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# “Evaluating catalogues completeness extending the Virtual Observatory framework to estimate the $H_0$ Hubble constant with dark standard sirens”

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# Measuring the Hubble constant

The universe in which we live is not static but is expanding at a rate described by the Hubble constant,  $H_0$ , in support of the Friedmann-Lemaître-Robertson-Walker metric (FLRW) [1,2], the exact solution of Einstein's field equation of general relativity.

~ 50 Mpc the Hubble law is well approximated by the simple expression:

$$v = H_0 d$$

where  $v$  is an object's recession velocity and  $d$  is the proper distance between the observer and the object [4].

$z \ll 1$ , the 'redshift-distance relation' is written as

$$d_L(z) = c z / H_0$$

➔  $H_0$  is independent of the other cosmological parameters from the  $\Lambda$ -cold-dark matter model,  $\Lambda$ CDM.

# The Hubble tension

- *Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB)* , early universe:

the latest Planck results give a Hubble constant value of  $H_0 = 67.36 \pm 0.54 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$  [5].

- Related to local expansion , late universe, the intrinsic luminosity from light curves of *Type Ia Supernovae* (SN Ia), making them usable as **standard candles** :

SHOES, Supernovae-H0-for the equation of State of Dark energy, led to  $H_0 = 73.24 \pm 1.44 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$  [6].

The disagreement is of  $\sim 4 - 6\sigma$  and it's statistically significant [7]

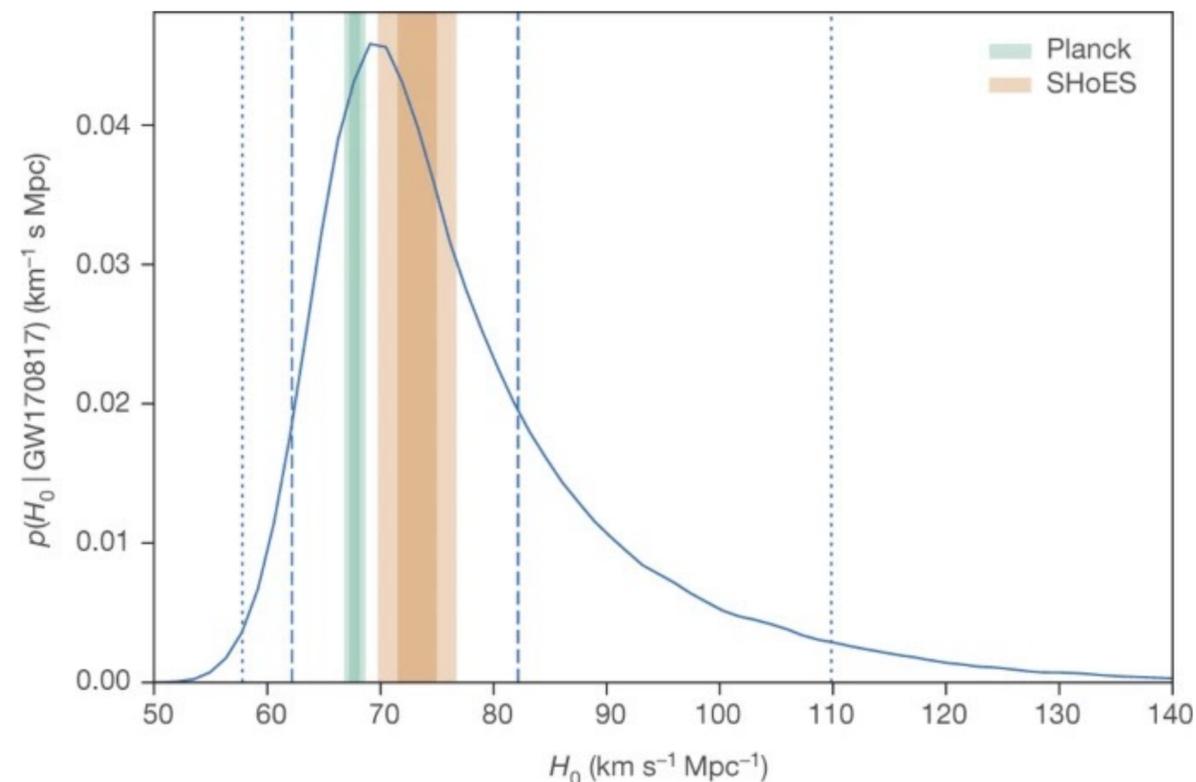


Fig. From reference [8]: Posterior distribution of  $H_0$  based on the GW170817 data event

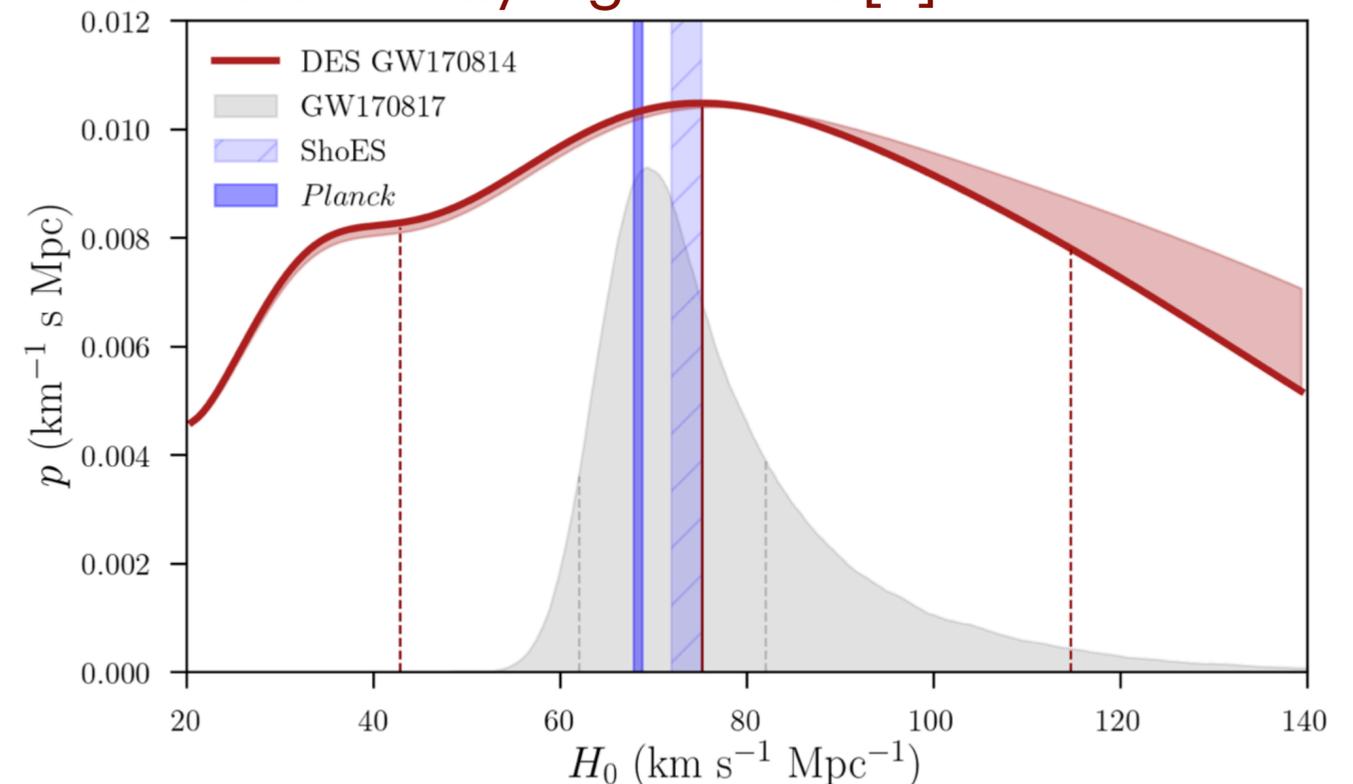


Fig. From reference [9]: Posterior distribution of  $H_0$  based on the GW170814 data event

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**Determining the Hubble constant from gravitational wave observations**

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the detectors to see binary neutron star sources at 100 Hz at a distance of 100 Mpc with a sensitivity of 10<sup>-21</sup> m/sqrt(Hz)

**Inference of the cosmological parameters from gravitational waves: application to second generation interferometers**

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(Dated: today)

**A 2 per cent Hubble constant measurement from standard sirens within 5 years**

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The advanced world-wide network of gravitational waves (GW) observatories will begin operations within the current decade. Thanks to their improved sensitivity to yield a number of detections and thus to open a new observational window on the universe. Among the scientific goals that should be achieved, there is the determination of the Hubble constant. This can be achieved by using standard sirens. We show that a network of advanced interferometers will constrain the Hubble constant of  $\sim 4 - 5\%$  at 95% confidence.

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**GALAXY STRATEGY FOR LIGO-VIRGO GRAVITATIONAL WAVE COUNTERPART SEARCHES**

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**ABSTRACT**

In this work we continue a line of inquiry begun in Kanner et al. which detailed a strategy for utilizing telescopes

**Cosmological Inference using Gravitational Wave Standard Sirens: A Mock Data Analysis**

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- $\{x_{GW}\}$  is a set of GW data,
- $\{D_{GW}\}$  denotes that a GW signal was detected,
- $N_{det}$  detections;
- $p(H_0)$  is the flat prior on  $H_0$ ;
- $p(N_{det} | H_0)$  is the probability of detecting  $N_{det}$  events;

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$x_{GW}$  passes some detection threshold

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## The galaxy catalogue method

The likelihood for a single GW event is marginalised over the case where the host galaxy is, and is not, in the catalogue (denoted by  $G$  and  $\bar{G}$  respectively):

$$p(x_{GW} | D_{GW}, H_0) = p(x_{GW} | G, D_{GW}, H_0) p(G | D_{GW}, H_0) + p(x_{GW} | \bar{G}, D_{GW}, H_0) p(\bar{G} | D_{GW}, H_0)$$

# Virtual Observatory



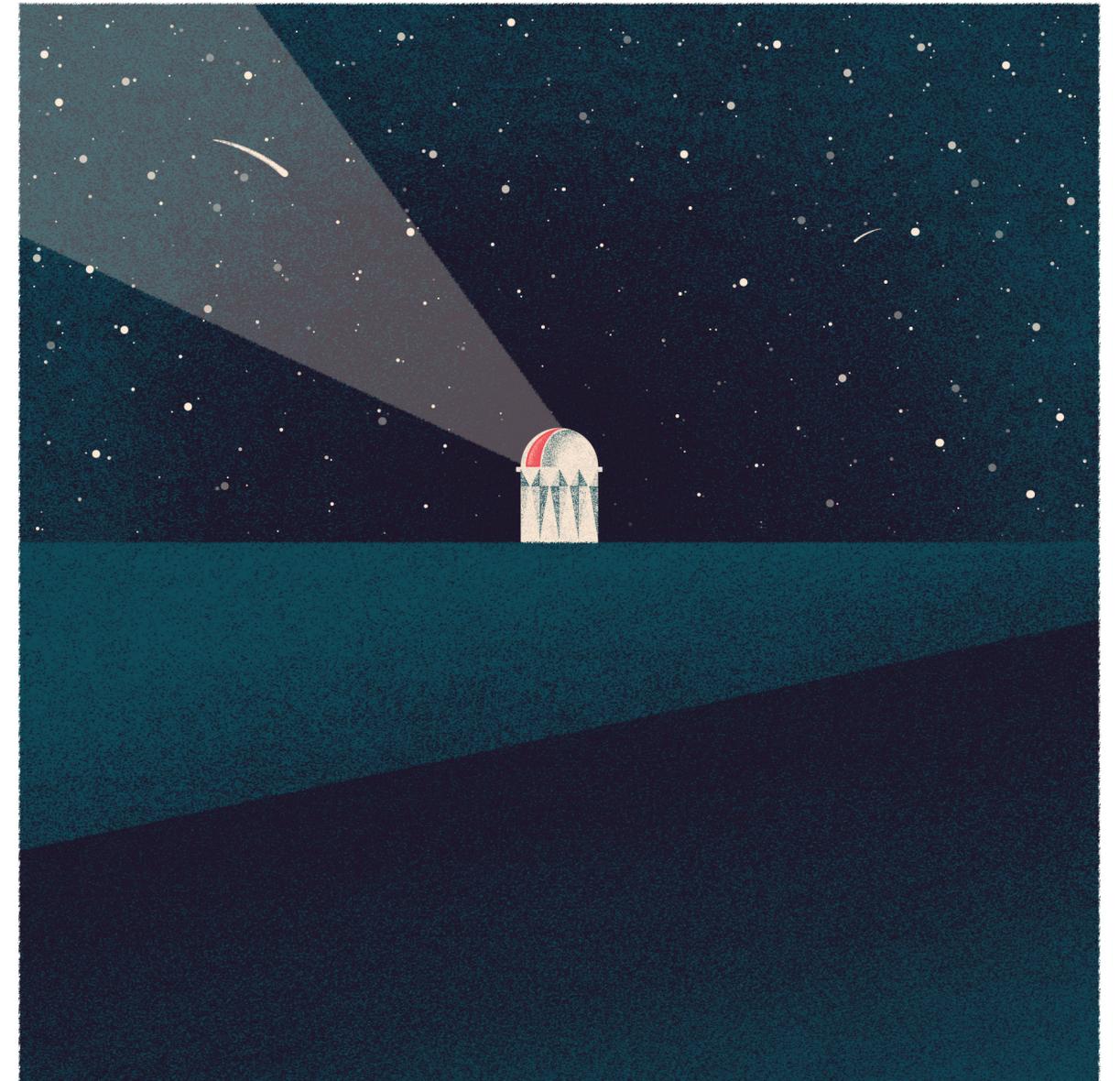
- The International Virtual Observatory Alliance (IVOA) was born in June 2002 [15].
- It is composed of 22 international members to "*facilitate the international coordination and collaboration necessary for the development and deployment of the tools, systems and organisational structures necessary to enable the international utilisation of astronomical archives as an integrated and interoperating Virtual Observatory (VO)"*"

➔ **standards** that are complaint with FAIR:

Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable.

VOEvents, Flexible Image Transport System (FITS) astronomical file format

Multi-Order Coverage maps (MOC)



# GLADE

The Galaxy List for the Advanced Detector Era is a value-added full-sky catalogue of inactive and active galaxies that can be potential host of GW+EM sources [16].

\* complete up to  $d_L = 37_{-4}^{+3}$  Mpc in B-band;

1. The Gravitational Wave Galaxy Catalogue, GWGC
2. the 2Micron All-Sky Survey Extended Source Catalog 2MASS XSC,
3. the 2MASS Photometric Redshift Catalog 2MPZ,
4. the HyperLEDA
5. the Sloan Digital Sky Survey quasar catalogue from the 12th data release, SDSS-DR12Q

## GLADE: A Galaxy Catalogue for Multi-Messenger Searches in the Advanced Gravitational-Wave Detector Era

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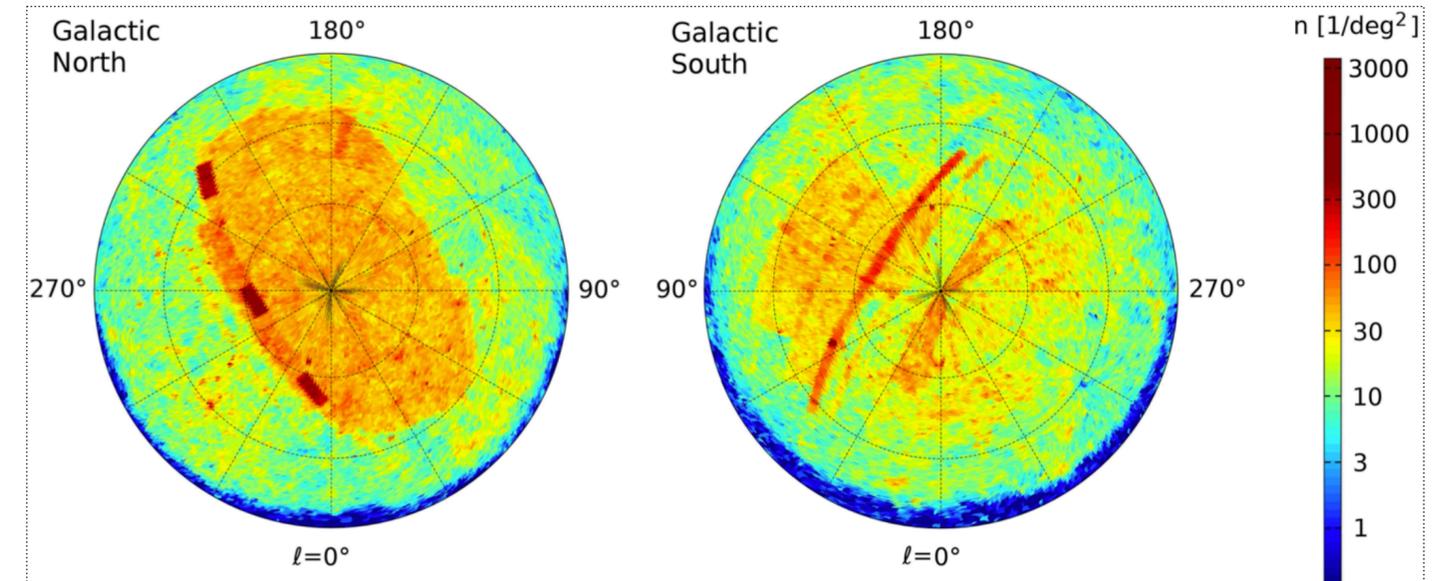
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Number density ( $n$ ) of objects in GLADE, using azimuthal projection with galactic coordinates. The plane of the Milky Way obscures the visibility of background galaxies near the edges of the two plots. Overdense (red) patches and stripes, originating from the HyperLEDA catalogue, show up as a result of deeper, more sensitive surveys, that have been made towards the corresponding sky directions.

# GLADE

The use of complete catalogues is necessary

1. to maximise the performance of the electromagnetic follow-ups



Reducing the required number of pointings, the total integration time and the number of false positives found [18-19].

2. to include all the possible host galaxies of a GW event



Improving the estimation of the  $H_0$

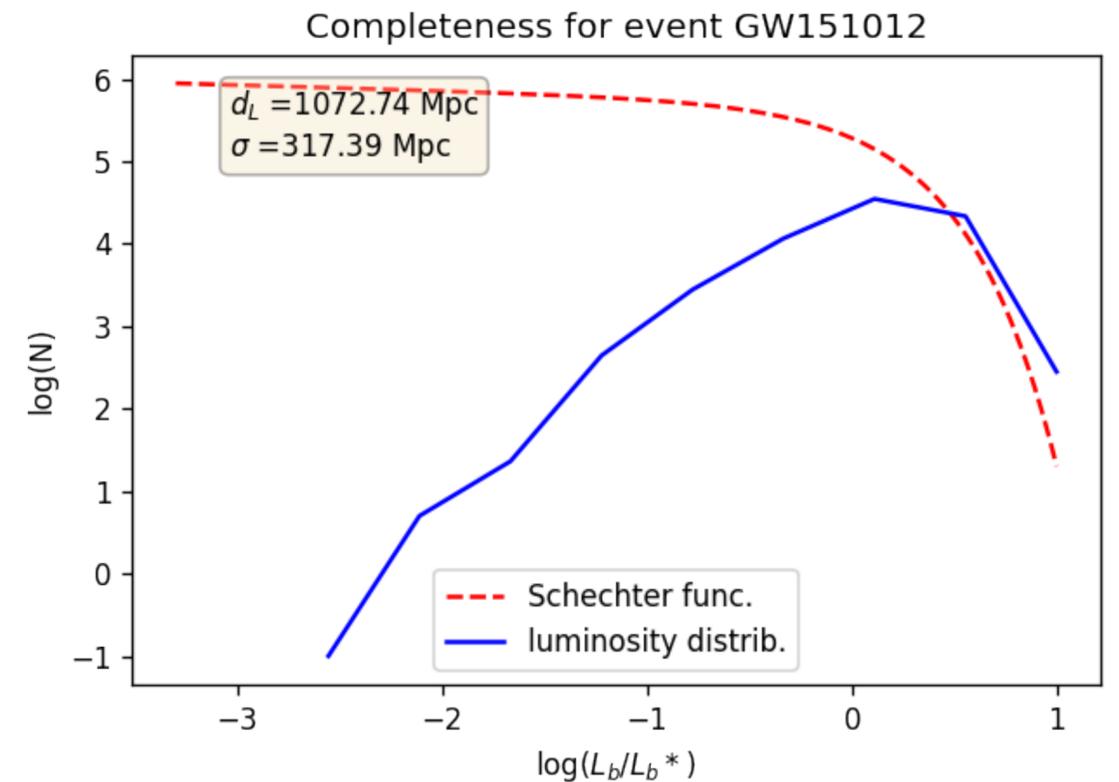
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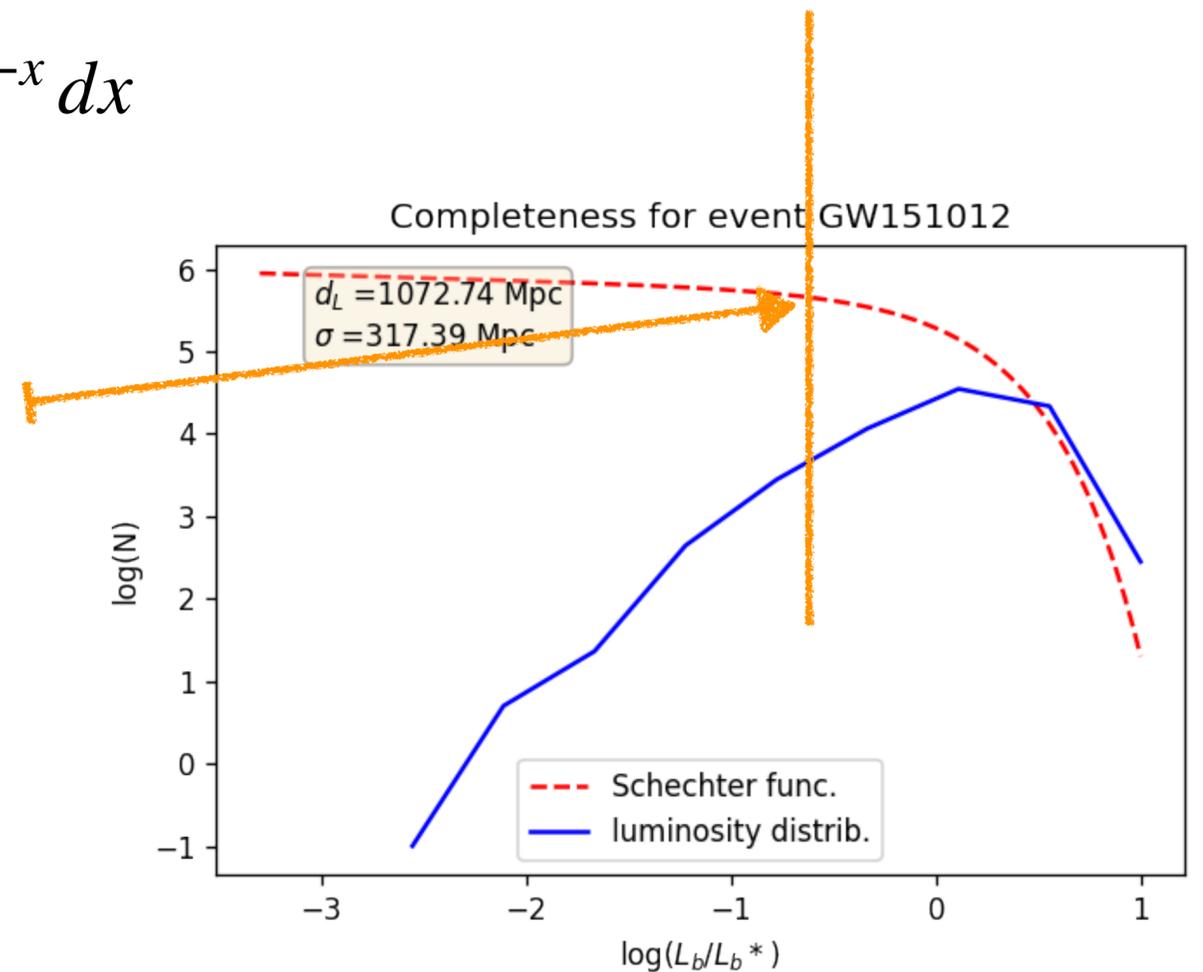
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The completeness of the catalogues will be evaluated integrating the Schechter functions over the n-th luminosity distance-shells that cover the galaxies collected

$$\int_{x_1}^{\infty} \phi^* L^* x^{(\alpha+1)} \exp(-x) dx = \phi^* L^* \Gamma(\alpha + 2, x_1)$$

# Code and plots

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The default interactive shell is now zsh.
To update your account to use zsh, please run `chsh -s /bin/zsh`.
For more details, please visit https://support.apple.com/kb/HT208050.
(base) Air-di-Lisa:~ mliisa$ jupyter notebook
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## Estimate of the Completeness of the Glade catalog in the region of localization for the O1-O2-O3a-O3b observing run events

The code analyzes the skymaps of the observed events in the O1-O2-O3a-O3b runs and using the *Crossmatch* method with the **GLADE** catalog in VizieR, it estimates the distance of the source, **distmean**, the apparent average magnitude,  $m_{th}$ , the Luminosity distribution of Galaxies in shells with a radius equal to  $\pm 3\sigma$  distmean. The distribution is compared with the *Schechter function* in order to evaluate completeness in the detected volume, expressed by the *coefficient of completeness c*. In addition, the number of missed galaxies from Schehcter's semiempirical function is estimated.

In order to get a more complete picture, we used the gas and dust skymap of the Milky Way from **CADE** to find out what percentage of the location of the event under study falls in it. This way you can estimate the efficiency of any future survey to complete the catalog.

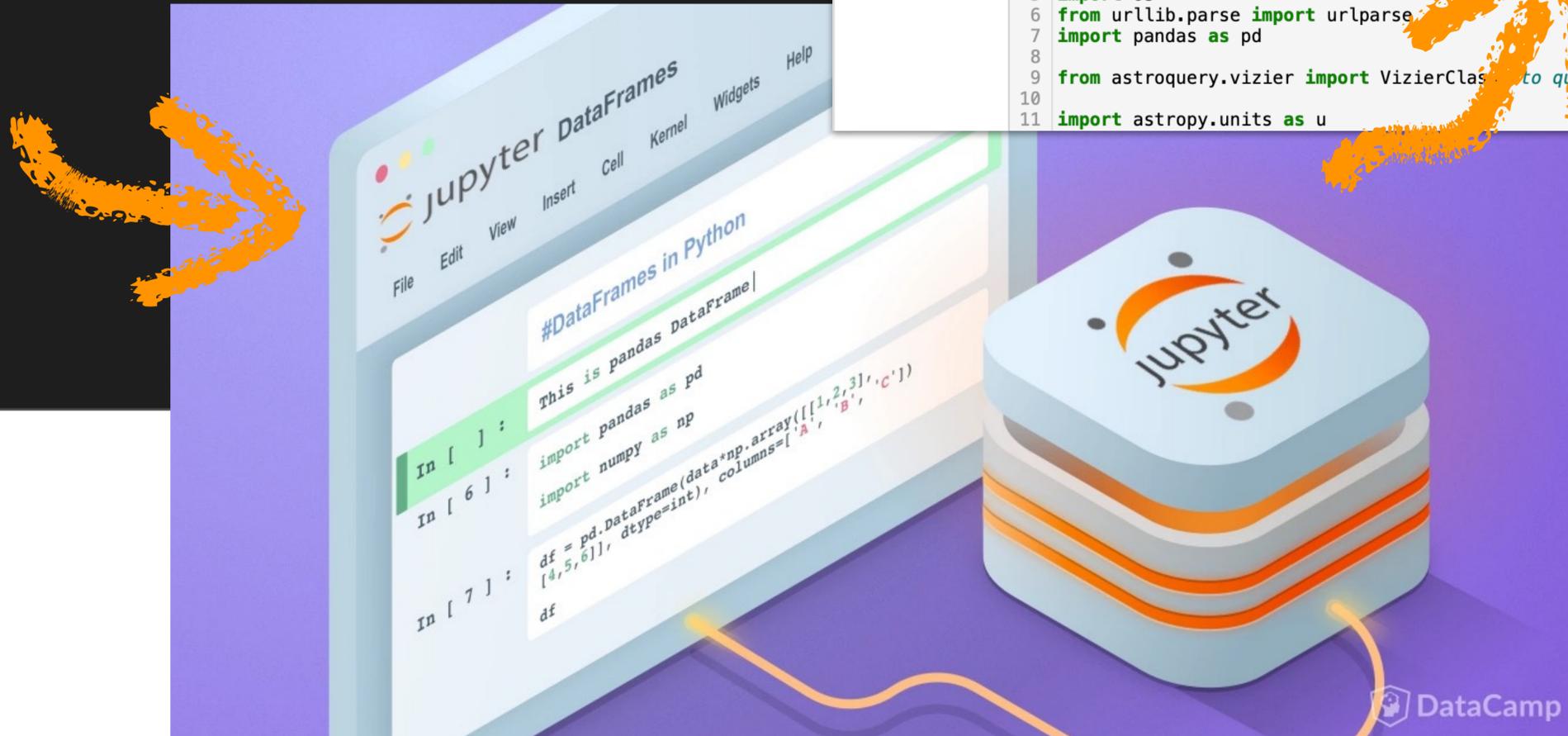
In the concluding part of the code it is possible to visualize a summary table of all the analyzed events along with the useful parameters in this analysis.

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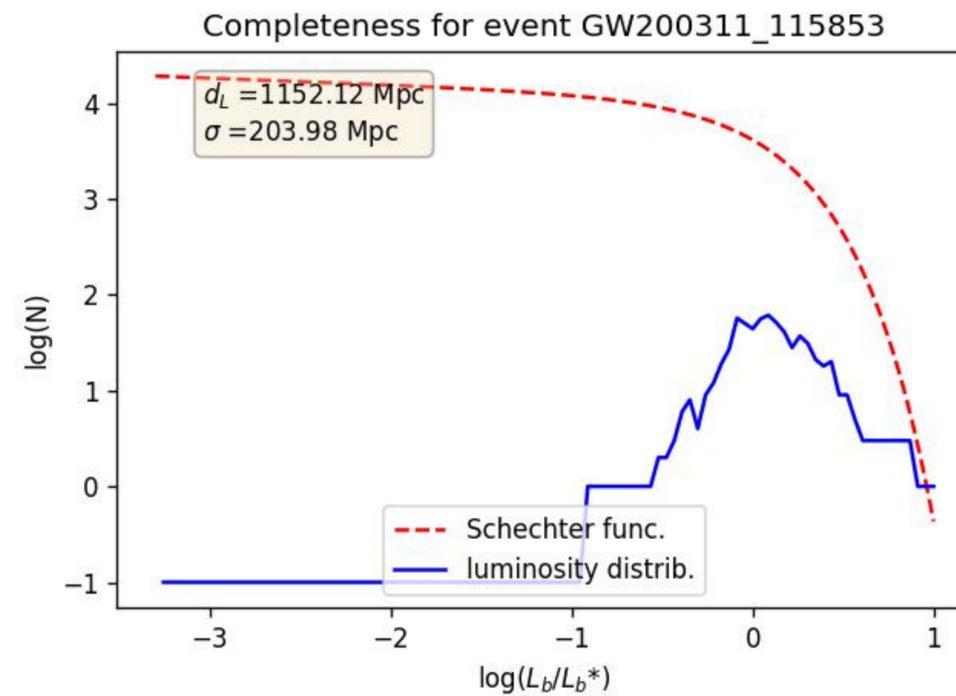
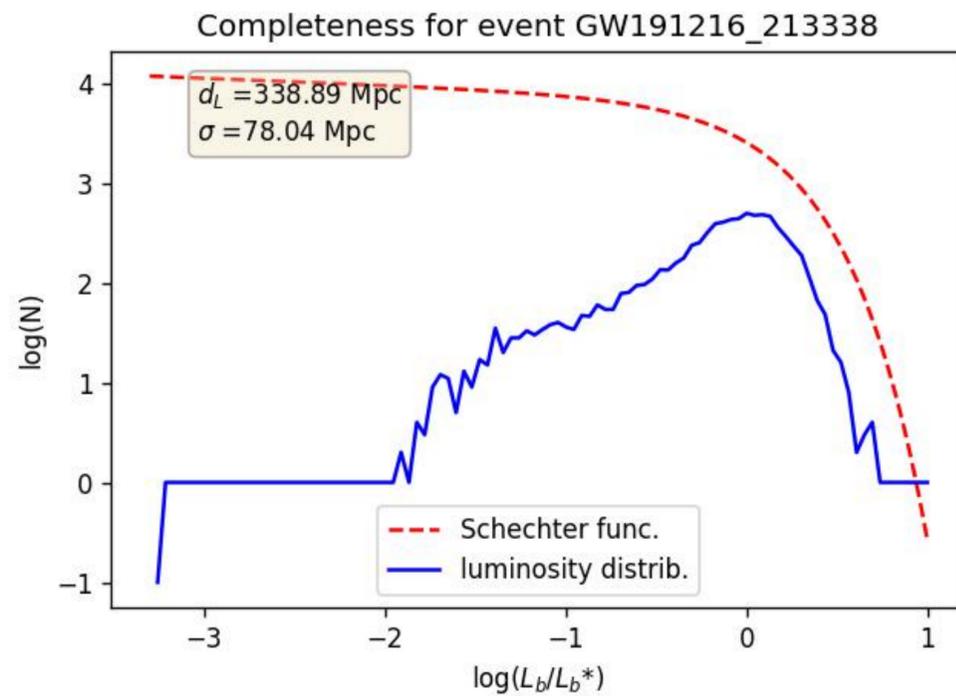
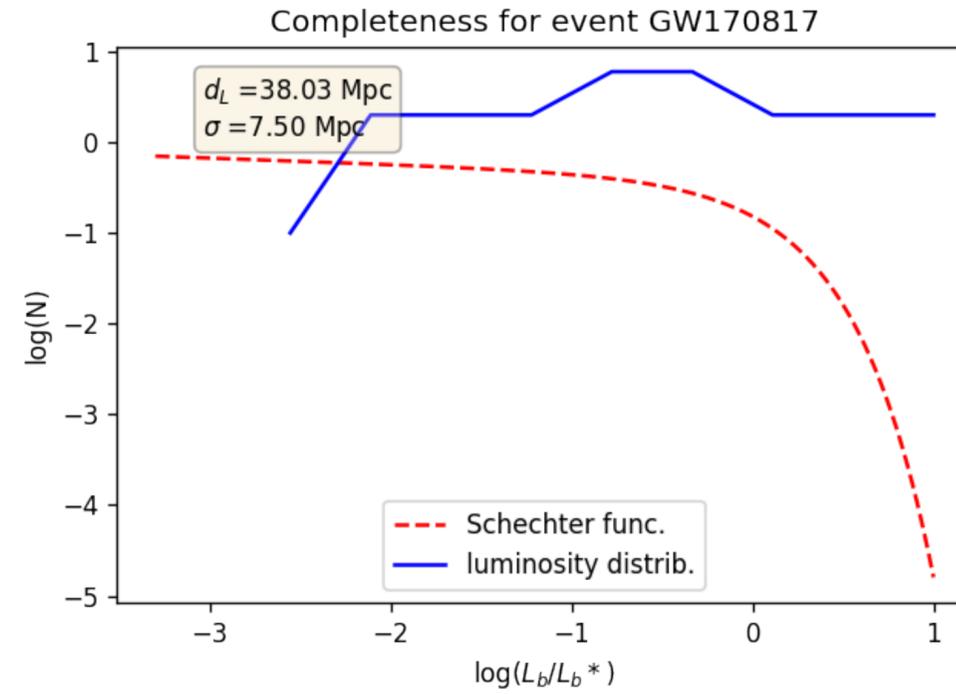
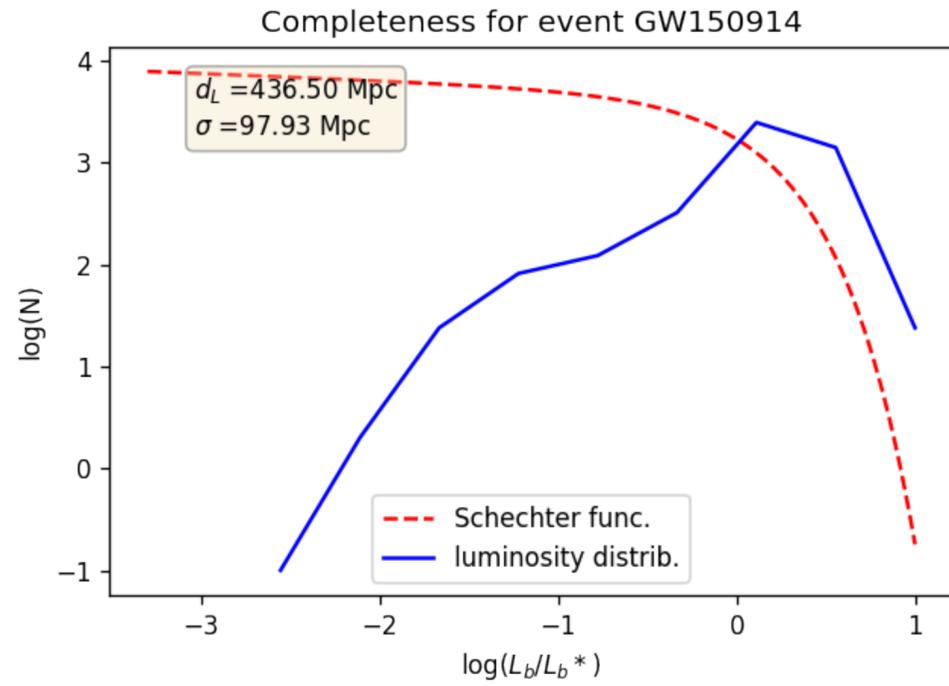
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        5 import os
        6 from urllib.parse import urlparse
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       11 import astropy.units as u
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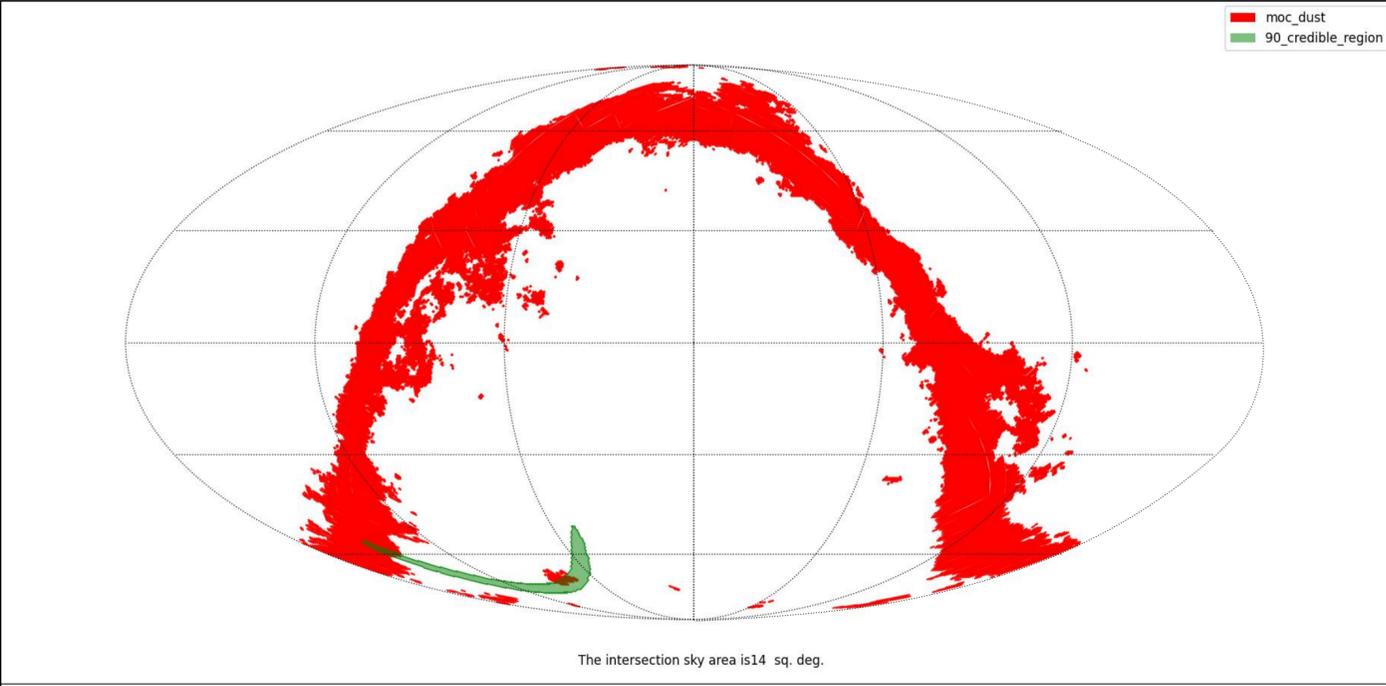


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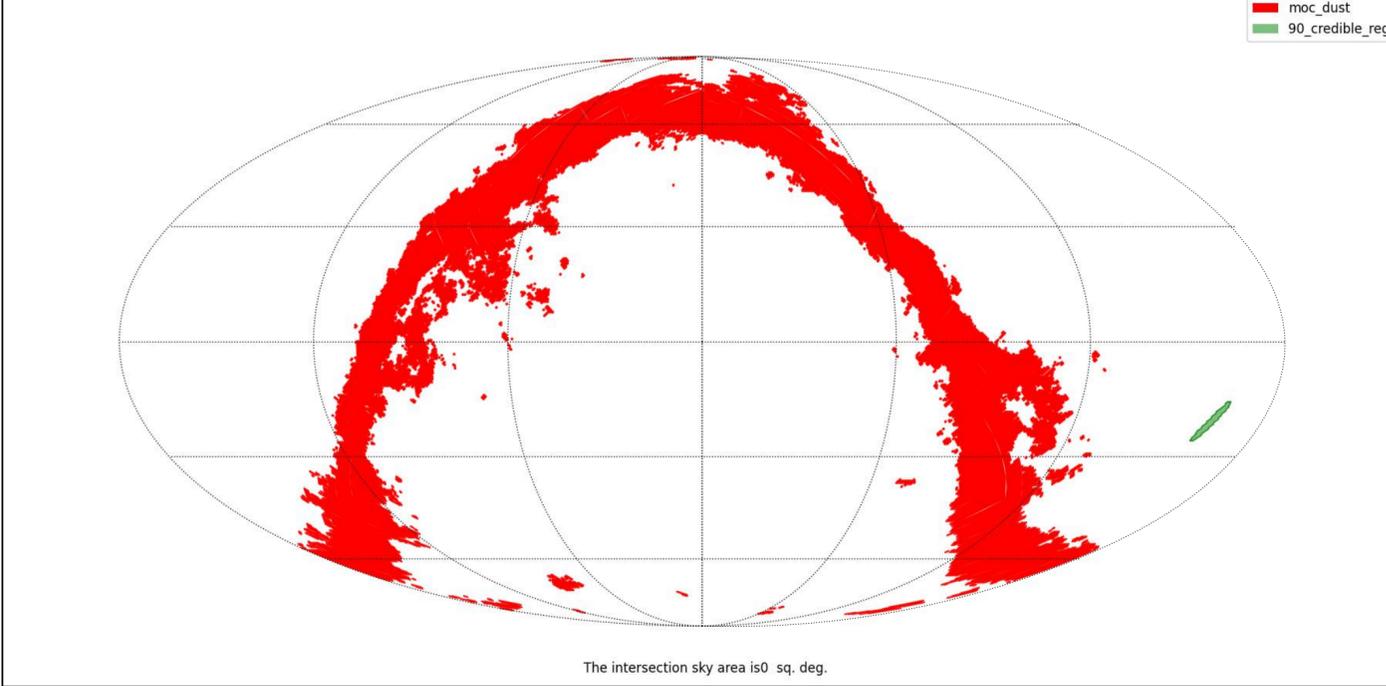


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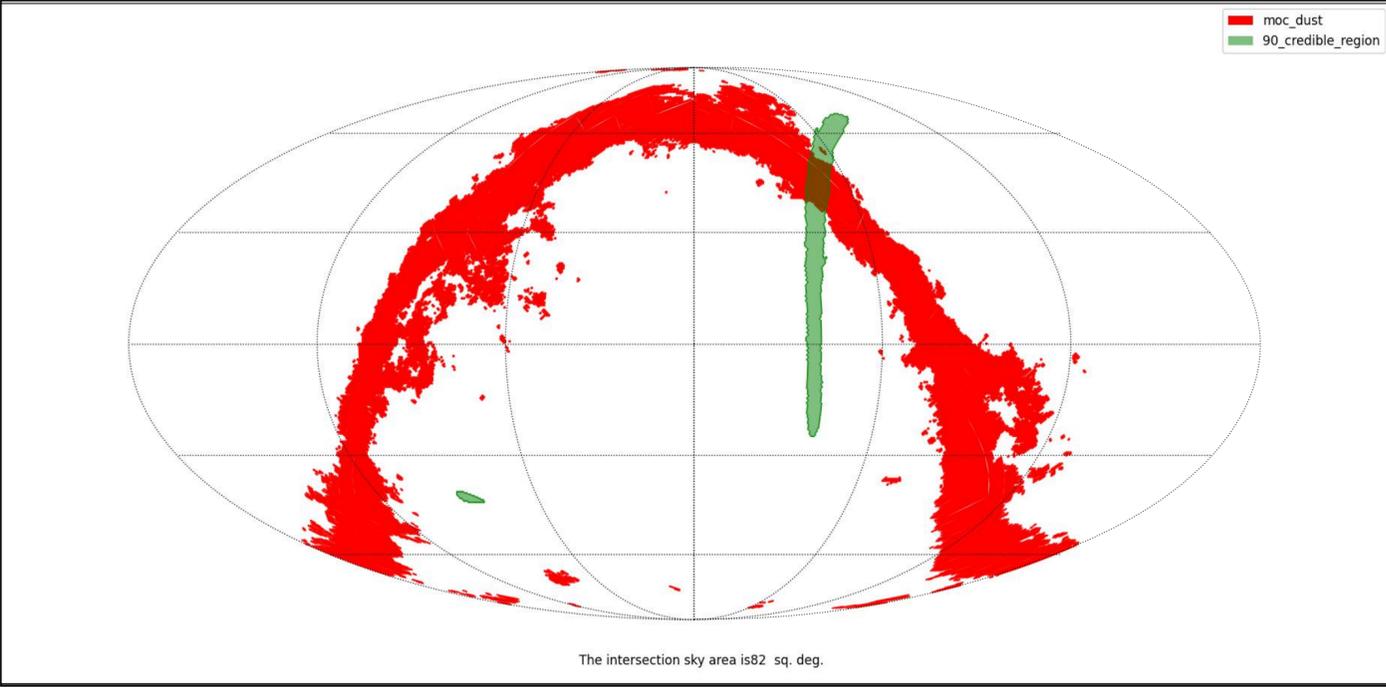
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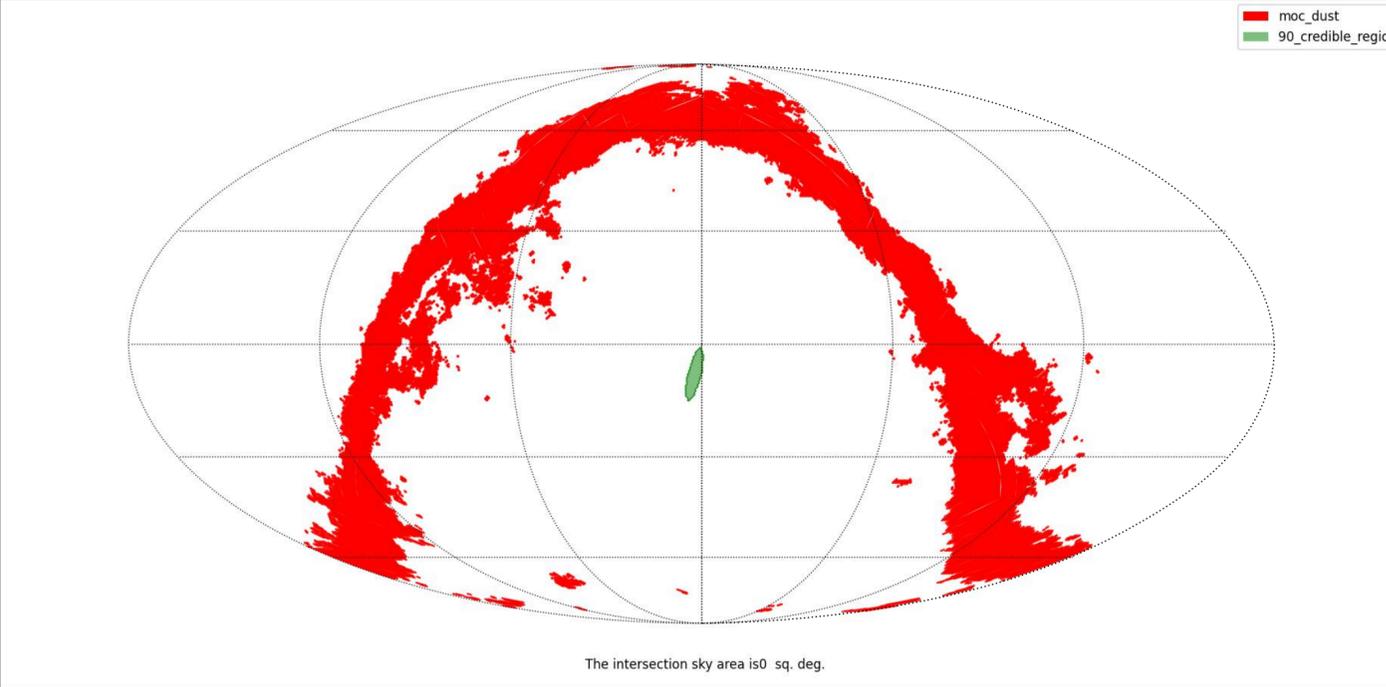
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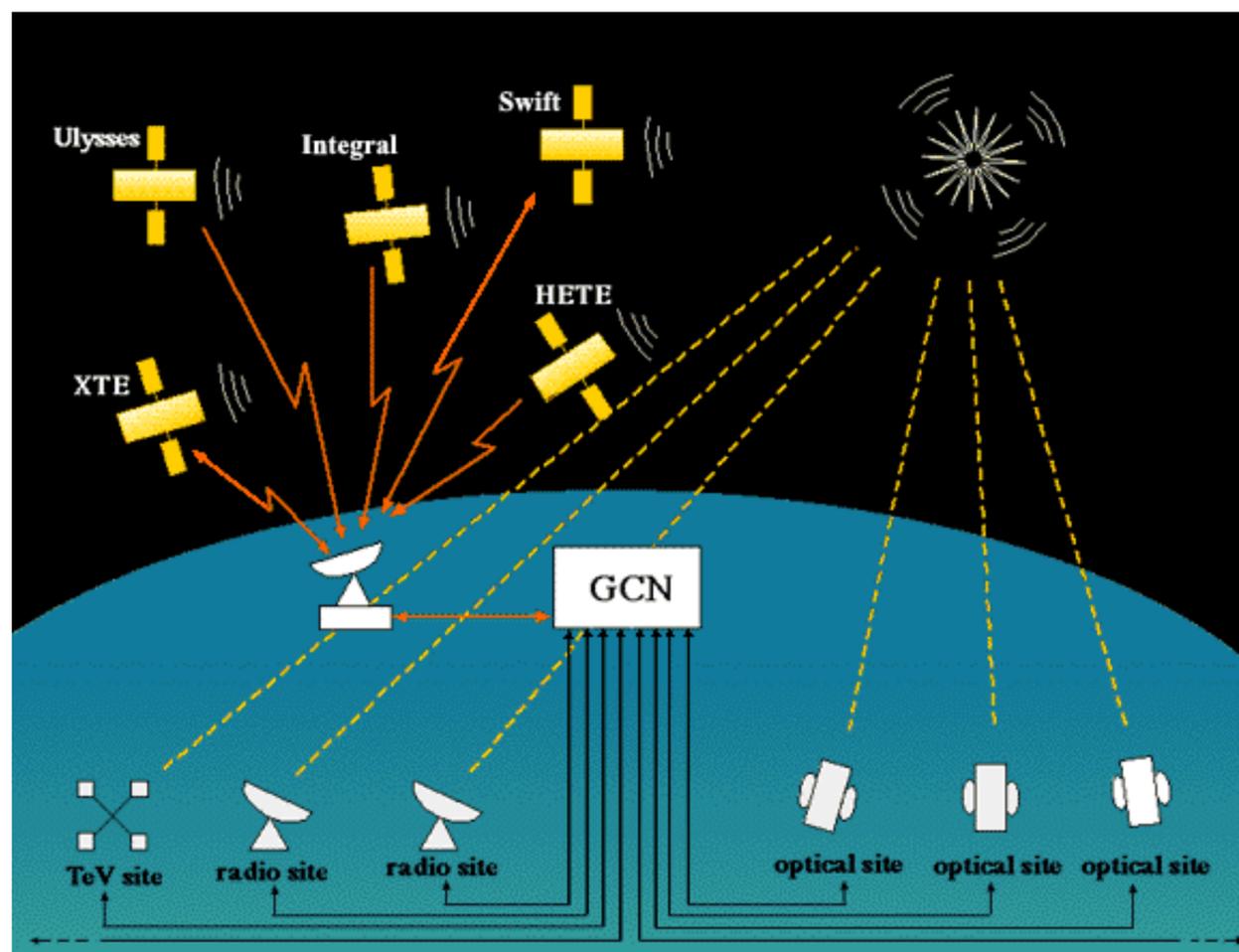


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## Next steps

- We will implemented **GCN notifications** for low latency analysis with information on the galaxies completeness of the volume as a function of the B-band Luminosity, in term of the percentage coefficient **c** and with the mean apparent magnitude **m<sub>th</sub>** of the 90% credible regions



**Table B.1:** The following table represents the total observations of the three runs (O1-O2-O3a-O3b) of Ligo and Virgo Network with the probability distance of events (Dist [Mpc]), the mean magnitude ( $m_{th}$  [magn]) of the Galaxies with 90% of probability, crossmatched with GLADE v2, and  $c$ , the Completeness Coefficient of the region.

N°	GW event	Dist [Mpc]	$m_{th}$ [magn]	Intersection area [%]	V [ $Mpc^3$ ]	c [%]
1	GW150914	436	17.11	7.55	3.5e+06	0.08
2	GW151012	1073	17.78	18.75	5.8e+08	0.01
3	GW151226	445	17.32	14.63	2.4e+07	0.06
4	GW170104	989	18.02	3.5	2.5e+08	0.01
5	GW170608	325	17.4	0.69	3.4e+06	0.1
6	GW170729	2859	18.02	10.78	8.7e+09	0
7	GW170809	1014	18.69	0	9.1e+07	0.01
8	GW170814	586	17.54	0	4e+06	0.04
9	GW170817	38	14.88	0	227	1
10	GW170818	1068	17.8	0	1.5e+07	0
11	GW170823	1926	18.34	18.69	3.5e+09	0

- We will learn to use the **gwcsosmo** package to get the likelihood of the Hubble constant and to estimate its improvement depending on completeness;

[https://github.com/simone-mastrogiovanni/gdr\\_gwcsosmo\\_tutorial\\_2020/blob/master/notebooks/Tutorial.ipynb](https://github.com/simone-mastrogiovanni/gdr_gwcsosmo_tutorial_2020/blob/master/notebooks/Tutorial.ipynb)

The image features a central graphic composed of several concentric, wavy lines. The top and bottom arcs are a vibrant blue, while the middle section is a bright orange. The lines have a shimmering, liquid-like texture. In the center of this graphic, the text "Thanks for your time" is written in a clean, white, sans-serif font.

**Thanks for your time**

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# Missed Galaxies

