

# Potential biases and prospects for the Hubble constant estimation from a joint EM and GW analysis of neutron star merger

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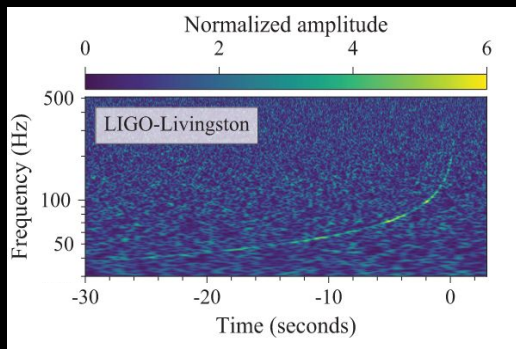
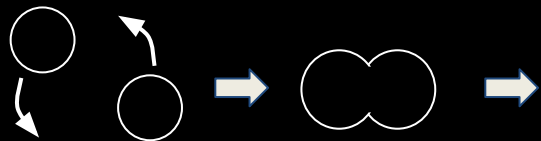
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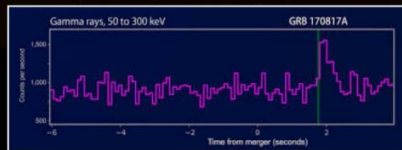
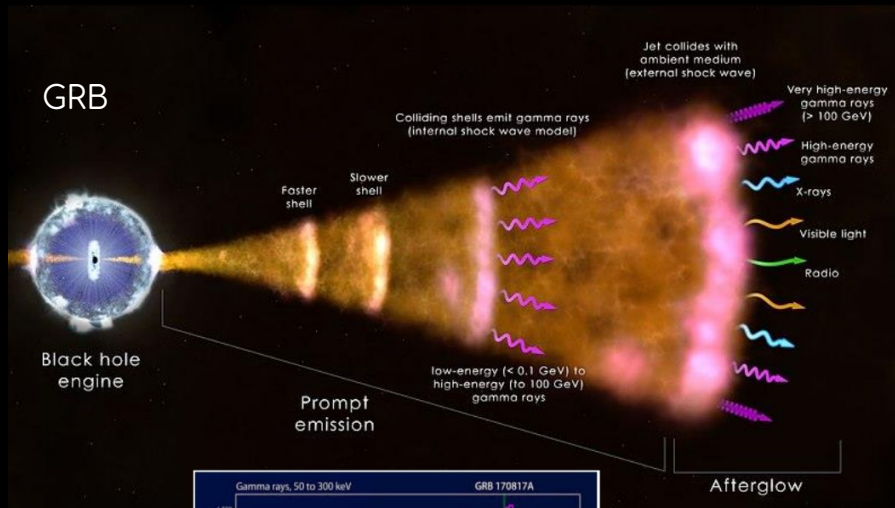
# GW170817 and GRB 170817A

Neutron stars spiralizing

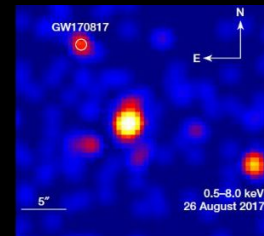
Merger



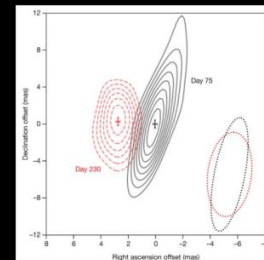
Gravitational Wave, *Abbott et al, 2017*



Fermi and INTEGRAL

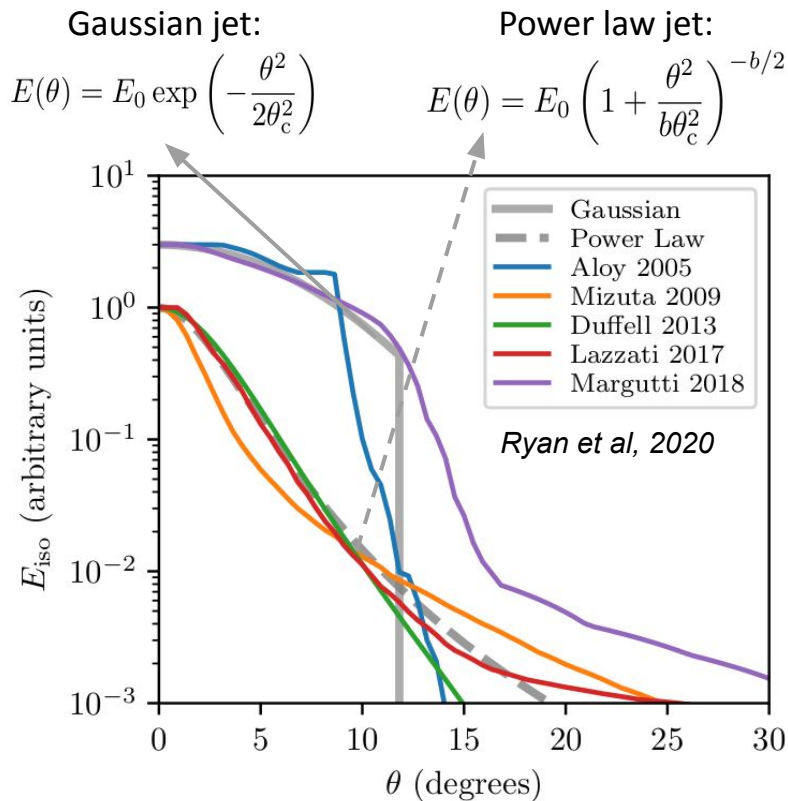


Chandra observations *Troja et al, 2017*



VLBI at 4.5 GHz *Mooley et al, 2017*

# GW170817 afterglow modeling



•Model: **afterglowpy** (*Ryan et al, 2020*)

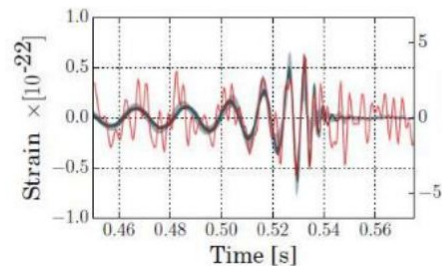
- $\theta_V$  Jet orientation
- $\theta_c$  Opening angle of the jet
- $E_0$  Isotropic equivalent energy
- $n_0$  homogeneous circumburst medium number density
- $\theta_W$  Jet total width
- $p$  power-law slope of the electron population
- $\epsilon_e$  fraction of post-shock internal energy in the accelerated electron population
- $\epsilon_B$  fraction of post-shock internal energy in magnetic field
- $b$  power law index (only for power law jet)
- $d_L$  luminosity distance

# GW modeling

Intrinsic	1	$\mathcal{M}$	Chirp mass	} or {	$m_1$	Mass 1
	2	$q$	Mass ratio		$m_2$	Mass 2
	3	$a_1$	Spin amplitude 1			
	4	$a_2$	Spin amplitude 2			
	5	$\theta_1$	Tilt angle between the spin 1 and the orbital angular momentum			
	6	$\theta_2$	Tilt angle between the spin 2 and the orbital angular momentum			
	7	$\phi_{1,2}$	Azimuthal angle between the spin vectors			
	8	$\phi_{jl}$	Azimuthal angle between total angular momentum and orbital angular momentum			
Extrinsic	9	$d_L$	Luminosity distance	} FIXED to NGC 4993		
	10	DEC	Declination			
	11	RA	Right ascension			
	12	$\cos(\theta_{JN})$	Cosine of the inclination angle	} or {	$\theta_{JN}$	Inclination angle
	13	$\psi$	Polarization angle			
	14	$\phi$	Phase			
	15	$\Lambda_1$	Tidal deformability parameters of the primary neutron star	} or {	$\tilde{\Lambda}$	Dimensionless tidal parameters
	16	$\Lambda_2$	Tidal deformability parameters of the secondary neutron star		$\tilde{\delta\Lambda}$	

$$m_1 \geq m_2$$

$$\mathcal{M} = \frac{(m_1 m_2)^{3/5}}{(m_1 + m_2)^{1/5}}$$



+ 10 calibration parameters for each detector

EM+GW parameters

$$\tilde{\Lambda} = \frac{16(m_1 + 12m_2)m_1^4\Lambda_1 + (m_2 + 12m_1)m_2^4\Lambda_2}{(m_1 + m_2)^5}$$

# GW+EM joint fit and $H_0$ estimation

**Bayes theorem** Posterior =  $\frac{\text{Likelihood} \times \text{Prior}}{\text{Evidence}}$

Likelihood = EM Likelihood x GW Likelihood

↓                      ↓  
Gaussian distributions

In the local Universe

$$v_H = cz = H_0 D_L$$

Local Hubble flow velocity, at the position of GW170817 (*Abbott et al, 2017*):

$$v_H = 3017 \pm 166 \text{ km s}^{-1}$$

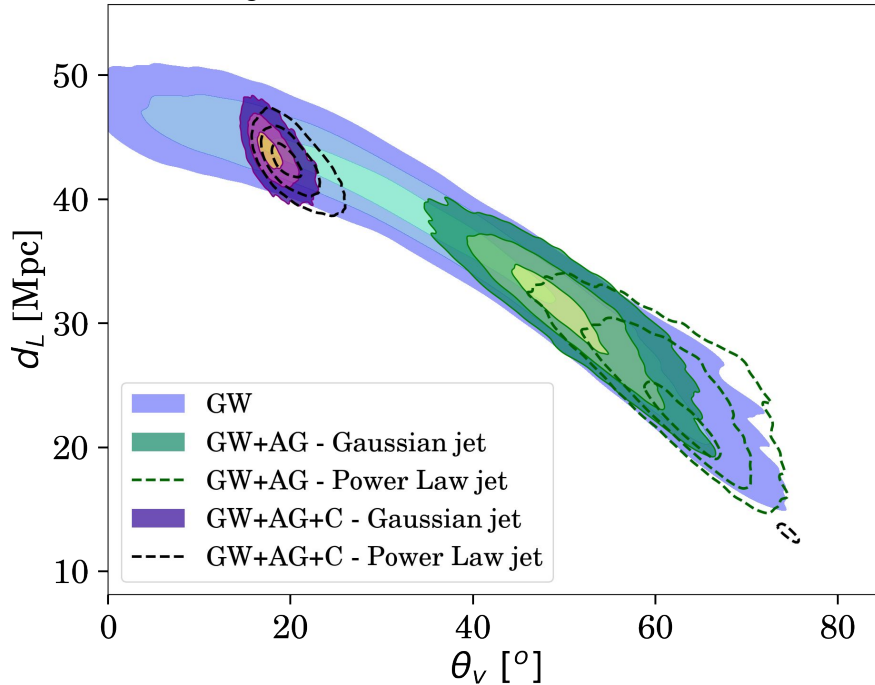
3 sets of parameters:

1. GW-only
2. EM-only
3. **GW+EM:  $\theta_{\nu}$  and  $d_L$**

Only from general theory of relativity  
**NO distance ladders involved !**

# $d_L - \theta_v$ degeneracy

Gianfagna et al, 2023, submitted, arXiv:2309.17073



- Far source
- Binary orbit facing Earth
- Close source
- Highly inclined

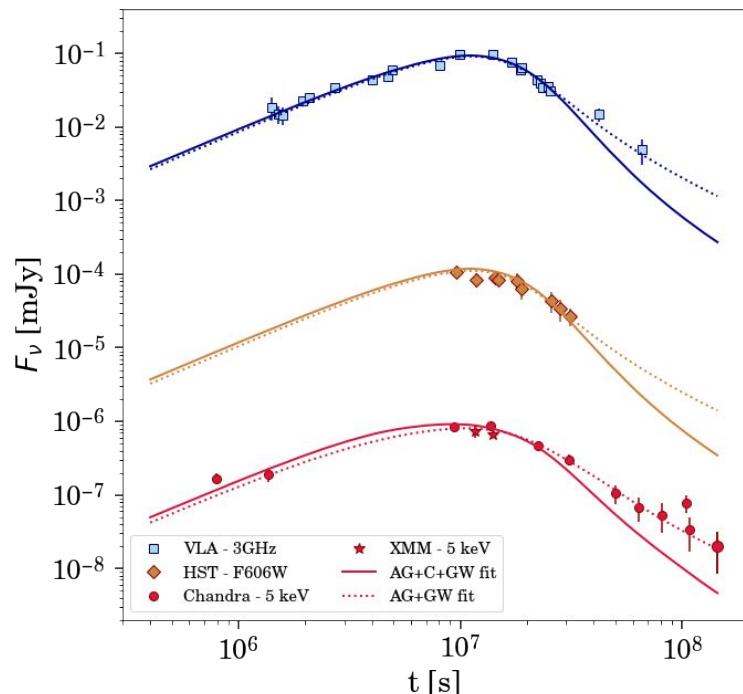
$$\text{GW-only: } H_0 = 77_{-10}^{+21} \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

How to break this degeneracy?

EM dataset: **Afterglow (AG)** light curve

**=> GW+AG fit**

# GW+AG analysis

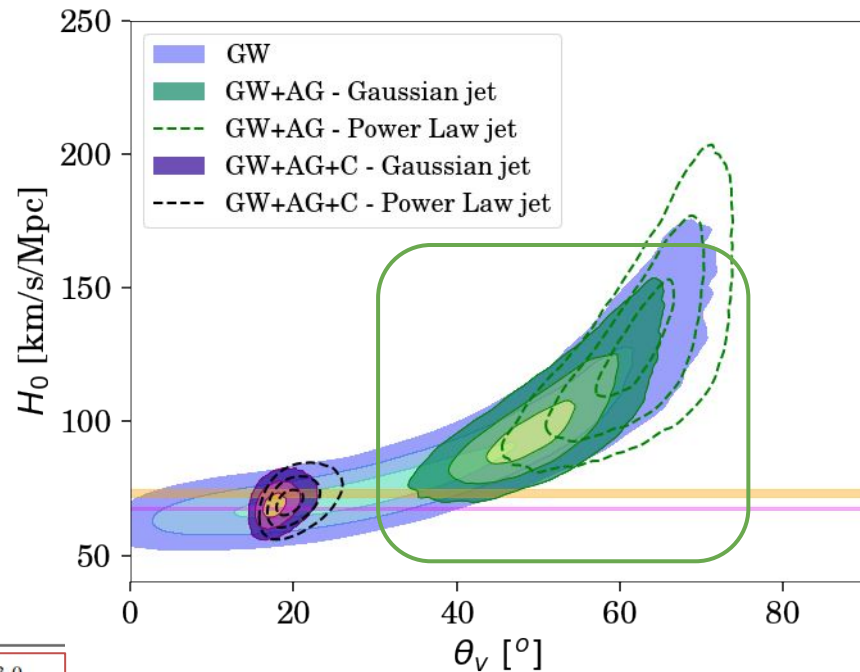


**Afterglow light curve**

Observations in X-rays, optical and radio bands

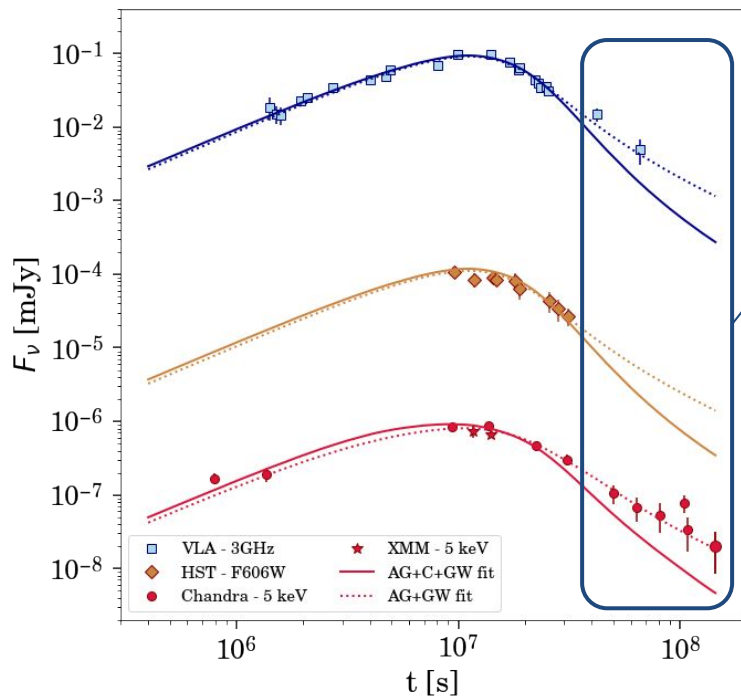


$d_L$ [Mpc]	$31.3^{+3.0}_{-3.6}$
$\theta_v$ [deg]	$50^{+5}_{-5}$
$\theta_{JN}$ [deg]	$130^{+5}_{-5}$



$$H_0 = 96^{+13}_{-10} \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

# Why is the afterglow not enough?

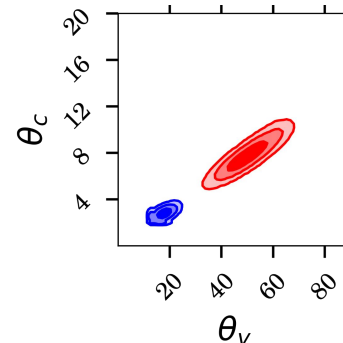


Excess in the flux at late times?



There are other degeneracies (proper of the light curve modeling) that influence:

$\theta_v$  (viewing angle)  
 $\downarrow$   
 $d_L$  (luminosity distance)  
 $\downarrow$   
 $H_0$  (Hubble constant)



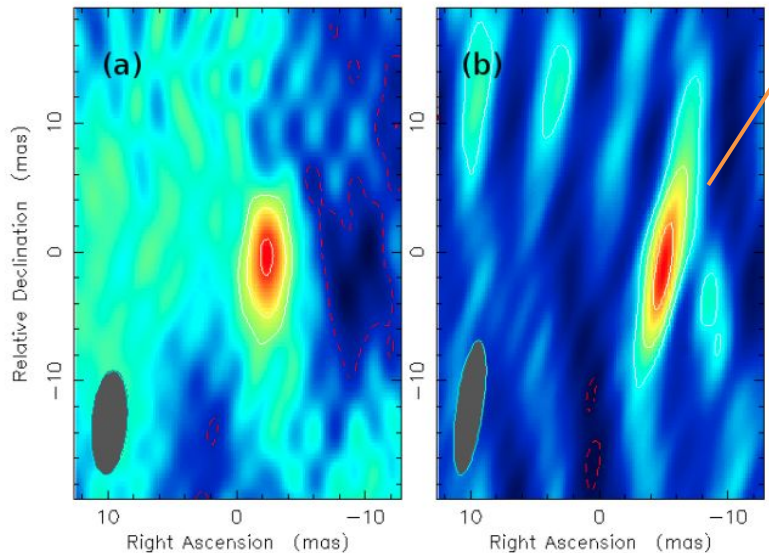
$\theta_c$ : jet opening angle



# GW+AG+C (Centroid) analysis

## Centroid motion of the relativistic jet

Radio Observations taken with VLBI (Very Long Baseline Interferometry)

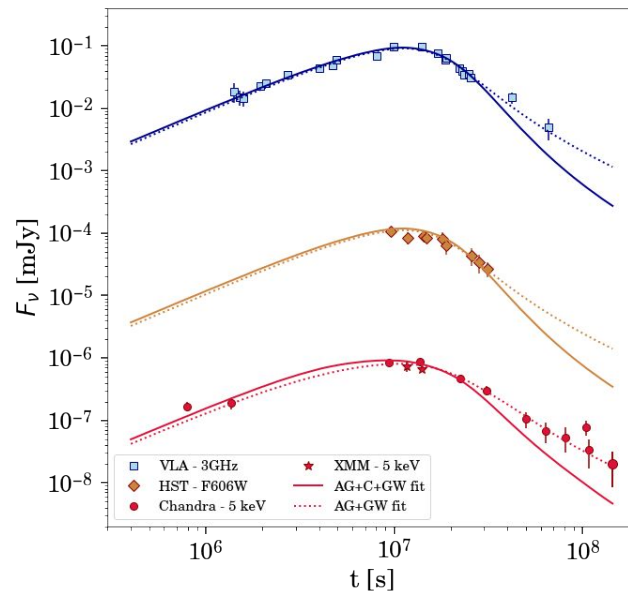


movement of the order of mas

Moodley et al, 2018

75 days

230 days

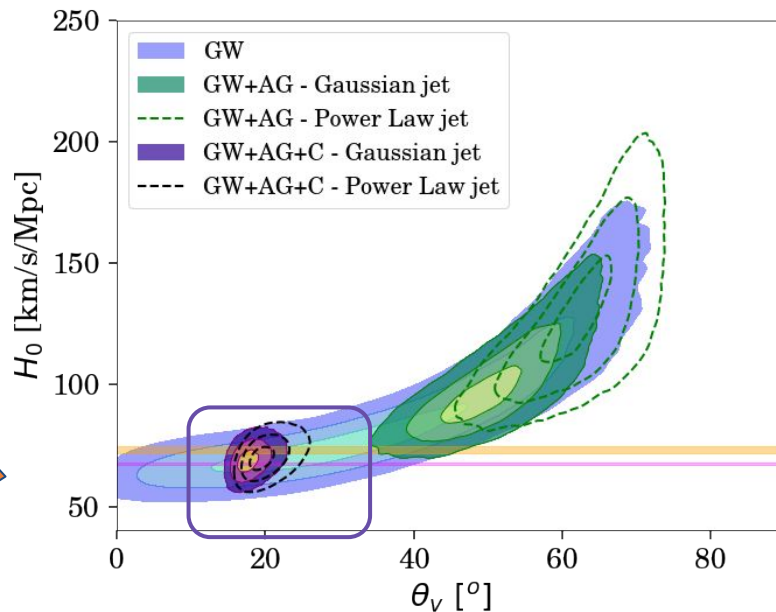
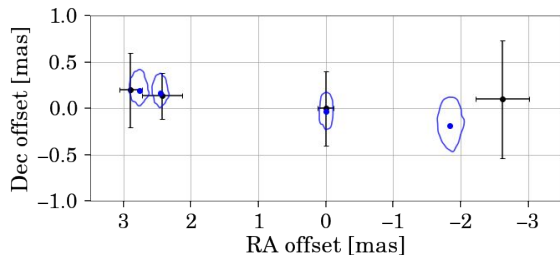
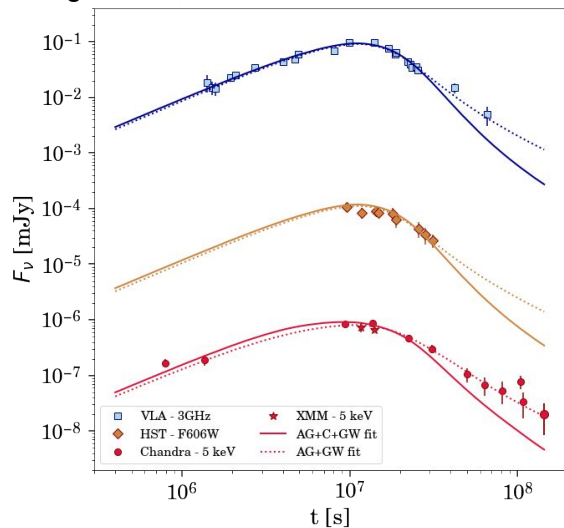


## Afterglow light curve

Observations in X-rays, optical and radio bands

# GW+AG+C: the Hubble constant

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Afterglow shrinks the degeneracy  
Afterglow and centroid **break** it!

$d_L$ [Mpc]	$43.8^{+1.5}_{-1.4}$
$\theta_v$ [deg]	$17.8^{+1.3}_{-1.5}$
$\theta_{1N}$ [deg]	$162.2^{+1.3}_{-1.5}$

$H_0$  results:

GW:

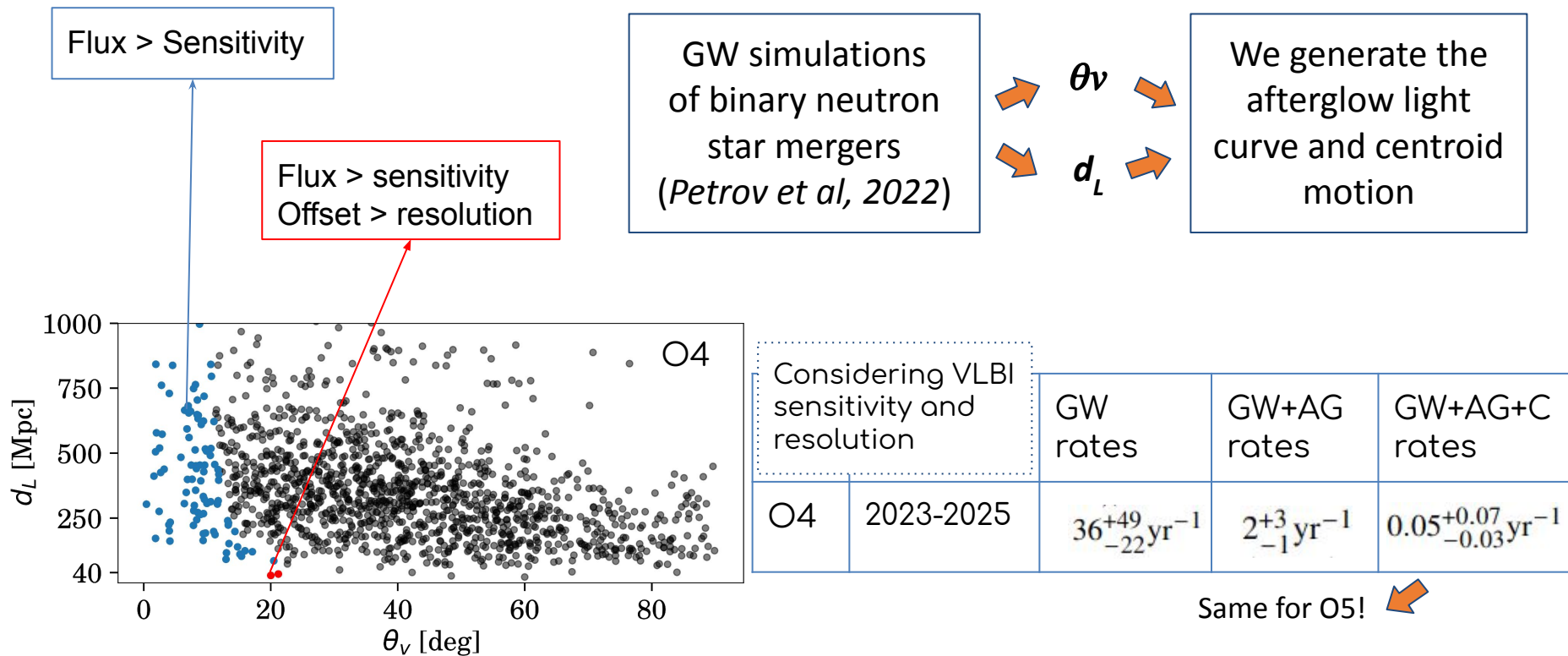
$$77^{+21}_{-10} \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

GW+AG+C:

$$68.9^{+4.4}_{-4.3} \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$



# How likely is a new centroid measurement?



# Conclusions

**Binary neutron star mergers** are interesting events in:

- **ASTROPHYSICS:**
  - Information about the **geometry** of the event and on the **relativistic jet theory**.
- **COSMOLOGY:** estimation of **H<sub>0</sub>**, independently from any distance ladder:
  - GW-only fit: 20% error on **H<sub>0</sub>**, because of  $d_L - \theta v$  degeneracy;
  - GW+AG fit: cut the tails of the degeneracy, but H<sub>0</sub> is high;
  - GW+AG+C fit: degeneracy broken and acceptable H<sub>0</sub>. The **uncertainty** on H<sub>0</sub> is still **large** (~4 km/s/Mpc), with respect to the *Planck* and SHOES measurements (~1 km/s/Mpc);
  - **The more the number of counterparts, the more robust is H<sub>0</sub>.**

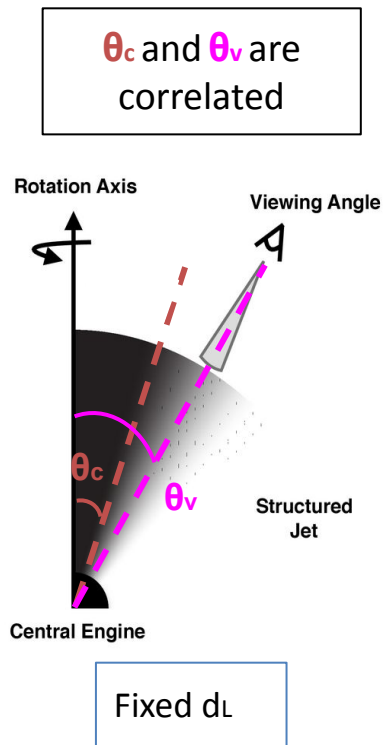
*THANK YOU for your attention!*



# Backup slides

# Previous work

Gianfagna et al, 2023, [MNRAS](#)



EM fit:

Further the event



Worse the degeneracy

(@ 136.5 Mpc the two angles unconstrained above  $1\sigma$ ).

GW+EM fit:

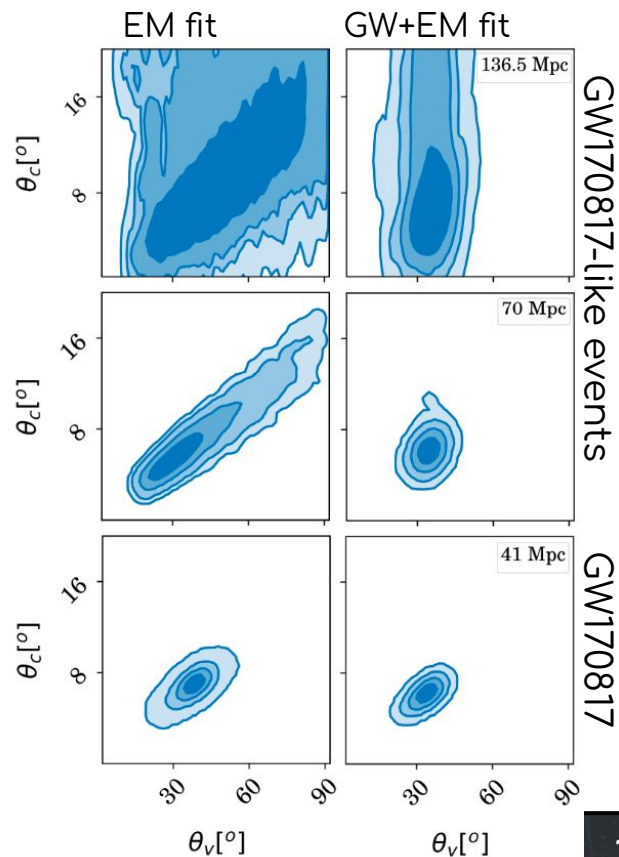
GW acts on  $\theta_v$



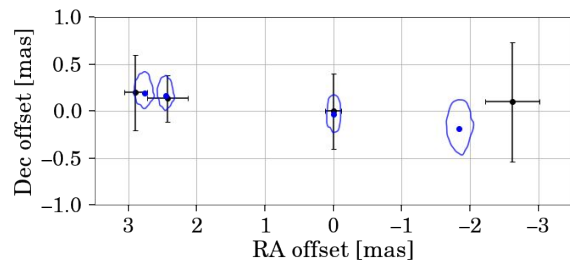
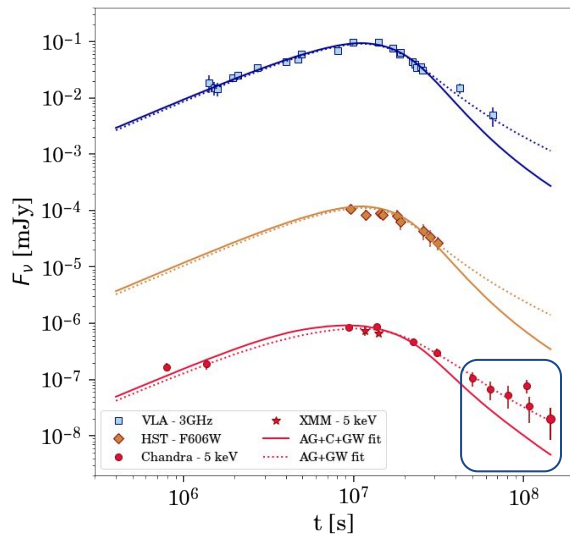
large distance:  $\theta_c$  unconstrained above  $1\sigma$ .

**70 Mpc:** EM dataset can constrain better these angles. Still a strong degeneracy, broken by the GW.

**41 Mpc:** angles already very well constrained, (well sampled light curve), GW domain ease the degeneracy.



# Gaussian jet fit



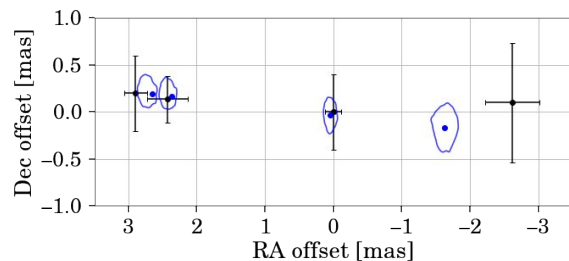
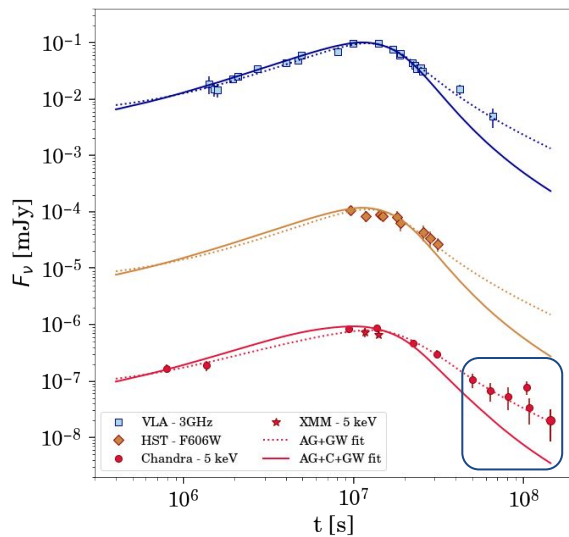
Parameter	GW+AG	GW+AG+C
	GJ	GJ
$\log_{10} E_0$	$52.3^{+0.8}_{-0.8}$	$53.7^{+1.3}_{-1.2}$
$\theta_c$ [deg]	$7.73^{+0.86}_{-0.80}$	$2.80^{+0.25}_{-0.21}$
$\theta_W$ [deg]	$57^{+19}_{-19}$	$47^{+26}_{-25}$
$\log_{10} n_0$	$-0.7^{+0.8}_{-0.8}$	$-2.9^{+1.3}_{-1.1}$
$p$	$2.11^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$2.11^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$
$\log_{10} \epsilon_c$	$-1.7^{+0.7}_{-0.7}$	$-2.7^{+1.0}_{-1.2}$
$\log_{10} \epsilon_B$	$-3.8^{+0.8}_{-0.8}$	$-3.0^{+1.1}_{-1.3}$

$d_L$ [Mpc]	$31.3^{+3.0}_{-3.6}$	$43.8^{+1.5}_{-1.4}$
$\theta_v$ [deg]	$50^{+5}_{-5}$	$17.8^{+1.3}_{-1.5}$
$\theta_{JN}$ [deg]	$130^{+5}_{-5}$	$162.2^{+1.3}_{-1.5}$
$\mathcal{M}$	$1.1975^{+0.0001}_{-0.0001}$	$1.1975^{+0.0001}_{-0.0001}$
$q$	$0.87^{+0.08}_{-0.09}$	$0.87^{+0.09}_{-0.09}$
$a_1$	$0.02^{+0.02}_{-0.01}$	$0.02^{+0.02}_{-0.01}$
$a_2$	$0.02^{+0.02}_{-0.01}$	$0.02^{+0.02}_{-0.01}$
$\theta_1$ [deg]	$81^{+32}_{-34}$	$80^{+34}_{-34}$
$\theta_2$ [deg]	$82^{+35}_{-34}$	$83^{+35}_{-36}$
$\phi_{1,2}$ [deg]	$177^{+122}_{-121}$	$175^{+122}_{-117}$
$\phi_{JL}$ [deg]	$174^{+124}_{-119}$	$175^{+123}_{-119}$
$\psi$ [deg]	$88^{+53}_{-73}$	$90^{+60}_{-61}$
$\Lambda_1$	$274^{+385}_{-187}$	$265^{+348}_{-184}$
$\Lambda_2$	$425^{+534}_{-292}$	$419^{+502}_{-286}$

GW+AG  
 - Large  $\theta_v$   
 - Broader profile  
 - Less energy on  
 the jet axis

GW+AG+C  
 - Small  $\theta_v$   
 - Highly collimated  
 jet  
 - Large energy on  
 the jet axis

# Power law jet fit



Parameter	GW+AG PLJ	GW+AG+C PLJ
$\log_{10} E_0$	$52.1^{+0.8}_{-0.9}$	$53.9^{+1.1}_{-1.2}$
$\theta_c$ [deg]	$5.57^{+0.69}_{-0.62}$	$2.16^{+0.20}_{-0.16}$
$\theta_W$ [deg]	$58^{+18}_{-18}$	$49^{+24}_{-25}$
$\log_{10} n_0$	$-0.4^{+0.8}_{-0.8}$	$-2.4^{+1.1}_{-1.2}$
$p$	$2.12^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$2.12^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$
$\log_{10} \epsilon_e$	$-1.3^{+0.7}_{-0.7}$	$-2.6^{+1.0}_{-1.0}$
$\log_{10} \epsilon_B$	$-3.8^{+0.8}_{-0.8}$	$-3.4^{+1.1}_{-1.2}$
$b$	$7.5^{+1.6}_{-1.1}$	$10.9^{+0.7}_{-1.0}$

GW+AG  
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 - Broader profile  
 - Less energy on  
 the jet axis

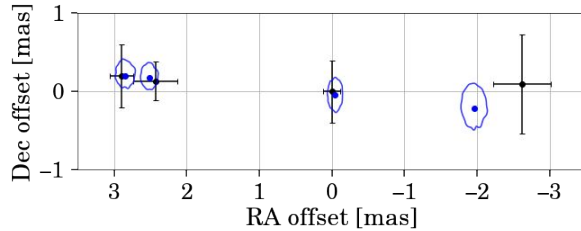
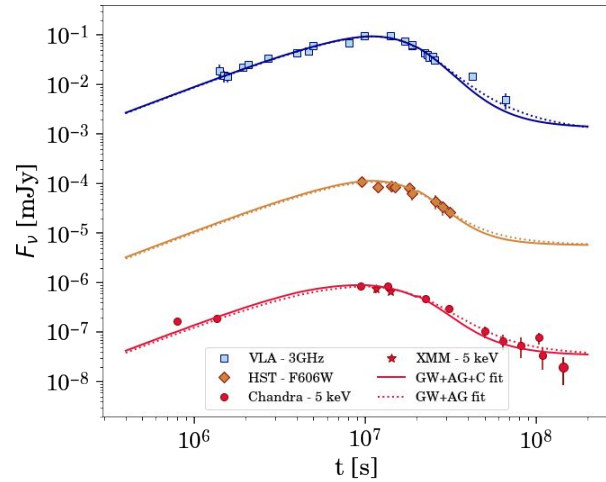
GW+AG+C  
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$d_L$ [Mpc]	$23.7^{+3.8}_{-3.4}$	$43.0^{+1.4}_{-1.4}$
$\theta_v$ [deg]	$63^{+5}_{-4}$	$19.7^{+1.3}_{-1.8}$
$\theta_{JN}$ [deg]	$117^{+5}_{-4}$	$160.3^{+1.3}_{-1.8}$
$\mathcal{M}$	$1.1975^{+0.0001}_{-0.0001}$	$1.1975^{+0.0001}_{-0.0001}$
$q$	$0.88^{+0.8}_{-0.9}$	$0.89^{+0.07}_{-0.08}$
$a_1$	$0.02^{+0.02}_{-0.01}$	$0.02^{+0.02}_{-0.01}$
$a_2$	$0.02^{+0.02}_{-0.01}$	$0.02^{+0.01}_{-0.02}$
$\theta_1$ [deg]	$83^{+33}_{-33}$	$72^{+31}_{-30}$
$\theta_2$ [deg]	$81^{+34}_{-34}$	$97^{+32}_{-31}$
$\phi_{1,2}$ [deg]	$178^{+118}_{-120}$	$174^{+125}_{-117}$
$\phi_{JL}$ [deg]	$176^{+122}_{-120}$	$180^{+116}_{-121}$
$\psi$ [deg]	$68^{+43}_{-60}$	$89^{+62}_{-62}$
$\Lambda_1$	$280^{+356}_{-193}$	$310^{+345}_{-208}$
$\Lambda_2$	$452^{+533}_{-307}$	$451^{+495}_{-302}$

Same as Gaussian jet !



# Gaussian jet with constant component



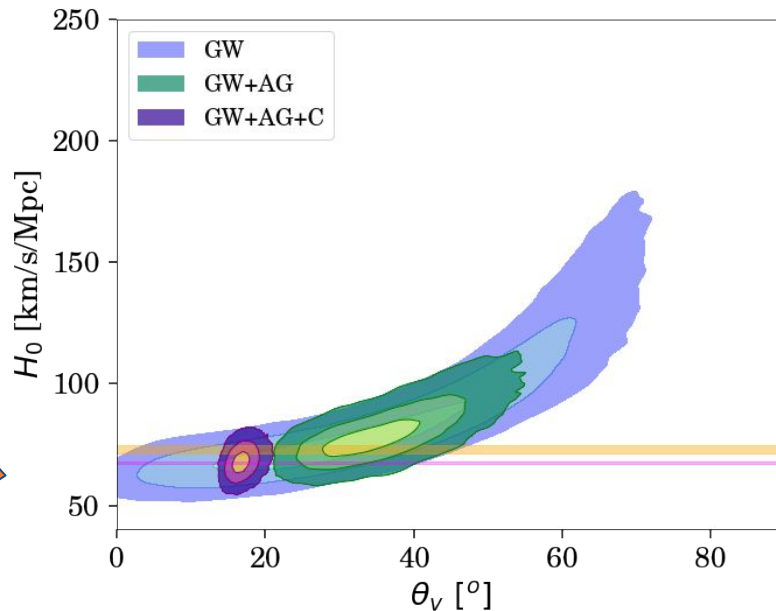
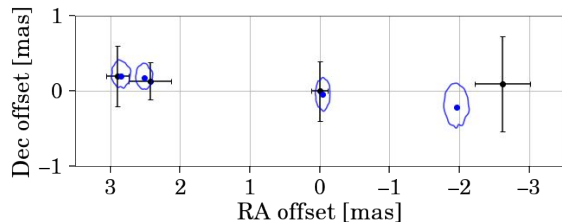
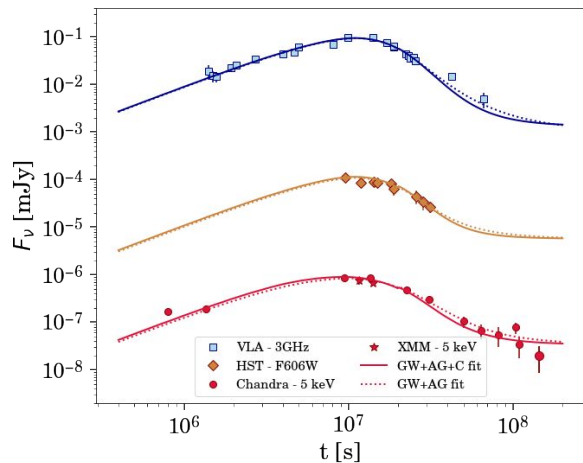
Parameter	GW+AG	GW+AG+C
	GJ + Constant	GJ + Constant
$\log_{10} E_0$	$52.8^{+0.90}_{-0.86}$	$53.9^{+1.2}_{-1.2}$
$\theta_c$ [deg]	$5.37^{+0.97}_{-0.87}$	$2.59^{+0.20}_{-0.18}$
$\theta_W$ [deg]	$52^{+22}_{-21}$	$48^{+25}_{-26}$
$\log_{10} n_0$	$-1.4^{+0.9}_{-0.9}$	$-2.7^{+1.2}_{-1.2}$
$p$	$2.12^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$	$2.12^{+0.01}_{-0.01}$
$\log_{10} \epsilon_c$	$-1.9^{+0.8}_{-0.8}$	$-2.9^{+1.1}_{-1.1}$
$\log_{10} \epsilon_B$	$-3.6^{+0.8}_{-0.9}$	$-3.2^{+1.2}_{-1.2}$
$c_{\text{radio}}$	$-2.99^{+0.23}_{-0.20}$	$-2.89^{+0.24}_{-0.25}$
$c_{\text{optical}}$	$-5.25^{+0.23}_{-0.22}$	$-5.24^{+0.24}_{-0.23}$
$c_{\text{X-rays}}$	$-7.48^{+0.05}_{-0.03}$	$-7.48^{+0.09}_{-0.10}$
$d_L$ [Mpc]	$38.6^{+2.5}_{-3.0}$	$44.7^{+1.4}_{-1.4}$
$\theta_v$ [deg]	$35.2^{+5.7}_{-6.2}$	$16.8^{+1.1}_{-1.2}$
$\theta_{JN}$ [deg]	$144.8^{+5.7}_{-6.2}$	$163.2^{+1.1}_{-1.2}$

Constant flux component at late time of the type:

$$F_\nu = F_{\nu, \text{agpy}} + 10^c$$

	$1.1975^{+0.0001}_{-0.0001}$	$1.1975^{+0.0001}_{-0.0001}$
$M$	$1.1975^{+0.0001}_{-0.0001}$	$1.1975^{+0.0001}_{-0.0001}$
$q$	$0.87^{+0.08}_{-0.09}$	$0.87^{+0.08}_{-0.09}$
$a_1$	$0.02^{+0.02}_{-0.01}$	$0.02^{+0.02}_{-0.01}$
$a_2$	$0.02^{+0.02}_{-0.02}$	$0.02^{+0.02}_{-0.01}$
$\theta_1$ [deg]	$79^{+34}_{-32}$	$82^{+33}_{-34}$
$\theta_2$ [deg]	$82^{+34}_{-36}$	$83^{+34}_{-35}$
$\phi_{1,2}$ [deg]	$178^{+117}_{-119}$	$176^{+124}_{-119}$
$\phi_{JL}$ [deg]	$6177^{+120}_{-121}$	$174^{+123}_{-120}$
$\psi$ [deg]	$90^{+61}_{-65}$	$91^{+61}_{-62}$
$\Lambda_1$	$268^{+333}_{-179}$	$270^{+344}_{-184}$
$\Lambda_2$	$447^{+537}_{-305}$	$416^{+489}_{-279}$

# Including a constant flux component at late times



Adding a constant flux component at late times shifts  $H_0$  of GW+AG fit

	GW+AG	GW+AG+C
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$\theta_v$ [deg]	$35.2^{+5.7}_{-6.2}$	$16.8^{+1.1}_{-1.2}$
$\theta_{JN}$ [deg]	$144.8^{+5.7}_{-6.2}$	$163.2^{+1.1}_{-1.2}$

$H_0$  results:

GW:

$$77^{+21}_{-10} \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

GW+AG+C:

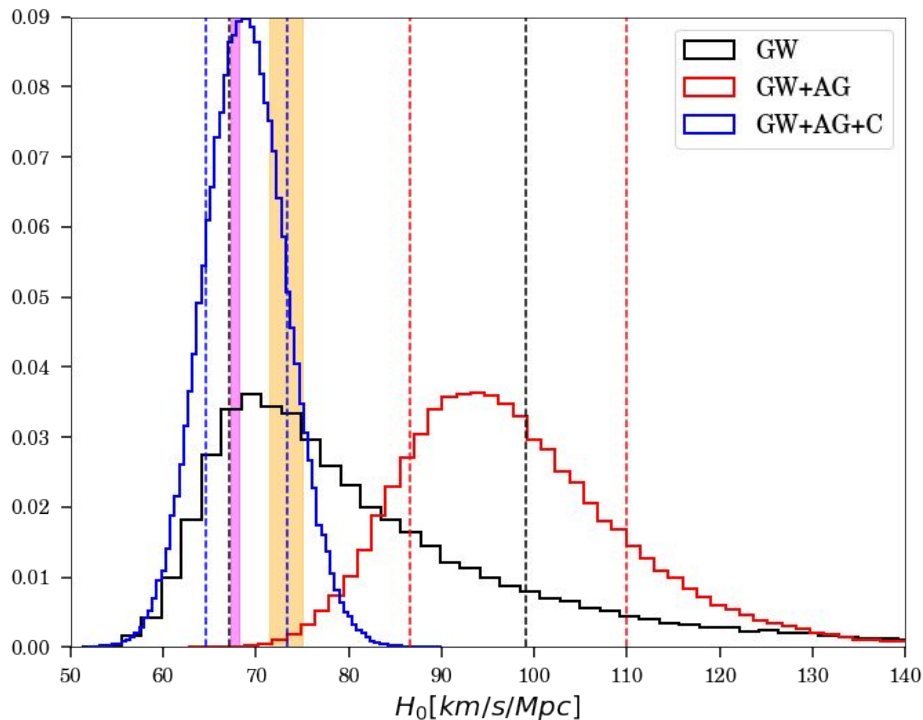
$$67.8^{+4.3}_{-4.2} \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

GW+AG:

$$78.5^{+7.9}_{-6.4} \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$



# $H_0$ posterior



$H_0$  results for Gaussian jet:

GW:  $77^{+21}_{-10} \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$

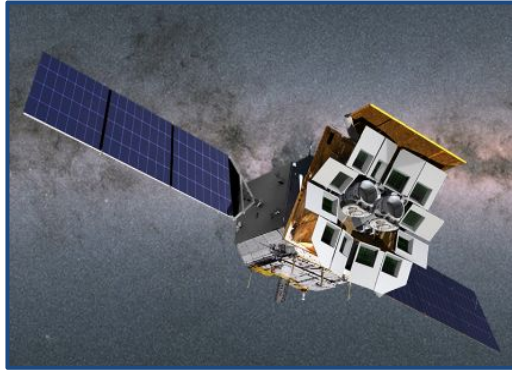
GW+AG+C:  $68.9^{+4.4}_{-4.3} \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$

GW+AG:  $96^{+13}_{-10} \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$

Planck:  $67.4 \pm 0.5 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$

SH0ES:  $74.0 \pm 1.4 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$

# Einstein Probe



Mission of the **Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS)** dedicated to discover **high-energy transients and monitor variable objects**.

Launch: end 2023. Lifetime of 3 years. [Einstein Probe](#) website.

2 telescopes on board:

- **WXT: very large instantaneous field-of-view** (3600 square degrees) achieved by using established technology of novel **lobster-eye optics**. Unprecedentedly **high sensitivity** with respect to previous and existing X-ray all-sky monitors (eROSITA and XMM-Newton). Bandpass: **0.5-4.0 keV**.
- **FXT: X-ray focusing telescope (Wolter-I)** with a larger effective area to perform **follow-up characterization**. It has a **narrow field of view** (60 arcmin in diameter) and a source localization error of 5-15 arcsec (90% c.l.) depending on the source strength. **Bandpass: 0.5-10 keV**.

