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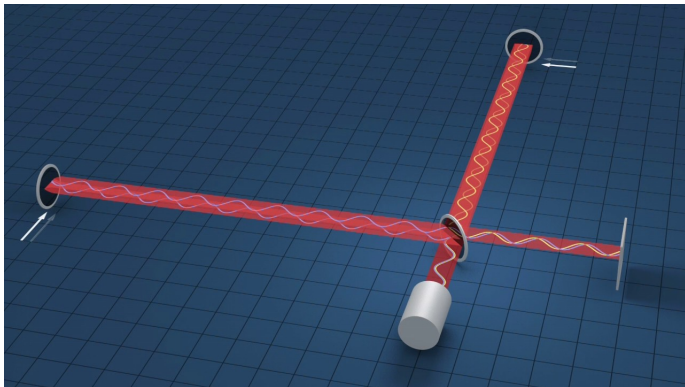
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# LIGO and Virgo (+KAGRA): very precise rulers



Robert Hurt (Caltech)

Light intensity  $\propto$  light travel difference in perpendicular arms

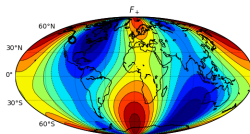
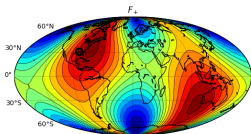
Effective optical path increased by factor  $N \sim 500$  via Fabry-Perot cavities

Phase shift  $\Delta\phi \sim 10^{-8}$  can be measured  $\sim 2\pi N\Delta L/\lambda \rightarrow \Delta L \sim 10^{-15}/N \text{ m}$

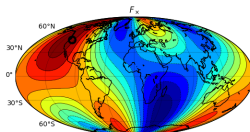
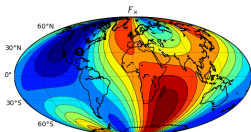
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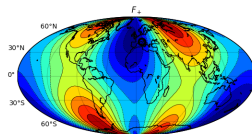
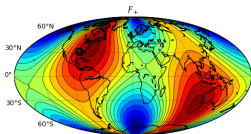
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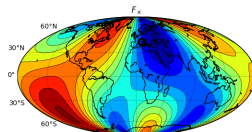
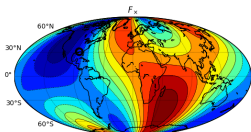
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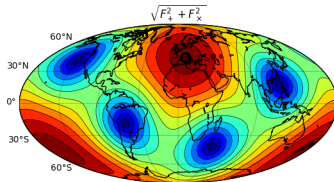
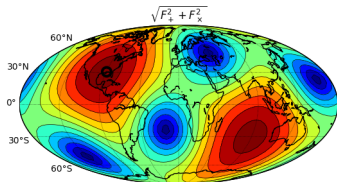
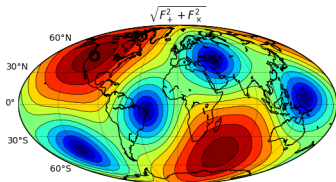
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# Pattern functions: $\sqrt{F_+^2 + F_x^2}$



# The LIGO and Virgo observatories



- Observation run **O1** Sept '15 - Jan '16  
 ~ 130 days, with 49.6 days of actual data, PRX (2016) 4, 041014, **2 detectors**, **3BBH**
- **O2** Dec. '16 – Jul'17 **2 det's** + Aug '17 **3 det's**  
**3(+4) BBH** + **1BNS** in **double (triple)** coinc.
- **O3a**: **3 detectors**, Apr - Sep 2019, 39 dets
- **O3b**: Nov 1st – Mar 27th 2020 → 90 detections
- **O4a**: Ongoing (since May 24th)

# Wave generation: localized sources

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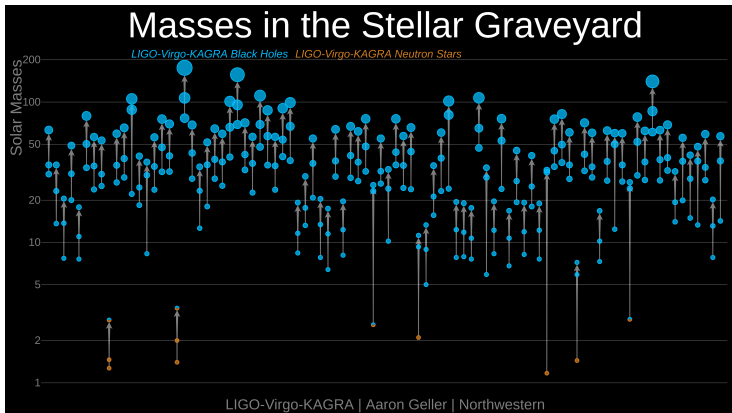
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$h$  sensitive to **red-shifted** masses  $M \rightarrow M(1+z) \equiv \mathcal{M}$

# Stellar ( $< 100M_{\odot}$ ) compact object with known masses



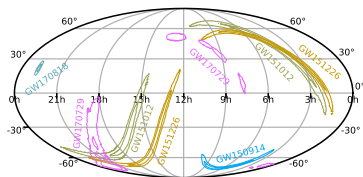
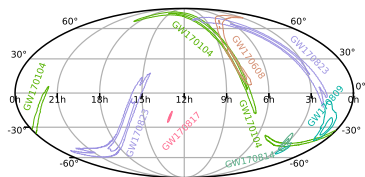
Frequency  $10\text{-}10^3$  Hz determines size of sources

Remnant of GW190521 first **Intermediate Mass Black Hole** ( $> 10^2 M_{\odot}$ )

SuperMassive BHs  $\gtrsim 10^5 M_{\odot}$  (up to  $10^9 M_{\odot}$ )

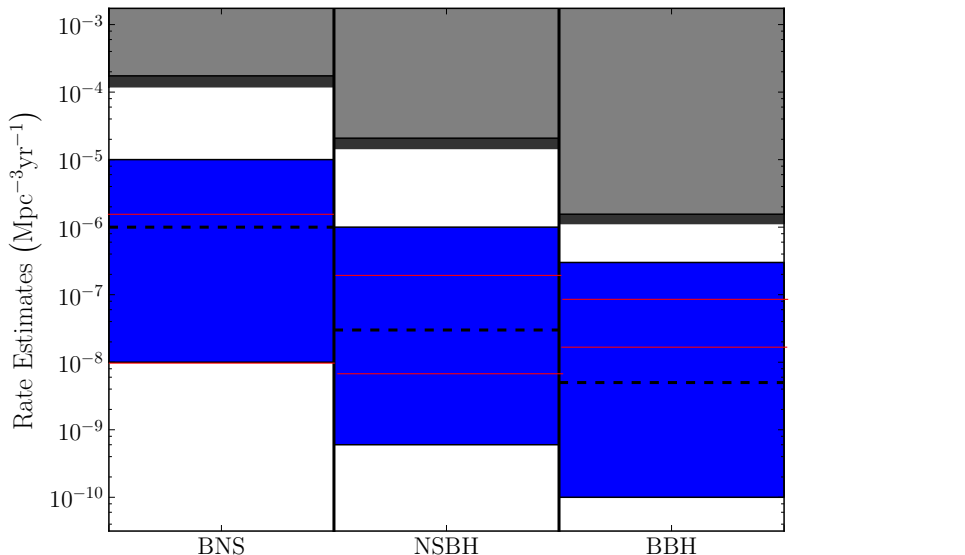


# Sky localization



Distances between 40 Mpc and  $\sim 5$  Gpc ( $\pm 20\%$ )  
 (Milky Way's size  $\sim 30$  kpc)

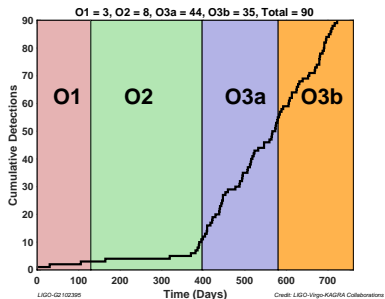
Image by Leo Singer, <http://www.ligo.org>



Astro predictions, measures from O1/O2/O3. Galaxy density  $\sim 2 \times 10^{-2} \text{Mpc}^{-3}$

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# LIGO/Virgo/KAGRA's prospects



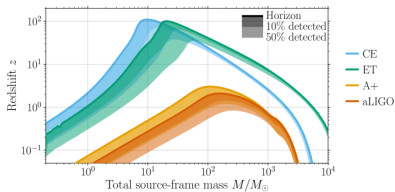
# Future with ET and LISA looks very loud

Future 3rd generation detectors (Einstein Telescope, Cosmic Explorer)/space telescope LISA will detect CBC signals with SNR  $10 - 10^2$ , with few golden events with SNR  $\sim 10^3$ .

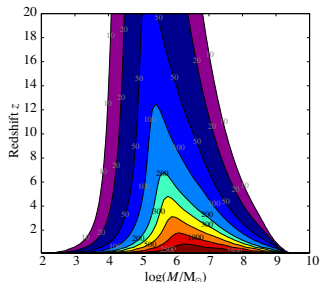
Templates few % accurate OK for characterising a source with SNR  $O(10)$  (typical for LIGO/Virgo)

for SNR  $\sim 10^3$  residual after extracting that source will have SNR  $\sim O(10)$

- 1) biasing parameter estimation
- 2) contaminating the extraction of additional sources.

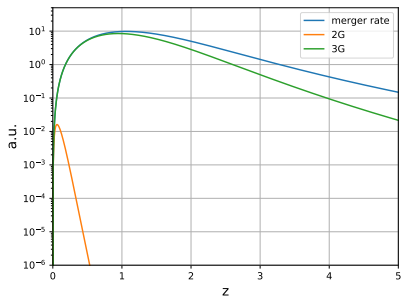


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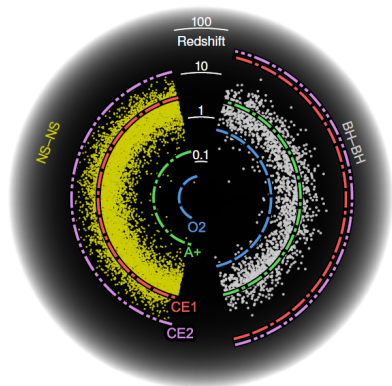


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# How many more?



Leandro, Marra, RS PRD '21



arXiv:1903.04615



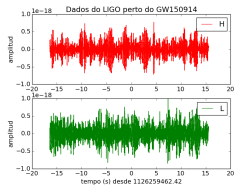
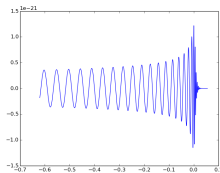
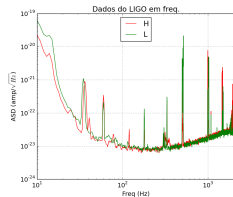
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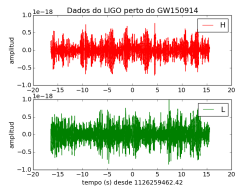
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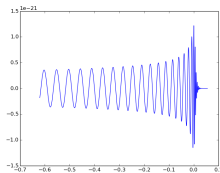
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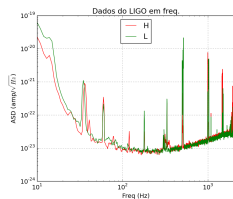
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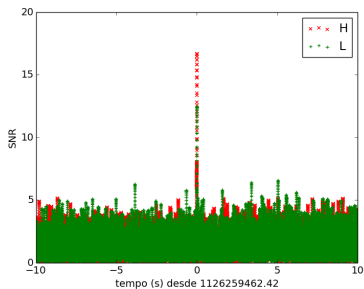
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Data from <https://losc.ligo.org/events/GW150914/>

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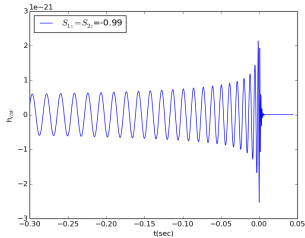
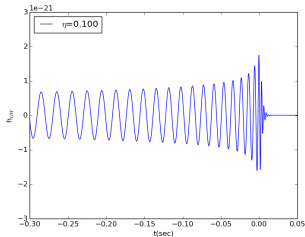
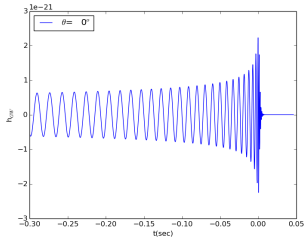
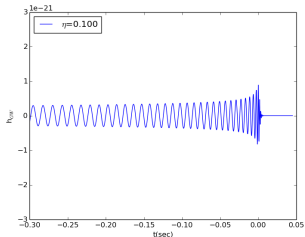
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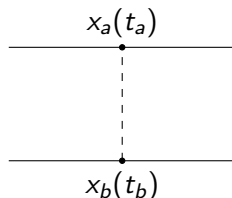
PN Coefficients (absorption  $\sim v^8$ , tidal  $\sim v^{10}$ )

## Looking for source fingerprints

 $M_C$  fixed $M$  fixed

# 1PM potential

Out of different ways of computing 2-body Post-Minkowskian expansion  
e.g. 1PM  $O(G_N^1)$  potential gravity coupled to particle world-lines:



$$V_{PM}^{(1)}(x_a^\mu - x_b^\mu) = G_N T_{\mu\nu}^a T_{\rho\sigma}^b \Delta^{\mu\nu,\rho\sigma} \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{e^{ik^\mu(x_{a\mu} - x_{b\mu})}}{|k|^2 - k_0^2 + \epsilon \text{ terms}}$$



## PM at higher orders

It is a formidable task to go to higher order: complete result so far at 3PM  $O(G_N^3)$  (2PM beyond Newtonian interaction) with “particle physics” approach by

- 1 *Scattering amplitude* method by Bern, Cheung, Roiban, Shen, Solon PRL '19 and partial result at 4PM by

Bern, Parra-Martinez, Roiban, Ruf, Shen, Solon, Zeng 2101.07254

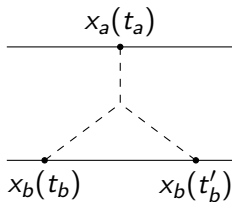
- 2 *EFT+Boundary2Bound* by Kälin, Porto PRL '20

and up to 4PM  $O(G_N^4)$  via the

- 3 “syncretic” *TuttiFrutti* method initiated by Bini, Damour, Geralico, PRL '20

## PM gets complicated

At higher order things rapidly complicate



$$\begin{aligned}
 V^{(2PM)} &\supset G_N^2 m_1 m_2^2 \int d^4 p e^{ip_\mu (x_a^\mu(t_a) - x_b^\mu(t_b))} \frac{p^\alpha p^\beta}{p^2} \int d^4 k \frac{e^{ik^\mu (x_b^\mu(t_b) - x_b^\mu(t'_b))}}{(p-k)^2 k^2} \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

These kinds of “conservative” diagrams computed up to 4PM order

## PN simplifies: Near

- **Near Zone:** consider  $|k| \gg k_0$ , with  $\frac{k_0^2}{|k|^2} \sim v^2$

$$V_{PN-Near} = \int \frac{dk_0}{2\pi} \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} e^{ik_0(t_a-t_b)} \frac{e^{ik \cdot (x_a-x_b)}}{|k|^2} \left( 1 + \frac{k_0^2}{|k|^2} + \dots \right)$$

$k_0$  dependence factorizes  $\rightarrow \int dk_0 k_0^{2n} e^{ik_0 t_{ab}} \sim \frac{d^n}{dt^n} \delta^{(2n)}(t_{ab})$

Near-Zone approximation  $V_{PM} - V_{PN-Near}$  under control for  $k_0^2 < |k|^2$

Effects for  $k_0 \simeq |k|$  are missed: internal gravitons going on-shell

# PN Simplifies: Far

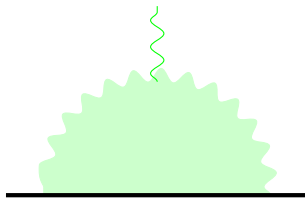
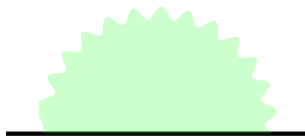
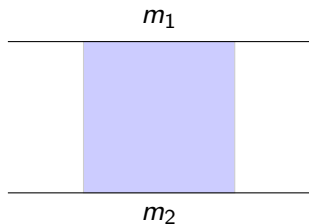
- Far Zone, expand the numerator:

$$V_{PN-Far} \propto \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} e^{ik_0 t_{12}} \sum_n \frac{(ik \cdot x_{ab})^n}{n} \frac{1}{|k|^2 - k_0^2 \pm iak_0(A, R)}$$

$$G_{A,R} = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{\delta(t \pm r)}{r} \quad \tilde{G}_{A,R}^*(k_0) = \tilde{G}_{A,R}(-k_0)$$

- From individual world-lines to multipole expansions  $Q_{i_1 \dots i_n}, L_{i_1 \dots i_n}$  with small parameter approximation  $k \cdot x_{ab} \sim \frac{v}{r} \times r = v$
  - Time-symmetric process determined by  $G_R + G_A$  (see later in this talk)
  - Longitudinal modes are present in Far Zone too, sourced by  $M, P_i, L_i$
- Old friend of particle physicists: **method of regions**

# Near vs. Far zone graphs (topology)



And 1 pt diagrams  $\rightarrow$  radiation  
 In this talk only conservative sector  
**No radiation to  $\infty$**

Interactions at high loop  $\rightarrow$  lengthy expressions, double copy?

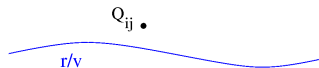
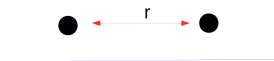
See e.g. Goldberger+ '18, Chen '18, Almeida+Foffa+RS '20

# Fundamental aspects of the EFT formalism

NRGR & PN approximation to GR: Small expansion parameter  $v$ , related to metric perturbation  $v^2 \sim \frac{GM}{r}$

Near zone,  $D \sim r$

Far zone,  $D \gtrsim \lambda = r/v$

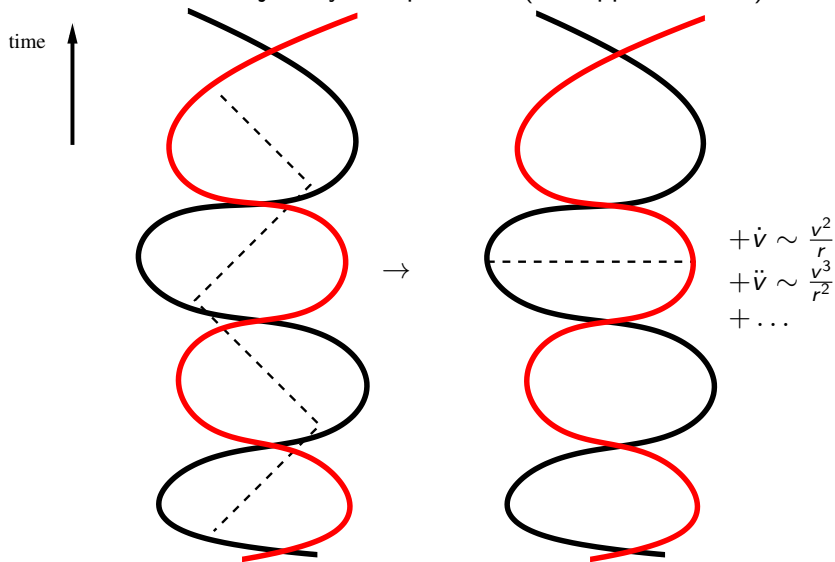


Describe conservative dynamics

conservative + dissipative

EFT framework pioneered by W. Goldberger and I. Rothstein, PRD '06  
for spin R. Porto PRD '06

NR zone trades knowledge over the full trajectory with knowledge of all derivatives of the trajectory at equal time (PN approximation)



# Summary: 2 body dynamics expansions (spin-less)

Post-Minkowskian expansion parameter is  $G_N M/r$ , vs PN expansion

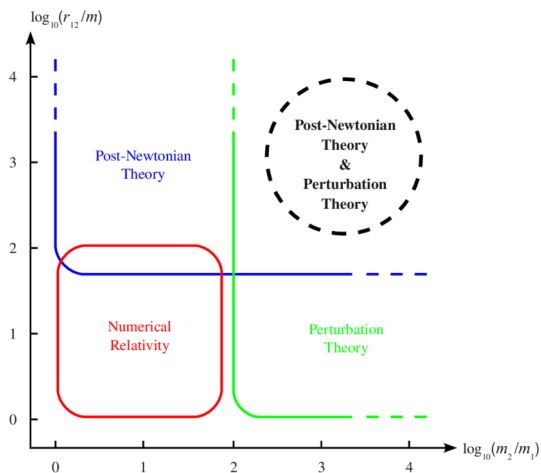
$$\mathcal{L} = -Mc^2 + \frac{\mu v^2}{2} + \frac{GM\mu}{r} + \frac{1}{c^2} [\dots] + \frac{1}{c^4} [\dots]$$

Terms **known** so far

		N	1PN	2PN	3PN	4PN	5PN	...
0PM	1	$v^2$	$v^4$	$v^6$	$v^8$	$v^{10}$	$v^{12}$	...
1PM		$1/r$	$v^2/r$	$v^4/r$	$v^6/r$	$v^8/r$	$v^{10}/r$	...
2PM			$1/r^2$	$v^2/r^2$	$v^4/r^2$	$v^6/r^2$	$v^8/r^2$	...
3PM				$1/r^3$	$v^2/r^3$	$v^4/r^3$	$v^6/r^3$	...
4PM					$1/r^4$	$v^2/r^4$	$v^4/r^4$	...
5PM						$1/r^5$	$v^2/r^5$	...
...							$1/r^6(!)$	...



# Different approximation methods

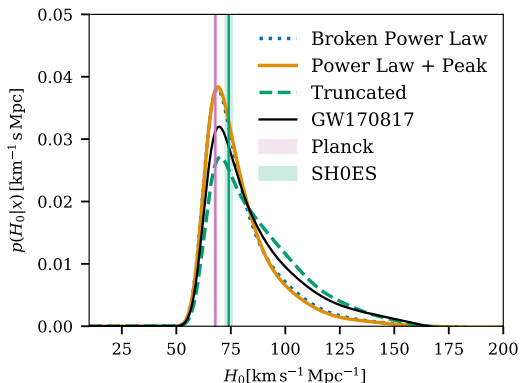


Blanchet et al.  
arXiv:1007.2614

Bini, Damour, Gerialico in PRL ('19)+ completed 4PM dynamics from various input Numerical relativity solution are expensive for large separation (large orbital scale) and large mass ratios (long dynamical evolution time)

# The importance to know distance and redshift

Luminosity distance vs. redshift:  $D_L H_0 = z + O(z^2)$

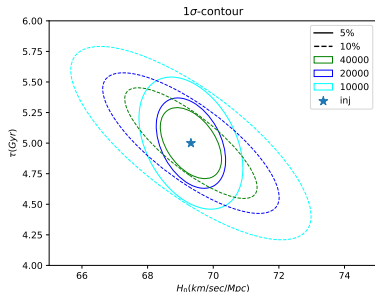
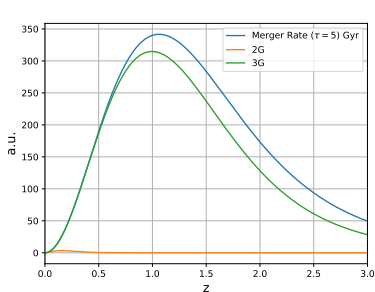


$H_0$  determination from EM bright 1 standard candle and 46 dark ones, short-circuiting with galaxy survey catalog GLADE+ Dályá et al. arXiv:2110.06184

LIGO/Virgo/KAGRA arXiv:2111.03604

# Black sirens

Information also stored in black sirens if *statistical distribution* of merger known (with hyper-parameter  $\tau$ )



Worst prior knowledge of the redshift distribution (modeling merger rate with more hyper-parameters) degrades predictive power of cosmo pars

**Opportunity:** fit cosmology **and** population property

H. Leandro, V. Marra, RS PRD '21

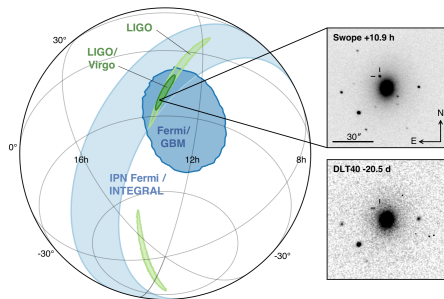


# Conclusion

- Gravitational Wave Astronomy is a young and fast growing science, its impact will go beyond astronomy
- Field theory methods to solve the 2-body problem in GR are being used as efficient tools for computations from first-principle
- Divergences well understood (indeed highly constrained hence helpful for sanity checks)
- For future developments going to higher order will lead to new master integrals, stumbling block for any perturbative method (PN, PM...)

# GW170817

- GW trigger on Aug 17th, 2017, ended at 12h 41' 04.4" UTC, first in in LIGO Hanford, then confirmed as a triple coincidence → localized in an area of  $\sim 28 \text{ deg}^2$
- GRB trigger from Fermi-GBM 1.7" after
- first optical image 10.87 hr afterwards by One-Meter Two Hemisphere team with Swope telescope at Las Campanas Observatory in Chile
- X obtained by the X-Ray Telescope on Swift after 14.9 h (NuSTAR 16.8 h)
- radio ( $\sim 3,6 \text{ GHz}$ ) by VLA 16 days after GW event



LIGO/Virgo & Partner Astronomy groups, *Astrophys.J.* 848 (2017) no.2, L12