

Cosmology with Dark Sirens and Large Scale Structures cross-correlations

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Calore, Cuoco, Regimbau, Sachdev and Serpico,
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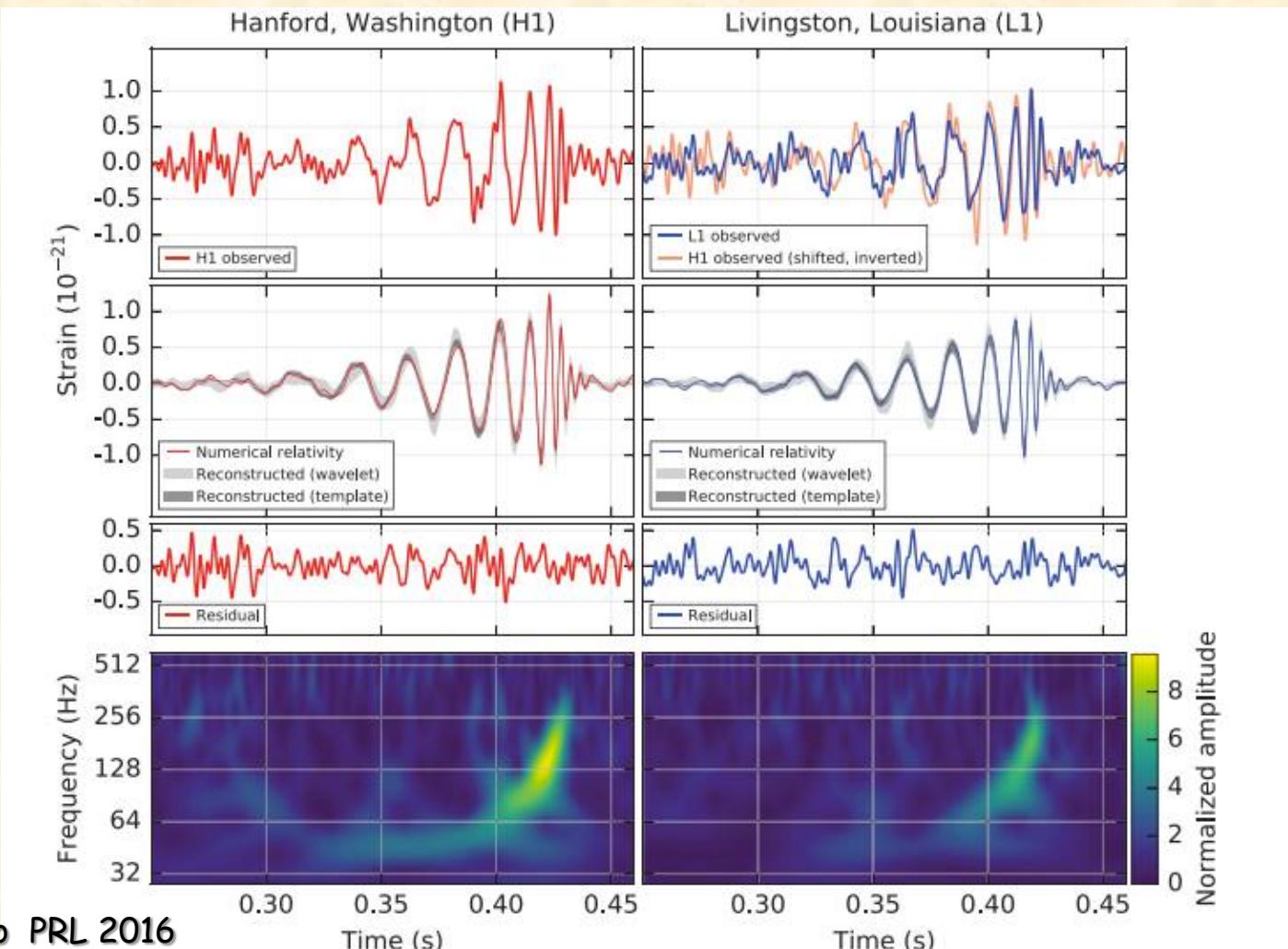


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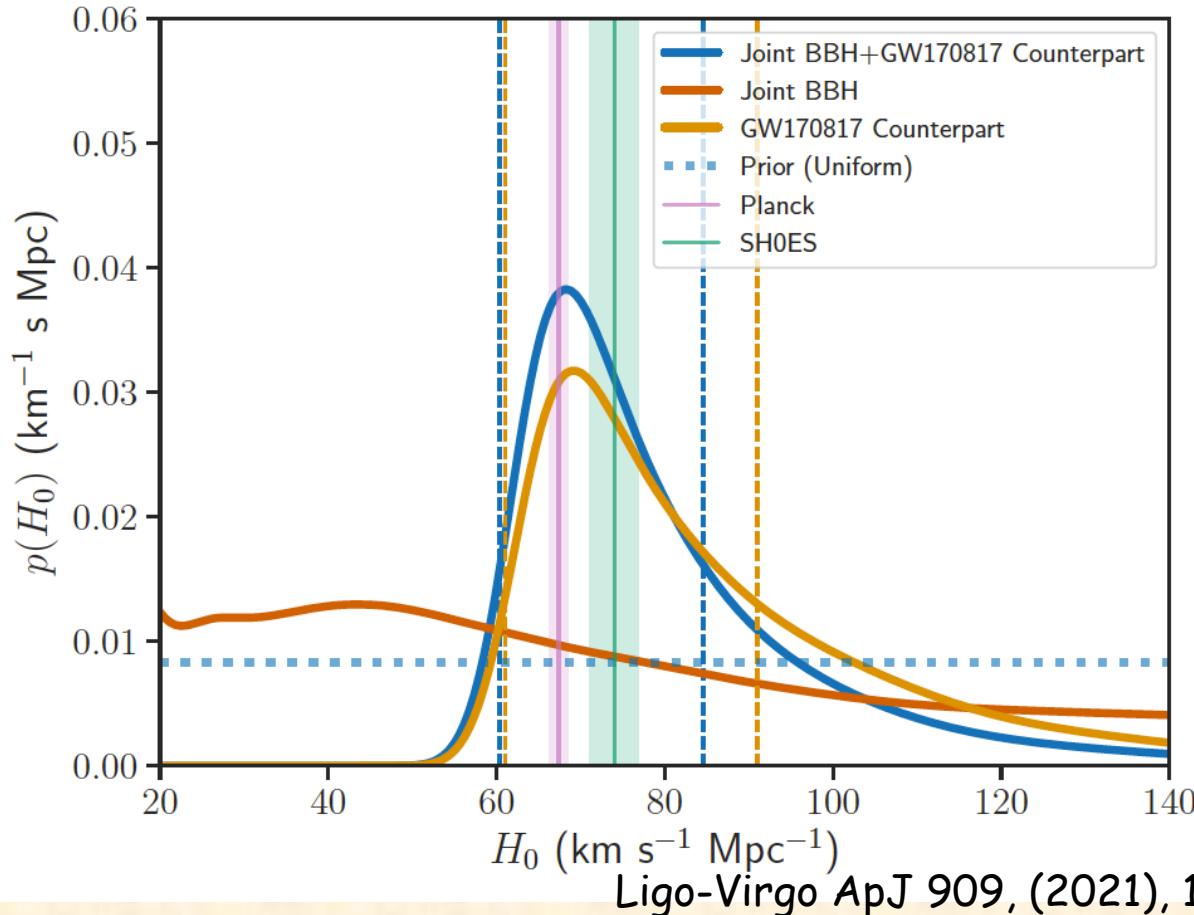


Gravitational Waves

- The detection of GWs by Ligo-Virgo opened a new window on the Universe (14 Sept. 2015, 10 yrs ago!)

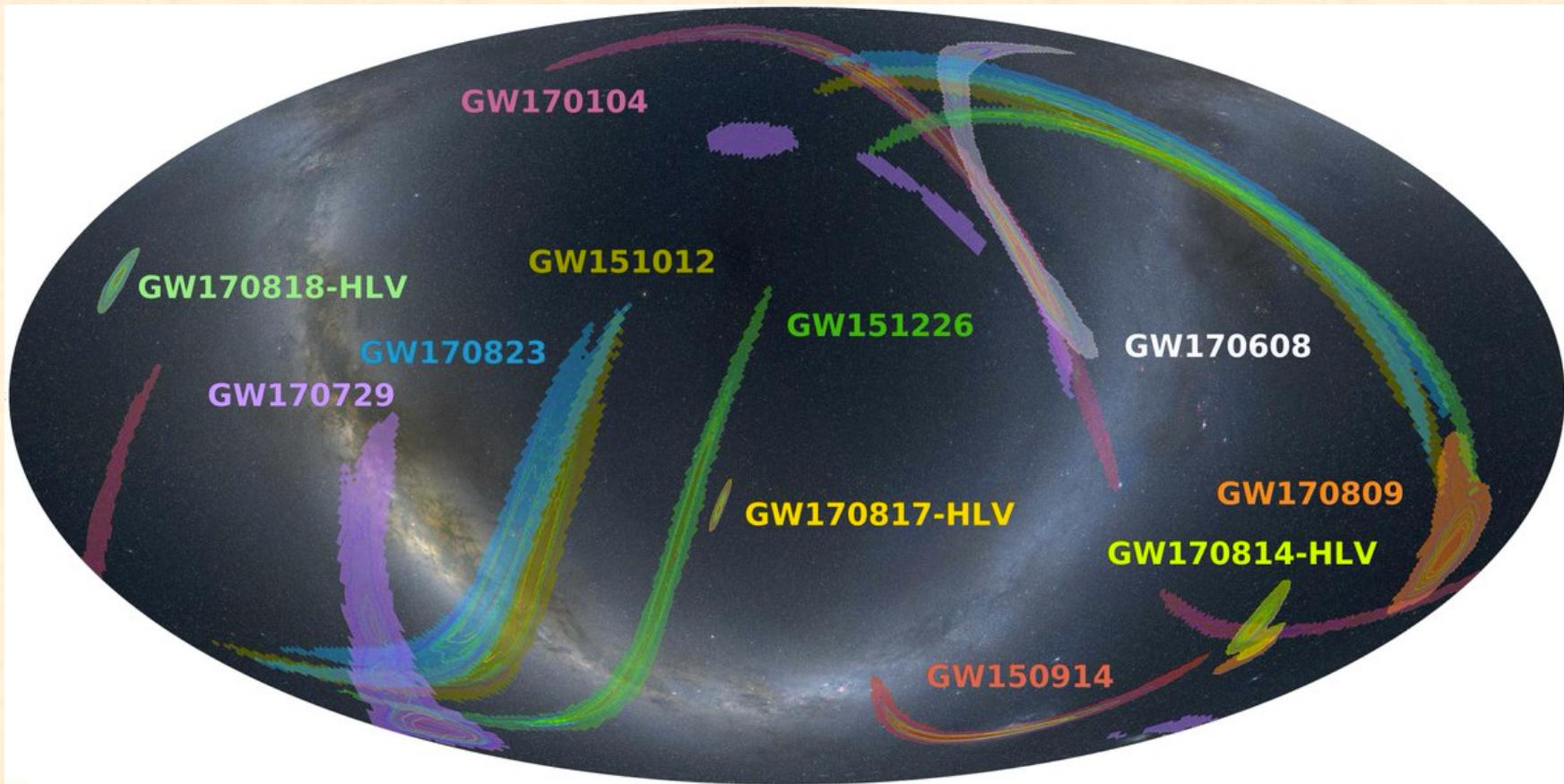


Standard Sirens



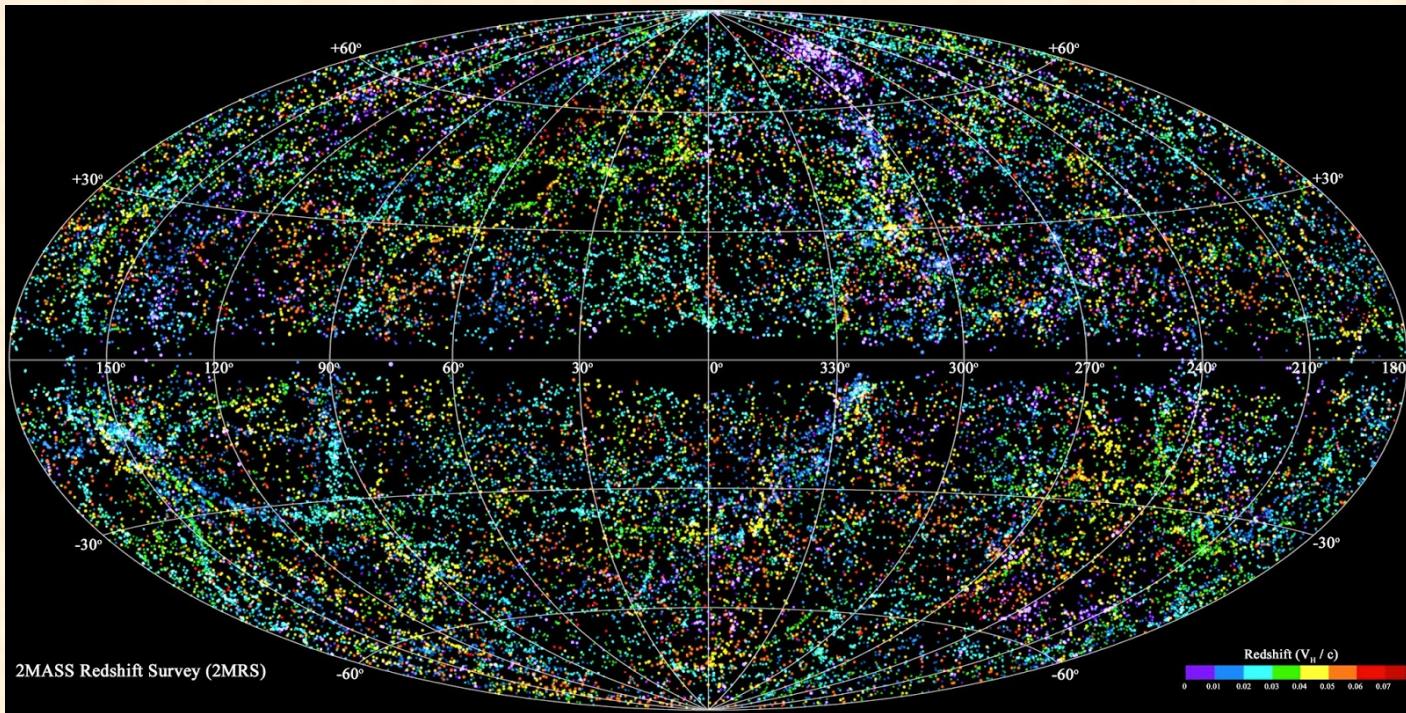
- GWs are standard Sirens: they give you the luminosity distance of the object
- An independent measurement of z (from counterpart) is generally needed (bright siren)
- In the case of Dark Sirens different techniques can be used

Map of GWs



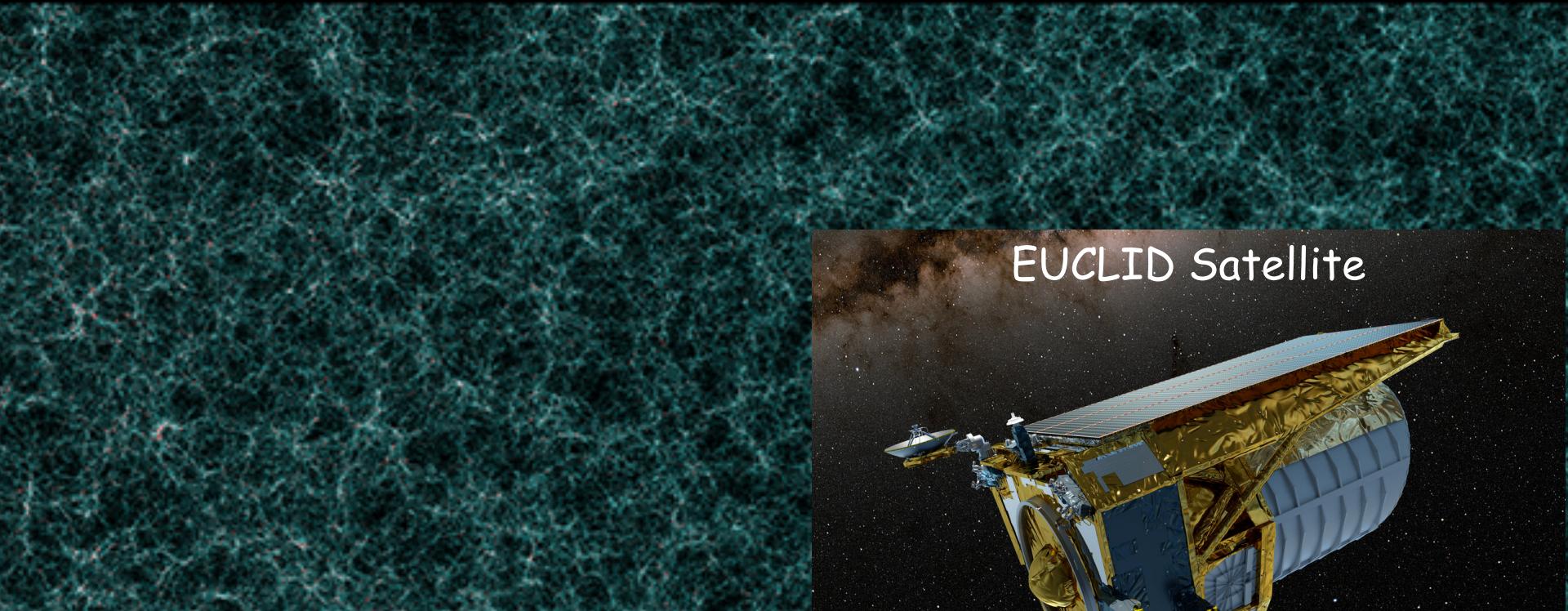
- In the next years number of detections and precision of localization will grow
- Auto-correlation statistics: very sensitive to the available statistic and angular precision
- Cross-correlation: exploit information from galaxy catalogs. More robust. Also less sensitive to the statistics and angular resolution

Large Scale Structures

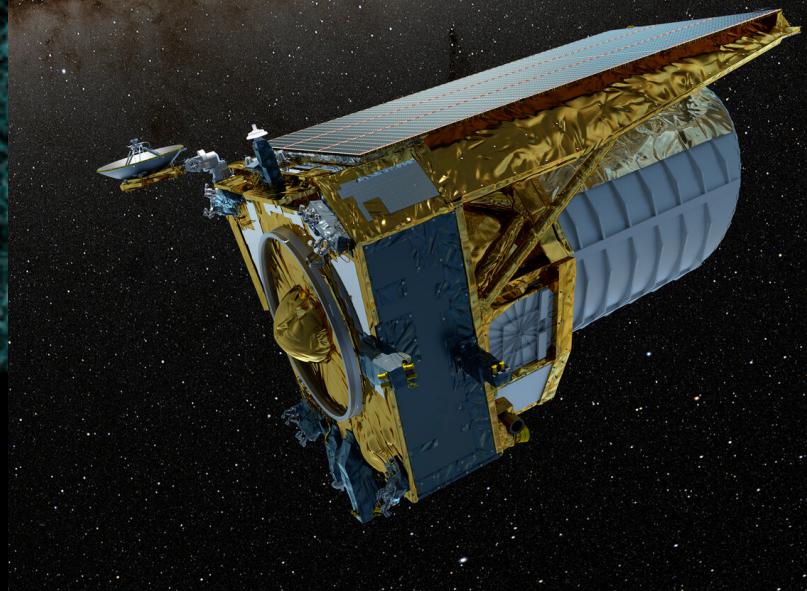


2MASS Galaxy Catalog

Large Scale Structures

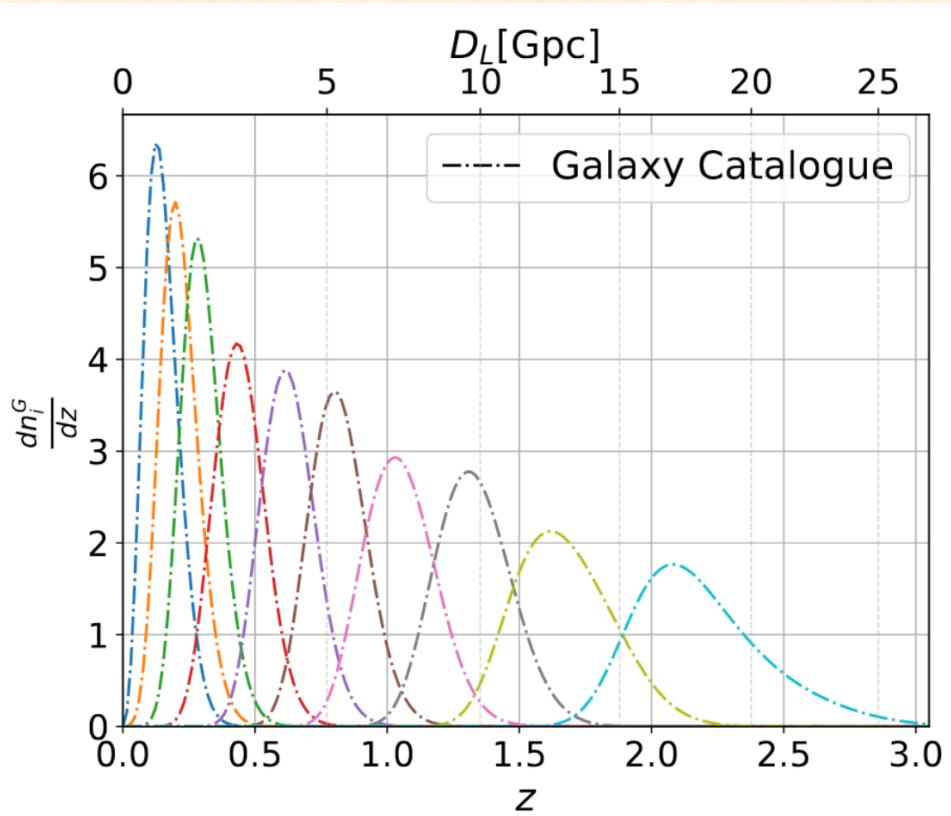


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Galaxy Tomography



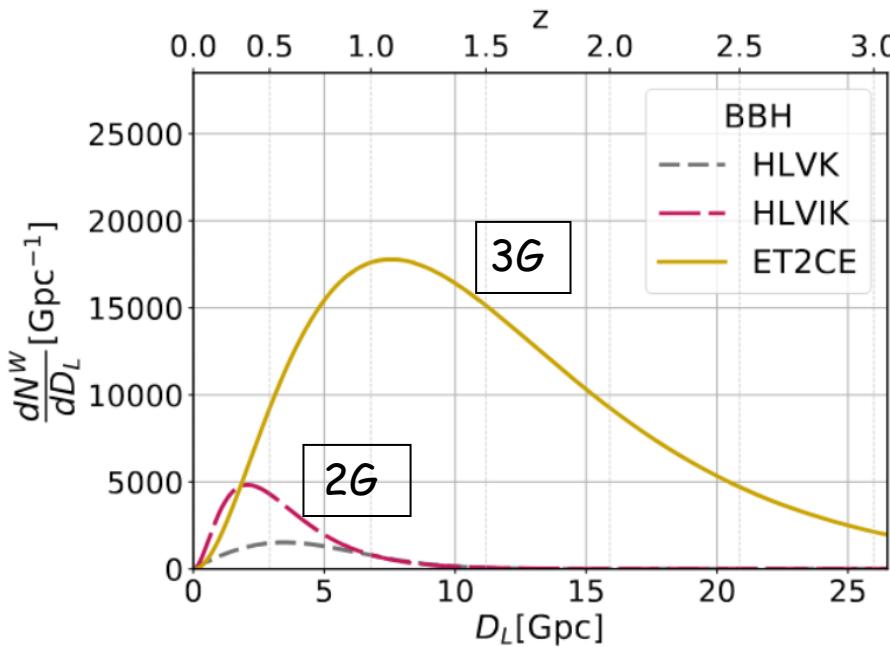
- An Euclid-like galaxy catalog is used. With about 10^9 galaxies with photometric z errors of about 5%
- Galaxies are divided into 10 z bins, and photometric errors are considered

GW-LSS forecast

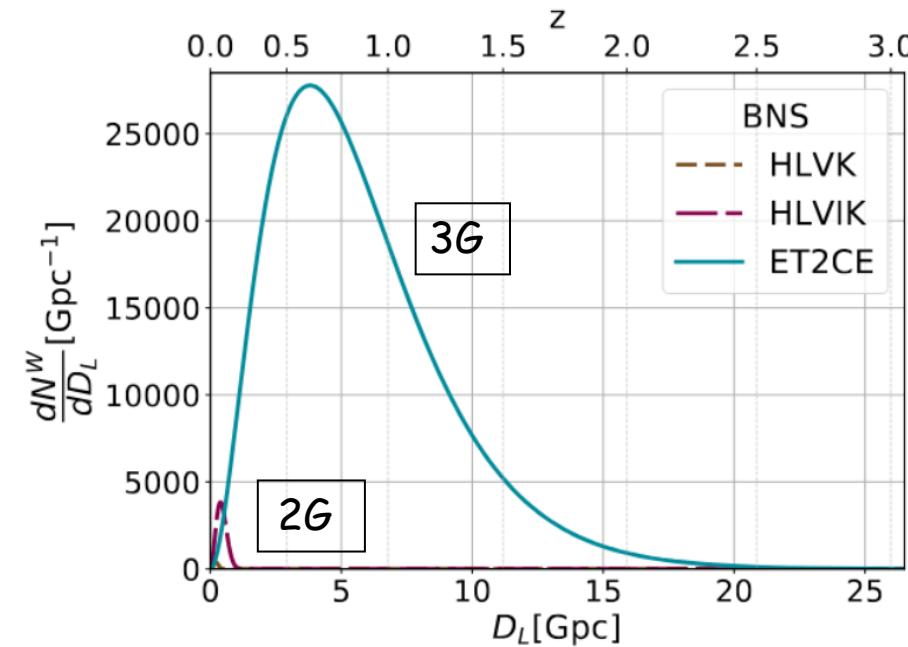
- Considering 3 cases:
 - HLVK design sensitivity (~ 10000 BBH Events in 10 yr)
 - HLVIK design sensitivity (~ 20000 BBH Events in 10 yr)
 - 3G: Einstein Telescope+ 2xCosmic Explorer (3×10^5 BBH events up to $z \sim 5$)
- Expected angular resolutions of the order $\sim 0.1\text{-}1$ deg

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GW-LSS forecast



(a) Detectable BBH number density

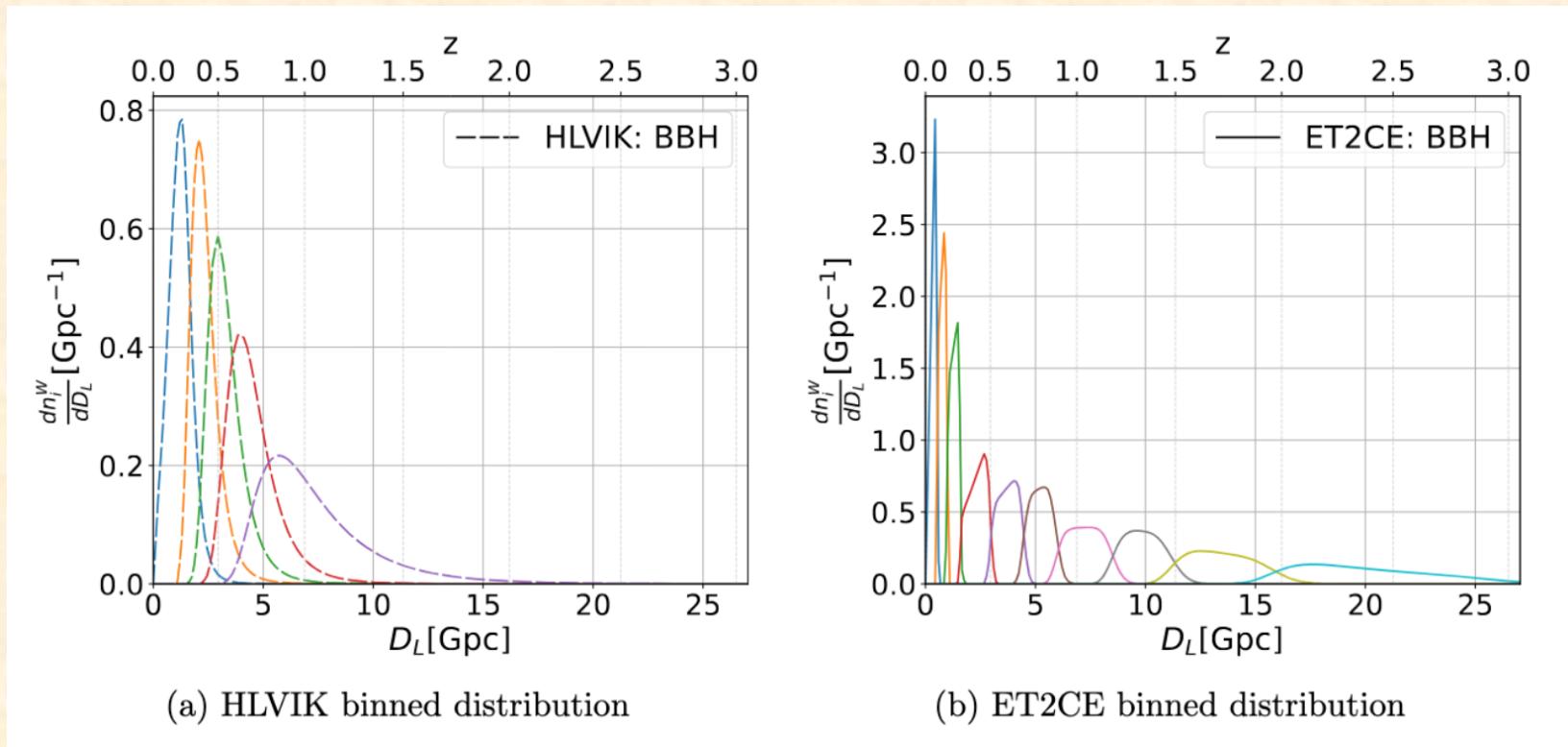


(b) Detectable BNS number density

- The simulation gives the z and D_L distributions for the observable GW events and for the 3 sub-classes BBHs, BNSs,
- 2G will detect events up to $z \sim 0.6$, while 3G up $z \sim 5$

Detector	Source	# events
HLVK	BBH	9159
	BNS	86
HLVIK	BBH	20289
	BNS	1874
ET2CE	BBH	262596
	BNS	198257

Darks Sirens distributions



- We use 10 bins for the 3G case, and only 5 bins for the 2G case, due to the limited statistics available

Theoretical predictions

Angular Power Spectrum of GW-LSS cross-correlation

$$C^{A_i B_j}(\ell) = \int_{z_{\min}}^{z_{\max}} dz \frac{W^{A_i}(z) W^{B_j}(z)}{H(z) r^2(z)} \times P_{\delta\delta} \left[k = \frac{\ell + 1/2}{r(z)}, z \right]$$

Expected Covariance on the Angular Power Spectrum

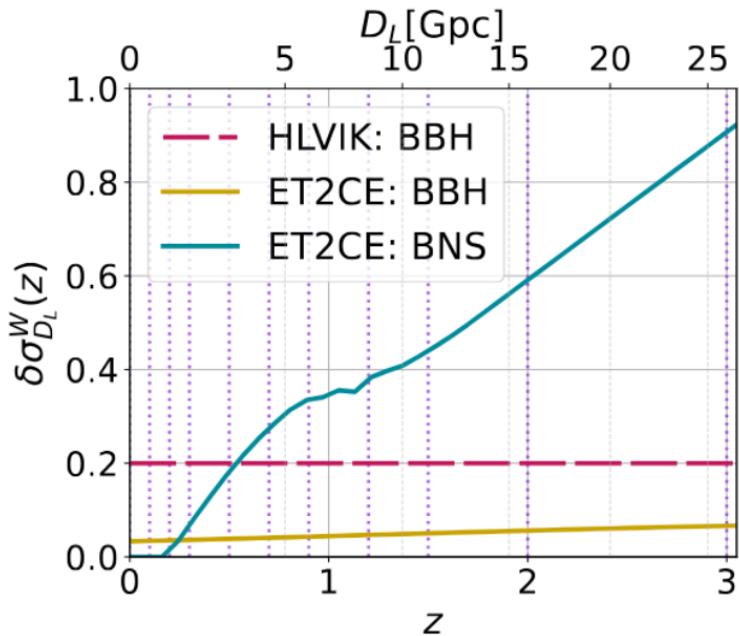
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cov} \left[\vec{T}_\ell(\vec{\theta}), \vec{T}_{\ell'}(\vec{\theta}) \right] &= \text{Cov} \left[C^{A_i B_j}(\ell), C^{C_k D_n}(\ell') \right] \\ &= \frac{\delta_{\ell\ell'}}{(2\ell + 1) f_{\text{fov}} \Delta \ell} \left[(C^{A_i C_k}(\ell) + N^{A_i C_k}(\ell)) (C^{B_j D_n}(\ell) + N^{B_j D_n}(\ell)) + \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (C^{A_i D_n}(\ell) + N^{A_i D_n}(\ell)) (C^{B_j C_k}(\ell) + N^{B_j C_k}(\ell)) \right], \end{aligned} \quad (4.4)$$

Noise and beam window

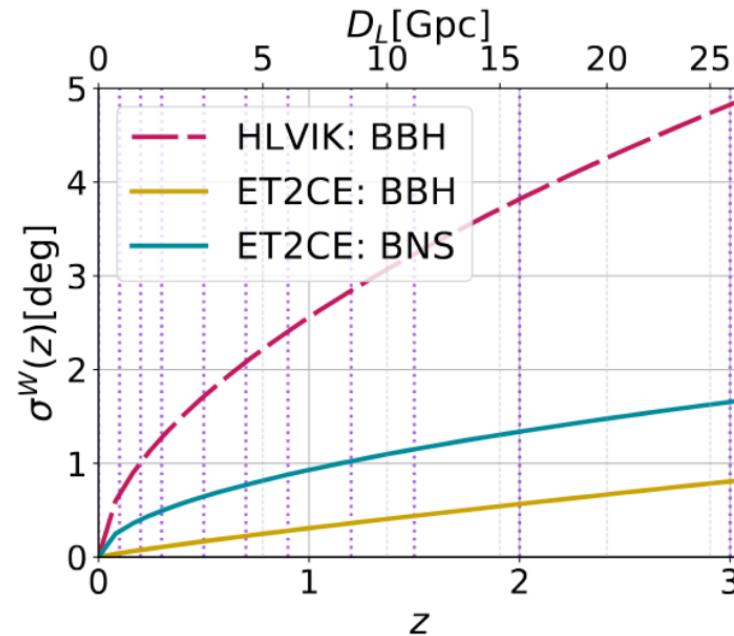
$$N^{A_i B_j}(\ell) = \frac{4\pi f_{\text{fov}}^A}{N^{A_i}} \frac{\delta_{A_i B_j}}{(\mathcal{W}^{A_i}(\ell))^2}$$

$$\mathcal{W}^{A_i}(\ell) = \exp \left(-\frac{(\sigma^{A_i})^2 \ell^2}{2} \right)$$

Angular and D_L resolution



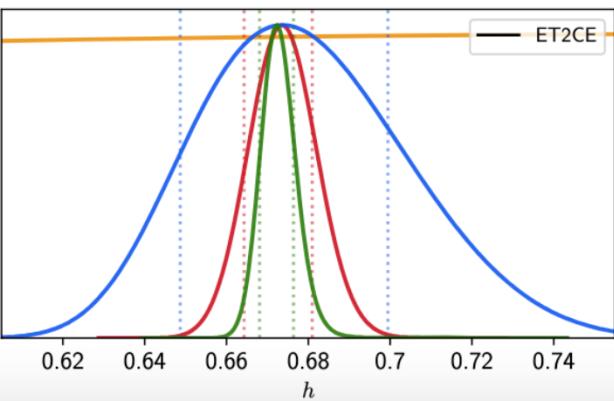
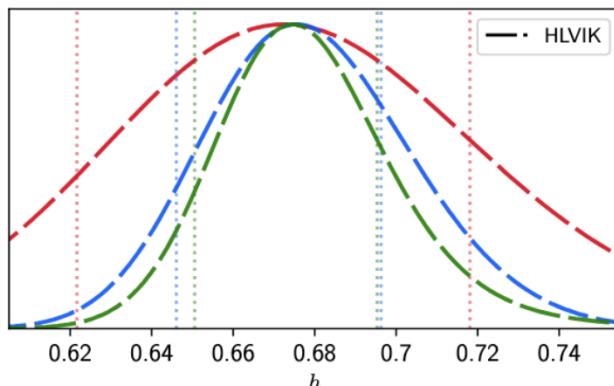
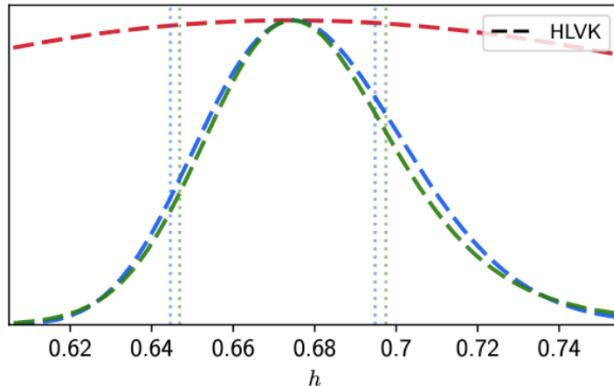
(a) Luminosity distance relative error.



(b) Angular localisation error.

- We performed a series of simulations of GW events with the *GWFAST* code to determine the angular resolution and the luminosity distance resolution.
- BBH are typically better reconstructed than BNS and have better localization and distance determination.
- For close-by events resolutions up to 0.1 deg are achieved. Resolutions of ~ 1 deg are typical.

Results H_0

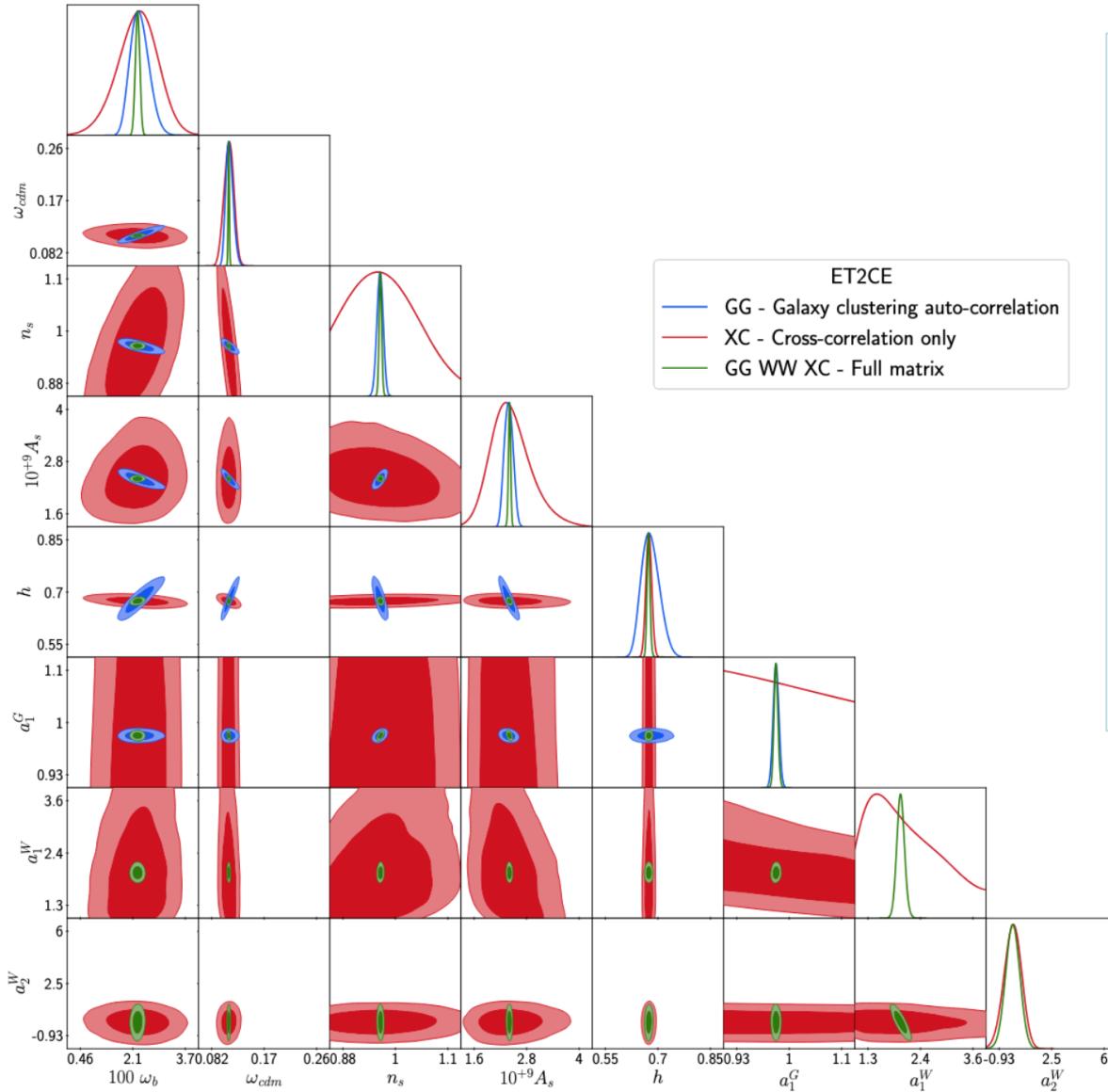


- We perform a cosmological forecast with MCMC scans of the full likelihood.
- We assume a fiducial model with $H_0 = 67.4 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$

— GG - Galaxy clustering auto-correlation
 — WW - Dark sirens auto-correlation
 — XC - Cross-correlation only
 — GG WW XC - Full matrix
 1 σ Error

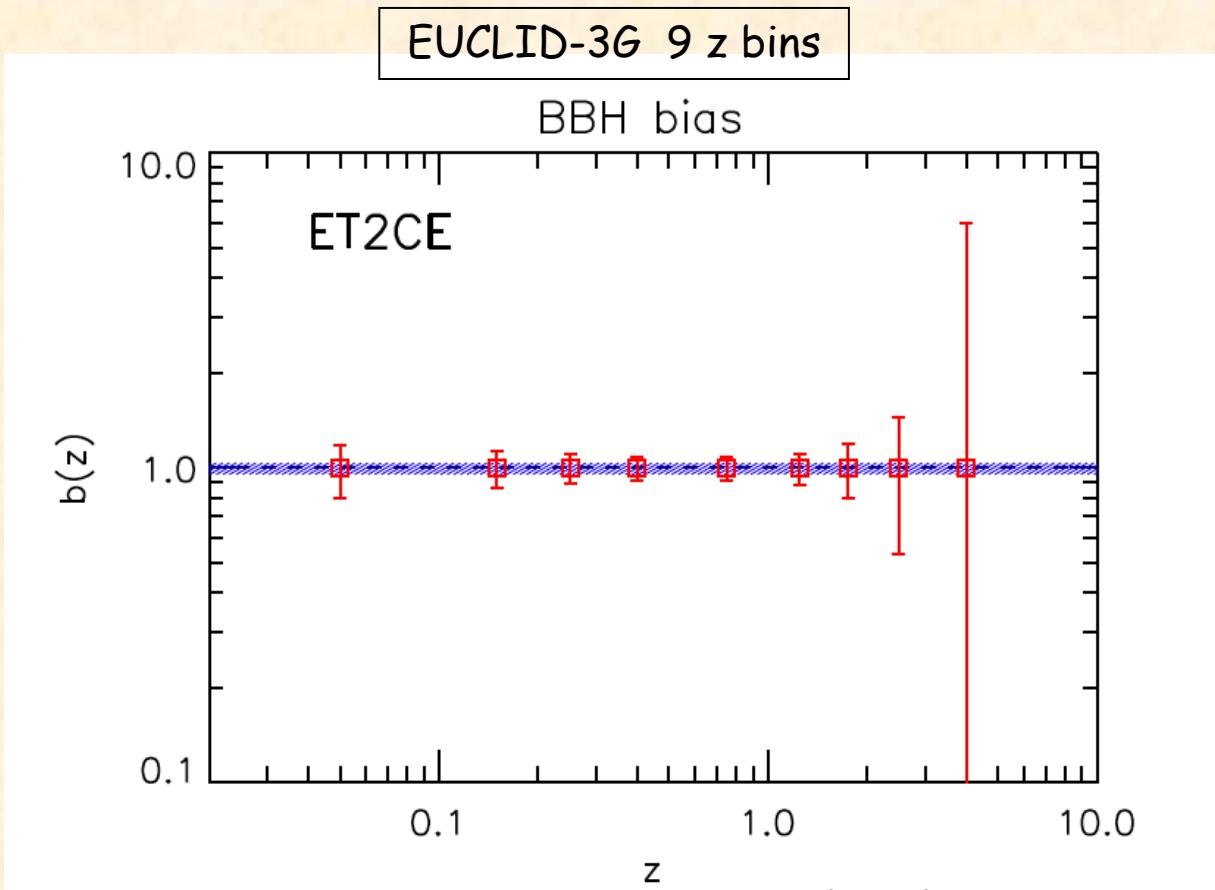
Detector	Contribution	$H_0 \text{ bestfit}^{+1\sigma}_{-1\sigma} [\text{km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}]$
Galaxy Catalogue	GG	$67.4^{+2.3}_{-2.8}$
HLVK	XC	$67.3^{+15.2}_{-24.2}$
	Full matrix	$67.6^{+2.2}_{-2.9}$
HLVIK	XC	$67.3^{+4.5}_{-5.2}$
	Full matrix	$67.5^{+2.0}_{-2.5}$
ET2CE	XC	$67.3^{+0.8}_{-0.9}$
	Full matrix	$67.2^{+0.5}_{-0.4}$

Results: Cosmological parameters



- There is a strong complementarity between galaxy auto-correlation information and GW-galaxy cross-correlation for basically all the cosmological parameters
- When both information is used constraints become several times stronger than any of the two probes alone.

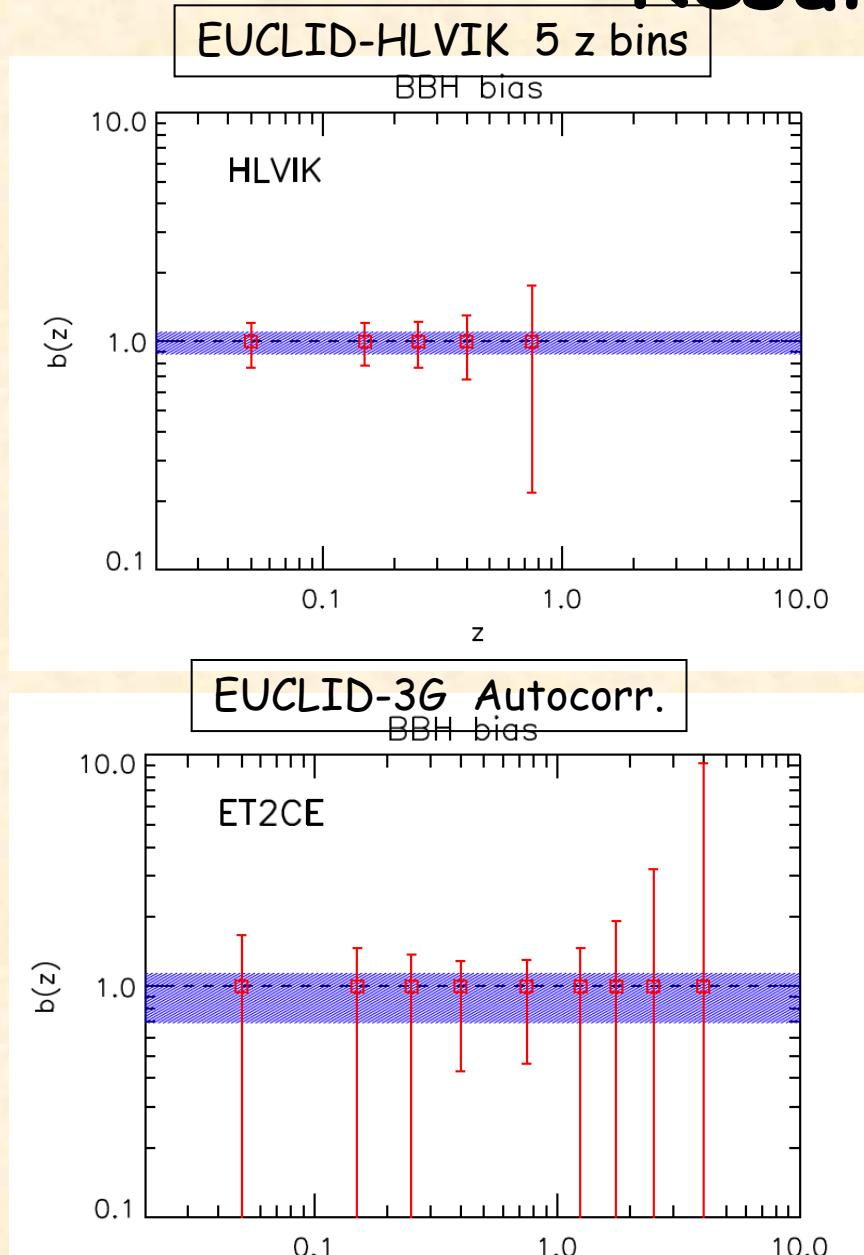
Results: bias



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- Combining 3G and future galaxy surveys it possible to determine the bias as function of z at about 10% precision, which should be enough to distinguish the primordial BHs case from the astro BHs case

Results: bias



- Already with the current generation the bias can be measured reasonable well giving discrimination capabilities
- Results from GW autocorrelation only are poor. The extra information from correlation with galaxies dramatically enhance the discrimination power.

Conclusions

- Cross-correlation with LSS is a promising tool to perform cosmology with Dark Sirens
- 10yr data taking of the next (3G) generation instruments will have a sensitivity of 0.5% to H_0
- GW biases will be measured to better than 10%, allowing to test the fraction of primordial BHs.

Backup slides

THE GRAVITATIONAL WAVE DETECTOR WORKS! FOR THE FIRST TIME, WE CAN LISTEN IN ON THE SIGNALS CARRIED BY RIPPLES IN THE FABRIC OF SPACE ITSELF!



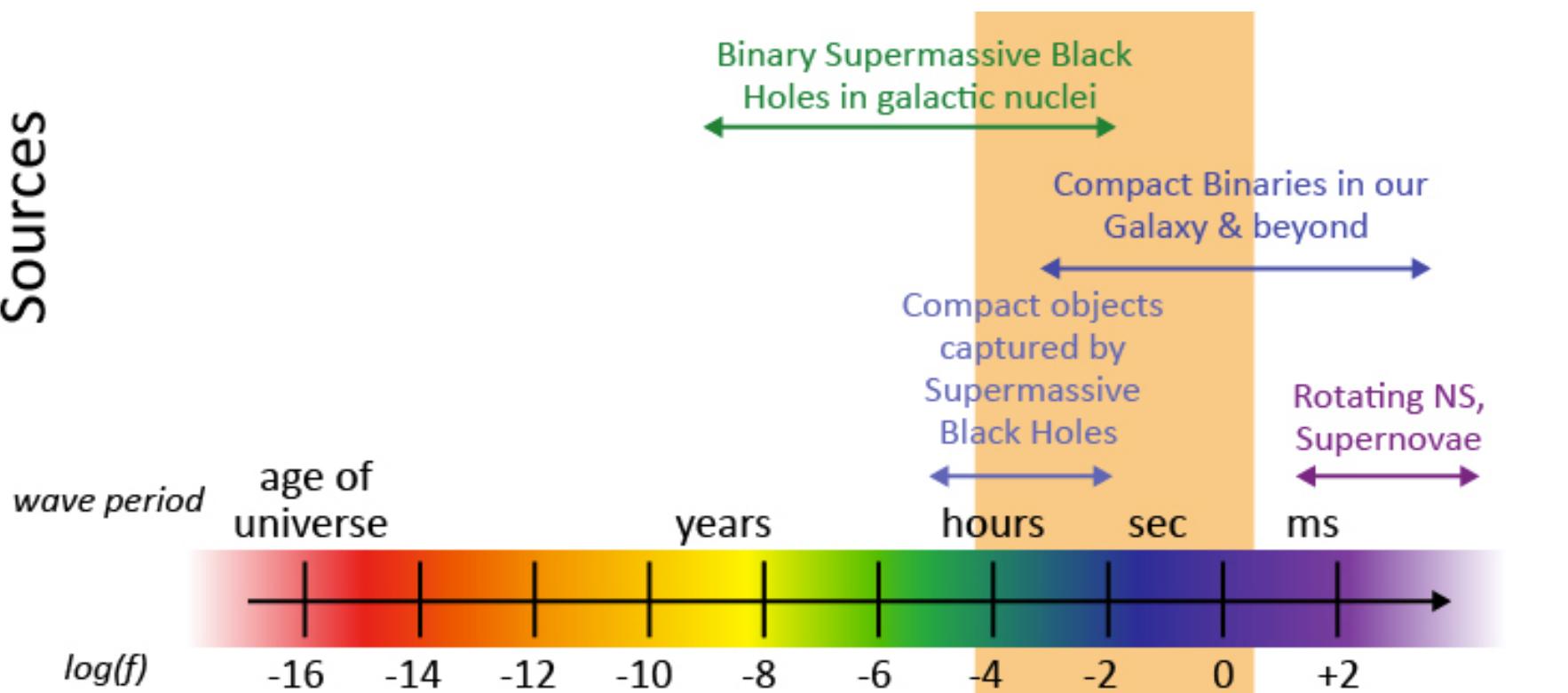
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EVENT: ZORLAX THE MIGHTY WOULD LIKE TO CONNECT ON LINKEDIN
EVENT: BLACK HOLE MERGER IN ORION ($20 M_{\odot}, 50 M_{\odot}$)
EVENT: MORTGAGE OFFER FROM TRIANGULUM GALAXY
EVENT: ZORLAX THE MIGHTY WOULD LIKE TO CONNECT ON LINKEDIN
EVENT: MEET LONELY SINGLES IN THE LOCAL GROUP TONIGHT!



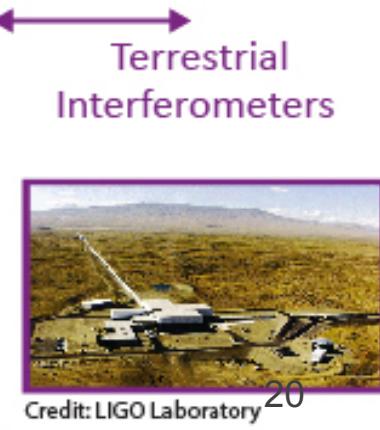
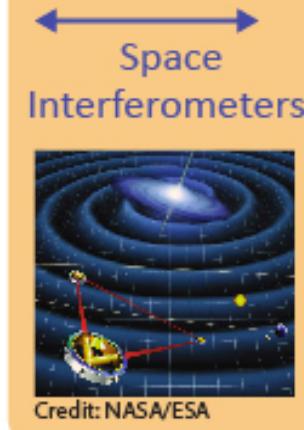
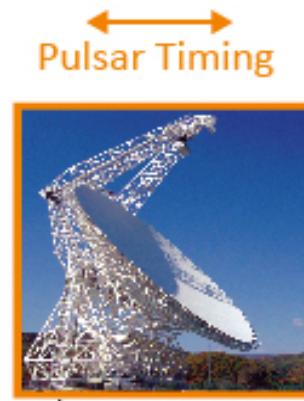
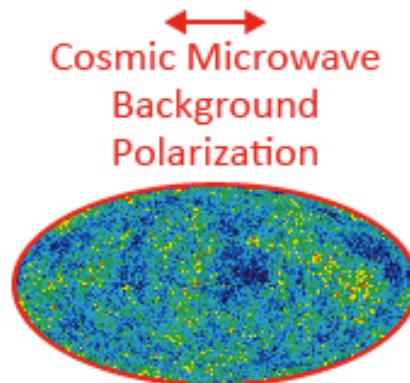
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The Gravitational Wave Spectrum

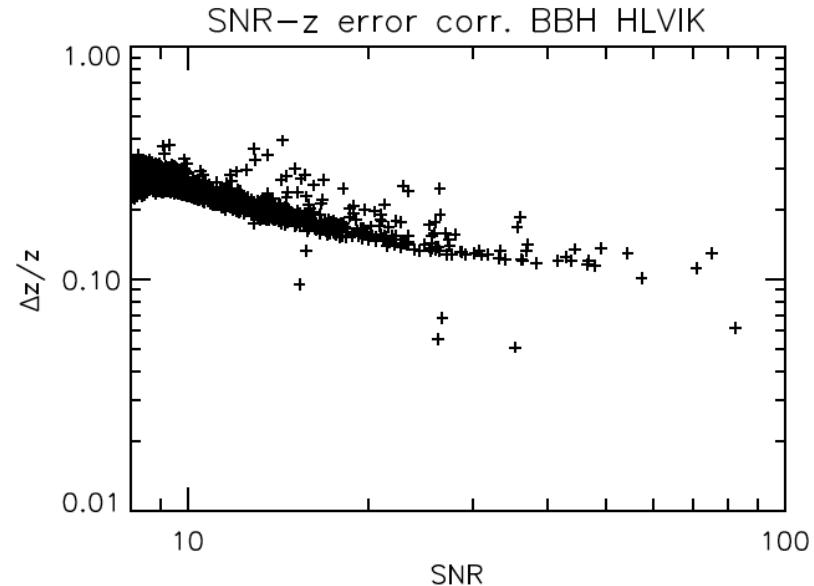
Sources



Detectors



Redshift resolution



- Redshift resolution typically of the order of 20%
- For some very well reconstructed event can go down to 1% or 0.1%

