

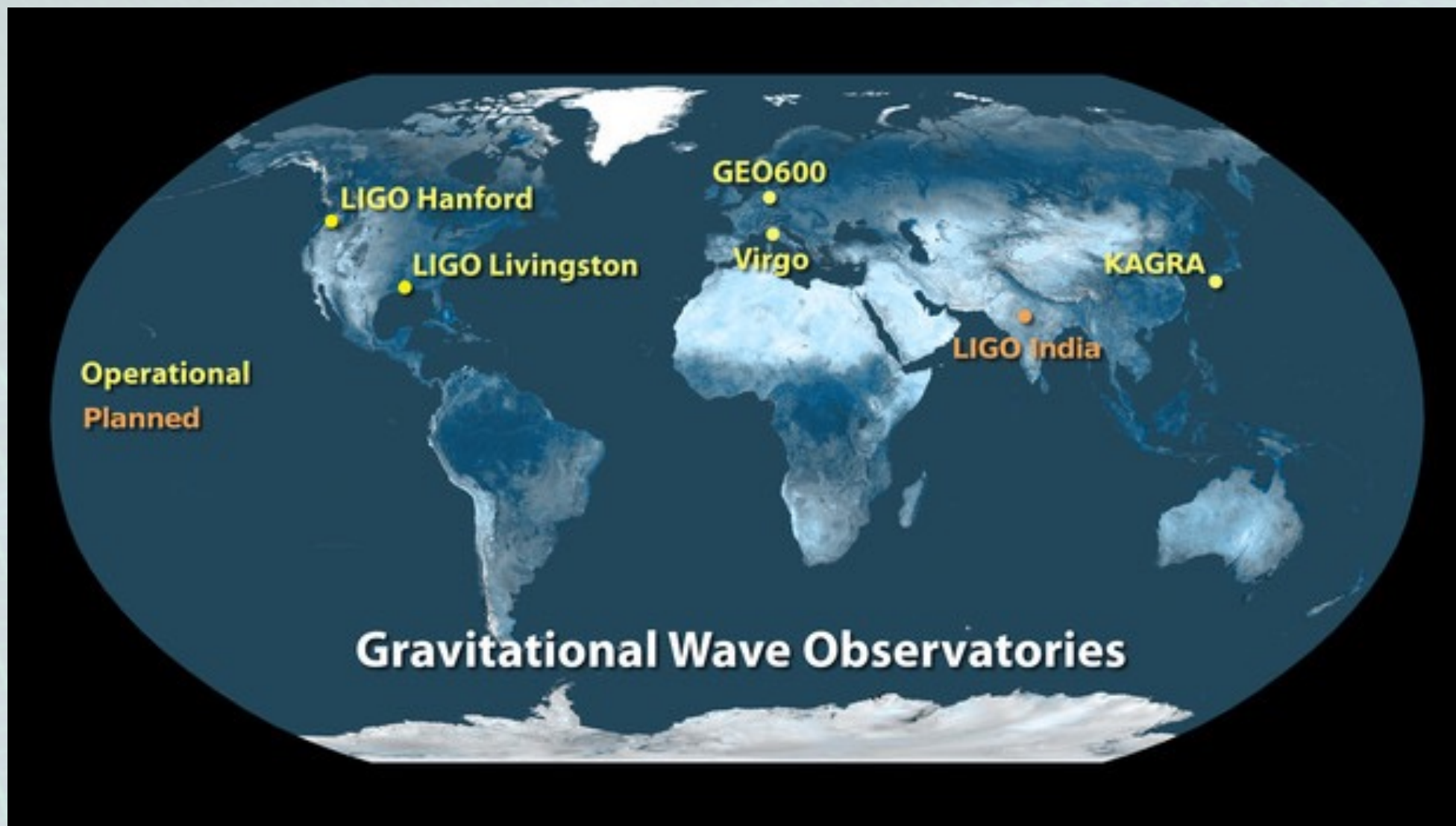
Improving Low-frequency sensitivity of GW detectors:

A new compact seismic attenuation system for the Einstein Telescope

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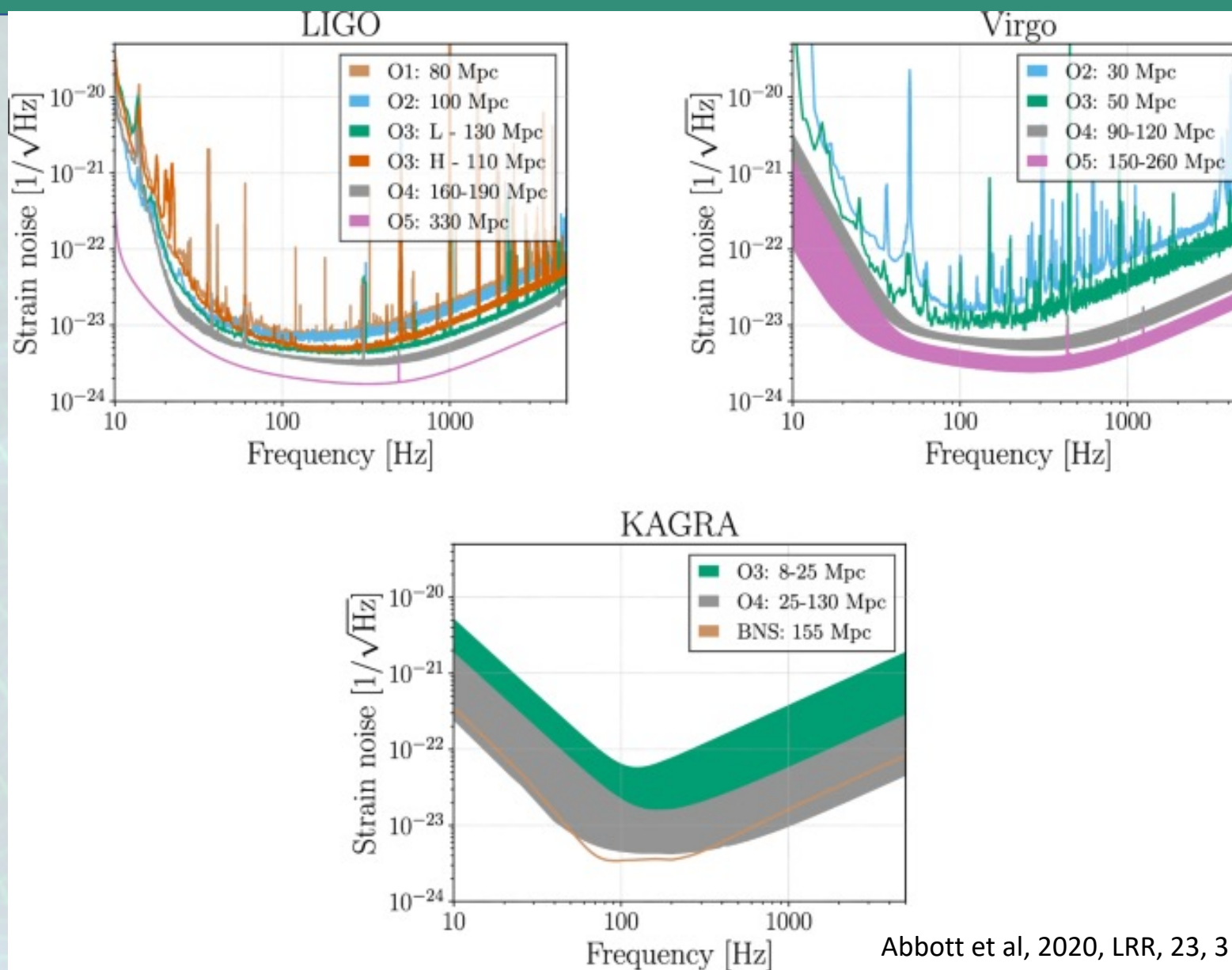
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The era of gravitational waves



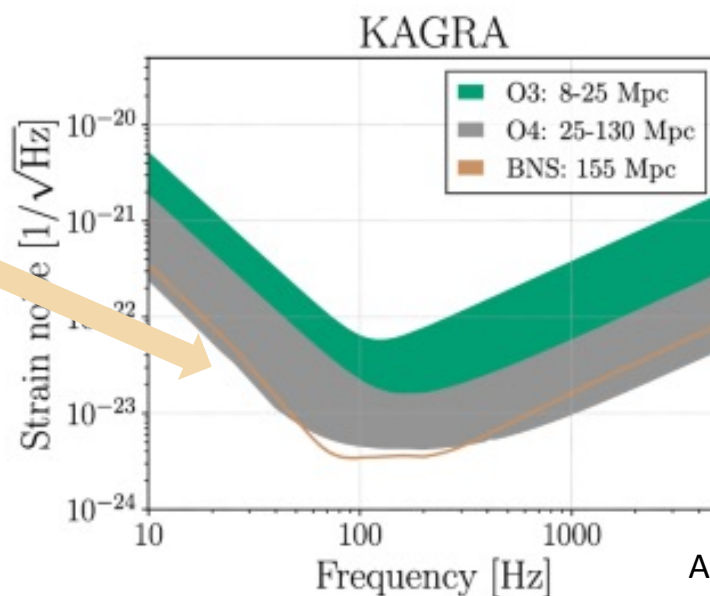
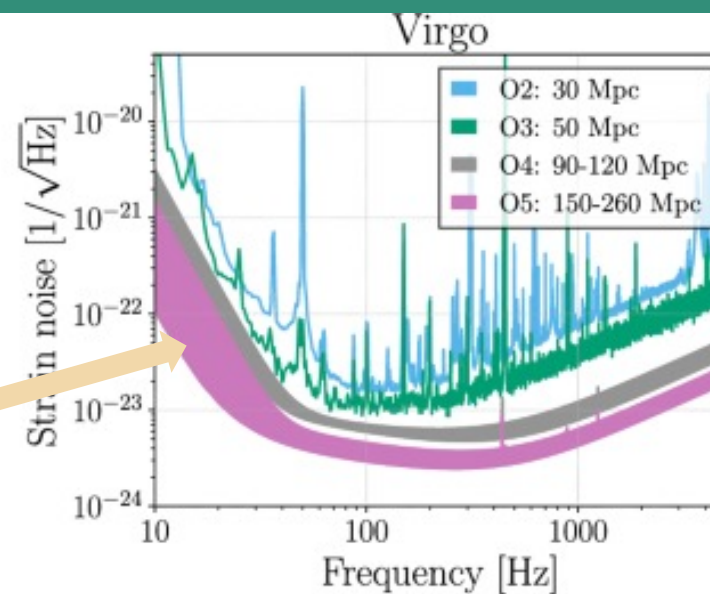
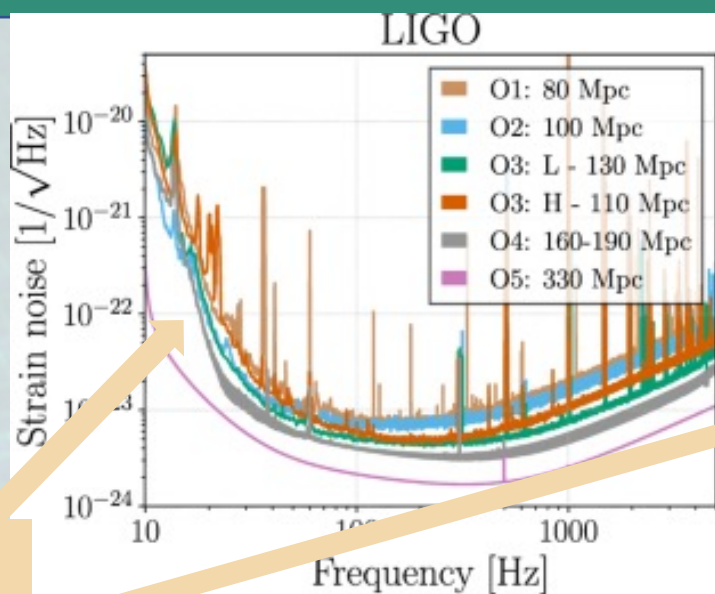
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Sensitivity curve



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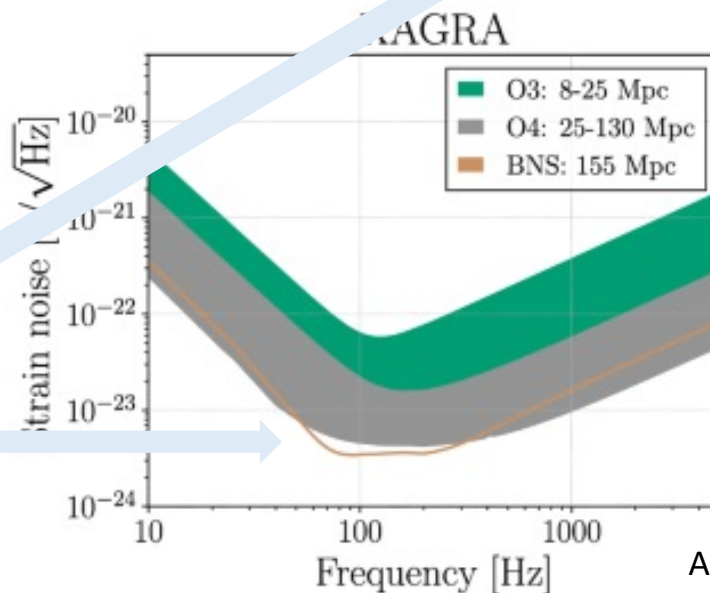
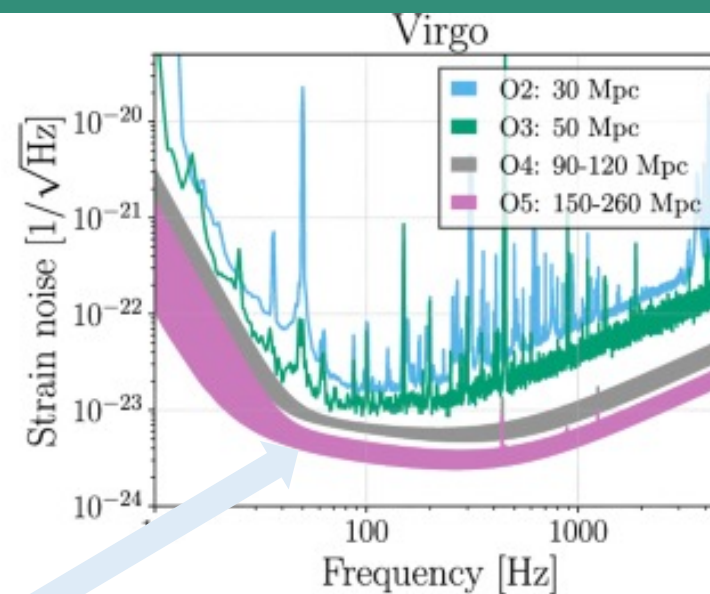
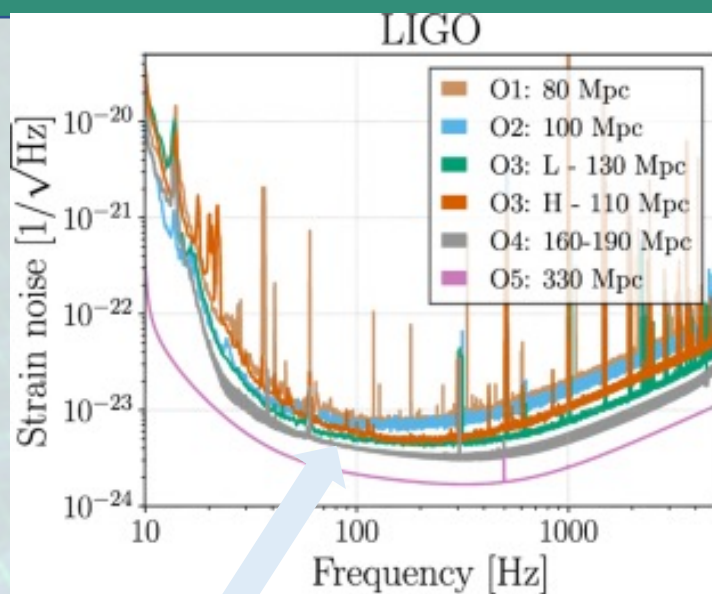


Low Frequencies
Seismic & Newtonian
Noise

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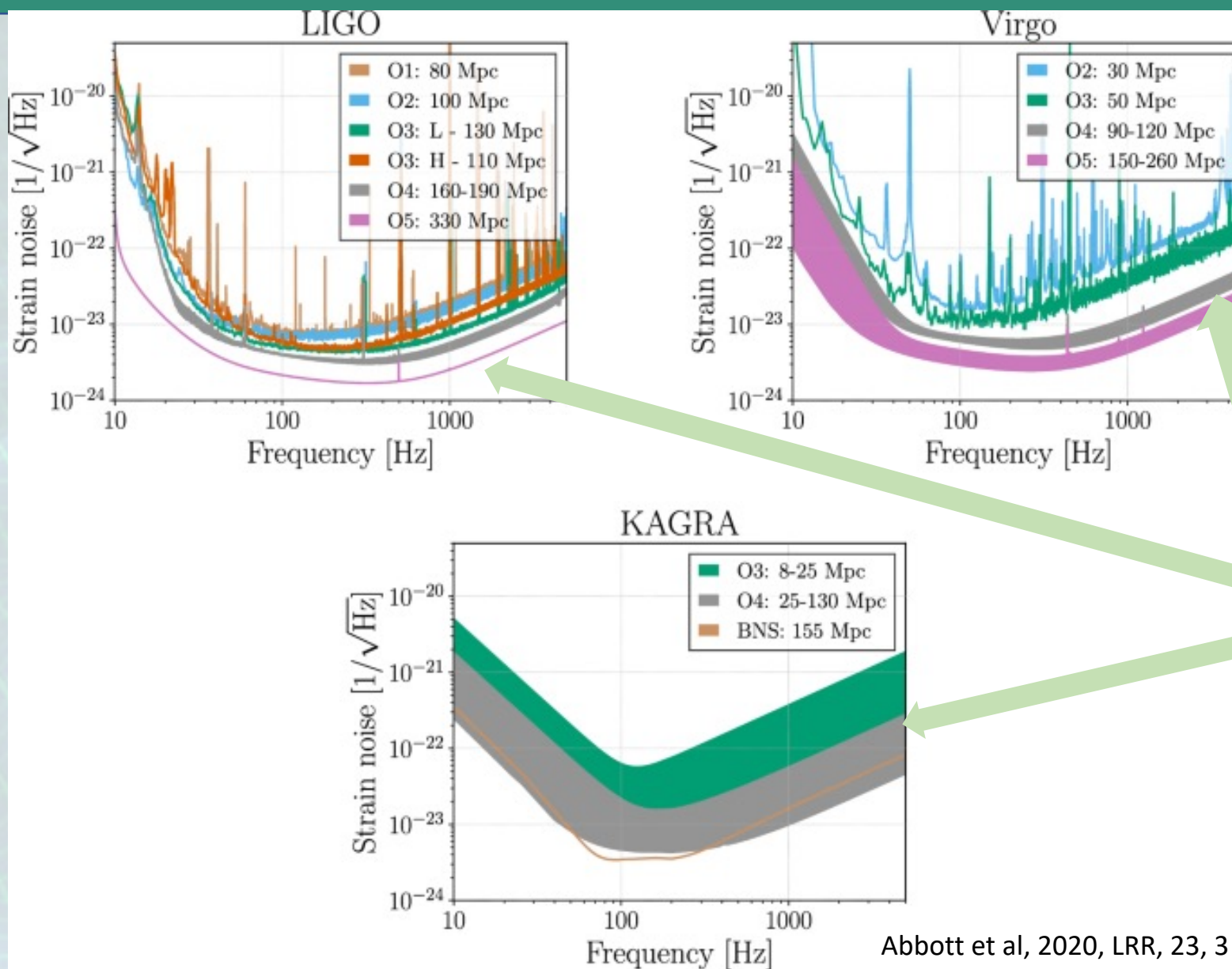
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Mid Frequencies
Thermal Noise

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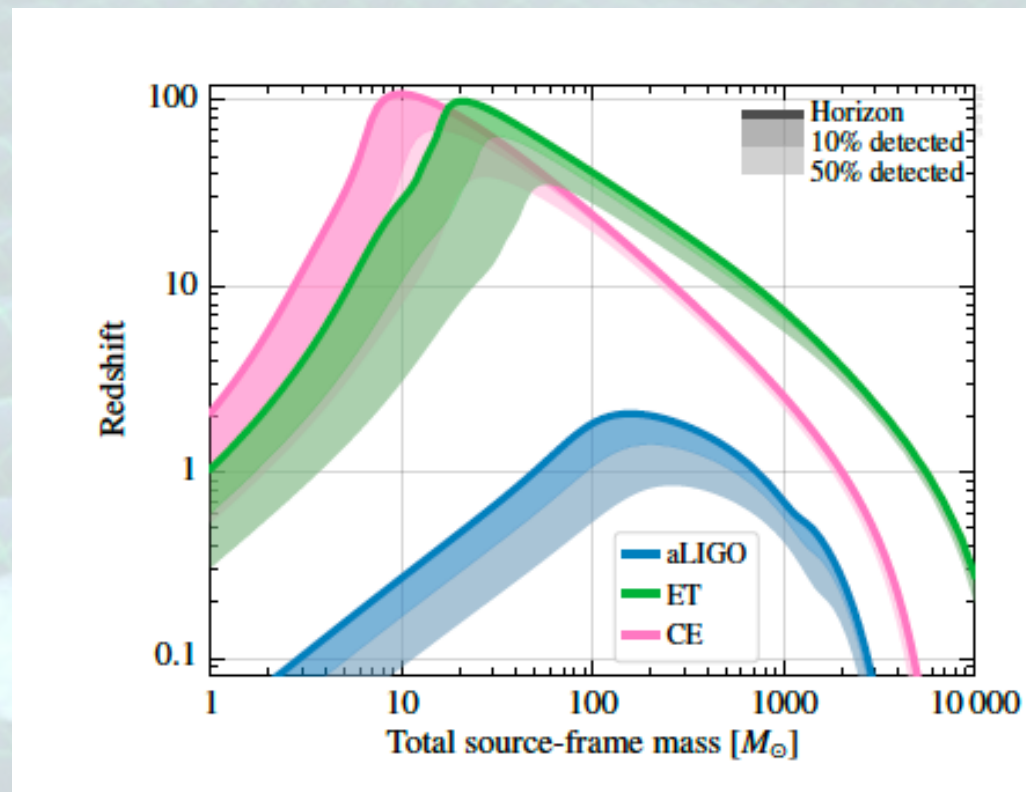
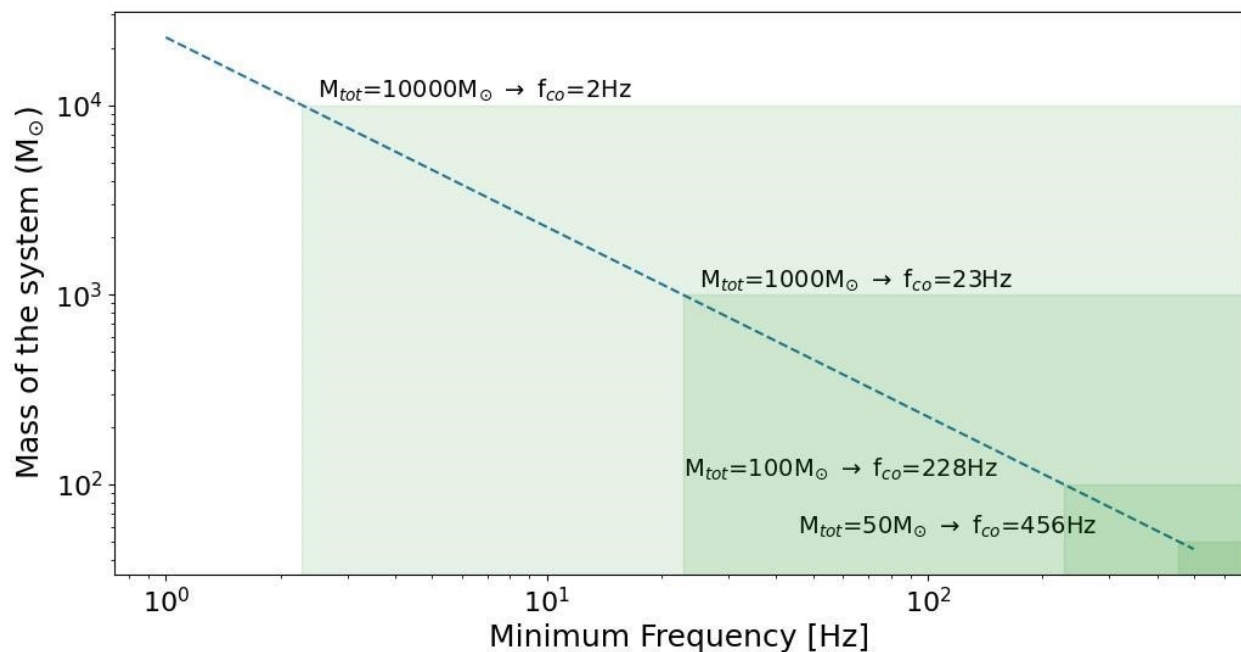
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LF science cases: high-mass black holes

• Black hole physics

- High-mass binary black holes $\propto f^{-1}$
- $M_{\text{obs}} = (1+z)M_{\text{src}} \rightarrow$ high-z black holes
- Higher Signal-to-noise ratio
- Characterize the BH population



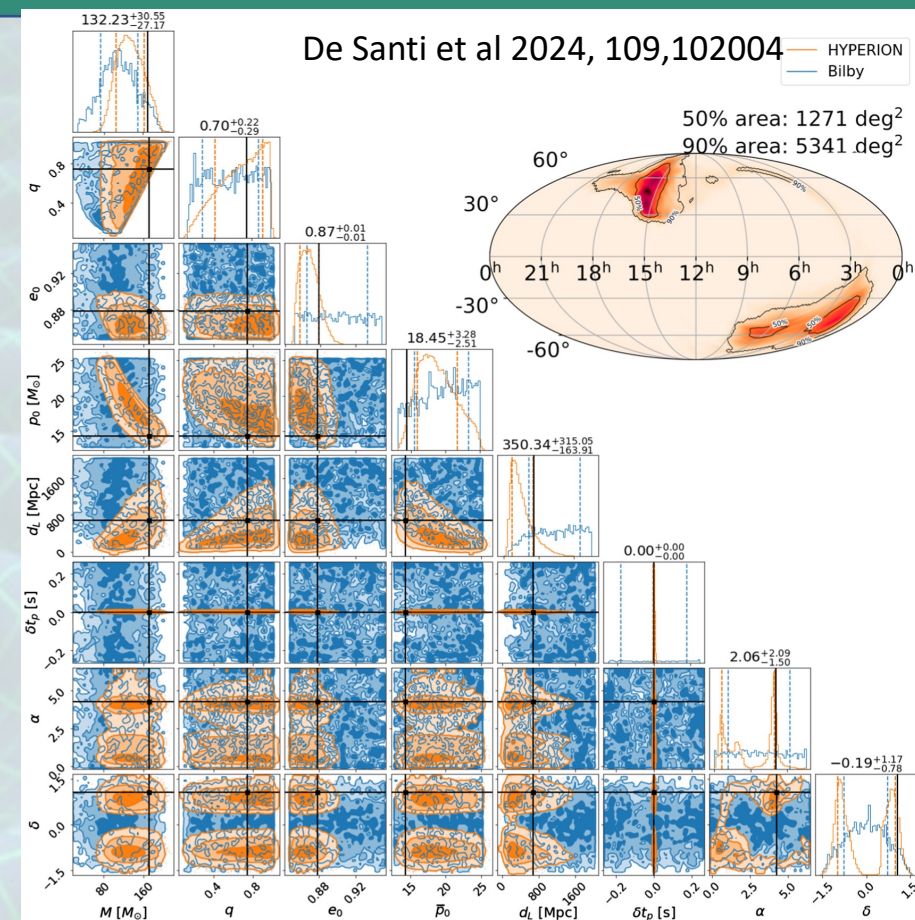
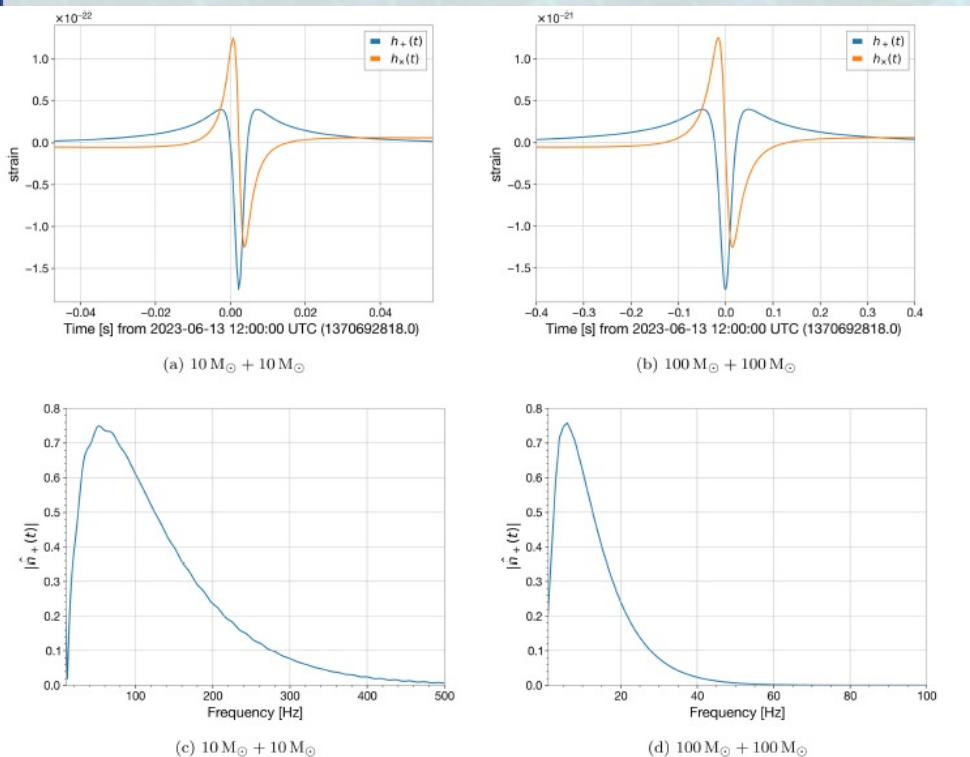
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LF science case: close encounters

• Main Features

- Hints of a dynamical formation channel
- N-body interactions
- F-modes excitations in neutron stars: EoS studies
- Single or multi-burst expected emission

De Santi et al 2024, 109,102004



• New methods for CE: Deep Learning

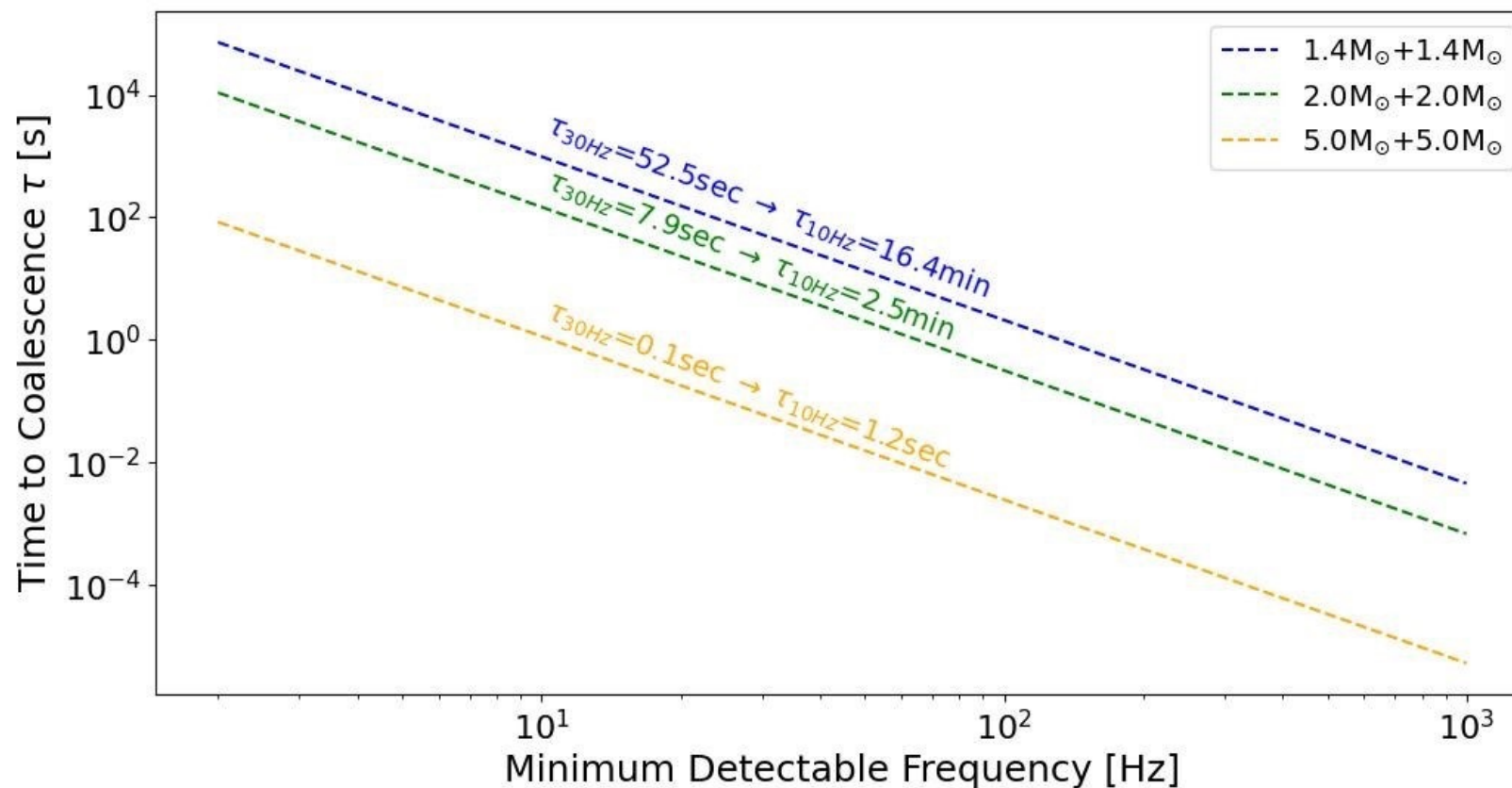
- Normalizing Flows for fast parameter estimation
- From 10h (5×10^3 samples) to 0.5s (5×10^4 samples)
- More details in De Santi et al PRD,109,102044, (2024)



LF science case: BNS early warning

- **Early warning**

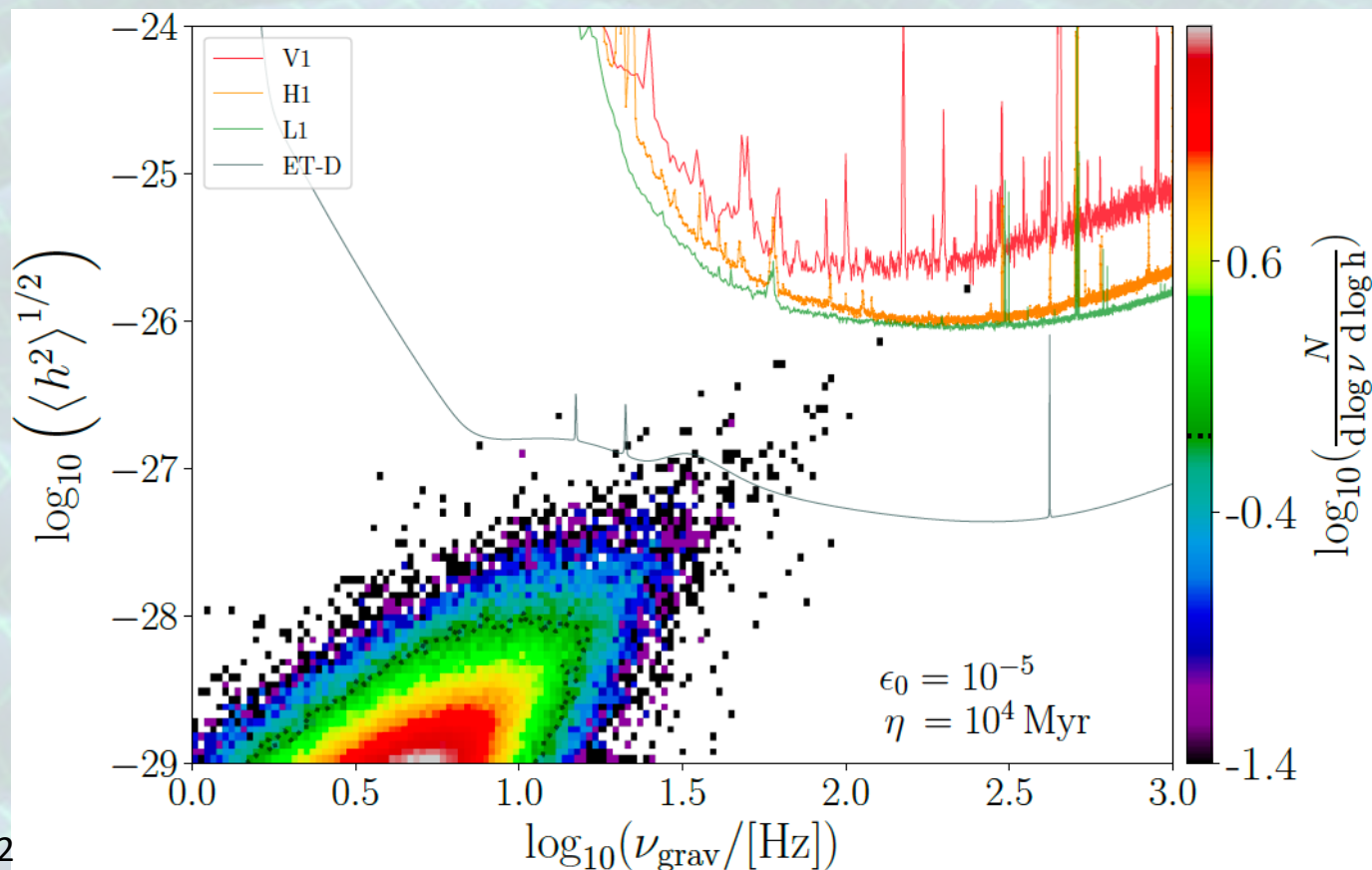
- Time to coalescence increase with lower frequencies
- Better waveform measurement and parameter estimation
- Prealert → Enabling real-time/simultaneous electromagnetic observations



LF science case: pulsars

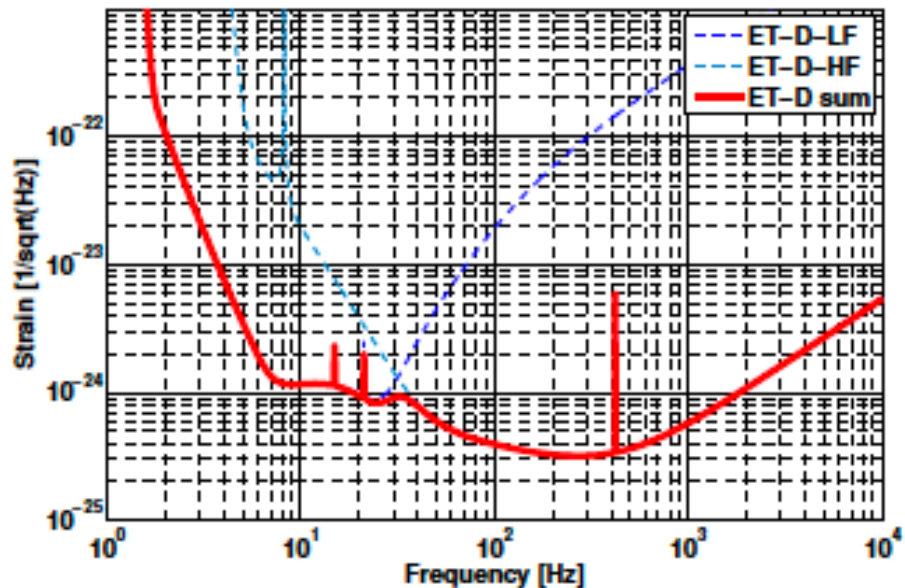
- **Isolated neutron stars**

- Expected continuous, periodic GW emission (not yet detected!)
- Depending on asymmetries in the neutron star structure
- f_{GW} at twice the neutron star spin frequency



Cieslar et al 2021, A&A, 649,92

Low frequencies and ET



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• ET seismic attenuation system

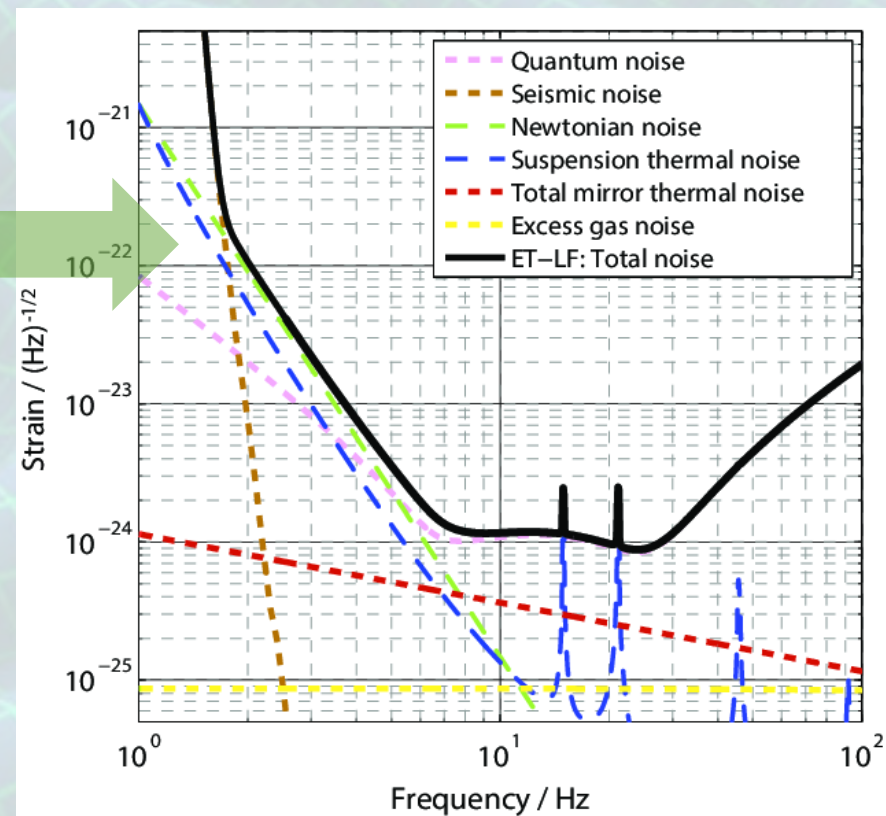
- Baseline design: 17m high
- Superattenuator concept like Virgo
- → Reducing height will reduce excavation costs

• Main Components

- Micro seismic noise
- Gravity gradient (Newtonian Noise)
- Control noise
- Residual noise

Newtonian noise crossing point

$2 \times 10^{-22} \text{ Hz}^{-1/2}$ @ 1.8 Hz
(3.2 Hz @ AdVirgo)



ET Conceptual Study, 2011

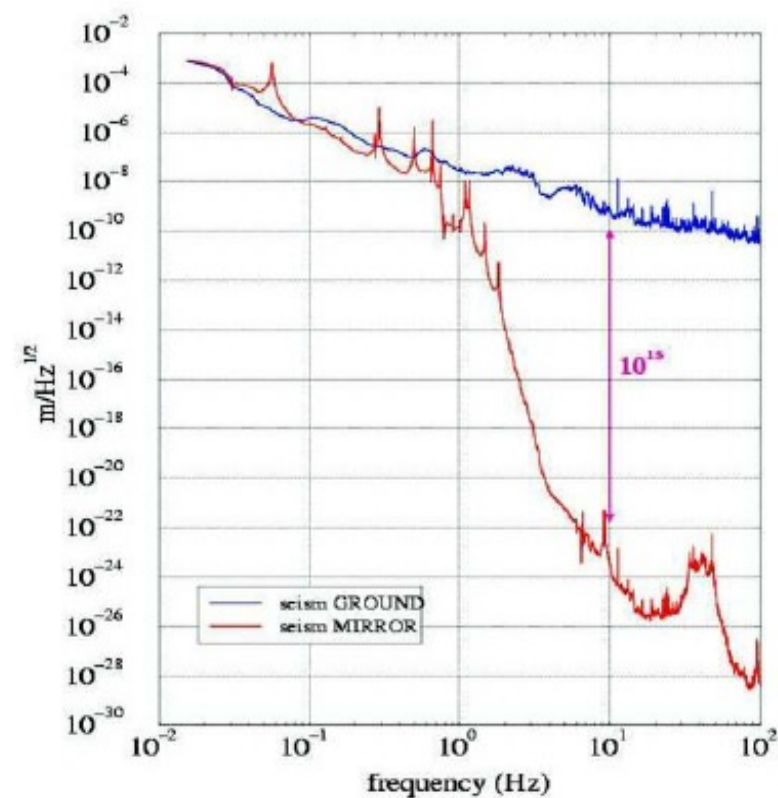
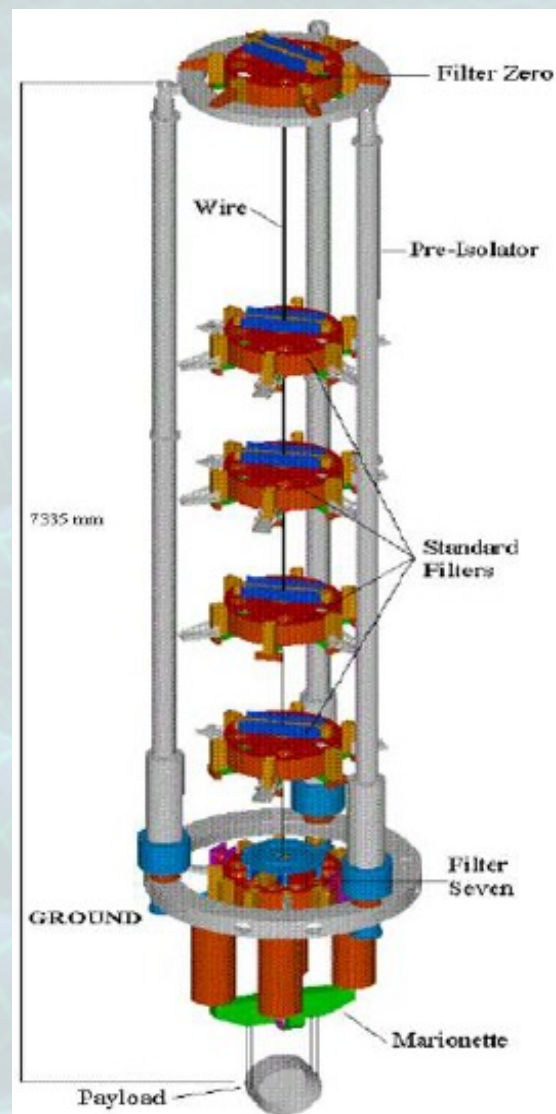
The SuperAttenuator concept

- **Key ideas**

- Implement passive attenuation
- Active attenuation to damp resonances
- Sensing and control to maintain components in working point

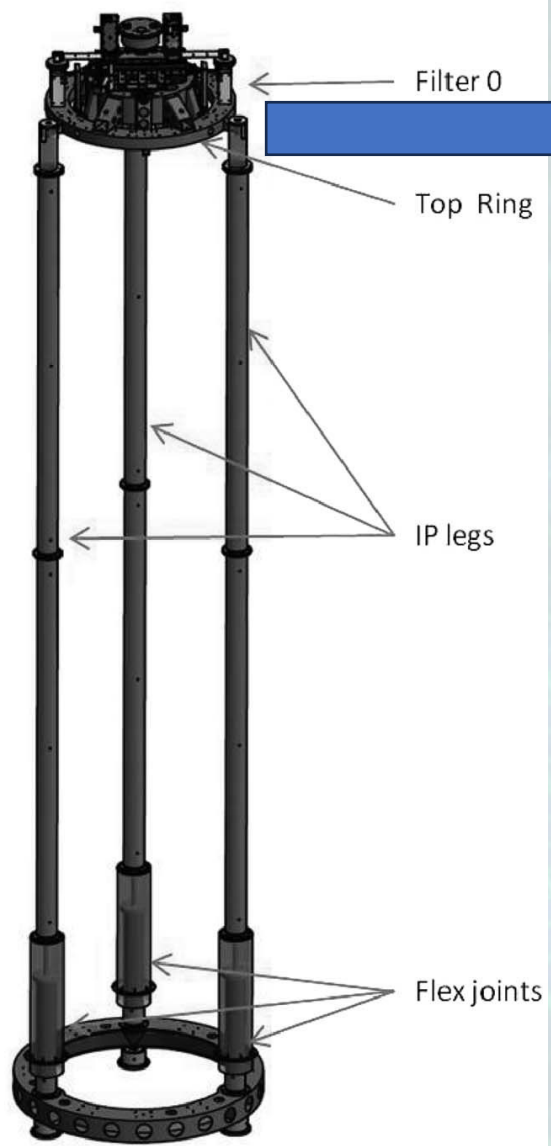
- **Virgo superattenuator**

- Inverted Pendulum as pre-isolator
- Standard filters
- Payload
- Normal mode resonance frequencies < 2 Hz
- Total height 8.66 m



Accadia et al 2012, CQG

The inverted Pendulum

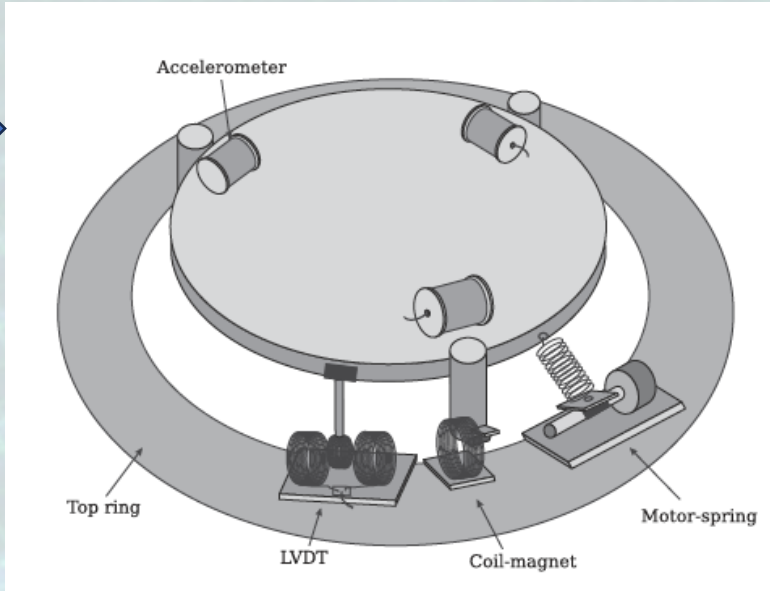


Filter 0

Top Ring

IP legs

Flex joints



Accelerometer

Top ring

LVDT

Coil-magnet

Motor-spring

• Main components

- Three 6-m hollow legs
- Top ring + Filter 0
- Horizontal normal modes tuned at 30-40 mHz
- Filter 0 equipped with sensors and actuators to damp resonances

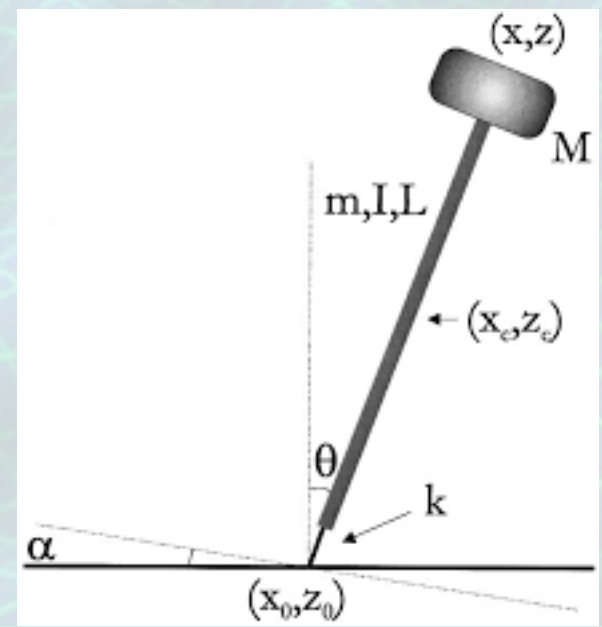
Recap in Inverted Pendulum

- Acting as gravity antispring
- System very soft, low forces to move

$$F \cong M\omega_0^2 x$$

Accadia et al, 2012, RSI,82,094502

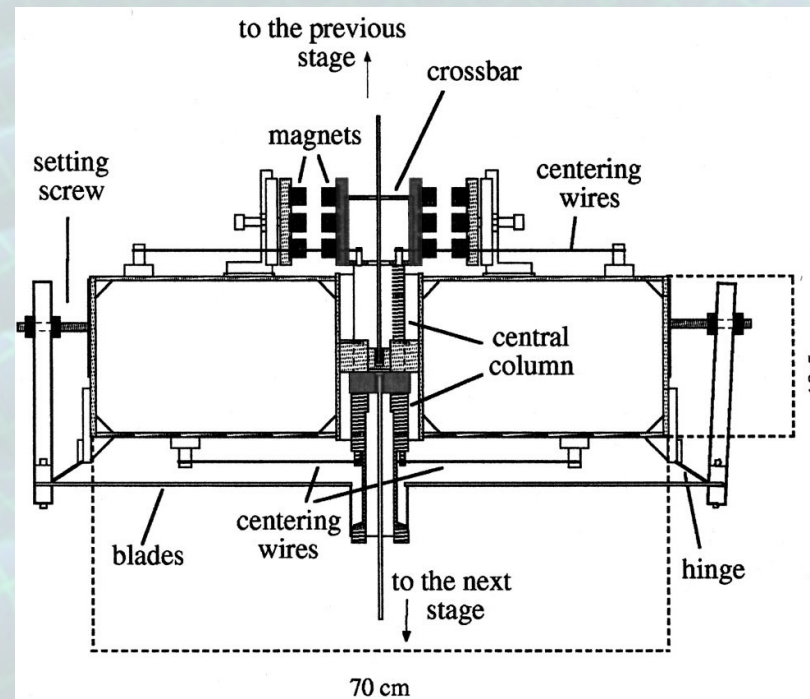
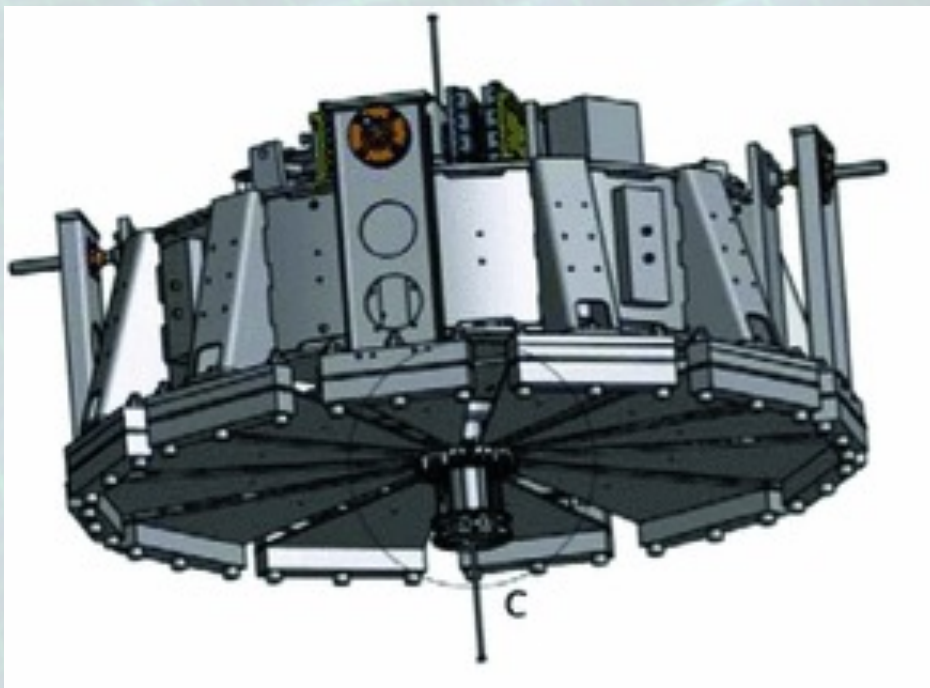
Losurdo et al, 1999, RSI,70,2507



Standard Filters

- **Main Body**

- Rigid, drum-like structure
- A moving part, attached to lower stages
- Vertical attenuation by cantilever triangular blades+magnetic antispring



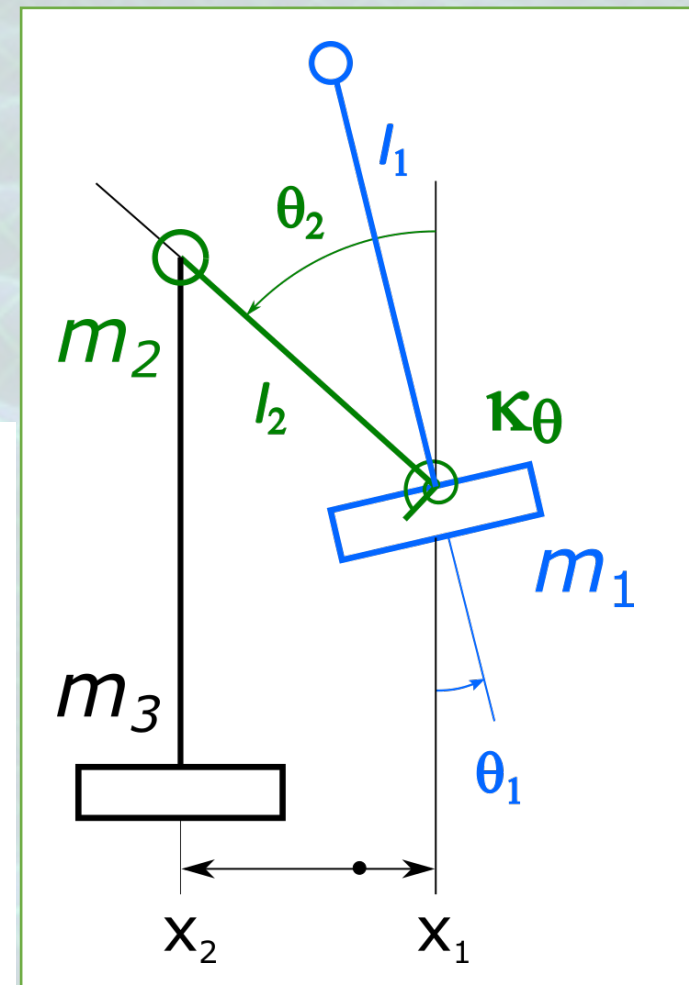
The Pendulum Inverted Pendulum

• Key Ideas

- Seismic attenuation in a compact space
- Fold a Inverted Pendulum+Pendulum
- System is stable if k stiff

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• l1: 1.544, # Pendulum length\
• l2: 0.520, # IP length\
• T1: 2551.0, # Pendulum tension\
• T2: 1766.0, # IP compression\
• m1: 80.0, # Pendulum mass\
• m2: 80.0, # Filter mass\
• m3: 100.0, # Load\
• I1s: 20.0, # Pendulum moment of inertia \
• I2s: 0.8, # IP moment of inertia\
• k: 1700.0, # flex joint elastic constant\
    
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➔ Normal modes @ 0.68Hz and 0.74Hz

Attenuation Factor

- Horizontal Attenuation

$$A_{f_0} = \left(\frac{f_0^2}{f^2 - f_0^2} \right)^2$$

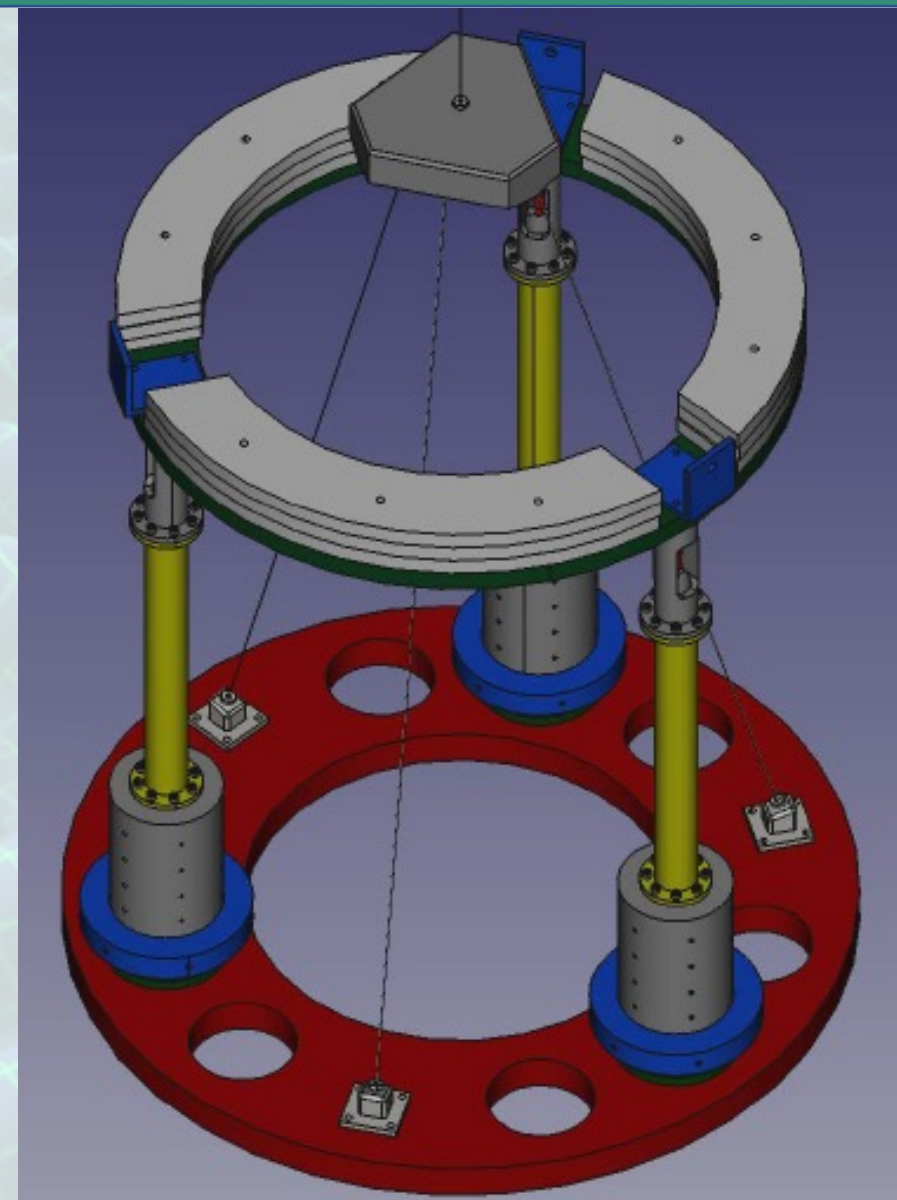
For $f_0 = 0.75\text{Hz}$:

# of PIPs	Attenuation @2 Hz
1	2.7×10^{-2}
2	7.2×10^{-4}
3	1.9×10^{-5}

Required Attenuation
For ET $\approx 5 \times 10^{-5}$

ca 150 cm

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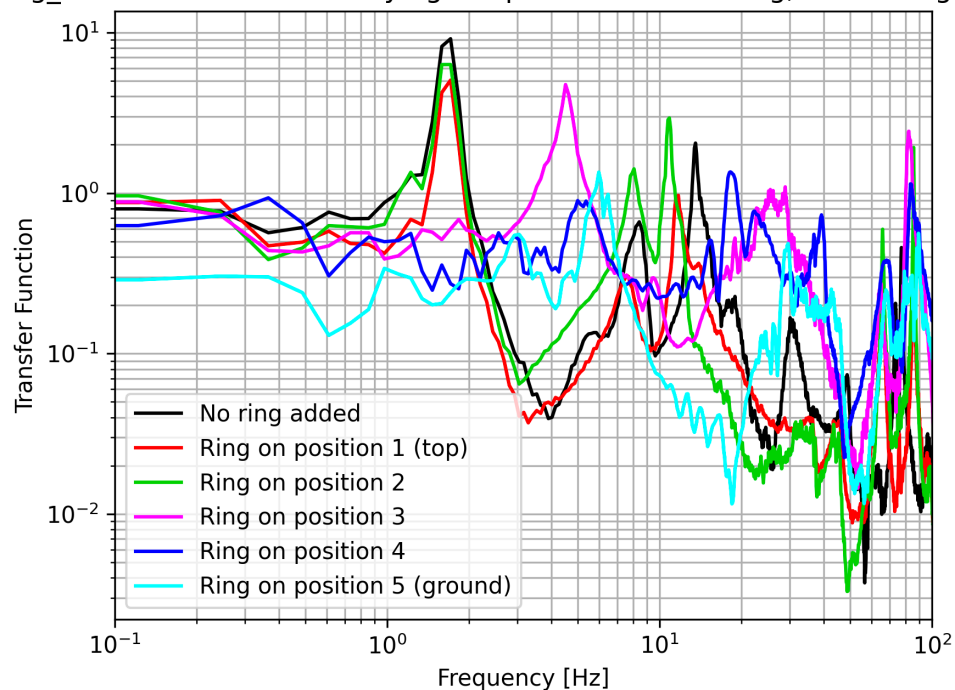


First Characterizations

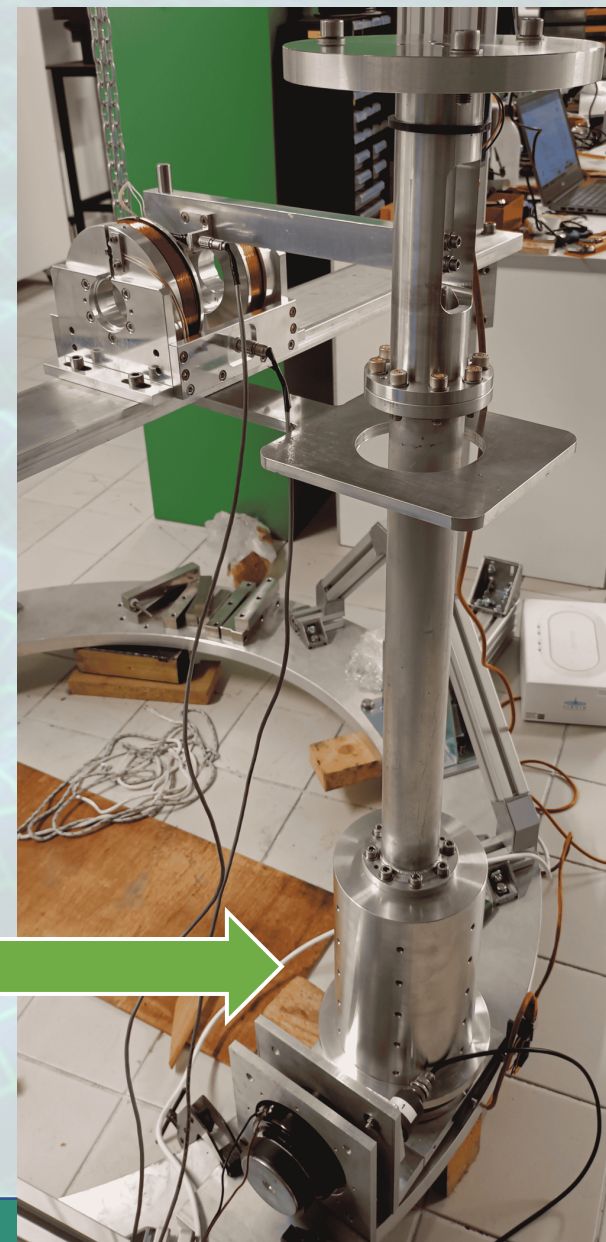
• First Prototype

- First components built and tested at INFN-Pisa Lab
- Characterized PIP inverted pendulum legs
- LVDT sensors on top and bottom of the legs
- Study transfer function and resonances
- Full PIP under test

Leg_1 transfer functions varying the position of base ring, extra 12kg of



Counterweights



Conclusions

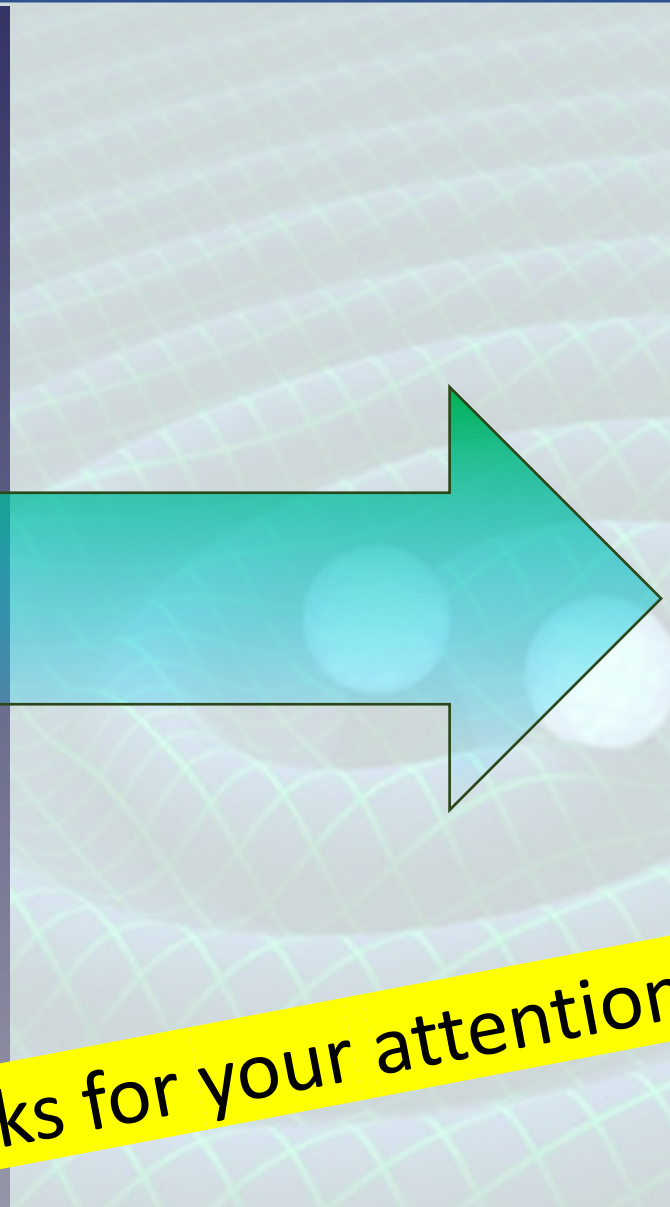
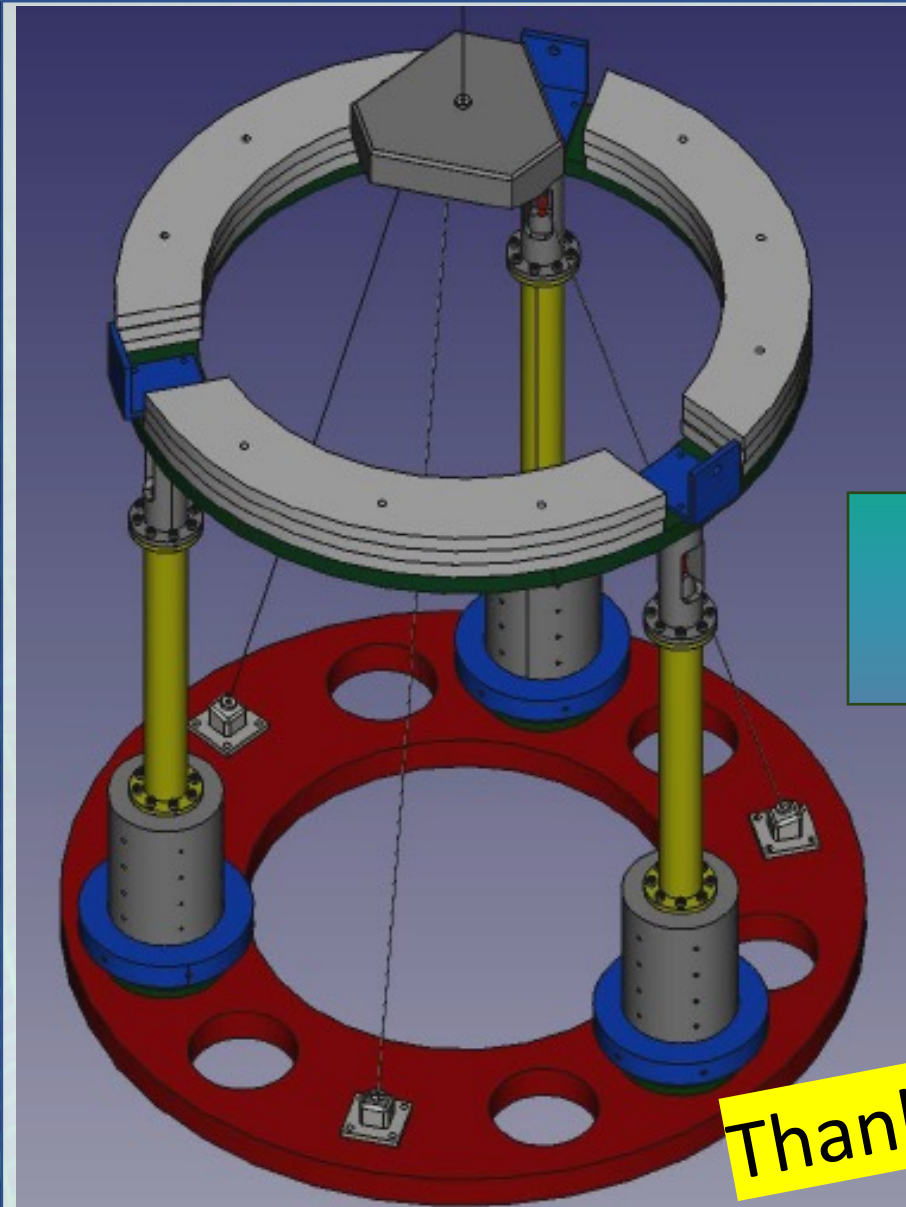
- **Low frequency Science Cases**

- High-mass black holes (hints: GW190426_190642)
- Multi-messenger opportunities and early warning (GW170817)
- Other interesting sources (pulsars, encounters,...)

- **New ideas for seismic attenuation**

- Passive+active approach
- Elaborate on SuperAttenuator concept
- Compact Filter based on Pendulum Inverted Pendulum
- R&D supported by the project Black Holes for ET in Sardinia (BHETSA), funded by the PRIN2020 call. More details on <http://bhetsa.df.unipi.it/>
- PIP Construction and test has been done
- Not just simulations...





Thanks for your attention!