

Cosmology with Dark-Sirens, a review of O3 LVK results

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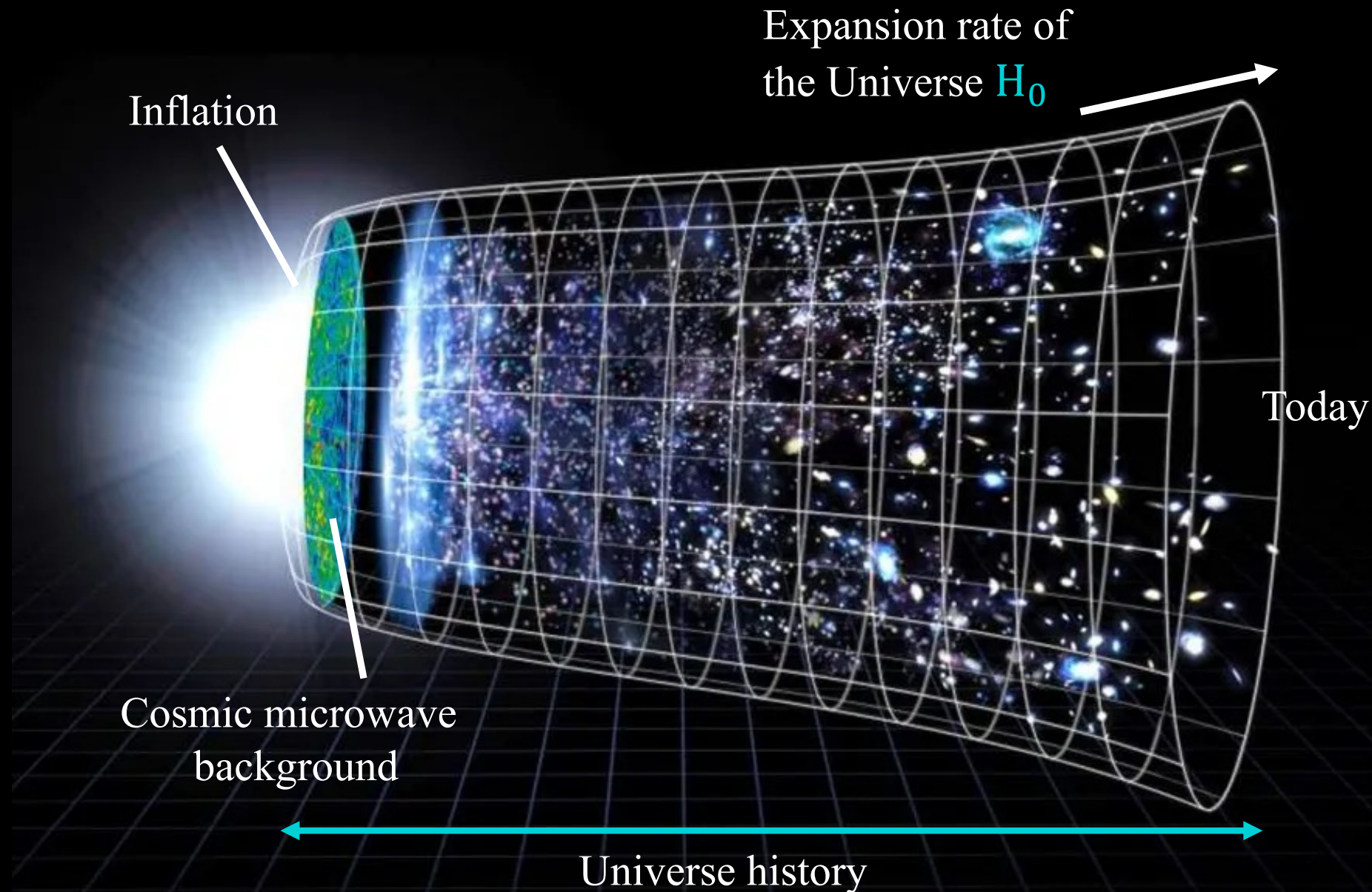
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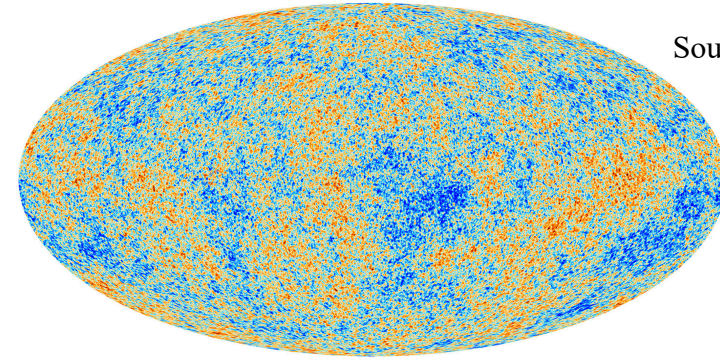
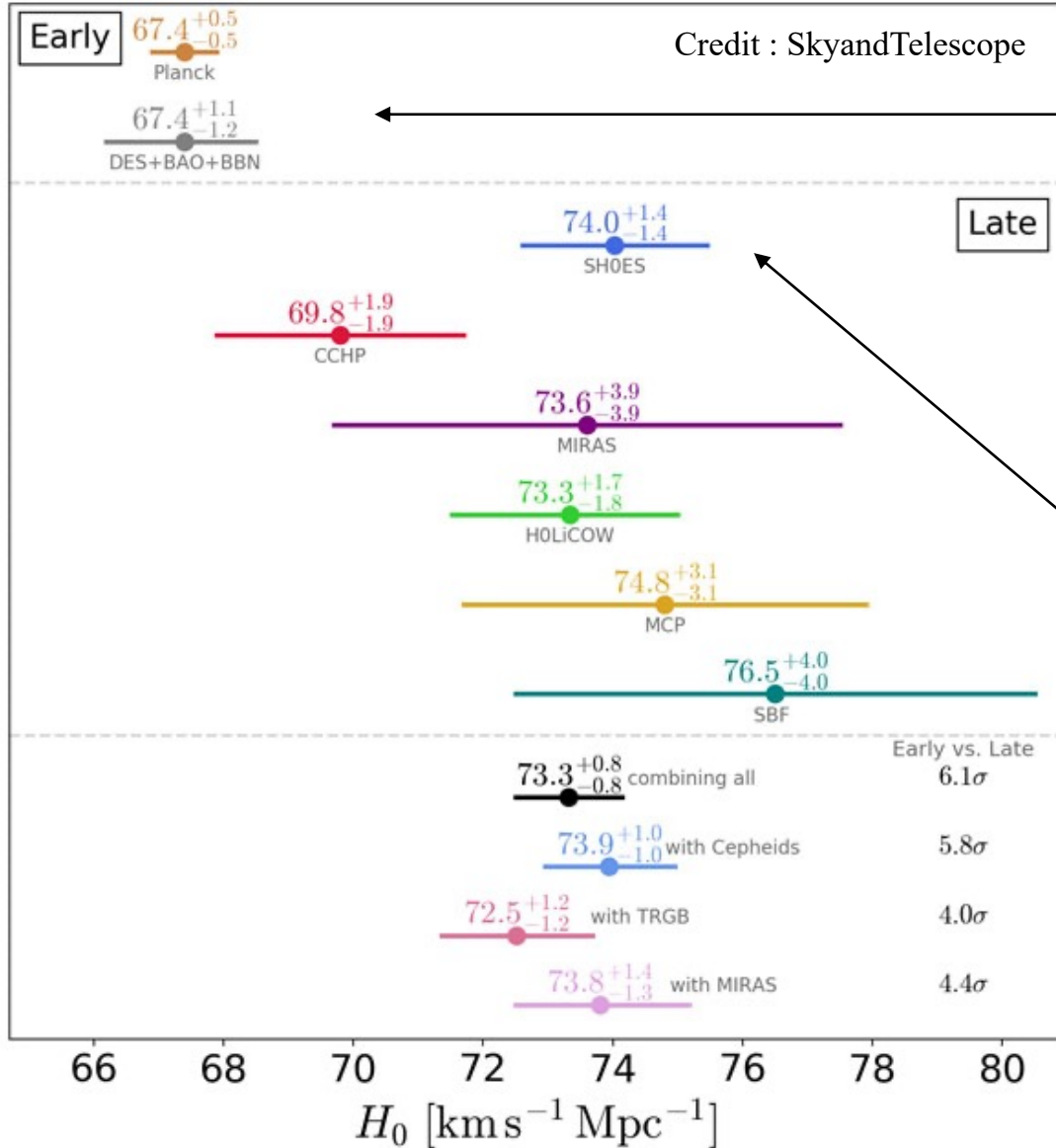
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Hubble Constant



Hubble tension



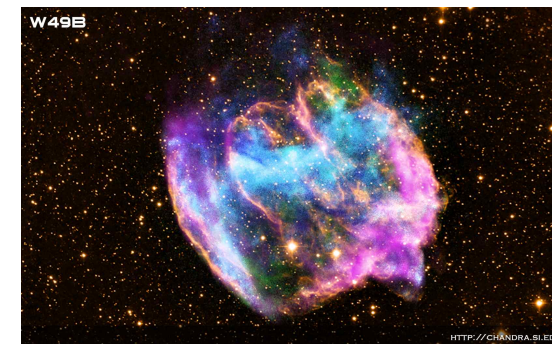
Source :WMAP

CMB measurement

$$H_0 = 67.4_{-0.5}^{+0.5} \text{ [km.s}^{-1}.\text{Mpc}^{-1}]$$

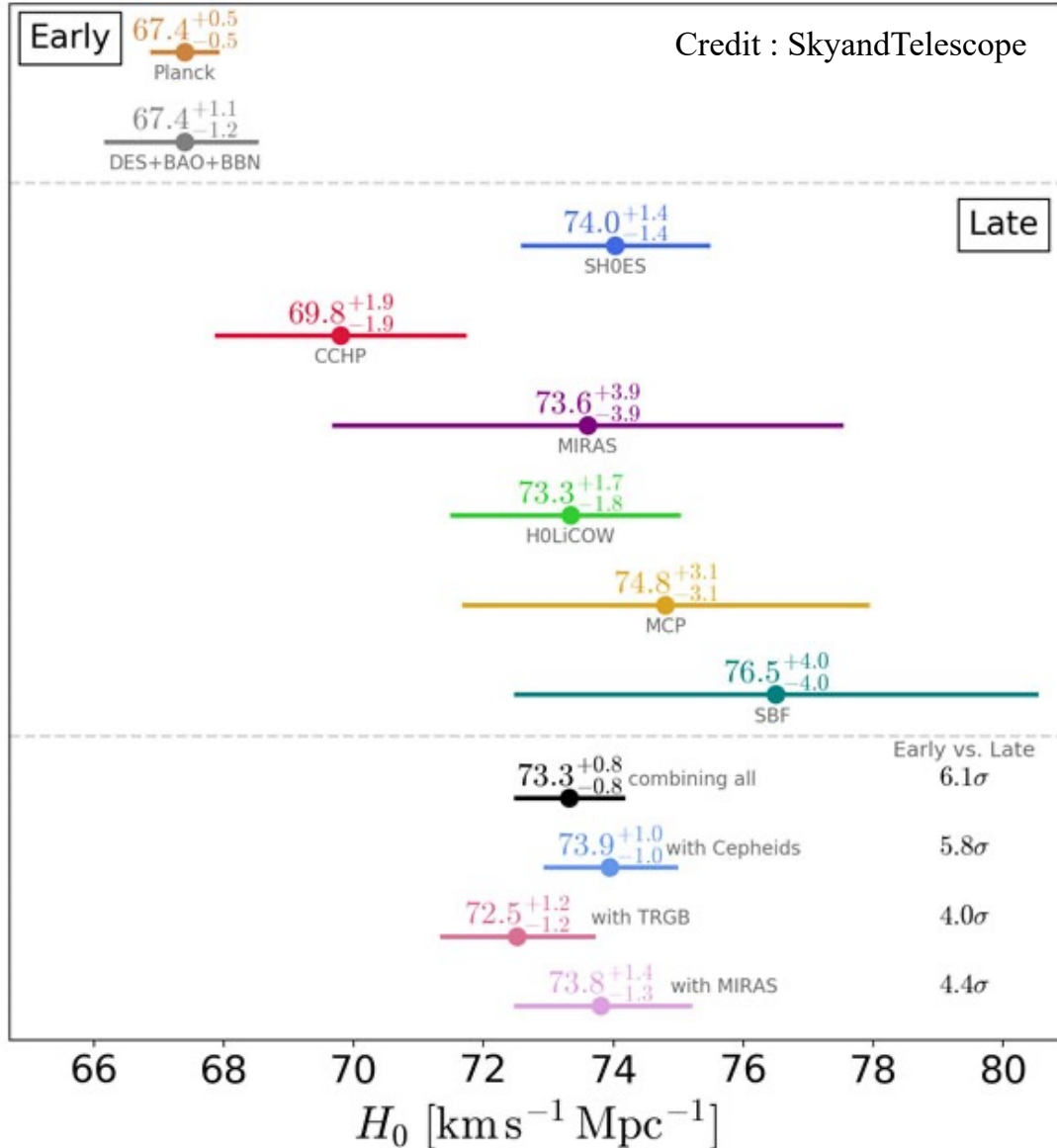
Supernovae Ia

$$H_0 = 74.0_{-1.4}^{+1.4} \text{ [km.s}^{-1}.\text{Mpc}^{-1}]$$



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Hubble tension



The importance of the Hubble tension

- Failure of the Λ CDM scenario ?
- A clue that we are missing something in our understanding of the Universe ?
- Exotic Dark energy, Dark matter ?
- Flawed measurements ?
- Some cosmic conspiracy ?

This talk

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→ Approach to estimate the cosmology with GW signals

- Using Dark-Sirens only
- Looking at correlation with the BBH population parameters

→ O3 LVK cosmology results

Dark Sirens for cosmology

How to access H_0 with GWs ?

- The redshift z and the luminosity distance d_L of a GW source are related through cosmology

$$d_L \simeq \frac{c}{H_0} z$$

(low redshift approximation)

d_L : Directly measurable
the GW signal

z : Need to be found through
other methods

- Access H_0 by breaking this degeneracy
- Two pipelines inside LVK :

ICAROGW

[S. Mastrogiovanni et al 2023](#)

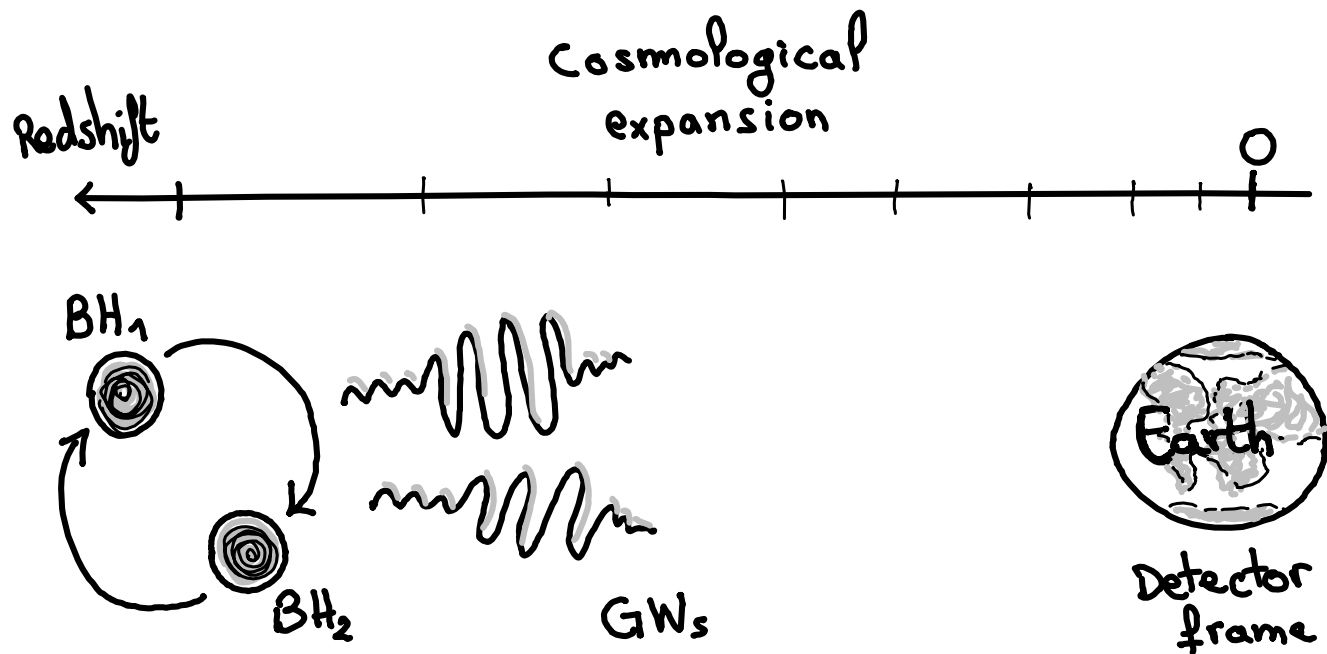
[S. Mastrogiovanni et al 2023 \(ICAROGW2.0\)](#)

GWCOSMO

[R. Gray et al 2023](#)

Spectral Sirens method

- Gravitational waves are redshifted by the expansion of the universe



Need to break this degeneracy in order to measure z

- Degeneracy between the **detected** and the **source** mass of BBH : $m_i^d = (1 + z)m_i^s$

Spectral Sirens method

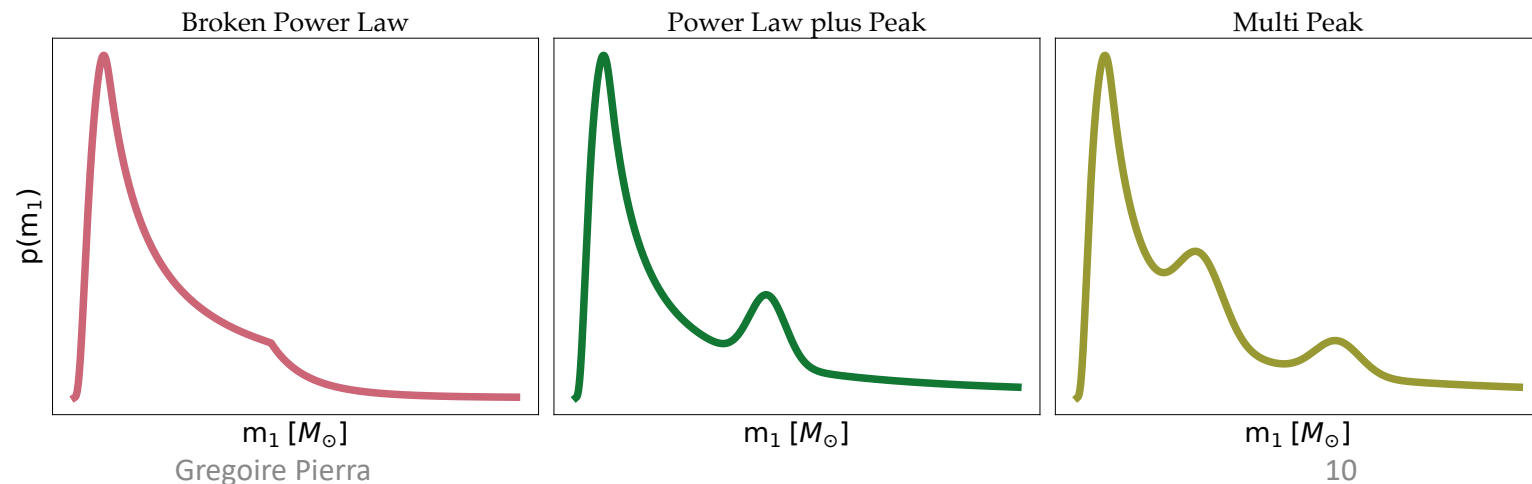
- Assumption on the source frame mass model leads to statistical measurement of the redshift

$$m^d = (1 + z)m^s \rightarrow z = \frac{m^d}{m^s} - 1$$

- Joint fit of cosmological parameters and population models (*Taylor et al. 2012, Taylor and Gair 2012, Farr et al. 2019, You et al. 2020, Mancarella et al 2022, Ezquiaga et al 2022*)

Importance of population models in the cosmological inference

LVK Source frame mass models



Galaxy catalog method

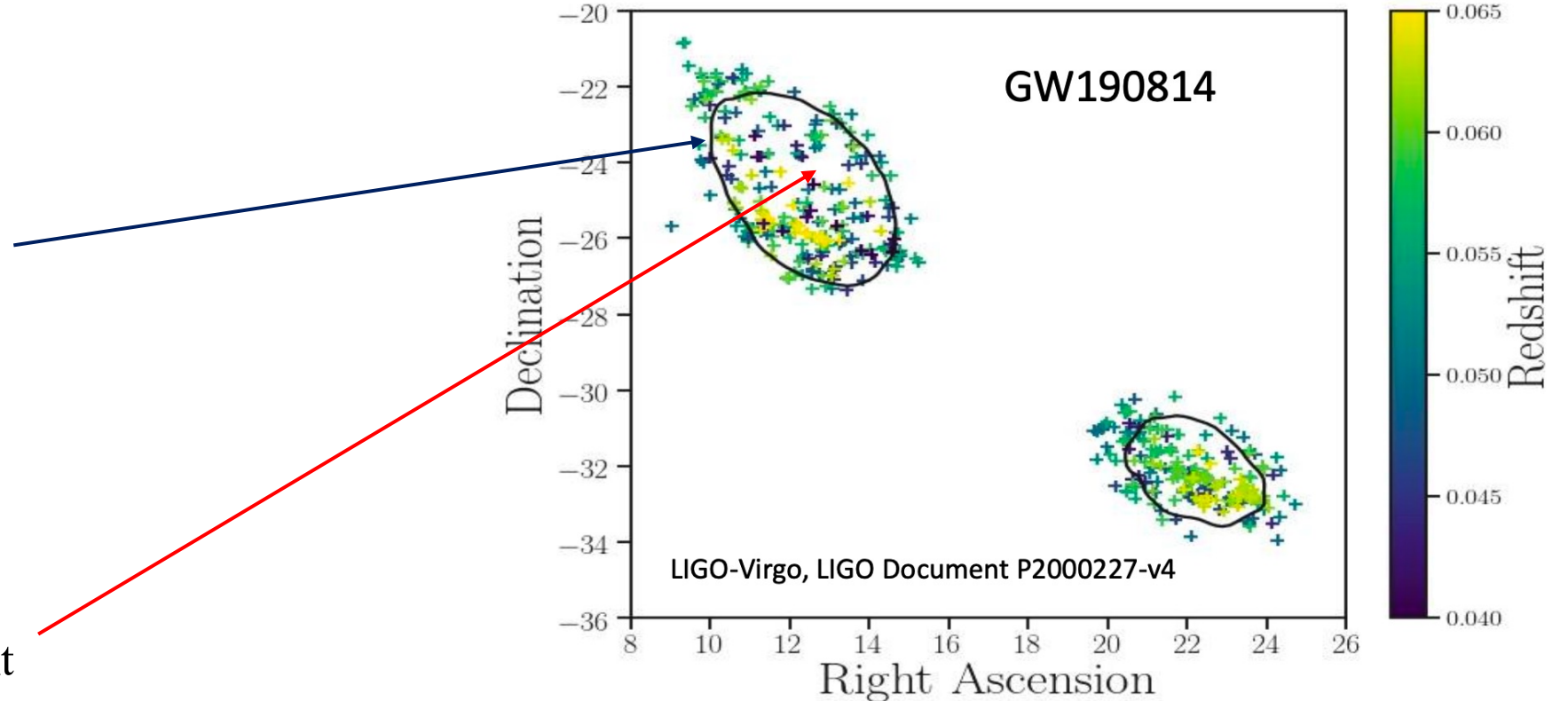
Add extra information on the redshift on the sources via galaxy catalog

GW signal

- Luminosity distance
- Sky localisation

Galaxy catalog

- Potential host of the source
- Redshift measurement



The redshift of the source is obtain statistically thanks to potential host galaxies

Galaxy catalog method

Main galaxy catalog problematics :

- **Incomplete** at distances where LIGO-Virgo-Kagra detects CBCs
- **Unreliable** redshift estimation for high-redshift galaxies
- Lot of systematics

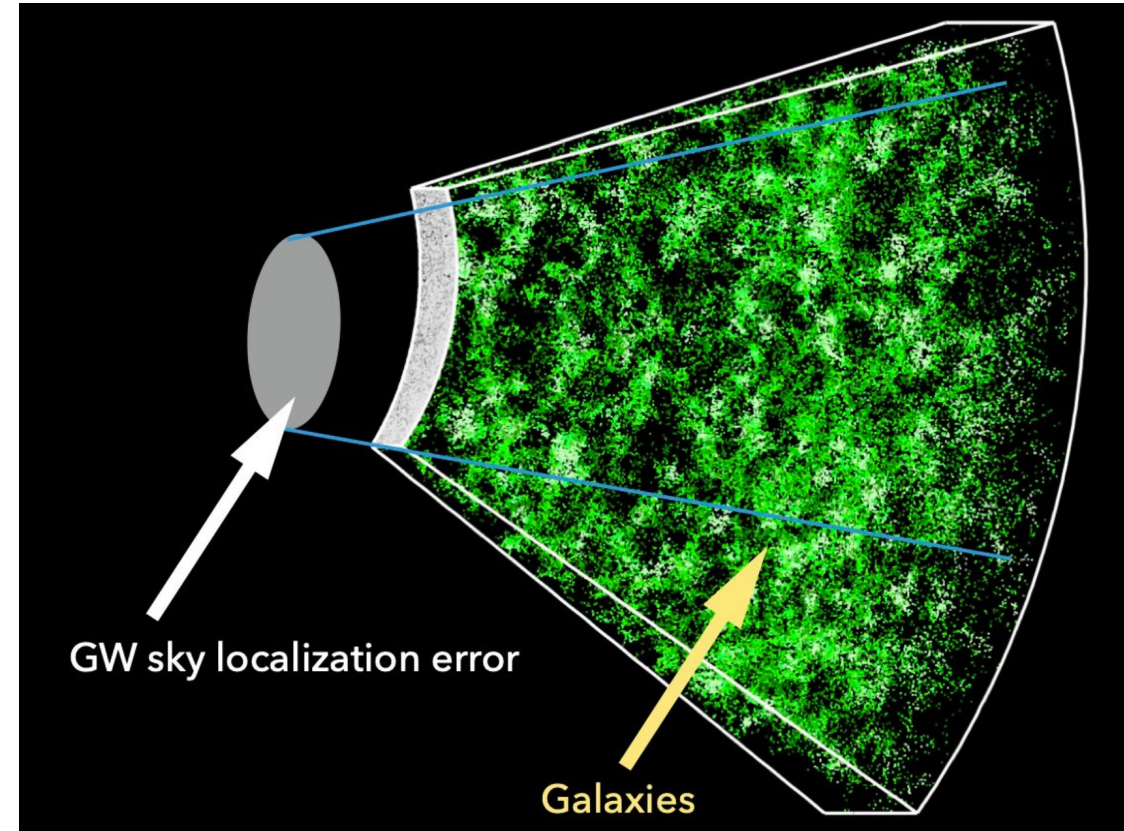


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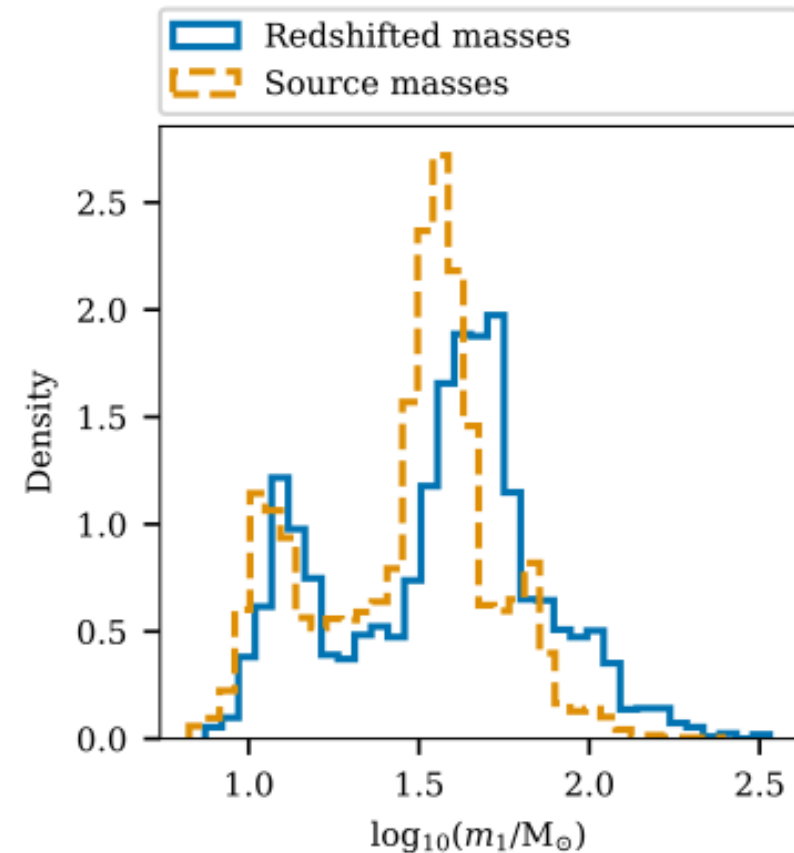
O3 LVK cosmology results

LVK cosmology paper O3 : [Constraints on the cosmic expansion history from GWTC-3](#)

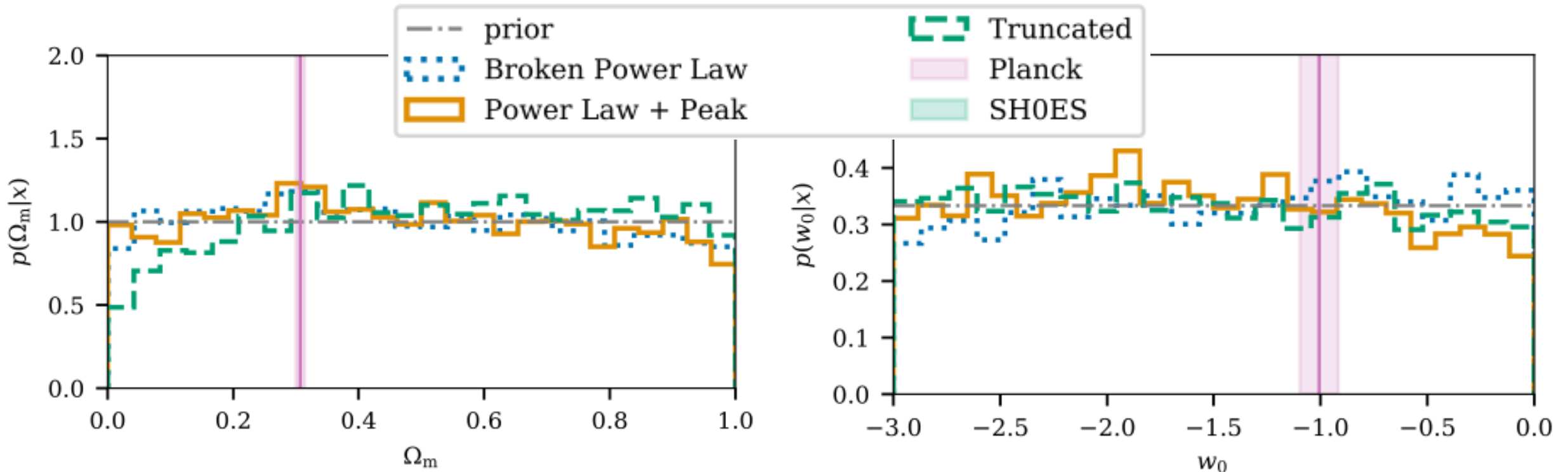
Analysis set-up :

- 42 binary black hole detections
- Cut-off to ensure astrophysical signals :
SNR > 11 & IFAR > 4yr
- M&D merger rate model
- 2 cosmological models
- 3 mass models (sources frame)

GW190814 excluded (NSBH)

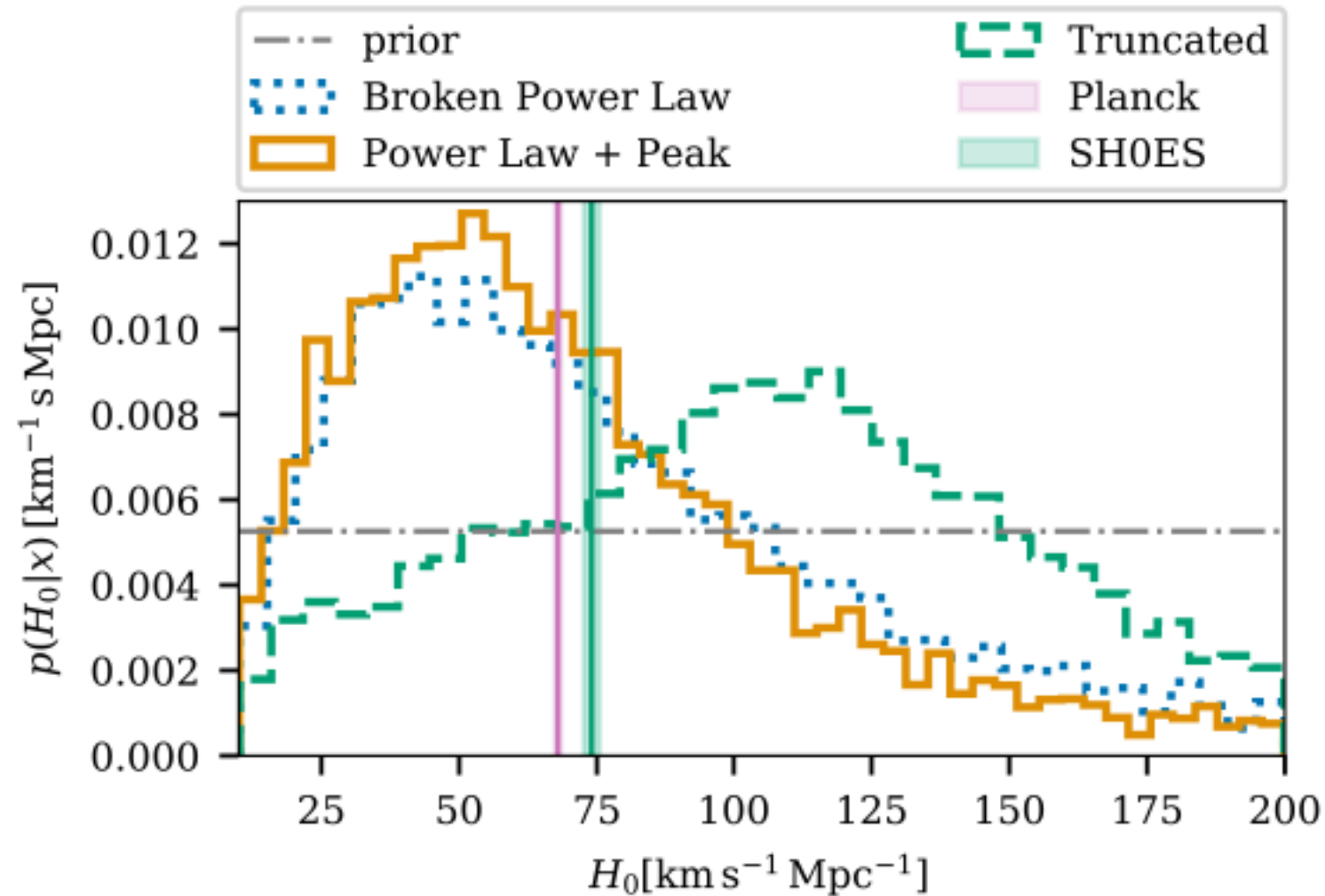


Spectral Siren results



- No constraint with the current GW detections on w_0, Ω_m
- Uninformative about the two cosmological model studied

Spectral Siren results



Best constraint with IcaroGW

- Power-Law + Peak

$$H_0 = 50^{+37}_{-30} \text{ km.s}^{-1}.\text{Mpc}^{-1}$$

- Broken Power-Law

$$H_0 = 44^{+52}_{-24} \text{ km.s}^{-1}.\text{Mpc}^{-1}$$

Spectral Siren results

No evidence in the data to support one cosmological model

- Uninformative on Ω_m and w_0
- Error on H_0 too large

Truncated model strongly disfavoured

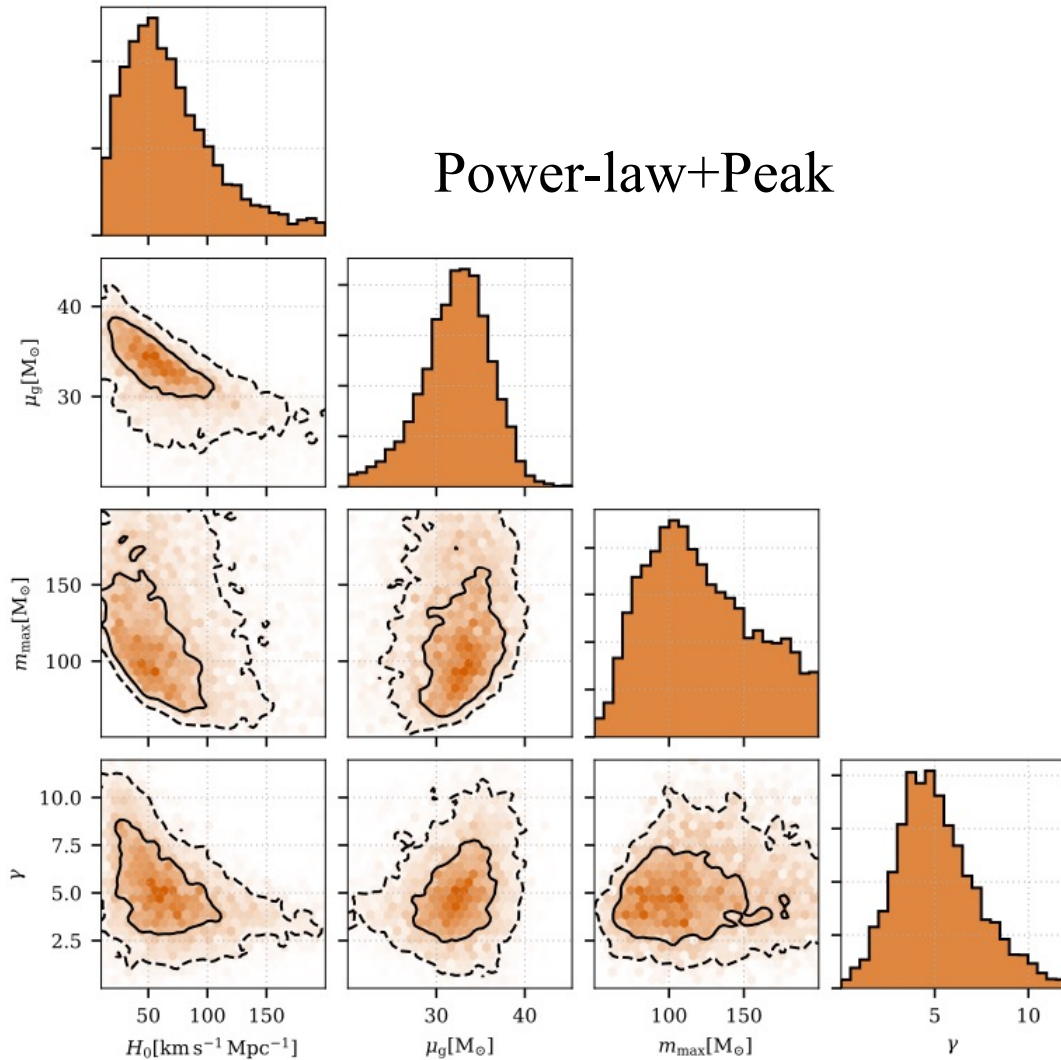
- By a factor ~ 100
- Too much structure in the mass spectrum
- Impossibility to capture the fraction of high mass events $\sim 35 M_{\text{sol}}$

For the PLP and the BPL models :

- Ability to fit the excess of BBHs at higher masses
- Set a scale for the redshift distribution of BBHs

Mass model	$\log_{10} \mathcal{B}$
TRUNCATED	-1.9
POWER LAW + PEAK	0.0
BROKEN POWER LAW	-0.5

Spectral Siren results



- Significant **correlation** between the position of the peak in the source mass distribution and H_0
- Constraints on H_0 arise from the ability of our model to catch those **sharp features** in the mass spectrum
- With the PL+Peak : Exclusion of high H_0 values
- With the Truncated : Support for higher values of H_0 , due to the impossibility to account for the structures around $\sim 35 M_{\text{sol}}$
- Results consistent with independent studies
(*Mancarella et al 2022*)

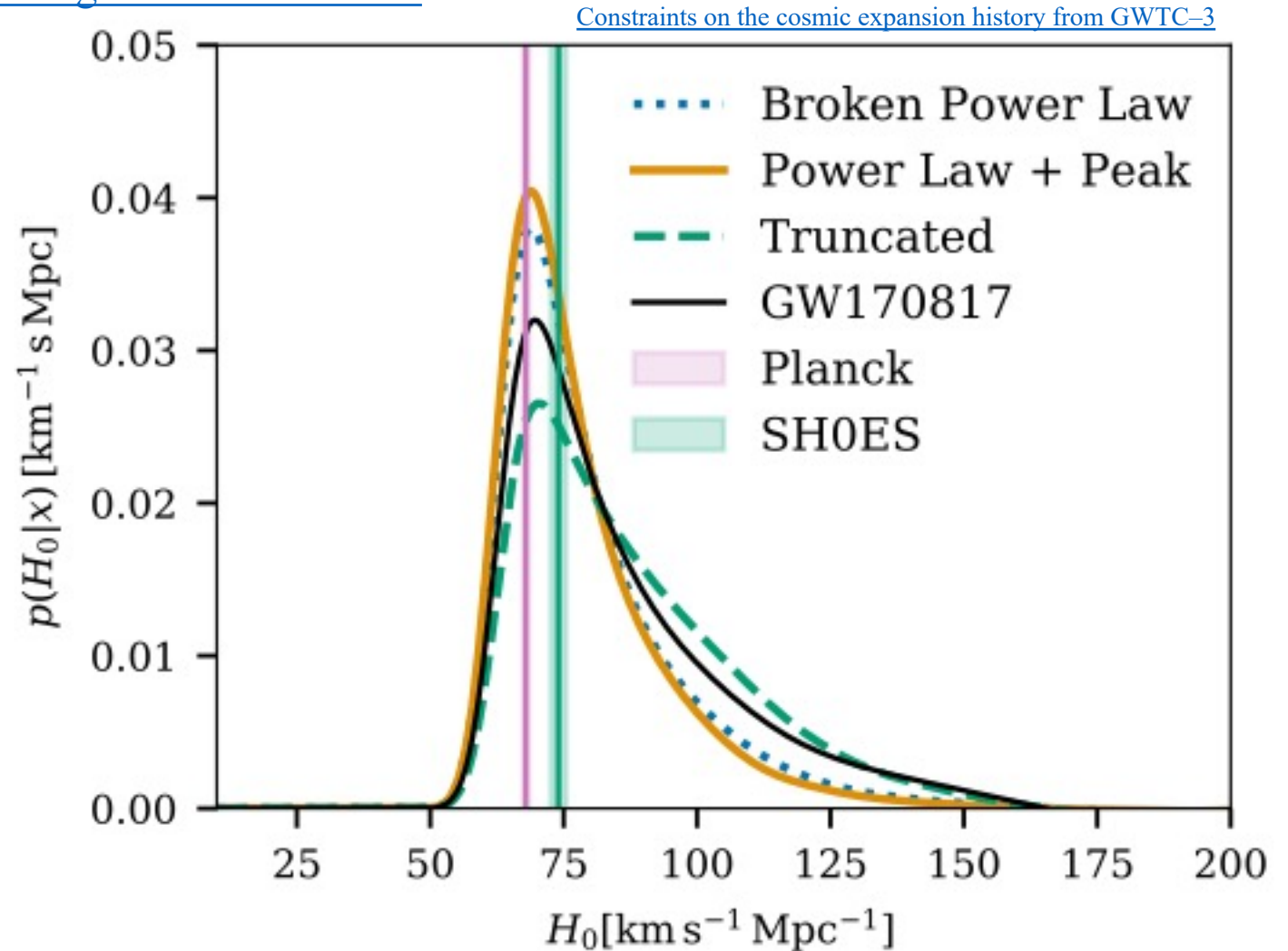
Spectral Siren results

Results obtained with ICAROGW from [S. Mastrogiovanni et al 2023](#)

GWTC-3 **combined** with GW170817

$$H_0 = 68_{-8}^{+12} \text{ km.s}^{-1}.\text{Mpc}^{-1}$$

- 17% improvement compared to GW170817 alone
- 12% improvement compared to GWTC-2 + GW170817



Galaxy catalog results

Results obtained with GWcosmo from [Gray et al. 2020](#)

Using 47 GW detections, 42 BBH,
2 BNS, 2 NSBH and GW190814

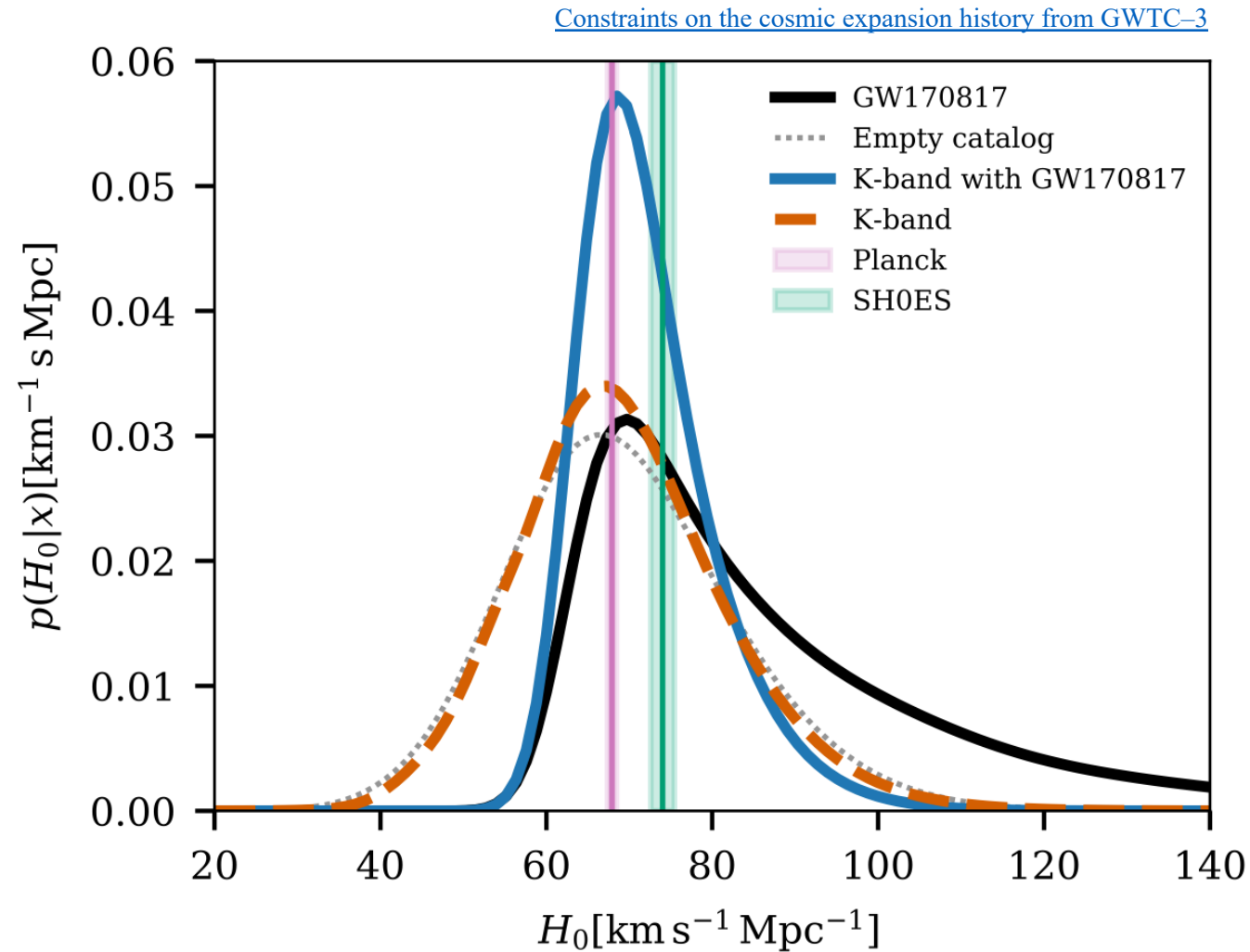
+ Fixed pop parameters

From the **galaxy catalog only** :

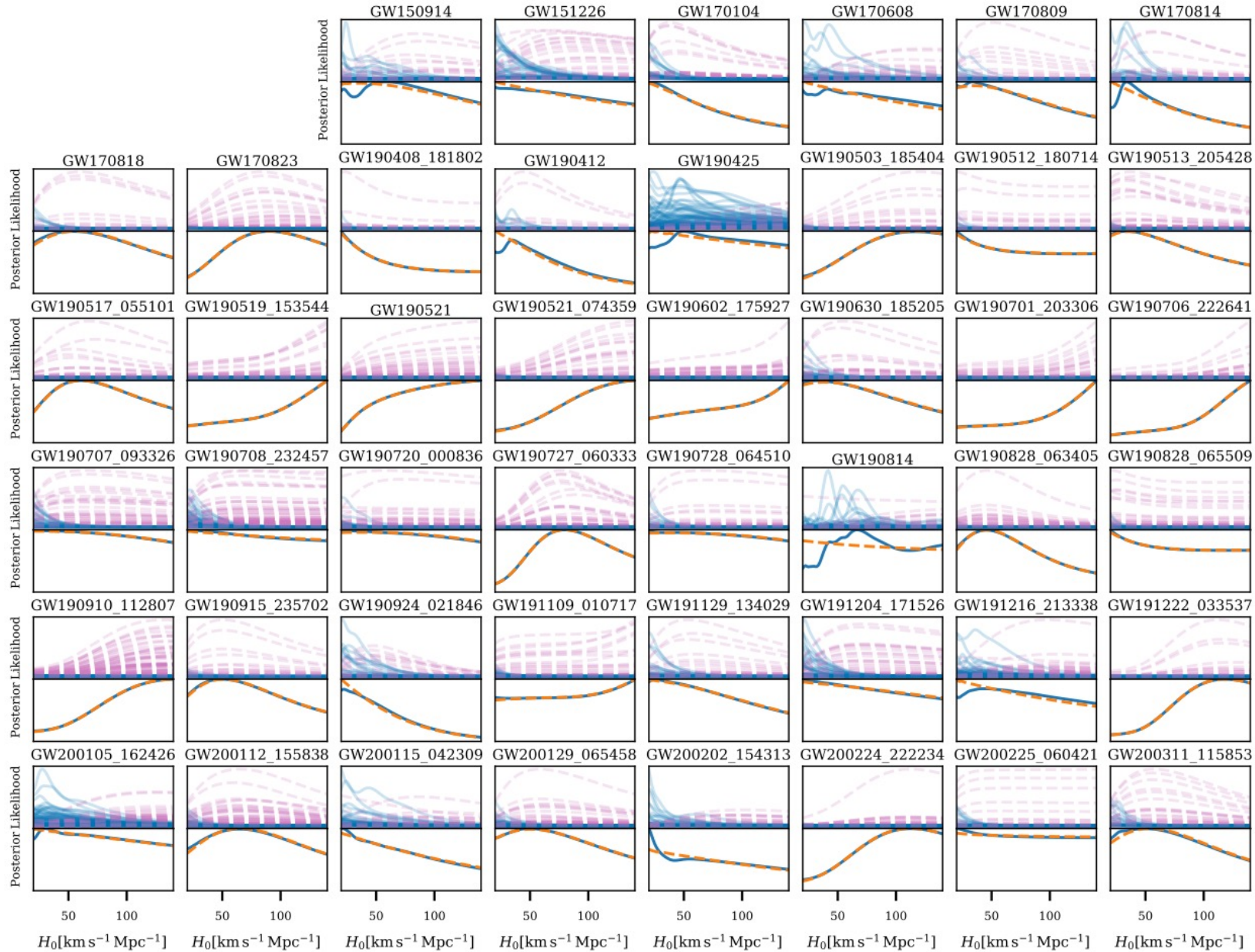
$$H_0 = 67_{-12}^{+13} \text{ km.s}^{-1} . \text{Mpc}^{-1}$$

Combined with GW1708187 :

$$H_0 = 68_{-6}^{+8} \text{ km.s}^{-1} . \text{Mpc}^{-1}$$



Event by event posteriors



Conclusions of O3 results

- Using 42 BBH events : We inferred constraints on the cosmological parameters using IcaroGW, GWcosmo
- First analysis to jointly estimate population properties and cosmology (showing crucial correlations)
- The choice of the source mass model can impact the inferred value of the cosmological parameters
- Improved constraints on the Hubble constant :
 - Spectral Sirens + GW170817 : $H_0 = 68_{-8}^{+12} \text{ km.s}^{-1}.\text{Mpc}^{-1}$
 - Galaxy catalog + GW170817 : $H_0 = 68_{-6}^{+8} \text{ km.s}^{-1}.\text{Mpc}^{-1}$ (Fixed pop parameters)