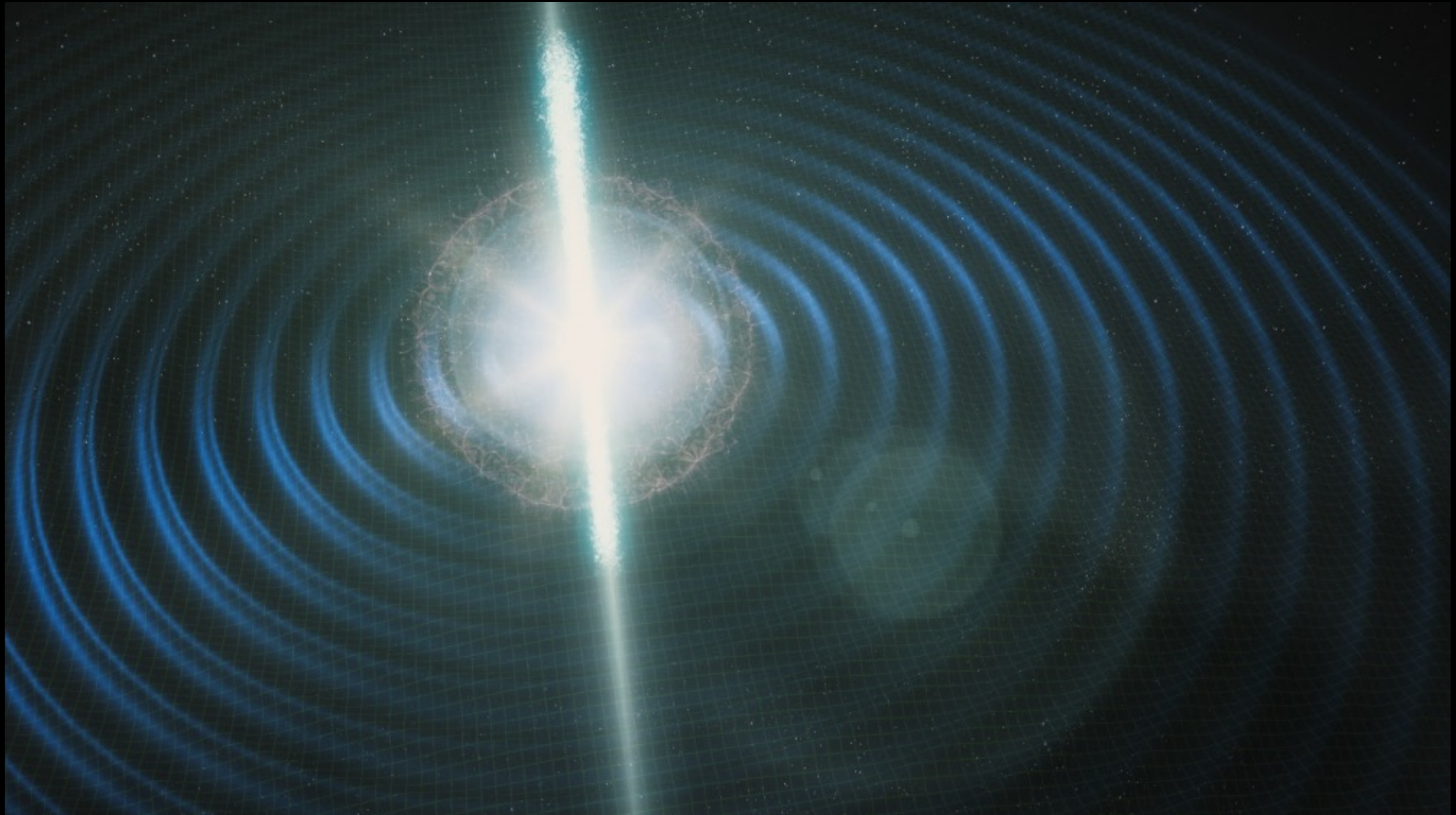


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Where do we fit within OzGrav?

From the OzGrav-2 proposal, we have a **Cosmos Key Program (KP5)** which aims to:

“Determine fundamental properties of the Universe”

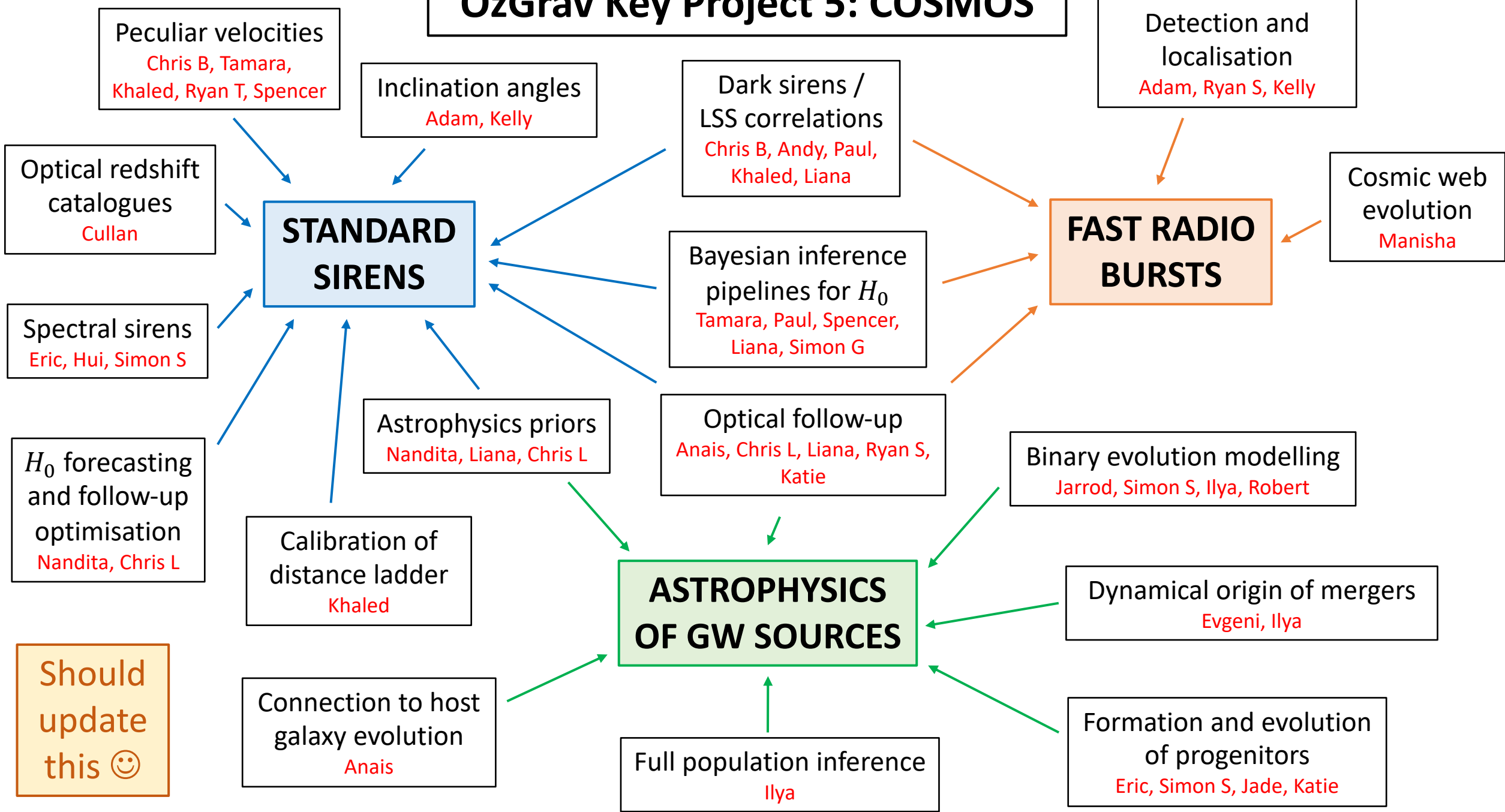
The three themes of the Cosmos Key Program are:

Cosmology with
Standard Sirens

Astrophysics of
Gravitational
Wave sources

Cosmology with
Fast Radio Bursts

OzGrav Key Project 5: COSMOS



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Please get in touch with any of us if you have questions about our Key Program or would like to discuss where your work fits in!

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Standard sirens topic – science

Effect of galaxy peculiar velocities

Improved redshift catalogues for dark sirens

Simulation-based population studies

Improving inclination angles

Developing the spectral siren method

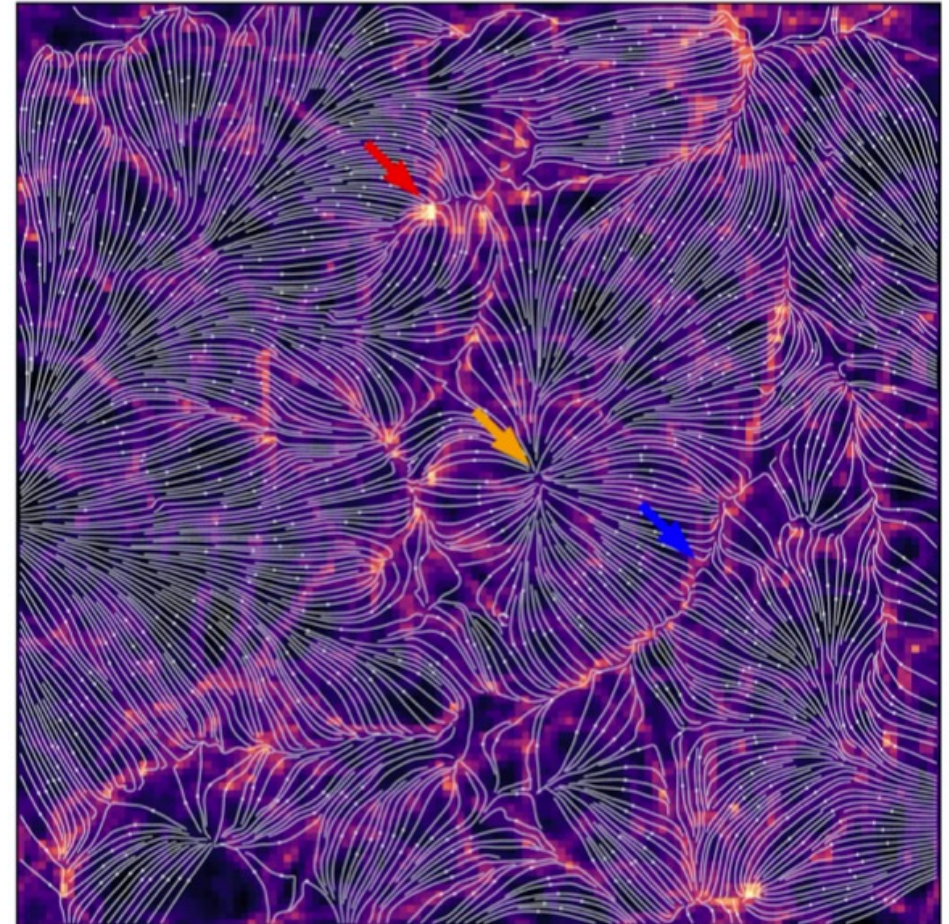
Joint inference of neutron star equation of state

Role of peculiar velocities

See work by: Ryan Turner, Khaled Said, Simon Goode, Chris Blake

Talks given at July standard sirens meeting – slides on Slack

- Peculiar velocities change the redshifts of standard sirens and hence affect determinations of H_0
- Relative effects are largest at low redshift and are correlated between different objects by “bulk flows”
- **Goal 1:** propagate PV errors into H_0 analysis
- **Goal 2:** improve current velocity reconstruction maps of the local Universe

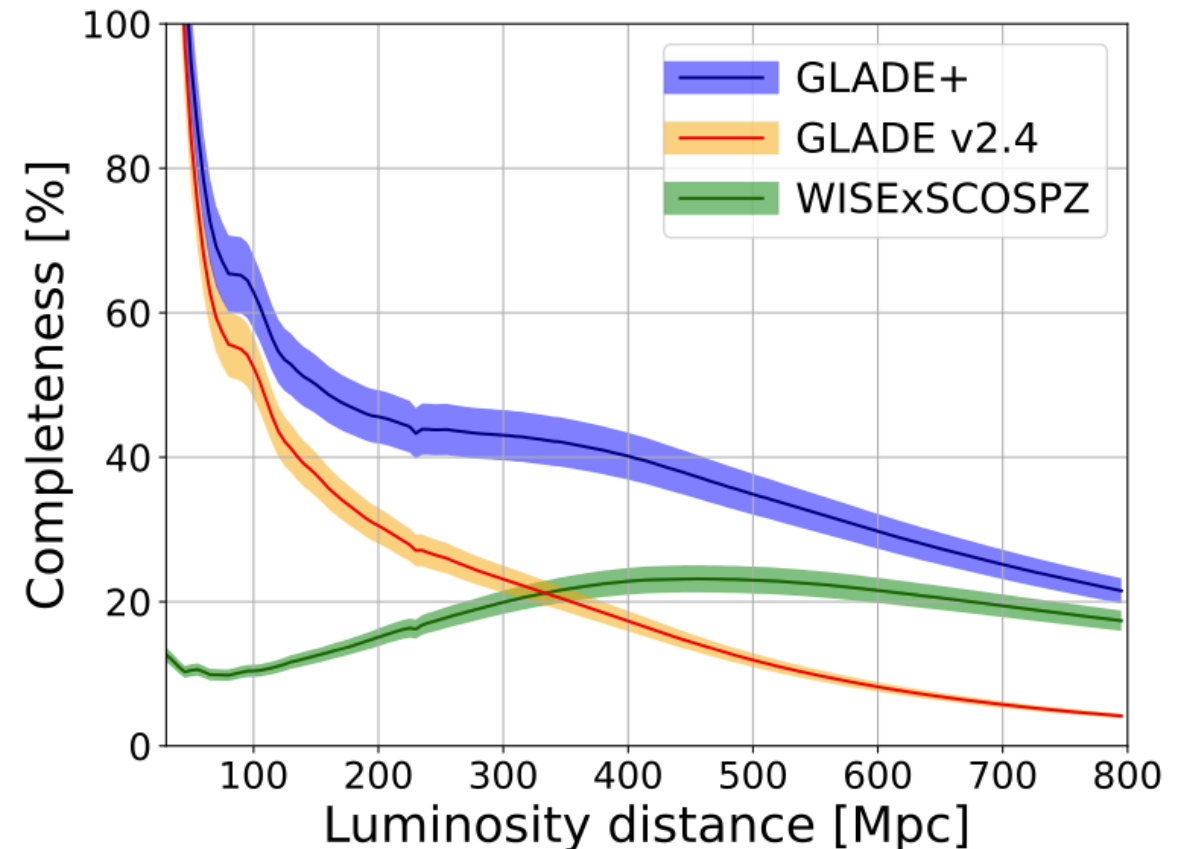


Improved optical redshift catalogues for dark sirens

See work by: Cullan Howlett

Talk given at June standard sirens meeting – slides on Slack

- Dark siren analyses rely on catalogues of potential host galaxies for probabilistic analysis and cosmological inference
- The current GLADE+ catalogue can be updated in the light of new observational surveys (DES, DESI, 4MOST, LSST, etc.)
- **Goal:** data curation, characterisation of completeness, value-added data products

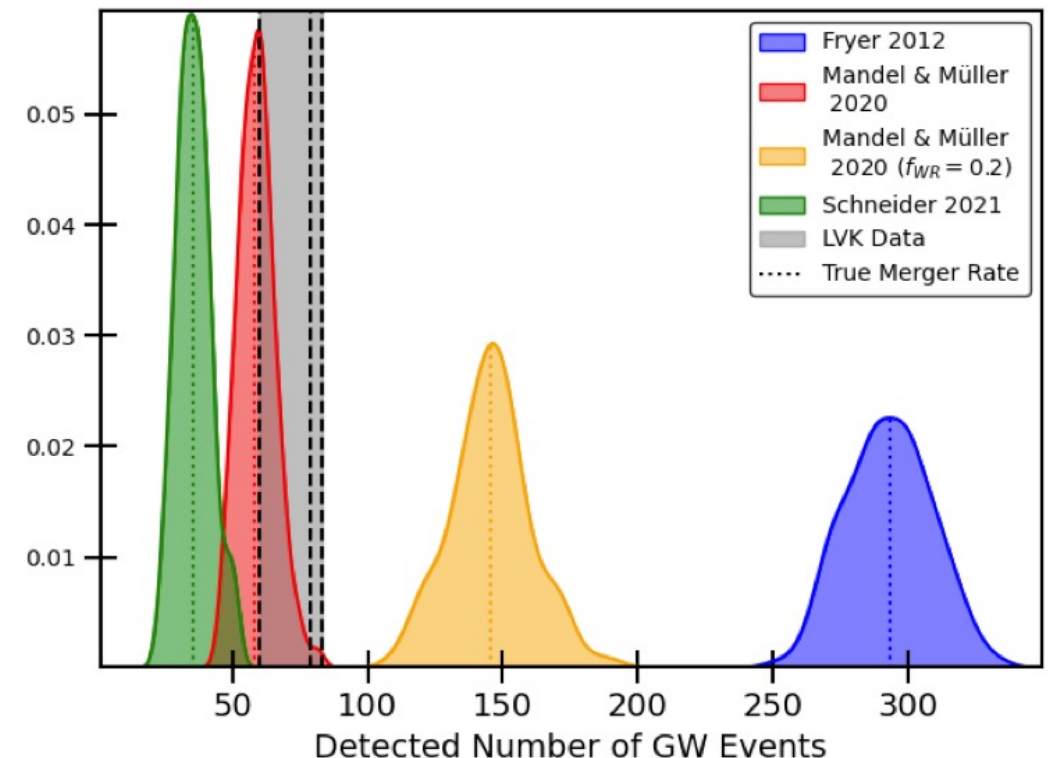


Simulation-based studies

See work by: Nandita Khetan, Liana Rauf, Cullan Howlett

Talk given by Liana at OzGrav videocon in July

- Map the link between GW mergers and host galaxies
- **Goal:** Integrate simulations, semi-analytical and population models
- **Goal:** optimise weights for dark sirens and implication for H_0 analysis
- **Goal:** Can dark siren analyses be undertaken with photometric redshifts?
- **Goal:** What is the optimal strategy for wide-field spectroscopic follow-up?

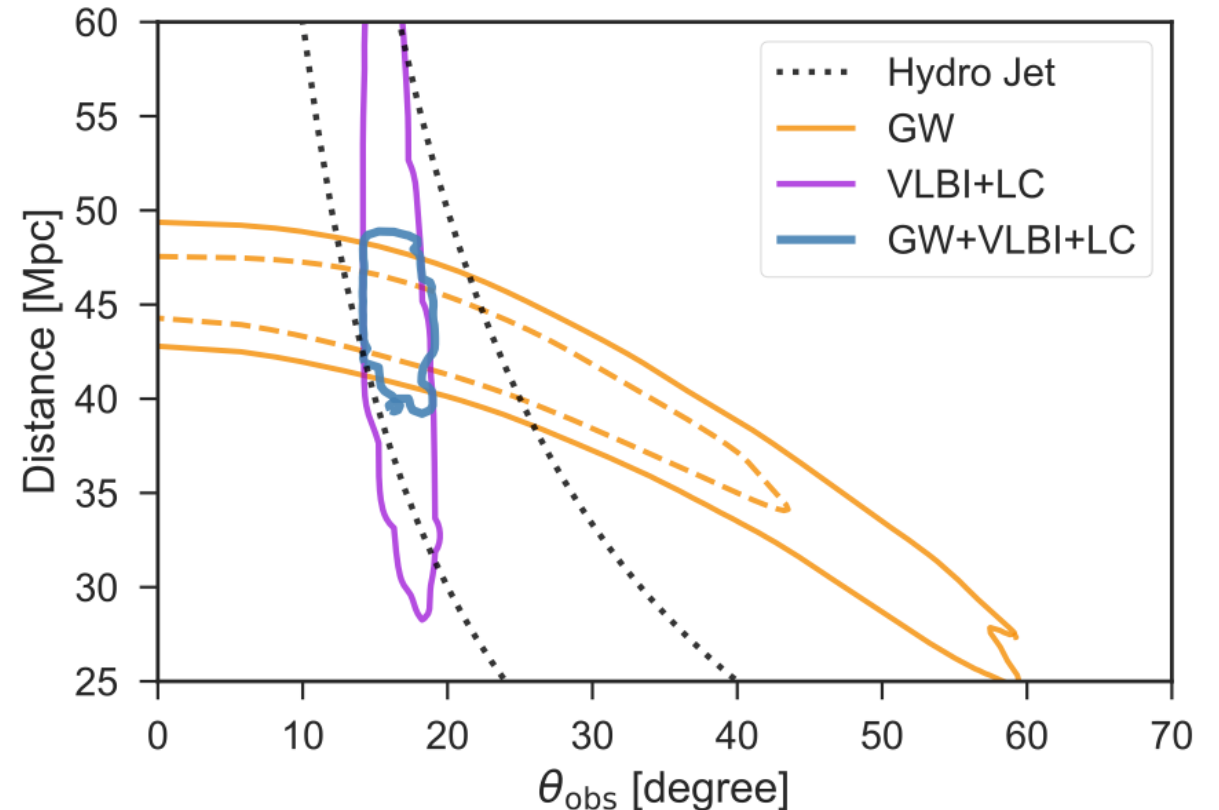


Improving bright siren inclinations

See work by: Kelly Gourdji, Adam Deller

Talk given by Kelly at June standard sirens meeting – slides on Slack

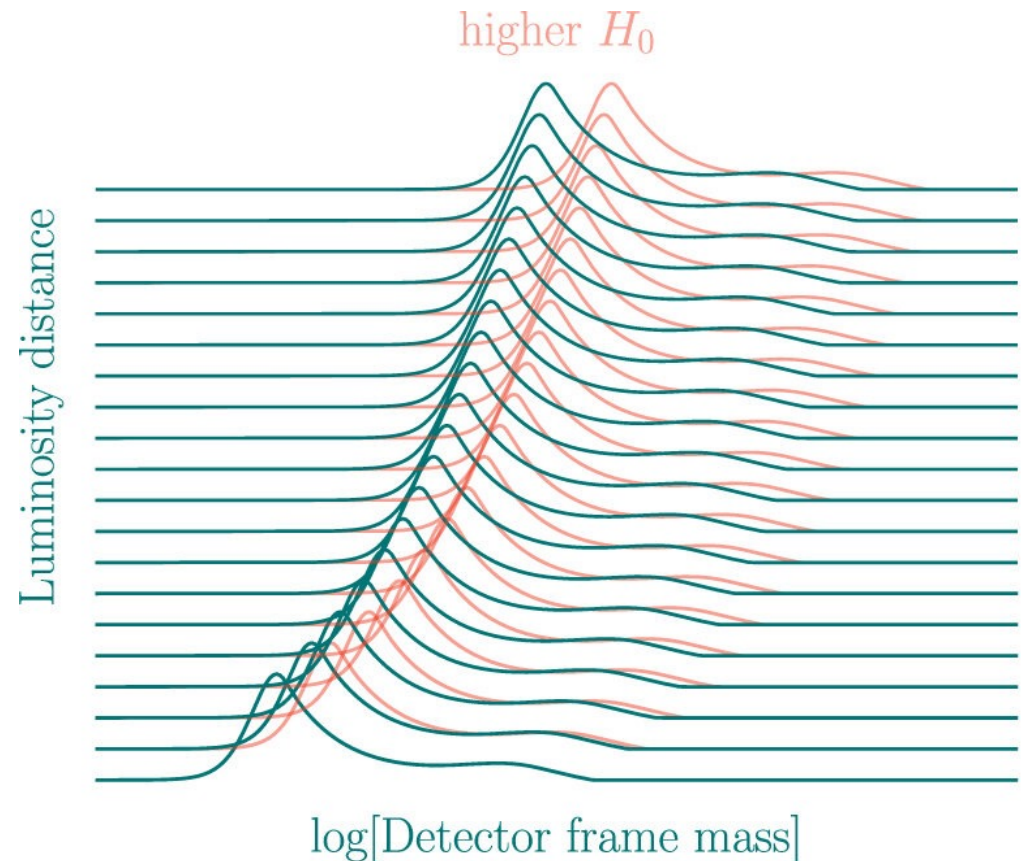
- Inclination angle is a significant source of error in standard siren luminosity distances
- High-resolution VLBI studies of GW mergers improve jet models hence constrain the GW source geometry
- **Goal:** improved measurement of H_0 from GW170817



Spectral sirens

See work by: Hui Tong, Eric Thrane

- Can the information in the GW source population distributions (such as the mass) be used to improve cosmological fits?
- **Goal:** investigate the potential of the spectral siren method and any biases introduced by incomplete population models

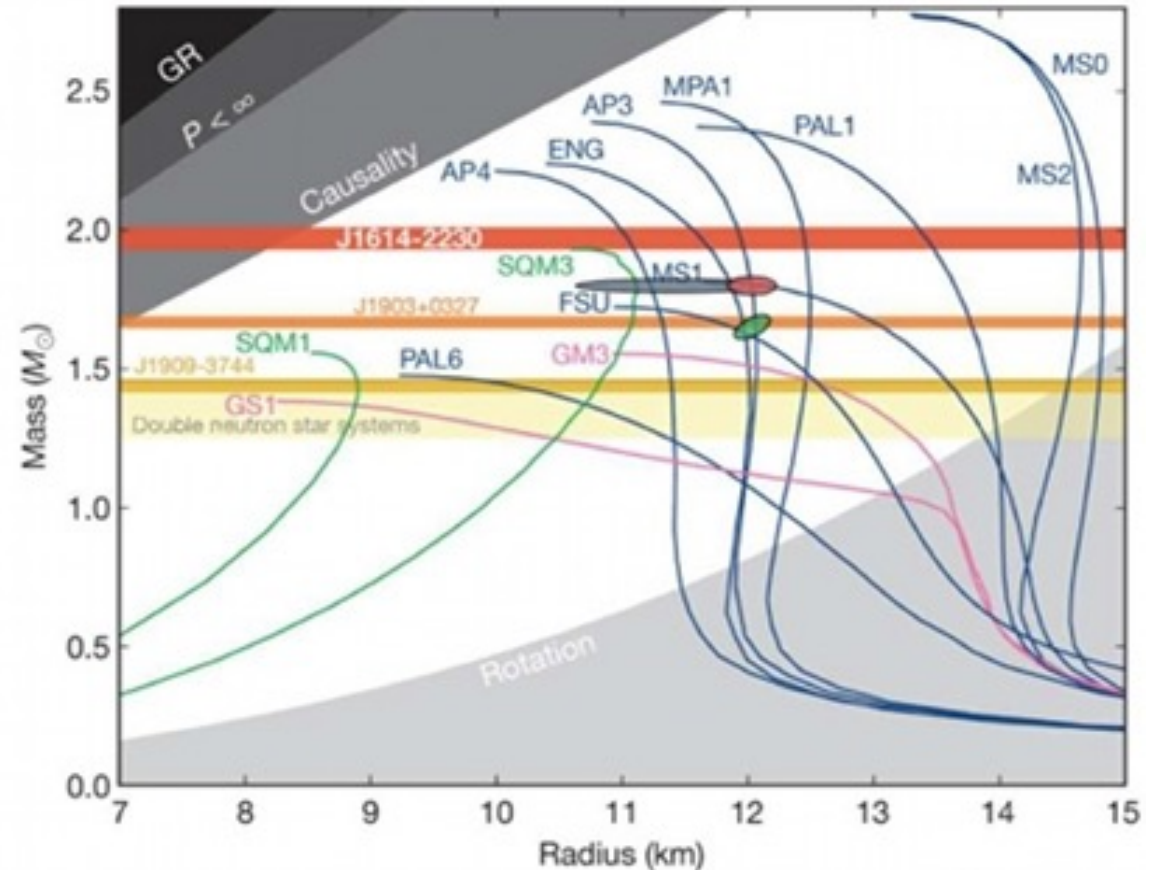


Neutron star equation of state

See work by: Spencer Magnall, Paul Lasky

Talk given by Spencer at OzGrav videocon in September

- Develop infrastructure for joint inference of H_0 and the neutron star equation of state from the GW signal
- **Goal:** what joint constraints are possible from future GW detectors?



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