

# Gravitational wave friction in light of GW170817 and GW190521.

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# Goal of the paper

- We use the gravitational wave (GW) events GW170817 and GW190521, together with their proposed electromagnetic counterparts, to **constrain cosmological parameters and theories of gravity beyond General Relativity (GR)**.
- We consider time-varying Planck mass, large extra-dimensions and a phenomenological parametrization covering several beyond-GR theories.
- In all three cases, this introduces a friction term into the GW propagation equation, effectively modifying the GW luminosity distance.

# Introduction - GW

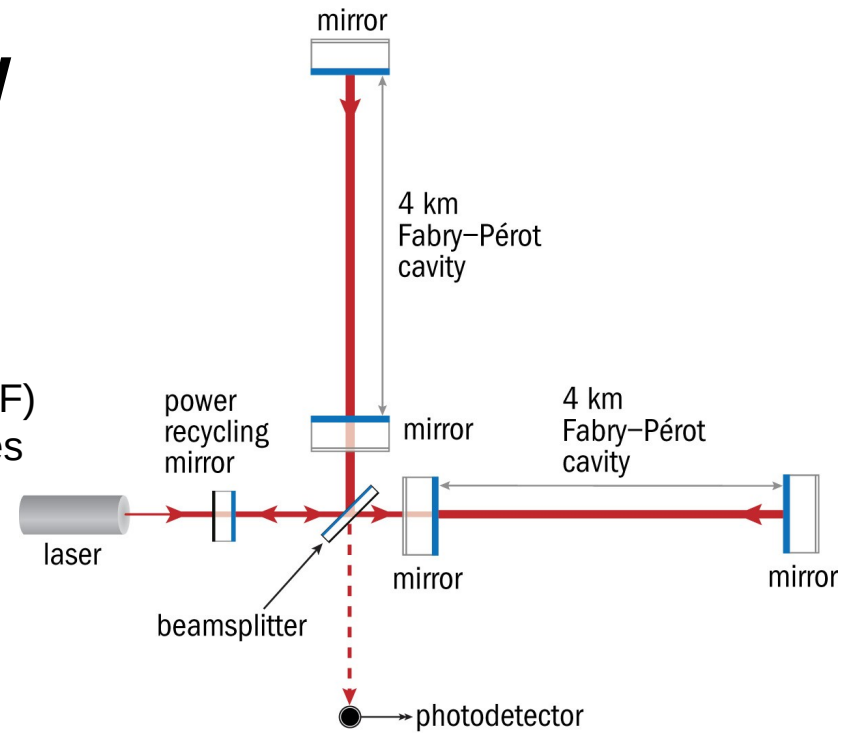
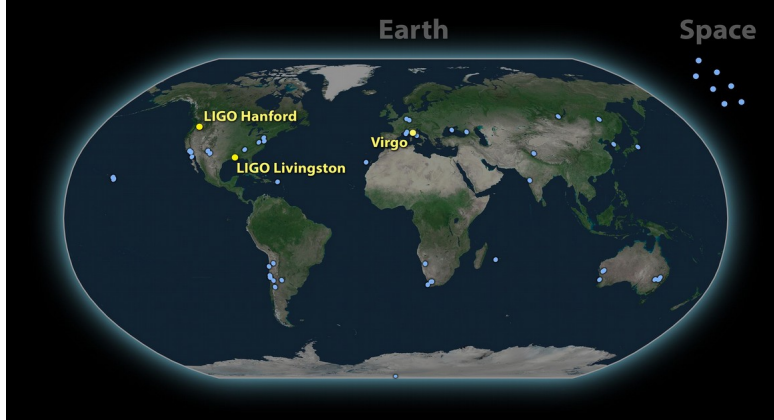
- GR: gravity is merely an effect caused by the curvature of spacetime.  
Field equations of GR:  $R_{\mu\nu} - (1/2)g_{\mu\nu}R = T_{\mu\nu}$   
where:
  - $R_{\mu\nu}$  the Ricci curvature tensor
  - $g_{\mu\nu}$  the metric of spacetime
  - $R$  the Ricci scalar
  - $T_{\mu\nu}$  the energy-momentum tensor
- Einstein solved those and predicted (1916) the existence of disturbances in the curvature of spacetime that propagate as waves, called [gravitational waves](#).
- Most promising sources of GW: [Compact Binaries Coalescence \(CBC\)](#)  
Binary Black Holes (BBH)  
Binary Neutron Star (BNS)  
Neutron Star Black Hole binary (NSBH)
- The metric of spacetime in case of a CBC, and sufficiently far away from it, is:

$$g_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu}^{(B)} + h_{\mu\nu}$$

where  $g_{\mu\nu}^{(B)}$  is the metric of the background and  $h_{\mu\nu}$  is the change caused by the GW.

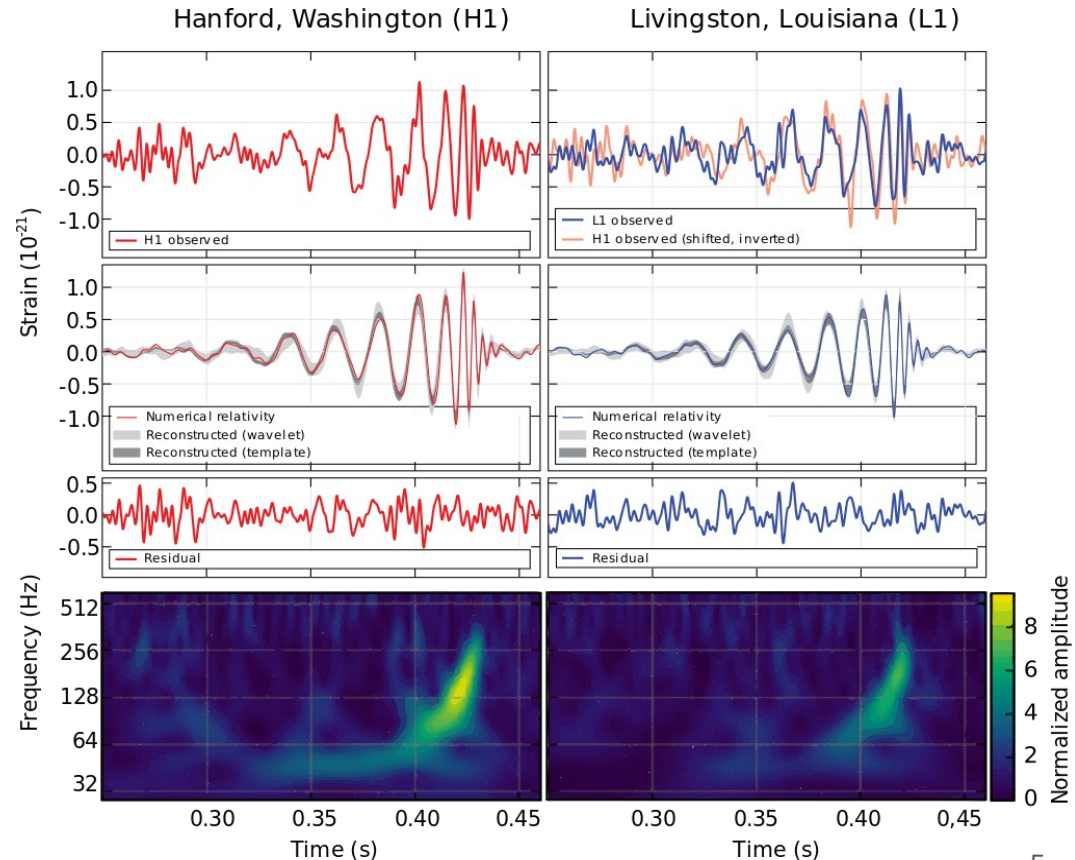
# Introduction – Detection of GW

- Small disturbances of spacetime **affect the propagation** of photons.
- LIGO/Virgo are **ground based interferometers** (ITF) designed specifically to measure tiny disturbances of spacetime geometry.



# Introduction – Detection of GW

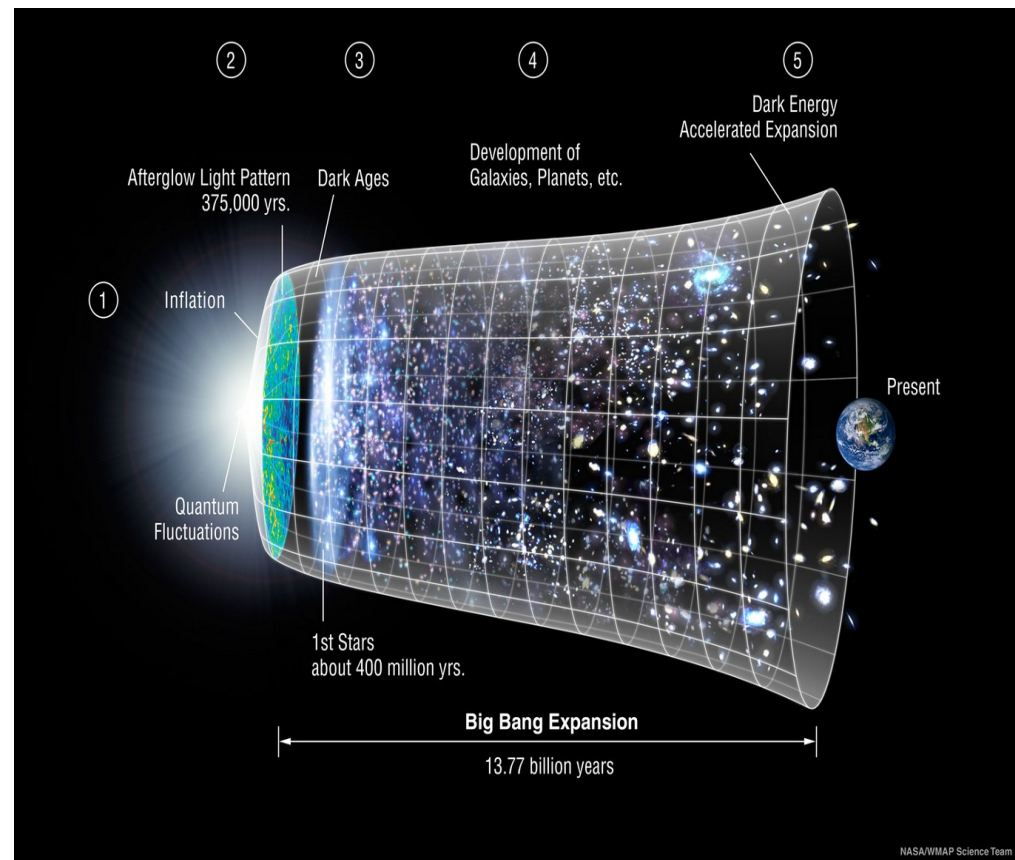
- In the plot one can see the two LIGO's responses to the first GW detection (GW150914). The correlation of data between ITF's plays a very important role in the detection of GW.



# Introduction – $\Lambda$ CDM

- The  $\Lambda$ CDM (**Lambda cold dark matter**) or Lambda-CDM model is a parameterization of the Big Bang cosmological model in which the universe **contains three major components**:

- 1) a **cosmological constant** which is the energy density of space, or vacuum energy, denoted by Lambda ( $\Lambda$ ) and **associates with dark energy**
- 2) **cold dark matter (CDM)**
- 3) **ordinary matter**

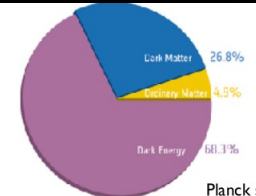


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Dark Energy

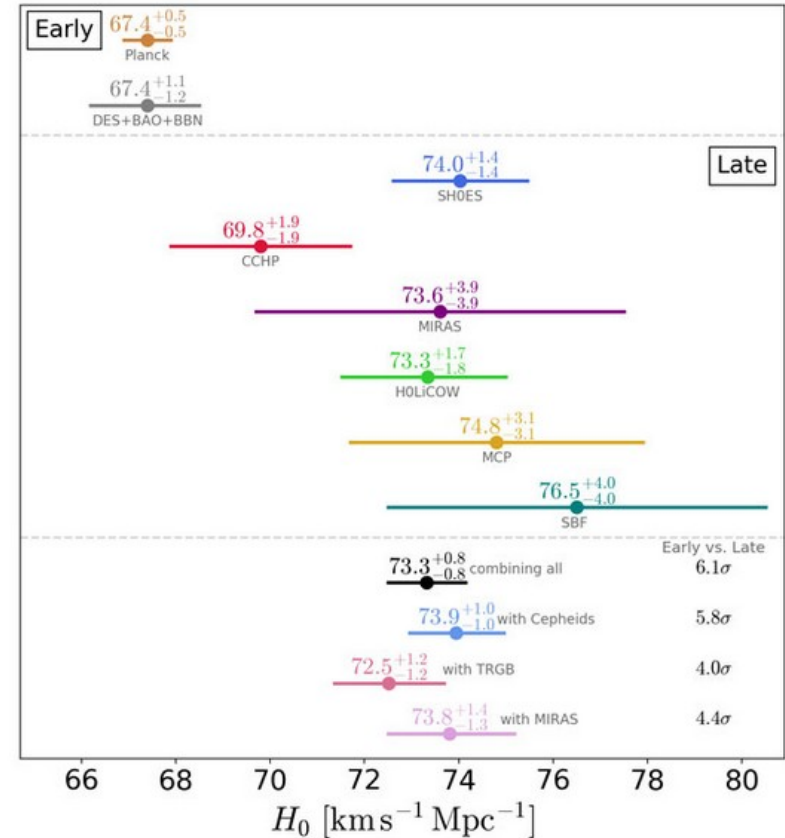
Matter (baryonic or dark)

Curvature



# Introduction - $H_0$ Tension

- The **Hubble constant** ( $H_0$ ) describes the rate at which the Universe is expanding today.
- Several **measurements of  $H_0$**  are **significantly different** causing the famous  $H_0$  tension.
- **Early measurements** refer to estimations obtained from the analysis of the **Cosmic Microwave Background**.
- **Late measurements** refer to estimations obtained using **nearby sources**.



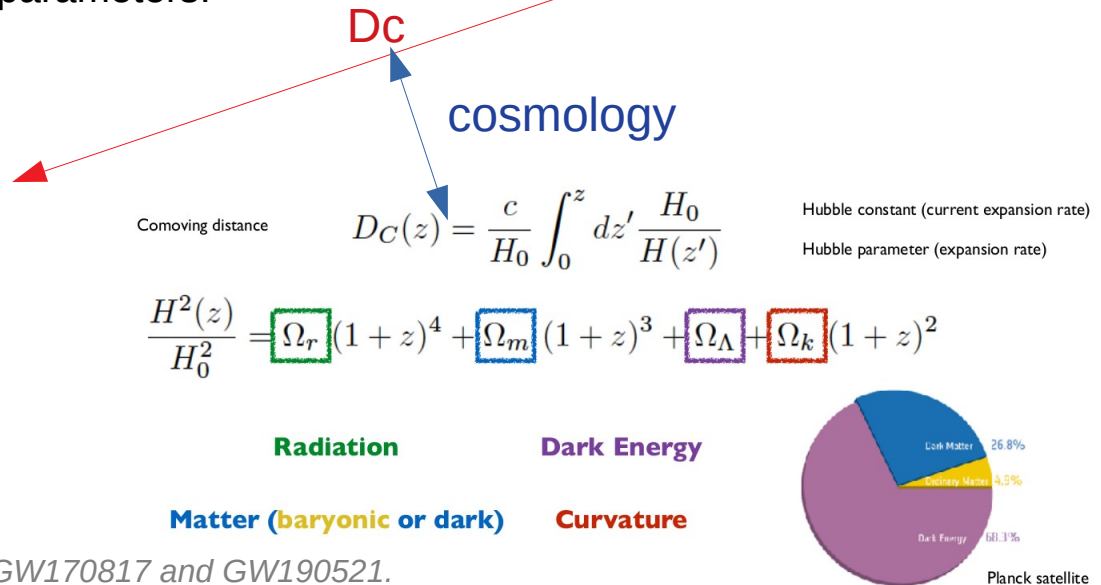
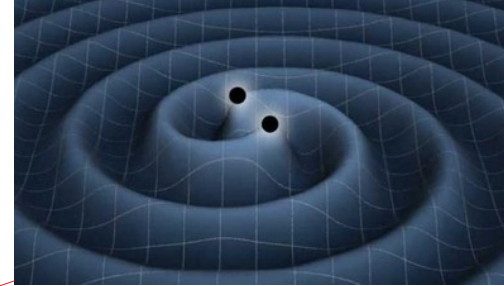


# Introduction – Distance-redshift Relation

- GW are **standard sirens** which means that we can estimate the luminosity distance ( $D_c$ ) directly:


$$h_{\mu\nu} \propto 1/D_c$$

- If additionally we had a **redshift ( $z$ ) estimation** then we could estimate cosmological parameters.





# Introduction – EM Counterpart

- In the case of an ElectroMagnetic(EM) counterpart detection, the redshift can be acquired from the identification of the host galaxy.
- This was the case for [GW170817](#) [1][2].
- GW170817 is the first BNS with a detected EM counterpart.
- This led to an accurate estimation of  $H_0$ . 
- [GW190521](#) [3] is another GW event with a potential detected EM counterpart [4].

$$H_0 = 69^{+17}_{-8} \quad (68\% \text{ CL})$$

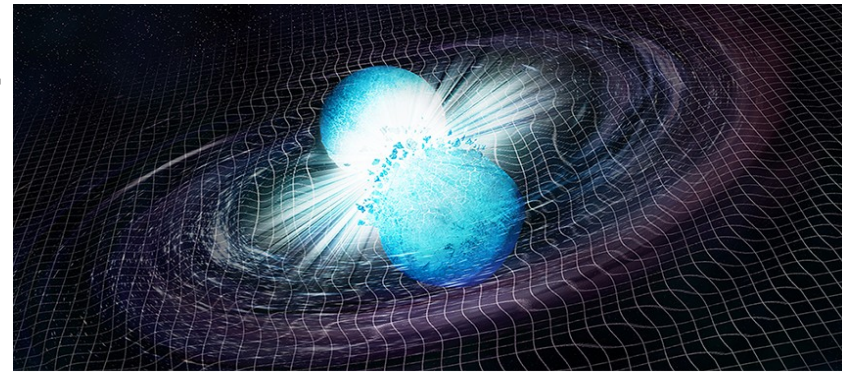
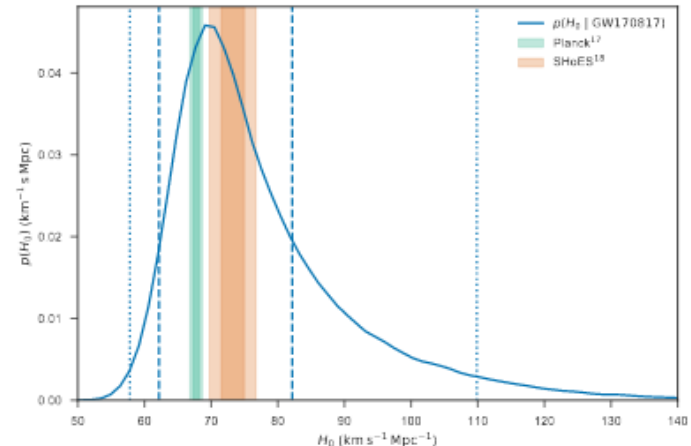
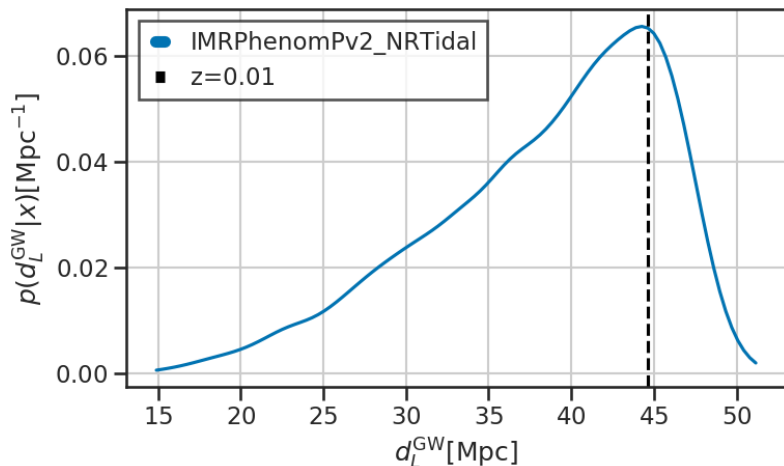


Illustration of a BNS emitting EM during merger.



# GW170817

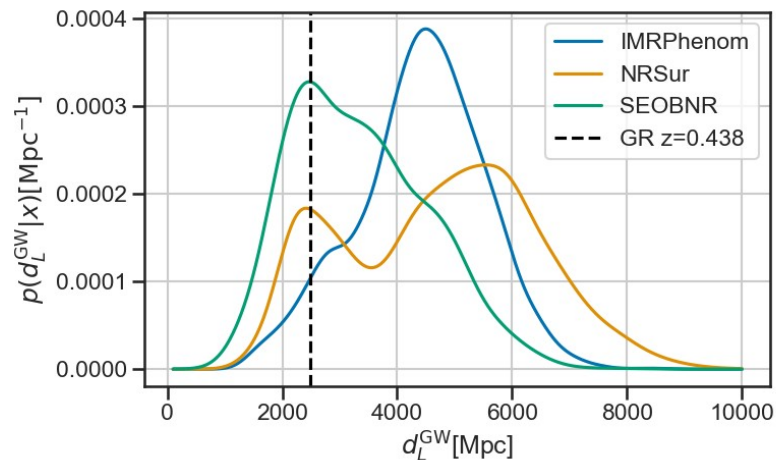
- First BNS detected.
- Only BNS with a EM counterpart.
- Identified host galaxy is at  $z=0.01$ .



Luminosity distance GW170817. The black dashed line represents the distance of the identified host galaxy assuming GR and Planck cosmology.

# GW190521

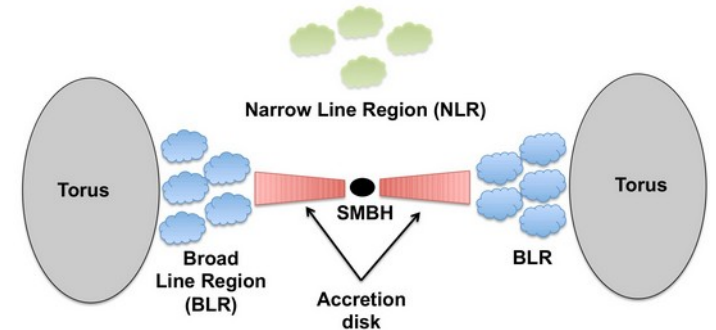
- Heaviest BBH detected so far.
- Potential EM detected from a galaxy at  $z=0.438$ .



Line-of-sight luminosity distance for 3 different waveform samples. The black dashed line represents the distance of the potential host galaxy assuming GR and Planck cosmology. <sup>10</sup>

# EM from a BBH?

- It is speculated that **this BBH** was formed in the **disk of the Active Galactic Nuclei (AGN)**.
- **Matter** from the disk **started falling into the newly formed BH** creating a **jet**.
- The newly formed BH started moving towards the **outside of the AGN disk** due to the **kick velocity** from the merger.
- As it moved to the upper limits of the disk, **the disk was becoming less and less dense**.
- As a result, **the jet managed to pierce through and reached our detectors**.

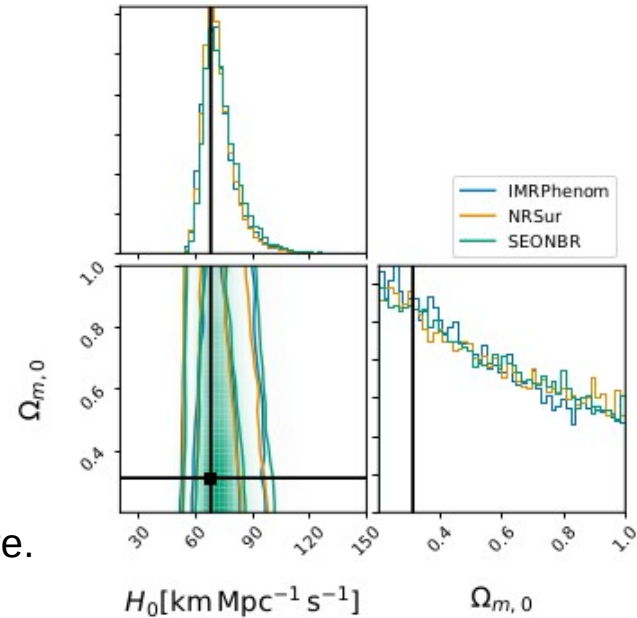


# The case with no GR deviation considered

- Test the method estimating only cosmological parameters assuming no GR deviation.
- Priors:  $H_0 = \text{Uni}[20, 300]$ ,  $\Omega_m = \text{Uni}[0.2, 1.0]$
- GW190521A+GW170817 results

$$H_0 = 74^{+13}_{-7}, \Omega_m = 0.58^{+0.25}_{-0.25} \quad (95\% \text{ CL})$$

- In agreement with measurements in the literature.



# Modified theories of gravity - GW friction term

- Modified GR theories offer possible solutions to open issues in Standard cosmological model, like [dark energy](#), [H0 tension](#).
- Many GR modified theories include additional terms in the GW propagation equation.
- Friction term: predicted by theories with extra energy dissipation terms
- [GW friction affects the luminosity distance traveled by the GW.](#)

$$d^{\text{GW}}(z) = d_{\text{EM}}(z) \exp \left[ \int_0^z \frac{\alpha_M(z)}{1+z} dz \right]$$

where  $a_M$  is the GW friction parameter,  $d^{\text{GW}}$  the luminosity distance traveled by the GW and  $d^{\text{EM}}$  the luminosity distance traveled by the EM.

- In GR  $a_M=0$ , so  $d^{\text{GW}} = d^{\text{EM}}$ .

# Adding GW friction - Parametrizations considered

- The effect of the friction term in the GW distance can be parametrized.
- In this work we considered the following parametrizations:
  - $c_M$ - parametrization: A parametrization based on the evolution of the Dark Energy content of the Universe (scalar-tensor theories in the Horndeski and Beyond Horndeski families) [5].
  - $\Xi$  – parametrization: A theory-base parametrization able to fit many modified theories of gravity (this is applicable for some of the following: Brans-Dicke, Horndeski, beyond-Horndeski, DHOST)[6].
  - Extra dimensions: GW energy can leak in additional dimensions eventually resulting in a different luminosity distance[7].

# $c_M$ -parametrization

- Is a parametrization of the friction term  $c_M$ :

$$\alpha_M(z) = c_M \frac{\Omega_\Lambda(z)}{\Omega_\Lambda(0)}$$

where  $c_M$  is a constant and  $\Omega_\Lambda$  is the fractional dark energy density.

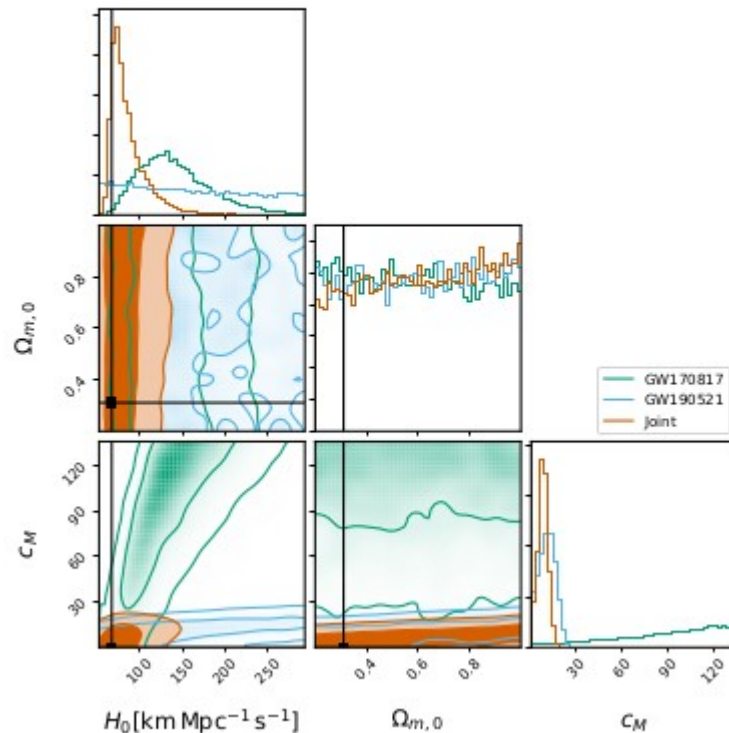
- In this case the distance is given by:

$$d_L^{\text{GW}} = d_L^{\text{EM}} \exp \left[ \frac{c_M}{2\Omega_{\Lambda,0}} \ln \frac{1+z}{\Omega_{m,0}(1+z)^3 + \Omega_{\Lambda,0}} \right]$$

- Priors:  $H_0 = \text{Uni}[20, 300]$ ,  $\Omega_m = \text{Uni}[0.2, 1.0]$ ,  
 $c_M = \text{Uni}[0, 150]$
- Results are consistent with Planck cosmology and GR.

$$H_0 = 80^{+67}_{-17}, \Omega_m = 0.6^{+0.4}_{-0.4}, c_M < 13 \quad (95\% \text{ CL})$$

## Results using NRSur for GW190521



Significant upper limit on  $c_M$   
Results not yet as accurate as CMB limits.



# $\Xi$ - parametrization

- For many alternative theories of gravity the GW luminosity distance is parametrised by:

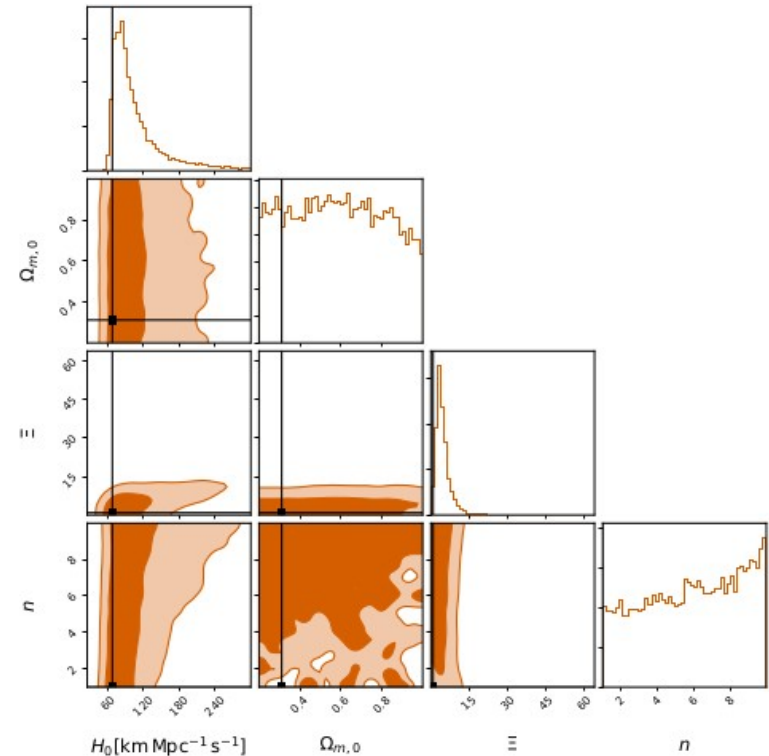
$$d_L^{\text{GW}} = d_L^{\text{EM}} \left[ \Xi + \frac{1 - \Xi}{(1+z)^n} \right]$$

- Priors:  $H_0 = \text{Uni}[20, 300]$ ,  $\Omega_m = \text{Uni}[0.2, 1.0]$ ,  
 $\Xi = \text{Log}[0.01, 100]$ ,  $n = \text{Uni}[1, 10]$
- Results are consistent with Planck cosmology and GR.

$$H_0 = 93^{+148}_{-27}, \Omega_m = 0.6^{+0.4}_{-0.4}, \Xi < 10, n = 6^{+4}_{-5} \quad (95\% \text{ CL})$$

Significant upper limit on  $\Xi$ .

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# Extra dimensions

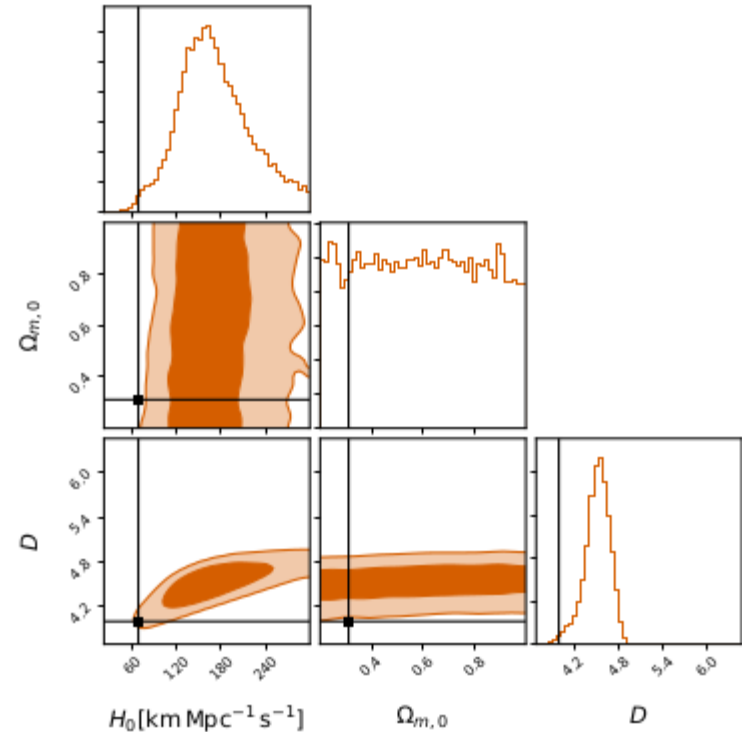
- Considering the case of possible extra dimensions the distance is parametrized as:

$$d_L^{\text{GW}} = (d_L^{\text{EM}})^{\frac{D-2}{2}}$$

- Priors:  $H_0 = \text{Uni}[20, 300]$ ,  $\Omega_m = \text{Uni}[0.2, 1.0]$ ,  $D = \text{Uni}[3, 7]$
- Results are compatible with GR at  $2.1\sigma$ .

$$H_0 = 167^{+113}_{-83}, \Omega_m = 0.6^{+0.4}_{-0.4}, D = 4.5^{+0.3}_{-0.4} \quad (95\% \text{ CL})$$

## Results using NRSur for GW190521



# Conclusions

- GW events with EM counterparts can provide a joint constrain on cosmological and GR deviations parameters.
- The precision on the  $\Lambda$ CDM parameters is not enough to solve the  $H_0$  tension.
- For the three parametrizations considered all the runs are compatible in  $1-2\sigma$  confidence Level with GR.
- With 3G detectors we might be able to detect GW with EM at higher redshifts and improve these estimations.

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# Extra Slides

# All results

Model		$c_M$ -parametrization					
Waveform		NRSur		IMRPhenom		SEONBR	
Prior		Wide	Planck	Wide	Planck	Wide	Planck
$H_0$ [km Mpc $^{-1}$ s $^{-1}$ ]		$80^{+67}_{-17}$	$67.7^{+0.8}_{-0.8}$	$79^{+60}_{-16}$	$67.7^{+0.8}_{-0.8}$	$81^{+68}_{-18}$	$67.7^{+0.8}_{-0.8}$
	$\Omega_{m,0}$	$0.6^{+0.4}_{-0.4}$	$0.311^{+0.011}_{-0.011}$	$0.6^{+0.4}_{-0.4}$	$0.311^{+0.011}_{-0.011}$	$0.6^{+0.3}_{-0.4}$	$0.311^{+0.011}_{-0.011}$
	$c_M$	$< 13.4$	$< 7.5$	$< 11.7$	$< 6.3$	$< 10.8$	$< 5.7$
Model		Extra dimension					
Waveform		NRSur		IMRPhenom		SEONBR	
Prior		Wide	Planck	Wide	Planck	Wide	Planck
$H_0$ [km Mpc $^{-1}$ s $^{-1}$ ]		$167^{+113}_{-83}$	$67.7^{+0.8}_{-0.8}$	$152^{+120}_{-65}$	$67.7^{+0.8}_{-0.8}$	$141^{+130}_{-74}$	$67.7^{+0.8}_{-0.8}$
	$\Omega_{m,0}$	$0.6^{0.4}_{-0.4}$	$0.311^{0.011}_{-0.011}$	$0.6^{0.4}_{-0.4}$	$0.311^{0.010}_{-0.011}$	$0.6^{0.4}_{-0.4}$	$0.311^{0.011}_{-0.010}$
	$D$	$4.5^{+0.3}_{-0.4}$	$3.99^{+0.08}_{-0.09}$	$4.5^{+0.3}_{-0.3}$	$4.01^{+0.10}_{-0.10}$	$4.4^{+0.3}_{-0.4}$	$4.00^{+0.09}_{-0.10}$
Model		$\Xi$ -parametrization					
Waveform		NRSur		IMRPhenom		SEONBR	
Prior		Wide	Planck	Wide	Planck	Wide	Planck
$H_0$ [km Mpc $^{-1}$ s $^{-1}$ ]		$93^{+148}_{-27}$	$67.7^{+0.8}_{-0.8}$	$90^{+126}_{-25}$	$67.7^{+0.8}_{-0.8}$	$87^{+119}_{-23}$	$67.7^{+0.8}_{-0.8}$
	$\Omega_{m,0}$	$0.6^{0.4}_{-0.4}$	$0.311^{0.011}_{-0.010}$	$0.6^{0.4}_{-0.4}$	$0.311^{0.011}_{-0.011}$	$0.6^{0.4}_{-0.4}$	$0.311^{0.010}_{-0.011}$
	$\Xi$	$< 10$	$< 4.4$	$< 8.2$	$< 3.6$	$< 7.1$	$< 2.9$
	$n$	$6^{+4}_{-5}$	$4^{+5}_{-4}$	$6^{+4}_{-5}$	$5^{+5}_{-4}$	$6^{+4}_{-5}$	$5^{+5}_{-4}$