

# Jointly Estimating multiple Components and Population Properties of Astrophysical Gravitational-Wave Background

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# Outline

- Introduction
  - What is a stochastic-gravitational wave background (SGWB)?
  - How to search for an SGWB with ground-based detectors?
  - How to account for multiple components being present at the same time?
- This work
  - Joint estimation of the amplitudes and ensemble properties of astrophysical SGWBs from compact binary coalescences (CBCs), r-modes, and magnetars
  - Injection study to validate the method for realistic SGWB spectral shapes
  - Results with the data from the LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA first three observing runs

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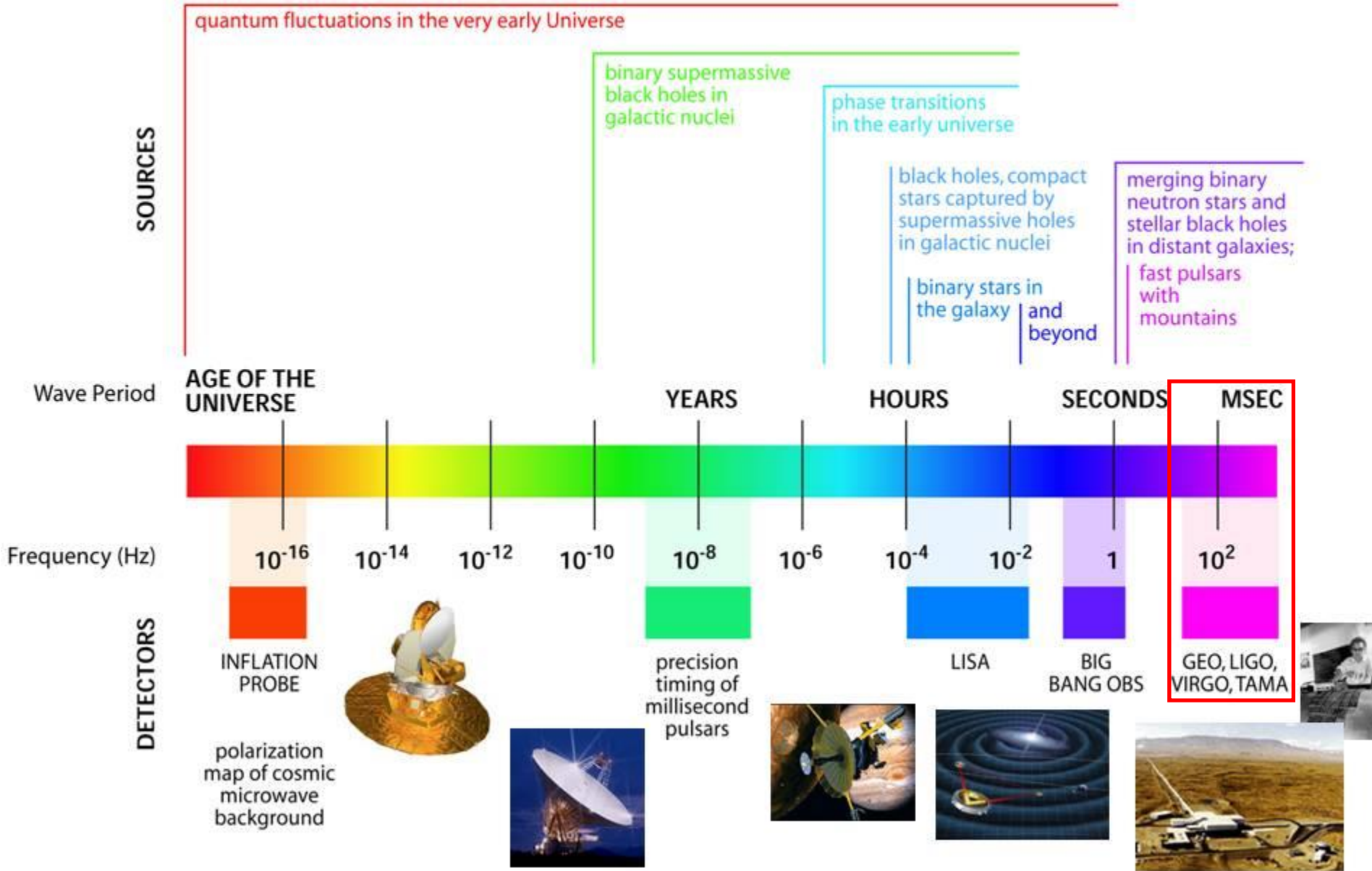
$$\langle h_A^*(f, \hat{n}) h_A(f', \hat{n}') \rangle = \frac{1}{16\pi} S_h(f) \delta(f - f') \delta_{AA'} \delta^2(\hat{n}, \hat{n}')$$

Stationarity
Spatial homogeneity and isotropy
Unpolarized

$$S_h(f) = \frac{3H_0^2}{2\pi^2} \frac{\Omega_{\text{gw}}(f)}{f^3}$$

**One-sided GW strain power spectral density**  
(summed over polarizations and integrated over the sky)

# THE GRAVITATIONAL WAVE SPECTRUM

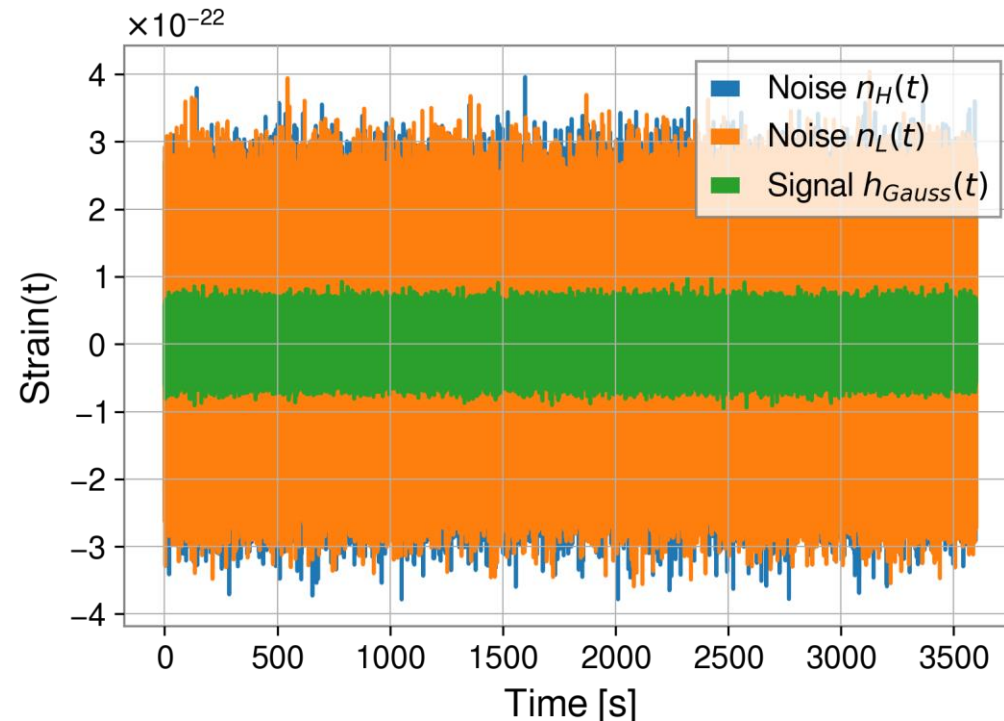


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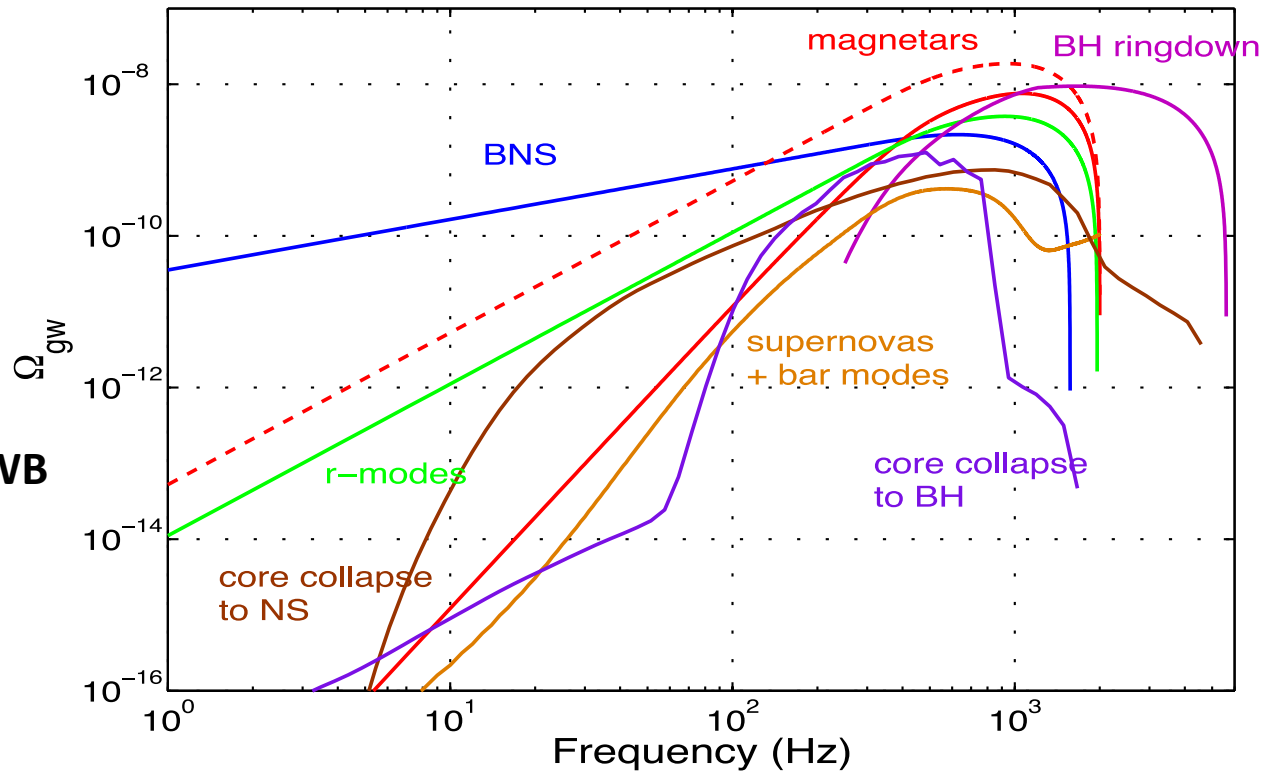
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Isotropic overlap reduction function

$$S_\alpha(f) \equiv \frac{3H_0^2}{10\pi^2} \frac{1}{f_{\text{ref}}^3} \left( \frac{f}{f_{\text{ref}}} \right)^{\alpha-3}$$

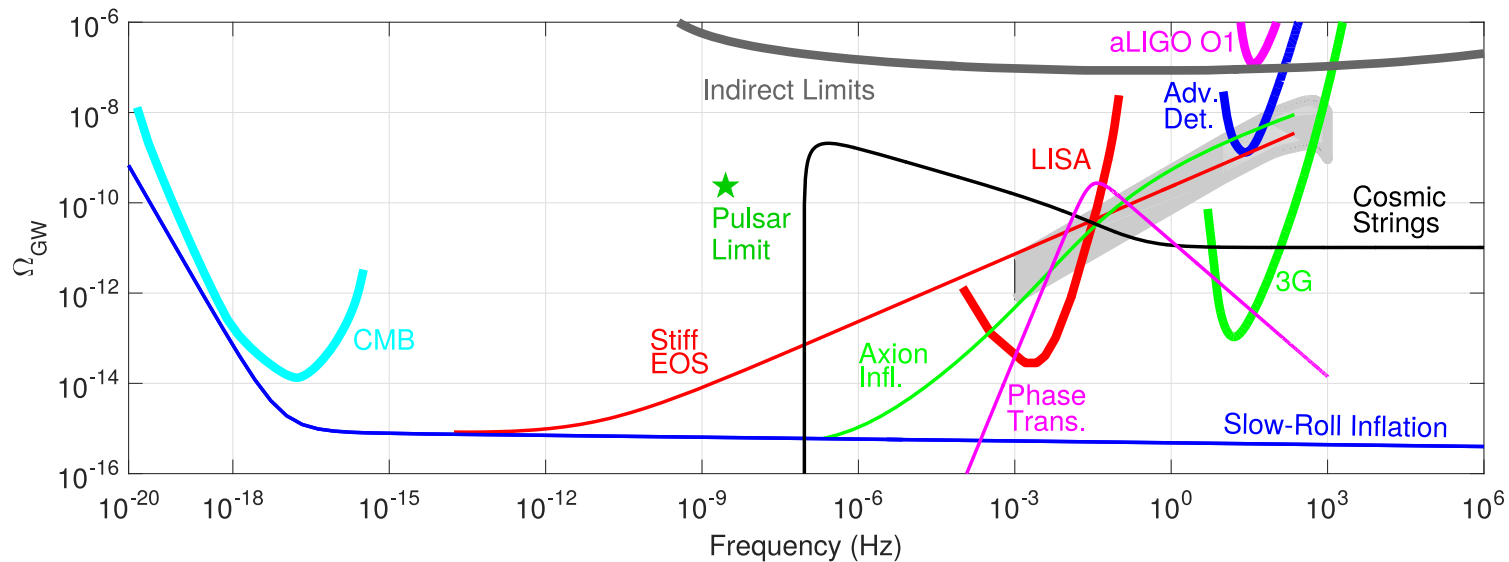
### Astrophysical SGWB



How to deal with multiple SGWBs at the same time?

[Regimbau T., 2011](#)

### Cosmological SGWB and sensitivities of the experiments



[Sathyaprakash B.S. et al., 2019](#)

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  - this may be time consuming
  - it does not consider possible correlations among different  $\alpha$
  - A priori, the single-component estimator  $\hat{\Omega}_{\alpha}$  is likely to be biased in presence of multiple components (see next slides)
- How to include correlations among different  $\alpha$  before PE and get an unbiased, joint estimator for  $\Omega_{\alpha}$ ?

# Isotropic multi-component formalism

- See [Boileau et al. 2021](#) for a summary of possible methods, here we follow [Parida et al. 2016](#)

- Power-law model:  $\Omega_{\text{gw}}(f) = \sum_{\{\alpha\}} \Omega_{\alpha}(f) w_{\alpha}(f)$ ,  $w_{\alpha} \equiv \left(\frac{f}{f_{\text{ref}}}\right)^{\alpha}$

- Maximum Likelihood estimator for  $\mathbf{\Omega} \equiv \Omega_{\alpha}$ , and covariance matrix  $\mathbf{\Sigma}$ :

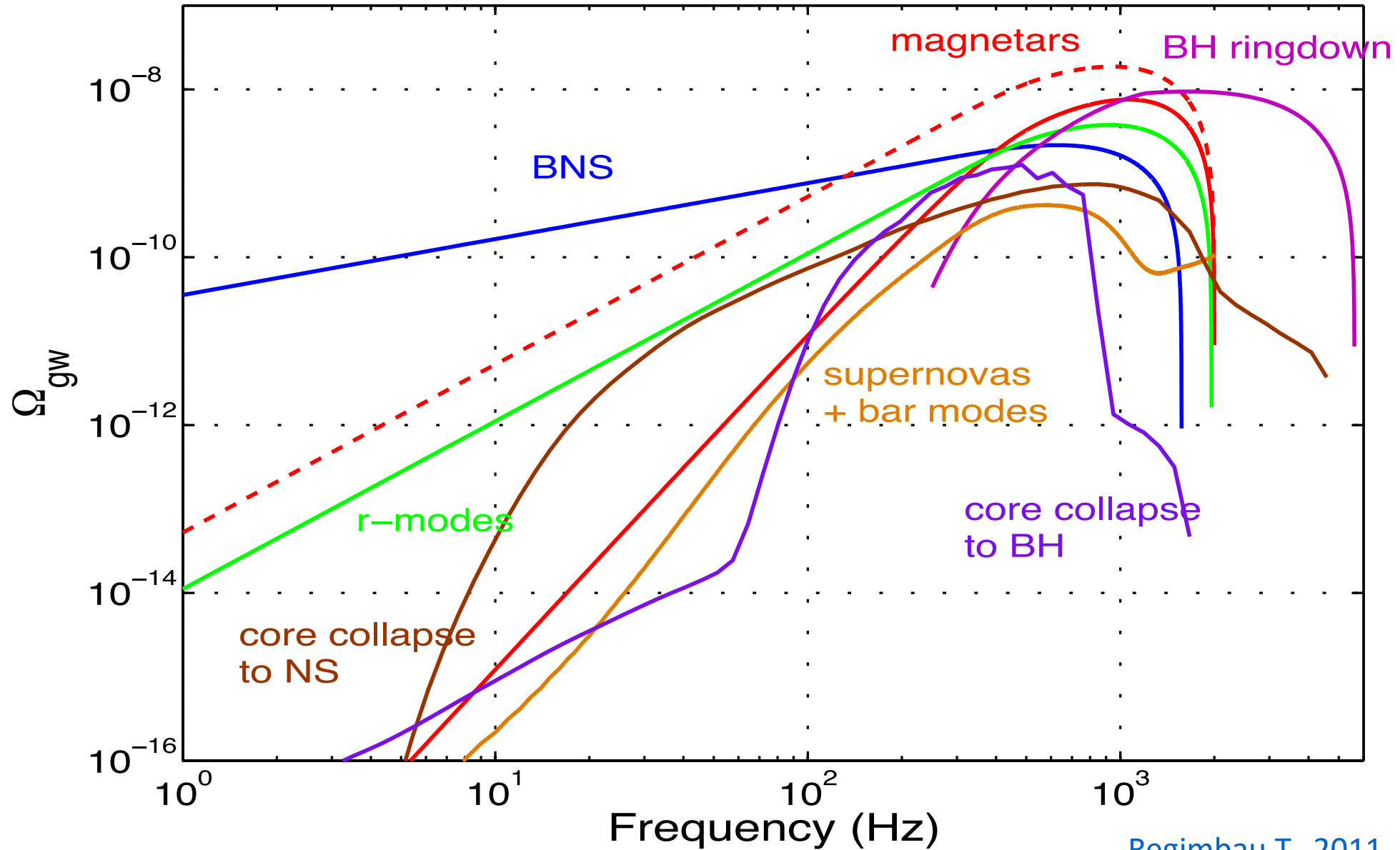
$$\hat{\mathbf{\Omega}} = \mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{X}, \quad \mathbf{\Sigma} = \mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1}, \quad \sigma^2 = \text{diag}(\mathbf{\Sigma})$$

- (Broad-band) “Dirty map” and Fisher matrix:

$$X_{\alpha} = \sum_{t,f} 4\Delta f \frac{\tilde{s}_I^*(t,f) \tilde{s}_J(t,f)}{P_I(f)P_J(f)} \gamma_{IJ}(f) S_0(f) w_{\alpha}(f)$$

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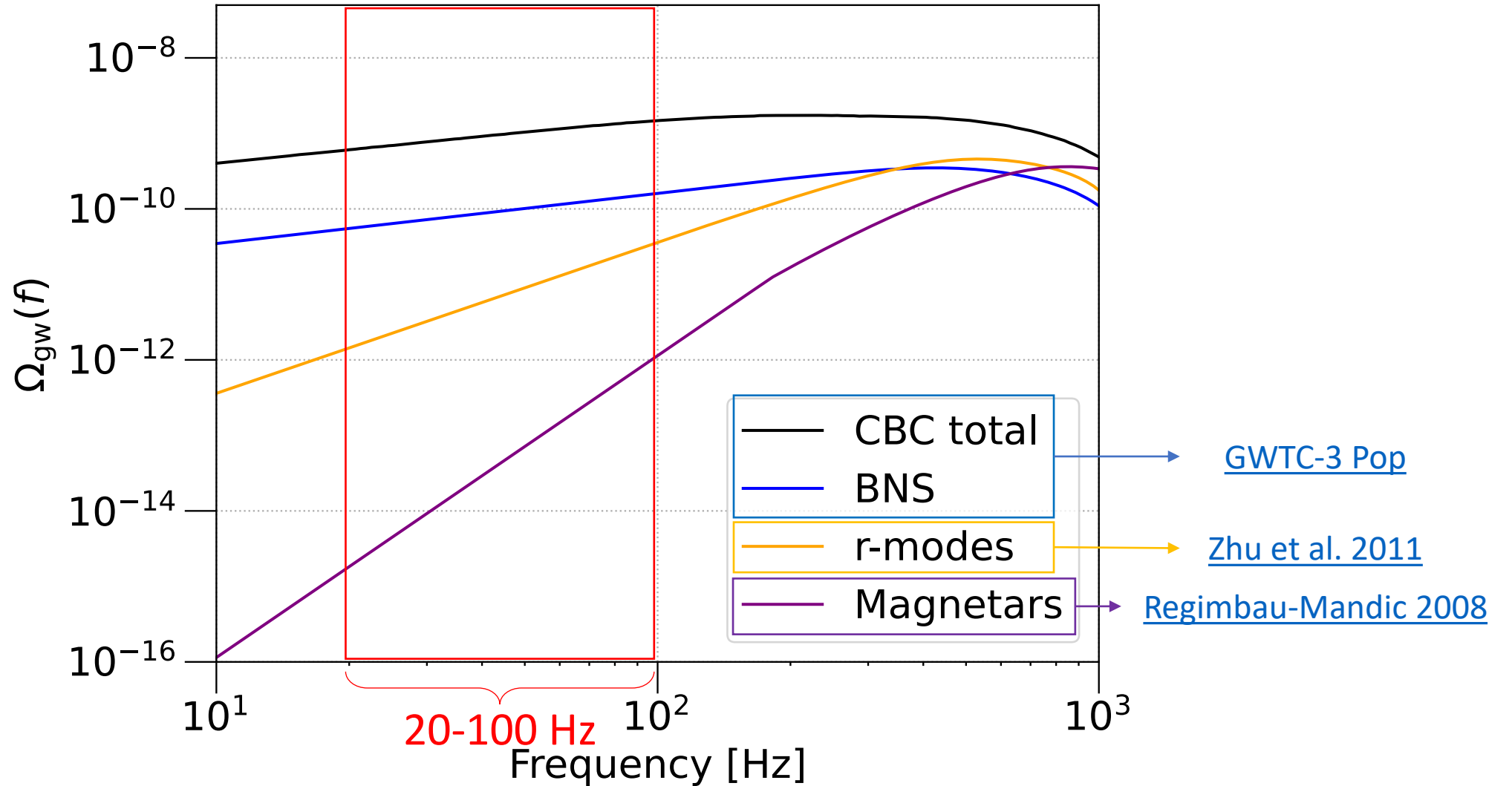
- Power-law approximation

$$\Omega_{\text{gw}}(f) \approx \xi \left( \frac{f}{f_{\text{ref}}} \right)^\alpha \prod_i \langle \theta_i^{c_i} \rangle, \quad \text{Ensemble properties}$$

with

$$\xi \equiv \frac{\Omega_{\text{gw}}(f_{\text{ref}})}{\prod_i \langle \theta_i^{c_i} \rangle}$$

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# Validation: astrophysical multi-component injection study

- Injected (detectable) astrophysical SGWB from BNS, r-modes, and magnetars in O3 data
- Goal: recover both the amplitudes (similar and different orders of magnitude) and the population parameters (assuming SGWB being detectable)

Population	BNS	r-modes	Magnetars
Power law	$\alpha = 2/3$	$\alpha = 2$	$\alpha = 4$
Injected parameters	$K_{\text{BNS}} \simeq 7.91 \times 10^5 M_{\odot}^{5/3} \text{Gpc}^{-3} \text{yr}^{-1}$ ( $R_{0,\text{BNS}} = 3.2 \times 10^5 \text{Gpc}^{-3} \text{yr}^{-1}$ )	$K_{\text{r-modes}} = 10^3$ ( $K = -1.999$ )	$K_{\text{magnetars}} = 10^{-11}$ ( $\frac{\varepsilon}{B} = 10^{-11}$ )
Resulting $\Omega_{\alpha}$ ( $f_{\text{ref}} = 25 \text{ Hz}$ )	$\Omega_{\text{BNS}} \simeq 2.12 \times 10^{-7}$	$\Omega_{\text{r-modes}} \simeq 1.69 \times 10^{-7}$	$\Omega_{\text{magnetars}} \simeq 1.79 \times 10^{-8}$

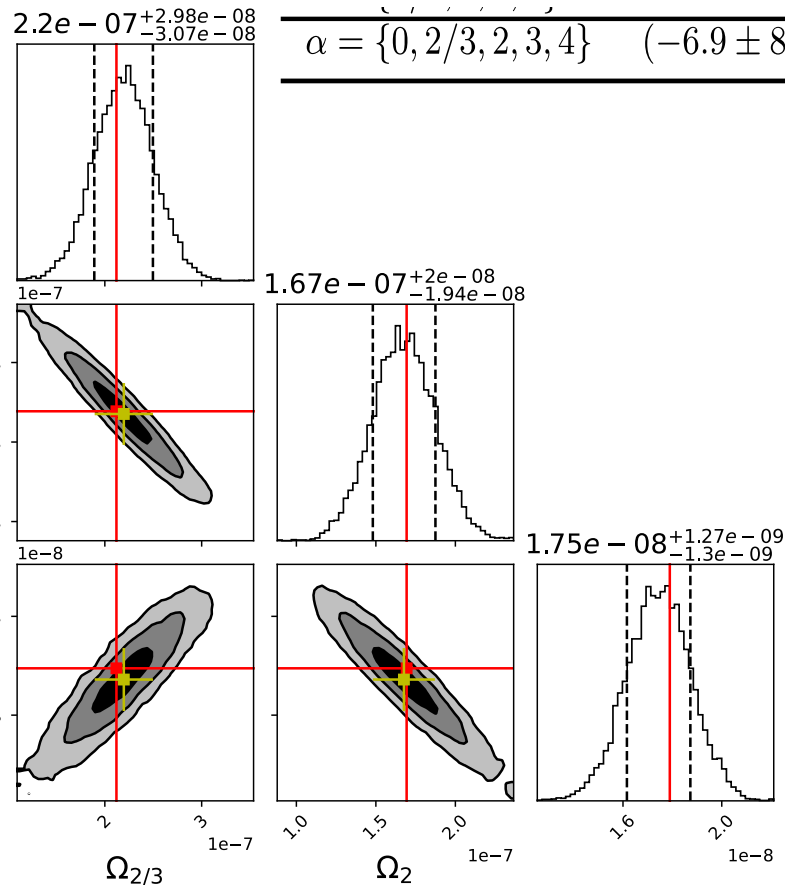
# Astrophysical multi-component injections: SGWB intensity

Estimators

$\hat{\Omega}_0$        $\hat{\Omega}_{2/3} = 2.1 \times 10^{-7}$        $\hat{\Omega}_2 = 1.7 \times 10^{-7}$        $\hat{\Omega}_3$        $\hat{\Omega}_4 = 1.8 \times 10^{-8}$

20-100 Hz

$\alpha = \{0\}$	$(8.68 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-7}$	-	-	-	-
$\alpha = \{2/3\}$	-	$(7.12 \pm 0.06) \times 10^{-7}$	-	-	-
$\alpha = \{2\}$	-	-	$(3.61 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-7}$	-	-
$\alpha = \{3\}$	-	-	-	$(1.44 \pm 0.01) \times 10^{-7}$	-
$\alpha = \{4\}$	-	-	-	-	$(4.28 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-8}$
$\alpha = \{2/3, 2, 4\}$	-	$(2.2 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-7}$	$(1.7 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-7}$	-	$(1.7 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-8}$
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 2, 3, 4\}$	$(-6.9 \pm 8.9) \times 10^{-7}$	$(1.2 \pm 1.4) \times 10^{-6}$	$(-2.6 \pm 7.1) \times 10^{-7}$	$(1.3 \pm 2.6) \times 10^{-7}$	$(4.3 \pm 30.3) \times 10^{-9}$



- $\Omega_\alpha$  well recovered only when the right  $\alpha=2/3, 2, 4$  combination is considered
- Capability of disentangling SGWB with similar intensities or spanning order of magnitudes

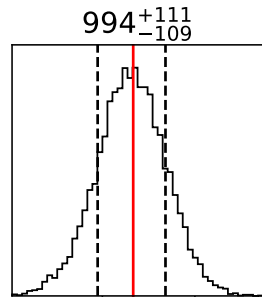
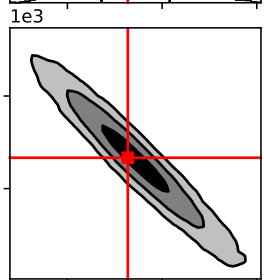
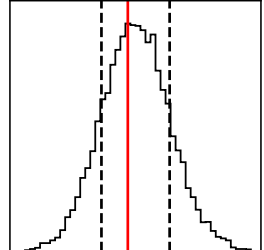
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# Astrophysical multi-component injections: astrophysical parameters

	$\Omega_0$	$\Omega_3$	$K_{\text{BNS}} = 7.9 \times 10^5 M_{\odot}^{5/3} \text{Gpc}^{-3} \text{yr}^{-1}$	$K_{\text{r-modes}} = 1 \times 10^3$	$K_{\text{magnetars}} = 1 \times 10^{-11} \text{T}^{-1}$
$\alpha = \{0\}$	$(8.68^{+0.08}_{-0.08}) \times 10^{-7}$	-	-	-	-
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$\alpha = \{2/3, 2, 4\}$	-	-	$(8.2^{+1.1}_{-1.1}) \times 10^5$	$(9.9^{+1.1}_{-1.1}) \times 10^2$	$(9.9^{+0.3}_{-0.4}) \times 10^{-12}$
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 2, 3, 4\}$	$(7.9^{+8.1}_{-5.4}) \times 10^{-8}$	$(3.9^{+3.9}_{-2.7}) \times 10^{-8}$	$(6.3^{+2.8}_{-3.6}) \times 10^5$	$(6.9^{+3.2}_{-4.0}) \times 10^2$	$(7.7^{+1.4}_{-2.9}) \times 10^{-12}$

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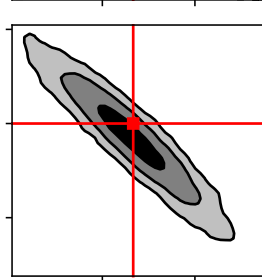
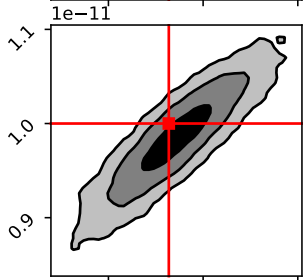
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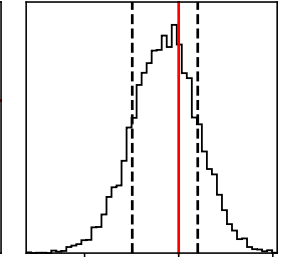
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$K_{\text{r-modes}}$

$K_{\text{magnetars}} [\text{T}^{-1}]$



$9.86e - 12^{+3.43e - 13}_{-3.53e - 13}$



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$1e3$

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**Astro PE results**

- Parameters well recovered for right  $\alpha$  combination
- Importance of the frequency range where power-law approximation is valid: best recovery for frequencies in 20-100 Hz band (in contrast to the 20-1726 Hz used in O3 analysis)

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# Analysis with real data

- Considered SGWBs,  $\alpha = 0, 2/3, 2, 3, 4$
- Estimating  $\Omega_\alpha$  for all combinations
- Astrophysical implications for CBC ( $\alpha = 2/3$ ), r-mode ( $\alpha = 2$ ), and magnetar ( $\alpha = 4$ ) SGWBs
- No further implications for  $\alpha = 0$  and 3 (cosmological), but useful for comparison with LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA analysis (single-component analysis,  $\alpha = 0, 2/3, 3$ )

# Analysis with real data (20-100 Hz): estimators

	$\hat{\Omega}_0$	$\hat{\Omega}_{2/3}$	$\hat{\Omega}_2$	$\hat{\Omega}_3$	$\hat{\Omega}_4$
$\alpha = \{0\}$	$(1.5 \pm 7.5) \times 10^{-9}$	-	-	-	-
$\alpha = \{2/3\}$	-	$(2.3 \pm 56.2) \times 10^{-10}$	-	-	-
$\alpha = \{2\}$	-	-	$(-1.3 \pm 2.5) \times 10^{-9}$	-	-
$\alpha = \{3\}$	-	-	-	$(-9.8 \pm 10.3) \times 10^{-10}$	-
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$\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 4\}$	$(-9.9 \pm 69.8) \times 10^{-9}$	$(1.3 \pm 5.6) \times 10^{-8}$	-	-	$(-6.2 \pm 6.1) \times 10^{-10}$
$\alpha = \{0, 2, 3\}$	$(-1.0 \pm 30.0) \times 10^{-9}$	-	$(8.3 \pm 22.6) \times 10^{-9}$	$(-4.1 \pm 6.4) \times 10^{-9}$	-
$\alpha = \{0, 2, 4\}$	$(4.3 \pm 25.0) \times 10^{-9}$	-	$(1.0 \pm 12.9) \times 10^{-9}$	-	$(-5.9 \pm 10.5) \times 10^{-10}$
$\alpha = \{0, 3, 4\}$	$(6.5 \pm 17.8) \times 10^{-9}$	-	-	$(-1.8 \pm 81.2) \times 10^{-10}$	$(-4.6 \pm 23.2) \times 10^{-10}$
$\alpha = \{2/3, 2, 3\}$	-	$(1.7 \pm 38.8) \times 10^{-9}$	$(6.1 \pm 34.4) \times 10^{-9}$	$(-3.6 \pm 8.4) \times 10^{-9}$	-
$\alpha = \{2/3, 2, 4\}$	-	$(7.7 \pm 30.1) \times 10^{-9}$	$(-1.7 \pm 19.5) \times 10^{-9}$	-	$(-4.5 \pm 12.7) \times 10^{-10}$
$\alpha = \{2/3, 3, 4\}$	-	$(8.1 \pm 18.3) \times 10^{-9}$	-	$(-1.9 \pm 10.4) \times 10^{-9}$	$(-5.6 \pm 280.6) \times 10^{-11}$
$\alpha = \{2, 3, 4\}$	-	-	$(1.6 \pm 2.8) \times 10^{-8}$	$(-1.1 \pm 2.5) \times 10^{-8}$	$(1.5 \pm 4.9) \times 10^{-9}$
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 2, 3\}$	$(-3.2 \pm 3.5) \times 10^{-7}$	$(4.1 \pm 4.6) \times 10^{-7}$	$(-1.2 \pm 1.5) \times 10^{-7}$	$(1.9 \pm 2.6) \times 10^{-8}$	-
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 2, 4\}$	$(-2.5 \pm 2.7) \times 10^{-7}$	$(3.0 \pm 3.3) \times 10^{-7}$	$(-6.8 \pm 7.6) \times 10^{-8}$	-	$(2.1 \pm 3.1) \times 10^{-9}$
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 3, 4\}$	$(-1.5 \pm 1.8) \times 10^{-7}$	$(1.6 \pm 1.9) \times 10^{-7}$	-	$(-2.3 \pm 2.8) \times 10^{-8}$	$(4.5 \pm 6.3) \times 10^{-9}$
$\alpha = \{0, 2, 3, 4\}$	$(-4.0 \pm 6.3) \times 10^{-8}$	-	$(7.6 \pm 9.9) \times 10^{-8}$	$(-4.7 \pm 6.2) \times 10^{-8}$	$(7.1 \pm 10.2) \times 10^{-9}$
$\alpha = \{2/3, 2, 3, 4\}$	-	$(-5.5 \pm 9.6) \times 10^{-8}$	$(9.9 \pm 14.7) \times 10^{-8}$	$(-5.4 \pm 7.8) \times 10^{-8}$	$(7.8 \pm 12.0) \times 10^{-9}$
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 2, 3, 4\}$	$(-6.9 \pm 8.9) \times 10^{-7}$	$(9.8 \pm 13.6) \times 10^{-7}$	$(-4.3 \pm 7.1) \times 10^{-7}$	$(1.3 \pm 2.6) \times 10^{-7}$	$(-1.4 \pm 3.0) \times 10^{-8}$

Astrophysical implications

- Increasing uncertainty as the component number increases
- Fixed number of components: uncertainty decreases as the  $\alpha$ -space distance increases 26

# Analysis with real data (20-100 Hz): upper limits

	$\Omega_0^{95\%}$	$\Omega_{2/3}^{95\%}$	$\Omega_2^{95\%}$	$\Omega_3^{95\%}$	$\Omega_4^{95\%}$	$K_{\text{CBC}}^{95\%}$	$K_{\text{magnetars}}^{95\%}$	$K_{\text{r-modes}}^{95\%}$
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$\alpha = \{2/3\}$	-	$1.2 \times 10^{-8}$	-	-	-	$5.1 \times 10^4$	-	-
$\alpha = \{2\}$	-	-	$4.1 \times 10^{-9}$	-	-	-	-	$1.3 \times 10^0$
$\alpha = \{3\}$	-	-	-	$1.5 \times 10^{-9}$	-	-	-	-
$\alpha = \{4\}$	-	-	-	-	$4.5 \times 10^{-10}$	-	$1.4 \times 10^{-12}$	-
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3\}$	$1.3 \times 10^{-8}$	$9.5 \times 10^{-9}$	-	-	-	$4.2 \times 10^4$	-	-
$\alpha = \{0, 2\}$	$1.4 \times 10^{-8}$	-	$3.5 \times 10^{-9}$	-	-	-	-	$1.3 \times 10^0$
$\alpha = \{0, 3\}$	$1.5 \times 10^{-8}$	-	-	$1.3 \times 10^{-9}$	-	-	-	-
$\alpha = \{0, 4\}$	$1.5 \times 10^{-8}$	-	-	-	$4.1 \times 10^{-10}$	-	$1.3 \times 10^{-12}$	-
$\alpha = \{2/3, 2\}$	-	$1.0 \times 10^{-8}$	$3.5 \times 10^{-9}$	-	-	$4.9 \times 10^4$	-	$1.3 \times 10^0$
$\alpha = \{2/3, 3\}$	-	$1.0 \times 10^{-8}$	-	$1.3 \times 10^{-9}$	-	$4.6 \times 10^4$	-	-
$\alpha = \{2/3, 4\}$	-	$1.0 \times 10^{-8}$	-	-	$4.1 \times 10^{-10}$	$4.9 \times 10^4$	$1.3 \times 10^{-12}$	-
$\alpha = \{2, 3\}$	-	-	$3.7 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.3 \times 10^{-9}$	-	-	-	$1.3 \times 10^0$
$\alpha = \{2, 4\}$	-	-	$3.9 \times 10^{-9}$	-	$4.0 \times 10^{-10}$	-	$1.3 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.3 \times 10^0$
$\alpha = \{3, 4\}$	-	-	-	$1.3 \times 10^{-9}$	$4.0 \times 10^{-10}$	-	$1.3 \times 10^{-12}$	-
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 2\}$	$1.2 \times 10^{-8}$	$8.4 \times 10^{-9}$	$3.1 \times 10^{-9}$	-	-	$4.3 \times 10^4$	-	$1.3 \times 10^0$
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$\alpha = \{0, 2, 3\}$	$1.3 \times 10^{-8}$	-	$3.2 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.1 \times 10^{-9}$	-	-	-	$1.3 \times 10^0$
$\alpha = \{0, 2, 4\}$	$1.4 \times 10^{-8}$	-	$3.3 \times 10^{-9}$	-	$3.8 \times 10^{-10}$	-	$1.3 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.3 \times 10^0$
$\alpha = \{0, 3, 4\}$	$1.4 \times 10^{-8}$	-	-	$1.2 \times 10^{-9}$	$3.8 \times 10^{-10}$	-	$1.2 \times 10^{-12}$	-
$\alpha = \{2/3, 2, 3\}$	-	$9.0 \times 10^{-9}$	$3.2 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.1 \times 10^{-9}$	-	$4.6 \times 10^4$	-	$1.3 \times 10^0$
$\alpha = \{2/3, 2, 4\}$	-	$9.4 \times 10^{-9}$	$3.3 \times 10^{-9}$	-	$3.8 \times 10^{-10}$	$4.9 \times 10^4$	$1.3 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.3 \times 10^0$
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$\alpha = \{2, 3, 4\}$	-	-	$3.4 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.2 \times 10^{-9}$	$3.7 \times 10^{-10}$	-	$1.3 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.3 \times 10^0$
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$\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 2, 3, 4\}$	$1.1 \times 10^{-8}$	$7.6 \times 10^{-9}$	$2.8 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.0 \times 10^{-9}$	$3.4 \times 10^{-10}$	$3.8 \times 10^4$	$1.2 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.3 \times 10^0$

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$\alpha = \{0\}$	$1.6 \times 10^{-8}$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
$\alpha = \{2/3\}$	-	$1.2 \times 10^{-8}$	-	-	-	$5.1 \times 10^4$	-	-
$\alpha = \{2\}$	-	-	$4.1 \times 10^{-9}$	-	-	-	-	$1.3 \times 10^0$
$\alpha = \{3\}$	-	-	-	$1.5 \times 10^{-9}$	-	-	-	-
$\alpha = \{4\}$	-	-	-	-	$4.5 \times 10^{-10}$	-	$1.4 \times 10^{-12}$	-
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3\}$	$1.3 \times 10^{-8}$	$9.5 \times 10^{-9}$	-	-	-	$4.2 \times 10^4$	-	-
$\alpha = \{0, 2\}$	$1.4 \times 10^{-8}$	-	$3.5 \times 10^{-9}$	-	-	-	-	$1.3 \times 10^0$
$\alpha = \{0, 3\}$	$1.5 \times 10^{-8}$	-	-	$1.3 \times 10^{-9}$	-	-	-	-
$\alpha = \{0, 4\}$	$1.5 \times 10^{-8}$	-	-	-	$4.1 \times 10^{-10}$	-	$1.3 \times 10^{-12}$	-
$\alpha = \{2/3, 2\}$	-	$1.0 \times 10^{-8}$	$3.5 \times 10^{-9}$	-	-	$4.9 \times 10^4$	-	$1.3 \times 10^0$
$\alpha = \{2/3, 3\}$	-	$1.0 \times 10^{-8}$	-	$1.3 \times 10^{-9}$	-	$4.6 \times 10^4$	-	-
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- Uniform priors:
  - $K_{\text{CBC}} \in [0, 10^7] M_{\odot}^{5/3} \text{Gpc}^{-3} \text{yr}^{-1}$
  - $K_{\text{r-modes}} \in [10^{-13}, 4/3]$
  - $K_{\text{magnetars}} \in [0, 10^{-10}] \text{T}^{-1}$
- Quite mild dependence on the alpha combinations: current data are not informative
- $K_{\text{CBC}} \rightarrow$  difficult to compare with inference from GWTC-3: limit of the current approach
- $K_{\text{r-modes}} \rightarrow$  approximately  $\langle K \rangle \geq -1.23$ , not very informative
- $K_{\text{magnetars}} \rightarrow$  possible implication for distortion parameter  $\beta$  (poloidal-dominated magnetic field) and parameter  $k$  (twisted-toroidal field): not competitive with the existing ones

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# Summary

- Search for a Gaussian, stationary, unpolarised, isotropic SGWB, relaxing the hypothesis of a single component being present at a time
- Method extended to astrophysical SGWBs and implications about ensemble properties
- Analysis performed over the data from the first three LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA observing runs for  $\alpha = 0, 2/3, 2, 3, 4$ , assuming a power law SGWB in the 20-100 Hz band of the analysis
- No signal was found, 95% Bayesian upper limits on the  $\Omega_\alpha$  were drawn
- Implications about astrophysical ensemble properties for CBC ( $\alpha = 2/3$ ), r-mode ( $\alpha = 2$ ), and magnetar ( $\alpha = 4$ ) SGWBs: limits not yet very informative or competitive with the existing ones
- Important take away from the injection study: this method will avoid bias and overestimating the components when getting closer to a detection (assuming power-law assumption holds)
- Possible improvements: need to go beyond the simple PL approximation to allow more flexibility (e.g., broader frequency range and remove degeneracy for CBC subpopulations)

Thank you for your attention!

# BACKUP SLIDES



# 2nd generation ground based detectors network

Credits: Readapted from Neil Cornish GWMess2021 presentation



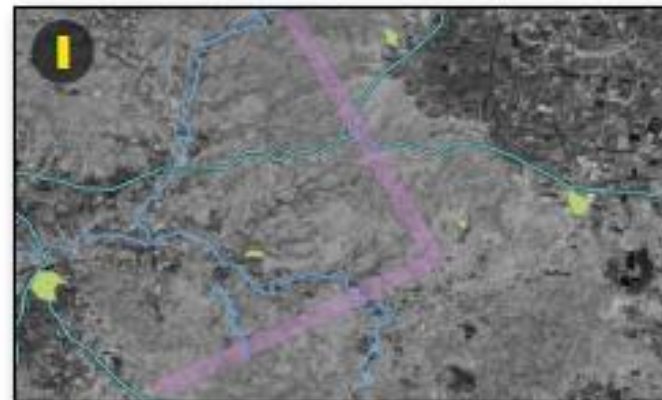
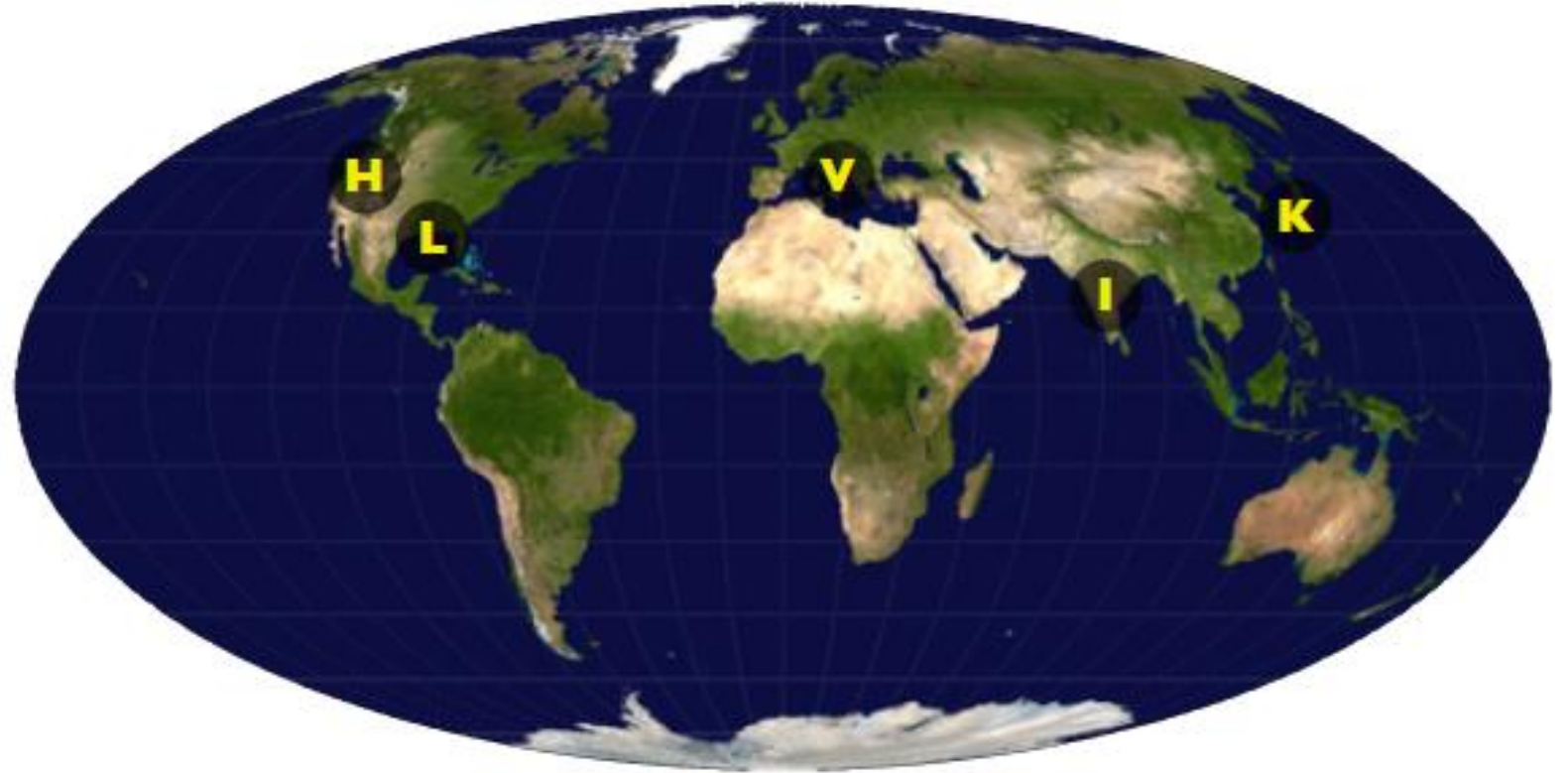
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# Isotropic search: multi-component formalism (1)

- Model:  $\Omega_{\text{gw}}(f) = \sum_{\{\alpha\}} \Omega_{\alpha}(f) w_{\alpha}(f)$ ,  $w_{\alpha}(f) \equiv \left(\frac{f}{f_{\text{ref}}}\right)^{\alpha}$

- Cross-correlation

$$\tilde{s}_I^*(t, f) \tilde{s}_J(t', f') \approx \delta(f - f') \delta(t - t') \frac{T}{2} S_0 \gamma_{IJ}(f) \Omega_{\text{gw}}(f) + \tilde{n}_I^*(t, f) \tilde{n}_J(t', f'),$$

which, at  $t = t'$  and  $f = f'$ , can be rewritten as

$$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{K} \cdot \mathbf{\Omega} + \mathbf{N} \quad \text{or} \quad C_{tf} = \sum_{\{\alpha\}} K_{tf}^{\alpha} \Omega_{\alpha} + N_{tf},$$

with

$$\mathbf{C} = C_{tf} \equiv \tilde{s}_I^*(t, f) \tilde{s}_J(t, f)$$

$$\mathbf{\Omega} = \Omega_{\alpha} \equiv \Omega_{\text{gw}}(f_{\text{ref}}, \alpha)$$

$$\mathbf{K} = K_{tf}^{\alpha} \equiv \frac{T}{2} S_0(f) \gamma_{IJ}(f) w_{\alpha}(f)$$

$$\mathbf{N} = N_{tf} = \tilde{n}_I^*(t, f) \tilde{n}_J(t, f)$$

- Noise covariance matrix:

$$\mathcal{N} = \mathcal{N}_{tft'f'} \equiv \delta(f - f') \delta(t - t') \left(\frac{T}{2}\right)^2 P_I(f) P_J(f)$$

# Isotropic search: multi-component formalism (2)

- Maximum Likelihood estimator for  $\mathbf{\Omega}$ , and covariance matrix:

$$\hat{\mathbf{\Omega}} = \mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{X}, \quad \mathbf{\Sigma} = \mathbf{\Gamma}^{-1}, \quad \sigma^2 = \text{diag}(\mathbf{\Sigma})$$

where

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{K}^\dagger \cdot \mathcal{N}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{C}, \quad \mathbf{\Gamma} = \mathbf{K}^\dagger \cdot \mathcal{N}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{K}.$$

- (Broad-band) Dirty map and Fisher matrix:

$$X_\alpha = \sum_{t,f} \frac{2}{T} \frac{\tilde{s}_I^*(t,f) \tilde{s}_J(t,f)}{P_I(f) P_J(f)} \gamma_{IJ}(f) S_0(f) w_\alpha(f)$$

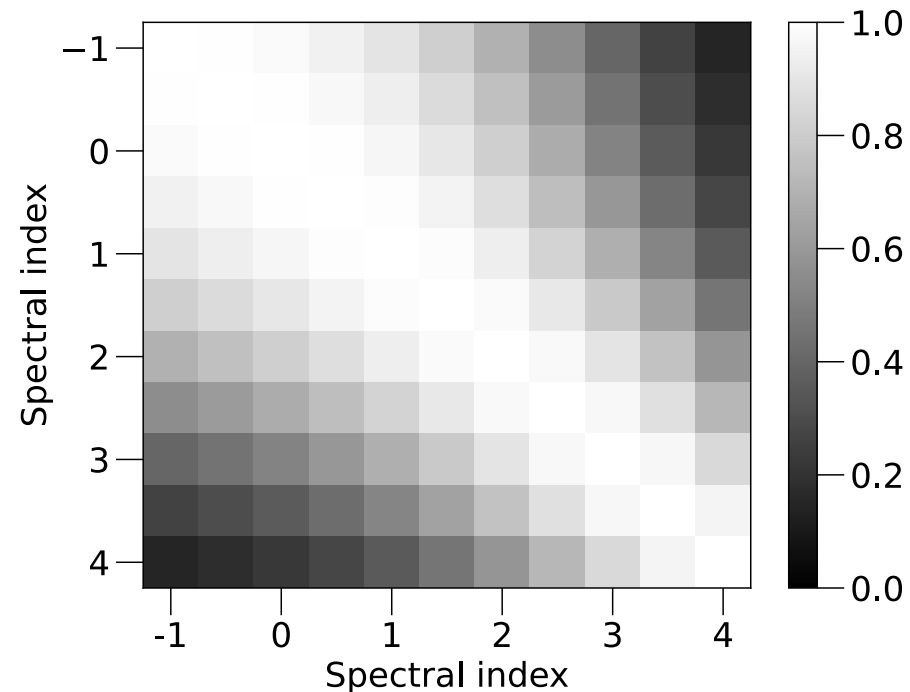
$$\Gamma_{\alpha\alpha'} = \sum_{t,f} \frac{2}{T} \frac{|\gamma_{IJ}(f)|^2 S_0^2(f)}{P_I(f) P_J(f)} w_\alpha(f) w_{\alpha'}(f)$$

# Isotropic search: multi-component formalism (3)

- Preconditioning may be necessary to avoid numerical errors when inverting  $\Gamma$ :

$$\Gamma_{\alpha\alpha'} \rightarrow \Gamma'_{\alpha\alpha'} \equiv \frac{\Gamma_{\alpha\alpha'}}{\sqrt{\Gamma_{\alpha\alpha}}\sqrt{\Gamma_{\alpha'\alpha'}}}, \quad X_{\alpha} \rightarrow X'_{\alpha} \equiv \frac{X_{\alpha}}{\sqrt{\Gamma_{\alpha\alpha}}}, \quad \Gamma_{\alpha} \equiv [\text{diag}(\Gamma)]_{\alpha}$$

$$\Omega_{\alpha} = \frac{(\Gamma')^{-1}_{\alpha\alpha'} X'_{\alpha'}}{\sqrt{\Gamma_{\alpha\alpha}}}, \quad \Sigma_{\alpha\alpha'} = \frac{(\Gamma')^{-1}_{\alpha\alpha'}}{\sqrt{\Gamma_{\alpha\alpha}}\sqrt{\Gamma_{\alpha'\alpha'}}}, \quad \sigma_{\alpha}^2 = [\text{diag}(\Sigma)]_{\alpha}$$



Example of coupling matrix for O1+O2+O3 dataset.

# Astrophysical SGWBs of interest

- SGWB from CBCs (see Kevin Turbang's talk for BBH):

$$\Omega_{\text{gw},j}(f) \approx \xi_j f^{2/3} R_{0,j} \left\langle \mathcal{M}_c^{5/3} \right\rangle_j \equiv \xi_j f^{2/3} K_j, \quad j = \text{BBH, BNS, BHNS}$$

$$\Omega_{\text{gw,CBC}}(f) \approx \xi_{\text{CBC}} f^{2/3} K_{\text{CBC}}, \quad K_{\text{CBC}} \equiv \sum_j K_j$$

- r-mode instability in young NSs ([Owen et al. 1998](#), [Zhu et al. 2011](#))

$$\Omega_{\text{gw,r-modes}}(f) \approx \xi_{\text{r-modes}} f^2 \langle (K + 2)^{-1} \rangle \equiv \xi_{\text{r-modes}} f^2 K_{\text{r-modes}}$$

Related to r-modes intensity  $\alpha$

- Magnetars ([Regimbau-Mandic 2008](#), [Wu et al. 2013](#))

$$\Omega_{\text{gw,magnetars}}(f) \approx \xi_{\text{magnetars}} f^4 \langle \varepsilon^2 \rangle \langle B^{-2} \rangle \equiv \xi_{\text{magnetars}} f^4 K_{\text{magnetars}}^2$$

ellipticity and (poloidal)  
magnetic field

# Validation: astrophysical multi-component injection study

- Injected (detectable) astrophysical SGWB from BNS, r-modes, and magnetars in O3 data
- Astrophysical (unphysical) population parameters

$$K_{\text{BNS}} \simeq 7.91 \times 10^5 M_{\odot}^{5/3} \text{Gpc}^{-3} \text{yr}^{-1} (R_{0,\text{BNS}} = 3.2 \times 10^5 \text{Gpc}^{-3} \text{yr}^{-1})$$

$$K_{\text{r-modes}} = 10^3, (K = -1.999)$$

$$K_{\text{magnetars}} = 10^{-11}, \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{B} = 10^{-11}\right)$$

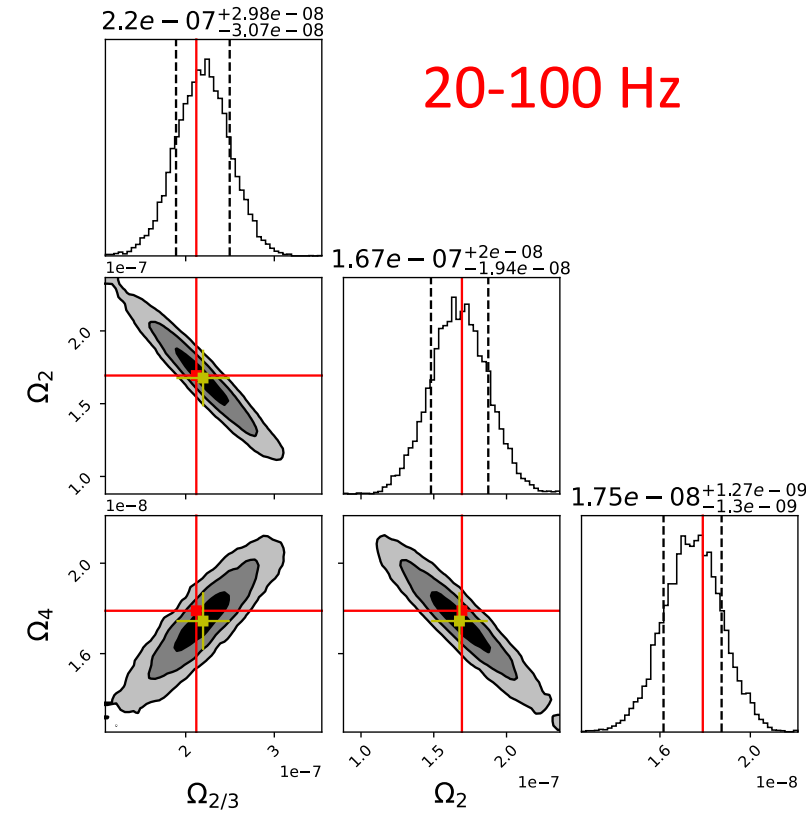
- Corresponding  $\Omega_{\text{ref}}$  ( $f_{\text{ref}} = 25 \text{ Hz}$ )

$$\Omega_{\text{BNS}} \simeq 2.12 \times 10^{-7}, \quad \Omega_{\text{r-modes}} \simeq 1.69 \times 10^{-7}, \quad \Omega_{\text{magnetars}} \simeq 1.79 \times 10^{-8}$$

- Goal: recover both the amplitudes (similar and different orders of magnitude) and the population parameters (assuming SGWB being detectable)

# Astrophysical multi-component injections: SGWB intensity

Estimators	$\hat{\Omega}_0$	$\hat{\Omega}_{2/3} = 2.1 \times 10^{-7}$	$\hat{\Omega}_2 = 1.7 \times 10^{-7}$	$\hat{\Omega}_3$	$\hat{\Omega}_4 = 1.8 \times 10^{-8}$
$\alpha = \{0\}$	$(8.68 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-7}$	-	-	-	-
$\alpha = \{2/3\}$	-	$(7.12 \pm 0.06) \times 10^{-7}$	-	-	-
$\alpha = \{2\}$	-	-	$(3.61 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-7}$	-	-
$\alpha = \{3\}$	-	-	-	$(1.44 \pm 0.01) \times 10^{-7}$	-
$\alpha = \{4\}$	-	-	-	-	$(4.28 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-8}$
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3\}$	$(-2.67 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-6}$	$(2.68 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-6}$	-	-	-
$\alpha = \{0, 2\}$	$(-1.3 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-7}$	-	$(3.96 \pm 0.05) \times 10^{-7}$	-	-
$\alpha = \{0, 3\}$	$(3.55 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-7}$	-	-	$(1.14 \pm 0.01) \times 10^{-7}$	-
$\alpha = \{0, 4\}$	$(5.79 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-7}$	-	-	-	$(3.21 \pm 0.04) \times 10^{-8}$
$\alpha = \{2/3, 2\}$	-	$(-1.5 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-7}$	$(4.21 \pm 0.06) \times 10^{-7}$	-	-
$\alpha = \{2/3, 3\}$	-	$(3.03 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-7}$	-	$(1.04 \pm 0.01) \times 10^{-7}$	-
$\alpha = \{2/3, 4\}$	-	$(4.73 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-7}$	-	-	$(2.79 \pm 0.04) \times 10^{-8}$
$\alpha = \{2, 3\}$	-	-	$(2.61 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-7}$	$(4.4 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-8}$	-
$\alpha = \{2, 4\}$	-	-	$(3.06 \pm 0.04) \times 10^{-7}$	-	$(9.2 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-9}$
$\alpha = \{3, 4\}$	-	-	-	$(2.62 \pm 0.04) \times 10^{-7}$	$(-4.1 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-8}$
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 2\}$	$(1.4 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-6}$	$(-1.5 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-6}$	$(5.9 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-7}$	-	-
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 3\}$	$(4.4 \pm 8.3) \times 10^{-8}$	$(2.7 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-7}$	-	$(1.05 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-7}$	-
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 4\}$	$(-6.0 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-7}$	$(9.5 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-7}$	-	-	$(2.4 \pm 0.06) \times 10^{-8}$
$\alpha = \{0, 2, 3\}$	$(2.6 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-7}$	-	$(7.6 \pm 2.3) \times 10^{-8}$	$(9.3 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-8}$	-
$\alpha = \{0, 2, 4\}$	$(1.8 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-7}$	-	$(2.2 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-7}$	-	$(1.5 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-8}$
$\alpha = \{0, 3, 4\}$	$(3.2 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-7}$	-	-	$(1.35 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-7}$	$(-6.1 \pm 2.3) \times 10^{-9}$
$\alpha = \{2/3, 2, 3\}$	-	$(3.4 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-7}$	$(-3.8 \pm 3.4) \times 10^{-8}$	$(1.13 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-7}$	-
$\alpha = \{2/3, 2, 4\}$	-	$(2.2 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-7}$	$(1.7 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-7}$	-	$(1.7 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-8}$
$\alpha = \{2/3, 3, 4\}$	-	$(3.3 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-7}$	-	$(8.8 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-8}$	$(4.4 \pm 2.8) \times 10^{-9}$
$\alpha = \{2, 3, 4\}$	-	-	$(5.0 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-7}$	$(-1.8 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-7}$	$(4.4 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-8}$
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 2, 3\}$	$(-8.0 \pm 3.5) \times 10^{-7}$	$(1.4 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-6}$	$(-3.6 \pm 1.5) \times 10^{-7}$	$(1.7 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-7}$	-
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 2, 4\}$	$(-2.4 \pm 2.7) \times 10^{-7}$	$(5.1 \pm 3.3) \times 10^{-7}$	$(1.0 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{-7}$	-	$(2.0 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-8}$
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 3, 4\}$	$(-3.6 \pm 1.8) \times 10^{-7}$	$(7.0 \pm 1.9) \times 10^{-7}$	-	$(3.8 \pm 2.8) \times 10^{-8}$	$(1.5 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-8}$
$\alpha = \{0, 2, 3, 4\}$	$(9.9 \pm 6.3) \times 10^{-8}$	-	$(3.5 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-7}$	$(-8.6 \pm 6.2) \times 10^{-8}$	$(2.9 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-8}$
$\alpha = \{2/3, 2, 3, 4\}$	-	$(1.6 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-7}$	$(2.7 \pm 1.5) \times 10^{-7}$	$(-5.4 \pm 7.8) \times 10^{-8}$	$(2.6 \pm 1.2) \times 10^{-8}$
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 2, 3, 4\}$	$(-6.9 \pm 8.9) \times 10^{-7}$	$(1.2 \pm 1.4) \times 10^{-6}$	$(-2.6 \pm 7.1) \times 10^{-7}$	$(1.3 \pm 2.6) \times 10^{-7}$	$(4.3 \pm 30.3) \times 10^{-9}$

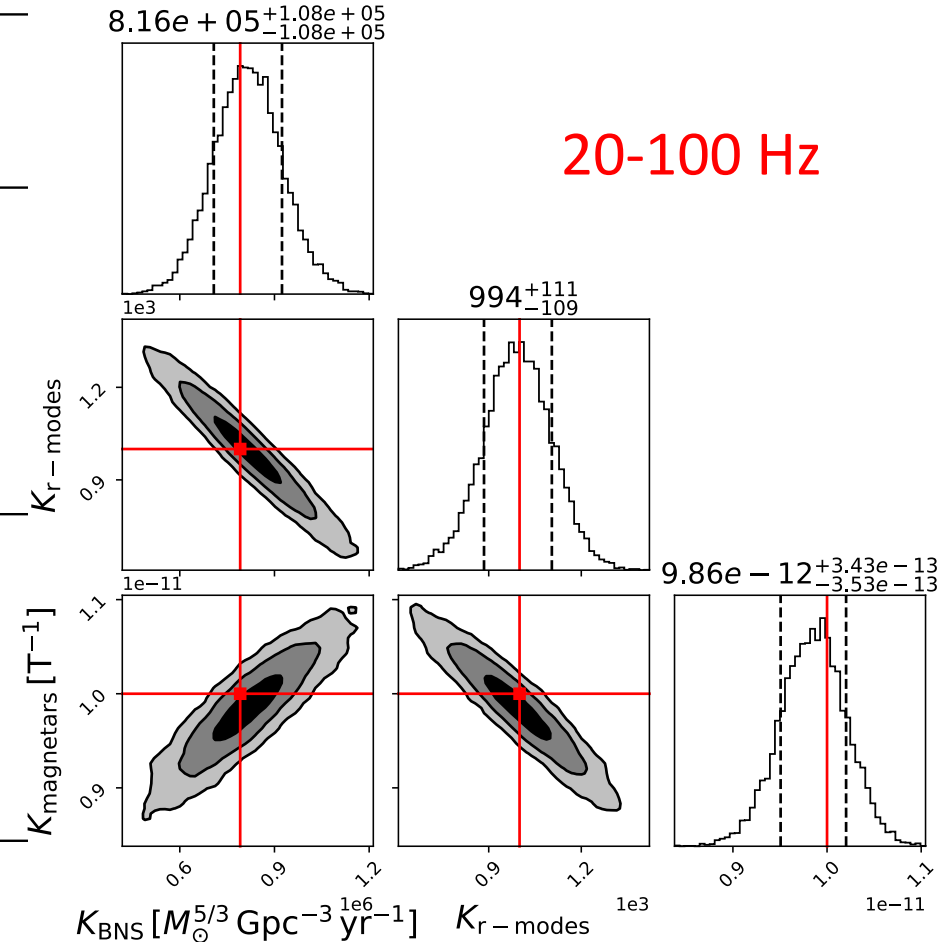


**PE results ( $\alpha=2/3, 2, 4$ ):** Red lines/boxes are the injections. Yellow error bars refer to the estimators.

- $\Omega_\alpha$  well recovered only when the right  $\alpha=2/3, 2, 4$  combination is considered
- Capability of disentangling SGWB with similar intensities or spanning order of magnitudes

# Astrophysical multi-component injections: astrophysical parameters

	$\Omega_0$	$\Omega_3$	$K_{\text{BNS}} = 7.9 \times 10^5 M_{\odot}^{5/3} \text{Gpc}^{-3} \text{yr}^{-1}$	$K_{r\text{-modes}} = 1 \times 10^3$	$K_{\text{magnetars}} = 1 \times 10^{-11} \text{T}^{-1}$
$\alpha = \{0\}$	$(8.68_{-0.08}^{+0.08}) \times 10^{-7}$	-	-	-	-
$\alpha = \{2/3\}$	-	-	$(2.66_{-0.02}^{+0.02}) \times 10^6$	-	-
$\alpha = \{2\}$	-	-	-	$(2.13_{-0.01}^{+0.01}) \times 10^3$	-
$\alpha = \{3\}$	-	$(1.44_{-0.01}^{+0.01}) \times 10^{-7}$	-	-	-
$\alpha = \{4\}$	-	-	-	-	$(1.546_{-0.006}^{+0.006}) \times 10^{-11}$
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3\}$	$(5.4_{-4.2}^{+9.2}) \times 10^{-10}$	-	$(2.65_{-0.02}^{+0.02}) \times 10^6$	-	-
$\alpha = \{0, 2\}$	$(9.9_{-7.4}^{+16.6}) \times 10^{-10}$	-	-	$(2.13_{-0.01}^{+0.01}) \times 10^3$	-
$\alpha = \{0, 3\}$	$(3.55_{-0.1}^{+0.1}) \times 10^{-7}$	$(1.14_{-0.01}^{+0.01}) \times 10^{-7}$	-	-	-
$\alpha = \{0, 4\}$	$(5.79_{-0.08}^{+0.08}) \times 10^{-7}$	-	-	-	$(1.339_{-0.008}^{+0.008}) \times 10^{-11}$
$\alpha = \{2/3, 2\}$	-	-	$(3.2_{-2.4}^{+5.2}) \times 10^3$	$(2.13_{-0.01}^{+0.01}) \times 10^3$	-
$\alpha = \{2/3, 3\}$	-	$(1.04_{-0.01}^{+0.01}) \times 10^{-7}$	$(1.13_{-0.03}^{+0.03}) \times 10^6$	-	-
$\alpha = \{2/3, 4\}$	-	-	$(1.76_{-0.02}^{+0.02}) \times 10^6$	-	$(1.248_{-0.009}^{+0.009}) \times 10^{-11}$
$\alpha = \{2, 3\}$	-	$(4.4_{-0.3}^{+0.3}) \times 10^{-8}$	-	$(1.54_{-0.04}^{+0.04}) \times 10^3$	-
$\alpha = \{2, 4\}$	-	-	-	$(1.81_{-0.03}^{+0.03}) \times 10^3$	$(7.1_{-0.2}^{+0.2}) \times 10^{-12}$
$\alpha = \{3, 4\}$	-	$(1.438_{-0.01}^{+0.01}) \times 10^{-7}$	-	-	$(2.9_{-1.3}^{+2.2}) \times 10^{-13}$
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 2\}$	$(1.0_{-0.8}^{+1.6}) \times 10^{-9}$	-	$(3.2_{-2.4}^{+5.3}) \times 10^3$	$(2.12_{-0.02}^{+0.01}) \times 10^3$	-
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 3\}$	$(7.7_{-5.1}^{+6.7}) \times 10^{-8}$	$(1.06_{-0.02}^{+0.02}) \times 10^{-7}$	$(8.8_{-2.1}^{+1.6}) \times 10^5$	-	-
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 4\}$	$(5.5_{-4.1}^{+9.1}) \times 10^{-9}$	-	$(1.74_{-0.03}^{+0.03}) \times 10^6$	-	$(1.249_{-0.009}^{+0.009}) \times 10^{-11}$
$\alpha = \{0, 2, 3\}$	$(2.6_{-0.3}^{+0.3}) \times 10^{-7}$	$(9.3_{-0.6}^{+0.6}) \times 10^{-8}$	-	$(4.5_{-1.3}^{+1.3}) \times 10^2$	-
$\alpha = \{0, 2, 4\}$	$(1.8_{-0.2}^{+0.3}) \times 10^{-7}$	-	-	$(1.3_{-0.08}^{+0.08}) \times 10^3$	$(9.3_{-0.3}^{+0.3}) \times 10^{-12}$
$\alpha = \{0, 3, 4\}$	$(3.58_{-0.1}^{+0.1}) \times 10^{-7}$	$(1.13_{-0.02}^{+0.02}) \times 10^{-7}$	-	-	$(1.1_{-0.7}^{+1.1}) \times 10^{-12}$
$\alpha = \{2/3, 2, 3\}$	-	$(1.01_{-0.01}^{+0.03}) \times 10^{-7}$	$(1.07_{-0.07}^{+0.05}) \times 10^6$	$(7.8_{-5.6}^{+9.5}) \times 10^1$	-
$\alpha = \{2/3, 2, 4\}$	-	-	$(8.2_{-1.1}^{+1.1}) \times 10^5$	$(9.9_{-1.1}^{+1.1}) \times 10^2$	$(9.9_{-0.4}^{+0.3}) \times 10^{-12}$
$\alpha = \{2/3, 3, 4\}$	-	$(9.2_{-1.1}^{+0.9}) \times 10^{-8}$	$(1.21_{-0.06}^{+0.07}) \times 10^6$	-	$(4.4_{-2.2}^{+1.6}) \times 10^{-12}$
$\alpha = \{2, 3, 4\}$	-	$(2.3_{-1.7}^{+3.9}) \times 10^{-9}$	-	$(1.79_{-0.03}^{+0.03}) \times 10^3$	$(6.9_{-0.4}^{+0.3}) \times 10^{-12}$
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 2, 3\}$	$(1.3_{-0.8}^{+0.8}) \times 10^{-7}$	$(1.0_{-0.07}^{+0.05}) \times 10^{-7}$	$(6.1_{-3.3}^{+2.9}) \times 10^5$	$(1.7_{-1.2}^{+1.9}) \times 10^2$	-
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 2, 4\}$	$(7.2_{-5.0}^{+6.8}) \times 10^{-8}$	-	$(4.9_{-3.0}^{+2.4}) \times 10^5$	$(1.1_{-0.1}^{+0.1}) \times 10^3$	$(9.6_{-0.4}^{+0.4}) \times 10^{-12}$
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 3, 4\}$	$(4.9_{-3.6}^{+6.1}) \times 10^{-8}$	$(9.8_{-1.1}^{+0.6}) \times 10^{-8}$	$(1.0_{-0.2}^{+0.1}) \times 10^6$	-	$(3.3_{-2.0}^{+1.9}) \times 10^{-12}$
$\alpha = \{0, 2, 3, 4\}$	$(2.1_{-0.3}^{+0.4}) \times 10^{-7}$	$(2.8_{-2.0}^{+3.9}) \times 10^{-8}$	-	$(1.0_{-0.2}^{+0.2}) \times 10^3$	$(7.8_{-2.8}^{+1.2}) \times 10^{-12}$
$\alpha = \{2/3, 2, 3, 4\}$	-	$(3.6_{-2.6}^{+3.5}) \times 10^{-8}$	$(9.8_{-1.5}^{+1.6}) \times 10^5$	$(6.0_{-3.9}^{+2.9}) \times 10^2$	$(8.1_{-2.2}^{+1.3}) \times 10^{-12}$
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 2, 3, 4\}$	$(7.9_{-5.4}^{+8.1}) \times 10^{-8}$	$(3.9_{-2.7}^{+3.9}) \times 10^{-8}$	$(6.3_{-3.6}^{+2.8}) \times 10^5$	$(6.9_{-4.0}^{+3.2}) \times 10^2$	$(7.7_{-2.9}^{+1.4}) \times 10^{-12}$



- Parameters well recovered for right  $\alpha$  combination
- Importance of the frequency range where power-law approximation is valid: best recovery for frequencies in 20-100 Hz band (in contrast to the 20-1726 Hz used in O3 analysis)

# Analysis with real data (20-100 Hz): estimators

	$\hat{\Omega}_0$	$\hat{\Omega}_{2/3}$	$\hat{\Omega}_2$	$\hat{\Omega}_3$	$\hat{\Omega}_4$
$\alpha = \{0\}$	$(1.5 \pm 7.5) \times 10^{-9}$	-	-	-	-
$\alpha = \{2/3\}$	-	$(2.3 \pm 56.2) \times 10^{-10}$	-	-	-
$\alpha = \{2\}$	-	-	$(-1.3 \pm 2.5) \times 10^{-9}$	-	-
$\alpha = \{3\}$ Astrophysical	-	-	-	$(-9.8 \pm 10.3) \times 10^{-10}$	-
$\alpha = \{4\}$ implications	-	-	-	-	$(-4.0 \pm 3.4) \times 10^{-10}$
$\alpha = \{2/3, 2, 4\}$	-	$(7.7 \pm 30.1) \times 10^{-9}$	$(-1.7 \pm 19.5) \times 10^{-9}$	-	$(-4.5 \pm 12.7) \times 10^{-10}$
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 2, 3, 4\}$	$(-6.9 \pm 8.9) \times 10^{-7}$	$(9.8 \pm 13.6) \times 10^{-7}$	$(-4.3 \pm 7.1) \times 10^{-7}$	$(1.3 \pm 2.6) \times 10^{-7}$	$(-1.4 \pm 3.0) \times 10^{-8}$

Standard analysis

- Increasing uncertainty as the component number increases
- Fixed number of components: uncertainty decreases as the  $\alpha$ -space distance increases

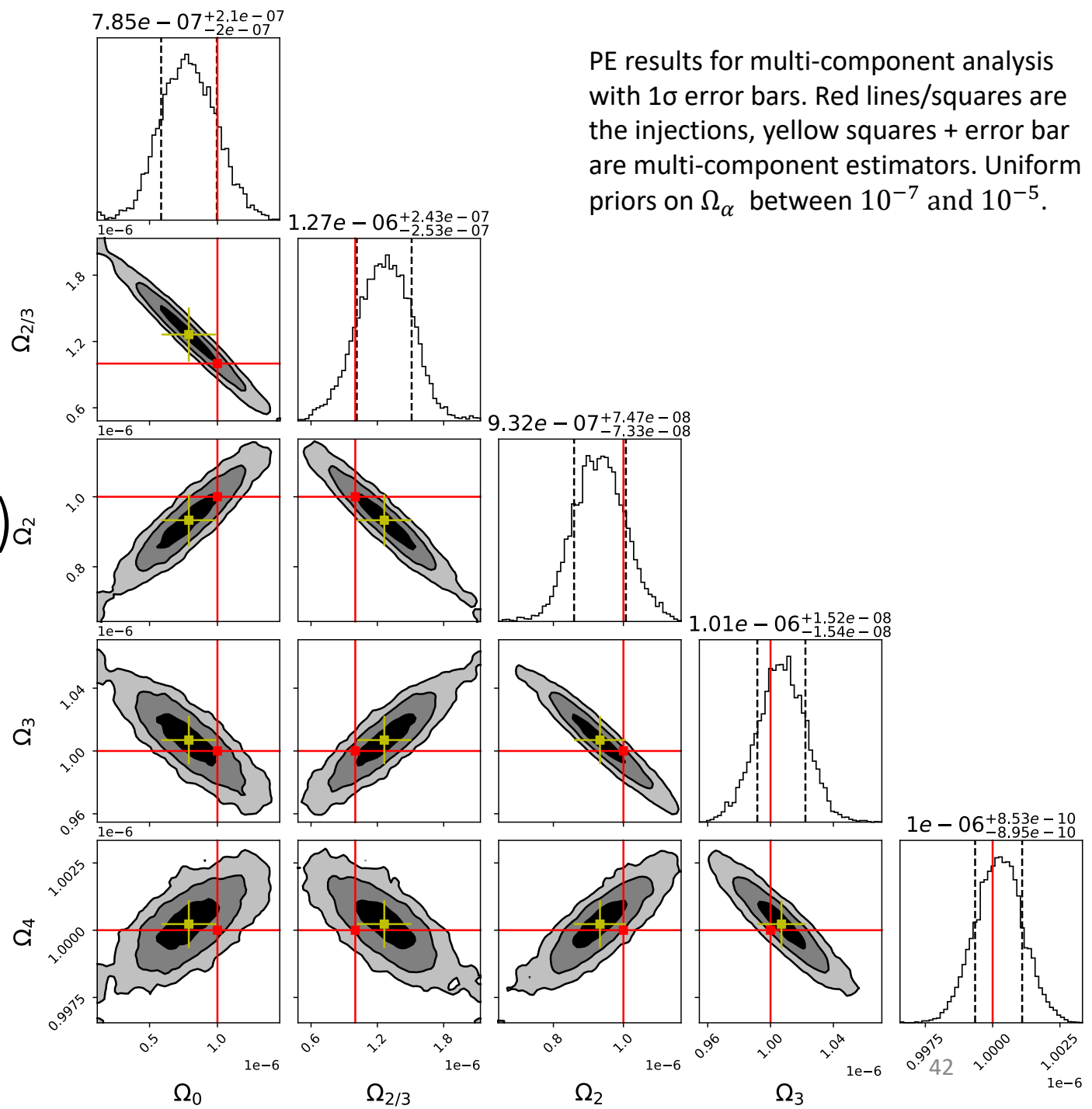


# Analysis with real data (20-100 Hz): upper limits

	$\Omega_0^{95\%}$	$\Omega_{2/3}^{95\%}$	$\Omega_2^{95\%}$	$\Omega_3^{95\%}$	$\Omega_4^{95\%}$	$K_{\text{CBC}}^{95\%}$	$K_{\text{magnetars}}^{95\%}$	$K_{\text{r-modes}}^{95\%}$
$\alpha = \{0\}$	$1.6 \times 10^{-8}$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
$\alpha = \{2/3\}$	-	$1.2 \times 10^{-8}$	-	-	-	$5.1 \times 10^4$	-	-
$\alpha = \{2\}$	-	-	$4.1 \times 10^{-9}$	-	-	-	-	$1.3 \times 10^0$
$\alpha = \{3\}$	-	-	-	$1.5 \times 10^{-9}$	-	-	-	-
$\alpha = \{4\}$	-	-	-	-	$4.5 \times 10^{-10}$	-	$1.4 \times 10^{-12}$	-
$\alpha = \{2/3, 2, 4\}$	-	$9.4 \times 10^{-9}$	$3.3 \times 10^{-9}$	-	$3.8 \times 10^{-10}$	$4.9 \times 10^4$	$1.3 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.3 \times 10^0$
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 2, 3, 4\}$	$1.1 \times 10^{-8}$	$7.6 \times 10^{-9}$	$2.8 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.0 \times 10^{-9}$	$3.4 \times 10^{-10}$	$3.8 \times 10^4$	$1.2 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.3 \times 10^0$

- More stringent bounds as the number of components increases: expected, given that (noise) power split among multiple components ([Callister et al. 2017](#))
- Uniform priors:
  - $K_{\text{CBC}} \in [0, 10^7] M_{\odot}^{5/3} \text{Gpc}^{-3} \text{yr}^{-1}$
  - $K_{\text{r-modes}} \in [10^{-13}, 4/3]$
  - $K_{\text{magnetars}} \in [0, 10^{-10}] \text{T}^{-1}$
- Quite mild dependence on the alpha combinations: current data are not informative
- $K_{\text{CBC}} \rightarrow$  difficult to compare with inference from GWTC-3: limit of the current approach
- $K_{\text{r-modes}} \rightarrow$  approximately  $\langle K \rangle \geq -1.23$ , not very informative
- $K_{\text{magnetars}} \rightarrow$  possible implication for distortion parameter  $\beta$  (poloidal-dominated magnetic field) and parameter  $k$  (twisted-toroidal field): not competitive with the existing ones

Strong PL injections (20-1726 Hz)  
 $\{\alpha=0, \alpha=2/3, \alpha=2, \alpha=3, \alpha=4\}$



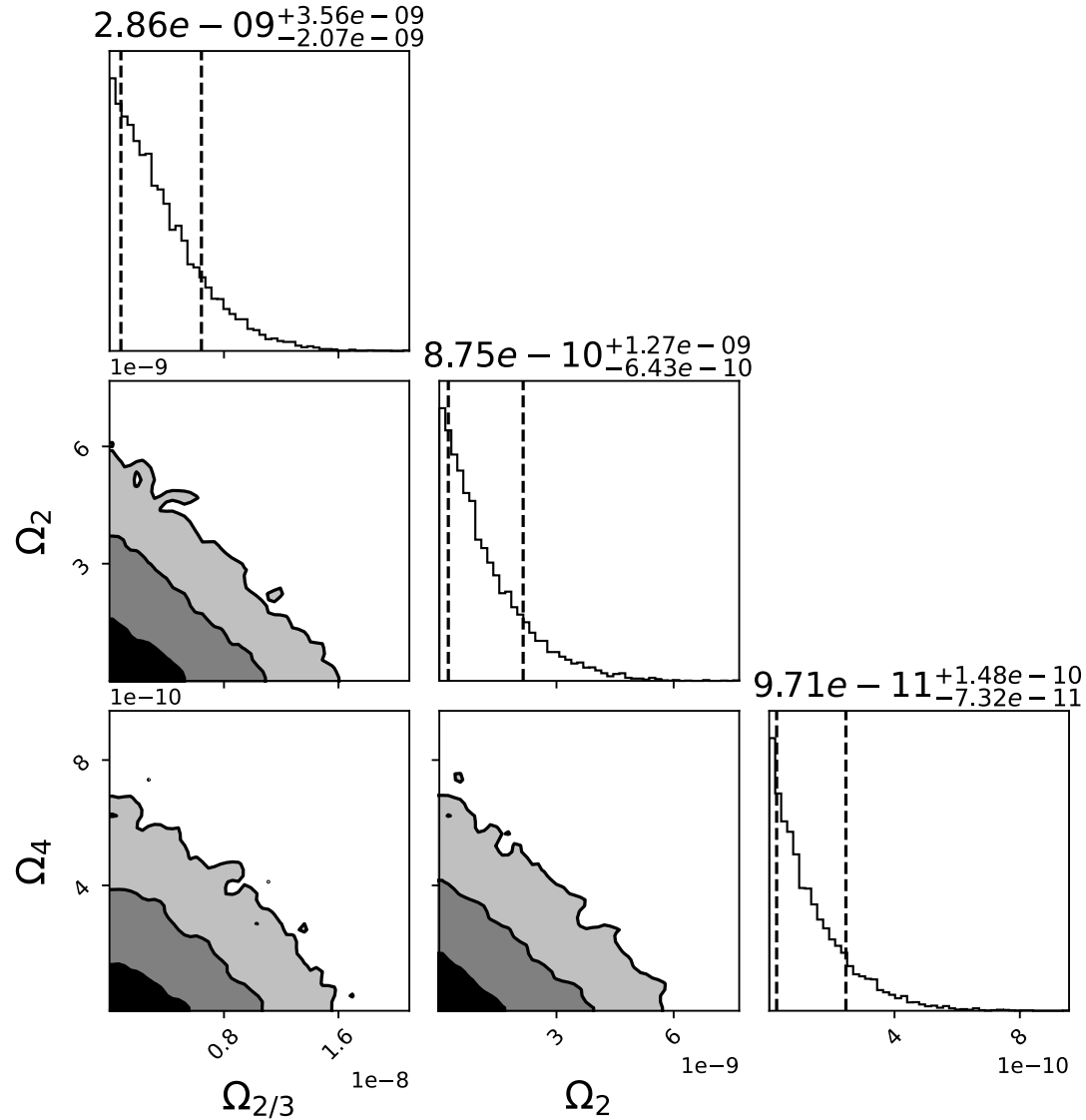
# Strong PL injections (20-1726 Hz) $\{\alpha=0, \alpha=2/3, \alpha=2, \alpha=3, \alpha=4\}$ : $\hat{\Omega}_\alpha$

	$\hat{\Omega}_0 = 1 \times 10^{-6}$	$\hat{\Omega}_{2/3} = 1 \times 10^{-6}$	$\hat{\Omega}_2 = 1 \times 10^{-6}$	$\hat{\Omega}_3 = 1 \times 10^{-6}$	$\hat{\Omega}_4 = 1 \times 10^{-6}$
$\alpha = \{0\}$	$1.94 \times 10^{-5} \pm 7.51 \times 10^{-9}$	-	-	-	-
$\alpha = \{2/3\}$	-	$1.81 \times 10^{-5} \pm 5.6 \times 10^{-9}$	-	-	-
$\alpha = \{2\}$	-	-	$1.25 \times 10^{-5} \pm 2.39 \times 10^{-9}$	-	-
$\alpha = \{3\}$	-	-	-	$5.66 \times 10^{-6} \pm 8.29 \times 10^{-10}$	-
$\alpha = \{4\}$	-	-	-	-	$1.23 \times 10^{-6} \pm 1.67 \times 10^{-10}$
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3\}$	$-0.000156 \pm 4.44 \times 10^{-8}$	$0.000133 \pm 3.3 \times 10^{-8}$	-	-	-
$\alpha = \{0, 2\}$	$-3.59 \times 10^{-5} \pm 1.28 \times 10^{-8}$	-	$2.18 \times 10^{-5} \pm 4.06 \times 10^{-9}$	-	-
$\alpha = \{0, 3\}$	$-9.51 \times 10^{-6} \pm 8.76 \times 10^{-9}$	-	-	$6.2 \times 10^{-6} \pm 9.66 \times 10^{-10}$	-
$\alpha = \{0, 4\}$	$7.67 \times 10^{-6} \pm 7.7 \times 10^{-9}$	-	-	-	$1.19 \times 10^{-6} \pm 1.72 \times 10^{-10}$
$\alpha = \{2/3, 2\}$	-	$-3.87 \times 10^{-5} \pm 1.23 \times 10^{-8}$	$2.72 \times 10^{-5} \pm 5.24 \times 10^{-9}$	-	-
$\alpha = \{2/3, 3\}$	-	$-9.22 \times 10^{-6} \pm 7.14 \times 10^{-9}$	-	$6.51 \times 10^{-6} \pm 1.06 \times 10^{-9}$	-
$\alpha = \{2/3, 4\}$	-	$6.3 \times 10^{-6} \pm 5.87 \times 10^{-9}$	-	-	$1.17 \times 10^{-6} \pm 1.75 \times 10^{-10}$
$\alpha = \{2, 3\}$	-	-	$-9.98 \times 10^{-6} \pm 5.28 \times 10^{-9}$	$8.75 \times 10^{-6} \pm 1.83 \times 10^{-9}$	-
$\alpha = \{2, 4\}$	-	-	$3.52 \times 10^{-6} \pm 2.94 \times 10^{-9}$	-	$1.08 \times 10^{-6} \pm 2.06 \times 10^{-10}$
$\alpha = \{3, 4\}$	-	-	-	$1.82 \times 10^{-6} \pm 1.57 \times 10^{-9}$	$9.15 \times 10^{-7} \pm 3.17 \times 10^{-10}$
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 2\}$	$0.000225 \pm 9.6 \times 10^{-8}$	$-0.000253 \pm 9.23 \times 10^{-8}$	$5.09 \times 10^{-5} \pm 1.13 \times 10^{-8}$	-	-
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 3\}$	$9.42 \times 10^{-5} \pm 6.51 \times 10^{-8}$	$-8.53 \times 10^{-5} \pm 5.3 \times 10^{-8}$	-	$8.15 \times 10^{-6} \pm 1.55 \times 10^{-9}$	-
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 4\}$	$-2.18 \times 10^{-5} \pm 5.03 \times 10^{-8}$	$2.27 \times 10^{-5} \pm 3.83 \times 10^{-8}$	-	-	$1.13 \times 10^{-6} \pm 1.99 \times 10^{-10}$
$\alpha = \{0, 2, 3\}$	$2.92 \times 10^{-5} \pm 2.03 \times 10^{-8}$	-	$-2.59 \times 10^{-5} \pm 1.22 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.2 \times 10^{-5} \pm 2.91 \times 10^{-9}$	-
$\alpha = \{0, 2, 4\}$	$-9.46 \times 10^{-7} \pm 1.5 \times 10^{-8}$	-	$3.83 \times 10^{-6} \pm 5.72 \times 10^{-9}$	-	$1.07 \times 10^{-6} \pm 2.42 \times 10^{-10}$
$\alpha = \{0, 3, 4\}$	$3.36 \times 10^{-6} \pm 9.98 \times 10^{-9}$	-	-	$1.38 \times 10^{-6} \pm 2.04 \times 10^{-9}$	$9.73 \times 10^{-7} \pm 3.61 \times 10^{-10}$
$\alpha = \{2/3, 2, 3\}$	-	$3.61 \times 10^{-5} \pm 2.27 \times 10^{-8}$	$-3.53 \times 10^{-5} \pm 1.68 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.33 \times 10^{-5} \pm 3.38 \times 10^{-9}$	-
$\alpha = \{2/3, 2, 4\}$	-	$-1.17 \times 10^{-6} \pm 1.52 \times 10^{-8}$	$4.06 \times 10^{-6} \pm 7.6 \times 10^{-9}$	-	$1.07 \times 10^{-6} \pm 2.54 \times 10^{-10}$
$\alpha = \{2/3, 3, 4\}$	-	$2.92 \times 10^{-6} \pm 8.53 \times 10^{-9}$	-	$1.25 \times 10^{-6} \pm 2.28 \times 10^{-9}$	$9.86 \times 10^{-7} \pm 3.79 \times 10^{-10}$
$\alpha = \{2, 3, 4\}$	-	-	$2.61 \times 10^{-6} \pm 7.78 \times 10^{-9}$	$5.24 \times 10^{-7} \pm 4.16 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.03 \times 10^{-6} \pm 4.68 \times 10^{-10}$
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 2, 3\}$	$-0.000153 \pm 1.49 \times 10^{-7}$	$0.000205 \pm 1.66 \times 10^{-7}$	$-7.07 \times 10^{-5} \pm 3.84 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.74 \times 10^{-5} \pm 5.25 \times 10^{-9}$	-
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 2, 4\}$	$1.17 \times 10^{-5} \pm 1.14 \times 10^{-7}$	$-1.29 \times 10^{-5} \pm 1.15 \times 10^{-7}$	$5.64 \times 10^{-6} \pm 1.72 \times 10^{-8}$	-	$1.05 \times 10^{-6} \pm 3.01 \times 10^{-10}$
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 3, 4\}$	$-1.55 \times 10^{-6} \pm 7.87 \times 10^{-8}$	$4.23 \times 10^{-6} \pm 6.73 \times 10^{-8}$	-	$1.2 \times 10^{-6} \pm 3.58 \times 10^{-9}$	$9.91 \times 10^{-7} \pm 4.59 \times 10^{-10}$
$\alpha = \{0, 2, 3, 4\}$	$1.82 \times 10^{-6} \pm 2.61 \times 10^{-8}$	-	$1.3 \times 10^{-6} \pm 2.04 \times 10^{-8}$	$9.37 \times 10^{-7} \pm 7.24 \times 10^{-9}$	$1 \times 10^{-6} \pm 6.01 \times 10^{-10}$
$\alpha = \{2/3, 2, 3, 4\}$	-	$2.21 \times 10^{-6} \pm 3.17 \times 10^{-8}$	$6.66 \times 10^{-7} \pm 2.9 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.06 \times 10^{-6} \pm 8.7 \times 10^{-9}$	$9.98 \times 10^{-7} \pm 6.55 \times 10^{-10}$
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 2, 3, 4\}$	$7.89 \times 10^{-7} \pm 2.02 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.26 \times 10^{-6} \pm 2.46 \times 10^{-7}$	$9.33 \times 10^{-7} \pm 7.43 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.01 \times 10^{-6} \pm 1.54 \times 10^{-8}$	$1 \times 10^{-6} \pm 8.88 \times 10^{-10}$

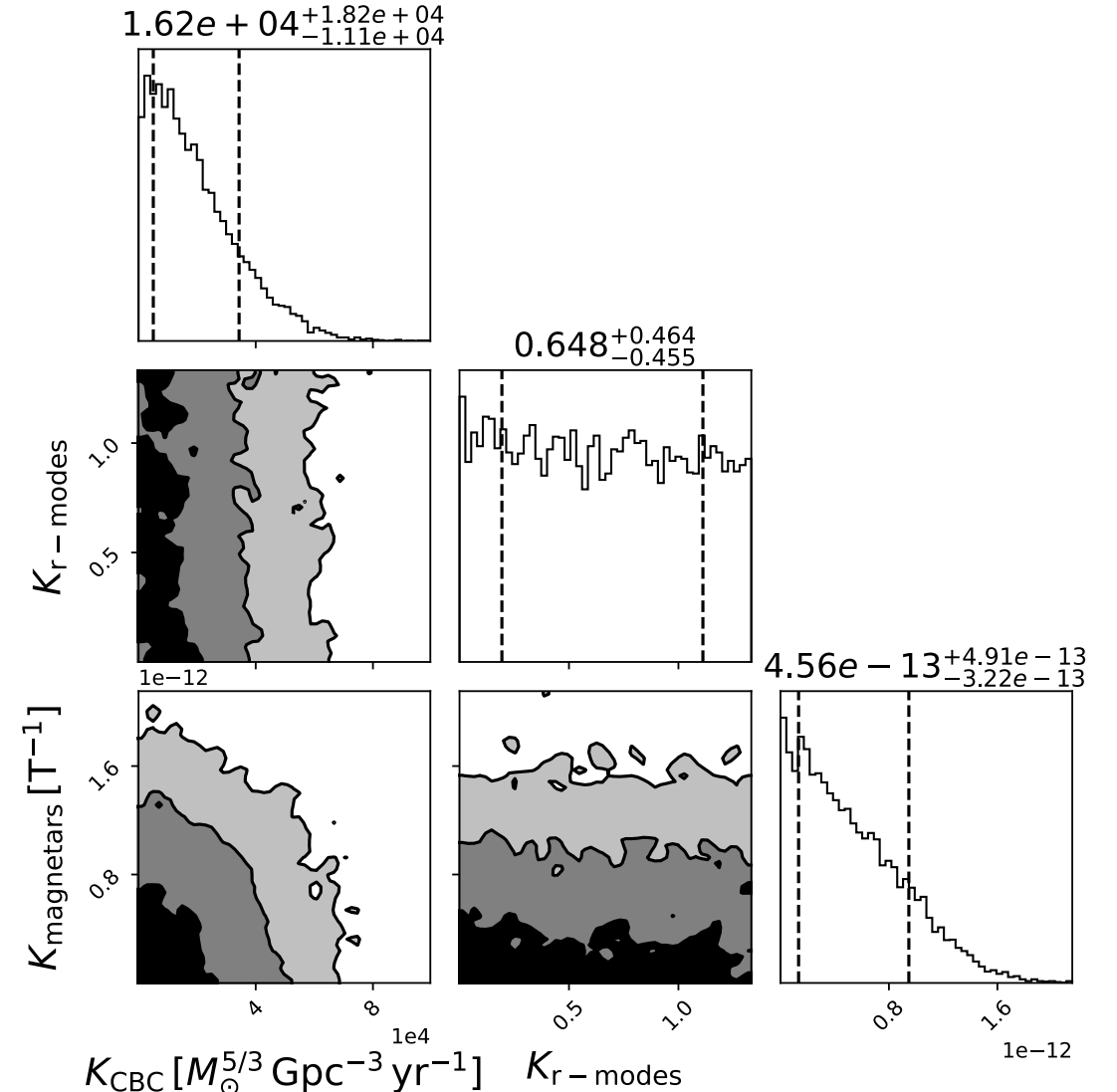
# Strong PL injections (20-1726 Hz) $\{\alpha=0, \alpha=2/3, \alpha=2, \alpha=3, \alpha=4\}$ : PE

	$\Omega_0 = 1 \times 10^{-6}$	$\Omega_{2/3} = 1 \times 10^{-6}$	$\Omega_2 = 1 \times 10^{-6}$	$\Omega_3 = 1 \times 10^{-6}$	$\Omega_4 = 1 \times 10^{-6}$
$\alpha = \{0\}$	$1e - 05^{3.12e-12}_{6.69e-12}$	-	-	-	-
$\alpha = \{2/3\}$	-	$1e - 05^{1.94e-12}_{4.46e-12}$	-	-	-
$\alpha = \{2\}$	-	-	$1e - 05^{1.16e-12}_{2.54e-12}$	-	-
$\alpha = \{3\}$	-	-	-	$5.66e - 06^{8.31e-10}_{8.24e-10}$	-
$\alpha = \{4\}$	-	-	-	-	$1.23e - 06^{1.65e-10}_{1.67e-10}$
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3\}$	$6.19e - 06^{7.39e-09}_{7.28e-09}$	$1e - 05^{4.63e-12}_{1.06e-11}$	-	-	-
$\alpha = \{0, 2\}$	$1e - 07^{1.08e-11}_{4.78e-12}$	-	$1e - 05^{1.17e-12}_{2.57e-12}$	-	-
$\alpha = \{0, 3\}$	$1e - 07^{9.01e-12}_{4.26e-12}$	-	-	$5.66e - 06^{8.16e-10}_{8.48e-10}$	-
$\alpha = \{0, 4\}$	$7.67e - 06^{7.65e-09}_{7.57e-09}$	-	-	-	$1.19e - 06^{1.71e-10}_{1.68e-10}$
$\alpha = \{2/3, 2\}$	-	$1e - 07^{1.25e-11}_{5.48e-12}$	$1e - 05^{1.2e-12}_{2.61e-12}$	-	-
$\alpha = \{2/3, 3\}$	-	$1e - 07^{6.03e-12}_{2.81e-12}$	-	$5.66e - 06^{8.23e-10}_{8.27e-10}$	-
$\alpha = \{2/3, 4\}$	-	$6.31e - 06^{5.75e-09}_{5.85e-09}$	-	-	$1.17e - 06^{1.72e-10}_{1.78e-10}$
$\alpha = \{2, 3\}$	-	-	$1e - 07^{3.15e-12}_{1.44e-12}$	$5.63e - 06^{8.34e-10}_{8e-10}$	-
$\alpha = \{2, 4\}$	-	-	$3.52e - 06^{2.85e-09}_{2.92e-09}$	-	$1.08e - 06^{2.09e-10}_{1.99e-10}$
$\alpha = \{3, 4\}$	-	-	-	$1.82e - 06^{1.56e-09}_{1.54e-09}$	$9.15e - 07^{3.17e-10}_{3.02e-10}$
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 2\}$	$1e - 07^{1.02e-11}_{4.72e-12}$	$1e - 07^{1.27e-11}_{5.52e-12}$	$1e - 05^{1.24e-12}_{2.66e-12}$	-	-
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 3\}$	$1e - 07^{8.79e-12}_{4.19e-12}$	$1e - 07^{6.22e-12}_{2.87e-12}$	-	$5.65e - 06^{8.11e-10}_{8.29e-10}$	-
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 4\}$	$1e - 07^{1.3e-10}_{5.92e-11}$	$6.23e - 06^{5.77e-09}_{5.85e-09}$	-	-	$1.17e - 06^{1.69e-10}_{1.8e-10}$
$\alpha = \{0, 2, 3\}$	$1e - 07^{9.09e-12}_{4.21e-12}$	-	$1e - 07^{3.16e-12}_{1.44e-12}$	$5.63e - 06^{8.34e-10}_{8.31e-10}$	-
$\alpha = \{0, 2, 4\}$	$1e - 07^{2.47e-10}_{1.12e-10}$	-	$3.49e - 06^{2.87e-09}_{2.96e-09}$	-	$1.08e - 06^{2.08e-10}_{2.04e-10}$
$\alpha = \{0, 3, 4\}$	$3.36e - 06^{9.76e-09}_{1.01e-08}$	-	-	$1.38e - 06^{2.02e-09}_{2.06e-09}$	$9.73e - 07^{3.7e-10}_{3.62e-10}$
$\alpha = \{2/3, 2, 3\}$	-	$1e - 07^{6.19e-12}_{2.84e-12}$	$1e - 07^{3.14e-12}_{1.42e-12}$	$5.62e - 06^{8.28e-10}_{8.14e-10}$	-
$\alpha = \{2/3, 2, 4\}$	-	$1e - 07^{2.1e-10}_{9.3e-11}$	$3.47e - 06^{3e-09}_{2.8e-09}$	-	$1.08e - 06^{2.03e-10}_{2.03e-10}$
$\alpha = \{2/3, 3, 4\}$	-	$2.92e - 06^{8.23e-09}_{8.7e-09}$	-	$1.25e - 06^{2.31e-09}_{2.27e-09}$	$9.86e - 07^{3.71e-10}_{3.93e-10}$
$\alpha = \{2, 3, 4\}$	-	-	$2.61e - 06^{7.82e-09}_{7.65e-09}$	$5.24e - 07^{4.02e-09}_{4.2e-09}$	$1.03e - 06^{4.62e-10}_{4.63e-10}$
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 2, 3\}$	$1e - 07^{9.01e-12}_{4.19e-12}$	$1e - 07^{6.27e-12}_{2.8e-12}$	$1e - 07^{3.15e-12}_{1.44e-12}$	$5.62e - 06^{8.26e-10}_{8.43e-10}$	-
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 2, 4\}$	$1e - 07^{2.16e-10}_{9.92e-11}$	$1e - 07^{1.89e-10}_{8.52e-11}$	$3.44e - 06^{2.83e-09}_{2.86e-09}$	-	$1.08e - 06^{1.97e-10}_{2e-10}$
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 3, 4\}$	$1.03e - 07^{4.46e-09}_{1.96e-09}$	$2.83e - 06^{8.83e-09}_{8.99e-09}$	-	$1.25e - 06^{2.29e-09}_{2.24e-09}$	$9.85e - 07^{3.77e-10}_{3.74e-10}$
$\alpha = \{0, 2, 3, 4\}$	$1.82e - 06^{2.55e-08}_{2.5e-08}$	-	$1.3e - 06^{1.96e-08}_{1.97e-08}$	$9.37e - 07^{7.03e-09}_{7e-09}$	$1e - 06^{5.88e-10}_{5.98e-10}$
$\alpha = \{2/3, 2, 3, 4\}$	-	$2.21e - 06^{3.21e-08}_{3.18e-08}$	$6.65e - 07^{2.91e-08}_{2.91e-08}$	$1.06e - 06^{8.86e-09}_{8.64e-09}$	$9.98e - 07^{6.41e-10}_{6.78e-10}$
$\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 2, 3, 4\}$	$7.9e - 07^{2.04e-07}_{2.05e-07}$	$1.26e - 06^{2.52e-07}_{2.47e-07}$	$9.34e - 07^{7.36e-08}_{7.63e-08}$	$1.01e - 06^{1.6e-08}_{1.52e-08}$	$1e - 06^{8.67e-10}_{9.02e-10}$

# Analysis with real data (20-100 Hz): corner plots



PE plot for  $\Omega_\alpha$ , with  $\alpha=2/3, 2, 4$



PE plot for CBC, r-mode, and magnetar  
astrophysical implications

# Beyond simple power law: SGWB from magnetars

- Astrophysical SGWB Star fraction into GW source of interest Stellar formation rate

$$\Omega_{gw}(f) = \frac{f}{\rho_c} \int_0^{z_{sup}} \frac{\lambda R_*(z)}{(1+z) H_0 E(z)} \left\langle \frac{dE_{gw}}{df} \right\rangle_{f=f_s(1+z)}$$

$$z_{sup} = \begin{cases} z_{max}, & f < \frac{f_{max}}{1+f_{max}} \\ \frac{f_{max}}{f} - 1, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Energy spectrum (magnetar with rotational period  $T_{rot}$ , see [Regimbau, Mandic 2008](#))

$$\frac{dE_{gw}}{df} = K f^3 \left( 1 + \frac{K}{\pi^2 I_{zz}} f^2 \right)^{-1} = \begin{cases} K f^3, & \text{GW emission negligible} \\ \pi^2 I_{zz} f, & \text{purely GW spindown} \end{cases}$$

Magnetar moment of inertia

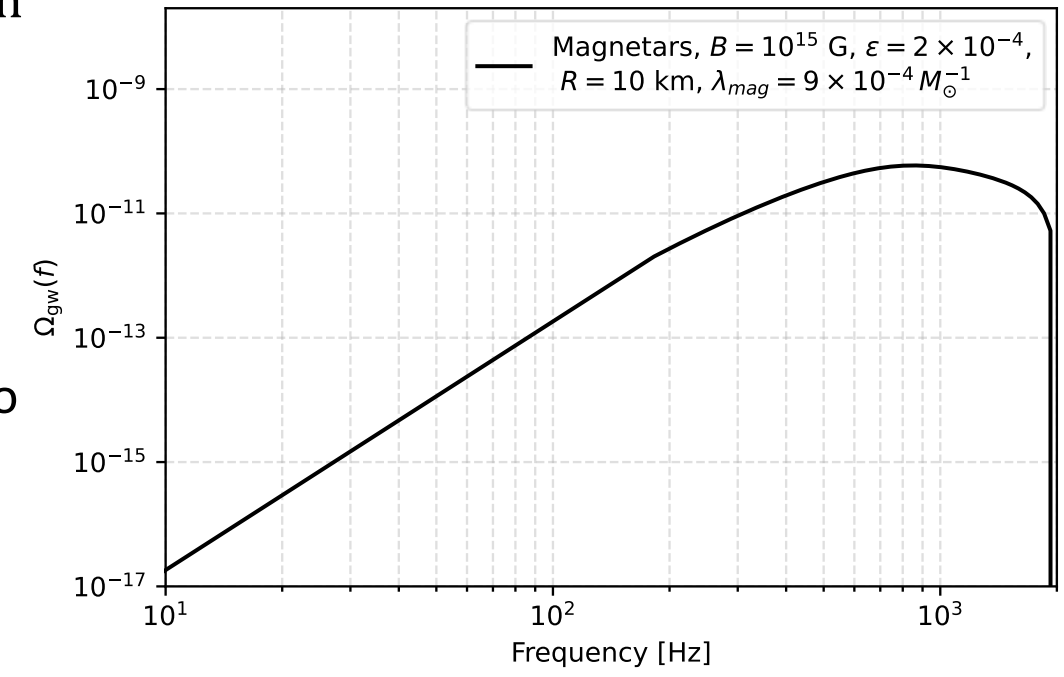
$$K = \frac{192 \pi^4 G I_{zz}^3}{5 c^2 R^6} \frac{\varepsilon^2}{B^2 \sin \alpha} \quad f \in \left[ 0, \frac{2}{T_{rot}} \right]$$

Magnetic field

Ellipticity

- Focus on the case where GW emission is negligible with respect to magnetic torque and on the (ensemble average of)  $B$  and  $\varepsilon$  parameters:

$$\Omega_{gw}^{mag}(f) \propto \langle \varepsilon^2 \rangle \left\langle \frac{1}{B^2} \right\rangle f^4$$



# r-mode instability SGWB

- GW emission drives r-mode instability in young, rotating NSs, carrying away most of the star angular momentum in  $\simeq 1\text{yr}$  timescale
- Simple description with parameters  $\Omega$  (star angular velocity) and  $\alpha$  (r-mode-instability amplitude)  $\rightarrow$  [Owen et al. 1998](#)
- More recent studies ([Sa-Tome 2006](#), [Zhu et al. 2011](#)) use the initial amount of differential rotation  $K \in [-5/4, 10^{13}]$ , related to the saturation amplitude  $\alpha_{sat} \propto (K + 2)^{-1/2}$

$$\Omega_{\text{gw, r-modes}}(f) \propto f^2 \langle (K + 2)^{-1} \rangle$$



# LVK O3 search for isotropic SGWB: results

Power law	$f_{99\%}^{HL}$ [Hz]	$\hat{C}^{HL}/10^{-9}$	$f_{99\%}^{HV}$ [Hz]	$\hat{C}^{HV}/10^{-9}$	$f_{99\%}^{LV}$ [Hz]	$\hat{C}^{LV}/10^{-9}$	$f_{99\%}^{O1+O2+O3}$ [Hz]	$\hat{C}^{O1+O2+O3}/10^{-9}$
0	76.1	$-2.1 \pm 8.2$	97.7	$229 \pm 98$	88.0	$-134 \pm 63$	76.6	$1.1 \pm 7.5$
2/3	90.2	$-3.4 \pm 6.1$	117.8	$145 \pm 60$	107.3	$-82 \pm 40$	90.6	$-0.2 \pm 5.6$
3	282.8	$-1.3 \pm 0.9$	375.8	$9.1 \pm 4.1$	388.0	$-4.9 \pm 3.1$	291.6	$-0.6 \pm 0.8$

TABLE I. Search results for an isotropic GWB, using the optimal filter method for power law GWBs with  $\alpha = \{0, 2/3, 3\}$ . For each of the three baselines  $IJ$ , we show the point estimate and  $1\sigma$  uncertainty for the cross-correlation estimate  $C_{IJ}$ , along with the frequency band from 20 Hz to  $f_{99\%}^{IJ}$  containing 99% of the sensitivity. We see that the HL baseline is the most sensitive, and the HV and LV baselines are more sensitive at higher frequencies, and for larger spectral indices, due to the longer baseline. In the last two columns, we also present the search result combining all three baselines from O3, as well as the O1 and O2 data. As noted in the main text, the point estimates for the HV and LV are approximately  $2\sigma$  away from zero, however this is not consistent with a GWB given the result of the much more sensitive HL baseline.

$\alpha$	Uniform prior			Log-uniform prior		
	O3	O2 [43]	Improvement	O3	O2 [43]	Improvement
0	$1.7 \times 10^{-8}$	$6.0 \times 10^{-8}$	3.6	$5.8 \times 10^{-9}$	$3.5 \times 10^{-8}$	6.0
2/3	$1.2 \times 10^{-8}$	$4.8 \times 10^{-8}$	4.0	$3.4 \times 10^{-9}$	$3.0 \times 10^{-8}$	8.8
3	$1.3 \times 10^{-9}$	$7.9 \times 10^{-9}$	5.9	$3.9 \times 10^{-10}$	$5.1 \times 10^{-9}$	13.1
Marg.	$2.7 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.1 \times 10^{-7}$	4.1	$6.6 \times 10^{-9}$	$3.4 \times 10^{-8}$	5.1

TABLE II. Upper limits at the 95% credible level on  $\Omega_{\text{ref}}$  under the power law model for the GWB. We show upper limits conditioned on different fixed power law indices  $\alpha$ , as well as a marginalized limit obtained by integration over  $\alpha$ , using a Gaussian prior with zero mean and a standard deviation of 3.5. We show the results using a prior that is uniform in  $\Omega_{\text{ref}}$ , as well as uniform in  $\log \Omega_{\text{ref}}$ . As described in the main text, the uniform upper limits are more conservative, while the log uniform priors are more sensitive to weak signals. We also compare with the upper limits from [43], and give the improvement factor we achieve using O3 data.