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# Beyond Standard Sirens:

## Gravitational Wave Cosmology without EM Counterparts

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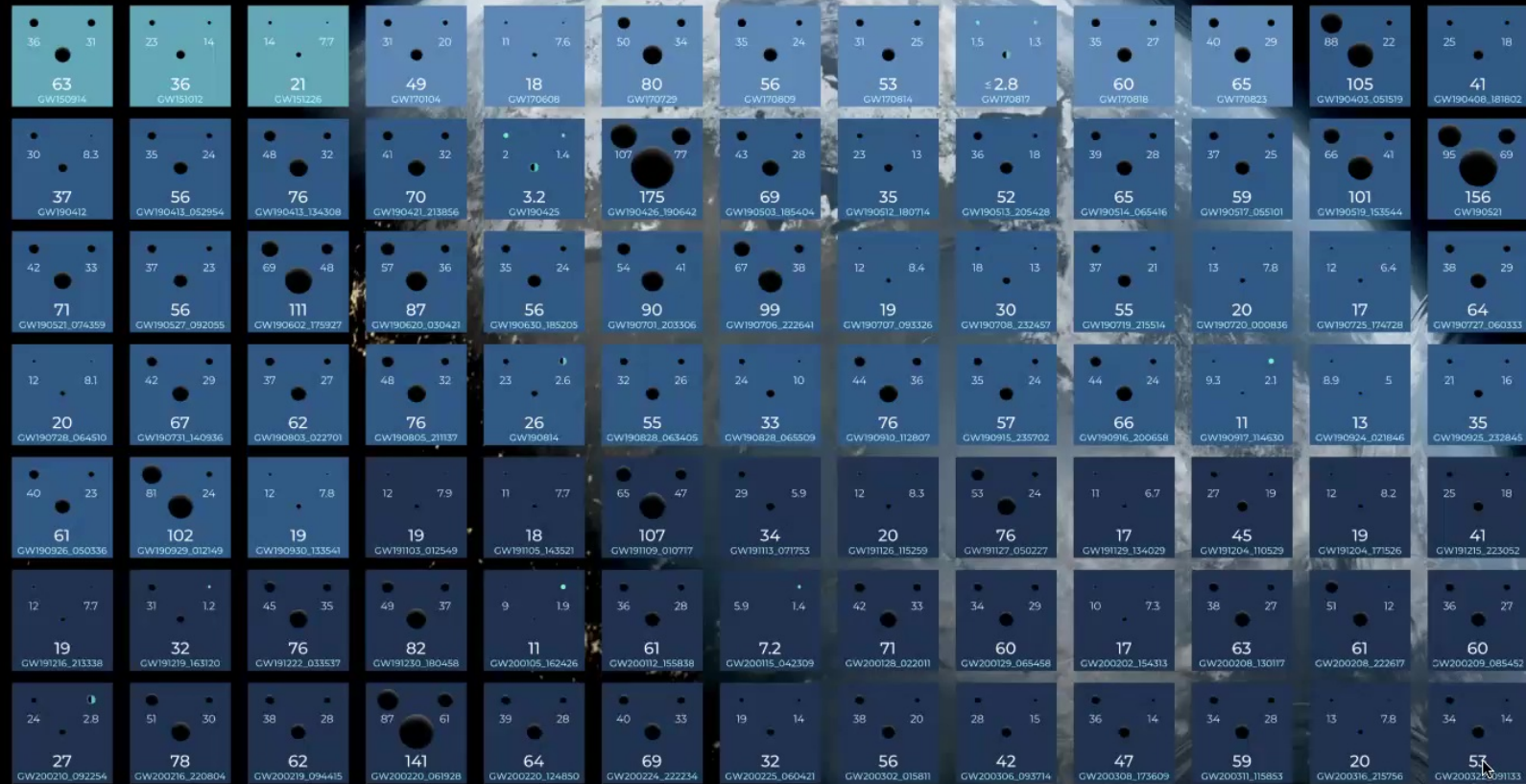


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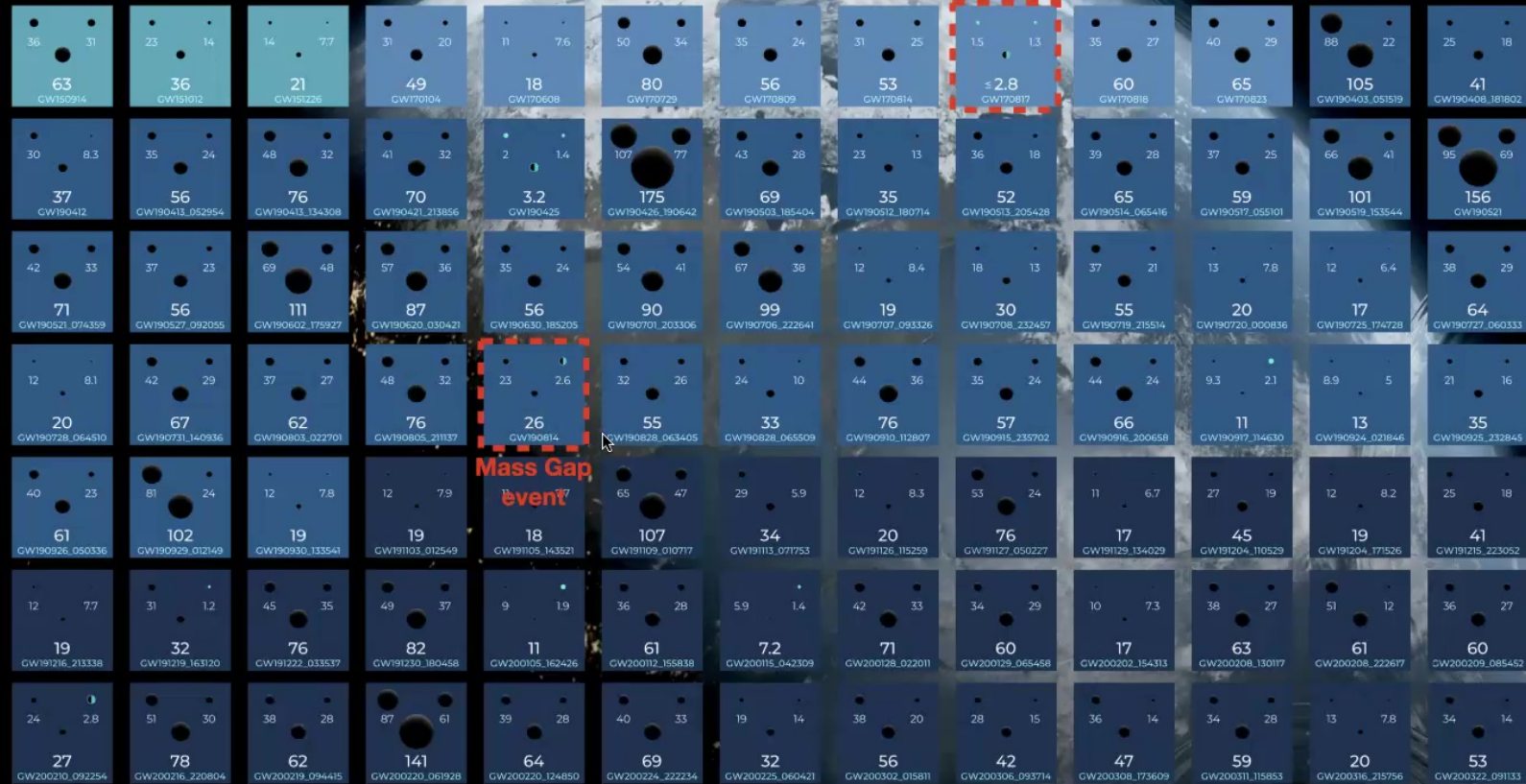
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# The Promise of Standard Sirens



Standard Siren = GW event with EM counterpart of any kind

# Luminosity Distance - Redshift Relation

- Why all the excitement?

$$\tilde{h}_{+, \times}(f) \propto \frac{\mathcal{M}_z^2}{d_L} (\pi \mathcal{M}_z f)^{-\frac{7}{6}} \times (\text{polarisation angles}) \times (\text{inclination factor})$$



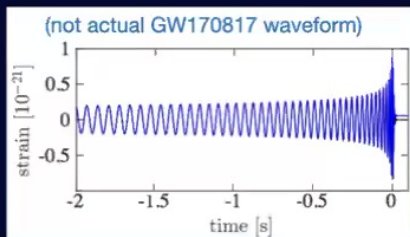
Luminosity distance  $d_L(z) = (1+z) \int_0^z \frac{d\tilde{z}}{H(\tilde{z})}$

- The Hubble function contains the most important parameters in cosmology, e.g.


$$H(z)^2 = H_0^2 \left( \Omega_M (1+z)^3 + \Omega_{\text{DE}} (1+z)^{3(1+w_Q)} \right)$$



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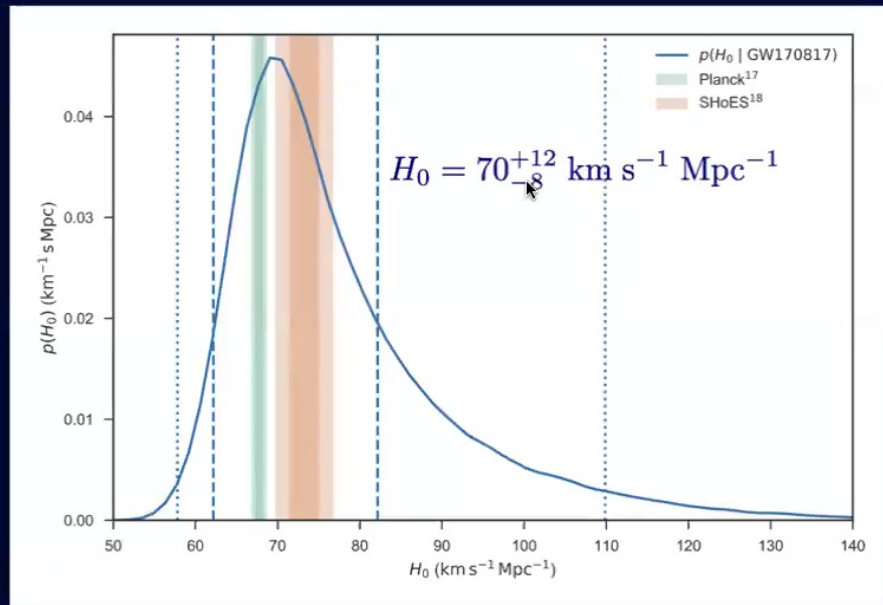


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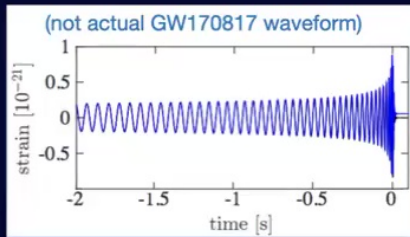


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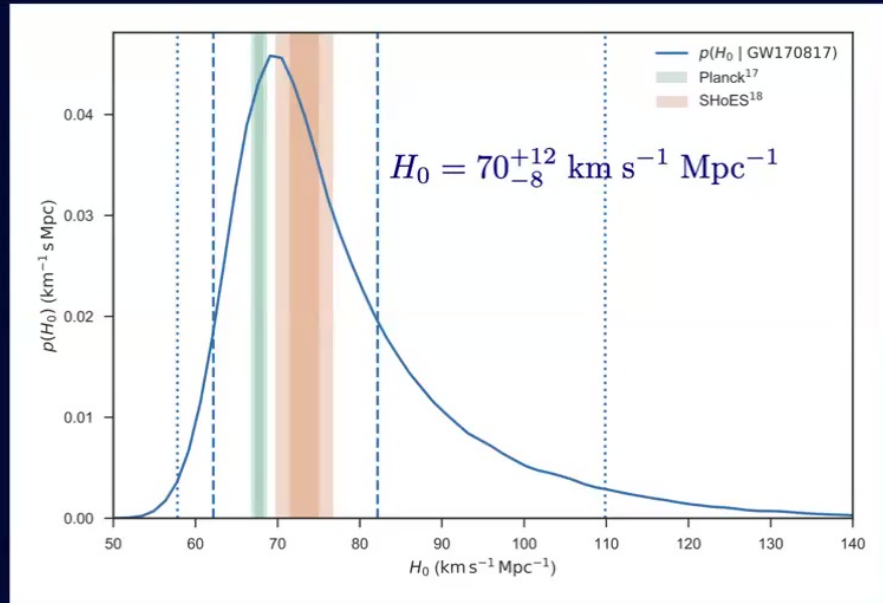


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**But also!** Cosmological extended gravity theories change the  $d_L$ - $z$  relation (more later)

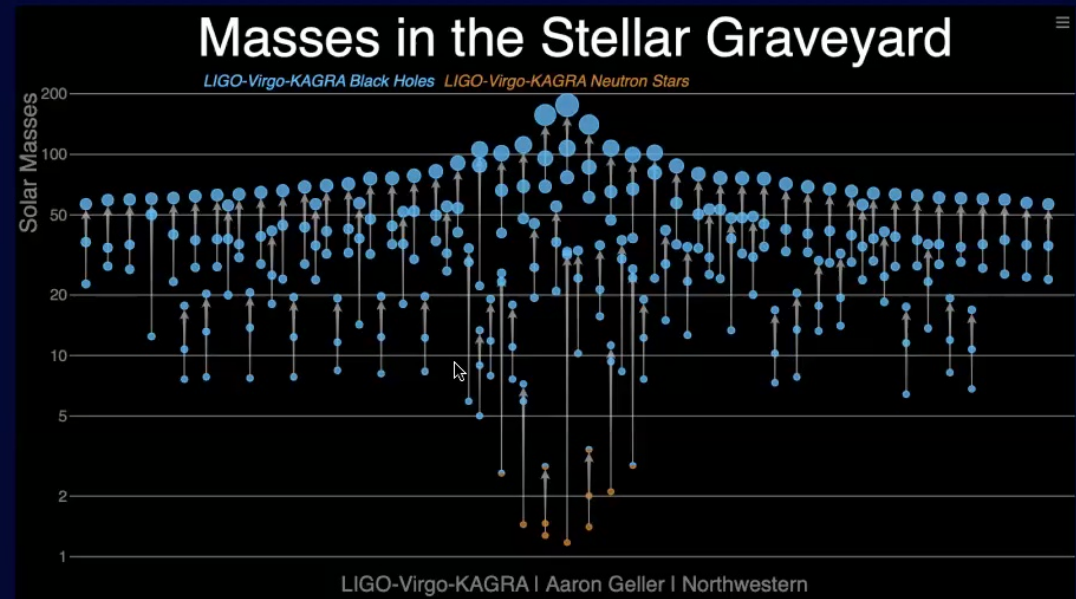
→ Detect / constrain deviations from GR 



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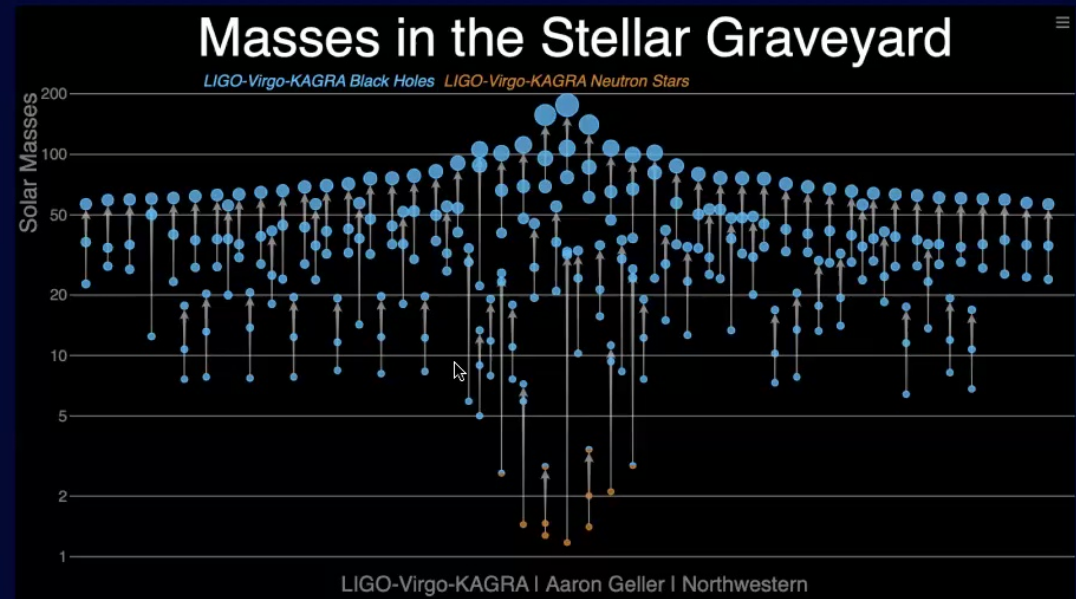
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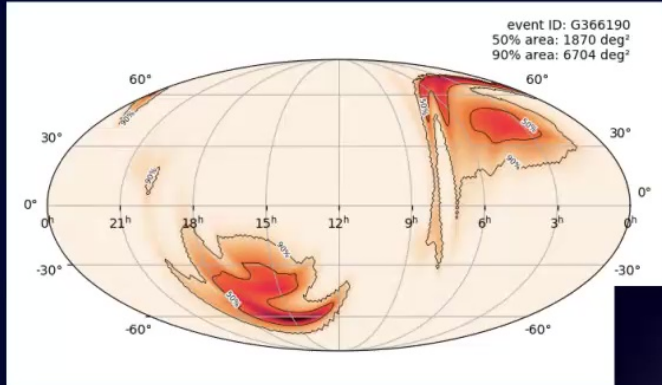


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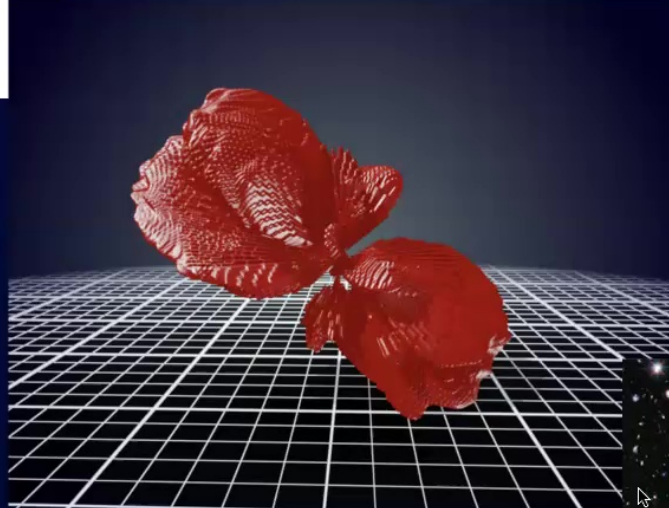




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# Dark Sirens

a.k.a. 'statistical sirens'  
or 'the galaxy catalogue method'

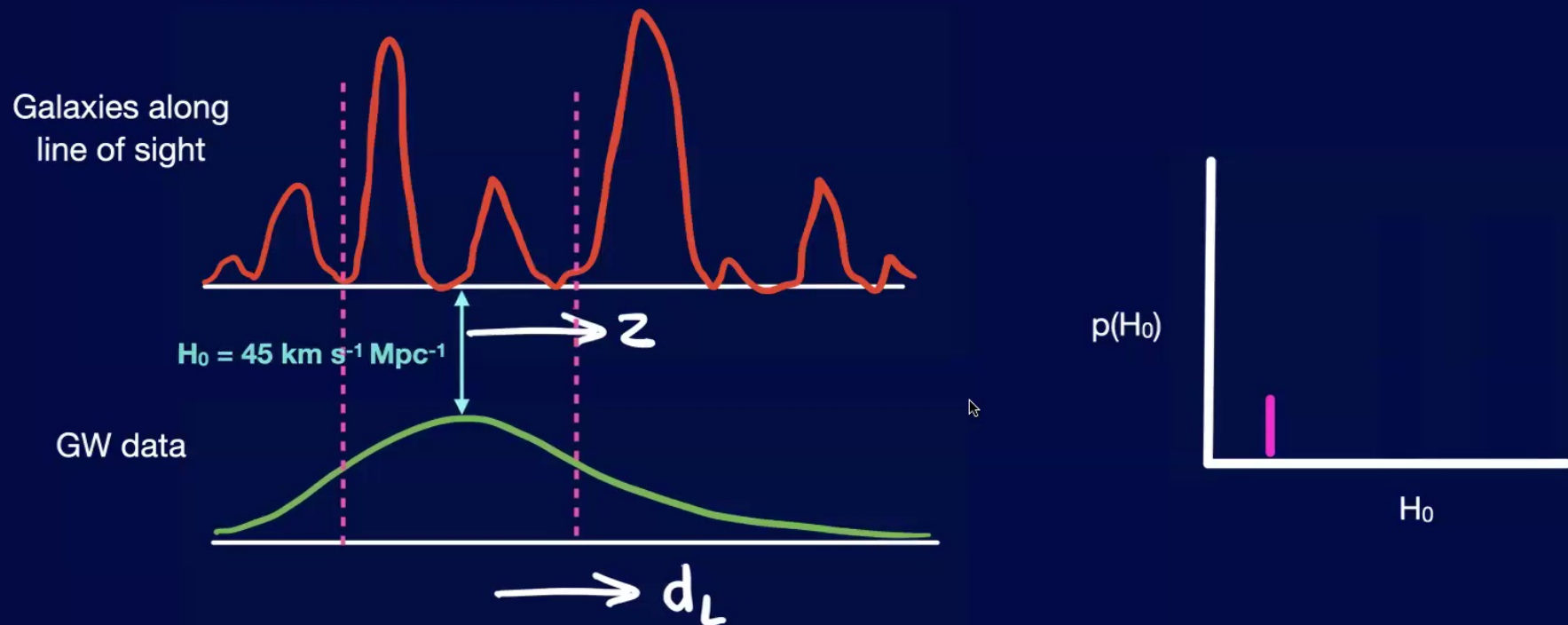


NASA Hubble



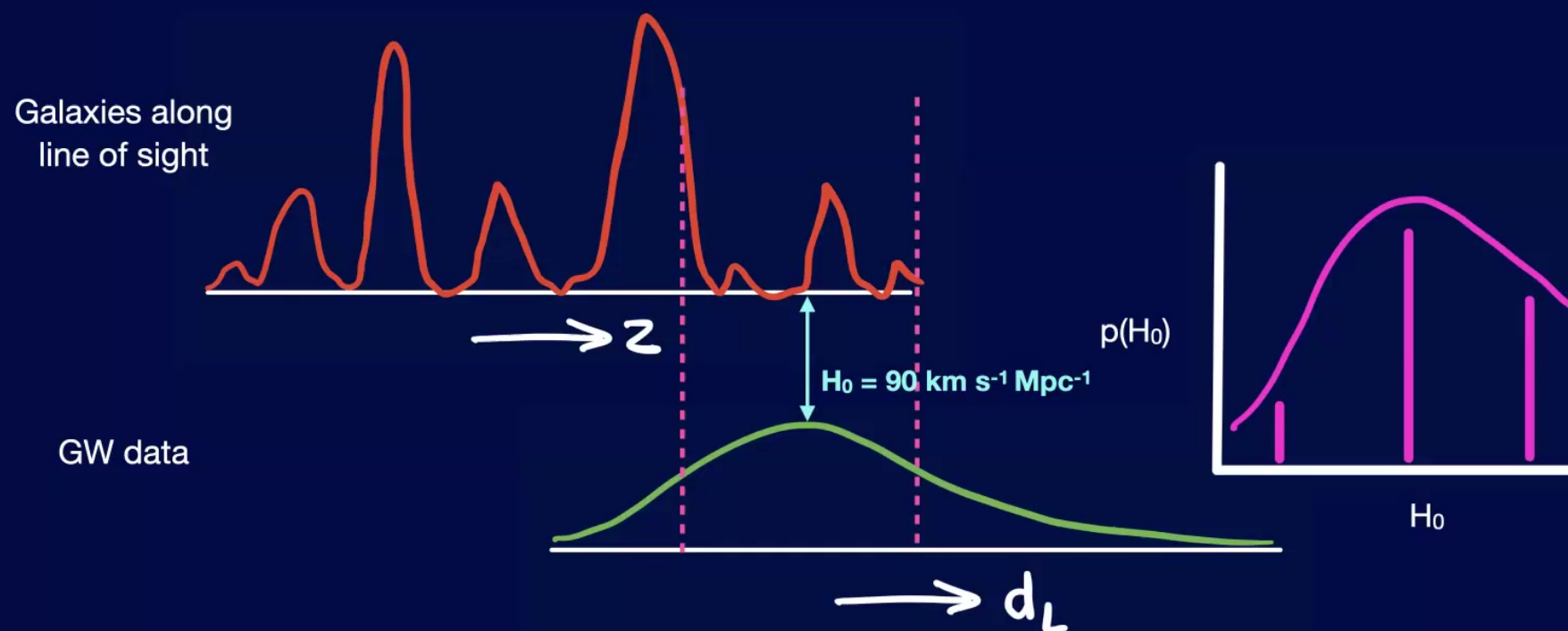
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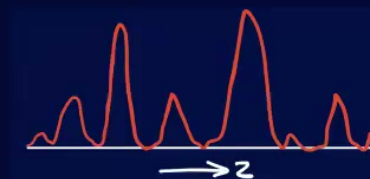
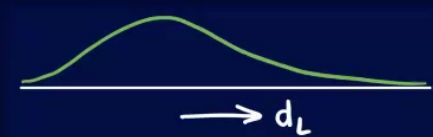
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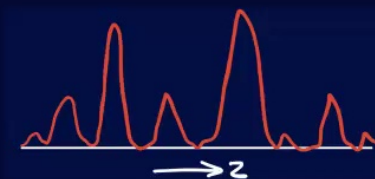
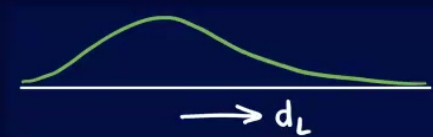
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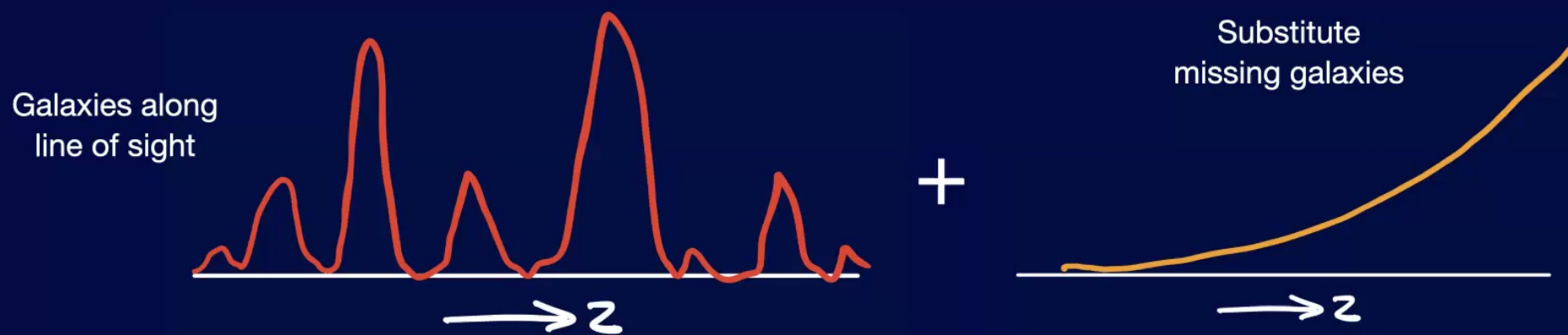
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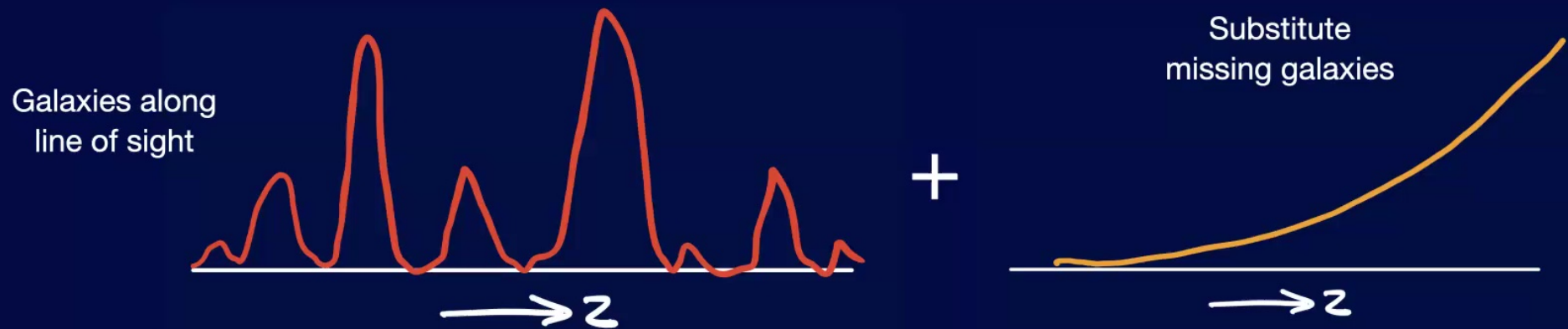
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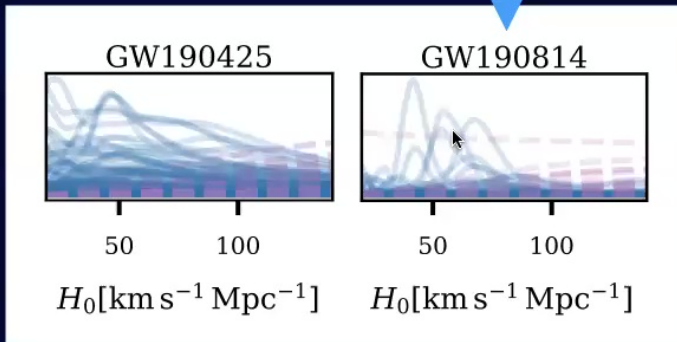
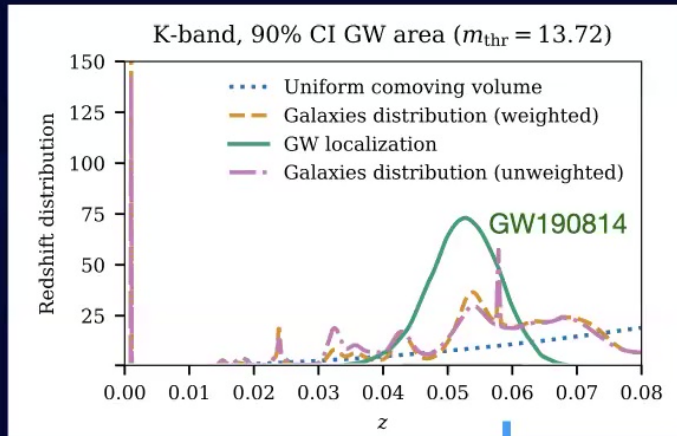
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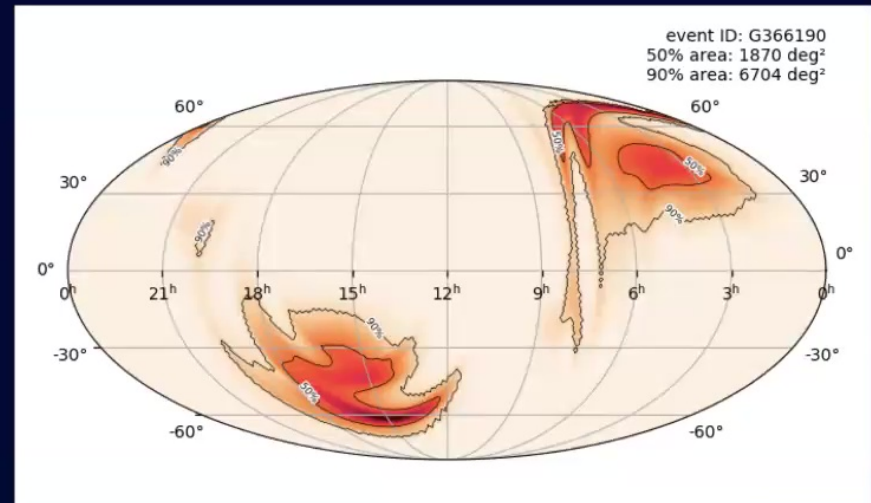
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(Proxy for star formation, stellar mass, etc.)

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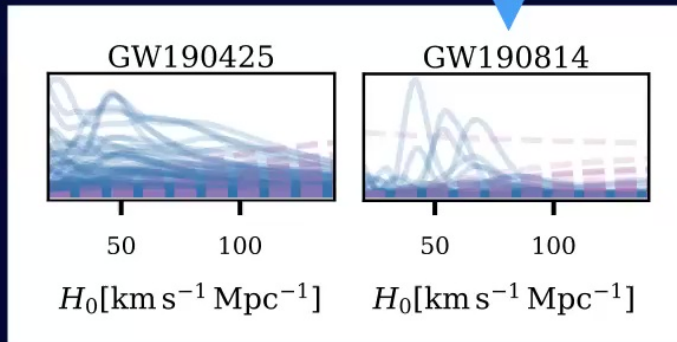
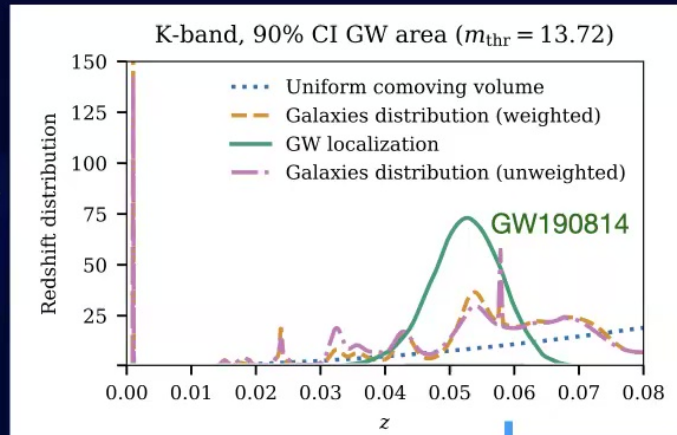


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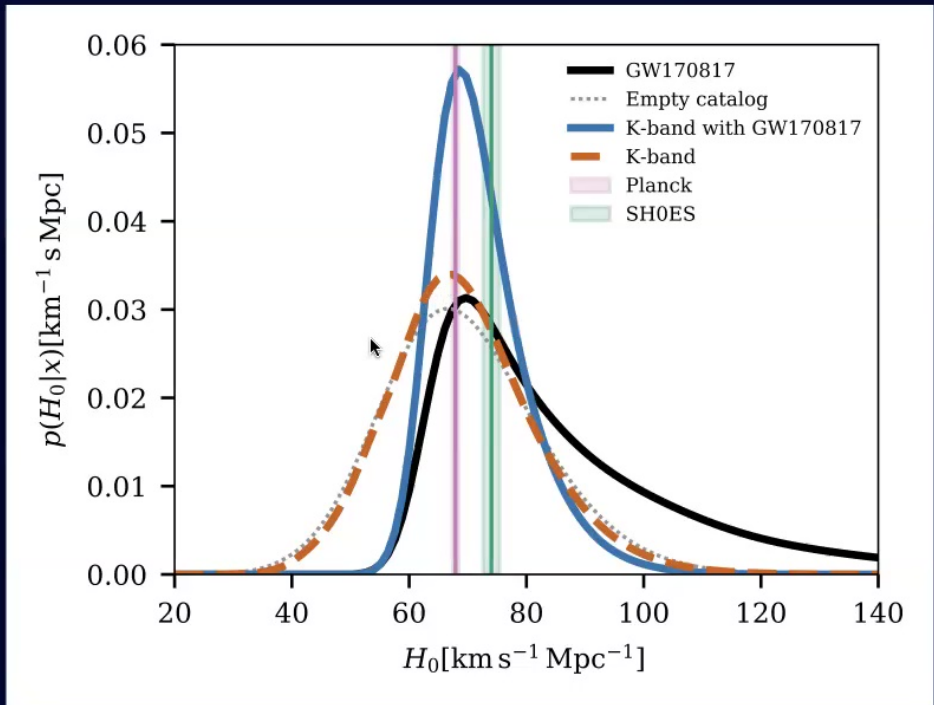


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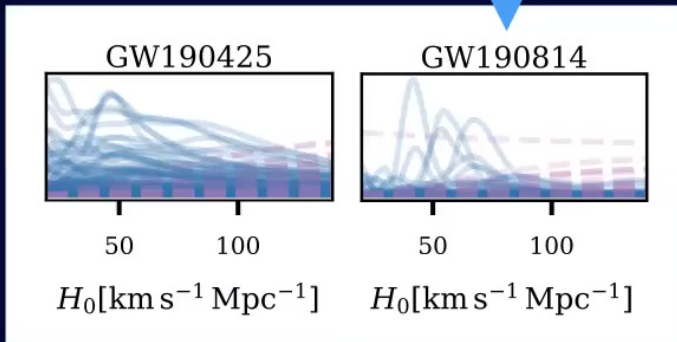
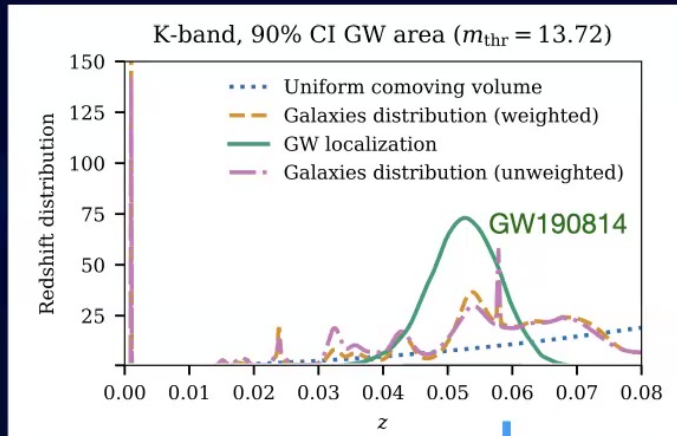


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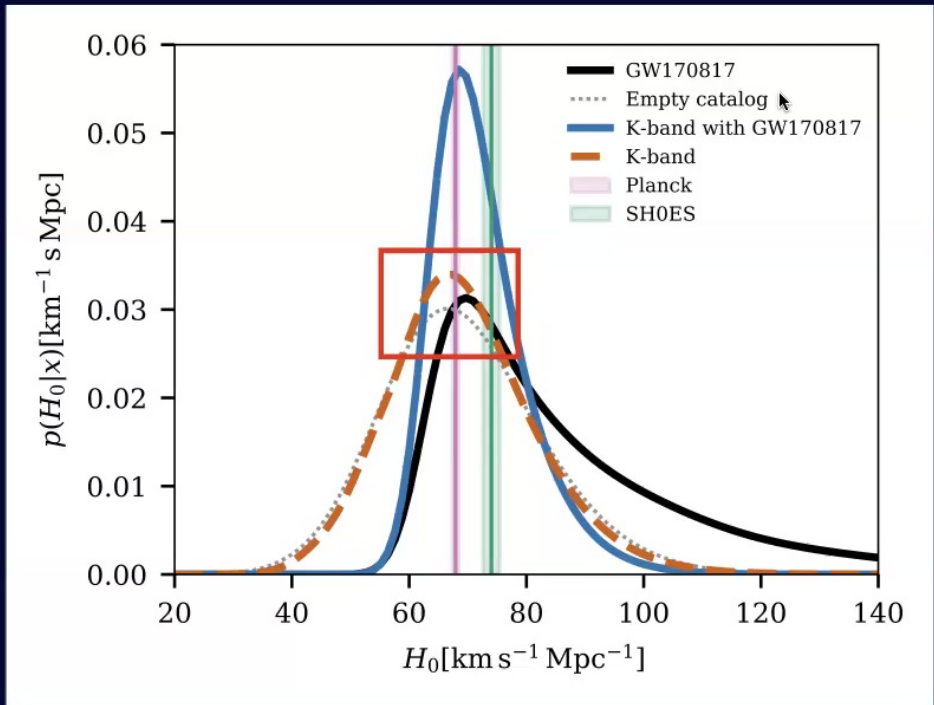




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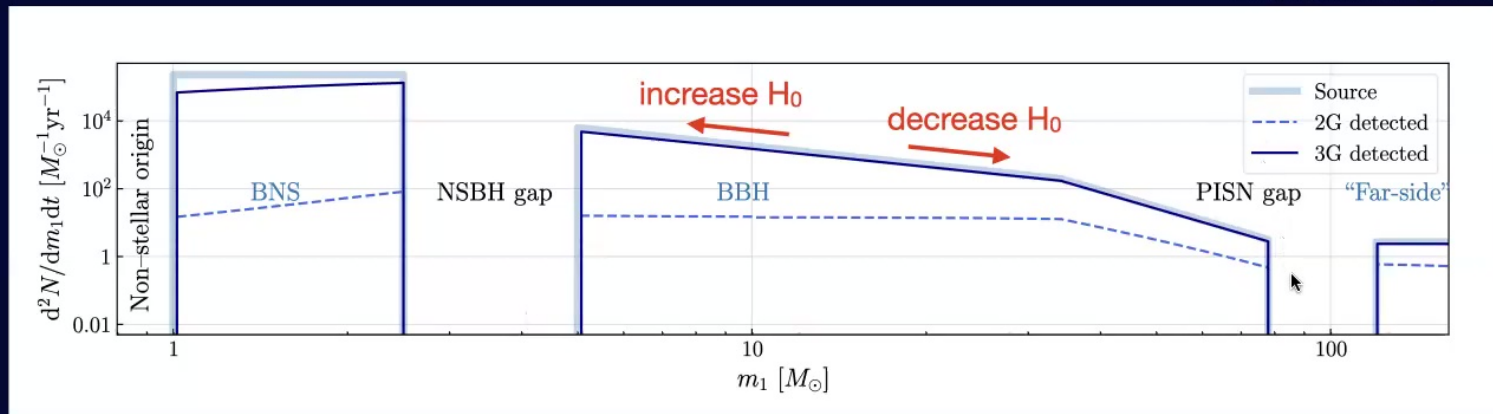


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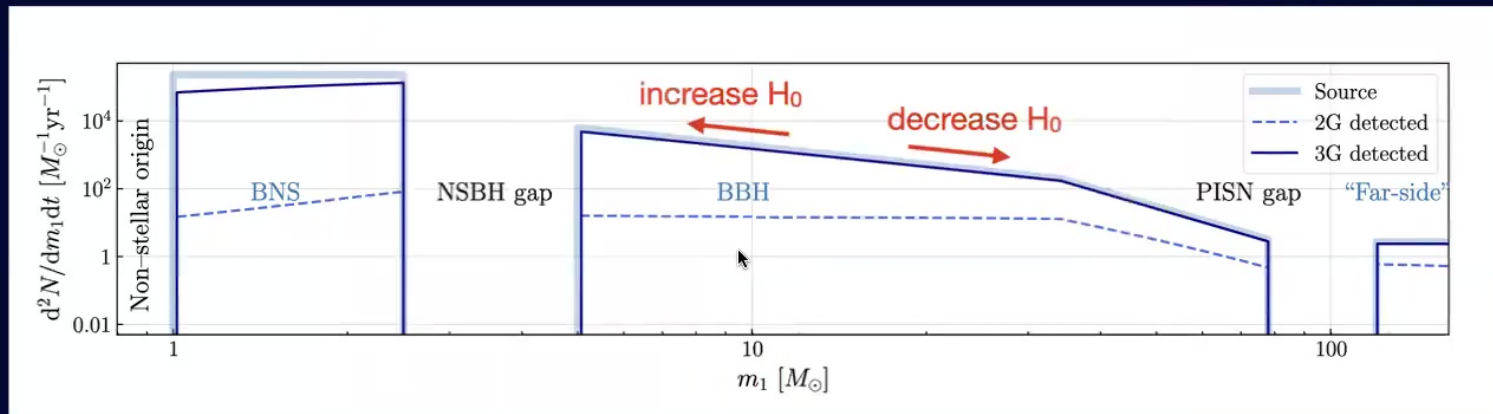
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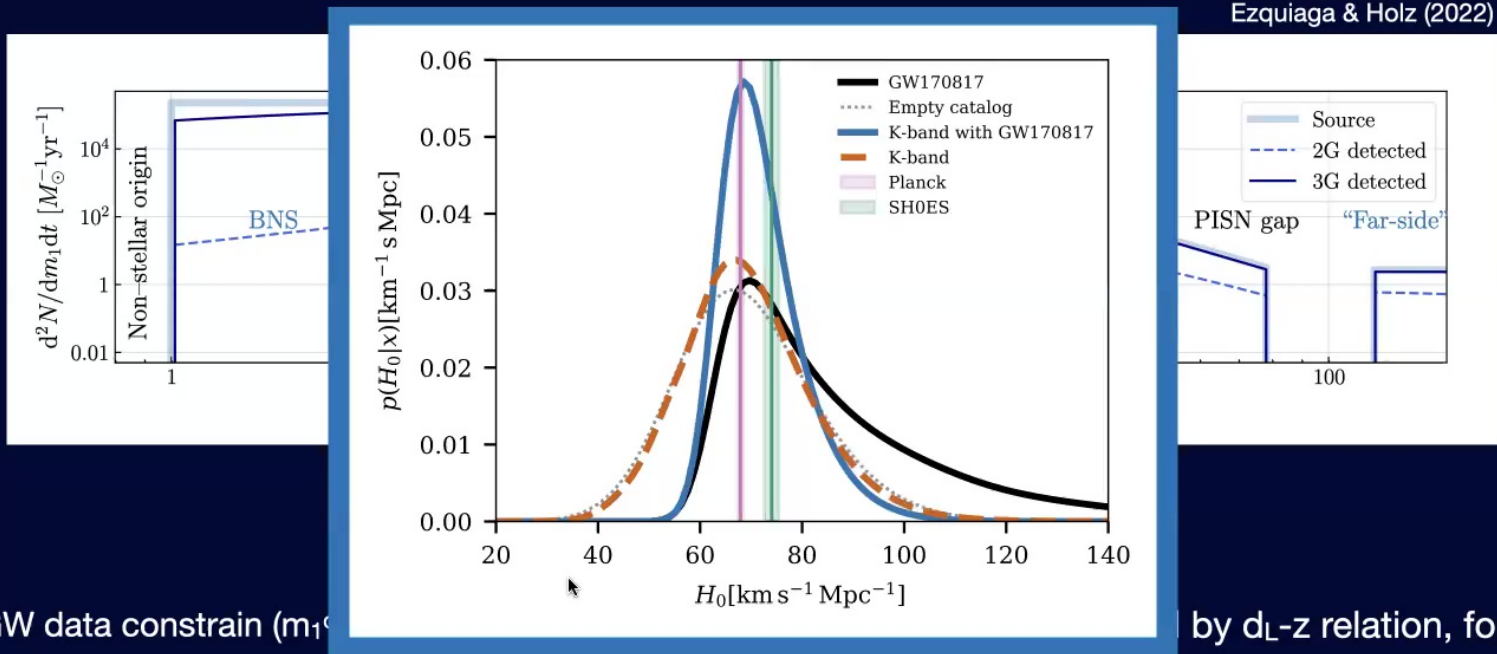
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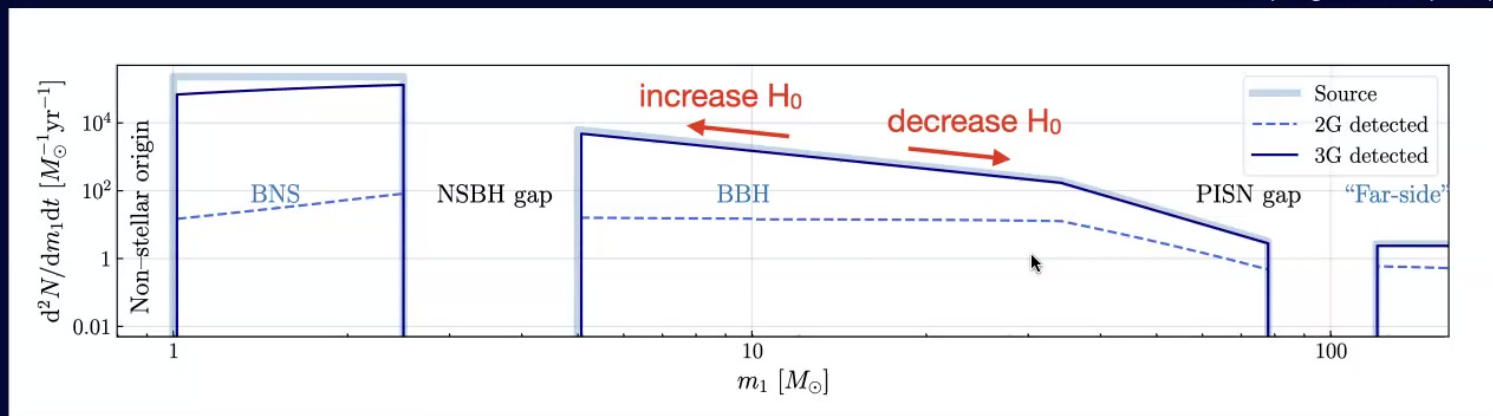
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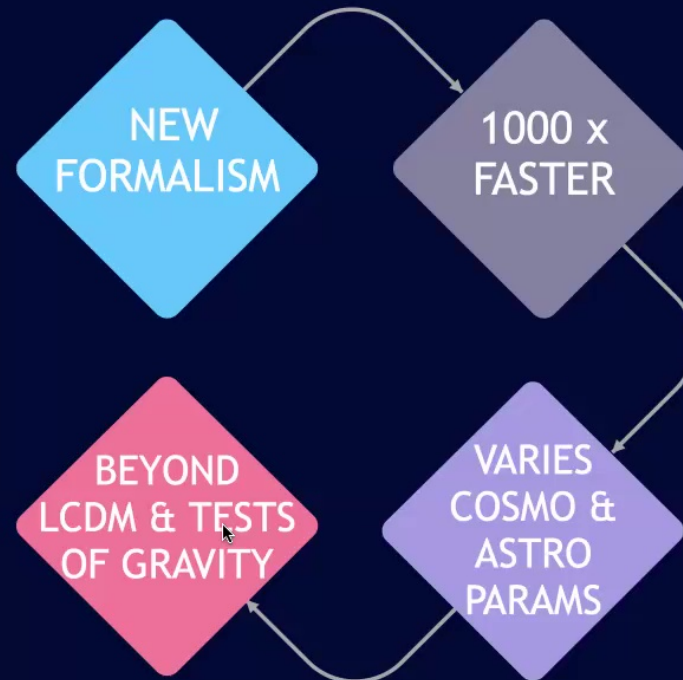
# Dark Sirens – the holy grail



Sample a combined likelihood for all astrophysical and cosmological parameters.



Stop press!



Two codes can now do this:

**gwcsmo** (Gray et al.)

and

**IcaroGW** (Mastrogiovanni et al.)

Look out for our results in O4....

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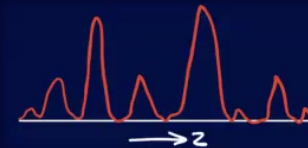
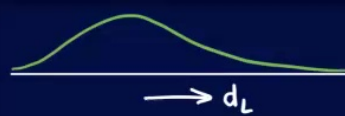
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# Tests of Gravity with GWs



'Infinite LIGO Dreams'  
Penelope Cowley



# Dark Siren Tests of Gravity

Deviations from GR affect GW luminosity distances:

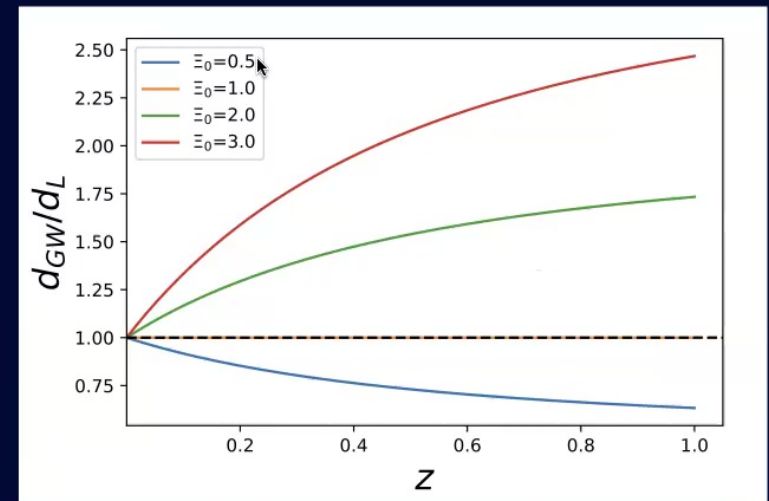
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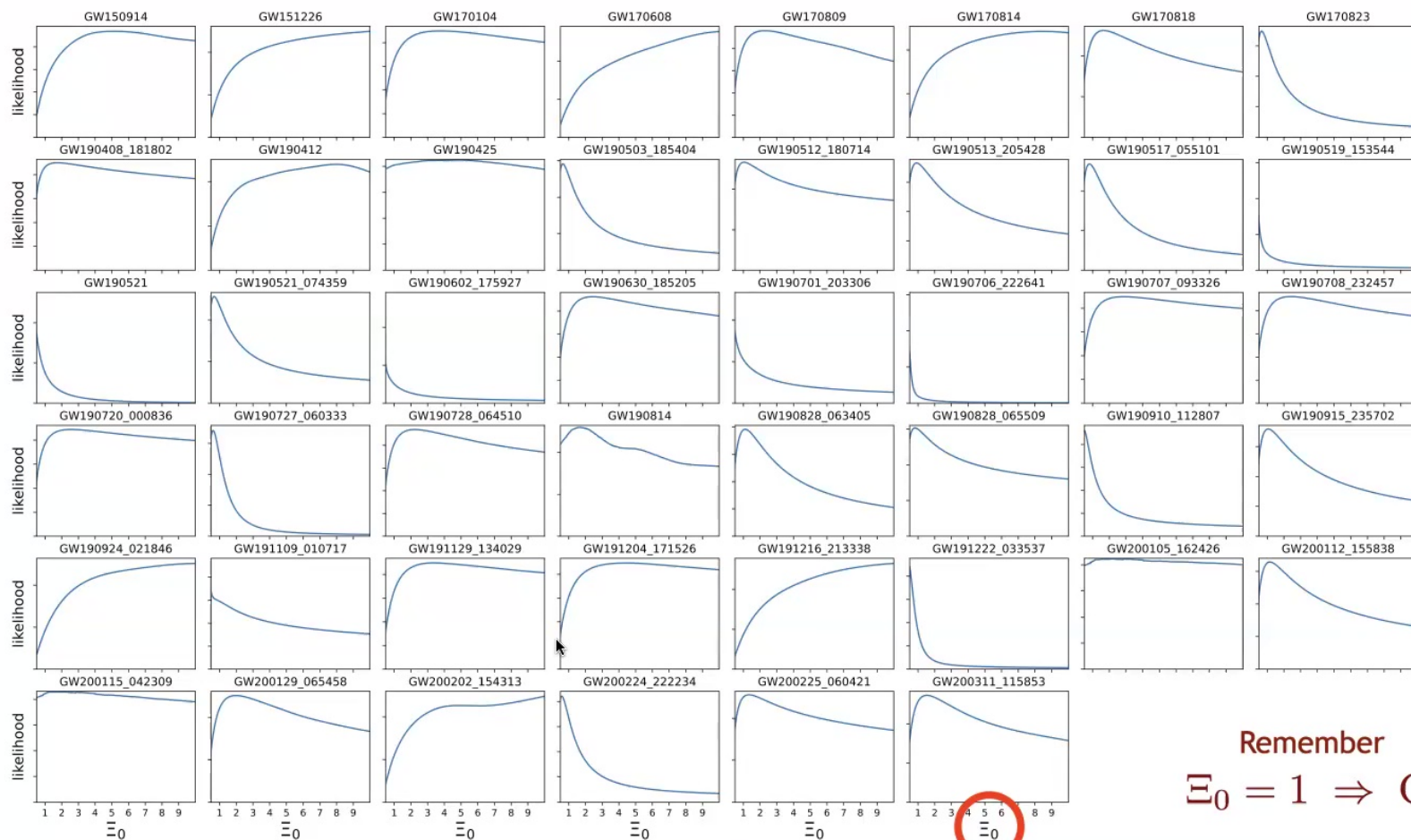
GW Luminosity distance  
parameterisation

Belgacem et al. (2018)

$$\frac{d_{\text{GW}}}{d_L} = \Xi_0 + \frac{(1 - \Xi_0)}{(1 + z)^n}$$



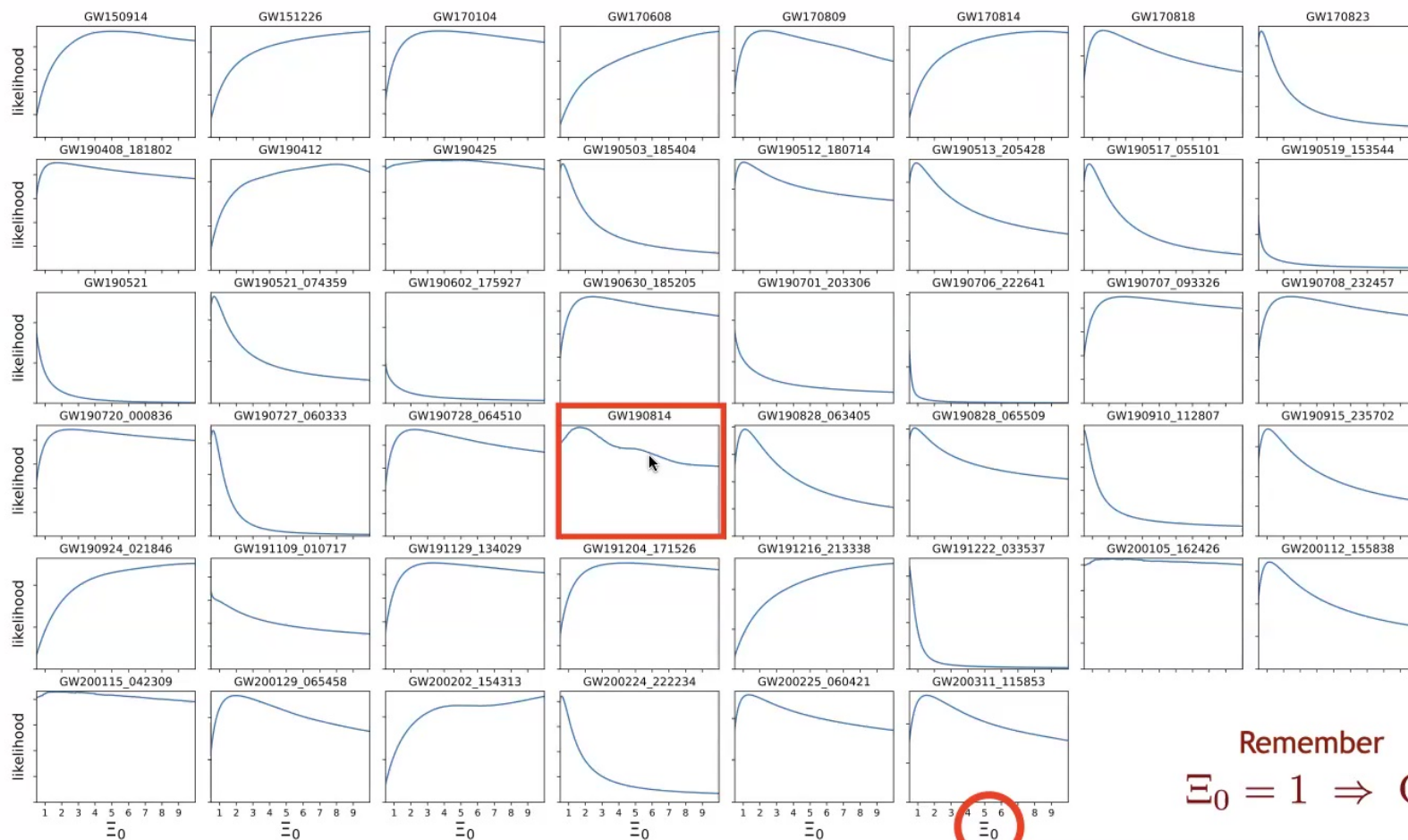
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Fig: A. Chen

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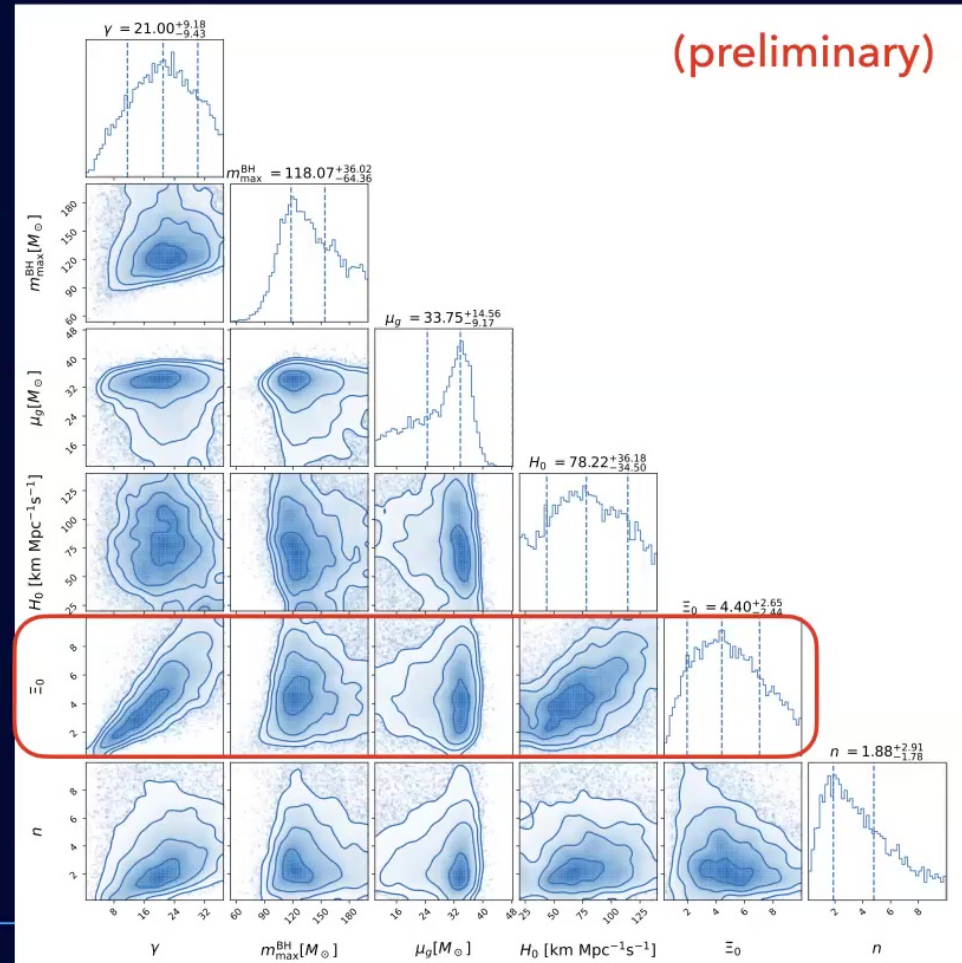


Figure: Anson Chen

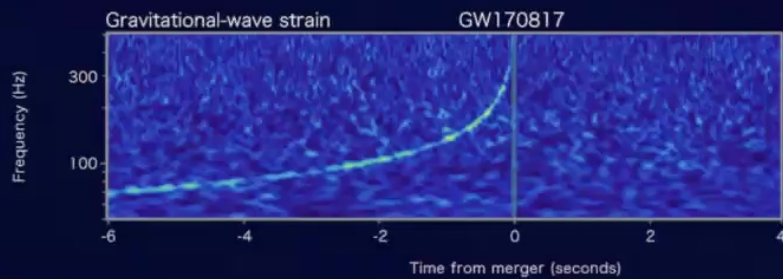
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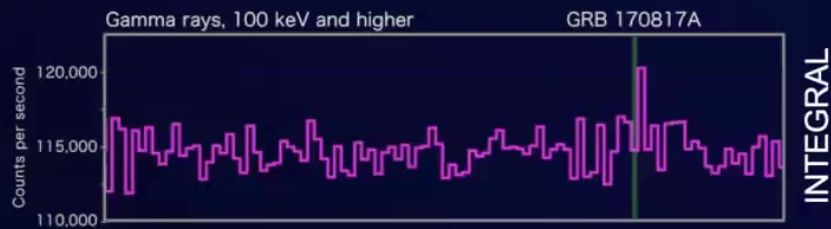
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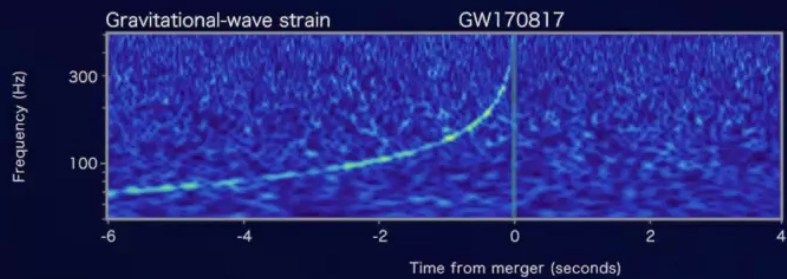
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- Claim — this ruled out a lot of **Horndeski** theories.

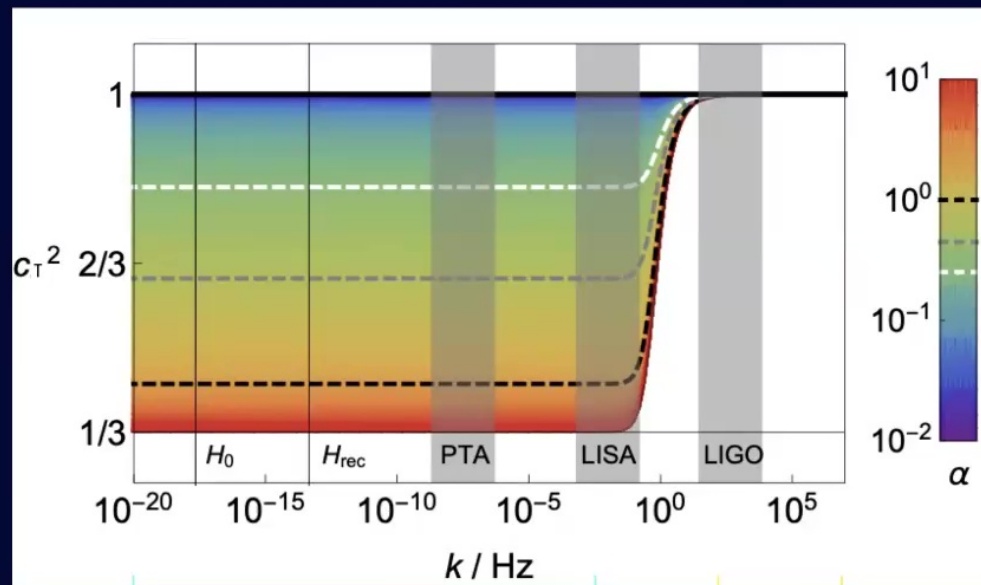
Horndeski = general ‘parent theory’ of all\* gravity models with scalar fields

\*slight oversimplification

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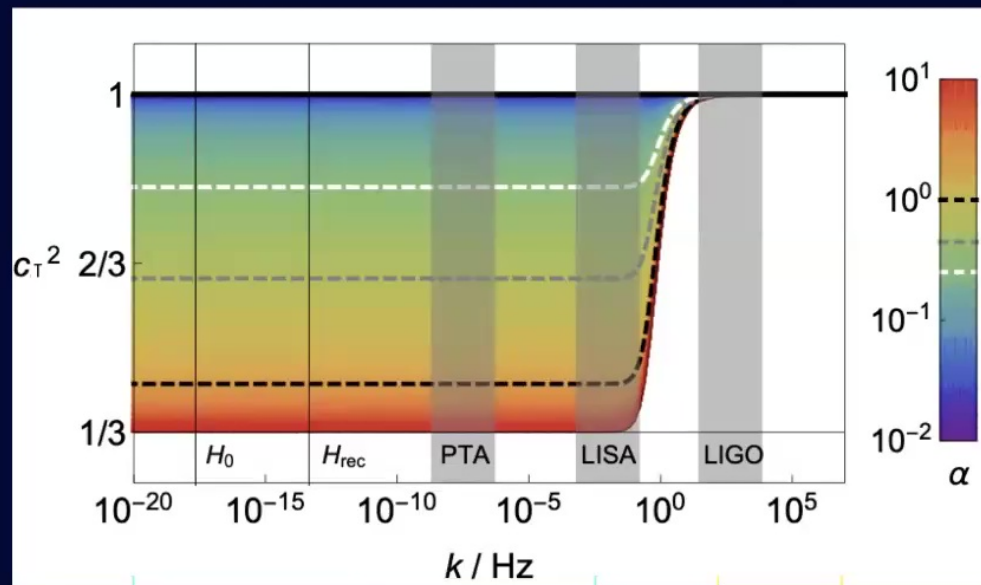
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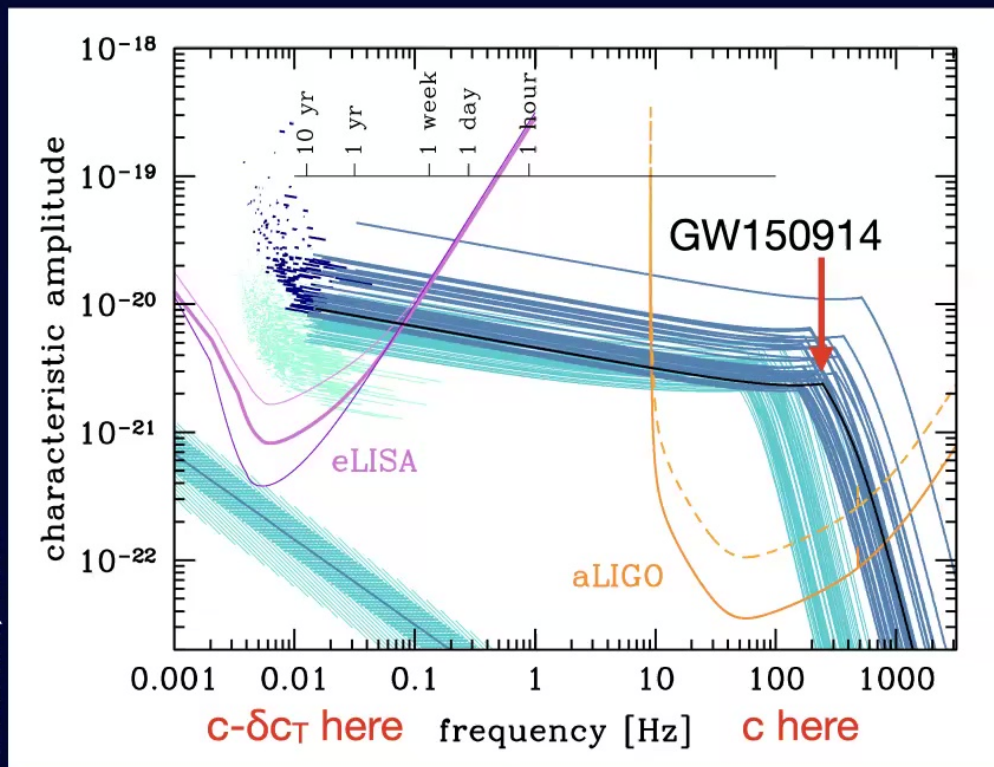
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- So the question of GW propagation speed *at low frequencies* is back on the table...



# Constraints from Multiband Sources



A. Sesana, 2016

A change in the speed of propagation causes a shift in coalescence time of the binary:

$$t - t_c = \tau_{\text{GR}} + \frac{D}{c} \frac{\delta c_T}{c} + \text{subleading corrections}$$

Large (~ billion years)

Tiny, e.g.  $10^{-15}$

- Overall shift of 2 mins in coalescence time
- Constraint on  $\delta c_T/c \sim 10^{-15}$

# Conclusions

