

Gravitational  
waves  
propagation  
as a probe of  
quantum and  
alternative  
theories of  
gravity

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# Outline

- **Gravitational waves physics**
  - ↳ nature and sources
  - ↳ detectors and instruments
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  - ↳ analysis methods
- **Propagation tests with multi messenger events**
  - ↳ gravitational waves friction
  - ↳ gravitational waves lensing
  - ↳ speed of gravity
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# Gravitational waves primer

- A propagating space-time perturbation predicted by GR  
Gravitational waves (GW) modify a spacetime interval as:

$$ds^2 = -c dt^2 + [1 + h(z \pm ct)] dx^2 + [1 - h(z \pm ct)] dy^2 + dz^2$$



*propagate at  
speed of light*

*GW deformation*



*transverse waves*

- Properties:

2 polarisation states,  $h_+$  and  $h_x$

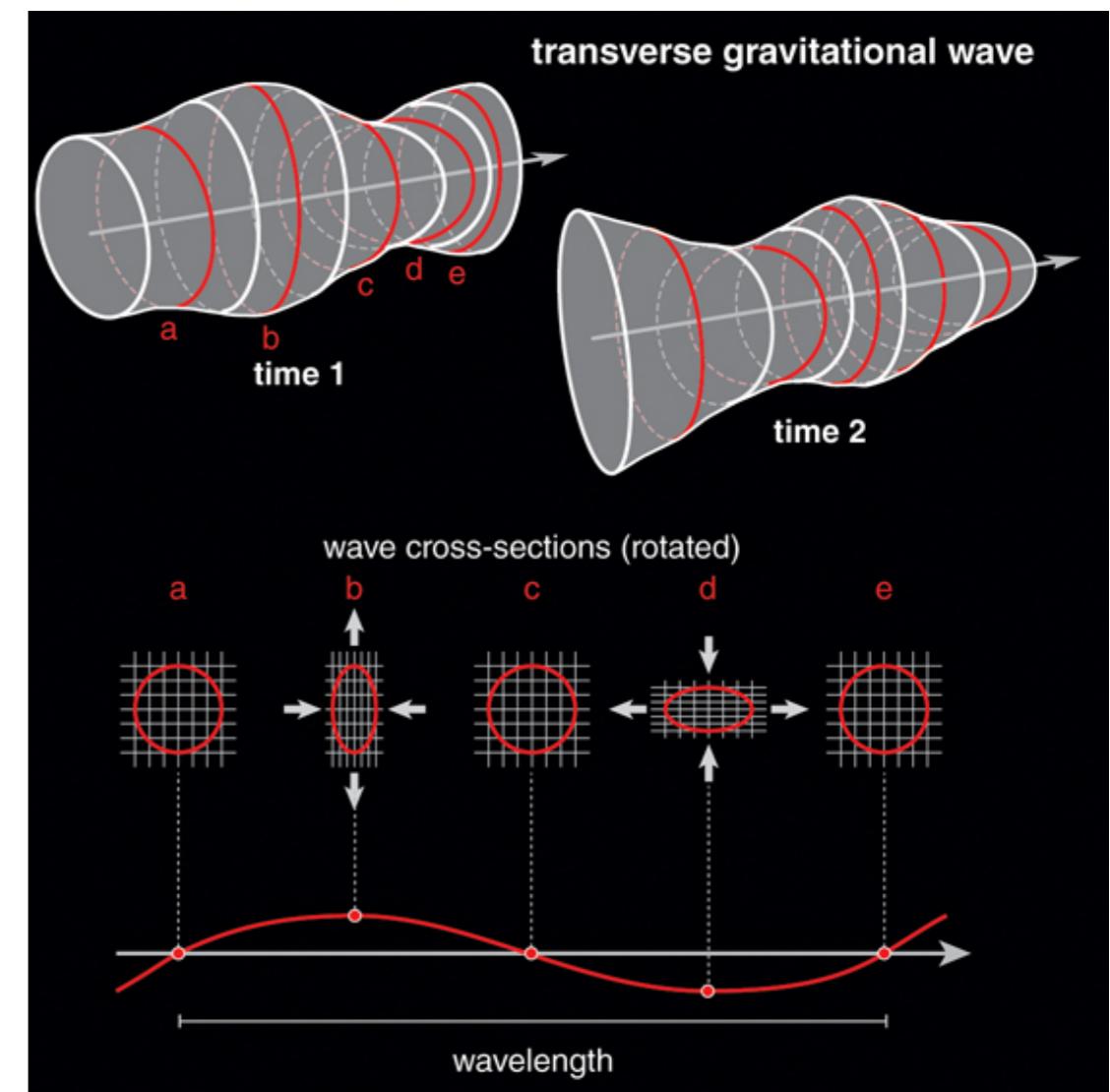
Tensor perturbation

Quadrupolar radiation

- Deformation:

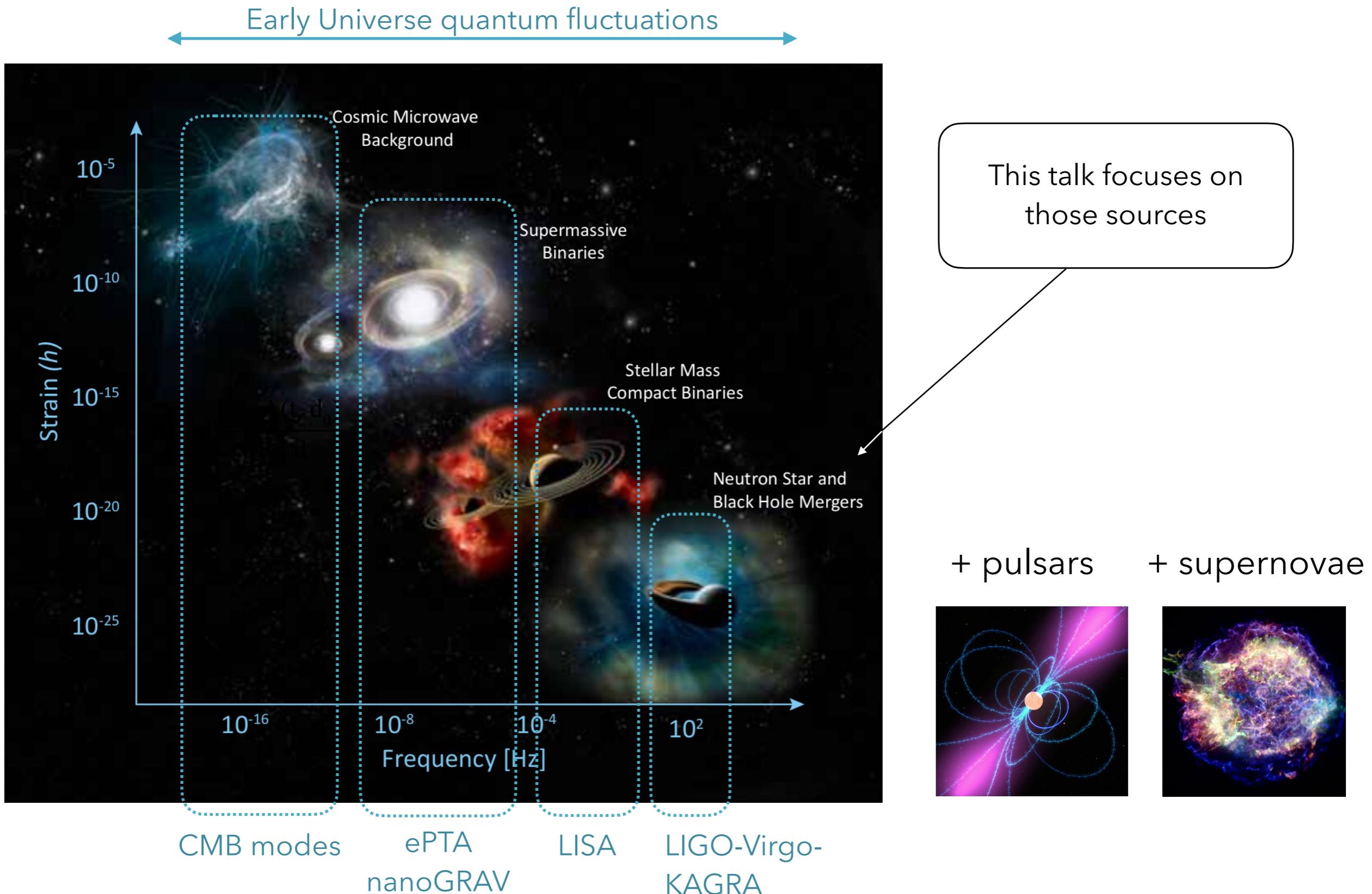
*Strain* = fractional change in distance between two points when a GW passes through:

$$\frac{\Delta L}{L} = \frac{1}{2} h_{xx}(0,ct)$$

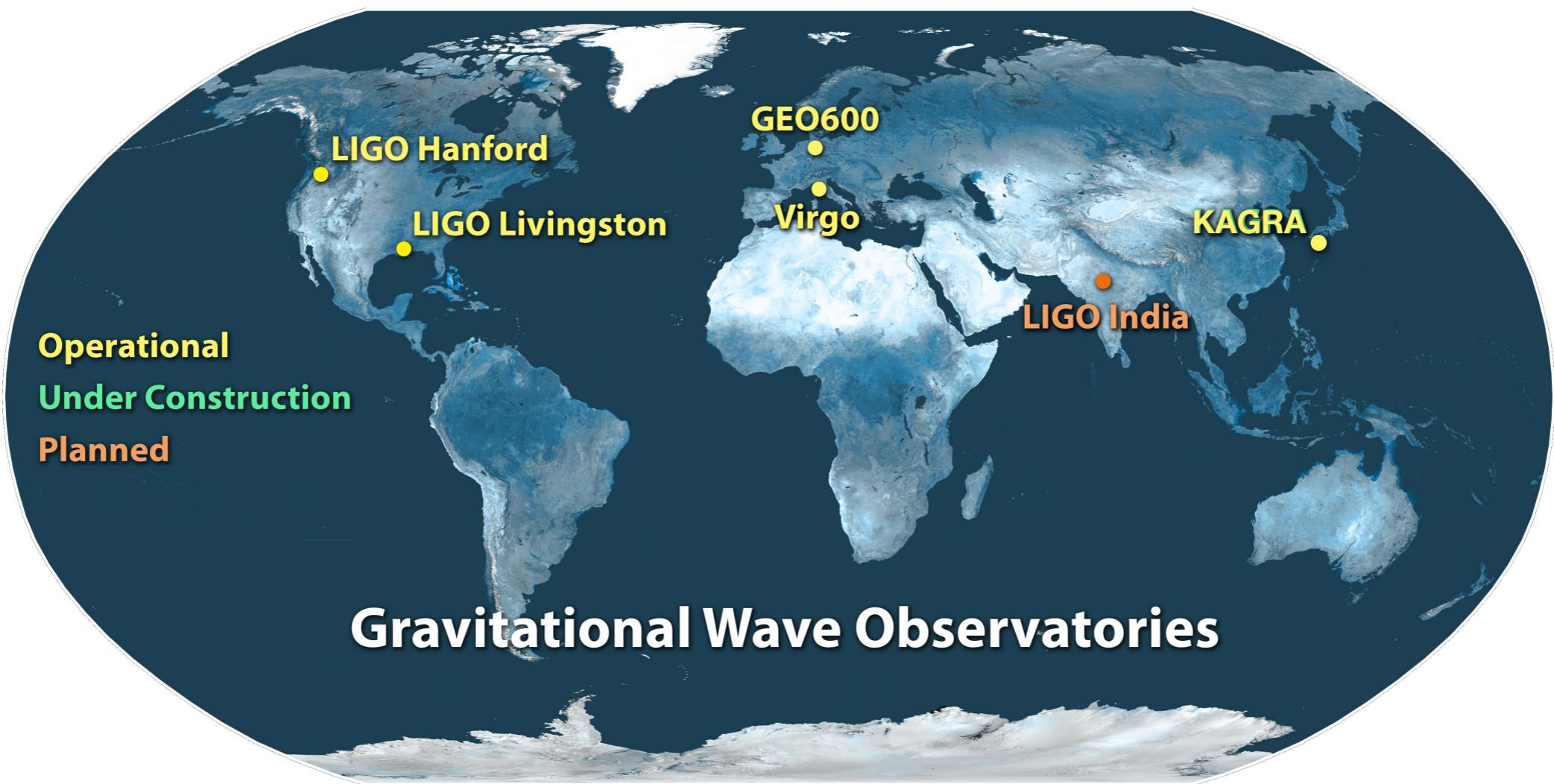


# Gravitational waves sources

Credit: SSU EPO/Aurore Simonnet



# Gravitational waves observatories



LIGO Hanford



LIGO Livingston



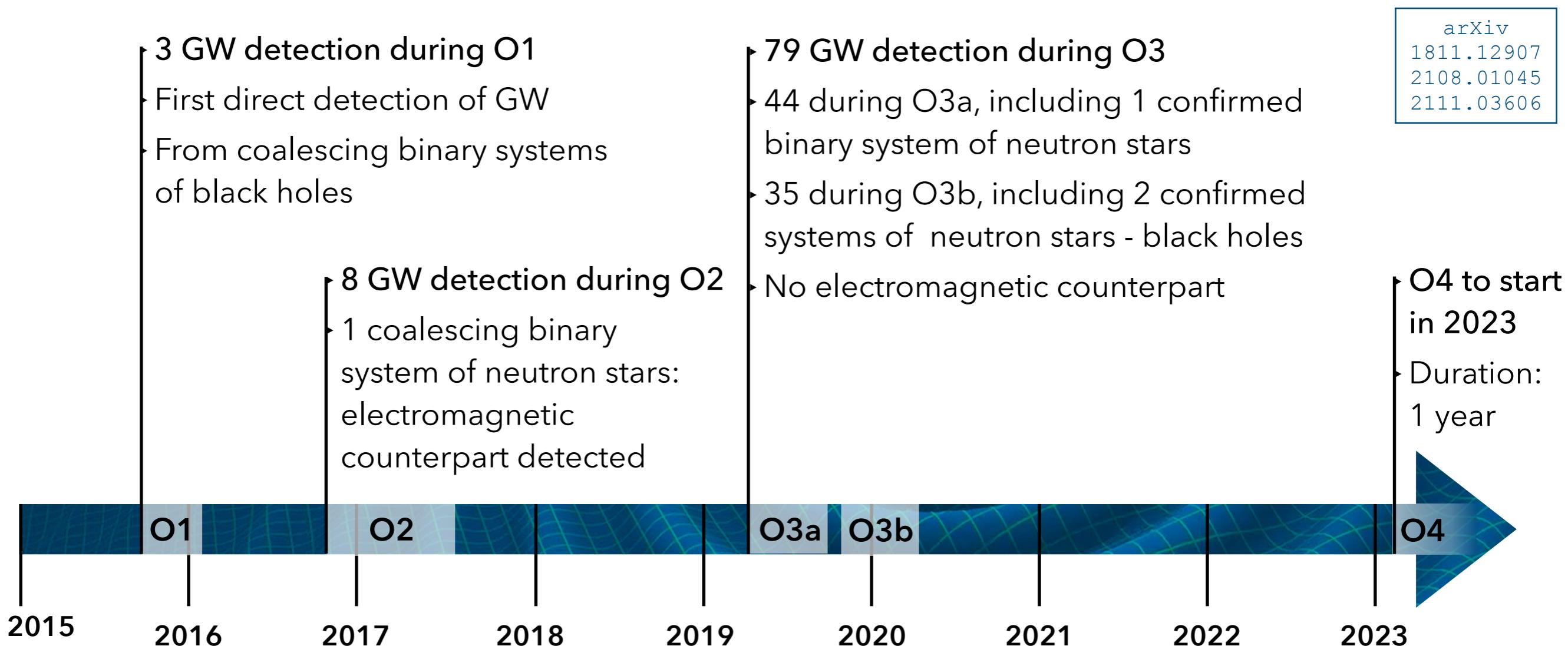
Virgo



KAGRA



# Gravitational waves detection: a summary



**90 GW**  
detections  
reported



**Coalescence**  
of black holes  
and neutron stars



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



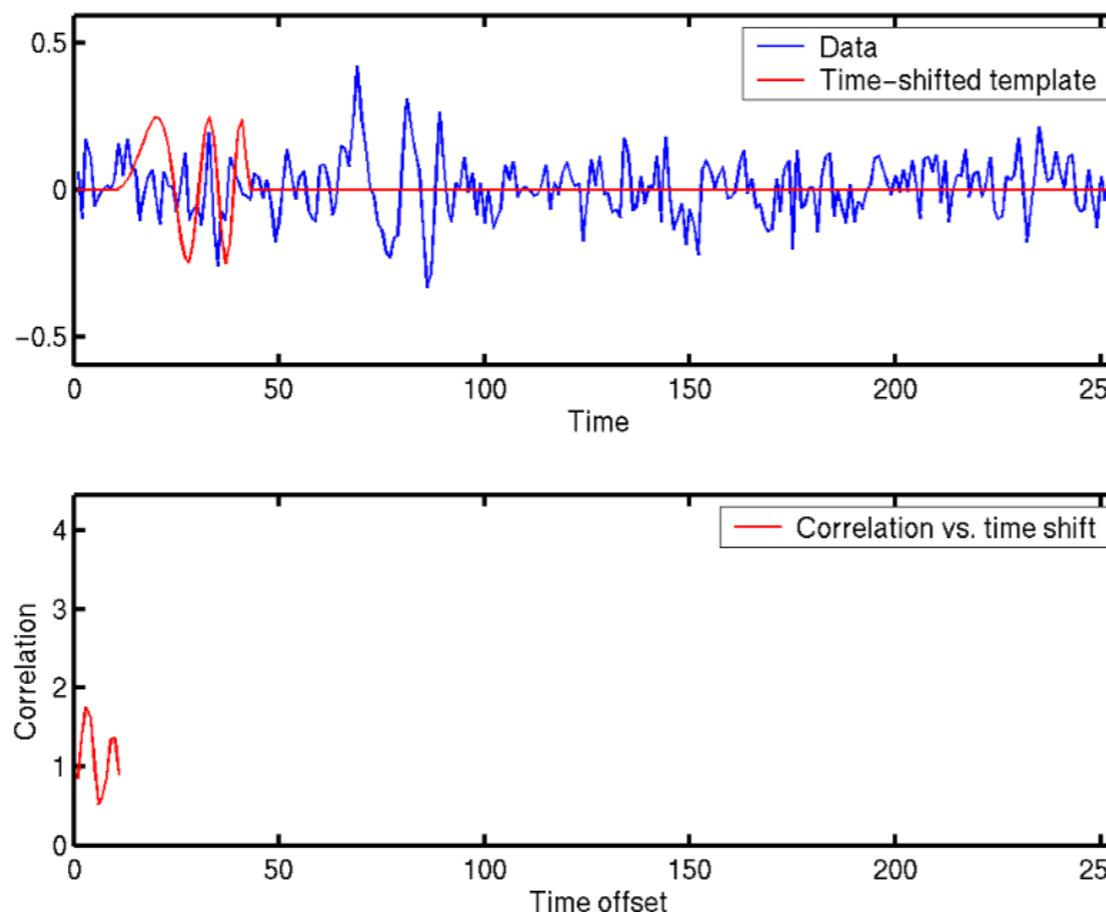
**Mass range**  
 $1.2 \rightarrow 107 M_{\odot}$   
(stellar)



**Distance range**  
 $40 \text{ Mpc} \rightarrow 8 \text{ Gpc}$   
( $z \rightarrow 1.14$ )

# Matched filtering analysis

- **Matched filtering:** correlation between the signal template  $h$  and the data  $s$   
most efficient way to find a very low amplitude signal

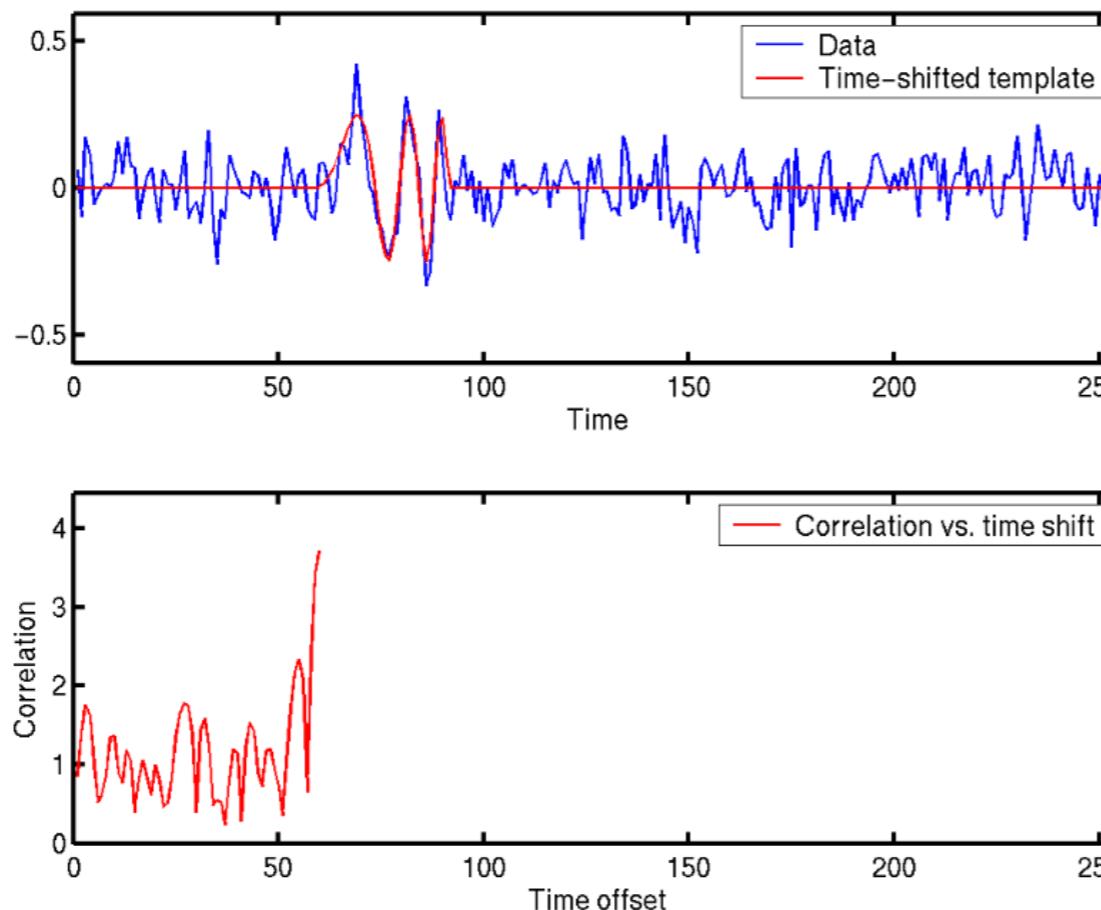


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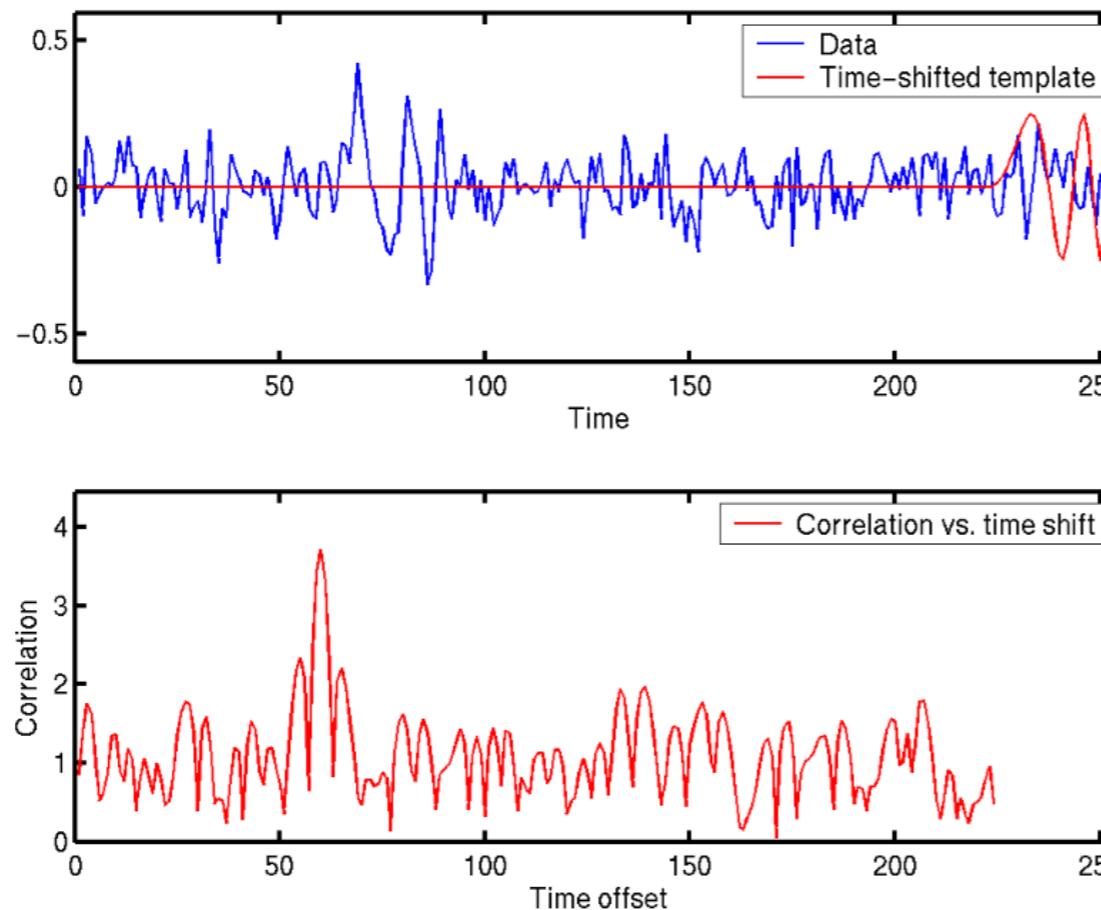


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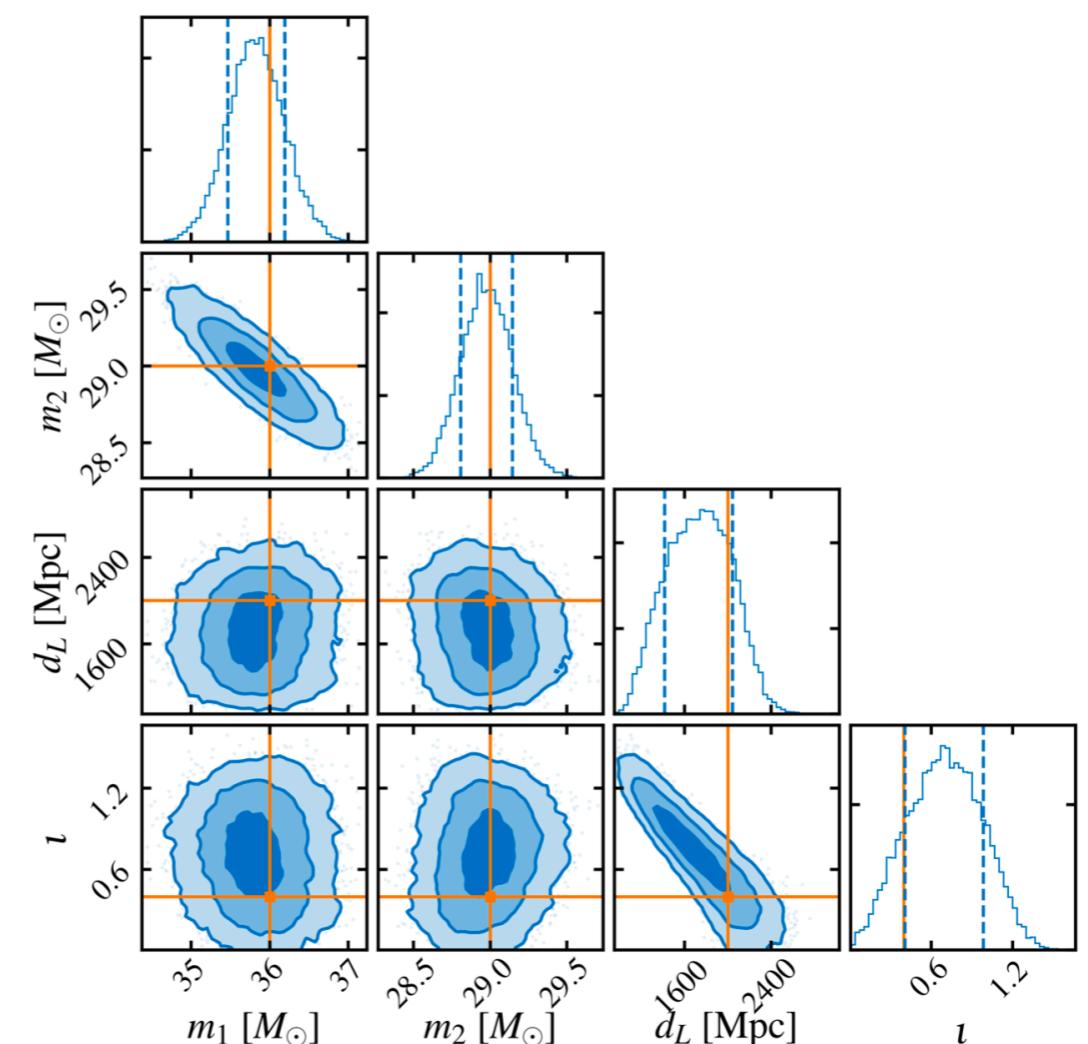
# GW parameter estimation

- **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

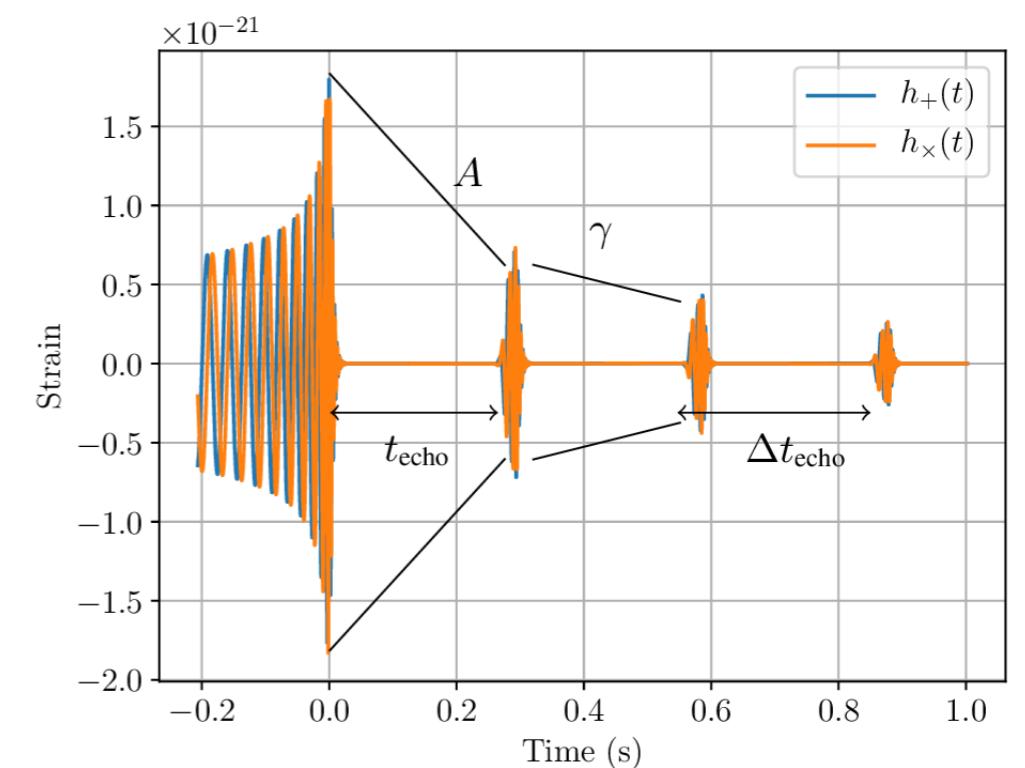
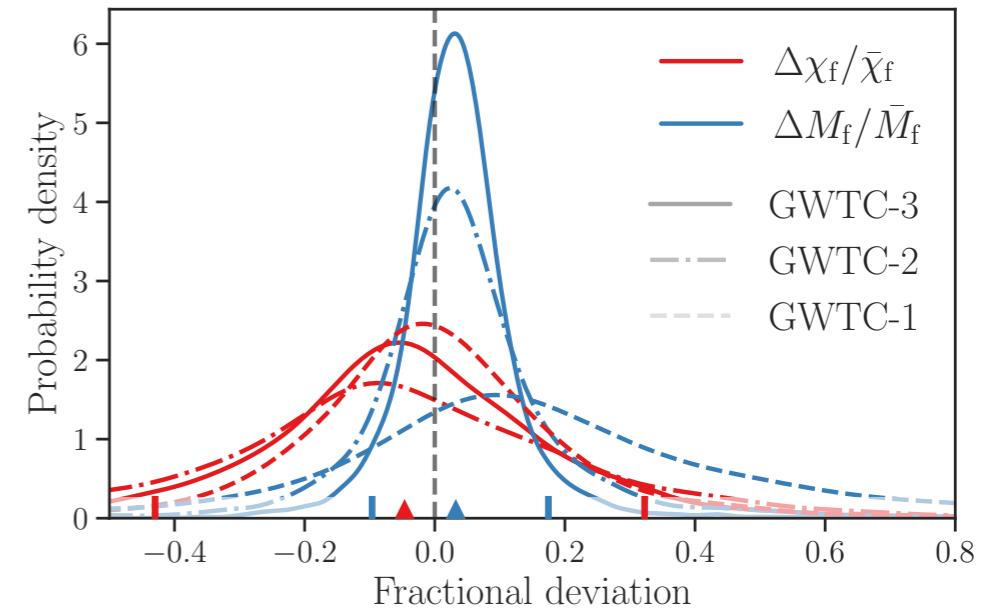
- 2 masses
- 2 spin magnitudes
- 2 angles for each spin
- Reference time
- Orbital phase at reference time
- Luminosity distance
- Right ascension & declination
- Inclination angle
- Polarisation angle
- + tidal parameters in neutron stars



# Tests of general relativity

- 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

[LVK, arxiv:2112.06861](#)



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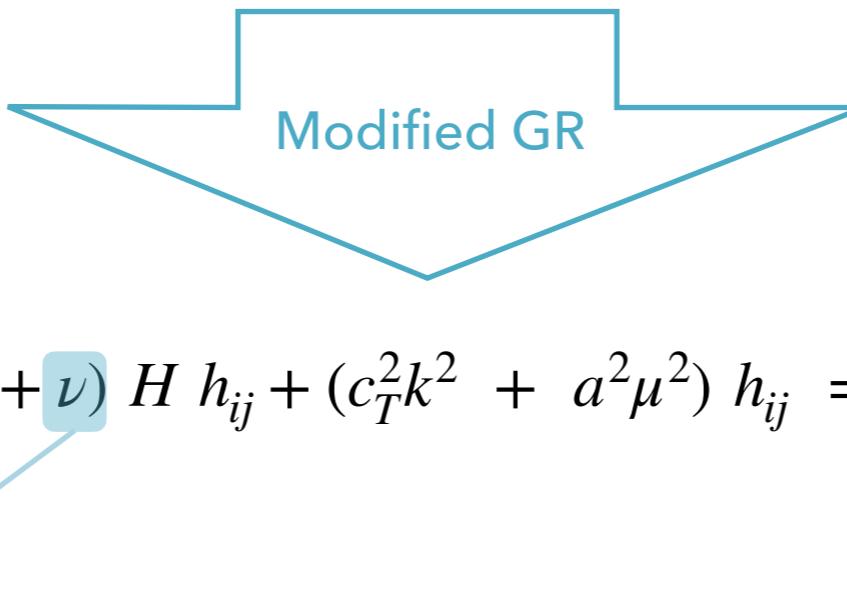


Can be probed from GW  
signal (pattern & polarisation)

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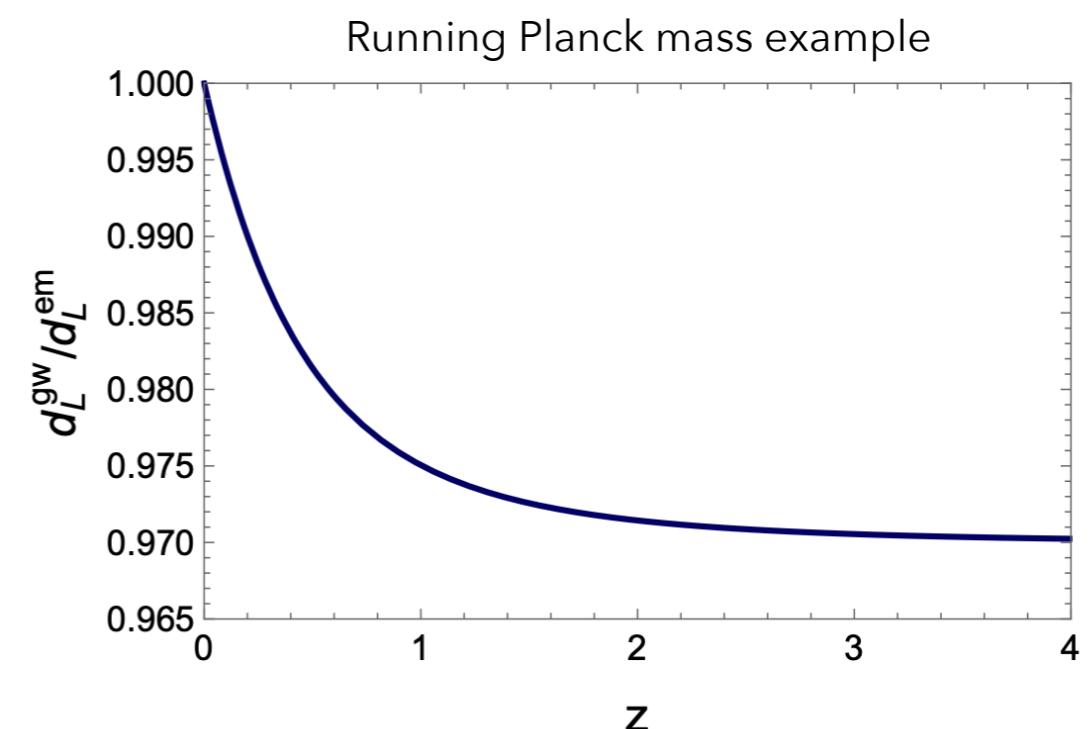
# Gravitational waves friction

- **GW friction:** a dispersion impacting the amplitude of the waveform
- **Observable:** the luminosity distance is modified compared to GR

$$d_L^{GW}(z) = d_L^{EM} \exp \left[ \frac{1}{2} \int_0^z \frac{\alpha_M(z')}{1+z'} dz' \right]$$

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- $\alpha_M(z)$  can be mapped to different alternative theories of gravitation
- In GR,  $\alpha_M(z) = 0$

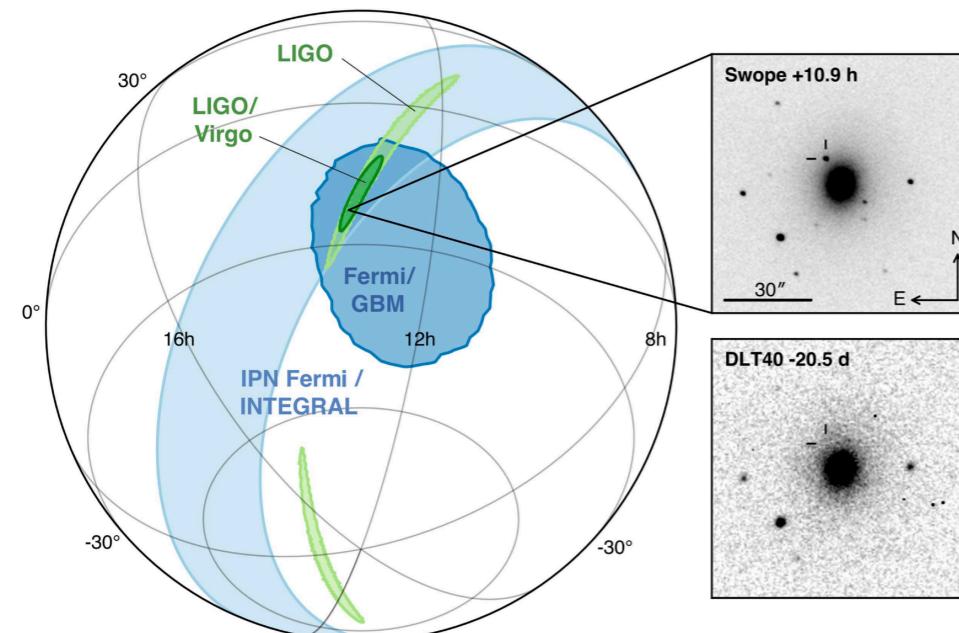


[Belgacem, Dirian, Foffa, Maggiore, Phys. Rev. D 97, 104066 \(2018\)](#)

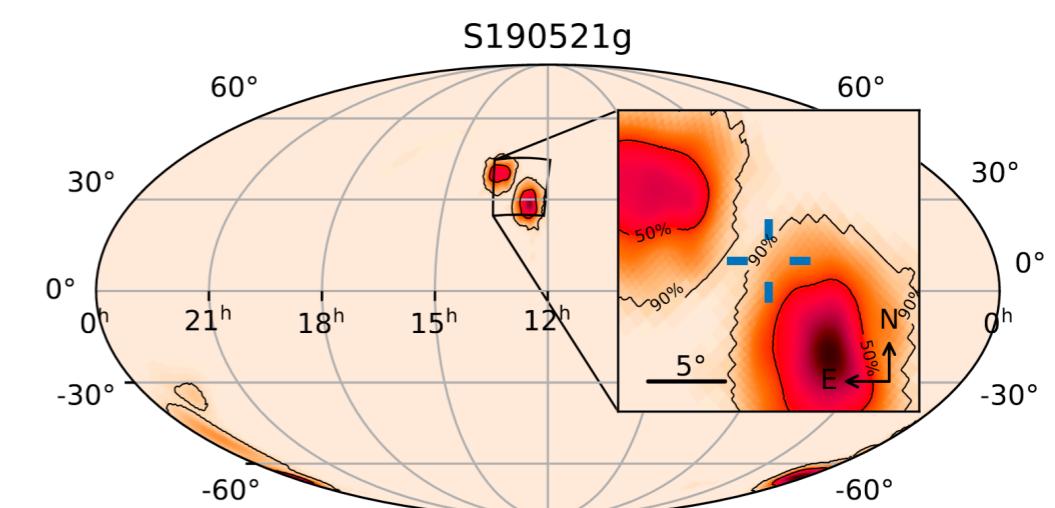
# Standard sirens

- Standard siren = simultaneous observation of electromagnetic and gravitational radiation from the same event
- The distance (luminosity distance & redshift) can be separately inferred from the two signals, enabling to measure cosmological and GW friction parameters

- **GW170817:**
  - binary neutron star merger
  - $z \approx 0.01$
- **GW190521:**
  - binary black holes merger
  - potential location in AGN disk creating electromagnetic signal (not confirmed)
  - $z \approx 0.44$



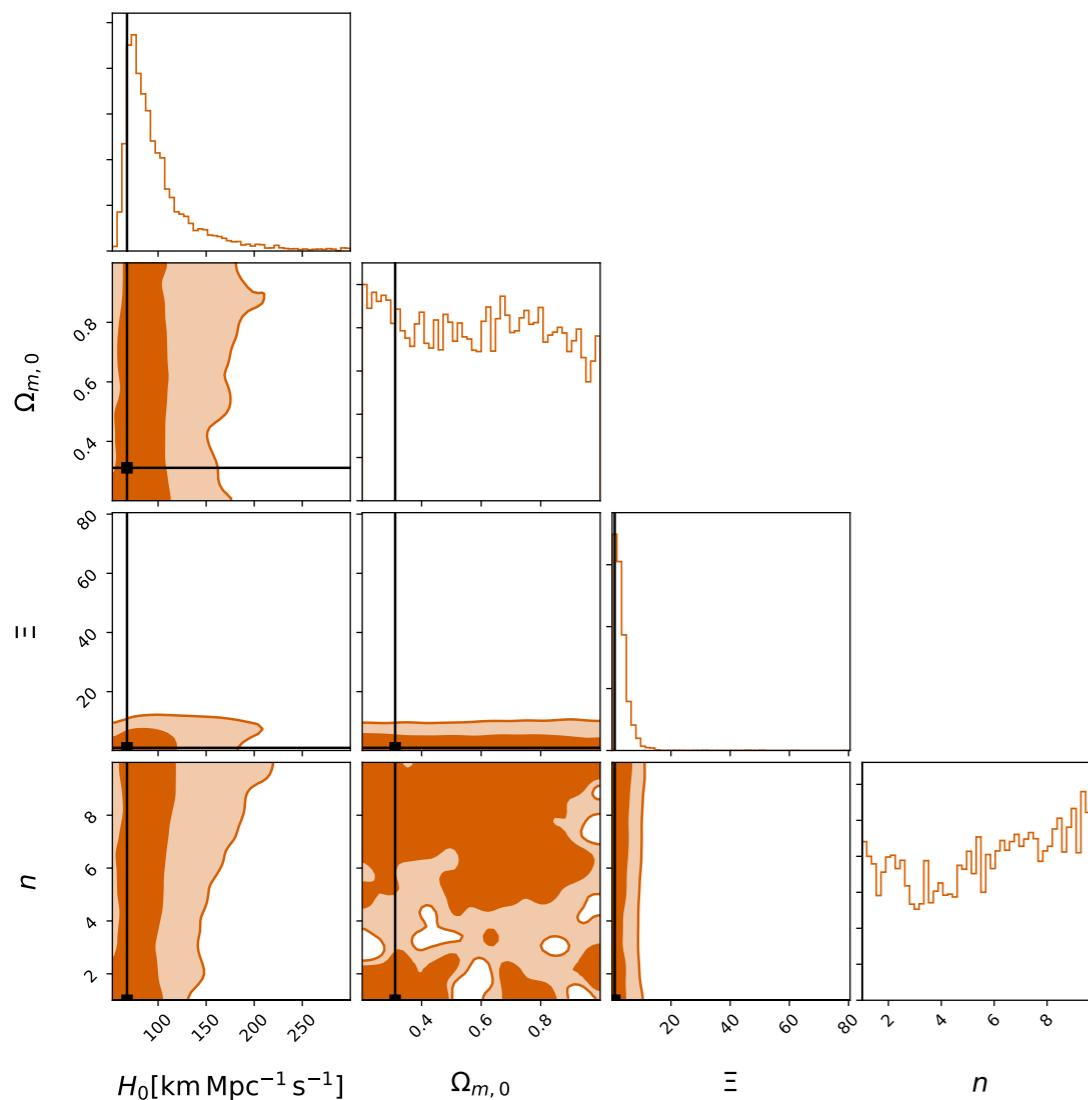
[LVC, Phys. Rev. Lett. 119, 161101 \(2017\)](#)



[LVC, Phys. Rev. Lett. 125, 101102 \(2020\)](#)  
[Graham et al, Phys. Rev. Lett. 124, 251102 \(2020\)](#)

# From GW friction to scalar-tensor theories

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



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

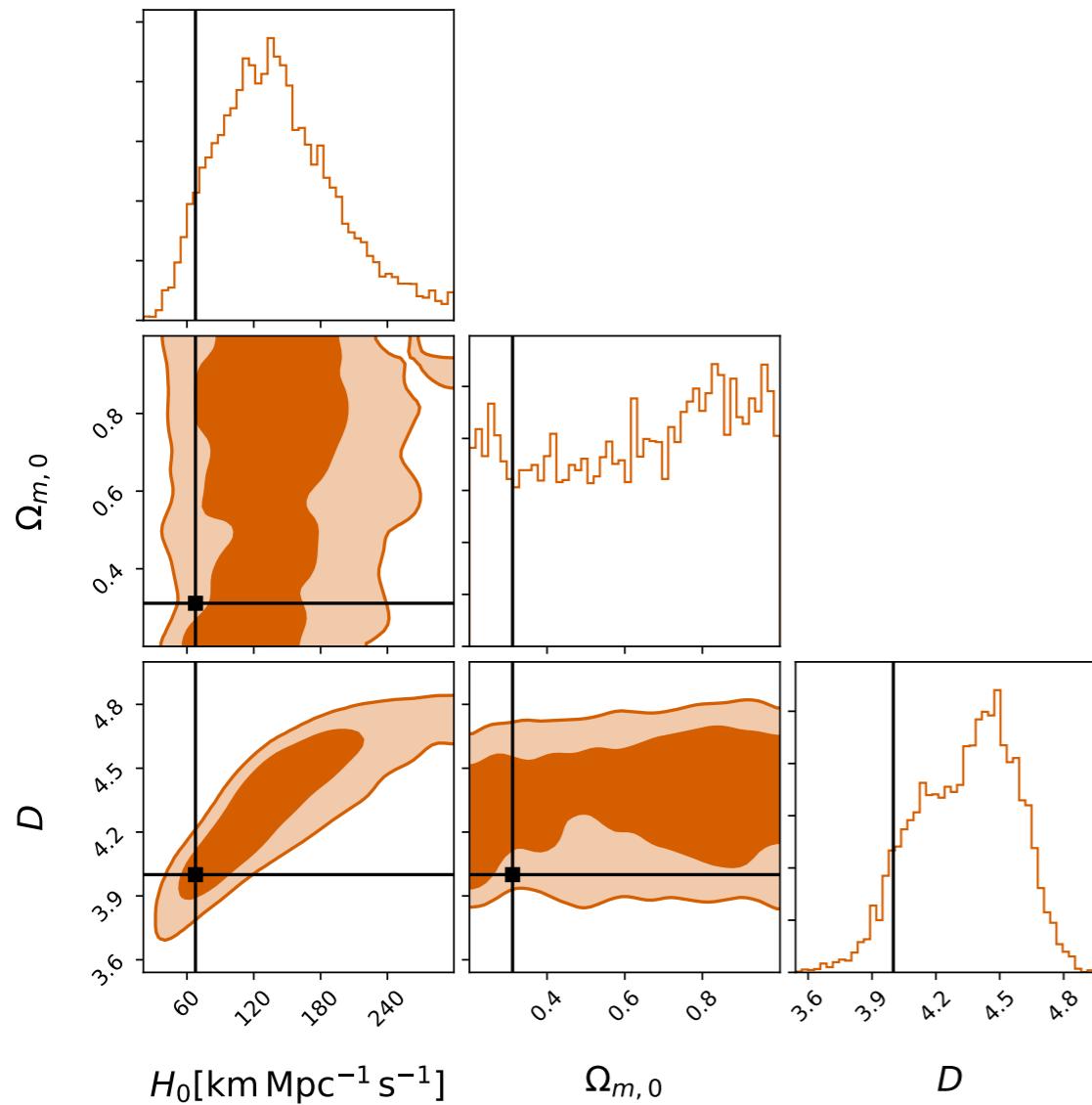
Model	$\Xi_0 - 1$	$n$	Refs.
HS $f(R)$ gravity	$\frac{1}{2}f_{R0}$	$\frac{3(\tilde{n}+1)\Omega_m}{4-3\Omega_m}$	[68]
Designer $f(R)$ gravity	$-0.24\Omega_m^{0.76}B_0$	$3.1\Omega_m^{0.24}$	[69]
Jordan–Brans–Dicke	$\frac{1}{2}\delta\phi_0$	$\frac{3(\tilde{n}+1)\Omega_m}{4-3\Omega_m}$	[70]
Galileon cosmology	$\frac{\beta\phi_0}{2M_{Pl}}$	$\frac{\dot{\phi}_0}{H_0\phi}$	[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	$\lambda \left( \ln a_{acc} + \frac{C}{2}\chi_{acc} \right)$	$\frac{C/H_0-2}{\ln a_{acc}^2-C\chi_{acc}}$	[66]

# GW friction and extra dimensions

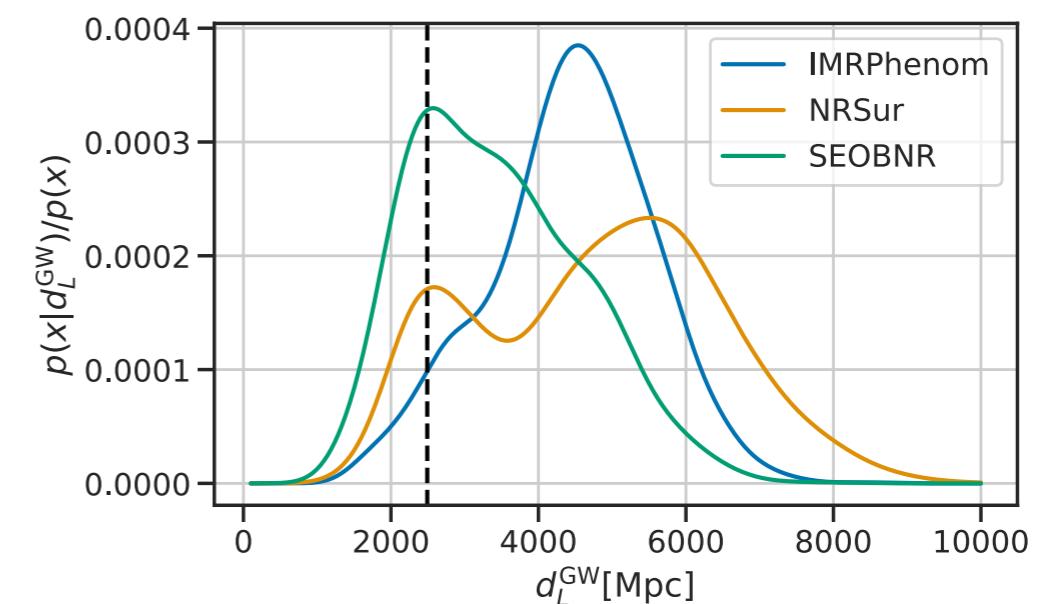
- Extra dimensions

DGP gravity (4+1 dimensions),  
quantum gravity models of large extra dimensions

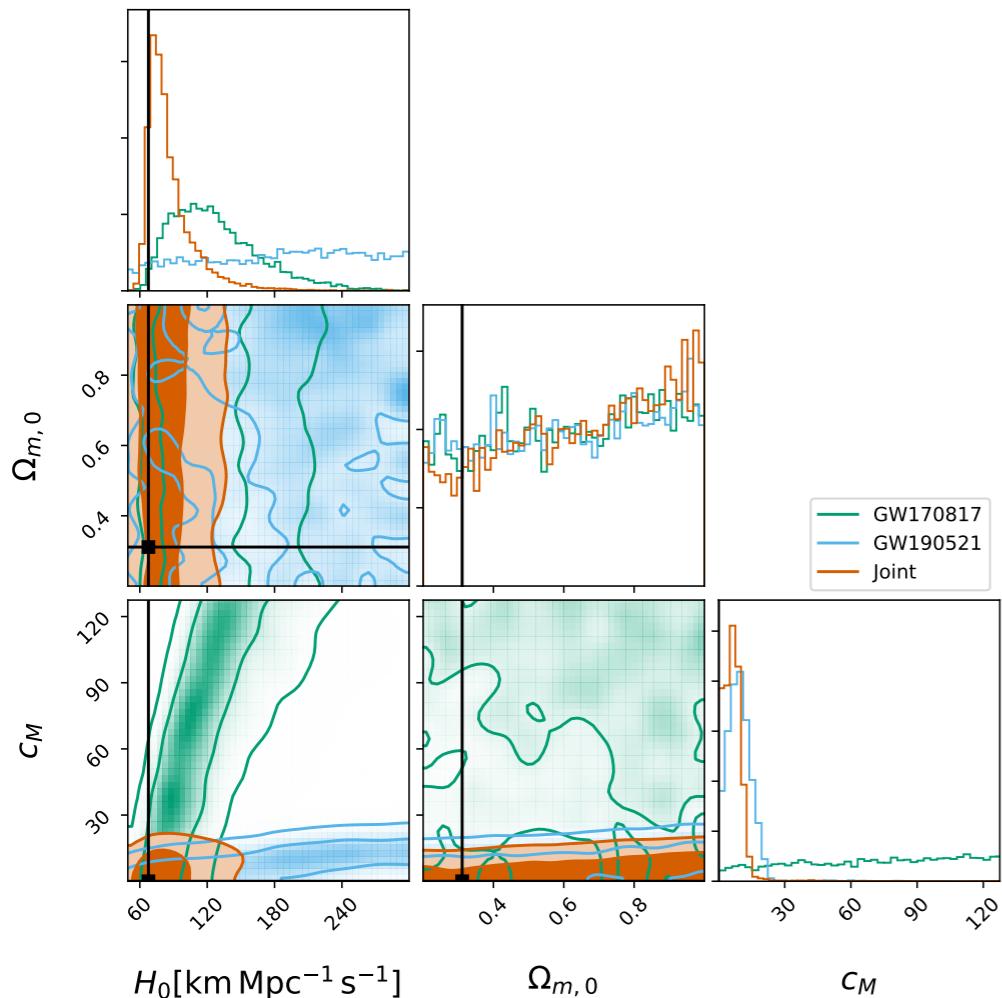
$$d_L^{GW}(z) = \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{d_L^{EM}(z)}{R_c} \right)^n \right]^{\frac{D-2}{2n}}$$



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



# 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

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

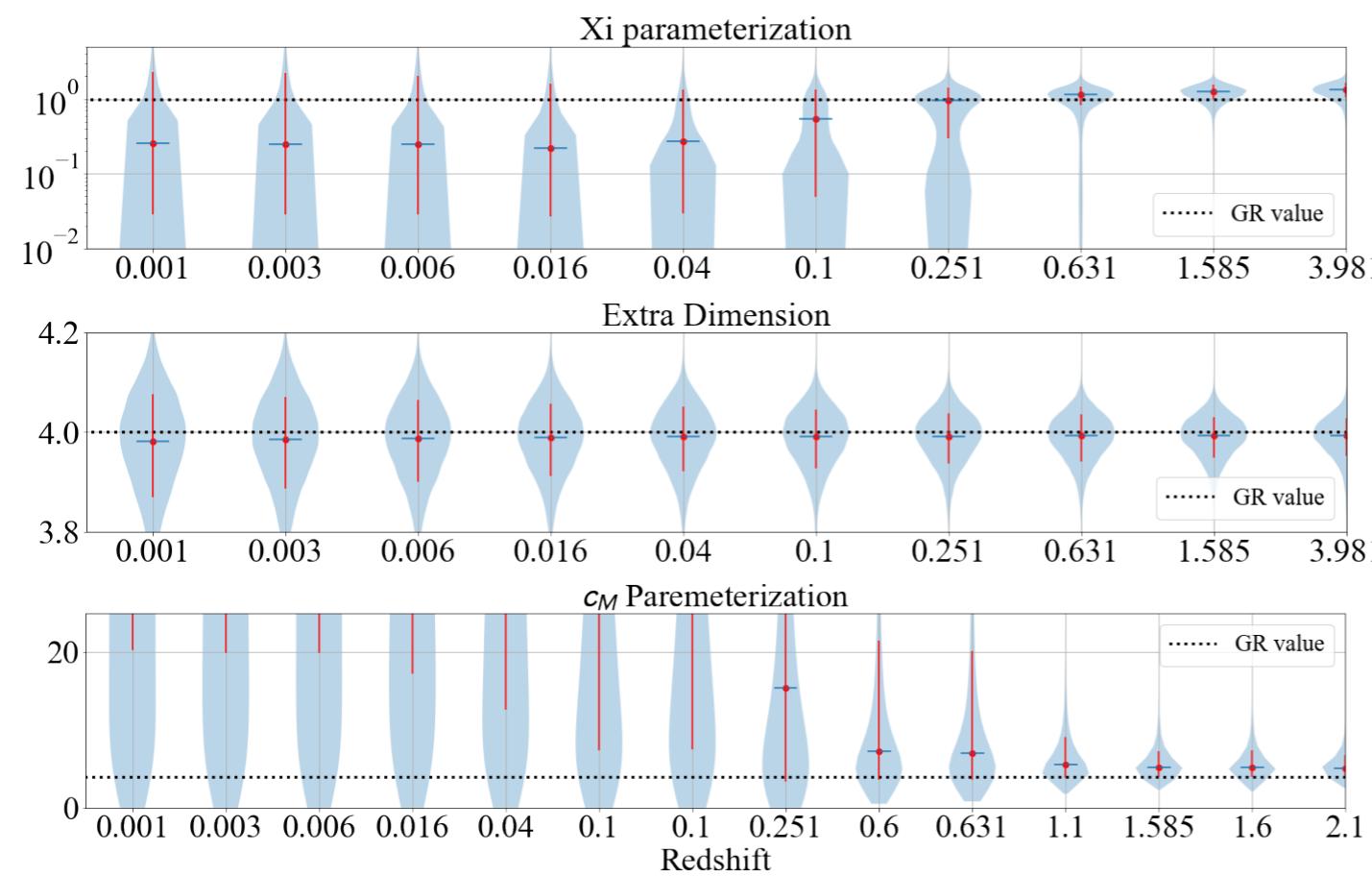
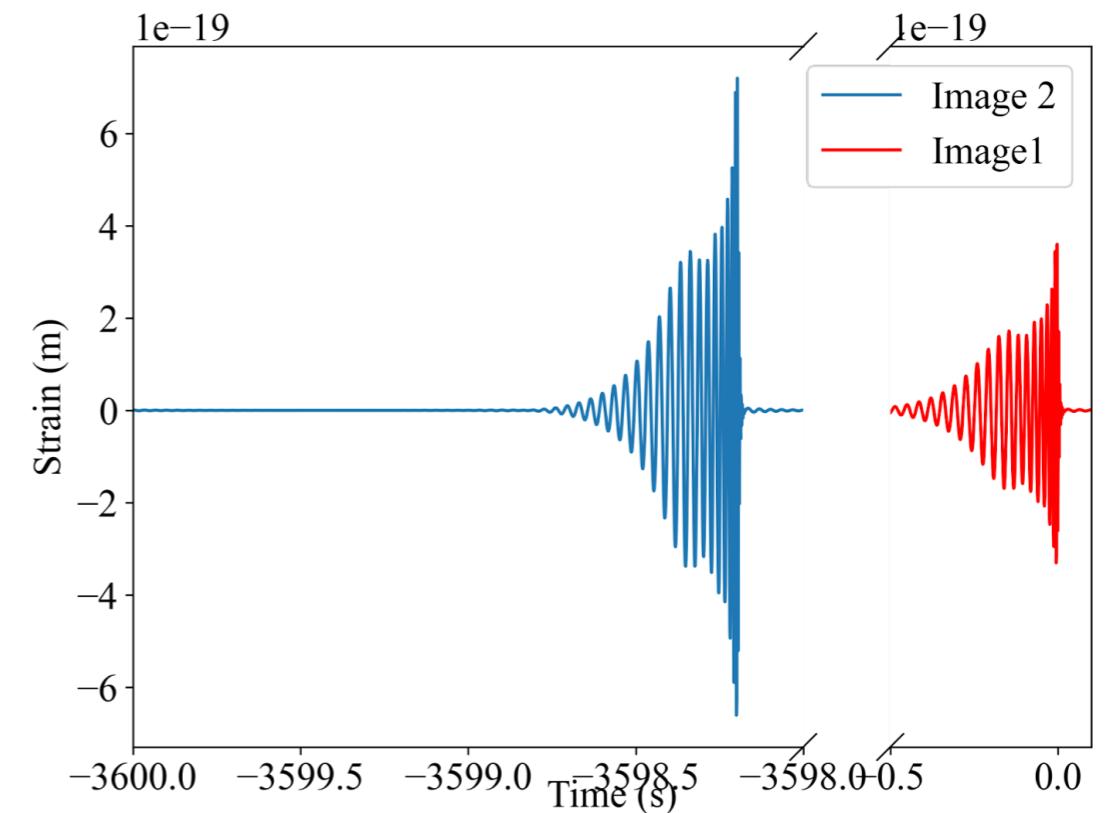
# GW friction and lensing

- **Quadruply lensed GW events**

event amplitude and arrival time modified  
due to the presence of gravitational lensing

- **Several images of same event**

better sky localisation reconstruction  
can be matched with host galaxy



- **Access to larger distance**

more accuracy on some parameters

- **Work with Nikhef group**

see H. Narola talk at GR23 [C3]

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# Speed of gravity

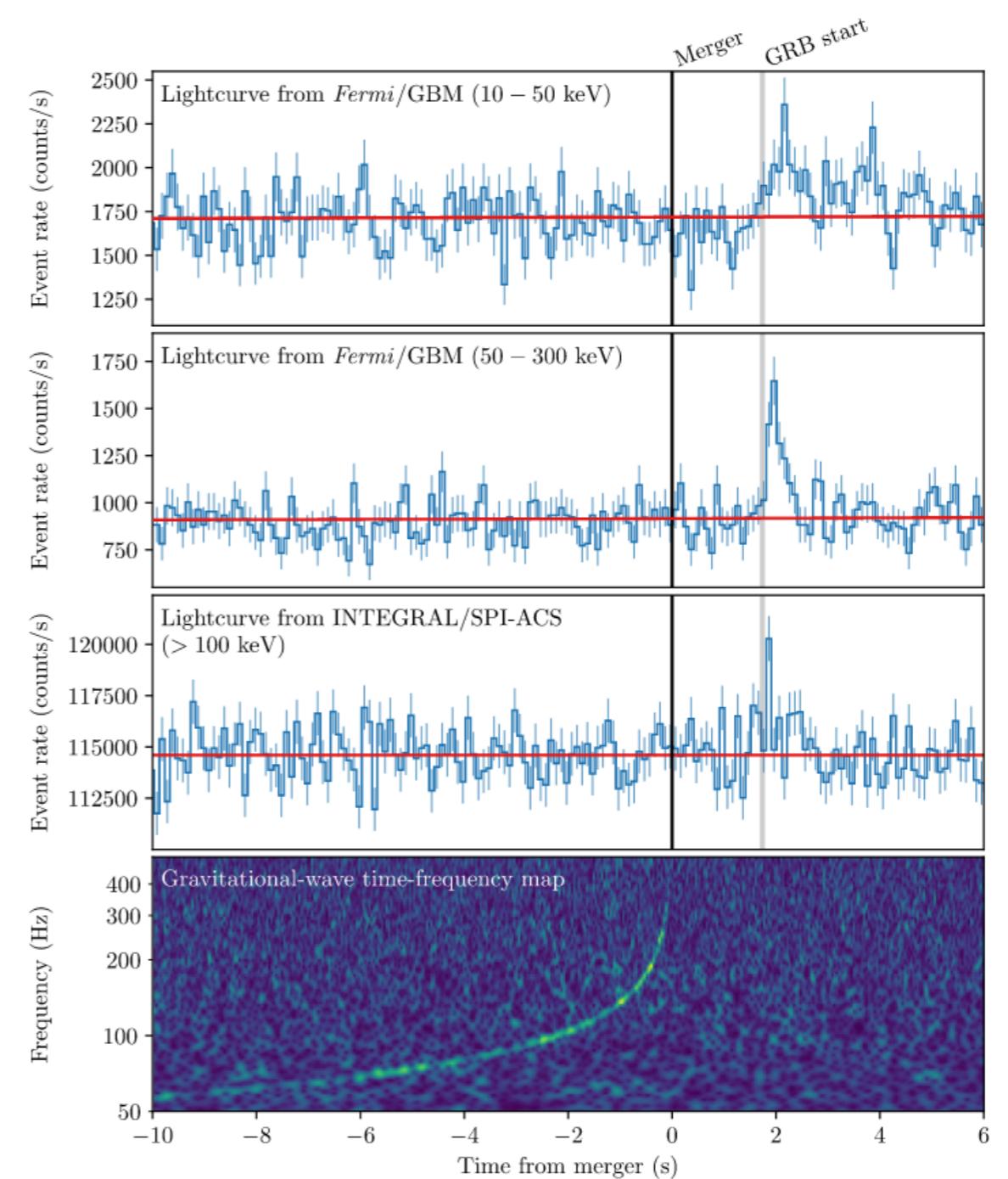
- GW170817: binary neutron star merger

- Time delay: between GW and GRB

$$\Delta t = 1.74 \pm 0.05 \text{ s}$$

- Speed of gravity: can be measured from  $\Delta t$

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



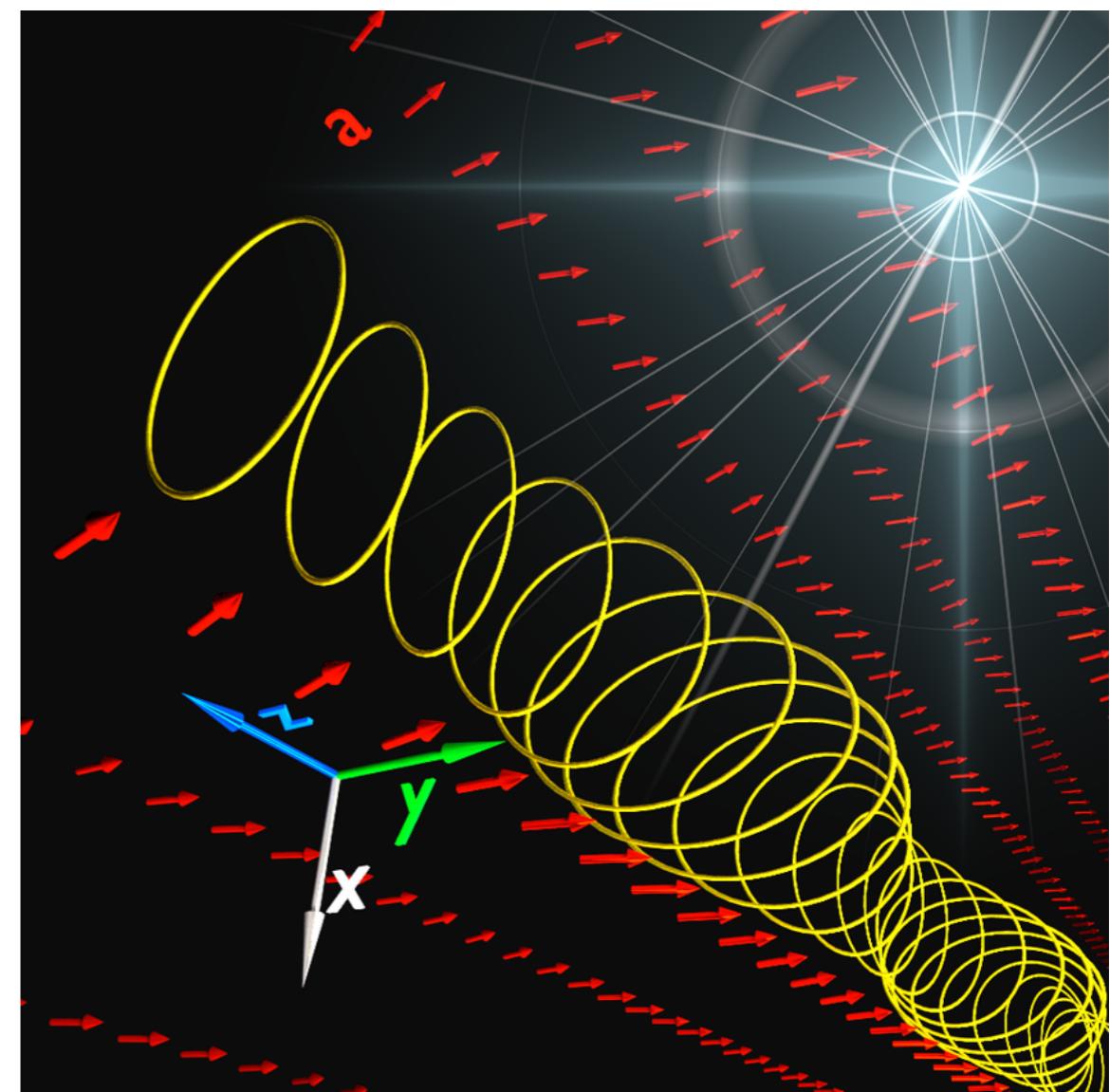
# The Standard Model Extension (SME) framework

- A framework to probe new physics:

Lagrangian description of new physics  
New fields coupling know physics  
Extensive constraints from the (astro)particle physics sector

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{SME} = & \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \mathcal{L}_{GR} \\ & + \mathcal{L}_{LI} + \mathcal{L}_{LV} \\ & + \mathcal{L}_{CPT-C} + \mathcal{L}_{CPT-V}\end{aligned}$$

[Kostelecky & Russell, arxiv:0801.0287](#)



[Schreck, arXiv:1603.07452](#)

# EFT for spacetime symmetry breaking

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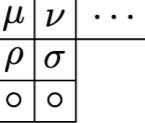
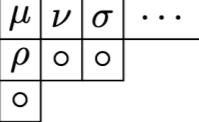
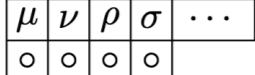
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TABLE I: Gauge-invariant operators in the quadratic gravitational action.

[Kostelecky & Mewes, Phys. Lett. B757:510–514 \(2016\)](#)

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- Lorentz-violating coefficients from SME can be constrained from speed of gravity

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

gravitational      electromagnetic  
sector                  sector

$\ell$	This Work Lower	Coefficient	This Work Upper
0	$-2 \times 10^{-14}$	$\bar{s}_{00}^{(4)}$	$5 \times 10^{-15}$
1	$-3 \times 10^{-14}$	$\bar{s}_{10}^{(4)}$	$7 \times 10^{-15}$
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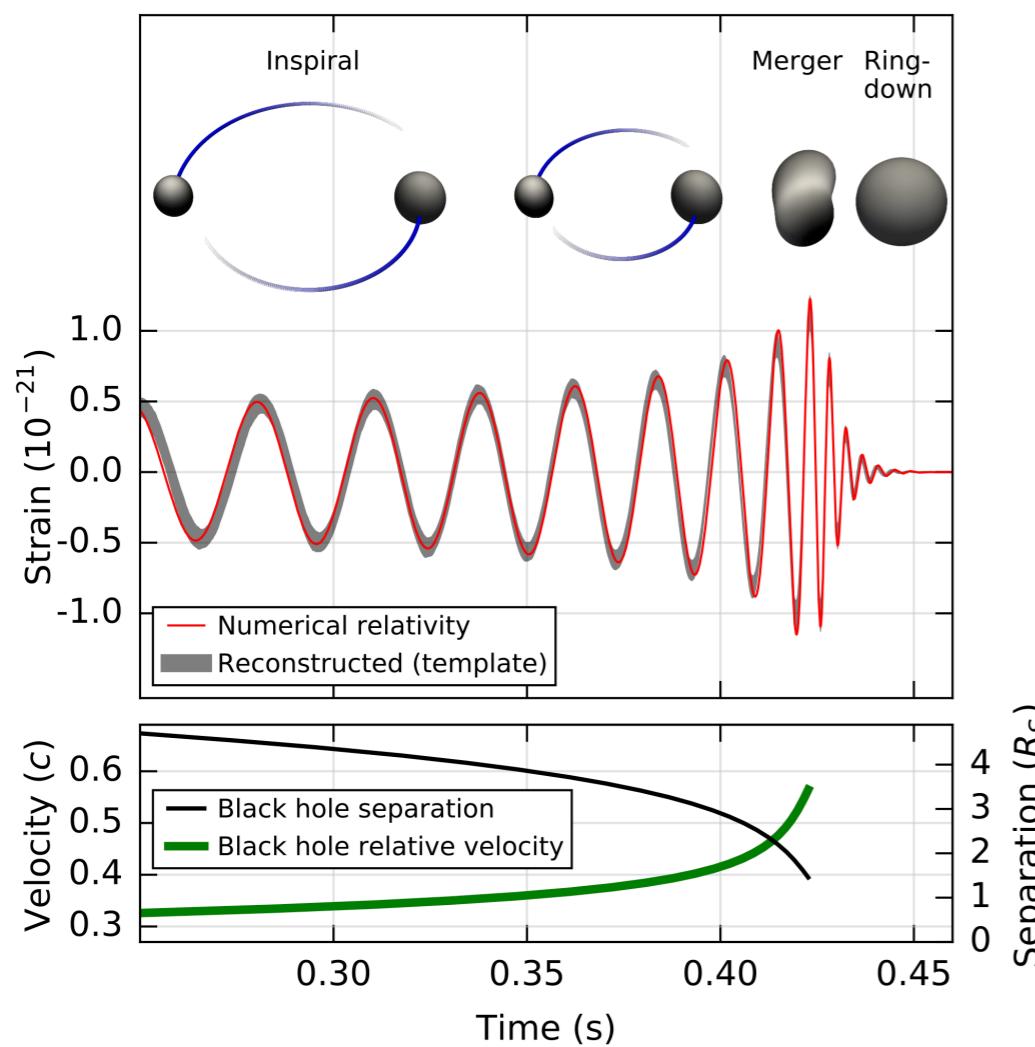
Non-0 graviton  
mass

# 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

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

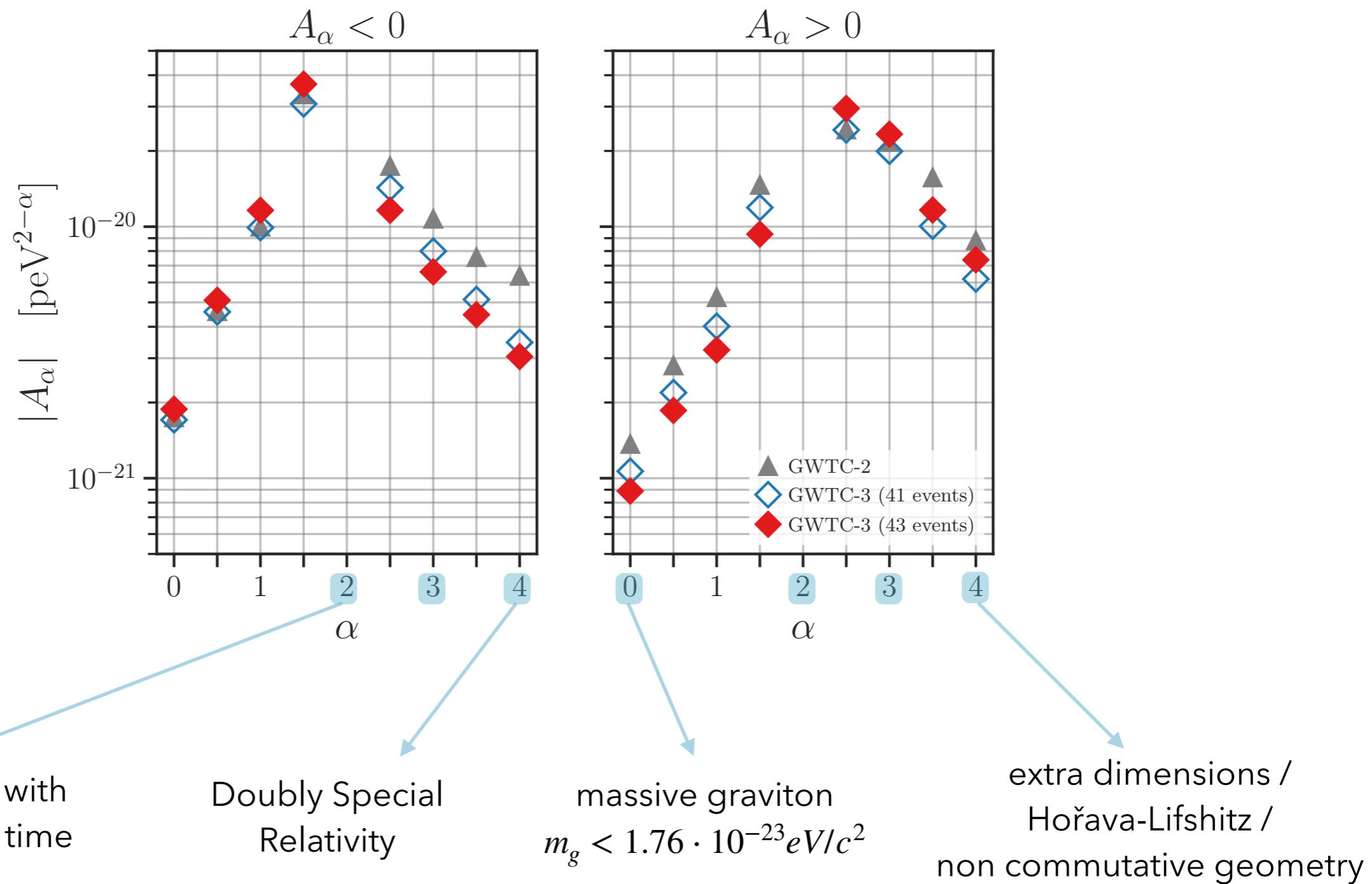
- The dispersion is:
  - isotropic
  - polarisation independent
  - possibly mapped to alternative theories of gravitation

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

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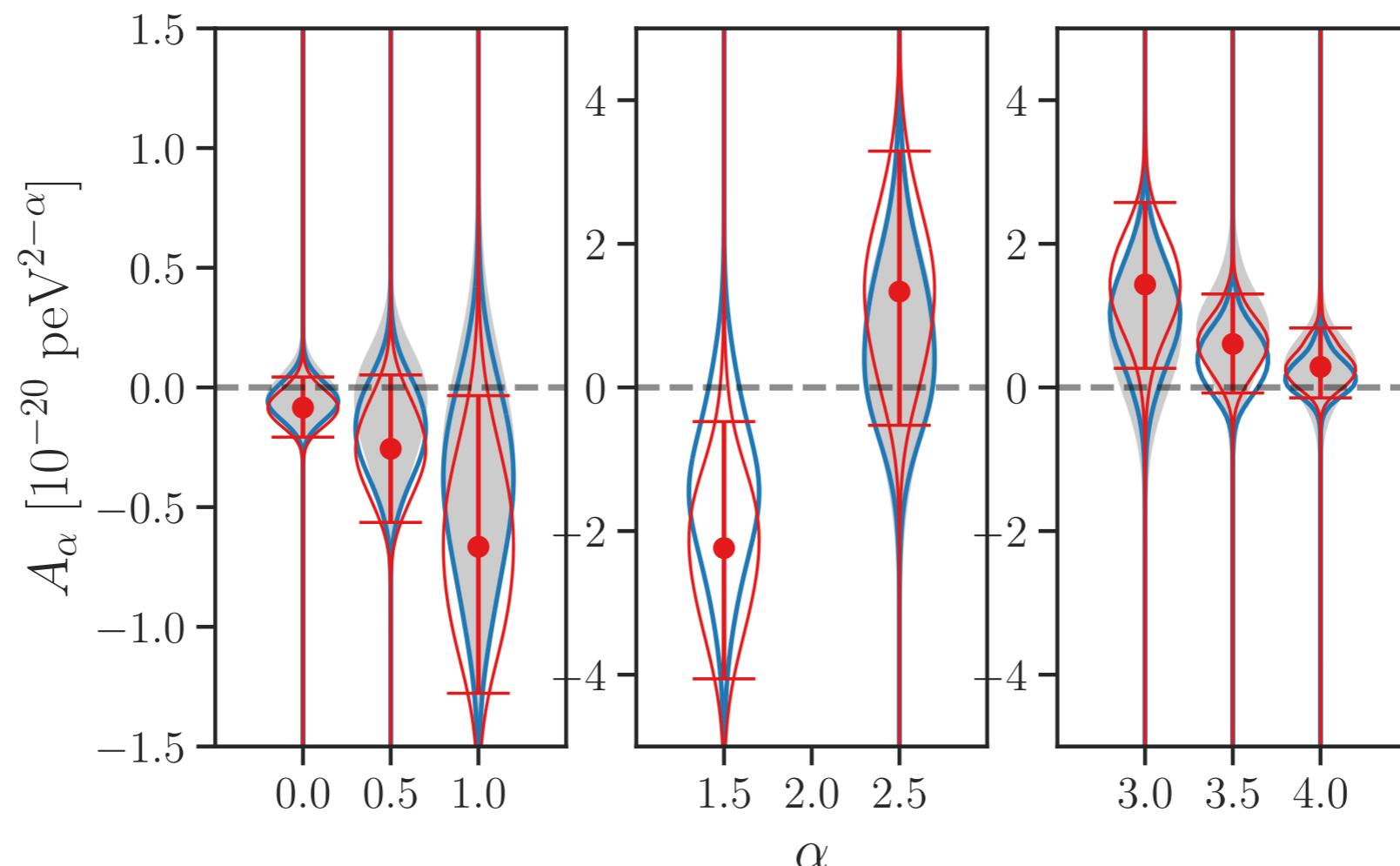
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— w/ GW200219\_094415 & GW200225\_060421  
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with lowest p-value in residual tests

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Impact GW momentum:  
dispersion effect

TABLE I: Gauge-invariant operators in the quadratic gravitational action.

[Kostelecky & Mewes, Phys. Lett. B757:510–514 \(2016\)](#)

# Polarisation-dependent, anisotropic dispersion

- New fields coupling with the metric: dispersion impacting the GW signal

$$h_{+,x}^{SME} = e^{i\delta}(\cos \beta \mp i \sin \vartheta \cos \varphi \sin \beta) h_{+,x}^{GR} - e^{i\delta}(\cos \vartheta \pm i \sin \vartheta \sin \varphi) \sin \beta h_{x,+}^{GR}$$

→  $\delta = \omega^{(d-4)} \tau \zeta^0$

→  $\beta = \omega^{(d-4)} \tau |\vec{\zeta}|$

$\vartheta, \varphi \propto \zeta^{1,2,3} \simeq \sum_{djm} \omega^{d-4} Y_{jm}(\theta, \phi) k_{(I,E,B,V)jm}^{(d)}$

frequency-dependent dispersion →  $k_{(I,E,B,V)jm}^{(d)}$  → coefficients to constraint

anisotropic effect

polarisation-dependent dispersion: analogous to birefringence

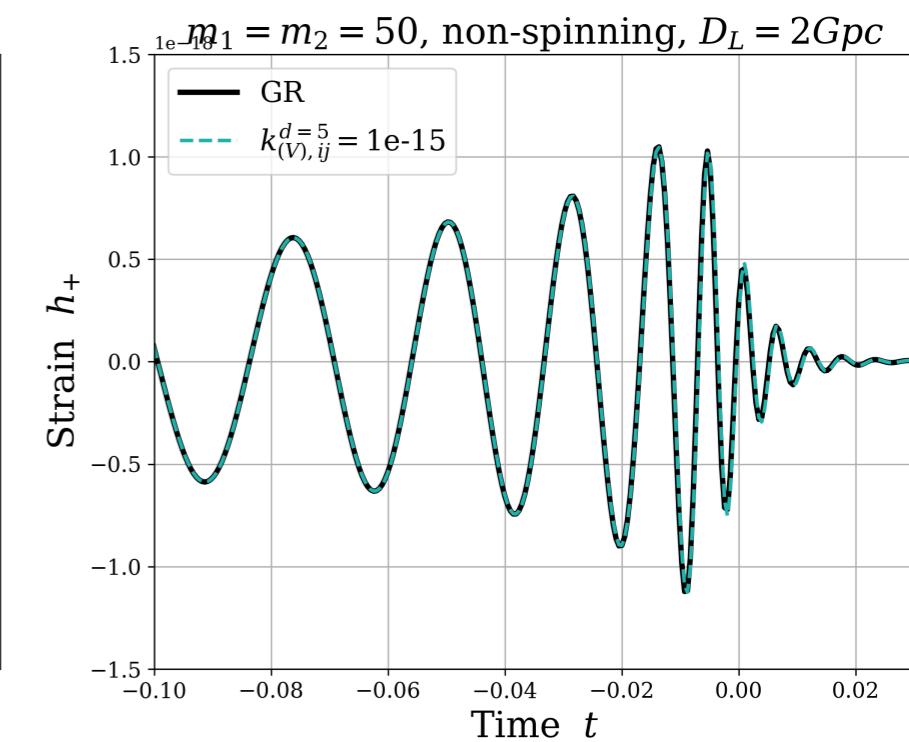
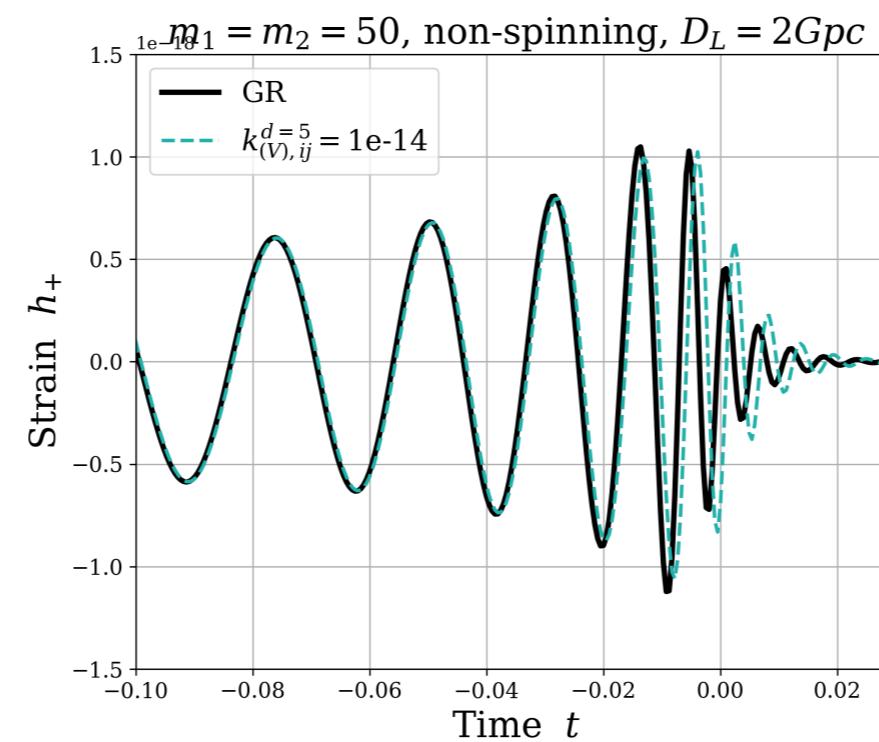
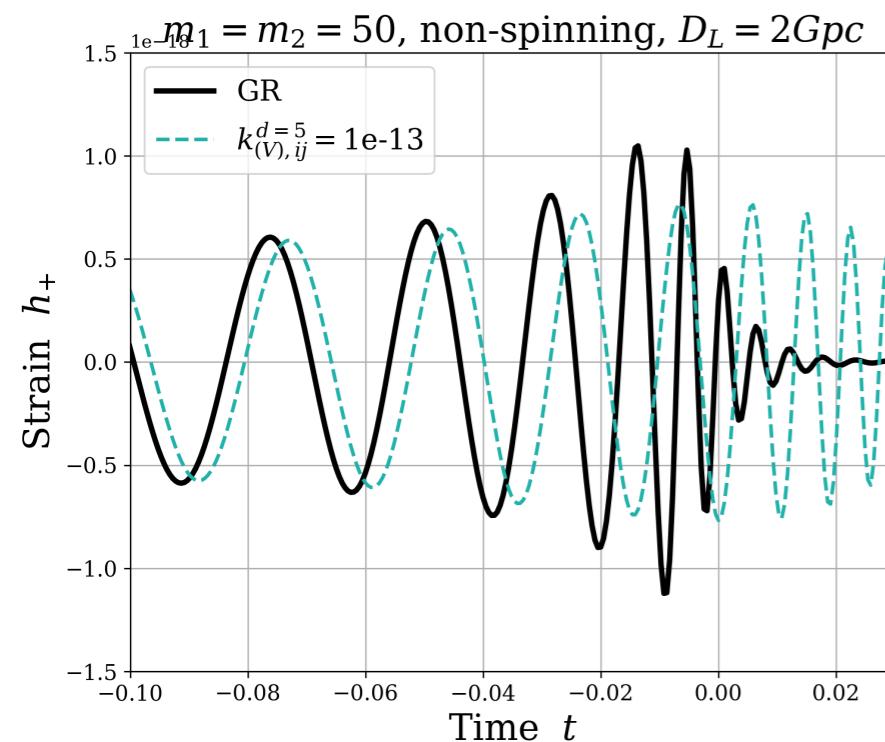
[Mewes, Phys. Rev. D 99, 104062 \(2019\)](#)

# Measuring SME coefficients for $d=5$

- **Dispersion:** starts at mass dimension  $d = 5$   
controlled by 16 coefficients  $k_{(V),ij}^{(d=5)}$   
includes Lorentz invariance and CPT breaking

• **Modified GW signal:**  $h_+ = \cos \beta h_+^{GR} - \sin \beta h_x^{GR}$

$\beta = \omega^2 \tau \sum_{i=16} Y_{i,j} k_{(V)ij}^{(d=5)}$



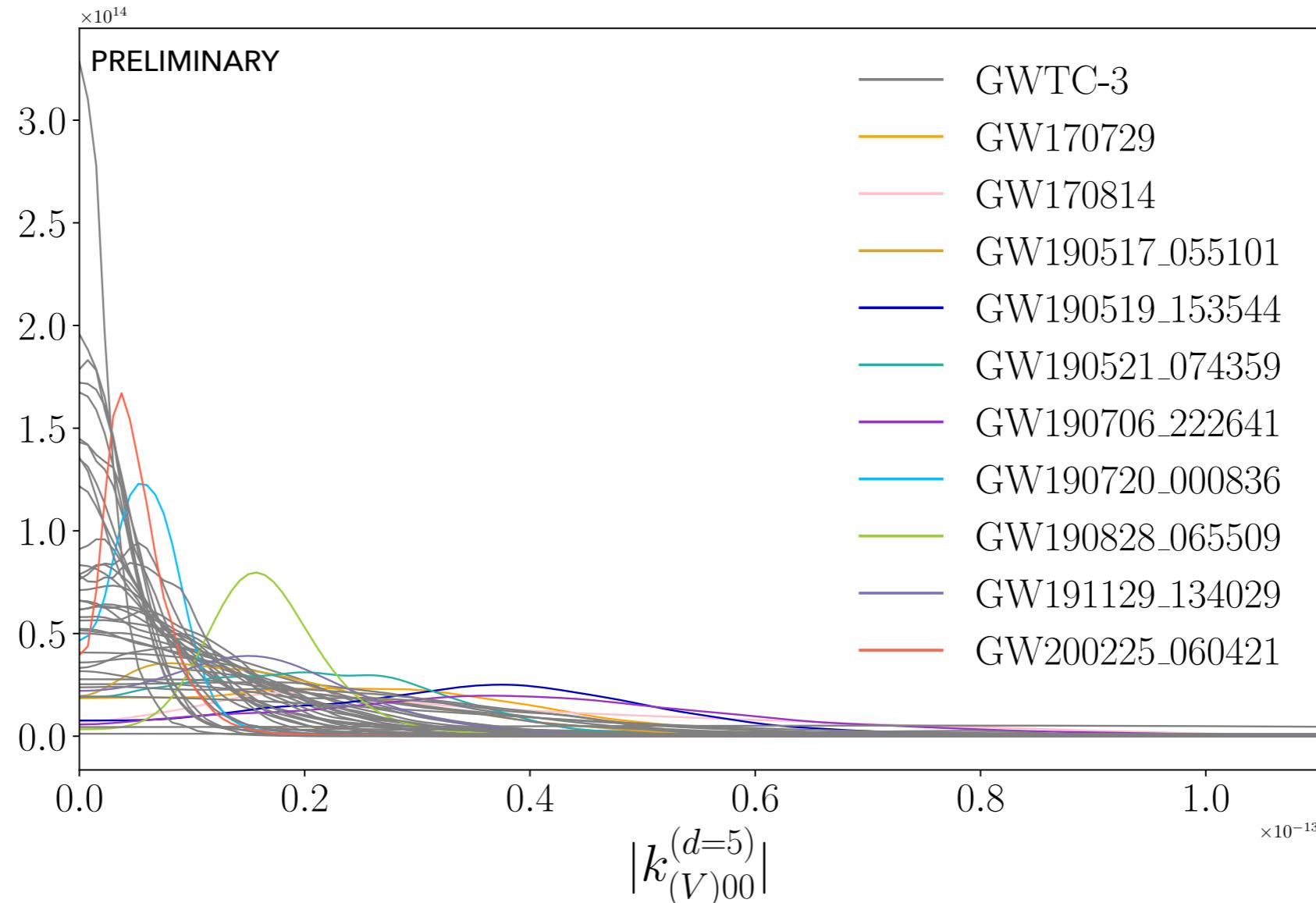
# Constraints from individual events

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

- 45 events with higher SNR chosen (FAR > 2 / year)  
joint measurement of source and SME parameters

- **Constraints:** individual =  $\mathcal{O}(10^{-13})$

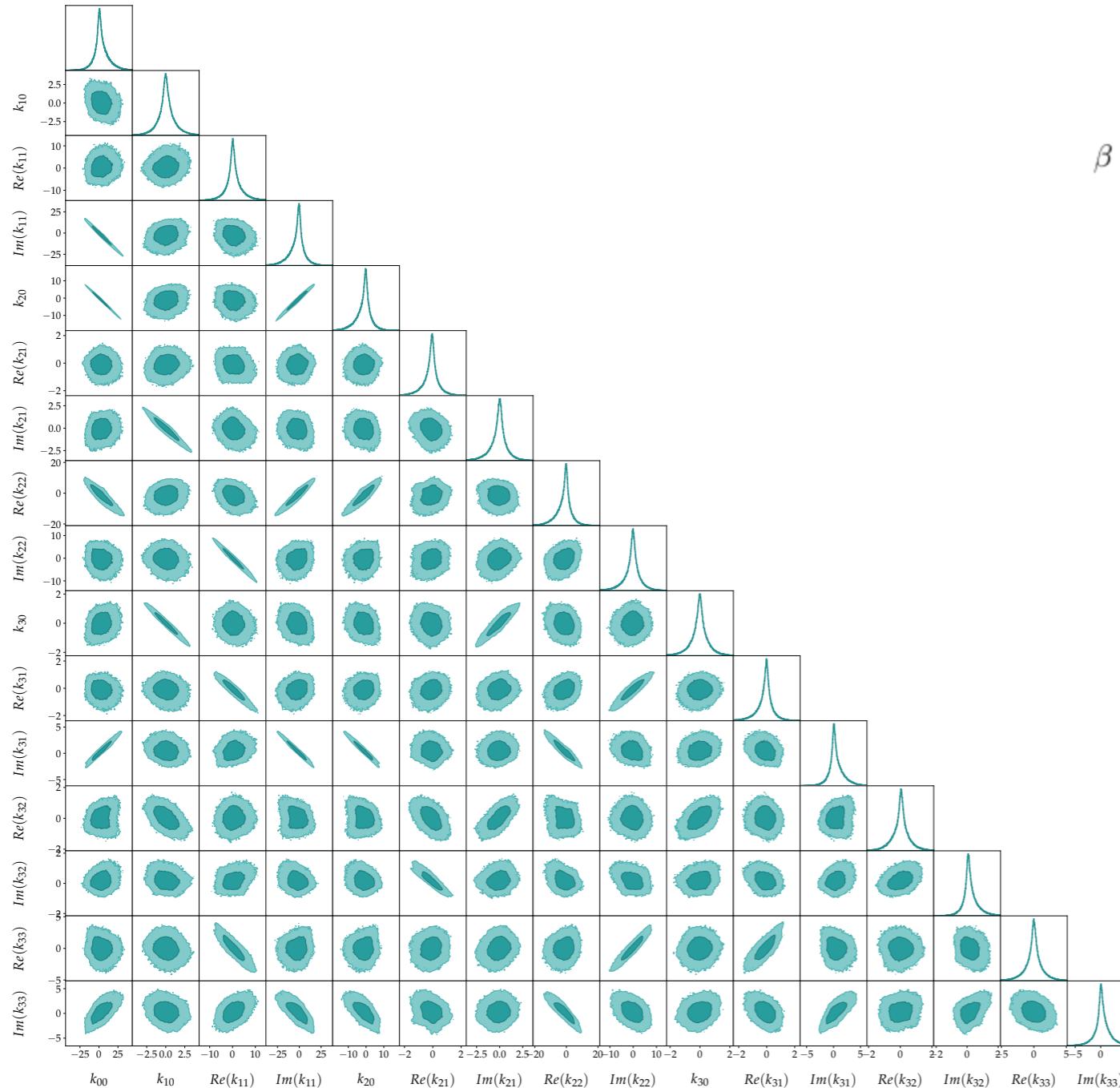
- combined =  $\mathcal{O}(10^{-15})$



# Constraints from combined events

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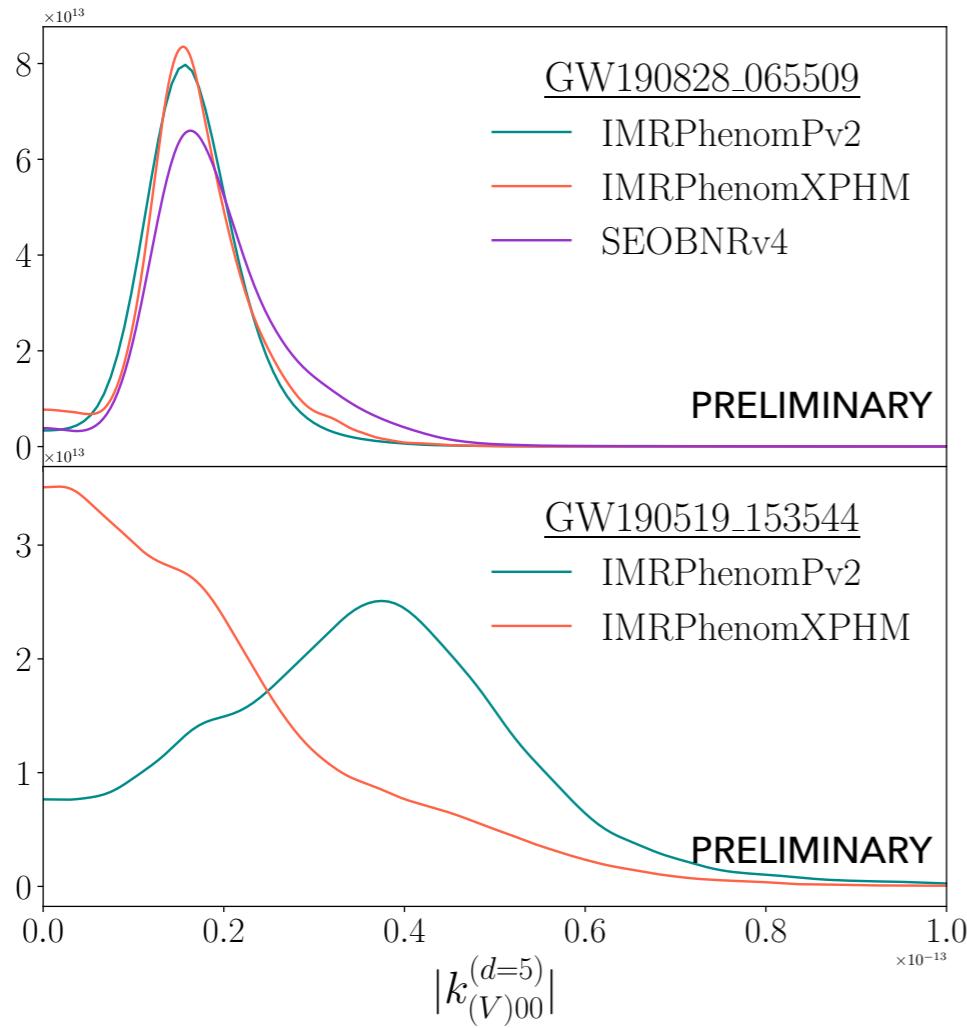


$$\begin{aligned}
\beta = \omega^2 \tau | & \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} k_{00} \\
& + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{3}{\pi}} \cos \theta k_{10} \\
& - \sqrt{\frac{3}{2\pi}} \sin \theta (\cos \phi Re(k_{11}) - \sin \phi Im(k_{11})) \\
& + \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{5}{\pi}} (3 \cos^2 \theta - 1) k_{20} \\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

# Robustness of the analysis

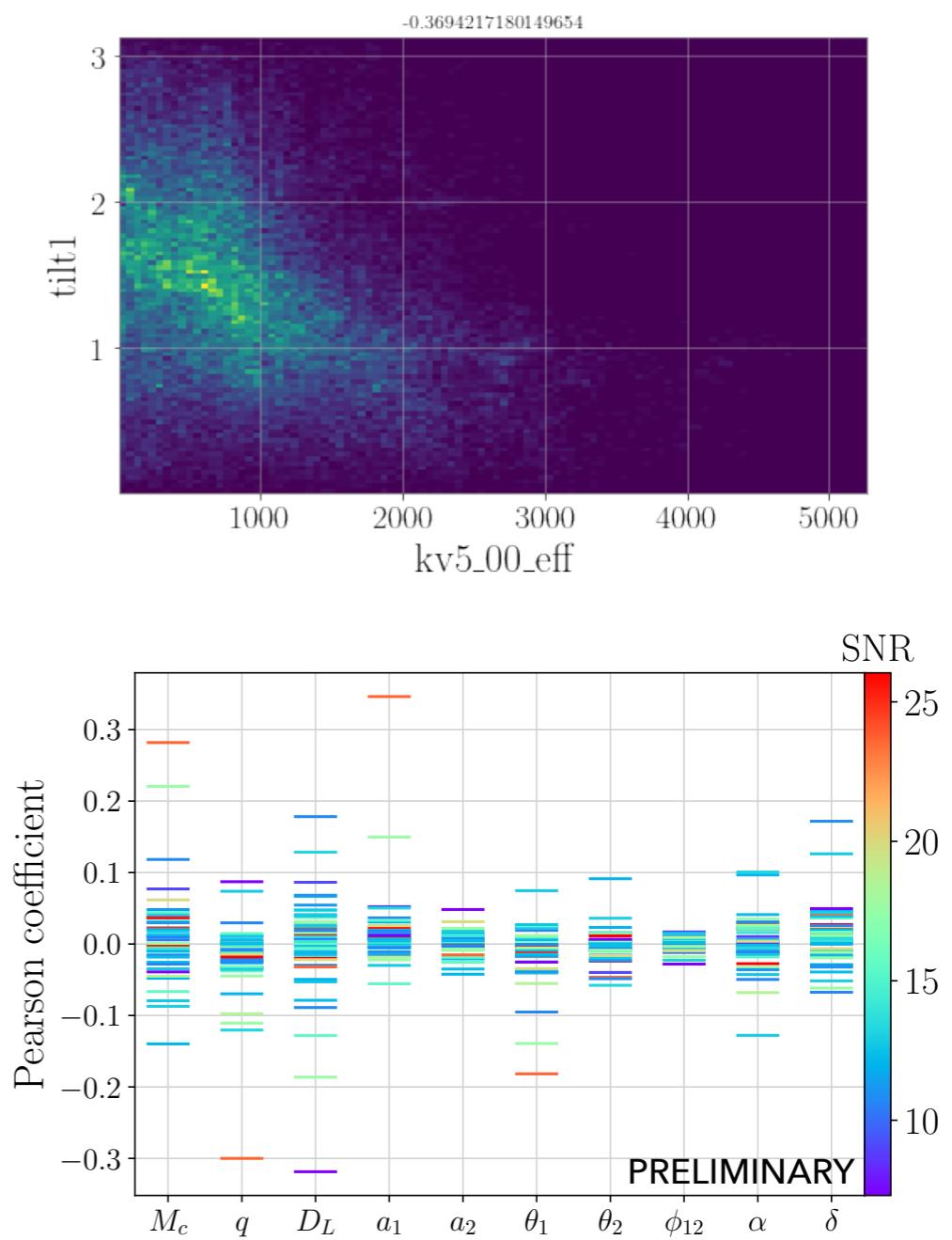
## ► Impact of waveform model

How the  $h_{+,x}^{GR}$  modelling impact the SME constraints



## ► Correlation with source parameters

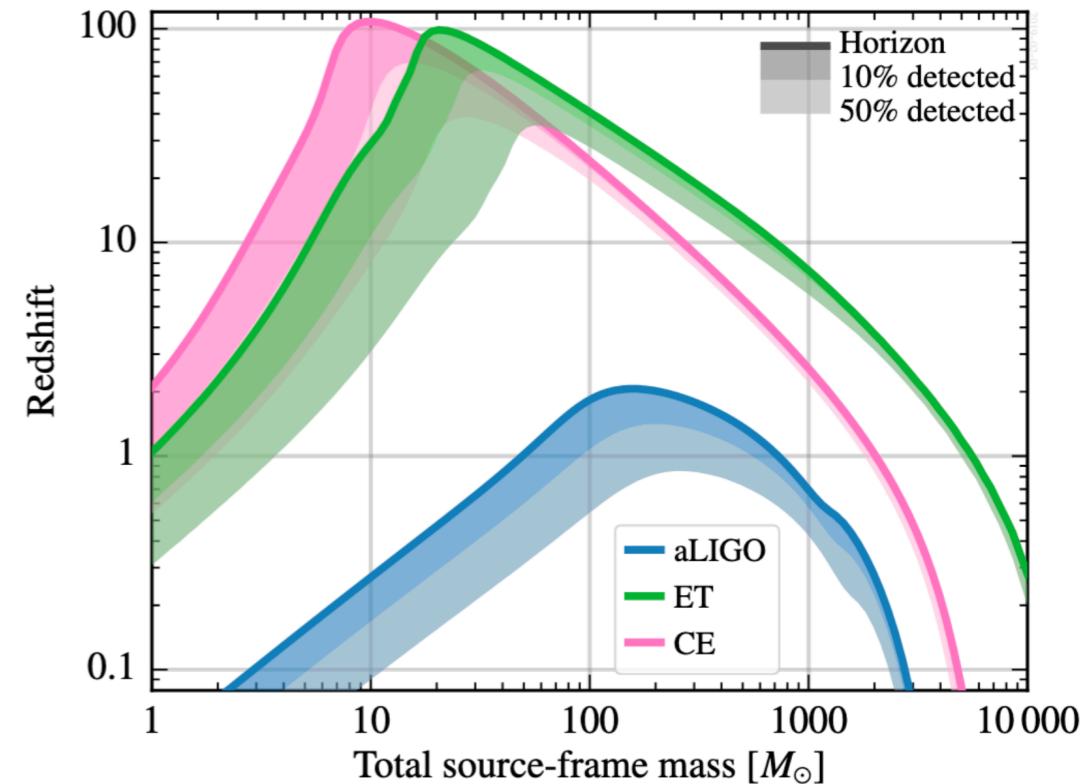
How the SME posteriors depend on the astrophysical parameters



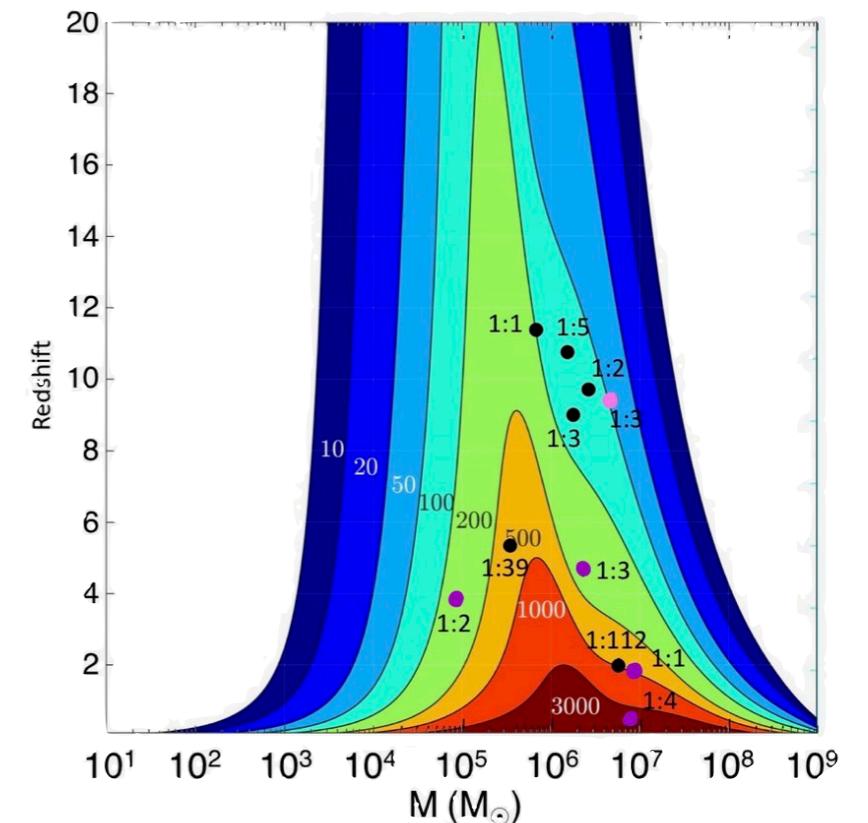
# Conclusion

- GW enable to test several beyond-GR phenomenology:
  - speed of gravity
  - graviton mass
  - spacetime symmetry breaking
  - scalar-tensor theories of gravitation
  - "agnostic" deviations
- Current sensitivities are still relatively low
  - next generation instruments will probe a larger volume of the Universe
  - 3G terrestrial detectors: Einstein Telescope / Cosmic Explorer can detect up to  $z = 100$
  - Spatial mission: LISA will have access to lower frequencies & higher redshifts

[Maggiore et al, JCAP 03 \(2020\) 050](#)



[Bellovary et al, MRAS 482 \(2019\) 3](#)



# Supplementary material

# 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-Bonet). Particularly used to study inflation, metric perturbation, cosmological effects.

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

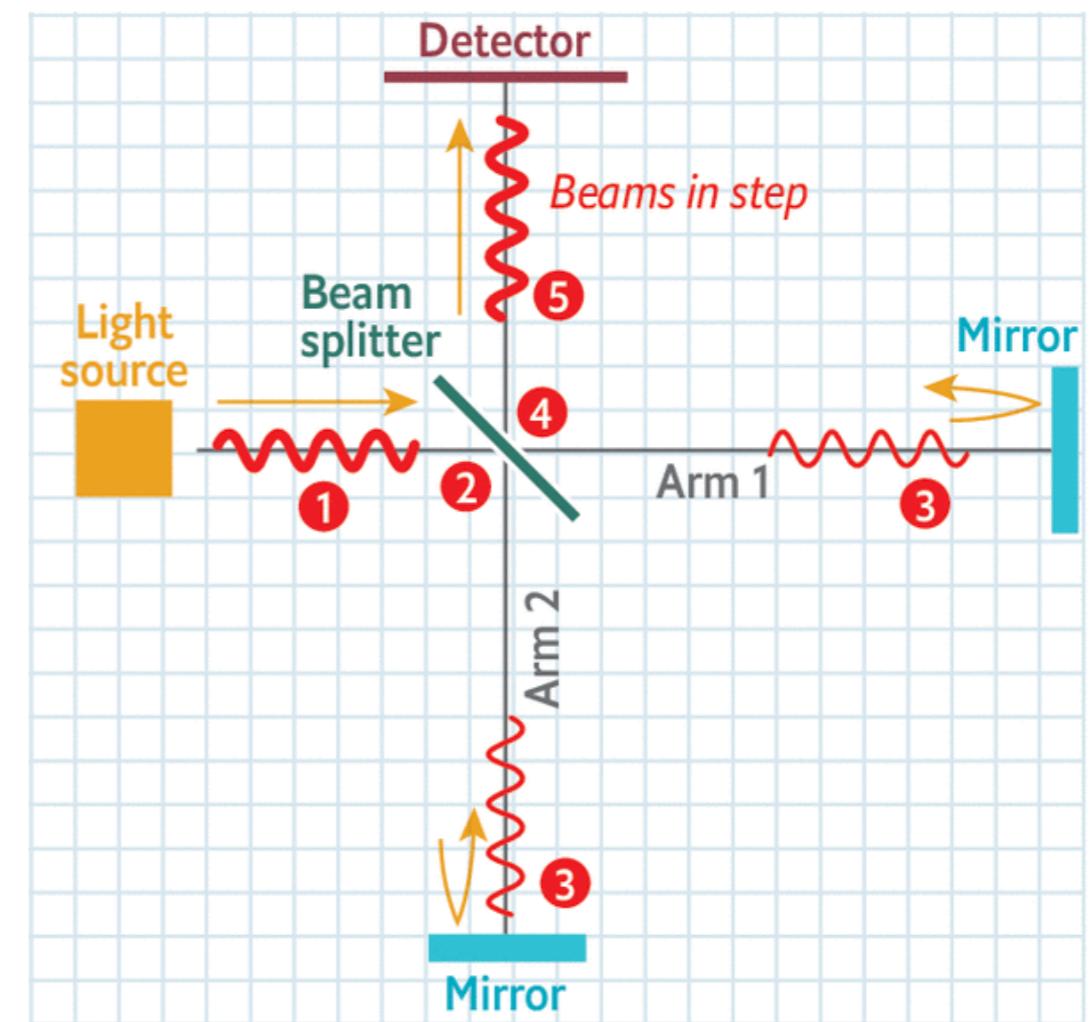
- **f(R) gravity:**

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 \(2010\)](#)

# Gravitational waves detection with interferometry

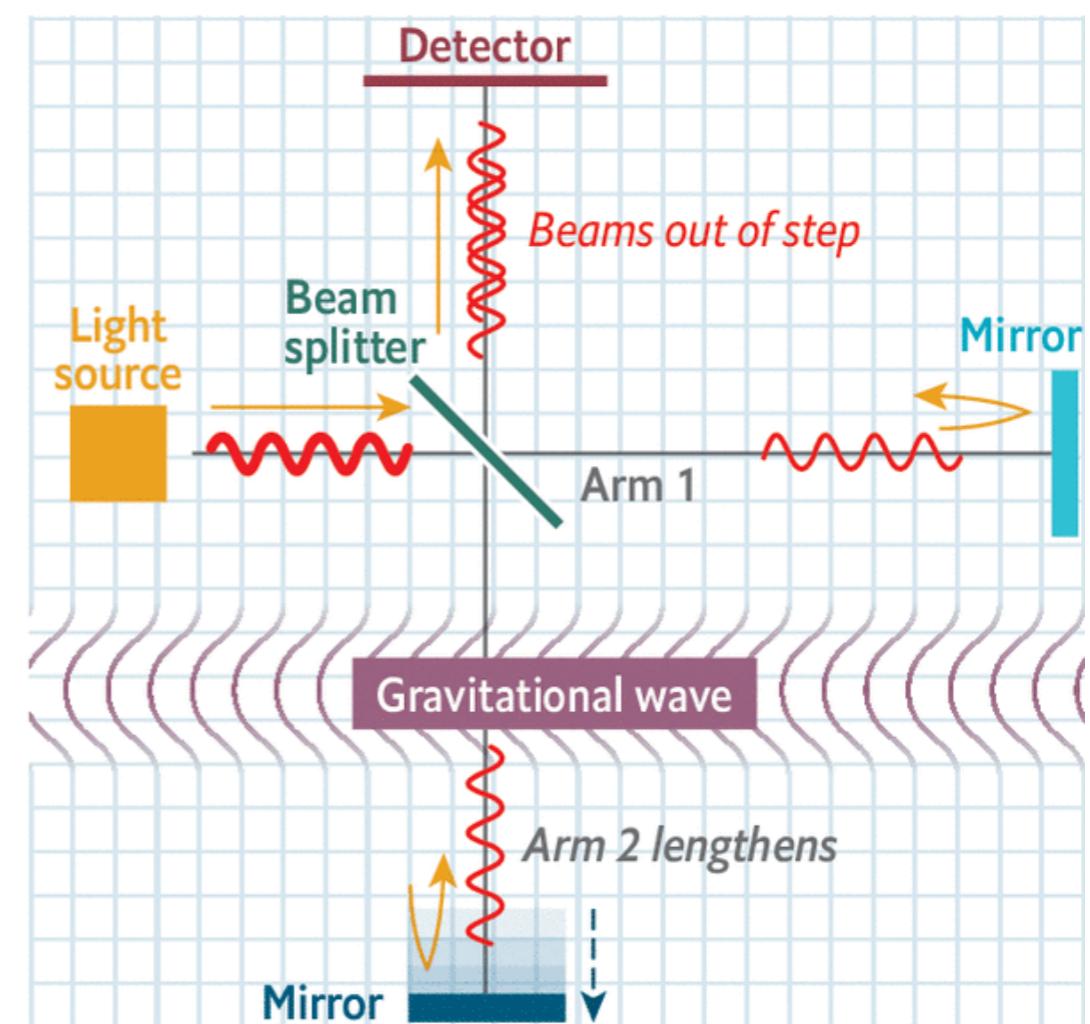
- ▶ The variation of space-time interval is measured with **light interferometry**.
- ▶ A light beam is divided in **two beams** travelling along orthogonal arms.
- ▶ Mirrors in the end of the arms reflect the beams back to a **photodetector**.
- ▶ If no gravitational wave passes through, the arm length remains the same and **the interference pattern is the sum of the splitted electromagnetic waves**.



Source: The Economist

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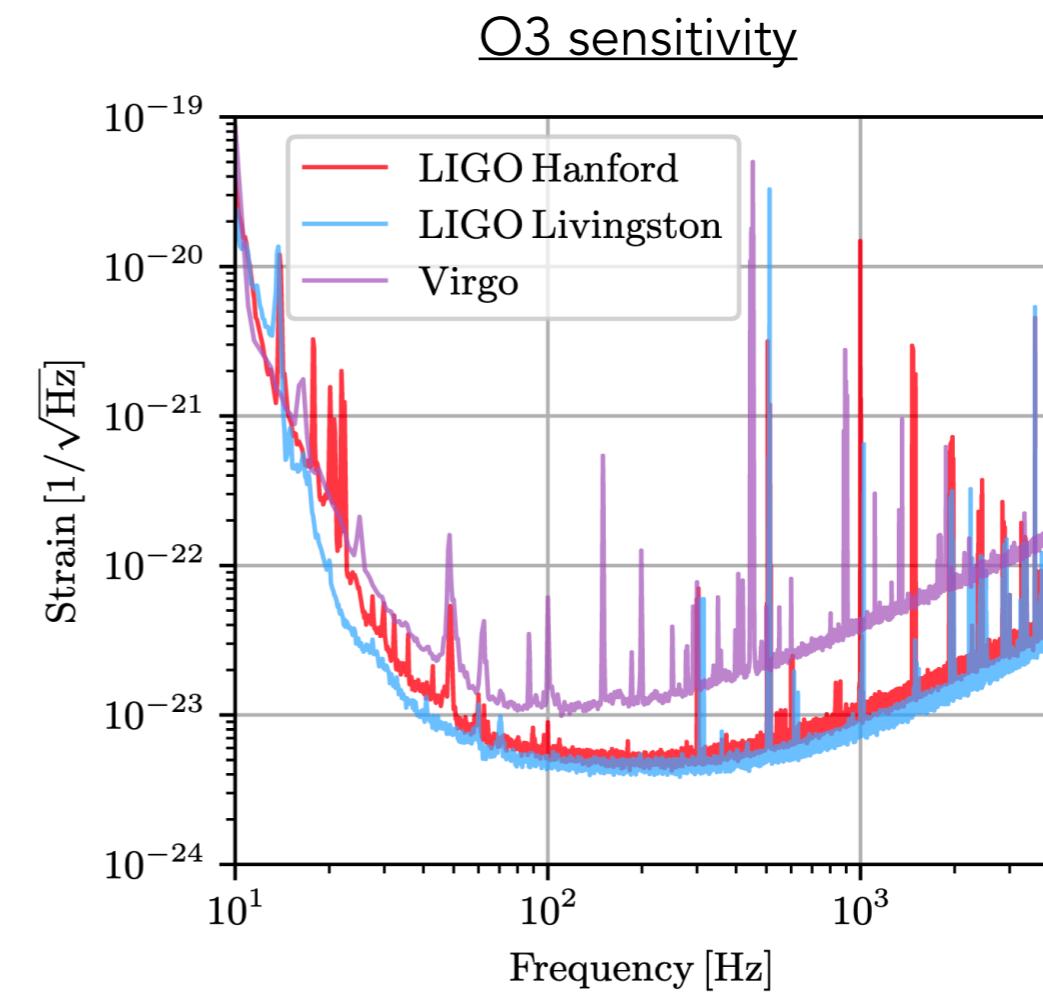
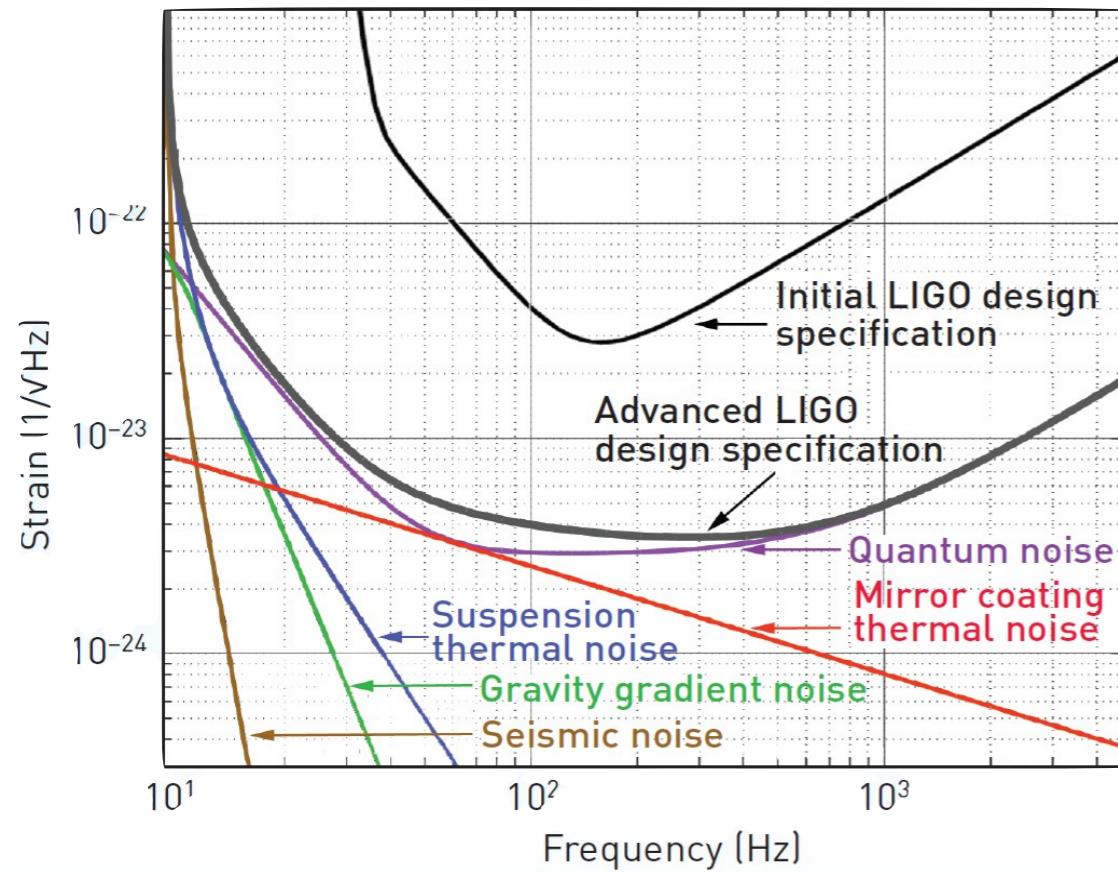
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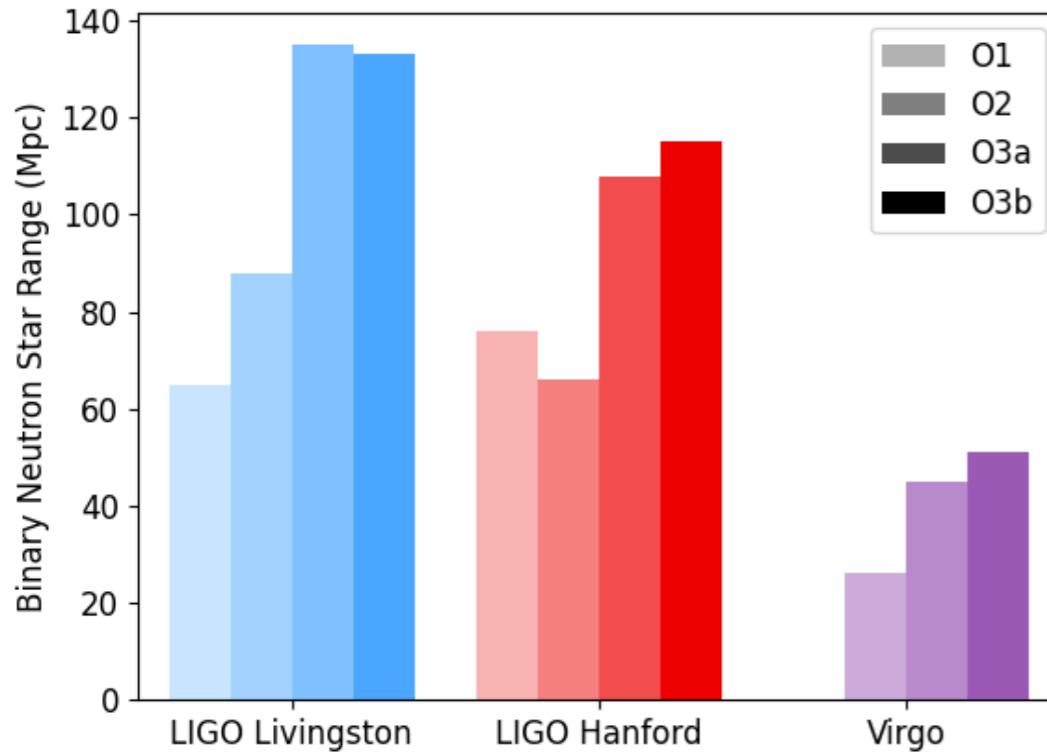
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# LIGO-Virgo sensitivities

- Ground-based light interferometers are sensitive to the **frequency range  $10 - 10^3$  Hz**
- Signals entering the detection range are **coalescence of compact binaries** (stellar-mass black holes or neutron stars) and possibly pulsars



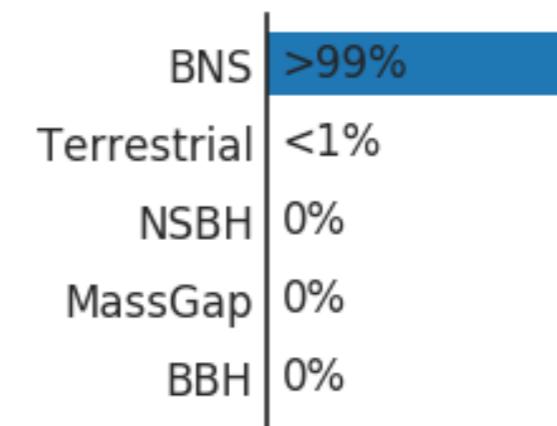
# GW detection



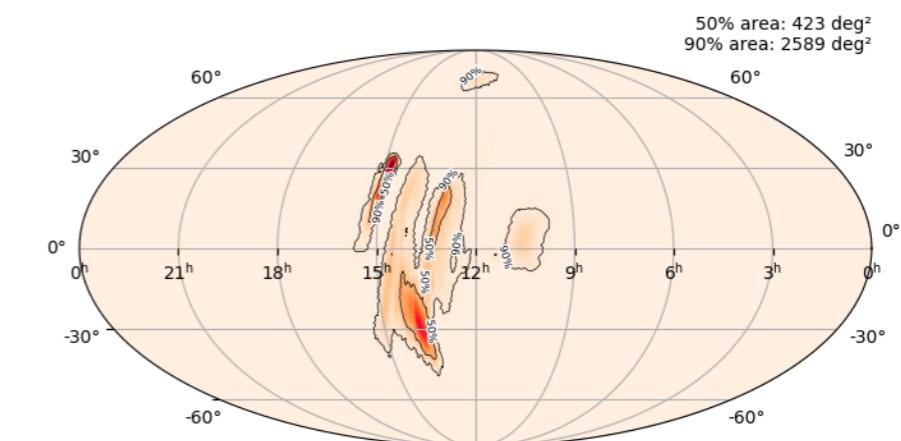
**Detection range:** during O3a run

**Different type of searches:**

- 4 modelled searches pipelines
- 2 unmodelled searches pipelines



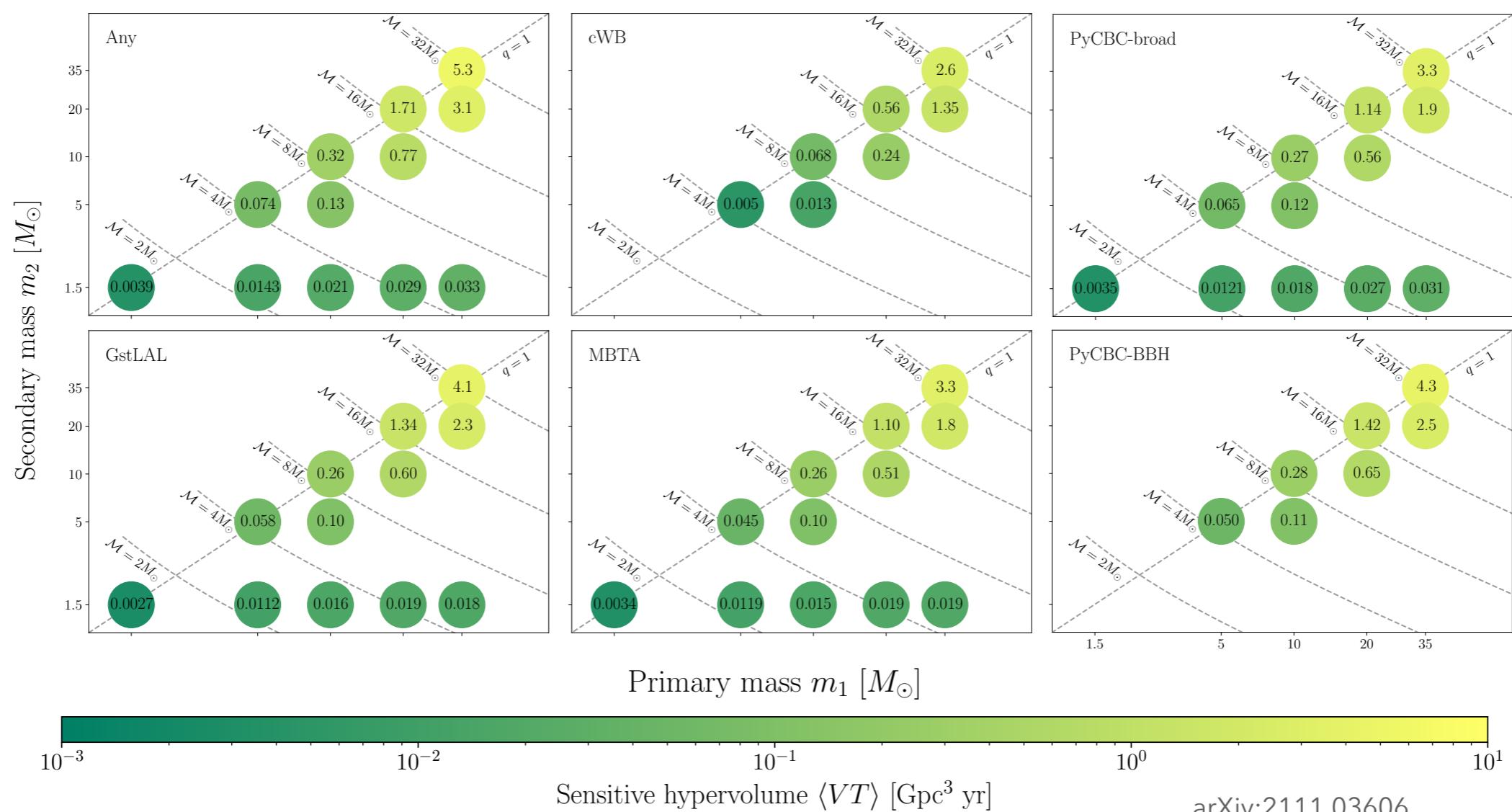
- **Database automatically updated:**
  - GraceDB contains low-latency information about the event
  - In case of possible neutron star, alert sent to satellites and telescopes to search for electromagnetic counterpart



# Candidate identification with modelled searches

## ► Modelled search:

- algorithms comparing template banks signals with datastream
- calibrated to binary black holes templates with masses in  $[2 - 750 M_{\odot}]$
- matched filtered correlation triggers detection
- 3 different pipelines: MBTA, pyCBC, GstLAL

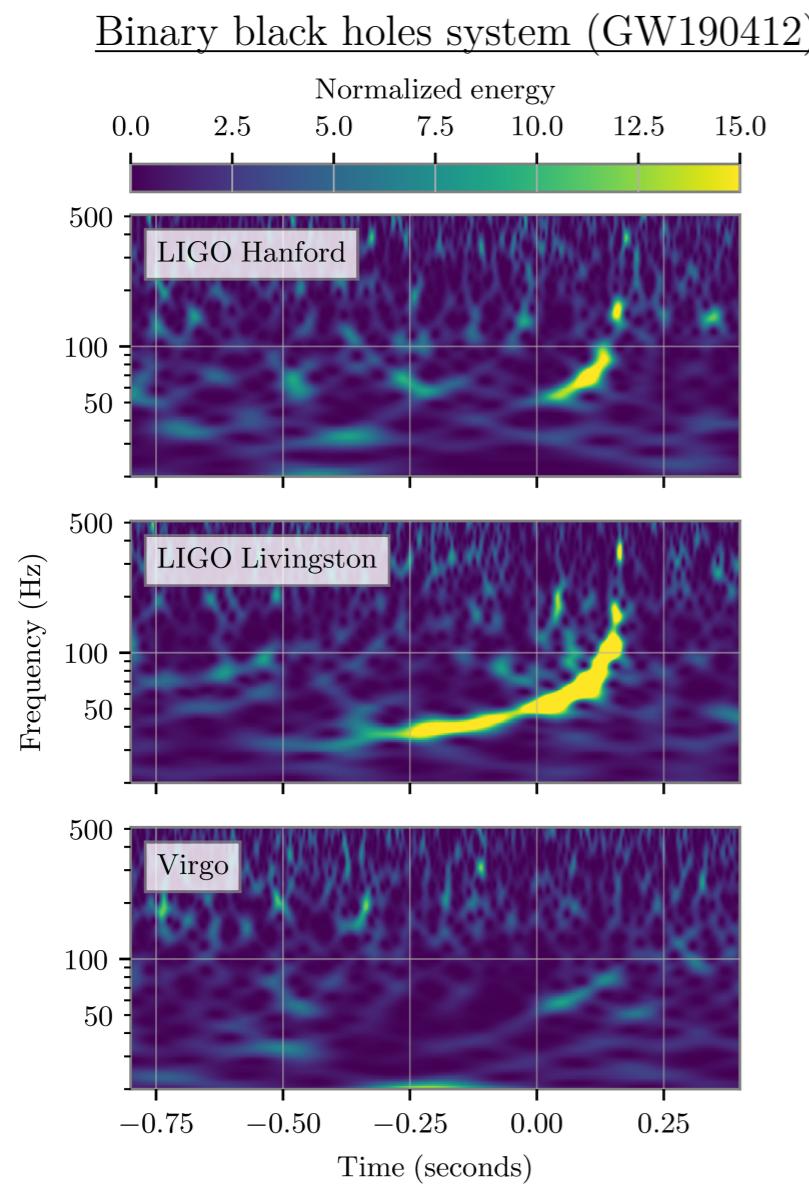


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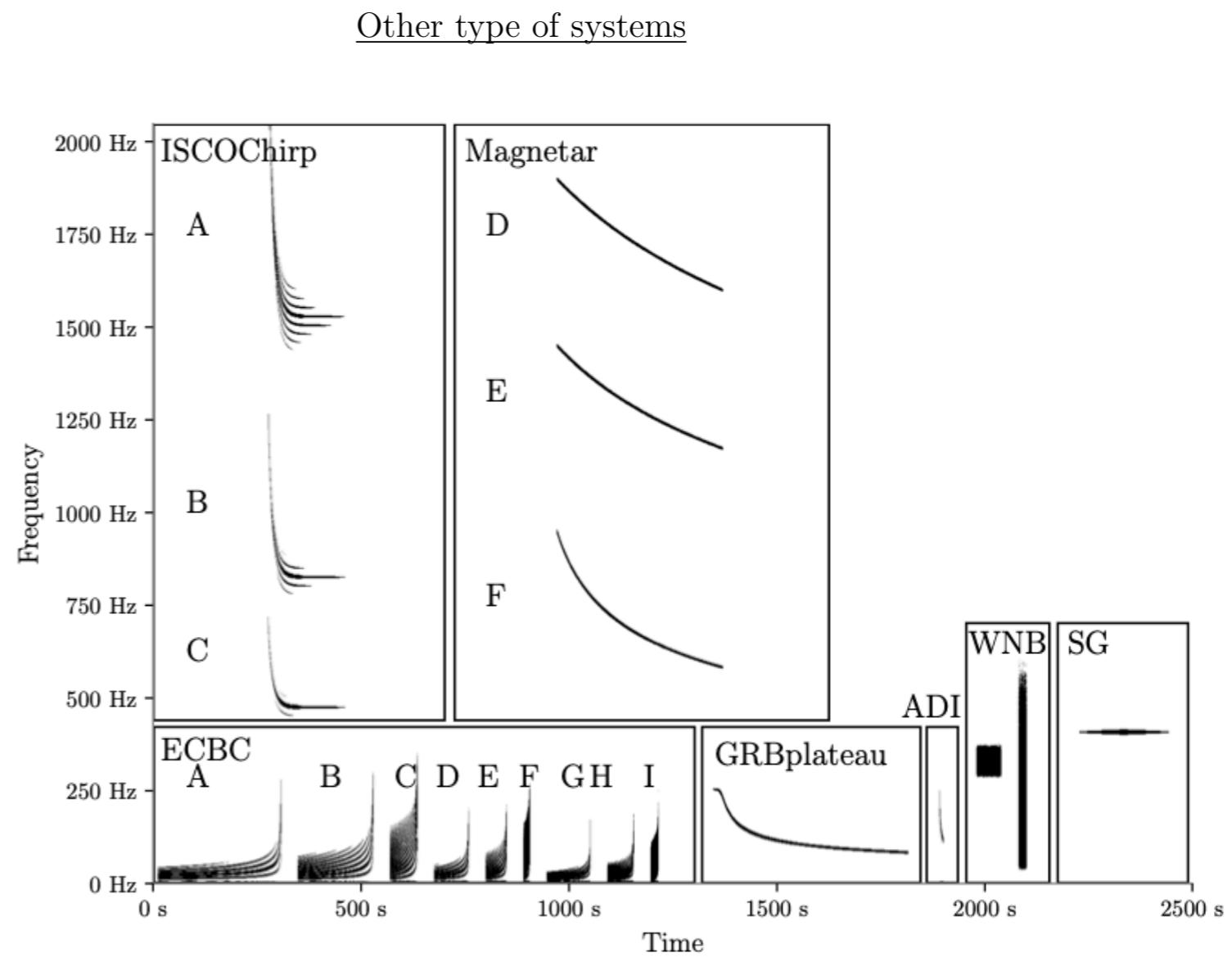
# Candidate identification with unmodelled searches

## ► Unmodelled search:

- ▶ Search for coherent excess power
- ▶ Target events not in template banks (supernovae, spacetime defects, etc)
- ▶ 1 pipeline: cWB



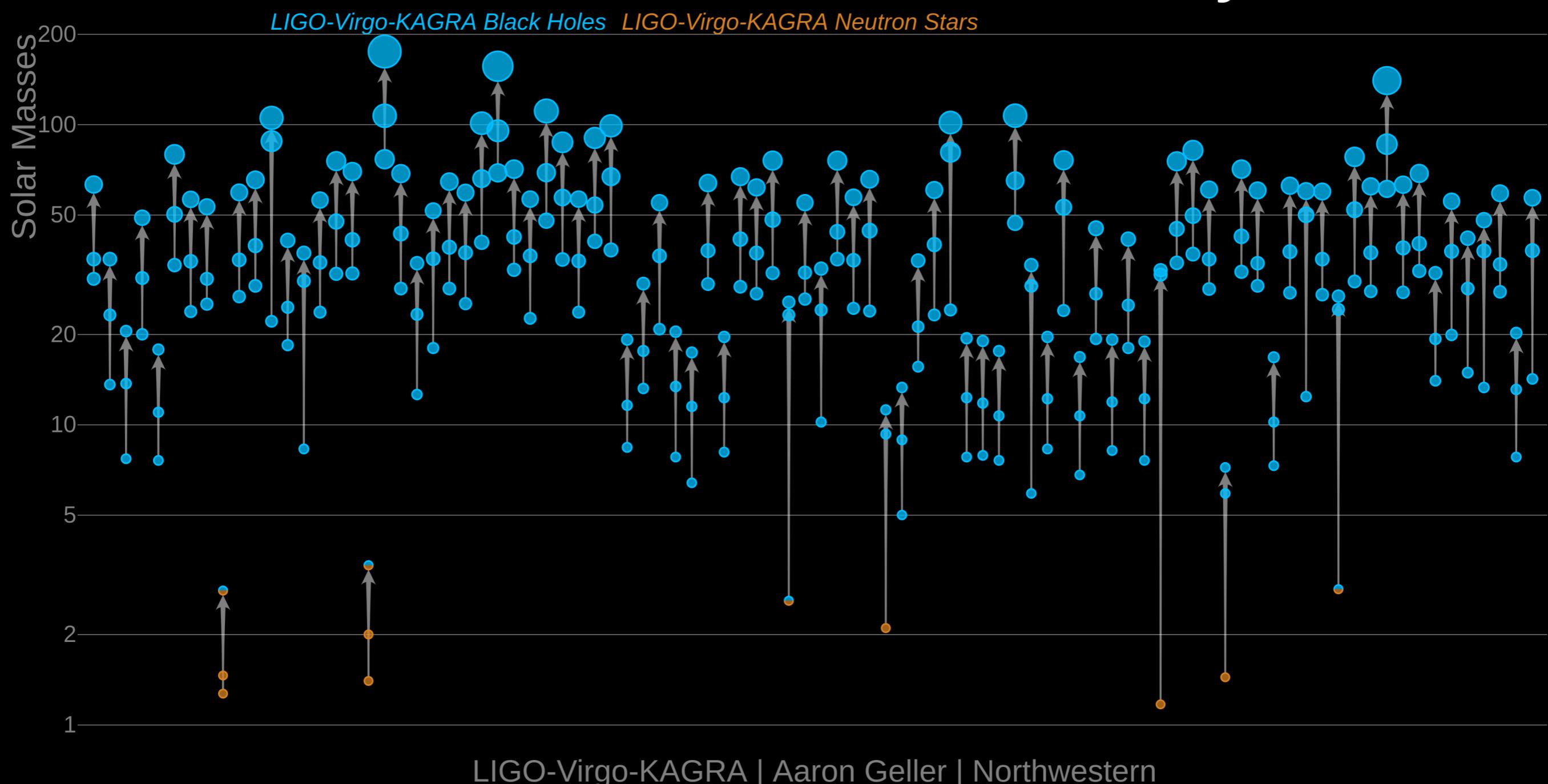
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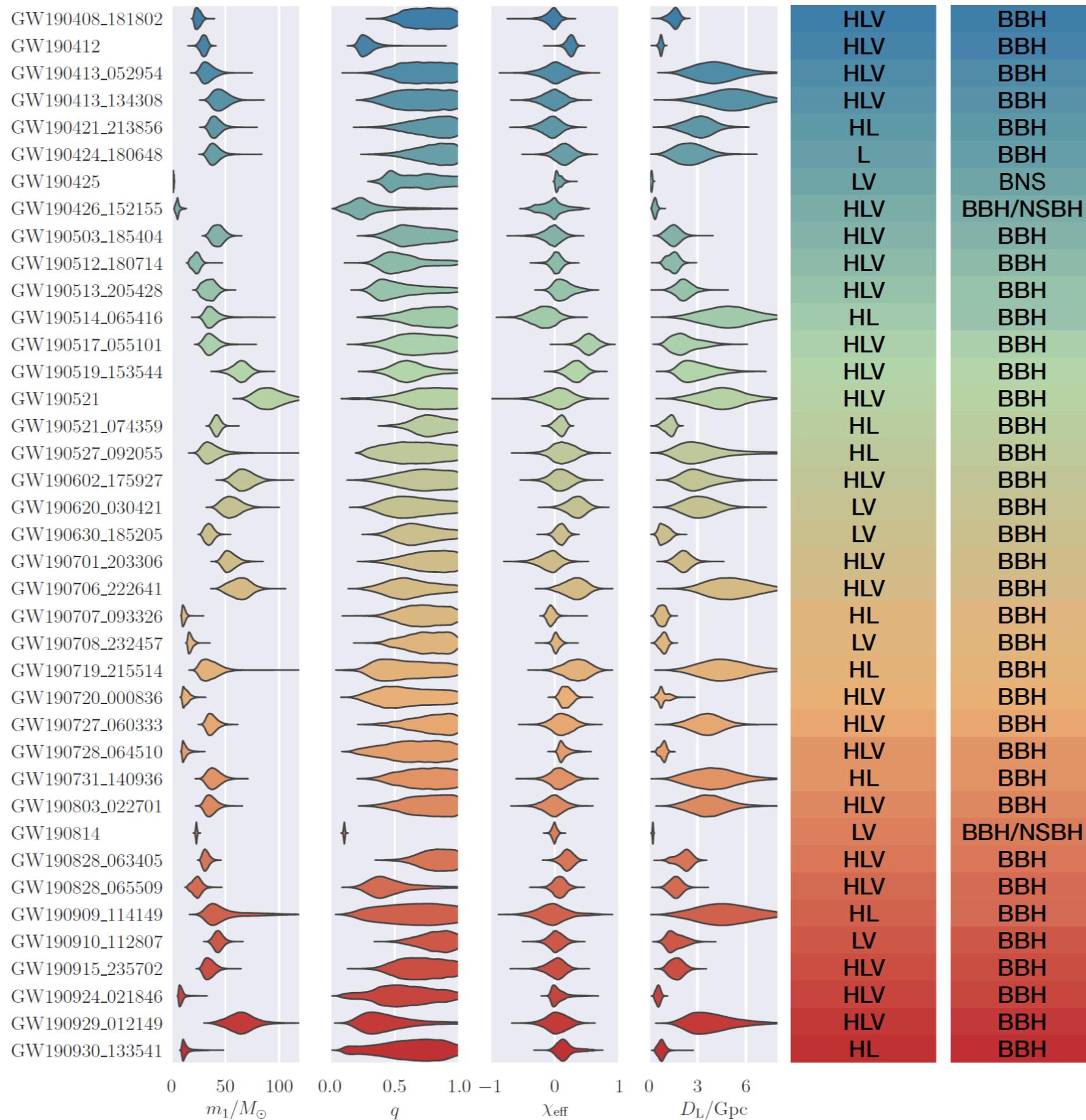
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# All GW sources ever detected

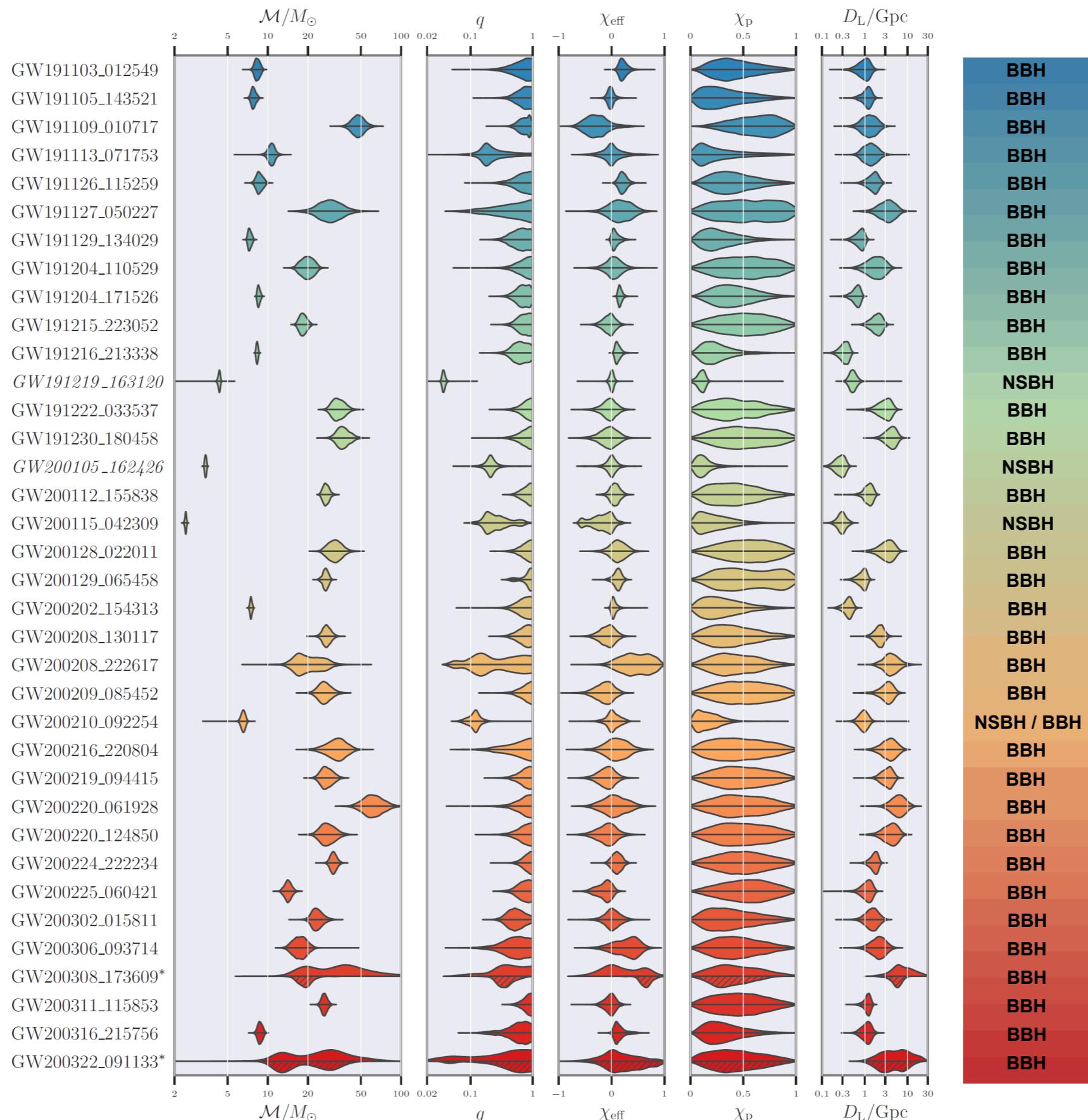
## Masses in the Stellar Graveyard



# O3a event properties



# O3b event properties



# Network observation plan

- 2 more observation runs planned (up to 2027)
- Post O5 plans under discussion

