

# Distance determination beyond the nearest galaxies (?)

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# Gravitational wave standard sirens

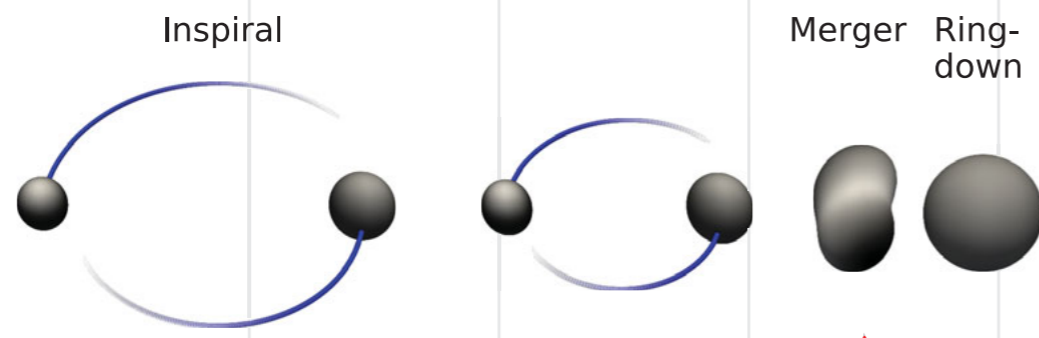
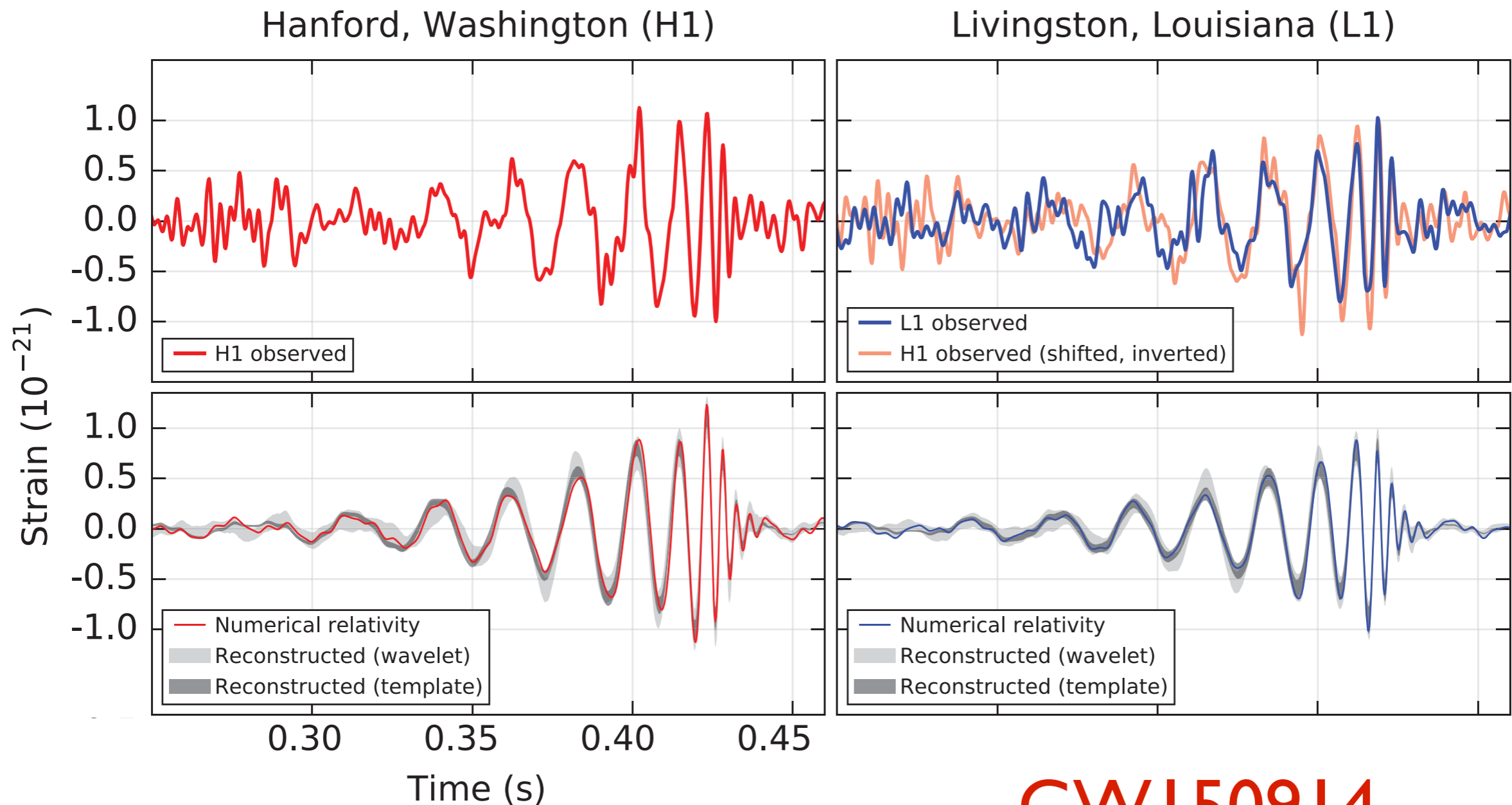
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# Gravitational waves detected!



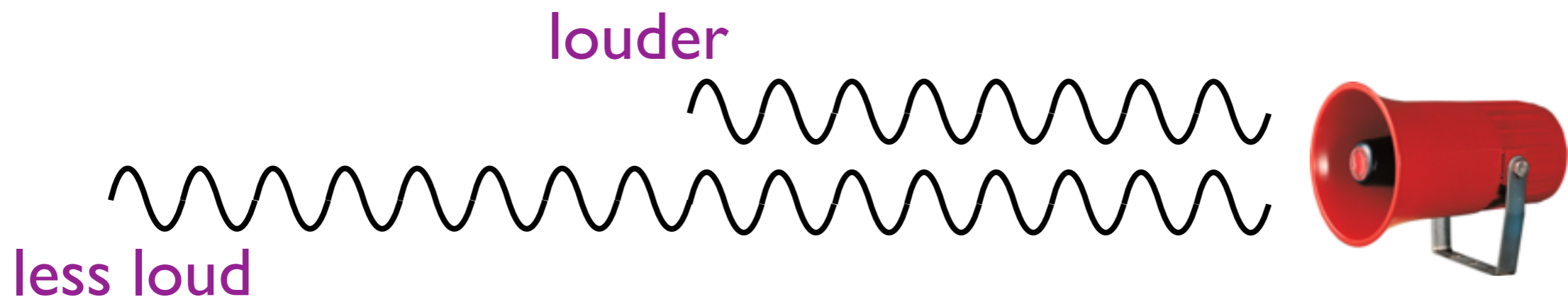
**GW150914**  
 GWs from a merger  
 of  $\sim 30 M_{\text{sun}}$  BHs!

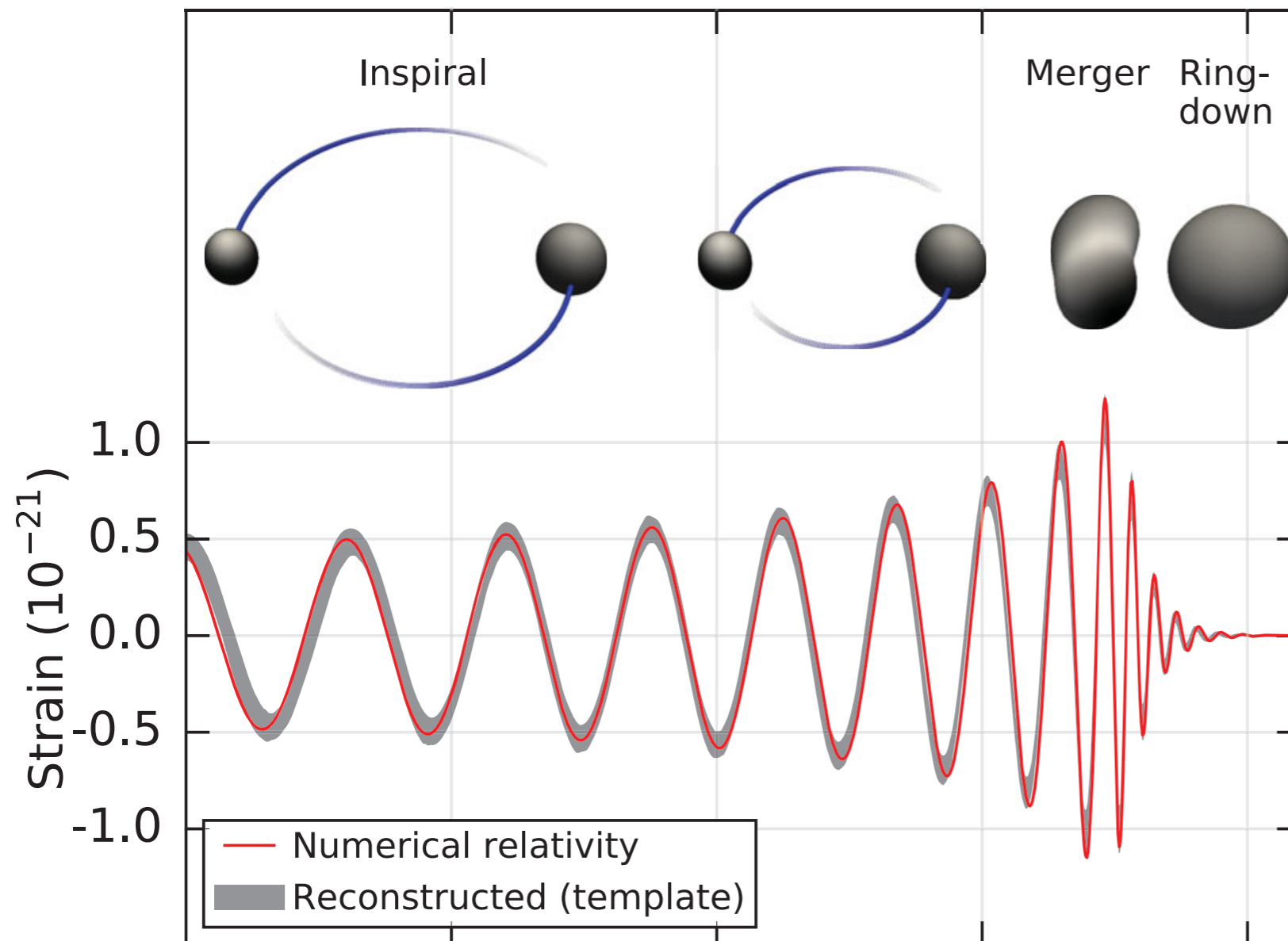
# GW150914 was “super-luminous”

- $3 M_{\odot} \sim 5 \times 10^{54} \text{ erg}$  converted to the GW energy
- this was emitted within  $\sim 0.1 \text{ sec}$
- thus the peak luminosity was  $\sim 10^{56} \text{ erg/s}$ ,  
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  $D_L$

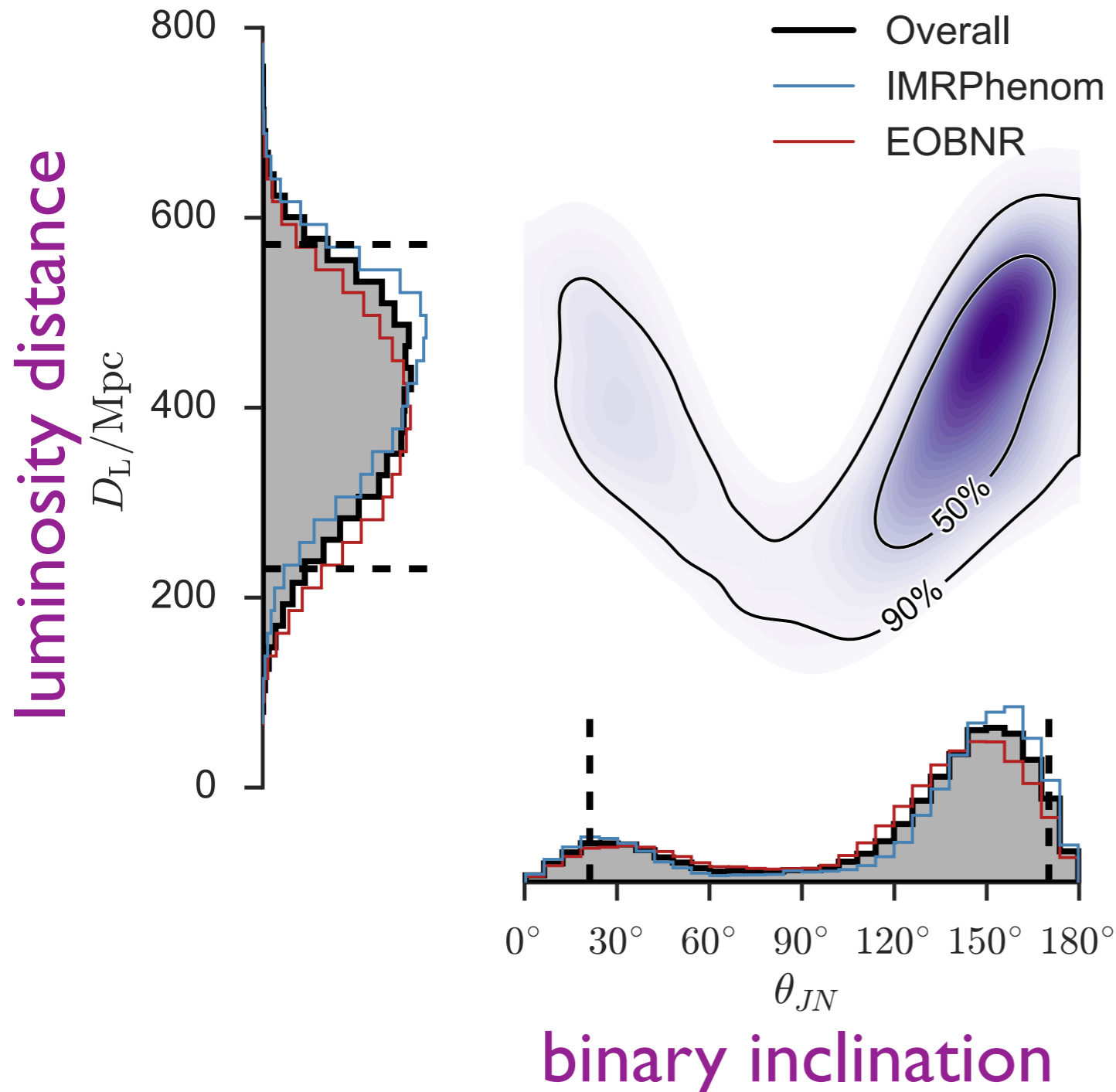
analytic  
(post-Newtonian)

numerical  
relativity (QNM)

analytic

(QNM)

# Standard siren at work



## GW150914

observed waveform  
fitted to GR predicted  
waveforms

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

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



# Cosmology with gravitational waves

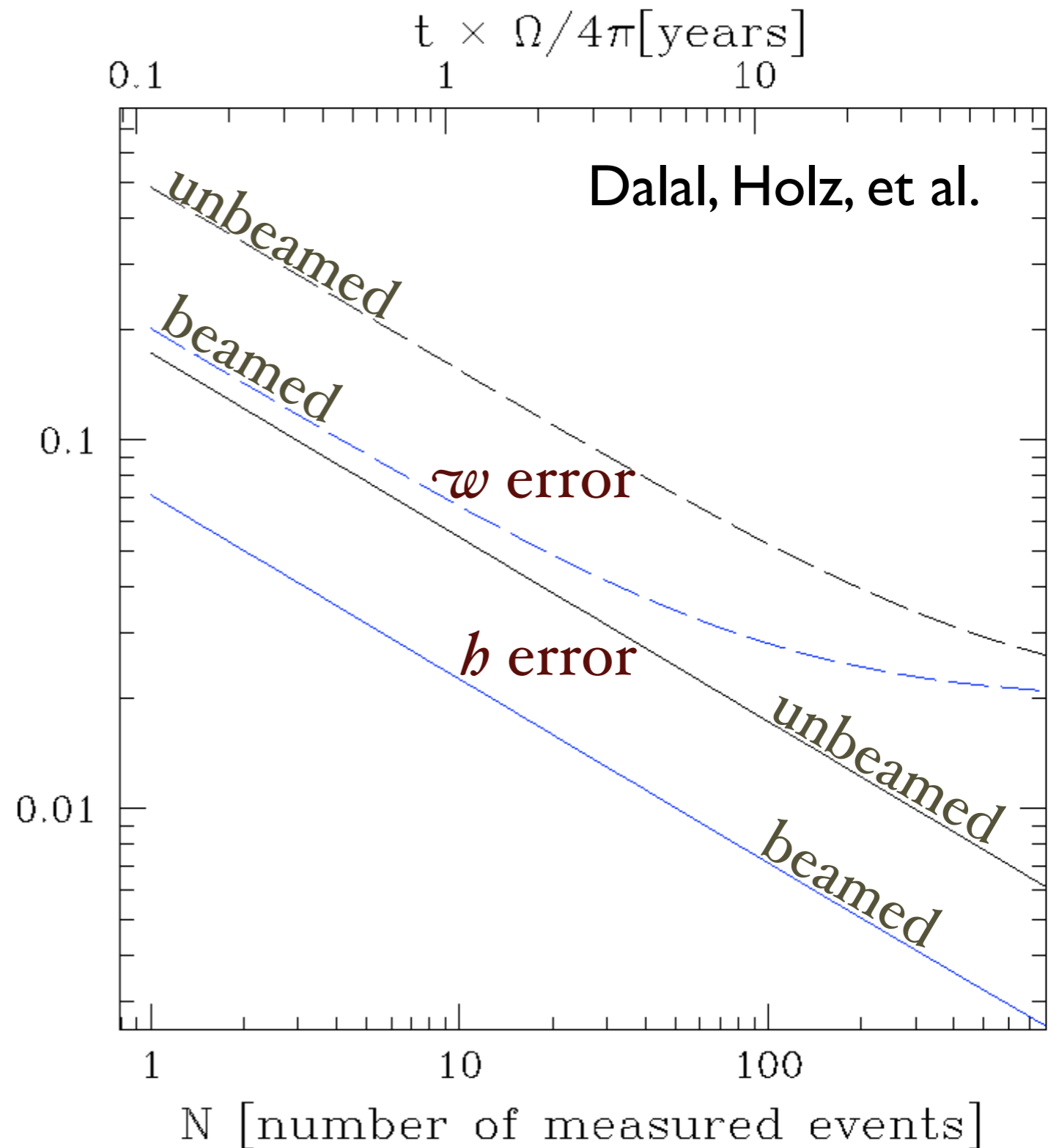
- inspiraling compact binaries (BH-BH, NS-NS, BH-NS) are excellent standard sirens that allow us to measure **absolute distances** to the sources with gravitational waves
- *if* we get redshifts to the sources from other observations (**electromagnetic counterparts**) we can directly constrain the distance-redshift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

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

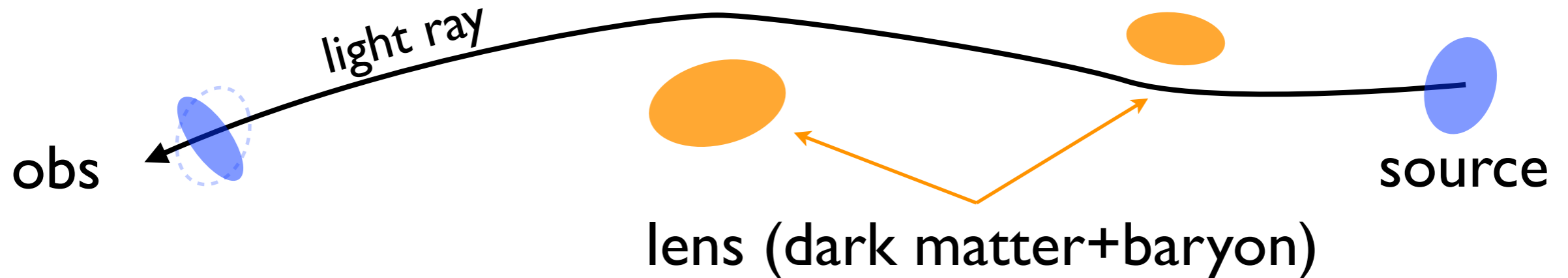
# Precision cosmology with GWs

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

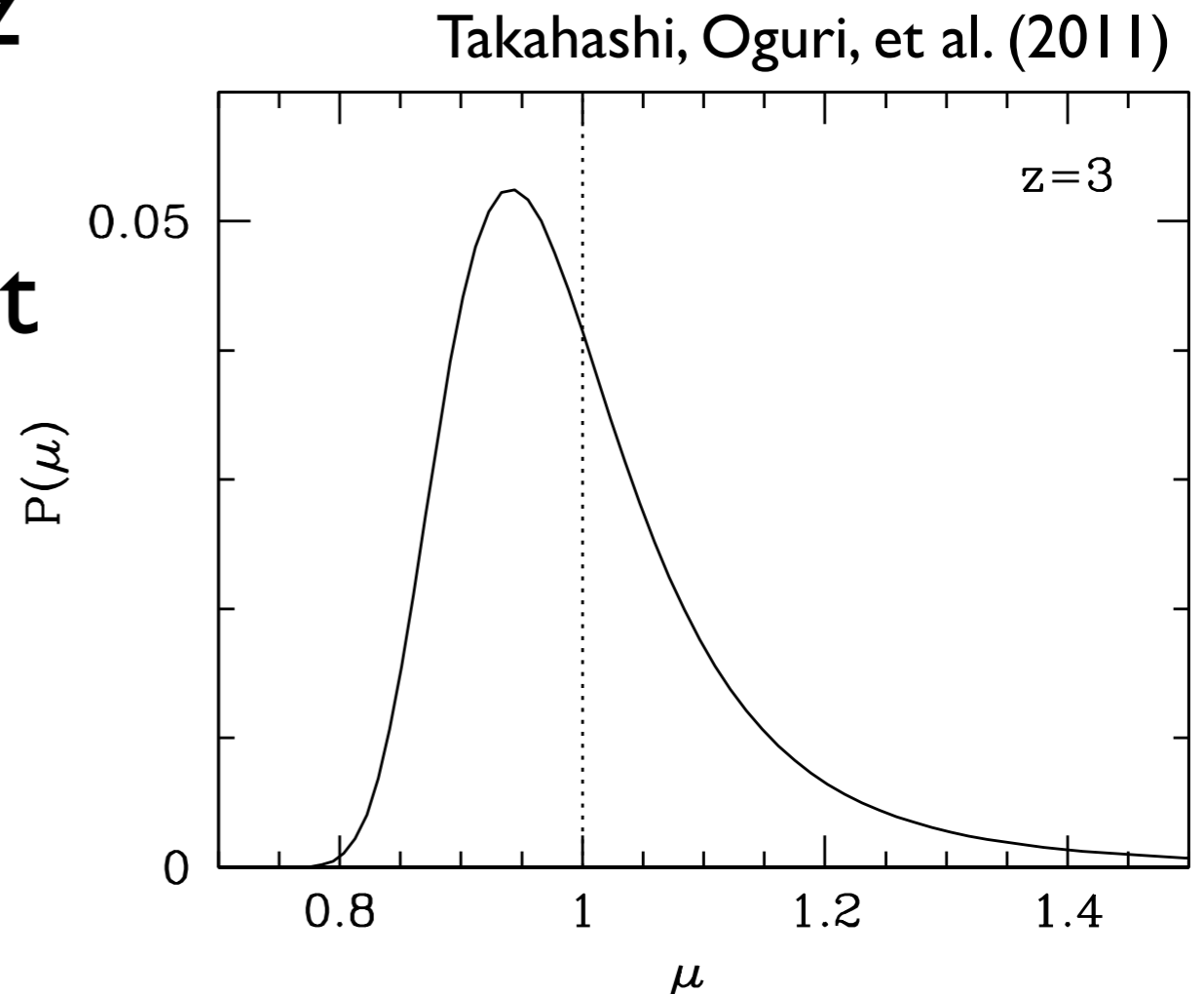


- deflection of light ray due to gravitational lensing changes apparent brightness of observed images  
→ **effectively changes the luminosity distance**

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

# Gravitational lensing as noise

- lensing is the most important source of errors in cosmology with GW standard sirens  
(also for high- $z$  SNeIa, 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 ( $\sim 2018$ ) [ $\sim 10^2 - 10^3$  BH-BHs]  
Advanced LIGO, VIRGO, KAGRA, ...
- third generation ( $\sim 2025?$ ) [ $\sim 10^5 - 10^6$  BH-BHs]  
Einstein Telescope, LIGO Cosmic Explorer, ...  
( $\sim 10$  km underground)
- space ( $\sim 2035?$ )  
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 ( $h \propto D_L^{-1}$ )

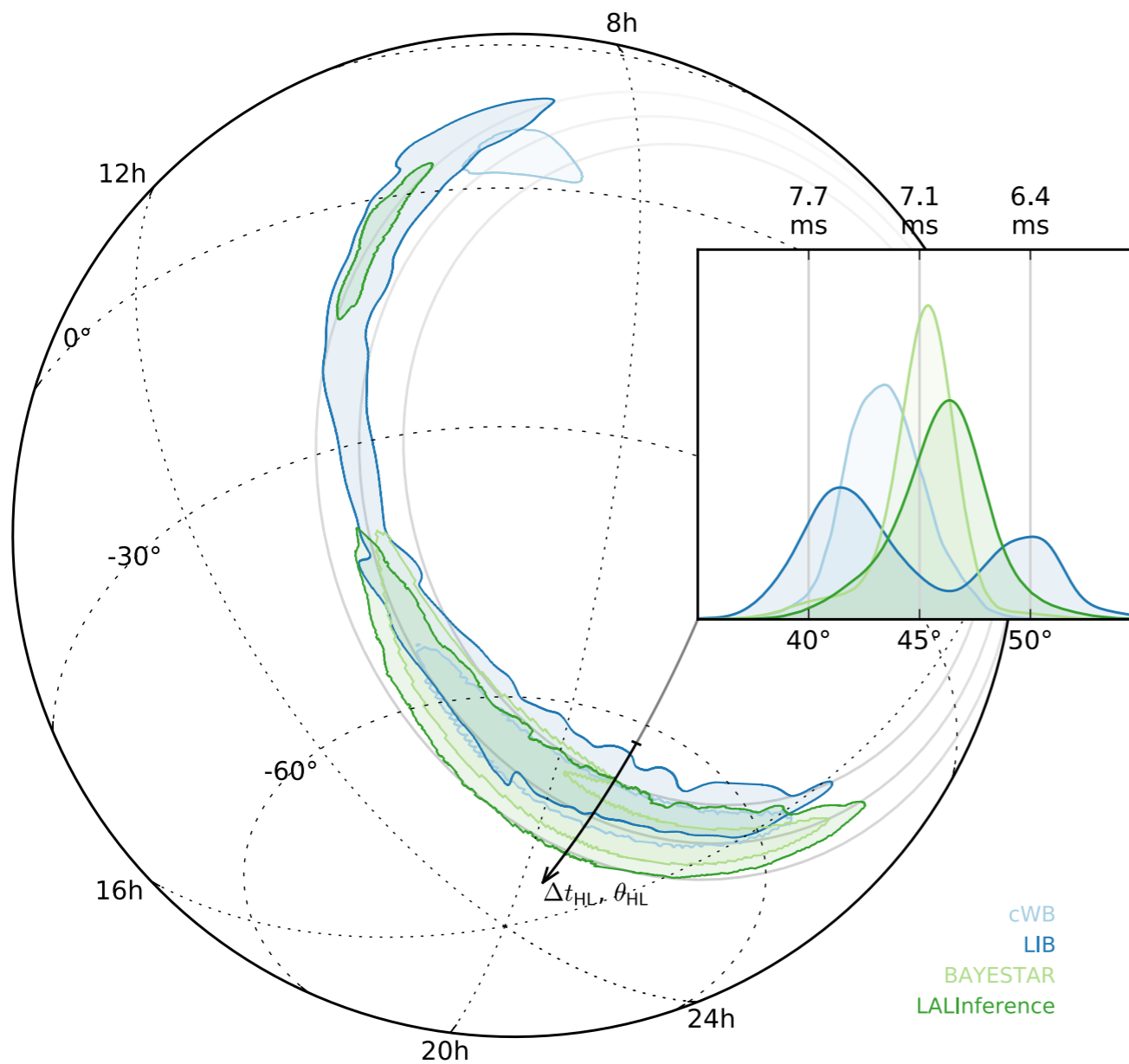
## Cons

- 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

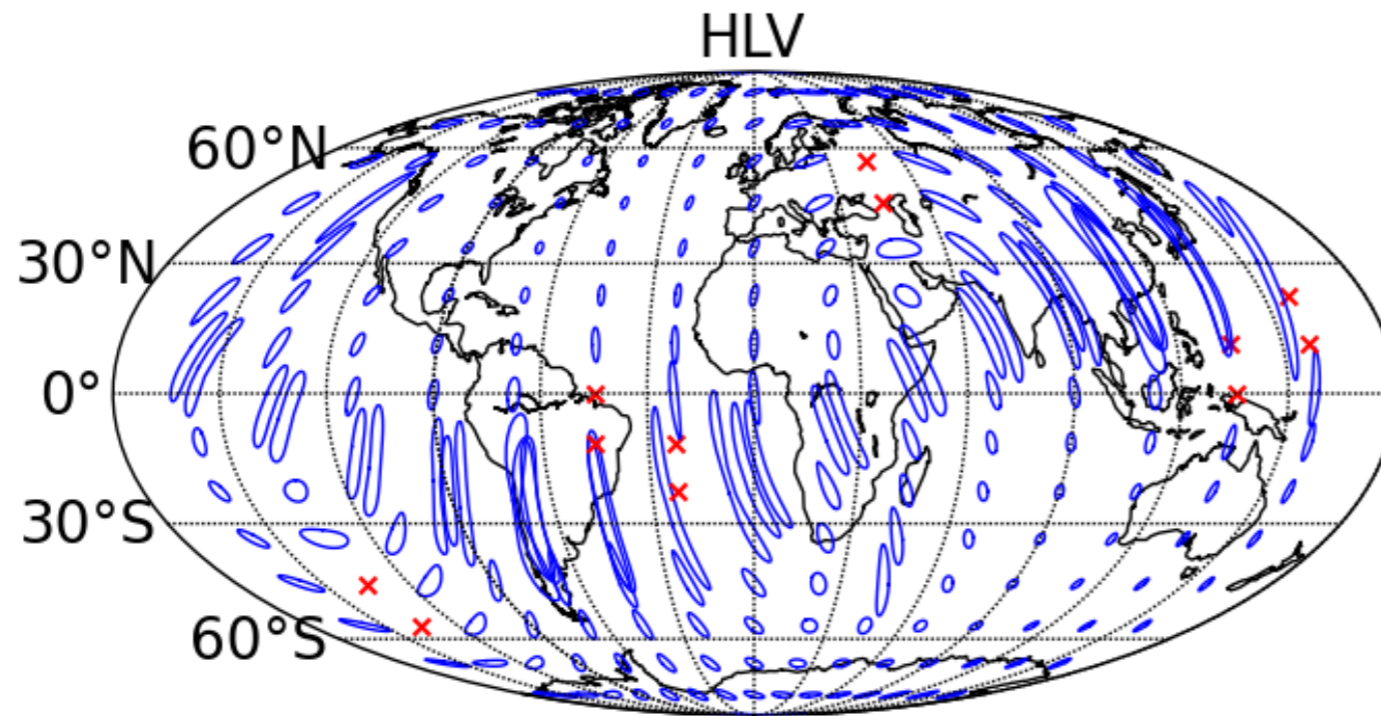
# Location of GW150914 on the sky



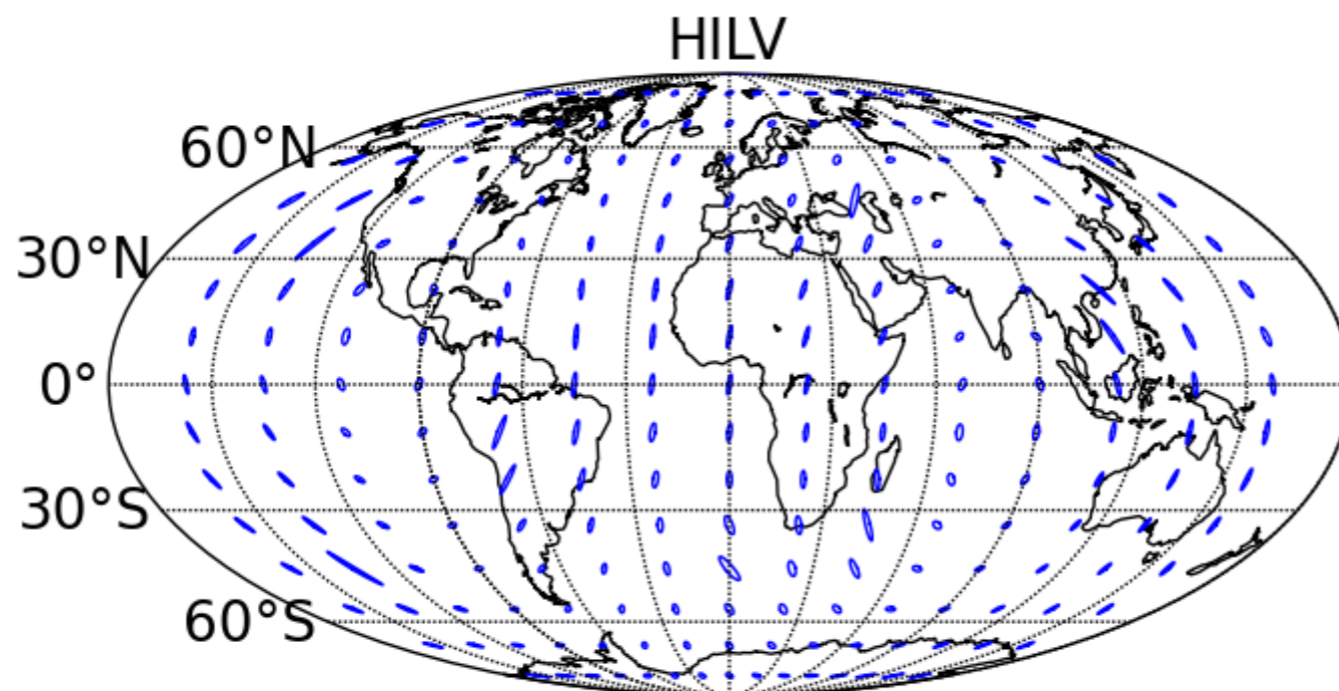
- expected direction of GW150914 is not well-constrained, with area  $\sim 600 \text{ deg}^2$
- more GW detectors will improve the accuracy



# Expected localization accuracy



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



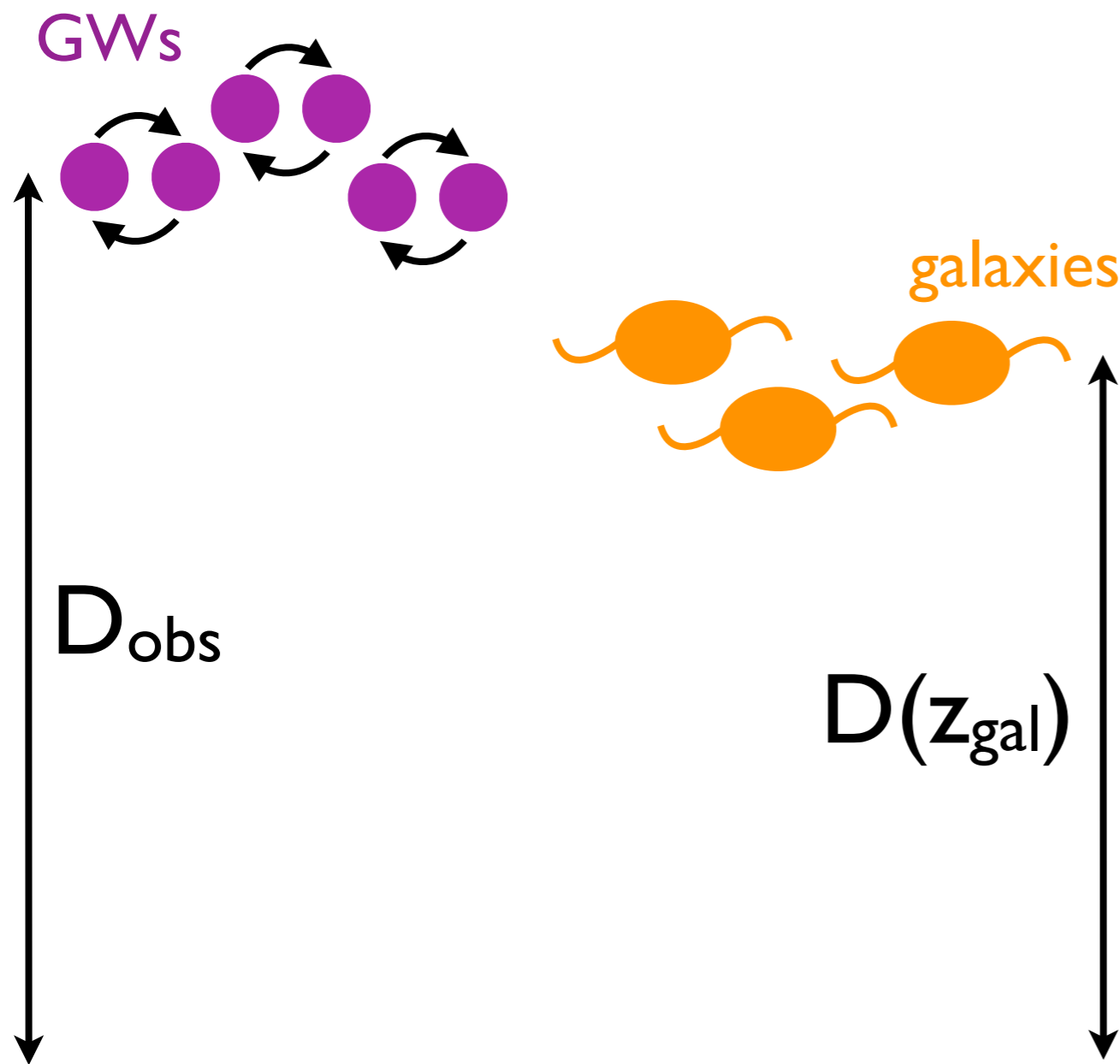
4-5 detectors  
→  $\sim 10 \text{ deg}^2$

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!

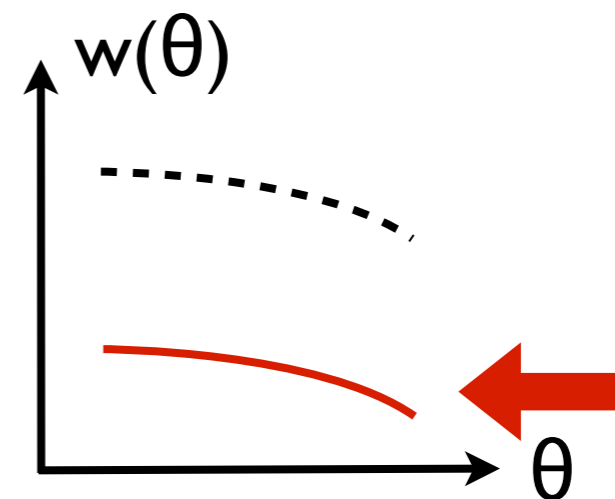
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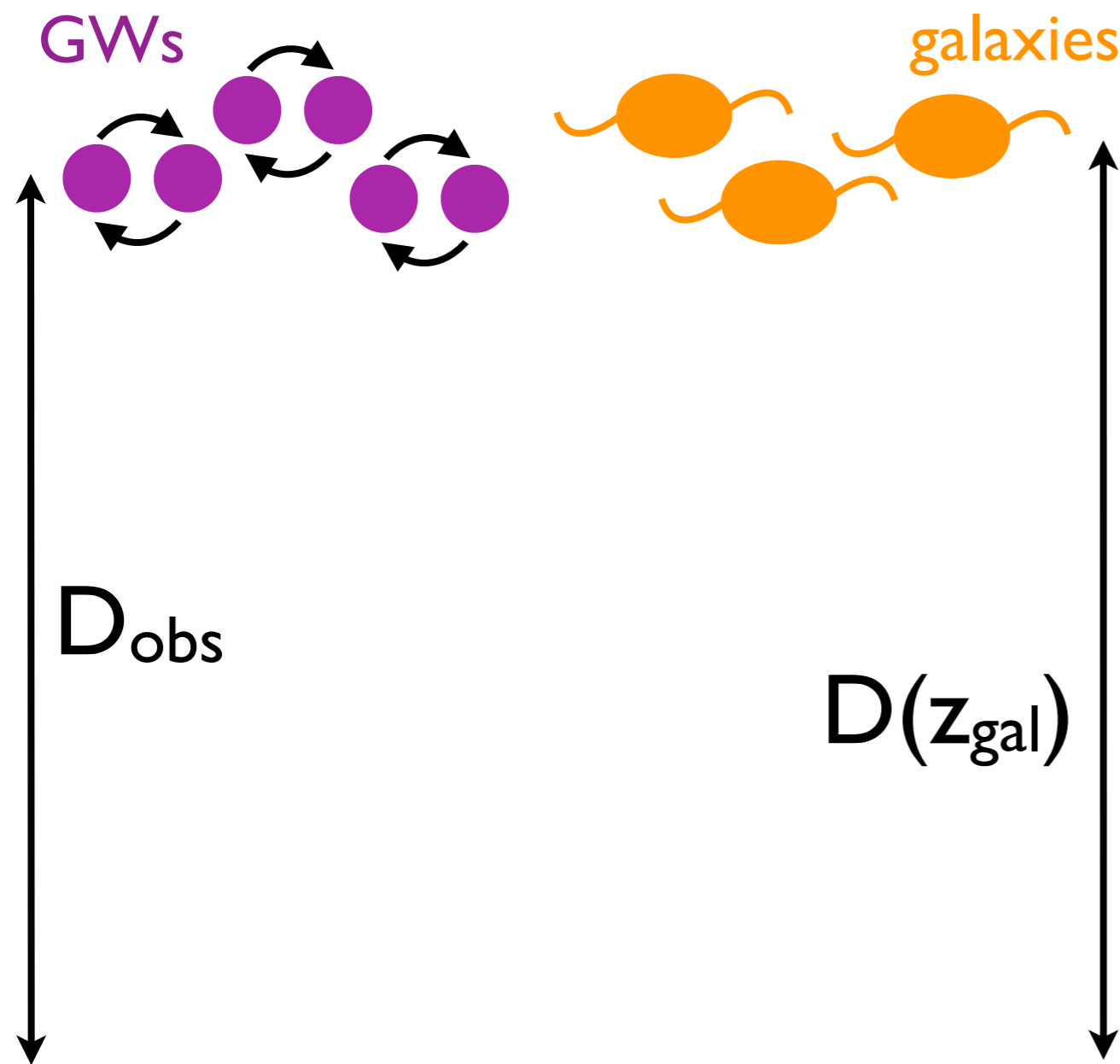
- cross-correlation of spatial distributions

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

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



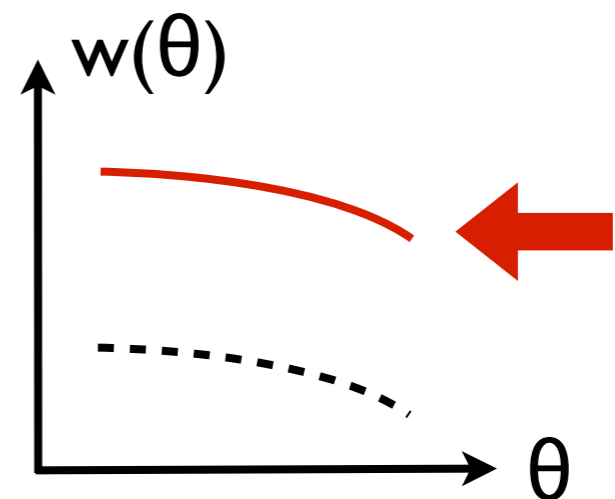
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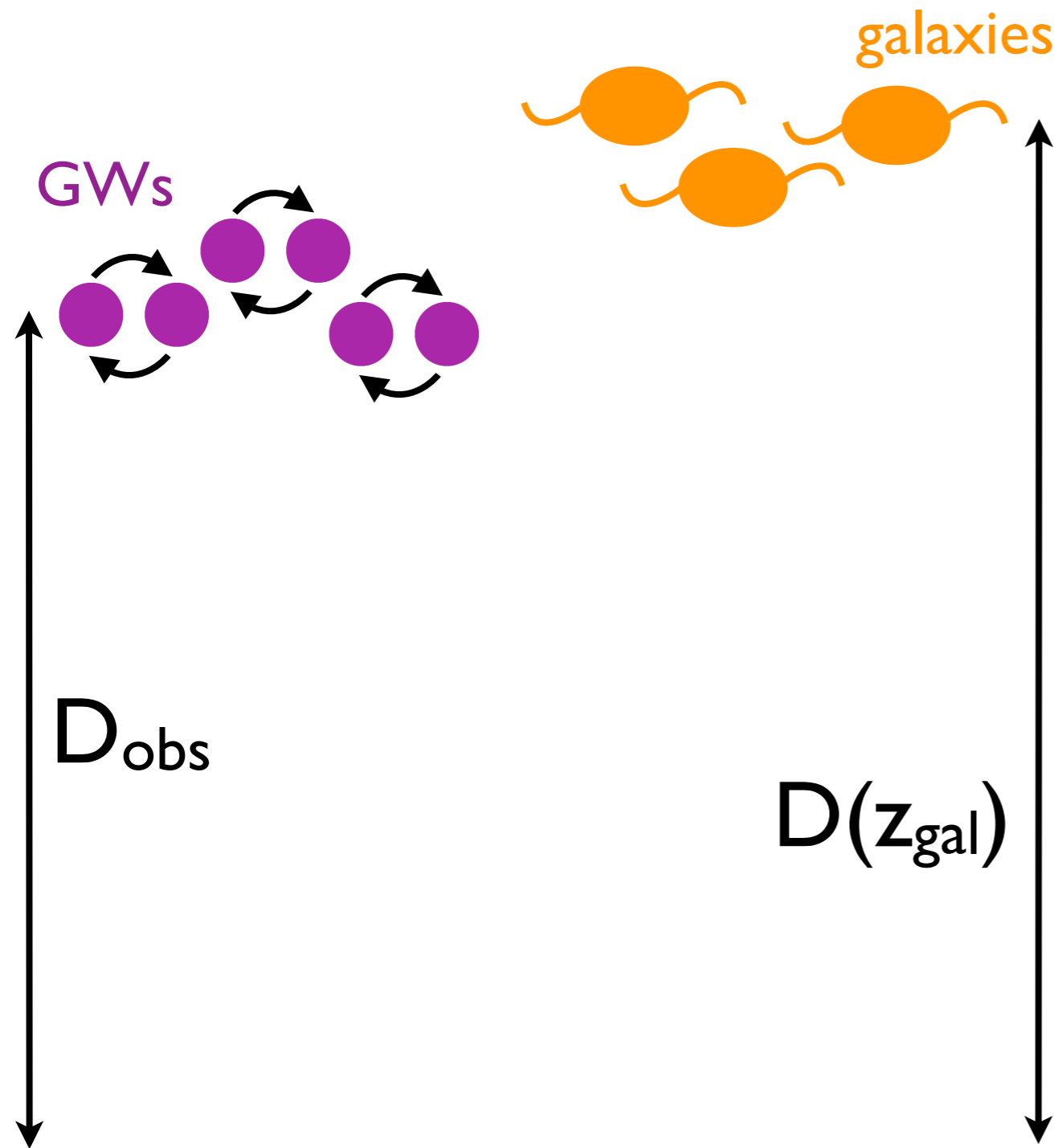
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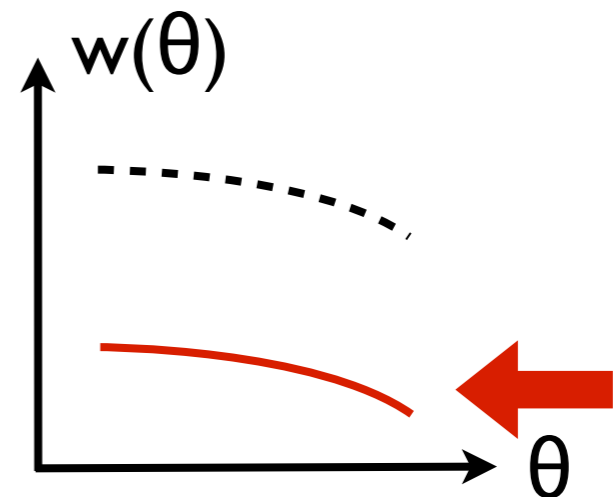
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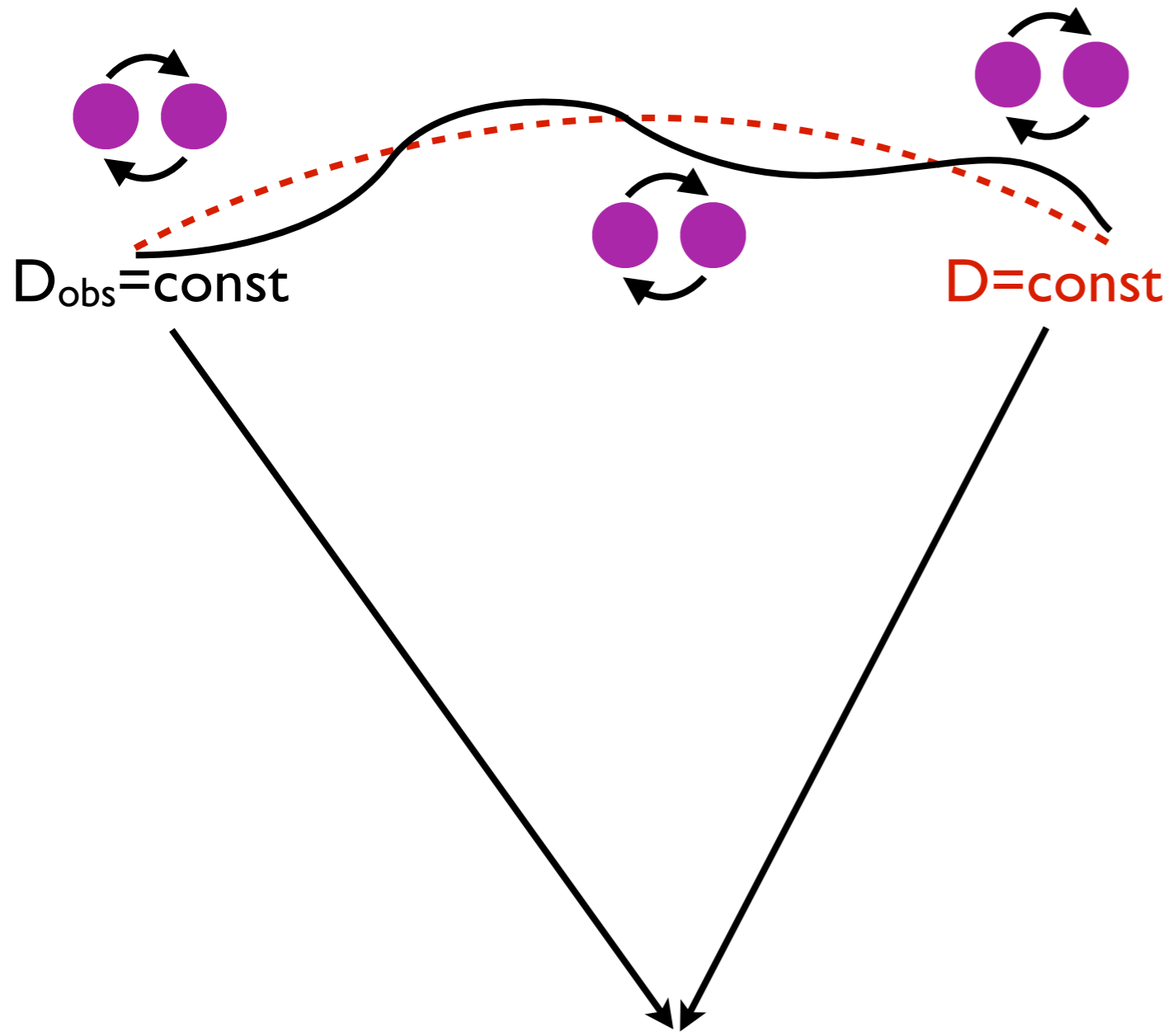
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# Apparent clustering due to lensing



- weak lensing changes observed distance

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

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

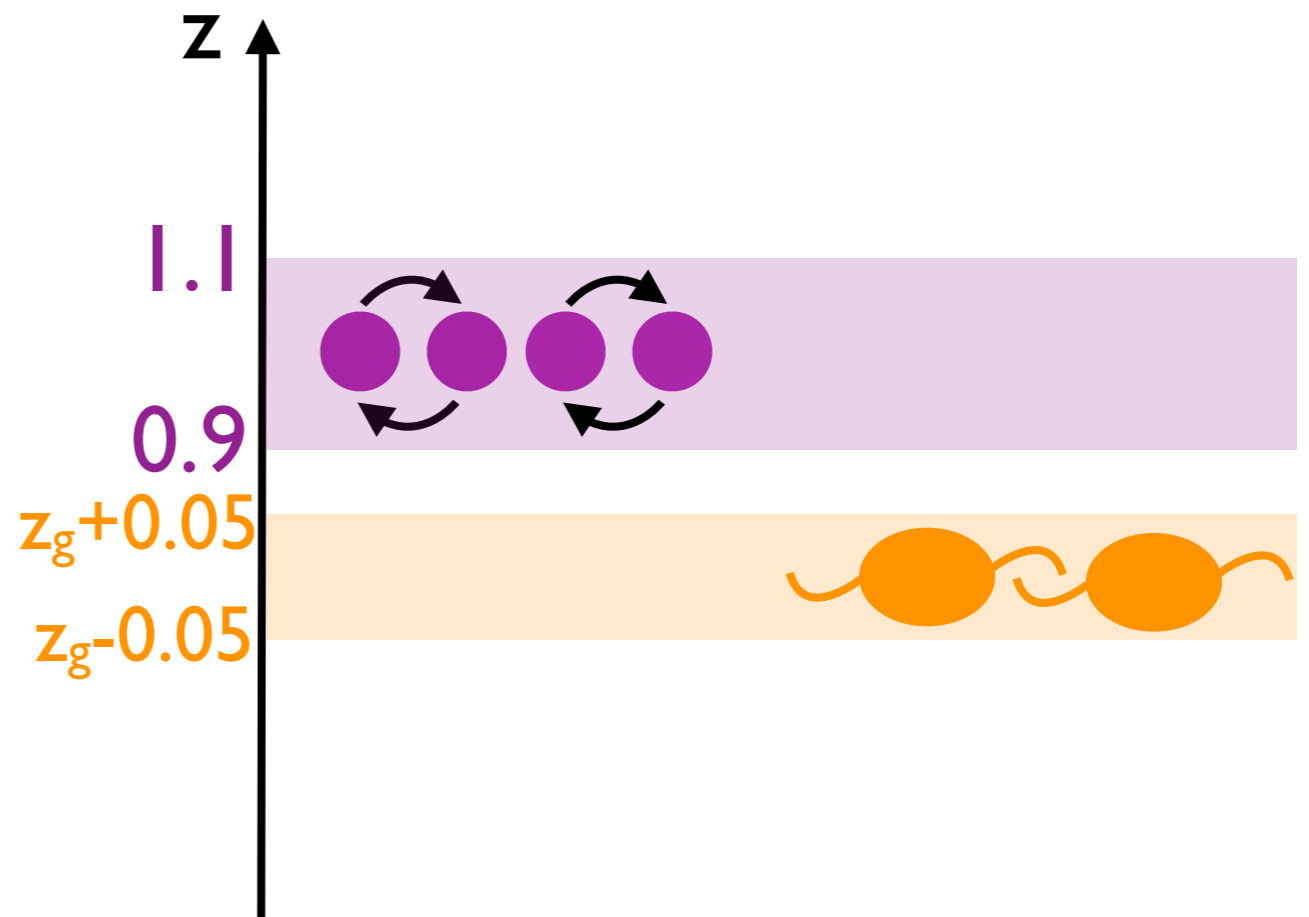
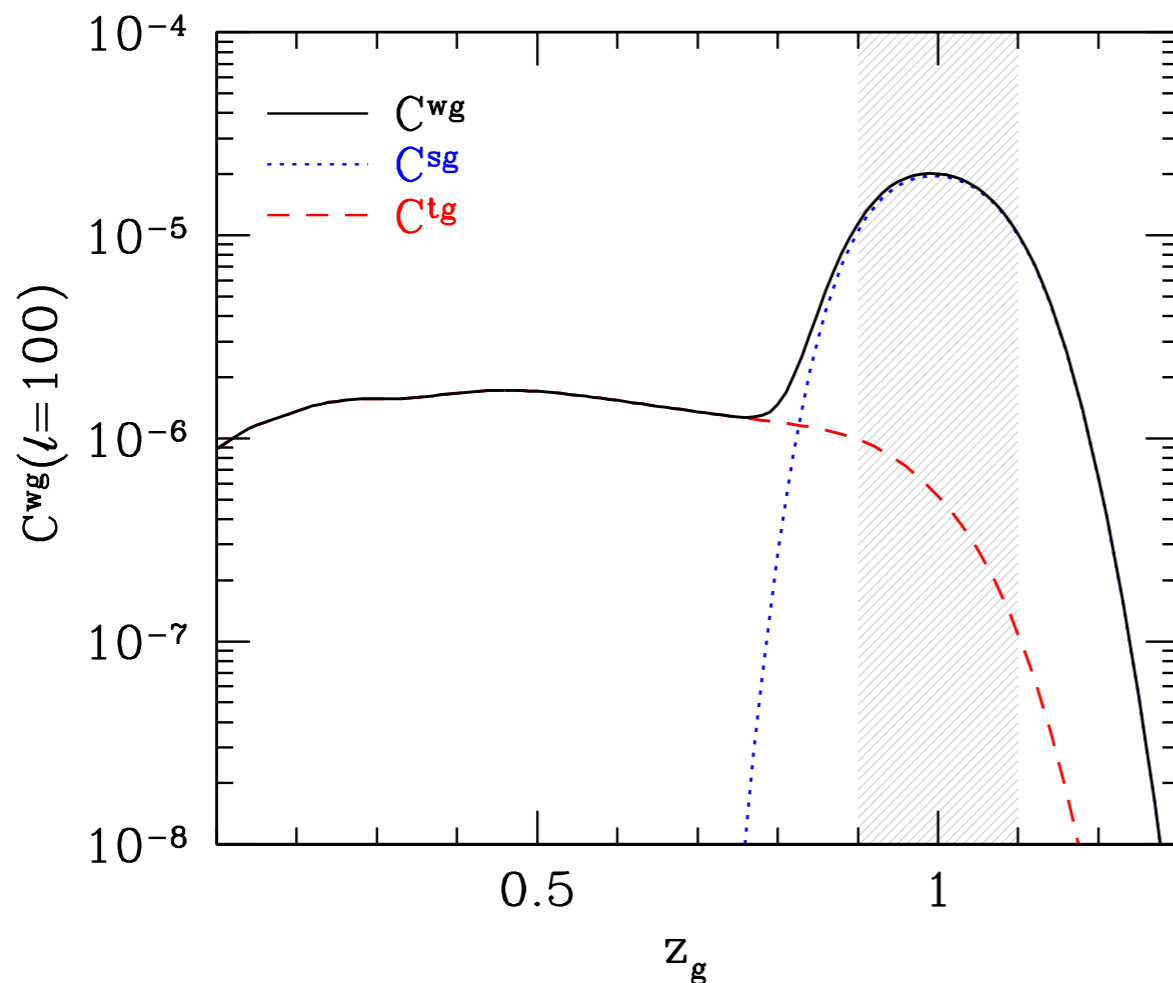
# Cross-correlation signals

$$C^{W_i g_j}(\ell) = C^{S_i g_j}(\ell) + C^{T_i g_j}(\ell)$$

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

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

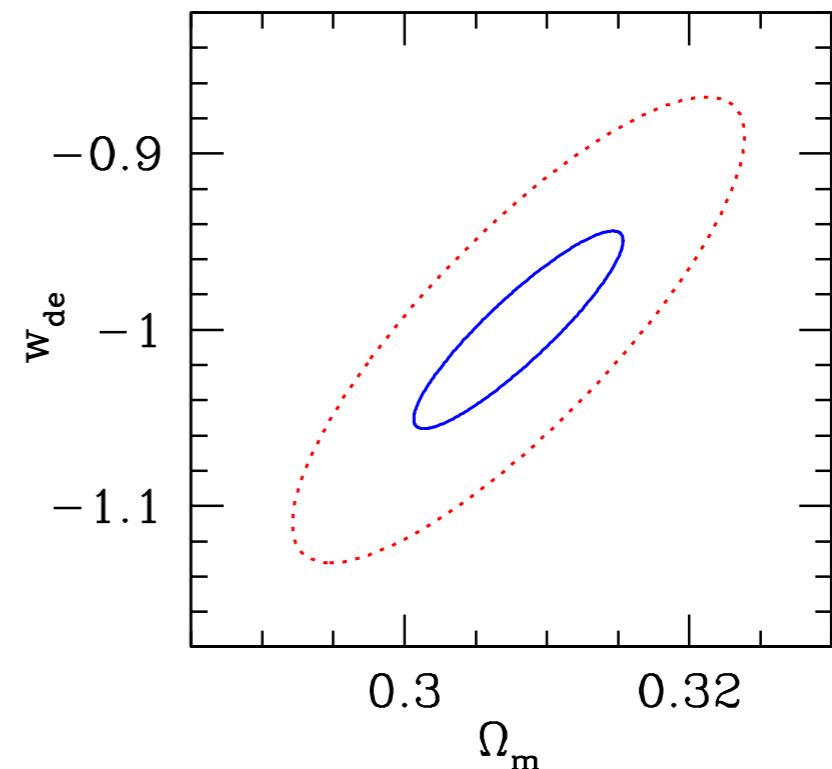
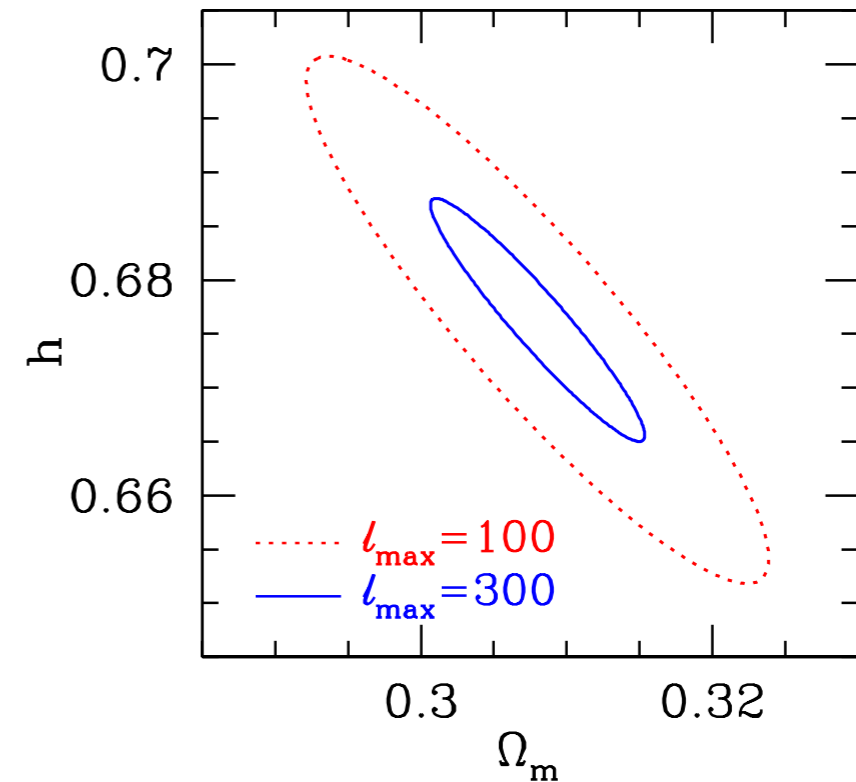
apparent clustering due to weak lensing





# Forecast

- GWs from third-generation exp. + galaxies from Euclid ( $0.3 < z < 1.5$ )
- $l_{\max}$  comes from accuracy of GW localizations  
 fiducial:  $l_{\max} = 100$  ( $\rightarrow \sim 1$  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 needed to get redshifts and constrain distance-redshift relation
- a cross-correlation approach is proposed which enables GW cosmology without follow-up