

GW170817: OBSERVATION OF GRAVITATIONAL WAVES FROM A BINARY NEUTRON STAR INSPIRAL

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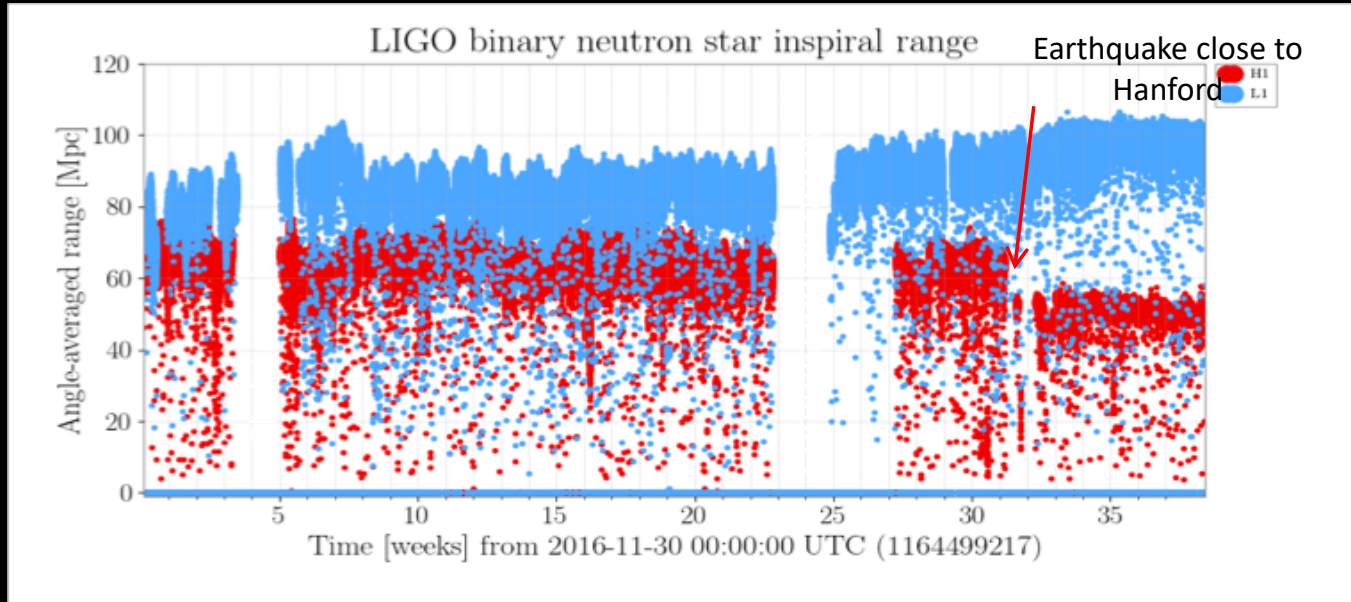
2017, a golden year for GW astrophysics

- O2 run : from December 2016 to end of August 2017
- Virgo joined the run for several weeks
 - Allowed localization below 100 deg²
- New announcements for BBHs
- A new type of source detected : GW170817
- Nobel Prize in physics

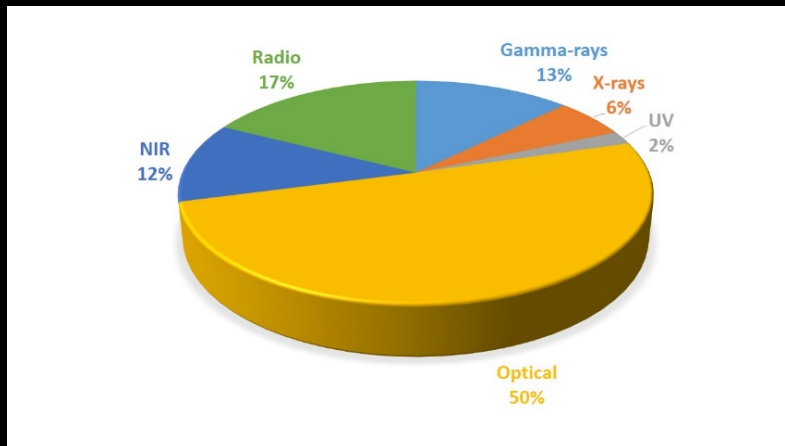


O2 EM follow-up campaign

- It started with the two LIGO detector only. Duty cycle $\sim 50\%$



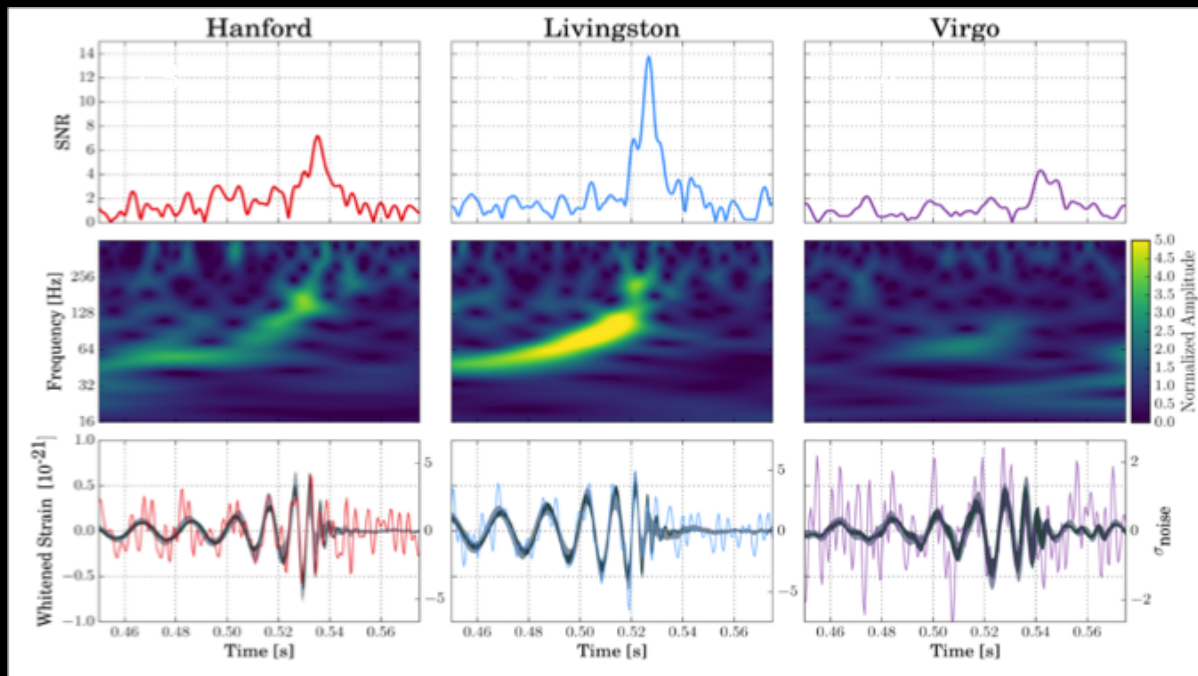
- Send possible candidate with FAR $< 1/2$ months



- 95 MOUs with different institutions, agencies, groups of astronomers from more than 20 countries
- 88 operational facilities

August 2017, the 3-detector era begins

- Virgo joined August 1st 2017 for 25 days
- Duty cycle in triple coincidence $\sim 60\%$
 - Livingston : 77.6 %
 - Hanford : 75.8 %
 - Virgo : 82.4 %
- Several alerts sent during that month

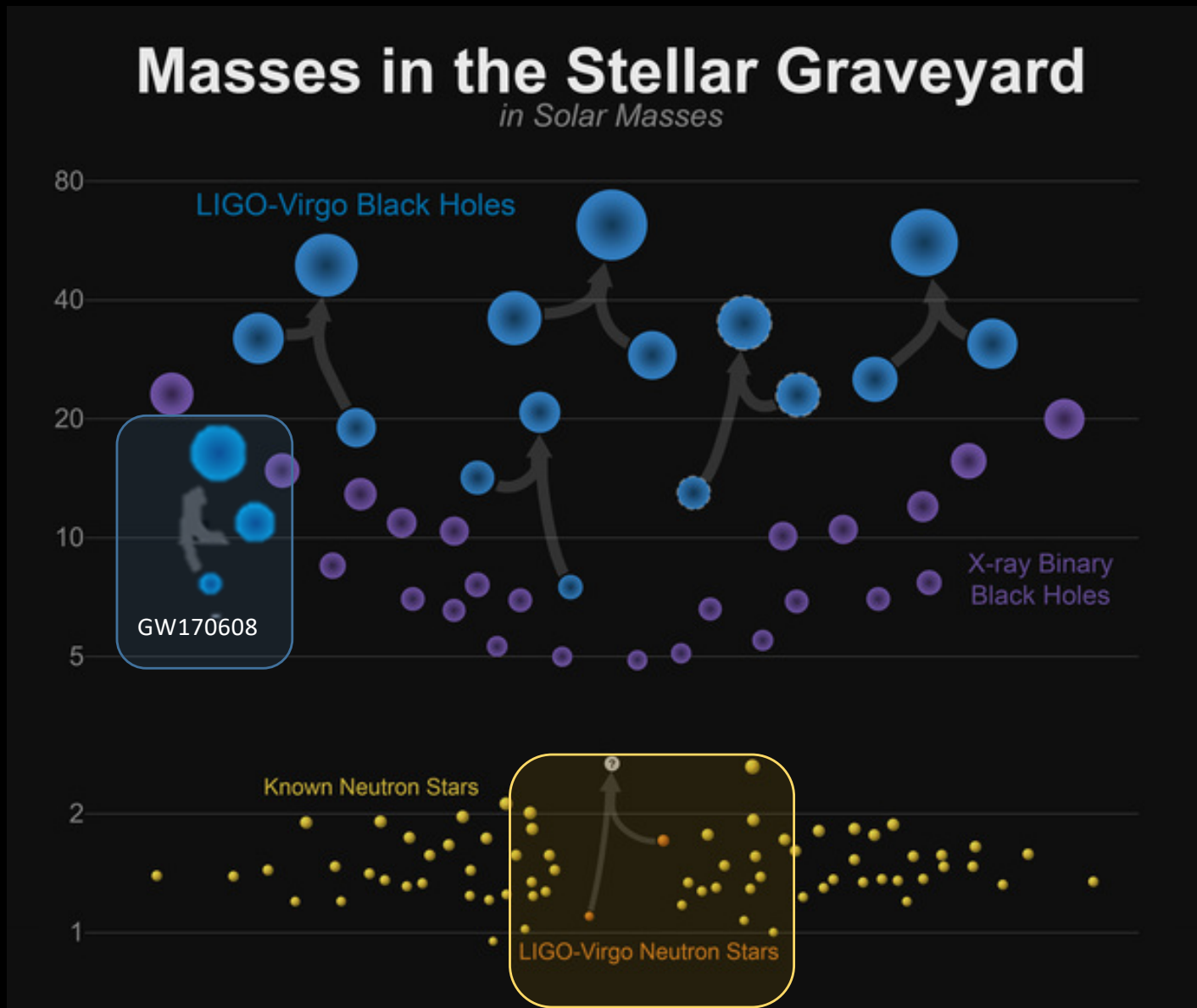


GW170814

Random chance to have signal in
Virgo < 0.3 %

false alarm rate
< 1 in 140,000 years

O2 gravitational-waves detections



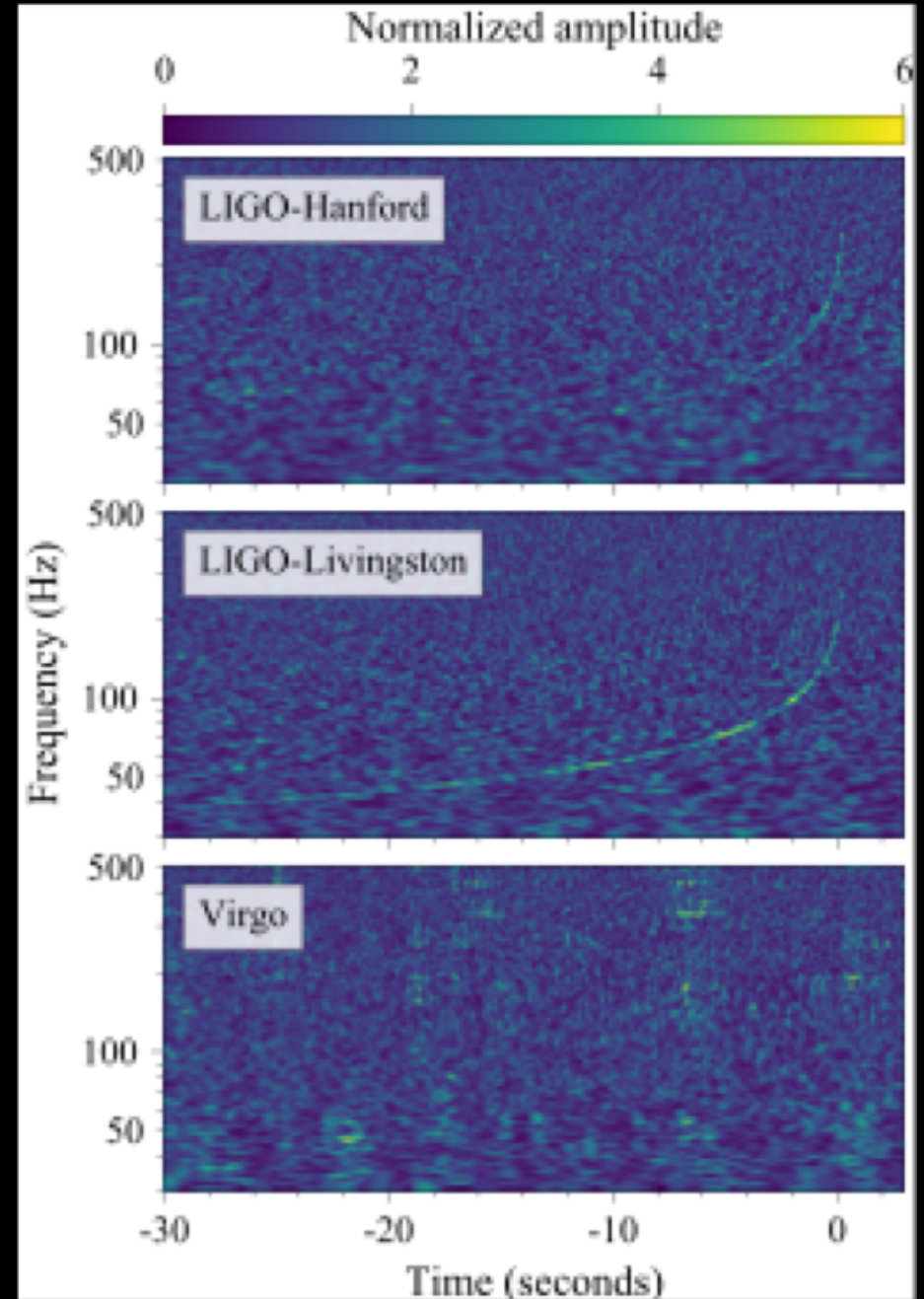
Abbott, Benjamin P.; et al. (LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration) (18 December 2017). "GW170608: Observation of a 19-solar-mass Binary Black Hole Coalescence". [The Astrophysical Journal Letters](#)

GW170817 discovery

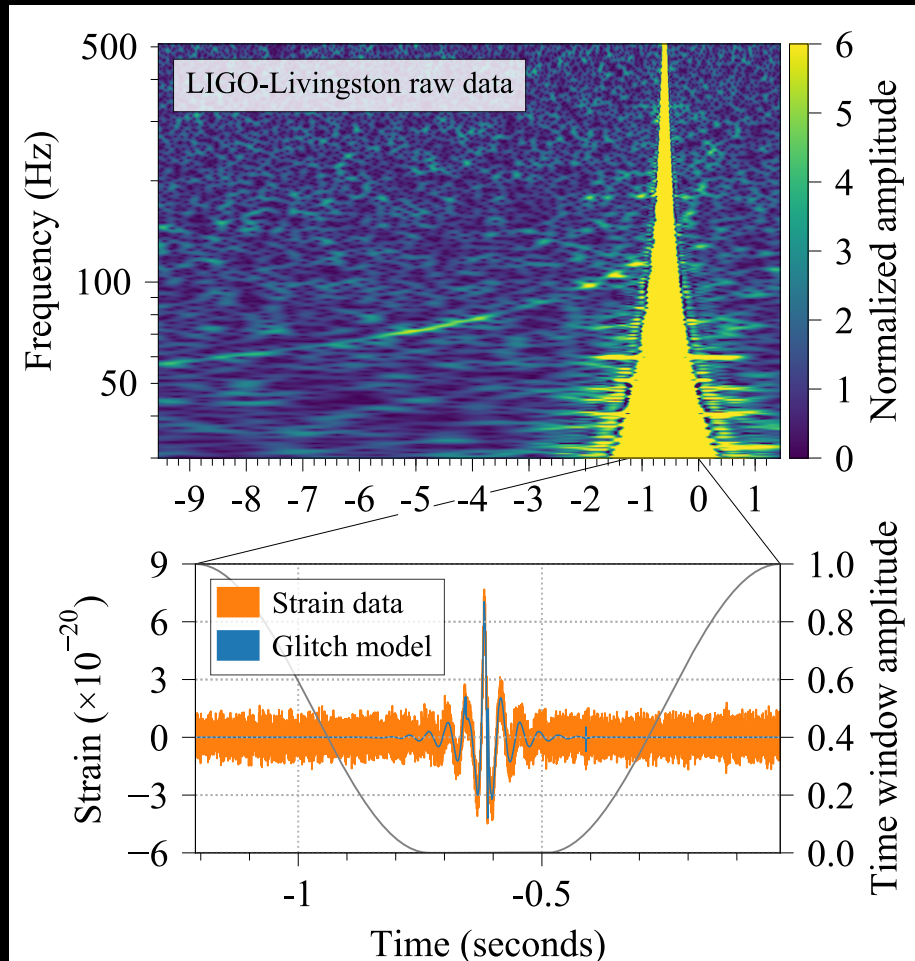
- at 12:41:04 UTC the Advanced LIGO and Advanced Virgo gravitational-wave detectors made the first ever observation of a binary neutron star inspiral
- SNR ~ 32.4 ,
- Probability that it was due to noise (False Alarm Rate, FAR): 1 in 80000 years

Maximum distance to detect a binary neutrons stars system (SNR>8) :

- Hanford 107 Mpc
- Livingston 218 Mpc
- Virgo 58 Mpc



GW170817 data cleaning done in 5 hours



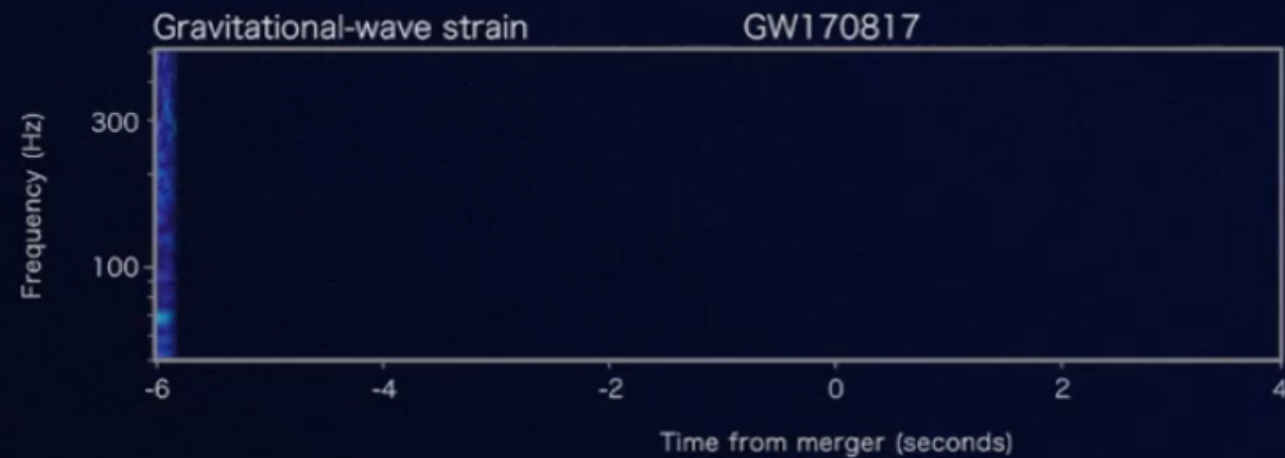
- Initially identified by LIGO Hanford
- Instrumental noise transient in LIGO Livingston 1.1 s before the coalescence time
- Well-known “glitches” without temporal correlation between sites
- Glitch removal to establish coincidence
- No clear signal in Virgo

GW170817 and GRB170817

Fermi



LIGO



« Gravitational waves and Gamma-rays from binary neutron star merger sky: GW170817 and GRB170817A », Abbott et al., ApJ, 2017

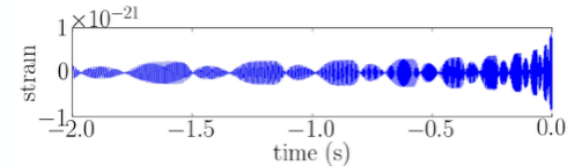
Extract source information from GWs

$$h_+(t) = \frac{A[\mathcal{M} f(t)]}{D} (1 + \cos^2 \iota) \cos \Phi_{\text{GW}}(t)$$

↑ frequency
↓ inclination angle
↓ GW Phase

↙ distance
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Model $h(t)$



Detector output

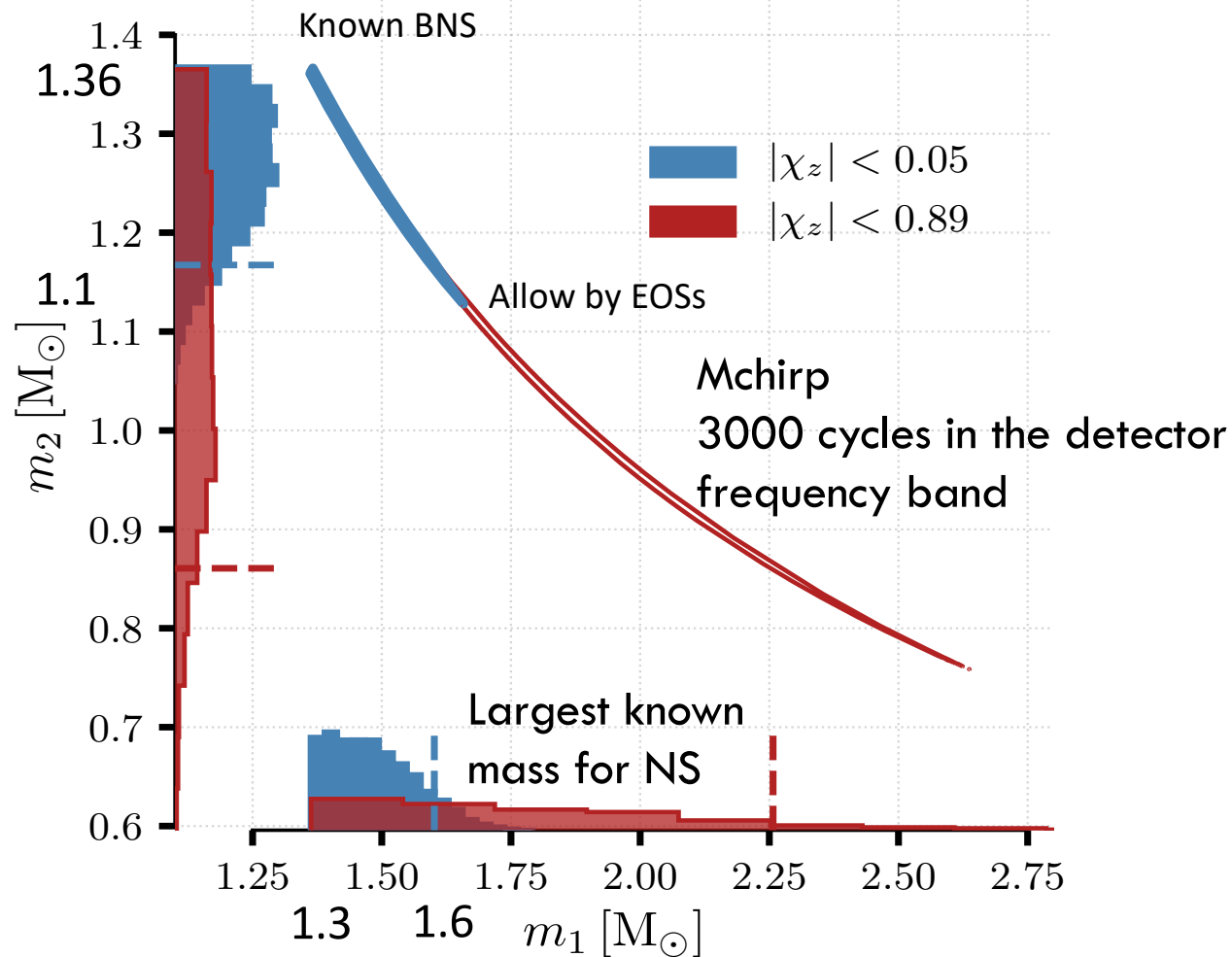


	Low-spin priors ($ \chi \leq 0.05$)	High-spin priors ($ \chi \leq 0.89$)
Primary mass m_1	$1.36 - 1.60 M_\odot$	$1.36 - 2.26 M_\odot$
Secondary mass m_2	$1.17 - 1.36 M_\odot$	$0.86 - 1.36 M_\odot$
Chirp mass \mathcal{M}	$1.188^{+0.004}_{-0.002} M_\odot$	$1.188^{+0.004}_{-0.002} M_\odot$
Mass ratio m_2/m_1	$0.7 - 1.0$	$0.4 - 1.0$
Total mass m_{tot}	$2.74^{+0.04}_{-0.01} M_\odot$	$2.82^{+0.47}_{-0.09} M_\odot$
Radiated energy E_{rad}	$> 0.025 M_\odot c^2$	$> 0.025 M_\odot c^2$
Luminosity distance D_L	40^{+8}_{-14} Mpc	40^{+8}_{-14} Mpc
Misalignment of total angular momentum and line of sight	$\leq 56^\circ$	$\leq 55^\circ$
using counterpart location	$\leq 30^\circ$	$\leq 30^\circ$
Combined dimensionless tidal deformability $\tilde{\Lambda}$	≤ 800	≤ 700
Dimensionless tidal deformability $\Lambda(1.4M_\odot)$	≤ 800	≤ 1400

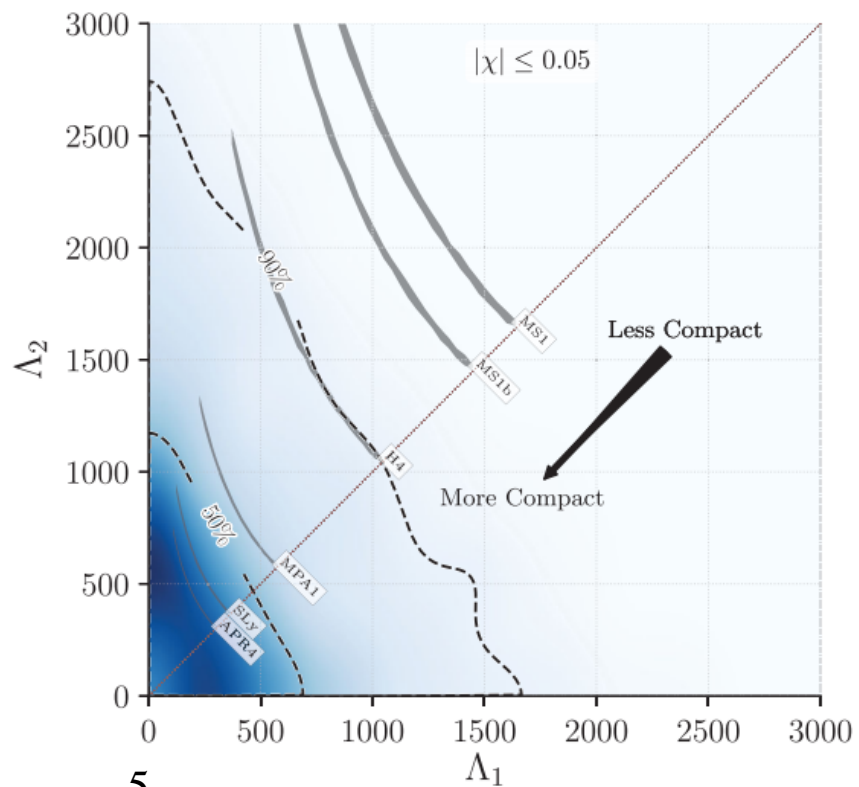
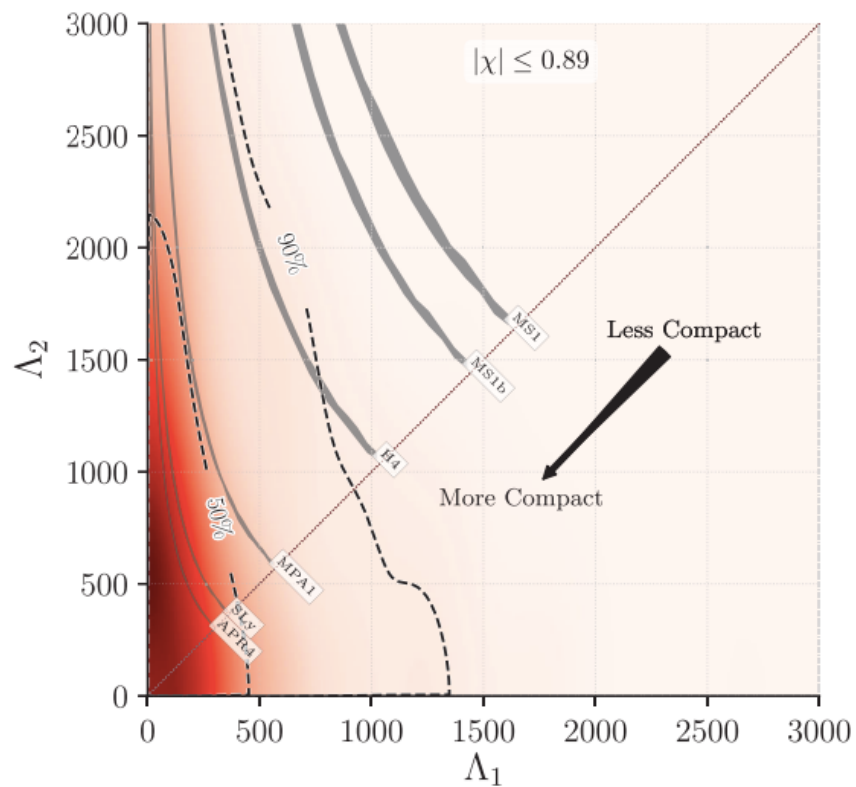
Masses

Largest known
mass for NS

$$M_{Chirp} = \frac{(m_1 m_2)^{3/5}}{(m_1 + m_2)^{1/5}} = 1.188^{+0.004}_{-0.002} M$$



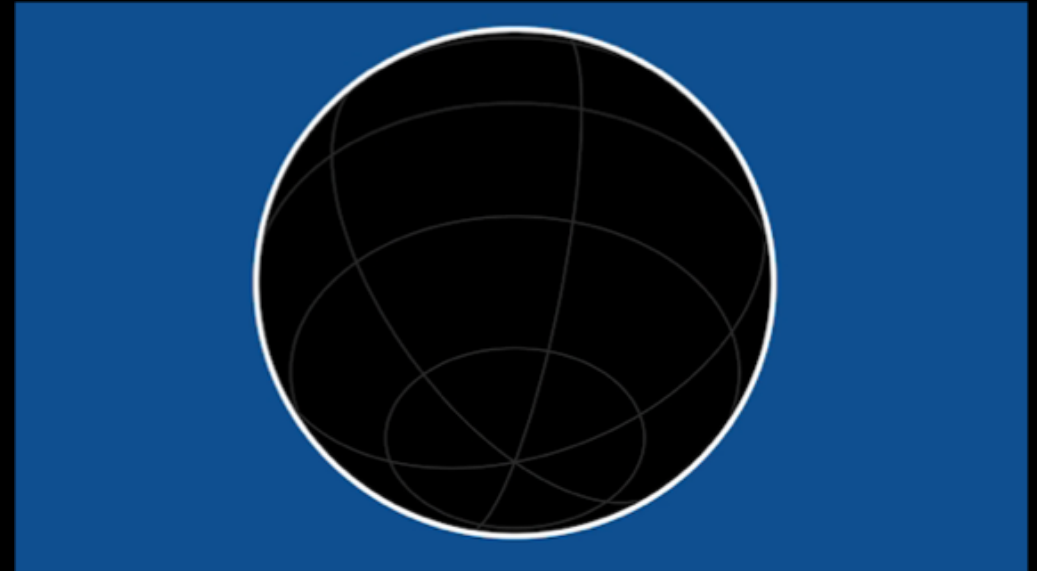
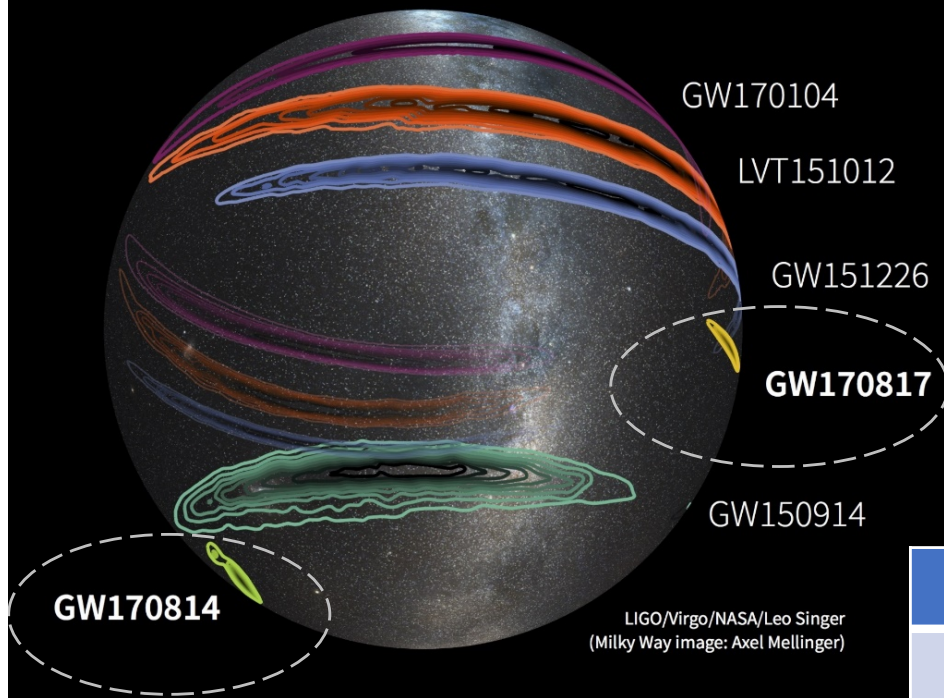
Equation of state (EOS)



$$\Lambda \propto k_2 \left(\frac{R}{m} \right)^5$$

- Signal observed favor EOS for compact NS

Key role of Virgo in GW170817 localization



Credit: LIGO-Virgo

GW170817 localization

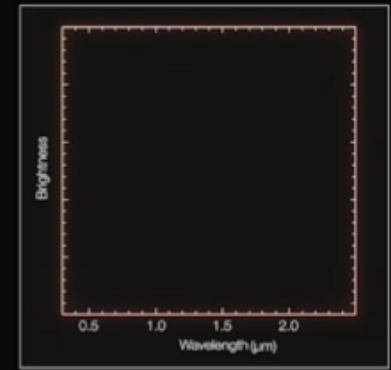
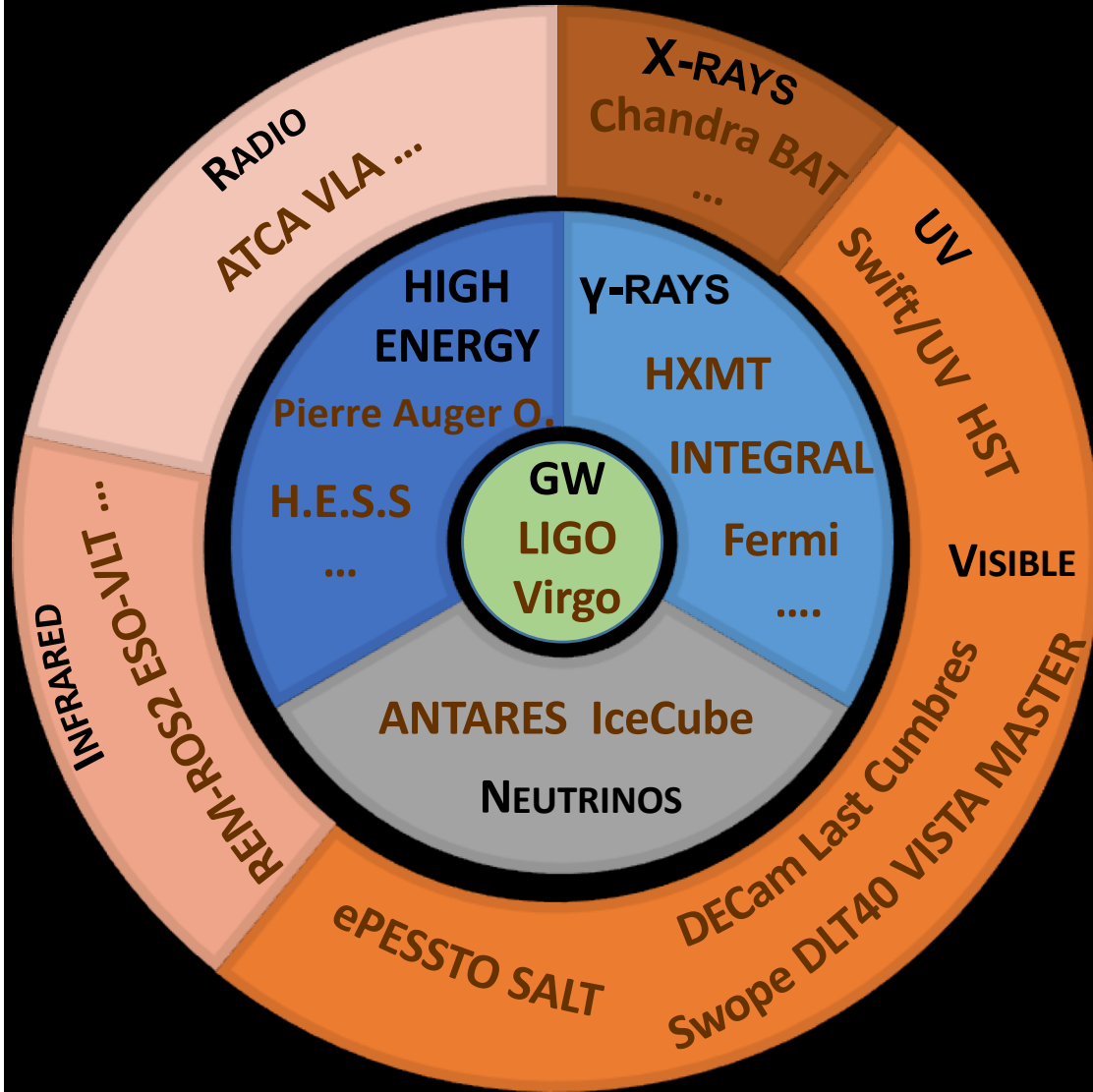
2 interferometers (HL)

190 deg², distance 40 Mpc

Adding Virgo (HLV)

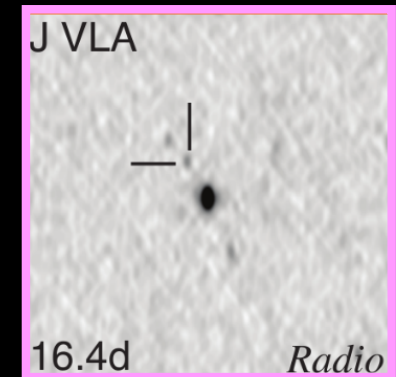
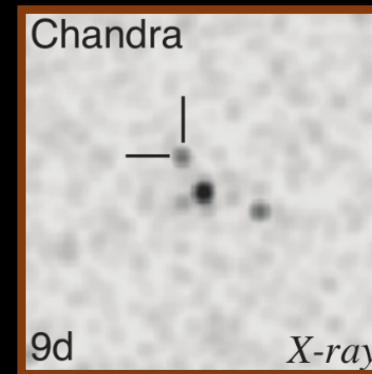
28 deg², distance 40 Mpc
Volume : 380 Mpc³

GW170817 multi-messenger campaign



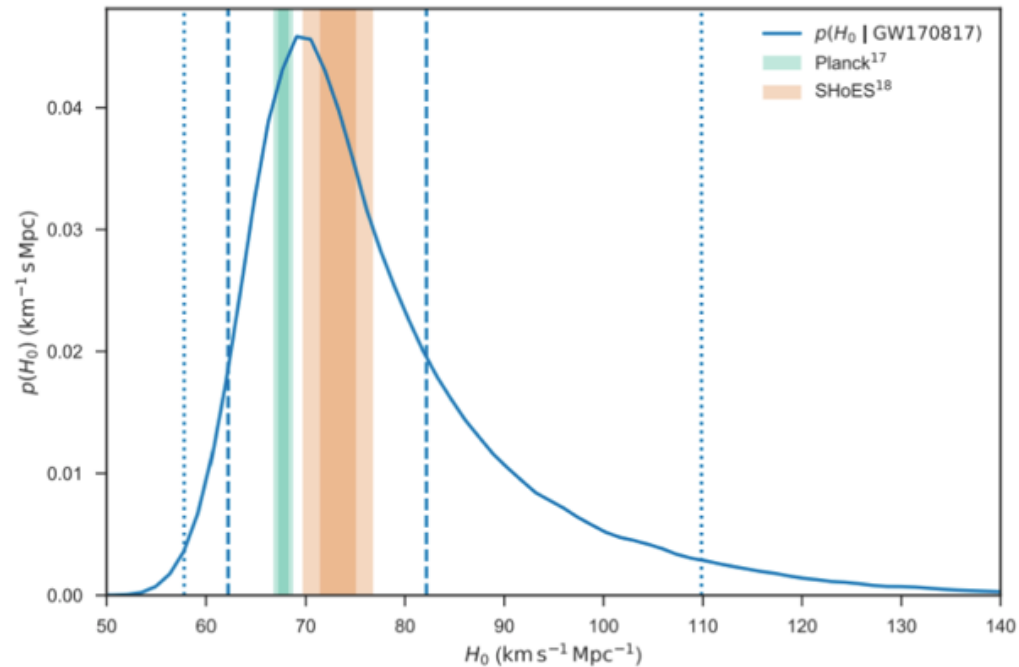
Time: -1225 days

Credit: ESO/E Pian/S.Smarrt eEPESSTO/N Tanvir/VINROUGE



Hubble constant measurement

- For closed-by source : $v=H_0D$

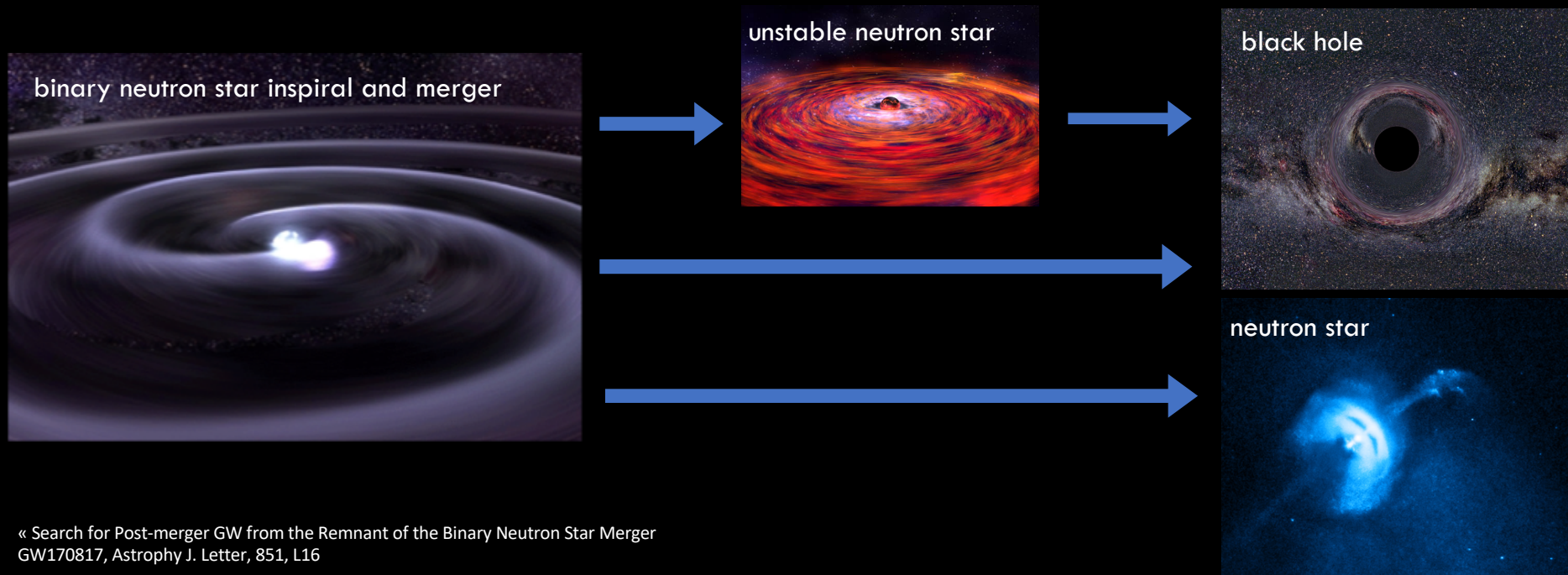


$$h(t) \propto \frac{M_{chirp}^{5/6}}{D} f(\cos i)$$

$$H_0 = 70_{-8}^{+12} \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

What happened after the merger?

- The newly formed black hole or neutron star (stable or unstable) will emit a distinct gravitational wave signature
- Too weak to be observed for this merger
 - Search for short (< 1 s) / intermediate duration (< 500 s)
 - Can be BH or NS (long-lived or too massive for stability)
 - Post merger emission from similar event may be detectable when advanced detectors reach design sensitivity



The future multi-messenger area



In the PAST



O1/O2 campaign

BH-BH mergers

NS-NS merger (GW170817: observation of gravitational waves from a binary neutron star inspiral, Abbot et al. 2017)

Populations studies

Remanent studies

- Relation between neutron star and GRBs Gravitational wave and Gamma-rays from binary neutron star merger sky: GW170817 and GRB170817A », Abbott et al., ApJ, 2017
- Production of heavy elements in kilonovae Partner Paper,s Arcavi et al. Soares-Santos et al. Cowperthwaite et al. Pian et al., Smartt et al. 2017
- Electromagnetic emission related to compact merger/collapse events Partners Paper, Goldstein et al. Troja et al Alexander et al., Evans et al. ... 2017
- Equation of state of neutron stars
- Estimation of the compact object rate
- Cosmology (Hubble constant measurement)
A gravitational-wave standard siren measurement of the Hubble constant, Abbot et al, 2017
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Mergers

Collapse of massive star

Isolated neutrons star instabilities



In the future

O3 and beyond

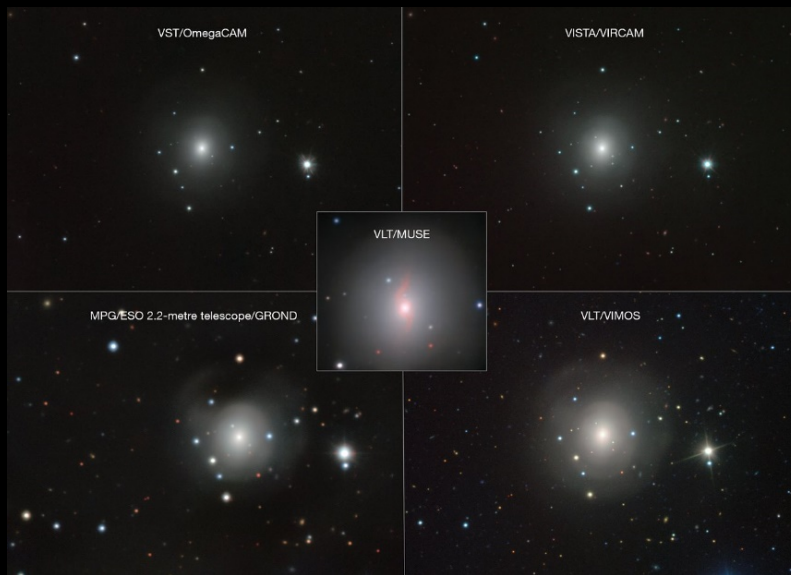
Further on GW170817 multi-messenger observations And LIGO/Virgo projects

Gamma-ray observations : Roland Diehl

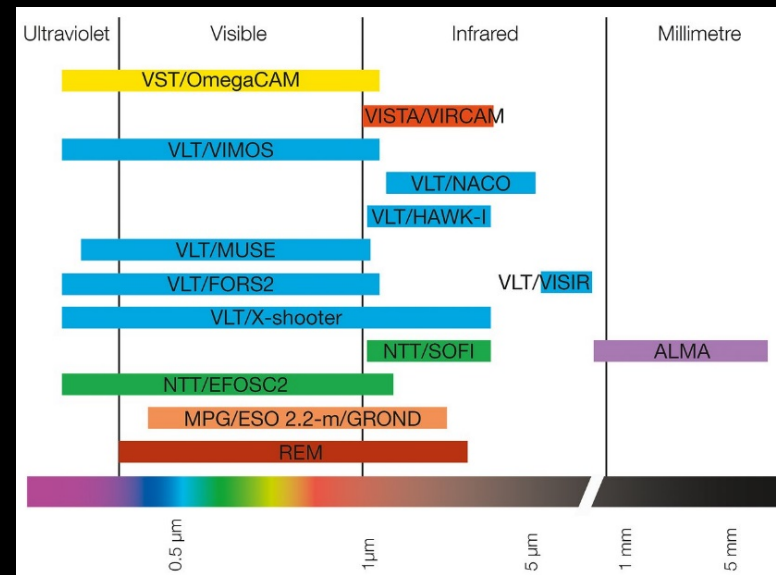
X-ray observations: Maria Grazia Bernardini

Optical/Near-Infrared observations : Stephen Smartt

Virgo next science runs: Marica Branchesi



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