# GW Searches: An Introduction

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· Gravitational waves cause a strain in space as they pass

 Measurement of the strain gives the amplitude of gravitational waves but this is not the full metric perturbation h<sub>ij</sub> that we are after





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#### Antenna Patterns of Hanford, Livingston, Gingin and Virgo detectors



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## Capabilities of Advanced GW Detector Networks

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Network	Maximum Range	Detection Volume	Capture Rate (at 80%)	Capture Rate (at 95%)	Sky Cov- erage	Network Accuracy
L	1.00	1.23	-	-	33.6%	-
HLV	1.43	5.76	2.95	4.94	71.8%	0.98
HHLV	1.74	8.98	4.86	7.81	47.3%	1.15
HLVA	1.69	8.93	6.06	8.28	53.5%	5.09
HHLVJ	1.82	12.1	8.37	11.25	73.5%	4.65
HHLVI	1.81	12.3	8.49	11.42	71.8%	3.93
HLVJA	1.76	12.1	8.71	11.25	85.0%	7.48
HHLVJI	1.85	15.8	11.43	14.72	91.4%	6.01
HLVJAI	1.85	15.8	11.50	14.69	94.5%	9.01

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Network	Detectable Sources	Sources Localized within			
		$1  \mathrm{deg}^2$	$5 \deg^2$	$10  \mathrm{deg}^2$	$20 \deg^2$
HHL	59	0	0	0	0
AHL	59	0.4	5	13	30
HHJL	85	0.2	2	5	14
AHJL	85	1	14	36	59
HHLV	83	0.4	5	13	35
AHLV	84	2	21	48	76
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