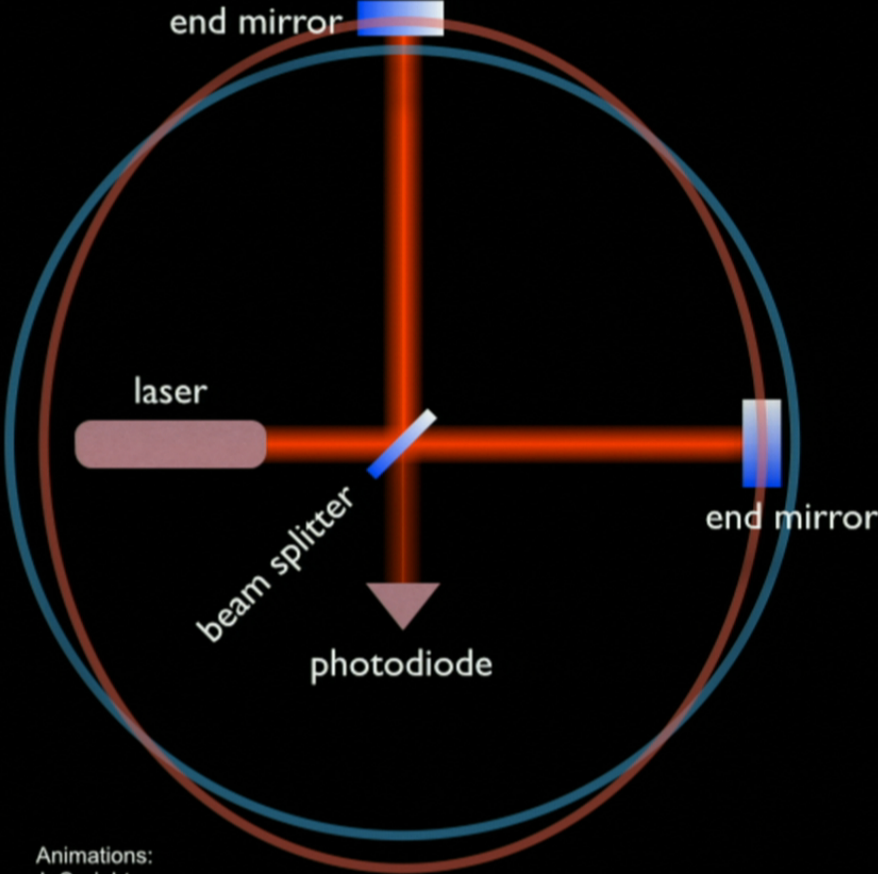
# Direct detection of Gravitational waves



Animations:  
J. Creighton



# Direct detection of Gravitational waves

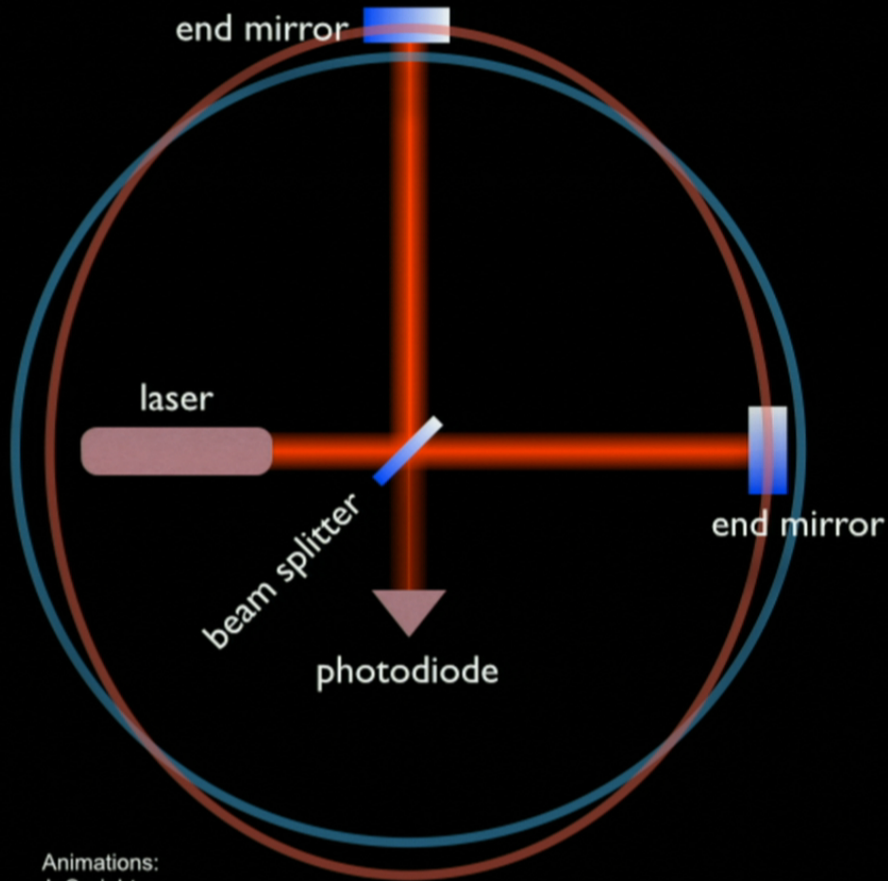


Animations:  
J. Creighton

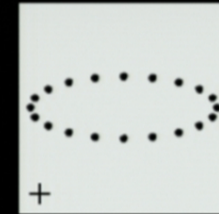




# Direct detection of Gravitational waves



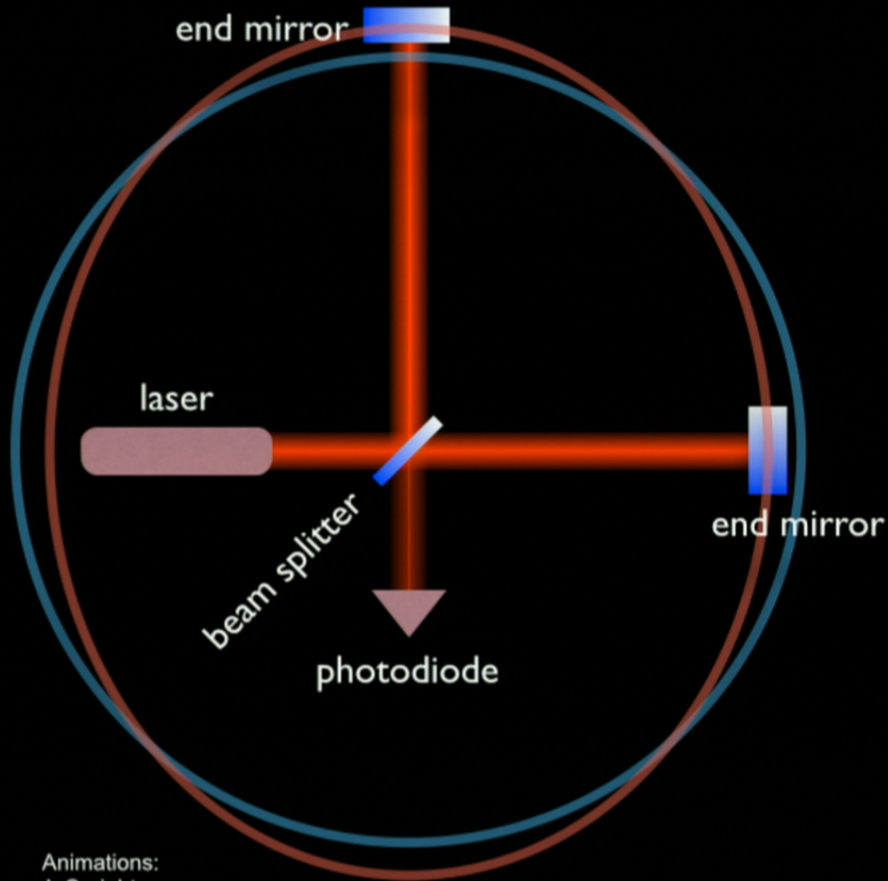
predicted polarizations by GR



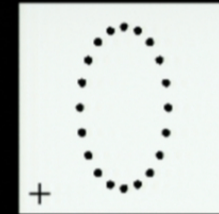
Animations:  
J. Creighton



# Direct detection of Gravitational waves



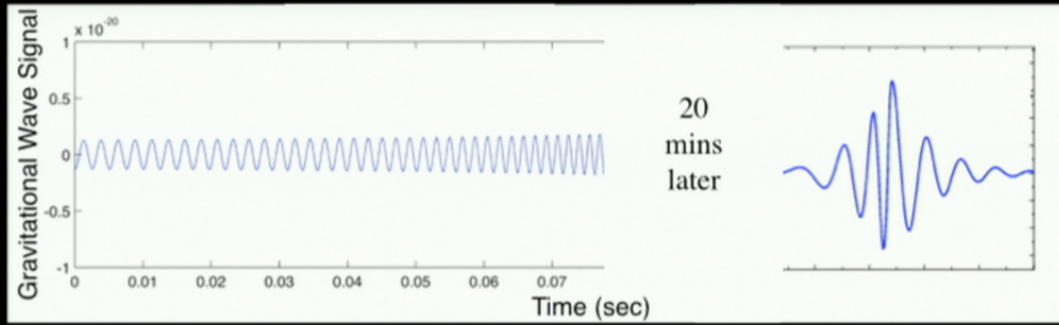
predicted polarizations by GR



Animations:  
J. Creighton

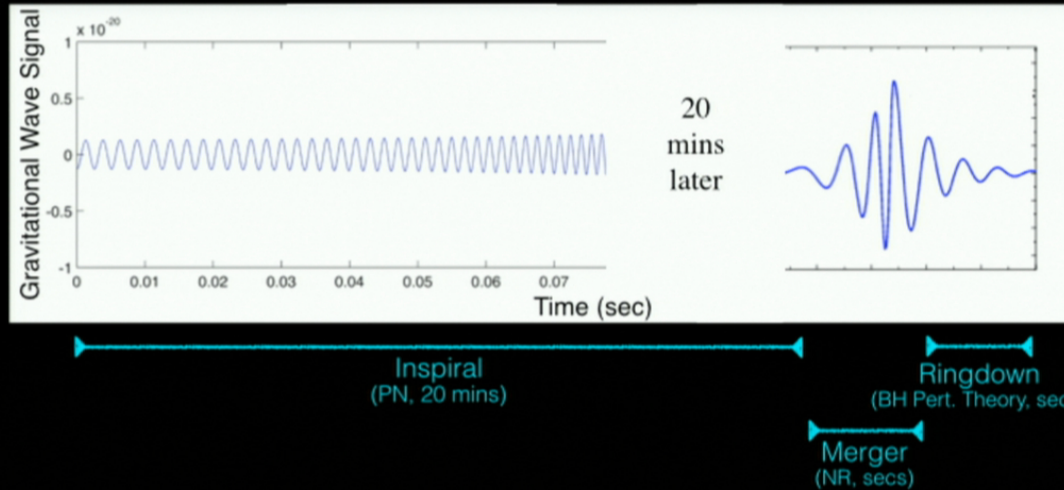


signal for a binary NS in circular orbit:



$$\tilde{h}(f) = A(f; \vec{\theta}) e^{i\Psi(f, \vec{\theta})}$$

signal for a binary NS in circular orbit:



$$\tilde{h}(f) = A(f; \vec{\theta}) e^{i\Psi(f, \vec{\theta})}$$

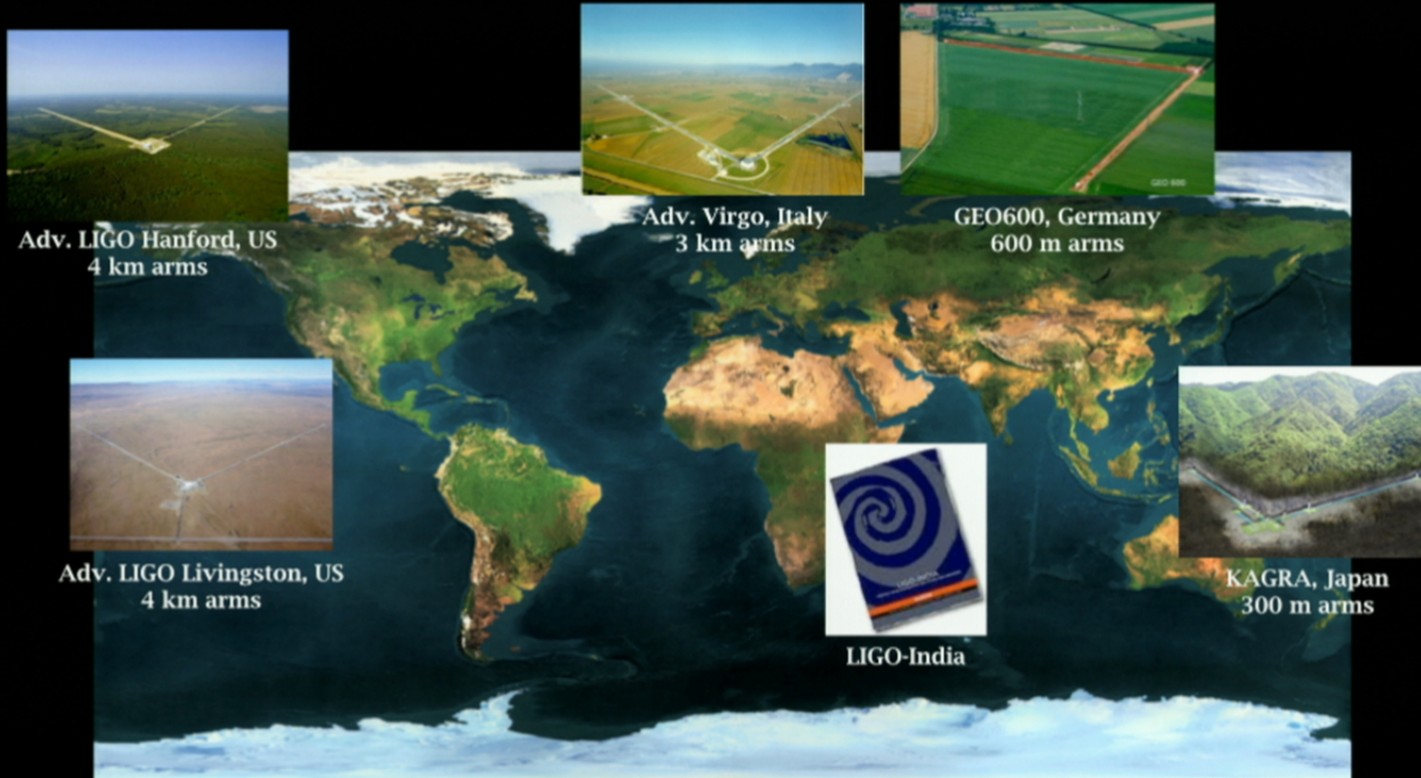
template (projection of metric perturbation)      params of the system

data

$$\rho^2 \sim \int \frac{\tilde{s}(f) \tilde{h}(f, \vec{\theta})}{S_n(f)} df$$

signal-to-noise ratio (SNR)      detector noise (spectral noise density)

# Global Network of Interferometers



# Global Network of Interferometers



Adv. LIGO Hanford, US  
4 km arms



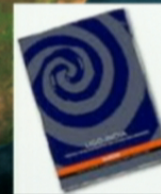
Adv. Virgo, Italy  
3 km arms



GEO600, Germany  
600 m arms



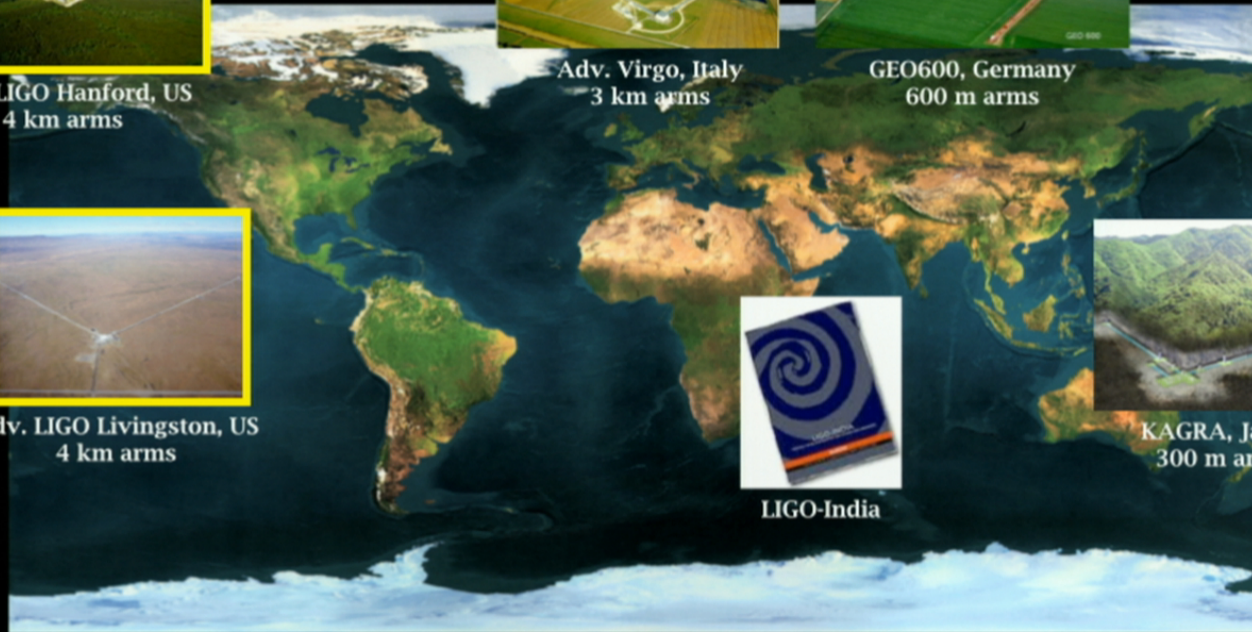
Adv. LIGO Livingston, US  
4 km arms



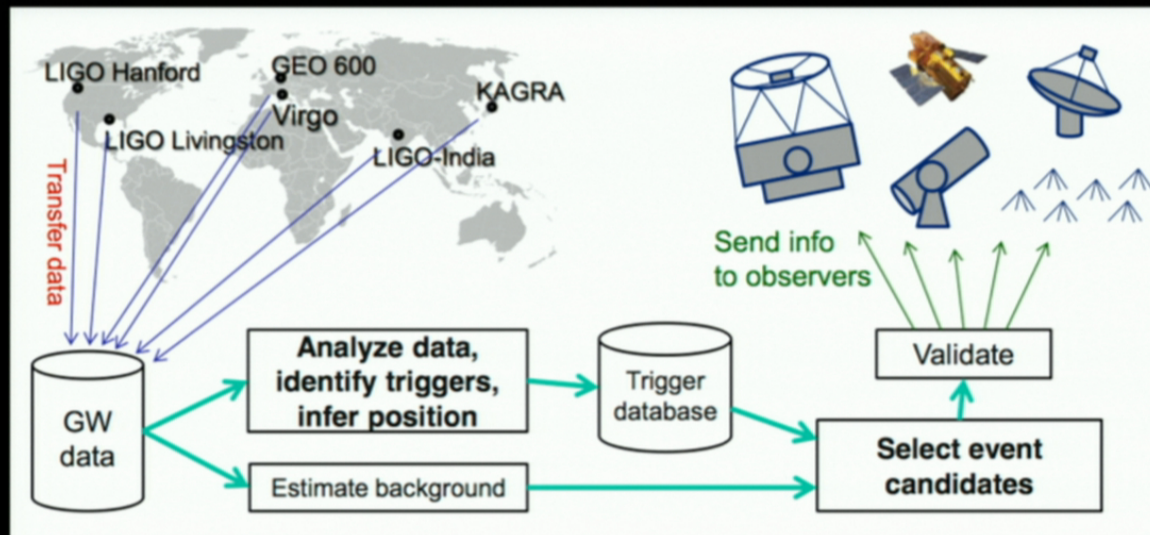
LIGO-India



KAGRA, Japan  
300 m arms

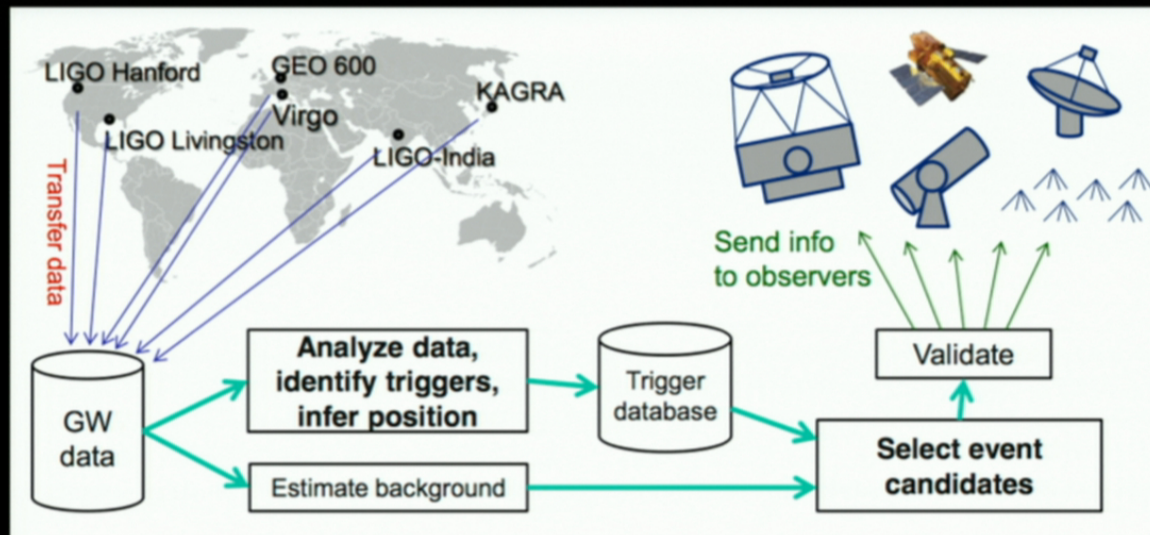


# Multi-messenger Astronomy



- Science return from Gravitational Wave detection will be strongly enhanced if there are simultaneous EM observations.
- EM counterparts to GW events will result in better localization of GW events.
- After the first four published GW events, LSC and Virgo will promptly release public triggers to be followed up.

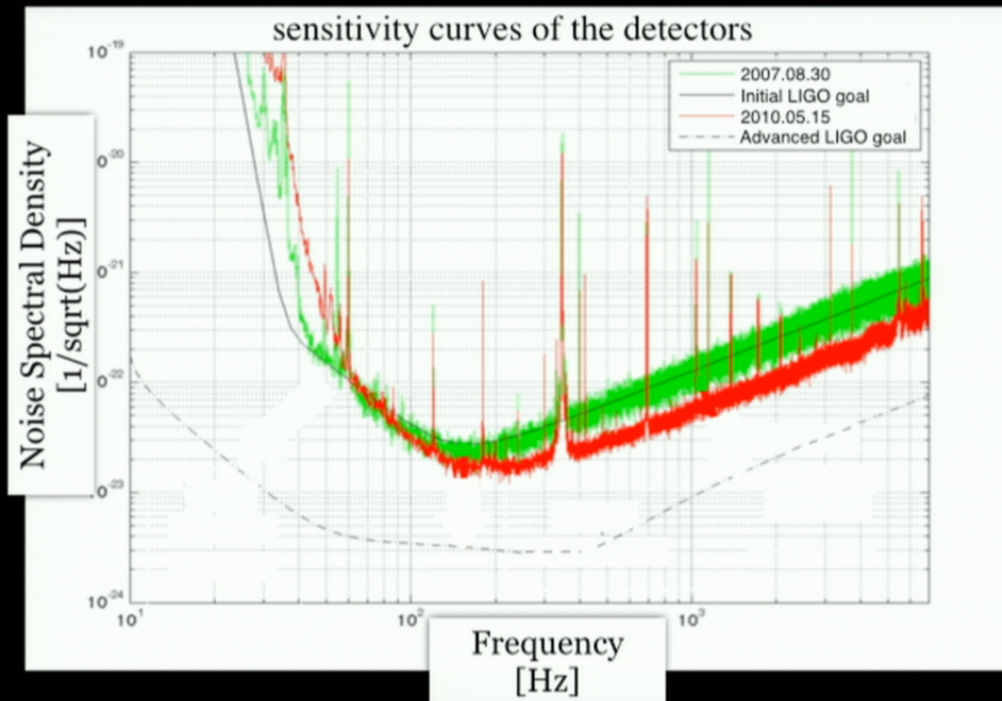
# Multi-messenger Astronomy



- Science return from Gravitational Wave detection will be strongly enhanced if there are simultaneous EM observations.
- EM counterparts to GW events will result in better localization of GW events.
- After the first four published GW events, LSC and Virgo will promptly release public triggers to be followed up.



# Initial LIGO

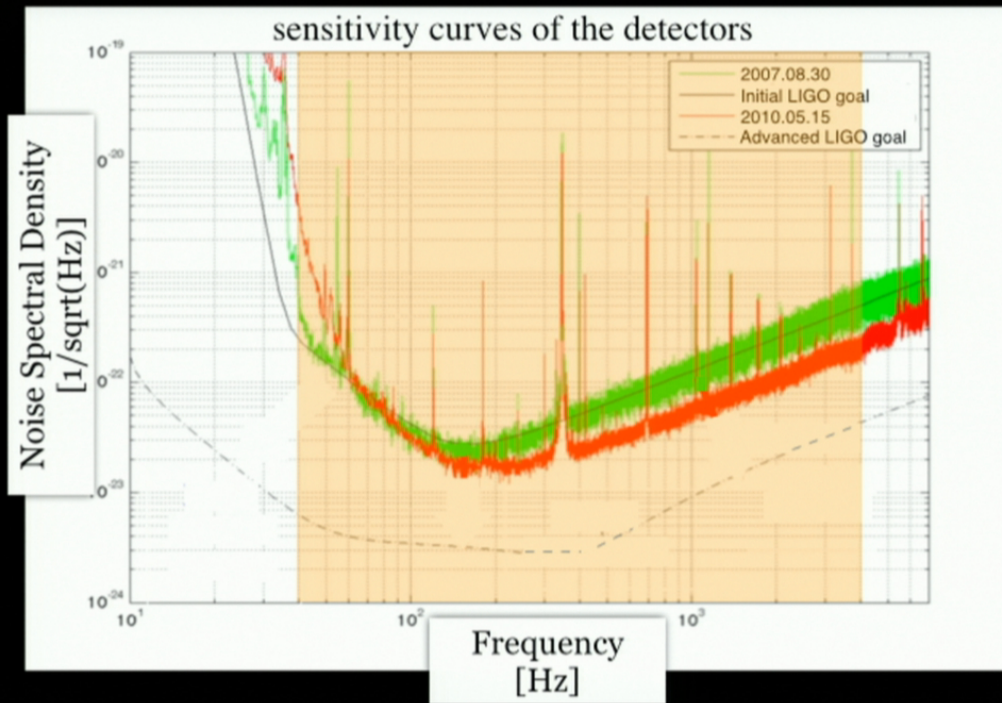


$$\rho^2 \sim \int \frac{\tilde{s}(f)\tilde{h}(f,\vec{\theta})}{S_n(f)} df$$

Labels for the equation:

- data: points to  $\tilde{s}(f)$
- template: points to  $\tilde{h}(f,\vec{\theta})$
- params of the system: points to  $\vec{\theta}$
- signal-to-noise ratio (SNR): points to  $\rho^2$
- detector noise (spectral noise density): points to  $S_n(f)$

# Initial LIGO

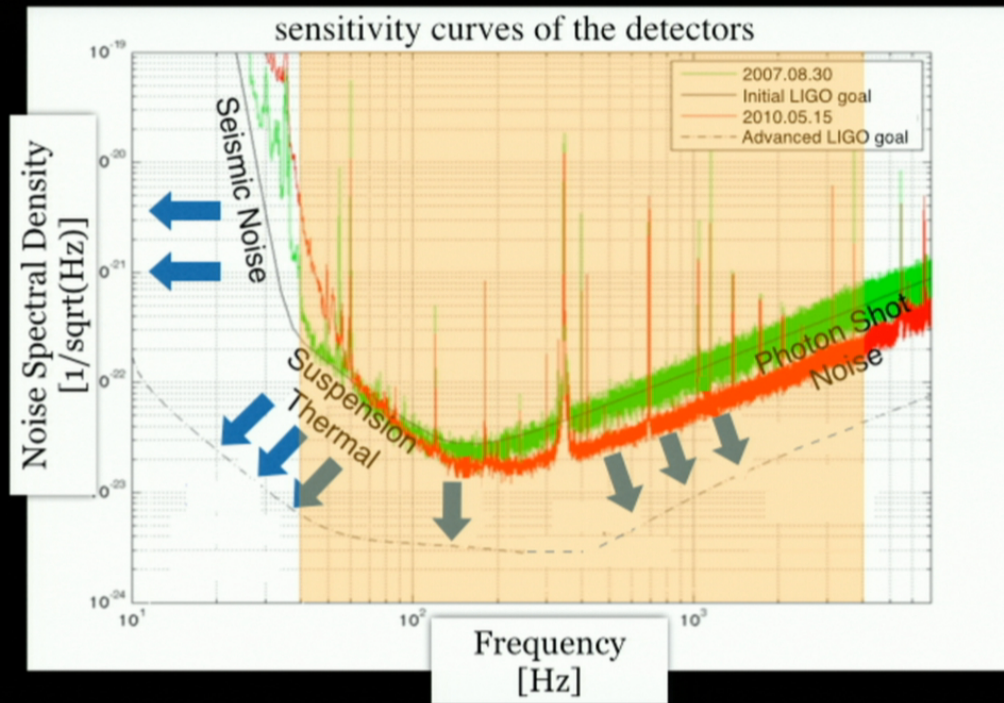


$$\rho^2 \sim \int \frac{\tilde{s}(f)\tilde{h}(f,\vec{\theta})}{S_n(f)} df$$

data      template      params of the system

signal-to-noise ratio (SNR)      detector noise (spectral noise density)

# Initial LIGO



$$\rho^2 \sim \int \frac{\tilde{s}(f)\tilde{h}(f,\vec{\theta})}{S_n(f)} df$$

data

template

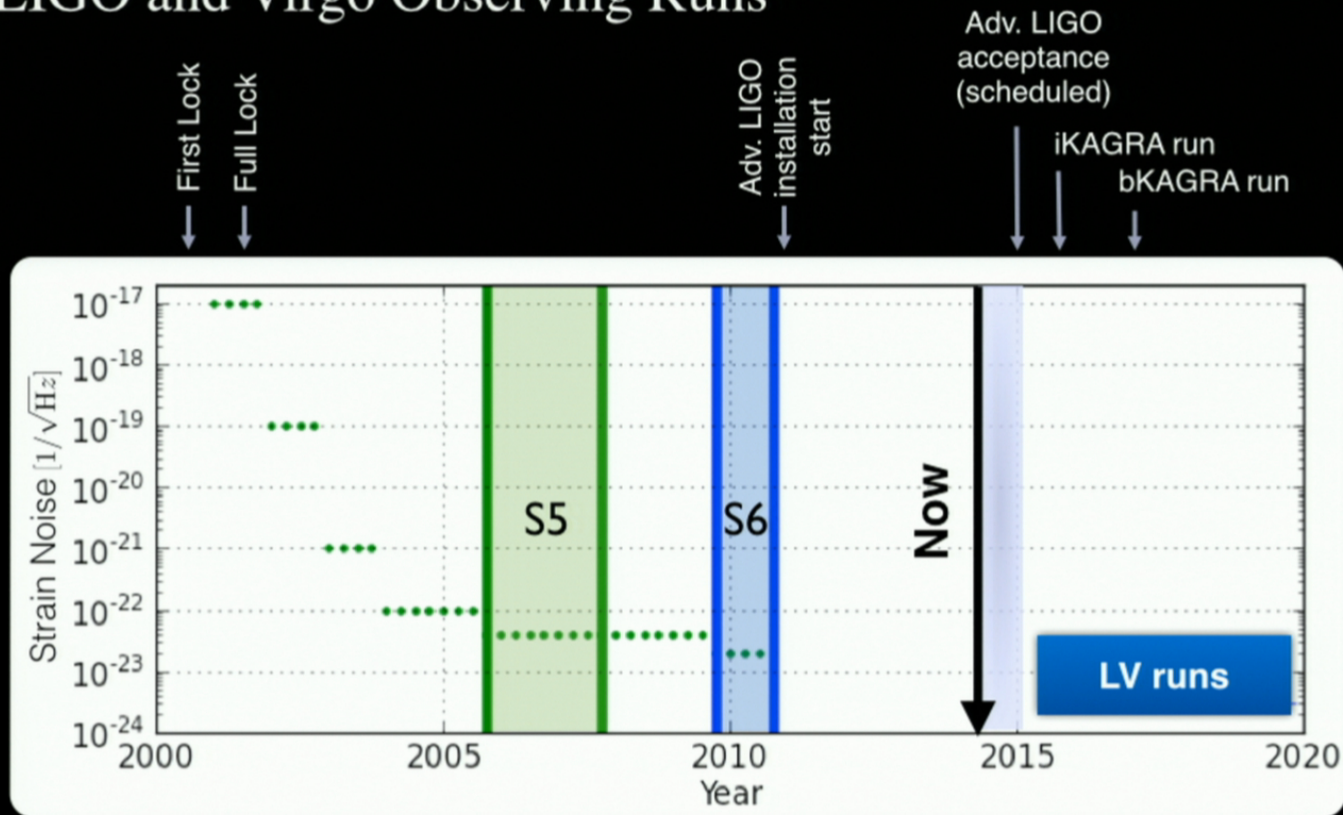
params of the system

signal-to-noise ratio (SNR)

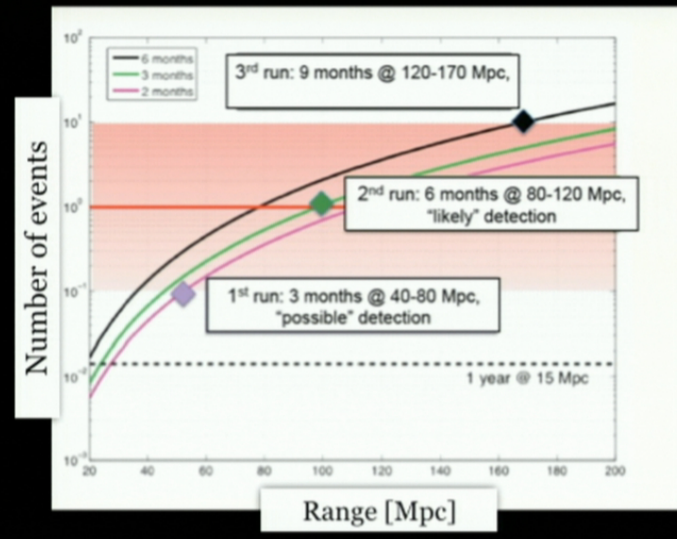
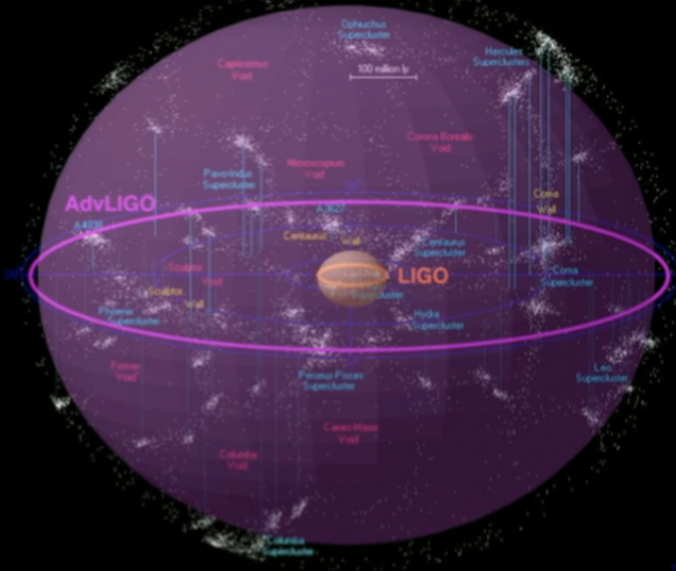
detector noise (spectral noise density)

Detailed description: The equation shows the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) squared, denoted as ρ<sup>2</sup>, is proportional to the integral of the product of the data spectrum (s-tilde(f)) and the template spectrum (h-tilde(f, theta-vec)) divided by the detector noise spectral density (S\_n(f)), all integrated over frequency (df). Arrows point from the labels 'data', 'template', and 'params of the system' to the corresponding terms in the equation. Arrows also point from 'signal-to-noise ratio (SNR)' to ρ<sup>2</sup> and from 'detector noise (spectral noise density)' to S\_n(f).

# LIGO and Virgo Observing Runs



Fifth science run (S5) data and all Fifth and Sixth science runs results can be found in [ligo.org](http://ligo.org)



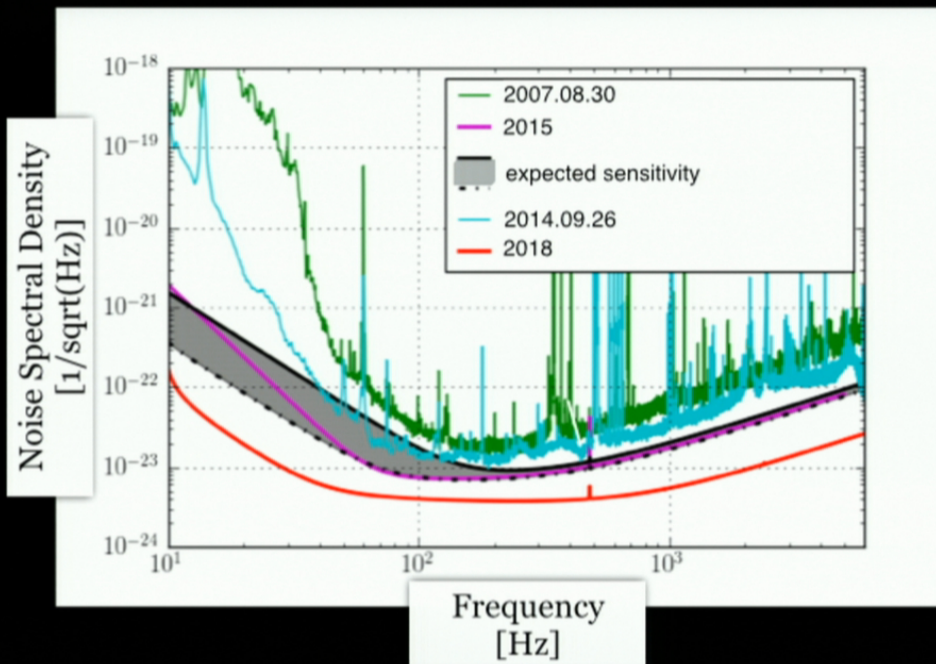
Epoch	Estimated Run Duration	BNS Range (Mpc)		Number of BNS Detections	% BNS Localized within	
		LIGO	Virgo		5 deg <sup>2</sup>	20 deg <sup>2</sup>
2015	3 months	40 – 80	–	0.0004 – 3	–	–
2016–17	6 months	80 – 120	20 – 60	0.006 – 20	2	5 – 12
2017–18	9 months	120 – 170	60 – 85	0.04 – 100	1 – 2	10 – 12
2019+	(per year)	200	65 – 130	0.2 – 200	3 – 8	8 – 28
2022+ (India)	(per year)	200	130	0.4 – 400	17	48

arXiv:1304.0670



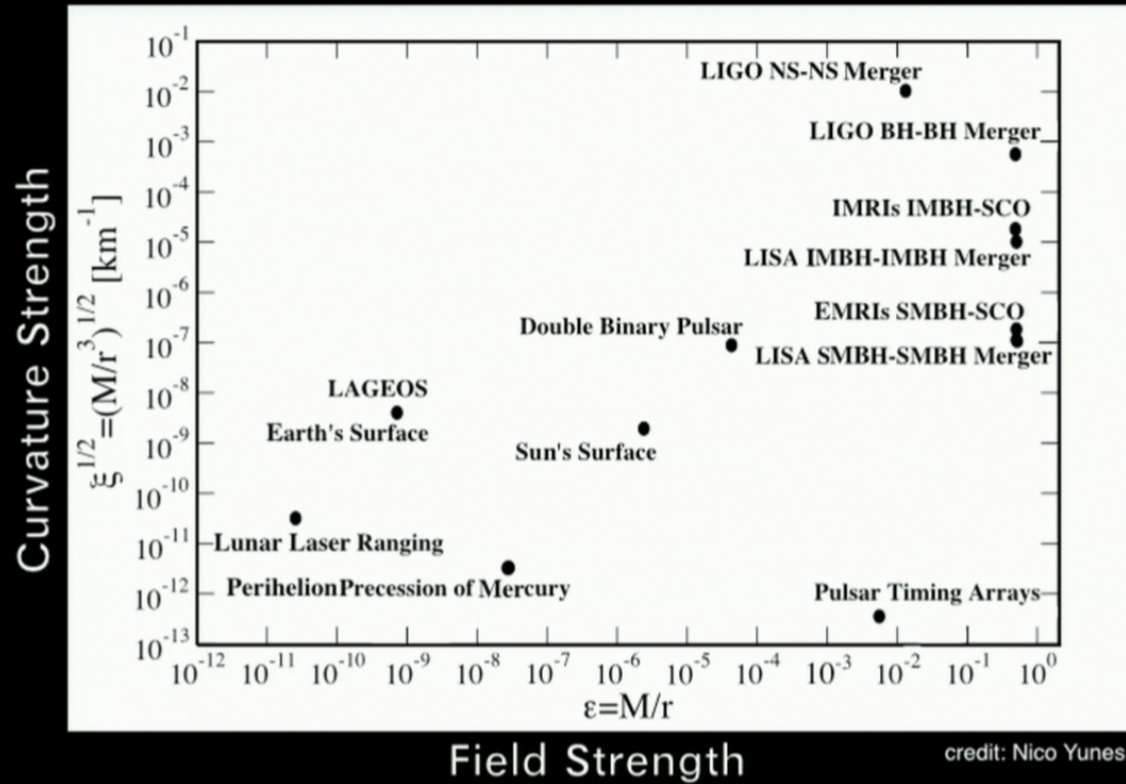
# Recent News

(September 26, 2014)



Preliminary  
Calibration!

<https://alog.ligo-la.caltech.edu/aLOG/index.php?callRep=14821>



Gravitational waves can probe the non-linear, dynamical, strong-field regime.

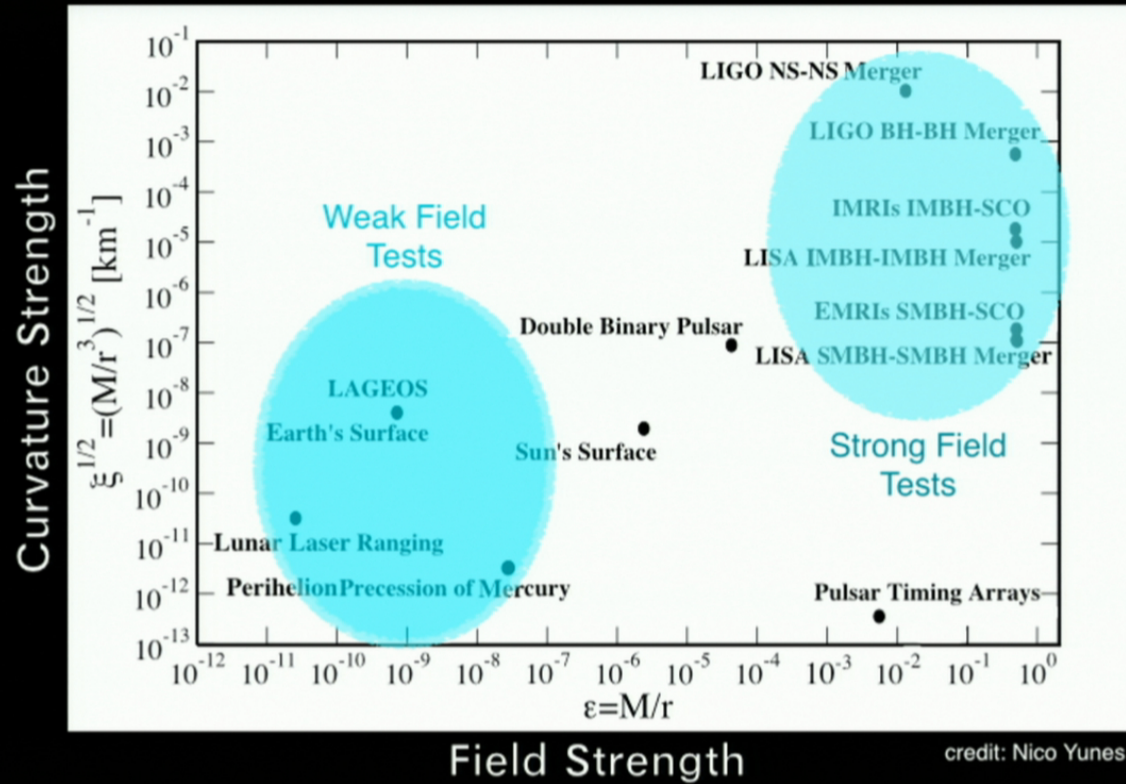
Will, Liv. Rev., 2005, Psaltis, Liv. Rev., 2008, Siemens & Yunes, Liv. Rev. 2013.

13



Laleh Sadeghian, EHT 2014





Gravitational waves can probe the non-linear, dynamical, strong-field regime.

Will, Liv. Rev., 2005, Psaltis, Liv. Rev., 2008, Siemens & Yunes, Liv. Rev. 2013.

13



Laleh Sadeghian, EHT 2014





## Feasible GR tests using Gravitational Wave detection

- Do Gravitational waves travel at the speed of light? Is Graviton massless?
- Do Gravitational waves have only plus and cross polarizations or are there more?
- Does Kerr solution explain the exterior geometry of a BH? (no-hair theorem test)

## Alternative theory zoo

- **Scalar-Tensor theories**

[Will, PRD 50, 1994  
Scharre & Will, PRD 65, 2002  
Will & Yunes, CQG 21, 2004  
Berti, et al. PRD 71, 2005  
Alsing et al. 2011]

$$\tilde{h} = \tilde{h}_{\text{GR}} e^{i\beta_{\text{BD}} \eta^{2/5} f^{-7/3}}$$

inversely related to the BD coupling parameter      GW frequency

- **Massive Graviton theories**

[Will, PRD 57, 1998  
Will & Yunes, CQG 21, 2004  
Stavridis & Will, PRD 80, 2009  
Arun & Will, CQG 26, 2009]

$$\tilde{h} = \tilde{h}_{\text{GR}} e^{i\beta_{\text{MG}} \eta^0 f^{-1}}$$

related to graviton Compton wavelength

- **Gravitational Parity Violation**

[Alexander, Finn & Yunes, PRD 78, 2008  
Yunes, et al, PRD 82, 2010  
Alexander and Yunes, Phys. Rept. 480, 2009]

$$\tilde{h} = \tilde{h}_{\text{GR}} (1 + \alpha_{\text{PV}} \eta^0 f^1)$$

related to CS coupling

- **G(t) theories**

[Yunes, Pretorius, & Spergel, PRD 81, 2010]

$$\tilde{h} = \tilde{h}_{\text{GR}} (1 + \alpha_{\dot{G}} \eta^{3/5} f^{-8/3}) e^{i\beta_{\dot{G}} \eta^{3/5} f^{-13/3}}$$

related to G variability

- **Quadratic Gravity**

[Yunes & Stein, PRD 83, 2011  
Yagi, Stein, Yunes & Tanaka, PRD 87, 2013]

$$\tilde{h} = \tilde{h}_{\text{GR}} e^{i\beta_{\text{QG}} \eta^{-4/5} f^{-1/3}}$$

related to theory couplings

- **Lorentz-Violating GW propagation**

[Mirshekari, Yunes & Will, PRD 85, 2012]

$$\tilde{h} = \tilde{h}_{\text{GR}} e^{i\beta_{\text{LV}} \eta^0 f^{\alpha-1}}$$

related to degree of Lorentz violation

- **Shielded theories**

[Damour & Esposito-Farese, Barausse, et al (spontaneous scalarization)  
Alsing, et al + Berti, et al (massive scalar)]

$$\tilde{h} = \tilde{h}_{\text{GR}} e^{i\zeta \Theta (f - m_s) \eta^{b_1} f^{b_2}}$$

scalar mass

credit: Nico Yunes

15



Laleh Sadeghian, EHT 2014



## In Summary:

- First generation of gravitational wave detectors have been built and operated in 2005-2010.
- Numerous gravitational wave searches performed. No detections, but we have demonstrated ability to detect.
- Advanced detectors will be online next year and will achieve 10x initial detectors sensitivity few years afterwards
- Gravitational waves observation of compact binary inspirals will allow us to constrain deviations from GR.
- Gravitational wave and multi-messenger astronomy are coming soon.