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## LIGO signals from Mirror World

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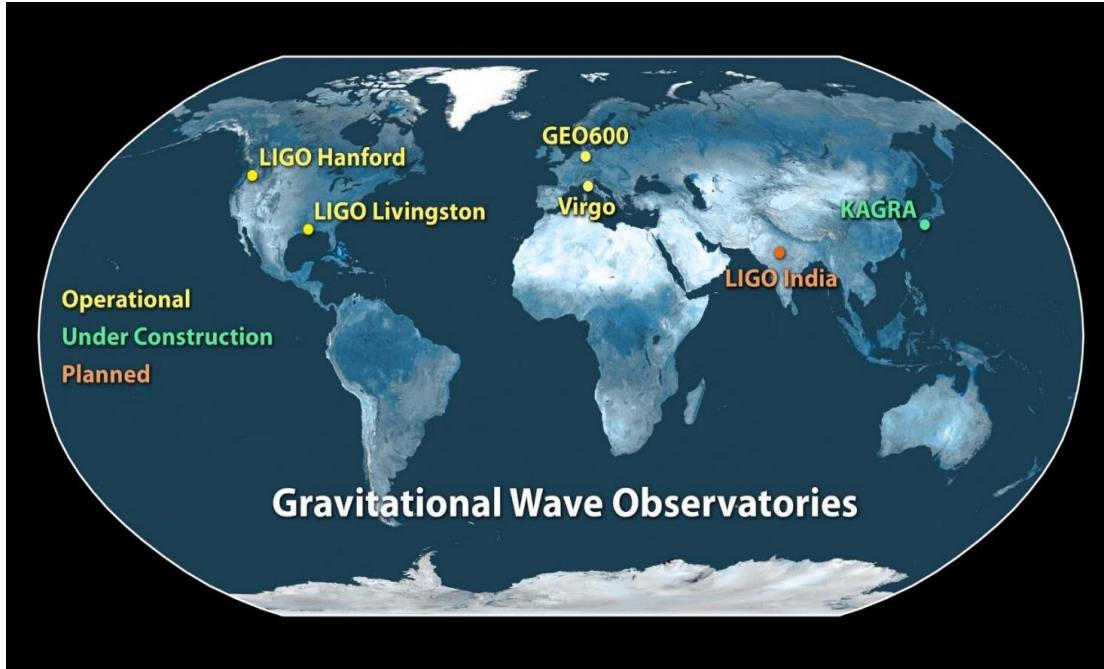


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# Outline

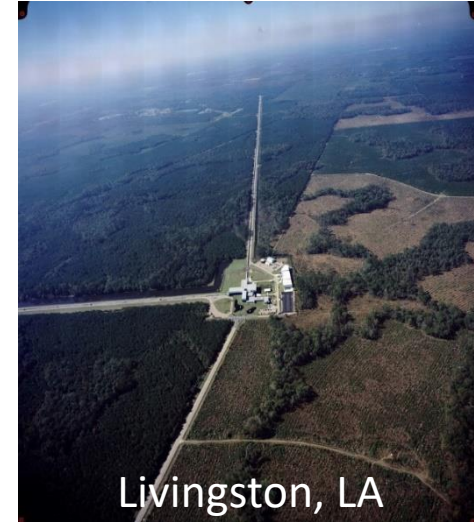
- A brief review of LIGO & VIRGO data
- Binary compact objects productions and merger rates
- Mirror World Model
- GWs from Mirror World
- Summary

# Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory



**LIGO** - gravitational wave detectors in **Hanford** and **Livingston**, **4 km** tunnels separated by **3000 km**.

**VIRGO** - GW detector in **Cascina, Italy**



## New Era of Multi-Messenger Astrophysics!

- „Observation of Gravitational Waves from a **Binary Black Hole Merger**“  
LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration  
Phys. Rev. Lett. **116**, 061102 – Published 11 February 2016
- „GW170817: Observation of Gravitational Waves from a **Binary Neutron Star Inspiral**“  
LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration  
Phys. Rev. Lett. **119**, 161101 – Published 16 October 2017



Nobel Prize  
2017

# Events detected so far

After the analysis of first three observing runs

**O1, O2, O3a & O3b**

there are **90** events with probability of

$$P_{astro} > 0.5$$

being of the astrophysical origin.

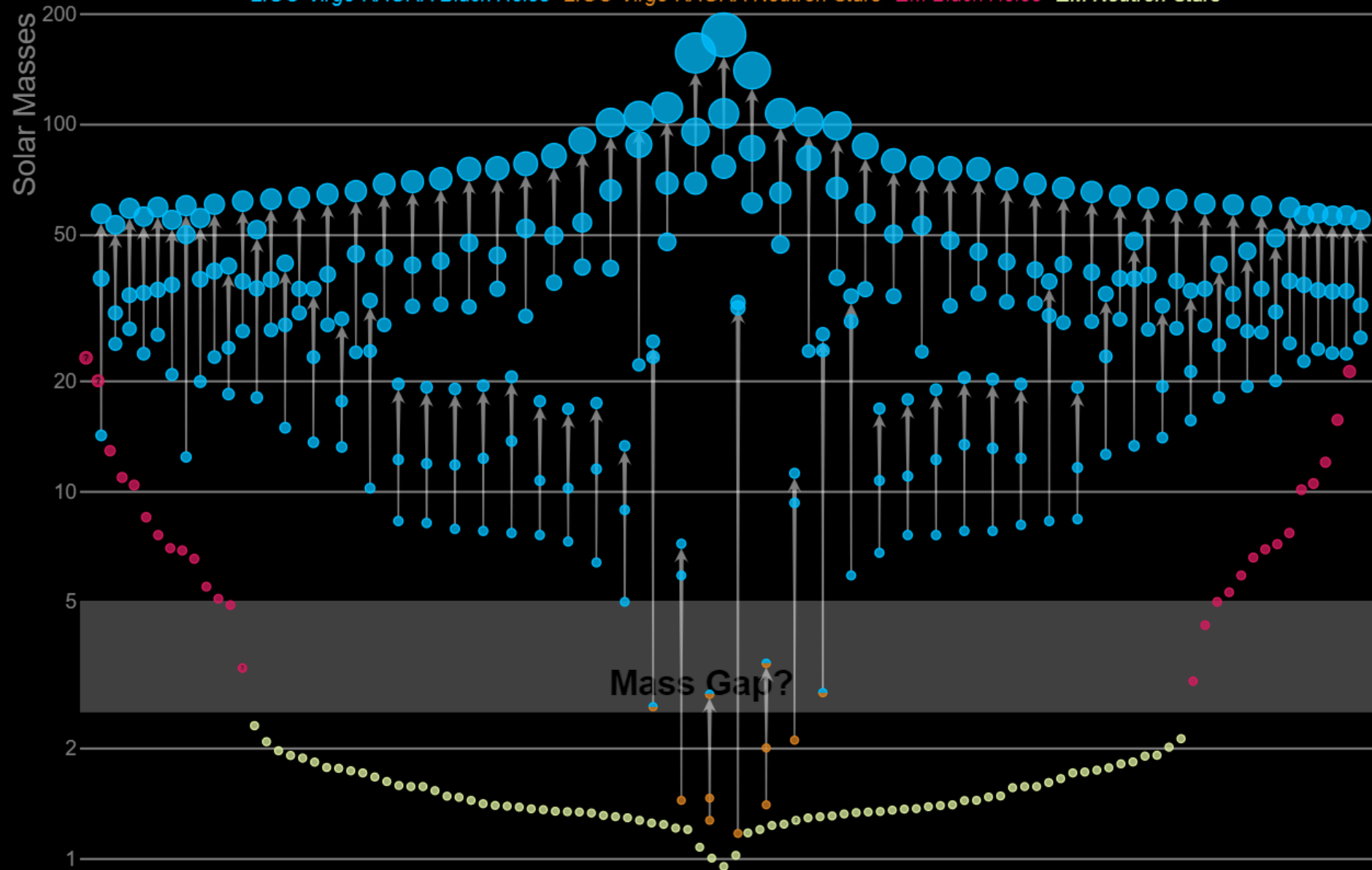
“GWTC-3: Compact Binary Coalescences  
Observed by LIGO and Virgo During the  
Second Part of the Third Observing Run”  
LIGO Scientific and VIRGO and KAGRA  
Collaborations, R. Abbott et al.  
arXiv:2111.03606

Merger objects:	BH-BH	NS-NS	BH-NS	BH-Mass gap
Number of events:	84	2	2	2

**Only one NS-NS merger had accompanying Electromagnetic counterpart!**

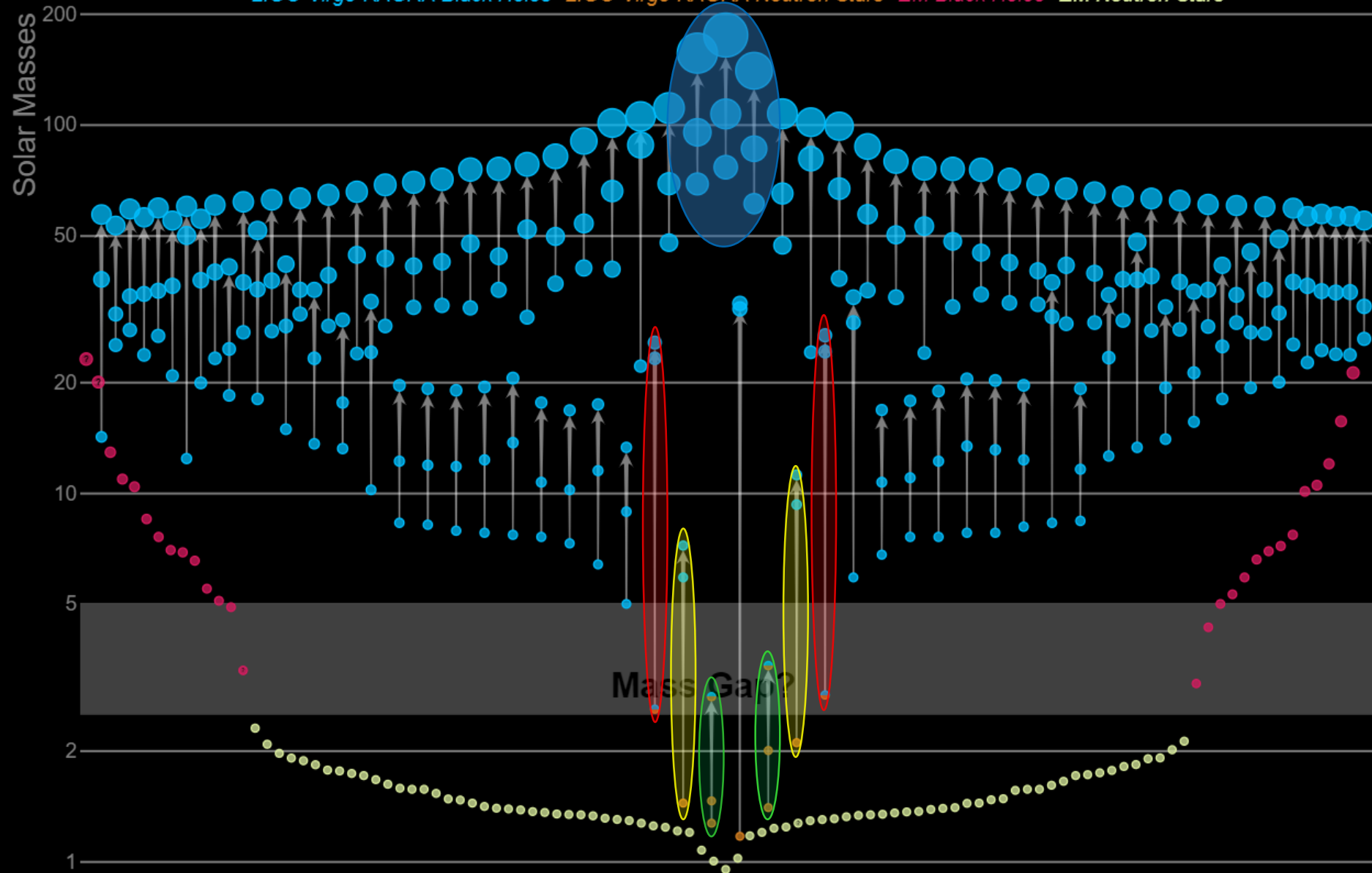
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NS-NS

BH-NS

BH-lower  
mass gap

Upper mass  
gap,  
intermediate  
mass BH



# Unexpected Events

- **GW190521** & **GW190426\_190642**: First ever observation of Intermediate mass BHs

$$\begin{aligned} 95M_{\odot} - 69M_{\odot} &\rightarrow 156M_{\odot} \\ 107M_{\odot} - 77M_{\odot} &\rightarrow 175M_{\odot} \end{aligned}$$

- Many models of star evolution predict existence of upper mass gap  $65M_{\odot} - 135M_{\odot}$  for remnant compact objects

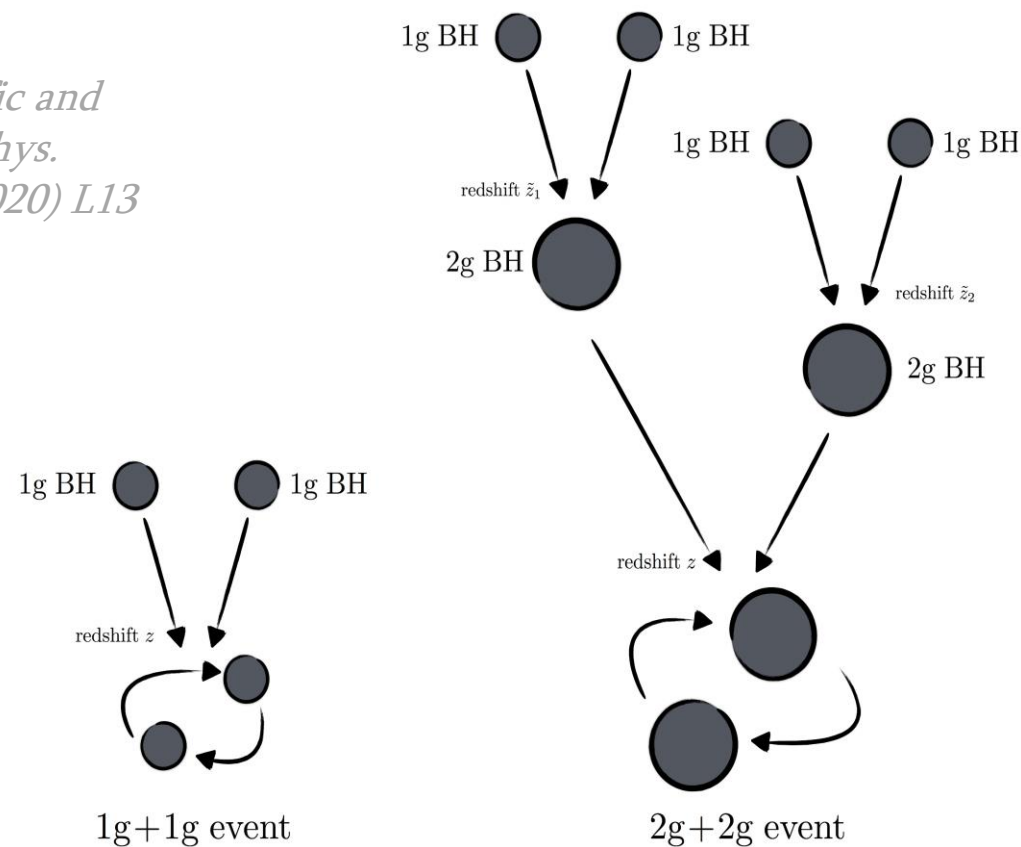
He core mass	Process	Remnant compact object
$32 - 65M_{\odot}$	Pulsational Pair Instability	$\lesssim 65M_{\odot}$
$65 - 135 M_{\odot}$	Pair Instability	Explodes – no remnant
$\gtrsim 135M_{\odot}$	Direct collapse into BH	$\gtrsim 135M_{\odot}$

# Hierarchical Mergers

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Theoretical estimate:

*Liu B. & Lai D. arXiv: 2009.10068*

$$f = f_{1G} \times f_{\text{triple}} \times f_{\text{survival}} \times f_{\text{merger}}$$

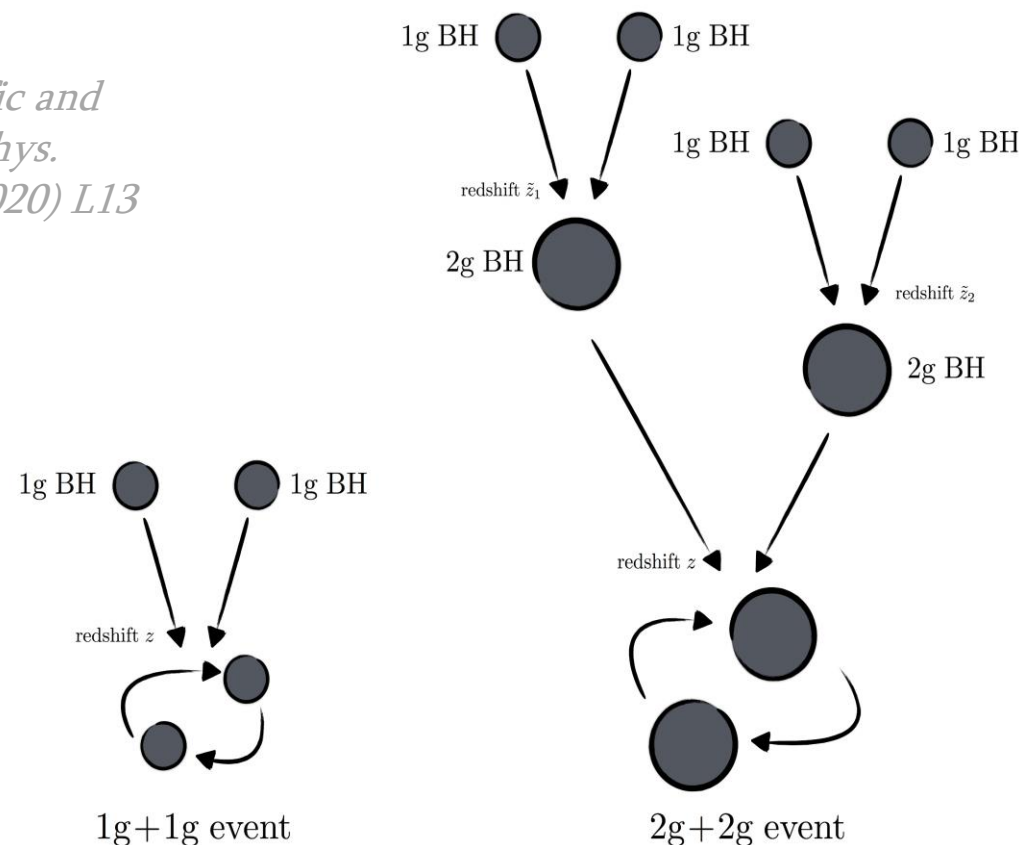
$$f_{1G} \sim (10 - 100) \text{ Gpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$$

*LIGO Scientific  
and Virgo, Phys. Rev.  
X 9 (2019) 031040*

$$f_{\text{triple}} \simeq 50\% \quad f_{\text{merger}} \simeq 20\%$$

$$f_{\text{survival}} \simeq 60\%$$

$$f_{\text{theo}} = 0.6 - 6 \text{ Gpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$$

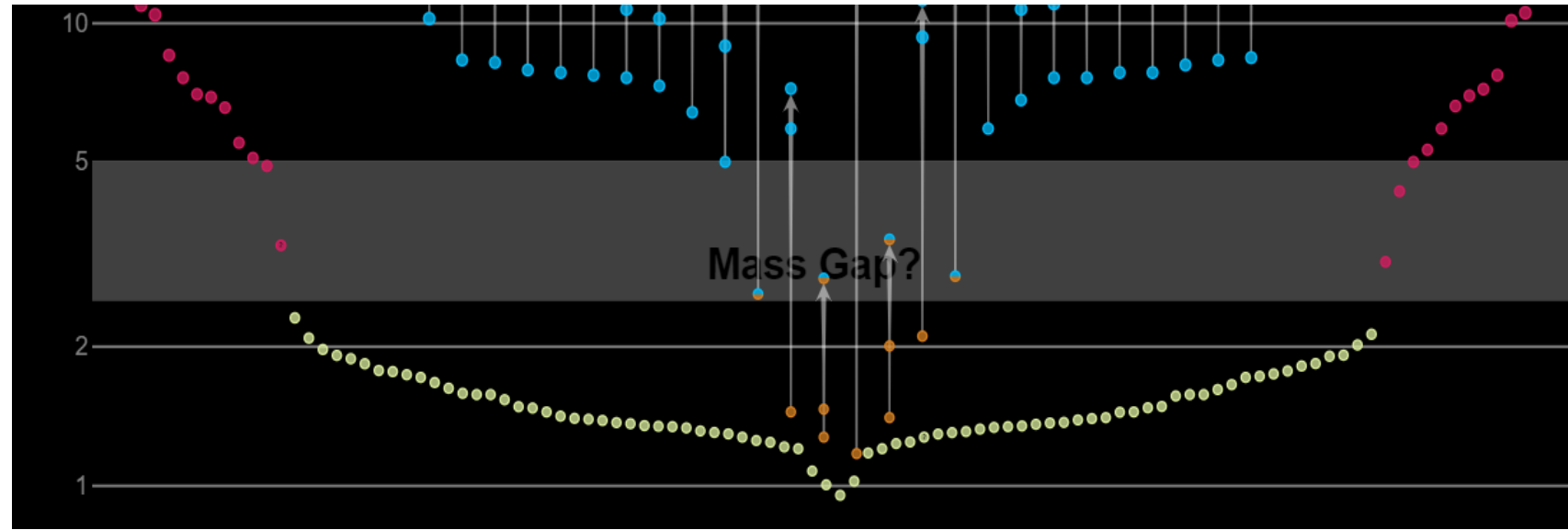


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**In price of extremal  
assumptions!**

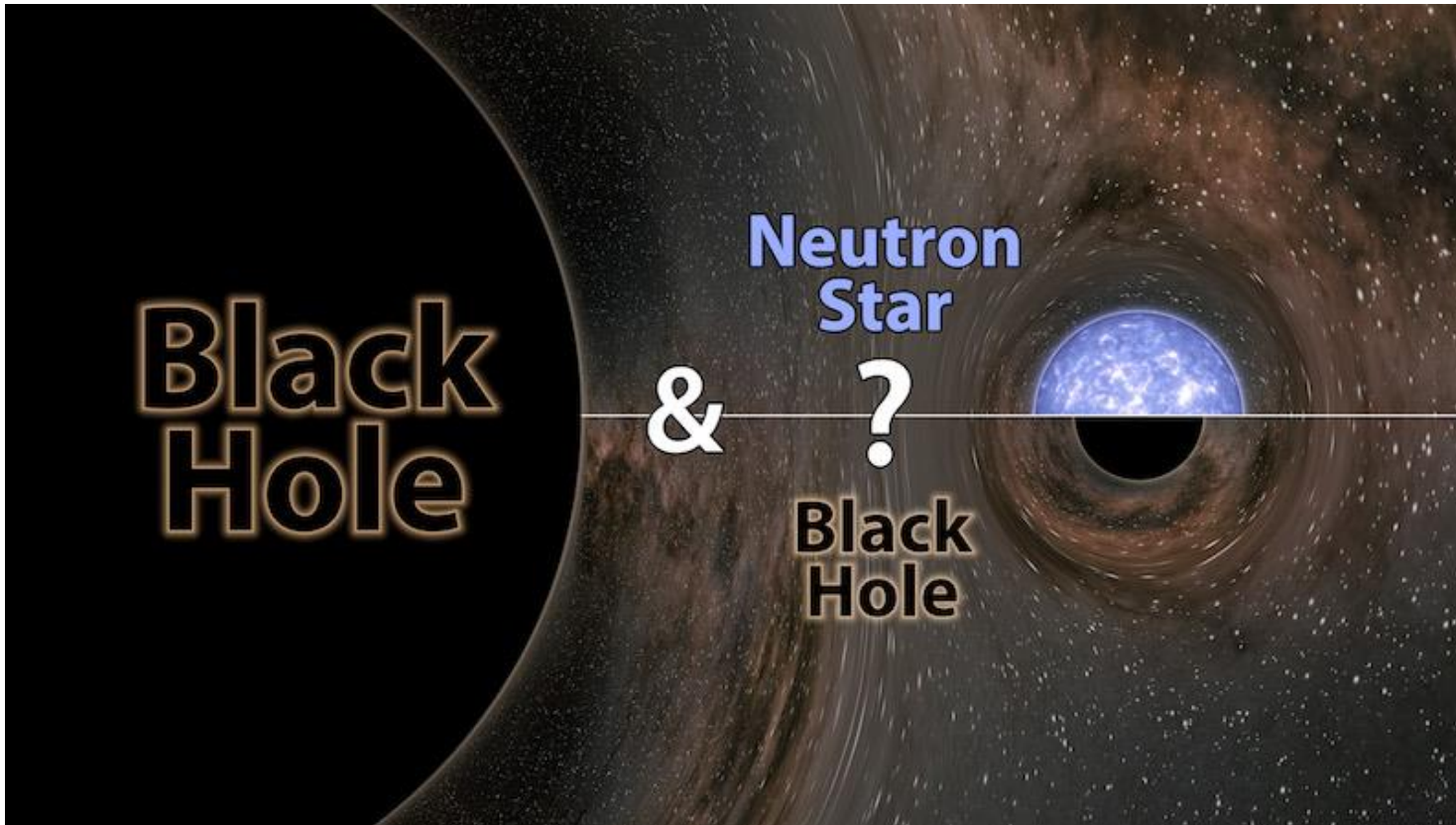
# GW190425: Most massive binary NS system $3.4^{+0.3}_{-0.1} M_{\odot}$

X-ray binaries give  
the lower mass gap!



- **GW190525**-like systems could be obtained as a result of evolution of ultra-tight binary **He-star – NS** systems; *LIGO Scientific and Virgo, Astrophys. J. Lett. 892 (2020) L3*
- phase of mass transfer from post-helium main-sequence star on to NS is required.

# GW190814 & GW200210\_092254: BH-mass gap systems



- First components are clearly BHs
  - Origins of second components with masses  $2.59^{+0.08}_{-0.09}M_{\odot}$  &  $2.83^{+0.48}_{-0.43}M_{\odot}$  are controversial.

They are **heavier** than any known **pulsars**, and **lighter** than any known **BHs** so far

# Binary Compact Objects creation mechanisms

- **Primordial** Black Holes; *(Sasaki, Suyama, Tanaka & Yokoyama 2018)*

PBH abundance is constrained by microlensing, CMB spectral distortion and wide binaries.

- **Astrophysical** binary systems:

- Common Envelope Evolution; *(Giacobbo & Mapelli 2018)*
- Chemically homogenous evolution; *(Mandel & de Mink 2016)*
- Dynamical processes in dense stellar clusters. *(Askar, et al. 2017)*

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{theor}}^{\text{BBH}} \sim 5 - 10 \text{ Gpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1} < \mathcal{R}_{\text{LIGO}}^{\text{BBH}} = 17.3 - 45 \text{ Gpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$$

# Theoretical BBH merger rate

$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon P(\tau) N_{\text{BH}}$$

$\epsilon \simeq 0.01 - 0.001$  - dimensionless efficiency coefficient  
 $P(\tau)$  - delay time distribution

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$$N(m) = \frac{m}{\int M \xi(M) dM} \quad - \text{ Number of stars in galaxy of } m \text{ mass;}$$

$\xi(M)$  - Initial mass function (IMF);  $\phi(m)$  - Galactic mass function;

$f(Z, m)$  - Metallicity distribution function;

**Star formation rate:** *(Madau & Dickinson 2014)*

$$\text{SFR}(z) = 0.015 \frac{(1+z)^{2.7}}{1 + [(1+z)/2.9]^{5.6}} \text{ M}_{\odot} \text{ Mpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1} \quad \text{Peaks at: } z \sim 2 \approx t_{\text{lookback}} \sim 10.3 \text{ Gyr}$$

# Problems

- Observed **Merger Rates** are higher than theoretical predictions
- Only **1** out of **90** events had **EM** counterpart, while
  - **BNS** merger must always be accompanied by **Gamma-Ray Bursts**;
  - **BH-NS** mergers in many configurations should emit **EM-radiation**;
  - If **BHs** accrete matter they can also emit **EM-radiation**;
- **Mass gap** events

## Suggestion

- **GWs** detected by LIGO may be emitted by **Mirror World** binaries



# Mirror World model

- Each **Standard Model (SM)** particle has its **Mirror** partner with opposite chirality;
- **Ordinary** and **Mirror** particles interact only by **gravity**;
- **Mirror** world, along with **Ordinary** world, was created by **Big Bang**, but with low reheating temperature;
- Constrain from **Big Bang Nucleosynthesis**:  $x \equiv \frac{T'}{T} < 0.64$
- Certain **leptogenesis** mechanism gives:  $1 \leq \frac{n'_b}{n_b} \lesssim 10$
- **Mirror** world can explain all **Dark Matter**:  $\frac{\Omega'_b}{\Omega_b} \approx 5$

*For the  
review  
of mirror  
world see  
Berezghiani  
2005*

# In Mirror World:

- **Helium** abundance is higher: He - 75-80 %
- Stars are composed mostly of **Helium**, they are more **massive** and evolve **faster**.
- For example,  $10M_{\odot}$  mass star with 75% He abundance evolves  $\sim 10$  times faster than normal star (He - 24%).
- High **He** abundance increases **initial mass function**:  $\text{IMF}' \sim 1.5 \times \text{IMF}$
- **Star formation** peaks at  $t_{\text{lookback}} \sim 13.3$  Gyr and so:  $\text{SFR}'(z) \sim 1.3 \times \text{SFR}(z)$
- Number of **stars**:  $N'(m) \sim 5 \times N(m)$
- Number of **black holes**:  $N'_{\text{BH}} \sim 10 \times N_{\text{BH}}$

# LIGO signals from Mirror world

- Combining these factors,

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{mirror}} \sim 10 \times \mathcal{R}_{\text{theor}} \sim 50 - 100 \text{ Gpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$$

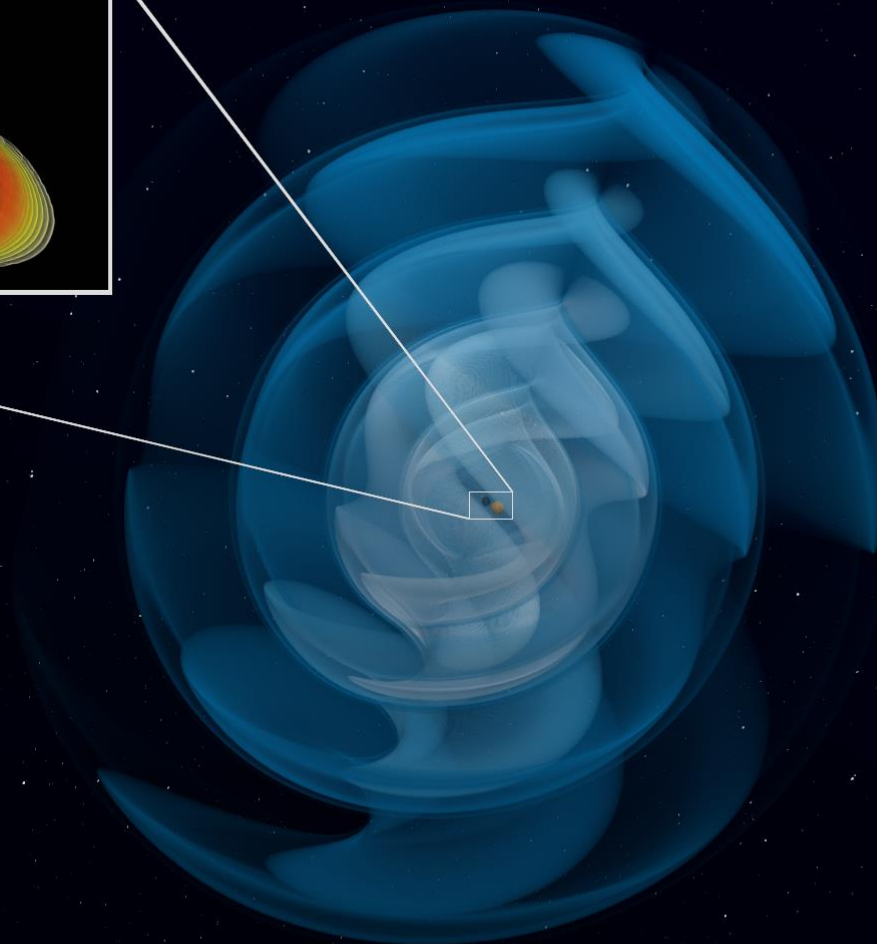
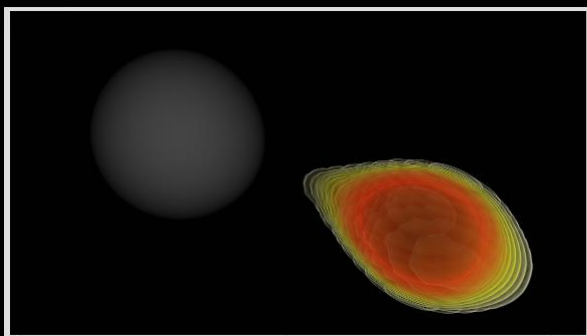
and coincides with LIGO's bounds even if some assumptions of binary formation are relaxed.

- Hierarchical mergers are more probable in Mirror World and merger rates of upper mass gap systems (GW190521 & GW190426\_190642) would agree better even with less strict assumptions.
- Production of 'heavy NSs' (GW190525) or lower mass gap objects (GW190814 & GW200210\_092254) are easier in Mirror World, as it is dominated by He.

# Summary

- In the **Mirror world** scenario:
  - Number of binary systems is **higher**;
  - So BBH **merger rate is amplified**, coinciding better with LIGO estimations;
  - **Mass gap events** could be better explained;
  - Non-detection of **EM-radiation** is natural, since **Mirror photons DO NOT** interact with Ordinary particles;
- Prediction:
  - Binary compact objects' **merger rates** are order of **10 higher** than expected and only **1 of 10 NS-NS** events discovered by GW detectors may have **EM-counterpart**.

# Thank you for your attention!



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