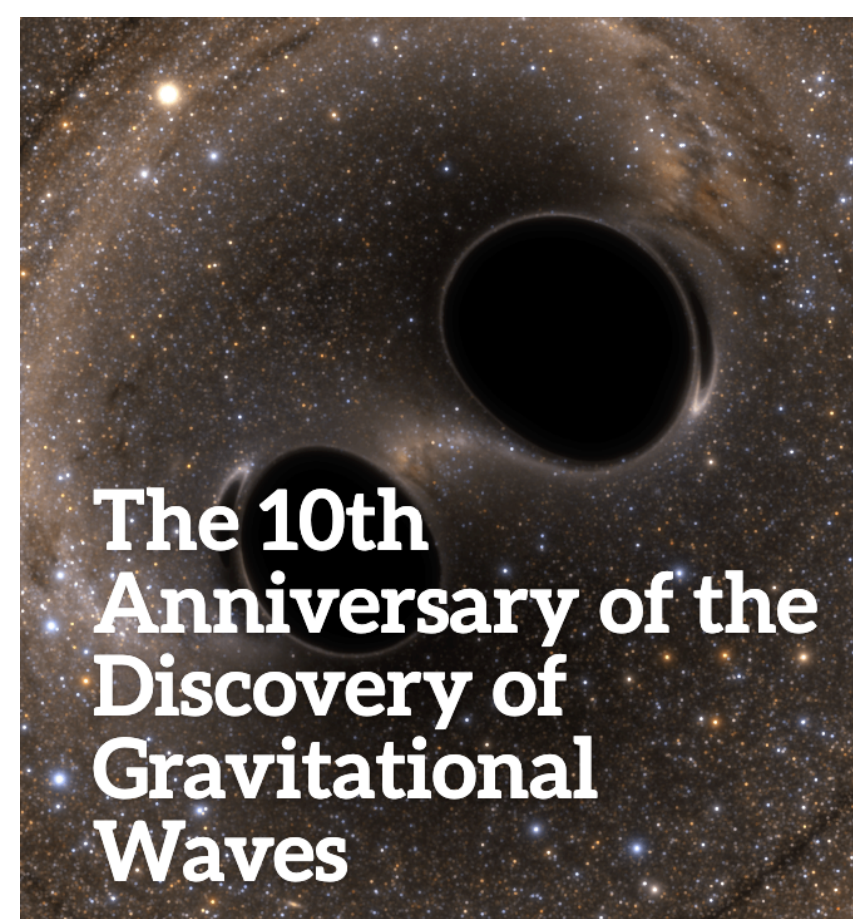


The Einstein Telescope Project

M. Martínez



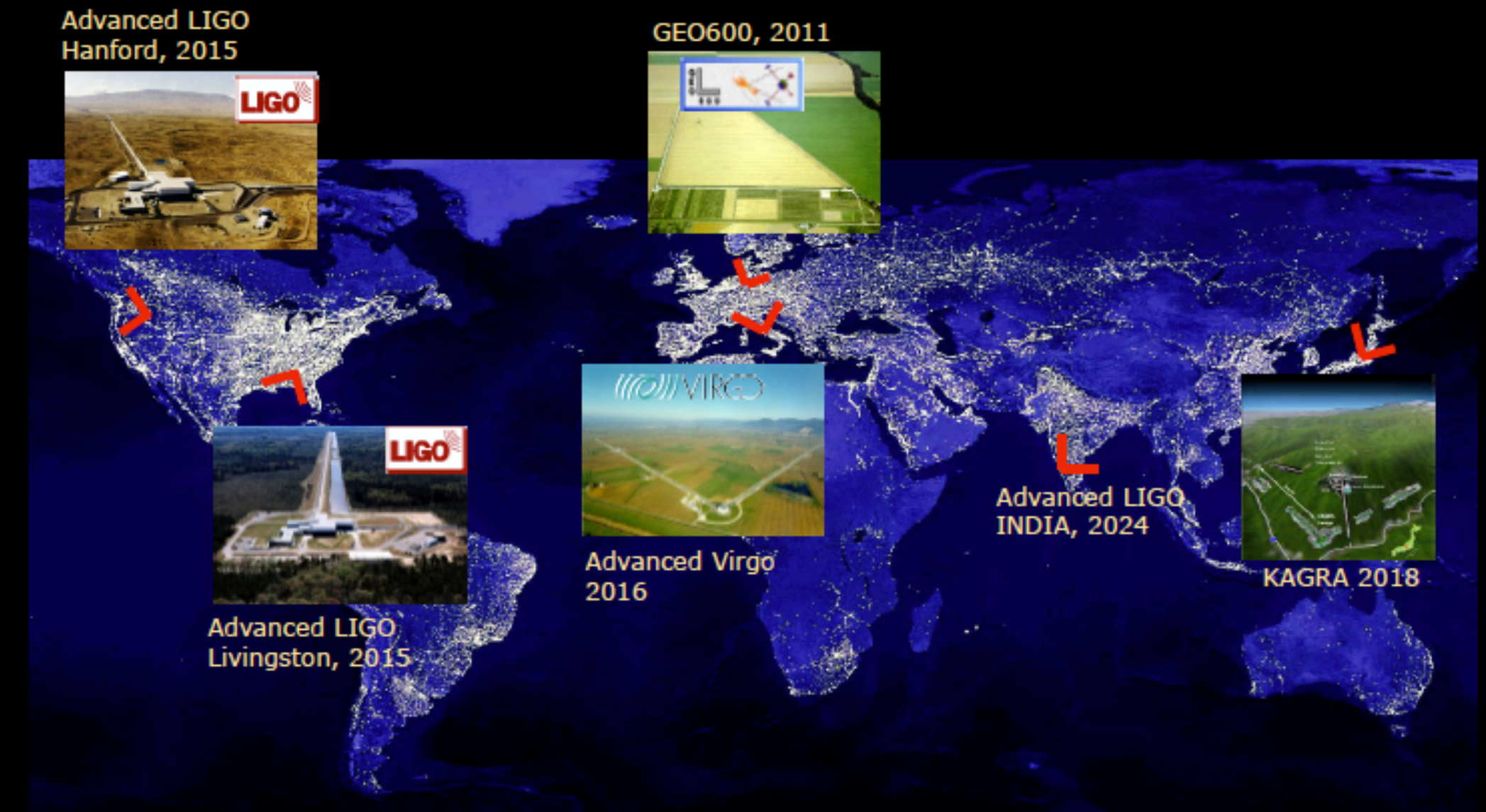
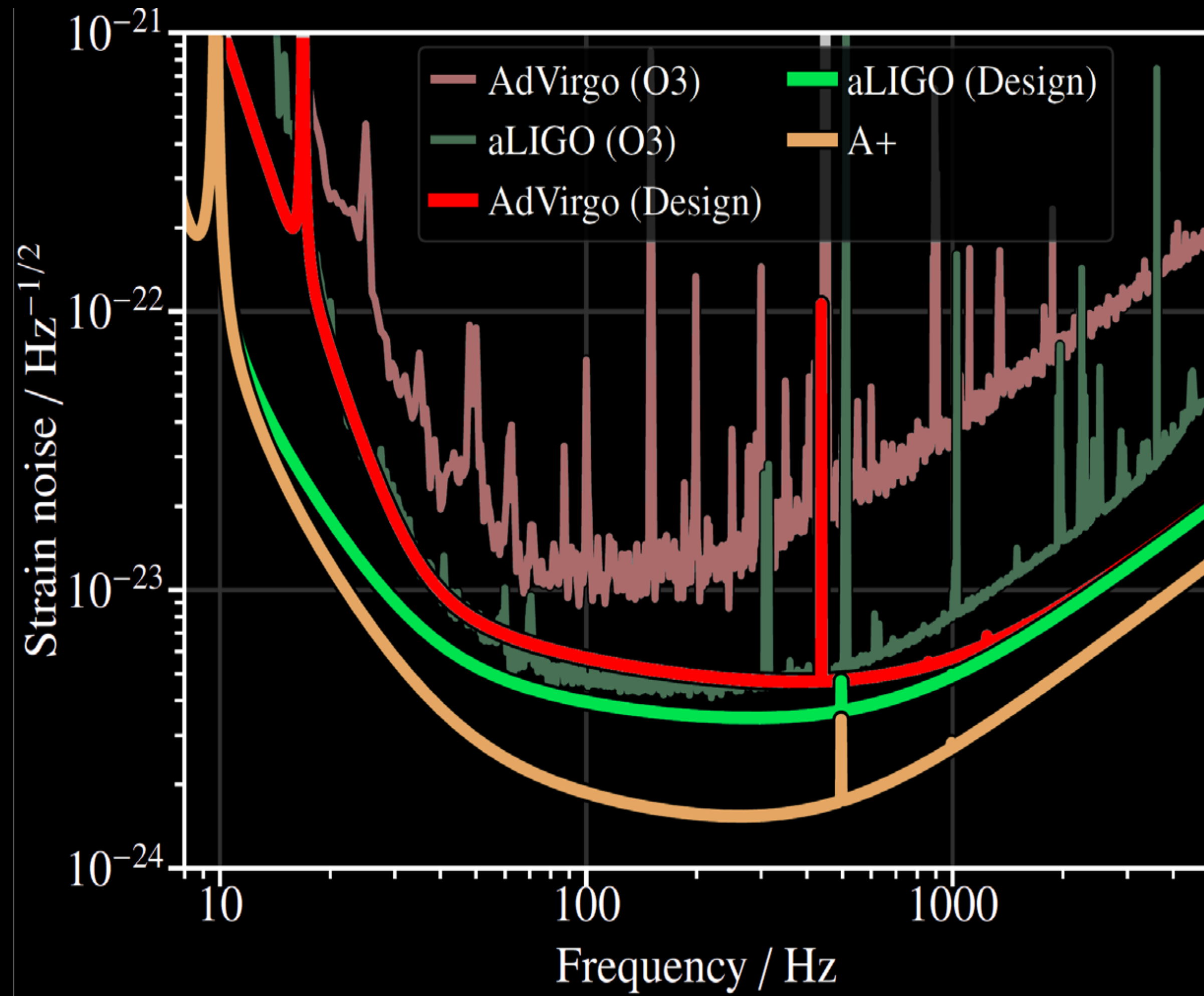
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Outline

- Prospects from LVK & future upgrades
- The Einstein Telescope
 - Physics Potential
 - ET Design & Discussions on Geometries
 - R&D for required technologies
 - TimeLines, Locations and Cost
 - Organisation and Political Support
 - Preparatory Phase & work with CERN
 - ET-Spain
- Final notes

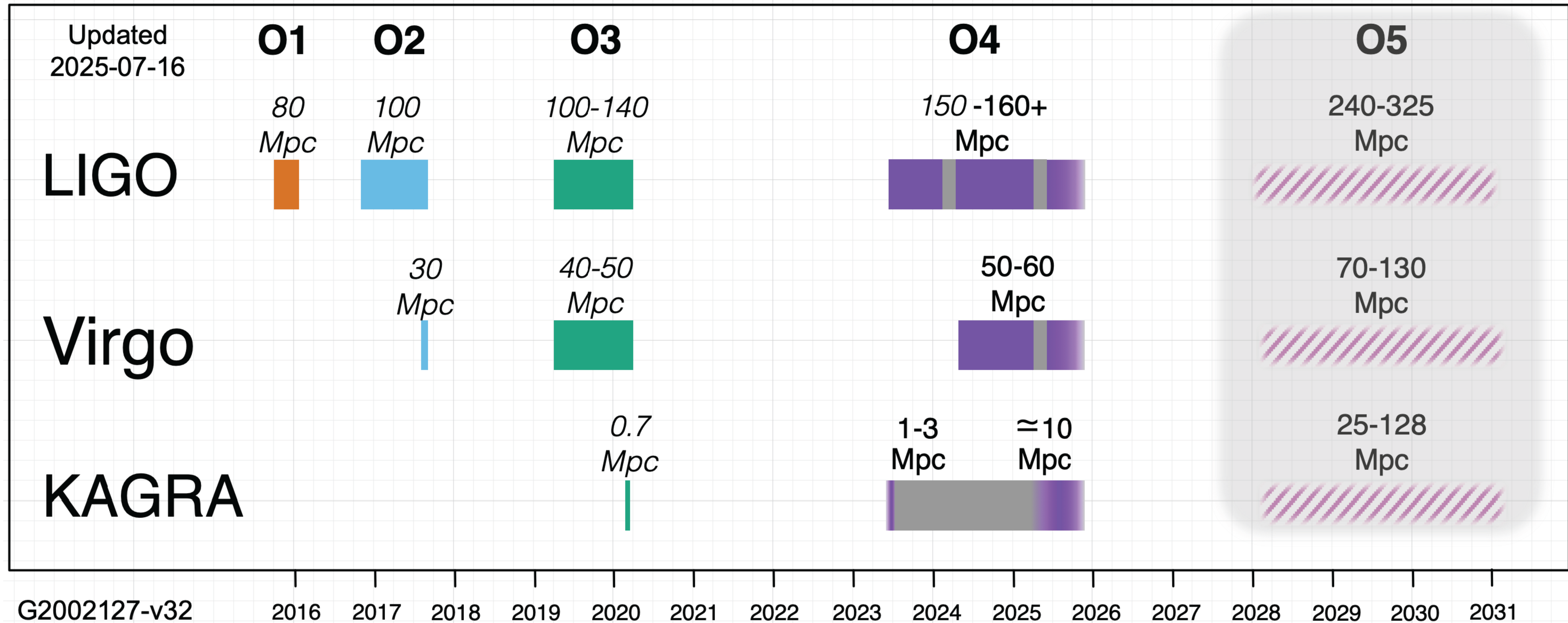


LVK sensitivity



In the next 6 -10 years the current interferometers will reach their design sensitivity...

LVK Master Schedule



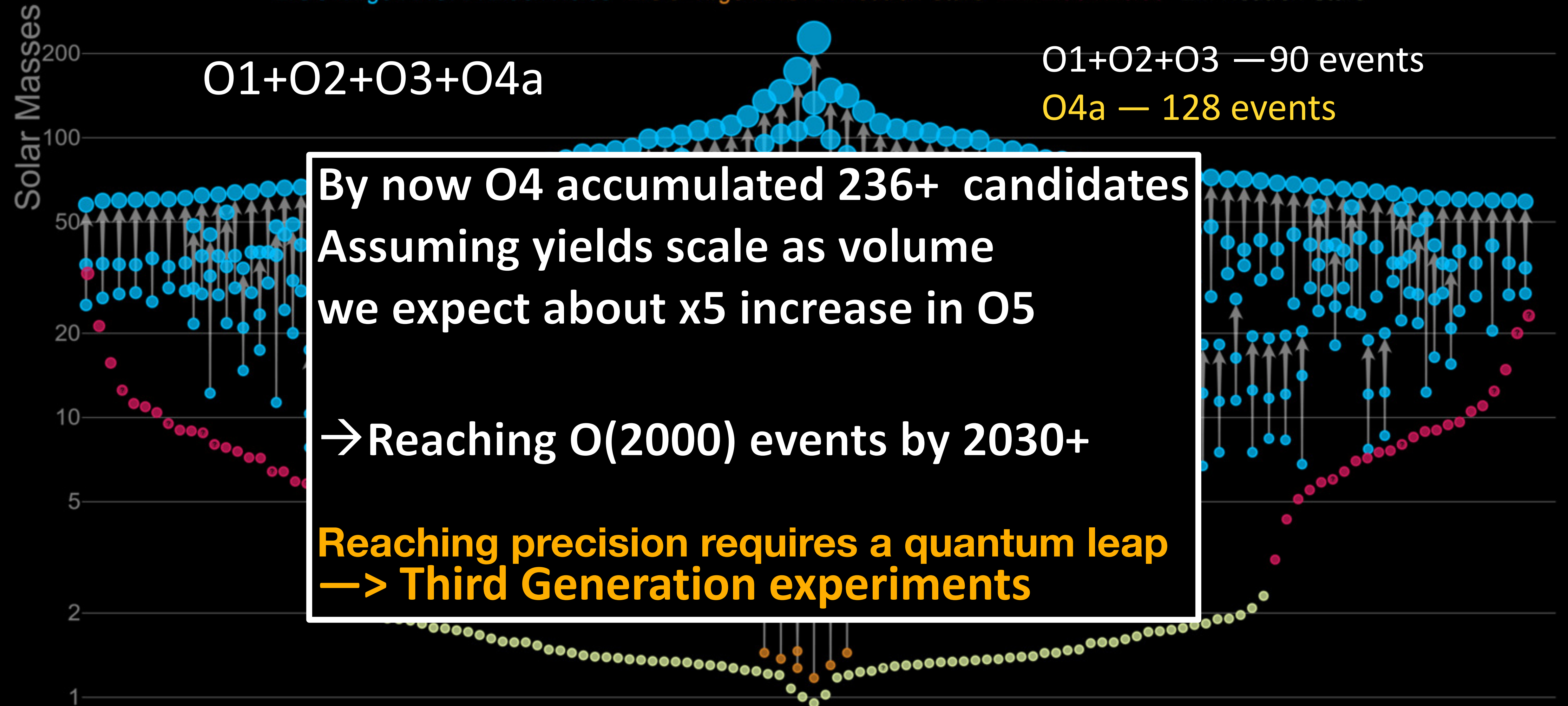
At present LVK program extends all the way to 2030+

—> Schedule now under revision due to uncertainties on LIGO NSF budget —> extended O4 ?

—> Would translate into a later O5 realisation — [my view]

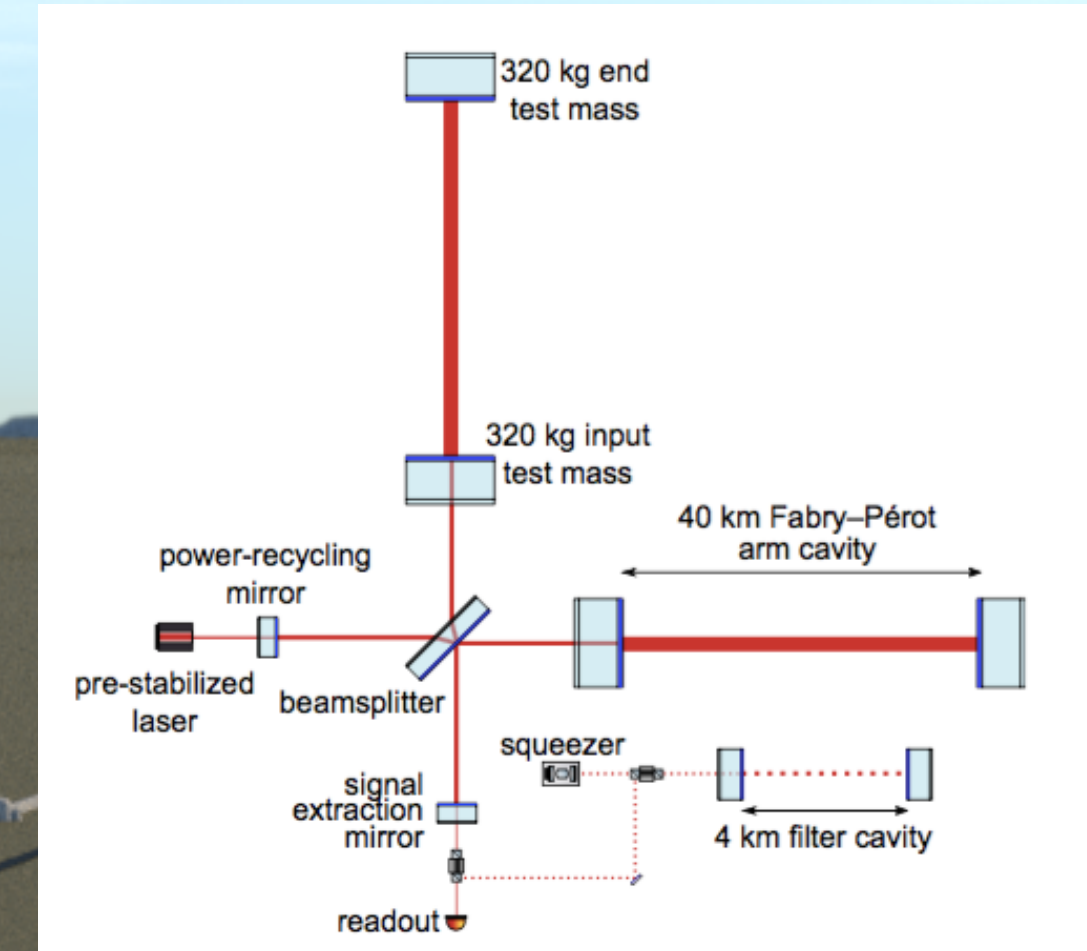
Masses in the Stellar Graveyard

LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA Black Holes *LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA Neutron Stars* *EM Black Holes* *EM Neutron Stars*



COSMIC EXPLORER

\$1.6B (first estimation)



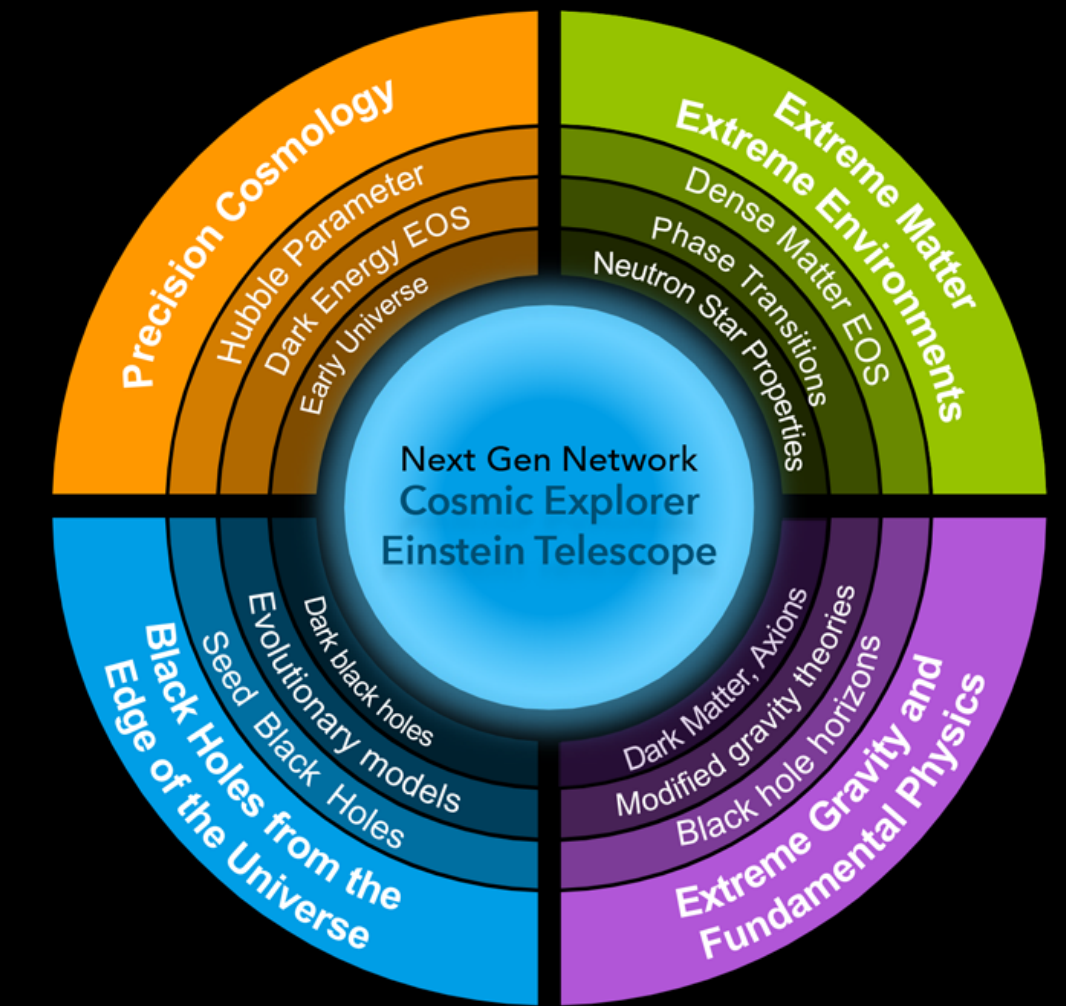
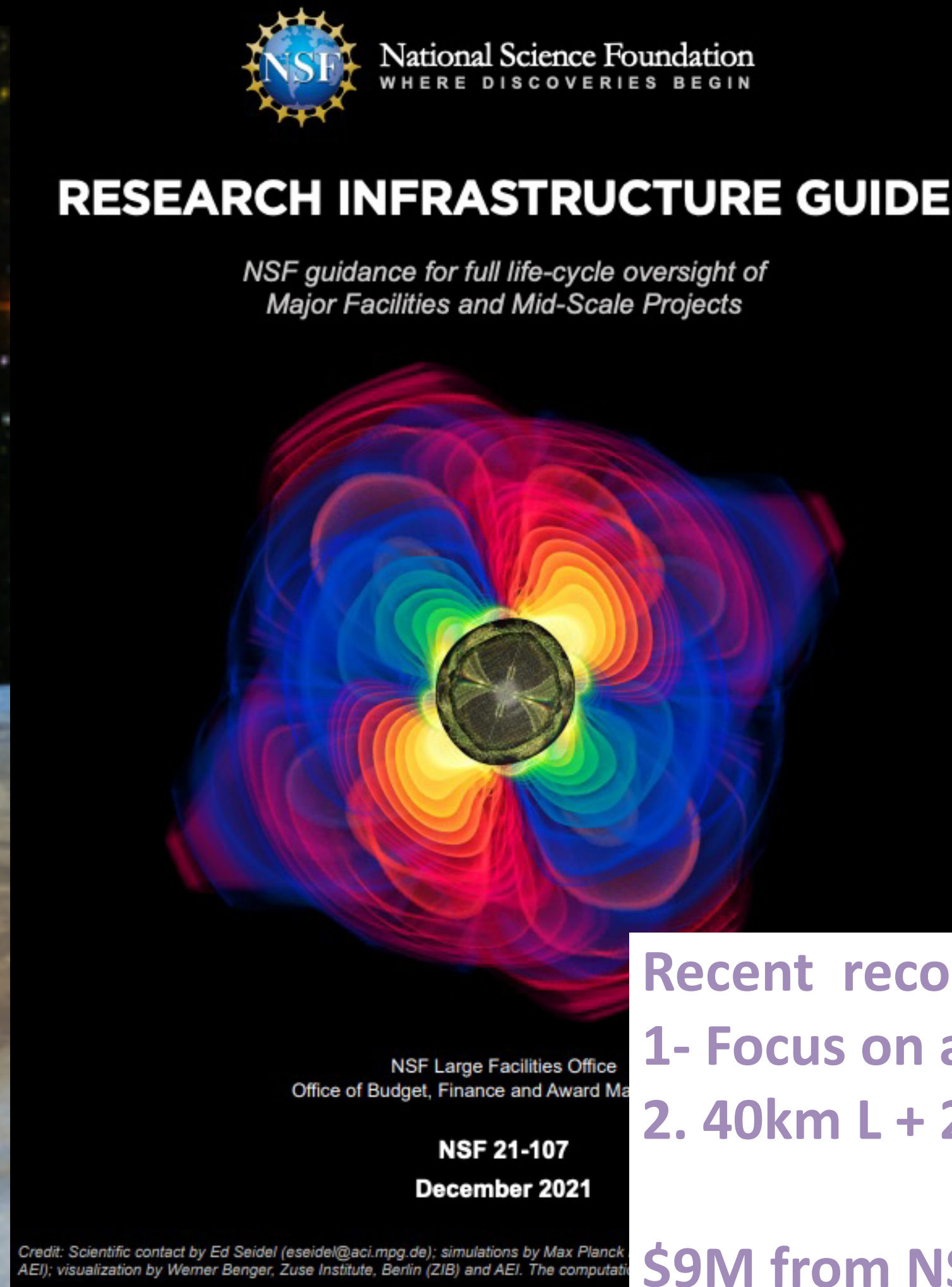
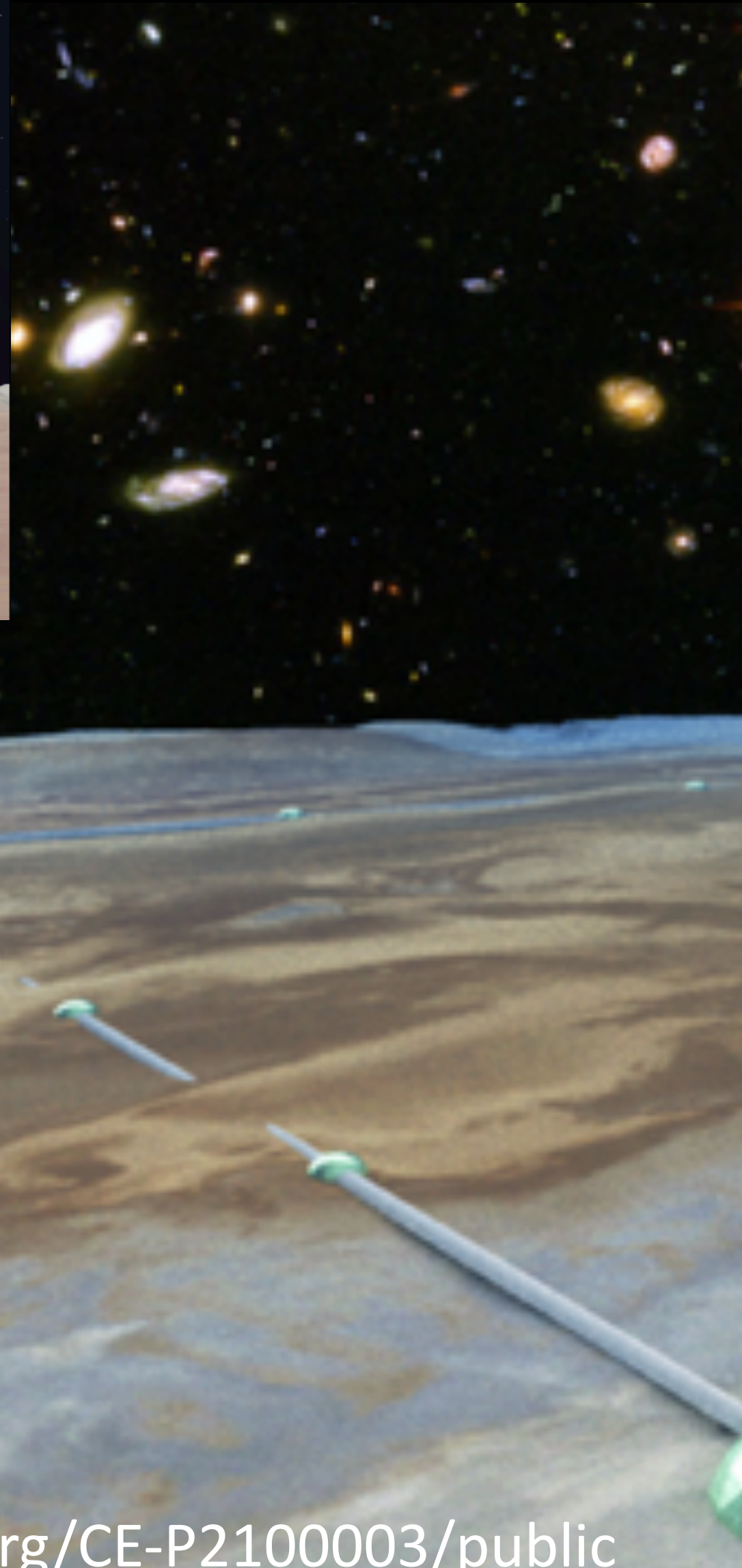
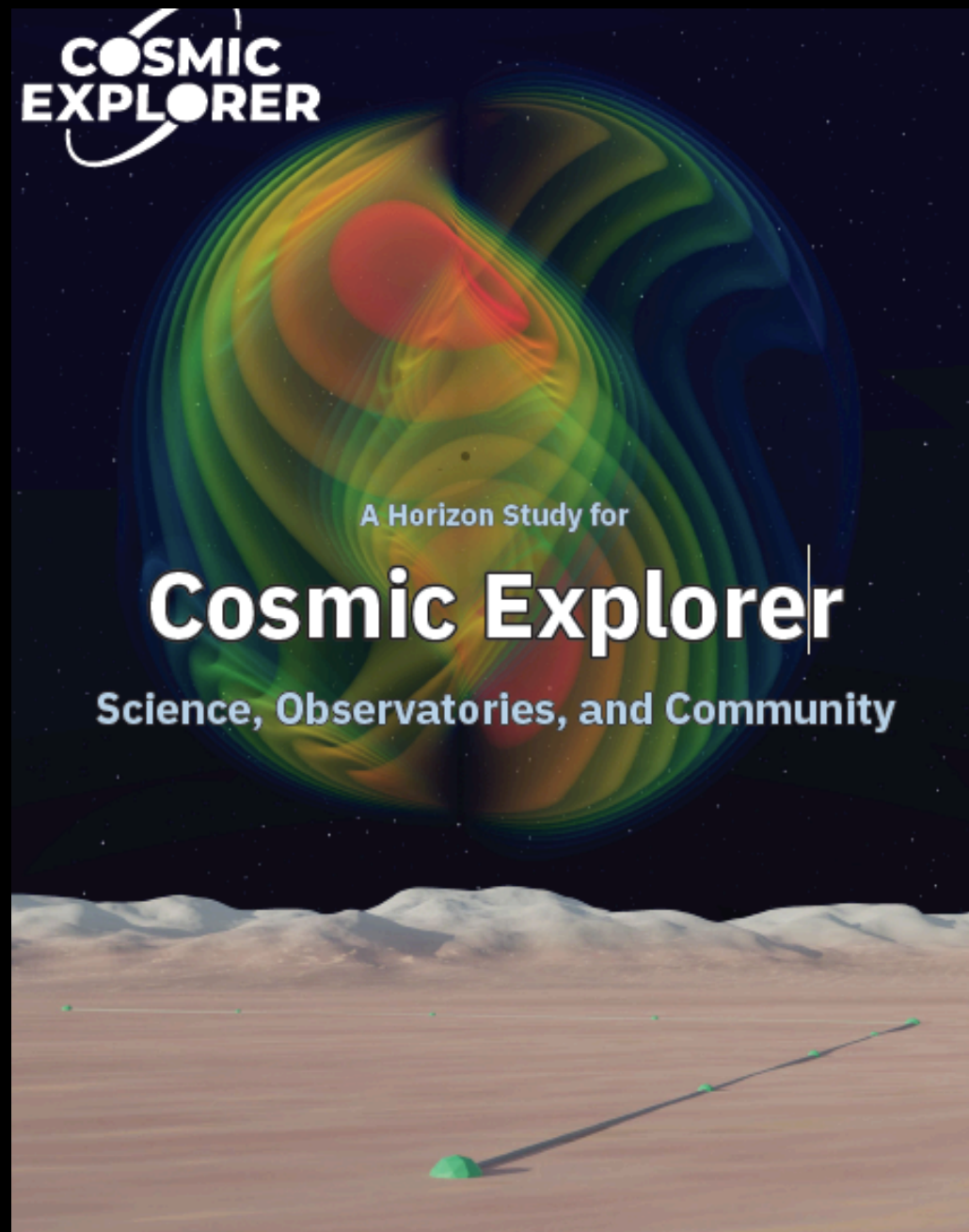
Two widely separated, L-shaped surface facilities in the US:

- A 40 km detector optimized for deep, broadband sensitivity
- A 20 km detector tuned to neutron-star post-merger signals

Two facilities improve localization and polarization information

Cosmic Explorer will extend LIGO A+ technology (**room-temp silica, 1 μm laser**), with Voyager technology (**123 K silicon, 2 μm laser**) as a secondary option

Cosmic Explorer (USA)



Recent recommendations

- 1- Focus on a 40km long L + ET
2. 40km L + 20km L in case ET is not realised

\$9M from NSF for preliminary studies

As in LIGO, support from NSF very unclear

The Einstein Telescope

First CDR in 2010 - 2011

(Baseline and Physics Case)

10 km

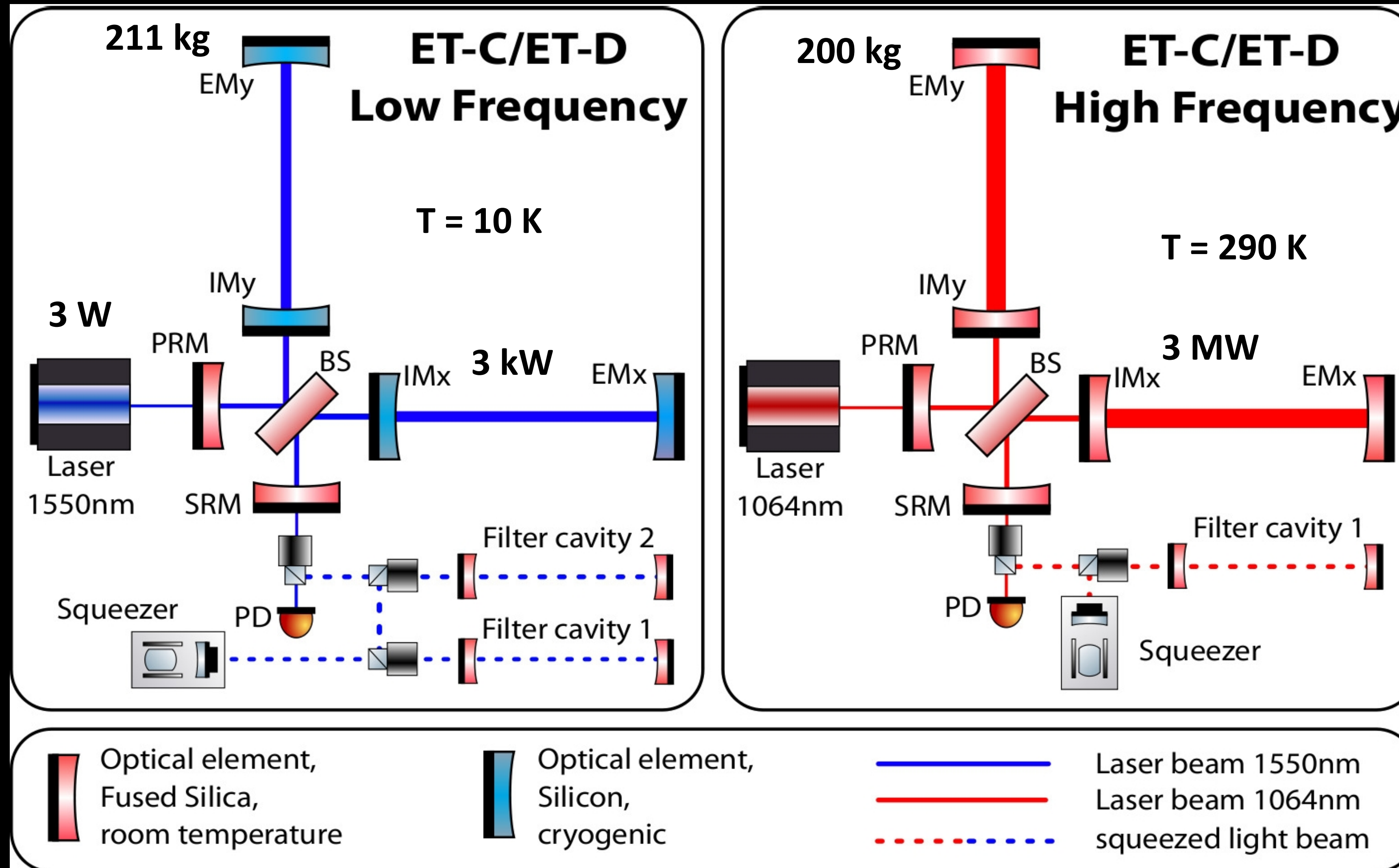
200 m

Design Report
Update 2020

for the Einstein Telescope

ET Steering Committee Editorial Team
released September 2020

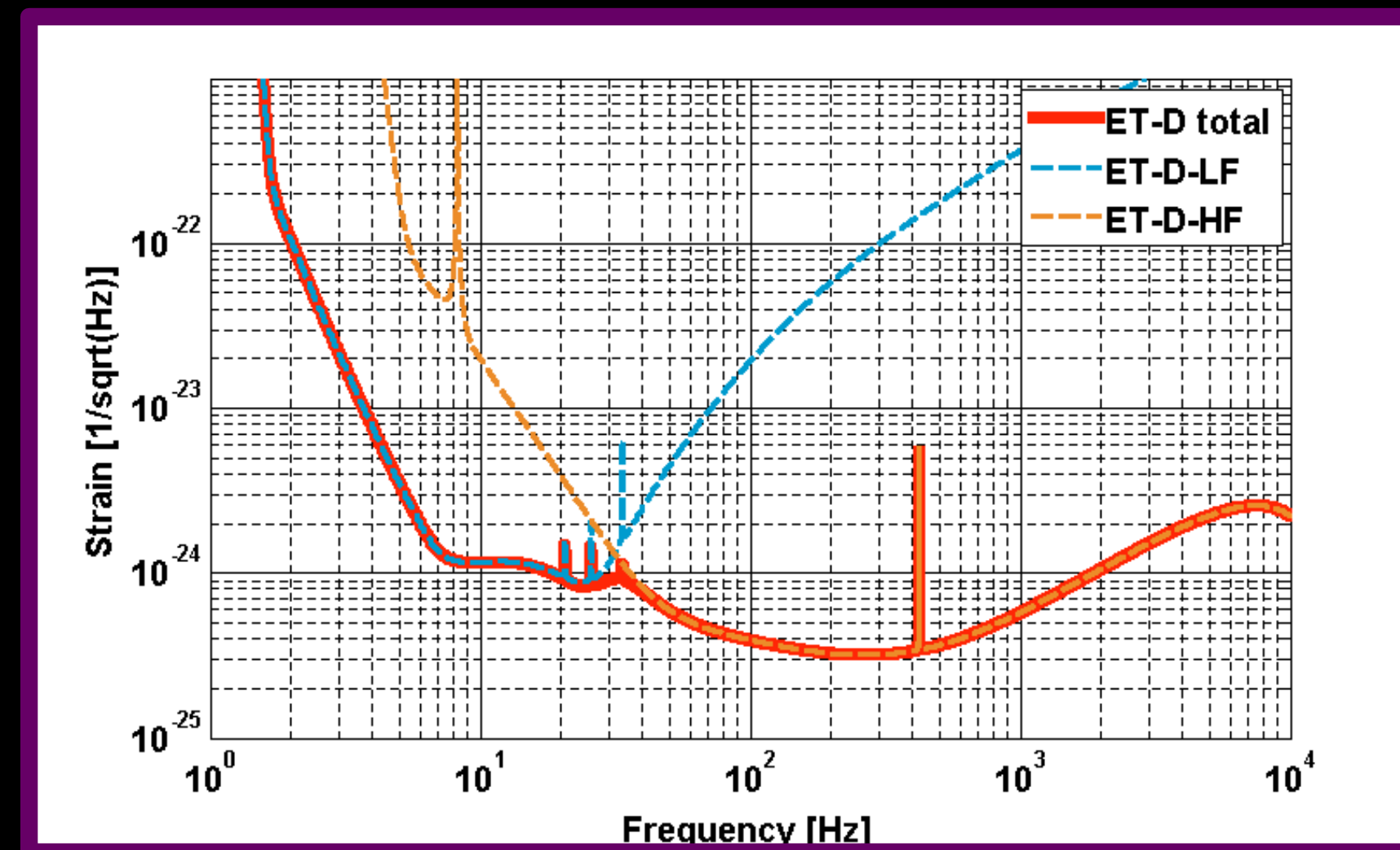
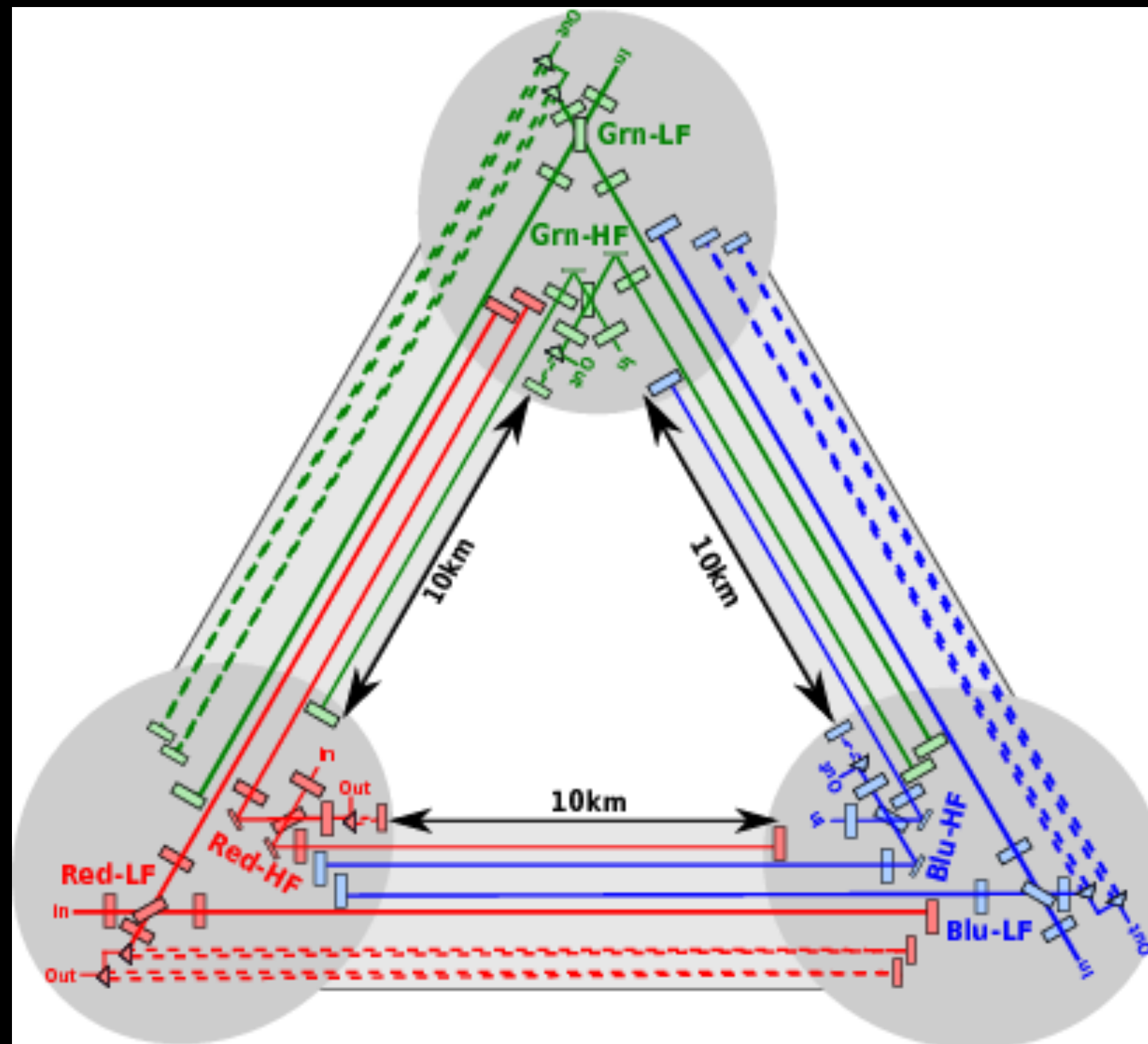
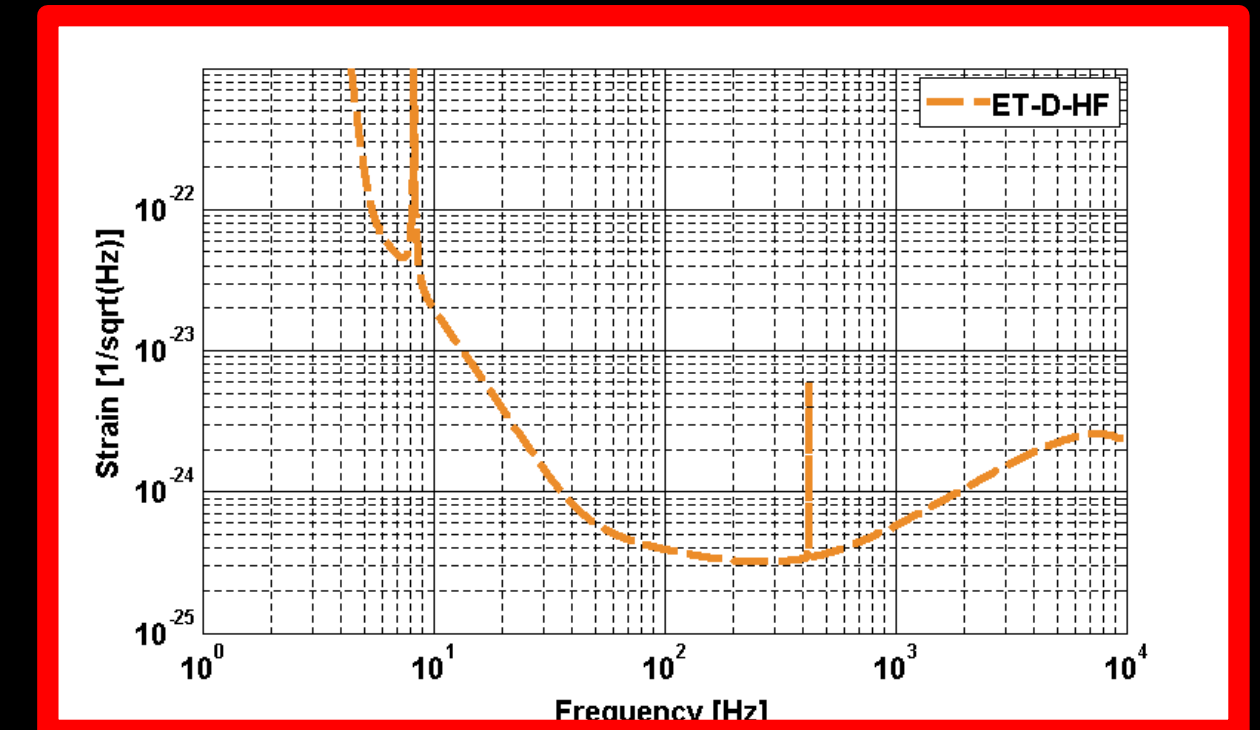
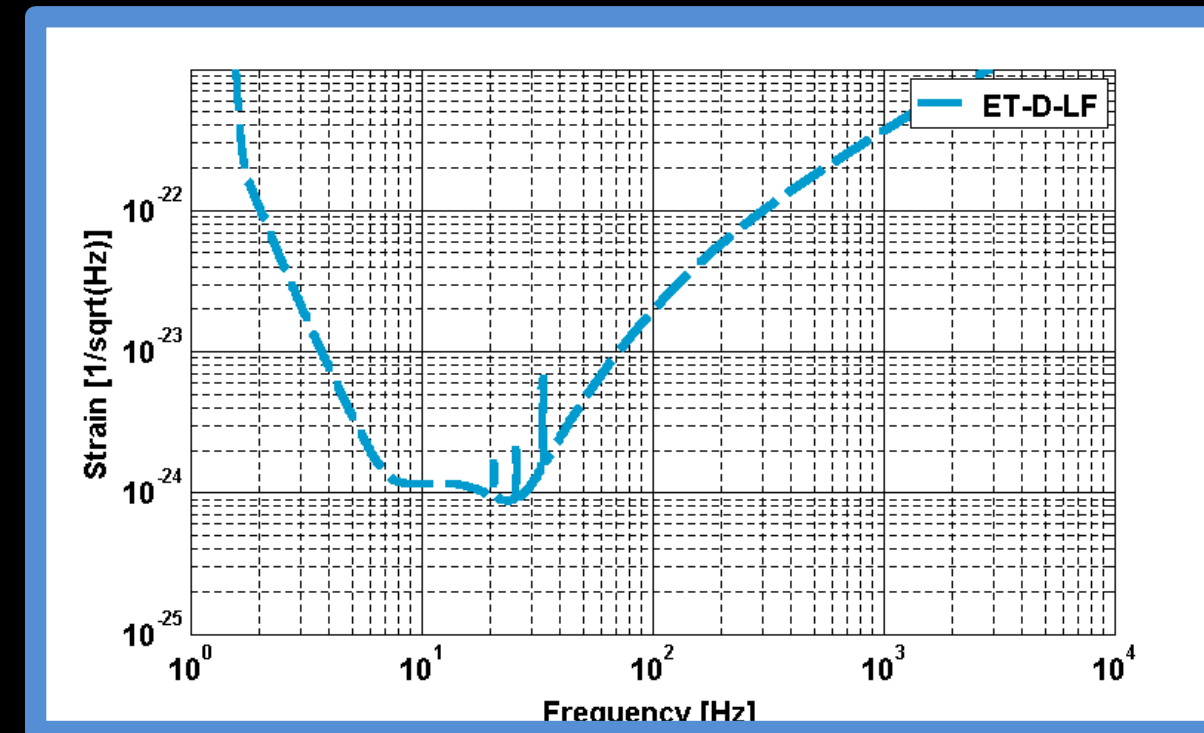
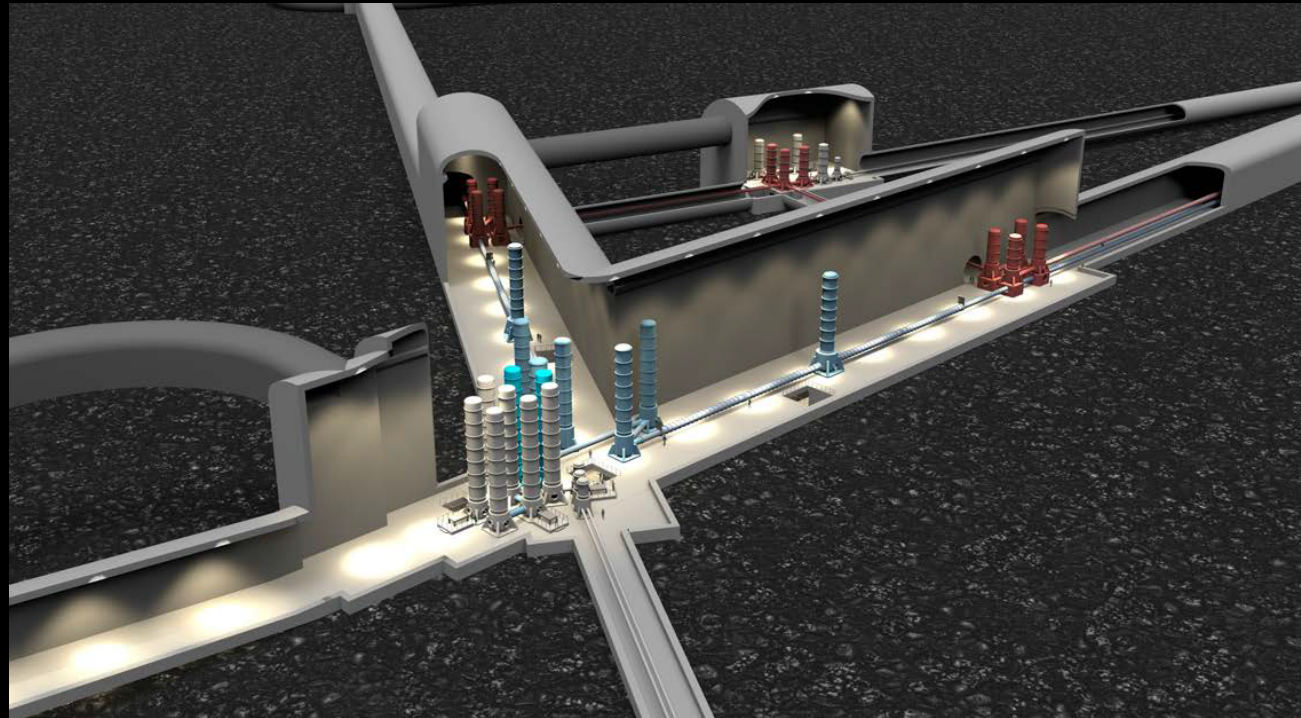
2nd Gen → ET



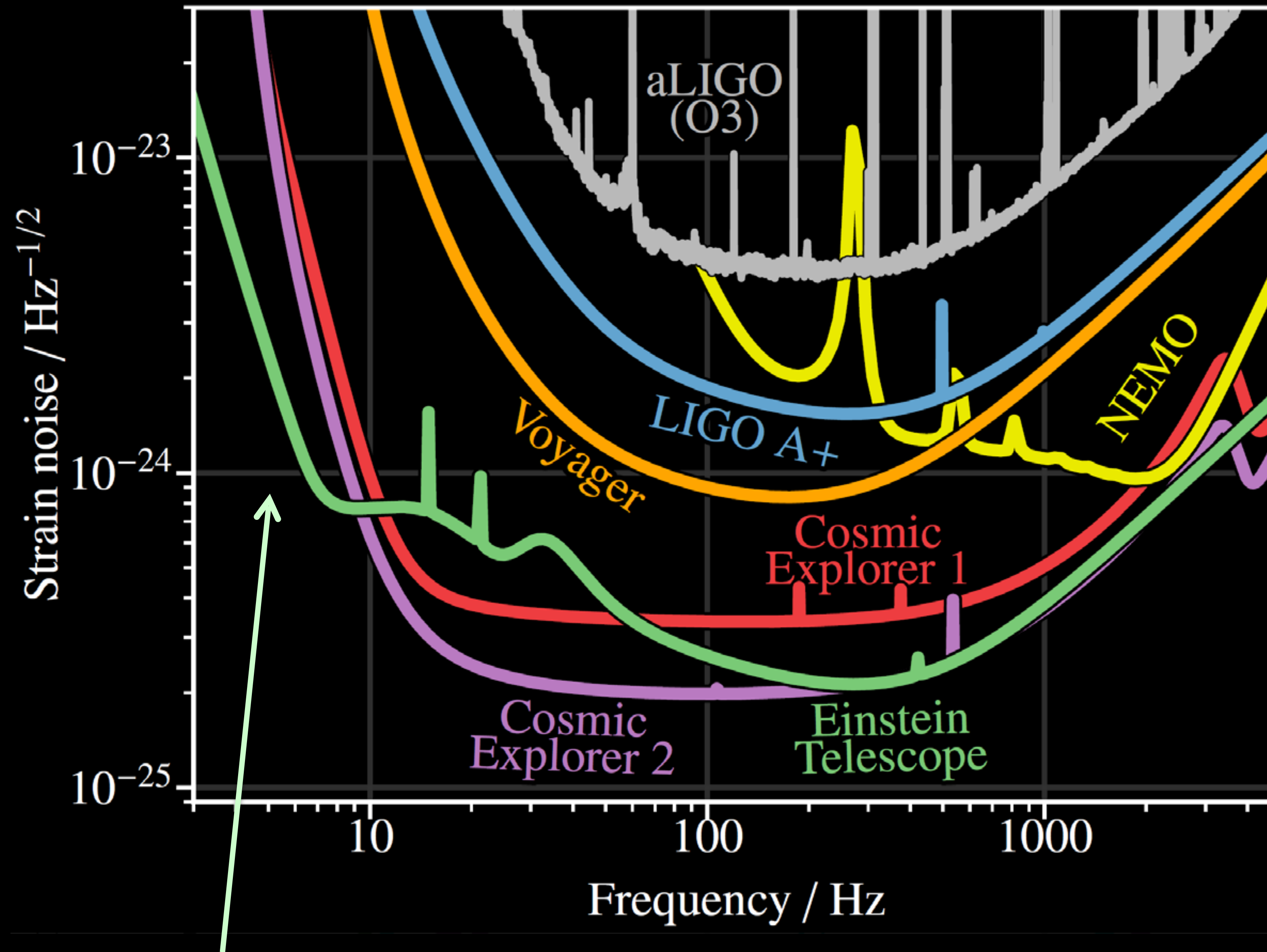
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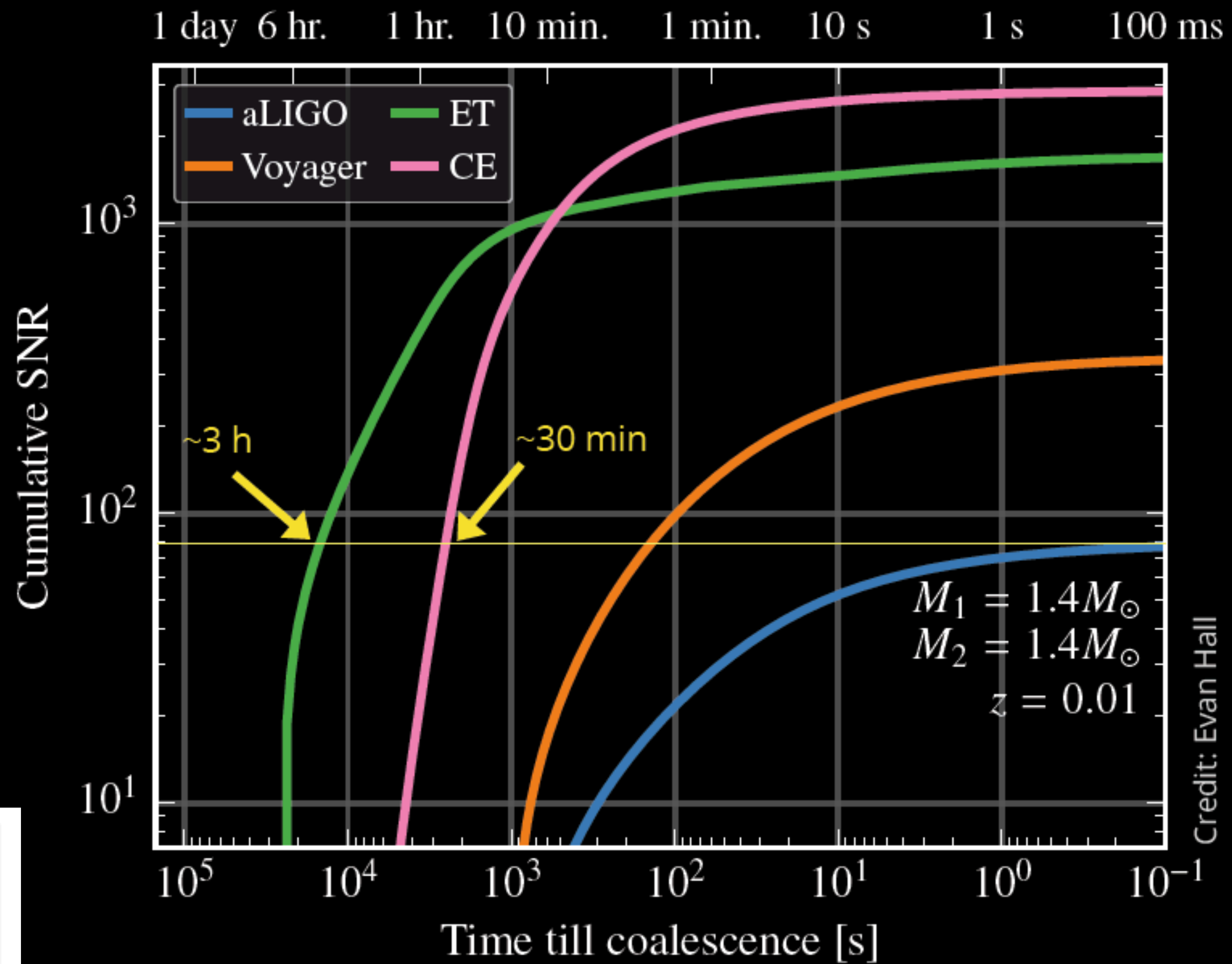
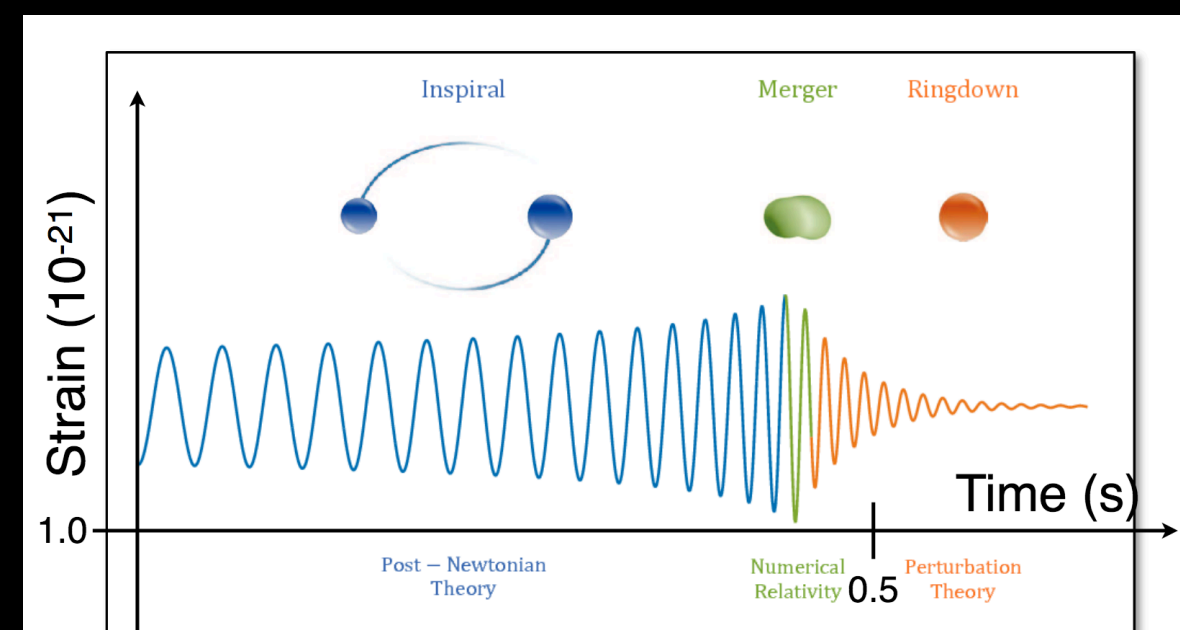
Einstein Telescope (6 in 1) Xylophone



Each interferometer decoupled into 2 devices independent for the best sensitivity to low and high frequency



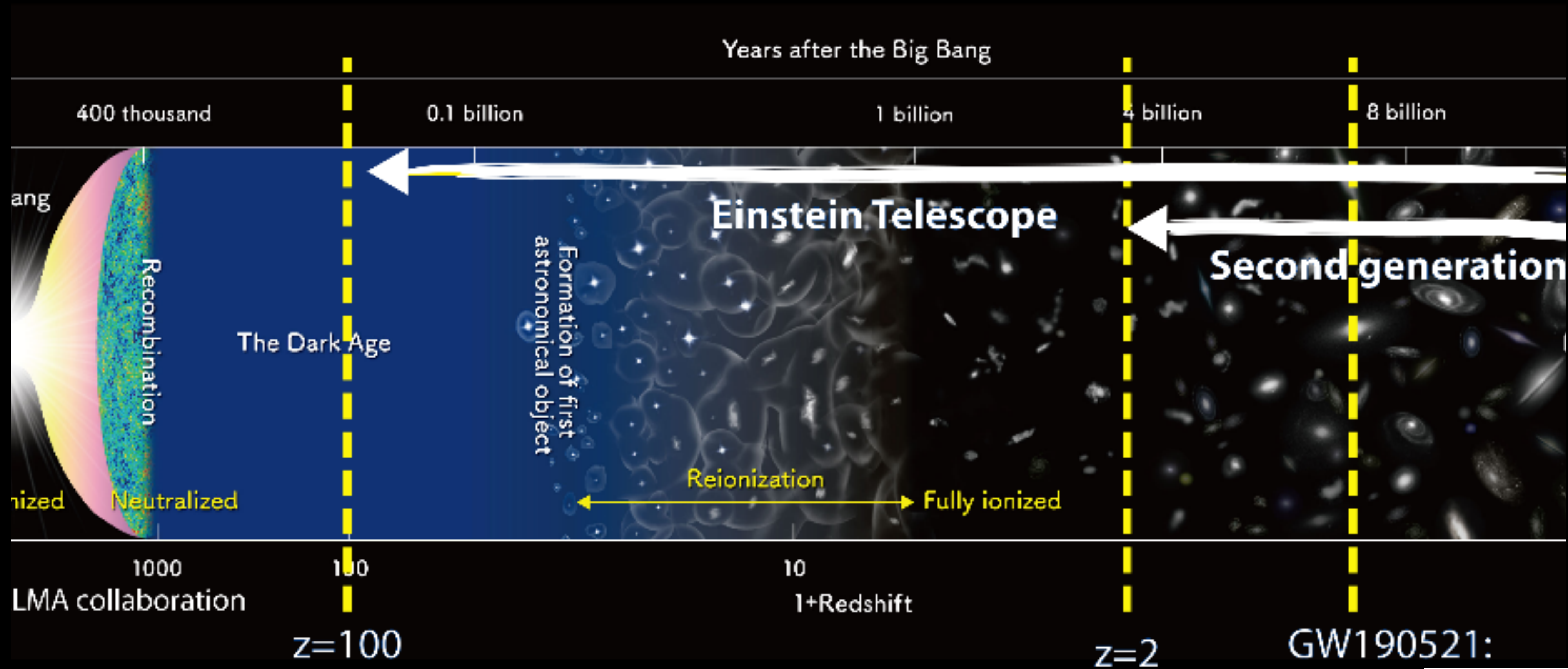
About one order of magnitude improvement w.r.t current detectors
 and an extended sensitivity to low frequencies (...many orders of magnitude) → requires R&D



Credit: Evan Hall

The sensitivity at low frequencies allows for an early detection
 → Very relevant for precise GR tests and facilitates the EM follow-ups.

Detection horizon for black-hole binaries



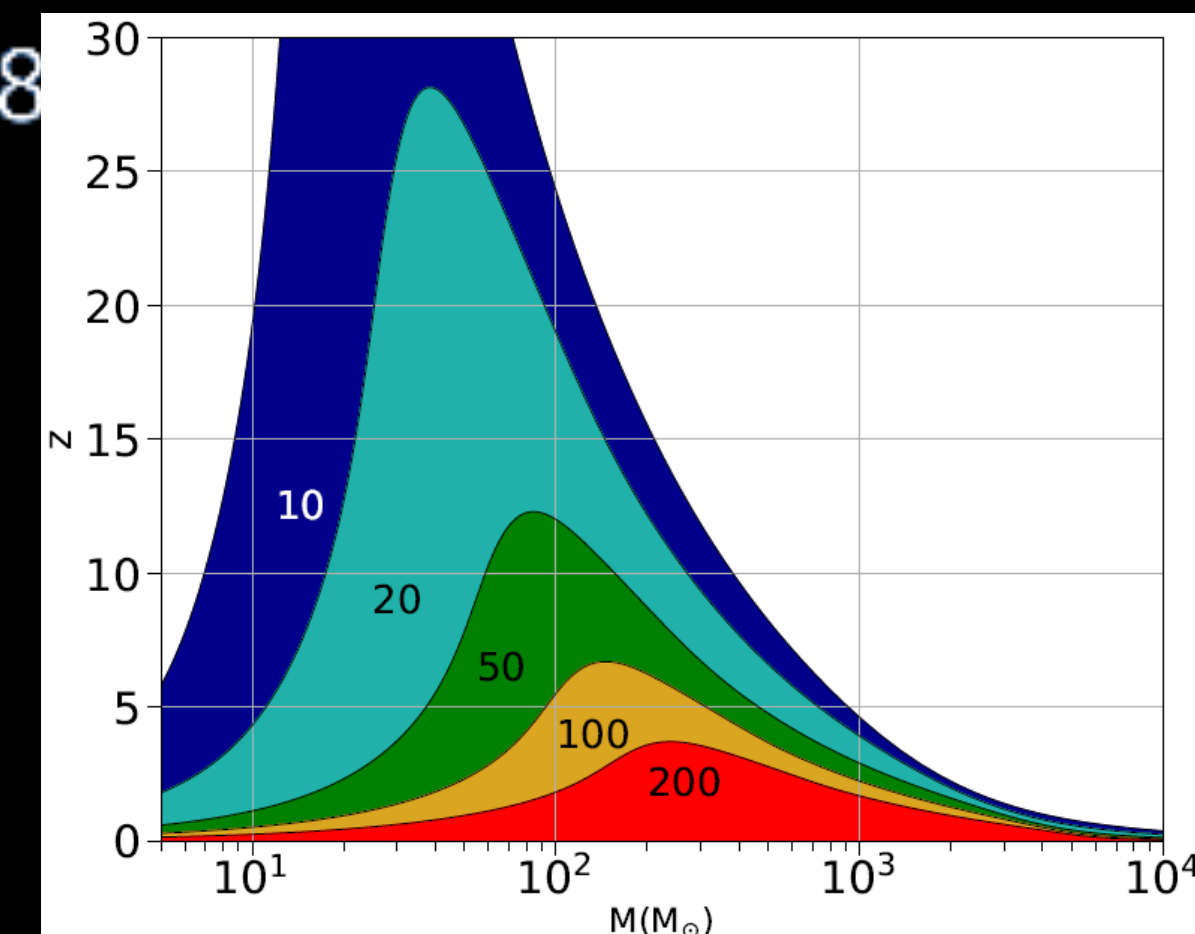
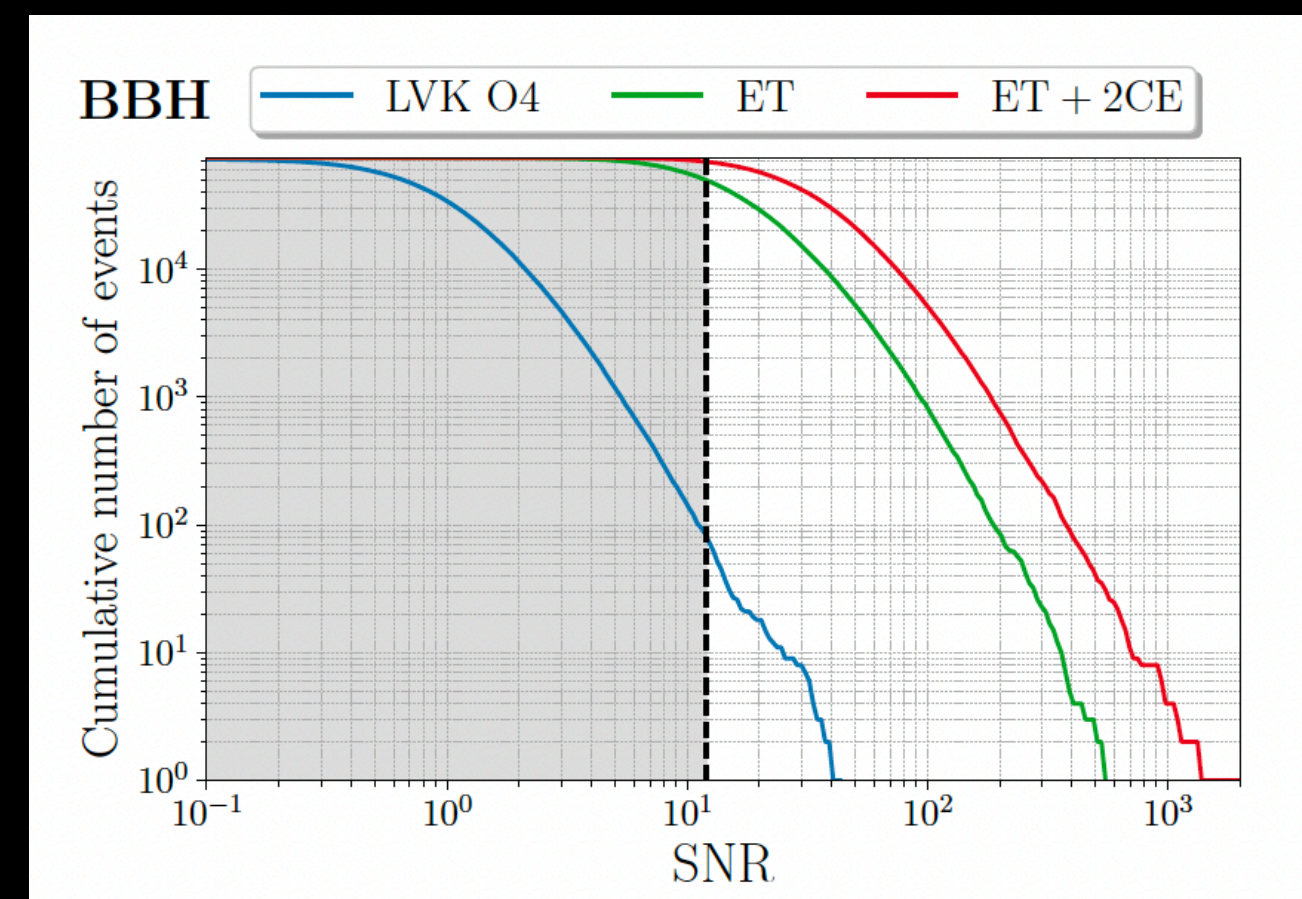
Huge rate of detections (about 1 per minute)

Extended redshift coverage up to the Dark Age

- Test for primordial BH origin
- Cosmology & Cosmography

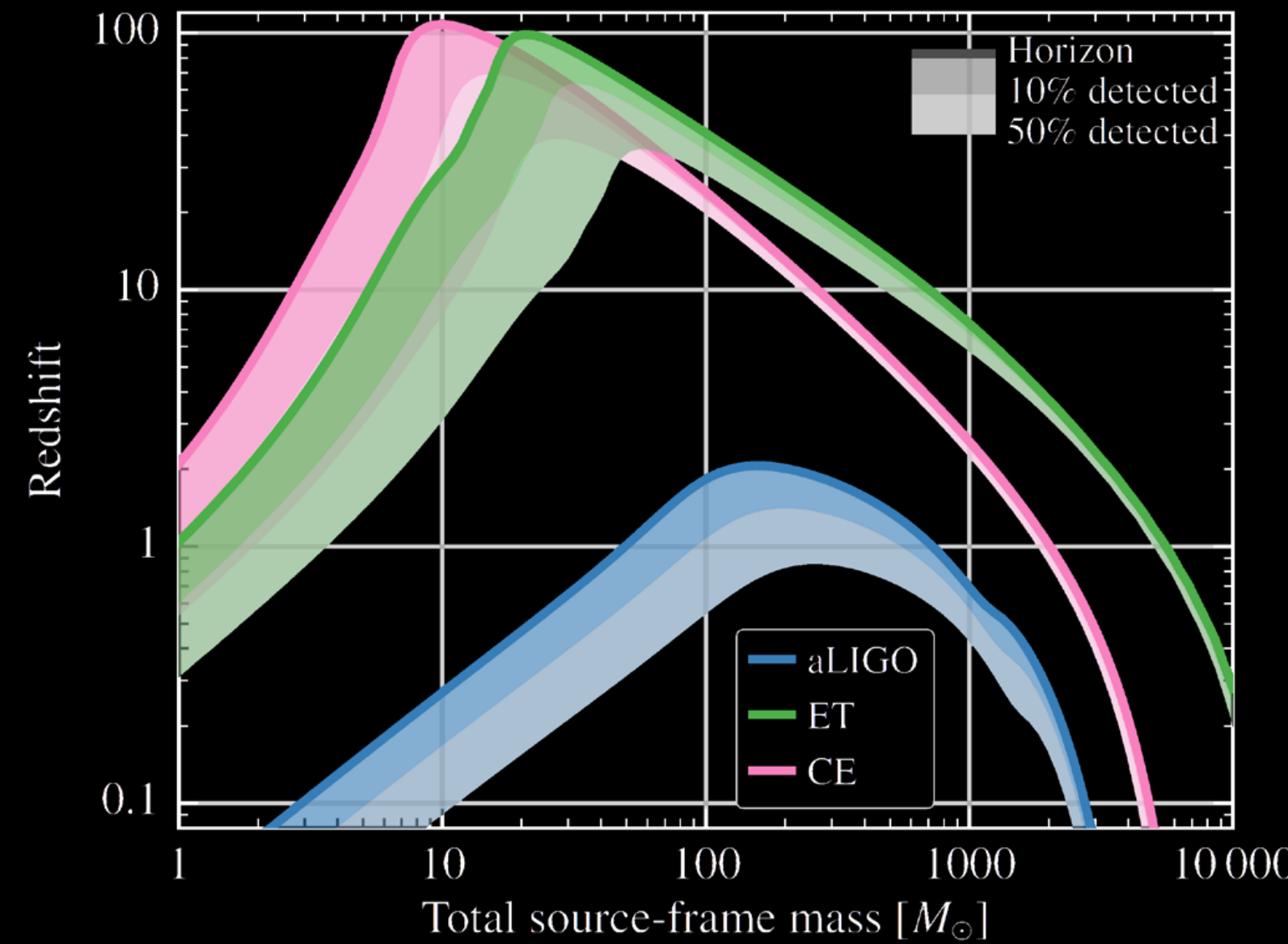
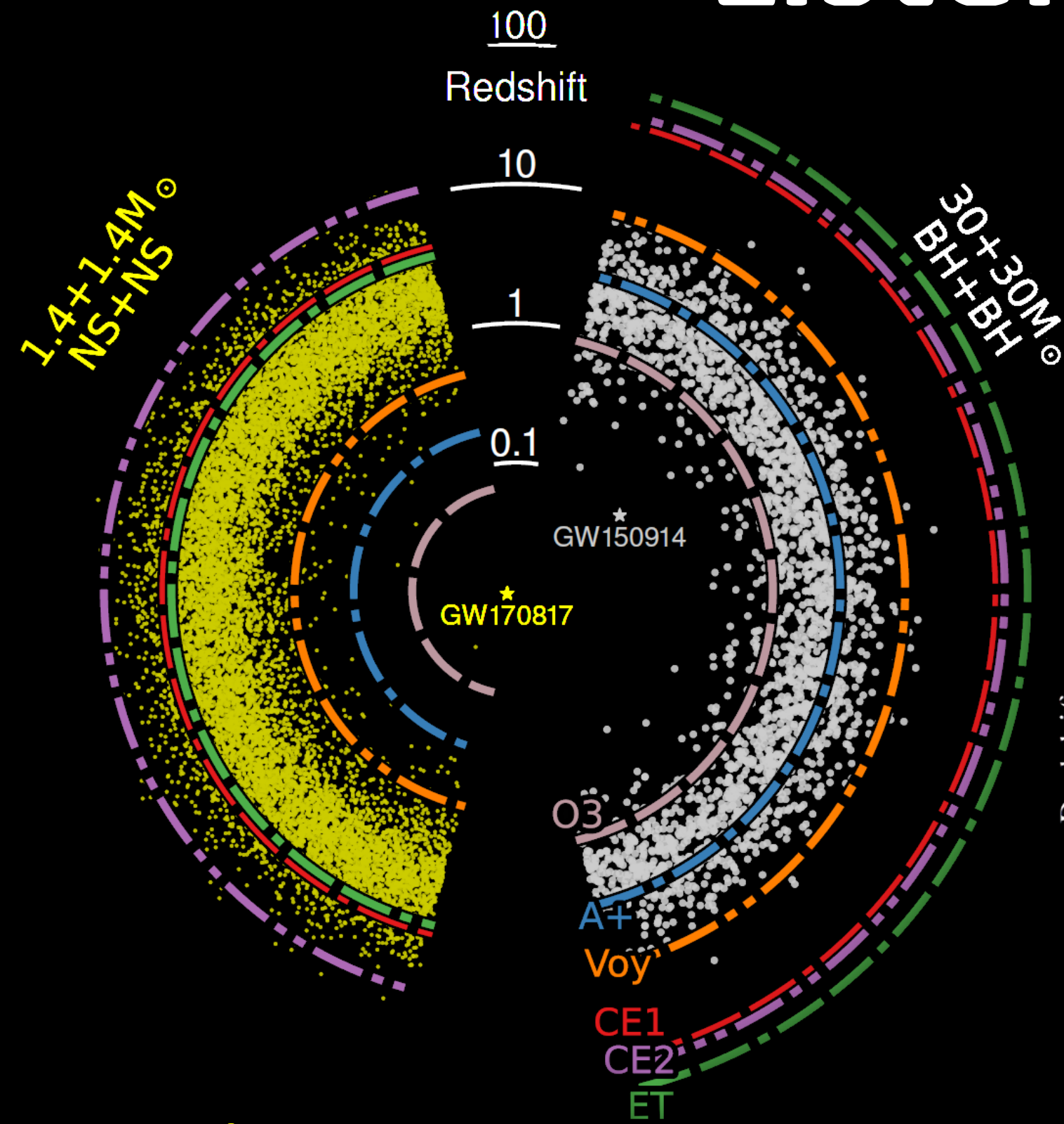
Many events with very large Signal-to-Noise ratios

- Precision tests of GR predictions and detailed BH studies



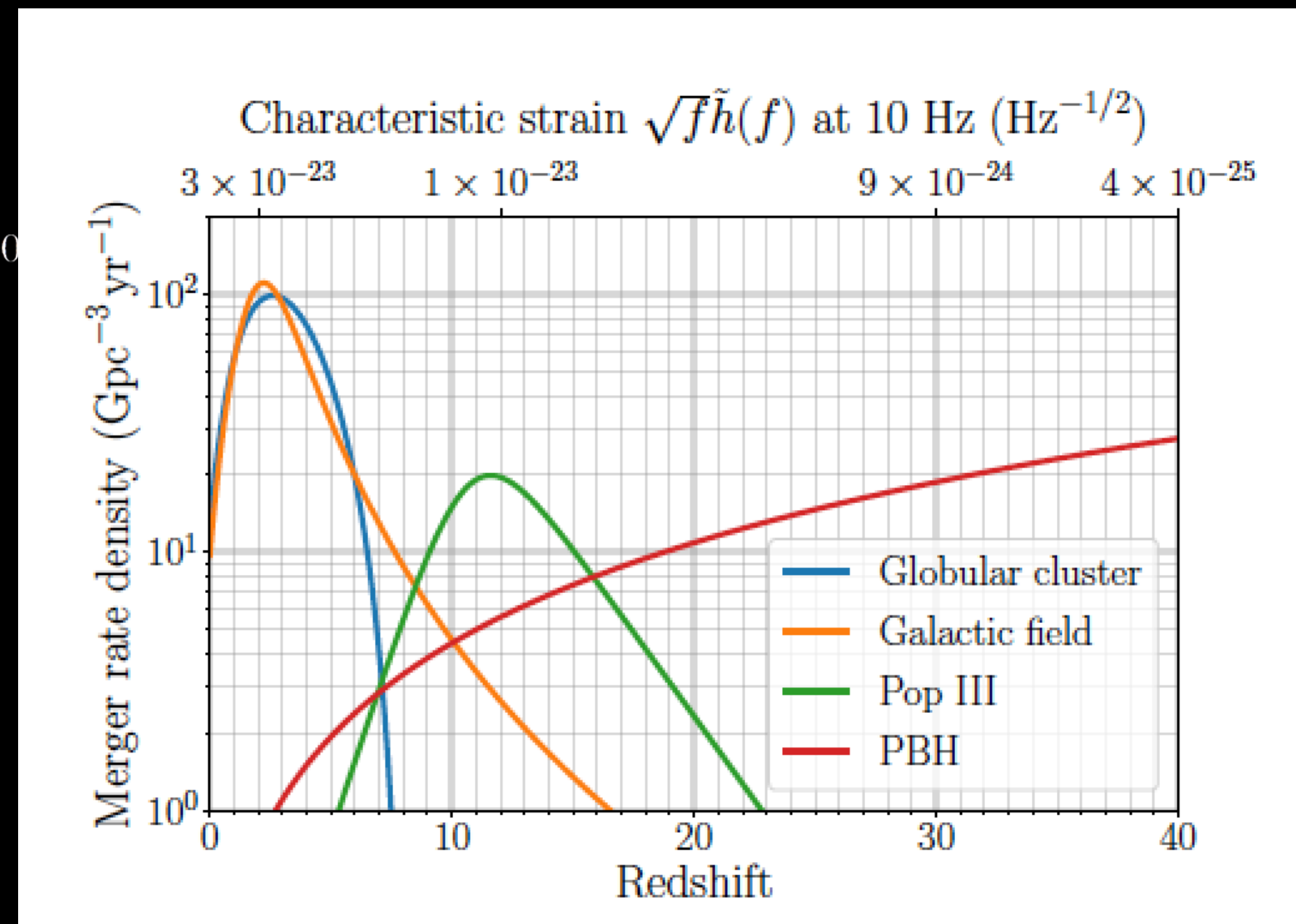
Listening the whole Universe

- 10^6 BH-BH / year up to $z \sim 20$ (230 Gpc) and $10^3 M_{\text{sun}}$
- 10^5 NS-NS / year up to $z \sim 2$
- $O(10^2 - 10^3)$ GW events with EM counterparts



Astrophysics

- BH demography and evolution
- Primordials? Stellar?
- Are BHs part of the dark matter?
- Supernovae, Pulsars, Stochastic signals
- Properties of neutron stars
- Multi Messenger: Optical, Neutrinos, Gamma Rays

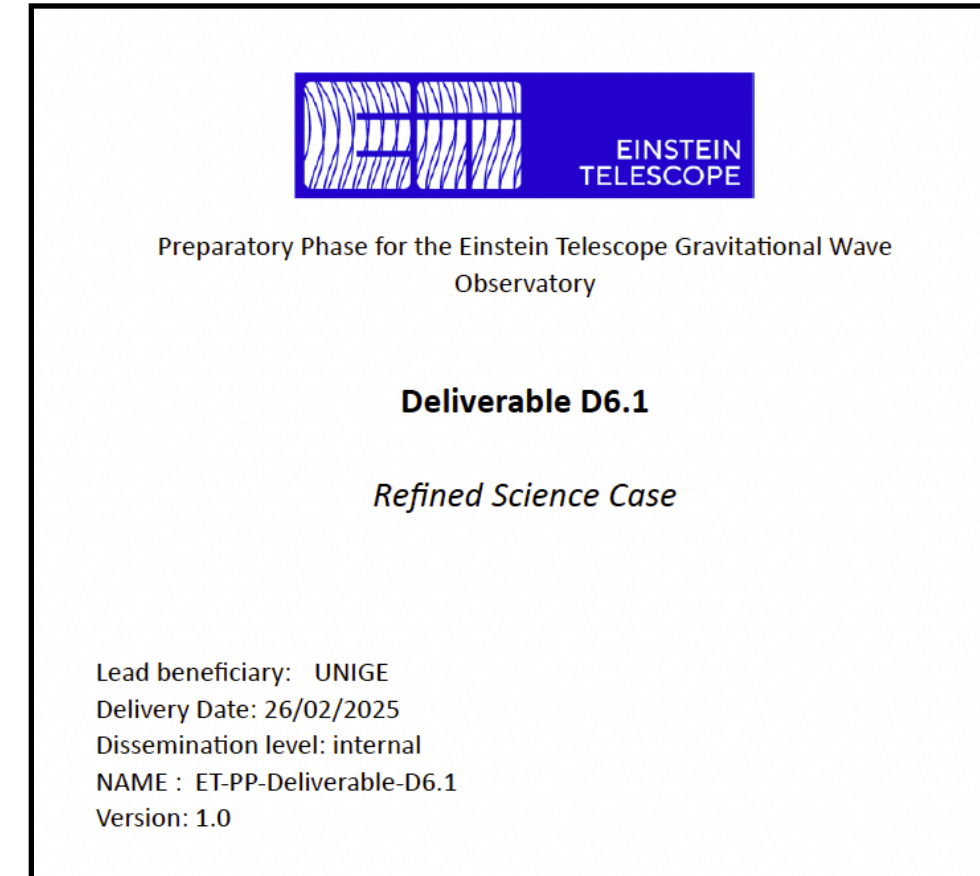


ET Science

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2503.12263v2>

Astrophysics

- **Black hole properties**
 - origin (stellar vs. primordial)
 - evolution, demography
- **Neutron star properties**
 - demography, equation of state
- **Multi-messenger astronomy**
 - joint GW/EM observations (GRB, kilonova,...)
 - multiband GW detection (LISA)
- **Detection of new astrophysical sources**
 - core collapse supernovae
 - isolated neutron stars
 - stochastic background of astrophysical origin



Fundamental Physics, Cosmology, HEP

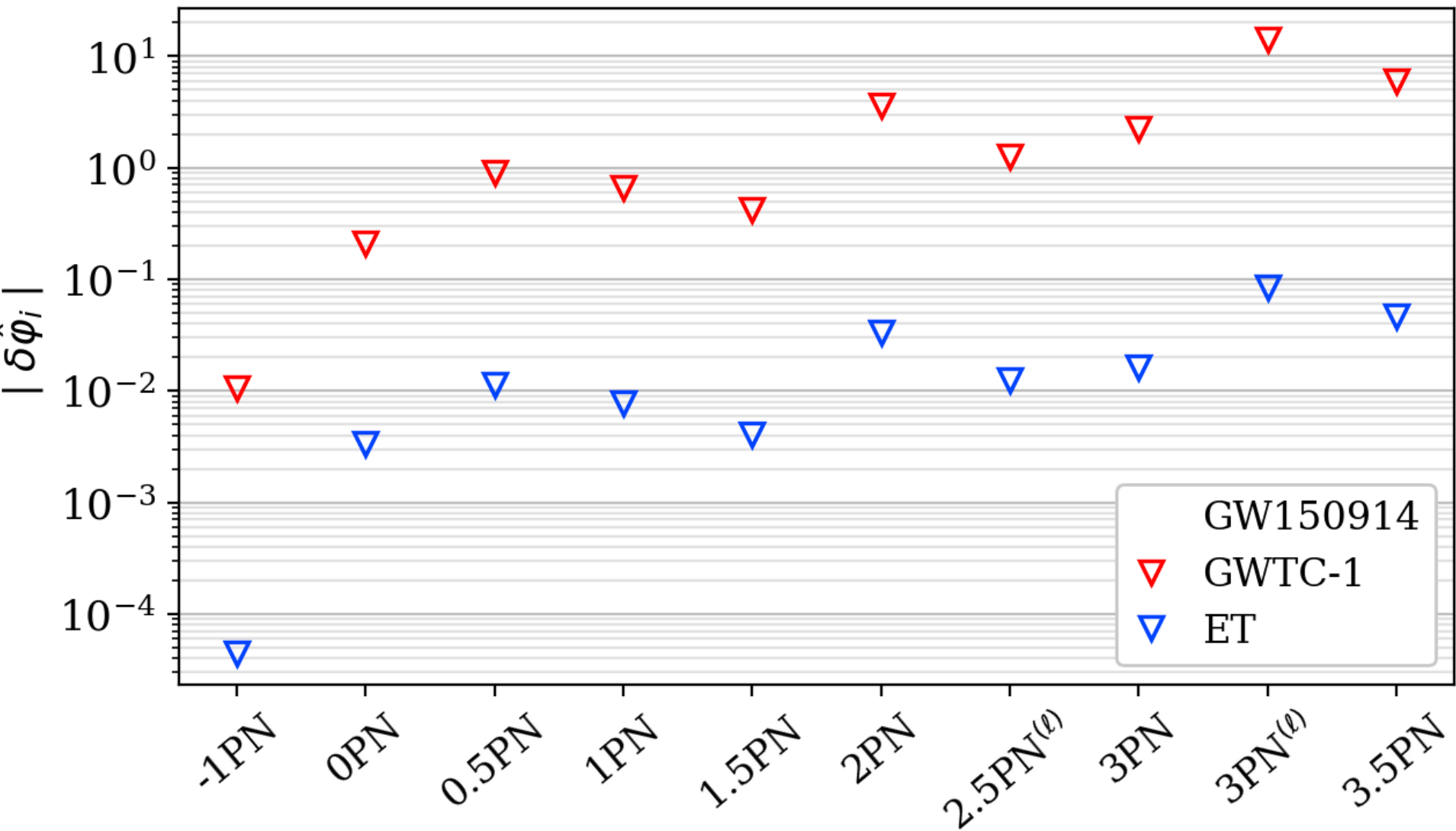
- **Testing the nature of gravity**
 - perturbative regime: inspiral phase of BBH, post-Newtonian expansion
 - strong field regime: physics near BH horizon
- **exotic compact objects**
- **QCD**
 - interior structure of neutron stars probe ultra-high temperatures and densities
 - exotic states of matter
- **Dark Matter / New Particles**
 - primordial BHs
 - axions, dark matter accreting on compact objects
- **Modified Cosmology**
 - Dark Energy equation of state
 - modified GW propagation @ cosmological scales
- **Stochastic backgrounds of cosmological origin and HEP**
 - inflation, first-order phase transitions
 - cosmic strings, domain walls..

ET refined science case

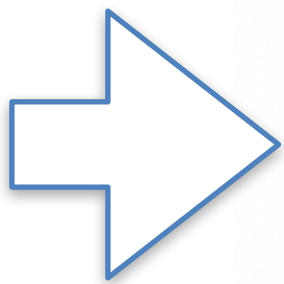
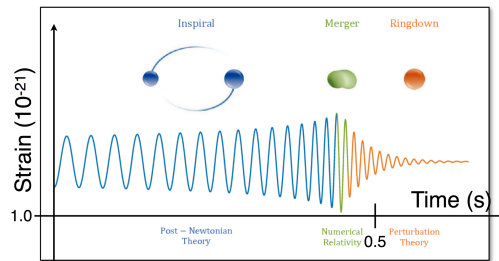
Tests of GR

PN coefficients

$$\Psi(f) = 2\pi f t_c - \varphi_c - \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{3}{128\eta} \left(\frac{v}{c}\right)^{-5} \sum_{n=0}^7 \left[\varphi_n + \varphi_n^{(l)} \log\left(\frac{v}{c}\right) \right] \left(\frac{v}{c}\right)^n$$



$$h_{+, \times}(t) = \sum_{lmn} \mathcal{A}_{lmn} \cos\left(2\pi f_{lmn} t + \phi_{lmn}^{+, \times}\right) e^{-t/\tau_{lmn}} \mathcal{Y}_{+, \times}^{lm}(\iota)$$

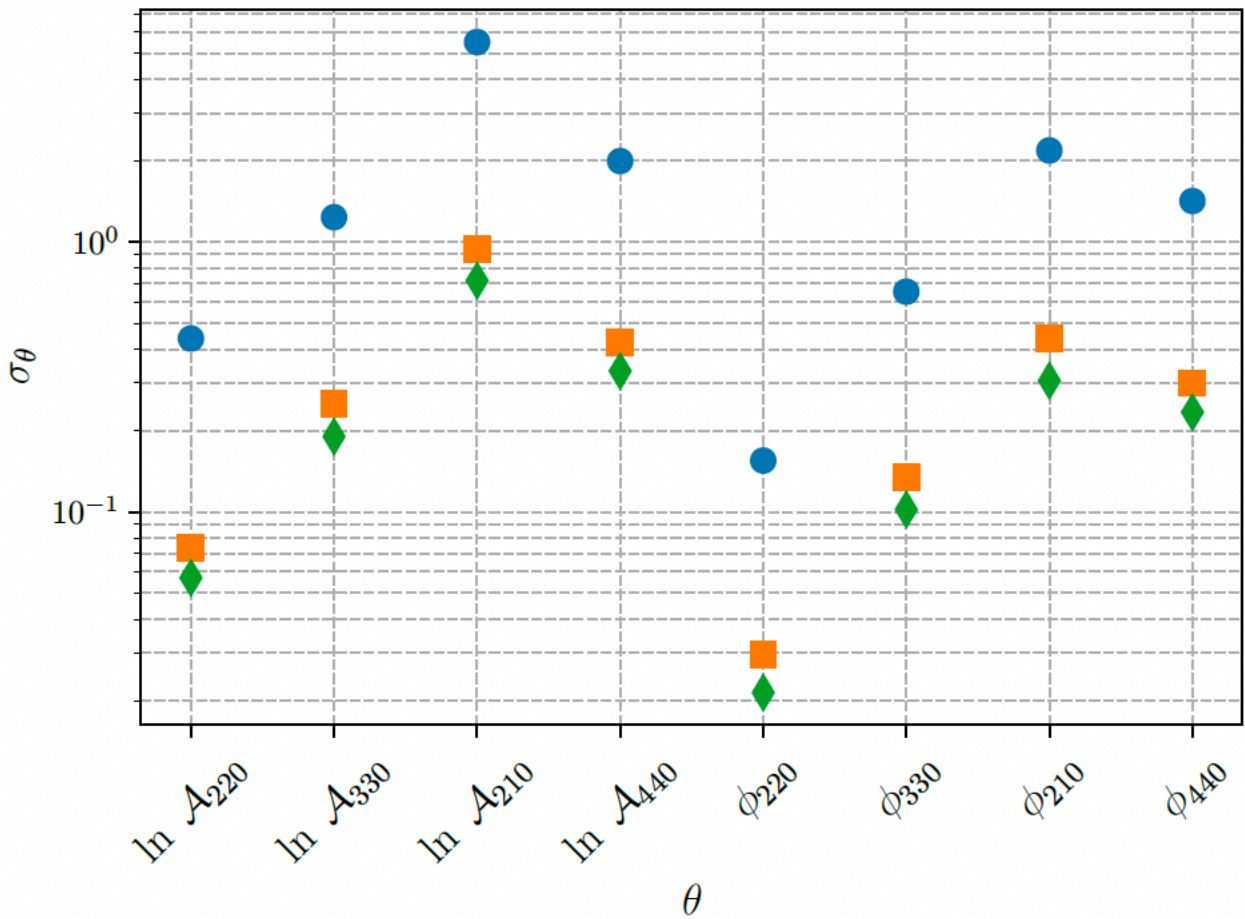
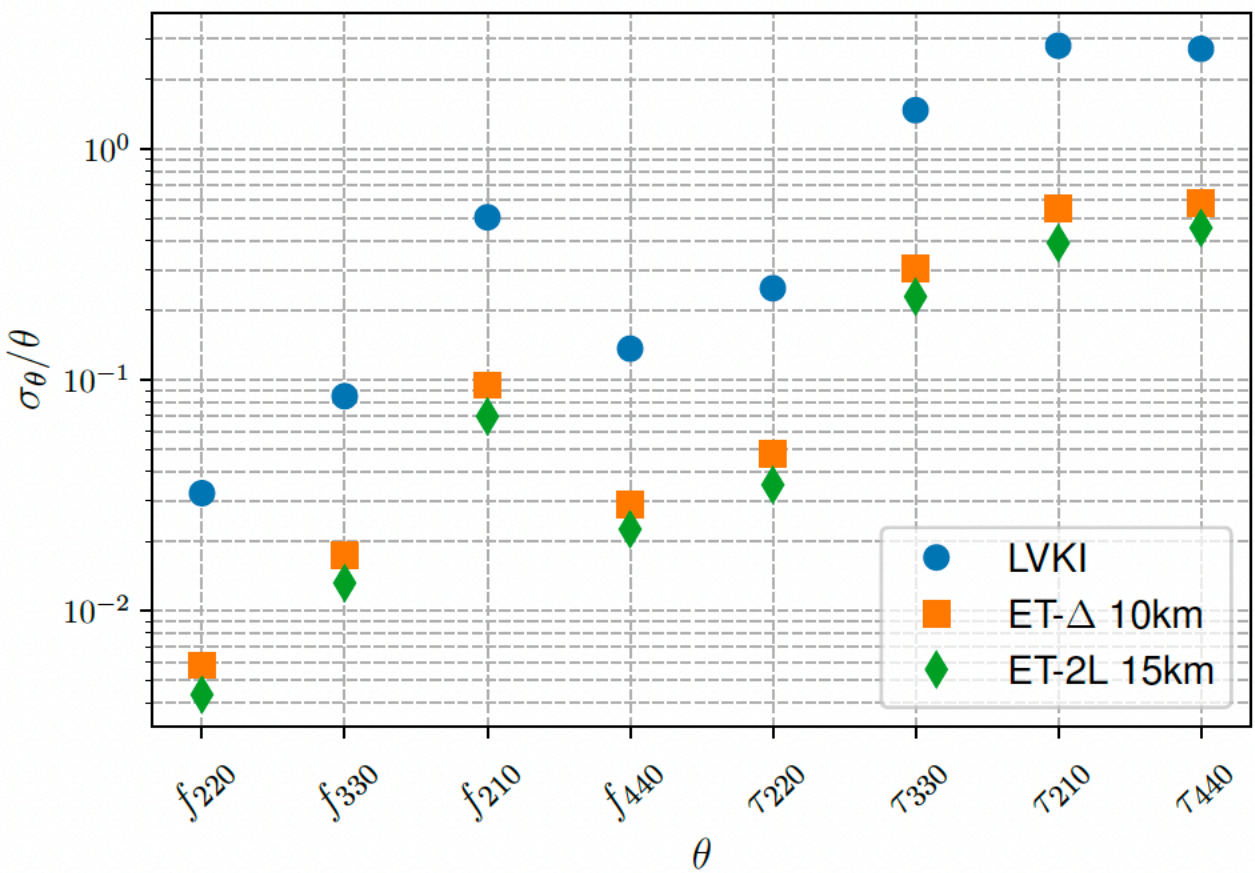
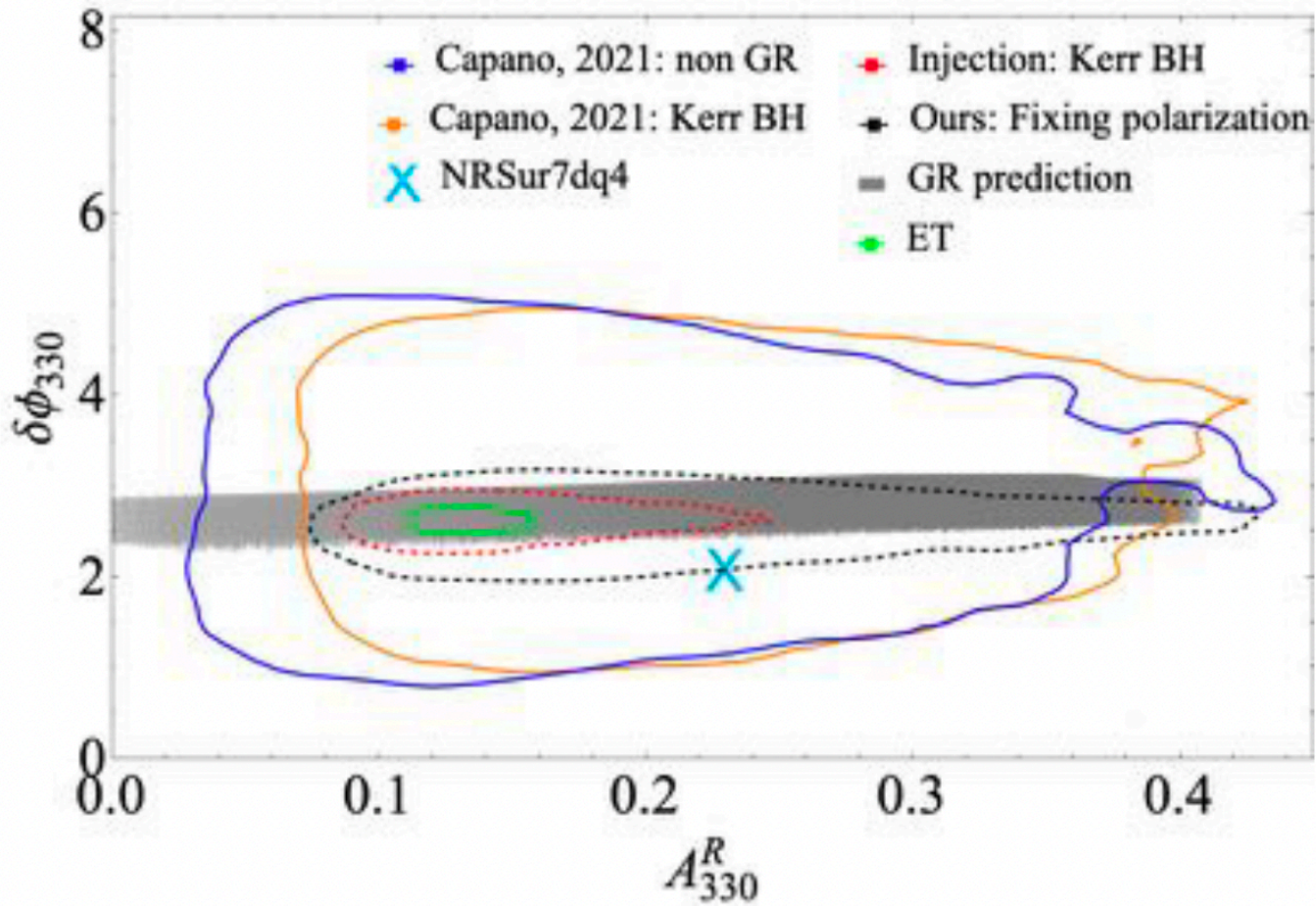
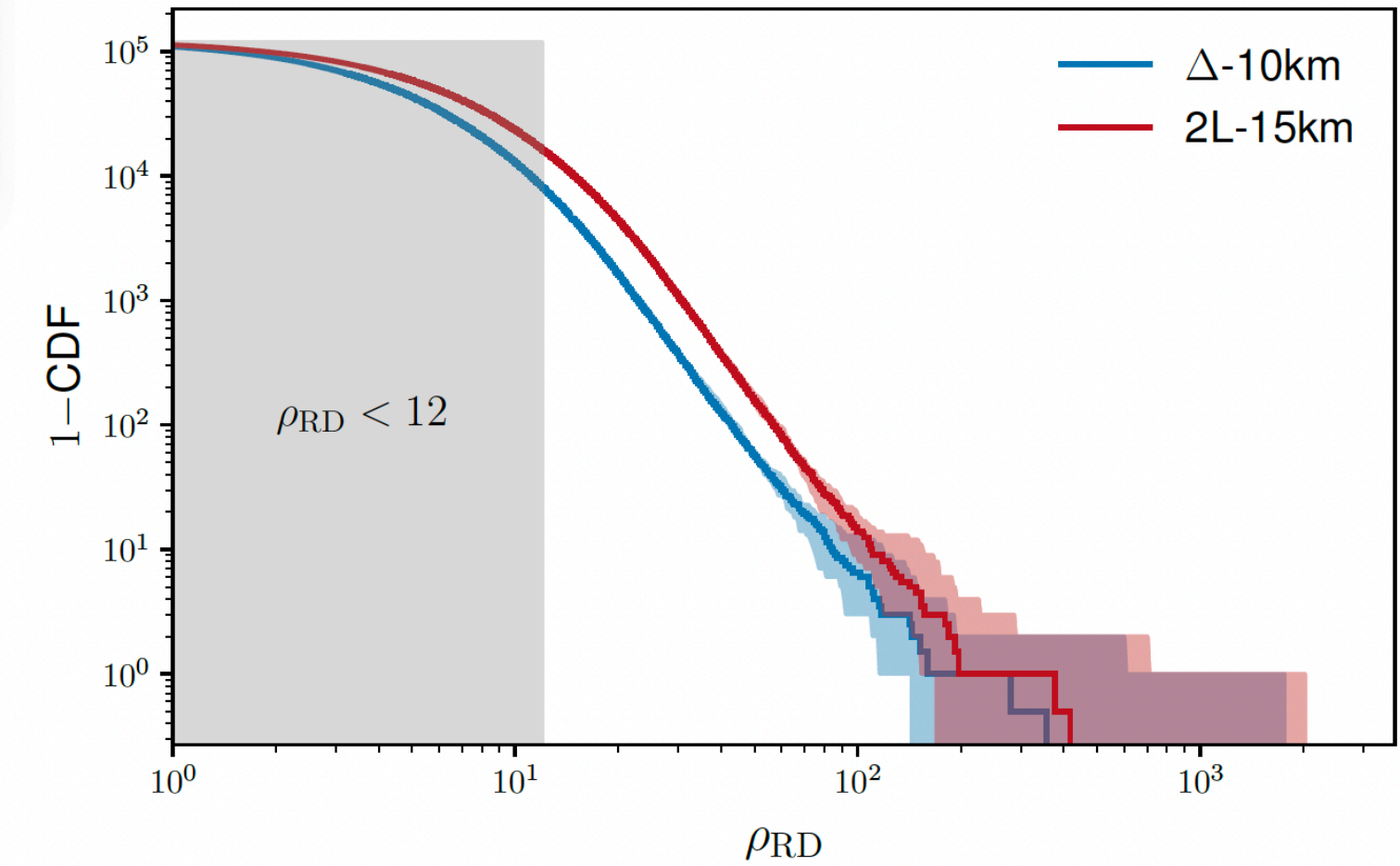



A > 870 pages document
summarising the ET Science Case

A great success of the ET Collaboration

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2503.12263>

Ringdown and BH spectroscopy





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TELESCOPE

Preparatory Phase for the Einstein Telescope Gravitational Wave
Observatory

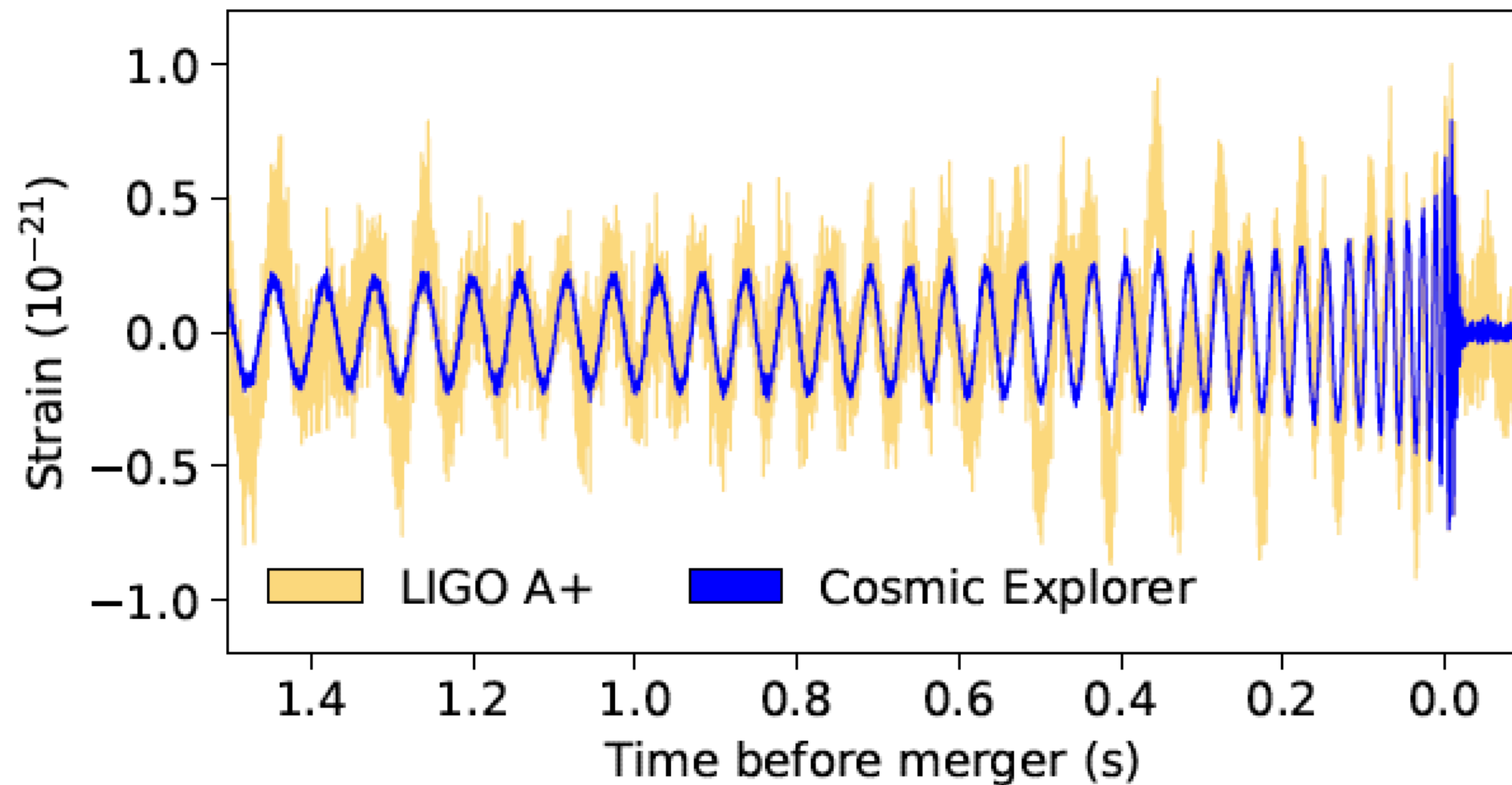
Deliverable D6.1

Refined Science Case

Lead beneficiary: UNIGE
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General Relativity Tests

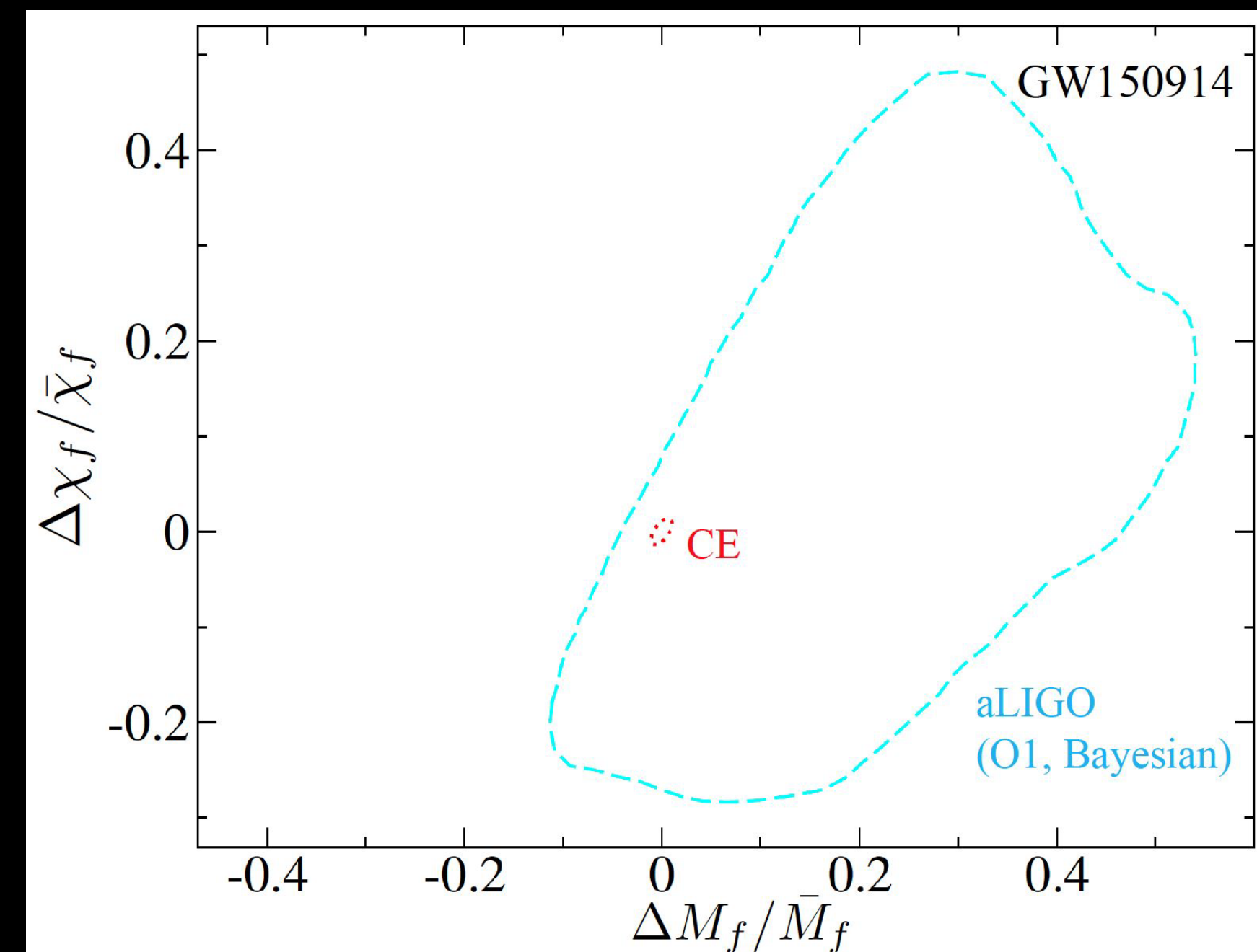
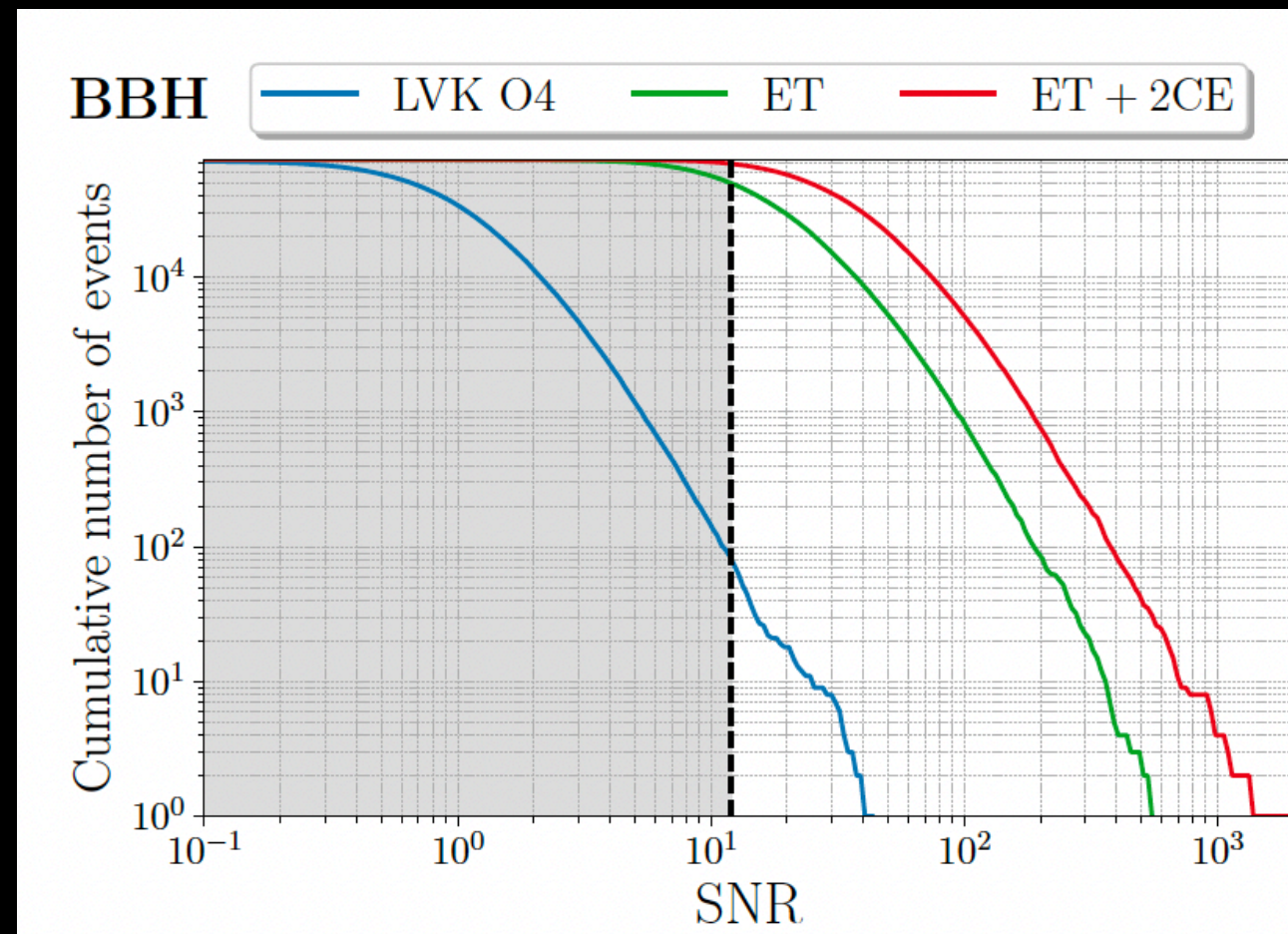
Simulated GW150914-like observations



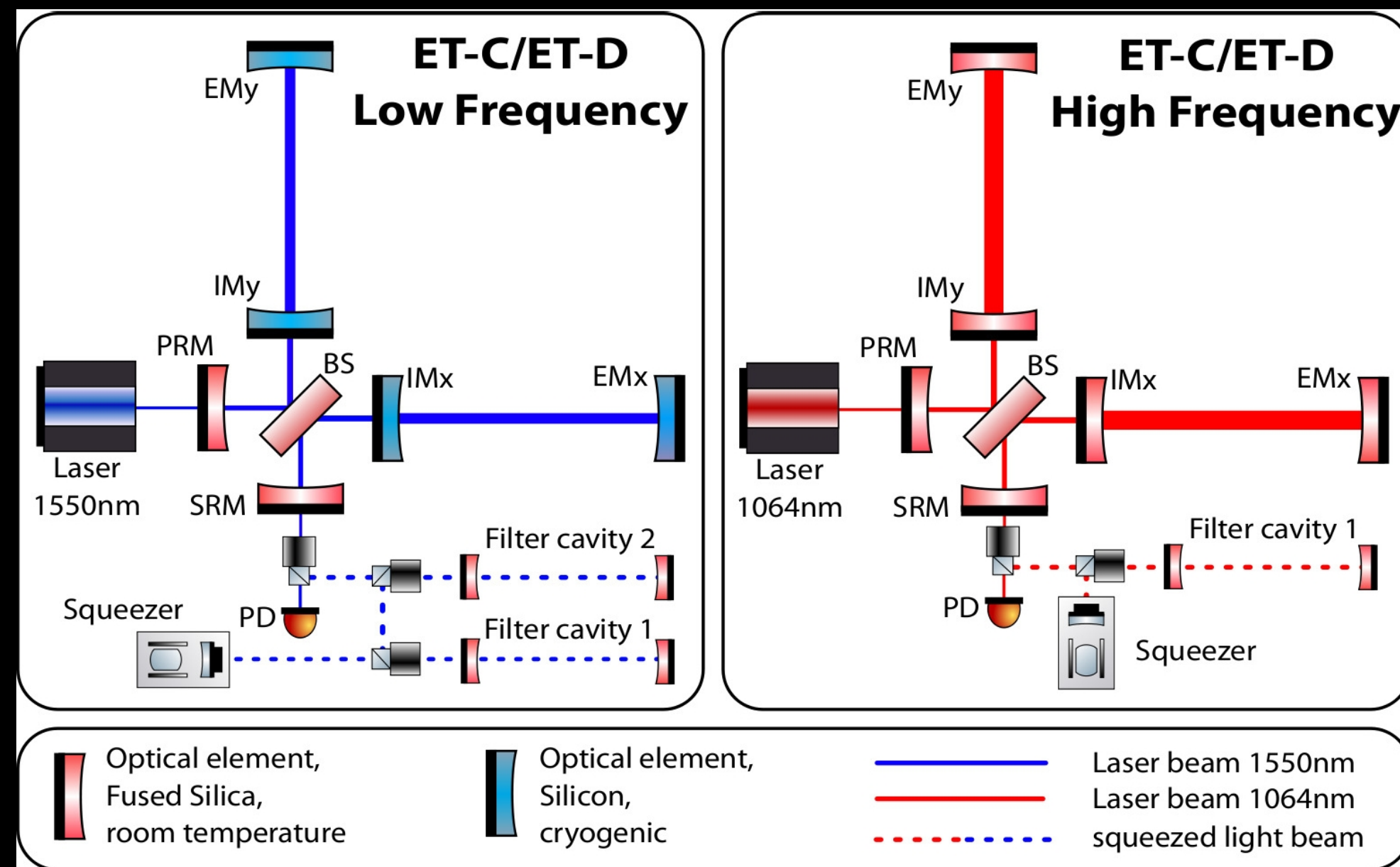
$$\frac{\Delta M_f}{\bar{M}_f} = 2 \frac{M_f^{\text{insp}} - M_f^{\text{postinsp}}}{M_f^{\text{insp}} + M_f^{\text{postinsp}}},$$

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The huge boost in sensitivity and SNR allows for precise tests of GR improving by 2 orders of magnitude compared to 2G results.



Enabling technologies and KTT



ET-HF

More powerful lasers

Larger fused silica mirrors

1064 nm (silica transparent)

New optical coatings

New thermal compensation systems

Frequency Dependent Squeezing

ET-LF

Underground

Cryogenic

Silicon mirrors

Larger test masses

1550 nm (Si transparent)

New optical coatings

New suspensions / seismic controls

Frequency Dependent Squeezing

Challenging Engineering

New technology in cryo-cooling

New technology in lasers and optics

High precision mechanics and low noise controls

High quality opto-electronics and controls

Innovative adaptive optics

Innovative IR detection and Stray Light Control

Major R&D Facilities in ET (incomplete)



From the XIII ET symposium, an incomplete selection of the presented large facilities

Etpathfinder in Maastricht

2 FPMI interferometers:
1) 1550nm @ 18K
2) 2090nm @ 123K

Main target: provide a testbed for ET technology concepts and qualify them in low environment.

E-TEST : Einstein Telescope EMR Site and Technology

E-TEST objectives

- Large mirror (100 Kg)
- Cryogenic temperature (10-20 K)
- Isolated at low frequency (0.1-10 Hz)
- Compact suspension (4.5 meters)

LMA - Laboratoire des Matériaux Avancés

New large optics coater facility

Also investing into substrate growth and polishing

Aim: produce ET cryo-compatible substrates in sapphire

OmniSense at Nikhef

Interferometric sensing (HoQI), compact and proven

- Fused-silica suspension
- Closed-loop control
- Careful shielding for thermal fluctuations, acoustics, and E-M
- Mechanical simplicity, no cables or magnets.

Test facility for experimental investigations of the He-II based ET-LF payload cooling concept

Suspension and cooling concept studied for ET-LF

See Monday talk by Xhesika Koroveschi

CAUS: Centro per Applicazioni sulle Onde gravitazionali e la Sismologia

New facility at the University of Perugia

Development of specific technology for the third-generation GW detectors, and

VAIIGrav and Compact Laser Interferometry

Main goals:

- test DFMI-based compact displacement sensors on suspensions to reduce control noise
- test inertial sensors with highly sensitive interferometric displacement sensors
- study new suspension control and seismic isolation schemes

The AEI 10 m Prototype Facility

Main goal: Sub- μ L interferometry

Studies of vibration isolation / control

CoMEI - Coating Materials for Einstein Telescope

Goals:

- Capability to deposit virtually all the (amorphous) materials of interest for the GW community with the needed level of control.
- Ability to explore different process ranges (energies, growth kinetics etc.)
- Study of the physical processes occurring during deposition

GEMINI at LNGS

Goals

- Test the limits of active seismic isolation in an underground environment
- Inter-platform motion control
- Underground environmental monitoring
- Test new approaches to controls optimization
- Test new inertial sensors

Amaldi Research Center at Roma La Sapienza

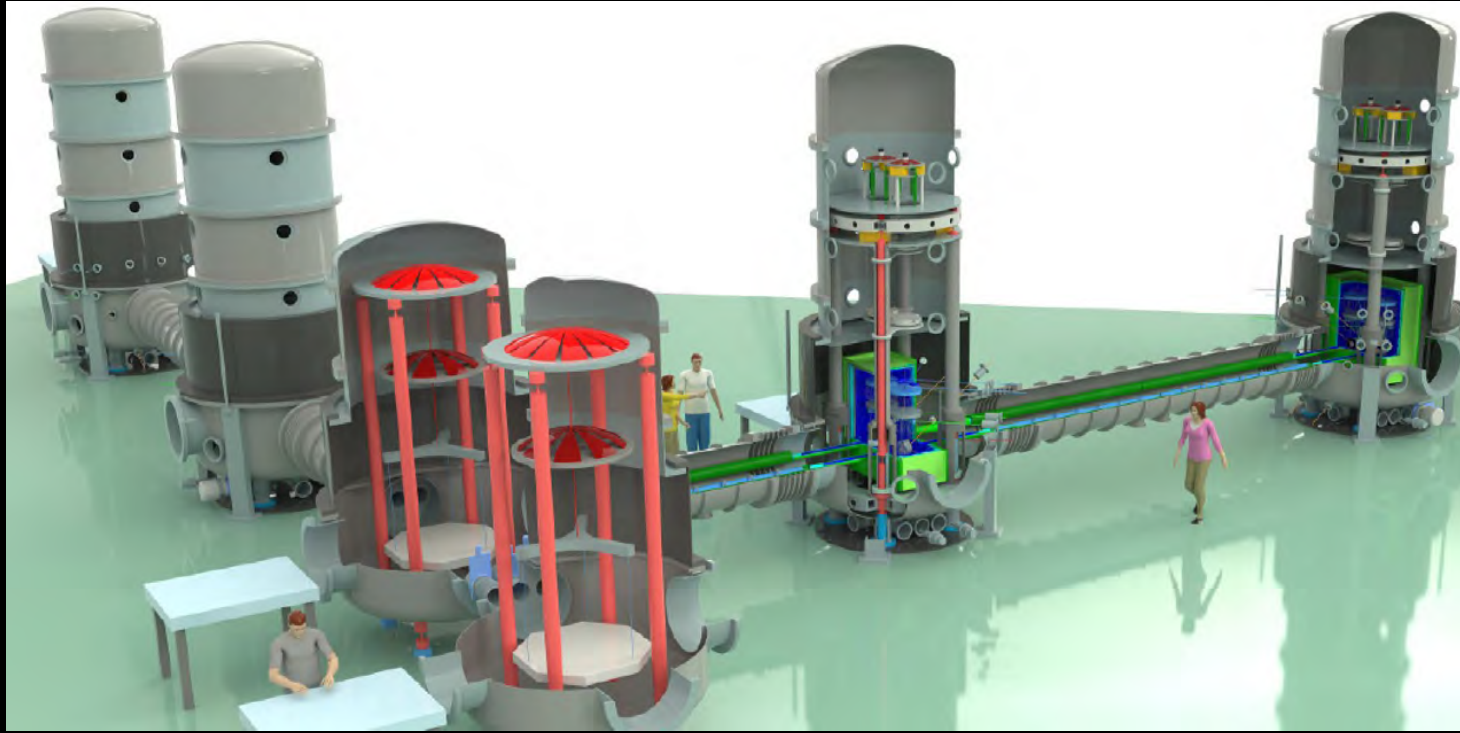
Facility dedicated to cryogenics development for ET.

Build prototype payload

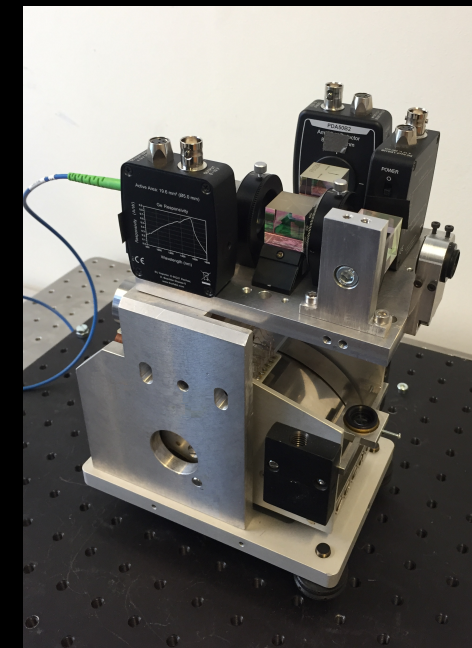
See Monday talk by Ettore Majorana

Google Earth

Ongoing R&D for ET (examples)

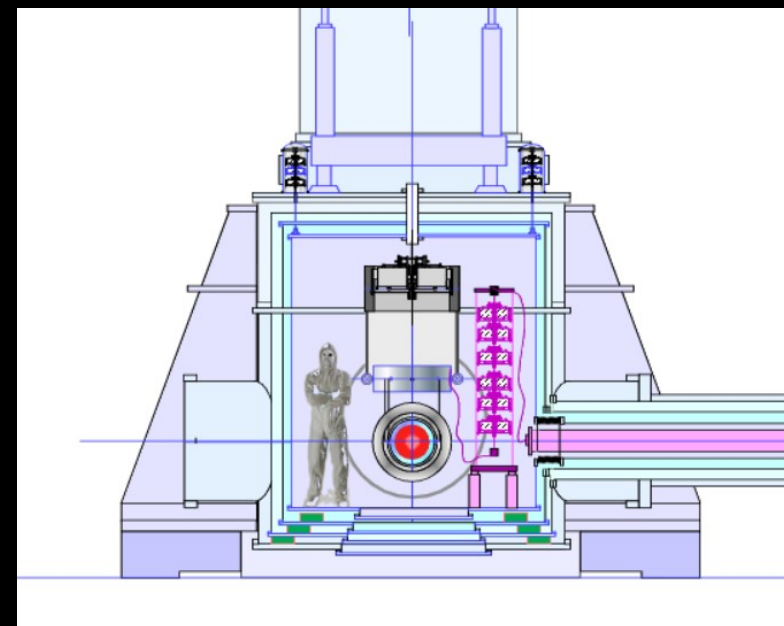


@ Maastricht small-scale prototype in order to study the operations in cryogenics with silicon optics at 1550 nm and with mirrors up to 100 kg (relevant for ET-LF)

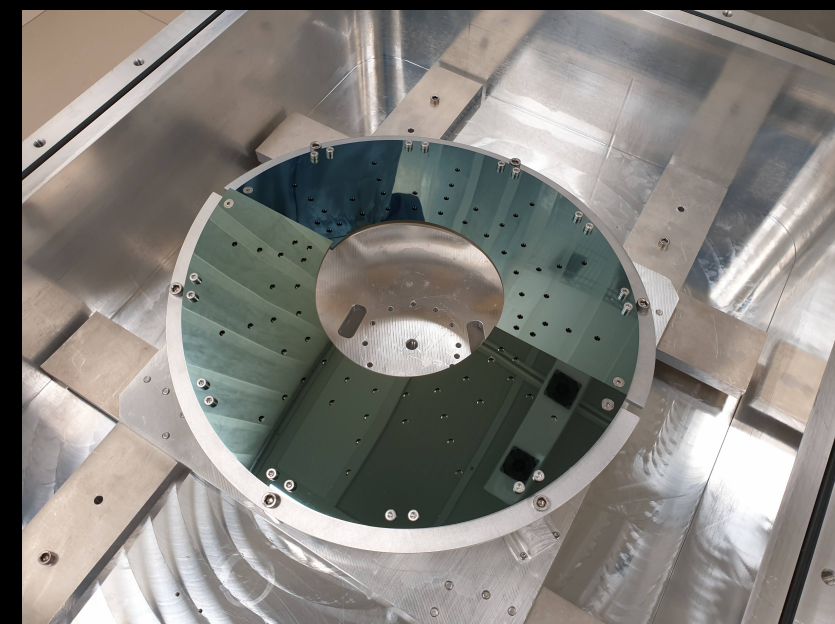


R&D in active mitigation of seismic / Newtonian noise

R&D on IR photo sensors & active Stray Light monitoring



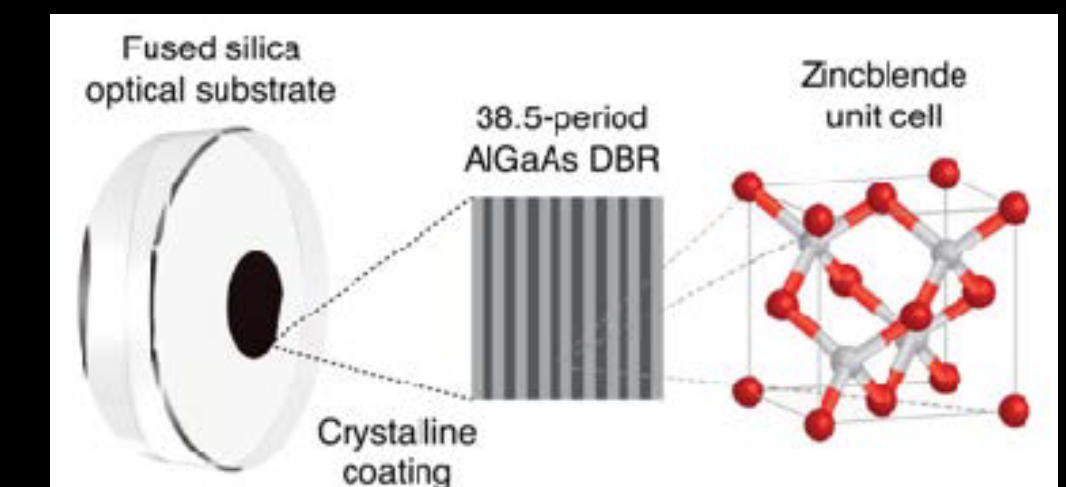
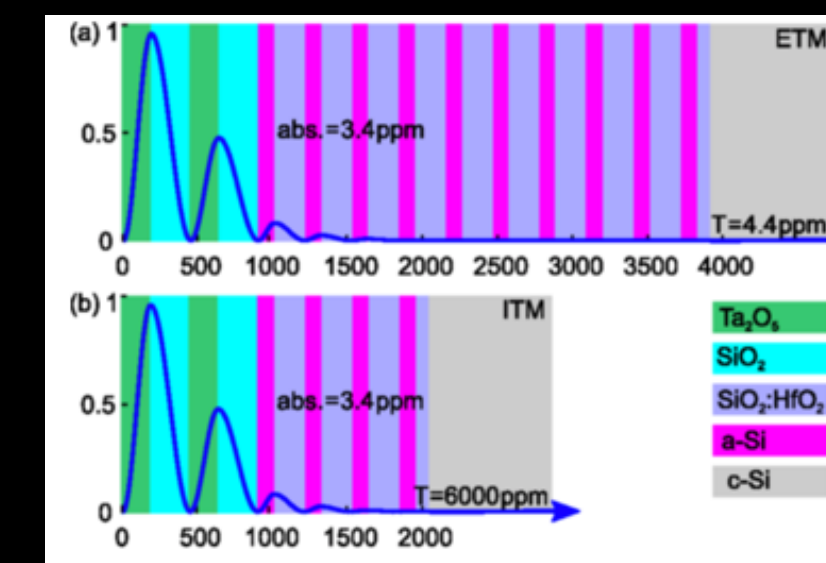
@ Rome and other R&D places in cryogenic suspension



R&D for the production of mirrors up to 200kg based on silica or silicon of high purity and homogeneity.



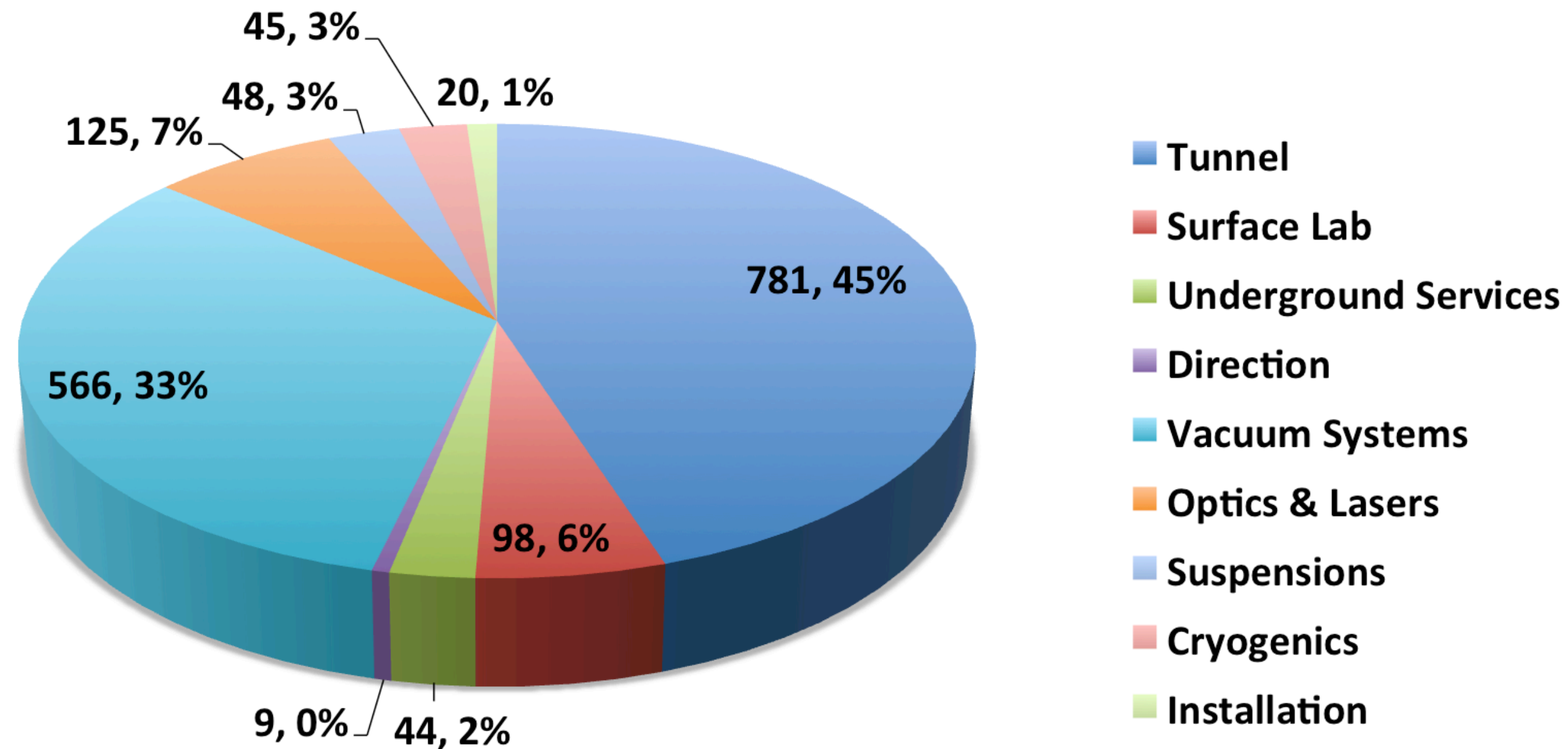
R&D in optical coatings reflective with low absorption and reduced thermal noise.



AlGaAs crystalline coatings

Estimated cost (EU accounting)

ET Estimated Costs (M€)



Preparatory phase (170M€)

1. Site qualification (funded)

2. Site preparation (50 – 60 M€)

Covered by host country

3. R&D on technology (95 M€) (funded)

Construction : 1900 M€ (in 10 years)

M&O : 37M€ /year

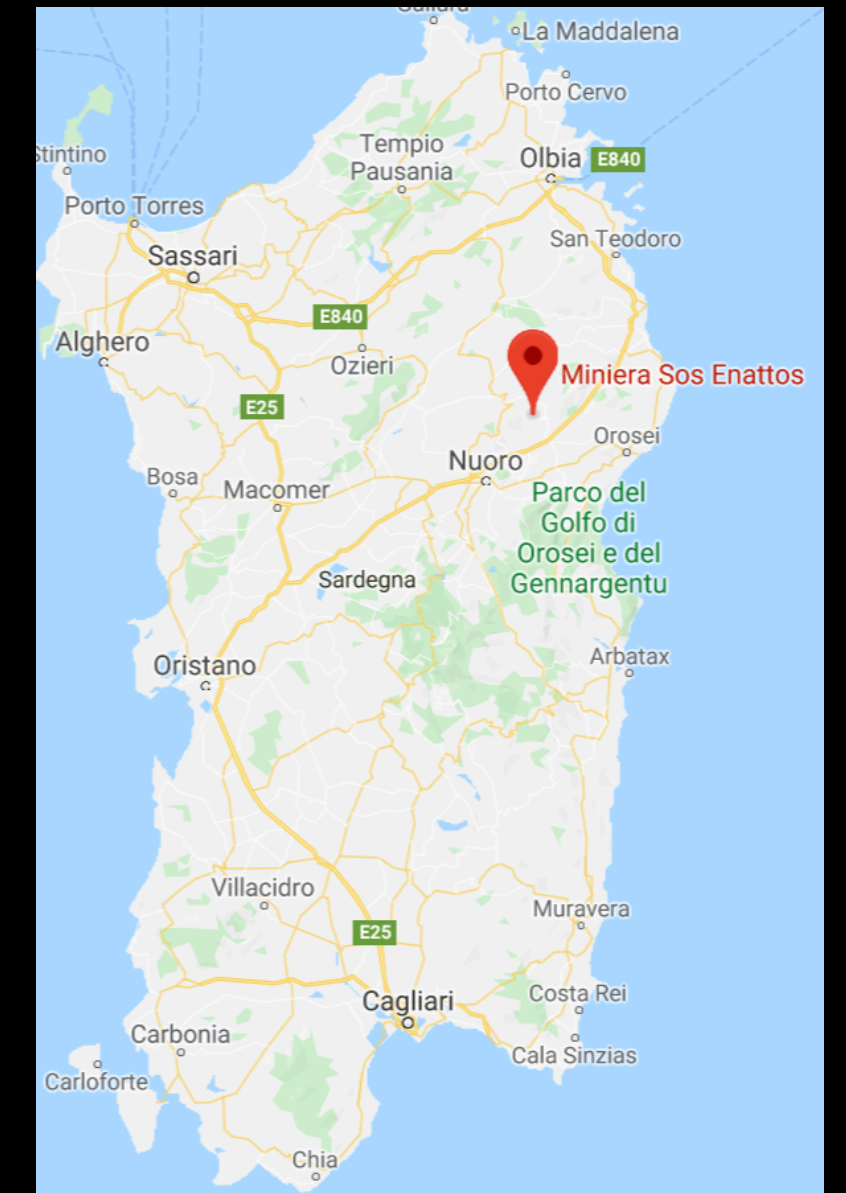
Host country is expected to contribute with > 50% of the total cost

Locations ?

Intensive studies
@ Limburg,
@ Sardinia
@ Saxony [now integrated in ET-PP]
For characterize seismic,
environmental noise, etc ...

@ Limburg area (border NL-B-D)

→ Promoted by Nikhef



@ Sardinia

→ Promoted by INFN



@ Germany is very present in ET and ETpathfinders
They foresee a large investment in the following years

→ Exploring Saxony as a possibility

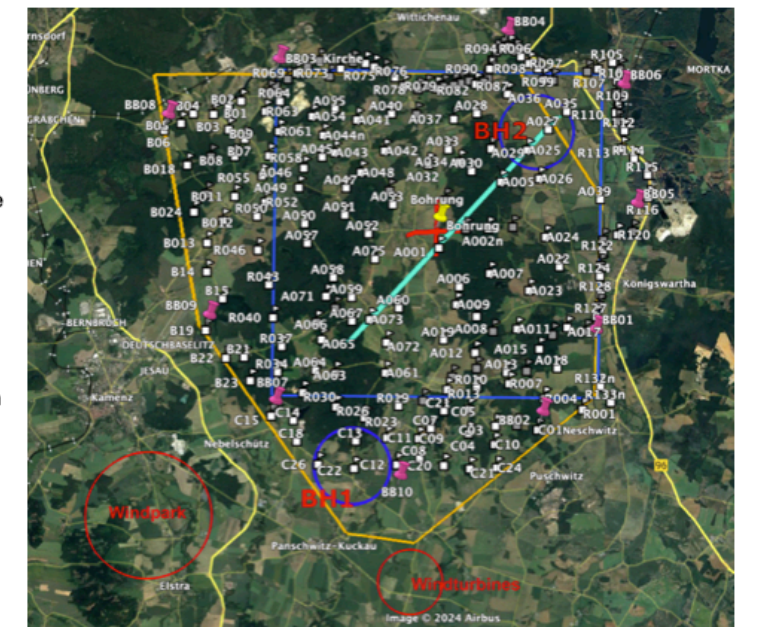
→ Ongoing geological characterization of the site

→ 3rd June 2025 : Germany formally asked to be
considered a site candidate for ET

What is currently happening in Lusatia

Extensive investigations for the DZA's Low Seismic Lab

- Passive seismological experiment for the determination of the 3D shear wave model
- Deploy 100 seismic stations to measure the temporal variation of seismic noise and operated for at least 1 year.
- Conduct high-resolution 2D reflection seismic surveys of geological structures
- Acquire 2 km long reflection seismic profiles and intersecting near the drilling location DZA-01 for calibration. Perform detailed studies at future drilling locations.
- Analysis of the physical parameters of the drill cores
- focusing on the Lusatian granodiorite and tectonic structures.
- Update the geological/hydrological map of the granite stock
- Develop a geological/tectonic model using data from the archive from the Lusatian Geological Survey.
- Measurement of seismic noise at three additional boreholes
- to qualify the spatial and temporal noise level in Lusatia.
- Integrated Lusatian subsurface model and characterization of seismic noise



DESY | ET-PP INFRA-DEV Annual Meeting | Lusatia | Christian Stegmann, Barcelona, 17. June 2024

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@ Lusatia

→ Promoted by DESY

Rising Construction Funds

In the Netherlands a formal request of 900M€ for ET@ Maastricht **has been approved** by the Science Minister to the NL Government

Italy approved a 50M€ project for enabling technologies and additional 950M€ for supporting ET@ Italy **has been secured**

Germany received O(20M€) for R&D and to carry out a comprehensive study and push for a candidature

COMUNICATO STAMPA
Ricerca, Governo rafforza candidatura Einstein Telescope
Il Ministro Bernini: "Scelta strategica per Paese ambizioso"

ROMA, 13 dicembre 2023 – Il Governo italiano è pronto a sostenere l'impegno finanziario per ospitare nel nostro Paese Einstein Telescope (ET), la grande infrastruttura di ricerca per lo studio delle onde gravitazionali che l'Italia si è candidata a realizzare in Sardegna, nell'area di Sos Enattos, a Lula.

Il Governo ha indirizzato ad Antonio Zoccoli, Presidente dell'Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare (INFN), ente coordinatore della candidatura italiana per ET, una lettera con la quale conferma l'impegno, istituzionale e economico, perché la proposta sia quella vincente in sede europea.

"La volontà di realizzare Einstein Telescope in Italia è stata fortemente sostenuta dal Governo. Si tratta di una scelta strategica per un Paese che vogliamo sempre più ambizioso. L'Italia è leader in Europa per la fisica, con la presenza di molte eccellenze scientifiche. Siamo convinti che ET contribuirà a rafforzare in modo decisivo la realizzazione di un ecosistema della ricerca e dell'innovazione sempre più attrattivo", ha detto il Ministro dell'Università e della Ricerca, Anna Maria Bernini.


Per ottenere l'assegnazione europea, il Governo ha deciso di programmare un piano di 'diplomazia scientifica' che coinvolgerà le nostre eccellenze universitarie e di ricerca, tra cui il Premio Nobel Giorgio Parisi. Sarà affidato loro un ruolo di coordinamento e divulgazione, perché sia resa nota nell'Unione la qualità della proposta italiana e quanto questa sappia rappresentare al meglio gli interessi comunitari.

Nella lettera del Sottosegretario di Stato alla Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri, Alfredo Mantovano, inviata al Presidente INFN Zoccoli, si certifica tra l'altro, l'importante impegno finanziario che il Governo è pronto ad assumere in caso di assegnazione dell'infrastruttura. Si tratta di circa 950 milioni di euro complessivi per i nove anni previsti per la costruzione (dal 2026 al 2035). In particolare, le spese serviranno alla realizzazione e all'acquisto di beni, materiali e tecnologie. La dotazione è stata prevista tenendo conto anche dell'elevato impatto occupazionale e di indotto atteso e del ritorno in termini di coesione territoriale.

Einstein Telescope sarà un osservatorio internazionale di terza generazione all'avanguardia assoluta nella ricerca fisica e astronomica. L'Italia ha ufficializzato la sua candidatura nello scorso mese di giugno. Il sito scelto per l'infrastruttura, e cioè nell'area della miniera dismessa a Sos Enattos a Lula (in provincia di Nuoro), è considerata ottimale per le eccellenti condizioni geologiche e ambientali che può garantire.

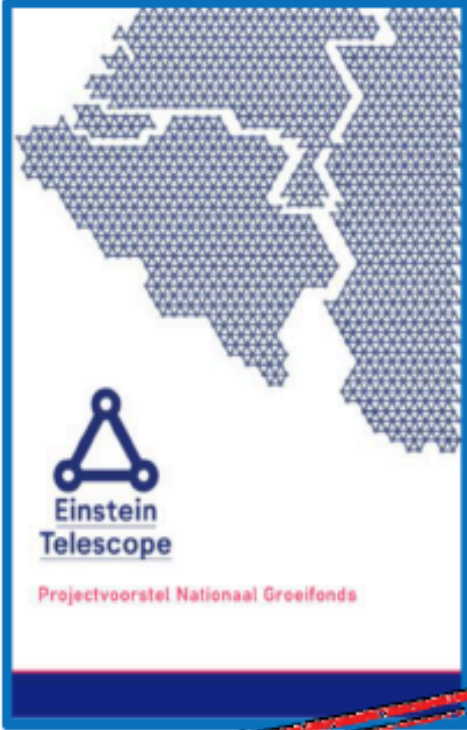


Einstein Telescope in Euregio Meuse-Rhine (EMR)



Connected institutions in:
Belgium,
Germany &
the Netherlands

Nationaal Groeifonds (the Netherlands)



Emphasis on potential socio-economic Impact

Submitted by OCW Ministry (EZK Ministry support)

Supported by ~70 Dutch Institutions

APPROVED

In October 2022 the Netherlands submitted large funding proposal within context of the 'National Groeifonds'. Decision in April 2022.

Includes 42 M€ for geology, R&D & organization as well as possible Dutch share towards ET realization

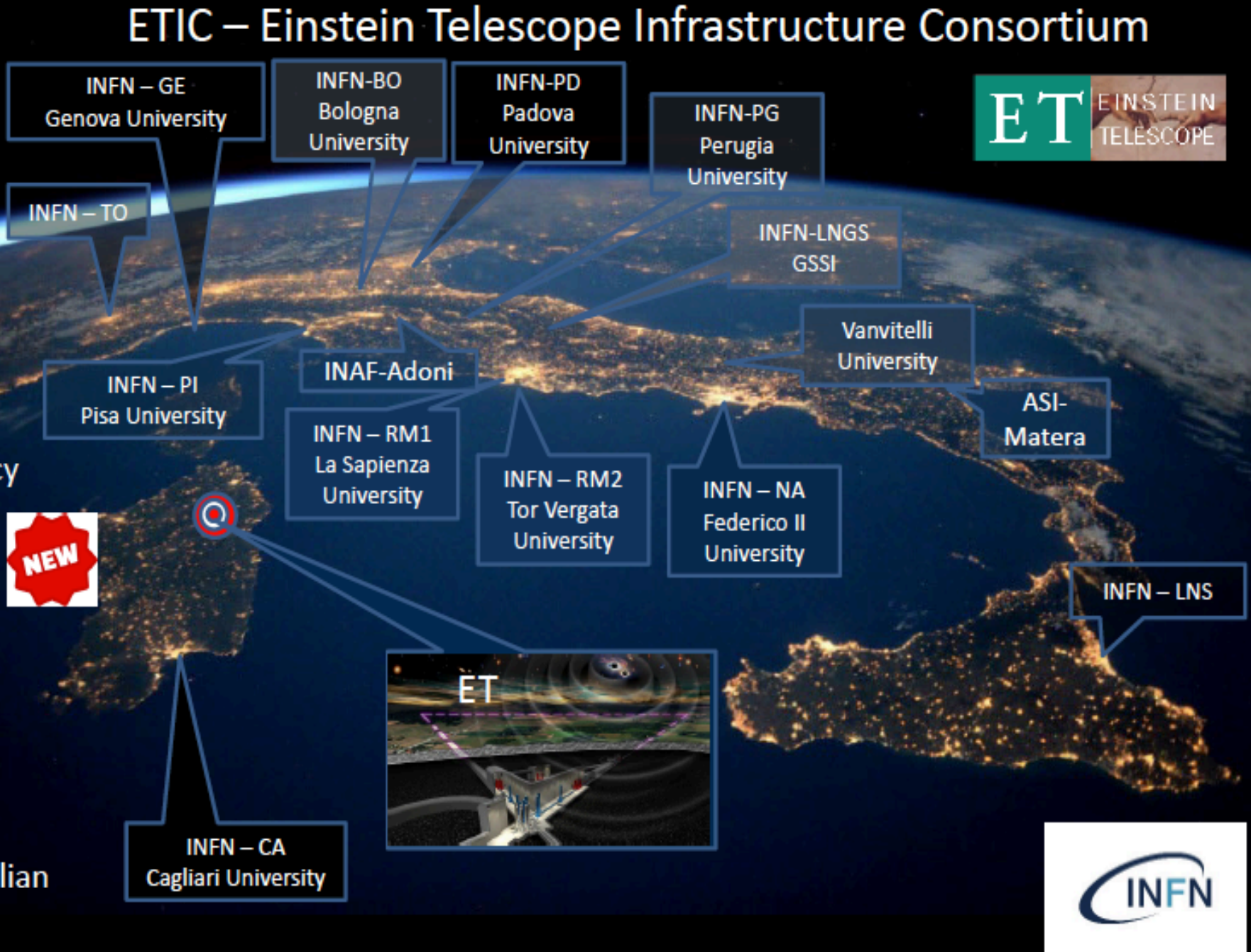
Next Generation EU Investment focused on ET enabling technology and Sardinian site candidature support

Leaded by INFN, Partners: 11 Universities INAF and Italian Space Agency

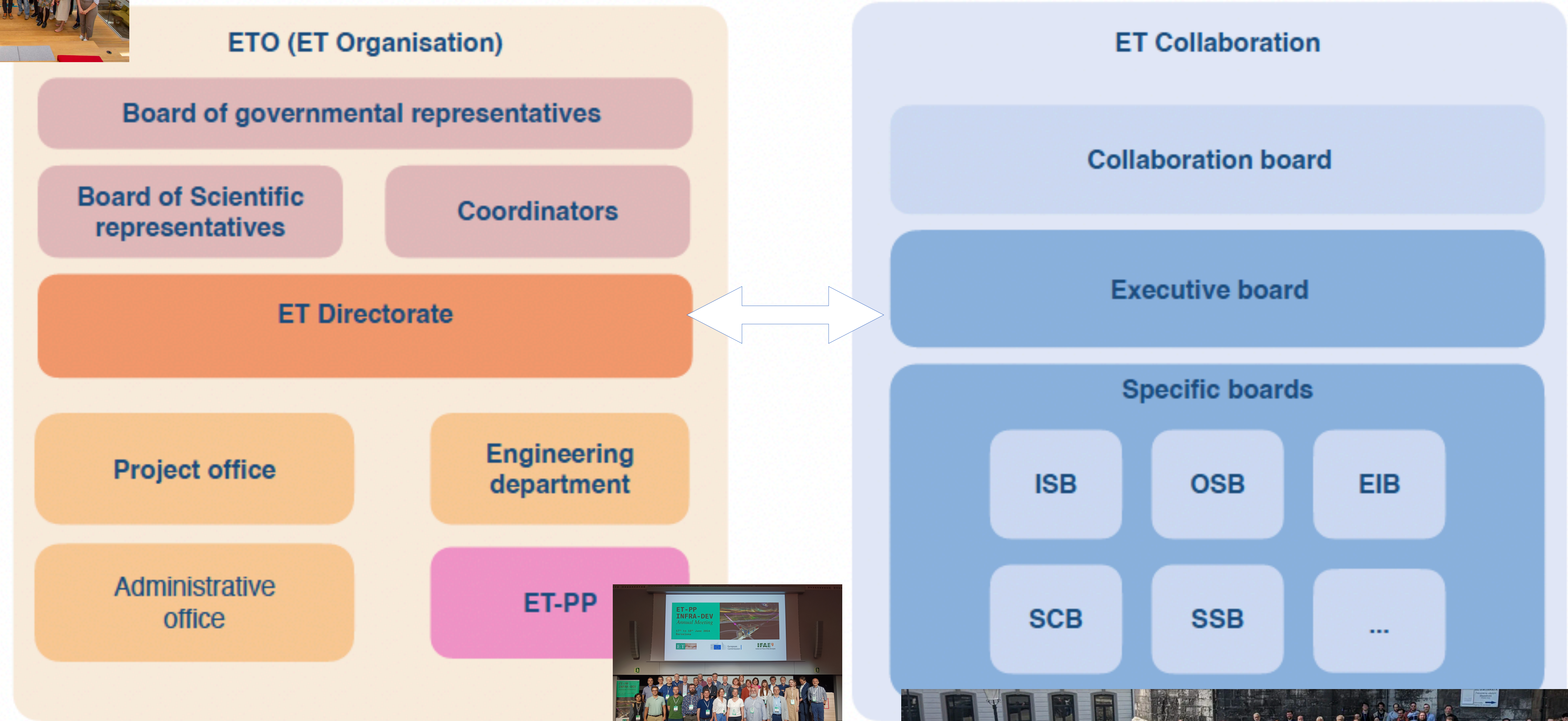
Budget 50M€ approved

Start of the project: 1st December 2022

Discussion ongoing with the Italian Government on an Italian share toward ET realization



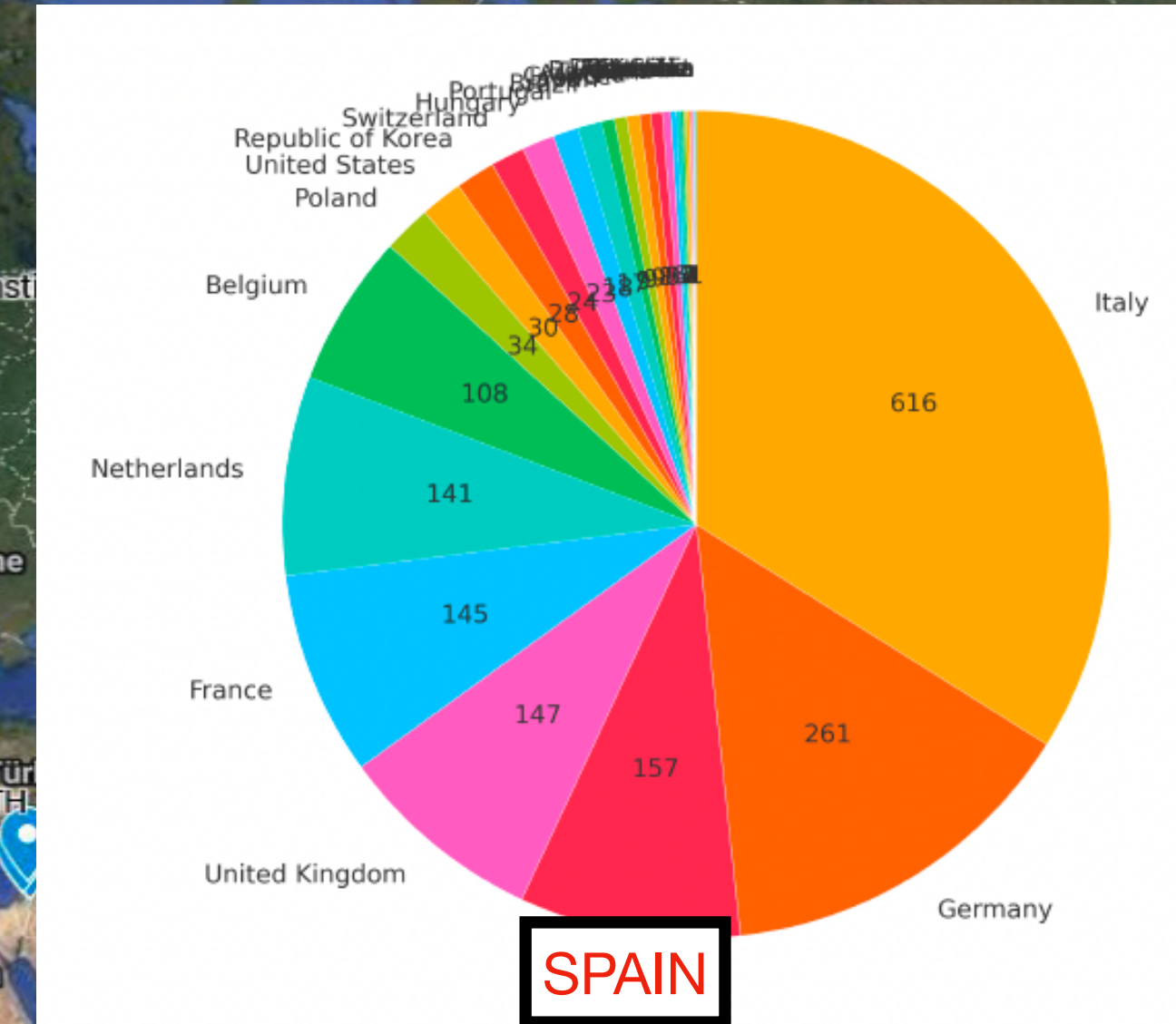
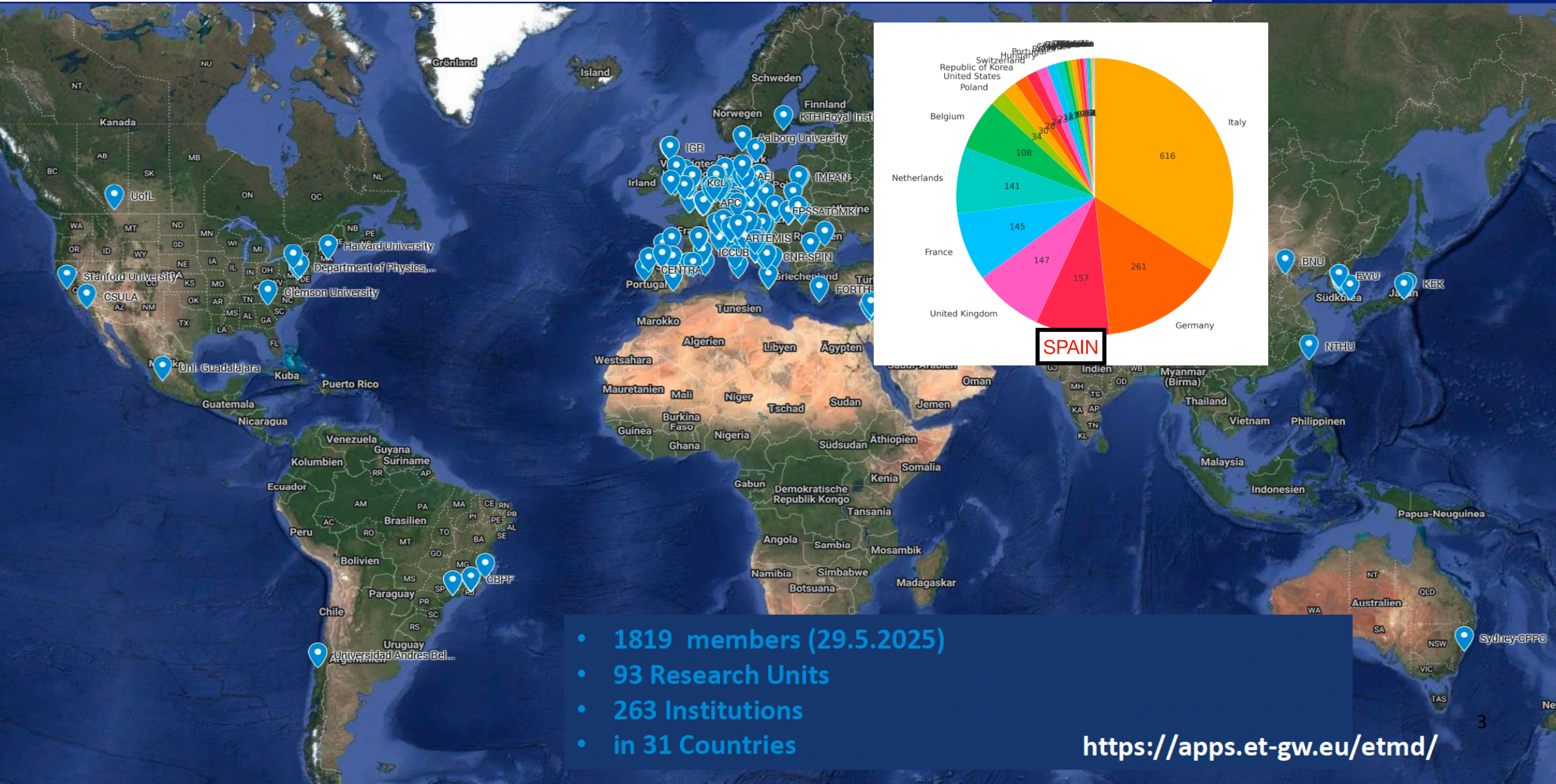
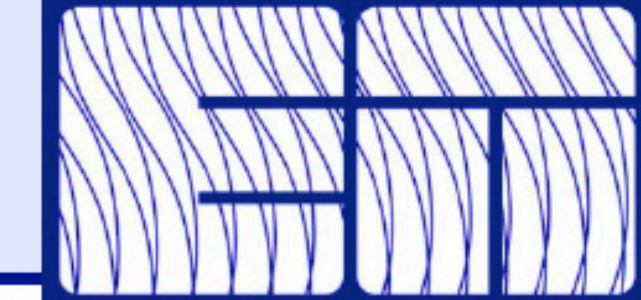
ET experiment and ET Organization



ET-PP is naturally framed inside ETO chart
ET research infrastructure, services, and vacuum system under ETO supervision
ET Scientific Collaboration dedicated to experiment design & scientific exploitation

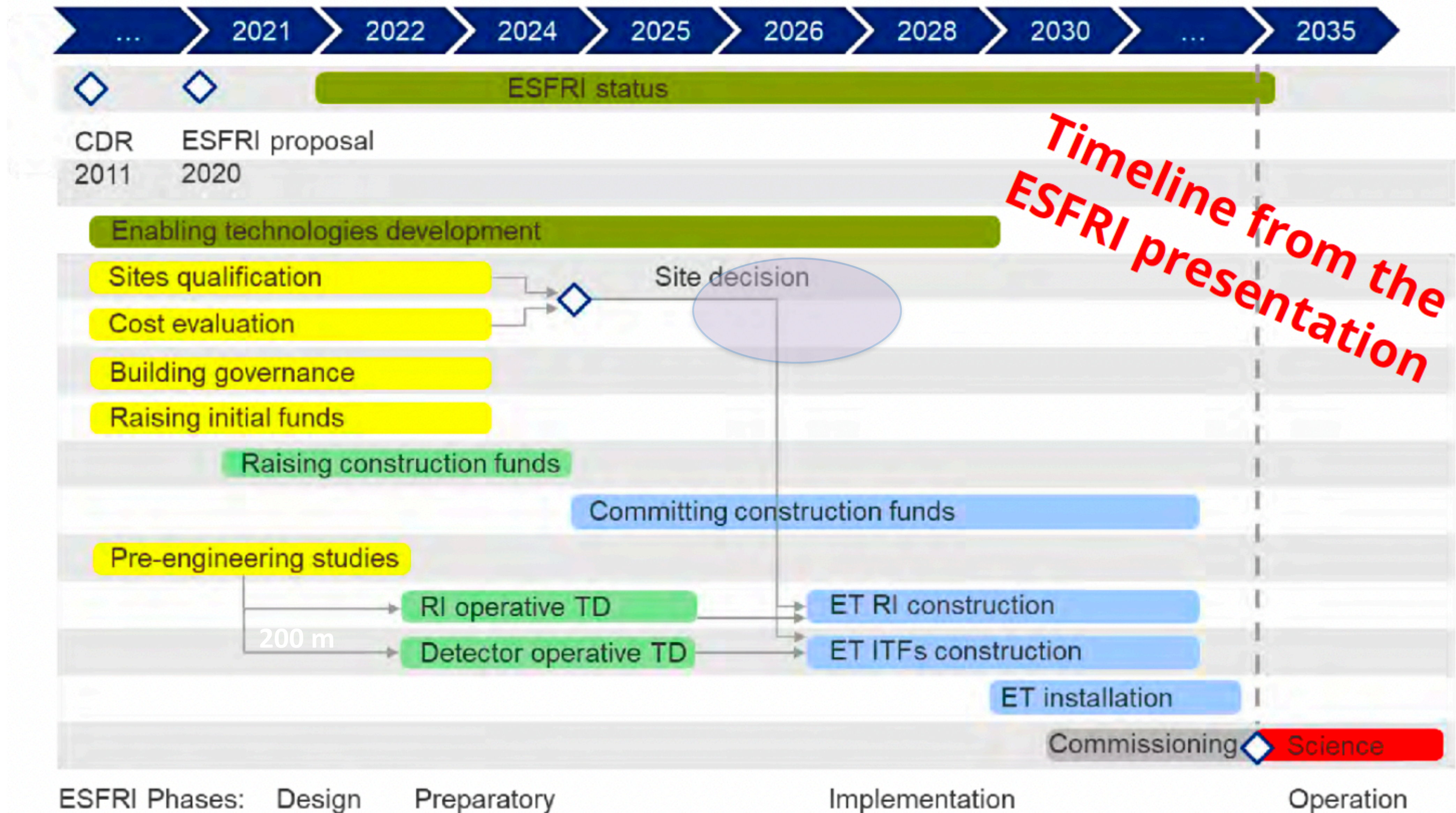


ET Collaboration Member's Affiliation Map



- 1819 members (29.5.2025)
- 93 Research Units
- 263 Institutions
- in 31 Countries

<https://apps.et-gw.eu/etmd/>



Timeline from the ESFRI presentation

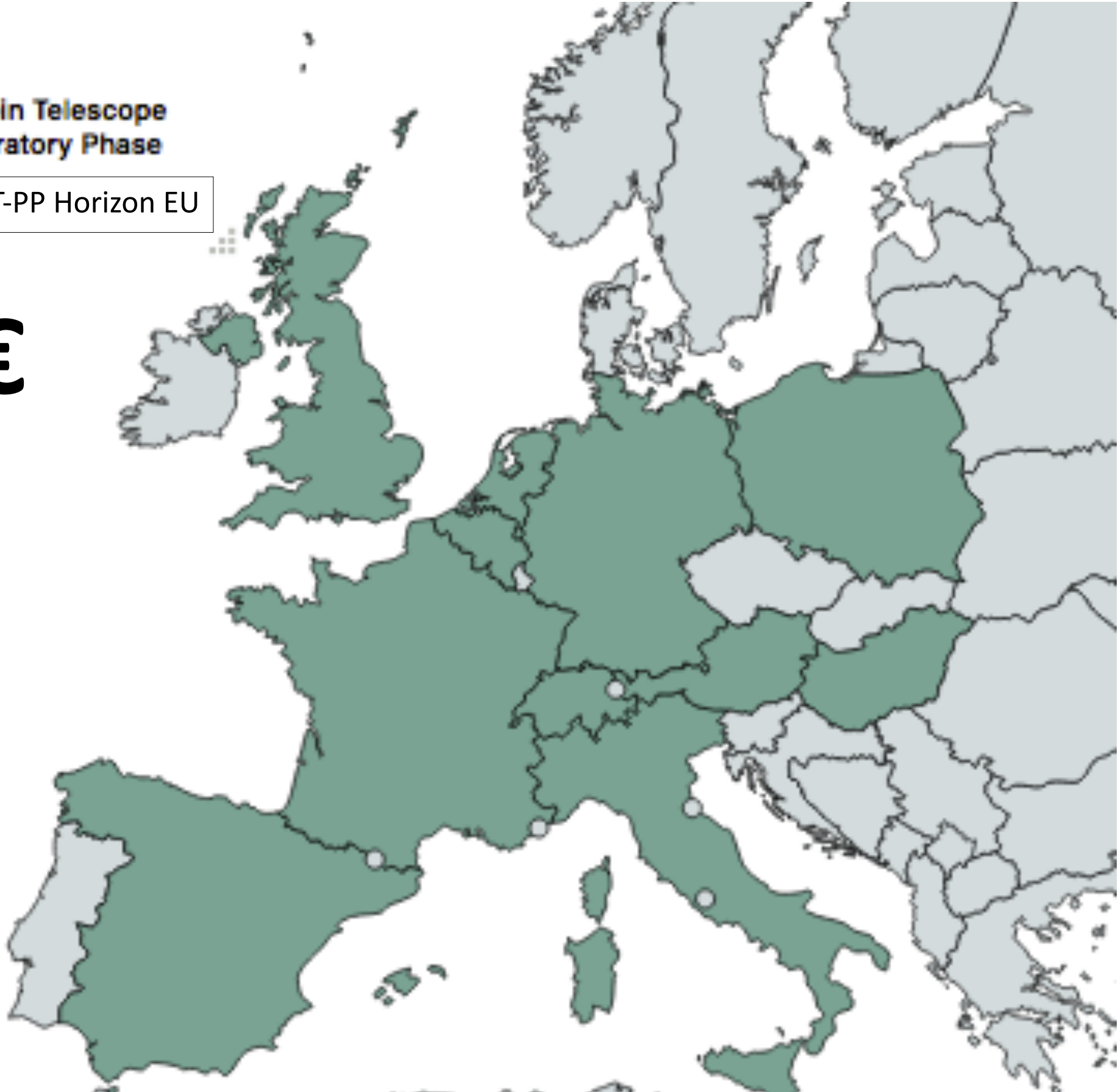
ET project is now in the preparatory phase

- > We know already ESFRI roadmap schedule was too optimistic based on simplified assumptions
- > We are in the process to define a new schedule and roadmap —> all became complicated...


INFRA-DEV ET-PP (Preparatory Phase)

3.45M€

12M€
(total value)



COUNTRY	Third parties
BELGIUM	KU Leuven
GERMANY	RWTH (Aachen), AEI (MPI), LUH (Hannover)
THE NETHERLANDS	VU (AMSTERDAM), UM (MAASTRICHT)
SPAIN	ICCUB (Barcelona), UV (Valencia), UIB (Mallorca) CDTI (Madrid)
POLAND	NCBJ, CAMK, Cyfronet, IMPAN



European Commission

Funding & tender opportunities

Single Electronic Procurement

SEARCH FUNDING & TENDERS

HOW TO

Preparatory phase of new ES

TOPIC ID: HORIZON-INFRA-2021-DEV-

Grant

General information

Topic description

Destination

Conditions and documents

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Topic related FAQ

Get support

General information

Programme

Horizon Europe Fra

Call

Developing and co leadership (2021)

Type of action

HORIZON-CSA HO

Deadline model


single-stage

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COUNTRY	Partners
AUSTRIA	U. LEOBEN
BELGIUM	U. ANTWERPEN
BELGIUM	U. LOUVAIN
EGO	EGO
FRANCE	CNRS
GERMANY	DESY
HUNGARY	WIGNER RCP
ITALY	INFN
THE NETHERLANDS	NIKHEF
POLAND	U. WARSAW
SPAIN	IFAE BSC-CNS (affiliated)
SWITZERLAND (associated partner)	U. GENEVA
UK (associated partner)	UKRI CARDIFF GLASGOW

Einstein Telescope Preparatory Phase (ET-PP) in 2022 – 2026
HORIZON-INFRA-DEV EU Project coordinated by IFAE (Spain)
→ <https://etpp.ifae.es>

Work on sites



Status Update of Sardinia activities

Davide Rozza on behalf of the Sardinian site characterization team

Two Geometrical Options: Δ vs 2L

Legal Framework and authorization



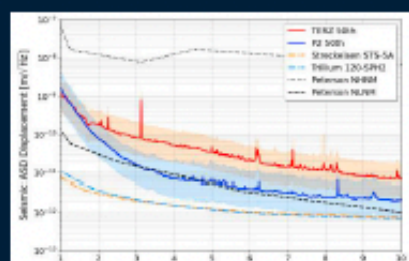
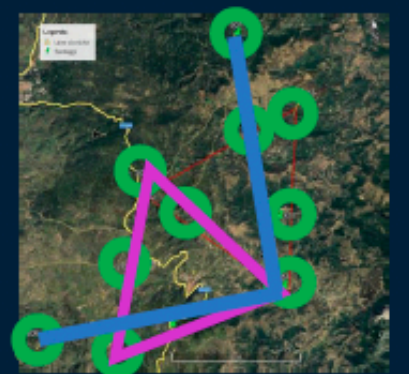



Socio-economic impact

Geological studies

Site monitoring

Noise impact Evaluation

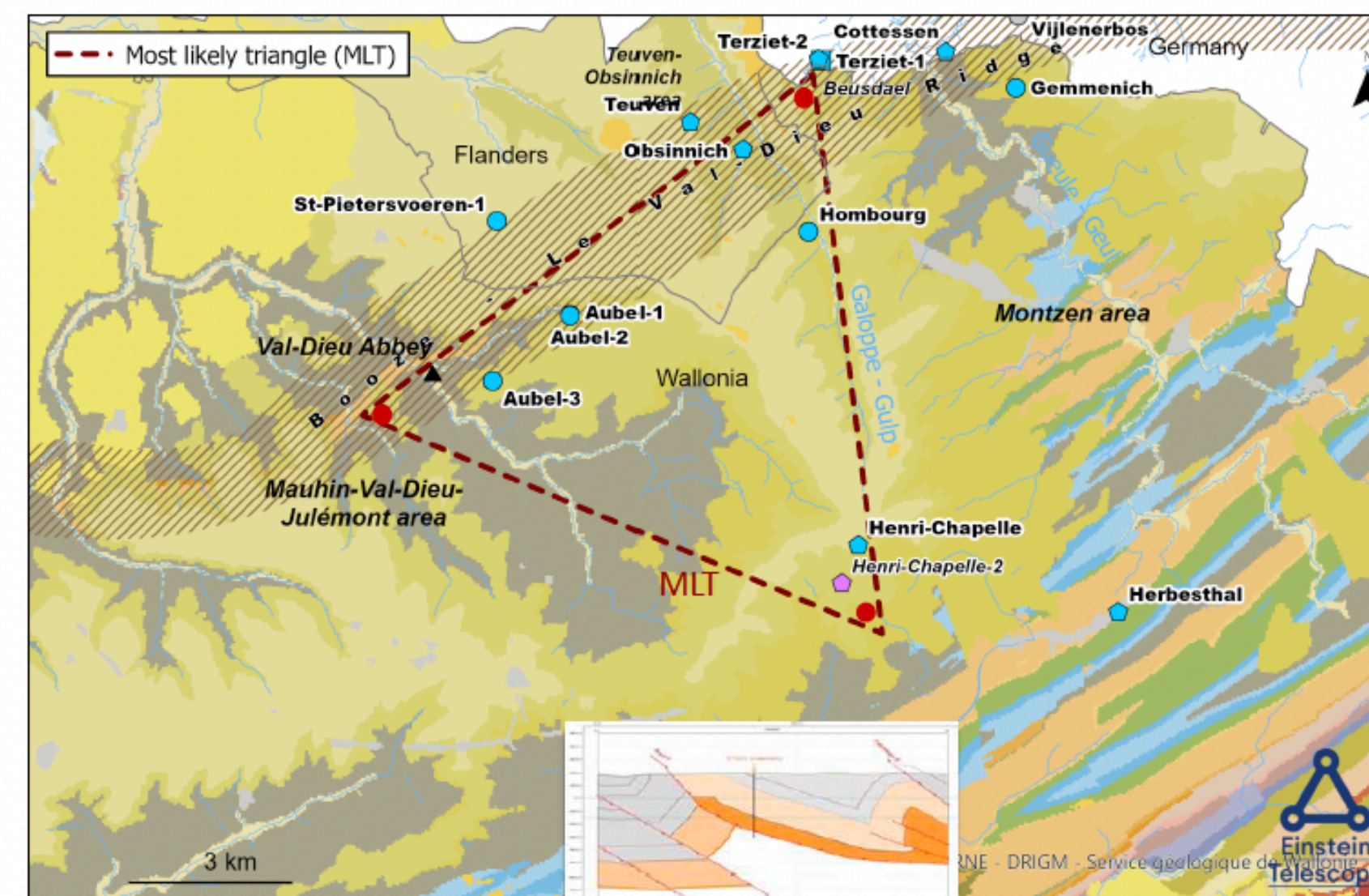
Engineering studies

From the geological and physical point of view, Sardinia is an optimal candidate to host the Einstein Telescope, either in Δ or in L (\rightarrow 2 sites) configuration!

Most Likely Triangle – based on current knowledge

Presentations: Bjorn Vink, Marc Boxberg, Wim Walk



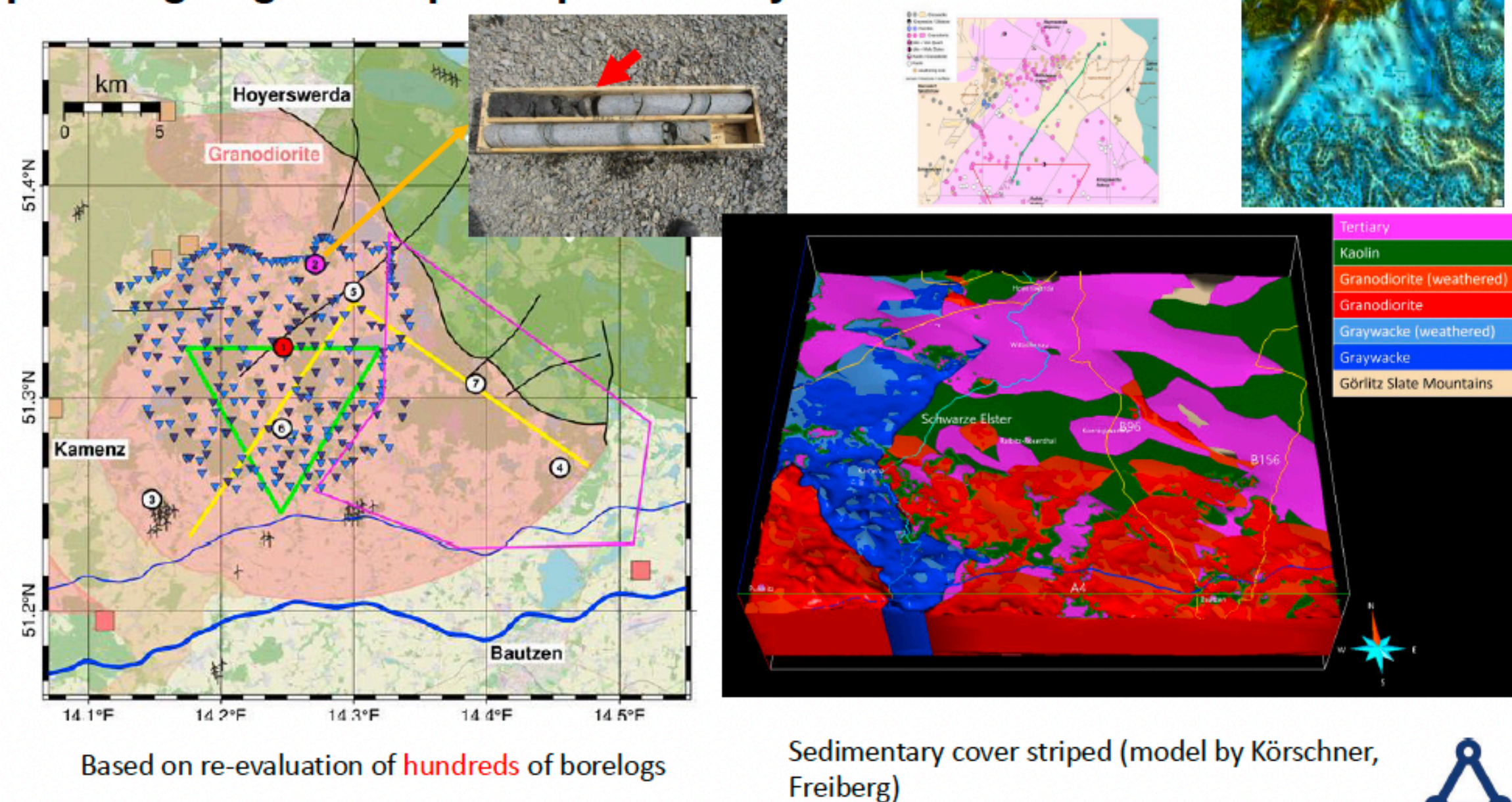
MLT location and depth convergence based on:

- Structural geology model (16 boreholes)
- Improved definition of Bose Val-Dieu block
- Geomechanical core evaluation
- Available seismic and ERT data
- Noise evaluation upcoming

2nd borehole campaign:

- Confirm vertices/depth (~ 5 new boreholes ●)
- Use recently completed seismic campaign data
- Refine hydro-geological model
- Investigate L (pending approval)

Updated geological map and preliminary 3D model



Parallel work in each of the three sites

The work will not be completed for all the sites before Q4 2026 (Sardinia might have the results already in 2025)

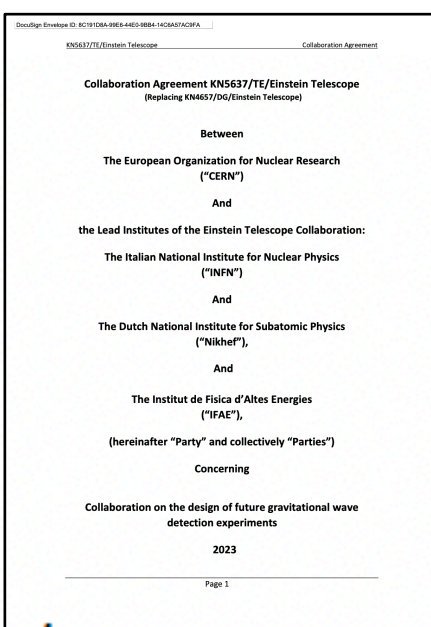
Recently created panel to determine the parameters for site decision

\rightarrow Difficult to say when the decision on geometry and site(s) will take place

\rightarrow Very difficult political process with high level negotiations taking place



Working with CERN



The Einstein Telescope is a 'recognised experiment' at CERN. We can access support provided it is cost neutral to CERN.

- **Vacuum pipe:** governed by an MOU between CERN, INFN, Nikhef and IFAE, CERN has started a dedicated activity to deliver the technical design report for the vacuum pipe in 2025. Currently a prototyp station is being built at CERN, supported by a large and efficient team.
- **Civil engineering:** an extension to the MOU has been agreed: CERN will provide consultancy and technical support towards the creation of the TDR for the civil engineering and technical infrastructure for 2026.
- **Document management:** project management requires specific tools, we are investigating the use of the CERN tool EDMS. CERN is providing support for a pilot study which has now started.
- **Engineering support:** technical designs at CERN are usually done by a large interdisciplinary team, including for example the safety group. We have organised several discussions with the relevant teams and are now formulating a plan for dedicated support for the design of the technical infrastructure.

RECENTLY SIGNED — MAY 2025

ET Vacuum Pipe TDR

As coordinated by CERN —> a history of great success

Preparatory Phase for the Einstein Telescope Gravitational Wave Observatory

2nd review meeting (RP2) — 15.05.2024

WP 6.2: Deliverables and milestones (2)

Pilot sector: from conceptual design to installation

Test of support installation and alignment in TT4

Installation of the extremity support in TT4

Fabrication and installation

Compensation bellows in the CERN's vacuum firing furnace

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Preparatory Phase for the Einstein Telescope Gravitational Wave Observatory

2nd review meeting (RP2) — 15.05.2024

WP 6.2: Deliverables and milestones (3)

Pilot sector: from conceptual design to installation.

Vacuum tube elements (first phase) at the supplier production plant

Fabrication and installation

Vacuum tube elements (first phase) in TT4 at CERN waiting for optical baffle ring welding.

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Project: 101079696 — ET-PP, 2nd review meeting

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- The **detailed installation and measurement plan** was prepared in January and is updated monthly based on input from the fabrication teams.
- Currently, the measurements are organized into three main steps:
 1. **Dust generation** during tube junction assembly.
 2. Performance evaluation of **pumps and instrumentation**.
 3. Performance evaluation of a **36-metre-long pipe** (scheduled to begin in August).

Preparatory Phase for the Einstein Telescope Gravitational Wave Observatory

2nd review meeting (RP2) — 15.05.2024

WP 6.2: Deliverables and milestones (1)

Pilot sector: from conceptual design to installation

Conceptual design

Technical design

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Collaboration Agreement KNS637/TE Einstein Telescope

Between

The European Organization for Nuclear Research ("CERN")

And

the Lead Institutes of the Einstein Telescope Collaboration:

The Italian National Institute for Nuclear Physics ("INFN")

And

The Dutch National Institute for Subatomic Physics ("Nikhef"),

And

The Institut de Física d'Altes Energies ("IFAE"),

(hereinafter "Party" and collectively "Parties")

Concerning

Collaboration on the design of future gravitational wave detection experiments

2023

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Updated master plan that includes the new addendum of our collaboration with NIKHEF, INFN and IFAE:

	2025				2026				2027			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Manufacturing and installation of pilot sector												
Measurement with pilot sector (phase 1)												
Extended-TDR												
Purchasing of material for phase 2												
Measurement with pilot sector (phase 2)												
Purchasing of material for phase 3												
Measurement with pilot sector (phase 3)												
Technical documents for ET-beampipe market survey												
Final TDR												

Preparatory Phase for the Einstein Telescope Gravitational Wave Observatory

2nd review meeting (RP2) — 15.05.2024

Expected technical results and achievement in 2025:

WP 6.2: Deliverables and milestones (6)

Pre-TDR

Outgassing rate of small valves finished

Assembly by sleeves tested with the mock-up.

Start of background measurements

Start of tests with the 36-m pipe

Start of purchasing procedure for alternative tubes (pilot sector v. 2)

Support installation in TT4

Assessment of welds made by the tube supplier

Vacuum tube elements delivered at CERN.

Proposal of alternative supports and joining methods

Beginning of vacuum tube finishing

Q1-2025

Q2-2025

Q3-2025

Q4-2025

Extended-TDR ready

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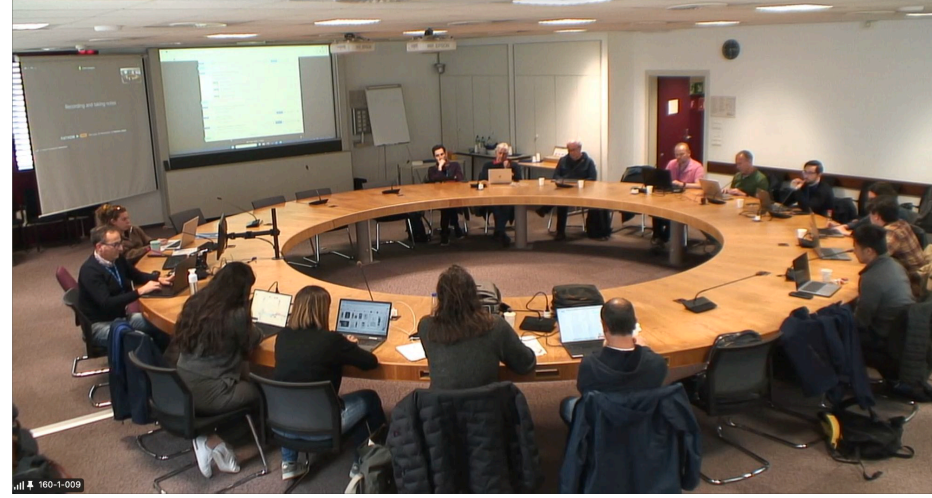
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(Slides taken from P. Chiggiato (CERN) during EC review on May 2025)

ET Optical Layout

Task force coordinated by ETO



- The definition of the ET layout was taking too long and started pointed to very expensive civil engineering costs
- Fundamental input for Local teams in the different sites
- A task-force was put in place — delivered layout in May

- Main driver for civil infrastructure cost is from tunnels (arm + FC + IMC)
 - ~ 3200 m³ in 2L (~80% of total volume)
 - ~ 2500 m³ in Triangle (~70% of total volume)
- Main actions within Task Force
 - Move all filter cavities in main tunnels
 - Reduce length of input mode cleaners
 - Reduce number of nodes (towers) and connections (pipes) in vertex cavern

The ET Baseline Detector Layout	
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F. Sorrentino - ETO Design Task Force update

Einstein Telescope

F. Sorrentino

Detector layout - Triangle

**Great success with huge impact
reduced the volume by > 25% !**

2024 reference

new baseline design from Task Force:
~25% volume reduction

Task force action

Detector layout - 2L

2024 reference

new baseline design from Task Force:
~28% volume reduction

Task force action

ETO Engineering & CERN

Civil Engineering activity for ET in Phase 1 – MOU CERN



Deliverable	Description of civil engineering documents to be produced by ETO and reviewed and supported by CERN	Date
D1	Work Plan explaining the roadmap to produce the TDR	Q4 2023
D2	Review and assessment document of existing information relevant for civil engineering	Q1 2024
D3	Requirements and specific objectives for the civil engineering tender documents for consultant(s) to develop civil engineering layouts/specifications and to produce cost/schedule report and risk analysis	Q2 2024
D4	Configuration of design tools (Geoprofiler, GIS data, BIM model etc.)	Q3 2024
D5	Structure of the TDR	Q4 2024
D6	TDR	Q4 2026

MOU established with CERN 2024-2026

- support ETO on the preliminary TDR for the civil engineering infrastructure.
- review the activity plans and the documents from the local teams (TETI and EMR)

ETO Civil Engineering meeting with Local Teams (EMR and TETI)

Meeting date: 29-30 April 2024

Meeting location: CERN

ADDENDUM NO. 1 KR5754/SCE TO FRAMEWORK COLLABORATION AGREEMENT KN 5637/TE

BETWEEN: THE EUROPEAN ORGANIZATION FOR NUCLEAR RESEARCH (“CERN”), an Intergovernmental Organization having its seat at Geneva, Switzerland,

AND: THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR NUCLEAR PHYSICS (“INFN”), established in Rome, Italy,

AND: THE DUTCH NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR SUBATOMIC PHYSICS (“Nikhef”), established in Amsterdam, The Netherlands,

AND: THE INSTITUT DE FISICA D’ALTES ENERGIES (“IFAE”), established in Barcelona, Spain,

Hereinafter each individually referred to as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties”,

Future Accelerator Studies (FS)
SL: John Osborne
DL: Mar CERN
International Linear Collider, CLIC, Muon Collider, LHeC
External Reviews e.g. ESS, XFEL, DUNE etc.

Future Circular Collider (FCC) Underground Studies and Site Investigations

Roddy Cunningham

Guilhem Gabriel

Liam Brodley

Physics Beyond Colliders (PBC) Einstein Telescope

Tamara Bud

Tunnel Asset Management (TAM)

Tunnel R&D Photogrammetry/Fibre Optic Studies

Vanessa Di Murro

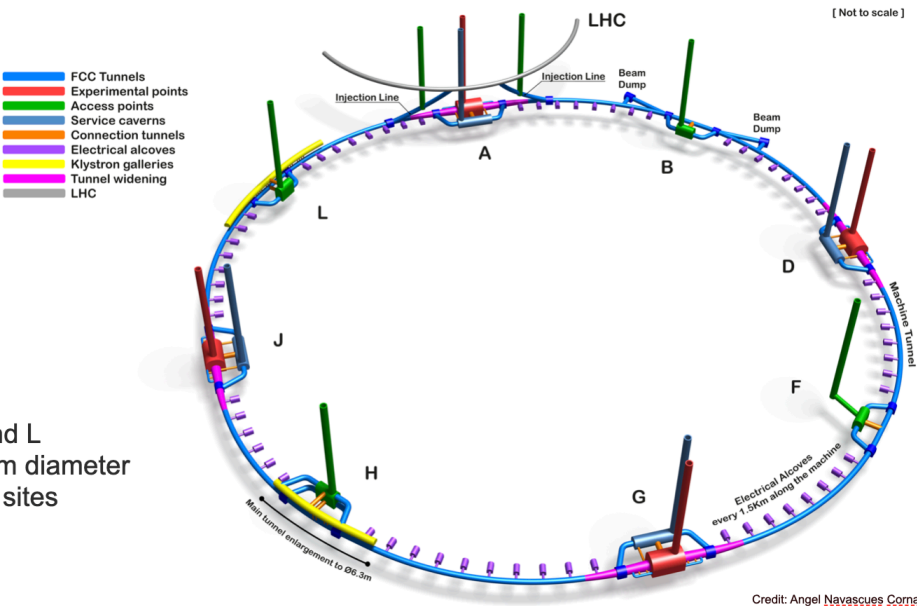
Aohui Guyang

Case Study - Future Circular Collider (FCC) Study

Design frozen for costing exercise every ~2 years

FCC Underground

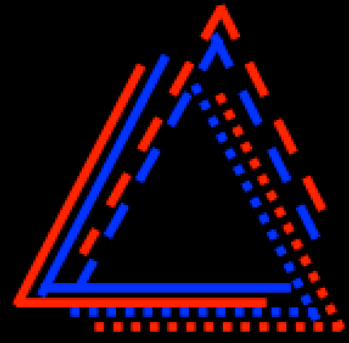
- 90.6 km
- 8 Surface Sites
- 4 Experimental Areas
- 4 Technical Areas
- 14 shafts
- Klystron Galleries at Point H and L
- Point H tunnel widening to 6.3 m diameter
- Tunnel widening at experiment sites
- Beam dump at point B



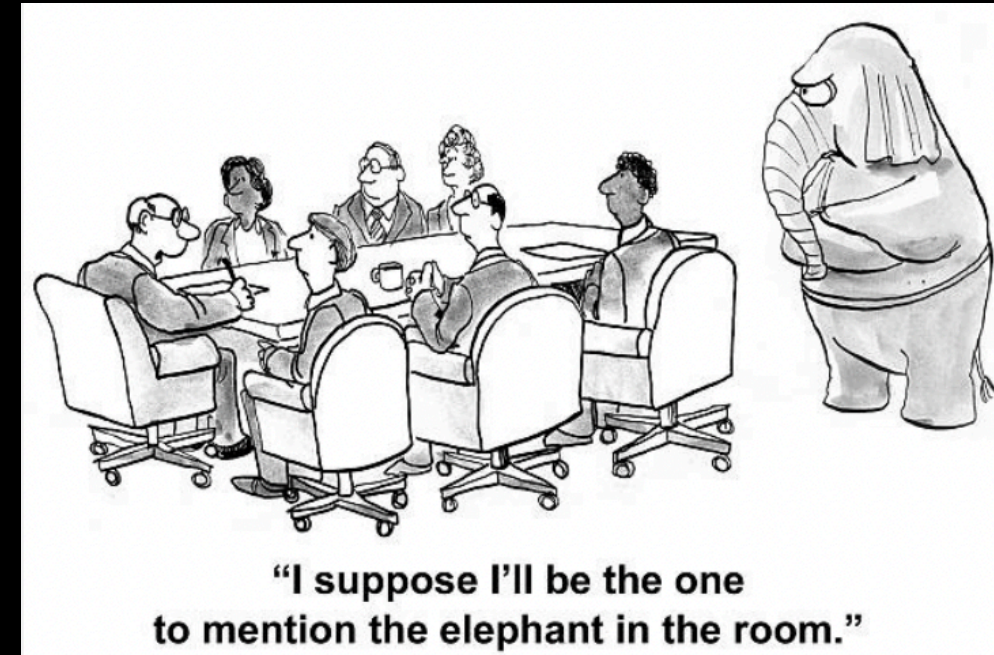
ET will count with the supervision of the same CERN team behind the recent FCC studies —> will guarantee the quality



Layout discussion



Triangle 10 km



2L of 15 km

2L misaligned of 45°

Full sensitivity: HF+LF

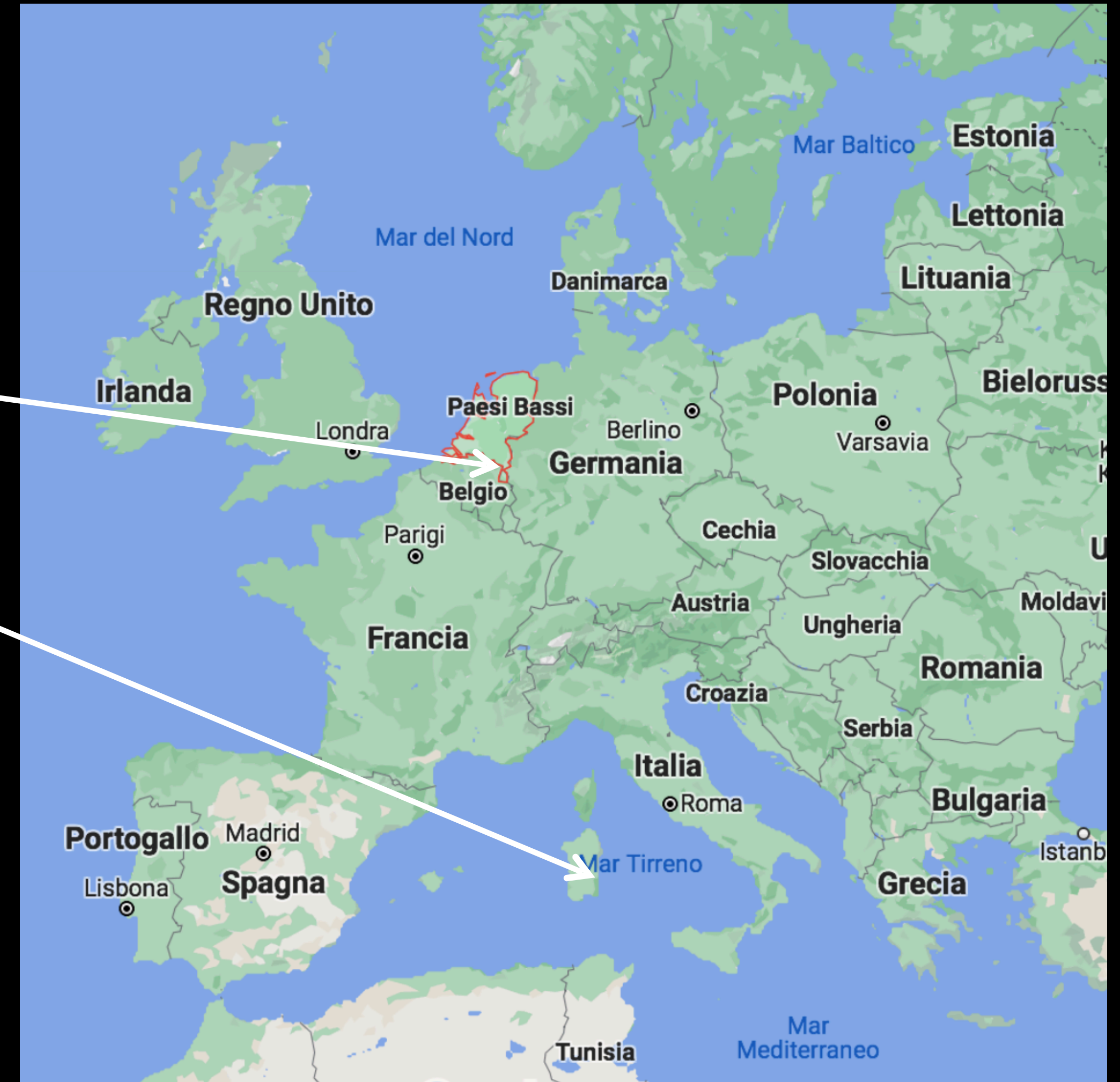
Only HF

Always underground

Scientific community made a study of physics potential comparing ET-baseline (triangle) vs 2L configurations

—> ETO received the mandate to present full cost of risk analysis

—> Will compare underground 10 km ET triangle vs underground 2L 15km



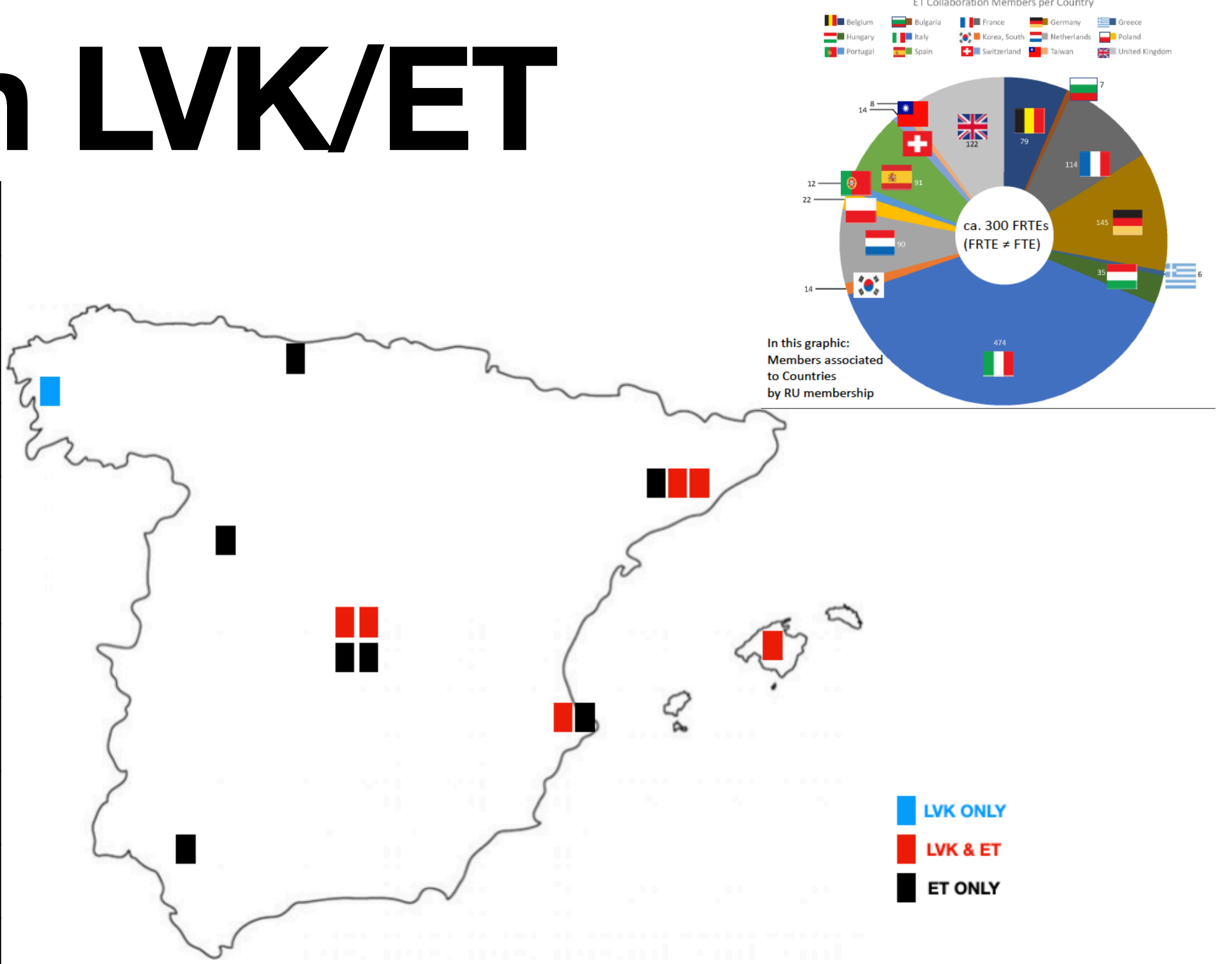
Map of Spanish involvement in LVK/ET

Group	LVK	ET	Hardware	Computing	Note
CIEMAT	Virgo	Y	Y	YY	Hardware/Analysis
ICE	LISA	Y	YY-LISA	N	Not allocated FTEs for HD
IFAE	LIGO-Virgo	Y	YY	YY	TH/Ops/Analysis/Hardware
IFIC		Y			TH
UIB	LIGO	Y		Y	TH/Analysis
USC	LIGO	N			TH/Analysis
USAL		Y			TH
IFT	Virgo	Y			TH/Analysis
UCM		Y			TH
UCAN		Y			TH
ICCUB	Virgo	Y		Y	TH/Analysis
UV	Virgo	Y			TH/Analysis
IEM		Y			TH/Analysis
IAA		Y			TH/Analysis

It is the time for groups interested to build their hardware capacities participating in ET R&D programs

We are actively exploring synergies with other research centers (engineering departments - UPC, UPM) in Spain

A number of ICTS directly involved — BSC — RES , ALBA, CLPU



- There are many groups interested in ET, some of them from HEP, some of them detector builders
- A reduced number with hardware capacities
- Most of them Theory and/or GW data analysis oriented
- As today work to do to consolidate a large experimental community in Spain.
- Very significant Computing Capacities

UIB Contributions to ET



Universitat
de les Illes Balears

- **Members:** ~17 active researchers (staff, postdocs, PhDs, engineers) in the ET member database.
- **Main Contributions:**
 - **Waveforms** (Div. 8 & 1): Development and improvement of waveform models (BBH, BNS, BHNS, IMBHs, eccentric/hyperbolic binaries, matter effects, memory, tidal effects, systematics).
 - **Neutron Star Searches** (Div. 7): Pipelines for continuous and long-duration transient signals; software development and optimization.
 - **Cosmology & Populations** (Div. 2 & 3): Cosmology with ET, primordial black holes, astrophysical population studies.
 - **Synergies & Broader Impact:** Links with LISA and other GW observatories, numerical relativity, Bayesian parameter estimation, gravitational lensing, noise mitigation, education & outreach.
- **Leadership & Service:**
 - Participation in ET governing and scientific bodies:
 - ET Data Access Policy Committee
 - ET Collaboration Board
 - ET Editorial Committee

UCM Contributions to ET

22 members - 4 FRTE



Contributions:

OSB Div 01 – Fundamental physics
OSB Div 08 – Waveforms
OSB Div 06 – Nuclear physics

Departamento de Física Teórica y
Departamento de Estructura de la Materia,
Física Térmica y Electrónica de la UCM

Participation in

- ET blue book: The Science of the Einstein Telescope
- Black hole spectroscopy: from theory to experiment, E. Berti et al

Lines of research

Ringdown phase, quasinormal modes of compact objects in alternative theories of gravity: black holes, neutron stars, wormholes, boson stars, etc.

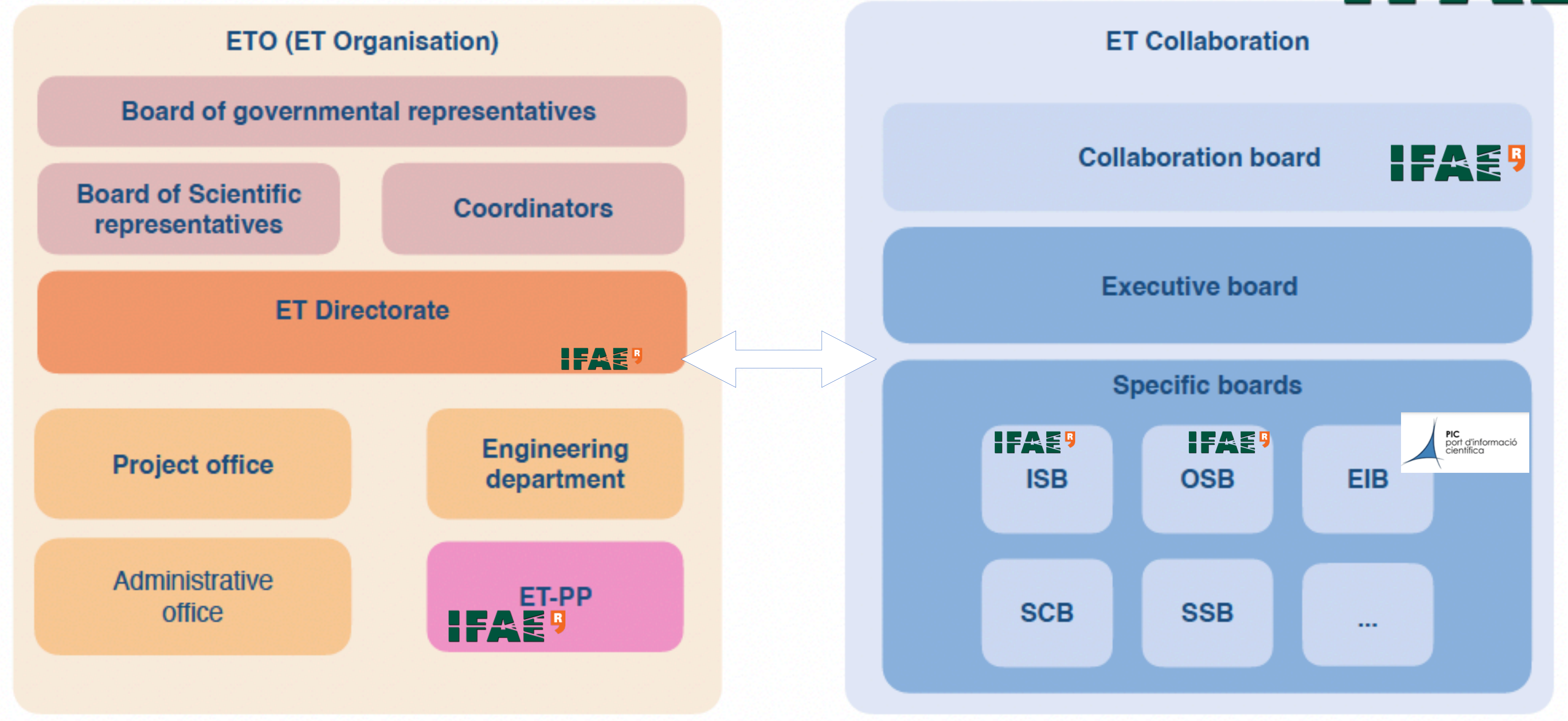
Equation of state: QCD studies for neutron stars and strong interactions from neutron star mergers

Cosmology, inflation, dark matter models and detection.

QFT in curved spacetimes, Quantum gravity

IFAE @ ET Organization

About 20 persons



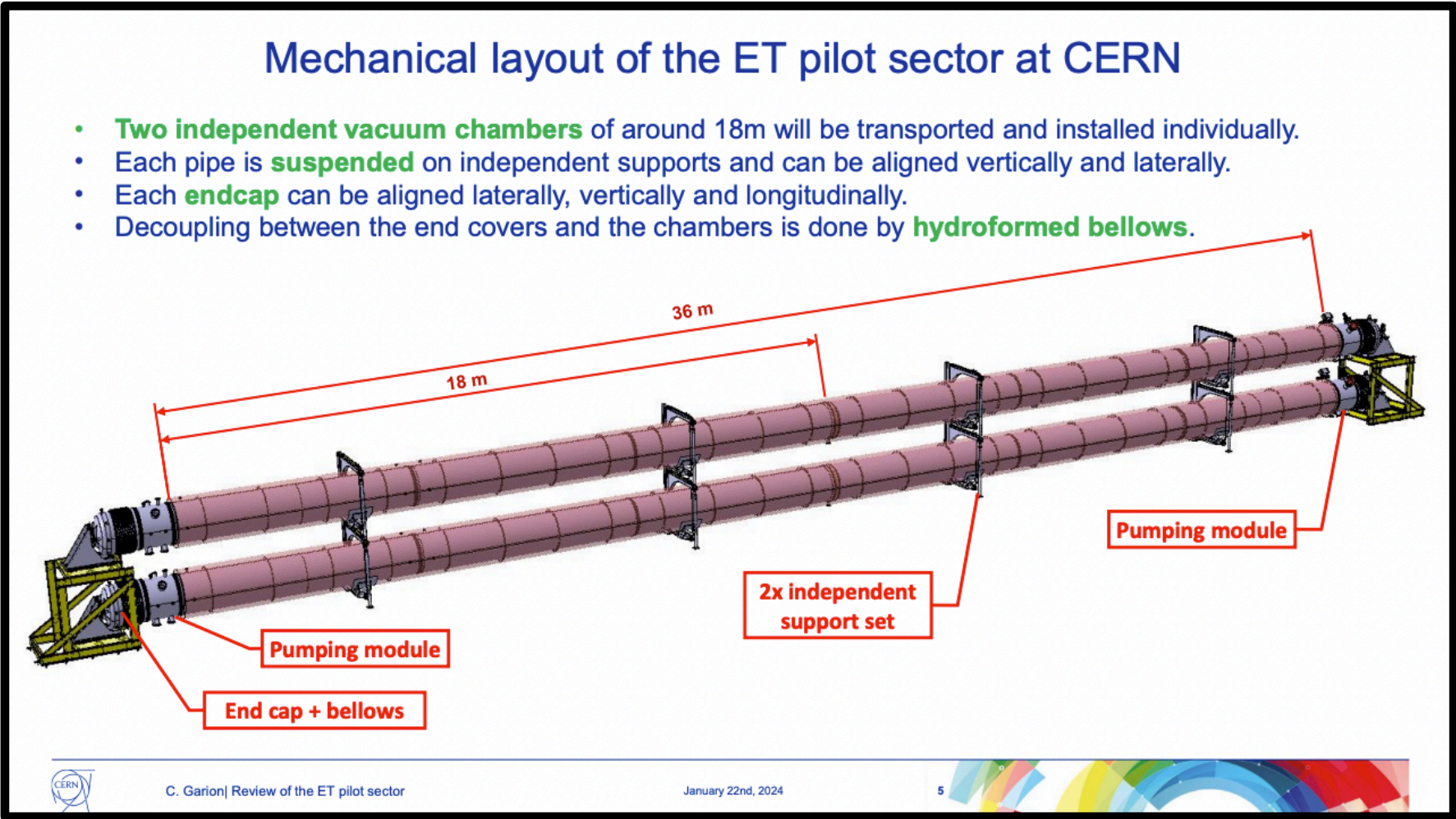
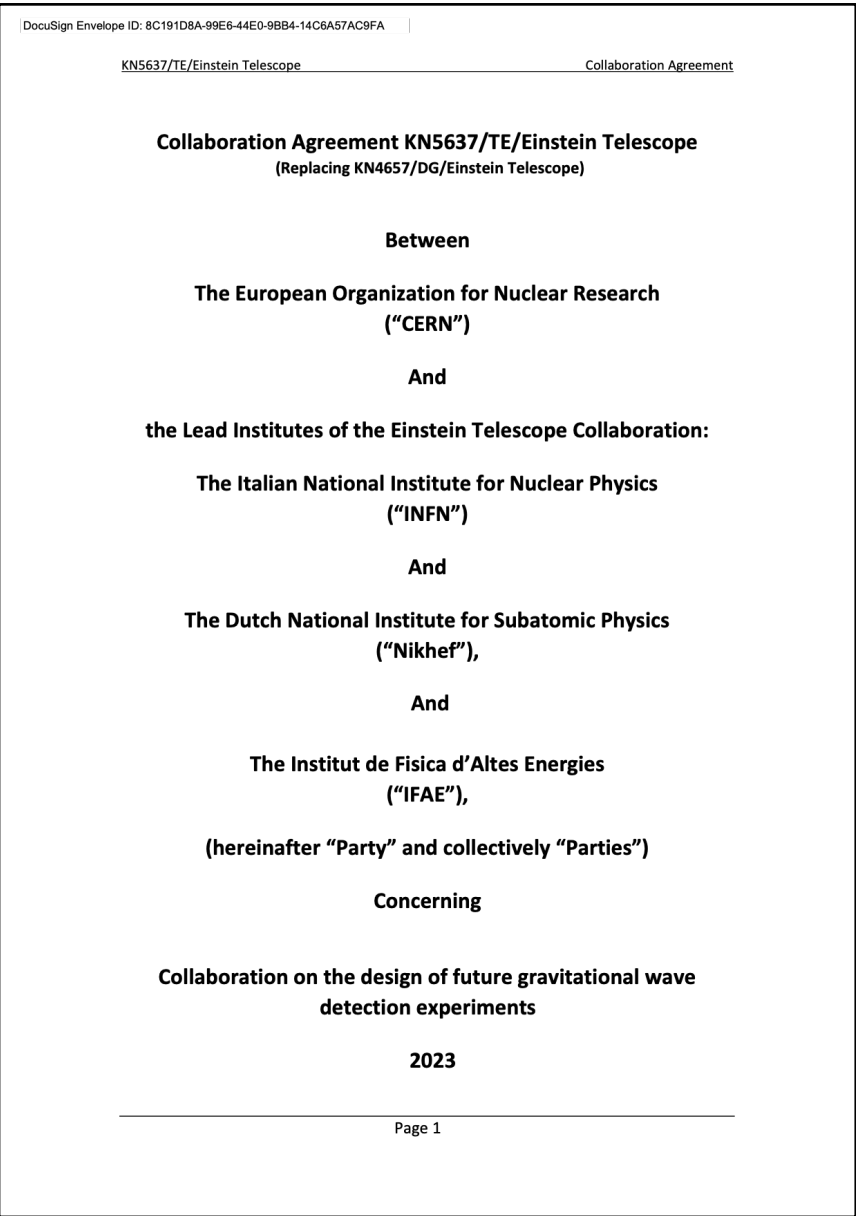
M. Martinez is part of ETO Directorate and Coordinator of ET-PP EU project
E. Coccia is Chair of the ET Collaboration board
Co-convener of ET-SLC WG (until 2021 — fall 2025)

Contributions to ET Detector Simulations
Refined ET Physics Case

- Fundamental Physics @ High Temperatures
- Cosmology & Population studies
- Test of General Relativity

Computing

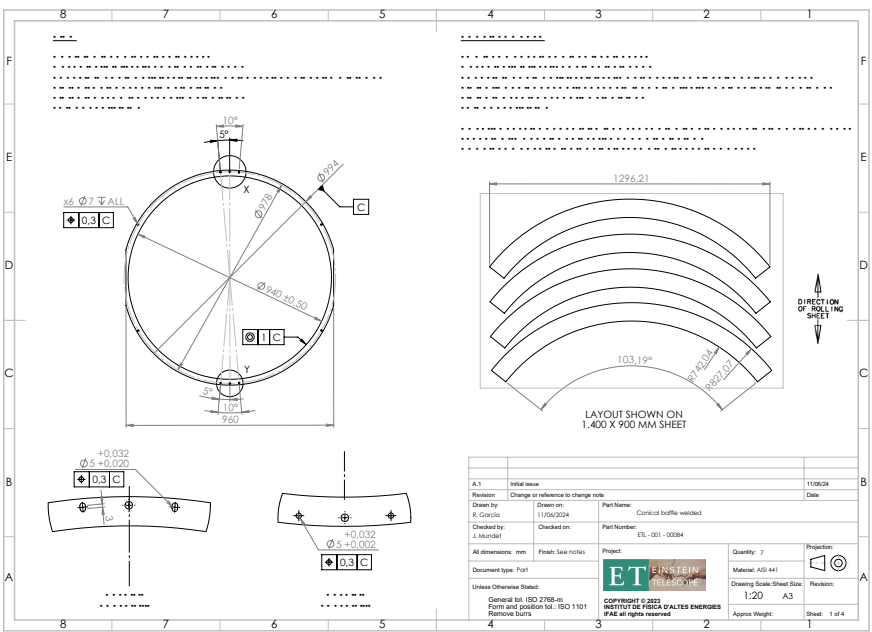
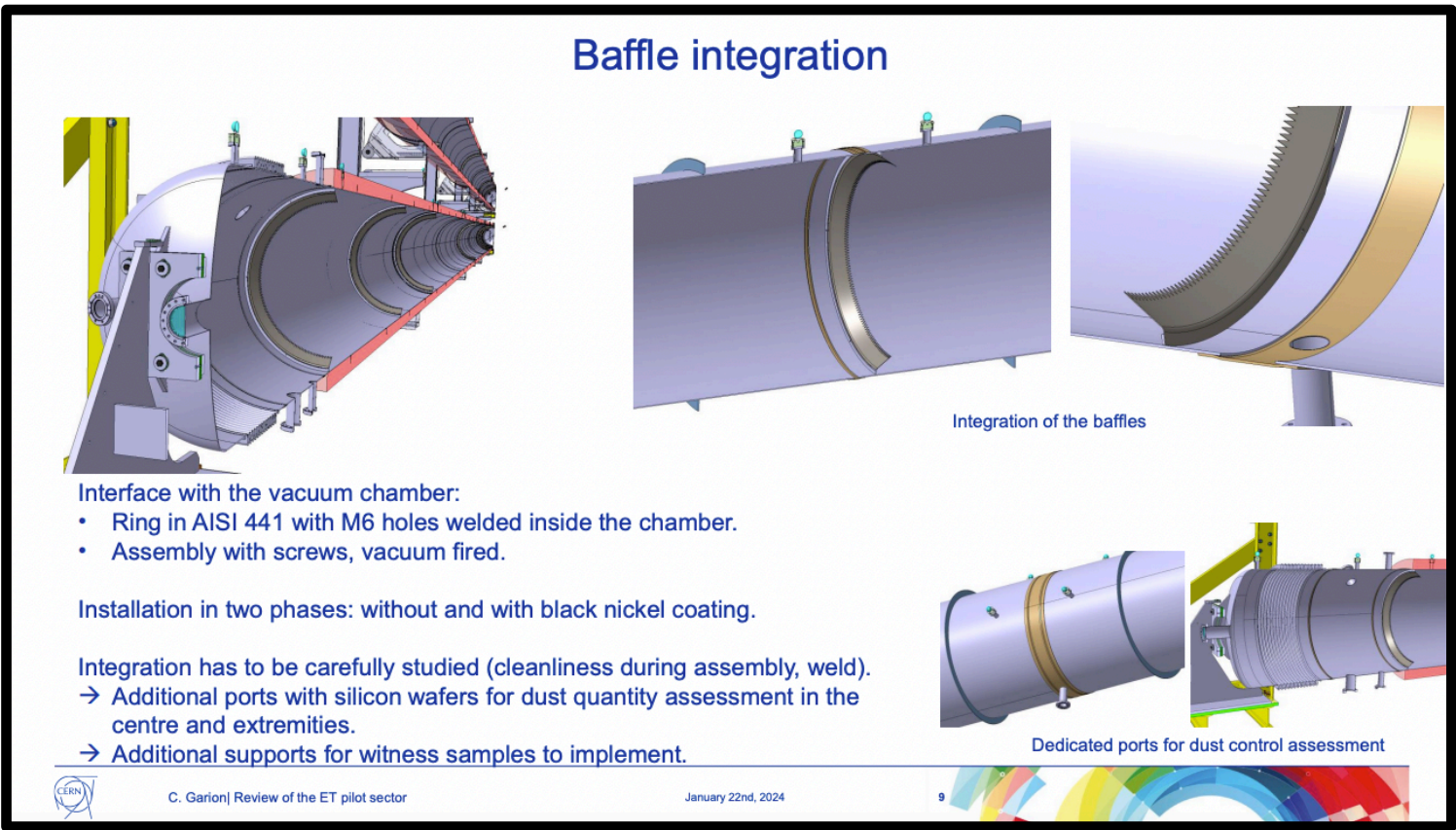
IFAE strategically placed in areas with huge industrial returns close contacts with Ministry and CDTI [being part of ET-PP]



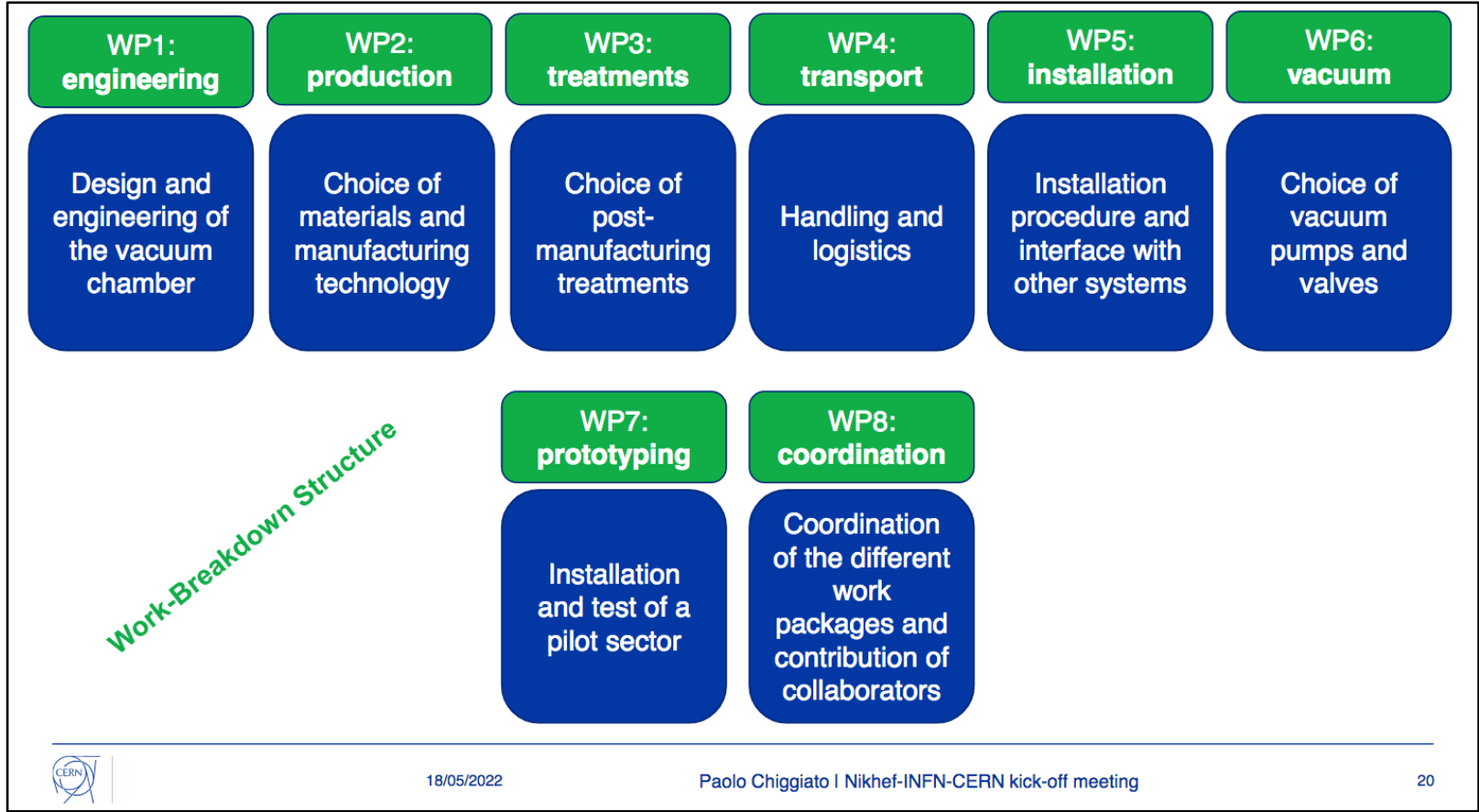
Global planning 2025												
	First year				Second year				Third year			
	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4
Functional specifications												
Roles and agreement with Institutes												
Optimisation of baseline, including cost analysis												
Definition of alternative solutions												
Cost & performance of alternative solutions												
Optimisation of interfaces with services/infrastructures												
Decision about vacuum design for pilot sector at CERN.												
Prototyping of the selected solutions.												
Technical design report (ET vacuum system).												

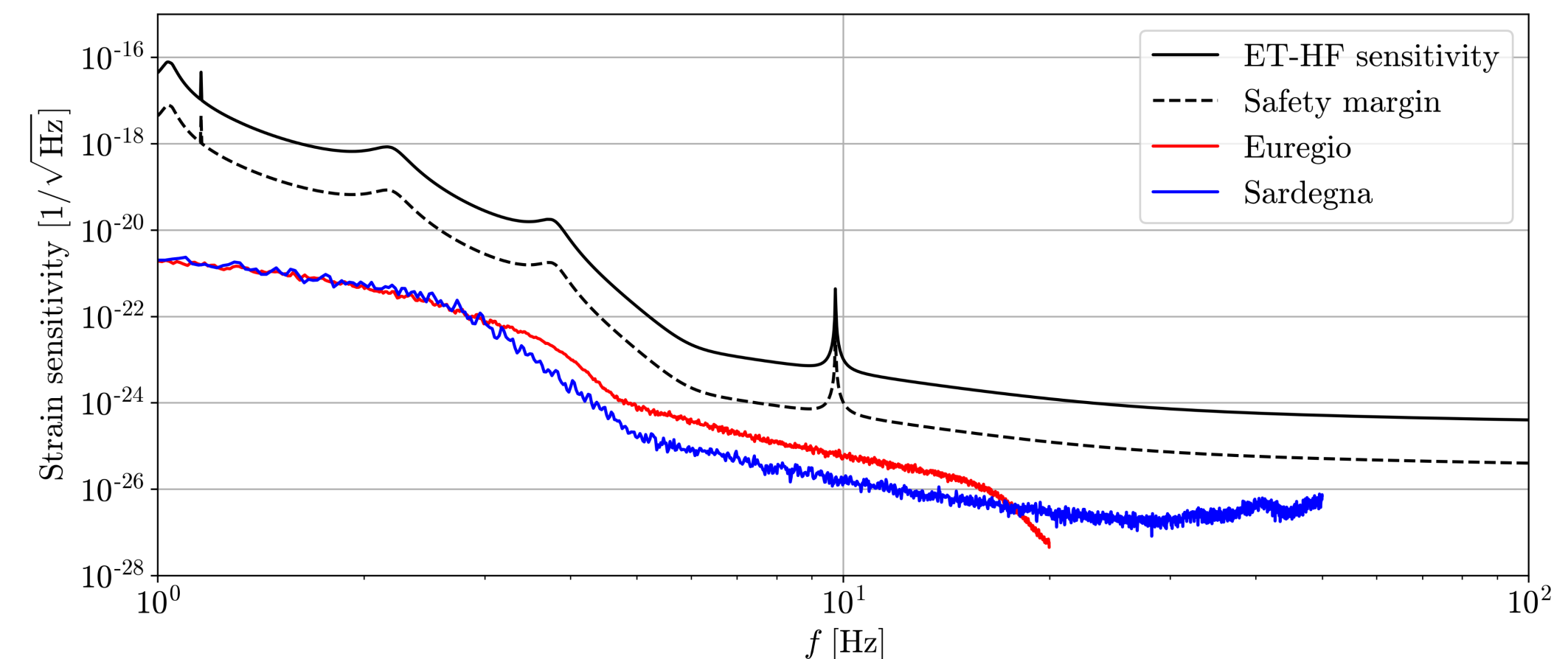
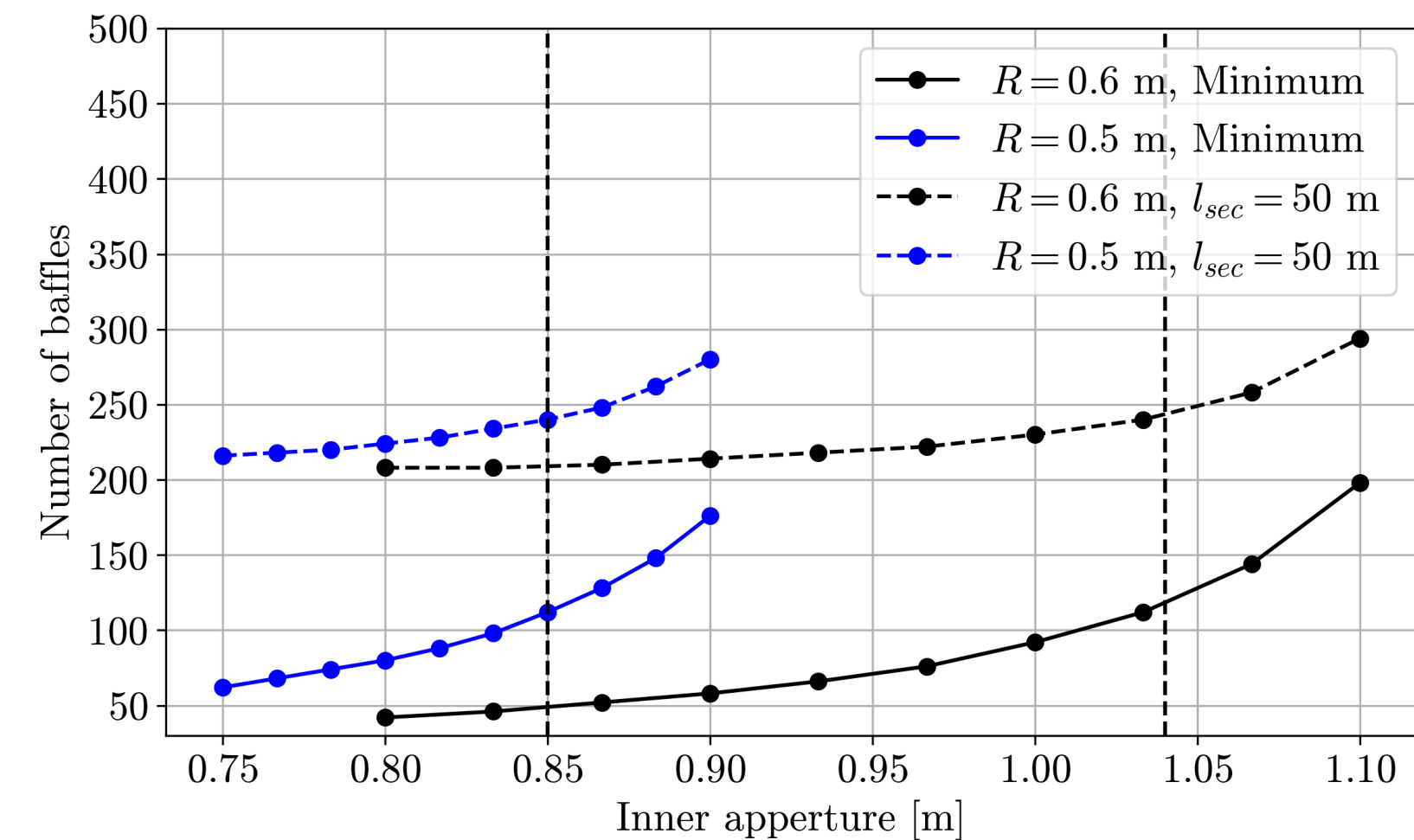
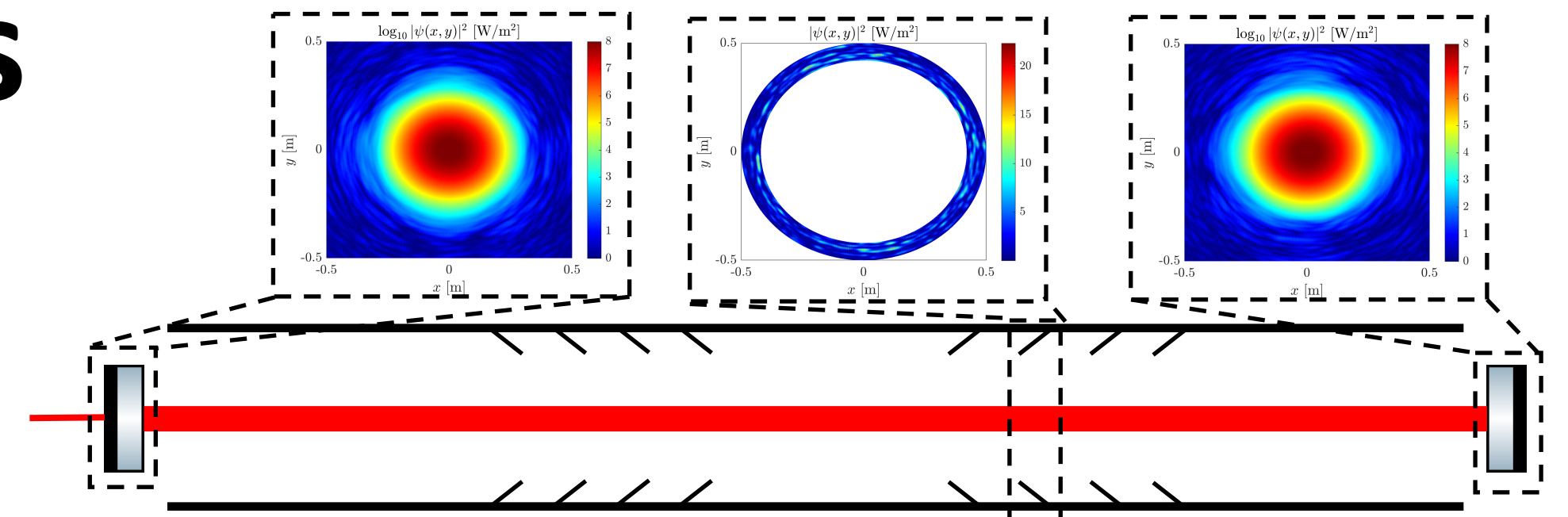
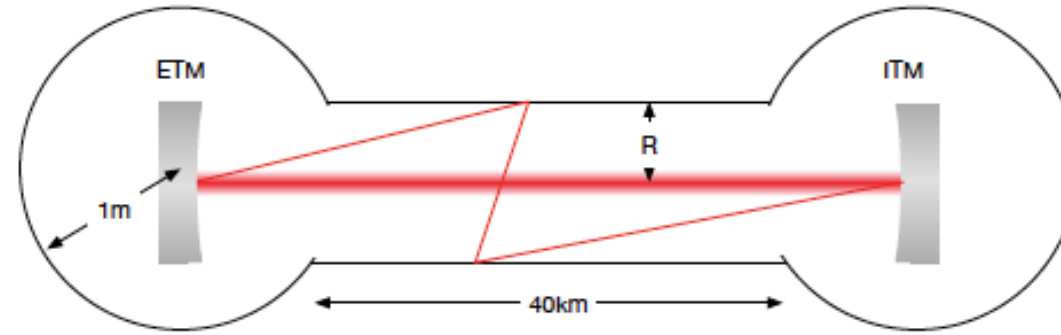
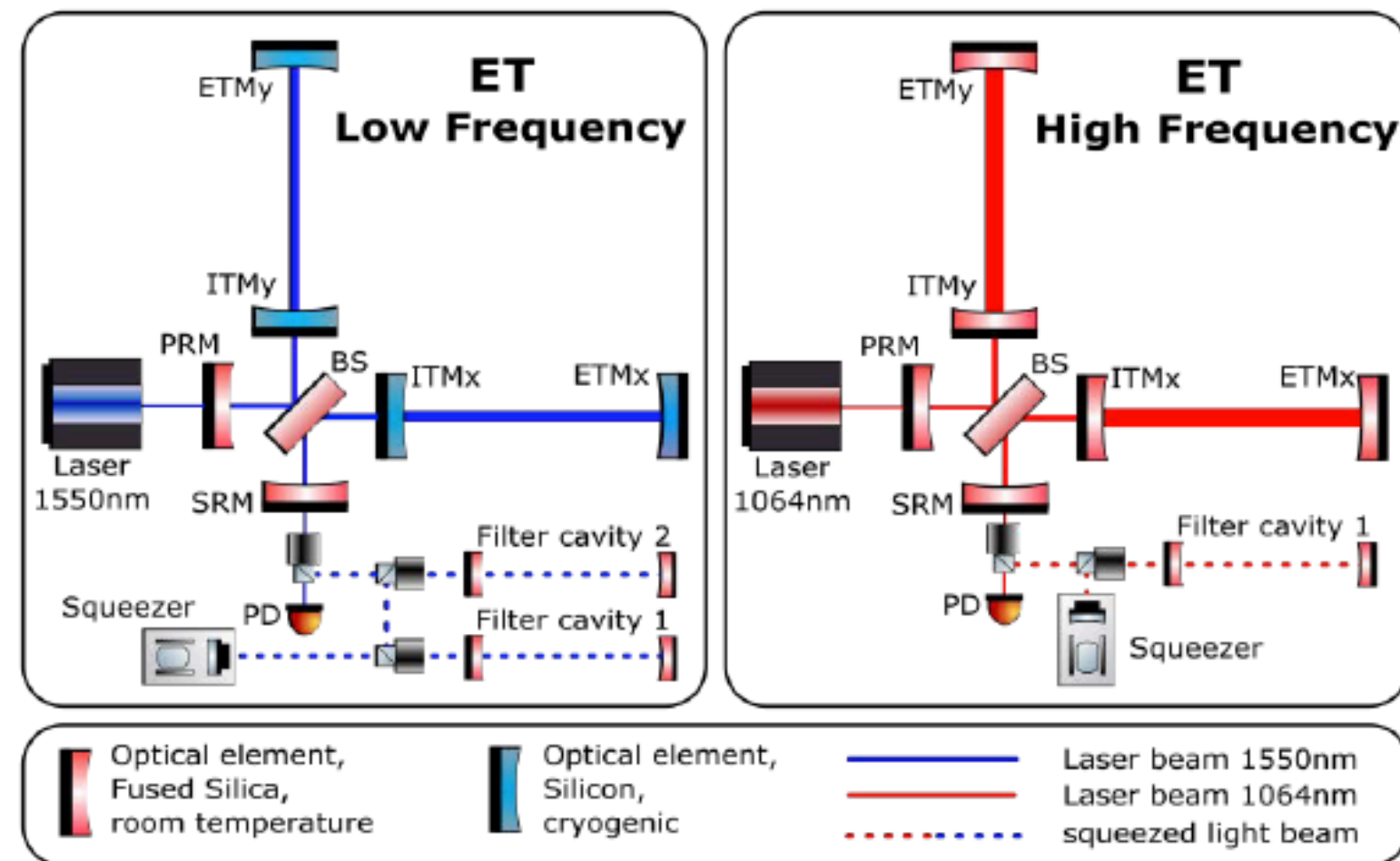
Led by CERN :
design of ET vacuum pipe (1/3 ET core cost)
—> Prototypes 40 m long + UHV tests
—> TDR by 2025 as main deliverable
—> [exploring extending action to 2027]

—> IFAE running stray light simulations
—> IFAE in-kind contribution - O(14) baffles (w/wo special optical coatings)
—> Synergy with LIGO and Cosmic Explorer



Launching baffle production now





Detailed simulations of the light propagation in the optical cavities

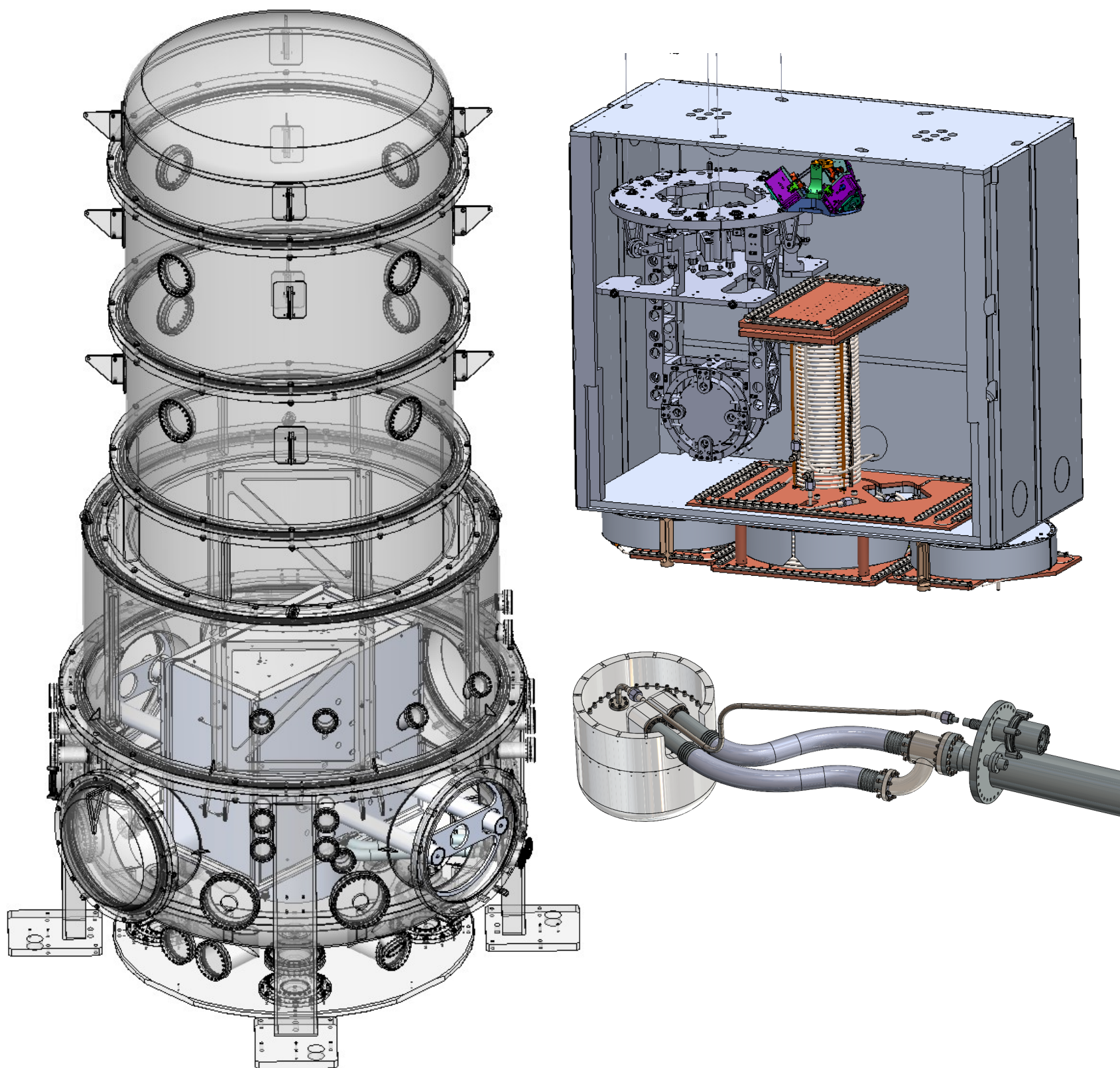
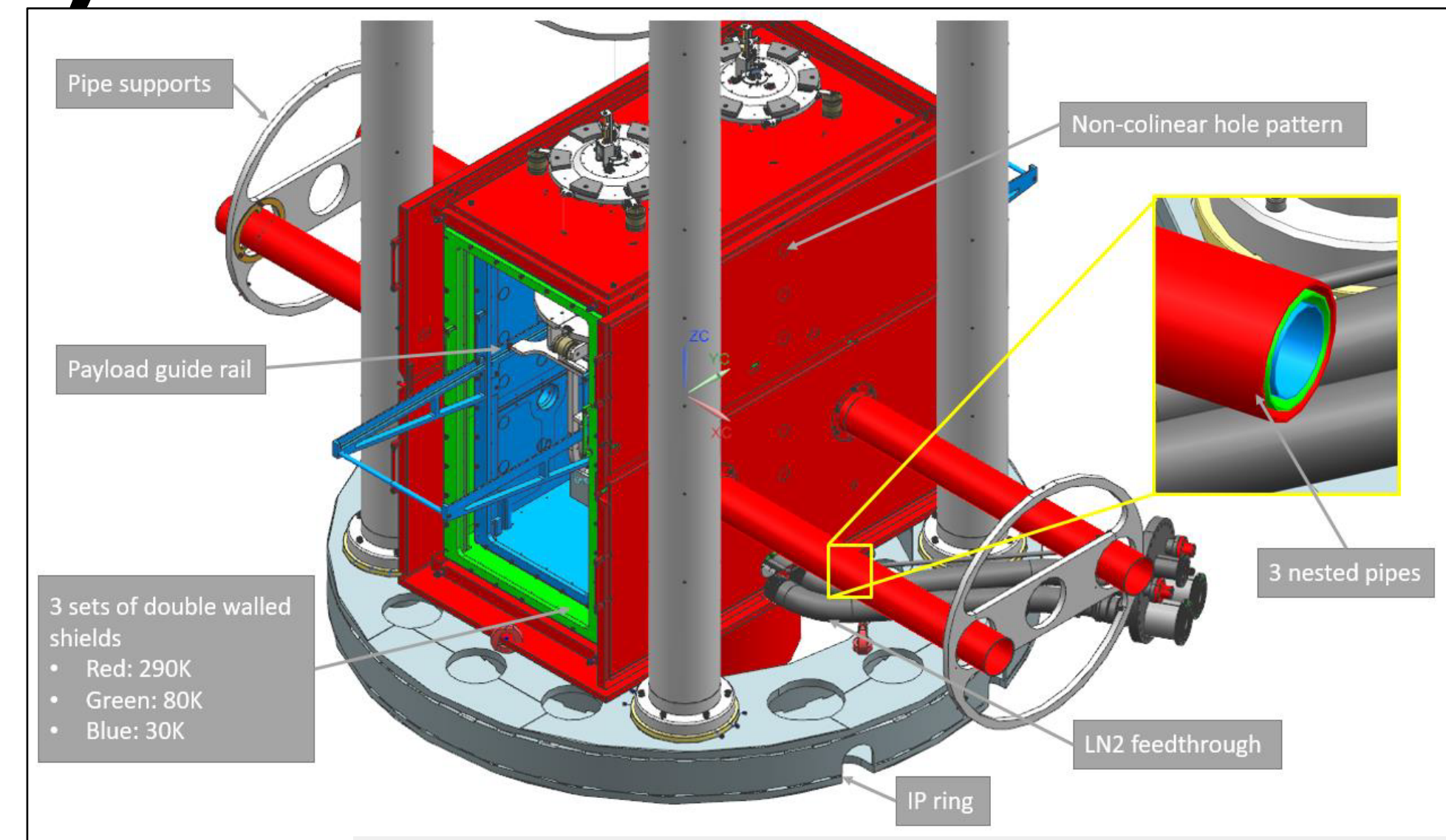
- > Crucial input to determine tune diameter [huge impact on cost]
- > Determines the mitigation strategy for reducing stray light noise
- > Determines the baffle requirements (dimensions and optical specs)
- > Determines the distribution of baffles in the 10km and 15km arms
- > Possible thanks to close relation with Caltech - LIGO since 2020
- > Running common ET/Cosmic Explorer meetings on Stray Light Control

IFAE recognised now as the reference inside ET for these aspects

ETpathfinder(s)

A collaboration established with Etpathfinder @ Maastricht

- IFAE redesigned the cryo-shielding & LN2 vessel [in-kind contribution]
- IFAE will contribute to the installations in 2025/2026
- Pre-alignment & monitoring of the mirror surface at 80 - 290 K (instrumented baffle with sensors for $\lambda = 1550$ nm)



R. García @ ET pathfinder news



ETpathfinder workshop in February 2024. Photo: ETpathfinder / UM

Staying on the cutting edge

One of the contributors at the workshop was Rafael Garcia from the Spanish institute for high energy physics IFAE. He recalls how his group was asked to help finish the ETpathfinder thermal shields, which in four stages help thermally isolate the mirrors in the innermost part ETpathfinder. Garcia: "These shields protect the mirrors from heat radiation coming from the environment. The design has to take into account also the assembly and accessing to the mirrors, among other manufacturing aspects related with Ultra High Vacuum environments."

Asked why IFAE decided to get involved in the ETpathfinder, Garcia doesn't have to think long. "IFAE is part of the Einstein Telescope and is always happy to collaborate with top-level institutions. This is the case of ETpathfinder, probably the most advanced R&D platform for ET in Europe. Personally speaking, it's a privilege for me having the opportunity to work for such a research facility. It allows me to stay on the cutting edge!"

Stochastic signals in pBH formation

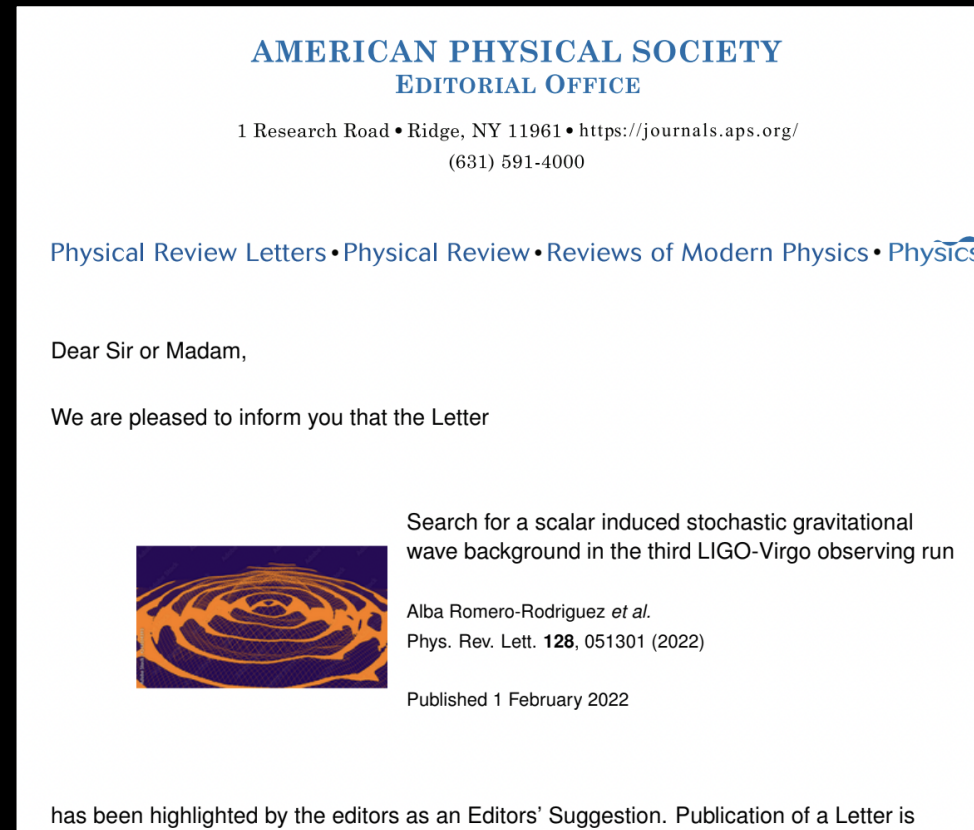
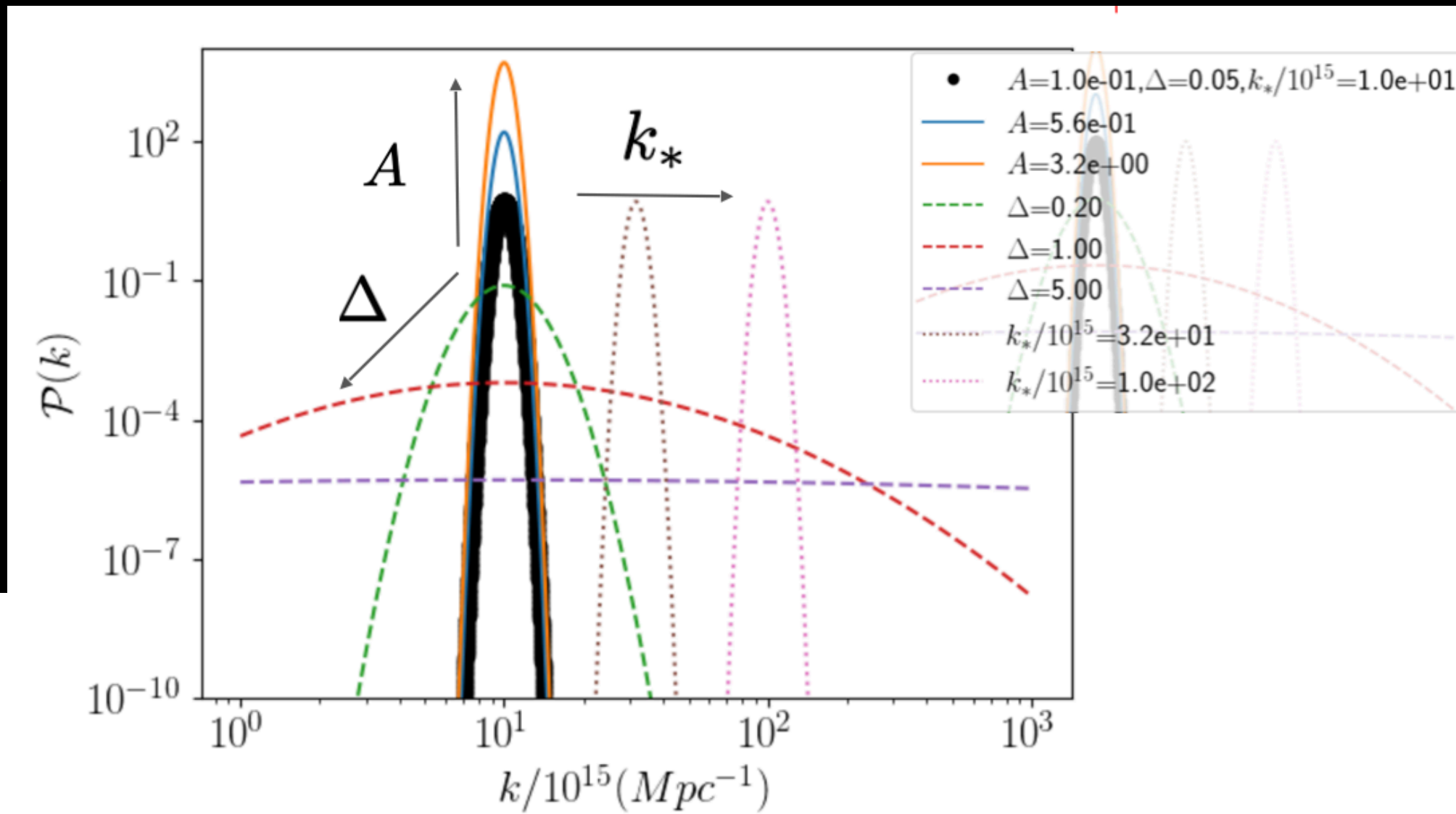
Scalar induced GW background

Integrated power of the peak

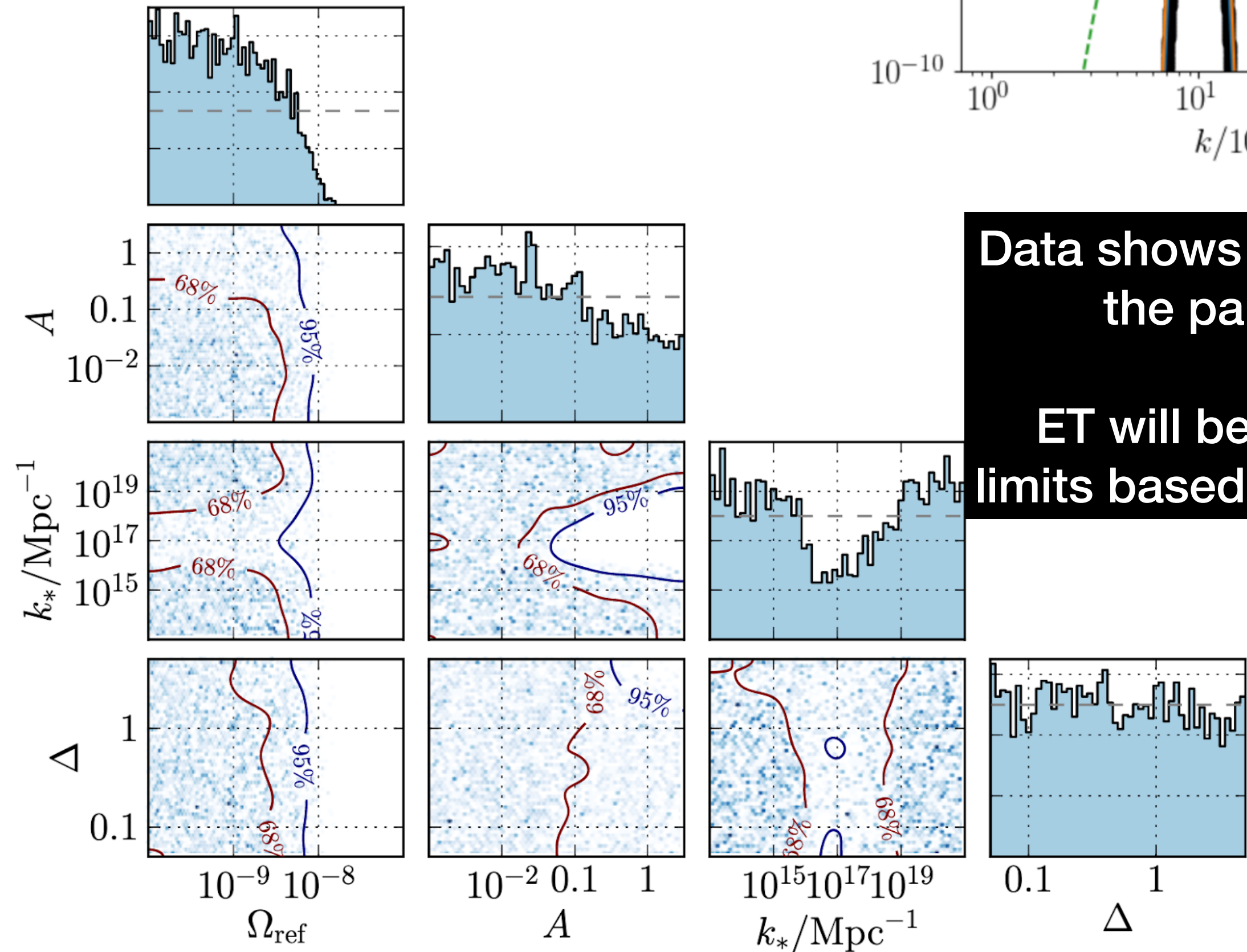
Location of the peak

$$\mathcal{P}_\zeta(k) = \frac{A}{\sqrt{2\pi}\Delta} \exp \left[-\frac{\ln^2(k/k_*)}{2\Delta^2} \right]$$

Width of the peak

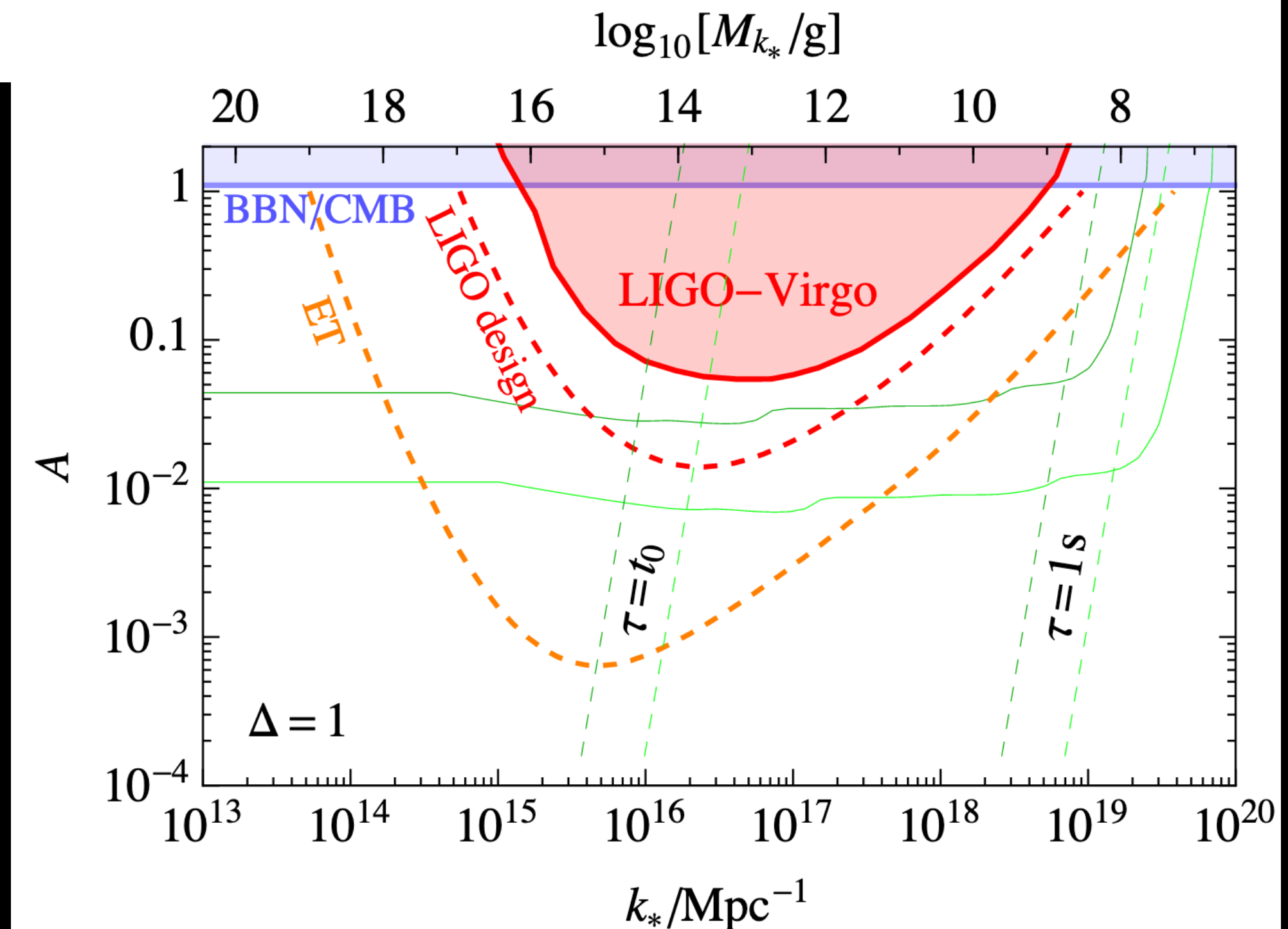


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Data shows sensitivity in part of the parameter space

ET will be competitive with limits based on PBH abundance



Participation of CSIC in Einstein Telescope

* Instituto de Ciencias del Espacio (ICE, CSIC y IEEC):



* Instituto de Astrofísica de Andalucía (IAA, CSIC):



INSTITUTO DE ASTROFÍSICA DE ANDALUCÍA



* Instituto de Física Corpuscular (IFIC, CSIC y UV):



* Instituto de Estructura de la Materia (IEM, CSIC):



* Instituto de Física de Cantabria (IFCA, CSIC):



* Instituto de Física Teórica (IFT-CSIC/UAM):



* **CSIC** has participated from the very beginning in the Einstein Telescope project, from the preliminary design studies to the entrance in the **European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI)**, to which it provided institutional support.

* **ET-CSIC RU Lead:** Dr. Carlos F. Sopena (ICE-CSIC)



ET-CSIC Research Unit

In close collaboration



Madrid, a 5 de febrero de 2020

Subdirección General de Internacionalización de la Ciencia y la Innovación
Ministerio de Ciencia e Innovación

Asunto: CARTA DE APOYO INSTITUCIONAL A LA PROPUESTA Einstein Telescope-ESFRI

Estimado Subdirector General:

Por la presente, nos complace comunicarles que la Agencia Estatal Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC) expresa su firme apoyo a la candidatura "Einstein Telescope", con el fin de ser incluida en la Hoja de Ruta 2021 del Foro Estratégico Europeo de Infraestructuras Científicas (ESFRI).

Participation of CSIC in Einstein Telescope

◆ Current Statistics of the ET-CSIC Research Unit:

Number of members: $37 = 20 \text{ (ICE)} + 6 \text{ (IFIC)} + 2 \text{ (IFCA)} + 5 \text{ (IAA)} + 3 \text{ (IEM)}$

Number of FRTEs: 7.6

Permanent Staff: 18

Postdocs: 11

PhD Students: 5

Engineers: 2

Communication Staff: 1

Participation in different Divisions of the
Observational Science Board (**several
contributions to the ET Blue Book**)

◆ Scientific Contributions of the ET-CSIC Research Unit:

* **Instrumentation:** No official contribution yet. But there are ongoing studies on:

(I) Noise mitigation at low frequencies (thermal and magnetic) based on LISA and LISA Pathfinder experience.

(II) Laser and opto-electronic systems and quantum technologies.

(III) Participation in other astronomical missions/observatories to detect EM (X- and gamma-rays, UV-optical-nIR, mm-radio) and Neutrino Counterparts.

(IV) Software development.

Participation of CSIC in Einstein Telescope

◆ Scientific Contributions of the ET-CSIC Research Unit:

- * **Data Analysis:** Based on experience in LISA Pathfinder and LISA and LVK.
Search and Parameter Estimation Methods based on Bayesian inference techniques (MCMC, NS, etc.).
Simulation-Based Inference Methods.
Stochastic methods for the detection and characterization of GW backgrounds.
Developments for Counterpart events (EM and neutrinos) = Multimessenger Astronomy with GWs.

* **GW Source Modelling:**

- Development and construction of Phenomenological Waveform models for Binary Black Holes, covering the whole range of mass ratios (Numerical Relativity, post-Newtonian, Black Hole Perturbations).
- Studies on the physics of Neutron Stars and their Equation of State and Transport properties for Binaries.
- Simulations of Binary Neutron Stars
- Studies on the physics of Black Holes and their Quasinormal Mode Spectrum.
- Studies of Gravitational Wave microlensing using N-body and Numerical Simulations.

Participation of CSIC in Einstein Telescope

◆ Scientific Contributions of the ET-CSIC Research Unit:

* **Astrophysics:**

Observations of Neutron Stars (Pulsars, Magnetars, Pulsar Nebulae)

Neutron Star Population synthesis studies

Evolution of binary sources containing collapsed objects and of their gravitational wave emission.

Observations of intermediate-mass black hole candidates.

Studies of Gravitational Wave probes of Dark Matter environments

* **Cosmology:**

Studies of the production of Early-Universe GW backgrounds (inflation, preheating, axions, primordial black holes) and Cosmic Strings;

* **Fundamental Physics:**

Gravitational Wave Theory including modifications of General Relativity for the production and propagation of gravitational waves.

Analysis of differences between Black Holes and other Exotic Compact Objects by means of ET detections.

Studies of modified gravitational theories for GW tests.



ET Research Unit - IFT Madrid



Application to ESFRI: 7 Feb 2020
Approved entry in ET: 14 Sep 2022
Full RTE updated: 11 Jul 2023

Members

Juan Garcia-Bellido (head)
Savvas Nesseris (perm)
Sachiko Kuroyanagi (perm)
Ester Ruiz Morales (perm)
Matteo Fasiello (perm)
Ogan Ozsoy* (postdoc)
Alexandros Papageorgiou (pd)
Gonzalo Morras (PhD st.)
Cristobal Zenteno (PhD st.)

Contributions

Collaboration Board (JGB)

OSB Div1 – Fundamental Physics
OSB Div2 – Cosmology
OSB Div3 – Population Studies
OSB Div4 – Multimessenger

Fundamental Physics: Astrophysics and Cosmology

Fundamental Physics, including Cosmology and Astrophysics. Devoted to

- a) stochastic GW background, LCDM and Dark Energy models
- b) fundamental physics from multi-messenger astrophysical events
- c) GW constraints on the nuclear equation of state and collapse of ultradense stars

Some members involved in **REDONGRA** (Spanish GW network)

And **MULTIDARK**, RENATA, **CPAN**

(and other collaborations SKA, MAAT@GTC, LPQI, JPAS..)



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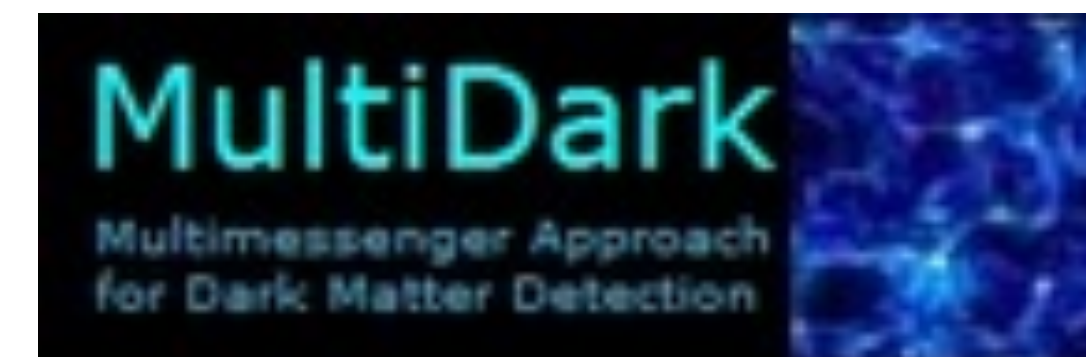
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Sinergies with ICTS local facility CSIC+USAL, Centro de Láseres pulsados ultraintensos, CLPU



La Red Española de Física de Ondas Gravitacionales (REDONGRA) es una Red Estratégica financiada por MICIU/AEI/10.13039/501100011033



ICCUB ET Research Unit

RU leader: Pablo Barneo (post-doc)

Members: 18 members, 6 academic staff + 6 post-doc + 3 Ph.D. students + 3 technical staff

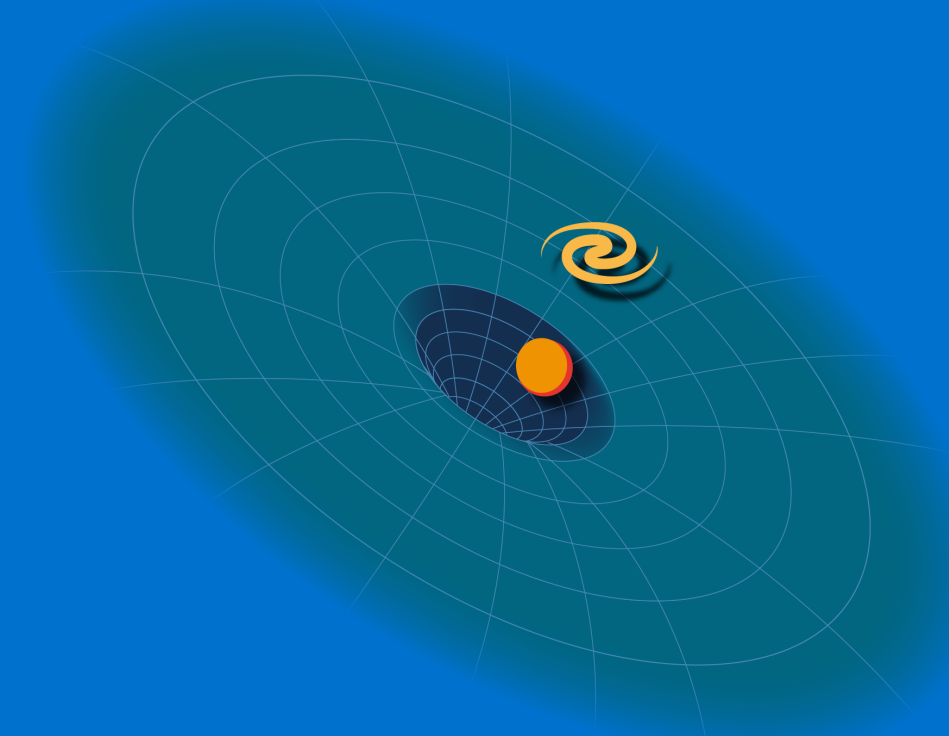
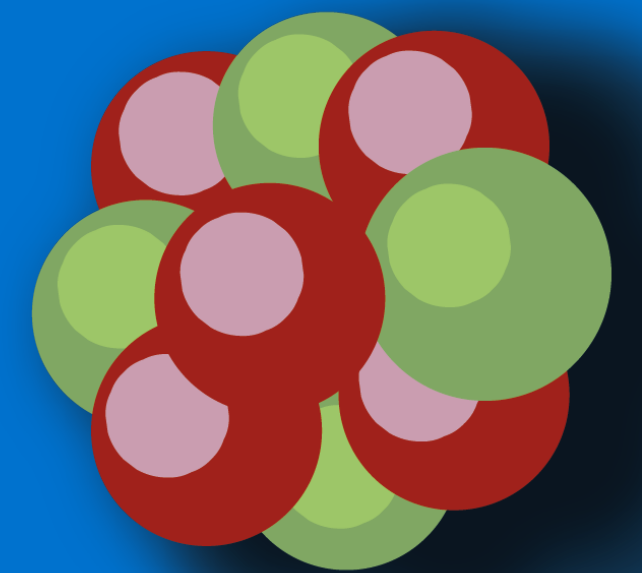
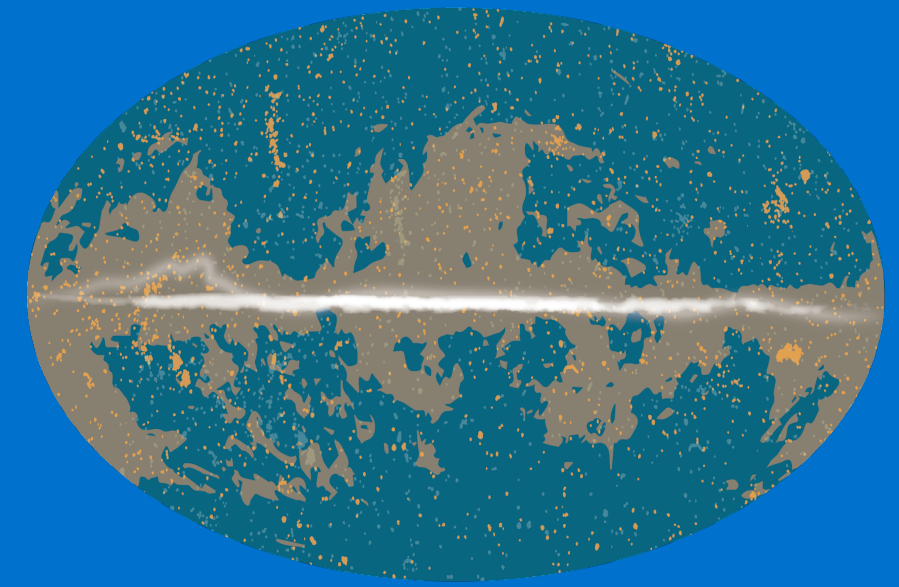
Activity: 3.2 FRTE, 78% OSB + 19% eIB + 3% Infra-Dev

Contributions:

- (OSB) Contribution to the Blue Book: “The Science of the ET” (arxiv:2503.12263, tbp in JCAP): Tomas Andrade, Pilar Ruiz-Lapiente, Jacopo Fumigalli
- EOB waveform models with NR
- Optical counterparts of GWs
- Theory of GWs of cosmological origin
- (eIB) Development of ET MDC and pipeline workflows: Javier Castañeda, Georgy Skorobogatov

Publications: 4 papers

- Black hole spectroscopy (***Phys. Rev. D* 111, 024018, 2025**)
- Actively Learning Numerical Relativity (***Phys. Rev. D* 110, 024080, 2024**)
- NR informed EOB waveforms for dynamical capture in BBH (***Phys. Rev. Lett.* 132, 101401, 2024; *Phys. Rev. D* 109, 084025, 2024**)



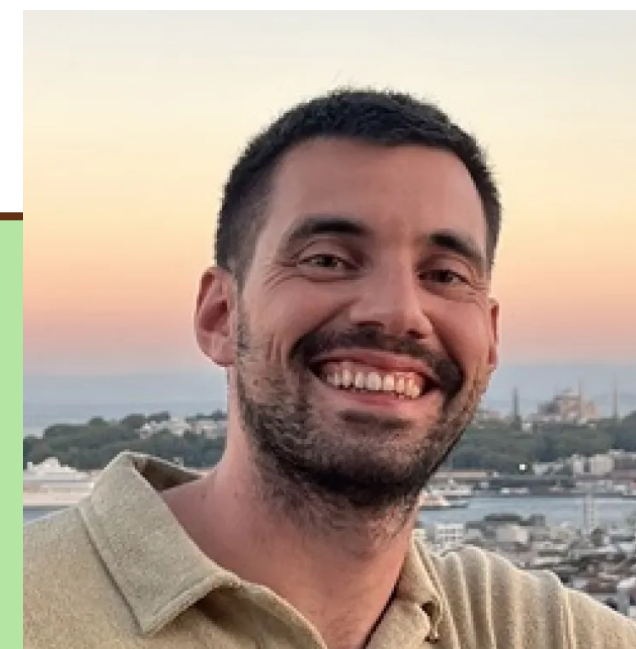
University of Valencia ET Research Unit

- RU leader: Pablo Cerdá-Durán
- 20 members (10 permanent + 6 post-doc + 4 PhD students)
- 4.55 FRTEs (95% in the OSB)
 - Simulations of BNS mergers and CCSNe (2.65 FRTEs)
 - Fundamental physics and cosmology (1.4 FRTEs)
- **Activities**
 - OSB: **Contribution to the Blue Book:** “The Science of the ET”, JCAP, 2025 (arxiv:2503.12263) → Cerdá-Durán, Obergaulinger, Sanchis-Gual, Torres-Forne
 - **Participation in committees:**



Isabel Cordero-Carrión

- Communications and Education Committee (until 2024)
- Member Conduct and Ethics Committee

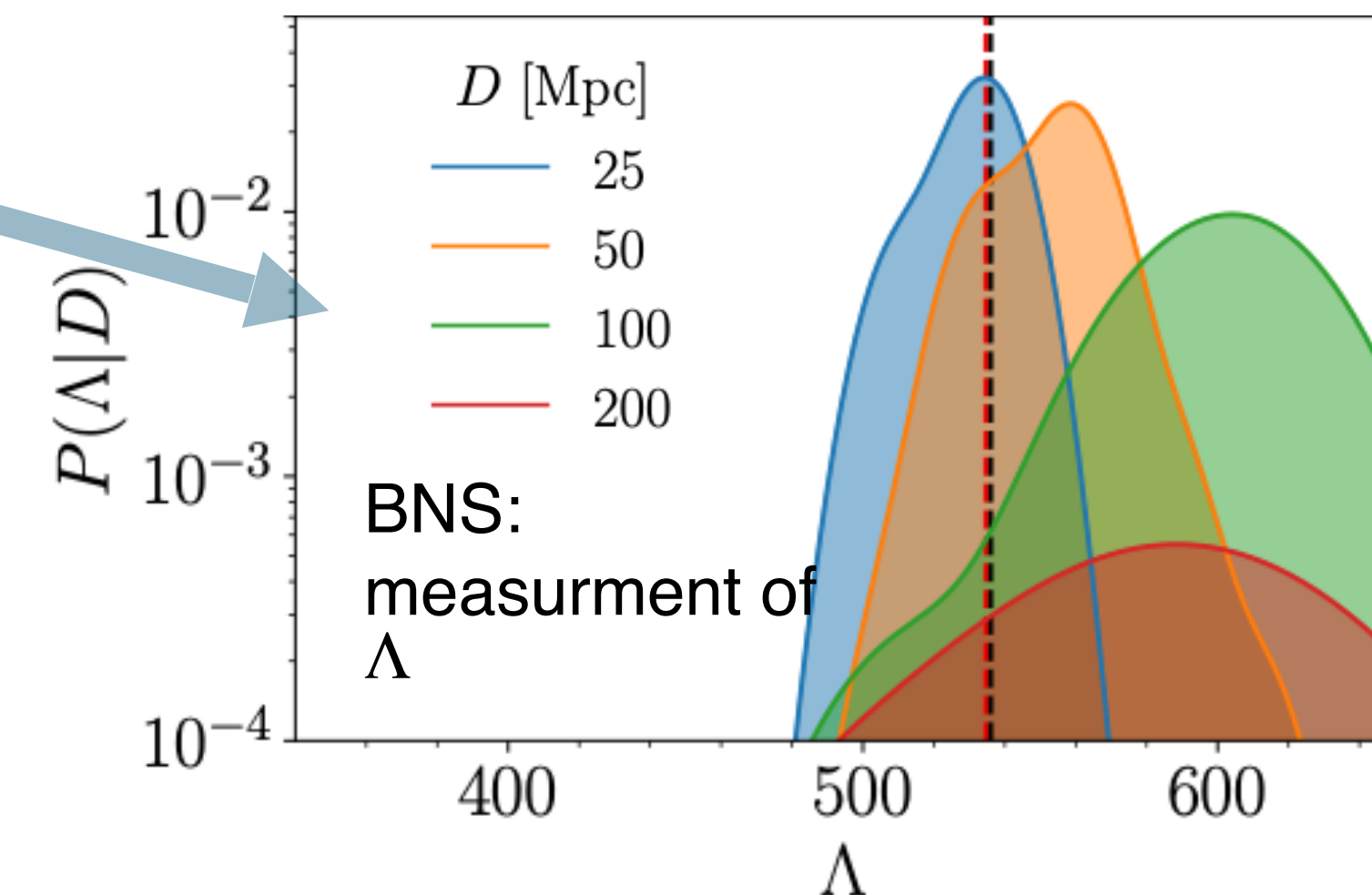
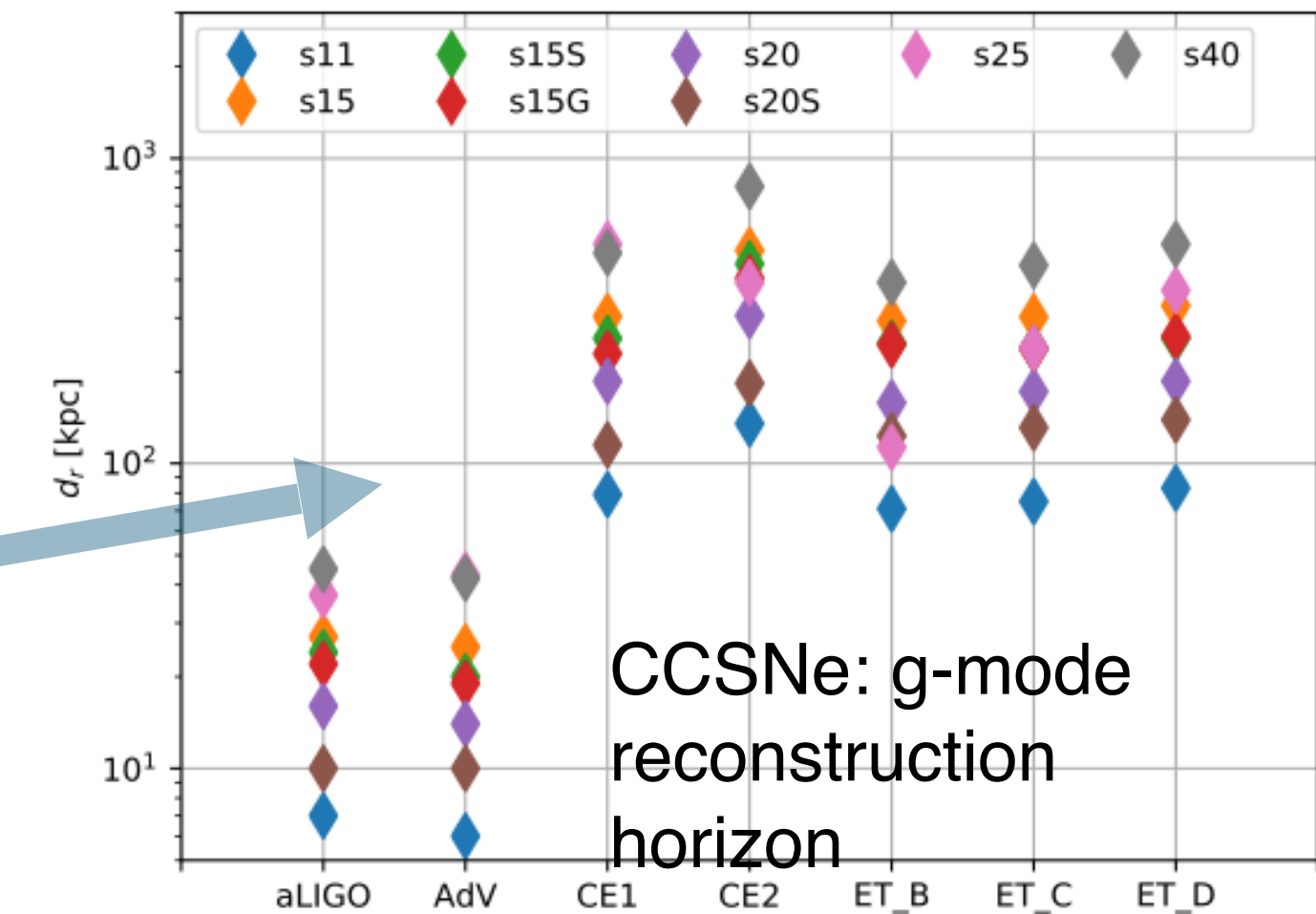


Miquel Miravet-Tenés

- Early Career Scientists Support Committee

Publication examples:

- CCSN detection perspectives with ET (Veutro et al 2025)
- Inference in CCSN with ET (**Bizouard et al 2021**, Powell et al 2024)
- Identifying thermal Effects in BNS mergers with ET (**Miravet-Tenés et al 2023, 2025**, Villa-Ortega et al 2025)



Developing the ET Computing Model and providing a running estimate of the computing resources needed.

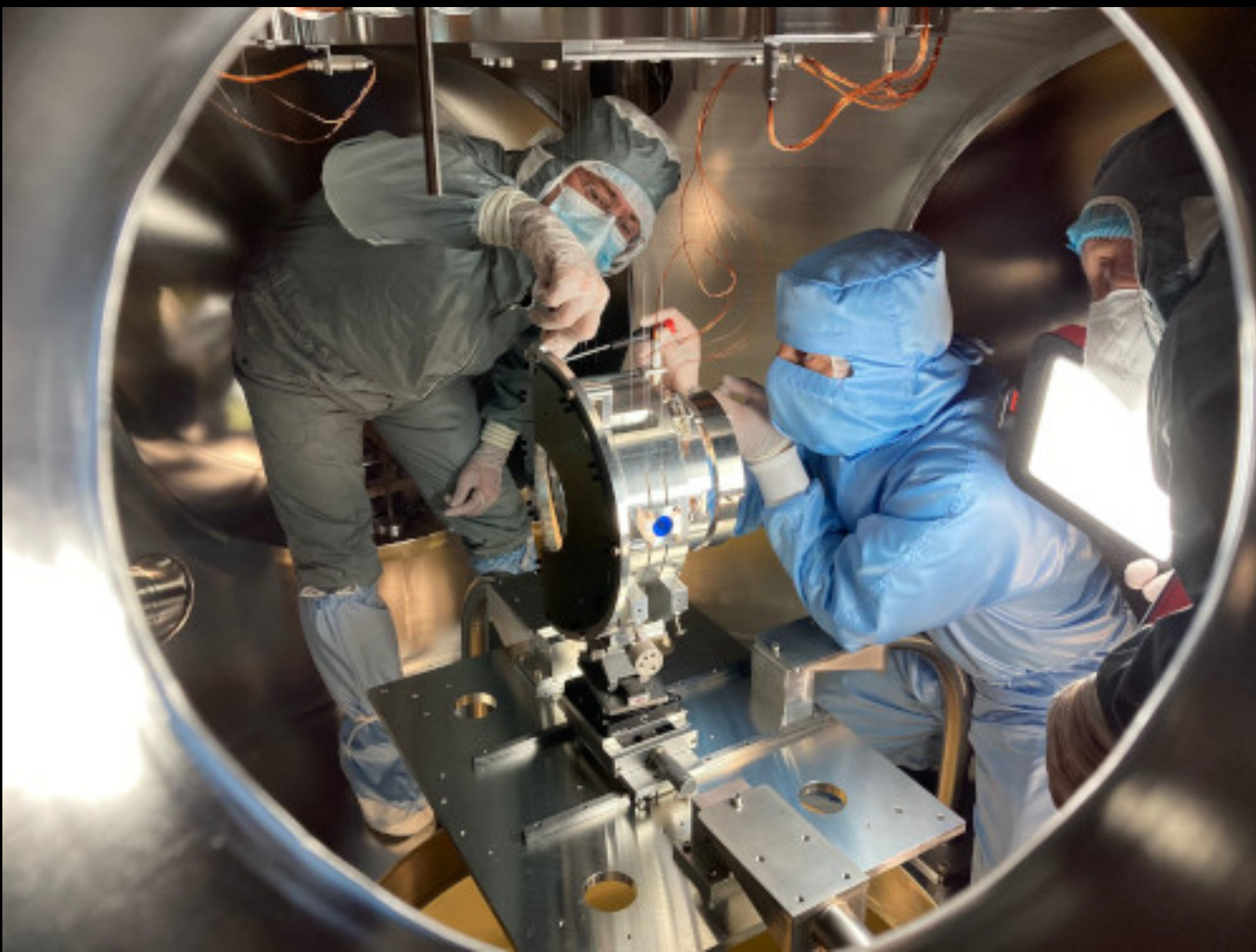
- Overall architecture of the e-Infrastructure. Different time and criticality domains: online, low-latency and offline.
- Collaborate with OSB and define a process to evaluate computing needs from the evolving scientific program of the collaboration.

Coordinated work with WP8 from ET Preparatory Phase HE project.

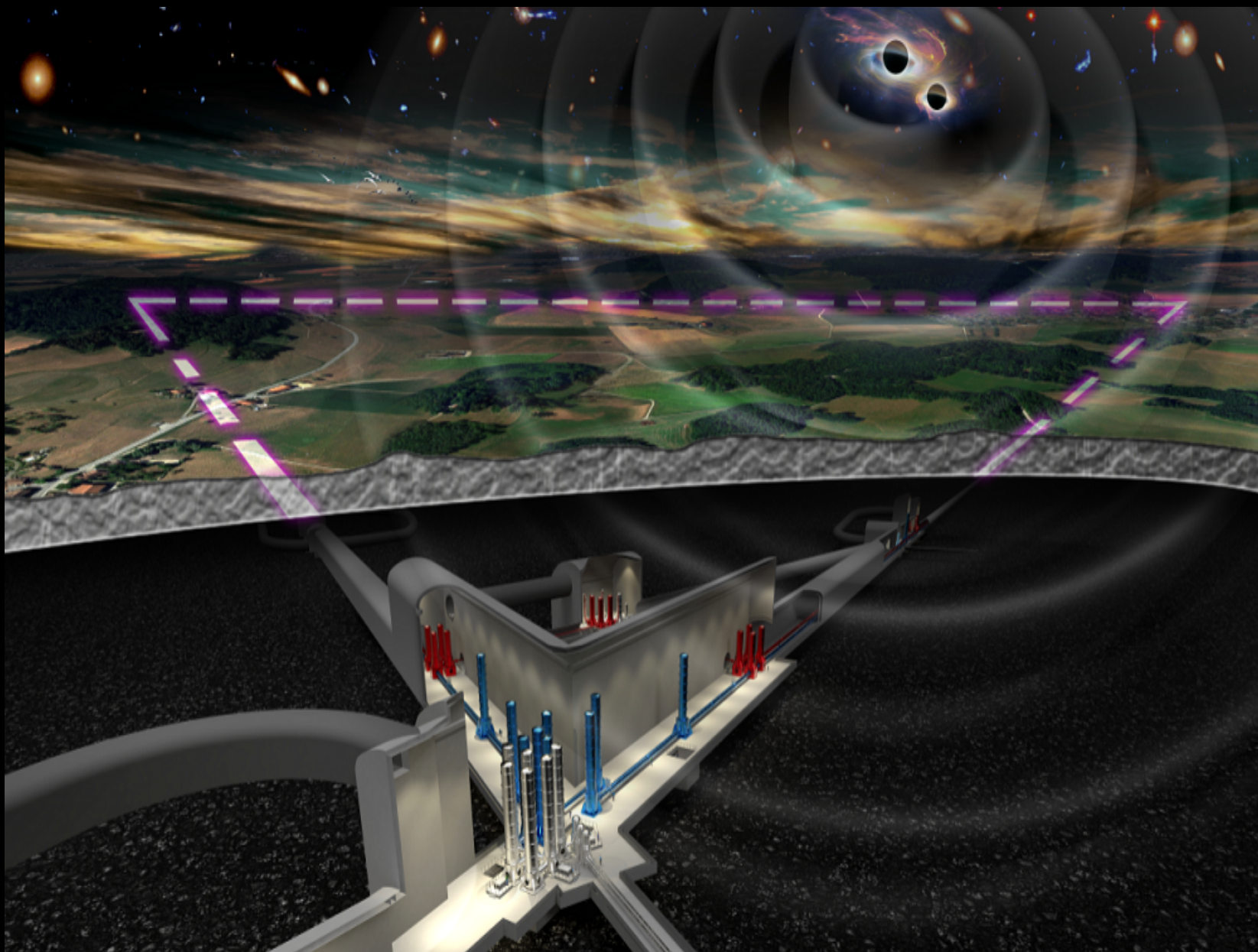
- D8.1: Computing and Data Requirements
- D8.2: Computing and Data Model
- D8.3: Data Access Implementation Guidelines

Led by G. Merino

Final notes

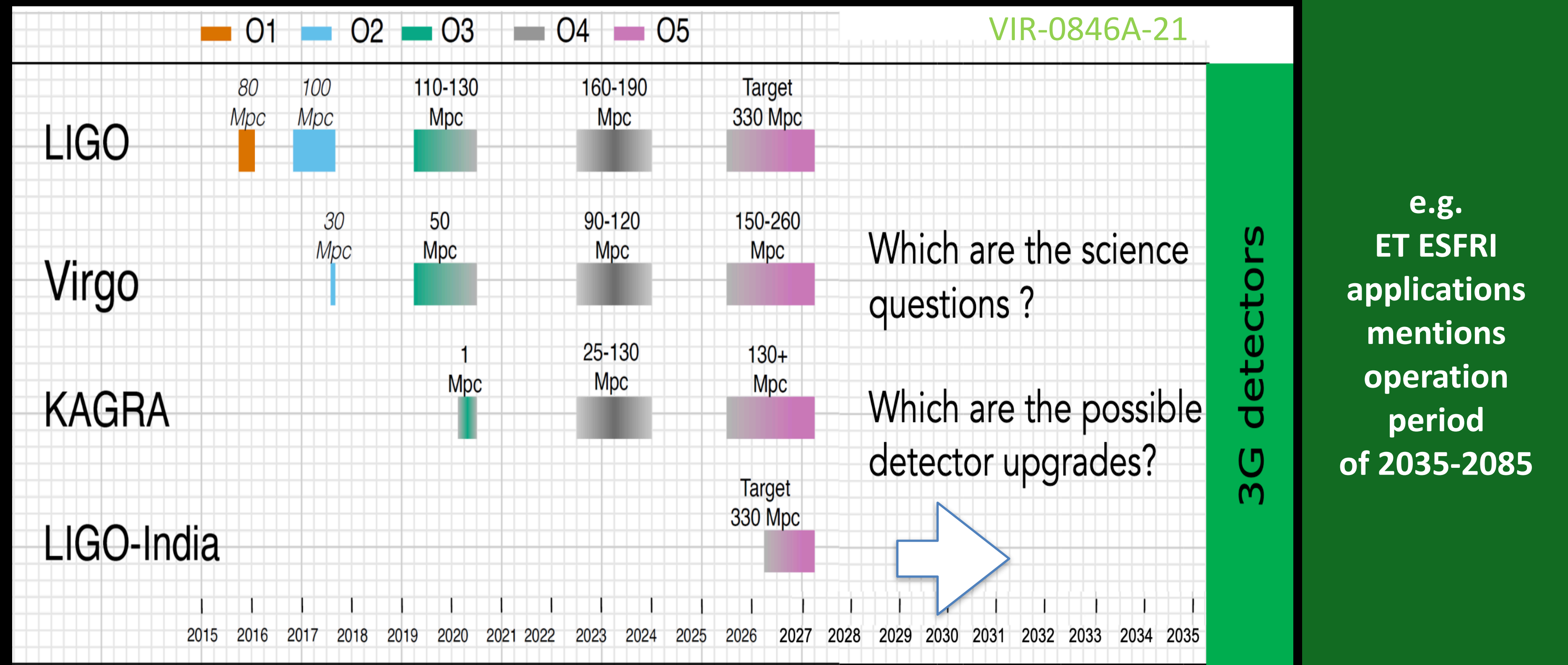


- ET is the leading EU 3G project today and is regarded as a flagship
- Strong proposals for hosting the ET infrastructure in place including already secured money for construction (**but floor is always moving**)
- In the following years the ET project will progress towards a site selection(s), final design and governance, costs and risk studies, aiming for starting construction before the end of the decade [?]



- ET-PP EU Preparatory Phase Project is a tool to build coherence in the process (never easy...) and to glue “competing teams”
- The re-discussion of ET geometry saga might slow down the progress as it is putting ET in a “non-projected quantum state of geometry and location(s)”
- **ET-Spain needs to grow and get experimental community more involved in R&D and detector designs activities —**

What does the immediate future hold?



Footnote on O4:

It is not yet possible to give a definitive start date for O4, as there are some continued supply chain delays and the impact of COVID continues. We can say at this time that the O4 observing run will not begin before August 2022. We expect to be able to give a better estimate for the start of O4 by 15 September 2021 and will issue an update then.

**A+, AdVirgo+,
KAGRA, LIGO
India
= Well
underway**

**Post O5
(after mid 2028)
planning
just started**

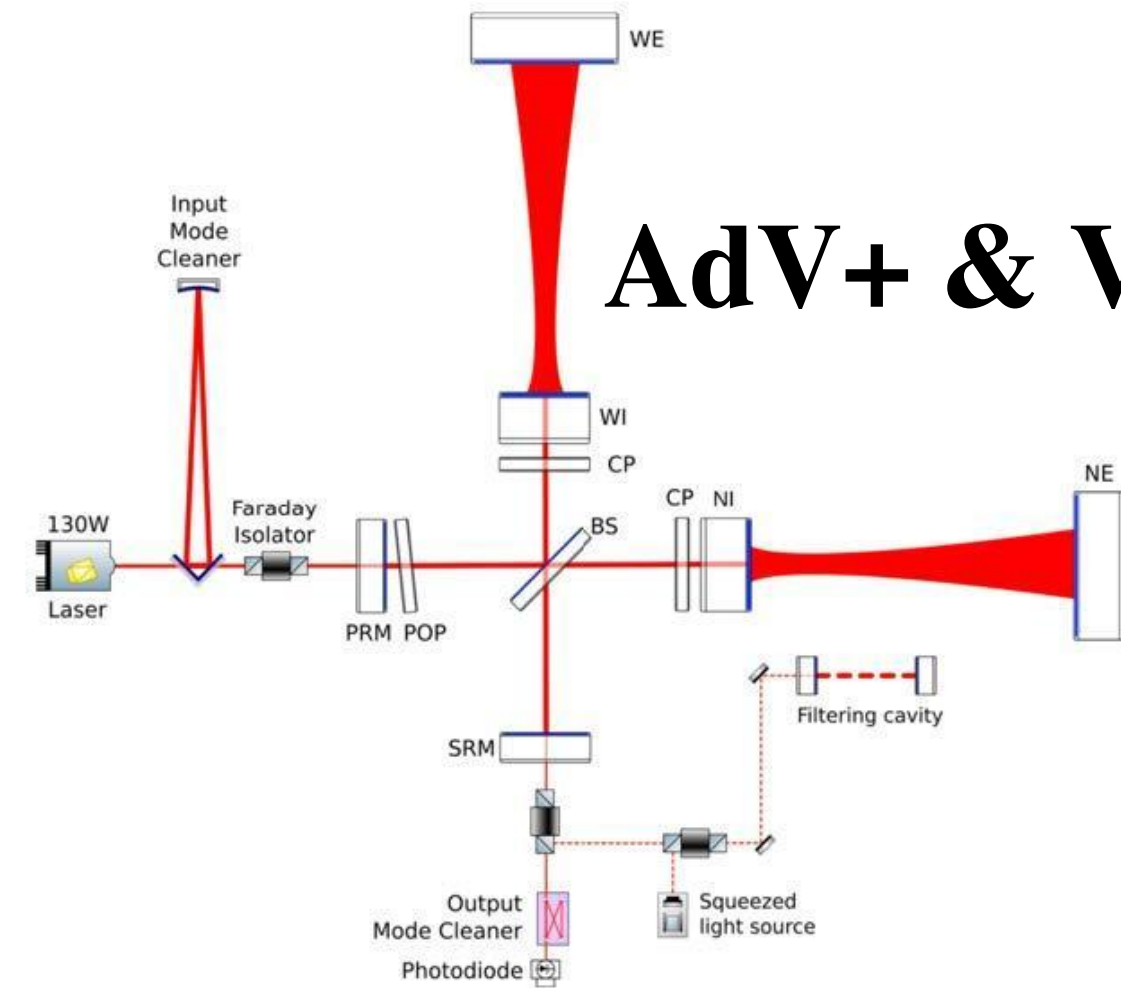
**New facilities
ET, CE, NEMO
...**

Old slide : now post-O5 is beyond 2030+

—> this tells you how schedules evolved with time —

Post-O5

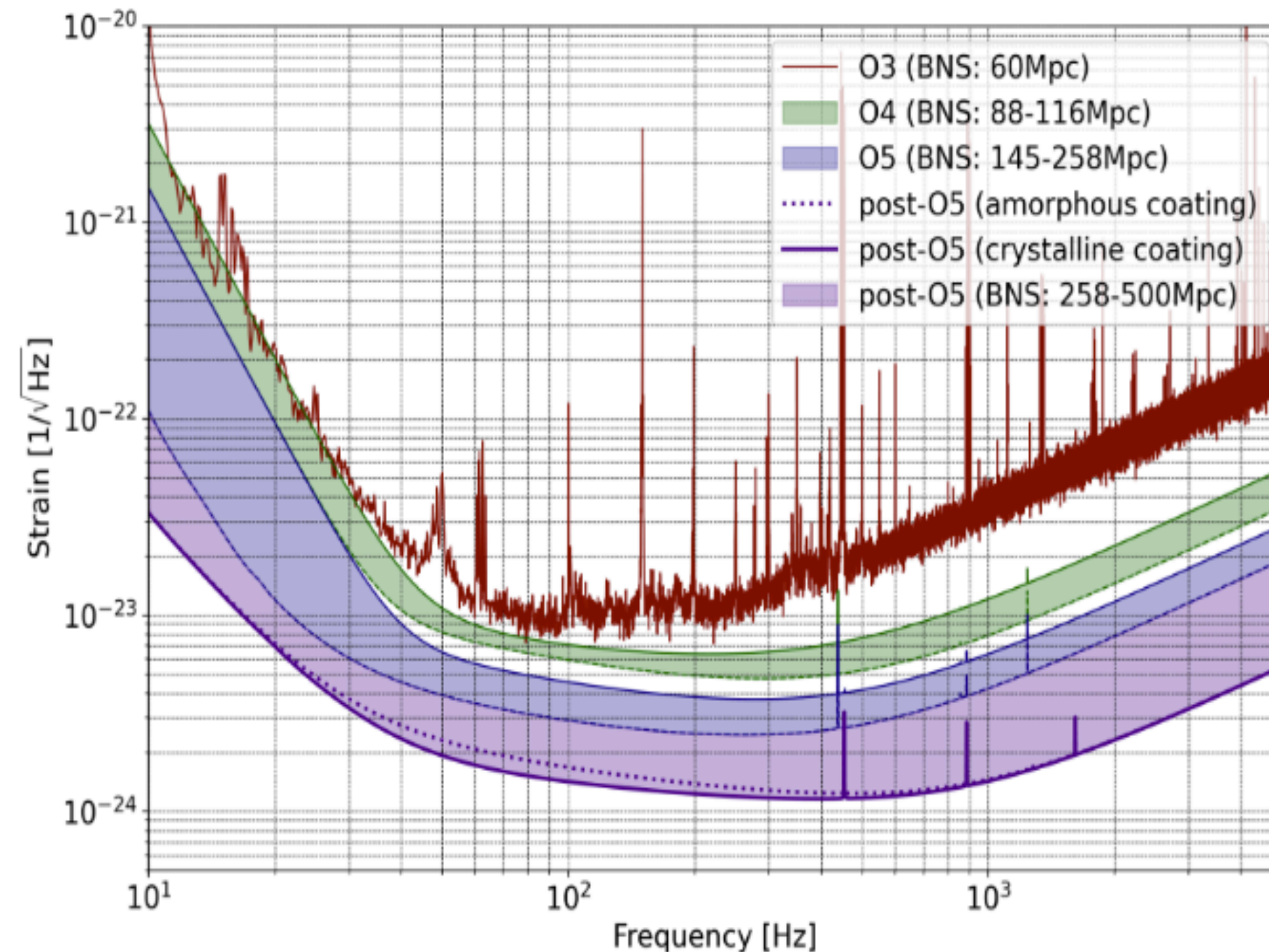
AdV+ & Virgo-NEXT



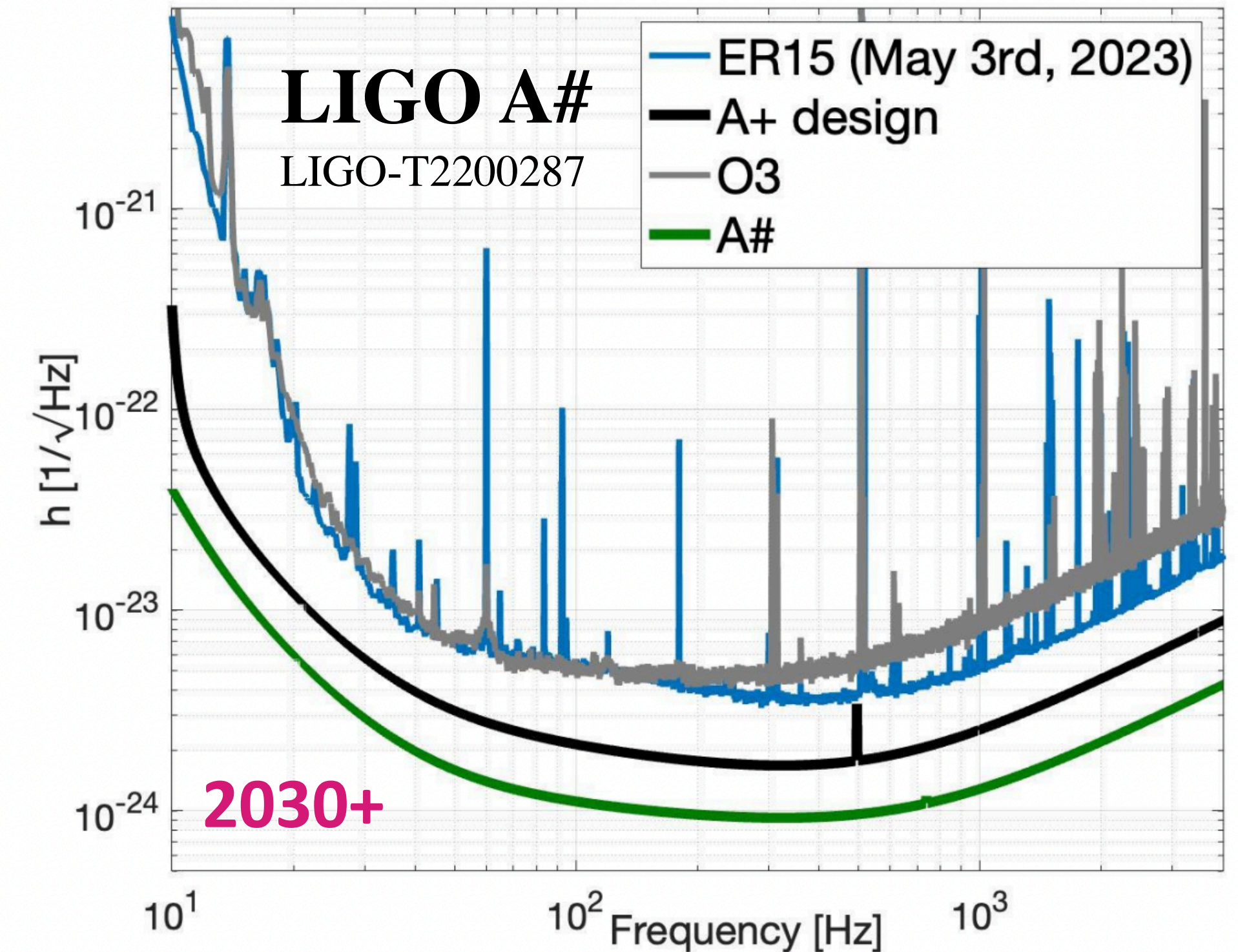
Major difficulties in Virgo during O4 commissioning is forcing Virgo to revisit O5 and post O5 plans

→ Installation of stable recycling cavities by O5

AdV sensitivity evolution from O3 to post-O5



This bring you to 2030+ entering into diminishing returns regime for 2G experiments



Higher laser power → 1.5 MW

Heavier test masses → 100 Kg

Improved coatings (reduce coating thermal noise)

Refine quantum squeezing

Improve suspensions

Improve seismic isolation

R&D on new mirror coatings is an active area of research BUT still requires multiples years of effort

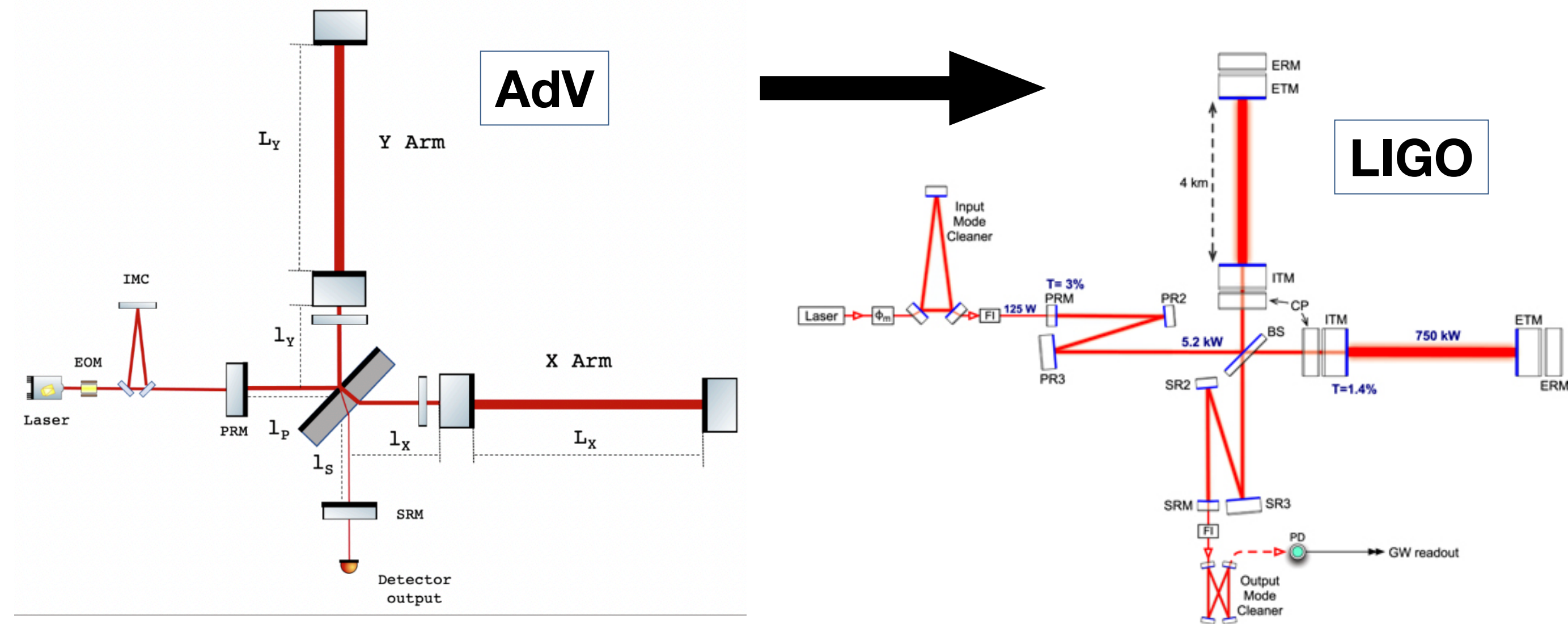
→ Fact 2 improvement on sensitivity

→ Factor 10 improvement in rates

→ O (3k€) events in one year

→ Reaching BNS up to 500 – 600 Mpcs

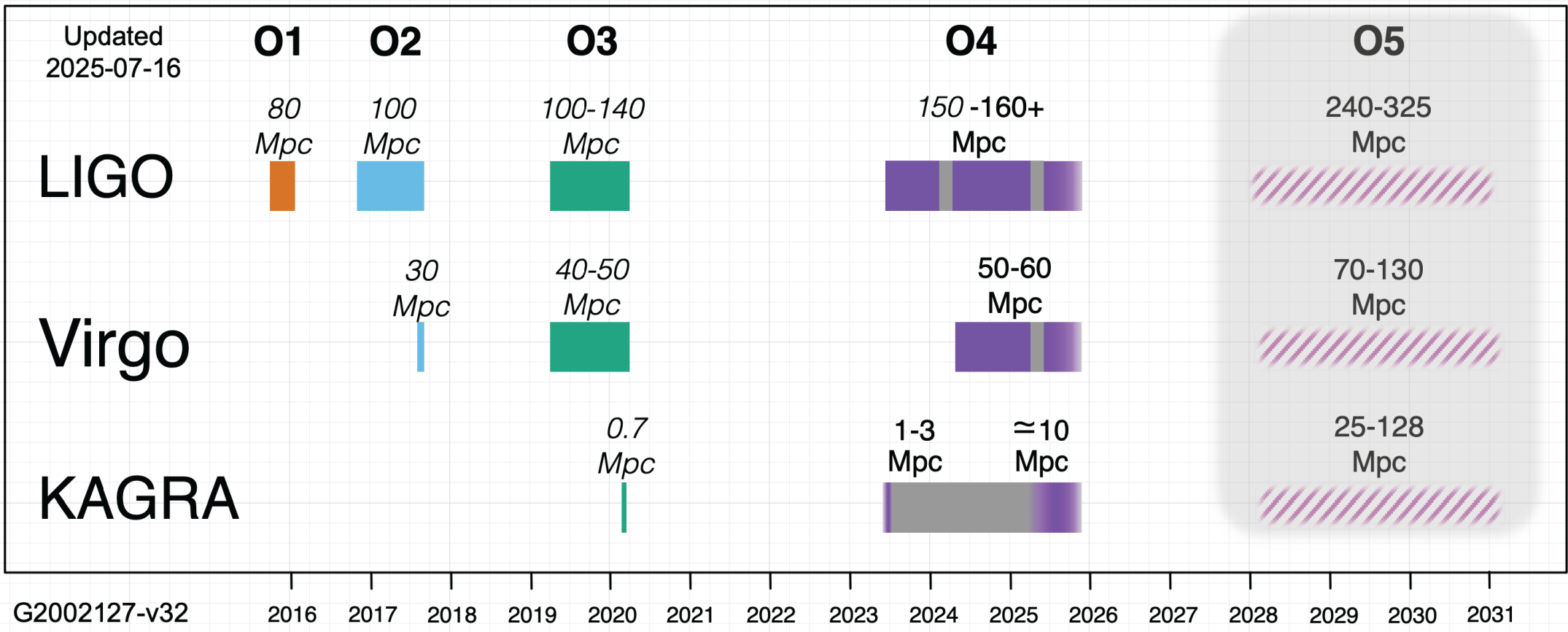
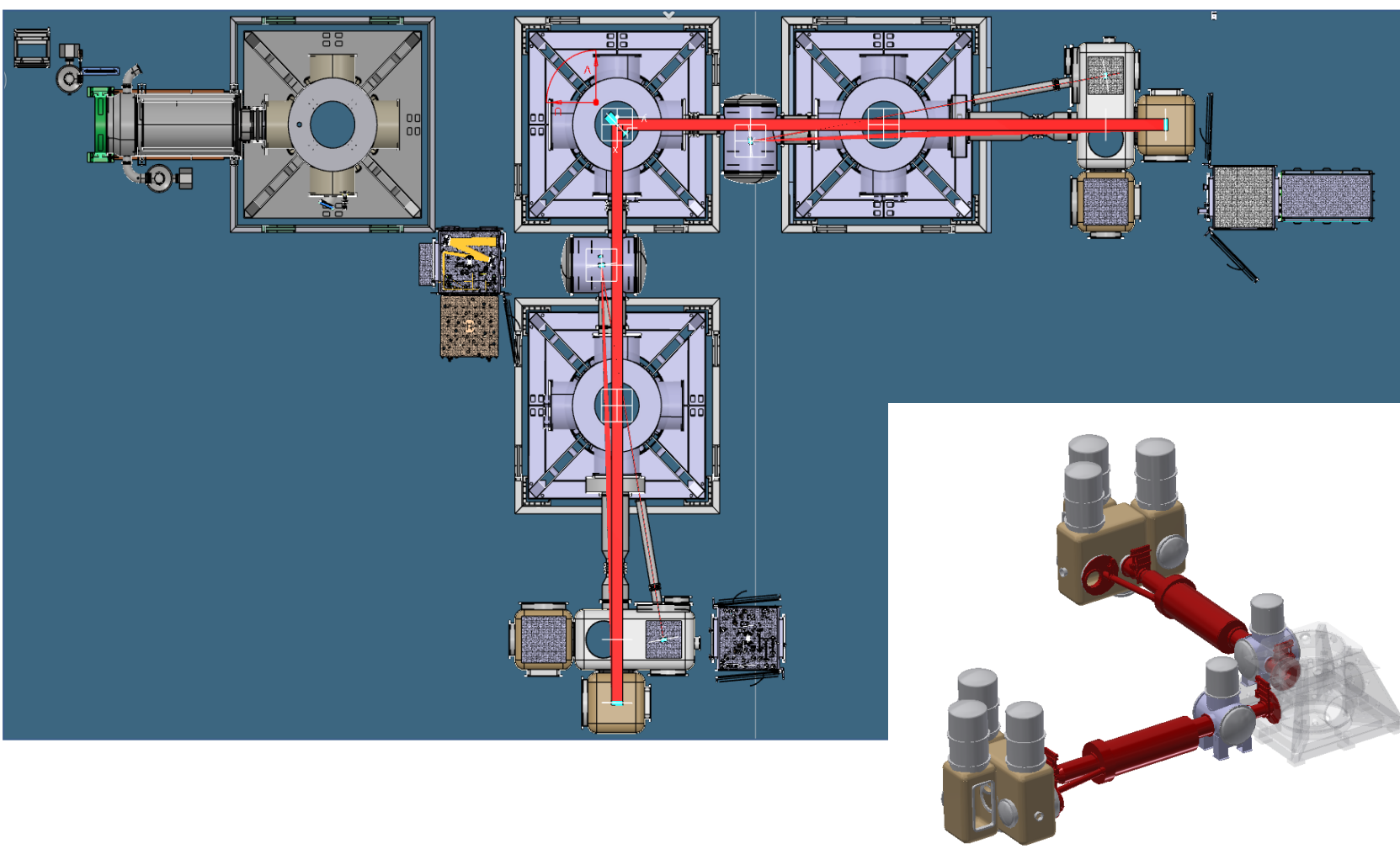
Virgo's recycling cavities



The introduction of new stable recycling cavities is a major intervention that requires:

- * New mirrors, vacuum towers, pipes, new suspensions
 - * Big interventions in existing towers
 - * Big intervention in central building
 - * In addition Virgo needs to replace the main mirrors in FP arms
 - * Will allow Virgo to increase the laser power
- * Will bring Virgo to the 100 - 160 Mpc sensitivity

Plan under deep discussion as would involve a very long shutdown (until 2030+)
— late participation in O5



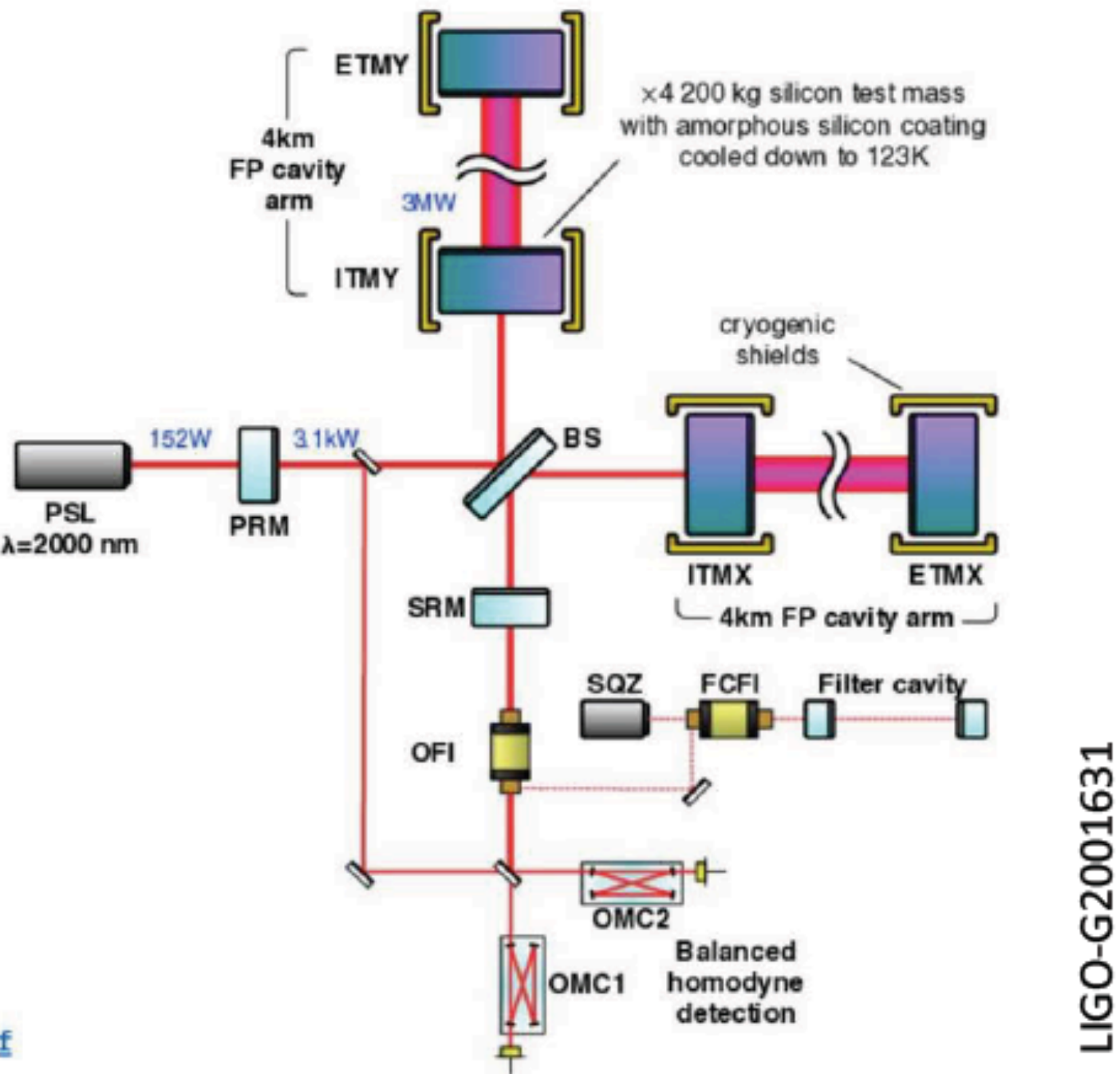
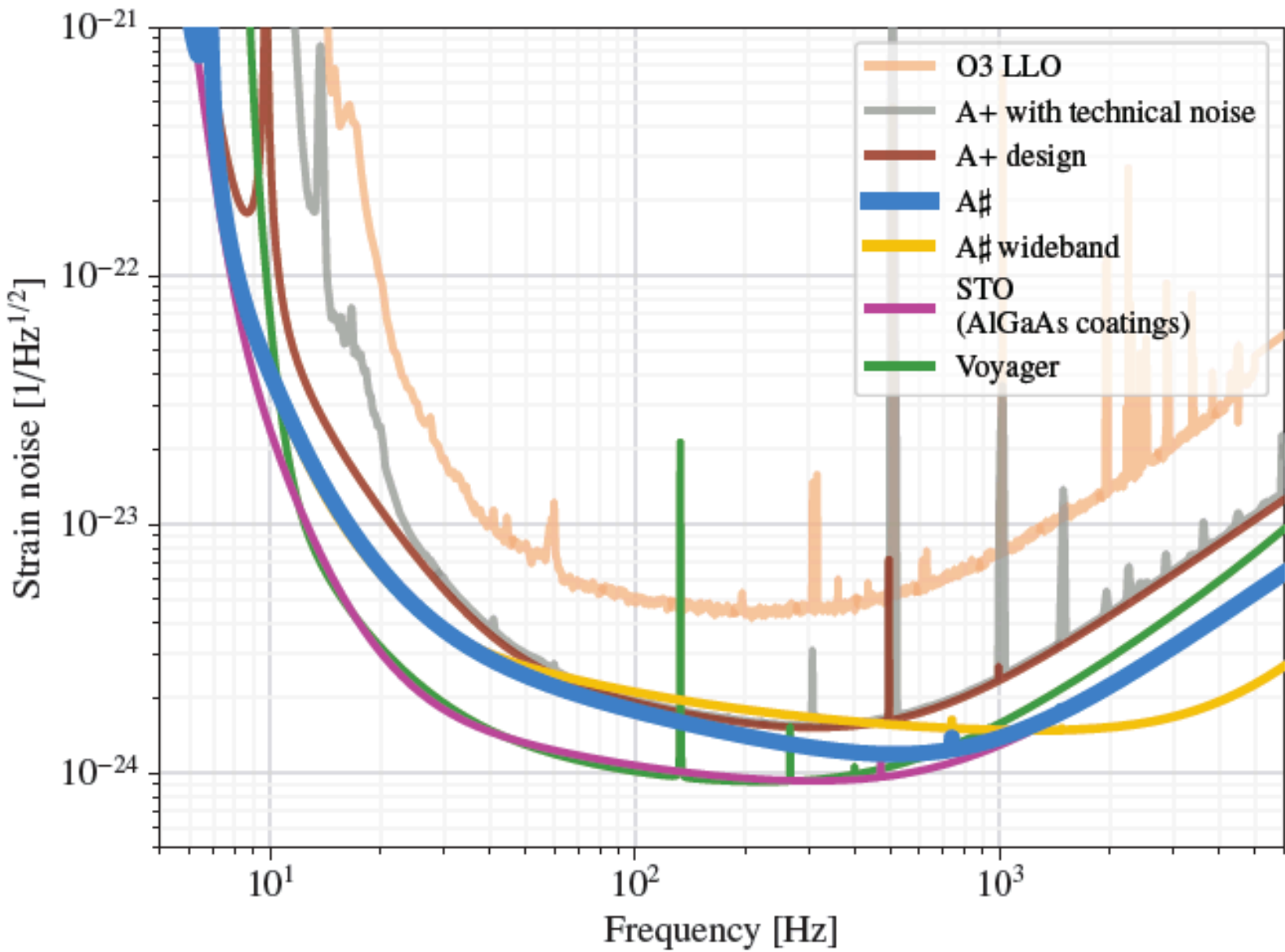
According to plans — O5 and post-O5 programs (if confirmed) will take the field to the 2035+

Additional **potential further** upgrade of LIGO
Factor x3 improved in reach for BNS (1100 Mpcs)

Voyager

Going cryogenic temperatures (123K)
Larger masses with new substrate material
Different wavelength (2000 nm)

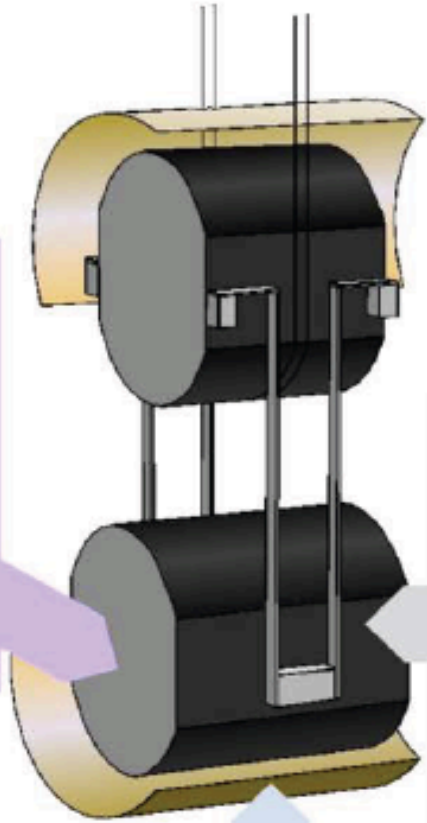
Planned for the next decade



VOYAGER CORE IDEAS

① Amorphous silicon coating

- Reduces thermal noise. Prospect of a **4-7x** reduction from aLIGO level
- Favors **2 μm** wavelength



② Crystalline silicon substrate

- Improves quantum noise. **200 kg** mass, **3 MW** power
- High thermal conductivity, ultra-low expansion at **123 K**

③ Radiative cooling

- Still efficient at **123 K**
- Suspension design not constrained by cryogenics

LIGO-G2001631

Mariner prototype
@ Caltech 40 m lab



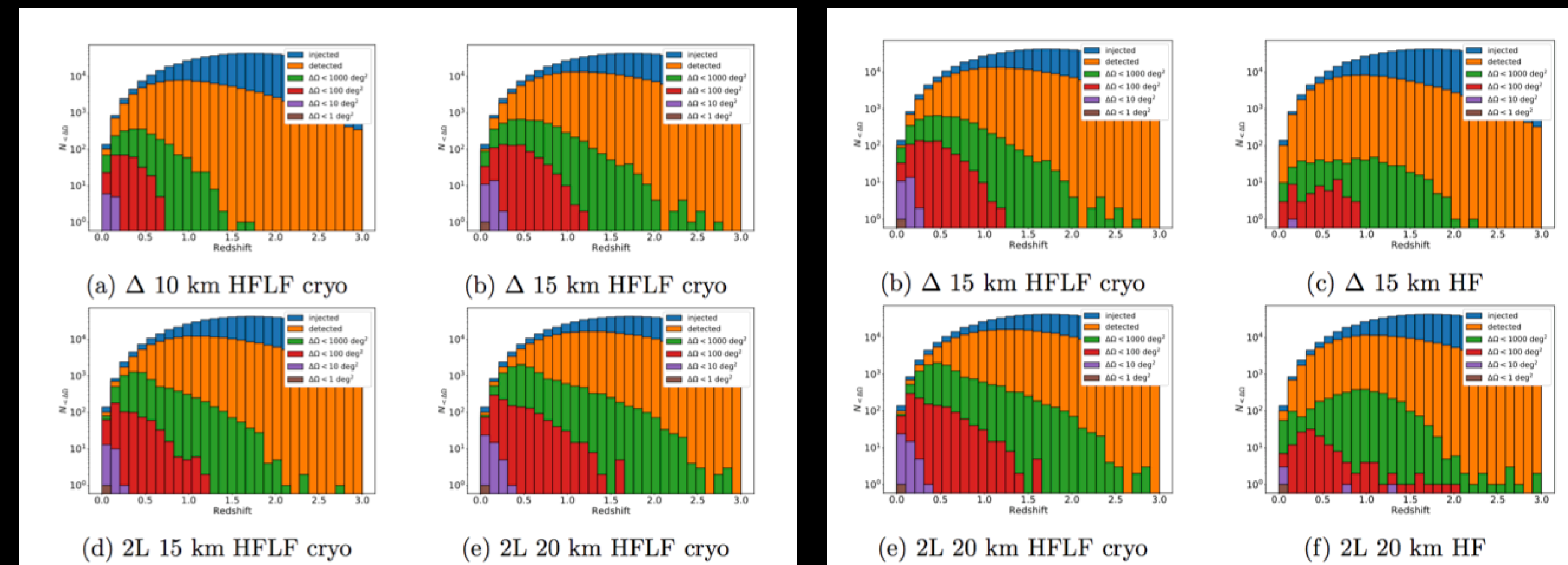
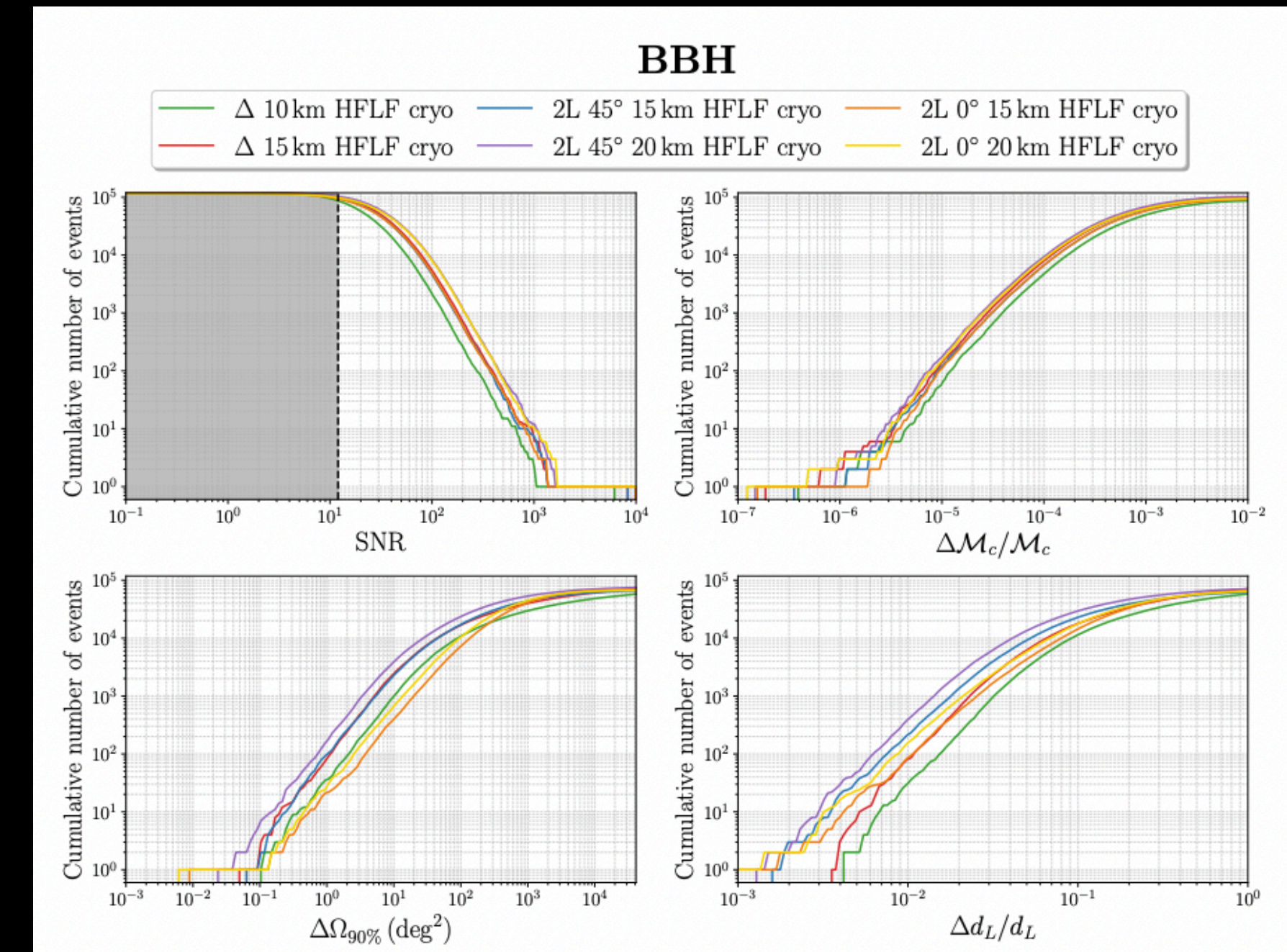
At this point it is not obvious this will be implemented as part of the LIGO upgrade planning

Comparative studies (only physics potential)

arXiv:2303.15923

Branchesi, Maggiore et al. 2023

- The conclusions are the expected ones
 - Longer arms perform better
 - Only 1L is not an option (dependent on overall network)
 - Either one site Triangle or 2 sites L
- NO LF translates into reduction of well localised events (more severe for triangular configuration)
 - 2L HF 15 km comparable to HFLF $\Delta 10\text{km}$
- Only LF makes BNS pre-merger alerts possible \rightarrow impact on multi messenger
- Concerns about possible correlations in the Δ compromising stochastic searchers

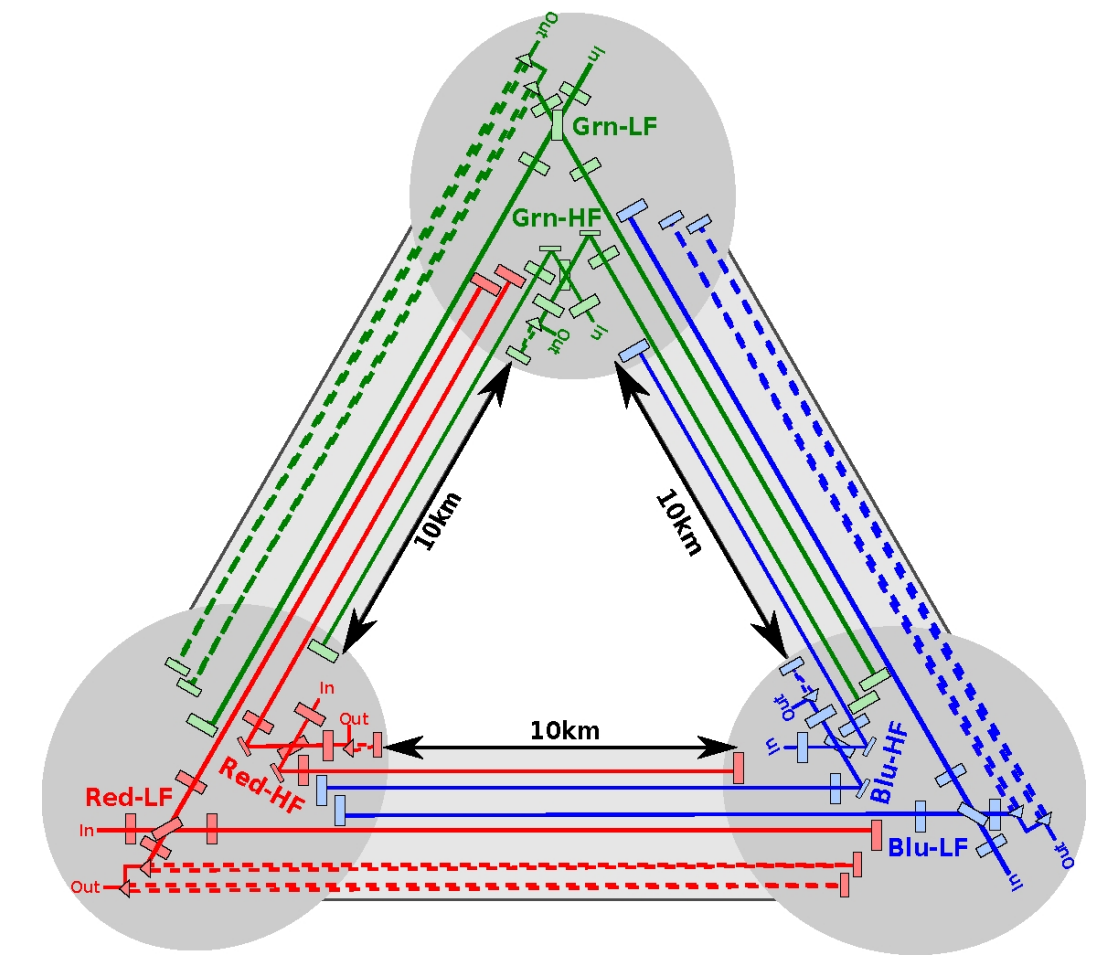




ET vacuum system

$\sim 10^5 \text{ m}^3$

560 M€



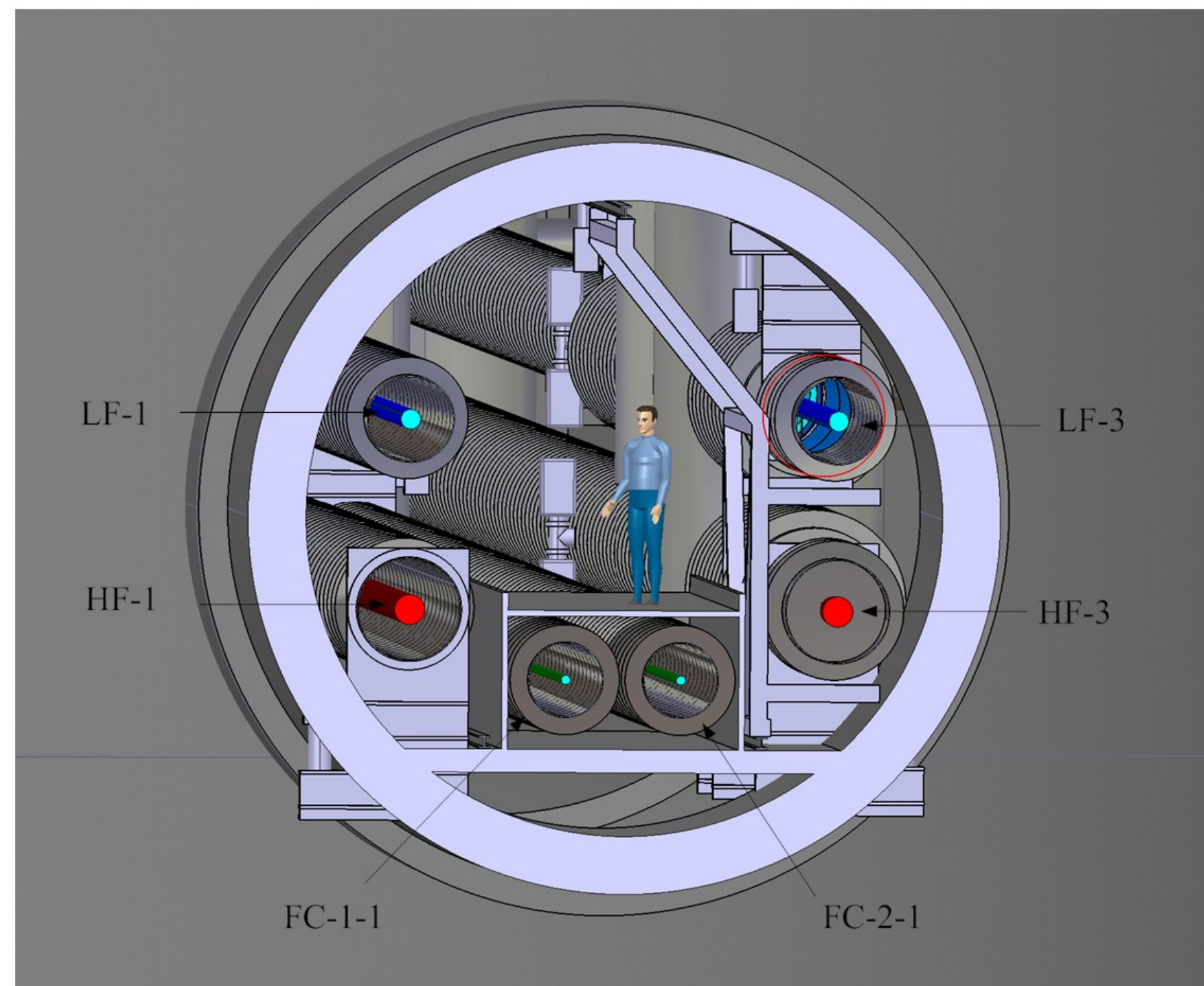
In its current design ET involves the production of more than 120km of $\sim 1 \text{ m}$ diameter tubes instrumented by hundreds of deflecting baffles

The experiment runs under ultra high vacuum (UHV) conditions

- 10^{-10} mb for H_2 , 10^{-11} mb for N_2
- 10^{-14} mb for Hydrocarbons

Optical requirements (reduced reflectivity and scattering of surfaces) condition the pipe design

- Precise mechanics
- Surface treatments for outgassing & cleanliness
- High-quality polishing
- Optical AR coatings @ 1 – 2 microns (close to mirrors)



Specific Boards

ISB

Instrument Science Board

Suspensions

Optics

Interferometer

Site Characterisation

Active Noise Mitigation

Vacuum & Cryogenics

Tower Vacuum

Cryostats and
Cryopumps

Cryogenic
Infrastructure

Detector Cooling

OSB

Observational Science Board

Fundamental Physics

Cosmology

Population studies

Multimessenger Obs.

Synergies with GWDs

Nuclear Physics

Stellar collapse
and isolated
neutron stars

Waveforms

Scientific potentials ...

Data Analysis Platform

EIB

Electronic / Computational
Infrastructure Board

On-Site Infrastructure

Distributed
Infrastructure

Software &
frameworks

SCB

Site Char. Board

...

supervising

participating

SF

Science Forum

EMR-TETI civil engineering - Timelines

Example 1: Civil engineering (with CERN)

Timeline		2023				2024				2025				2026			
Activities	Dur (mon)	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
EMR																	
Technical studies subsurface	?																
1st Assessment subsurface	?																
Draft Bidbook	?																
Location Scenarios	?																
Structure Design	?																
Cost Estimate	?																
Tender Plan Construction Phase	?																
Logistics Plan Construction Phase	?																
Spatial Plan Corner Points	?																
Risk Register	?																
Implementation plan & tender dossier	?																
TETI																	
Performing Surveys & Drillings	12																
Positioning of Underground Structures (Triangle and 2L)	12																
Underground Service Plants	12																
Surface Buildings	7																
Construction of Underground Structures	16																
Cost and Time Estimation	2																
Permissions and opinions for construction	16																

EMR site

- Underground investigations (surveys, drilling and testing) Q2 2025
- Positioning and construction design Q3 2025
- Implementation plan & tender dossier (Bidbook. ?) Q3 2026

Sardinia site

- Underground investigations (drilling and testing) Q1 2025
- Positioning and construction design Q2 2025

Preliminary dates that will still change!



ET-PP web
https://etpp.ifae.es

Deliverables & Milestones

Deliverables		
#	Deliverable	WP Status
D1	D1.1: Dissemination and Exploitation (D&E) Plan	1 EC approved
D2	D1.2: Data Management Plan (DMP)	1 EC approved
D3	D2.1: Report providing options for legal entity	2 EC approved
D4	D2.2: Minutes of meetings with EC and involved ministries	2 EC approved
D10	D4.1: Scan of legal procedures, permitting and land acquisitions	4 EC approved
D11	D4.2: Updated socio-economic impact studies	4 in EC portal
D15	D5.1: Structure and mandate of the Project Office	5 EC approved
D16	D5.2: Functionalities required from the tools in support of the project management	5 EC approved
D17	D5.3: .Structure and mandate of the Engineering Department	5 EC approved
D18	D5.4: Funcional Engineering Department	5 in EC portal
D19	D5.5: Funcional Project Office	5 in EC portal
D20	D6.1: Refined Science Case	6 in EC portal
D21	D6.2: Vacuum pipe Design	6 in EC portal
D26	D7.1: Innovation plan	7 EC approved
D30	D8.1: Computing and Data Requirements	8 in EC portal
D36	D10.1: Initiate strategic media and communications plan	10 EC approved
D37	D10.2: Launch consortium website and social media accounts	10 in EC portal
D38	D10.3: Formulate strategic media and communications plan	10 in EC portal

WP 6: Technical Design

Work package led by INFN

Objectives

WP6 - Technical Design [led by INFN]- has the mandate to provide the ET-PP project management with a refined scientific case, the Technical Design Report (TDR) of the RI hosting the ET interferometers, and the TDR of the set of detectors (interferometers) and facilities (vacuum and cryogenic apparatuses and plants) composing ET.

Furthermore WP6 has the duty to elaborate a data management plan (DMP) and a Data Access Policy in synergy with WP8 (see below) and WP2. The activities in WP6 take place inside the ET Collaboration and will take full advantage of the existing technical and scientific boards inside the experiment.

The chairs of the ET Steering Committee: **H. Lück (LUH and AEI)** and **M. Punturo (INFN)** act, together with **P. Chiggiato (CERN)**, as co-coordinators of WP6. **P. Chiggiato** coordinates the R&D and technical design of the ET pipe-arm vacuum system.

Deliverables

- D6.1 Refined Science Case
- D6.2 Vacuum pipe Design
- D6.3 Preliminary RI TDR
- D6.4 Preliminary DET TDR
- D6.5 RI TDR
- D6.6 DMP and Data Access Policy



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European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN)



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WP 5: Project Office and Engineering Department

Work package led by CNRS

Objectives

WP5 - Project Office and Engineering Department [led by CNRS]- has the mission to establish the ET RI Project Office and the corresponding Engineering Department. The role of this WP is to set-up a project management environment for the ET construction project.

This environment will be supported by consultative and executive bodies equipped with means to monitor, control, coordinate and report on the technical design, the engineering, the technical specifications, the risks, the budget and the schedule.

These activities are project-wide and make use of methodologies and tools which are the same across the whole of the ET construction project.

C. Olivetto (SACLAY), **P. Werneke (NIKHEF)** and **A. Variola (INFN)** act as co-coordinators of WP5 in this proposal.

Deliverables

- D5.1 Structure and the mandate of the Project Office.
- D5.2 Functionalities required from the tools in support of the project management.
- D5.3 Structure and the mandate of the Engineering Department.
- D5.4 Funcional Engineering Department.
- D5.5 Functional Project Office.



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