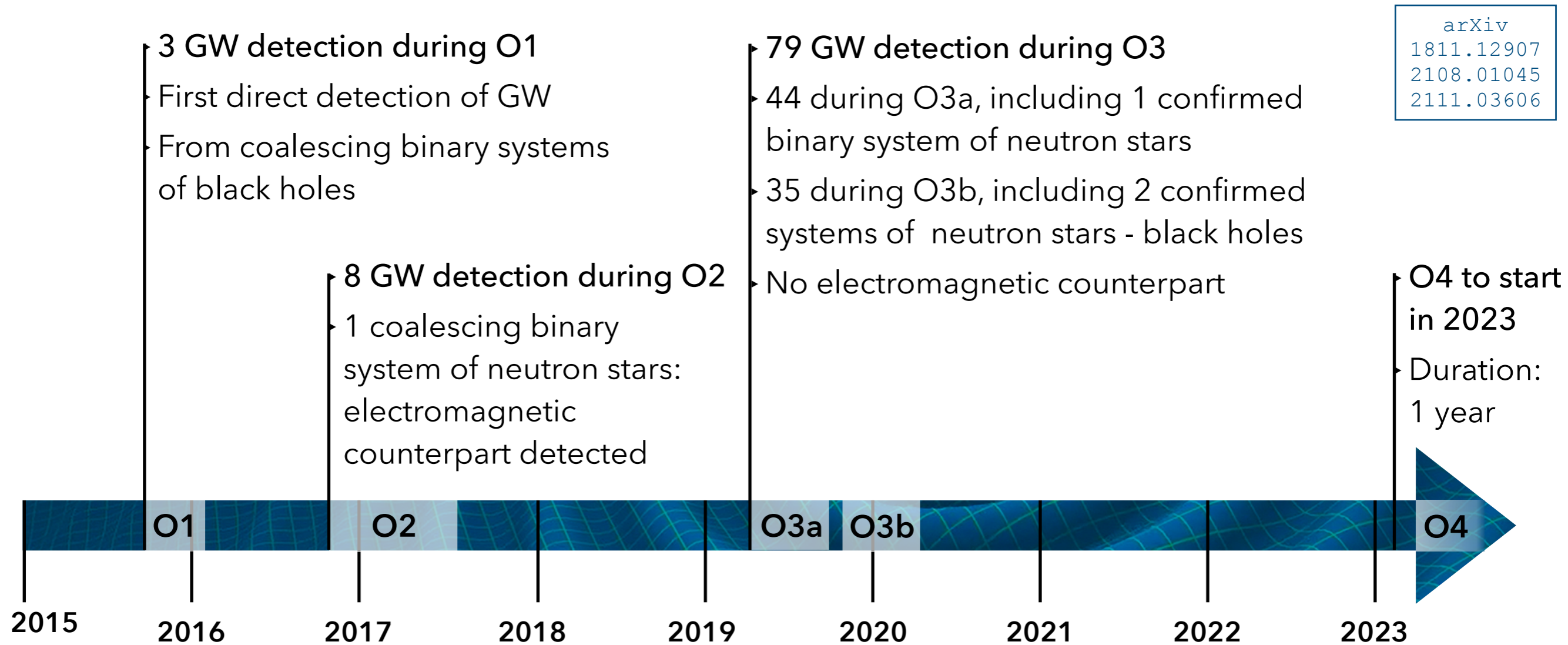


Gravitational  
waves  
propagation  
as a probe  
of fundamental  
physics

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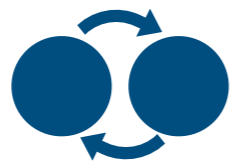
# Gravitational waves detection: a summary



arXiv  
1811.12907  
2108.01045  
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**90 GW**  
detections  
reported



**Coalescence**  
of black holes  
and neutron stars



**1 multimessenger**  
event (GW + EM  
observation)



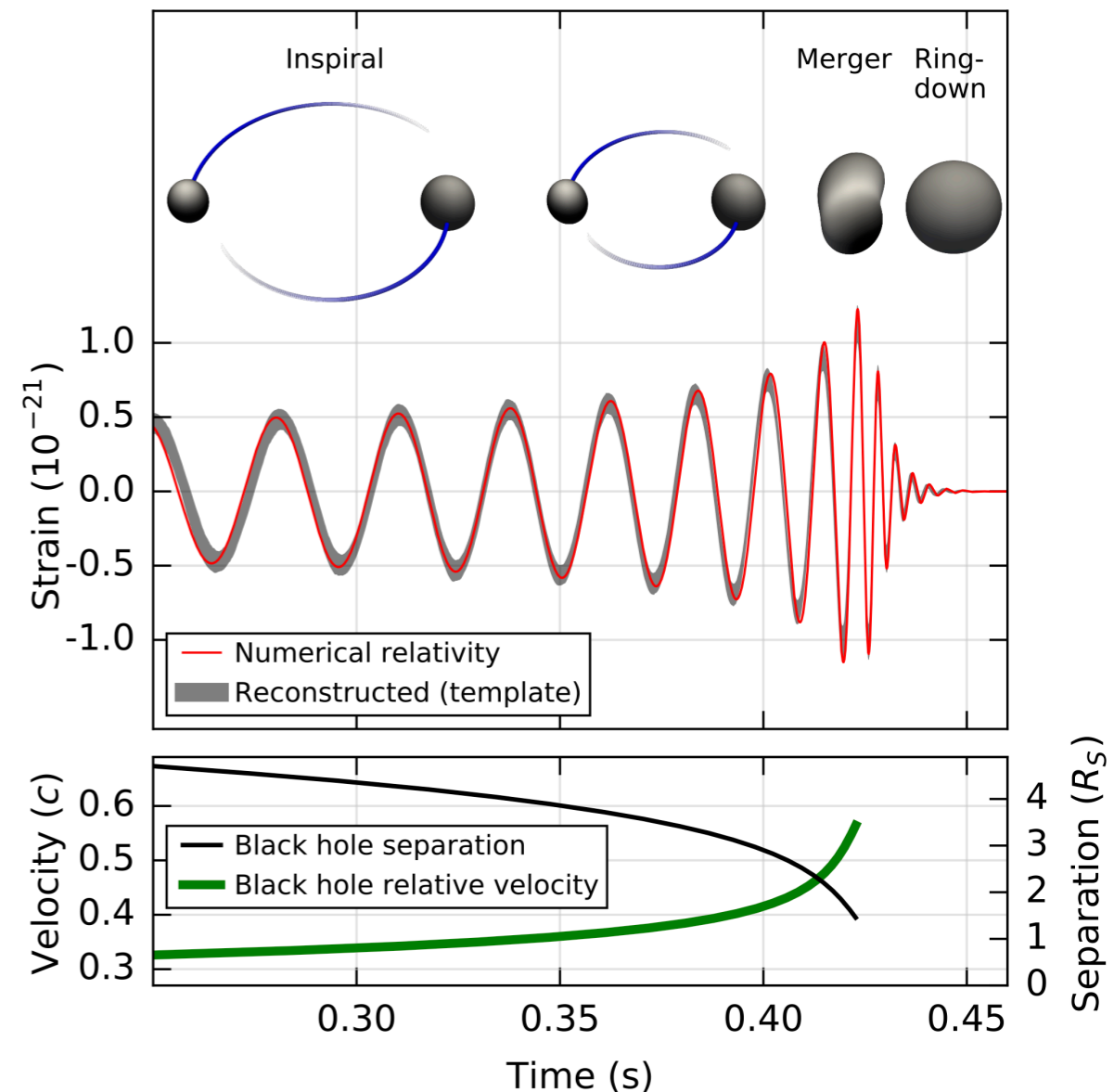
**Mass range**  
1.2 → 107  $M_{\odot}$   
(stellar)



**Distance range**  
40 Mpc → 8 Gpc  
( $z \rightarrow 1.14$ )

# Introduction

- Gravitational waves (GW) enable to test fundamental physics in the gravitational sector
  - ↳ complementary to tests with solar system, pulsars, gravitational lensing...
- Several approaches to test for deviation from General Relativity
  - ↳ consistency tests
  - ↳ search for phenomena impacting GW generation
  - ↳ search for exotic compact objects...
- New physics may affect the propagation of GW
  - ↳ gravitational coupling
  - ↳ overall effect on the signal (independent of the source)
  - ↳ cumulative effect
  - ↳ dynamical regime at large distance due to Universe expansion



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[Nishizawa, Phys. Rev. D  
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Non-0 graviton  
mass

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Can be probed from GW  
signal (pattern & polarisation)

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# Lorentz invariance violation induced GW dispersion

- ▶ GW from the coalescence of compact binaries have a characteristic signal

$$h(t) = |h(t)| e^{-i(\omega(t) + \phi_c)}$$

with  $|h(t)|, \omega(t)$  increasing until merger

- ▶ Breaking of Lorentz symmetry & massive graviton modify the energy relation:

$$E^2 = p^2 c^2 + m_g^2 c^4 + \mathbb{A} p^\alpha c^\alpha$$

- ▶ The extra term in  $\mathbb{A}$  creates a frequency-dependent dispersion of the GW

$$\tilde{h}(f) = |\tilde{h}(f)| e^{-i(\tilde{\phi}_{GR}(f) + \delta\tilde{\phi}(f))}$$

- ▶ The dispersion is:
  - isotropic
  - polarisation independent
  - possibly mapped to alternative theories of gravitation

[Mirshekari, Yunes & Will  
Phys. Rev. D85: 024041 \(2012\)](#)

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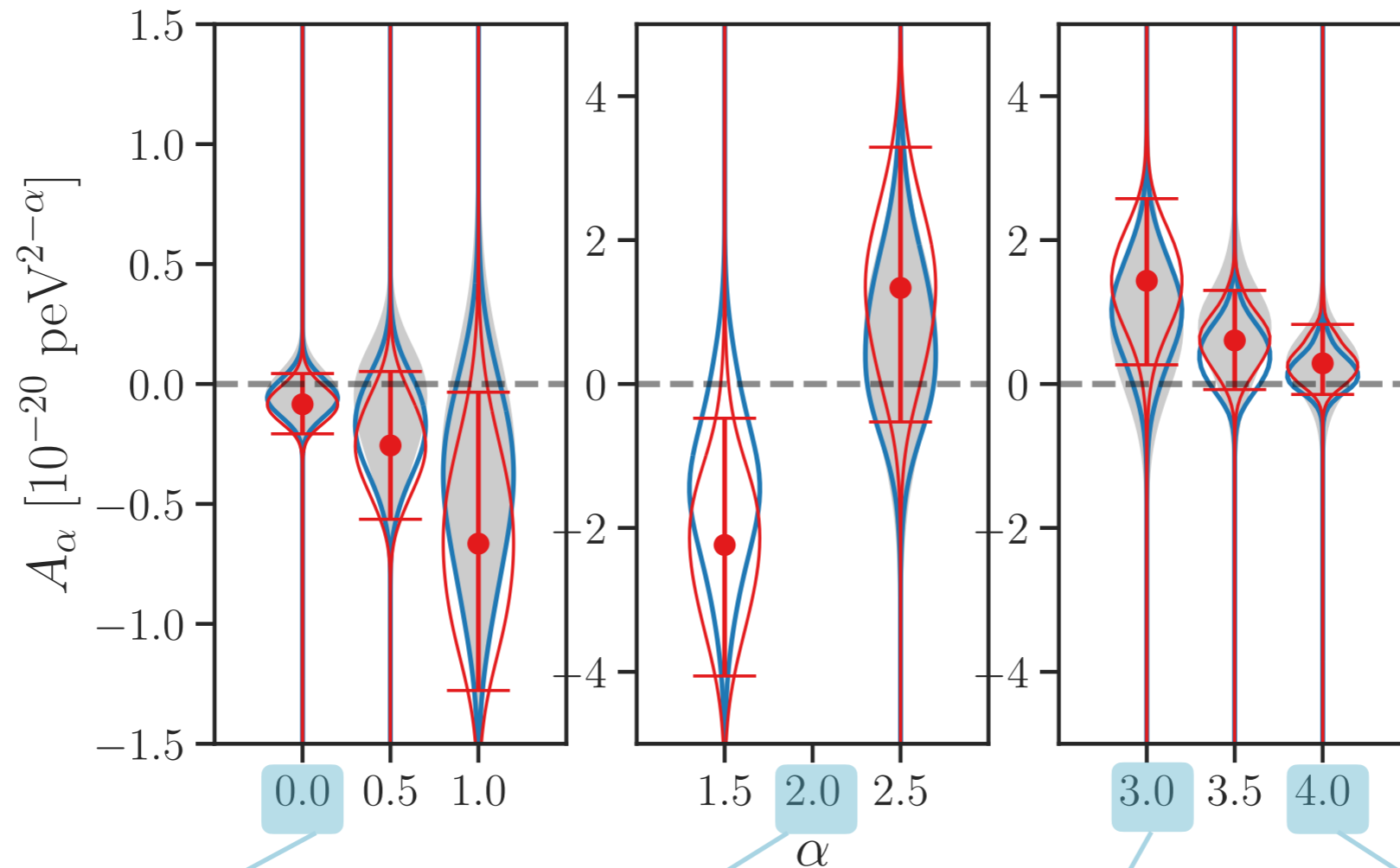
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# Constraints on Lorentz invariance violation

- w/ GW200219\_094415 & GW200225\_060421
  - w/o GW200219\_094415 & GW200225\_060421
- } 2 events presenting a bias with lowest p-value in residual tests

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[LVK,](#)  
[arxiv:2112.06861](#)

massive graviton  
 $m_g < 1.76 \cdot 10^{-23} \text{ eV}/c^2$

degeneracy with  
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Doubly Special  
Relativity

extra dimensions /  
Hořava-Lifshitz /  
non commutative geometry

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Impact GW momentum:  
dispersion effect,  
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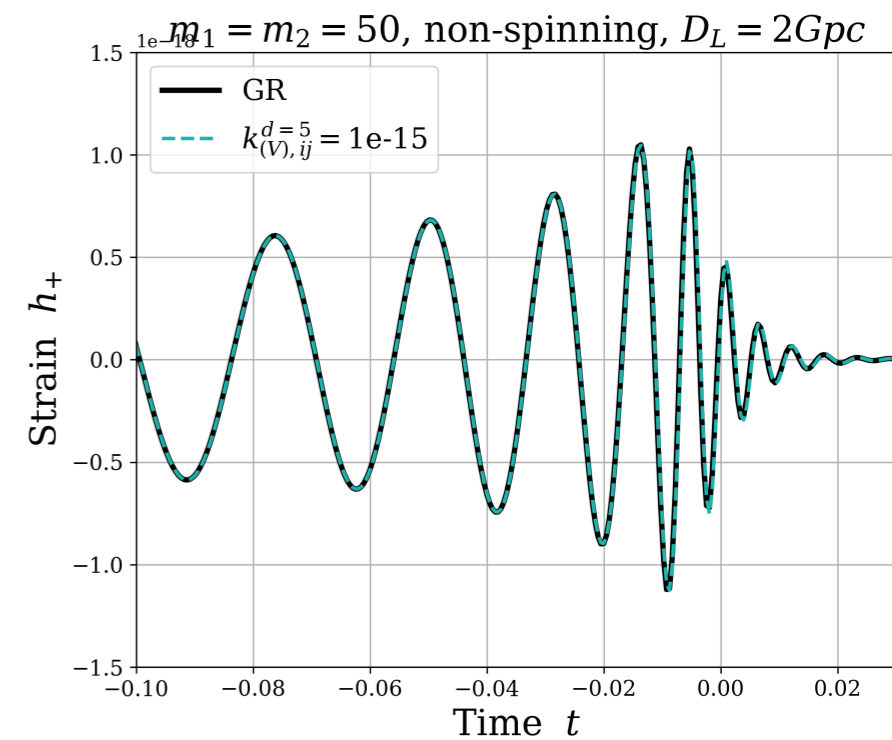
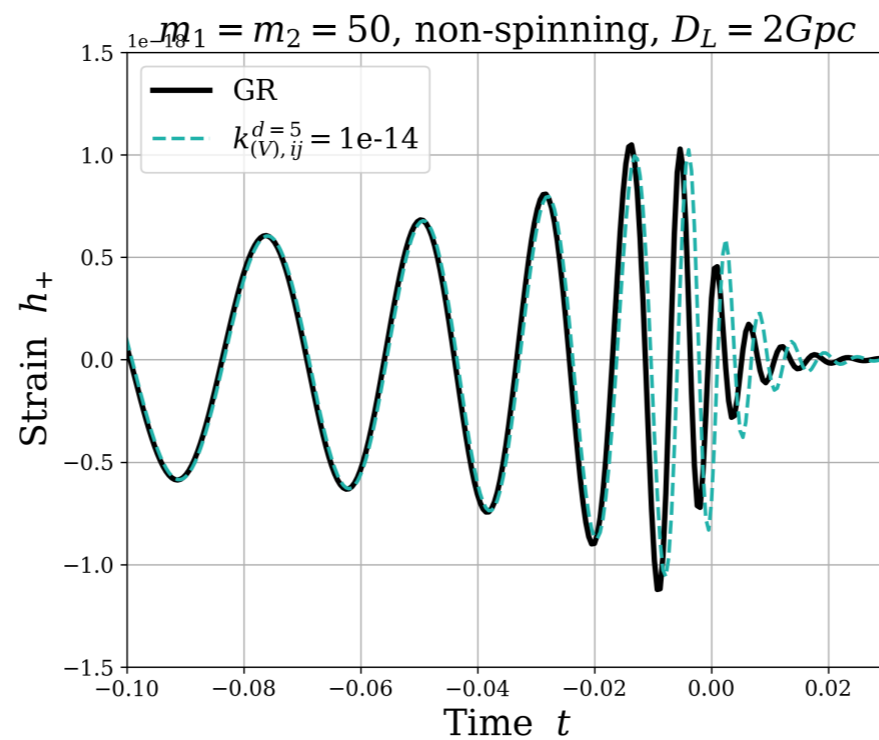
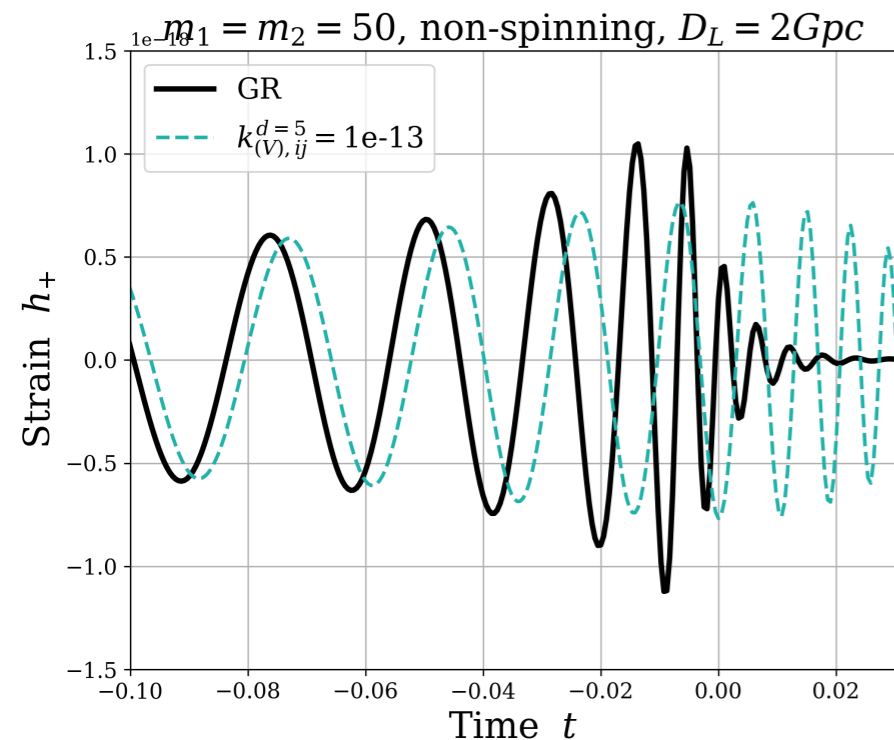
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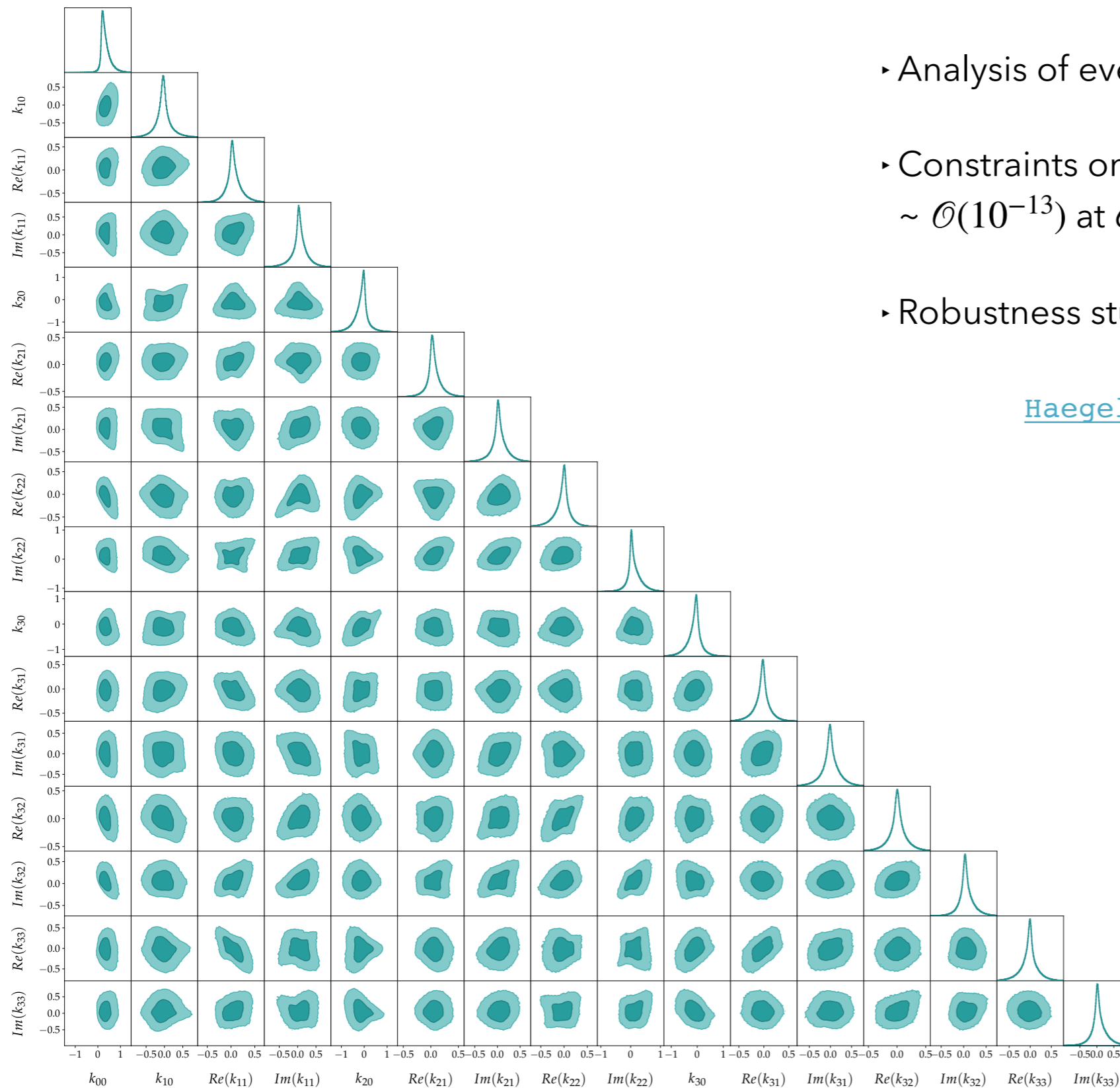
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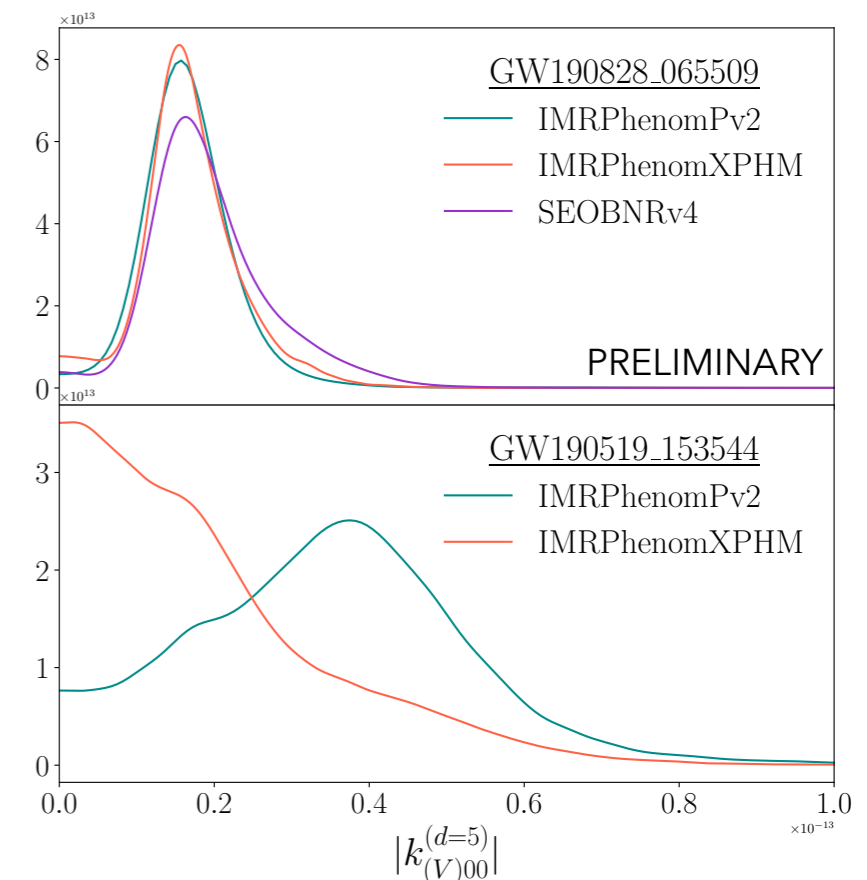
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[Haegel et al, arxiv:2210.04481](#)



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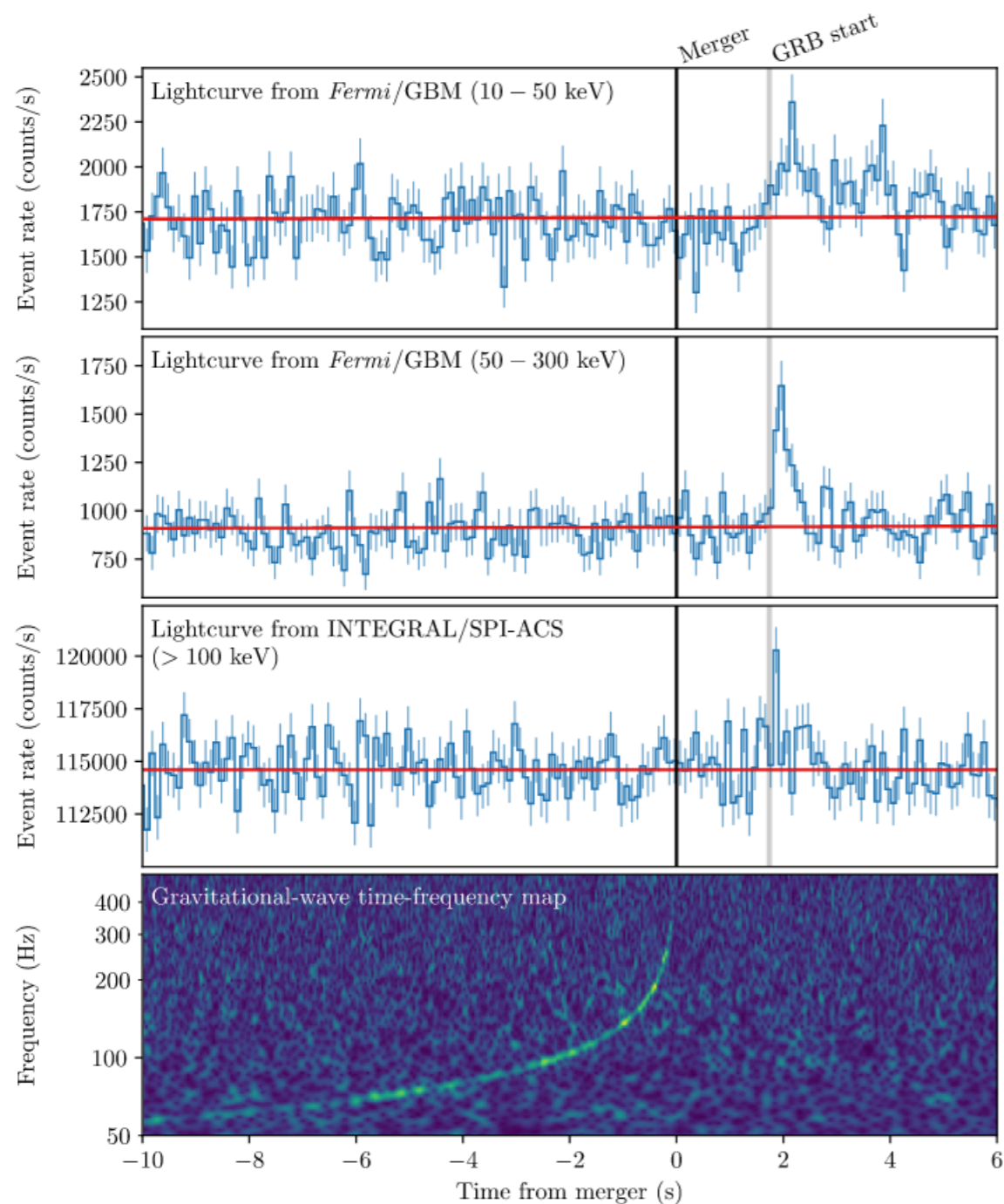
- Is gravitational waves velocity sub or supra luminal ?

### Test:

- Compare the arrival time of GW and EM signals for binary neutron star merger

# Multimessenger event: GW170817

► GW170817: binary neutron star merger



- Difference in time of arrival between electromagnetic and gravitational radiation enables to constrain the speed of gravity:

$$-3 \times 10^{-15} \leq \frac{\Delta v}{v_{\text{EM}}} \leq +7 \times 10^{-16}$$

- As well as Lorentz-violating parameters in the SME:

$$\Delta v = - \sum_{\substack{\ell m \\ \ell \leq 2}} Y_{\ell m}(\hat{n}) \left( \frac{1}{2} (-1)^{1+\ell} \bar{s}_{\ell m}^{(4)} - c_{(I)\ell m}^{(4)} \right).$$

Coefficient	This Work Upper	Previous Upper
$\bar{s}_{00}^{(4)}$	$5 \times 10^{-15}$	$8 \times 10^{-5}$
$\bar{s}_{10}^{(4)}$	$7 \times 10^{-15}$	$7 \times 10^{-14}$
$-\text{Re } \bar{s}_{11}^{(4)}$	$2 \times 10^{-15}$	$8 \times 10^{-14}$
$\text{Im } \bar{s}_{11}^{(4)}$	$7 \times 10^{-15}$	$9 \times 10^{-14}$
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GW friction

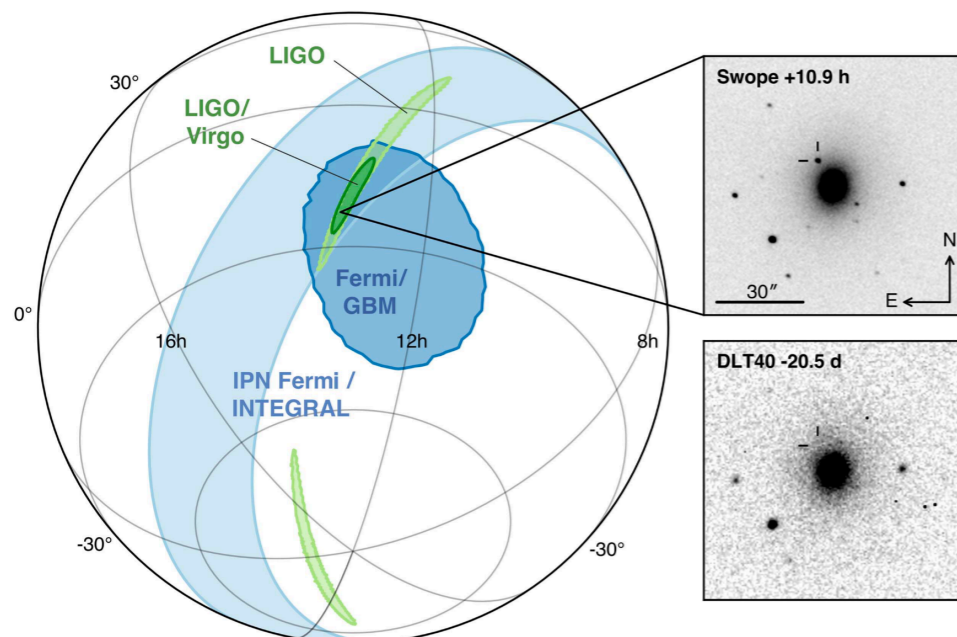
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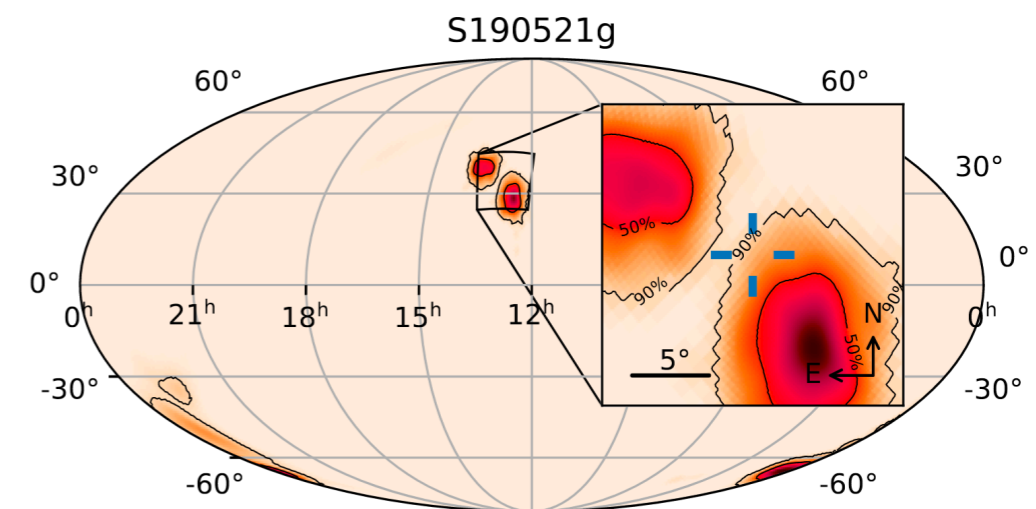
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- ▶ **GW190521 (assumed):**

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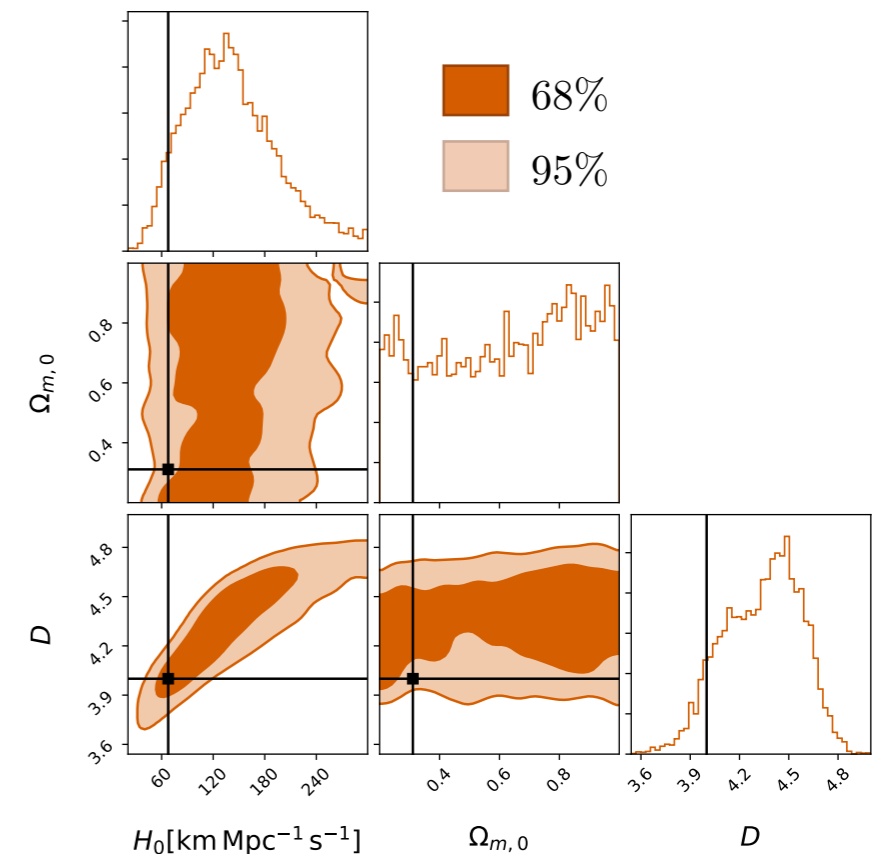
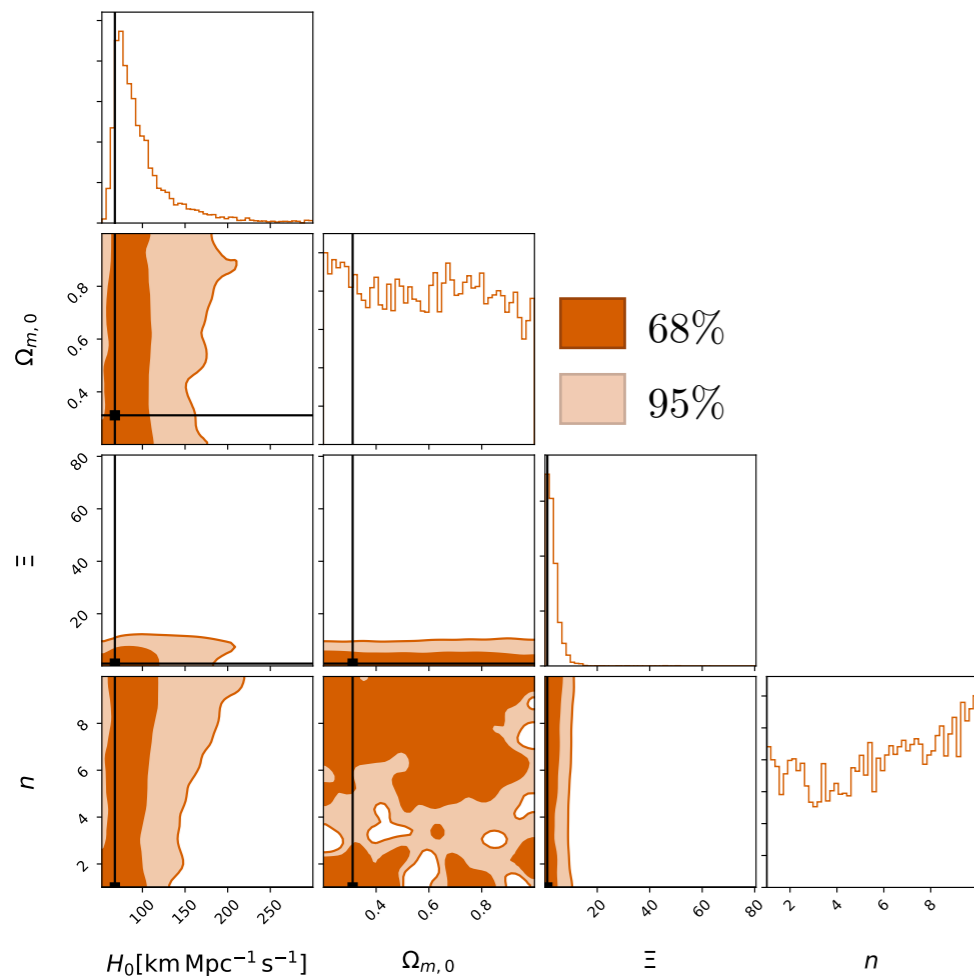
- Compare distance reconstructed with GW and EM signals (taking into account cosmology)

# Constraints on GW friction

- Large extra dimensions (DGP gravity and other non-compactified extra dimensions quantum gravity theories)

$$d_L^{GW}(z) = \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{d_L^{EM}(z)}{R_c} \right)^n \right]^{\frac{D-2}{2n}}$$

[Mastrogiovanni, Haegel, Karathanasis, Magana-Hernandez, Steer, JCAP 02 \(2021\) 043](#)



- Scalar-tensor theories of gravitation parameterisation (Brans-Dicke, Horndeski, beyond-Horndeski, DHOST)

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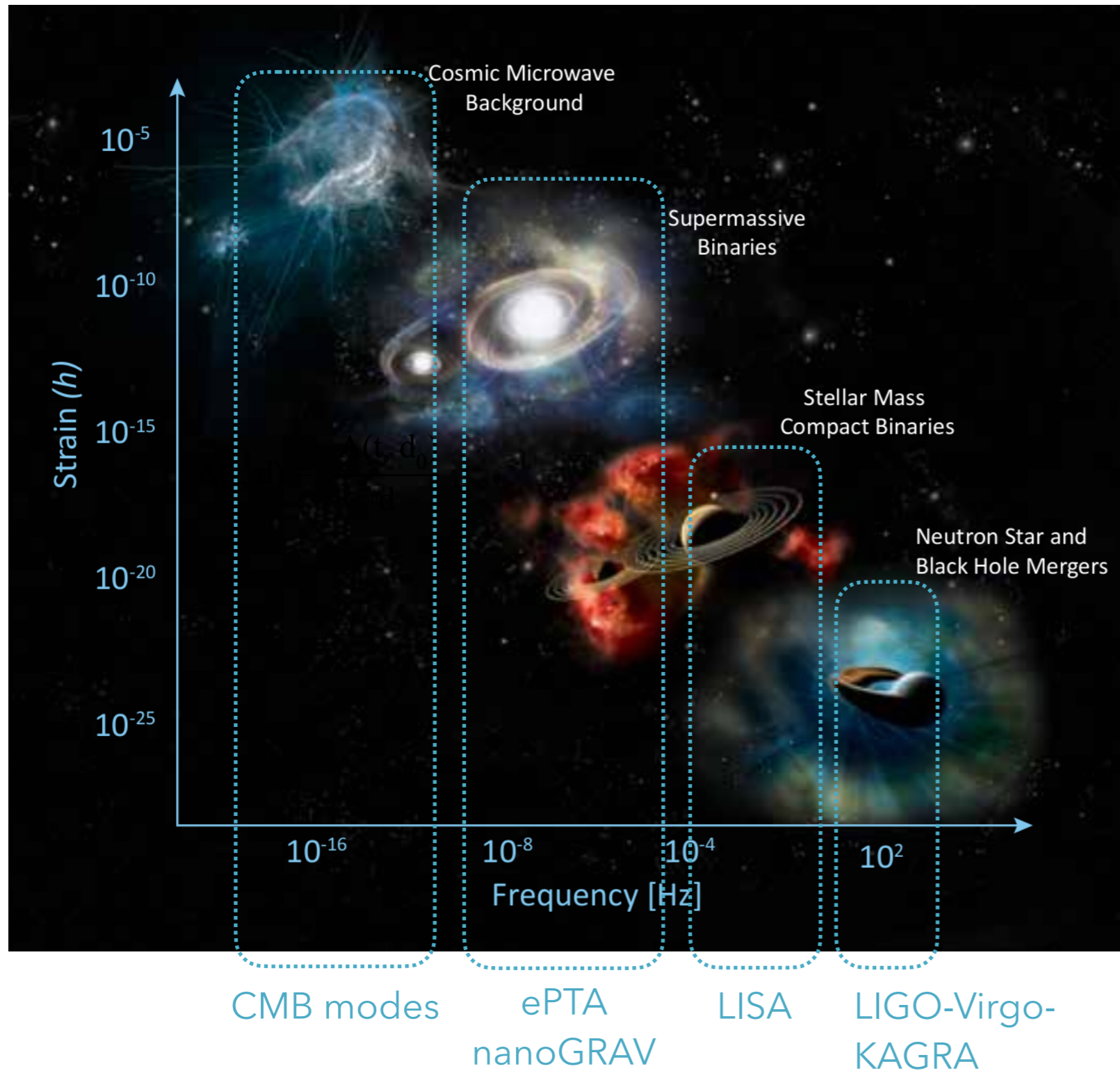
- Constraints can be improved in case of detection of a lensed event (current study, [H. Narola talk at GR23 \[C3\]](#))



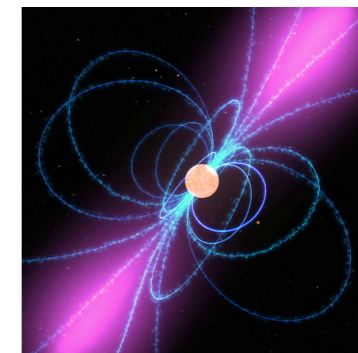
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# Gravitational waves sources

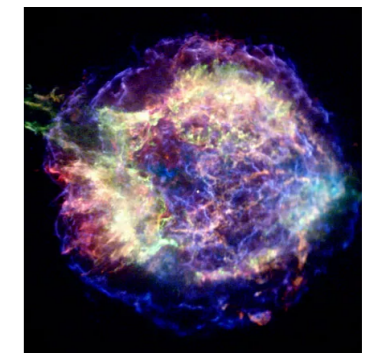
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+ pulsars



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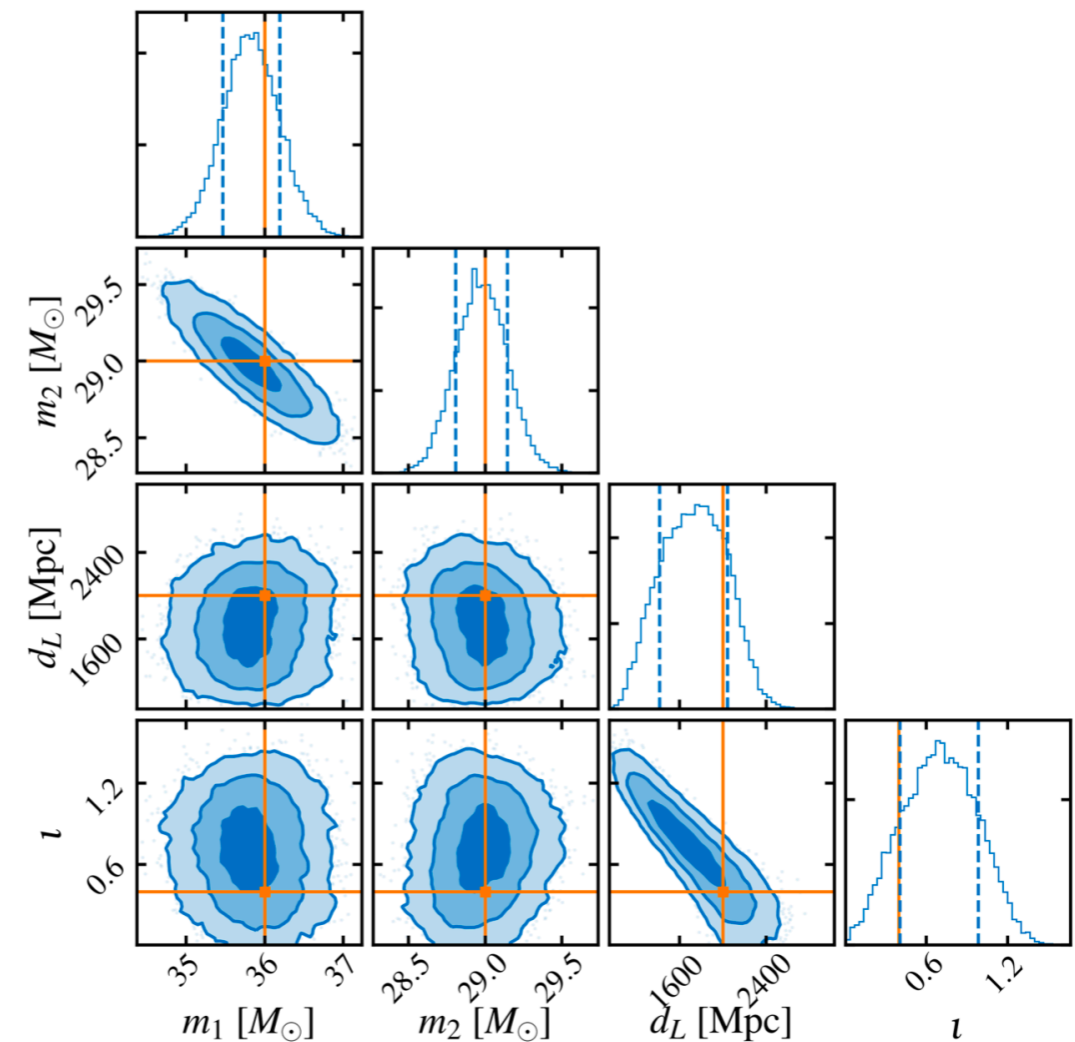
# GW parameter estimation for binary coalescence

- ▶ **Bayesian analyses:** joint posterior probabilities of source parameters  
Markov chains sampling methods (Nested sampling, MCMC)

- ▶ **Binary systems of black holes and/or neutron stars:**

15 parameters minimum

- 2 masses
- 2 spin magnitudes
- 2 angles for each spin
- Reference time
- Orbital phase at reference time
- Luminosity distance
- Right ascension & declination
- Inclination angle
- Polarisation angle
- + tidal parameters in neutron stars



[Ashton et al, Astrophys.J.Suppl. 241 \(2019\) 2, 27](#)



# Measuring SME coefficients for $d=5$

- ▶ In practice: look at each mass dimension separately
- ▶ Dispersion starts for mass dimension  $d = 5$
- ▶ It is controlled by 16 coefficients  $k_{(V),ij}^{(d=5)}$

- ▶ The modified GW signal is:

$$h_+ = \cos \beta h_+^{GR} - \sin \beta h_\times^{GR}$$

- ▶ Constrain  $k_{(V),eff}^{(d=5)}$  with individual events, then reinterpret the constraint as a single coefficient / all coefficients constraint

[Haegel et al, arxiv:2210.04481](https://arxiv.org/abs/2210.04481)

$$\beta = \omega^2 \tau \left| \begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} k_{00} \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{3}{\pi}} \cos \theta k_{10} \\ & - \sqrt{\frac{3}{2\pi}} \sin \theta (\cos \phi \operatorname{Re}(k_{11}) - \sin \phi \operatorname{Im}(k_{11})) \\ & + \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{5}{\pi}} (3 \cos^2 \theta - 1) k_{20} \\ & - \sqrt{\frac{15}{2\pi}} \sin \theta \cos \theta (\cos \phi \operatorname{Re}(k_{21}) - \sin \phi \operatorname{Im}(k_{21})) \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{15}{2\pi}} \sin^2 \theta (\cos 2\phi \operatorname{Re}(k_{22}) - \sin 2\phi \operatorname{Im}(k_{22})) \\ & + \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{7}{\pi}} (5 \cos^3 \theta - 3 \cos \theta) k_{30} \\ & - \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{21}{\pi}} \sin \theta (5 \cos^2 \theta - 1) (\cos \phi \operatorname{Re}(k_{31}) - \sin \phi \operatorname{Im}(k_{31})) \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{105}{2\pi}} \sin^2 \theta \cos \theta (\cos 2\phi \operatorname{Re}(k_{32}) - \sin 2\phi \operatorname{Im}(k_{32})) \\ & - \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{35}{\pi}} \sin^3 \theta (\cos 3\phi \operatorname{Re}(k_{33}) - \sin 3\phi \operatorname{Im}(k_{33})) \end{aligned} \right|$$

$k_{(V),eff}^{(d=5)}$  ←

# Measuring isotropic SME coefficients for $d=5$

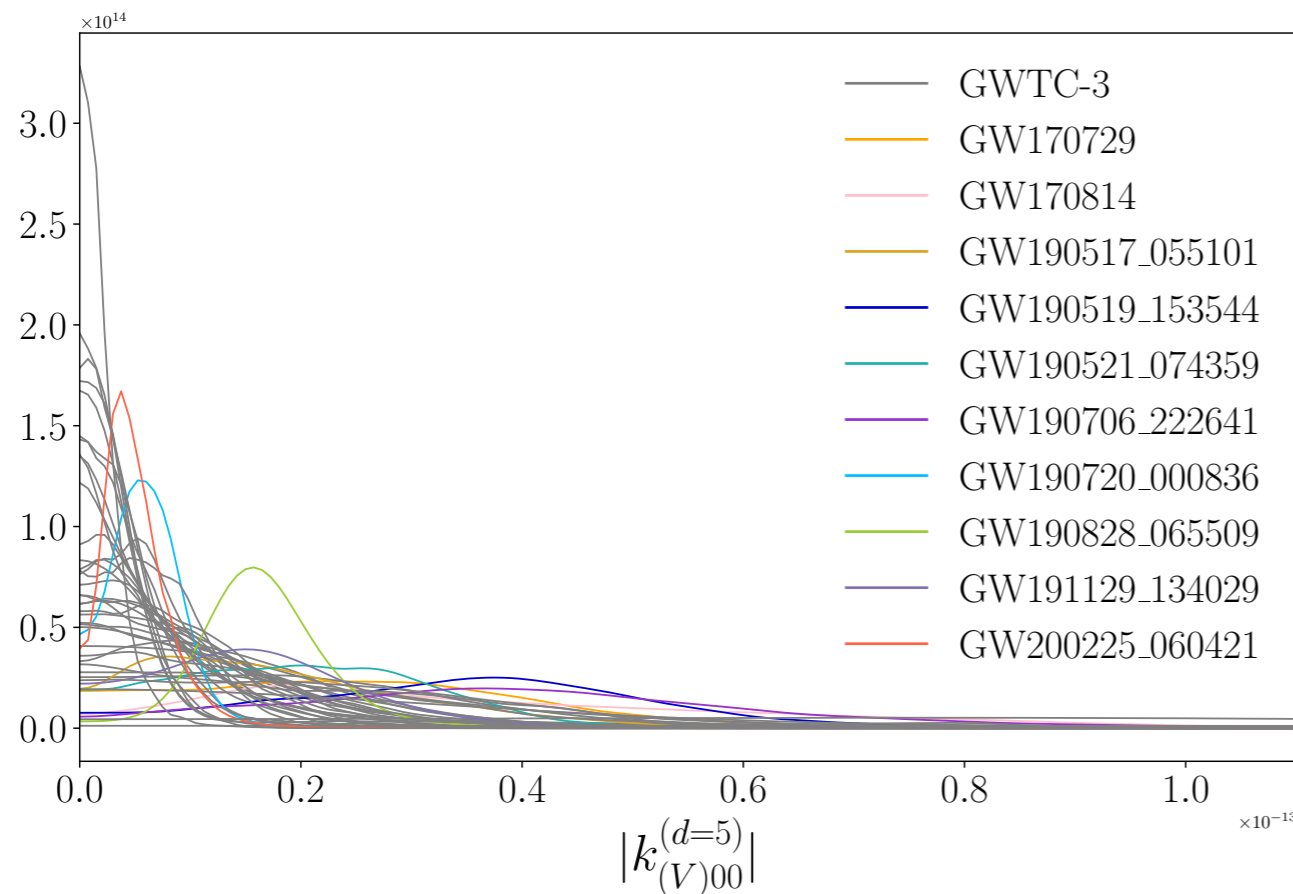
▸ **Analysis:** GWTC-3 (O1 + O2 + O3)

45 events with higher SNR chosen ( $\text{FAR} > 2 / \text{year}$ )

joint measurement of source and SME parameters

▸ **Constraints:** combined events:  $k_{(V),00}^{(d=5)} \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-15})$  (single parameter constraint)

global analysis:  $k_{(V),ij}^{(d=5)} \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-13})$  (multi parameter constraint)

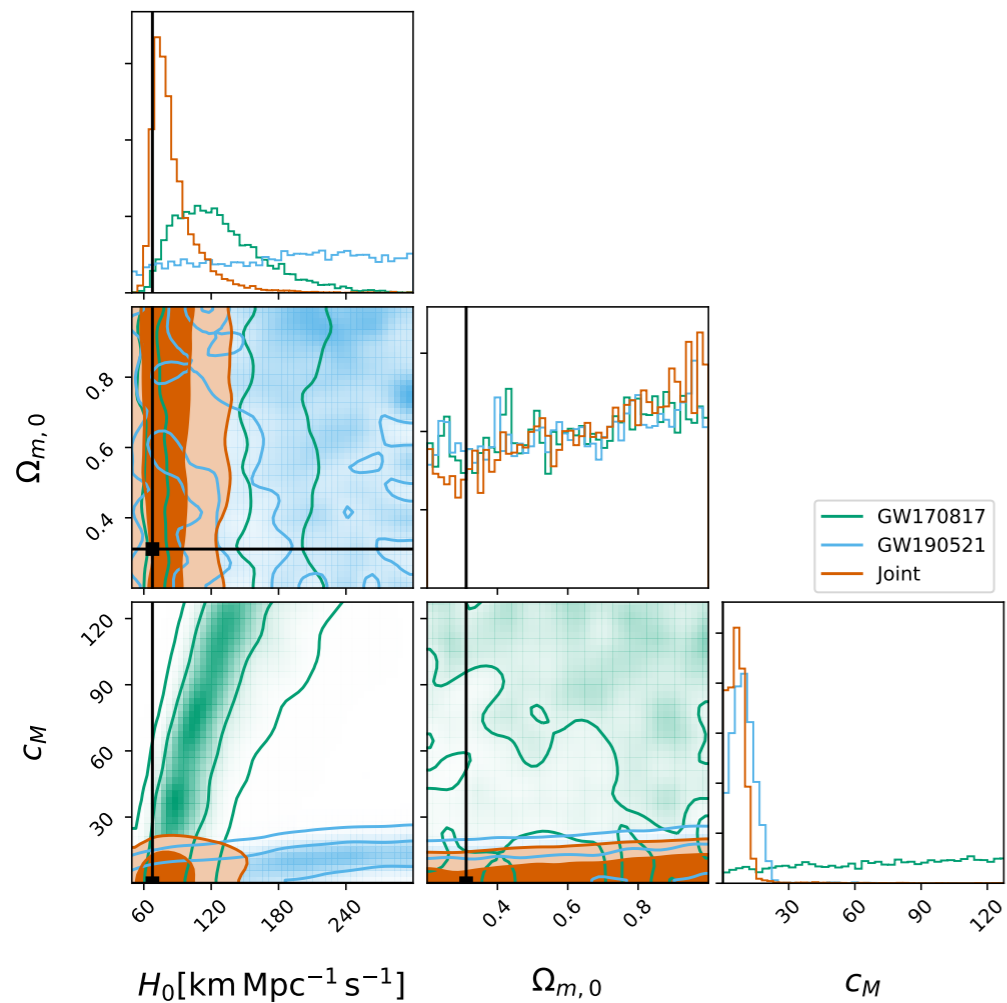


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90% lower	68.3% lower	$k_{(V),ij}^{(5)}$ coefficient	68.3% upper	90% upper
0.51	1.21	$k_{00}$	4.38	7.37
-4.54	-2.13	$k_{10}$	1.19	3.91
-2.30	-1.00	$Re(k_{11})$	1.73	3.39
-3.64	-1.21	$Im(k_{11})$	2.35	4.45
-7.40	-3.75	$k_{20}$	1.10	3.78
-1.75	-0.61	$Re(k_{21})$	1.43	3.02
-2.77	-1.16	$Im(k_{21})$	1.71	3.67
-3.58	-1.72	$Re(k_{22})$	1.02	2.55
-2.49	-0.96	$Im(k_{22})$	2.80	5.58
-6.40	-3.31	$k_{30}$	1.17	3.57
-3.34	-1.65	$Re(k_{31})$	0.98	2.48
-3.90	-1.92	$Im(k_{31})$	1.75	3.87
-2.76	-1.23	$Re(k_{32})$	1.34	2.87
-2.26	-0.90	$Im(k_{32})$	1.82	3.60
-3.95	-1.95	$Re(k_{33})$	1.28	3.18
-3.22	-1.35	$Im(k_{33})$	2.25	4.78

TABLE I. Credible intervals on the  $k_{(V),ij}^{(5)}$  coefficients (in  $10^{-13}$  m), determined from the marginalised posterior probability distributions estimated with the joint estimation of the 16  $k_{(V),ij}^{(5)}$  coefficients shown in diagonal in Fig. 2.

# GW friction and dark energy motivated friction



- Dynamical dark energy models:  
 $\alpha_M$  is linked to the energy content of the Universe

$$\alpha_M = c_M \frac{\Omega_{\Lambda}(z)}{\Omega_{\Lambda}(0)}$$

$$d_L^{GW}(z) = d_L^{EM}(z) \exp \left[ \frac{c_M}{2\Omega_{\Lambda,0}} \ln \frac{1+z}{\Omega_{m,0}(1+z)^3 + \Omega_{\Lambda,0}} \right]$$

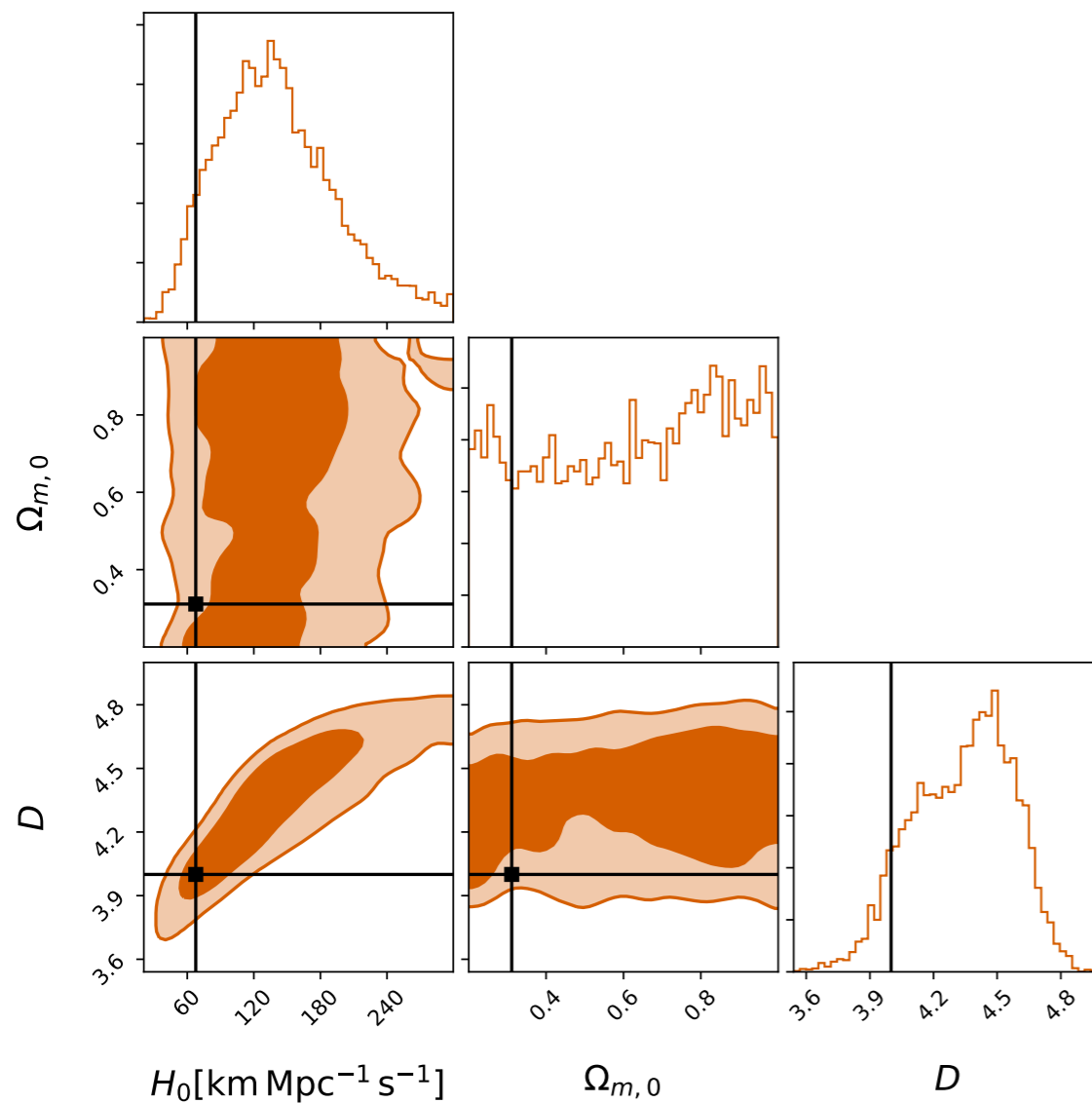
$c_M = 0$  is the GR case

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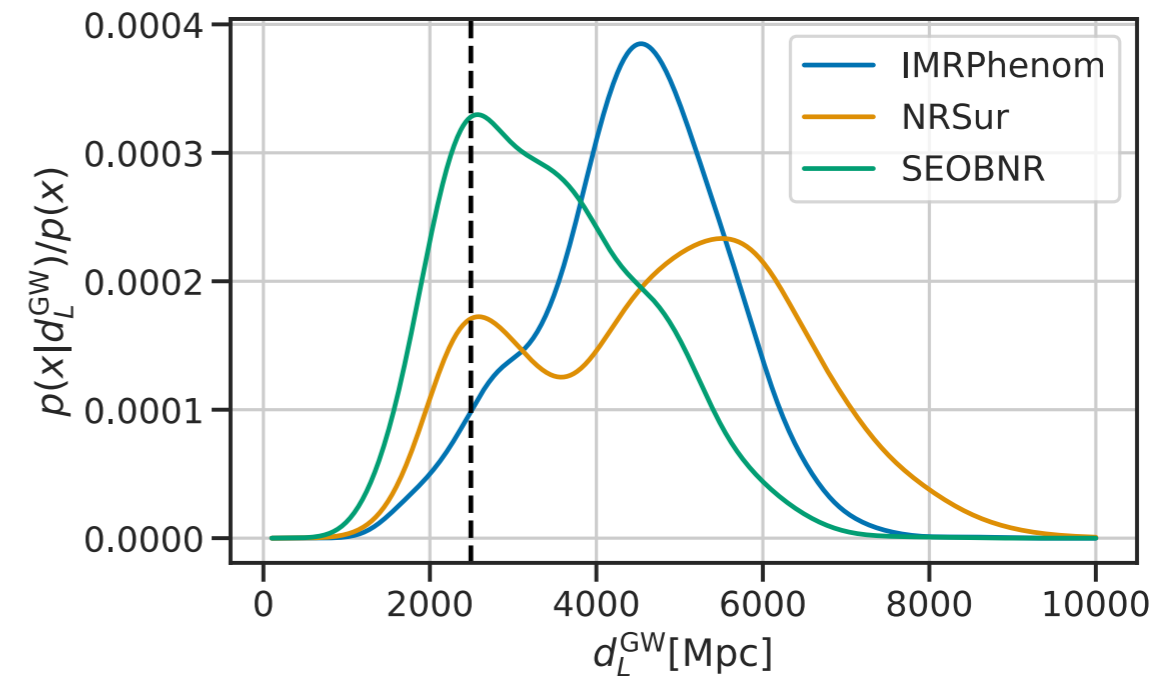
# GW friction and extra dimensions

- ▶  $D=4$  is on the edge on the contour due to the luminosity distance posterior skewed towards large values

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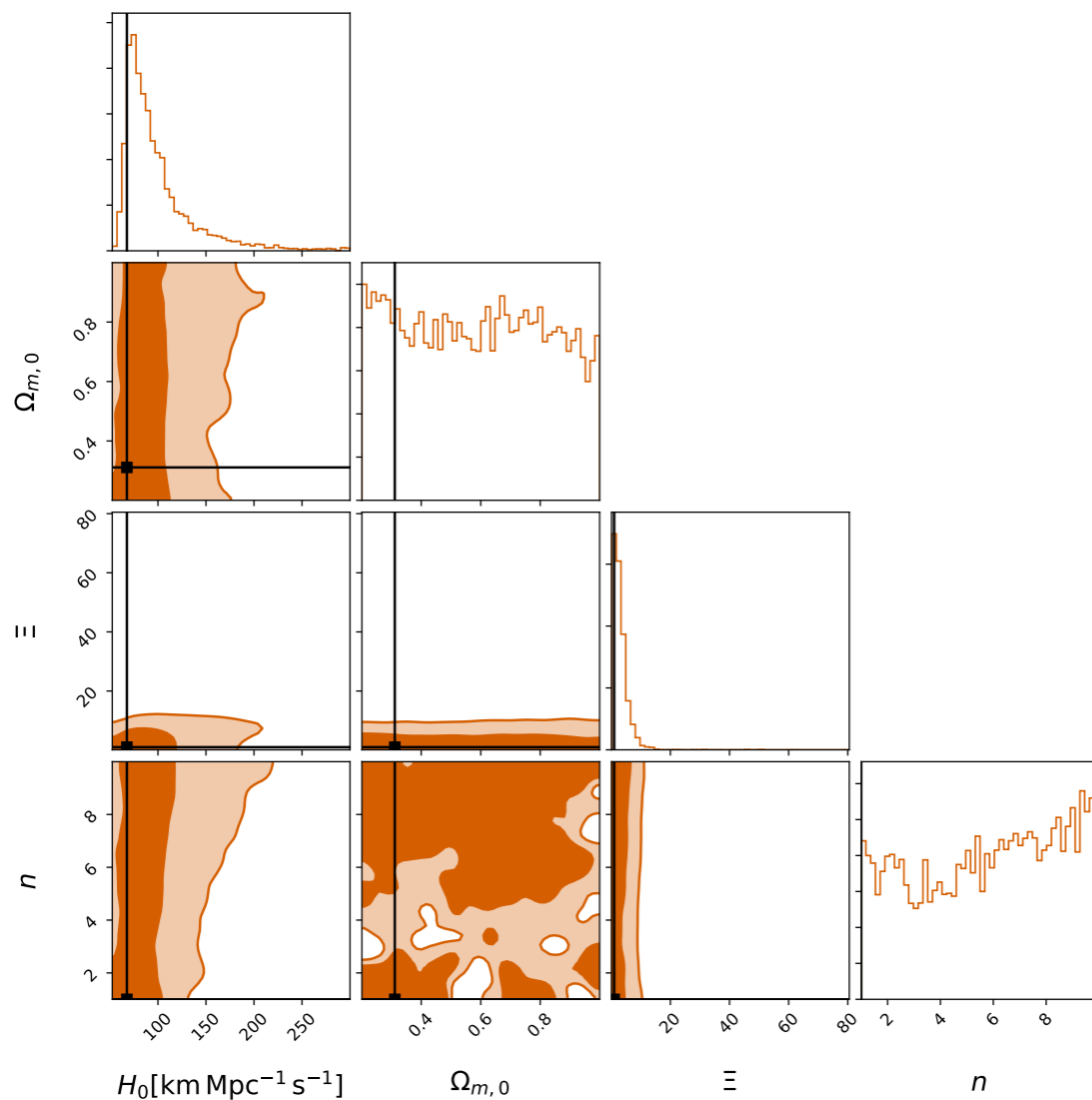
$$d_L^{GW}(z) = \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{d_L^{EM}(z)}{R_c} \right)^n \right]^{\frac{D-2}{2n}}$$



# From GW friction to scalar-tensor theories

- Scalar-tensor theories of gravitation parameterisation (Brans-Dicke, Horndeski, beyond-Horndeski, DHOST)

$$d_L^{GW}(z) = d_L^{EM}(z) \left[ \Xi + \frac{1 - \Xi}{(1+z)^n} \right]$$



Model	$\Xi_0 - 1$	$n$	Refs.
HS $f(R)$ gravity	$\frac{1}{2} f_{R0}$	$\frac{3(\tilde{n}+1)\Omega_m}{4-3\Omega_m}$	[68]
Designer $f(R)$ gravity	$-0.24\Omega_m^{0.76} B_0$	$3.1\Omega_m^{0.24}$	[69]
Jordan-Brans-Dicke	$\frac{1}{2}\delta\phi_0$	$\frac{3(\tilde{n}+1)\Omega_m}{4-3\Omega_m}$	[70]
Galileon cosmology	$\frac{\beta\phi_0}{2M_{\text{Pl}}}$	$\frac{\dot{\phi}_0}{H_0\phi}$	[71]
$\alpha_M = \alpha_{M0} a^{\tilde{n}}$	$\frac{\alpha_{M0}}{2\tilde{n}}$	$\tilde{n}$	[67]
$\alpha_M = \alpha_{M0} \frac{\Omega_\Lambda(a)}{\Omega_\Lambda}$	$-\frac{\alpha_{M0}}{6\Omega_\Lambda} \ln \Omega_m$	$-\frac{3\Omega_\Lambda}{\ln \Omega_m}$	[67, 72]
$\Omega = 1 + \Omega_+ a^{\tilde{n}}$	$\frac{1}{2}\Omega_+$	$\tilde{n}$	[6]
Minimal self-acceleration	$\lambda \left( \ln a_{\text{acc}} + \frac{C}{2} \chi_{\text{acc}} \right)$	$\frac{C/H_0 - 2}{\ln a_{\text{acc}}^2 - C\chi_{\text{acc}}}$	[66]

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[Belgacem et al, JCAP07 \(2019\) 024](#)

# Alternatives theories of gravity

## ▸ Doubly special relativity:

Modification of special relativity with the addition of an observer-independent maximum energy ; length scale (Planck length / energy). Motivation: same scale of quantum gravity effects for all observers

[Amelino-Camelia, \*Symmetry\* 2 \(2010\) 230–271](#)

## ▸ Hořava-Lifshitz gravity:

Quantisation of gravitation with a QFT approach, where ghosts are avoided by introducing anisotropic scaling between space and time at high energies

[Wang, \*Int. J. Mod. Phys. D26\* \(2017\) 1730014](#)

## ▸ DGP gravity:

Extension of the Einstein-Hilbert action to a 4+1 Minkowski space. Motivation: acceleration of the Universe expansion without  $\Lambda$ .

[Dvali, Gabadadze, Porrati. \*Phys. Lett. B\* 485:208–214 \(2000\)](#)

## ▸ Horndeski (and beyond) gravity:

General formulation of scalar-tensor theory of gravitation (includes Brans-Dicke, DHOST, linked to Gauss-Bonnet). Particularly used to study inflation, metric perturbation, cosmological effects.

[Kobayashi. \*Rept. Prog. Phys.\* 82 \(2019\) no.8, 086901](#)

## ▸ f(R) gravity:

Class of beyond-GR theory where the Ricci scalar  $R$  follows an arbitrary function. Presence of equivalence with scalar-tensor theories for GW.

[Sotiriou, Faraoni. \*Rev. Mod. Phys.\* 82:451–497 \(2010\)](#)