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# Parameter estimation with Advanced LIGO

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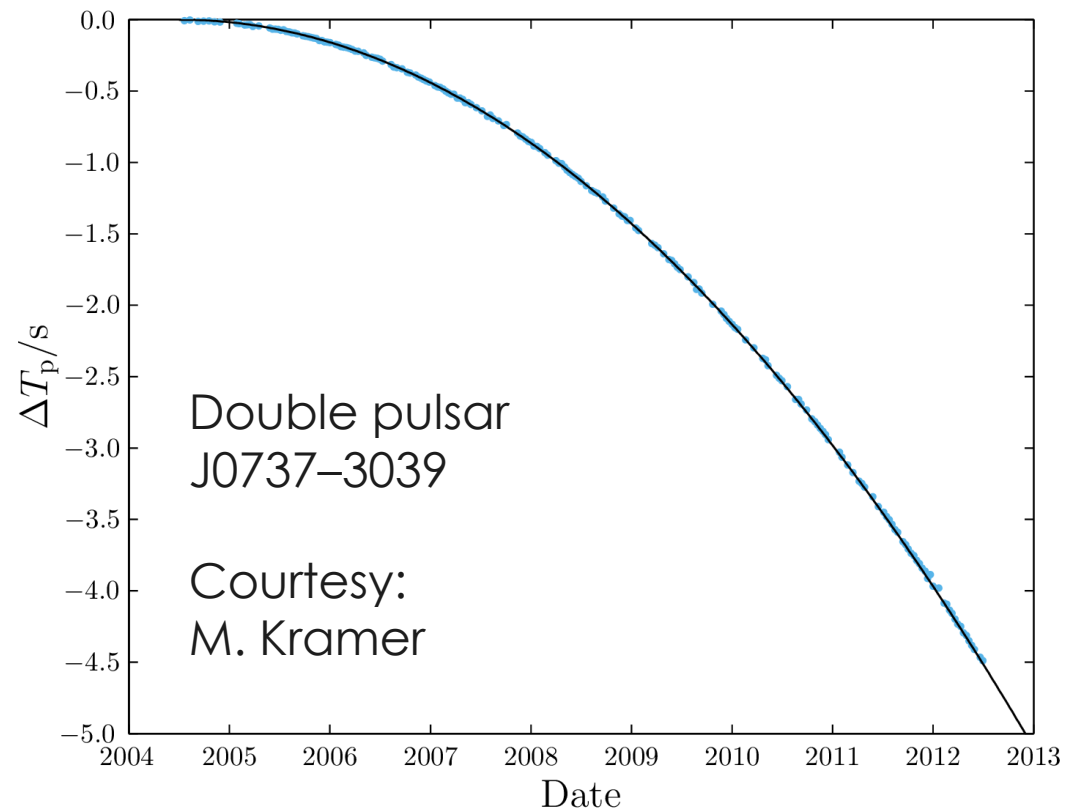
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Construction of  
Advanced LIGO is  
on time and on  
budget

# Binary neutron stars

0.4–400 events per year at design sensitivity (arXiv:1003.2480)



Credit: NASA

# Bayes' theorem

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Posterior

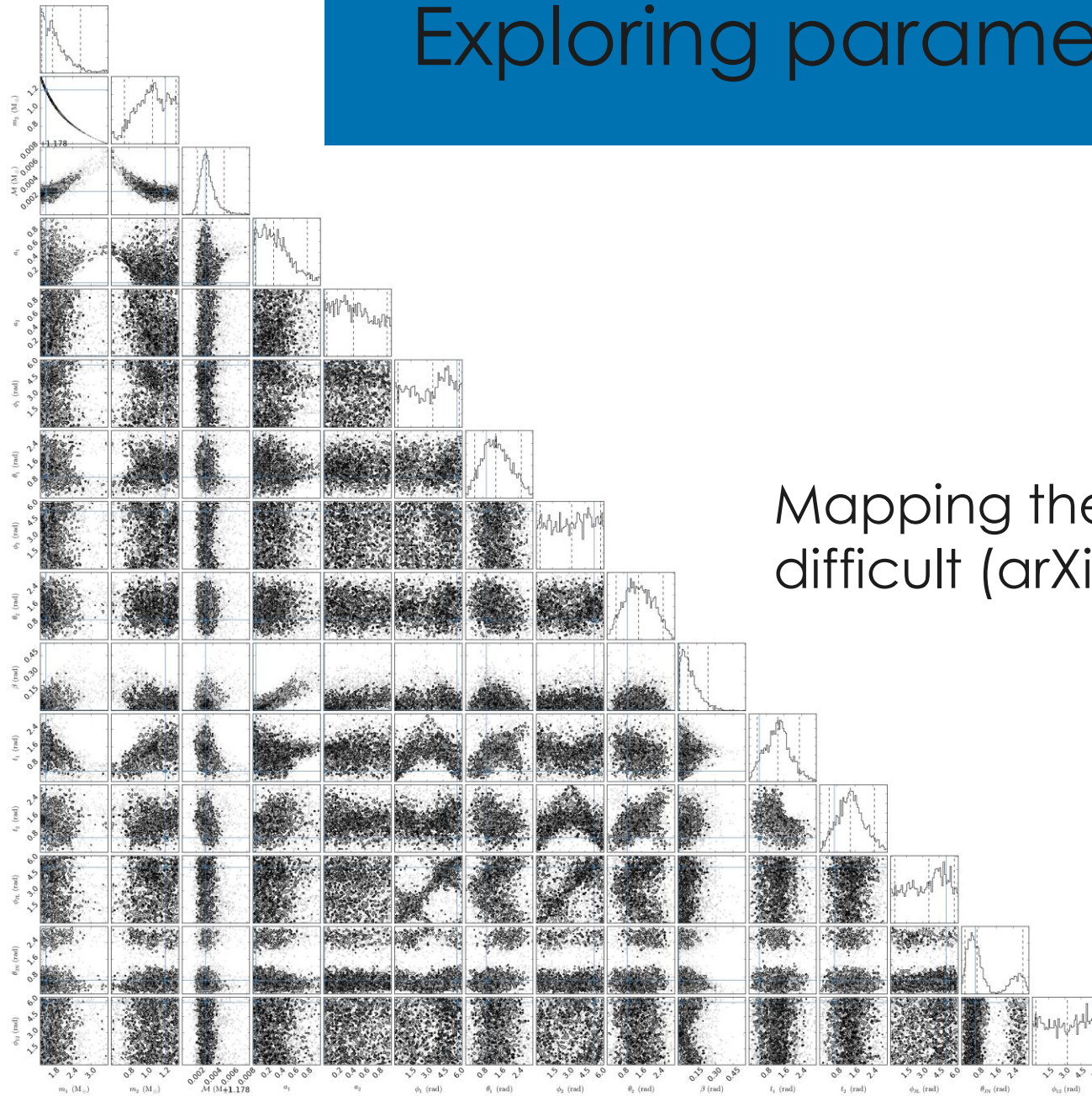
Likelihood

Prior

Evidence

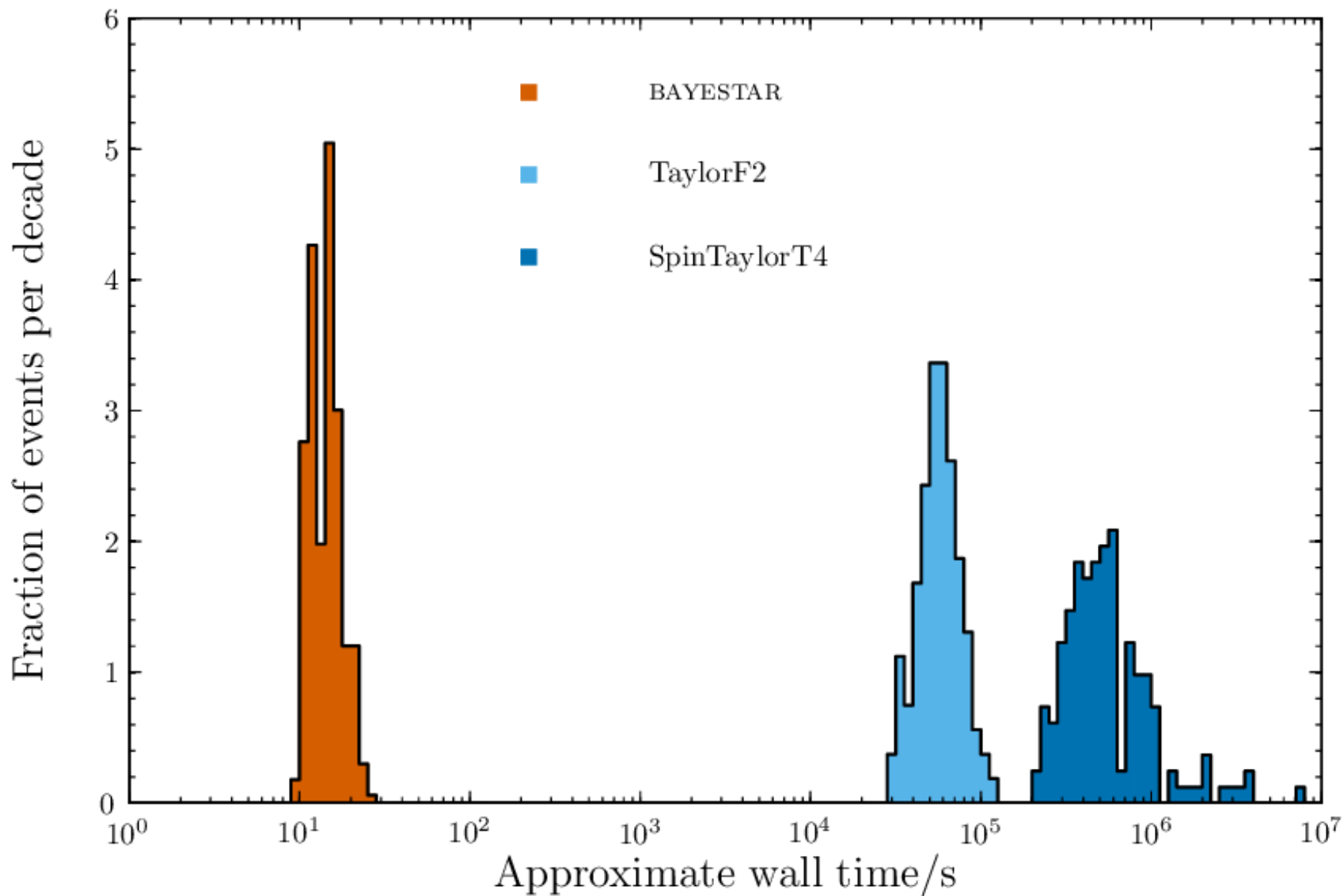
The diagram illustrates Bayes' theorem with color-coded components. The posterior probability  $p(\theta|d)$  is shown in a blue box on the left, with a blue label 'Posterior' below it. The likelihood  $p(d|\theta)$  is in a light blue box, with a light blue label 'Likelihood' above it. The prior  $p(\theta)$  is in a yellow box, with a yellow label 'Prior' above it. The evidence  $p(d)$  is in an orange box, with an orange label 'Evidence' below it. The equals sign is positioned between the posterior and the fraction of likelihood and prior over evidence.

# Exploring parameter space

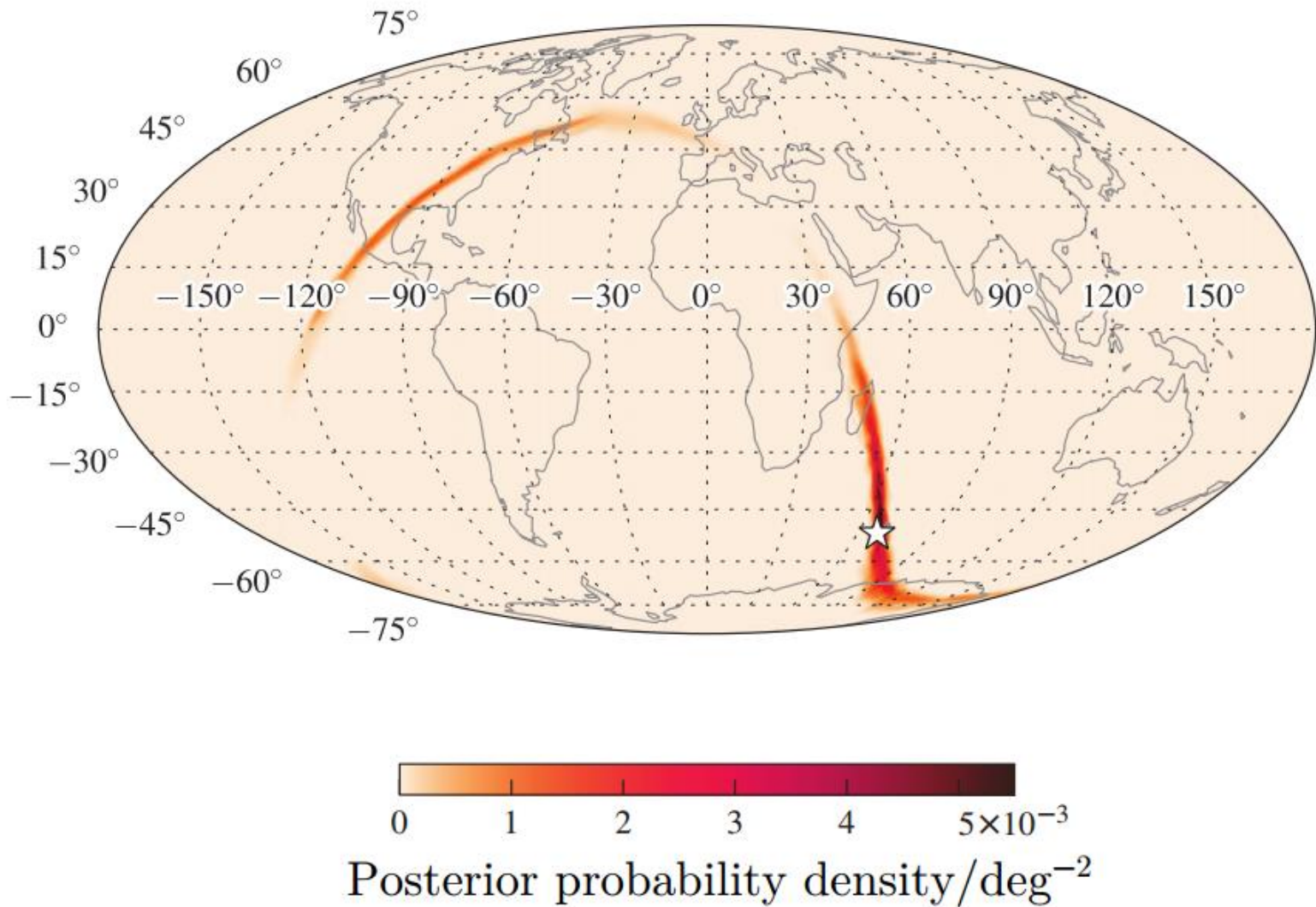


Mapping the posterior is difficult (arXiv:1409.7215)

# Time taken

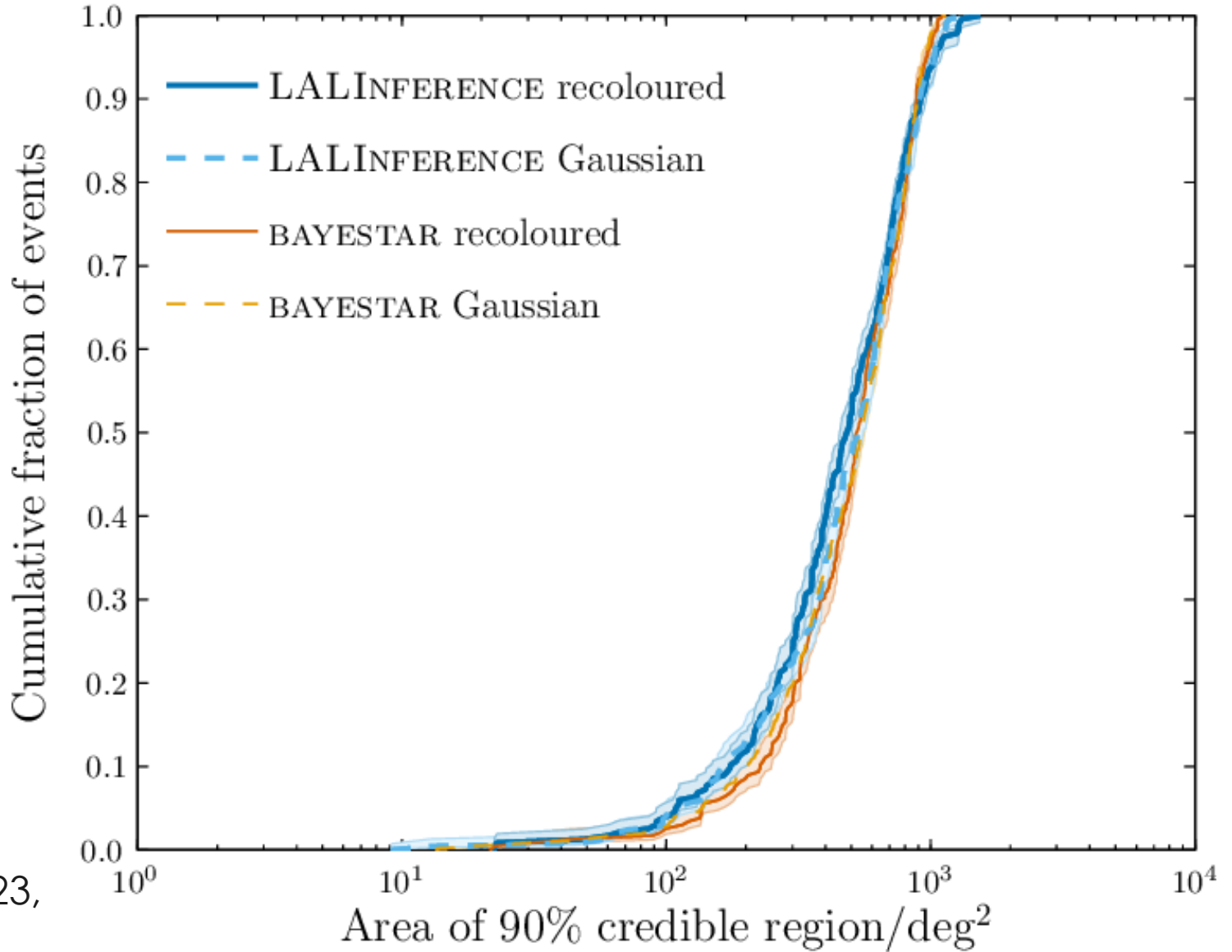


# Sky localization

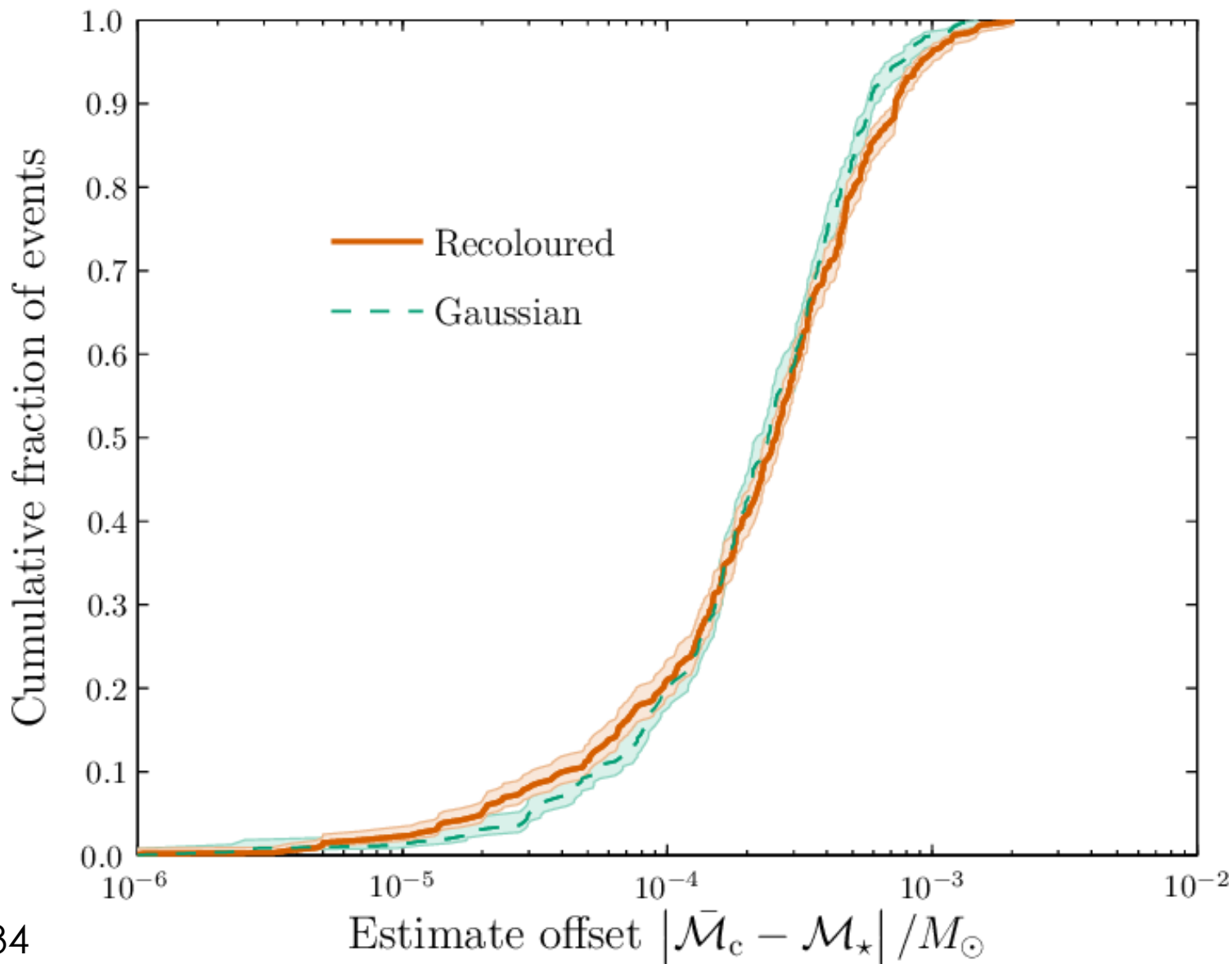




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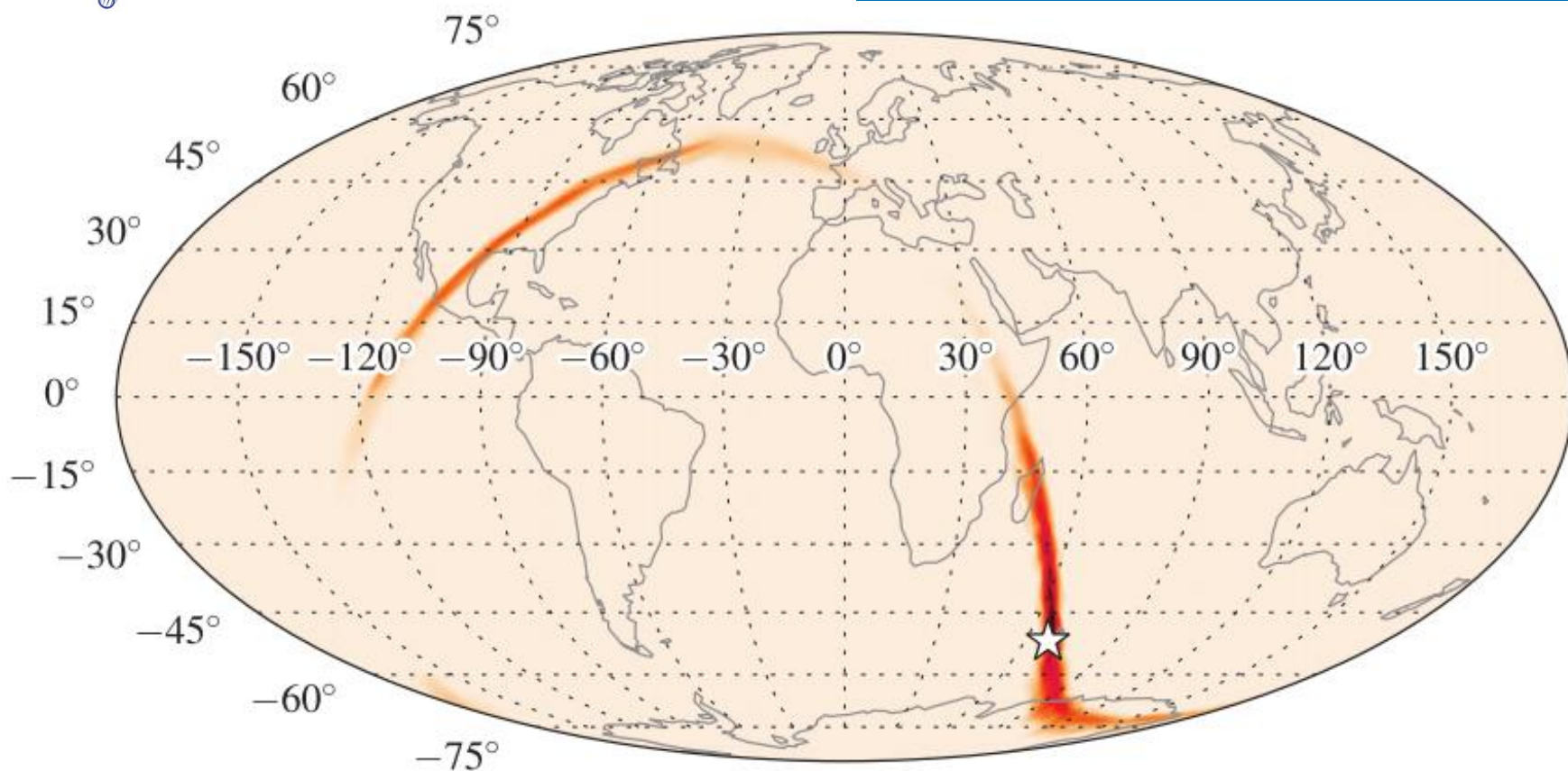
# Chirp mass



- Advanced LIGO is nearly here
- Binary neutron star end-to-end analysis
- Parameter estimation is expensive
- Sky localization is hundreds of square degrees
- Spin needed for best mass measurements

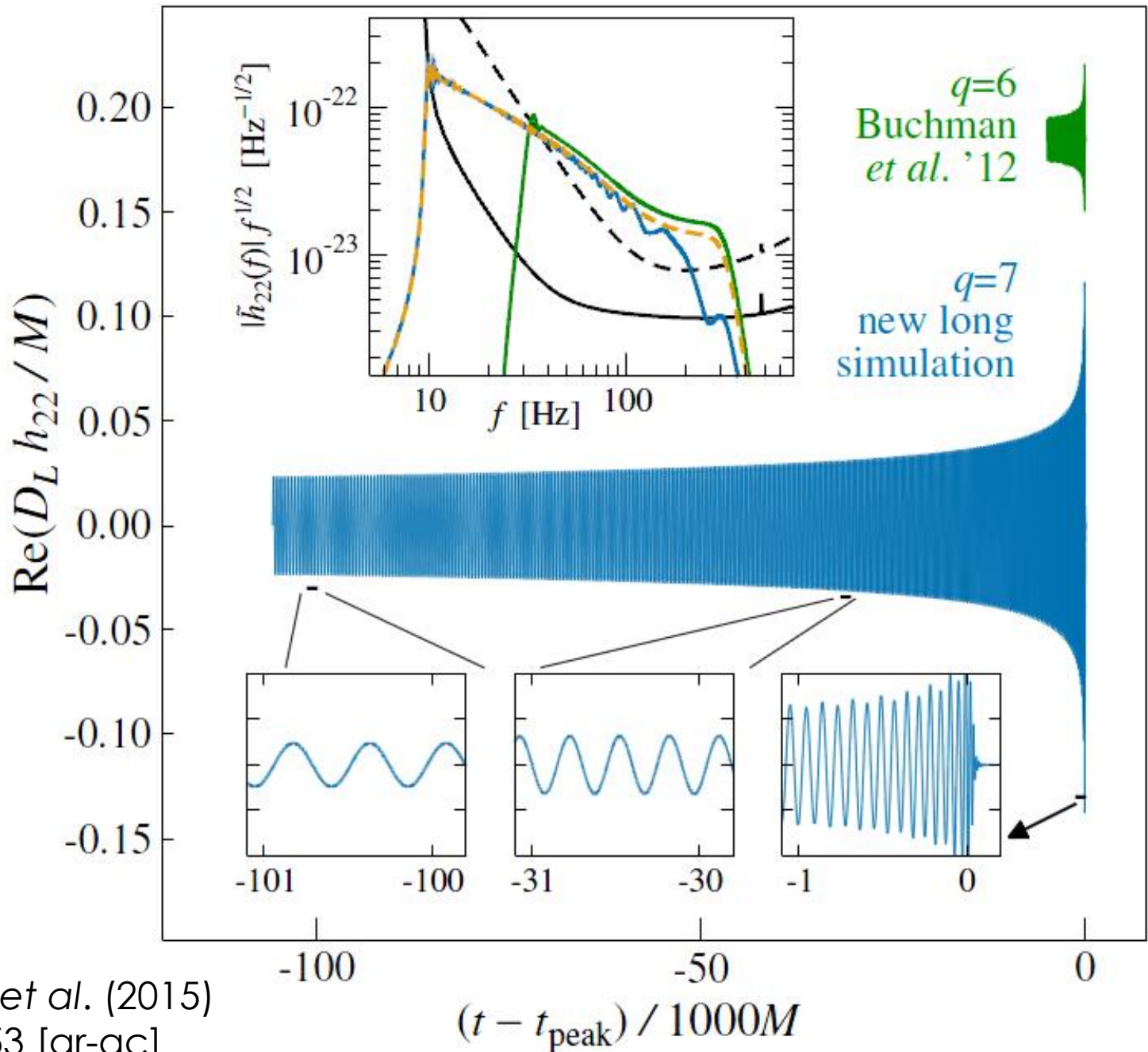


Thank you



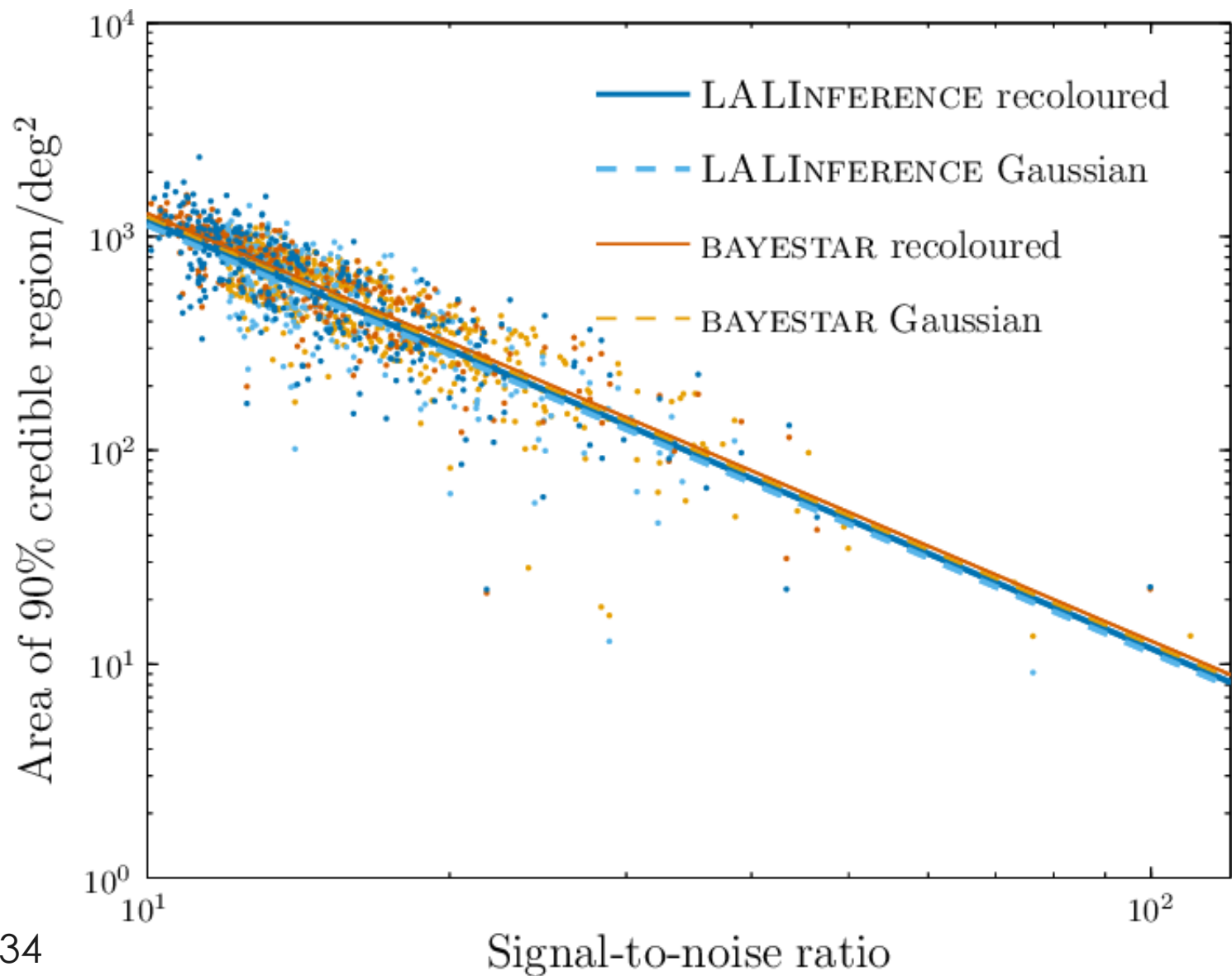
arXiv:1411.6934  
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Inspirals  
are  
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Credit: Szilágyi *et al.* (2015)  
arXiv:1502.04953 [gr-qc]

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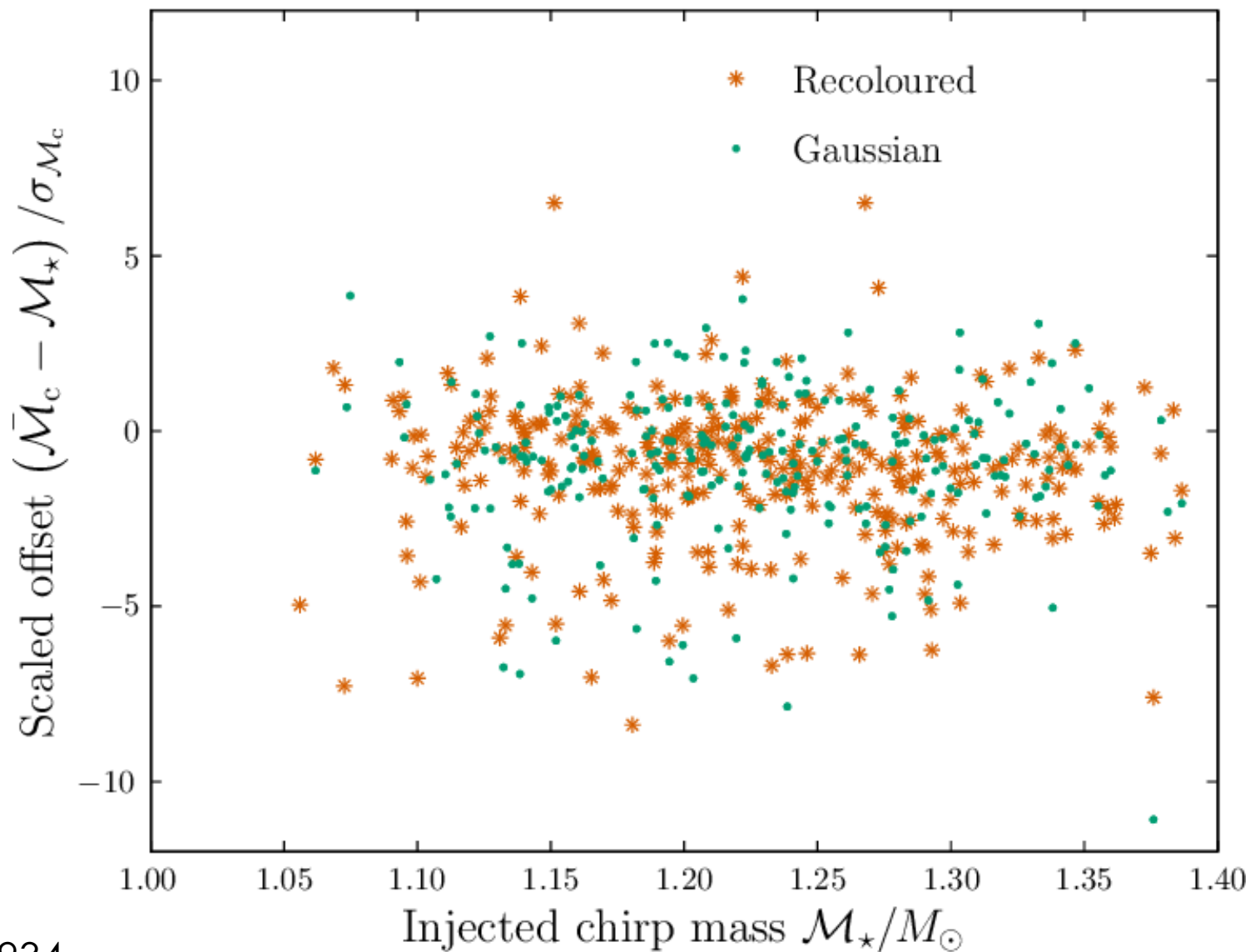


# Chirp mass

$$\mathcal{M}_c = \frac{(m_1 m_2)^{3/5}}{(m_1 + m_2)^{1/5}}$$

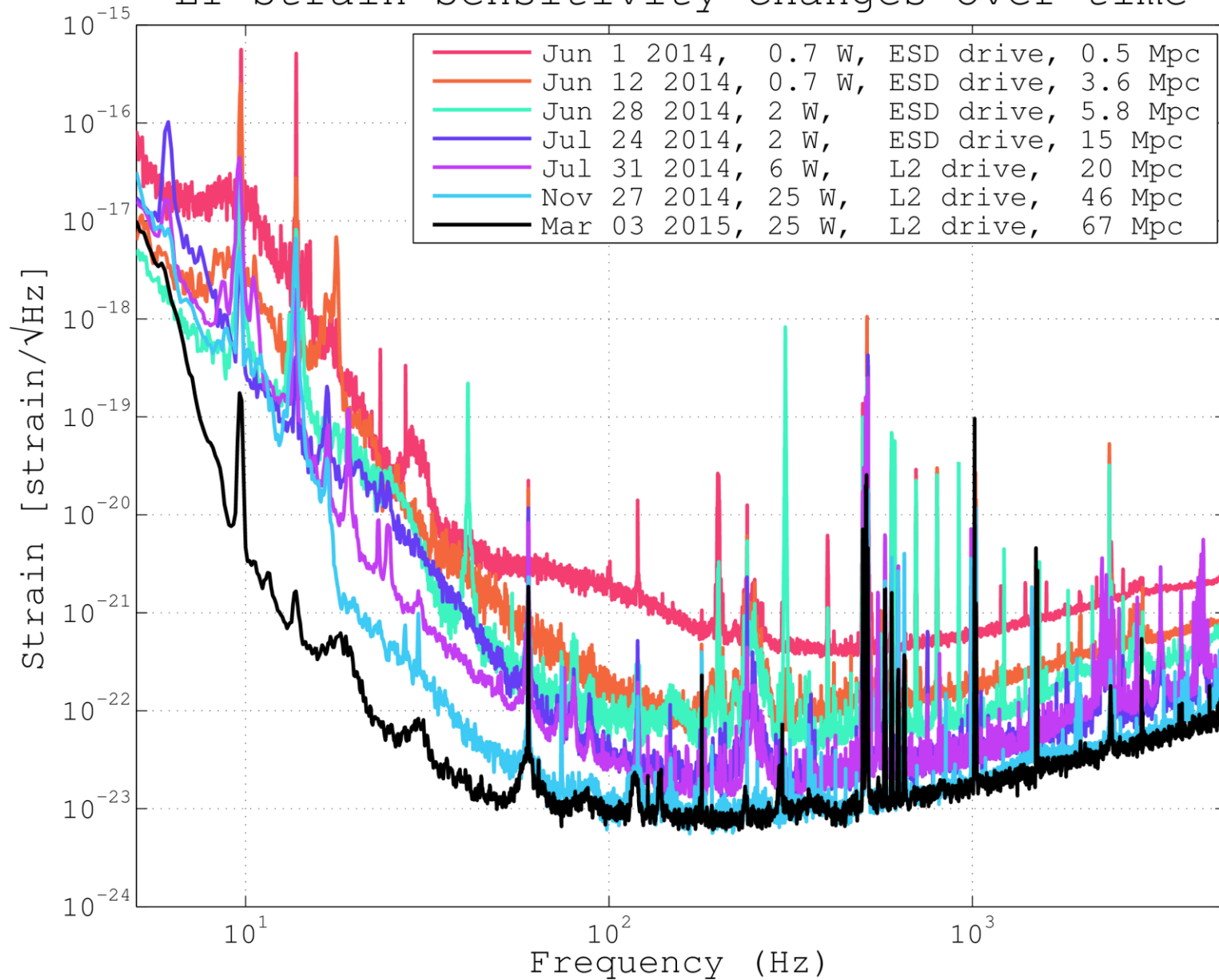
Chirp mass gives leading-order amplitude and phase evolution (arXiv:0903.0338)

# Chirp mass







# L1 Strain Sensitivity changes over time







# The First Two Years of Electromagnetic Follow-Up with Advanced LIGO and Virgo

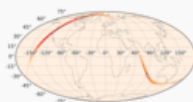
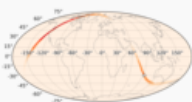
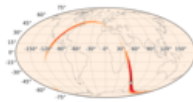
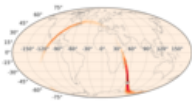


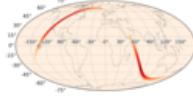
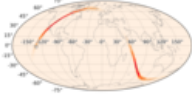
 [Singer et al. 2014](#)  
arXiv:1404.5623

 [Berry et al. 2015](#)  
arXiv:1411.6934

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This web page additional online related to the ["Two Years of Electromagnetic Follow-Up with Advanced LIGO and Virgo"](#) and paper ["Parameter Estimation for Binary Neutron Star Coalescences"](#)

Catalog of simulated events and sky maps for two-detector, HL, 2015 configuration. This is the same configuration as the 2015 tab, except that the simulated detector noise is data from initial LIGO's  [sixth science run](#), recoloured (filtered) to have the same PSD as the early Advanced LIGO configuration. See also ASCII tables of  [simulated signals](#),  [detections](#), and  [parameter-estimation accuracies](#) in [Machine Readable Table](#) format.

event ID	sim ID	network	SNR			BAYESTAR			LALINFERENCE_NEST			sky maps	
			net	H	L	50%	90%	searched	50%	90%	searched	BAYESTAR	LALINFERENCE_NEST
4532	899	HL	13.9	10.1	9.5	180	750	190	170	790	150		
4572	1243	HL	13.2	10.0	8.7	230	830	45	200	920	33		
4618	1768	HL	10.8	8.0	7.3	160	540	220	130	440	280		
4647	1964	HL	12.4	8.6	9.0	260	890	1200	190	780	780		
4711	2704	HL	10.7	8.0	7.1	370	1200	300	450	1600	520	