



Multi -Messenger Coordination on the Supermassive Scale

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Billion years

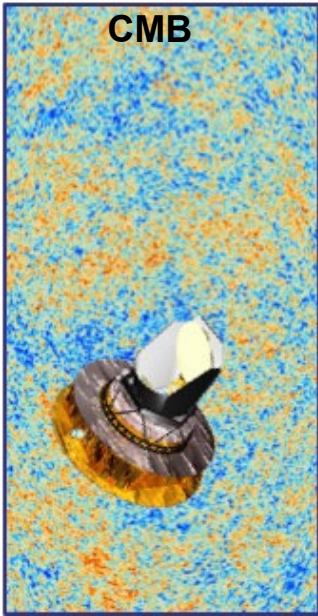
Months–Decades

Minutes–Hours

Milliseconds

Lower frequencies,
Higher masses

Higher frequencies,
Lower masses



CMB

Primordial GWs



**Pulsar Timing
Arrays**

**Supermassive
black hole binaries**



LISA

**Massive black
hole binaries**



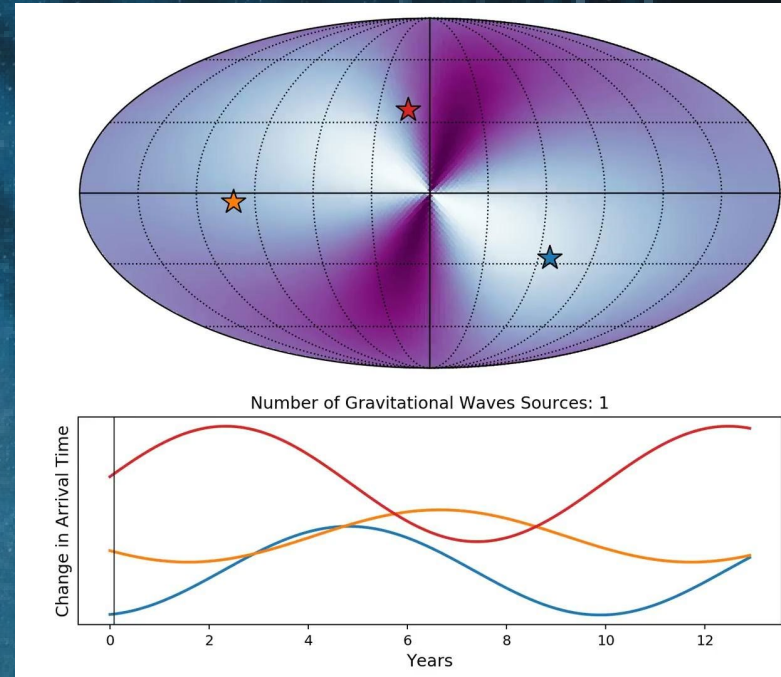
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Stellar mass binaries

GWs from SMBHBs

Continuous waves (CWs) from single SMBHBs

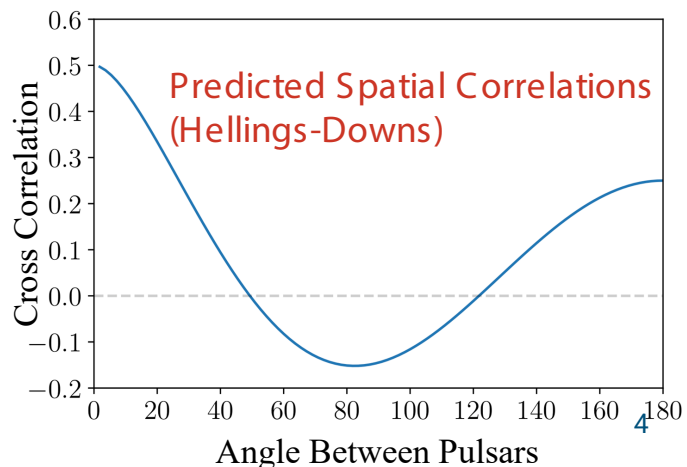
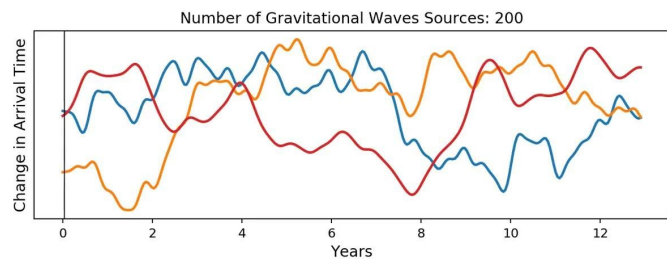
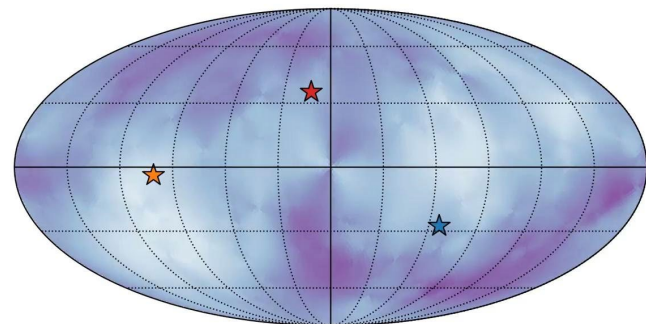
- Deterministic, modelable signal affects the earth and the pulsar while evolving
Orbital periods of months to decades



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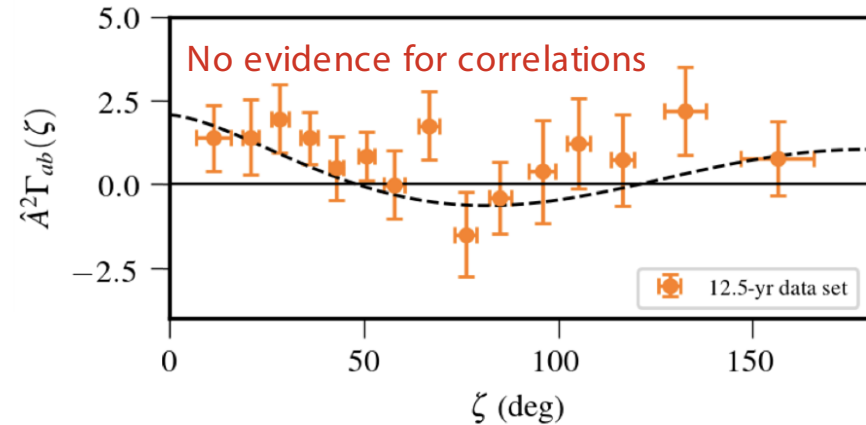
The stochastic gravitational wave background (GWB)

Induces spatially correlated red noise with a common spectrum ($A_{\text{CRN}}, \gamma_{\text{CRN}}$) in all pulsars

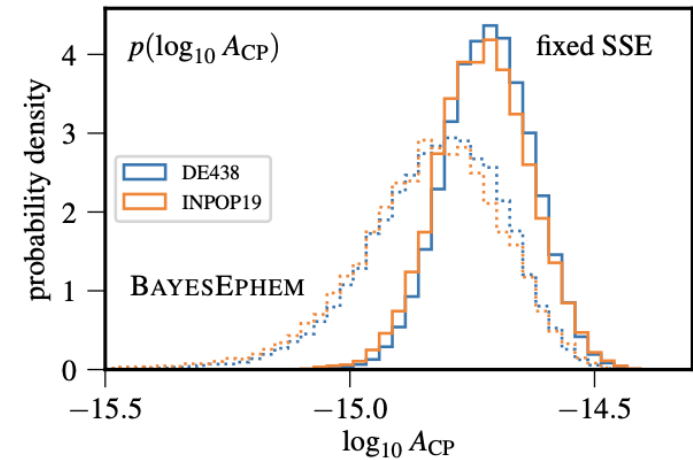


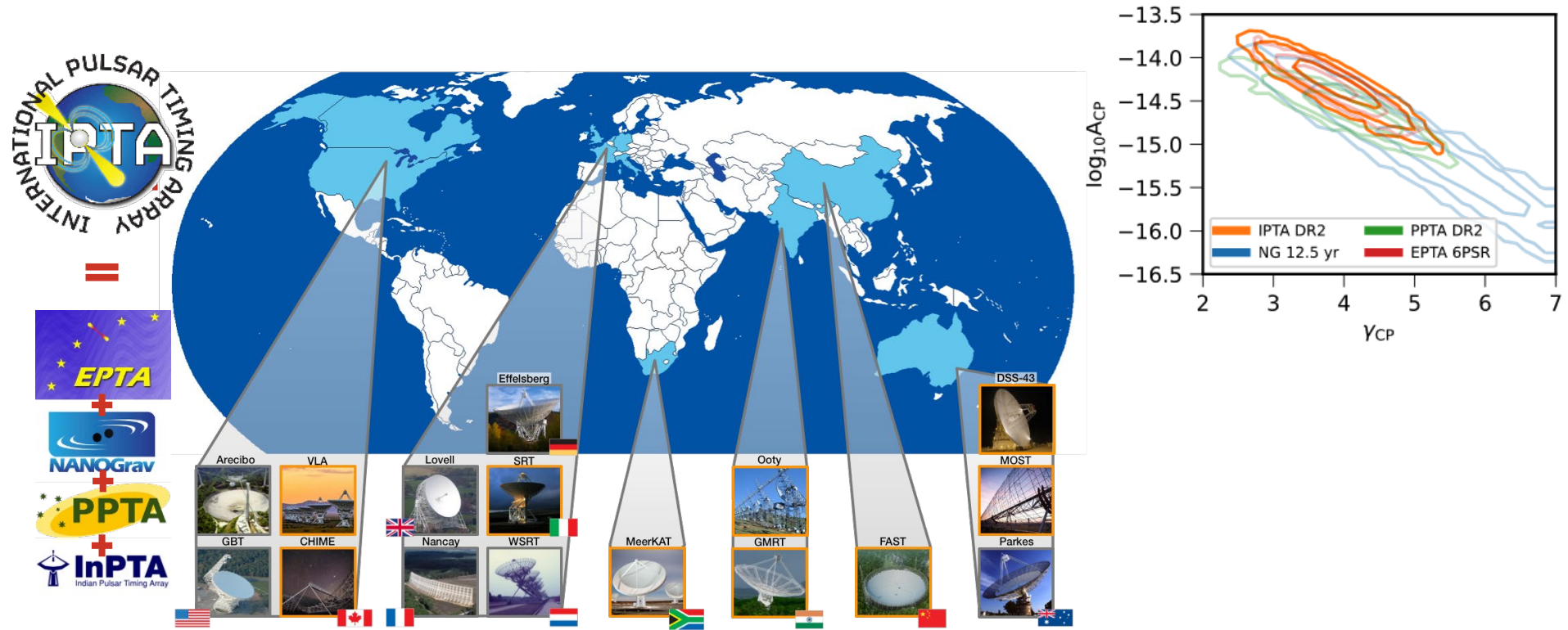
12.5 year GW B Searches

- NANOGrav's 12.5-year data set shows strong evidence of an **uncorrelated** common-spectrum red noise process



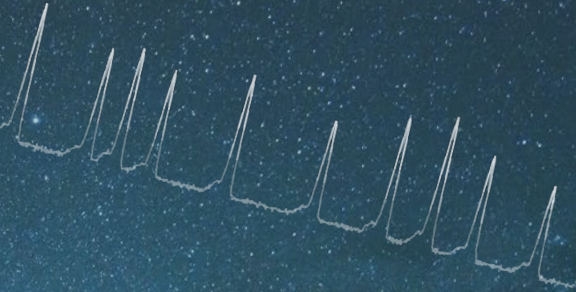
Strong evidence for CRN





Supported by international collaborators!

So what's next?



In Progress: New Data Sets!



→ DR3

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DR2



15-year



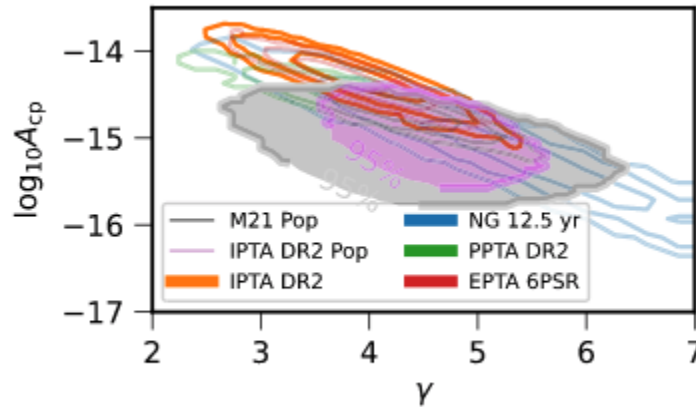
DR3



DR1

All PTAs are increasing data time spans and adding pulsars to hopefully reach a GWB detection in the coming years

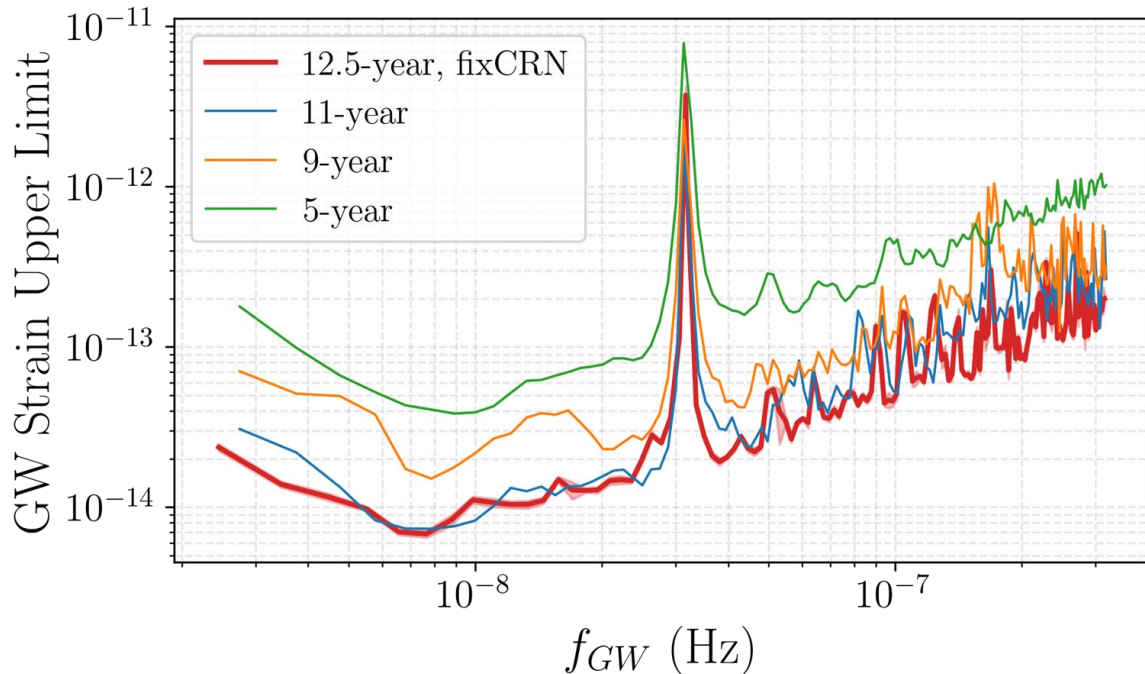
Detection Characterization SMBHB population!



Next Up: Continuous Waves

CWs could be detectable soon after the GWB

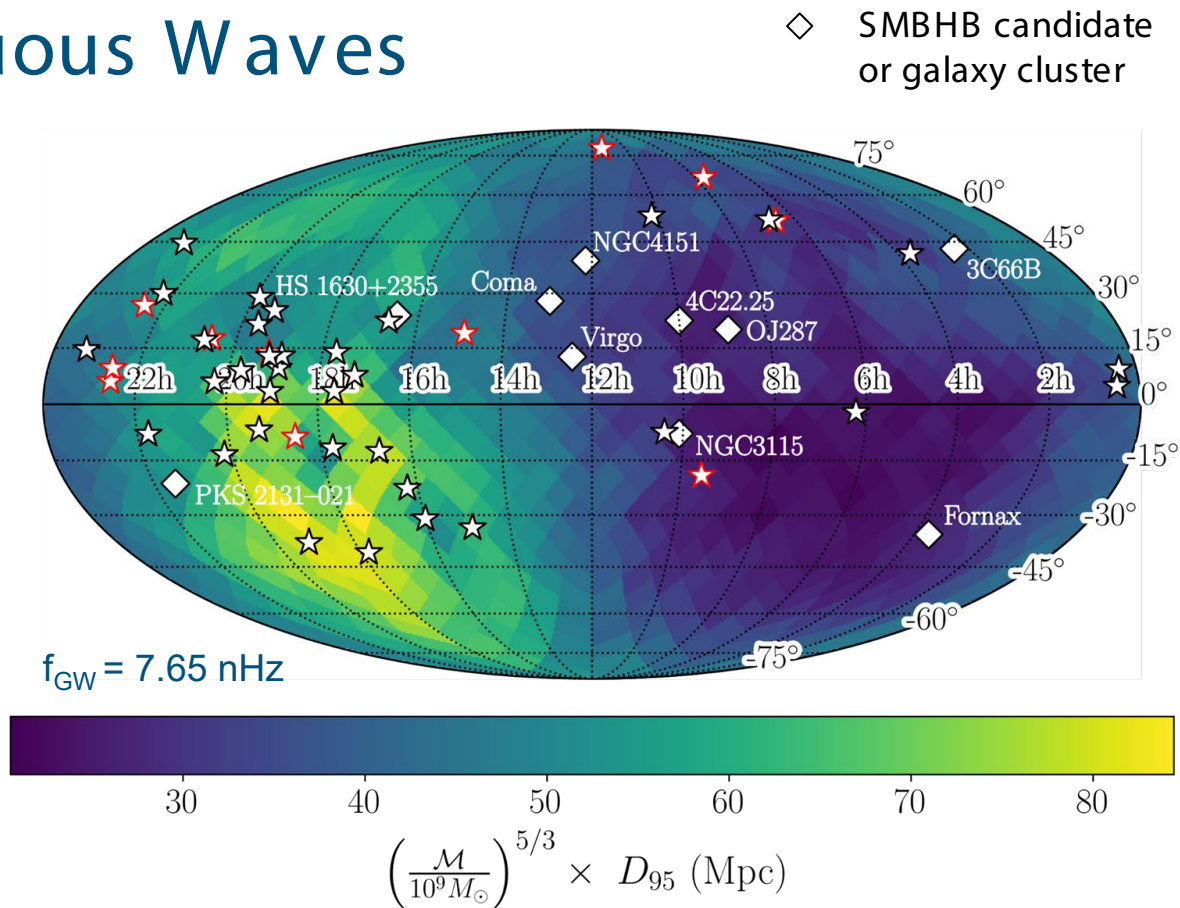
All-sky upper limits are continuing to decrease (but need to account for presence of red noise)



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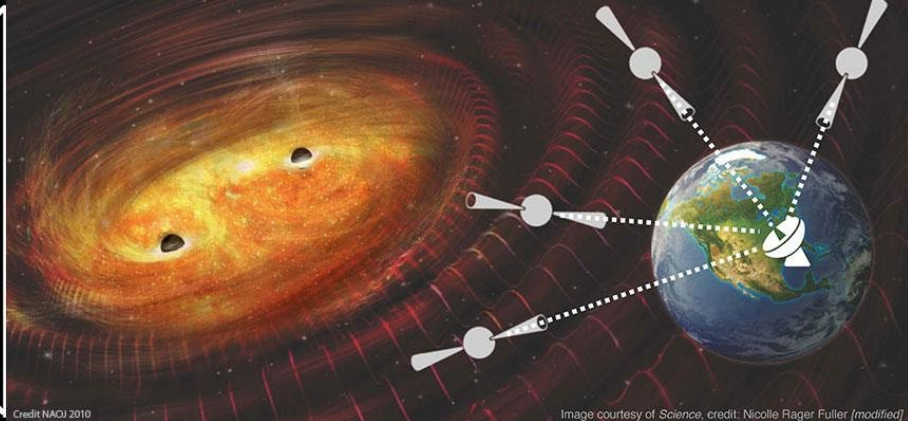
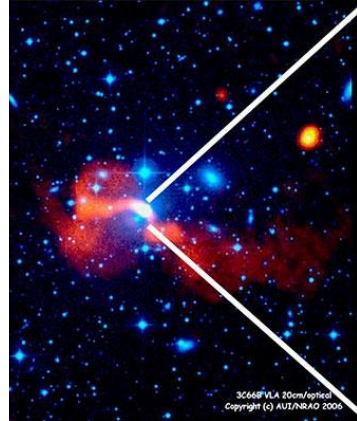
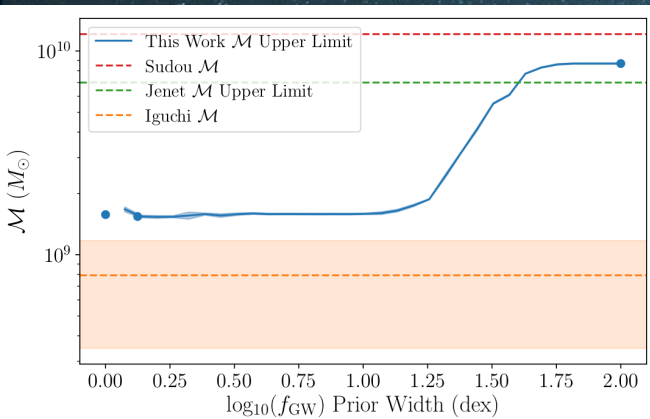
D_{95} is the lower distance limit to a $10^9 M_{\odot}$ binary at $f_{\text{GW}} = 7.65 \text{ nHz}$

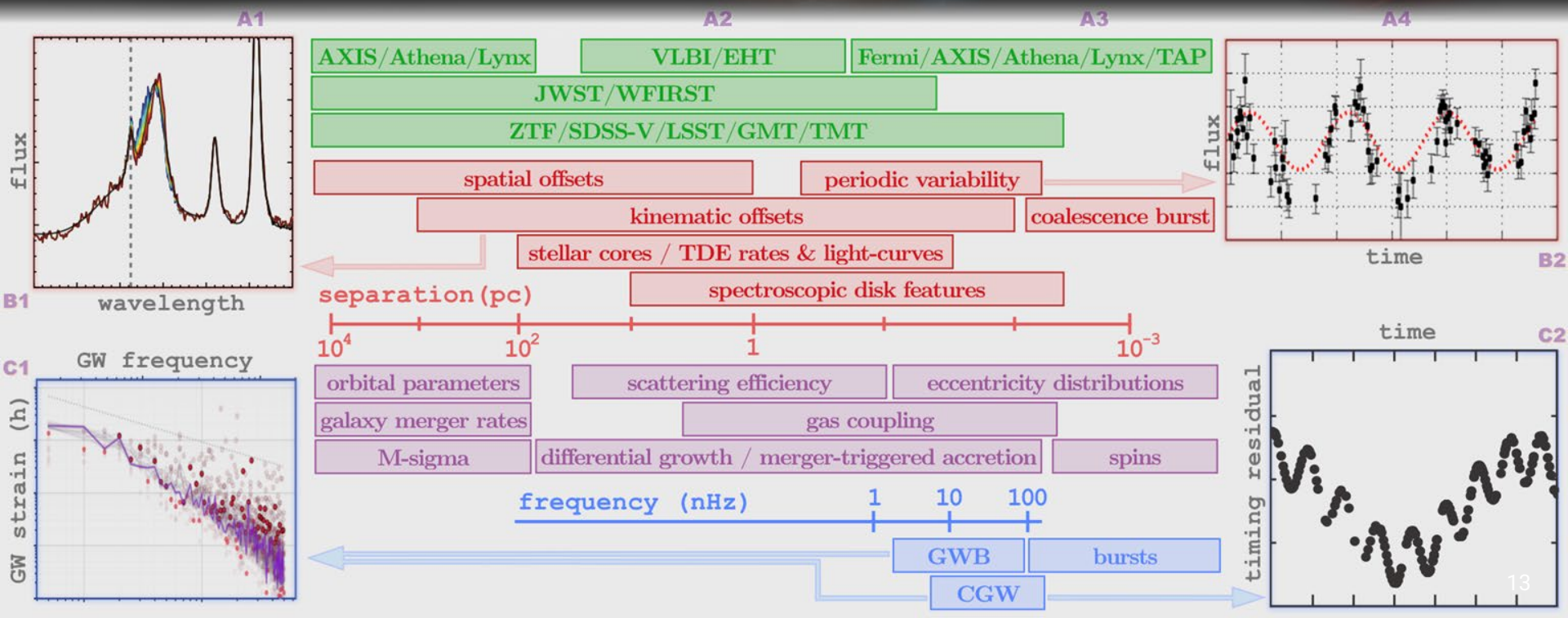
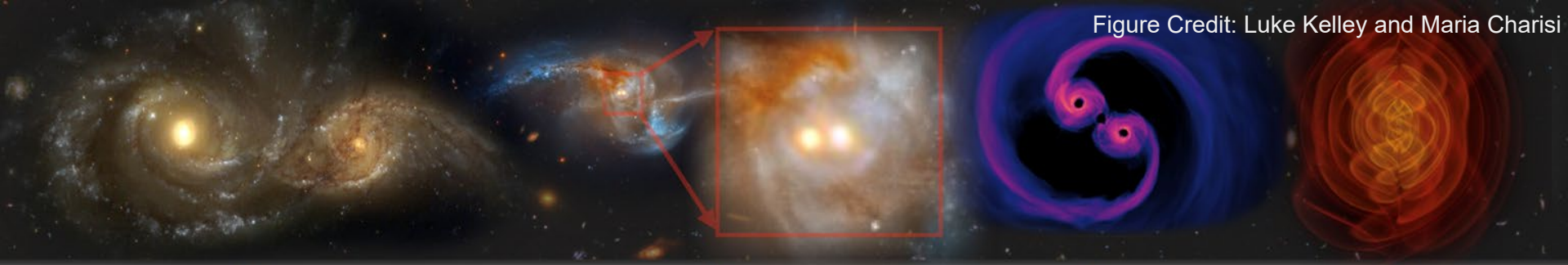
Can place limits on individual SMBHB candidates



One Step Further: Multi-Messenger Searches

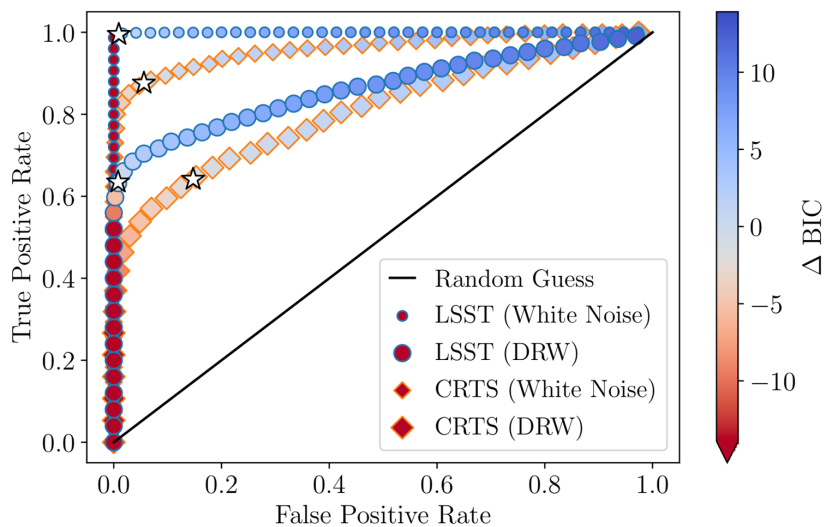
- Even without a detection, we can learn a lot about SMBHB candidates
 - Much less expensive than all-sky all-frequency CW searches
 - Can set better limits and have better detection prospects than all-sky searches (Arzoumanian+ 2020, Liu+ 2021)





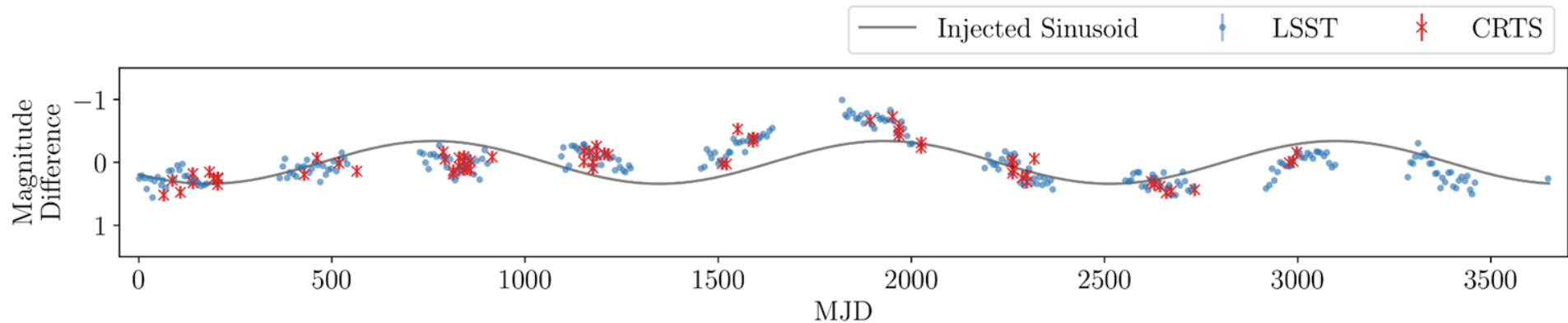
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 - Next generation telescopes and surveys will be more effective!



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 - Long-period binaries need long data sets to confirm



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- Ongoing monitoring of existing (and future) candidates
- Coordinated efforts to share SMBHB candidates
 - BOBcat: Black holes Orbiting Black holes catalog (Sydnor & Burke-Spolaor - see their poster!)

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Remember:

The multimessenger future of SMBHBs is incredibly bright!

GWs from SMBHBs are nearly within reach, and multimessenger techniques can help
Infrastructure is needed to coordinate abundant future data

- How can GW and EM astronomers better collaborate to reach a multimessenger detection of an SMBHB?