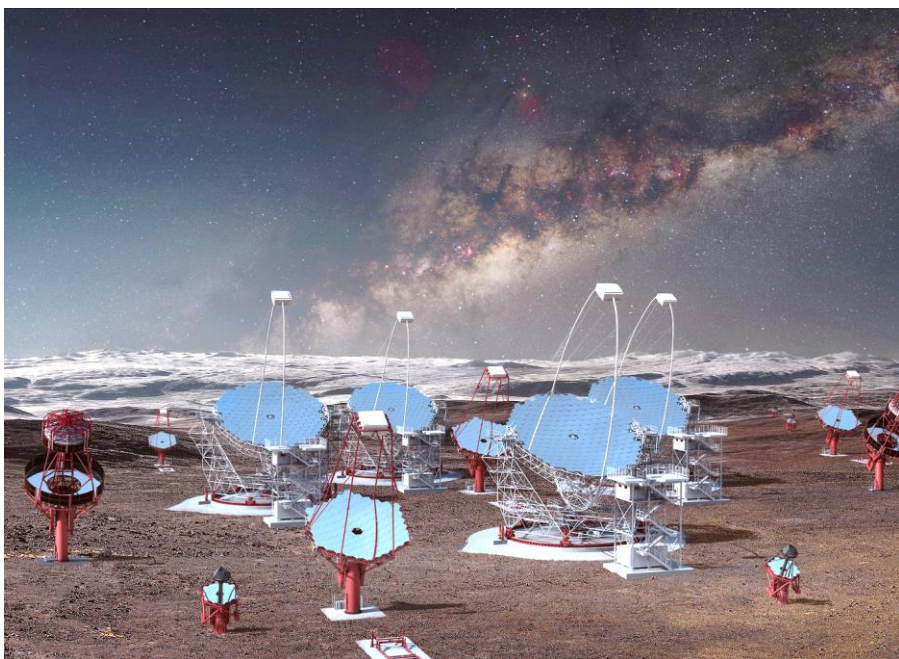
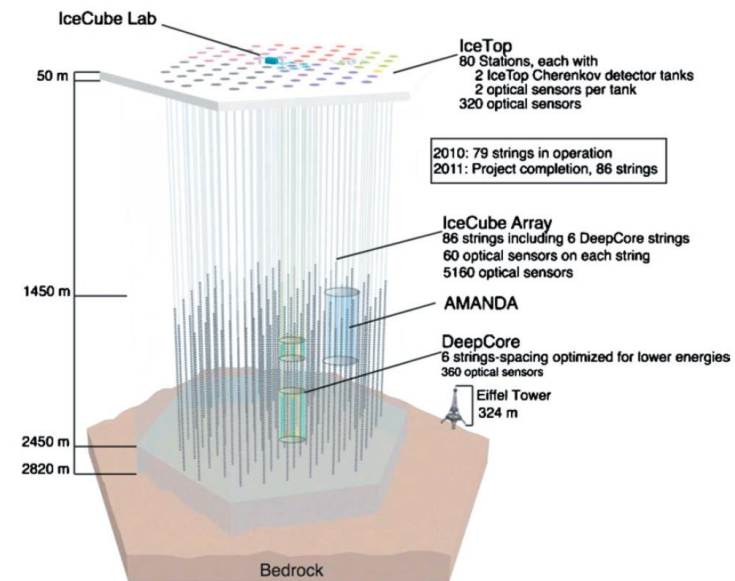
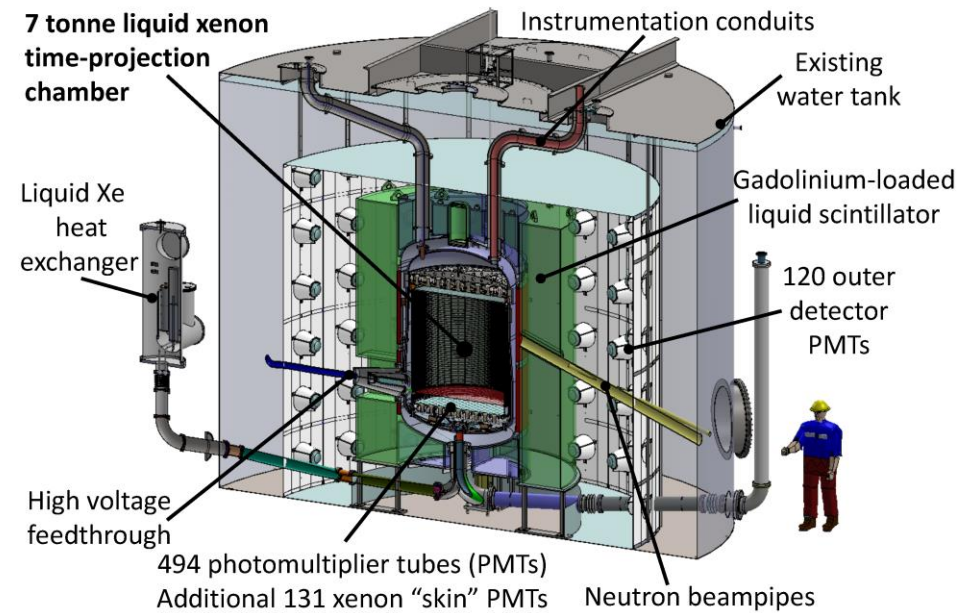


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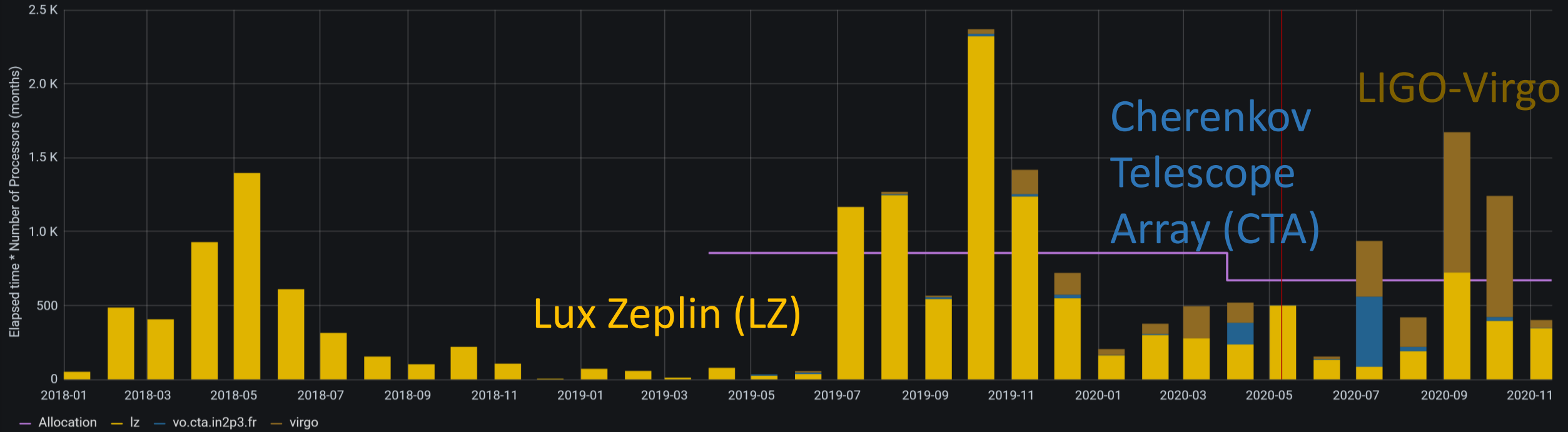
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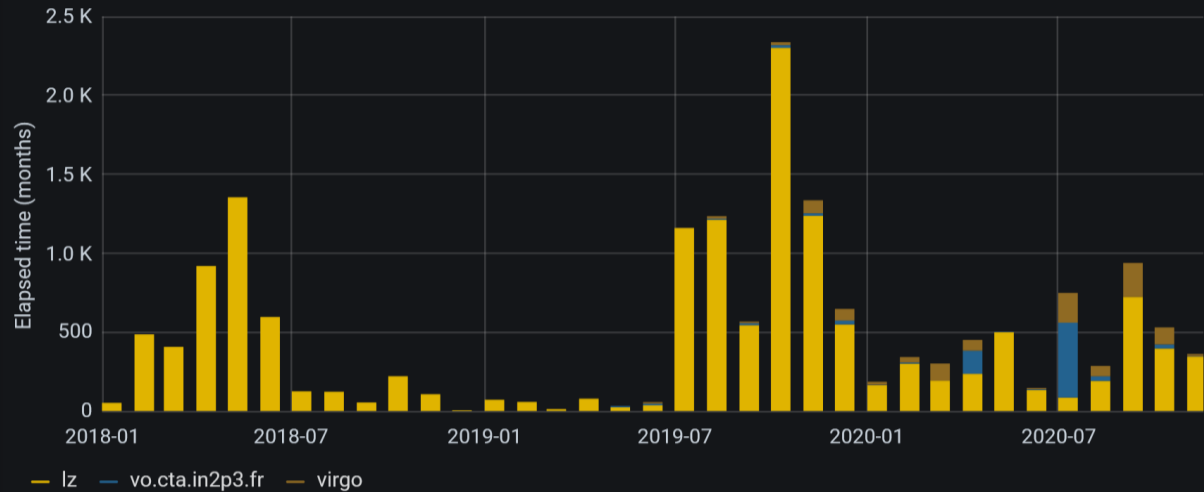


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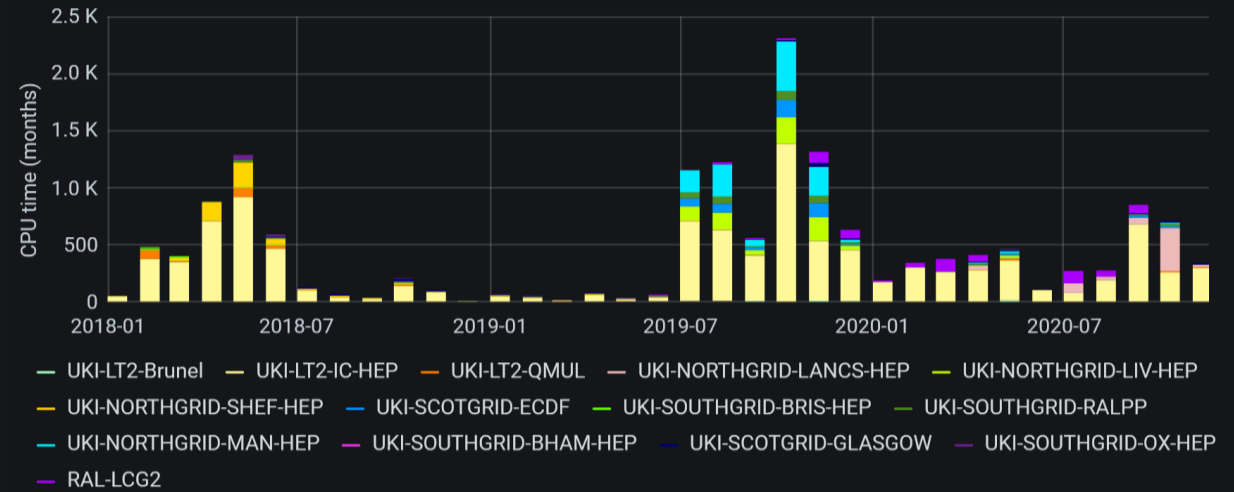
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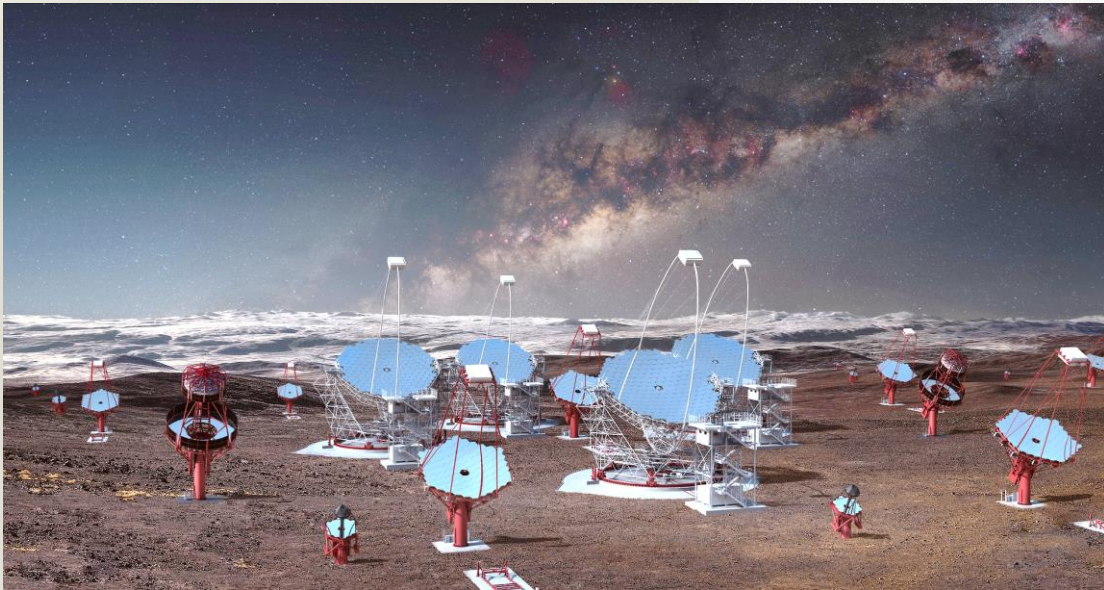


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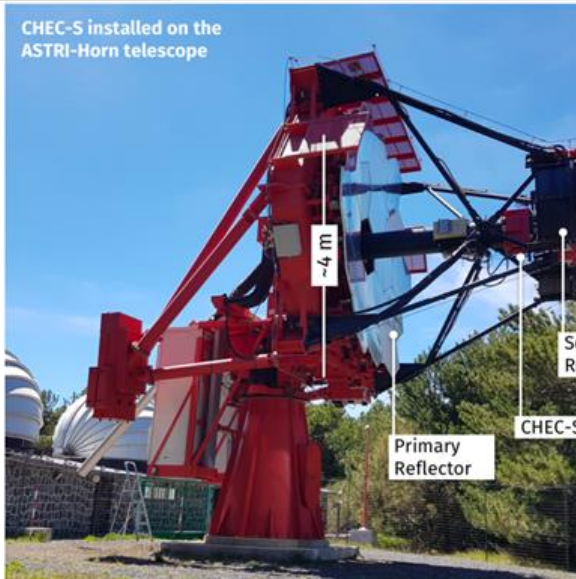
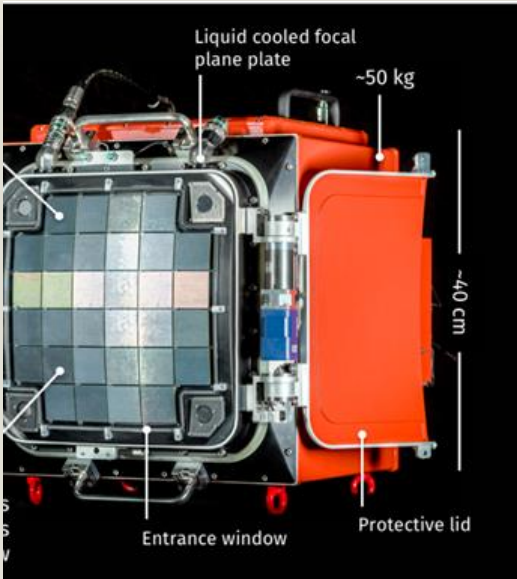
CPU time (months) by VO and Month





# Cherenkov Telescope Array: Very High Energy Gamma-ray astronomy

- CTA – the next generation gamma ray astronomy in the energy range from 20 GeV to over 100 TeV
- CTA is transformational – order-of-magnitude improvement in sensitivity plus substantial gains in angular resolution and energy range
- CTA science has an exceptionally broad range –spanning all three of STFC's science challenges
- **Construction of CTA is planned to begin 2021**



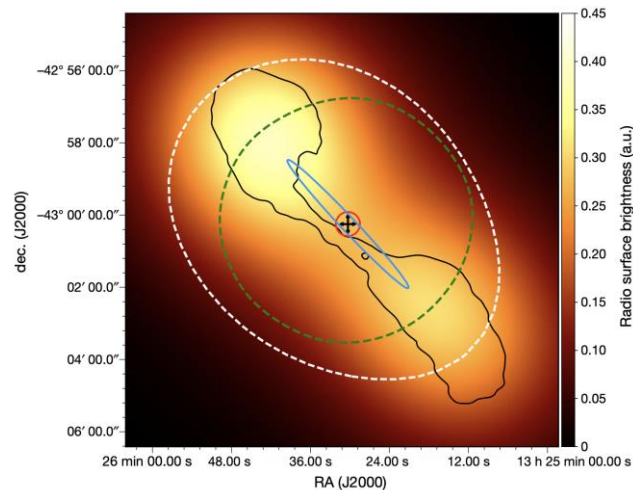
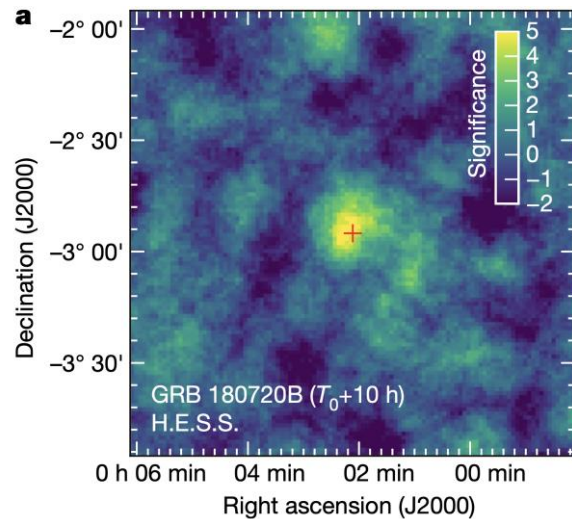
# Gamma-ray astronomy – ongoing science exploitation activities

- First ground-based detection of GRB's
- STFC science goal synergies - transients, Rubin Observatory, SKA, GW (EM counterparts) and multimessenger
- CTA will have 10 x sensitivity, faster slew times, capability to quickly tile GW error boxes with sub-arrays

[Abdalla et al. 2019, Nature, 575, 464](#)

- First detection of TeV emission from kpc-scale jet (Cen A)
- STFC science goal synergies – SKA AGN science, black hole jet formation, particle acceleration, AGN impact on galaxy evolution
- CTA will have higher sensitivity, higher energy range extending to 300 TeV, sharper angular resolution

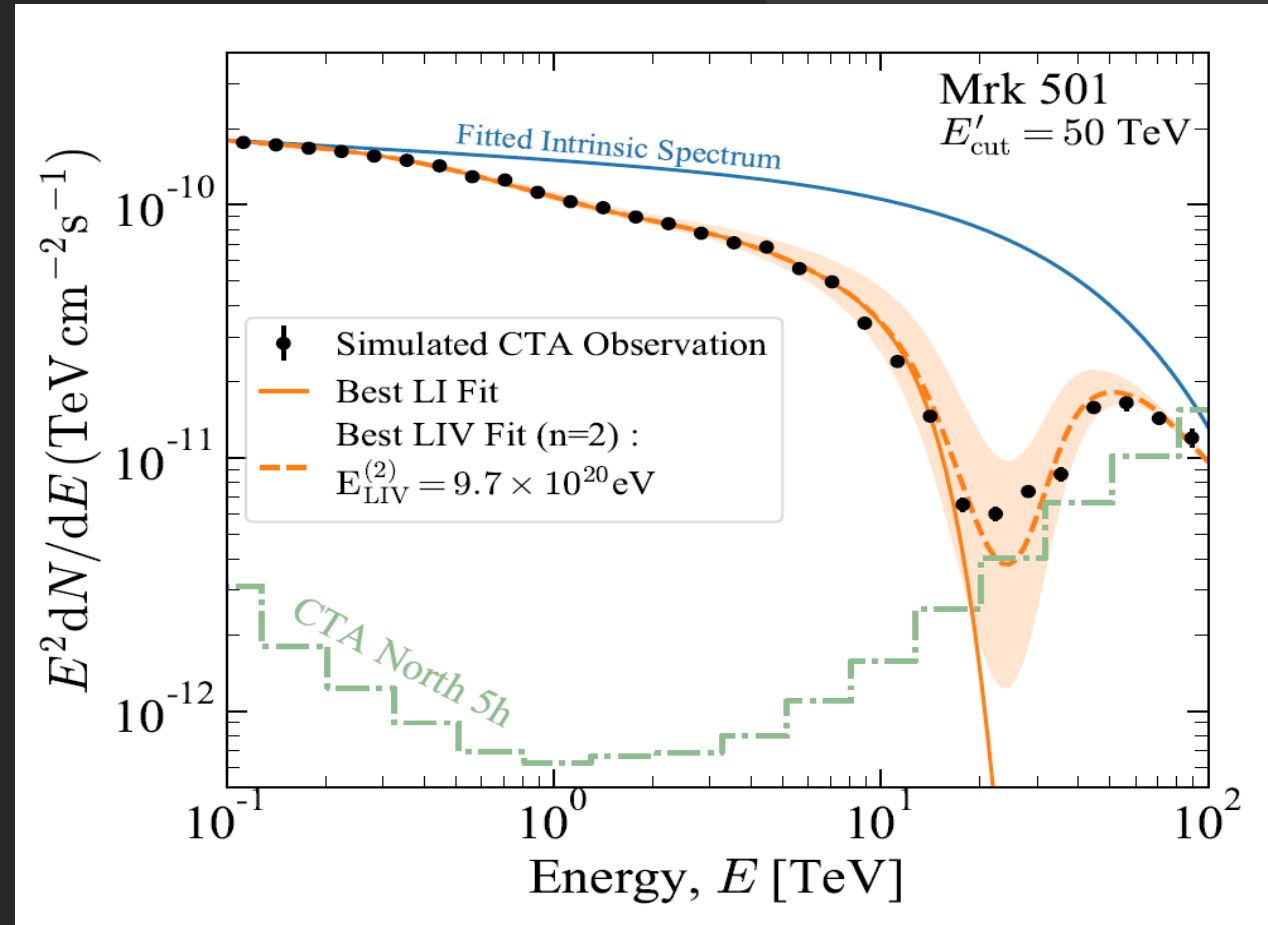
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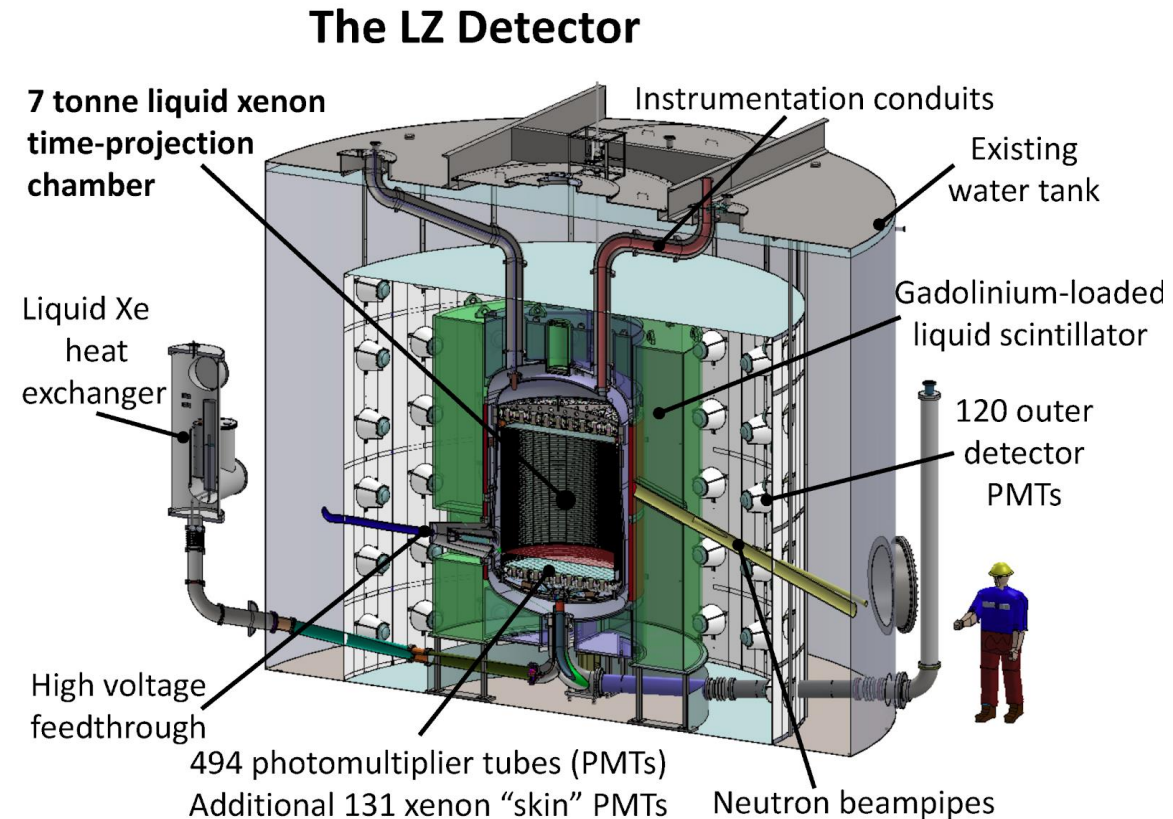
## Lorentz Invariance Violation

- Consequence of quantum gravity theories
- Clear imprint on blazar spectra at the highest energies
- Important science contribution from CTA Small-Sized Telescopes (SST) to which UK is contributing
- See CTA paper: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2010.01349> for this and other fundamental physics measurements possible with CTA



# Lux Zeplin Dark Matter experiment

- Next-generation dark matter direct detection experiment. Largest & most sensitive DM experiment to date.
- 1 mile underground, SURF, USA; ultra-radio pure materials & Xe; active veto system for background suppression & in-situ characterisation.
- Rich non-WIMP physics program: astrophysical neutrinos, DM-electron scattering, rare decays of  $^{136}\text{Xe}$  and  $^{124}\text{Xe}$ ,
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  - Received DOE “CD-4 approval” late August 2020, marking end of construction;
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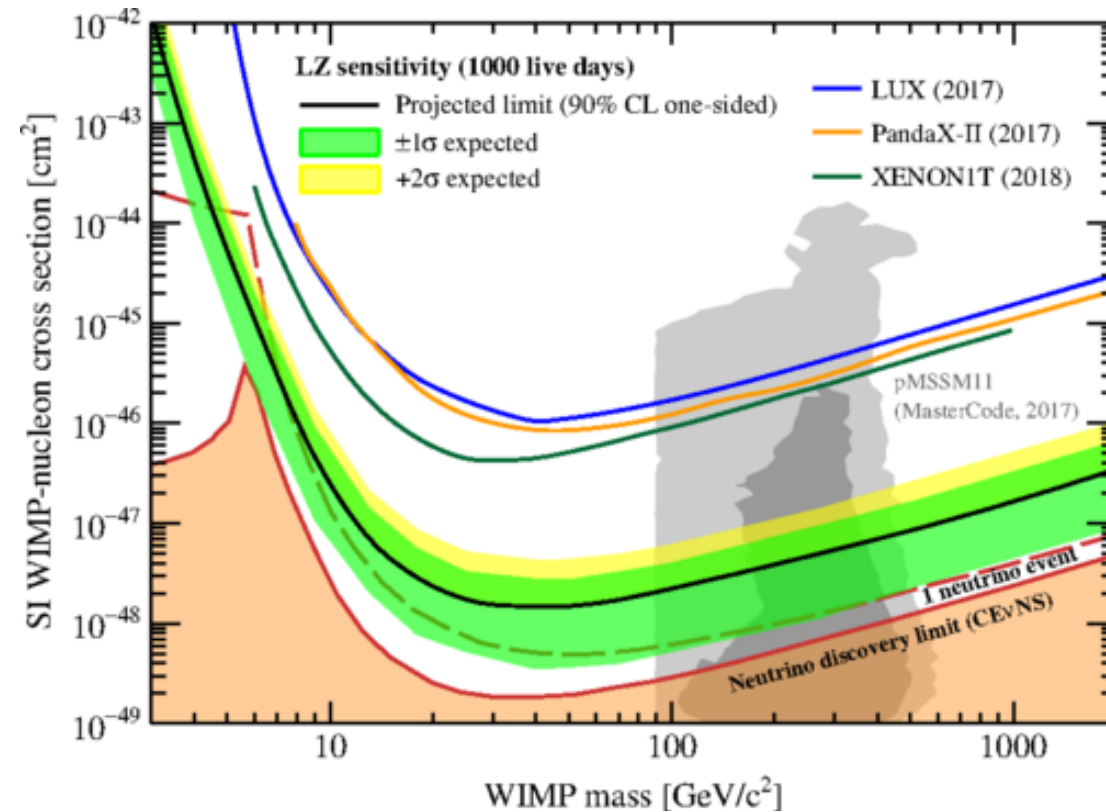


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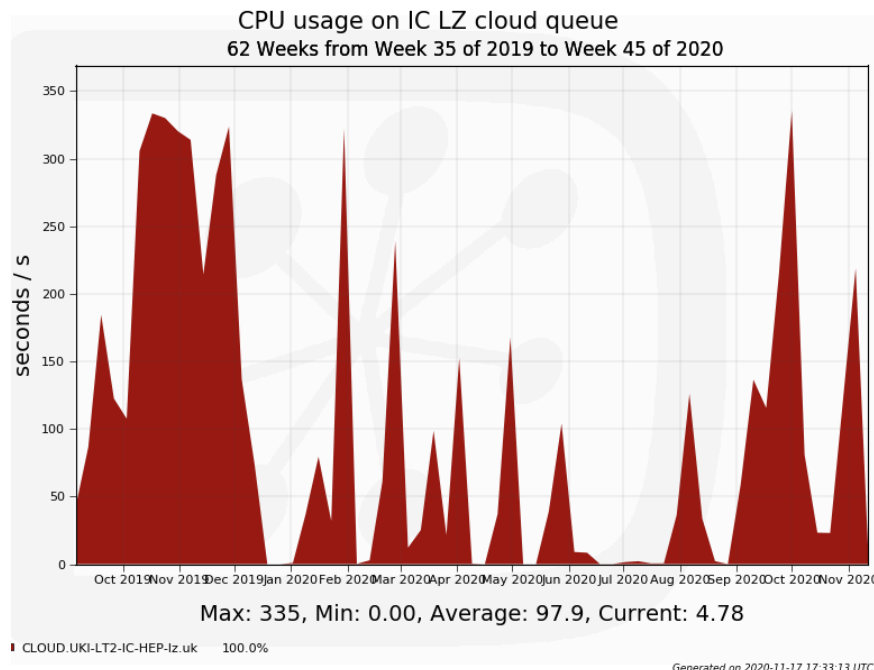


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# Lux Zeplin: IRIS Computing

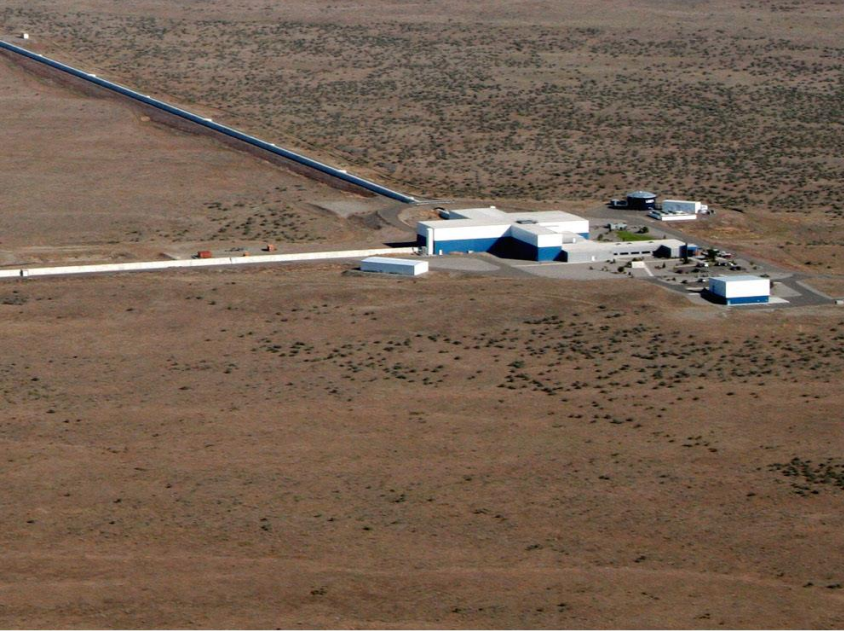
- In September 2019 LZ received additional IRIS computational and storage resources:
  - 300 high memory (10GB) job slots;
  - 300 TB of storage
  - Usage of new resource significantly improved job efficiency



- The CPUs have been used for simulations for LZ Final Mock Data Challenge
  - Typically for calibration sources — the most demanding simulations due high rate and high energy
  - The mock data is then used to exercise the full LZ analysis chain ensuring LZ will be physics ready from day one
  - Constitutes an important contribution to preparations for data taking given most of the activity when LZ turns on will involve calibration sources
  - Over the next year such simulations will be required to interpret first data

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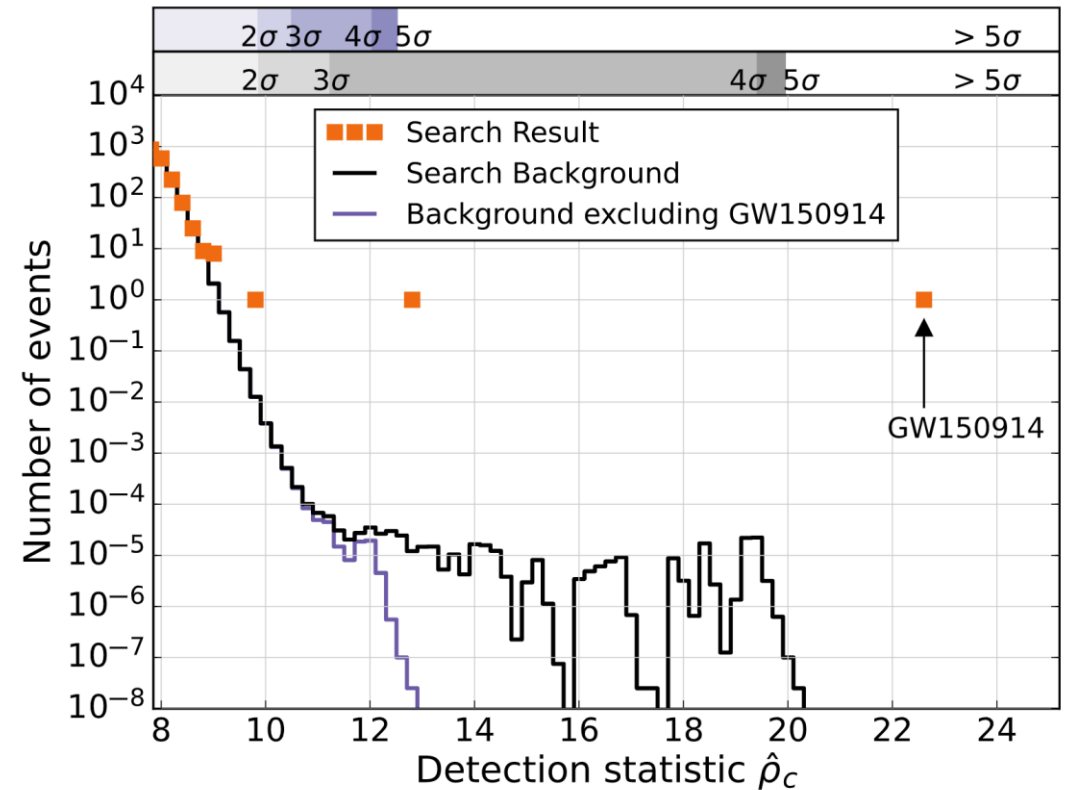


# International Gravitational Wave Network (IGWN): LIGO, Virgo and KAGRA

- Third Observing Run from April 2019 to March 2020
- Over 50 real-time public alerts of observations
- Publications of exceptional events and a catalogue of events from first half of run
- Fourth observing run, with improved sensitivity, expected to begin mid-2022

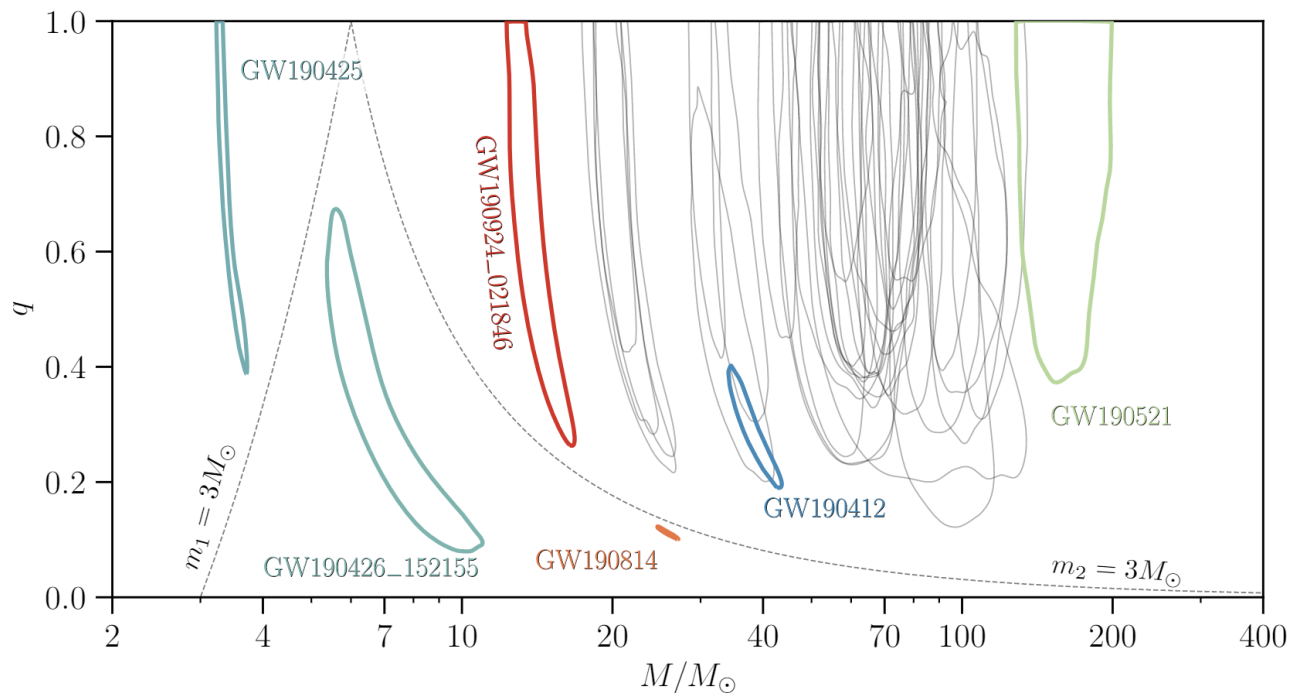
# Gravitational Wave computing on IRIS

- Detection: identification of events in the data
- Filtering many thousands of waveform templates against months of data to identify signals
  - Time-shifted analysis to estimate backgrounds
  - Simulation campaigns to evaluate sensitivity
- Embarrassingly parallel computing
- Data, software hosted via CVMFS
- Job submission from dedicated GW nodes (at Caltech, Cardiff)



From: Abbott et al, "[Binary Black Hole Mergers in the first Advanced LIGO Observing Run](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevX.6.041015)",  
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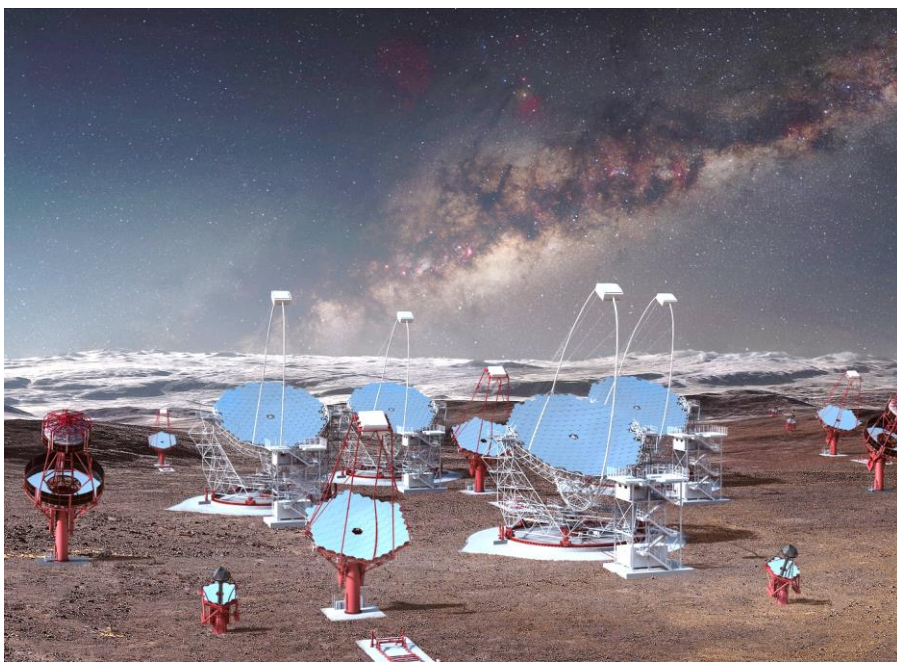
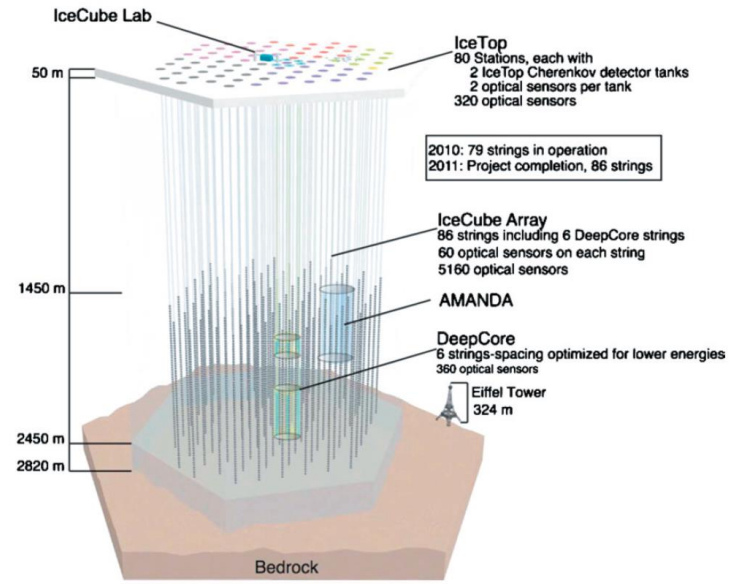
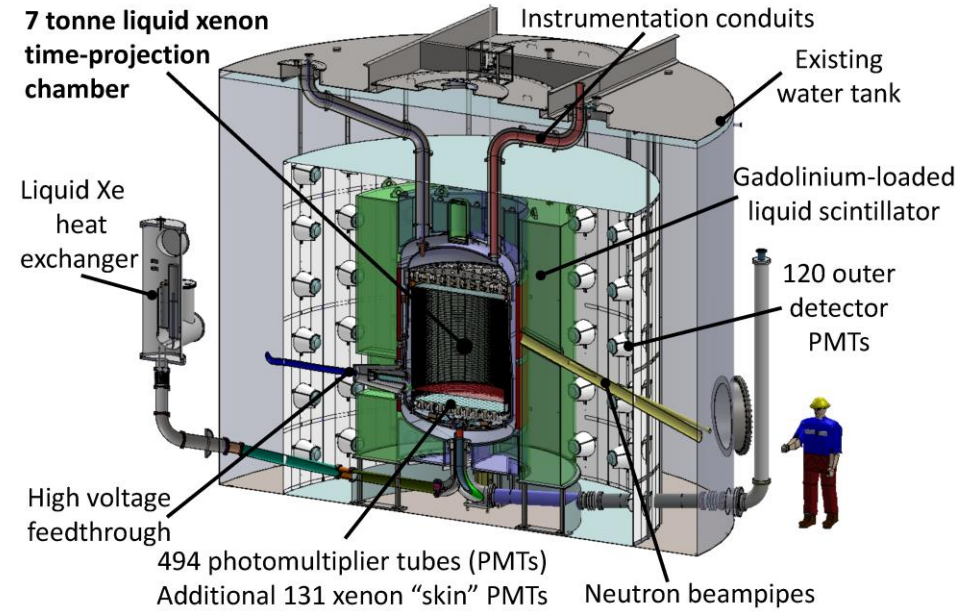
# Gravitational Wave computing on IRIS



Parameter estimation:  
Understanding observed events

- Stochastic samplers used to explore multi-dimensional parameter space
- Typically run for several days on a single node
- Increasing use of parallelization to reduce (wall-)time to get results

From: Abbott et al, “[GWTC-2: Compact Binary Coalescences Observed by LIGO and Virgo During the First Half of the Third Observing Run](#)”,  
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