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Prospects of constraining on the polarizations of gravitational waves from binary black holes using space- and ground-based detectors

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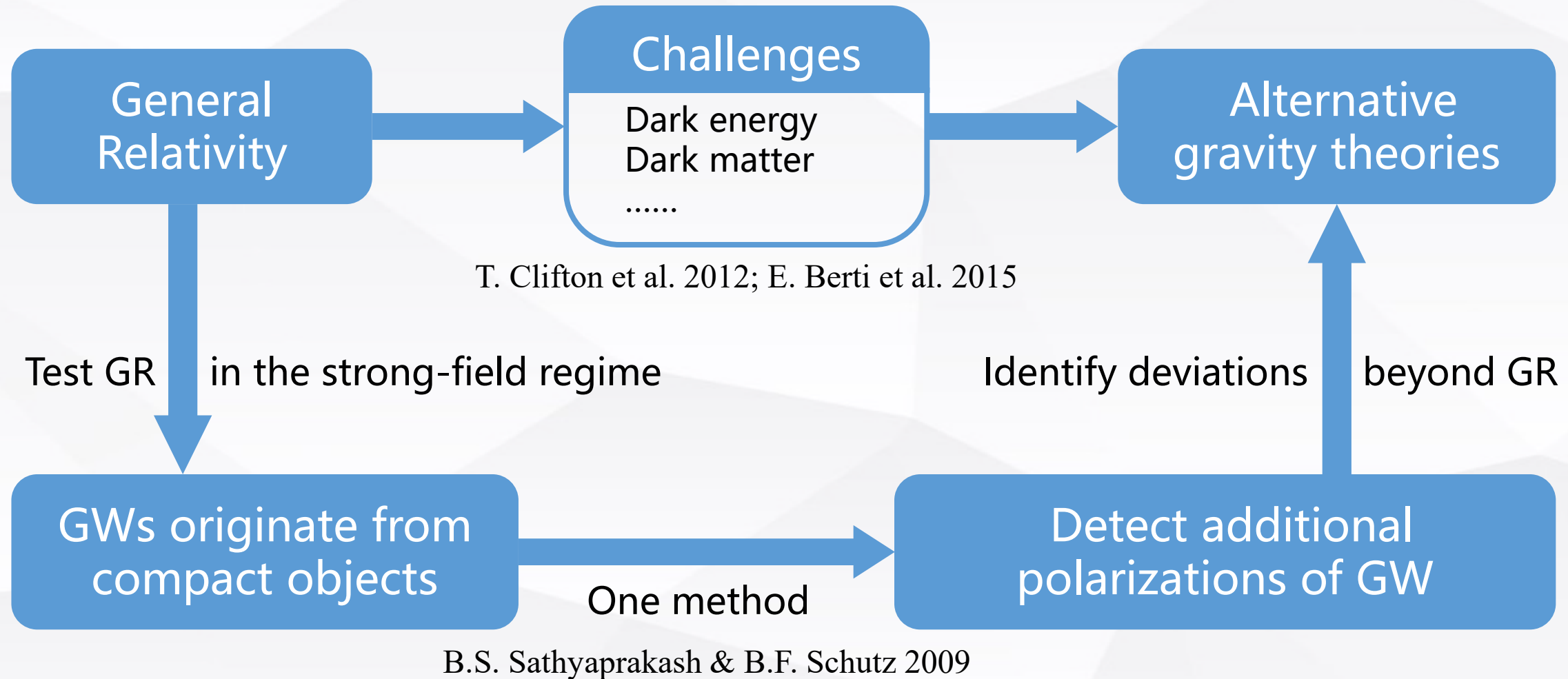
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Constraints on parameters

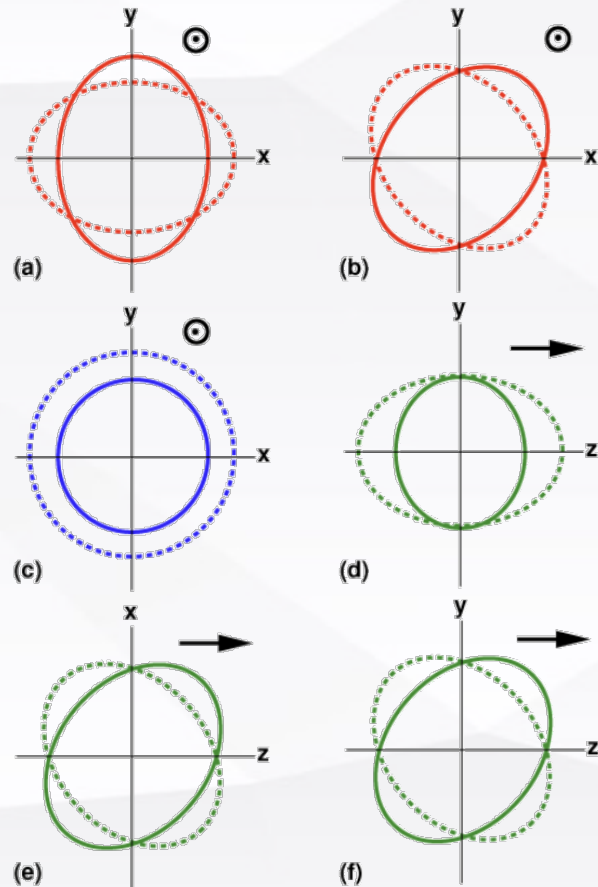
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Summary & outlook

- Test GR



● Polarizations of GW



C. M. Will 2014

General Relativity allows **two** (tensor) polarizations.
 General metric theories allow **six** polarizations.

Theory	+	x	x	y	b	l	
General Relativity							
GR in noncompactified 4/6D Minkowski							
Einstein-Æther							
5D Kaluza-Klein							
Randall-Sundrum braneworld							
Dvali-Gabadadze-Porrati braneworld							
Brans-Dicke							
$f(R)$ gravity							
Bimetric theory							
Four-Vector Gravity							

Allowed

Depends

Forbidden

A. Nishizawa et al. 2009

● Related studies

1 ppE framework

N. Yunes & F. Pretorius, *PRD* **80**, 122003 (2009)
N. Cornish et al., *PRD* **84**, 062003 (2011)
K. Chatziioannou et al., *PRD* **86**, 022004 (2012)
S. Tahura & K. Yagi, *PRD* **98**, 084042 (2018)
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2 Pulsar timing-arrays

N. Yunes & X. Siemens, *LRR* **16**, 9 (2013)
L. O'Beirne et al., *PRD* **99**, 124039 (2019)
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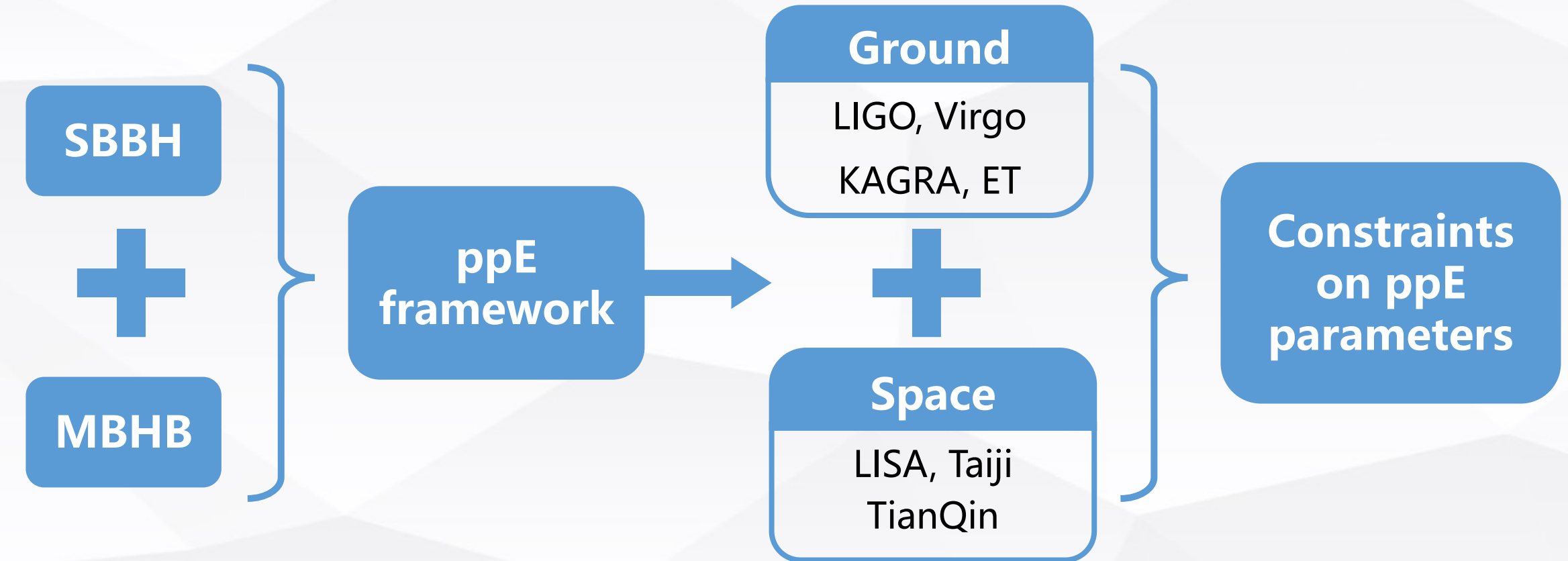
3 Ground-based detectors

T. Narikawa & H. Tagoshi, *PTEP* **2016**, 093E02 (2016)
R. Nair et al., *PTEP* **2016**, 053E01 (2016)
H. Takeda et al., *PRD* **100**, 042001 (2019)
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4 Space-based detectors

C. Huwyler et al., *PRD* **91**, 024037 (2015)
C. Liu et al., *PRD* **102**, 124050 (2020)
G. Wang & W.-B. Han, *PRD* **103**, 064021 (2021)
N. Xie et al., *PRD* **106**, 124017 (2022)
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- Our work



GW source → **Waveform** → **Detectors** → **Results**

- GW waveform

The extended **ppE framework** is utilized to construct a **model-independent** test for GR.

K. Chatziioannou et al. 2012

D. Hansen et al. 2015

$$h(t) = \sum_A F^A h_A(t), \quad \frac{d\omega}{dt} = \alpha_D \eta^{2/5} \frac{GM}{c^3} \omega^3 + \alpha_Q \left(\frac{GM}{c^3} \right)^{5/3} \omega^{11/3},$$

$$h_+ = \mathcal{A}_T (1 + \cos^2 \iota) / 2 \cos(2\Phi + 2\Phi_0),$$

$$h_\times = \mathcal{A}_T \cos \iota \sin(2\Phi + 2\Phi_0),$$

$$h_X = \mathcal{A}_V \cos \iota \cos(\Phi + \Phi_0),$$

$$h_Y = \mathcal{A}_V \sin(\Phi + \Phi_0),$$

$$h_B = \mathcal{A}_B \sin \iota \cos(\Phi + \Phi_0),$$

$$h_L = \mathcal{A}_L \sin \iota \cos(\Phi + \Phi_0),$$

$$\mathcal{A}_T = \frac{4}{D_L} \left(\frac{GM}{c^2} \right)^{5/3} \left(\frac{\omega}{c} \right)^{2/3},$$

$$\mathcal{A}_V = \frac{\alpha_V}{D_L} \left(\frac{GM}{c^2} \right)^{4/3} \left(\frac{\omega}{c} \right)^{1/3},$$

$$\mathcal{A}_B = \frac{\alpha_B}{D_L} \left(\frac{GM}{c^2} \right)^{4/3} \left(\frac{\omega}{c} \right)^{1/3},$$

$$\mathcal{A}_L = \frac{\alpha_L}{D_L} \left(\frac{GM}{c^2} \right)^{4/3} \left(\frac{\omega}{c} \right)^{1/3},$$

frequency

α_Q, α_D

amplitude

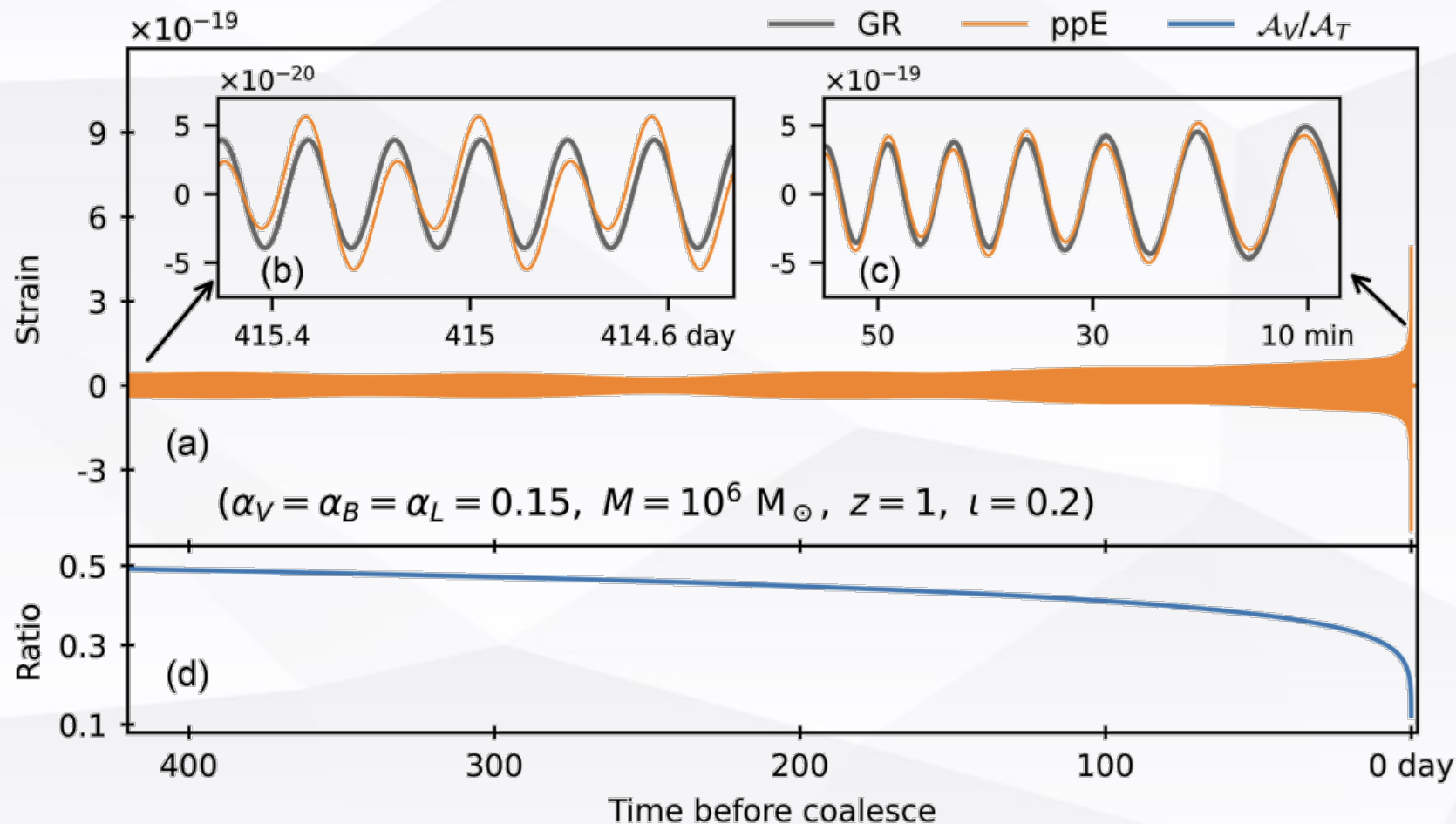
$\alpha_V, \alpha_B, \alpha_L$

ppE parameters

L. O'Beirne et al. 2019; C. Liu et al. 2020

- GW waveform

Comparison of **GR** and **ppE** frameworks



The **current** observations of GW events are **transient**

LIGO & Virgo 2023

Quadrupole

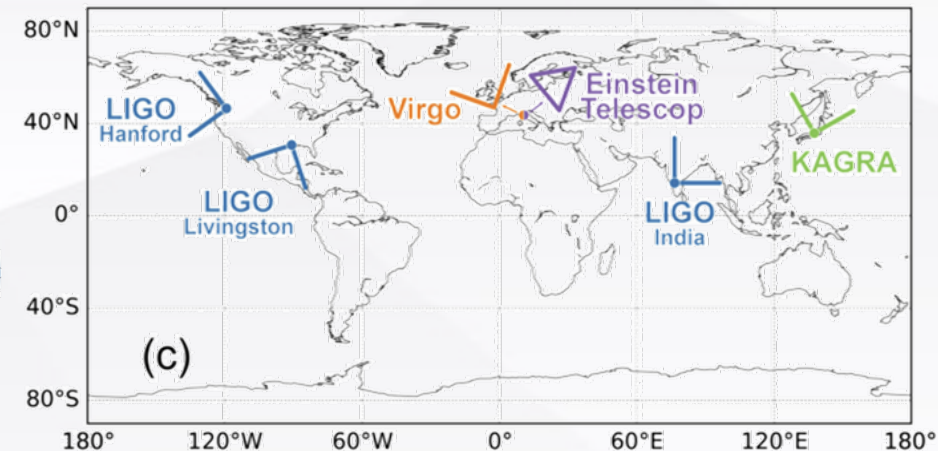
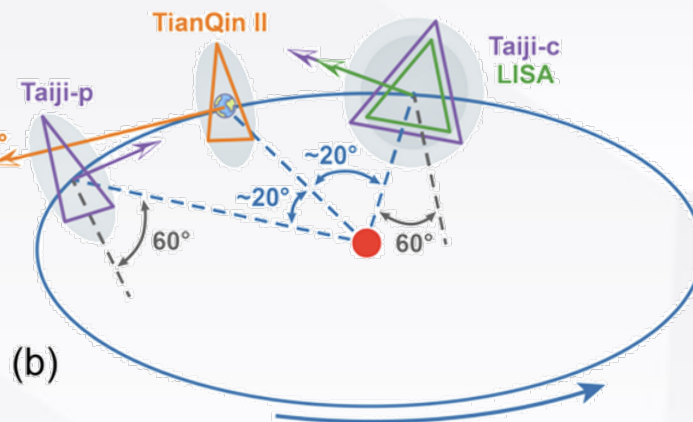
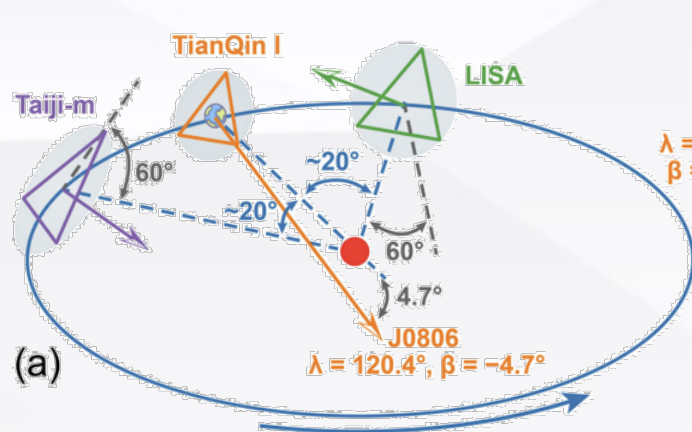
Tensor

Dipole

Vector, Scalar

Assumption

● GW detector



Space

- **LISA** P. Amaro-Seoane et al. 2017
- **Taiji p/c/m** G. Wang et al. 2021
- **TianQin I/II** S.-J. Huang et al. 2020

Ground

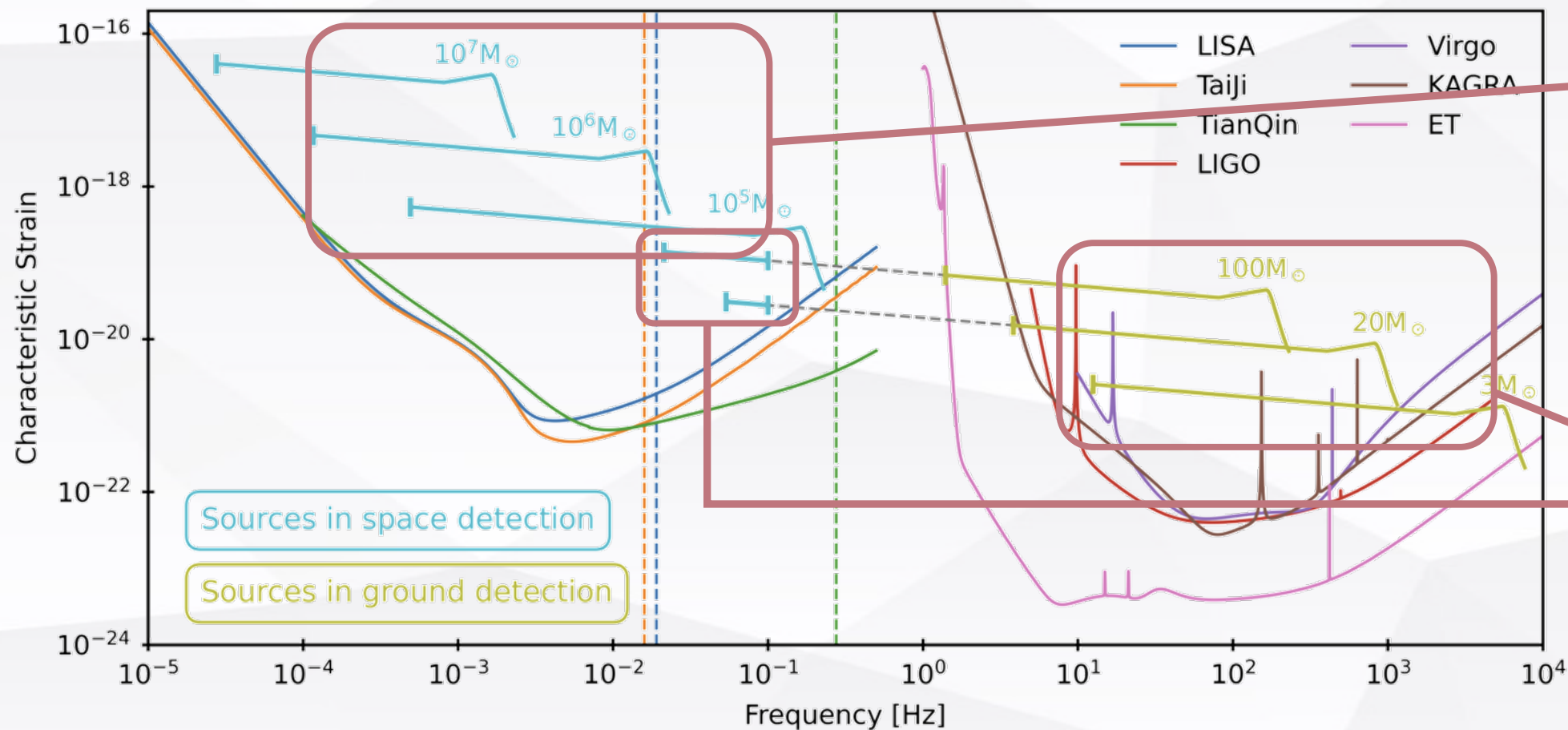
- **LIGO** J. Aasi et al. 2015
- **Virgo** F. Acernese et al. 2015
- **KAGRA** K. Somiya et al. 2012
- **ET** M. Punturo et al. 2010

On networks

R.-G. Cai et al. 2023; J. Wu & J. Li 2023

● GW source

Multiband observation of BBHs



MBHB

$$z = 1$$

$$D_L \approx 6.79 \text{ Gpc}$$

+

SBBH

$$z = 0.01$$

$$D_L \approx 44.6 \text{ Mpc}$$

- Data analysis

14 parameters

$$\xi = \{t_c, m_1, m_2, D_L, \iota, \Phi_0, \phi_e, \theta_e, \psi, \alpha_Q, \alpha_D, \alpha_V, \alpha_B, \alpha_L\},$$

$$(a|b) = 4\text{Re} \left[\int_0^\infty \frac{\tilde{a}^*(f) \tilde{b}(f)}{S_n(f)} df \right],$$

$$\rho^2 = (h|h), \quad \Gamma_{ij} = \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial \xi_i} \middle| \frac{\partial h}{\partial \xi_j} \right),$$

$$\Delta \xi_i = \sqrt{\Sigma_{ii}}.$$

SNR and uncertainty

MBHB

$$f_{\text{ISCO}} = \frac{c^3}{6\sqrt{6}\pi GM}.$$

90 days (space)

10 min (ground)

SBBH

0.1 Hz

1 year (space)

cut-off frequency and duration

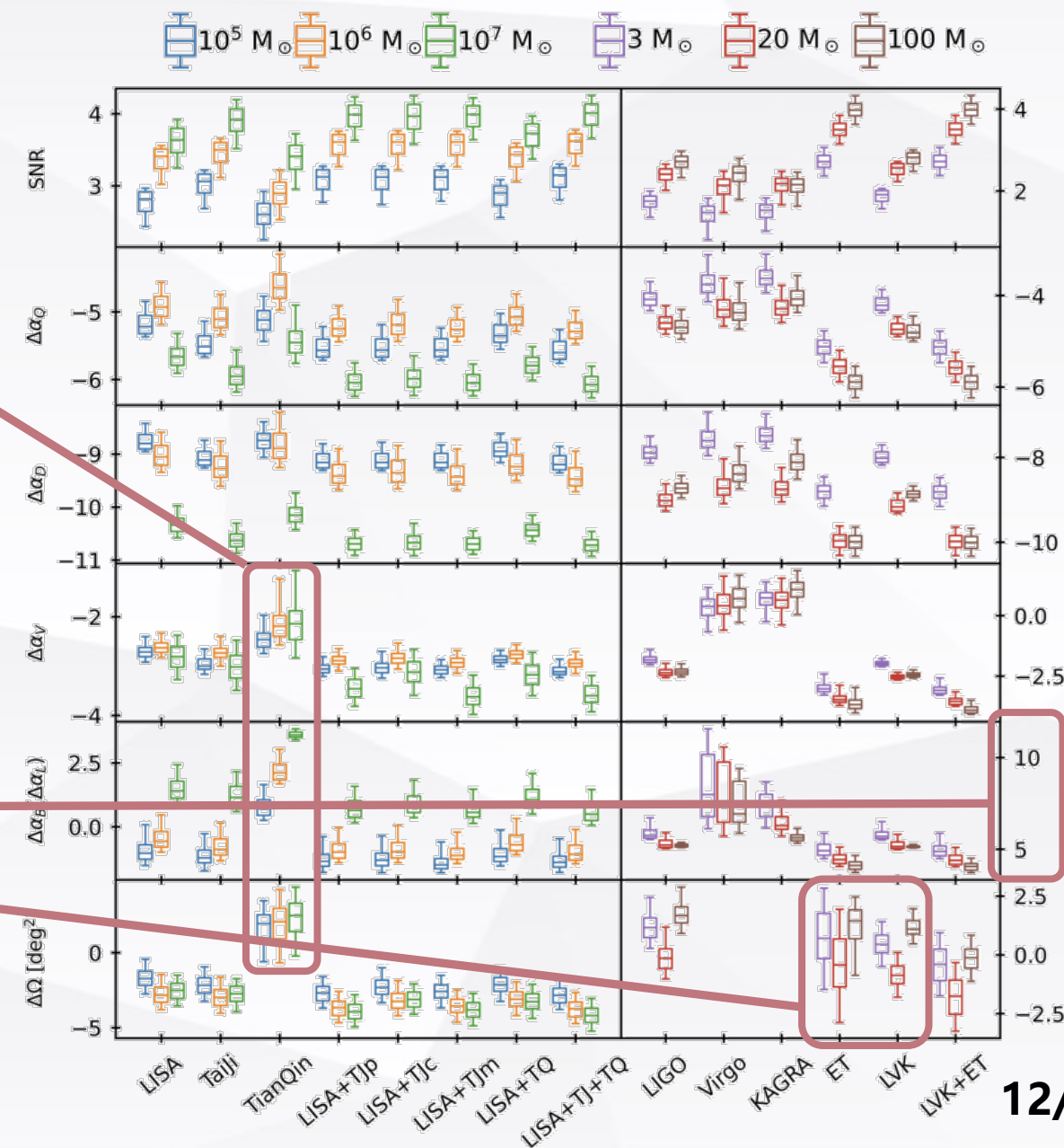
Results with ppE parameters

Space

- Taiji>LISA>TianQin
- TianQin $\Delta\alpha_{V,B,L}, \Delta\Omega$ (configuration)
- $\Delta\alpha_{V,B,L}, \Delta\Omega$ better than ground
- LISA+TJm is the best

Ground

- ET>LIGO>KAGRA>Virgo
- Scalar mode degeneracy
- ET>LVK (except localization)
- LVK+ET improve localization



● Distance & multiband observation

TABLE II. Proportional coefficient \mathcal{K} corresponding to different ppE parameters. We use logarithmic $\log(\mathcal{K})$ to represent the results in the table.

Detector	$M[M_\odot]$	$\Delta\alpha_Q$	$\Delta\alpha_D$	$\Delta\alpha_V$	$\Delta\alpha_B(\alpha_L)$
LISA	10^5	-9.05	-12.63	-6.55	-4.86
	10^6	-8.76	-12.89	-6.46	-4.39
	10^7	-9.50	-14.17	-6.64	-2.42
Taiji	10^5	-9.35	-12.94	-6.83	-5.05
	10^6	-8.94	-13.11	-6.57	-4.71
	10^7	-9.78	-14.46	-6.85	-2.68
TianQin	10^5	-8.95	-12.58	-6.30	-3.12
	10^6	-8.47	-12.73	-6.03	-1.72
	10^7	-9.28	-13.99	-5.97	-0.25
LIGO	3	-5.74	-9.54	-3.49	4.10
	20	-6.25	-10.67	-4.02	3.57
	100	-6.35	-10.38	-3.98	3.54
Virgo	3	-5.41	-9.26	-1.27	6.25
	20	-5.96	-10.38	-1.24	5.75
	100	-6.03	-10.04	-0.96	5.35
KAGRA	3	-5.28	-9.14	-0.92	5.76
	20	-5.94	-10.40	-1.01	4.61
	100	-5.73	-9.77	-0.58	3.97
ET	3	-6.77	-10.45	-4.68	3.24
	20	-7.20	-11.62	-5.13	2.79
	100	-7.54	-11.64	-5.32	2.46

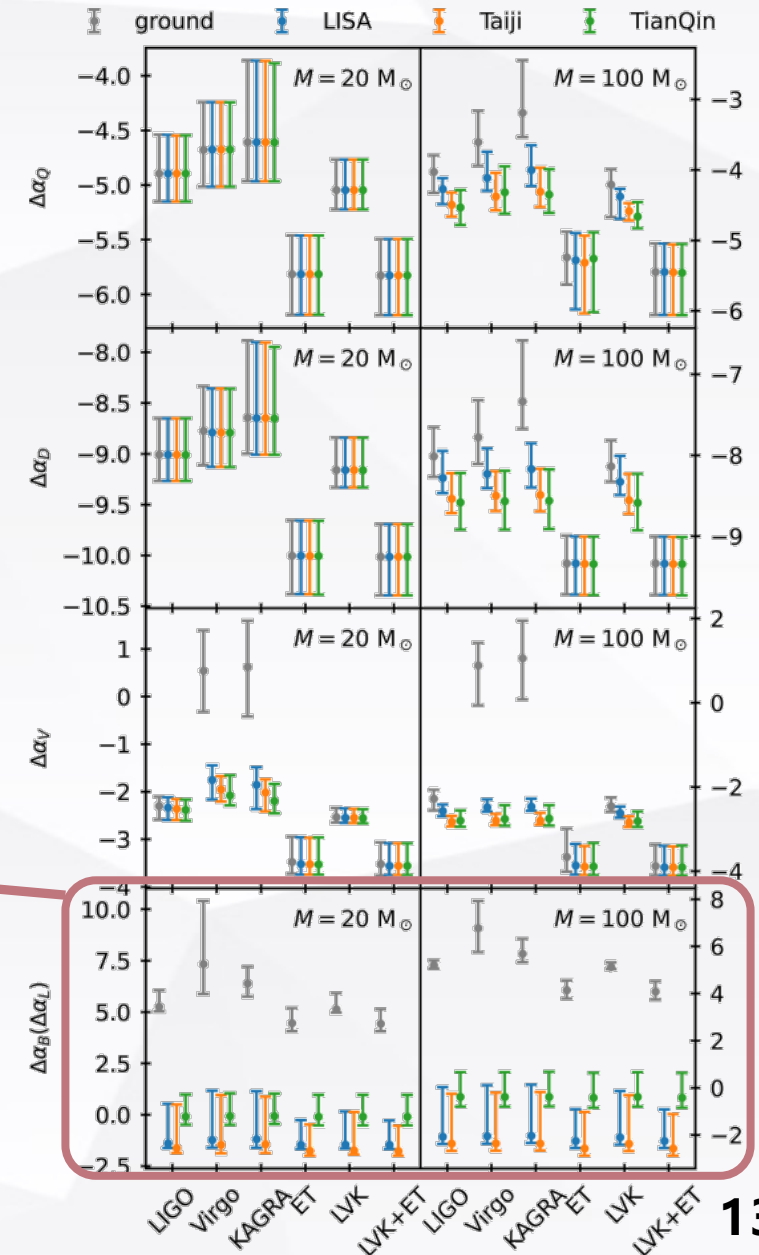
$$\Delta\xi(D_L) = \mathcal{K}D_L + \Delta\xi(0),$$

Distance

- K: Space < ground
- Ground degeneracy

Multiband

- Resolve degeneracy
- improves outcomes (except ET)



- Summary

Space

- Taiji has the most stringent constraints
- LISA+TJm performs best

Ground

- Scalar mode degeneracy
- ET surpasses 2-gen detector combinations

Multiband

- Effectively mitigate degeneracy

- Outlook

Future

- Longer-duration GW signals
- Non light speed propagation
- Time-delay interferometry
- More general BBHs
- Existing GW events
- Multimessenger observations

Our findings underscore the potential of future GW missions through precise measurements of polarizations.

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