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# Diffractive Gravitational Lensing of Gravitational Wave



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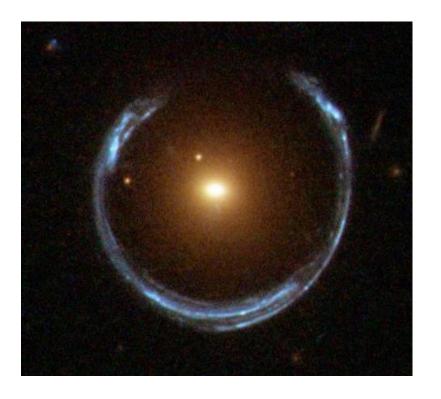
#### Based on

"Small-scale shear: peeling off diffuse subhalos with gravitational waves"
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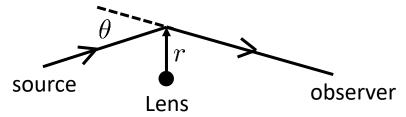
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# I. Basics of Gravitational Lensing



Deflection angle : 
$$\theta = \frac{GM}{c^2r}$$

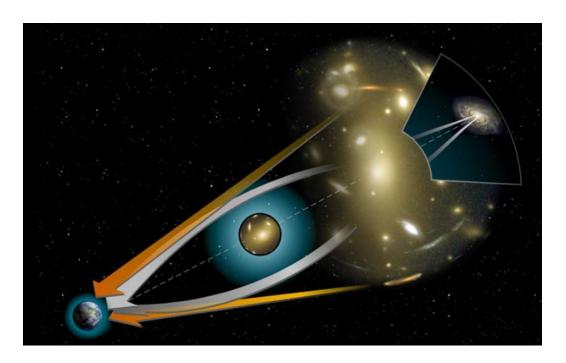


GR: Mass can deflect light propagation!

### I. Basics of Gravitational Lensing

Two types of gravitational lensing(GL)

- Strong GL  $\Sigma > \Sigma_{\rm critical} = c^2/(4\pi G d_{\rm eff})$ 
  - Occur when lens surface density exceeds critical value
  - Multiple lensed Images (cf. Einstein ring)
  - Arrival time difference between lensed images



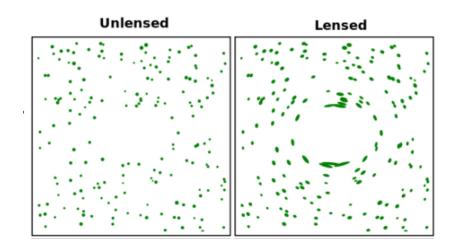
#### I. Basics of Gravitational Lensing

Two types of gravitational lensing(GL)

- Weak GL  $\Sigma < \Sigma_{\rm critical} = c^2/(4\pi G d_{\rm eff})$ 
  - Occur when lens surface density is below critical value
  - No multiple image
  - Image distortion : Convergence( $\kappa$ ), Shear( $\gamma$ )

 $\kappa = \Sigma/\Sigma_{\rm critical}$ : Isotropic distortion

 $\gamma \propto \text{tidal field}$ : Directional distortion



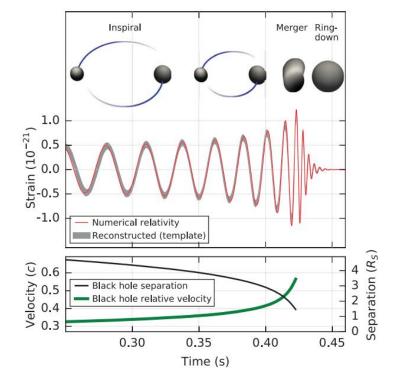
#### II. Gravitational wave

- Gravitational Wave(GW) chirp: GW signal emitted by compact binary inspiral.
- Characteristic frequency & amplitude evolution  $\rightarrow$  great potential to astrophysics

$$h(t) \propto \frac{(G\mathcal{M})^{5/3}}{c^4 d_L} (\pi f(t))^{2/3} \cos(\Phi(t)) \qquad \qquad \mathcal{M} = \frac{(m_1 m_2)^{3/5}}{(m_1 + m_2)^{1/5}}$$
 
$$\frac{d}{dt} f(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \Phi(t) = \frac{96\pi^{\frac{8}{3}}}{5} \left(\frac{G\mathcal{M}}{c^3}\right)^{5/3} f^{11/3} \qquad \qquad \text{Chirp mass}$$

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Chirp mass



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#### II. Gravitational wave

#### Good/Bad properties of GW chirp as lensing source

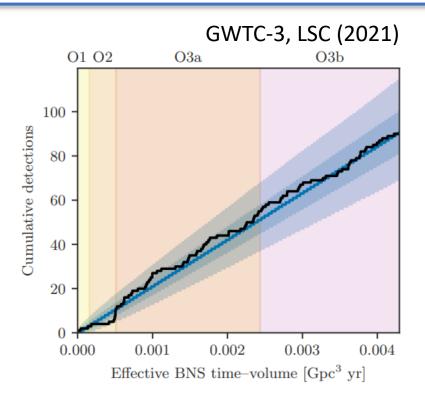
#### Good

- High accuracy of GW source(binary black hole) modeling
- Small source size  $\sim O(10^{\sim}100)$  Schwarzschild radius = Ideal point source
- GW Interact only with mass → small confusion error
- Broad frequency spectrum

#### Bad

- Relatively small number of sources (compared to galaxy and stars)
- Bad sky localization ( > few degrees)
- Large statistical error due to detector noise

#### II. Gravitational wave



- Total number of GW chirp events is now 90
- Strong lensing probability of GW chirp by galaxy is  $\sim 10^{-4}$ , no observation until now (LSC, 2021)
- Lensed GW chirp will be detected in near future.
  - GW event rate will be at most  $\sim 10^3$ /yr at LIGO (LSC, 2010)

Long wavelength of GW → Wave optics requirement

Typical observation frequency(wavelength)

GW	Light
LIGO - 100 Hz (3 $\times$ 10 <sup>3</sup> km)	Visible - $10^6$ GHz (3 $\mu m$ )
DECIGO – 0.1 Hz ( $3 \times 10^6$ km)	Radio - 1 GHz (0.3 m)
LISA – 0.01 Hz ( $3 \times 10^7$ km)	

Propagation of Gravitational wave under gravitational potential (Takahashi, 2003)

$$\nabla^{\alpha}\nabla_{\alpha}h_{\mu\nu}=0$$

Introducing GW polarization  $e_{\mu 
u}$  and scalar function h ,

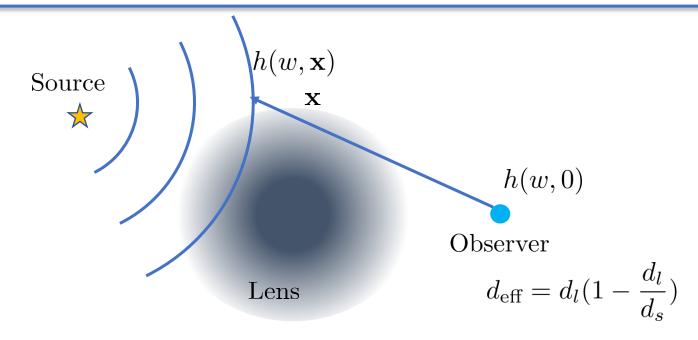
$$h_{\mu\nu} = he_{\mu\nu}$$

In typical situation,  $\delta e_{\mu\nu}\ll 1$  , we can write

$$\nabla^{\alpha}\nabla_{\alpha}h = 0$$

In Weak gravity & monochromatic wave,

$$(\nabla^2 + w^2)h(w, \mathbf{x}) = 4w^2U(\mathbf{x})h(w, \mathbf{x})$$



Using the Kirchhoff integral & thin lens approximation , we find the lensed GW at  $\vec{x}=\vec{0}$  as

$$\Rightarrow h(w,0) \simeq \left[\frac{w}{2\pi i d_{\mathrm{eff}}} \int d^2 x' e^{iwT(x')}\right] h_0(w,0) \quad \vec{x}' \text{ lens plane coordinate}$$

$$F(w) \equiv rac{w}{2\pi i d_{
m eff}} \int d^2 x' e^{iwT(x')}$$
 Lensing amplification factor (F=1 for no lens)

 $h_0(w,0)$ : GW without lensing effects

$$F(w; \mathbf{y}) = \frac{w}{2\pi i d_{\text{eff}}} \int d^2 x' e^{iwT(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{y})}$$

y: source impact parameter on lens plane

 $T(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{y})$ : arrival time of ray passing  $\mathbf{x}'$  on lens plane

$$T(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{2d_{\text{eff}}} |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|^2 - \psi(\mathbf{x})$$

 $\psi(\mathbf{x}')$ : project gravitational potential on lens plane

In geometric optics limit  $w \to \infty$ , only stationary points of T(x) (classical path) contributes to integral, (Nakamura, 1999)

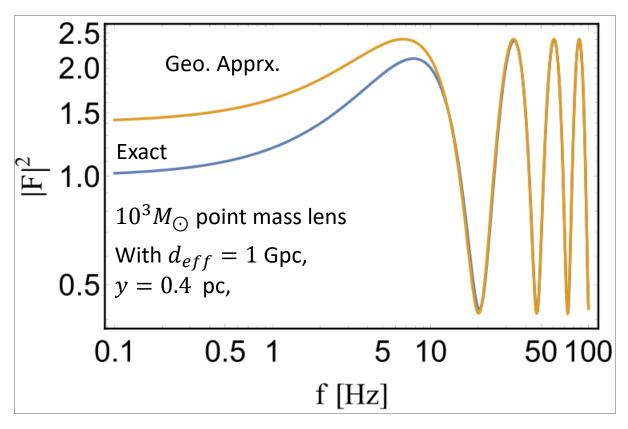
$$F(w; \mathbf{y}) \simeq \sqrt{|\mu_1(\mathbf{y})|} + \sqrt{|\mu_2(\mathbf{y})|} e^{iw\Delta T_{12}(\mathbf{y})}$$

 $\mu_{1,2}$ : magnification of lensed images

 $\Delta T_{12}$ : arrival time difference of lensed images

example

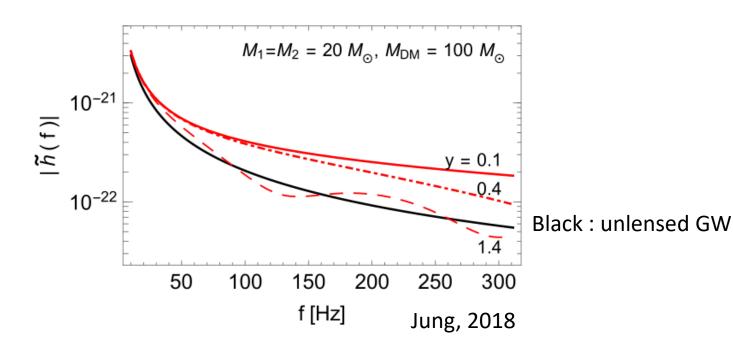
$$F(w; \mathbf{y}) \simeq \sqrt{|\mu_1(\mathbf{y})|} - i\sqrt{|\mu_2(\mathbf{y})|} e^{iw\Delta T_{12}(\mathbf{y})}$$



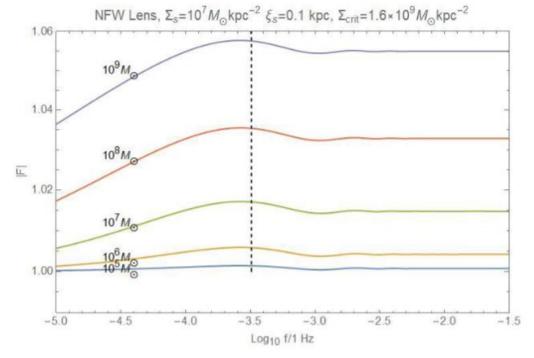
- Frequency dependent lensing due to interference
- Geometric limit approximation breaks down when  $w\Delta T \sim Mf < 1$
- The physics of  $f \to 0$  limit was not well studied

#### Gravitational lensing of GW Chirps is sensitive to

- Intermediate mass black hole (Lai 2018, Jung 2018)
- Dwarf galaxy (Takahashi 2003, Dai 2018)



- Lensing of GW chirps might be able to probe subhalo as well.
  - Subhalos are too diffuse  $\rightarrow$  single image  $\rightarrow$  no  $\Delta T_{12}$
  - What cause the frequency dependence at low f?
  - Can the phenomena be used to detect lensing?
  - → Diffractive lensing formalism

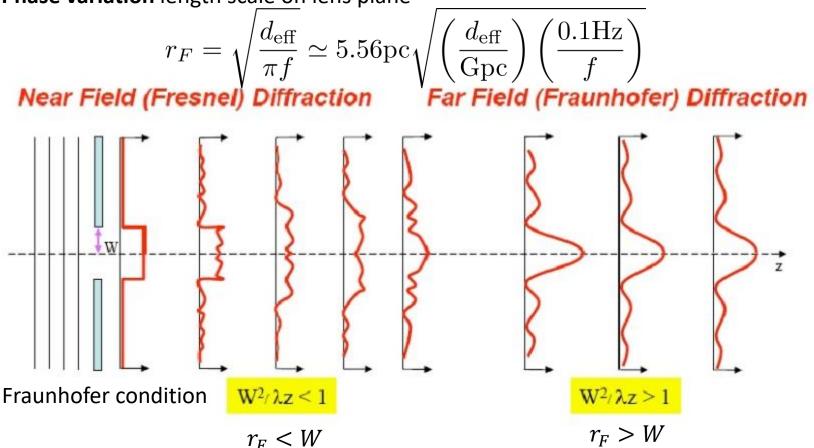


$$|F| \simeq \sqrt{\mu(y)}$$

Lensing of Navarro-Frenk-White(NFW) profile

When wave effects are prominent, Fresnel length become important.

- Wave dispersion length scale on lens plane
- Resolution length scale on lens plane
- Phase variation length scale on lens plane



#### Strong and weak diffraction

- Einstein radius  $r_E = \left(4 \, M_E \, d_{eff}\right)^{1/2}$ 
  - Wave focusing length scale of the lens
- Diffractive lensing is competition between focusing  $(r_E)$  and dispersion  $(r_F)$

Weak diffraction,  $r_E < r_F$ 

- · Wave dispersion dominant regime
- Gravitational potential effects are small-> Born's approximation

Let y=0, spherical symmetric lens

$$F(w) \simeq 1 - \frac{w^2}{2\pi i d_{\text{eff}}} \int d^2 x' e^{i\frac{w}{2d_{\text{eff}}}|\mathbf{x}'|^2} \psi(\mathbf{x}') \simeq 1 + \overline{\kappa} (\frac{r_F}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i\pi/4})$$

$$\frac{dF(w)}{d\ln w} \simeq \gamma (\frac{r_F}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i\pi/4}) \qquad \overline{\kappa}(r): \text{ mean convergence within the radius r}$$

$$\gamma(r): \text{ shear at the radius r}$$

→ weak lensing quantities!

 $M_E = r_E^2 \pi \Sigma_{\text{critical}}$ 

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- Wave focusing dominant regime
- Gravitational potential cannot be ignored

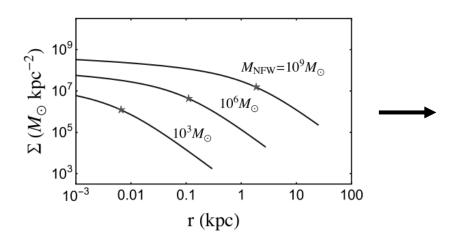
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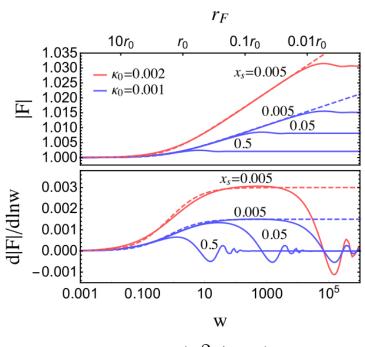
$$\begin{split} F(w) &= \frac{w}{2\pi i d_{\text{eff}}} \int d^2 x' e^{i\frac{w}{2d_{\text{eff}}}|\mathbf{x}'|^2 - w\psi(\mathbf{x}')} \\ &\simeq \frac{r_E^2}{ir_F} \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{1-\kappa(r_E)+\gamma(r_E)}} & \text{Frequency dependent is universal to all density profile} \end{split}$$

Implication of weak diffraction 
$$F(w) \simeq 1 + \overline{\kappa}(\frac{r_F}{\sqrt{2}}e^{i\pi/4})$$

- Analytic treatment of wave optics
- It explains the diffraction pattern of  $r_E = 0$  lenses
- Frequency dependence follows density profile of lens

#### Surface density profile of NFW lens





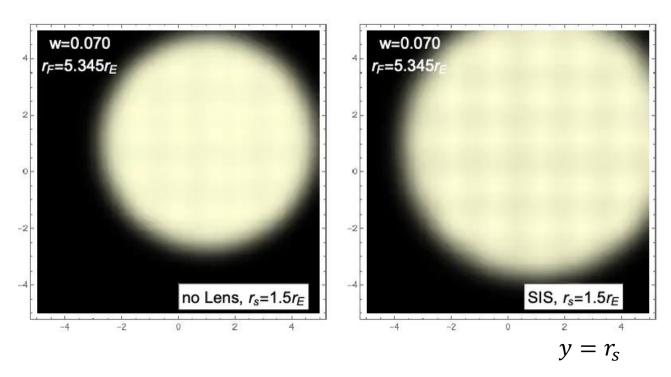
$$w = 2\pi f(r_0^2/d_{eff})$$

Weak Diffractive lensing – geometric optics lensing transition

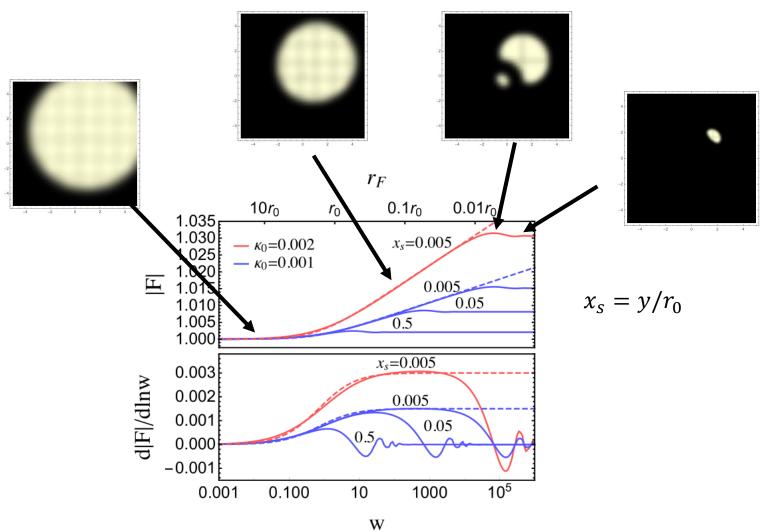
Principle : wave only sensitive to **matter within radius**  $r_F 
ightharpoonup ext{small}$  phase variation around impact parameter

Diffraction condition :  $y < r_F$ 

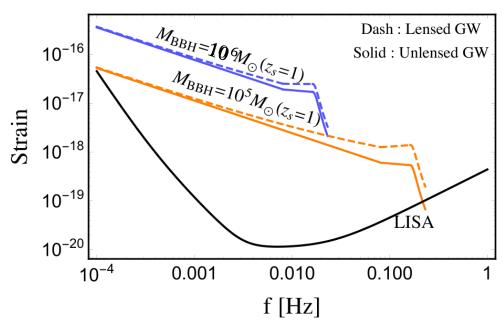
Phase variance < 1 region with respect to increasing frequency



Weak Diffractive lensing – geometric optics limit transition



#### Weak Diffractive lensing of gravitational wave



Although we don't know intrinsic luminosity of GW, this Frequency dependent amplification can be detected.

Lensing by 
$$\bar{\kappa}(r) \propto r^{-1}$$
 lens ( $M=10^5~M_{\odot}$ ,  $z_l=0.35$ )

We can measure the difference by log-likelihood of GWs

$$\ln p = -\frac{1}{2} \min_{t_c, \phi_c} (h_L - h_0 | h_L - h_0) \qquad (h_1 | h_2) = 4 \operatorname{Re} \int df \frac{h_1^*(f) h_2(f)}{S_n(f)}$$

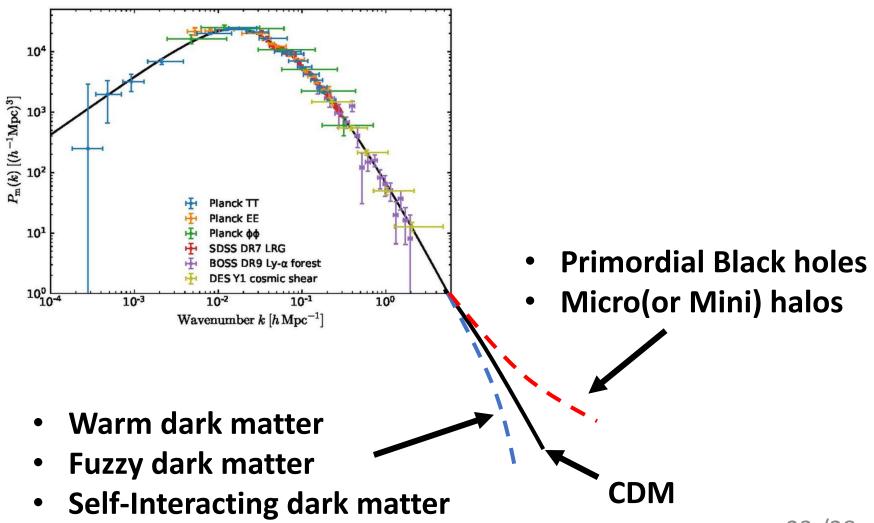
#### Weak Diffractive lensing of gravitational wave

GW chirps from **massive Black hole binaries** is ideal difffractive lensing source : low f, large  $d_{eff} \to \text{large } r_F$ 

$$r_F \simeq 5.56 {
m pc} \sqrt{\left(rac{d_{
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ight)} \sim {
m (sub halo length scale)}$$

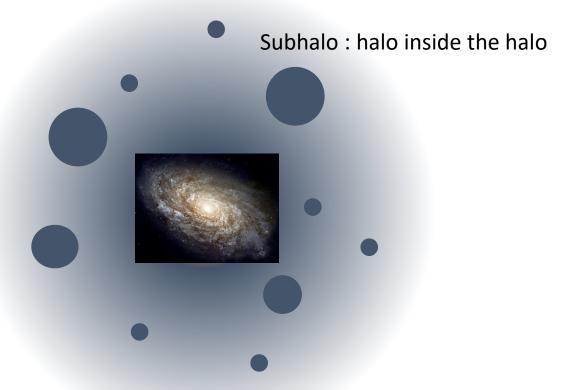
Ex)  $10^5 M_{\odot}$  BBH spectrum  $\rightarrow$  Scan 1 pc to 50 pc by 1yr observation

Cosmological structures at small scale depends on Dark matter physics.



Probing dark matter subhalo is the best option for small scale until now.

- Current limit :  $M_{\rm sub} \sim 10^7 M_{\odot}$  ( $k = 10^{3 \sim 4} Mpc^{-1}$ ) (Nadler 2021)
- Can we go below this limit?

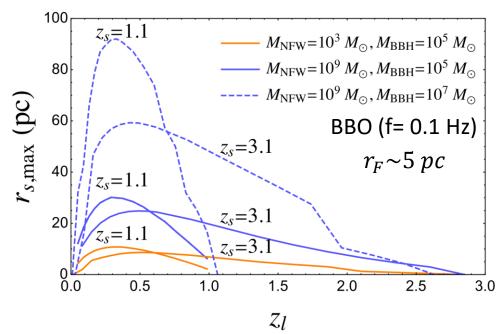


Set 3-sigma criteria to lnp, we find maximum impact parameter 'y'-> cross-section

#### Lensing cross-section : shear at $r_F$

⇒Insensitive to mass at high SNR limit

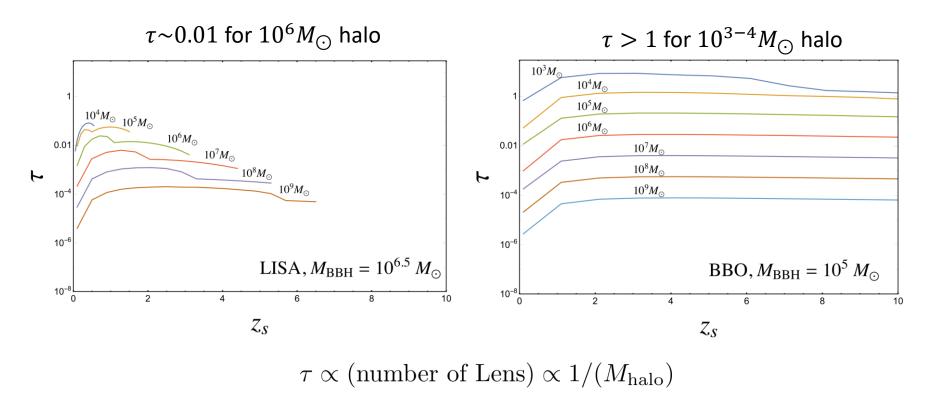
$$|\ln p| \simeq \frac{1}{8} \left\{ \rho_0 \cdot \left| \gamma \left( \frac{r_F(f_0)e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}}}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right| \cdot \ln \frac{f_{\text{max}}}{f_{\text{min}}} \right\}^2$$



Mass scale difference :  $10^6$ 

Cross-section scale difference : O(1)

Optical depth from the lensing cross-section

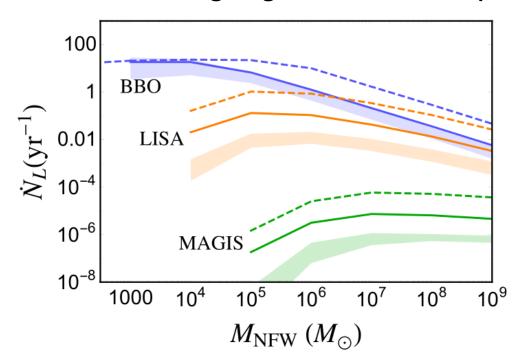


Diffractive lensing is sensitive to low mass halo!

#### **Prospect**

We need powerful space-based GW detectors like BBO(0.1Hz), LISA(1 mHz).

- BBO can detect  $10^{3-4} M_{\odot}$  halo lensing O(10) events per year. In future, BBO will discriminate CDM and the other DM models.
- LISA and the others are less promising.
  - Lack of High Signal-to-Noise Ratio(>1000) BBH sources



**BBH Merger rate** 

Solid : 0.01  $Gpc^{-3}yr^{-1}$ 

Shaded: astrophysical

(Bonetti 2018)

#### Conclusions

- Small frequency limit, diffraction dominates wave optics lensing, i.e. diffractive lensing
- 2.  $r_F$  is essential concept to diffractive lensing which characterizes wave dispersion length scale.
- 3. When  $r_E$  which characterize wave focusing length scale is smaller than  $r_F$  or zero, Weak diffractive lensing can occur.
- 4. Weak diffractive lensing is valid when  $r_F > y$ , otherwise, geometric optics become relevant.
- 5. Dark matter subhalos are very diffuse objects but might be able to detected by weak diffractive lensing
- 6. The future GW detector BBO will detect GW chirps of super massive binary black holes lensed by  $10^{3\sim4}M_{\odot}$  DM subhalo with a few tens of events per year.