

# Gravitational wave measurements: future insights on cosmology and particle physics



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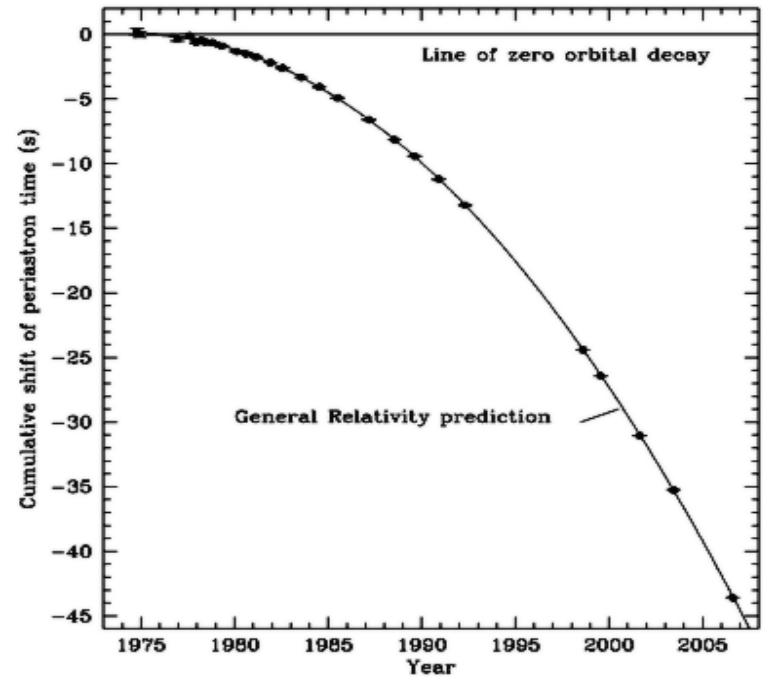
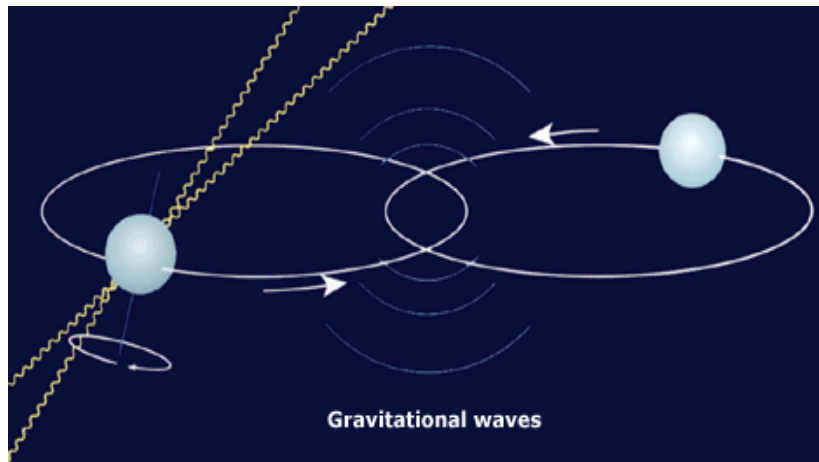
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- > In January 2016, great announcement ...
- > ... first *direct* detection of GWs. Event dubbed GW150914



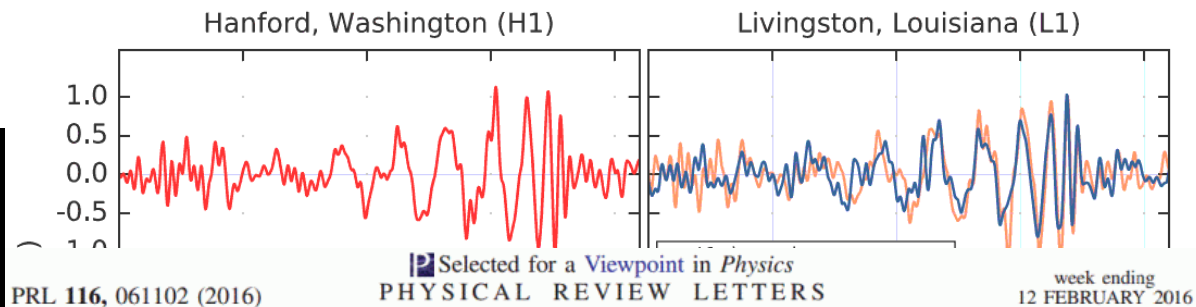
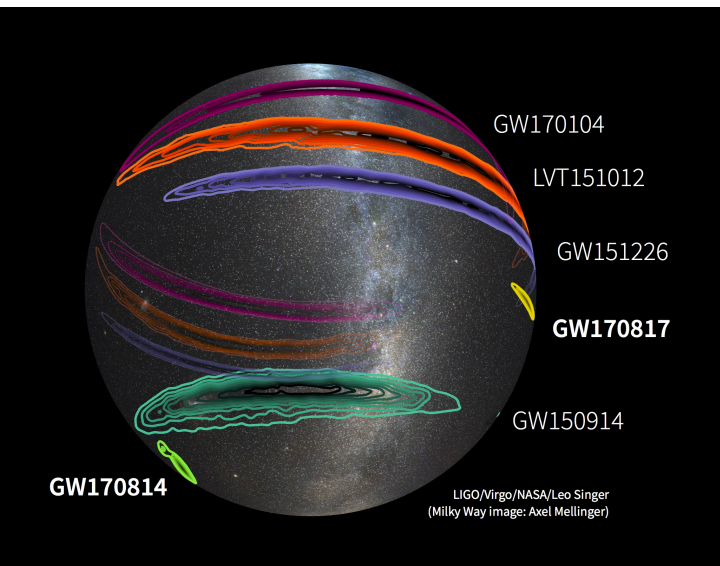
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- > The first *indirect* detection that GWs exist was obtained by observing the Hulse-Taylor binary system
- > GR predicts that accelerating masses (varying its quad. momentum) produce a spacetime perturbation that propagates (“ripples in spacetime”). These are called GWs and carry energy.
- > A system emitting GWs loses energy



# Gravitational Waves

- > So, why the first (and subsequent) *direct* observations so interesting?
  - ◆ Indirect observations may rely on debatable interpretations
  - ◆ So precise that we can accurately detail the sources
  - ◆ ....



## Observation of Gravitational Waves from a Binary Black Hole Merger

B. P. Abbott *et al.*\*

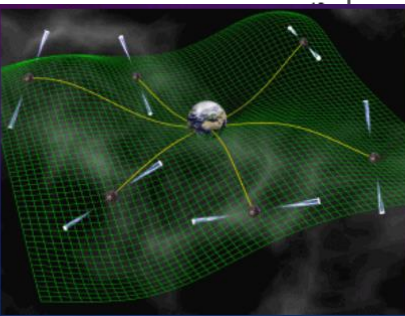
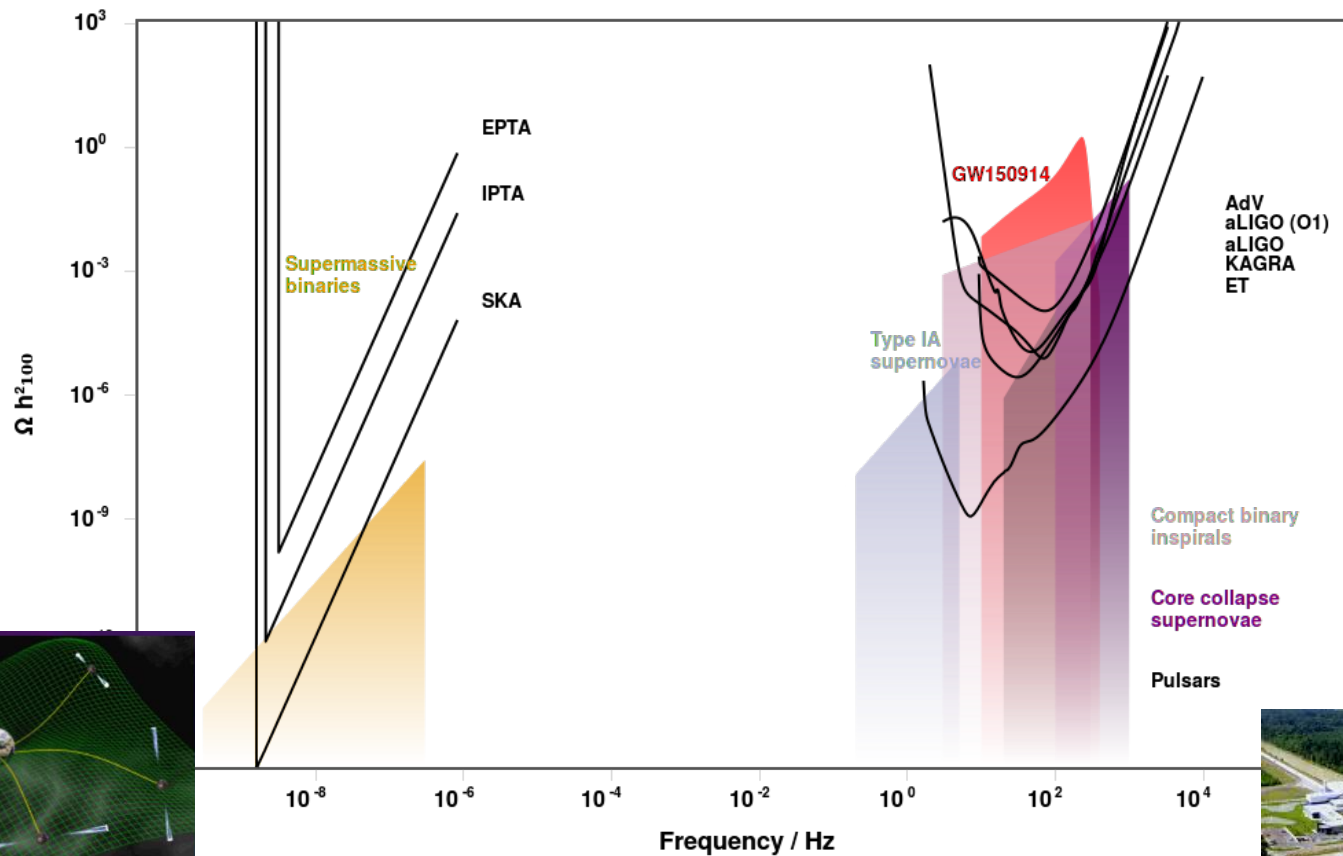
(LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration)

(Received 21 January 2016; published 11 February 2016)

On September 14, 2015 at 09:50:45 UTC the two detectors of the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory simultaneously observed a transient gravitational-wave signal. The signal sweeps upwards in frequency from 35 to 250 Hz with a peak gravitational-wave strain of  $1.0 \times 10^{-21}$ . It matches the waveform predicted by general relativity for the inspiral and merger of a pair of black holes and the ringdown of the resulting single black hole. The signal was observed with a matched-filter signal-to-noise ratio of 24 and a false alarm rate estimated to be less than 1 event per 203 000 years, equivalent to a significance greater than  $5.1\sigma$ . The source lies at a luminosity distance of  $410^{+160}_{-180}$  Mpc corresponding to a redshift  $z = 0.09^{+0.03}_{-0.04}$ . In the source frame, the initial black hole masses are  $36^{+5}_{-4} M_{\odot}$  and  $29^{+4}_{-4} M_{\odot}$ , and the final black hole mass is  $62^{+4}_{-4} M_{\odot}$ , with  $3.0^{+0.5}_{-0.5} M_{\odot} c^2$  radiated in gravitational waves. All uncertainties define 90% credible intervals. These observations demonstrate the existence of binary stellar-mass black hole systems. This is the first direct

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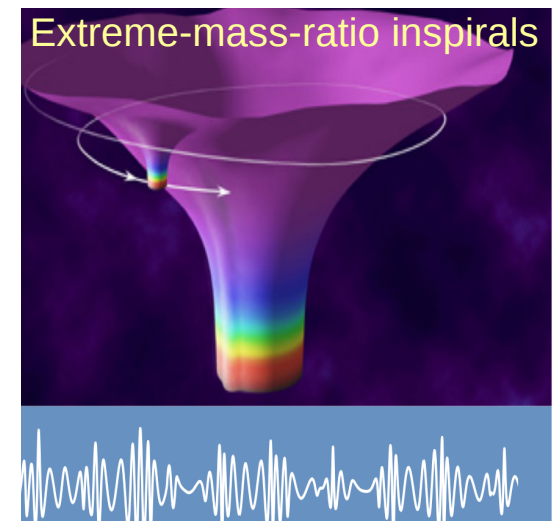
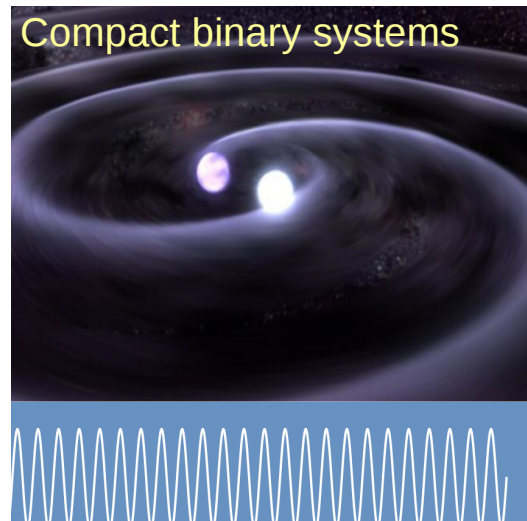
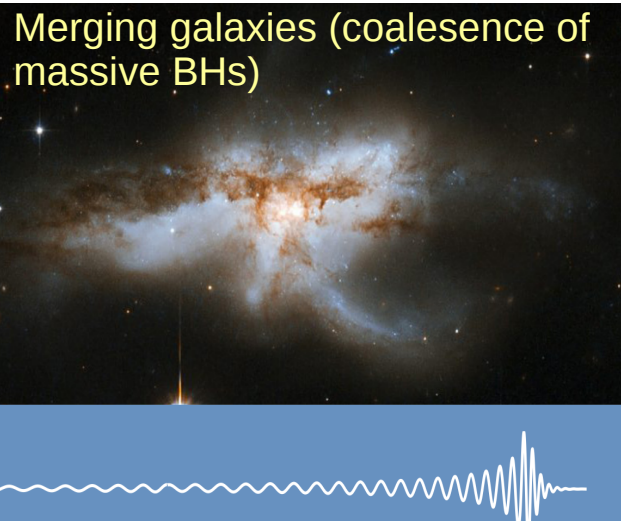
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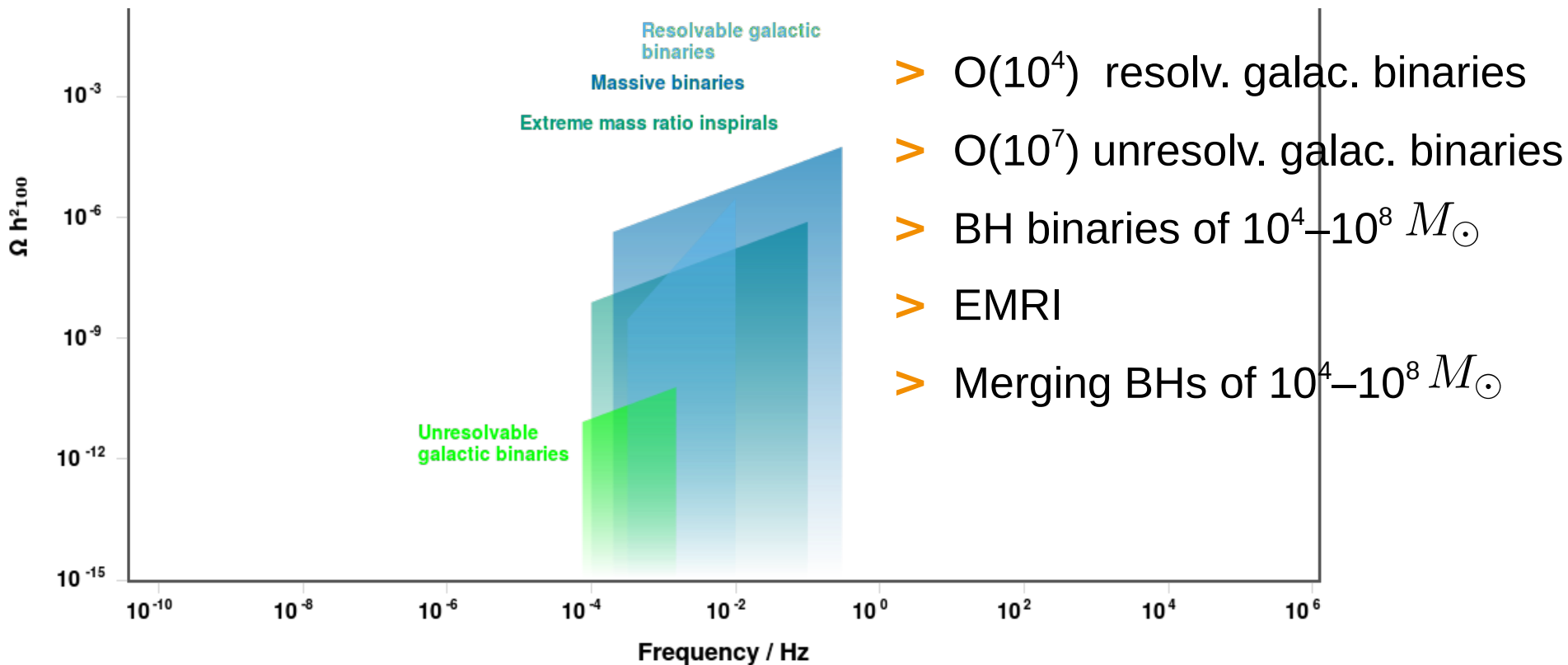
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- > **Typical objects:** Binaries of white dwarfs and  $10^4$ – $10^8 M_{\odot}$  black holes



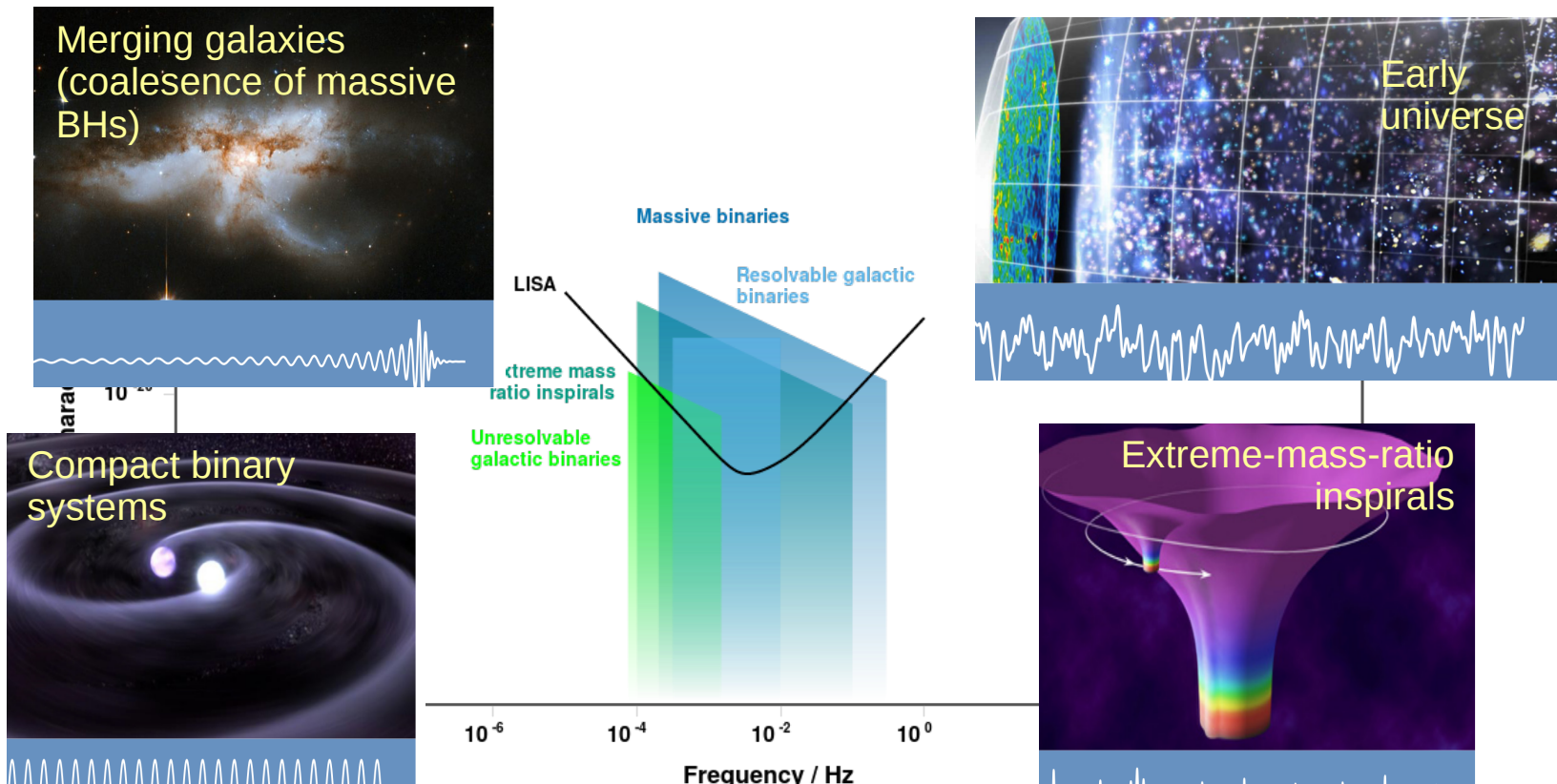
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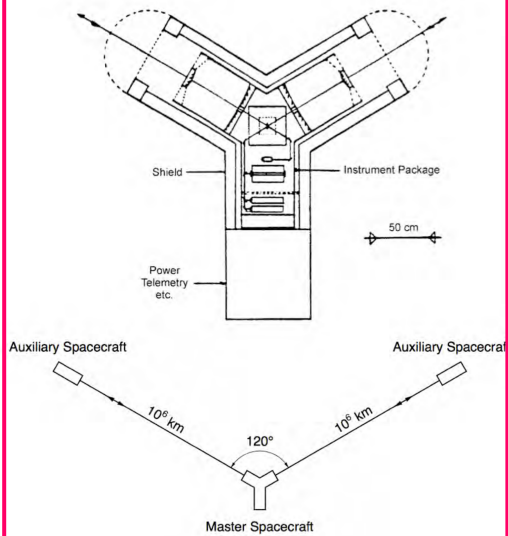
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- > How to detect GWs of  $10^{-5}$ – $10^0$  Hz frequencies?



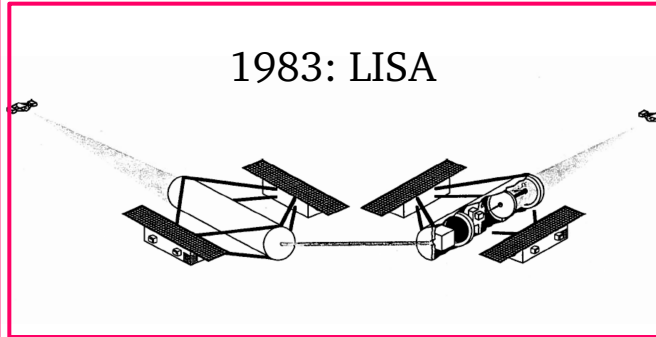
Some sources are guaranteed, others would be a breakthrough.  
Any experiment able to probe this fr. band?

# The Novel of the Laser Interferometer Space Antenna (LISA)

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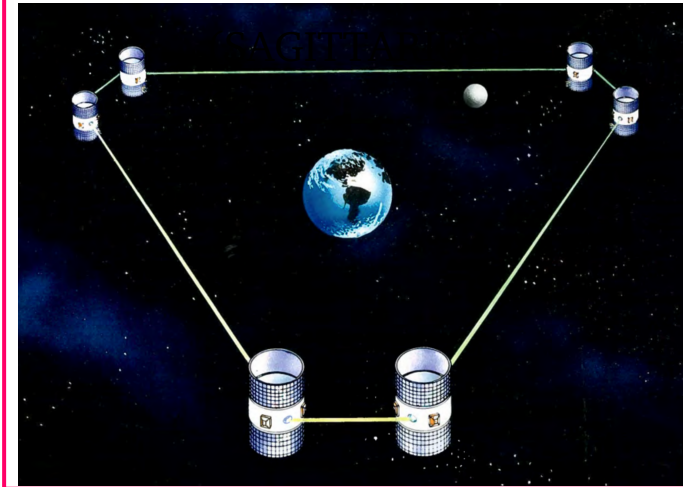


1983: LISA

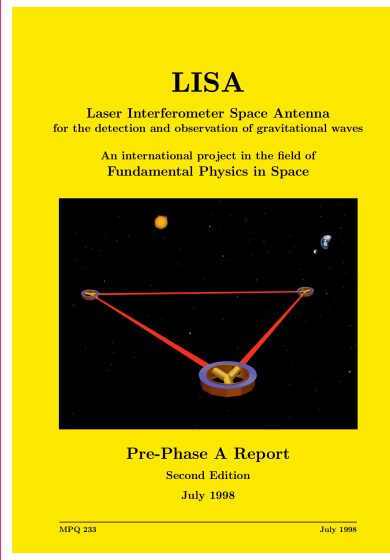


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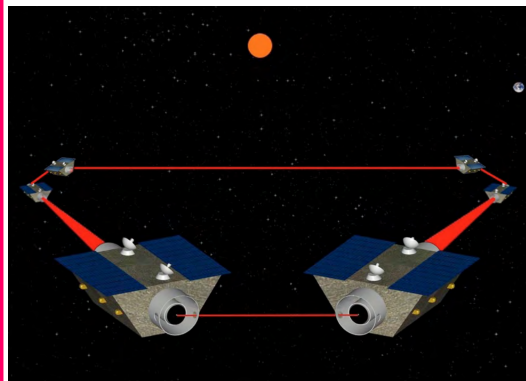
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1998: LISA



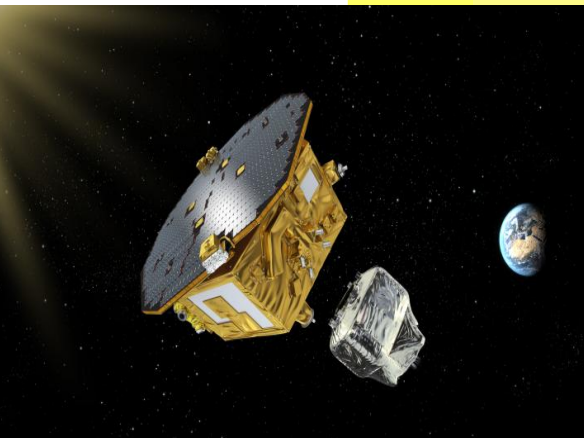
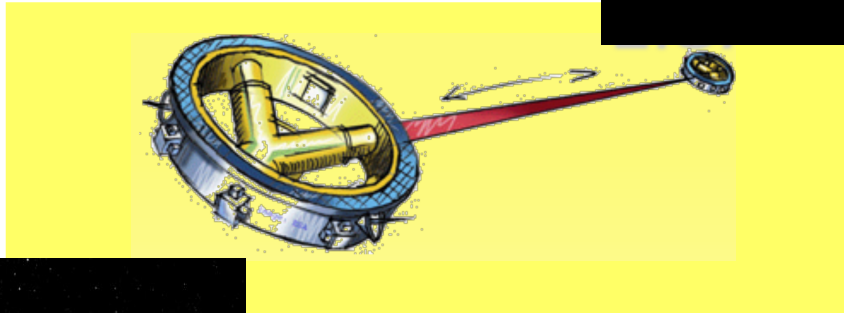
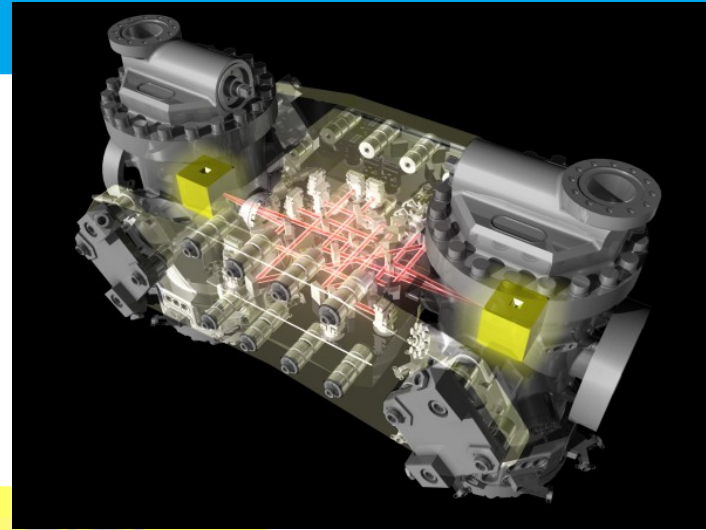
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# LISA PathFinder

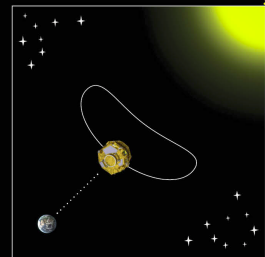
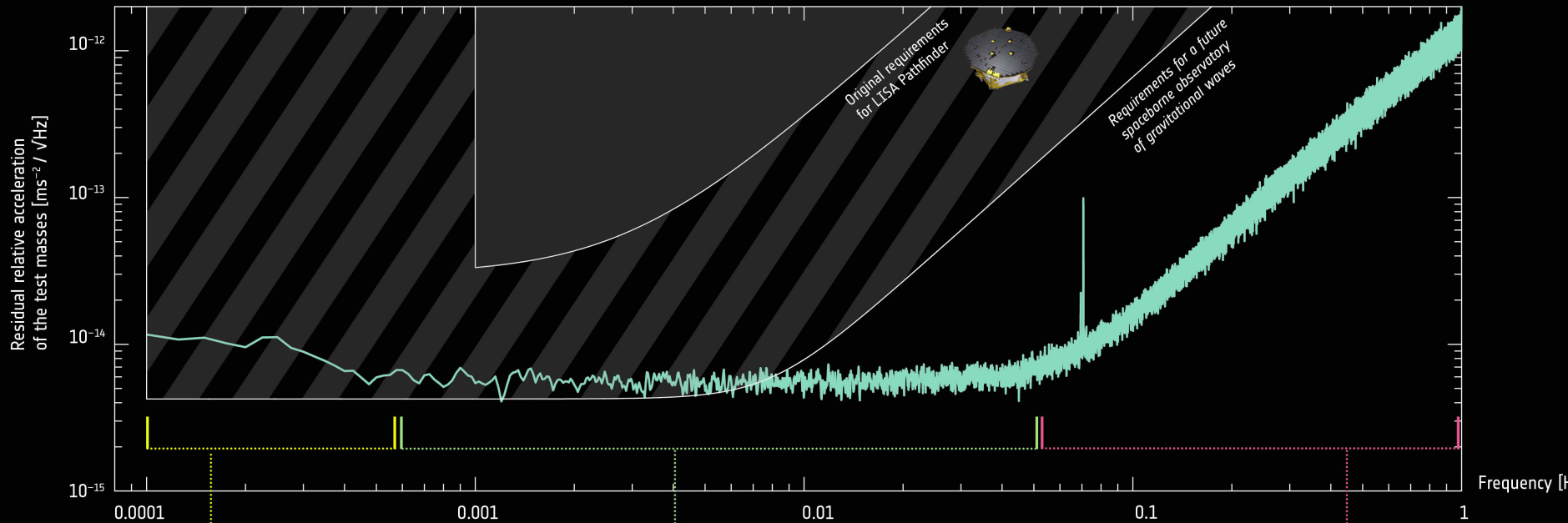
- ✗ Testing LISA technology in space
- ✗ Take one arm of LISA, squeeze it into one spacecraft



- ✗ Launched on 3 Dec. 2015
- ✗ Took data till 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017
- ✗ Now switched off

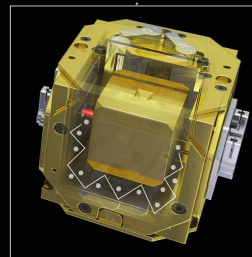


## → LISA PATHFINDER EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS



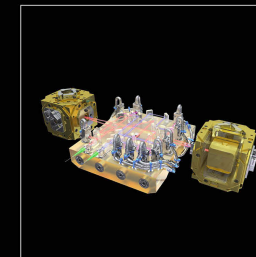
### Centrifugal force

The rotation of the spacecraft required to keep the solar array pointed at the Sun and the antenna pointed towards Earth, coupled with the noise of the startrackers produces a noisy centrifugal force on the test masses. This noise term has been subtracted, and the source of the residual noise after subtraction is still being investigated.



### Gas damping

Inside their housings, the test masses collide with some of the few gas molecules still present. This noise term becomes smaller with time, as more gas molecules are vented to space.



### Sensing noise

The sensing noise of the optical metrology system used to monitor the position and orientation of the test masses, at a level of 35 fm / sqrt(Hz) has already surpassed the level of precision required by a future gravitational-wave observatory by a factor of more than 100.

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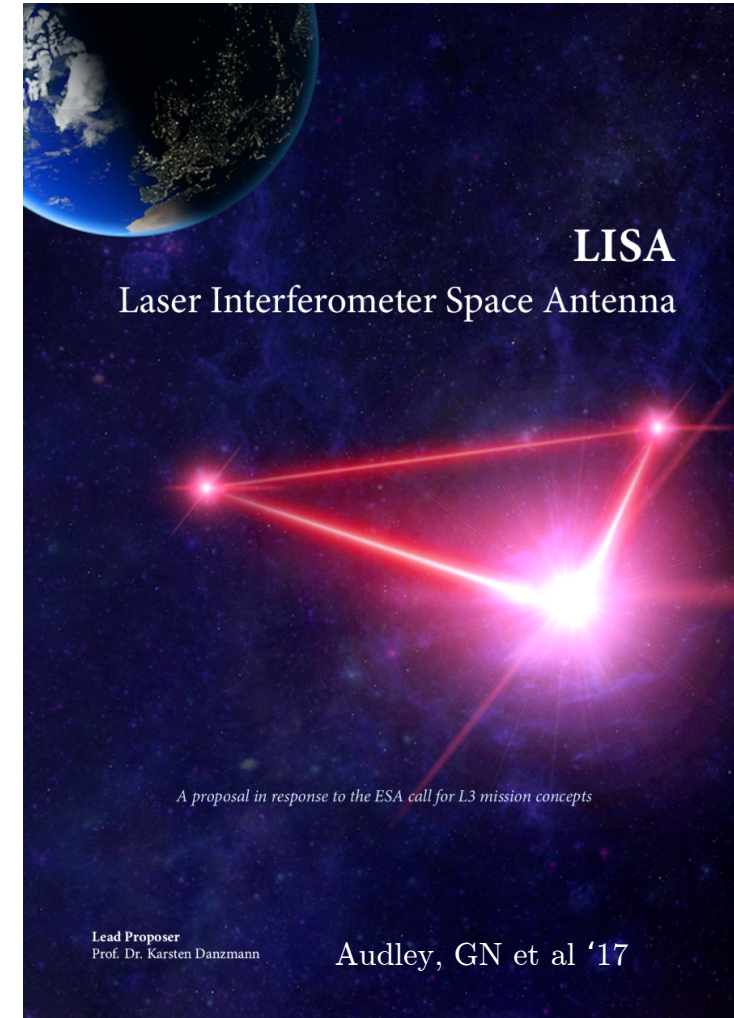
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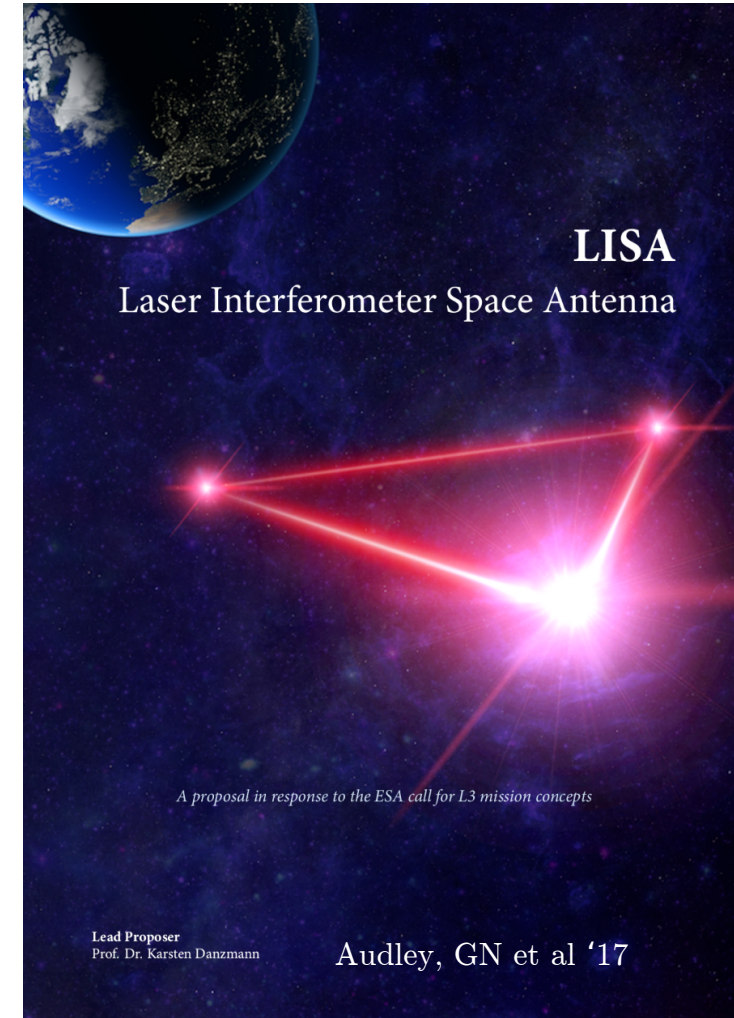
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The mission selected for the L3 launch is LISA.

Launch between 2028 and 2034

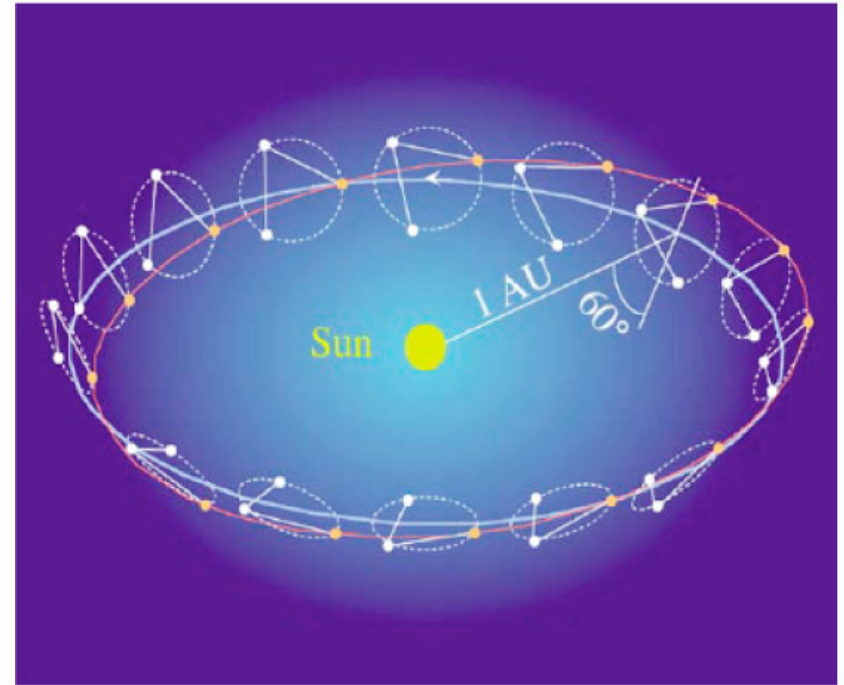
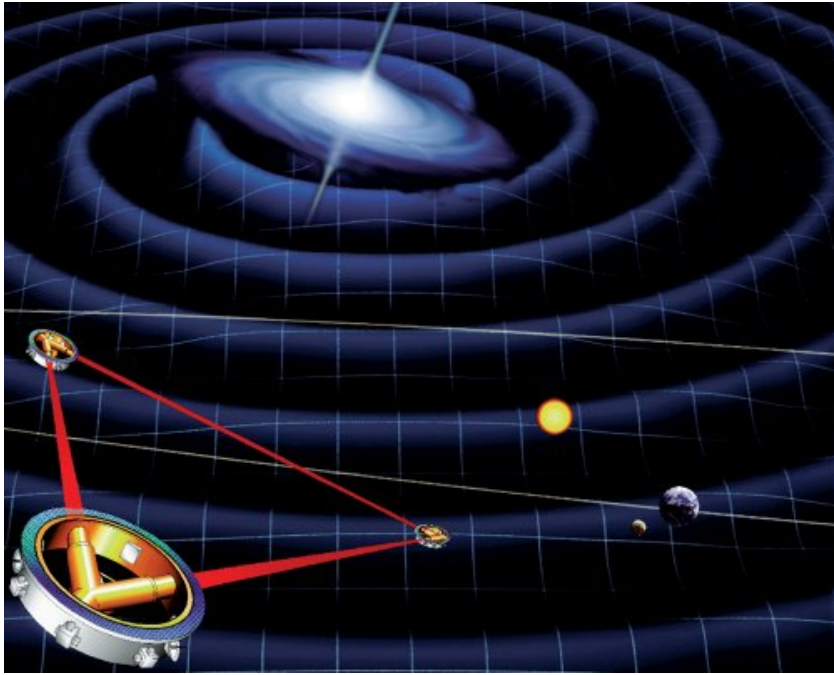
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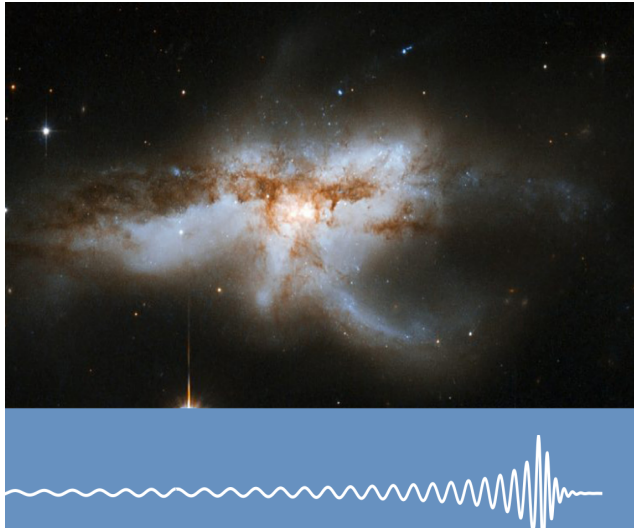
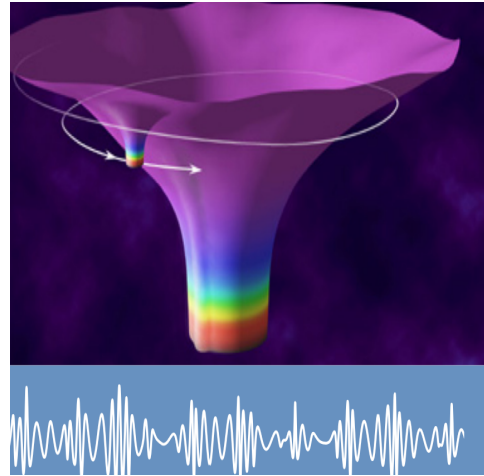
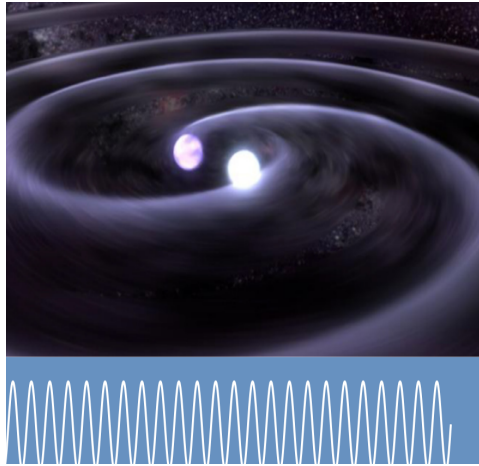


# Laser Interferometer Space Antenna (LISA)



- > LISA is kind of a scaled-up version of two LIGO detectors
- > The relative displacements of free-fall masses at L1 are measured by means of laser interferometry
- > A GW passing through LISA displaces the free-fall masses
- > Three arms that are 2.5 Gm long
- > Taking data for at least 4 (but expected ~10) years

# The Main Astrophysics Science behind GW detections



## Astroph. Objectives :

- Formation and evolution of the astro. population
- Primordial black holes ?
- BHs as a relevant DM component?
  - Tests of GR
- QCD under extreme conditions
  - Surprises ?

## But besides astrophysics....

... there is much more

- Particle content and early history of the Universe
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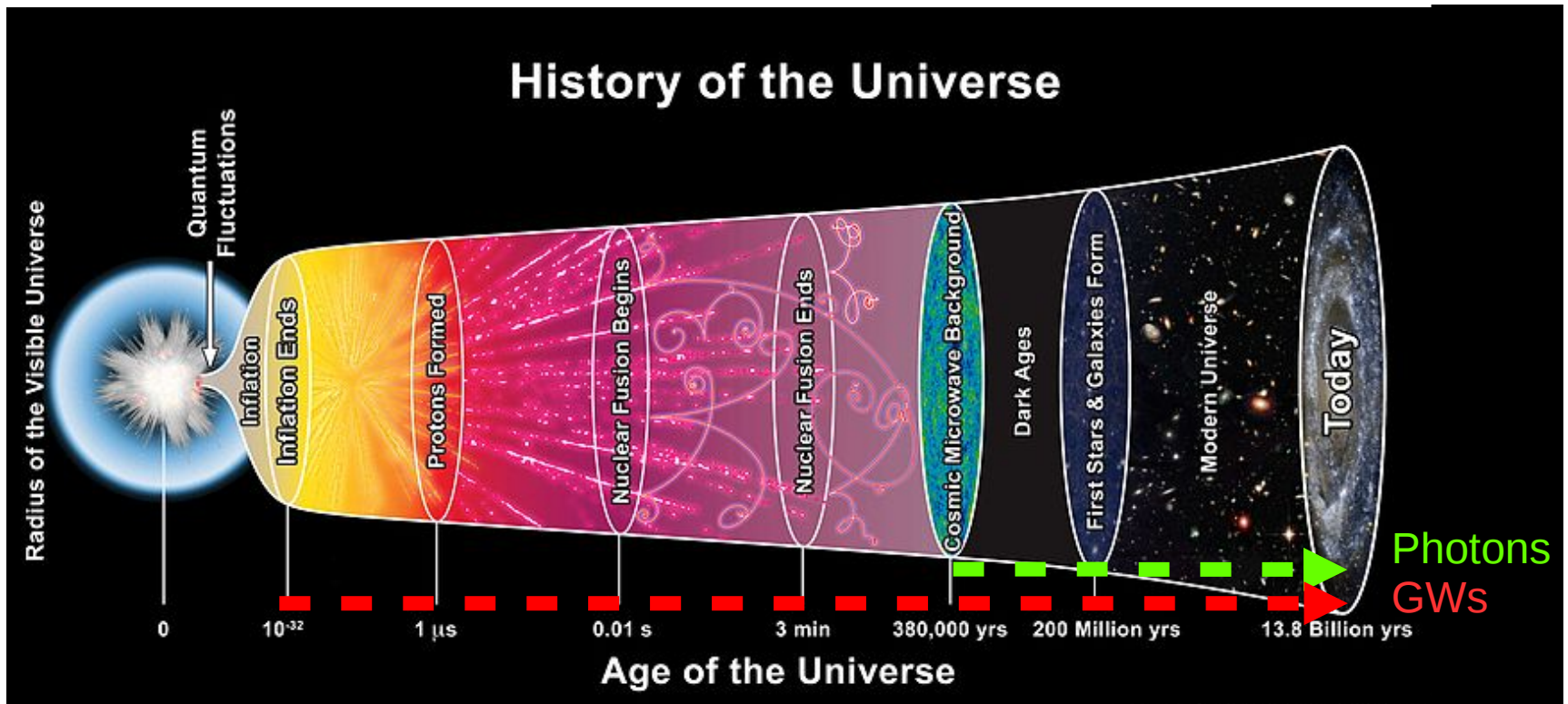
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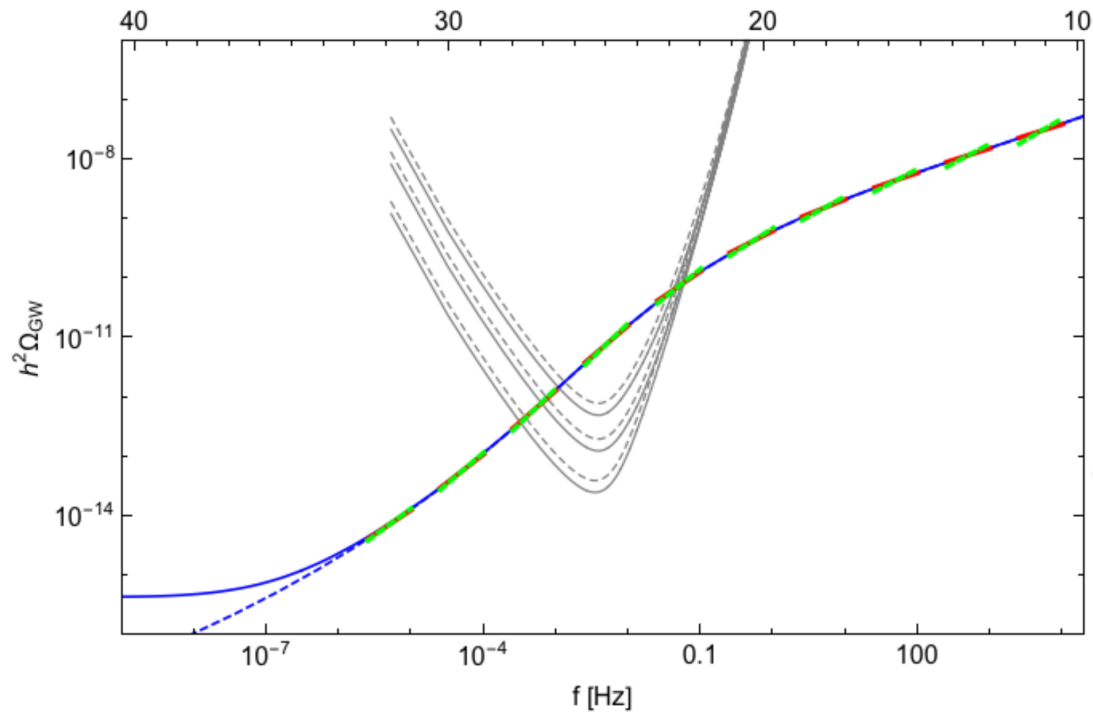
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- Not only astrophysical sources! By means of the GW messengers, we directly access the pre-CMB epoch for the first time!
- Early-universe GW sources (inflationary epoch, topological defects, **phase transitions**, ... ) generate a **stochastic GW background**



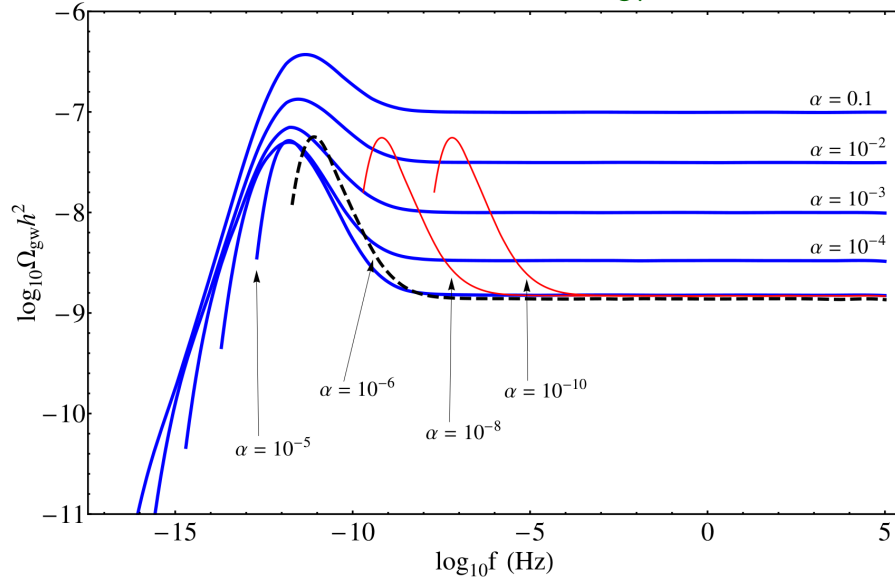
# SGWB from the early universe: inflation

- > Inflation is expected for many reasons (e.g. horizon/flatness/relics problems)
- > By far not detectable in the simplest scenario, but many other possibilities

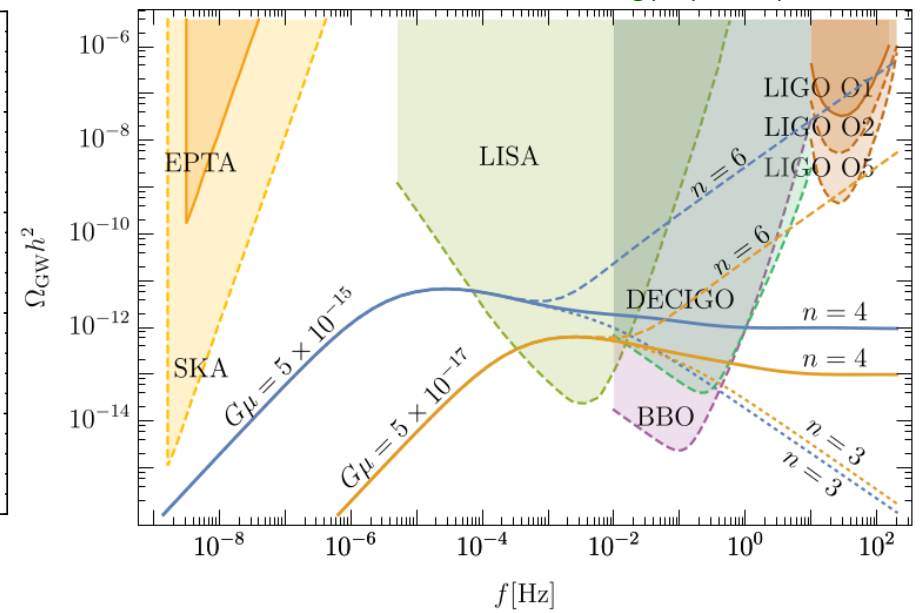


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Nambu-Goto string in  
Standard Cosmology



Nambu-Goto string in  
non-Standard Cosmology ( $n \neq 4$ )

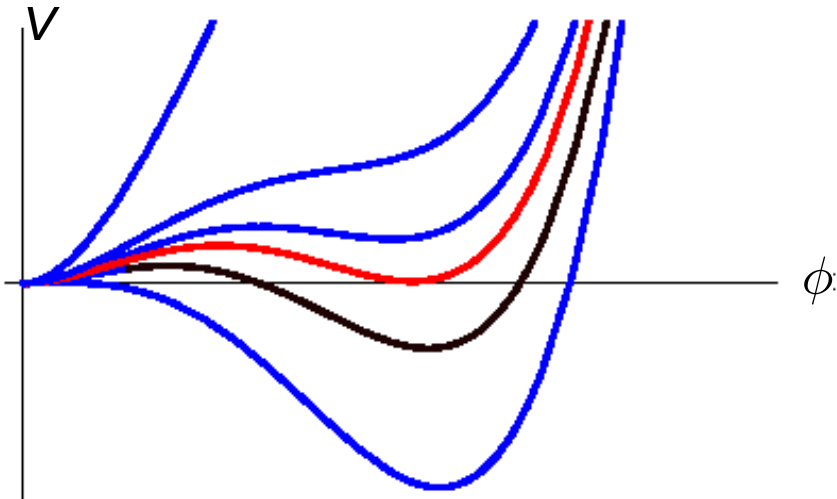


A given SGWB is sensitive to the cosmology history

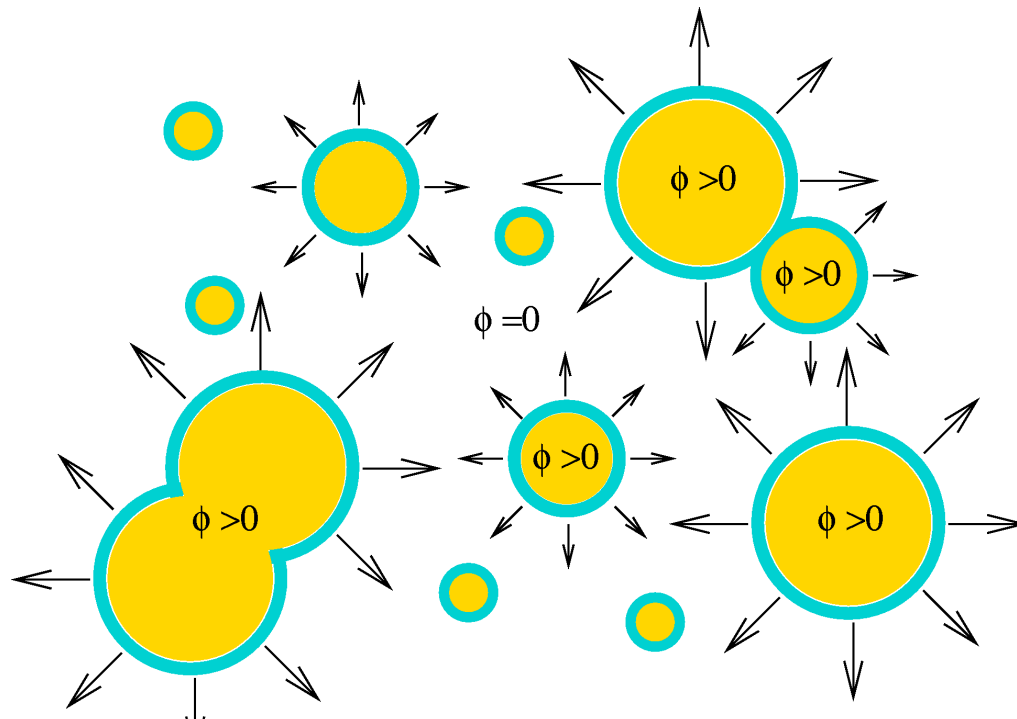
S. Sanidas et al. '12  
CosWG internal note  
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# Gravitational Waves from 1<sup>st</sup>-Order PT

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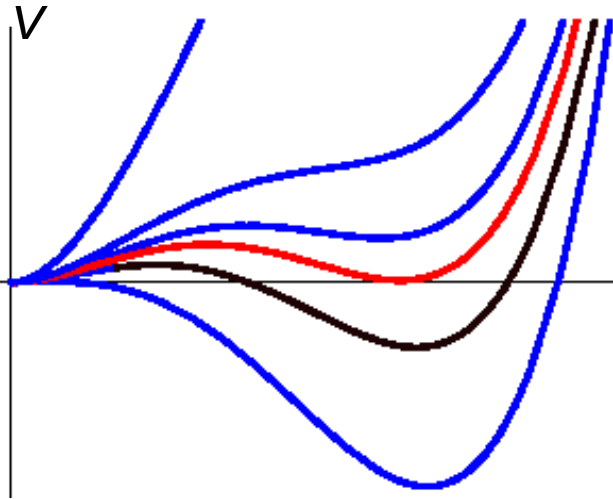
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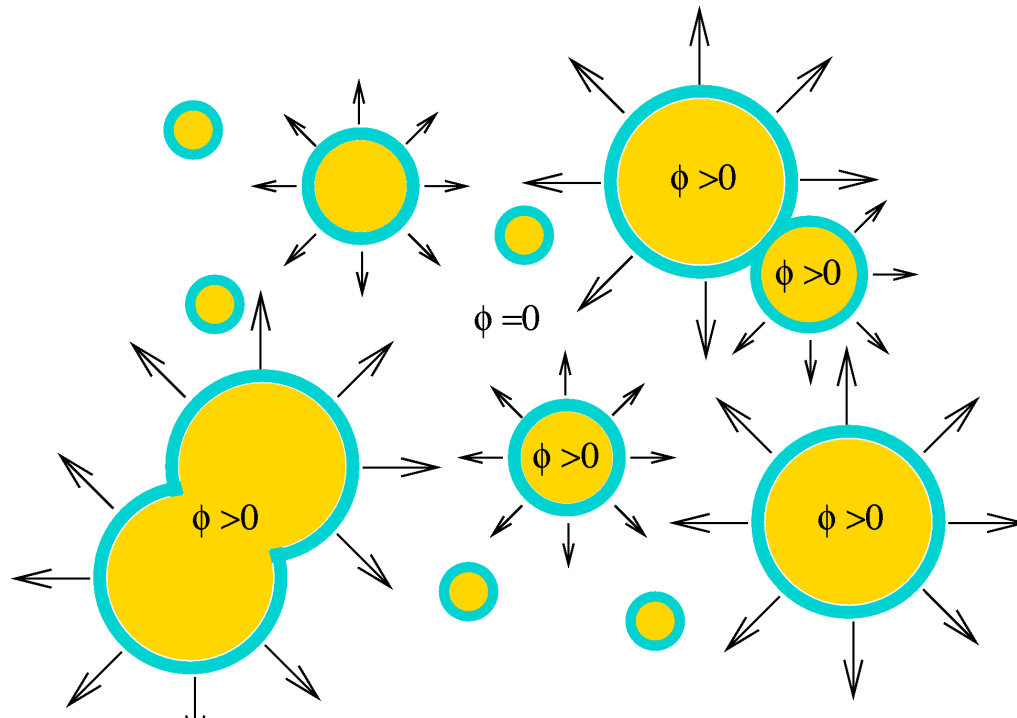
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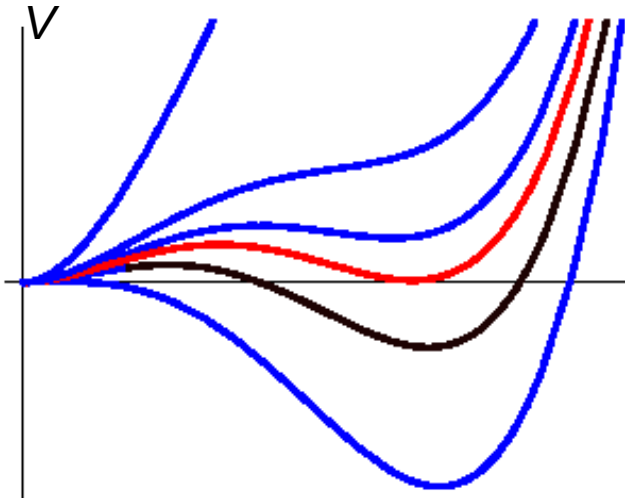
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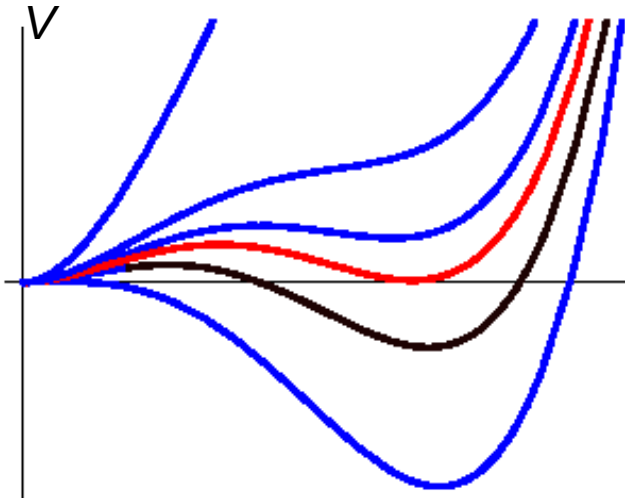
- > When bubbles collide, they convert part of their kinetic energy (of the expanding wall + turbulent fluid) into gravitational waves (GWs)! M. Kamionkowski et al., '94
- > So, the more energy is available ( $\rightarrow$  **supercooling**), the stronger the GW signal
- > This available energy is related to

$$\epsilon(T_n) \simeq V(\phi_{sym}, T_n) - V(\phi_{brok}, T_n)$$

which we normalize to the radiation energy:  $\alpha = \epsilon(T_n) / \left( \frac{\pi^2}{30} g_* T_n^4 \right)$

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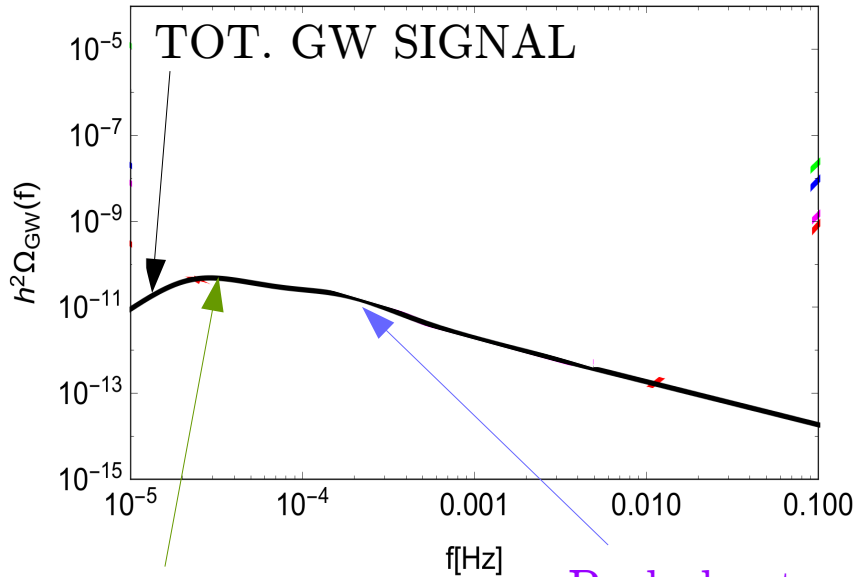
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$\alpha(T_n)$  large : large supercooling, thus large amount of energy can go into GWs

$\beta(T_n)/H$  large : many bubbles, thus high frequency of collisions

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C. Caprini, G. Nardini et al '16



Peak due to  
SOUND WAVES  
CONTRIBUTION

M. Hindmarh, S. Huber,  
K. Rummukainen, D. Weir, '13, '15

Peak due to  
TURBULENCE  
CONTRIBUTION

P. Binétruy, A. Bohe, C. Caprini, J. Dufaux, '12  
C. Caprini, R. Durrer, G. Servant, '09

$$f_{peak} \approx \text{mHz} \left( \frac{\beta/H}{100} \right) \left( \frac{T_n}{100 \text{ GeV}} \right)$$

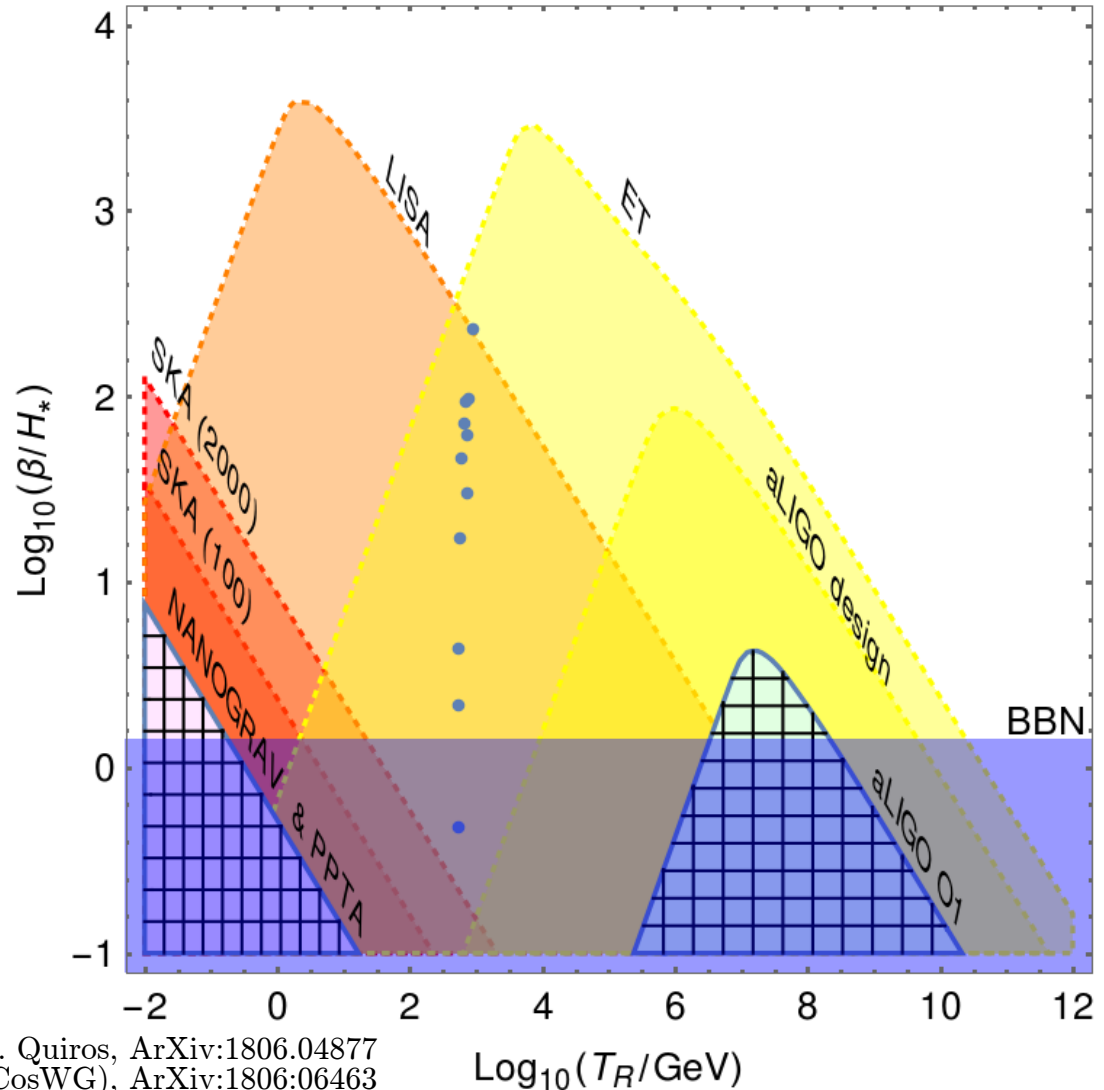
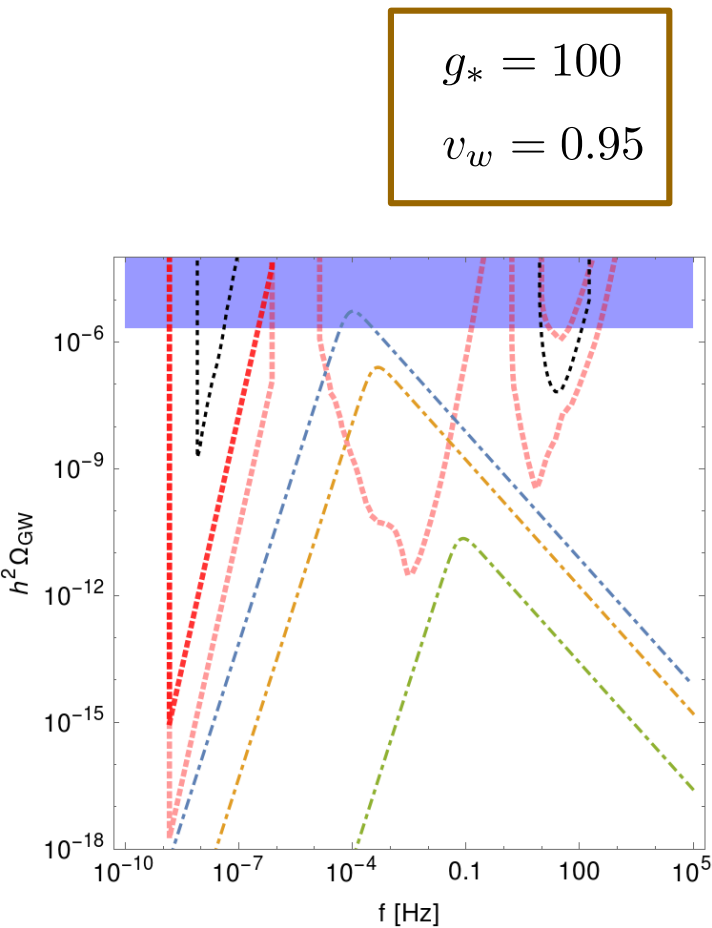
$$h_0^2 \Omega_{GW} \approx 10^{-10} \kappa^2(\alpha) \left( \frac{100}{\beta/H} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + 1} \right)^2$$

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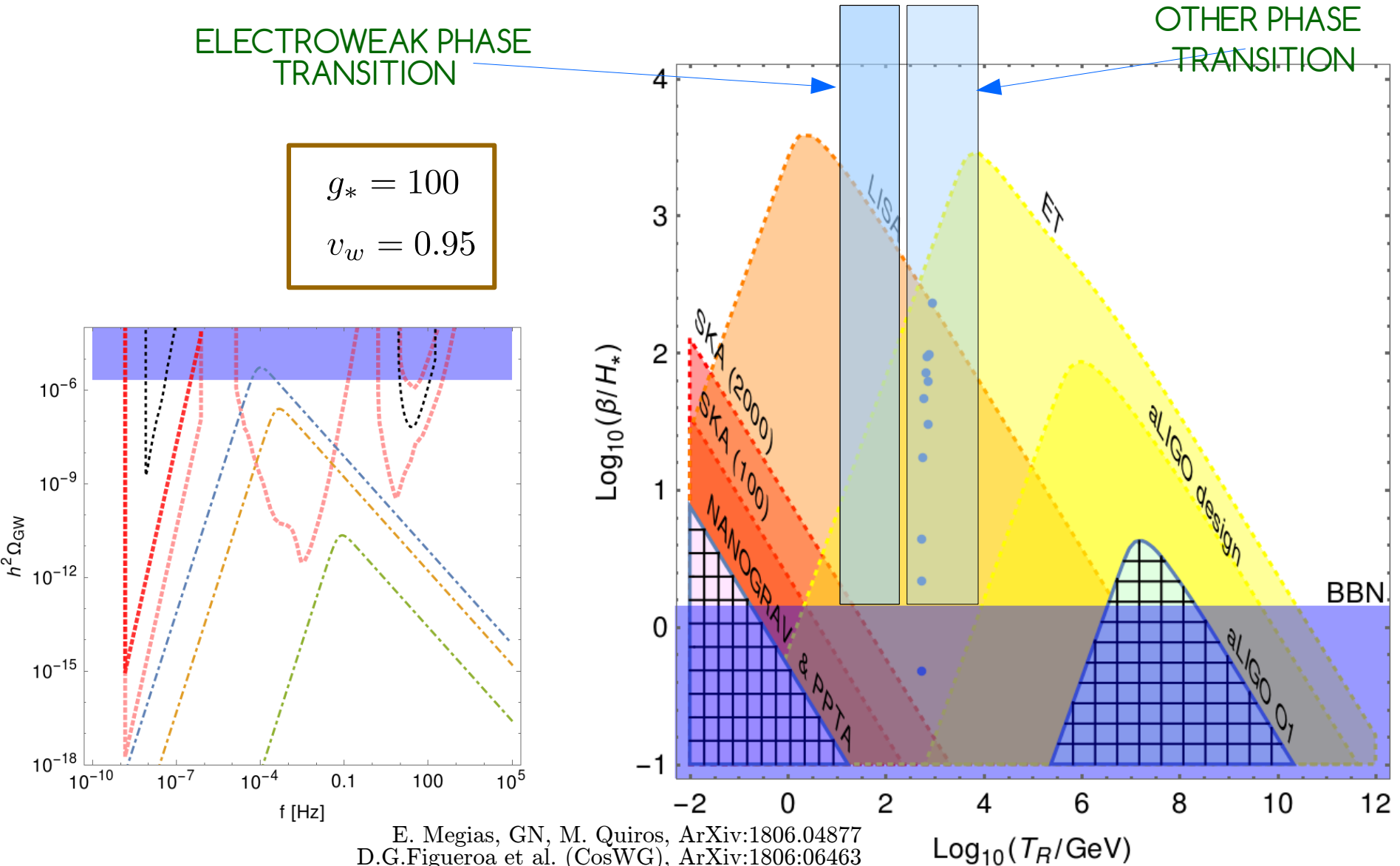
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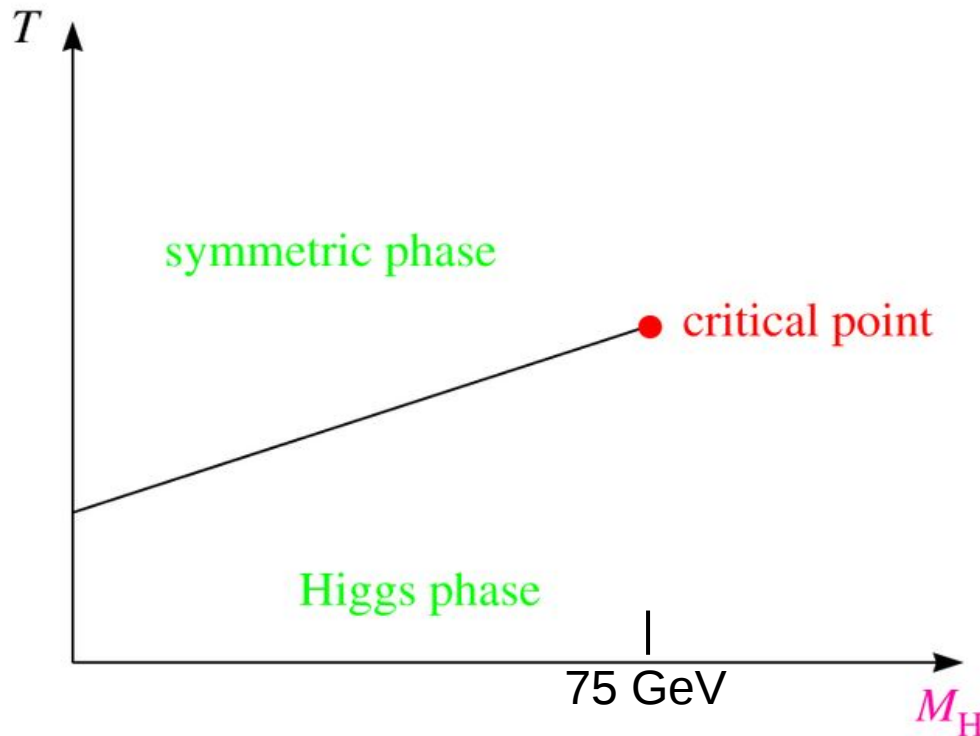
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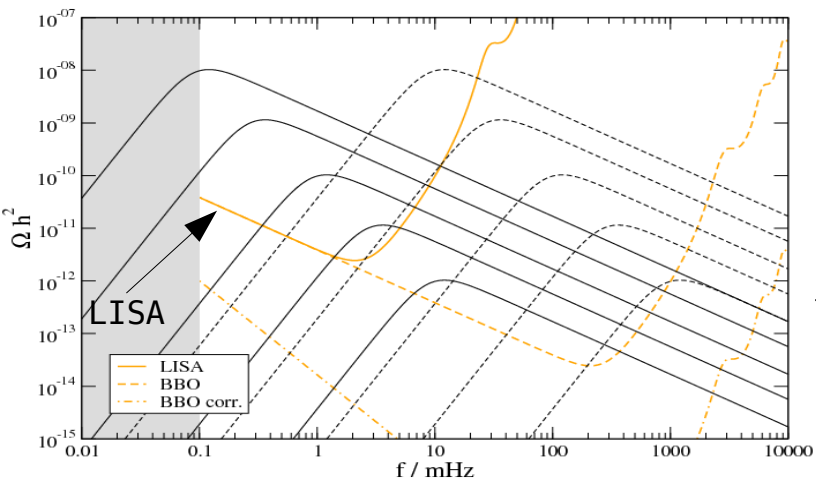


Kajantie, Laine, Rummukainen, Shaposhnikov, '96;  
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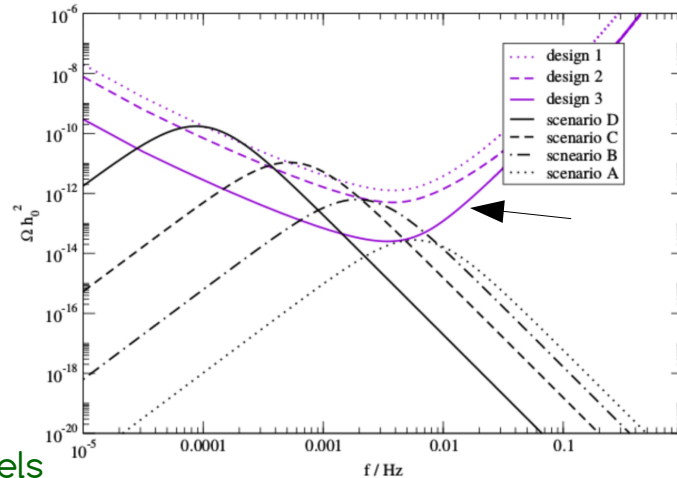
# Electroweak Phase Transition in BEYOND the SM

- In the SM the EWPT is not of first-order, i.e. no bubbles
- This feature can be different if the EW sector is modified by BSM physics introducing new finite-temperature radiative corrections or/and new Higgs fields. In practice BSM physics at the  $\sim$ TeV scale

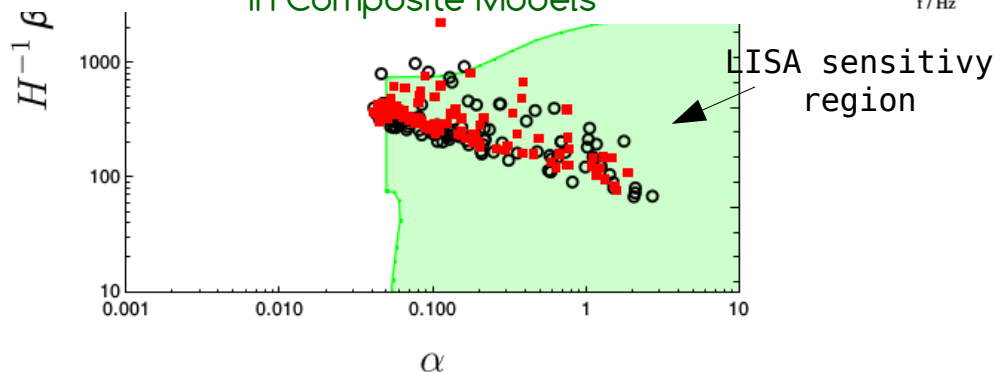
First order in Randall Sundrum



First order in SUSY



First order in Composite Models



Complementarity with the LHC

Nardini et al.'07  
 Konstandin et al.'10  
 Huber et al.'15  
 Chala et al.'16  
 (CosWG)Caprini et al.'16



# From GWs to Particle Physics

- LISA sensitive to 1<sup>st</sup> order PTs of 1 GeV– 1000 TeV scale physics
- SKA+LISA+ET sensitive to 1<sup>st</sup> order PTs of 1 MeV– 1000 PeV scale physics
- The SM of particle physics predicts that no strong phase transitions ever occurred
- If we detect GWs from strong phase transitions, we have discovered BSM physics

- Synergy among LHC, future colliders and GW observatories

Some key questions requiring also (astro)particle physics skills

- 1) Does LHC forbid a 1<sup>st</sup> order PT ? If not, will such a PT detectable in the next years ?
- 2) Can GW experiment discover BSM physics earlier than colliders ?
- 3) Can the PT be the only signature of a DM/hidden sector ?
- 4) Can the PT be connected to baryogenesis ?

## But besides astrophysics....

... there is much more

- Particle content and early history of the Universe
  - *Hubble law*

# Starting point

If you assume GR and the LFRW metric, ...

... the Hubble rate  $H(z)$  provides the evolution of the Universe content along its history

$$H(t)^2 = \left[ \frac{\dot{a}(t)}{a(t)} \right]^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \rho(t) = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \sum_{i=M,\Lambda,\dots} \rho_i(t)$$

How to measure  $H(z)$ ?

$$d_L(z) = (1+z) \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{H(z')}$$

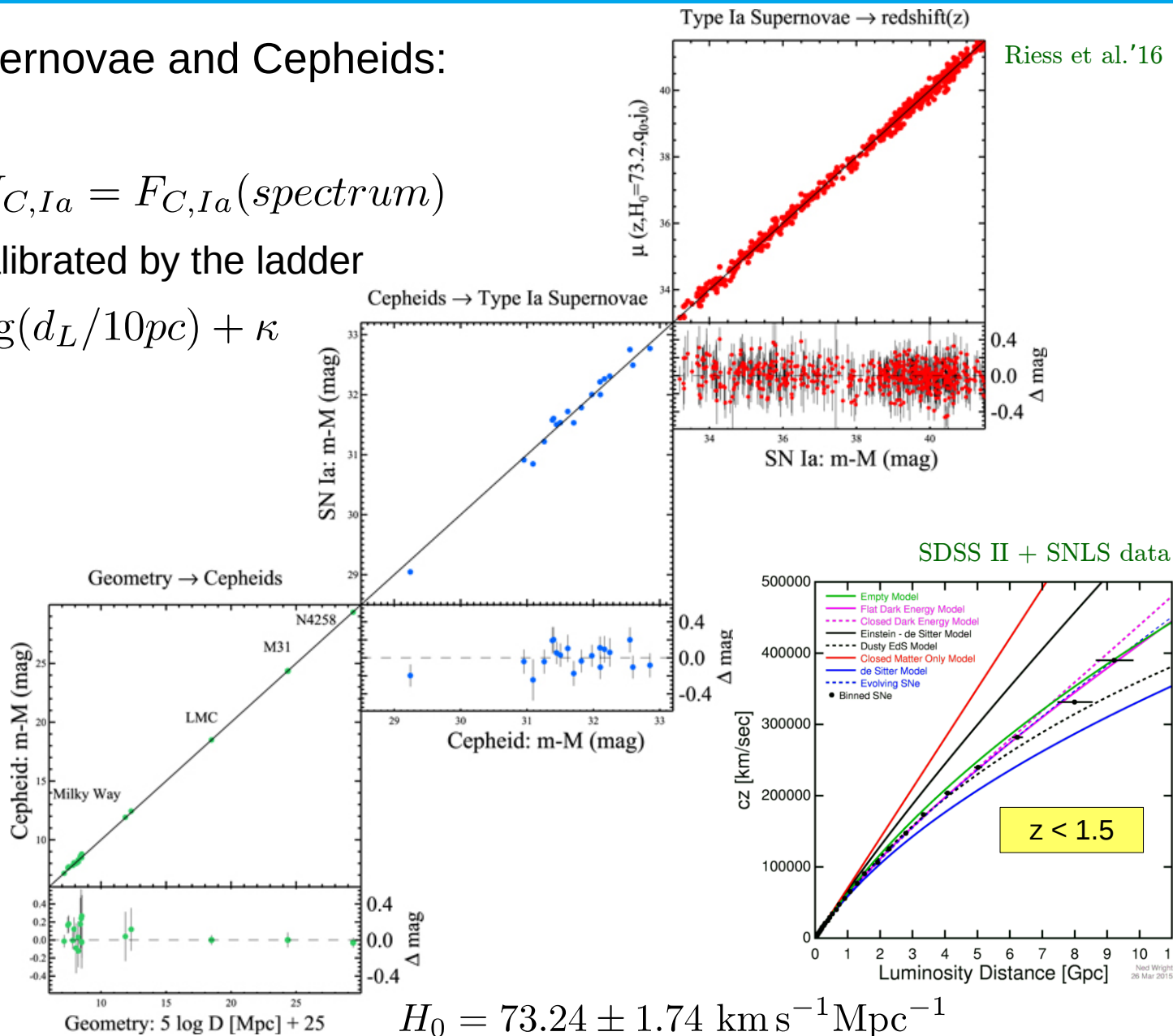
$$H_0 d_L = z + \frac{1}{2}(1-q_0)z^2 + f(q_0, j_0)z^3 + \dots$$

$$a = \frac{1}{1+z} \equiv \frac{\lambda_{emit}}{\lambda_{obs}}$$

# Late Universe: standard candles

For Type Ia Supernovae and Cepheids:

- > For  $d_L$ 
  - Empirically  $M_{C,Ia} = F_{C,Ia}(\text{spectrum})$
  - $F_C$  and  $F_{Ia}$  calibrated by the ladder
  - $m - M = 5 \log(d_L/10pc) + \kappa$
- > For  $z$ 
  - spectroscopy



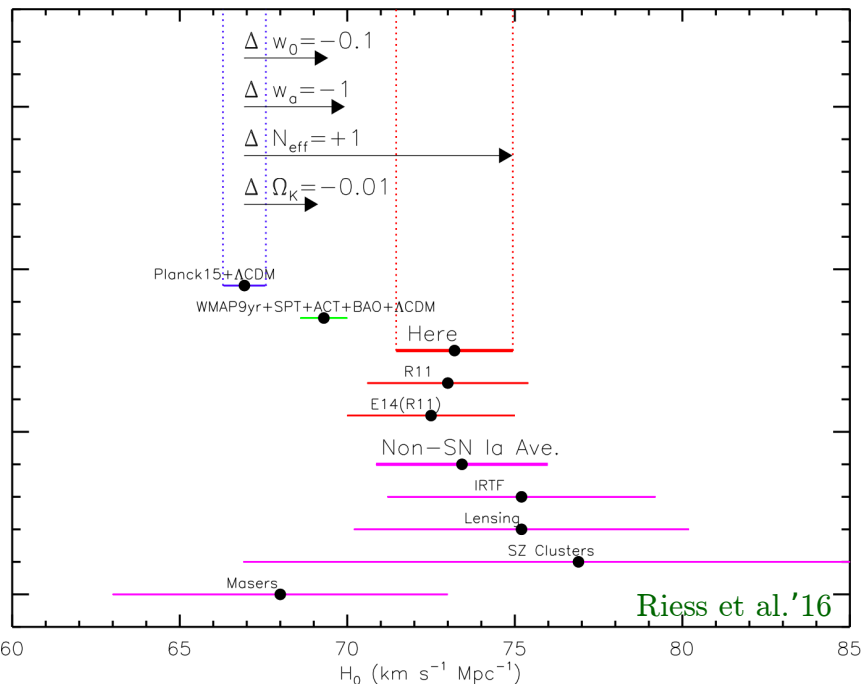
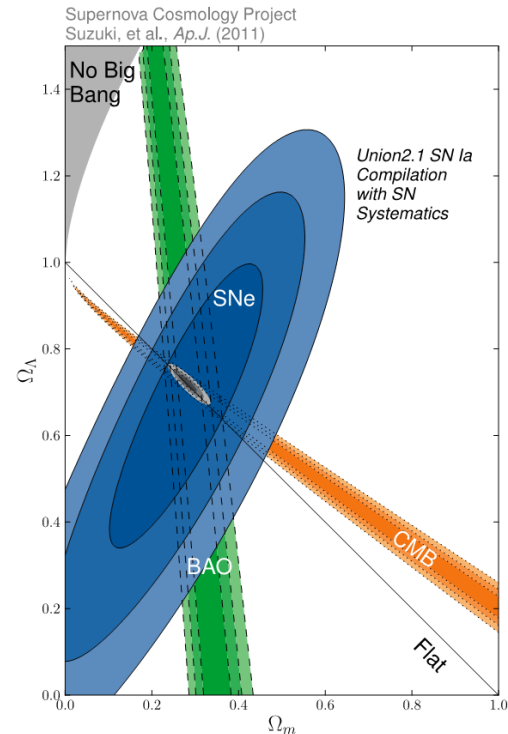
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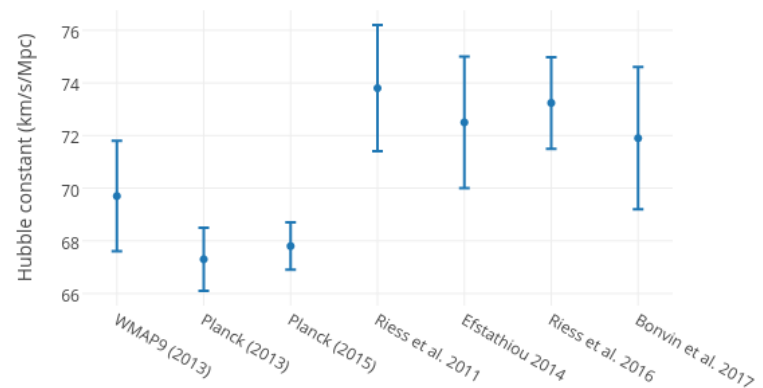
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CMB, with LCDM, in tension with stand.candles.  
What is wrong?



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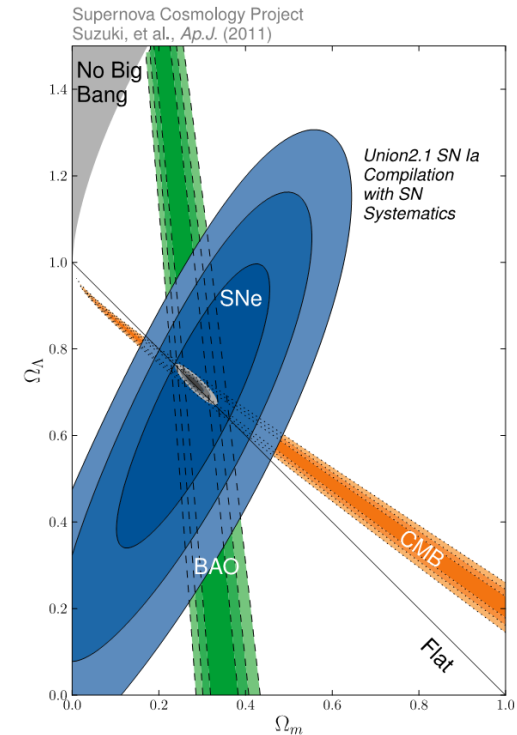
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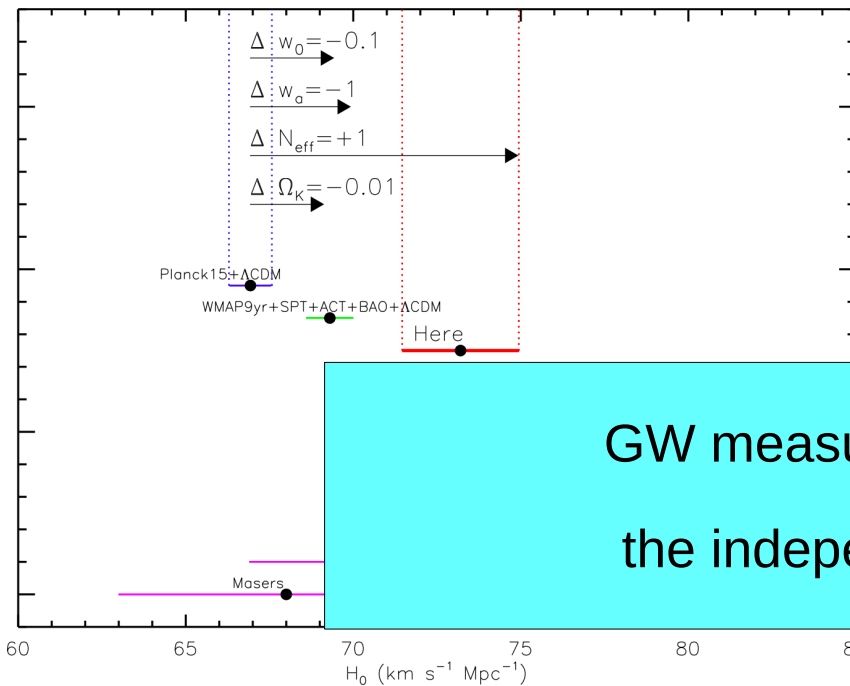
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GW measurements will be  
the independent judge !!!

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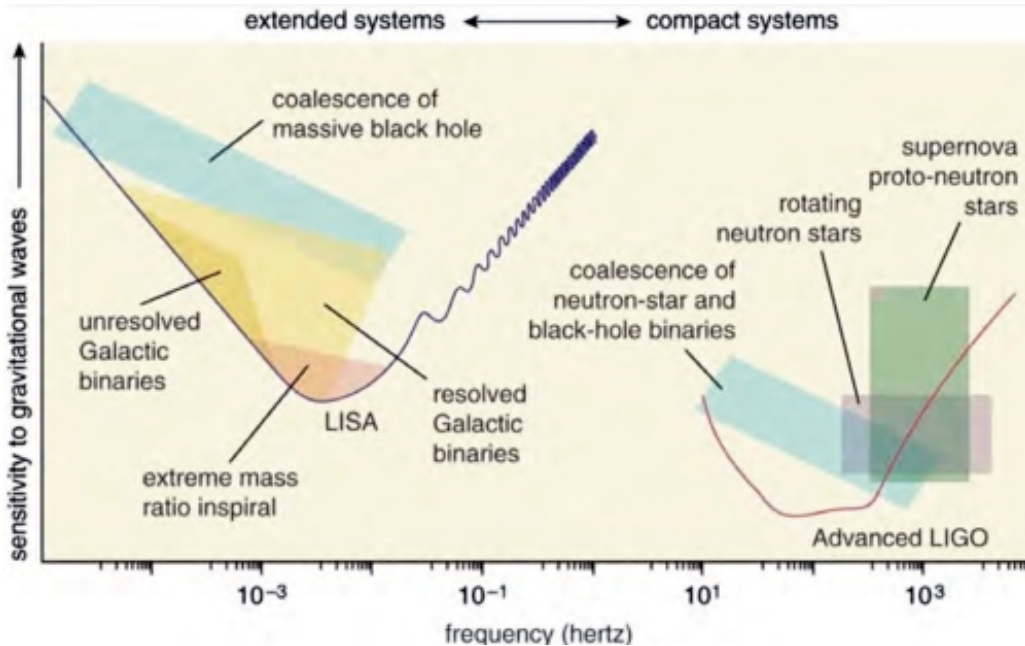
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	Stand. candles	Stand. sirens
“Easy”	$z (< 1.5)$	$d_L$
Challenging	$d_L$	$z$
Method	ladder	???

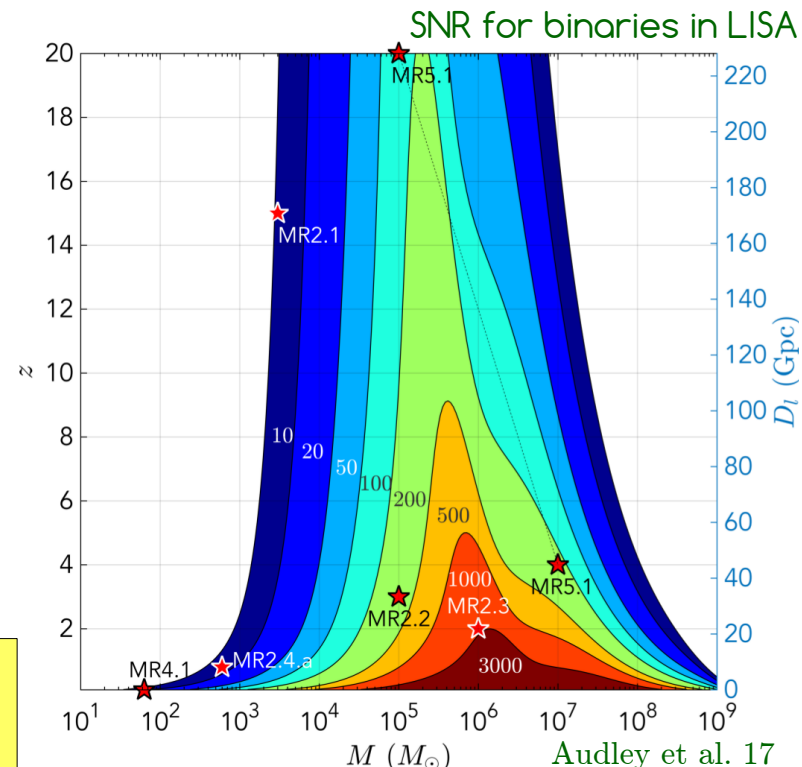


# Late Universe: standard siren zoo

- Surrounding medium for binaries of  $(10^4 - 10^7 M_{\odot})$  massive BH or NS – NS/BH
- Stellar-origin BHBs and EMRI are **maybe isolated** systems



EM counterpart is not guaranteed



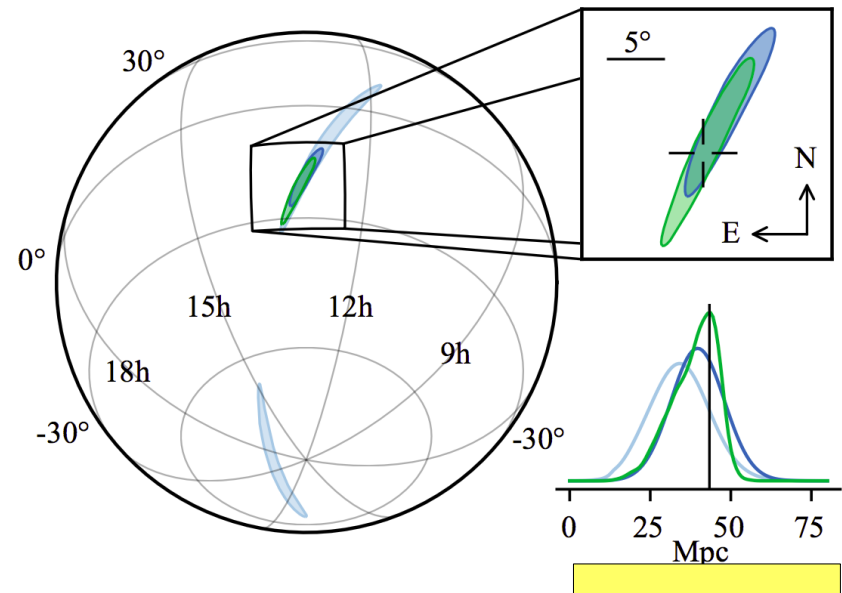
Loud events at redshifts  $z \gg 1$ , impossible with SN Ia

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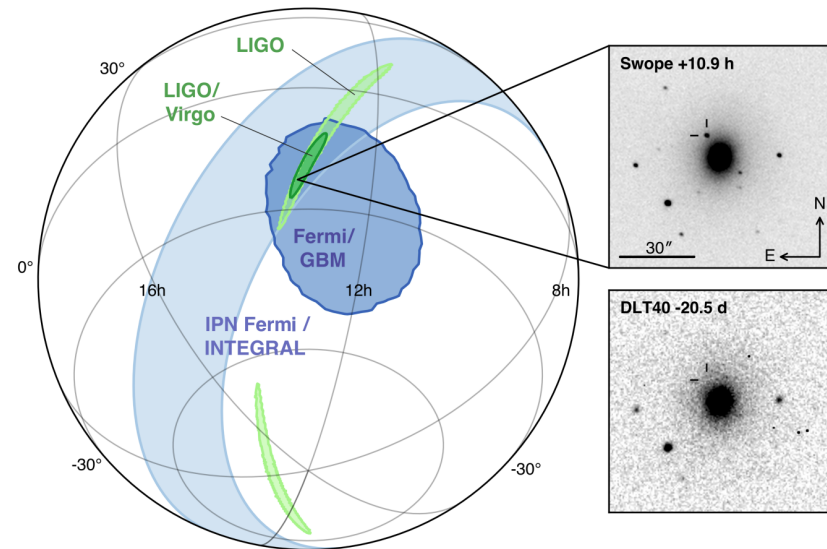
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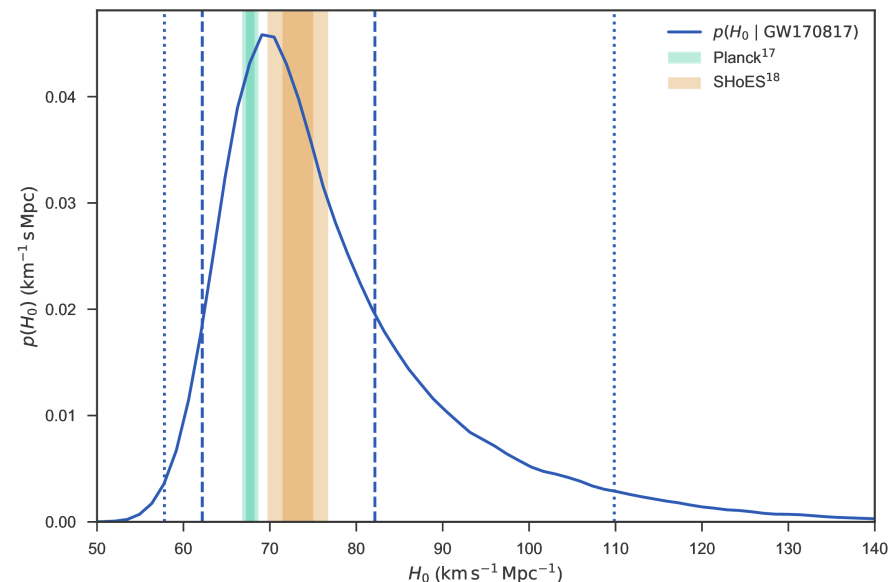
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And obtain cosmo. parameters!  
(for small errors, many detections)

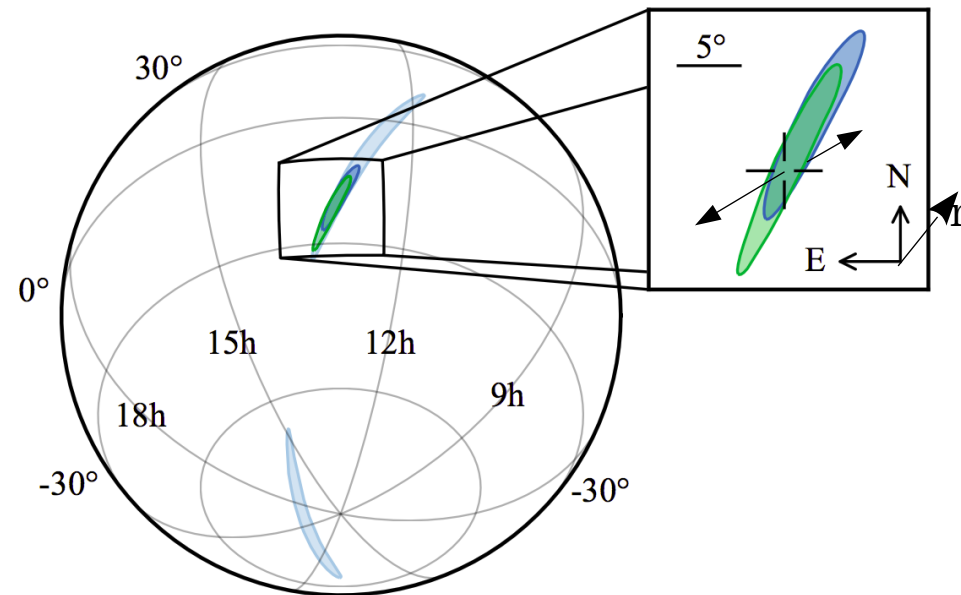


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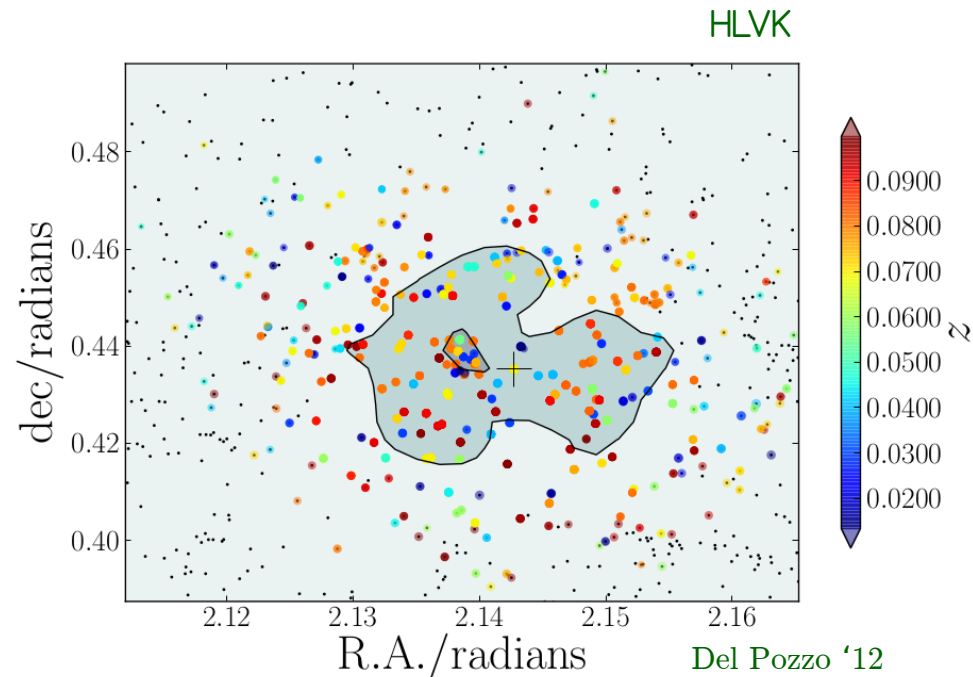


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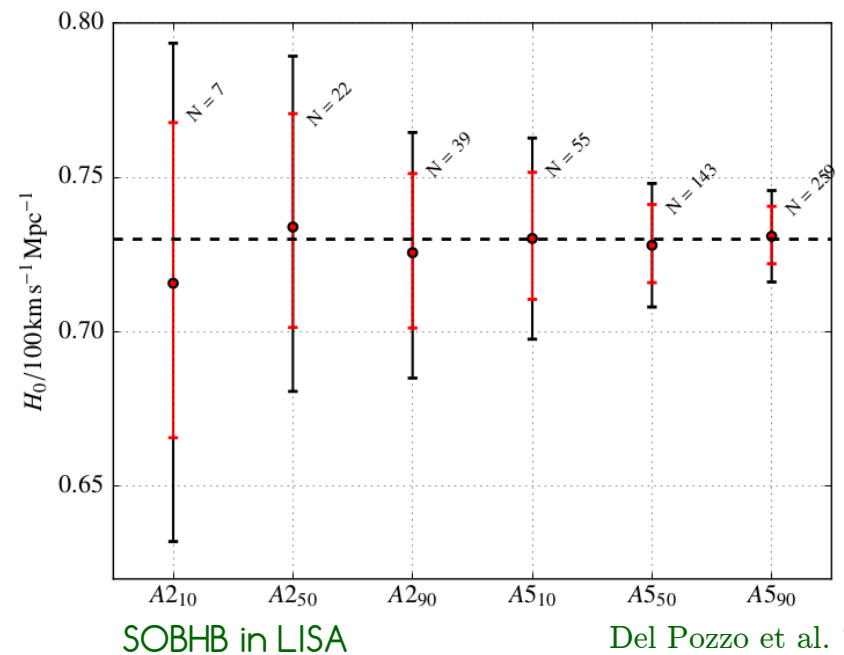
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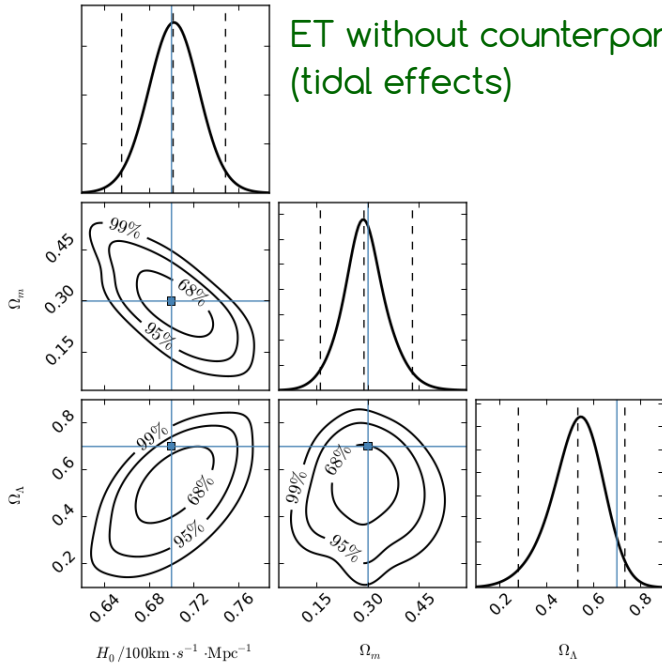
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# Late Universe: standard siren forecasts

Del Pozzo et al. '17

ET without counterpart  
(tidal effects)

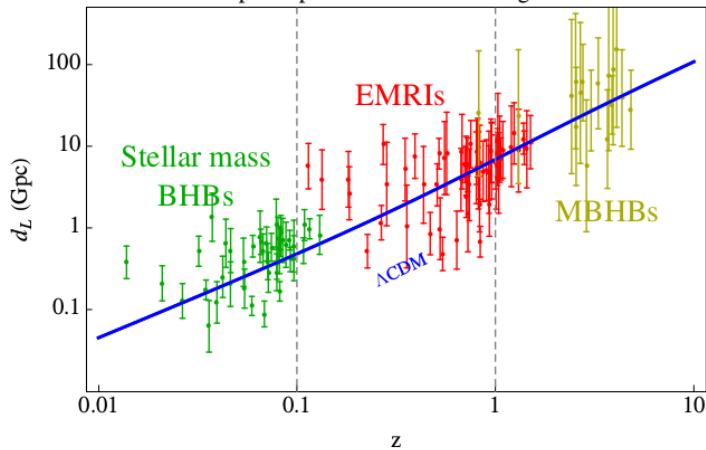


ET and LISA  
will also measure other cosmo. parameter  
(the latter at unexplored redshifts)

See Tamanini's talk

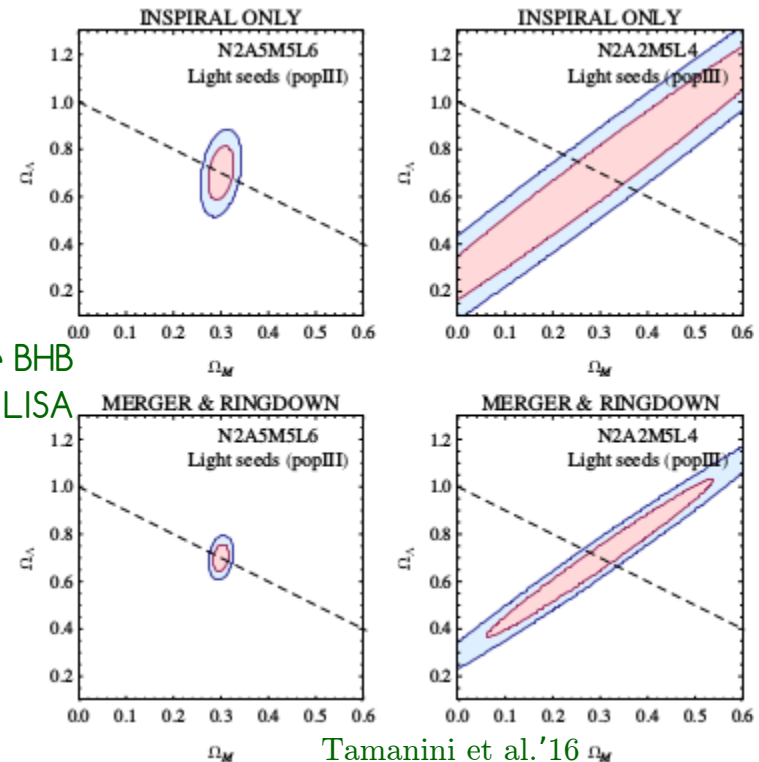
For SOBHB see Del Pozzo et al. '17

Example of possible LISA cosmological data



BHB sources up to high redshift

Massive BHB  
in LISA



Tamanini et al. '16



# From GWs to the Hubble parameter and beyond

- Some tension between present measurements of the Hubble parameter
- Possibility to use binaries as “standard sirens”
- Hubble parameter can be reconstruct with or without an EM counterpart
- Possibility of measuring  $d(z)$  at  $z \gg 1$ , thus the reconstruction of  $H(z)$  at  $z$ , inaccessible via SNIa, is feasible

Some key steps requiring skills in cosmology, “QCD in extreme conditions” and data analysis

- 1) Better galactic catalogs with associated lensing and peculiar velocities
- 2) Waveform and tidal effects
- 3) Theoretical understanding of the EM counterpart

“Trivial” implication: constraints of the GW speed and thus models of modified GR

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## **GRAVITATIONAL-WAVE ASTRONOMY<sup>1,2</sup>**

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### **1. INTRODUCTION**

The “windows” of observational astronomy have become broader. They now include, along with photons from many decades of the electromagnetic spectrum, extraterrestrial “artifacts” of other sorts: cosmic rays, meteorites, particles from the solar wind, samples of the lunar surface, and neutrinos. With gravitational-wave astronomy, we are on the threshold—or just beyond the threshold—of adding another window; it is a particularly important window because it will allow us to observe phenomena that cannot be studied adequately by other means: gravitational collapse, the interiors of supernovae, black holes, short-period binaries, and perhaps new details of pulsar structure. There is the further possibility that gravitational-wave astronomy will reveal entirely new phenomena—or familiar phenomena in unfamiliar guise—in trying to explain the observations of Joseph Weber.

The **PRESENT** of gravitational-wave **PHYSICS** looks bright whether or not