

# Standard sirens for LISA

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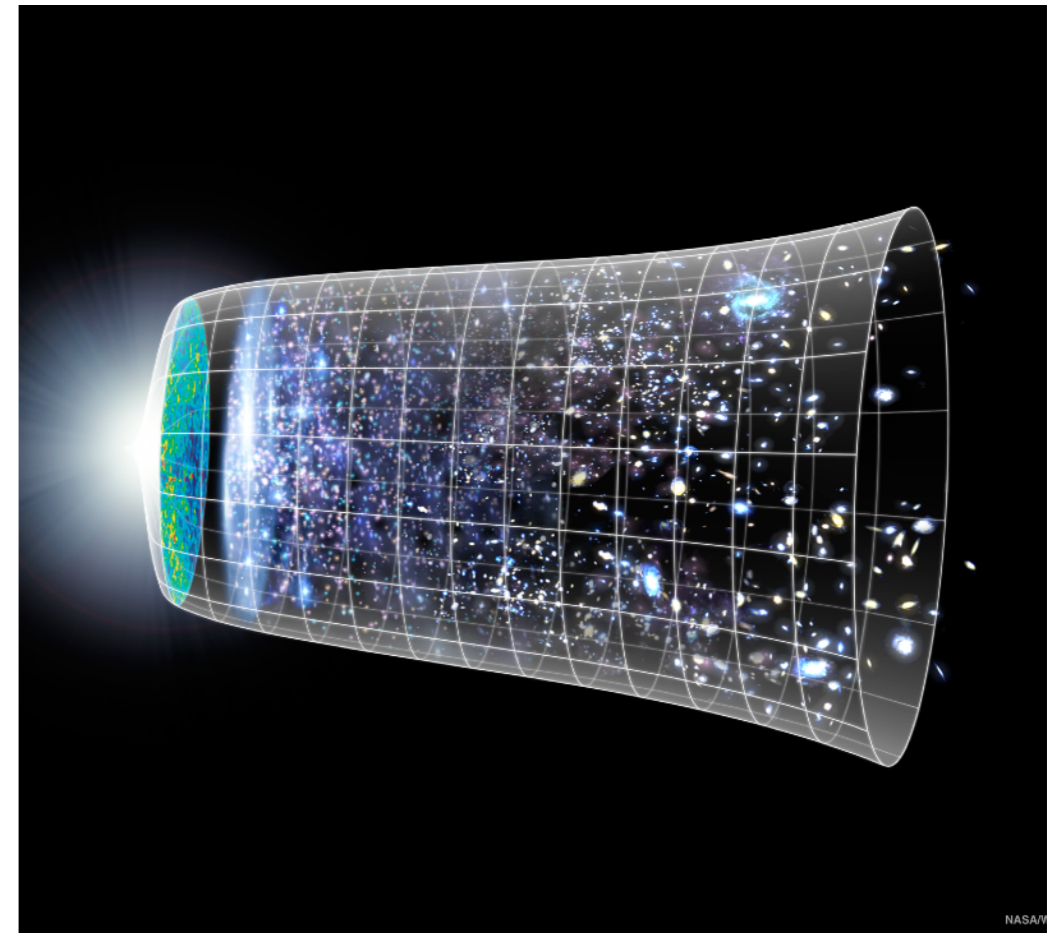
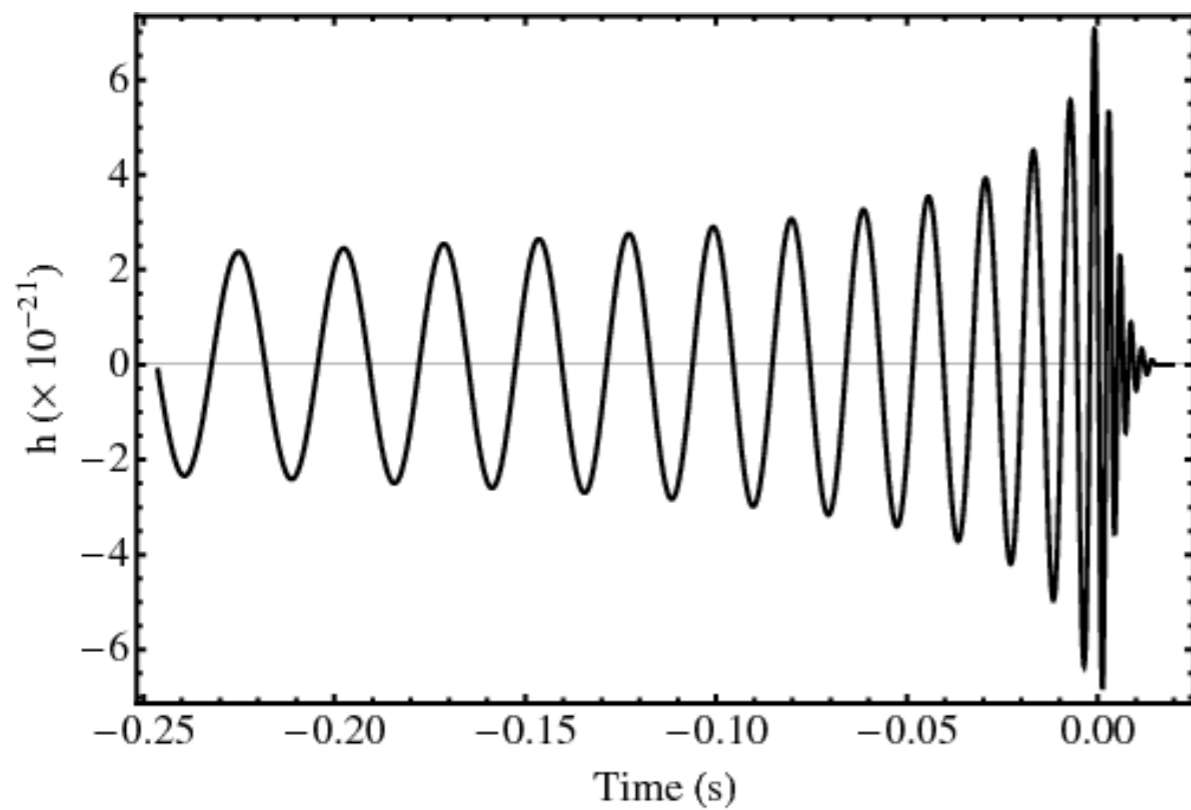
# Outline

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- **Standard sirens: bright and dark and spectral**
  - **Current results from LIGO/Virgo/KAGRA**
  - **Prospects for LISA**

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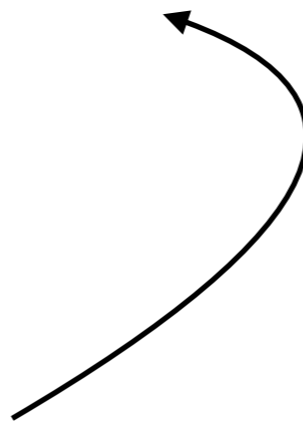
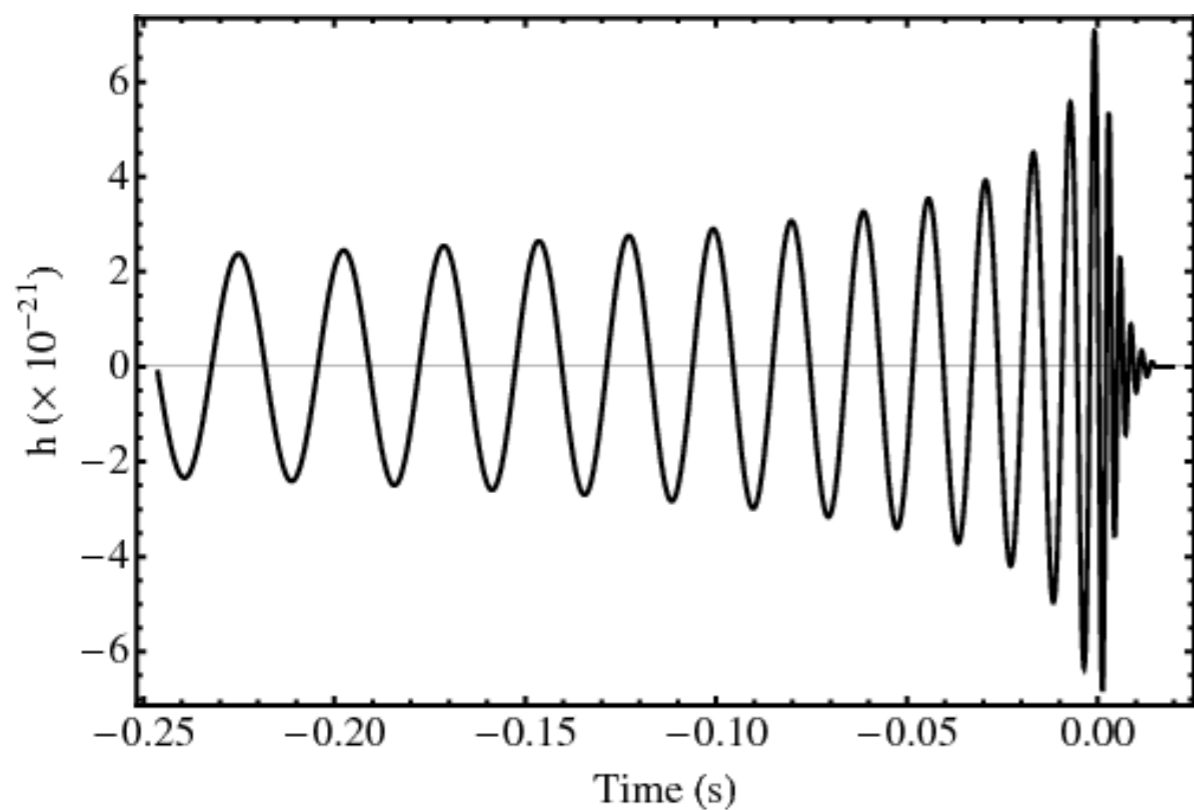
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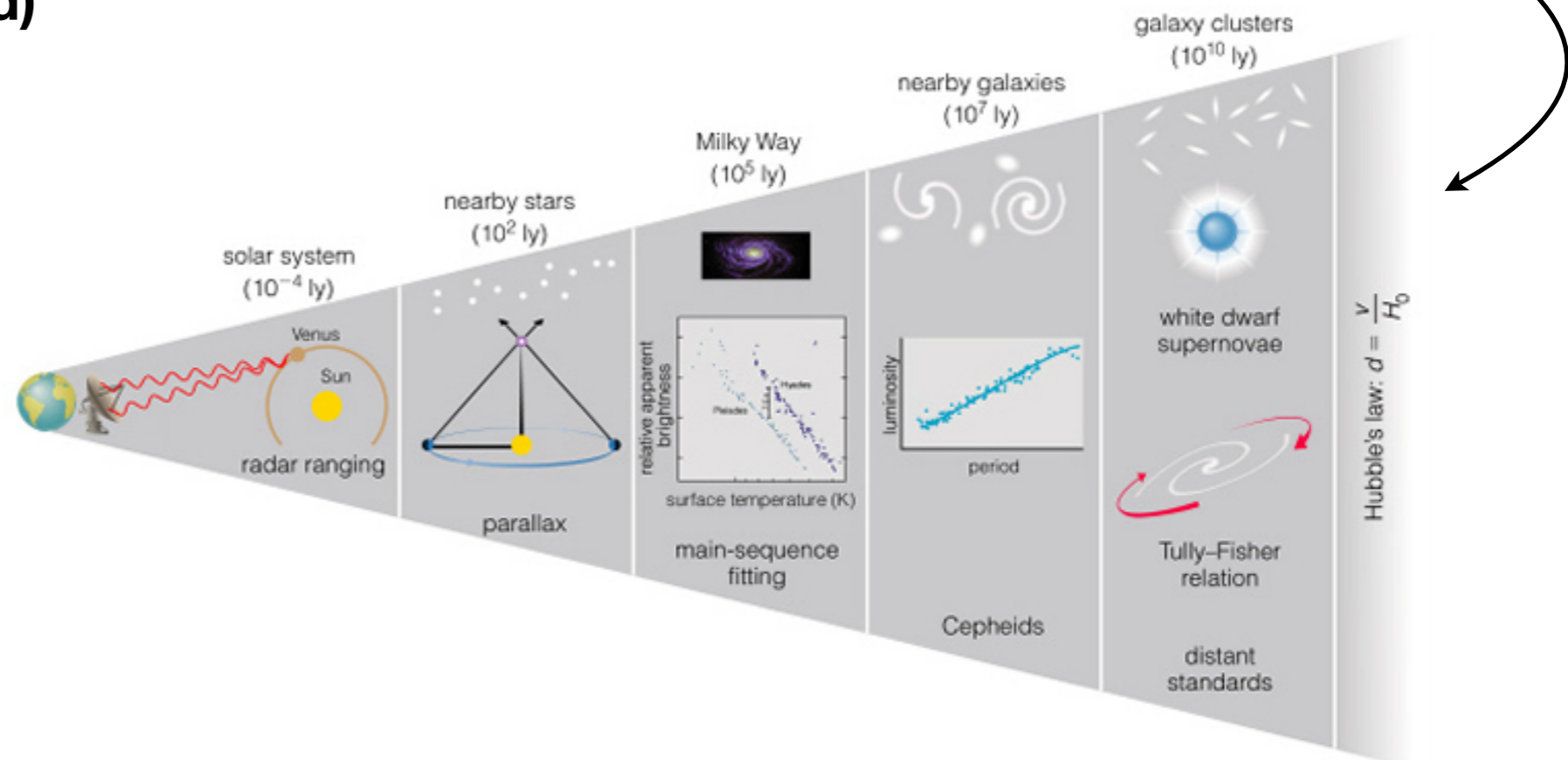
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Most importantly for cosmology, one can measure the **luminosity distance**  $d_L$  of the source directly from the GW signal without relying on the *cosmic distance ladder* (only GR has been assumed)

This means that **GW binaries are absolute cosmological distance indicators!**



Free of possible calibration systematics



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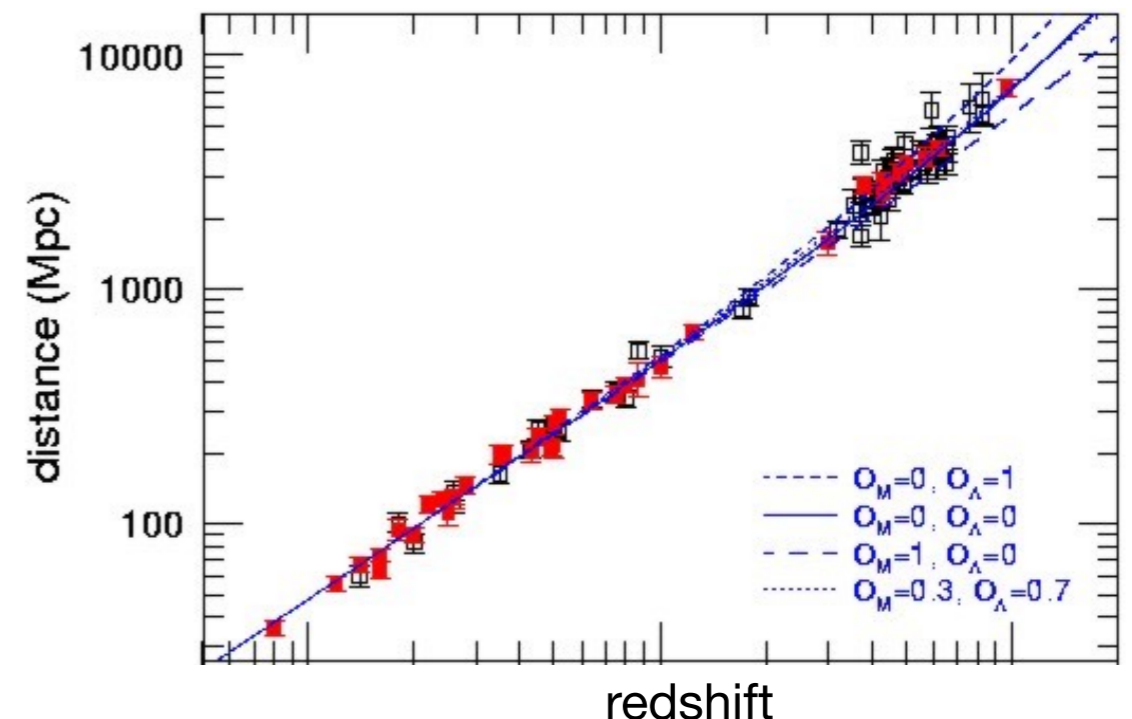
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Note however that the waveform above does not depend explicitly on the redshift  $z$ , which cannot thus be measured directly from GWs

One needs independent information on the redshift of the source to do cosmology: if both  $d_L$  and  $z$  are known one can fit the *distance redshift relation*

$$d_L(z) = \frac{c}{H_0} \frac{1+z}{\sqrt{\Omega_k}} \sinh \left[ \sqrt{\Omega_k} \int_0^z \frac{H_0}{H(z')} dz' \right]$$

This is very similar to standard candles (supernovae type-Ia), from which the name **standard sirens** (using the analogy between GWs and sound waves)



[Schutz, *Nature* (1986)]

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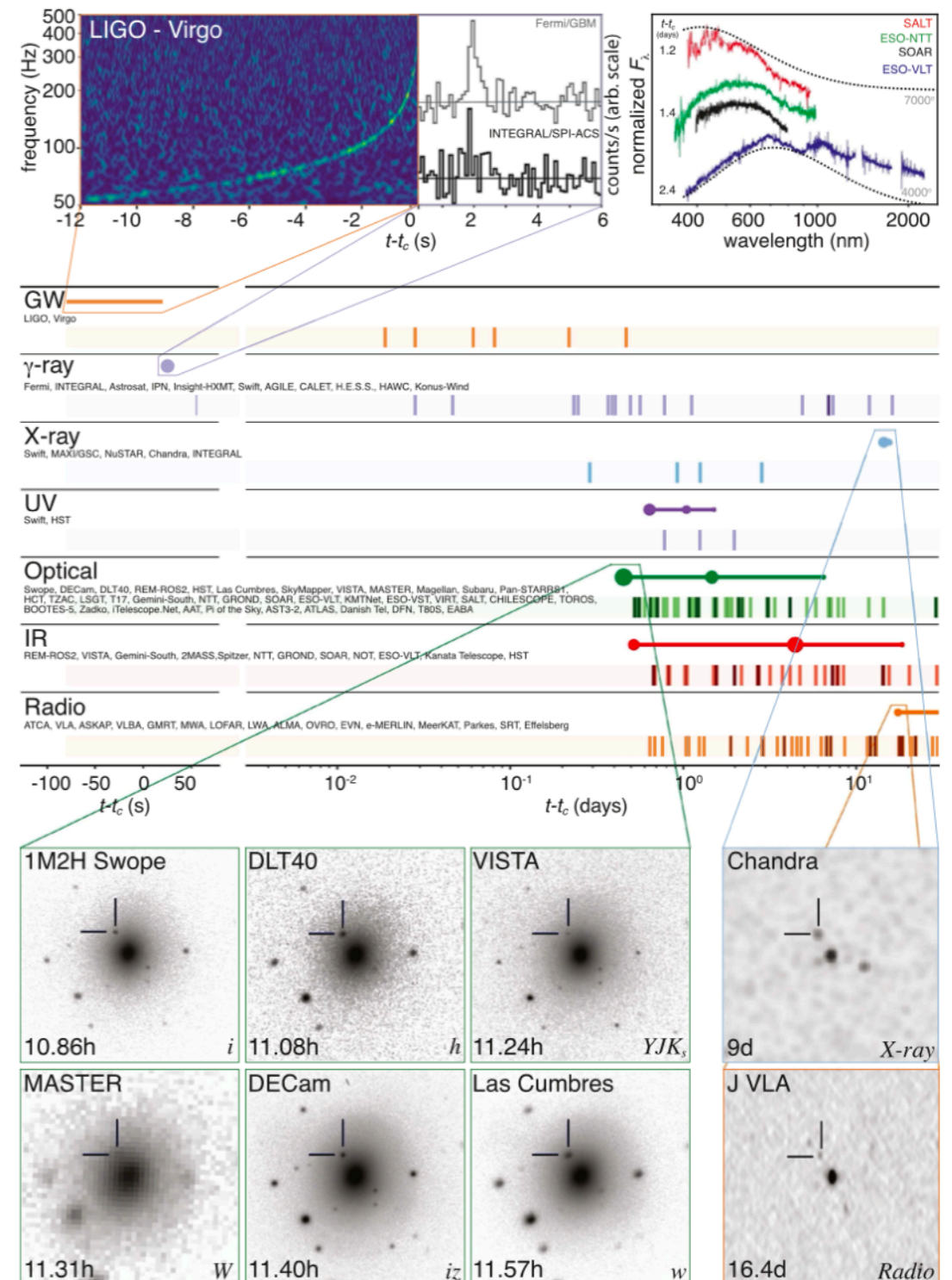
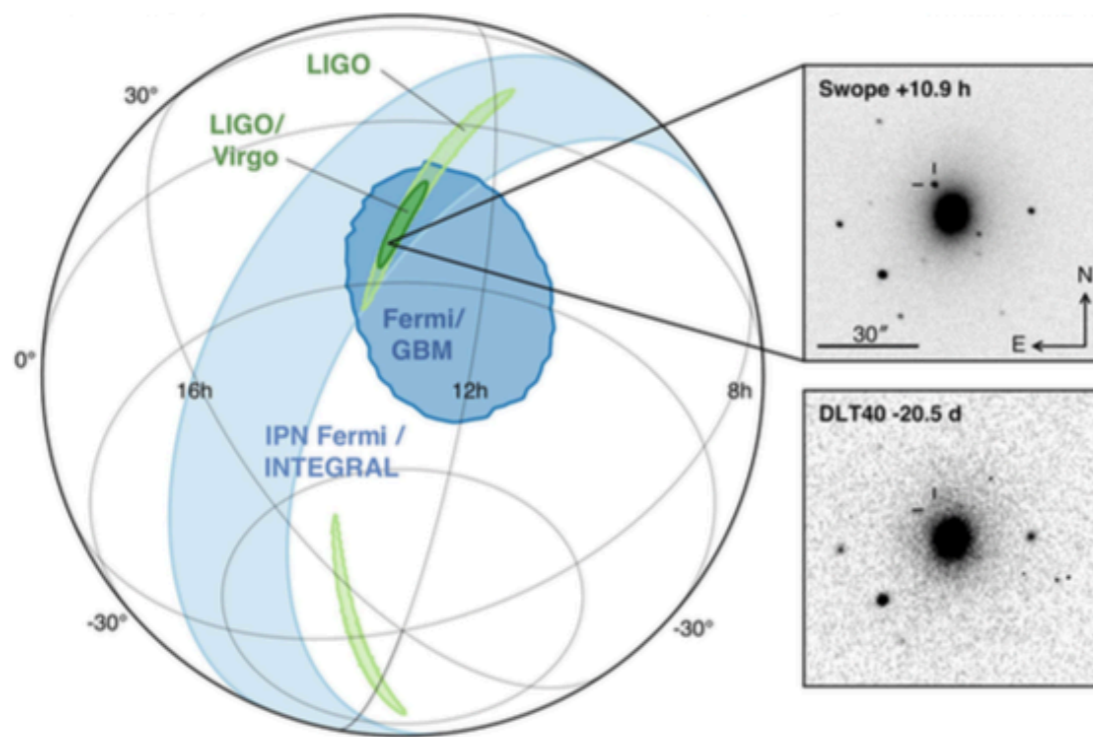
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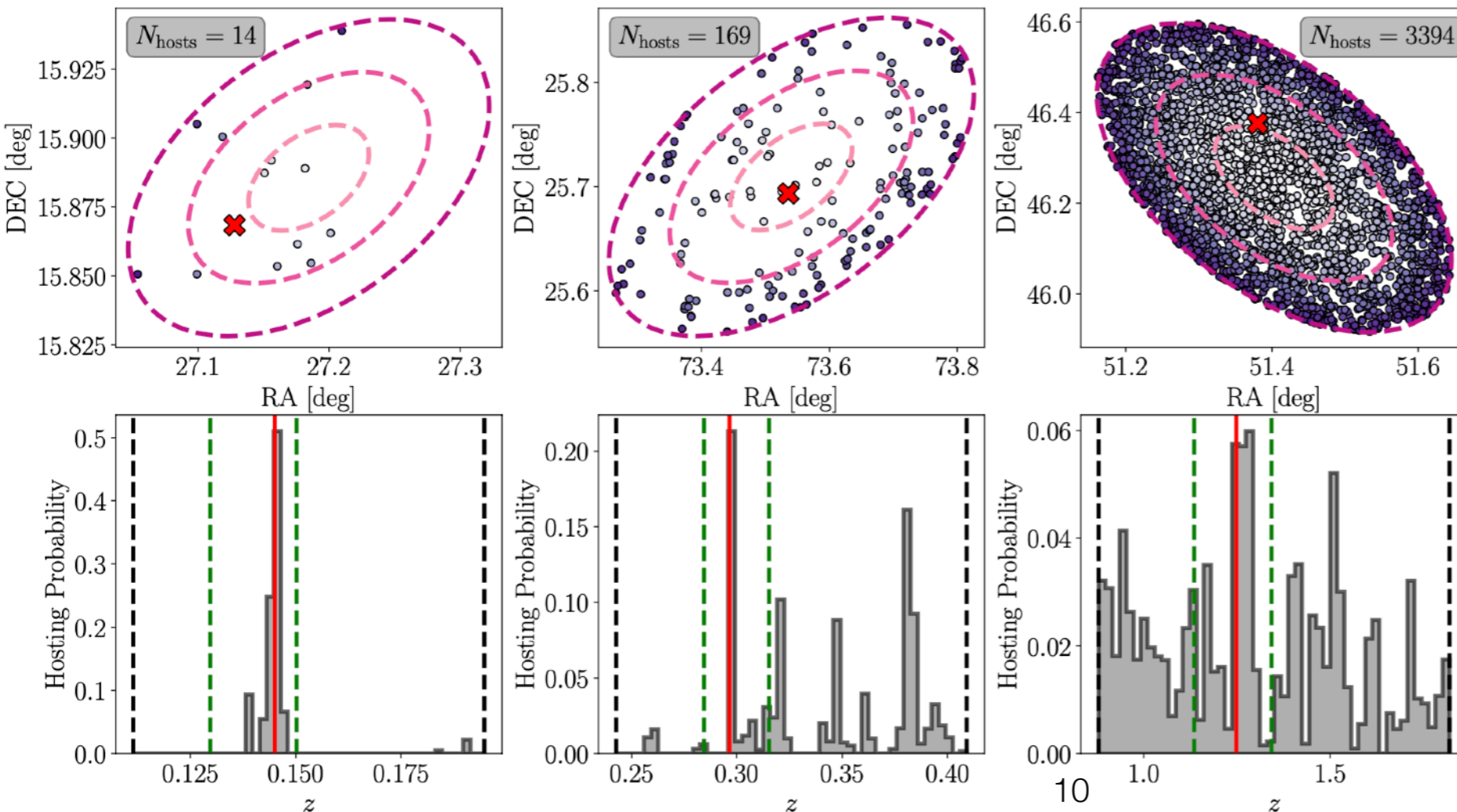
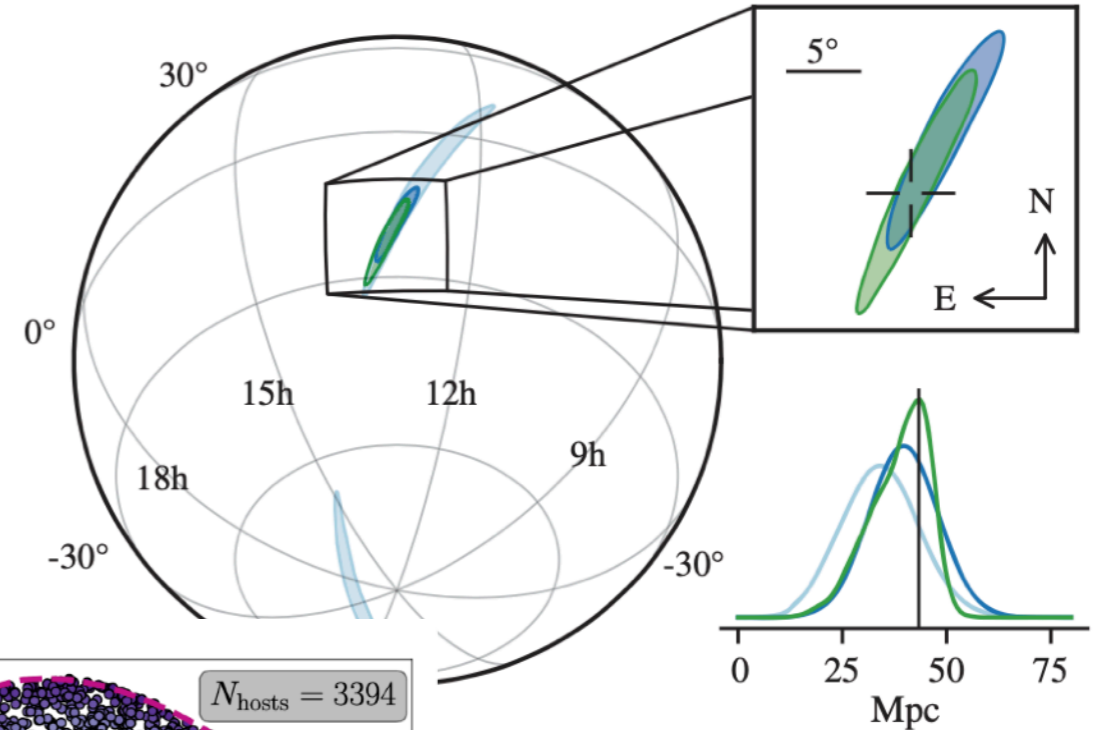
**Example: GW170817**

[LVC+, *ApJL* (2017)]

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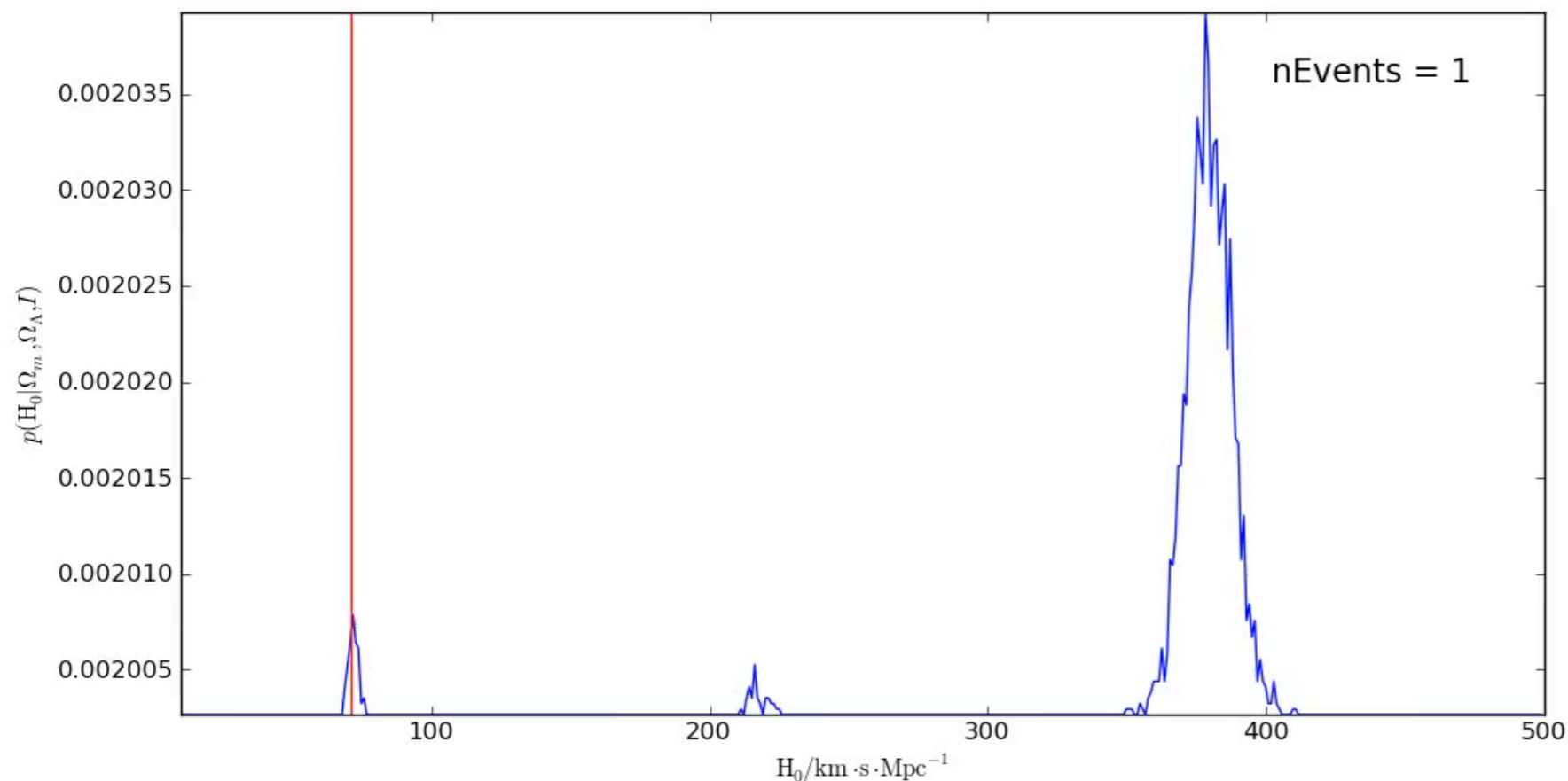
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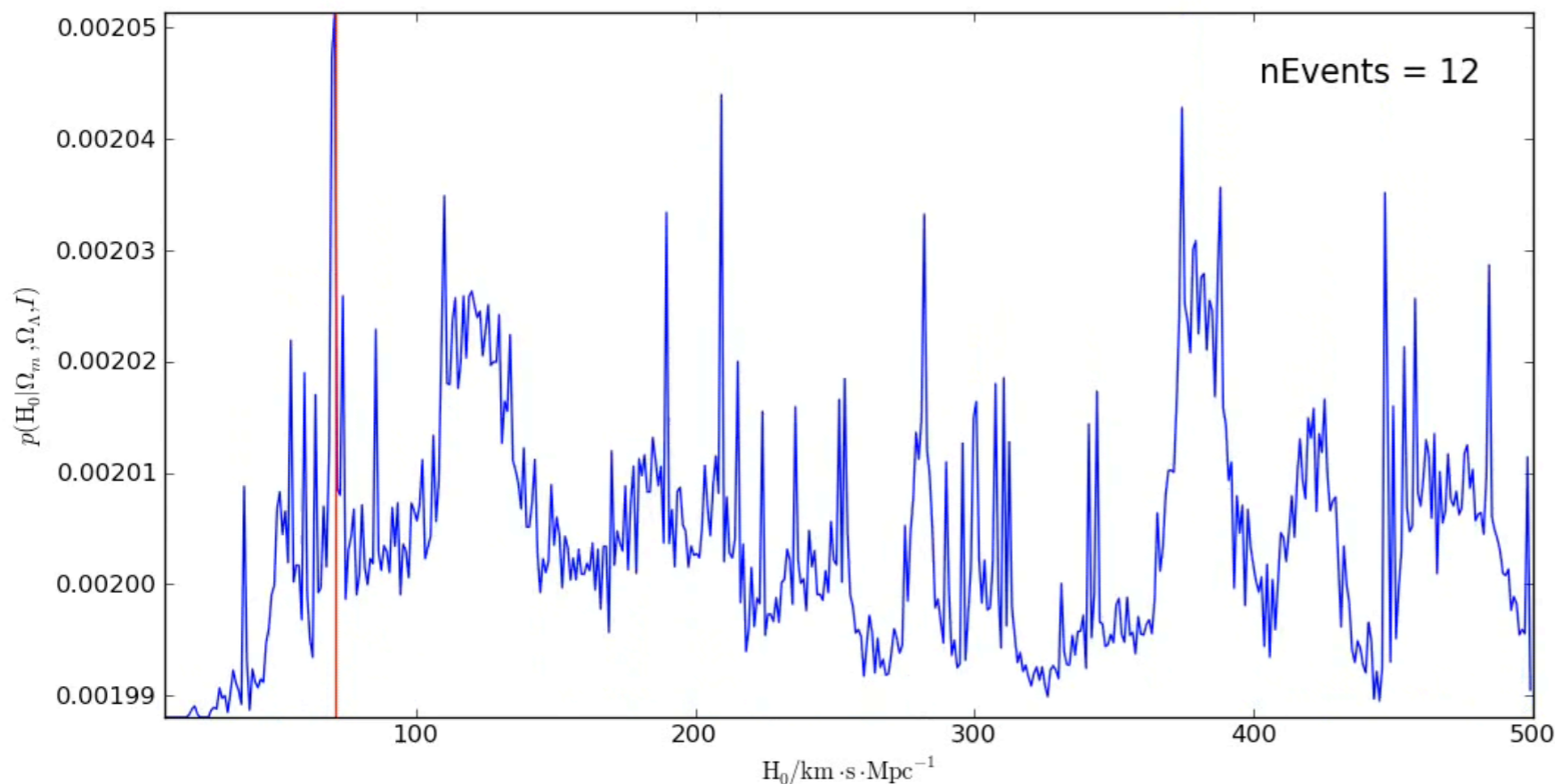
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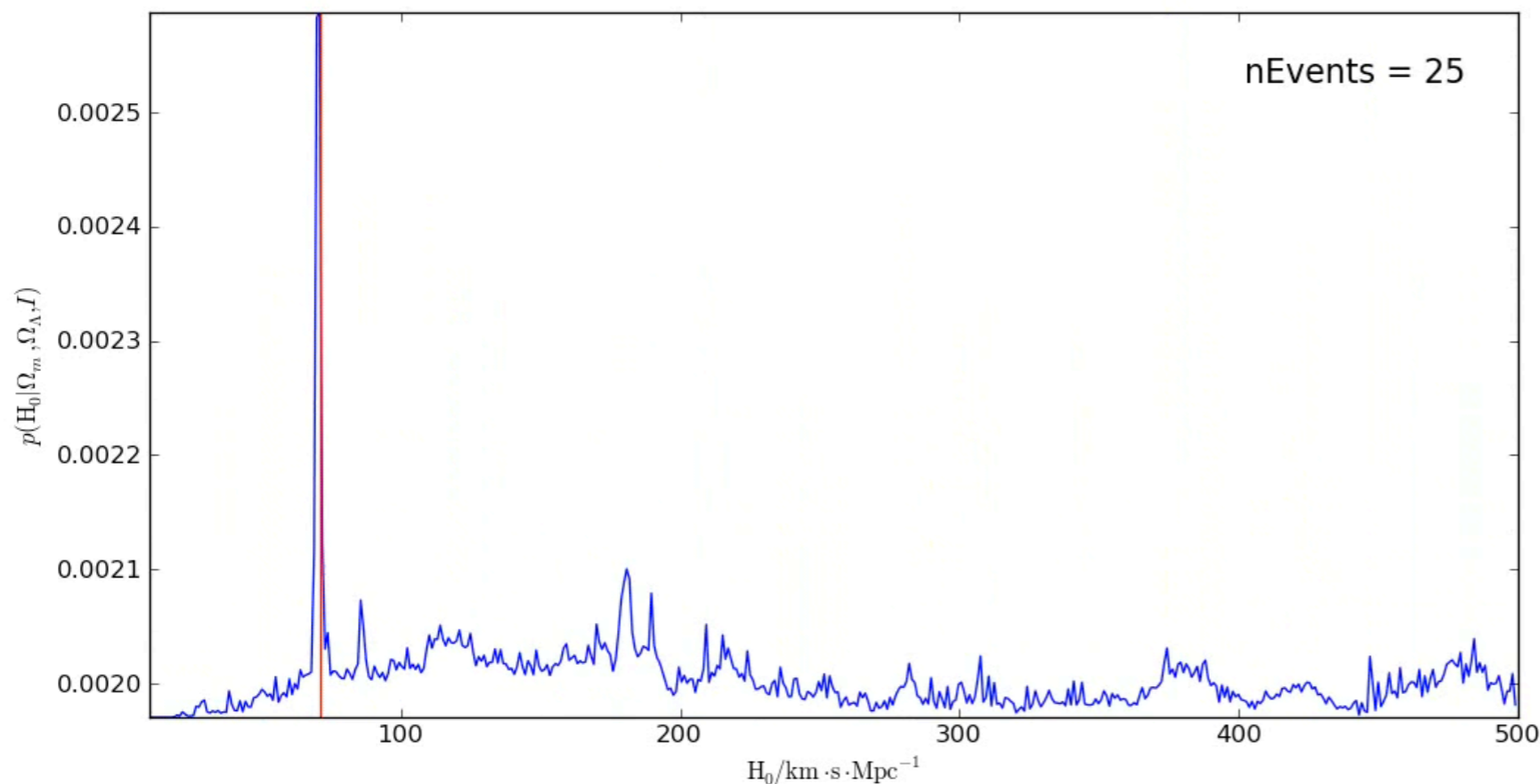
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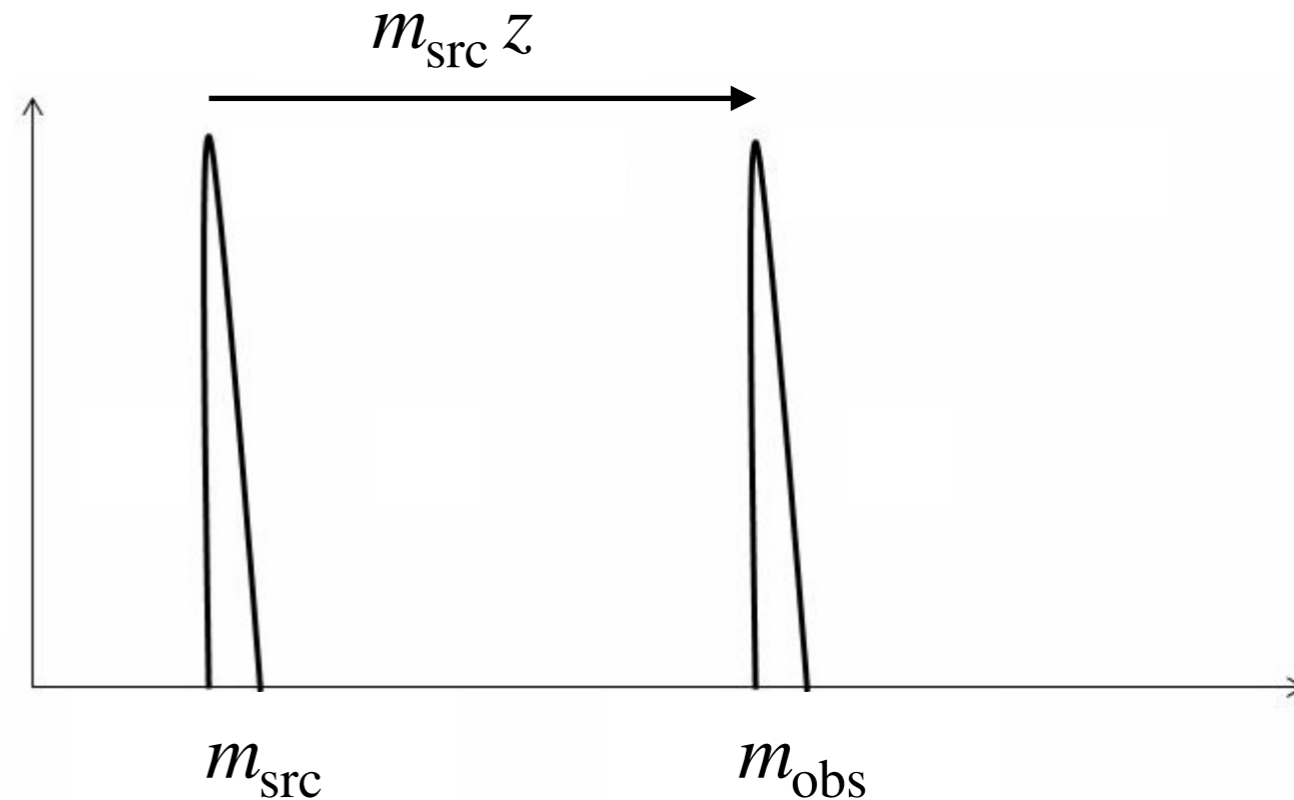
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Redshifted chirp mass  
 $\mathcal{M}_{cz} = (1 + z)\mathcal{M}_c$

[Taylor+, *PRD* (2012)]

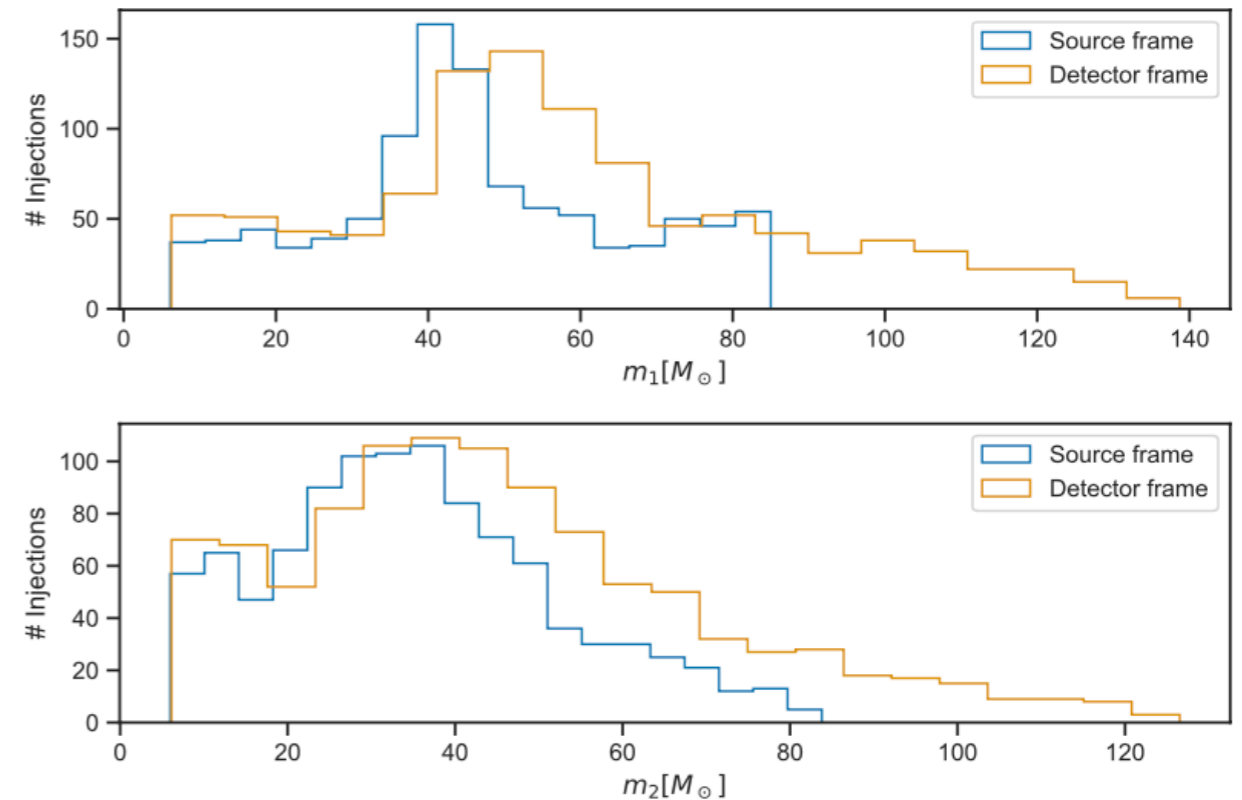
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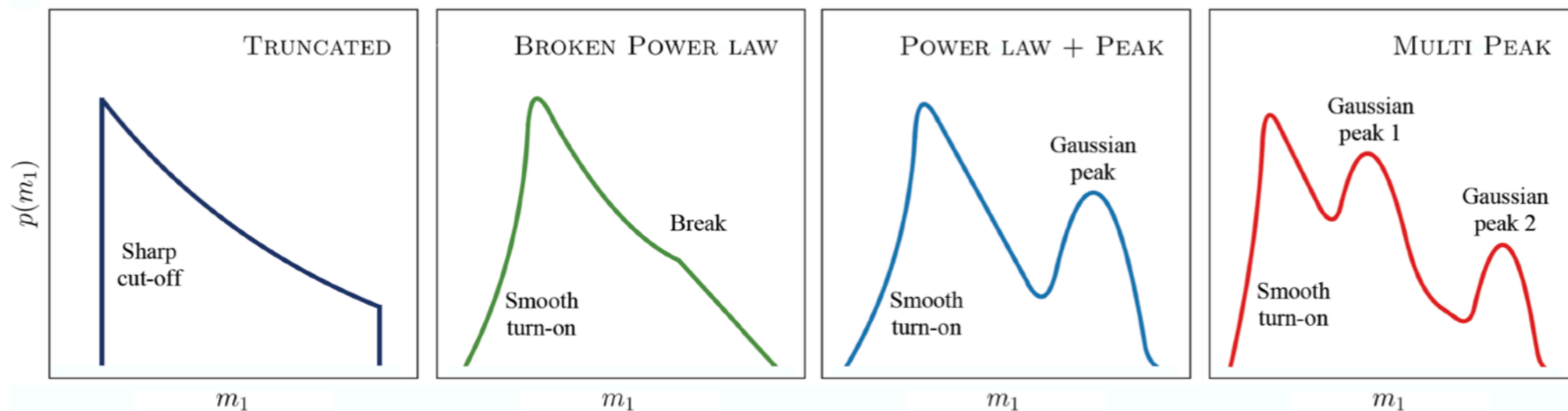
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Phenomenological models for the LVK BBH population



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Method	Pros	Cons
<b>EM counterpart</b>	Accurate redshift estimation, golden sirens	Infrequent and rare events, tentative associations
<b>Galaxy catalogs</b>	Available even for BBHs, several EM bands to check consistency	Less and less incomplete, less constraining for poorly localized events
<b>Clustering</b>	No EM counterpart needed, more efficient for poorly localized events	Needs to know the dark matter density field. Incompleteness issue
<b>Quadruple lensing</b>	Provides 4 bright golden sirens at the price of one.	Could be rare events and lensing follow-up could be difficult
<b>Source-frame mass</b>	No needs of EM counterparts, can fit conjointly cosmology and astrophysics	Needs to be driven by some astrophysical expectation
<b>Rate evolution</b>	As above	As above
<b>Tidal deformation</b>	No need of EM counterpart, detectable from the waveform.	Needs to obtain a Universal EOS from few calibrators



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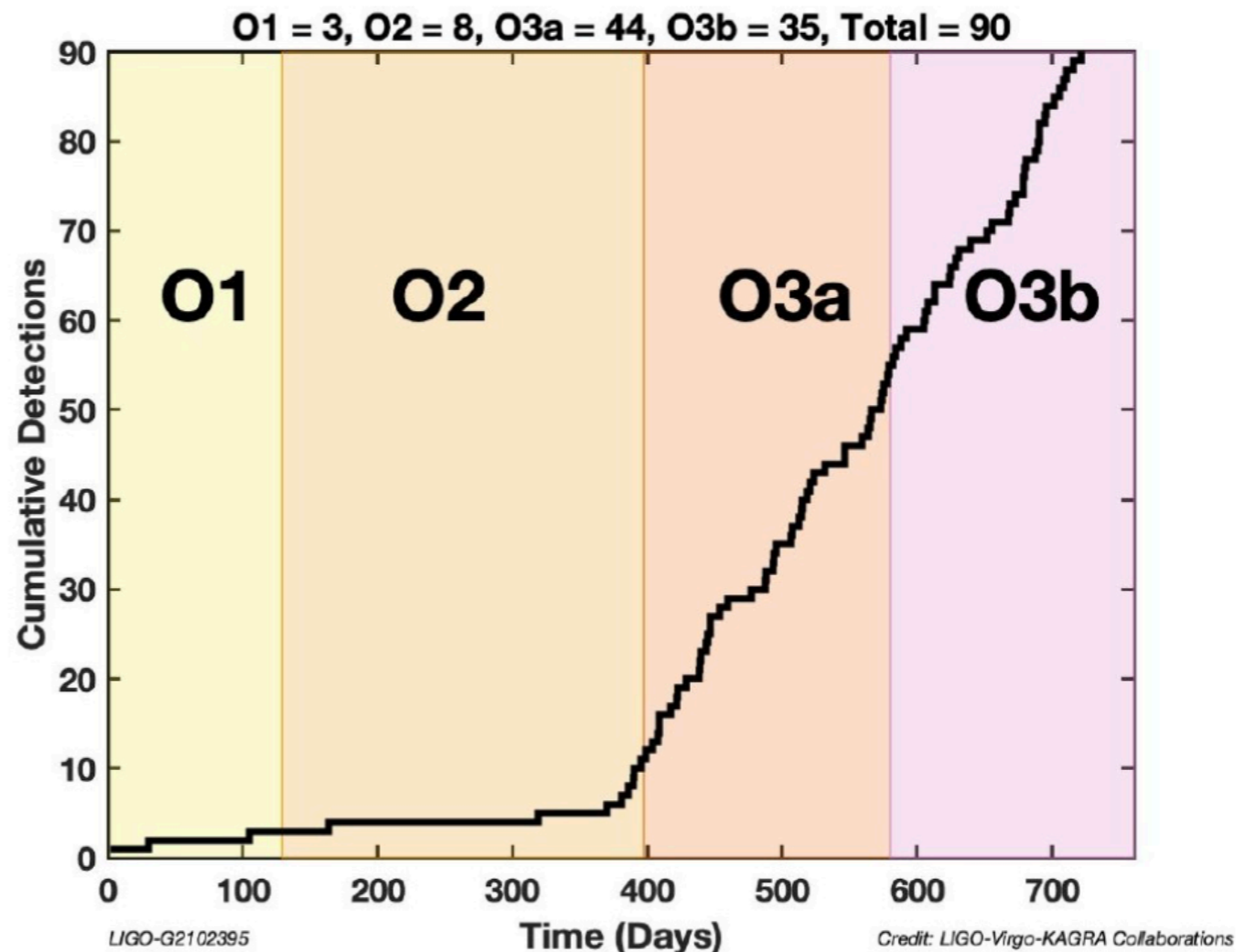
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**90 high-significance\* GW events in total so far**

\*for additional lower-significance events see  
[arXiv:2108.01045](https://arxiv.org/abs/2108.01045)

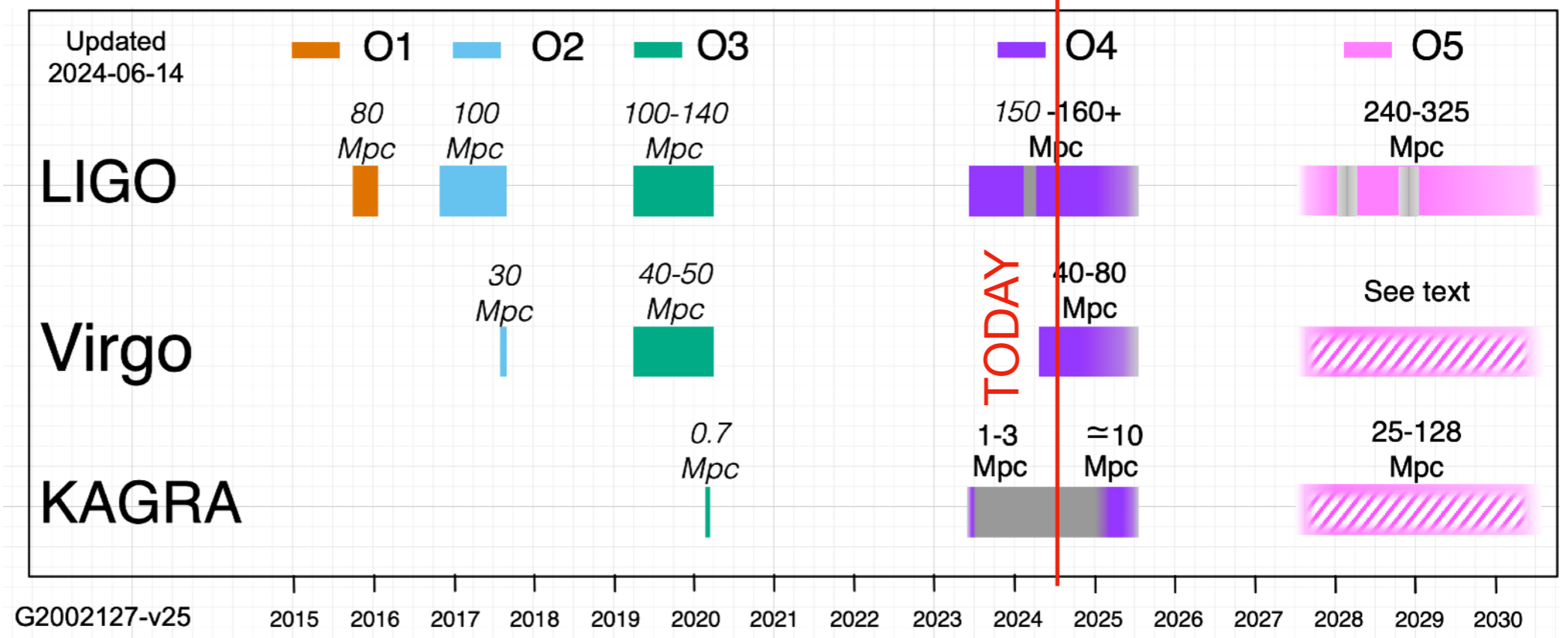


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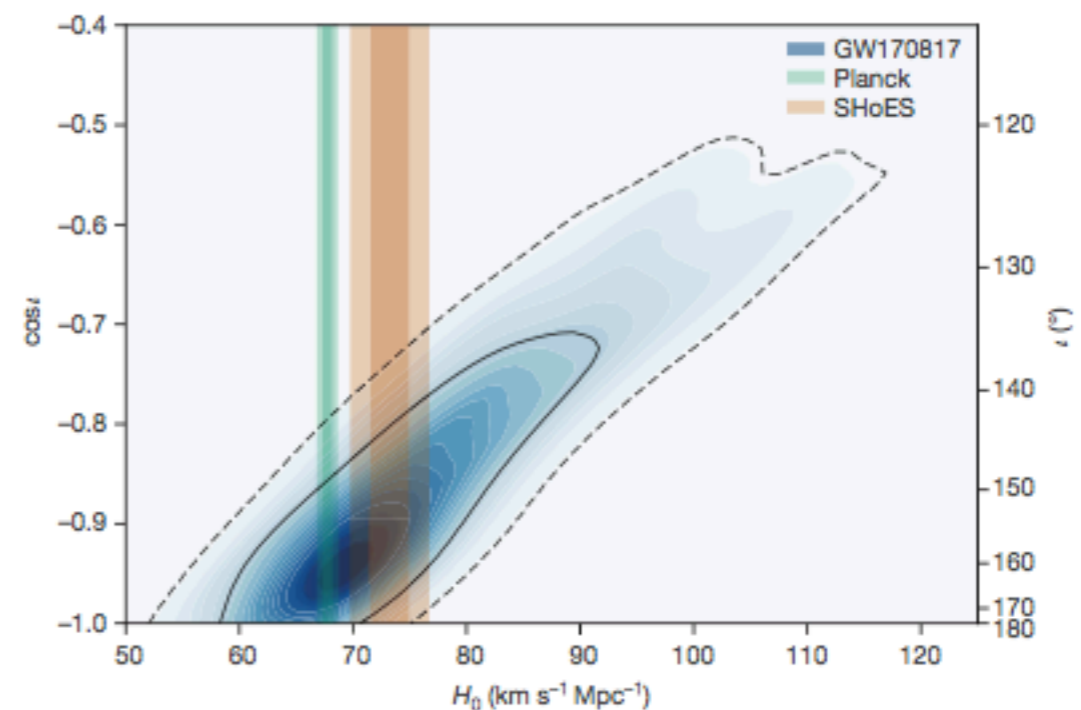
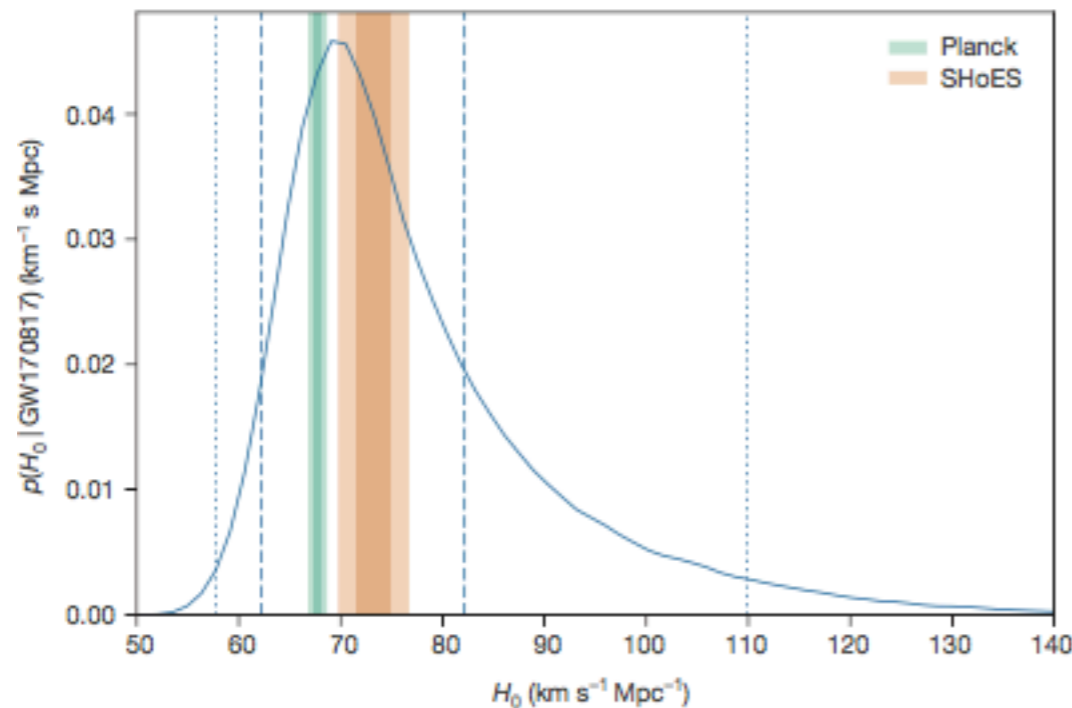
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<https://observing.docs.ligo.org/plan>



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## GW170817: the first ever (bright) standard siren



The identification of an EM counterpart yielded the first cosmological measurements with GW standard sirens

$$H_0 = 69_{-8}^{+17} \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

[LVC+, *Nature* (2017)]

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Low-redshift event ( $z = 0.01$ ): only  $H_0$  can be measured (**Hubble law**)

$$d_L(z) \simeq \frac{c}{H_0} z \quad \text{for } z \ll 1$$

Results largely in agreement with EM constraints (SNIa/CMB), but not yet competitive with them

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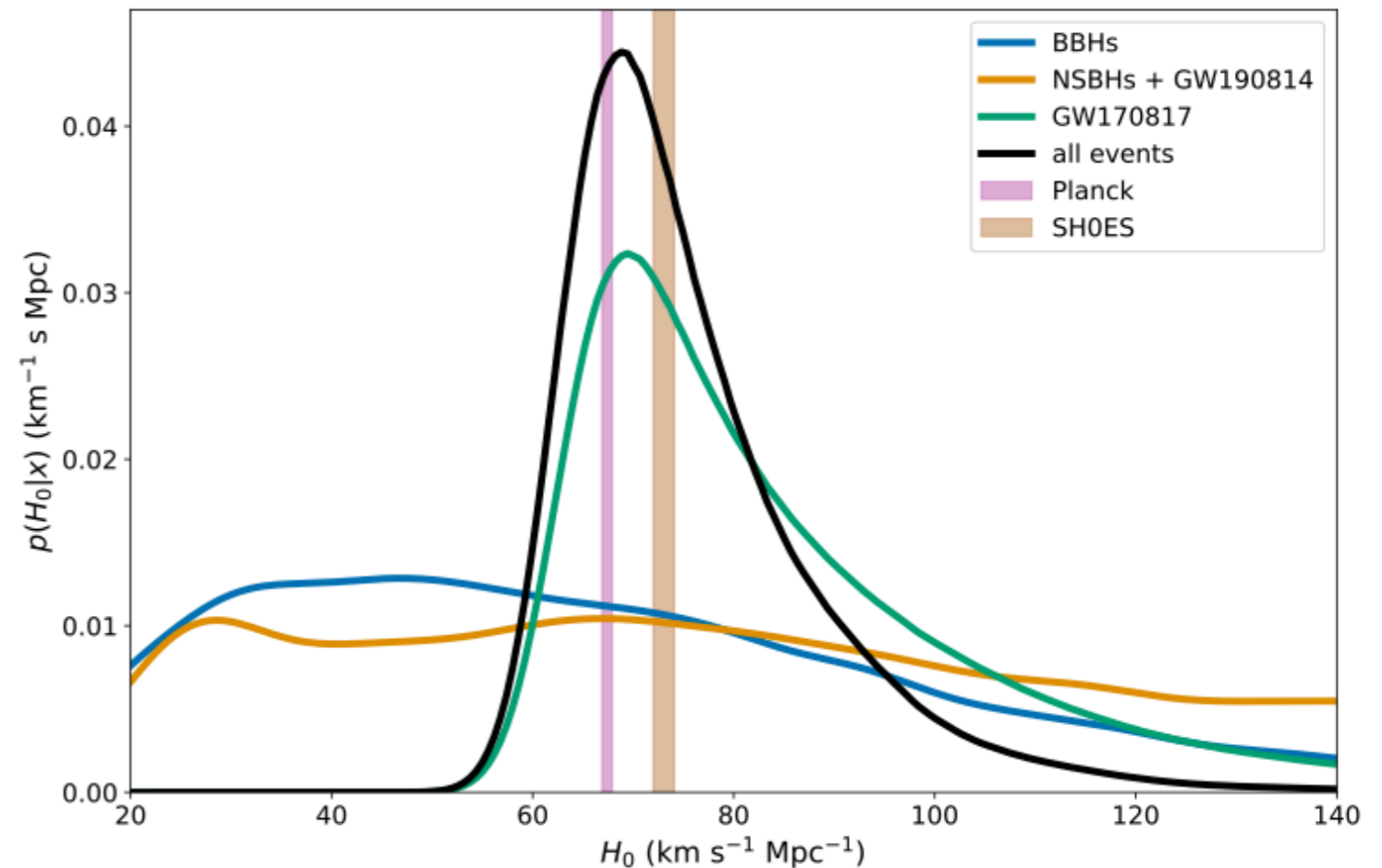
## Current dark and spectral standard siren

A joint analysis combining all dark sirens methods (statistical+spectral) + GW170817 provides the best constraint so far (including marginalisation over population parameters)

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This represents a ~20% improvement over GW170817 only results

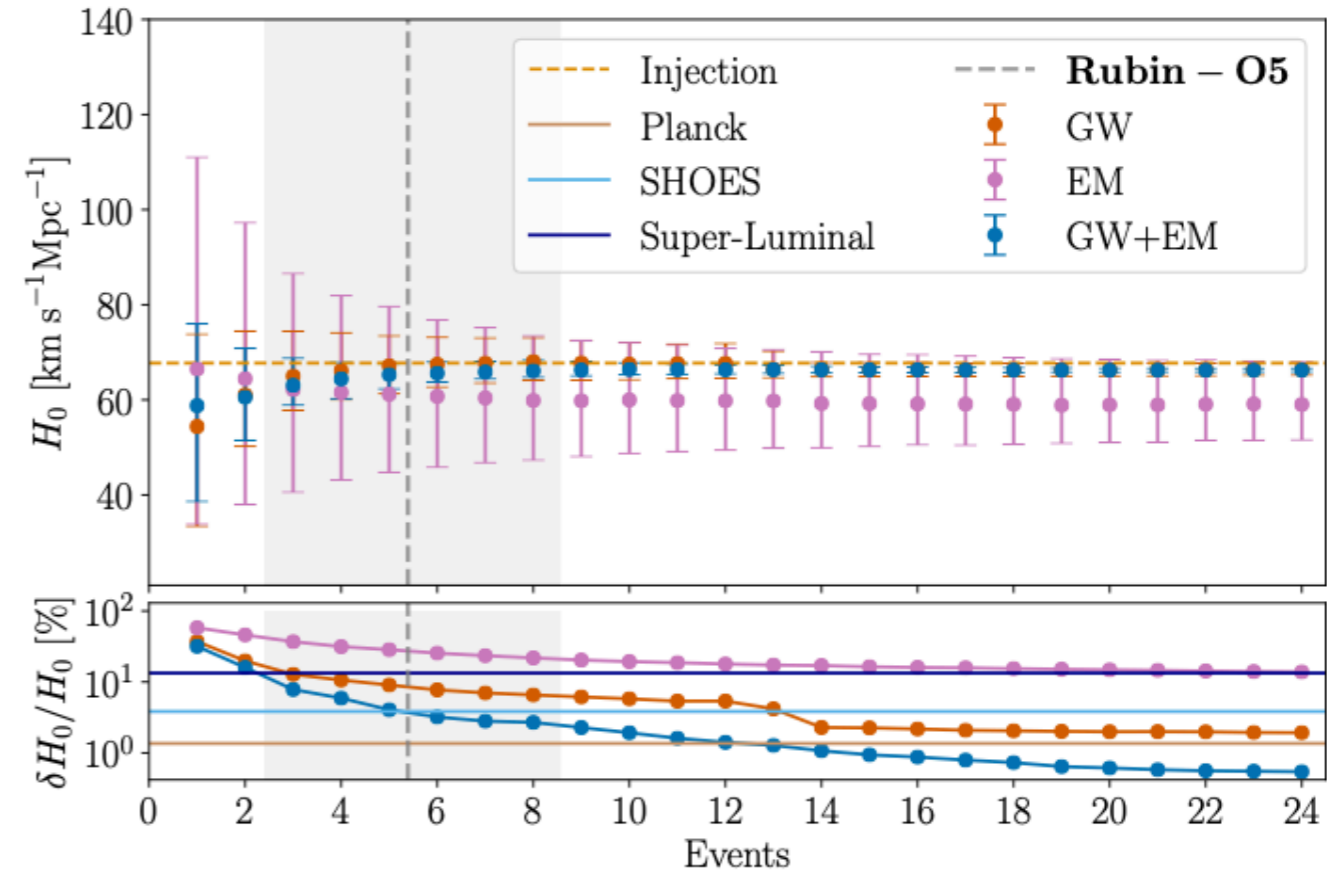
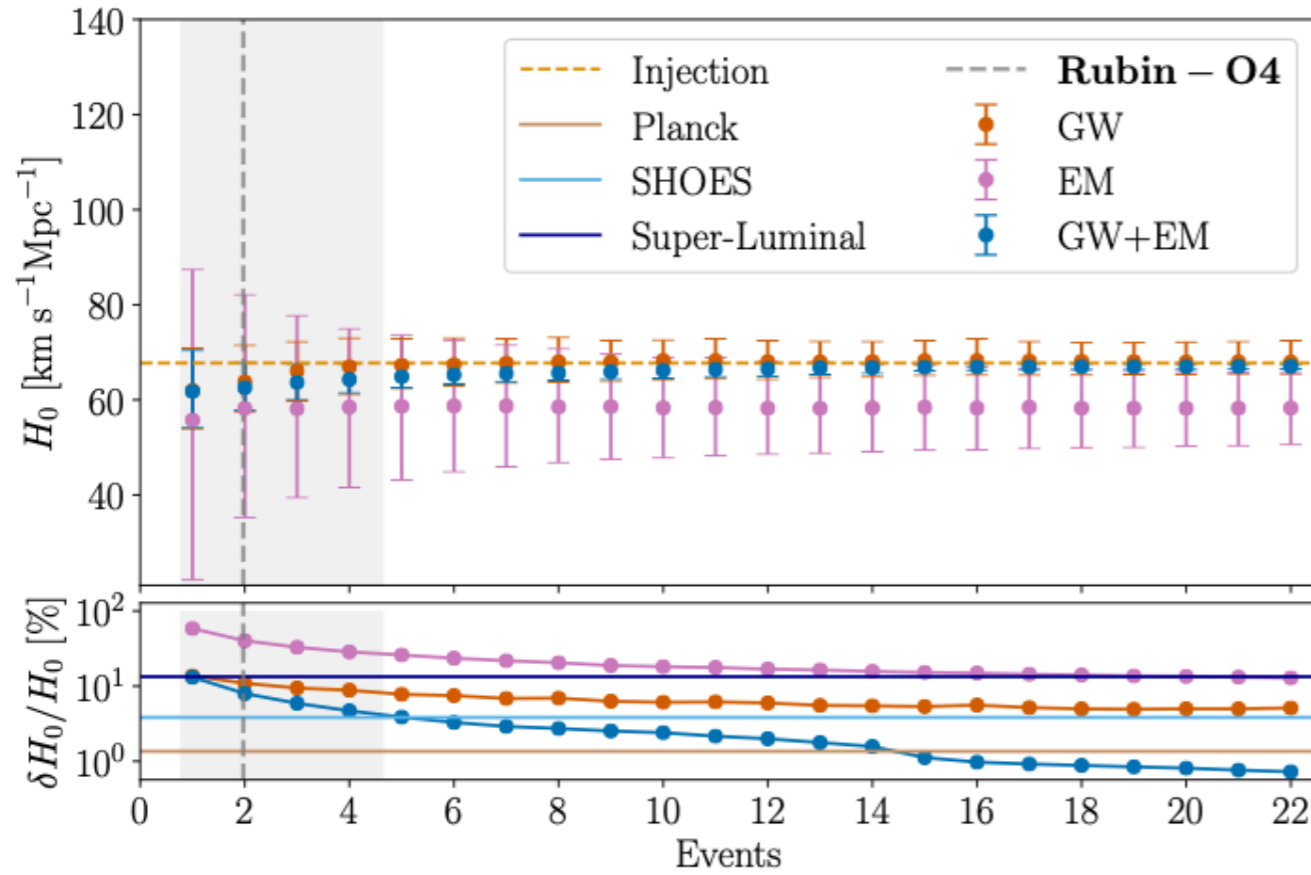
LVK O4 cosmological results will combine all standard siren methods (bright+spectral+statistical) for the first time



[LVK, *ApJ* (2023)]  
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# Future prospects

**FUTURE PROSPECTS WITH LVK:** The current network of ground-based detectors is not expected to measure  $H_0$  at few % accuracy before ~2030.



**Few % accuracy on  $H_0$  possible only in the most optimistic O5 scenario**

[Kiendrebeogo+, *ApJ* (2023)]

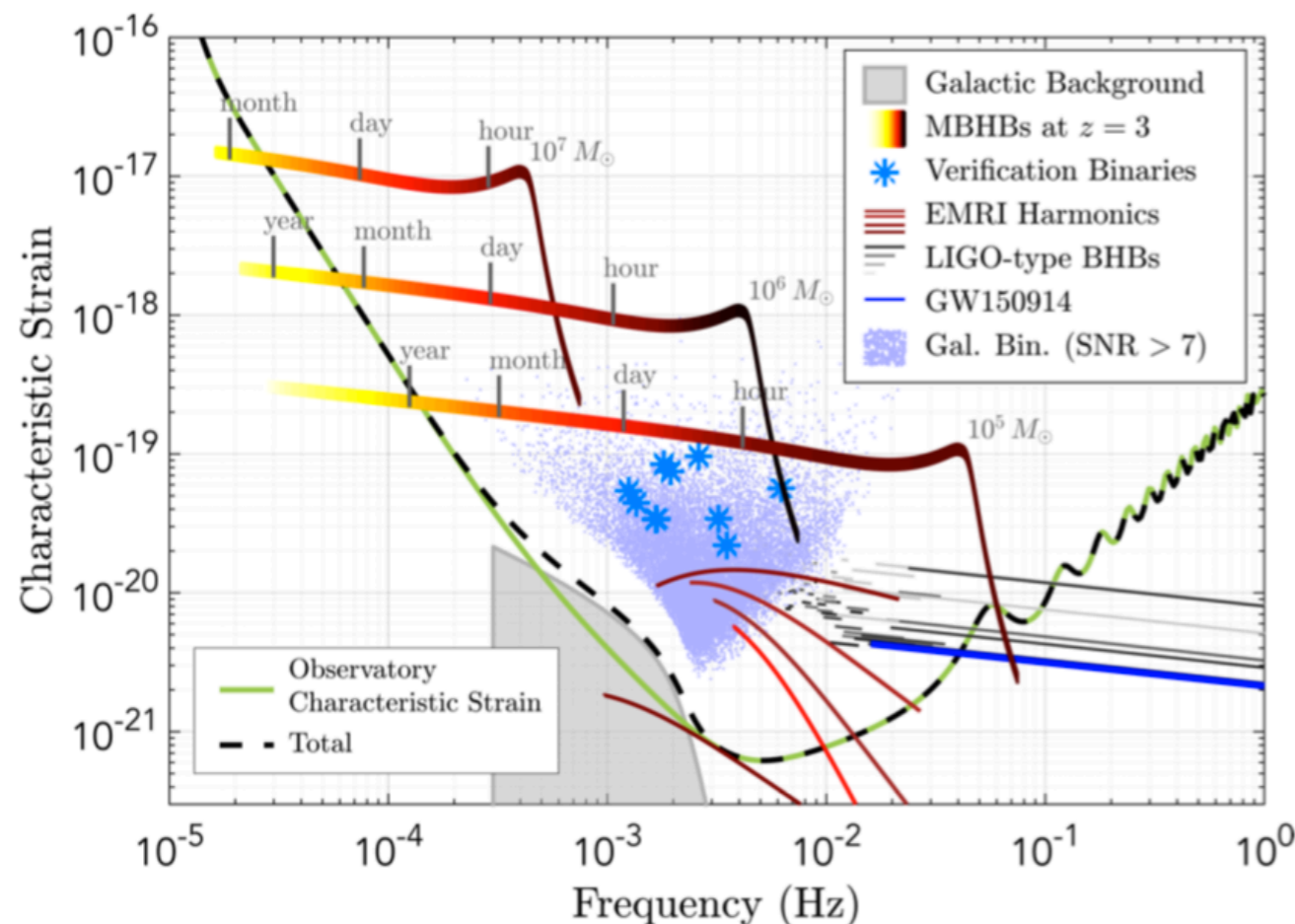
Run	Telescope	BNS	NSBH
EM annual number of detections			
O4	ZTF	$0.43^{+0.58}_{-0.26}$	$0.13^{+0.24}_{-0.11}$
	Rubin	$1.97^{+2.68}_{-1.2}$	$0.03^{+0.06}_{-0.03}$
O5	ZTF	$0.43^{+0.44}_{-0.2}$	$0.09^{+0.12}_{-0.06}$
	Rubin	$5.39^{+6.59}_{-2.99}$	$0.43^{+0.59}_{-0.28}$

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## Laser Interferometer Space Antenna



### Design:

- Near equilateral triangular formation in heliocentric orbit
- 6 laser links (3 active arms)
- Arm-length: 2.5 million km
- Mission duration: 4 to 10 yrs
- **Adopted by ESA in 2024 !**
- Launch: mid-2030s

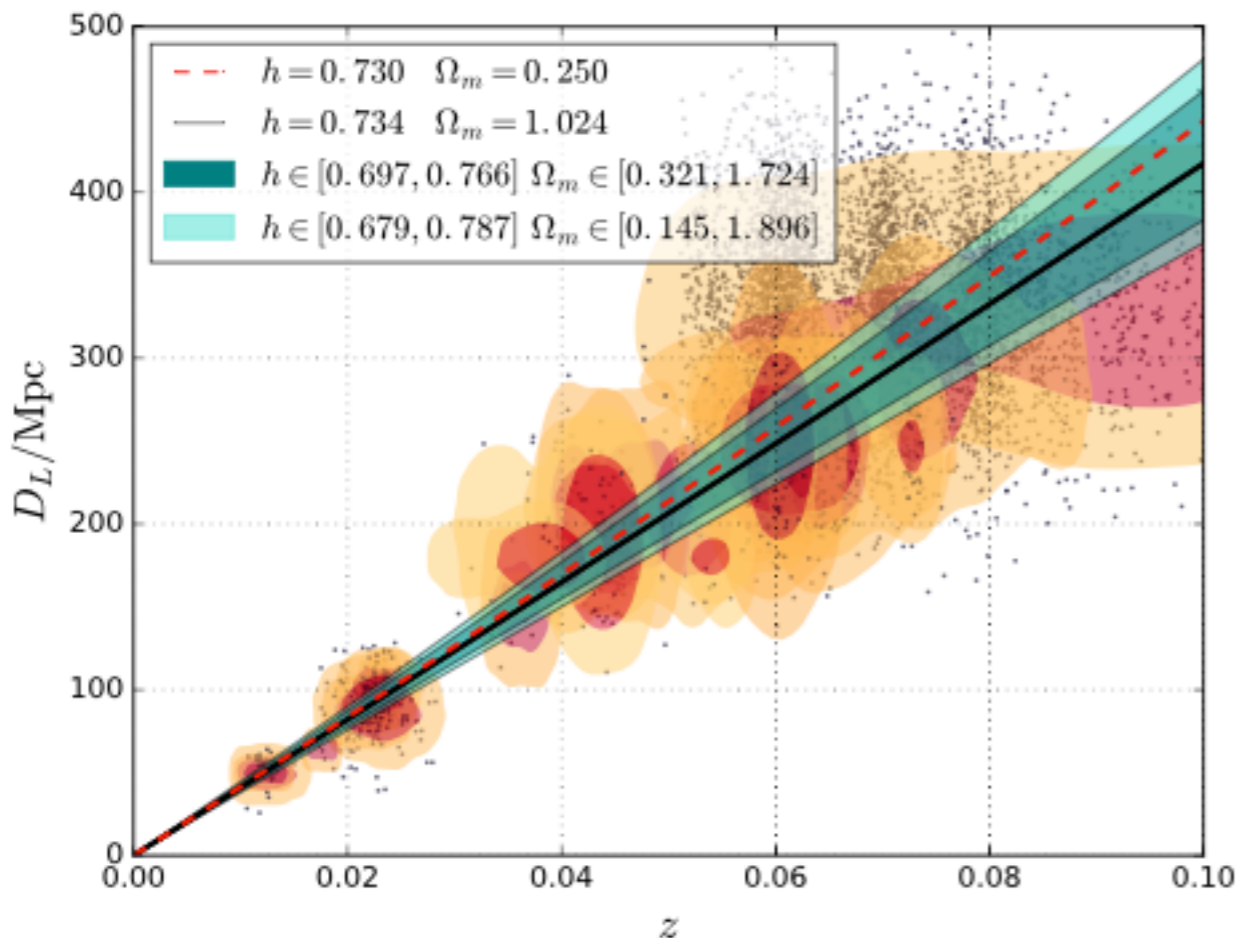
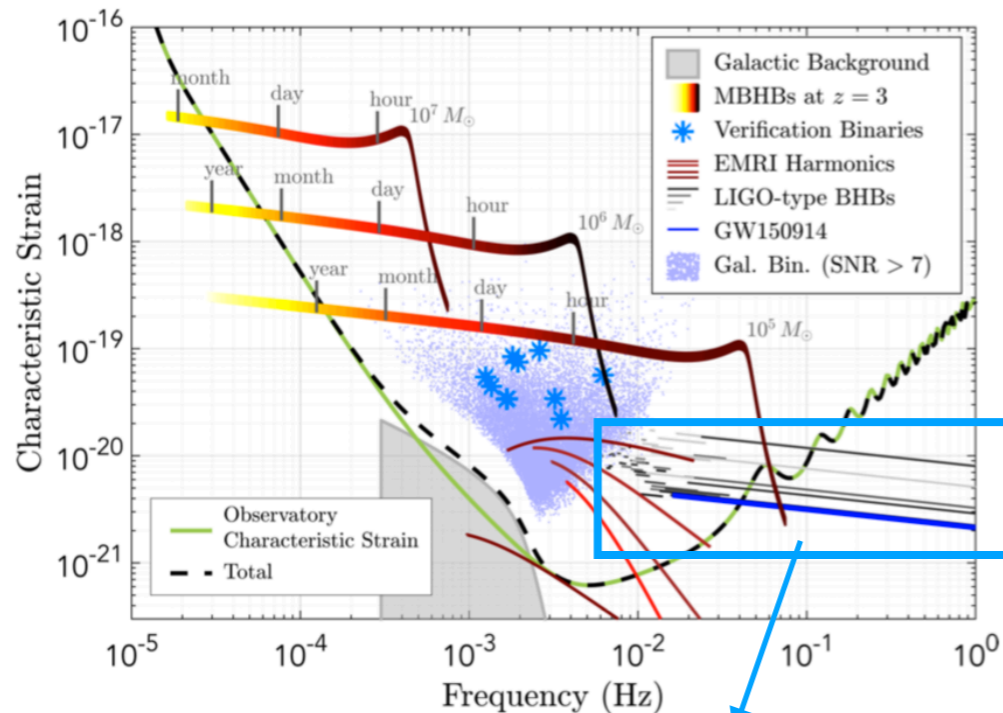
### Standard siren sources:

- ~~Stellar-mass BBHs ( $10 - 100 M_{\odot}$ )~~
- Intermediate-mass BBHs? ( $\gtrsim 100 M_{\odot}$ )
- Extreme mass ratio inspirals (EMRIs)
- **MBHBs ( $10^4 - 10^7 M_{\odot}$ )**

[LISA, *ArXiv* (2017)]

\*EM counterparts expected

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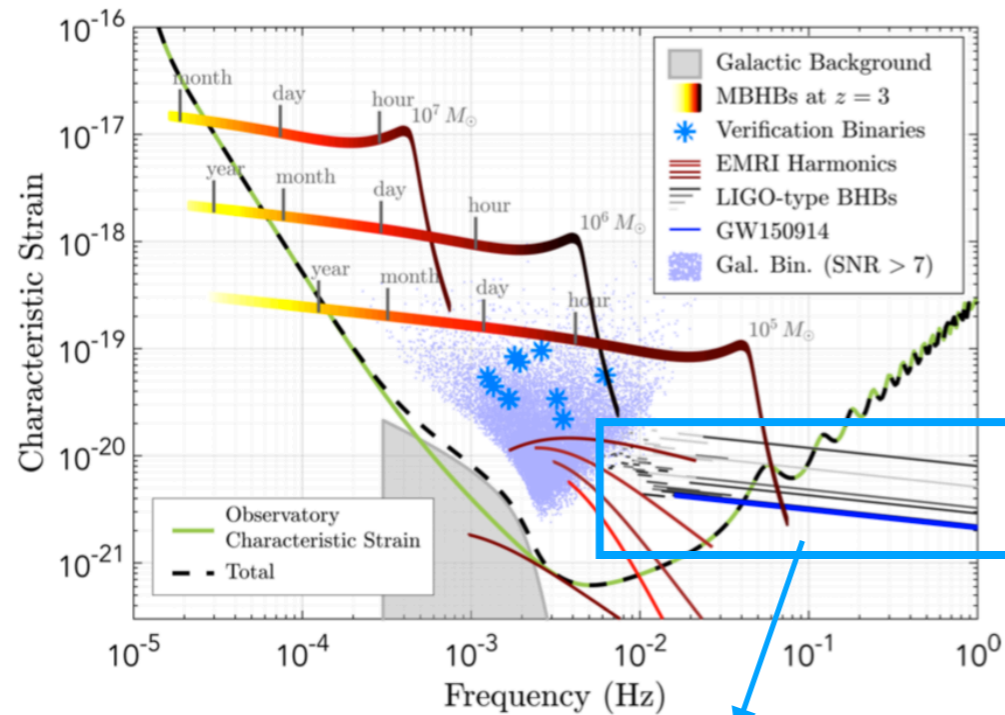
## Stellar-mass BBHs

**Dark Sirens**

- Redshift range:  $z \lesssim 0.1$
- No EM counterparts expected
- LISA detections:  $\sim 50/\text{yr}$  (optimistic)  
 $\sim \text{few}/\text{yr}$
- Useful as standard sirens:
  - If  $\Delta d_L / d_L < 0.2$
  - If  $\Delta \Omega \sim 1 \text{ deg}^2$
  - $\Rightarrow \sim 5$  standard sirens / yr  
 $\sim 0.1$  standard sirens / yr
- **Expected results:**
  - $H_0$  to few %  
 $H_0$  not measured

[Kyutoku & Seto, *PRD* (2017)]  
[Del Pozzo+, *MNRAS* (2018)]

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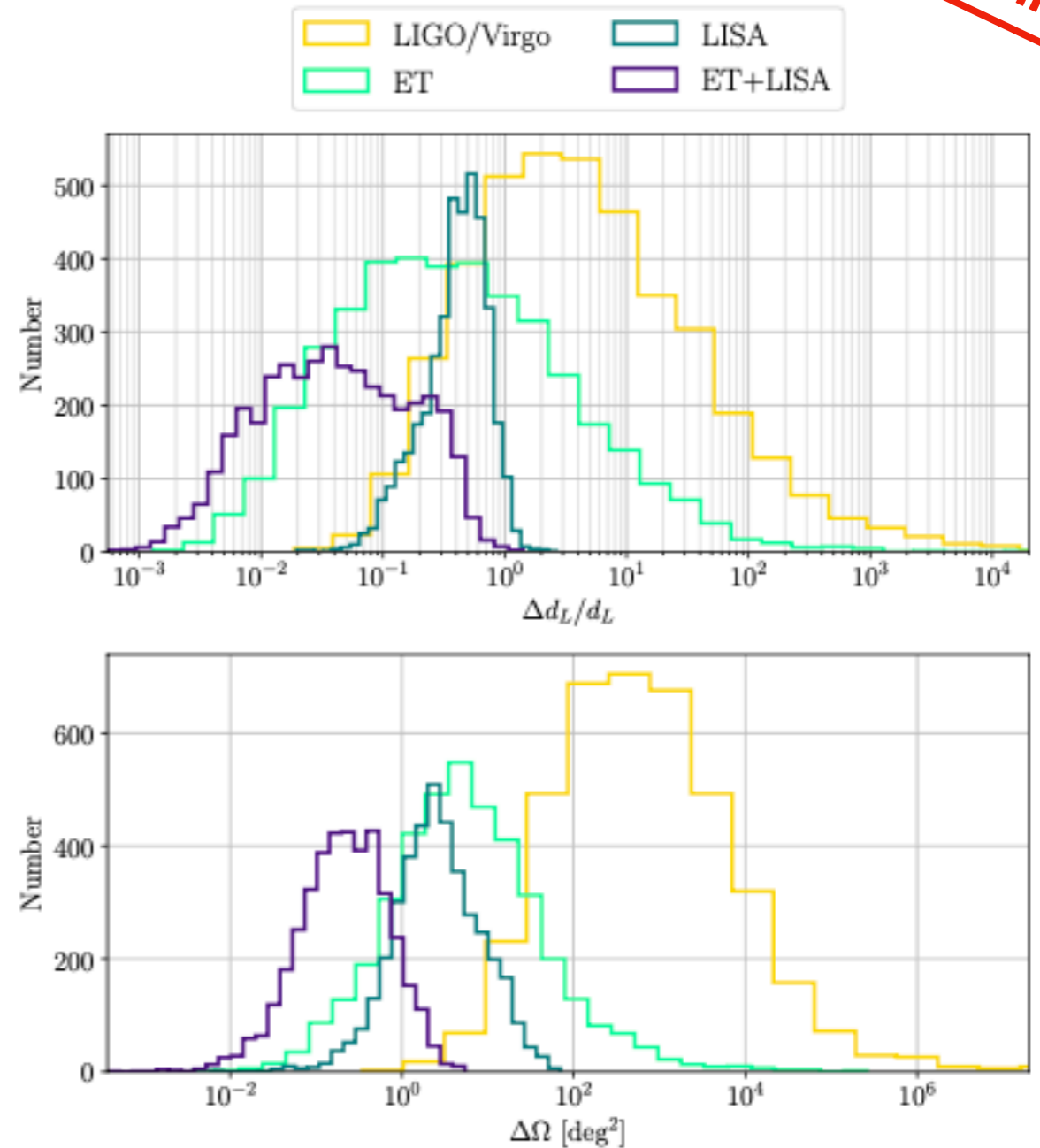
IMBHs can be used in **multi-band analyses** since their merger can be observed by ground-based detectors and their inspiral by LISA

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- $H_0$  to few % with  $\mathcal{O}(10)$  IMBHs (rates yet unknown)

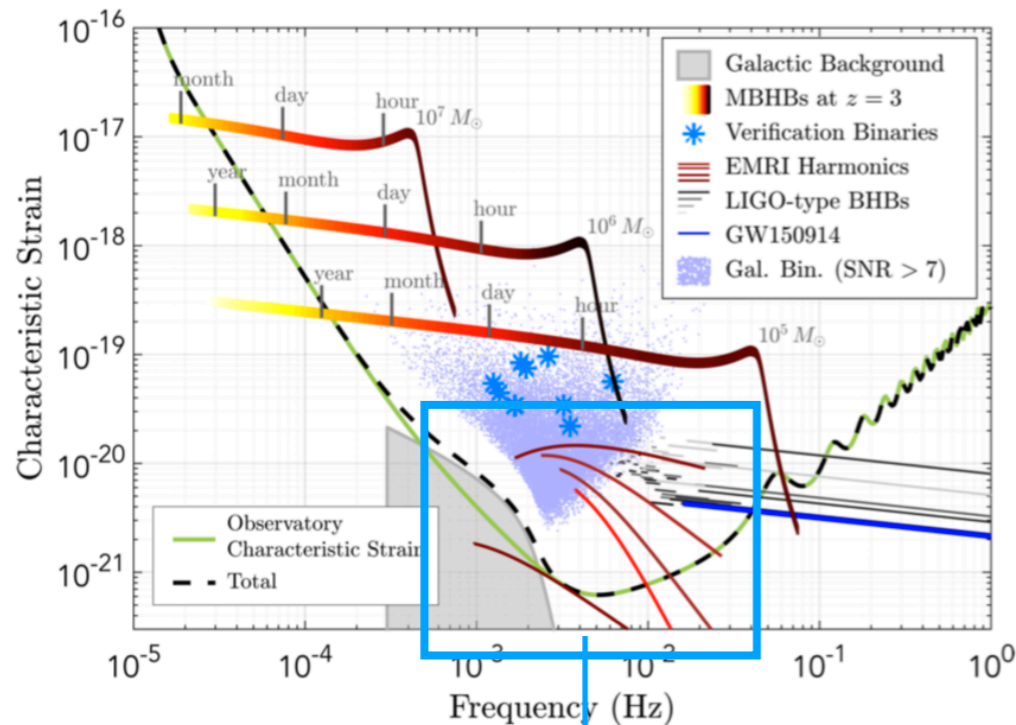
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[Muttoni+, *PRD* (2022)]

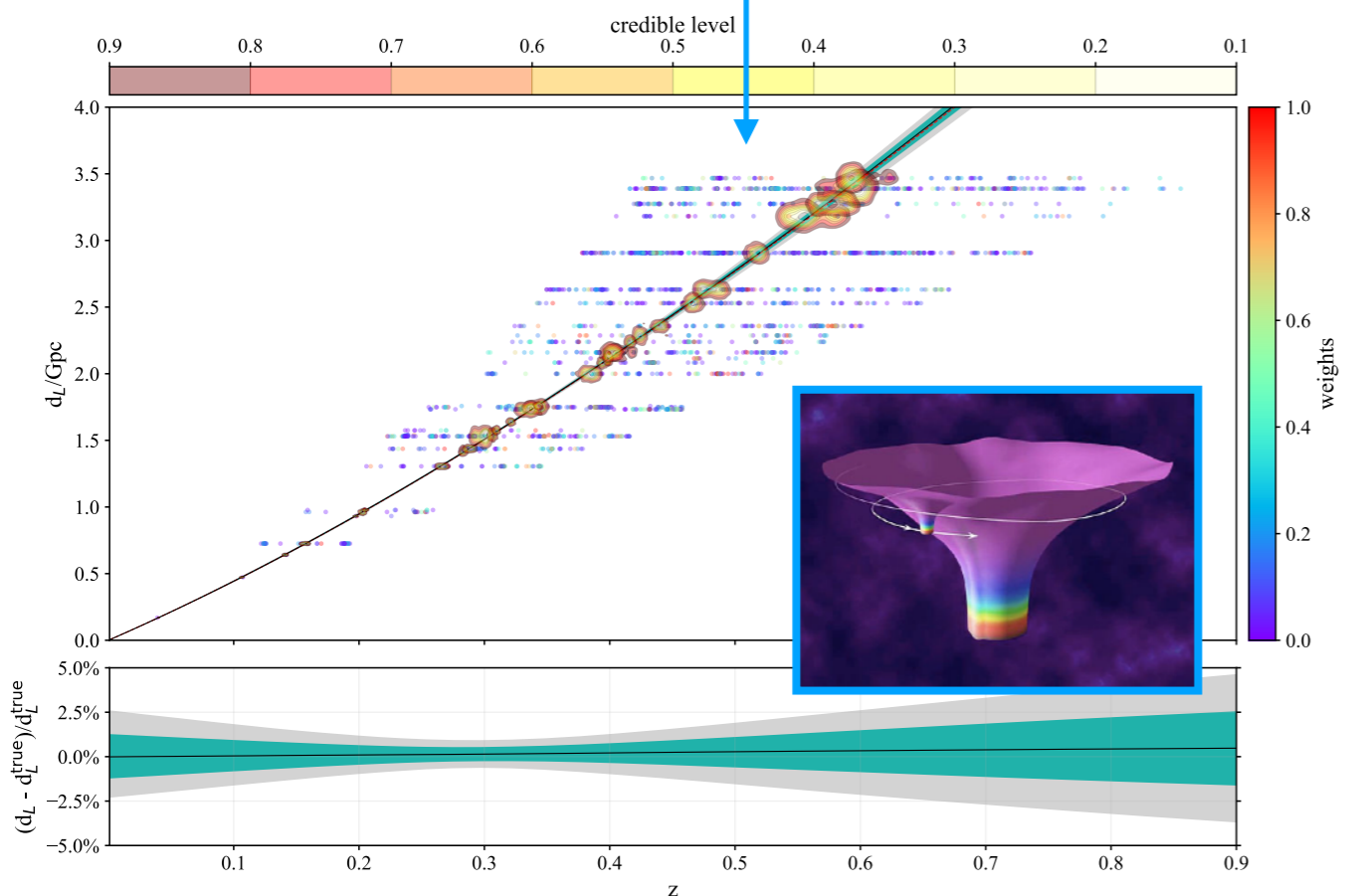
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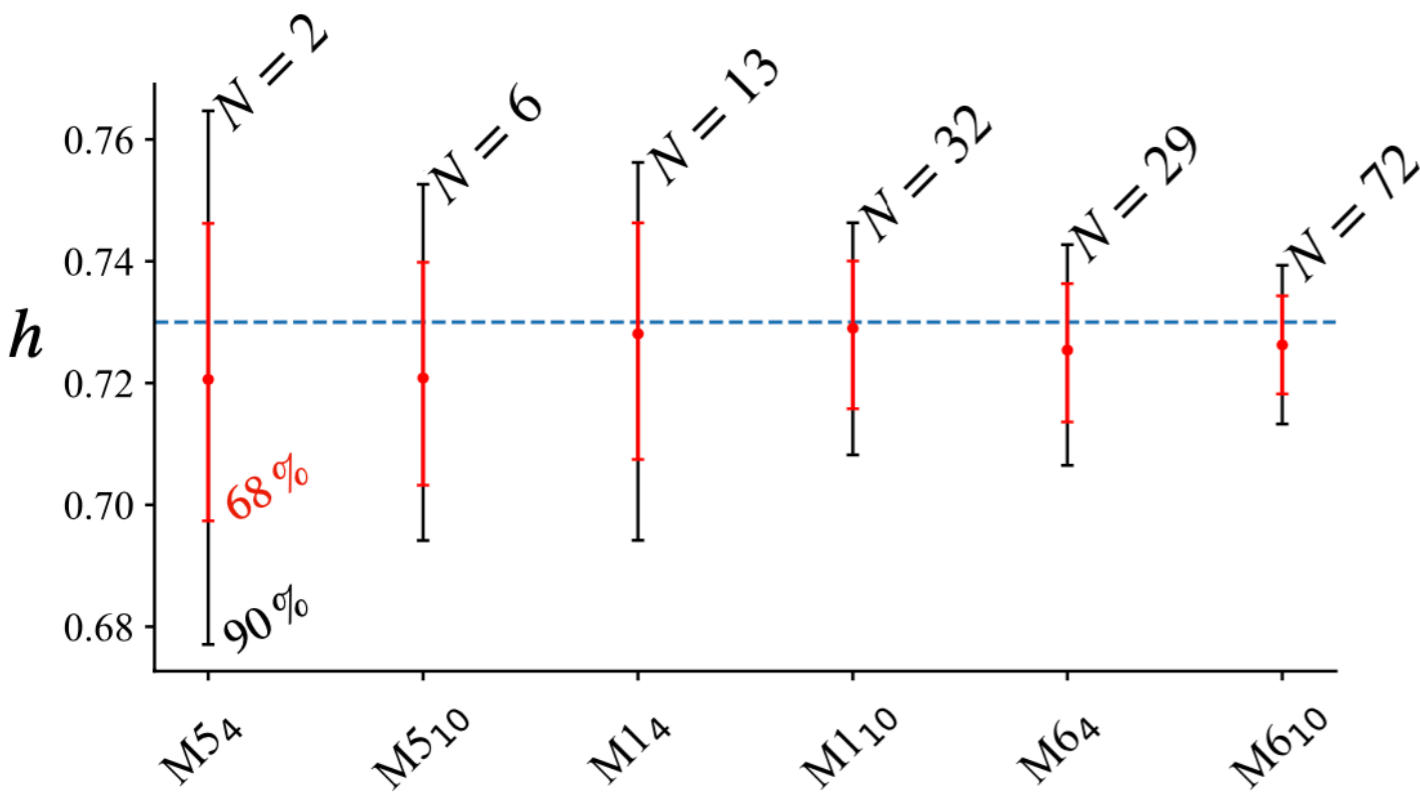
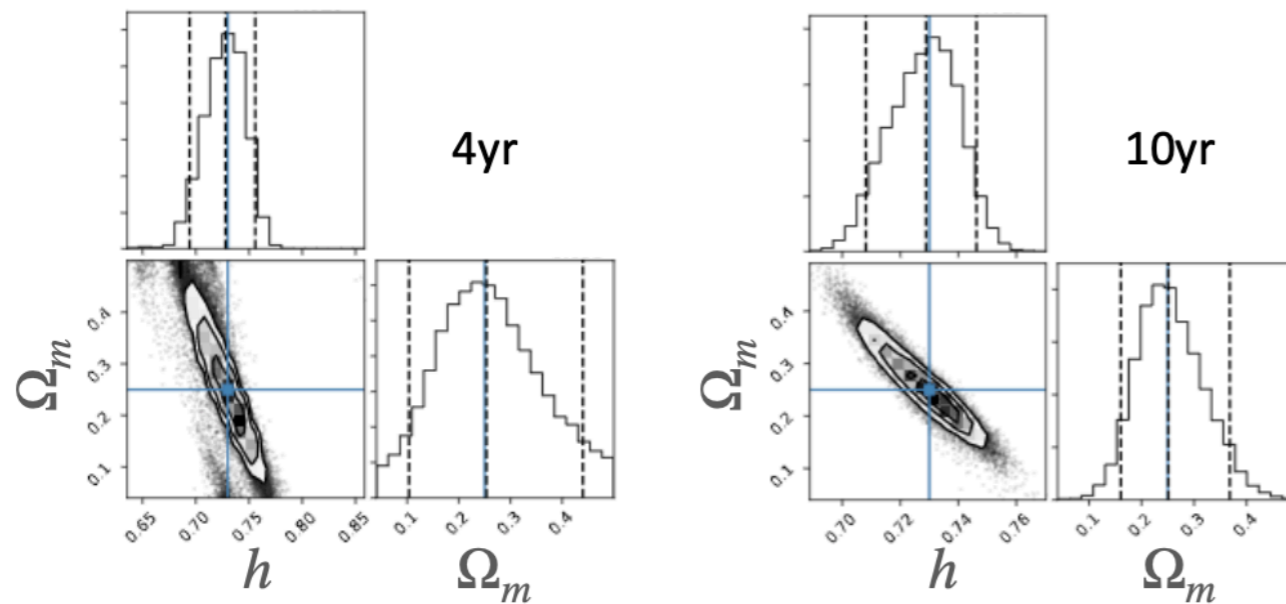
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  - If  $\Delta d_L / d_L < 0.1$
  - If  $\Delta \Omega < 2 \text{ deg}^2$
  - $\Rightarrow \sim 1$  to 100 standard sirens / yr
- **Expected results:**
  - $H_0$  between 1 and 10 %
  - $w_0$  between 5 and 10 %



[MacLeod & Hogan, *PRD* (2008)]  
 [Laghi+, *MNRAS* (2021)]

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M1 (fiducial)



Laghi et al., *MNRAS* (2021)

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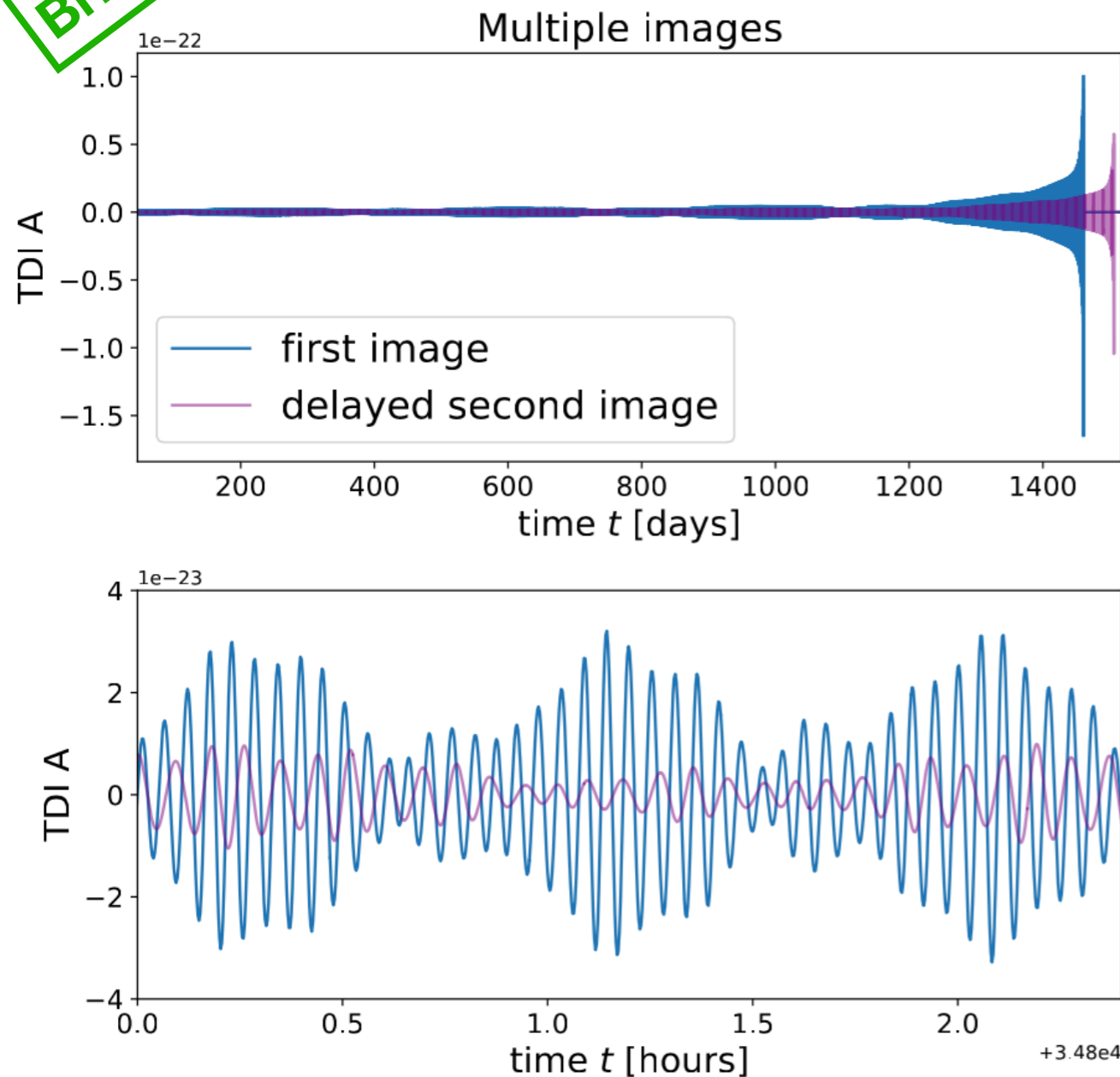
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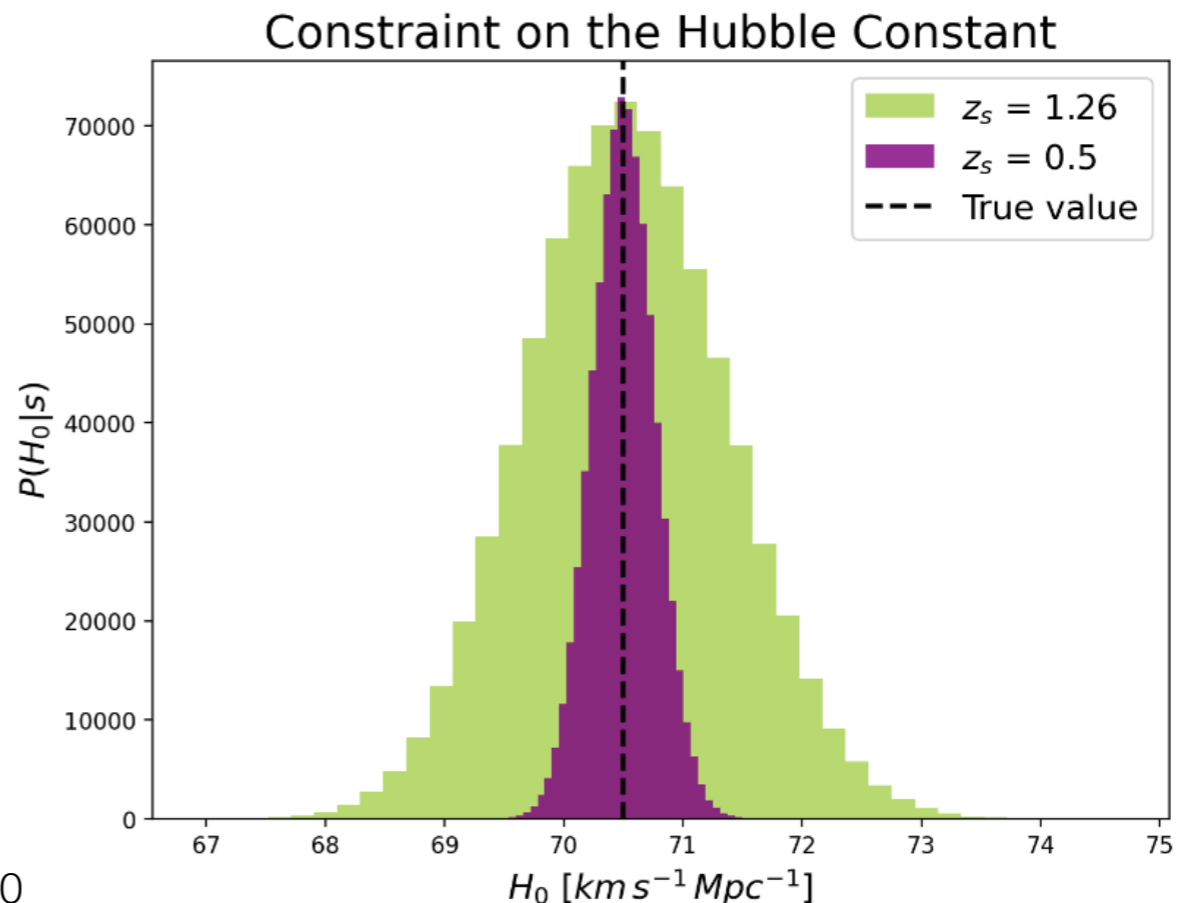
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Bright Sirens

## Strongly lensed EMRIs



- Redshift range source:  $0.5 \lesssim z \lesssim 2$
- Lensed host galaxy may be identified
- LISA detections: 0 to 10/yr
- **Expected results with one LEMRI:**
  - $H_0$  at 1% or better (assuming  $\Omega_m$ )



[Toscani+, *PRD* (2024)]

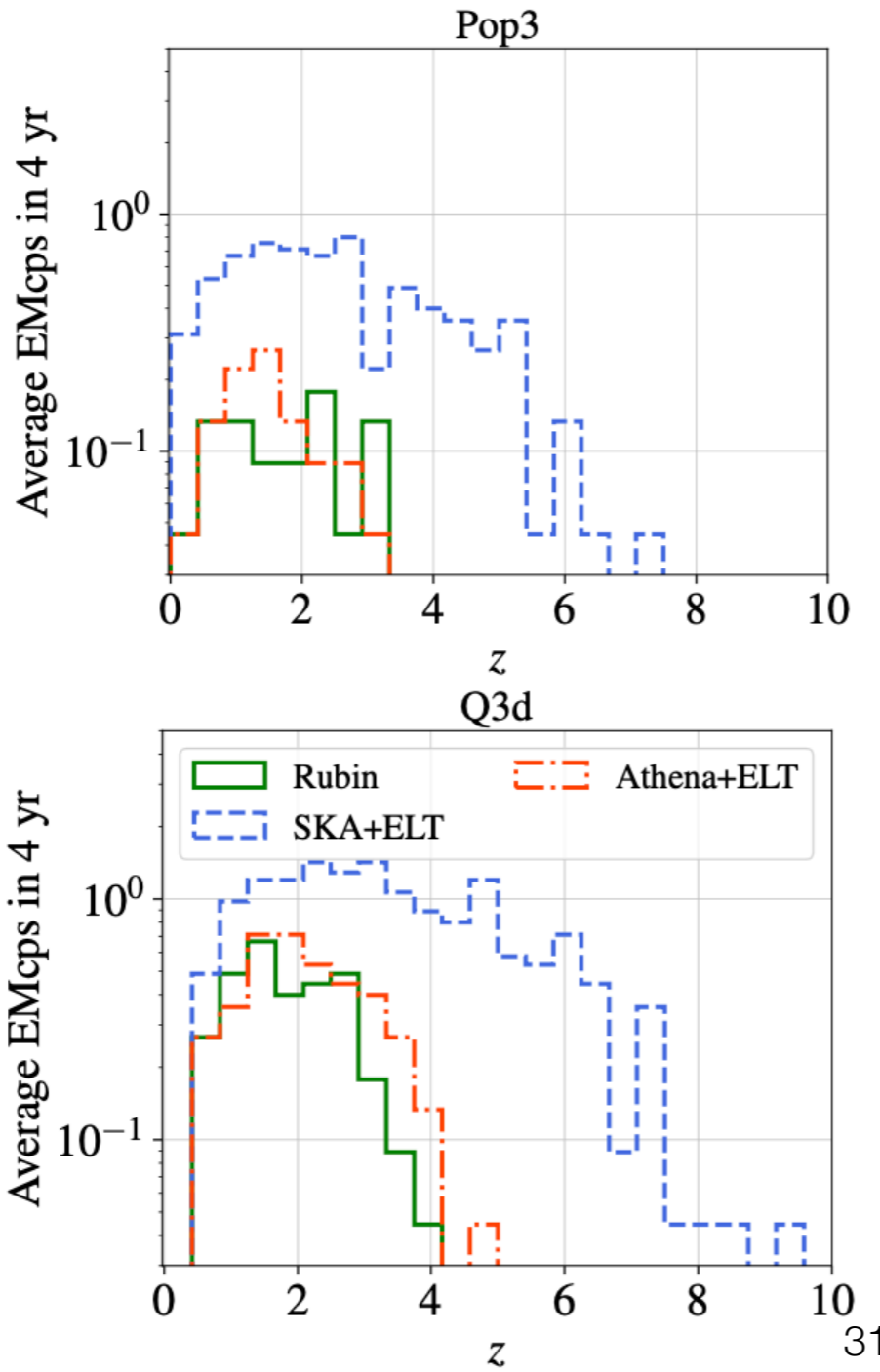
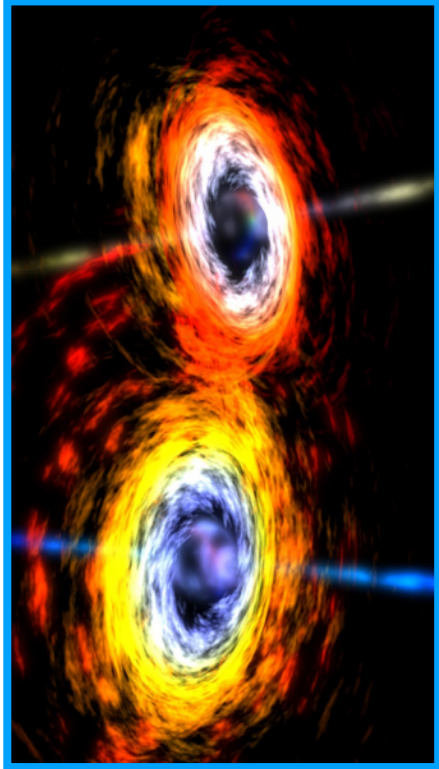
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(In 4 yr)	Standard	w Obsc./Colli. radio
Light	6.4	1.6
Heavy	14.8	3.3
Heavy-no-delays	20.7	3.5

## MBHBs

- Redshift range:  $z \lesssim 20$
- EM counterparts expected
- LISA detections: 1 to 100/yr
- Useful as standard sirens:
  - $z \lesssim 7$
  - If  $\Delta d_L / d_L \lesssim 0.1$  (include lensing)
  - If  $\Delta \Omega < 10 \text{ deg}^2$
  - $\Rightarrow$  1 to 5 standard sirens / yr  
**(with EM counterpart)**
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  - “Precise” high-z cosmography

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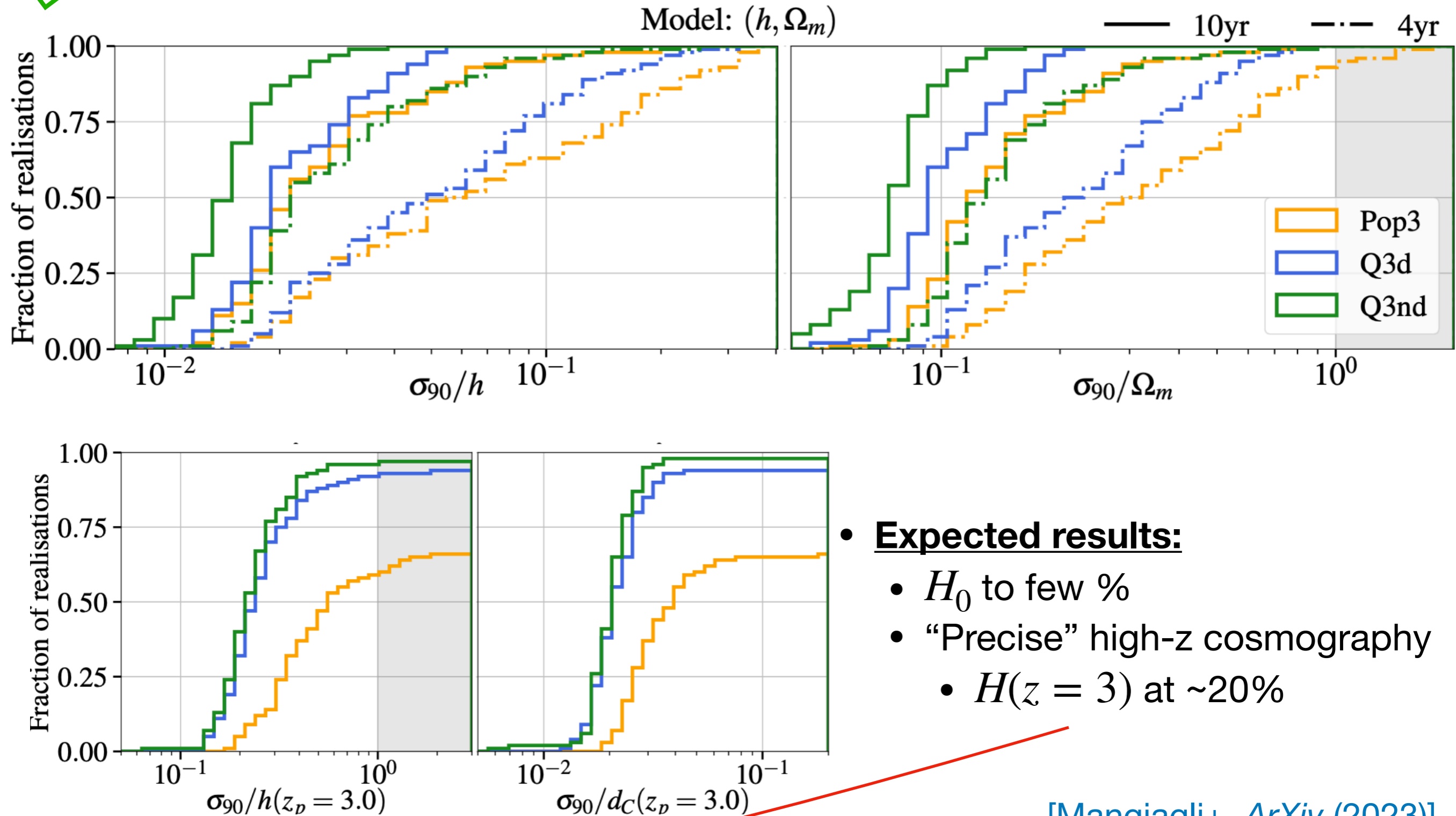
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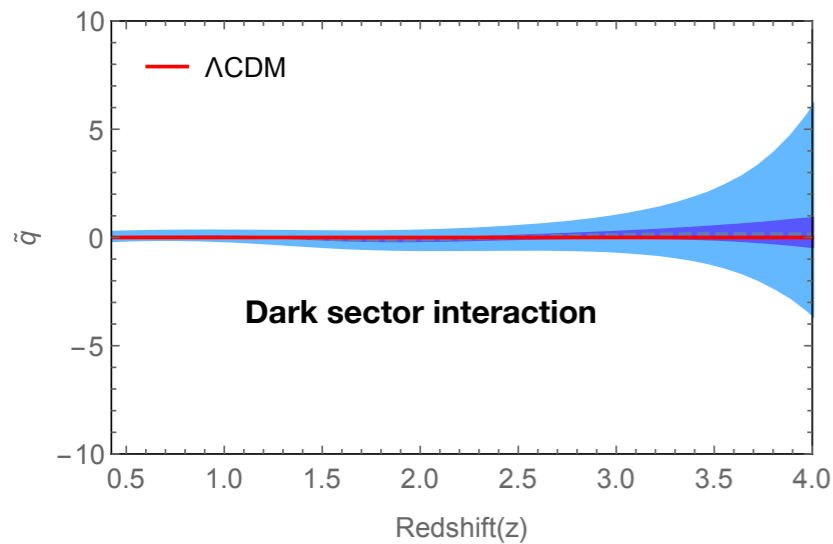


Bright Sirens

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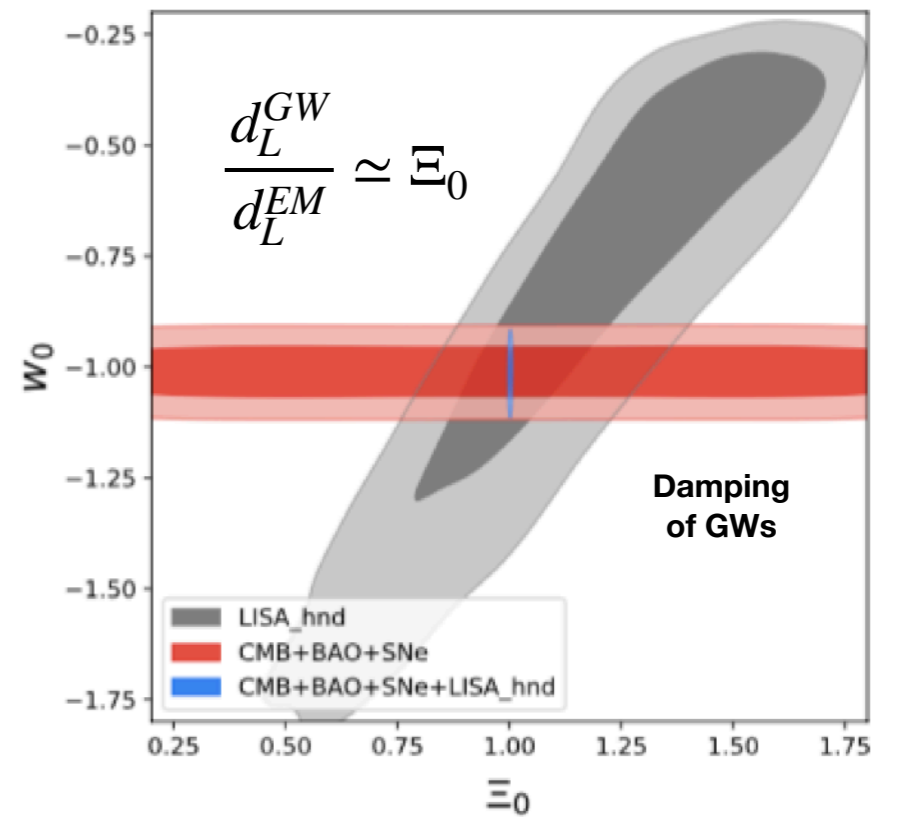
LISA MBHB data will be very useful to probe  $\Lambda$ CDM at high-redshift

## Test alternative cosmological models



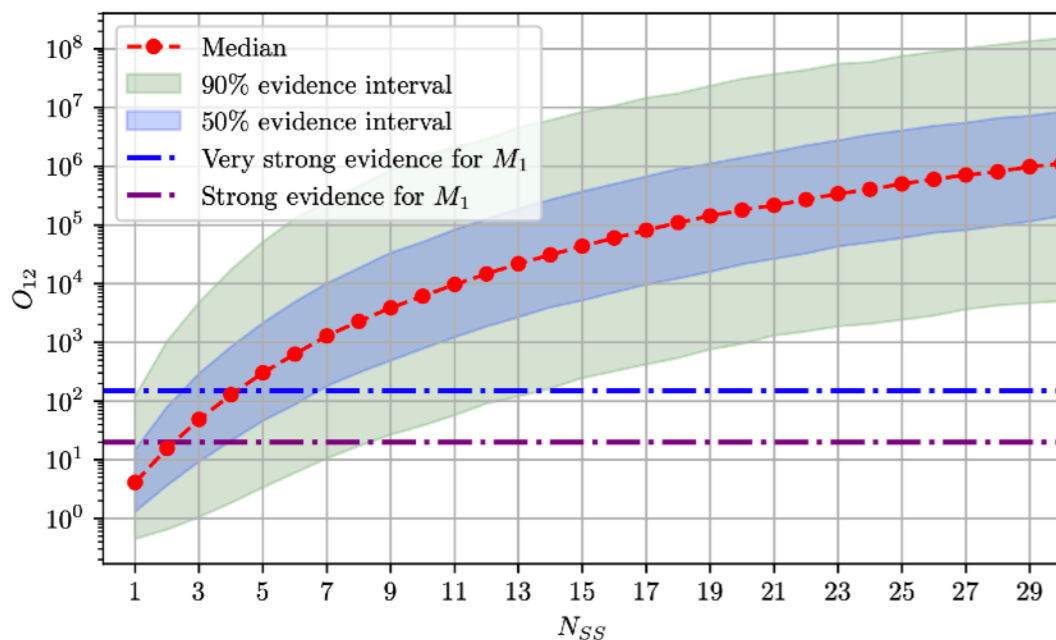
[Caprini & Tamanini, *JCAP* (2016)]  
 [Cai+, *JCAP* (2017)]

## Test modified gravity



[LISA CosmoWG, *JCAP* (2019)]  
 [Corman+, *PRD* (2022)]

## Test quasars Hubble diagram

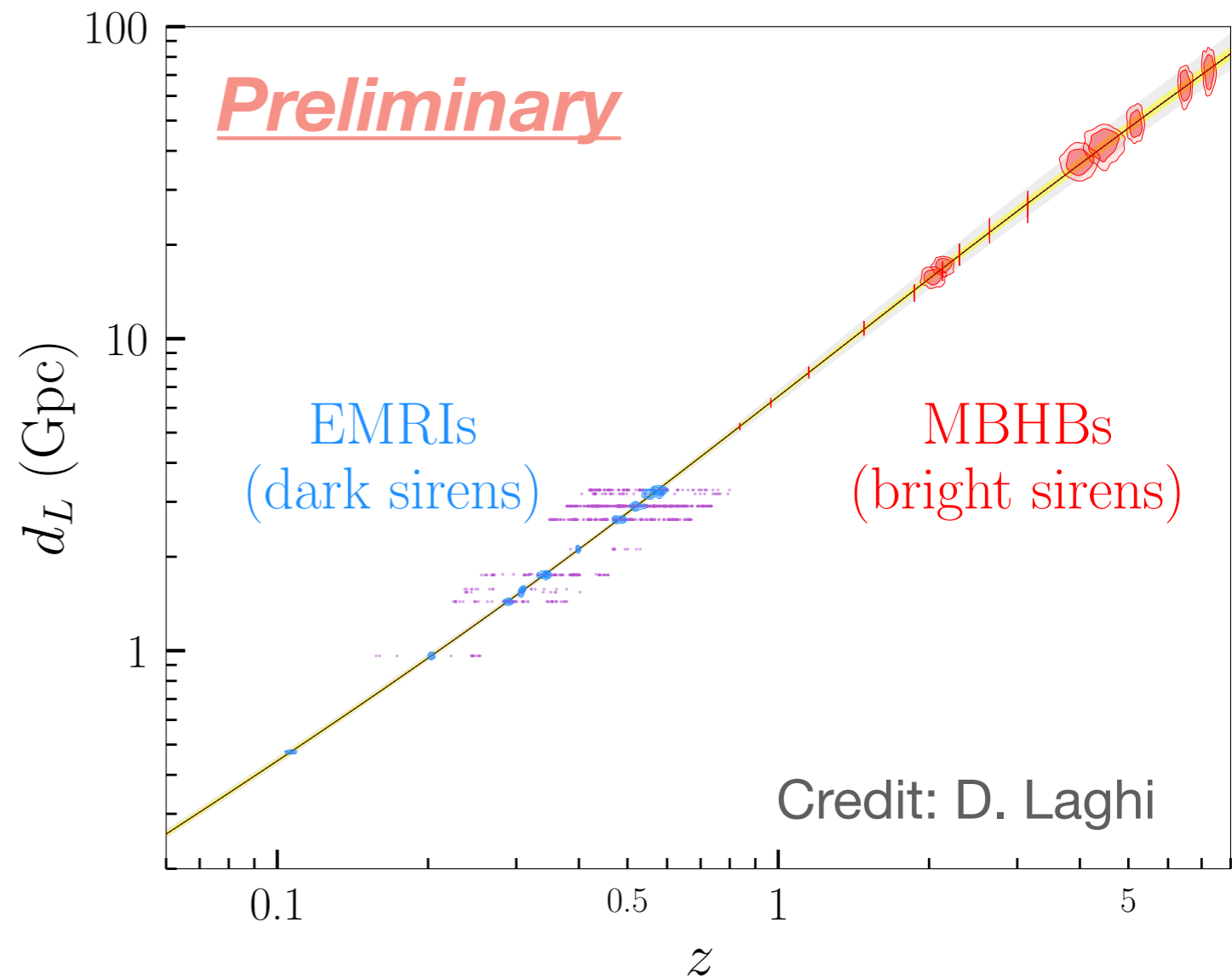
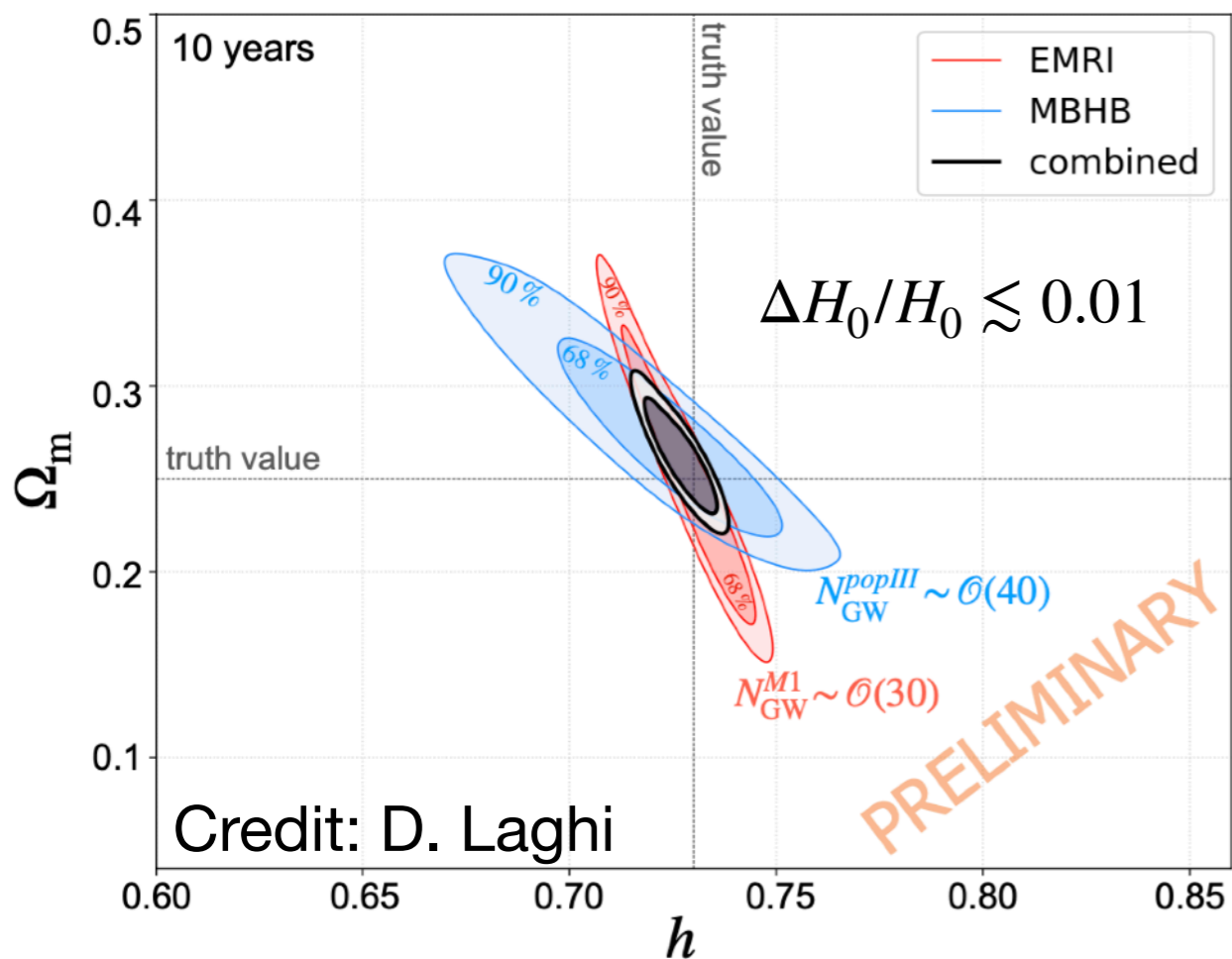


[Speri+, *PRD* (2021)]

# Future prospects

The combination of different standard sirens will allow LISA to measure the expansion of the universe from  $z \sim 0.01$  to  $z \sim 10$

Expected results for  $\Lambda$ CDM:



[Tamanini, *J. Phys. Conf. Ser.* (2017)]  
[Laghi, Tamanini+, *in prep.*]

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LISA Source	Redshift Range	Detection Rates	Redshift Measure (Bright Sirens)	Well Localised (Dark Sirens)	$\frac{\Delta H_0}{H_0}$	More
<b>SOBHs</b>	$\lesssim 0.1$	$\lesssim 1/\text{yr}$	None	$\lesssim 0.1/\text{yr}$	None	
<b>IMBHs</b>	$\lesssim 0.1$	$\lesssim 10/\text{yr} (?)$	None	$\lesssim 2/\text{yr} (?)$	$\sim 2\%$	Multiband
<b>EMRIs</b>	$\lesssim 4$	$\lesssim 1000/\text{yr}$	None	$\lesssim 100/\text{yr}$ @ $z \lesssim 1$	1-10%	$\Delta w_0 \lesssim 0.1$
<b>LEMRI</b> s	$\lesssim 4$	$\lesssim 10/\text{yr}$	$\lesssim 1/\text{yr}$ @ $z \lesssim 2$	$\lesssim 10/\text{yr} (?)$ @ $z \lesssim 1$	$\sim 1\%$	
<b>MBHB</b> s	$\lesssim 20$	$\lesssim 100/\text{yr}$	$\lesssim 3/\text{yr}$ @ $z \lesssim 7$	$\lesssim 10/\text{yr} (?)$ @ $z \lesssim 2$	2-10%	High-z Analyses
<b>LMBHB</b> s	$\lesssim 20$	$\lesssim 1/\text{yr}$	$\lesssim 0.1/\text{yr} (?)$ @ $z \lesssim 2$	$\lesssim 0.1/\text{yr} (?)$ @ $z \lesssim 2$	$\sim 10\%$	High-z Analyses
<b>Combined</b>			$\lesssim 3/\text{yr}$	$\lesssim 100/\text{yr}$	$\lesssim 1\%$	High-z and dark energy Analyses

# Conclusions

- ▶ Standard sirens are excellent distance indicators:
  - ▶ They do not require calibration and are not affected by systematics
  - ▶ Can be used with or without an EM counterpart
    - ▶ Bright and Dark Sirens
  - ▶ New cosmological tests complementary to EM observations
- ▶ Current observations with ground-based detectors:
  - ▶ First standard siren discovered: GW170817
    - ▶ First GW measurement of  $H_0$
  - ▶ Dark sirens results currently not competitive, but significant improvement on top of GW170817
- ▶ Future prospects:
  - ▶ Future observations useful to solve tension on  $H_0$
  - ▶ LISA will bring precise GW cosmology and will test LCDM at high-redshift