



# Gravitational Waves @ KICC

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Fundamental Physics and Astrophysics  
with Gravitational Waves

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# GW Science @ KICC

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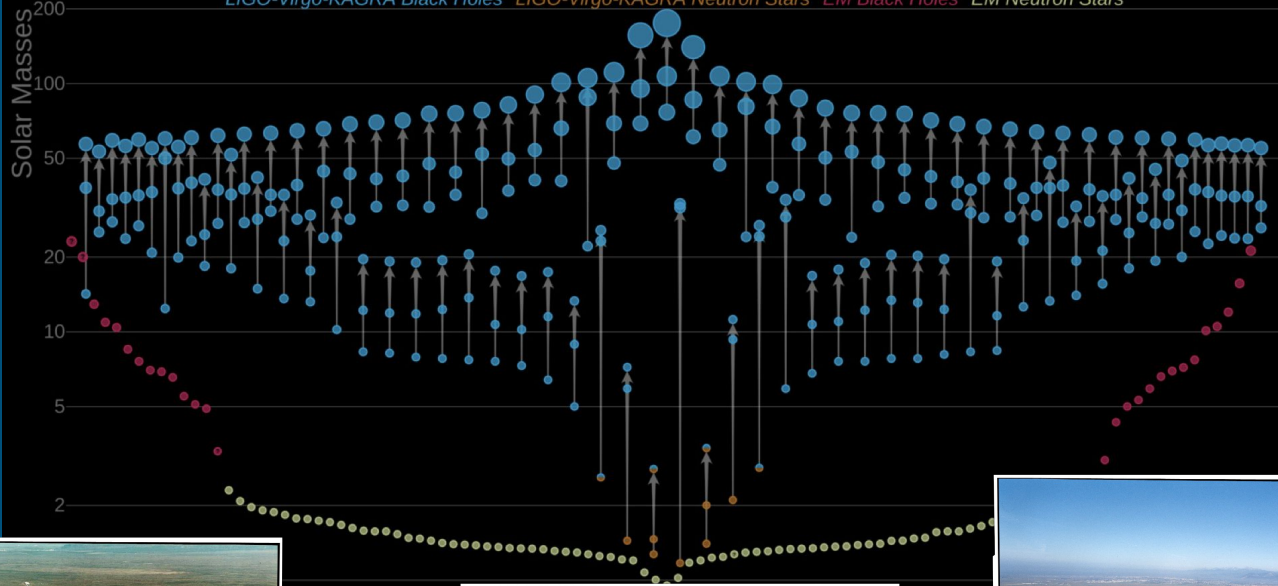
**Numerical  
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**Data  
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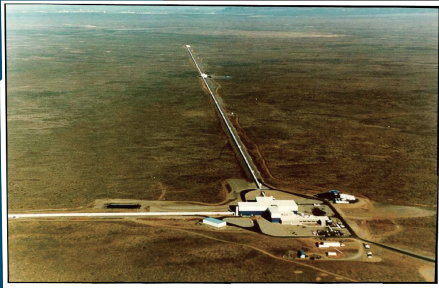
**Astrophysics**

# Masses in the Stellar Graveyard

LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA Black Holes LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA Neutron Stars EM Black Holes EM Neutron Stars



LIGO Hanford



LIGO Livingston

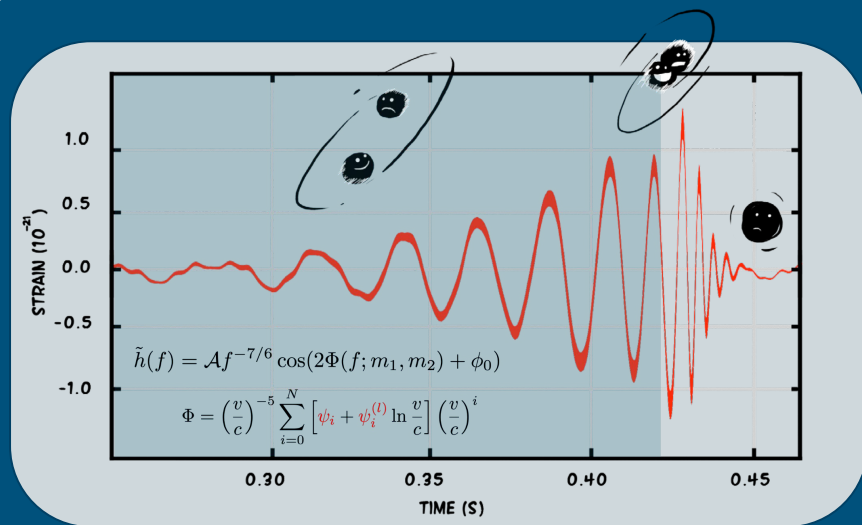
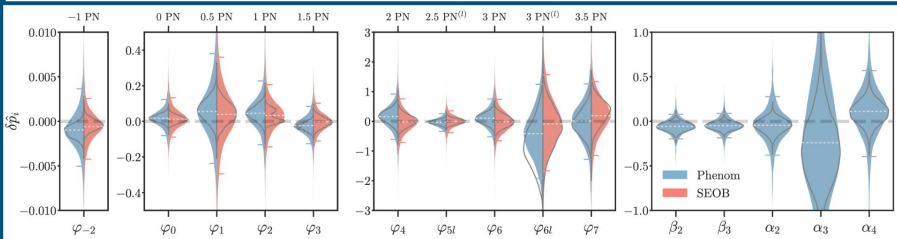
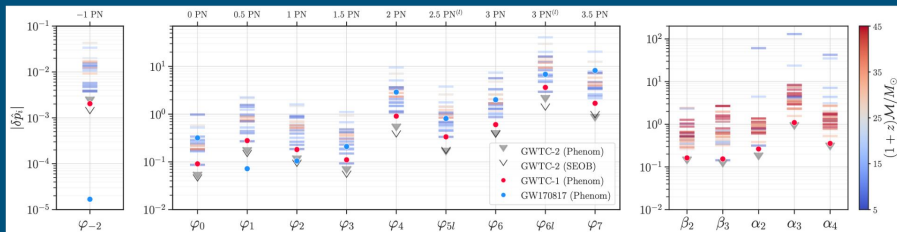


VIRGO



# Tests of GR @ LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA

- Look for **violations of GR** or signs of **modified gravity** in GW data
- Bayesian data analysis



	$m_g$ [ $10^{-23}$ eV/ $c^2$ ]
GWTC-1	4.70
GWTC-2	1.76

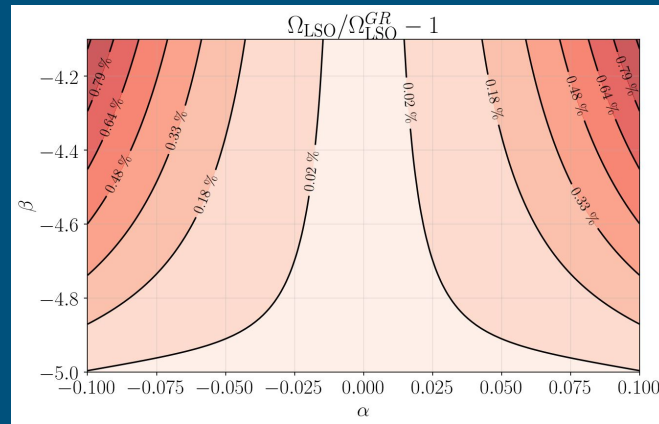
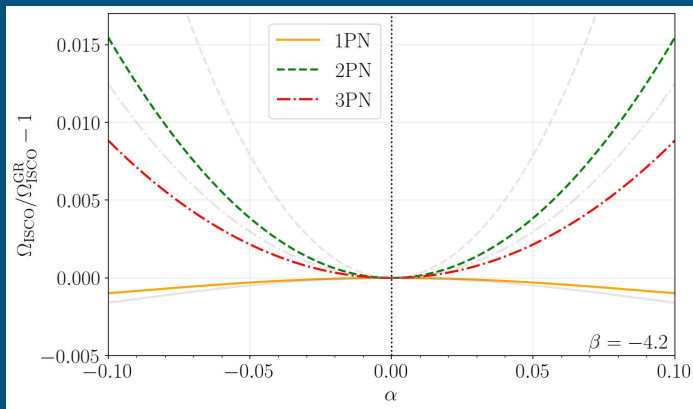
$$-3 \times 10^{-15} \leq \frac{\Delta v}{v_{EM}} \leq +7 \times 10^{-16}$$

# Compact Binaries in Scalar-Tensor gravity

- Dynamics of compact binaries in **scalar-tensor** theory
- Waveforms need to be modelled to very high accuracy
- Hamiltonian @ **3pN** order

$$S = \frac{c^4}{16\pi G_*} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} (R - 2g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \varphi \partial_\nu \varphi) + S_m[\Psi, \mathcal{A}(\varphi)^2 g_{\mu\nu}]$$

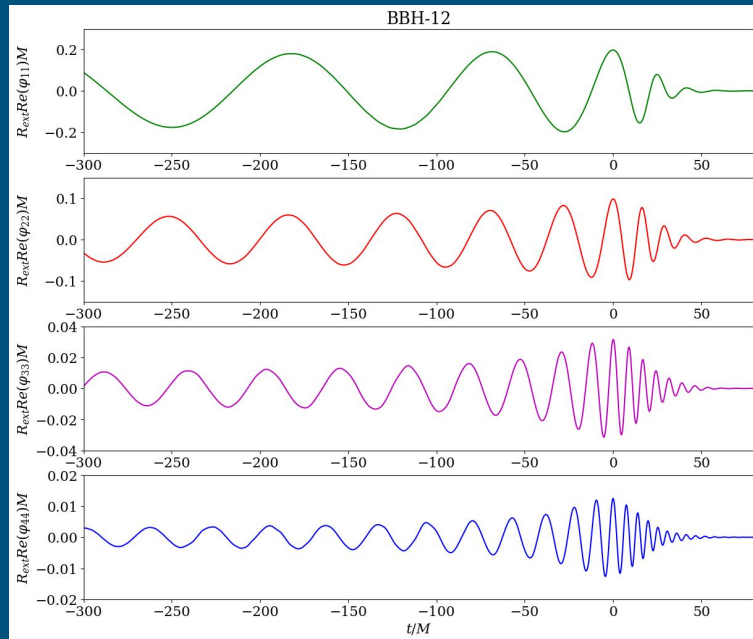
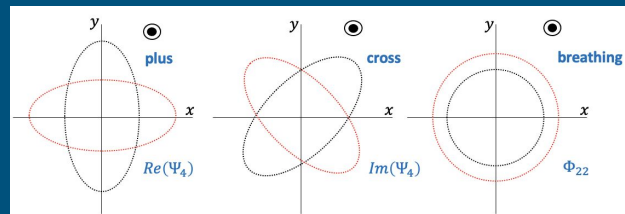
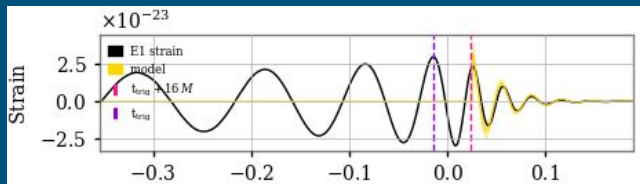
[Jain+, arXiv:2211.15580]



# Scalar Ringdown in EsGB

- **Einstein-scalar-Gauss-Bonnet** is a promising alternative to GR
- **NR simulations** in EsGB (GRChombo)
- Remnant BH will also “ring” in **scalar QNMs**
- Signal will be weak, but potentially measurable with **next-gen detectors!**

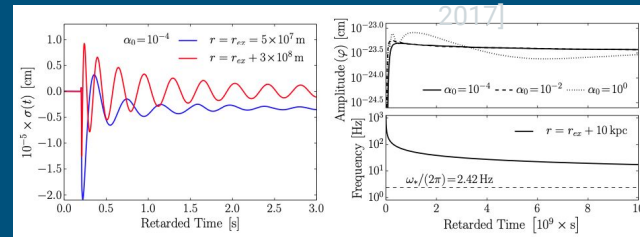
[Evstafyeva+, in prep. 2022]



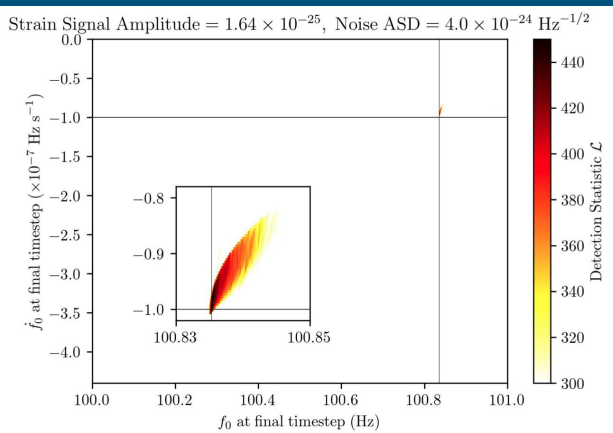
# Core-Collapse in Massive Scalar-Tensor

- Spherically symmetric **scalar GW** radiation
- Mass  $\rightarrow$  dispersion  $\rightarrow$  **inverse-chirp** signal
- Long-lived, quasi-monochromatic

[Sperhake+, 2017]

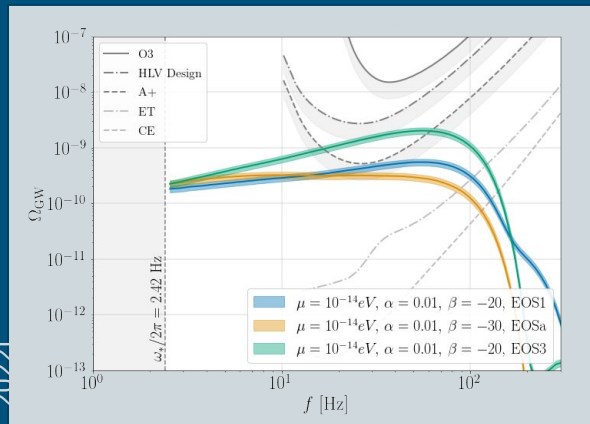


## Continuous Waves



[Kwok+, in prep. 2022]

## Stochastic Background



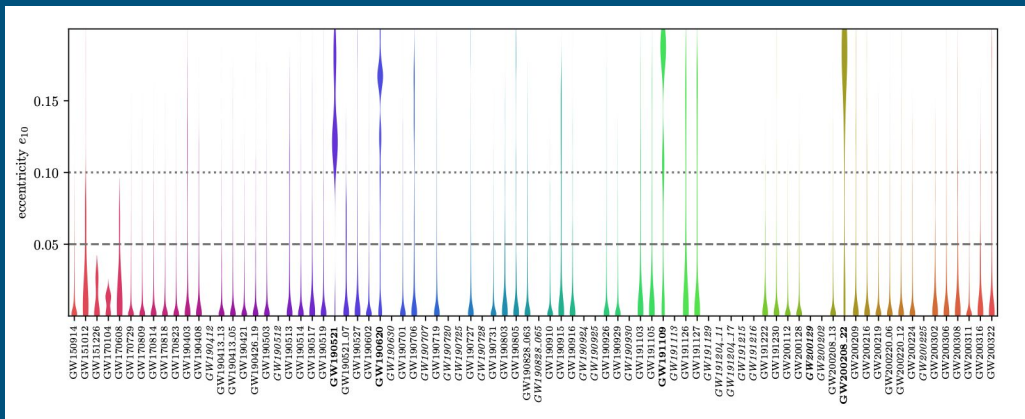
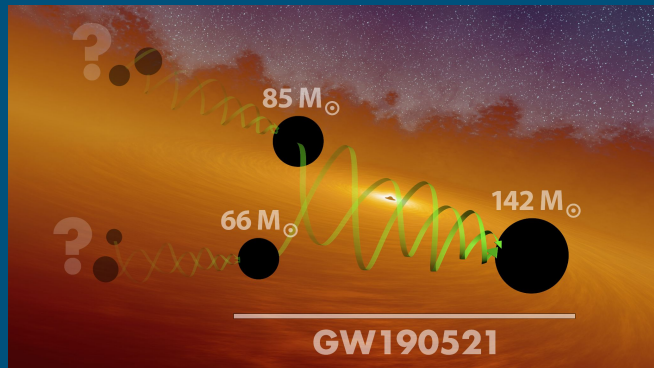
[Rosca-Mead, MA+ in prep. 2022]



# Eccentricity in compact binaries

[Romero-Shaw et al, 2021,2022]

- There can be **residual eccentricity** when binaries merge
- Population statistics depend on formation mechanism
- Have we seen eccentric binaries?
- What is their **origin**?



# More GW Science

- Neutron star matter properties with multi-messenger signals
- Machine Learning methods for GW data analysis
- Numerical simulations of boson star binaries
- Echoes from exotic binaries
- Cosmology with NS binaries
- BH superradiance and axion clouds
- BBH simulations in higher dimensional spacetimes
- Cosmic strings
- GW cosmography in modified gravity
- GW science with **Einstein Telescope** and **Cosmic Explorer**

