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# Using Large-scale structure correlations in Gravitational-wave Cosmology A Bayesian Approach

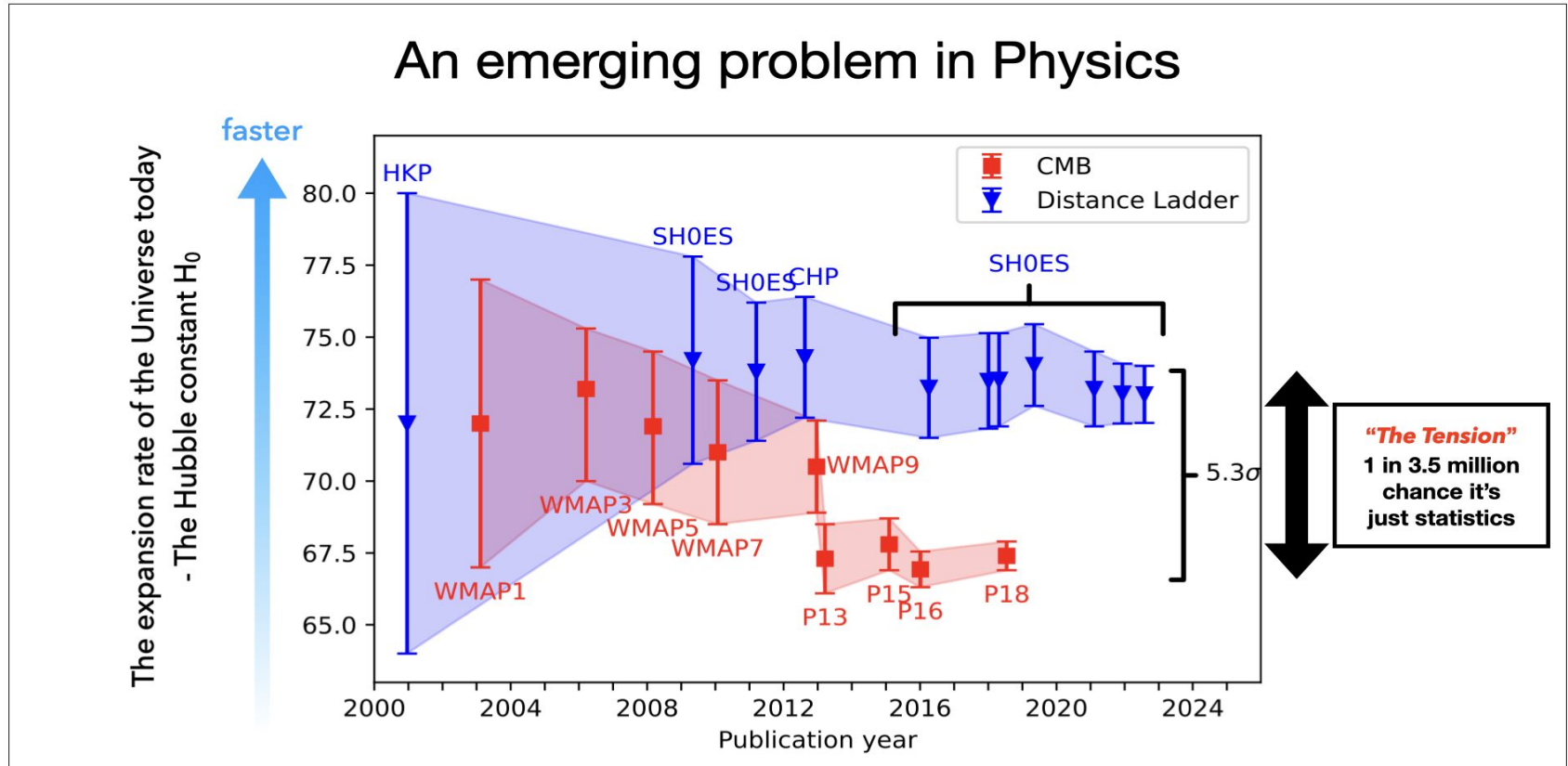
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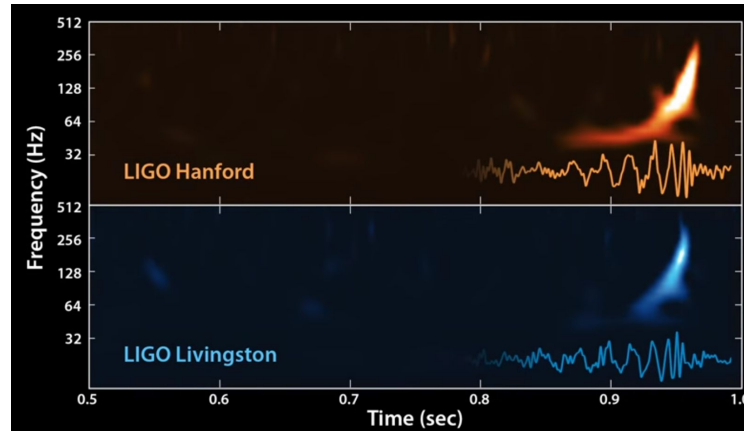
*Based on: Astrophys.J. 902 (2020)  
ArXiv: 2312.16305 (under review)*

# The Hubble Tension

Image: D'arcy Kenworthy



# Distance measurement from Gravitational Waves



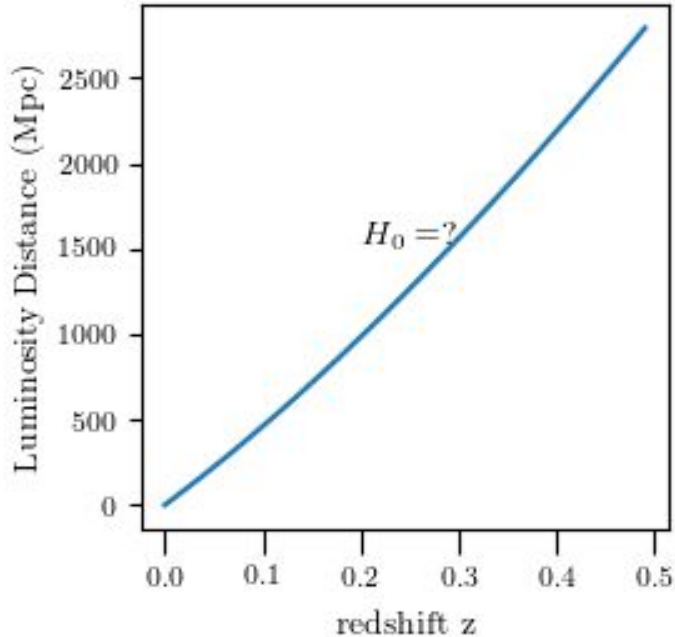
$$h(t) = \frac{M_z^{5/3} f(t)^{2/3}}{d_L} F(\iota, \theta) \cos(\Phi(t))$$

$M_z$ : Redshifted chirp mass

$\iota$ : inclination angle

$\Phi(t)$ : Accumulated phase

# Measuring $H_0$ with “standard sirens”



- ❑ Luminosity distance - redshift curve depends on the value of the Hubble parameter  $H_0$
- ❑ Luminosity distance - GW observation
- ❑ Redshift - from an electromagnetic counterpart

Thus an independent estimate of  $H_0$  is possible

# GW170817

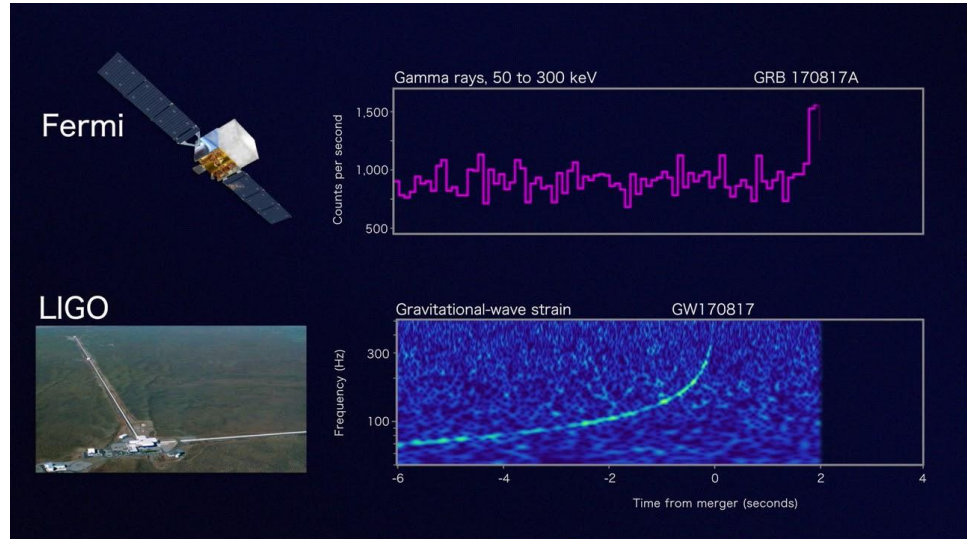
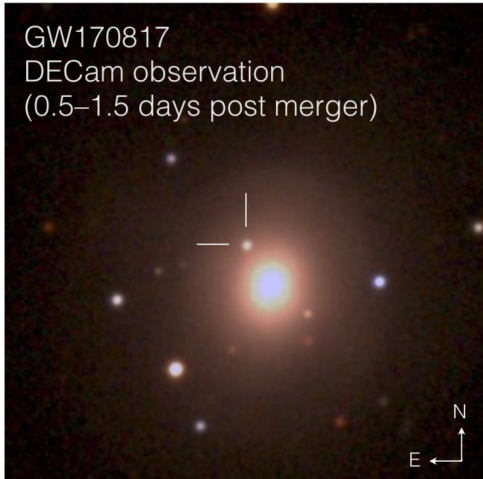
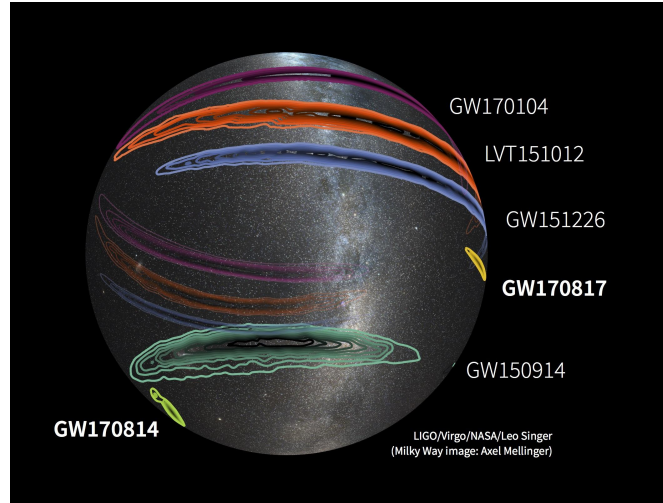


Image: <https://www.ligo.org>

- ❑ The only GW event detected along with a GRB: GRB 170817A
- ❑ Luminosity distance  $\sim 40$  Mpc
- ❑ Host identification : NGC 4993

**For most of the detected events, the host identification is not possible**

# Inferring $H_0$ using population statistics



Credit : Leo Singer

- Consider galaxies (with known redshifts) in the localization region as potential hosts.
- Compute  $H_0$  distribution for each potential host

Schutz(1986)

# An alternative approach: *The Large Scale Structures*

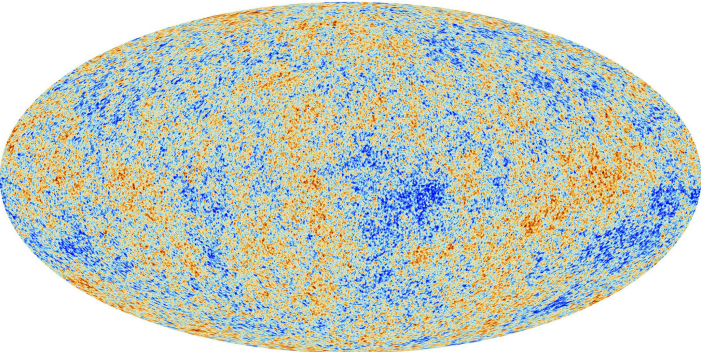


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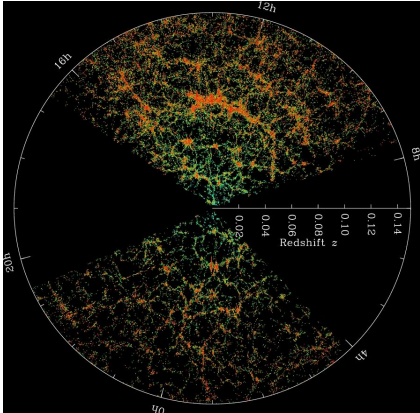


Image: SDSS

The Millennium simulation (z=0)

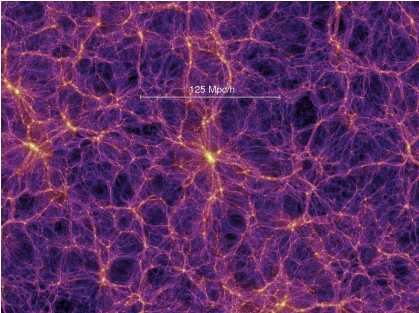


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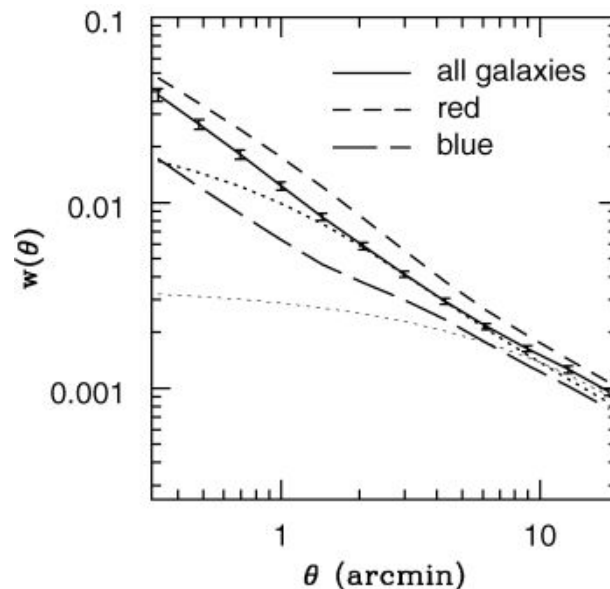
# Measures of clustering: Density Contrast and cross-correlation

$$\delta(\mathbf{x}) \sim \frac{\rho(\mathbf{x})}{\bar{\rho}} - 1$$

$$\xi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') \sim \langle \delta(\mathbf{x})\delta(\mathbf{x}') \rangle$$

Angular cross-correlation

$$w(\theta, \theta') \sim \langle \delta(\theta)\delta(\theta') \rangle$$





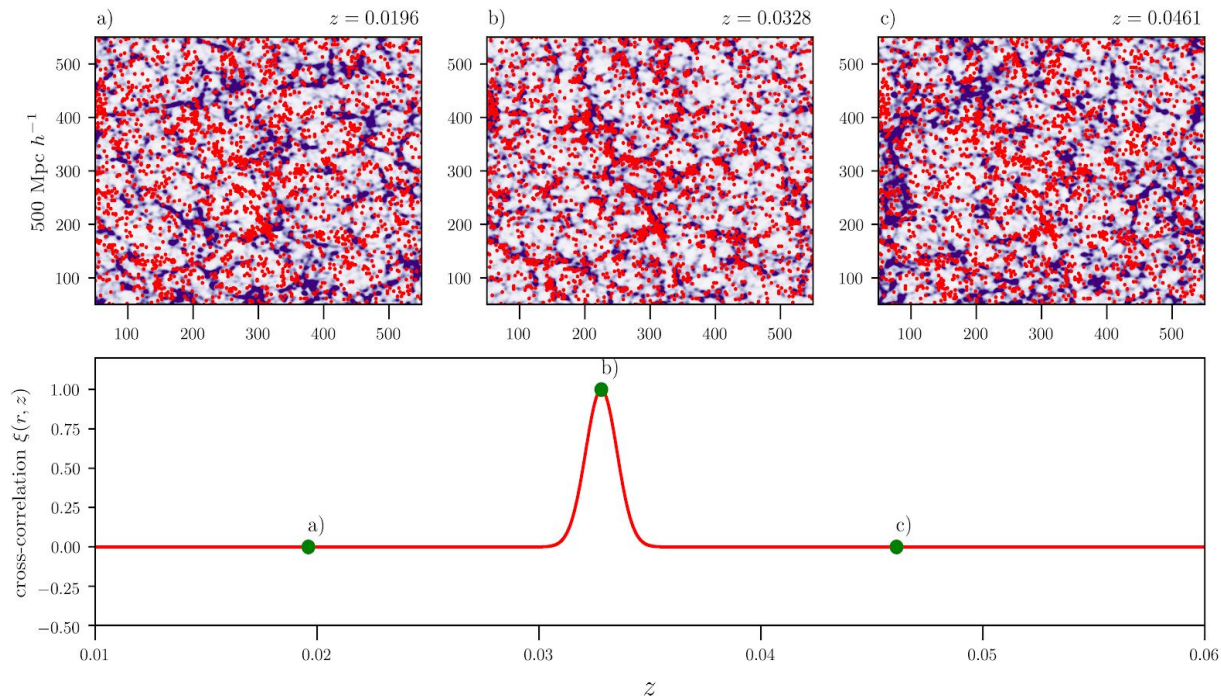
# Inferring redshift from cross-correlations

Red : BBH sources at a fixed unknown redshift

Blue: Galaxy distribution at different redshift slices

The BBH distribution is a part of the same large scale structure as the galaxies.

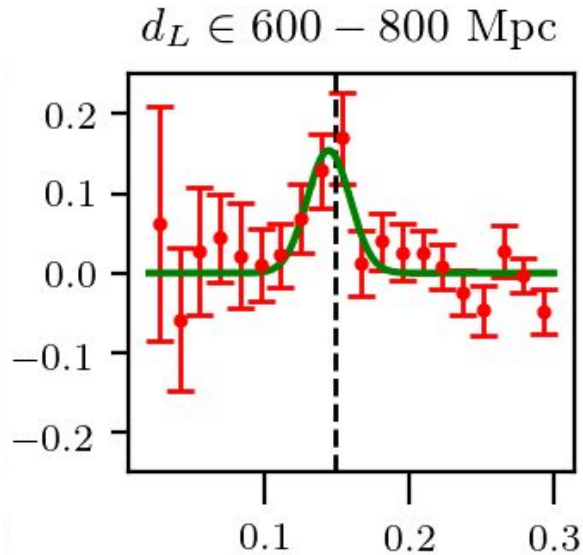
Cross-correlation of the two distributions provide a redshift estimate for the unknown BBH population



# A realistic Simulation of the catalogs

- ❑ The true locations of the GW events are sampled from the dark matter distribution of a cosmological N-body simulation (Big-MultiDark Planck)
- ❑ Massive dark matter halos act as galaxy markers in our simulation.
- ❑ Realistic simulation of the GW events and parameter estimations run using BILBY: A free Bayesian Inference library for GW (Ashton et al. 2019)
- ❑ 3 detector network (Advanced Ligo L +H + Advanced Virgo): combined SNR threshold of 8

# Modelling the cross-correlation

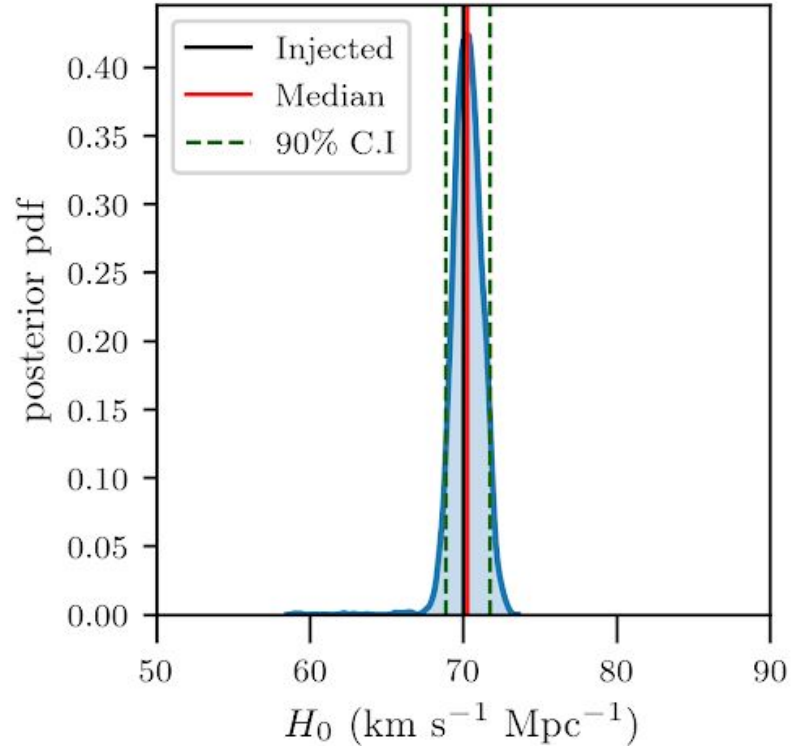
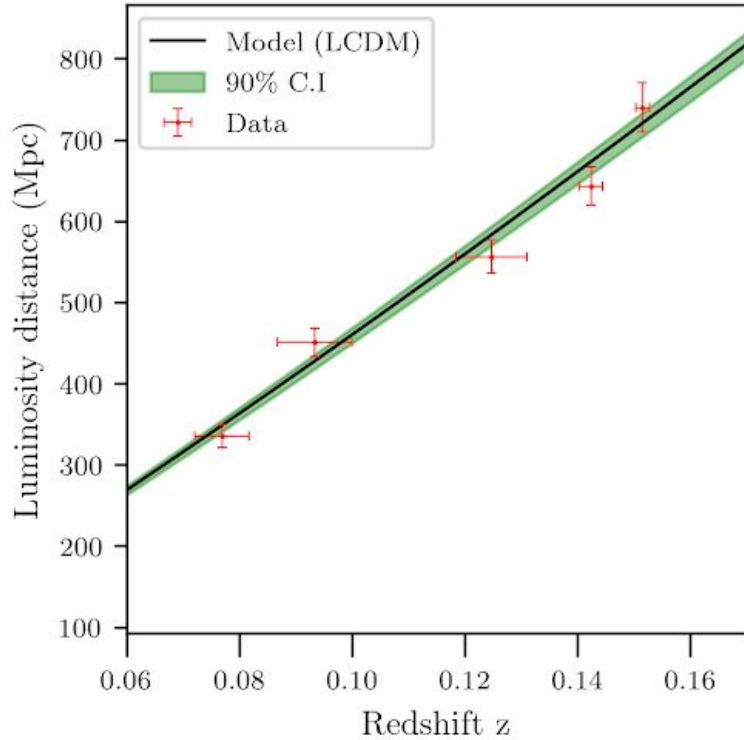


Assume power law three-dimensional cross-correlation function:

$$\xi_{\text{gw,g}}(r) = \left[ \frac{r}{r_0} \right]^{-\gamma}$$

$$w(\leq \theta_{\text{max}}, z, z') \propto \exp \left[ -\frac{(z - z')^2}{2\sigma_z^2} \right]$$

# Hubble-Lemaitre diagram : 500 events



# An event-by-event analysis

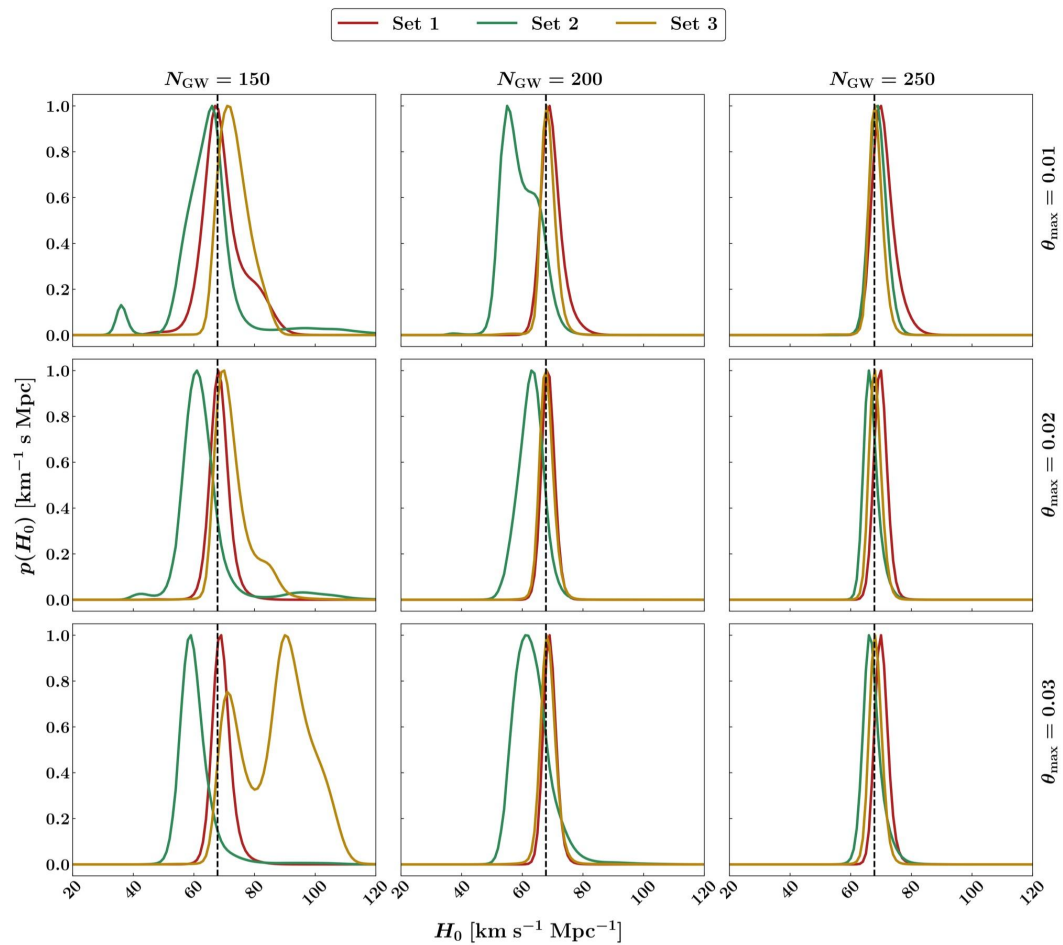
$$p(H_0 | \mathbf{d}_{\text{strain}}, \mathbf{d}_g^{\text{obs}}) = \int p(H_0, \mathbf{d}_{\text{gw}} | \mathbf{d}_{\text{strain}}, \mathbf{d}_g^{\text{obs}}) d\mathbf{d}_{\text{gw}}$$
$$\propto \int \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{d}_{\text{strain}}, \mathbf{d}_g^{\text{obs}} | H_0, \mathbf{d}_{\text{gw}}) P(H_0, \mathbf{d}_{\text{gw}}) d\mathbf{d}_{\text{gw}}$$



For each GW event, the posterior is obtained by marginalizing over localization uncertainties  $\mathbf{d}_{\text{gw}}$

Assuming independent probability distributions, the single-event posteriors can be combined as :

$$P(H_0 | \{\mathbf{d}_{\text{strain}}\}, \{\mathbf{d}_g^{\text{obs}}\}) \propto P(H_0) \prod_i \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{d}_{\text{strain}_i}, \mathbf{d}_{g_i}^{\text{obs}} | H_0)$$
$$\propto P(H_0) \prod_i \int \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{d}_{\text{strain}_i}, \mathbf{d}_{g_i}^{\text{obs}} | H_0, \mathbf{d}_{\text{gw}}) P(\mathbf{d}_{\text{gw}}) d\mathbf{d}_{\text{gw}}$$



Dependence on **sample size**  
and **correlation scale**

Injected value of  $H_0 = 70$   
 $\text{km/s/Mpc}$

Ghosh, More, SB, Bose (arXiv: 2312.16305)

# Final Takeaway

Taking into account the large-scale structure correlations is **crucial** to a more robust inference of the background cosmology

## *Caveats:*

- Need ~**200 or more** well-localised GW sources for a meaningful estimate. Expected to be achieved in the 3G era of GW detectors!
- Effects due to weak lensing (SB *et al.*, in preparation).

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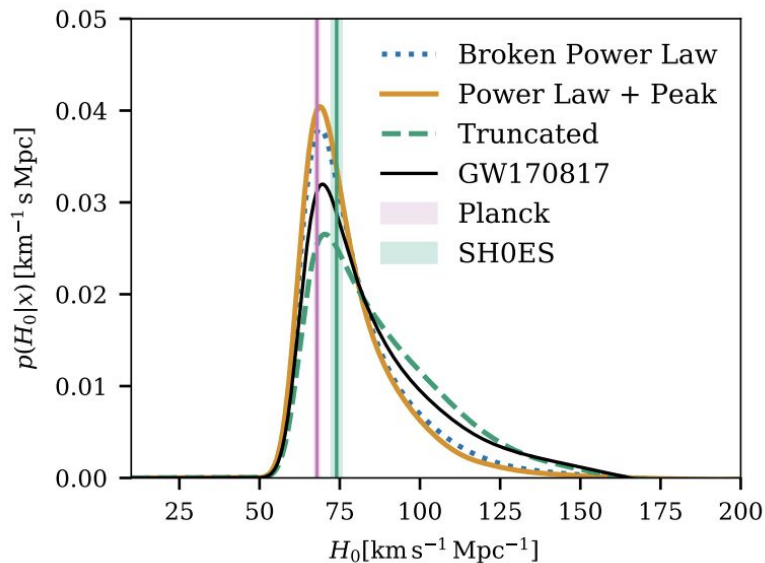


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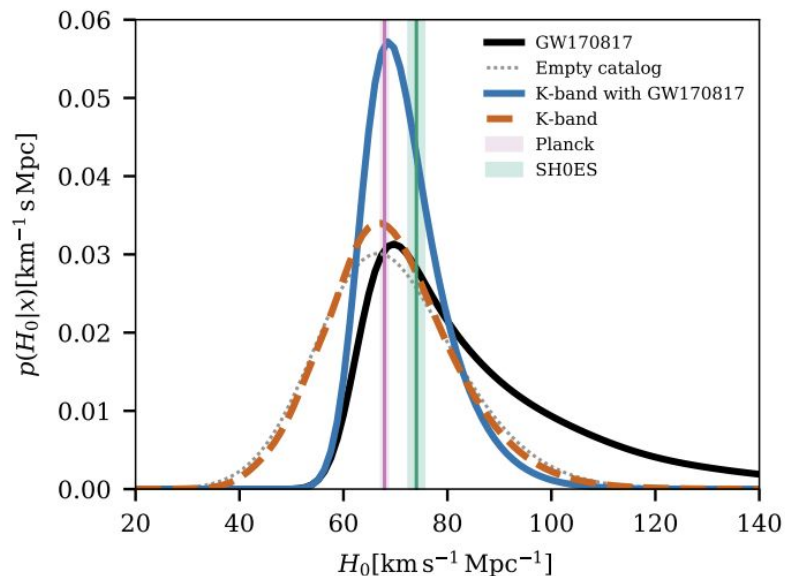


# Constraints from GWTC-3 catalog

Figures: LVK collaboration(2021), arXiv:2111.03604



Method 1: mass distribution



method 2: galaxy catalog

# Waveform simulation: inputs

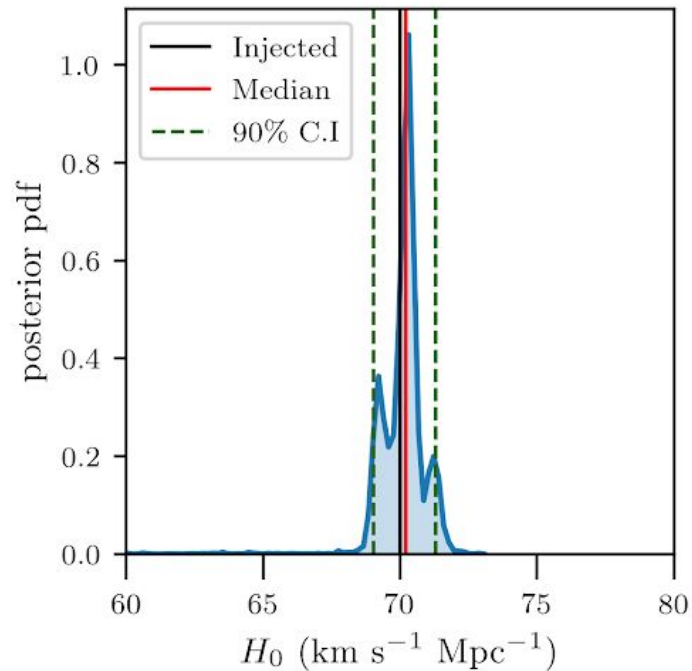
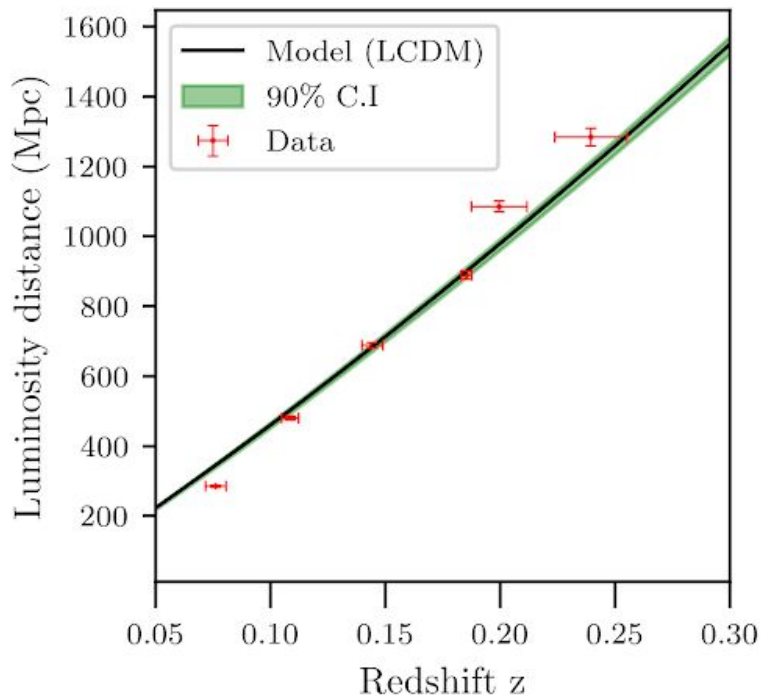
Detectors	Sensitivity
Livingston	Advanced LIGO
Hanford	Advanced LIGO
Virgo	Advanced Virgo

Injection Parameters		
Parameters	Distribution	Limits
$m_{1,2}$	uniform	$[10, 35] M_{\odot}$
$\chi_{1,2}$	uniform	$[0, 0.8]$
$\phi_{12}, \phi_{jl}$	uniform	$[0, 2\pi)$
$\cos \theta_{1,2}, \cos \iota$	uniform	$[-1, 1)$
$\psi, \phi_c$	Fixed	0

**Detection criteria:** At least two of the detectors SNR above a threshold value of 5 each, the third an SNR greater than 2.5, and network SNR of greater than 8.

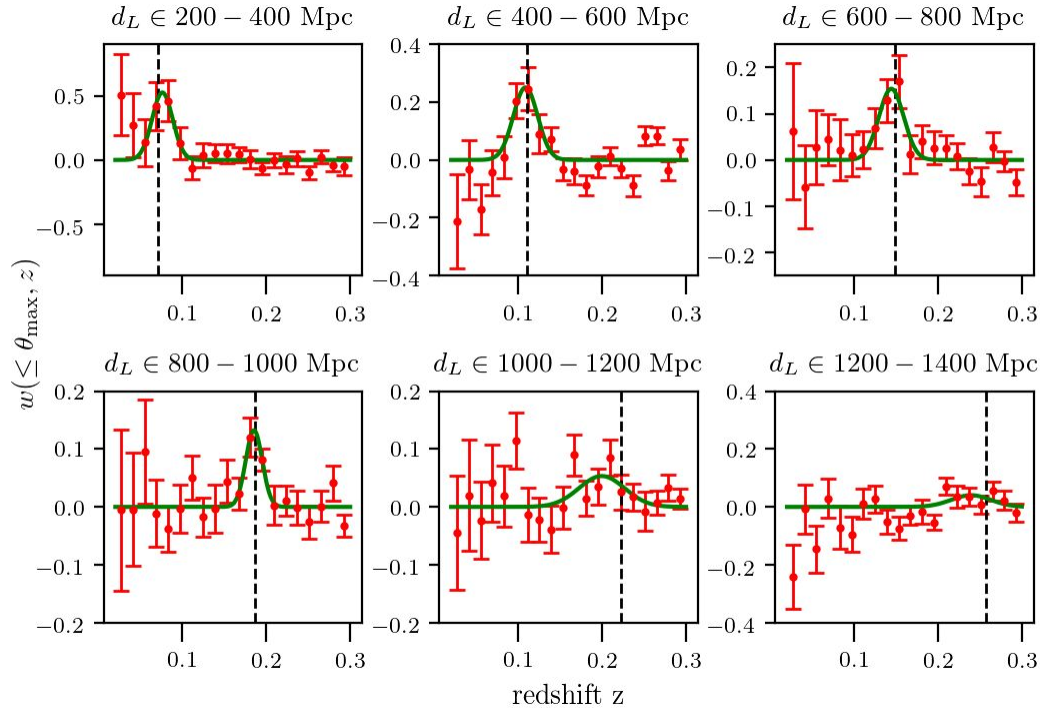
# Hubble-Lemaître diagram : 5000 events

Red points:  $d_L$  inferred from BBH merger waveforms, redshift from cross-correlations



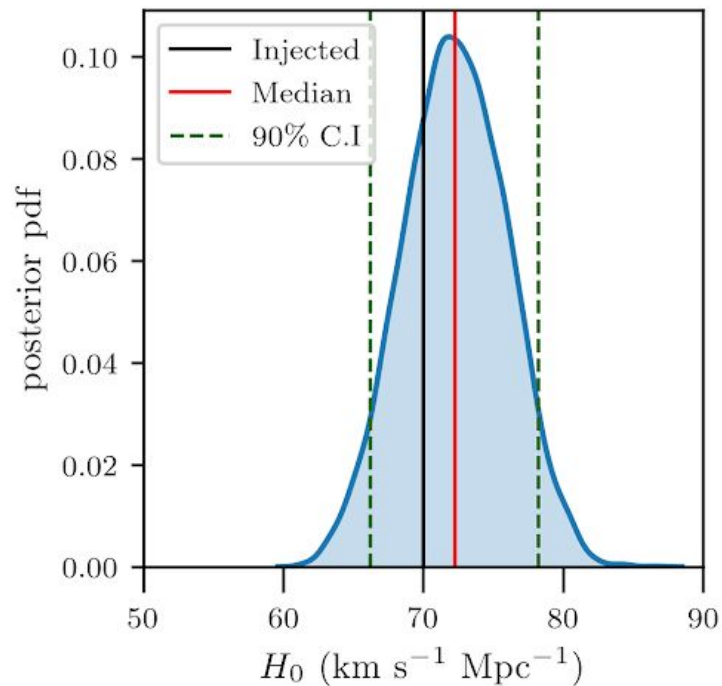
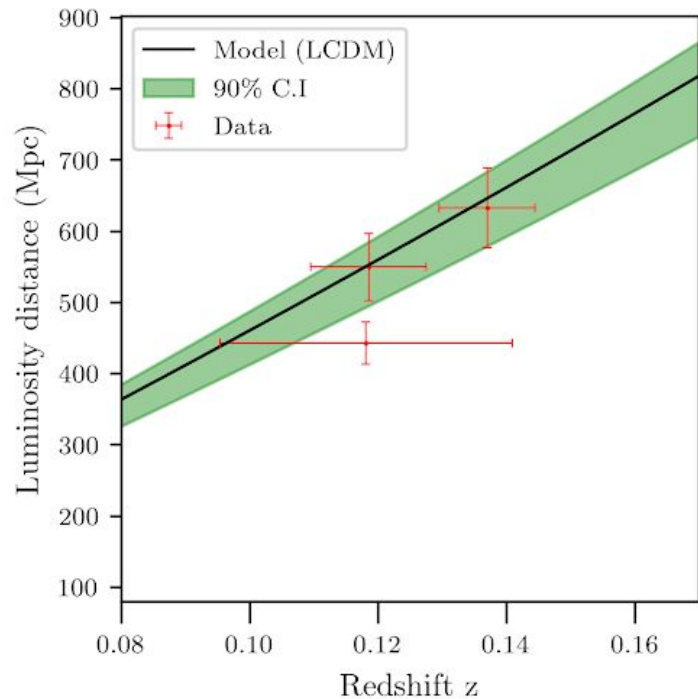
Black solid line: the true value of  $H_0$  in the simulation  
Dashed lines: 90 percent credible interval

# Redshift from angular cross-correlation



- 5000 BBH mergers divided into 6 bins in the inferred luminosity distances
- The mock galaxies are divided into 20 redshift bins
- Red points are the measured cross-correlations with error bars, peaking at the correct redshift
- The injected value of  $H_0 = 70$  km/s/Mpc gives an average redshift of the GW sources in each bin (black vertical line)

# Hubble-Lemaitre diagram : 50 events

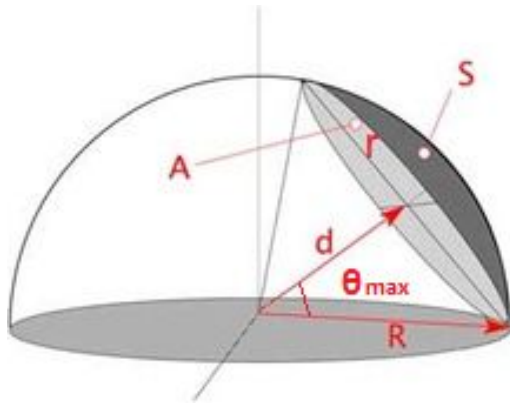


# Constraints from the three samples

Constraints on $H_0$			
No. of GW events	Max $d_L$ (Mpc)	Injected $H_0$ ( $\text{km s}^{-1} \text{Mpc}^{-1}$ )	Constraints on $H_0$ ( $\text{km s}^{-1} \text{Mpc}^{-1}$ )
5100	1400	70	$70.22^{+1.09}_{-1.18}$
500	900	70	$70.26^{+1.47}_{-1.40}$
50	900	70	$72.24^{+5.98}_{-6.05}$

The error bars signify 90% credible interval around the the median of  $H_0$  posterior

# Angular Cross-correlation Estimator



We count the number of galaxy-BBH pairs which have an angular separation  $\theta_{\max}$  or less in the actual catalog and in a randomly distributed catalog.

**Angular cross-correlation estimator**

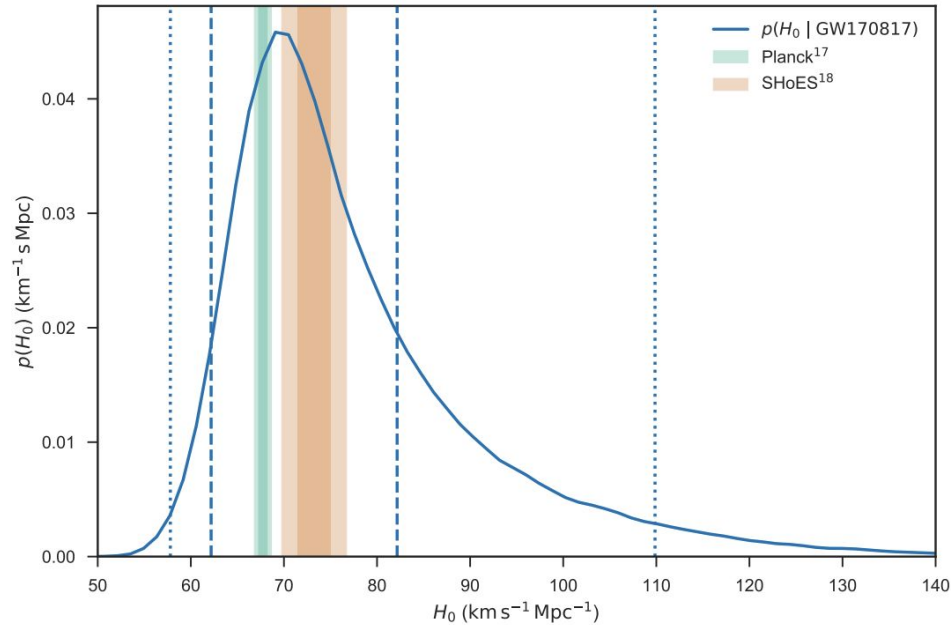
$$w(\leq \theta_{\max}) = \frac{n_{D_1 D_2}(\leq \theta_{\max})}{n_{R_1 R_2}(\leq \theta_{\max})} - 1$$

$D_1, D_2$  : Data catalogs

$R_1, R_2$  : Random catalogs



# GW170817



Abbott et al (2017)

Measurement of  $H_0$  with  $\sim 15\%$  accuracy at 68.3% confidence