



# ML4GW: An AI-based pipeline for Real-time Gravitational Wave Analysis

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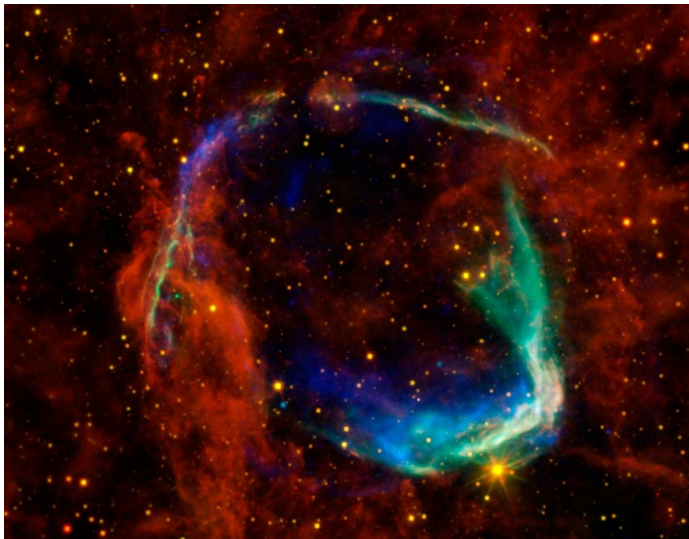
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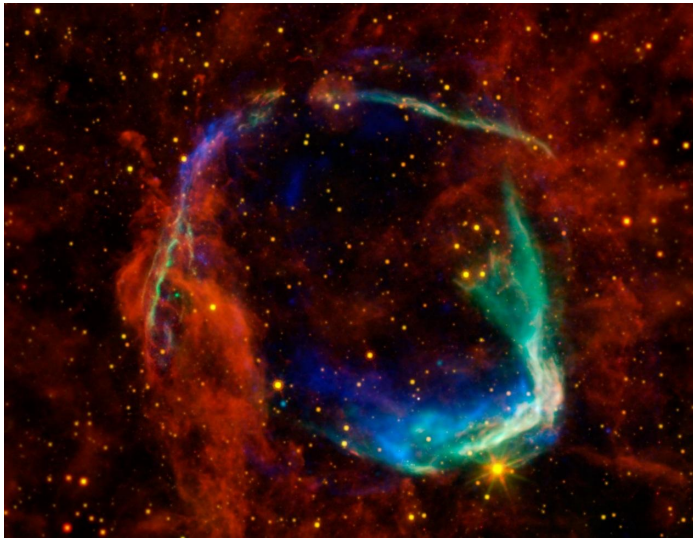


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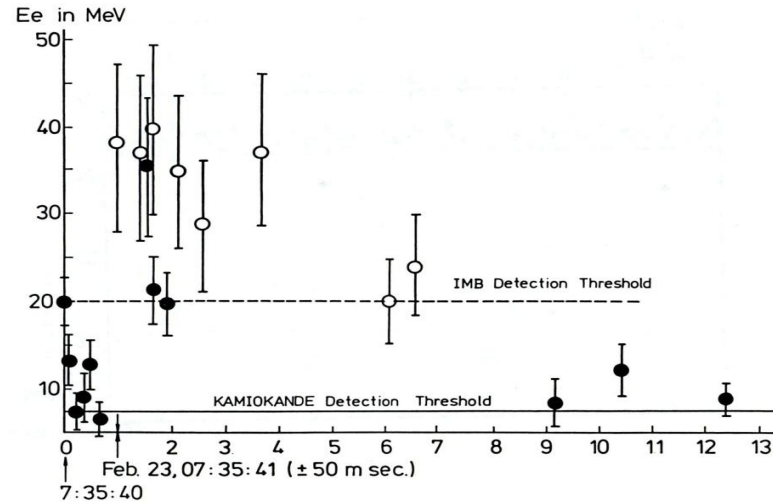


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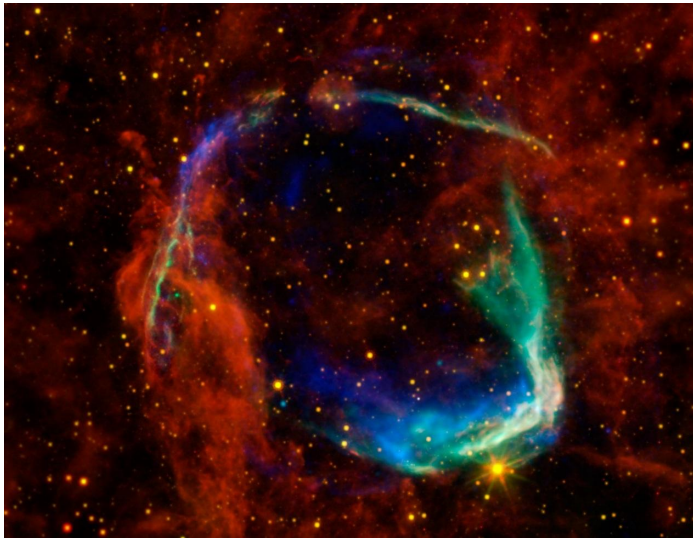
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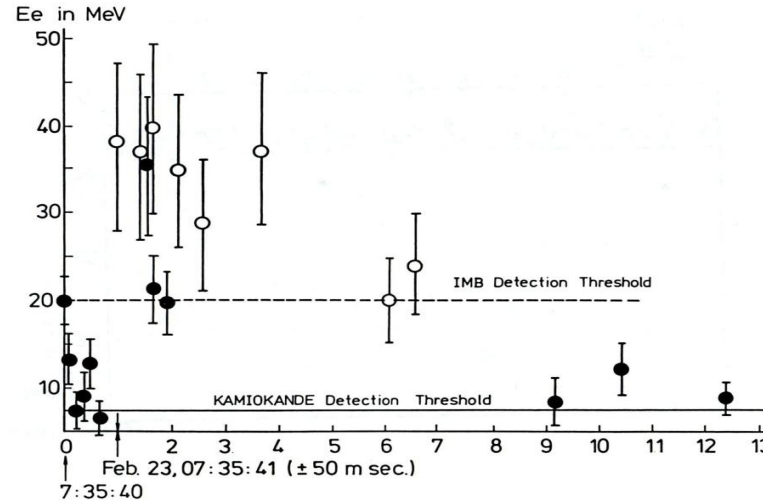
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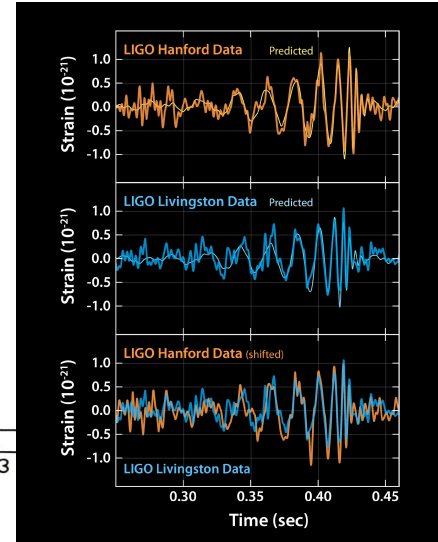
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# GW170817: The first Binary Neutron Star Merger

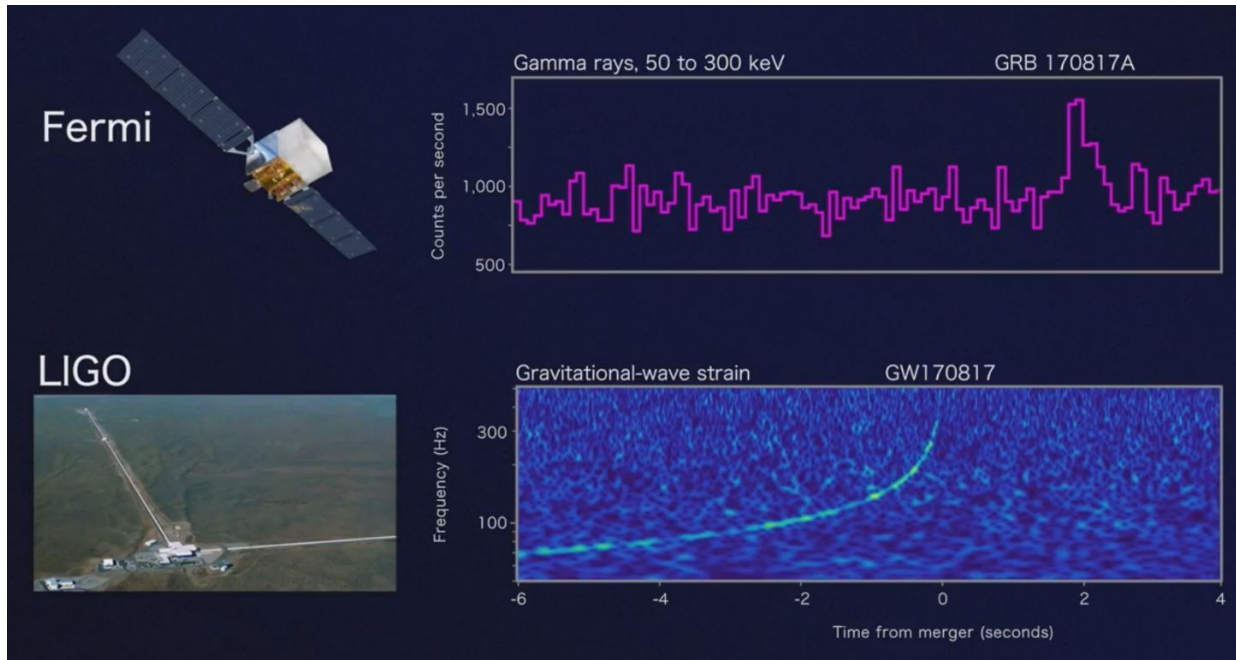
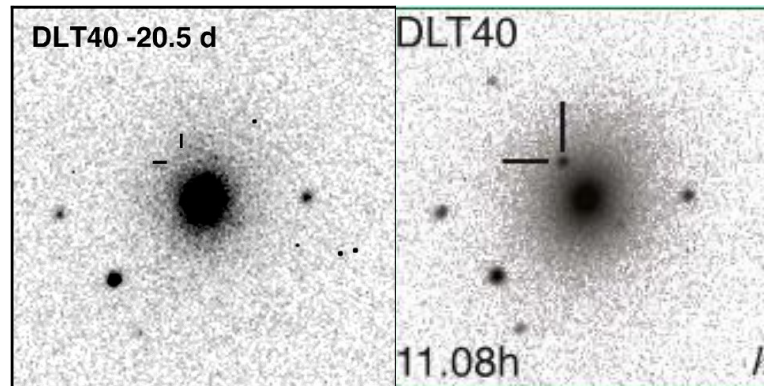
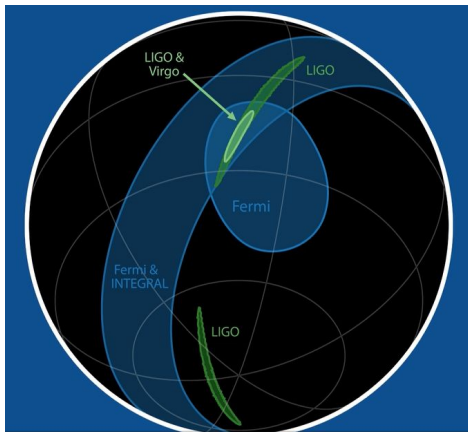


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sGRB progenitors

Kilonova and the origins of heavy elements

‘Standard siren’ measurement of the Hubble constant

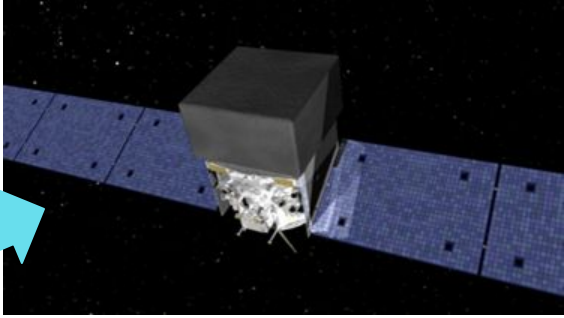
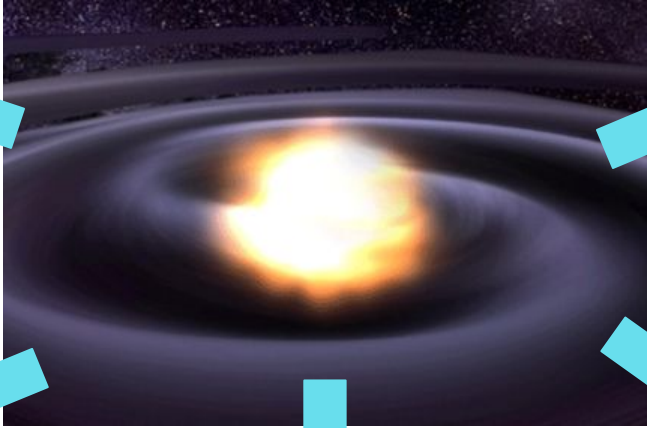
Speed of gravity

# Multi-Messenger Astrophysics

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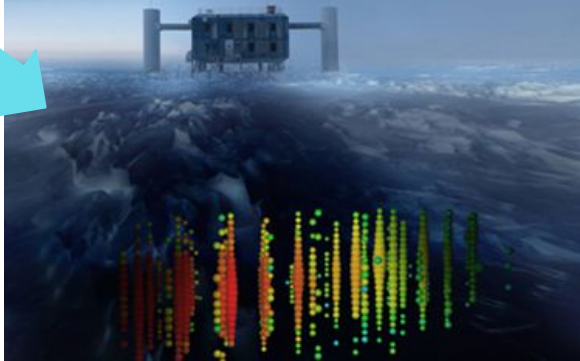
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Visible/infrared light



Radio waves



Neutrinos



# The Challenge: the 3 deadly F's

## Fast:

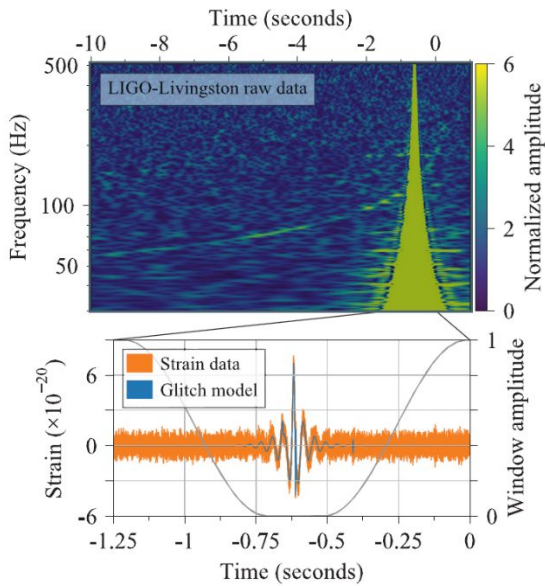
need to identify GW transients as quickly as possible in order to have a chance to catch the earliest light

## Fuzzy:

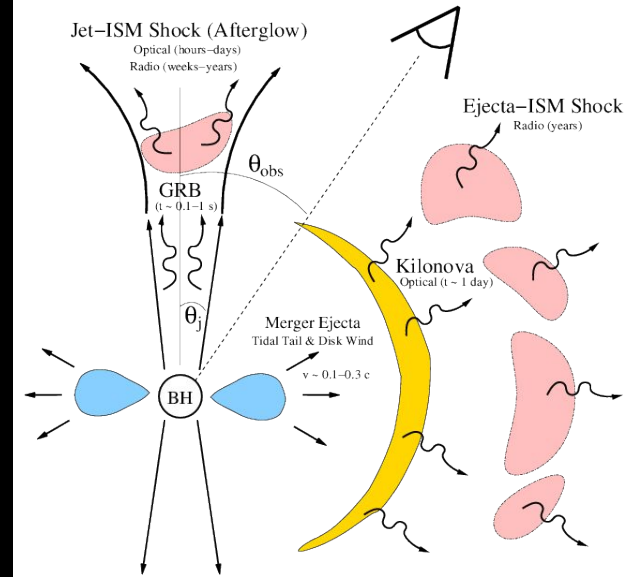
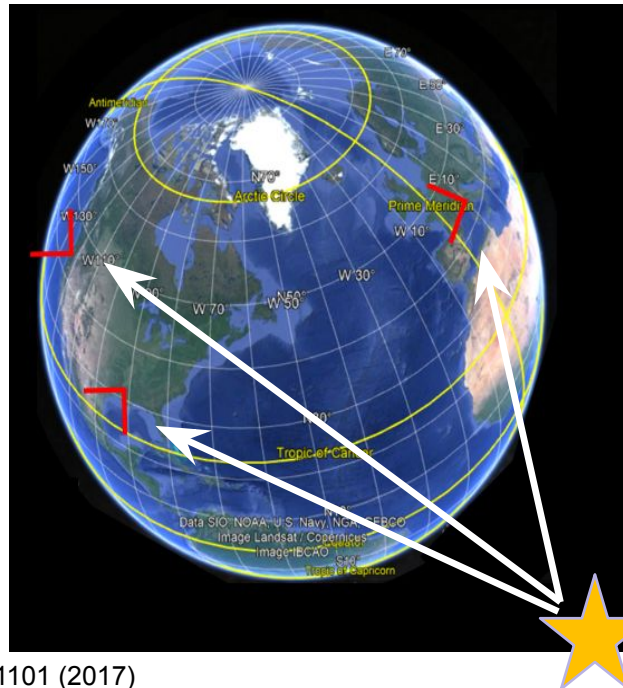
gravitational-wave detectors are more like radio receivers than telescopes

## Faint:

for EM counterparts at the nominal BNS merger range of 200Mpc and BBH ranges out to Gpc



LIGO-Virgo Collaborations, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 119, 161101 (2017)

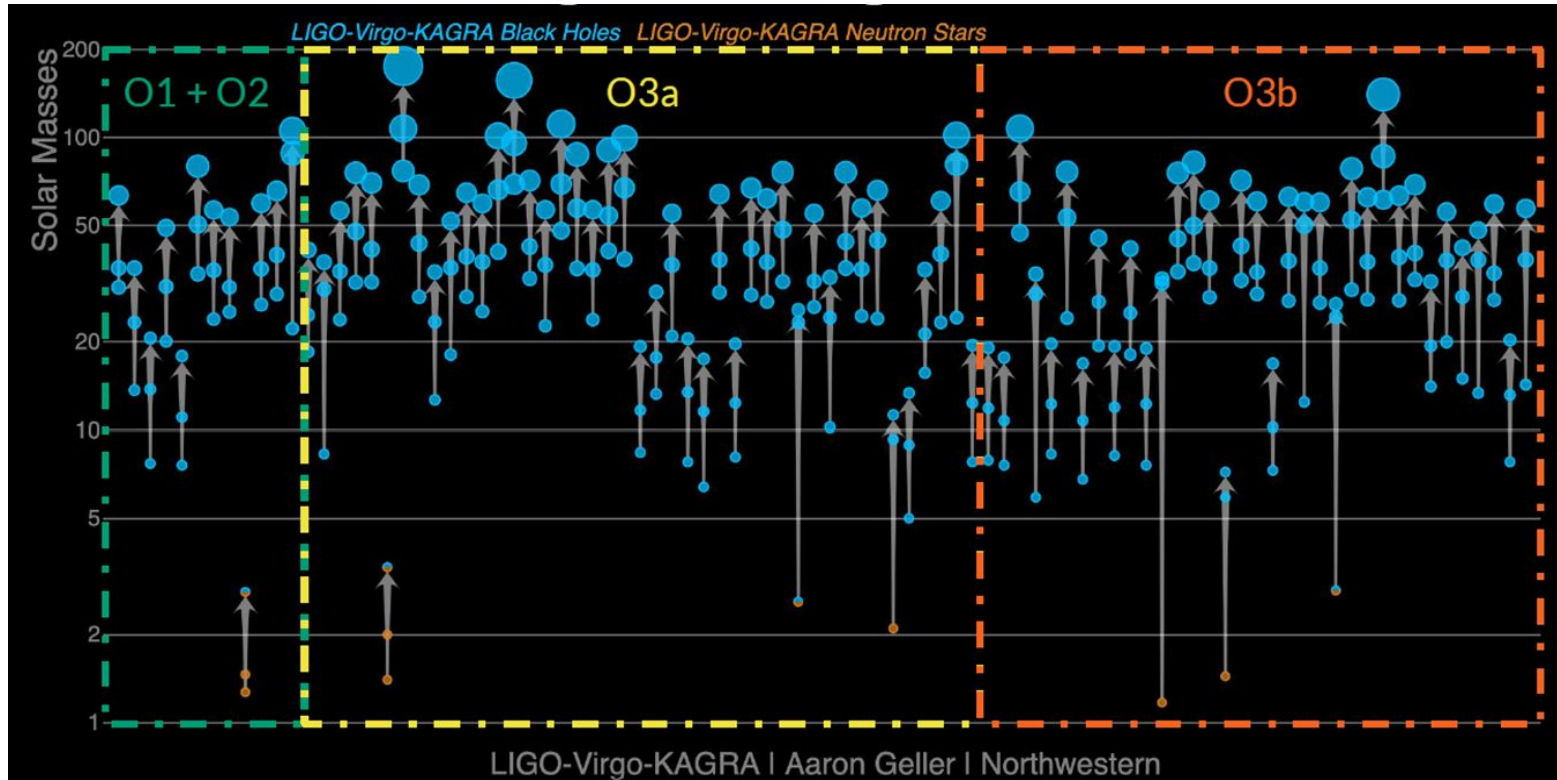


Metzger and Berger, *Astrophys. J.* 746, 1 (2012)

# GW transient events



Image: <https://www.zdnet.com/article/kafka-channels-the-big-data-firehose/>



11 events  
from O1+O2

44 events in O3a, 55 total  
1041 "subthreshold" events in O1,O2,O3a

35 events in O3b, 90 total  
(catalogs are cumulative)

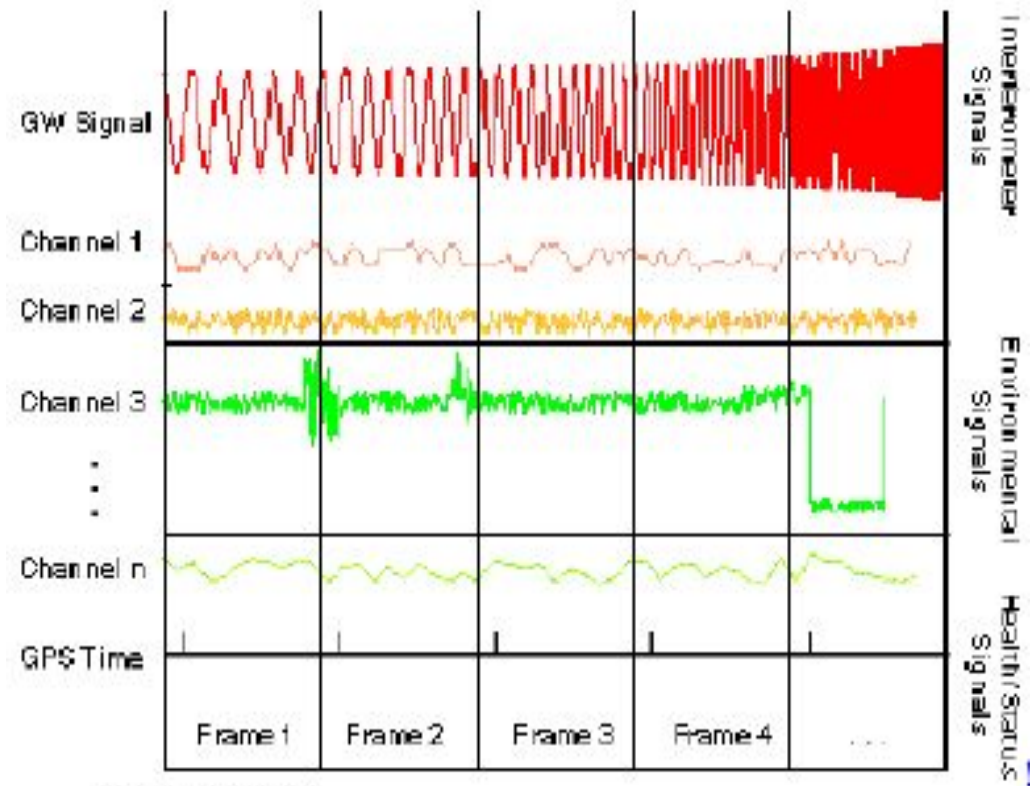
# Gravitational-wave detector data

Continuous **time series** (1Hz, 128Hz ... 16kHz)

**Gravitational Wave channel:**  
~20GB/day (per instrument)

**Physical Environment Monitors** (seismometers, accelerometers, magnetometers, microphones etc)

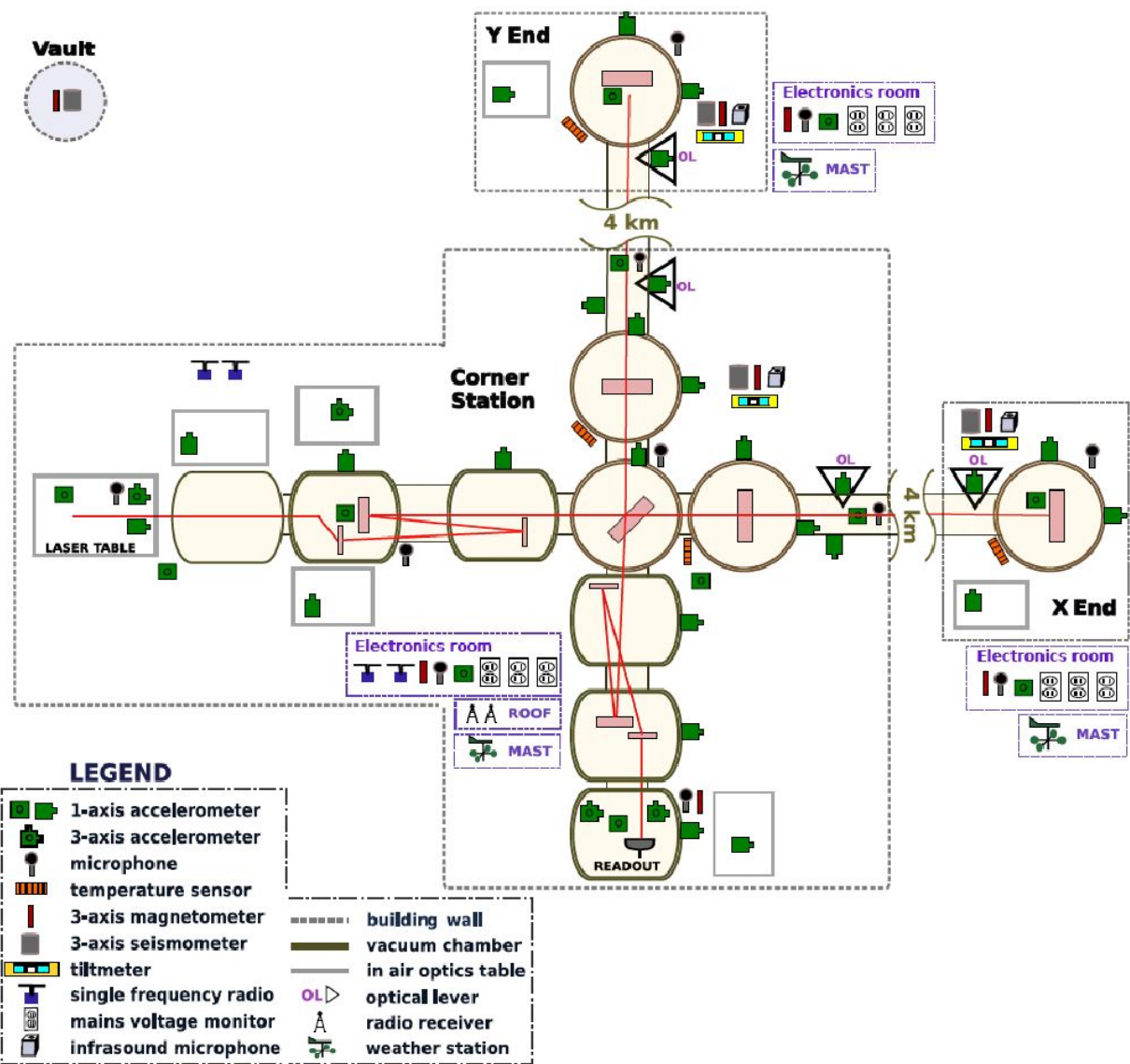
**Internal Engineering Monitors** (sensing, housekeeping, status etc)



Together with various intermediate data products  
>2TB/day (per instrument)



# Interferometric and environmental sensors



Each LIGO detector records over 200,000 auxiliary channels that monitor instrument (interferometric) behavior and environmental conditions.

Enables the study of correlations (couplings) of the gravitational wave channel with the environment (including global events, e.g. lightnings).

# Machine Learning for Gravitational-wave data

Lots of data

Rich, complex signal space

Rich, complex noise space

Low-latency/real-time requirements

→ Neural Networks!

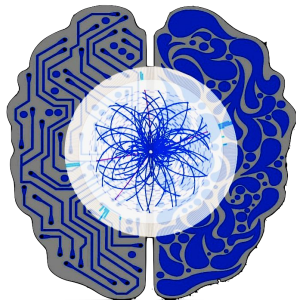
## Computing revolution:

Success of deep learning has led to sophisticated algorithms

Rise of heterogeneous computing has enabled deep learning

Developing ML+GPU integration has enabled large throughput computing

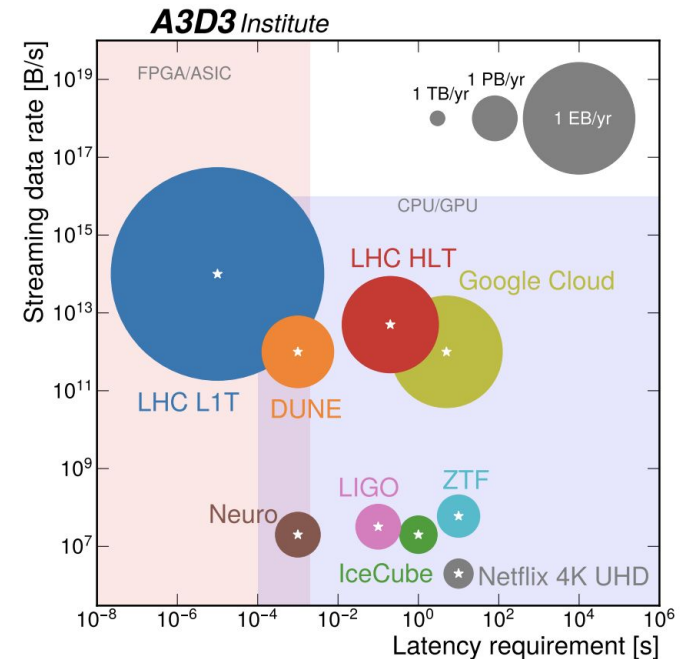
Developing ML+FPGA/ASIC for low latency computing



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# Requirements for ML deployment in GW searches

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## Training

Load time-series data from disk and efficiently move to GPU

Leverage simulations to create robust datasets

Implement signal processing operations on GPU

## Inference

Offline - produce predictions on  $O(100+\text{years})$  of background data

Online - produce transient detections on real-time data in  $O(1\text{s})$  and estimate parameters in  $O(1\text{s})$

Stream time-series into NN

Heterogeneous computing backends/data-types

## *Infrastructure design goals*

***Intuitive*** - maps on to familiar, physically meaningful concepts

***Composable*** - hierarchical layers of abstraction support new use cases seamlessly

***Integrated*** - ecosystem of tools following same standards and nomenclature

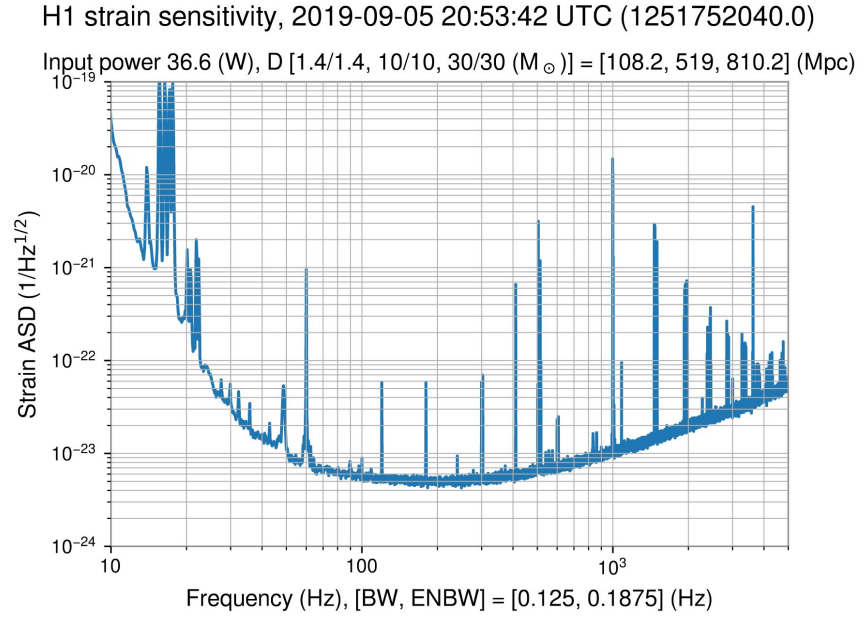
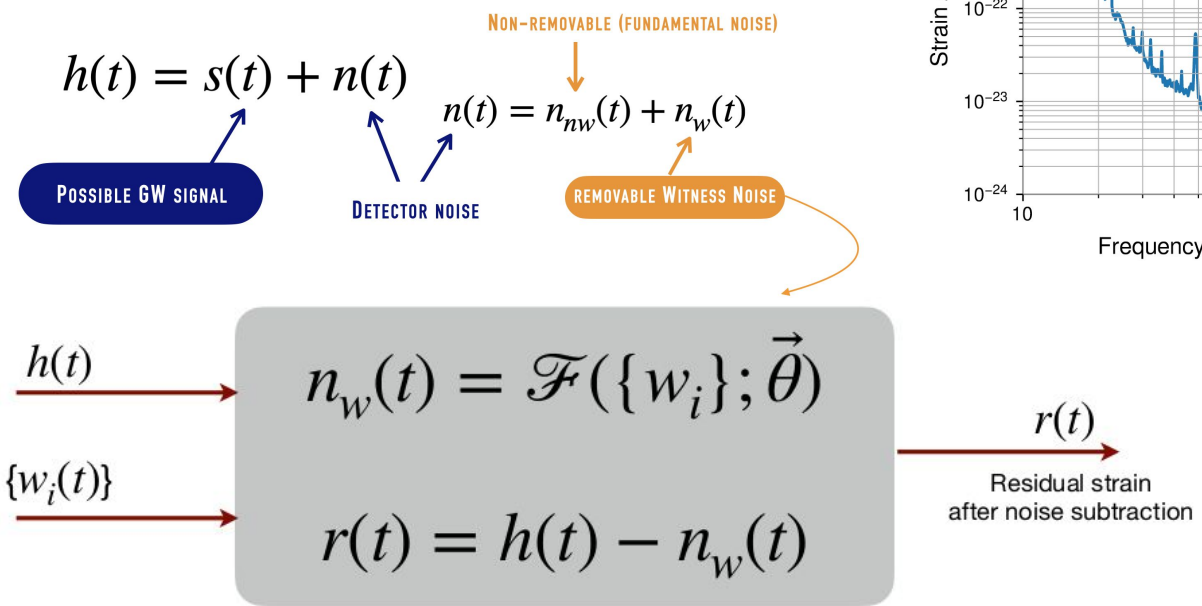
***Efficient*** - make the most out of parallel computing resources





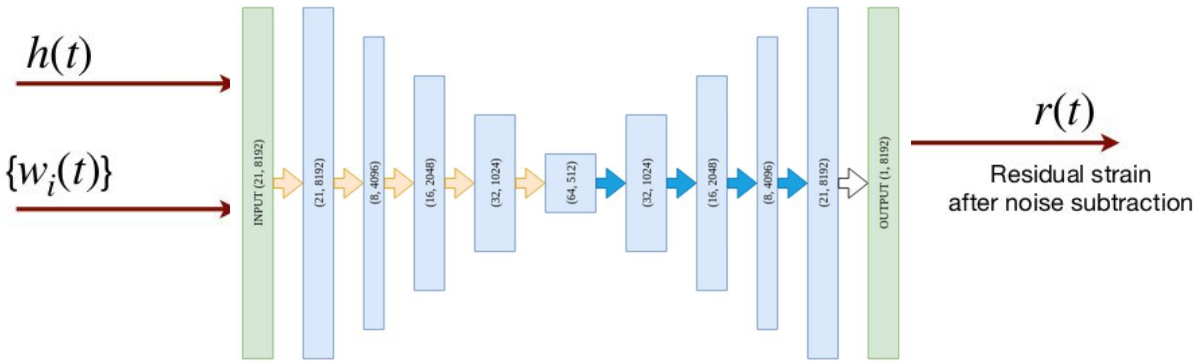
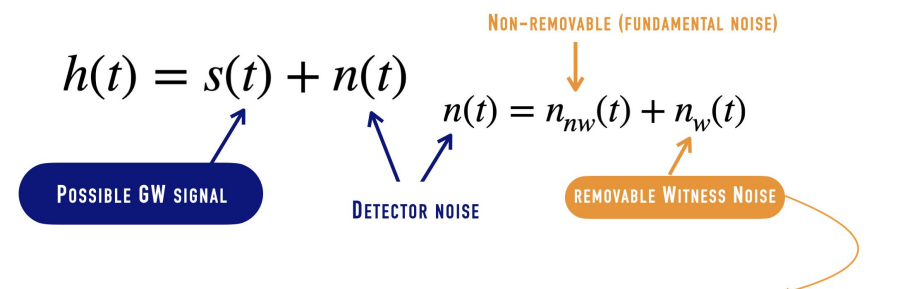
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Non-fundamental noise in interferometers can be subtracted, when such noise is “witnessed” by auxiliary channels:

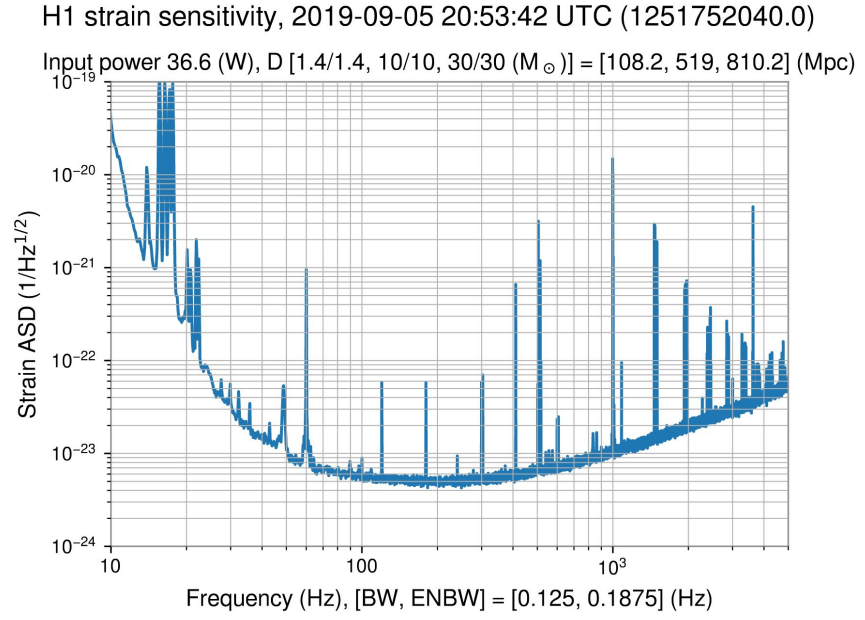


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Convolutional auto-encoder



Real-time implementation with ~1s latency

Provided to analyses downstream

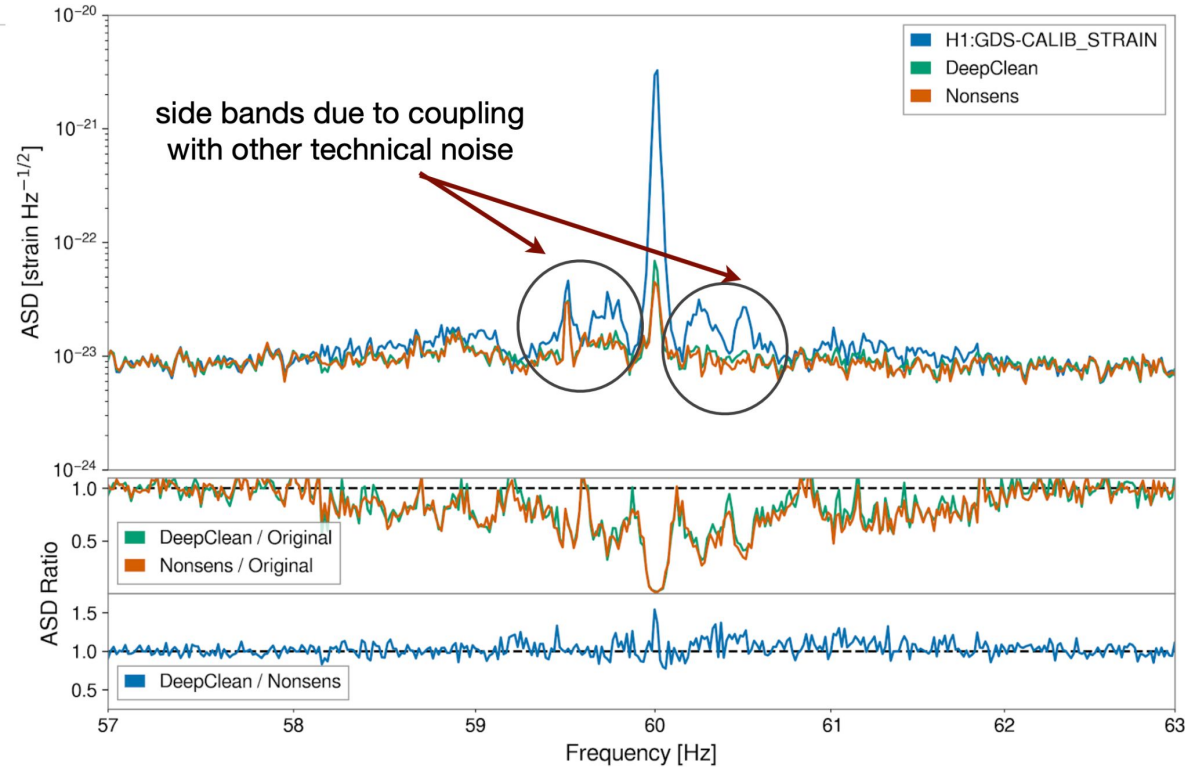
Able to go beyond linear couplings/algorithms

Also implemented on an FPGA

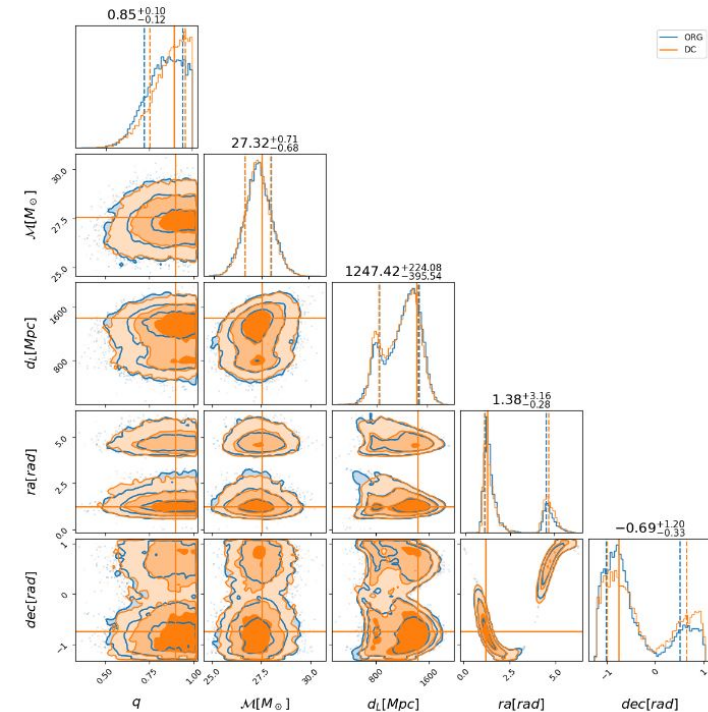
[Ormiston et al. “Noise Reduction in Gravitational-Wave Data via Deep Learning.”](#)



# DeepClean performance in O3: Amplitude Spectral Densities and Parameter Estimation

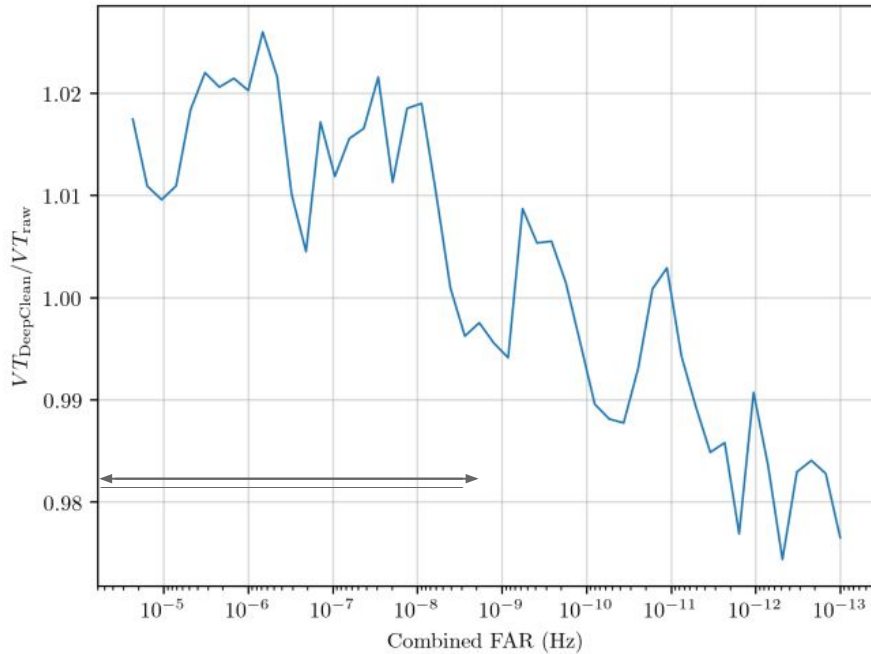


Demonstrated non-linear subtraction on 60 Hz power lines and sidebands!

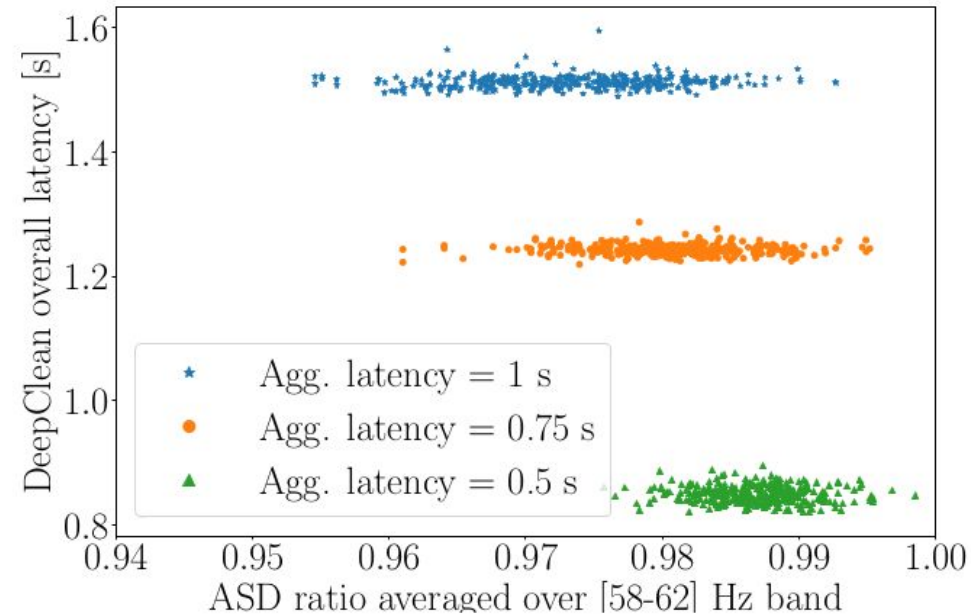


Multiple tests on BBH injections to demonstrate unbiased recovery of astrophysical signals

# DeepClean performance in O3: time-volume reach and latencies



Sensitive volume ( $V \cdot T$ ) fractional gain or loss (with/without DeepClean) as a function of the false alarm rate in a GstLAL search.



Trade-off between latency and quality: the ASD ratio improves with higher aggregation latency, at the cost of increased overall latency.

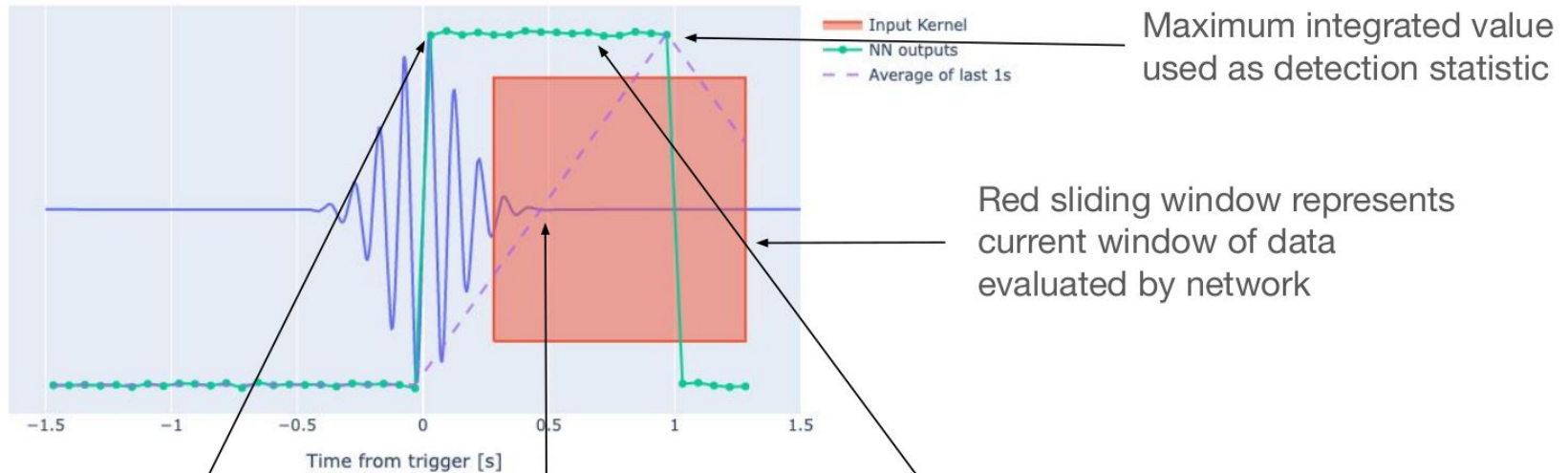
# Aframe: detecting compact binary coalescences

Residual Network architecture trained to map 1.5 second windows of  $h(t)$  time-series data to scalar value that indicates likelihood of signal being present in the window.

Training on 10 days of coincident H1 and L1 strain from beginning of LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA's O3a run; 100,000 IMRPhenomPv2 waveforms from astrophysical prior used for training search space: 5 - 100  $M_{\text{solar}}$ .

Extensive data augmentation to show the model as diverse a training set as possible.

Event identification:

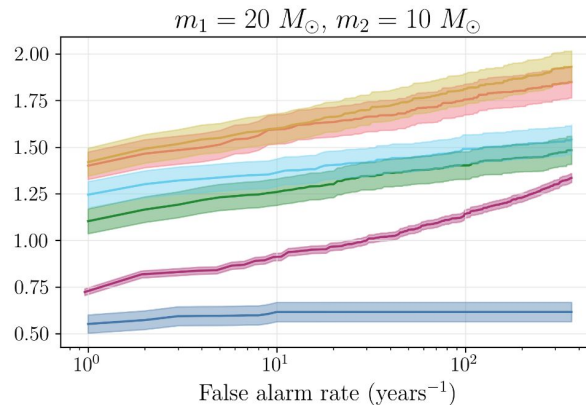
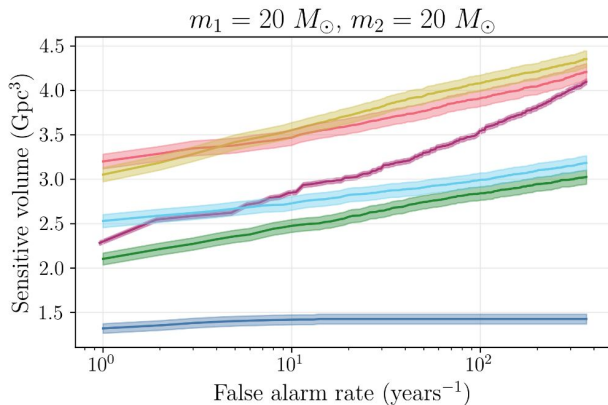
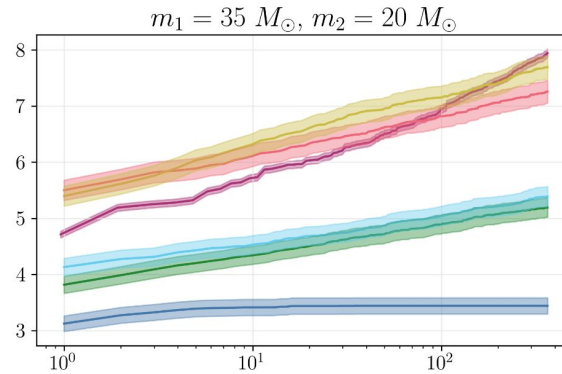
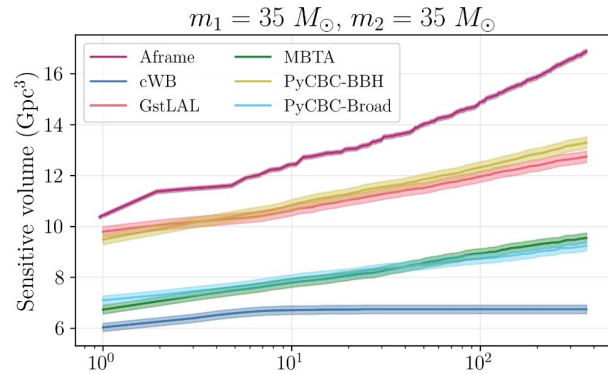


As coalescence time enters window, network begins to ring

Dotted purple line shows average of last 1 second of network outputs

Green dots show time-series of neural network outputs

# Aframe: pipeline sensitivity



Sensitive volume calculation is the same as the one used to measure performance of LVK pipelines in GWTC-3 catalog

Competitive performance on higher-mass catalog distributions

Work remains to be done for lower masses – alternative architectures or smarter training techniques



# Computational cost and throughput

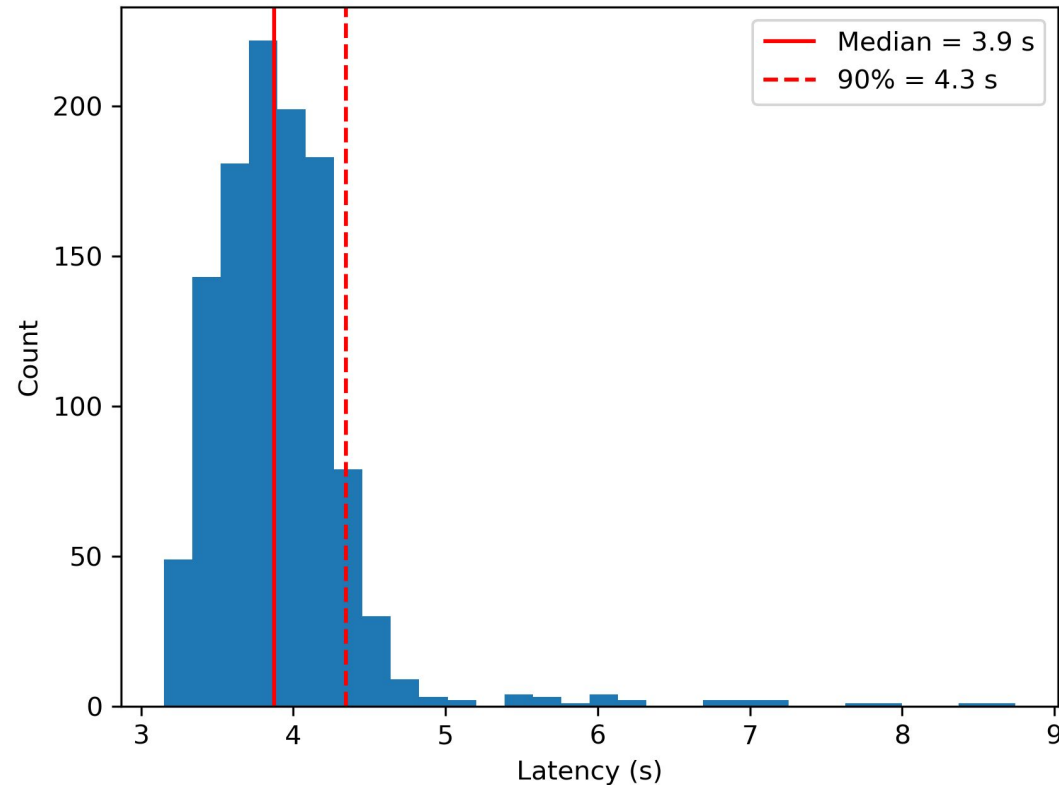
*Training:* ~44 hours on 1 GPU on a 16GB V100 GPU

*Evaluation:* Analysis of O3 took ~30 hours for 21 years of livetime on 8 GPUs, roughly **750** seconds of data processed per second per GPU

Total time scales roughly linearly with number of GPUs

Ran pipeline online over ~1 month of “replayed” O3 data emulating real-time environment: median (90%) latency is 8.4 (37.1) seconds faster than rest of CBC pipelines (as reported here:

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2308.04545>)



# AMPLFI: from detections to astrophysics

Source parameter estimation:

$$d_i(t) = n_i(t) + F_{+,i} h_{+}(t; \theta) + F_{\times,i} h_{\times}(t; \theta)$$

Calculate posteriors via likelihood estimation:

$$p(\theta|\mathbf{d}) = \frac{L(\mathbf{d}|\theta)\pi(\theta)}{Z} = \frac{L(\mathbf{d}|\theta)\pi(\theta)}{\int L(\mathbf{d}|\theta)\pi(\theta)d\theta}$$

Likelihood-Free (simulation-based) Inference: train neural network to estimate posteriors  $p(\theta|\mathbf{d})$

Model true posterior distribution with a normalizing flow:

$$p(\theta|d) \sim q_{\phi}(\theta|d) = p_u(T_d^{-1}(\theta)) |det J_{T_d^{-1}}(\theta)|$$

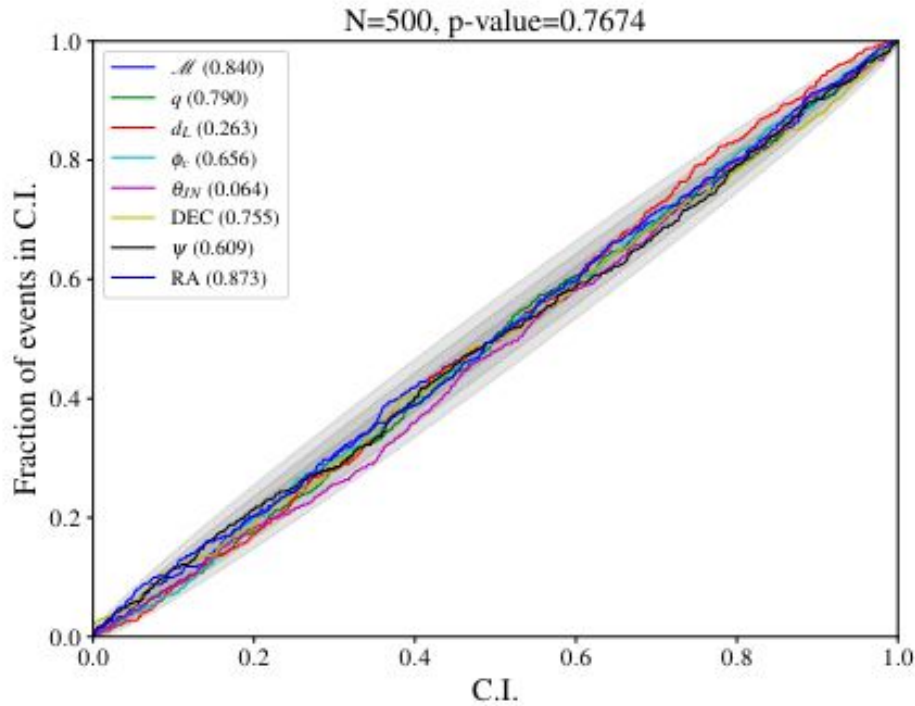
[G Papamakarios et al. JMLR Vol. 22. Art. 57 2617-26 \(2021\)](#)

The flow is parameterized via a neural network, and trained by minimizing the Kullback-Leibler divergence

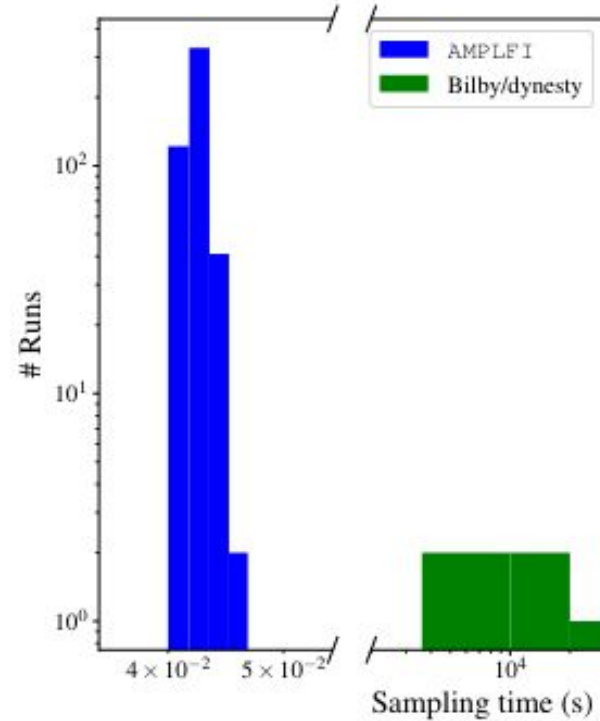
$$L \approx -\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \log q_{\phi}(\theta^{(i)}|d)$$

Train neural network to estimate posteriors for any assumed signal morphology (e.g. sine-Gaussian, binary coalescences etc) embedded in real instrument noise and that's how you arrive at **AMPLFI: Accelerated Multi-messenger Parameter-estimation using LFI!**

# AMPLFI performance



P-P plot from inferences with AMPLFI over 500 Binary Black Hole systems



Sampling times for AMPLFI (1 GPU) vs. nested sampling runs (24 CPUs)

# Putting all these together: “Who will bell the cat?”

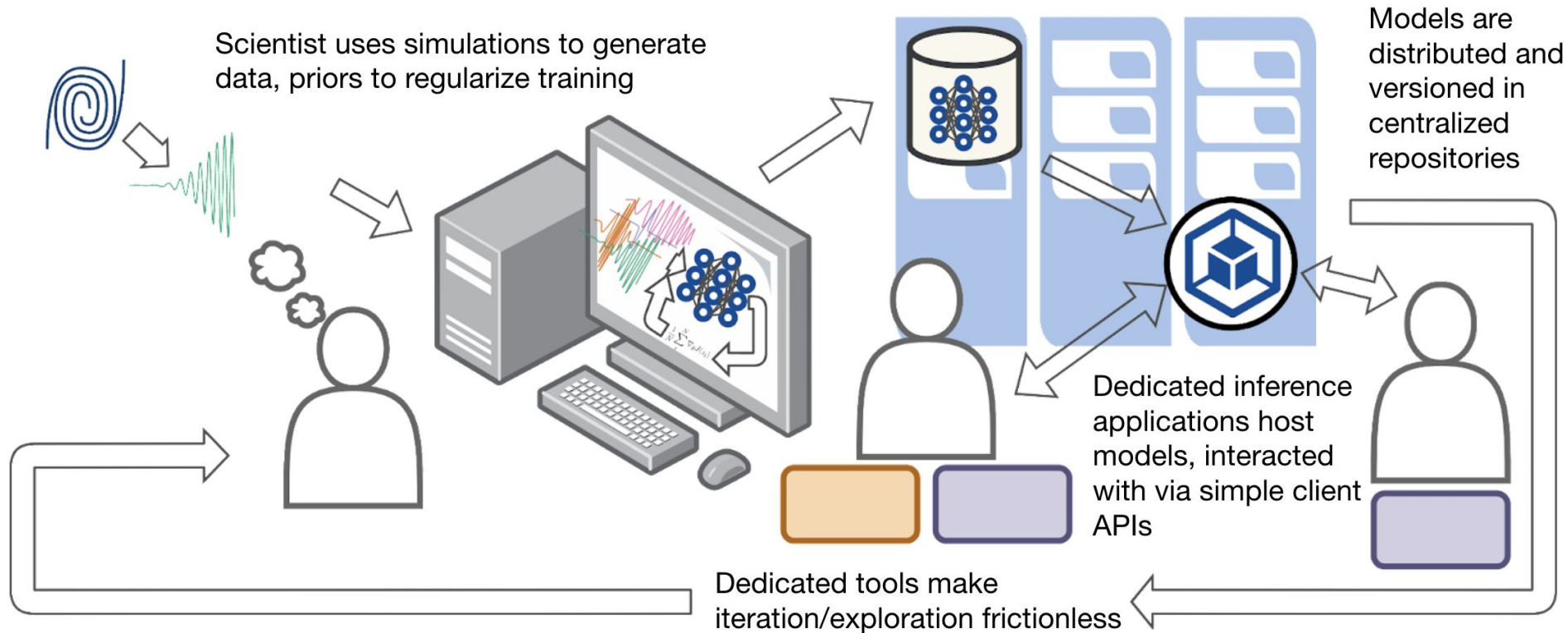


Cartoon adopted from Alec Gunny

[ml4gw/HERMES](https://github.com/ML4GW): <https://github.com/ML4GW>



# Bringing AI into GW and MMA data analyses



**ML4GW/HERMES**: an ecosystem for ML applications in GW enabling fast deployment, fast inference, small computation footprint and optimized for computing heterogeneity

README.md


## ML4GW

Tools to make training and deploying neural networks in service of gravitational wave physics simple and accessible to all!  
Includes a couple particular applications under active research.

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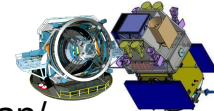
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**Hardware-accelerated Inference for Real-Time Gravitational-Wave Astronomy**  
Alec Gunny et al Nature Astronomy (2022)

# Summary and outlook

<https://www.svom.eu/>  
<https://rubinobservatory.org/>



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Offline implementation

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- extensible

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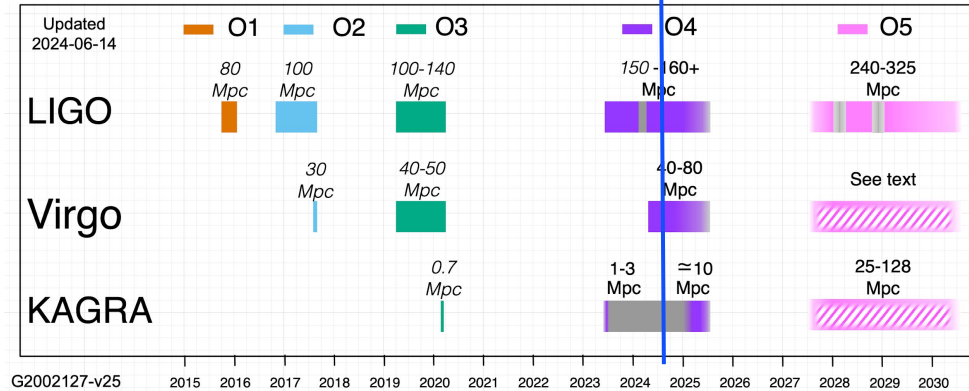
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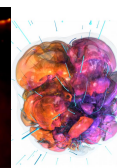
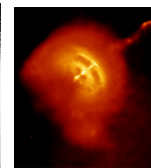
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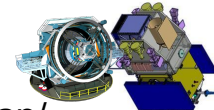
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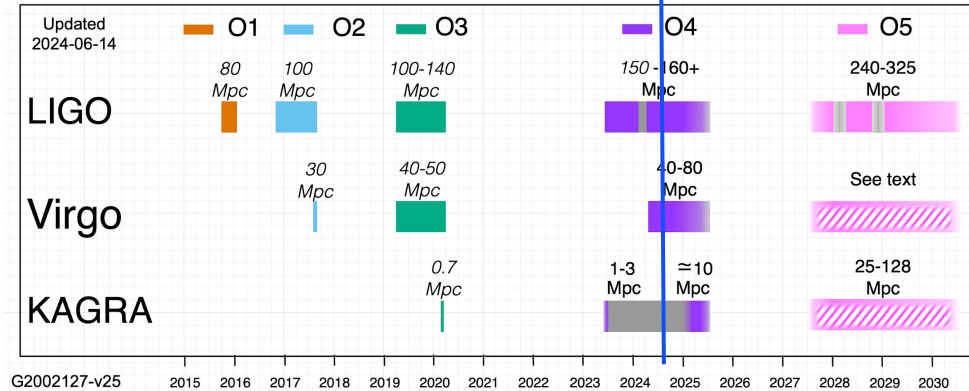
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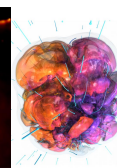
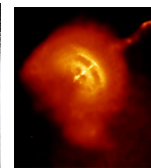


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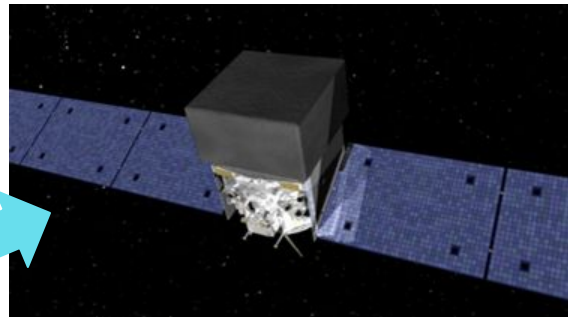
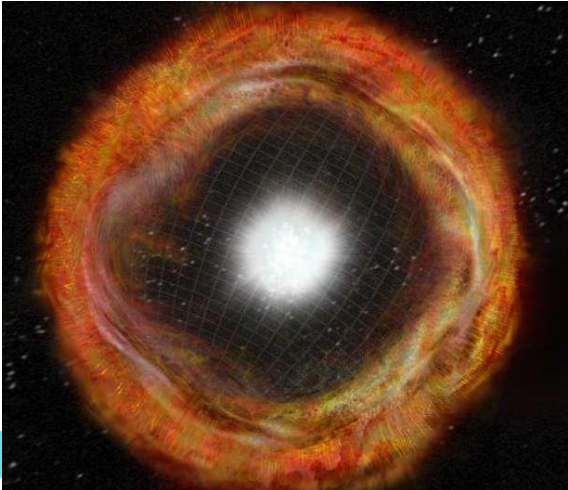
# **EXTRA SLIDES**

# Multi-Messenger Astrophysics



Gravitational waves

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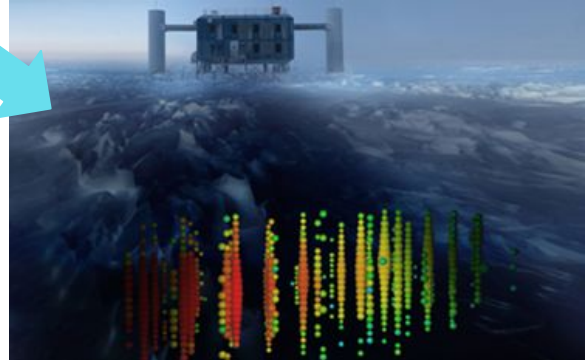
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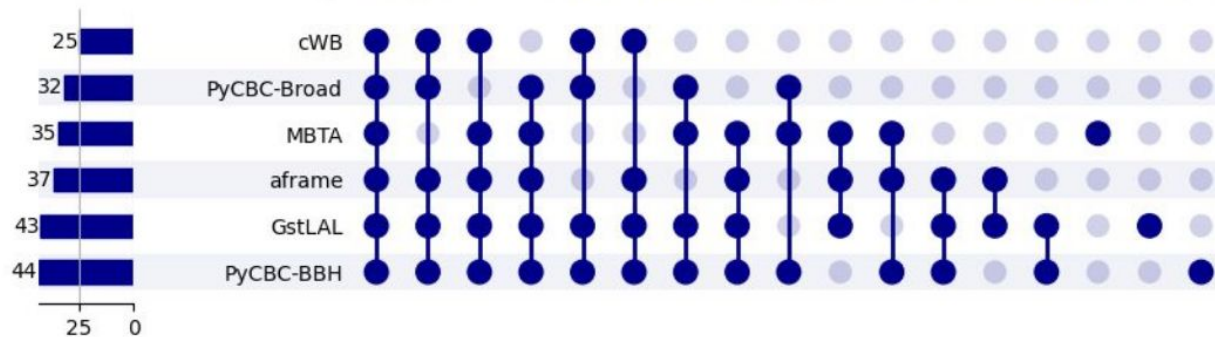
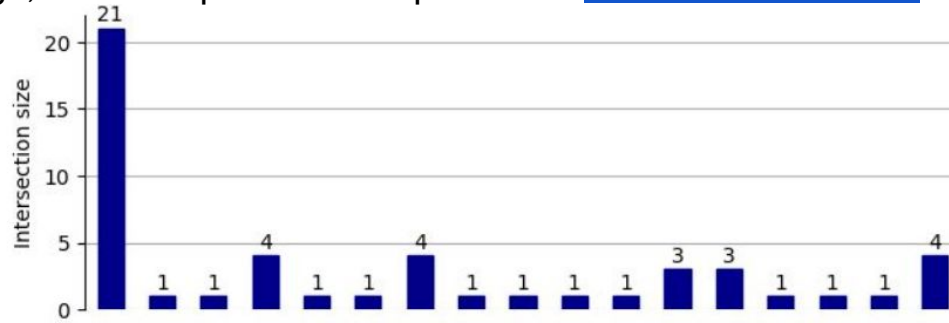
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# Comparison to LVK's O3 detections

Reanalyzing LVK's O3 observing run, 37/50 candidates detected by Aframe at false alarm threshold of 1 per 5 months; missed events have network matched filter  $\text{SNR} < 13.1$  or chirp mass  $< 10 M_{\text{solar}}$ . The latter is consistent with Aframe's sensitive volume measurements.

Also the next 10 most significant Aframe events have no overlaps with the LVK catalogs, but have partial overlap with the [Olsen et al event list](#)

gpstime	FAR (1 / yr)
1262635012.75	3.6
1246523564.75	4.0
1264333383.00	4.2
1238351045.00	4.4
1251010355.50	4.7
1264246793.25	5.9
1262163593.25	7.8
1249032684.75	11.0
1253452013.50	11.7
1259411705.25	12.0



[E. Marx, W. Benoit et al, in preparation](#)

# GWAK: an anomaly detection framework

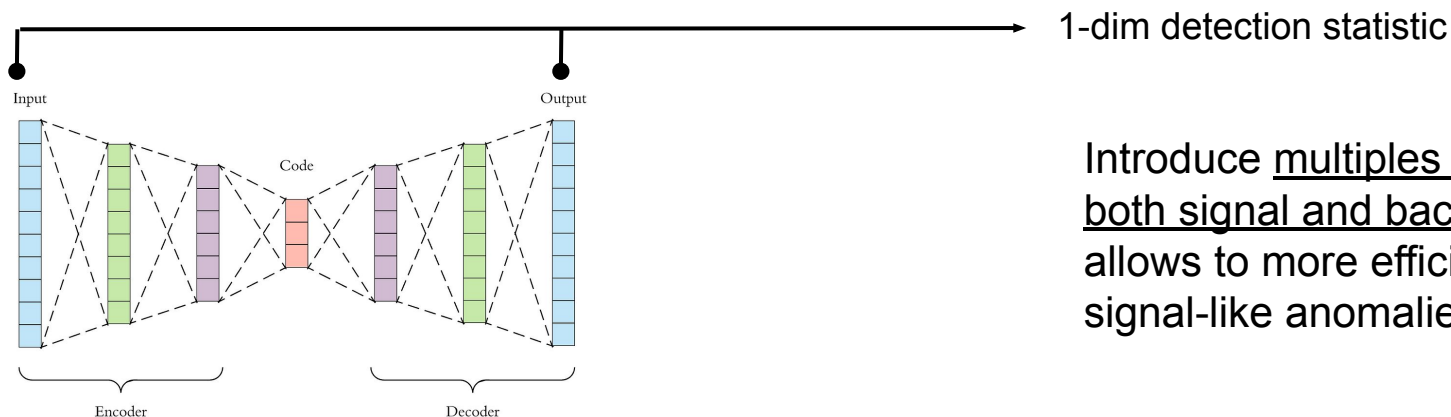
Strong astrophysical motivation to look beyond modeled binary coalescences: supernova, neutron star glitches, magnetars, GRBs, FRBs, cosmic strings and cusps, unknown unknowns may emit GWs that we can not fully modeled currently and thus can not be searched with a matched-filter approach

We refer to them as anomalous and aim to develop a semi-supervised approach which would let us to discover such anomalous signals without explicit modeling

- use multiple autoencoders to create embedded space
- use real background and inject signals
- verify on anomalous signals that aren't included in training

GWAK is the Gravitational Wave Anomalous Knowledge, an algorithm using recurrent autoencoders inspired by similar approaches ([QUasi Anomalous Knowledge, by Sang Eon Park et al. https://arxiv.org/abs/2011.03550](https://arxiv.org/abs/2011.03550)) taken in performing anomaly detection in LHC data

Core idea: go beyond vanilla anomaly detection in 1-dimensional approach where the distance between the input and output is used as a metric for anomaly detection:

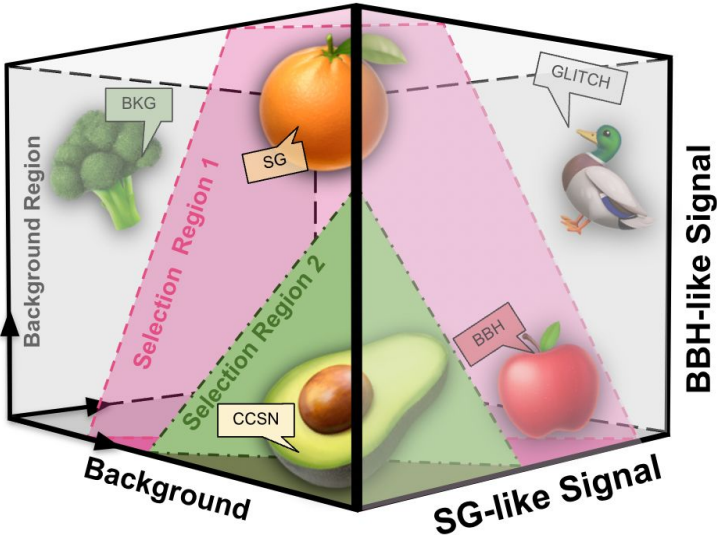
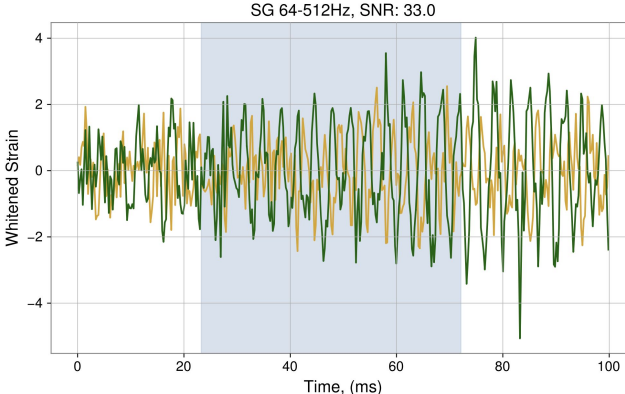
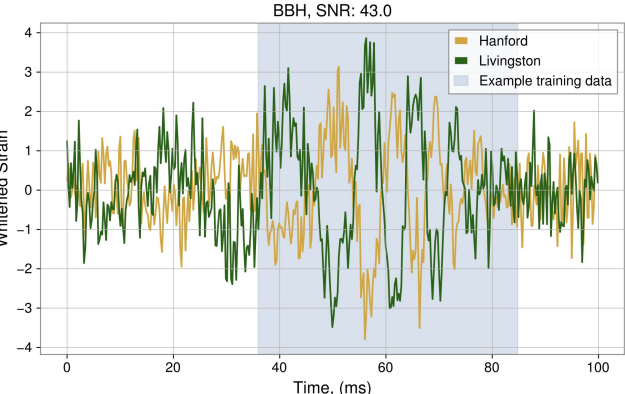
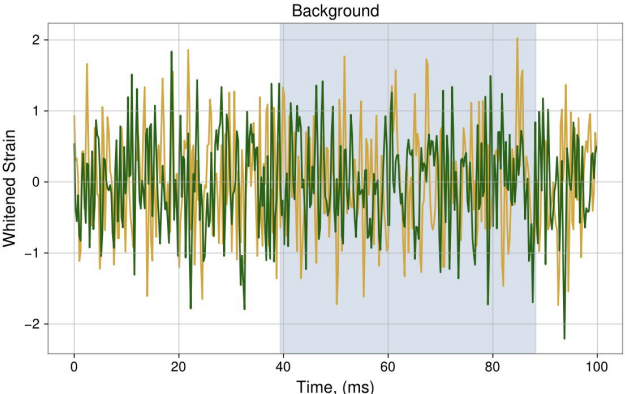


Introduce multiple axes, for both signal and background  $\Rightarrow$  allows to more efficiently select signal-like anomalies



# GWAK: multi-dimensional approach

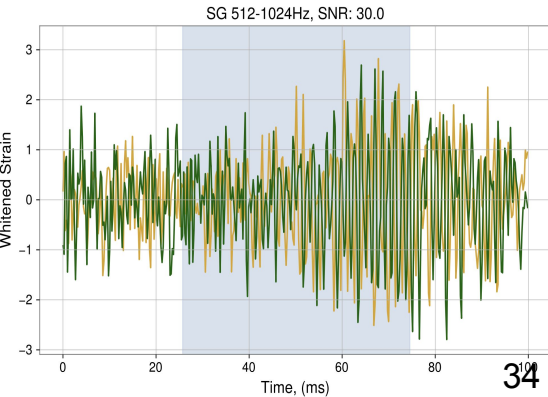
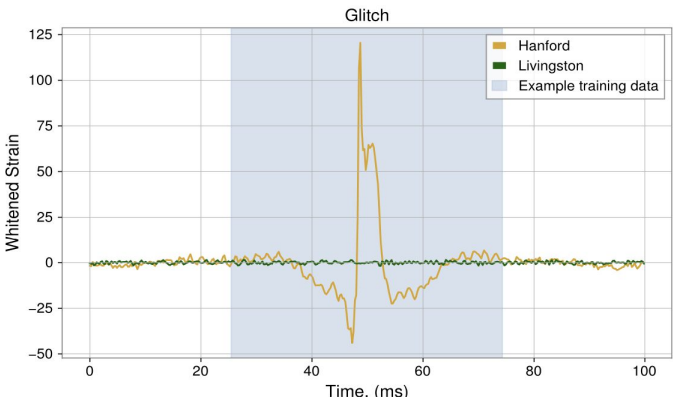
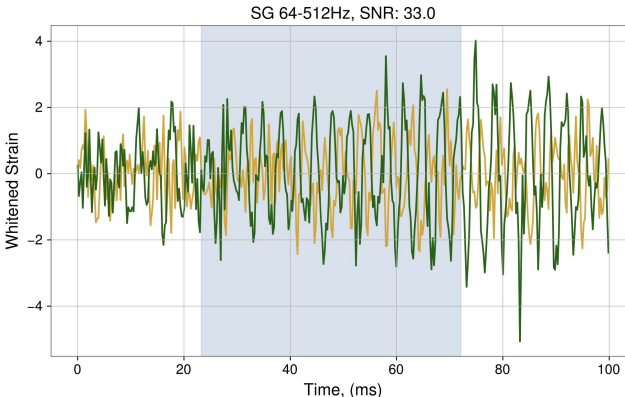
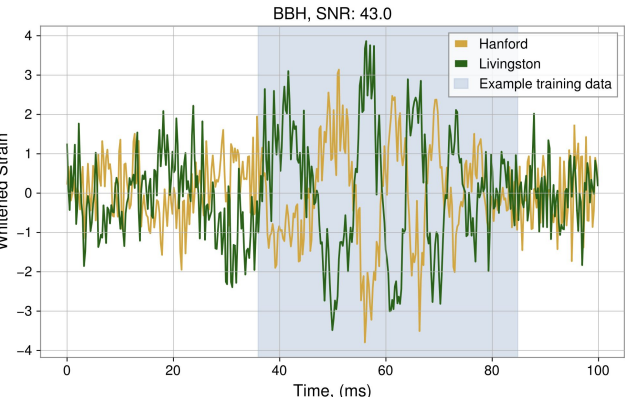
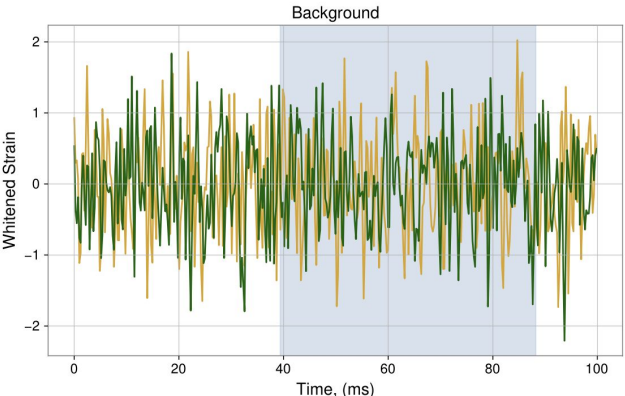
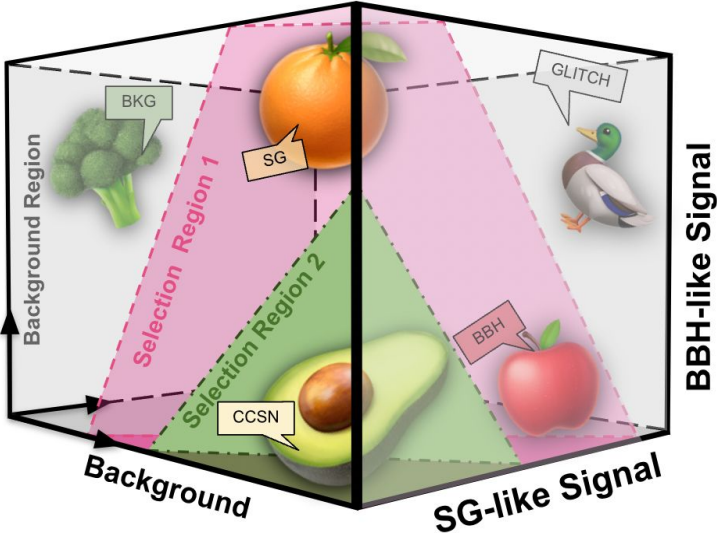
A 3-dim GWAK space example



Raikman et al (2023), GWAK: Gravitational-Wave Anomalous Knowledge with Recurrent Autoencoders, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2309.11537>

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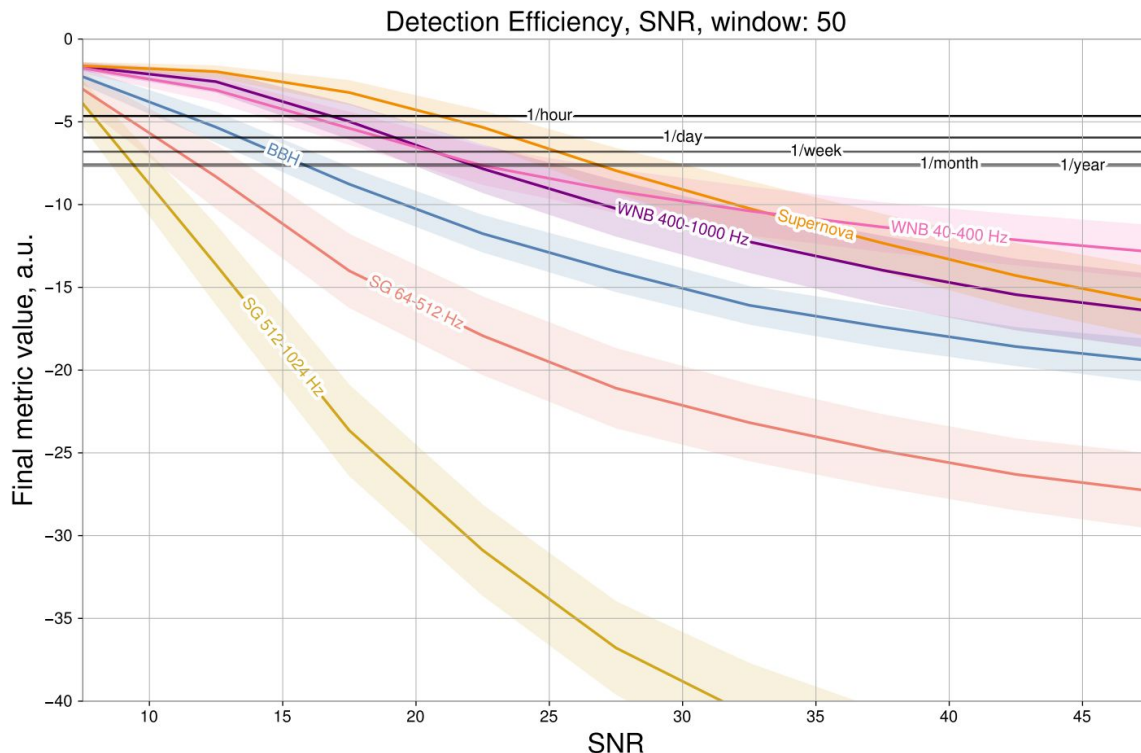
# GWAK efficiency during O3

The final metric as a function of SNR for GWAK axes training signals, BBH (blue), SG 64-512 Hz (yellow), SG 512-1024 Hz (salmon)

and for potential (unseen) anomalies, WNB 40-400 Hz (pink), WNB 400-1000 Hz (purple), and Supernova (orange)

The black lines of varied width correspond to different FARs, from the FAR of 1 per hour to 1 per year

For each of the lines, the events that are below that line would be detected.



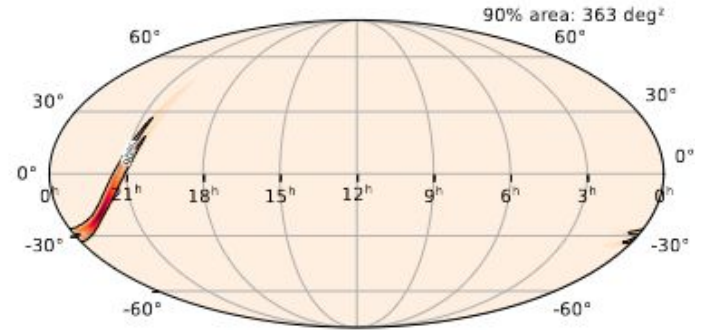
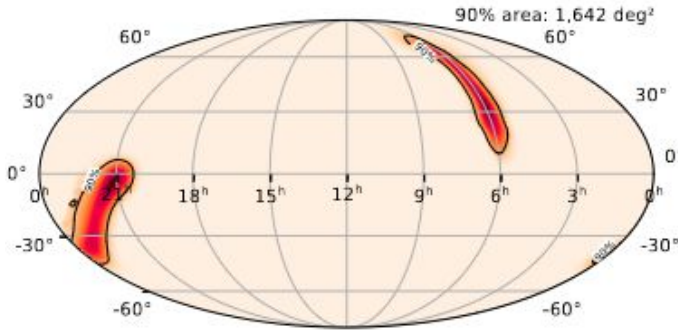
# Low latency sky localization comparisons on O3 alerts

AMPLFI (2-LIGO detector network)

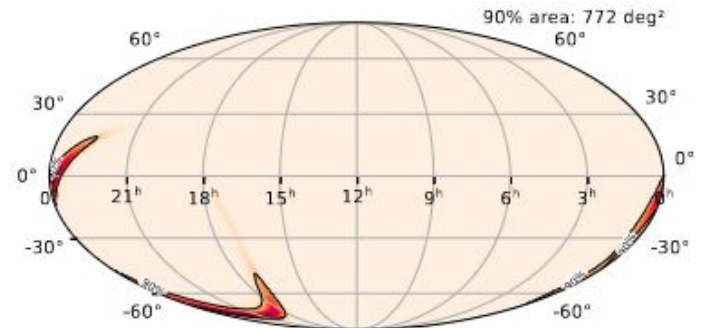
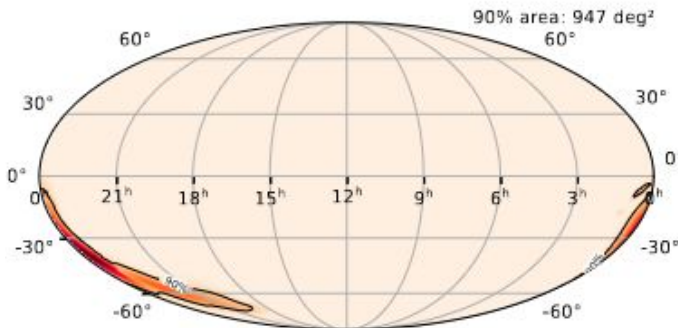
Bayestar (2-LIGO detector network)

[Singer & Price PRD 93, 024013 \(2016\)](#)

[S200129m](#)



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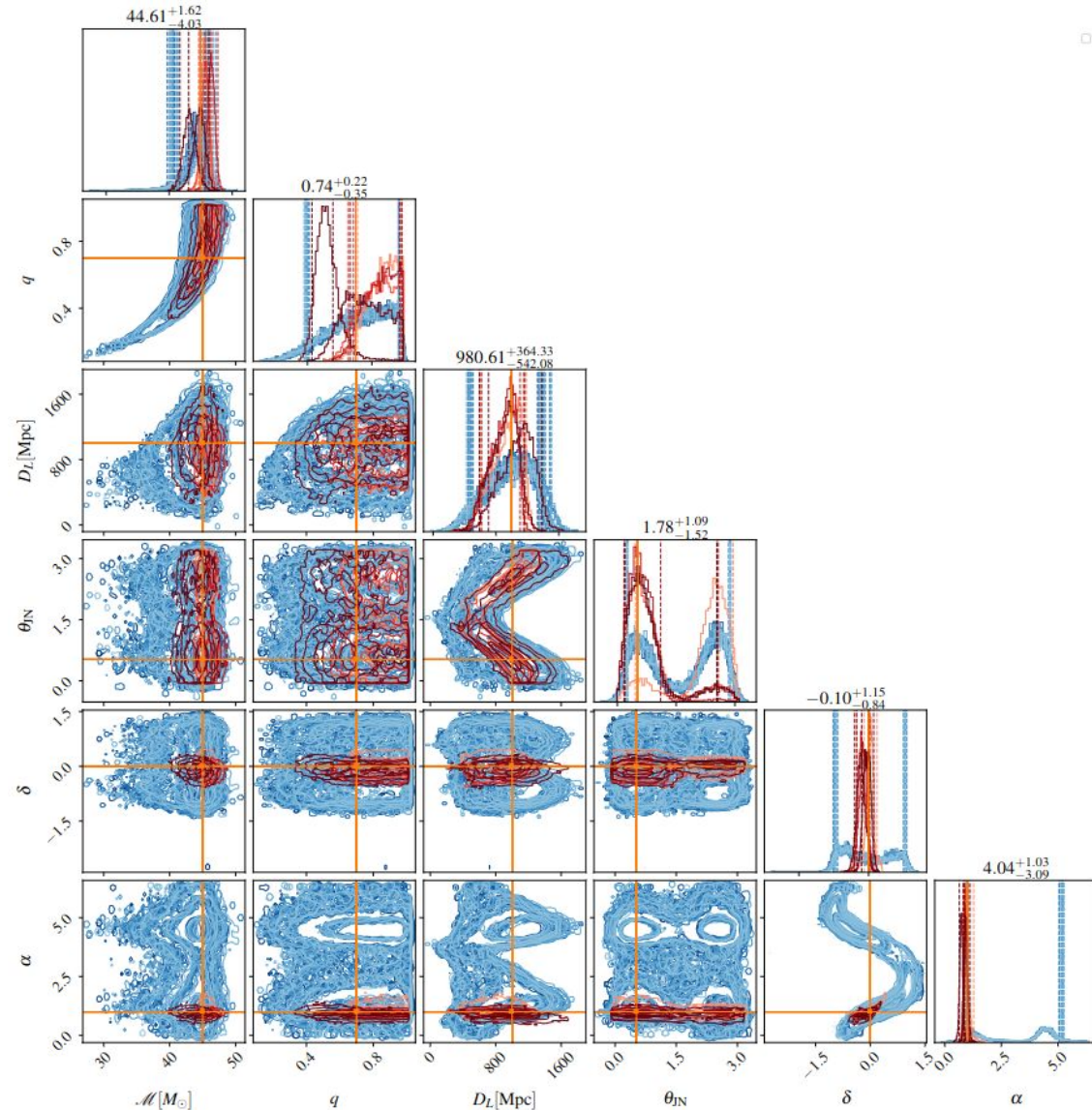


# Sample parameter estimation result

Injected signal: Mchirp = 45 solar masses,  $q=0.7$ ,  $D_L = 1$  Gpc and optimal SNR $\sim 20$  added on 20 different background segments

Posterior samples: AMPLFI in blue, Bilby/Dynesty [[Ashton et al. ApJS 241, 27 \(2019\)](#)] in red

Parameter recovery is consistent with injections and stochastic samplers, although posterior widths are tighter with the later



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