

Distance determination beyond the nearest galaxies (?)

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Gravitational wave standard sirens

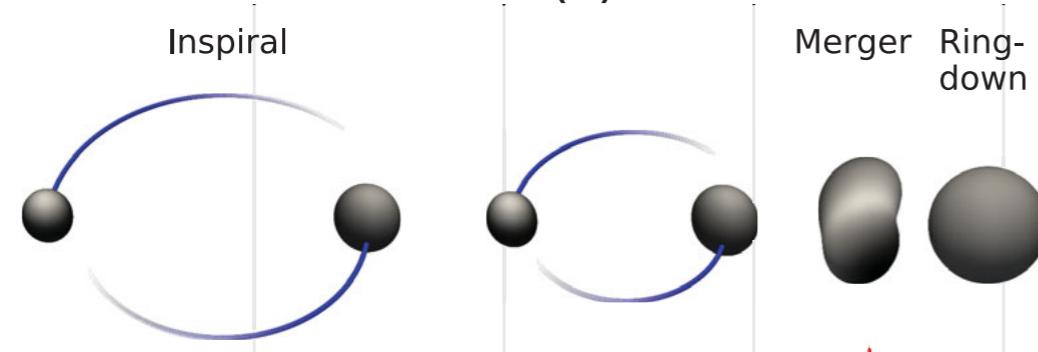
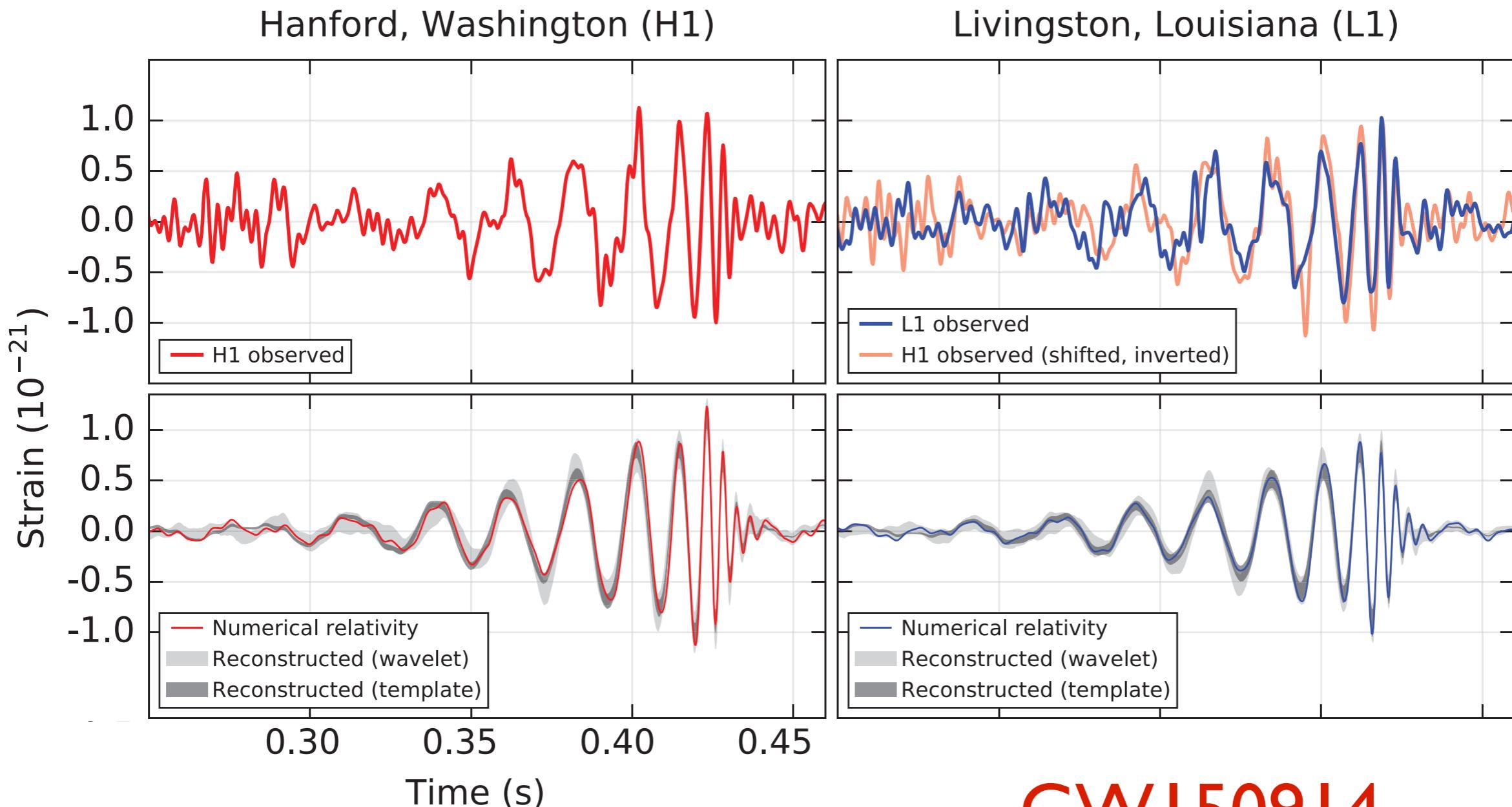
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Gravitational waves detected!



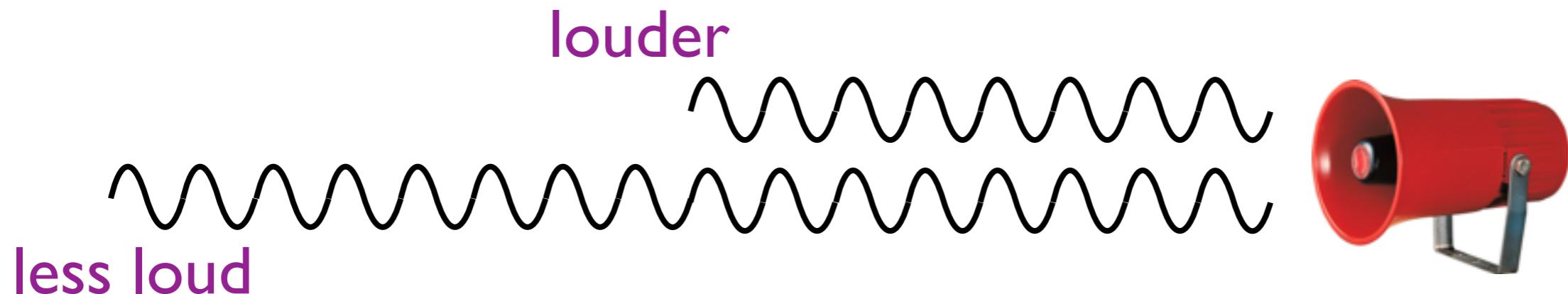
GW150914
GWs from a merger
of $\sim 30 \text{ M}_{\odot}$ BHs!

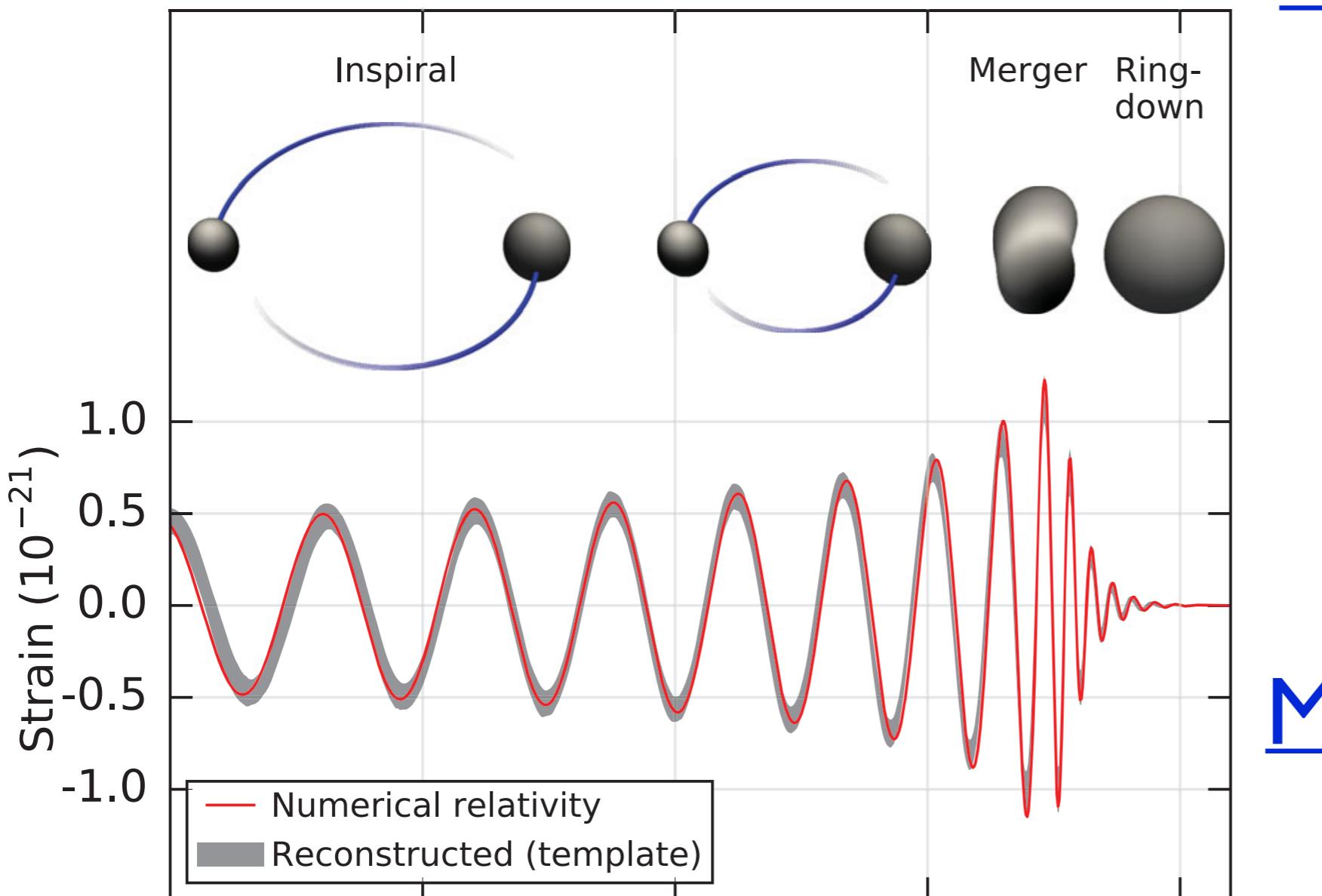
GW150914 was “super-luminous”

- $3 M_{\odot} \sim 5 \times 10^{54}$ erg converted to the GW energy
- this was emitted within ~ 0.1 sec
- thus the peak luminosity was $\sim 10^{56}$ erg/s,
which was much more luminous than SNe/GRBs

Gravitational wave standard sirens

- we can infer masses of inspiraling compact binaries from the waveform
- observed strain amplitude is inversely proportional to the luminosity distance to the source
- we can measure the **luminosity distance** directly, incl. **absolute distance scale H_0** (Schutz 1986)





Inspiral

$$h \propto \frac{M_z^{5/3}}{D_L(z)} f^{2/3}$$

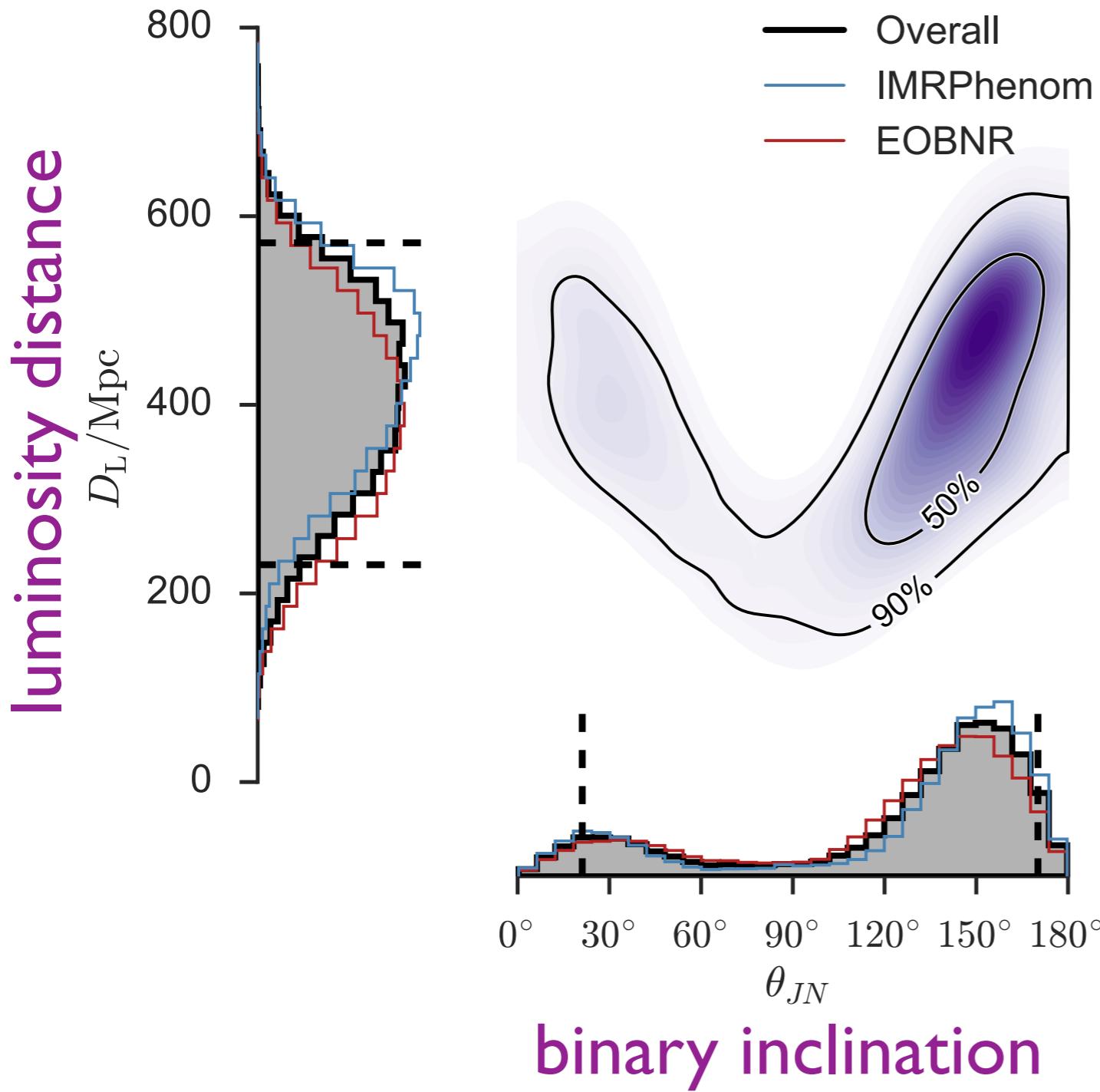
$$\dot{f} \propto M_z^{5/3} f^{11/3}$$

→ chirp mass M_z
and distance D_L

Merger/Ringdown

→ final BH mass,
spin, and
distance D_L

Standard siren at work



GW150914

observed waveform
fitted to GR predicted
waveforms

→ **luminosity distance**
 $D_L = 410^{+160}_{-180} \text{ Mpc}$

→ *inferred redshift*
assuming standard
cosmological model
 $z = 0.09^{+0.03}_{-0.04}$

Cosmology with gravitational waves

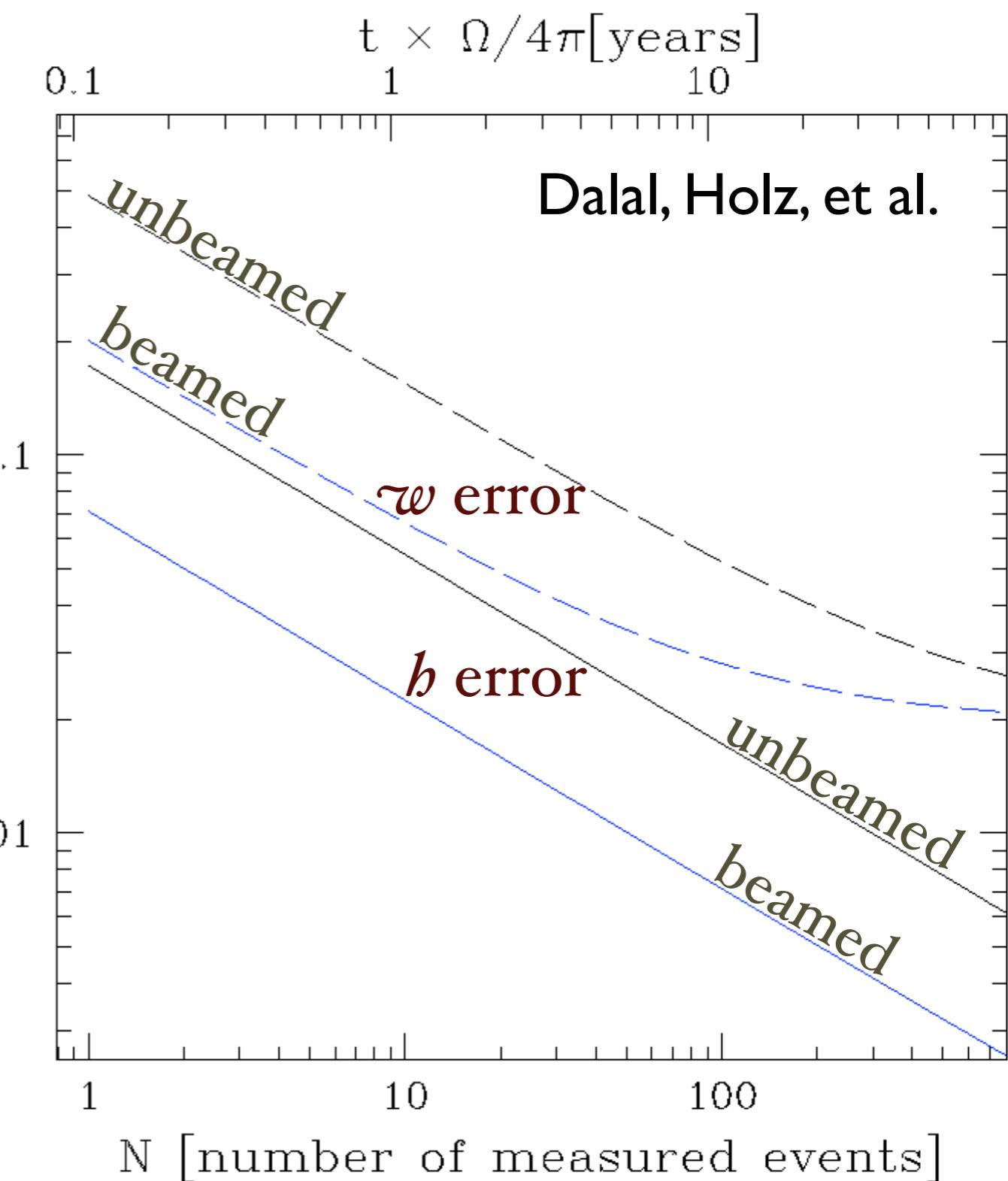
- inspiraling compact binaries (BH-BH, NS-NS, BH-NS) are excellent standard sirens that allow us to measure **absolute distances** to the sources with gravitational waves
- if we get redshifts to the sources from other observations (**electromagnetic counterparts**) we can directly constrain the distance-redshift relation at cosmological distances
→ **useful constraints on H_0 , Ω_m , w , ...**

(Holz & Hughes 2005; Dalal et al. 2006; Cutler & Holz 2009;
Nissanke et al. 2010; ...)

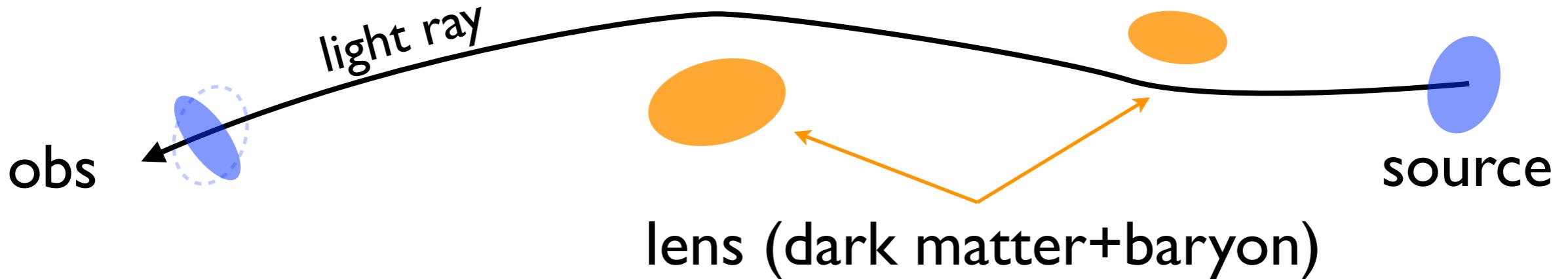
Precision cosmology with GWs

even a small number
of well-measured GWs
with EM counterparts
for z can constrain
cosmology

information on the
absolute distance scale
 H_0 is very precious



Gravitational lensing as noise

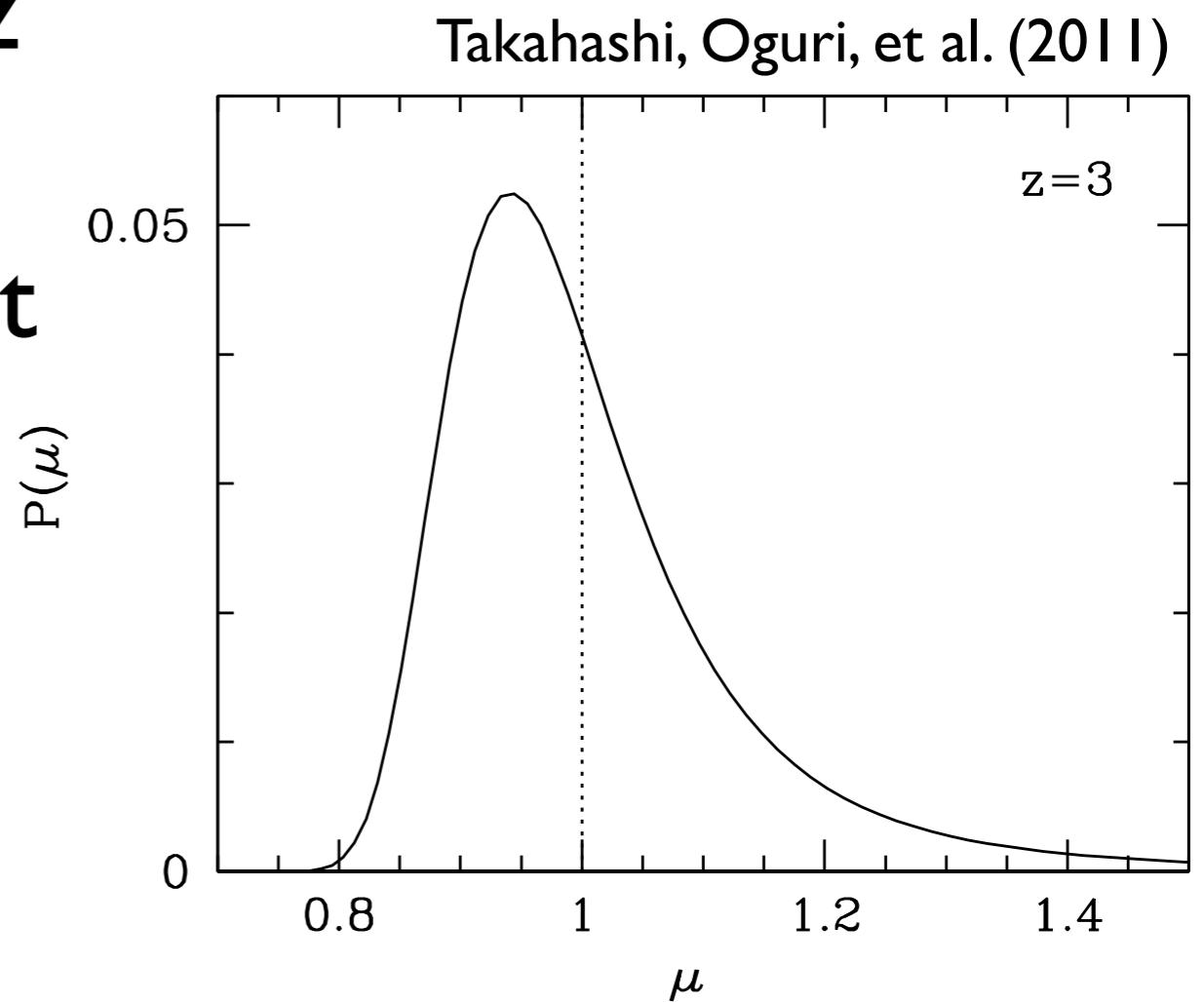


- deflection of light ray due to gravitational lensing changes apparent brightness of observed images
→ **effectively changes the luminosity distance**

$$D_{\text{obs}} = \bar{D} \mu^{-1/2} \approx \bar{D} \left[1 - \kappa(\vec{\theta}, z) \right]$$

Gravitational lensing as noise

- lensing is the most important source of errors in cosmology with GW standard sirens
(also for high-z SNela, time delay cosmography, ...)
- effect is larger at higher-z
- can be averaged out, but beware that lensing effect is quite non-Gaussian



Gravitational wave detectors

- second generation (~2018) [$\sim 10^2 - 10^3$ BH-BHs]
Advanced LIGO, VIRGO, KAGRA, ...
- third generation (~2025?) [$\sim 10^5 - 10^6$ BH-BHs]
Einstein Telescope, LIGO Cosmic Explorer, ...
(~10km underground)
- space (~2035?)
LISA, DECIGO, ...

Pros and cons

Pros

- clean physics, can easily/robustly predict signals from the first principle (assuming GR)
- can reach high-z relatively easily ($h \propto D_L^{-1}$)

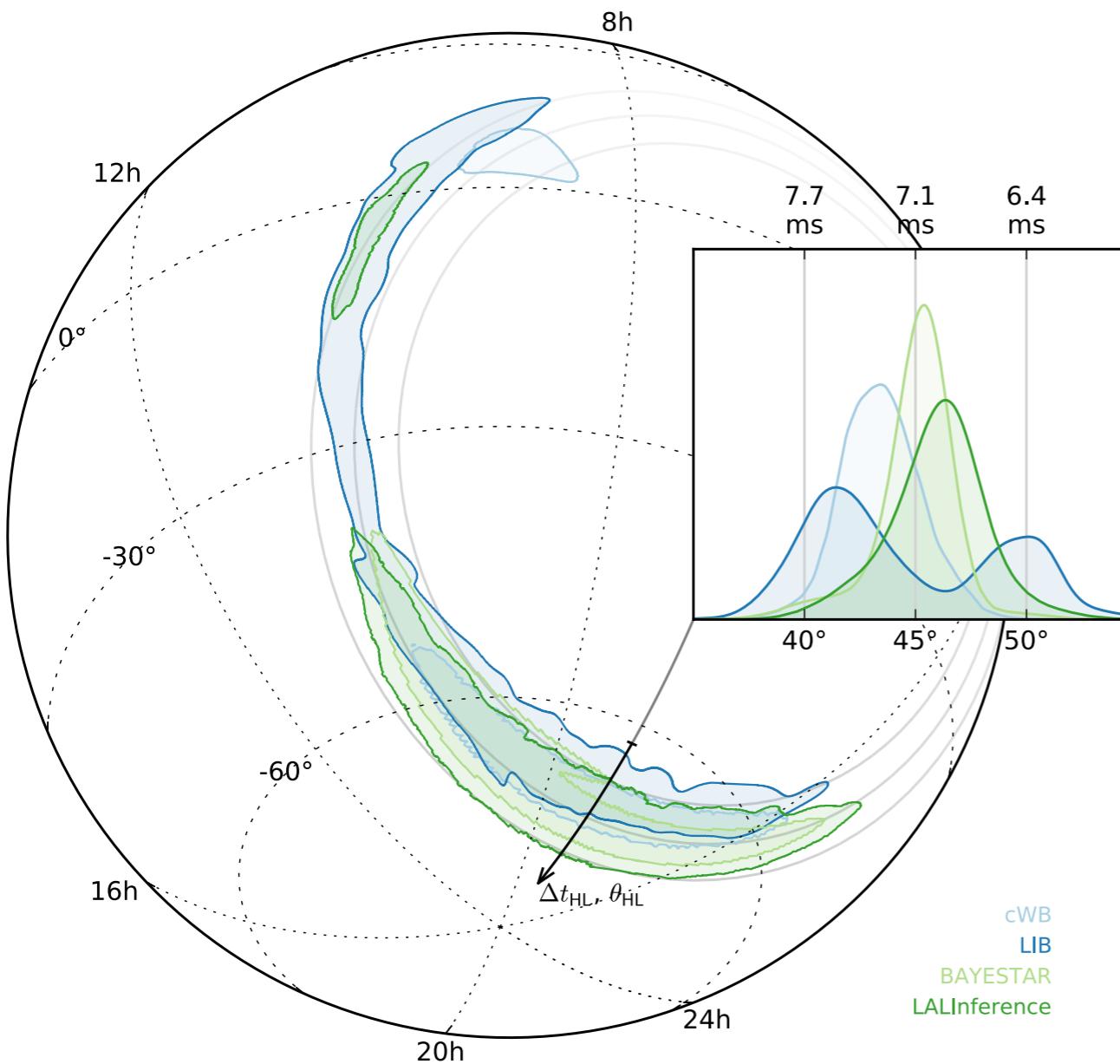
Cons

- GWs are hard to detect!
- need to identify electromagnetic counterparts for redshifts – how easy/secure??

Localizing GWs

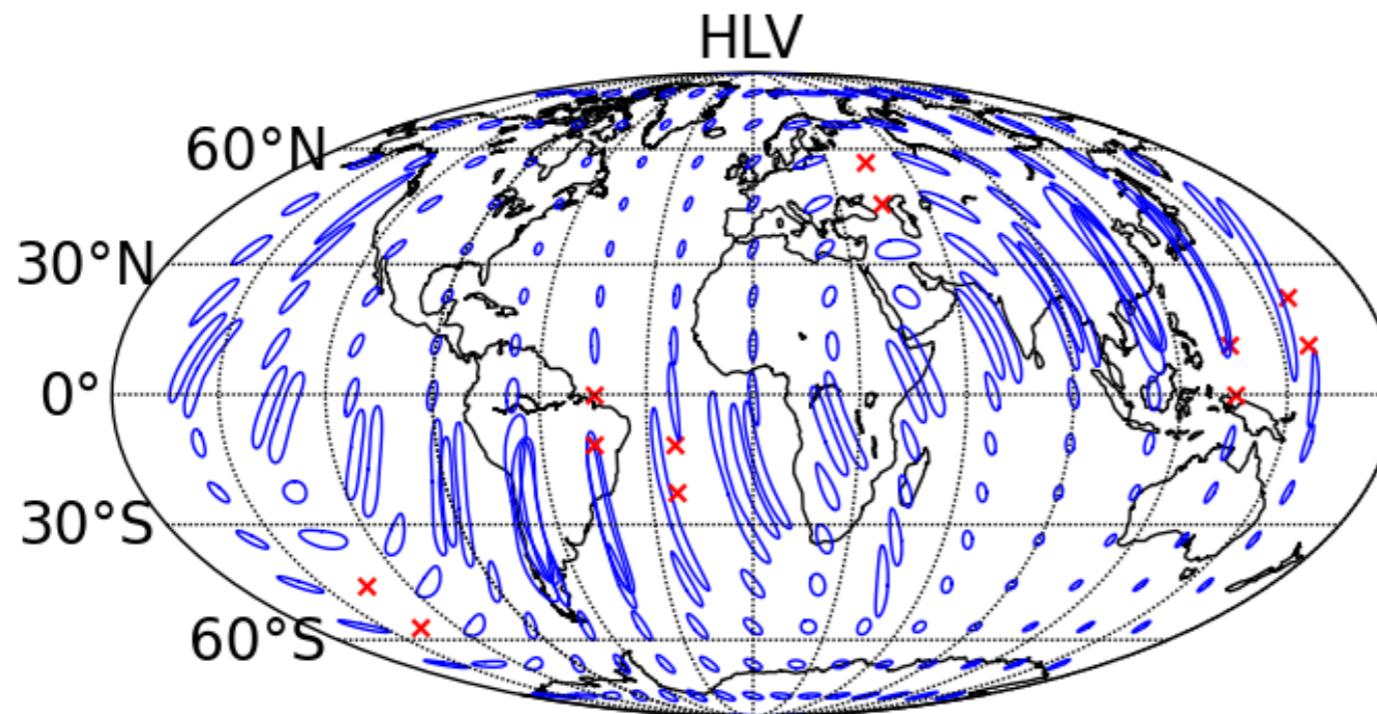
- it is essential to identify electromagnetic (EM) counterparts for measuring redshifts (necessary for cosmology)
- several challenges
 - angular resolution of GW observations is not great
 - not clear how bright EM counterparts are
 - for BH-BH mergers we usually don't expect EM counterparts

Location of GW150914 on the sky

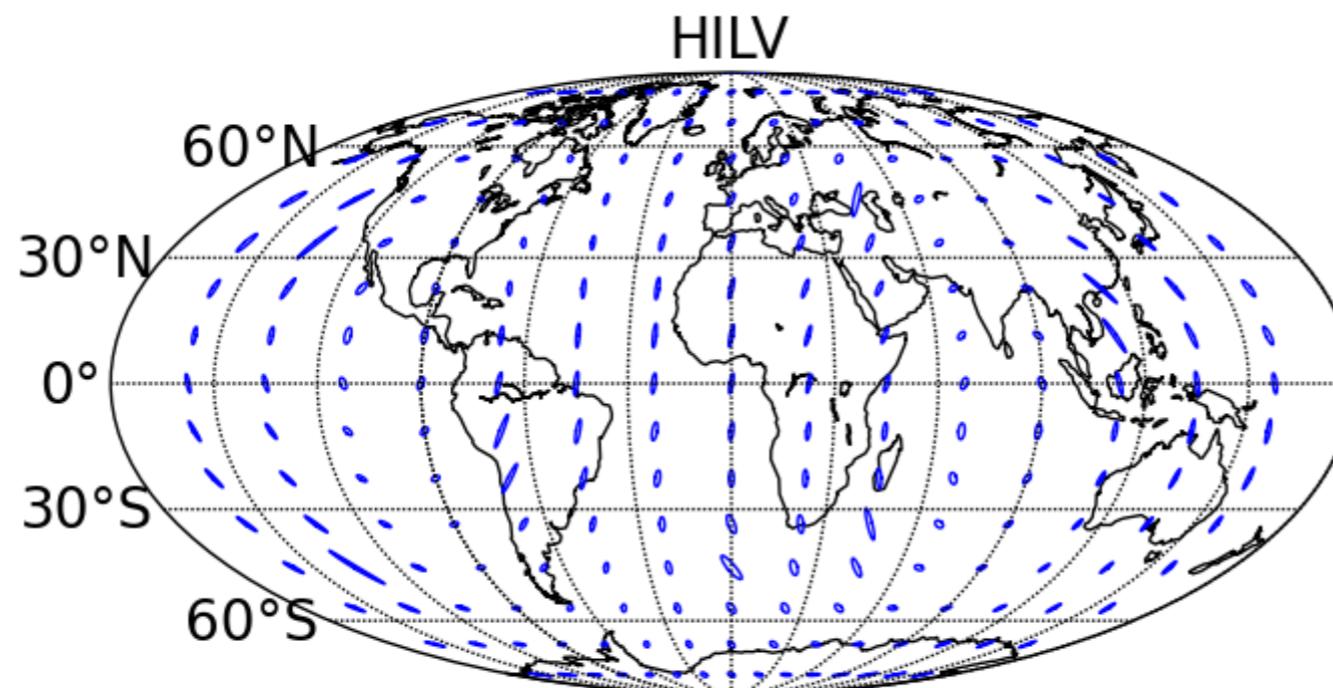


- expected direction of GW150914 is not well-constrained, with area **~600 deg²**
- more GW detectors will improve the accuracy

Expected localization accuracy



3 detectors
→ $\sim 100 \text{ deg}^2$



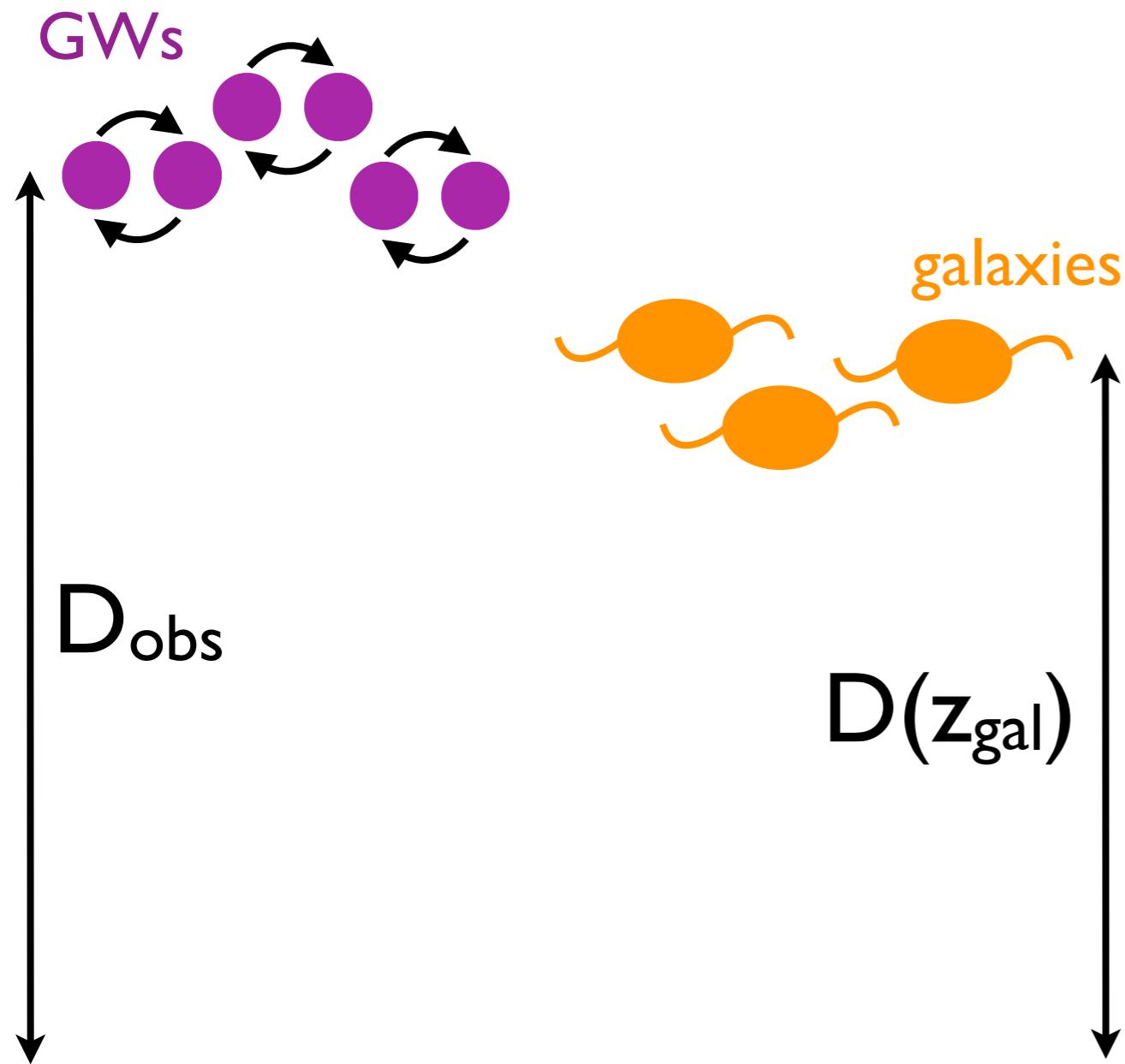
4-5 detectors
→ $\sim 10 \text{ deg}^2$

**Do we really need EM counterparts
for cosmology with GW standard sirens?**

Cross-correlation approach

- in the future we will have a bunch of burst GW events, possibly without EM counterparts
- idea: constrain distance-redshift relation with cross-correlation of GW sources (known D_L) and galaxies (known z)
- no need of follow-up observations for individual GW events!

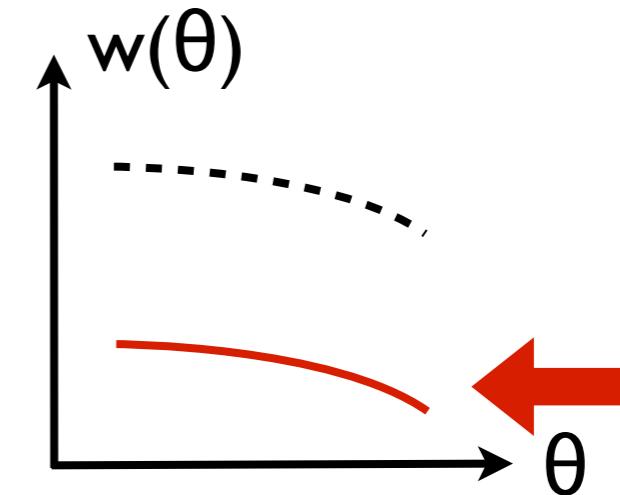
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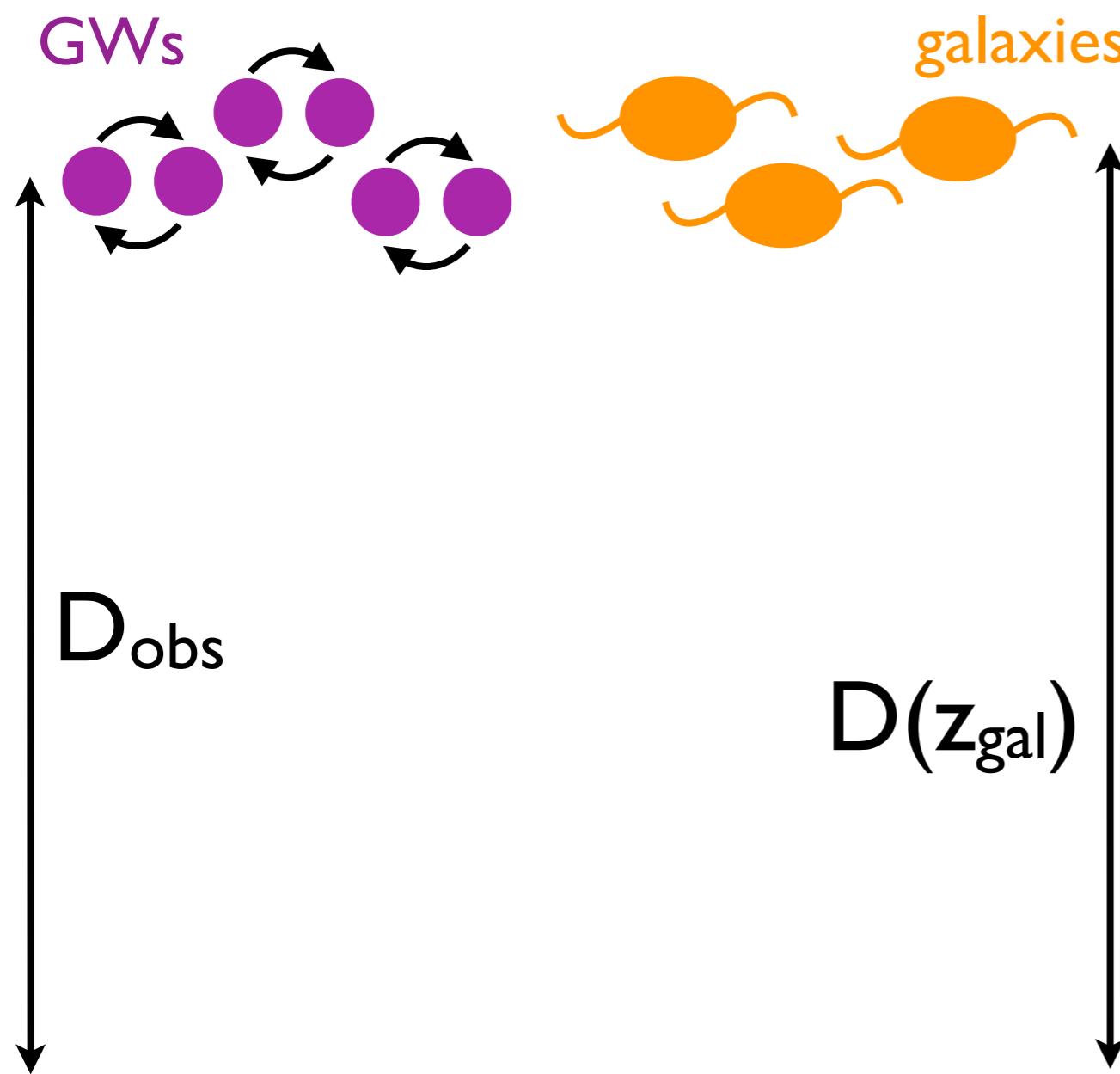
- cross-correlation of spatial distributions

$$w(\theta) = \langle \delta_{\text{GW}}(\vec{\theta}') \delta_{\text{gal}}(\vec{\theta}' + \vec{\theta}) \rangle$$

- when $D_{\text{obs}} > D(z_{\text{gal}})$ cross-correlation is small



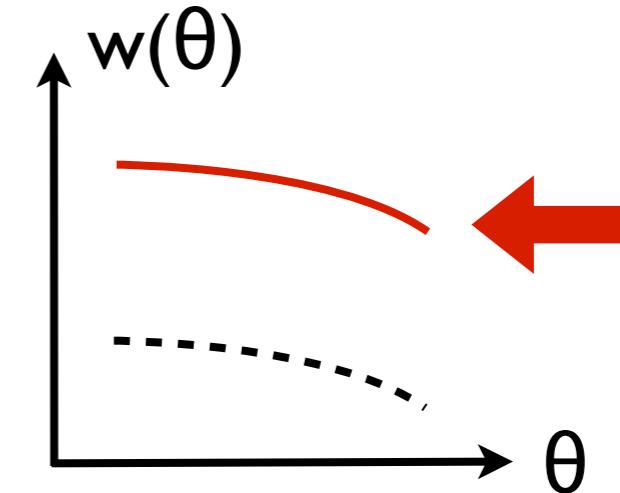
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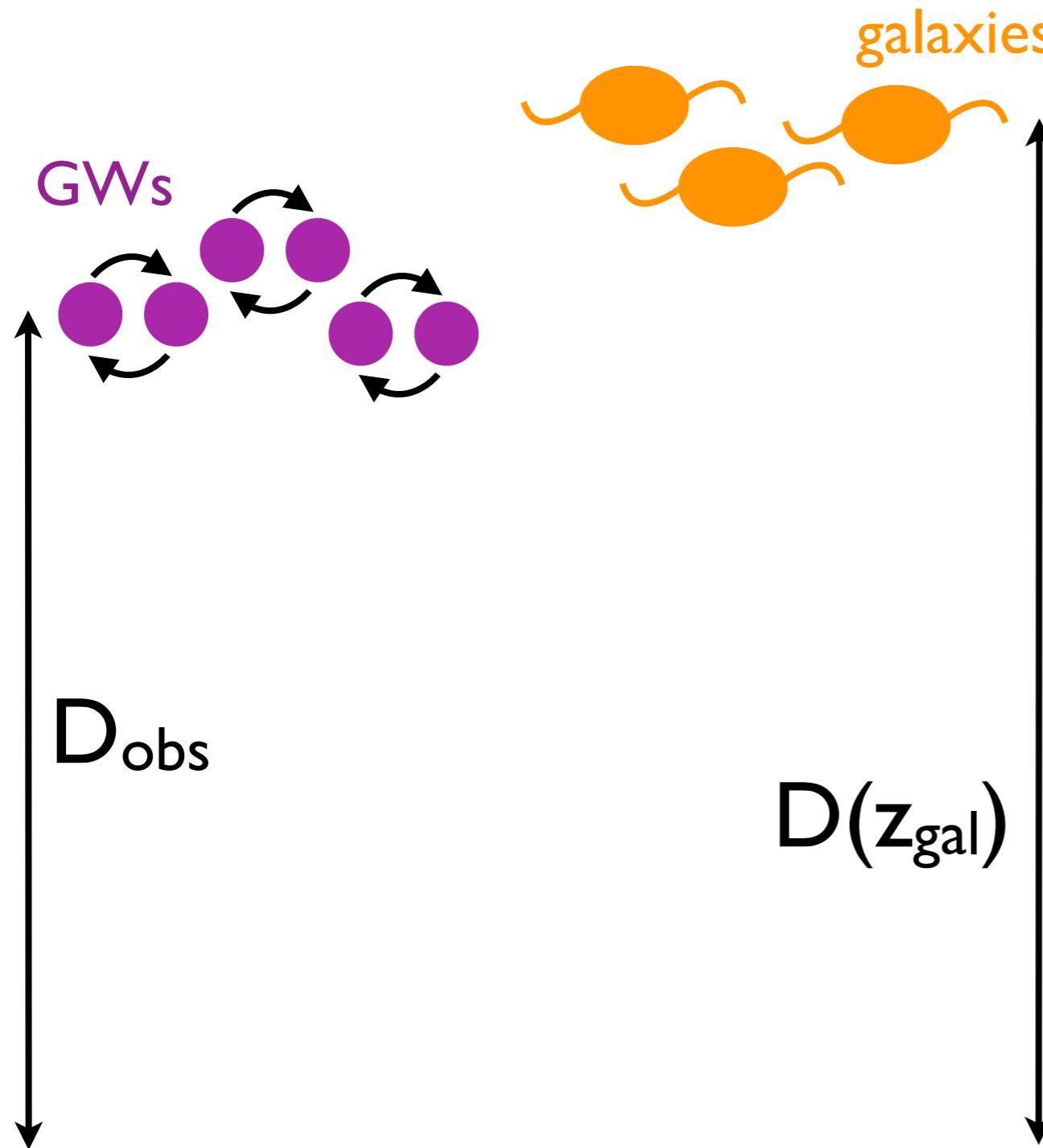
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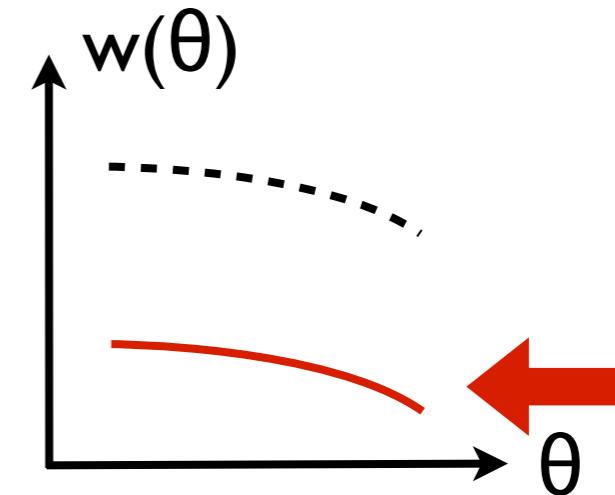
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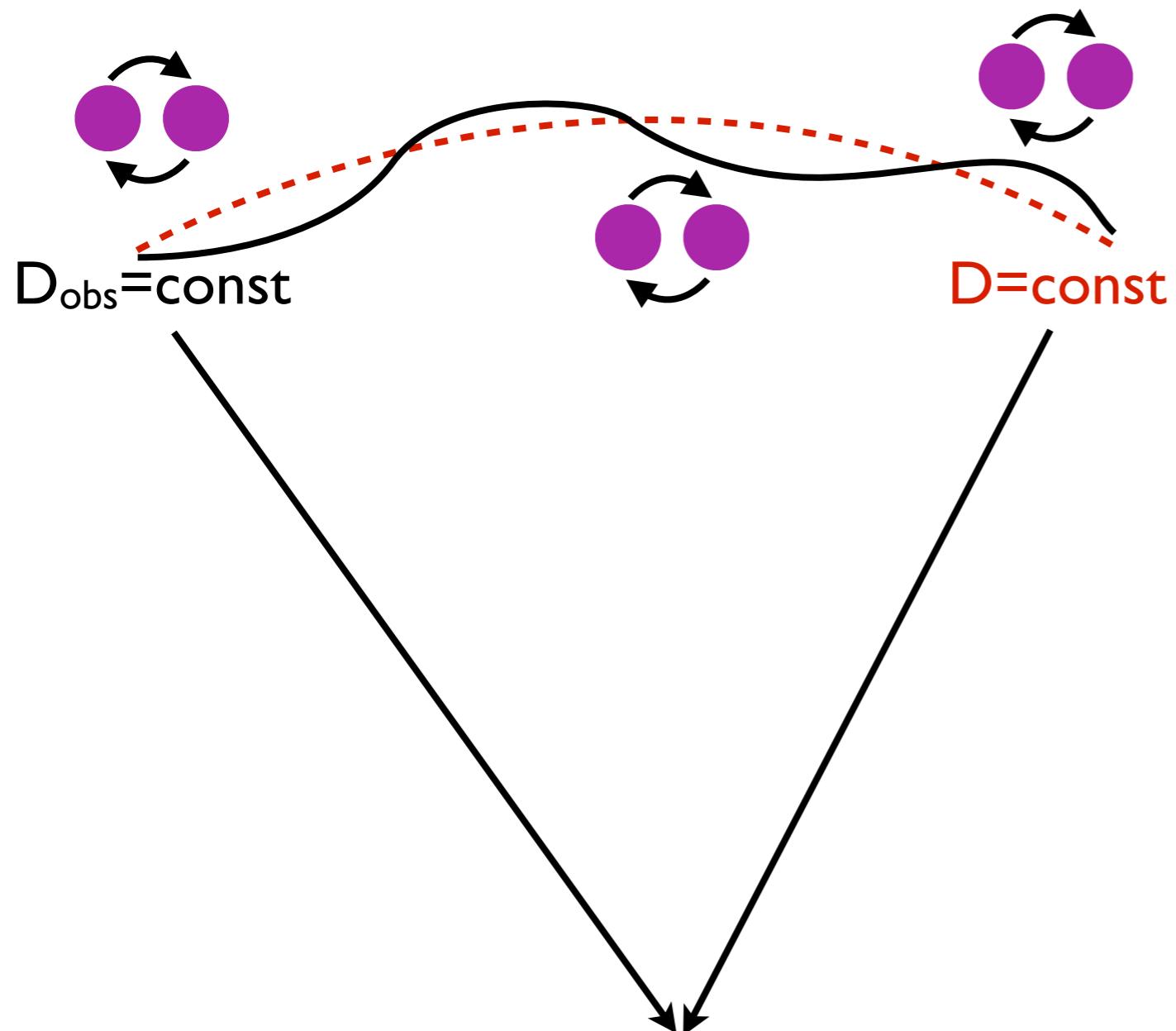
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Apparent clustering due to lensing



- weak lensing changes observed distance

$$D_{\text{obs}} = \bar{D} \mu^{-1/2} \approx \bar{D} [1 - \kappa(\vec{\theta}, z)]$$

- since lensing effect is position-dependent it induces additional clustering pattern on the sky

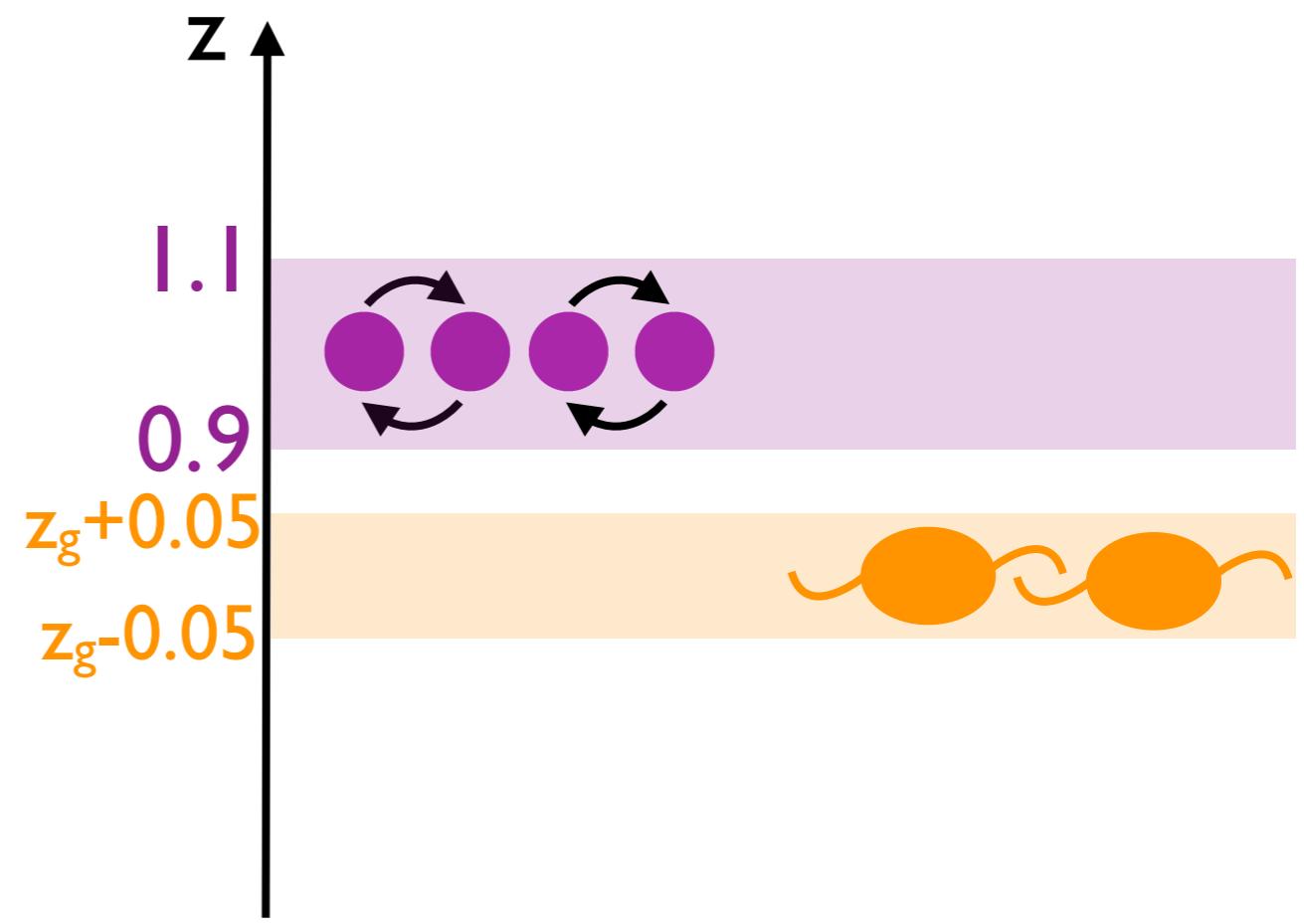
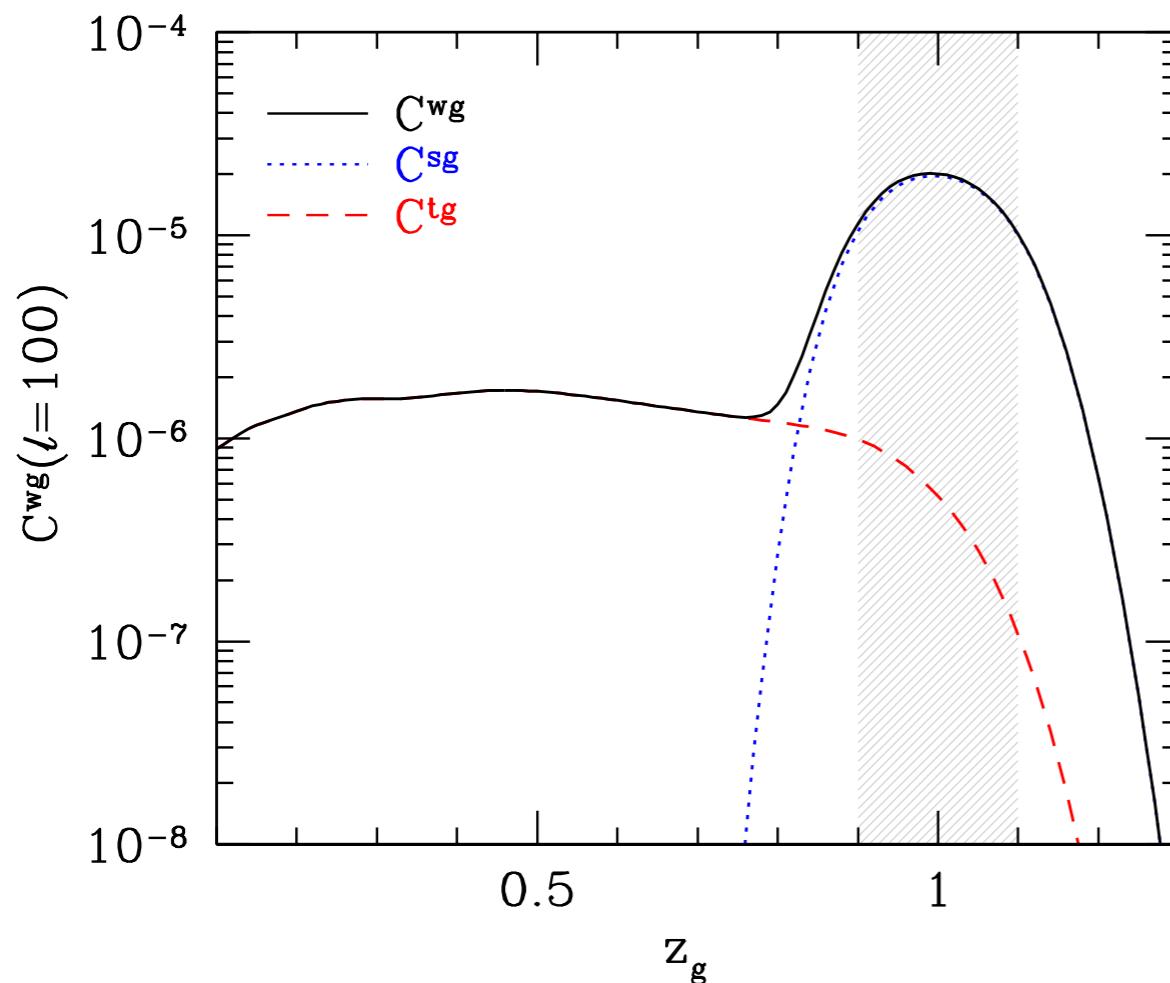
Cross-correlation signals

$$\underline{\underline{C^{wg_j}(\ell)}} = C^{sig_j}(\ell) + C^{tig_j}(\ell)$$

$$\underline{\underline{C^{sig_j}(\ell)}} = \int_0^\infty dz W_i^s(z) W_j^g(z) \frac{H(z)}{\chi^2} b_{\text{GW}} b_g P_m \left(\frac{\ell + 1/2}{\chi}; z \right) \quad \text{physical spatial correlation}$$

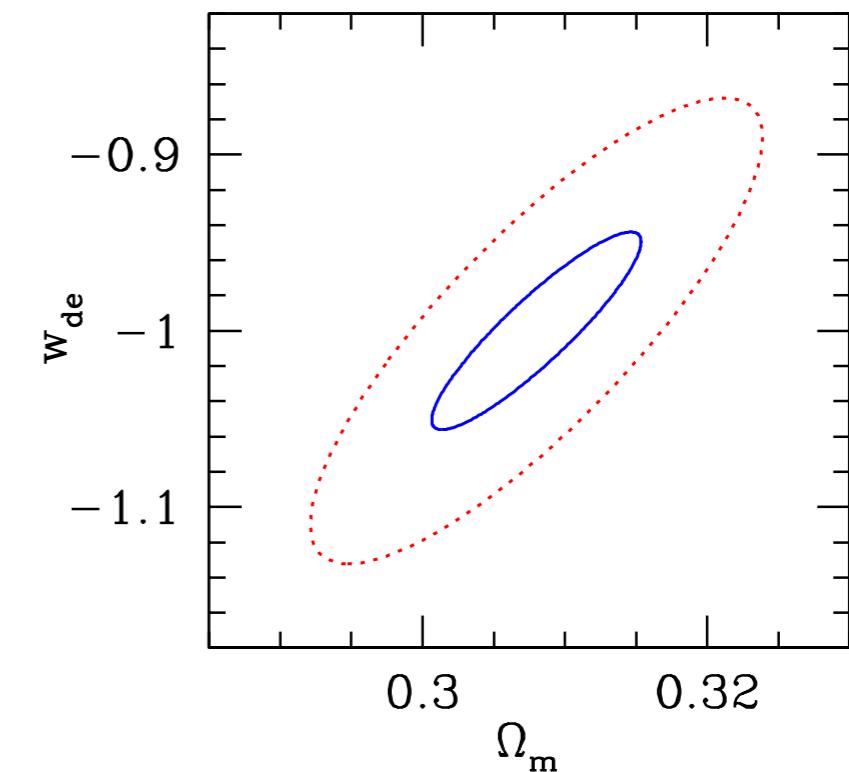
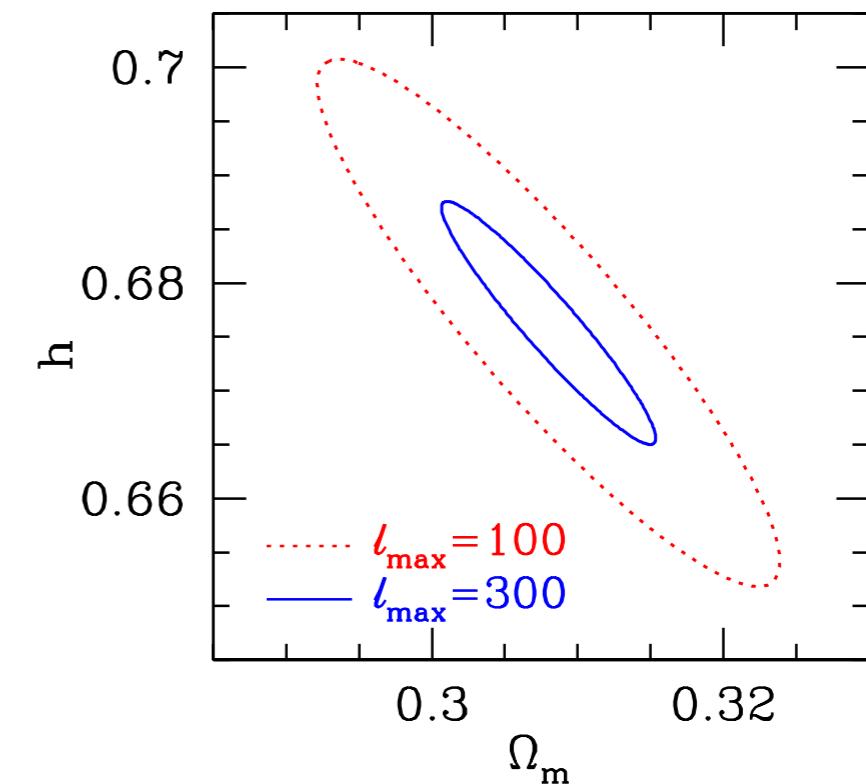
$$\underline{\underline{C^{tig_j}(\ell)}} = \int_0^\infty dz W_i^t(z) \int_0^z dz' W_j^g(z') W^\kappa(z'; z) \frac{H(z')}{\chi'^2} b_g P_m \left(\frac{\ell + 1/2}{\chi'}; z' \right)$$

apparent clustering due to weak lensing



Forecast

- GWs from third-generation exp. + galaxies from Euclid ($0.3 < z < 1.5$)
- l_{\max} comes from accuracy of GW localizations
fiducial: $l_{\max} = 100$ ($\rightarrow \sim 1 \text{ deg}$)
optimistic: $l_{\max} = 300$
- tight constraints on H_0 and w possible with the cross-correlation approach (without any follow-up!)



Summary

- gravitational waves from mergers of compact binaries are a promising, totally new absolute distance indicator at cosmological scale
- recent observation of GW150914 suggested its enormous potential
- usually identifications of EM counterparts are need to get redshifts and constrain distance-redshift relation
- a cross-correlation approach is proposed which enables GW cosmology without follow-up