



Fundamental Physics in Space

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Using Space to Investigate Fundamental Laws of Physics:

Quantum measurements, entanglement, de-coherence

Standard (and beyond) Model of Particles and Universe

Classical tests of General Relativity

Quantum-gravity

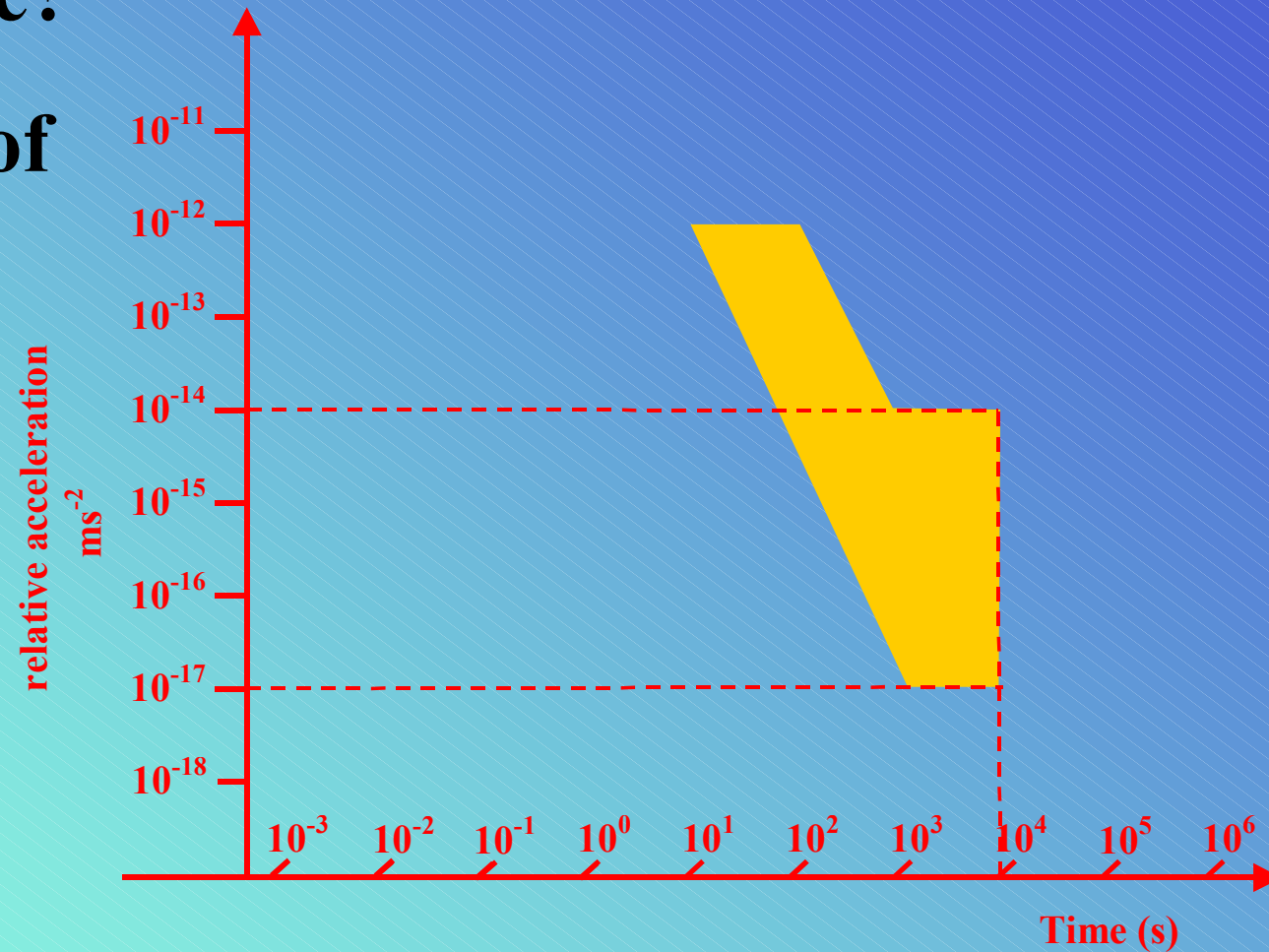
Gravitational Waves, extreme gravitational field and event horizon physics

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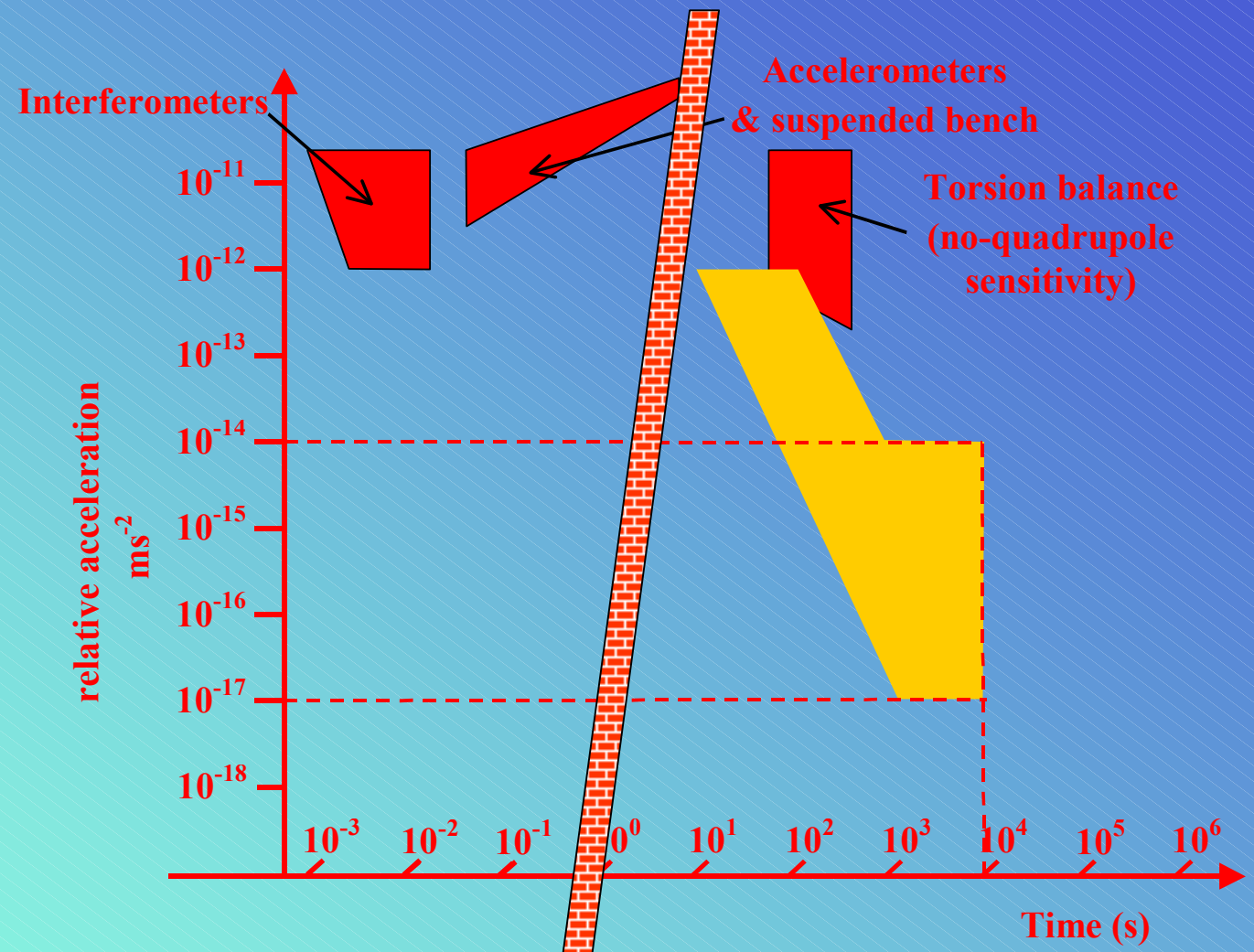
<p>LISA/LISA PF</p>	<p>Gravitational Waves Observatory and the Physics of Black-Holes and Extreme Gravitational Fields</p>
<p>Microscope/GPB (STEP)</p>	<p>High Precision Equivalence Principle Test and the Search for New Long Range Interactions. Tests of General Relativity</p>
<p>HYPER/ACES</p>	<p>Cold-Atoms, Matter-Wave Interferometry and the Next Generation Gravitational Sensors</p>
<p>AMS/EUSO</p>	<p>Anti-matter/Extreme energy cosmic rays</p>

Why Space?

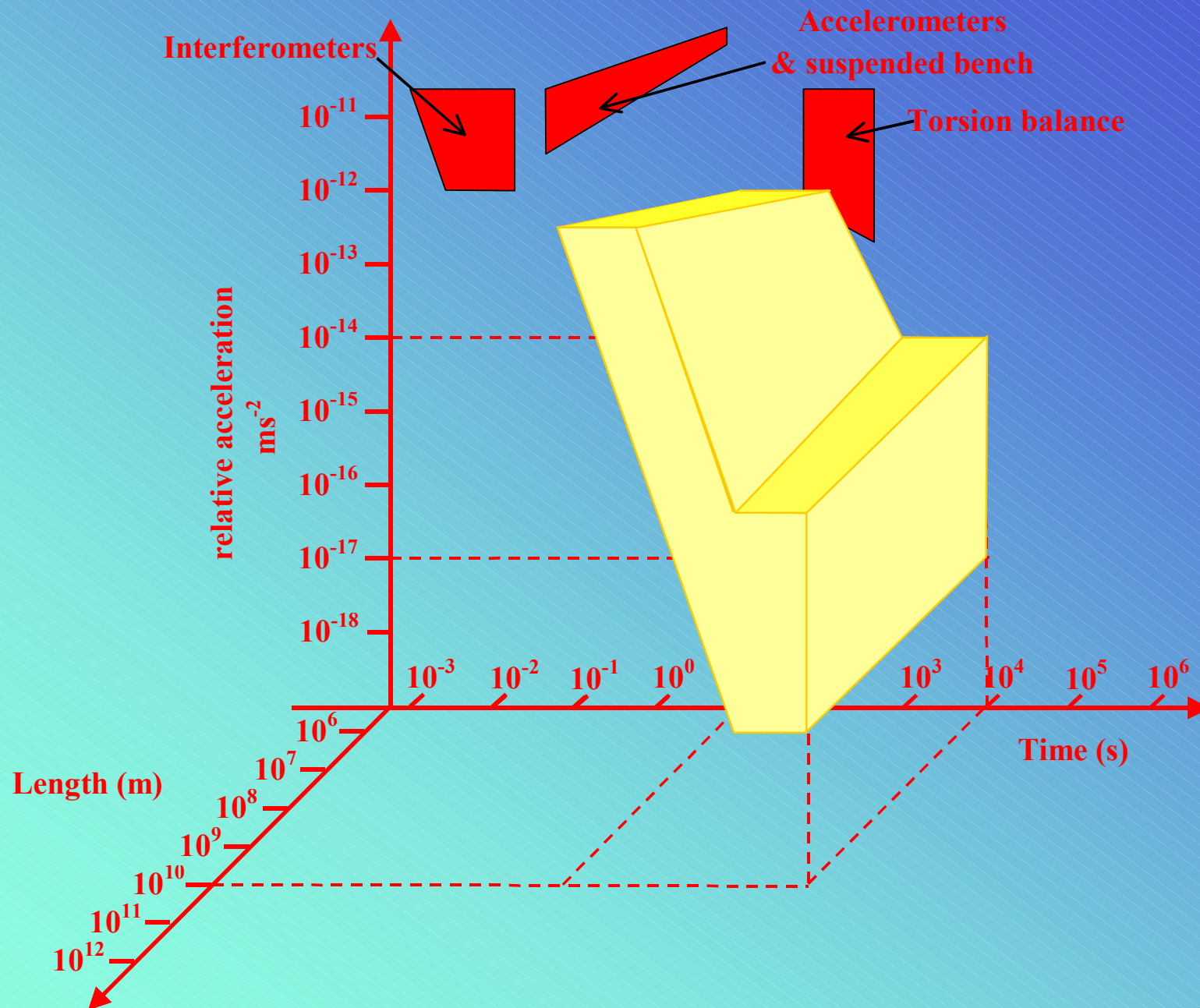
“Purity” of free-fall



Ground



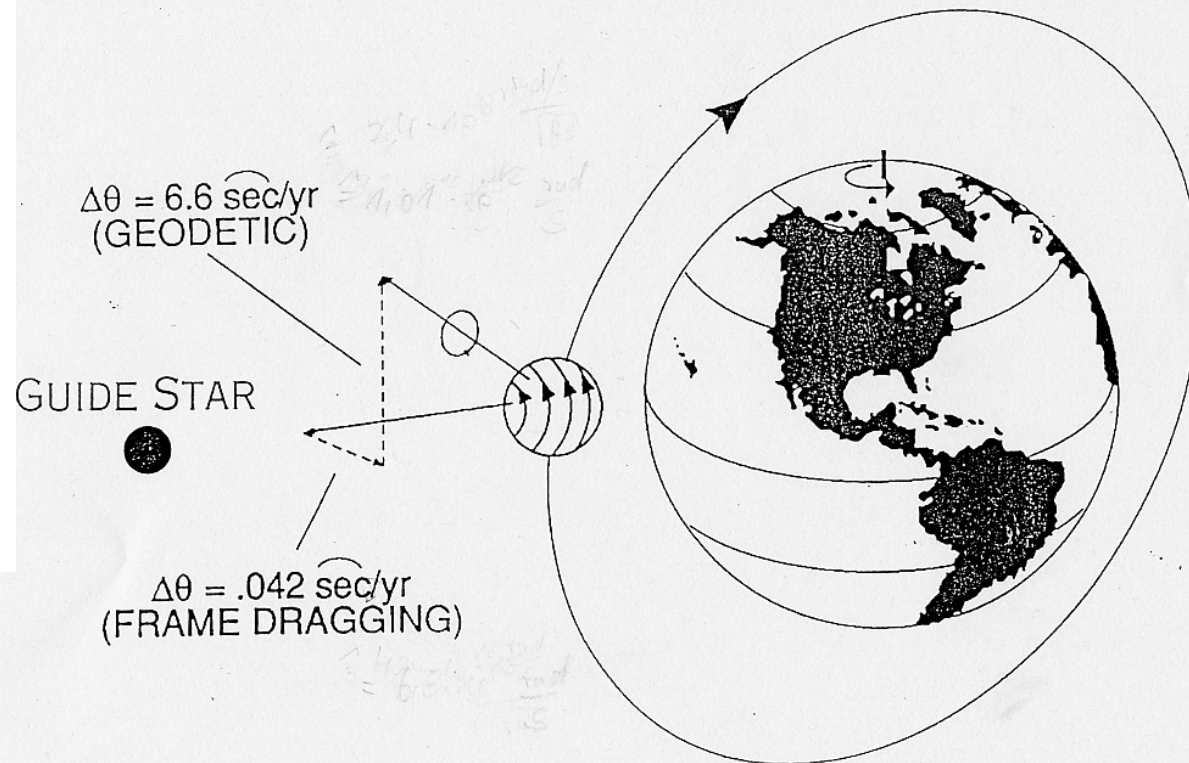
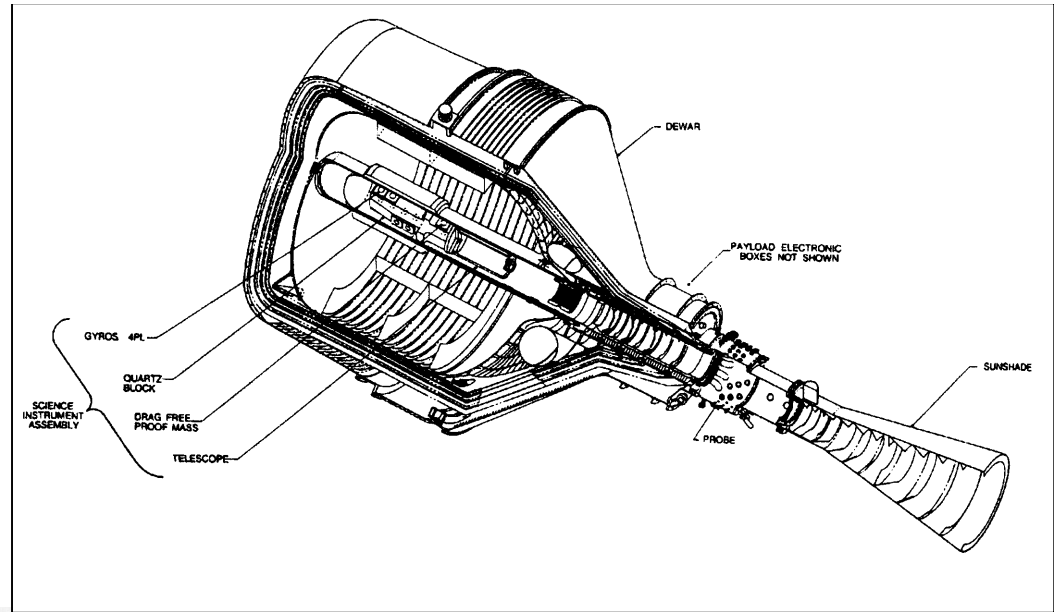
Newtonian quadrupole noise



« Gravity Probe B »

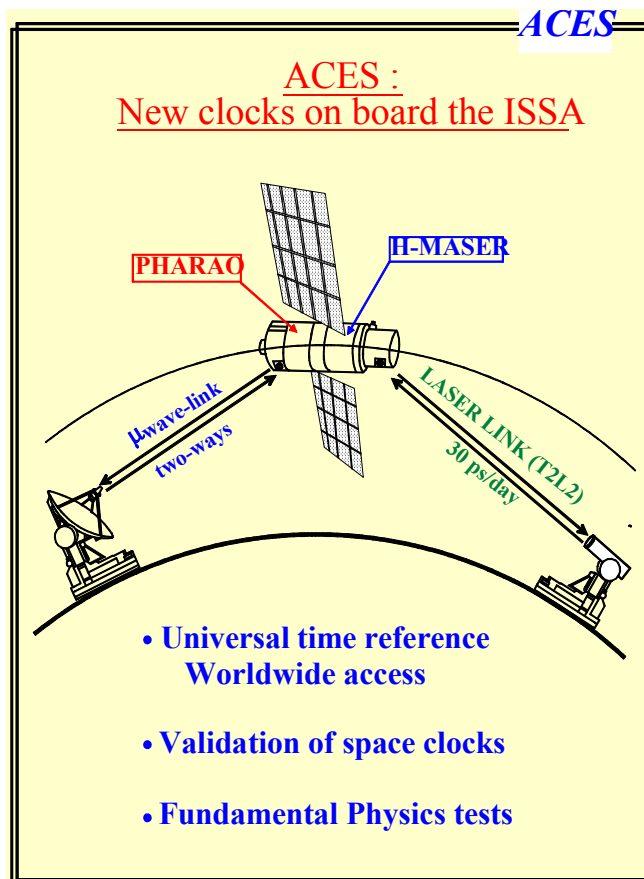
► Proposal by
L.I. Schiff
(Stanford
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► Precession of
a spinning ball
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Thirring effect
42 marcsec/y,
precision 1%

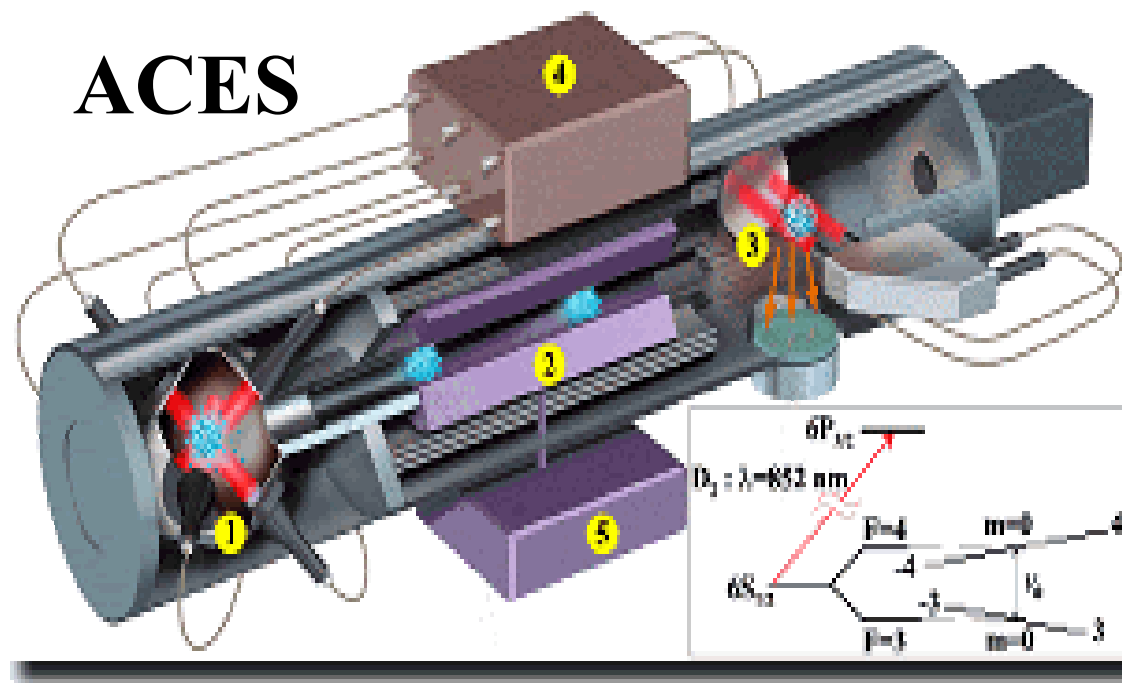


quantum physics in space: exploiting the ultimate laboratory

$$\dot{\alpha} \approx 10^{-16} \text{ y}^{-1}; \left(\frac{\Delta v}{v} \right)_g \approx 10^{-6}; \frac{\Delta c}{\Delta \theta} \approx 10^{-11}$$

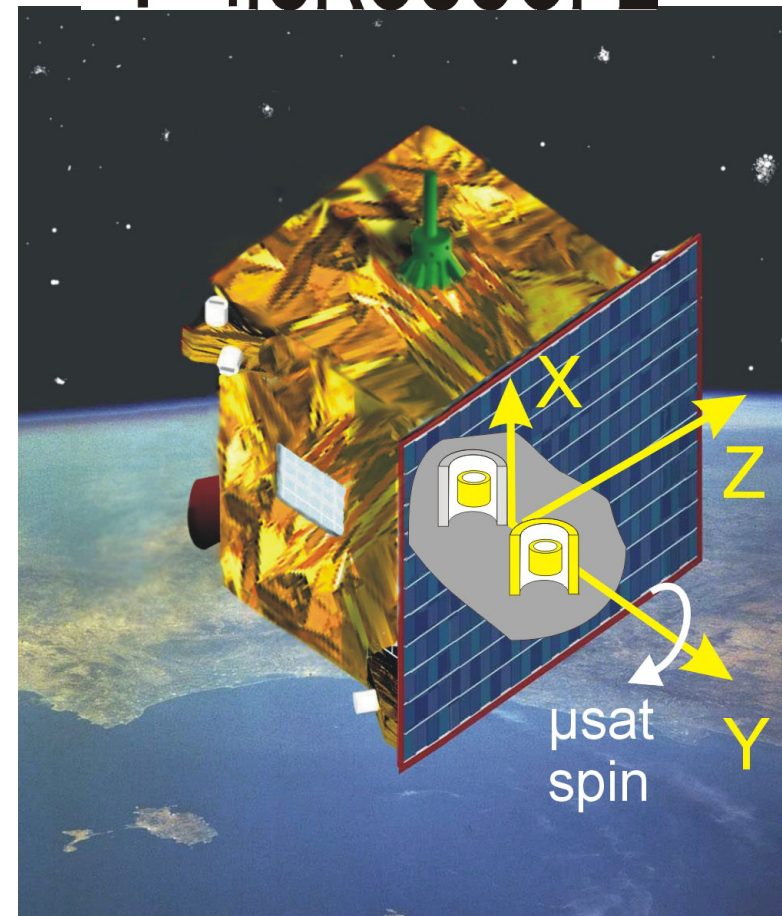
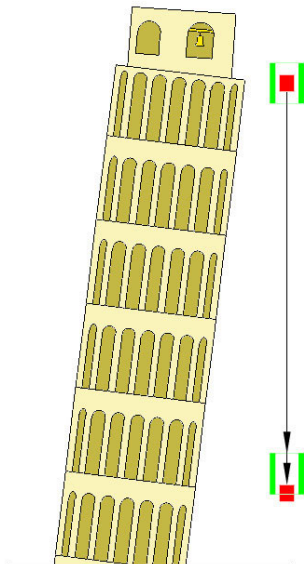


Time of flight only possible in 0 g

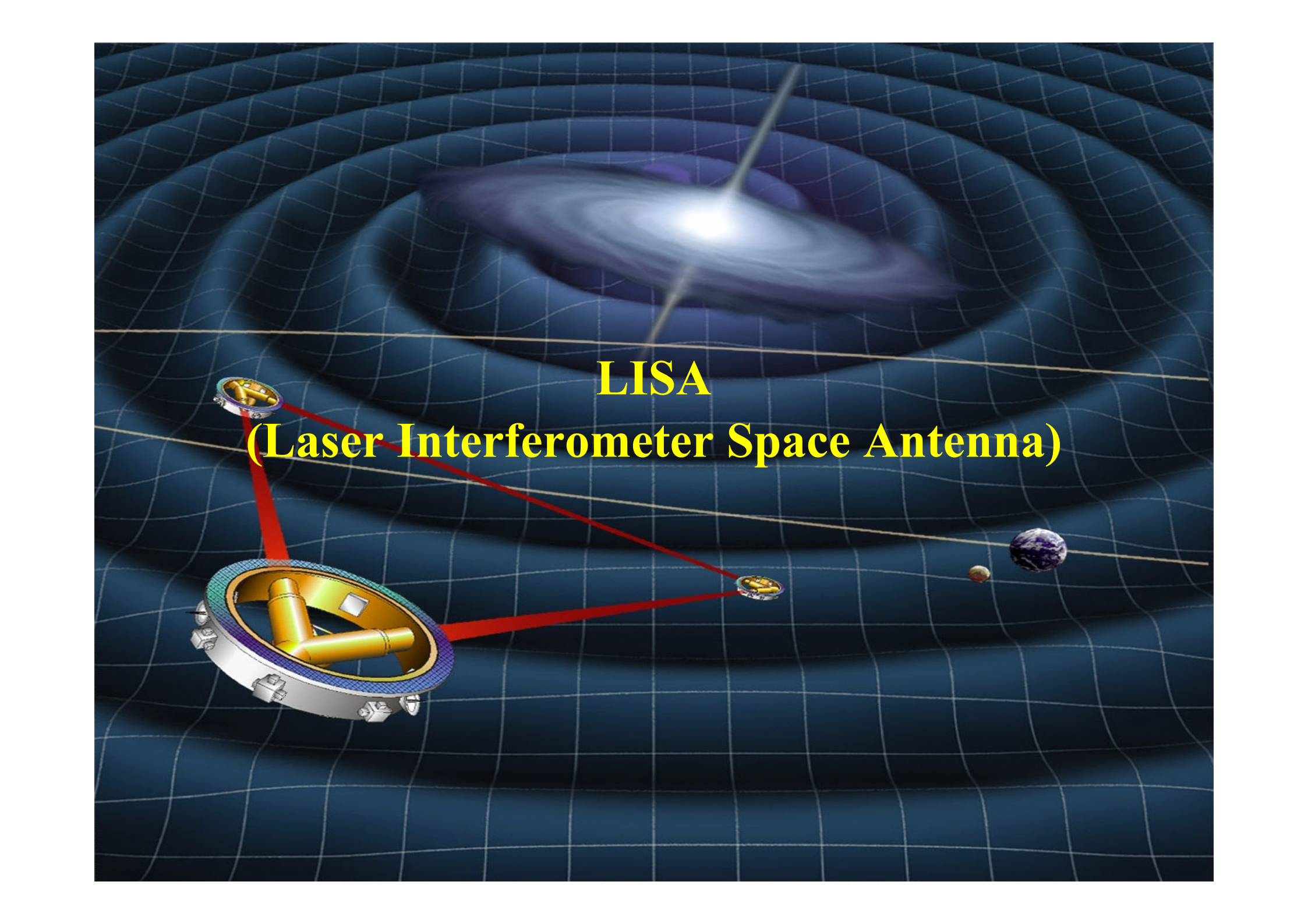




- 2 Differential accelerometers :
EP test at 10^{-15} or better
Search for long range forces
Predicted by quantum gravity

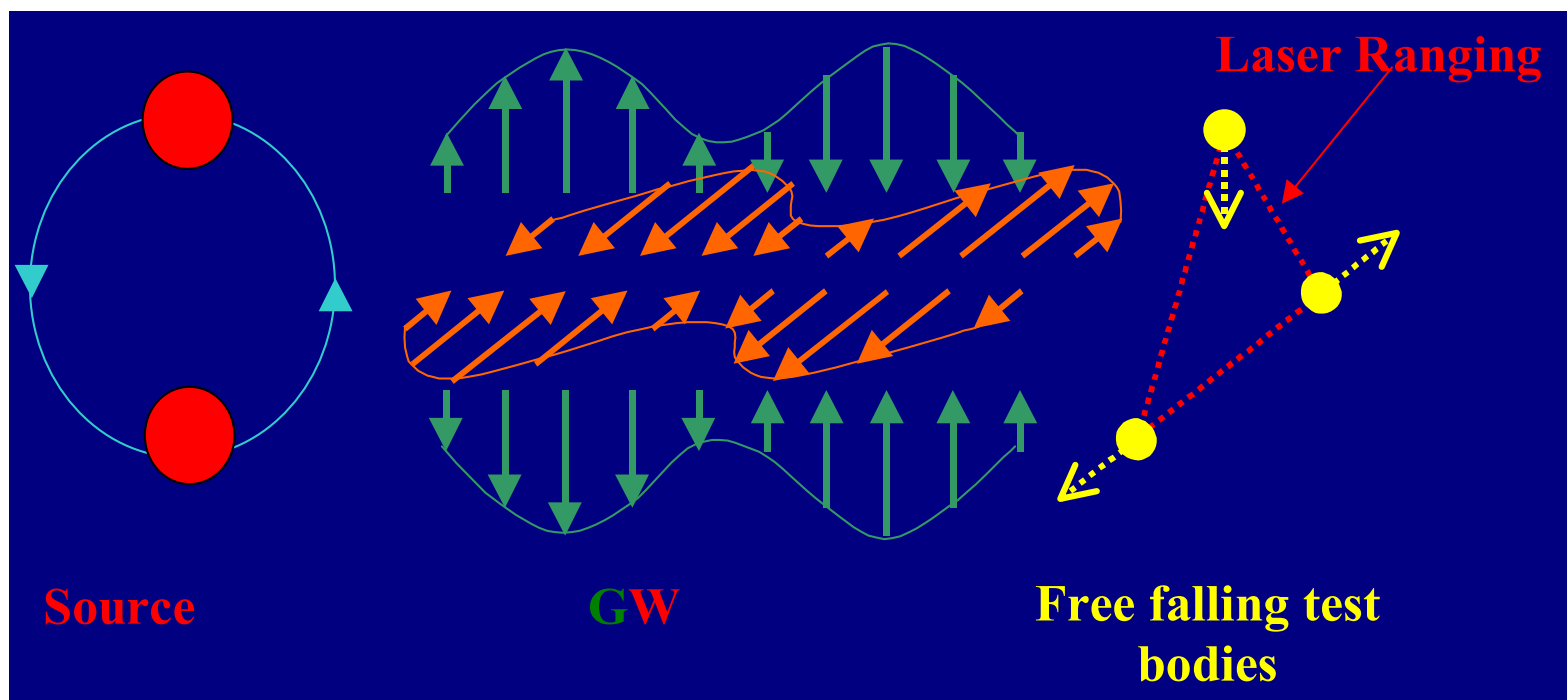


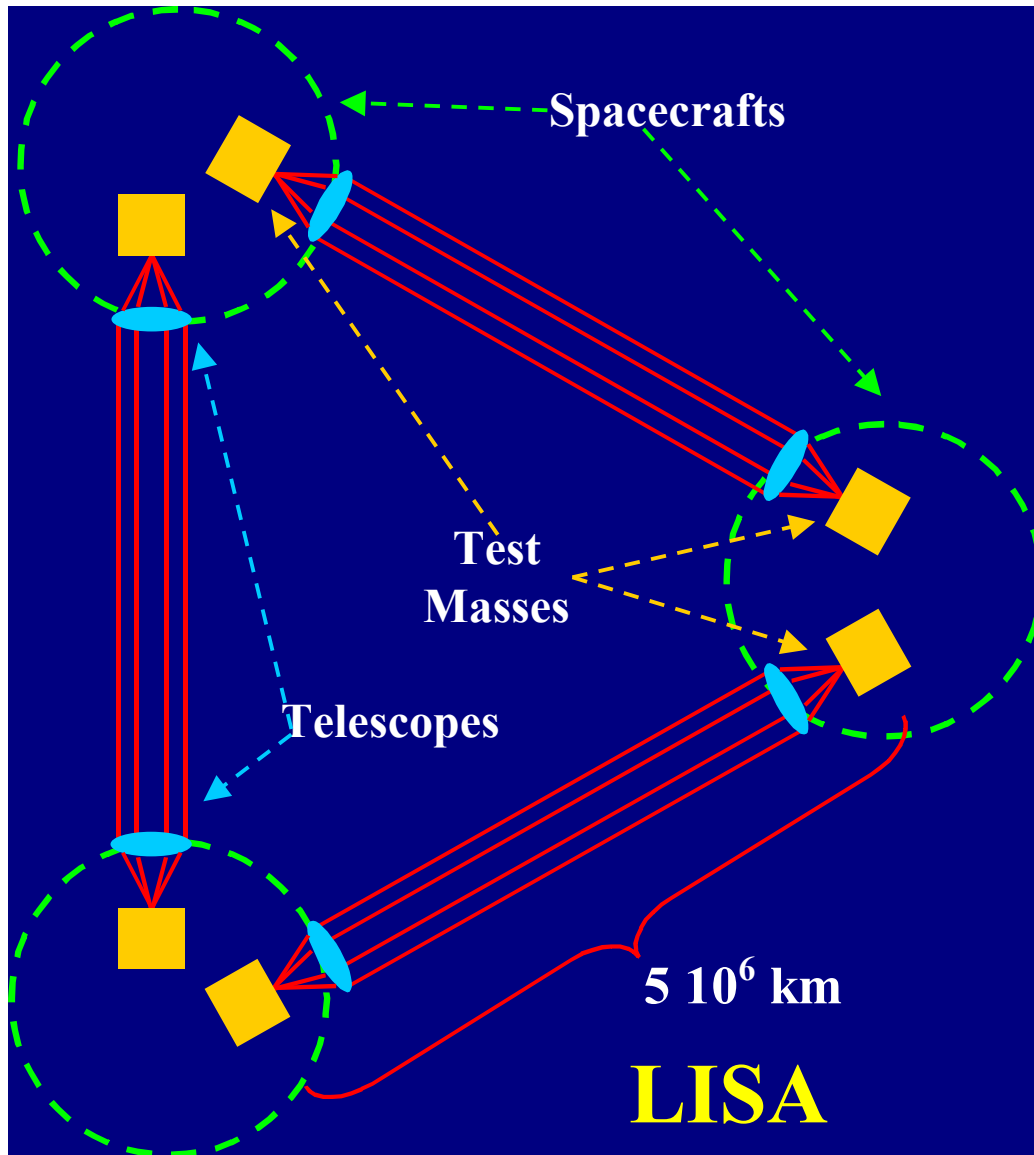
ONERA

The image features a dark blue background with a white grid representing spacetime curvature. A bright, glowing blue-white galaxy is at the top center. Three gold-colored satellite components are arranged in a triangle, connected by red lines. A large satellite in the bottom left shows internal gold-colored structures. A yellow laser beam points from the galaxy towards the satellites. In the bottom right, the Earth and Mars are visible on a horizontal line.

LISA
(Laser Interferometer Space Antenna)

LISA basics





3 pairs of “free falling” test masses
 ($3 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ ms}^{-2} \text{ Hz}^{-1/2}$ @ 0.1 mHz)

3 “test-mass follower” shielding spacecraft

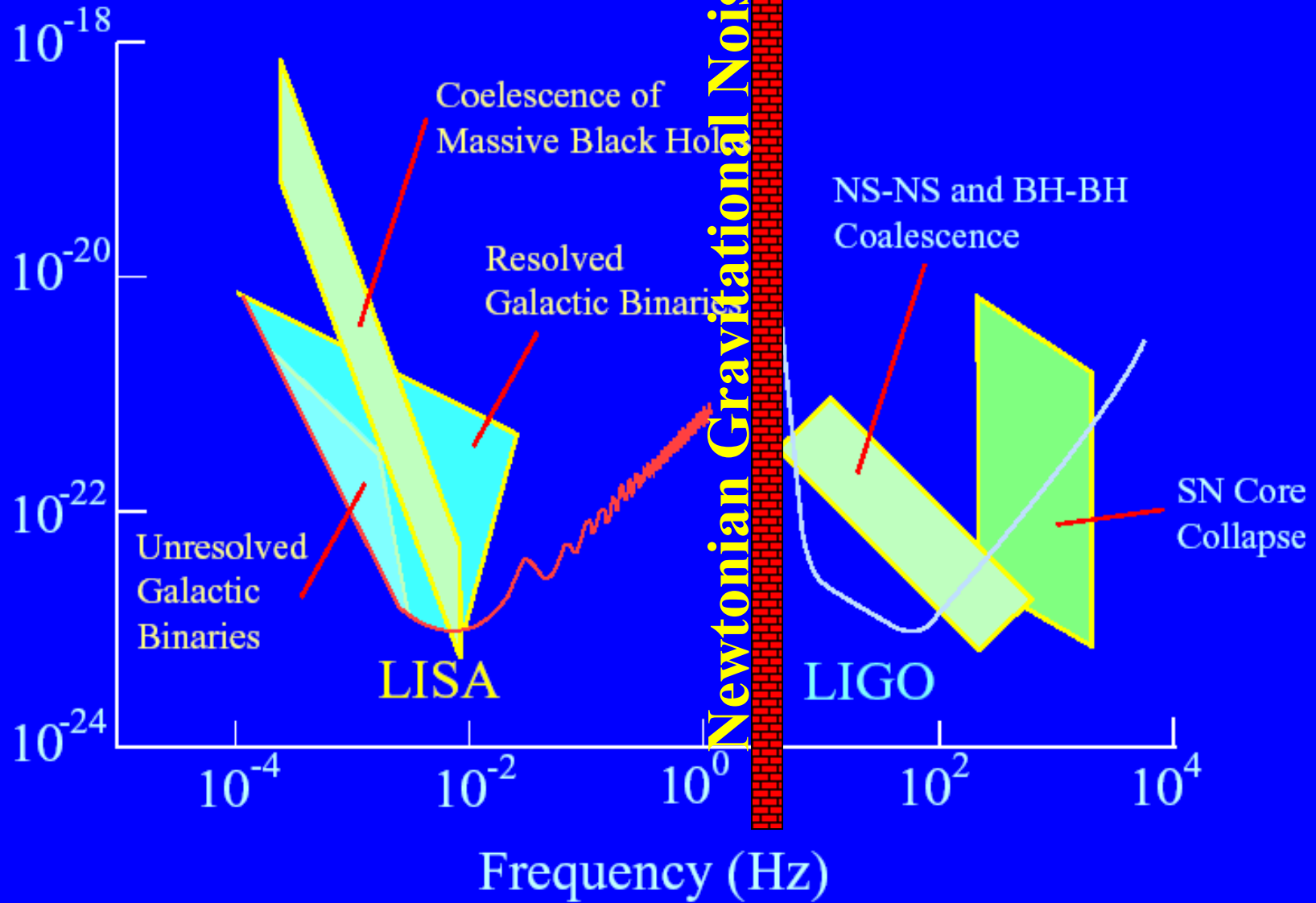
2 semi-independent $5 \cdot 10^6$ km Michelson Interferometers with Laser Transponders

($40 \text{ pm Hz}^{1/2}$)

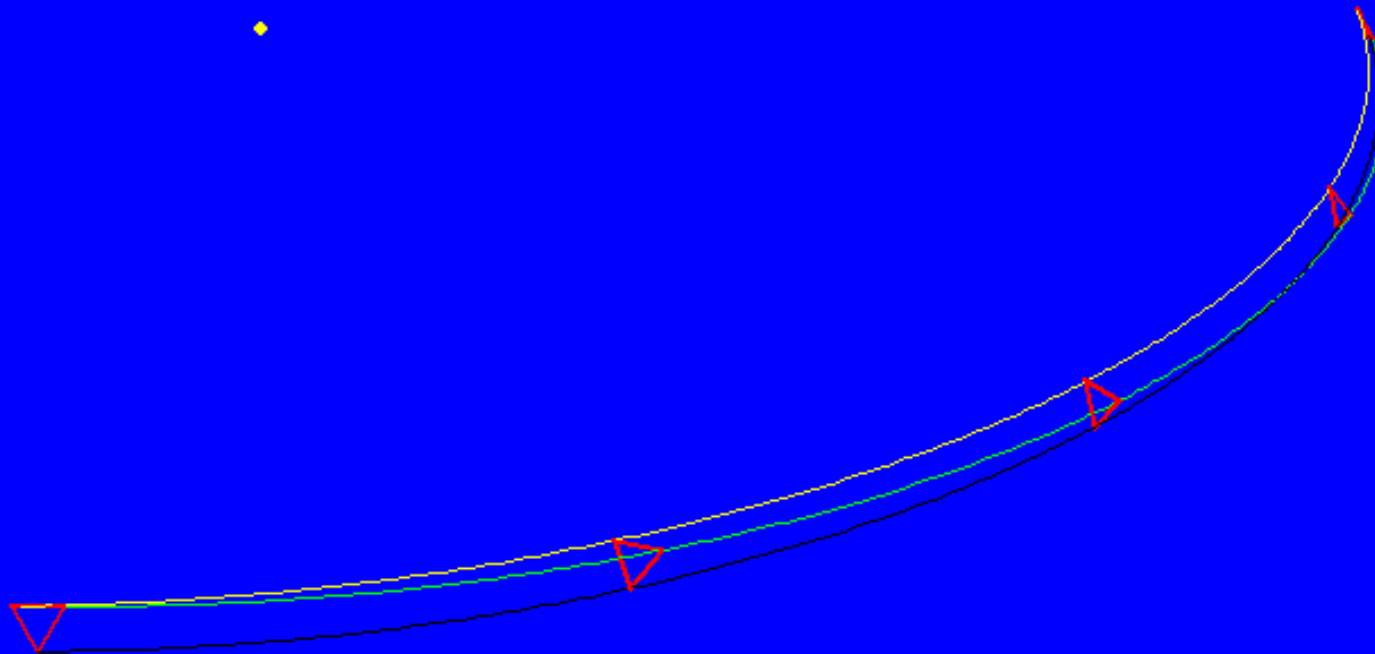
Goal: GW at
0.1 mHz – 0.1 Hz

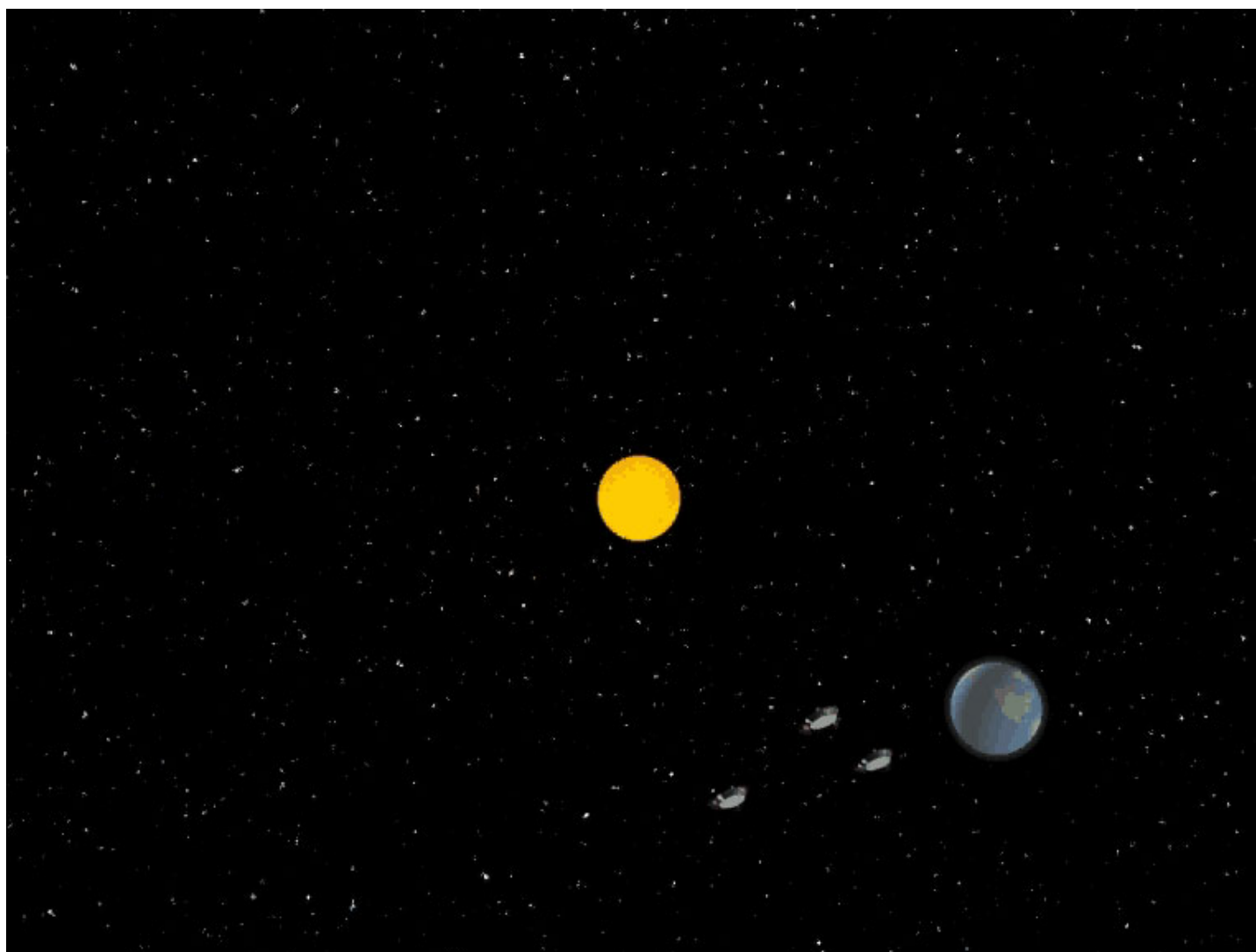
Strain sensitivity $\approx 3 \times 10^{-21} / \sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ @ 10^{-3} Hz

Gravitational Wave Amplitude

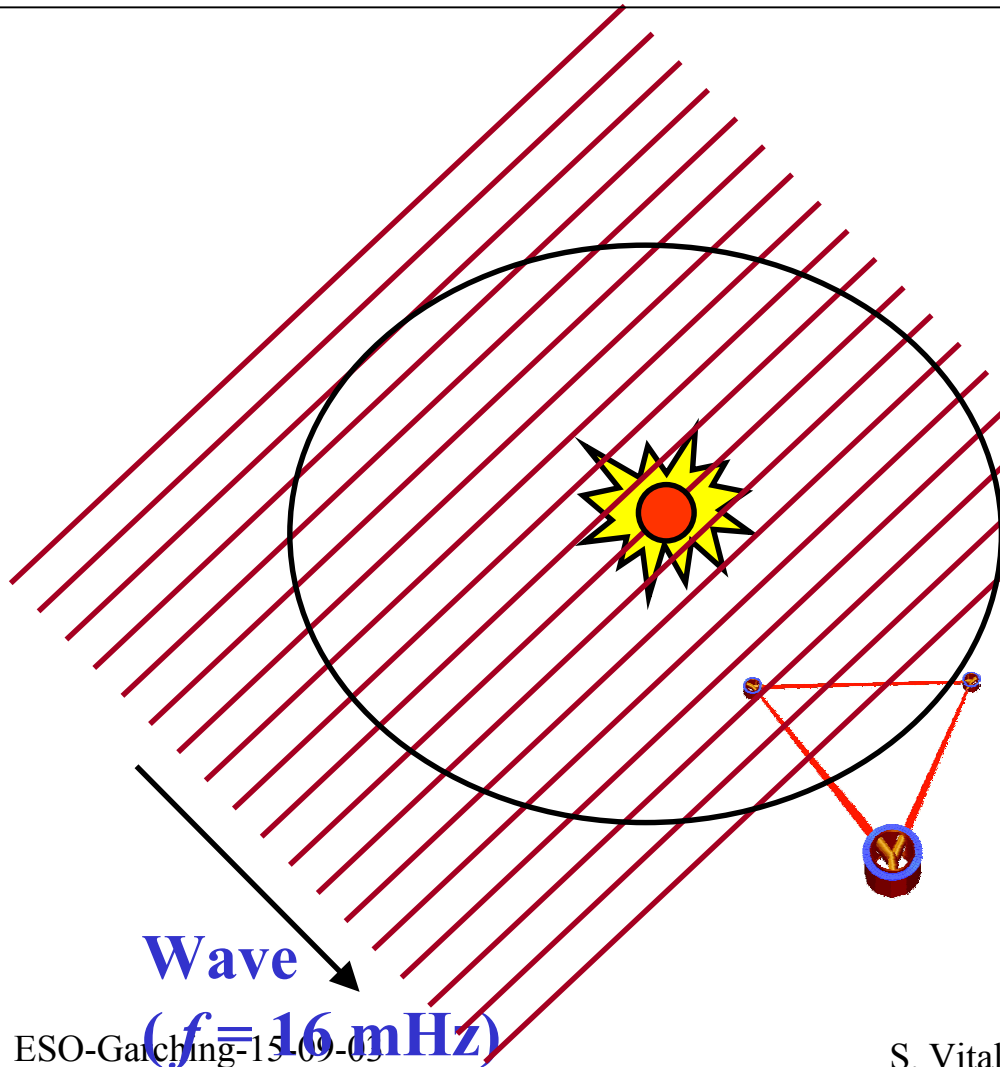


LISA essentials 1: the smart orbits

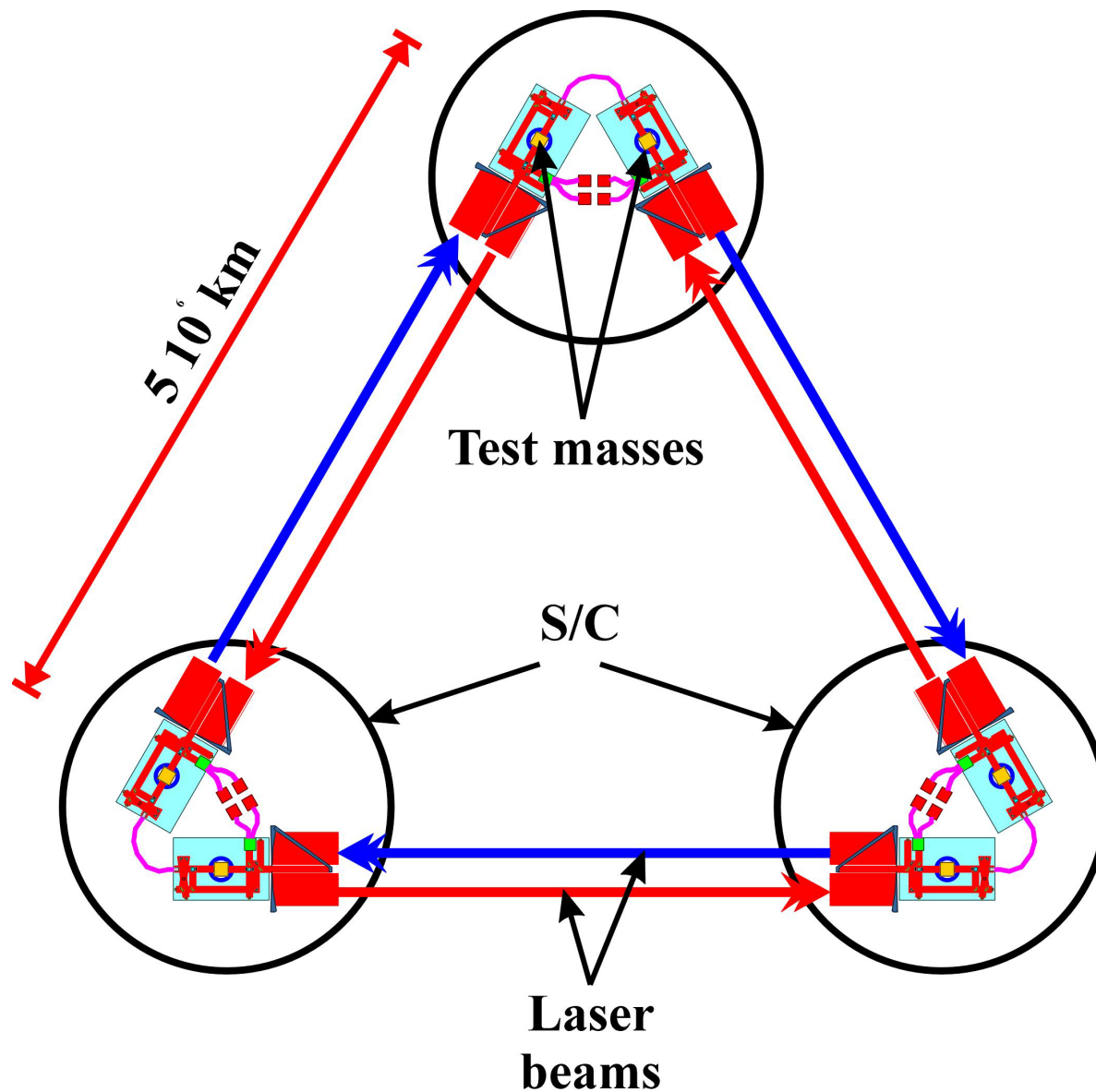




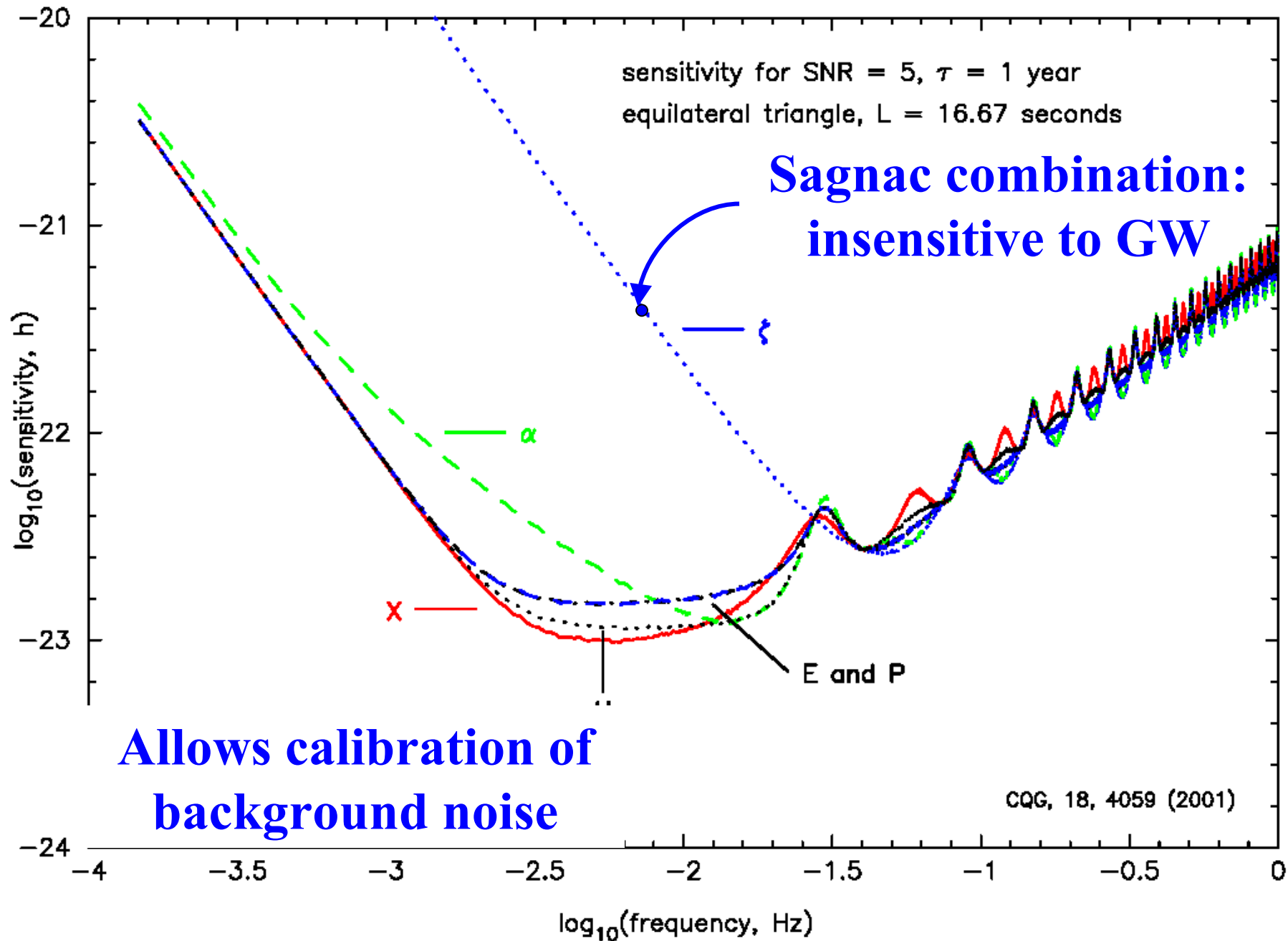
Angular Resolution with LISA



- Using phase modulation due to orbital motion is equivalent to **aperture synthesis**.
- Gives diffraction limit $\Delta\theta = \lambda / 1 \text{ AU}$.
- **Measurements on detected sources:**
 - $\Delta\theta \sim 1' - 1^\circ$
 - $\Delta(\text{mass, distance}) \leq 1\%$

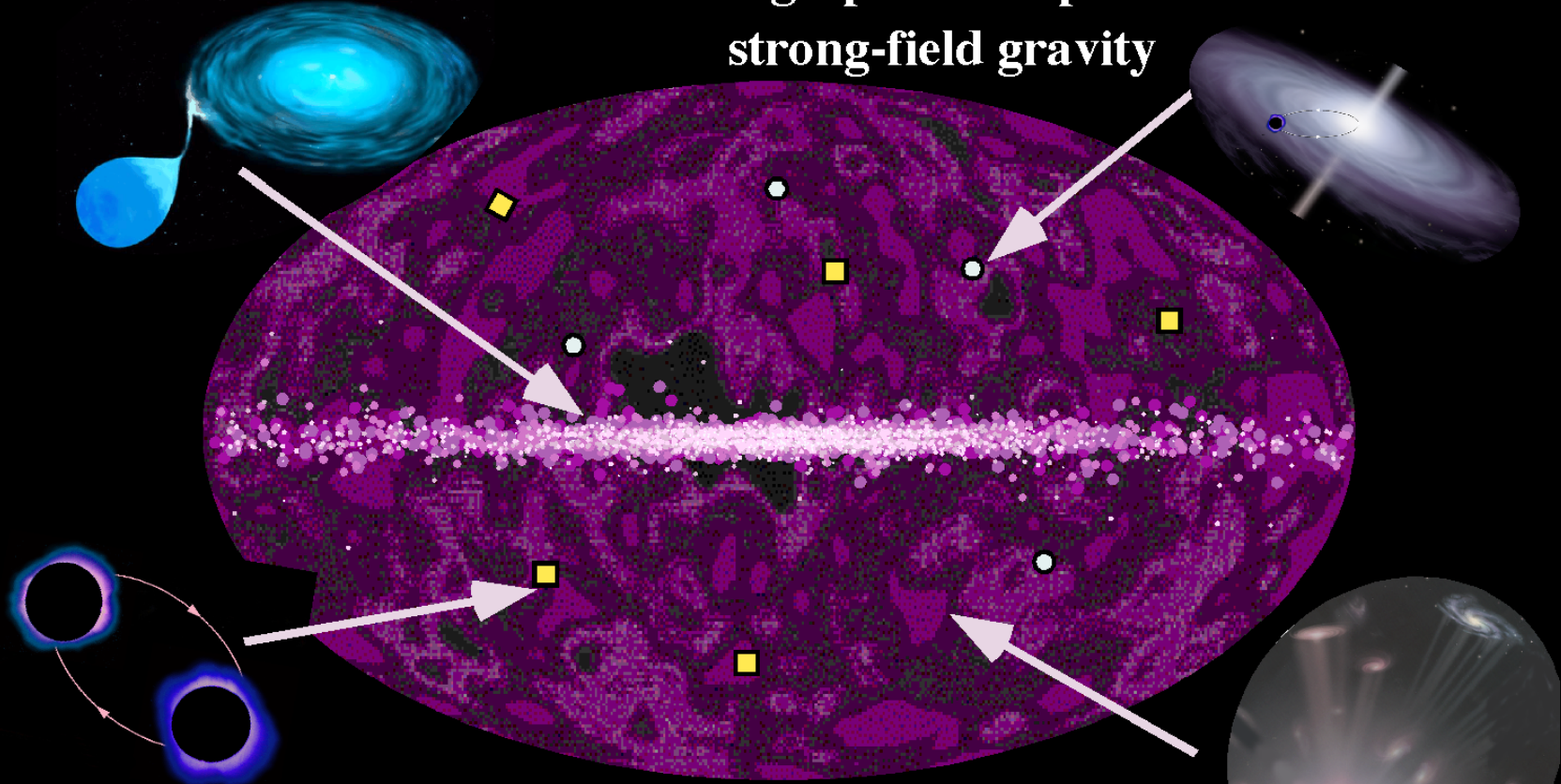


Something more than “an interferometer”: 6 independent beams



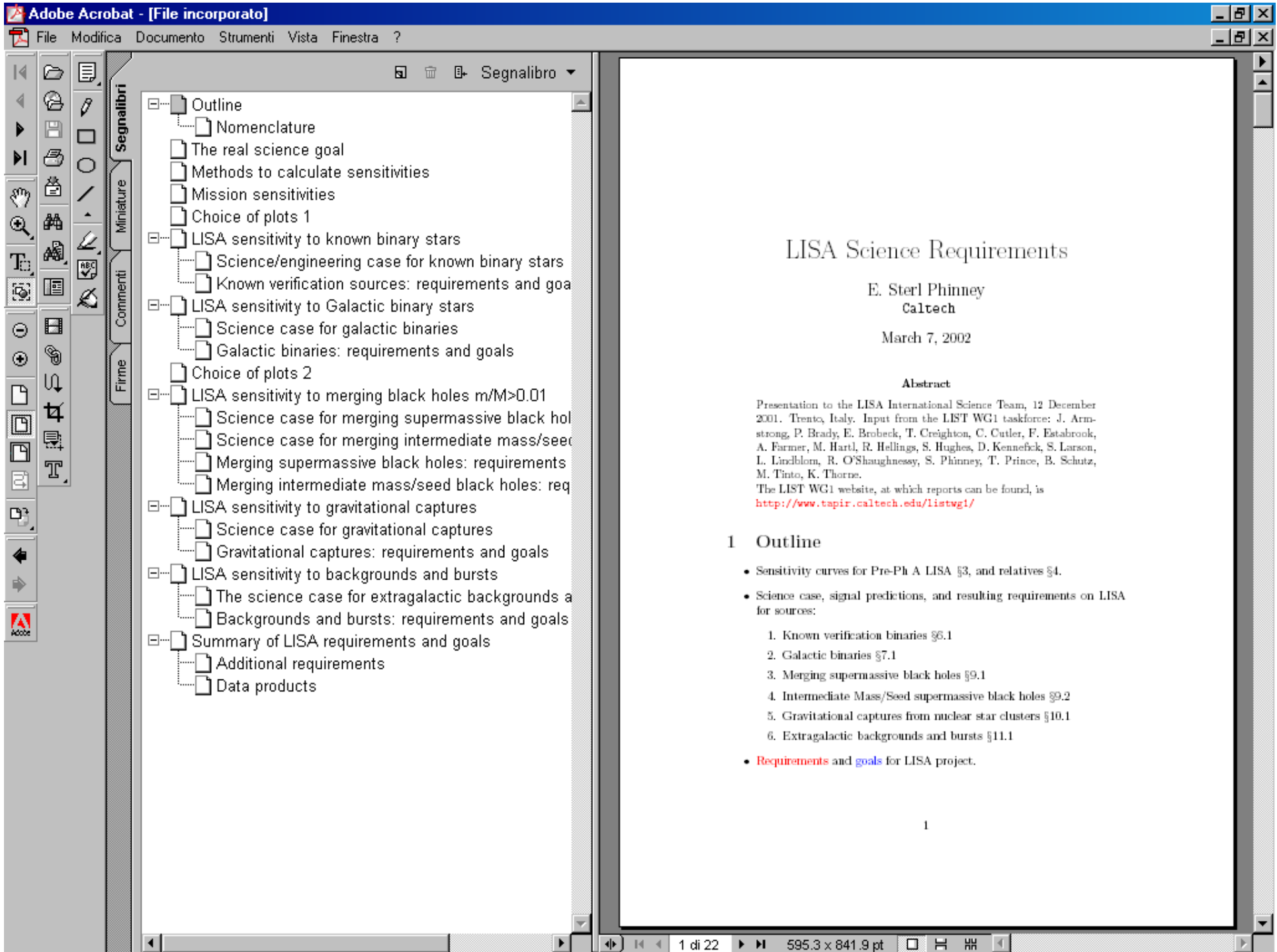
**Galactic Binaries,
including future
type Ia supernovae**

**Compact Objects Orbiting
Massive Black Holes,
high-precision probes of
strong-field gravity**



**Formation of
Massive Black Holes,
cores of active galactic nuclei,
formed before most stars**

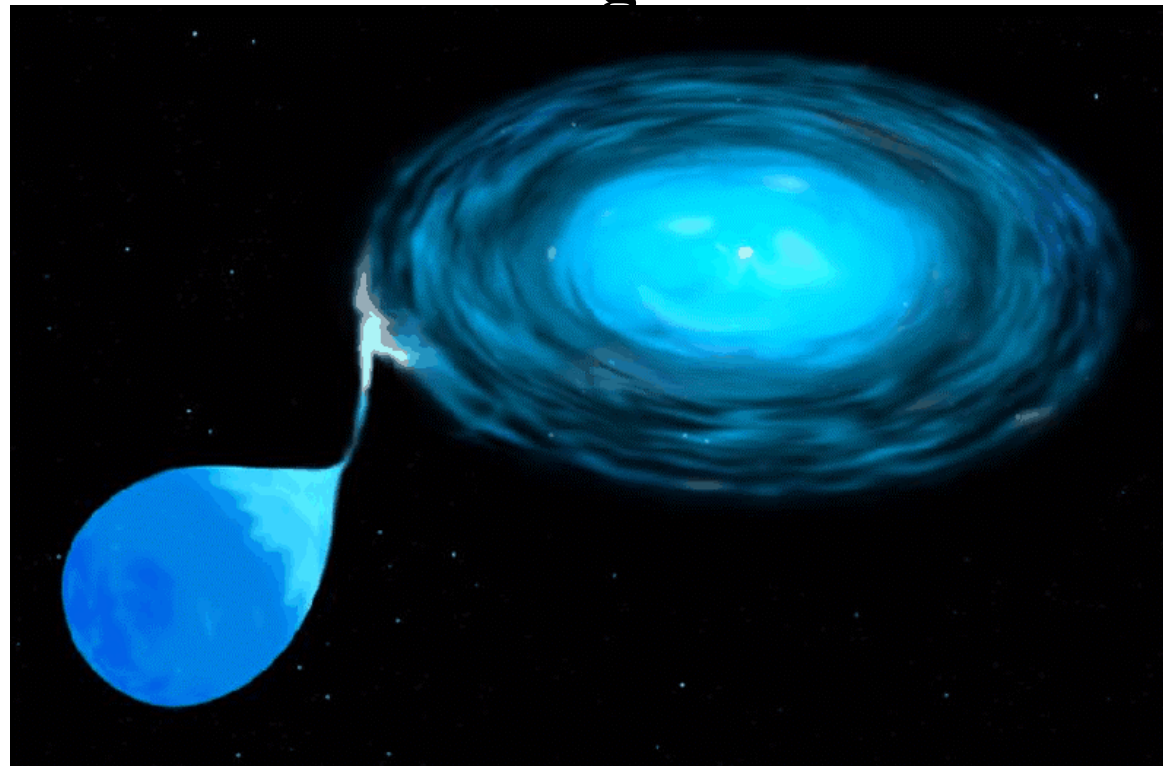
**Fluctuations from
Early Universe,
before recombination
formed 3° background**

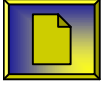


Galactic Binaries

SNR up to 500 in 1 year. Angular resolution 10^{-3} – 10^{-2} srad at SNR ≈ 10

Some are standard candles: everything known about the signal.





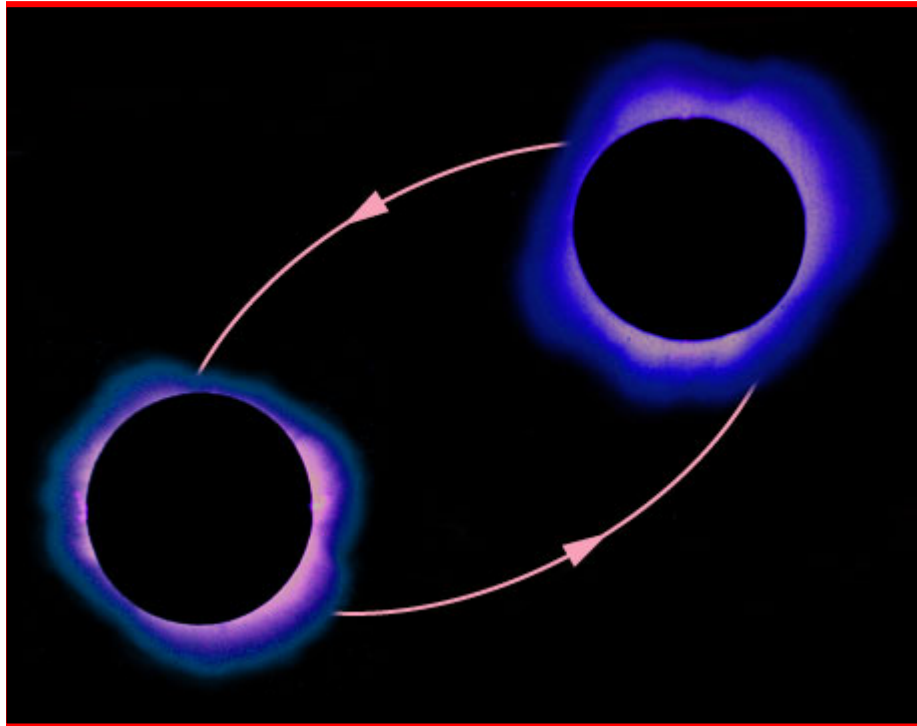
LISA calibration binaries

class	source	dist pc	$f = 2/P_b$ mHz	M_1 M_\odot	M_2 M_\odot	τ_{mrg} 10^8y	h
WD+WD	WD 0957-666	100	0.38	0.37	0.32	2	4×10^{-22}
	WD 1101+364	100	0.16	0.31	0.36	20	2×10^{-22}
	WD 1704+481	100	0.16	0.39	0.56	13	4×10^{-22}
	WD 2331+290	100	0.14	0.39	> 0.32	< 30	$> 2 \times 10^{-22}$
WD+sdB	KPD 0422+4521	100	0.26	0.51	0.53	3	6×10^{-22}
	KPD 1930+2752	100	0.24	0.5	0.97	2	1×10^{-21}
AM CVn	RXJ0806.3+1527	300	6.2	0.4	0.12	–	4×10^{-22}
	RXJ1914+245	100	3.5?	0.6	0.07	–	6×10^{-22}
	KUV05184-0939	1000	3.2	0.7	0.092	–	9×10^{-23}
	AM CVn	100	1.94	0.5	0.033	–	2×10^{-22}
	HP Lib	100	1.79	0.6	0.03	–	2×10^{-22}
	CR Boo	100	1.36	0.6	0.02	–	1×10^{-22}
	V803 Cen	100	1.24	0.6	0.02	–	1×10^{-22}
	CP Eri	200	1.16	0.6	0.02	–	4×10^{-23}
	GP Com	200	0.72	0.5	0.02	–	3×10^{-23}
LMXB	4U1820-30	8100	3.0	1.4	< 0.1	–	2×10^{-23}
	4U1626-67	3-8000	0.79	1.4	< 0.03	–	6×10^{-24}
W UMa	CC Com	90	0.105	0.7	0.7	–	6×10^{-22}

7.1 Science case for galactic binaries

Astronomy of exotic (past or present) interacting binary stars.

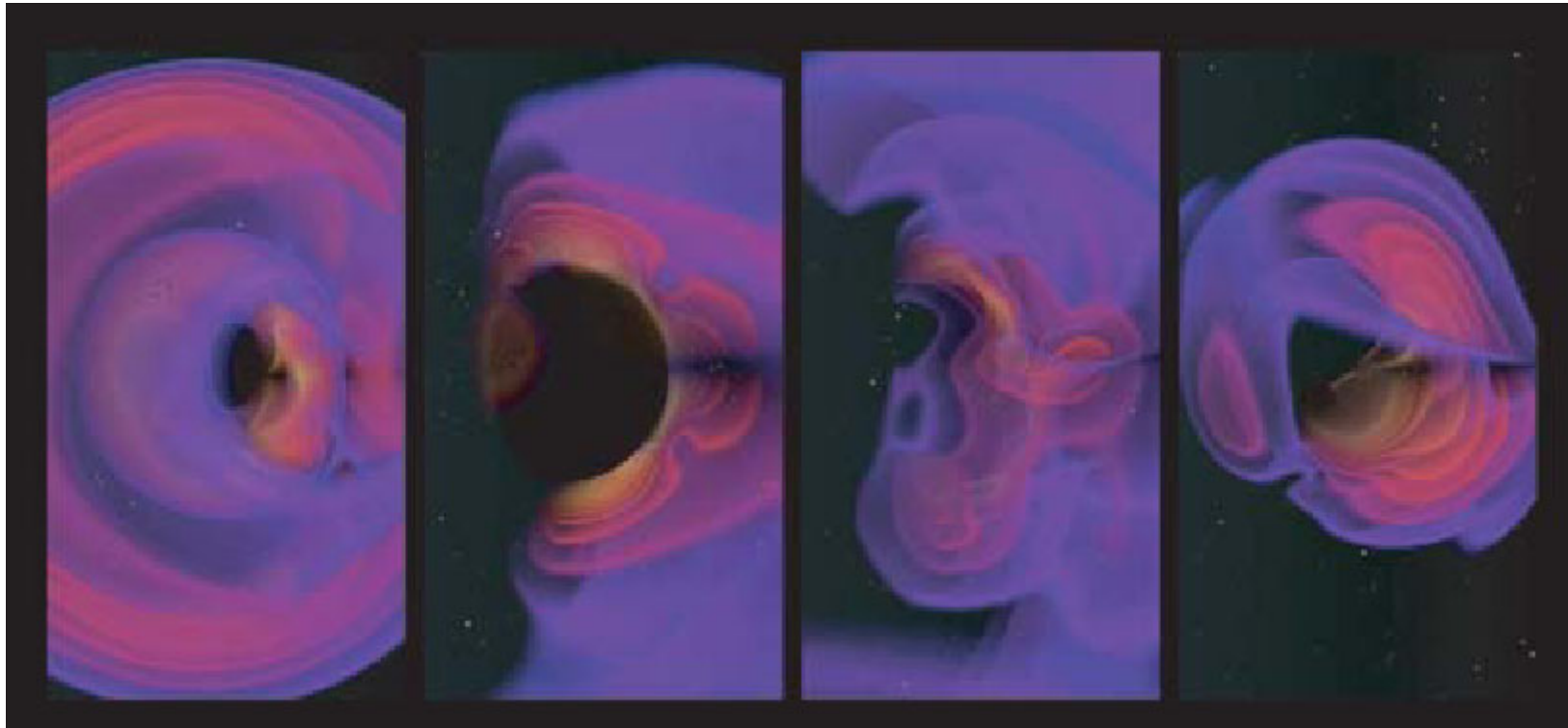
- Binary star map of Galaxy & beyond w/inclinations, orientations: star formation clues?
- Discovery space for exotic binaries hard/impossible to find electromagnetically.
- Identification/study of white dwarf tides/mergers: SN Ia, AIC (accretion induced collapse to NS), rare novae connection?
- Probe strong interior magnetic fields of WD (rotating quadrupoles).
- Galactic background at $3 \times 10^{-5}\text{Hz} < f < 3 \times 10^{-4}\text{Hz}$ gives binary star formation history of the galaxy.
- Chirp mass distribution, $\dot{f} < 0$ distribution give tests of binary star evolution theories, especially crucial but poorly understood angular momentum transfer before, during and after common-envelope evolution.



Massive black hole binaries from merging galaxies cores

**SNR up to 2000 in one year at z
 $\approx 1 - 3$**

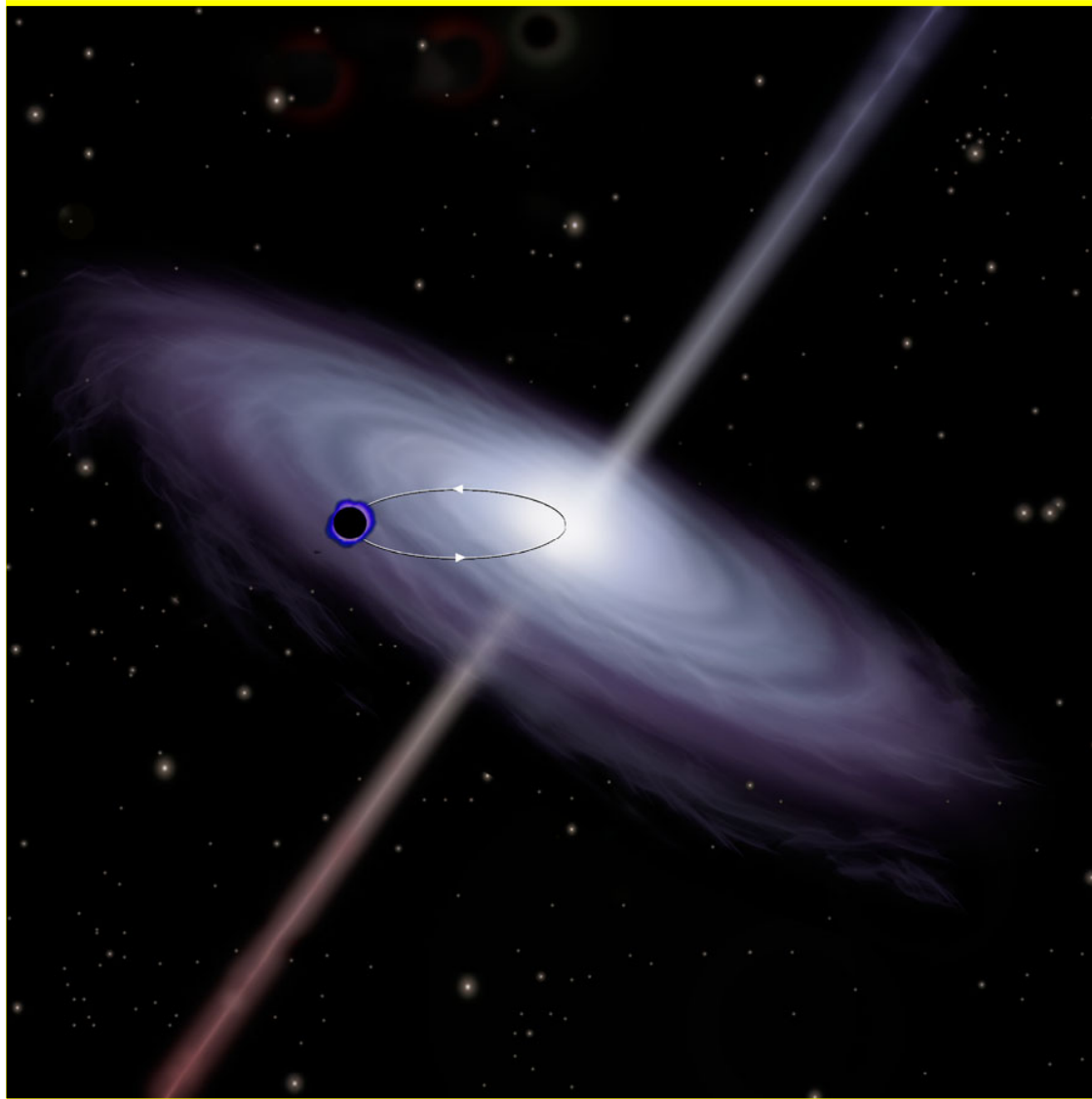
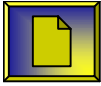
Angular resolution few'-few $^{\circ}$



Binary SMBH-SMBH

9.1 Science case for merging supermassive black holes

- Precision tests of dynamical nonlinear gravity through comparison with precise numerical simulation of Einstein's equations. Cosmic censorship in horizon merger, ringdown. [ground-based detectors will do this with substantially lower precision with stellar mass BHs, however].
- Determine precision masses, spins for supermassive black holes in galactic nuclei (PN inspiral).
- Determine precision distances to supermassive black holes, get redshifts (if cosmography well-determined). Or if electromagnetic signal gives redshift, determine cosmography.
- Determine combination of merger history of galaxies and protogalactic lumps with nuclear stellar/gas dynamics (black hole binaries vs triples vs clusters, ejection of nuclear stars).



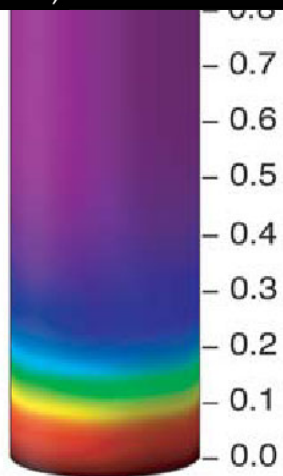
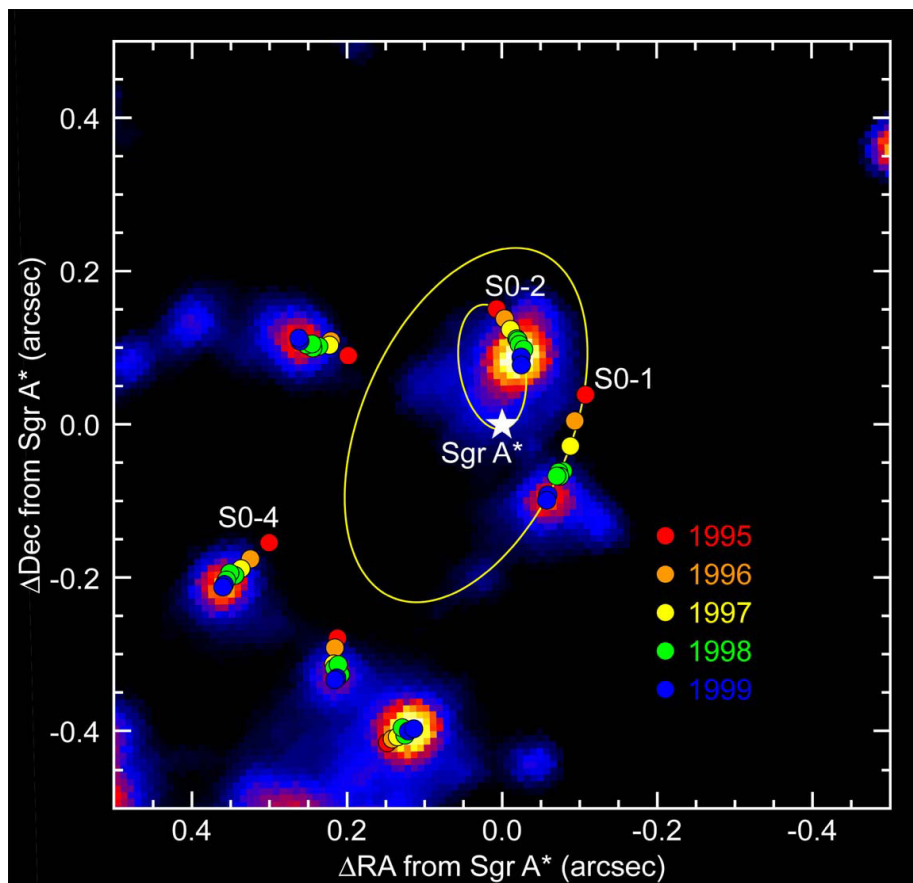
Gravitational capture

High rate. SNR 10-20

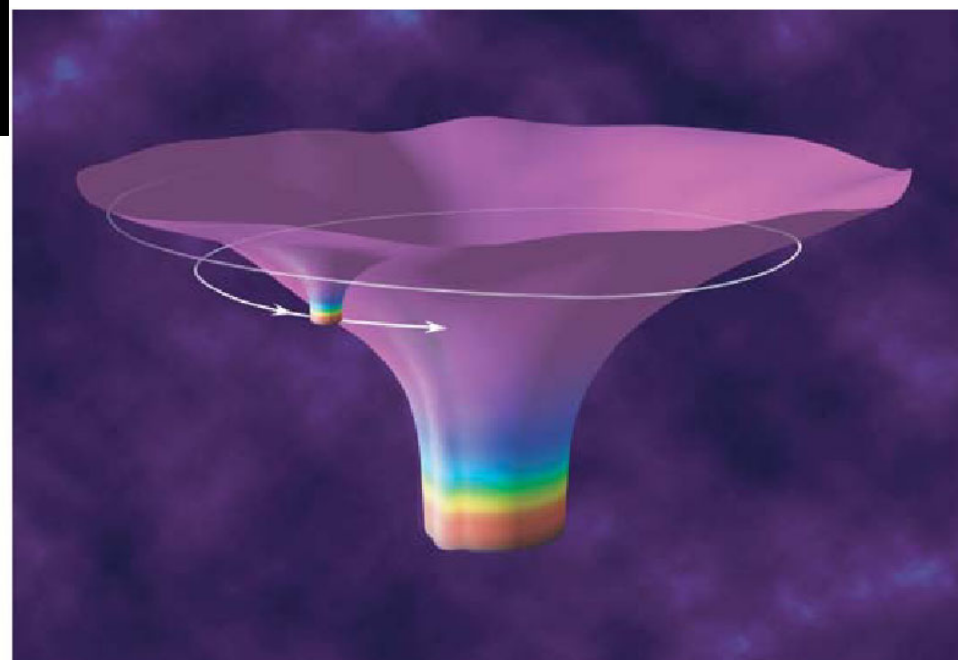
**Map of the event
horizon**

**Proof of no-hair
theorem**

Direct proof of BH

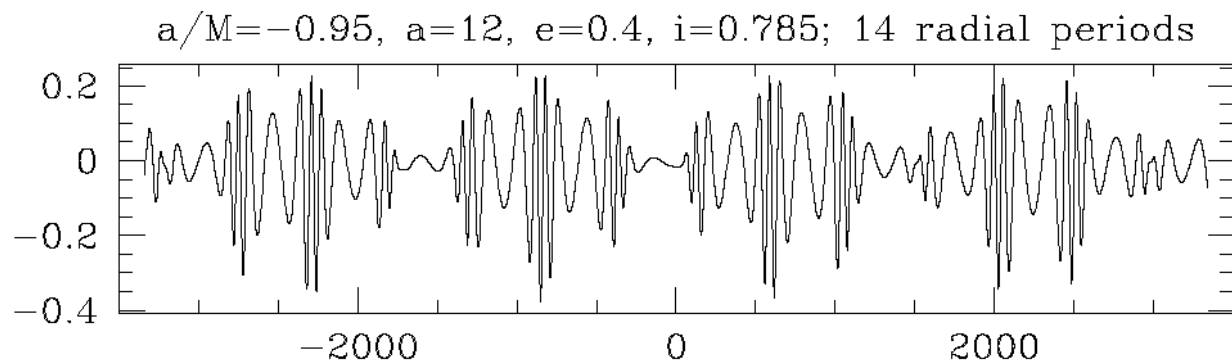
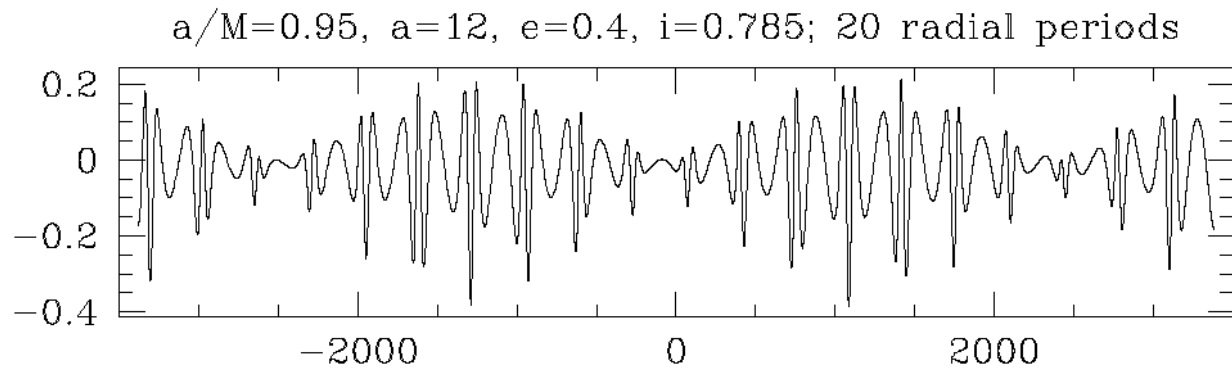
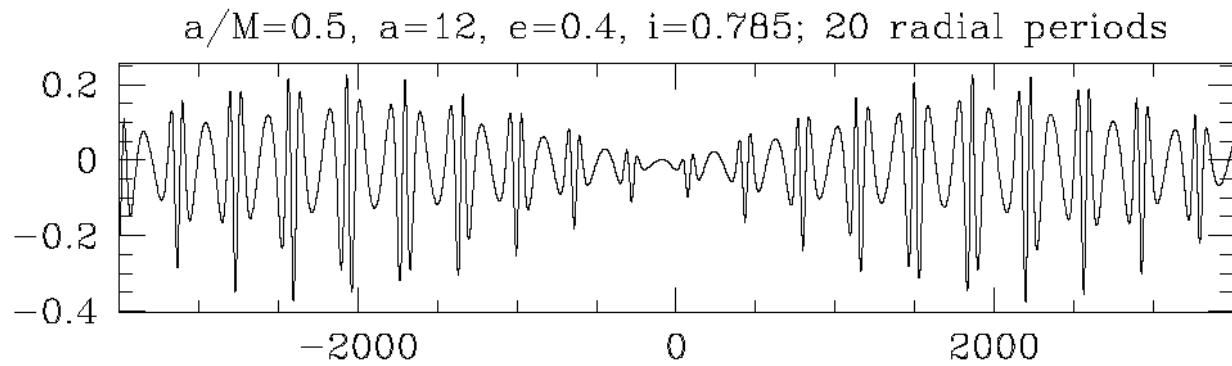


Rate of flow of time

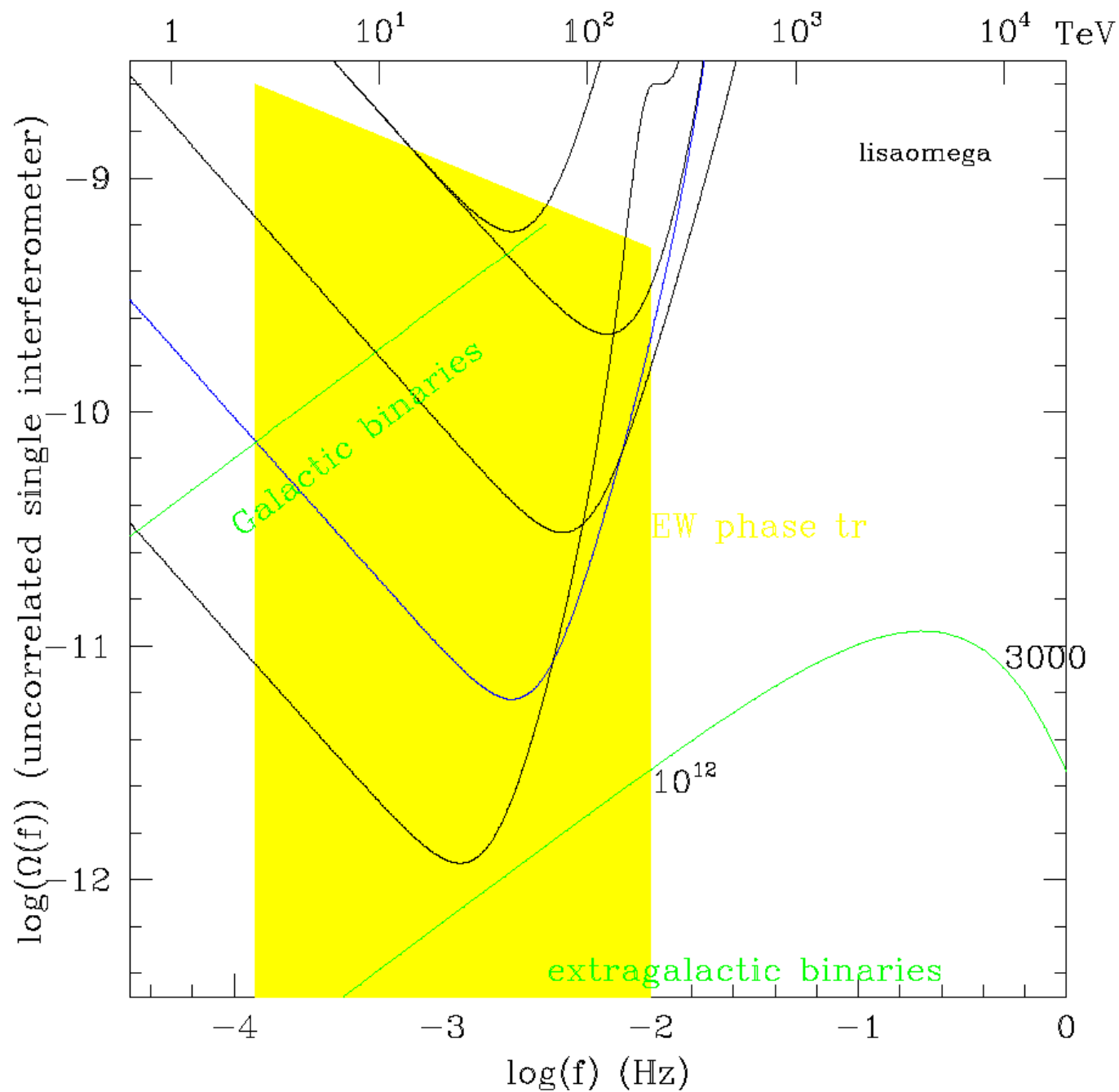


The science case for gravitational capture

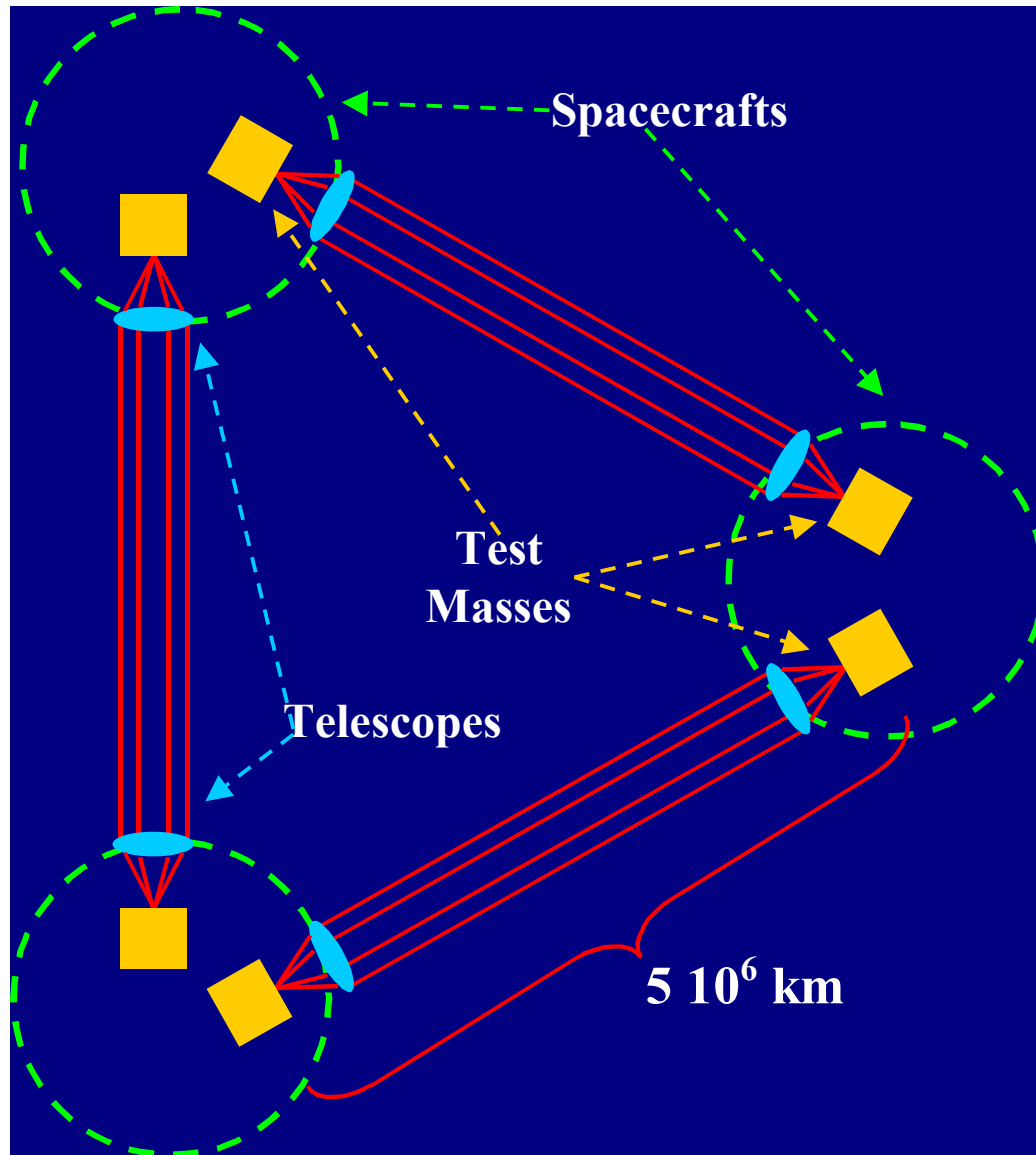
- Measure $M = M_0$, $a/M = S_1$ to $< 1\%$.
- Measure higher mass and current multipoles M_2 , S_3 , etc to sufficient precision to test “no hair theorem” (e.g. Kerr predicts $M_2 = Ma^2$; uniform density slowly rotating Newtonian star, radius R , has $M_2 = (25/8)(R/M)Ma^2$).
 - No hair satisfied: highest precision probe of strong field nonlinear gravity yet envisaged. [Note: black holes almost certainly have non-Abelian hair, and “no hair theorem” strictly false for fields beyond E&M. QCD hair not detectable -femtometer multipoles! But in some models fields in dark hidden sectors of string theory could make measurable effects on bothrodesy.]
 - No hair not satisfied: discovery of hypothetical new types of massive compact bodies —e.g. soliton stars, naked singularities. Inversion of multipoles gives detailed map of spacetime.
- Measure to high precision the orbiting body’s tidal extraction of rotational energy and angular momentum from the black hole (via its $\sim 5 - 10\%$ effect on the rate of inspiral).
- Astrophysical parameters: mass, spin, distance of supermassive bodies, mass, orbital eccentricity, inclination all to better than a few %. Infer population and evolution of supermassive black holes and their surrounding star clusters (mass segregation, IMF, density structure).



**Signal
extraction
challenging**



Stochastic
Background

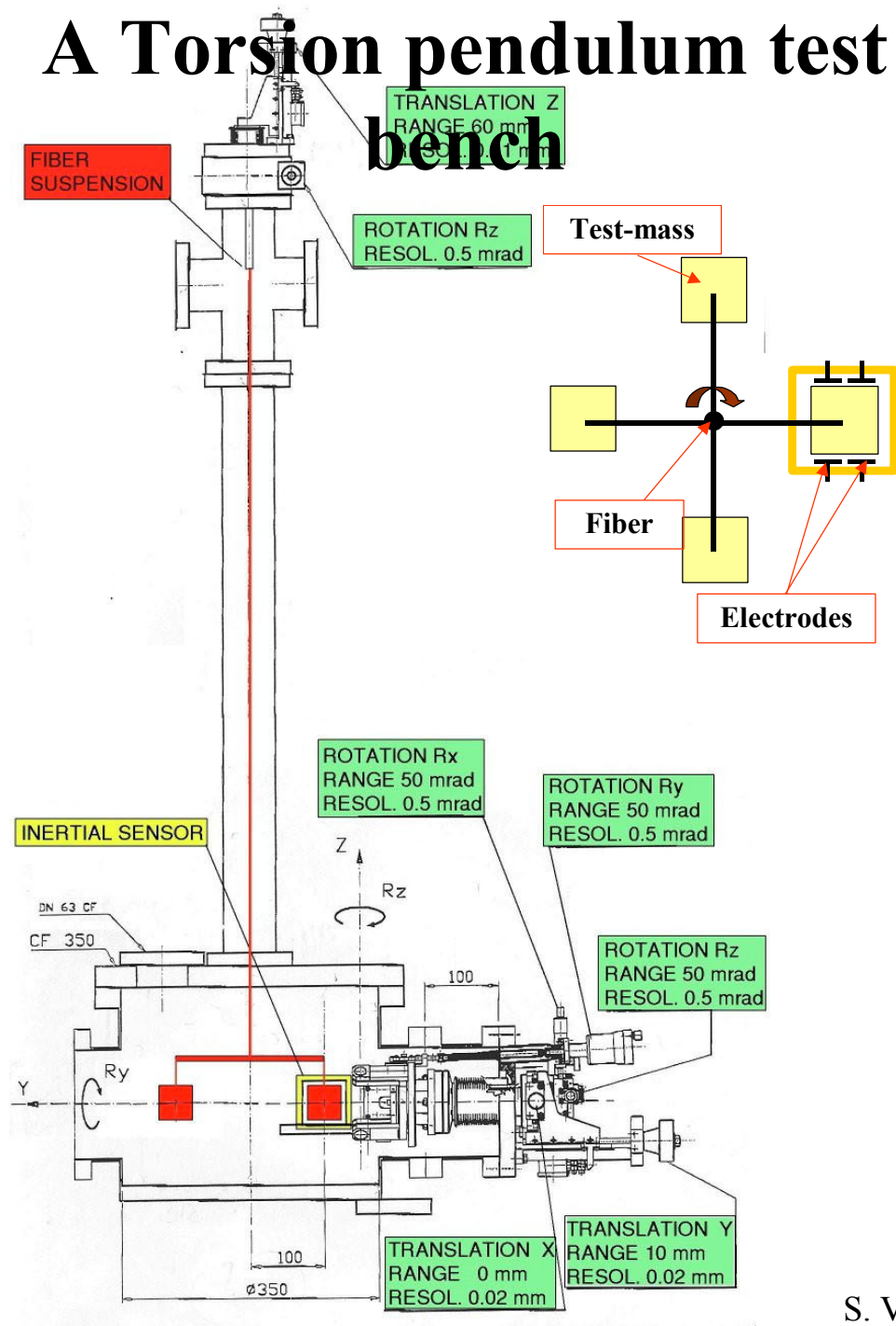


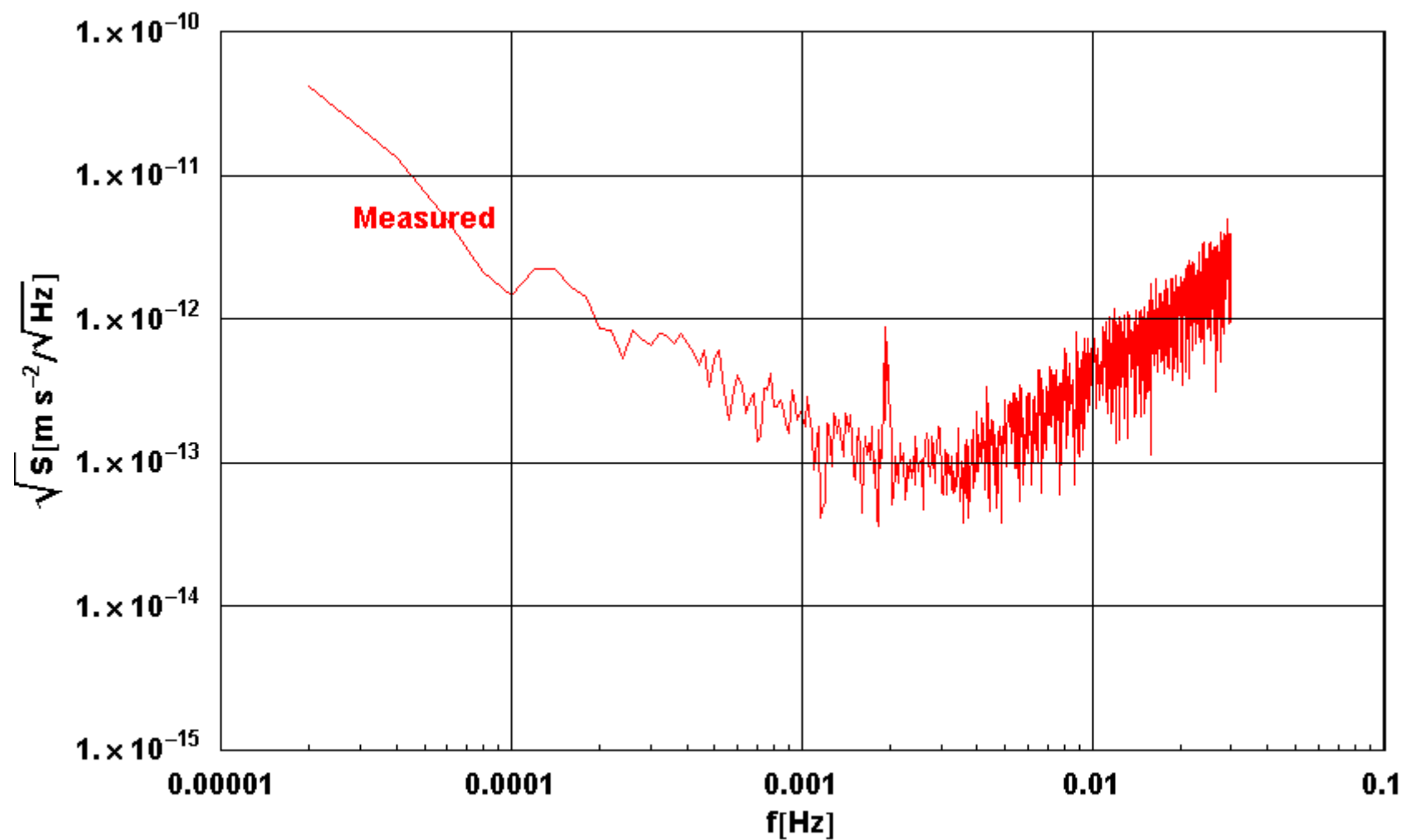
3 pairs of “free falling” test masses
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Can it be achieved?

Can it be tested?

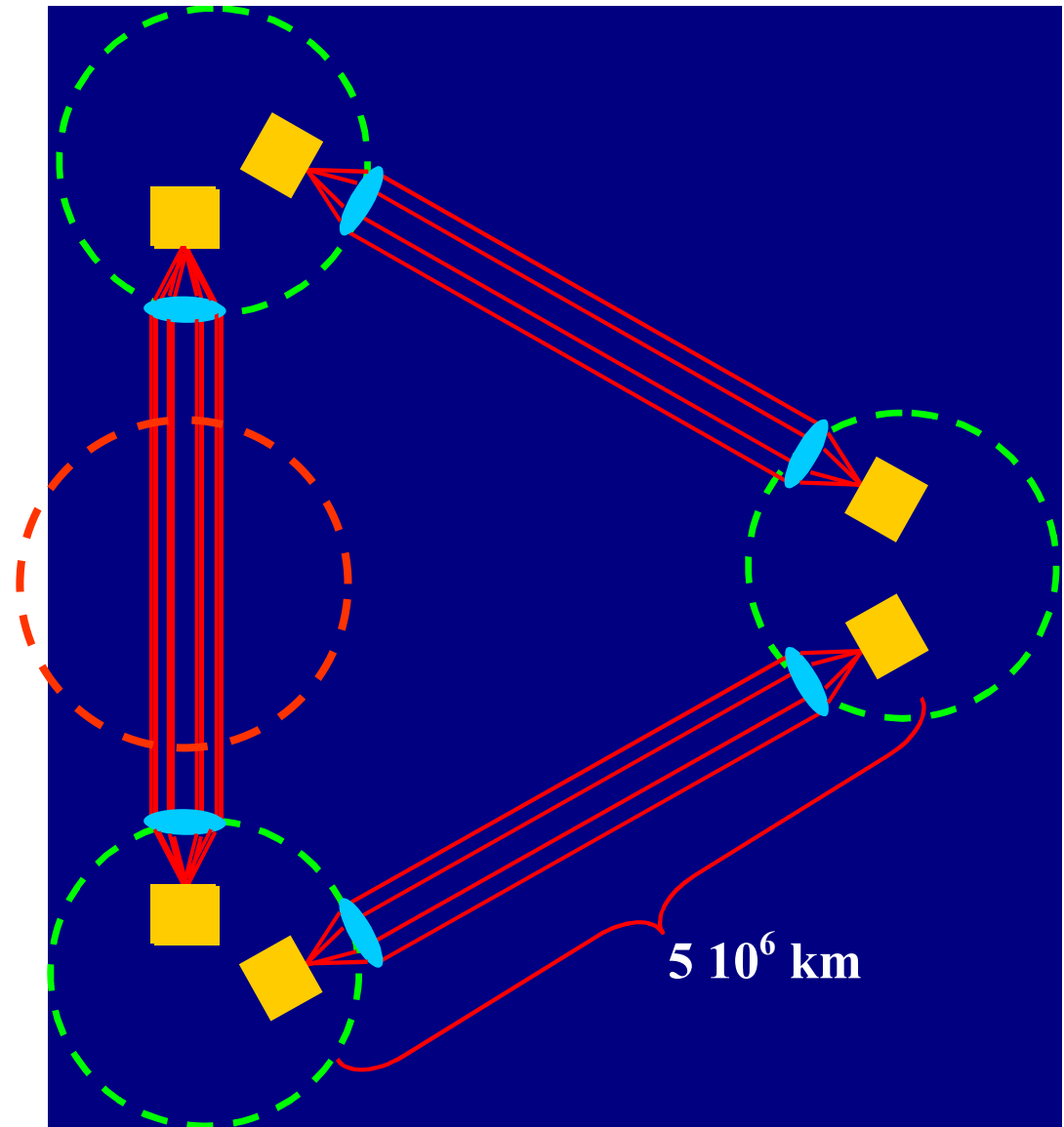
A Torsion pendulum test bench





LISA Path Finder (SMART-2) In-flight test:

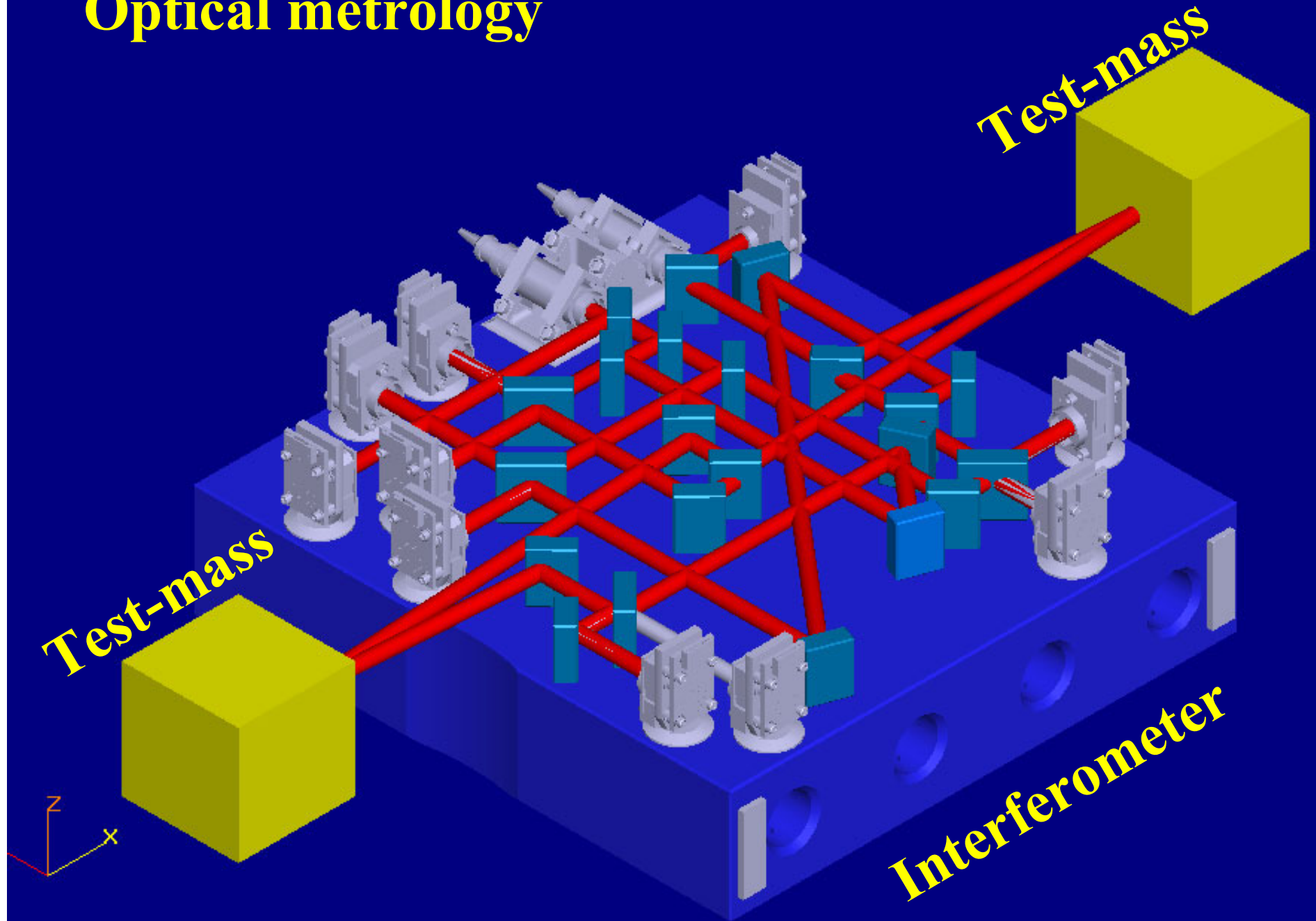
squeezing 1 LISA's
arm to 35 cm
One order of
magnitude from
LISA goals

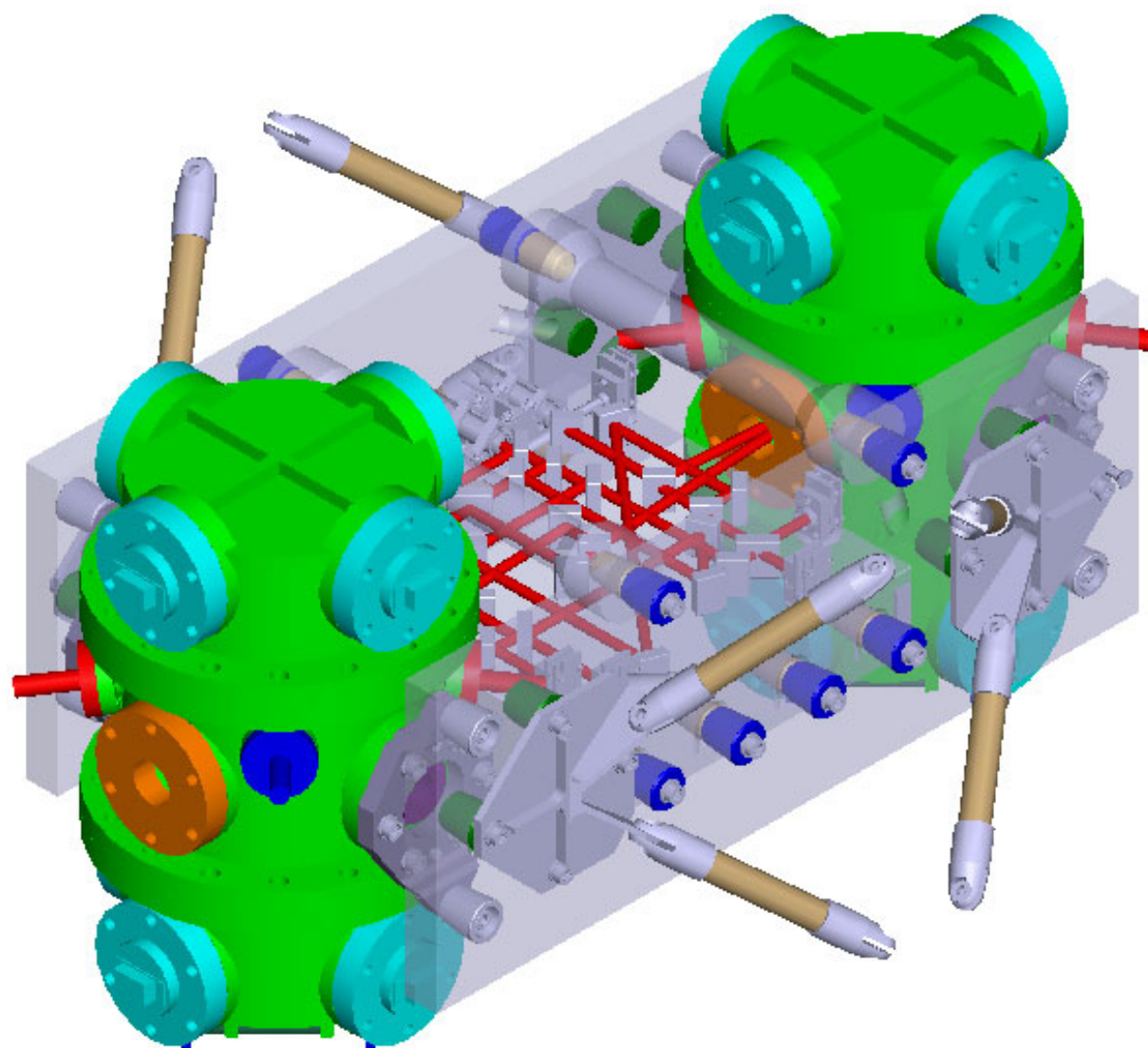


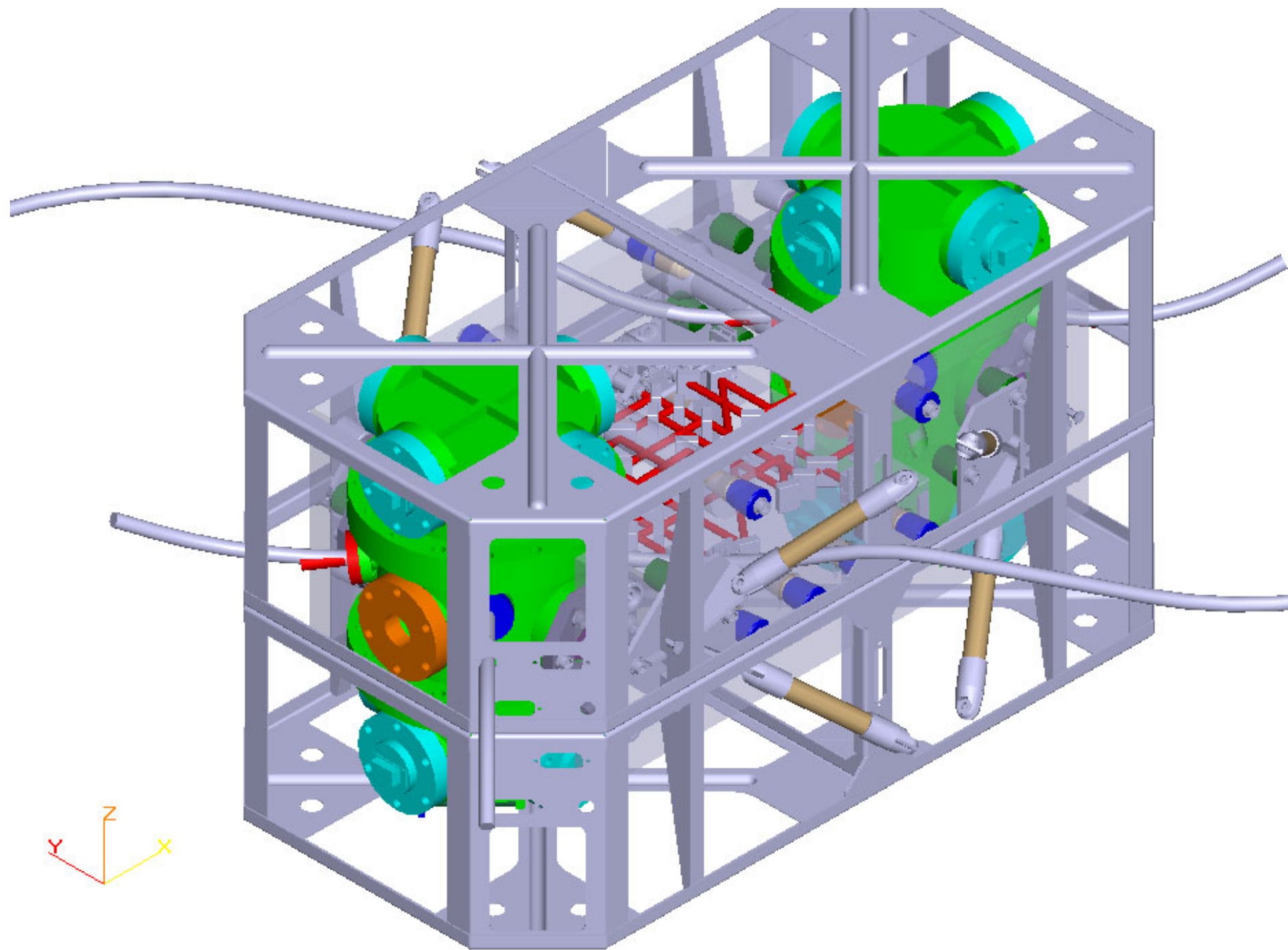
$$\delta a \leq 3 \cdot 10^{-14} \frac{\text{ms}^{-2}}{\sqrt{\text{Hz}}}$$

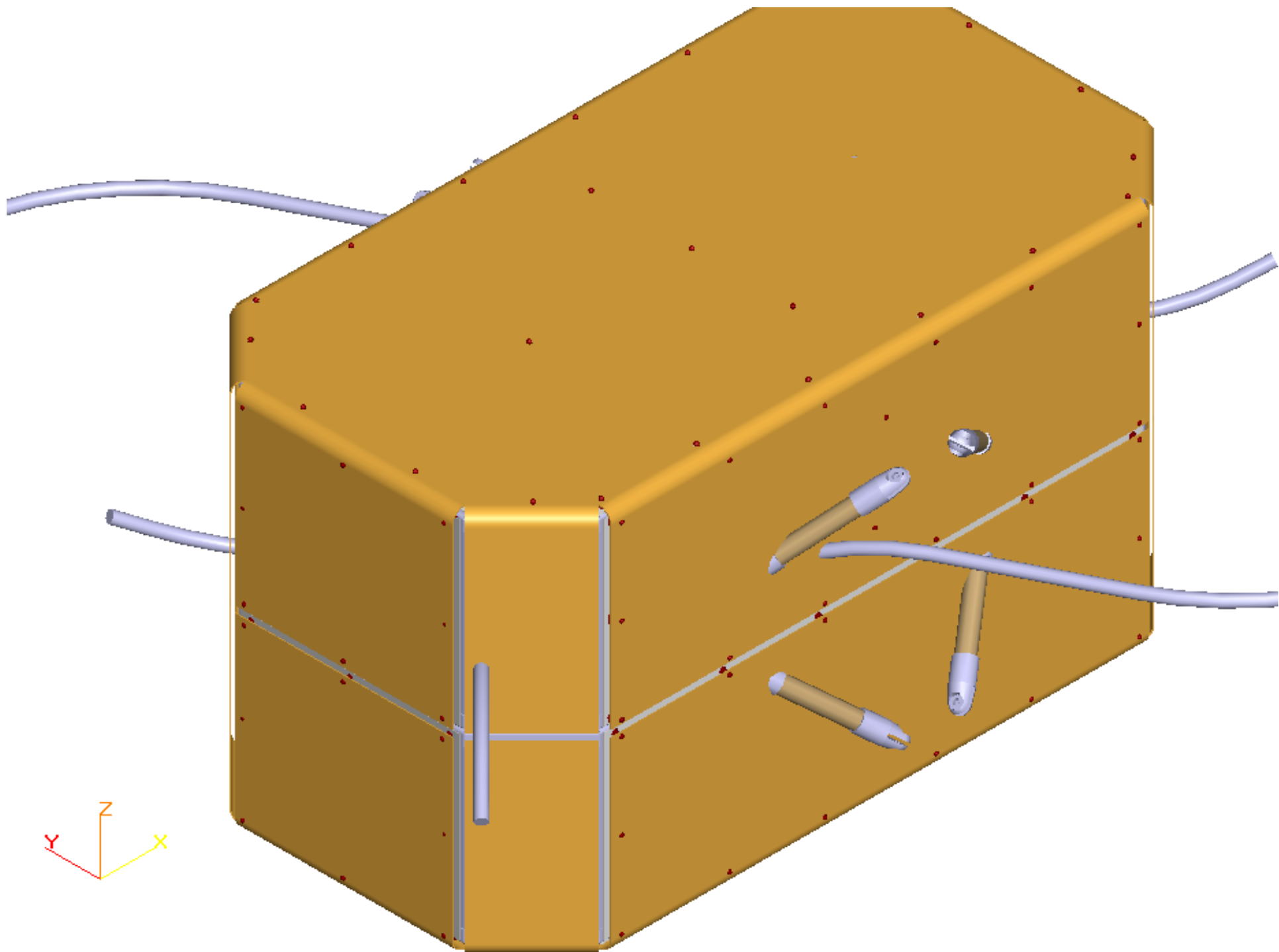
$$1 \text{ mHz} \leq f \leq 30 \text{ mHz}$$

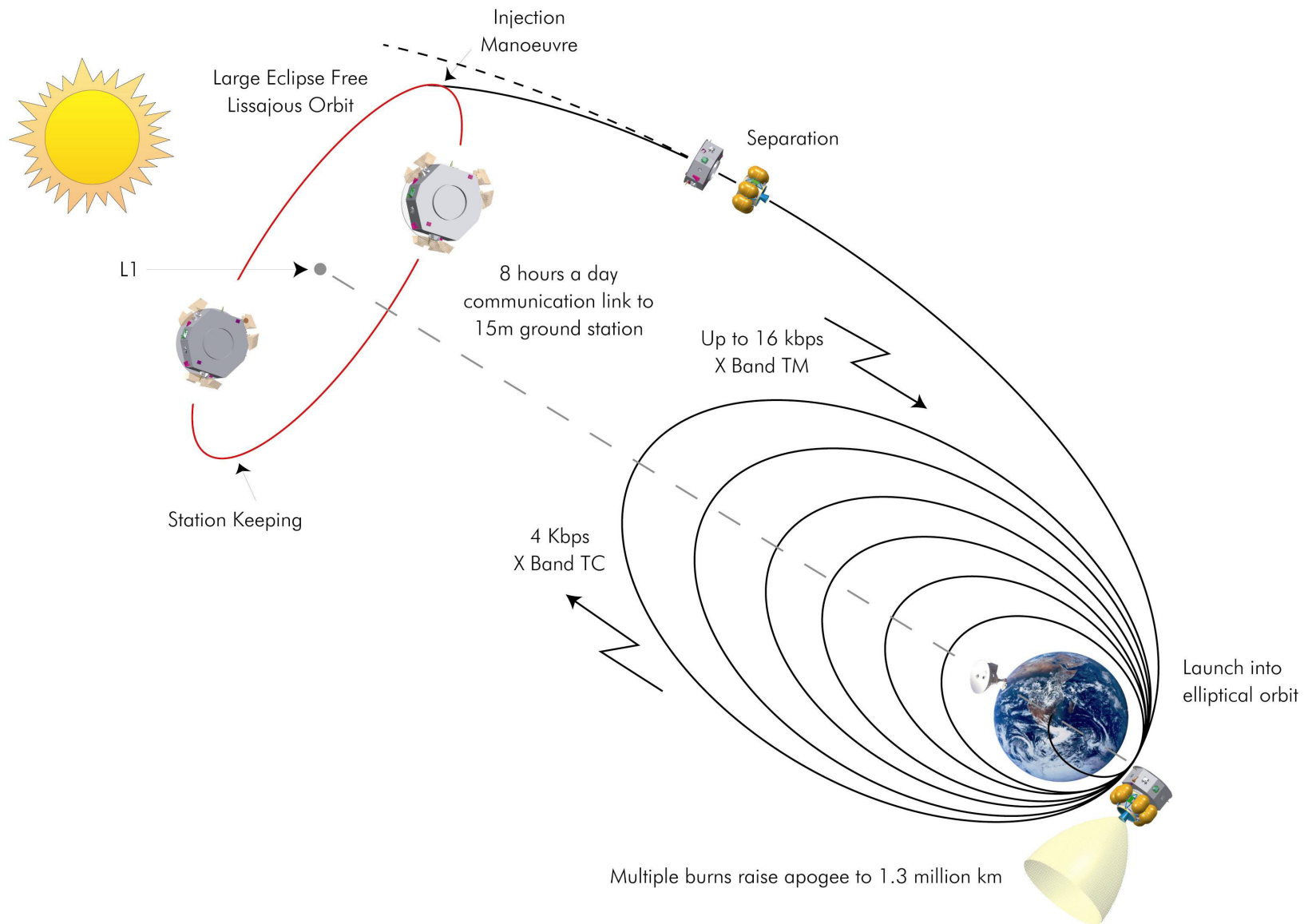
Optical metrology











Testing quality of free fall

$$\sqrt{S_F} \left(\frac{N}{\sqrt{Hz}} \right)$$

10⁻¹²

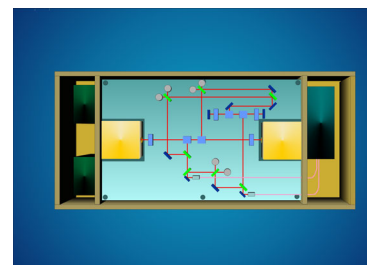
10⁻¹³

10⁻¹⁴

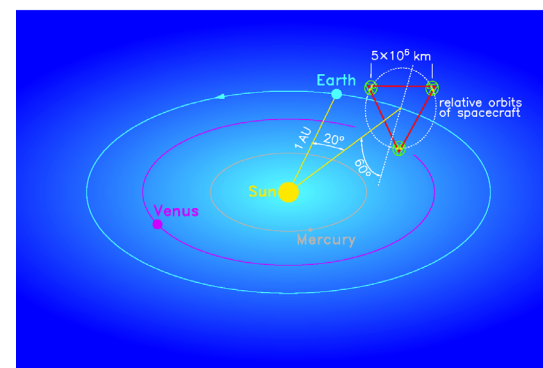
10⁻¹⁵



Torsion pendulum
(surface disturbances)



LISA PF



LISA



Site Map

structure and evolution of the universe

BEYOND EINSTEIN

FROM THE BIG BANG TO BLACK HOLES

The Science

The Program

- o Great Observatories
- o Probes
- o Vision Missions

What's New

Press Room

2003 Roadmap

The Technology

Education

Life Cycles
of Matter and Energy

Resources

People

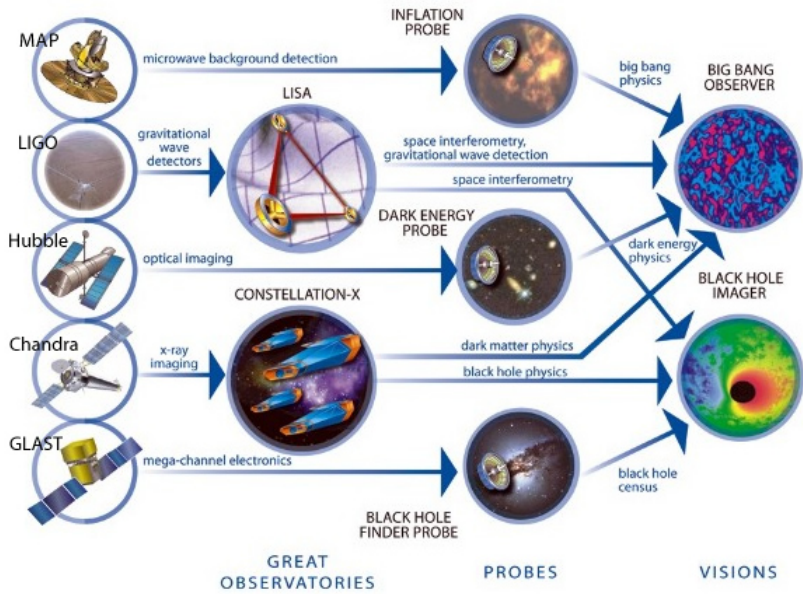
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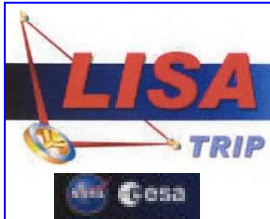
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The Program

The *Beyond Einstein* program has three linked elements which advance science and technology towards two visions: to detect directly gravitational wave signals from the earliest possible moments of the [Big Bang](#), and to image the event horizon of a [black hole](#). The central element is a pair of [Einstein Great Observatories](#), [Constellation-X](#) and [LISA](#). These powerful facilities will blaze new paths to the questions about black holes, the Big Bang, and [dark energy](#). They will also address other central goals of contemporary astrophysics (discussed in Part II of the [2003 Roadmap](#)). The second element is a series of competitively selected [Einstein probes](#), each focused on one of the science questions. The third element is a program of [technology development](#), theoretical studies, and [education](#), to support the [Probes](#) and the [vision missions](#): the [Big Bang Observer](#) and the [Black Hole Imager](#). The program offers competitive opportunities for mission leadership, technology development, and groundbreaking scientific research, with goals that excite the public.

Beyond Einstein Program





LISA-TRIP

SUMMARY

Assessment of Risk

Achieving technology roadmap: Medium

Formulation in addition to technology development: Medium

Implementation: Medium

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Beyond Einstein: From the Big Bang to Black Holes

The Big Bang Observer:

Direct detection of gravitational waves from the birth of the Universe
to the present

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I. Introduction: Primary and Secondary Science Objectives

NASA's 2002 SEU Roadmap *Beyond Einstein* highlights three major unanswered questions raised by Einstein's general theory of relativity:

1. *What powered the Big Bang?*
2. *What happens to space, time and matter at the edge of a black hole?*
3. *What is the mysterious dark energy pulling the Universe apart?*

The prime scientific objective of the Big Bang Observer (BBO) mission is the direct detection of relic gravitational waves from inflation. When combined with cosmic microwave background inferences about gravitational waves 17 orders of magnitude lower in frequency, the BBO measurements will enable quantitative testing of the theory of inflation (§II.1), addressing the first question above (SEU Objective 1 and RFAs 1a).

Gravitational waves from inflation have been propagating essentially unchanged (Weinberg 2003) since the universe was $\lesssim 10^{-35}$ s old, with temperature $kT \sim 10^{14}$ GeV. At

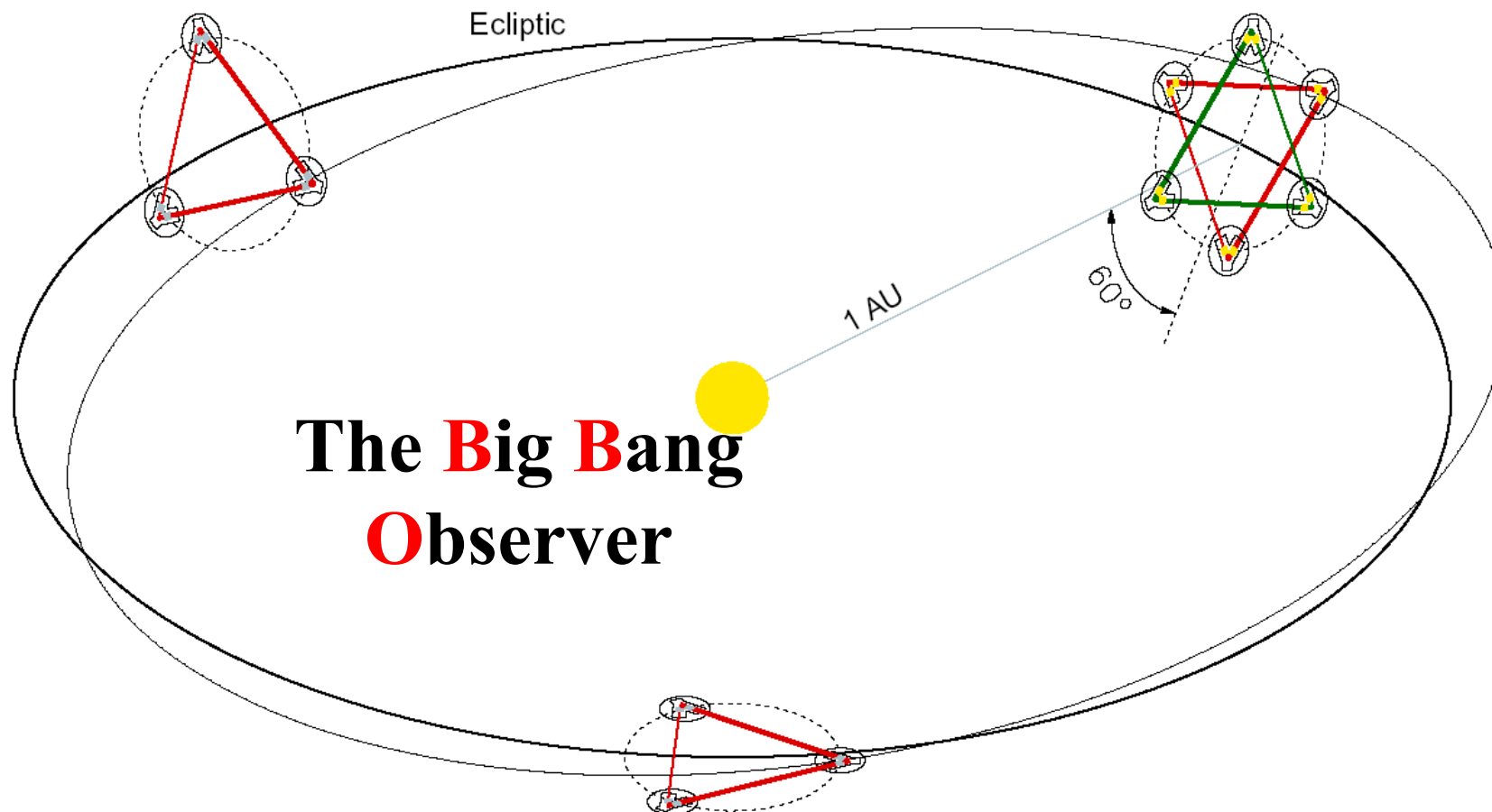
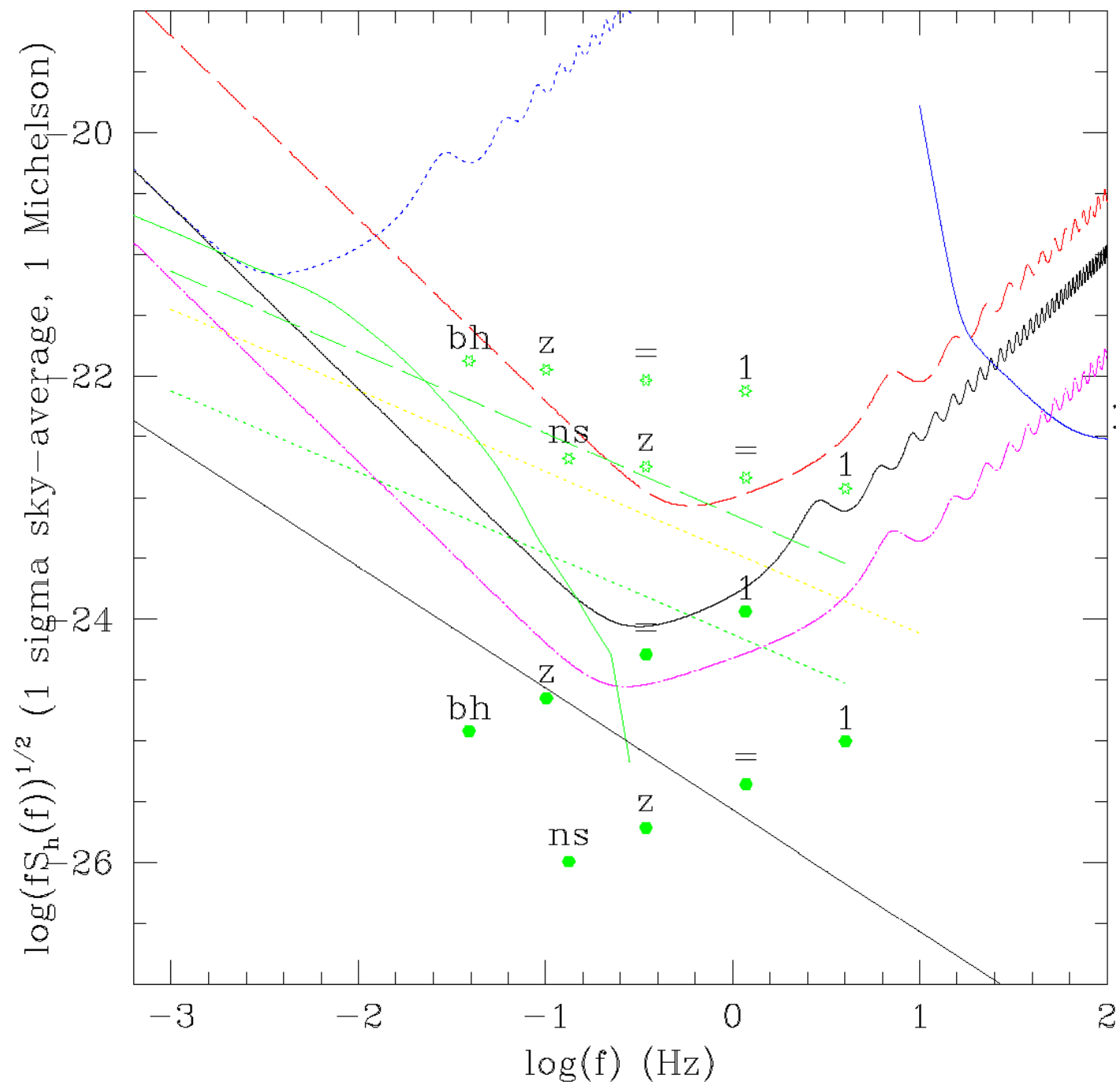


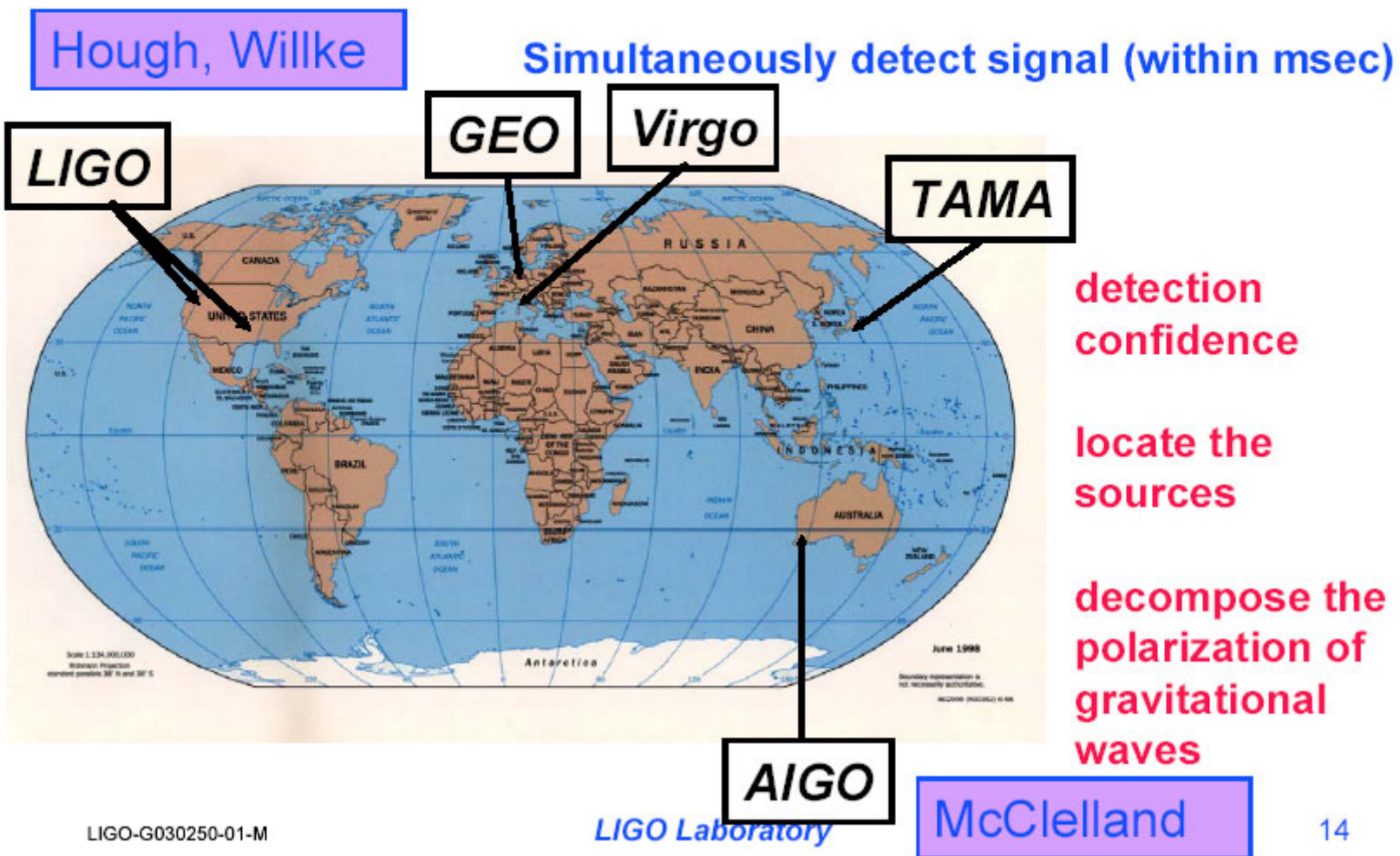
Table 1: Possible BBO Configurations

name	Laser power W	Laser λ μm	opt eff	arm length km	mirror dia m	Acc noise vs LISA
BBO-lite	100	1.06	0.3	2×10^4	3	0.1
BBO	300	0.5	0.3	5×10^4	3.5	0.01
BBO-grand	500	0.5	0.5	2×10^4	4	0.001





An International Network of Interferometers





LIGO Hanford Observatory

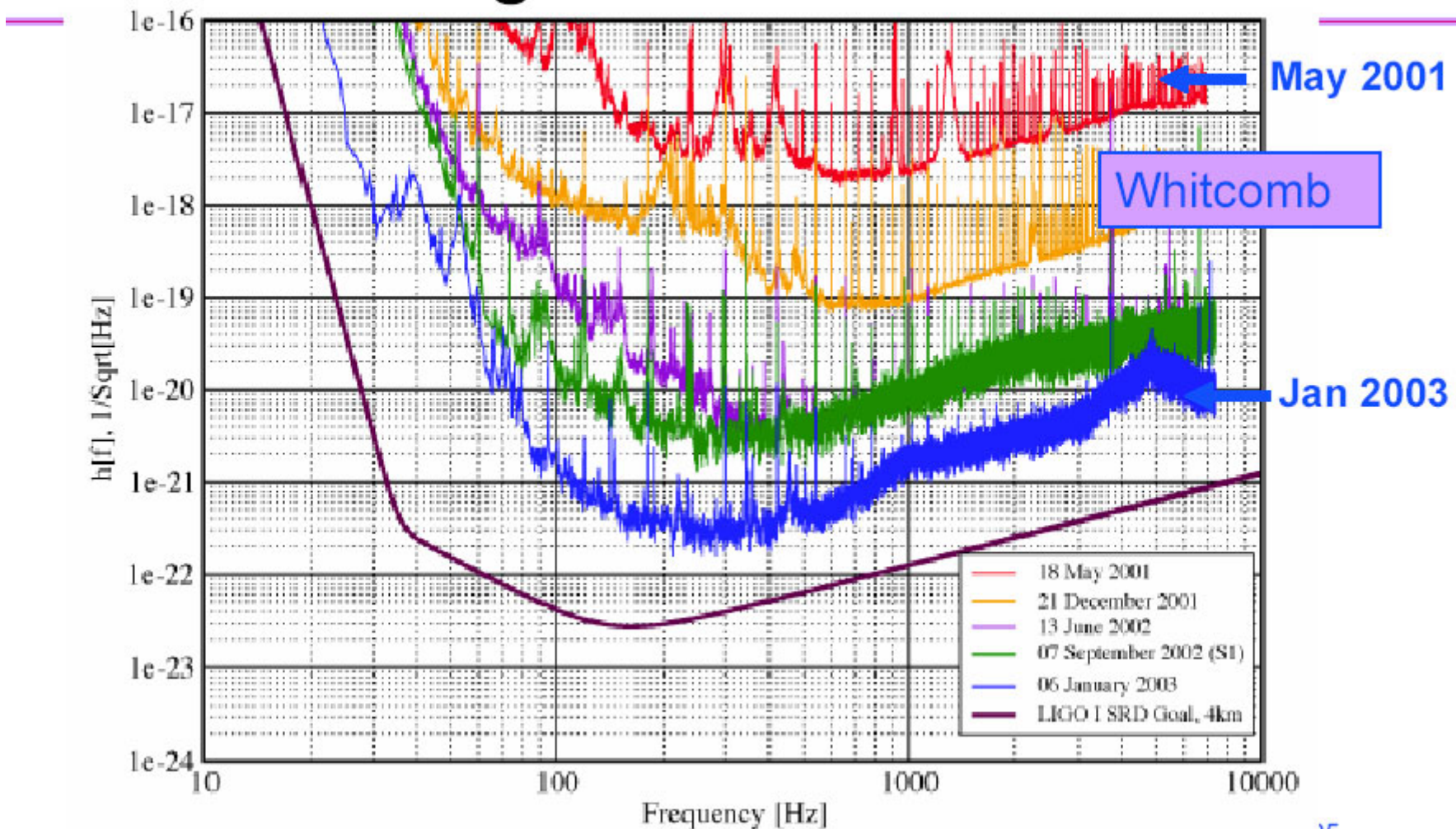


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LIGO Laboratory



LIGO Sensitivity Livingston 4km Interferometer

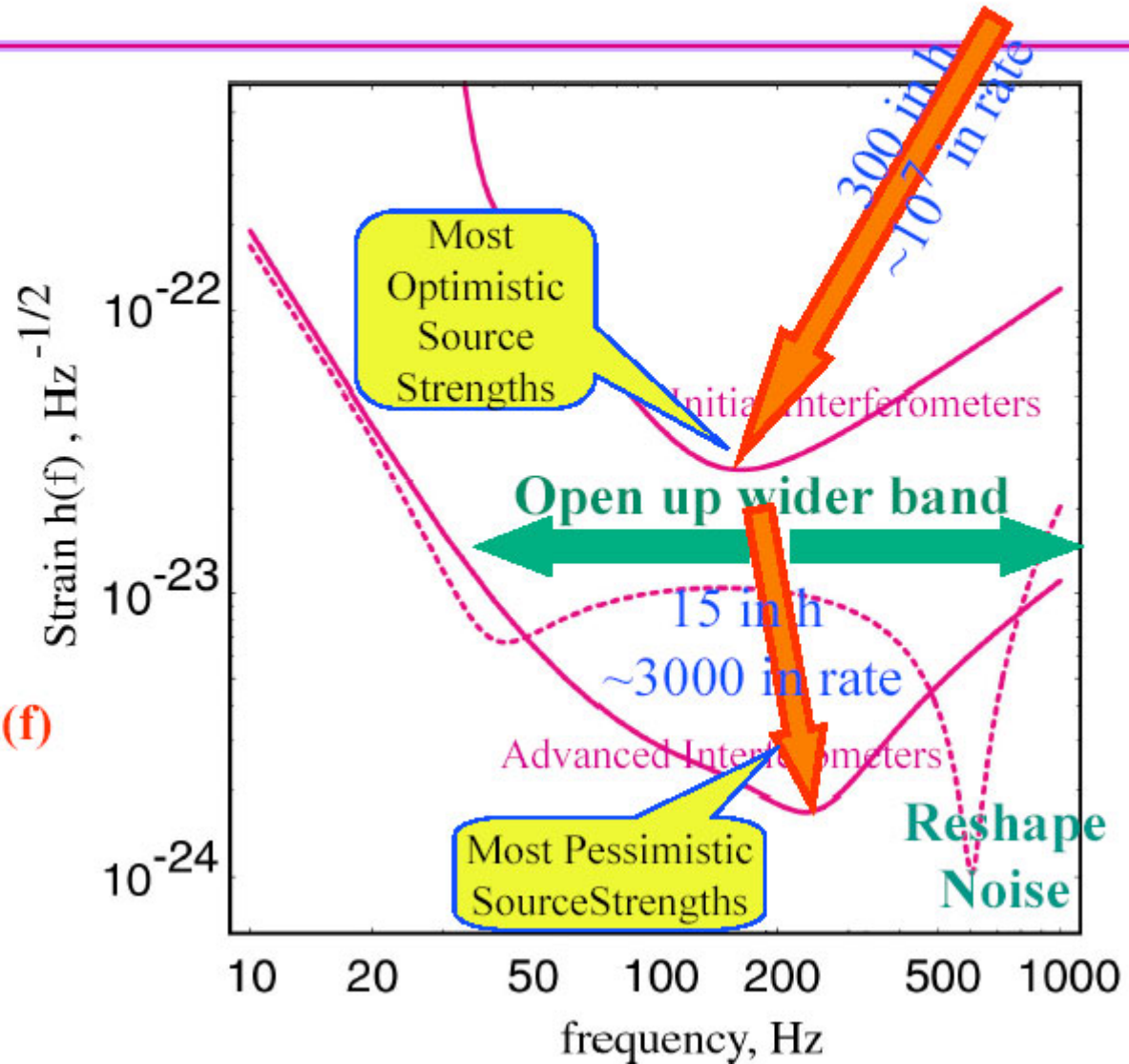


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From Initial Interferometers to Advanced

$$h_{rms} = h(f) \sqrt{f} \sim 10 h(f)$$

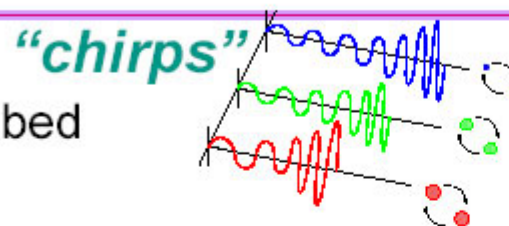




Astrophysical Sources of Gravitational Waves

- Compact binary inspiral: “chirps”

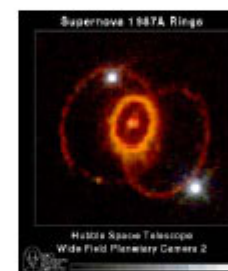
- » NS-NS waveforms are well described
- » BH-BH need better waveforms
- » search technique: matched templates



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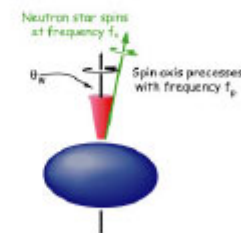
- Supernovae / GRBs: “bursts”

- » burst signals in coincidence with signals in electromagnetic radiation
- » Challenge to search for untriggered bursts

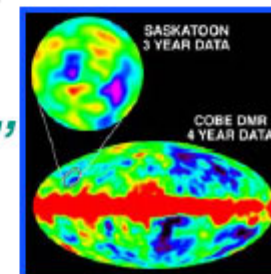


- Pulsars in our galaxy: “periodic signals”

- » search for observed neutron stars (frequency, doppler shift)
- » all sky search (computing challenge)
- » r-modes



- Cosmological Signals “stochastic background”

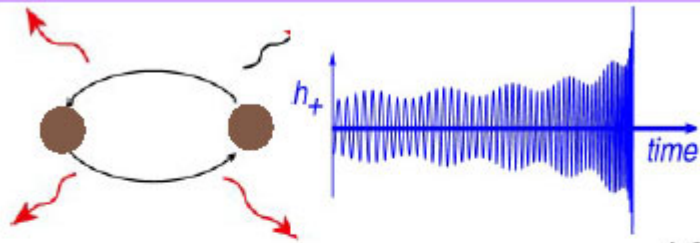


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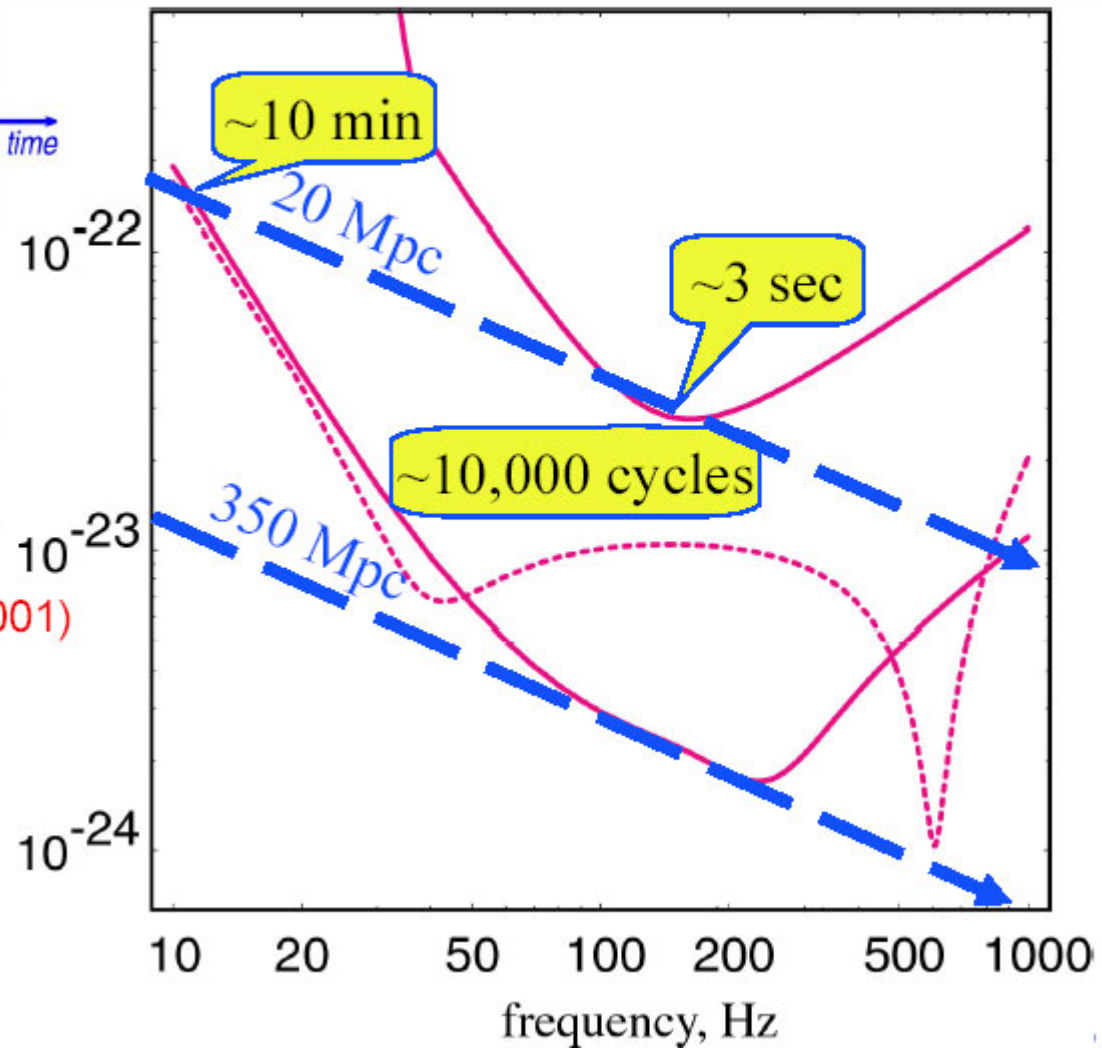
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Neutron Star / Neutron Star Inspiral (our most reliably understood source)

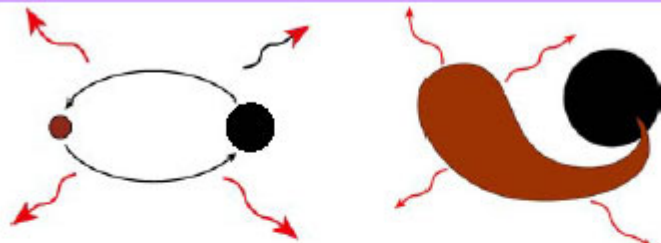


- **1.4 Msun / 1.4 Msun NS/NS Binaries**
- **Event rates**
 - » V. Kalogera, R. Narayan, D. Spergel, J.H. Taylor
Astrophys J, 556, 340 (2001)
- **Initial IFOs**
 - » Range: 20 Mpc
 - » 1 / 3000 yrs to 1 / 4yrs
- **Advanced IFOs -**
 - » Range: 350Mpc
 - » 2 / yr to 3 / day

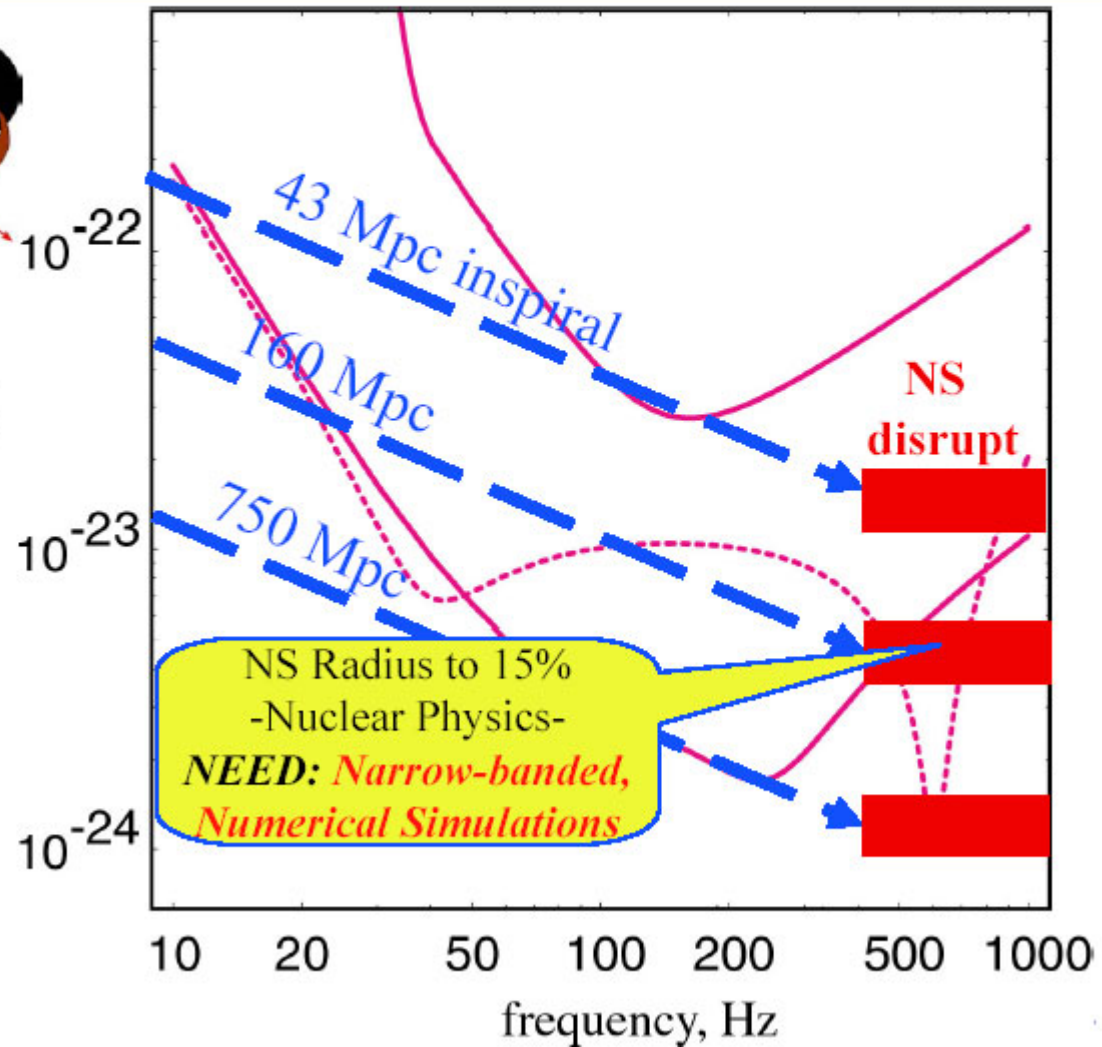




Neutron Star / Black Hole Inspiral and NS Tidal Disruption



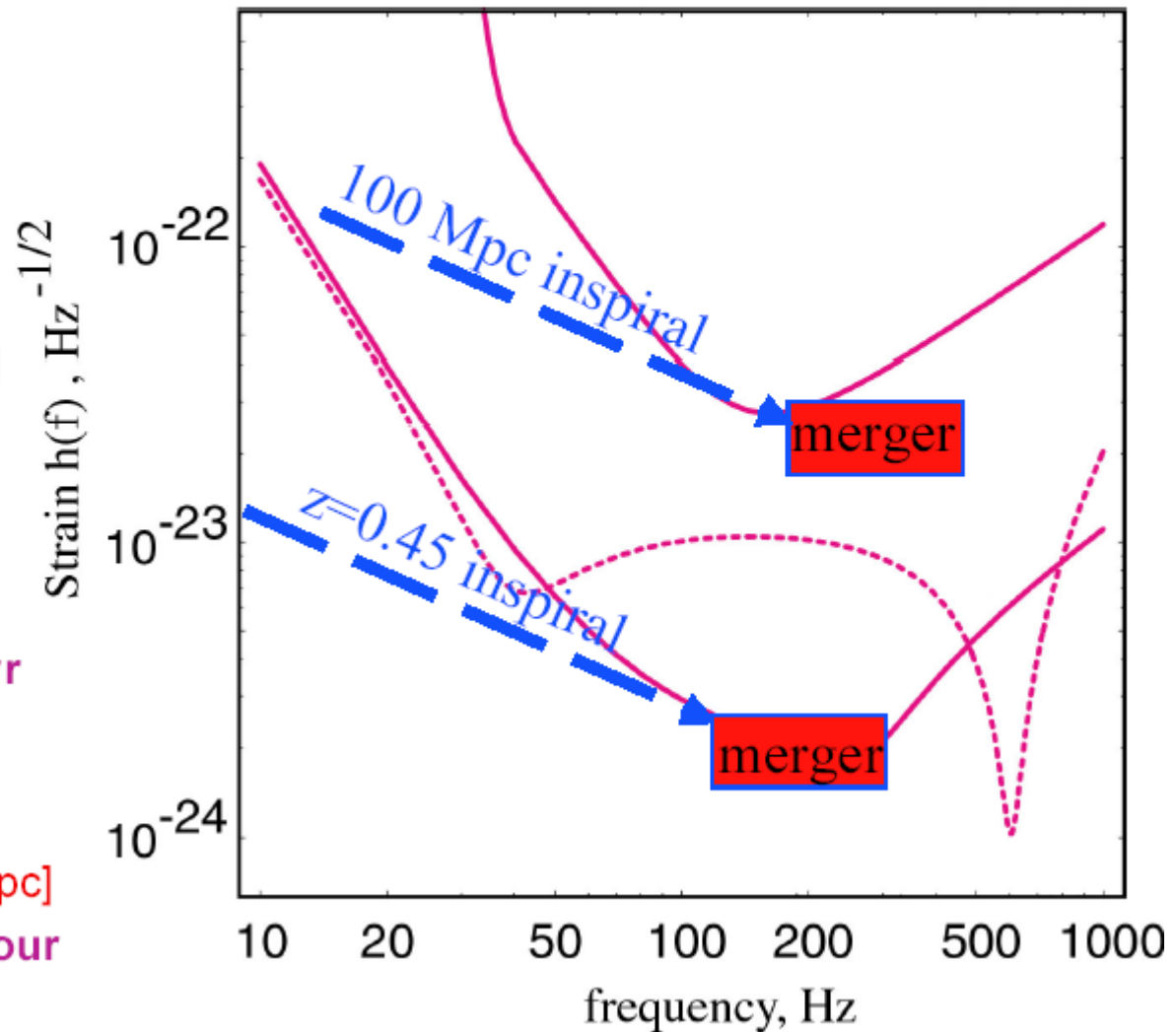
- **1.4Msun / 10 Msun NS/BH Binaries**
- **Event rates**
 - » Population Synthesis [Kalogera's summary]
- **Initial IFOs**
 - » Range: 43 Mpc
 - » 1 / 5000 yrs to 1 / 3yrs
- **Advanced IFOs**
 - » Range: 750 Mpc
 - » 1 / yr to 4 / day





Black Hole / Black Hole Inspiral and Merger

- 10Msun / 10 Msun BH/BH Binaries
- Event rates
 - » Population synthesis [Kalogera's summary]
- Initial IFOs
 - » Range: 100 Mpc
 - » ~1 / 250 yrs to ~2 / yr
- Advanced IFOs -
 - » Range: $z=0.45$ [1.7 Gpc]
 - » ~1 / month to ~1 / hour





LIGO Plans *schedule*

1996	Construction Underway (mostly civil)
1997	Facility Construction (vacuum system)
1998	Interferometer Construction (complete facilities)
1999	Construction Complete (interferometers in vacuum)
2000	Detector Installation (commissioning subsystems)
2001	Commission Interferometers (first coincidences)
 2002	Sensitivity studies (initiate LIGO I Science Run)
 2003+	LIGO I data run (one year integrated data at $h \sim 10^{-21}$)
2007	Begin 'advanced' LIGO installation

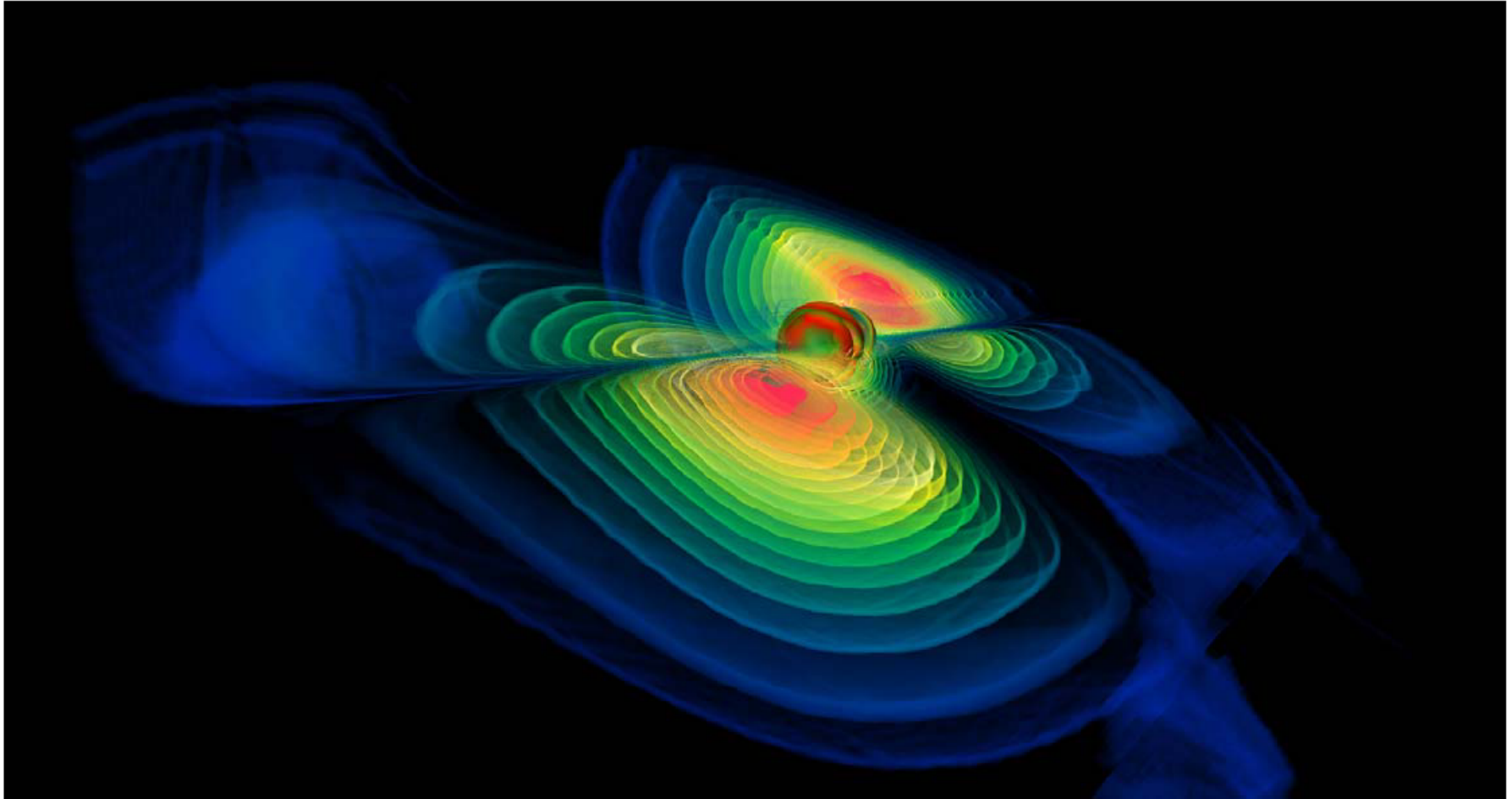
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"Colliding Black Holes"

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