

Constraining the Hubble constant and modified GW propagation with LIGO/Virgo dark sirens and galaxy catalogs

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I will present the methodology for constraining the Hubble parameter and modified GW propagation with “dark sirens” (namely, compact binary coalescences without an electromagnetic counterpart) and galaxy catalogs.

I will introduce in particular some relevant improvements to the treatment of the latter, such as their completeness, and discuss the correct treatment of selection bias. I will then show results that make use of the recent GWTC-2 catalogue, presenting the most accurate measurement of H_0 from dark sirens alone, new bounds on modified GW propagation, commenting on the role of EM counterparts and discussing relevant systematics and the interplay with astrophysical parameters.

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