

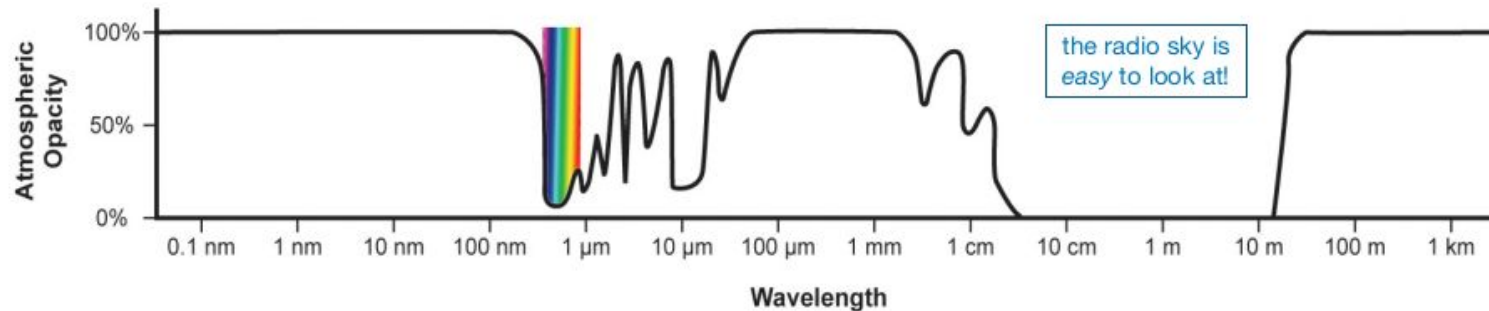
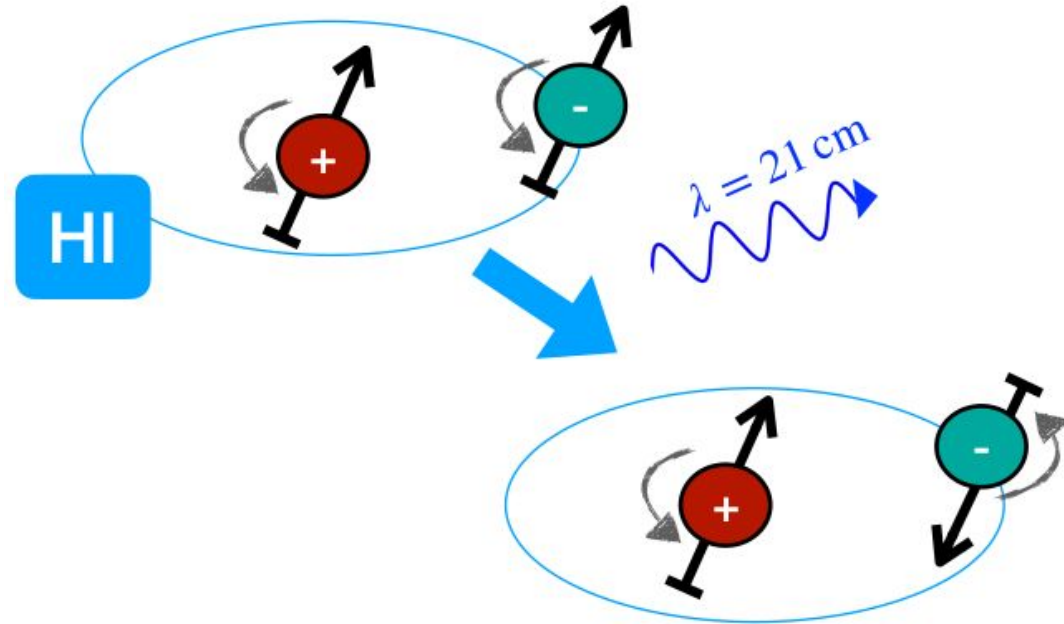
STATISTICAL PROPERTIES OF THE LARGE SCALE STRUCTURES:  
**21cm COSMOLOGY**

For a review: <https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1742-6596/956/1/012003/pdf>  
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# 21-CM RADIATION

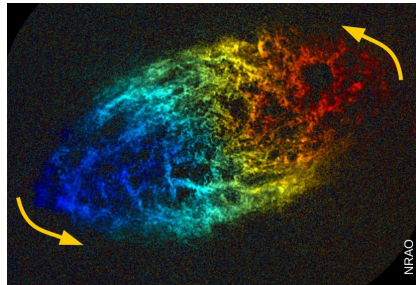
21-cm radiation originates from the hyperfine transition (spin-flip) of the hydrogen atom:

- Strongly forbidden line,  $t_{1/2} \sim 10^7$  yr
- HI very abundant
- Spectrally isolated
- Small obscuration
- Earth's atmosphere is transparent to radio frequencies

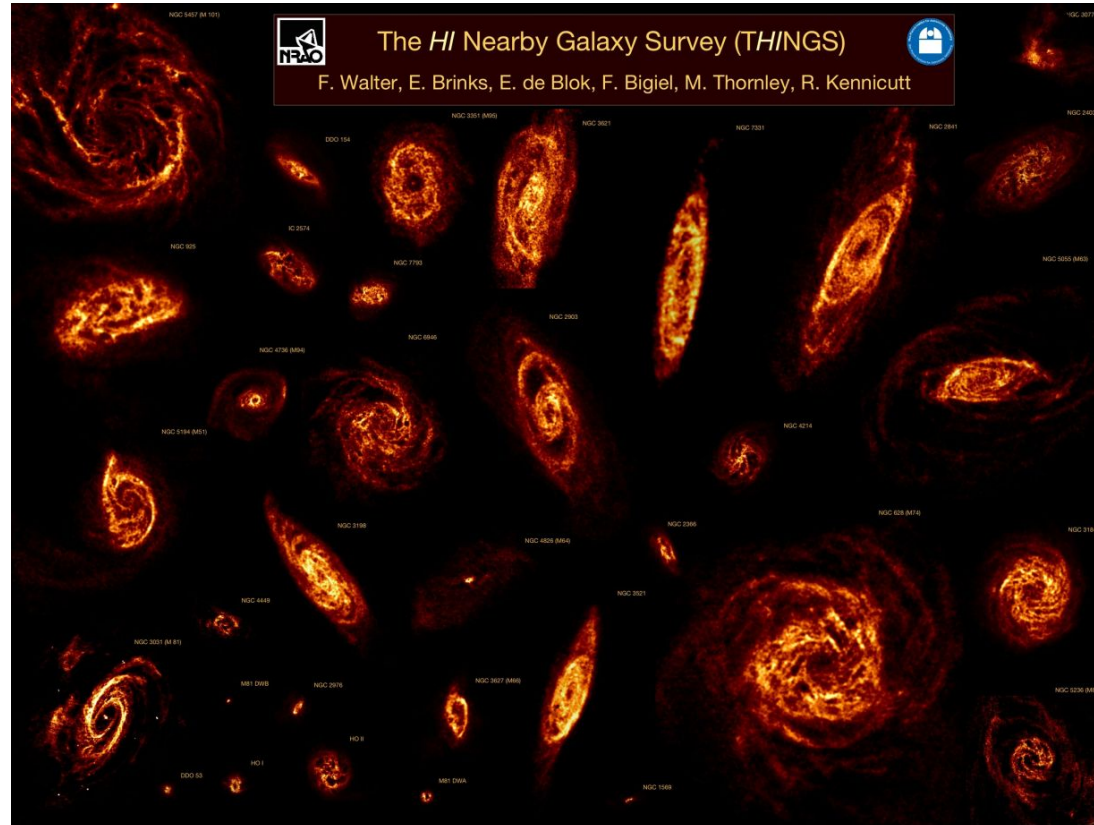


# 21-CM RADIATION FROM NEARBY GALAXIES

Assuming that the hydrogen atoms are uniformly distributed throughout galaxies, each line of sight through the galaxy will reveal a hydrogen line. The only difference between each of these lines is the Doppler shift that each of these lines has.



Observations of the hydrogen line have been used to reveal the spiral shape of the Milky Way and to calculate the mass and dynamics of individual galaxies through their velocity rotation curve.

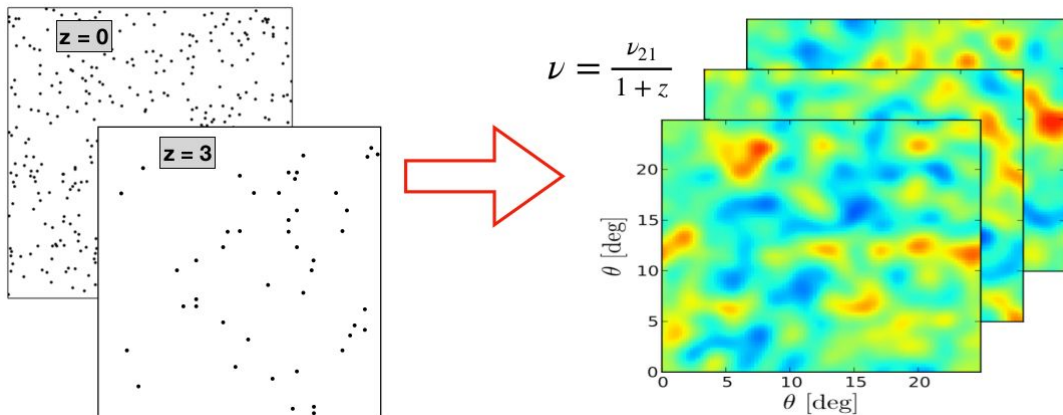


# 21-CM INTENSITY MAPPING

Intensity mapping is an observational technique for surveying the large-scale structure of the universe by using the integrated radio emission from **unresolved** HI gas clouds.

The frequency of the emission line is redshifted by the expansion of the Universe, thus the signal can be used to reconstruct the matter density field over cosmic time (tomography).

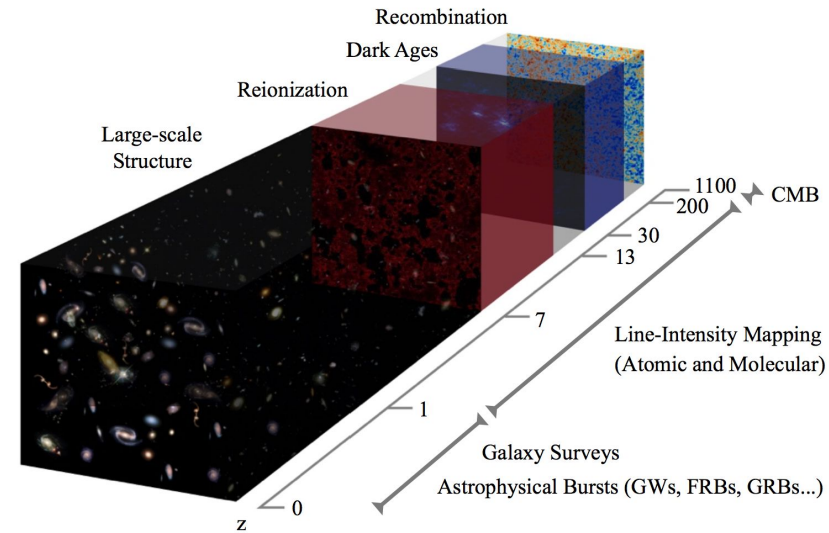
Intensity mapping surveys can be carried out much faster than conventional optical redshift surveys; it is possible to map-out significantly larger volumes of the Universe.



# 21-CM INTENSITY MAPPING

It can be used to probe the cosmological "dark ages" from recombination (when stable hydrogen atoms first formed) to reionization:

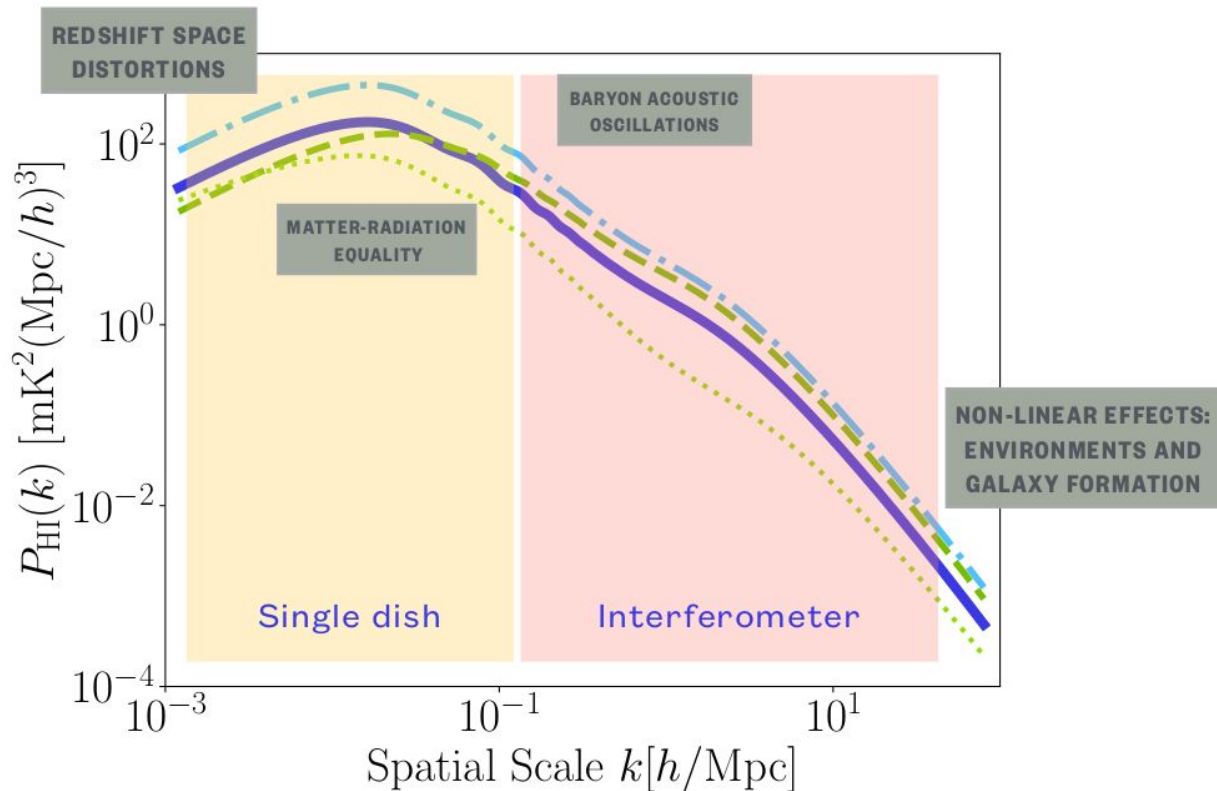
- It can provide a picture of how the universe was re-ionized: neutral hydrogen which has been ionized by radiation from stars or quasars will appear as holes in the 21 cm background.
- By mapping the intensity of redshifted 21 cm radiation –  $\lambda = 21\text{cm} \times (1+z)$  – it can measure the matter power spectrum in the period after recombination (BAO, RSD, etc, etc).



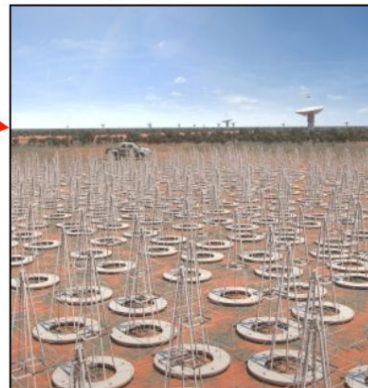
- ✓ 1. Large areas
- ✓ 2. Deep and accurate redshifts (distances)
- ✓ 3. Better coverage of the Universe epochs

# 21-CM INTENSITY MAPPING POWER SPECTRUM

- **Cosmic HI density** -  $\Omega_{HI} \propto \bar{T}_{HI}$   
overall amplitude of the power spectrum
- **HI bias** - amplitude plus non-linear scale-dependence
- **HI shot noise** - Poisson noise on the power spectrum depending on number densities
- $P_{HI}(k) = \bar{T}_{HI} b_{HI} P_{DM} + SN$



# 21-CM INTENSITY MAPPING



## SKA1-mid

the SKA's mid-frequency instrument

$0 < z < 3$



Location:  
South Africa



Frequency range:  
**350 MHz**  
to  
**15.3 GHz**  
with a goal of 24 GHz



**197 dishes**  
(including 64 MeerKAT dishes)



Maximum baseline:  
**150km**

## SKA1-low

the SKA's low-frequency instrument

$3 < z < 27$



Location: Australia



Frequency range:  
**50 MHz**  
to  
**350 MHz**



~**131,000**  
antennas spread between  
**512 stations**



Maximum baseline:  
**~65km**

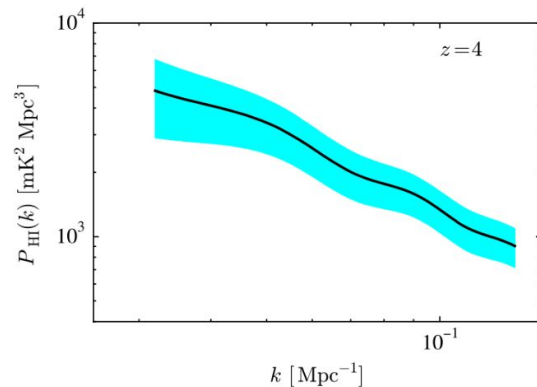
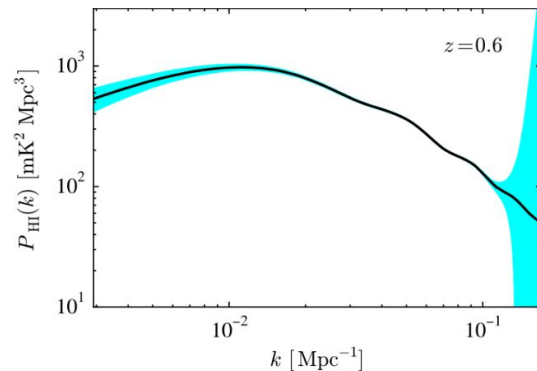
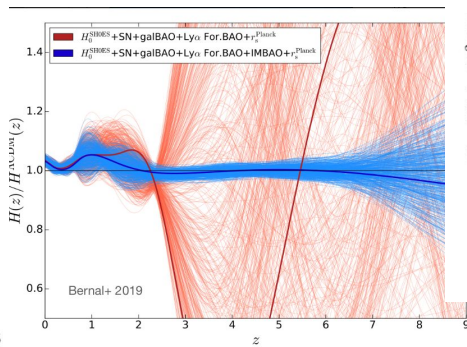
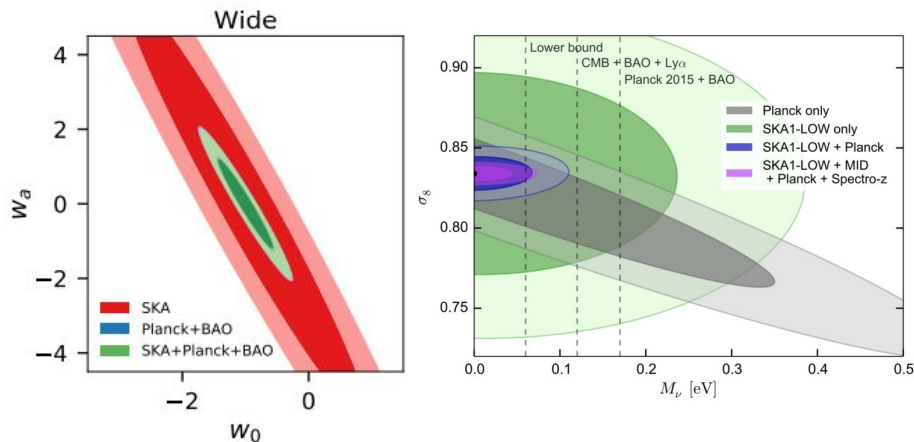
# 21-CM INTENSITY MAPPING

Wide Survey of 20,000 deg<sup>2</sup> at 0.35-1.05 GHz for

- Continuum galaxy survey with ~100 million objects
- HI intensity maps for 0.35 < z < 3

Deep Survey 100 deg<sup>2</sup> at 200-350 MHz for

- HI intensity maps for 3 < z < 6





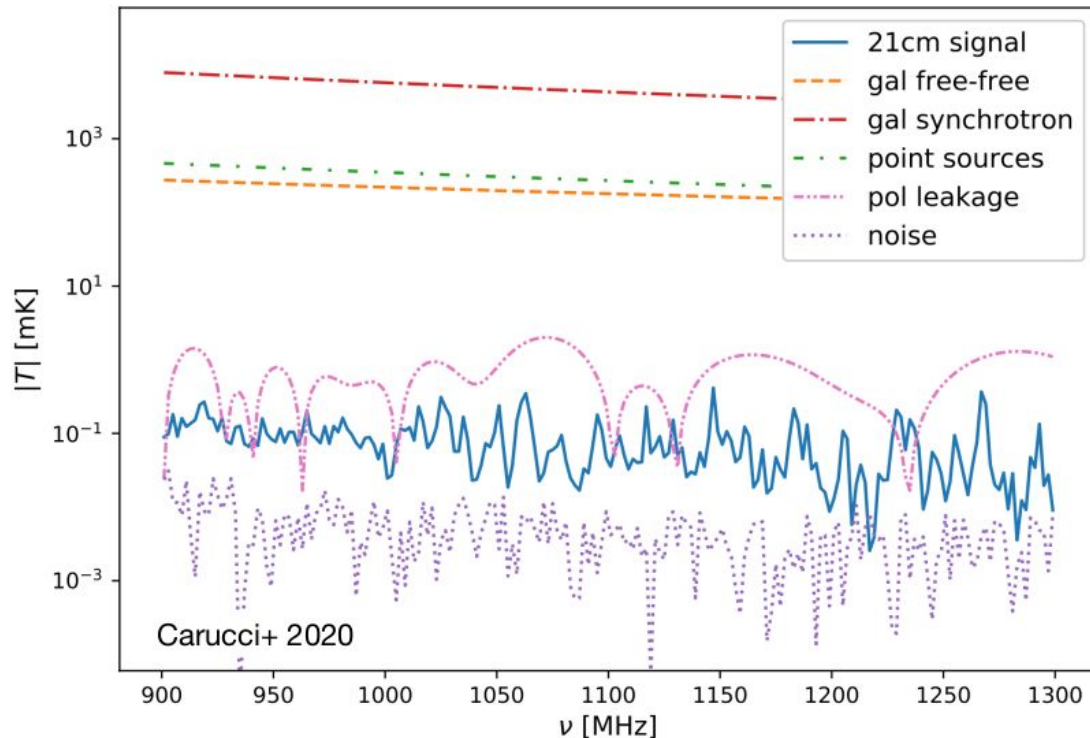
# 21-CM INTENSITY MAPPING

## CHALLENGES:

The IM signal is weak compared to the contaminants

- **Receiver Noise:** amplitude comparable to signal  $\rightarrow$  isotropic,  $1/f$  noise can be removed, manageable in power spectrum space
- **Instrumental errors:** calibration uncertainties, sidelobes, pointing errors, polarization leakage
- **Radio Frequency Interference:** contaminates in spatial and frequency space  $\rightarrow$  go to the desert, stay away from satellites
- **Foreground contaminations:** Galactic emission and extra-Galactic point sources

**SIGNAL INTENSITY**



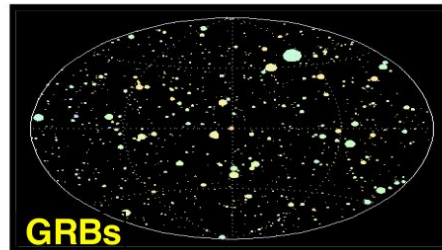
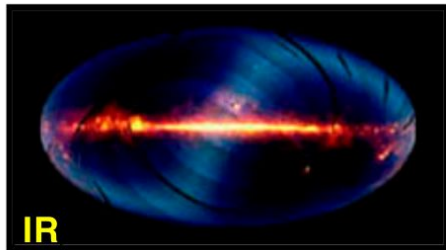
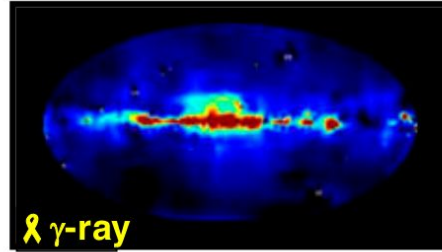
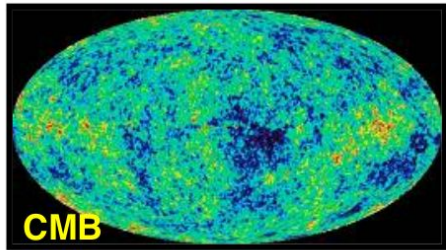
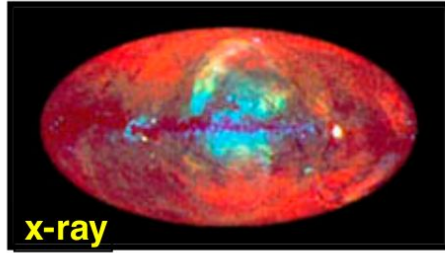
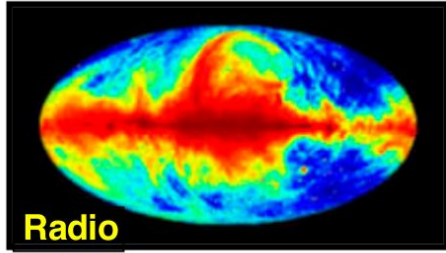
# COSMOLOGY WITH GRAVITATIONAL WAVES

For a review: <http://arXiv.org/abs/0903.0338v1>

[https://wwwmpa.mpa-garching.mpg.de/~komatsu/lecturenotes/Azadeh Maleknejad on GW.pdf](https://wwwmpa.mpa-garching.mpg.de/~komatsu/lecturenotes/Azadeh_Maleknejad_on_GW.pdf)

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# MULTI-MESSENGER COSMOLOGY

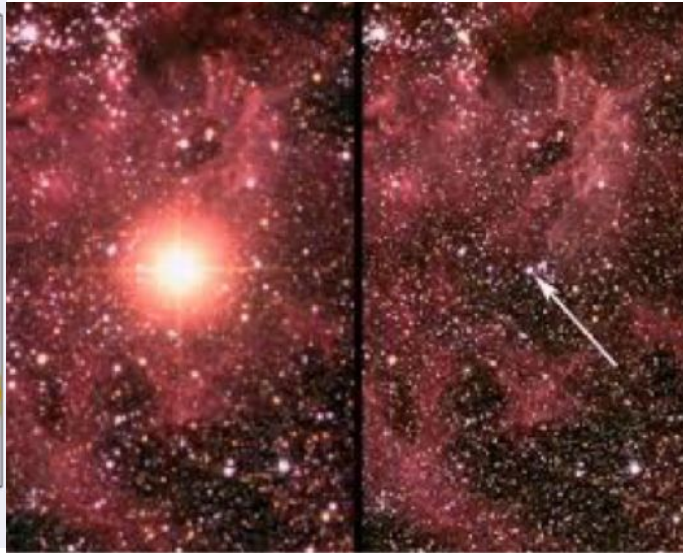
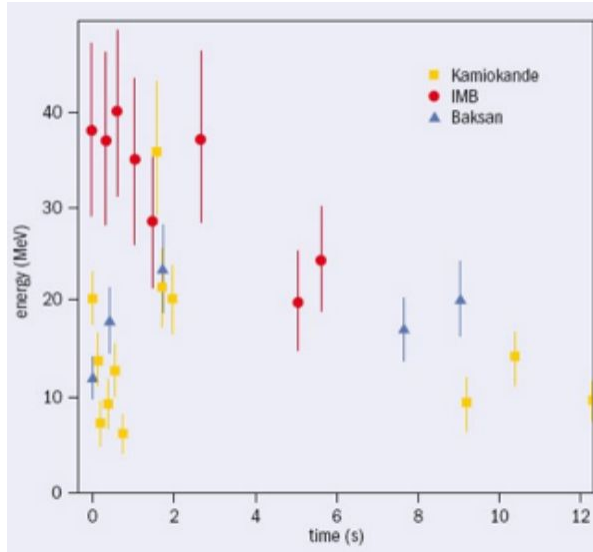


Most of what we know about the Universe is through photons.

Lot of ongoing efforts to obtain information about the universe using non-EM cosmic messengers.

# MULTI-MESSENGER COSMOLOGY: COSMIC NEUTRINOS

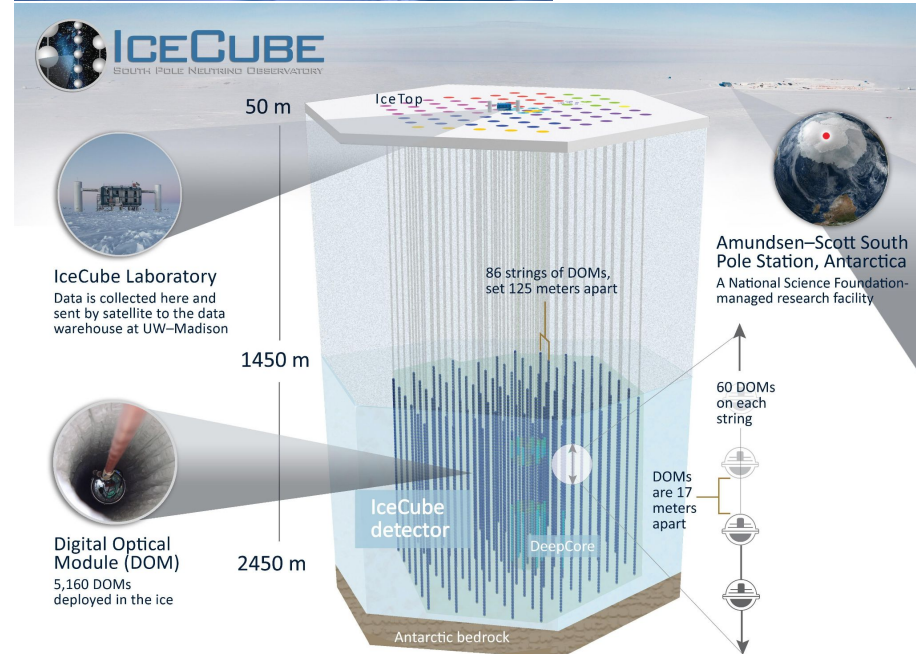
First detection from Supernova 1987 by IMB , Kamioka (2002 Nobel prize M. Koshiba)



IMB detector

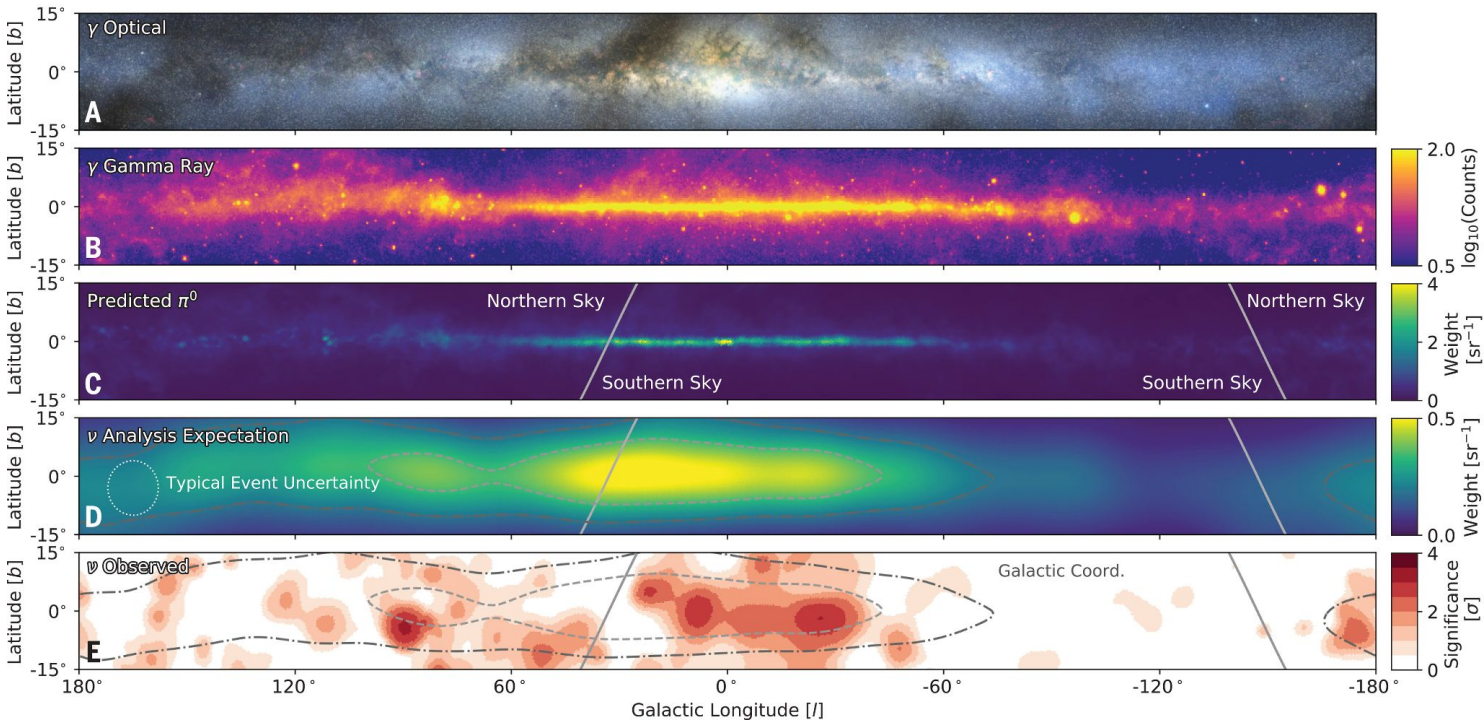
# MULTI-MESSENGER COSMOLOGY: COSMIC NEUTRINOS

The IceCube Neutrino Observatory, located at the South Pole, is designed to detect highenergy ( $\geq 1$  TeV) astrophysical neutrinos and identify their sources. The detector construction, which deployed instruments within a cubic kilometer of clear ice, was completed in 2011; 5160 digital optical modules (DOMs) were placed at depths between 1.5 and 2.5 km below the surface of the Antarctic glacial ice sheet. Neutrinos are detected through Cherenkov radiation, emitted by charged secondary particles that are produced by neutrino interactions with nuclei in the ice or bedrock. Because of the large momentum transfer from the incoming neutrino, the directions of secondary particles are closely aligned with the incoming neutrino direction, enabling the identification of the neutrino's origin.



# MULTI-MESSENGER COSMOLOGY: COSMIC NEUTRINOS

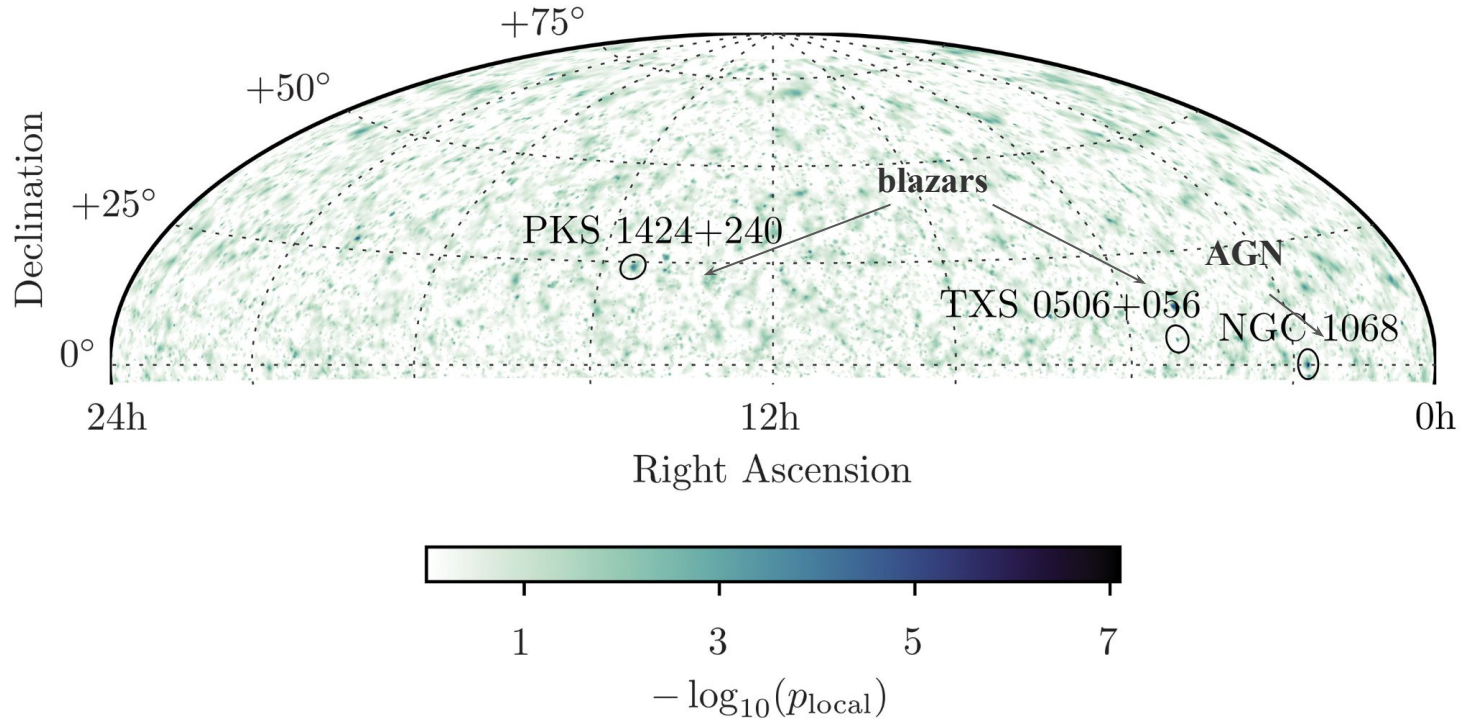
## High-energy neutrinos from the MW Galactic plane seen by IceCube Neutrino Observatory



(A) to (E) are in Galactic coordinates, with the origin being at the Galactic Center, extending  $\pm 15^\circ$  in latitude and  $\pm 180^\circ$  in longitude. (A) Optical color image (39), which is partly obscured by clouds of gas and dust that absorb optical photons. [Credit: A. Mellinger, used with permission.] (B) The integrated flux in gamma rays from the Fermi Large Area Telescope (Fermi-LAT) 12-year survey (40) at energies greater than 1 GeV, obtained from the Fermi Science Support Center and processed with the Fermi-LAT ScienceTools. (C) The emission template calculated for the expected neutrino flux, derived from the  $\pi^0$  template that matches the Fermi-LAT observations of the diffuse gamma-ray emission (1). (D) The emission template from (C), after including the detector sensitivity to cascade-like neutrino events and the angular uncertainty of a typical signal event ( $7^\circ$ , indicated by the dotted white circle). Contours indicate the central regions that contain 20 and 50% of the predicted diffuse neutrino emission signal. (E) The pretrial significance of the IceCube neutrino observations, calculated from the all-sky scan for point-like sources by using the cascade neutrino event sample. Contours are the same as in (D). Gray lines in (C) to (E) indicate the northern-southern sky horizon at the IceCube detector.

# MULTI-MESSENGER COSMOLOGY: COSMIC NEUTRINOS

Extragalactic High-energy neutrinos seen by IceCube Neutrino Observatory

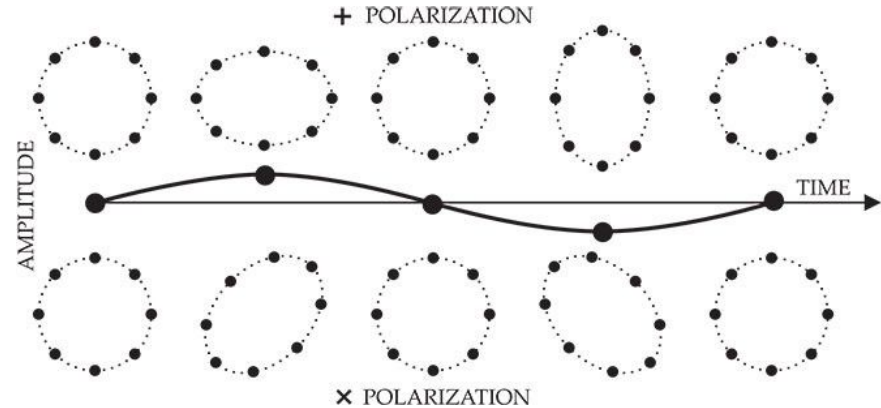
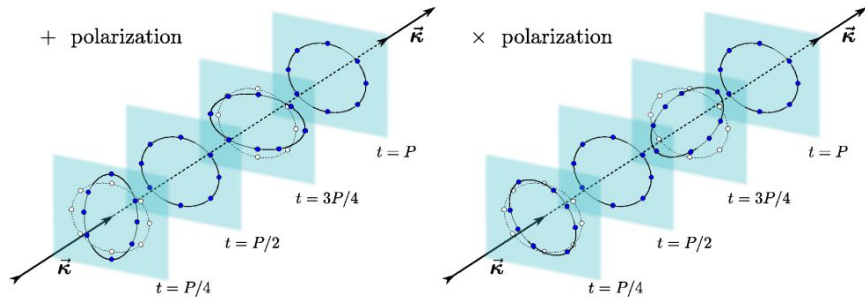


# GRAVITATIONAL WAVES

General Relativity predicts that space-time perturbations propagate through empty space at the speed of light.

$$\left( -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} + \nabla^2 \right) \bar{h}^{\alpha\beta} = 0.$$

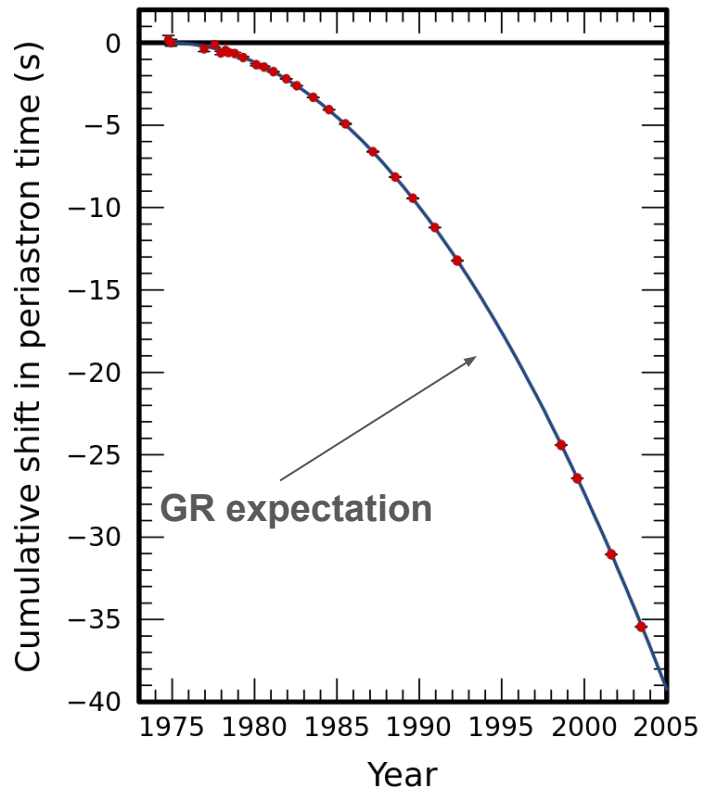
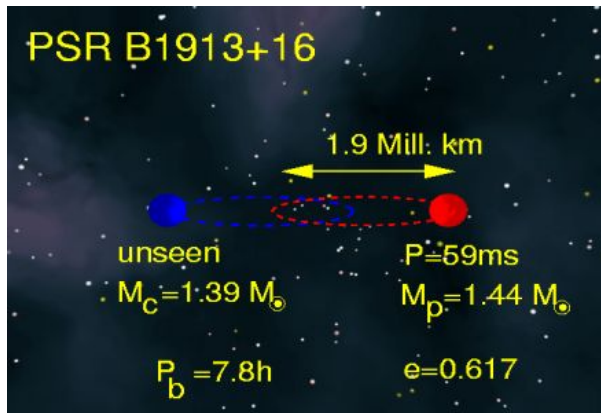
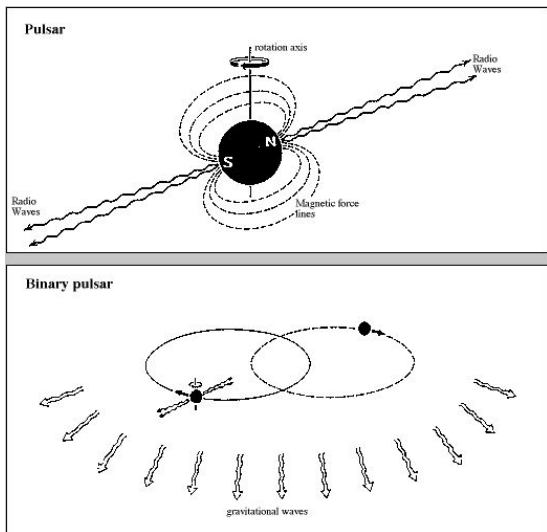
Two possible polarizations:



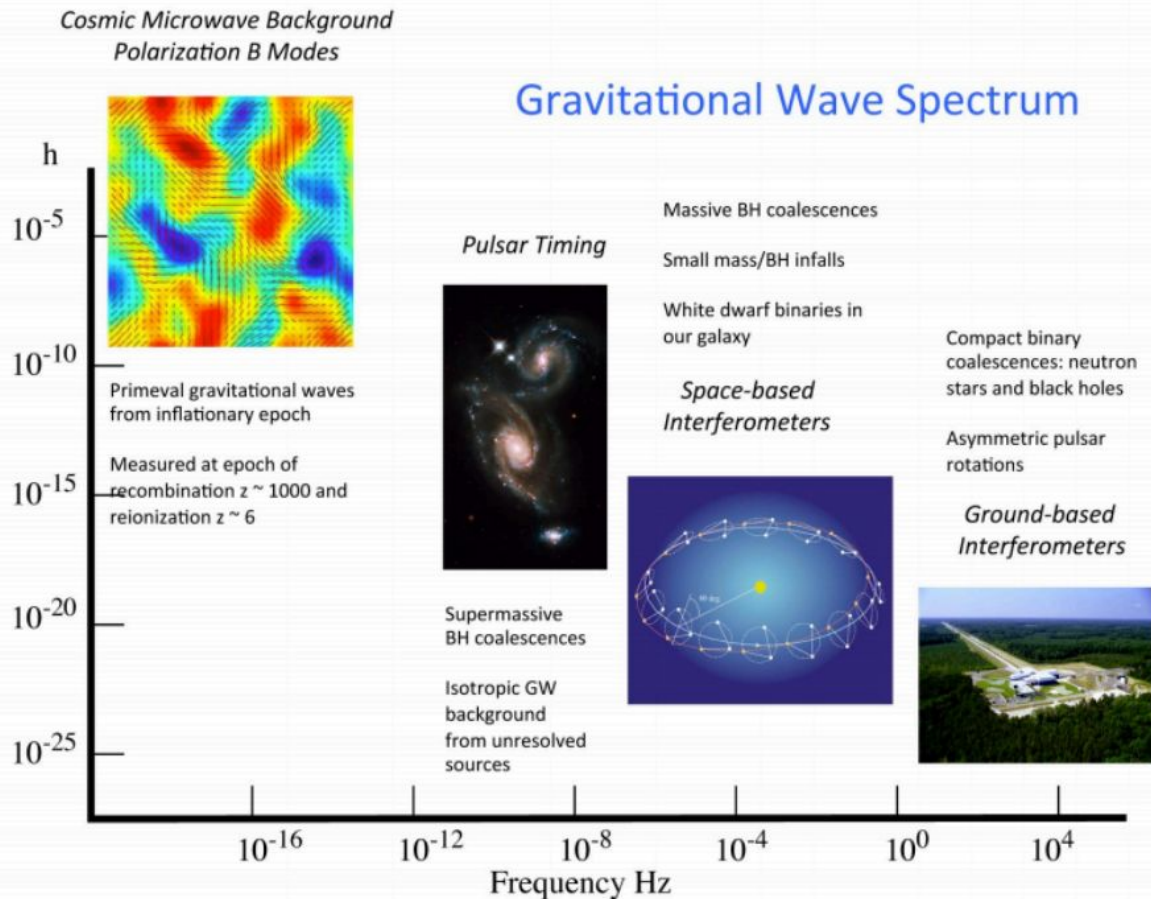


# GRAVITATIONAL WAVES

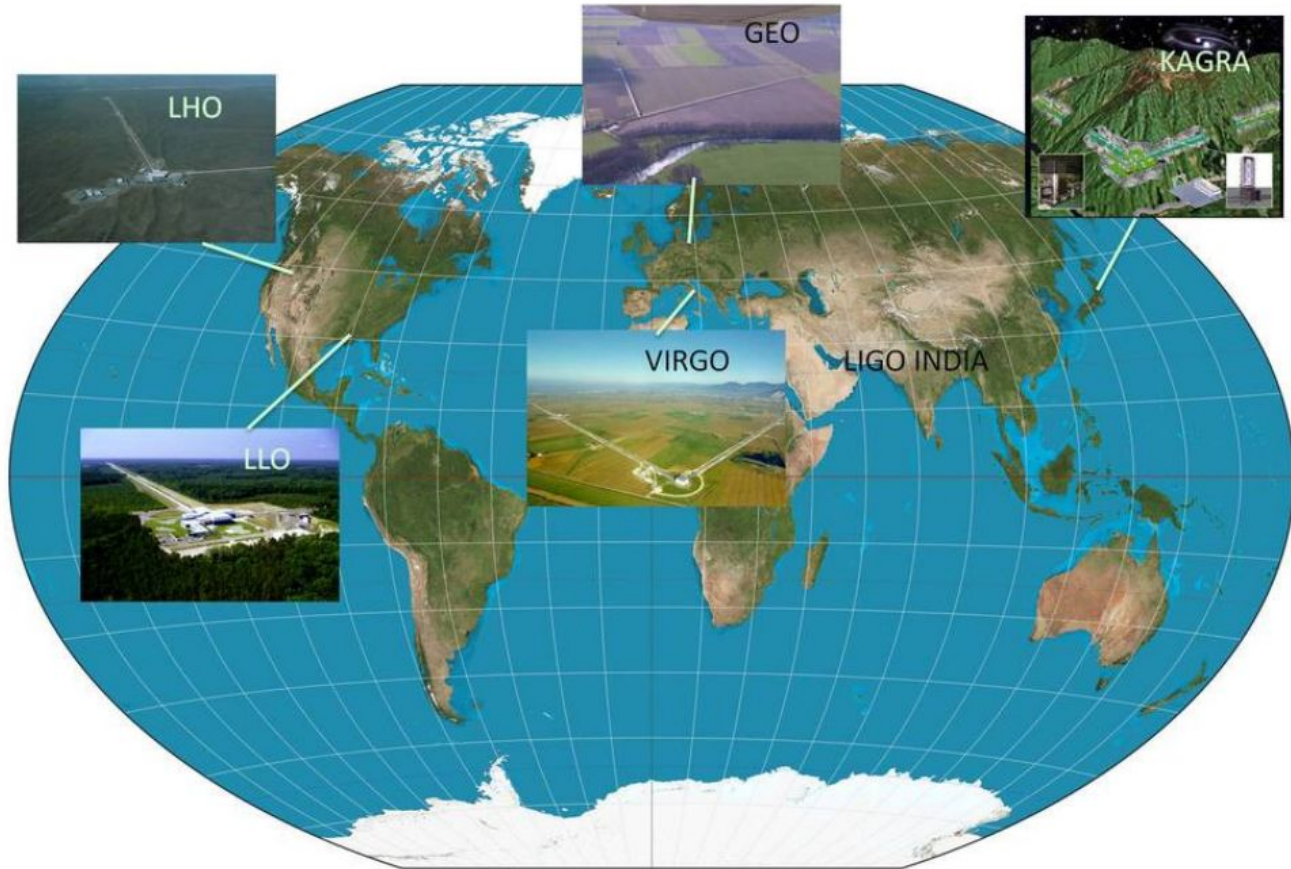
**PSR B1913+16: First indirect evidence from orbital period decay of binary system composed of a neutron star and pulsar, a rapidly rotating, highly magnetized neutron star (1993 Nobel prize J. Taylor, R. Hulse): the orbital decay match the energy loss predicted from GR due to gravitational wave radiation.**



# GRAVITATIONAL WAVE SPECTRUM



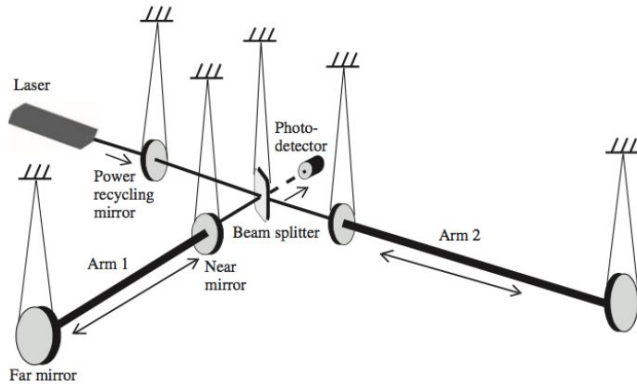
# GRAVITATIONAL WAVE INTERFEROMETERS



# GRAVITATIONAL WAVE INTERFEROMETERS

## LIGO & VIRGO Detectors

LIGO observatory contains 2 (H2) km and 4 km (H1) interferometers at Hanford, WA and a 4 km interferometer at Livingston, LA (L1) separated by 3000 km (10ms)



# GRAVITATIONAL WAVE INTERFEROMETERS

For a binary system the wave's frequency sweep and amplitude depend on  $\mathcal{M} = (m_1 m_2)^{3/5} / (m_1 + m_2)^{1/5}$ , and luminosity distance:

$$\frac{d\Omega}{dt} \propto \left( \frac{GM}{c^3} \right)^{5/3}$$

$$h \propto \frac{1}{D_L} \left( \frac{GM}{c^3} \right)^{5/3} \Omega^{2/3}$$

Dimensionless strain,  $h = \Delta l / l$ , is the main observable measured; the typical relative deformation:

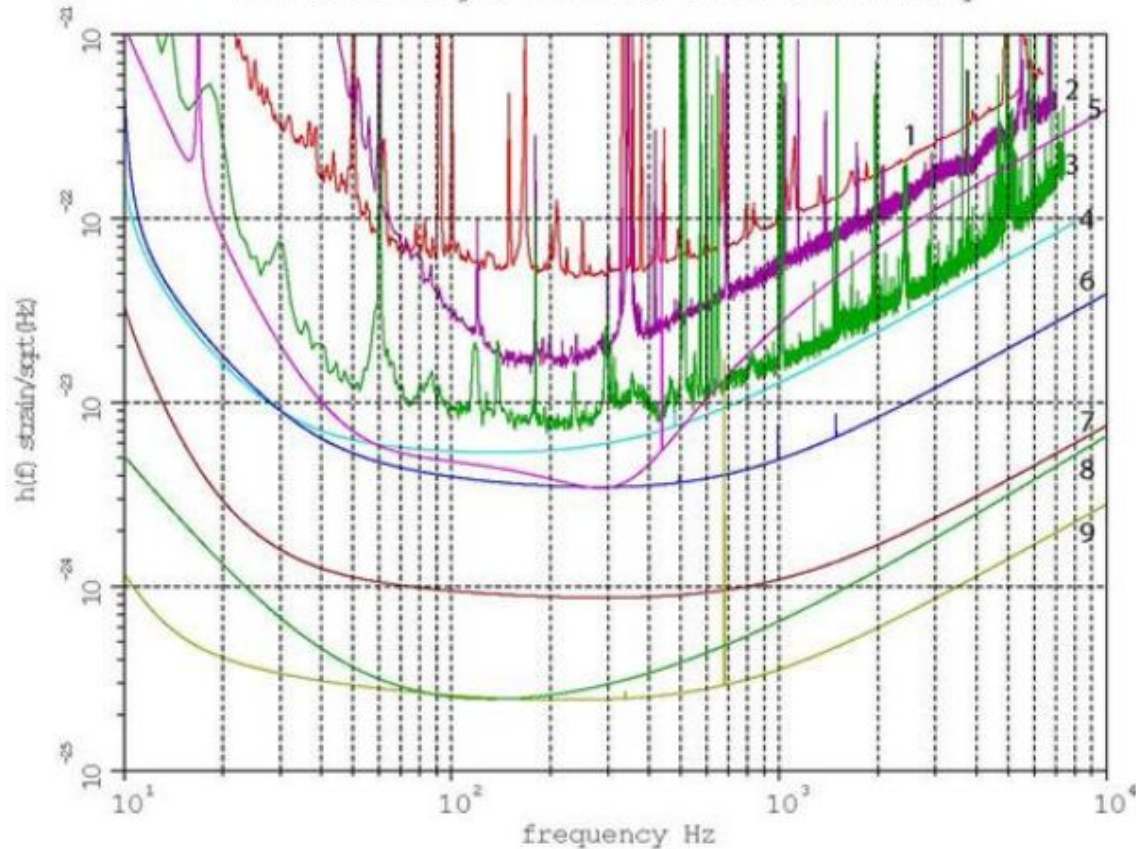
$$h = \frac{\Delta l}{l} \sim 10^{-21}$$

E.g. for the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO):

$$l \sim 4 \text{ km} \rightarrow \Delta l \sim 10^{-16} \text{ cm}$$

# GRAVITATIONAL WAVE INTERFEROMETERS

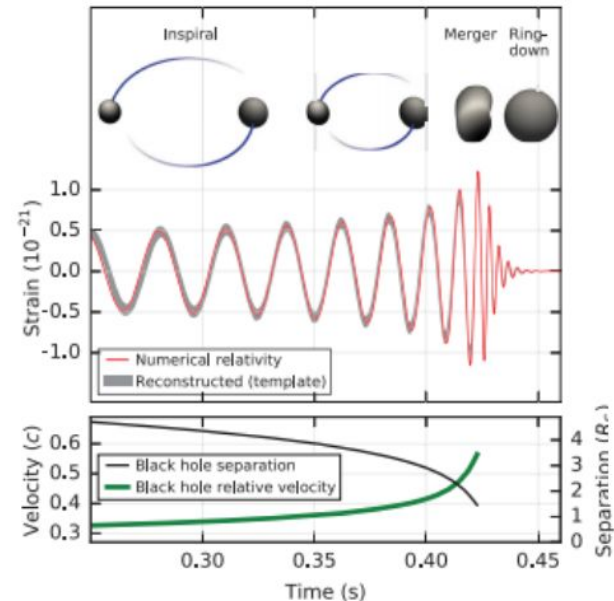
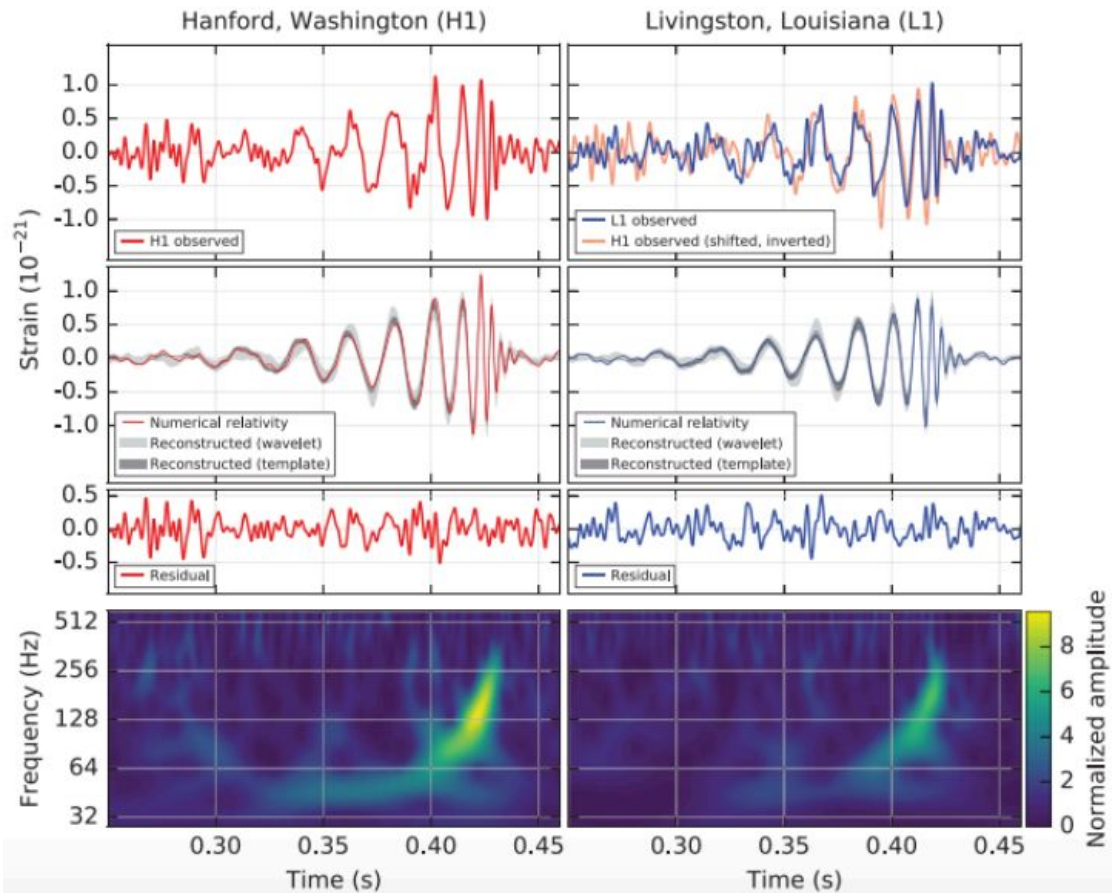
Evolution of gravitational strain sensitivity



- 1 VIRGO 2009
- 2 Enhanced LIGO 2009
- 3 Advanced LIGO 65Mpc NS/NS 2015
- 4 Advanced LIGO 150Mpc NS/NS Low Power
- 5 Advanced VIRGO
- 6 Advanced LIGO 190Mpc NS/NS High Power
- 7 4km "Voyager" example 600Mpc NS/NS
- 8 Einstein telescope B
- 9 40km "Cosmic Explorer" example

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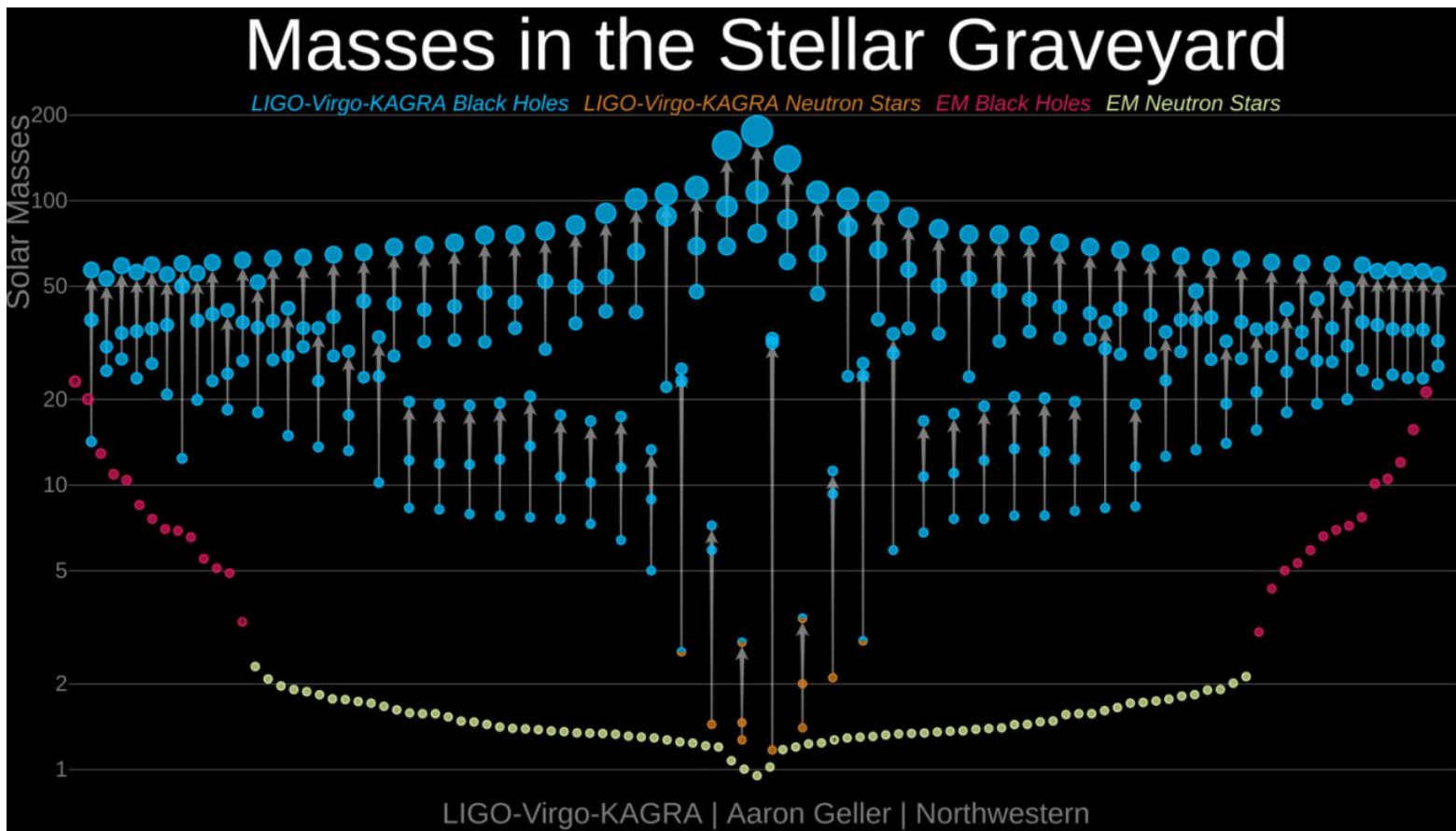
## GW150914: First LIGO detection



Primary black hole mass	$36^{+5}_{-4} M_{\odot}$
Secondary black hole mass	$29^{+4}_{-4} M_{\odot}$
Final black hole mass	$62^{+4}_{-4} M_{\odot}$
Final black hole spin	$0.67^{+0.05}_{-0.07}$
Luminosity distance	$410^{+160}_{-180}$ Mpc
Source redshift $z$	$0.09^{+0.03}_{-0.04}$

# GRAVITATIONAL WAVE INTERFEROMETERS

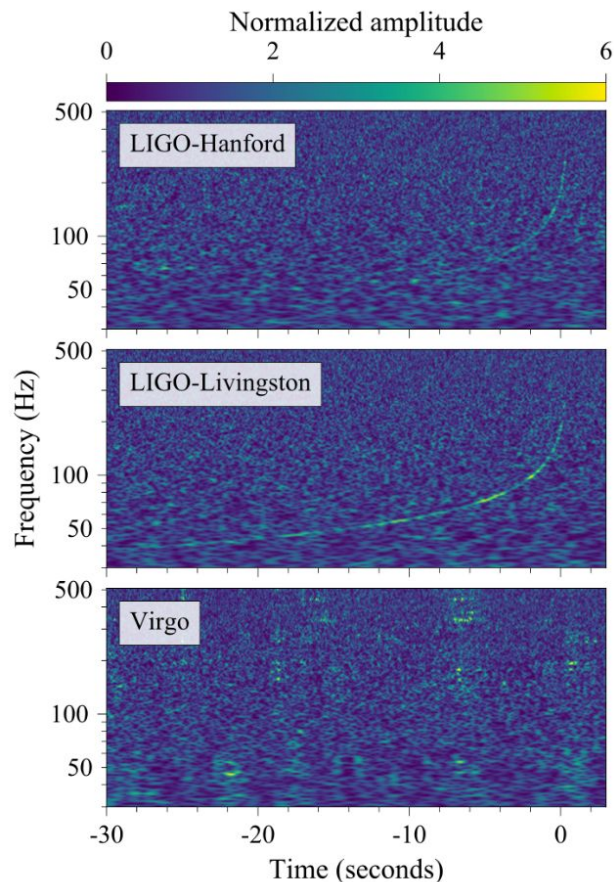
Summary of  
Ligo-Virgo-  
KAGRA  
Binary  
mergers





# STANDARD SIRENS

## GW 170817: First Binary Neutron star merger



## Triangulation of the GW signal:

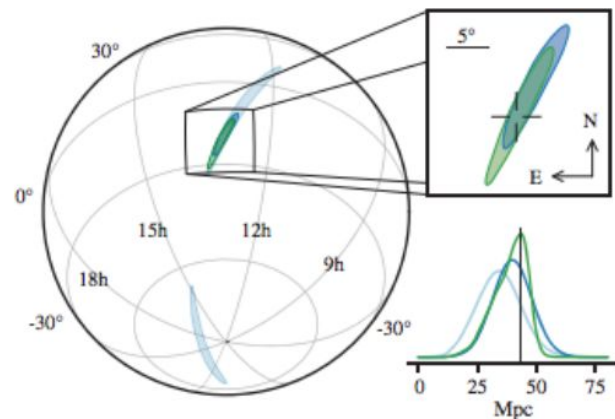
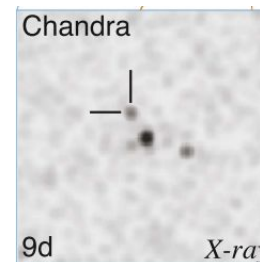
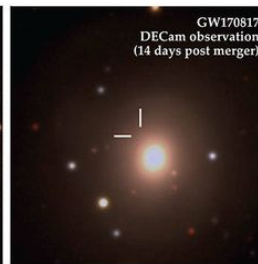
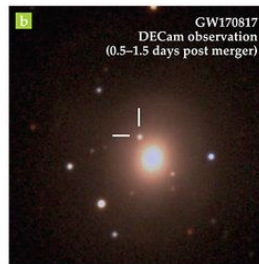
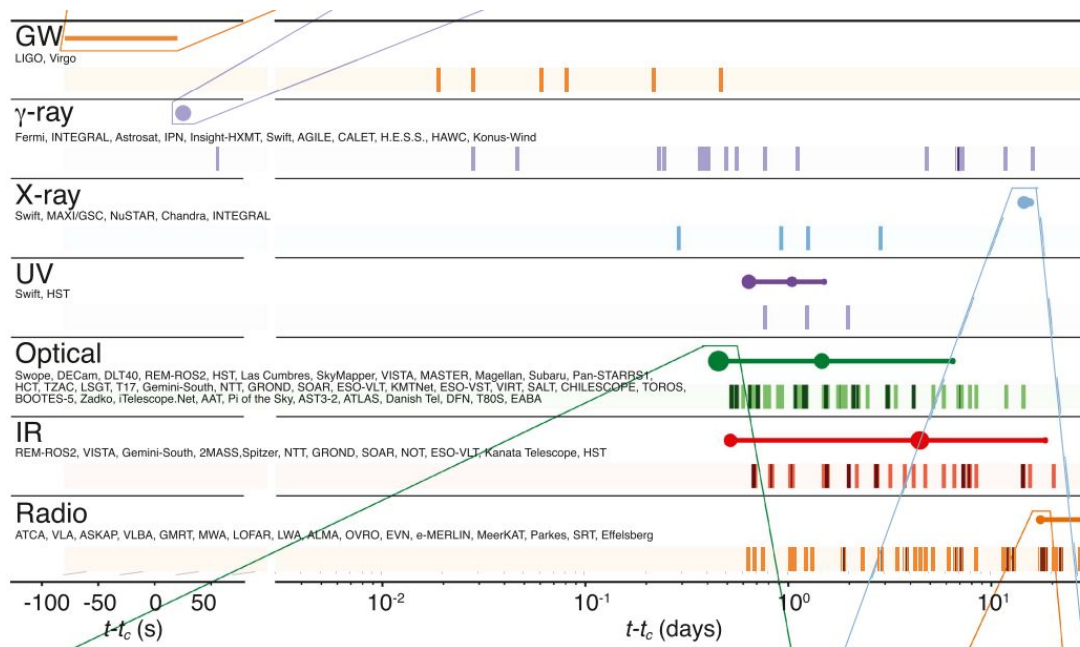
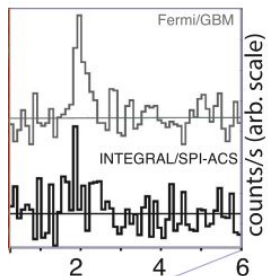


FIG. 3. Sky location reconstructed for GW170817 by a rapid localization algorithm from a Hanford-Livingston ( $190 \text{ deg}^2$ , light blue contours) and Hanford-Livingston-Virgo ( $31 \text{ deg}^2$ , dark blue contours) analysis. A higher latency Hanford-Livingston-Virgo analysis improved the localization ( $28 \text{ deg}^2$ , green contours). In the top-right inset panel, the reticle marks the position of the apparent host galaxy NGC 4993. The bottom-right panel shows the *a posteriori* luminosity distance distribution from the three gravitational-wave localization analyses. The distance of NGC 4993, assuming the redshift from the NASA/IPAC Extragalactic Database [89] and standard cosmological parameters [90], is shown with a vertical line.

# STANDARD SIRENS

## Multi-wavelength follow-up:



# STANDARD SIRENS

- GW are “self-calibrating” sources (Schutz 1986)

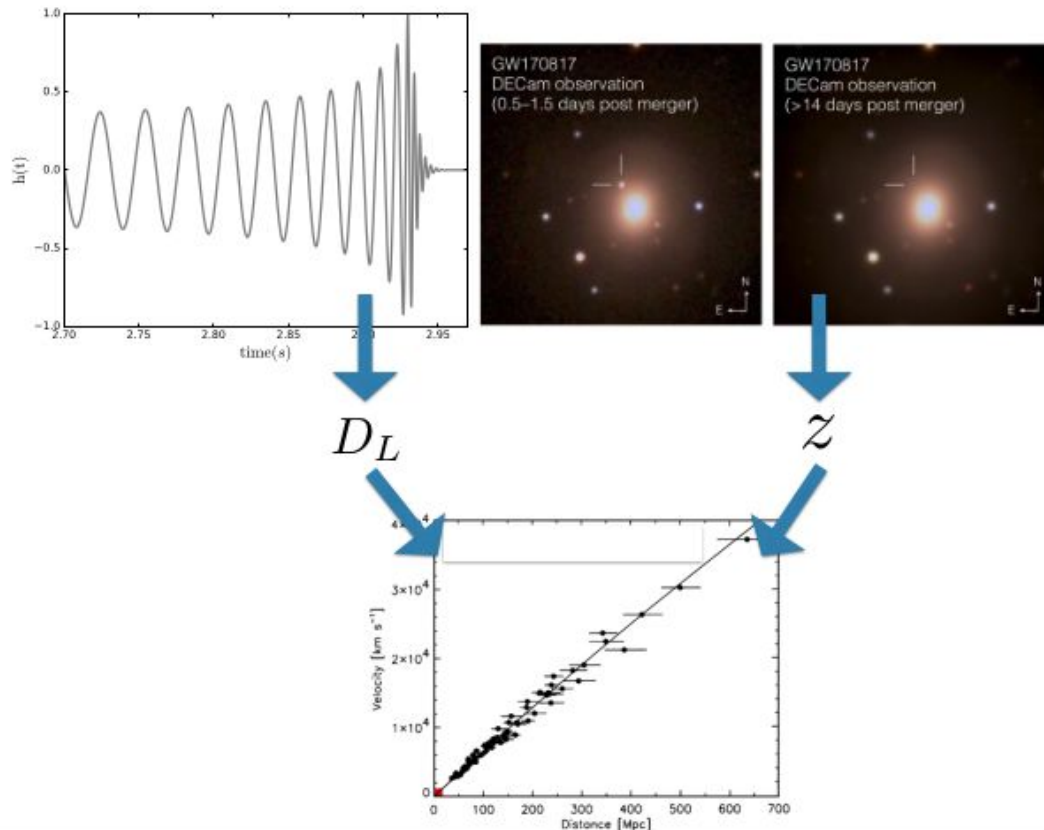
$$h \sim D_L^{-1}$$

- Direct measurement of luminosity distance

- “Standard sirens”

- In general, no redshift from GWs (Krolak & Schutz 1987)

$$m_{obs} = m_{src}(1 + z)$$



# STANDARD SIRENS

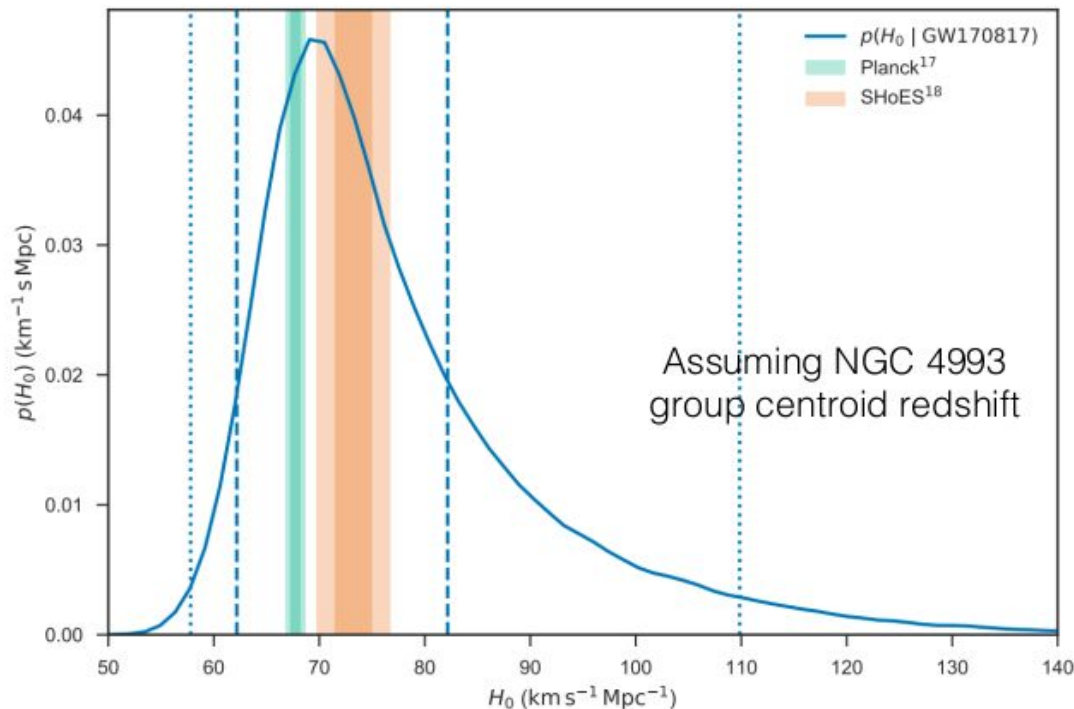
- From GW alone

$$D_L = 44_{-7}^{+3} \text{ Mpc}$$

- NGC 4993

$$z = 0.0098$$

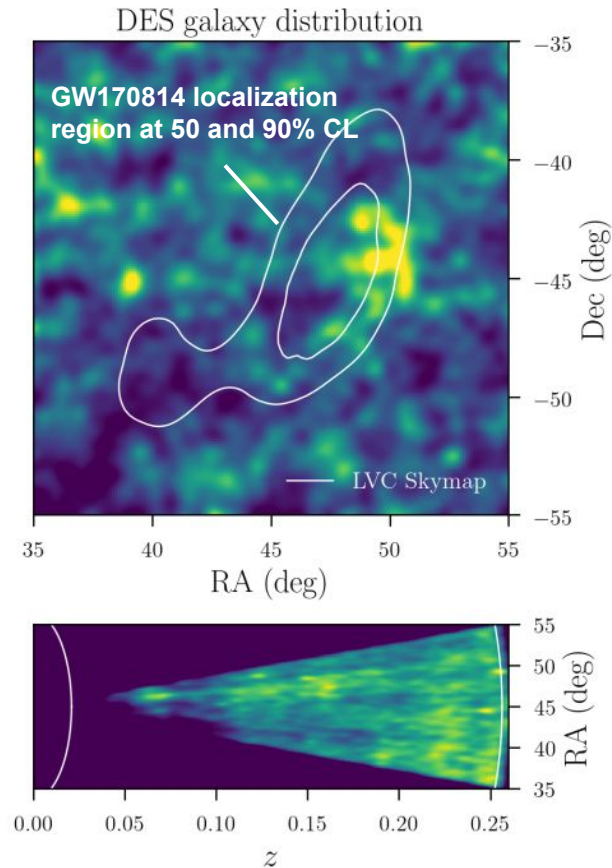
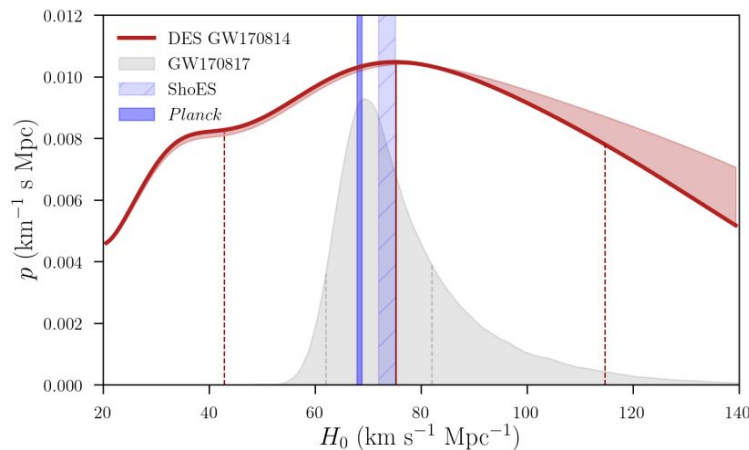
$$H_0 = 70_{-8}^{+12} \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$



arxiv:1710.05835

# DARK STANDARD SIRENS

A dark siren is a gravitational wave event without EM counterpart. Most binary mergers, and in particular binary black hole (BBH) mergers, do not have associated electromagnetic counterparts. However, in the absence of such a counterpart signposting the host galaxy directly, we can still use the gravitational-wave observations to give us information about the sky position of the source – and in this way narrow down the host galaxy to a set of candidate galaxies in this region. Combining redshift information from all of these possible host galaxies then allows us to measure  $H_0$  statistically.

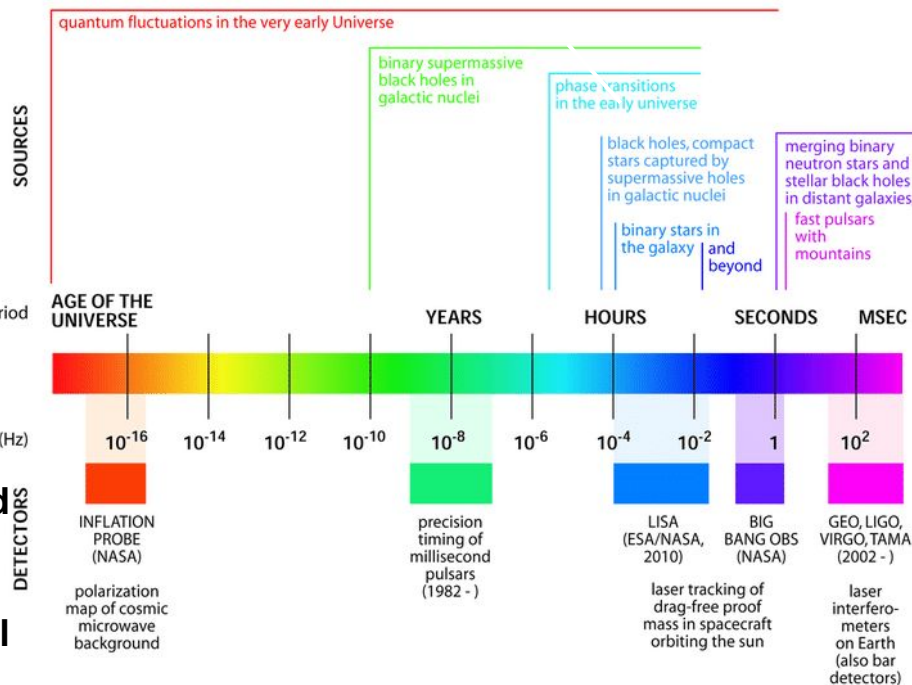


# GRAVITATIONAL WAVE BACKGROUND

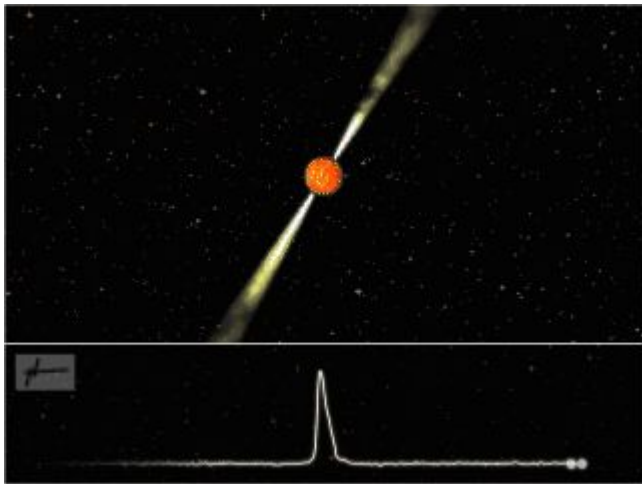
**Cosmological GW background: signature of the Early Universe Inflation, preheating, reheating ( $10^{-18} - 10^8$  Hz) Phase transitions (a narrow band feature peaking at  $10^{-12}$  Hz + broadband component in the band  $10^{-5} - 1$  Hz). Cosmic strings ( $10^{-10} - 10^{10}$  Hz); Alternative cosmologies**

**Astrophysical GW background: Such a GW background may result from the superposition of a large number of unresolved sources since the beginning of stellar activity. Its detection would constrain the physics of compact objects, the IMF, the star formation history. It would probe the Universe at  $z \sim 0.02-10$ . However, from the point of view of detecting the cosmological background produced in the primordial Universe, the astrophysical background is a 'noise', which could possibly mask the relic cosmological signal**

## THE GRAVITATIONAL WAVE SPECTRUM



# PULSAR TIMING ARRAY



Highly magnetized rotating neutron stars, ultra-precise stellar clocks:

- Beamed radio pulses emitted from magnetic poles
- Periods of  $10^{-3}$ -1 s.



Array of pulsars across the Milky Way can be used GW detector of galactic dimensions:

- Look for tiny distortions in pulse travel times caused by nanohertz GWs.
- Signal builds up over time; monitor PTA over years and decades.

## Which pulsars are suitable ?

### Ordinary pulsars:

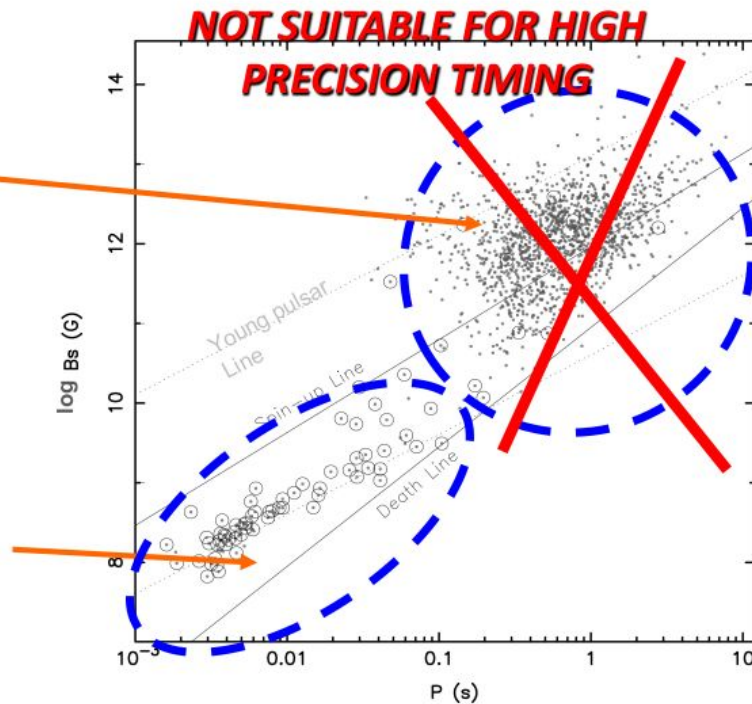
~ 3350 known objects;  
 $NS_{\text{age}} < \text{few } 10^7 \text{ yr}$

relatively long pulses &  
rotational irregularities

### Recycled pulsars:

~ 500 known objects;  
 $NS_{\text{age}} > 10^8 - 10^9 \text{ yr}$

The most rapidly rotating  
are known as millisecond  
pulsars



ATNF Pulsar Catalogue Feb 2024

Pulsar periods can sometimes be measured with unrivalled precision  
E.g. on Jan 16, 1999, PSR J0437-4715 had a period of:

**$5.757451831072007 \pm 0.0000000000000008$  ms**



# PULSAR TIMING ARRAY

## ➤ Clock errors

All pulsars have the same TOA variations:  
**Monopole** signature

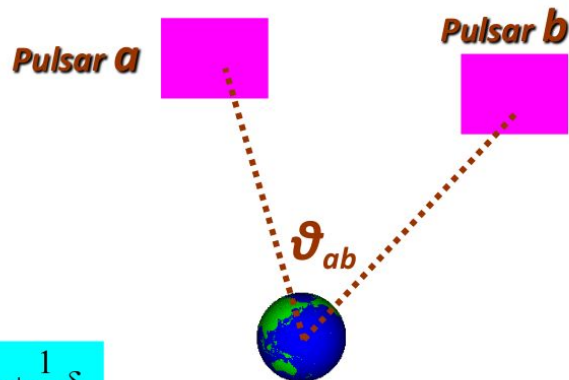
## ➤ Solar-System ephemeris errors

**Dipole** signature

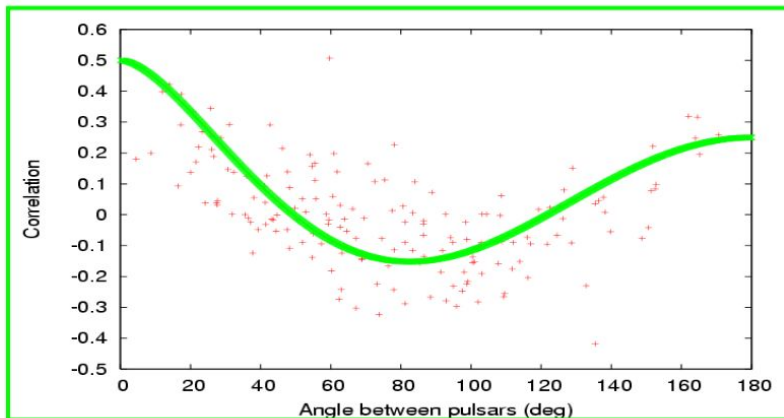
## ➤ Gravitational waves background

**Quadrupole** signature

$$\zeta(\theta_{ab}) = \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{1 - \cos \theta_{ab}}{2} \right) \log \left( \frac{1 - \cos \theta_{ab}}{2} \right) - \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1 - \cos \theta_{ab}}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ab}$$



[ slide adapted from Manchester 11 ]



Hellings & Downs [1983]:

correlation that an isotropic,  
stationary and stochastic

GWB leaves on the timing

residuals of pairs of pulsars  $a$

and  $b$  separated by angle  $\vartheta_{ab}$

in sky

# PULSAR TIMING ARRAY



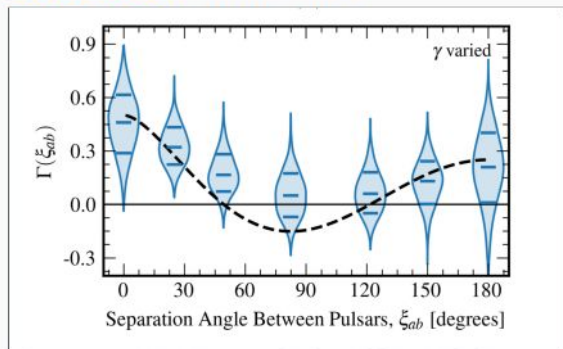
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Evidence ( $2 - 4.6 \sigma$ ) for quadrupole correlation signal from different collaborations.

The signal can be interpreted as:

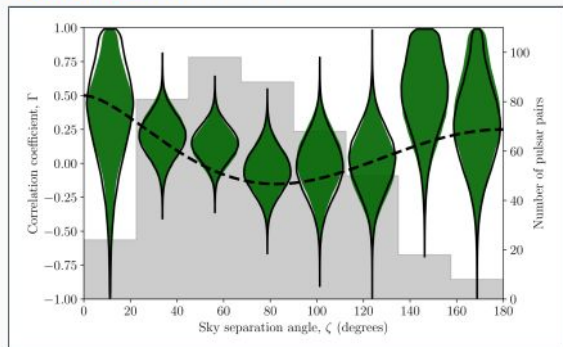
- Cosmic population of in-spiralling SMBHB (realistic)
- New Physics (speculative)

2306.16213: NANOGrav



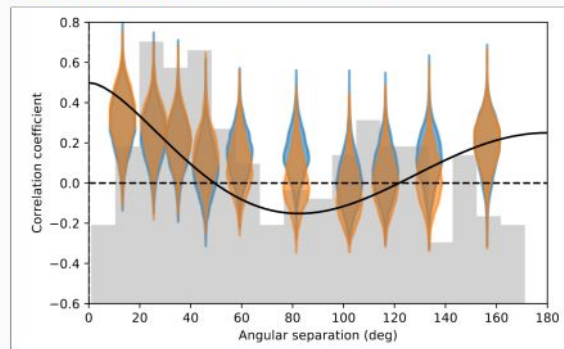
68 pulsars, 16 yr of data, HD at  $\sim 3 \dots 4 \sigma$

2306.16215: PPTA



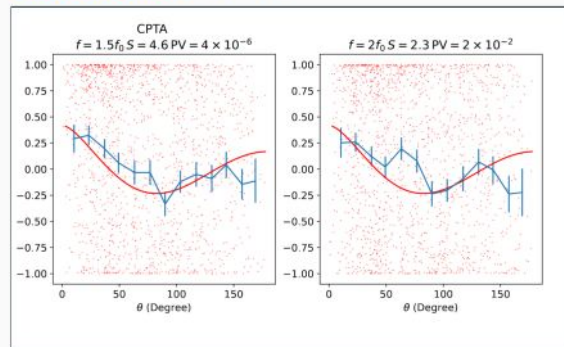
32 pulsars, 18 yr of data, HD at  $\sim 2 \sigma$

2306.16214: EPTA+InPTA



25 pulsars, 25 yr of data, HD at  $\sim 3 \sigma$

2306.16216: CPTA



57 pulsars, 3.5 yr of data, HD at  $\sim 4.6 \sigma$

## GW background due to Super Massive Black-Hole Binaries (SMBHBs):

It's well known that current paradigm is that [e.g. Ferrarese & Merrit 2000]

- **mergers are an essential** part in galaxy formation and evolution
- **nuclei of most (all?) large galaxies host Massive BH(s)** i.e. mass  $M \gtrsim 10^6 M_{\odot}$

When reaching **orbital separation**  
 **$a$**  of less than about 1 pc, GW  
emission at frequency  **$f$**  become the  
**dominant** term in energy loss,  
making the MBH binary to shrink  
faster and faster

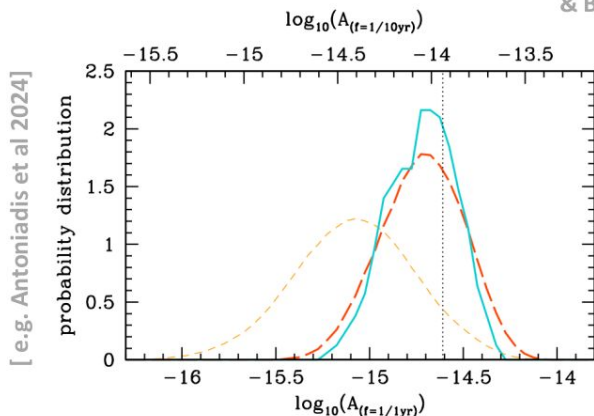
$$f \sim 3 \text{ nHz} \left[ \frac{M}{10^9 M_{\odot}} \right]^{1/2} \left[ \frac{a}{0,01 \text{ pc}} \right]^{-3/2}$$



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## Expected Strain Spectrum of GWB:

In the simplest picture, the expected amplitude spectrum from the ensemble of these MBH binaries (supposed to be isotropic and stochastic) is [ e.g. Phinney 2001; Jaffe & Backer 2003]



$$h_c(f) \sim f^{-\alpha} \text{ with } \alpha = 2/3$$

with a “strain” amplitude  $h_c$

theoretically expected in a large range

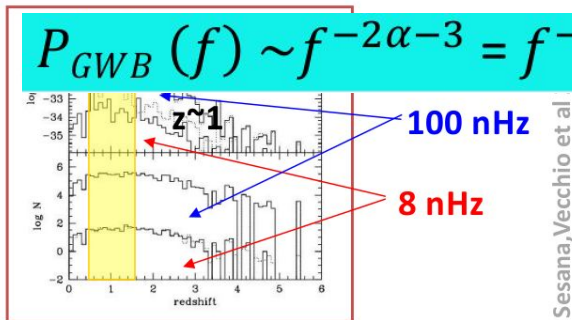
[ e.g. Jaffe & Backer 2003, Rosado et al 2015, Sesana et al 2016, Kelly et al 2017, Zhu et al 2019]

$$h_c \approx 6 \cdot 10^{-17} \rightarrow 8 \cdot 10^{-15}$$

around frequency  $f_{GWB} = 1 \text{ yr}^{-1}$

$$P_{GWB}(f) \sim f^{-2\alpha-3} = f^{-13/3} \text{ for } \alpha = 2/3$$

Max contribution from BH binaries at  $z \approx 1$

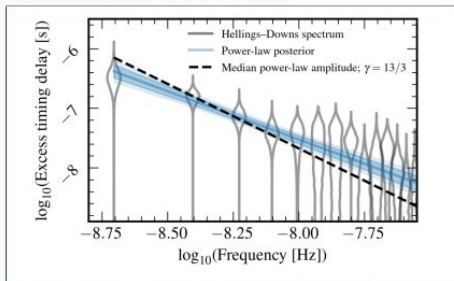


[ Sesana, Vecchio et al

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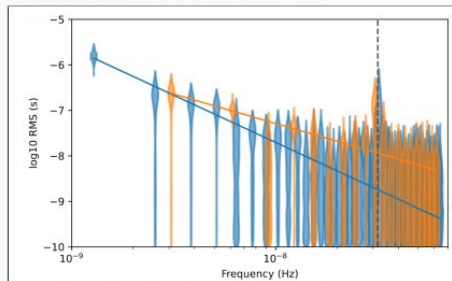
## Observed Strain Spectrum of GWB:

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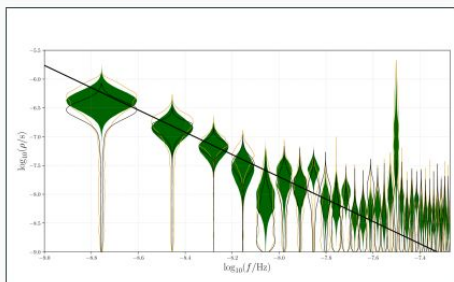
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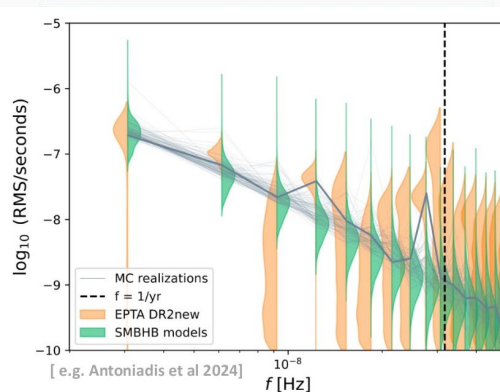
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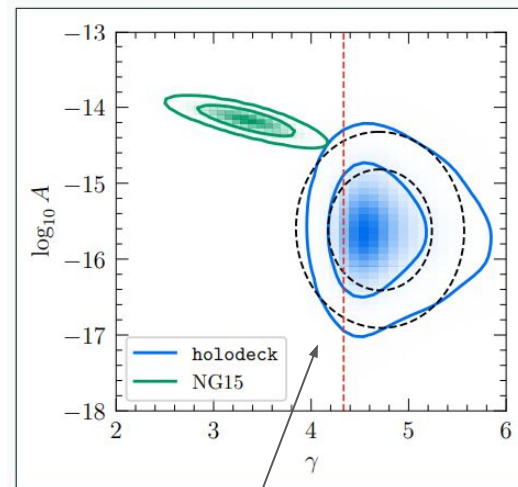


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[e.g. Antoniadis et al 2024]

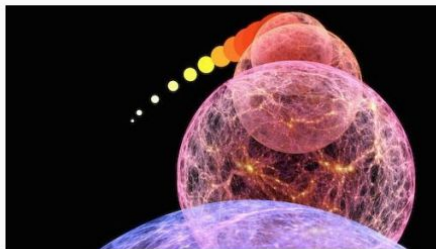


**Simplest models of binary evolution (holodeck) struggle to explain the data (NG15), but many sources of systematic can hamper the interpretation of the results**

## Many Beyond-Standard-Model models predict **GWB** from the Big Bang:

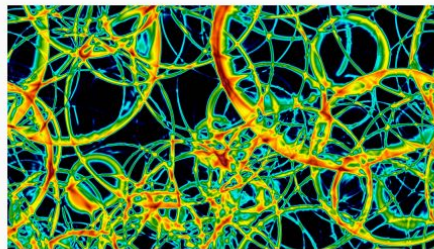
### Inflation

- Nonminimal blue-tilted models
- Interplay with **CMB** observables



### Phase transition

- Modified **QCD** transition, **dark sector**
- Complementary to laboratory searches



### Cosmic defects

- Cosmic strings, domain walls
- Access to **grand unified theories**



### Scalar perturbations

- Associated with **primordial black holes**
- PBH dark matter, supermassive BHs

